

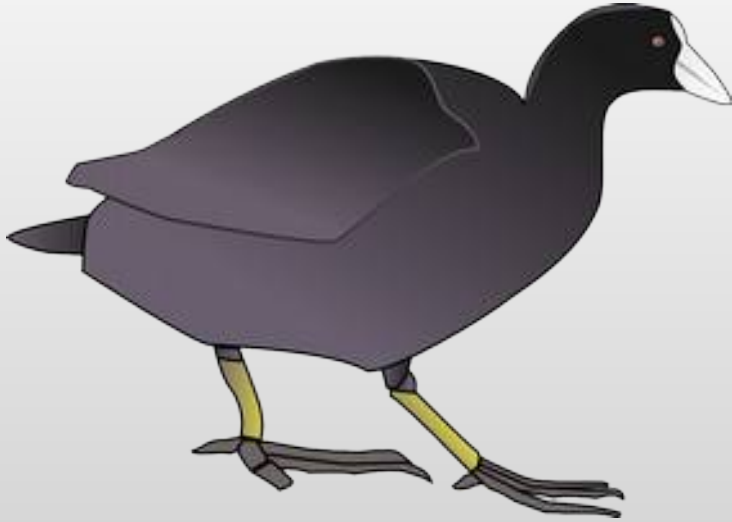
Model-Building using x-ray data with *Coot*

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Note to self

- Expand rotamers, (trans/eclipsed/gauche torsions)
- Expand phi, psi
- Discuss Rama restraints

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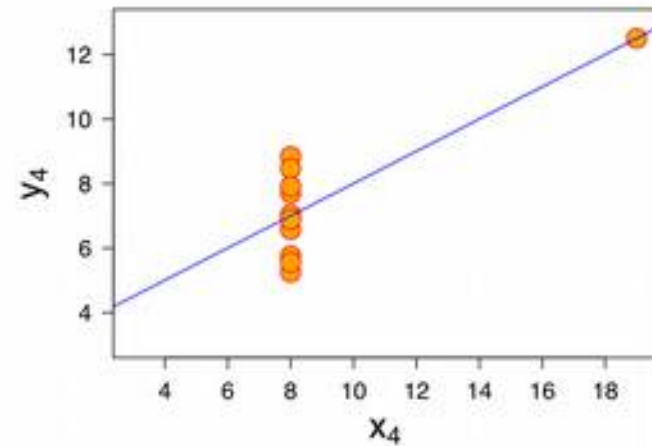
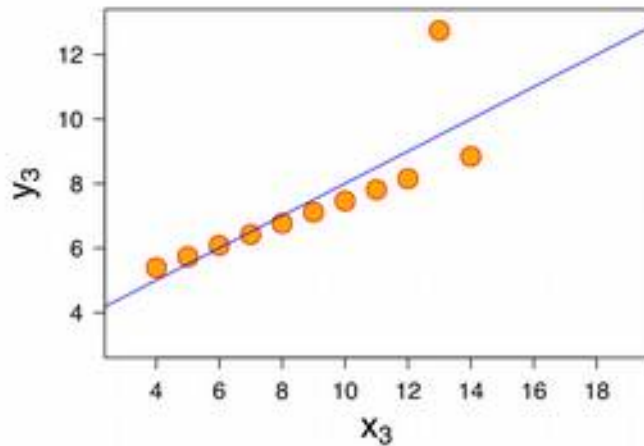
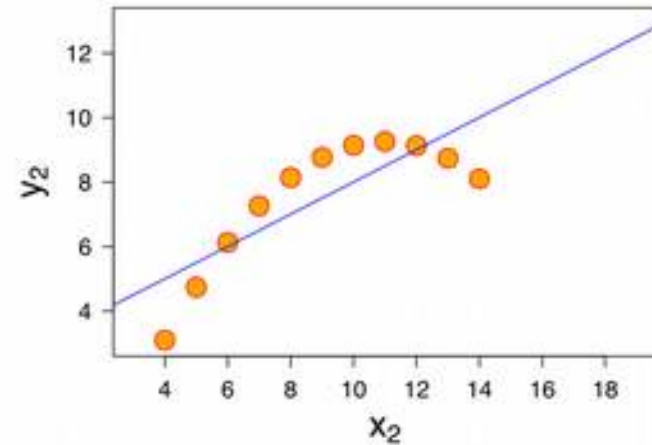
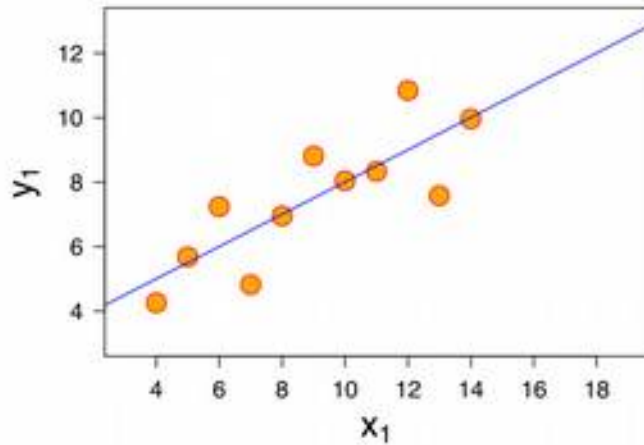
A bit of context

- Why use 3D graphics?

Summary Statistics

- Are useful, but don't tell the whole story
- Let's say we have 10 data points
 - X mean 9
 - Y mean 7.5
 - correlation 0.816
 - regression $y = 3 + \frac{1}{2} x$

View Your Data and Model



Anscombe's Quartet

“Manual Model Building”



DCH building first insulin model

Kendrew wire model of alcohol dehydrogenase that is about to undergo a round of rebuilding by Maelle Cambillau



T. Alwyn Jones (2004)

Coot

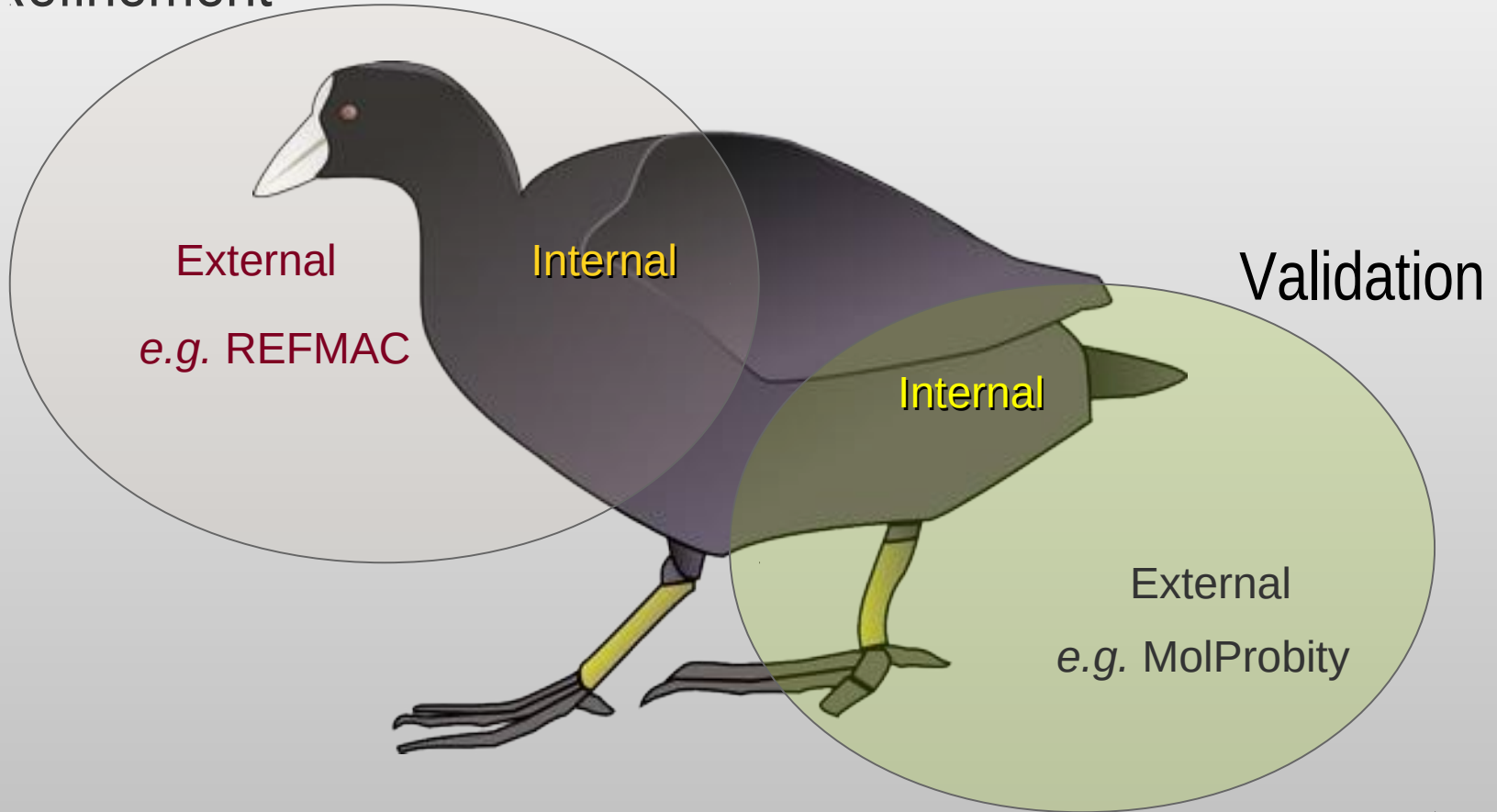
- Molecular Graphics application
 - Protein Crystallographic model-building tools
 - Designed to “fill the gap” where automatic methods fail
 - (generally, we don't use molecular graphics programs to do what automatic methods can do)
- Interface to other programs: SHELXL, Refmac, Libcheck, Probe&Reduce (Molprobit), EBI, EDS, Povray... and others

But Why Bother?

- Automated model-building for complete models is still impossible
 - It takes a brain to validate
- Concerted correction/improvement of a model is difficult on the larger scale

Feature Integration

Refinement



Validation, Model Building and Refinement should be used together

What is “Refinement”?

- The adjustment of model parameters (co-ordinates) so that the calculated structure factors match the observations as nearly as possible
 - In “one-shot” real-space refinement, such as in Coot, this translates to:
 - move the atoms into as high density as possible while minimizing geometrical distortions

Real Space Refinement

- Major feature of Coot
 - Gradient minimizer (BFGS derivative)
 - Based on mmCIF standard dictionary
 - Minimizing bonds, angles, planes, non-bonded contacts, torsions, chiral volumes
 - Additional user-defined restraints,
 - secondary structure restraints
 - homologous protein local environment restraints
- Provides “interactive refinement”

Refinement in *Coot* has been extended in several ways...

What prior geometric information do we have?

- We know chemistry....
 - We know bond lengths and uncertainties
 - We know bond angles and uncertainties
 - We know the chiral centres
 - We know which atoms should lie in a plane
 - We know (more or less) about torsions
- We combine the gradients from the data with those from molecular mechanics in the minimisation

REFMAC Monomer Library

chem_comp_bond

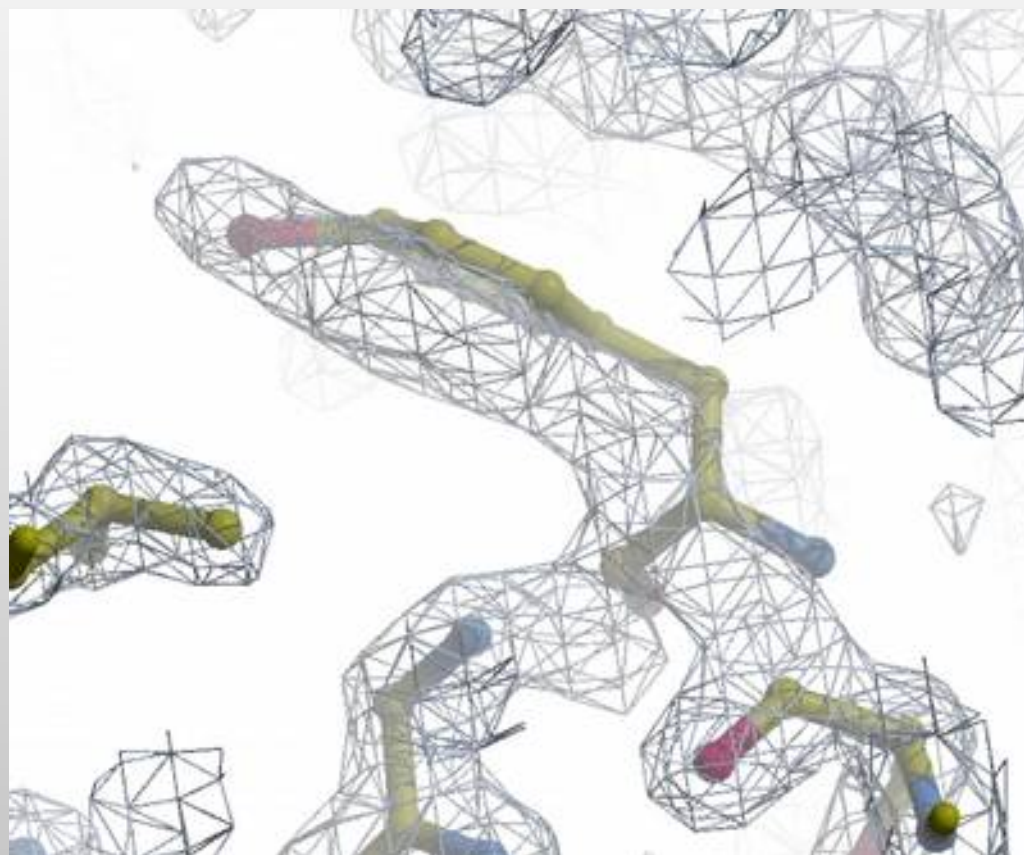
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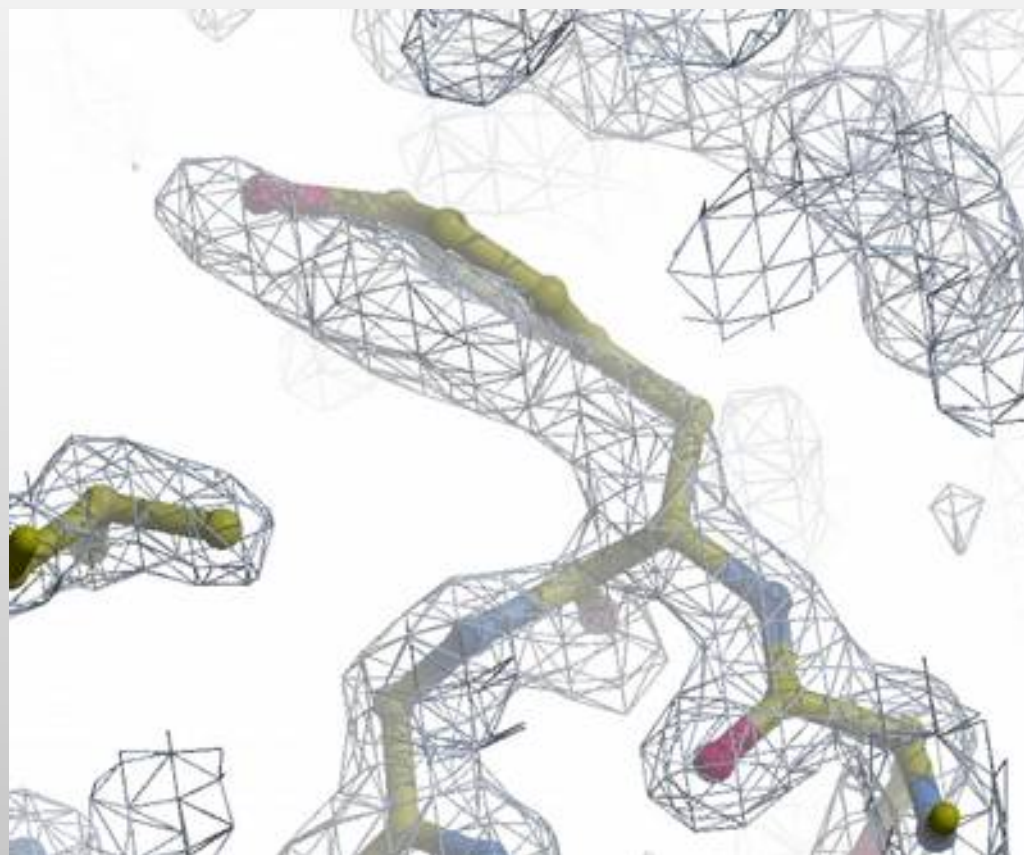
APPENDIX A

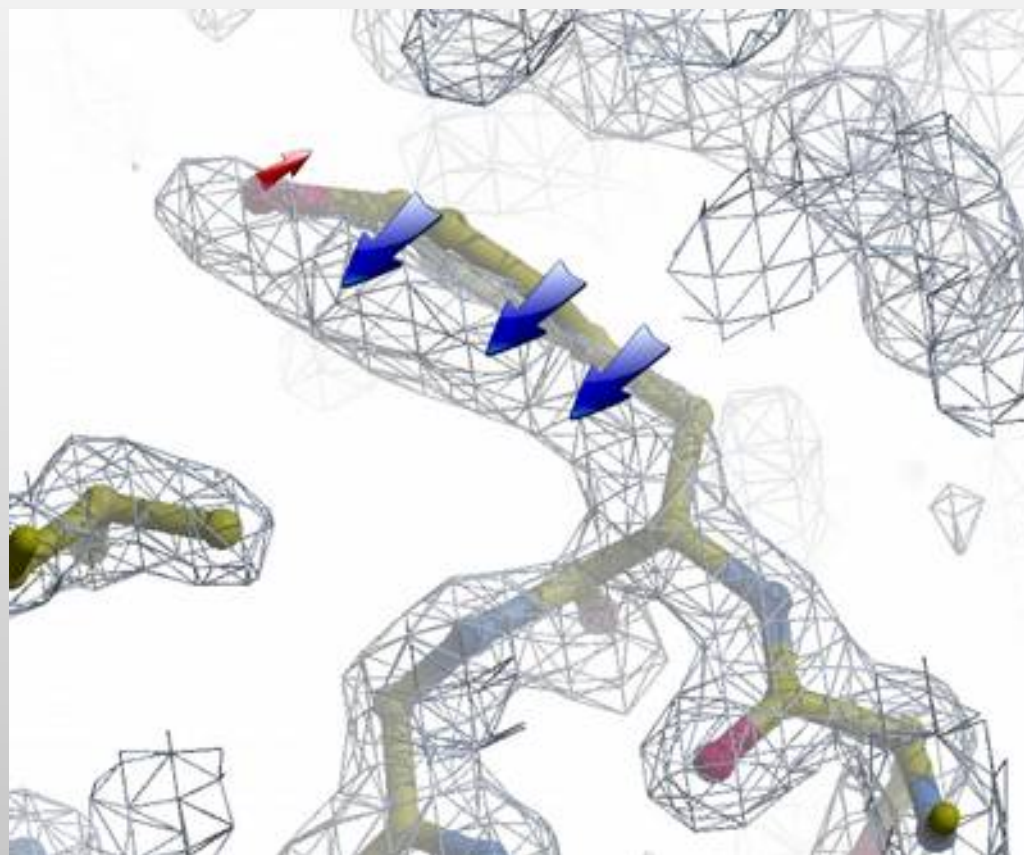
Regularization and refinement derivatives

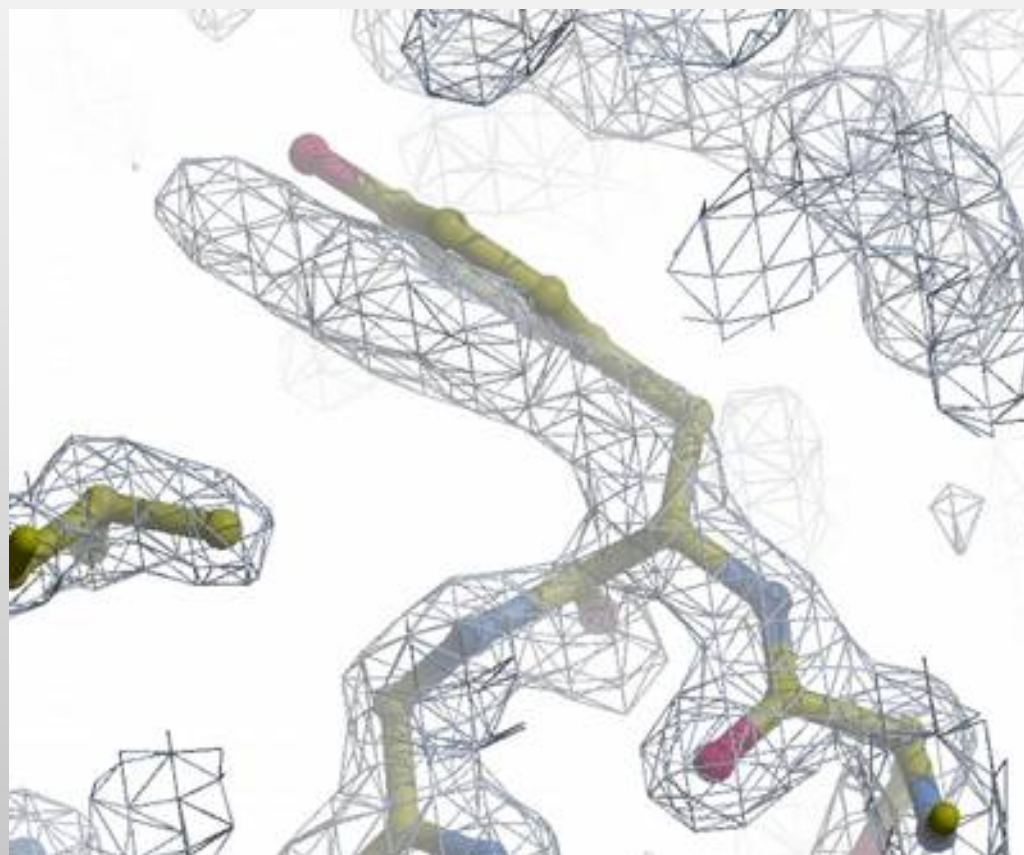
The function that we are trying to minimize is S , where

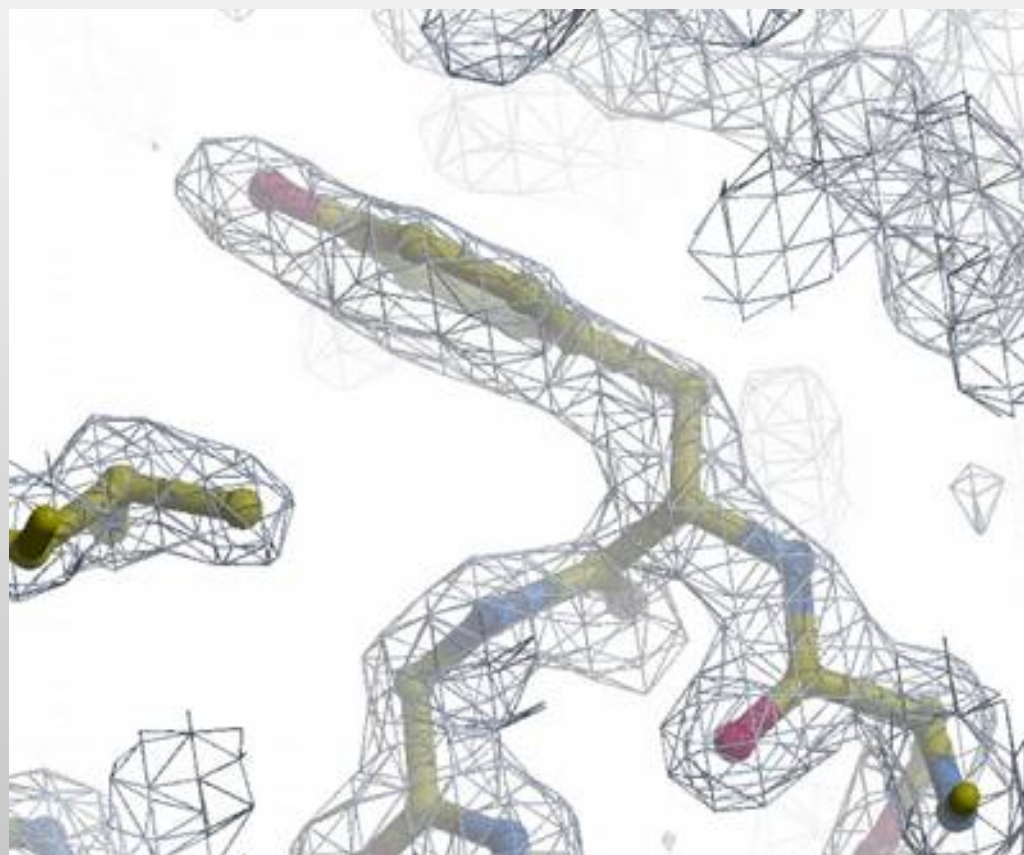
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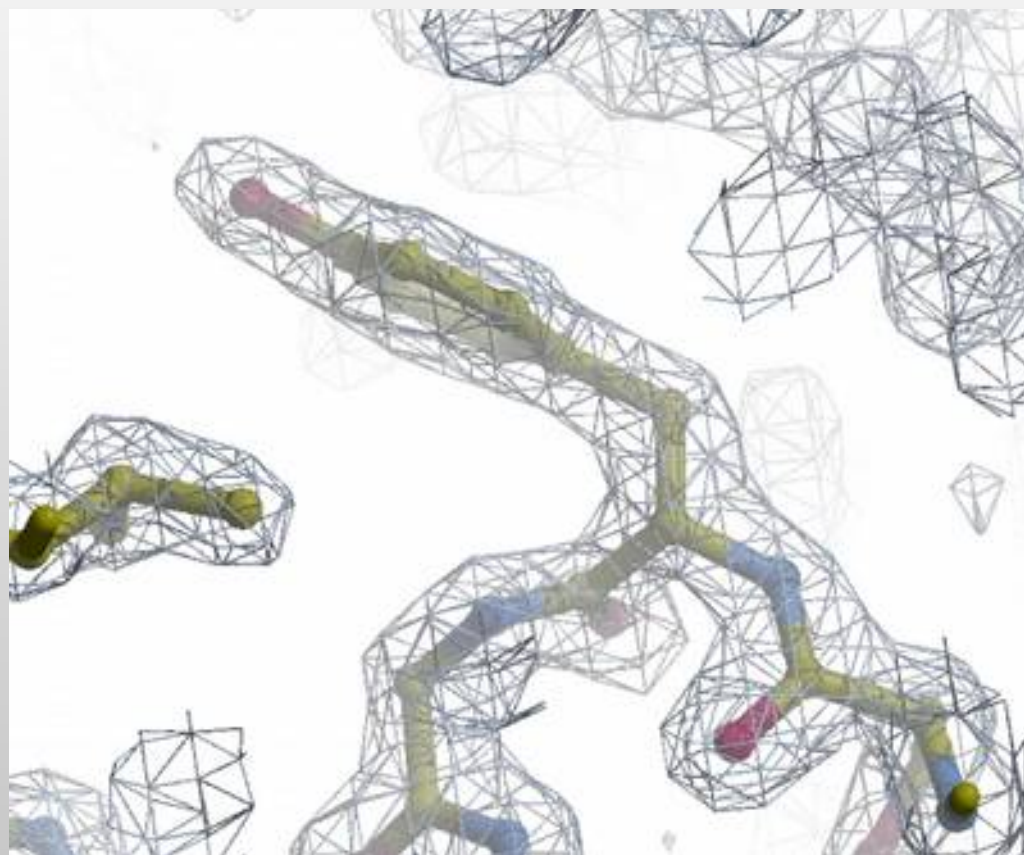






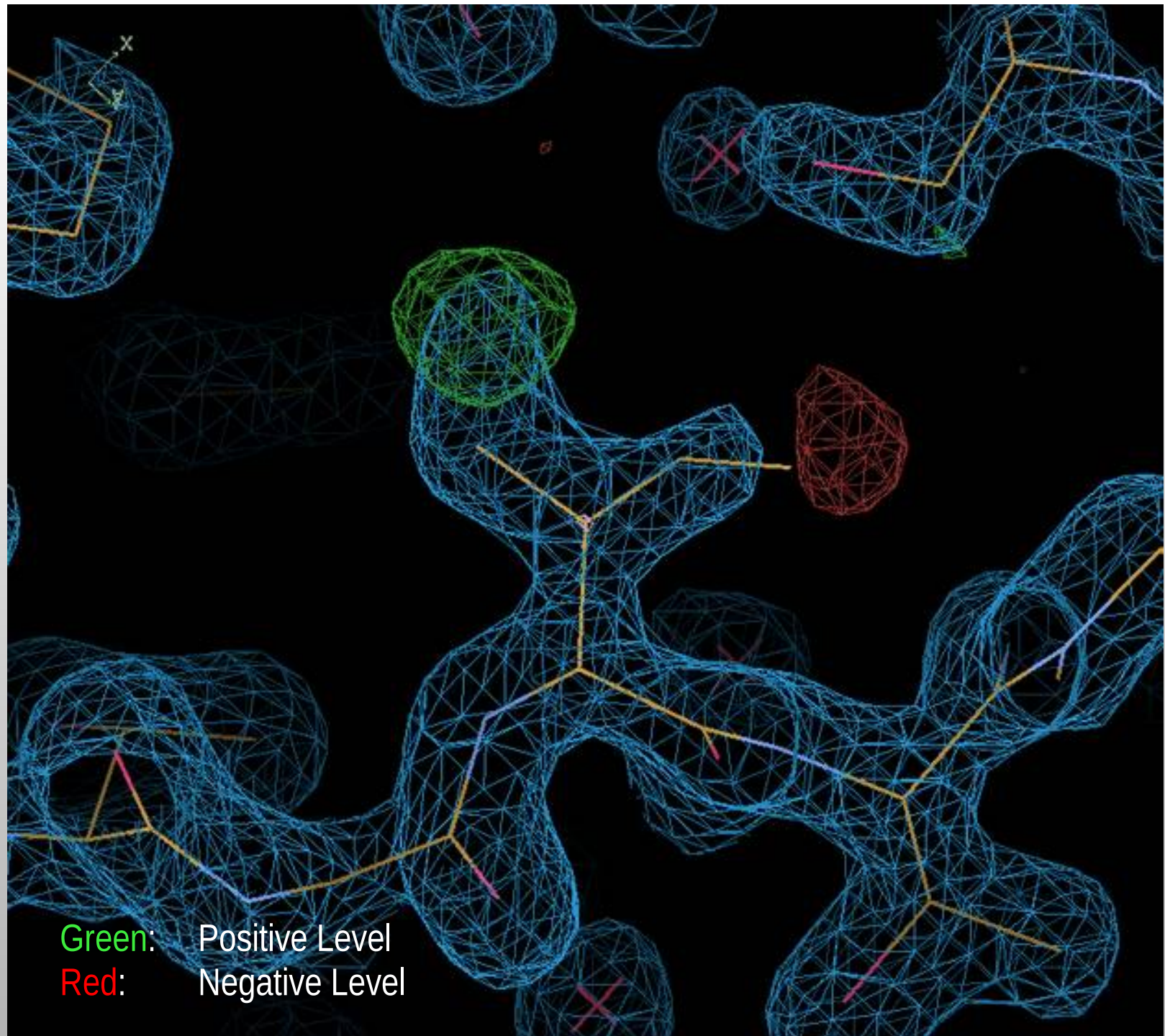






Different types of electron density maps

- “Experimental” maps
 - maps that result directly from the crystallographic data analysis: MIR, MAD, SAD
- Direct Maps:
 - where the atoms are
- Coefficients $F_o - F_c$ (“difference map”)
 - Identifies errors in the model. Locations in space where there should be atoms show positive peaks, while locations where the model contains atoms that should not be there show negative peaks.



Representation of Results:

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created 1 plane       restraints
created 5 chiral vol restraints
created 76 restraints

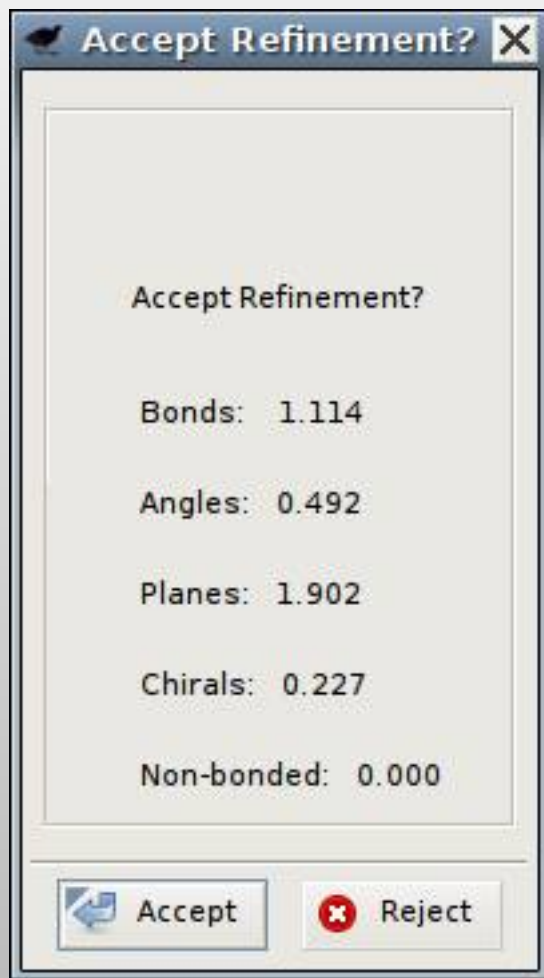
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  12 angle  links
  8 plane   links
INFO:: made 668 non-bonded restraints
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torsions:    N/A
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non-bonded:  0
chiral vol:  0.522415
rama plot:   N/A
SUCCESS
TIME:: (dragged refinement): 332.657
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The first attempt

Student Reaction:

“Oh, I don't look at that window...”

