

CCP-EM workflow

Single Particle
Reconstruction

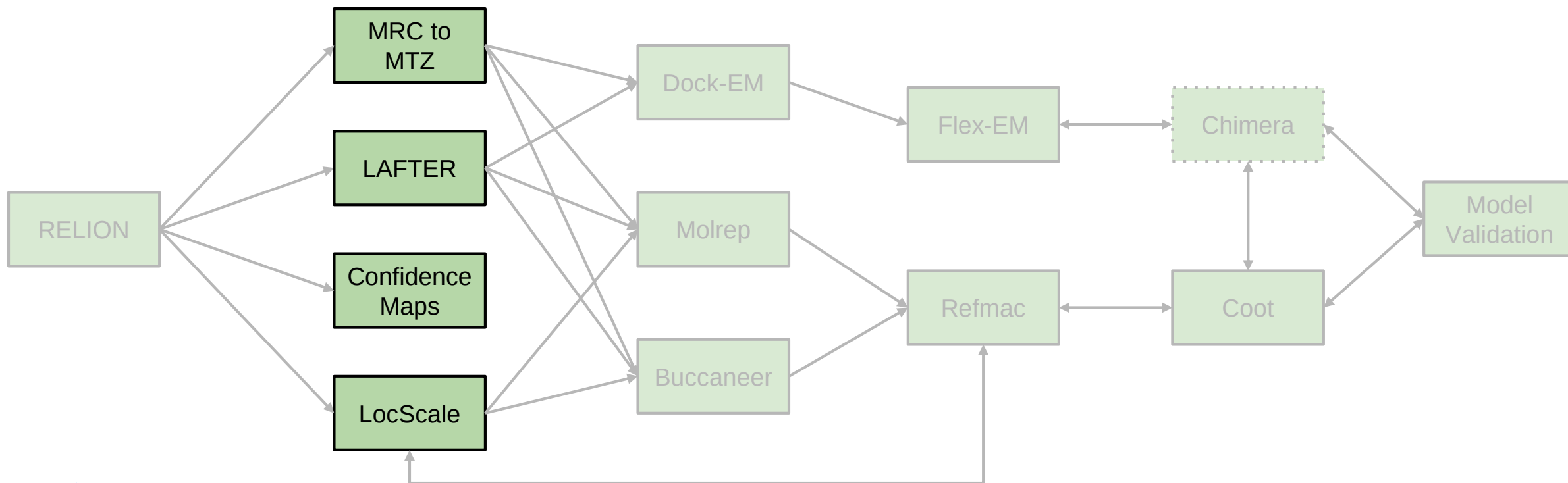
Map Optimisation

Docking /
Model Building

Automated
Refinement

Interactive
Refinement

Validation

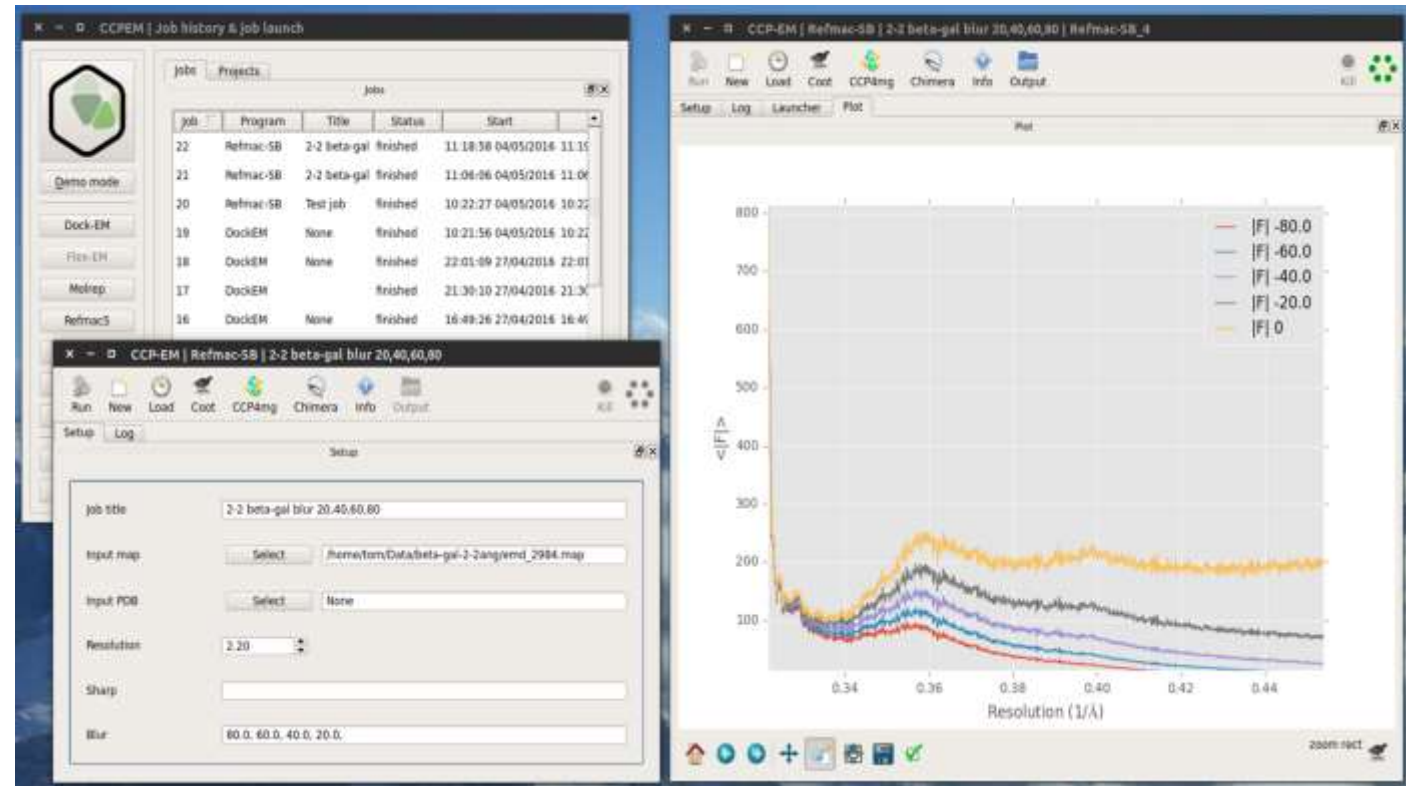


Map sharpening

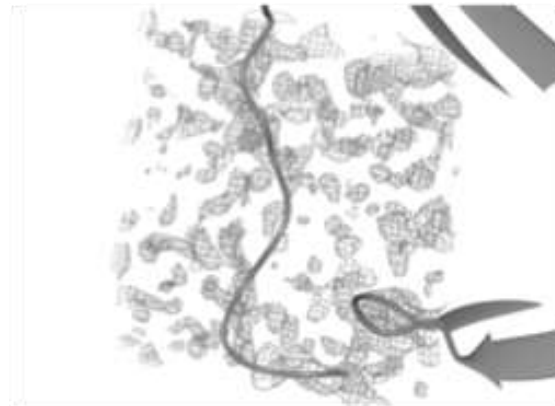
MRC to MTZ

