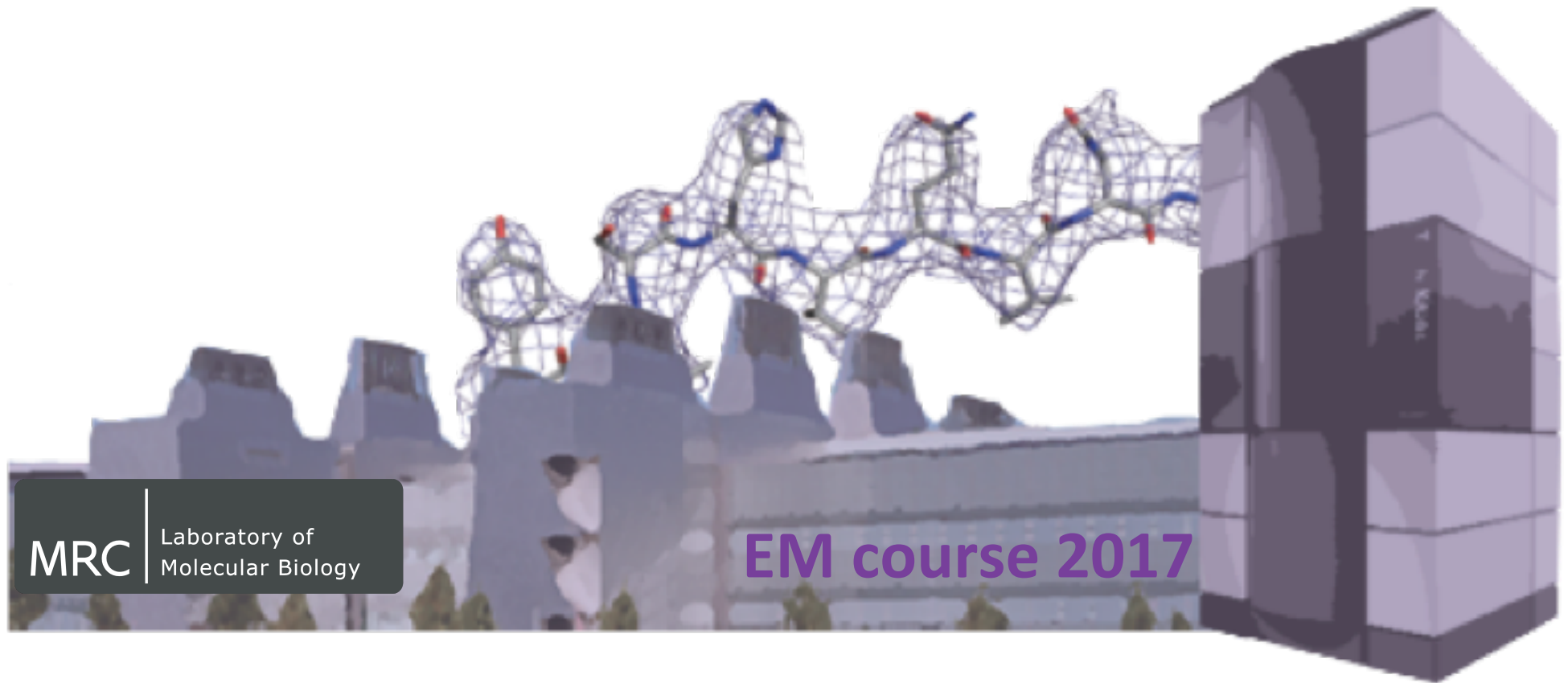


# 7. Data Processing Strategy

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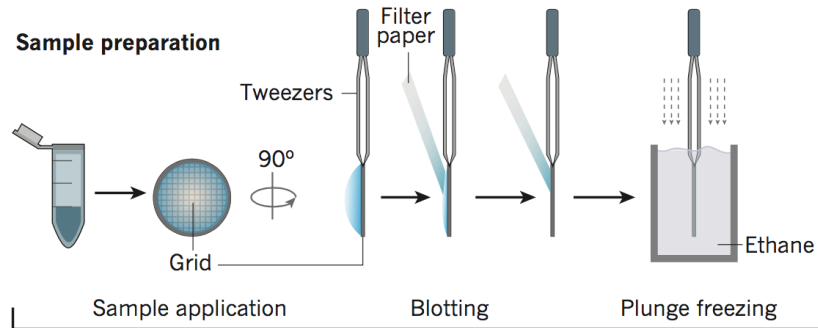
**EM course 2017**



# Cryo-EM - Single Particle

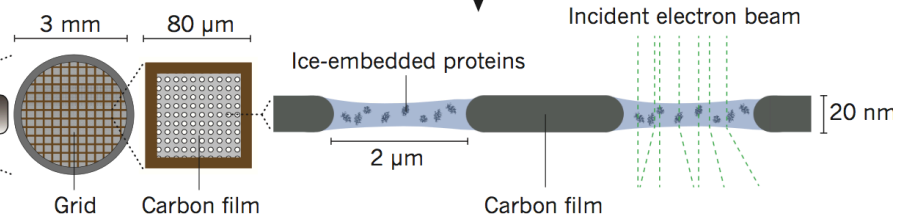
Richard Henderson

Transmission electron microscope



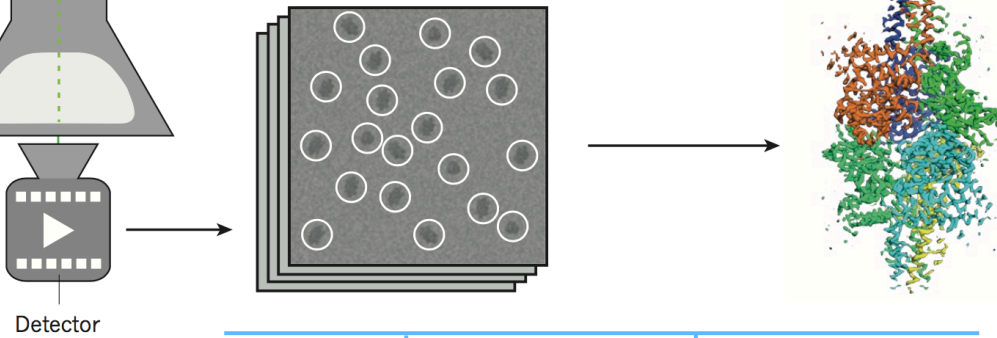
Lori Passmore

Chris Russo  
Christos Savva



Paula da Fonseca

**Data processing and 3D reconstruction**



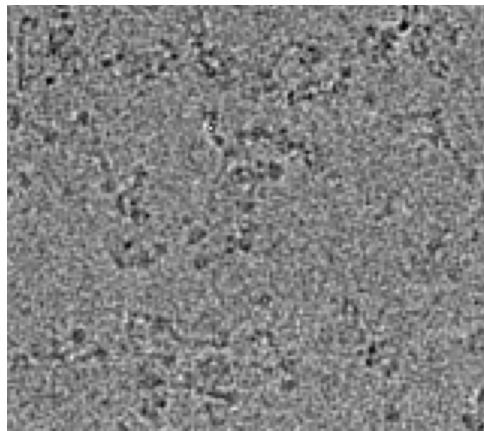
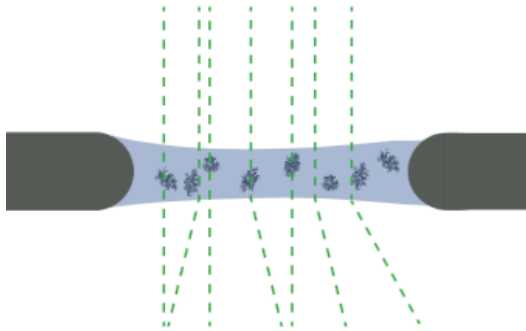
Sjors Scheres

Rafa F. Leiro

# Cryo-EM - From 2D images to 3D structure(s)

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Incident electron beam



projections of the  
original  
object in multiple  
(unknown)  
orientations

We collect data in 2D  
(projections/integral through object)  
We want to go back to 3D



Microscope introduces artefacts  
We don't know the orientations  
Data is noisy



We can perform a 3D reconstruction provided we:

- Correct for the **CTF** artefacts
- Know the **orientations** of all particles
- **Averaging** will take care of low SNR

# Cryo-EM - From 2D images to 3D structure(s)

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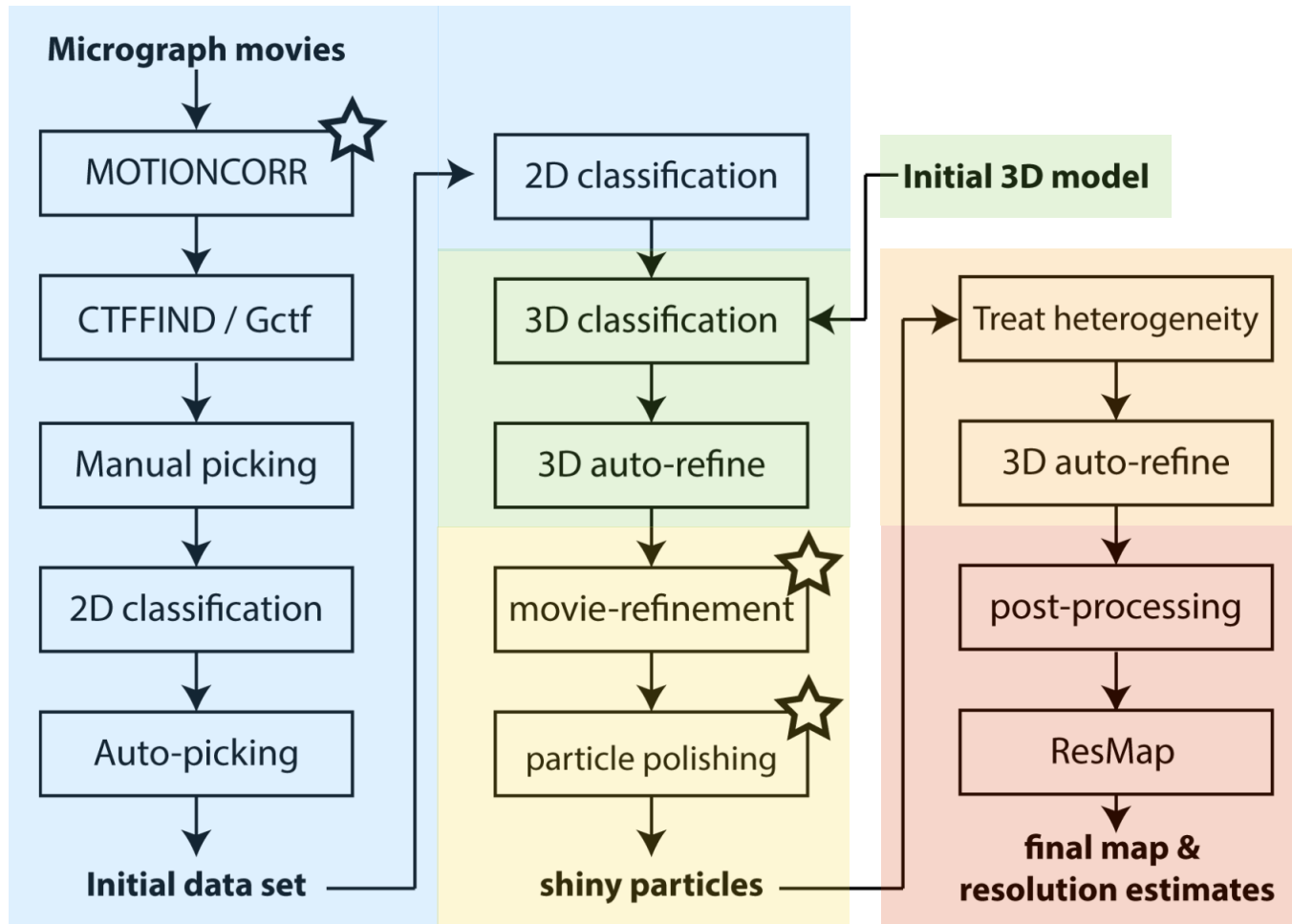
## RELION (REgularised Likelihood Optimisation)

Instead of assigning discrete values assign probabilities(each particle contributes to all references and in all orientations)

Learns critical parameters from the data themselves

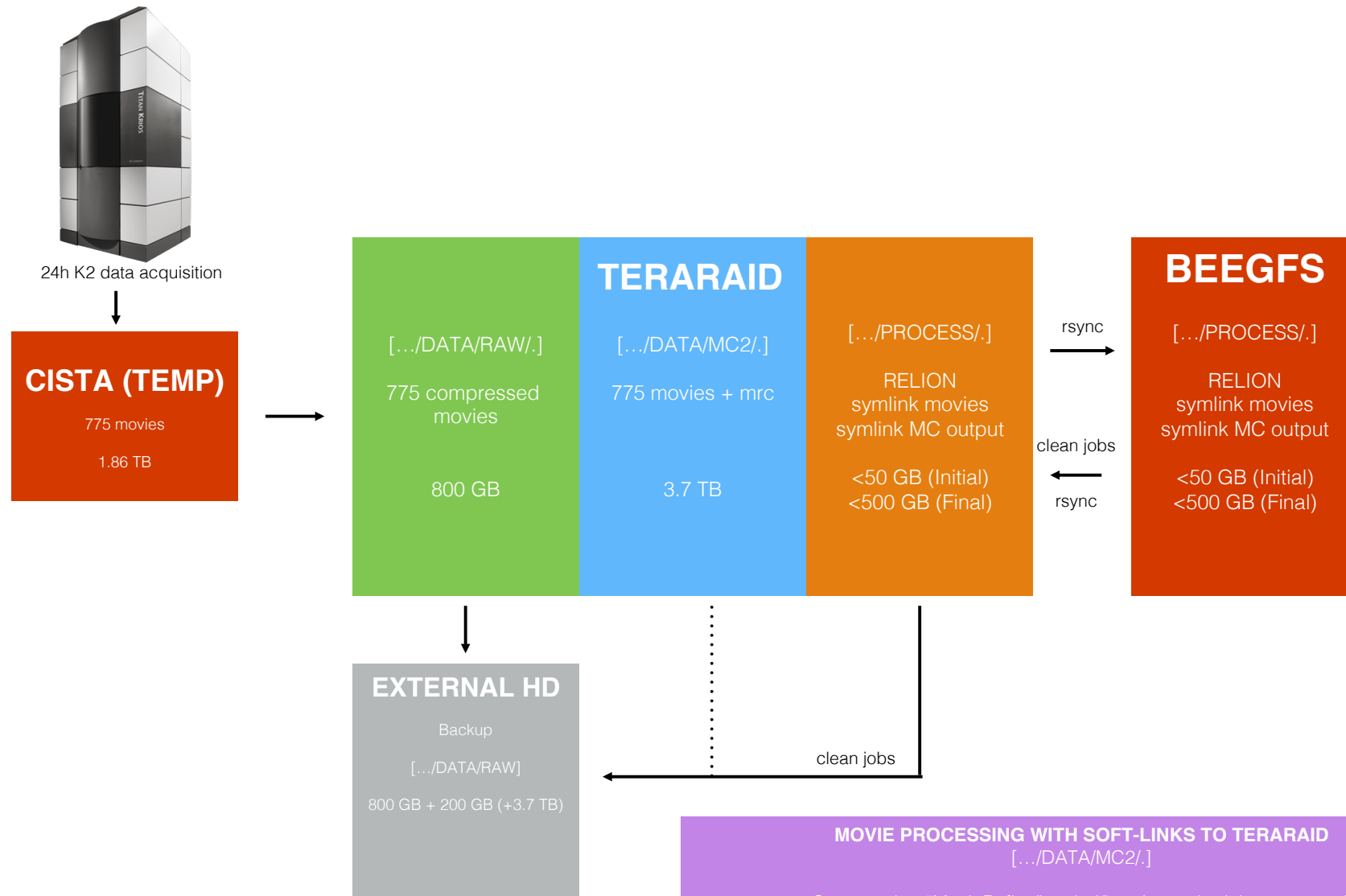
**LOTS of other software: Frealign, EMAN, SIMPLE, Xmipp, cryoSPARC, SPHIRE, and many more...**

# Single particle data processing strategy



\*typical scheme for a well behaved dataset

# Single particle data processing strategy



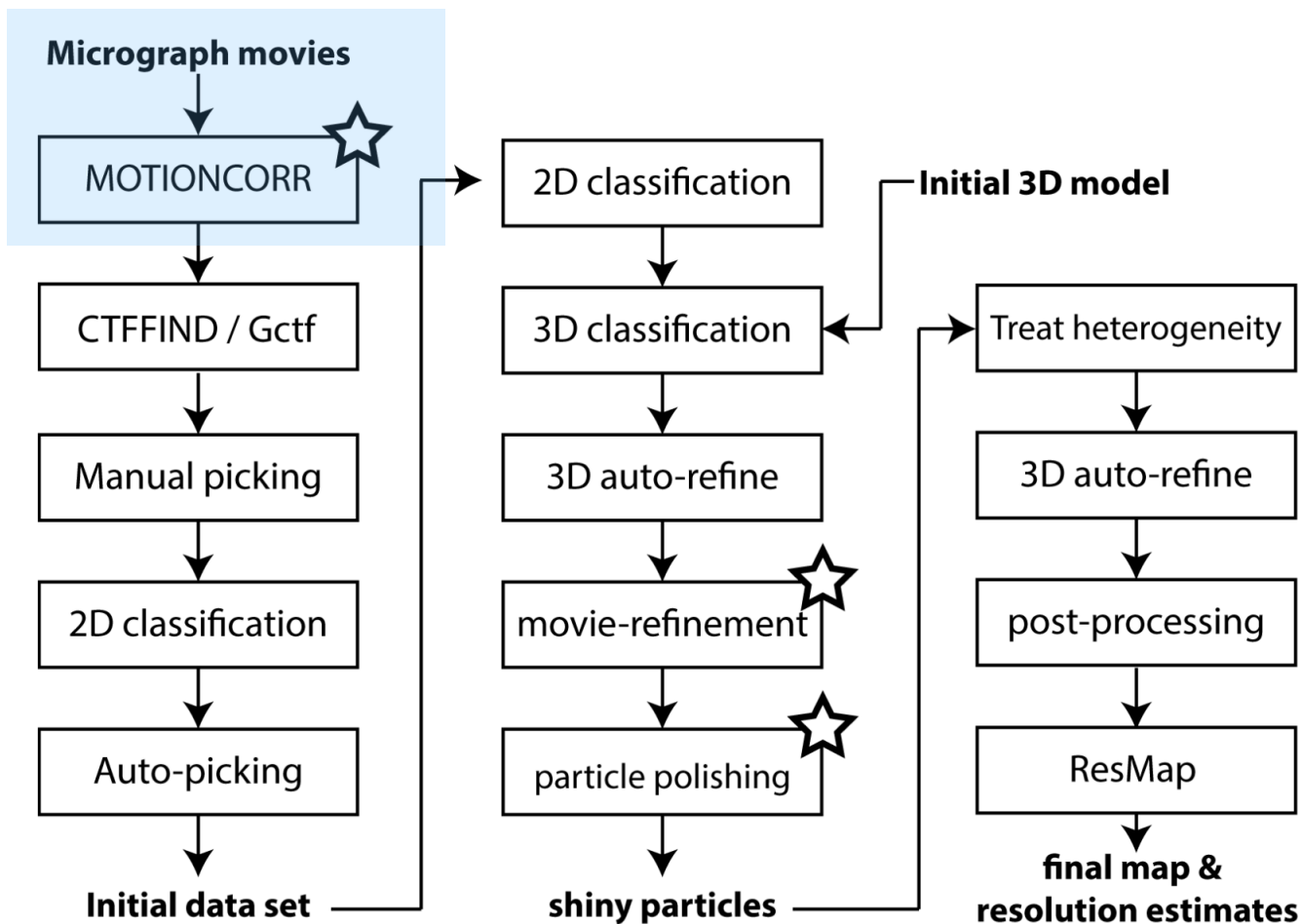
## MOVIE PROCESSING WITH SOFT-LINKS TO TERARAID [.../DATA/MC2/.]

Start running "MovieRefine" on hal/hex (not submitting to queue)

After particle movie extraction you can stop the job and continue on the cluster as particle files are now on beegfs

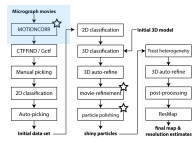
Remember to gentle-clean MovieRefine jobs after you are done with Polishing!

# Motion Correction



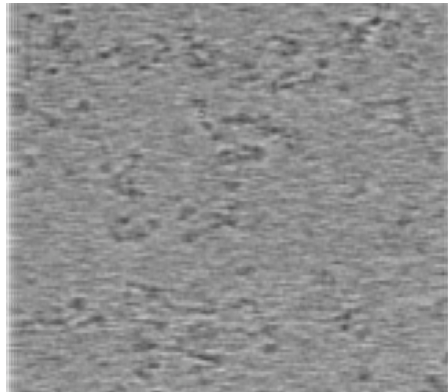






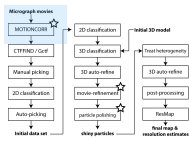
# Motion Correction

Micrograph  
 $40e^-/\text{\AA}^2$



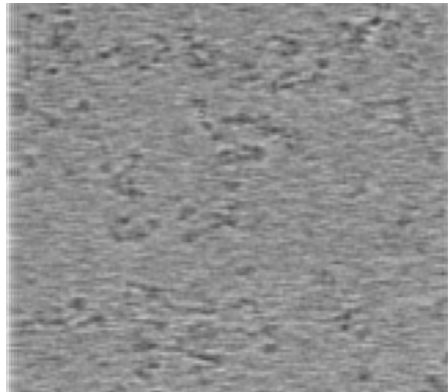
Movie or Micrograph Stack  
 $4e^-/\text{\AA}^2 \cdot \text{frame}$



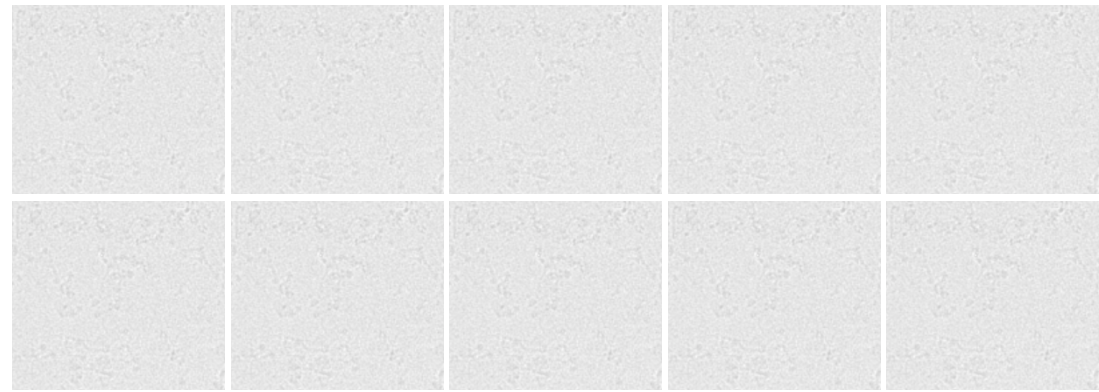


# Motion Correction

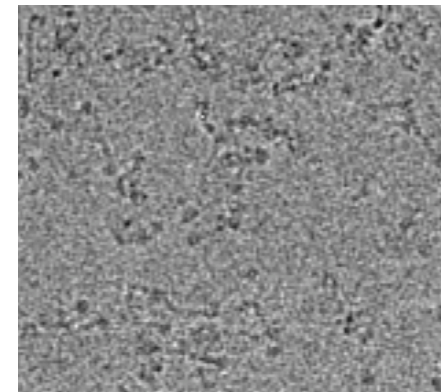
Micrograph  
40e<sup>-</sup>/Å<sup>2</sup>



