



wwPDB EM Validation Summary Report ⓘ

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EMDB ID : EMD-3201
Title : cryo-EM structure of the E. coli replicative DNA polymerase complex in DNA free state (DNA polymerase III alpha, beta, epsilon, tau complex)
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Deposited on : 2015-10-20
Resolution : 8.34 Å(reported)

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The following versions of software and data (see [references ⓘ](#)) were used in the production of this report:

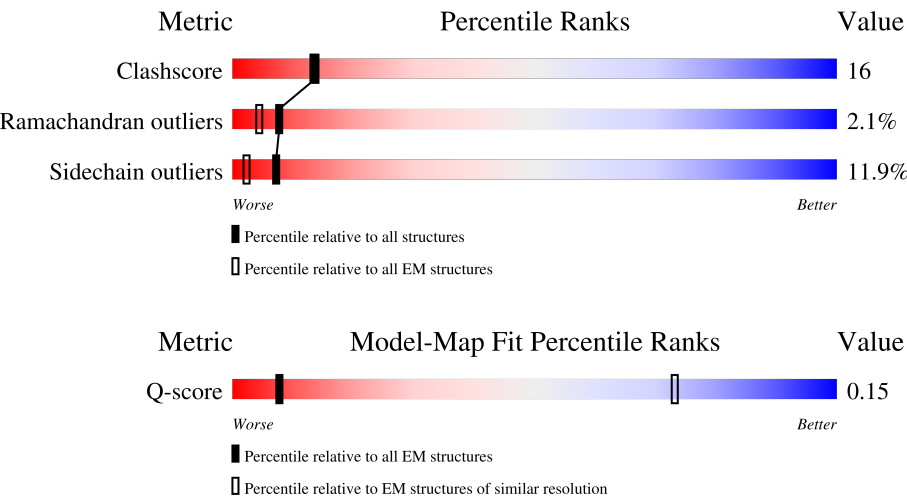
EMDB validation analysis : 0.0.1.dev132
MolProbity : 4-5-2 with Phenix2.0
Percentile statistics : 20250101.v01 (using entries in the PDB archive January 1st 2025)
EM percentile statistics : 202505.v01 (Using data in the EMDB archive up until May 2025)
MapQ : 1.9.13
Ideal geometry (proteins) : Engh & Huber (2001)
Ideal geometry (DNA, RNA) : Parkinson et al. (1996)
Validation Pipeline (wwPDB-VP) : 2.49

1 Overall quality at a glance i

The following experimental techniques were used to determine the structure:
ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

The reported resolution of this entry is 8.34 Å.

Percentile scores (ranging between 0-100) for global validation metrics of the entry are shown in the following graphic. The table shows the number of entries on which the scores are based.



Metric	Whole archive (#Entries)	EM structures (#Entries)	Similar EM resolution (#Entries, resolution range(Å))
Clashscore	229148	23984	-
Ramachandran outliers	224038	23583	-
Sidechain outliers	223484	23102	-
Q-score	-	25397	278 (7.84 - 8.80)

The table below summarises the geometric issues observed across the polymeric chains and their fit to the map. The red, orange, yellow and green segments of the bar indicate the fraction of residues that contain outliers for ≥ 3 , 2, 1 and 0 types of geometric quality criteria respectively. A grey segment represents the fraction of residues that are not modelled. The numeric value for each fraction is indicated below the corresponding segment, with a dot representing fractions $\leq 5\%$. The upper red bar (where present) indicates the fraction of residues that have poor fit to the EM map (all-atom inclusion $< 40\%$). The numeric value is given above the bar.

Mol	Chain	Length	Quality of chain
1	A	1160	
2	B	366	
2	C	366	
3	D	243	

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Mol	Chain	Length	Quality of chain
4	E	144	28% 58% 22% • 17%

2 Entry composition

There are 4 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 17387 atoms, of which 0 are hydrogens and 0 are deuteriums.

In the tables below, the AltConf column contains the number of residues with at least one atom in alternate conformation and the Trace column contains the number of residues modelled with at most 2 atoms.

- Molecule 1 is a protein called DNA POLYMERASE III SUBUNIT ALPHA.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
1	A	1149	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			9050	5738	1567	1697	48		

There are 2 discrepancies between the modelled and reference sequences:

Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
A	921	LEU	ALA	engineered mutation	UNP P10443
A	923	LEU	MET	engineered mutation	UNP P10443

- Molecule 2 is a protein called DNA POLYMERASE III SUBUNIT BETA.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
2	B	366	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			2844	1786	498	541	19		
2	C	366	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			2844	1786	498	541	19		

- Molecule 3 is a protein called DNA POLYMERASE III SUBUNIT EPSILON.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
3	D	218	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			1709	1085	298	318	8		

There are 4 discrepancies between the modelled and reference sequences:

Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
D	183	LEU	THR	engineered mutation	UNP P03007
D	185	LEU	MET	engineered mutation	UNP P03007
D	186	PRO	ALA	engineered mutation	UNP P03007
D	187	LEU	PHE	engineered mutation	UNP P03007

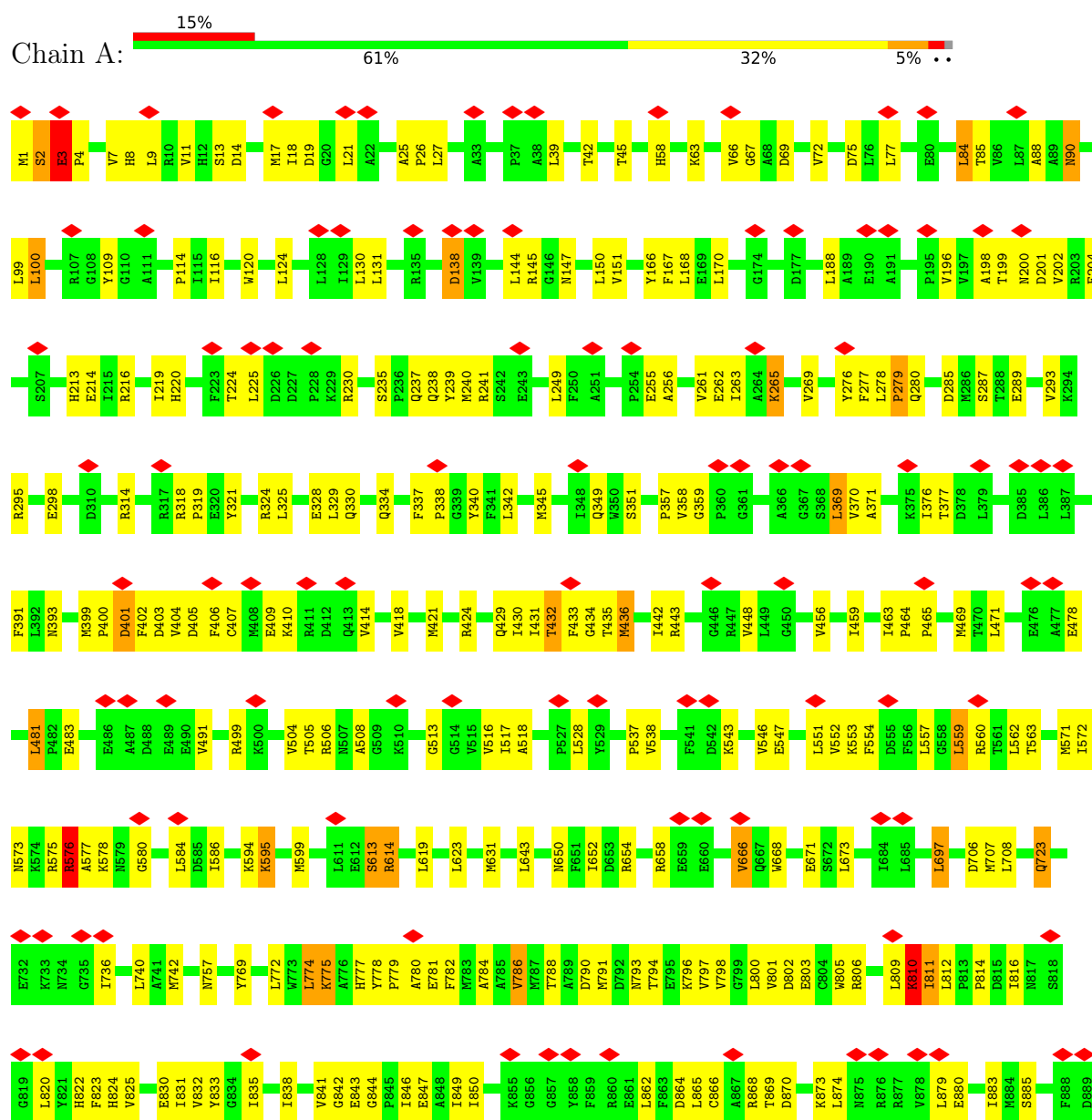
- Molecule 4 is a protein called DNA POLYMERASE III SUBUNIT TAU.

