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Model-building using cryo-EM and crystallographic maps

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Outline

Are X-ray and cryo-EM maps the same?

Optimal sharpening of a map

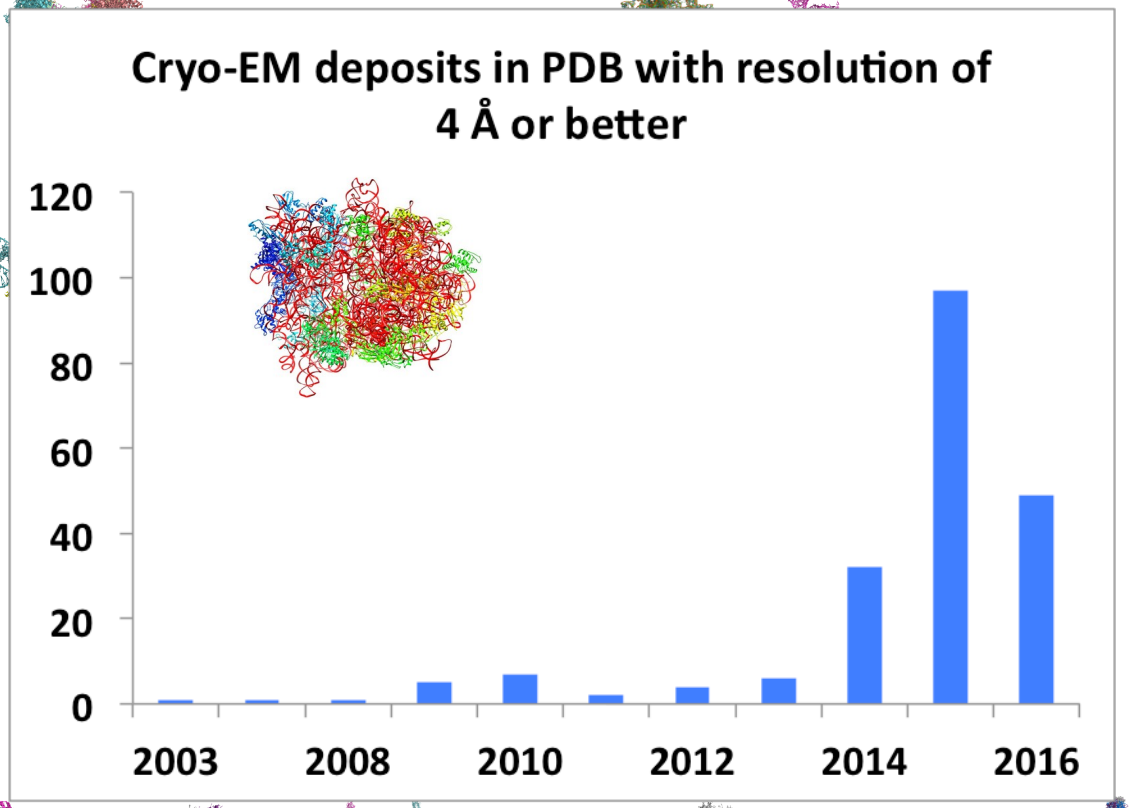
Finding the unique part of a cryo-EM map

Model improvement by iterative secondary-structure assignment and real-space refinement

Automated interpretation of cryo-EM maps

1147 Cryo-EM structures in PDB

4 Å or better: 220, 3.5 Å or better: 92



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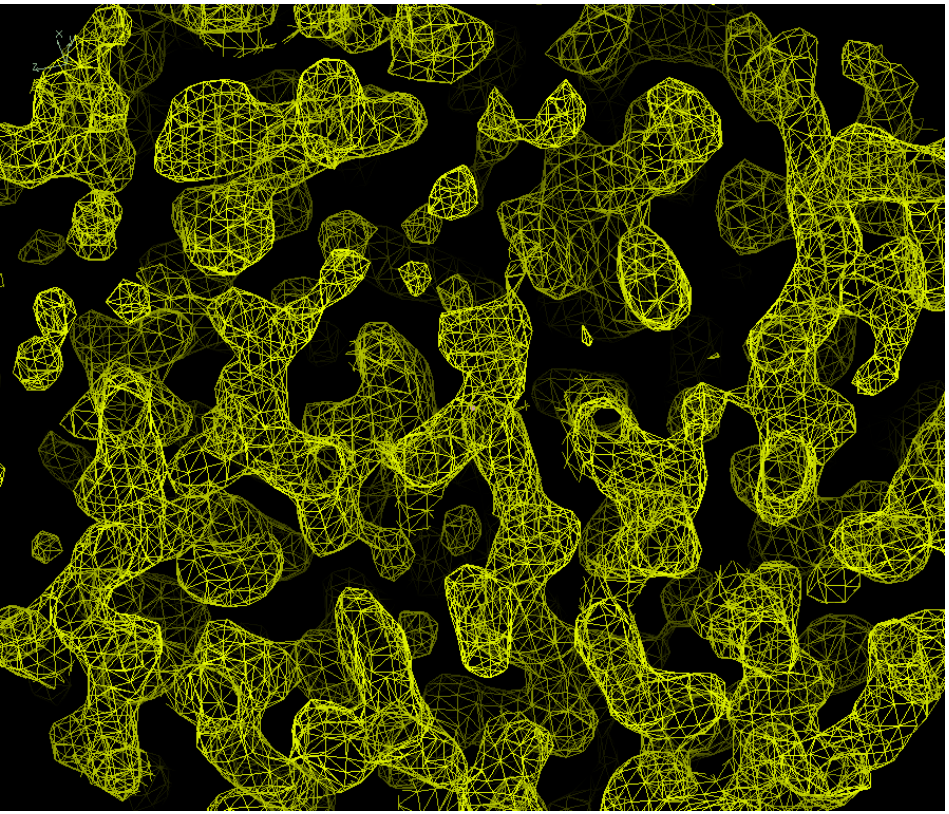

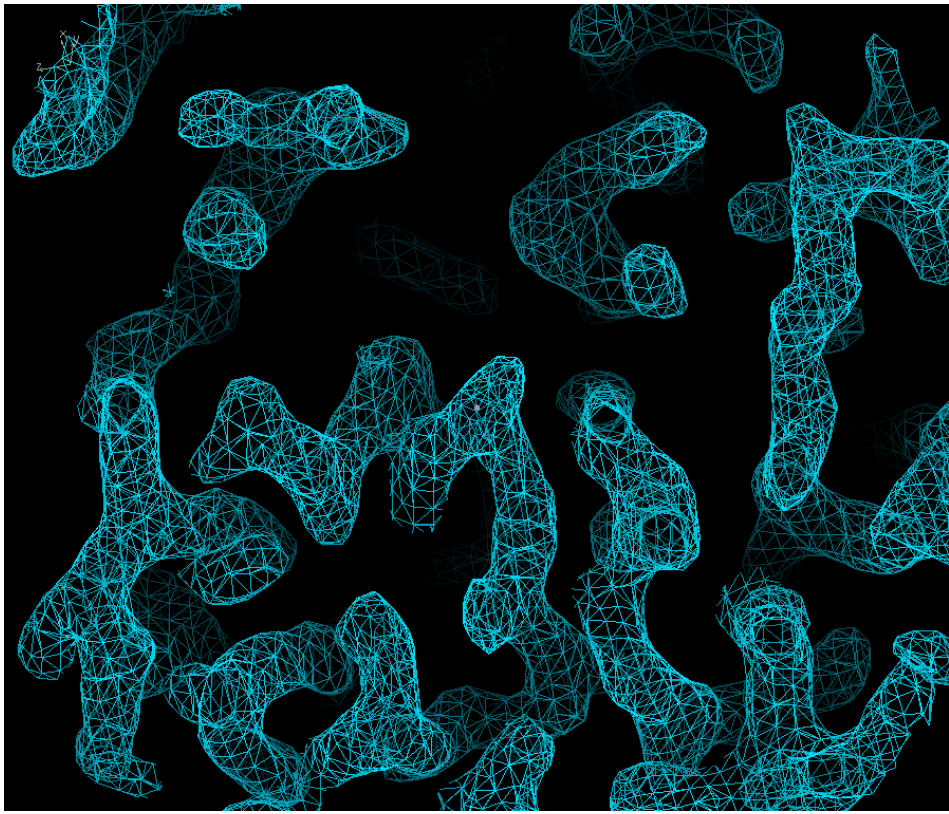

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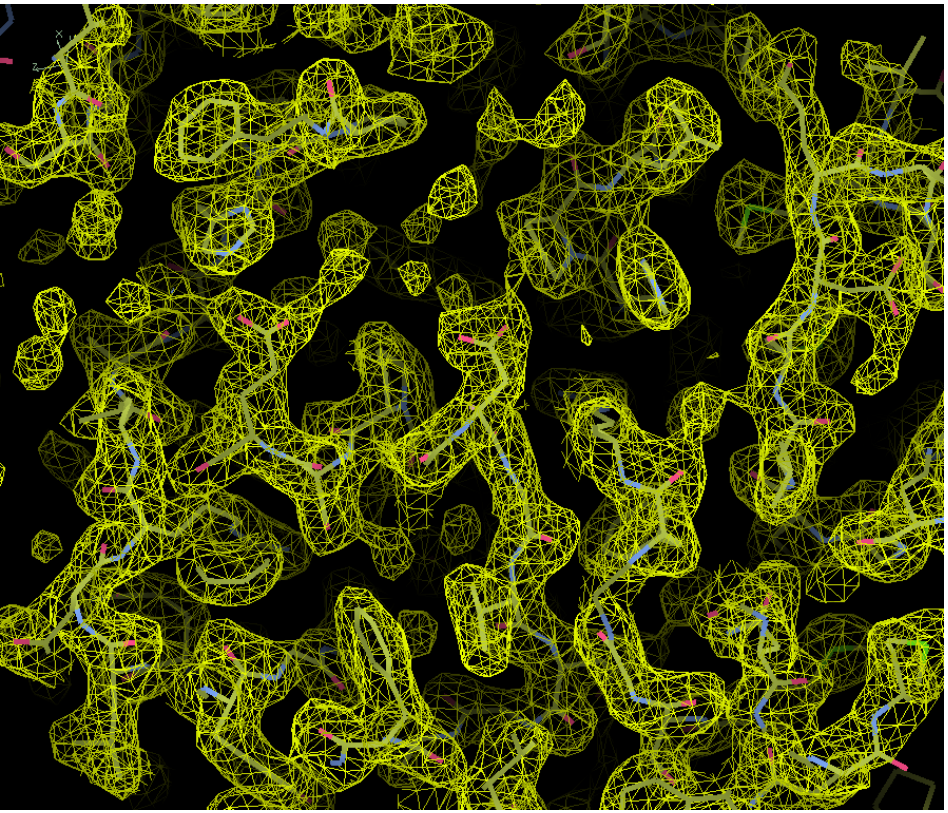

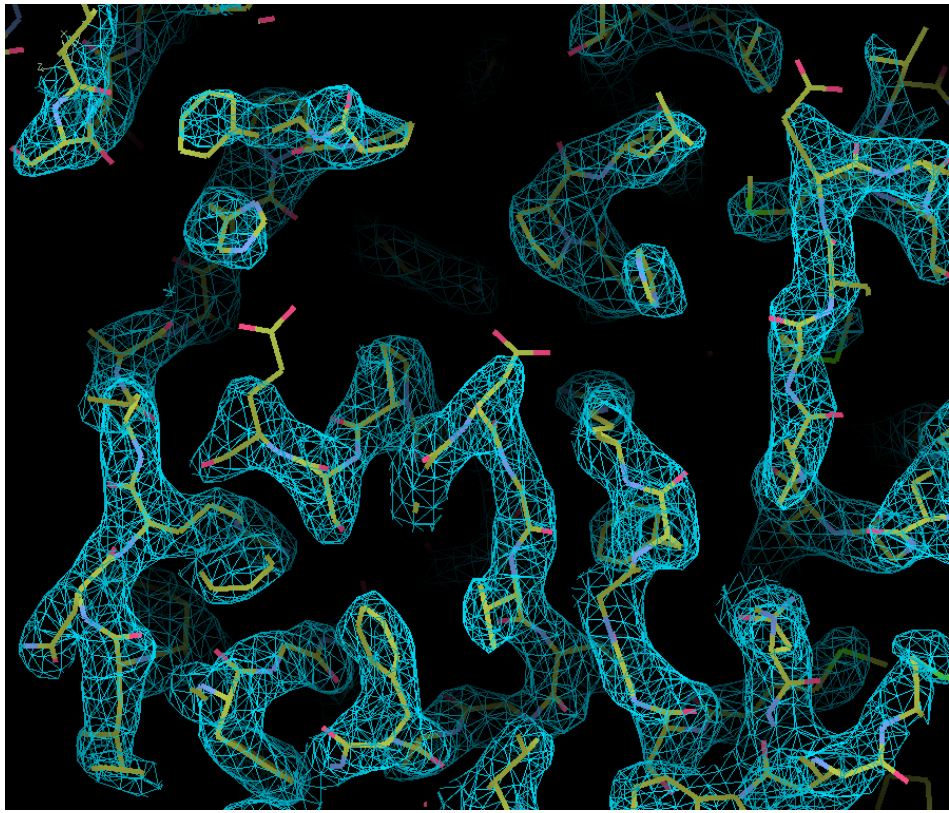

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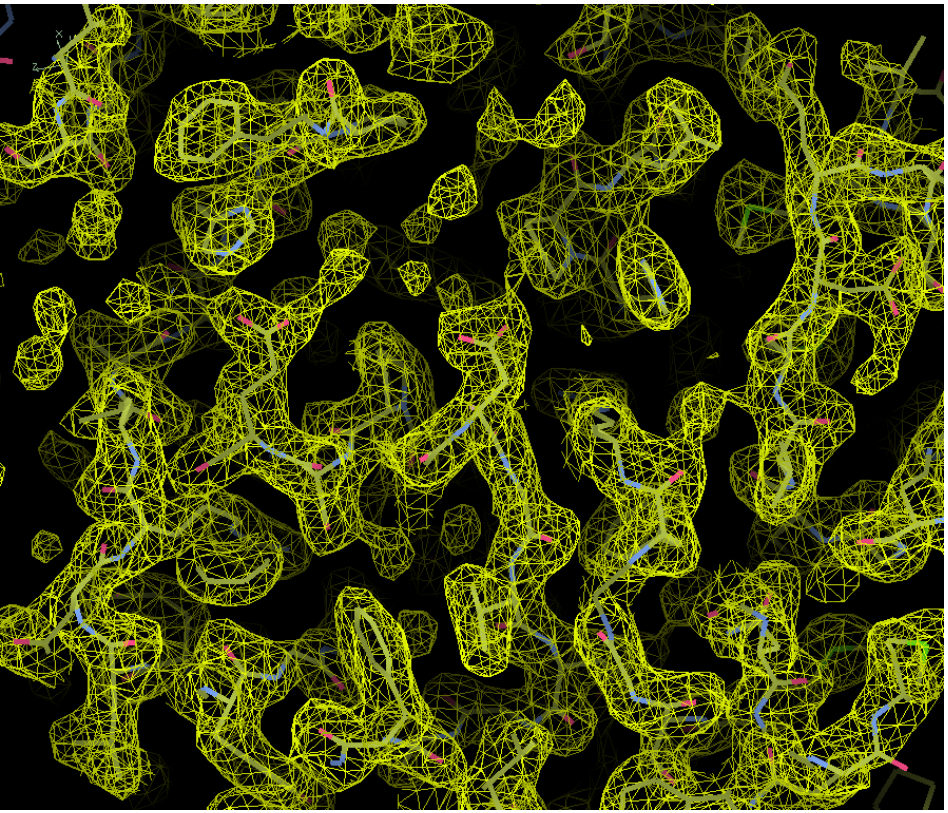
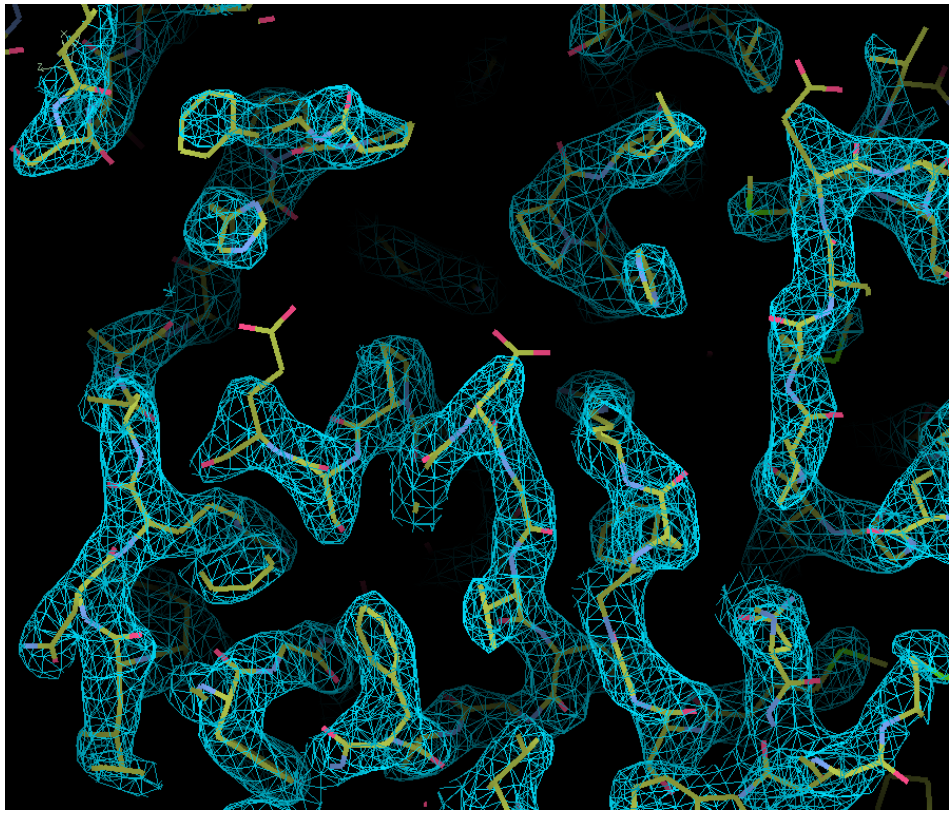
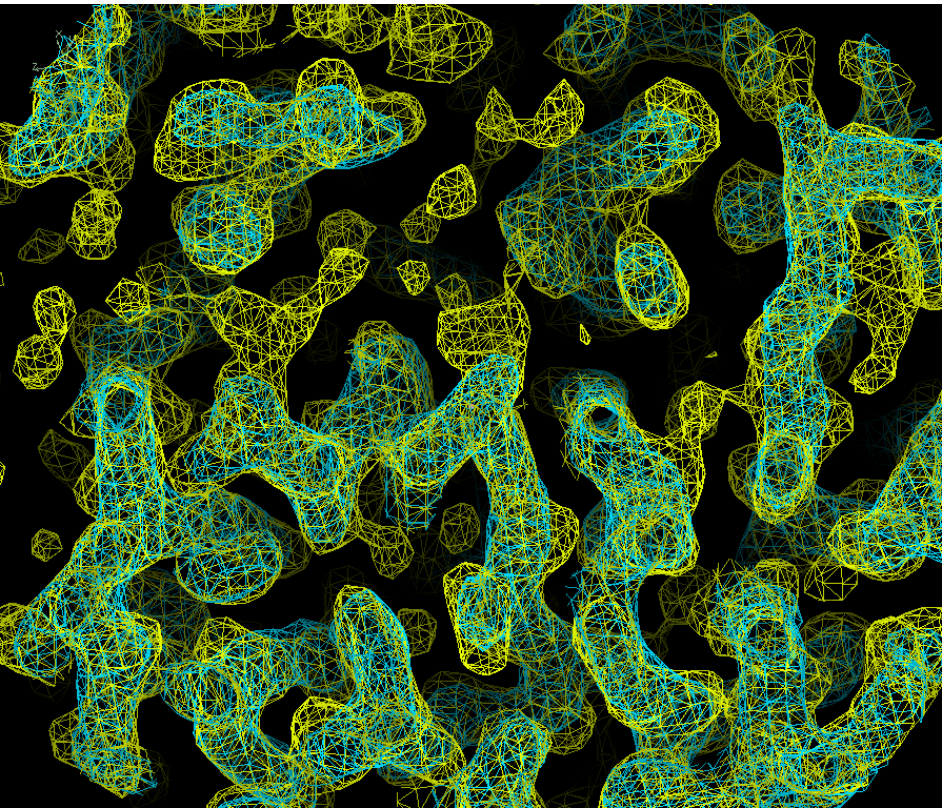


