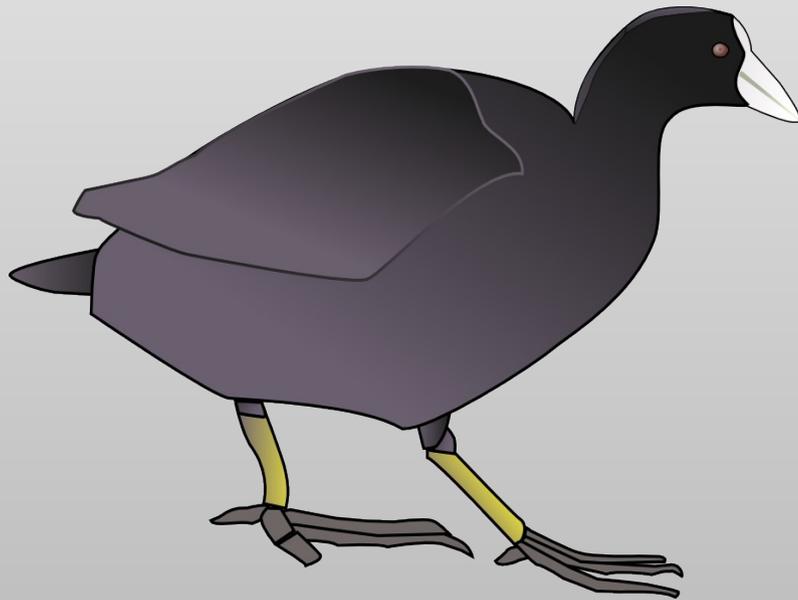
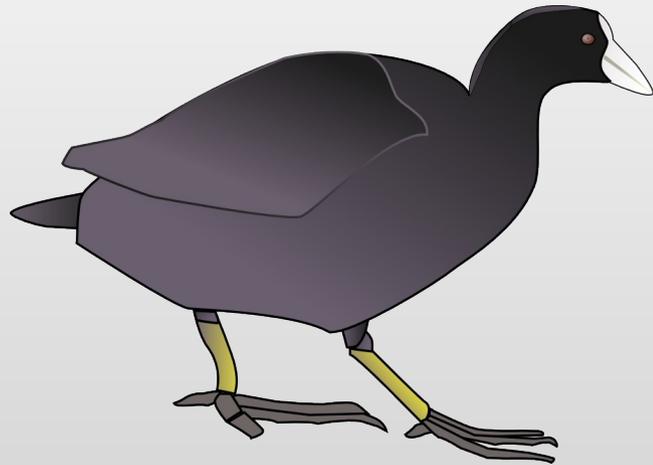


# Model-Building of Proteins Using X-ray Data With *Coot*



Paul Emsley  
May 2013

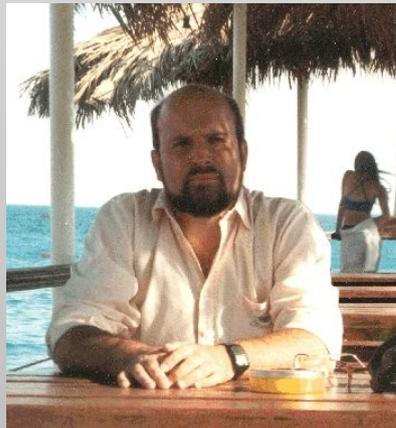
# Acknowledgments, Collaborators



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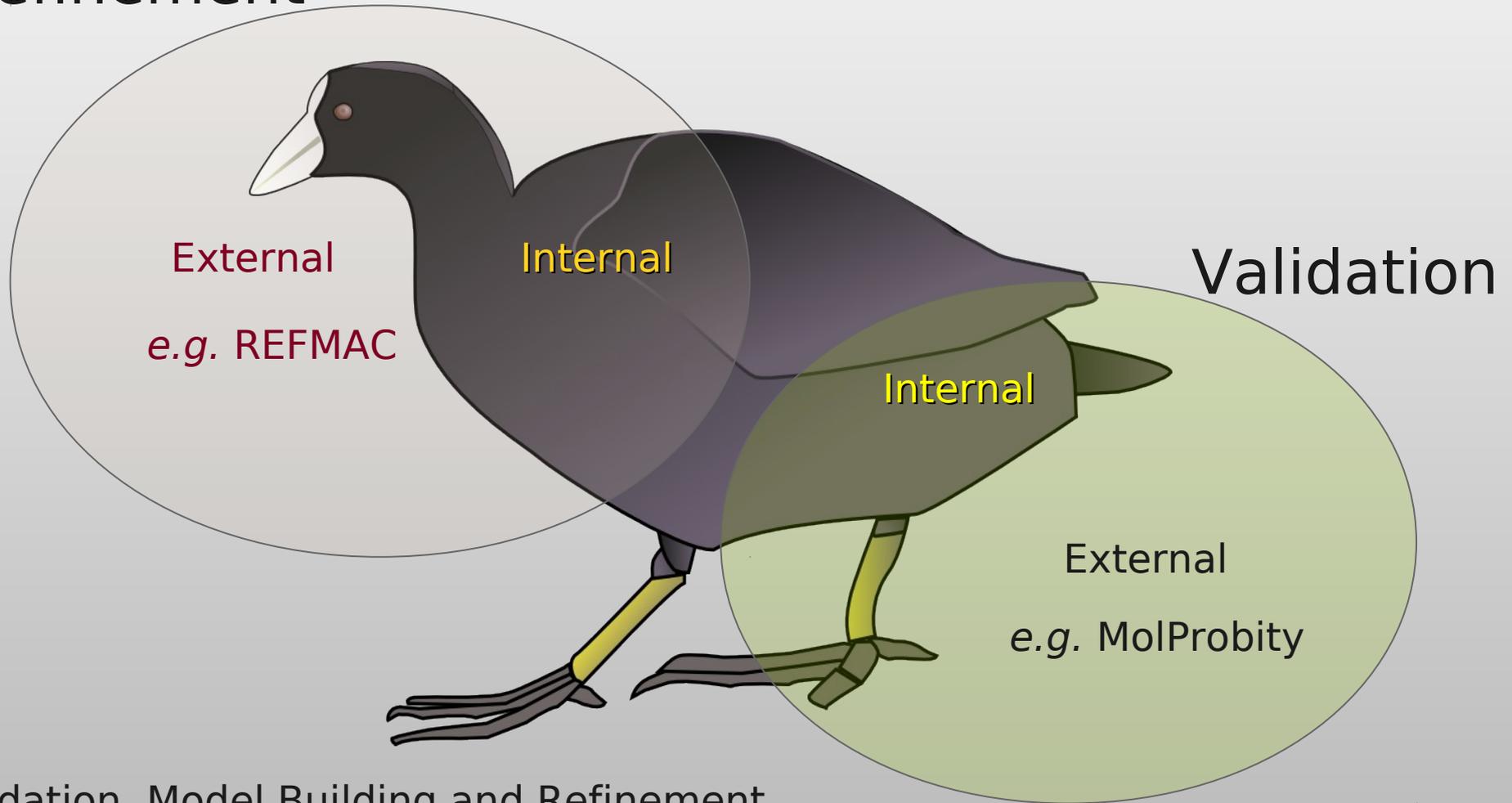
Alexei  
Vagin

# But Why..?

- In these days of automation...
  - why should I use something interactive?
  - why are you forcing me to think?
- It's the Nature of the Problem
  - partial/refined model to deposition quality
    - Problematic due to the variety of ways in which a model can be wrong
    - Hypothesis generation and evaluation
- It takes a brain to validate and correct
  - (for at least the next 5 years...)

