



Full wwPDB EM Validation Report ⓘ

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PDB ID : 9Q3G / pdb_00009q3g
EMDB ID : EMD-72193
Title : Cryo-EM structure of human AGO1 in complex with guide RNA
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Deposited on : 2025-08-18
Resolution : 3.30 Å(reported)

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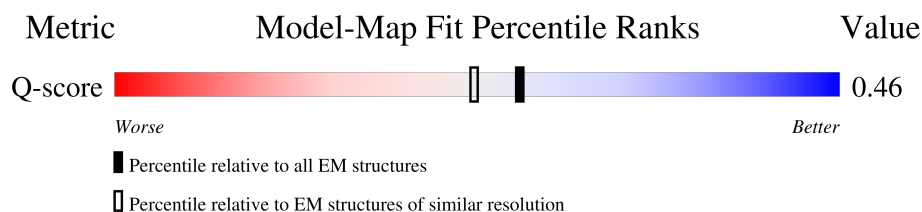
The following versions of software and data (see [references ⓘ](#)) were used in the production of this report:

EMDB validation analysis : 0.0.1.dev132
MolProbity : **FAILED**
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

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ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

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	EM structures (#Entries)	Similar EM resolution (#Entries, resolution range(Å))
Q-score	25397	15087 (2.80 - 3.80)

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2 Entry composition

There are 2 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 6480 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 Protein argonaute-1.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
1	A	785	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0
			6303	4027	1124	1113	39		

There are 14 discrepancies between the modelled and reference sequences:

Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
A	-13	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-12	ALA	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-11	MET	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-10	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-9	SER	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-8	MET	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-7	ASP	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-6	TYR	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-5	LYS	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-4	ASP	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-3	ASP	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-2	ASP	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	-1	ASP	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18
A	0	LYS	-	expression tag	UNP Q9UL18

- Molecule 2 is a RNA chain called Non-homogenous guide RNA.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					AltConf	Trace
2	B	8	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0
			177	80	40	49	8		

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3 Experimental information

Property	Value	Source
EM reconstruction method	SINGLE PARTICLE	Depositor
Imposed symmetry	POINT, Not provided	
Number of particles used	276867	Depositor
Resolution determination method	FSC 0.143 CUT-OFF	Depositor
CTF correction method	PHASE FLIPPING AND AMPLITUDE CORRECTION	Depositor
Microscope	TFS KRIOS	Depositor
Voltage (kV)	300	Depositor
Electron dose ($e^-/\text{\AA}^2$)	50	Depositor
Minimum defocus (nm)	-500	Depositor
Maximum defocus (nm)	-2500	Depositor
Magnification	Not provided	
Image detector	GATAN K3 (6k x 4k)	Depositor
Maximum map value	0.218	Depositor
Minimum map value	-0.141	Depositor
Average map value	0.000	Depositor
Map value standard deviation	0.005	Depositor
Recommended contour level	0.016	Depositor
Map size (Å)	218.62401, 218.62401, 218.62401	wwPDB
Map dimensions	488, 488, 488	wwPDB
Map angles (°)	90.0, 90.0, 90.0	wwPDB
Pixel spacing (Å)	0.448, 0.448, 0.448	Depositor

4 Model quality [i](#)

4.1 Standard geometry [i](#)

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4.2 Too-close contacts [i](#)

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4.3 Torsion angles [i](#)

4.3.1 Protein backbone [i](#)

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4.3.2 Protein sidechains [i](#)

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4.3.3 RNA [i](#)

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

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

4.5 Carbohydrates [i](#)

There are no oligosaccharides in this entry.

4.6 Ligand geometry [i](#)

There are no ligands in this entry.

4.7 Other polymers [i](#)

There are no such residues in this entry.

4.8 Polymer linkage issues

There are no chain breaks in this entry.

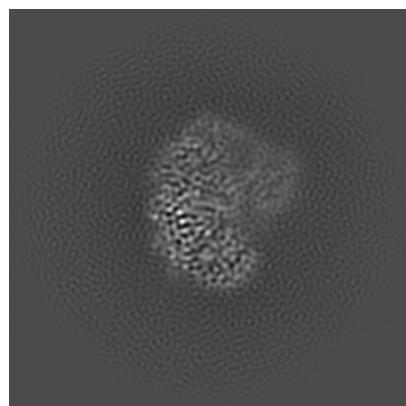
5 Map visualisation [i](#)

This section contains visualisations of the EMDB entry EMD-72193. These allow visual inspection of the internal detail of the map and identification of artifacts.