Movie or Micrograph Stack  
4e<sup>-</sup>/Å<sup>2</sup>.frame



↓ Motion Correction



Corrected Micrograph

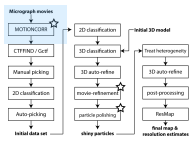
Brilot 2012 (JSB) **Unblur**

Zheng 2016 (Nature Methods) **MoitonCor2**

Rubinstein 2015 (JSB) **alignparts\_lmbfgs & alignframes\_lmbfgs**

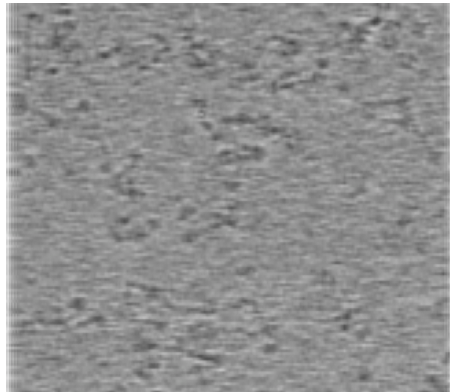
Abrishami 2015 (JSB) **Xmipp (Optical Flow)**





# Motion Correction

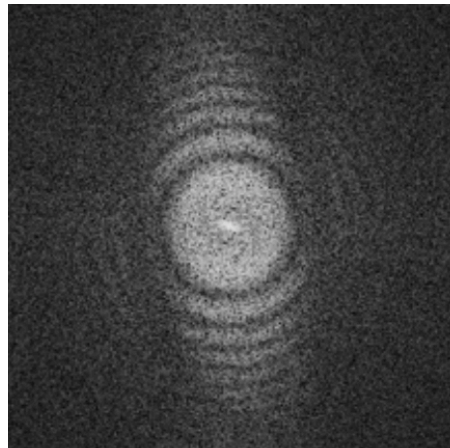
Micrograph  
40e<sup>-</sup>/Å<sup>2</sup>



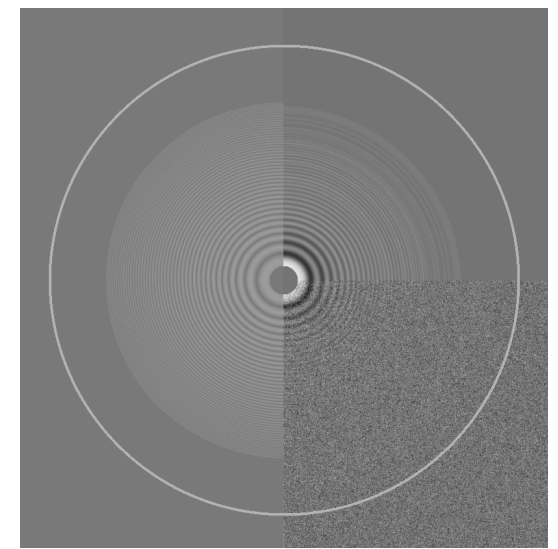
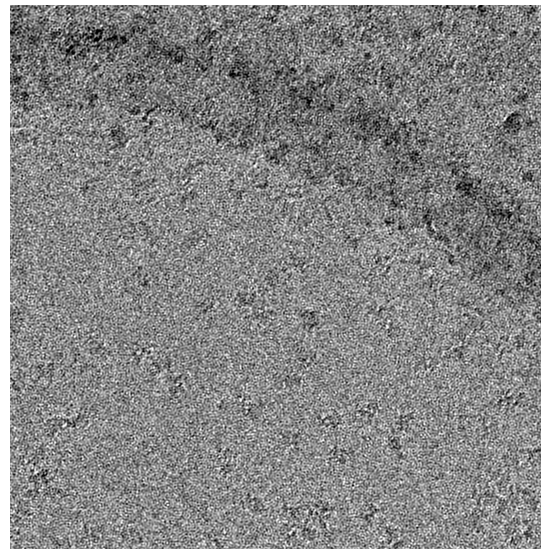
Movie or Micrograph Stack  
4e<sup>-</sup>/Å<sup>2</sup>.frame



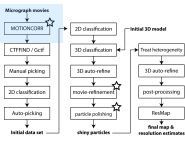
↓ FFT



↓ Motion Correction



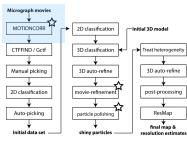
Optimise data acquisition  
parameters to record  
**GOOD DATA**



# Motion Correction

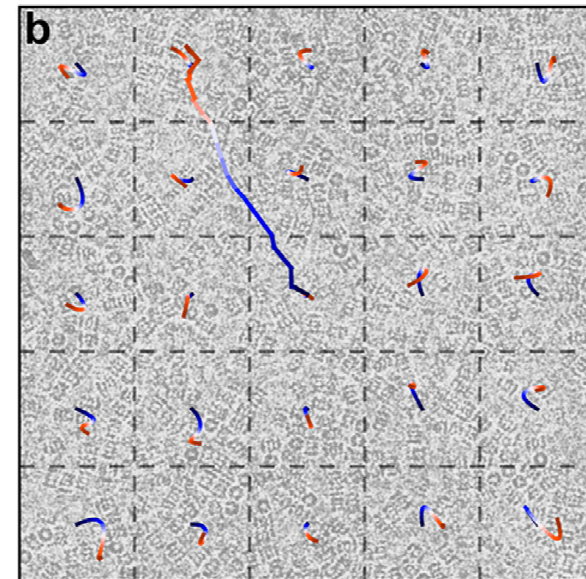
Frames  
Pixel Size ( → dose weighting)



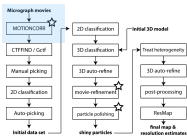


# Motion Correction

- Frames
- Pixel Size ( → dose weighting)
- Patches
- Grouping
- Binning



MotionCor2 patches



# Motion Correction

RELION-2.1-beta-0: ...eiro82/EM/MutS\_SCAN\_plasmid\_ATP\_K2/PROCESSING

File Jobs Auturon

I/O Motioncor2 Unblur Dose-weight Running

Use MOTIONCOR2? Yes ?

MOTIONCOR2 executable: /EM/MOTIONCOR2/MotionCor2 ? Browse

Gain-reference image: ? Browse

Defect file: ? Browse

Archive directory: ? Browse

Number of patches X, Y 5 5 ?

Group frames: 1 ?

Bining factor: 1 ?

Bfactor: 150 ?

Which GPUs to use: ?

Other MOTIONCOR2 arguments: ?

Print command Schedule Run now!

Job actions Current job: Give\_alias\_here Display:

Finished jobs

Running jobs

Scheduled jobs

Output from this job

out: corrected\_micrographs.star

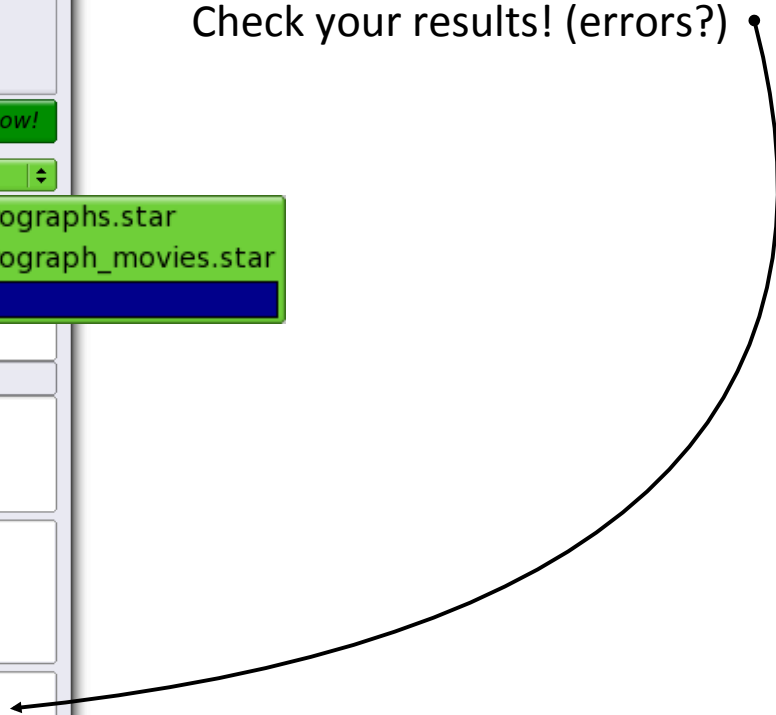
out: corrected\_micrograph\_movies.star

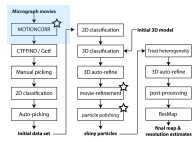
out: logfile.pdf

stdout will go here; double-click this window to open stdout in a separate window

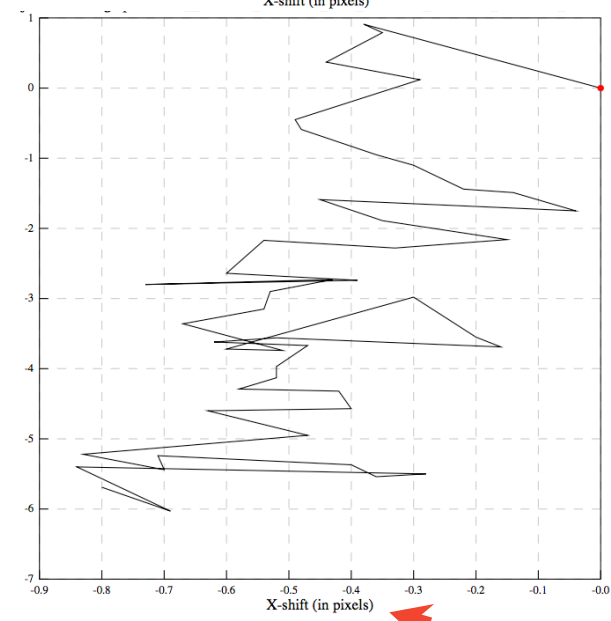
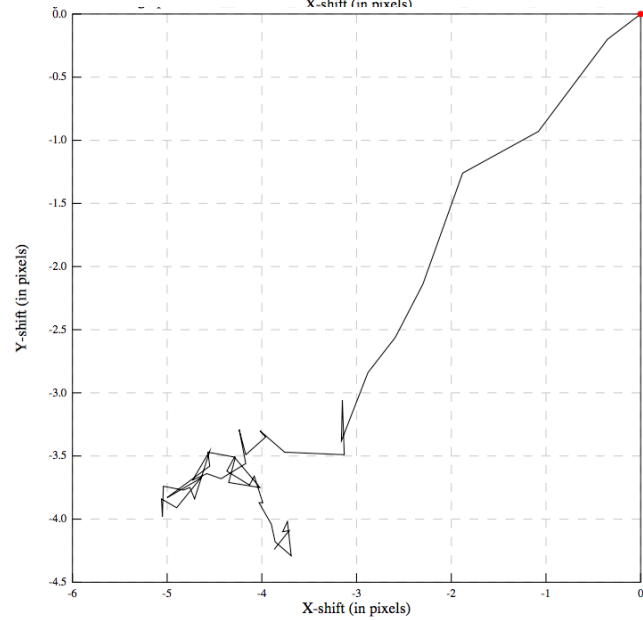
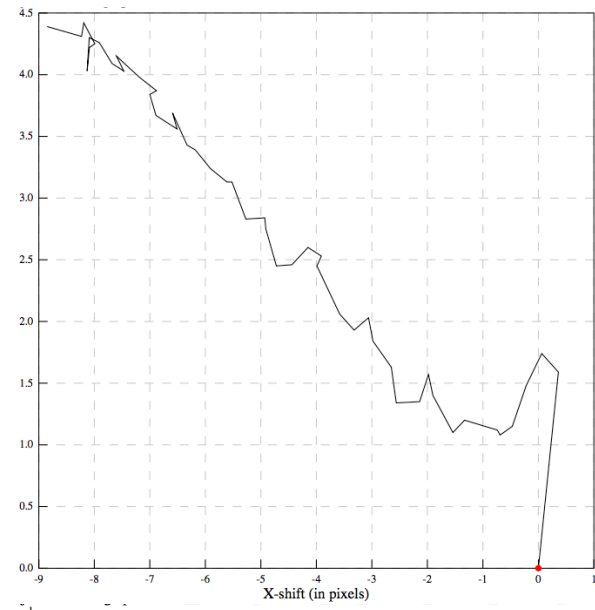
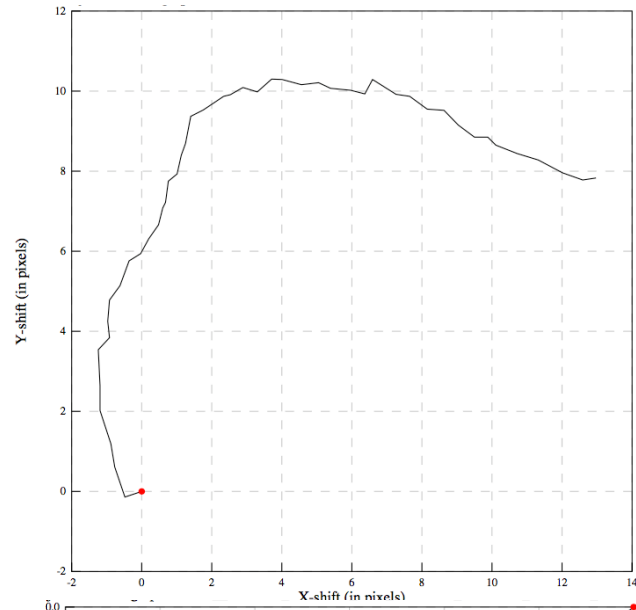
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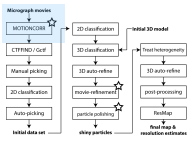
- Frames
- Pixel Size ( → dose weighting)
- Patches
- Grouping
- Binning
- Check your results! (errors?)





# Motion Correction

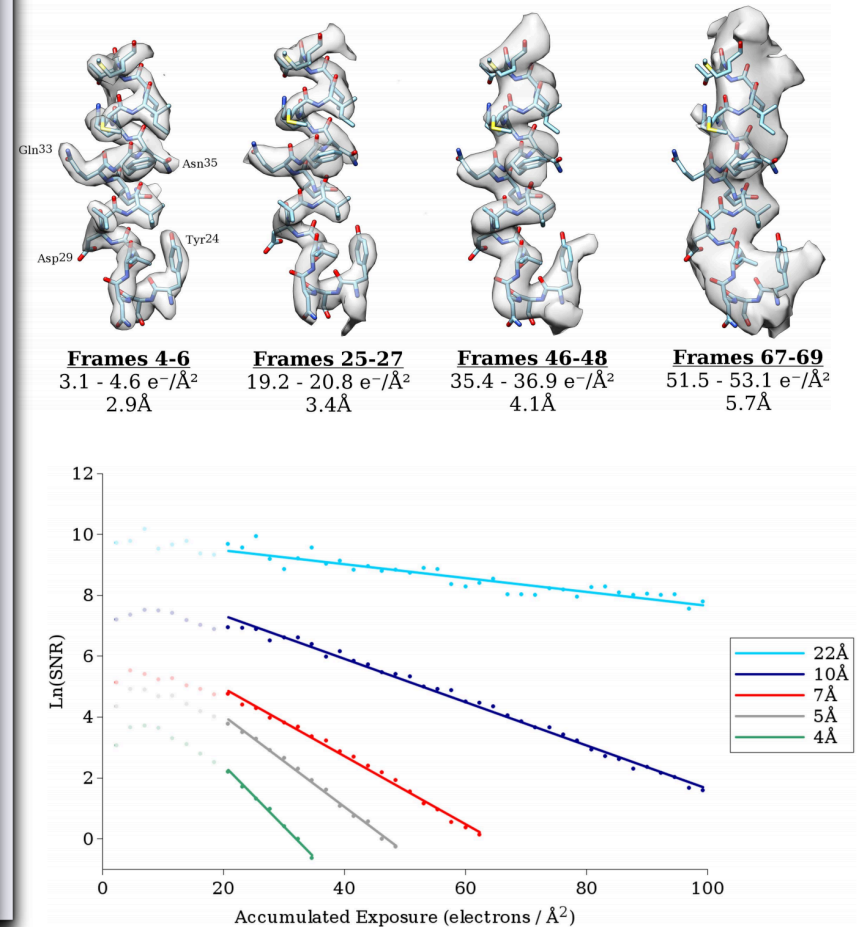




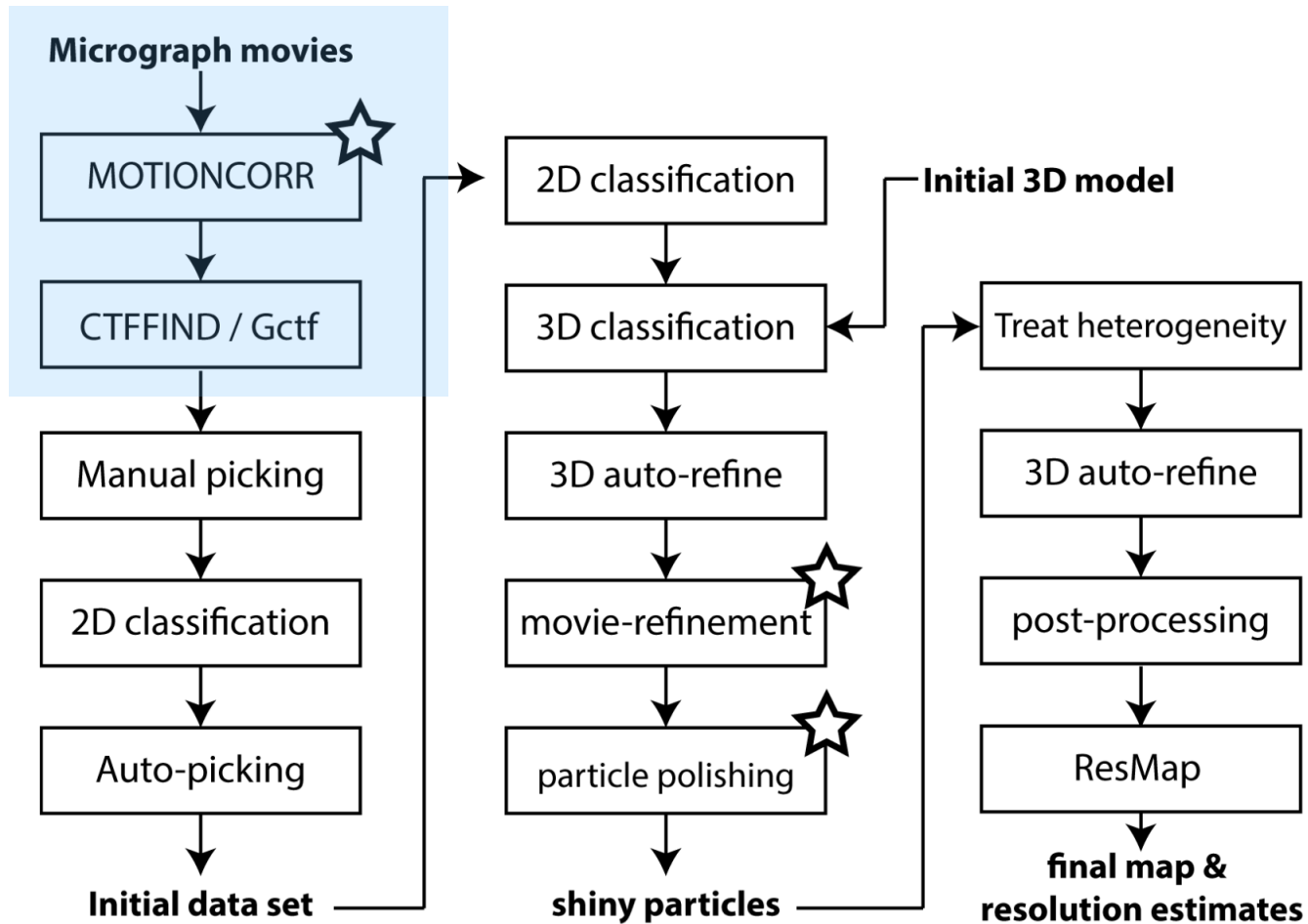
# Motion Correction - Dose Weighting

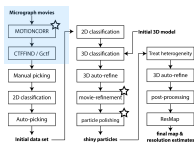
Dose weighting (radiation damage)  
Possibility to refine it later (Polishing)

Based on theoretical model

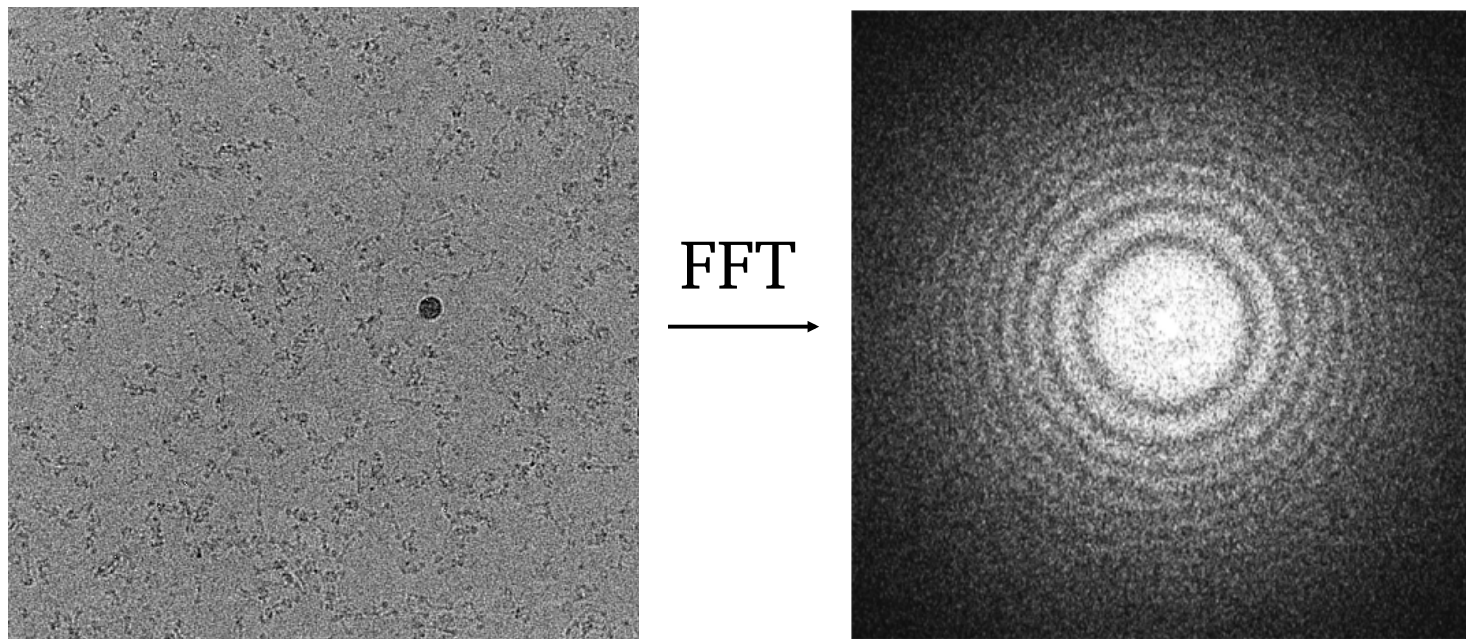


# CTF Estimation





# CTF Correction



cryo-EM ← phase contrast

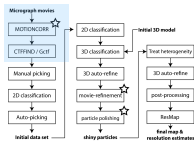
microscope aberrations + defocus increase contrast

Final image is modified by these aberrations

**The CTF (Contrast Transfer Function) describes these effects**  
 (Fourier Transform of the scope's point spread function)







# CTF Correction

Microscope parameters  
Search parameters

I/O Searches CTFIND-4.1 Gctf Running

Input micrographs STAR file:

Use micrograph without dose-weighting?

Spherical aberration (mm):

Voltage (kV):

Amplitude contrast:

Magnified pixel size (Angstrom):

Amount of astigmatism (A):

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I/O Searches CTFIND-4.1 Gctf Running

FFT box size (pix):

Minimum resolution (A):

Maximum resolution (A):

Minimum defocus value (A):

Maximum defocus value (A):

Defocus step size (A):

Estimate phase shifts?

Phase shift - Min, Max, Step (deg)

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I/O Searches CTFIND-4.1 Gctf Running

Use CTFIND-4.1?

CTFIND-4.1 executable:

Estimate Thon rings from movies?

Movie rootname plus extension

Nr of movie frames to average:

Estimate CTF on window size (pix)

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I/O Searches CTFIND-4.1 Gctf Running

Use Gctf instead?

Gctf executable:

Ignore 'Searches' parameters?

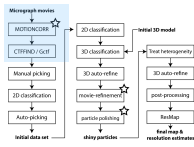
Perform equi-phase averaging?