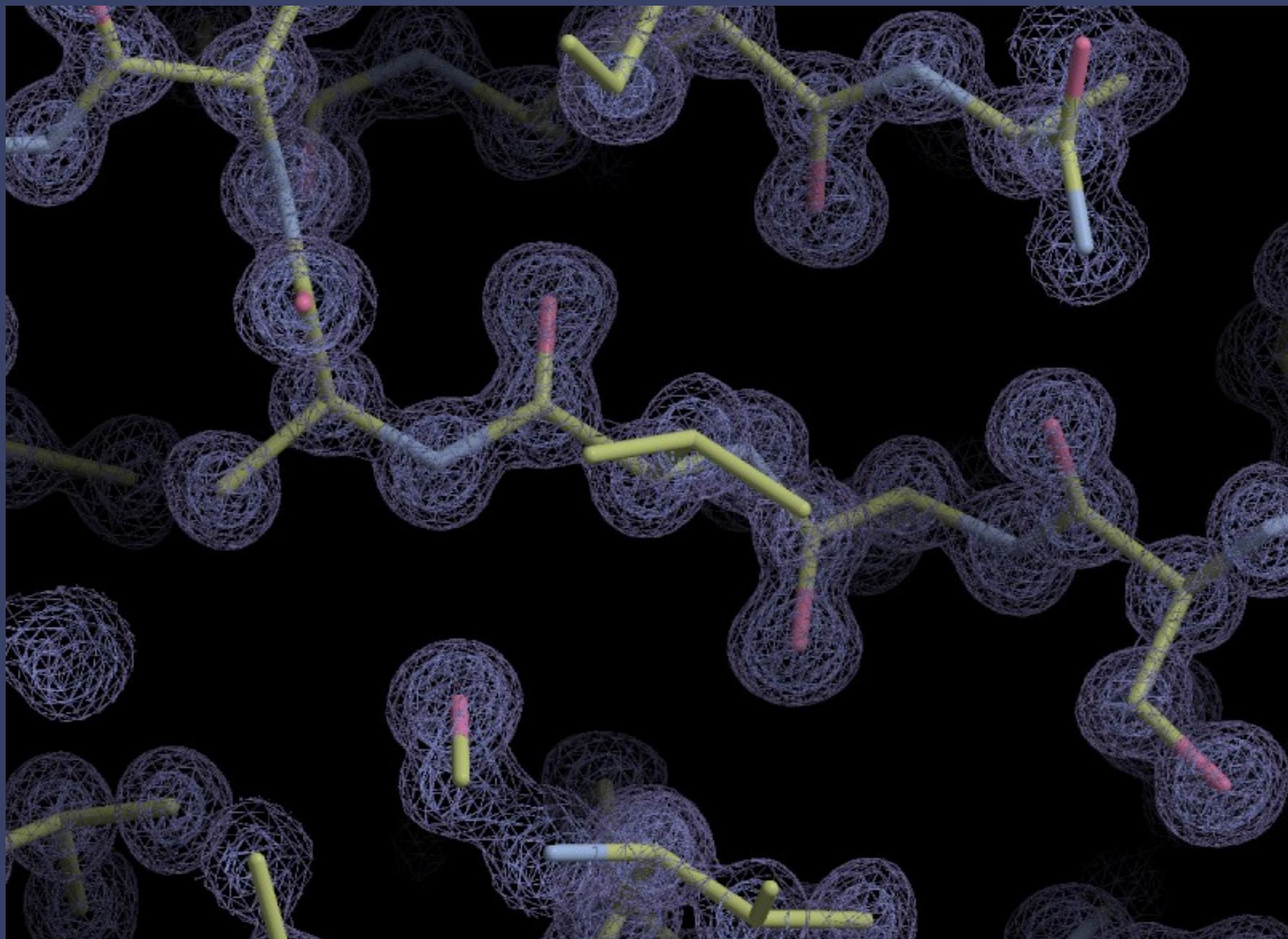
# Feature Integration

Refinement

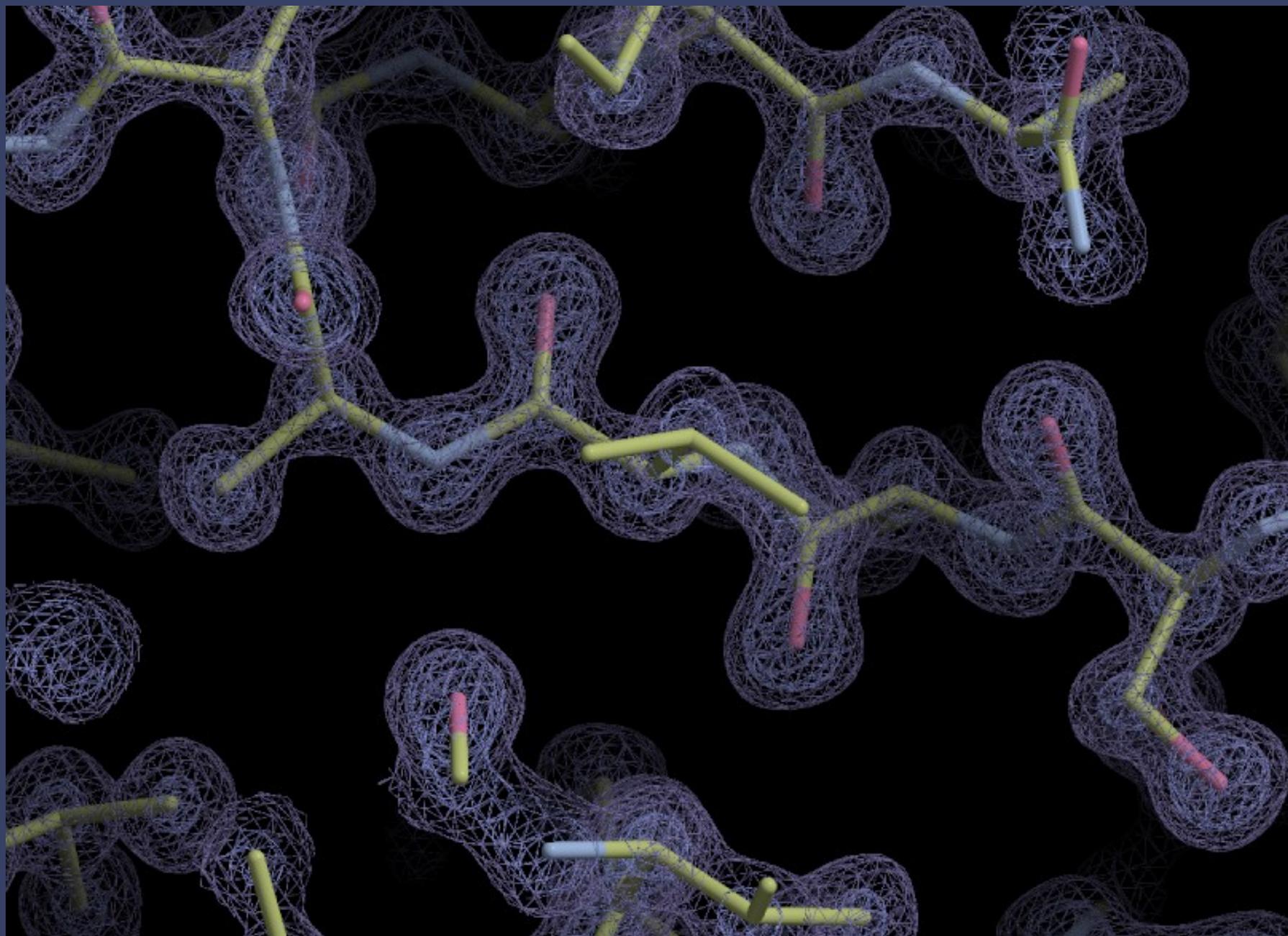


Validation, Model Building and Refinement should be used together

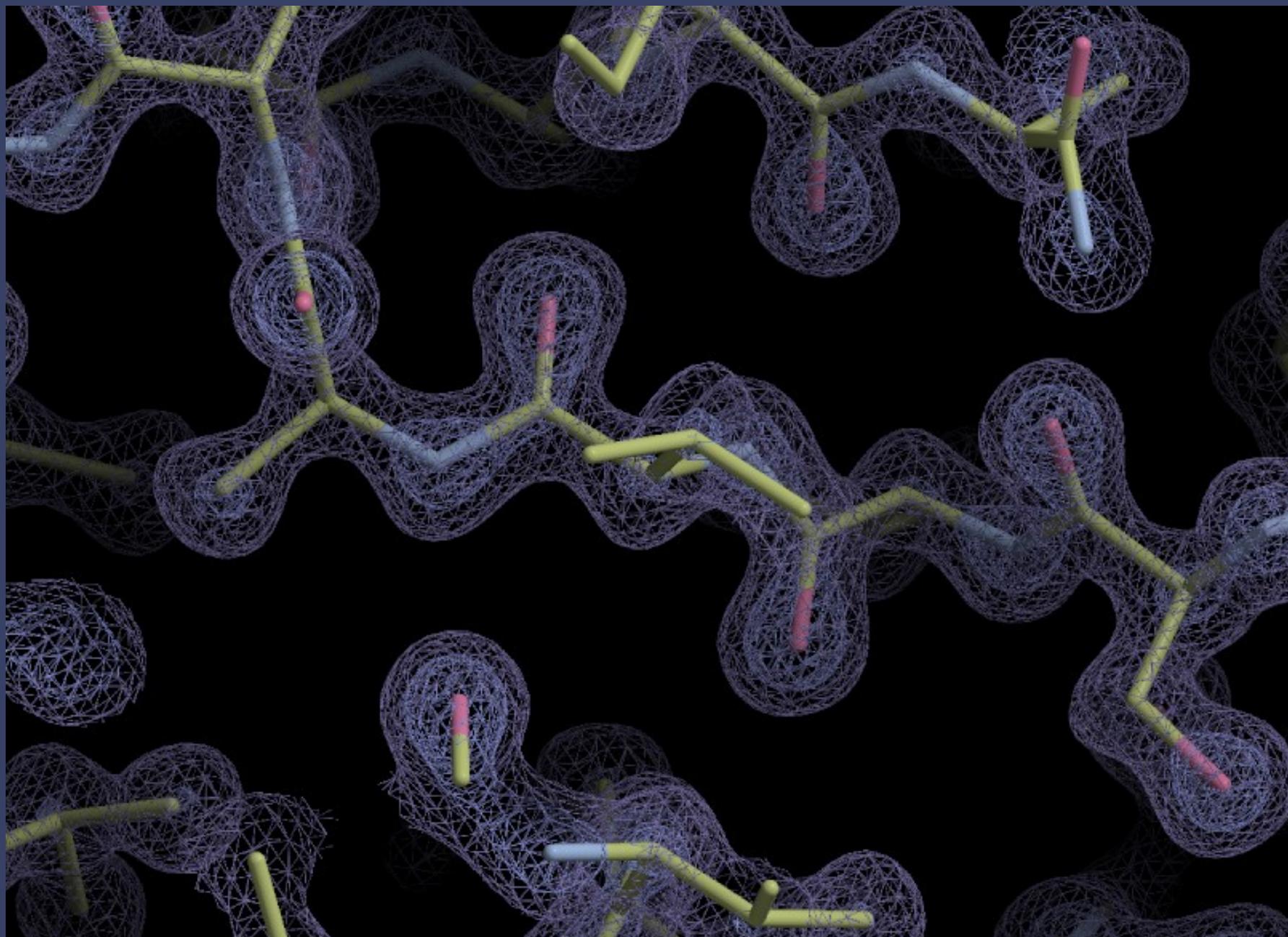
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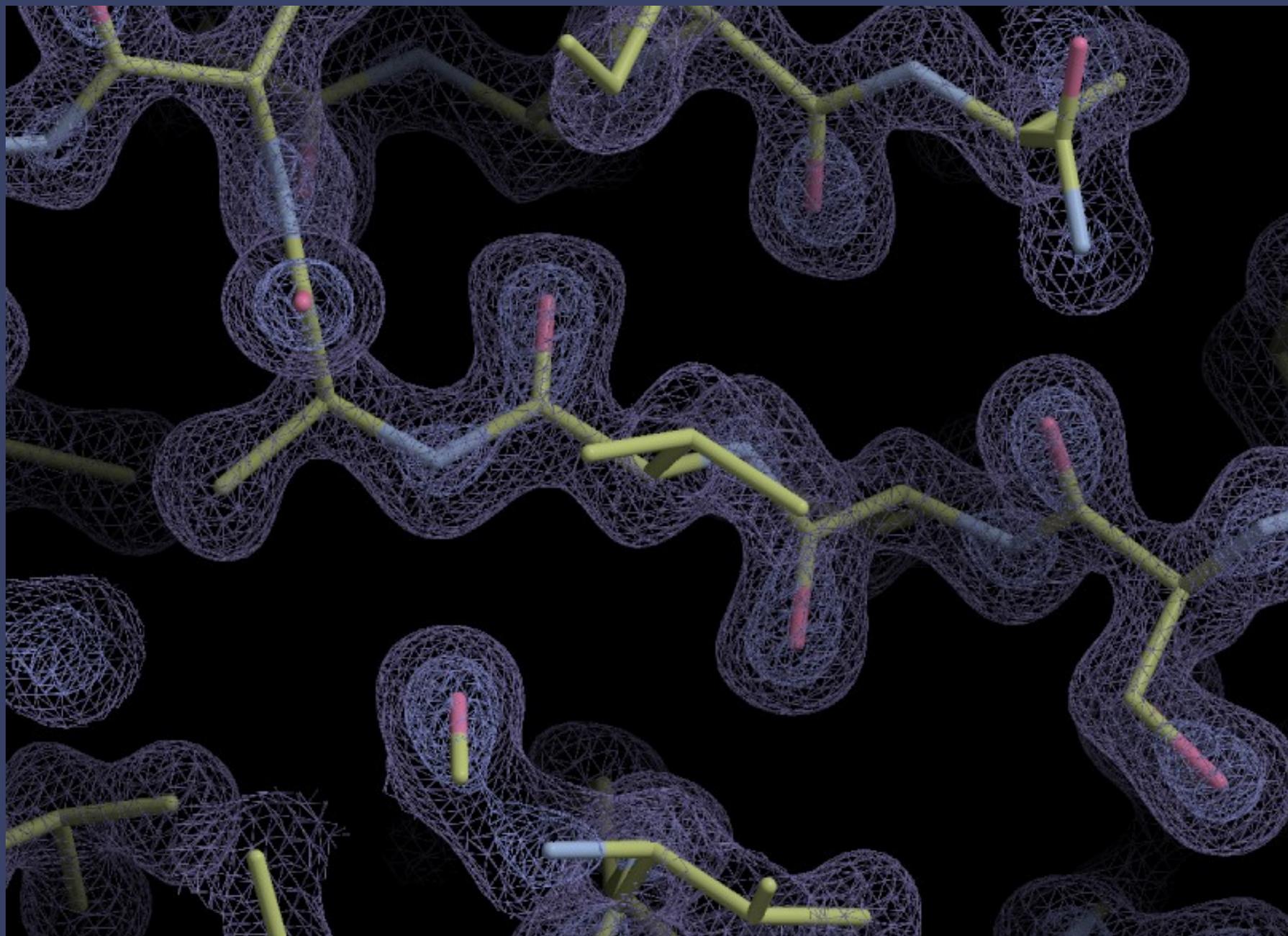
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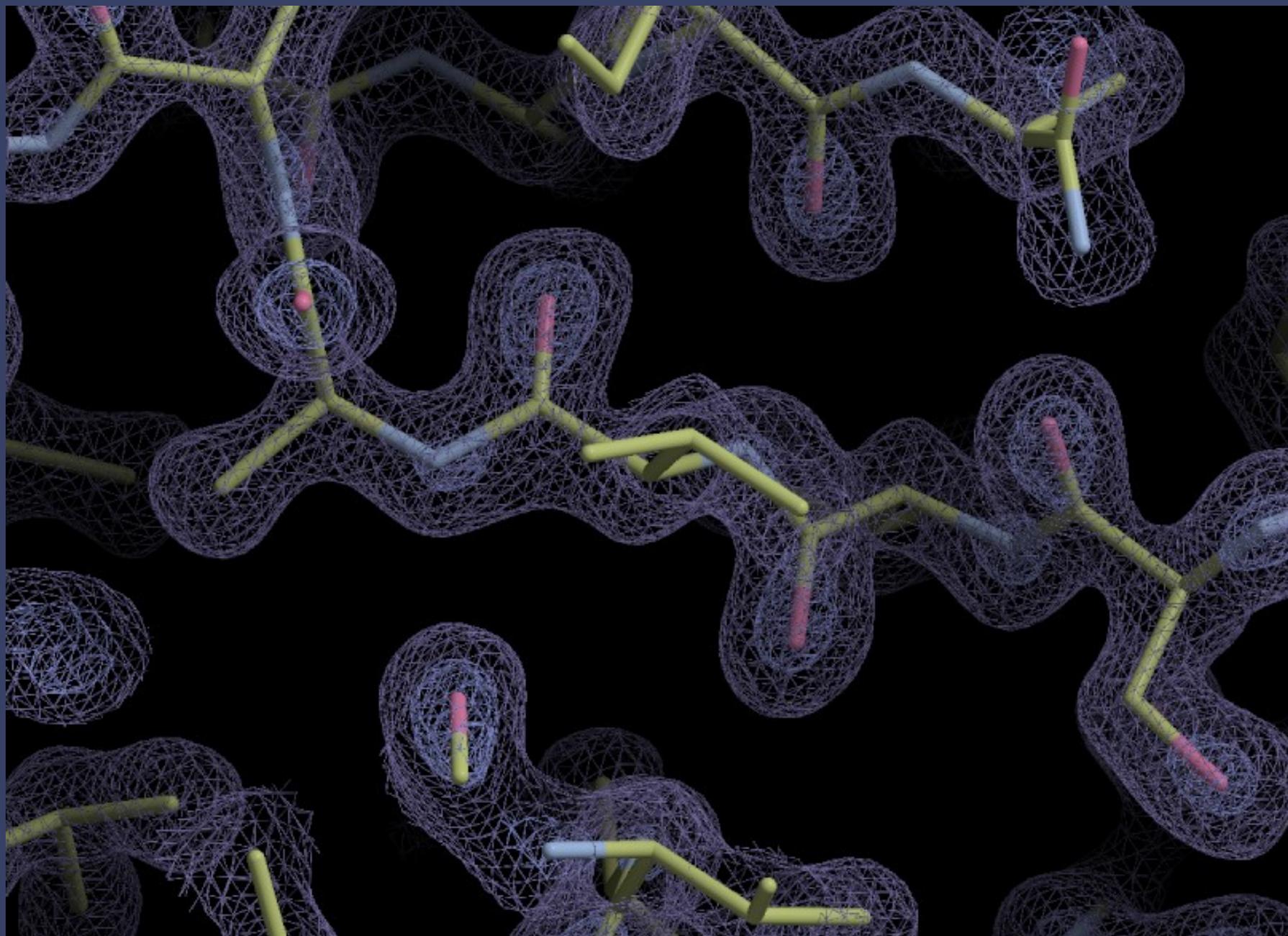
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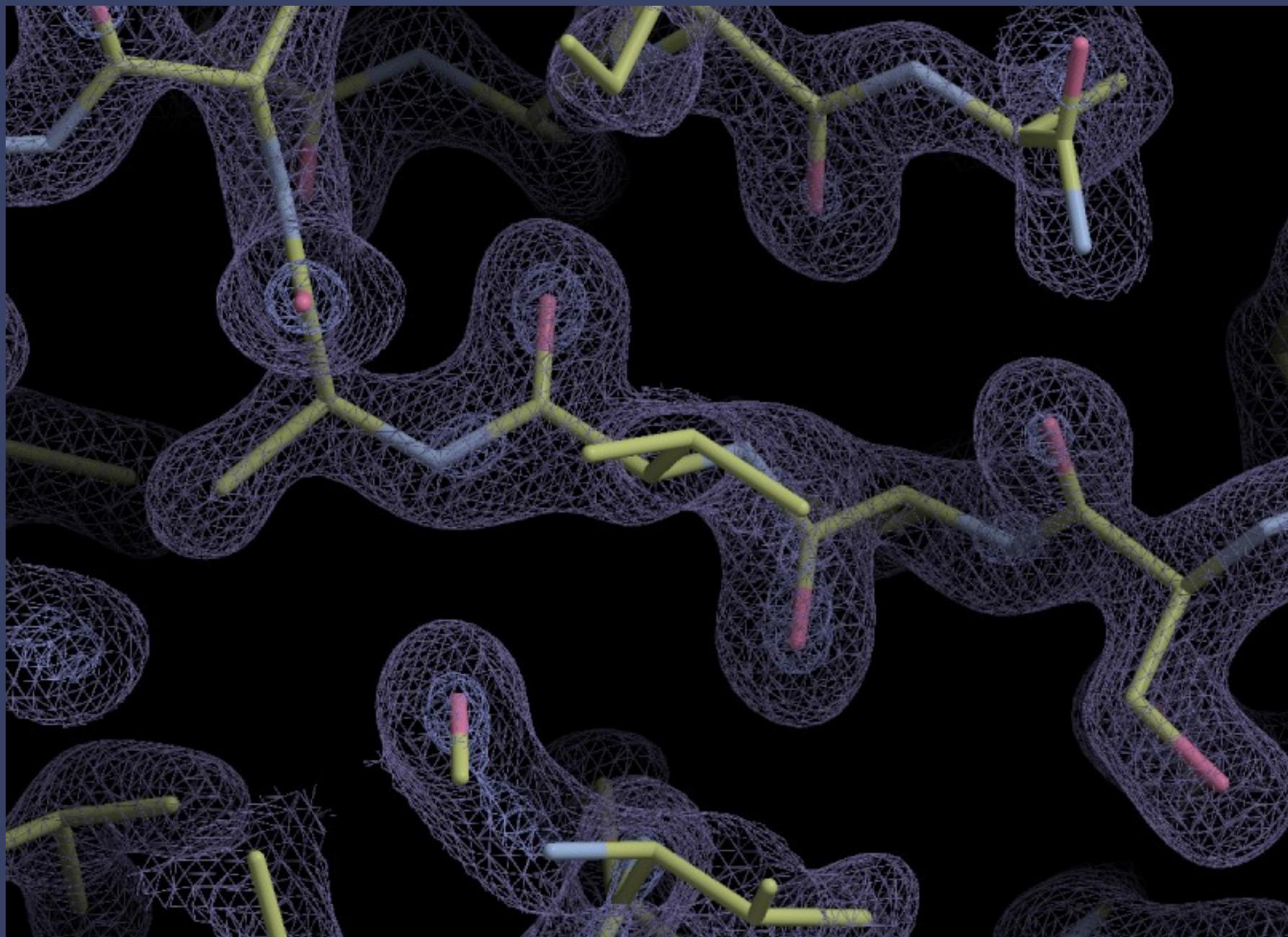
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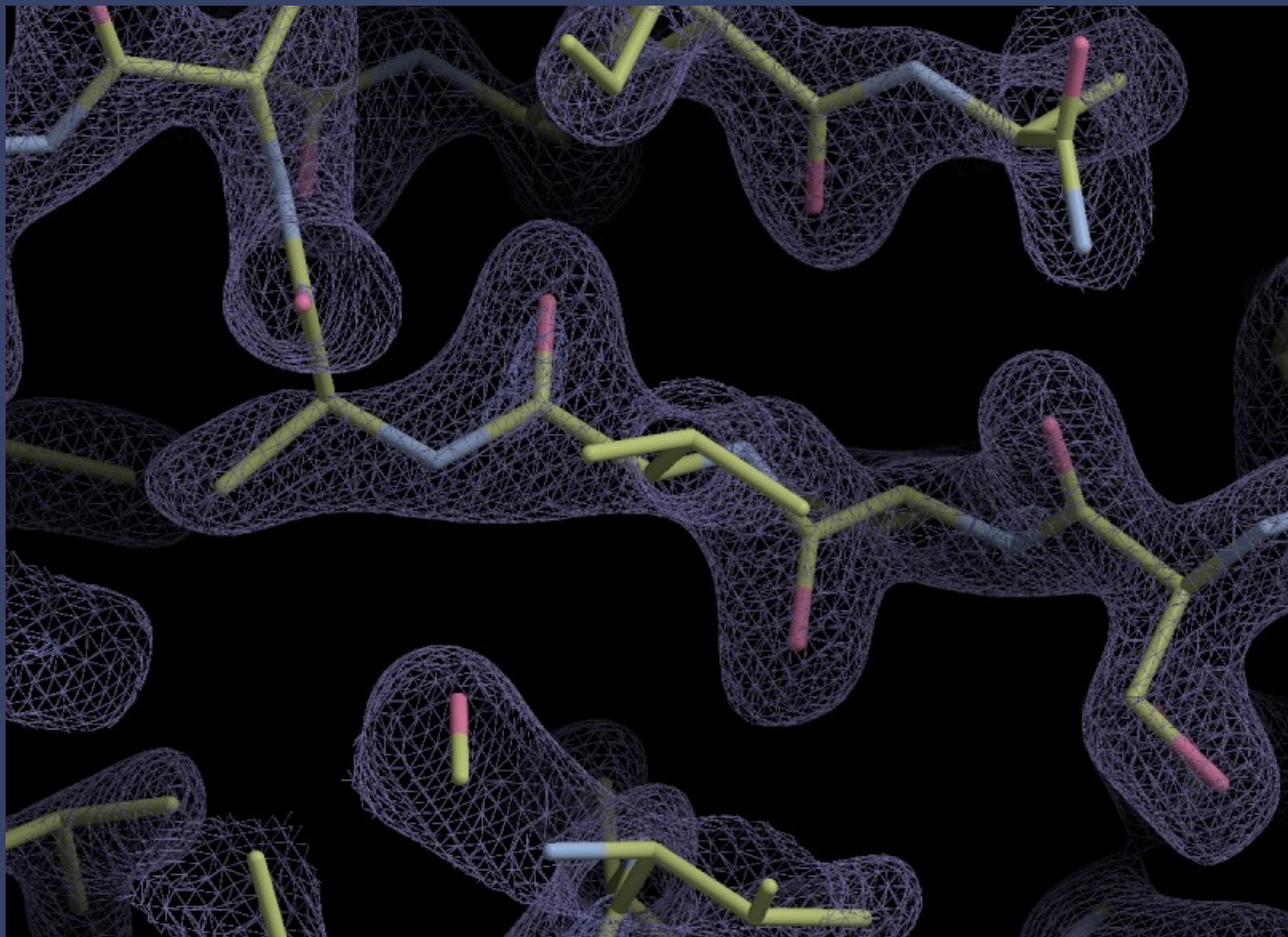
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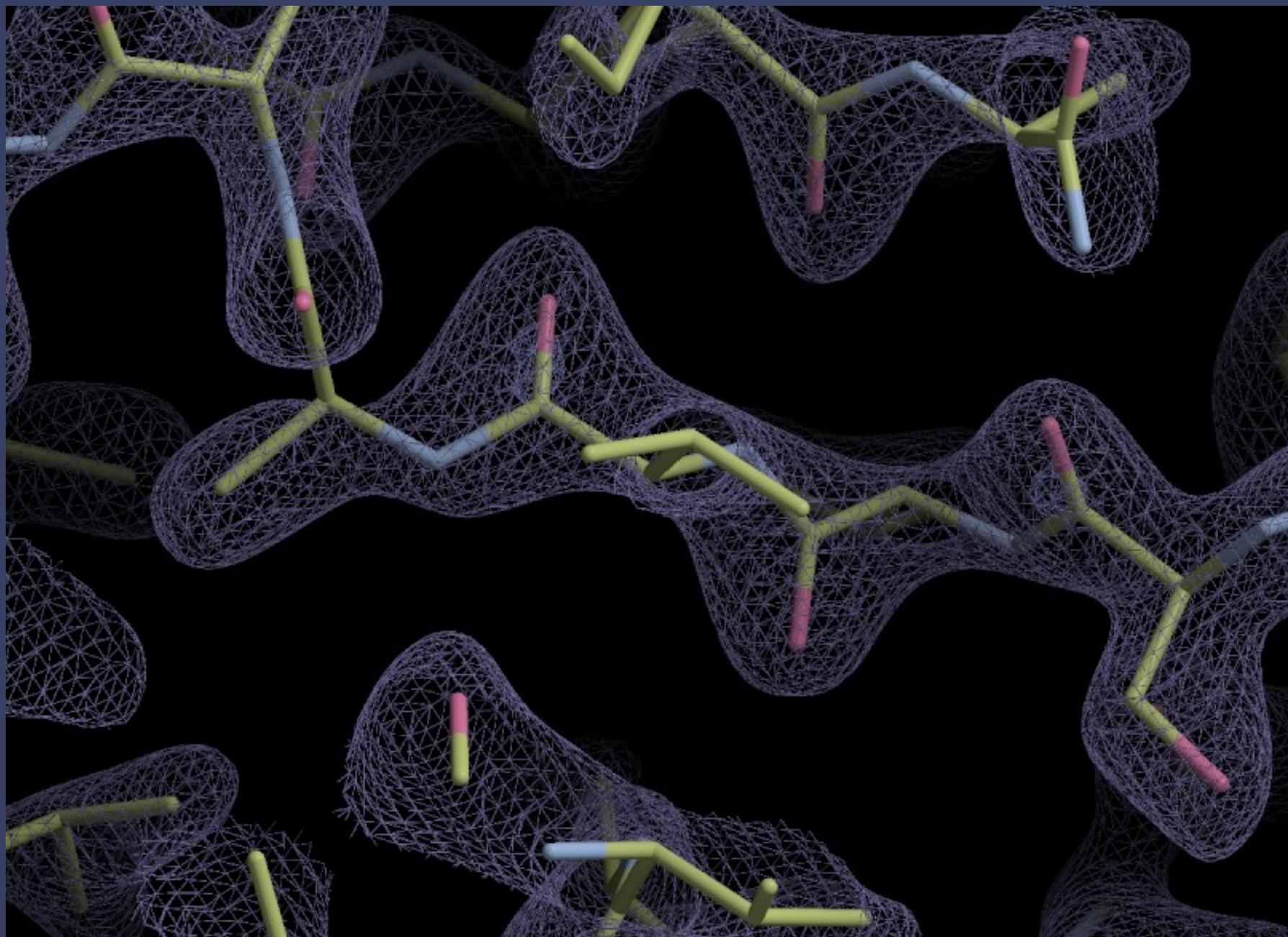
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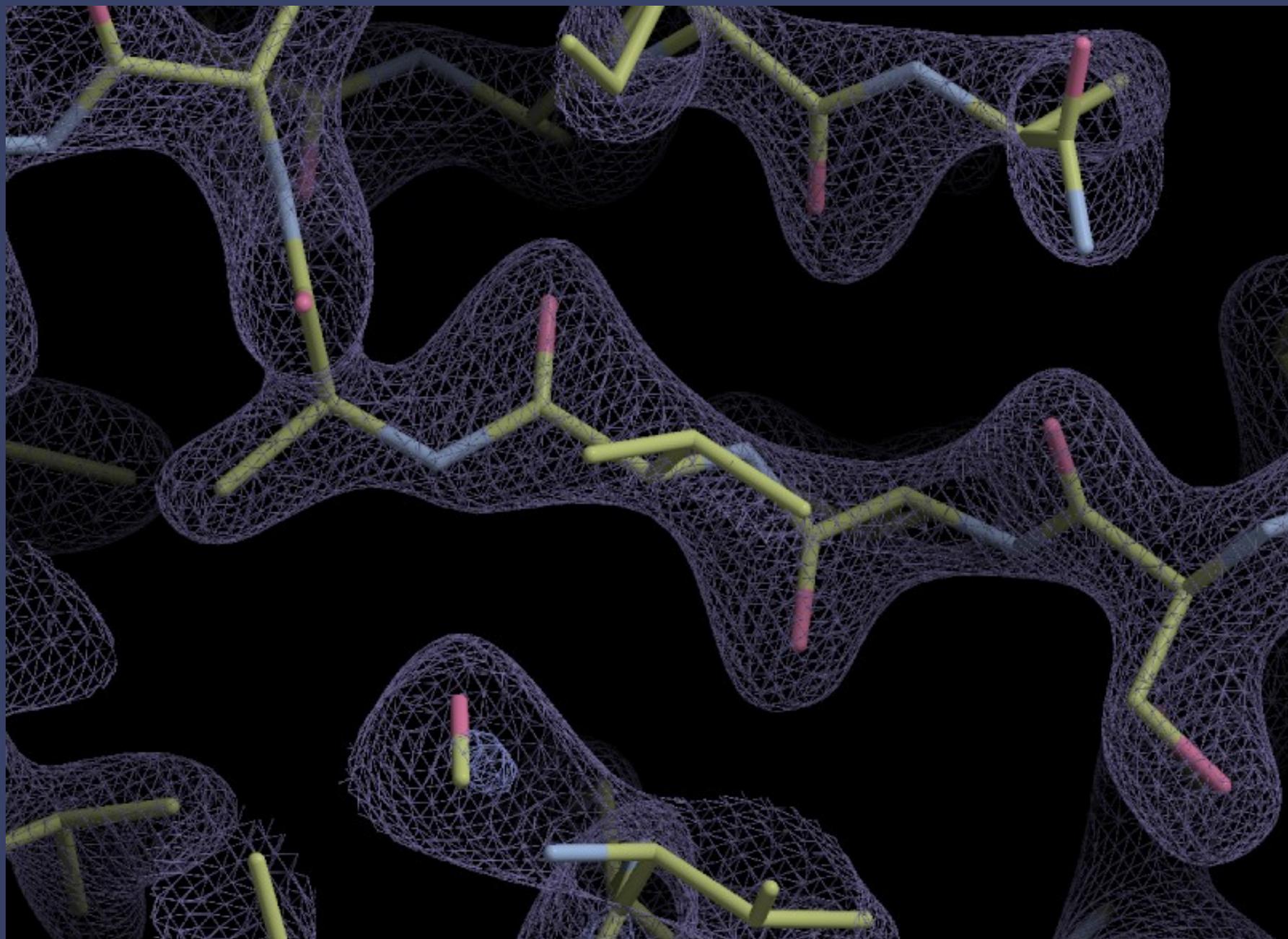
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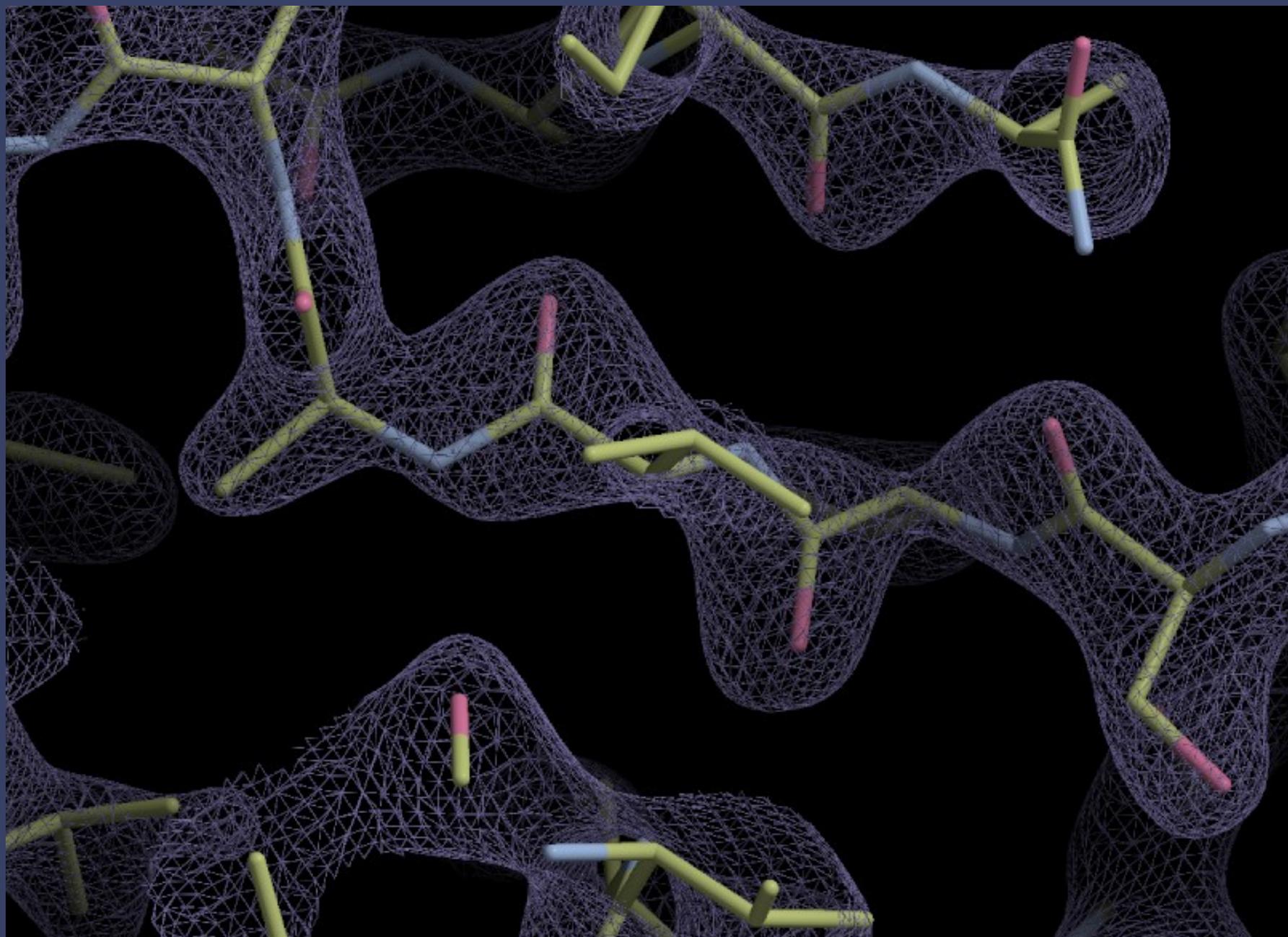
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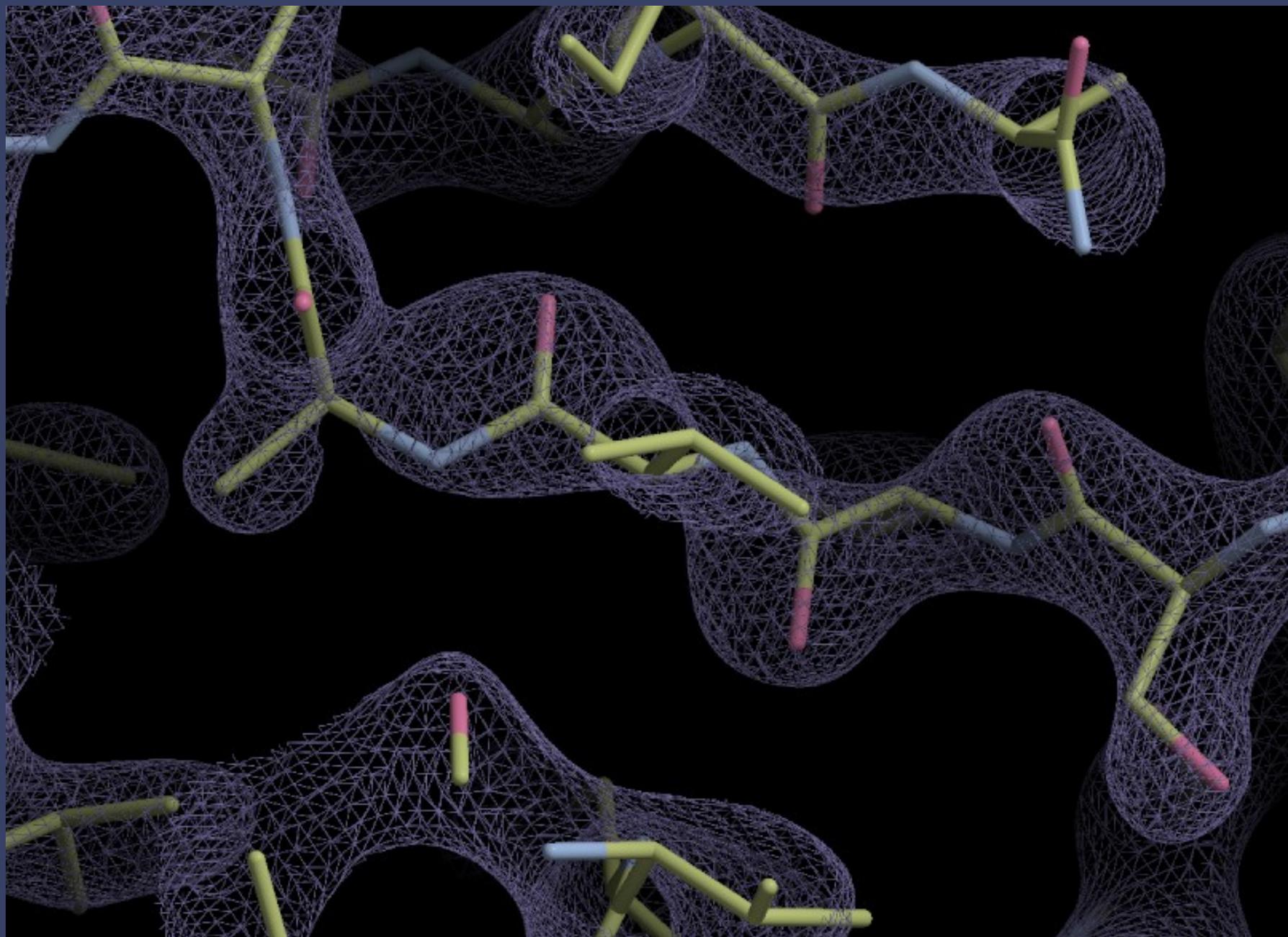