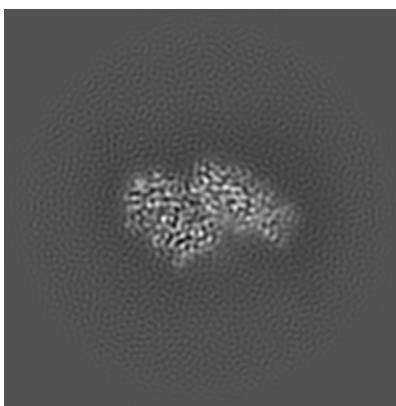
Images derived from a raw map, generated by summing the deposited half-maps, are presented below the corresponding image components of the primary map to allow further visual inspection and comparison with those of the primary map.

5.1 Orthogonal projections [i](#)

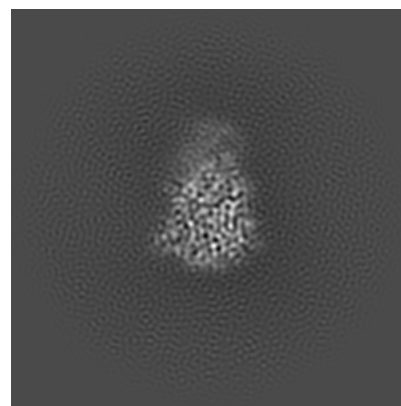
5.1.1 Primary map



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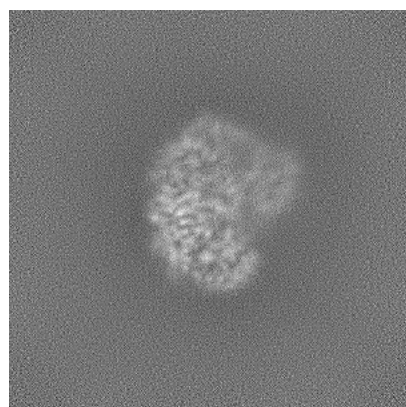


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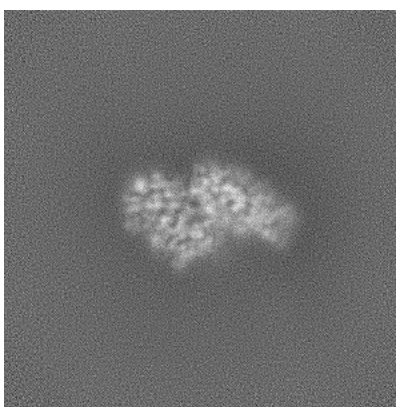


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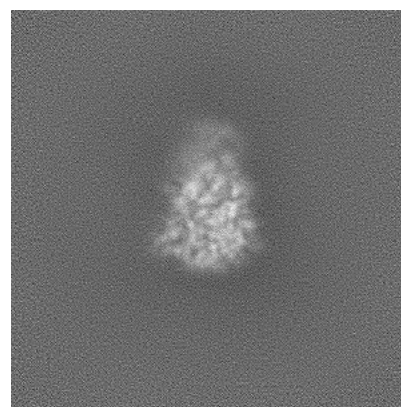
5.1.2 Raw map



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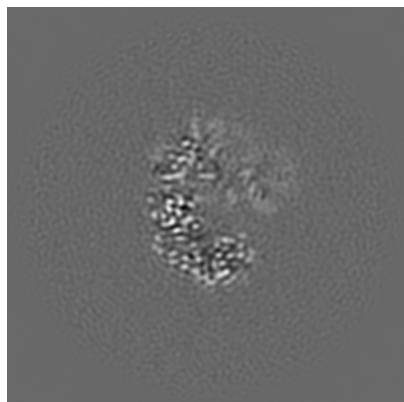


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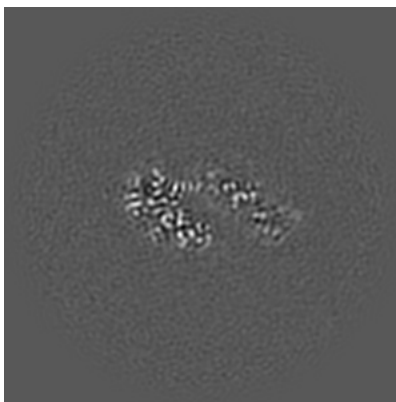
The images above show the map projected in three orthogonal directions.