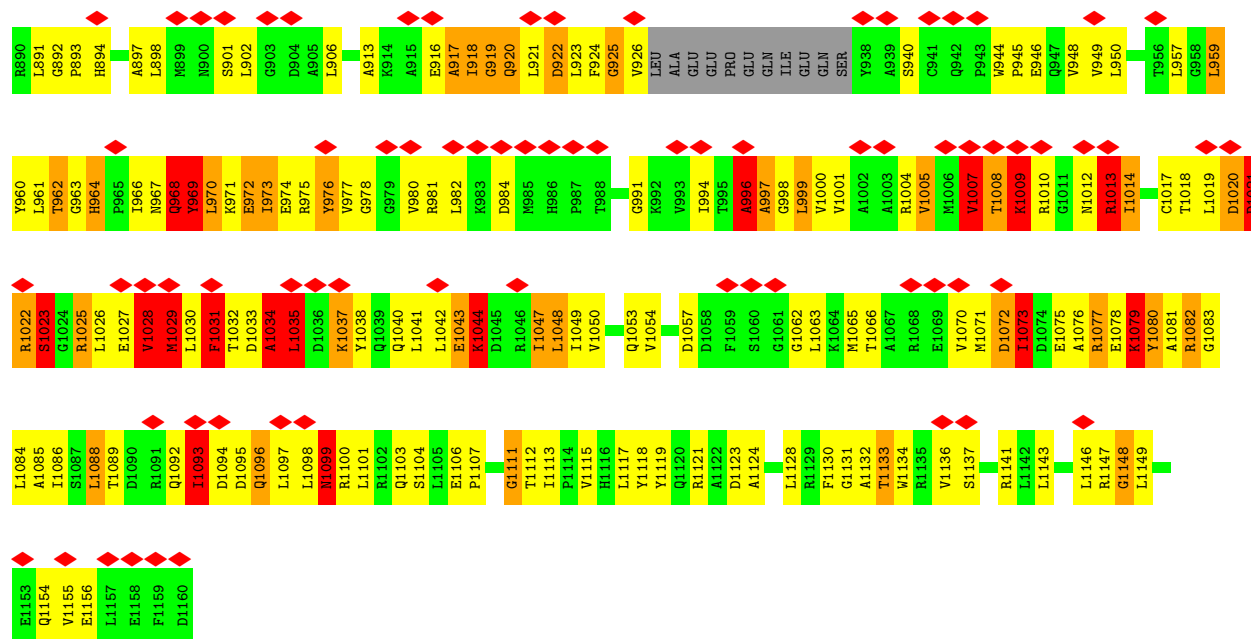
Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
4	E	120	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			940	582	170	186	2		

3 Residue-property plots

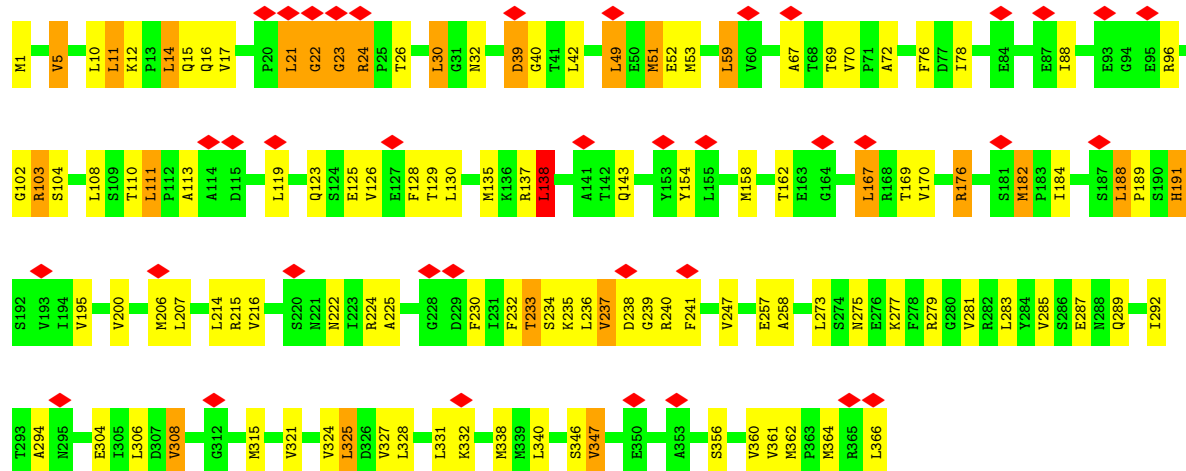
These plots are drawn for all protein, RNA, DNA and oligosaccharide chains in the entry. The first graphic for a chain summarises the proportions of the various outlier classes displayed in the second graphic. The second graphic shows the sequence view annotated by issues in geometry and atom inclusion in map density. Residues are color-coded according to the number of geometric quality criteria for which they contain at least one outlier: green = 0, yellow = 1, orange = 2 and red = 3 or more. A red diamond above a residue indicates a poor fit to the EM map for this residue (all-atom inclusion < 40%). Stretches of 2 or more consecutive residues without any outlier are shown as a green connector. Residues present in the sample, but not in the model, are shown in grey.