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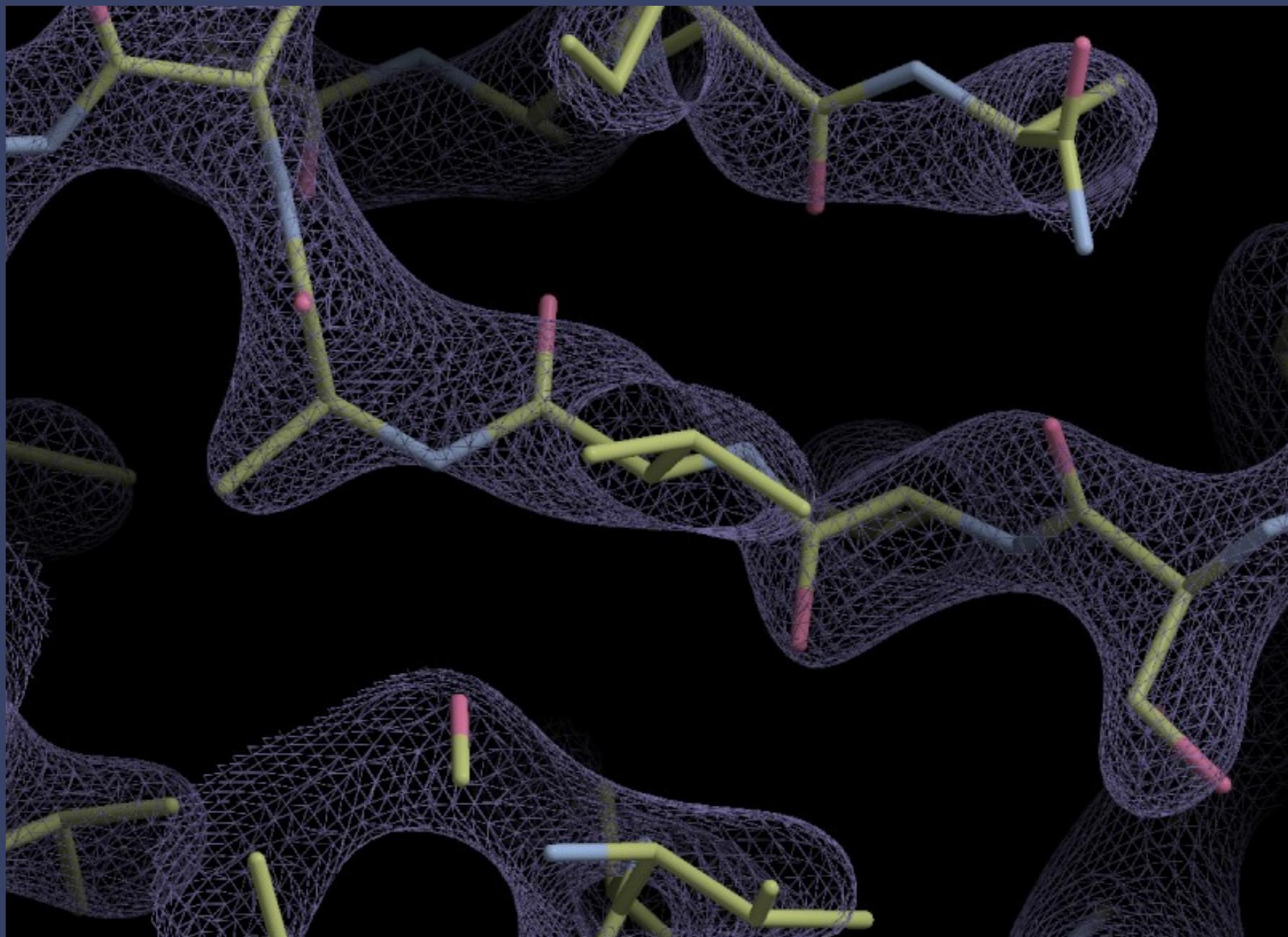
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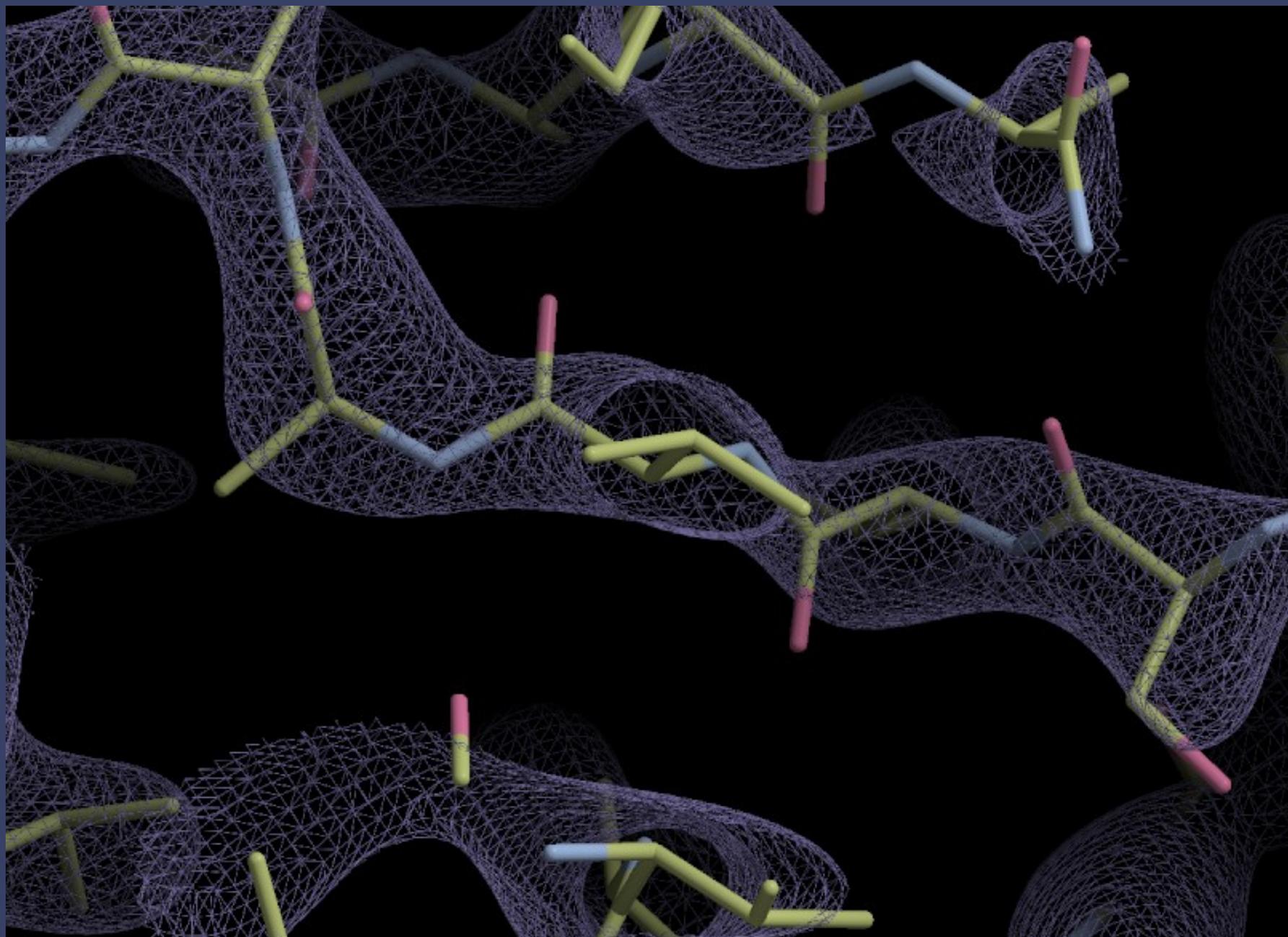
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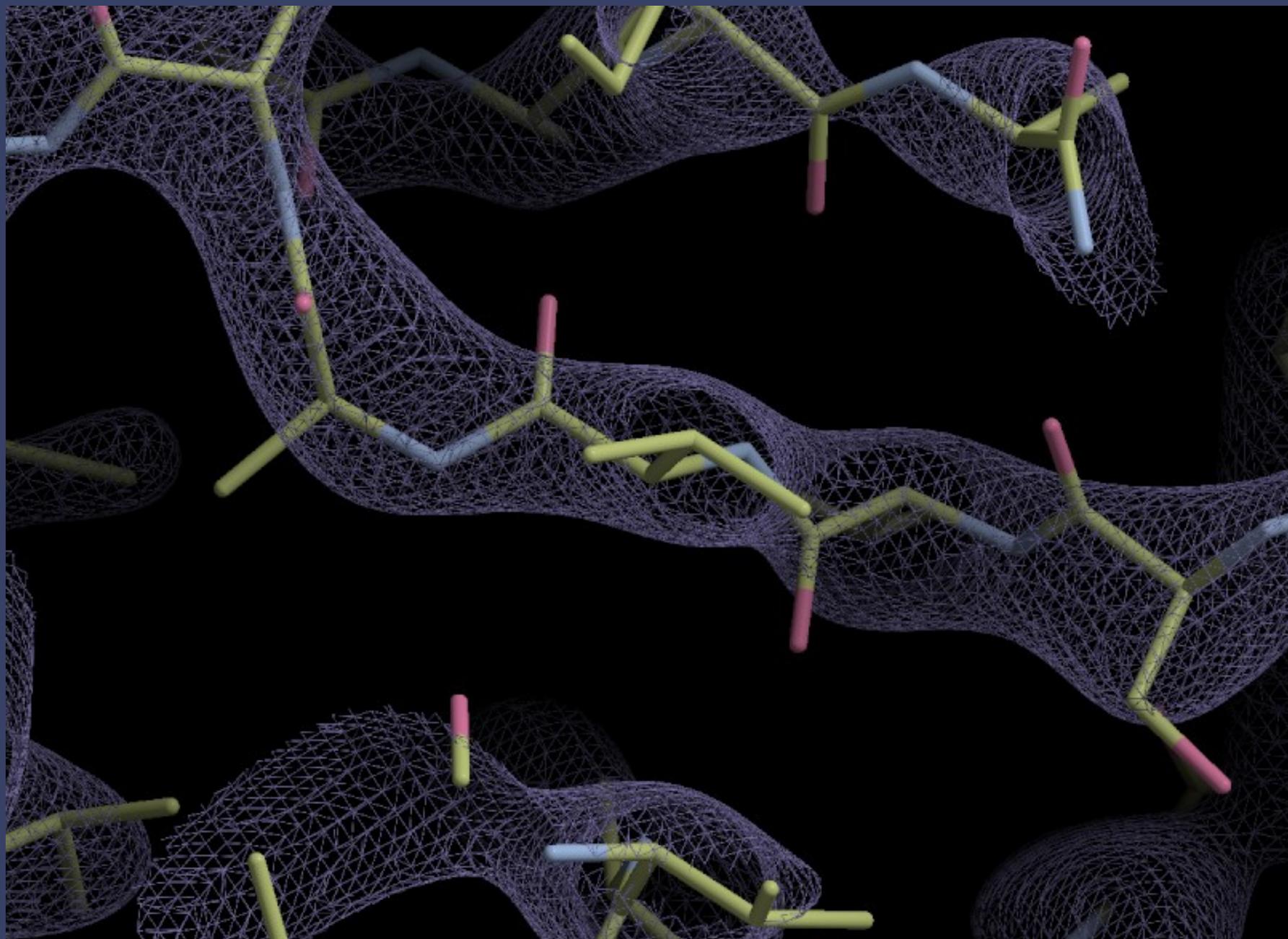
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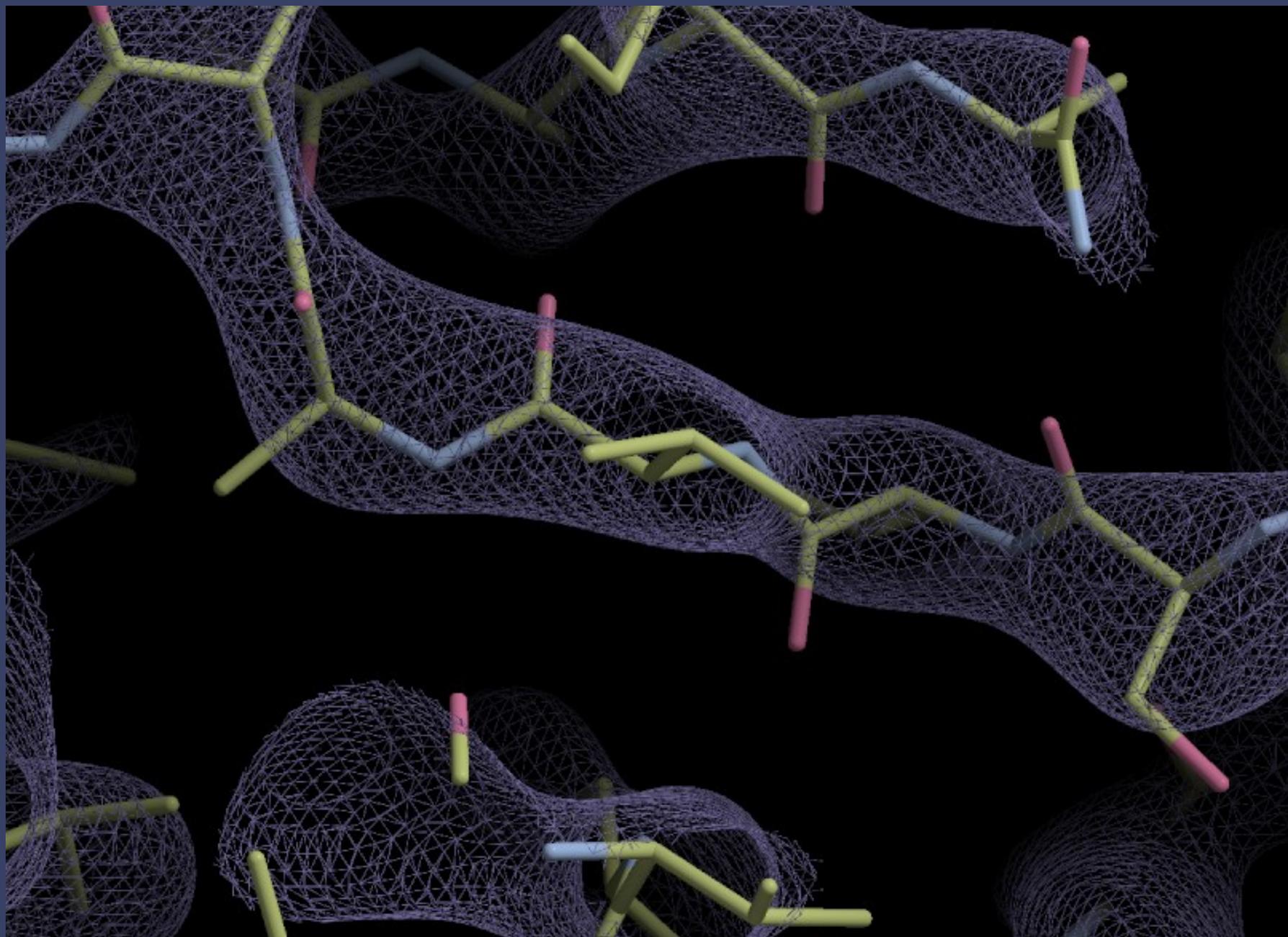
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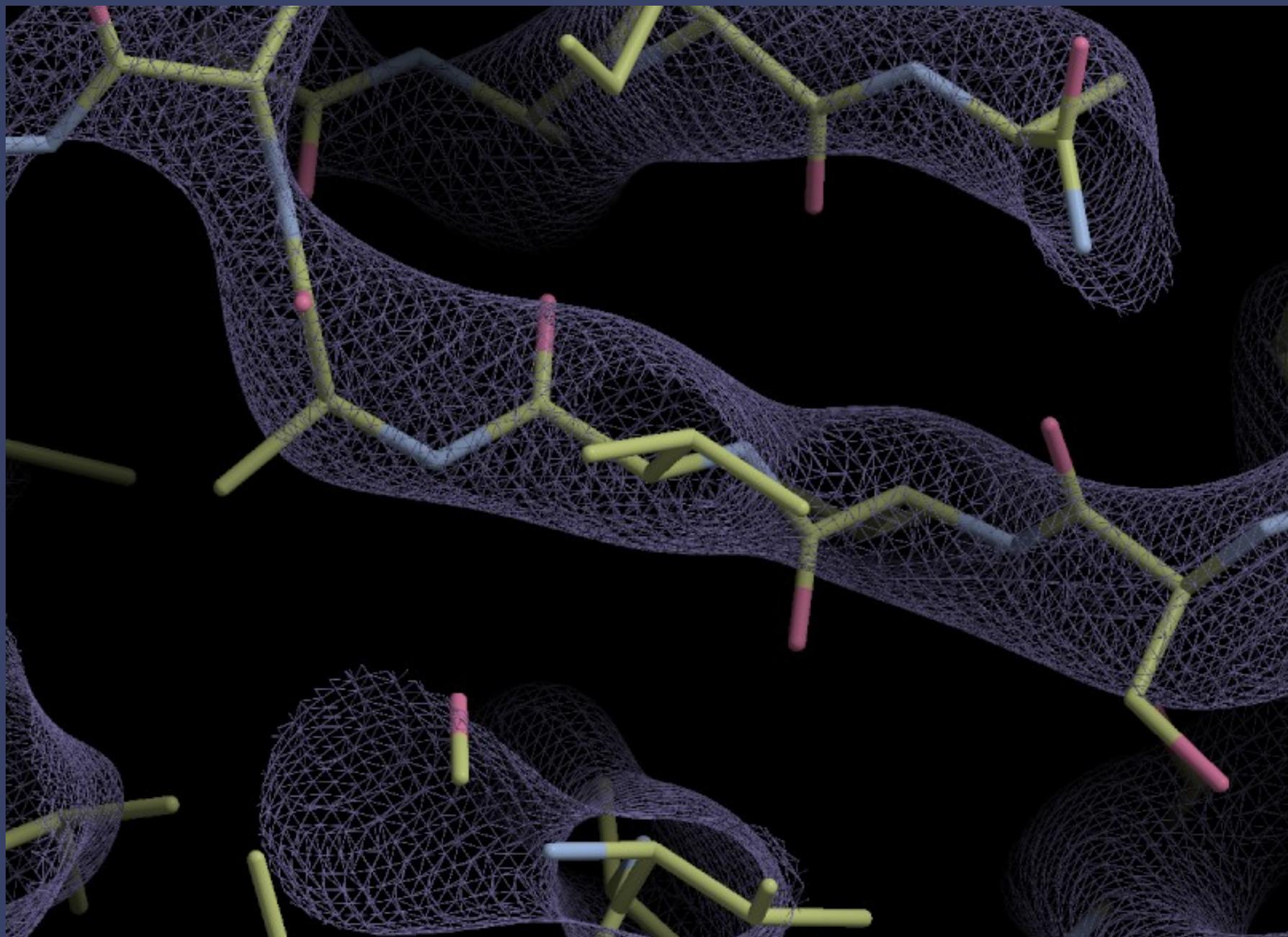
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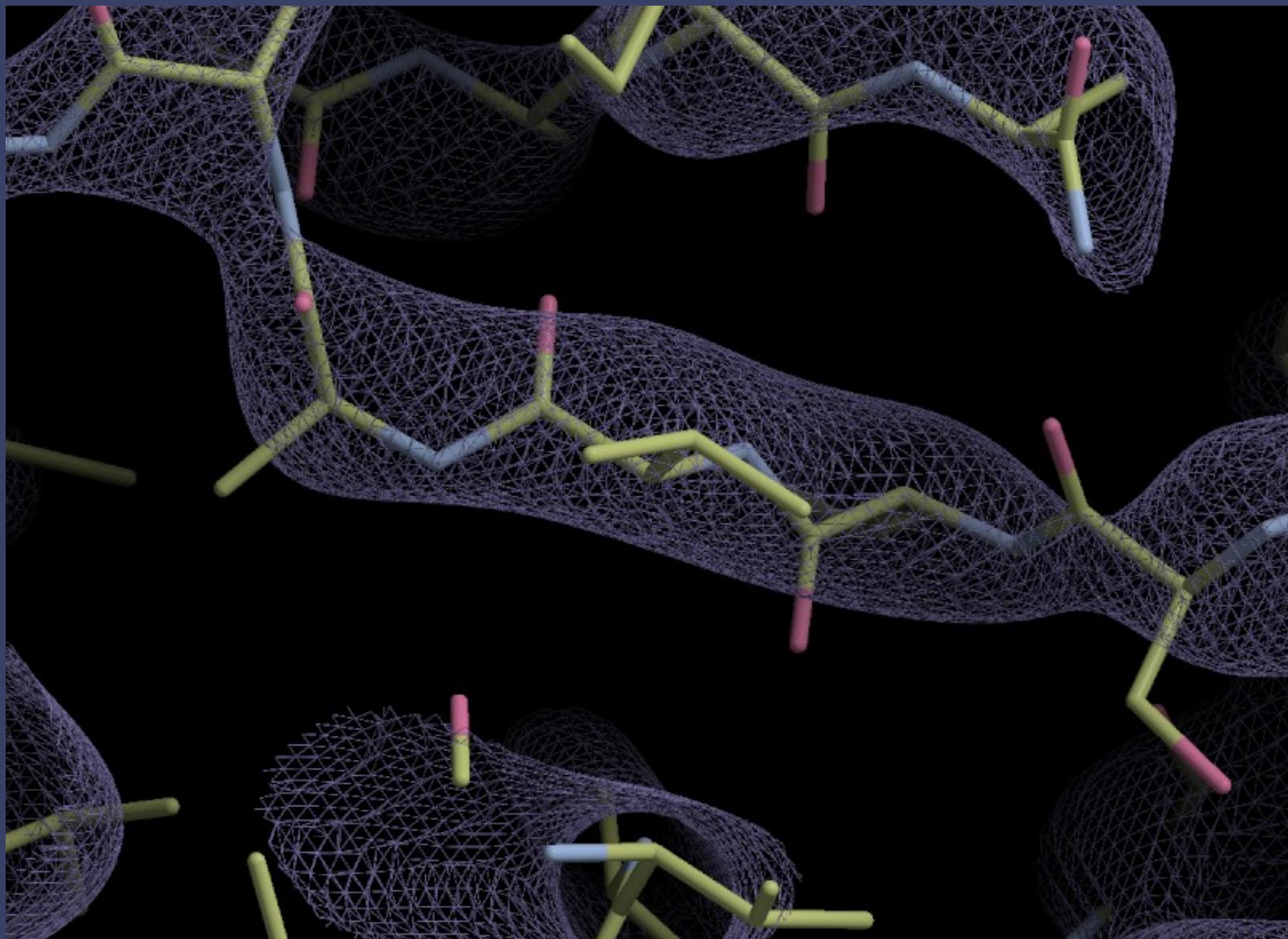
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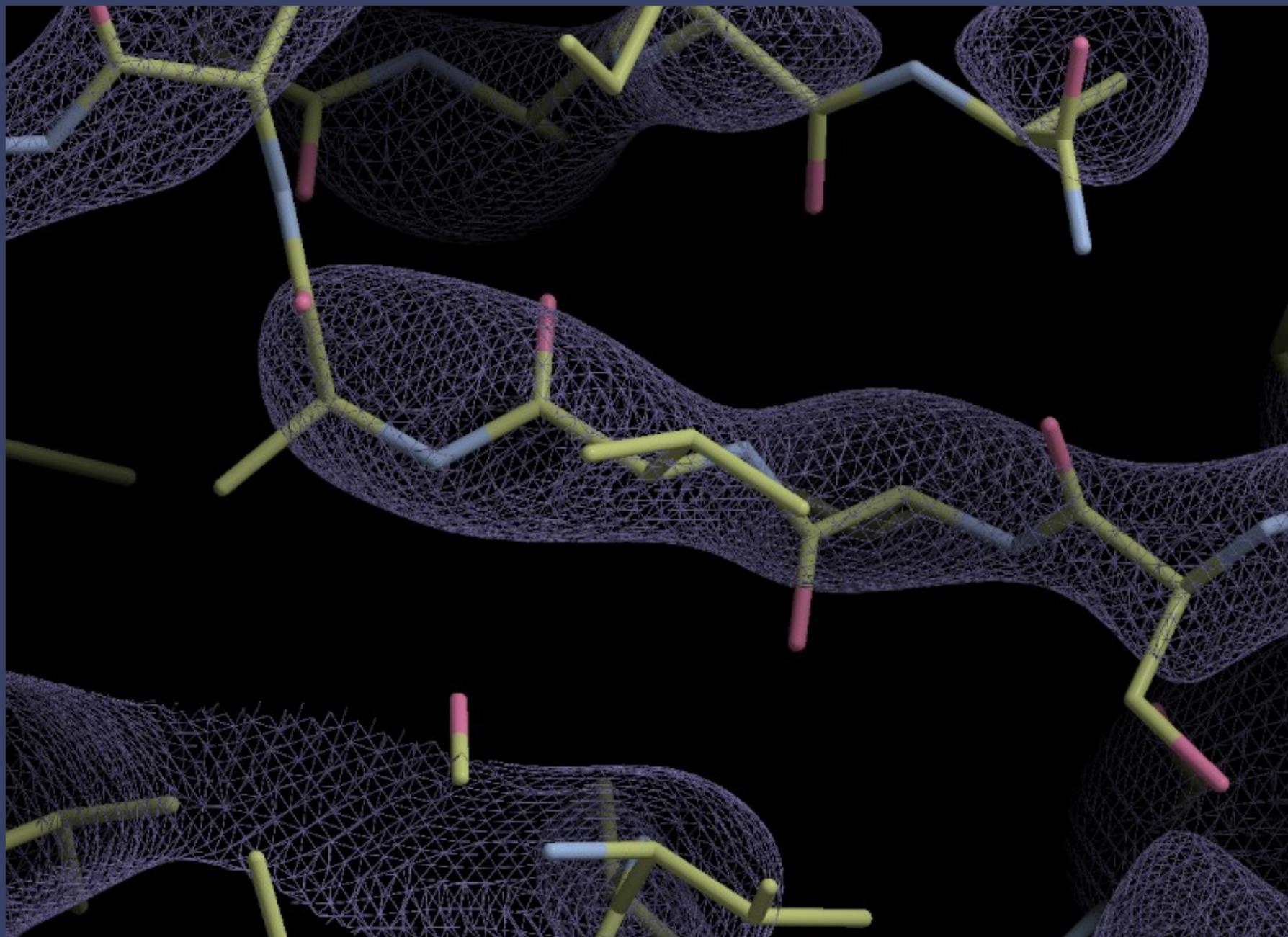
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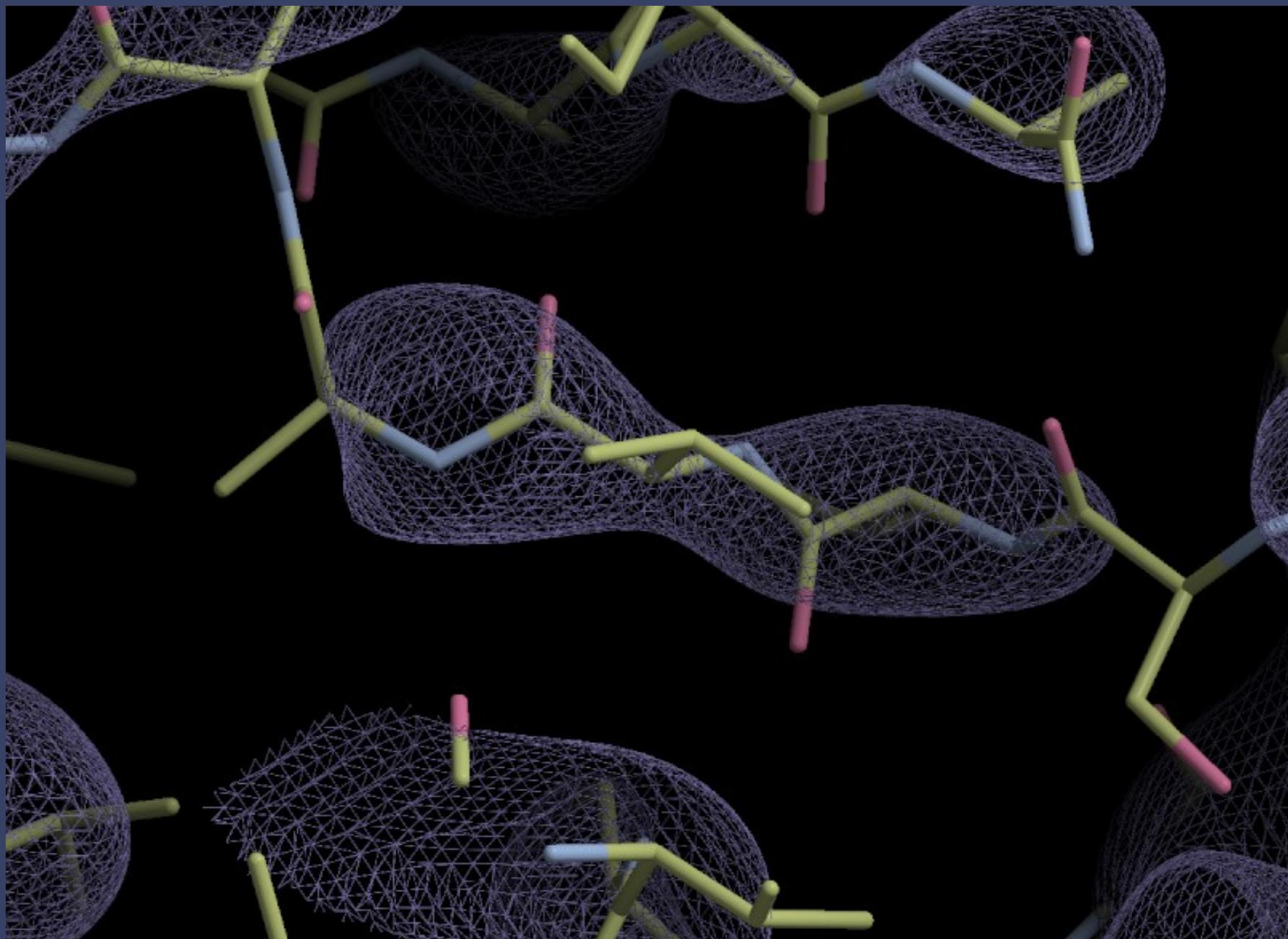
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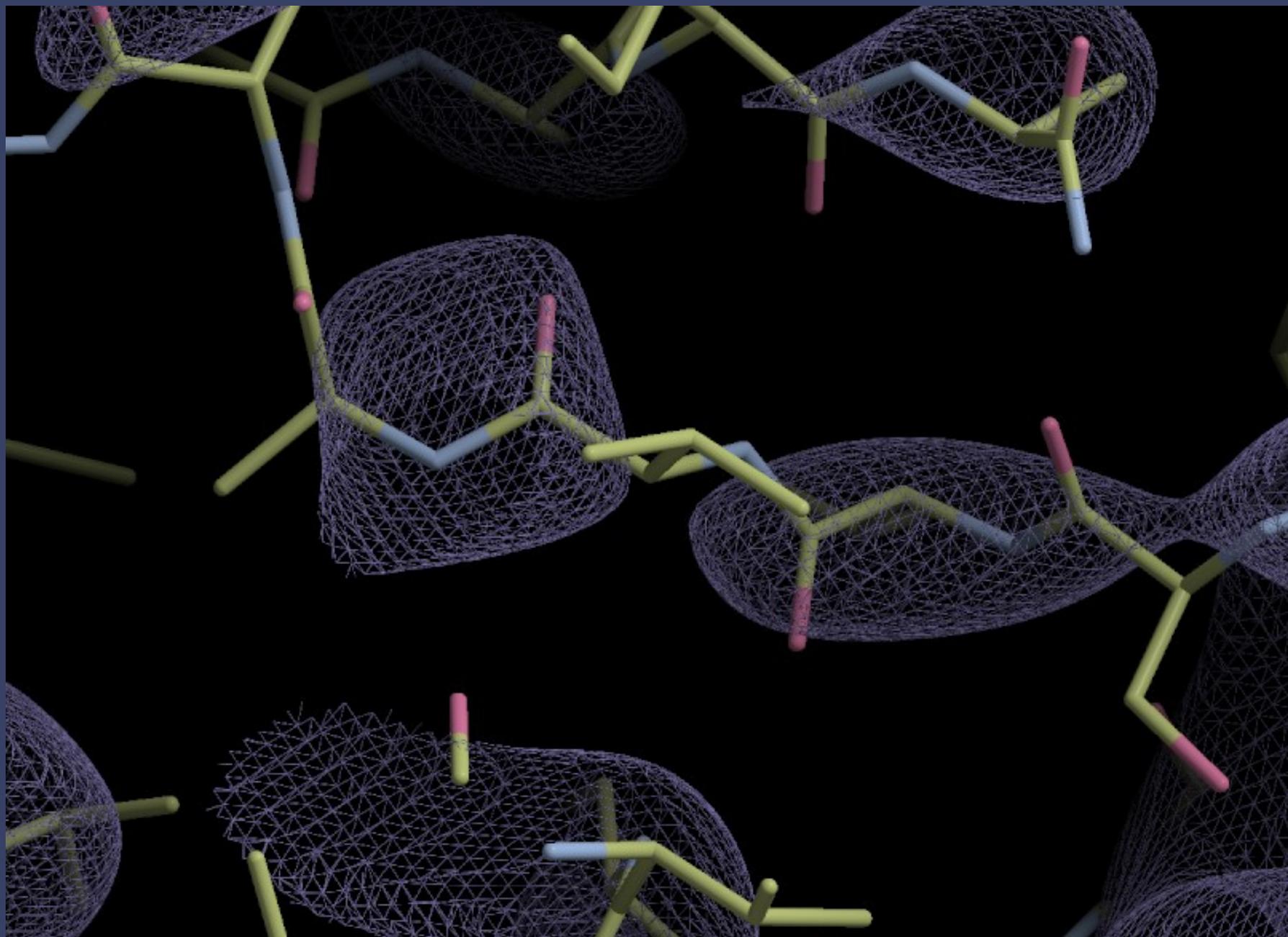
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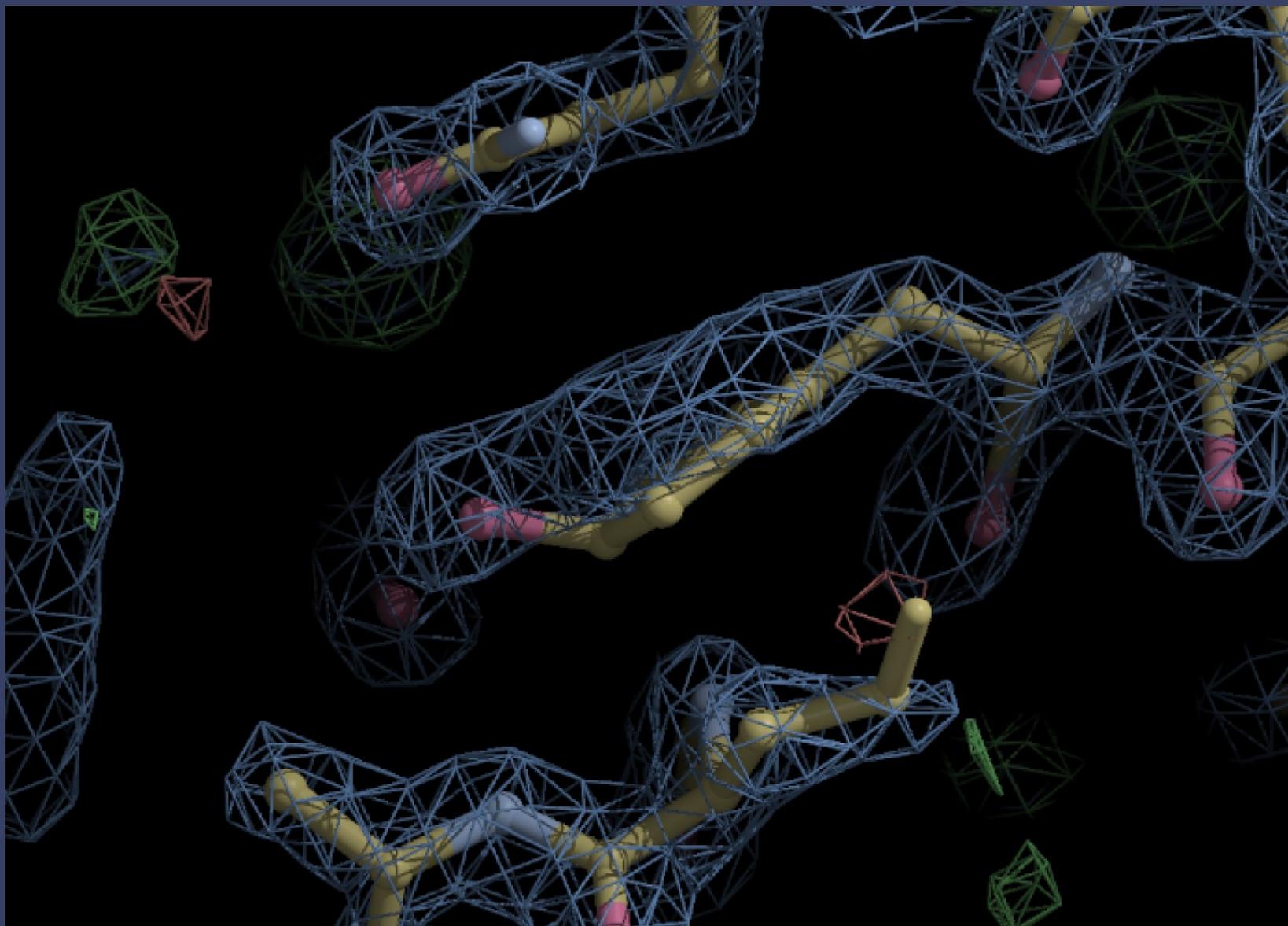
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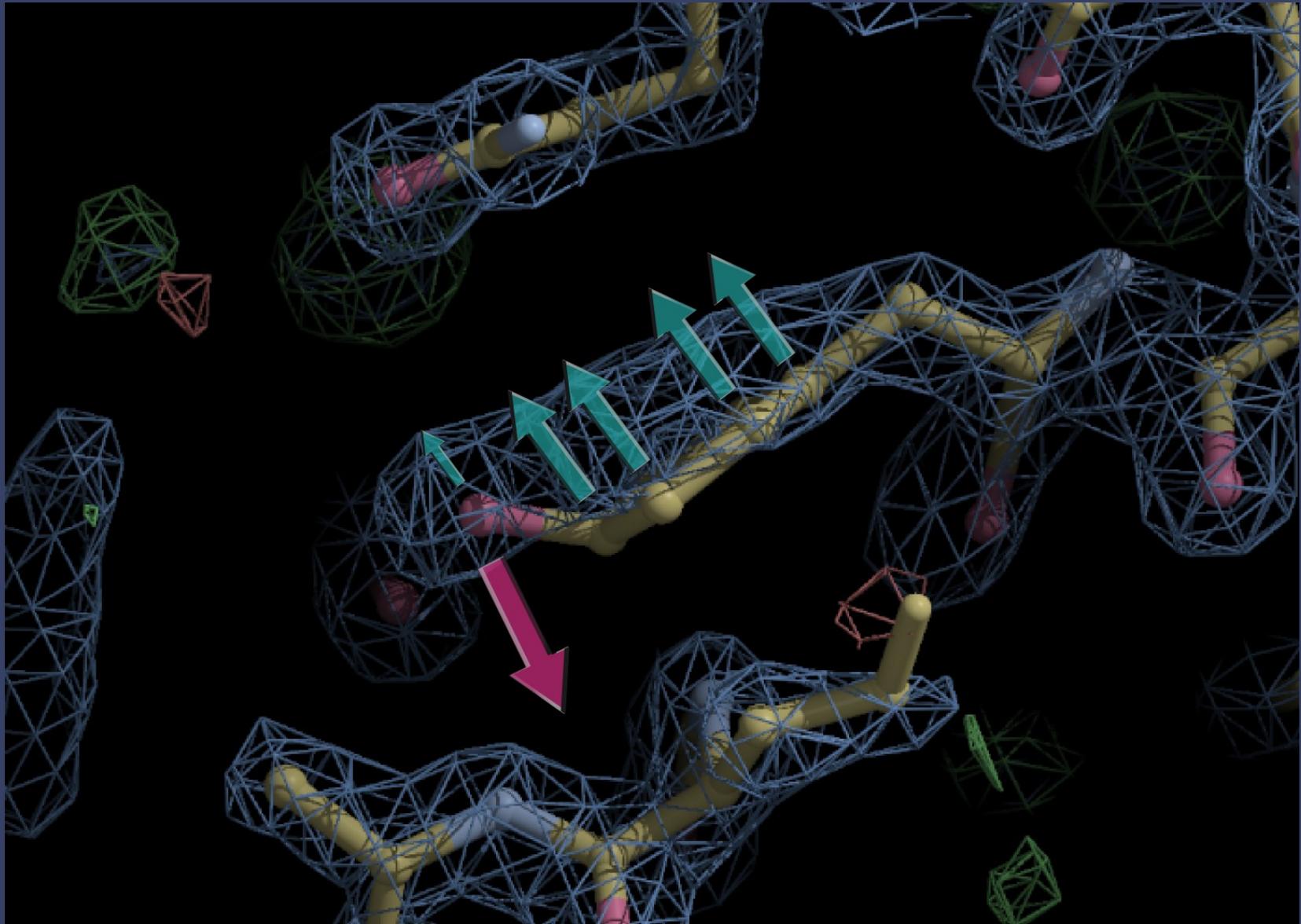
# What is “Refinement”?