Representation of Results:



Second attempt...

Student Reaction:

"Oh, box of meaningless numbers.

Go away"

Representation of Results: “Traffic Lights”

“Traffic Lights” represent the RMSd values for each of the refined geometry types



Good refinement

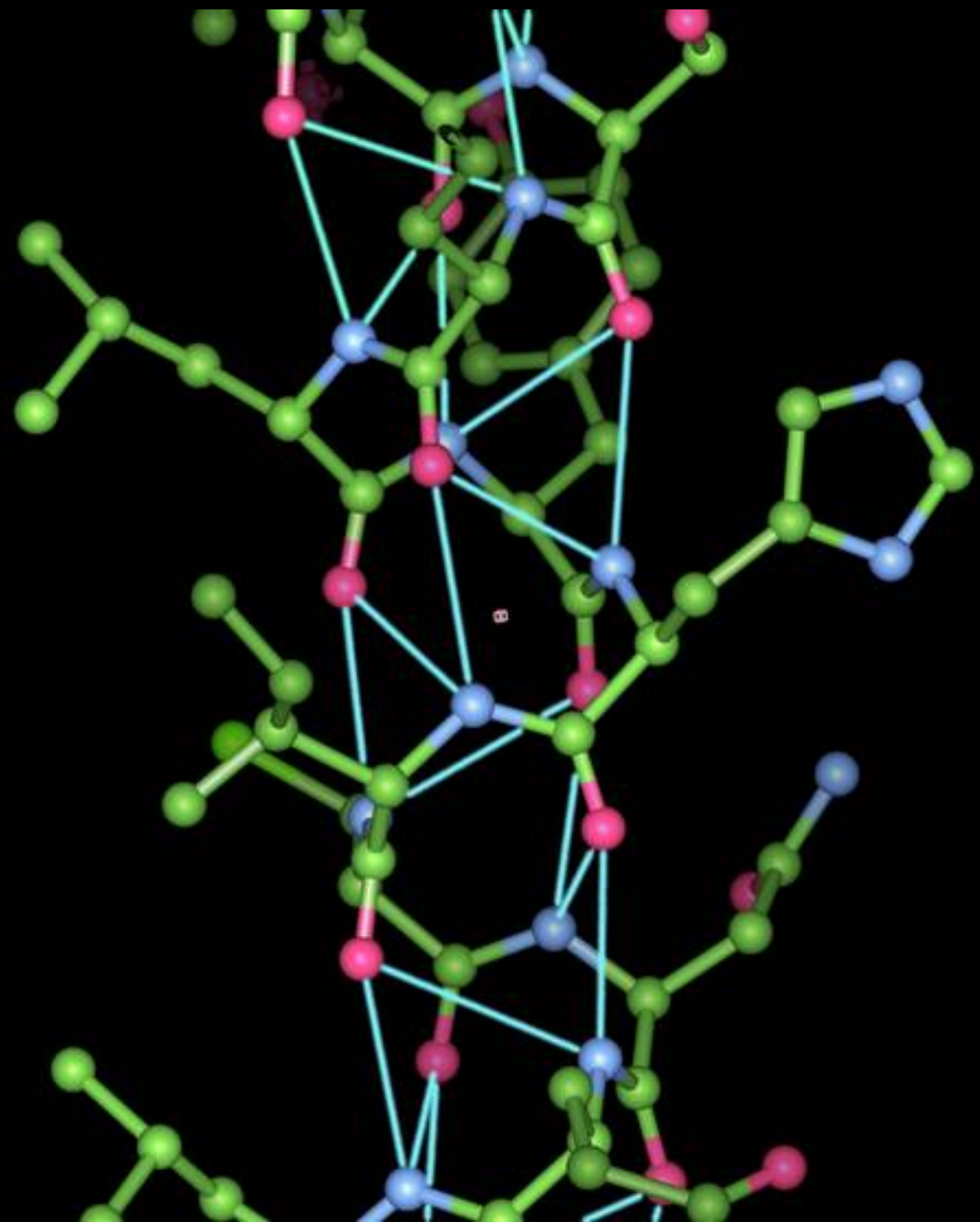


Bad refinement

ProSMART Interface

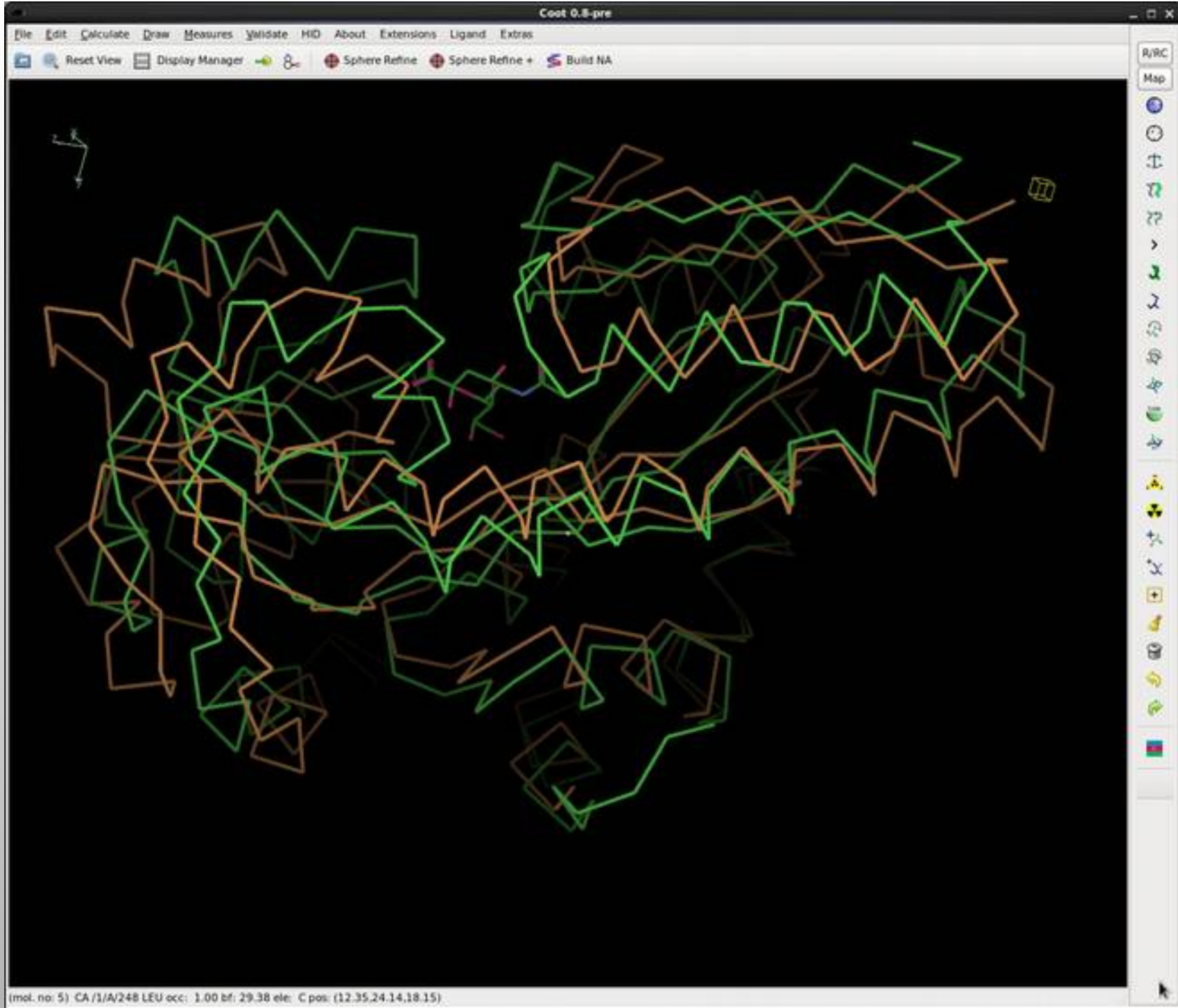
- Use previous-solved “template” structures to inform the refinement of the (low resolution) target protein
- Conformation-independent structural comparison/superposition
- and restraint generation

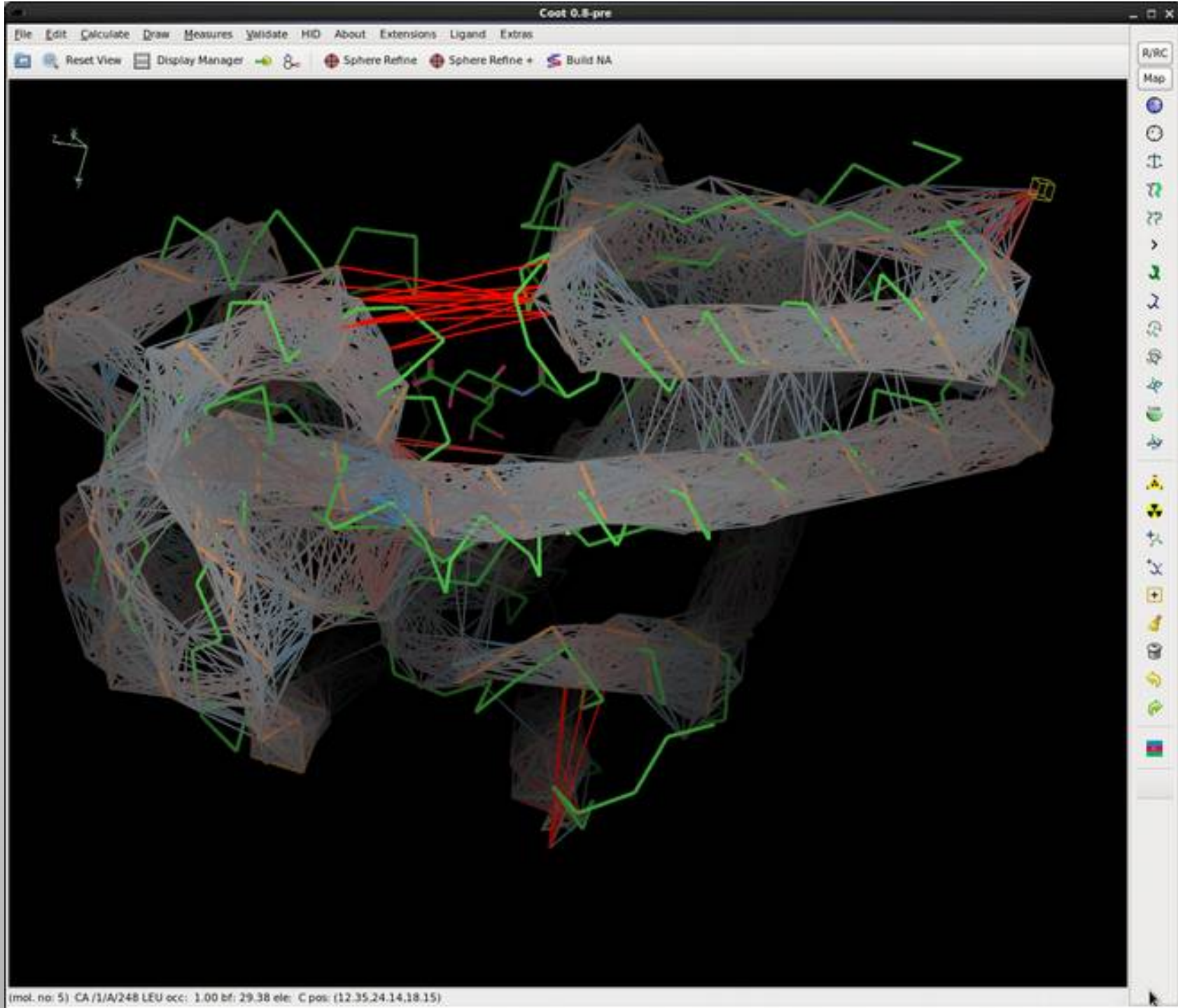
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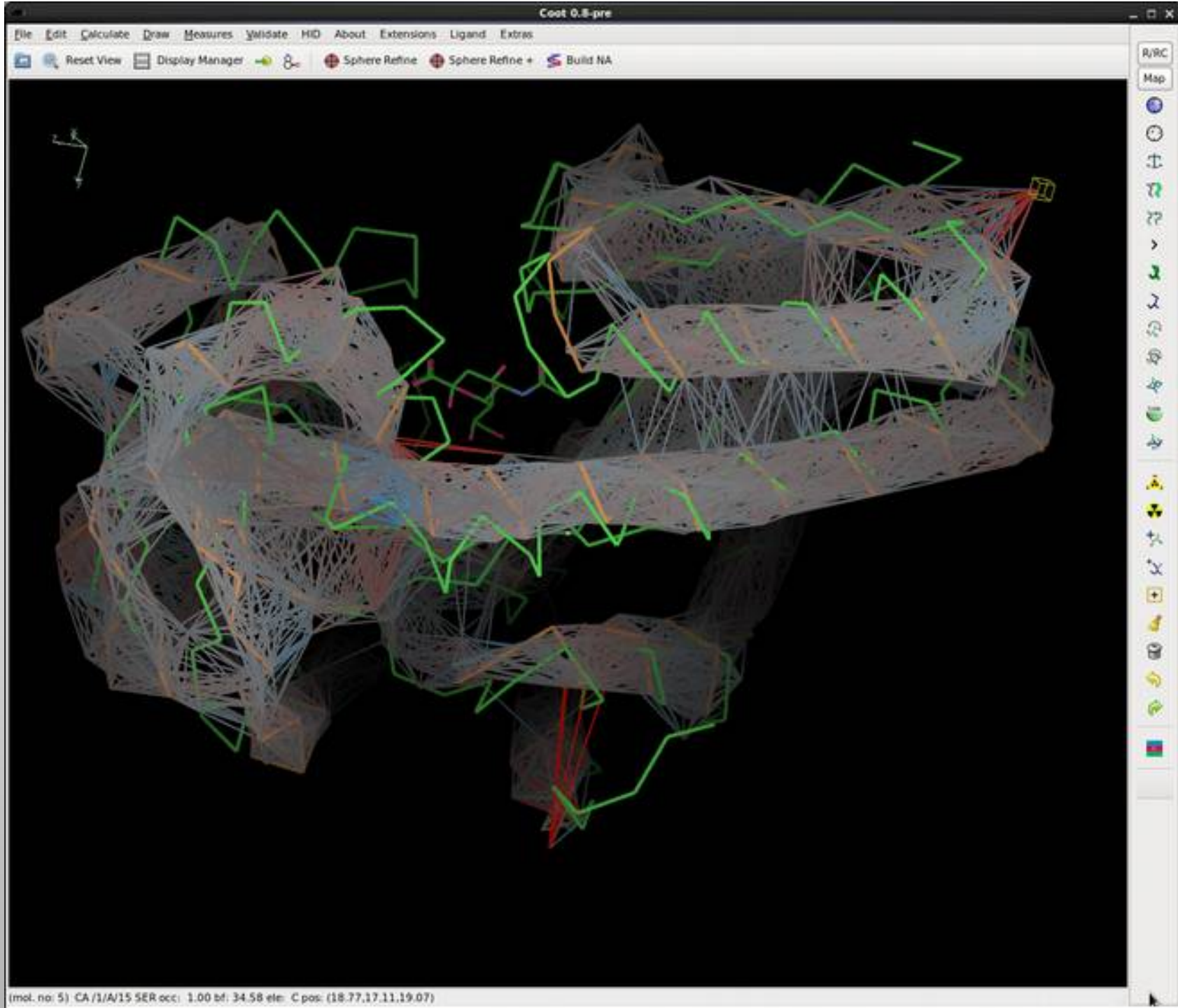


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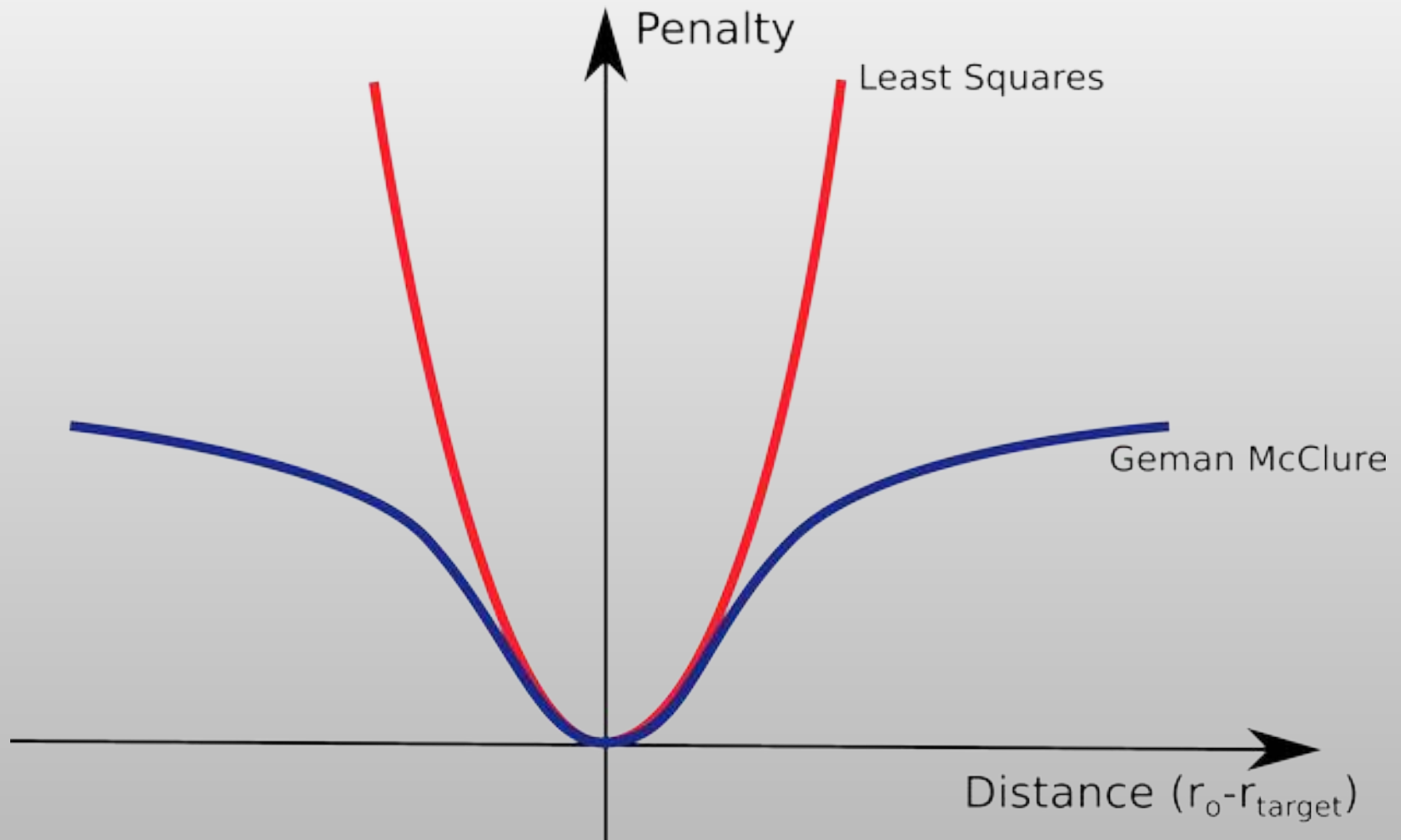




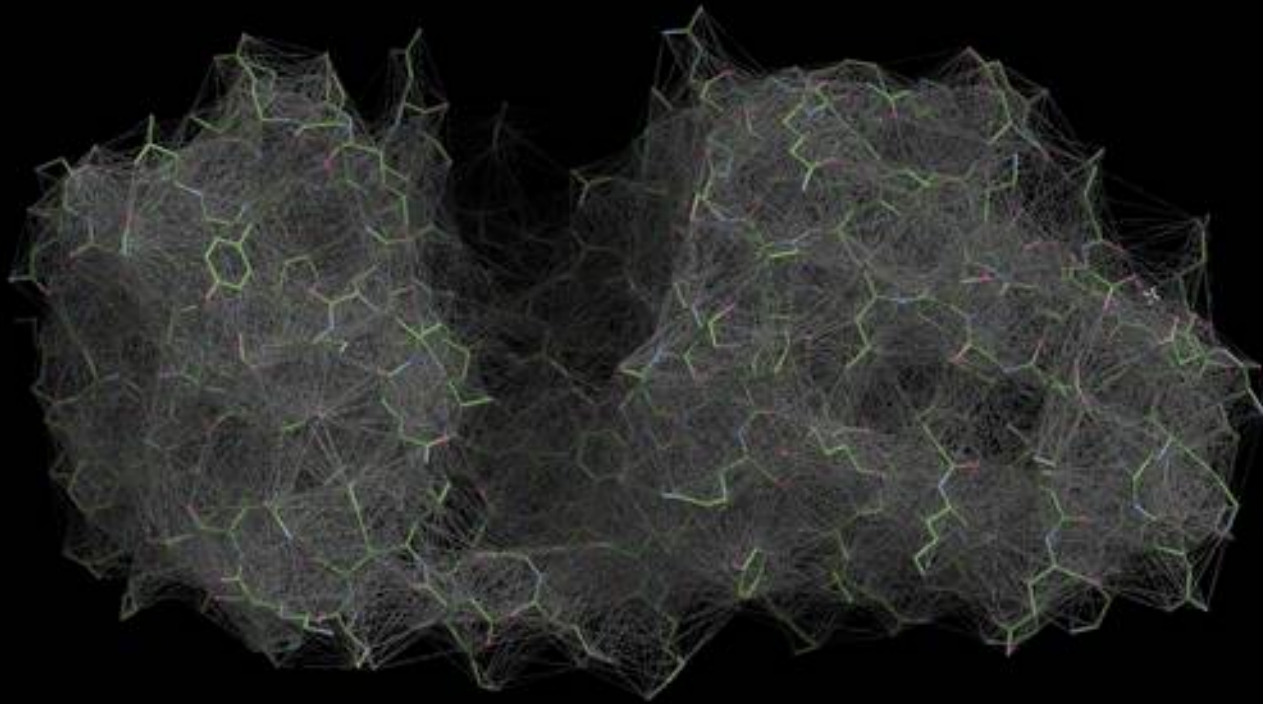
ProSMART integration

- ProSMART generates distance restraints from homologous structures
 - to be applied to current model for refinement
 - now available in *Coot*

Modified Target Function



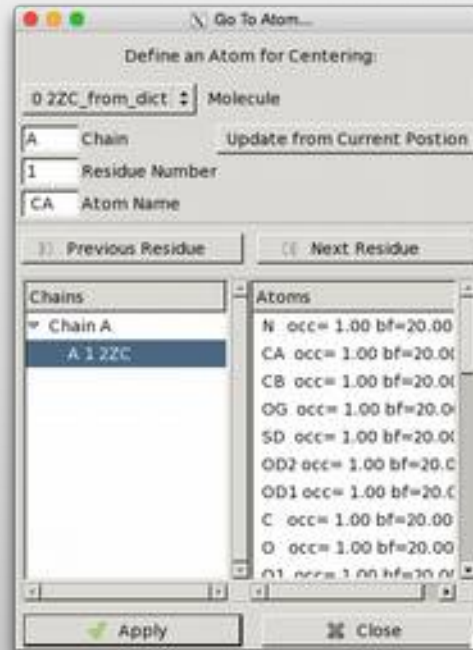
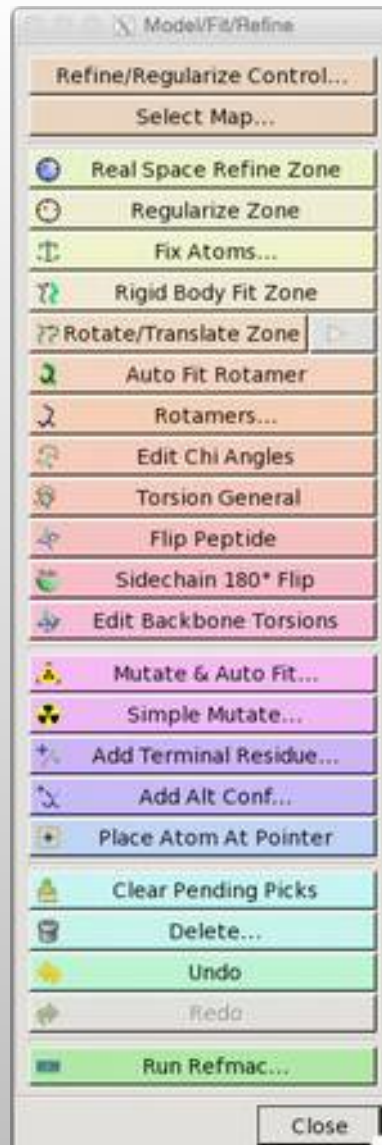
ProSMART Restraints



A note on *Coot*'s GUI

- It used to be clean
- Now lots of features have been added without much thought
- “Somewhat difficult to navigate”
- “Hidden” hot-keys

IISTDTIDIW



- If I See This Dialog Then I'm Doing It Wrong

Refinement Techniques

- Single-Atom Drag
 - Over-dragging
- Key-bindings:
 - Triple Refine “T”, with auto-accept: “H”
 - Single Residue Refine: “R” with Auto-accept: “X”
 - Add Residue: “Y”
 - Autofit rotamer” “J”
 - Residue Flip: E, Shift: Opt-Alt- → Rotate: Ctl Shft - →
 - Hybridization-aware residue fragment rotation: “Shift F”

Common Moves not Typically Used

- Quickly fix gross errors:
- (say side-chain built into main-chain density)
- Eigen flip residue
- Rotate/translate residue
- “x” refine

Biggest issue learning coot...

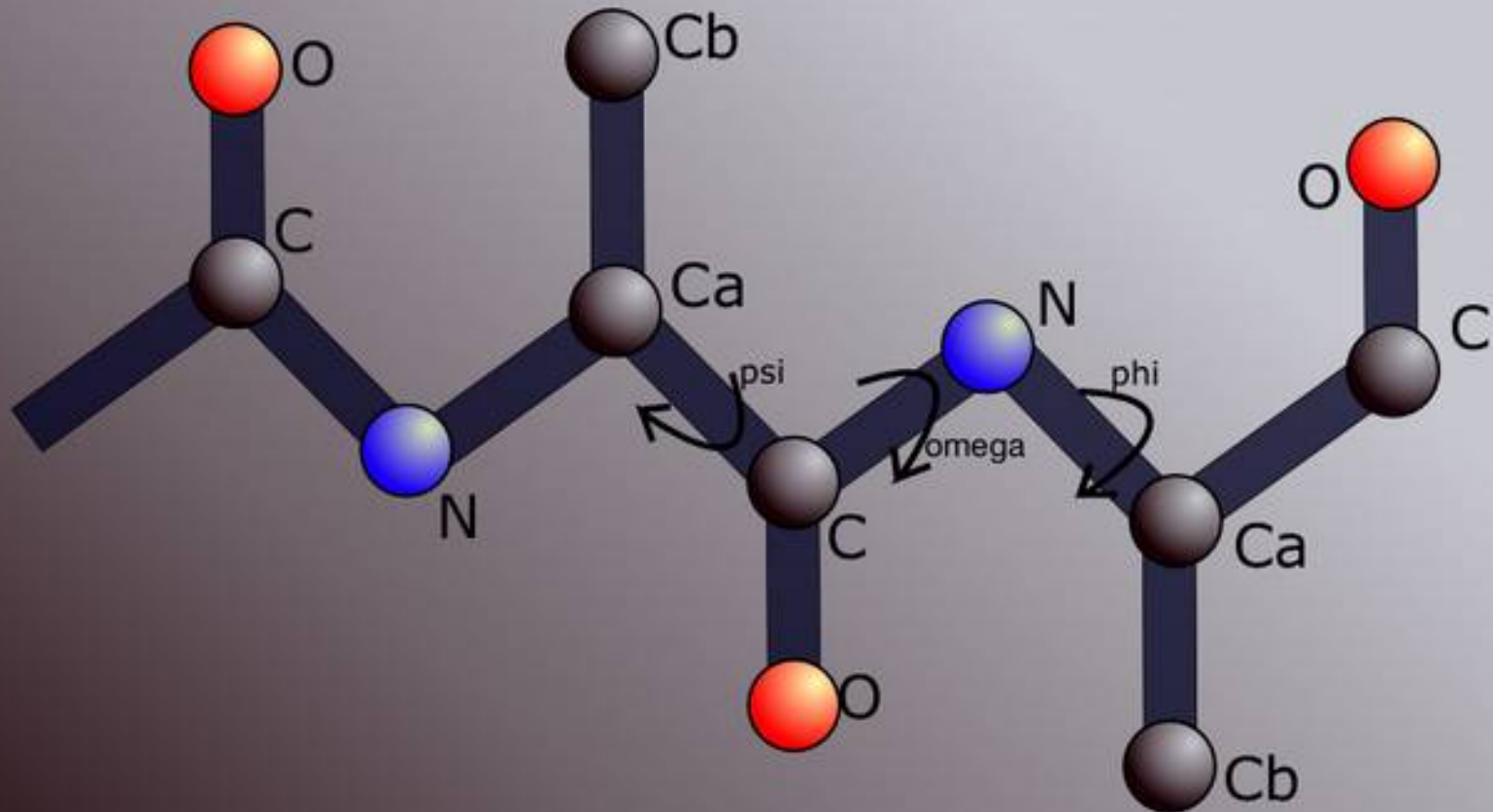
- to recognise which tool is suitable for the current problem
- Here are some examples:
- 'H' Refinement
- 'J' Rotamer
- 'E' eigen-flip

clicking on atoms is slow, try not to do that

Rotamer Searching

- Two methods
 - Traditional
 - Backrub

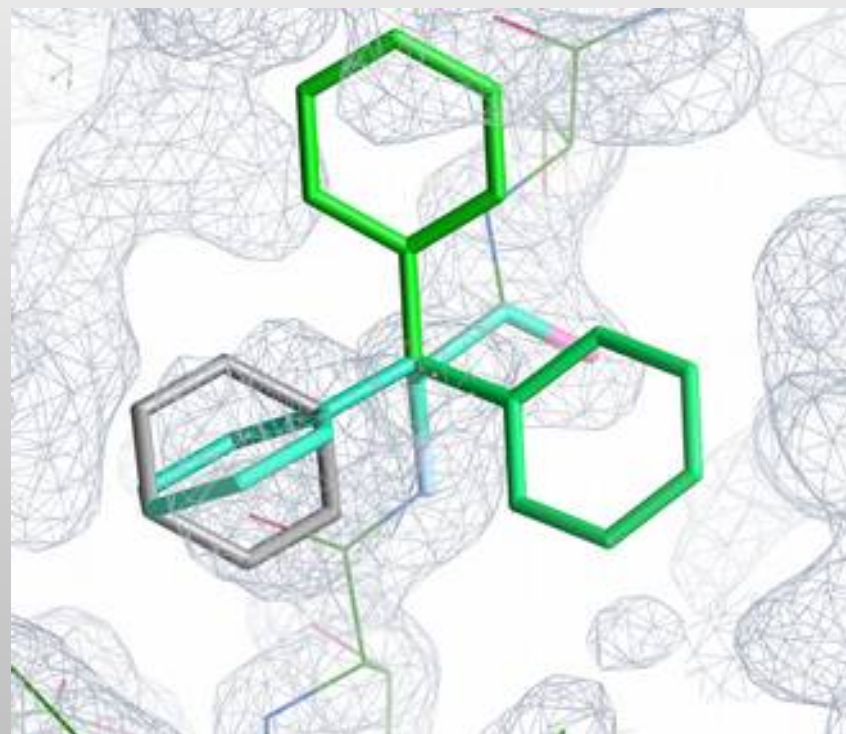
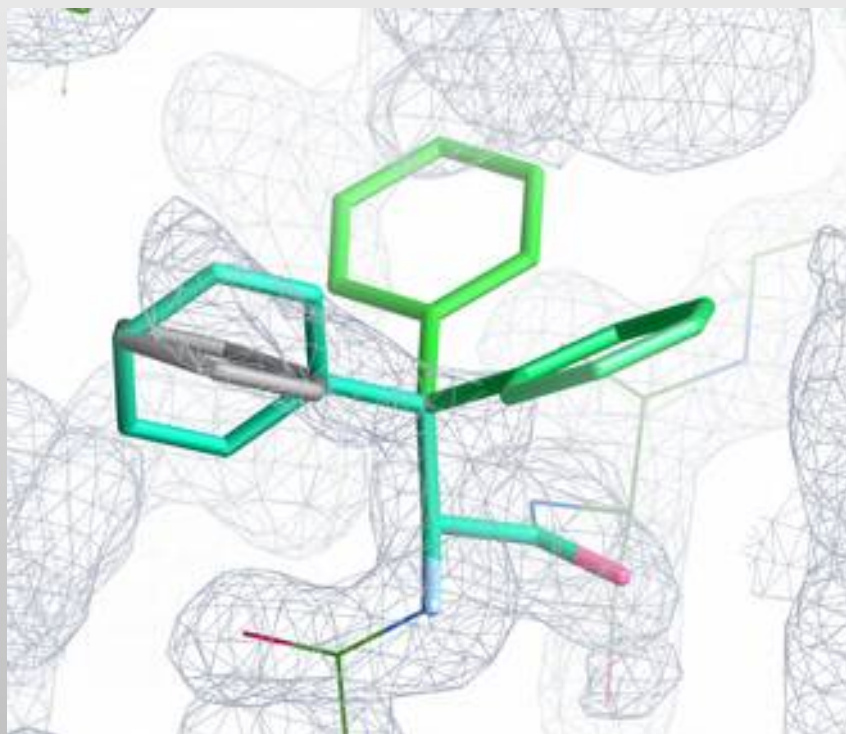
Peptide Torsion Angles



