



wwPDB EM Validation Summary Report ⓘ

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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
Mogul : 2022.3.0, CSD as543be (2022)
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

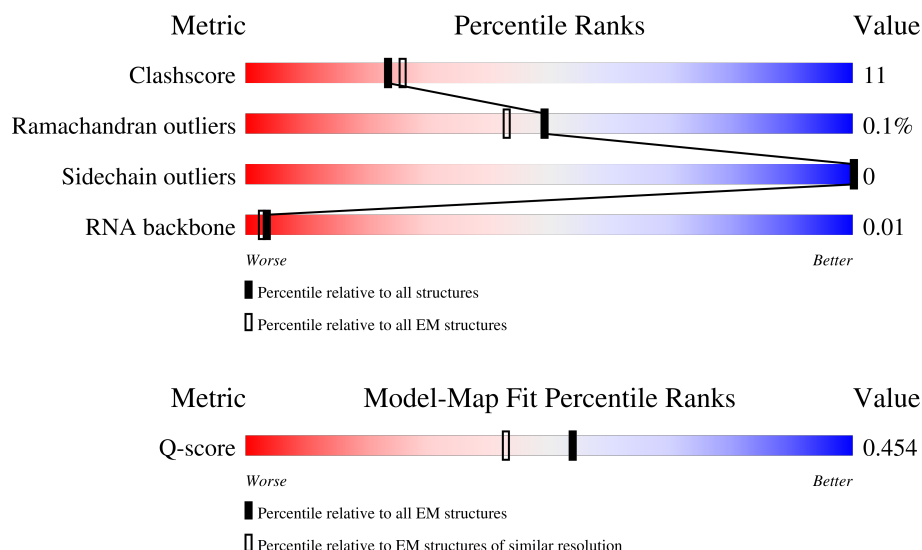
1 Overall quality at a glance i

The following experimental techniques were used to determine the structure:

ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

The reported resolution of this entry is 3.23 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	-
RNA backbone	8273	3508	-
Q-score	-	25397	14612 (2.73 - 3.73)

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	329	
1	B	329	
2	C	1342	

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Mol	Chain	Length	Quality of chain
3	D	1407	
4	E	91	
5	F	628	
6	G	74	
6	H	74	
7	1	69	
8	2	69	
9	3	3	

2 Entry composition [i](#)

There are 11 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 33286 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-directed RNA polymerase subunit alpha.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
1	A	305	Total	C	N	O	S	1	0
			2381	1492	422	459	8		
1	B	228	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			1767	1100	312	349	6		

- Molecule 2 is a protein called DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
2	C	1341	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			10576	6636	1842	2055	43		

- Molecule 3 is a protein called DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta'.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
3	D	1344	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			10443	6559	1860	1974	50		

- Molecule 4 is a protein called DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit omega.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
4	E	77	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			610	371	116	122	1		

- Molecule 5 is a protein called RNA polymerase sigma factor RpoD.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
5	F	431	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			3516	2195	636	663	22		

There are 15 discrepancies between the modelled and reference sequences:

Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
F	-14	MET	-	expression tag	UNP P00579

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Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
F	-13	ARG	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-12	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-11	SER	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-10	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-9	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-8	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-7	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-6	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-5	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-4	THR	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-3	ASP	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-2	GLN	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	-1	PHE	-	expression tag	UNP P00579
F	0	THR	-	expression tag	UNP P00579

- Molecule 6 is a protein called Nitrate/nitrite response regulator protein NarL.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
6	G	66	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			547	347	107	90	3		
6	H	66	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			547	347	107	90	3		

There are 16 discrepancies between the modelled and reference sequences:

Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
G	217	LEU	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
G	218	GLU	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
G	219	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
G	220	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
G	221	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
G	222	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
G	223	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
G	224	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
H	217	LEU	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
H	218	GLU	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
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H	220	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
H	221	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
H	222	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
H	223	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28
H	224	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P0AF28

- Molecule 7 is a DNA chain called DNA (69-MER).

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
7	1	69	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0
			1415	676	263	408	68		

- Molecule 8 is a DNA chain called DNA (69-MER).

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
8	2	69	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0
			1405	674	238	424	69		

- Molecule 9 is a RNA chain called RNA (5'-D*(GTP))-R(P*AP*A)-3').

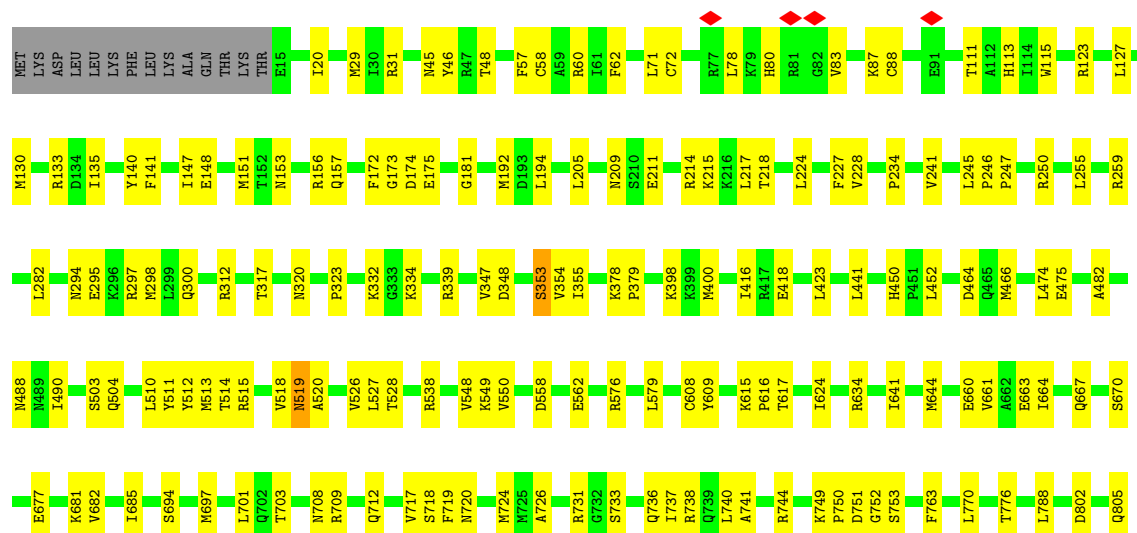
Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
9	3	3	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0
			76	30	15	26	5		

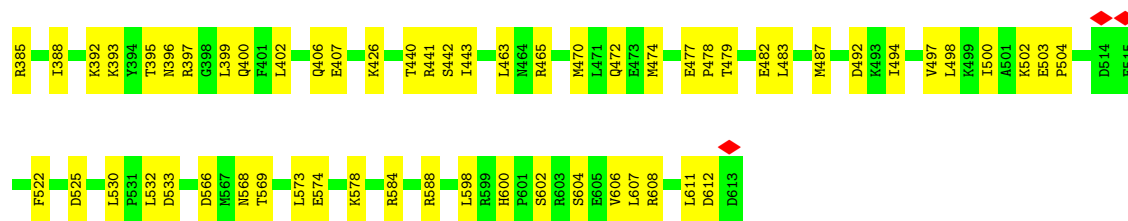
- Molecule 10 is ZINC ION (CCD ID: ZN) (formula: Zn) (labeled as "Ligand of Interest" by depositor).