• Molecule 1: DNA POLYMERASE III SUBUNIT ALPHA

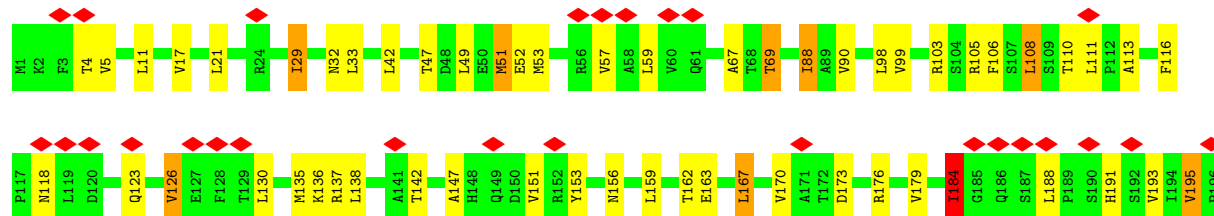


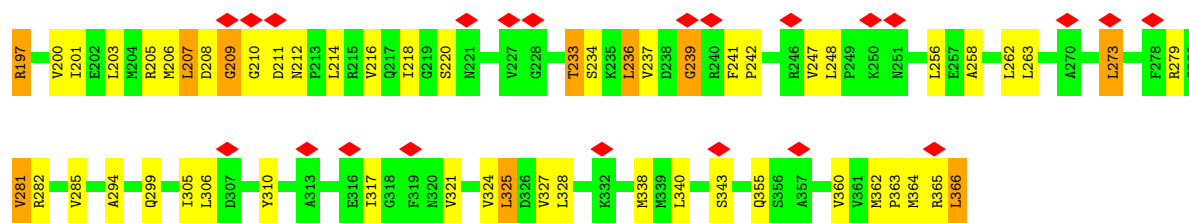


• Molecule 2: DNA POLYMERASE III SUBUNIT BETA

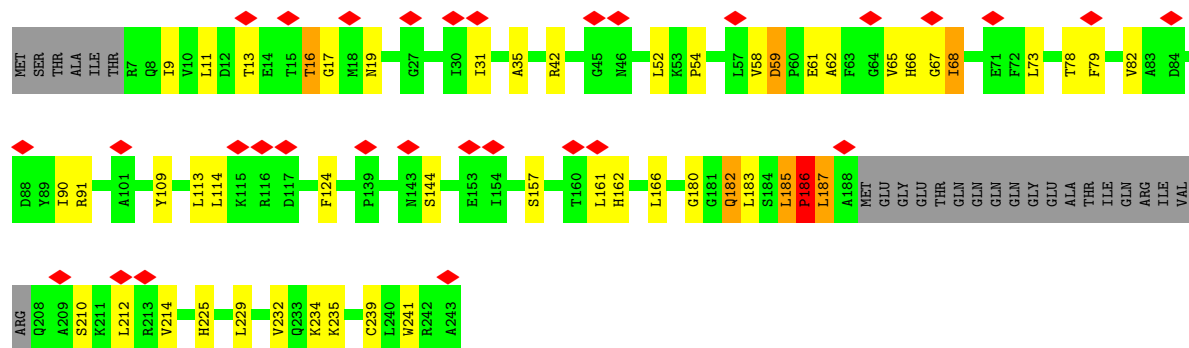


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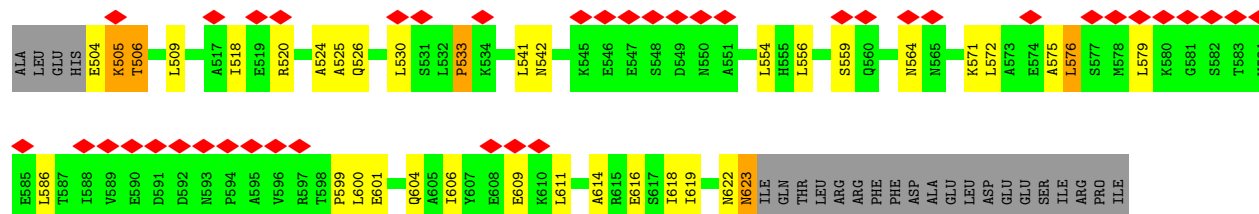




• Molecule 3: DNA POLYMERASE III SUBUNIT EPSILON



• Molecule 4: DNA POLYMERASE III SUBUNIT TAU



4 Experimental information

Property	Value	Source
EM reconstruction method	SINGLE PARTICLE	Depositor
Imposed symmetry	POINT, C1	Depositor
Number of particles used	16970	Depositor
Resolution determination method	FSC 0.143 CUT-OFF	Depositor
CTF correction method	Not provided	
Microscope	FEI TITAN KRIOS	Depositor
Voltage (kV)	300	Depositor
Electron dose ($e^-/\text{\AA}^2$)	40	Depositor
Minimum defocus (nm)	2000	Depositor
Maximum defocus (nm)	4000	Depositor
Magnification	28409	Depositor
Image detector	GATAN K2 QUANTUM (4k x 4k)	Depositor
Maximum map value	0.190	Depositor
Minimum map value	-0.100	Depositor
Average map value	0.000	Depositor
Map value standard deviation	0.011	Depositor
Recommended contour level	0.045	Depositor
Map size ($\text{\AA}$)	225.28, 225.28, 225.28	wwPDB
Map dimensions	128, 128, 128	wwPDB
Map angles ($^\circ$)	90.0, 90.0, 90.0	wwPDB
Pixel spacing ($\text{\AA}$)	1.76, 1.76, 1.76	Depositor

5 Model quality

5.1 Standard geometry

The Z score for a bond length (or angle) is the number of standard deviations the observed value is removed from the expected value. A bond length (or angle) with $|Z| > 5$ is considered an outlier worth inspection. RMSZ is the root-mean-square of all Z scores of the bond lengths (or angles).

Mol	Chain	Bond lengths		Bond angles	
		RMSZ	# $ Z > 5$	RMSZ	# $ Z > 5$
1	A	0.76	5/9230 (0.1%)	1.15	39/12470 (0.3%)
2	B	0.74	2/2893 (0.1%)	1.01	6/3915 (0.2%)
2	C	0.73	0/2893	1.04	5/3915 (0.1%)
3	D	0.66	0/1739	0.93	4/2348 (0.2%)
4	E	0.81	0/953	1.07	3/1293 (0.2%)
All	All	0.75	7/17708 (0.0%)	1.09	57/23941 (0.2%)

Chiral center outliers are detected by calculating the chiral volume of a chiral center and verifying if the center is modelled as a planar moiety or with the opposite hand. A planarity outlier is detected by checking planarity of atoms in a peptide group, atoms in a mainchain group or atoms of a sidechain that are expected to be planar.

Mol	Chain	#Chirality outliers	#Planarity outliers
1	A	0	20
2	B	0	1
3	D	0	4
4	E	0	1
All	All	0	26

The worst 5 of 7 bond length outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(Å)	Ideal(Å)
2	B	24	ARG	C-O	7.81	1.27	1.23
1	A	1082	ARG	CD-NE	6.72	1.55	1.46
1	A	996	ALA	CA-C	-6.13	1.46	1.53
1	A	1077	ARG	CA-C	6.00	1.60	1.52
1	A	775	LYS	C-O	-5.94	1.16	1.24

The worst 5 of 57 bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
1	A	1043	GLU	CA-C-N	-17.04	88.99	121.54
1	A	1043	GLU	C-N-CA	-17.04	88.99	121.54

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Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
1	A	1044	LYS	N-CA-C	11.50	135.29	110.80
1	A	278	LEU	CA-C-N	9.85	132.15	119.84
1	A	278	LEU	C-N-CA	9.85	132.15	119.84

There are no chirality outliers.

5 of 26 planarity outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Group
1	A	2	SER	Peptide
1	A	279	PRO	Mainchain
1	A	3	GLU	Peptide
1	A	465	PRO	Peptide
1	A	576	ARG	Mainchain

5.2 Too-close contacts ⓘ

In the following table, the Non-H and H(model) columns list the number of non-hydrogen atoms and hydrogen atoms in the chain respectively. The H(added) column lists the number of hydrogen atoms added and optimized by MolProbity. The Clashes column lists the number of clashes within the asymmetric unit, whereas Symm-Clashes lists symmetry-related clashes.

Mol	Chain	Non-H	H(model)	H(added)	Clashes	Symm-Clashes
1	A	9050	0	9006	418	0
2	B	2844	0	2861	52	0
2	C	2844	0	2861	56	0
3	D	1709	0	1706	28	0
4	E	940	0	940	24	0
All	All	17387	0	17374	553	0

The all-atom clashscore is defined as the number of clashes found per 1000 atoms (including hydrogen atoms). The all-atom clashscore for this structure is 16.

The worst 5 of 553 close contacts within the same asymmetric unit are listed below, sorted by their clash magnitude.

Atom-1	Atom-2	Interatomic distance (Å)	Clash overlap (Å)
1:A:1040:GLN:O	1:A:1043:GLU:HG2	1.25	1.30
1:A:1040:GLN:HG3	1:A:1043:GLU:OE2	1.28	1.28
1:A:775:LYS:O	1:A:779:PRO:HG3	1.29	1.26
1:A:1078:GLU:HA	1:A:1082:ARG:NH1	1.66	1.11
1:A:775:LYS:O	1:A:779:PRO:CG	2.02	1.07

There are no symmetry-related clashes.

5.3 Torsion angles [i](#)

5.3.1 Protein backbone [i](#)

In the following table, the Percentiles column shows the percent Ramachandran outliers of the chain as a percentile score with respect to all PDB entries followed by that with respect to all EM entries.

The Analysed column shows the number of residues for which the backbone conformation was analysed, and the total number of residues.

Mol	Chain	Analysed	Favoured	Allowed	Outliers	Percentiles	
1	A	1145/1160 (99%)	1052 (92%)	62 (5%)	31 (3%)	4	25
2	B	364/366 (100%)	346 (95%)	13 (4%)	5 (1%)	9	40
2	C	364/366 (100%)	343 (94%)	18 (5%)	3 (1%)	16	54
3	D	214/243 (88%)	191 (89%)	18 (8%)	5 (2%)	5	28
4	E	118/144 (82%)	112 (95%)	4 (3%)	2 (2%)	7	36
All	All	2205/2279 (97%)	2044 (93%)	115 (5%)	46 (2%)	8	30

5 of 46 Ramachandran outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	279	PRO
1	A	810	LYS
1	A	968	GLN
1	A	970	LEU
1	A	997	ALA

5.3.2 Protein sidechains [i](#)

In the following table, the Percentiles column shows the percent sidechain outliers of the chain as a percentile score with respect to all PDB entries followed by that with respect to all EM entries.

