

Improving molecular replacement with morphing

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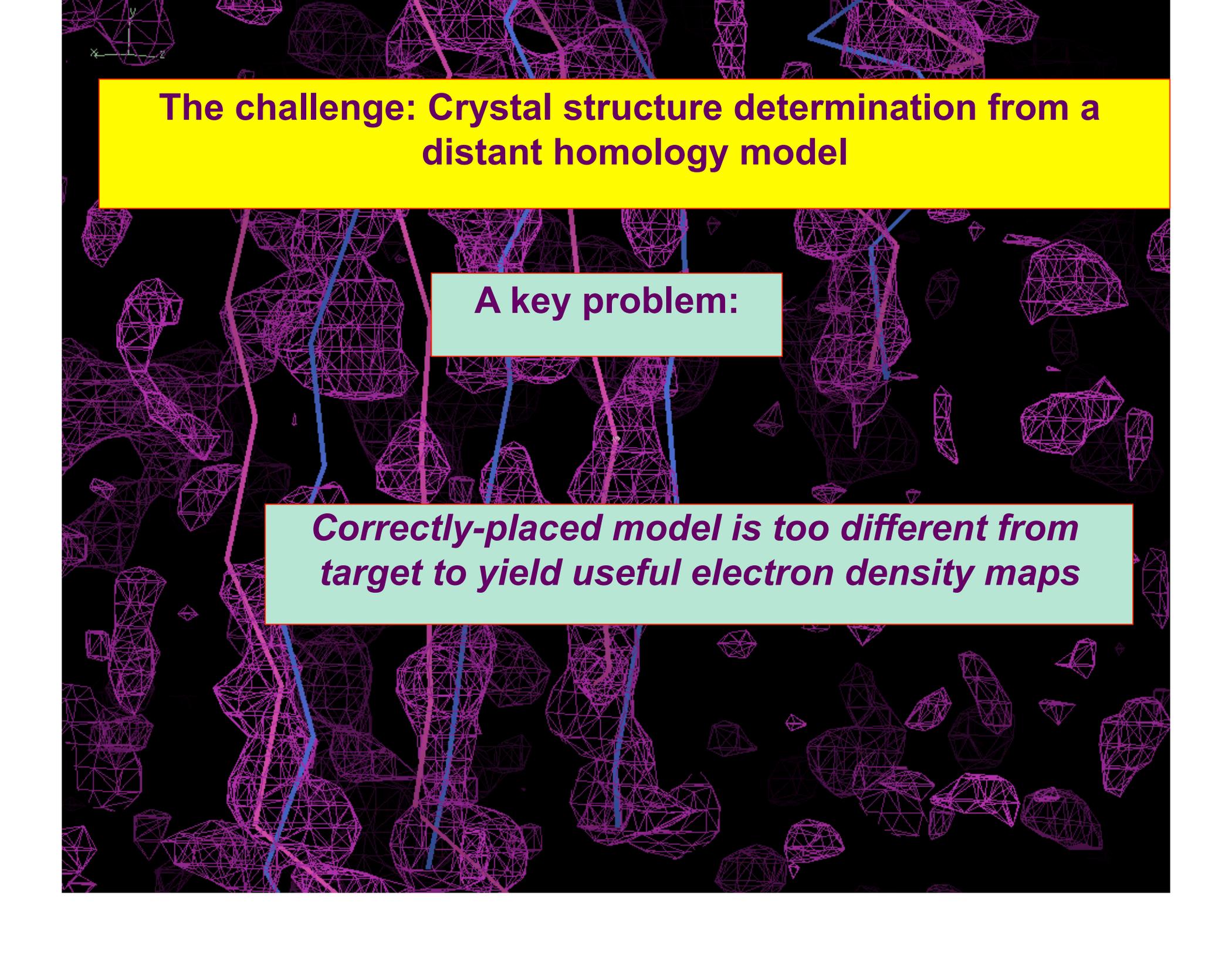
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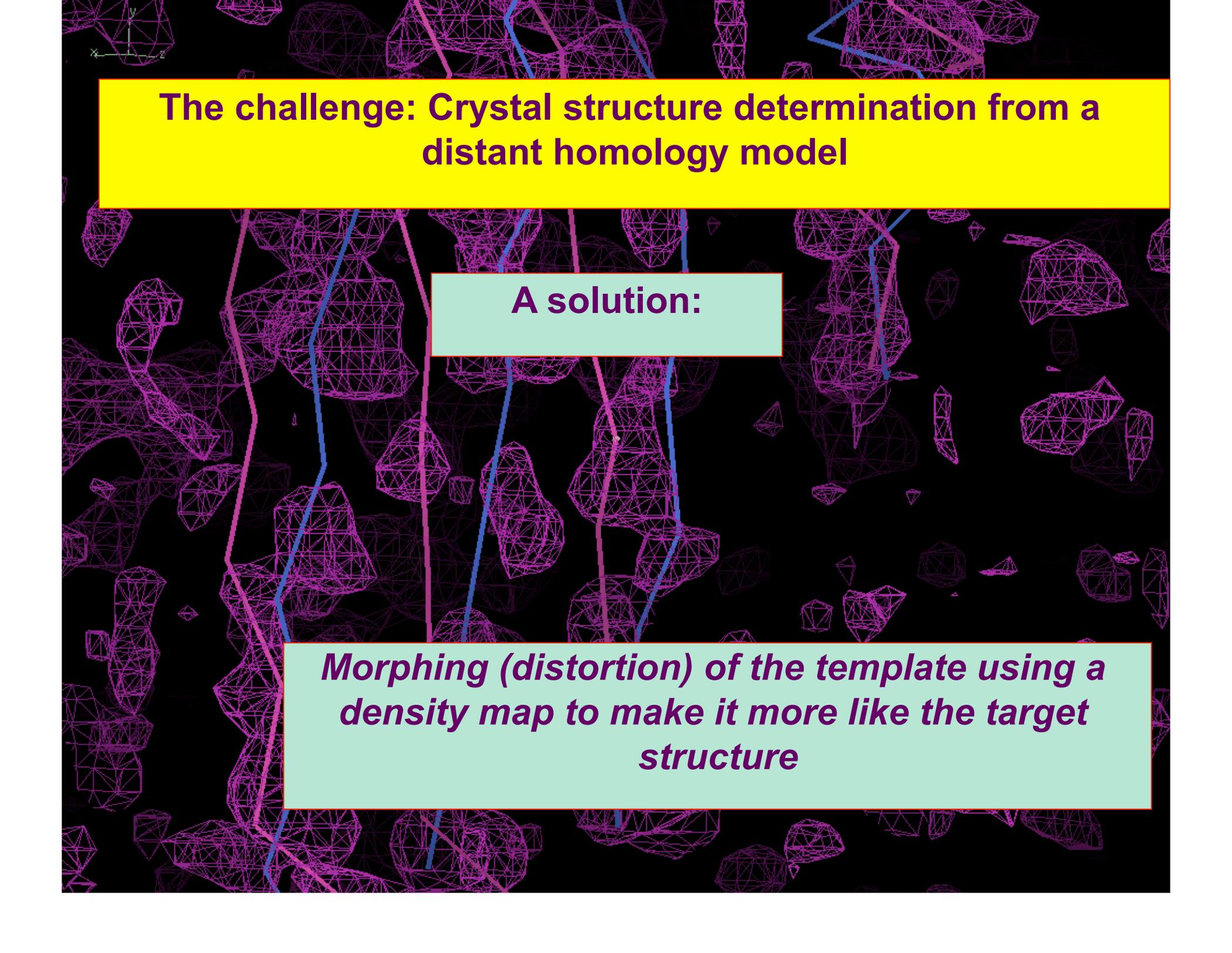




The challenge: Crystal structure determination from a distant homology model

A key problem:

Correctly-placed model is too different from target to yield useful electron density maps



The challenge: Crystal structure determination from a distant homology model

A solution:

Morphing (distortion) of the template using a density map to make it more like the target structure

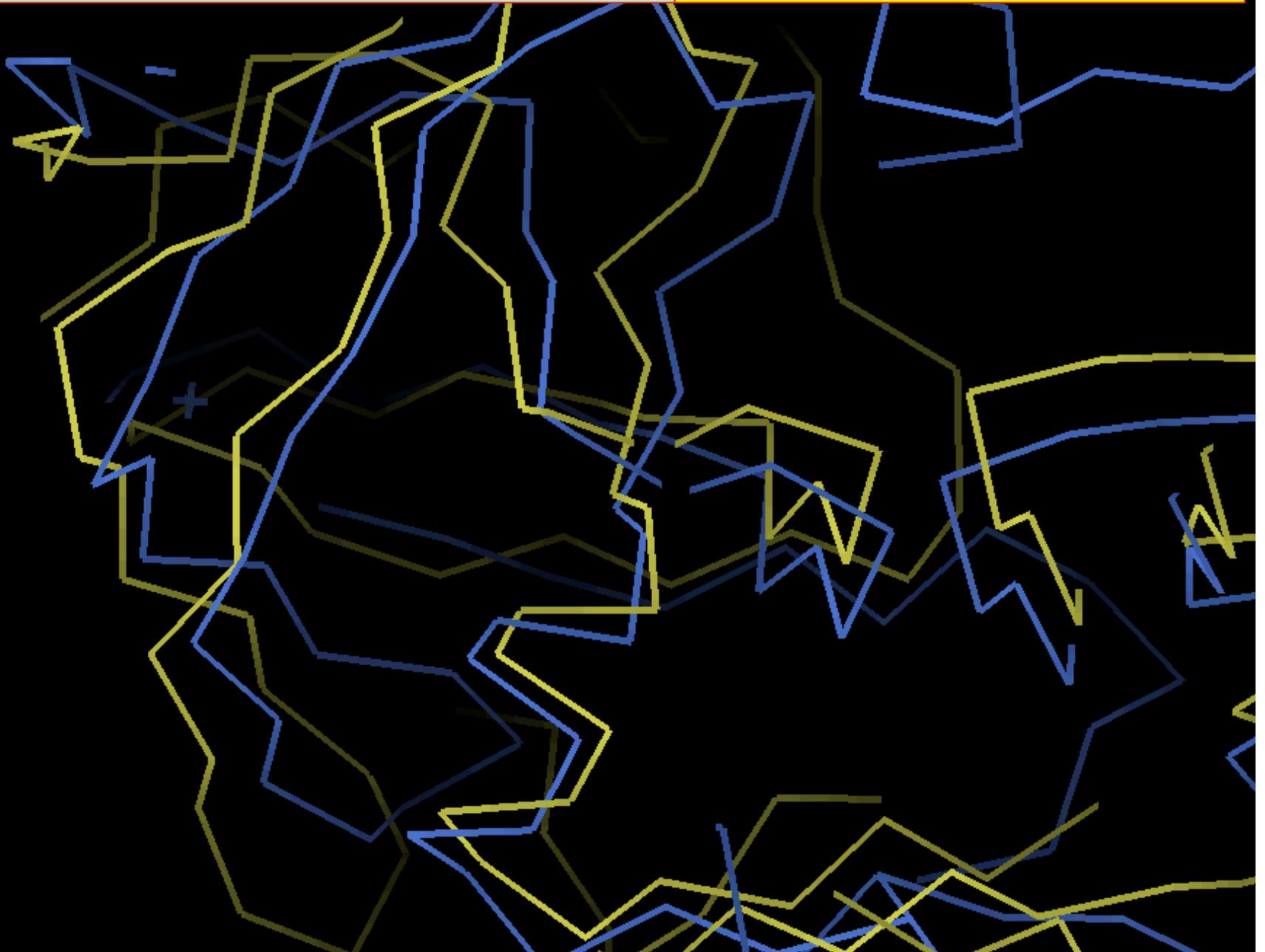
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ag9603; approximate NMR model as template in pink



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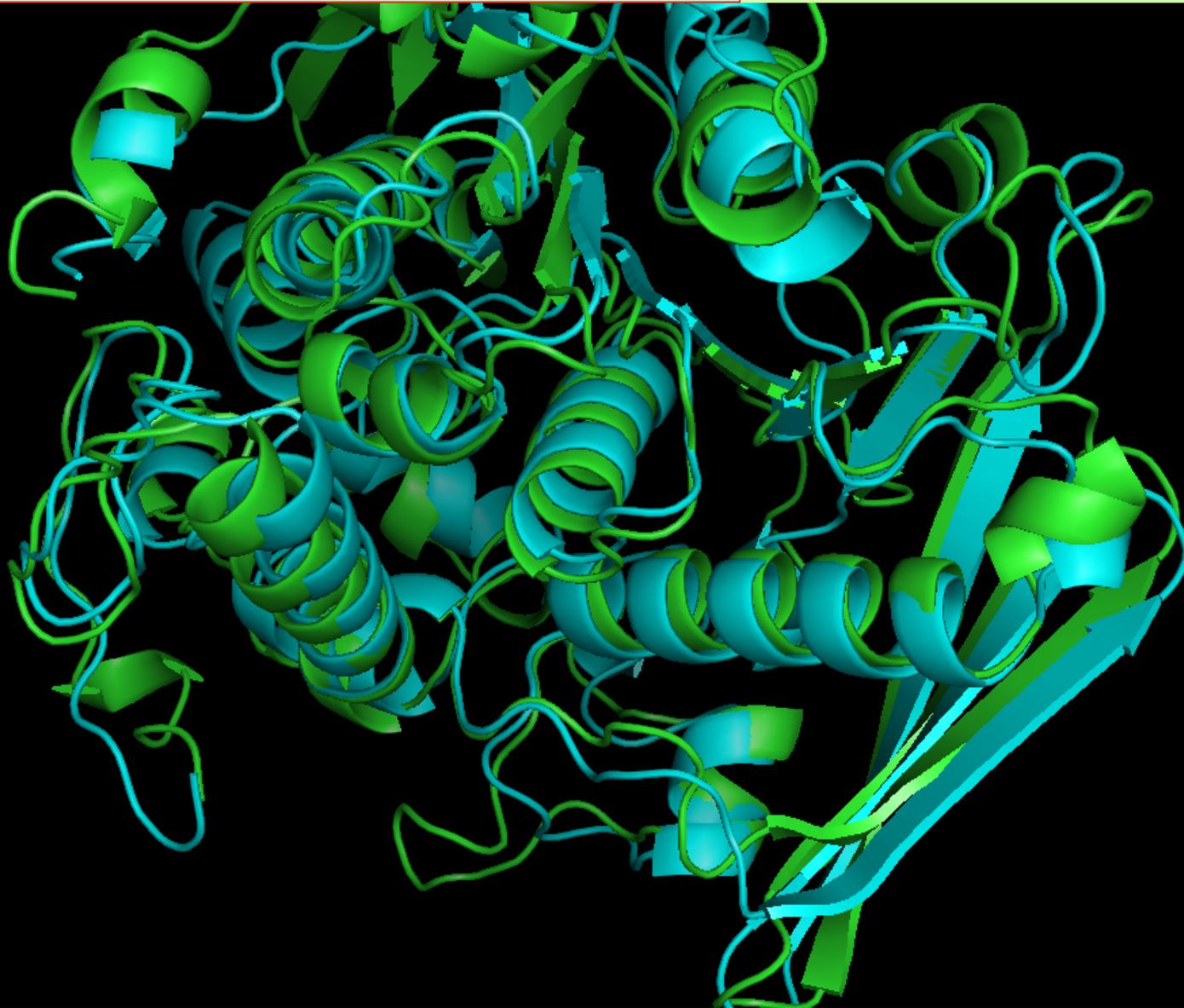
XMRV PR, 30% identity template (2hs1) in blue



Related structures often have high local similarity

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*32% identical template (Cip2)
in blue*