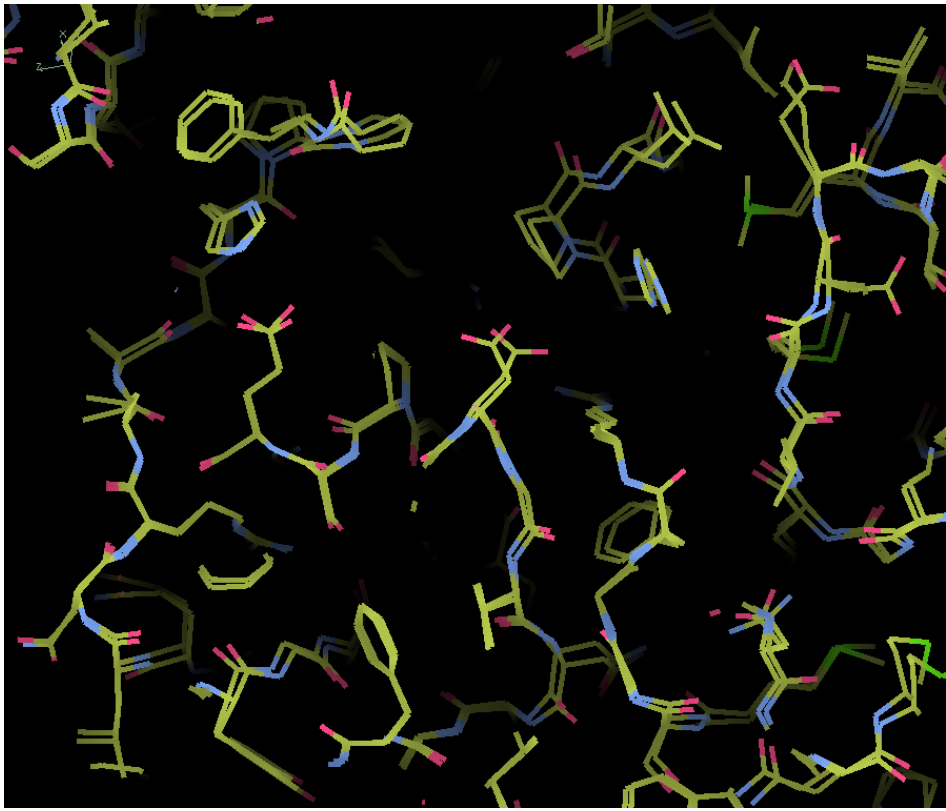
X-ray (PDB 3i3b)



Cryo-EM (PDB 5a1a)

X-ray and cryo-EM maps can be very similar…

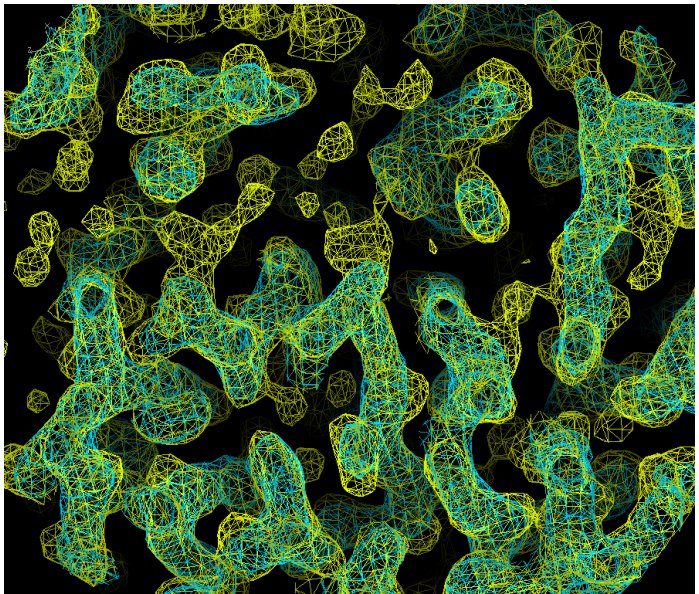


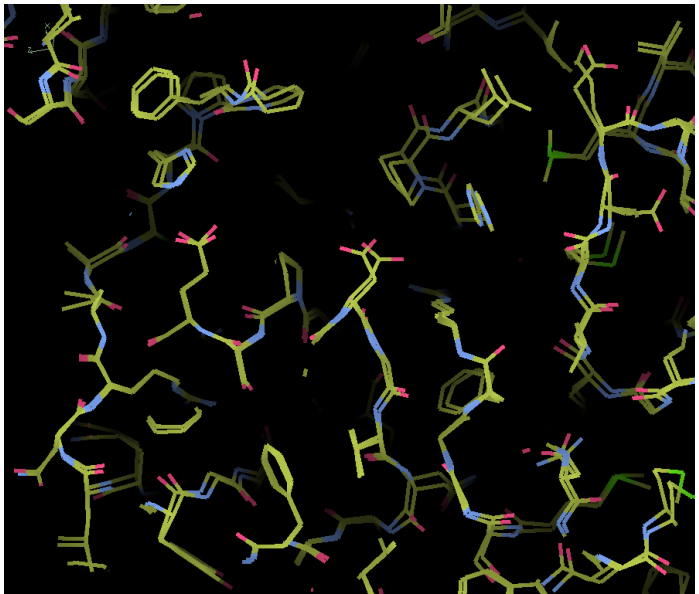


…but have different strengths

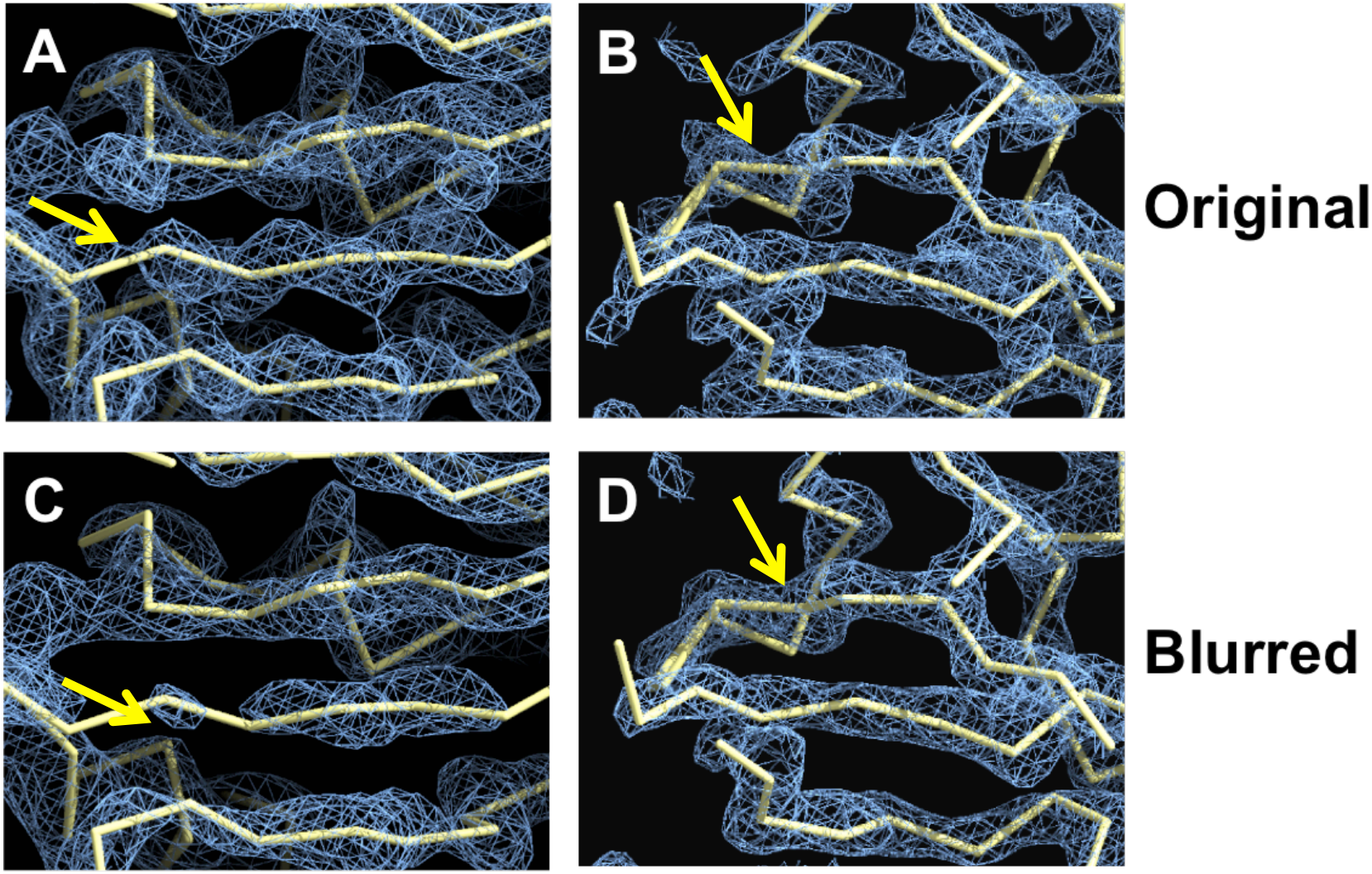
X-ray maps be improved by density modification—cryoEM maps are what you get

Cryo-EM maps may have more accurate low-resolution information

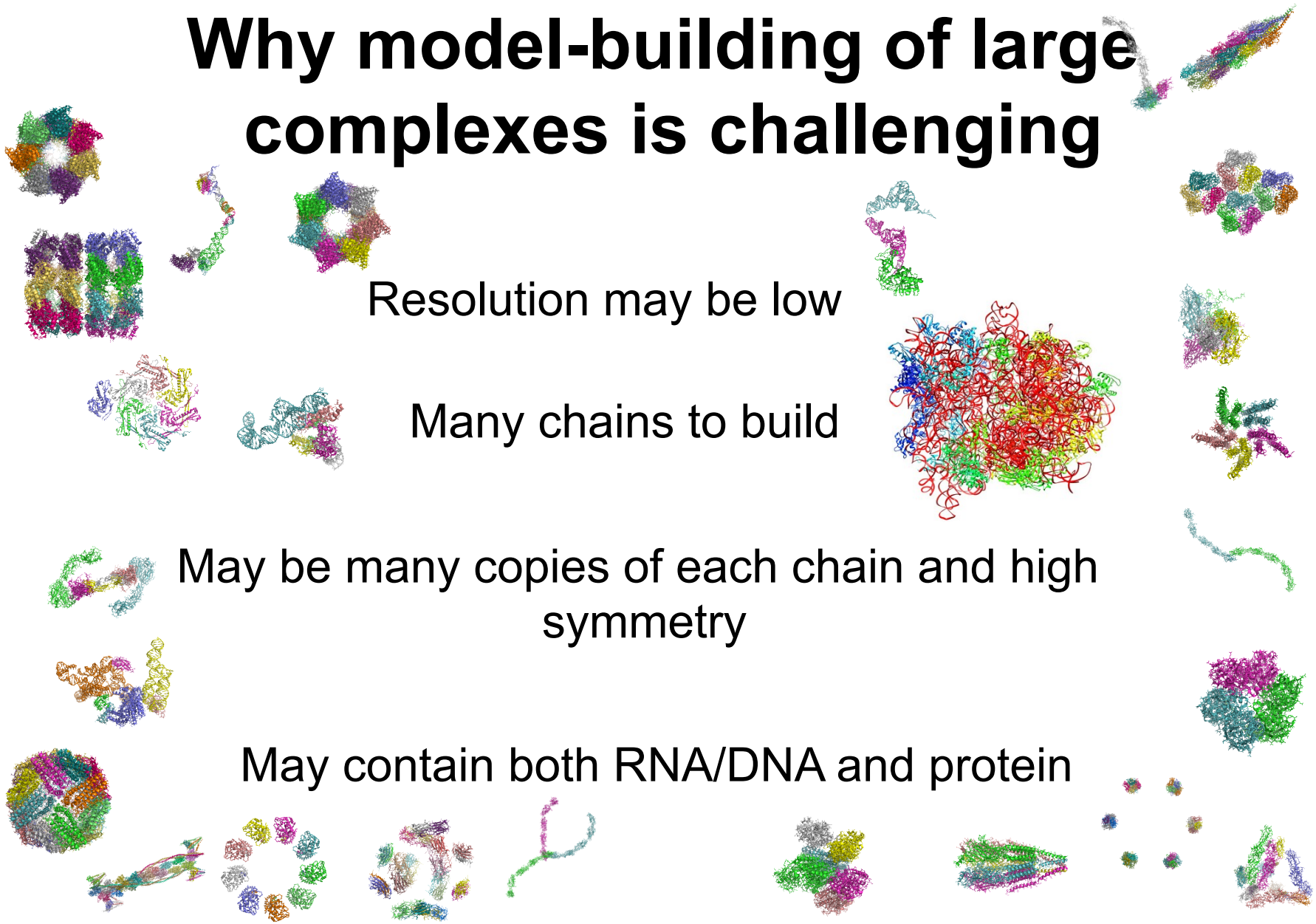




More accurate low-resolution information in cryo-EM



Why model-building of large complexes is challenging



Resolution may be low

Many chains to build

May be many copies of each chain and high symmetry

May contain both RNA/DNA and protein

Additional challenges for cryo-EM maps

What is the magnification of the map?
(as much as 10% uncertainty in scale factor)

What is the optimal sharpening of the map?
(X-ray maps too)

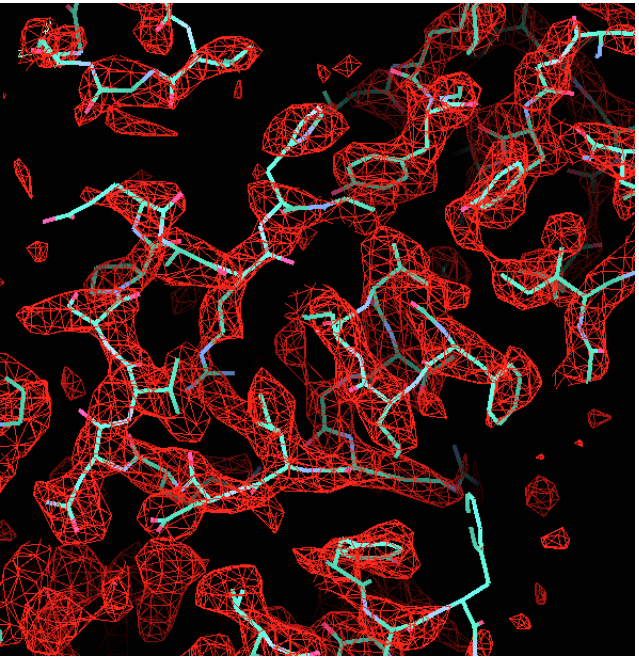
What is the region containing the molecule?