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		AltConf
10	D	2	Total	Zn	0
			2	2	

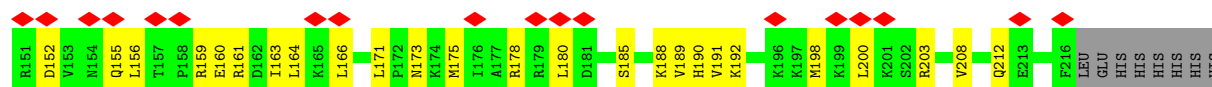
- Molecule 11 is MAGNESIUM ION (CCD ID: MG) (formula: Mg) (labeled as "Ligand of Interest" by depositor).

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		AltConf
11	D	1	Total	Mg	0
			1	1	

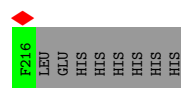
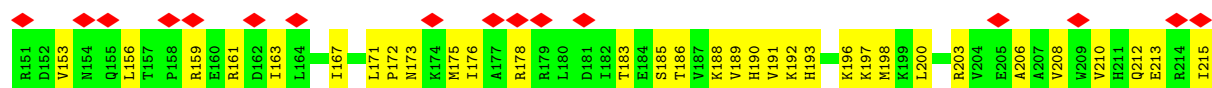




• Molecule 6: Nitrate/nitrite response regulator protein NarL



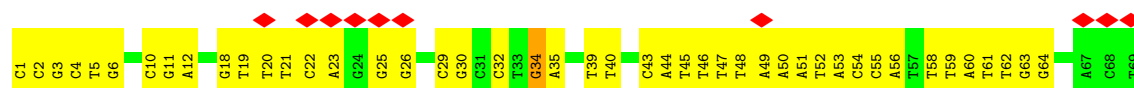
• Molecule 6: Nitrate/nitrite response regulator protein NarL



• Molecule 7: DNA (69-MER)



• Molecule 8: DNA (69-MER)



• Molecule 9: RNA (5'-D(*(GTP))-R(P*AP*A)-3')



4 Experimental information

Property	Value	Source
EM reconstruction method	SINGLE PARTICLE	Depositor
Imposed symmetry	POINT, C1	Depositor
Number of particles used	104500	Depositor
Resolution determination method	FSC 0.143 CUT-OFF	Depositor
CTF correction method	PHASE FLIPPING AND AMPLITUDE CORRECTION	Depositor
Microscope	FEI TITAN KRIOS	Depositor
Voltage (kV)	300	Depositor
Electron dose ($e^-/\text{\AA}^2$)	42	Depositor
Minimum defocus (nm)	1000	Depositor
Maximum defocus (nm)	2000	Depositor
Magnification	130000	Depositor
Image detector	GATAN K3 BIOQUANTUM (6k x 4k)	Depositor
Maximum map value	0.712	Depositor
Minimum map value	-0.351	Depositor
Average map value	0.001	Depositor
Map value standard deviation	0.020	Depositor
Recommended contour level	0.08	Depositor
Map size (Å)	339.968, 339.968, 339.968	wwPDB
Map dimensions	384, 384, 384	wwPDB
Map angles (°)	90.0, 90.0, 90.0	wwPDB
Pixel spacing (Å)	0.8853333, 0.8853333, 0.8853333	Depositor

5 Model quality

5.1 Standard geometry

Bond lengths and bond angles in the following residue types are not validated in this section: GTP, ZN, MG

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	0.50	0/2415	0.59	0/3272
1	B	0.46	0/1789	0.61	0/2425
2	C	0.54	0/10745	0.63	2/14499 (0.0%)
3	D	0.51	0/10600	0.61	1/14312 (0.0%)
4	E	0.46	0/612	0.51	0/824
5	F	0.31	0/3557	0.52	0/4771
6	G	0.16	0/554	0.41	0/741
6	H	0.19	0/554	0.47	0/741
7	1	0.28	0/1589	0.37	0/2451
8	2	0.26	0/1570	0.44	1/2420 (0.0%)
9	3	0.23	0/49	0.22	0/74
All	All	0.48	0/34034	0.58	4/46530 (0.0%)

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
2	C	0	3

There are no bond length outliers.

All (4) bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
8	2	34	DG	C2'-C3'-O3'	-10.31	96.03	111.50
2	C	1109	ILE	N-CA-C	-5.57	107.31	112.83
2	C	1135	GLN	N-CA-CB	-5.28	108.15	114.17
3	D	353	SER	N-CA-C	5.18	115.19	107.88

There are no chirality outliers.

All (3) planarity outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Group
2	C	1135	GLN	Peptide
2	C	1136	GLN	Peptide
2	C	340	ASP	Peptide

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	2381	0	2442	58	0
1	B	1767	0	1789	49	0
2	C	10576	0	10591	216	0
3	D	10443	0	10656	226	0
4	E	610	0	617	10	0
5	F	3516	0	3595	84	0
6	G	547	0	596	17	0
6	H	547	0	596	31	0
7	1	1415	0	779	42	0
8	2	1405	0	785	58	0
9	3	76	0	33	2	0
10	D	2	0	0	0	0
11	D	1	0	0	0	0
All	All	33286	0	32479	706	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 11.

The worst 5 of 706 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)
3:D:398:LYS:HD2	5:F:532:LEU:HD21	1.48	0.94
7:1:31:DA:H61	8:2:44:DA:H61	1.15	0.92
3:D:259:ARG:HH22	8:2:21:DT:H2''	1.38	0.88
5:F:608:ARG:O	5:F:611:LEU:HB3	1.76	0.85
3:D:111:THR:HG23	3:D:300:GLN:HG2	1.59	0.84

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	302/329 (92%)	291 (96%)	11 (4%)	0	100	100
1	B	226/329 (69%)	209 (92%)	17 (8%)	0	100	100
2	C	1339/1342 (100%)	1252 (94%)	84 (6%)	3 (0%)	43	72
3	D	1338/1407 (95%)	1267 (95%)	69 (5%)	2 (0%)	48	77
4	E	75/91 (82%)	71 (95%)	4 (5%)	0	100	100
5	F	423/628 (67%)	405 (96%)	18 (4%)	0	100	100
6	G	64/74 (86%)	64 (100%)	0	0	100	100
6	H	64/74 (86%)	63 (98%)	1 (2%)	0	100	100
All	All	3831/4274 (90%)	3622 (94%)	204 (5%)	5 (0%)	49	77

All (5) Ramachandran outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
2	C	341	LEU
3	D	519	ASN
3	D	320	ASN
2	C	1136	GLN
2	C	340	ASP

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	265/286 (93%)	265 (100%)	0	100	100
1	B	196/286 (68%)	196 (100%)	0	100	100
2	C	1156/1157 (100%)	1156 (100%)	0	100	100
3	D	1124/1168 (96%)	1124 (100%)	0	100	100
4	E	65/75 (87%)	65 (100%)	0	100	100
5	F	383/554 (69%)	383 (100%)	0	100	100
6	G	61/69 (88%)	61 (100%)	0	100	100
6	H	61/69 (88%)	61 (100%)	0	100	100
All	All	3311/3664 (90%)	3311 (100%)	0	100	100

There are no protein residues with a non-rotameric sidechain to report.