- The adjustment of model parameters (coordinates) 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

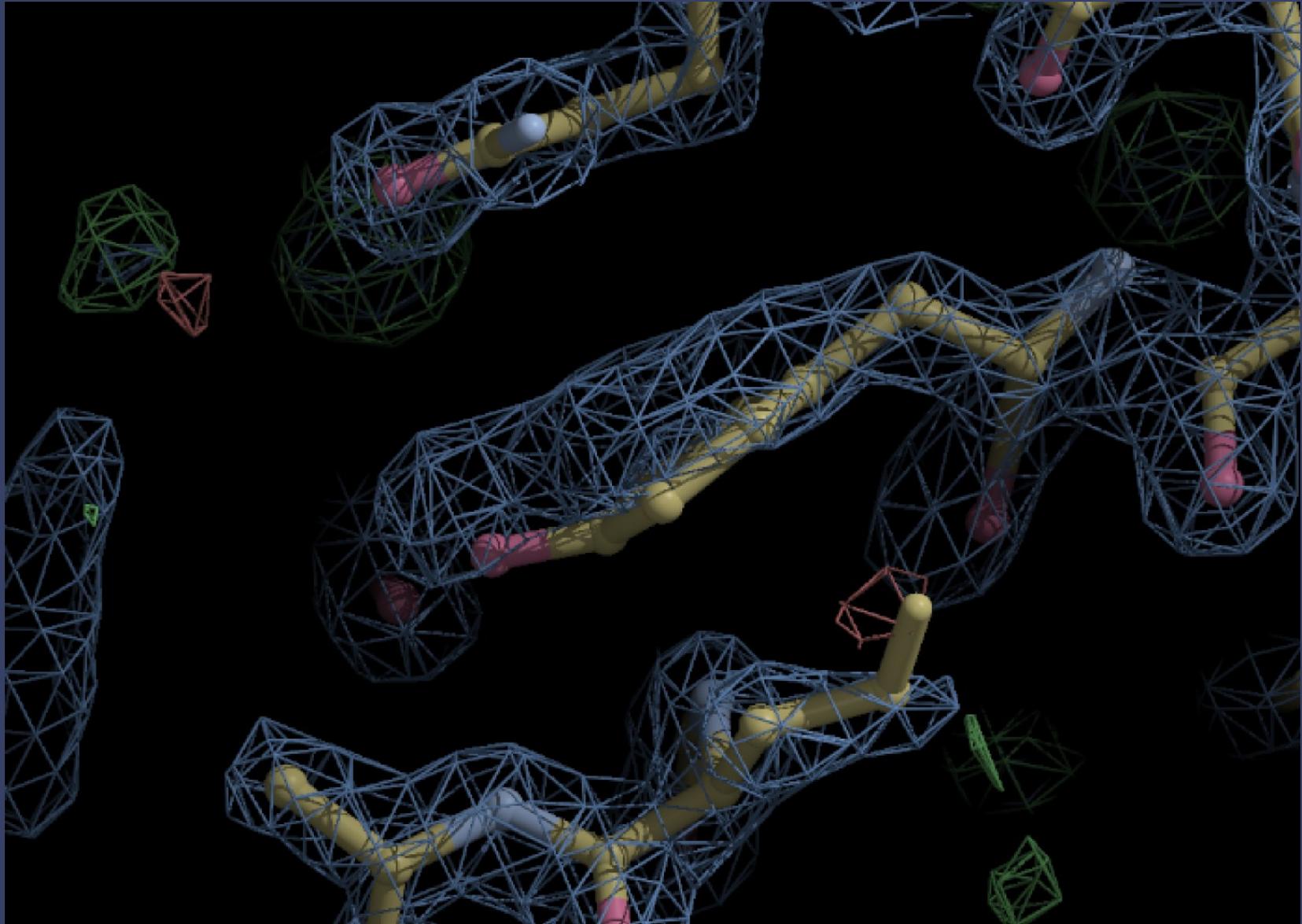
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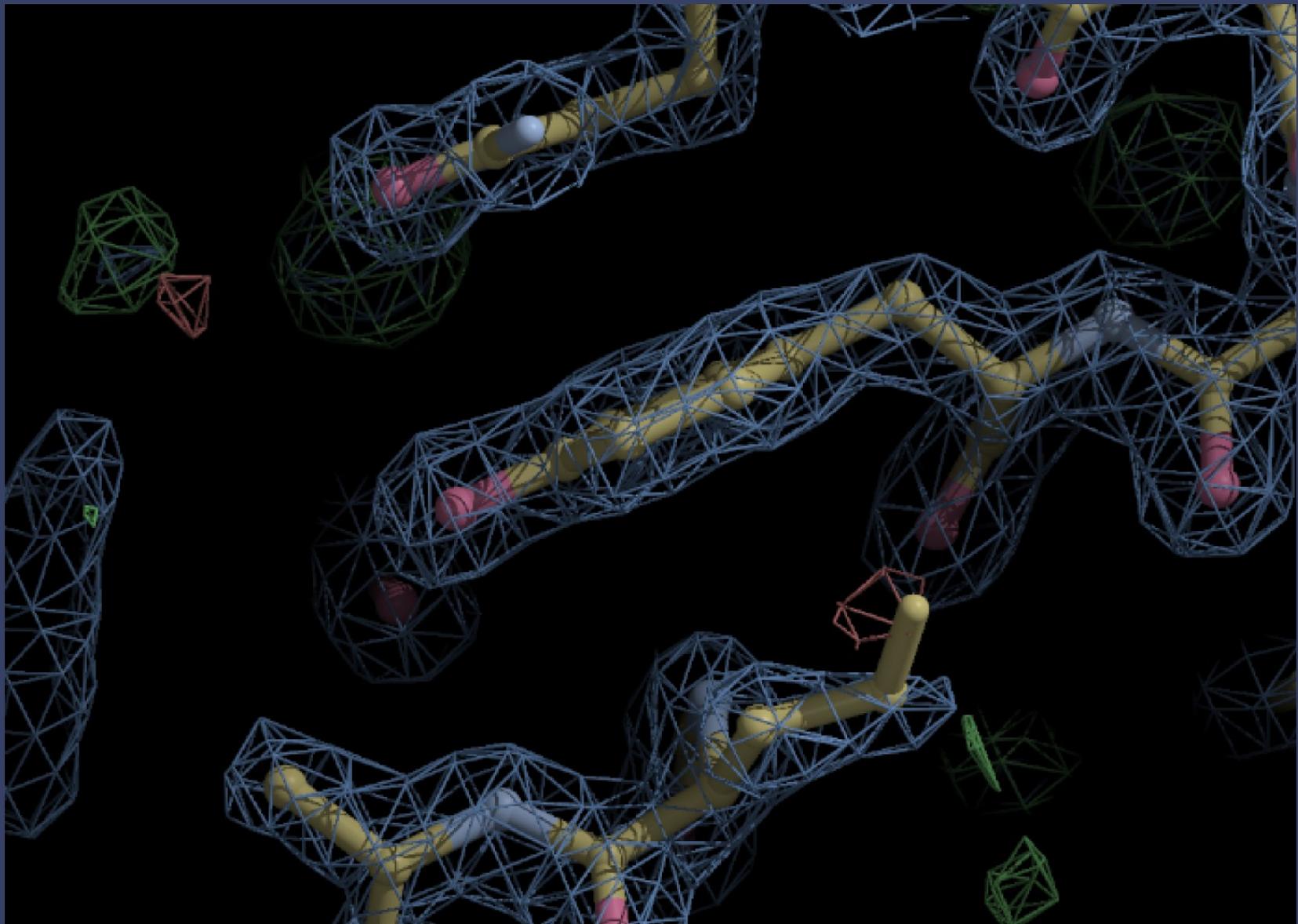
## Refinement Gradients



## Refinement: Cycle 3



## Refinement Cycle 200: Minimized



# Real Space Refinement

Diamond, R. (1971). *Acta Cryst. A*  
27, 436-452.

- Major Feature of Coot
  - Gradient-based minimiser (BFGS derivative)
  - Geometry library is the standard CIF-based Refmac dictionary
    - Minimise deviations in bond length, angles, torsions, planes, chiral volume, non-bonded contacts
    - Including links and modifications
- Provides “interactive” refinement
- Subject to substantial extension

# Representation of Results:

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^ created 32 bond      restraints
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  created 1 plane     restraints
  created 5 chiral vol restraints
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chiral vol: 0.522415
rama plot:  N/A
SUCCESS
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The first attempt

Student Reaction:

“Oh, I don't look at that window...”

(I maximise the main window immediately)

# Representation of Results:



Second attempt...

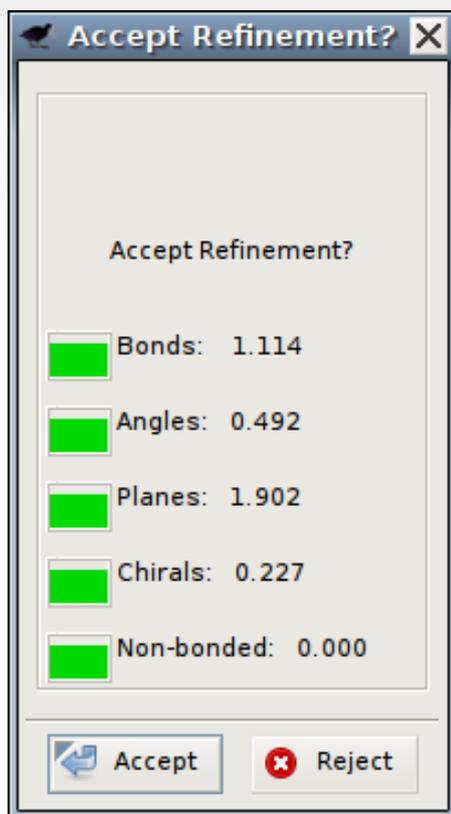
Student Reaction:

"Oh, box of meaningless numbers.

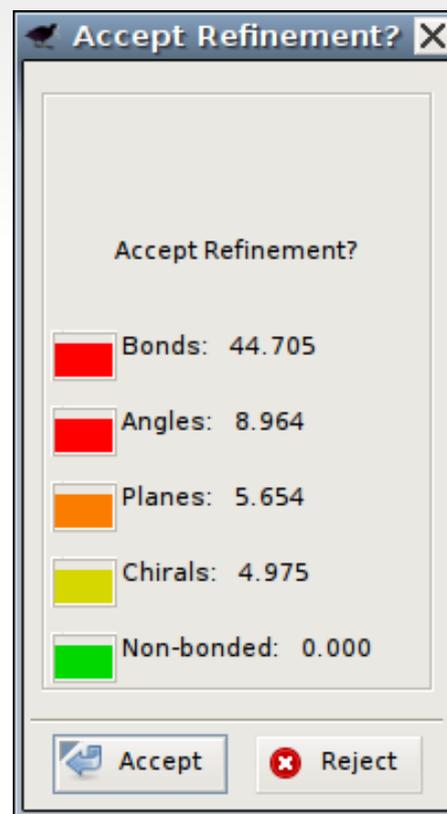
Go away"

# Representation of Results: “Traffic Lights”

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



Good refinement



Bad refinement

# Refinement Techniques

- Single-Atom Drag
  - Over-dragging
- Key-bindings:
  - Triple Refine
  - Single Residue Refine with Auto-accept

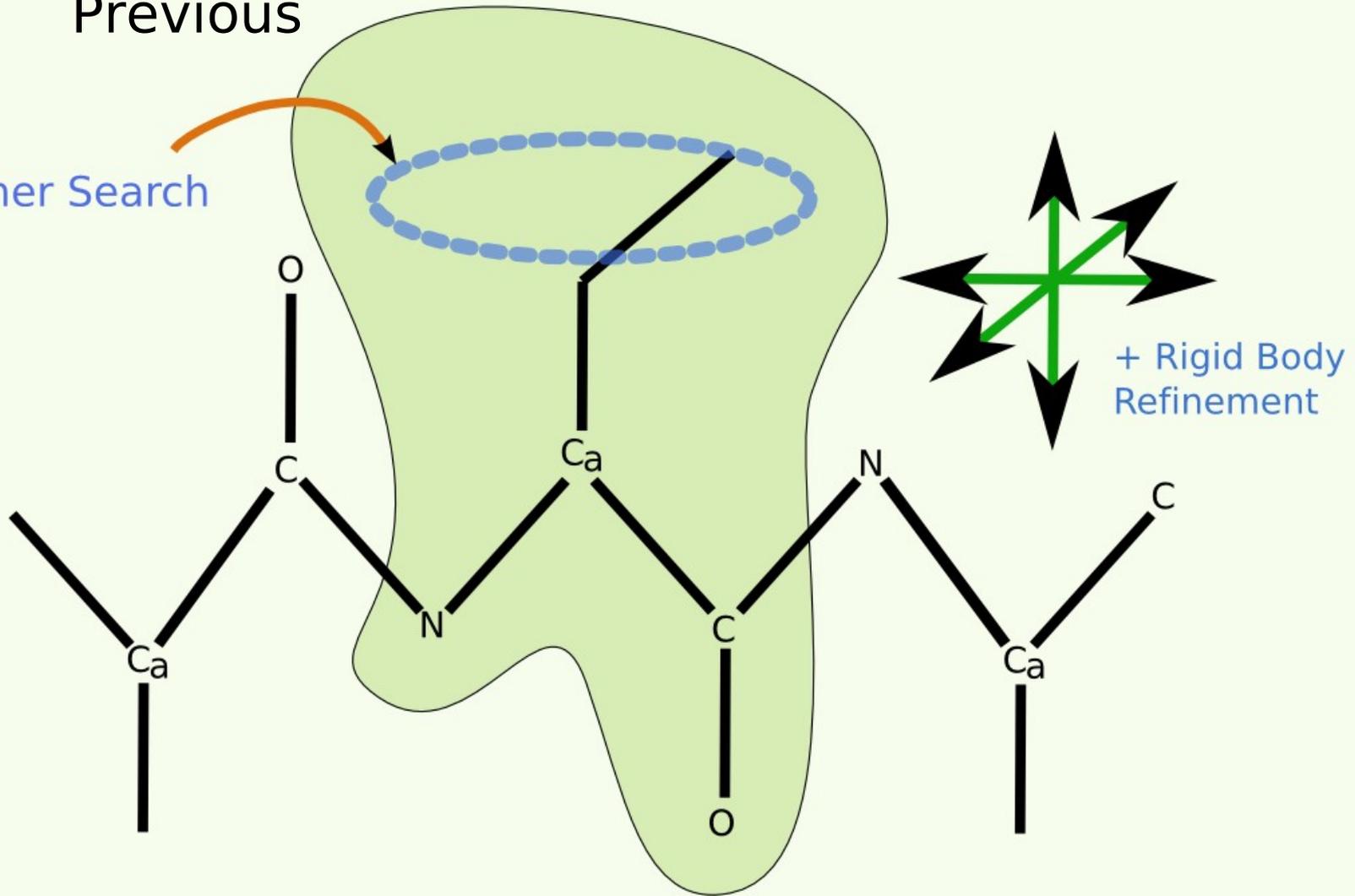
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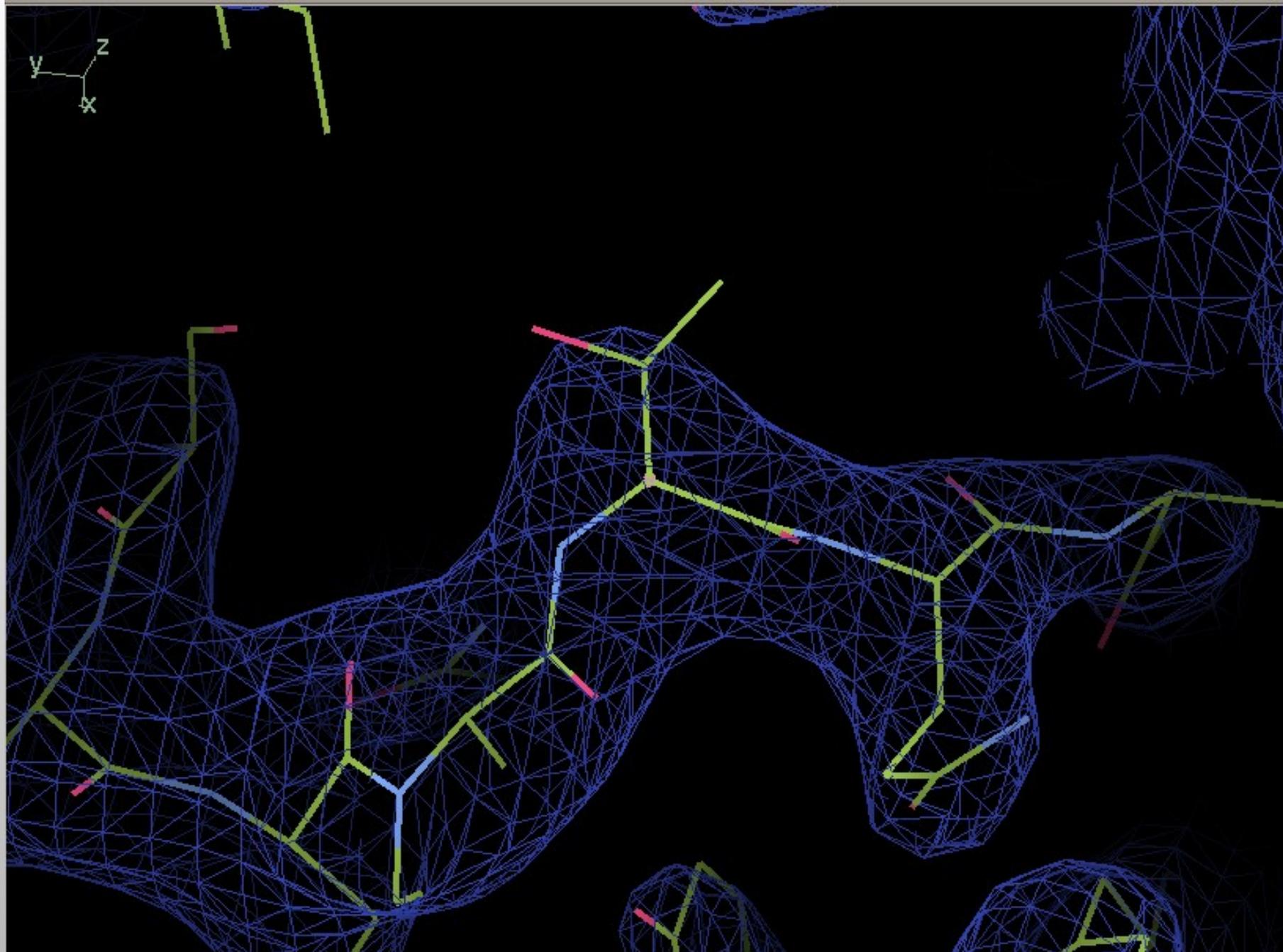
- Helix fitting
- “Backrub” rotamers

# ~~Current~~ Low Resolution Rotamer Search

Previous

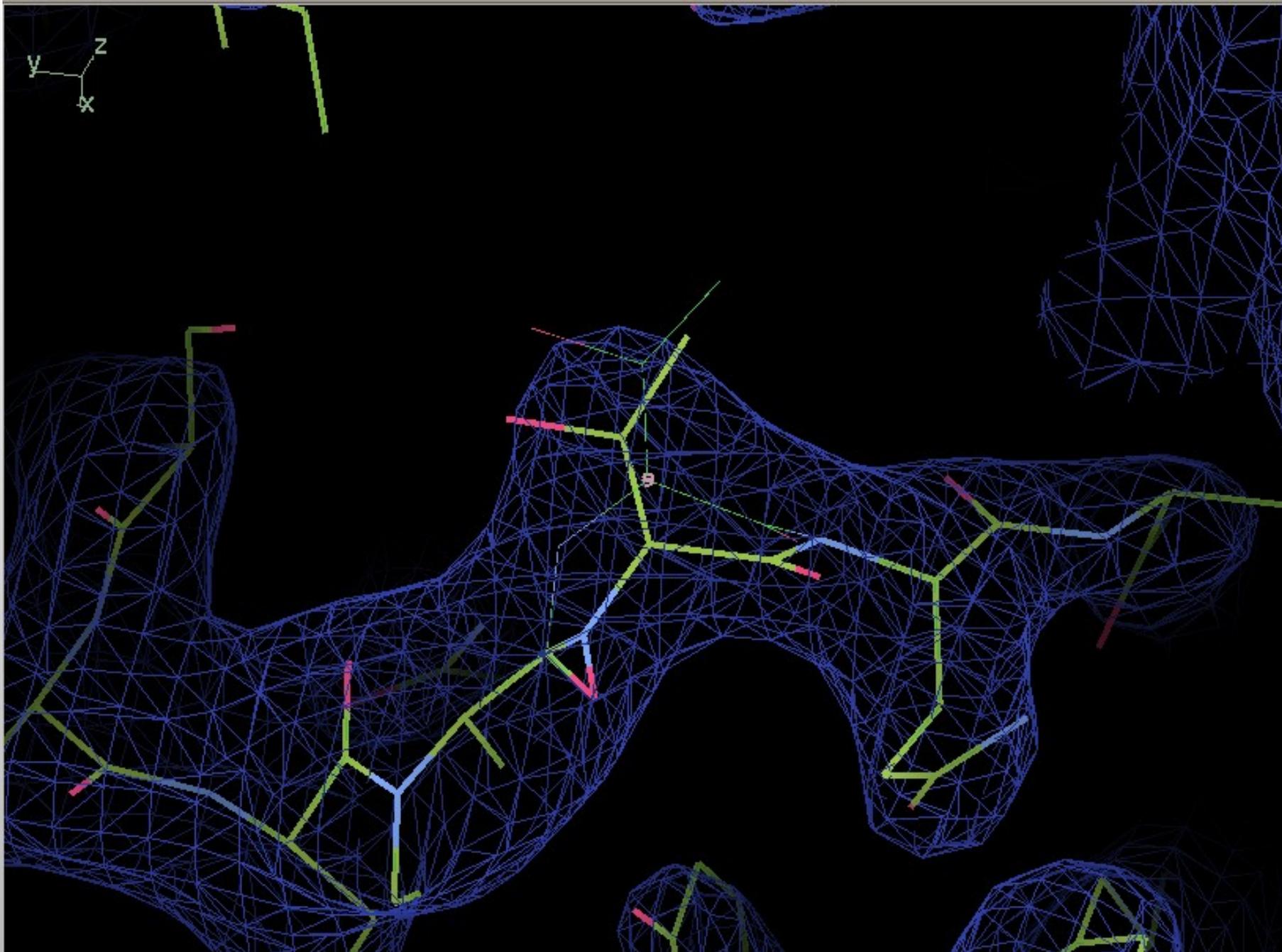
Rotamer Search





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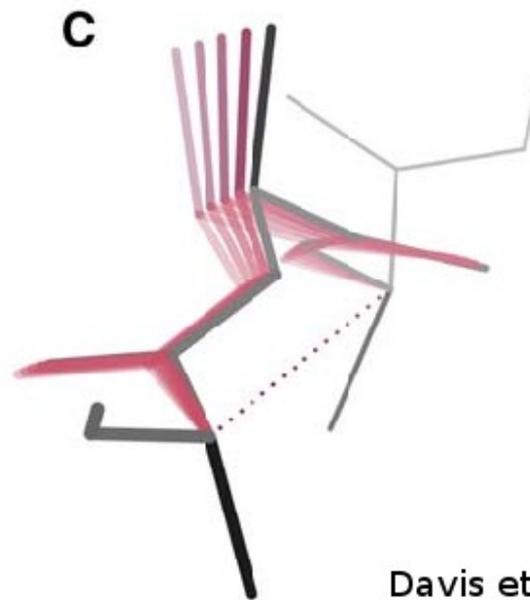
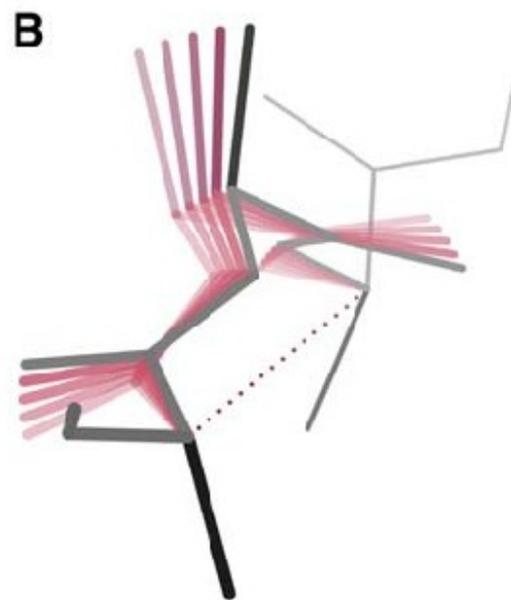
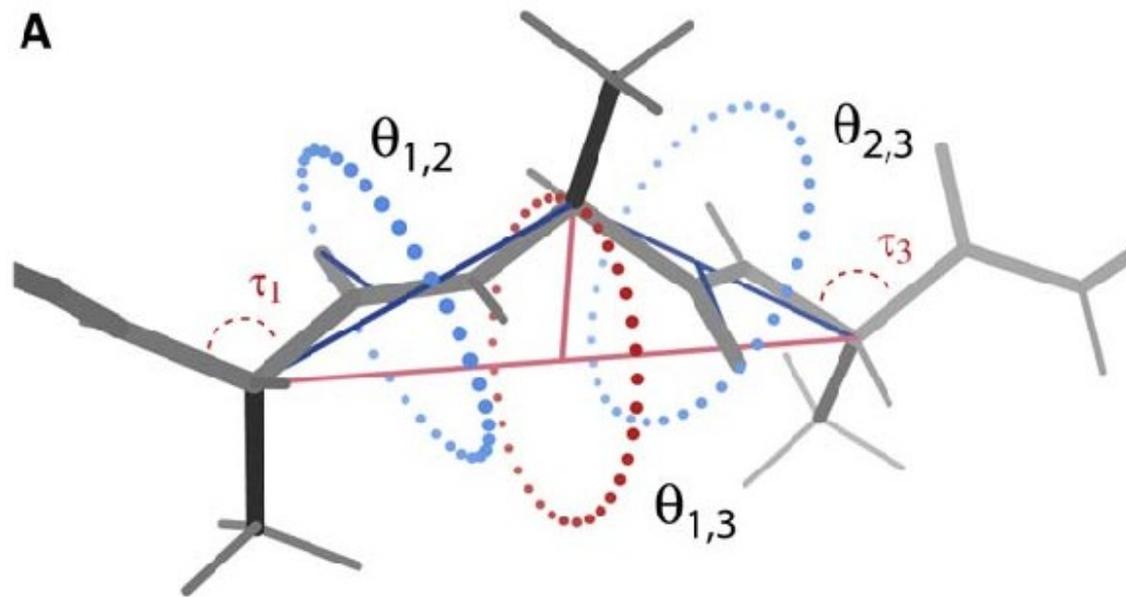




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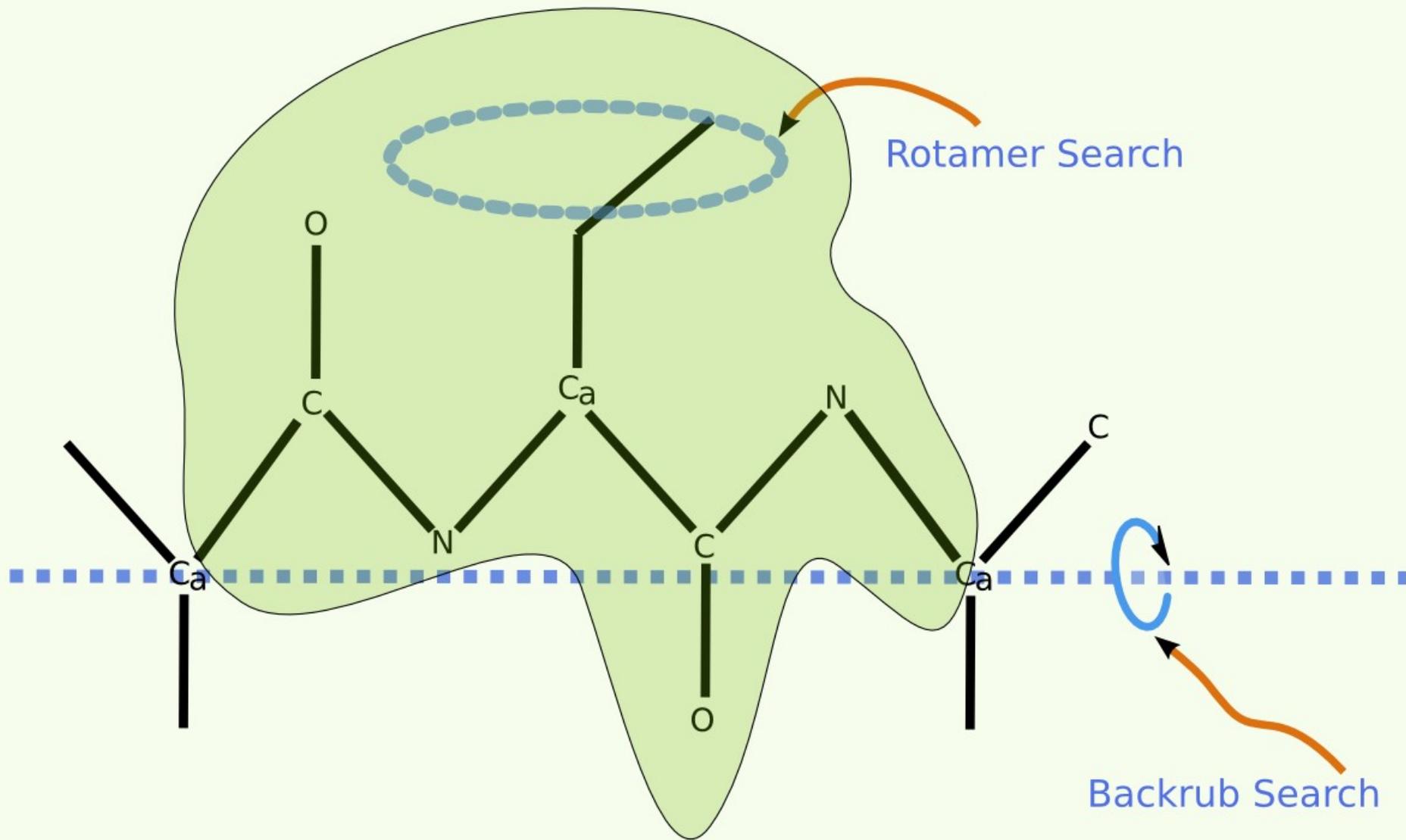
# Using Backrubs