Global map sharpening / blurring

Try an array of sharpening factors



Map from PDB

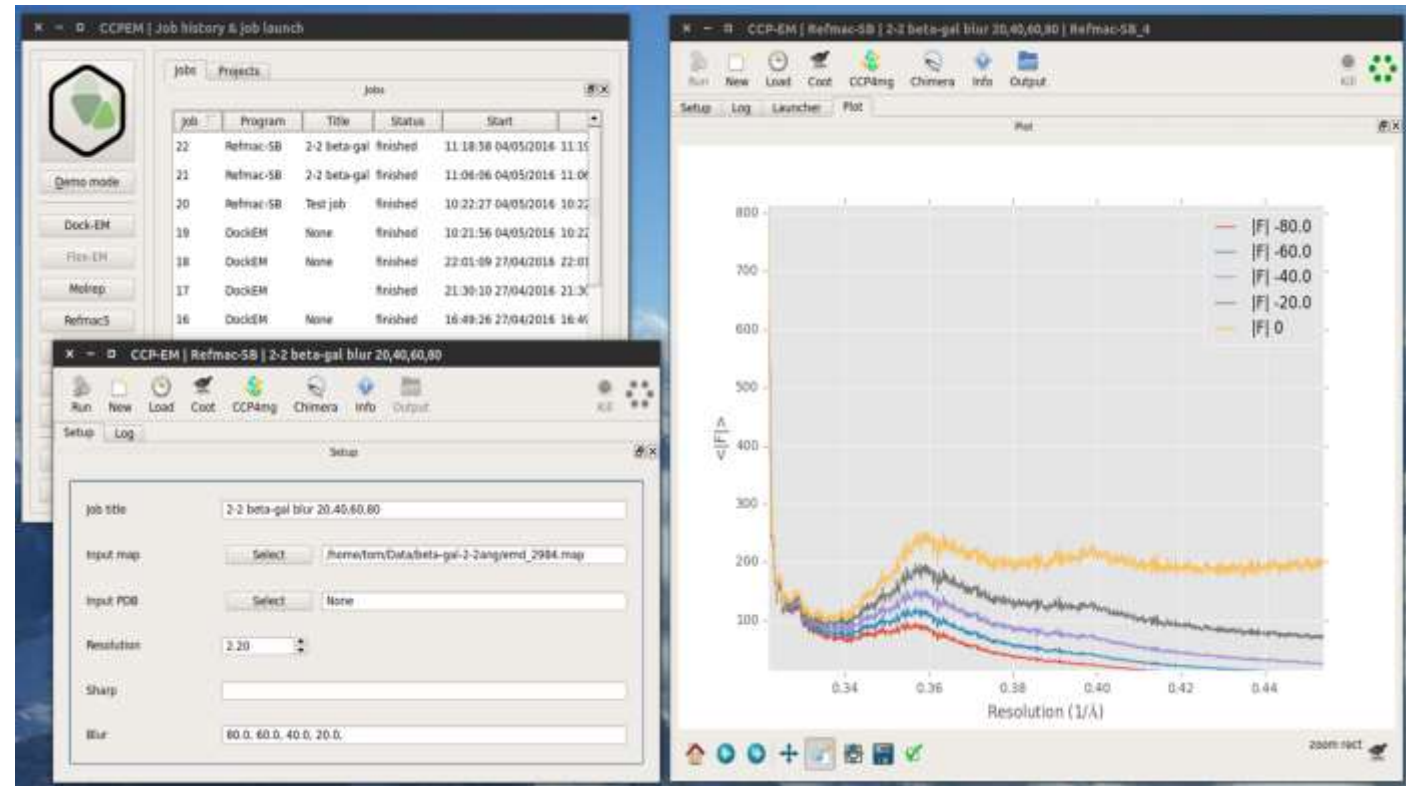


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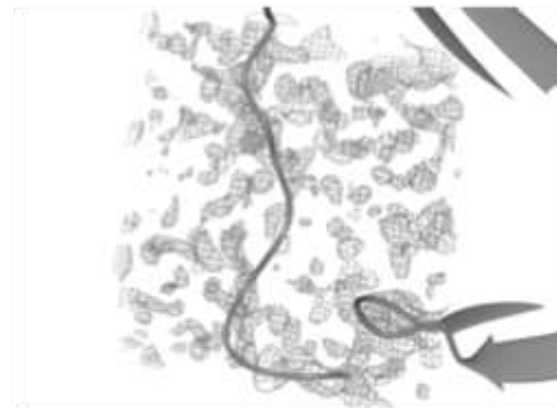
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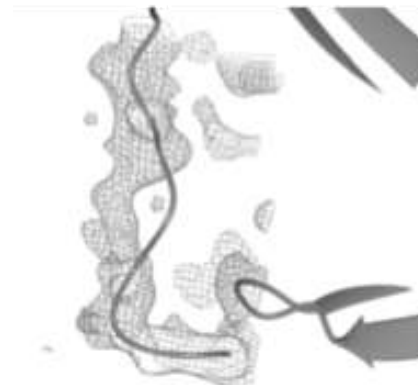