Sometimes sidechains can be flipped to improve hydrogen bonding and reduce clashes. 5 of 19 such sidechains are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
5	F	147	GLN
5	F	383	ASN
5	F	518	HIS
5	F	265	GLN
3	D	340	GLN

5.3.3 RNA ⓘ

Mol	Chain	Analysed	Backbone Outliers	Pucker Outliers
9	3	1/3 (33%)	0	0

There are no RNA backbone outliers to report.

There are no RNA pucker outliers to report.

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

Of 3 ligands modelled in this entry, 3 are monoatomic - leaving 0 for Mogul analysis.

There are no bond length outliers.

There are no bond angle outliers.

There are no chirality outliers.

There are no torsion outliers.

There are no ring outliers.

No monomer is involved in short contacts.

5.7 Other polymers

There are no such residues in this entry.

5.8 Polymer linkage issues

There are no chain breaks in this entry.

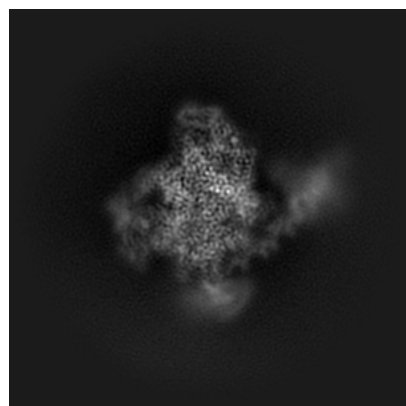
6 Map visualisation [i](#)

This section contains visualisations of the EMDB entry EMD-41856. These allow visual inspection of the internal detail of the map and identification of artifacts.

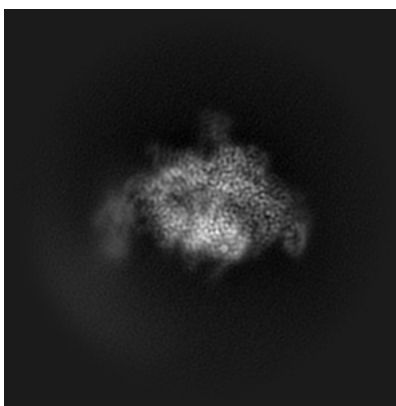
Images derived from a raw map, generated by summing the deposited half-maps, are presented below the corresponding image components of the primary map to allow further visual inspection and comparison with those of the primary map.

6.1 Orthogonal projections [i](#)

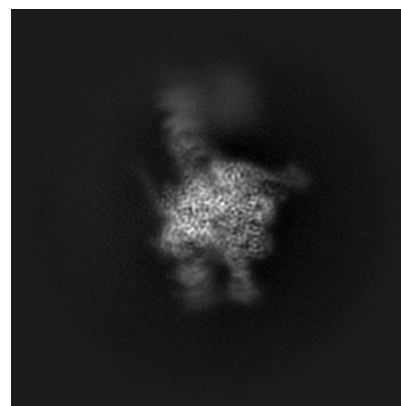
6.1.1 Primary map



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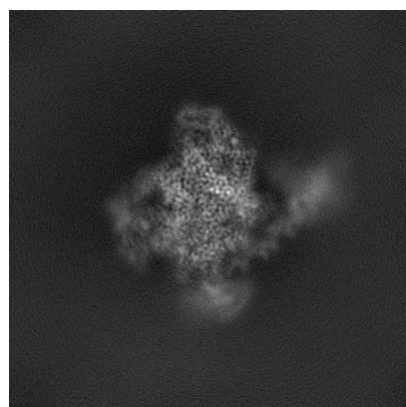


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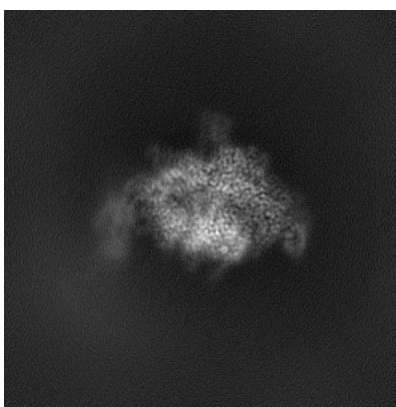


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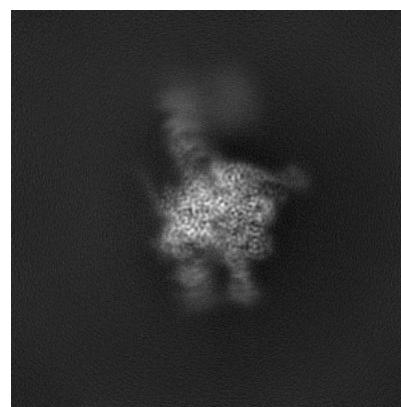
6.1.2 Raw map



X



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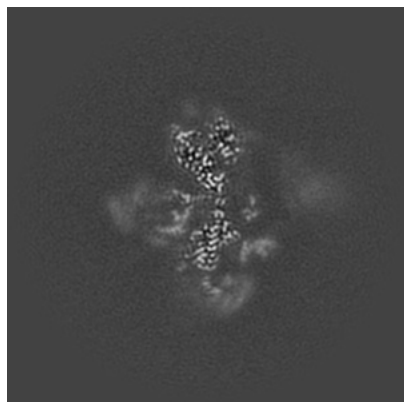


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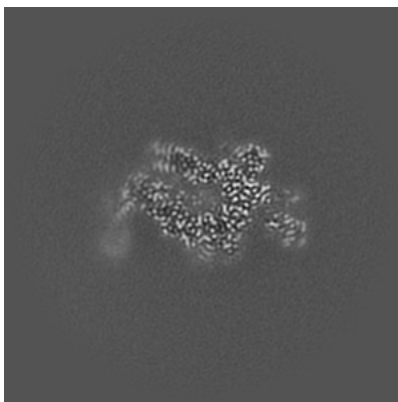
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6.2 Central slices [i](#)

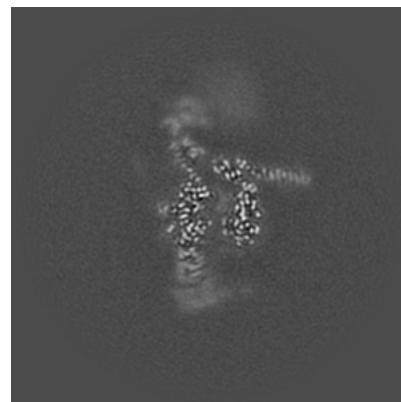
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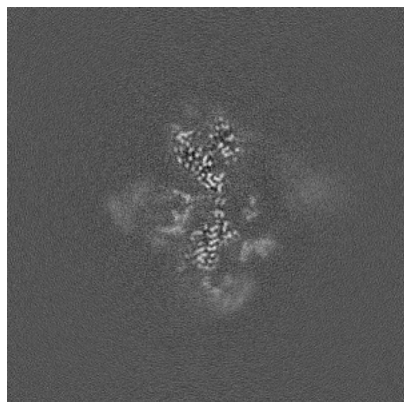