Rotamers

- Rotamers are preferred configurations of a side-chains rotatable bonds
 - where “preferred” means these configurations occur more frequently in a set of reference protein structures
 - “preferred” because they are low-energy conformations
- Several Rotamer “databases” exist
 - best: (Son of) Penultimate Rotamer Library

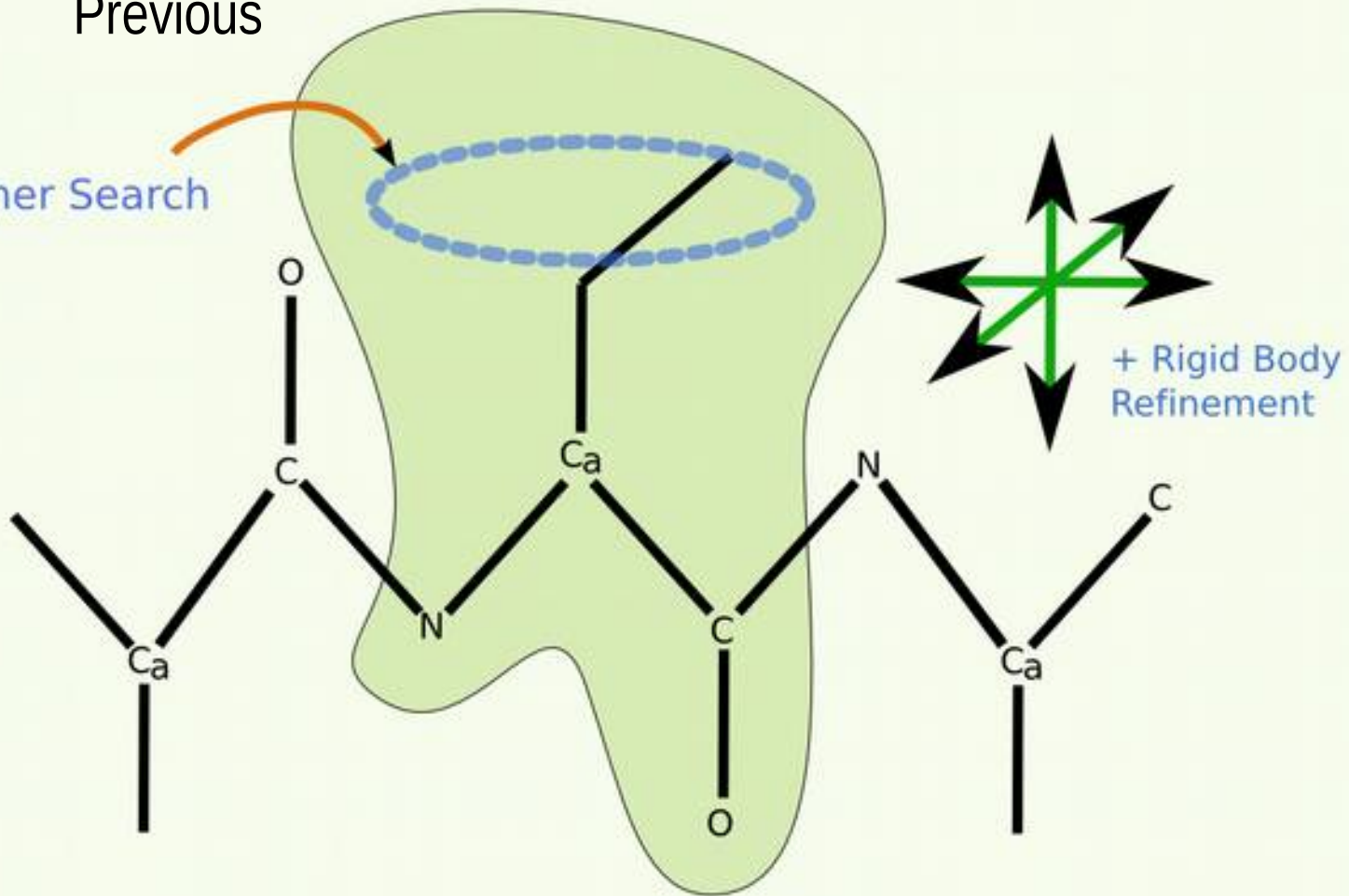
4 PHE Rotamers

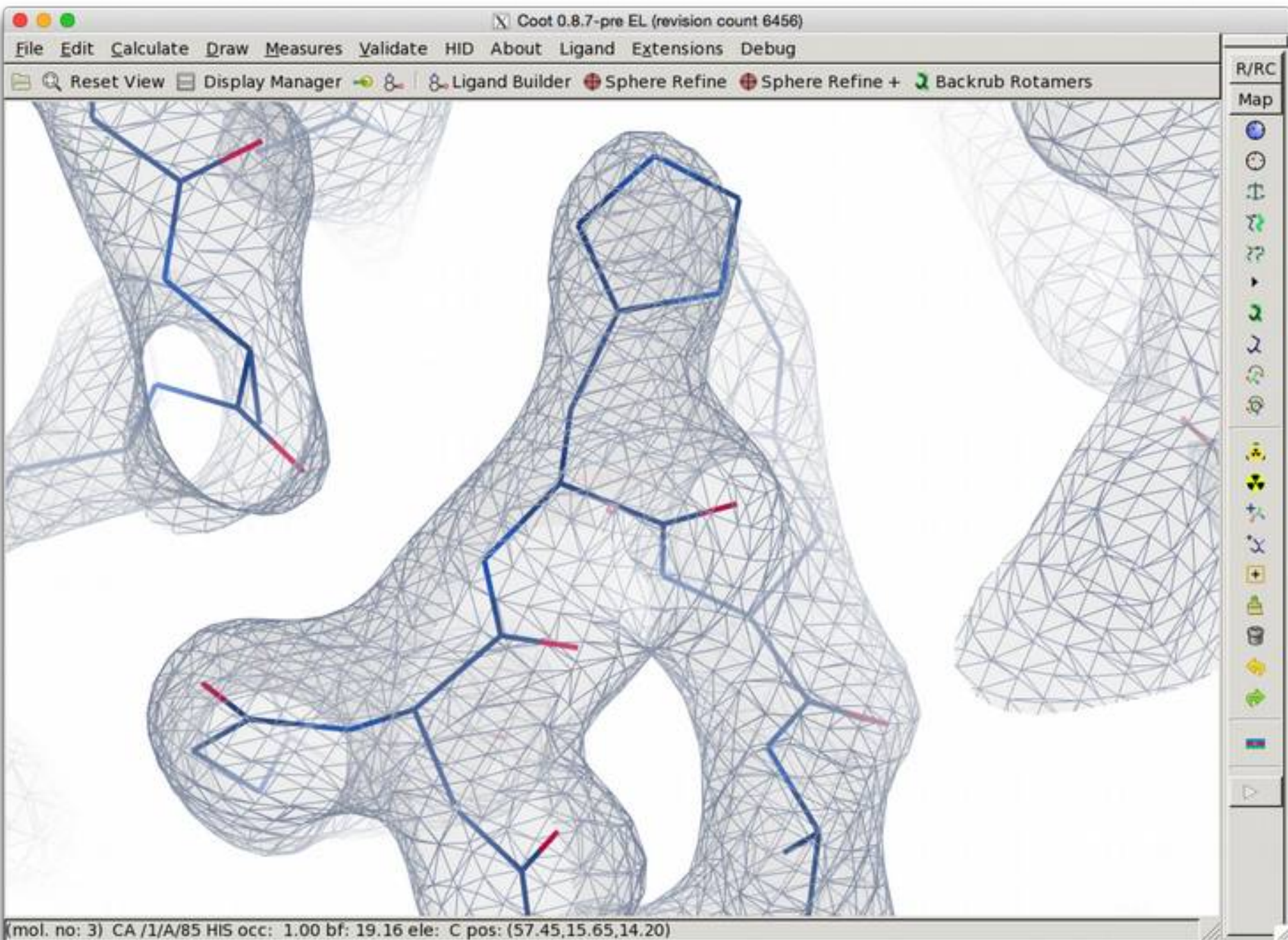


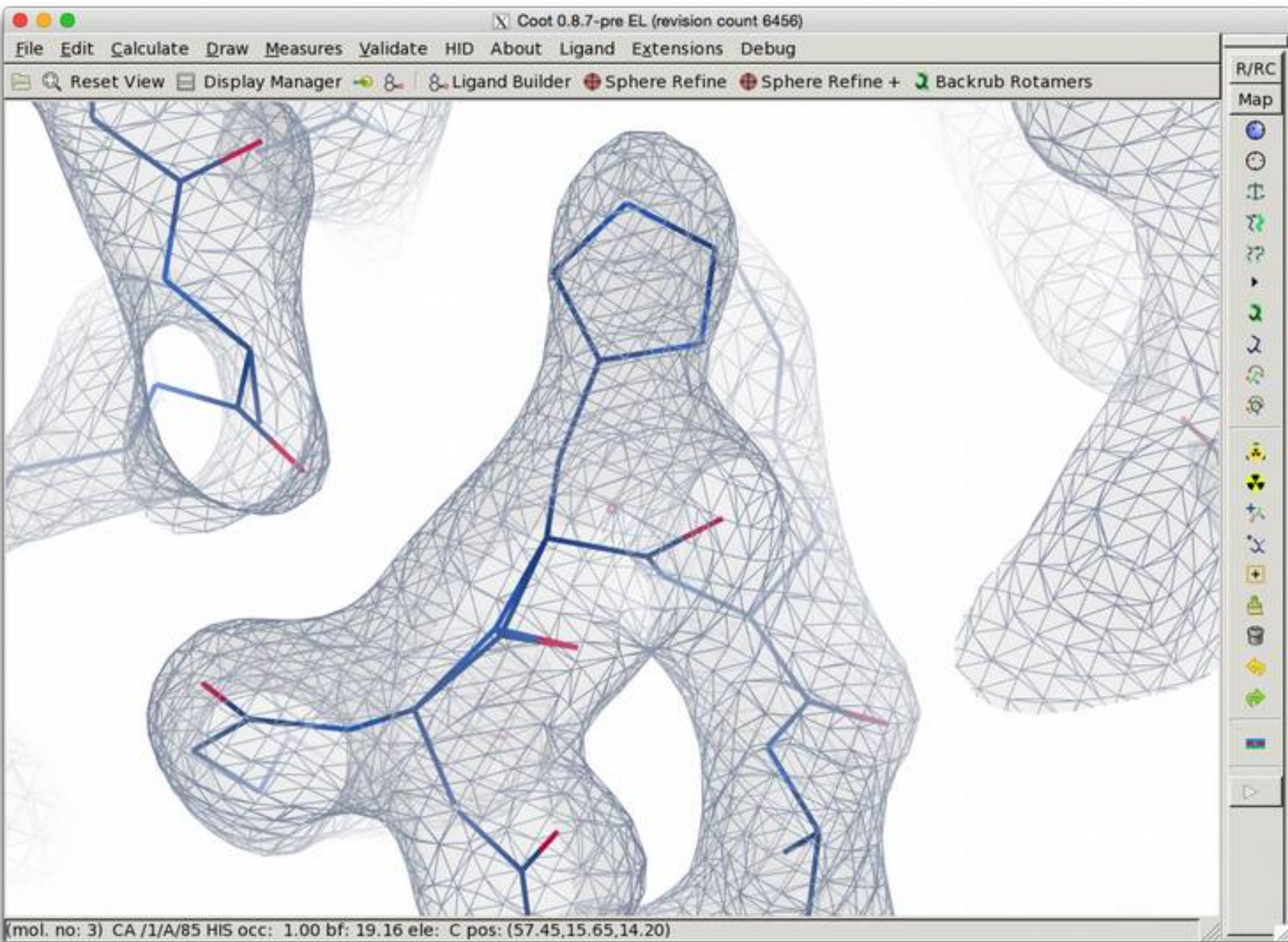
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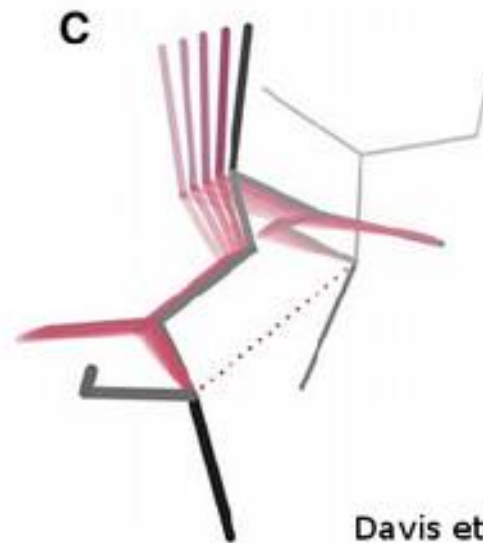
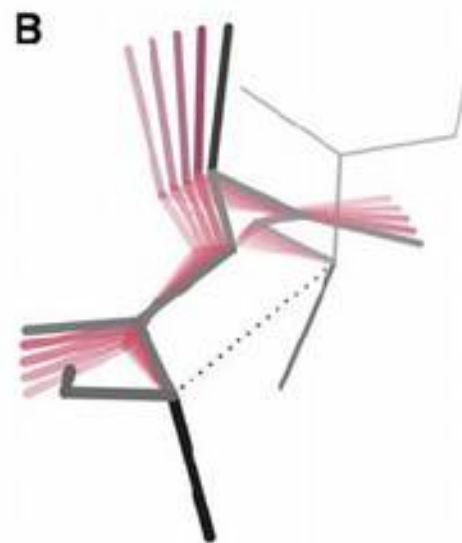
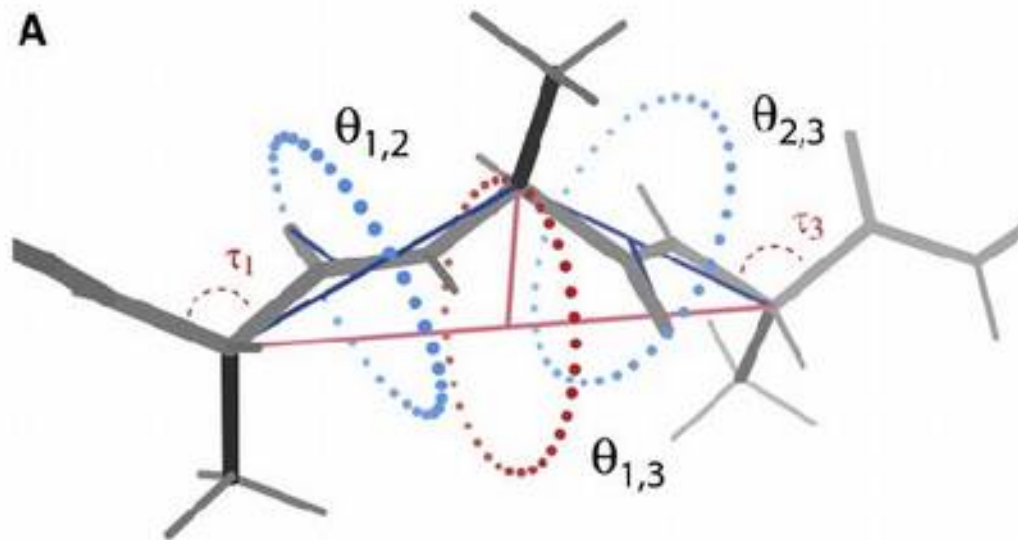
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Rotamer Search