Taking advantage of local similarities
of homologous structures

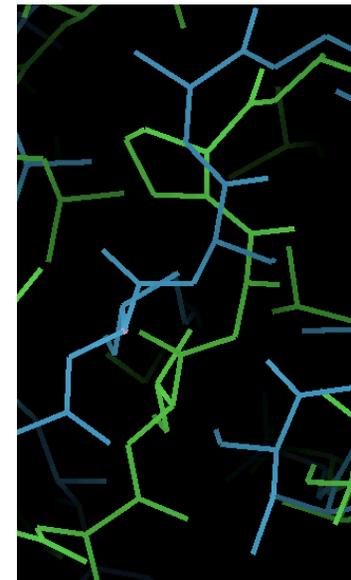
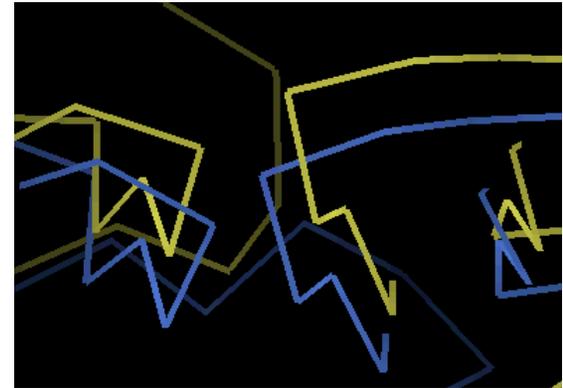
Rigid-body refinement of segments

Fragment searches (FFFEAR, ESSENS)

DEN or jelly-body refinement

Rosetta modeling

Morphing

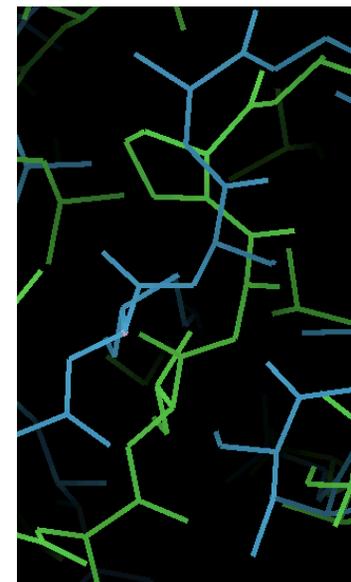
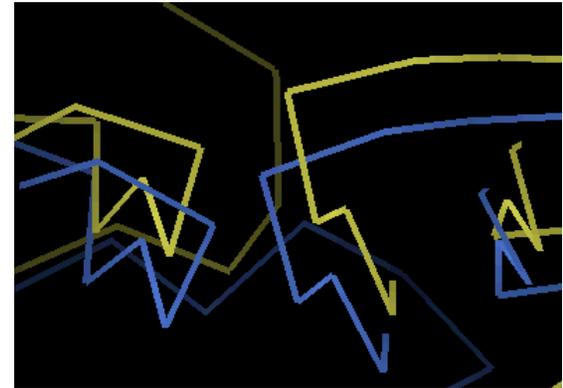


Morphing

Local structures may superimpose very closely

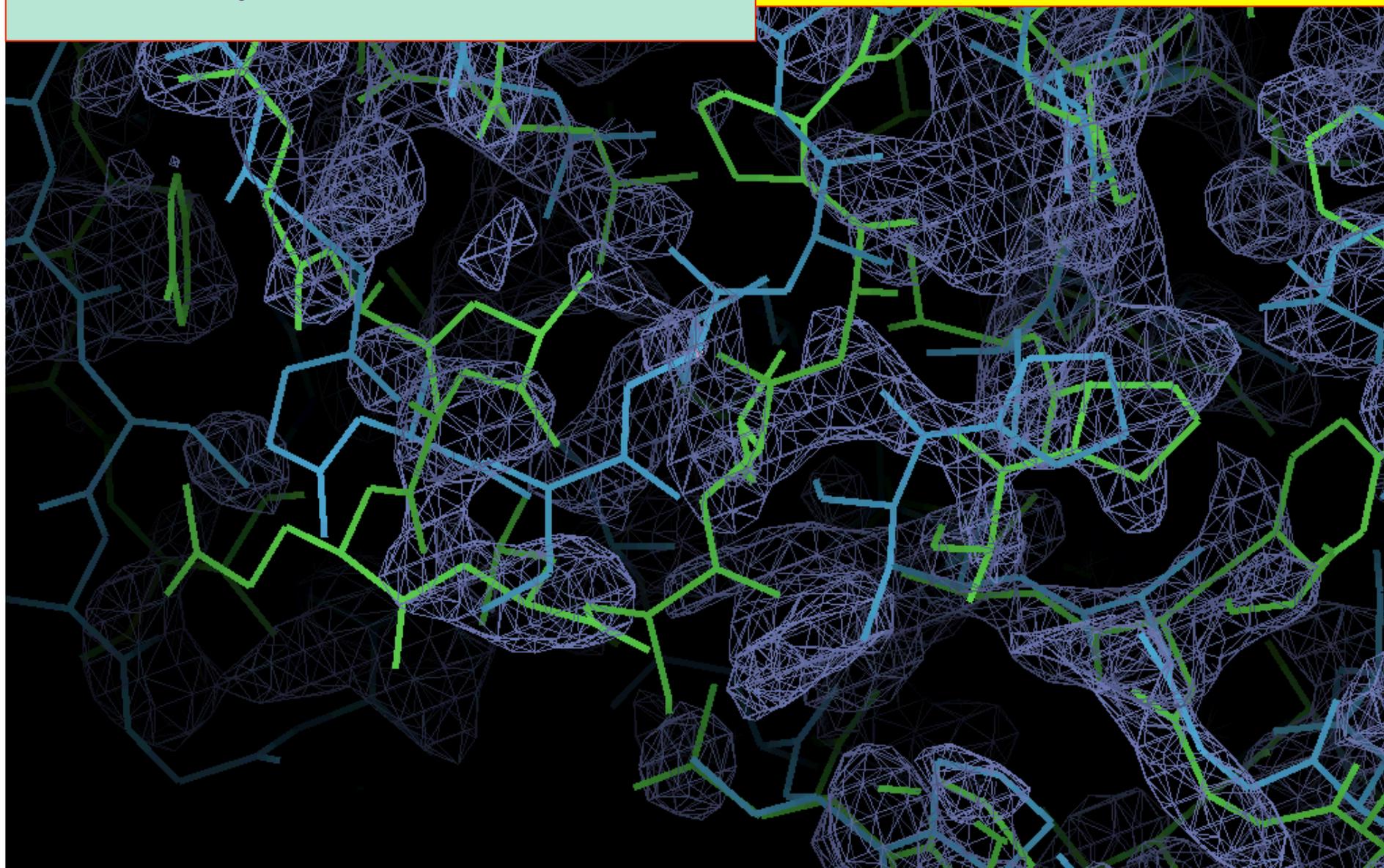
The position of a large group of atoms can be identified accurately with a poor map

Relationship between structures may be a simple distortion



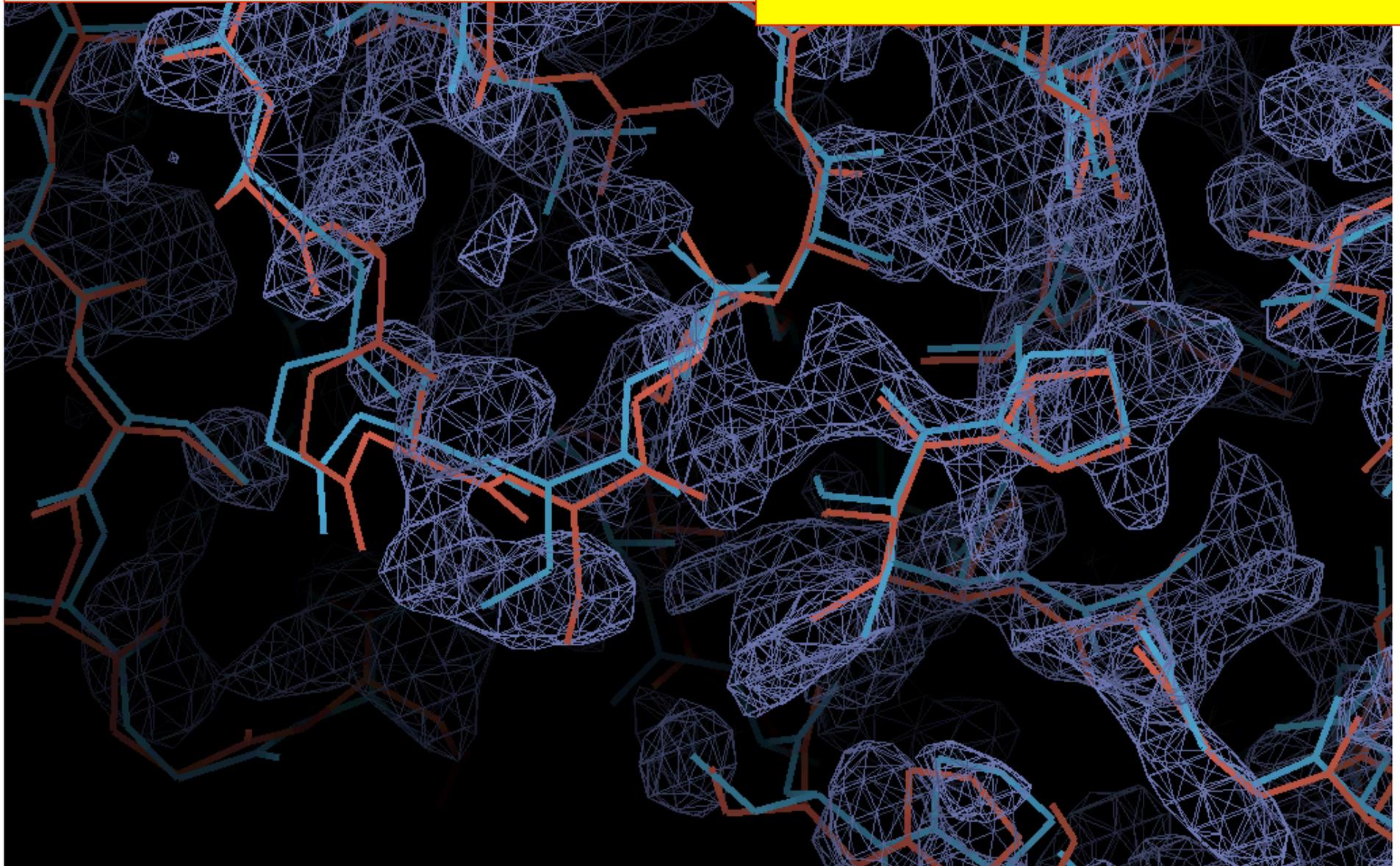
A challenging morphing problem:
How can we use this map to identify the shifts needed?

cab55342: final model green
3PIC (32% identity) in blue



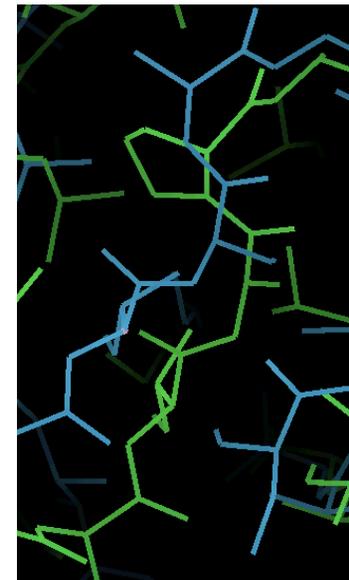
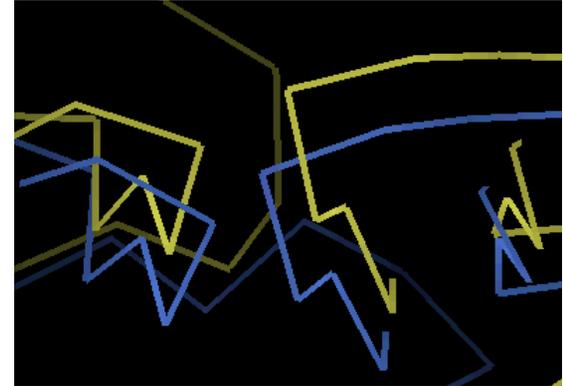
*Standard refinement does not
move the structure very much..*

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Refined template in orange*



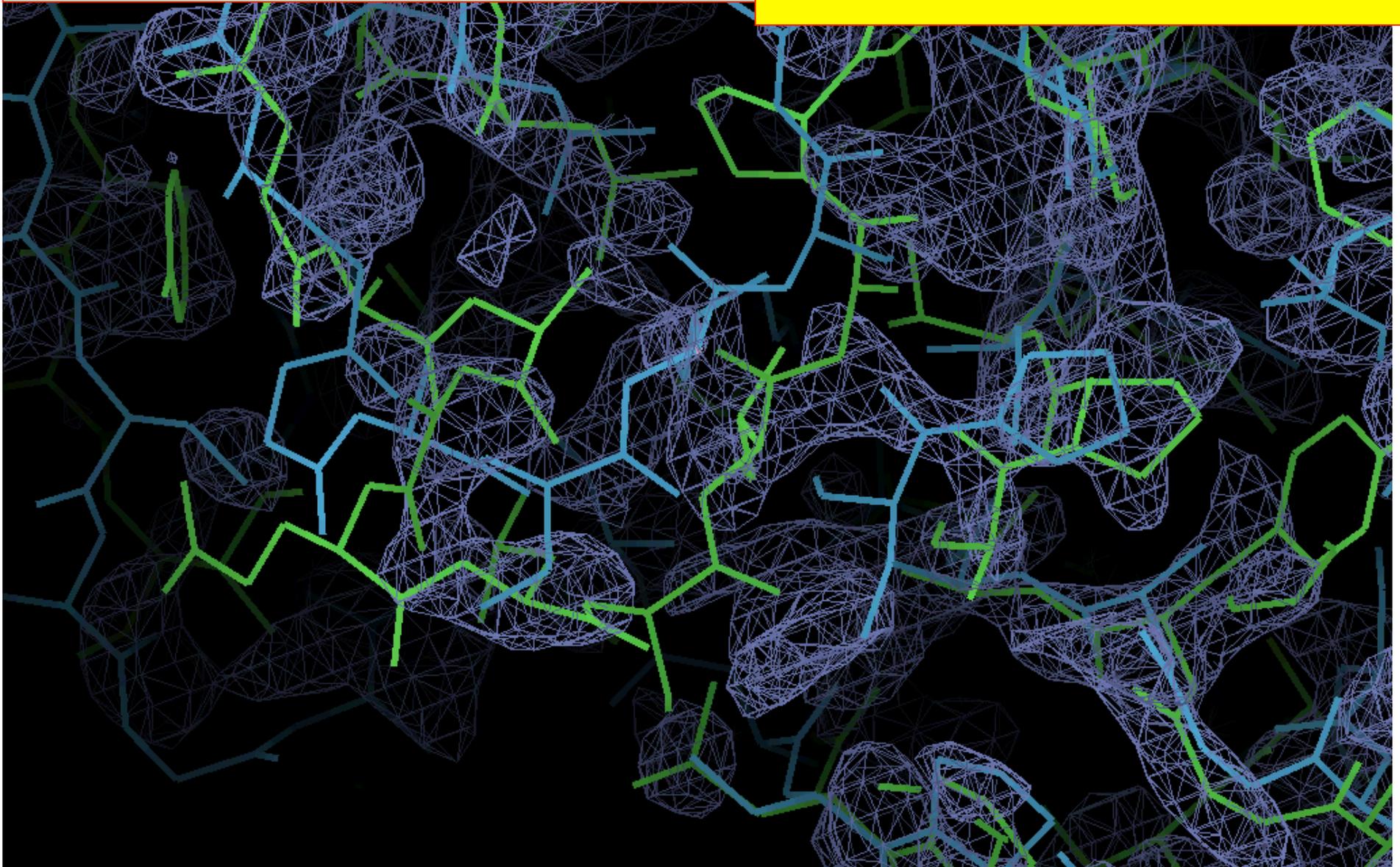
Steps in morphing

- A. Identify local translation to apply to one C_{α} atom and nearby atoms
- B. Smooth the local translations in window of 10 residues
- C. Apply the smoothed translation to all atoms in the residue



