



wwPDB EM Validation Summary Report ⓘ

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EMDB ID : EMD-31721
Title : Cryo-EM structure of spyCas9-sgRNA-DNA dimer
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Deposited on : 2021-08-16
Resolution : 5.26 Å(reported)

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

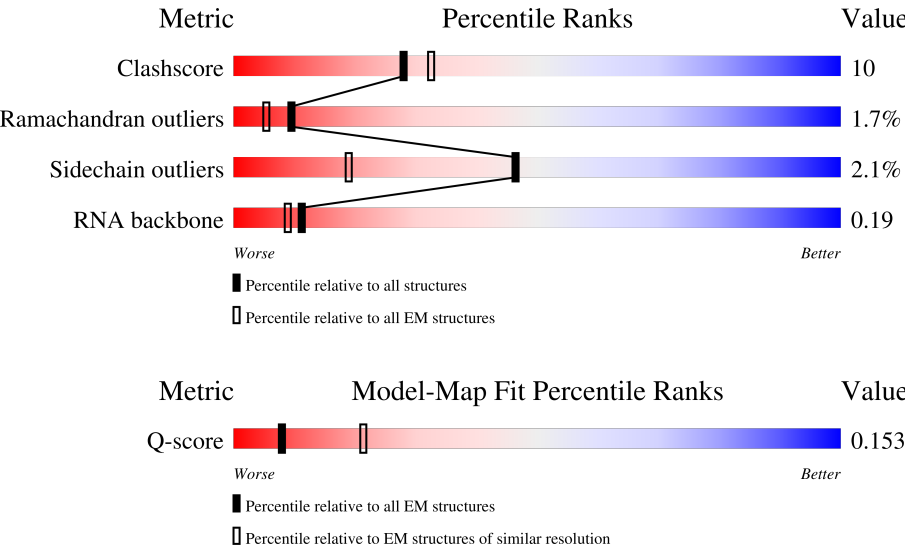
EMDB validation analysis : 0.0.1.dev132
MolProbity : 4-5-2 with Phenix2.0
Percentile statistics : 20250101.v01 (using entries in the PDB archive January 1st 2025)
EM percentile statistics : 202505.v01 (Using data in the EMDb archive up until May 2025)
MapQ : 1.9.13
Ideal geometry (proteins) : Engh & 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 5.26 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	593 (4.76 - 5.75)

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	B	1362	
1	E	1362	
2	C	115	

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Mol	Chain	Length	Quality of chain
2	G	115	
3	D	49	
3	H	49	

2 Entry composition

There are 3 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 27184 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 CRISPR-associated endonuclease Cas9/Csn1.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
1	B	1360	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			10130	6407	1725	1976	22		
1	E	1360	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			10130	6407	1725	1976	22		

- Molecule 2 is a RNA chain called RNA (115-MER).

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
2	C	115	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0
			2462	1102	450	795	115		
2	G	115	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0
			2462	1102	450	795	115		

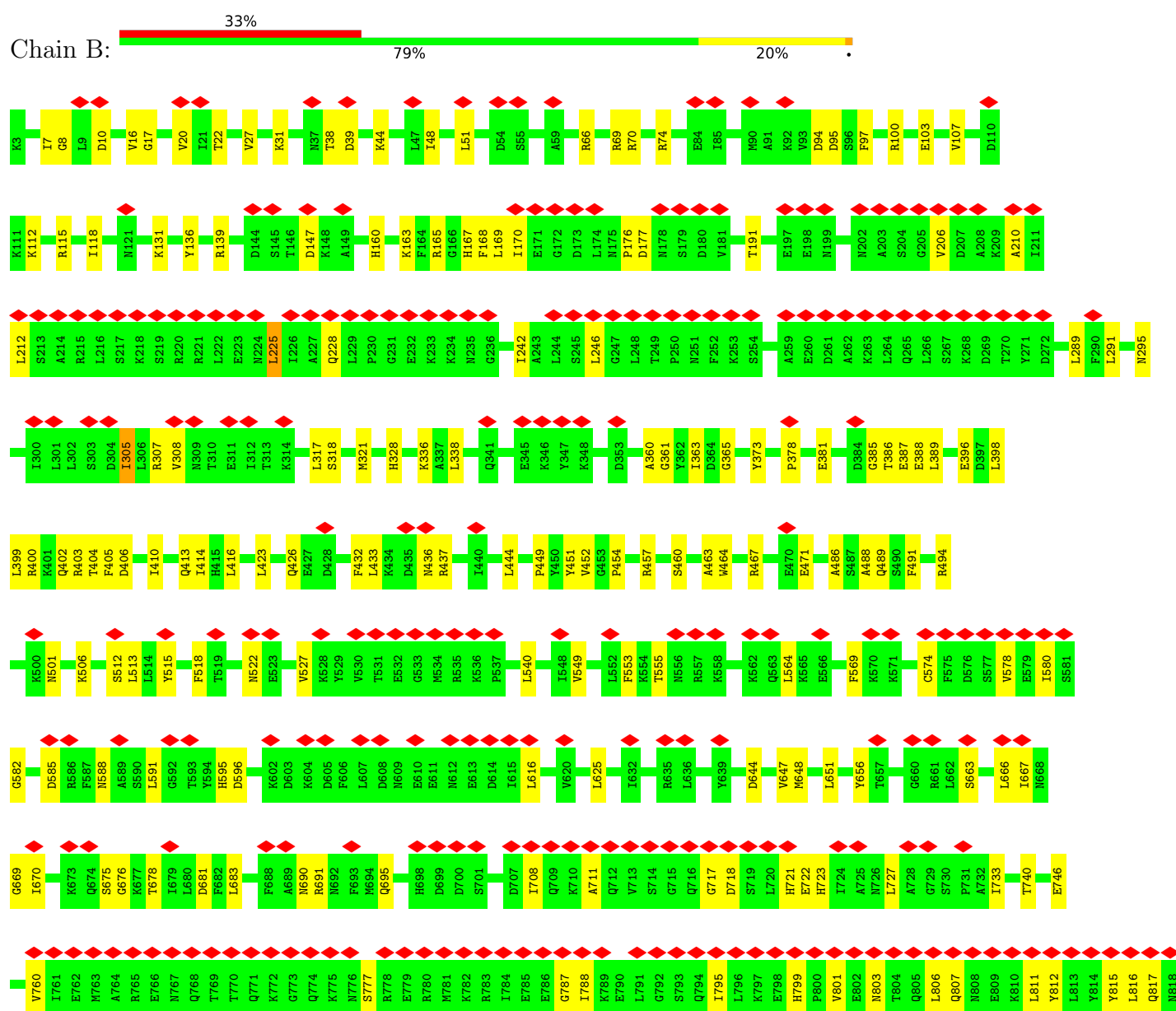
- Molecule 3 is a DNA chain called DNA (49-MER).