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Map from PDB



Blurred: B = 60



Model refined against blurred map



Map sharpening

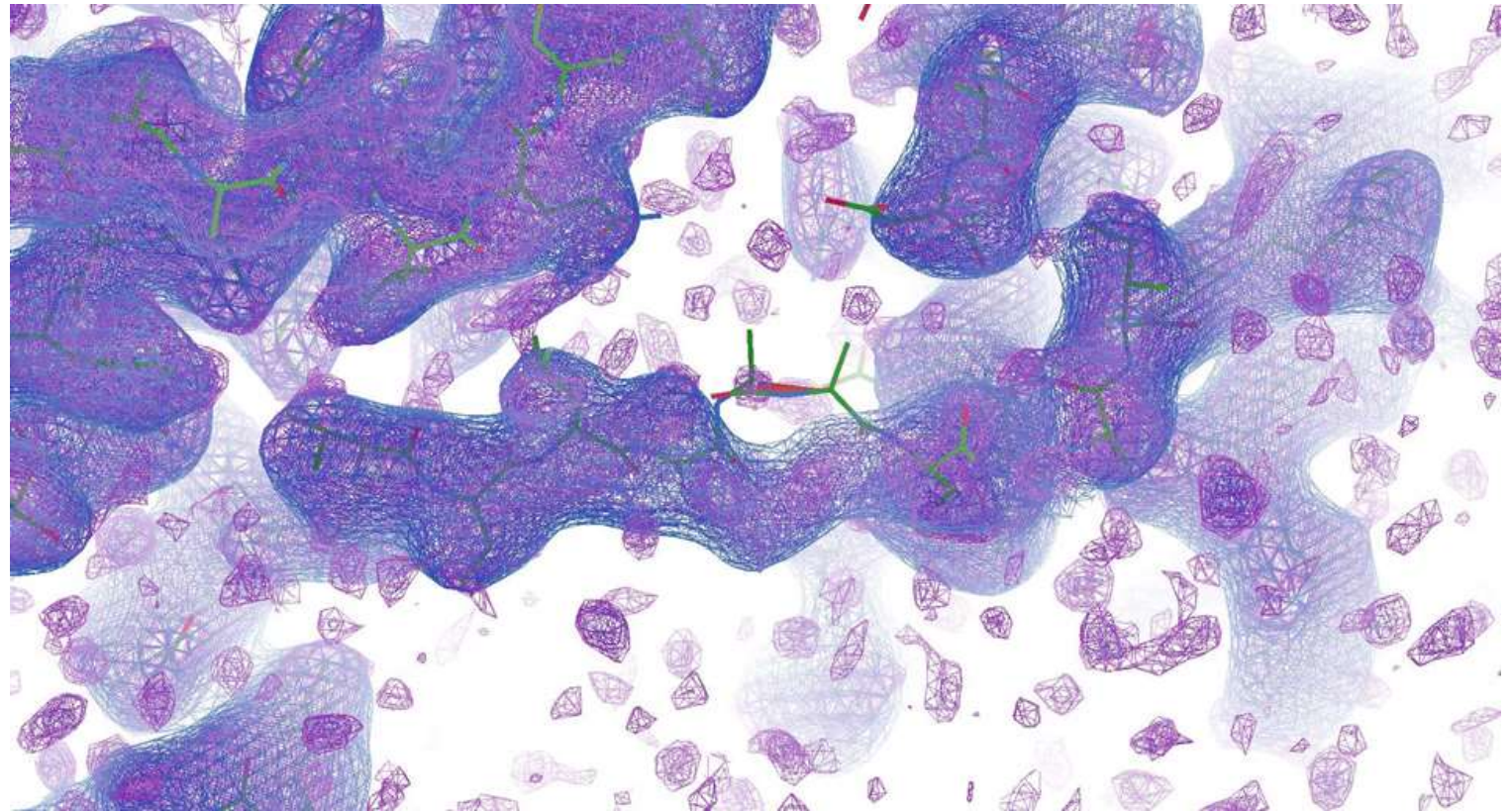
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Visualise multiple sharpened / blurred maps in Coot

Expect local variation...