5.2 Central slices [i](#)

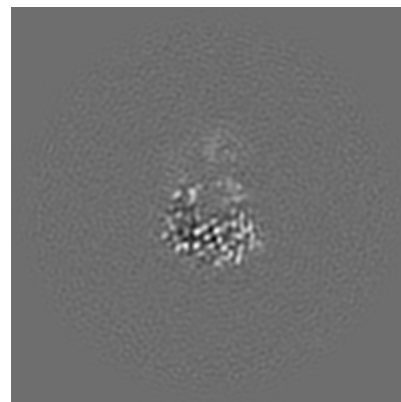
5.2.1 Primary map



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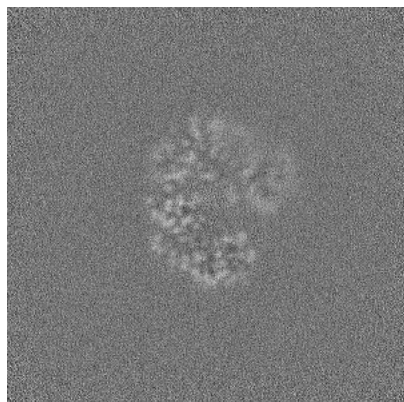


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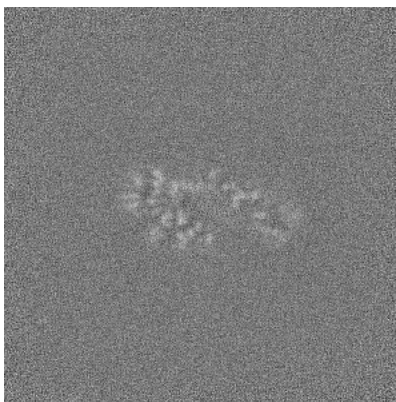


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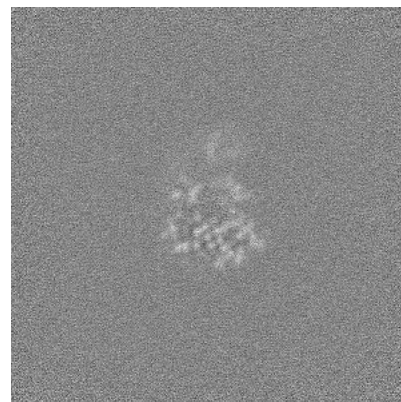
5.2.2 Raw map



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Y Index: 244

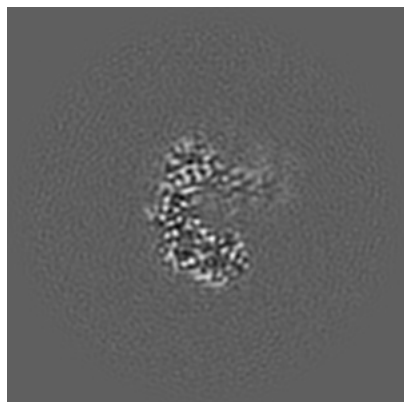


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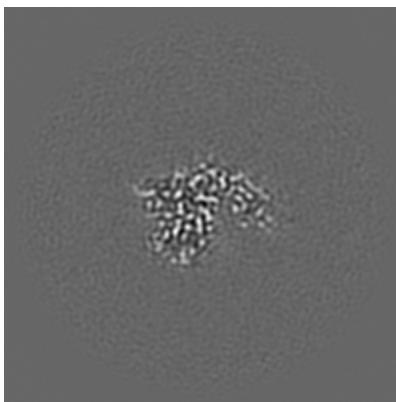
The images above show central slices of the map in three orthogonal directions.

5.3 Largest variance slices [i](#)

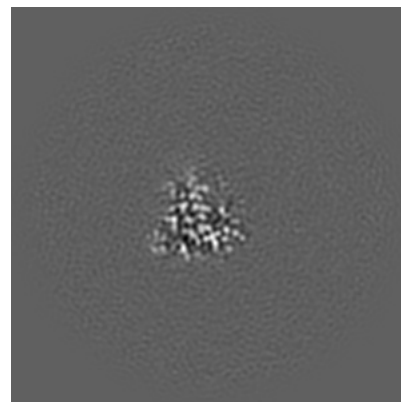
5.3.1 Primary map



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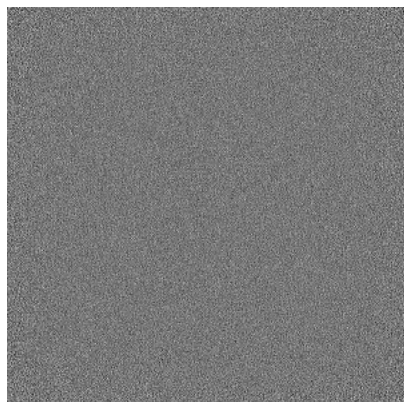