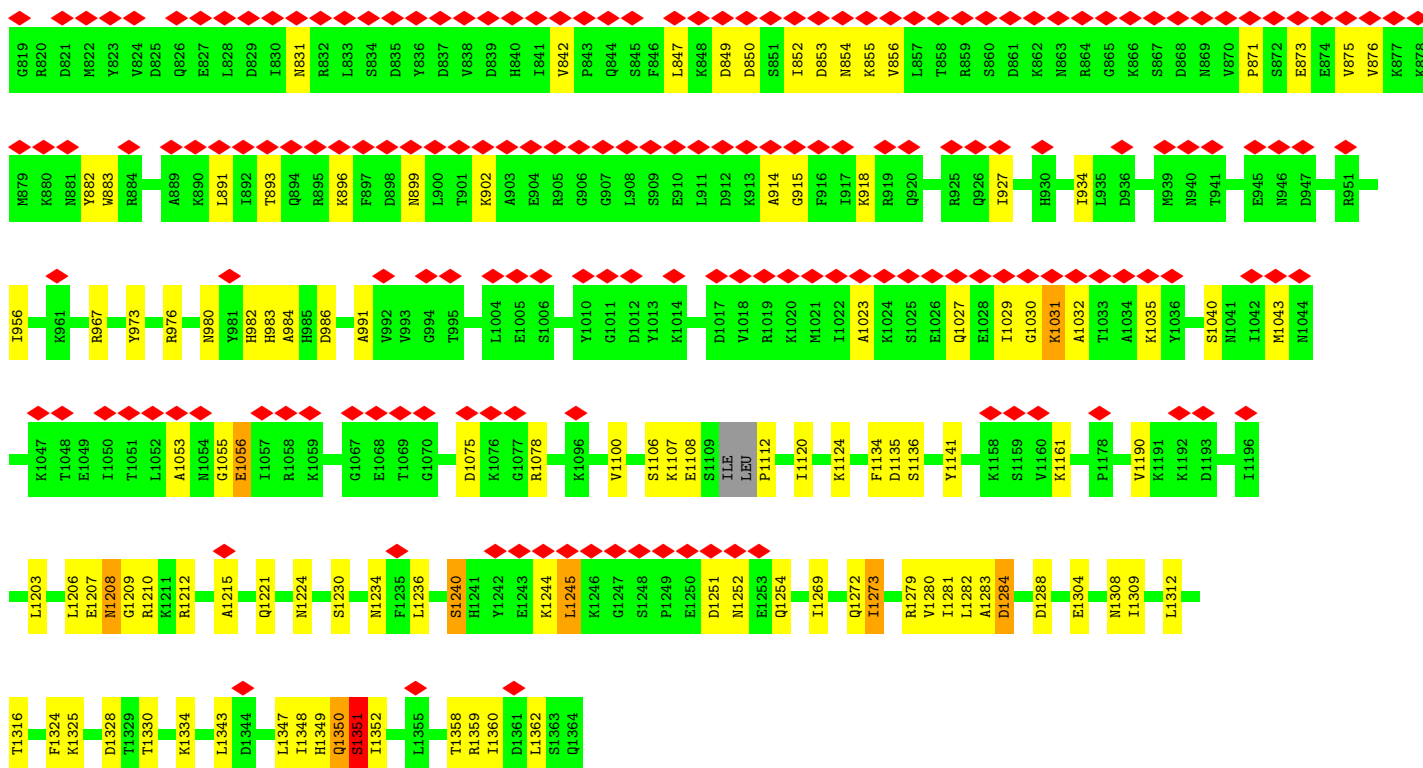
Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
3	D	49	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0
			1000	476	178	297	49		
3	H	49	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0
			1000	476	178	297	49		

3 Residue-property plots

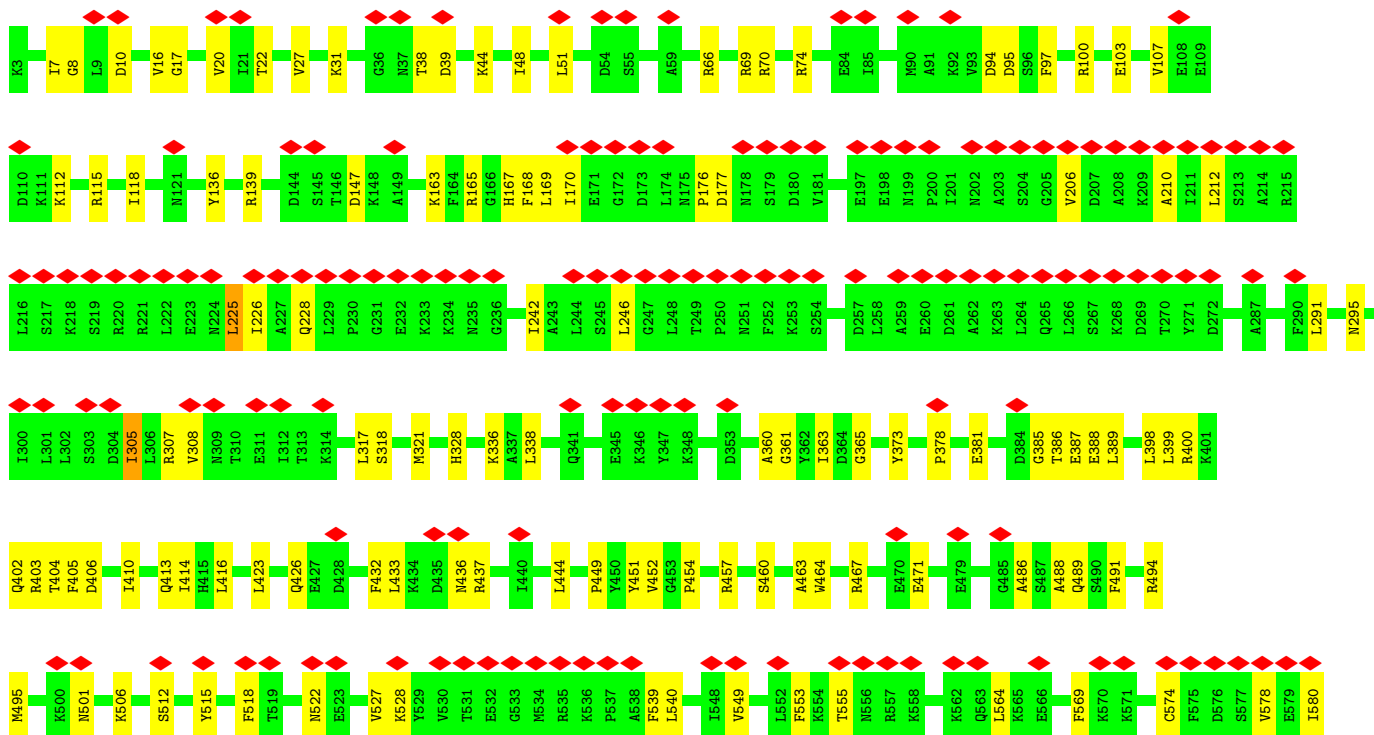
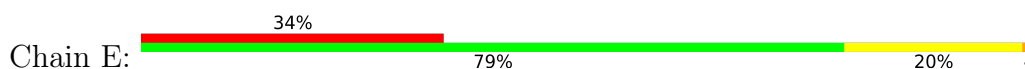
These plots are drawn for all protein, RNA, DNA and oligosaccharide chains in the entry. The first graphic for a chain summarises the proportions of the various outlier classes displayed in the second graphic. The second graphic shows the sequence view annotated by issues in geometry and atom inclusion 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.