Anthrax toxin protective antigen pore at 2.9 Å

7-fold symmetry

Jiang et al., 2015

Automatic map sharpening



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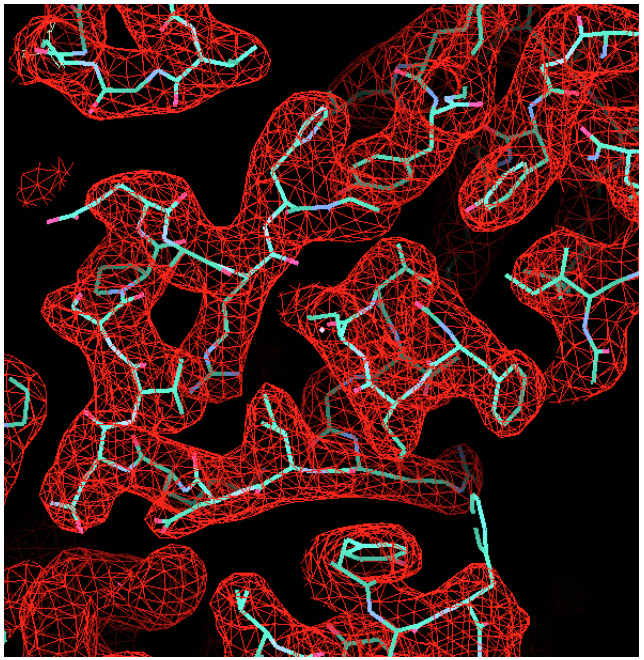
(density broken)



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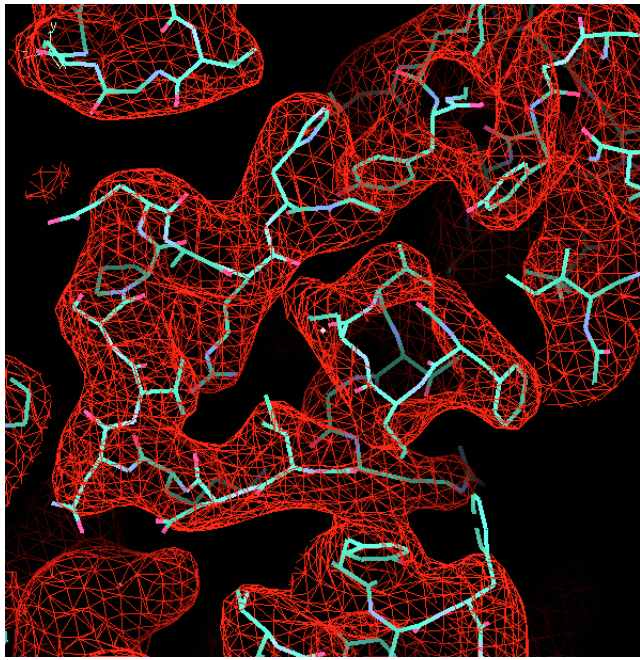
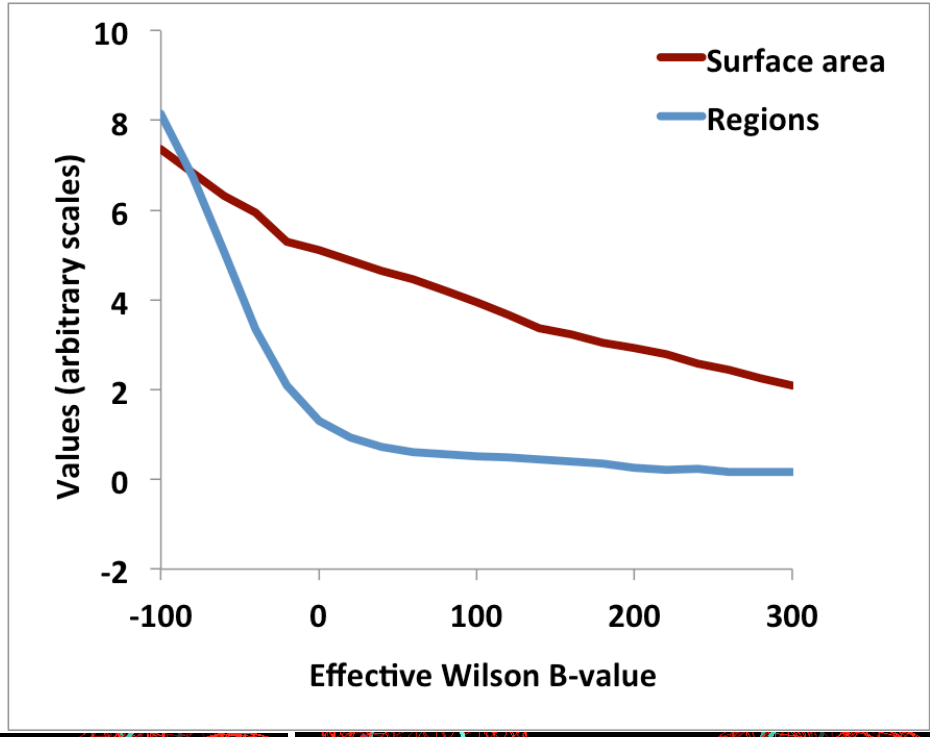
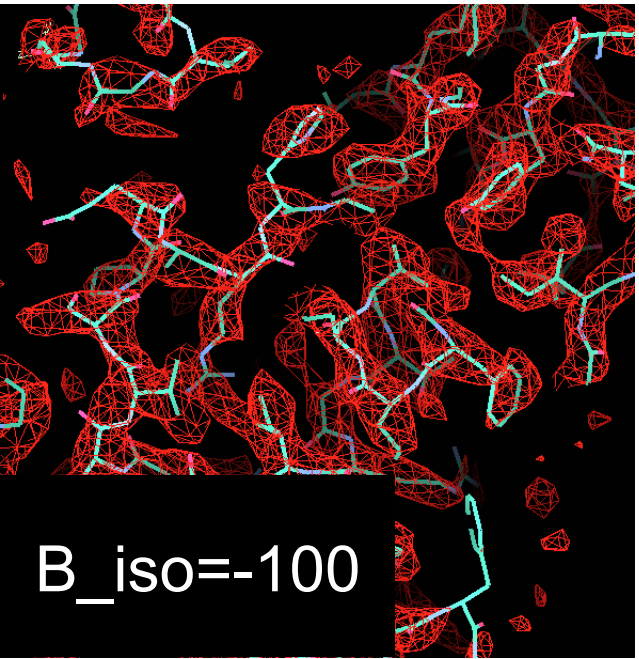
(clear density)

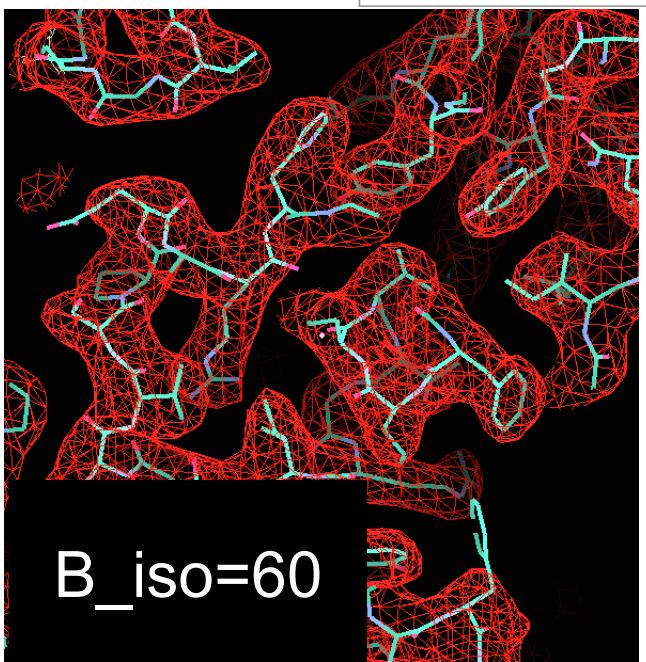


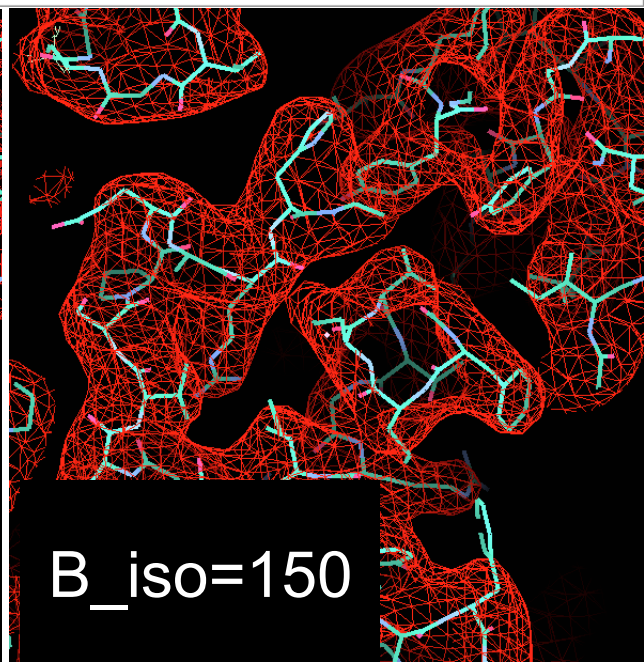
B_iso =150
(blurred density)

Sharpening based on contiguous regions and surface area

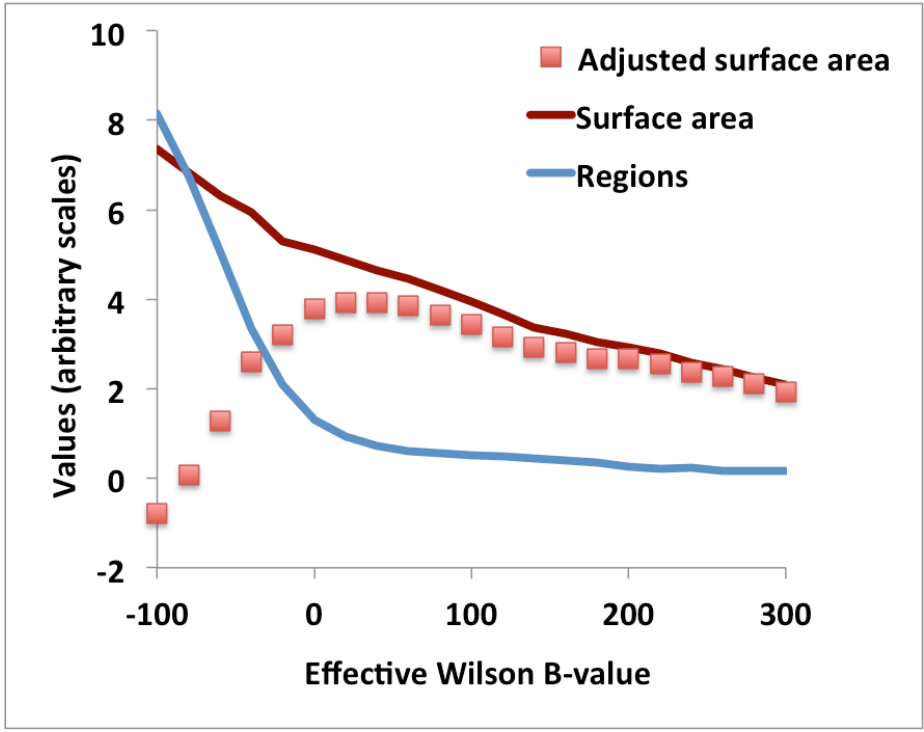


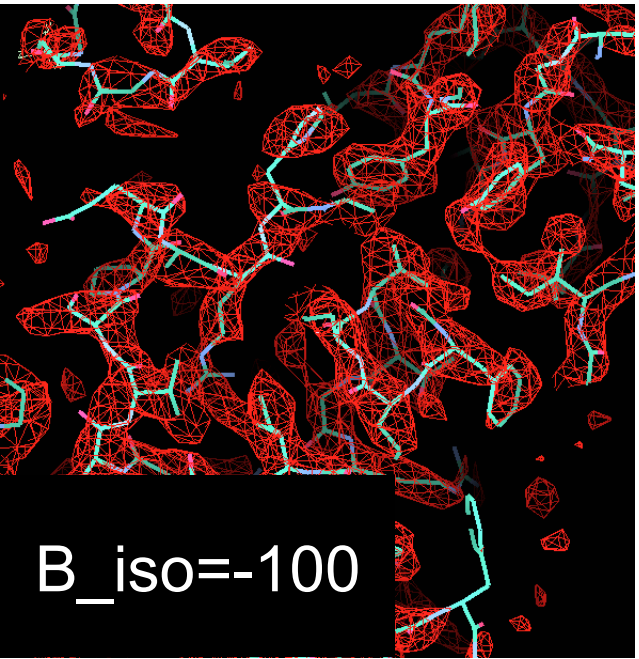


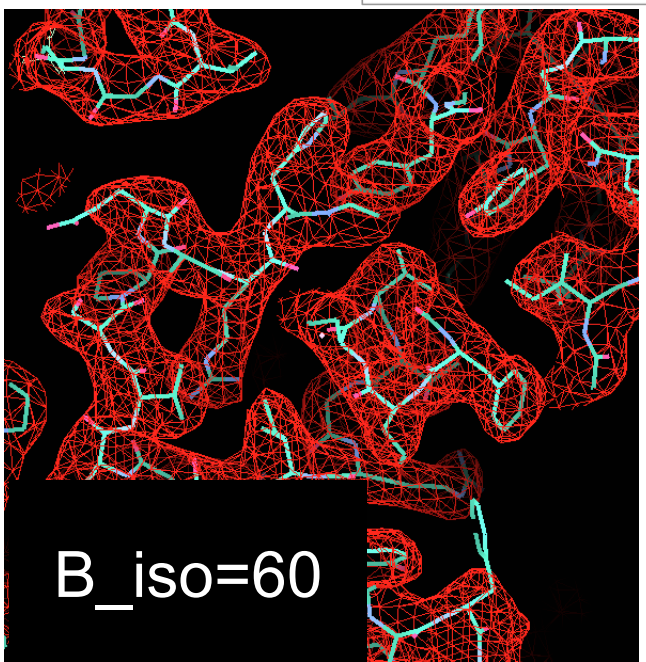


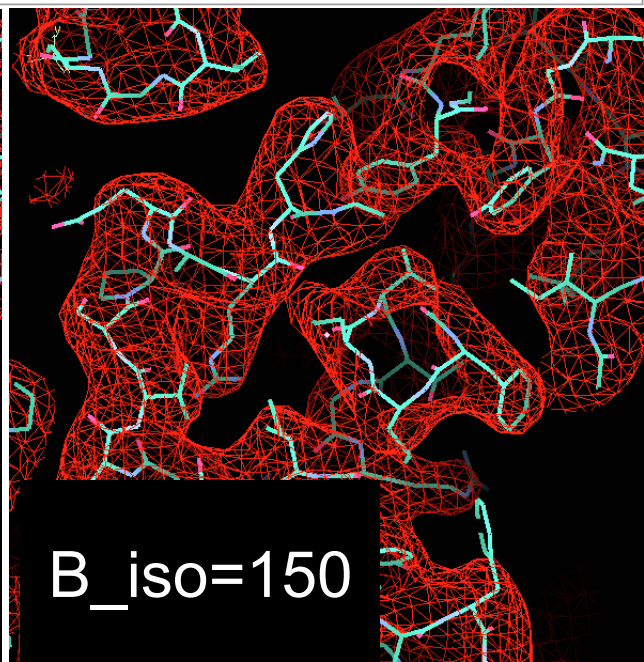


Adjusted surface area: surface area – weight * number of regions

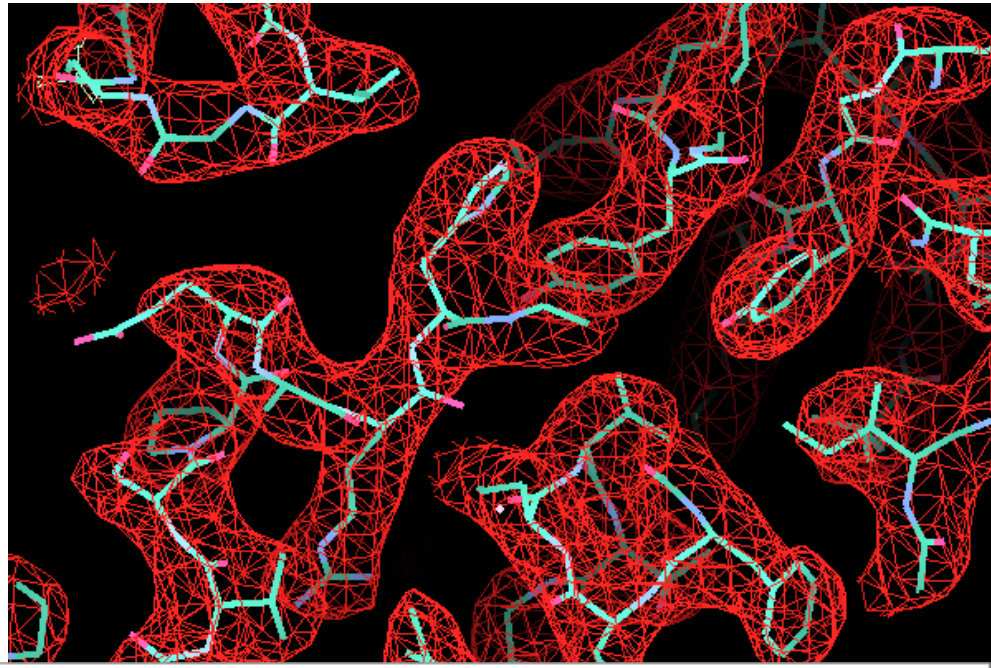




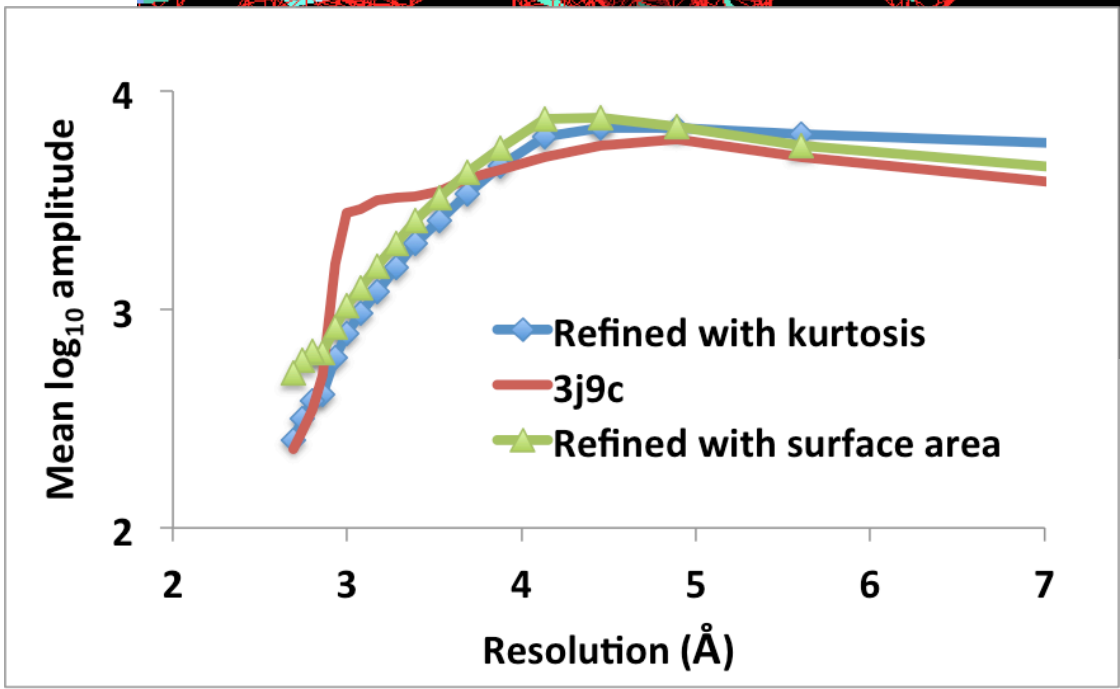




Adjusted surface area can be used to refine resolution-dependent normalization of map coefficients