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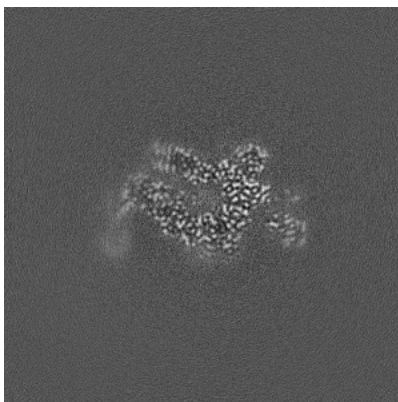


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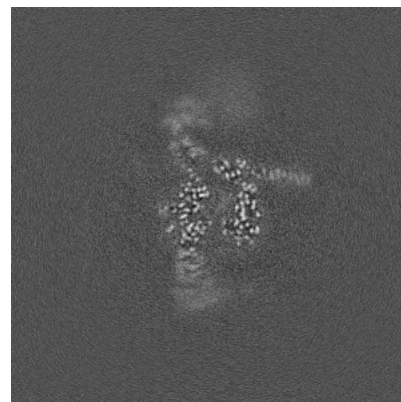
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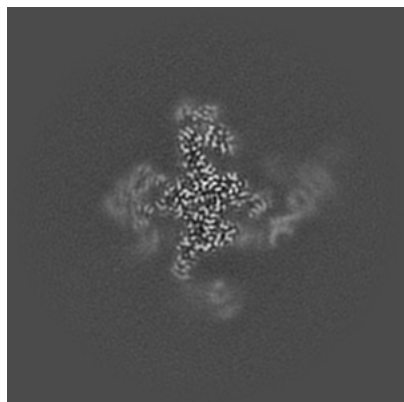


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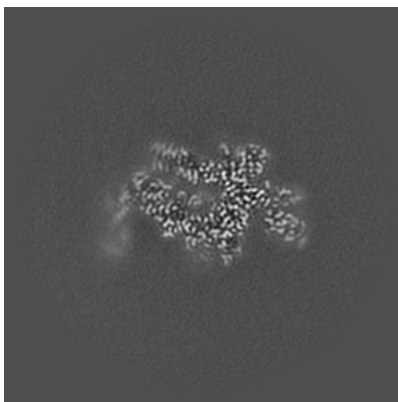
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6.3 Largest variance slices [i](#)

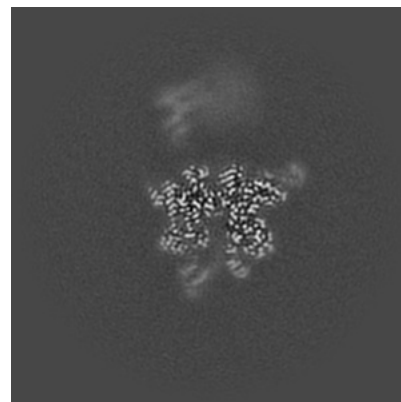
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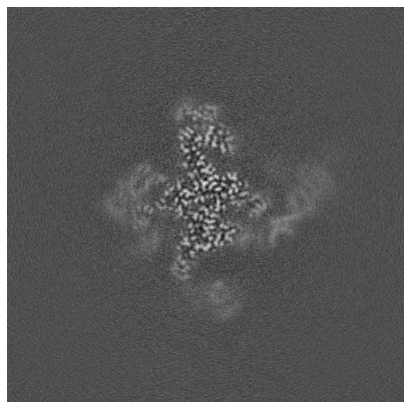


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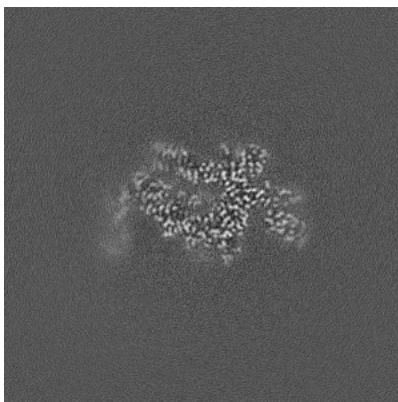


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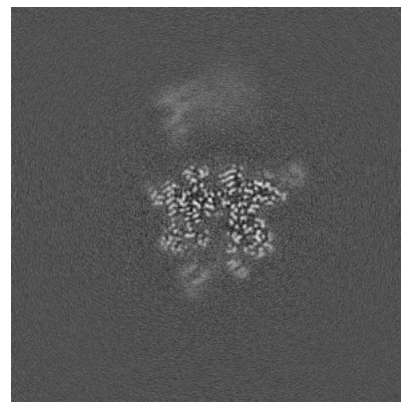
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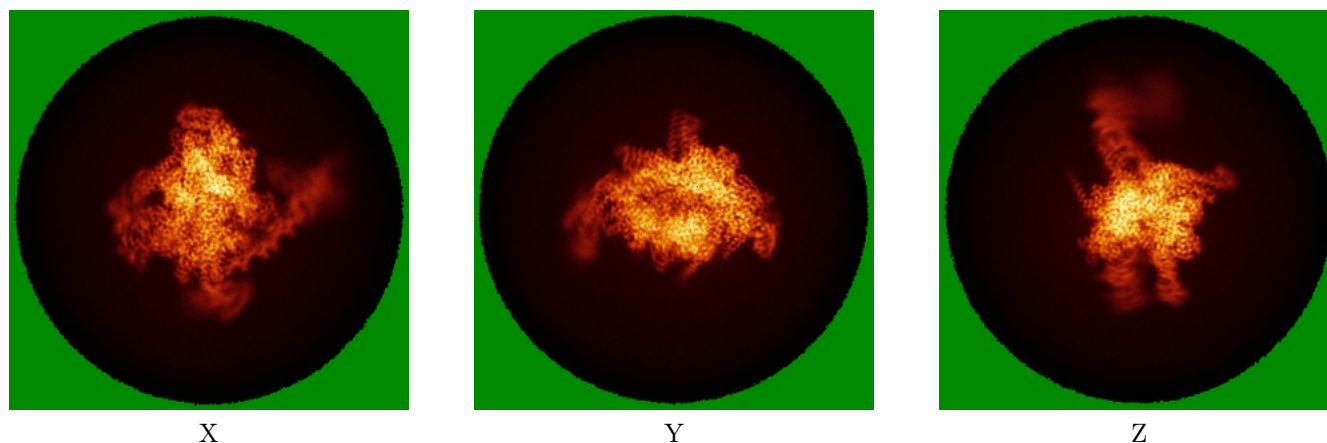