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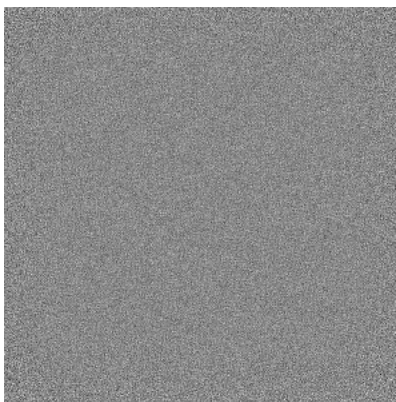


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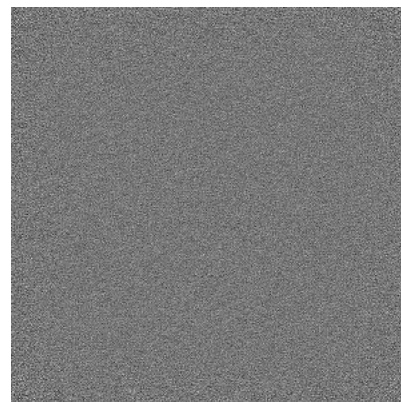
5.3.2 Raw map



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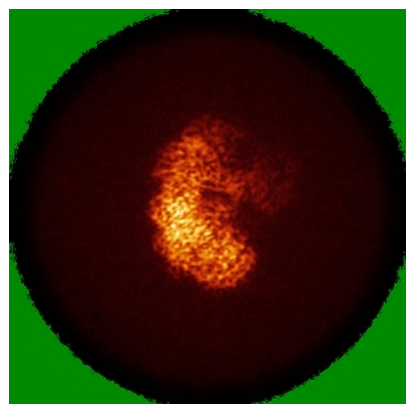


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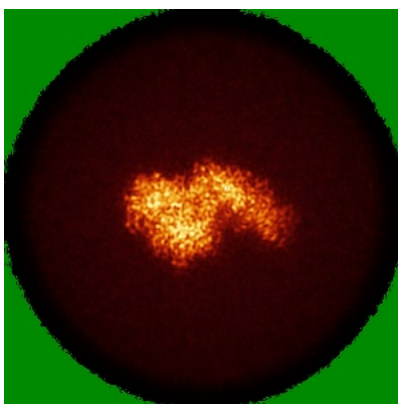
The images above show the largest variance slices of the map in three orthogonal directions.

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

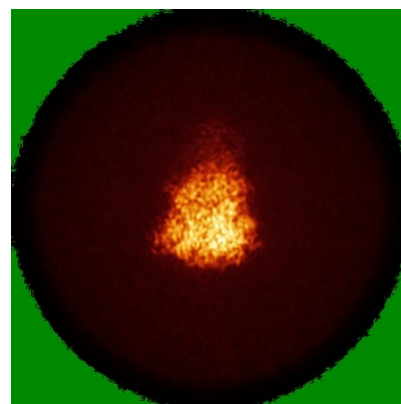
5.4.1 Primary map



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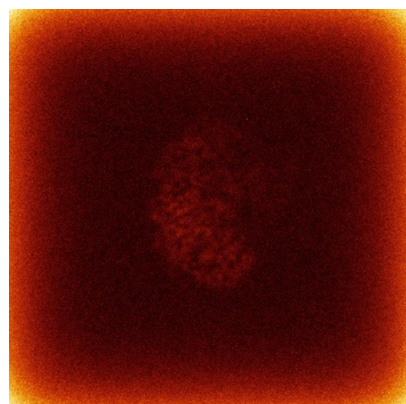


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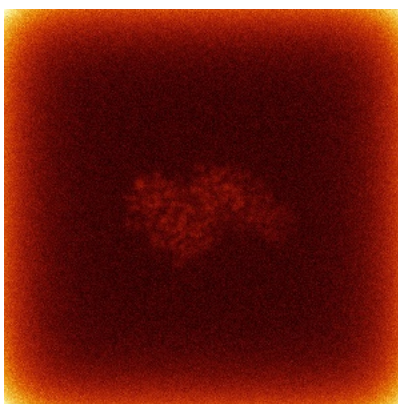


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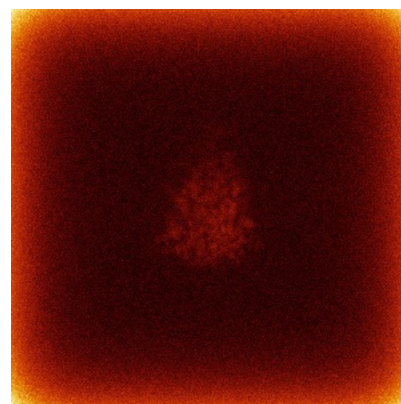
5.4.2 Raw map