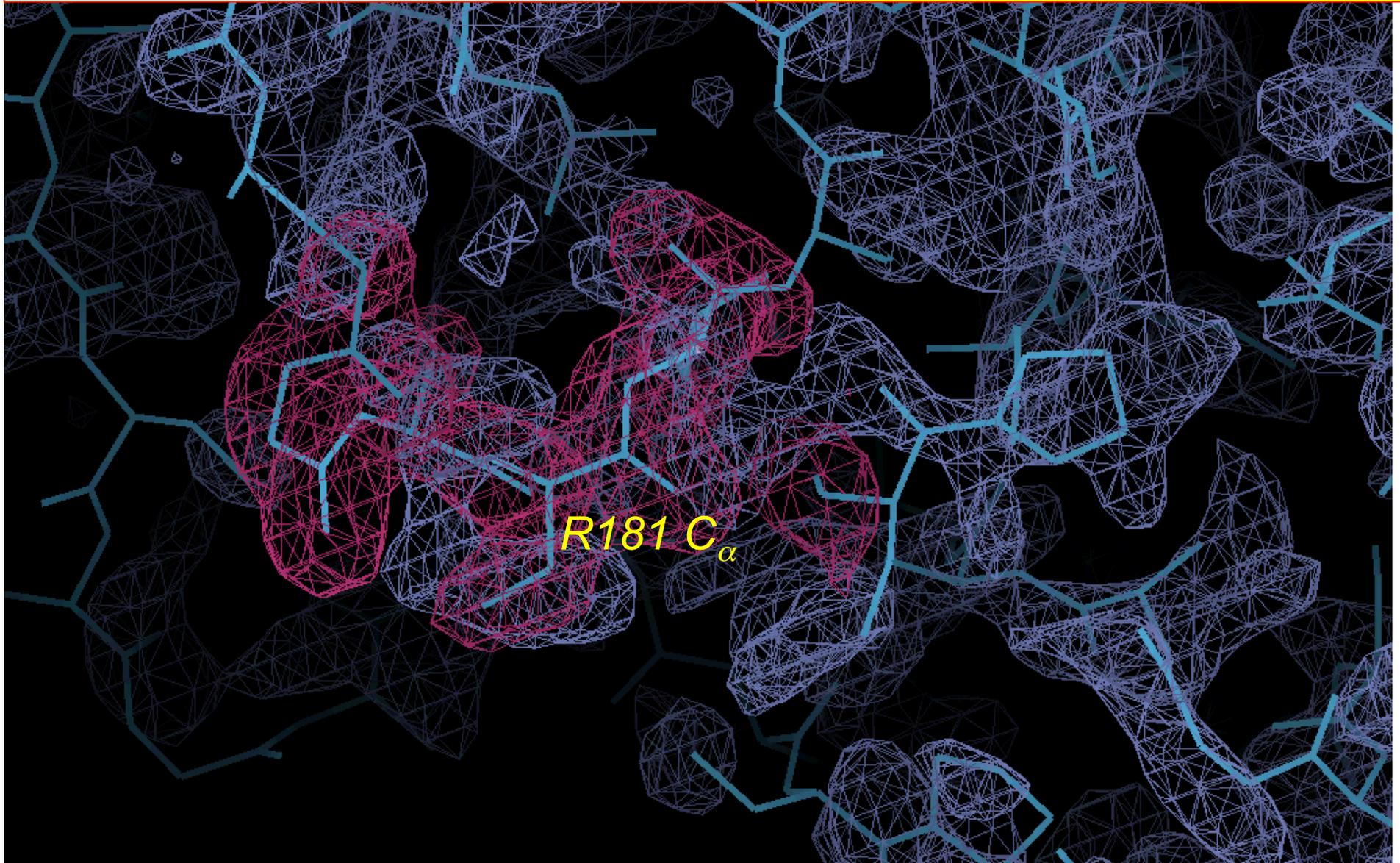
Identify local translation to apply to one C_{α} atom and nearby atoms

cab55342: final model (green)
3PIC (32% identity, blue)
prime-and-switch map (blue)



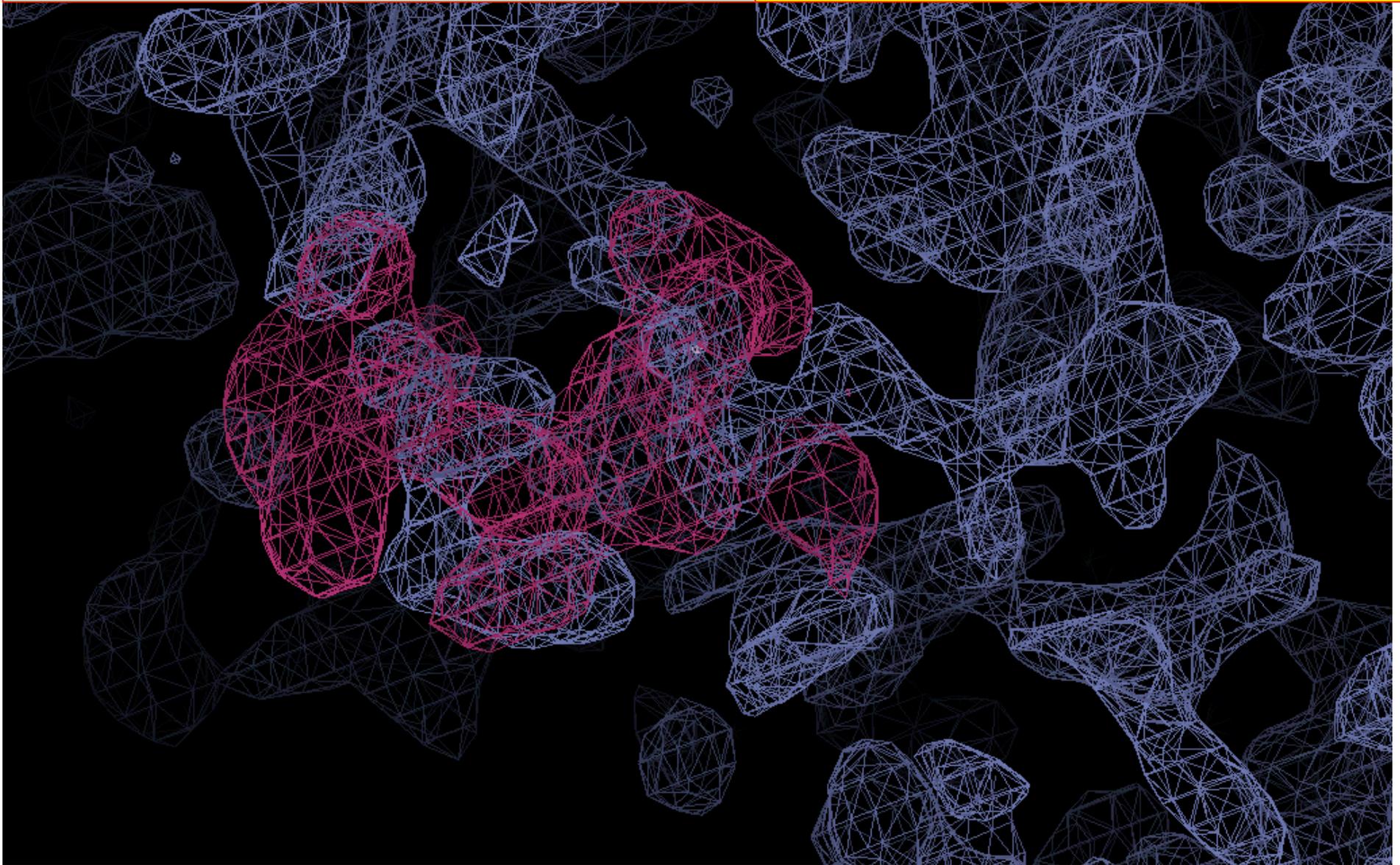
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Model density in red

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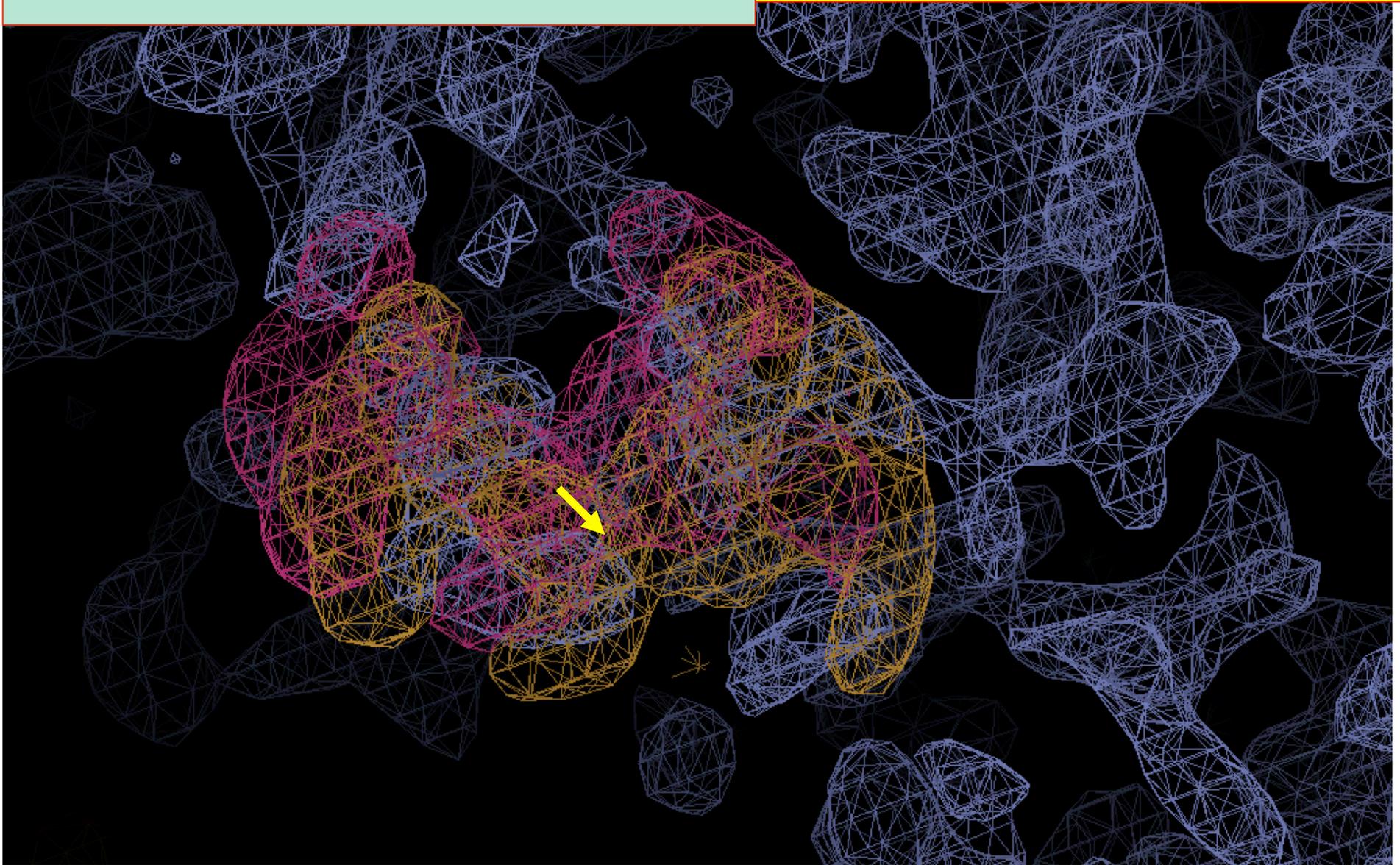
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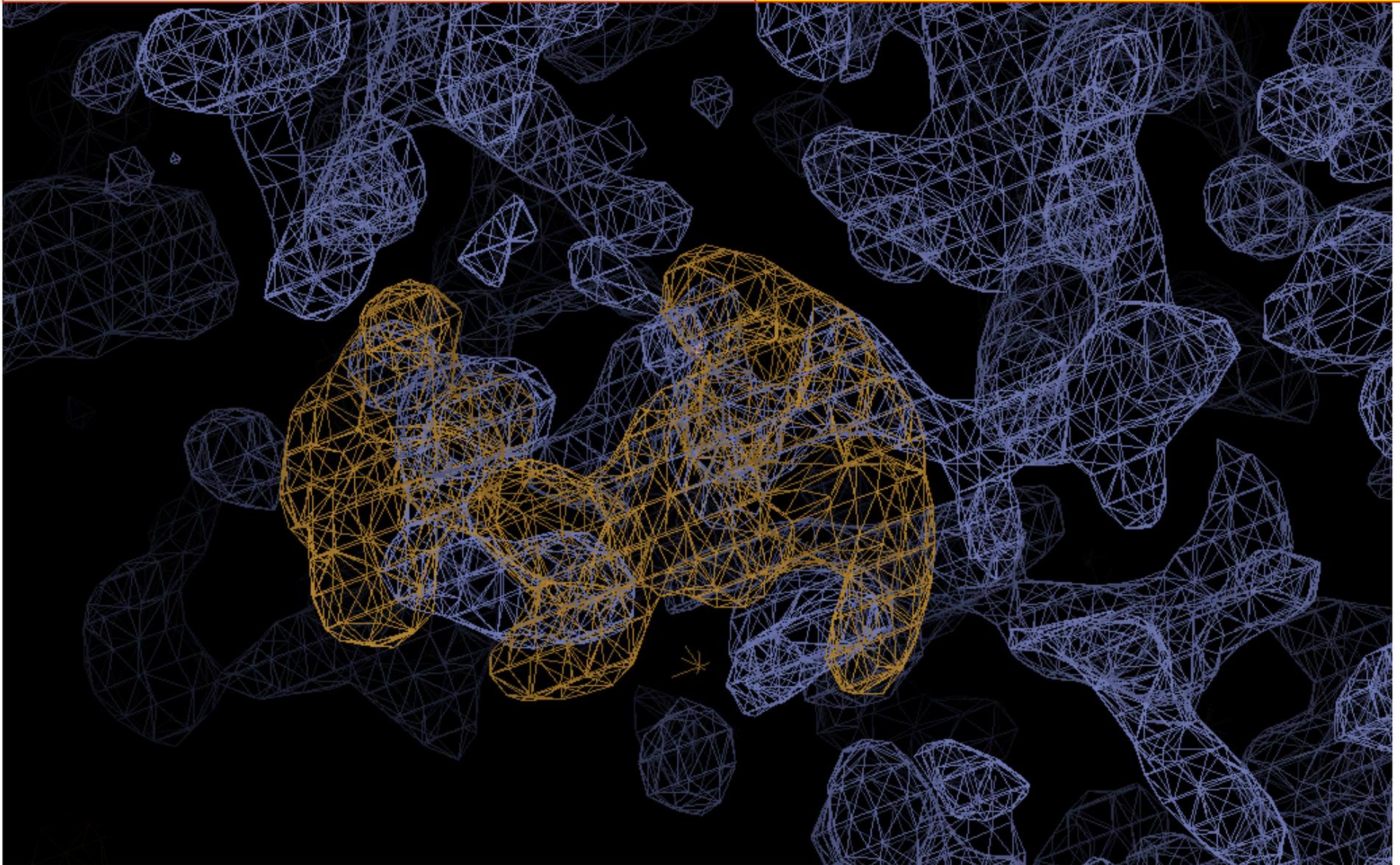
*Identify local translation to apply to
one C_{α} atom and nearby atoms
Model density offset to match map*