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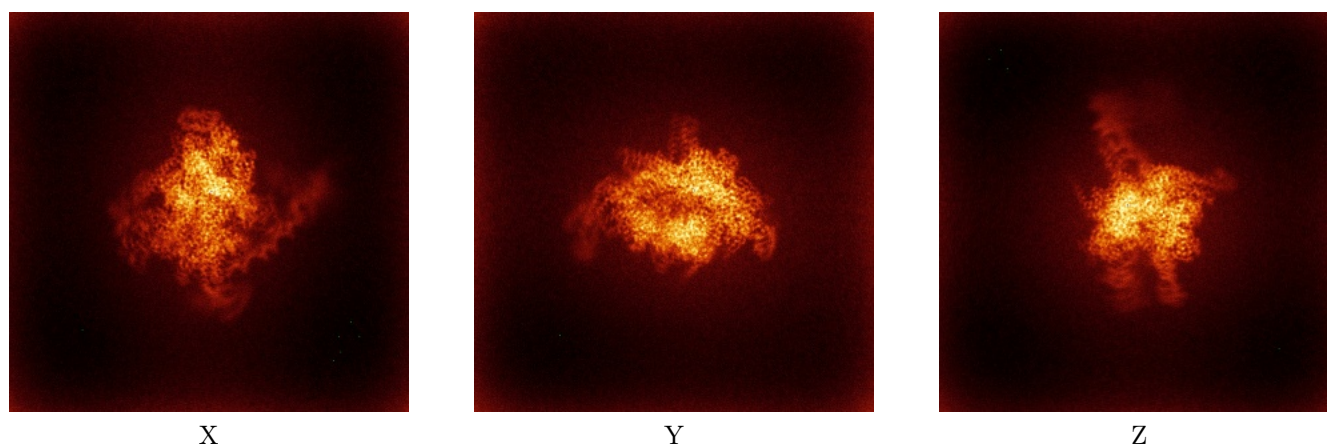
The images above show the largest variance slices of the map in three orthogonal directions.

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

6.4.1 Primary map



6.4.2 Raw map



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](#)

This section was not generated.

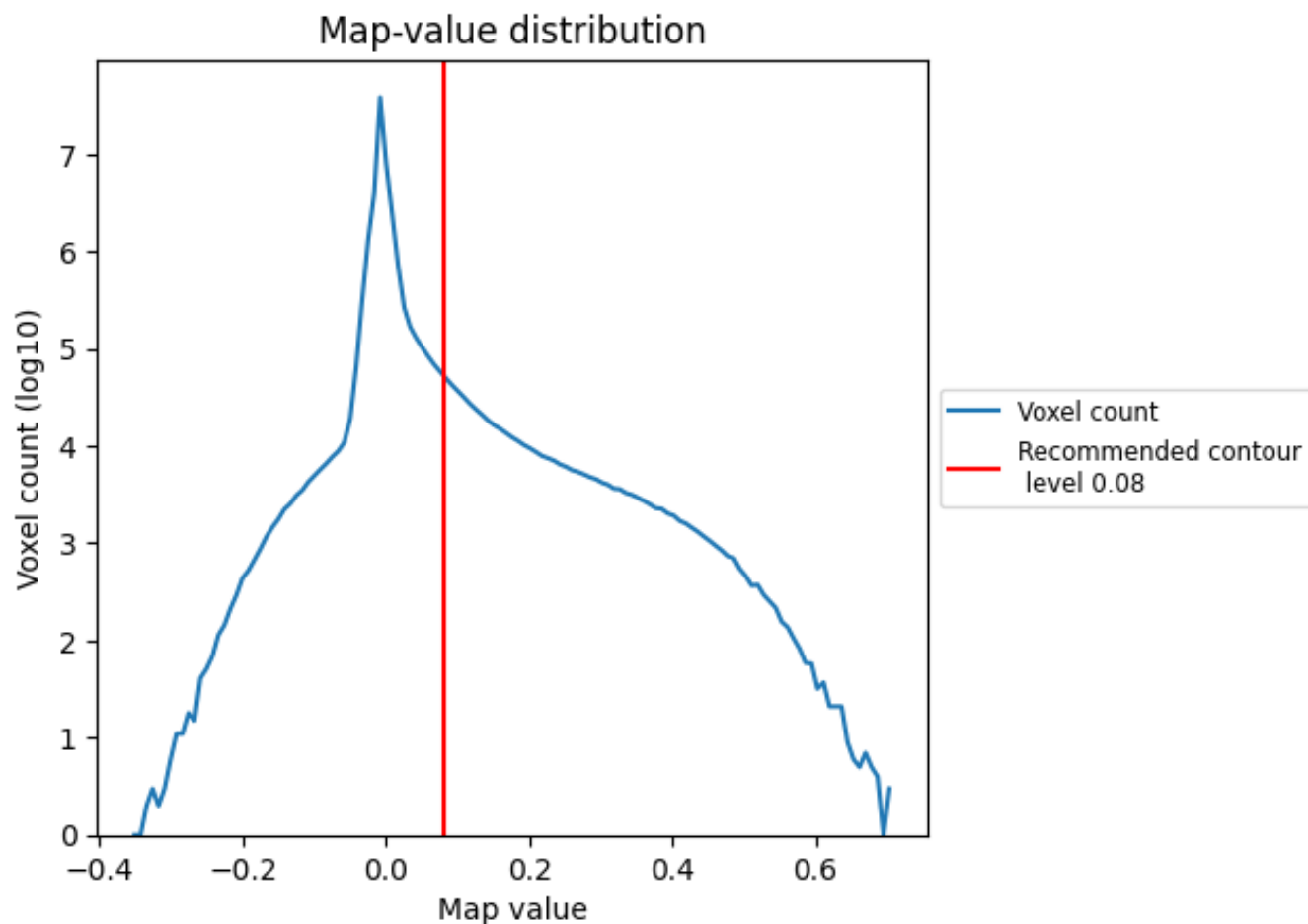
6.6 Mask visualisation [i](#)

This section was not generated. No masks/segmentation were deposited.