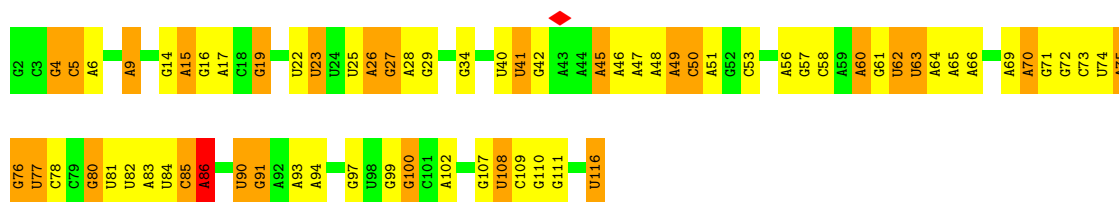
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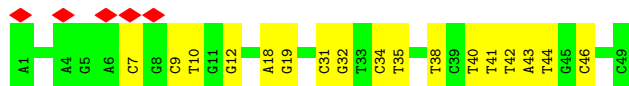




- Molecule 3: DNA (49-MER)



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4 Experimental information

Property	Value	Source
EM reconstruction method	SINGLE PARTICLE	Depositor
Imposed symmetry	POINT, Not provided	
Number of particles used	150080	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 ($e^-/\text{\AA}^2$)	53	Depositor
Minimum defocus (nm)	Not provided	
Maximum defocus (nm)	Not provided	
Magnification	Not provided	
Image detector	GATAN K3 (6k x 4k)	Depositor
Maximum map value	0.868	Depositor
Minimum map value	-0.434	Depositor
Average map value	-0.001	Depositor
Map value standard deviation	0.033	Depositor
Recommended contour level	0.217	Depositor
Map size ($\text{\AA}$)	364.8, 364.8, 364.8	wwPDB
Map dimensions	320, 320, 320	wwPDB
Map angles ($^\circ$)	90.0, 90.0, 90.0	wwPDB
Pixel spacing ($\text{\AA}$)	1.14, 1.14, 1.14	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	B	0.76	1/10306 (0.0%)	0.84	24/14038 (0.2%)
1	E	0.76	1/10306 (0.0%)	0.84	25/14038 (0.2%)
2	C	2.43	6/2758 (0.2%)	0.73	3/4297 (0.1%)
2	G	2.43	6/2758 (0.2%)	0.73	3/4297 (0.1%)
3	D	0.50	0/1119	0.82	3/1724 (0.2%)
3	H	0.50	0/1119	0.82	3/1724 (0.2%)
All	All	1.26	14/28366 (0.0%)	0.81	61/40118 (0.2%)

The worst 5 of 14 bond length outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(Å)	Ideal(Å)
1	B	1351	SER	CA-C	71.03	2.48	1.52
1	E	1351	SER	CA-C	70.92	2.47	1.52
2	G	86	A	N3-C4	56.15	2.47	1.34
2	G	86	A	C6-N1	56.11	2.47	1.35
2	C	86	A	N3-C4	56.10	2.47	1.34

The worst 5 of 61 bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
1	E	1351	SER	O-C-N	-16.08	101.20	122.59
1	B	1351	SER	O-C-N	-16.00	101.30	122.59
1	E	1351	SER	CB-CA-C	12.29	134.89	110.42
1	B	1351	SER	CB-CA-C	12.29	134.88	110.42
1	E	1351	SER	N-CA-CB	-11.09	91.74	110.49

There are no chirality outliers.

There are no planarity outliers.

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	B	10130	0	9317	179	0
1	E	10130	0	9317	182	0
2	C	2462	0	1237	72	0
2	G	2462	0	1237	72	0
3	D	1000	0	553	17	0
3	H	1000	0	553	13	0
All	All	27184	0	22214	439	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 10.

The worst 5 of 439 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)
2:G:86:A:C5	2:G:86:A:C4	2.26	1.20
2:C:86:A:C5	2:C:86:A:C4	2.26	1.19
2:C:86:A:C5	2:C:86:A:C6	2.32	1.18
2:G:86:A:C5	2:G:86:A:C6	2.32	1.16
1:B:1351:SER:HA	2:C:86:A:C5	1.91	1.06

There are no symmetry-related clashes.