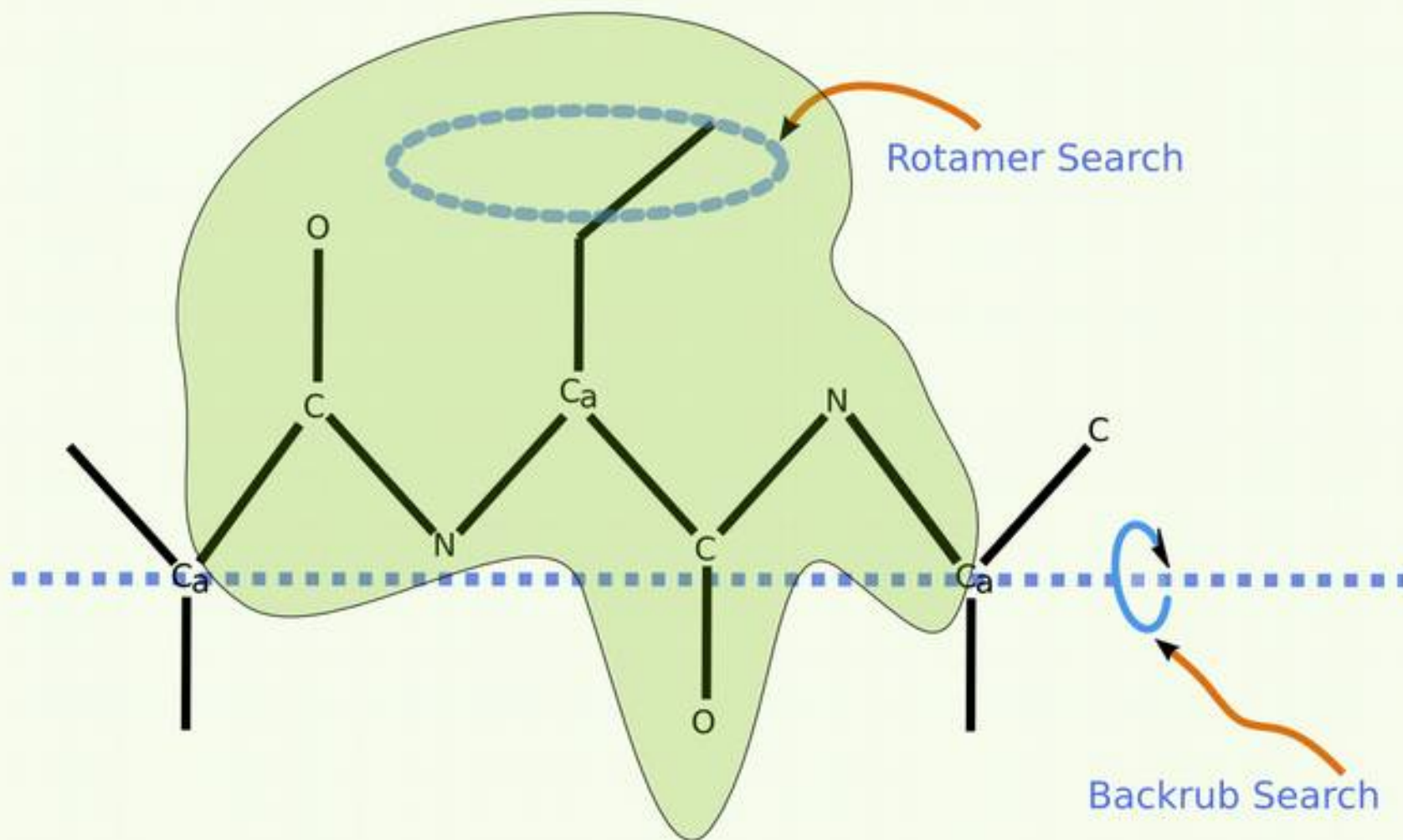




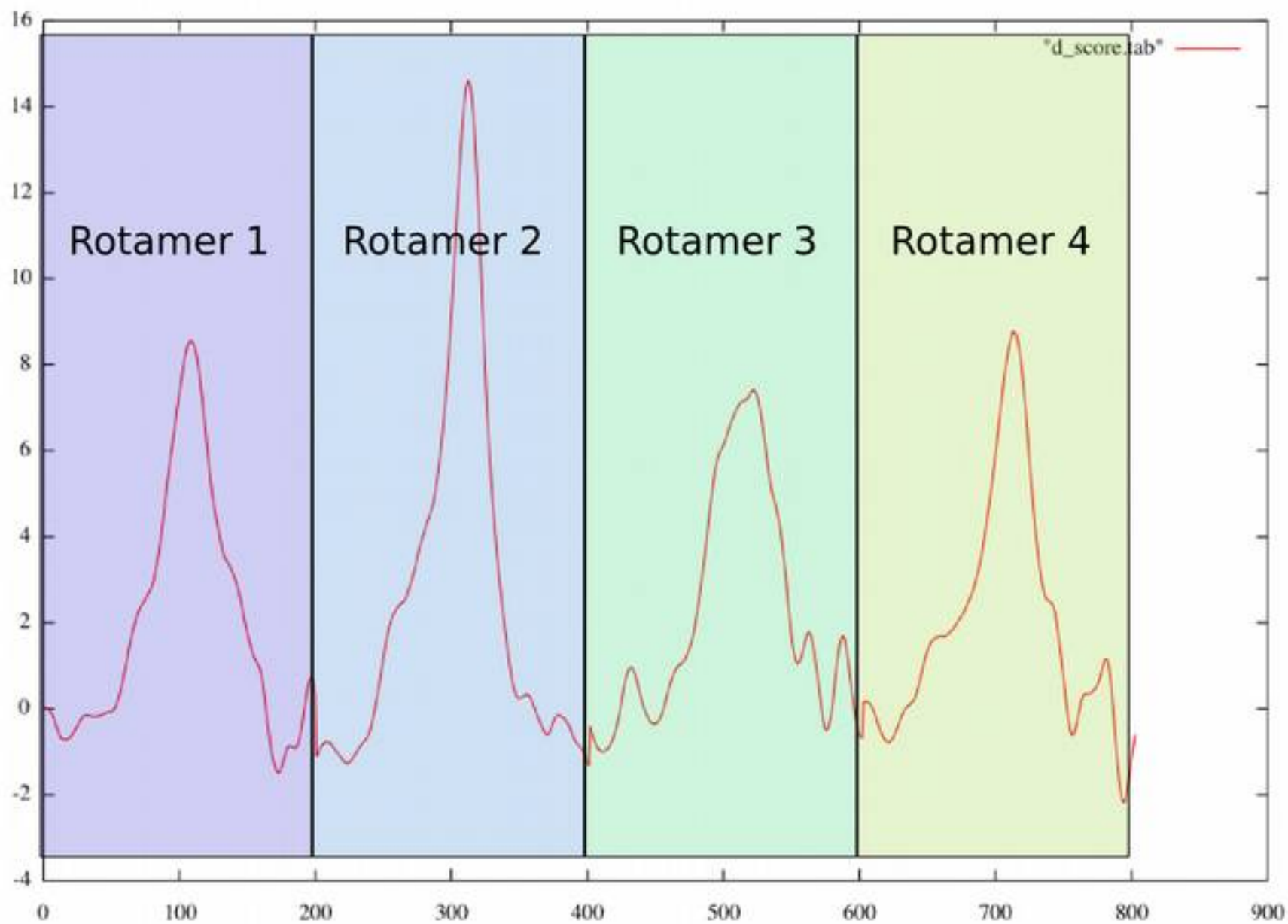


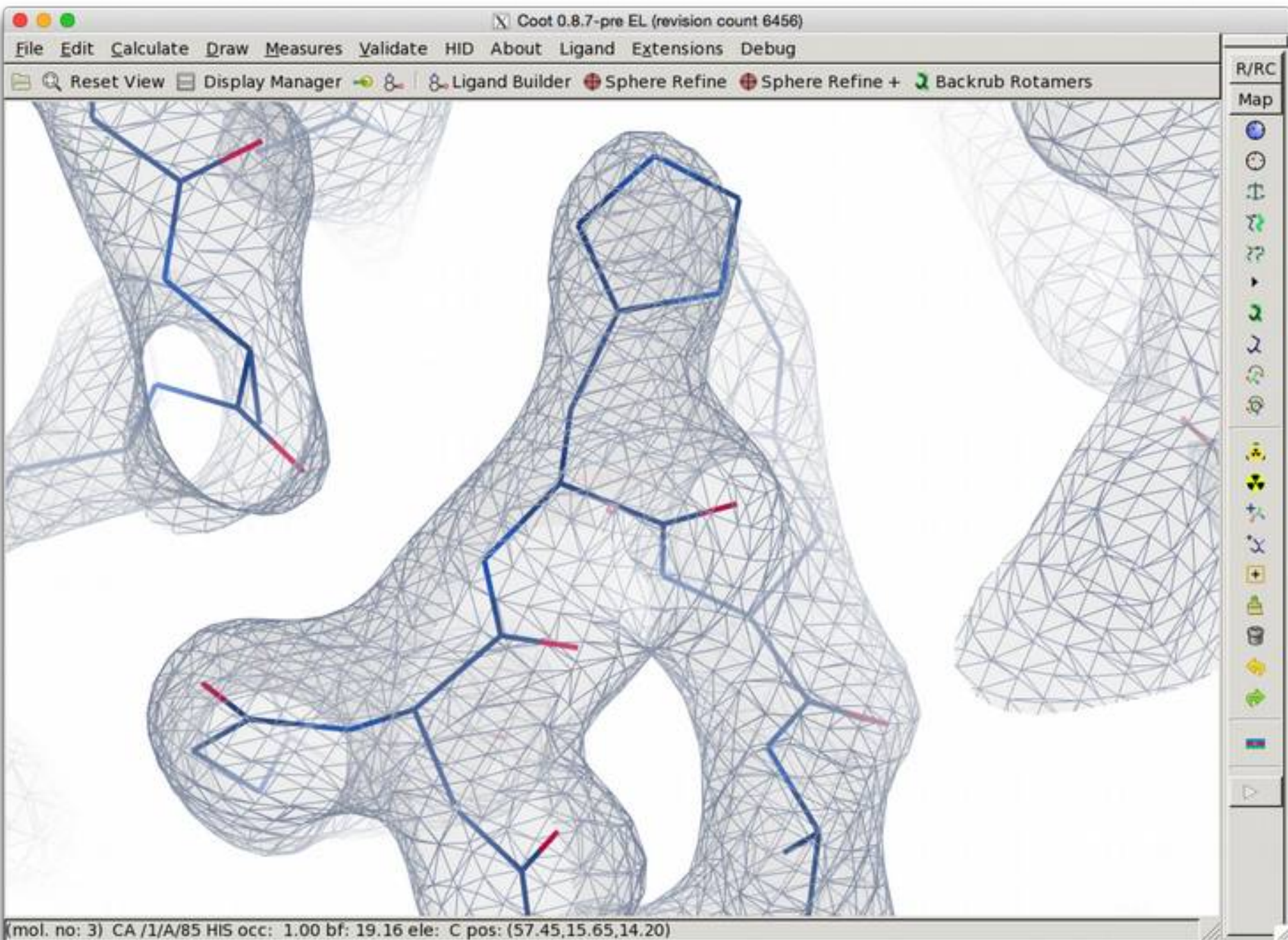
Davis et al. (2006) Structure

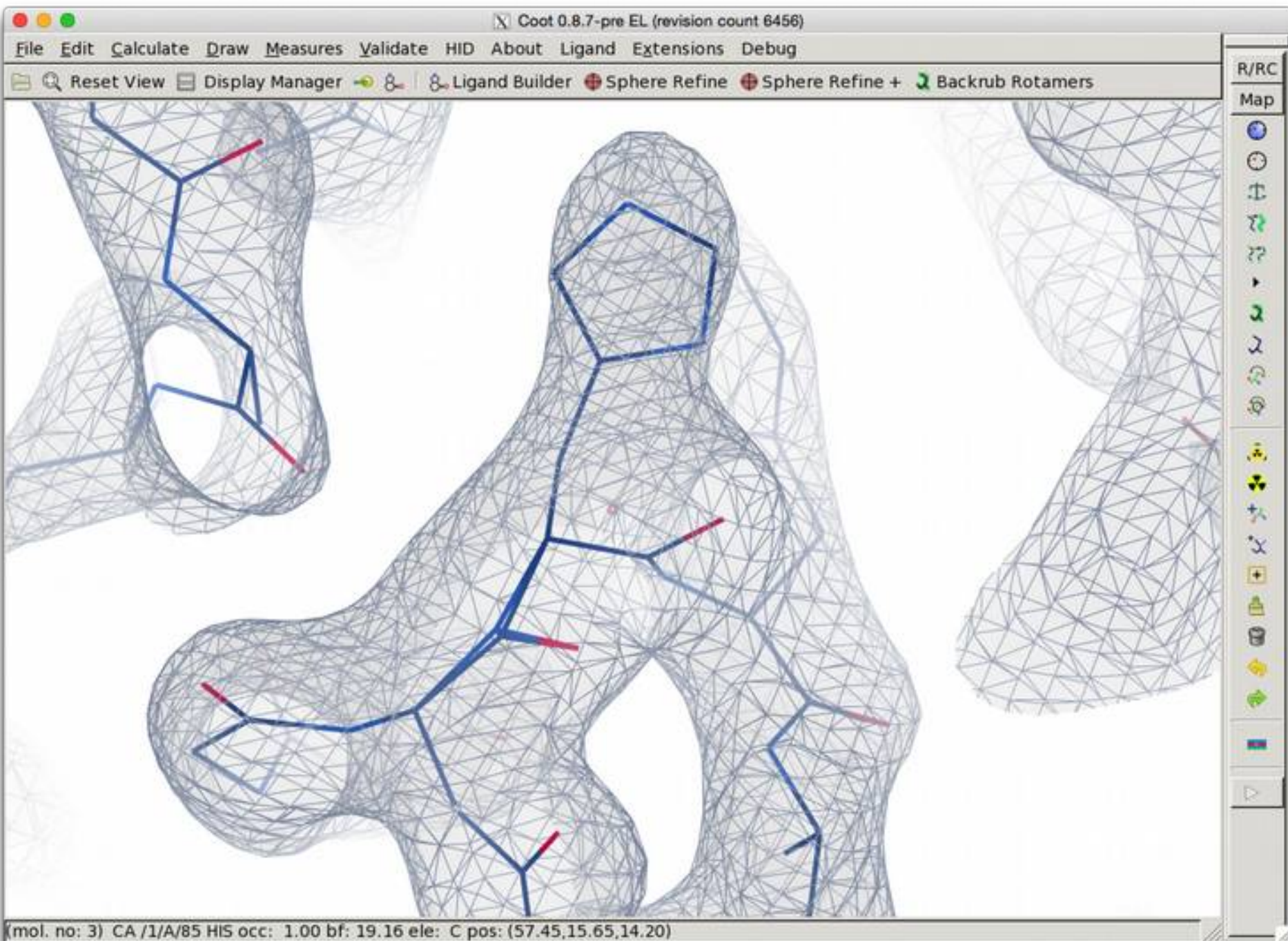
New Low Resolution Rotamer Search

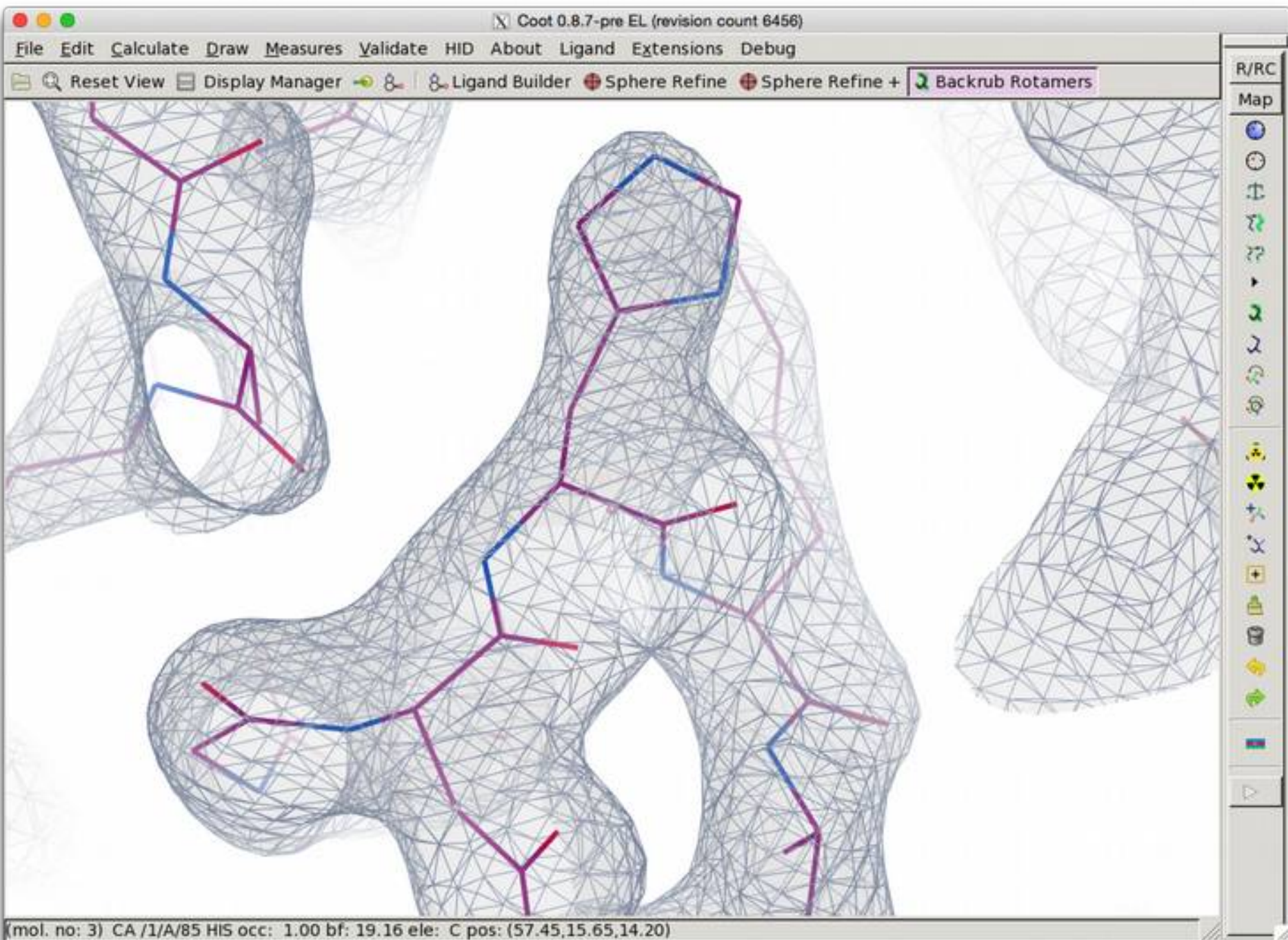


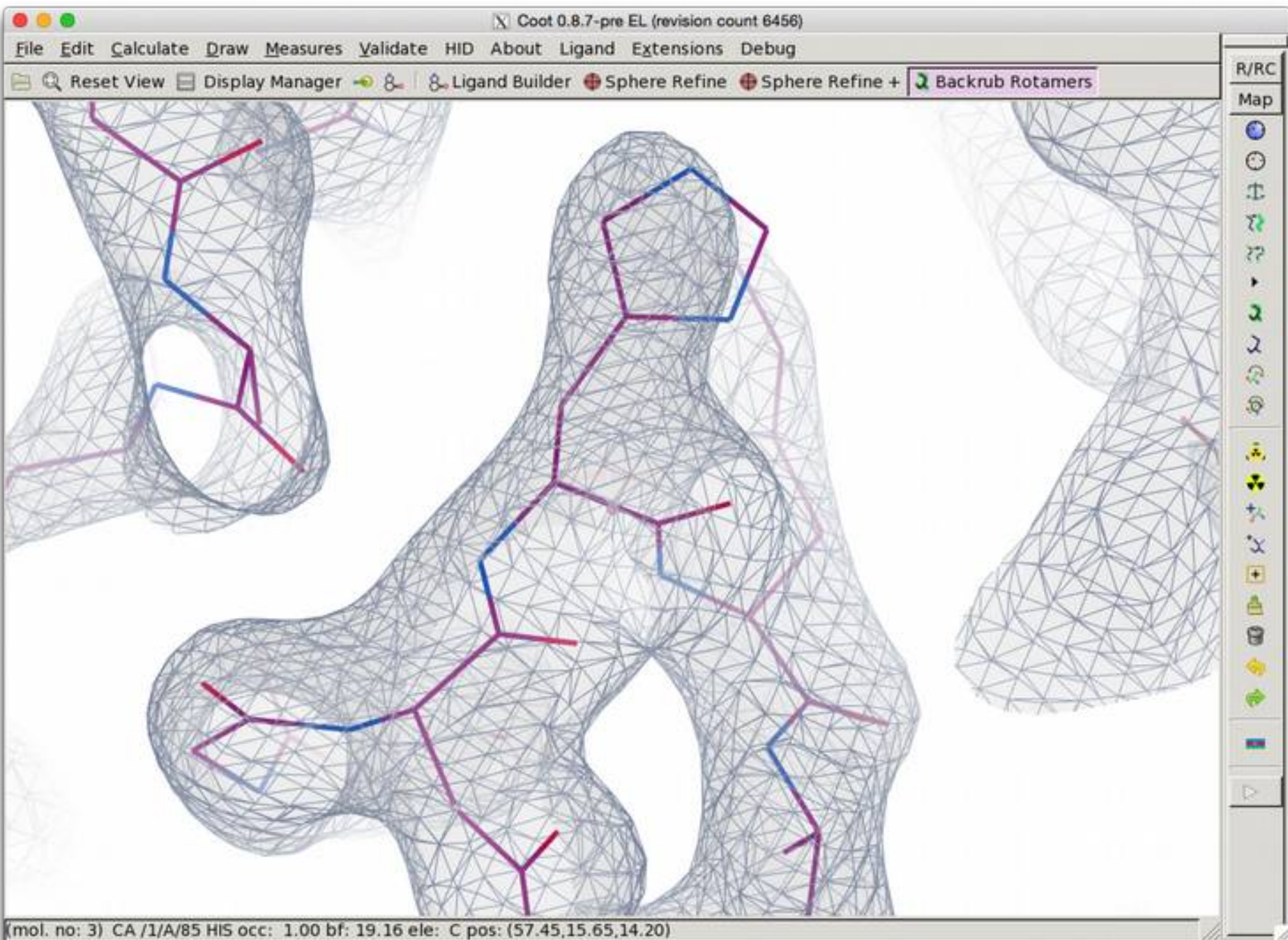
After Fitting Tools in KING/Molprobit

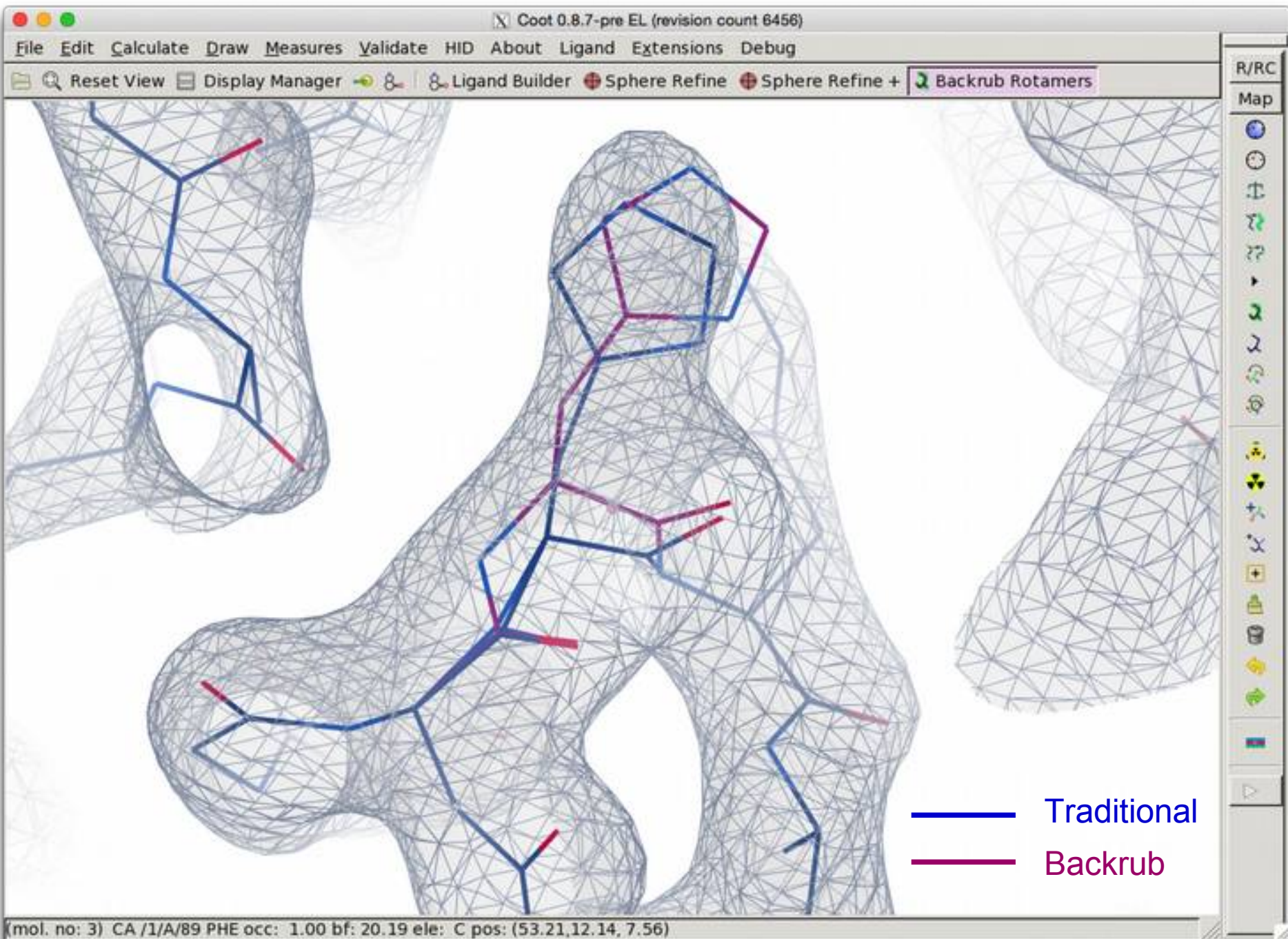


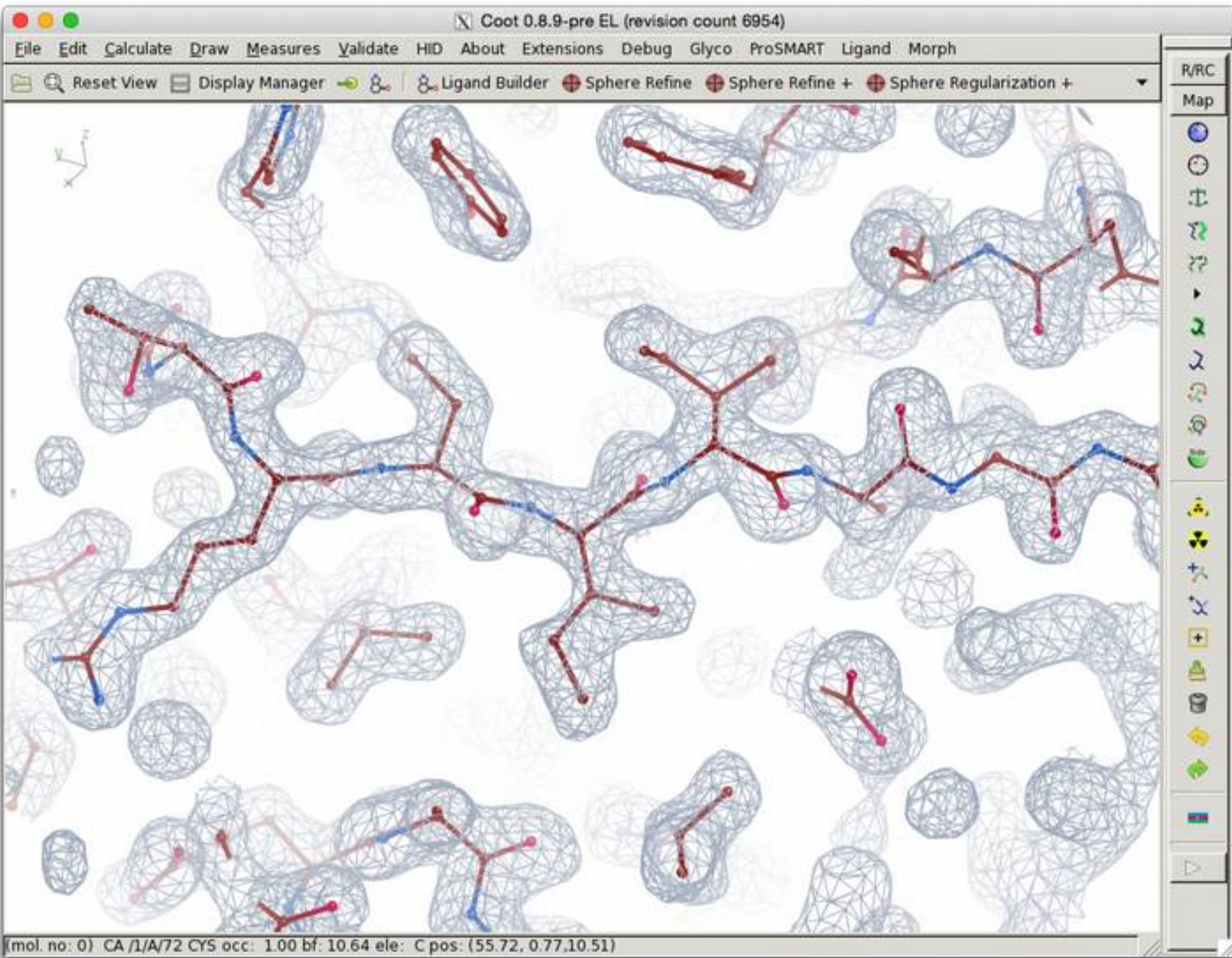


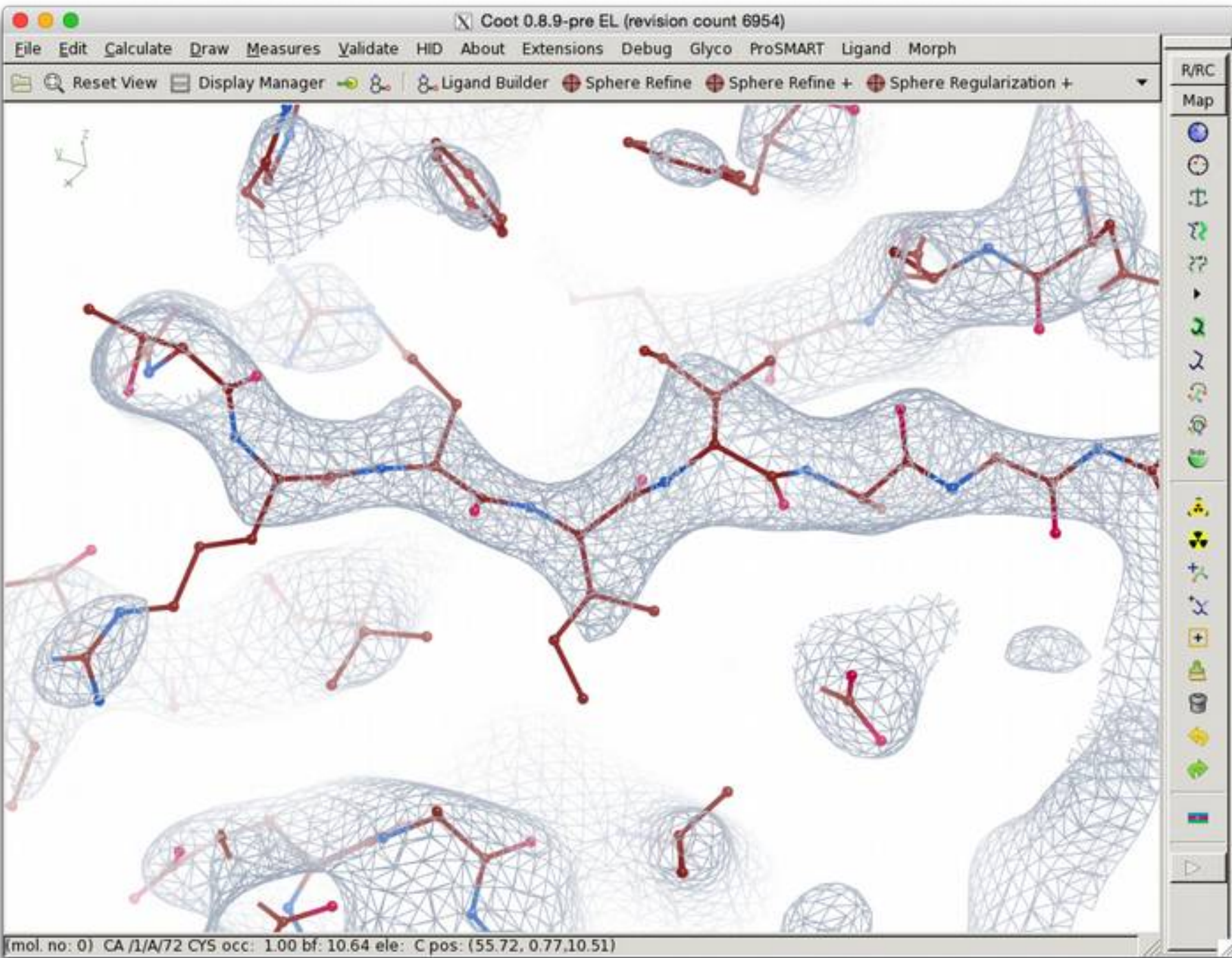




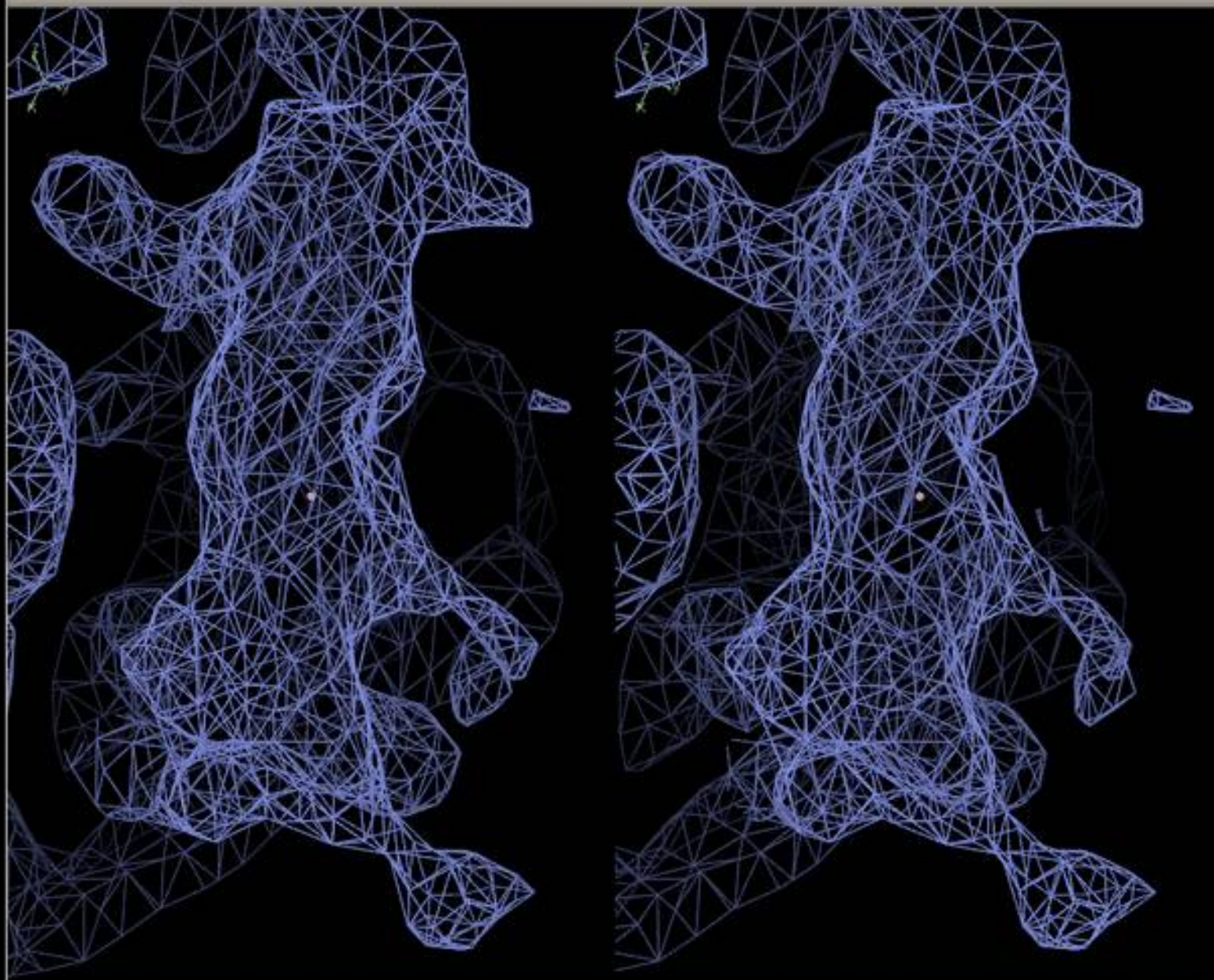








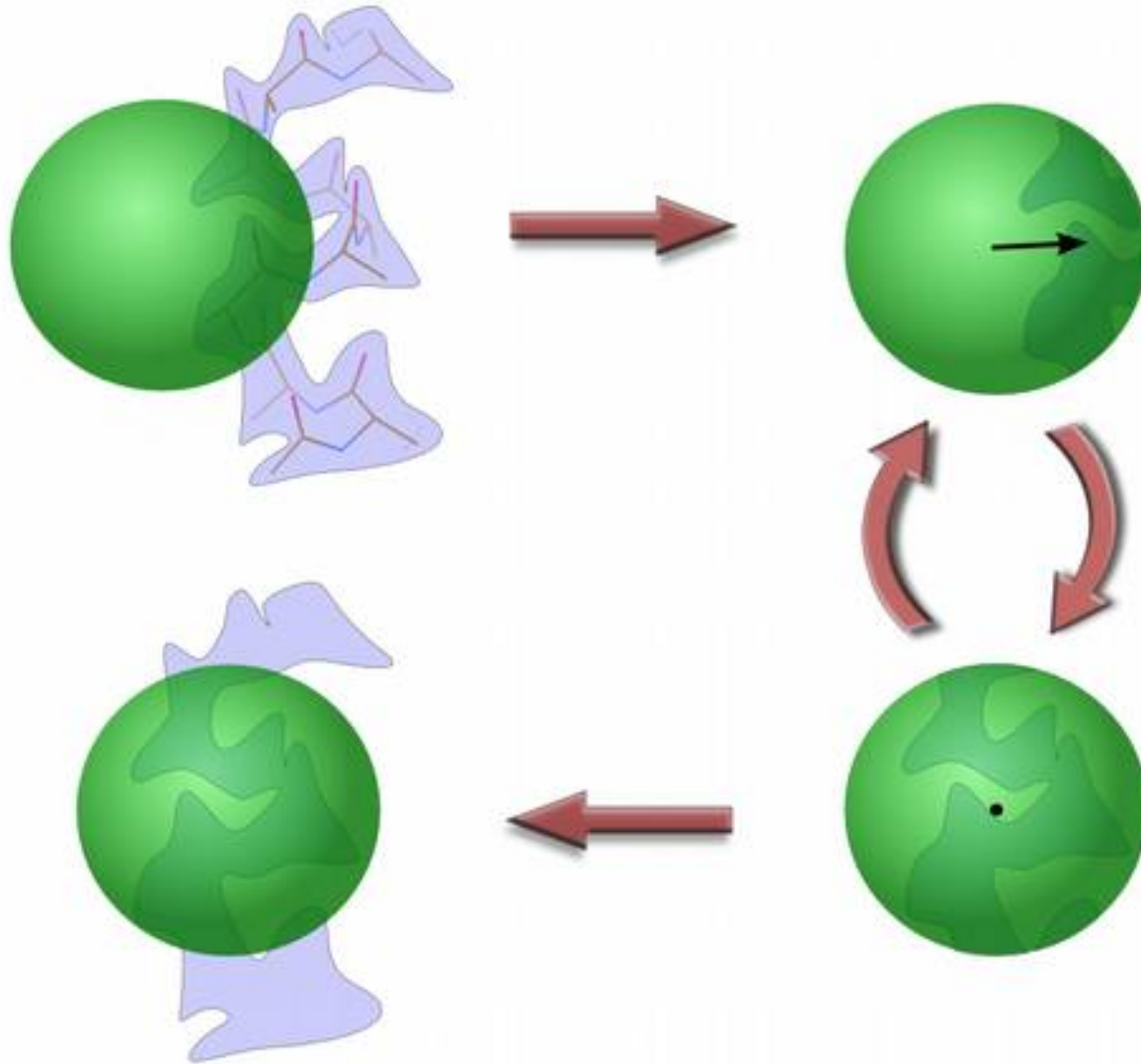
Helix-Building



Alpha Helix Placement

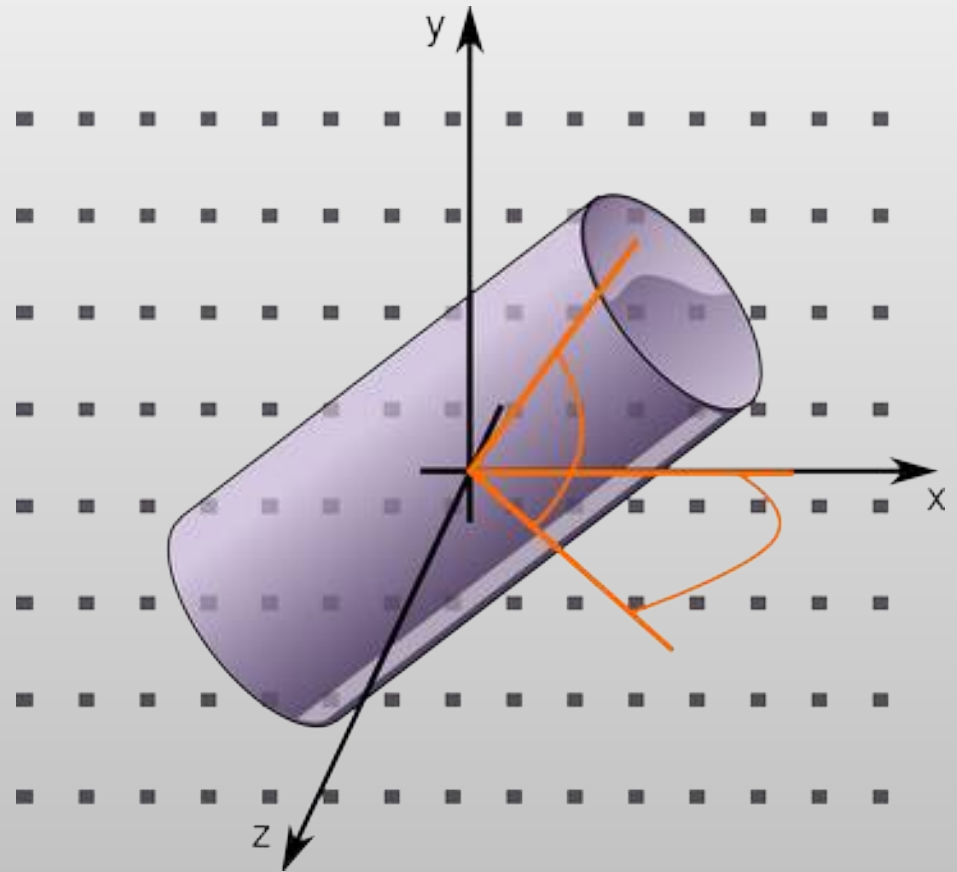
- **Scenario: Looking at a new map, not built with automatic tools:**
 - “I can see that there’s a helix here - build it for me!”
- **From a given point:**
 - Move to local averaged maximum
 - Do a 2D MR-style orientation search on a cylinder of electron density
 - Build a helix (both directions)
 - 1D Rotation search to find best fit
 - Score based on density at CB positions
 - Trim ‘n Grow

Centering the Rotation point

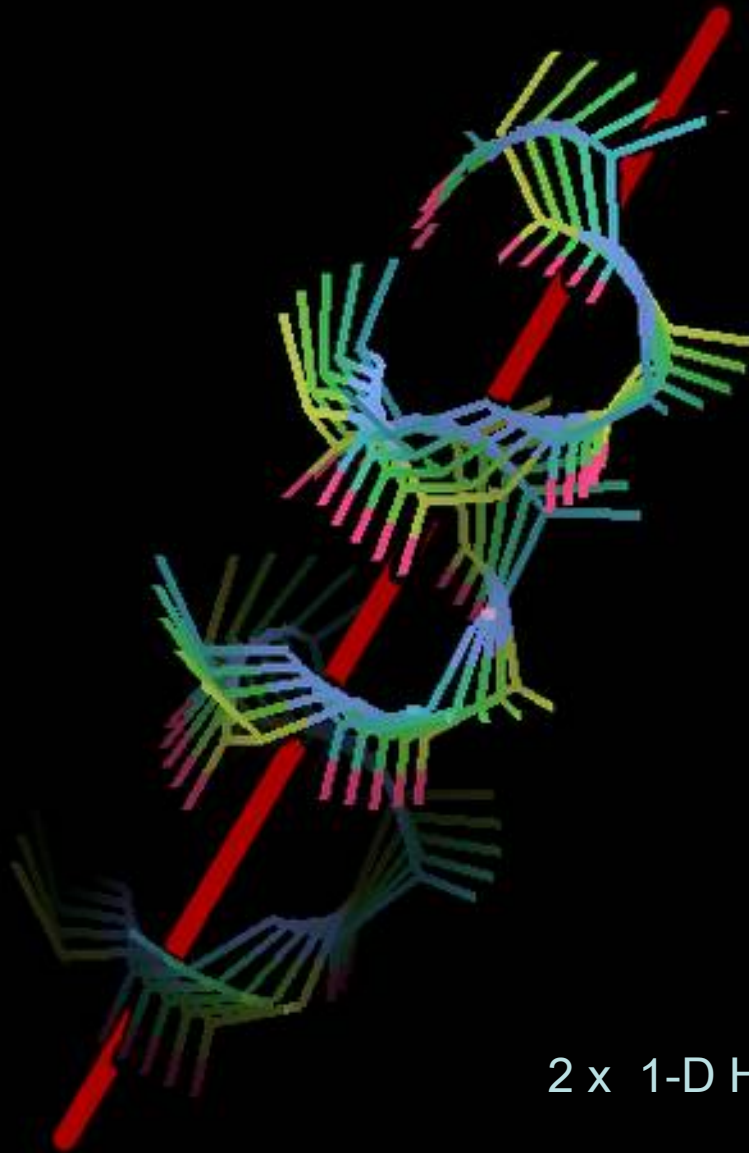


Helix Fitting: Cylinder Search

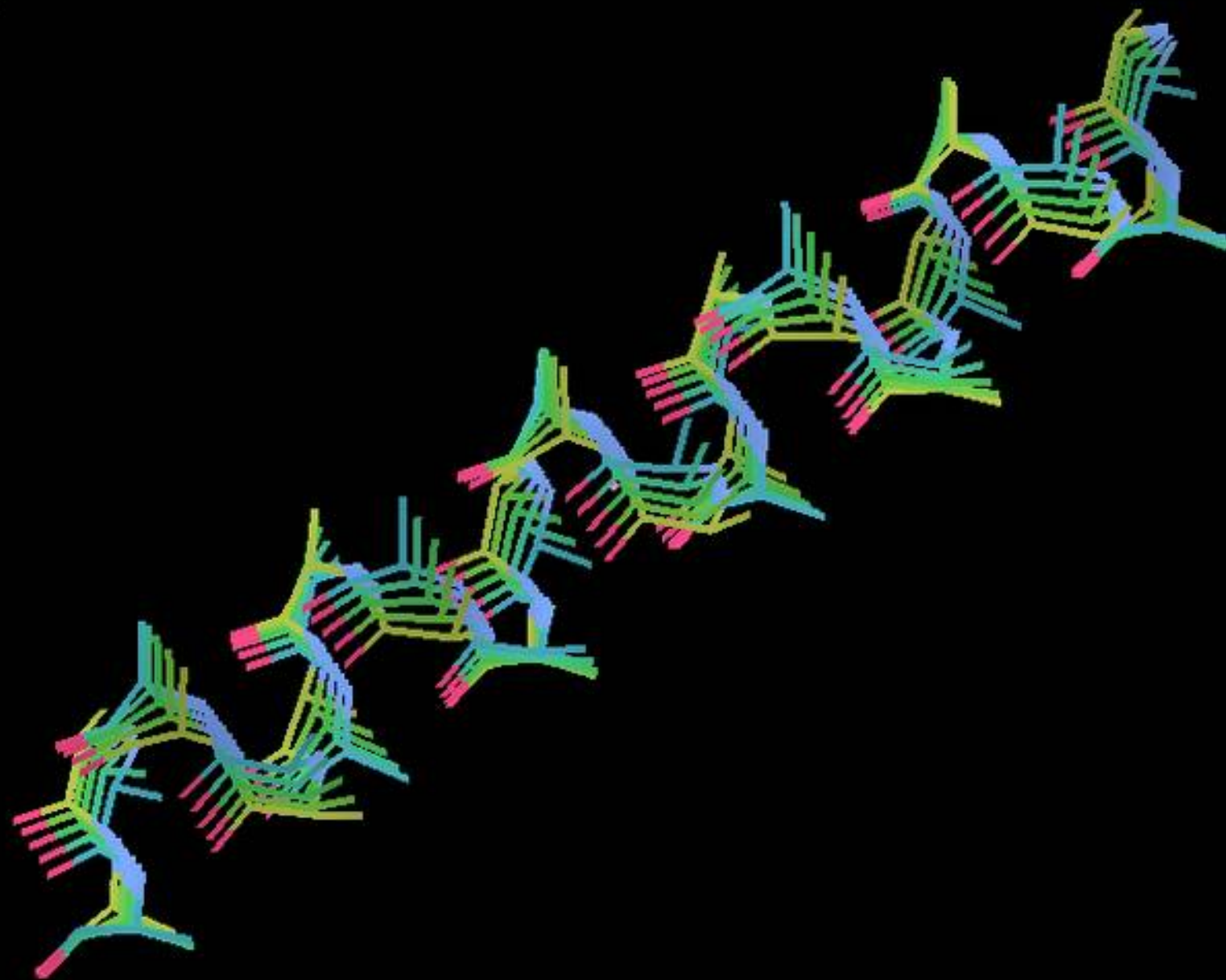
- Pick the orientation that encapsulates the most electron density