The Analysed column shows the number of residues for which the sidechain conformation was analysed, and the total number of residues.

Mol	Chain	Analysed	Rotameric	Outliers	Percentiles	
1	A	955/965 (99%)	862 (90%)	93 (10%)	8	24
2	B	313/313 (100%)	260 (83%)	53 (17%)	2	10

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Mol	Chain	Analysed	Rotameric	Outliers	Percentiles	
2	C	313/313 (100%)	256 (82%)	57 (18%)	2	9
3	D	179/200 (90%)	168 (94%)	11 (6%)	17	38
4	E	100/122 (82%)	92 (92%)	8 (8%)	11	31
All	All	1860/1913 (97%)	1638 (88%)	222 (12%)	7	18

5 of 222 residues with a non-rotameric sidechain are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
2	B	138	LEU
4	E	623	ASN
2	B	360	VAL
4	E	572	LEU
2	C	340	LEU

Sometimes sidechains can be flipped to improve hydrogen bonding and reduce clashes. 5 of 42 such sidechains are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	1116	HIS
2	C	132	GLN
2	B	61	GLN
2	B	295	ASN
2	C	348	GLN

5.3.3 RNA ⓘ

There are no RNA molecules in this entry.

5.4 Non-standard residues in protein, DNA, RNA chains ⓘ

There are no non-standard protein/DNA/RNA residues in this entry.

5.5 Carbohydrates ⓘ

There are no oligosaccharides in this entry.

5.6 Ligand geometry [i](#)

There are no ligands in this entry.

5.7 Other polymers [i](#)

There are no such residues in this entry.

5.8 Polymer linkage issues [i](#)

There are no chain breaks in this entry.

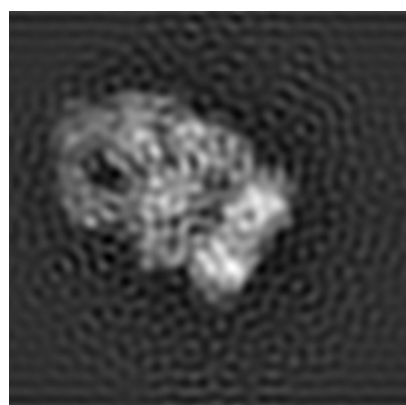
6 Map visualisation [i](#)

This section contains visualisations of the EMDB entry EMD-3201. These allow visual inspection of the internal detail of the map and identification of artifacts.

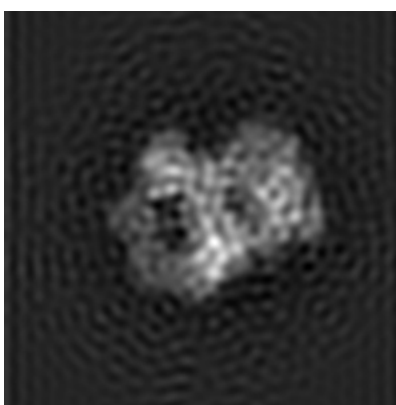
No raw map or half-maps were deposited for this entry and therefore no images, graphs, etc. pertaining to the raw map can be shown.

6.1 Orthogonal projections [i](#)

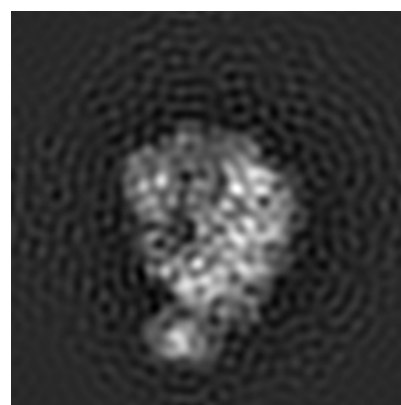
6.1.1 Primary map



X



Y

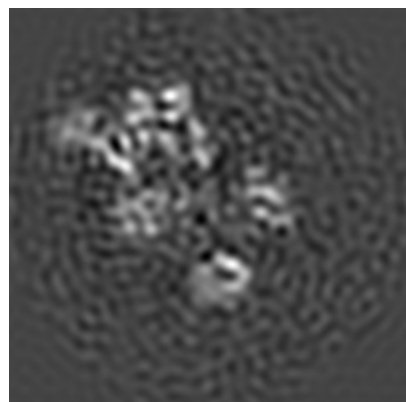


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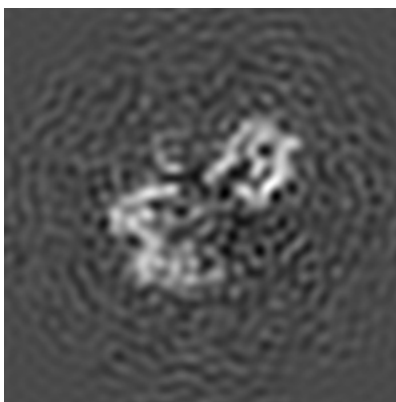
The images above show the map projected in three orthogonal directions.

6.2 Central slices [i](#)

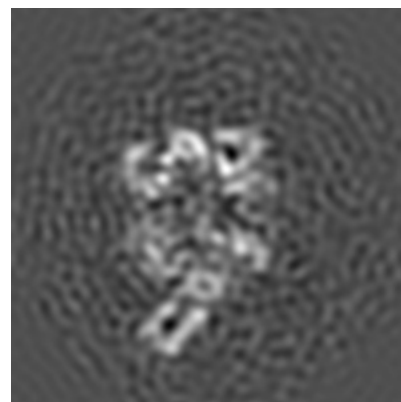
6.2.1 Primary map



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Y Index: 64

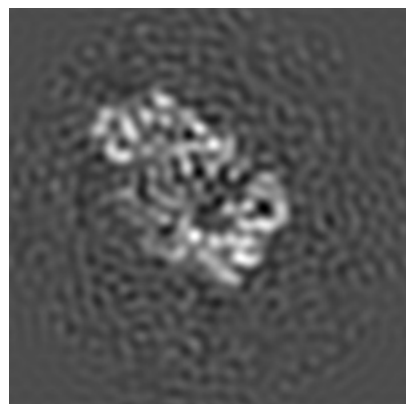


Z Index: 64

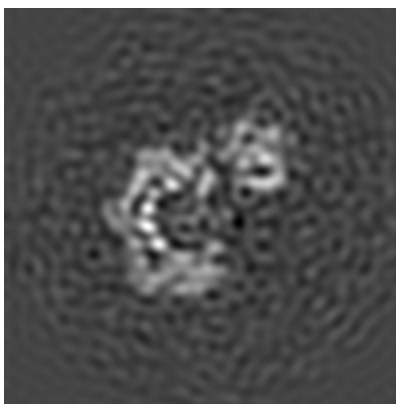
The images above show central slices of the map in three orthogonal directions.

6.3 Largest variance slices [i](#)

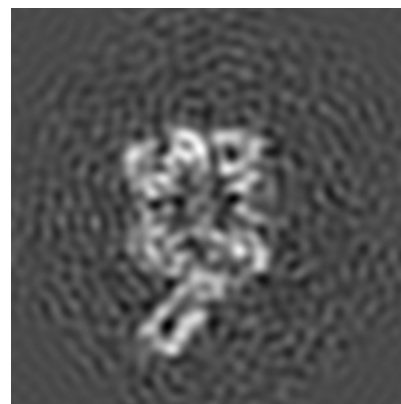
6.3.1 Primary map



X Index: 70



Y Index: 70

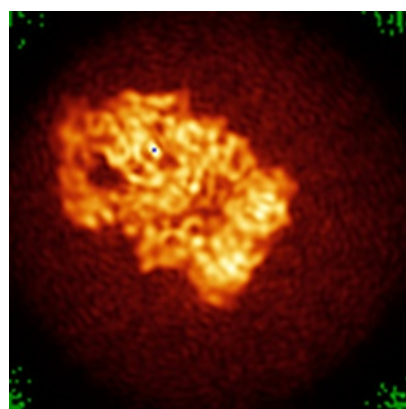


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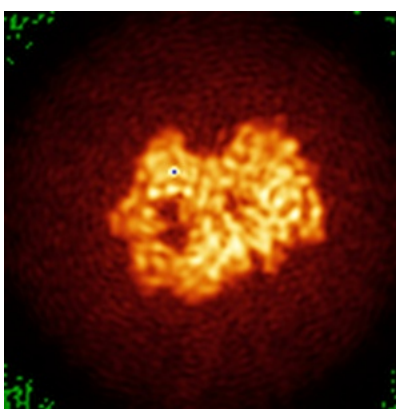
The images above show the largest variance slices of the map in three orthogonal directions.