7 Map analysis [i](#)

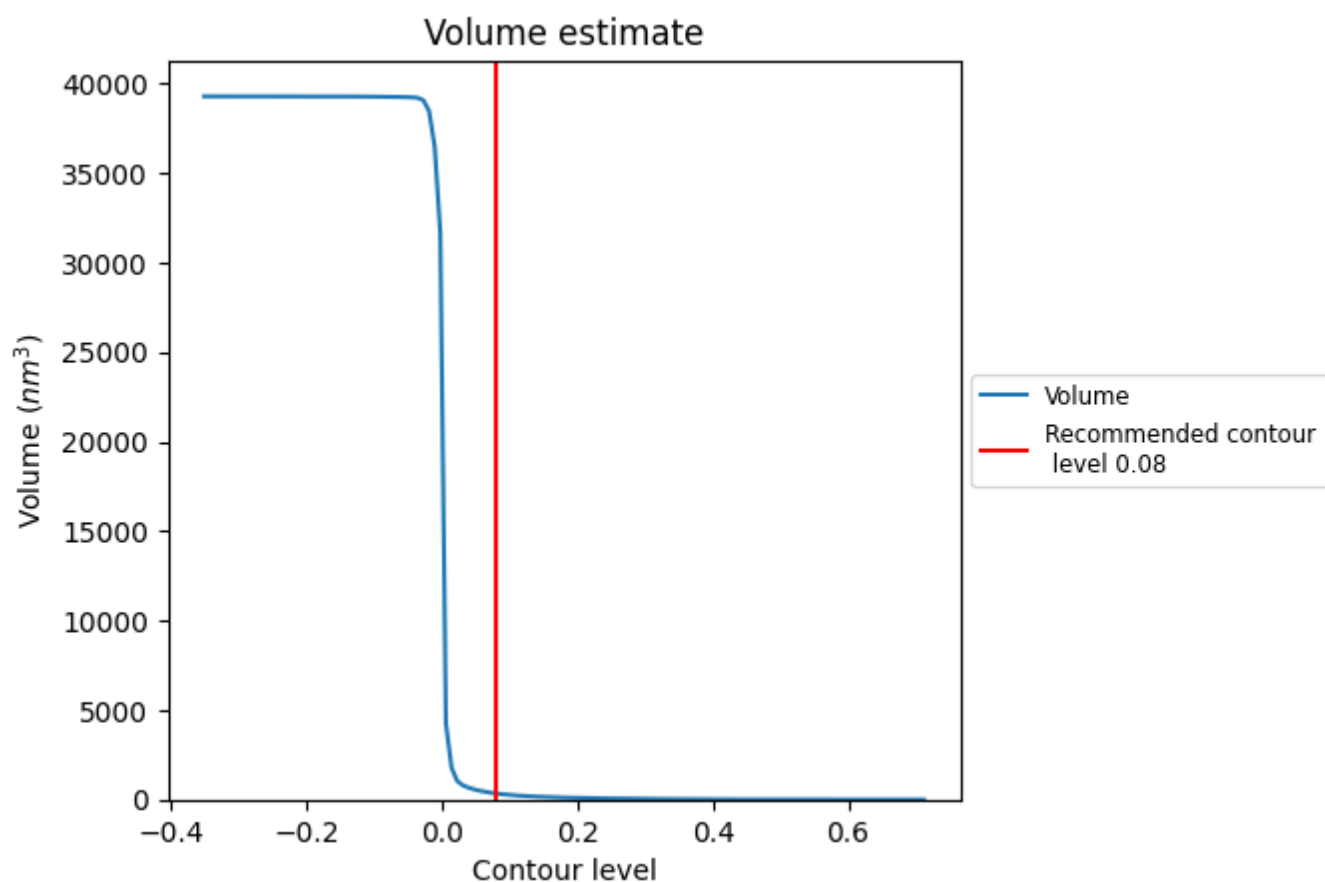
This section contains the results of statistical analysis of the map.

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.

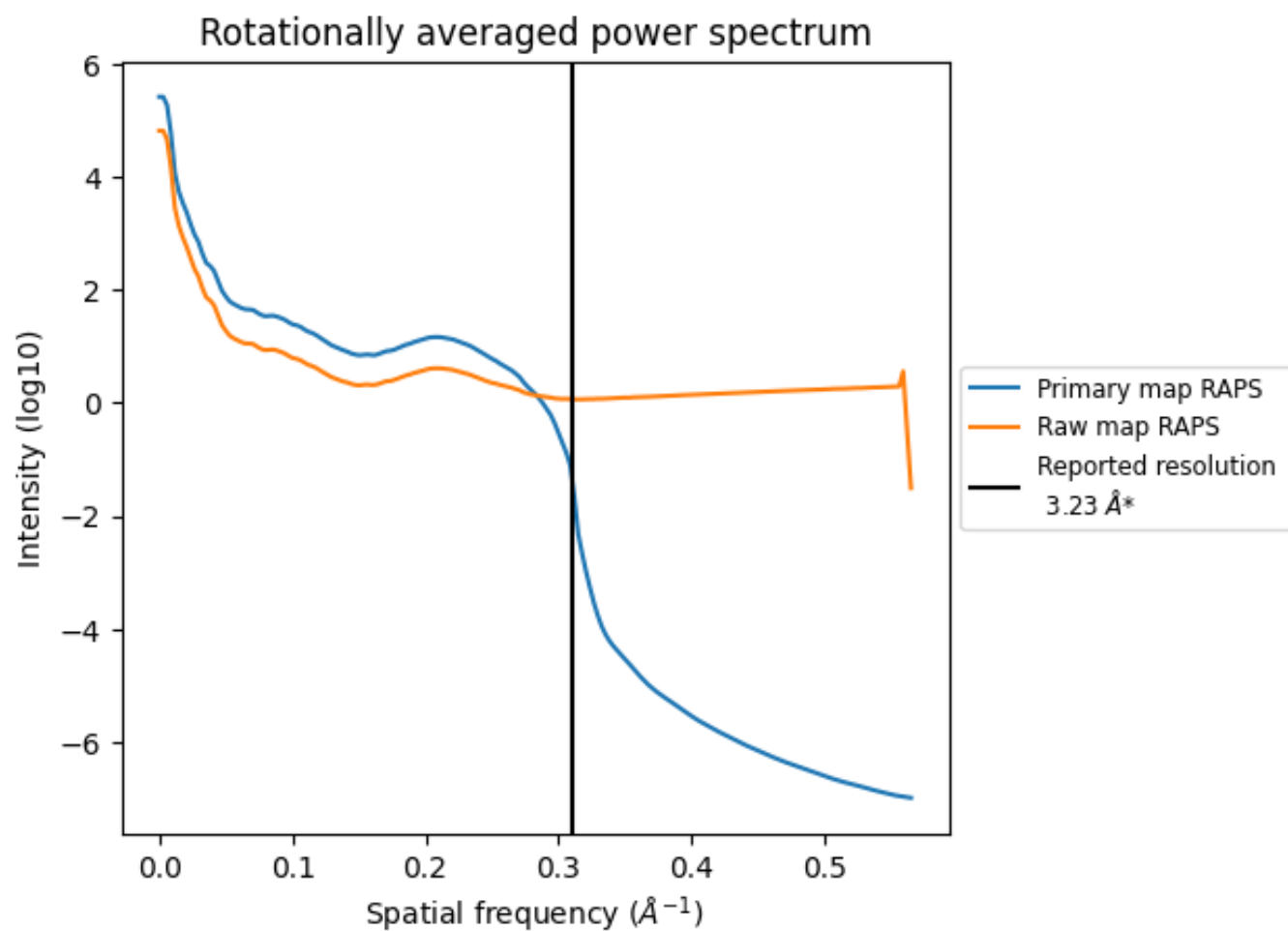
7.2 Volume estimate [i](#)



The volume at the recommended contour level is 339 nm^3 ; this corresponds to an approximate mass of 306 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 ⓘ