5.3 Torsion angles ⓘ

5.3.1 Protein backbone ⓘ

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	B	1356/1362 (100%)	1246 (92%)	87 (6%)	23 (2%)	7 34

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Mol	Chain	Analysed	Favoured	Allowed	Outliers	Percentiles	
1	E	1356/1362 (100%)	1246 (92%)	87 (6%)	23 (2%)	7	34
All	All	2712/2724 (100%)	2492 (92%)	174 (6%)	46 (2%)	9	34

5 of 46 Ramachandran outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	B	711	ALA
1	B	1029	ILE
1	B	1056	GLU
1	B	1208	ASN
1	B	1284	ASP

5.3.2 Protein sidechains ⓘ

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	B	992/1223 (81%)	971 (98%)	21 (2%)	47	64
1	E	992/1223 (81%)	971 (98%)	21 (2%)	47	64
All	All	1984/2446 (81%)	1942 (98%)	42 (2%)	46	64

5 of 42 residues with a non-rotameric sidechain are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	E	578	VAL
1	E	875	VAL
1	E	740	THR
1	E	842	VAL
1	E	1240	SER

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

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	E	489	GLN
1	E	758	ASN

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Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	E	1101	GLN
1	E	723	HIS
1	B	840	HIS

5.3.3 RNA [i](#)

Mol	Chain	Analysed	Backbone Outliers	Pucker Outliers
2	C	114/115 (99%)	53 (46%)	1 (0%)
2	G	114/115 (99%)	53 (46%)	1 (0%)
All	All	228/230 (99%)	106 (46%)	2 (0%)

5 of 106 RNA backbone outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
2	C	4	G
2	C	5	C
2	C	6	A
2	C	9	A
2	C	15	A

All (2) RNA pucker outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
2	C	47	A
2	G	47	A

5.4 Non-standard residues in protein, DNA, RNA chains [i](#)

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

5.5 Carbohydrates [i](#)

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.

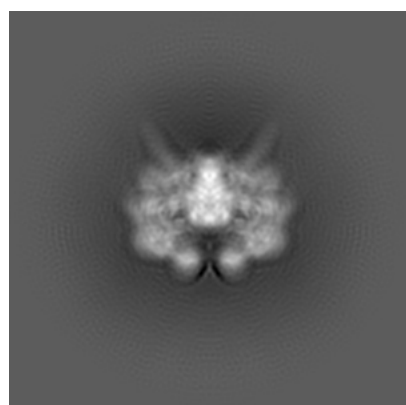
6 Map visualisation [i](#)

This section contains visualisations of the EMDB entry EMD-31721. These allow visual inspection of the internal detail of the map and identification of artifacts.

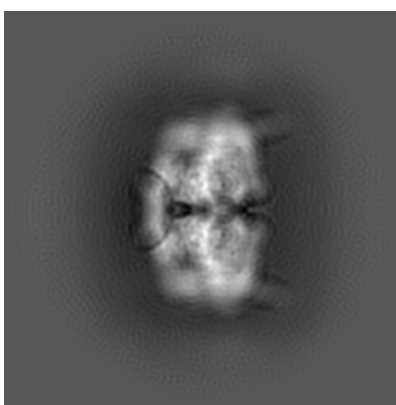
No raw map or half-maps were deposited for this entry and therefore no images, graphs, etc. pertaining to the raw map can be shown.

6.1 Orthogonal projections [i](#)

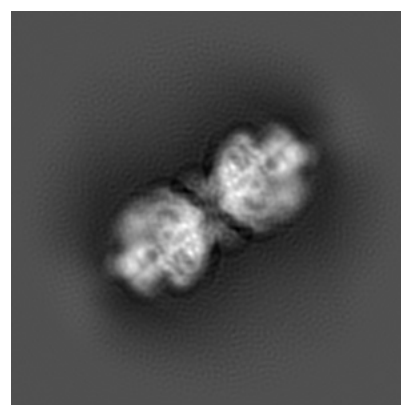
6.1.1 Primary map



X



Y

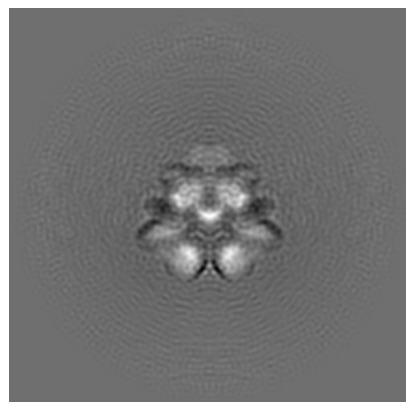


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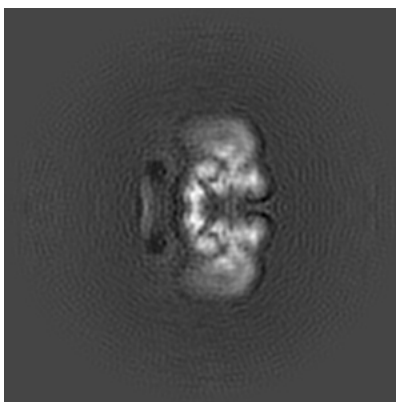
The images above show the map projected in three orthogonal directions.

6.2 Central slices [i](#)

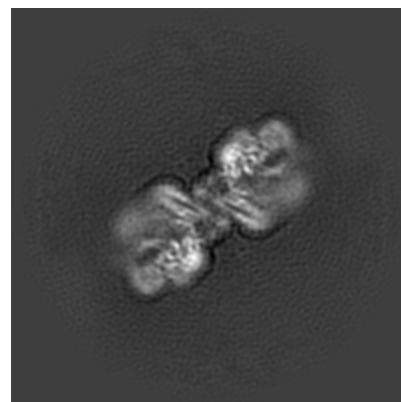
6.2.1 Primary map



X Index: 160



Y Index: 160

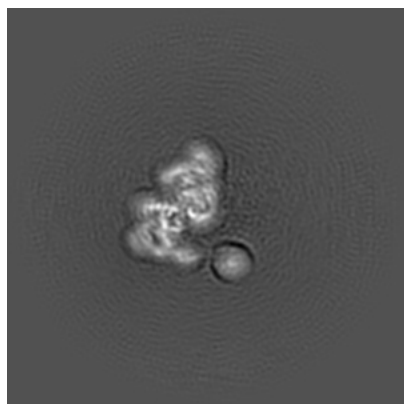


Z Index: 160

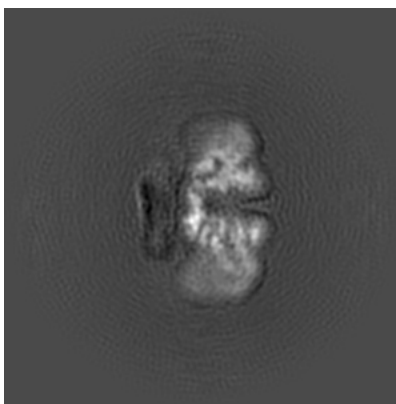
The images above show central slices of the map in three orthogonal directions.