6.4 Orthogonal standard-deviation projections (False-color) [i](#)

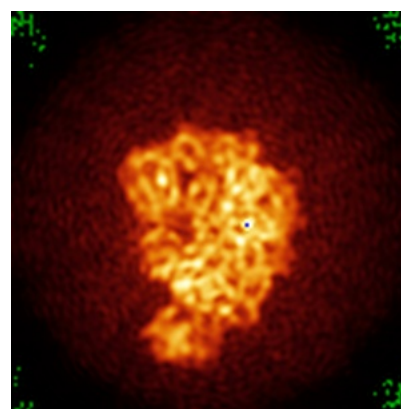
6.4.1 Primary map



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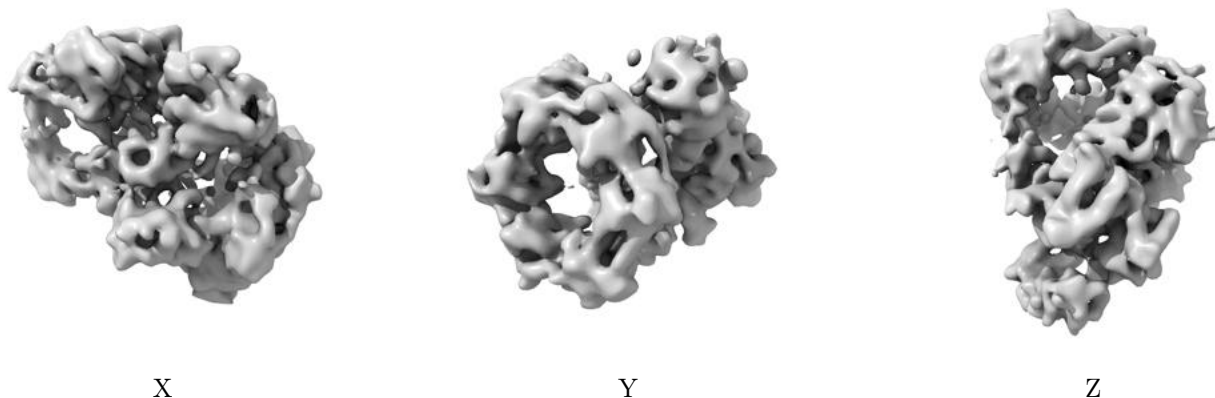


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The images above show the map standard deviation projections with false color in three orthogonal directions. Minimum values are shown in green, max in blue, and dark to light orange shades represent small to large values respectively.

6.5 Orthogonal surface views [i](#)

6.5.1 Primary map



The images above show the 3D surface view of the map at the recommended contour level 0.045. These images, in conjunction with the slice images, may facilitate assessment of whether an appropriate contour level has been provided.

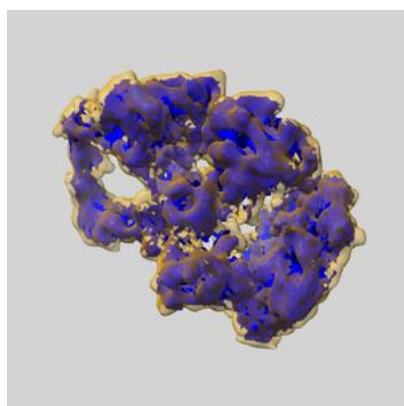
6.6 Mask visualisation [i](#)

This section shows the 3D surface view of the primary map at 50% transparency overlaid with the specified mask at 0% transparency

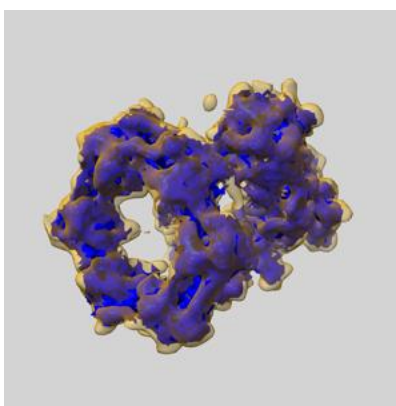
A mask typically either:

- Encompasses the whole structure
- Separates out a domain, a functional unit, a monomer or an area of interest from a larger structure

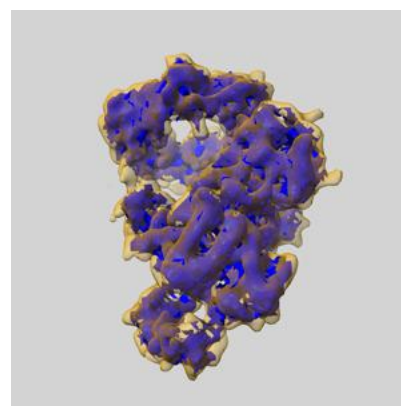
6.6.1 emd_3201_msk_1.map [i](#)



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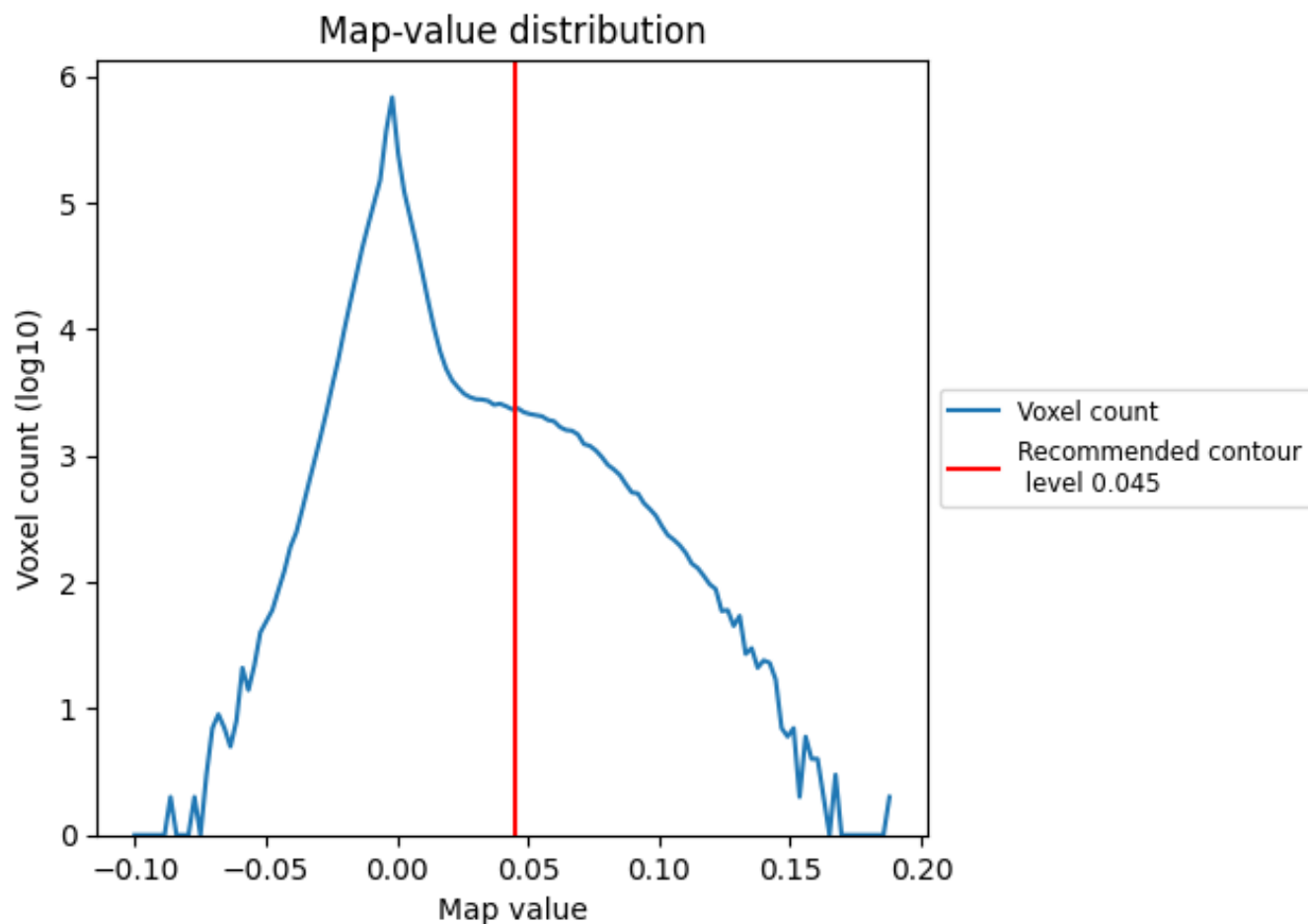