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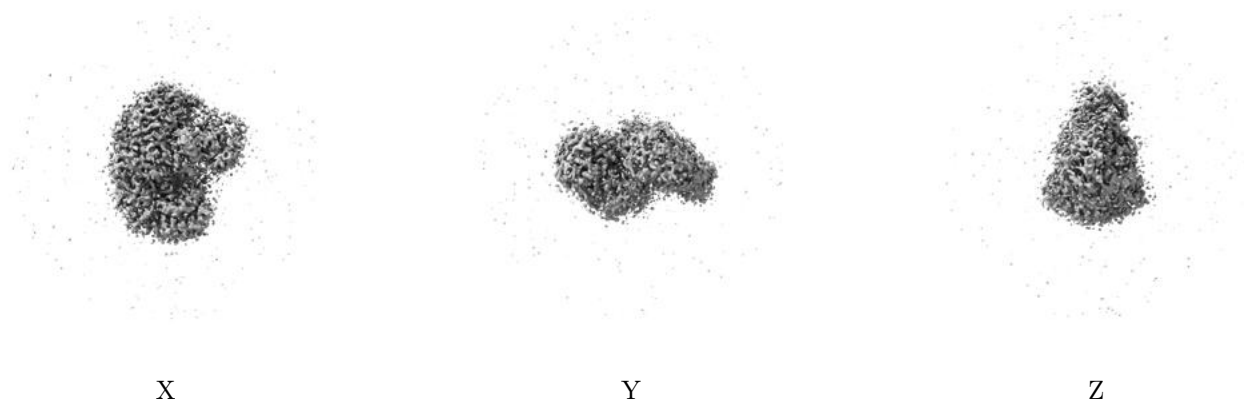


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The images above show the map standard deviation projections with false color in three orthogonal directions. Minimum values are shown in green, max in blue, and dark to light orange shades represent small to large values respectively.

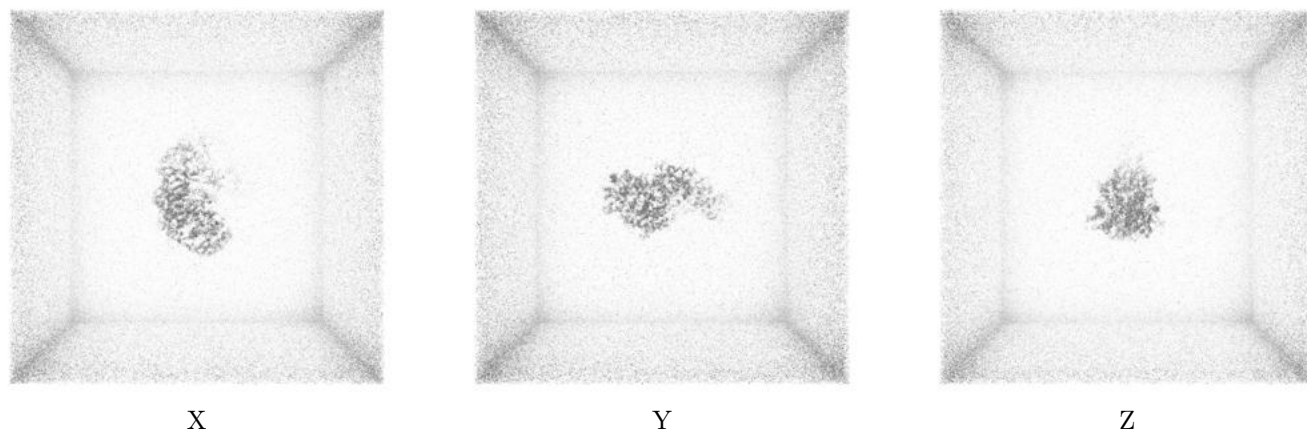
5.5 Orthogonal surface views [i](#)

5.5.1 Primary map



The images above show the 3D surface view of the map at the recommended contour level 0.016. These images, in conjunction with the slice images, may facilitate assessment of whether an appropriate contour level has been provided.

5.5.2 Raw map



These images show the 3D surface of the raw map. The raw map's contour level was selected so that its surface encloses the same volume as the primary map does at its recommended contour level.