Other Gctf options:

Which GPUs to use:

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# CTF Correction

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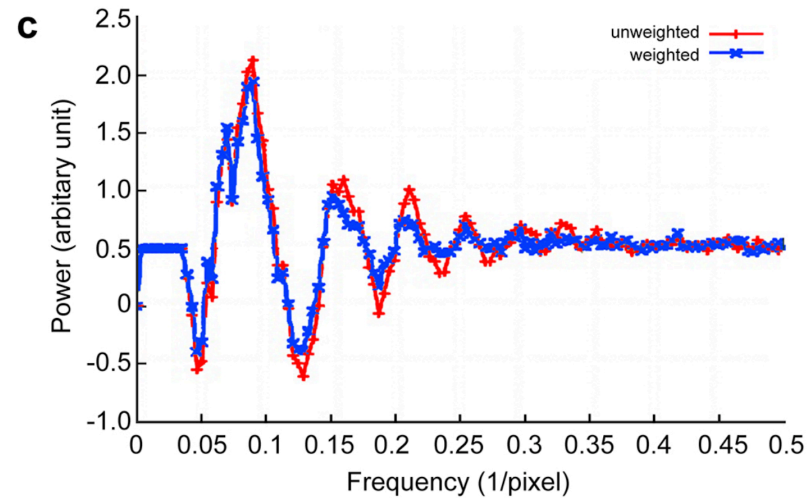
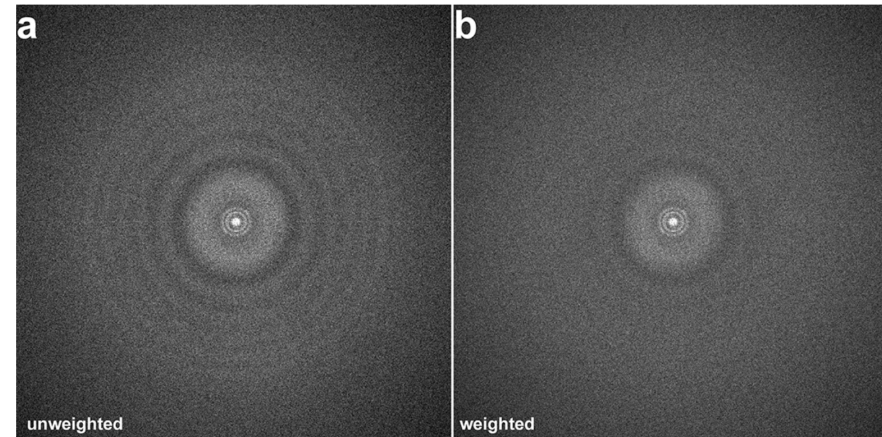
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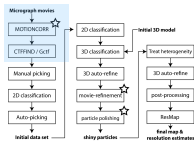
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## Microscope parameters Search parameters



Zheng 2016 (Nature Methods)



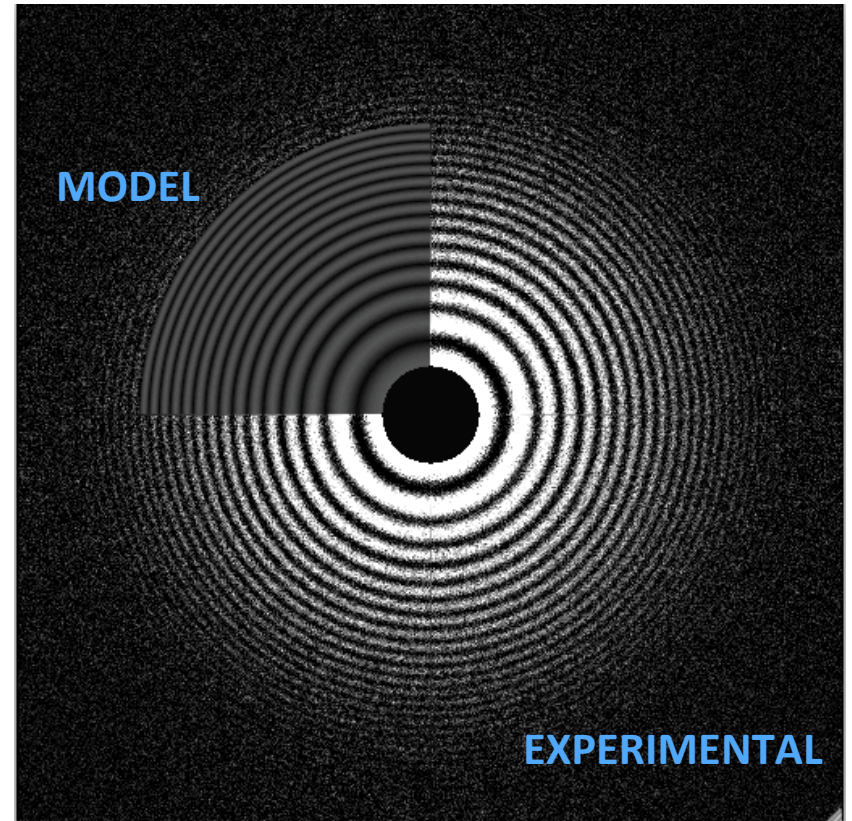
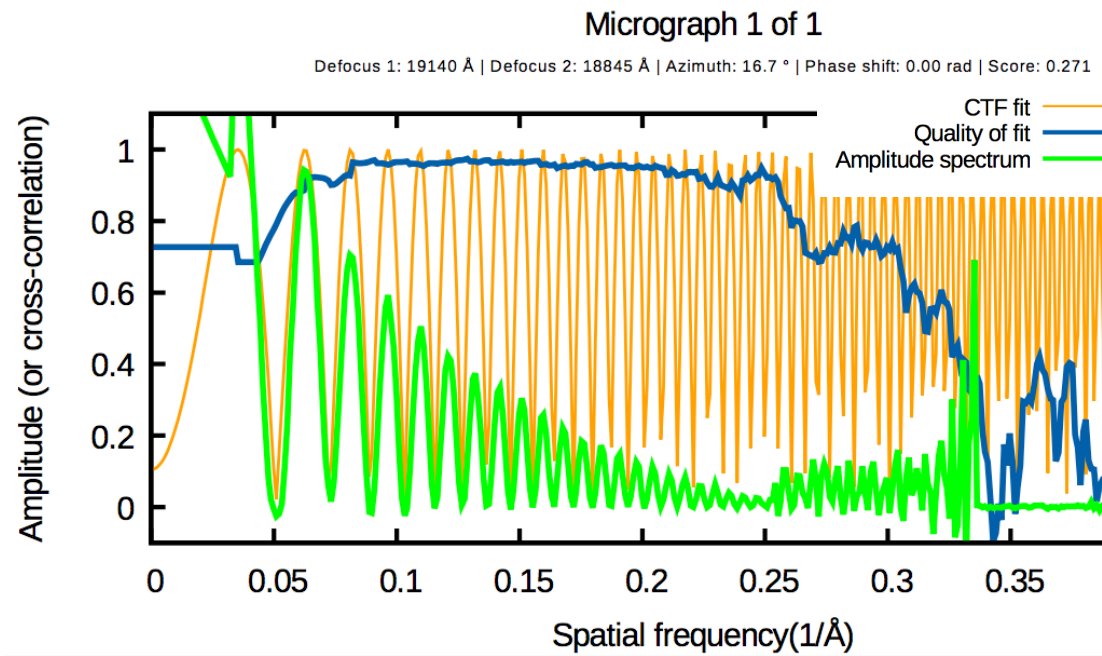


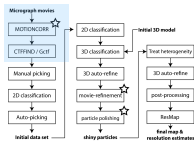
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## Output from Ctfind



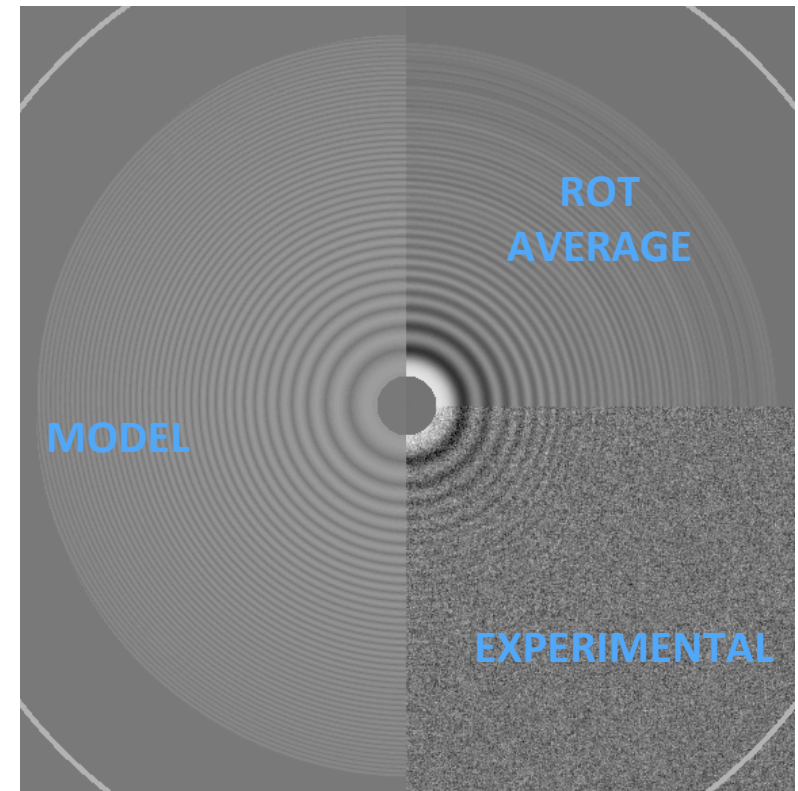
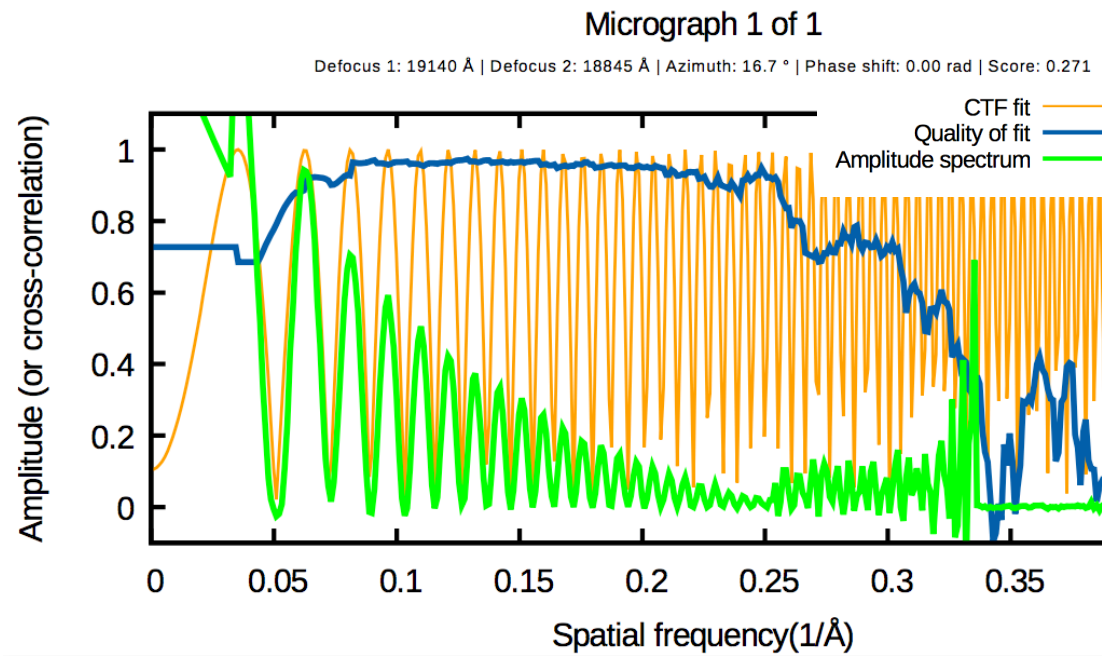


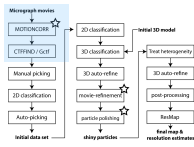
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# CTF Correction

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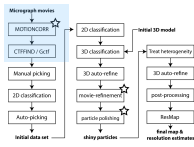
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  _rlnVoltage #7
  _rlnSphericalAberration #8
  _rlnAmplitudeContrast #9
  _rlnMagnification #10
  _rlnDetectorPixelSize #11
  _rlnCtfFigureOfMerit #12
  _rlnCtfMaxResolution #13
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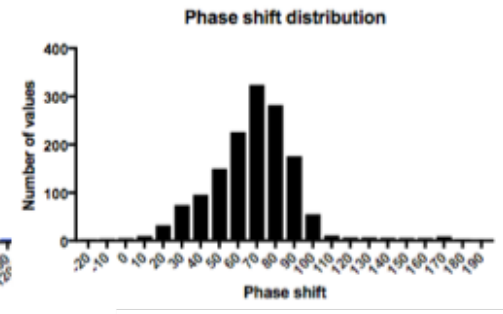
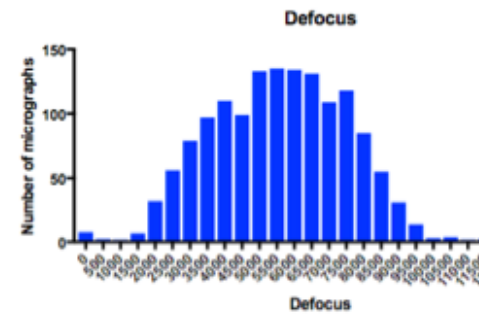
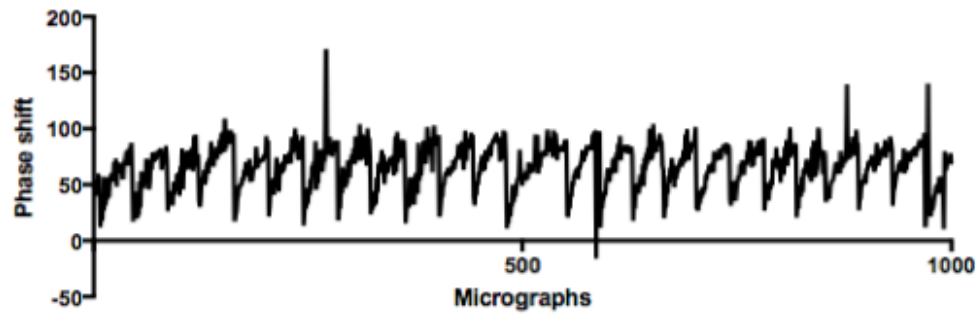
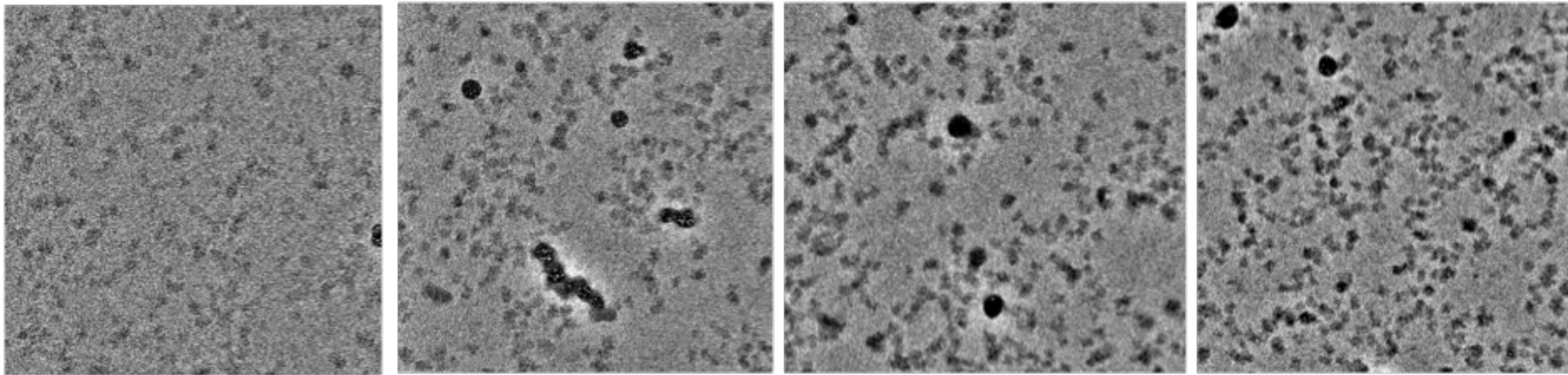
# CTF Correction - Phase Plate Data