- for rotamer fitting

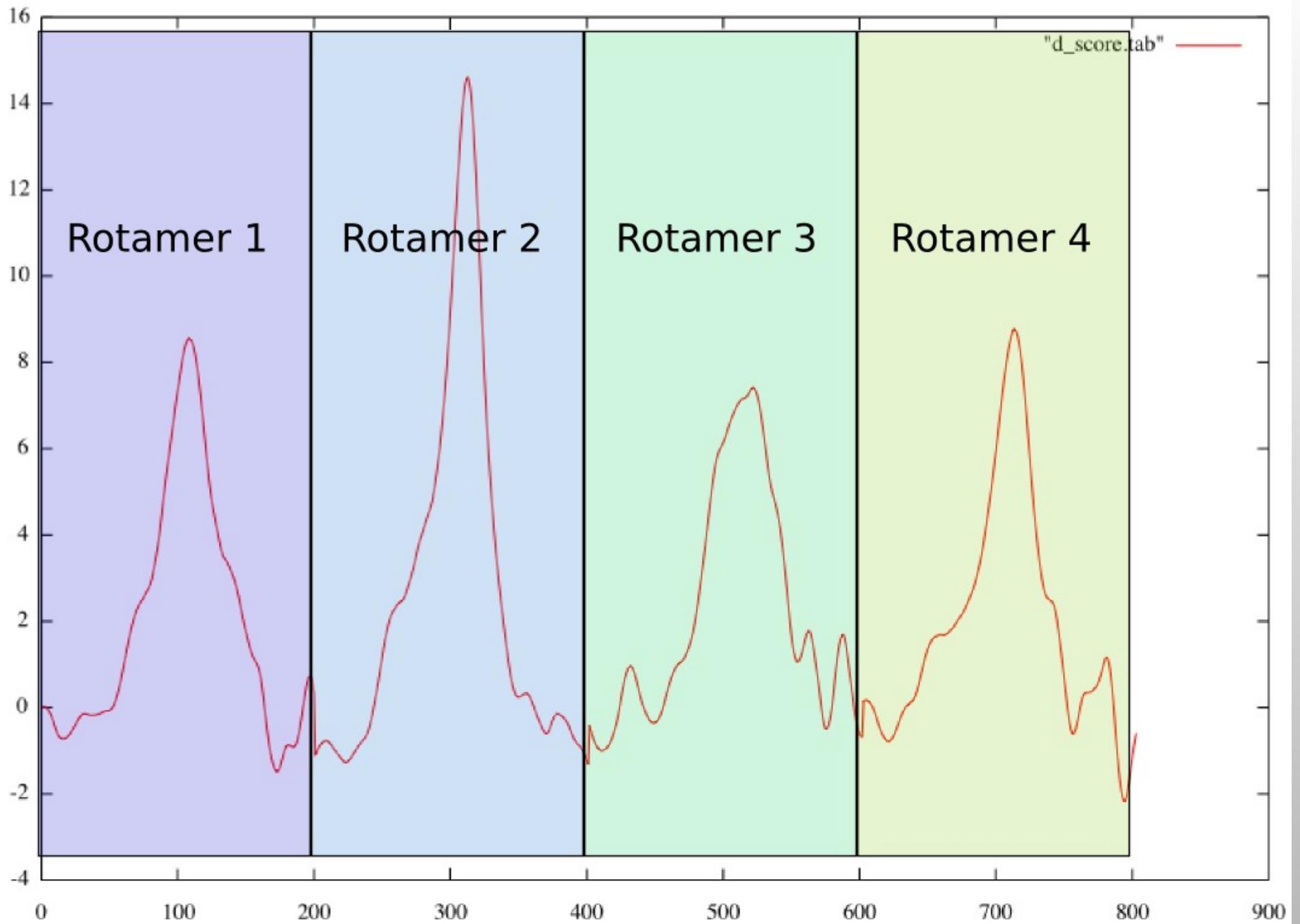


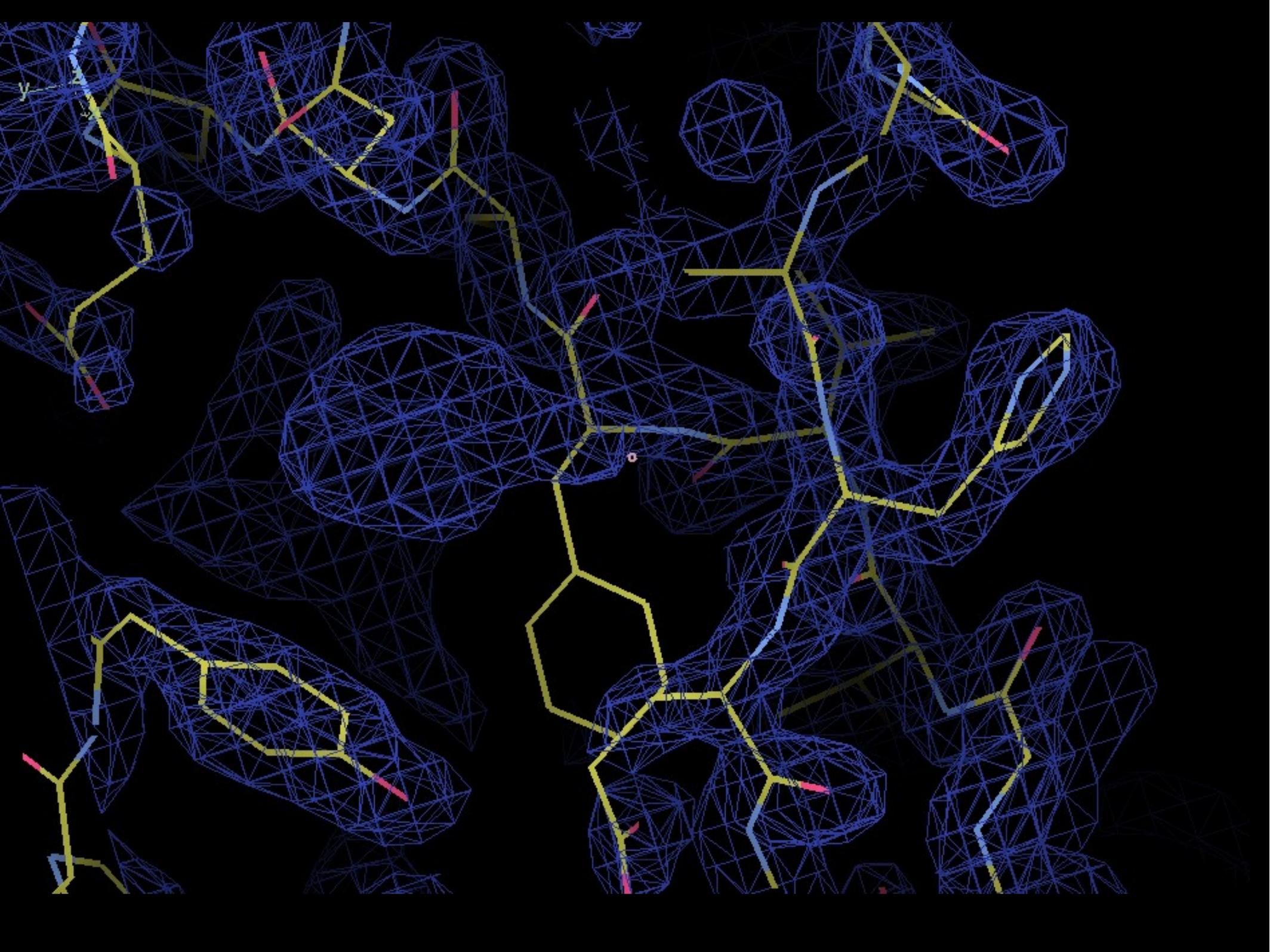
Davis et al. (2006) Structure

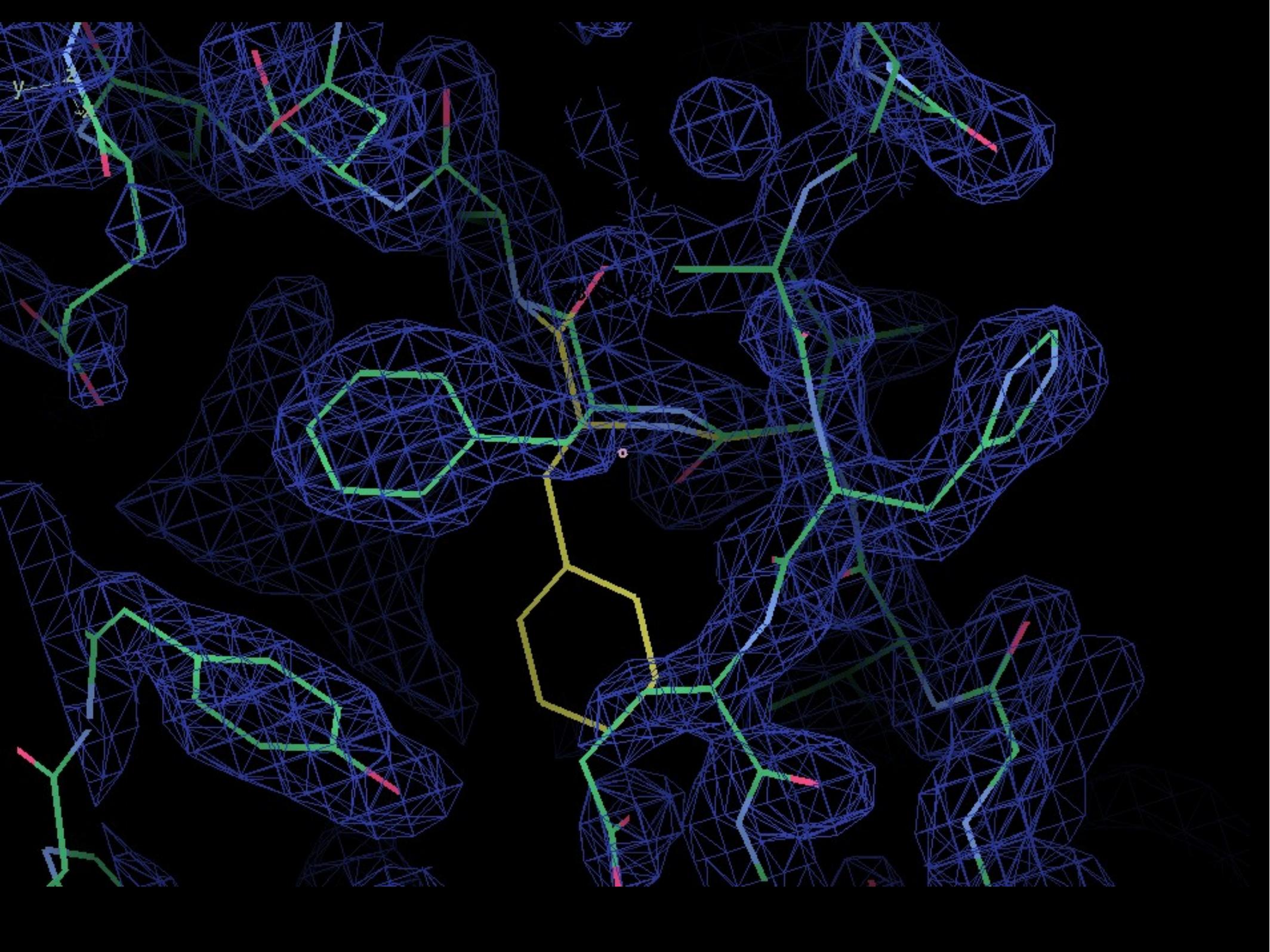
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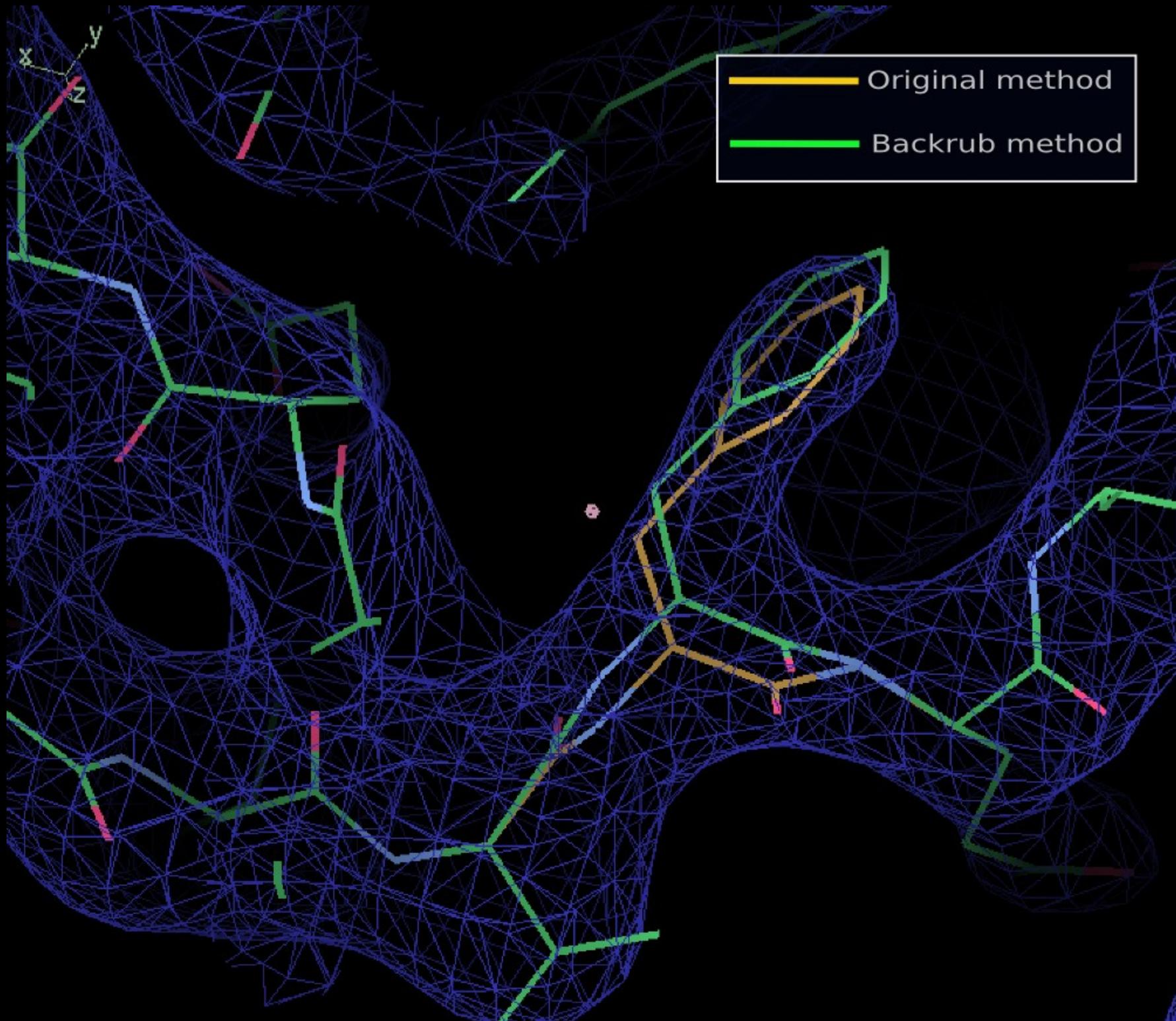


After Fitting Tools in KING/Molprobability









# Networking...

- PDBe interface...
- Drag and drop
  - Also with drugbank

# PDBe Recent Structures

JSON parser, network threaded code

The screenshot displays the Coot software interface. On the left, a 'Recent Entries' panel lists several structures with their PDB IDs, resolution, and authors. A dialog box titled 'Download and make SFS for 4dwd' is open, showing progress bars for 'Download Coords: 100%', 'Download SFs cif: 4%', and 'Running Refmac: 0%'. The main window shows a 3D molecular model of a protein structure with a blue mesh and yellow sticks. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Calculate, Draw, Measures, Validate, HID, About, Extensions, Lidia), a toolbar with various icons, and a status bar at the bottom.

**Recent Entries**

- Orthorhombic crystal form C222 of the Aquifex aeolicus nucleoside diphosphatase...  
3ztz: x-ray diffraction Resolution: 1.47  
Boissier, F. Georgescauld, F. Moynie, L. Dupuy, J.-W.
- Crystal structure of mandelate racemase/muconate lactonizing protein from Aquifex...  
4dwd: x-ray diffraction Resolution: 1.5  
Malashkevich, V.N. Toro, R. Sauder, J.M. Burley, S.K.  
Ligands: MSE: SELENOMETHIONINE
- Crystal structure of anti-HIV llama VHH antibody A12  
3r0m: x-ray diffraction Resolution: 1.5  
Chen, J. McLellan, J.S. Kwon, Y.D. Schmidt, S.

**Download and make SFS for 4dwd**

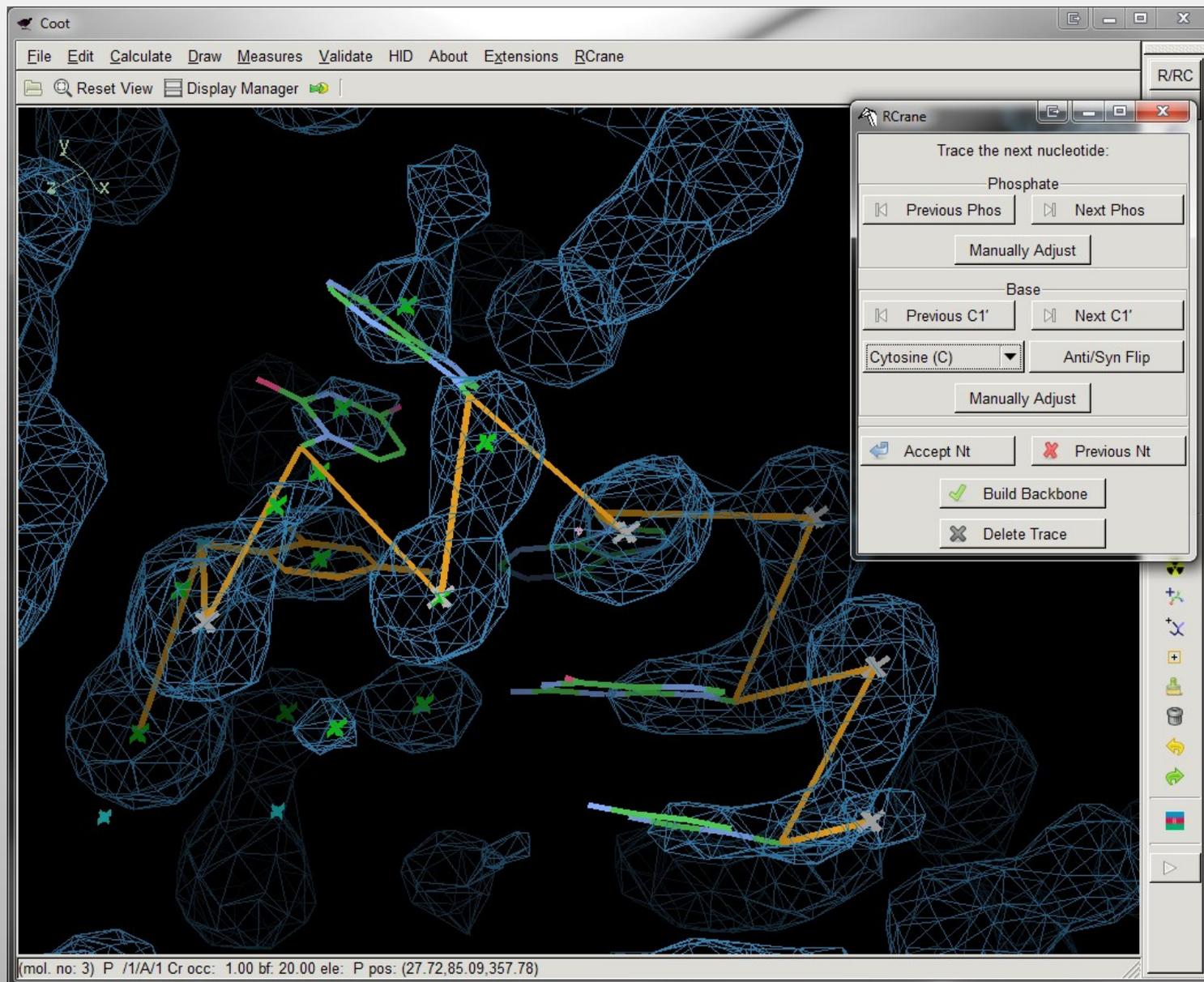
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- Download SFs cif: 4 %
- Running Refmac: 0 %

Close

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INFO: 0.003 seconds for statistics  
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Map sigma: ..... 0.0625319  
Map maximum: ..... 1.02226  
Map minimum: ..... -0.276271  
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# Using the API

# RCrane: Semi-Automated Building of RNA



# Handling EM maps

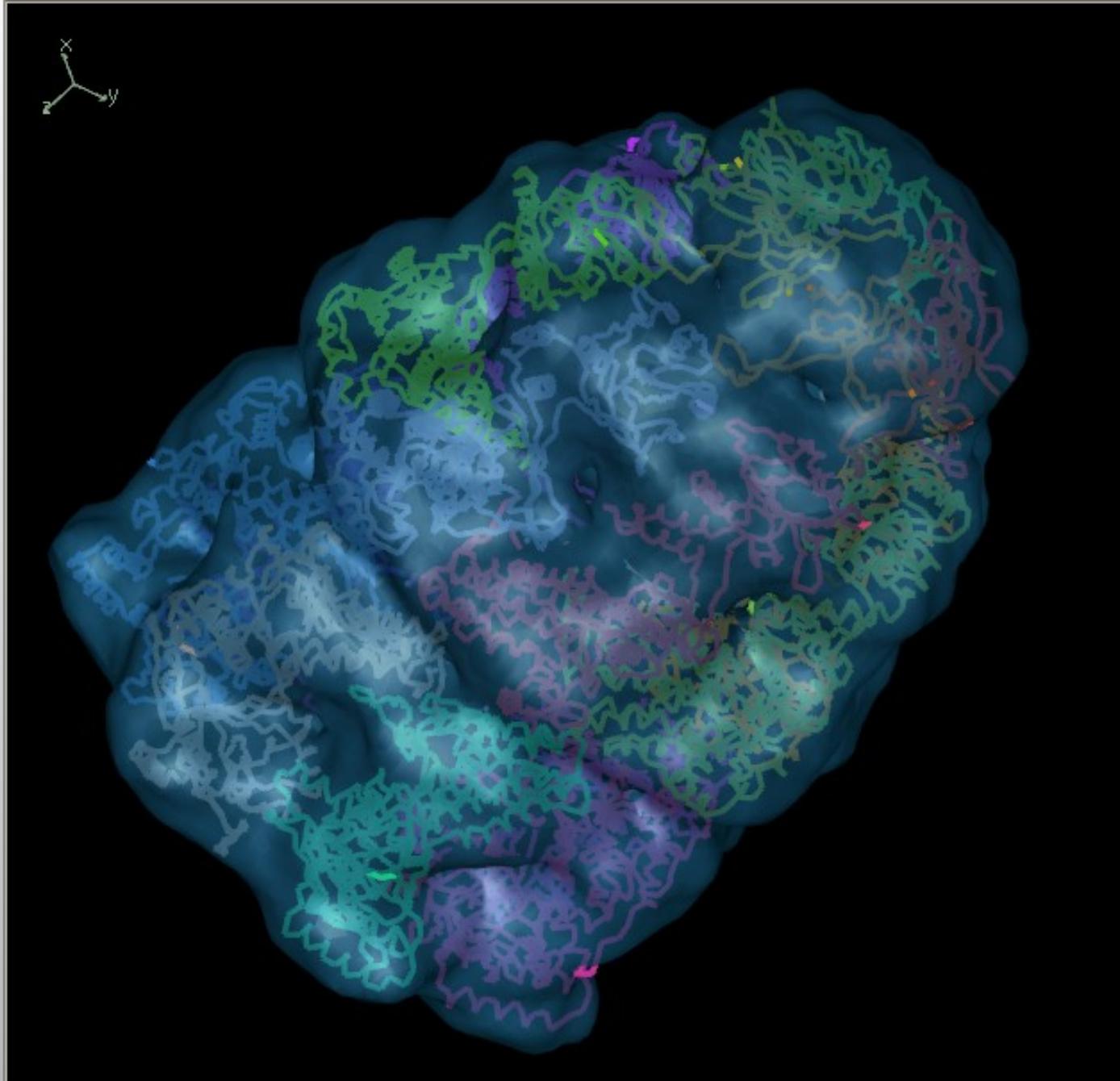
Coot

File Edit Calculate Draw Measures Validate HID About Extensions

Reset View Display Manager

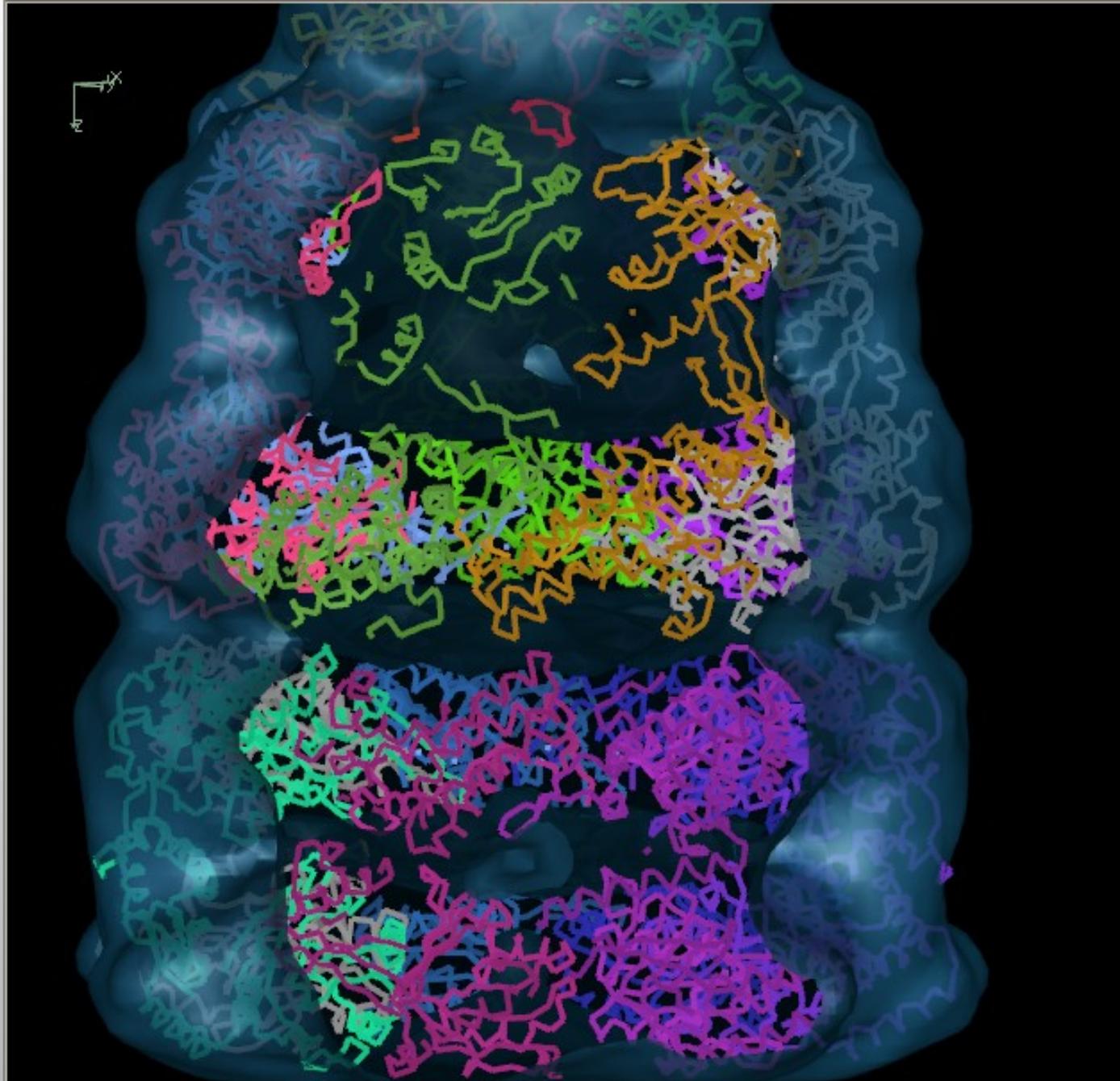
R/RC

Map



A vertical toolbar on the right side of the window contains various icons for map and molecule manipulation. From top to bottom, the icons include: a globe, a clock, a double-headed arrow, a pair of scissors, a plus sign, a right-pointing triangle, a green ribbon, a blue ribbon, a multi-colored ribbon, a blue ribbon, a 'Side' label with a green circle, a radiation symbol, a yellow radiation symbol, a plus sign with a ribbon, a plus sign with a ribbon, a plus sign, a yellow ribbon, a red circle with a diagonal line, an orange arrow, a green arrow, and a green triangle.

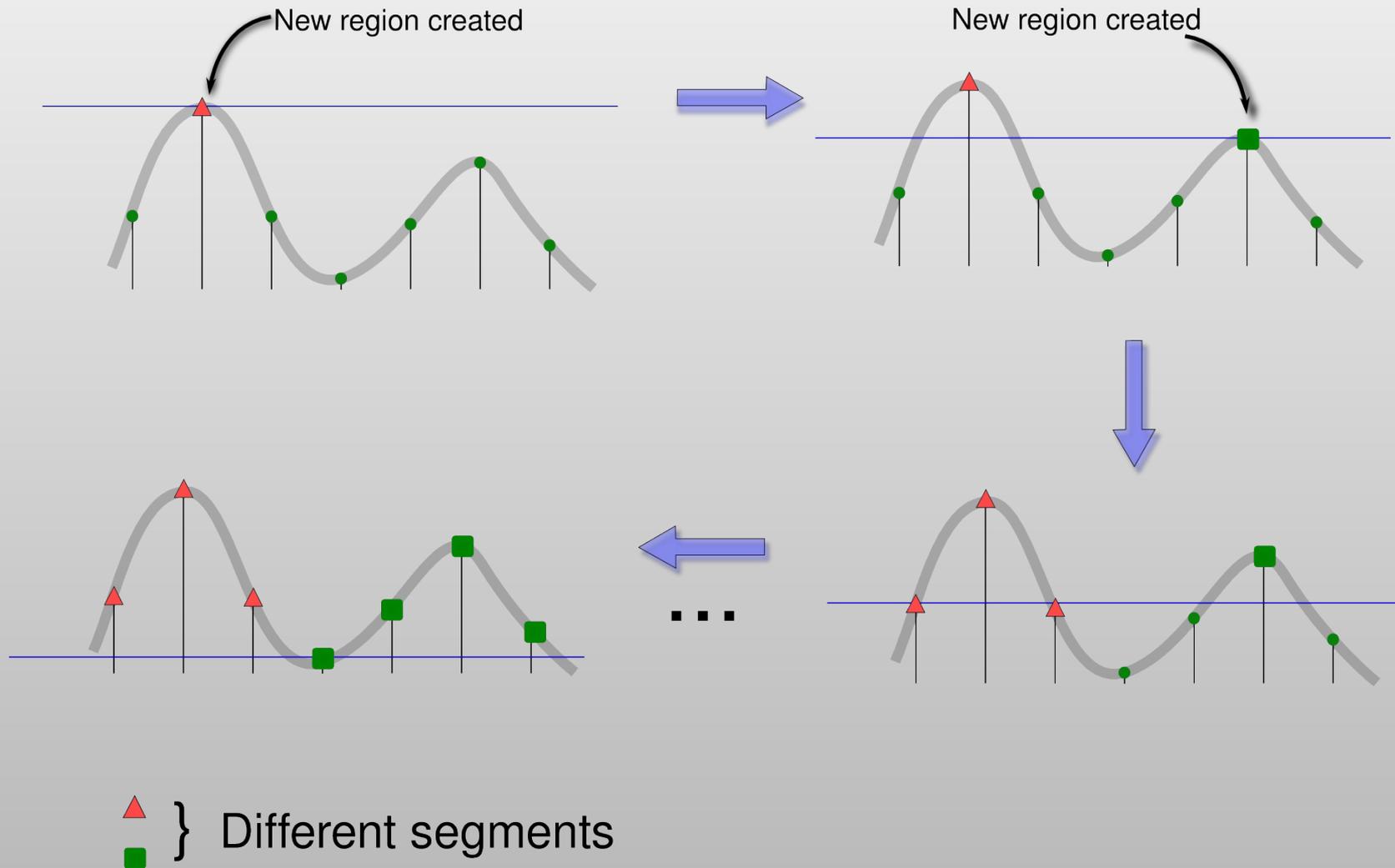
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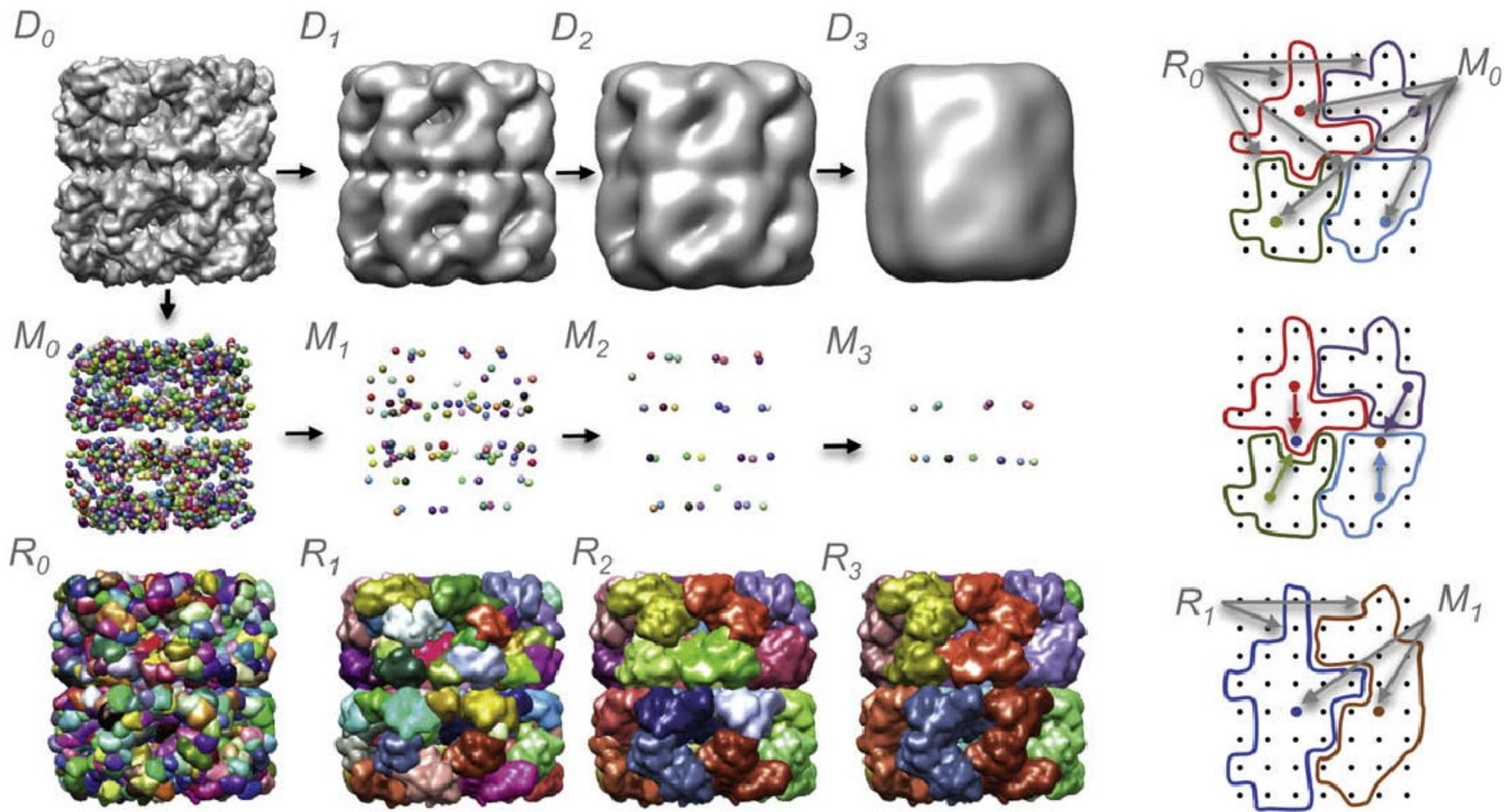


- Navigation icons: rotate, pan, zoom, etc.
- Display Manager icons: show/hide atoms, show/hide map, etc.
- Side view icon
- Warning icons (radiation symbols)
- Other utility icons: plus, minus, arrows, etc.