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7 Map analysis [i](#)

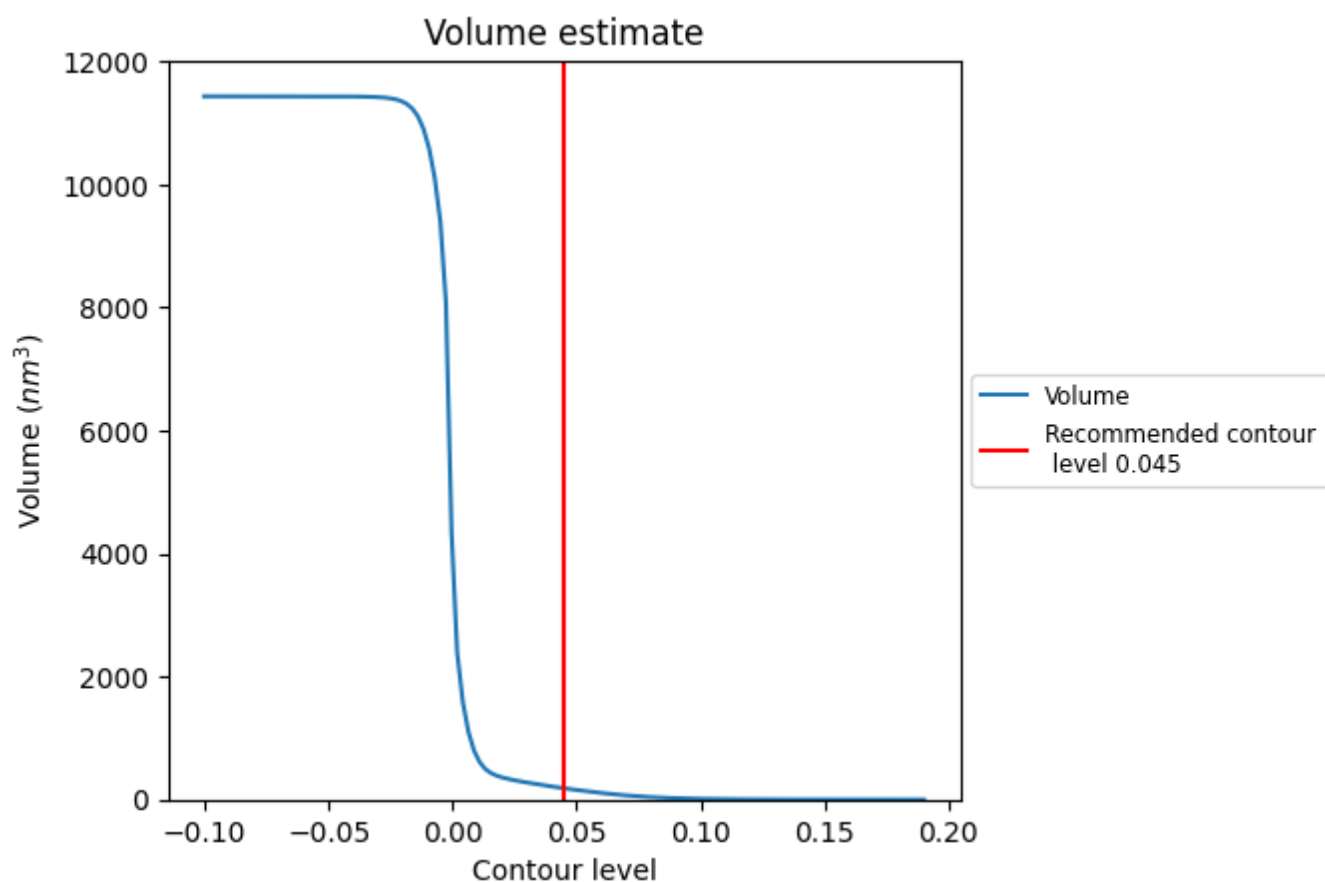
This section contains the results of statistical analysis of the map.

7.1 Map-value distribution [i](#)



The map-value distribution is plotted in 128 intervals along the x-axis. The y-axis is logarithmic. A spike in this graph at zero usually indicates that the volume has been masked.

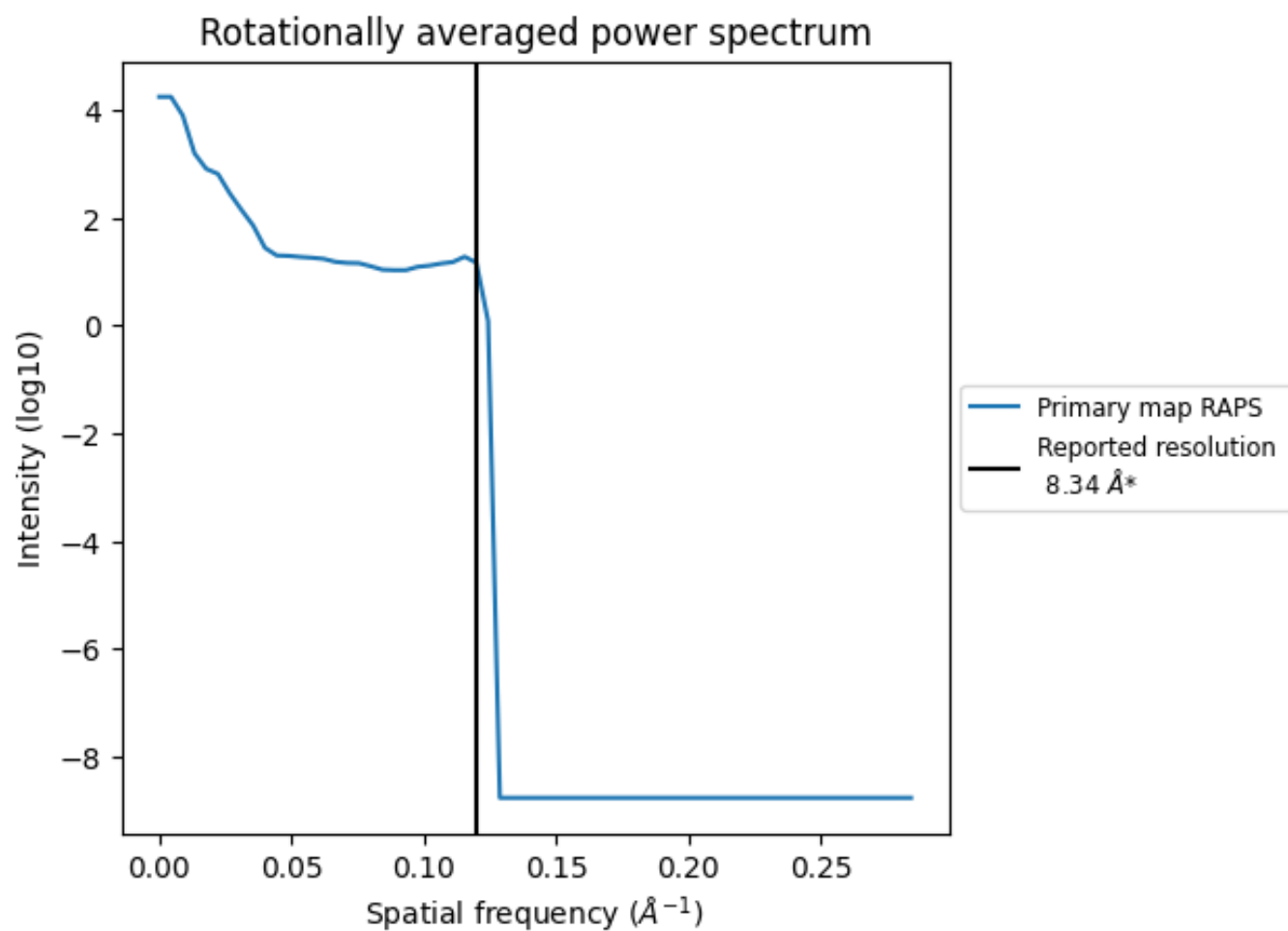
7.2 Volume estimate [i](#)



The volume at the recommended contour level is 183 nm³; this corresponds to an approximate mass of 166 kDa.