LocScale

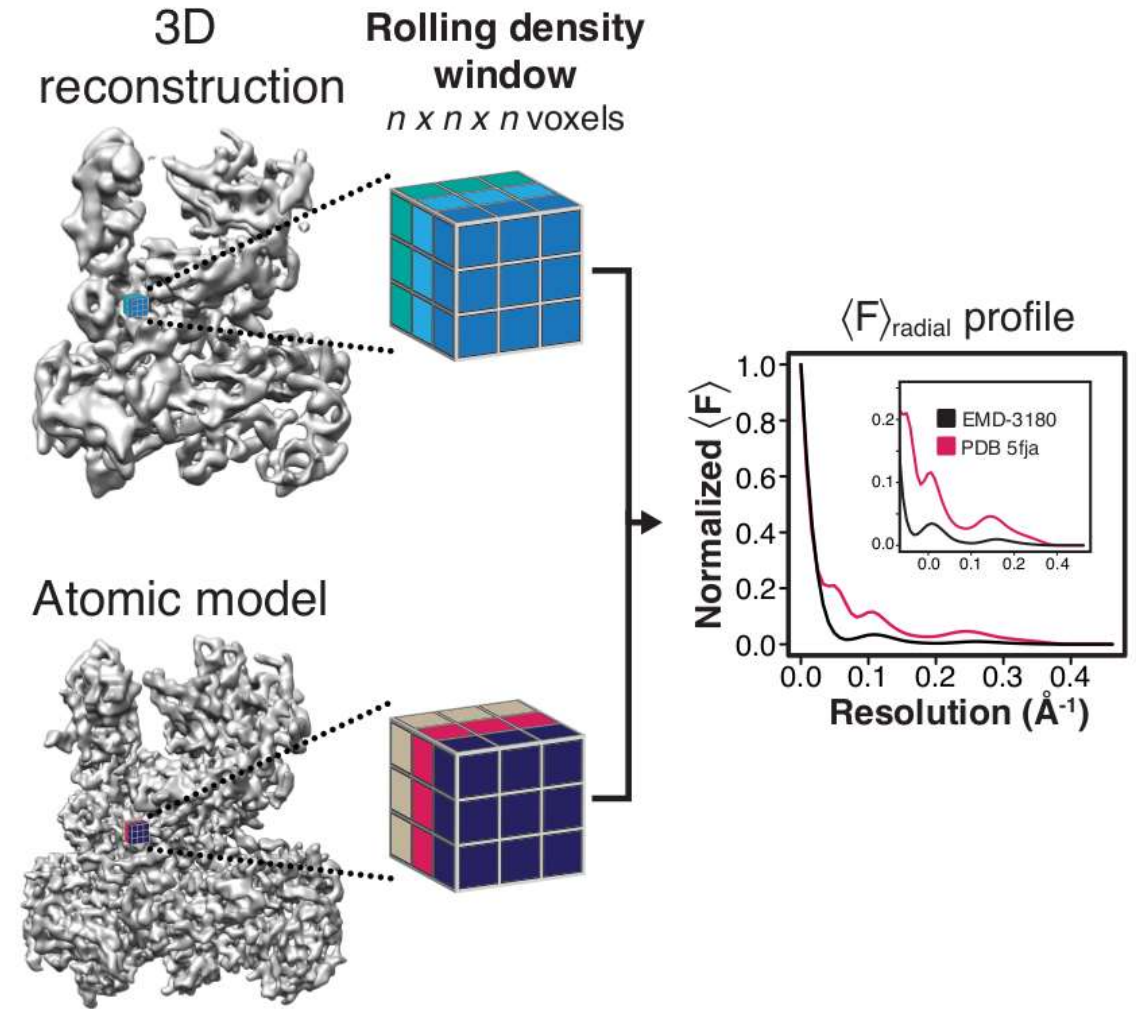
Locally adaptive map sharpening

Fits experimental map to local amplitude profile from atomic model B-factors

Requires a refined model (for now!)

Iterative process of model building and map improvement

Schematic of the LocScale procedure



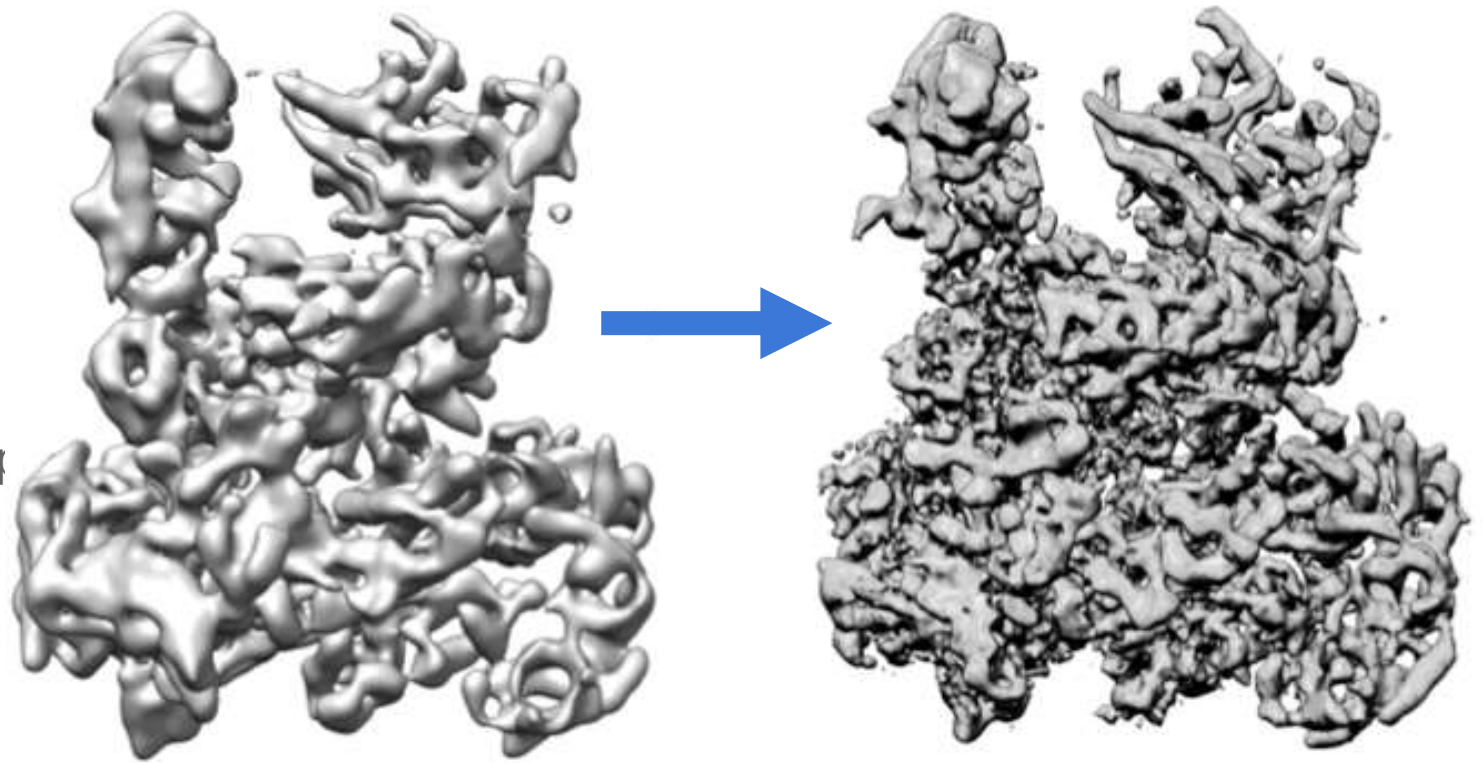
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RNA Pol-III