## Phase Shift

0

90



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GCTF
--ac 0
--phase_shift_L 0.0
--phase_shift_H 180
--astm 3000 (tune)
```

I/O Searches CTFIND-4.1 Gctf Running

FFT box size (pix): 512

Minimum resolution (A): 30

Maximum resolution (A): 5

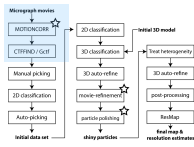
Minimum defocus value (A): 5000

Maximum defocus value (A): .00000

Defocus step size (A): 100

Estimate phase shifts? No

Phase shift - Min, Max, Step (deg) 0 180 10



# Image Selection

Let go of bad micrographs... it is hard, I know...

Print command   Schedule   Continue now

Display:   
  
 MotionCorr/set2/

micrographs\_ctf.star

Scale: 0.5   Black value: 0  
 Sigma contrast: 0   White value: 0

Display: rlnCtfImage

Sort images on:  
 Reverse sort?

Nr. columns: 3

- rlnDefocusU
- rlnDefocusV
- rlnDefocusAngle
- rlnVoltage
- rlnSphericalAberration
- rlnAmplitudeContrast
- rlnMagnification
- rlnDetectorPixelSize
- rlnCtfFigureOfMerit
- rlnCtfMaxResolution
- RANDOMLY

job actions   Current job: Give\_alias\_here   Display:

RELION-2.1-beta-0: /beegfs/leiro82/EM/RIBO/PROCESSING

File   Jobs   Autorun   I/O   Class options   Running

- Import
- Motion correction
- CTF estimation
- Manual picking
- Auto-picking
- Particle extraction
- Particle sorting
- Subset selection**
- 2D classification
- 3D initial model
- 3D classification
- 3D auto-refine
- Movie refinement
- Particle polishing
- Mask creation
- Join star files
- Particle subtraction
- Post-processing
- Local resolution

Select classes from model.star:

OR select from micrographs.star: d/job037/micrographs\_ctf.star

OR select from particles.star:

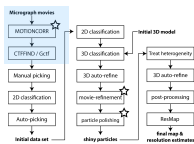
OR select from picked coords:

Print command   Schedule   Run now!

job actions   Current job: Give\_alias\_here   Display:





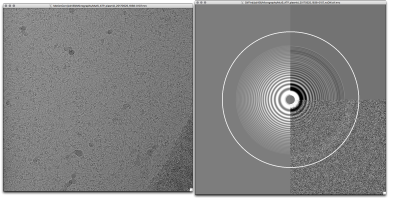


# Image Selection

Let go of bad micrographs... it is hard, I know...

Print command   Schedule   Continue now

Display: in: corrected\_micrographs.star  
out: micrographs\_ctf.star  
MotionCorr/set2/



Relion display GUI

micrographs\_ctf.star

Scale:

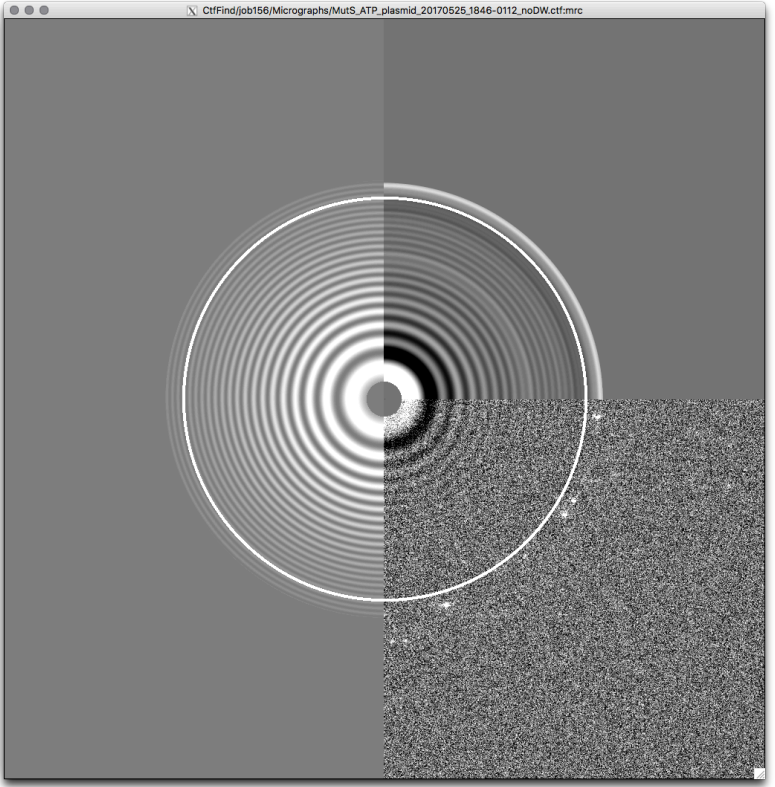
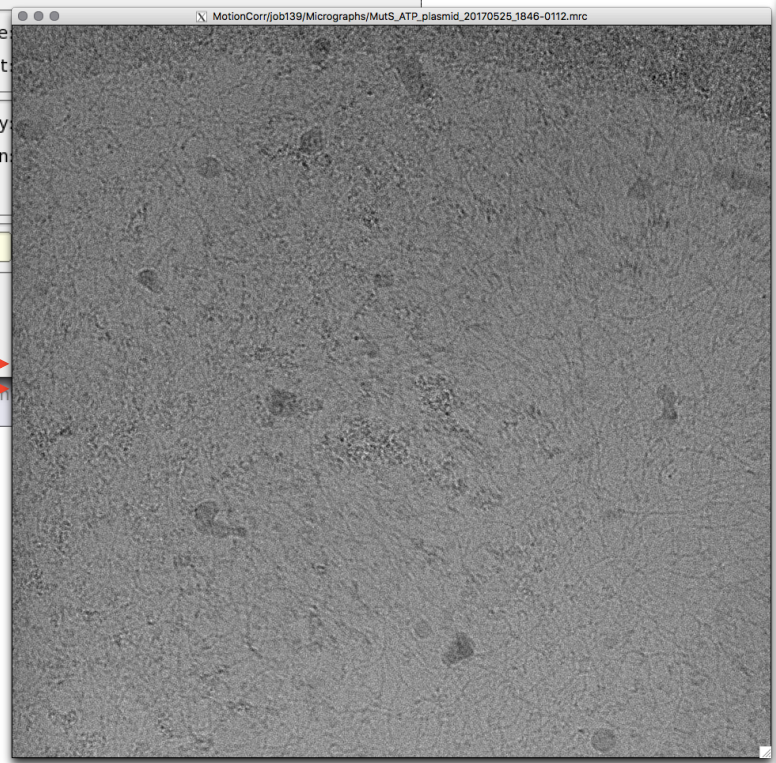
Sigma contrast:

Display:

- Sort images on
- Reverse sort?

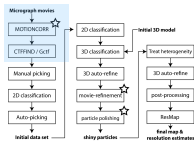
Nr. columns:

Job actions   Current







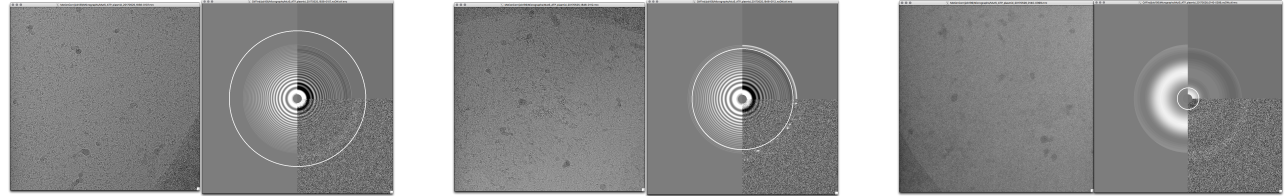


# Image Selection

Let go of bad micrographs... it is hard, I know...

Print command   Schedule   Continue now

Display: in: corrected\_micrographs.star  
out: micrographs\_ctf.star  
MotionCorr/set2/



Relion display GUI

micrographs\_ctf.star

Scale

Sigma contrast

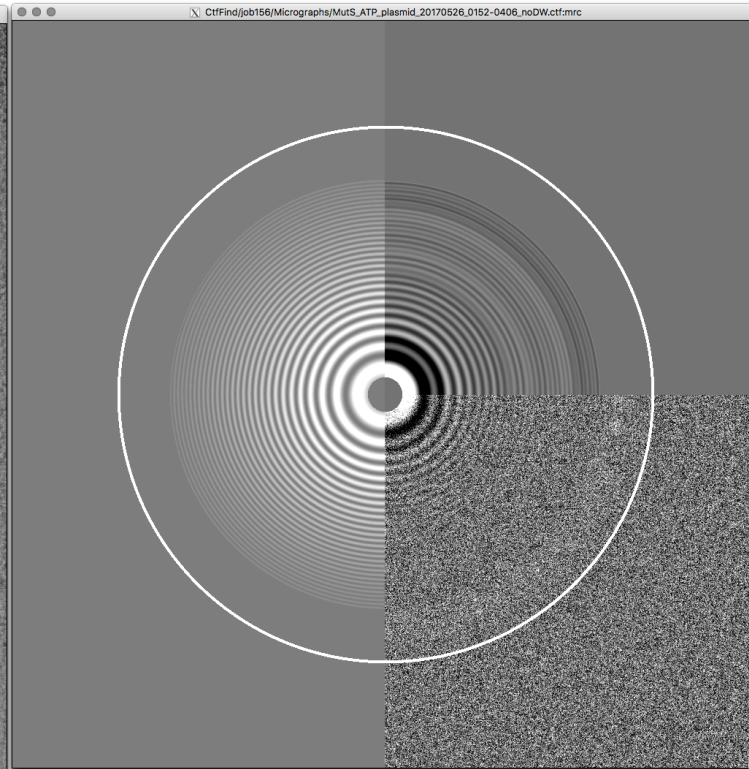
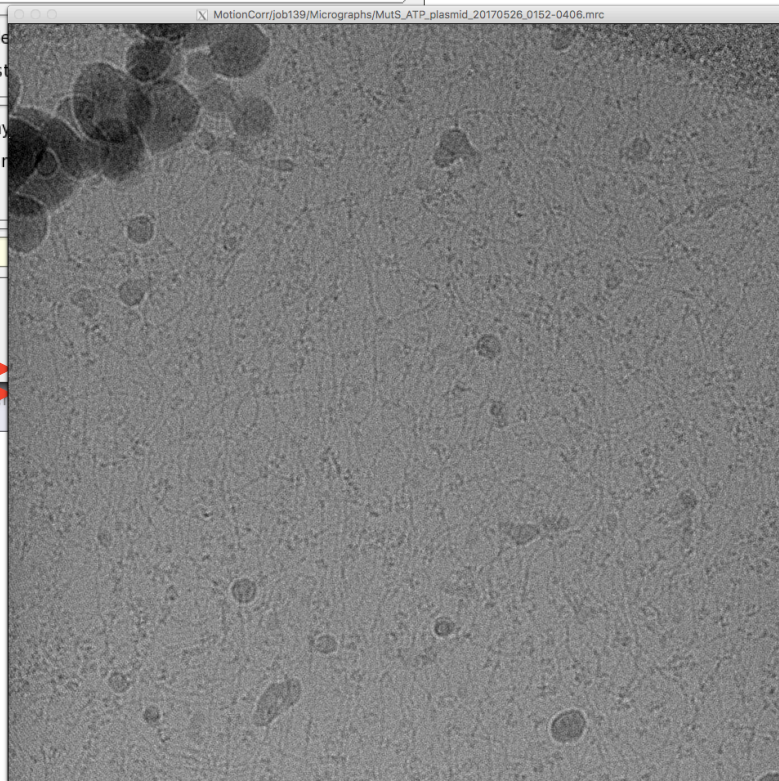
Display

Sort images on