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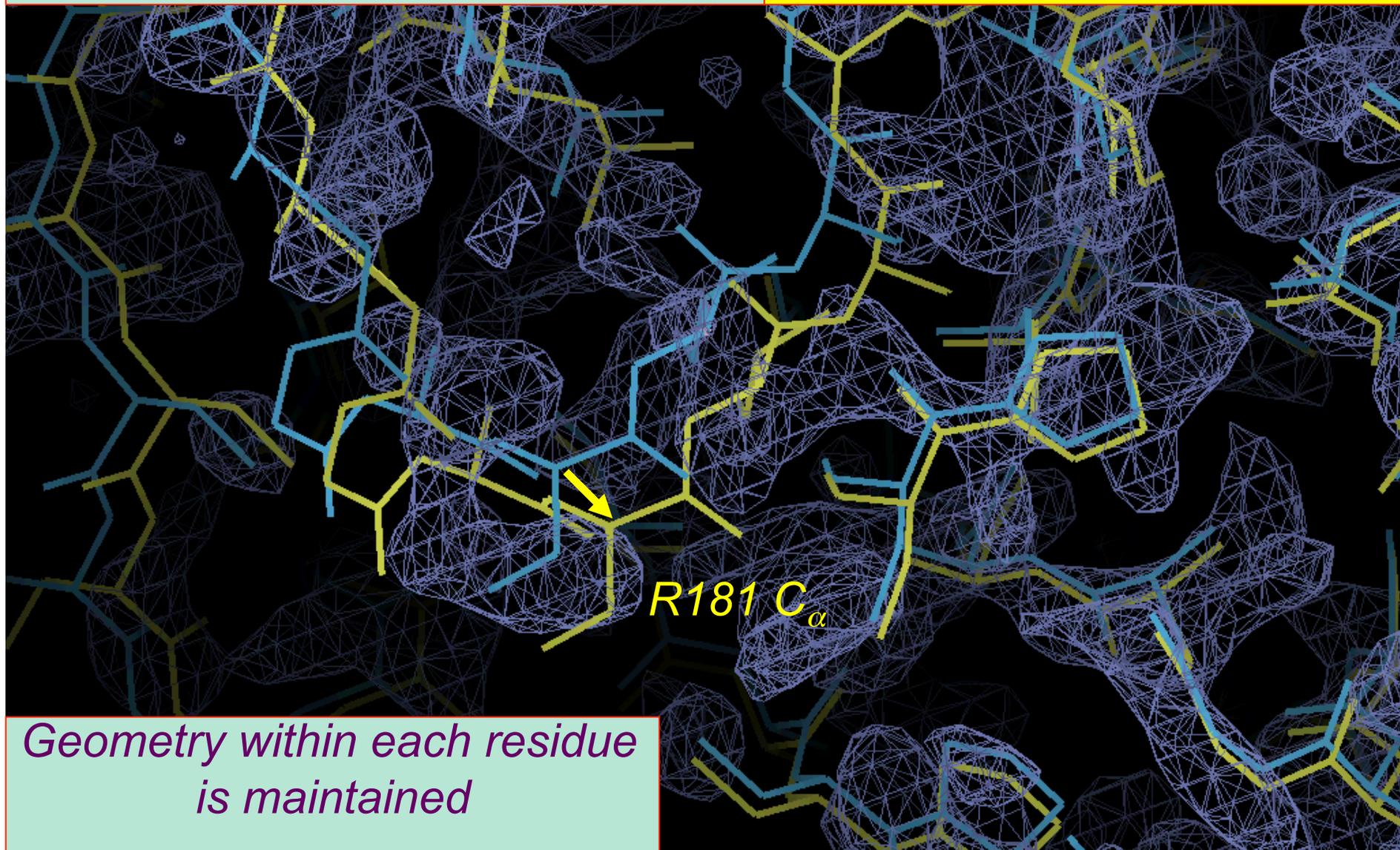
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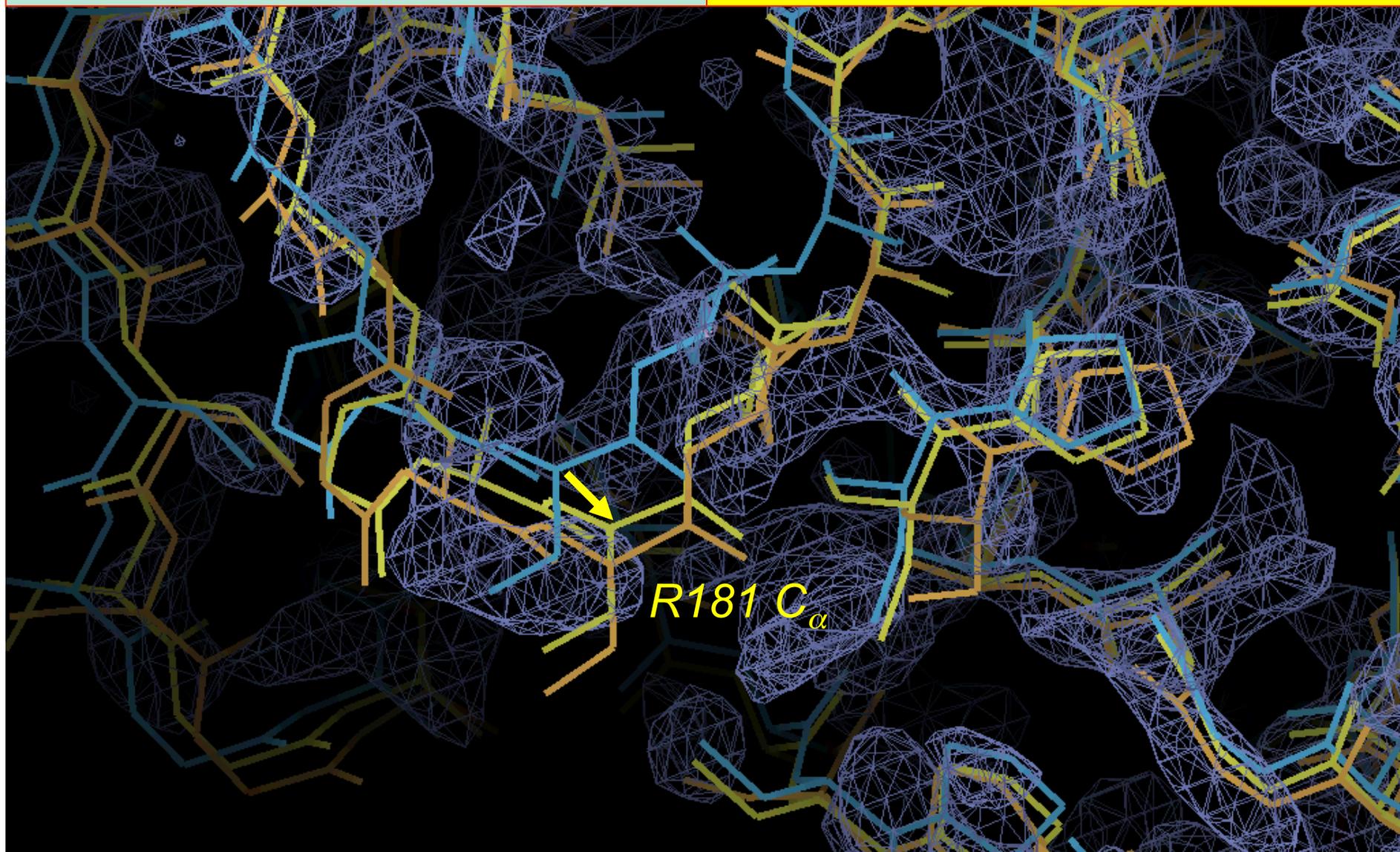
Smooth offset over nearby residues and apply to all atoms in the residue

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Morphed model (yellow)*



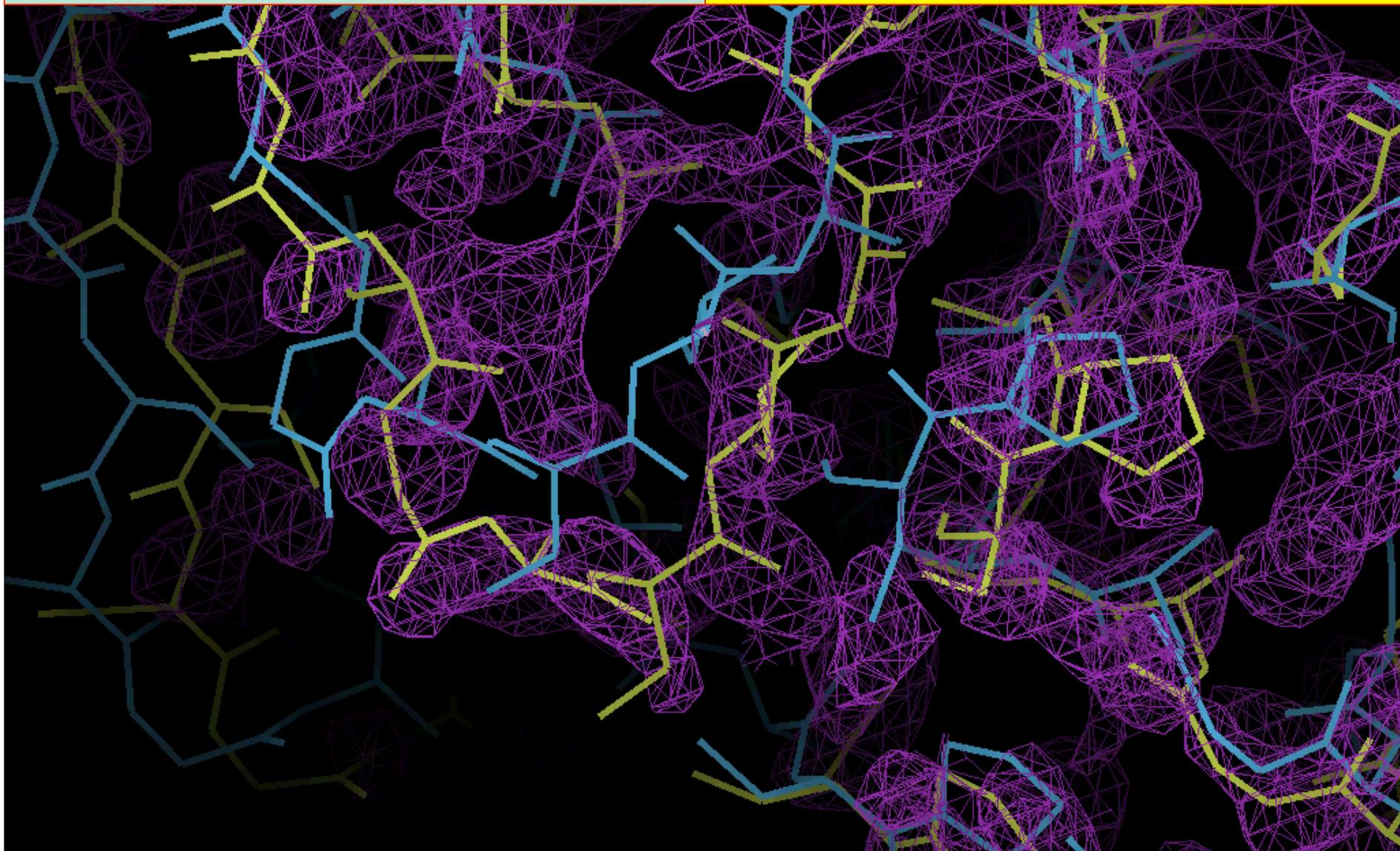
Refine morphed model

3PIC (32% identity) in blue
Morphed model (yellow)
Refined morphed model (orange)

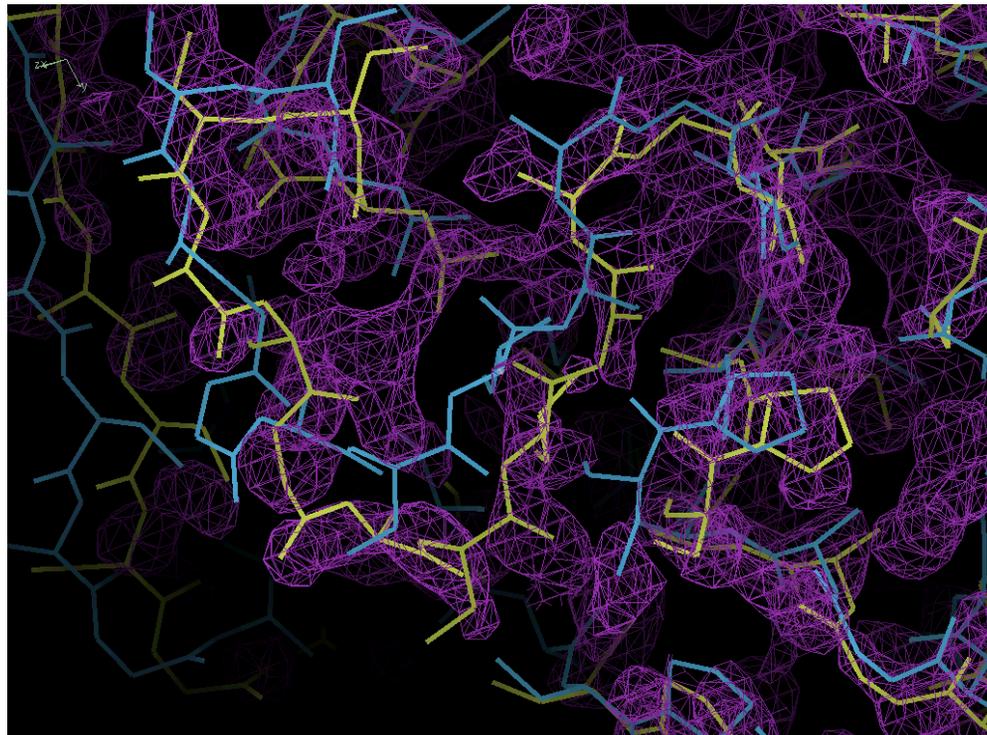
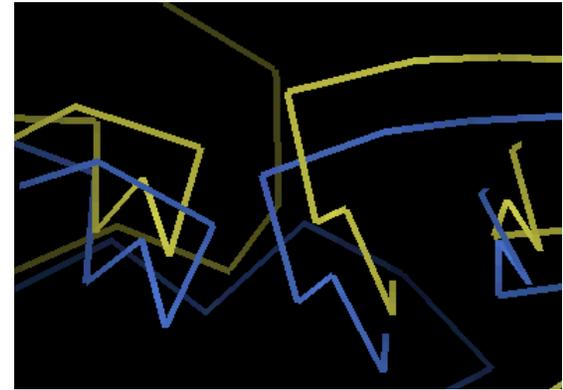


*Get new map
Repeat morphing 6 times...*

*3PIC (32% identity) blue
Refined morphed model (yellow)
prime-and-switch map (purple)*