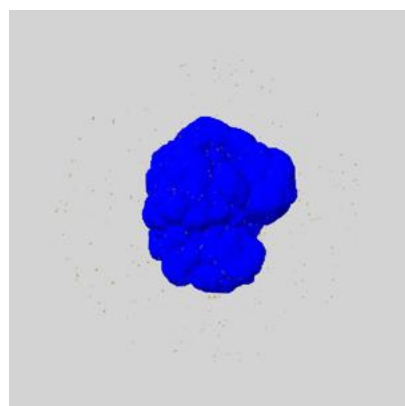
5.6 Mask visualisation [i](#)

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

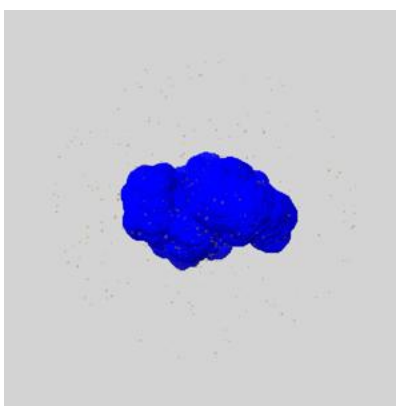
A mask typically either:

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

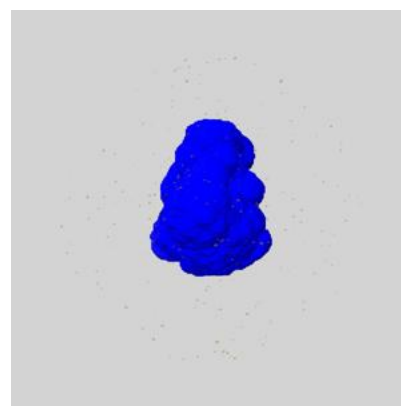
5.6.1 emd_72193_msk_1.map [i](#)



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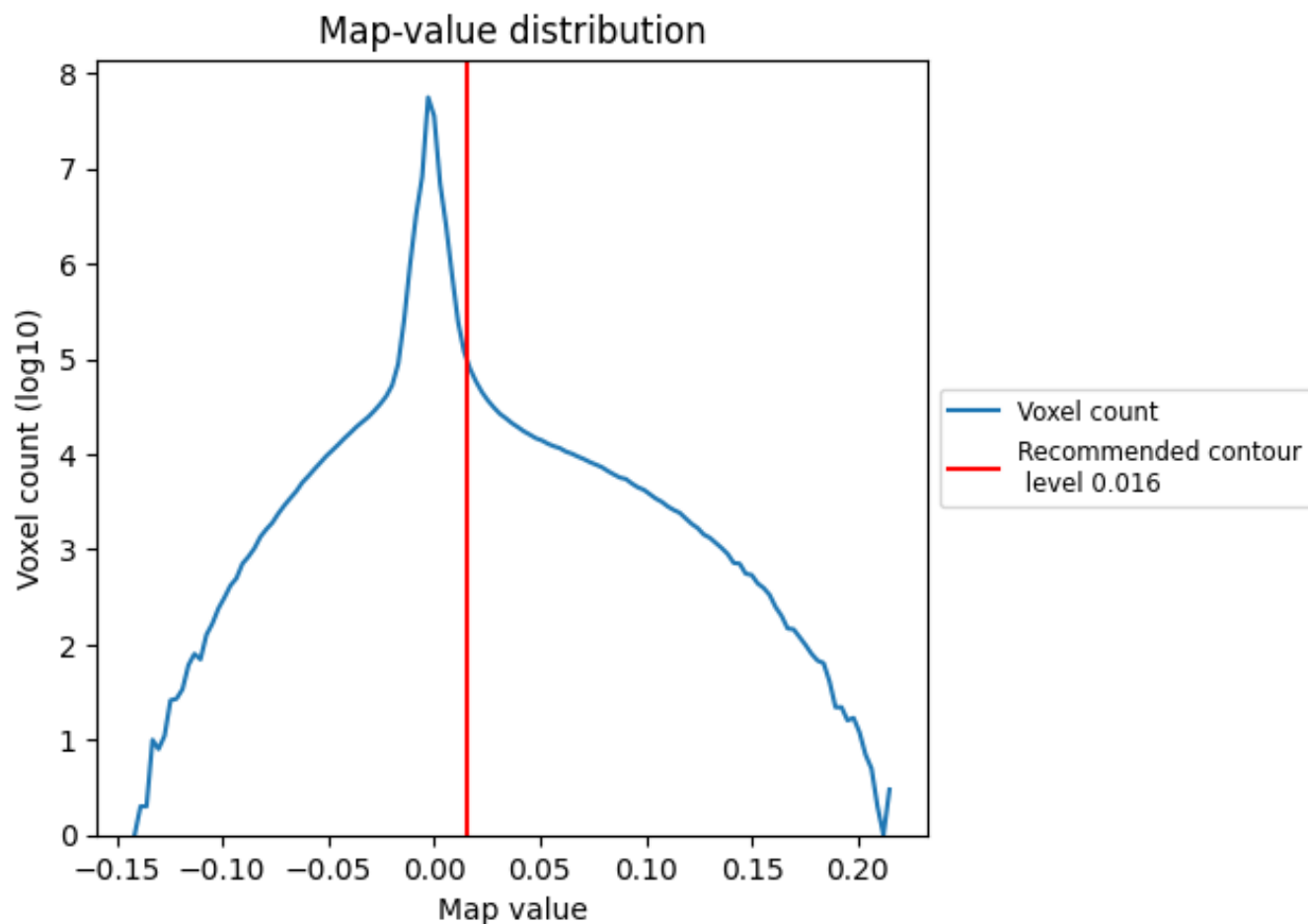