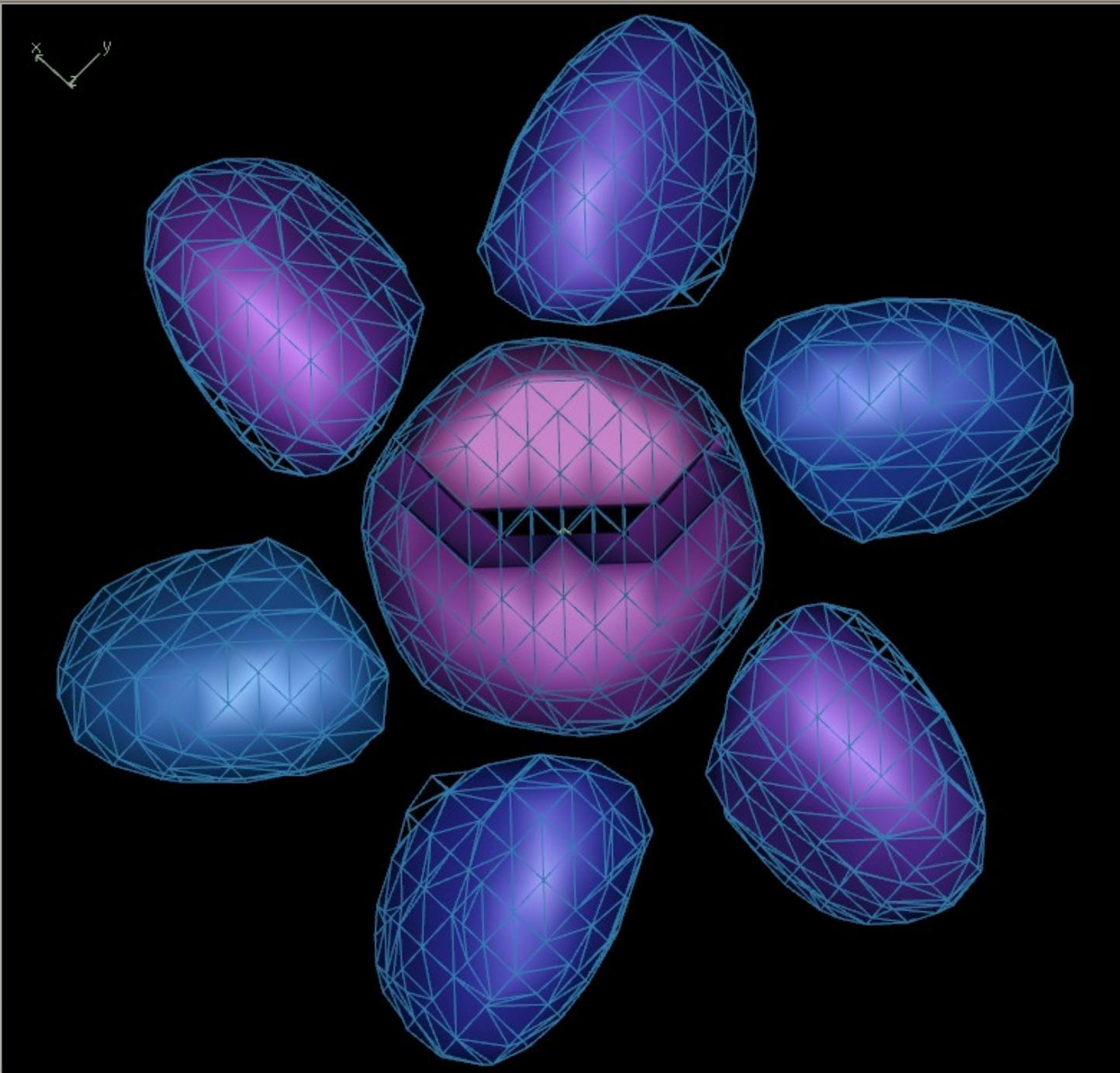
# Partitioning Maps: Watershed Algorithm

1D-analog





Pintilie *et al.* (2010)  
 J.Struct.Biol.



- Navigation icons: a blue sphere, a red circle with a white dot, a blue anchor, a green double-headed arrow, a green double-headed arrow with a red dot, a black triangle, a green double-headed arrow, a blue double-headed arrow, a multi-colored double-headed arrow, a blue double-headed arrow, a green circle with a white dot, a yellow radiation symbol, a yellow radiation symbol with a black dot, a multi-colored double-headed arrow, a blue double-headed arrow, a plus sign, a yellow radiation symbol, a red circle with a white dot, an orange arrow, a green arrow, and a green triangle.

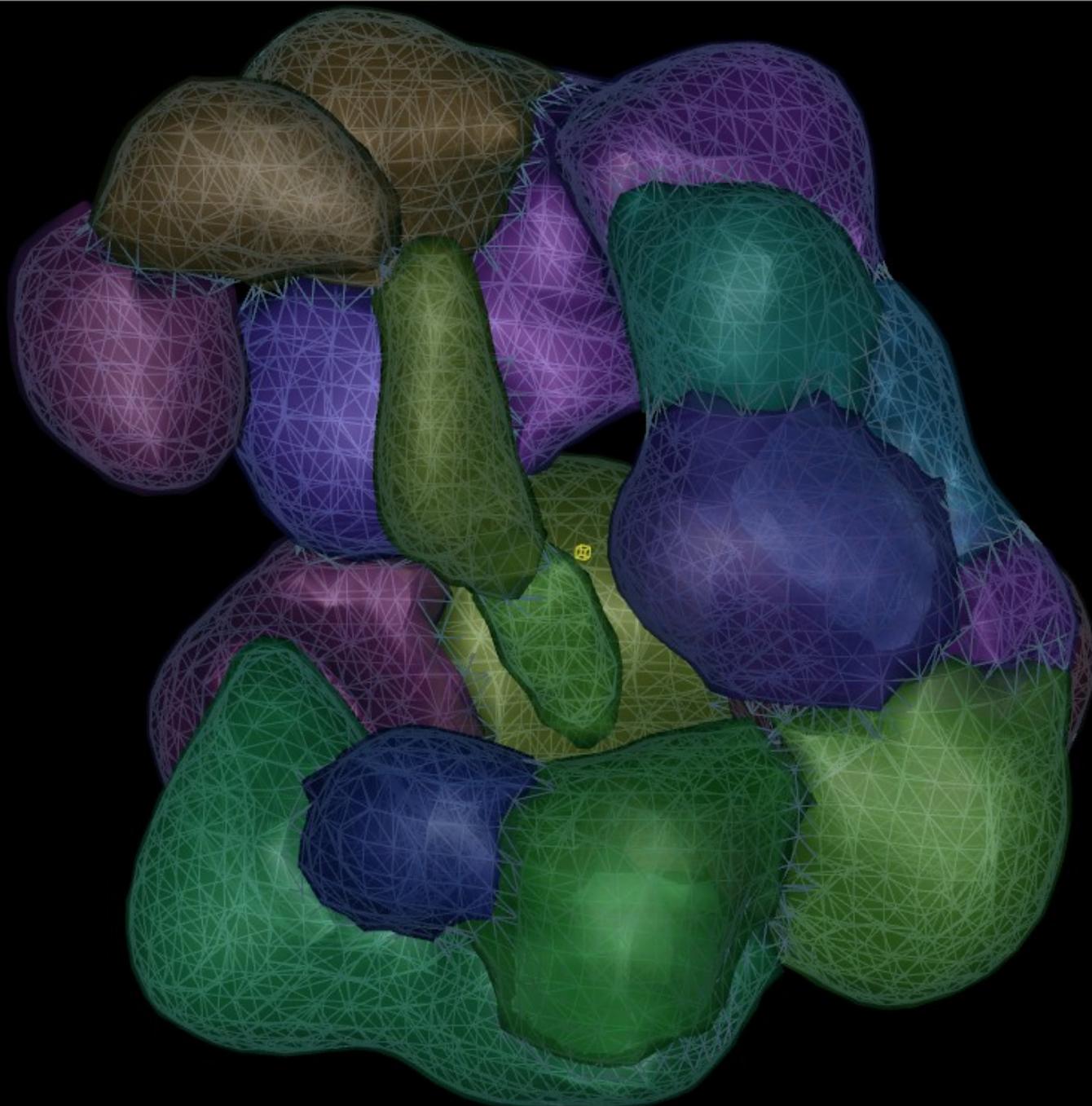
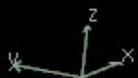
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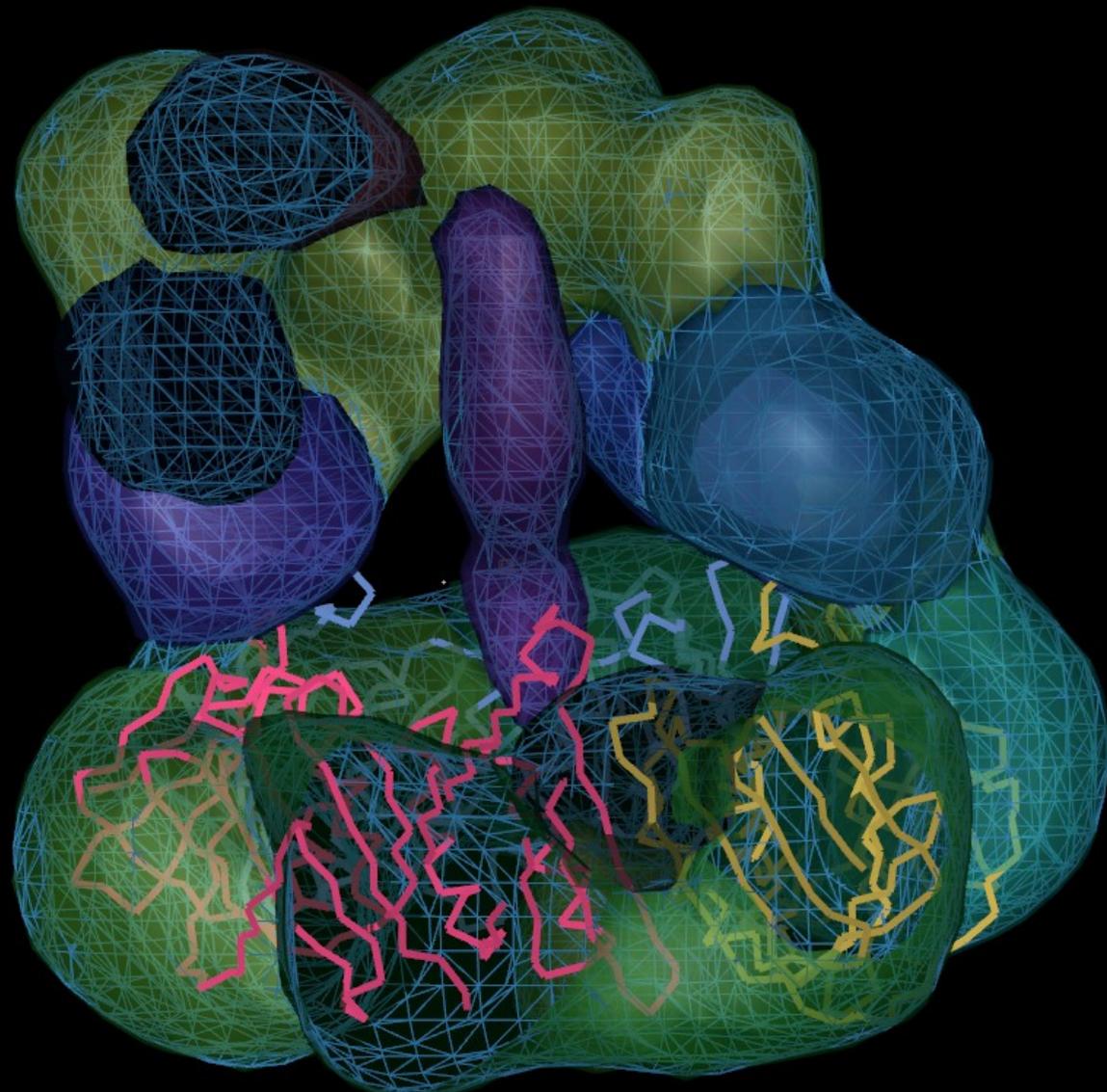
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R/RC

Map

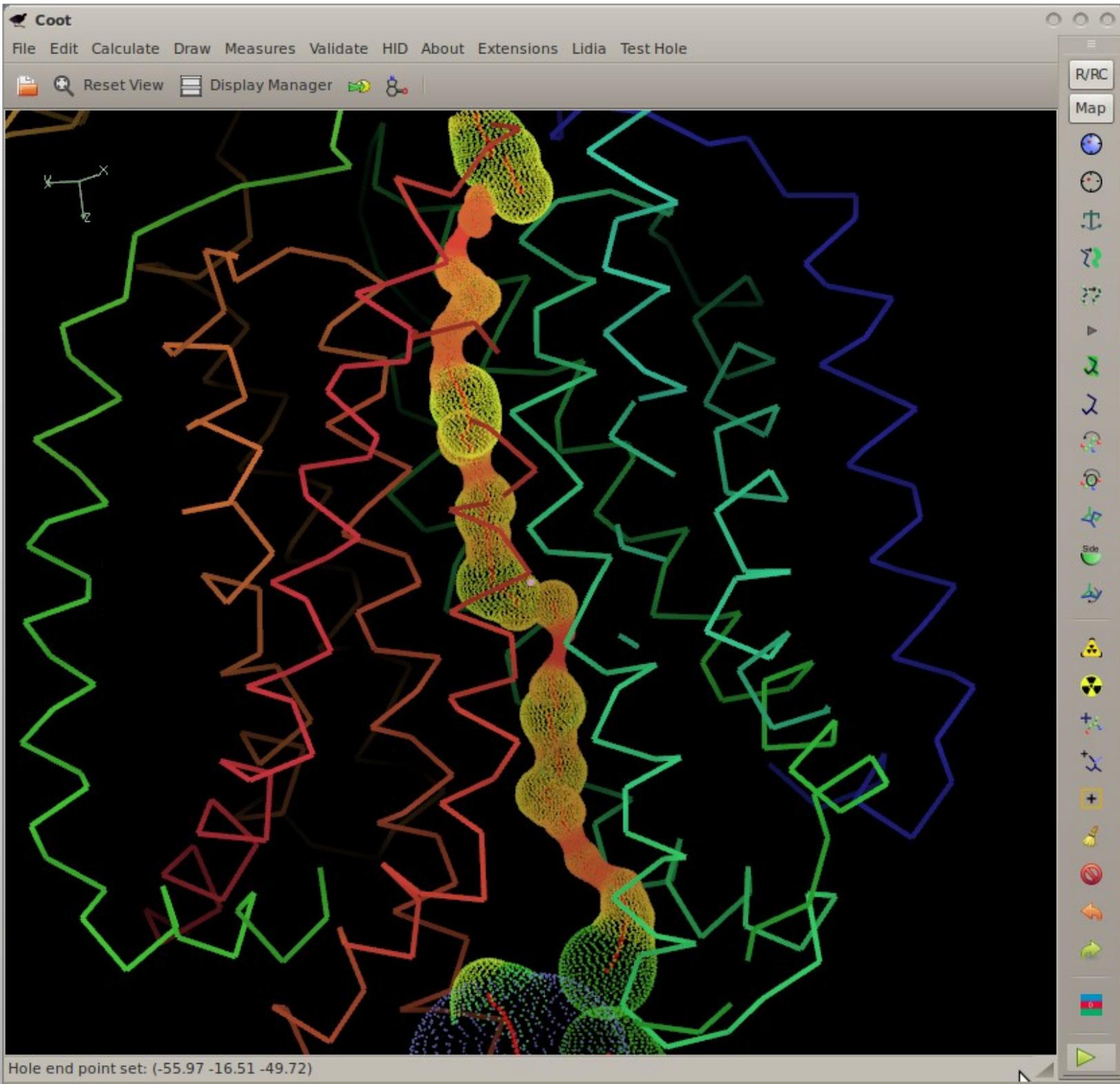


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# Finding Holes

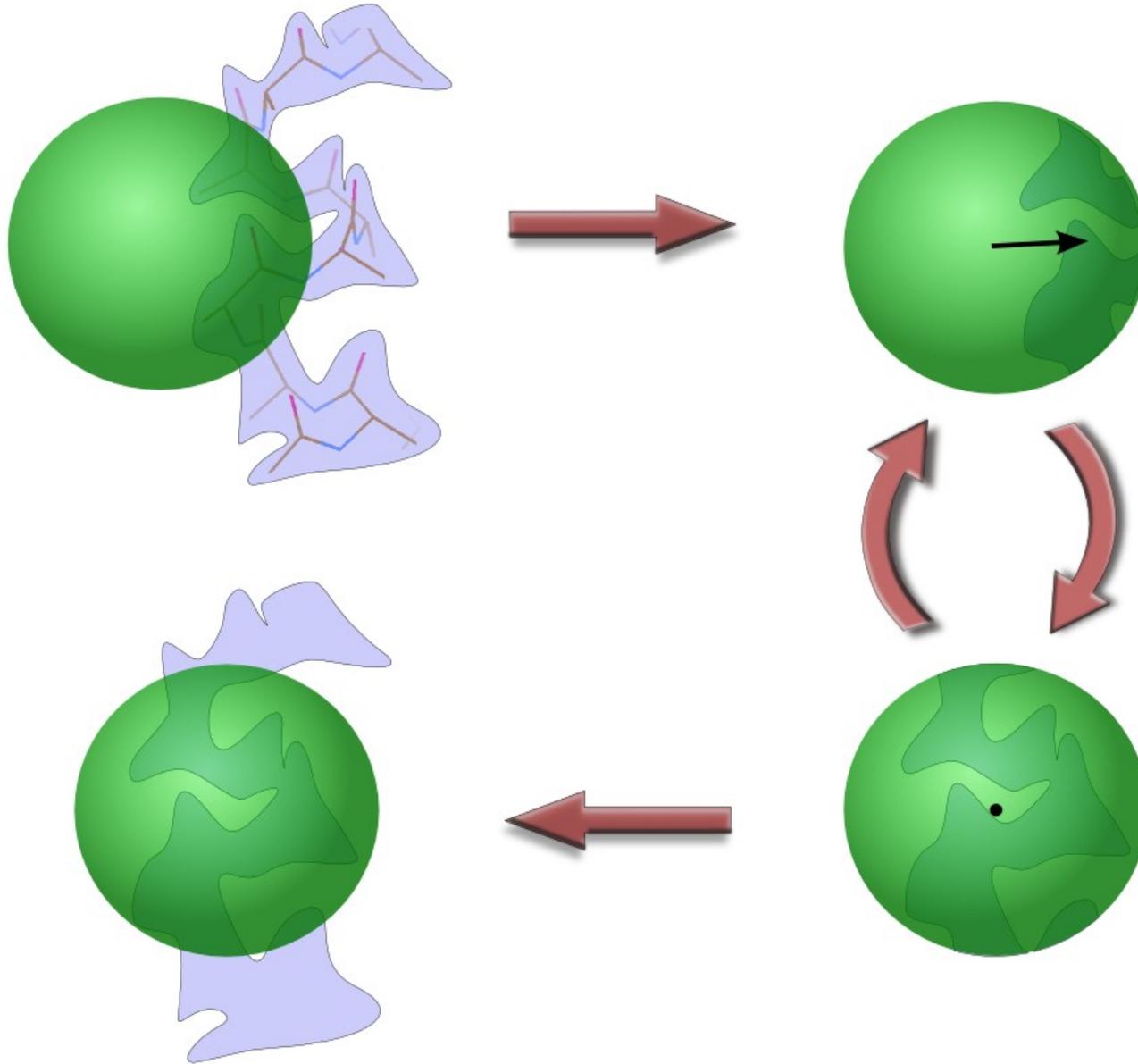
- An implementation of
  - Smart, Goodfellow & Wallace (1993)  
Biophysics Journal **65**, 2455
  - Atomic radii from AMBER
  - I used
    - radii from CCP4 monomer library
    - (sans simulated annealing)



# Alpha Helix Placement

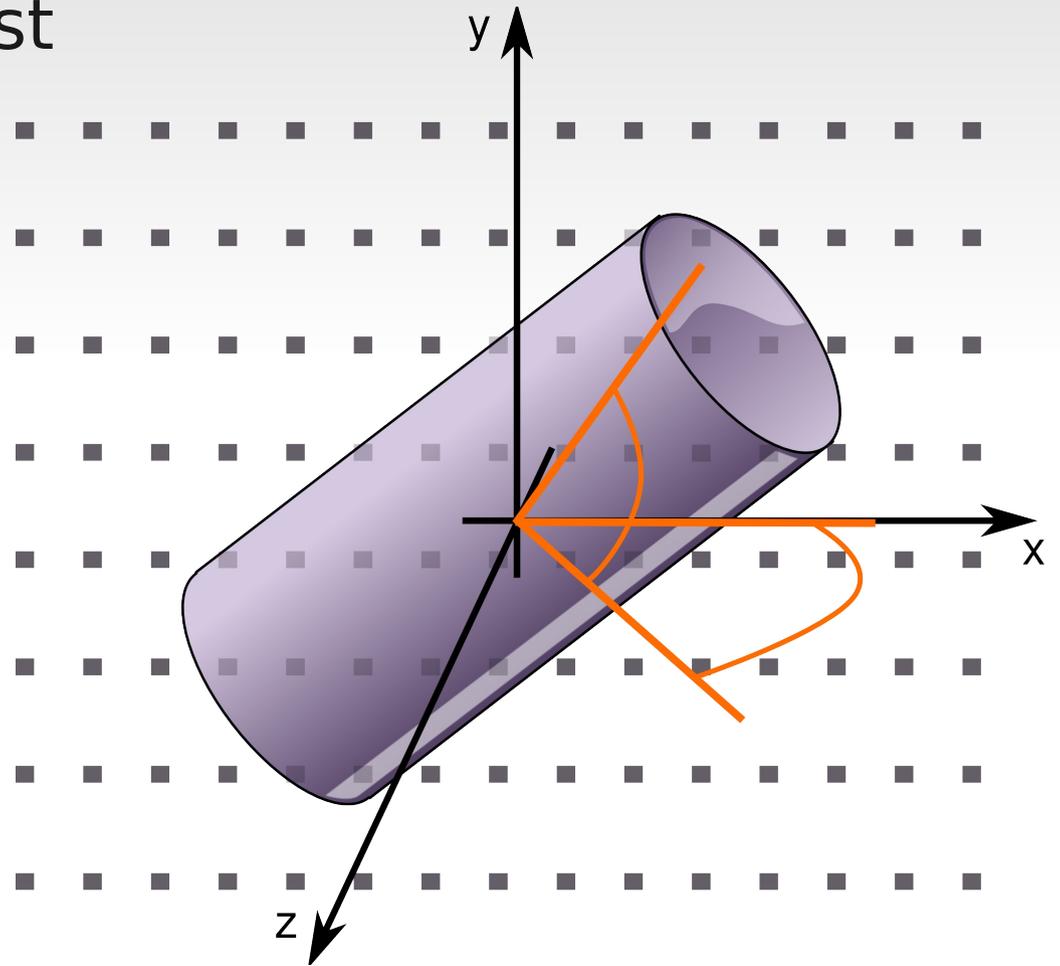
- Scenario: Looking at a new map, not built with automatic tools:
  - “I can see that there’s a helix here - build it for me!”
- From a given point:
  - Move to local averaged maximum
  - Do a 2D MR-style orientation search on a cylinder of electron density
  - Build a helix (both directions)
  - 1D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