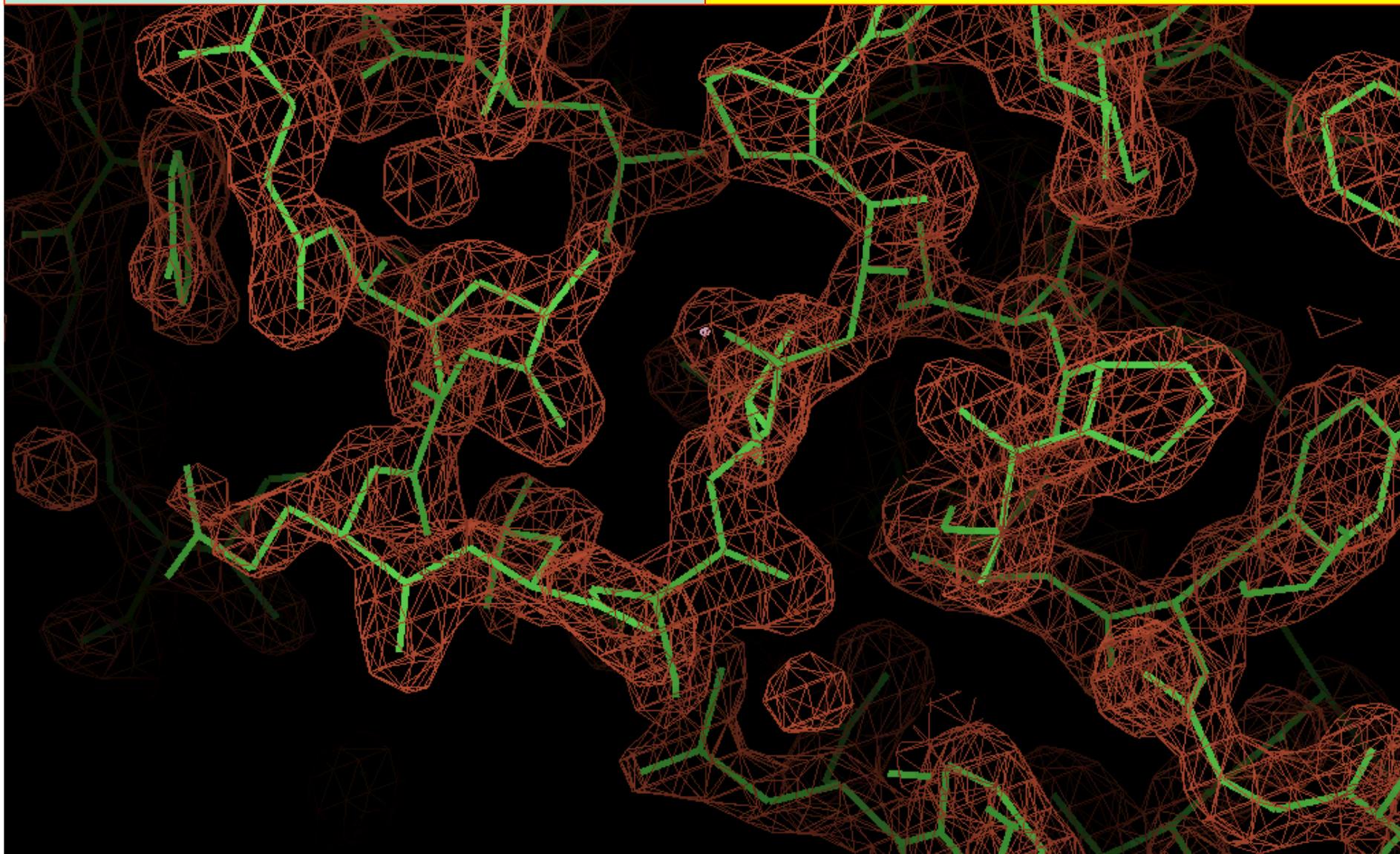


Autobuilding after morphing



*Autobuilding starting with
morphed model*

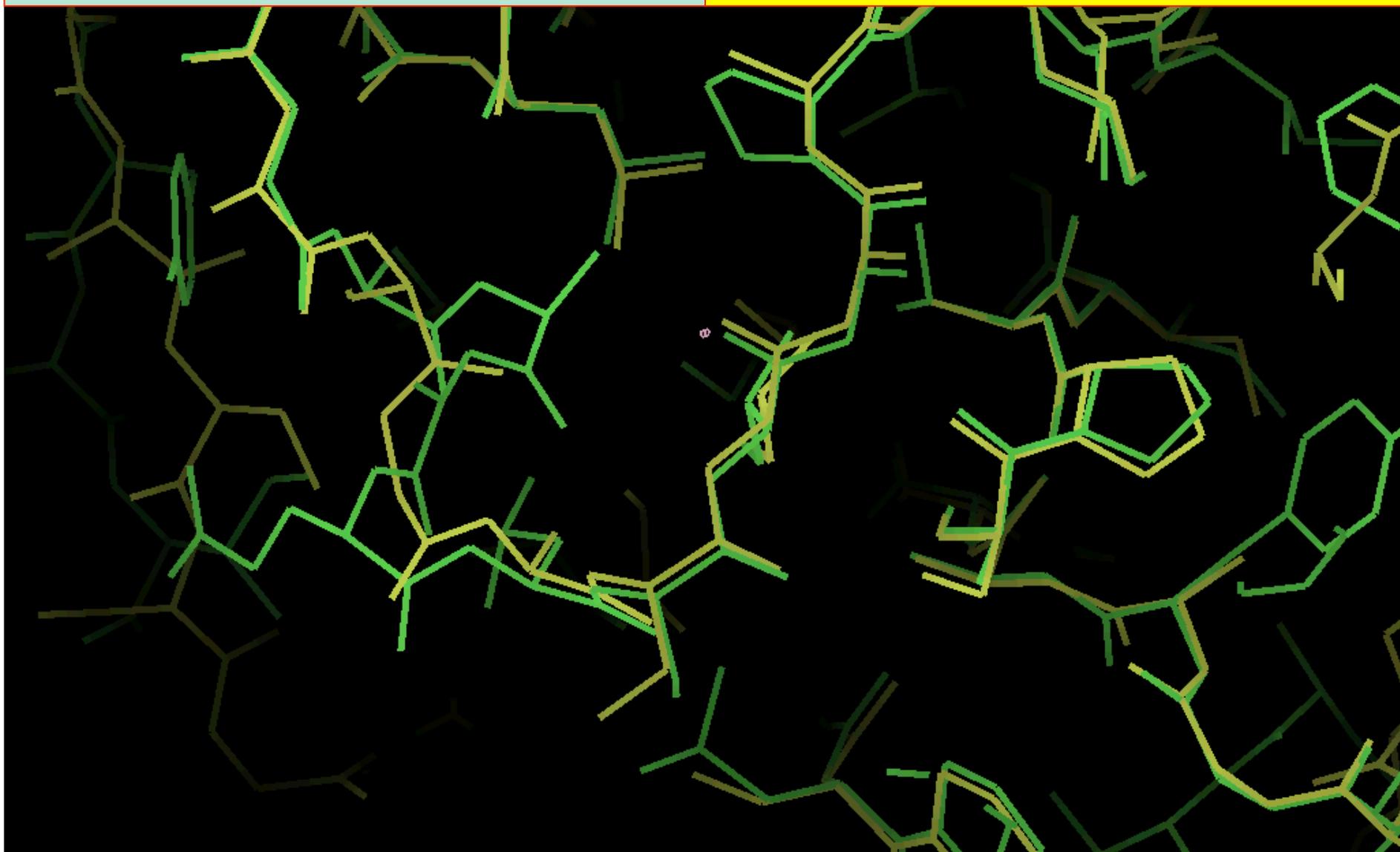
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Autobuild model
Density-modified map*



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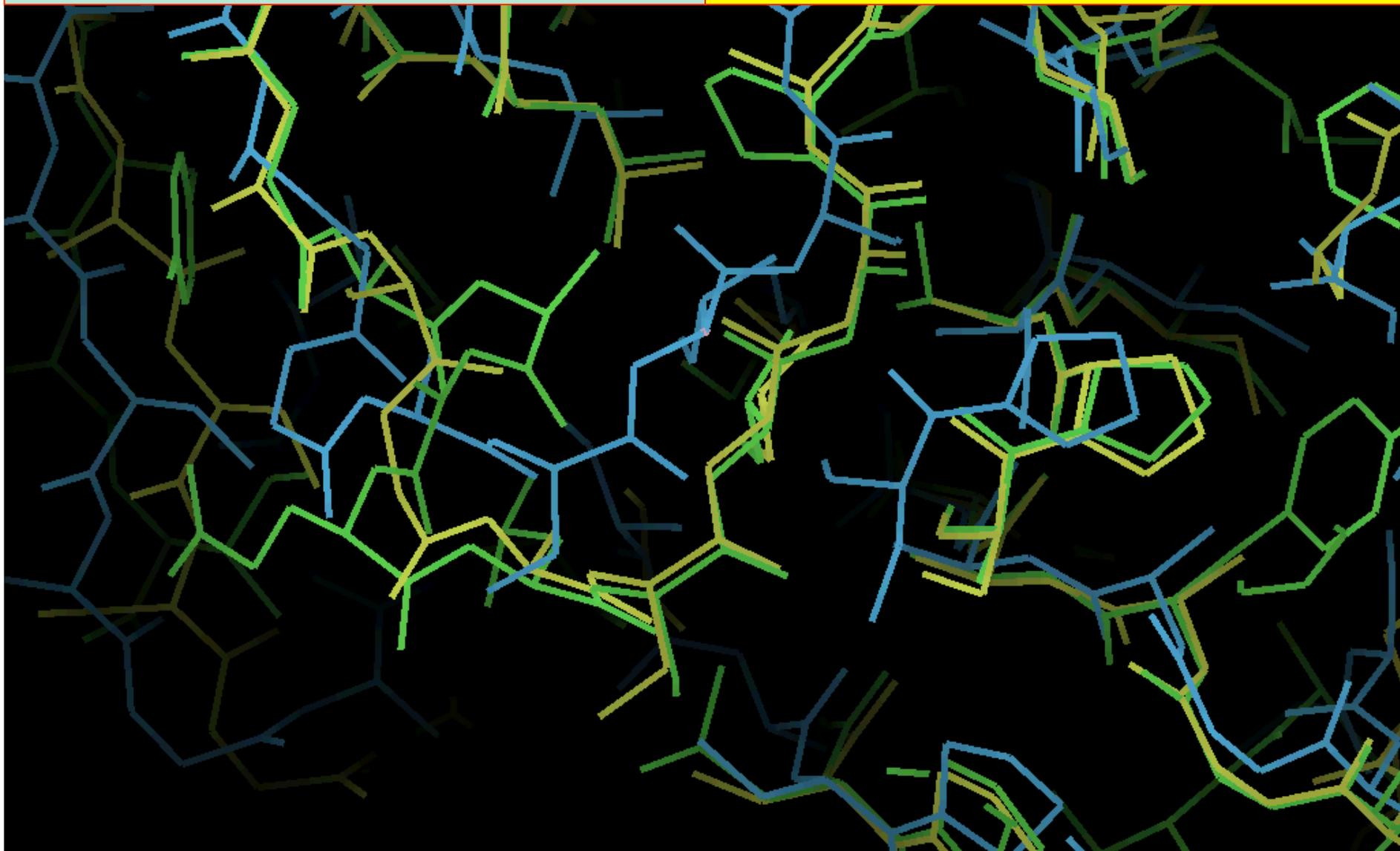
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*Morphed model (yellow)
Autobuild model (green)*



*Autobuilding cab55342 starting
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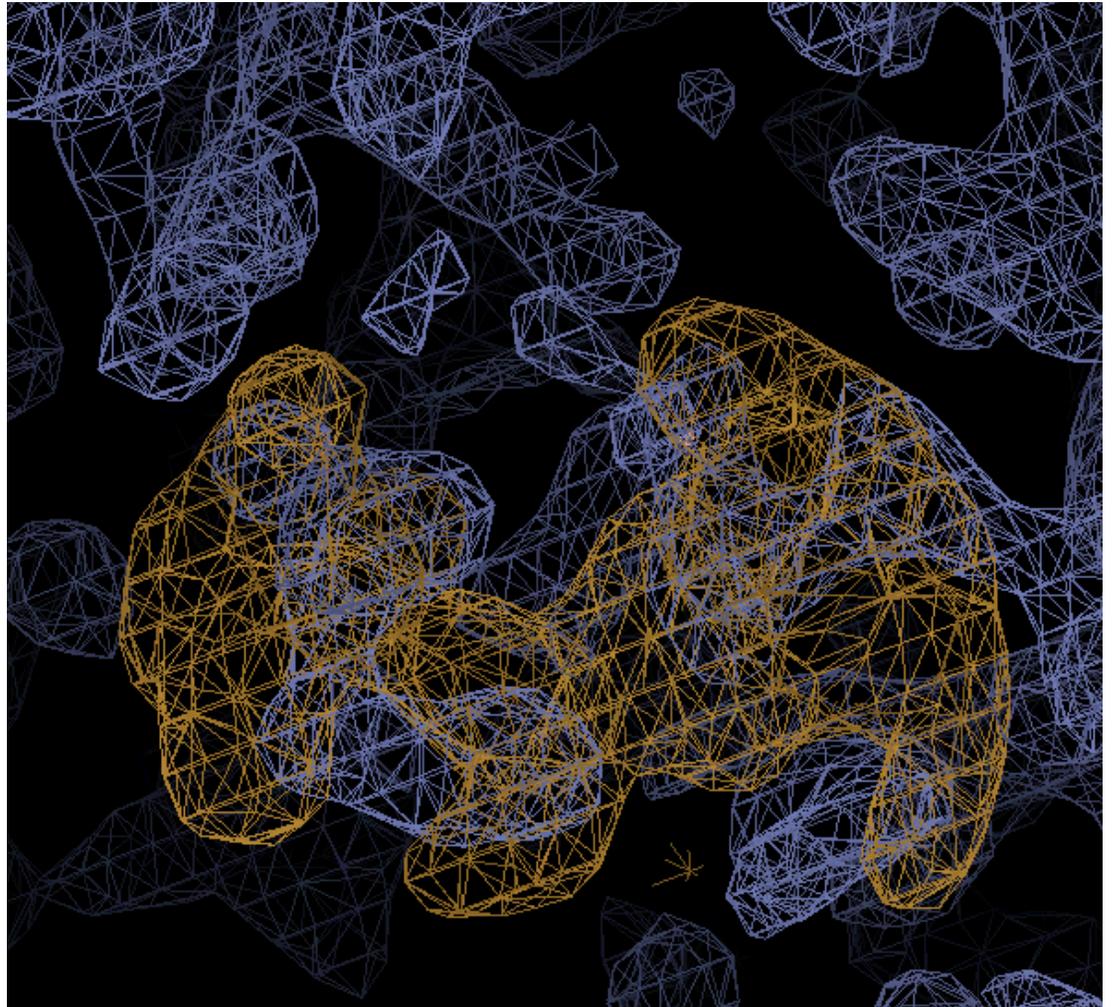
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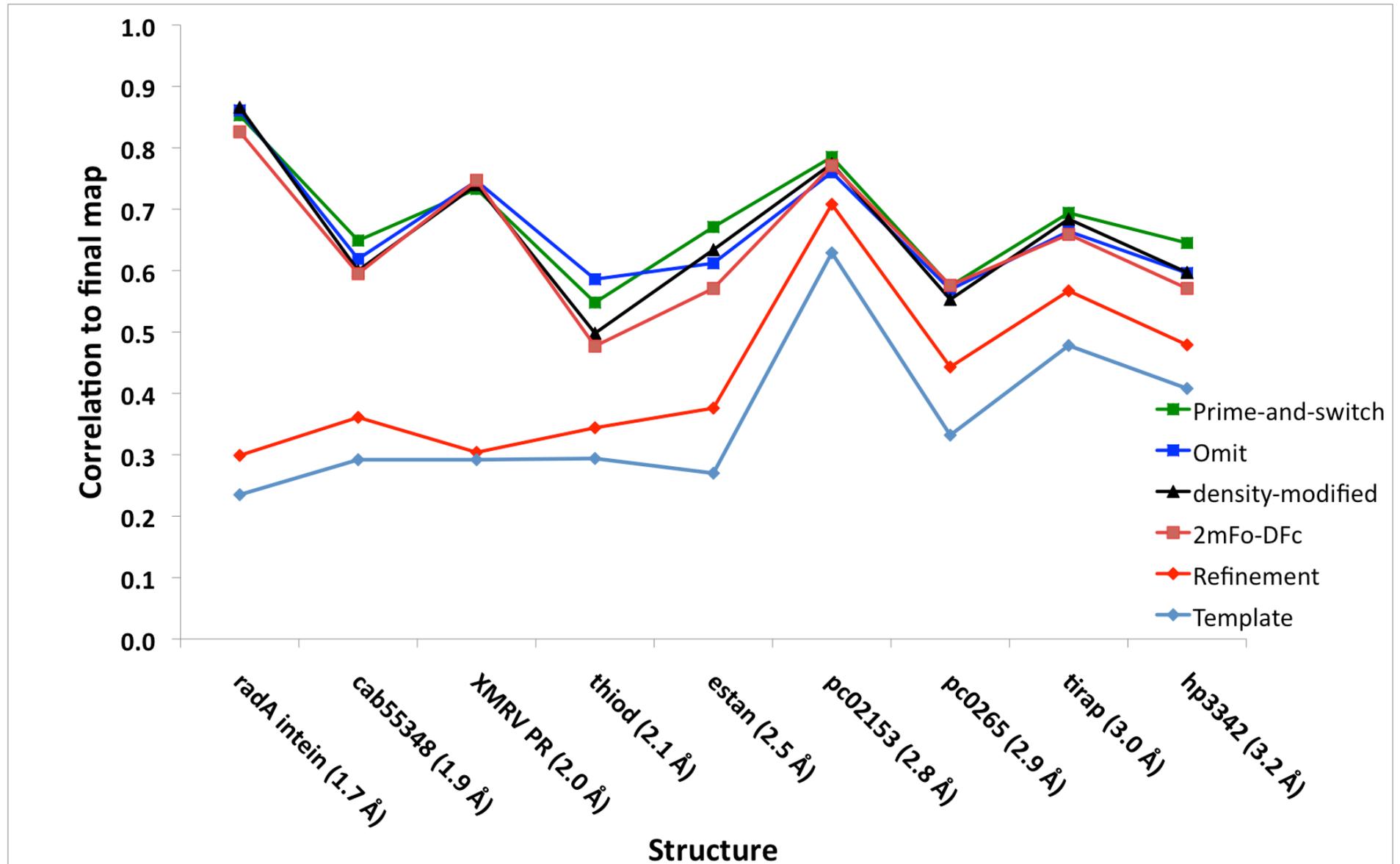
What is the best map for
morphing?