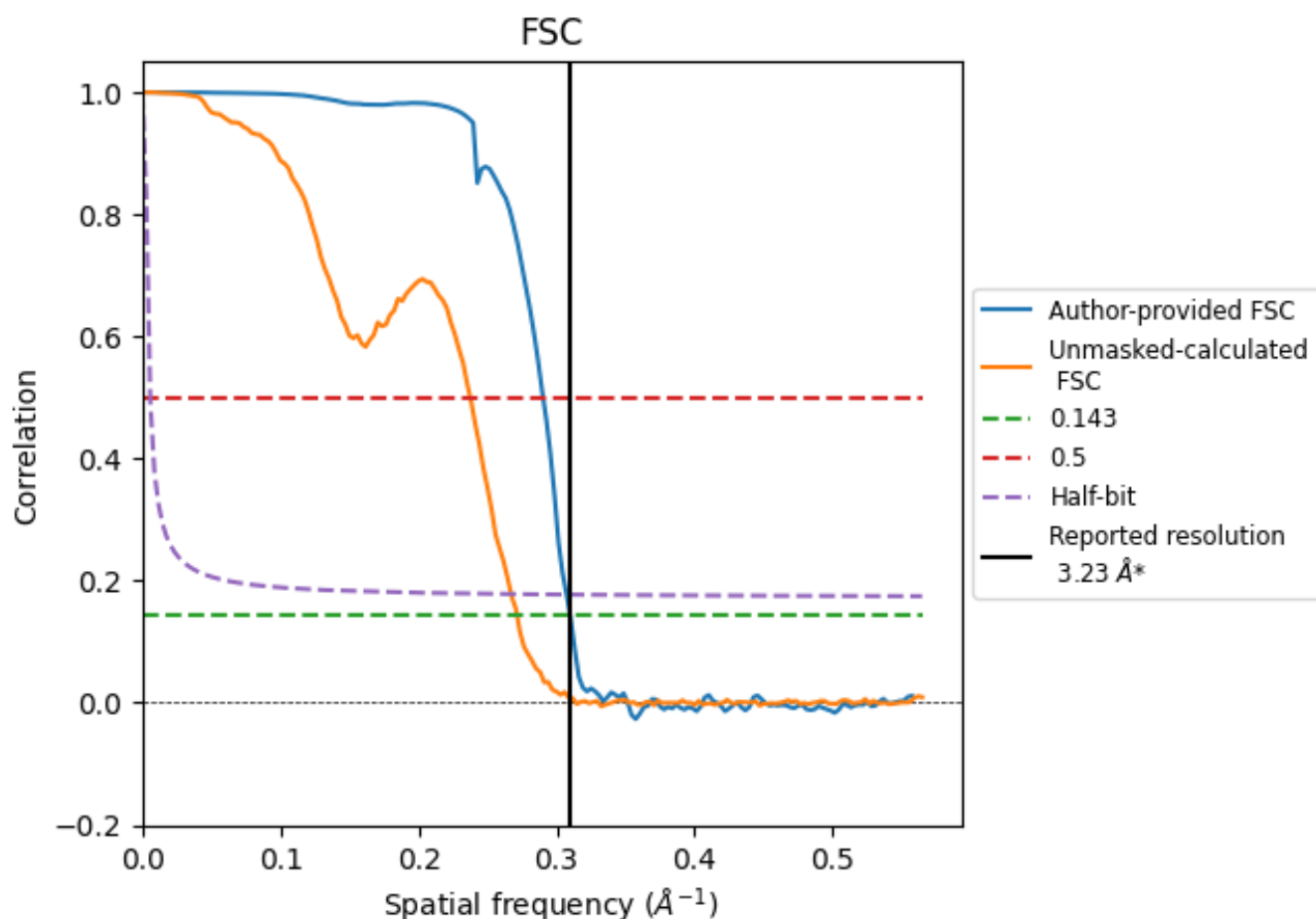


*Reported resolution corresponds to spatial frequency of 0.310 $\text{\AA}^{-1}$

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 0.310 $\text{\AA}^{-1}$

8.2 Resolution estimates [i](#)

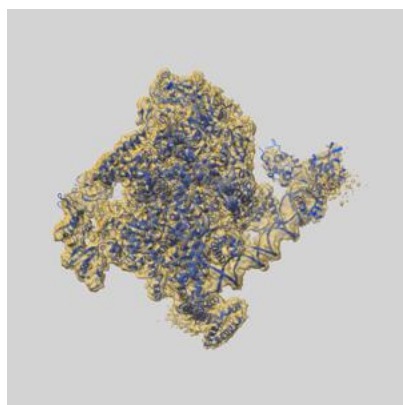
Resolution estimate (Å)	Estimation criterion (FSC cut-off)		
	0.143	0.5	Half-bit
Reported by author	3.23	-	-
Author-provided FSC curve	3.23	3.44	3.25
Unmasked-calculated*	3.68	4.21	3.74

*Resolution estimate based on FSC curve calculated by comparison of deposited half-maps. The value from deposited half-maps intersecting FSC 0.143 CUT-OFF 3.68 differs from the reported value 3.23 by more than 10 %

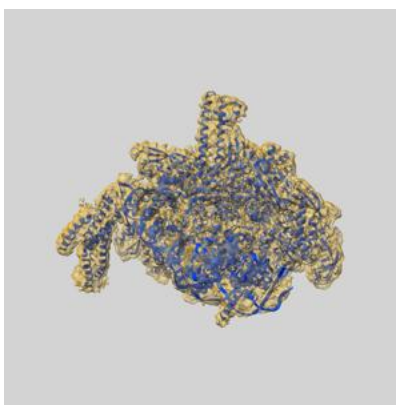
9 Map-model fit [i](#)

This section contains information regarding the fit between EMDB map EMD-41856 and PDB model 8U3B. Per-residue inclusion information can be found in [section 3](#) on [page 7](#).

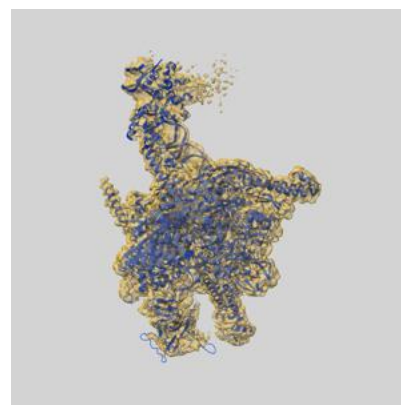
9.1 Map-model overlay [i](#)