- Amplitudes normalized (B-iso=0)
- 3-parameter resolution-dependent weights applied to normalized amplitudes
- Log(<F>) varies linearly with $\sin^2\theta/\lambda^2$ in 3 ranges of resolution



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Adjusted surface area vs original

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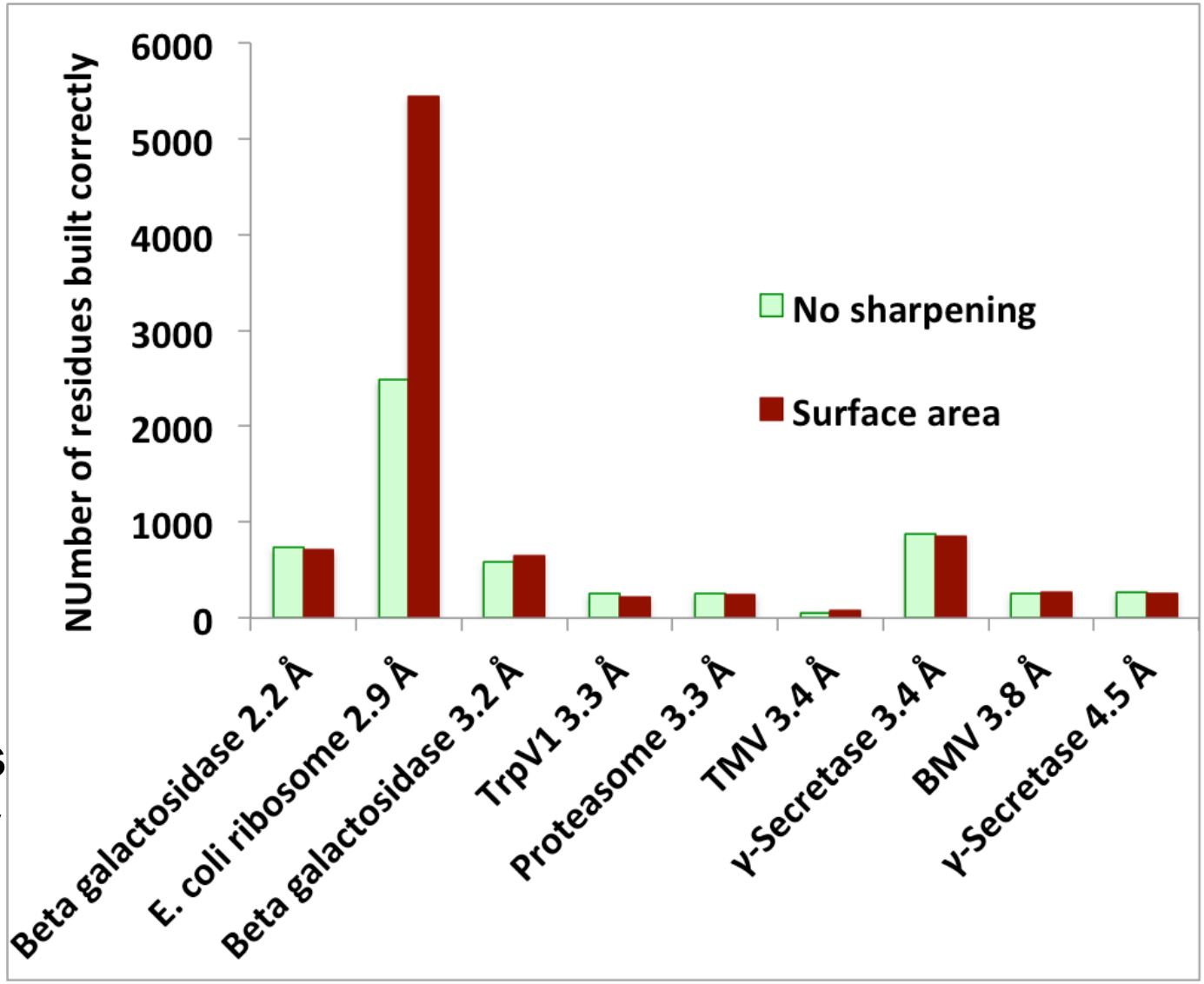
- **2.2-4.5 Å**
- **Total residues built correctly**



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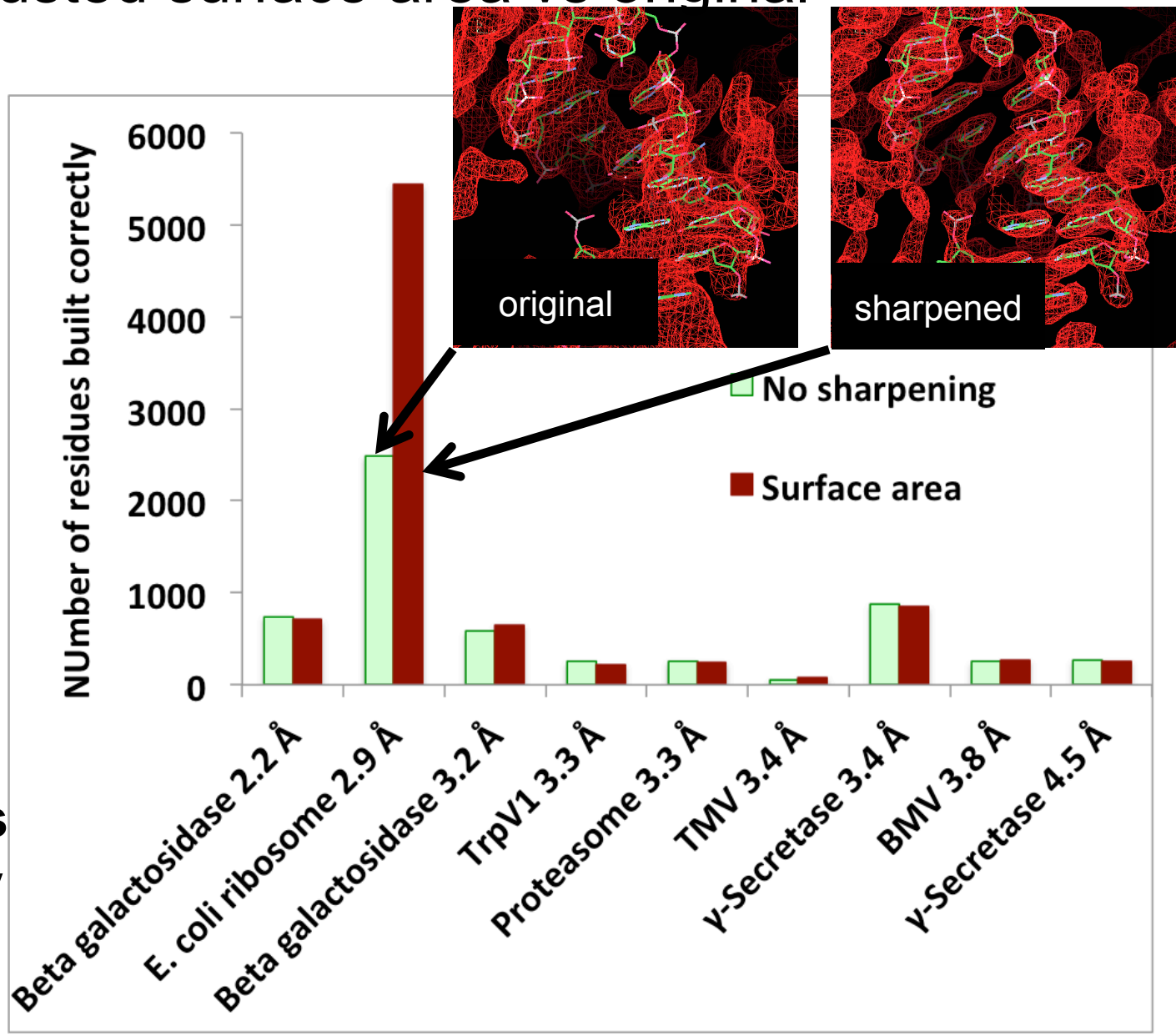


Automatic map segmentation

Use symmetry of the map

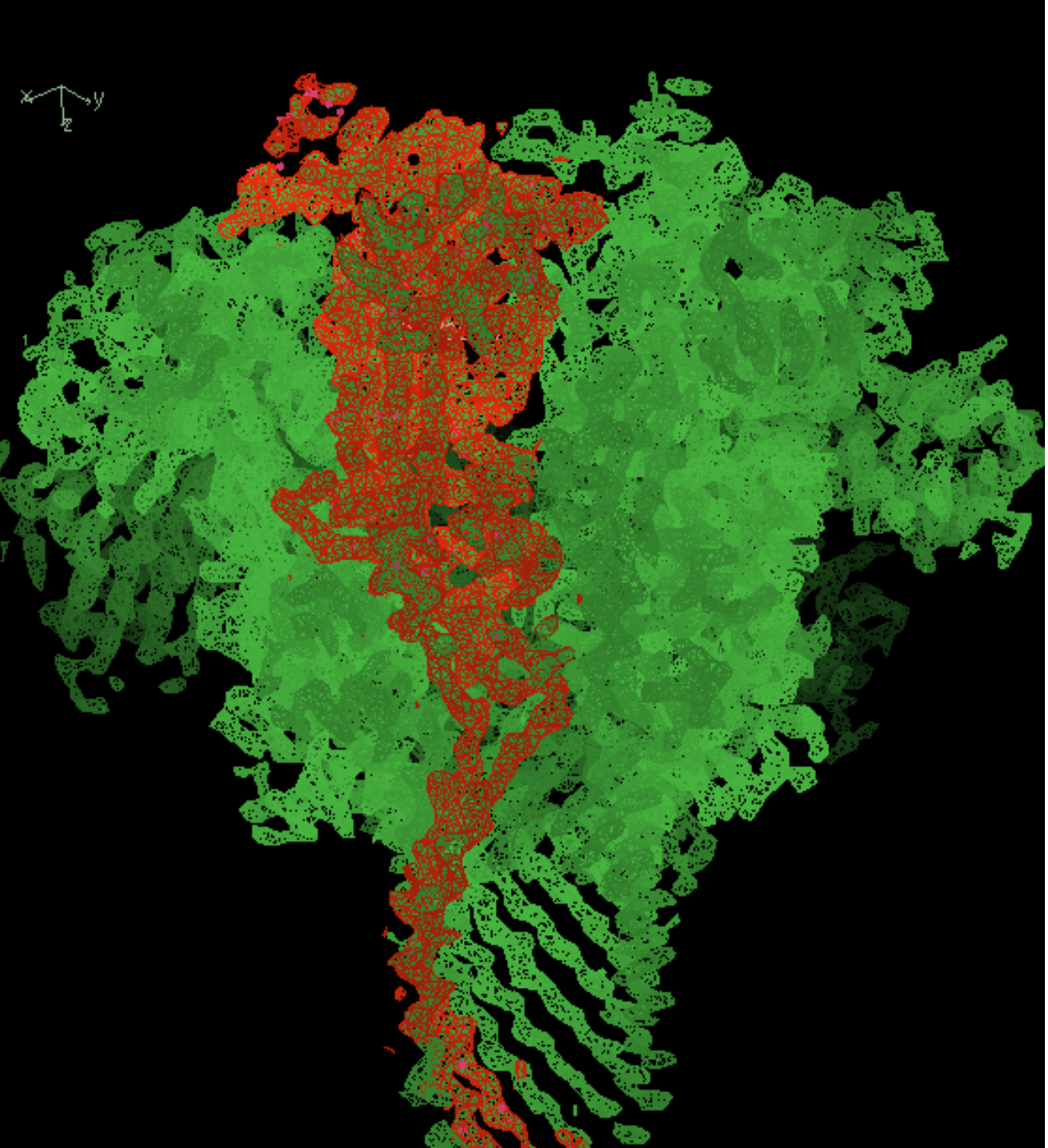
Identify contiguous regions representing asymmetric unit of the map

Choose symmetry-copies that make compact molecule

Anthrax toxin protective antigen pore at 2.9 Å

7-fold symmetry

Jiang et al., 2015



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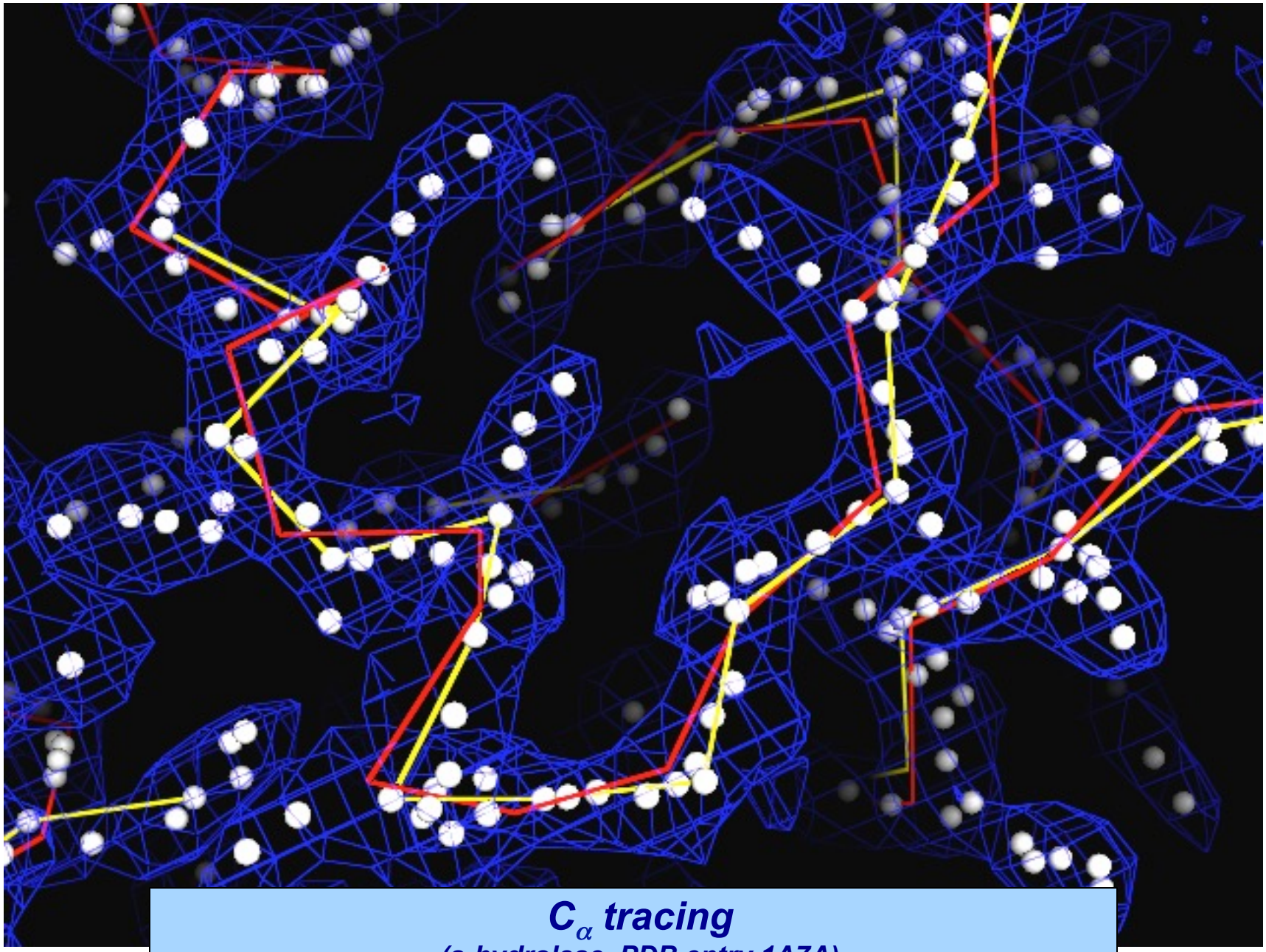
Automated interpretation of Low-resolution maps

- Cut out asymmetric unit of the map
- Trace chain and build model
- Idealize secondary structure and refine
- Assemble and refine (protein/RNA/DNA)
- Apply molecular symmetry and re-refine

Low-resolution backbone chain-tracing for proteins

- Variable map sharpening
- Trace protein main chain
- Identify direction of main chain by fit to density