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6 Map analysis [i](#)

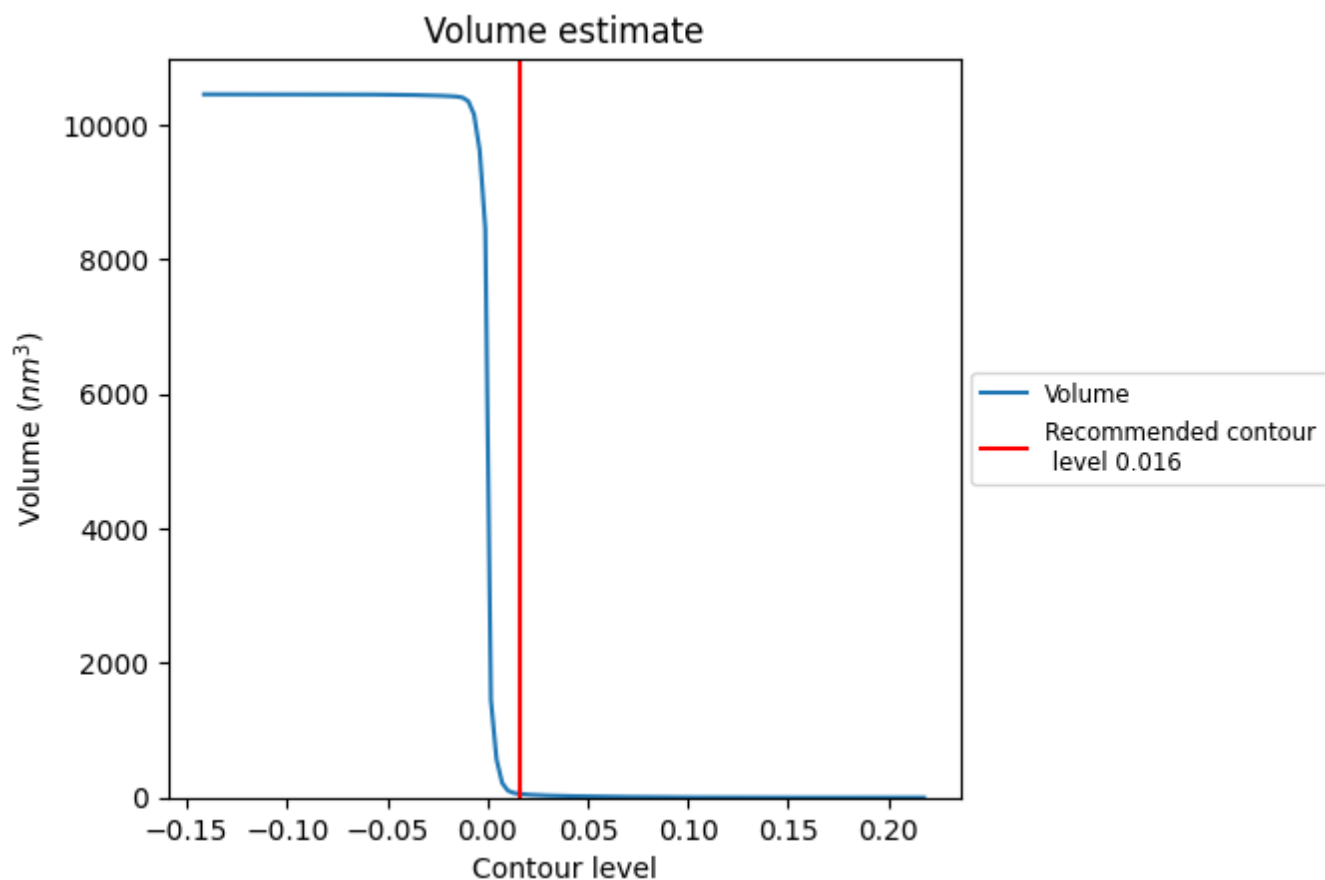
This section contains the results of statistical analysis of the map.