The volume estimate graph shows how the enclosed volume varies with the contour level. The recommended contour level is shown as a vertical line and the intersection between the line and the curve gives the volume of the enclosed surface at the given level.

7.3 Rotationally averaged power spectrum ⓘ

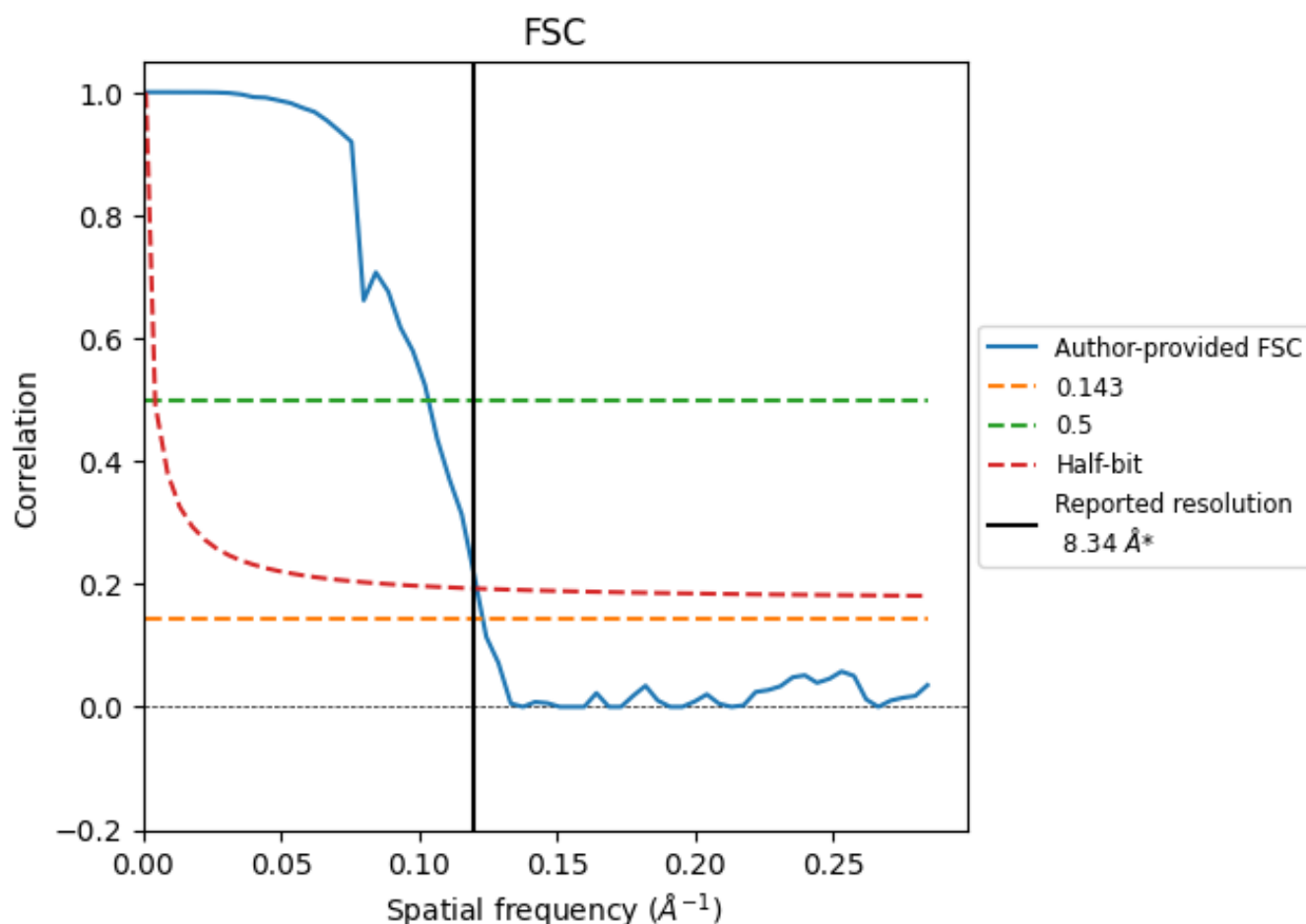


*Reported resolution corresponds to spatial frequency of 0.120 Å⁻¹

8 Fourier-Shell correlation [i](#)

Fourier-Shell Correlation (FSC) is the most commonly used method to estimate the resolution of single-particle and subtomogram-averaged maps. The shape of the curve depends on the imposed symmetry, mask and whether or not the two 3D reconstructions used were processed from a common reference. The reported resolution is shown as a black line. A curve is displayed for the half-bit criterion in addition to lines showing the 0.143 gold standard cut-off and 0.5 cut-off.

8.1 FSC [i](#)



*Reported resolution corresponds to spatial frequency of 0.120 Å⁻¹

8.2 Resolution estimates [i](#)

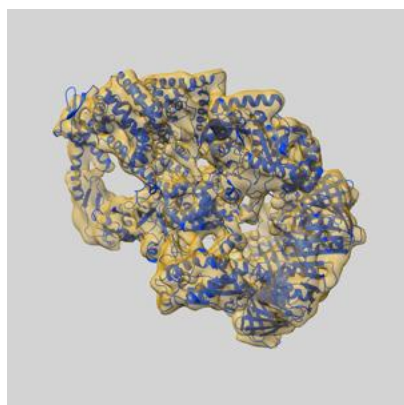
Resolution estimate (Å)	Estimation criterion (FSC cut-off)		
	0.143	0.5	Half-bit
Reported by author	8.34	-	-
Author-provided FSC curve	8.13	9.68	8.28
Unmasked-calculated*	-	-	-

*Resolution estimate based on FSC curve calculated by comparison of deposited half-maps.

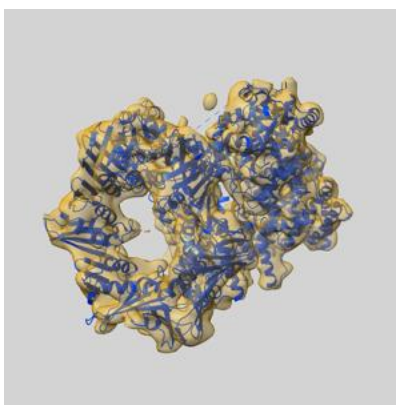
9 Map-model fit [i](#)

This section contains information regarding the fit between EMDB map EMD-3201 and PDB model 5FKU. Per-residue inclusion information can be found in section 3 on page 6.