Reverse sort?

Nr. columns: 3

job actions   Current

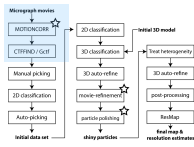










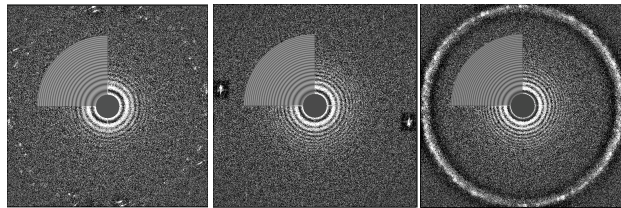


# Image Selection

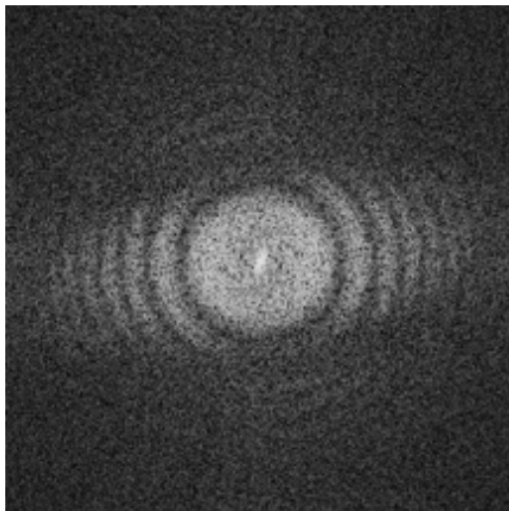
Let go of bad micrographs... it is hard, I know...

Ice quality  
 Drifty images  
 Check for strong astigmatism  
 Are there any particles??

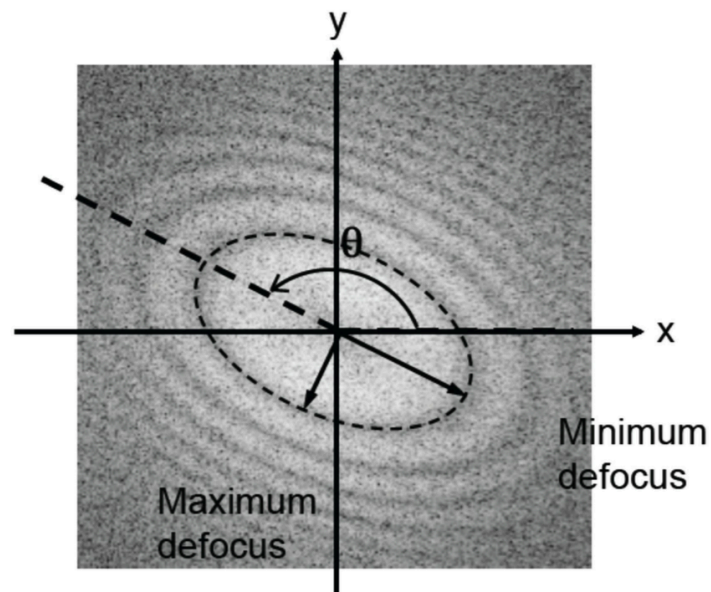
Ice



Drift



astigmatism

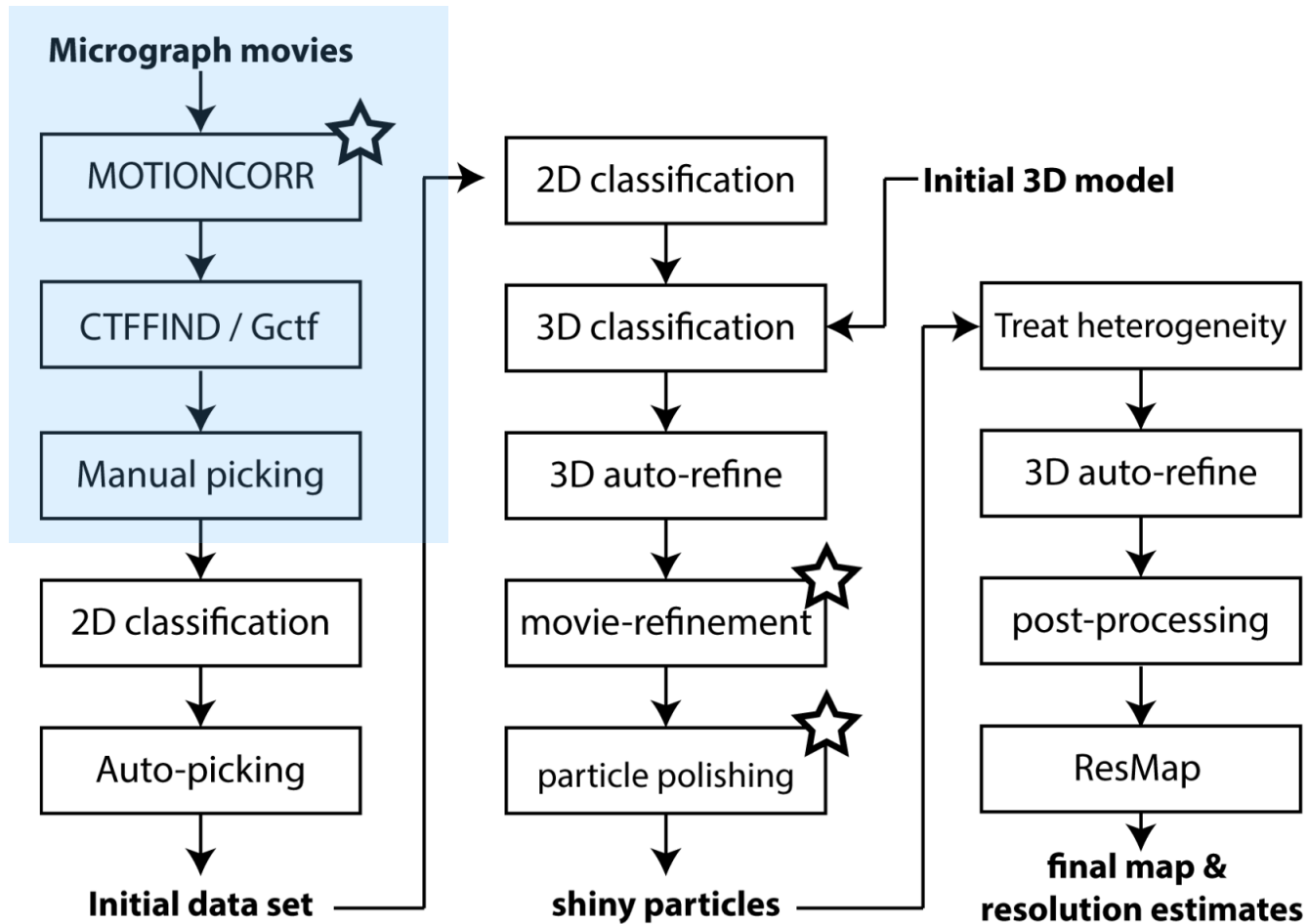






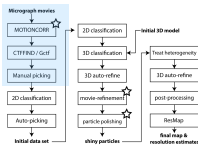


# Particle Picking









# Particle Picking

## Automated Picking

- There are many packages for automatic particle picking!
- Many support reference-free particle picking (Gautomach, RELION)
- Reference based particle picking (RELION, EMAN, findEM, etc.)

I/O References autopicking Helix Running

Input micrographs for autopick:

References:

Or use Gaussian blob?

Gaussian peak value

Pixel size in micrographs (A)

Mask diameter (A)

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I/O References autopicking Helix Running

Lowpass filter references (A)

Highpass filter (A)

Pixel size in references (A)

Angular sampling (deg)

References have inverted contrast?

Are References CTF corrected?

Ignore CTFs until first peak?

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I/O References autopicking Helix Running

Picking threshold:

Minimum inter-particle distance (A):

Maximum stddev noise:

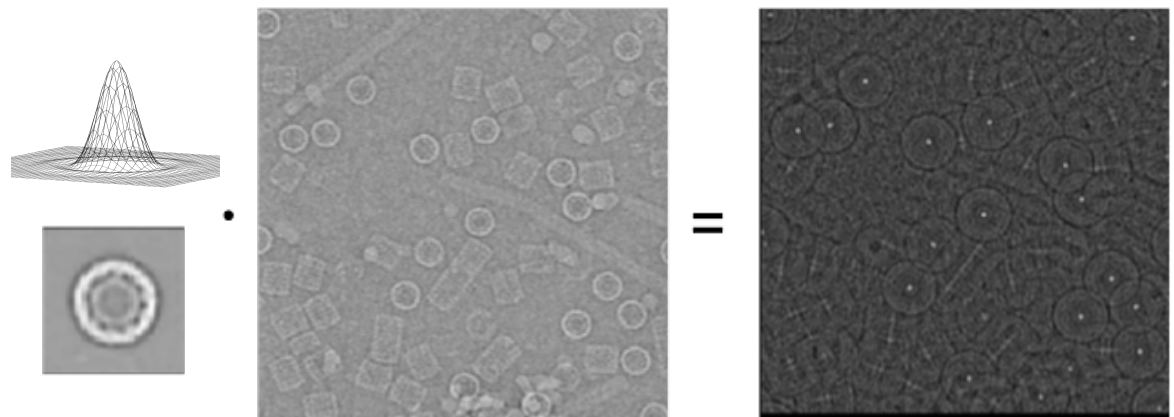
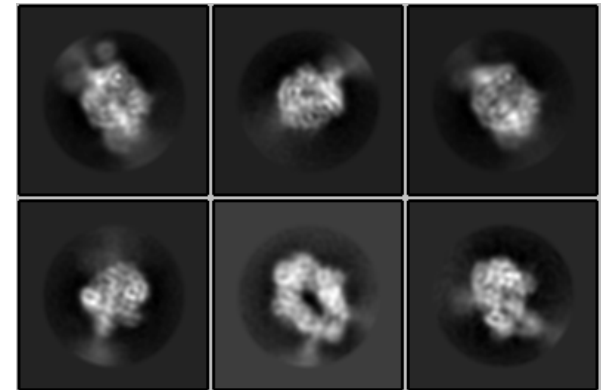
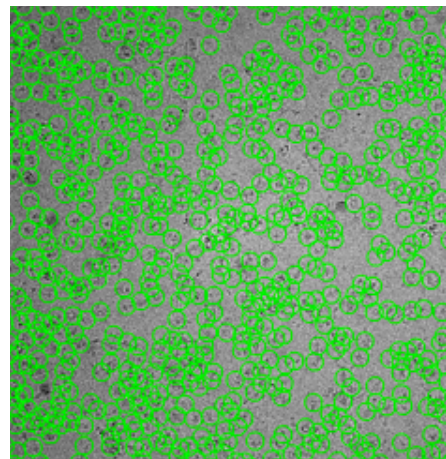
Write FOM maps?

Read FOM maps?

Shrink factor:

Use GPU acceleration?

Which GPUs to use:



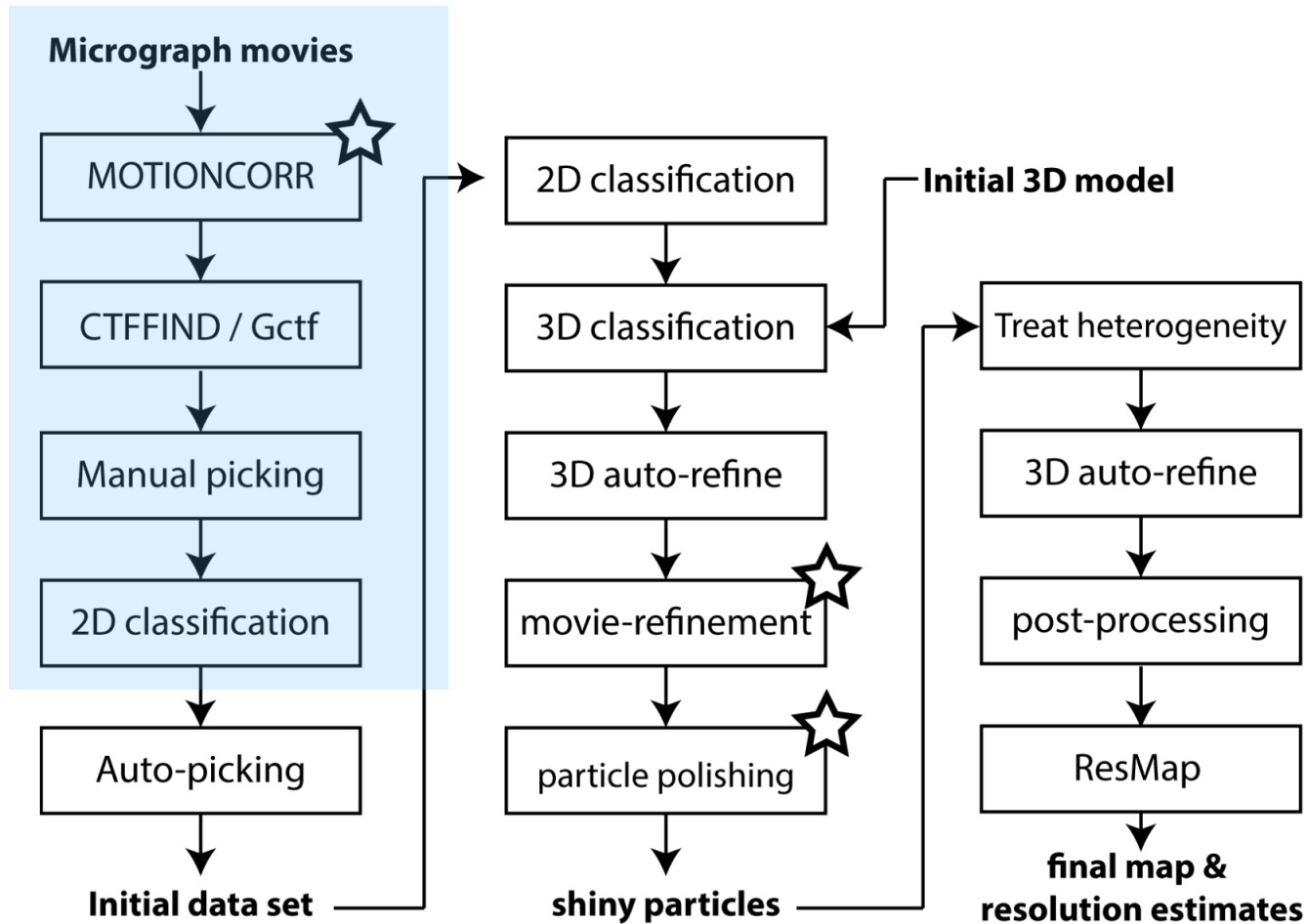


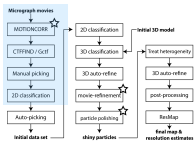






# 2D Classification





# 2D Classification

I/O CTF Optimisation Sampling Helix Compute Running

Input images STAR file:

Continue from here:

I/O CTF Optimisation Sampling Helix Compute Running

Do CTF-correction?

Have data been phase-flipped?

Ignore CTFs until first peak?

I/O CTF Optimisation Sampling Helix Compute Running

Number of classes:

Regularisation parameter T:

Number of iterations:

Use subsets for initial updates?

Initial subset size:

Number of subset updates:

Mask diameter (A):

Mask individual particles with zeros?

Limit resolution E-step to (A):

I/O CTF Optimisation Sampling Helix Compute Running

Perform image alignment?

In-plane angular sampling:

Offset search range (pix):

Offset search step (pix):

Use 2D classification to assess the quality of your dataset

and to cleanup false positives from picking

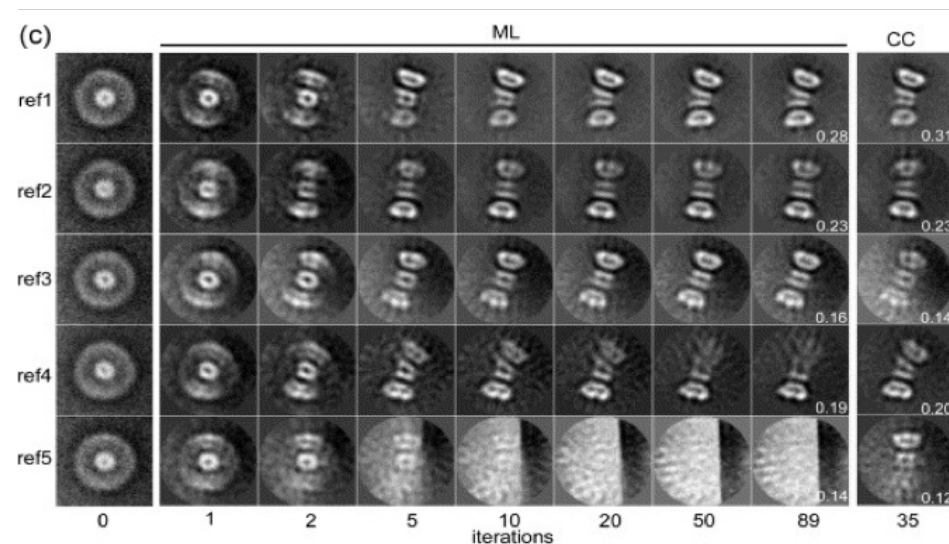
Number of classes

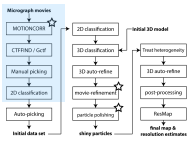
CTF correction

Mask

Resolution limit