6.3 Largest variance slices [i](#)

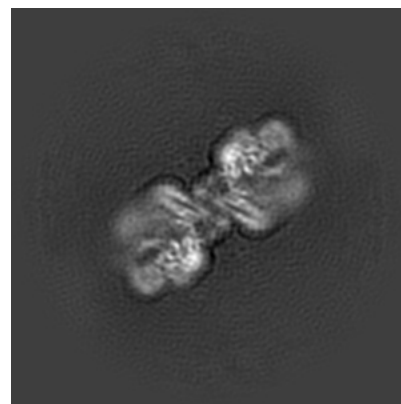
6.3.1 Primary map



X Index: 143



Y Index: 157

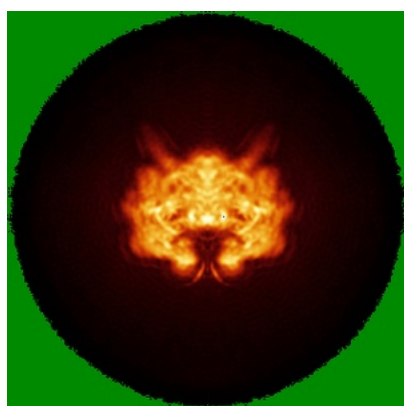


Z Index: 160

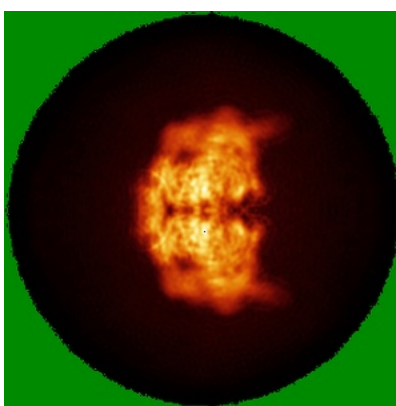
The images above show the largest variance slices of the map in three orthogonal directions.

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

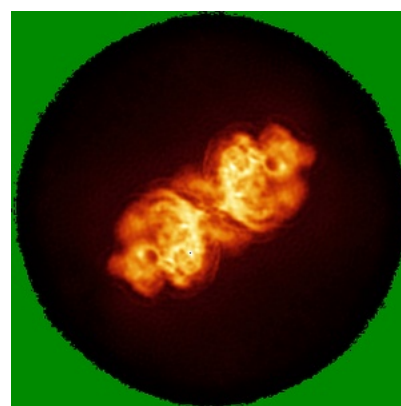
6.4.1 Primary map



X



Y



Z

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 0.217. These images, in conjunction with the slice images, may facilitate assessment of whether an appropriate contour level has been provided.

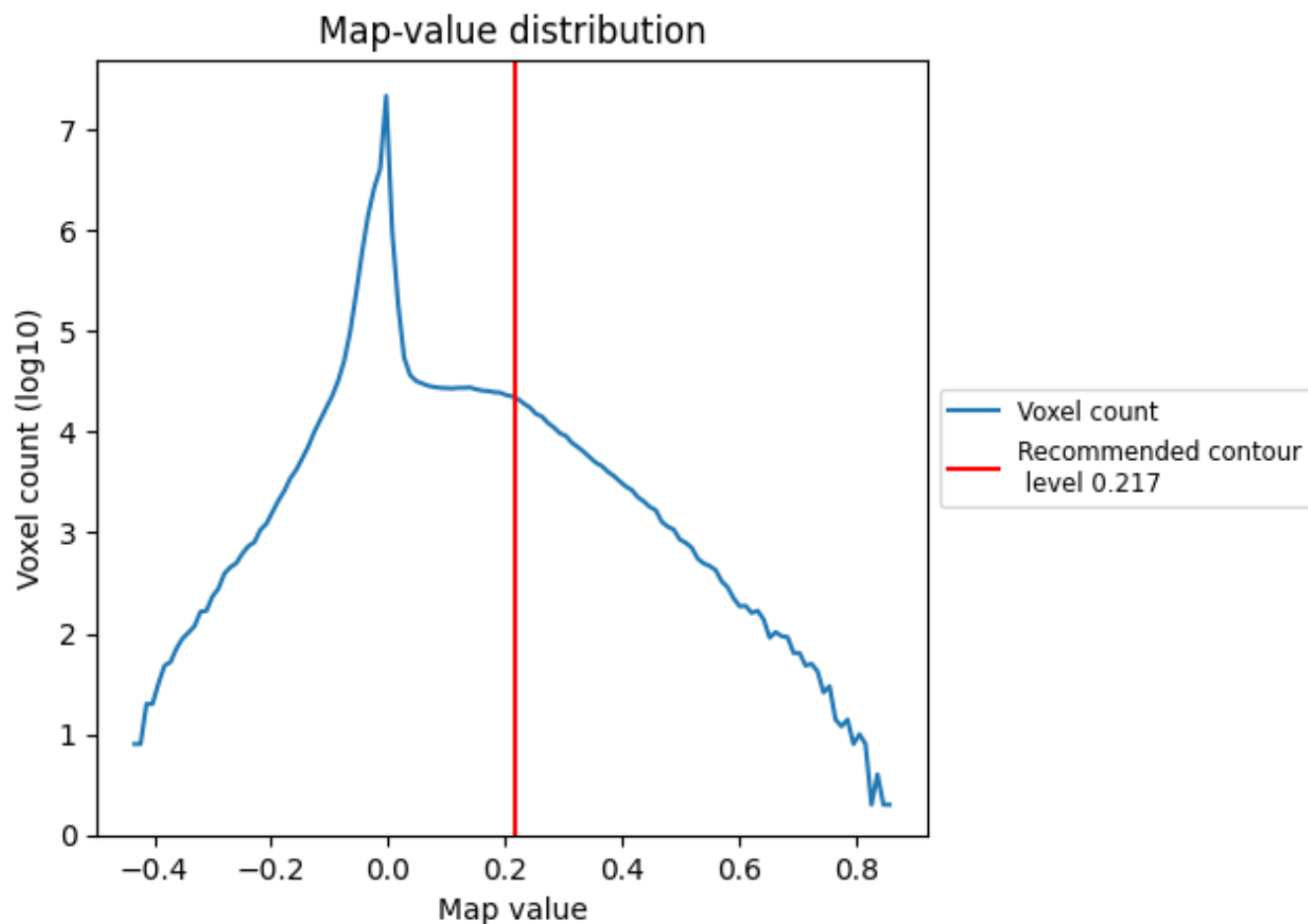
6.6 Mask visualisation [i](#)