# Centering the Rotation point

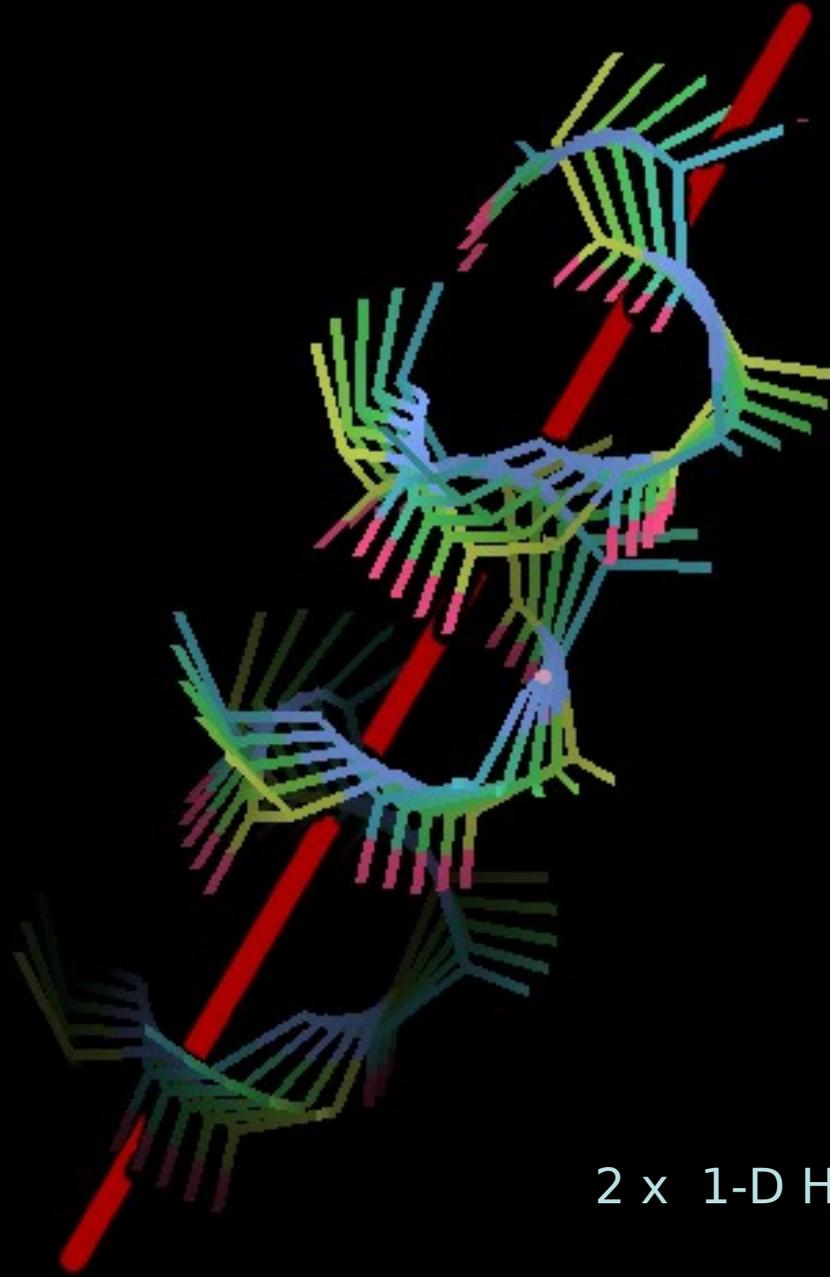


# Cylinder Search

- Pick the orientation that encapsulates the most electron density

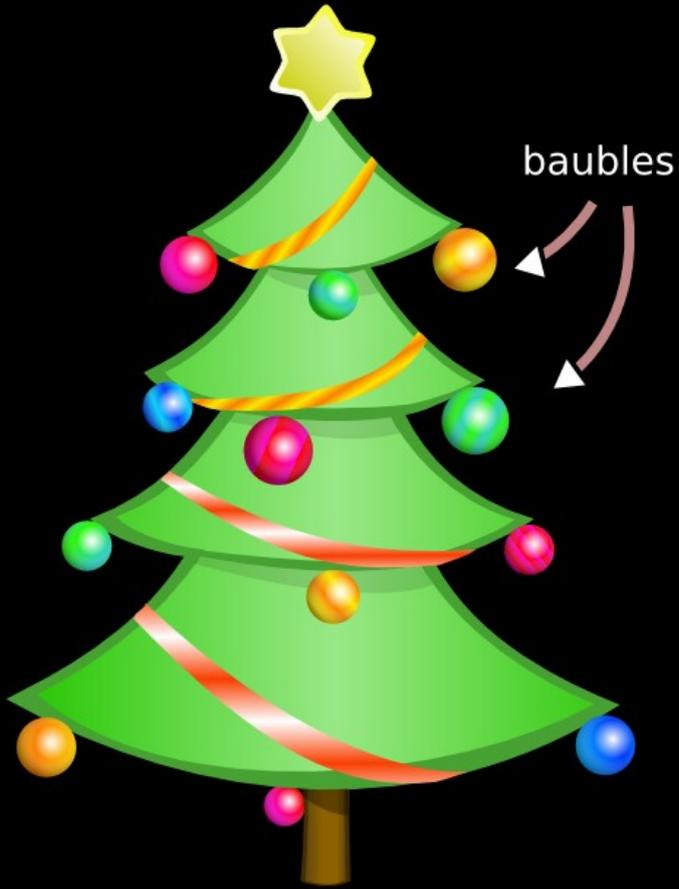


Using 2 rotation  
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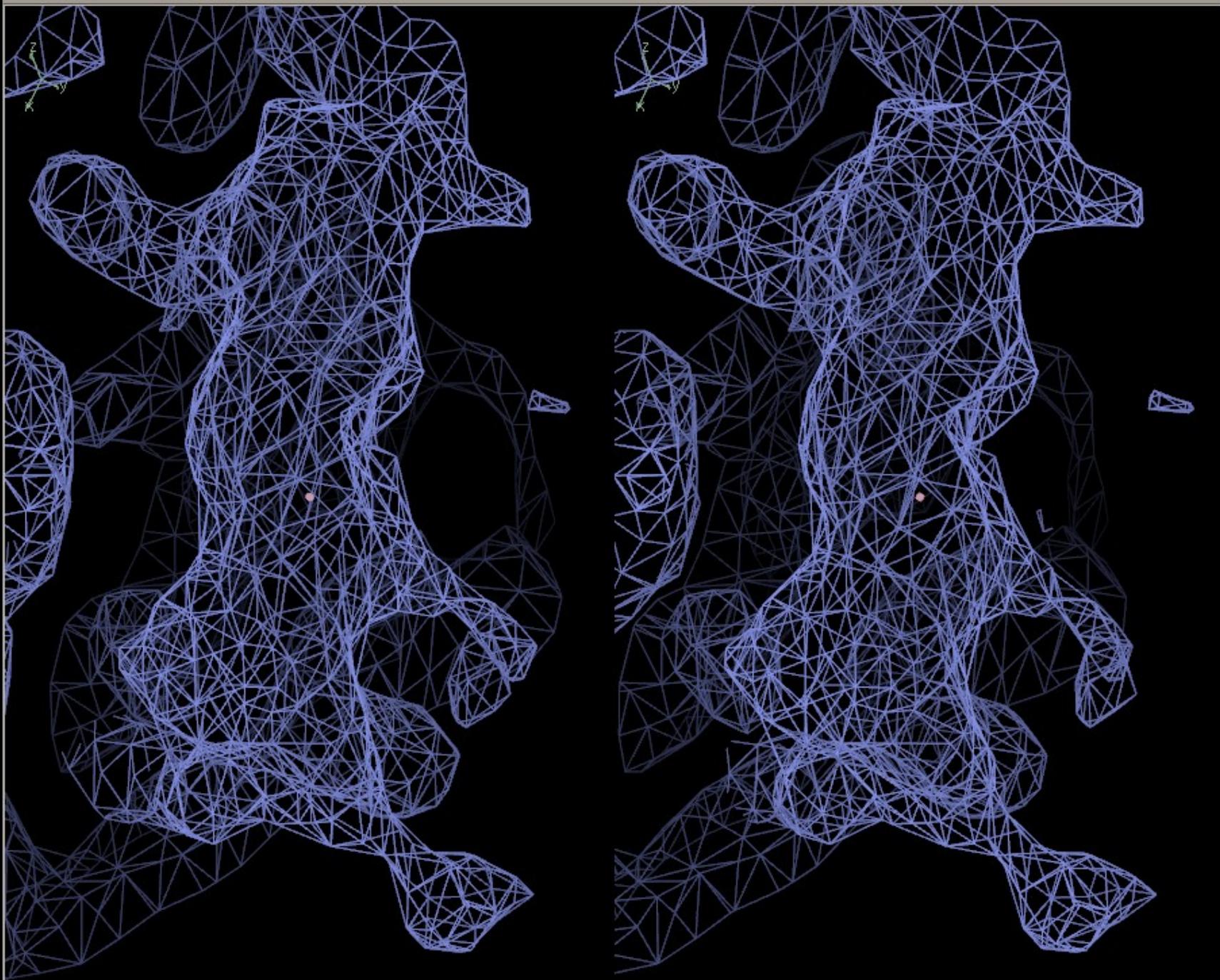
2 x 1-D Helix orientation searches

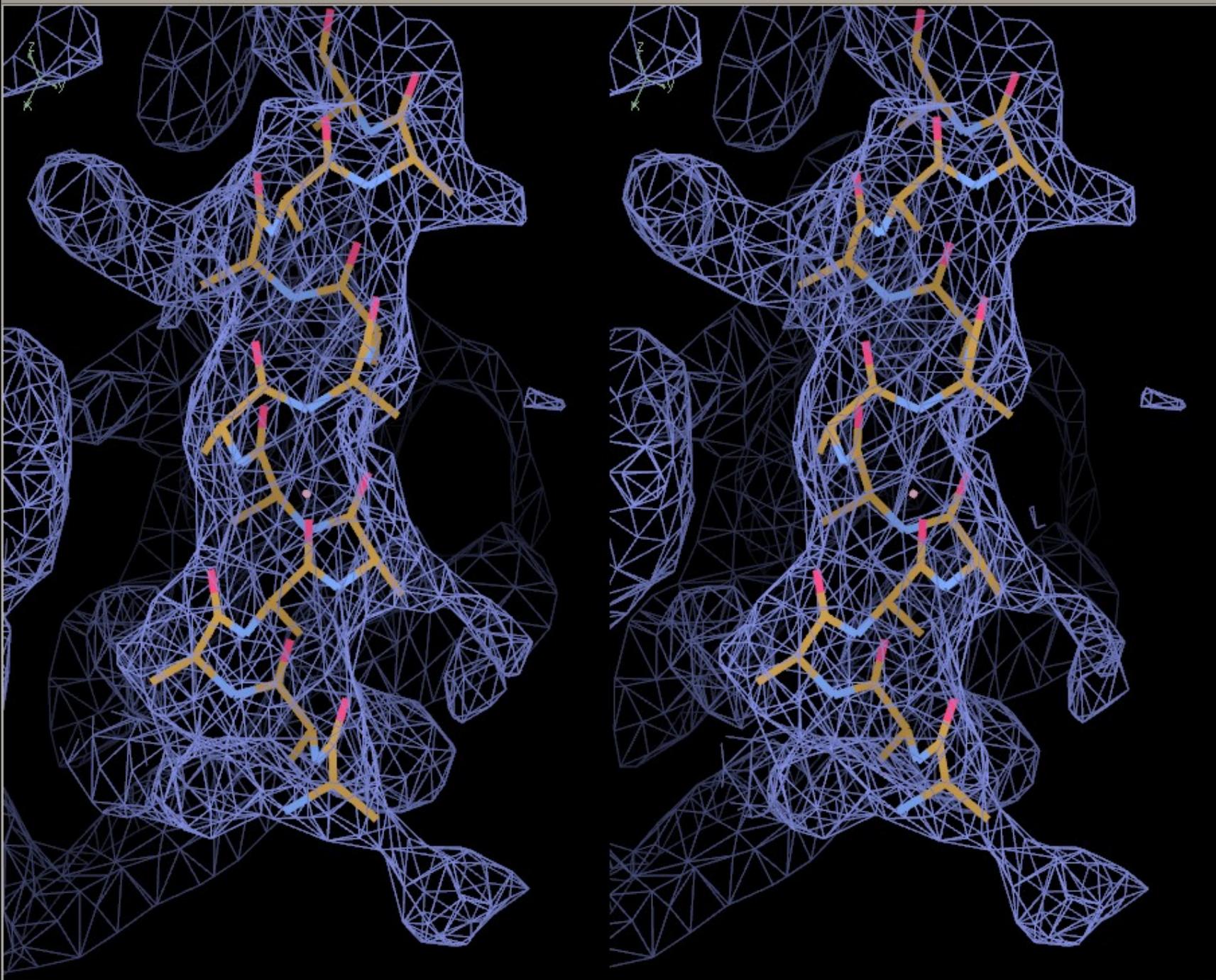
Top



baubles

Bottom

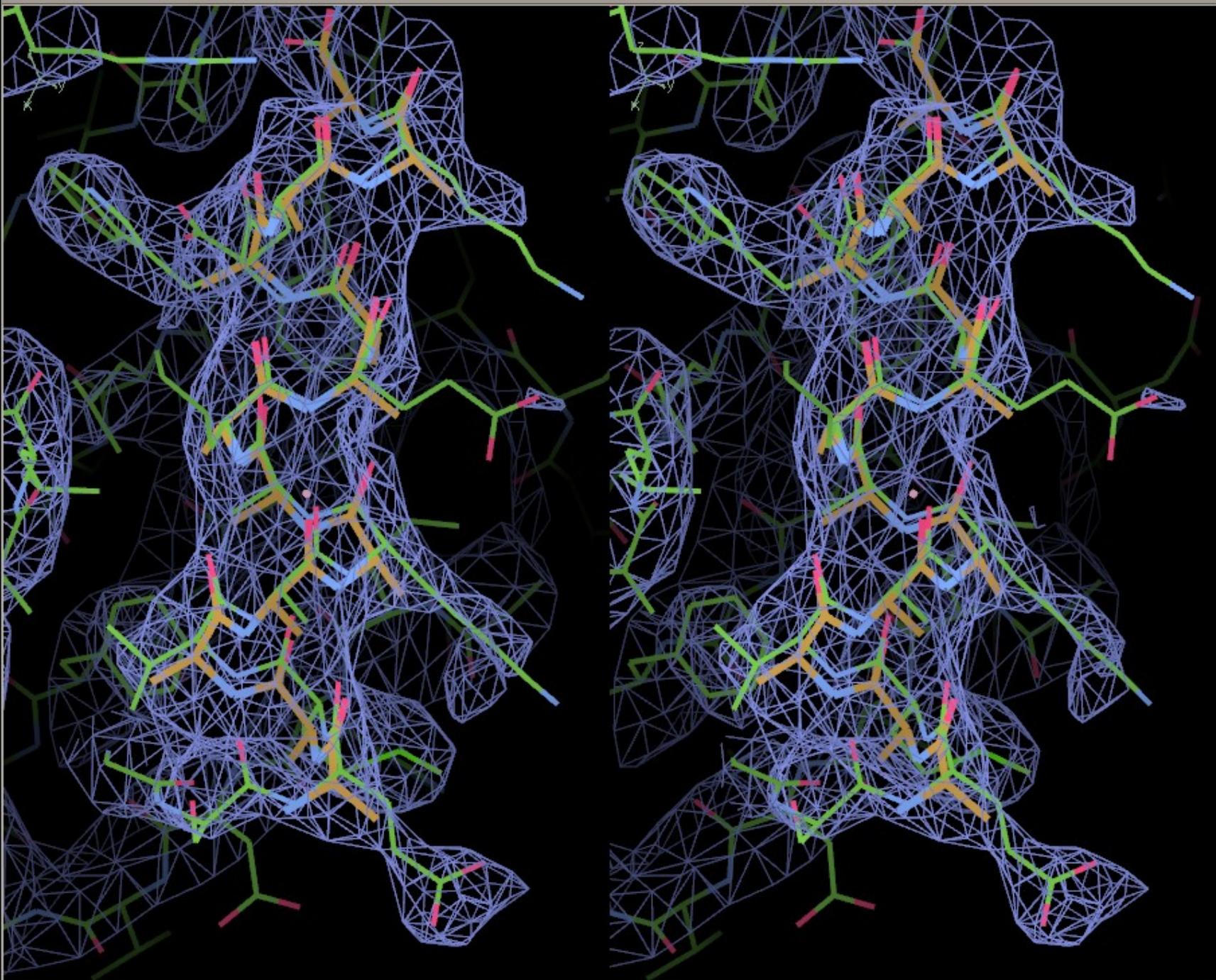




R/RC

Map

- Home
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- Rotate
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R/RC

Map

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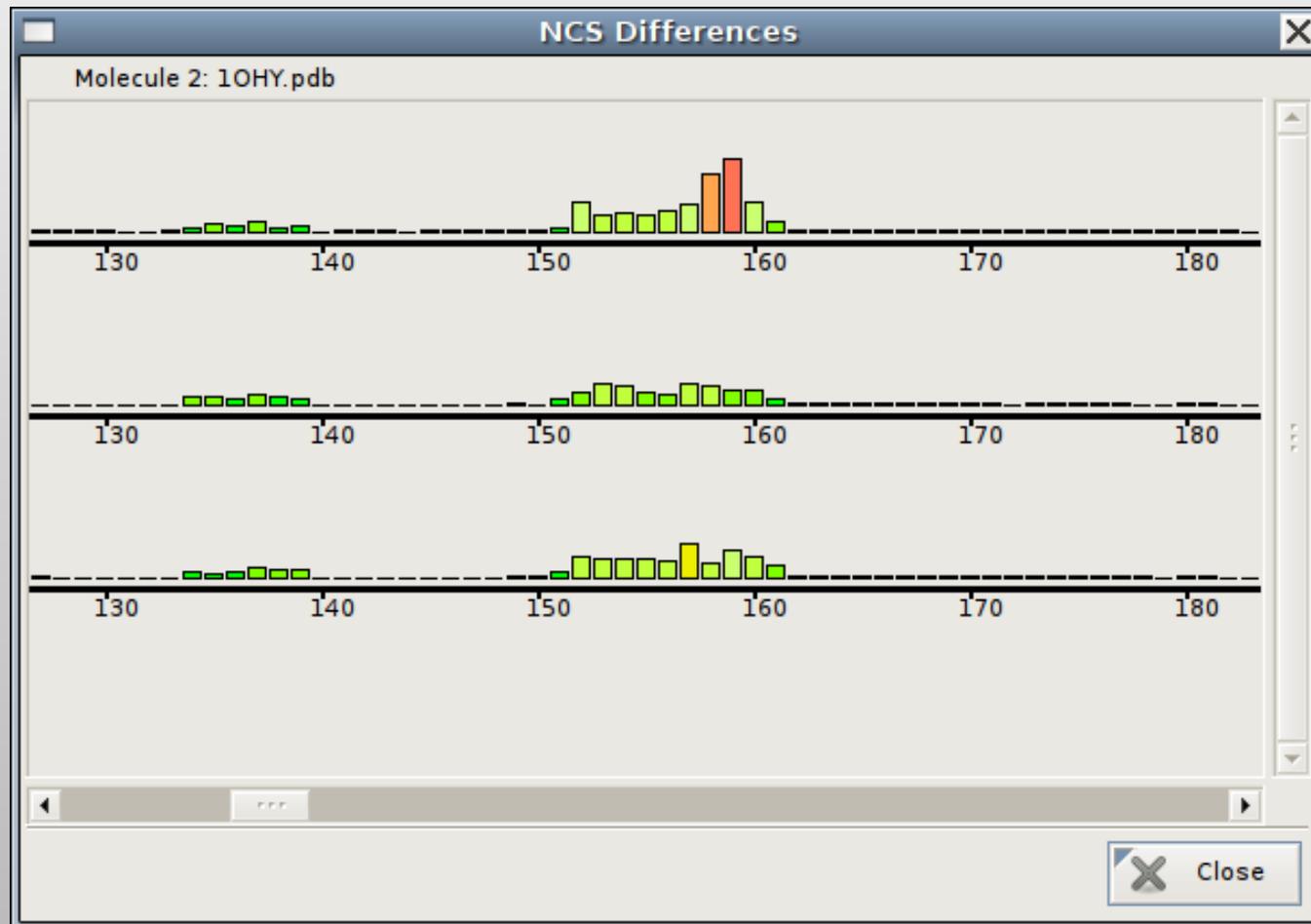
# Handling NCS...

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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?

# ... NCS Differences graph

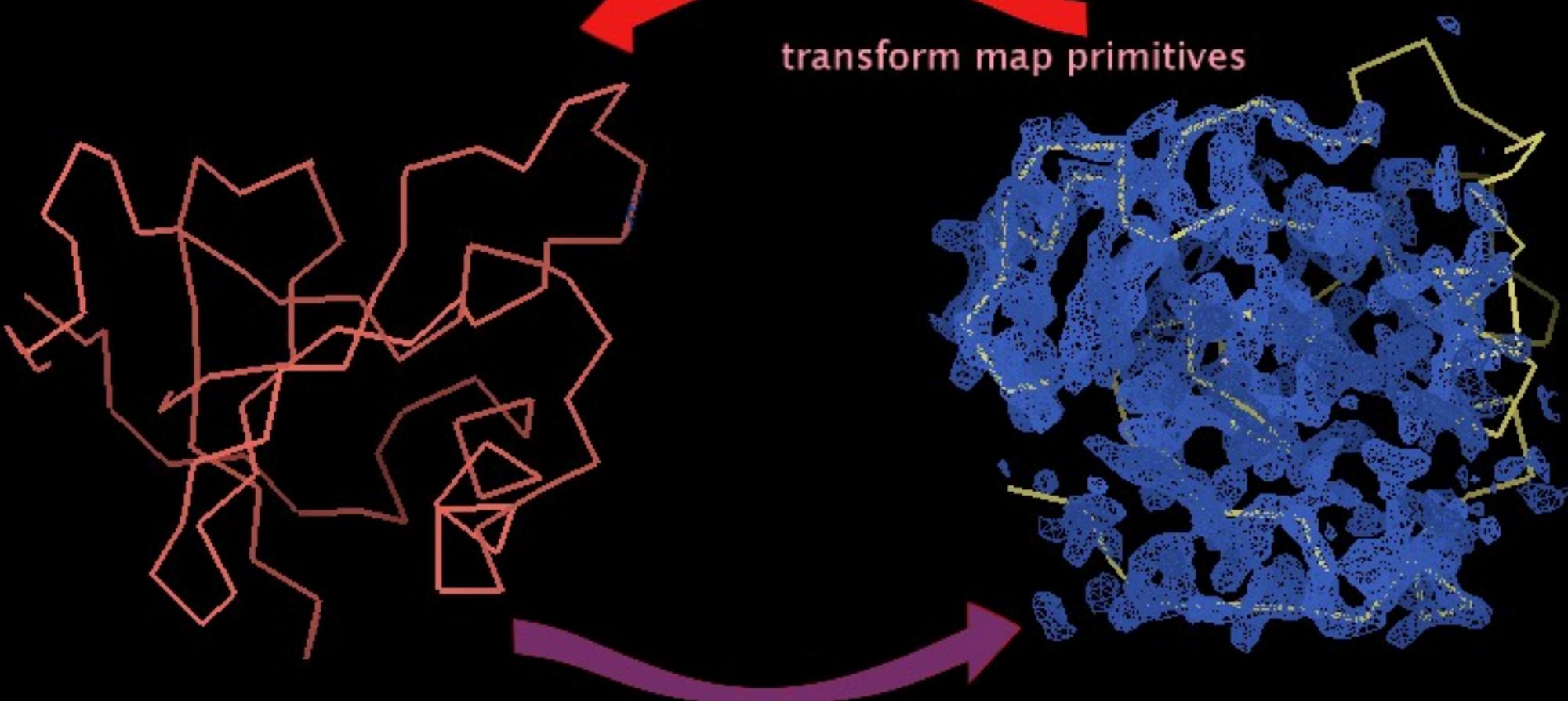


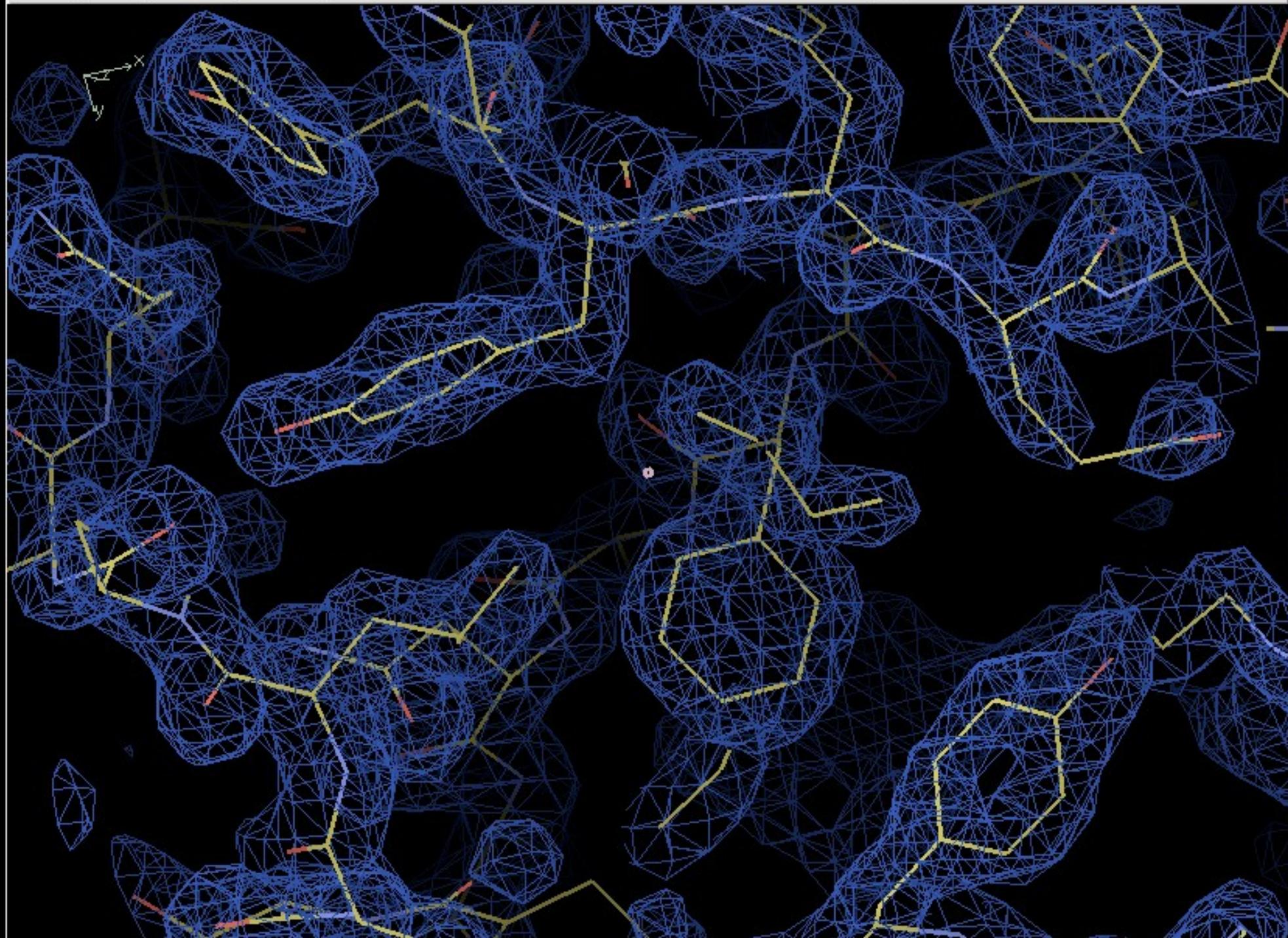
# NCS Overlays

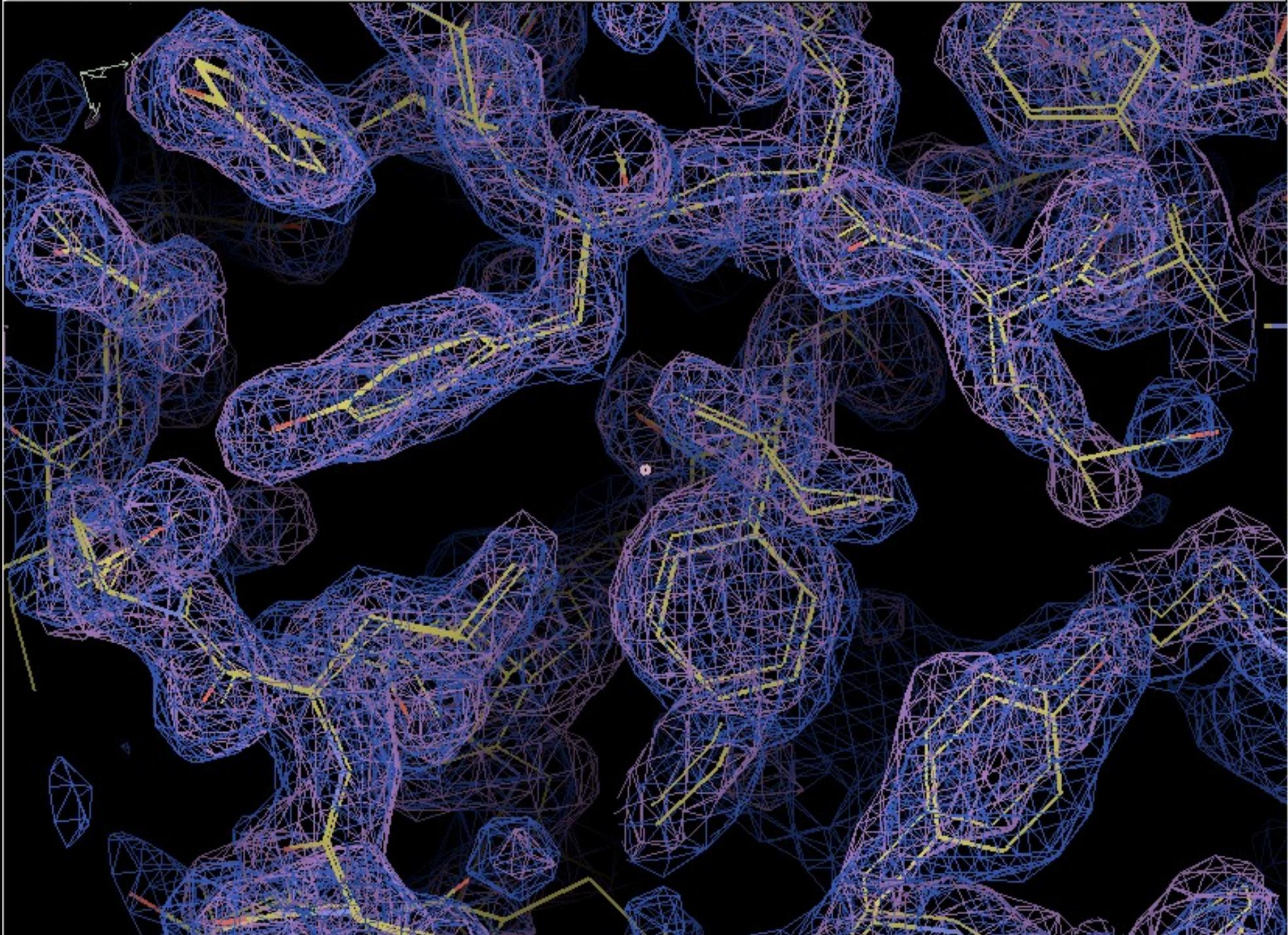
SSM NCS operator

transform map primitives

map centre



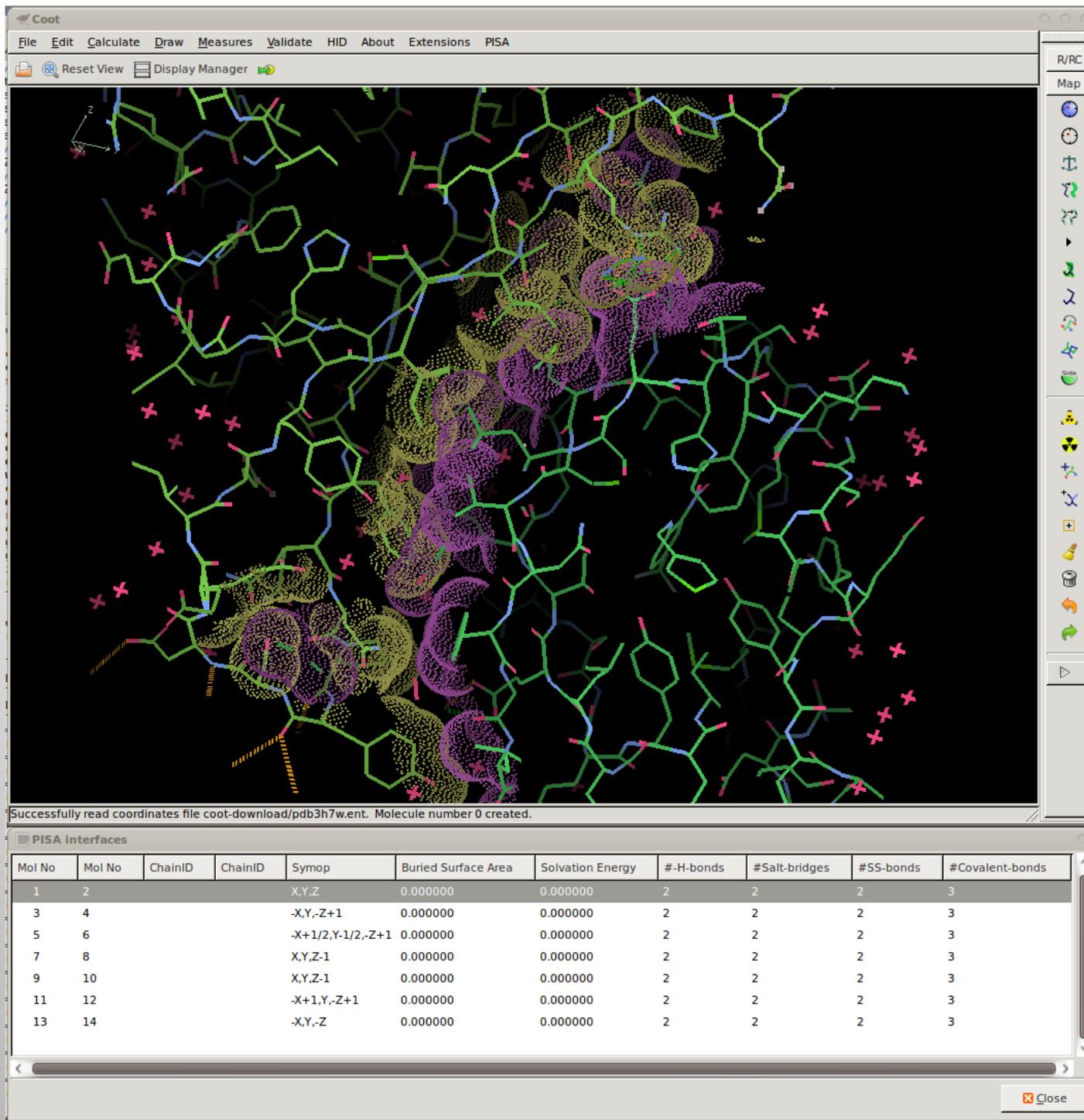




# NCS Model-modification Tools

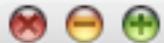
- Automatic detection of NCS
  - And their operators
- Copy Master NCS molecule to others
  - Applies NCS transformation
- Copy NCS Master residue-range
- Change NCS Master chain
- NCS Skipping
- NCS Ligands