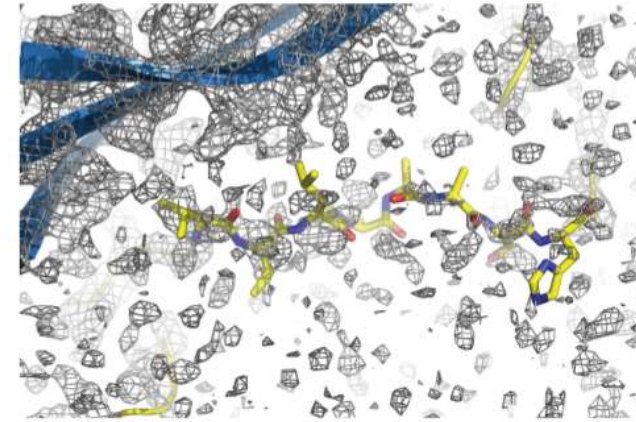
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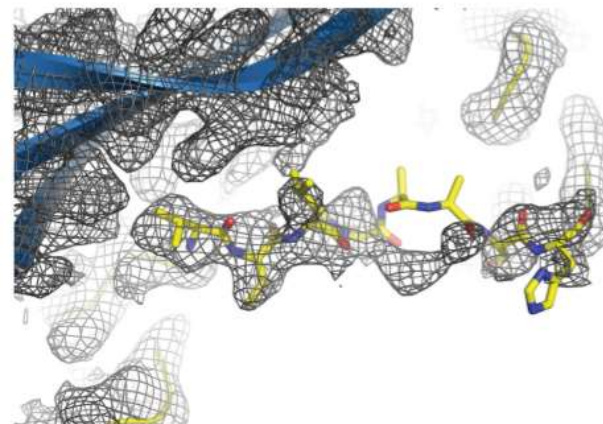
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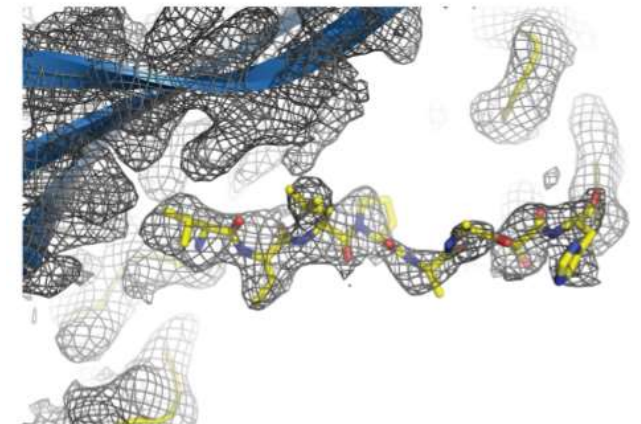
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EMD-2984 / PDB 5a1a