## Reference-free 2D class averaging





# 2D Classification

Use 2D classification to assess the quality of your dataset

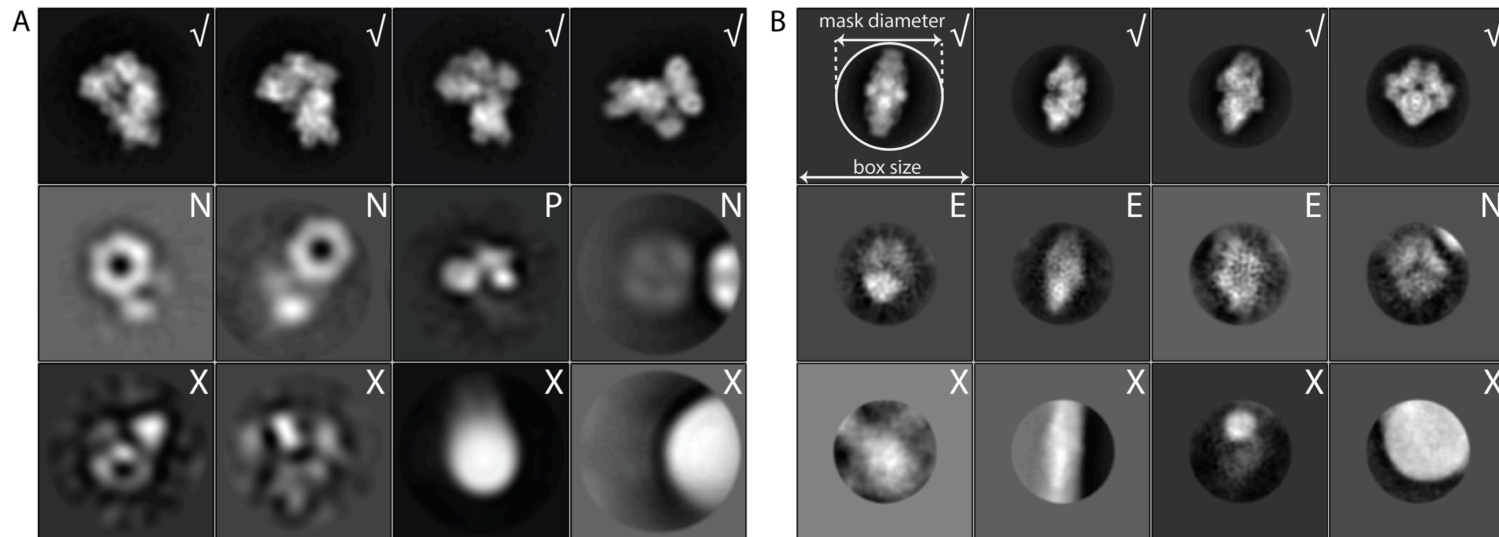
and to cleanup false positives from picking

V Correct

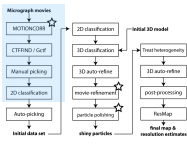
P Partial complex

N Neighbouring particles

X False positives / Contaminants

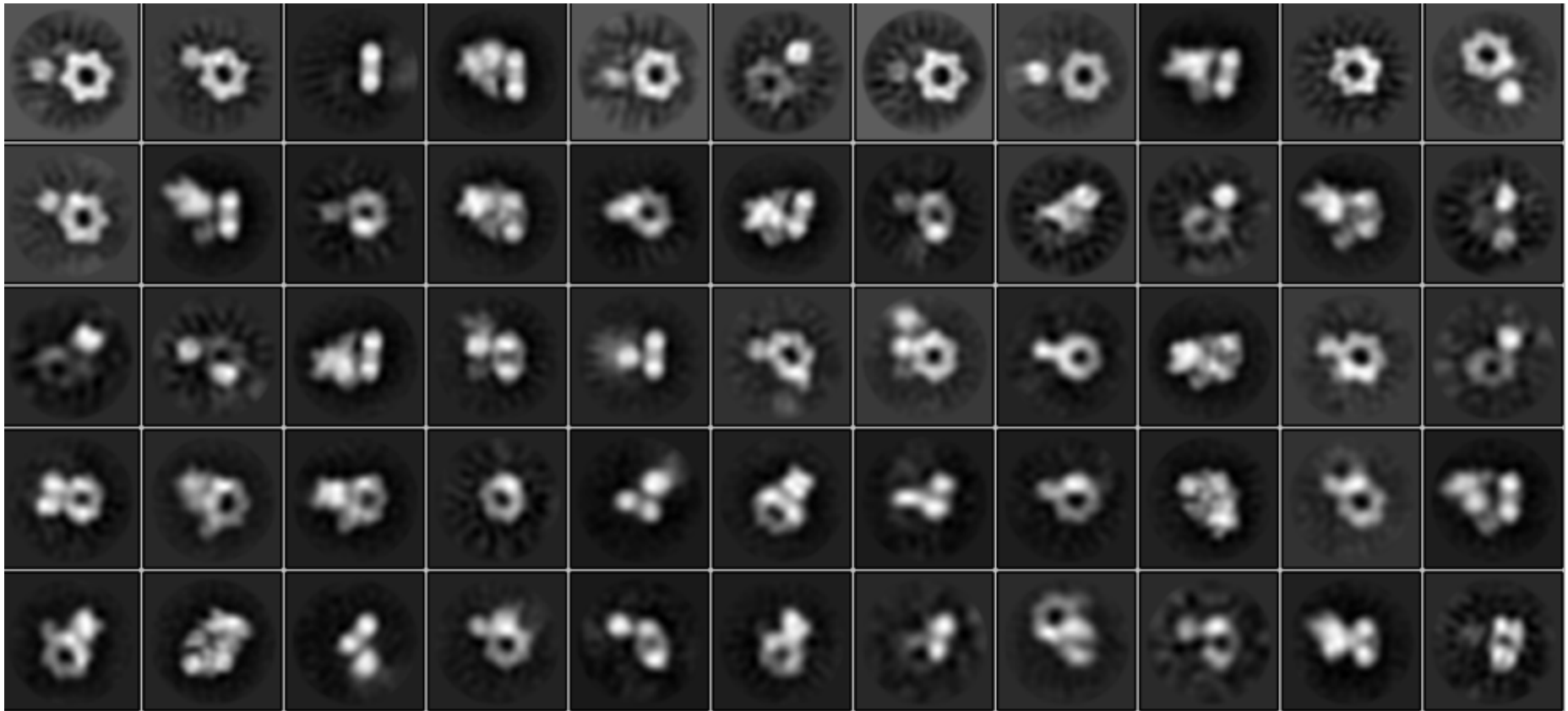


Scheres 2016 (Methods Enzymology)

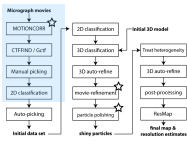


# 2D Classification

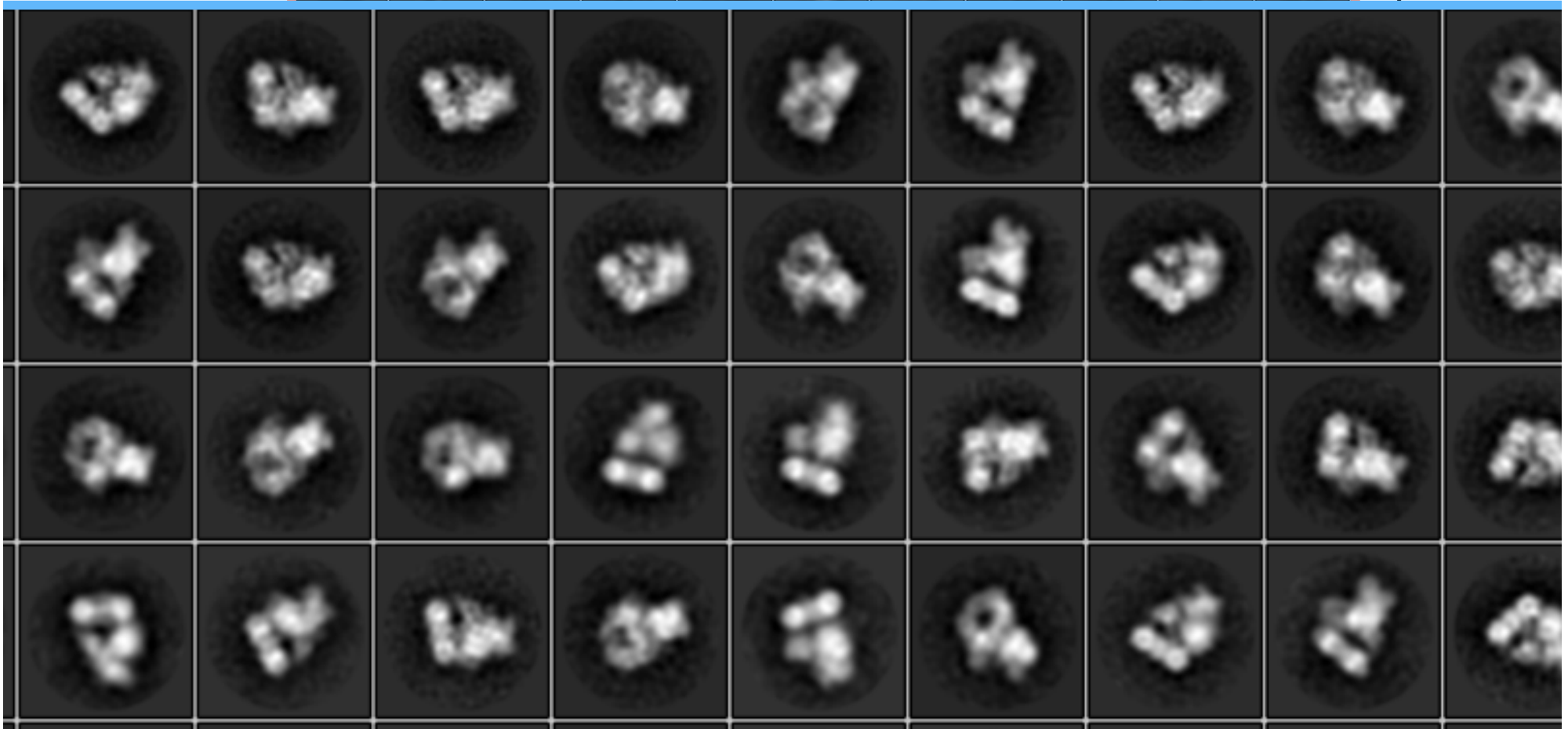
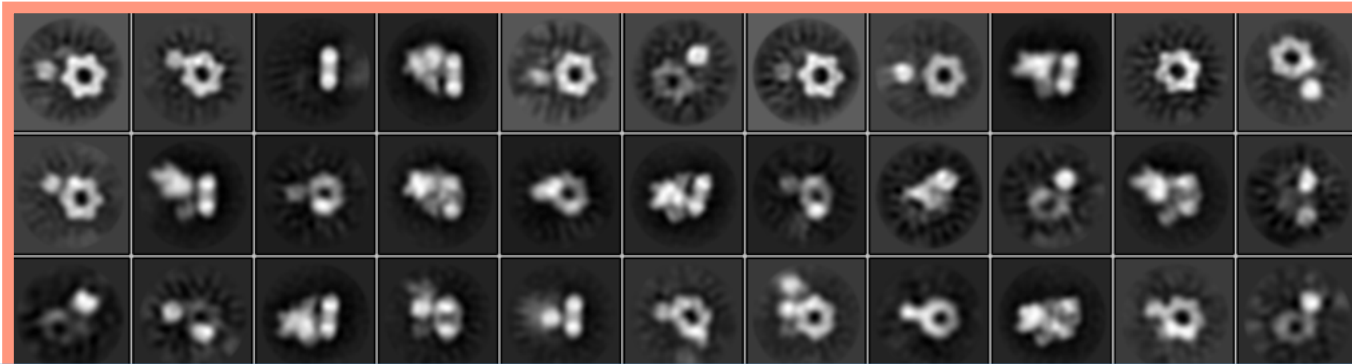
Use 2D classification to assess the quality of your dataset and sample



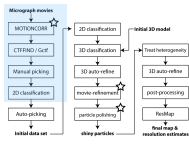




# 2D Classification

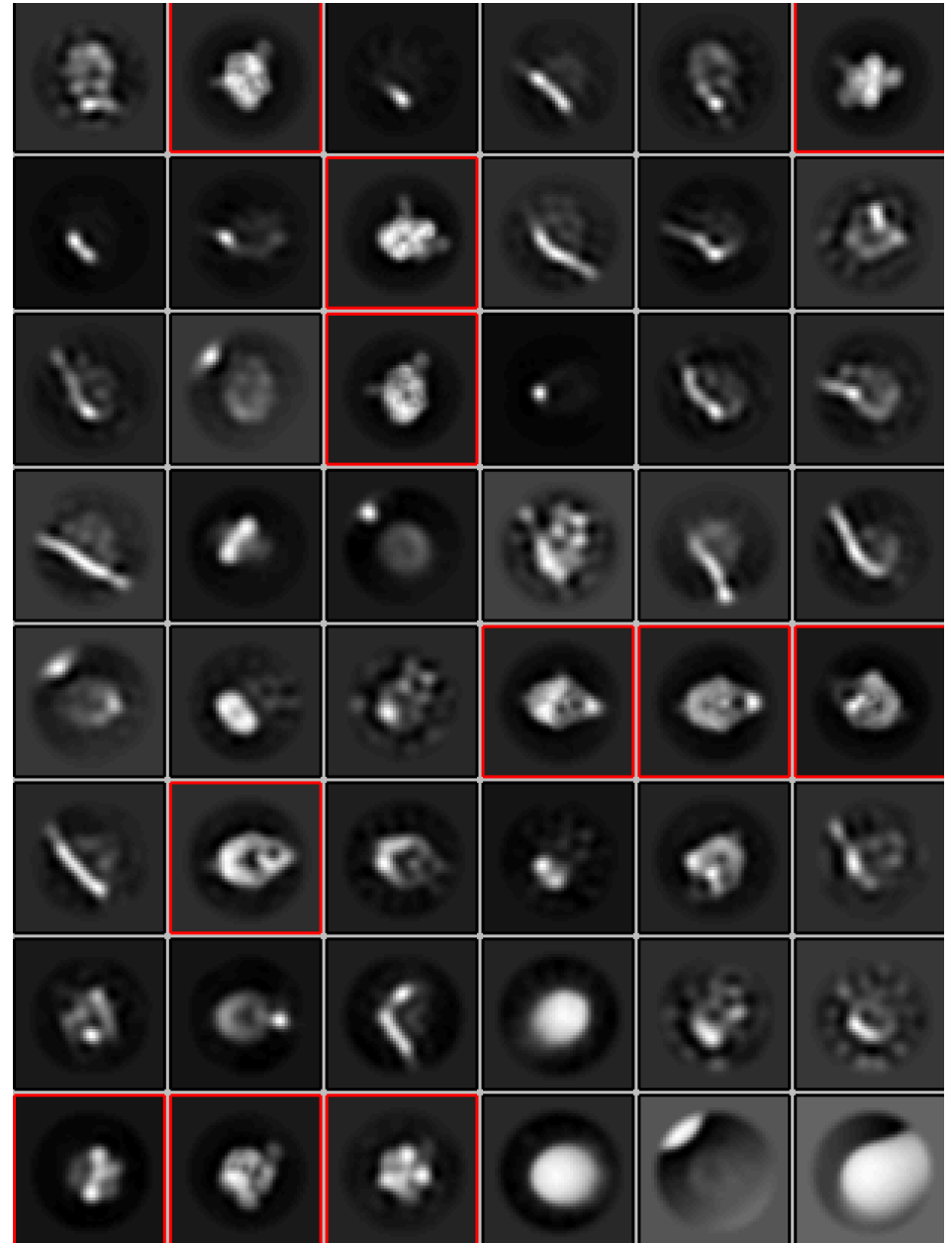




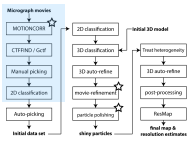


# 2D Classification

Run 1 (25Å res limit / 50px binx3)  
 Run 2 (25Å res limit / 50px binx3)  
 [...]  
 Run 5 (6Å res limit / 200px)







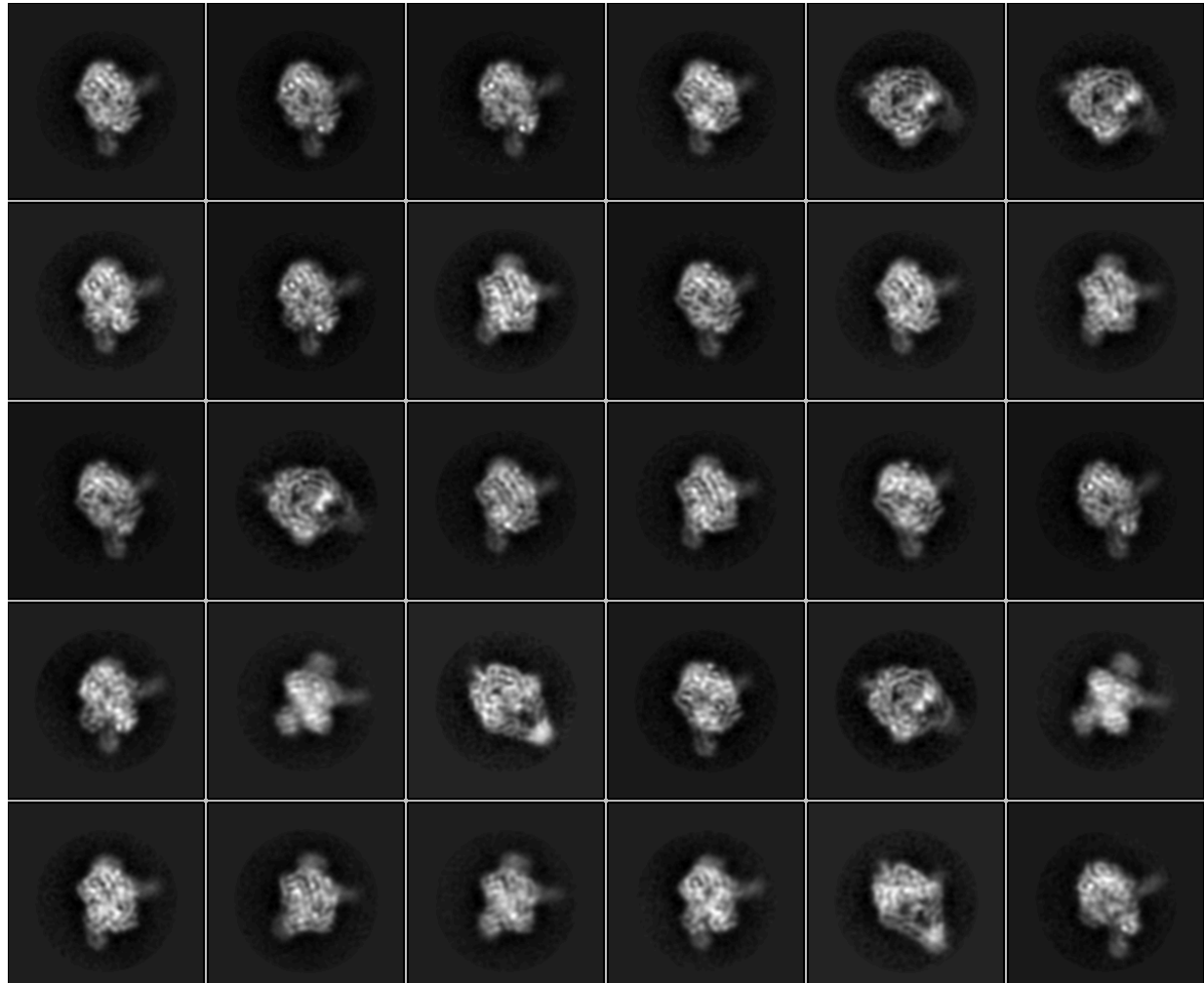
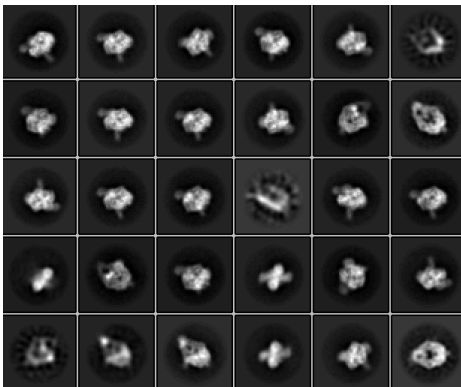
# 2D Classification

Run 1 (25Å res limit / 50px binx3)

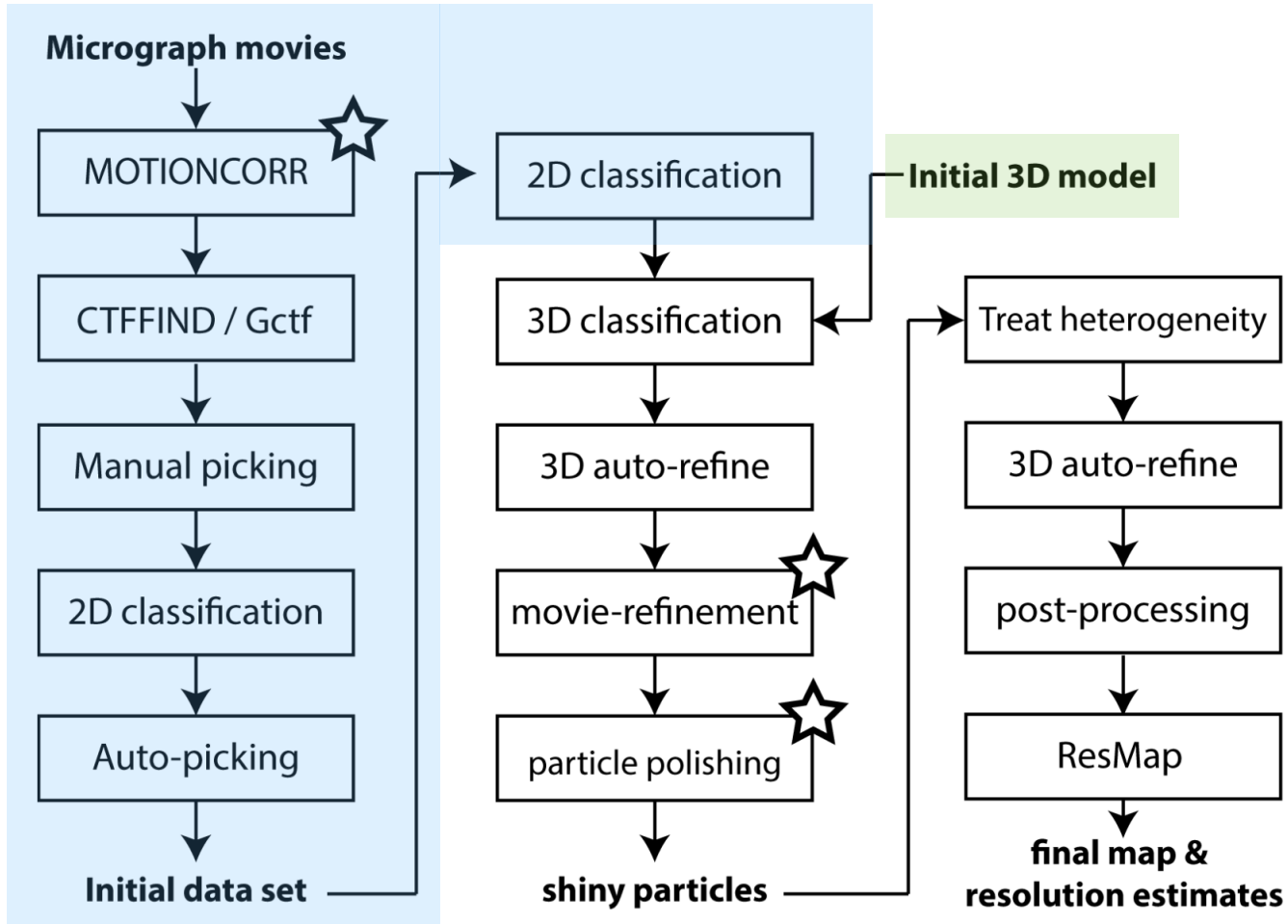
Run 2 (25Å res limit / 50px binx3)

[...]

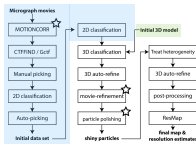
Run 5 (8Å res limit / 200px)



# Initial Model





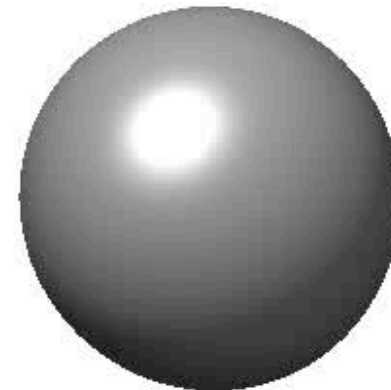
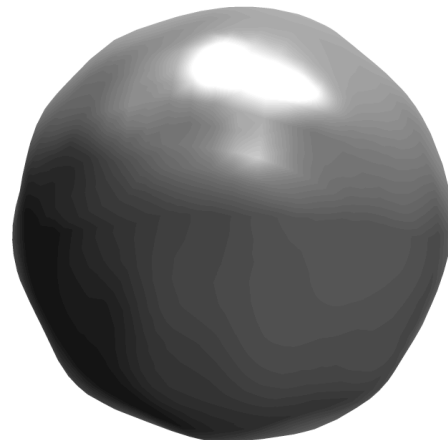


# Initial Model

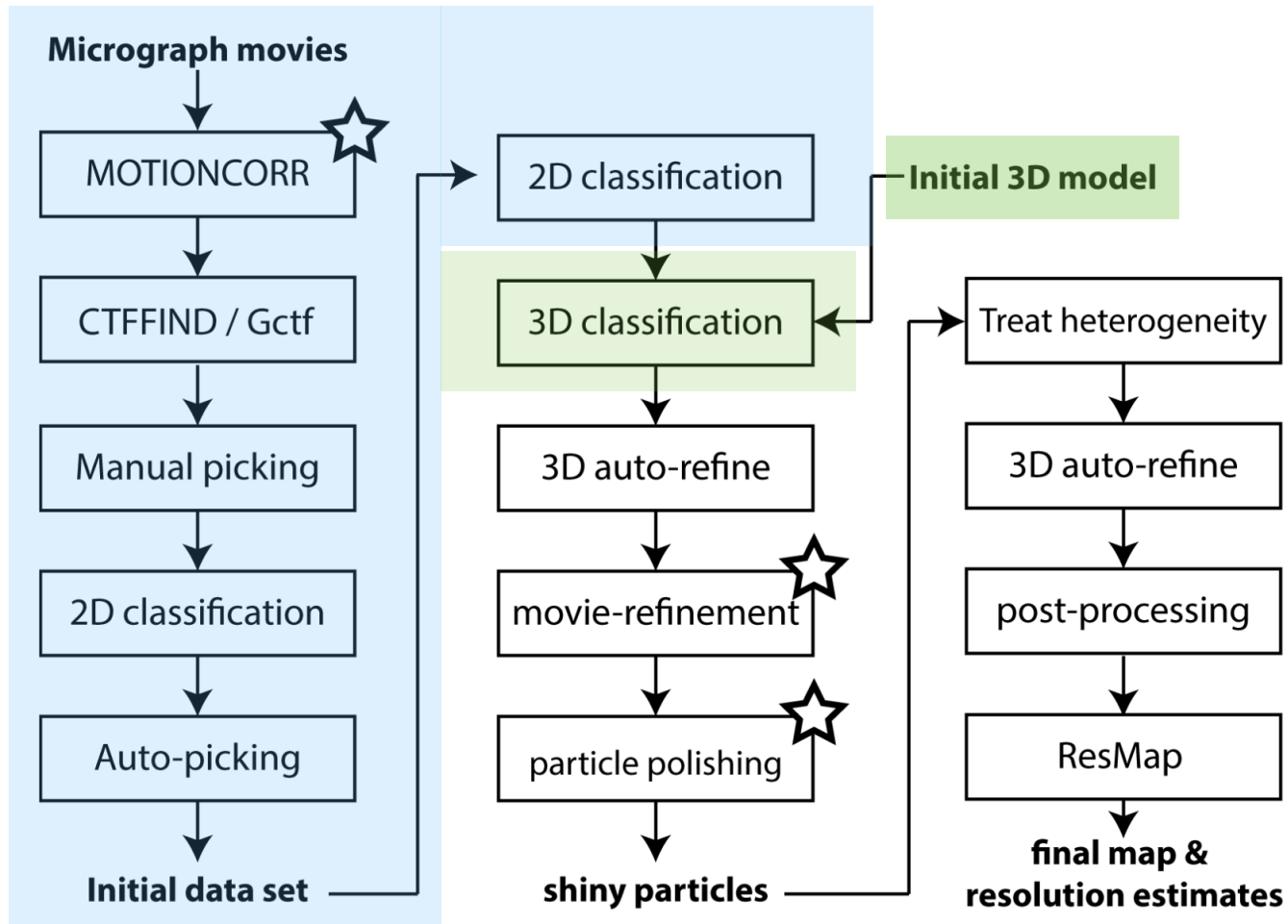
## What initial reference 3d map should we use for the first 3D refinement/classification?

- PDB or EMDB structure closely related to your sample (e.g. ribosome) ← **low-pass filter!**
- Use the 2D class averages to calculate a first 3D map (e.g. ab-initio generation in EMAN)
- **Ab-initio model generation from a random subset of particles:** **RELION (SGD)**
  - **SIMPLE PRIME** (Stochastic Hill Climbing)
  - **CryoSPARCS** (Stochastic Gradient Descent)
  - **RELION** (Stochastic Gradient Descent)
- Subtomogram averaging
- Random conical tilt
- Common lines

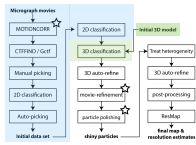
**SIMPLE PRIME**



# 3D Classification



# 3D Classification



I/O Reference CTF Optimisation Sampling Helix Compute Running

Input images STAR file:

Continue from here:

Reference map:

Reference mask (optional):

I/O Reference CTF Optimisation Sampling Helix Compute Running

Ref. map is on absolute greyscale?

Initial low-pass filter (A):

Symmetry:

I/O Reference CTF Optimisation Sampling Helix Compute Running

Do CTF-correction?

Has reference been CTF-corrected?

Have data been phase-flipped?

Ignore CTFs until first peak?

I/O Reference CTF Optimisation Sampling Helix Compute Running

Number of classes:

Regularisation parameter T:

Number of iterations:

Use subsets for initial updates?

Initial subset size:

Number of subset updates:

Mask diameter (A):