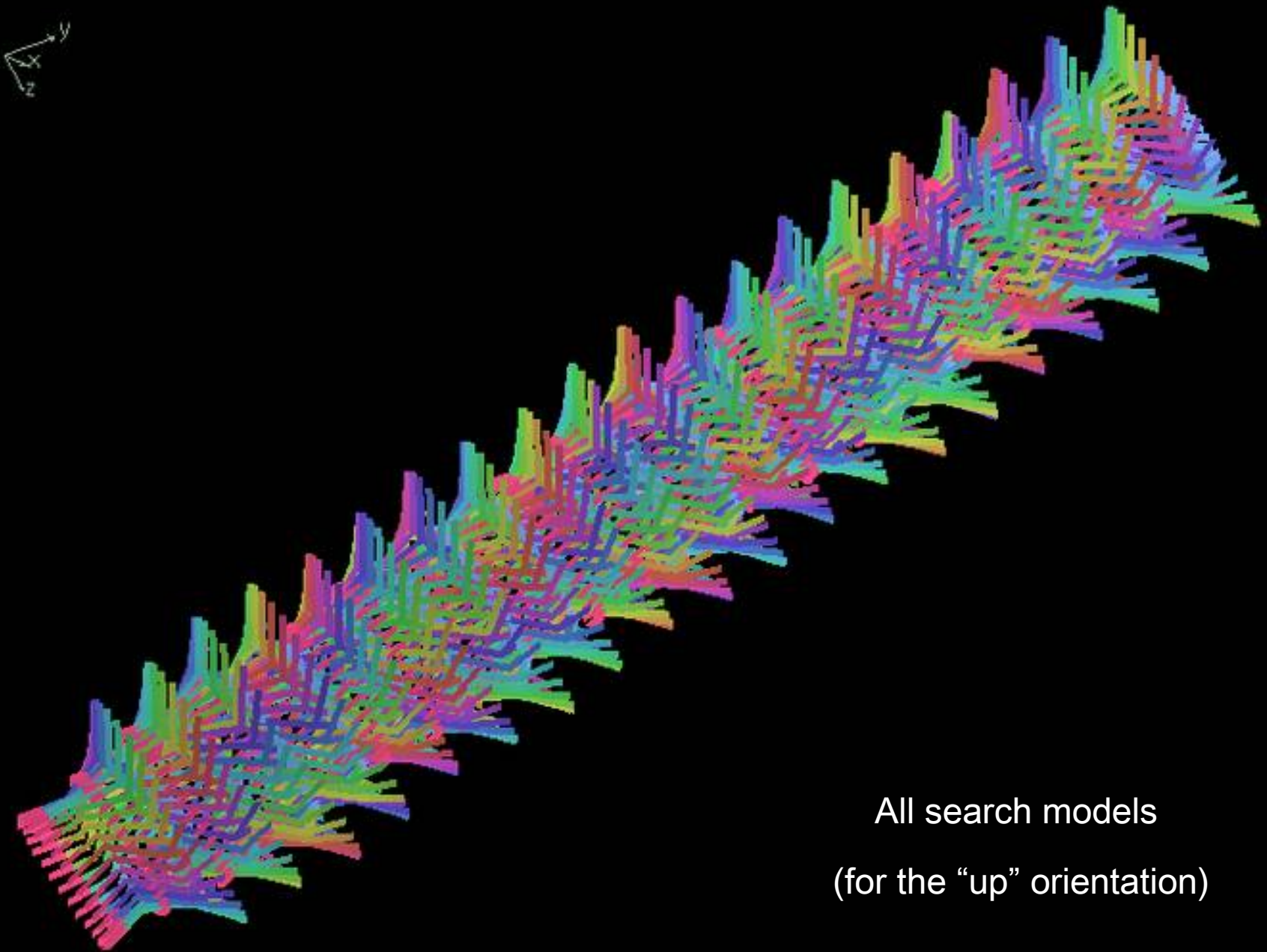


Using 2 rotation axes

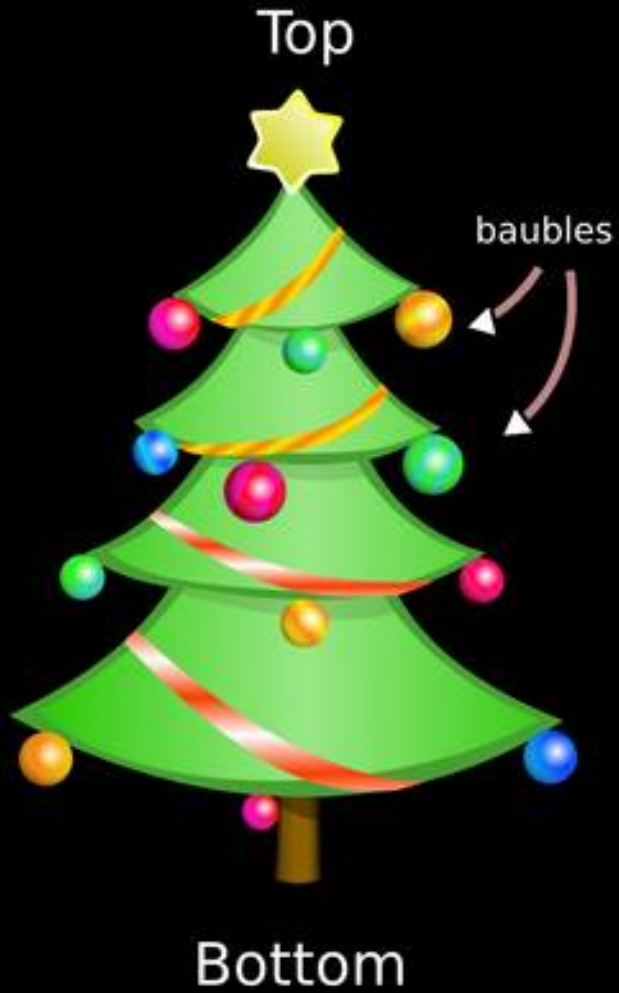


2 x 1-D Helix orientation searches



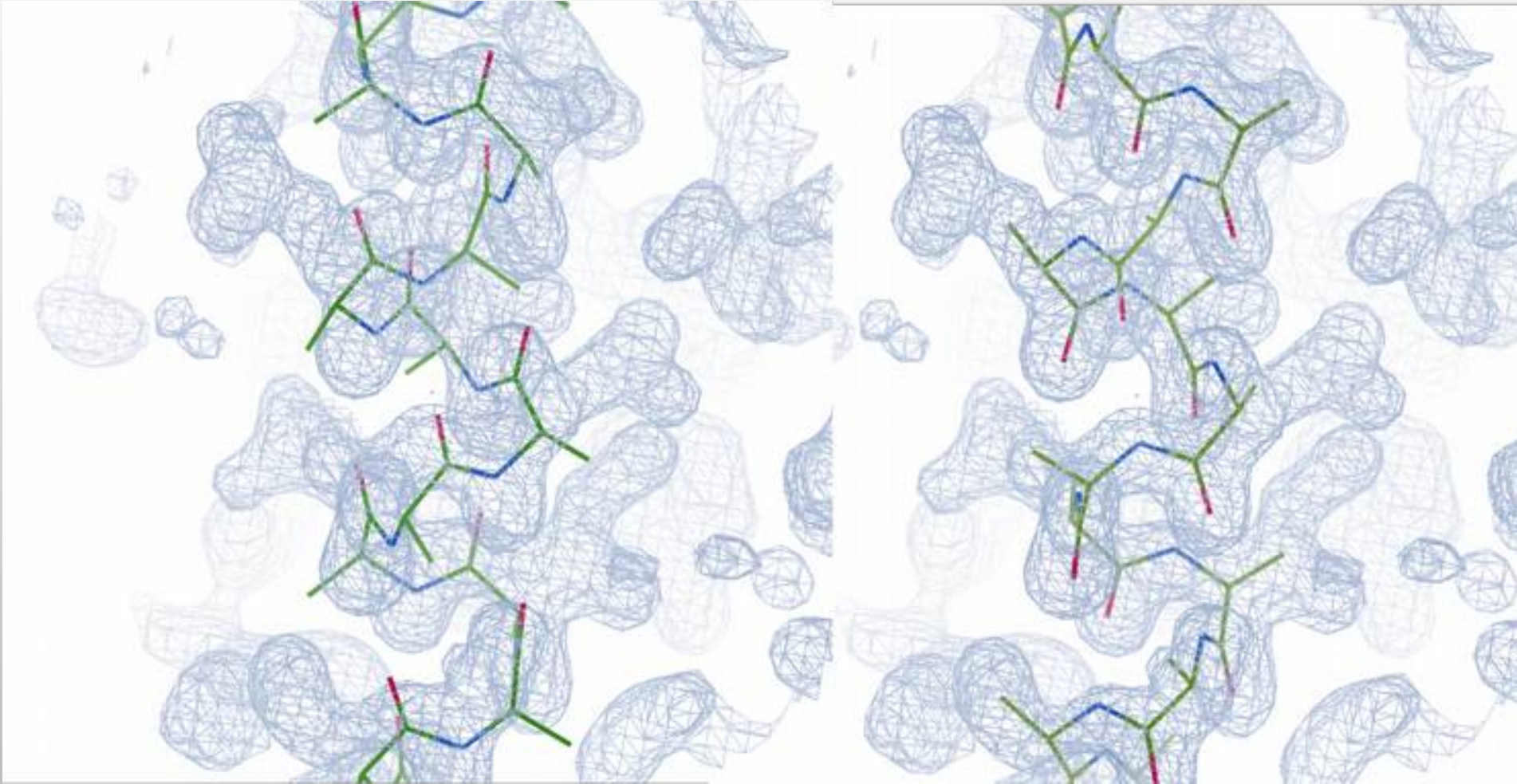


All search models
(for the “up” orientation)



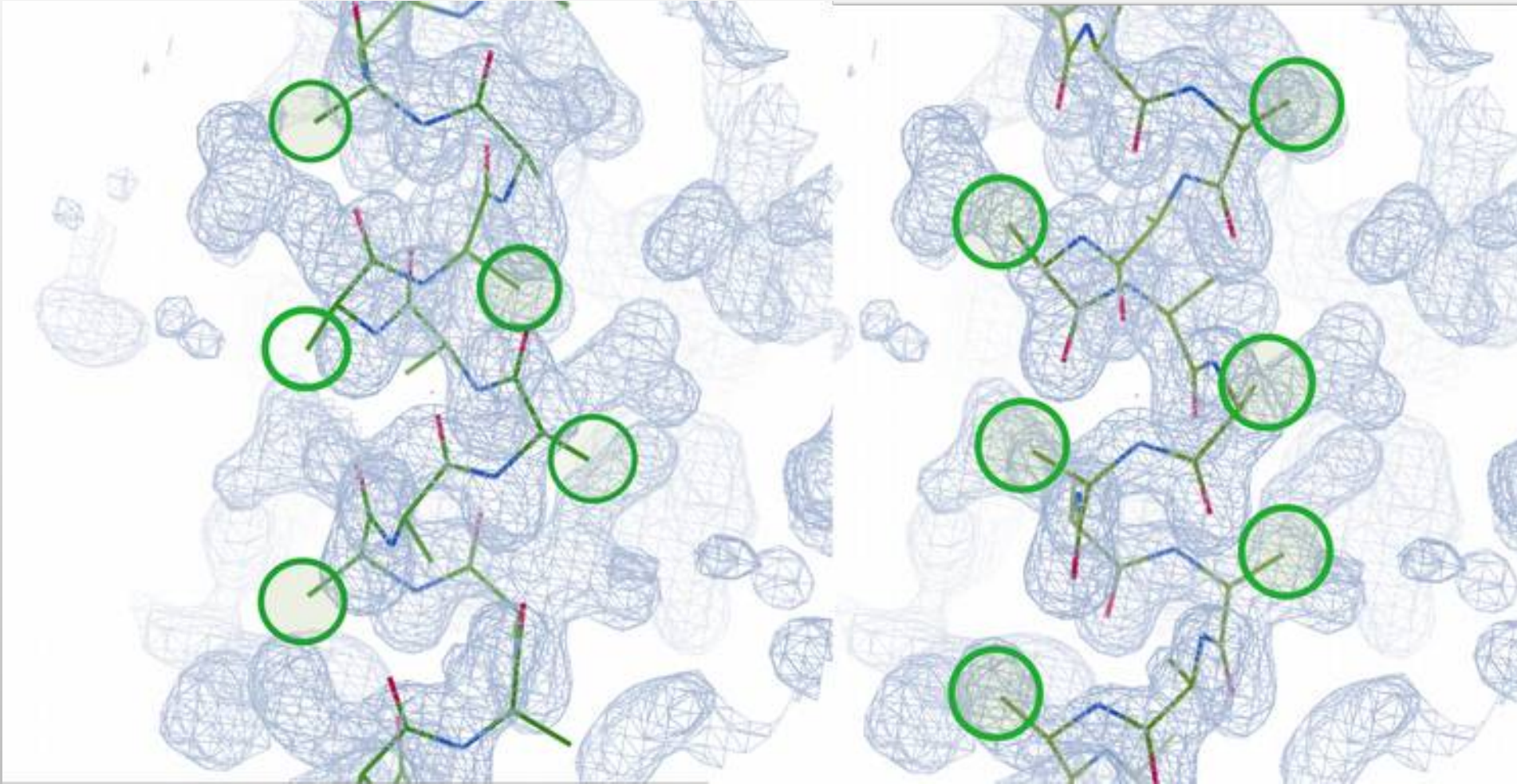
Helix Fitting

Comparing orientation hypotheses

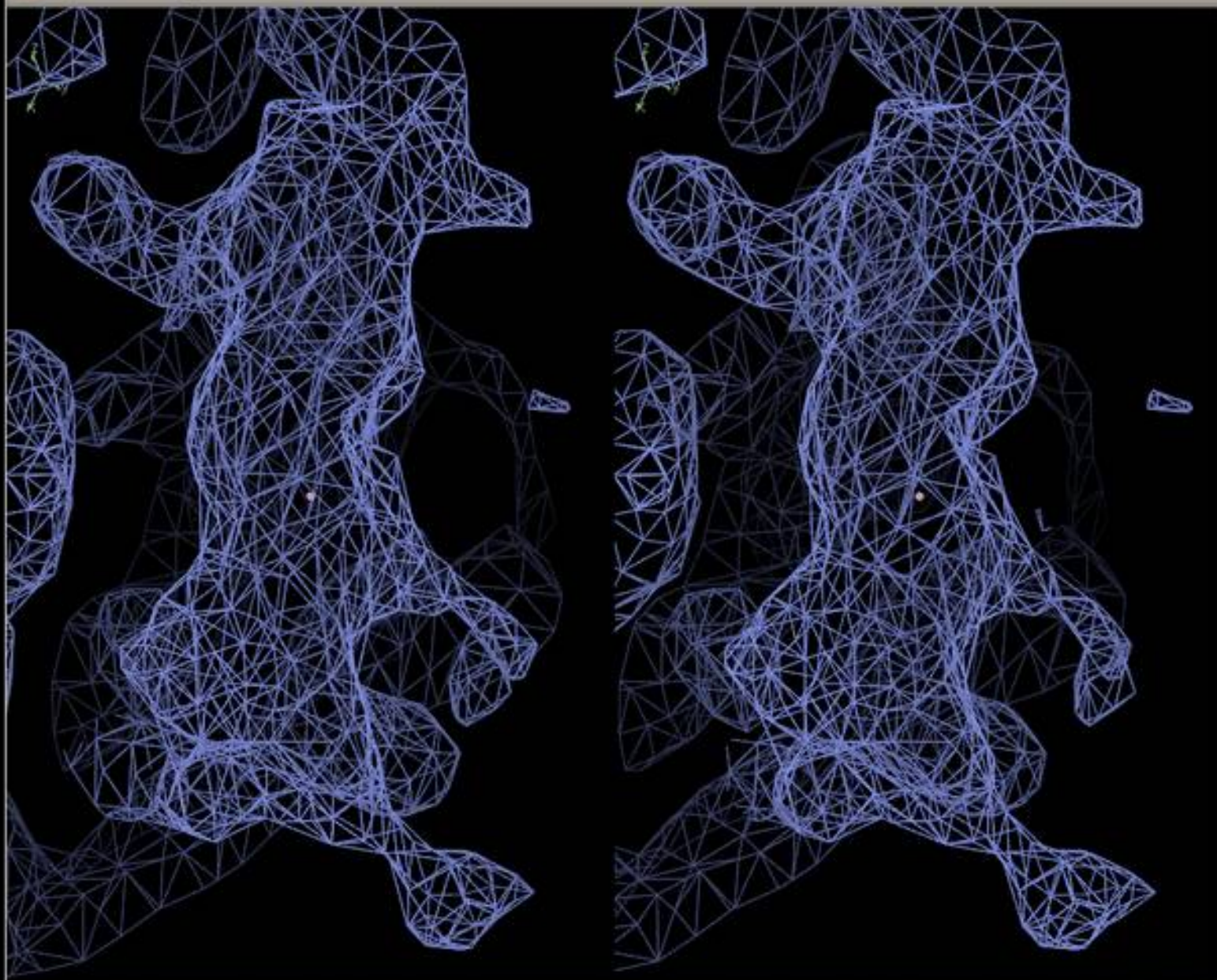


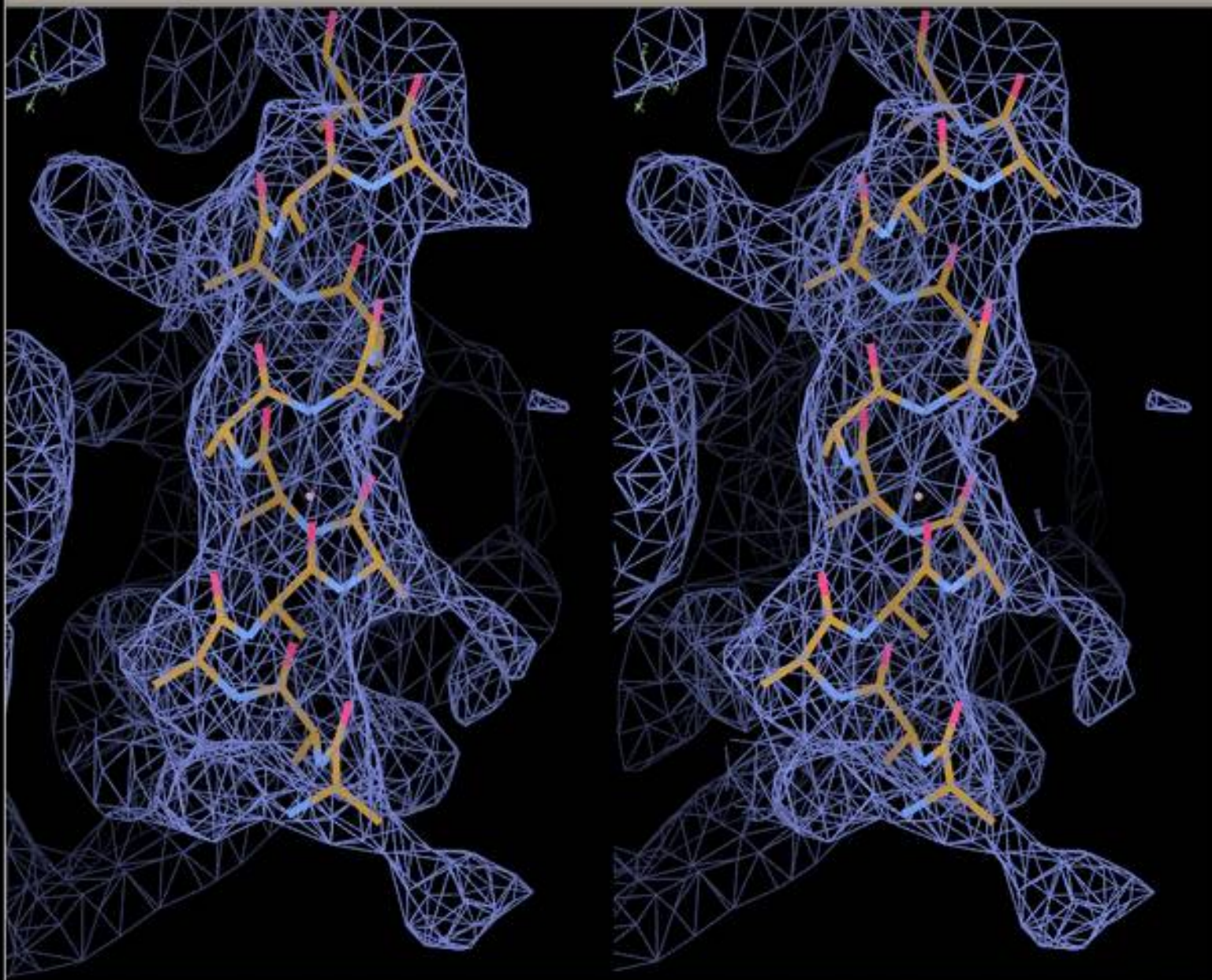
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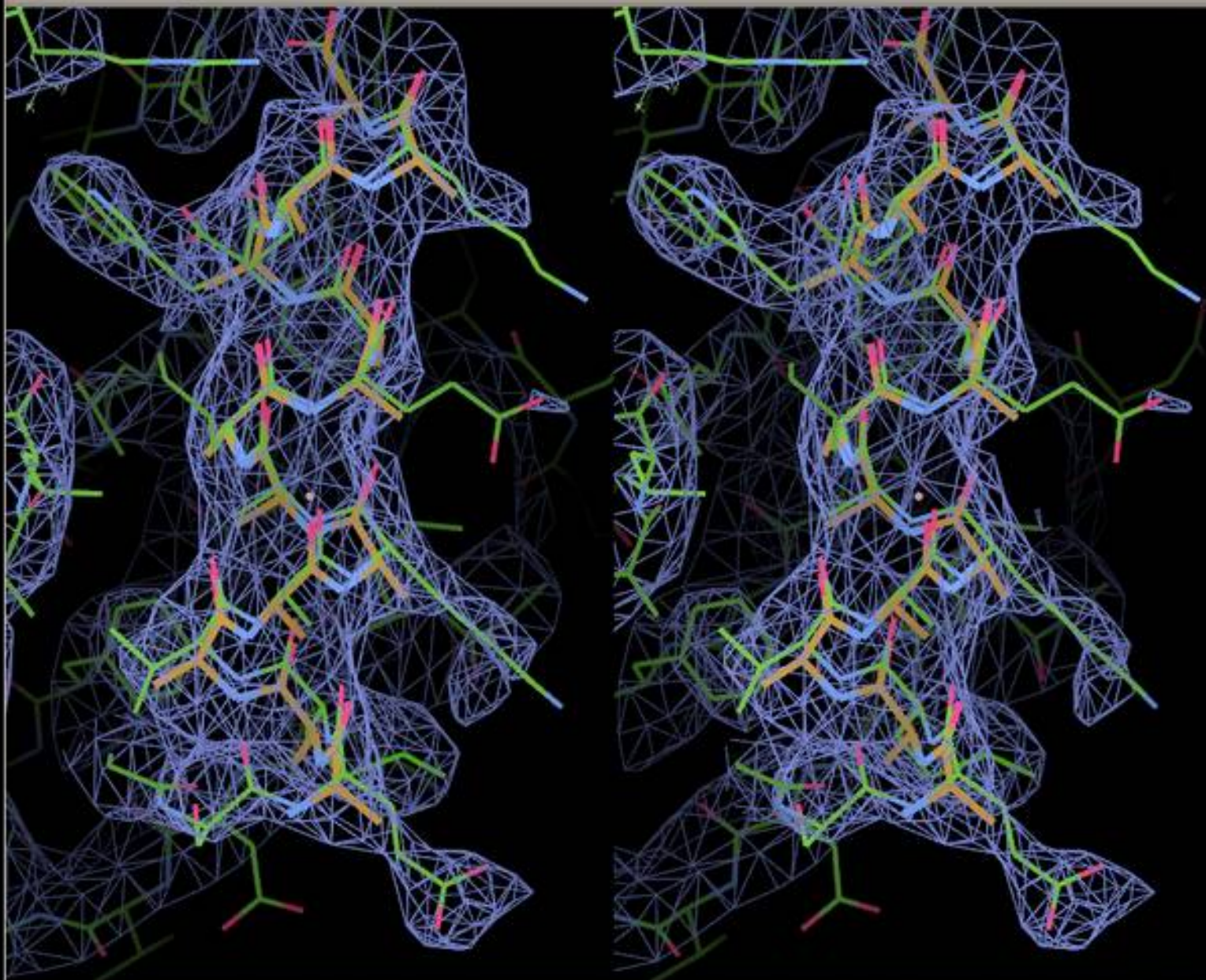
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c-betas not fitting and are used for
scoring







cis-Peptides

- What is a cis-peptide?
- Peptide restraints in Coot 2004-2015

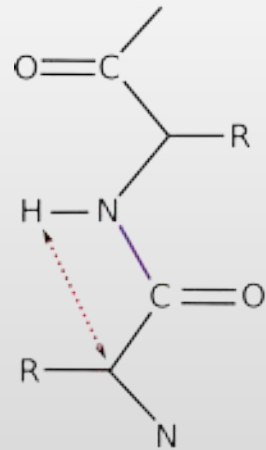
Merging

- Merging Fragments is much easier than it used to be
- (for overlapping fragments)

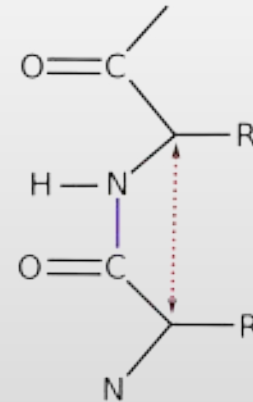
cis-Peptides

- A number of paper have been published recently highlighting the unusually large number of cis-peptides in some structures:
 - Croll: The rate of cis-trans conformation errors is increasing in low-resolution crystal structures *Acta Cryst.* (2015). **D71**, 706-709
 - Touw *et al.*: Detection of trans–cis flips and peptide-plane flips in protein structures *Acta Cryst.* (2015). **D71**, 1604-71614

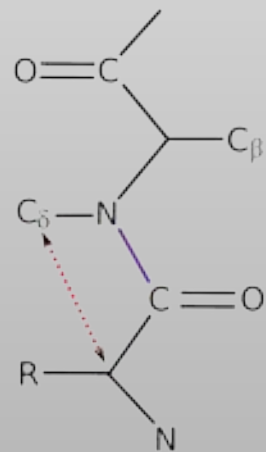
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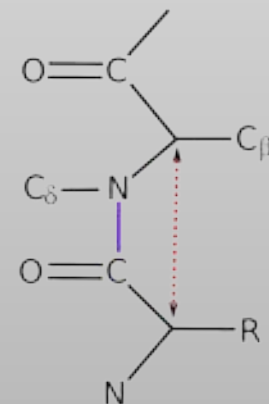
trans-peptide



cis-peptide

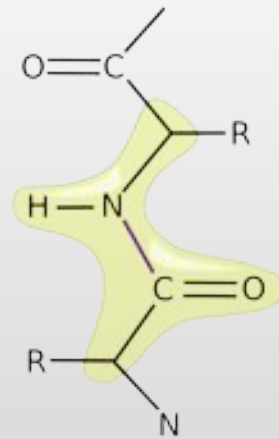


PRO trans-peptide

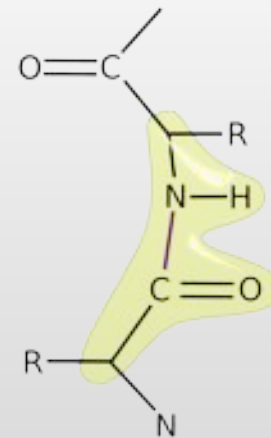


PRO cis-peptide

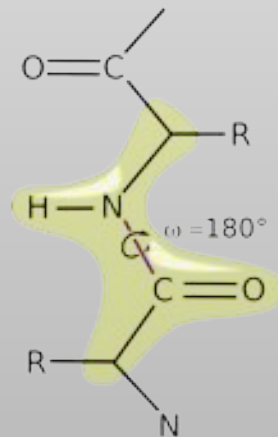
cis-Peptides



trans-peptide
with plane restraints

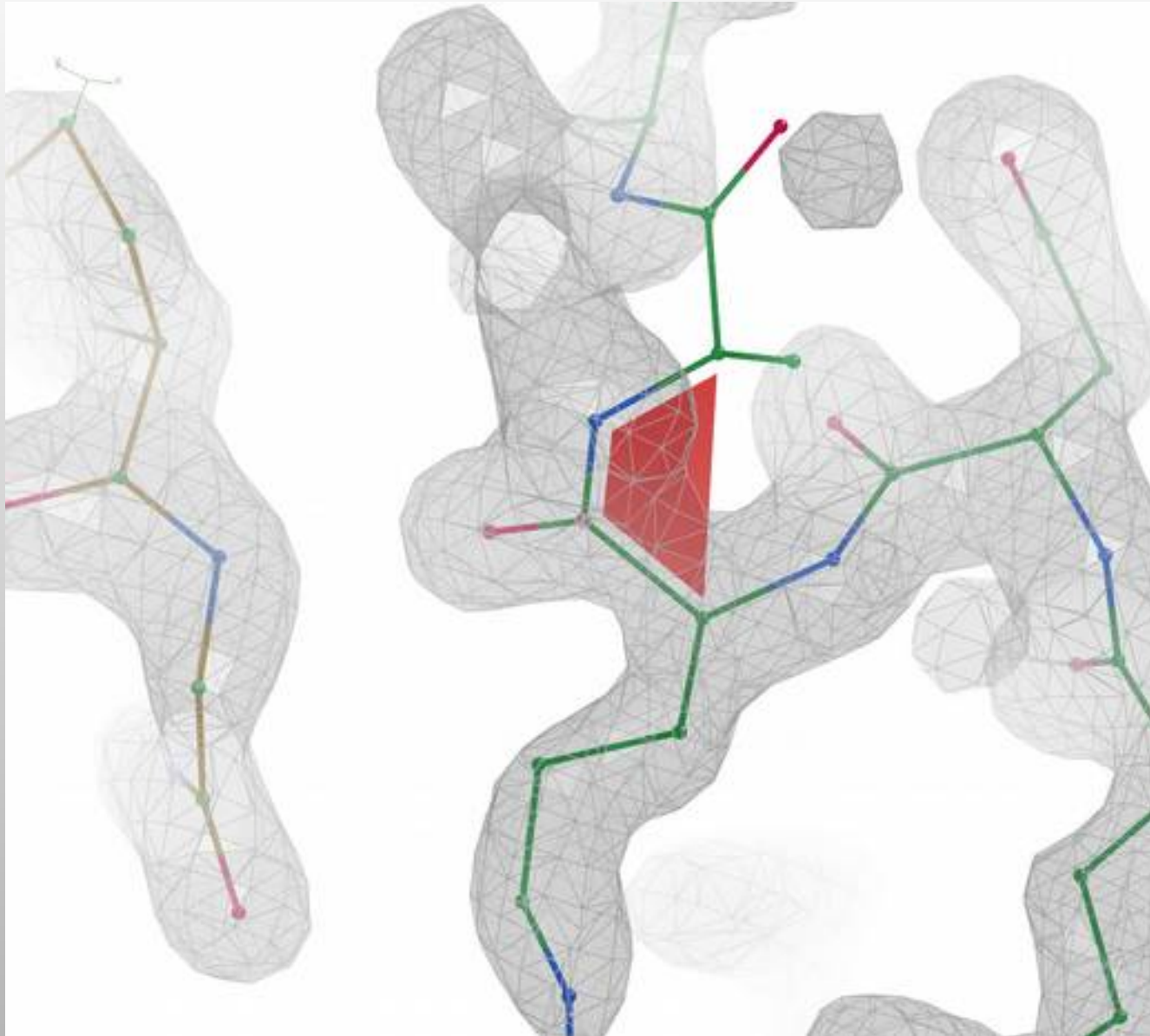


cis-peptide
with plane restraints



trans-peptide
with plane and trans restraints

cis-peptide Representation



Pre-PRO



Twisted-trans



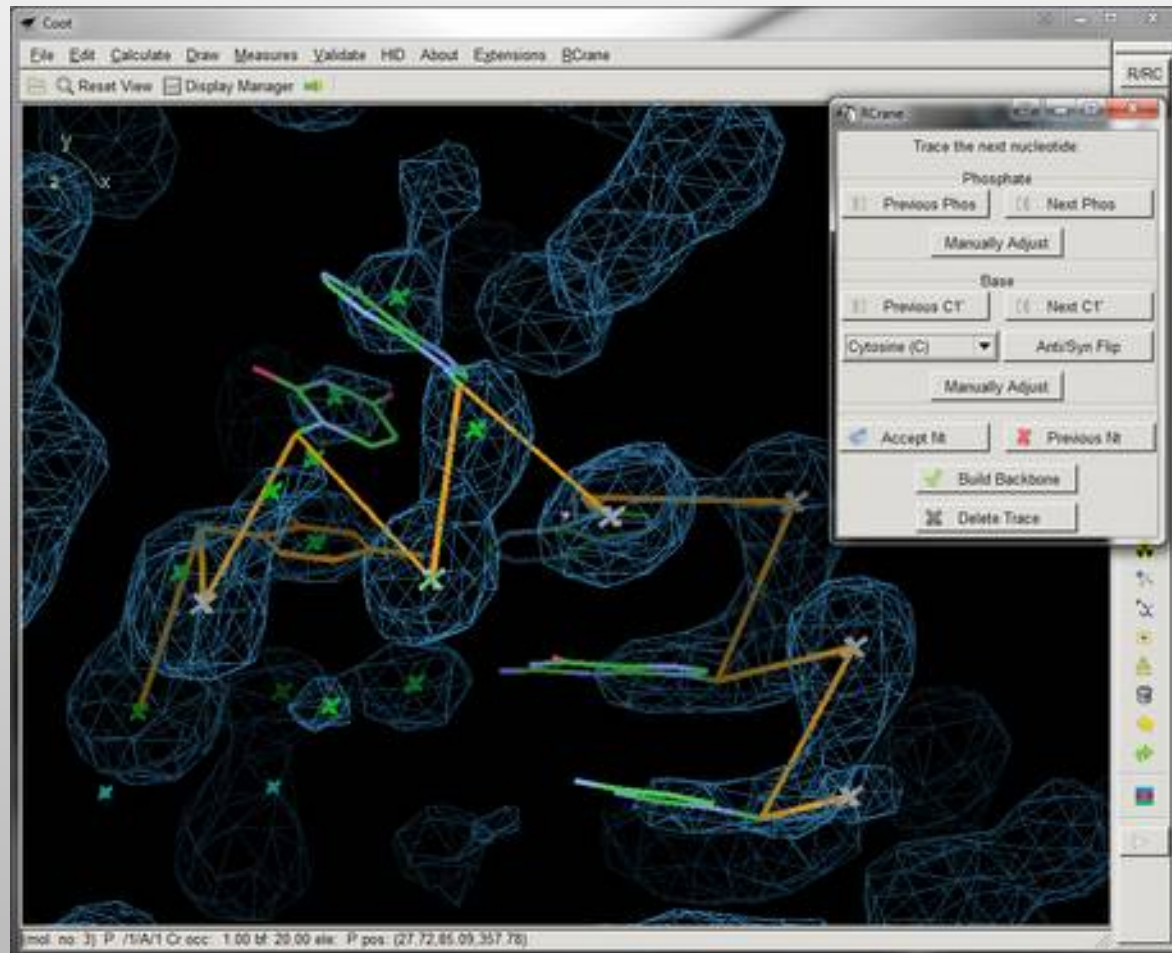
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A Sample of Tools

- A few extra tools...