C_α tracing

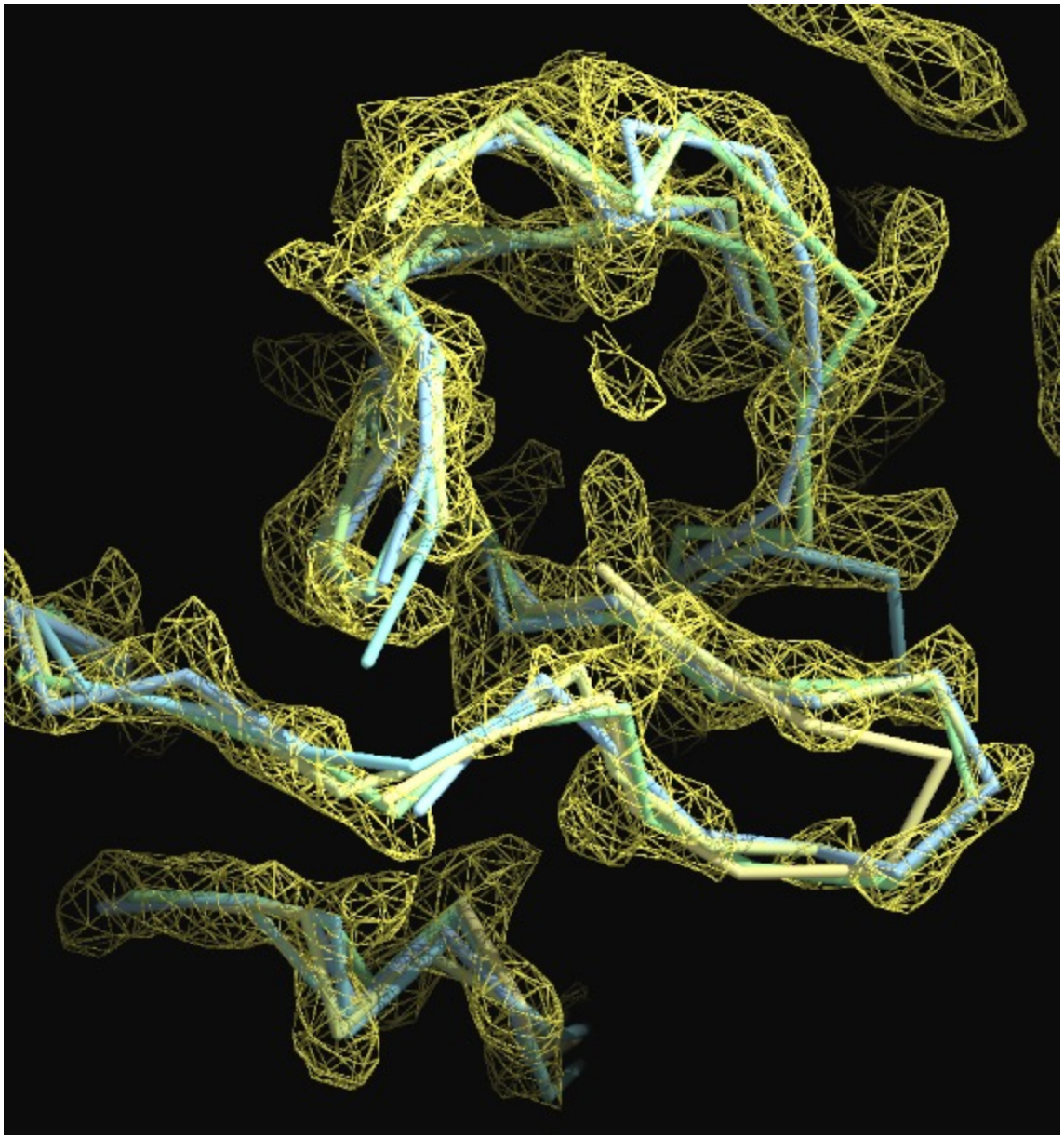
(s-hydrolase, PDB entry 1A7A)

Model improvement by iterative secondary-structure assignment and real-space refinement

- Find the secondary structure (helices/strands)
- Identify idealized atom-atom distances
- Refine including the secondary-structure restraints
- Score based on map correlation and number of suitable H-bonds in models

Chain tracings of cryo-EM map

(Chain I, yeast mitochondrial ribosome large subunit, 3.2 Å, 3j6b)



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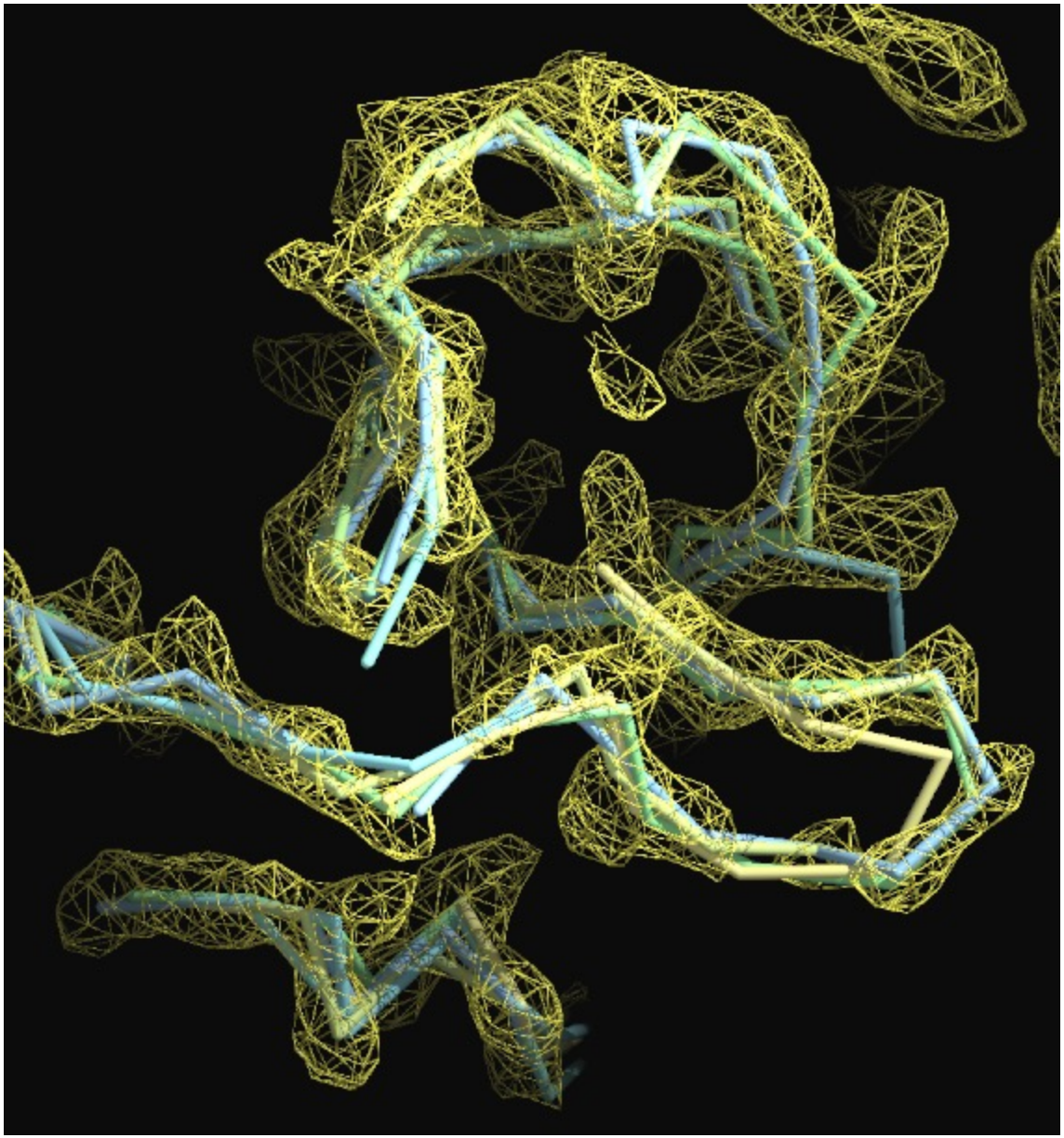
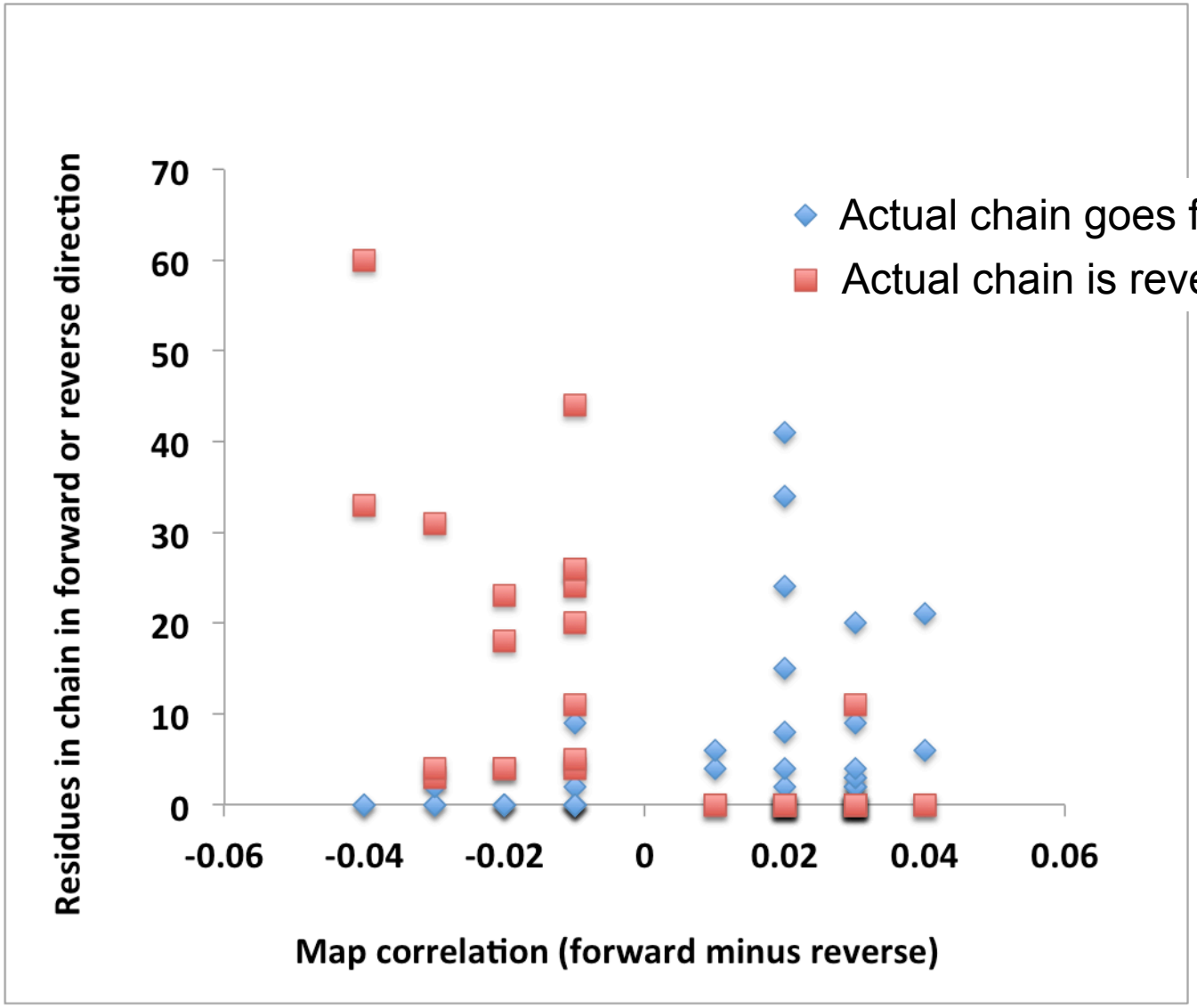


Which direction does the chain go?

Identifying chain direction by map correlation



Optimizing model

- Refine and rebuild model (simulated annealing, rebuilding and combination of best parts of each model)
- Replace segments with idealized structure
- Identify hydrogen-bonding (β-sheets, α-helices) and use them as restraints in real-space refinement

Simulated annealing refinement and recombination
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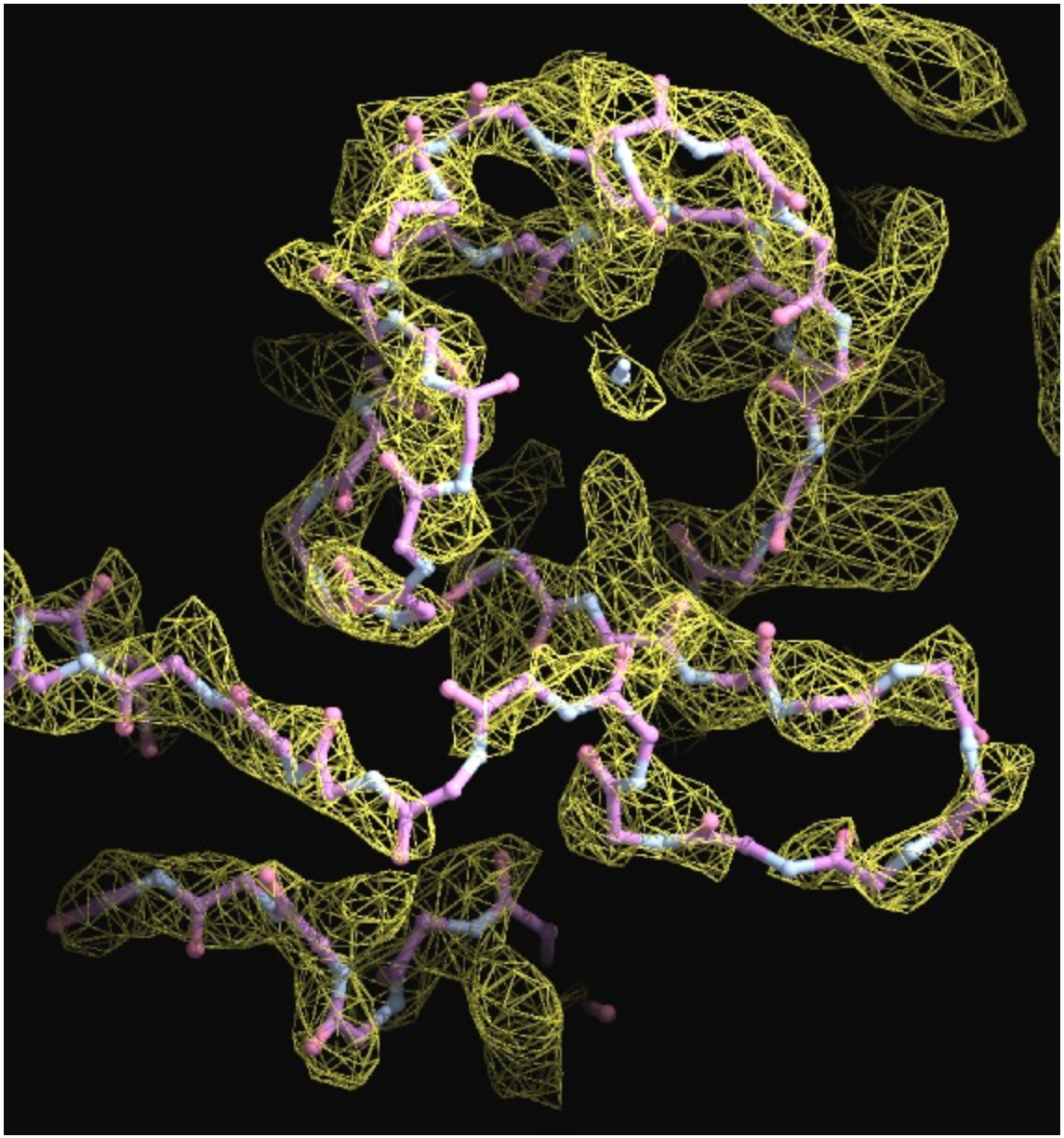

Rebuilding

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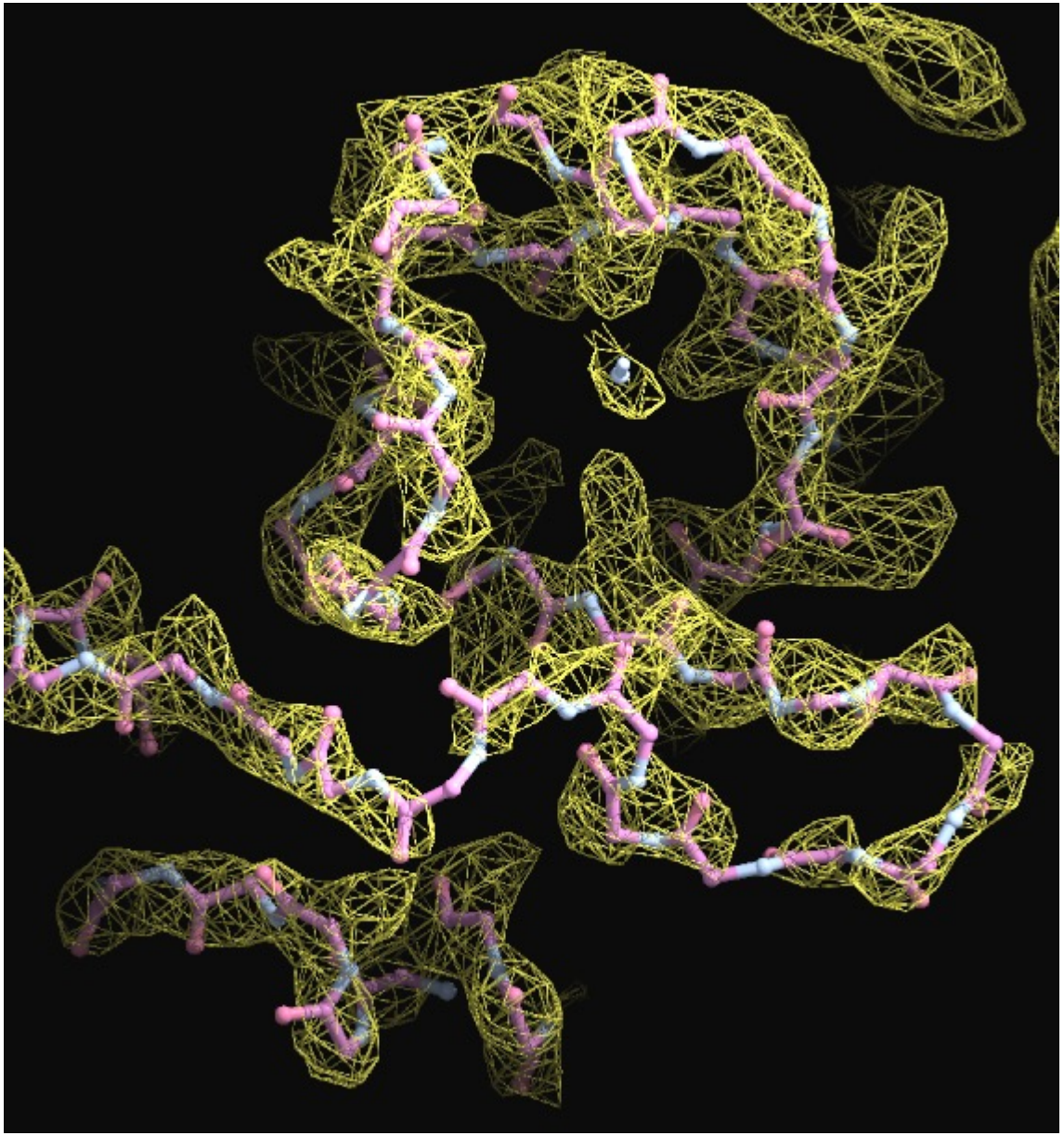