X



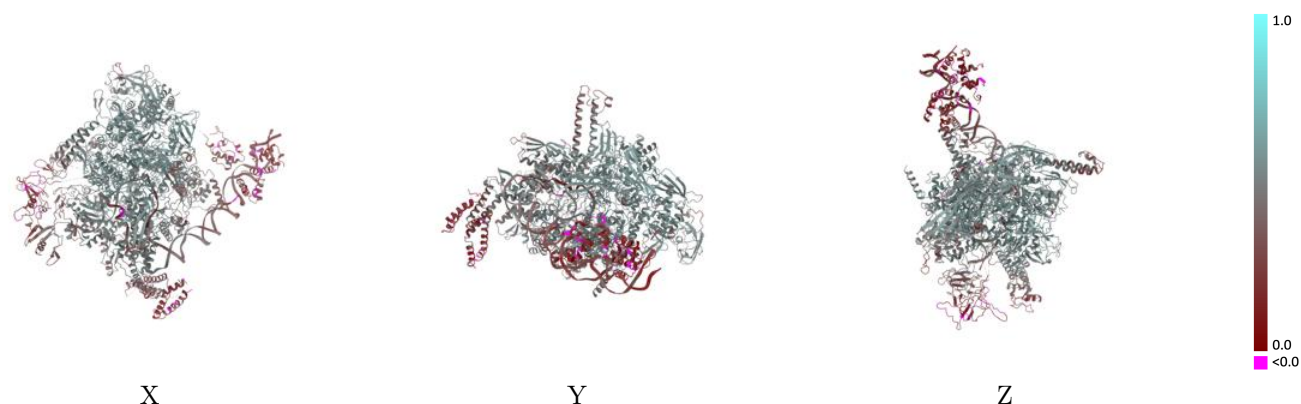
Y



Z

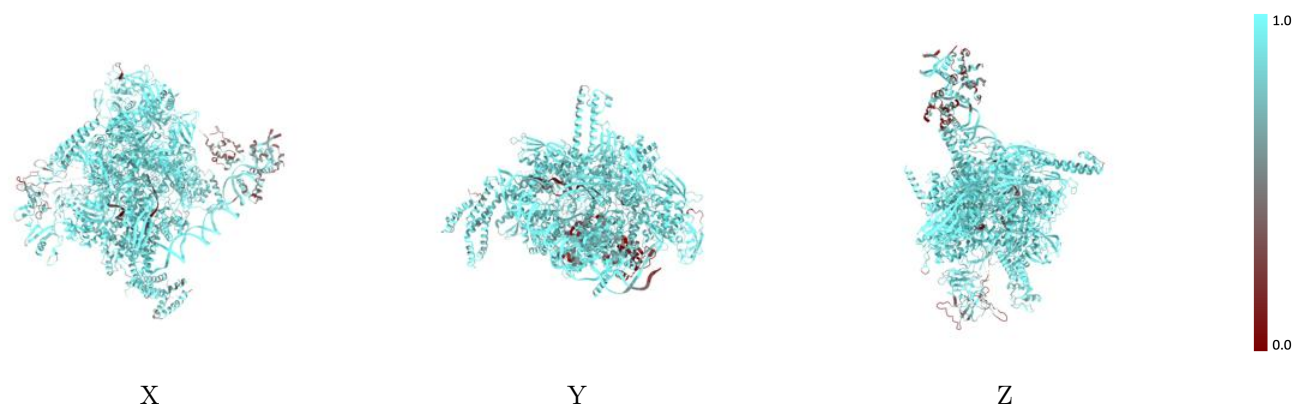
The images above show the 3D surface view of the map at the recommended contour level 0.08 at 50% transparency in yellow overlaid with a ribbon representation of the model coloured in blue. These images allow for the visual assessment of the quality of fit between the atomic model and the map.

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



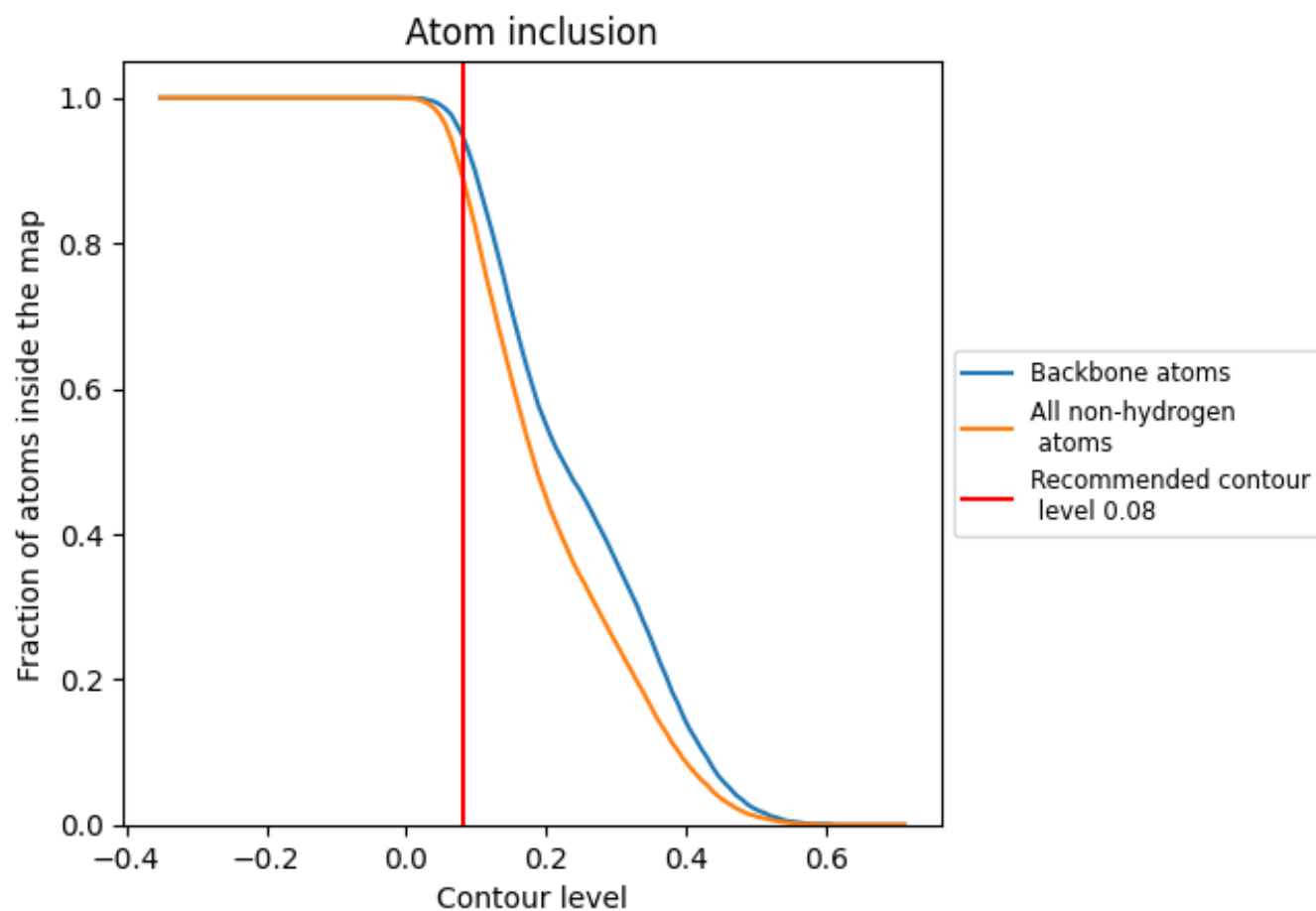
The images above show the model with each residue coloured according its Q-score. This shows their resolvability in the map with higher Q-score values reflecting better resolvability. Please note: Q-score is calculating the resolvability of atoms, and thus high values are only expected at resolutions 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 (0.08).

9.4 Atom inclusion [i](#)



At the recommended contour level, 95% of all backbone atoms, 89% 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 (0.08) and Q-score for the entire model and for each chain.

Chain	Atom inclusion	Q-score
All	0.8930	0.4540
1	0.8830	0.3460
2	0.8260	0.3310
3	0.8160	0.4770
A	0.8060	0.4470
B	0.9250	0.4920
C	0.9440	0.5130
D	0.8990	0.4760
E	0.9500	0.5370
F	0.8660	0.3680
G	0.6180	0.1560
H	0.6390	0.1690

1.0

0.0

<0.0