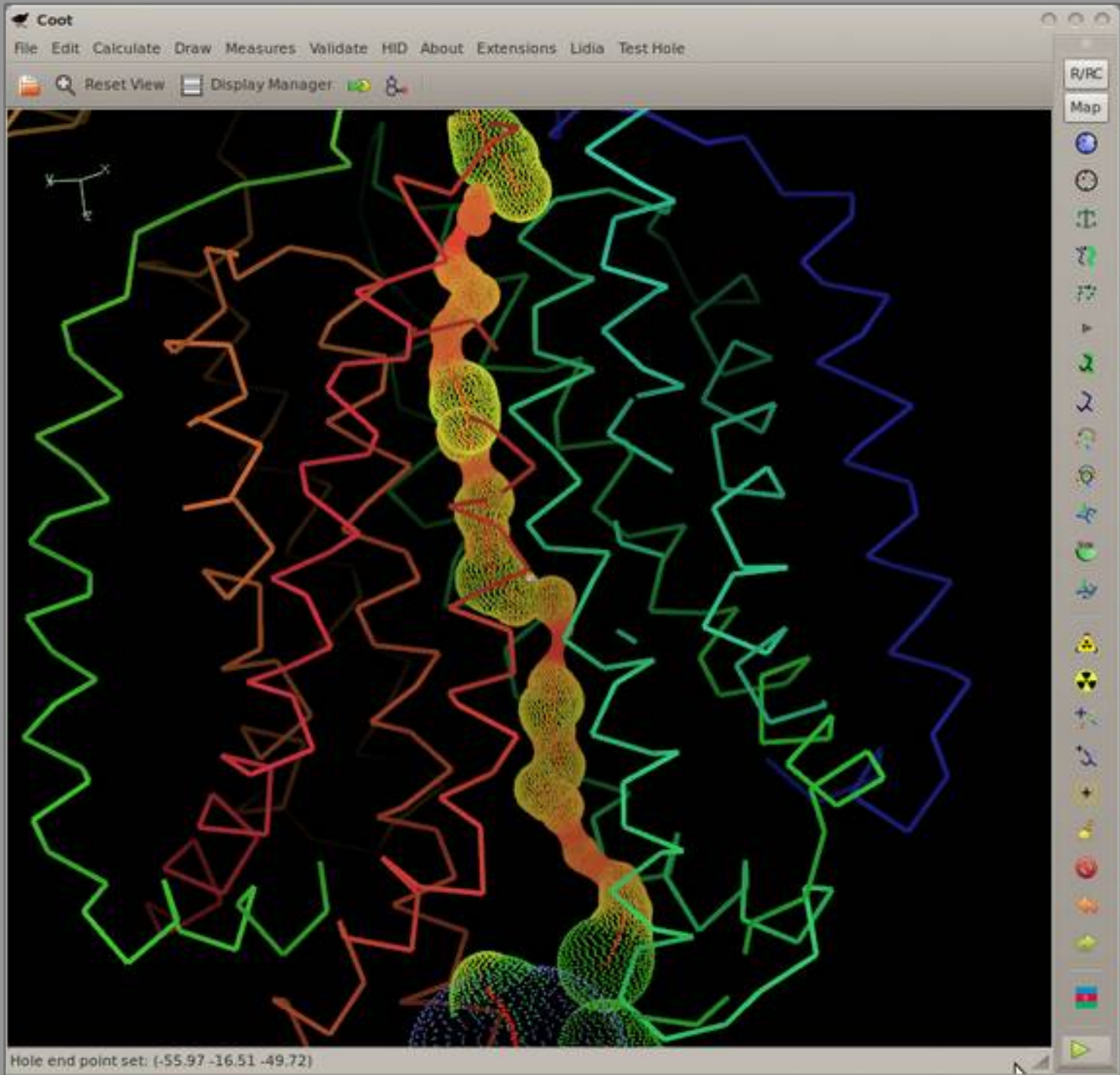
RCrane: Semi-automated RNA building



Kevin Keating

Finding Holes

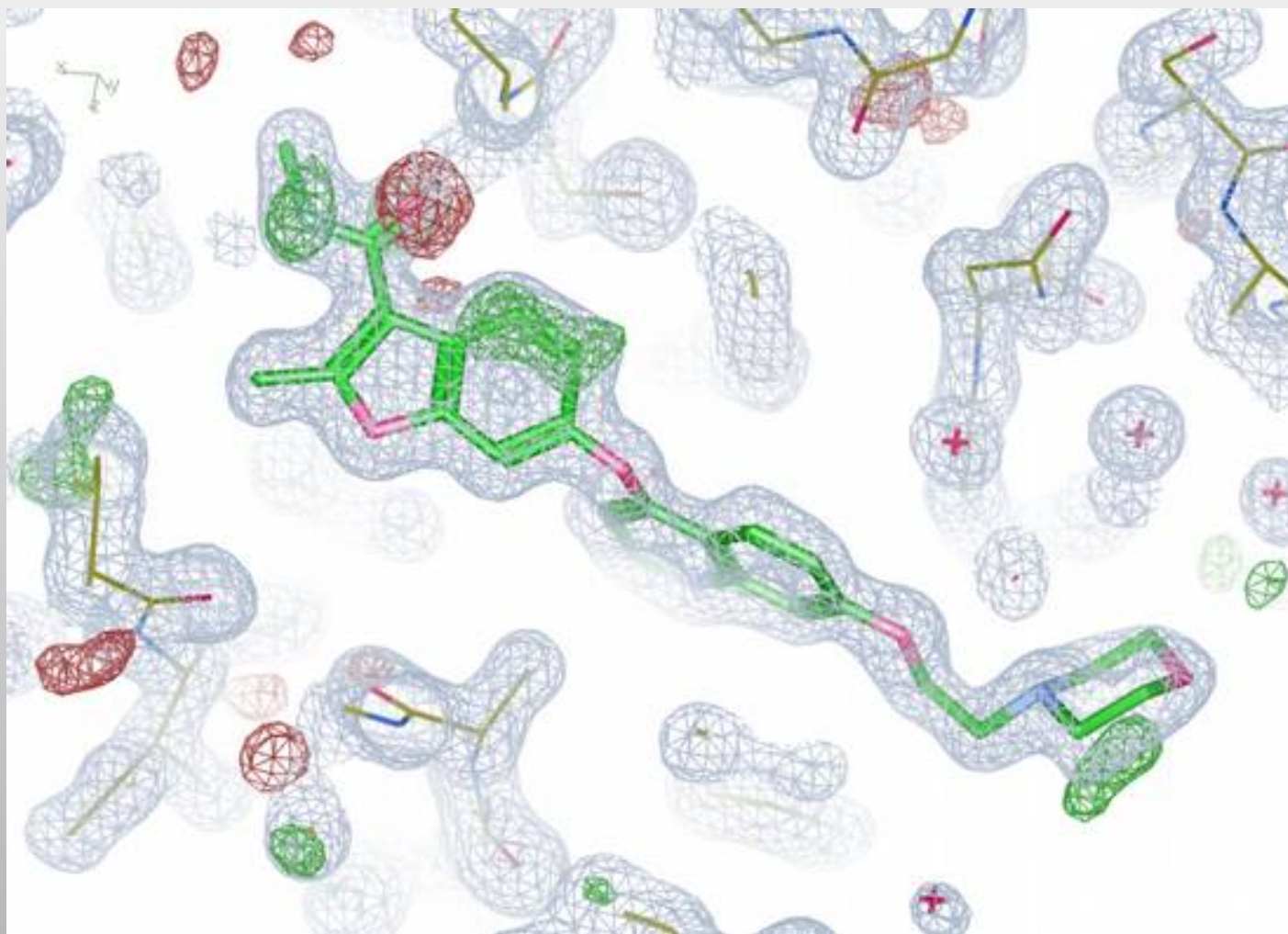
- An implementation of
 - Smart, Goodfellow & Wallace (1993) Biophysics Journal **65**, 2455
 - Atomic radii from AMBER
 - I used
 - radii from CCP4 monomer library
 - sans simulated annealing



Making Density Slides with Coot

- White background
- “High” Oversampling (2.3x)
- Pale gray (or very pastel) density colour
- Enable Cut-glass mode 5-10%
- Anti-aliased Coot
 - `$ setenv __GL_FSAA_MODE 5`
 - 0.8.3 will do a better job of anti-aliasing out the box
 - (transfer to CCP4-built binaries)

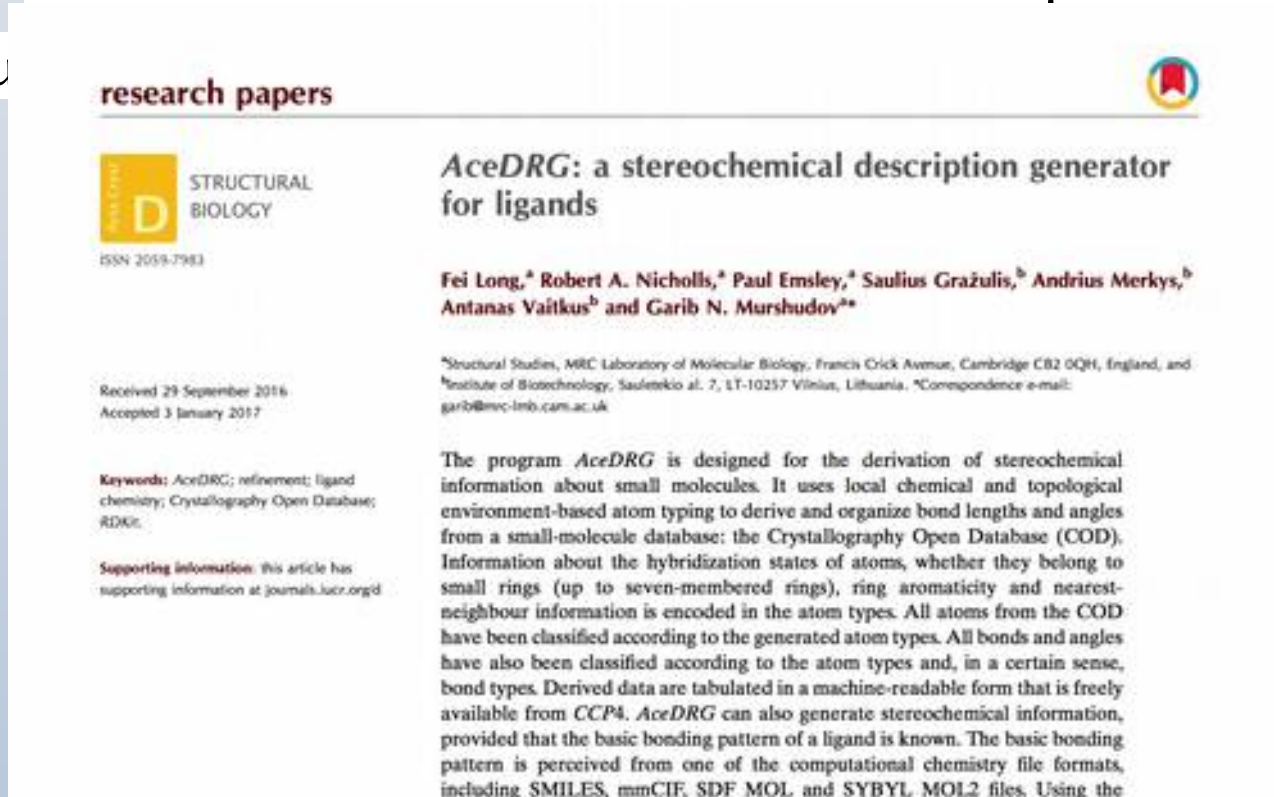
Example Density Slide



New CCP4 Software for Restraints Generation: AceDRG

- A dictionary generator based on geometry derived from structures in COD
- Let's re-write the Refmac/CCP4 Monomer Library
 - canonical sources: wwPBD Chemical Component Dictionary

• Mu



Acedrg: COD-Based Atom Types

- COD-based
- 2nd order neighbour-based



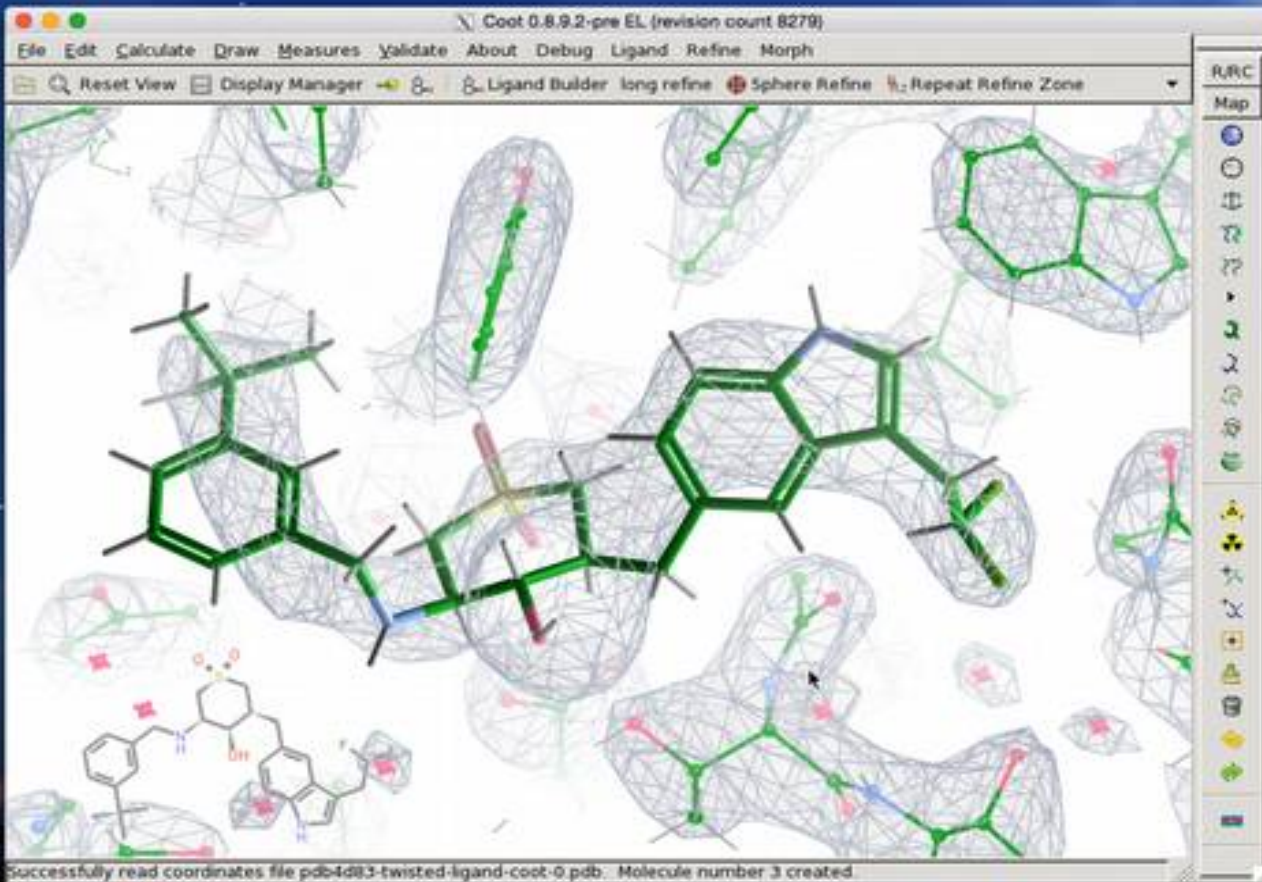
H1B: H(CHHO)

C9: C[5,5,6](C[5,5]CHH)(C[5,6]CHH)(C[5,6]CHO)(H)

Acedrg Link Mode

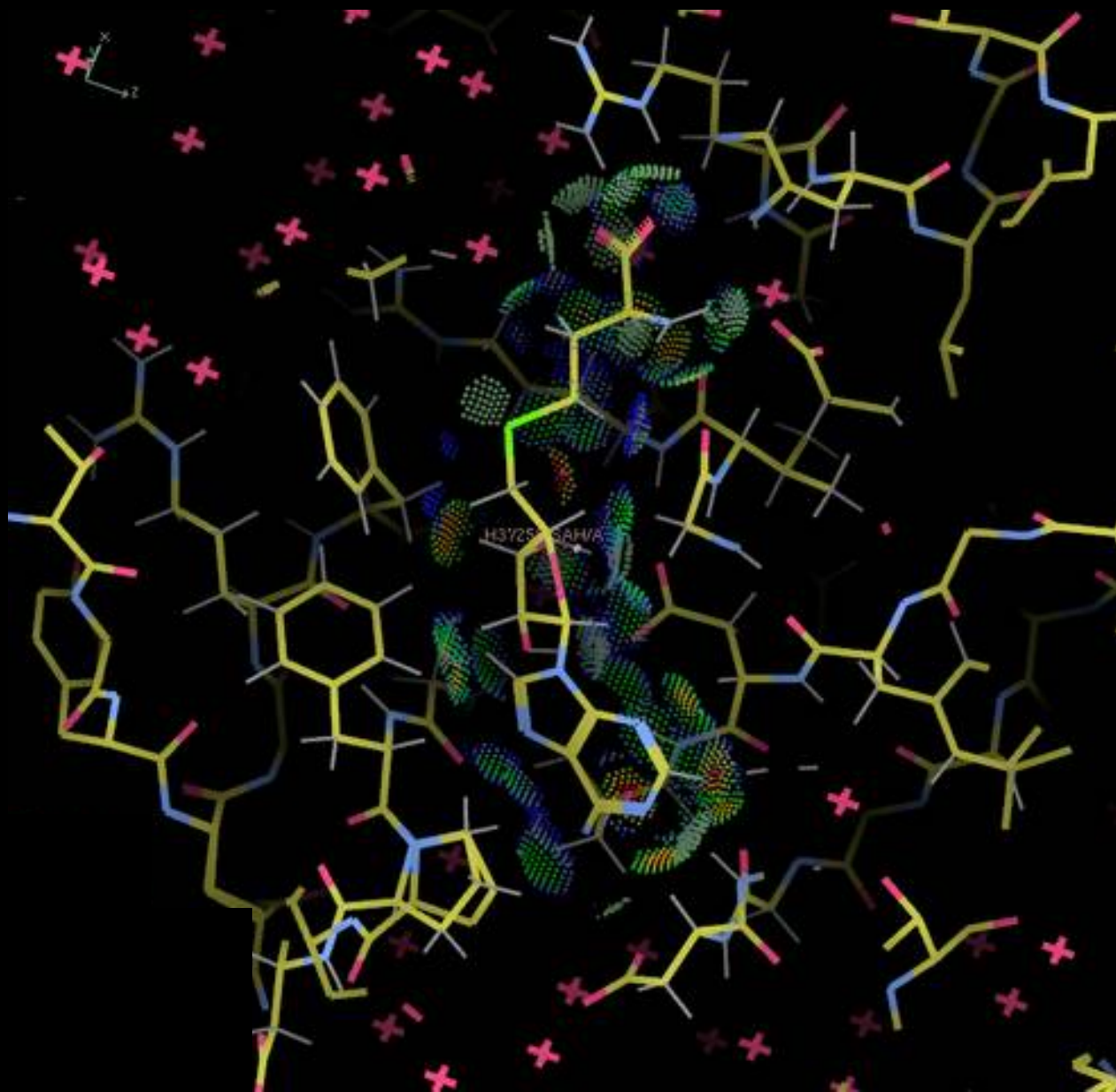
- Links between monomers are made with link dictionary that describes the edits to the chemistry that occurs as a result of the generation of a new covalent bond
- We prefer and recommend the use of Links between (previously known) monomers are preferred to creation of a new chemical entity
- A new interface in Coot to exploit it

Acedrg Link Mode *Coot* Interface

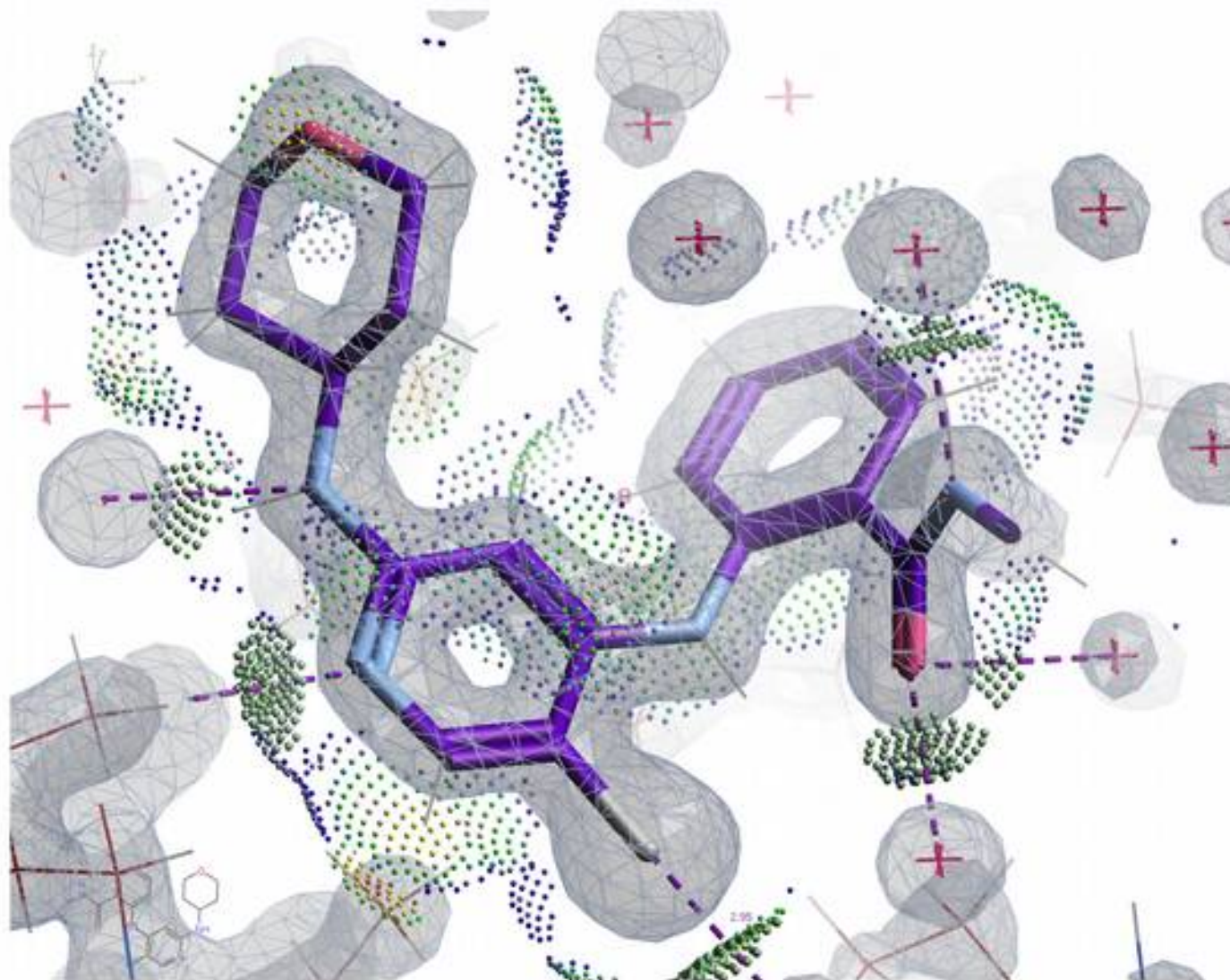


Ligand \rightarrow Isolated Contact Dots

Probe Contacts



Ligand → Isolated Contact Dots



Ligand \rightarrow Tabulate Ligand Distortions

Example Coot Ligand Distortion Score

Residue Distortion List:

plane	O3	C19	C20	C18	C16	C15	C17	C13	C14	N2	C4	C5	O1	C3	C6	O2	penalty-score:	36.51
plane	C2	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12										penalty-score:	8.82
bond	C13	to	C4	target_value:	1.490	d:	1.432	sigma:	0.020	length-devi	-0.058						penalty-score:	8.44
bond	C4	to	C3	target_value:	1.490	d:	1.436	sigma:	0.020	length-devi	-0.054						penalty-score:	7.21
bond	O3	to	C19	target_value:	1.362	d:	1.318	sigma:	0.020	length-devi	-0.044						penalty-score:	4.75
bond	C19	to	C20	target_value:	1.390	d:	1.433	sigma:	0.020	length-devi	0.043						penalty-score:	4.67
bond	C1	to	C2	target_value:	1.390	d:	1.428	sigma:	0.020	length-devi	0.038						penalty-score:	3.70
bond	C4	to	C5	target_value:	1.490	d:	1.454	sigma:	0.020	length-devi	-0.036						penalty-score:	3.26
bond	C13	to	C14	target_value:	1.490	d:	1.456	sigma:	0.020	length-devi	-0.034						penalty-score:	2.91
bond	C15	to	C13	target_value:	1.490	d:	1.458	sigma:	0.020	length-devi	-0.032						penalty-score:	2.57
bond	C16	to	C15	target_value:	1.490	d:	1.459	sigma:	0.020	length-devi	-0.031						penalty-score:	2.45
angle	C13	-	C4	-	C5	target:	108.00	model_angle:	133.80	sigma:	3.00	angle-devi	25.80				penalty-score:	73.93
angle	O1	-	C5	-	C4	target:	108.00	model_angle:	126.59	sigma:	3.00	angle-devi	18.59				penalty-score:	38.38
angle	C13	-	C15	-	C16	target:	120.00	model_angle:	102.30	sigma:	3.00	angle-devi	17.70				penalty-score:	34.83
angle	O2	-	C6	-	N1	target:	108.00	model_angle:	122.80	sigma:	3.00	angle-devi	14.80				penalty-score:	24.34
angle	O2	-	C6	-	C3	target:	108.00	model_angle:	122.76	sigma:	3.00	angle-devi	14.76				penalty-score:	24.19
angle	C13	-	C15	-	C17	target:	120.00	model_angle:	133.33	sigma:	3.00	angle-devi	13.33				penalty-score:	19.76
angle	C4	-	C13	-	C15	target:	120.00	model_angle:	132.99	sigma:	3.00	angle-devi	12.99				penalty-score:	18.76
angle	N1	-	C5	-	O1	target:	108.00	model_angle:	120.48	sigma:	3.00	angle-devi	12.48				penalty-score:	17.32
angle	C15	-	C13	-	C14	target:	120.00	model_angle:	110.43	sigma:	3.00	angle-devi	-9.57				penalty-score:	10.18
angle	N1	-	C6	-	C3	target:	108.00	model_angle:	114.28	sigma:	3.00	angle-devi	6.28				penalty-score:	4.38
angle	C6	-	C3	-	C4	target:	108.00	model_angle:	101.75	sigma:	3.00	angle-devi	-6.25				penalty-score:	4.34

Residue Distortion Summary:

29 bond restraints

44 angle restraints

sum of bond distortions penalties: 59.5697

sum of angle distortions penalties: 300.405

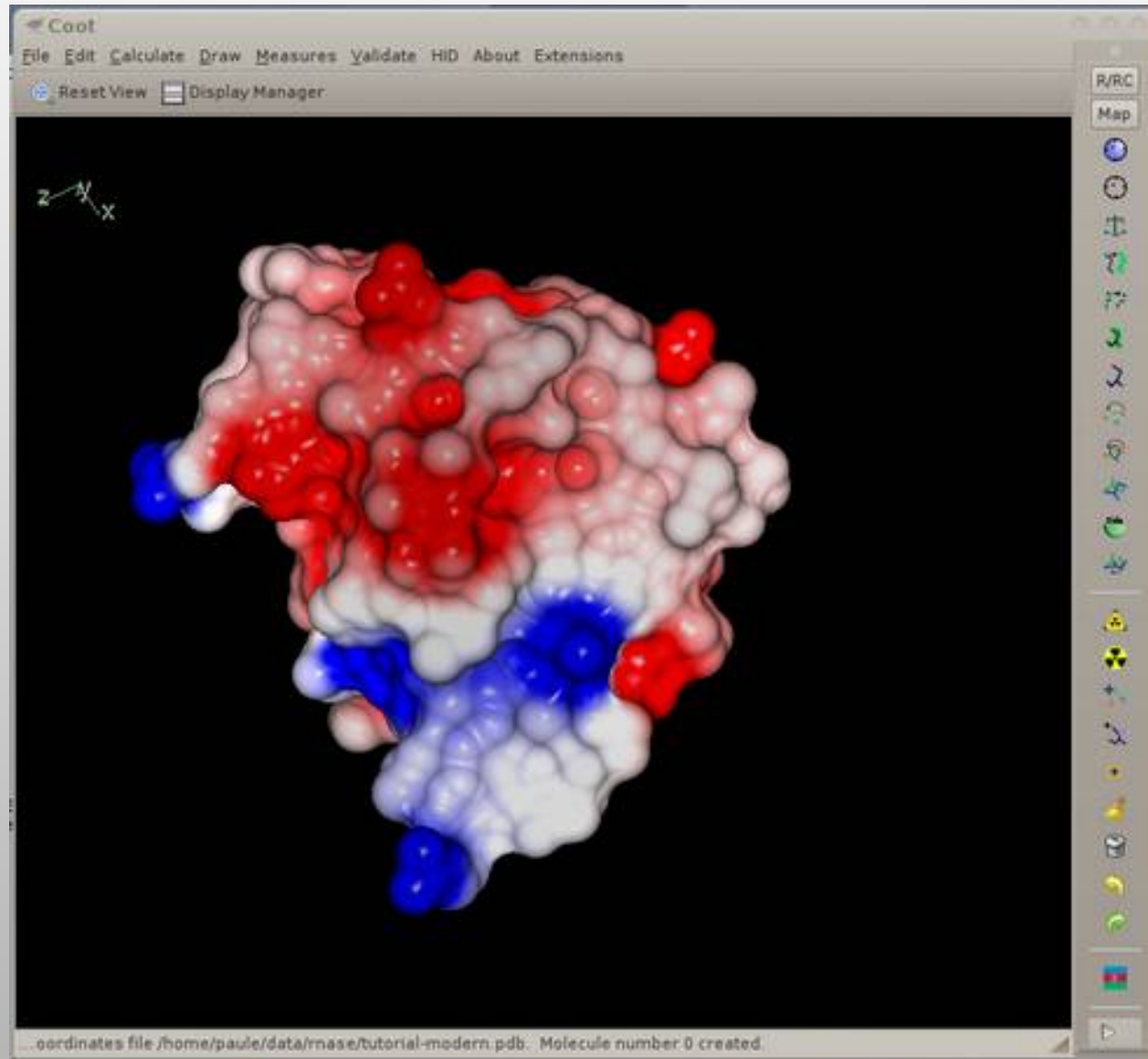
average bond distortion penalty: 2.05413

average angle distortion penalty: 6.82739

total distortion penalty: 405.304

average distortion penalty: 4.93116

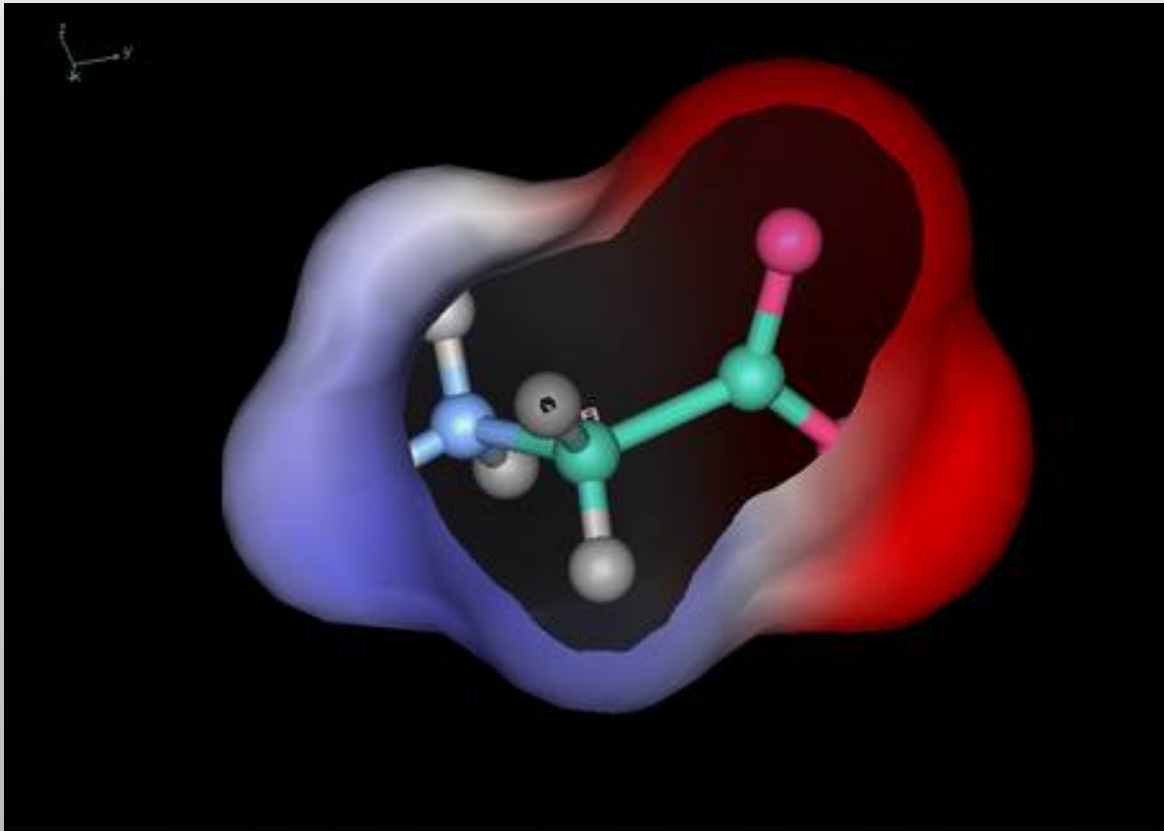
Some Representation Tools



Gruber & Noble
(2007)

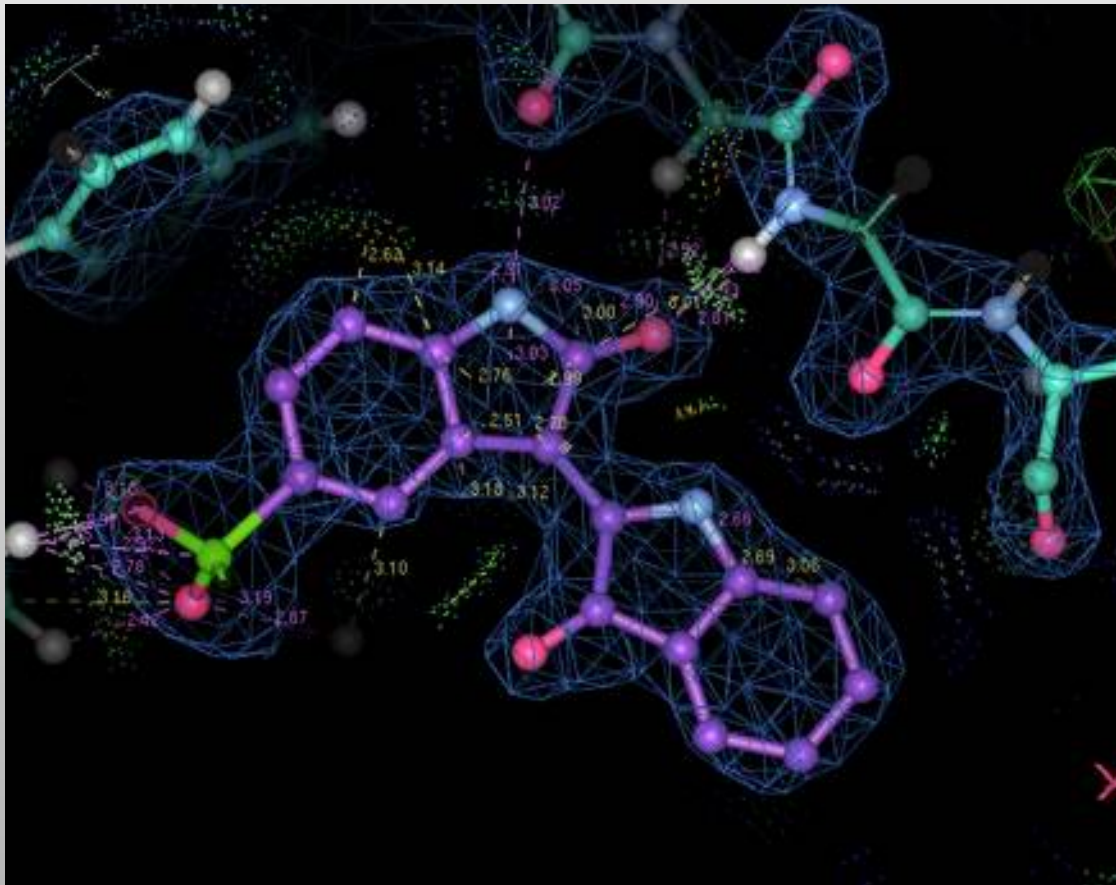
Other Things

- Surfaces that use dictionary partial charges

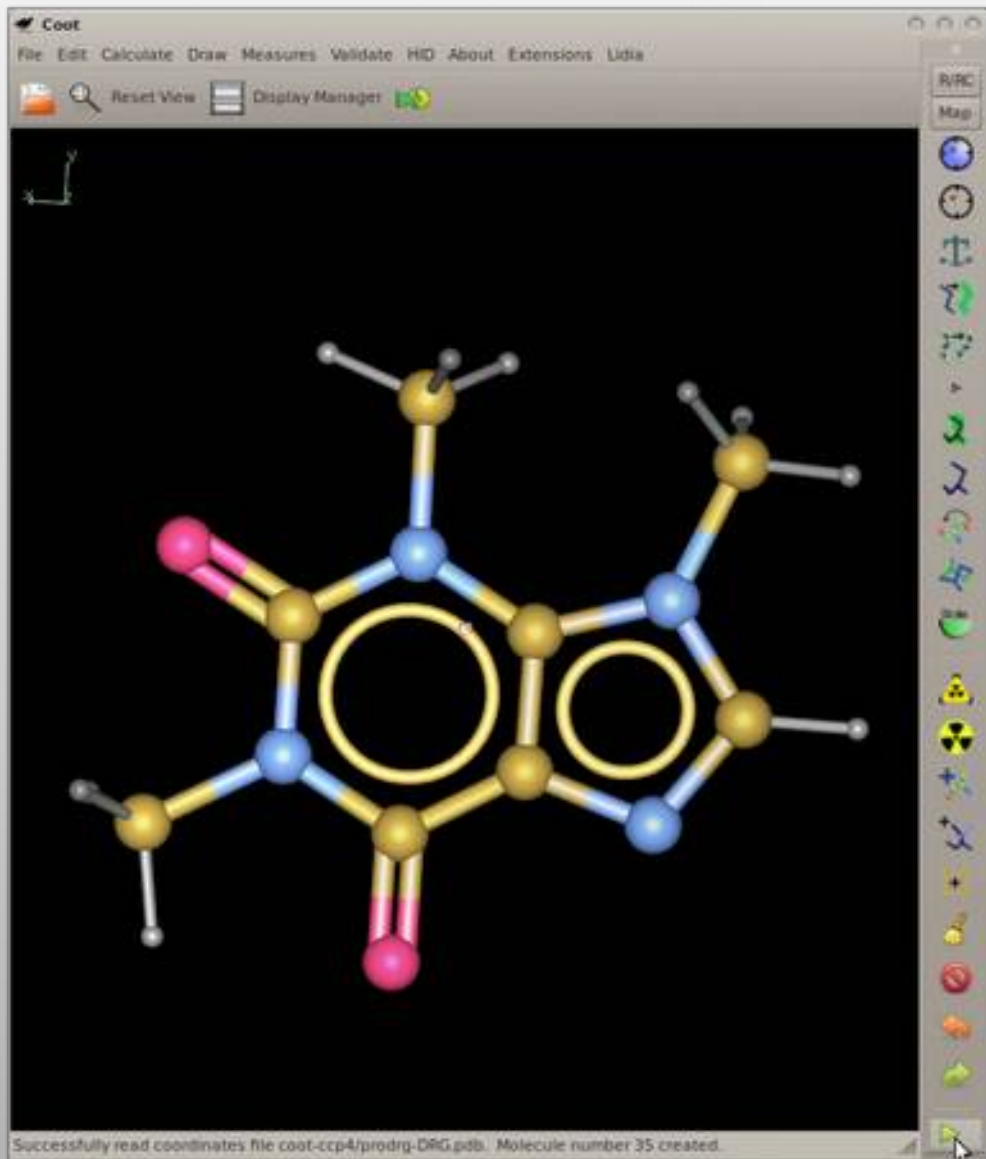


Other Tools

- Molprobit dots for ligands
- Highlight interesting site

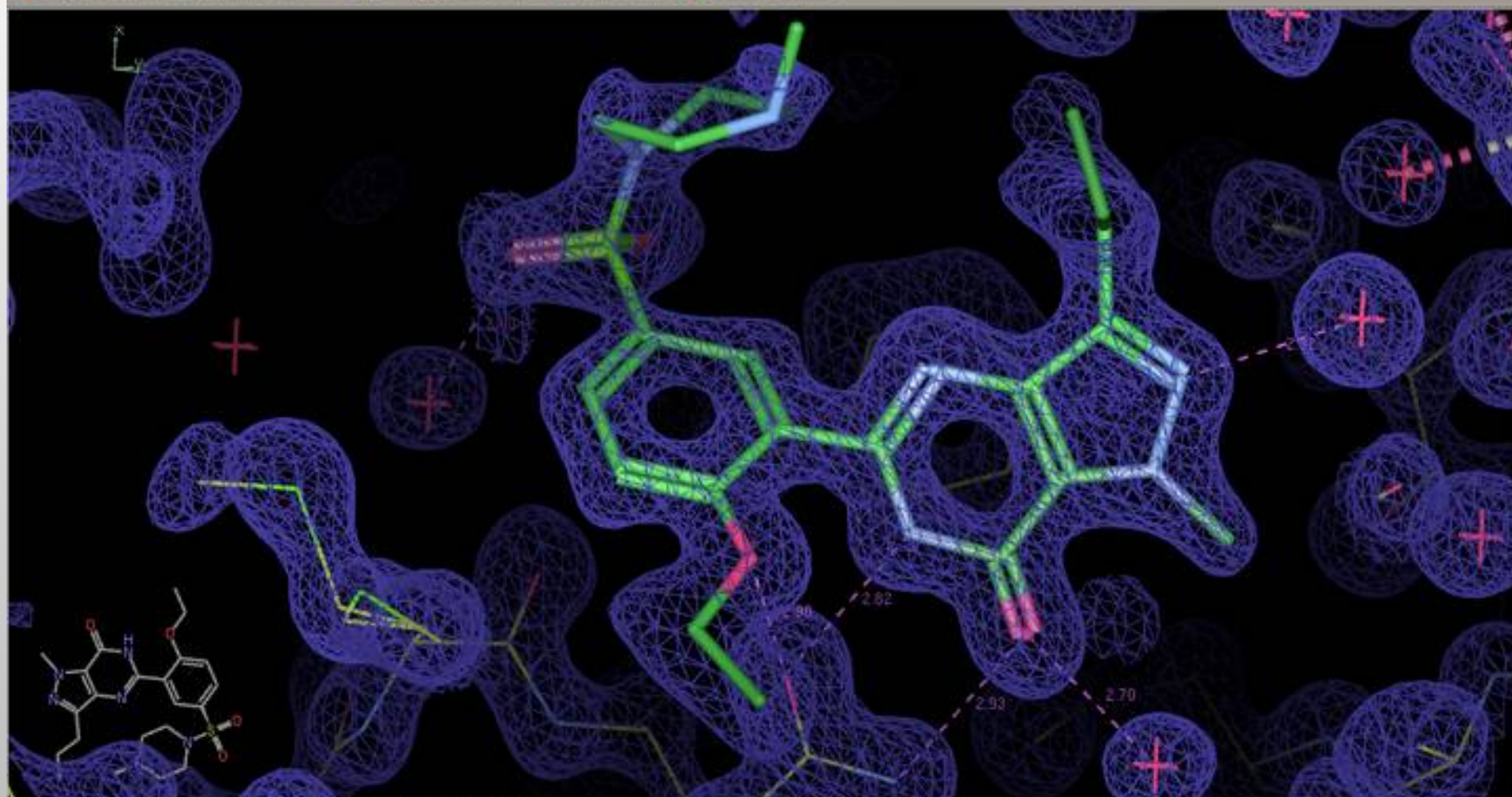


Representing Bond Orders



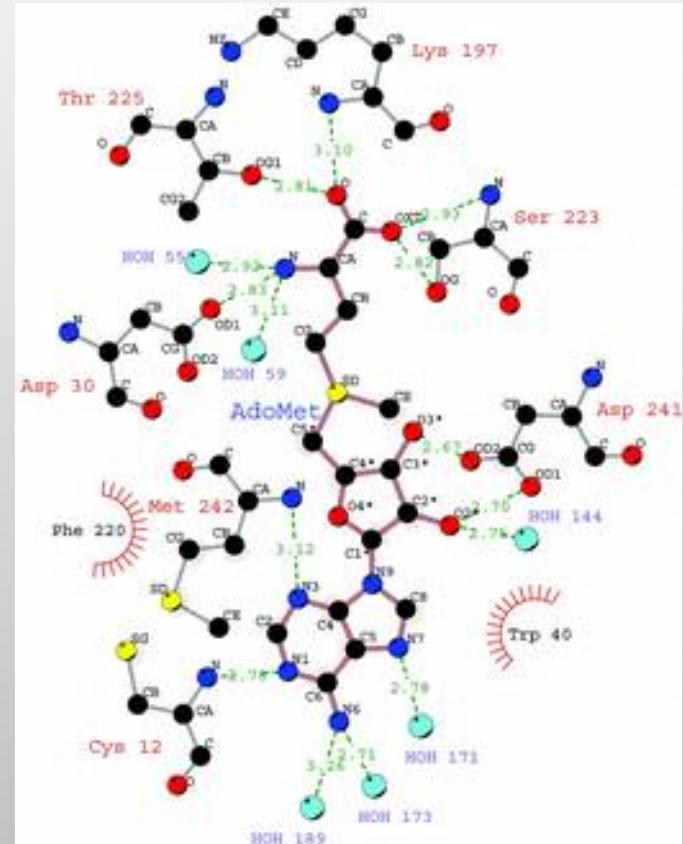
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(mol. no: 6) C9 J1/A501 VIA occ: 1.00 bf: 14.44 ele: C pos: (27.49,29.50,63.65)

Ligplot



Residue Environment Layout

- This can't be solved by an “algorithmic/one-pass” procedure
 - Not in the general case
- Introduce “energy penalty terms” for displeasing interactions
- And use 2D energy minimisation to solve

Layout Energy Terms

$$E = \sum_i \sum_j w_{ij} (d_{ij}^2 - D_{ij}^2) +$$

Residues match 3D Distances

$$\sum_i \sum_j \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} d_{ij}^2\right) +$$

Residues don't overlay each other

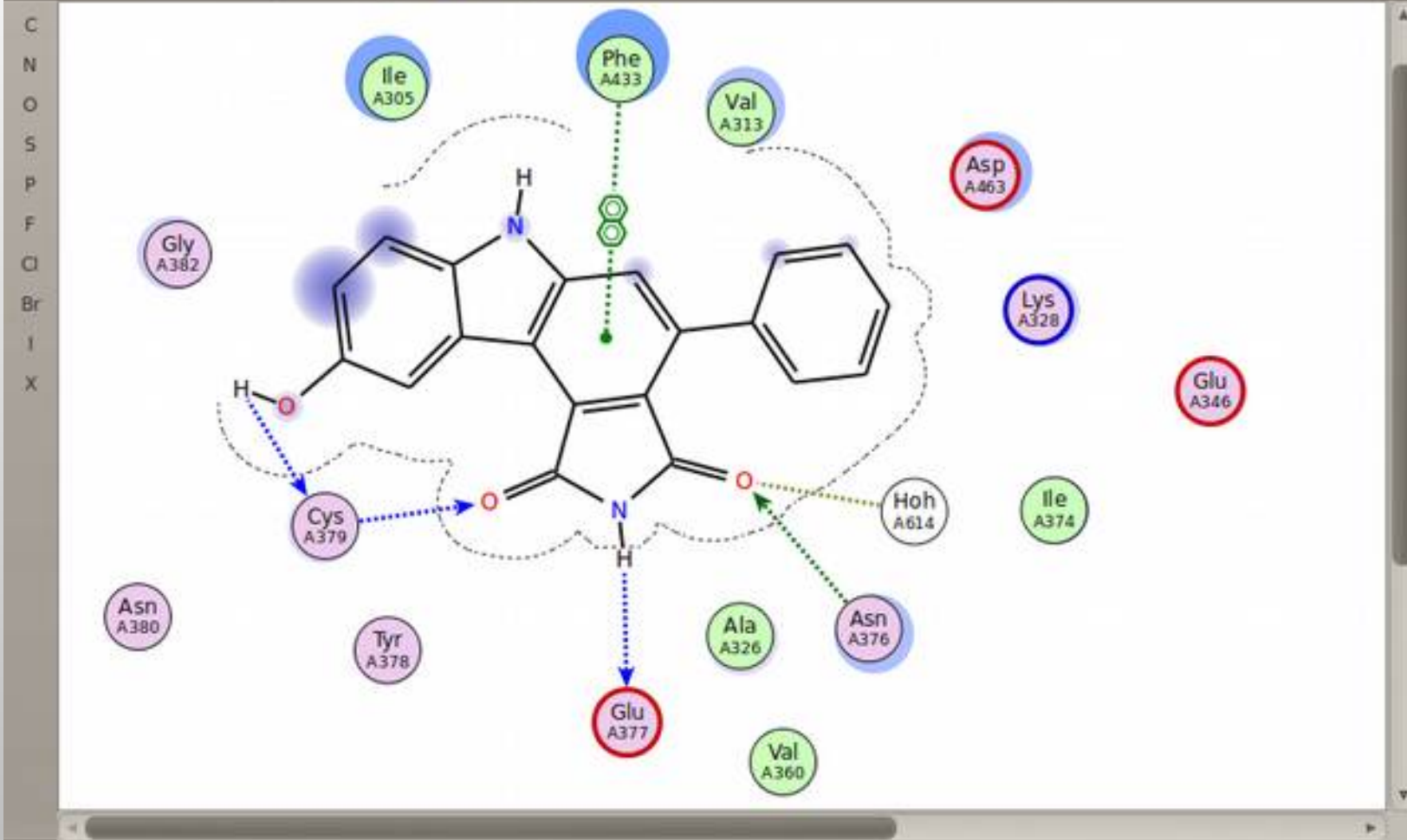
$$\sum_i \sum_k (d_{ik}^2 - D_{ik}^2) +$$

Residues are close to H-bonding ligand atoms

$$\sum_i \sum_k \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} d_{ik}^2\right)$$

Residues don't overlap ligand

File Help



Search Database

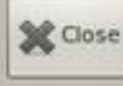


Search

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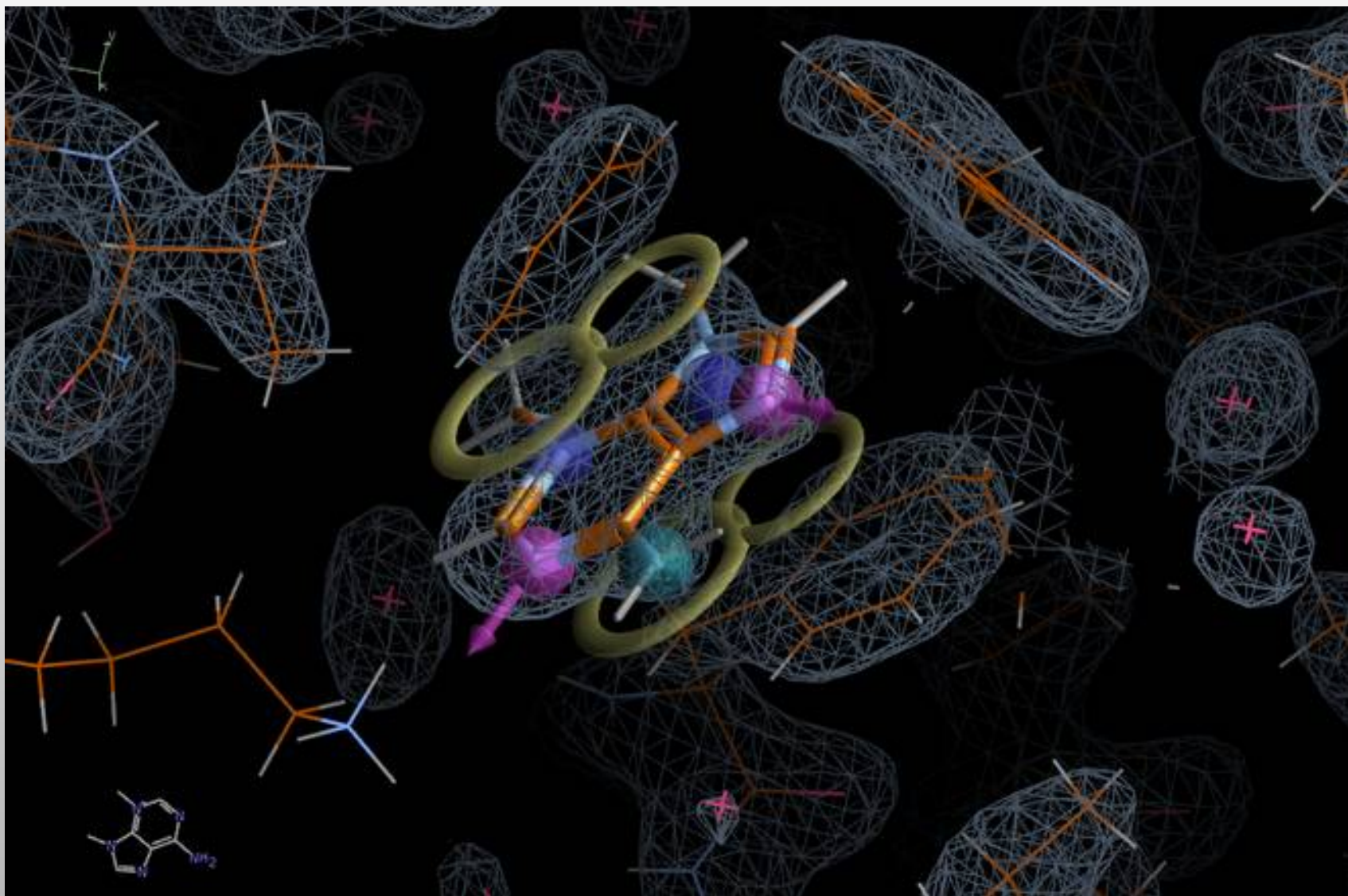


Apply



Close

Chemical Features



GUI Updates

Map Properties

Individual Map Properties

Map Settings

Cell and Symmetry:

Cell:
64.90 78.32 38.79
90.00 90.00 90.00

Spacegroup:
P 21 21 21 [P 2ac 2ab]

Displayed Map Style:

☒ Standard Lines
☐ Solid/Transparent
☐ "Cut-Glass"

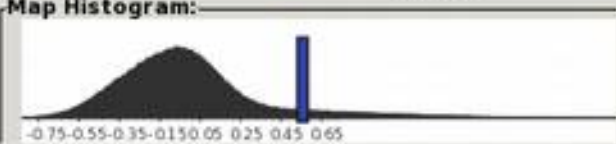
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Contouring:

Contour Level:

Set Level: 0.56 ☒ absolute ☐ rmsd Apply

Map Histogram:



The histogram shows a bell-shaped curve representing the distribution of map values. The x-axis ranges from -0.75 to 0.65 with increments of 0.05. A vertical blue bar is positioned at 0.56, indicating the current contour level.

Contour Level Step Size:

☒ Change by rmsd? r.m.s.d. step 0.10

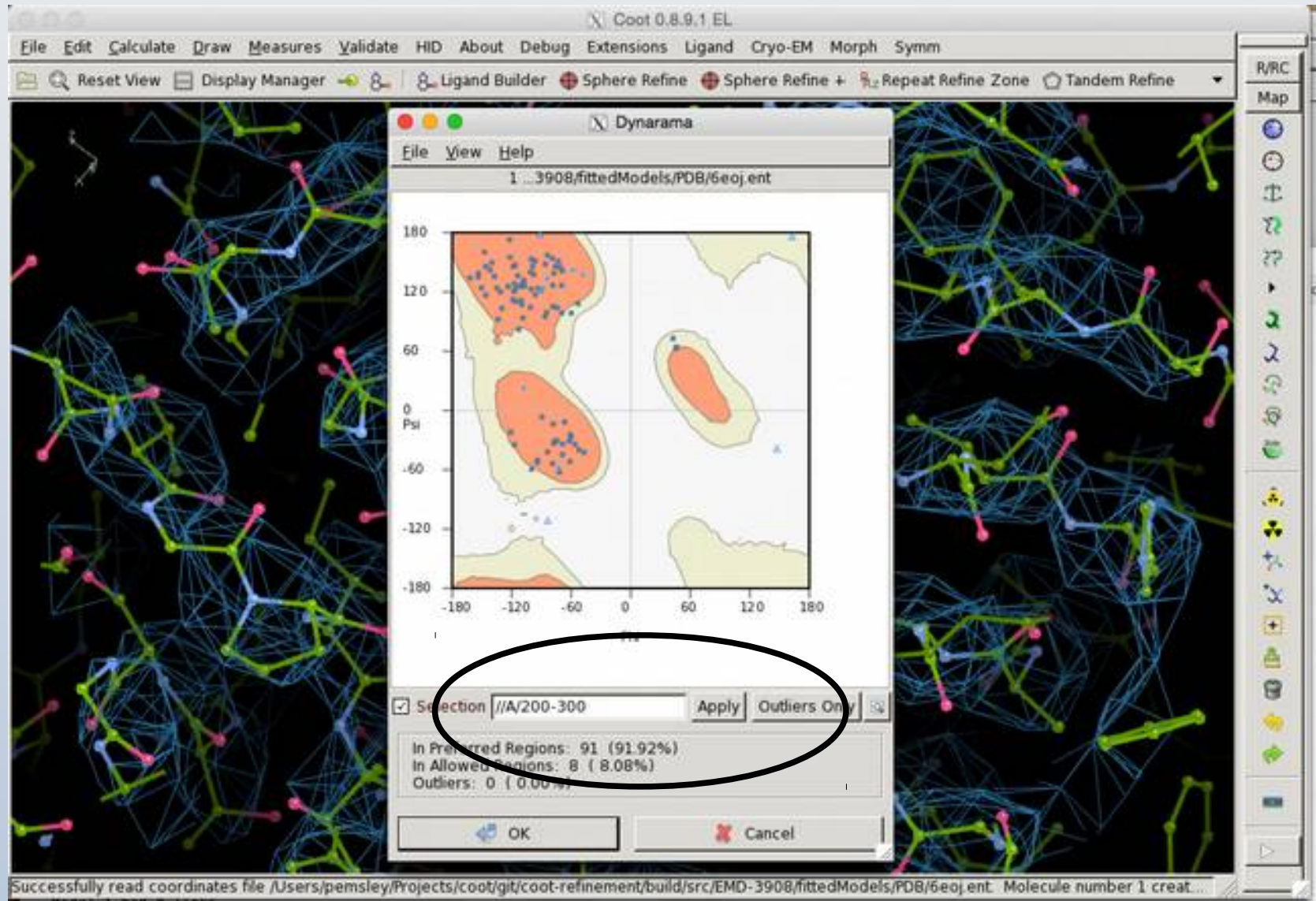
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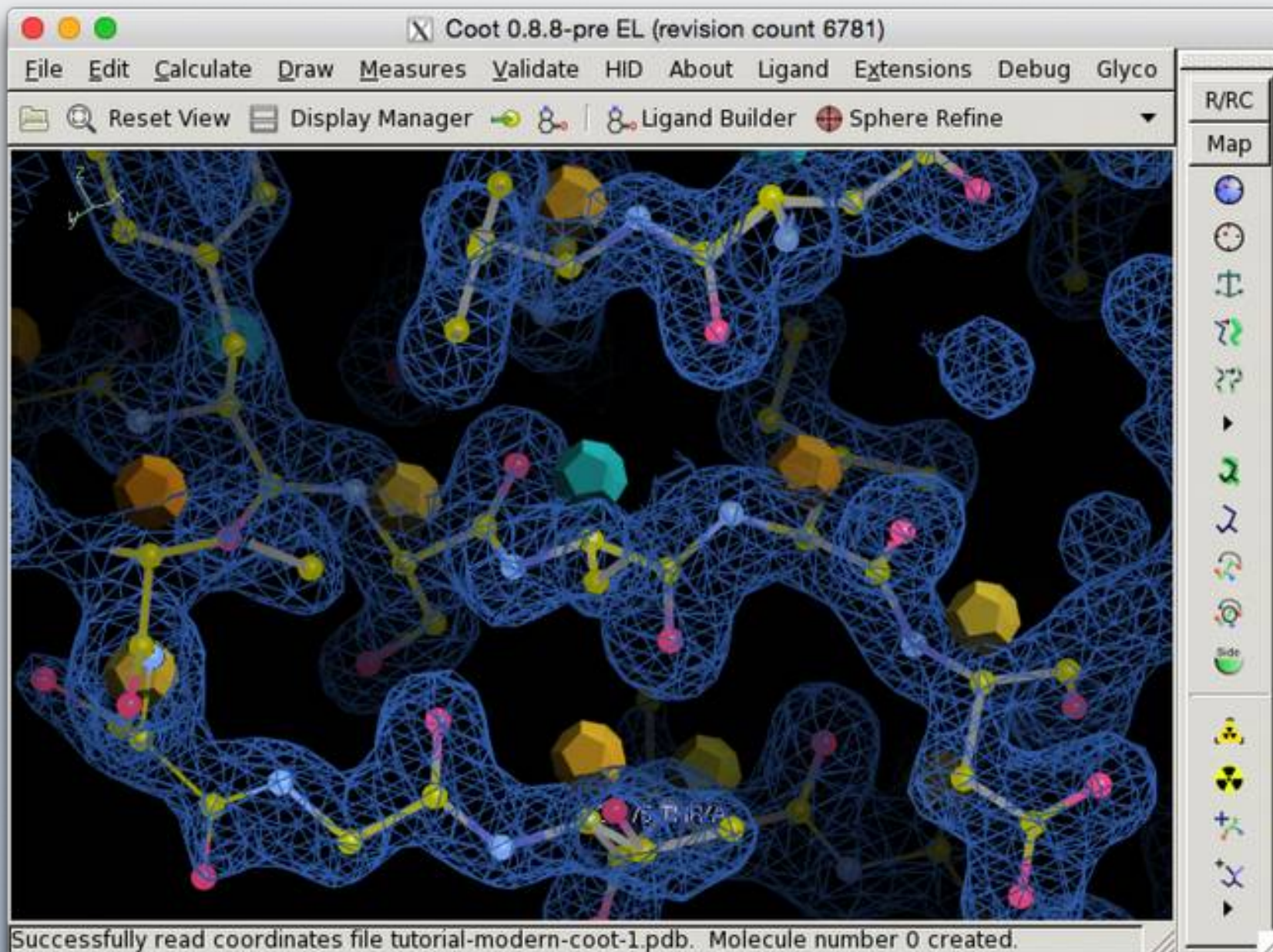
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OK