Idealization and refinement

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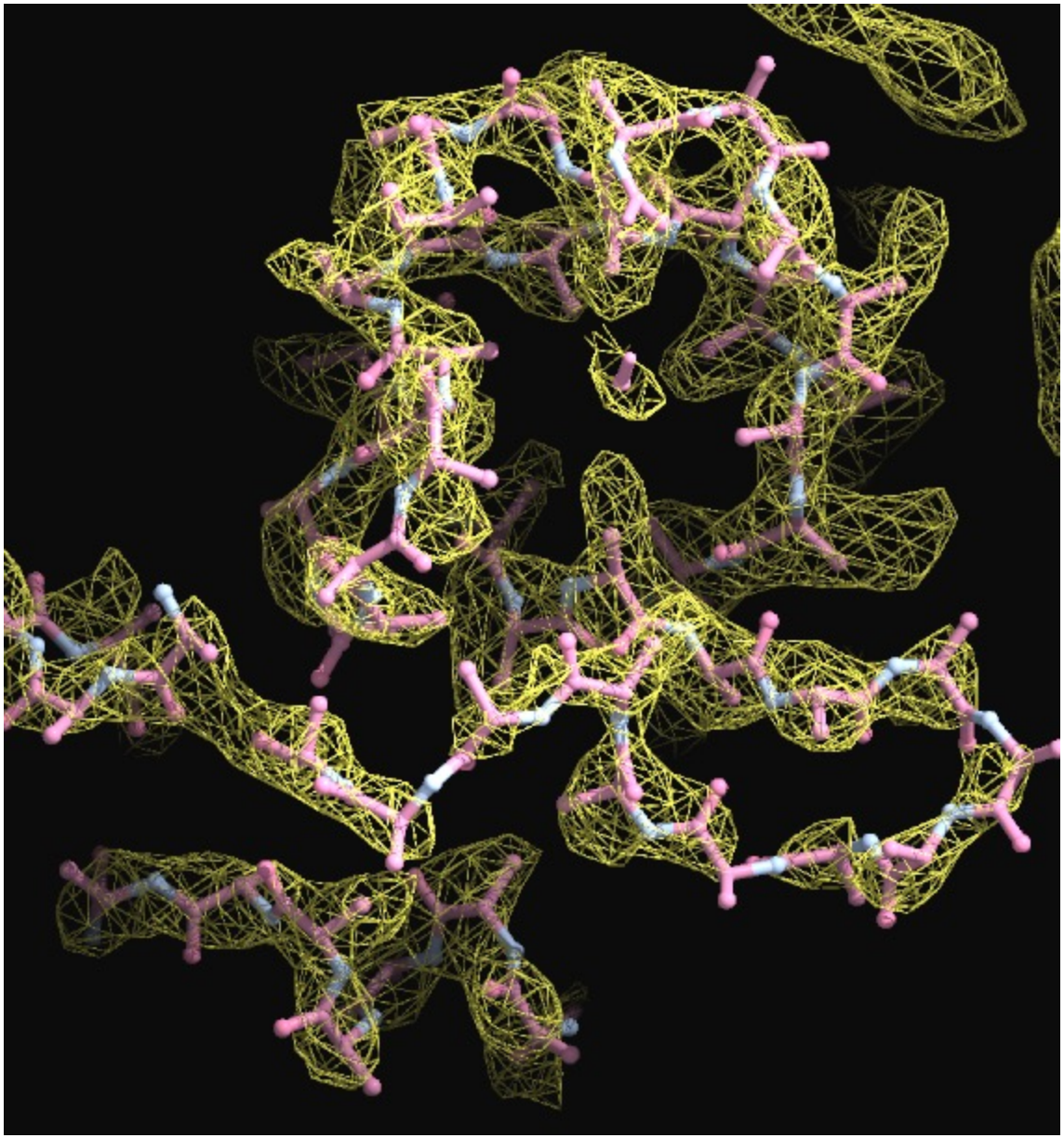
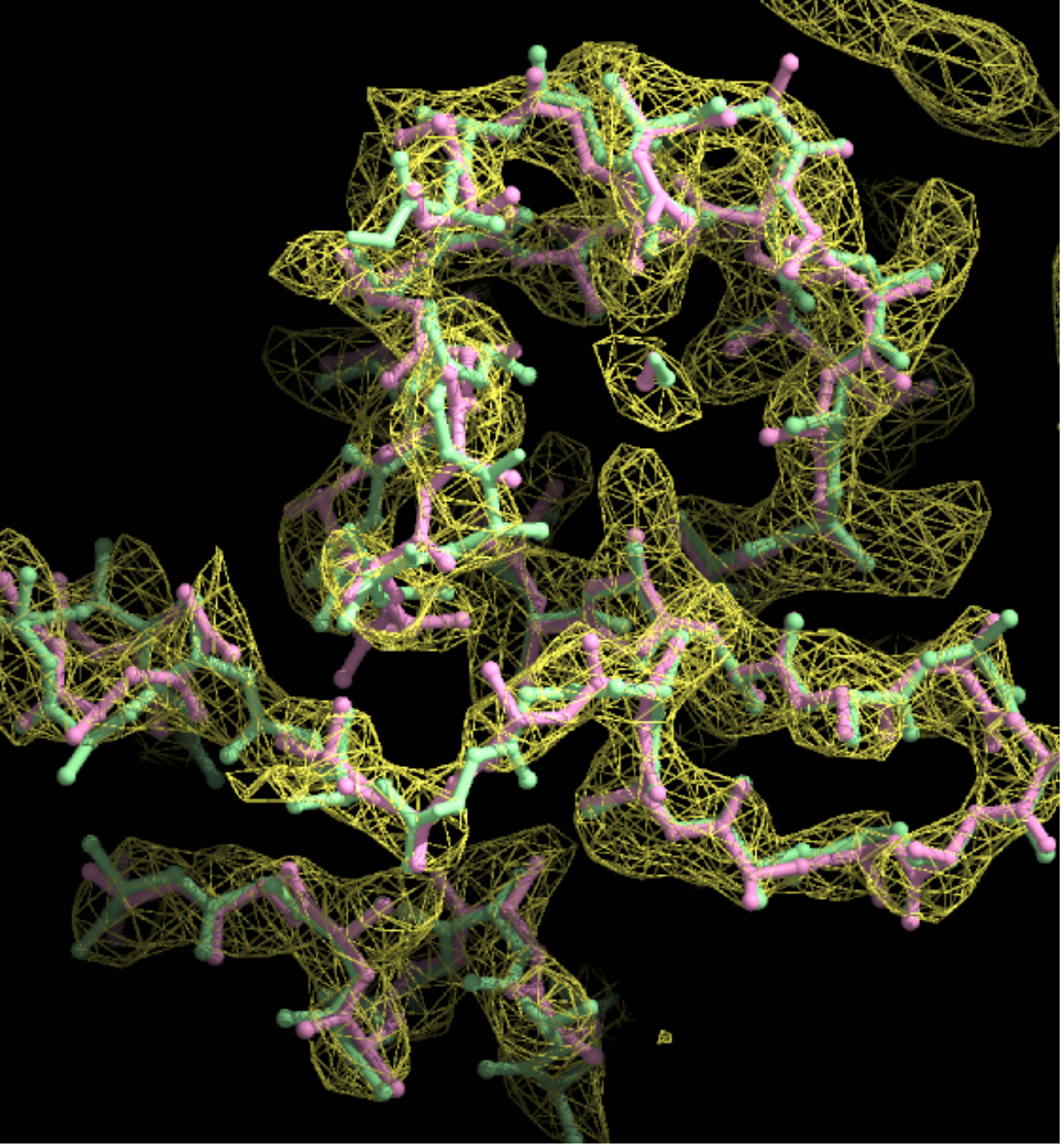




Cryo-EM map from yeast mitochondrial ribosome (chain I of large subunit, 3.2 Å, Amunts et al., 2014)

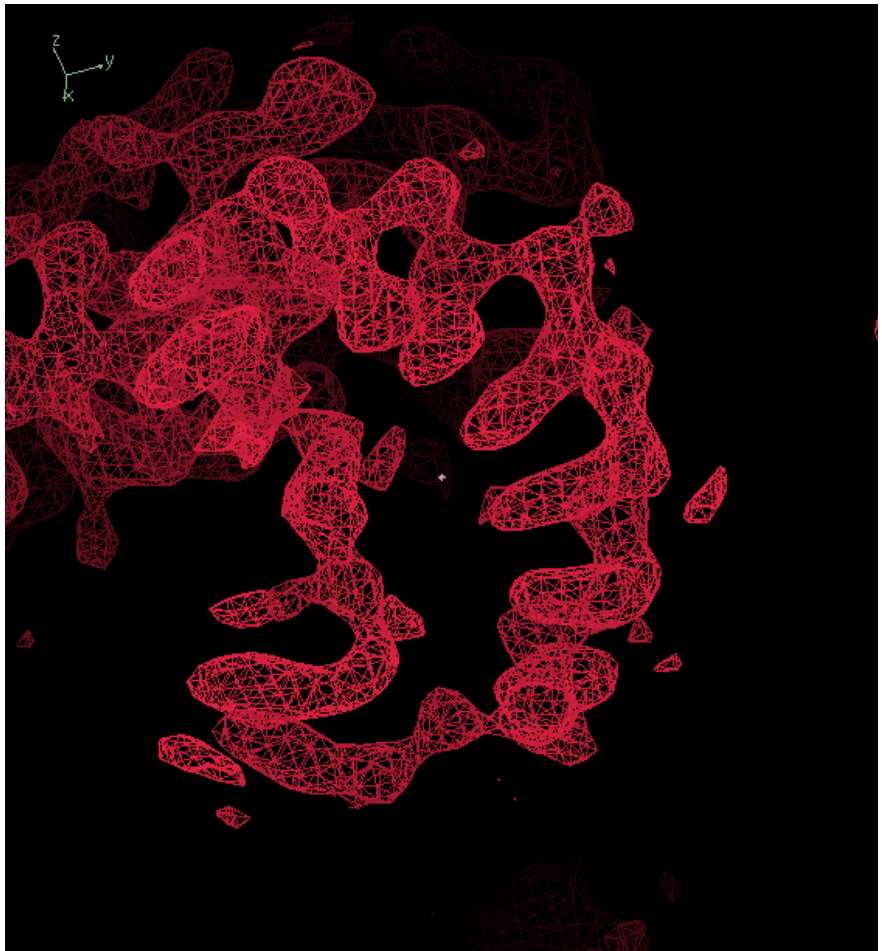
Autobuilt model (pink)
Deposited model (green)
(main-chain and C^{β} atoms)

Automated interpretation of cryo-EM maps

- Cut out molecule
- Identify optimal sharpening
- Try building protein/RNA/DNA (whatever may be there)
- Choose segment type by map correlation
- Assemble and refine
- Apply molecular symmetry and refine again

70S ribosome at 2.9 Å
RNA/Protein building into segmented map

Segmented density



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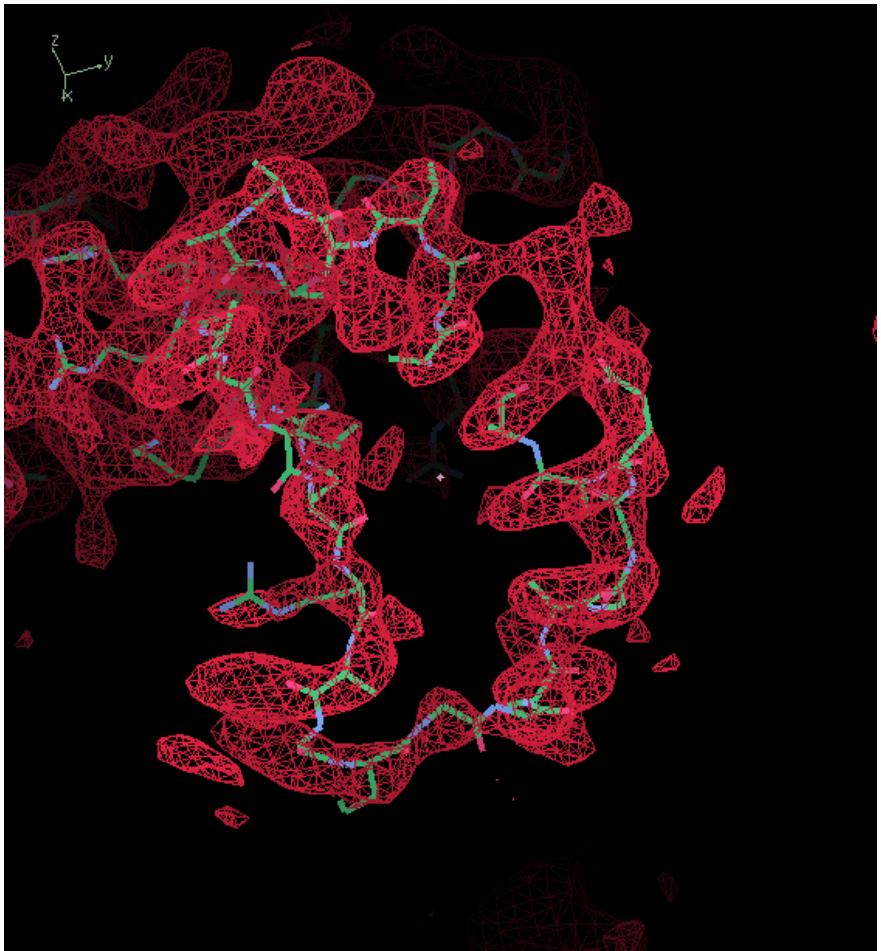

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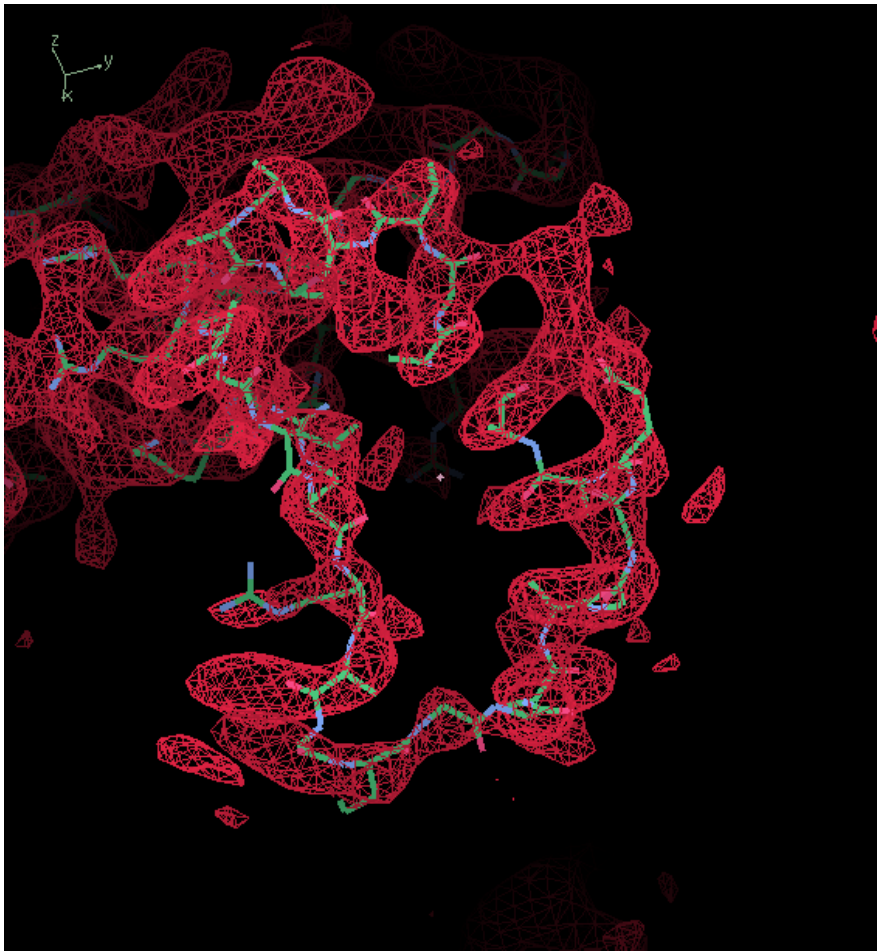