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7 Map analysis [i](#)

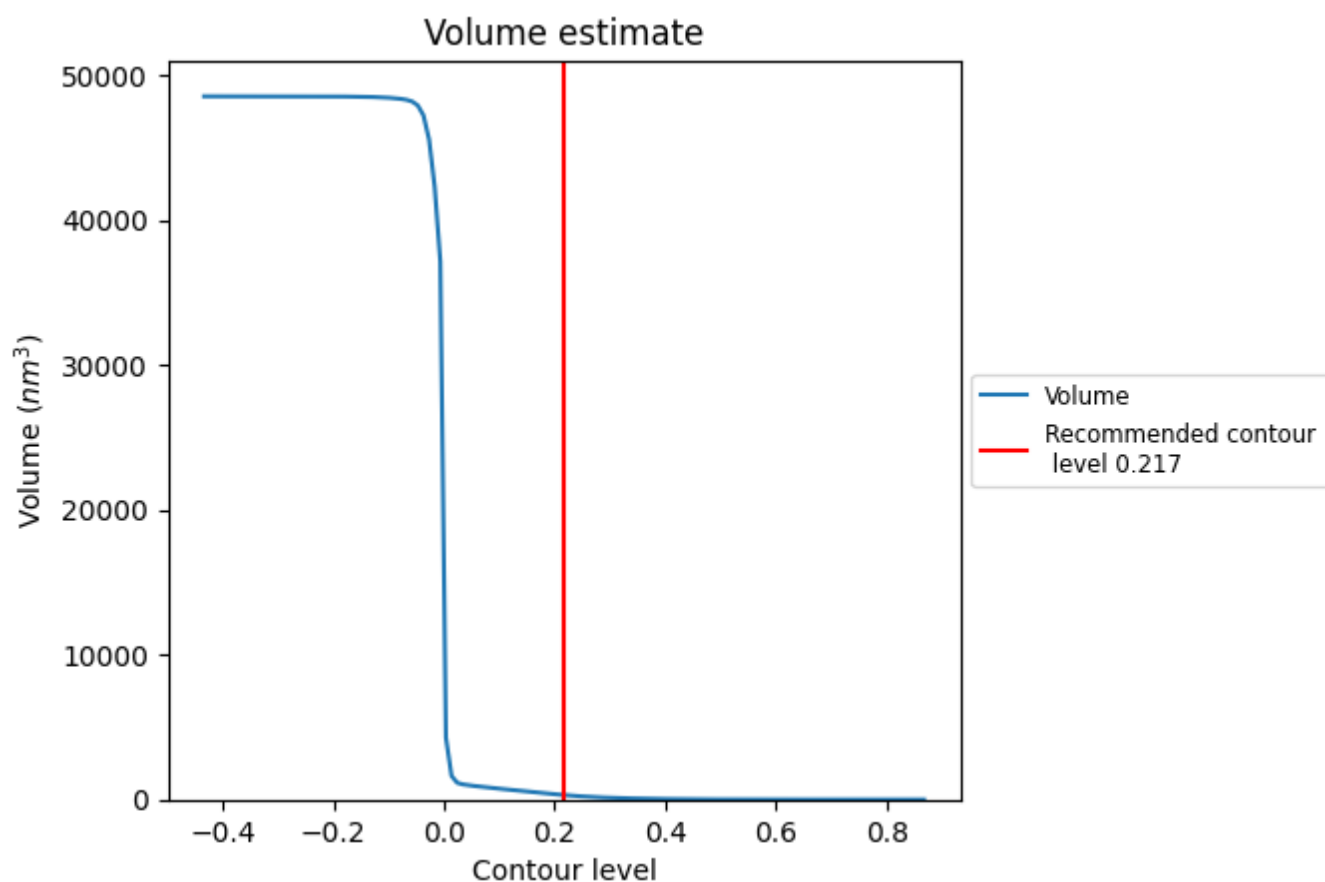
This section contains the results of statistical analysis of the map.

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.