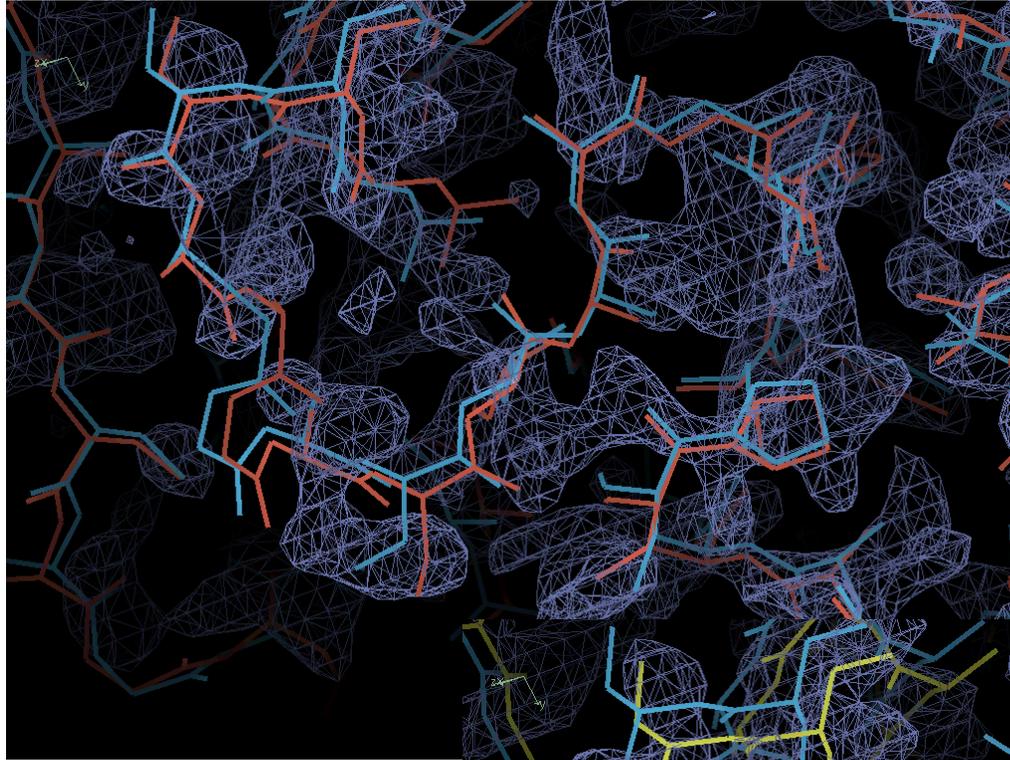
Test structures from DiMaio et al.
(2011). *Improving molecular
replacement by density and energy
guided protein structure optimization.*
Nature 473, 540-543.

(Structures that could be solved
by AutoBuild excluded)

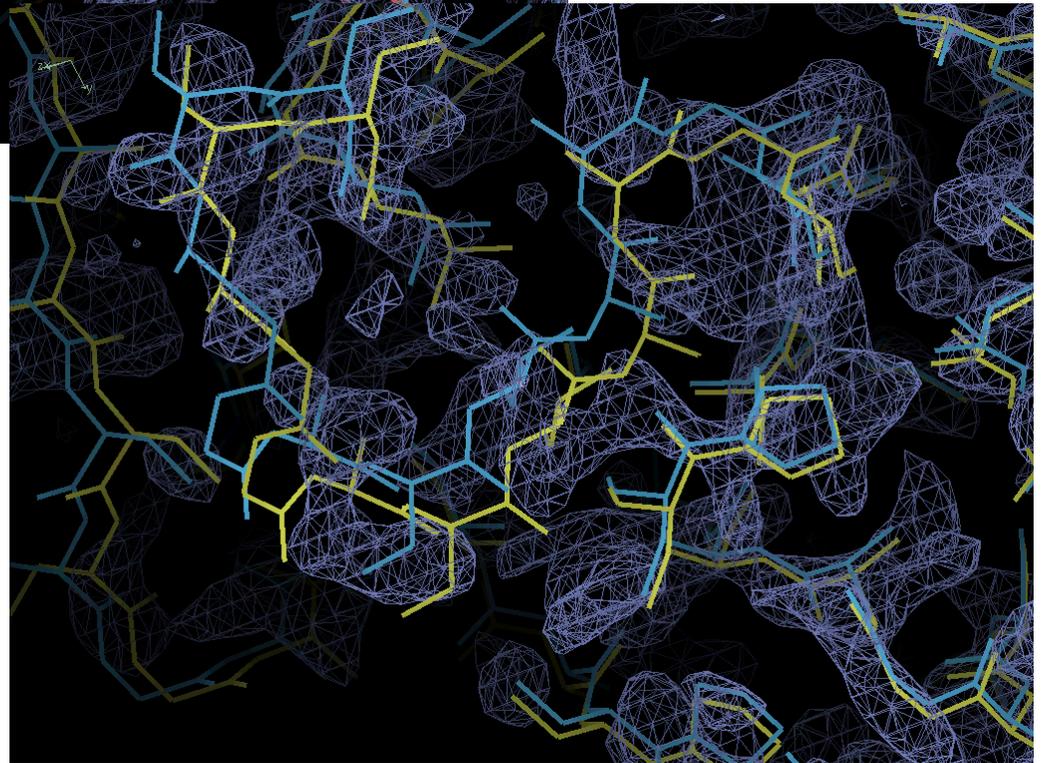


Comparison of maps for morphing



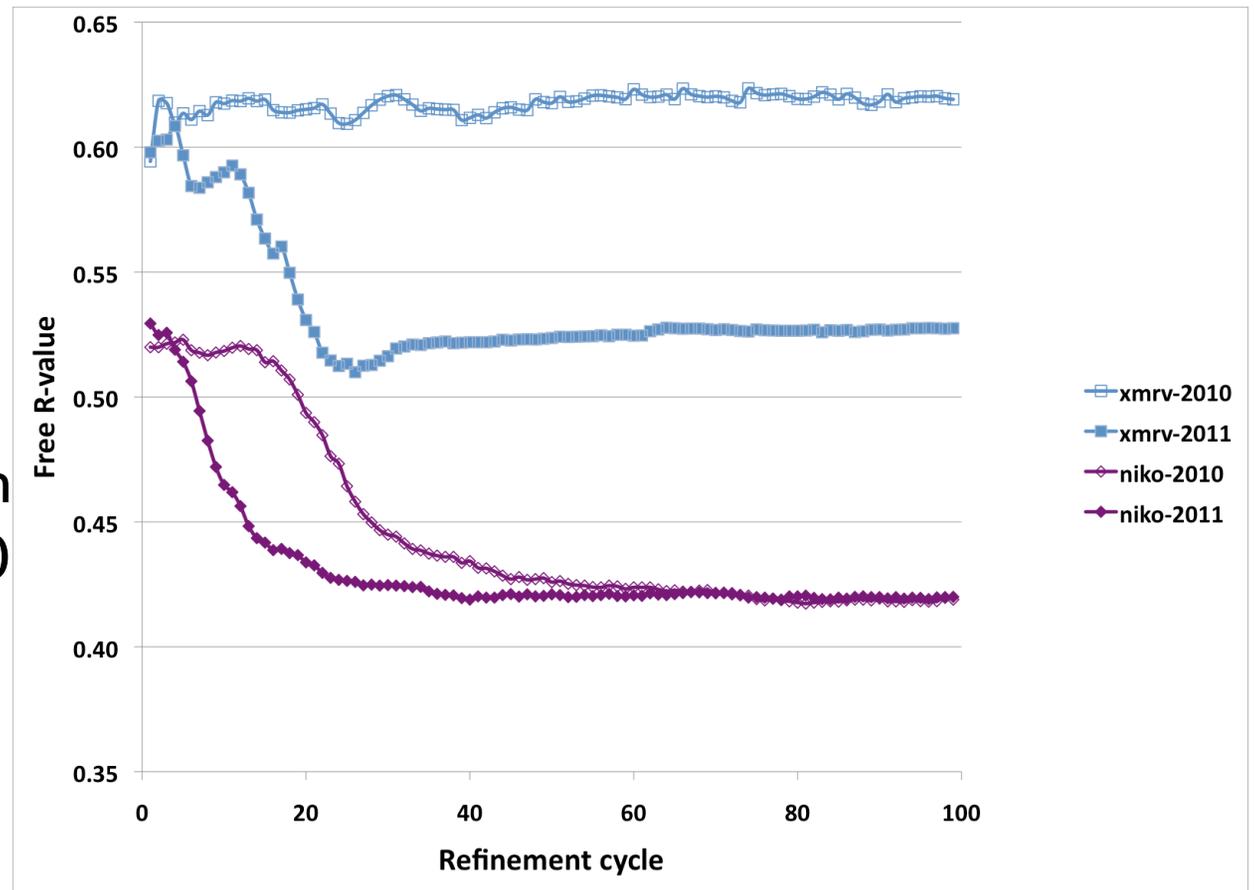


Comparing morphing
and refinement

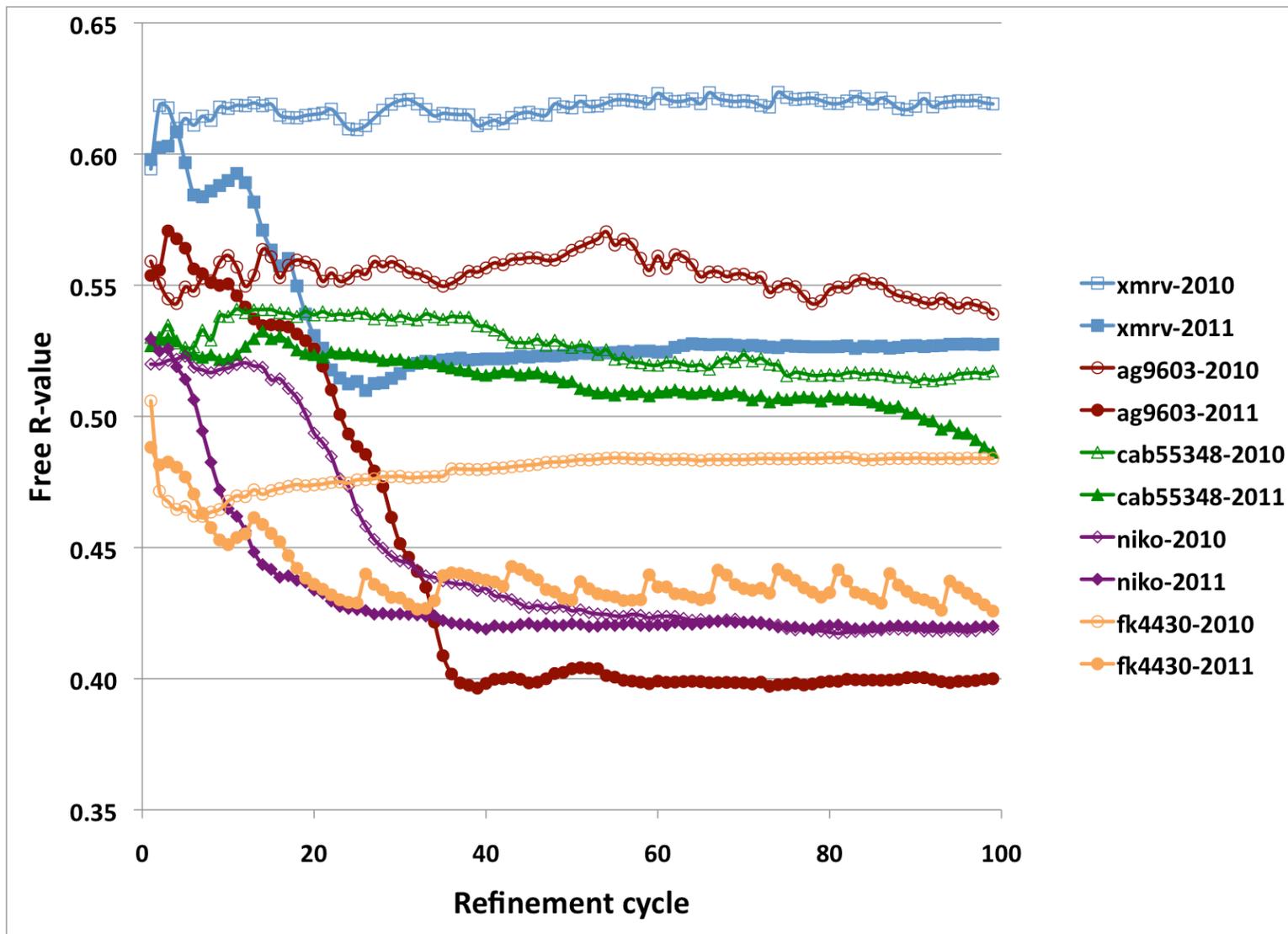


What to use as a
baseline?

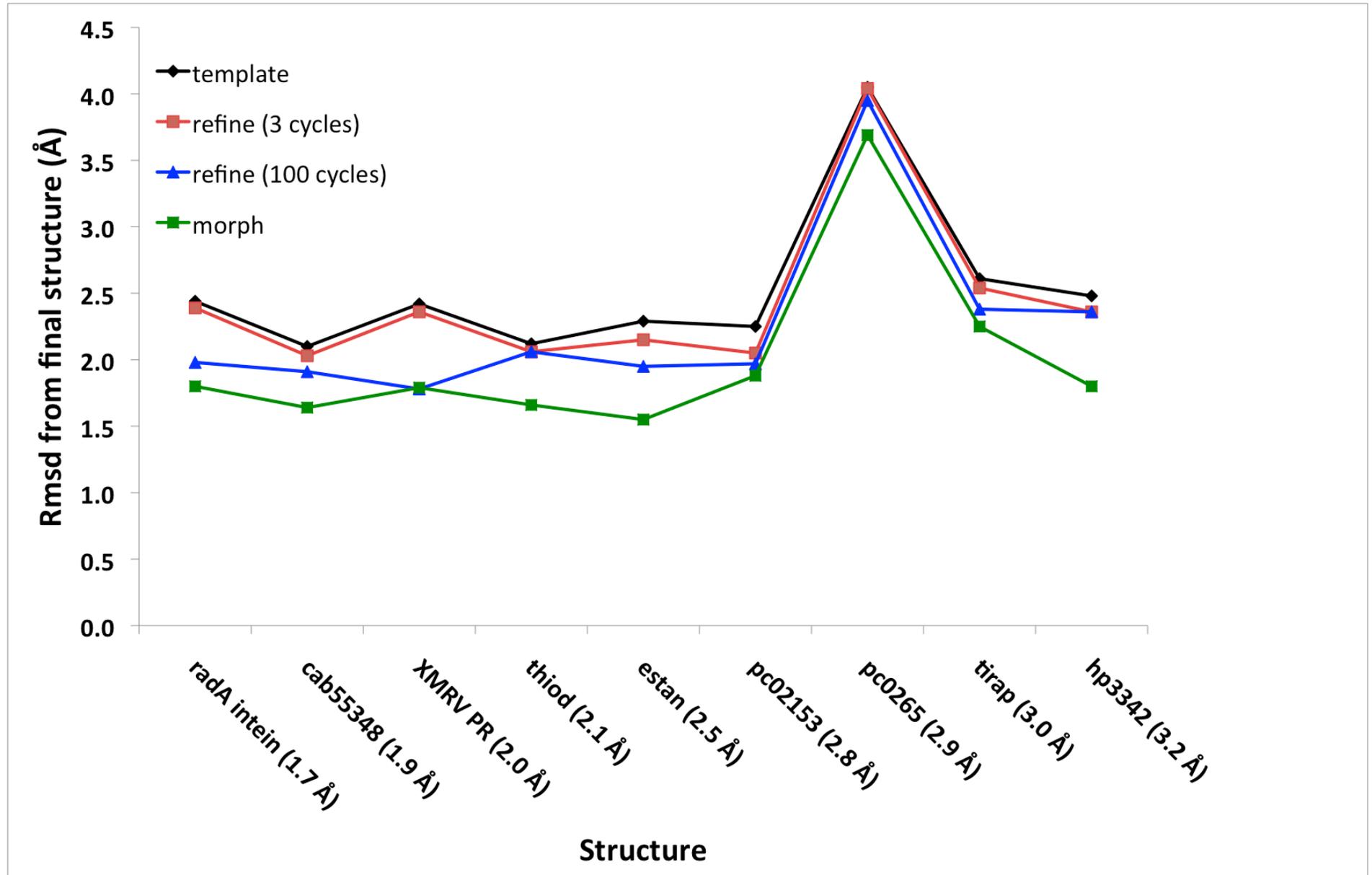
Major improvements in
phenix.refine since 2010