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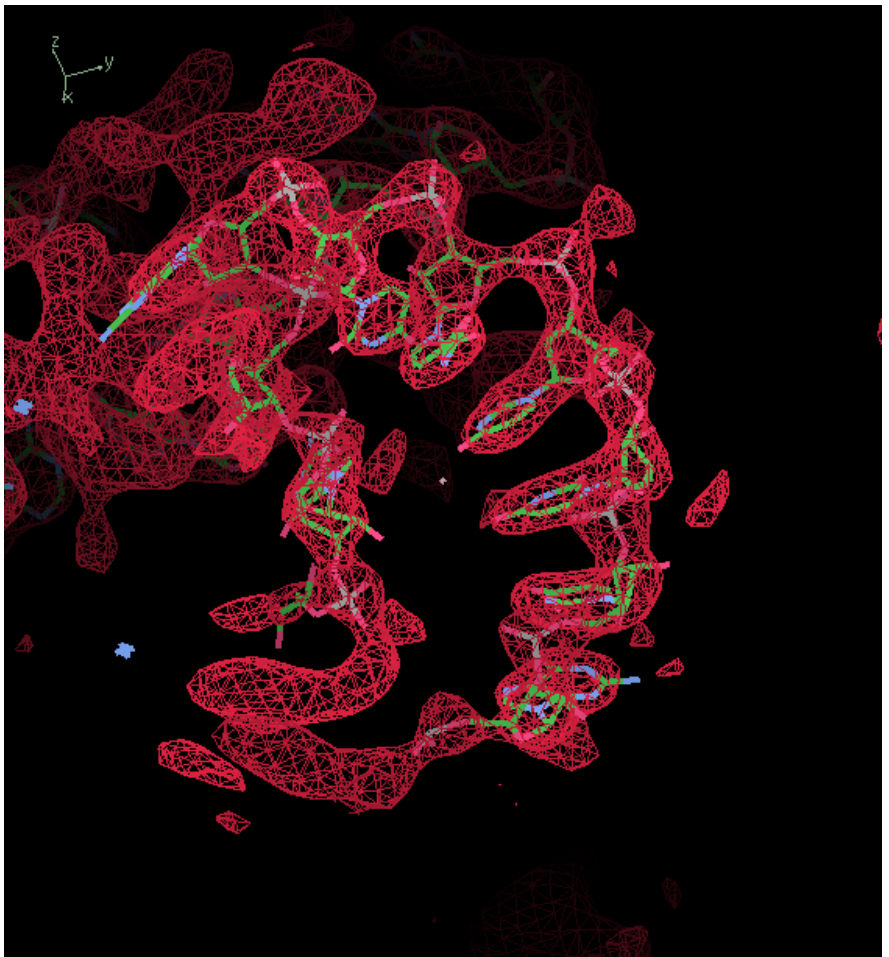
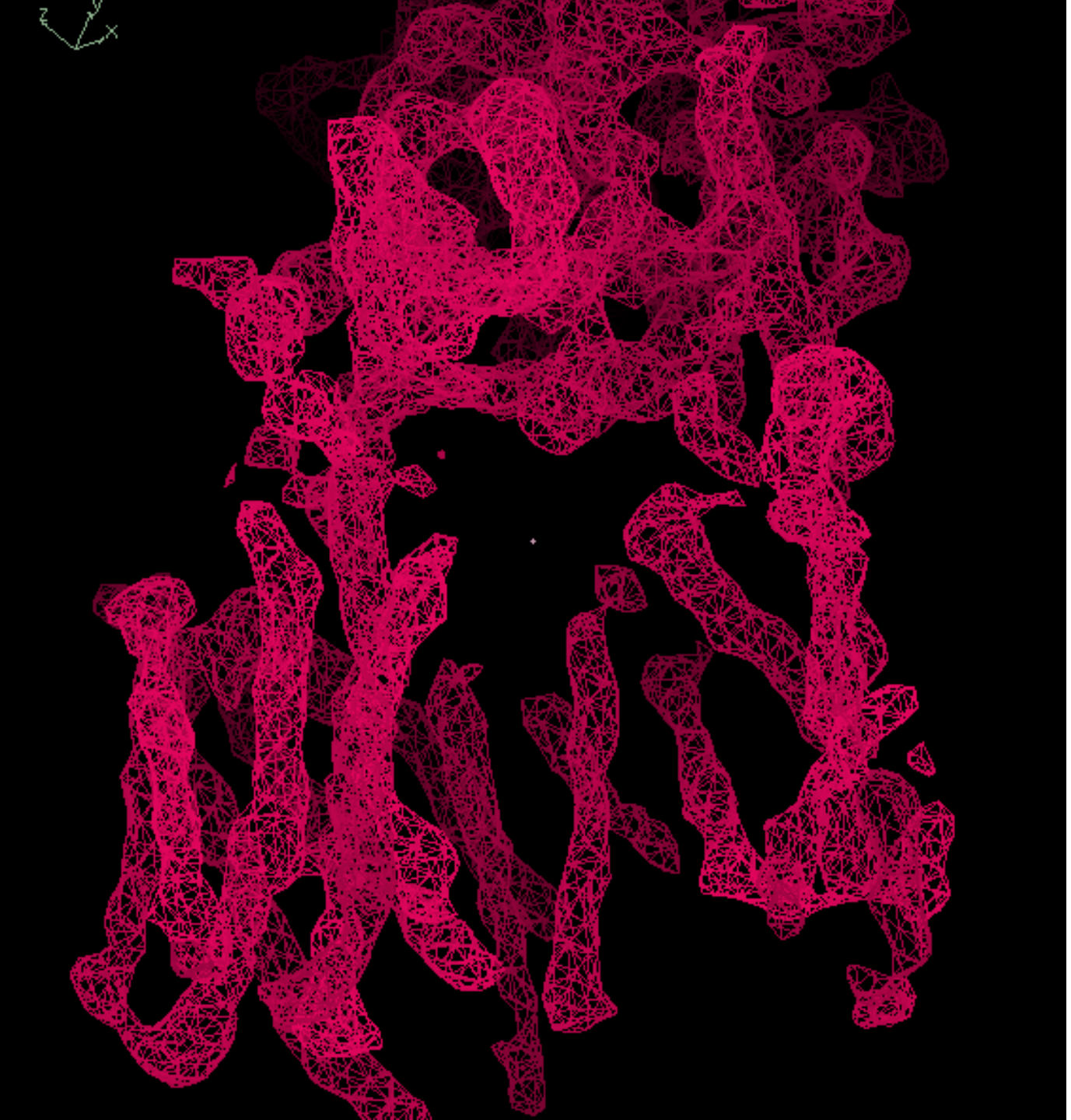
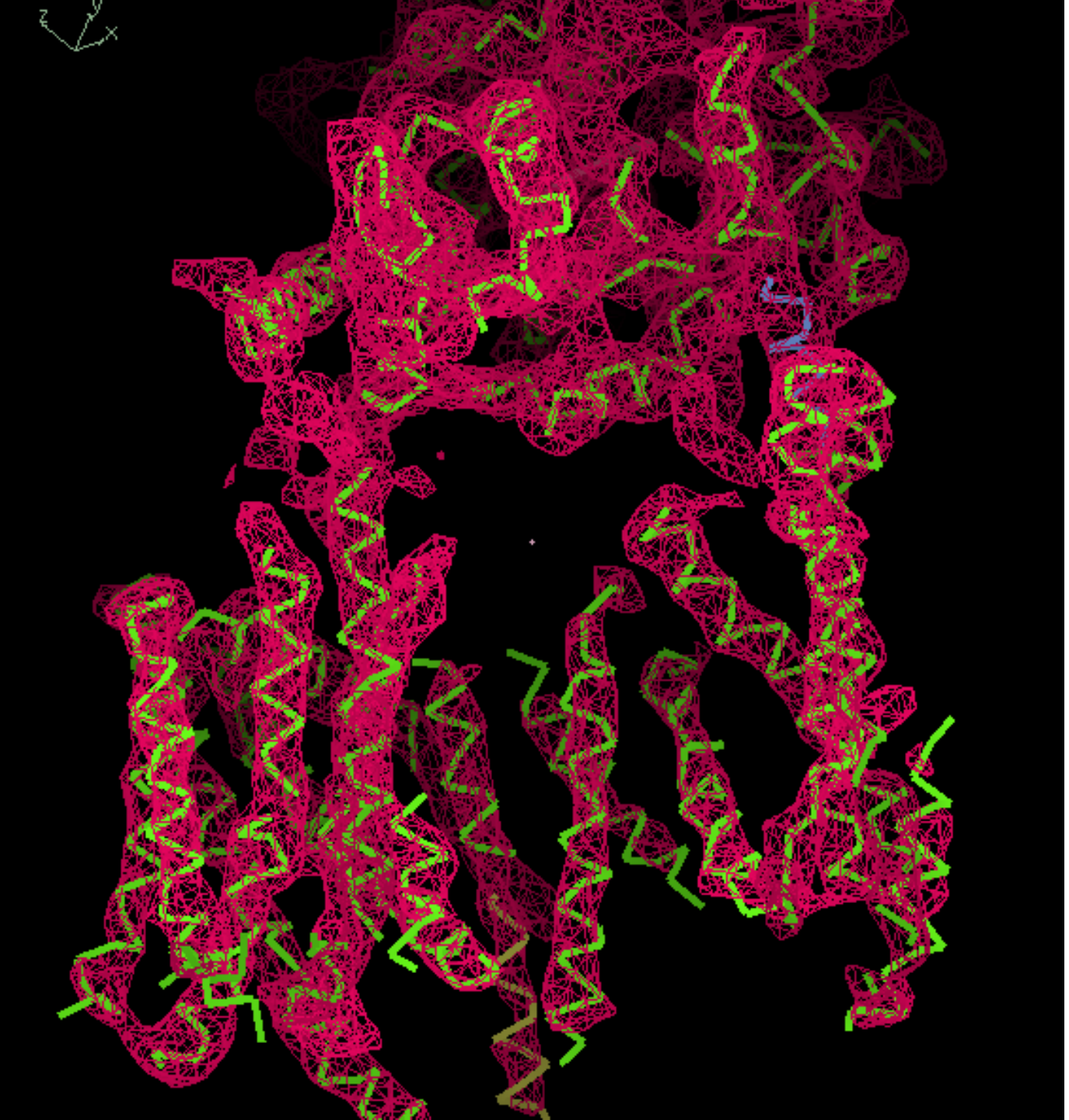




Gamma-secretase at 4.5 Å (emd_2677)



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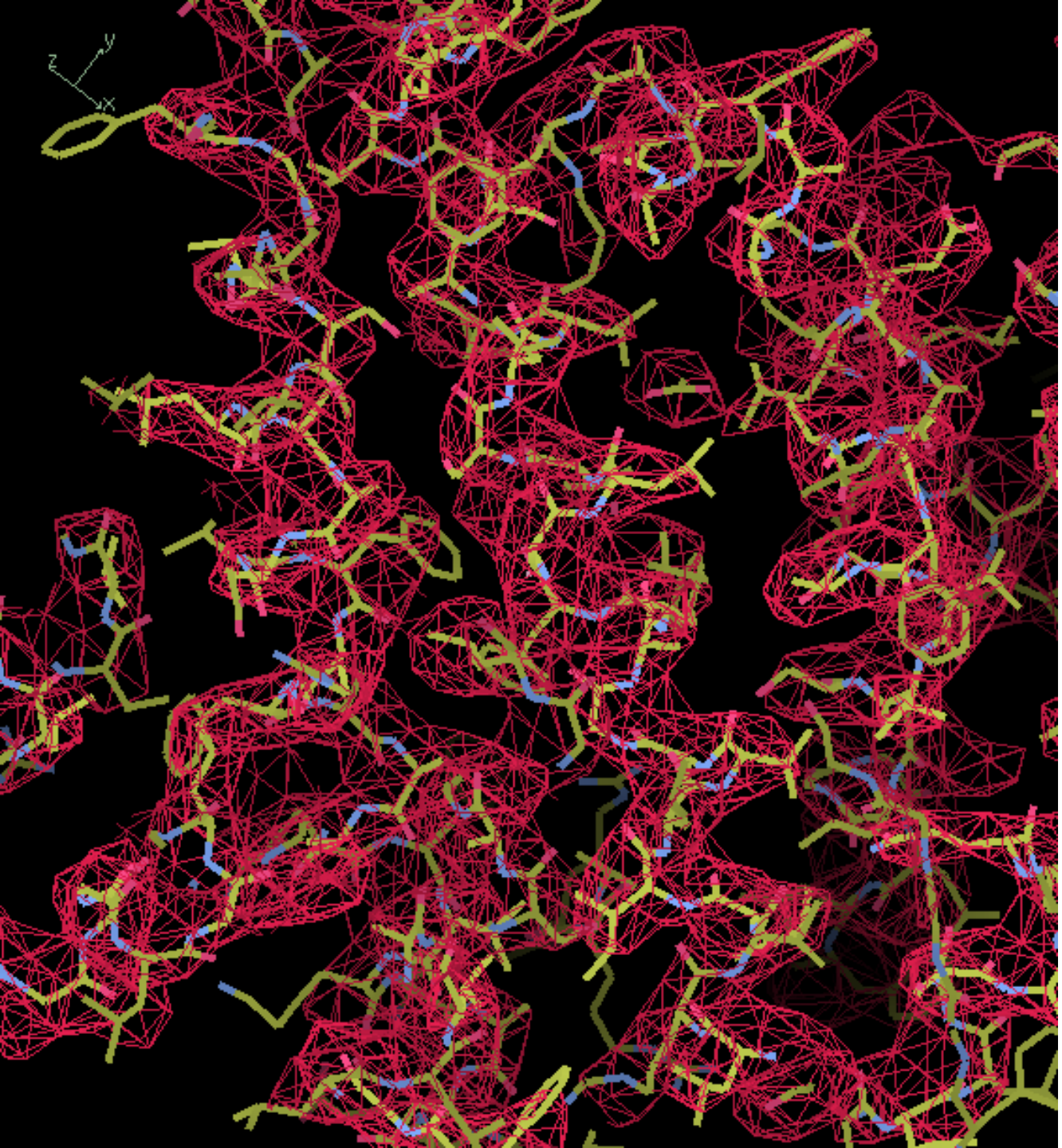
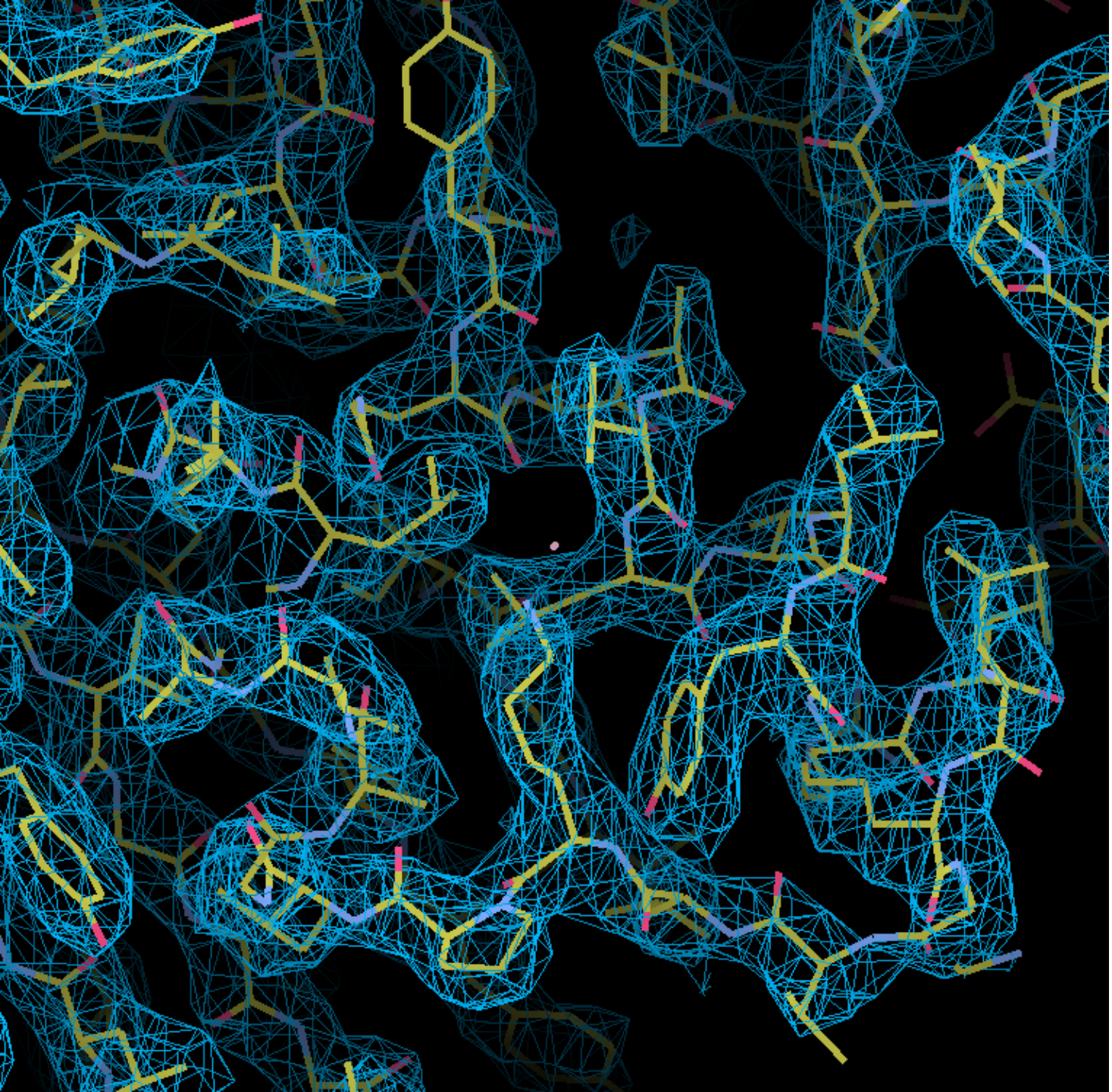