# **Interfaces and Assemblies: Interface to PISA**



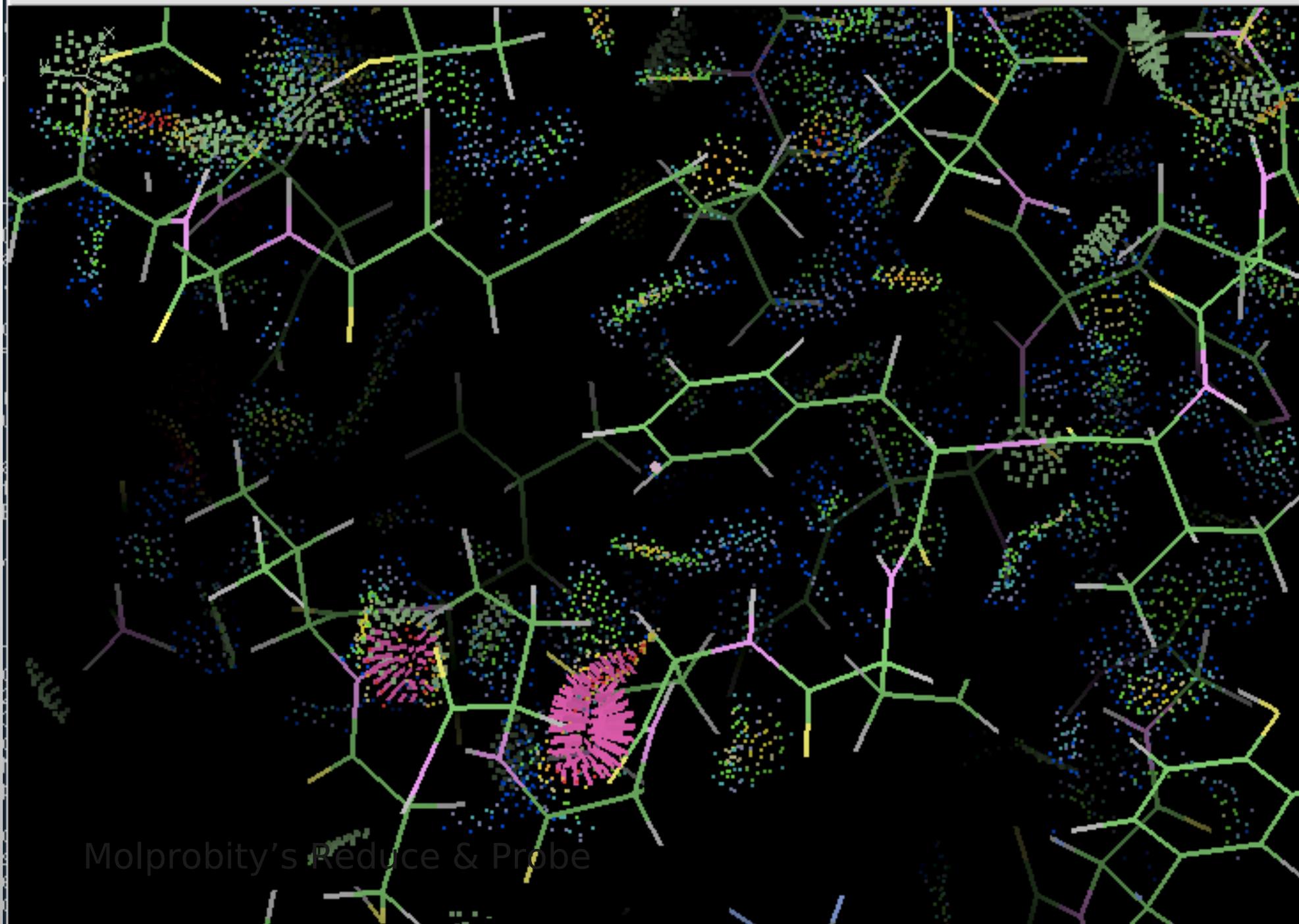
# Validation

- My preferred tools:
  - Difference Map Peaks
  - Probe clashes



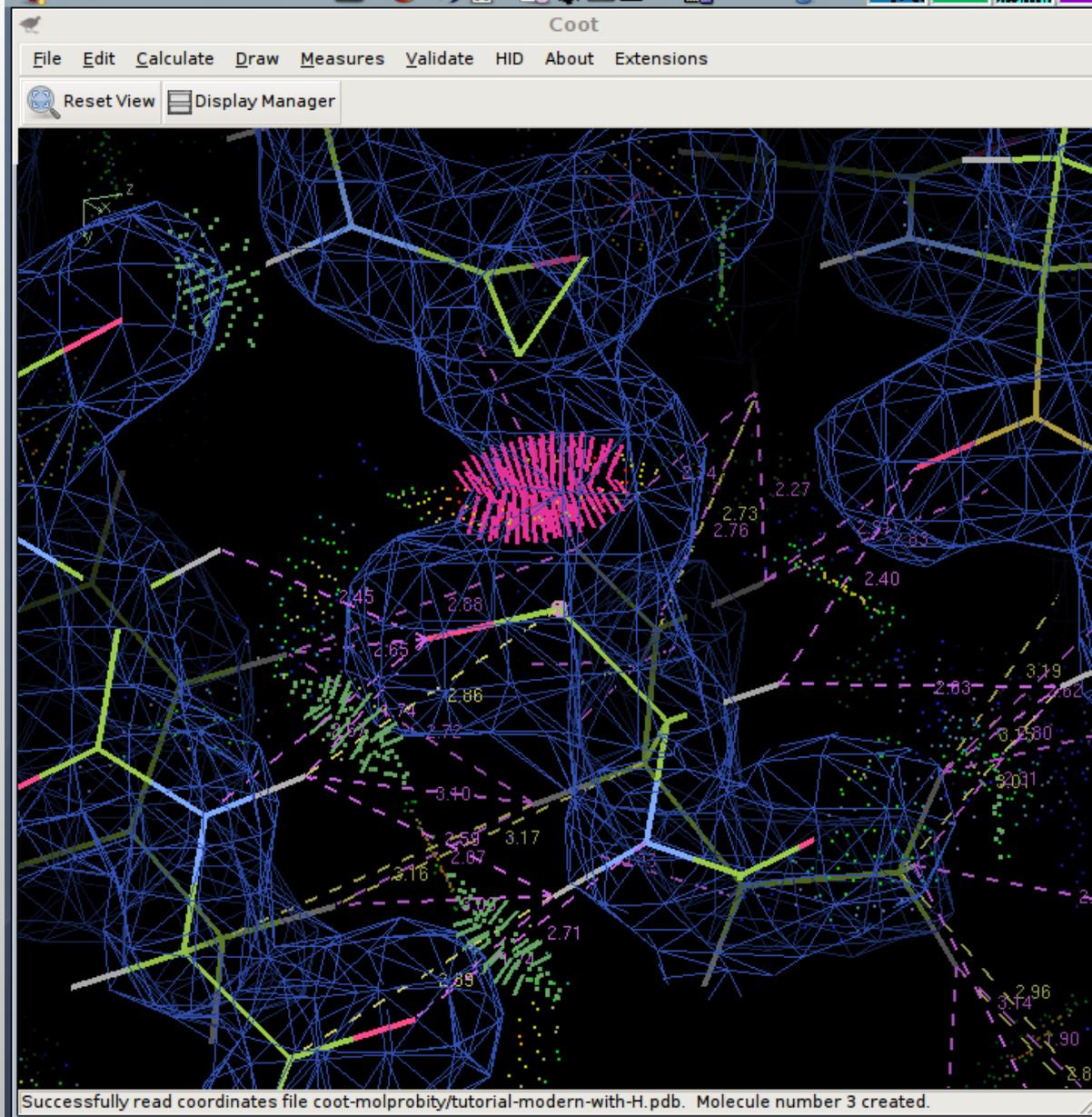
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### MolProbity Multi-Chart

R/RC Map

problems near A 68 ARG

Cluster Features

- Clash at A 68 ARG (0.594 A)
- Clash at 220 HOH (0.594 A)
- Clash at A 11 LEU (0.518 A)
- Clash at A 6 VAL (0.518 A)
- Clash at A 93 ASP (0.513 A)
- Clash at A 5 THR (0.513 A)
- Bad rotamer A 13 PRO (0.9%)

problems near A 41 GLU

Cluster Features

- Clash at A 41 GLU (0.566 A)
- Clash at 194 HOH (0.566 A)
- Clash at A 84 ASP (0.45 A)
- Clash at A 87 ALA (0.45 A)
- C-beta deviation A 88 THR (0.266 A)

problems near B 69 ARG

Cluster Features

- Clash at B 69 ARG (0.424 A)
- Clash at B 82 THR (0.424 A)
- C-beta deviation B 3 SER (0.352 A)

problems near A 49 TYR

Cluster Features

- Clash at A 49 TYR (0.597 A)

Close

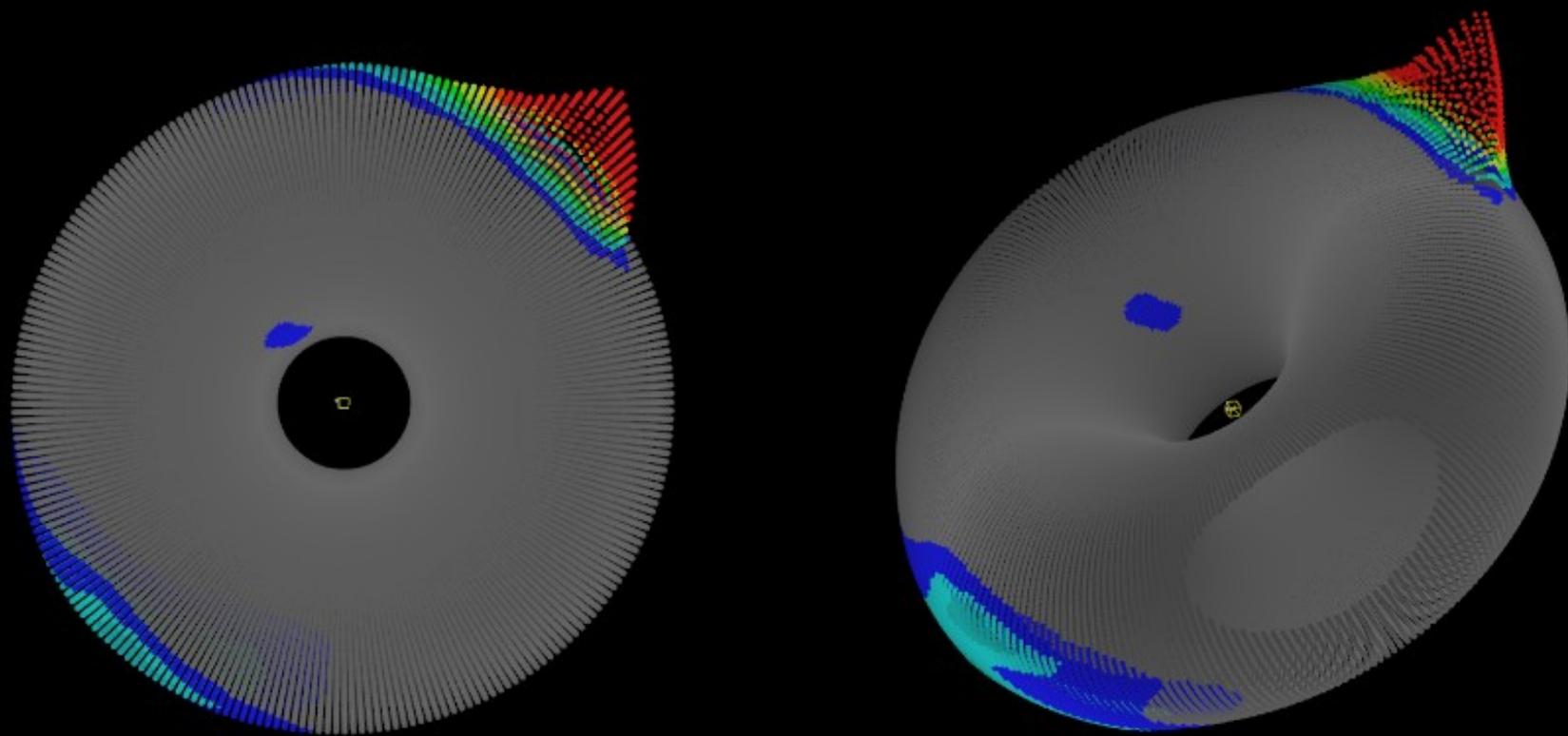
### Generic Objects

- 0 wide contact
- 1 close contact
- 2 small overlap
- 3 bad overlap
- 4 H-bonds

### Molprobtivity Prob

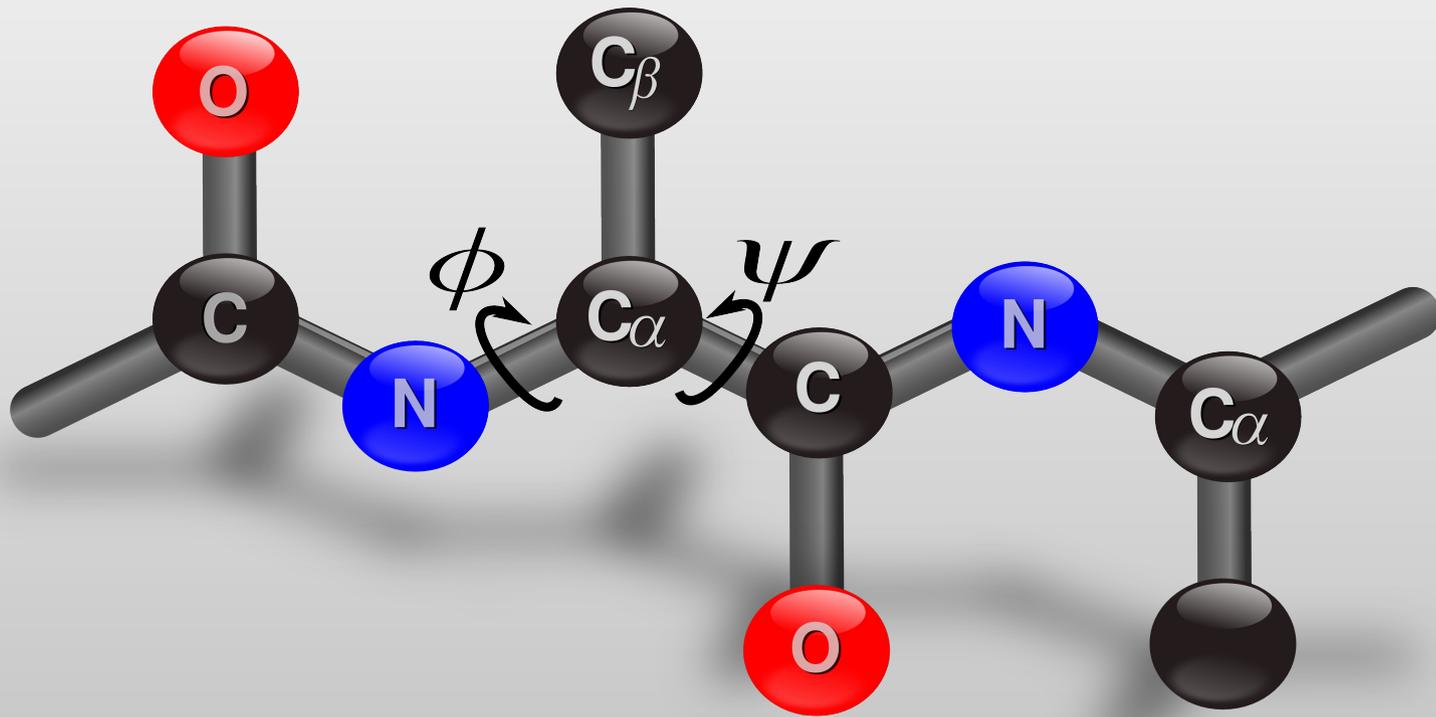
- Clash gap: -1.66 : A 2 CA
- Clash gap: -1.53 : A 89 CD
- Clash gap: -1.32 : A 41 CA
- Clash gap: -0.97 : A 39 C
- Clash gap: -0.94 : A 71 C
- Clash gap: -0.93 : A 72 CA
- Clash gap: -0.85 : A 40 N
- Clash gap: -0.76 : A 90 CA

OK

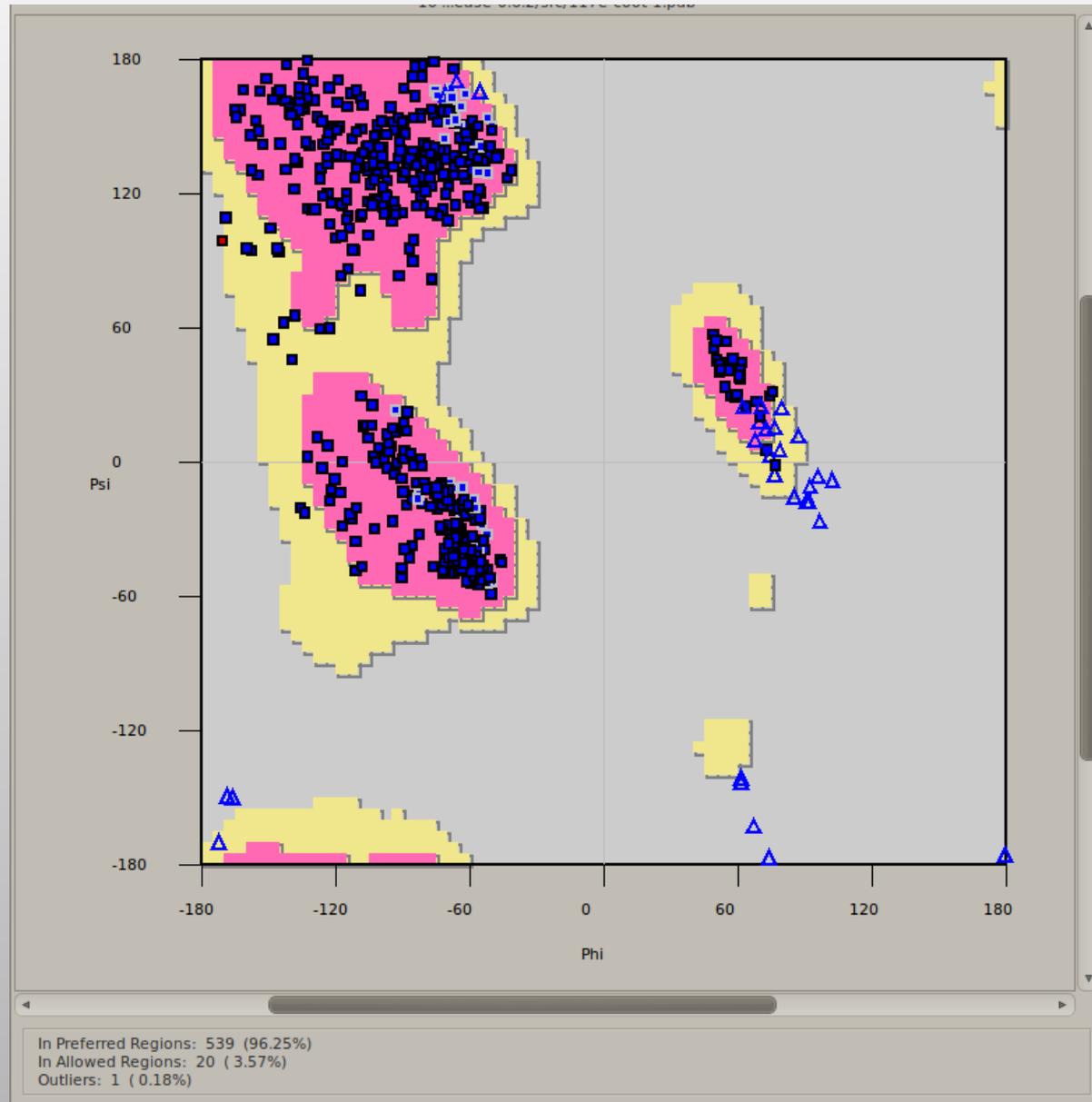


Projection from the surface of a doughnut:  $2 \times 360^\circ$   
(linear scaling)

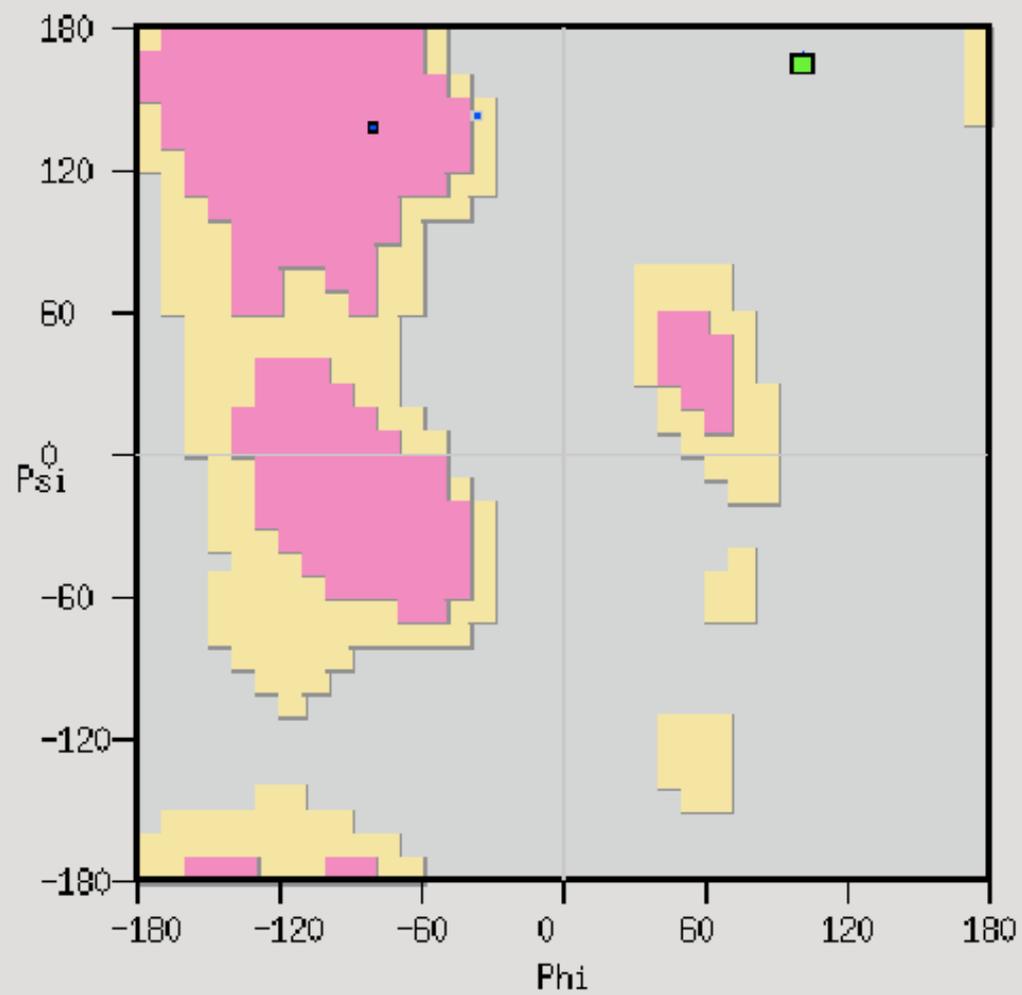
# Peptide Backbone Geometry



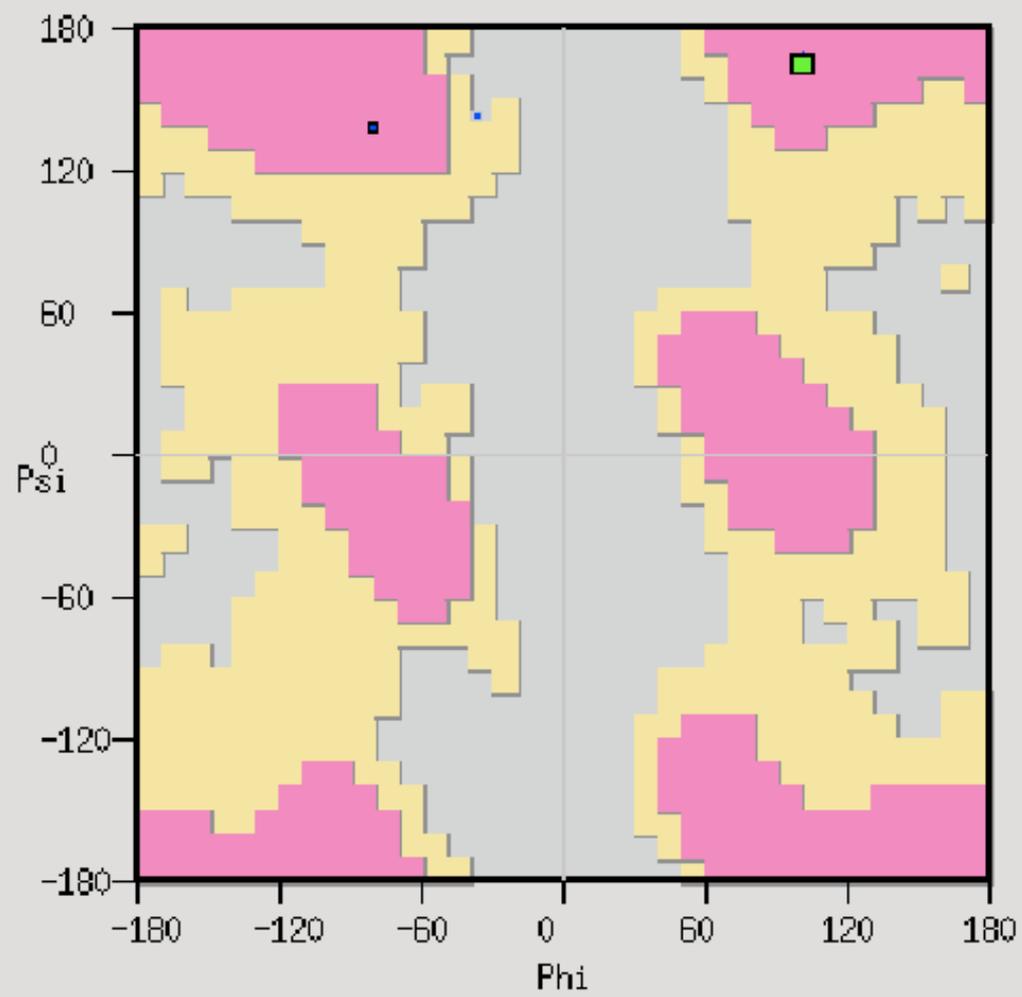
# Typical 2D Projection of Ramachandran Plot

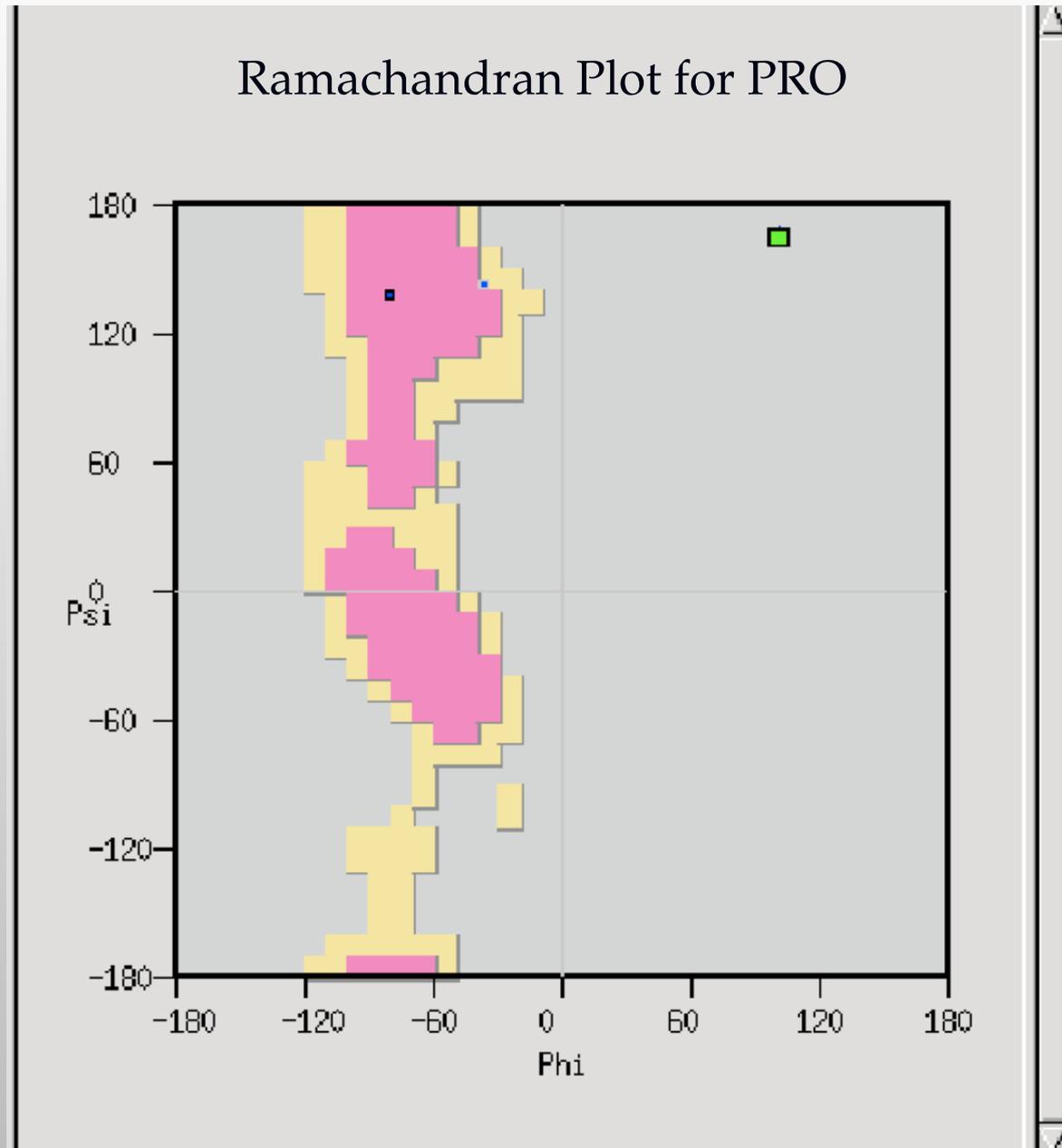


## Ramachandran Plot for residues with CB



# Ramachandran Plot for GLY





Note: PRE-Pro is another distinct distribution, but not yet encoded in Coot

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