Mask individual particles with zeros?

Limit resolution E-step to (A):

I/O Reference CTF Optimisation Sampling Helix Compute Running

Perform image alignment?

Angular sampling interval:

Offset search range (pix):

Offset search step (pix):

Perform local angular searches?

Local angular search range:

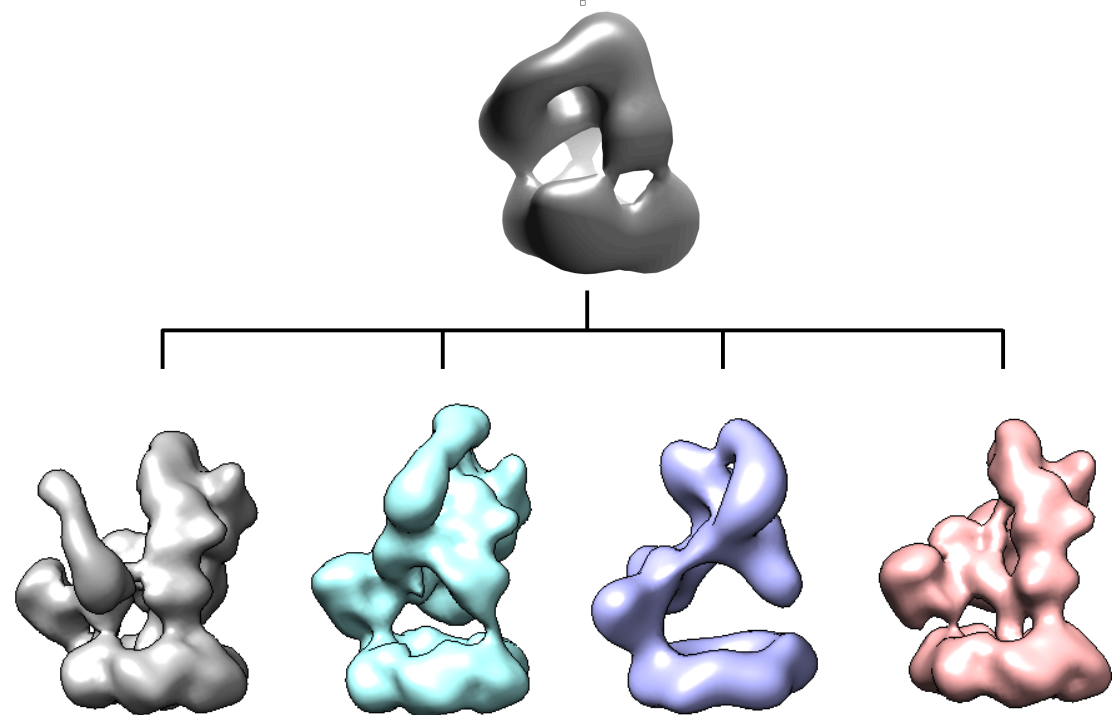
Use initial 3D classification to further cleanup your dataset

Number of classes

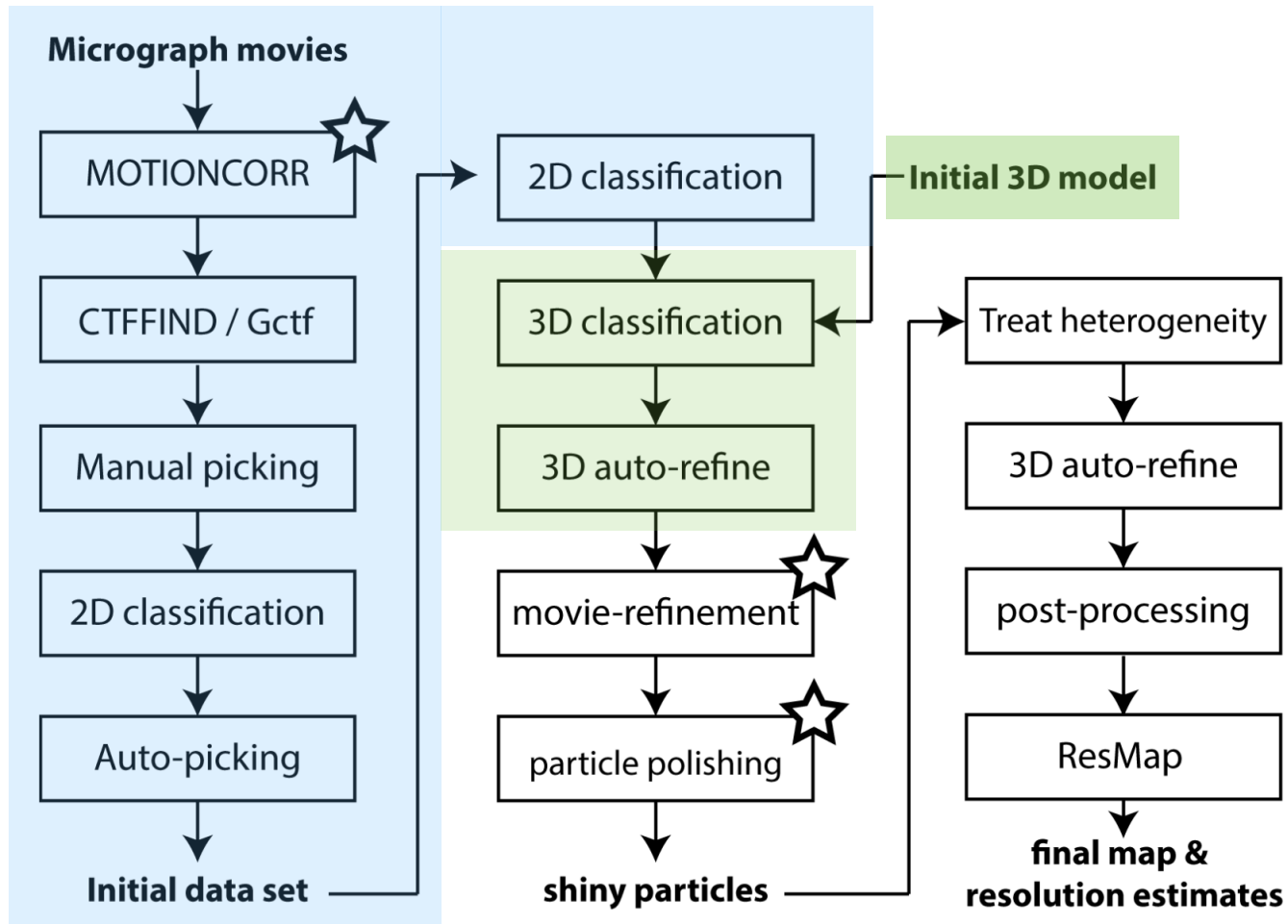
CTF correction

Mask

Resolution limit



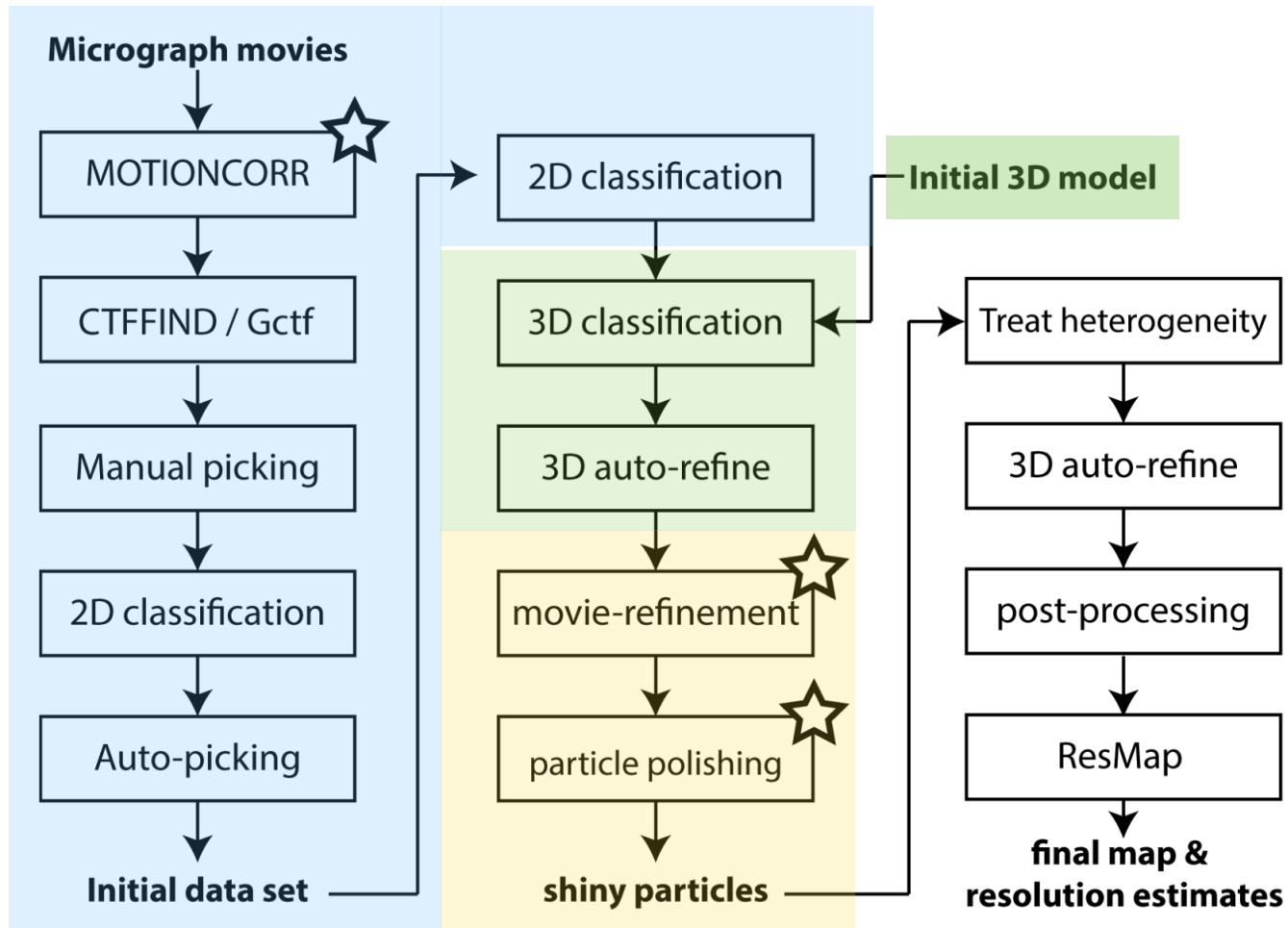
# 3D Refinement







# Movie Processing & Particle Polishing

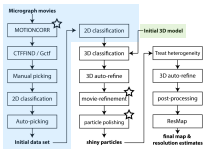








# Movie Processing & Particle Polishing



I/O Movement Damage Normalise Helix Running

Input STAR file with aligned movies:

Mask for the reconstructions:

I/O Movement Damage Normalise Helix Running

Linear fit particle movements?

Stddev on particle distance (pix)

I/O Movement Damage Normalise Helix Running

Perform B-factor weighting?

Highres-limit per-frame maps (A)

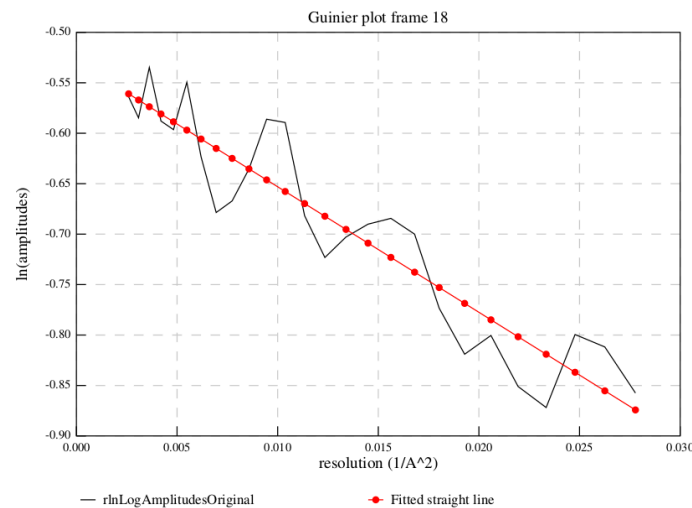
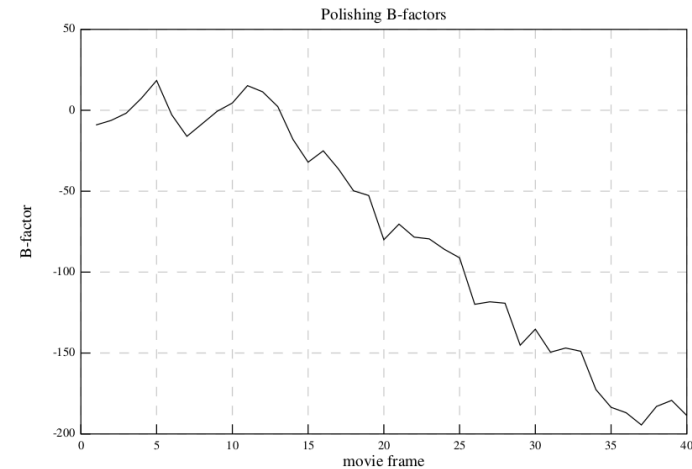
Lowres-limit B-factor estimation (A)

Average frames B-factor estimation

Symmetry:

## Particle Polishing

Correct Movement (fit linear path)  
Account for radiation damage (Dose Weighting)



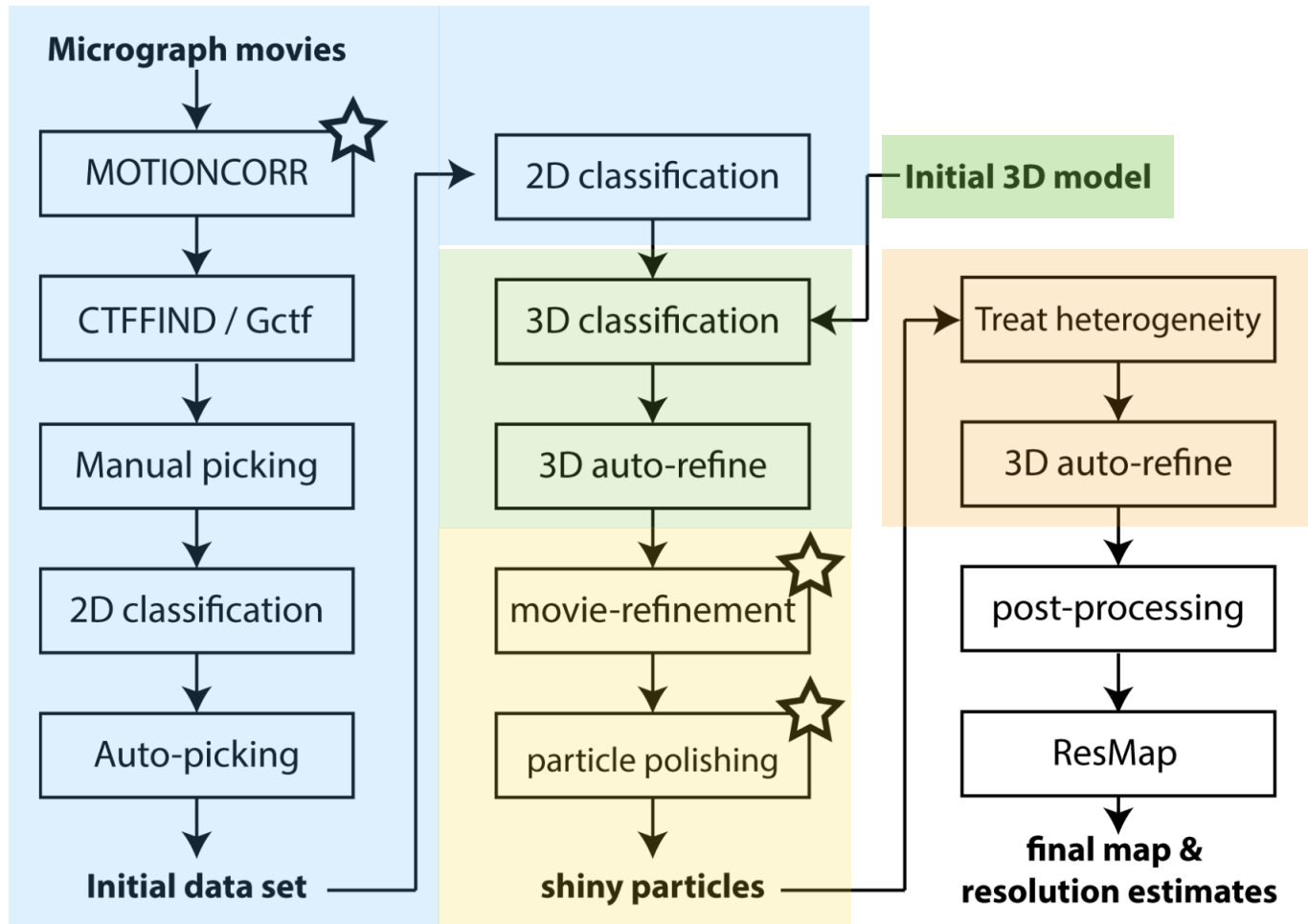
**Dose weighting in motioncor2?  
Polishing in RELION?**

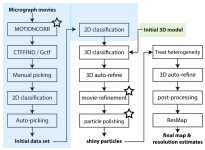
Use both

Very useful to have dose weighting from the beginning  
(provided you know the dose you put on your sample)

We have seen always improvements using polishing

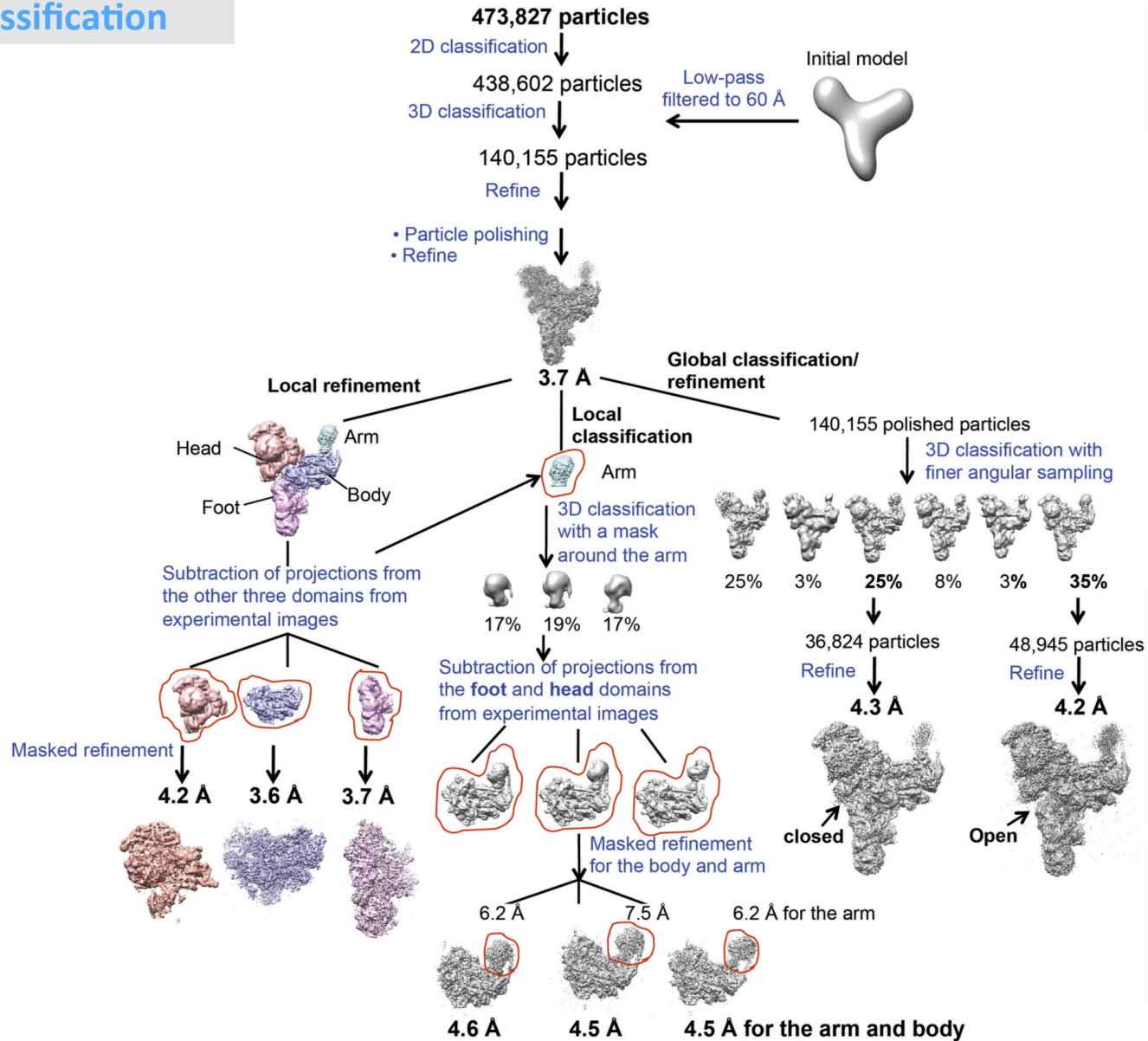
# Treating Heterogeneity



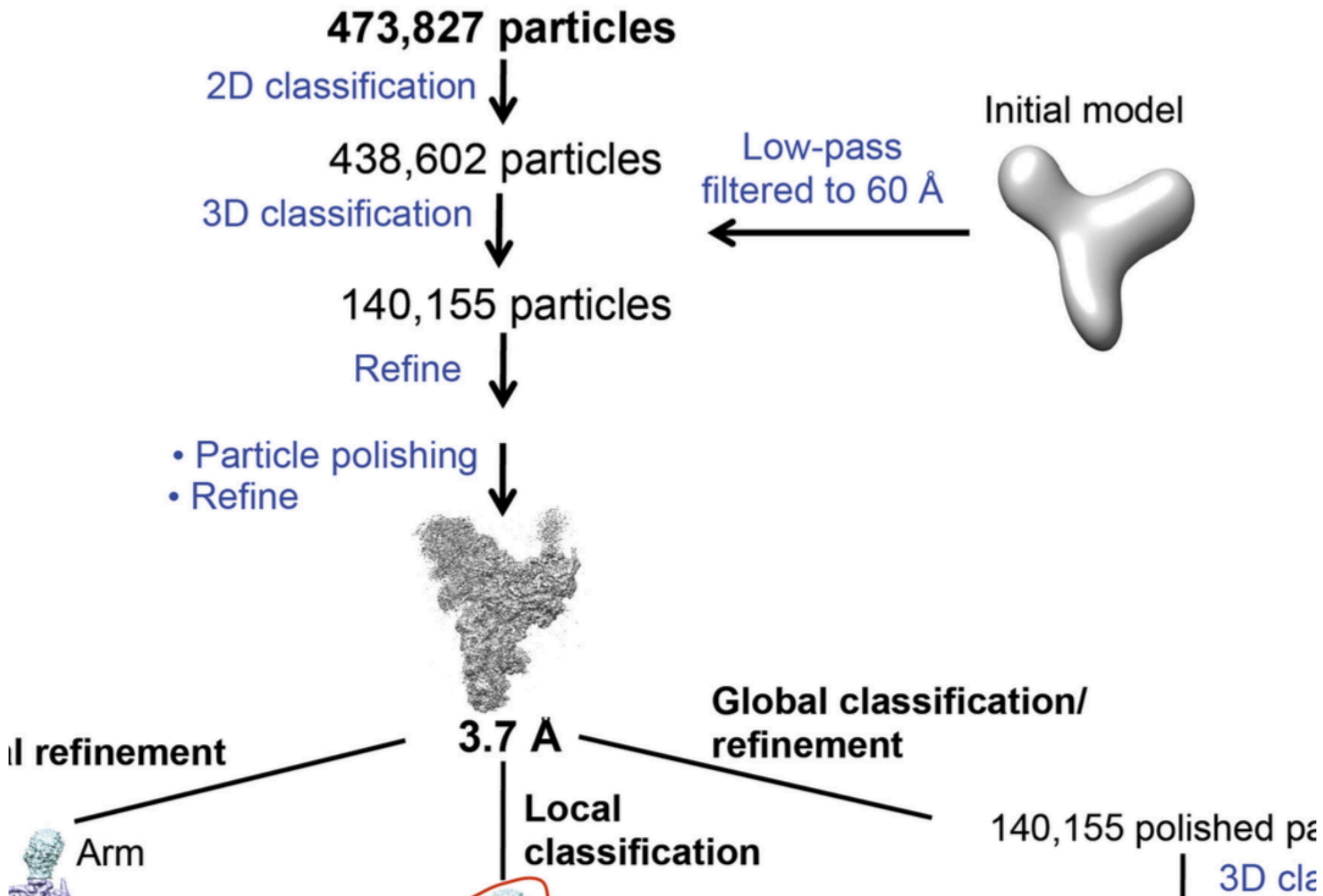


# Treating Heterogeneity

## Initial Classification



# Initial Classification





140,155 particles

Refine

- Particle polishing
- Refine

POLISHING



3.7 Å

Global classification/  
refinement

Local  
classification

140,155 polished particles

3D classification  
finer angles

Refinement

Arm

Body



Arm

3D classification  
with a mask  
around the arm

Classifications from  
main from

s



17%



19%



17%



25%



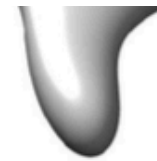
3%



25%



8%



# Global classification/ refinement

3D CLASSIFICATION

Classification

140,155 polished particles

3D classification with  
finer angular sampling

Classification  
sk  
e arm



25%



3%



25%



8%



3%



35%

is from  
ains  
se

36,824 particles

Refine

4.3 Å

48,945 particles

Refine

4.2 Å

25%

3%

25%

8%

3%

35%

36,824 particles

48,945 particles

Refine

Refine

4.3 Å

4.2 Å



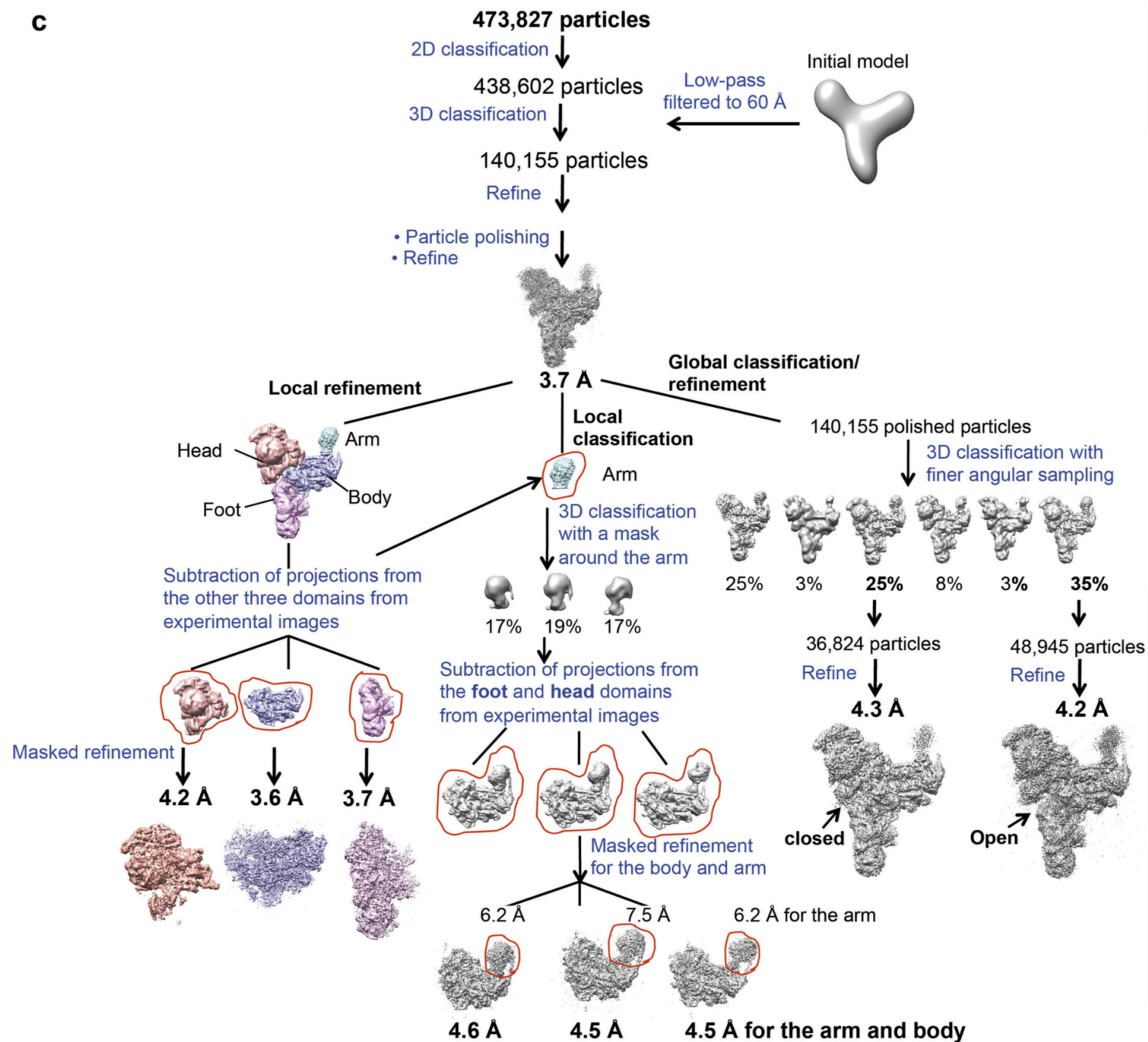
inement  
/ and arm

closed

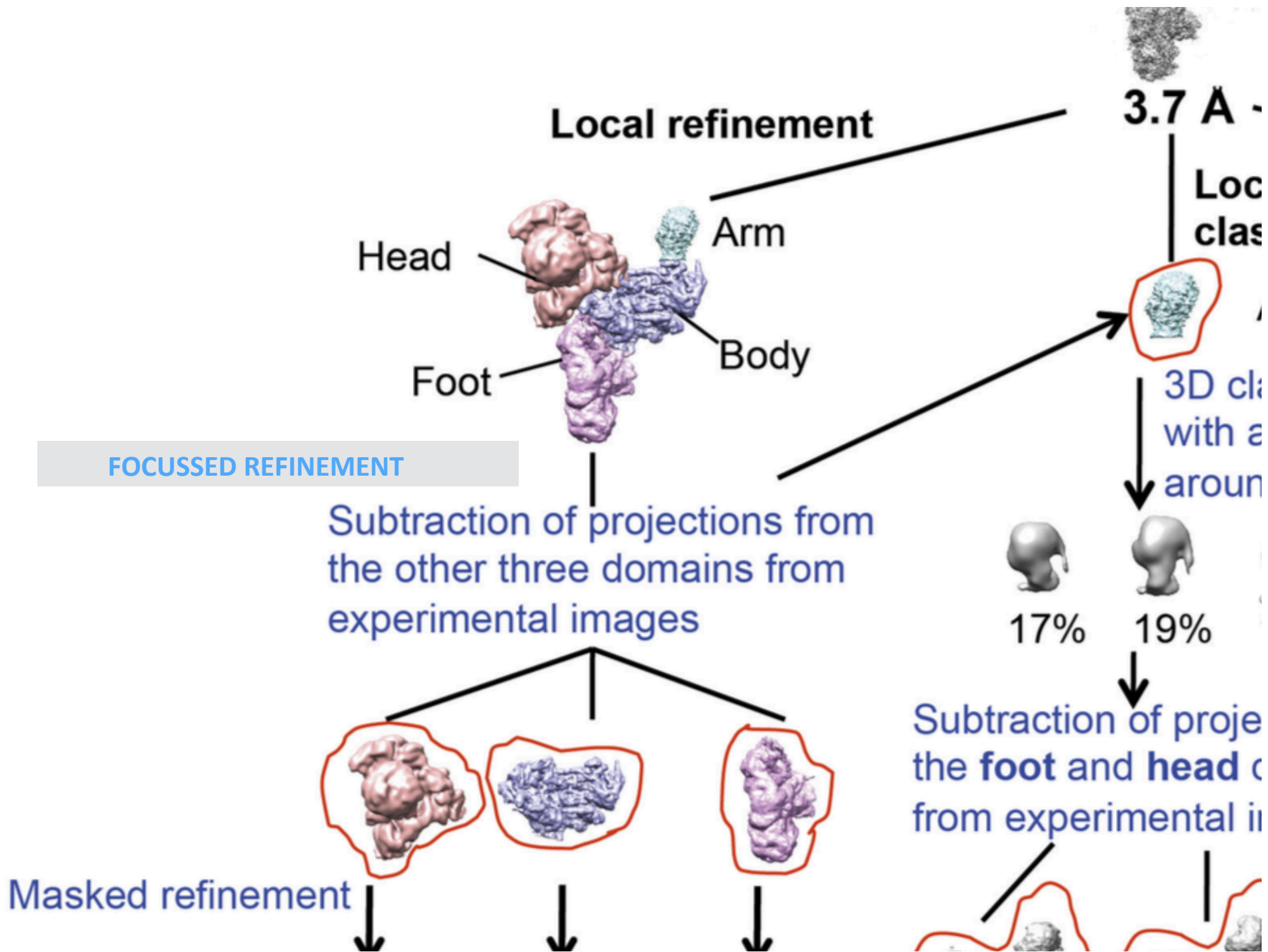
Open