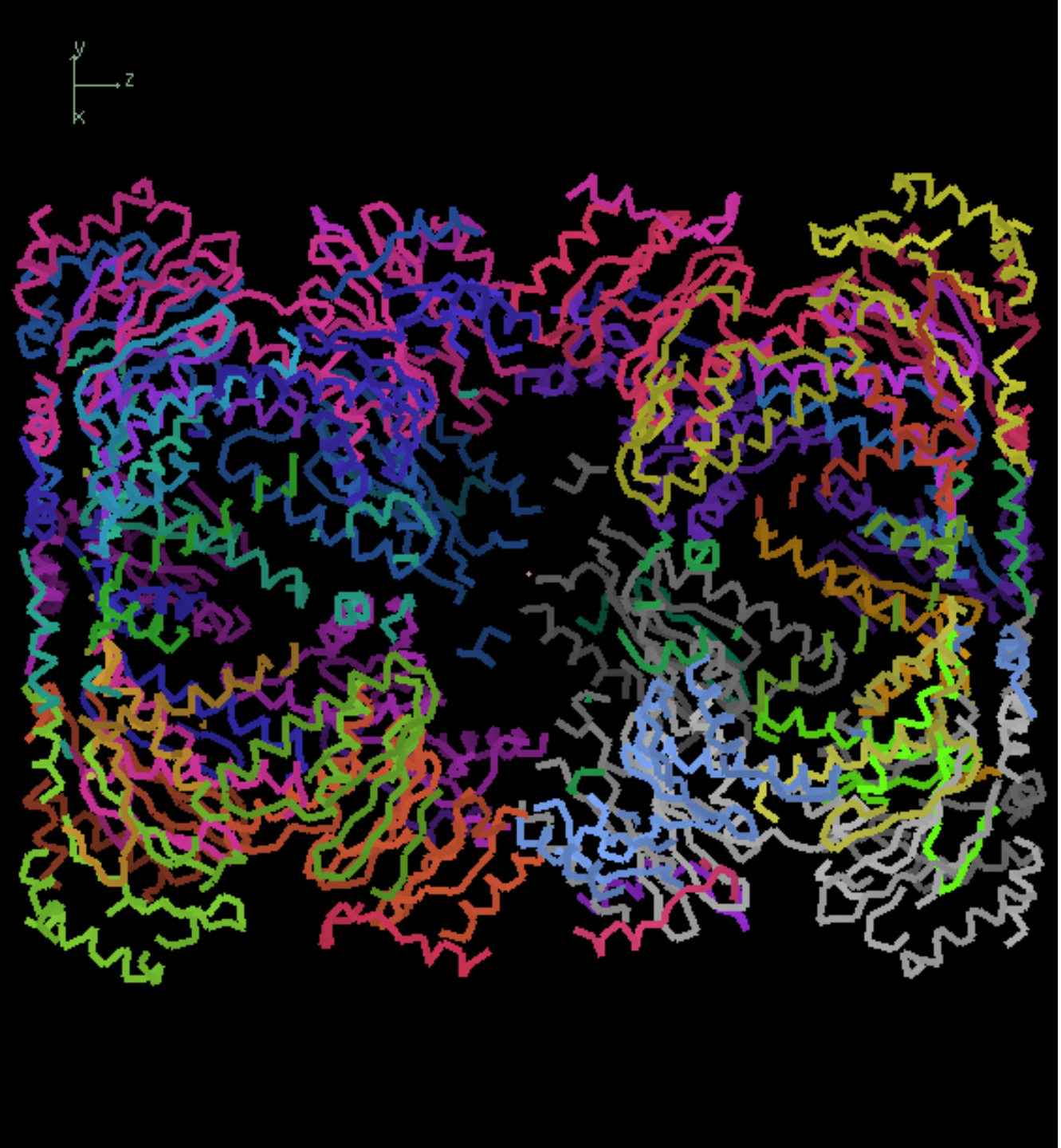
..and another Gamma-secretase structure at 3.4 Å

(autobuilt model; emd_3061)



Proteasome at 2.8 Å

(autobuilt model; emd_6287)



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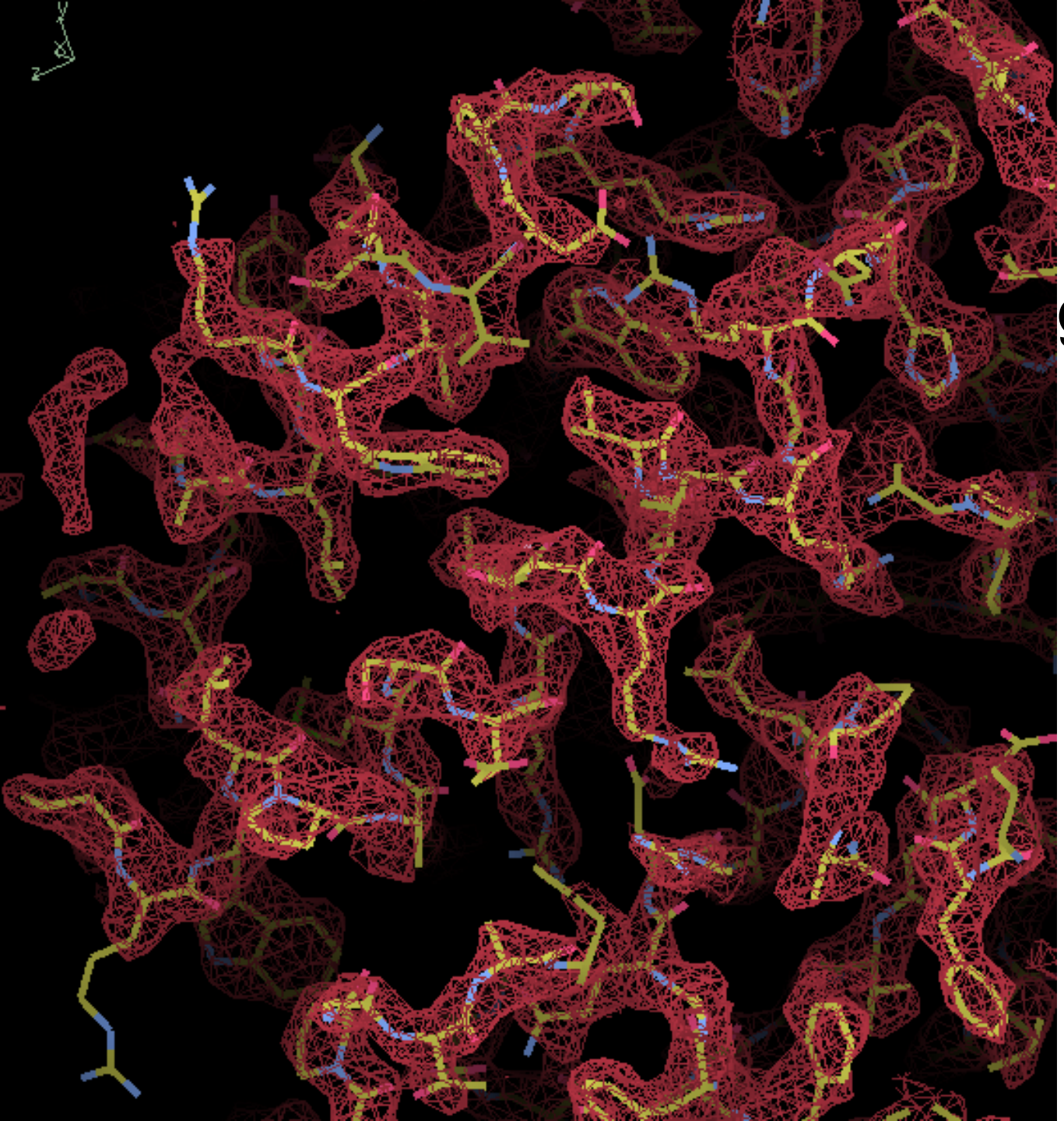
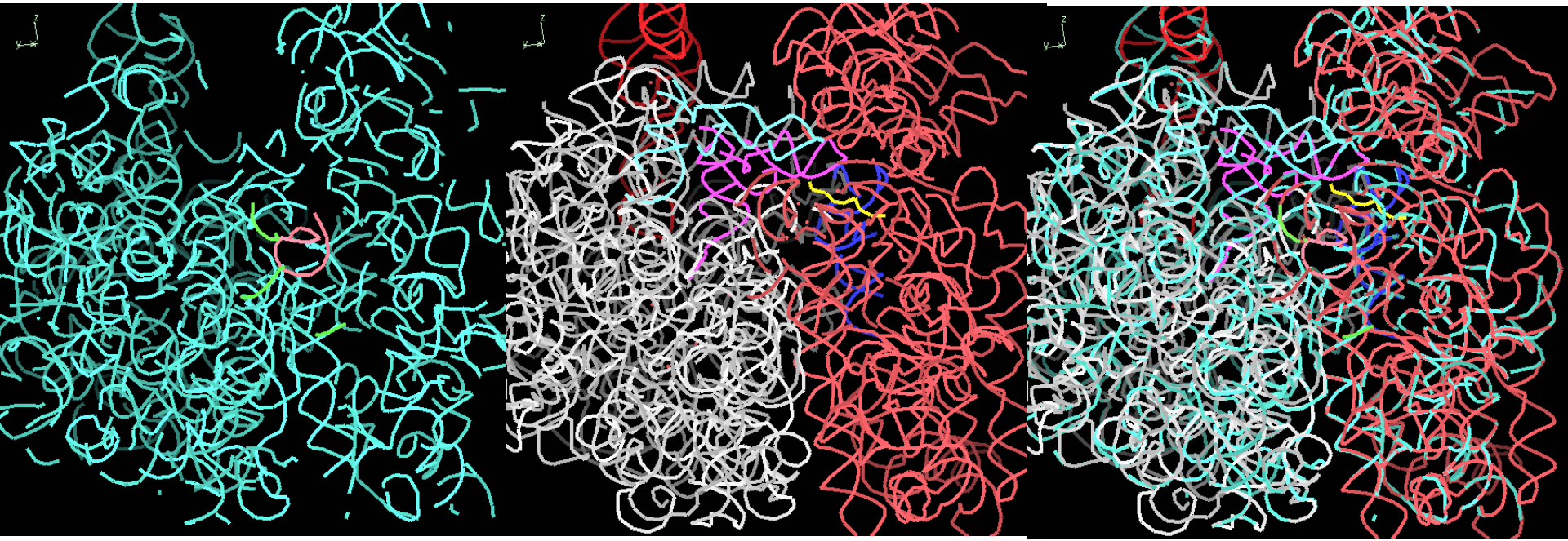


Beta-galactosidase at 2.2 Å

(autobuilt model; emd_2984)

70S *E. coli* ribosome (5afi, 3.2 Å)

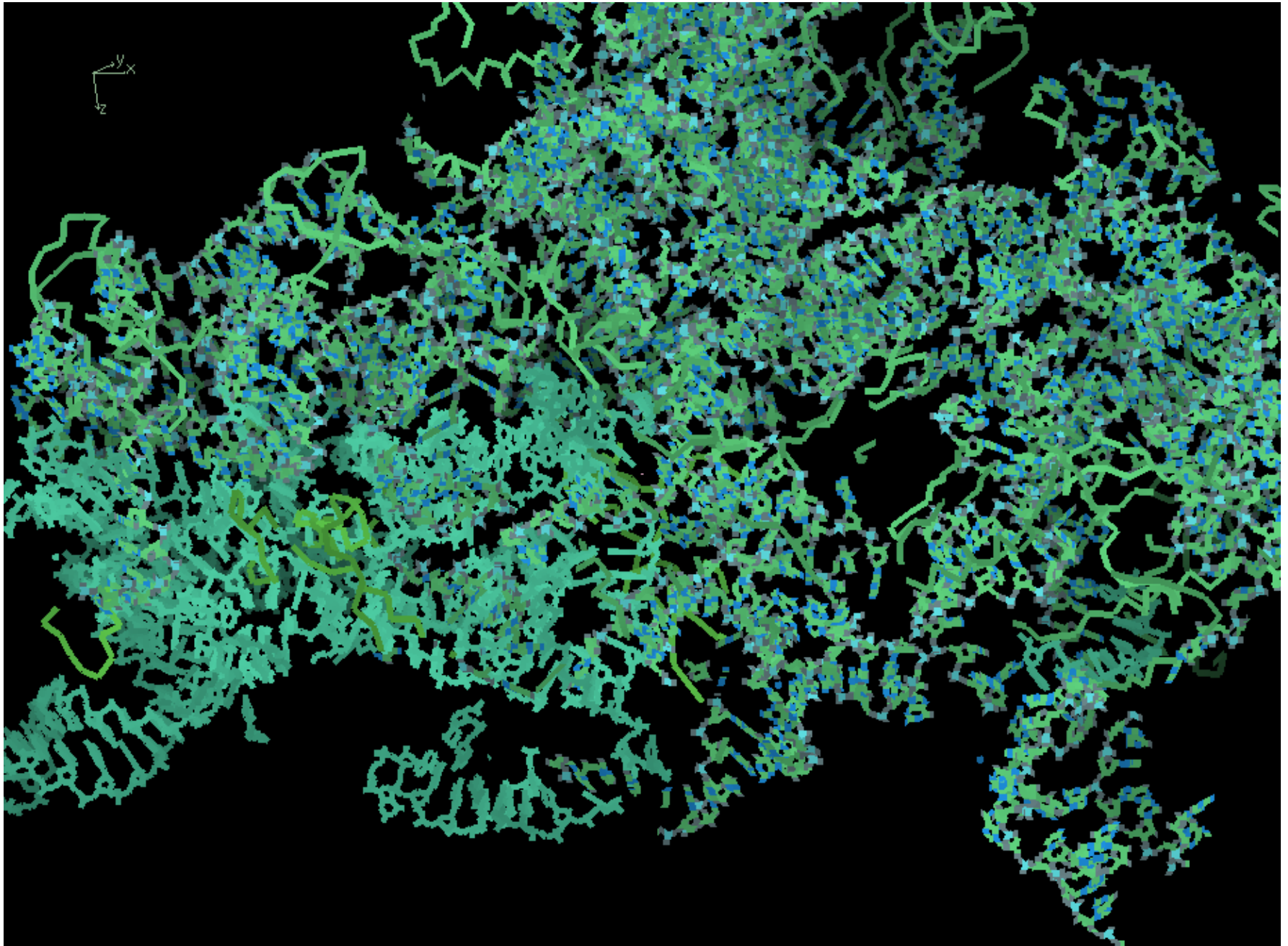


Autobuilt 5afi both

Total residues autobuilt correctly:

RNA: 2588 of 4763 (rmsd 0.63 Å)
Protein: 3212 of 6323 (rmsd 0.76Å)

30S Ribosome (X-ray map autobuilt 1j5e, 2.9 Å)



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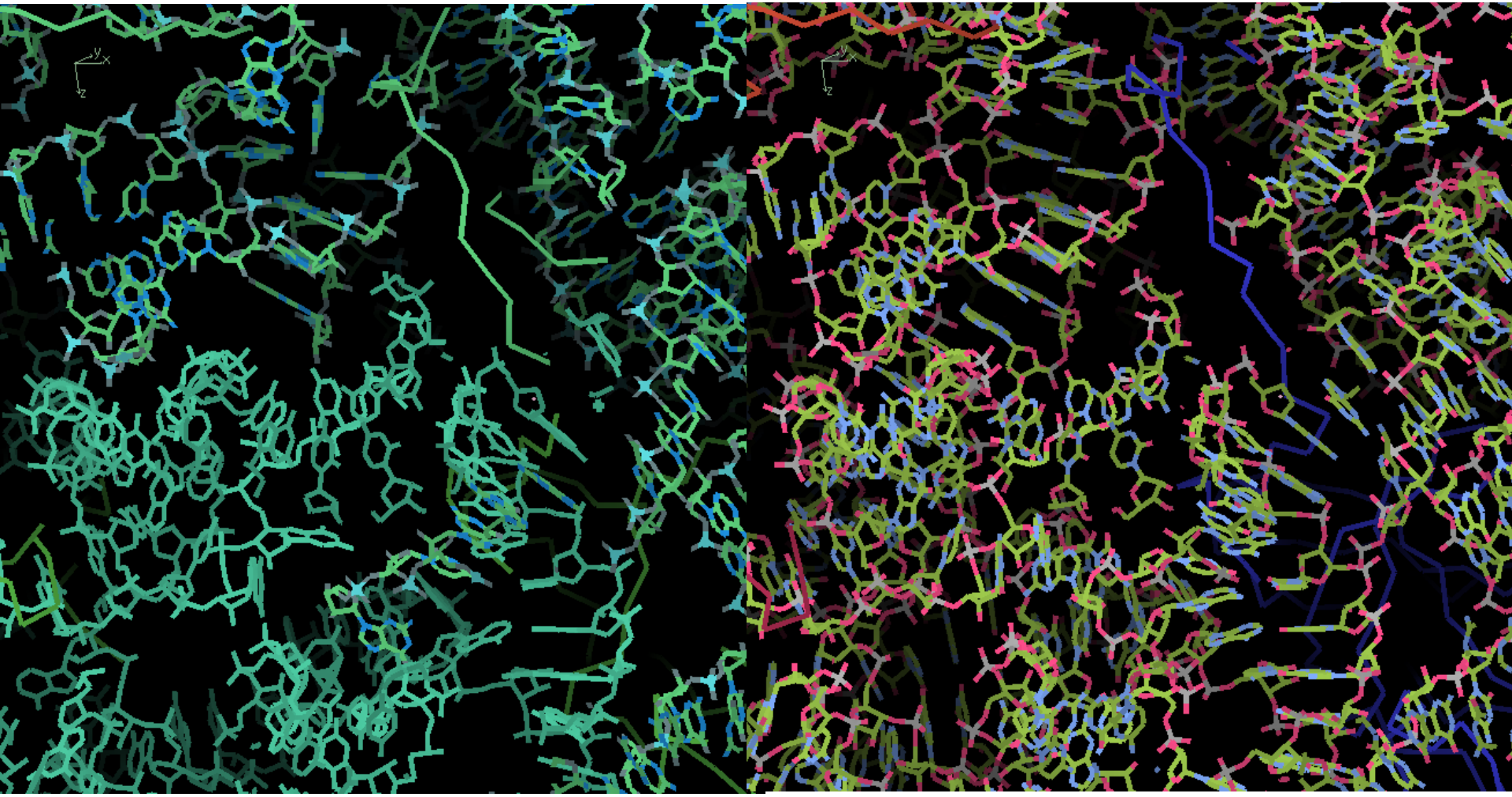

Perspectives…

- Local automatic map optimization could improve model-building
- Incorporation of validation (idealization) at model-building stage improves low-resolution models
- Approach may be enhanced by combining structure-modeling tools (Rosetta) with Phenix model-building
- Distance restraints from residue co-evolution could increase information about model
- Secondary structure prediction could be used in sequence assignment
- Partial model information from PDB could be used

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