LocScale / PDB 5a1a



LocScale / rebuilt



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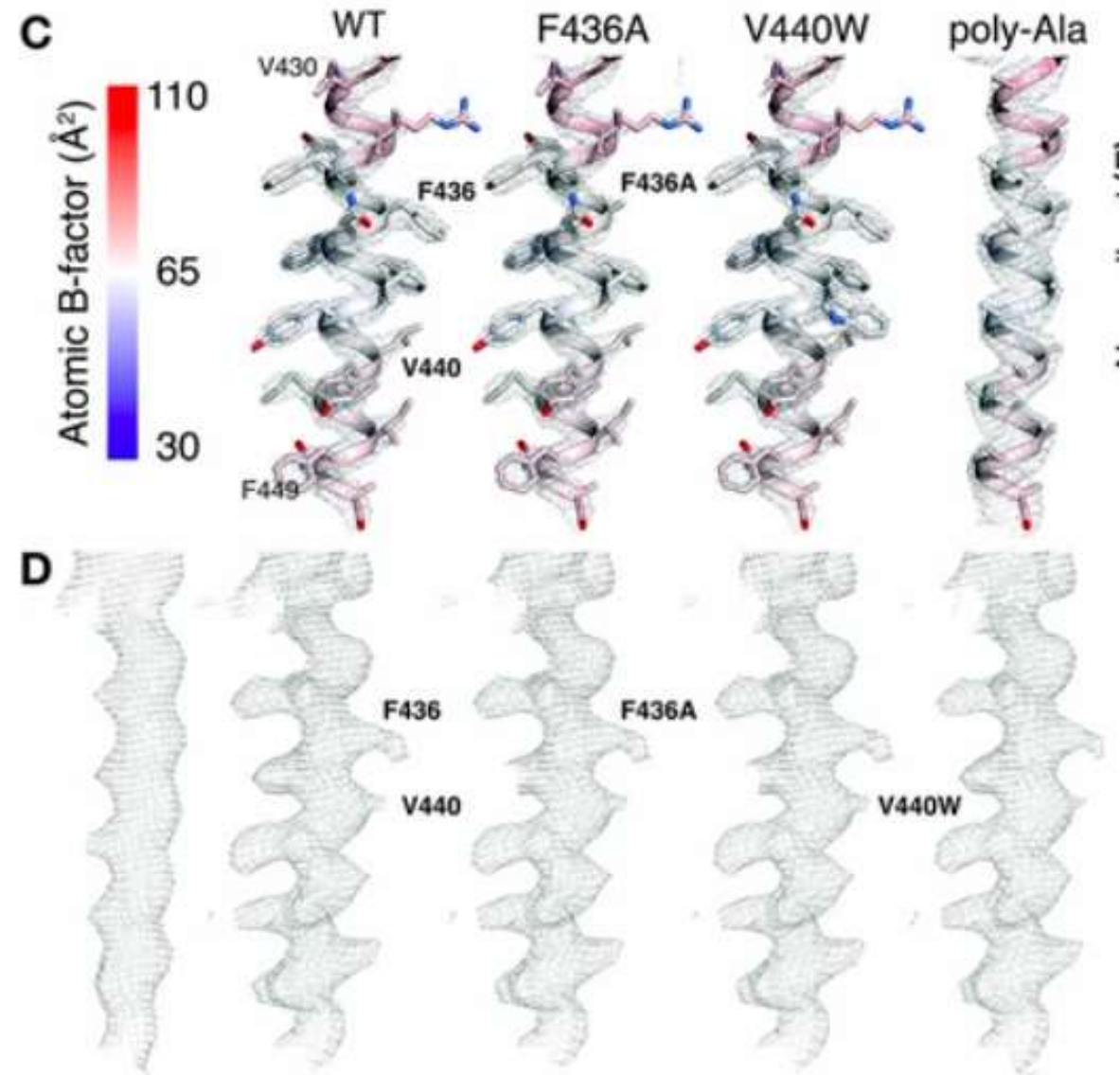
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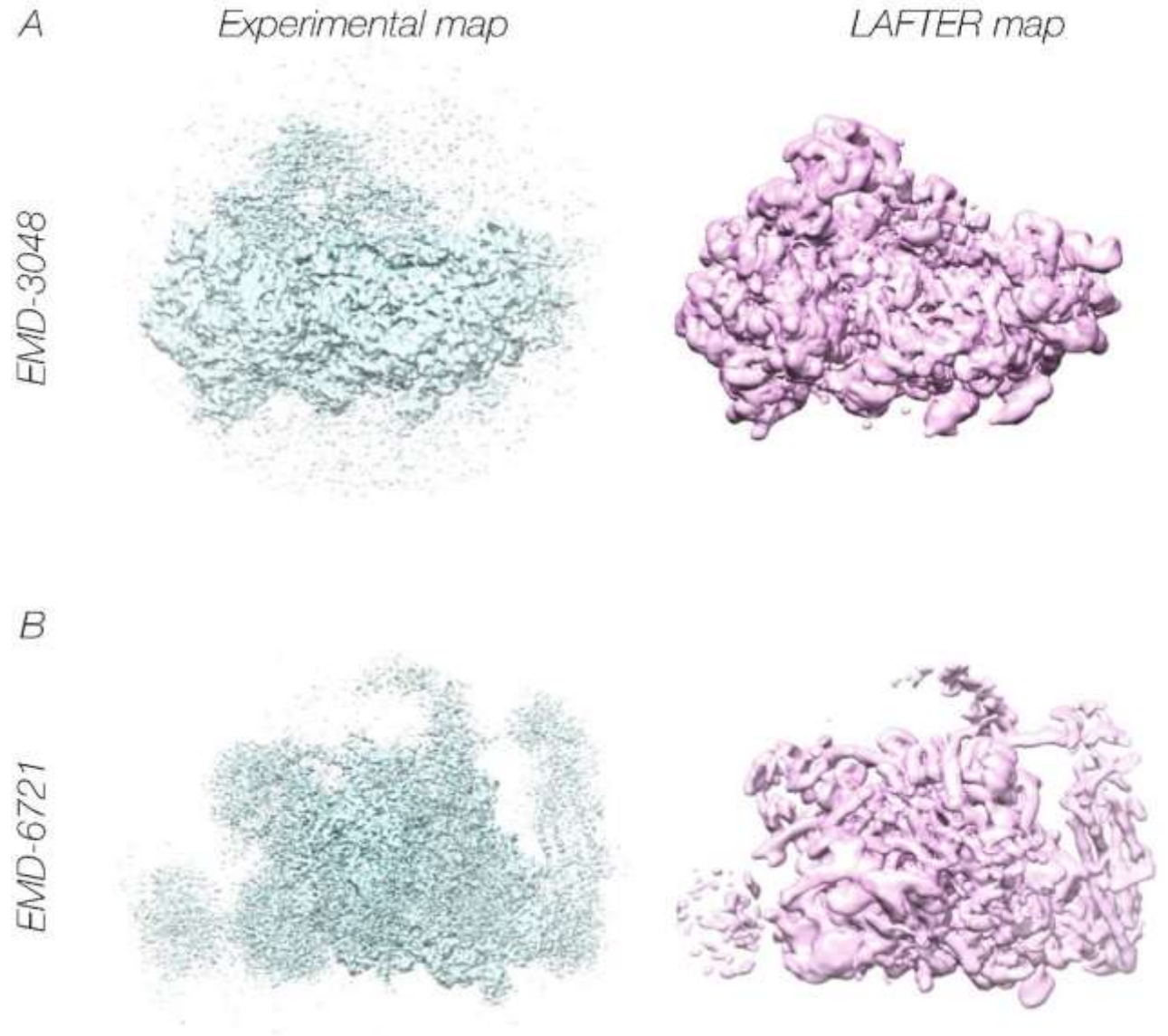