6.2 Å for the arm

3D REFINEMENT MAIN CLASSES

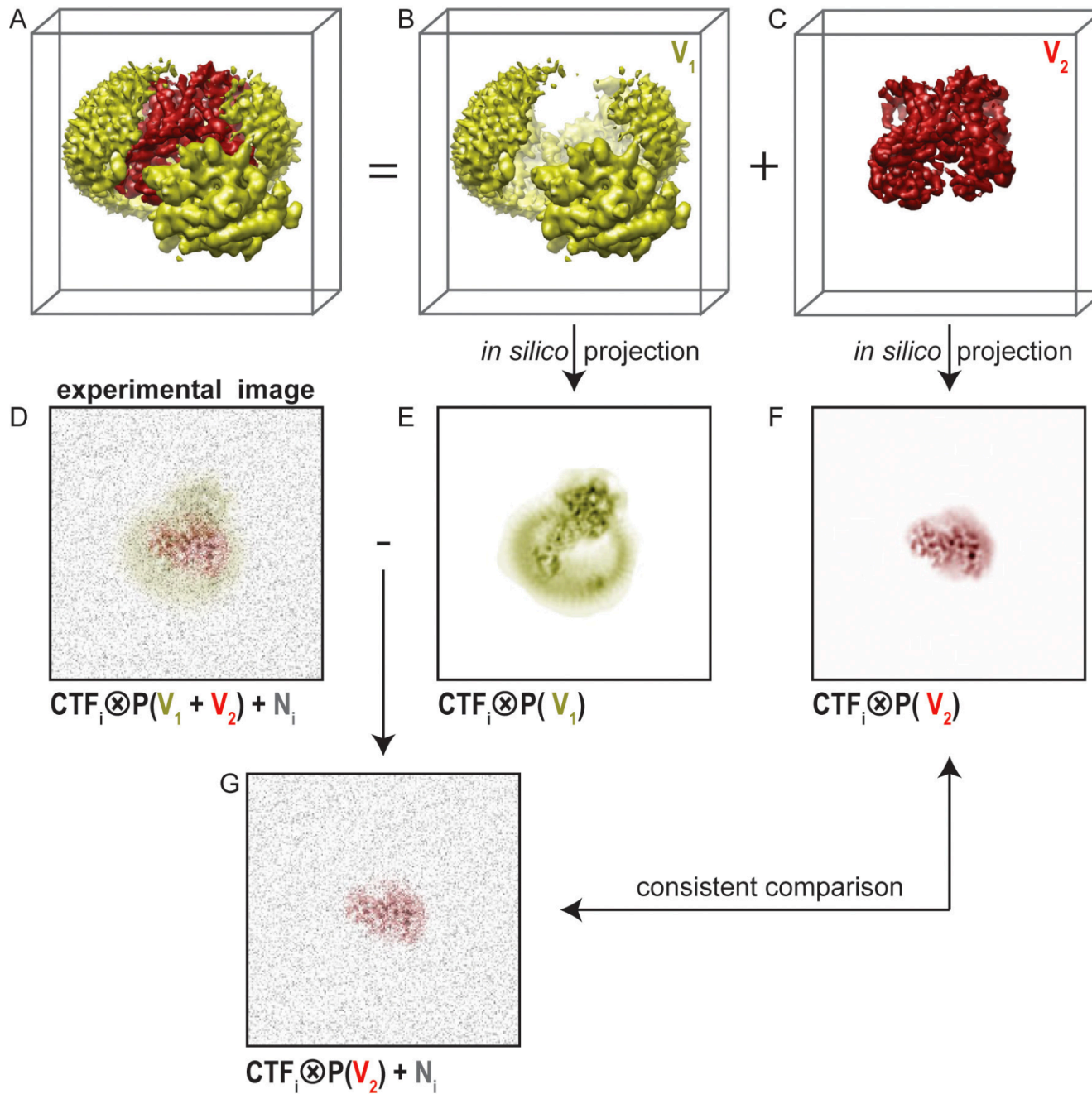
**C**

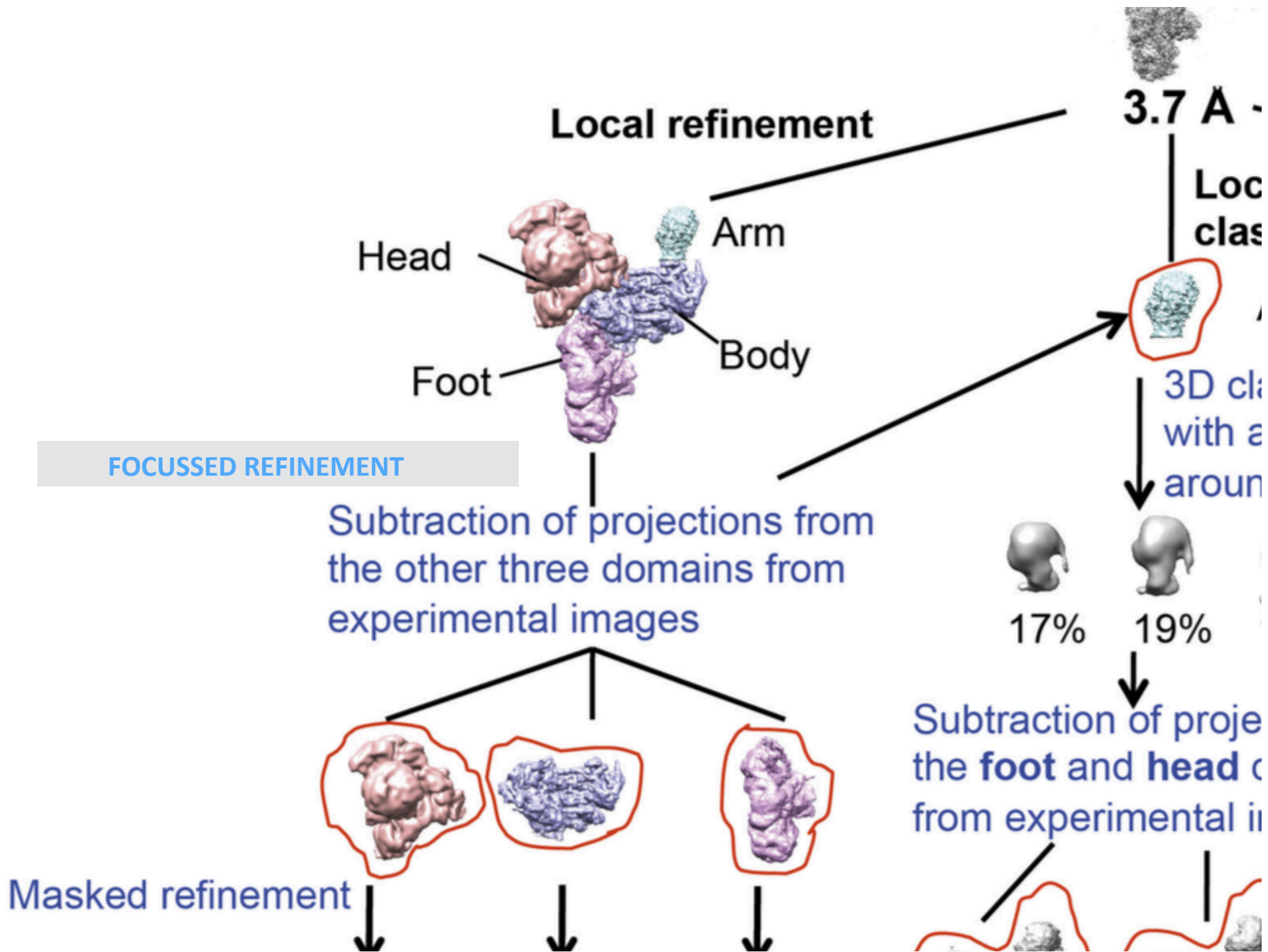






# SIGNAL SUBTRACTION





Subtraction of projections from  
the other three domains from  
experimental images

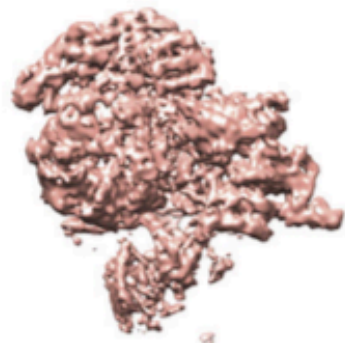
FOCUSSED REFINEMENT

Masked refinement

4.2 Å

3.6 Å

3.7 Å

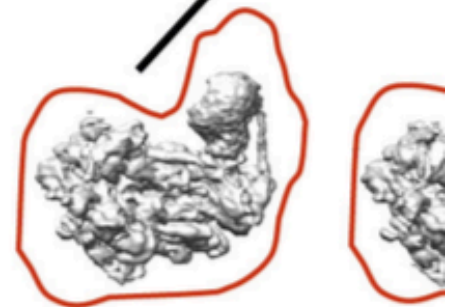


6.2 Å

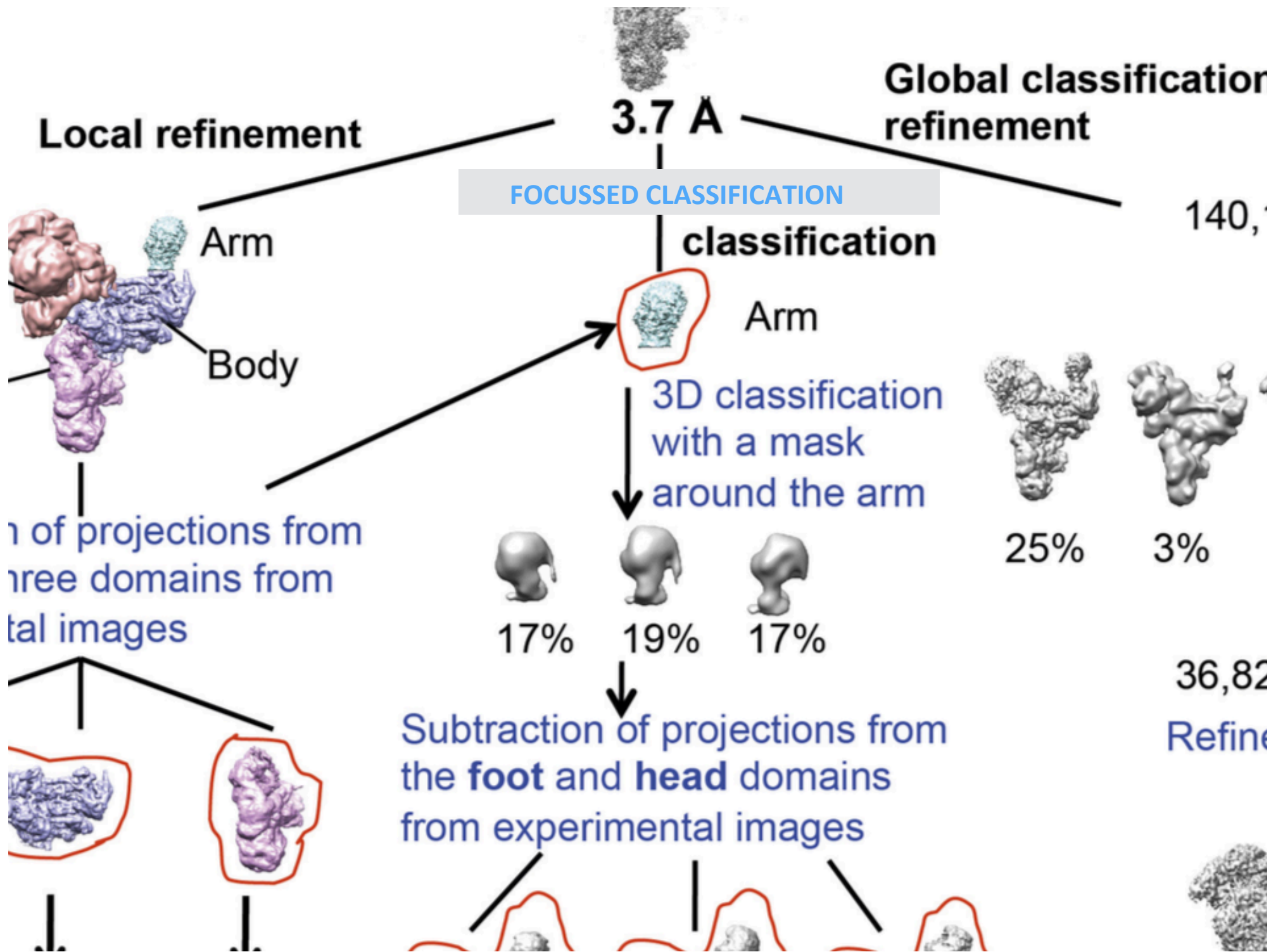
Subtraction of  
the **foot** and **head**  
from experimen

17%

19%



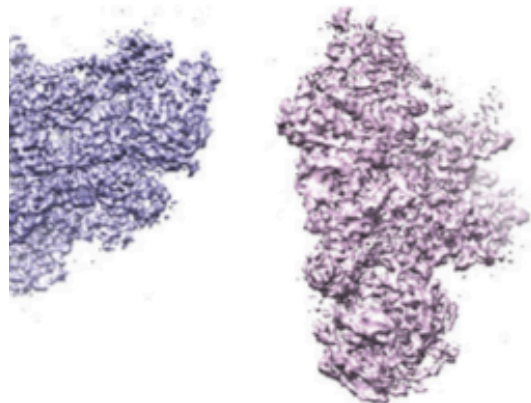






6.6 Å

3.7 Å



Subtraction of projections from the **foot** and **head** domains from experimental images



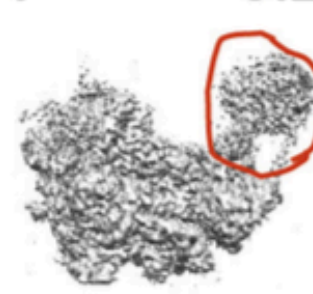
Masked refinement for the body and arm

MASKED REFINEMENT

6.2 Å

7.5 Å

6.2 Å for the arm



4.6 Å

4.5 Å

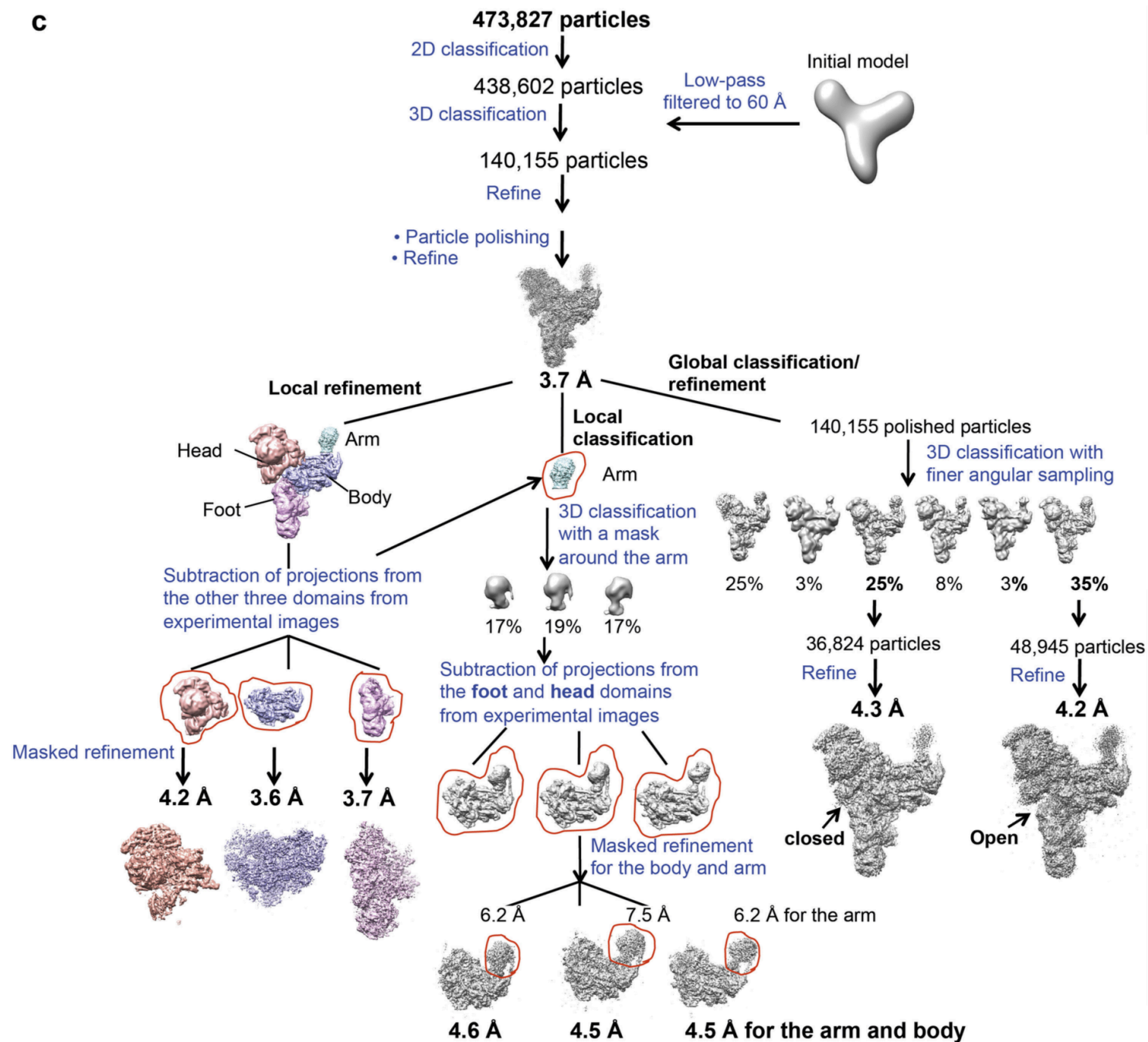
4.5 Å for the arm

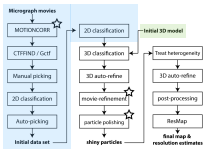


refine

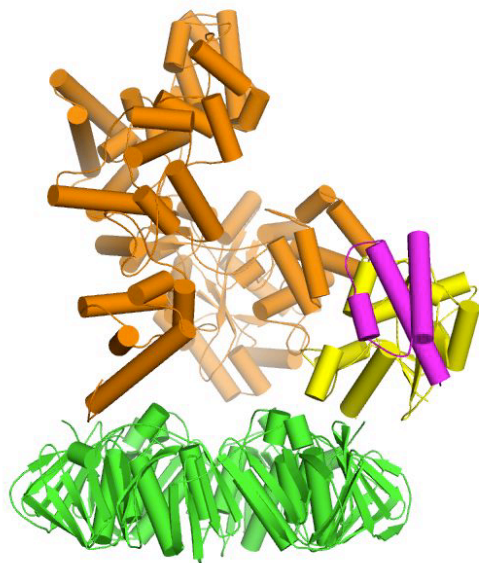
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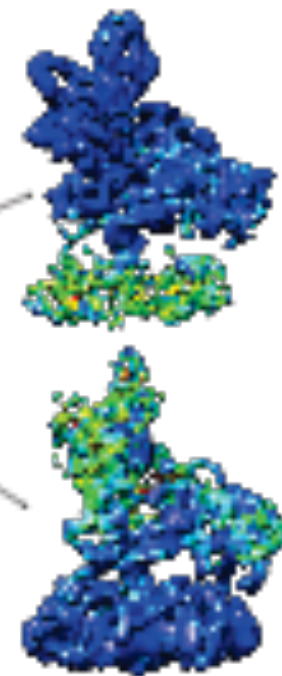
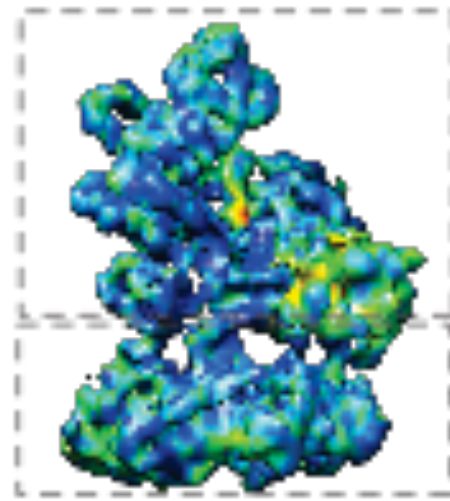
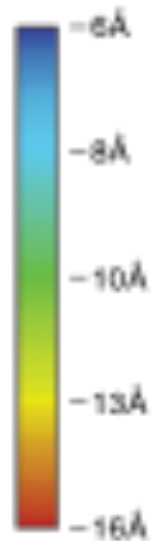
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# Treating Heterogeneity



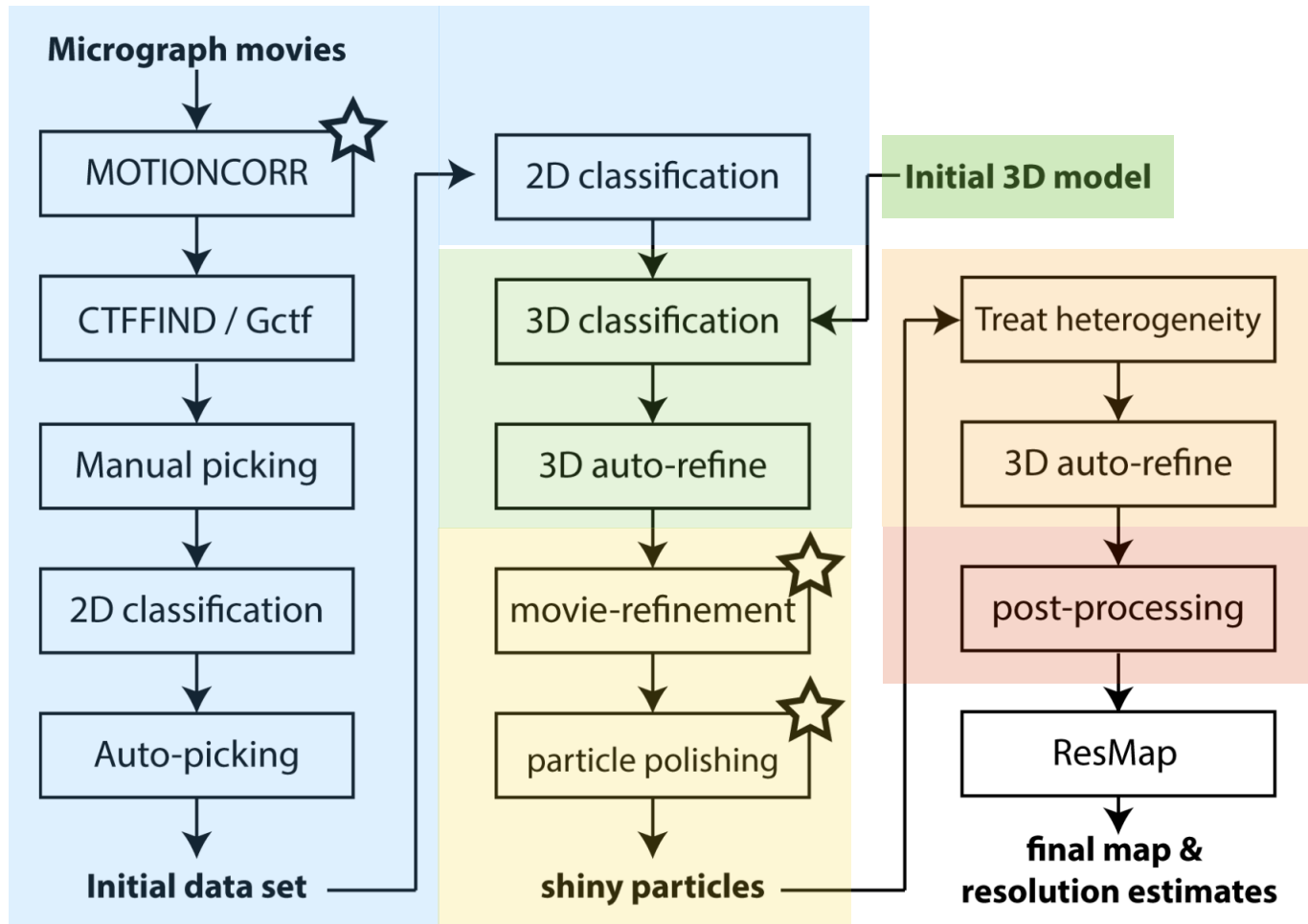
Pol-Exo-Theta-Clamp-DNA  
11790 particles  
7.2Å



Pol-Exo-DNA\*\*  
29000 particles  
6.1Å

Clamp-DNA+  
37000 particles  
6.3Å

# Postprocessing



# Postprocessing

I/O Sharpen Filter Running

One of the 2 unfiltered half-maps:

Solvent mask:

Calibrated pixel size (Å):

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I/O Sharpen Filter Running

MTF of the detector (STAR file):

Estimate B-factor automatically?

Lowest resolution for auto-B fit (Å):

Use your own B-factor?

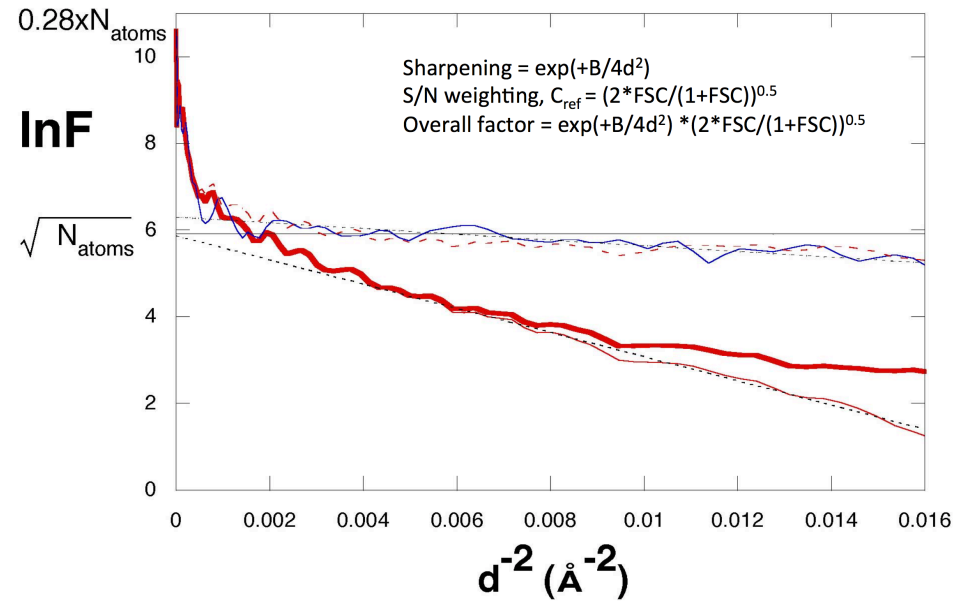
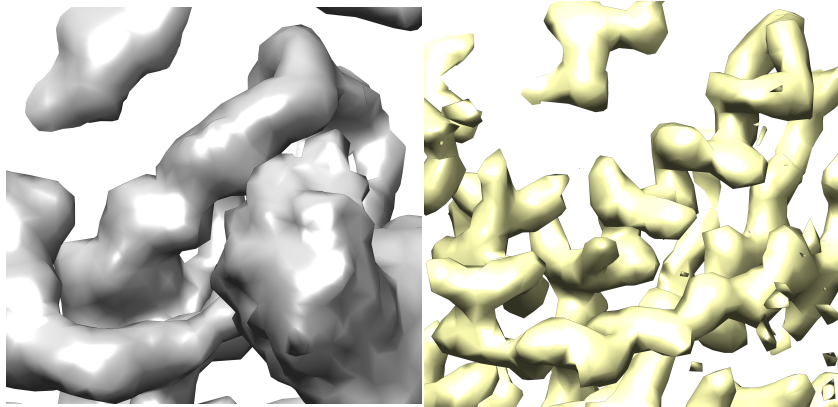
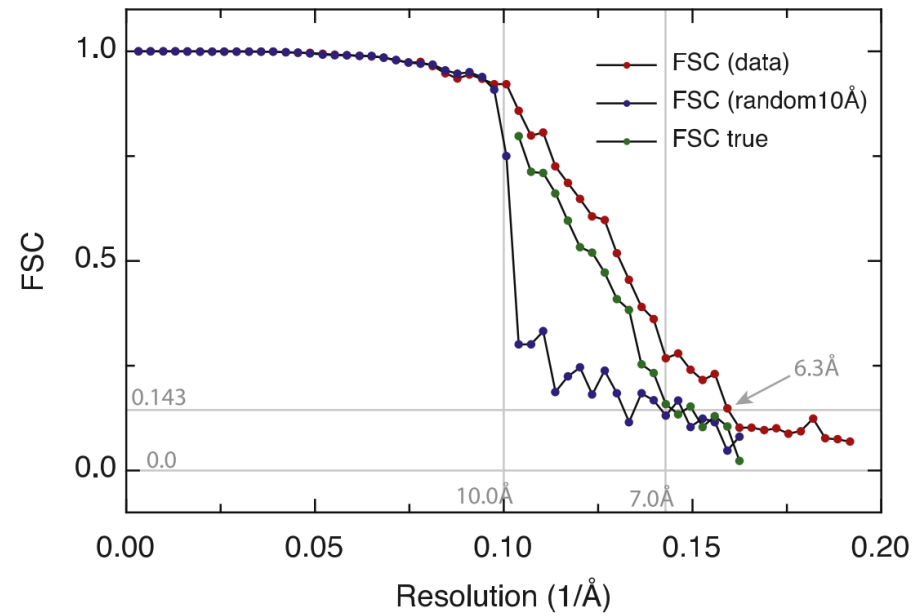
User-provided B-factor:

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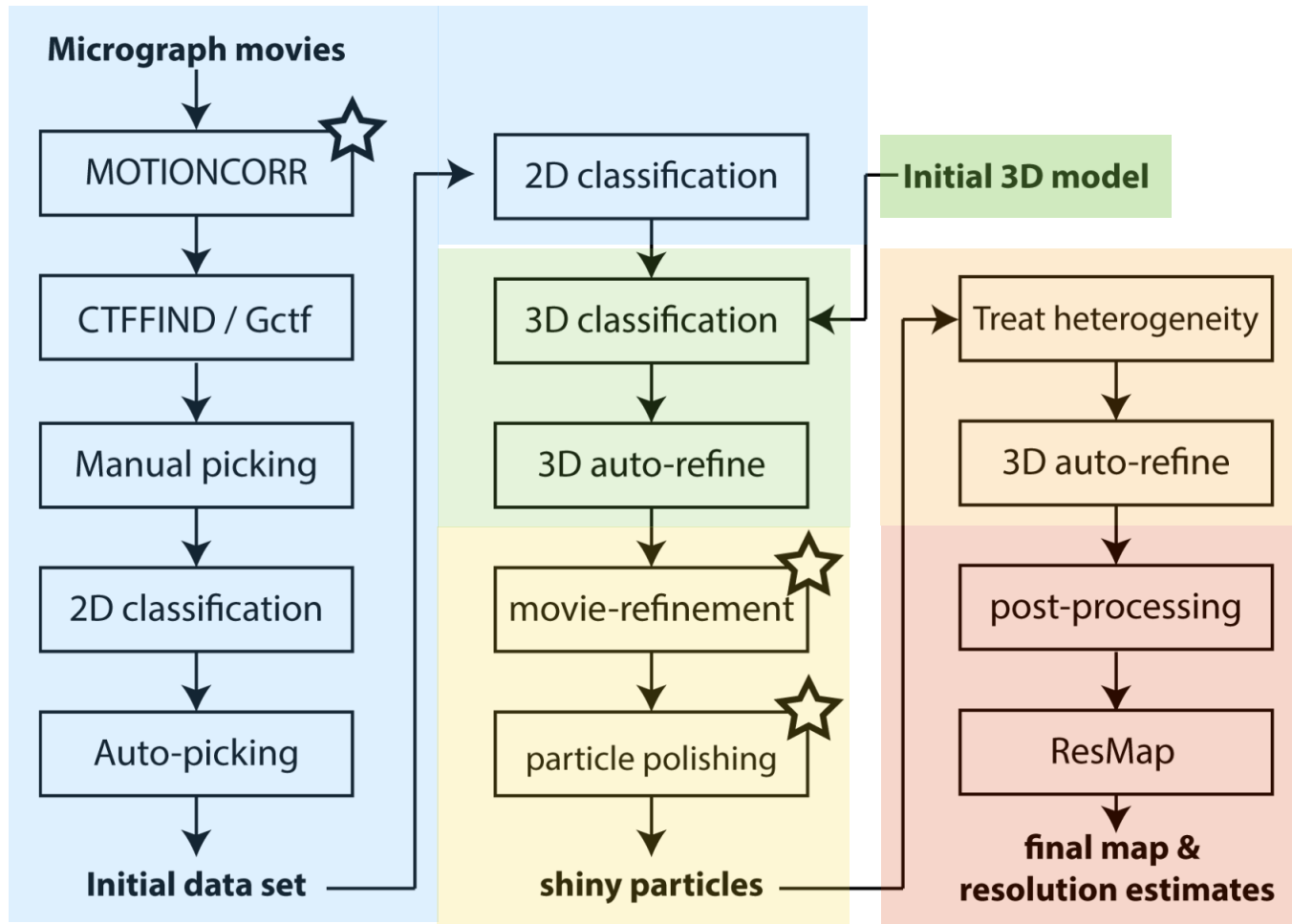
I/O Sharpen Filter Running

Skip FSC-weighting?

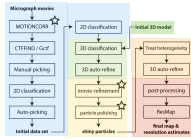
Ad-hoc low-pass filter (Å):



# Validation







# Validation

How do we know if the structure is right?

Can you see the expected structure features for the resolution?

Alpha helices @ 9Å - Beta strands @ 4.8Å

**Tilt pair validation**

Check that your structure is correct by collecting pairs of micrographs with a known tilt

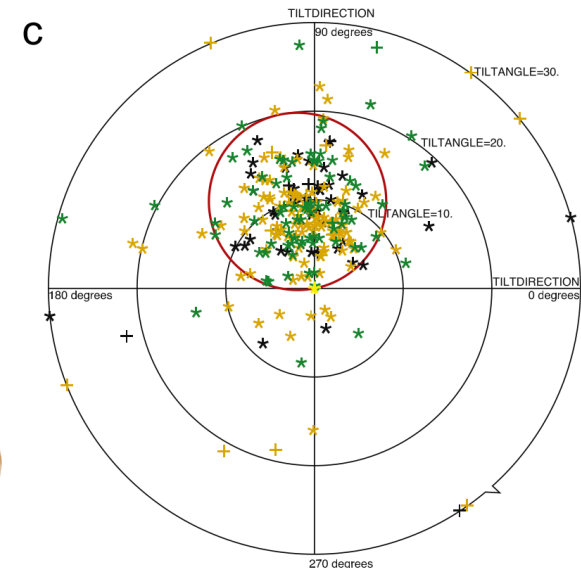
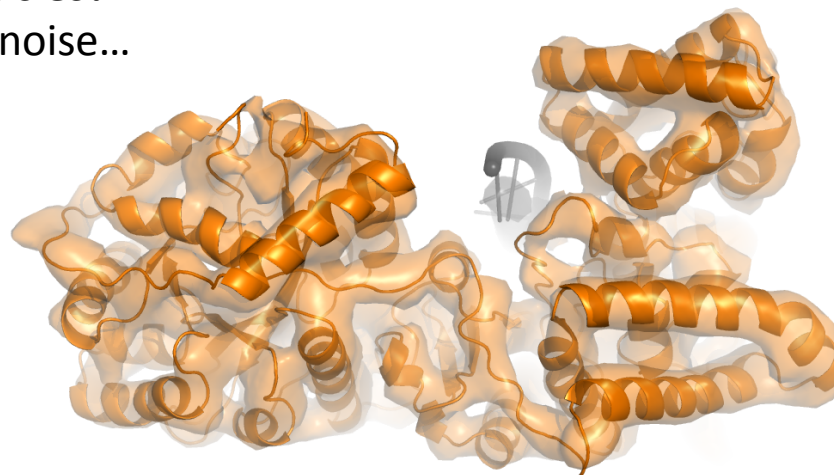
**Handedness!**

Use secondary structure features to make sure you have the right hand

Tilt pair plot will also help you find the right hand

Can you see your particles?

Avoid Einstein from noise...



# Single particle data processing strategy