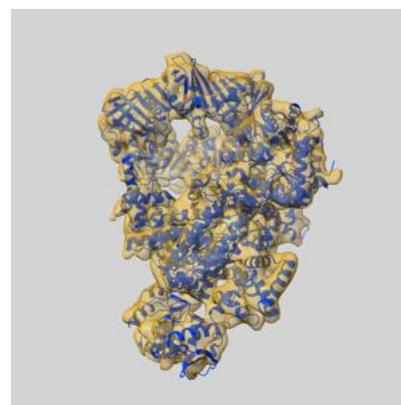
9.1 Map-model overlay [i](#)



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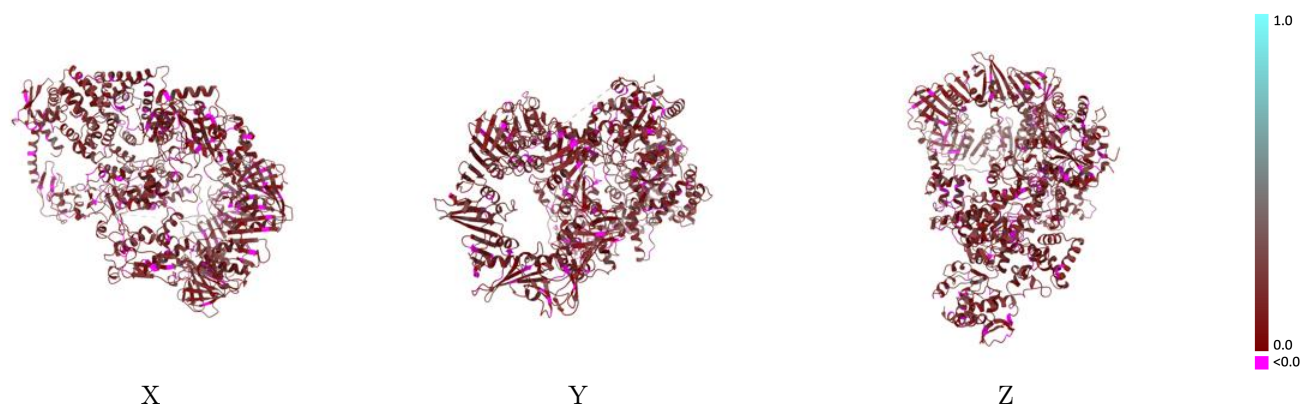
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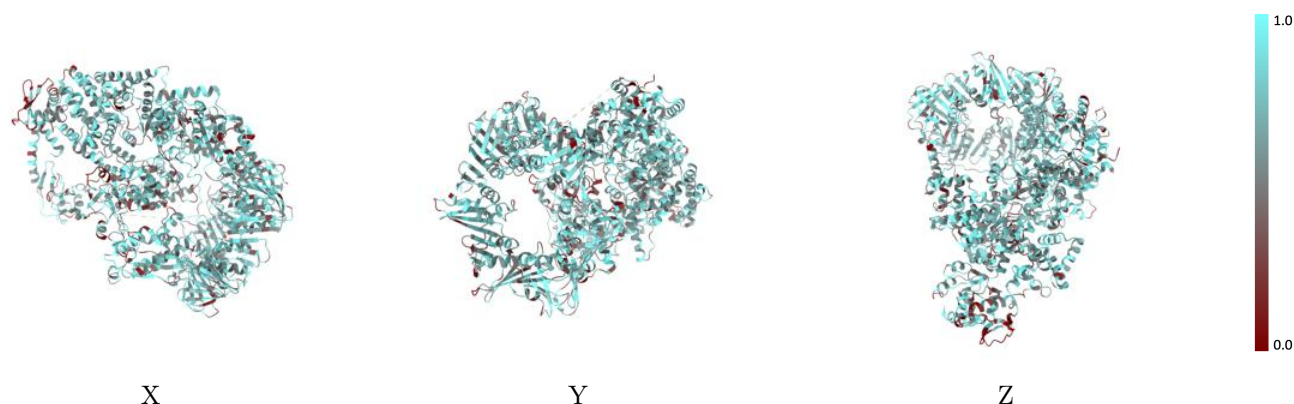
The images above show the 3D surface view of the map at the recommended contour level 0.045 at 50% transparency in yellow overlaid with a ribbon representation of the model coloured in blue. These images allow for the visual assessment of the quality of fit between the atomic model and the map.

9.2 Q-score mapped to coordinate model [i](#)



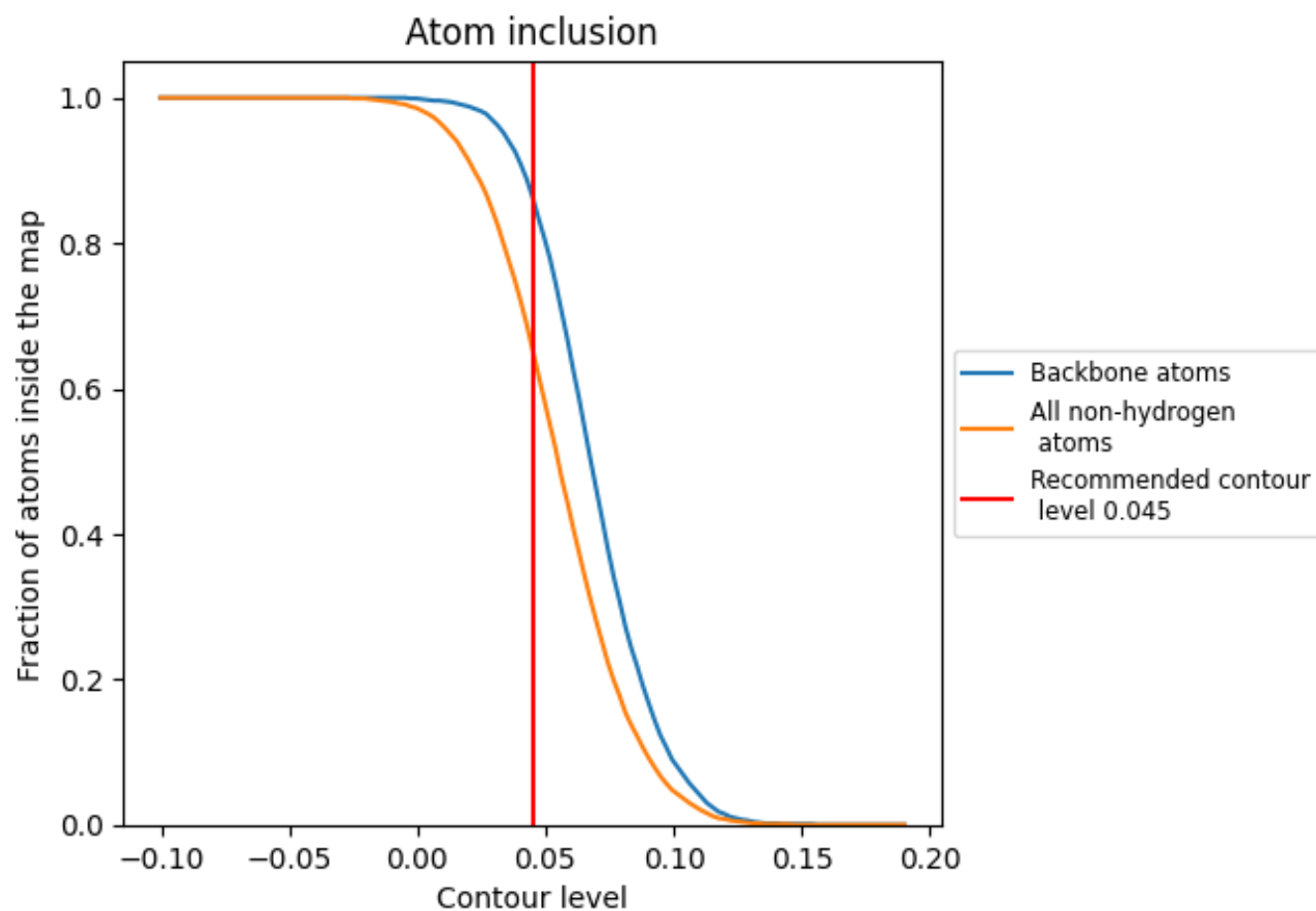
The images above show the model with each residue coloured according to its Q-score. This shows their resolvability in the map with higher Q-score values reflecting better resolvability. Please note: Q-score is calculating the resolvability of atoms, and thus high values are only expected at resolutions at which atoms can be resolved. Low Q-score values may therefore be expected for many entries.

9.3 Atom inclusion mapped to coordinate model [i](#)



The images above show the model with each residue coloured according to its atom inclusion. This shows to what extent they are inside the map at the recommended contour level (0.045).

9.4 Atom inclusion [i](#)



At the recommended contour level, 86% of all backbone atoms, 65% of all non-hydrogen atoms, are inside the map.

9.5 Map-model fit summary ⓘ

The table lists the average atom inclusion at the recommended contour level (0.045) and Q-score for the entire model and for each chain.

Chain	Atom inclusion	Q-score
All	0.6530	0.1500
A	0.6460	0.1460
B	0.6850	0.1570
C	0.6650	0.1520
D	0.6870	0.1590
E	0.5260	0.1450