LAFTER

Local Agreement Filter for Transmission
EM Reconstructions

Compares band-passed half maps to
identify locally-shared features

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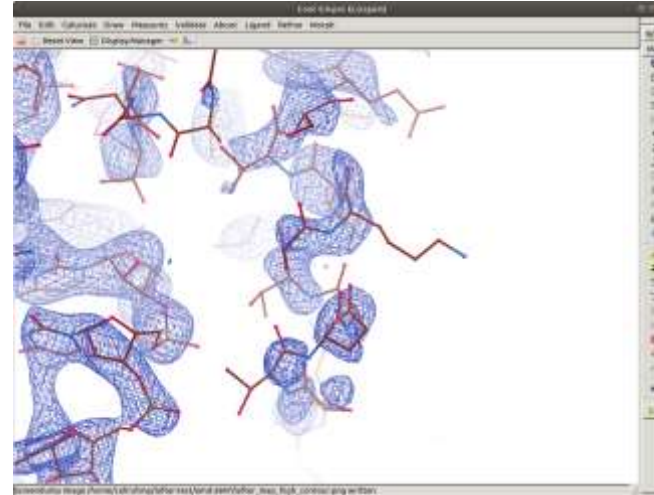
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High contour: strong features remain similar

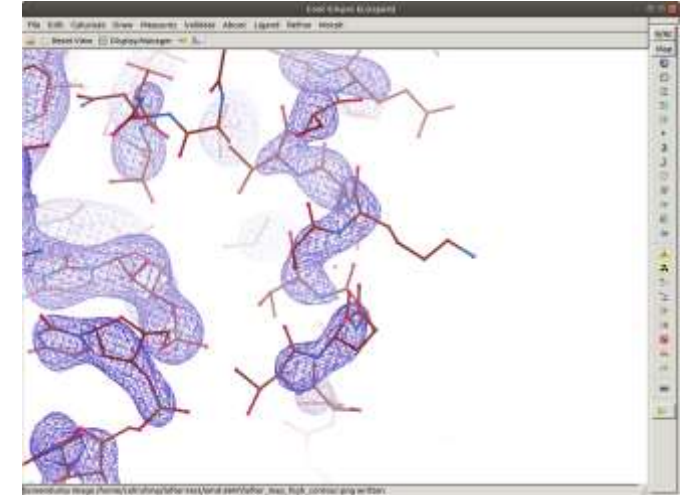
Low contour: weak noise features are removed



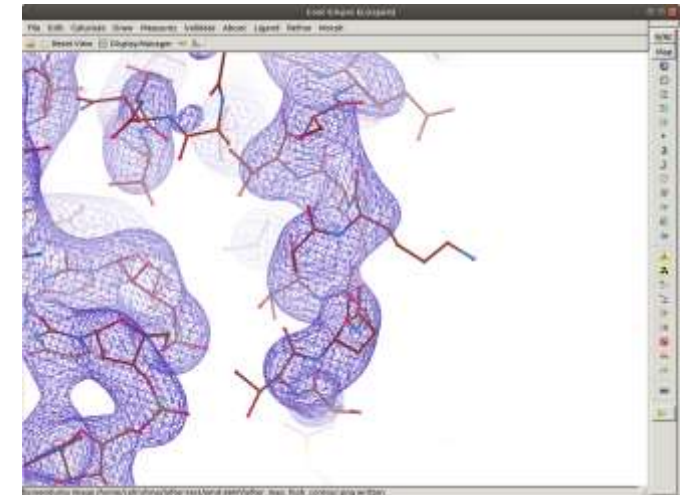
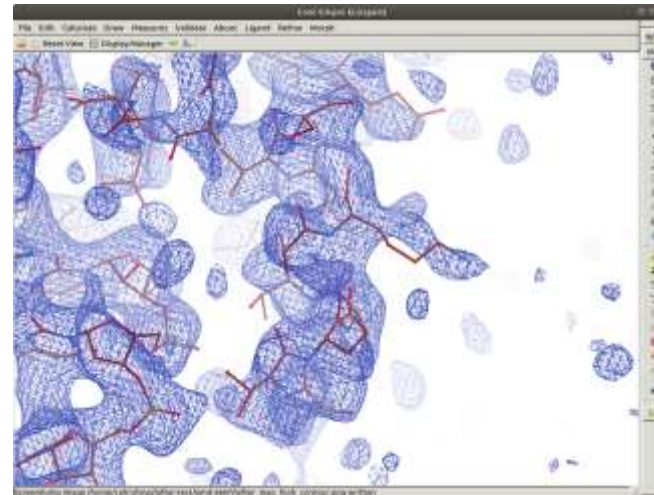
Original EMD-2847