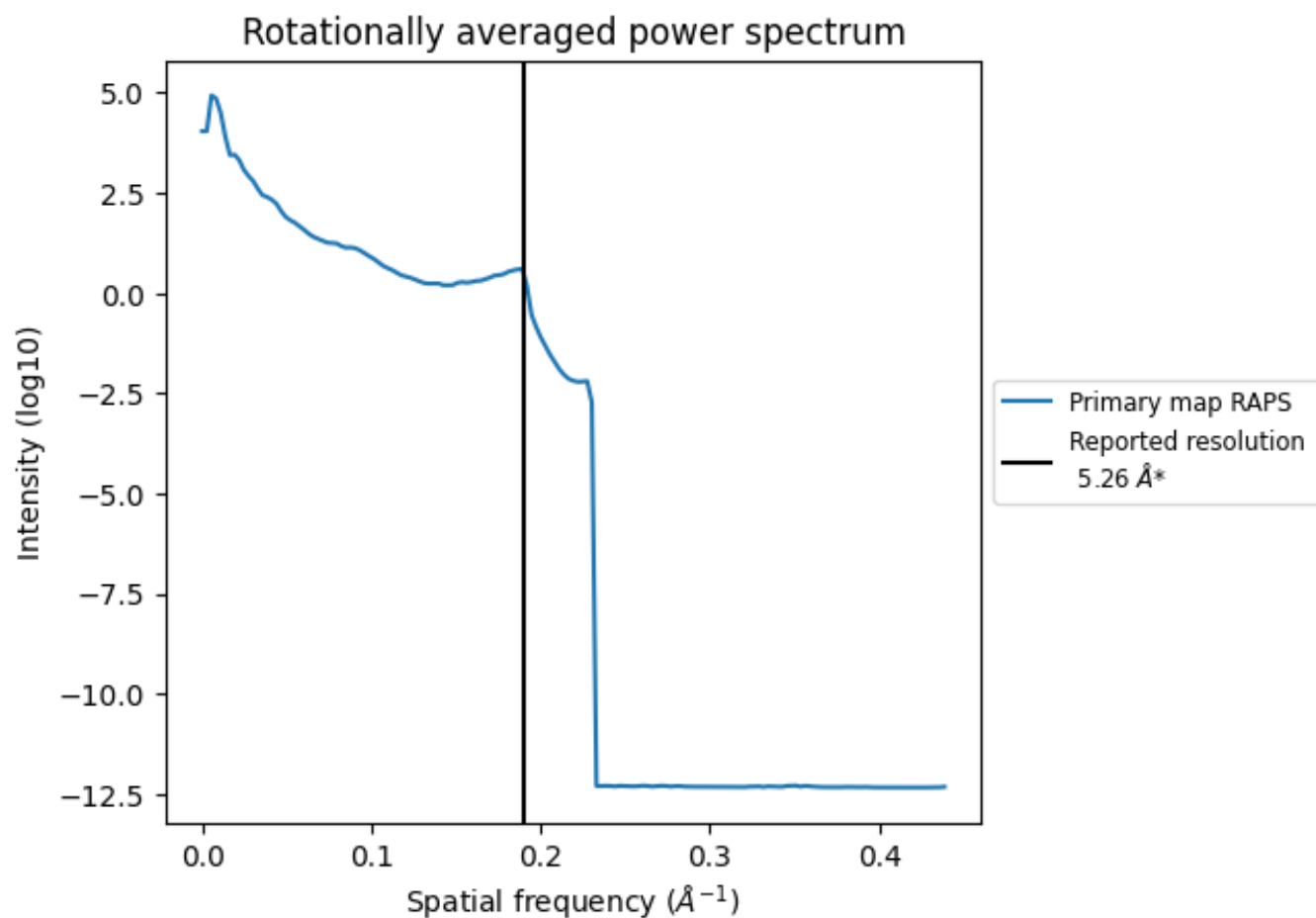
7.2 Volume estimate [i](#)



The volume at the recommended contour level is 313 nm³; this corresponds to an approximate mass of 283 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 0.190 Å⁻¹

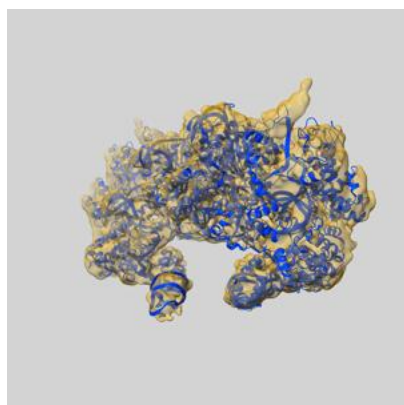
8 Fourier-Shell correlation

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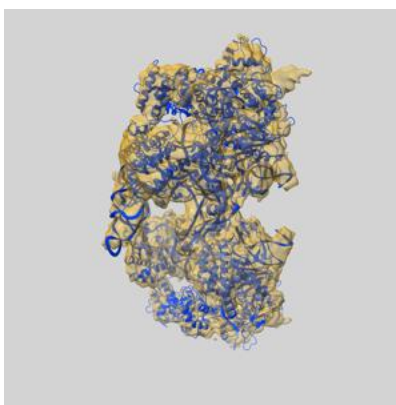
9 Map-model fit [i](#)

This section contains information regarding the fit between EMDB map EMD-31721 and PDB model 7V59. Per-residue inclusion information can be found in section [3](#) on page [5](#).

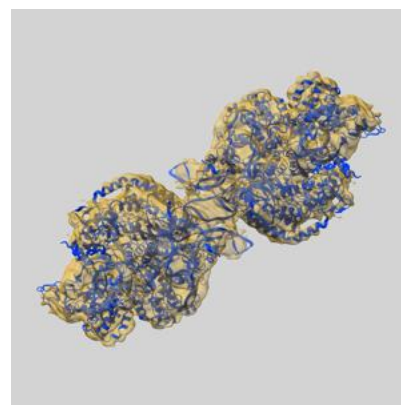
9.1 Map-model overlay [i](#)



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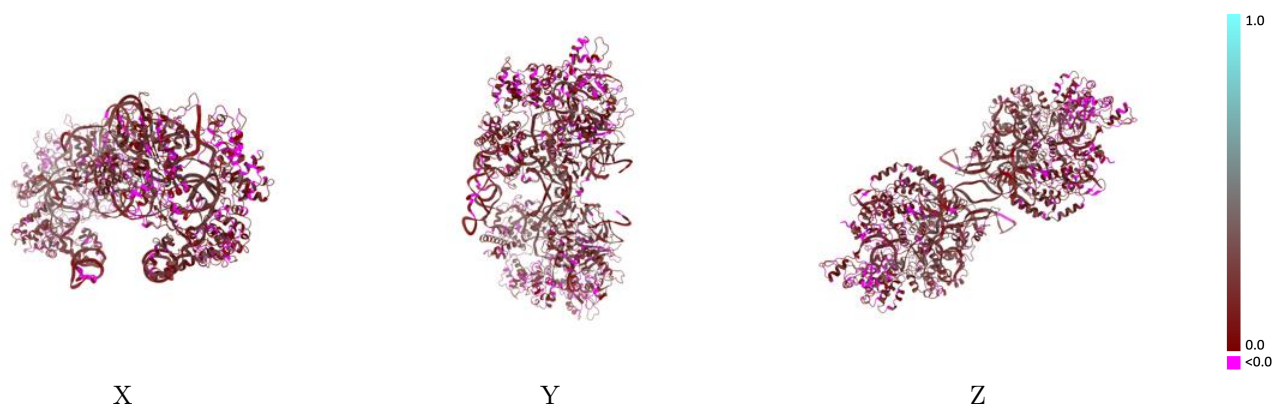
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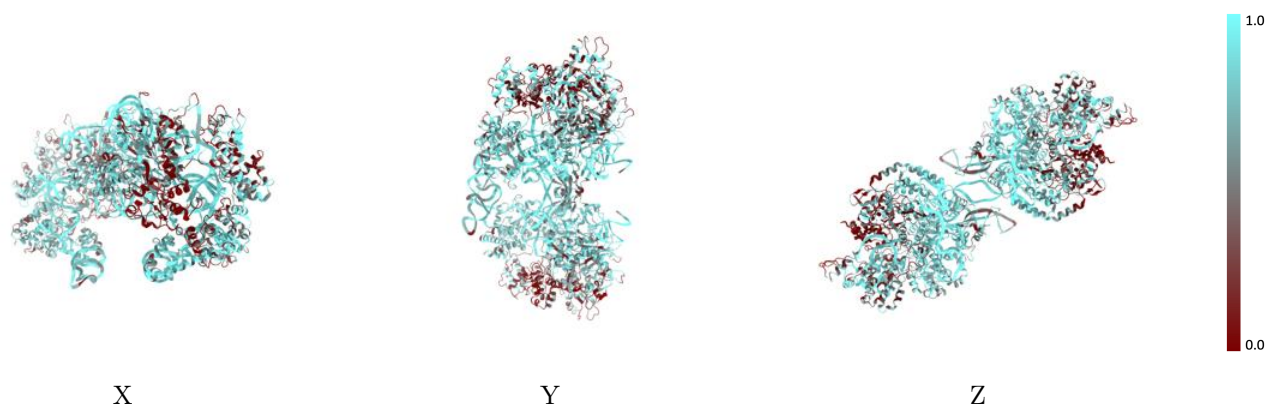
The images above show the 3D surface view of the map at the recommended contour level 0.217 at 50% transparency in yellow overlaid with a ribbon representation of the model coloured in blue. These images allow for the visual assessment of the quality of fit between the atomic model and the map.