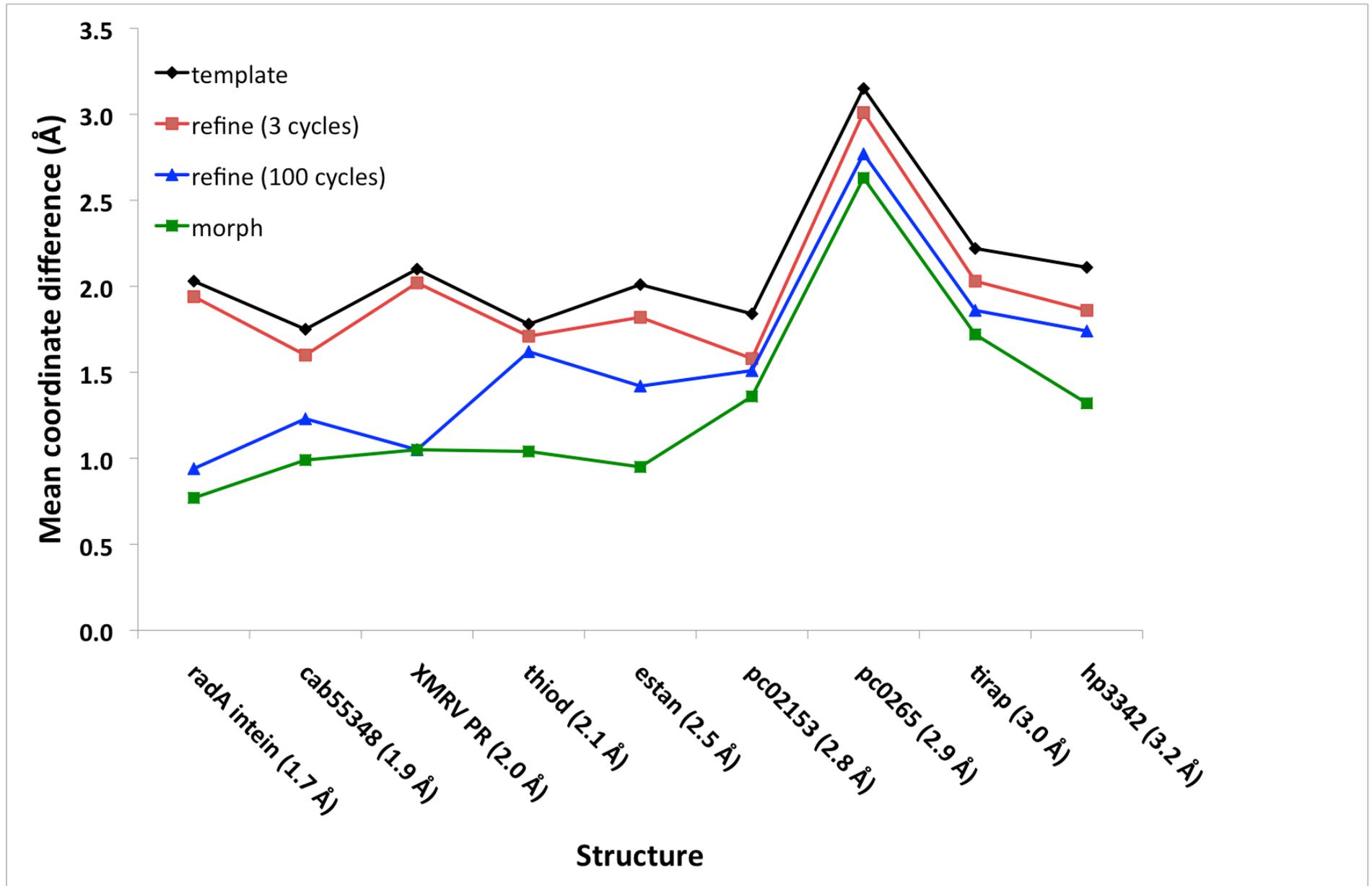
Extensive refinement can be effective



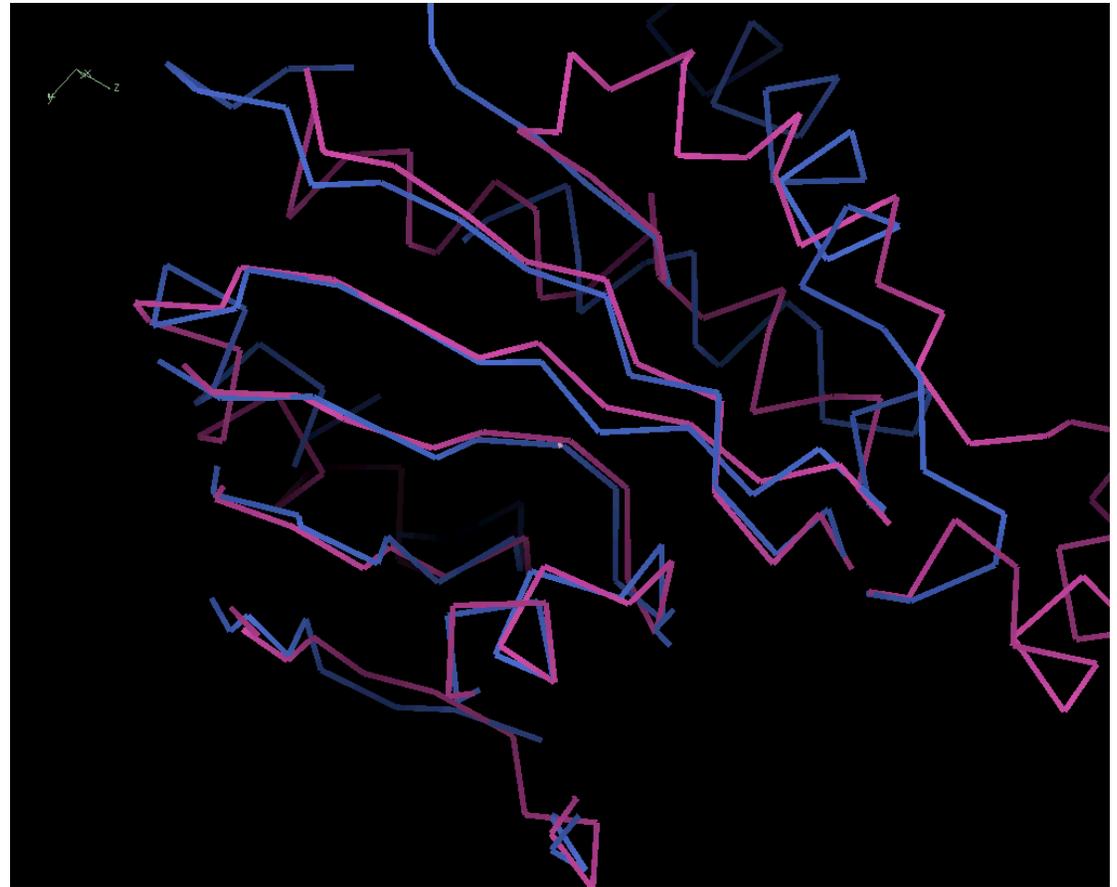
Morphing compared to refinement



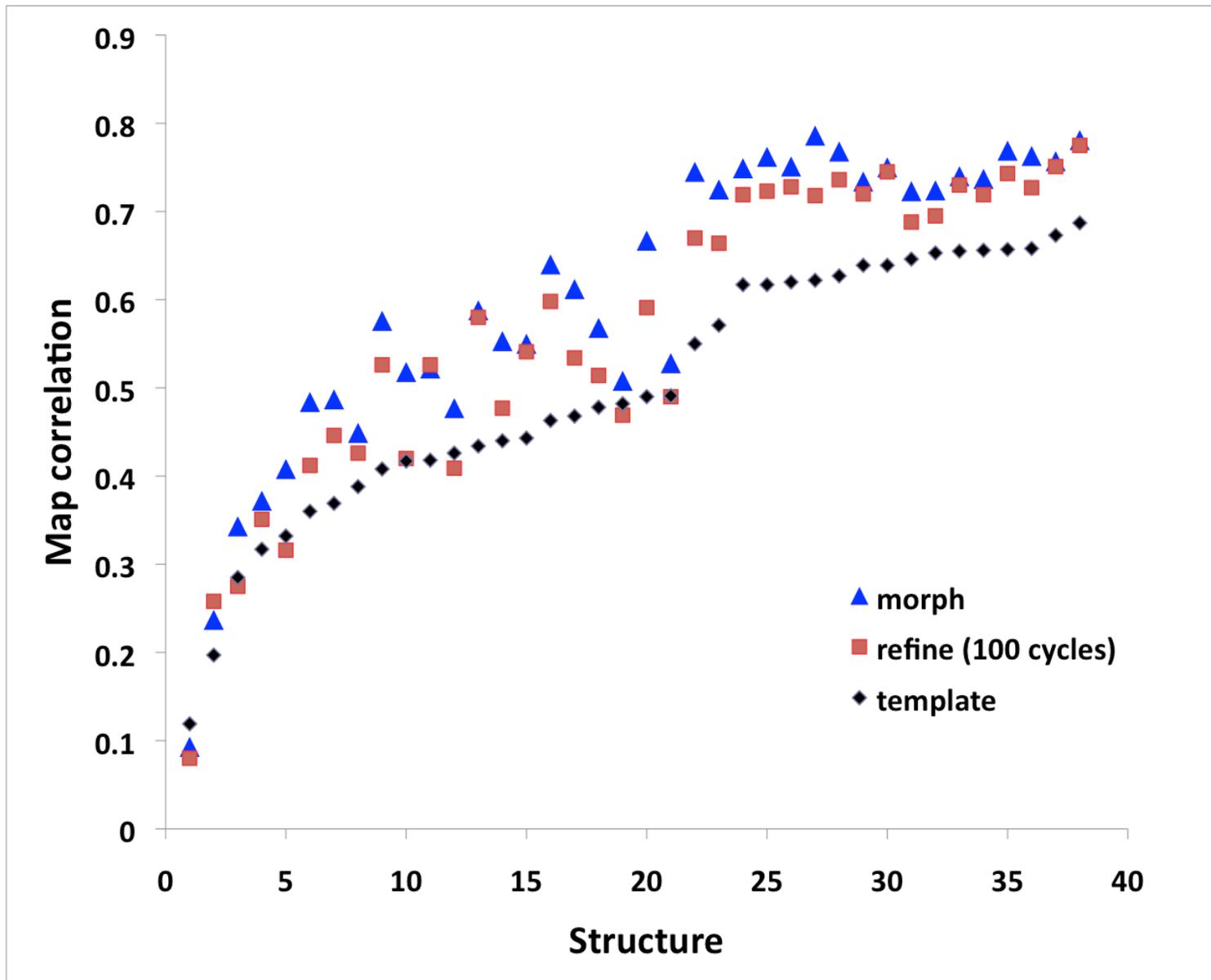
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Tests of morphing with
a series of templates
with varying similarity
to target structure