LAFTER filtered



High contour



Low contour

Confidence Maps

Applies multiple hypothesis testing to cryo-EM maps

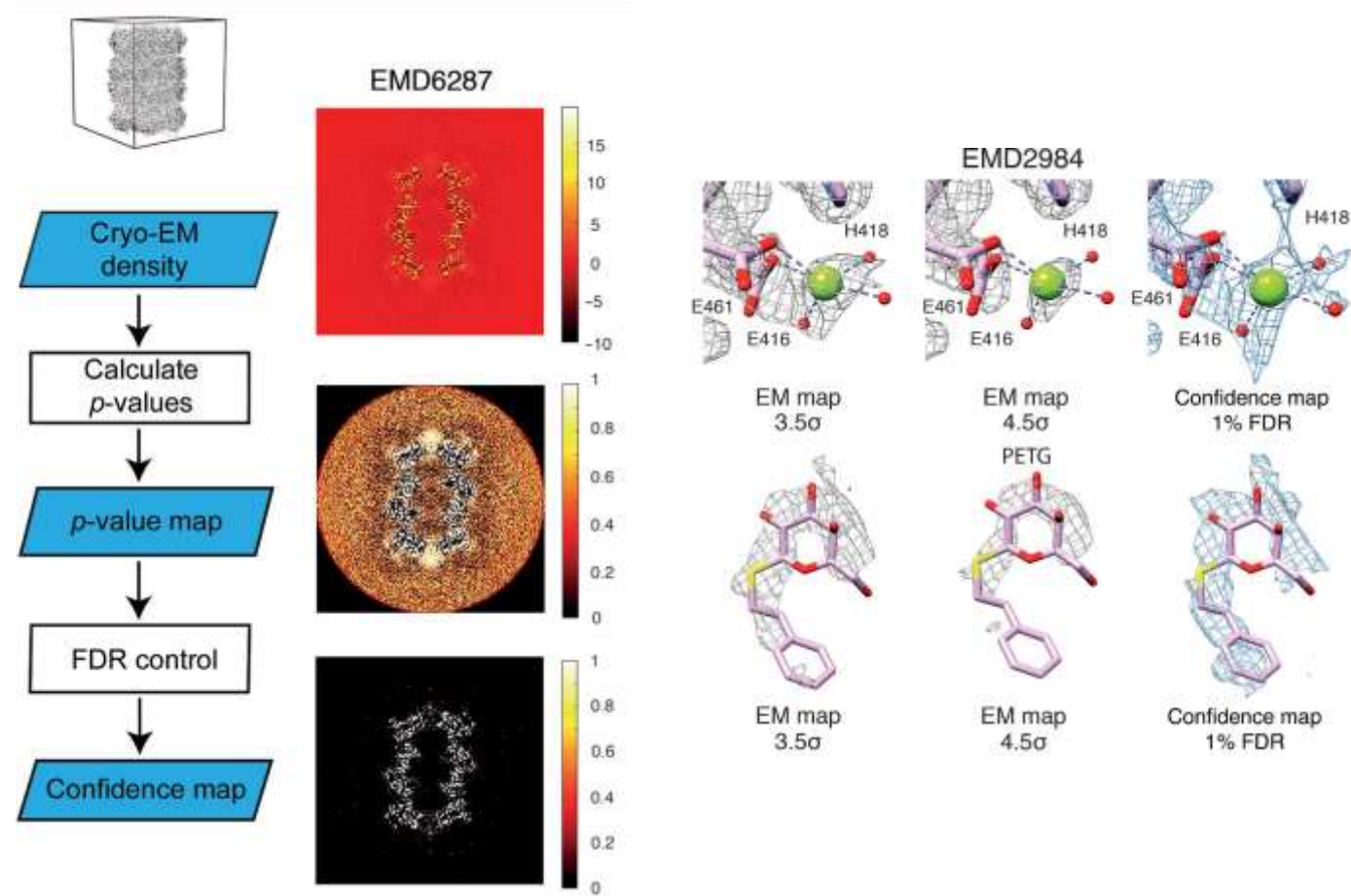
p-values adjusted for control of False Discovery Rate

Voxel values give a measure of confidence that we can discriminate signal from noise

At a threshold of 0.99 (1% FDR), at least 99% of the voxels truly indicate positive density signal in the map



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Confidence Maps

New paper out recently in *Acta D*

Practical guidance for use and interpretation

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Confidence maps: statistical inference of cryo-EM maps

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Confidence maps provide complementary information for interpreting cryo-EM densities as they indicate statistical significance with respect to background noise. They can be thresholded by specifying the expected false-discovery rate (FDR), and the displayed volume shows the parts of the map that have the corresponding level of significance. Here, the basic statistical concepts of confidence maps are reviewed and practical guidance is provided for their interpretation and usage inside the *CCP-EM* suite. Limitations of the approach are discussed and extensions towards other error criteria such as the family-wise error rate are presented. The observed map features can be rendered at a common isosurface threshold, which is particularly beneficial for the interpretation of weak and noisy densities. In the current article, a practical guide is provided to the recommended usage of confidence maps.



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