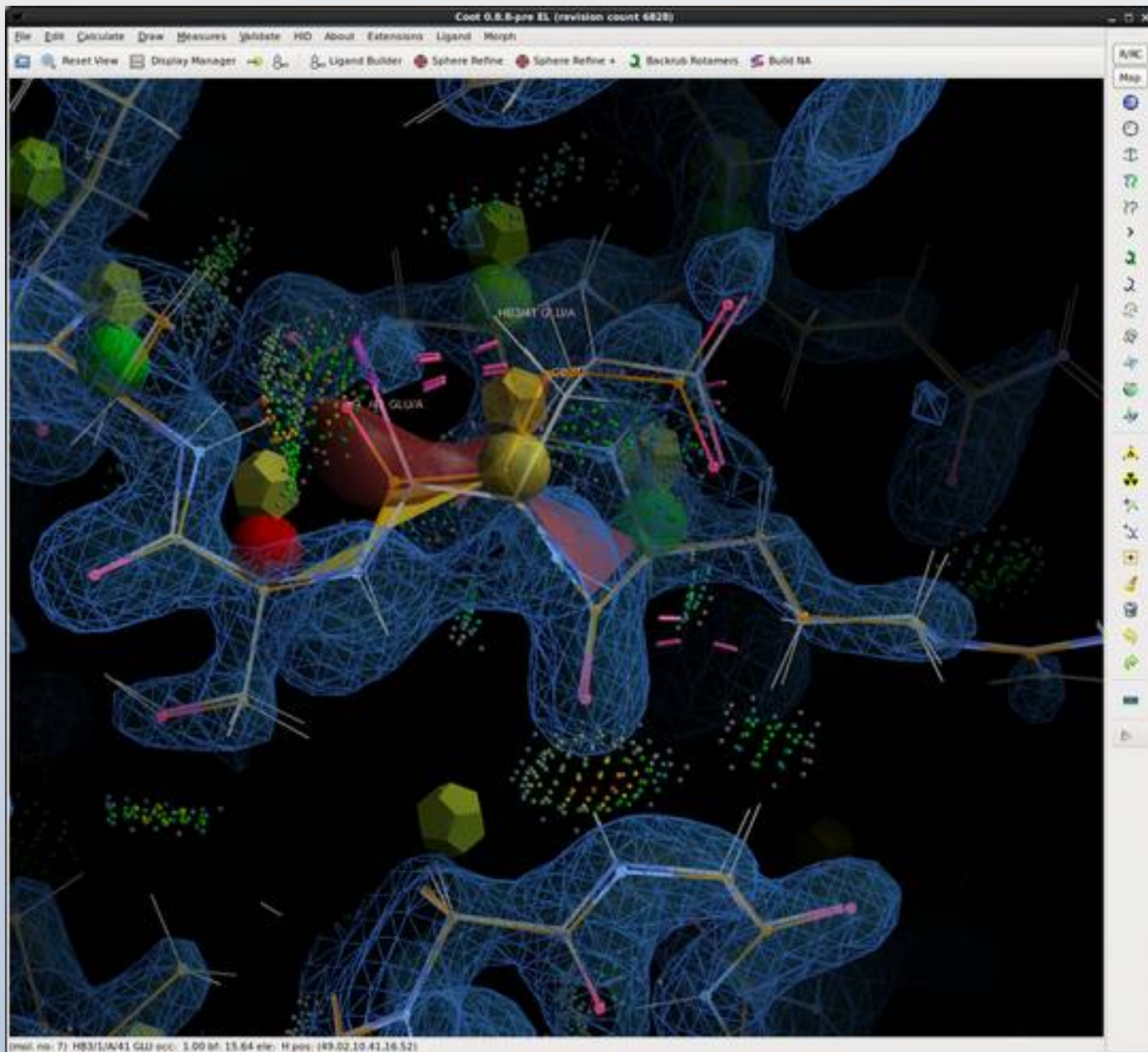
The New Ramachandran Plot



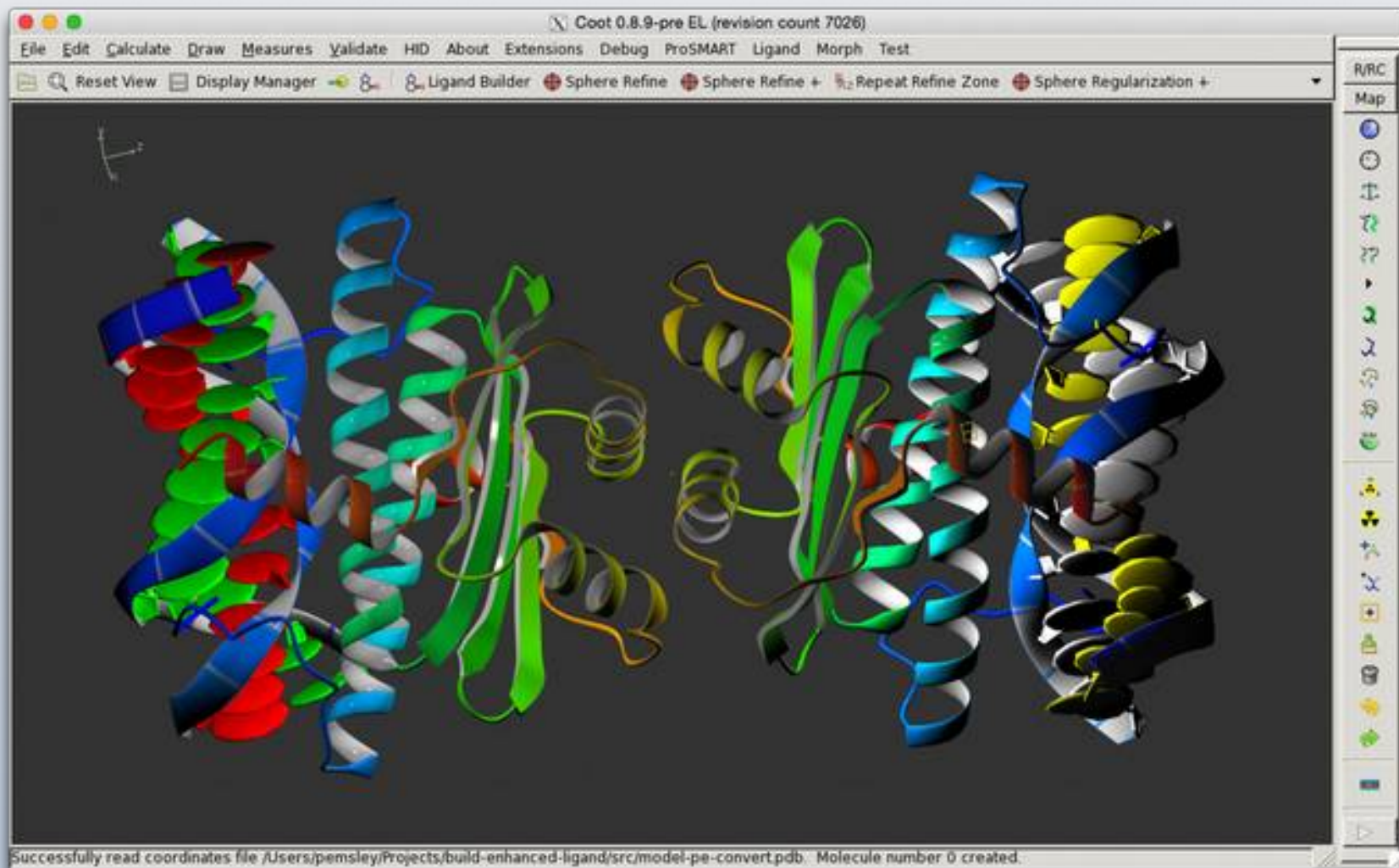
Interactive Rotamer Goodness



Multi-Criteria Markup



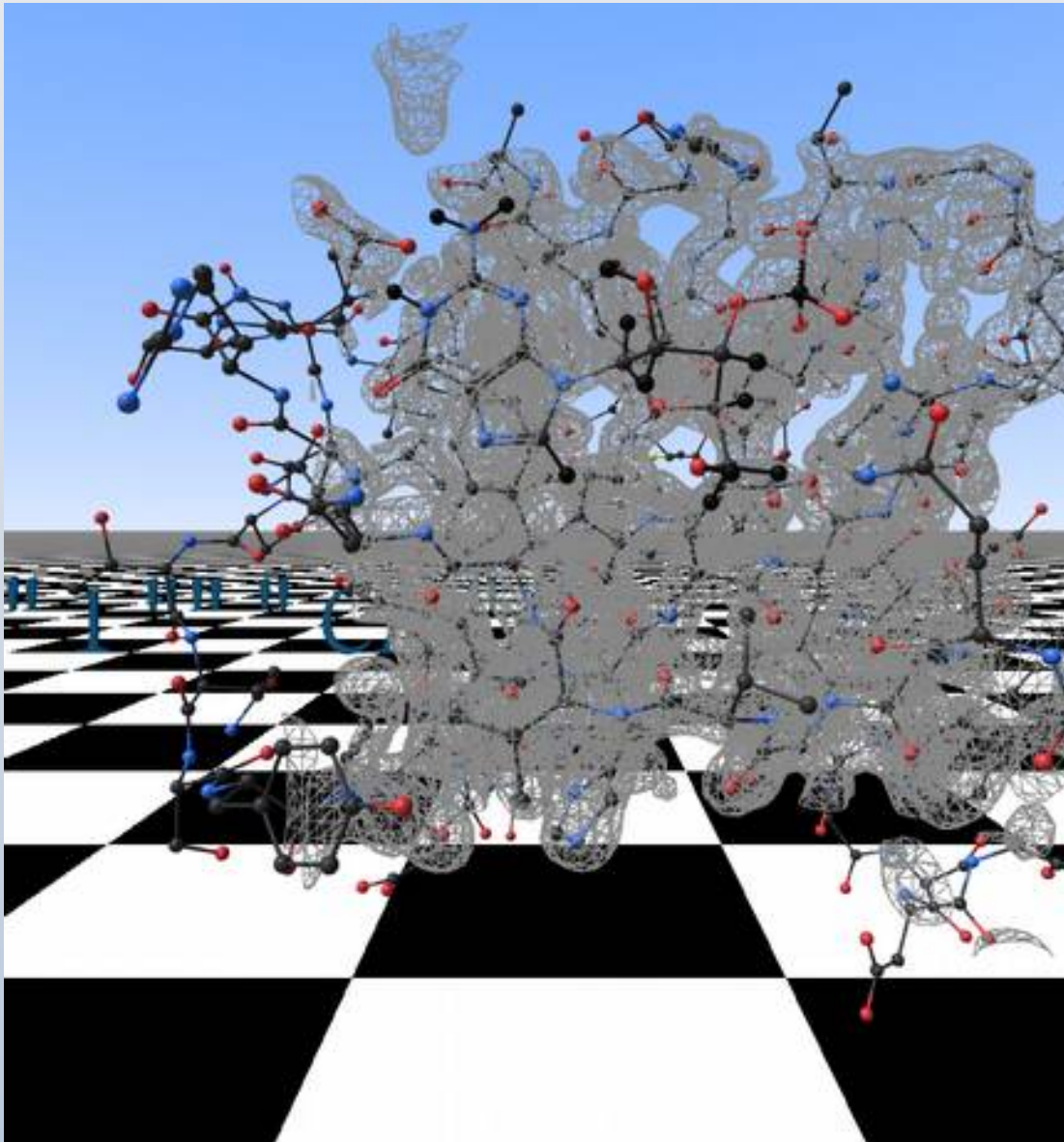
Coot Futures: GPU Ribbons



with Martin Noble

Coot Futures: Virtual Reality

Hamish Todd



- **An Intuitive Interface:**
- Stereoscopic Representation
- Greater Field of View
- 2 Hands with Articulation
- However:
 - current tools are not immediately transferable
 - because: nausea



CootVR

- Demonstrated at CCP-EM Meeting in Keele in April



A Few Tools More...

- Fitting Low-Resolution/EM maps
- Ligands:
 - dictionaries
 - ligand-fitting
 - analysis
- Carbohydrate-fitting
 - N-linked glycosylation

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Non-Crystallographic Symmetry

What is Non-Crystallographic Symmetry?

- 2 or more copies of a molecule in the unit cell not related by crystallographic symmetry
- Crystallographic copies of molecules are (of course) treated as if they were exactly the same across the unit cell – and indeed across the whole crystal
- Non-crystallographically related molecules provide different representations of the same molecule
 - This can be useful for model-building
 - But difficult to use in practice

Handling NCS

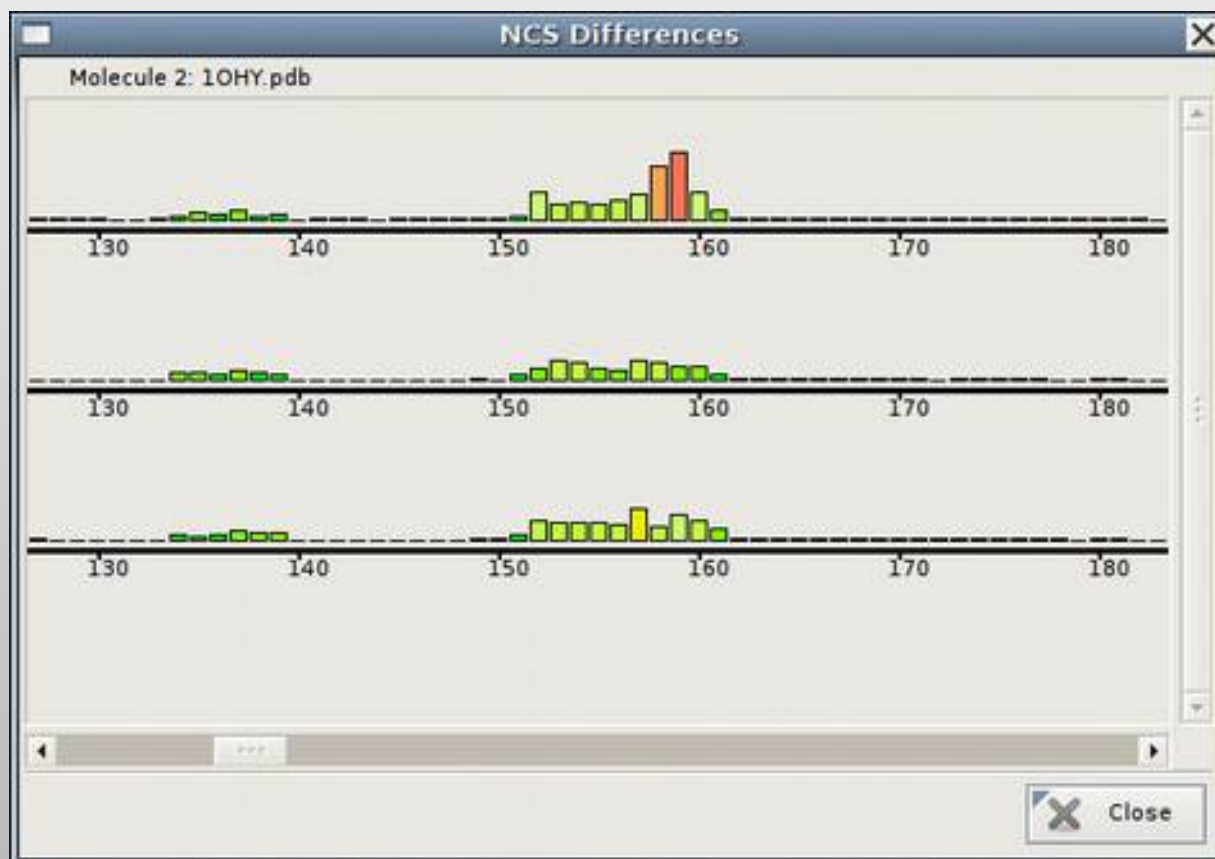
- What are the Problems?
- Strict NCS:
 - NCS should appear like crystallographic symmetry does [exact copies]
- Non-Strict NCS:
 - Molecules are different
 - How to cope with differences, but minimize unnecessary rebuilding?

Handling NCS

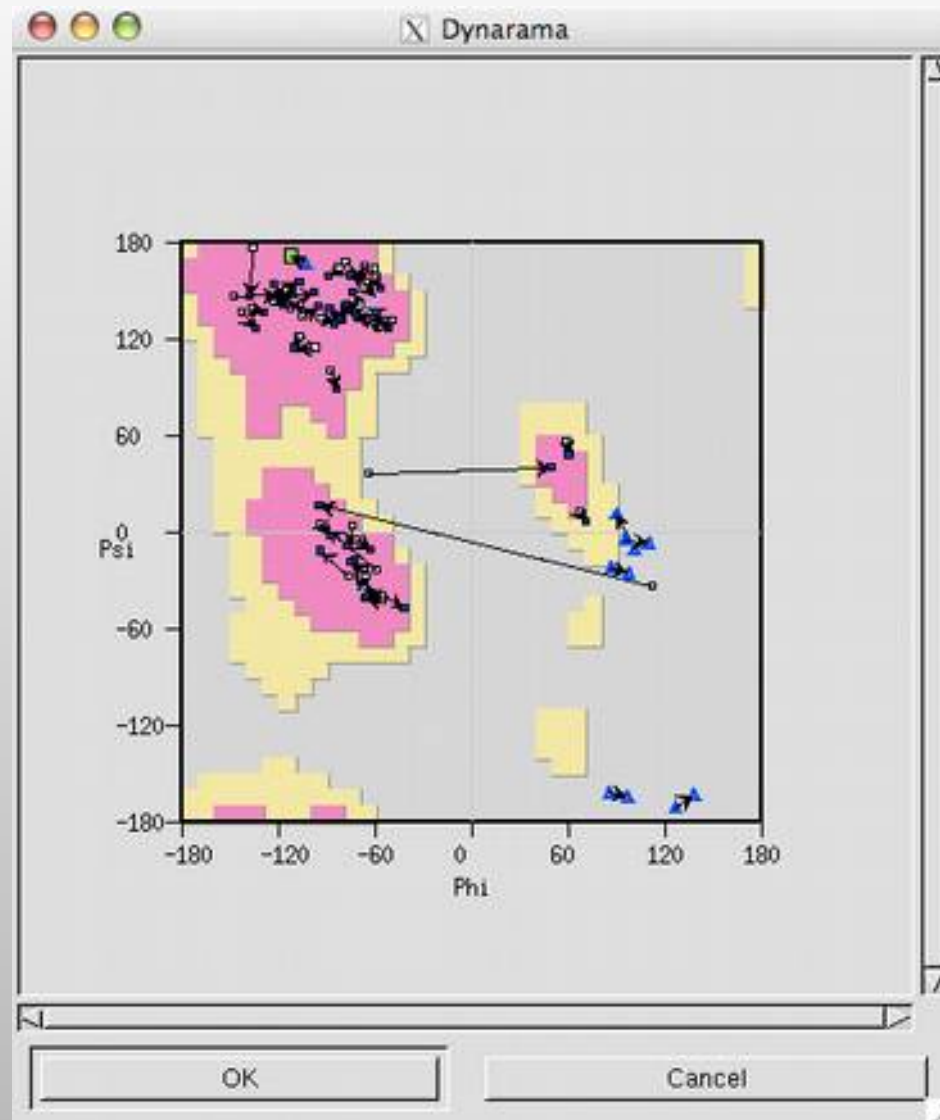
Typical Scenario:

- I have done an LSQ overlap of my NCS-related molecules and from the graph, have seen significant deviations in the positions of some side-chains.
- Why are they different?

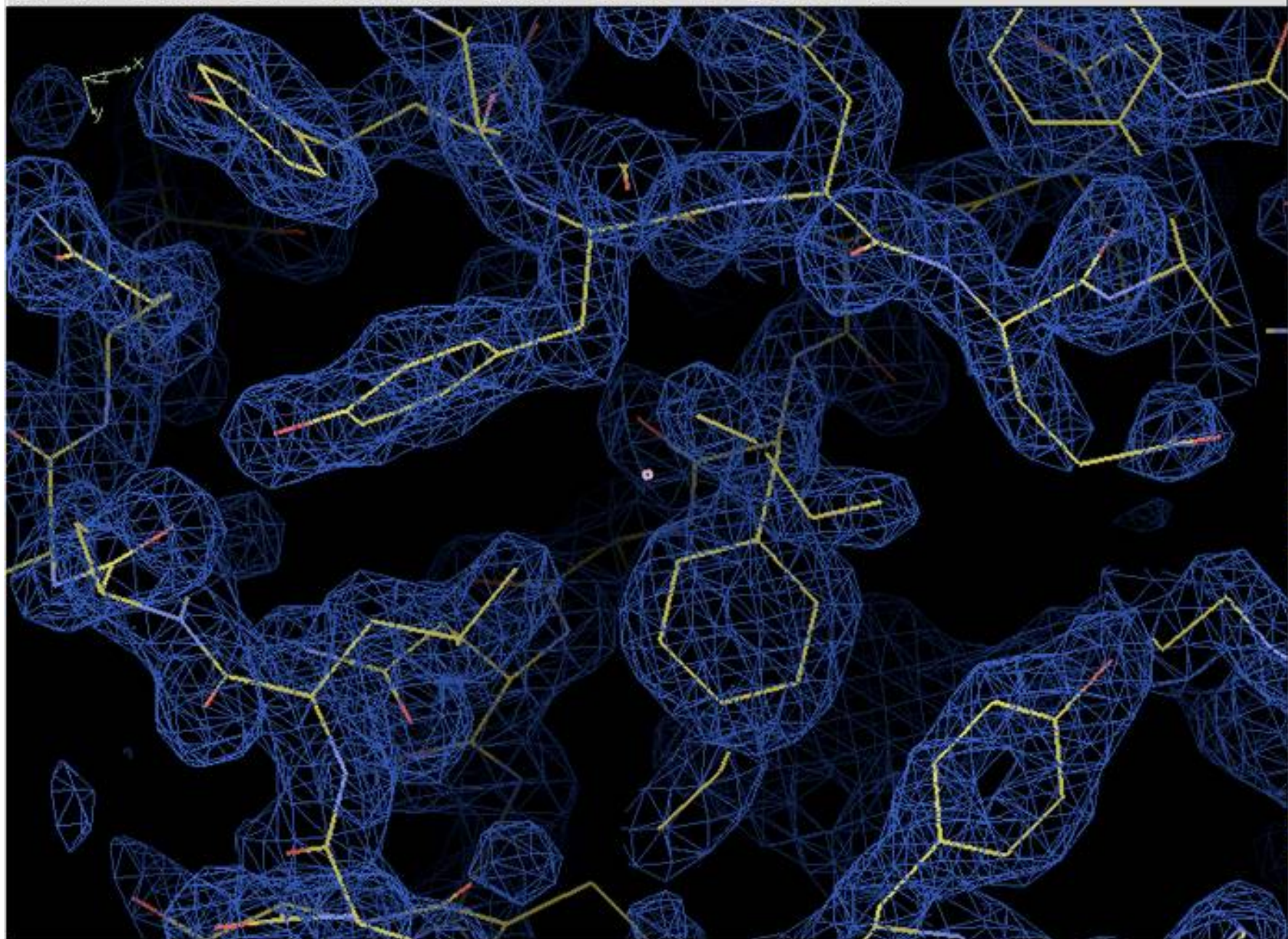
...or new NCS Differences graph



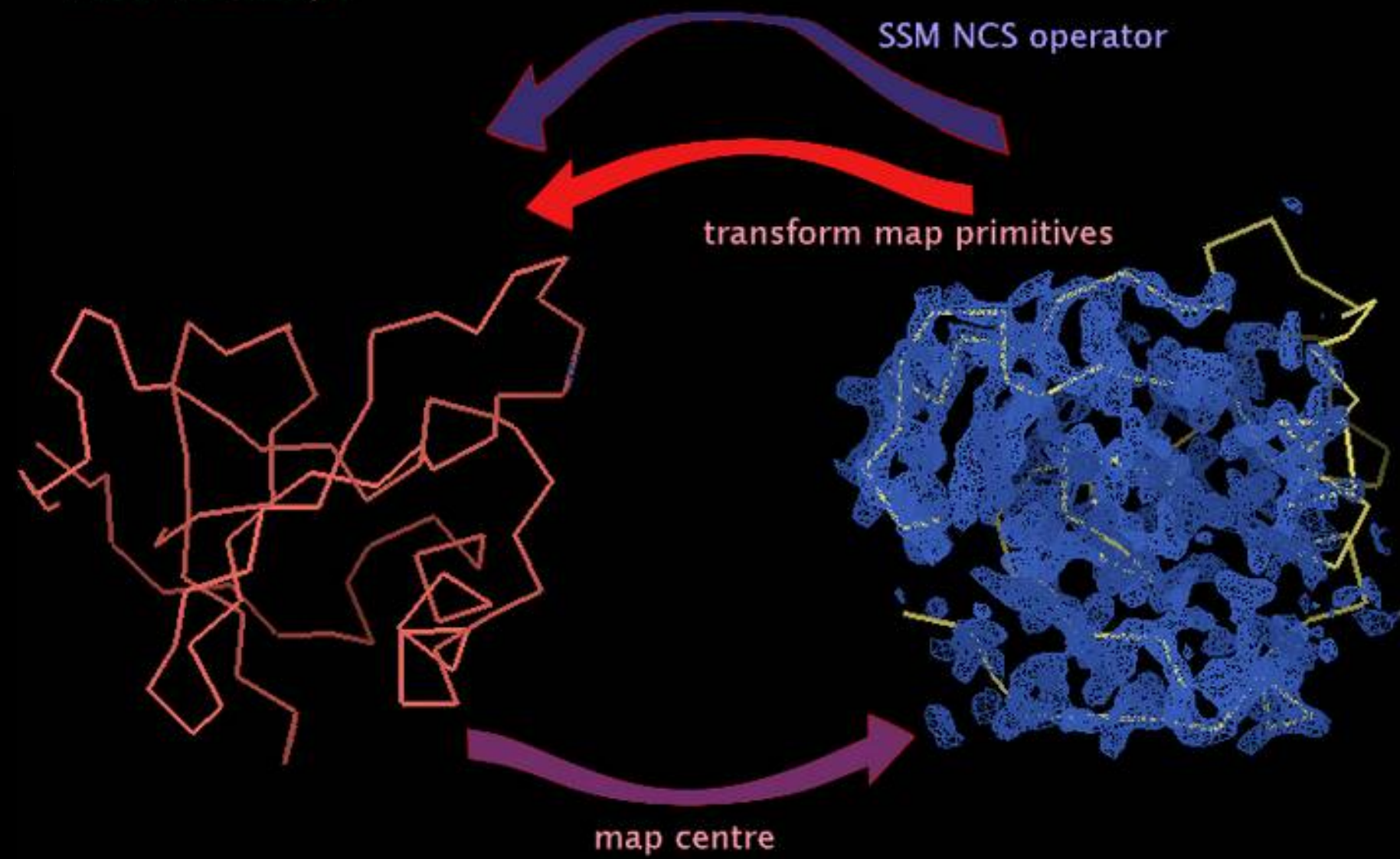
...or Kleywegt Plots[*]

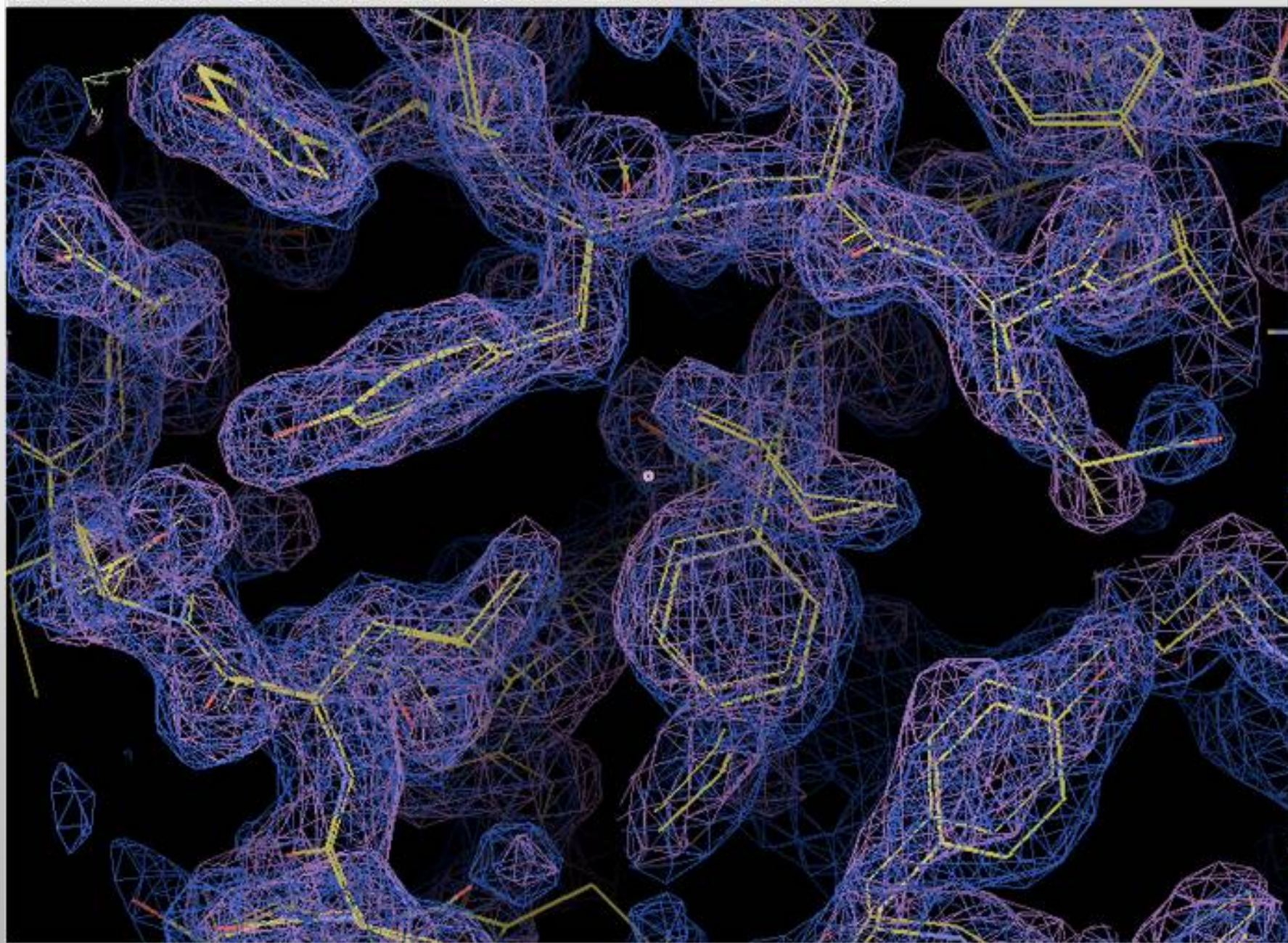


[*] Named by George Sheldrick



NCS Overlays





Note to self

- Expand rotamers, (trans/eclipsed/gauche torsions)
- Expand phi, psi
- Discuss Rama restraints