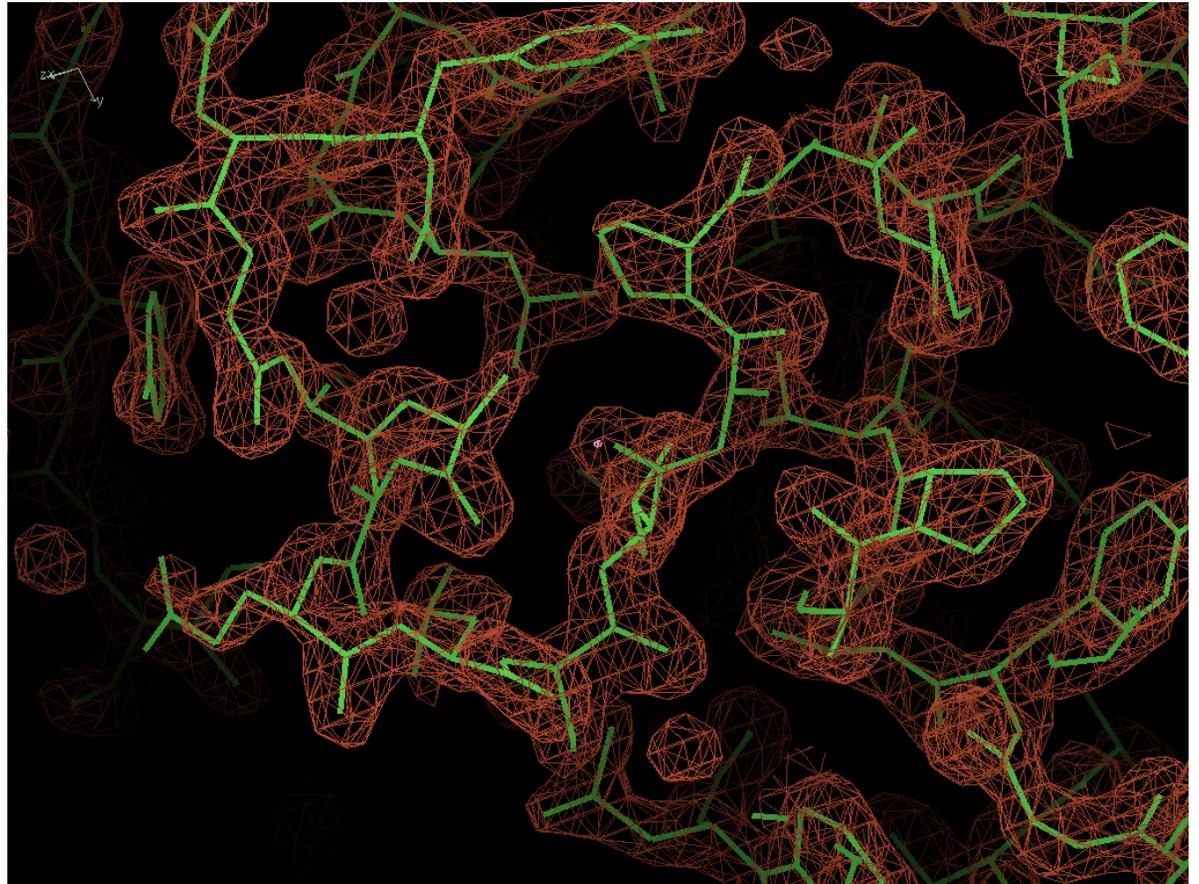


Morphing on a series of templates

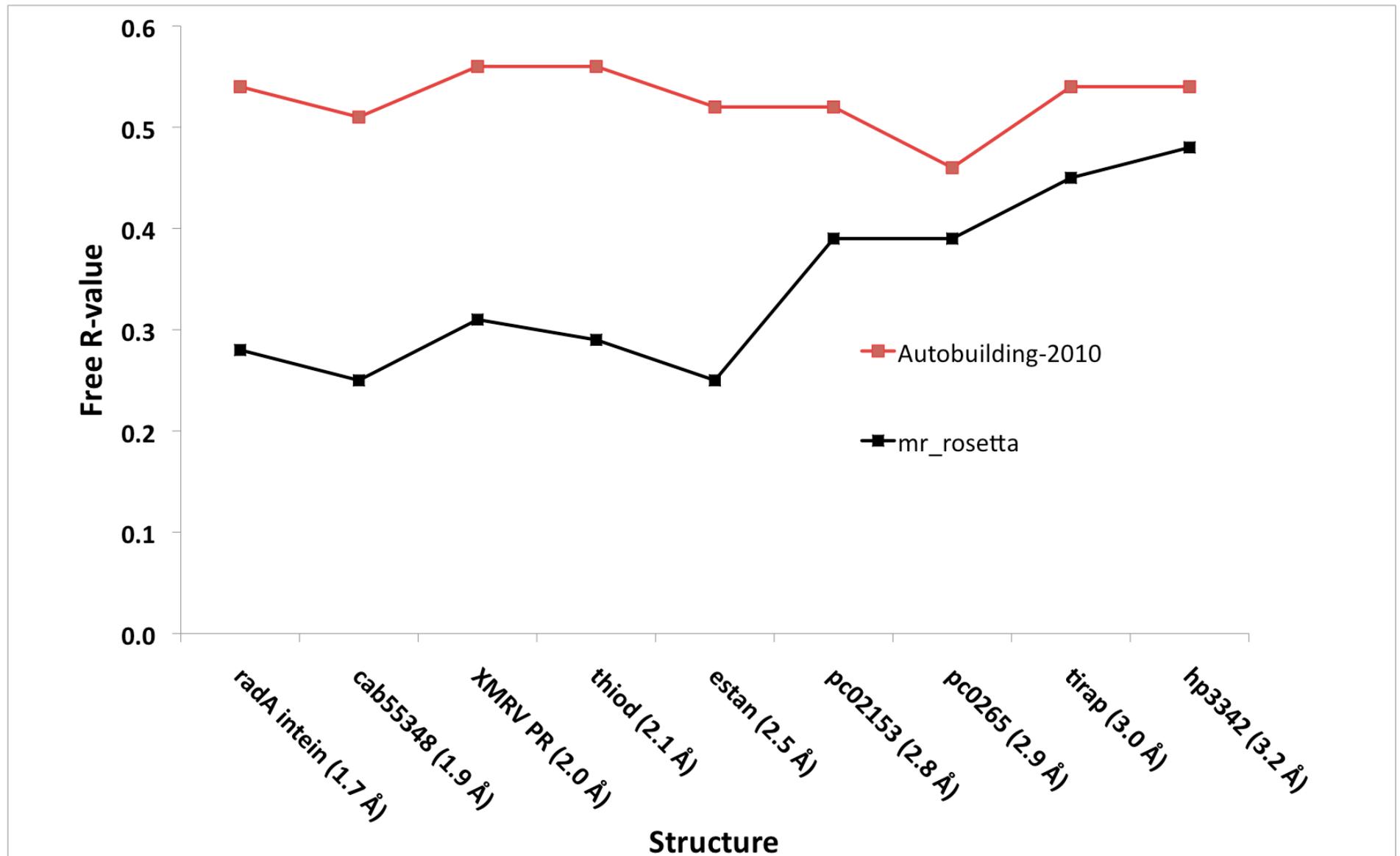


Tests of Autobuilding
after morphing

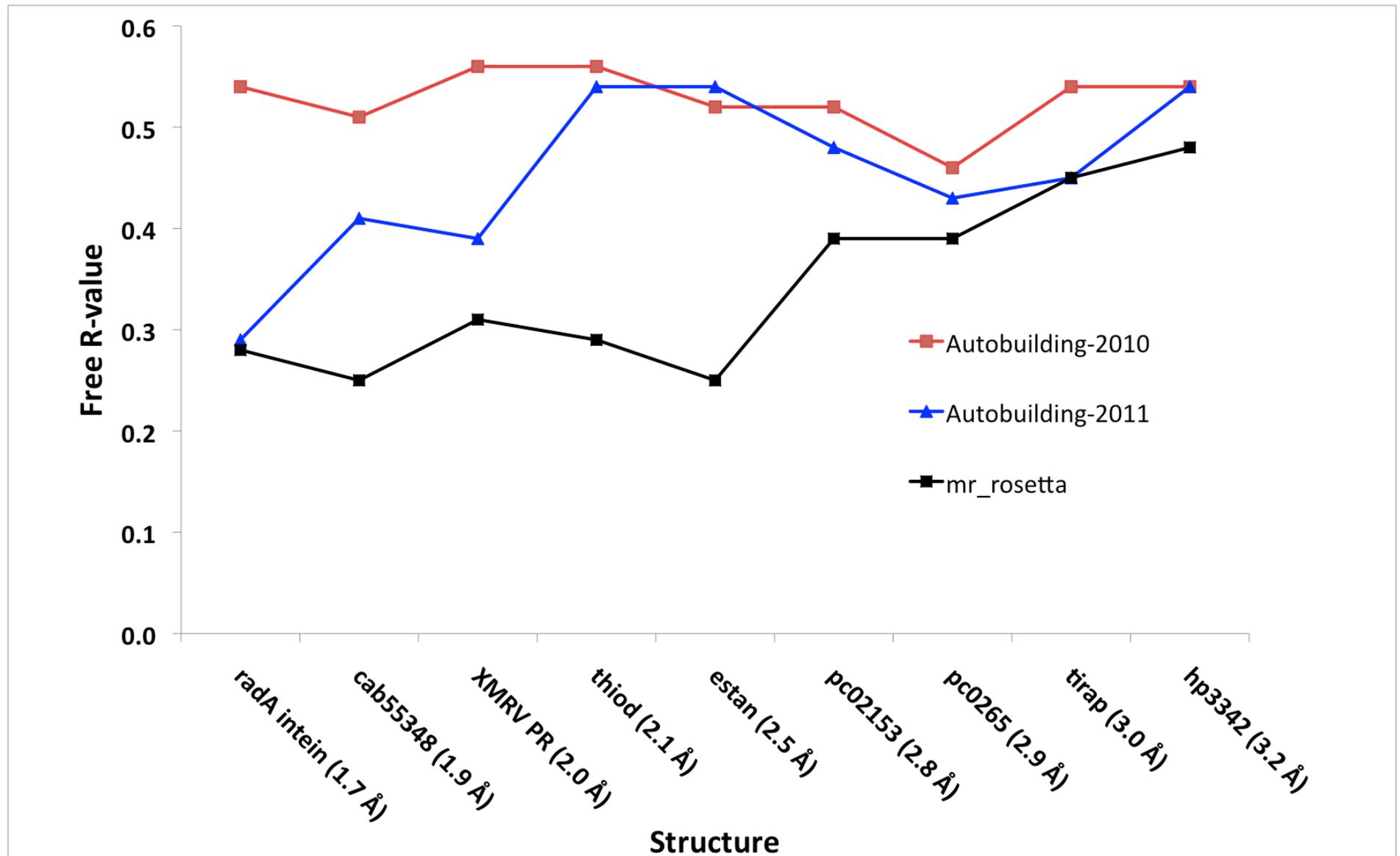
Comparison with
phenix.mr_rosetta



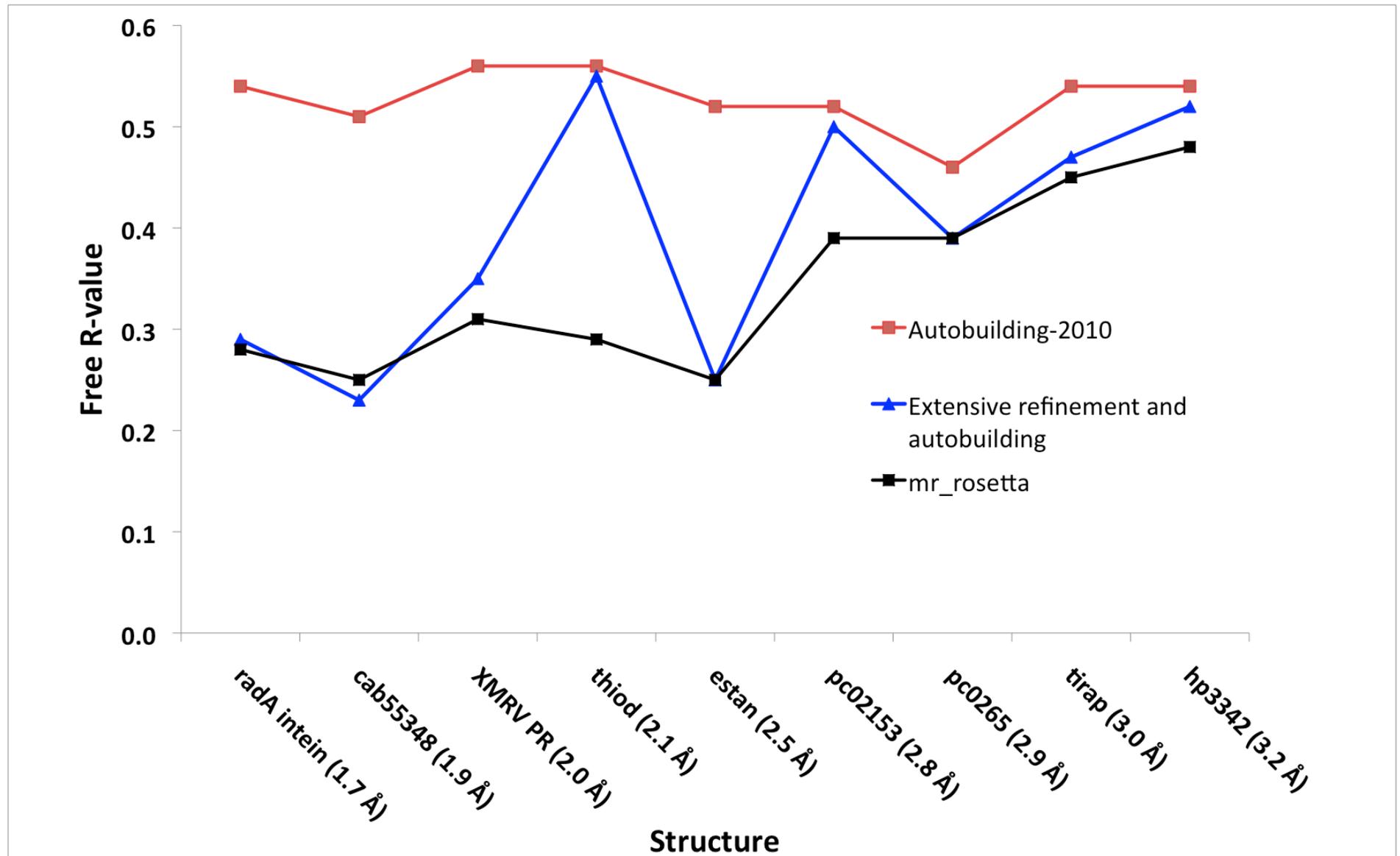
Morphing combined with autobuilding



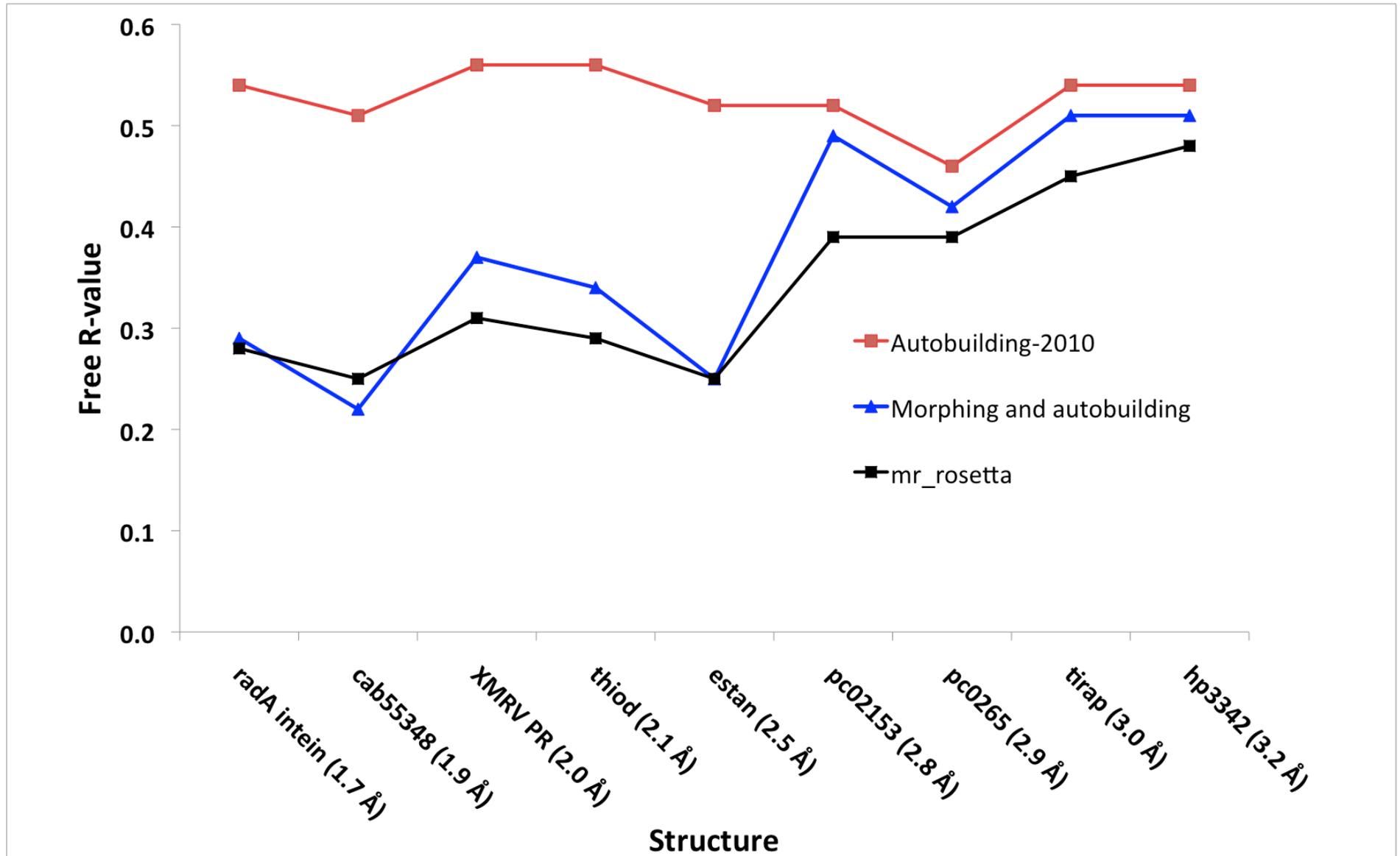
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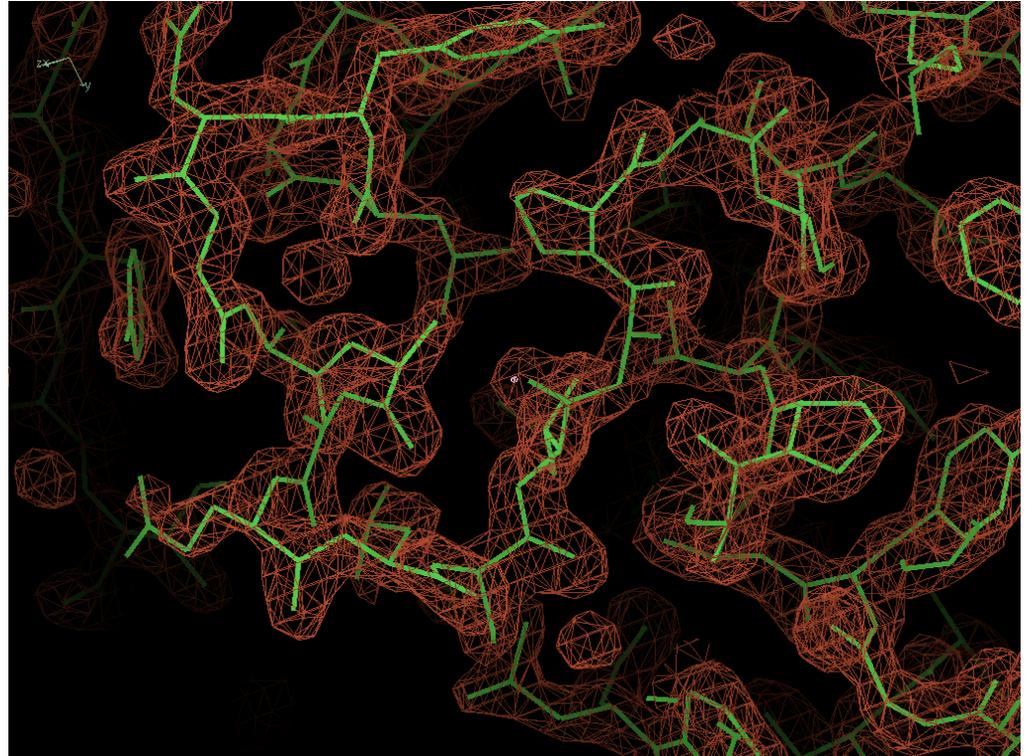
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Applications for morphing

Molecular replacement
templates that close but
distorted

Building models into
experimental electron density
maps when a distant related
structure is available



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