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



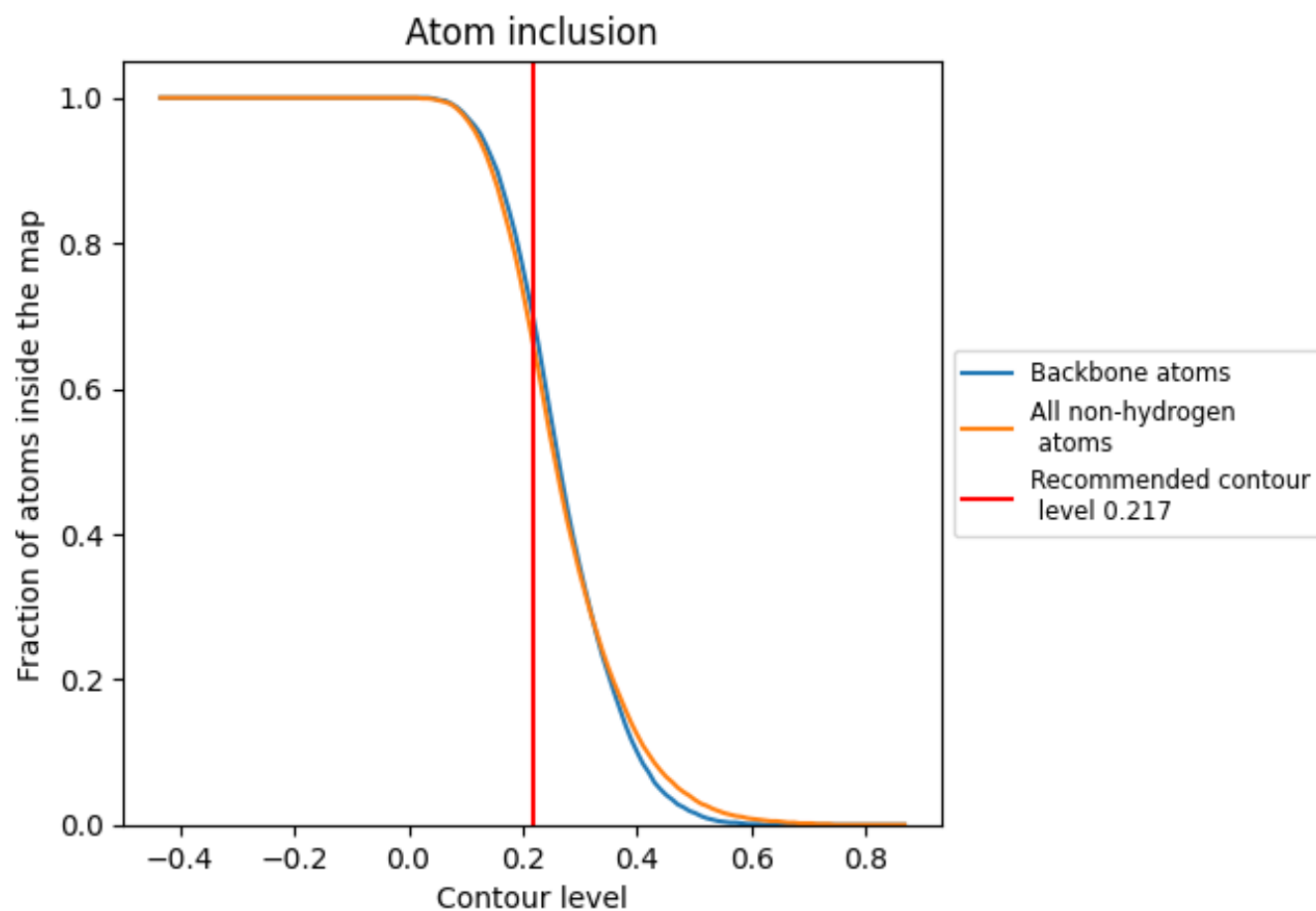
The images above show the model with each residue coloured according to its Q-score. This shows their resolvability in the map with higher Q-score values reflecting better resolvability. Please note: Q-score is calculating the resolvability of atoms, and thus high values are only expected at resolutions 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 (0.217).

9.4 Atom inclusion [i](#)



At the recommended contour level, 70% of all backbone atoms, 67% 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 (0.217) and Q-score for the entire model and for each chain.

Chain	Atom inclusion	Q-score
All	0.6670	0.1530
B	0.5950	0.1390
C	0.9070	0.1980
D	0.8350	0.2110
E	0.5870	0.1350
G	0.9070	0.1980
H	0.8390	0.2070

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