6.1 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.

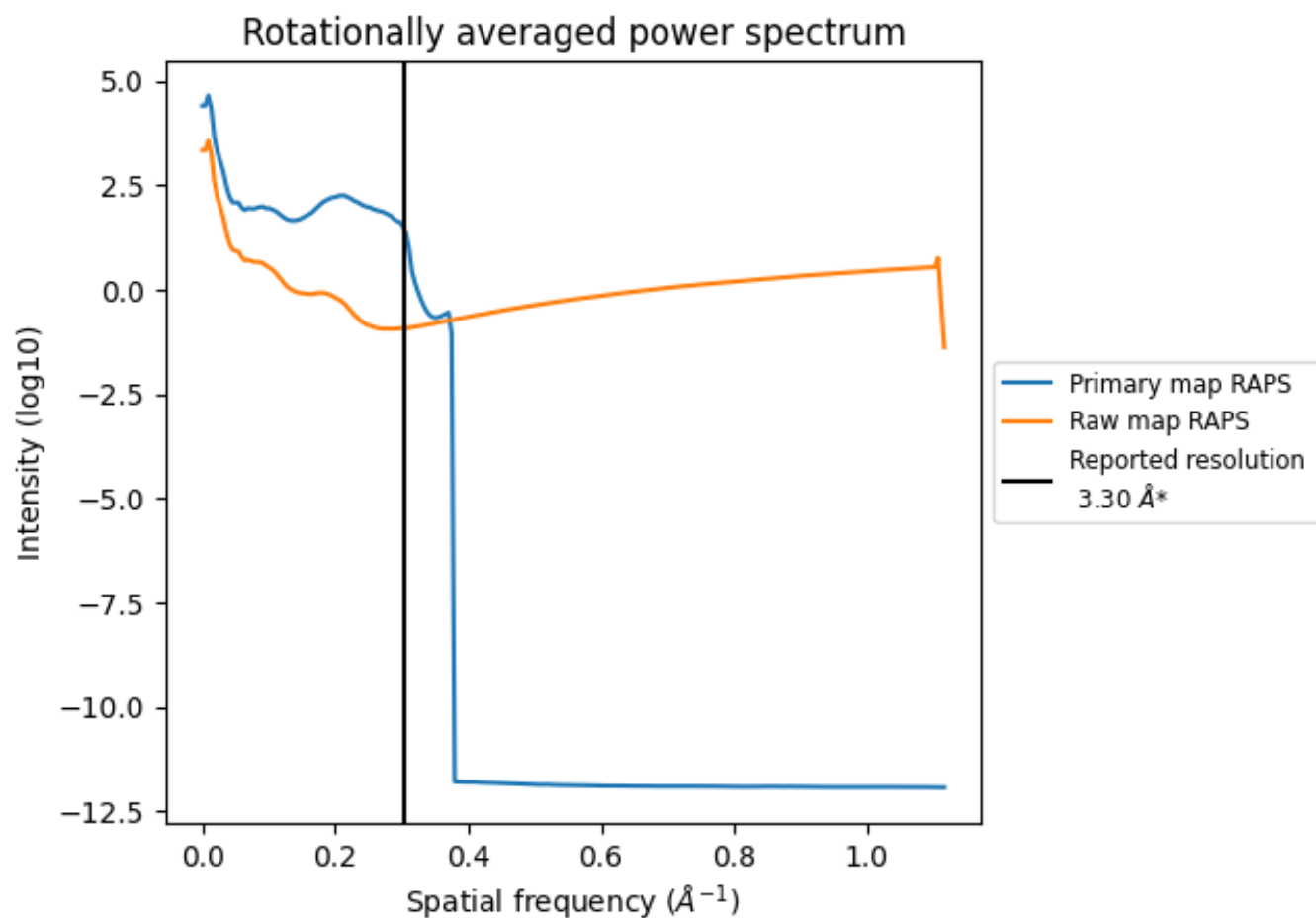
6.2 Volume estimate [i](#)



The volume at the recommended contour level is 55 nm³; this corresponds to an approximate mass of 50 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.

6.3 Rotationally averaged power spectrum ⓘ

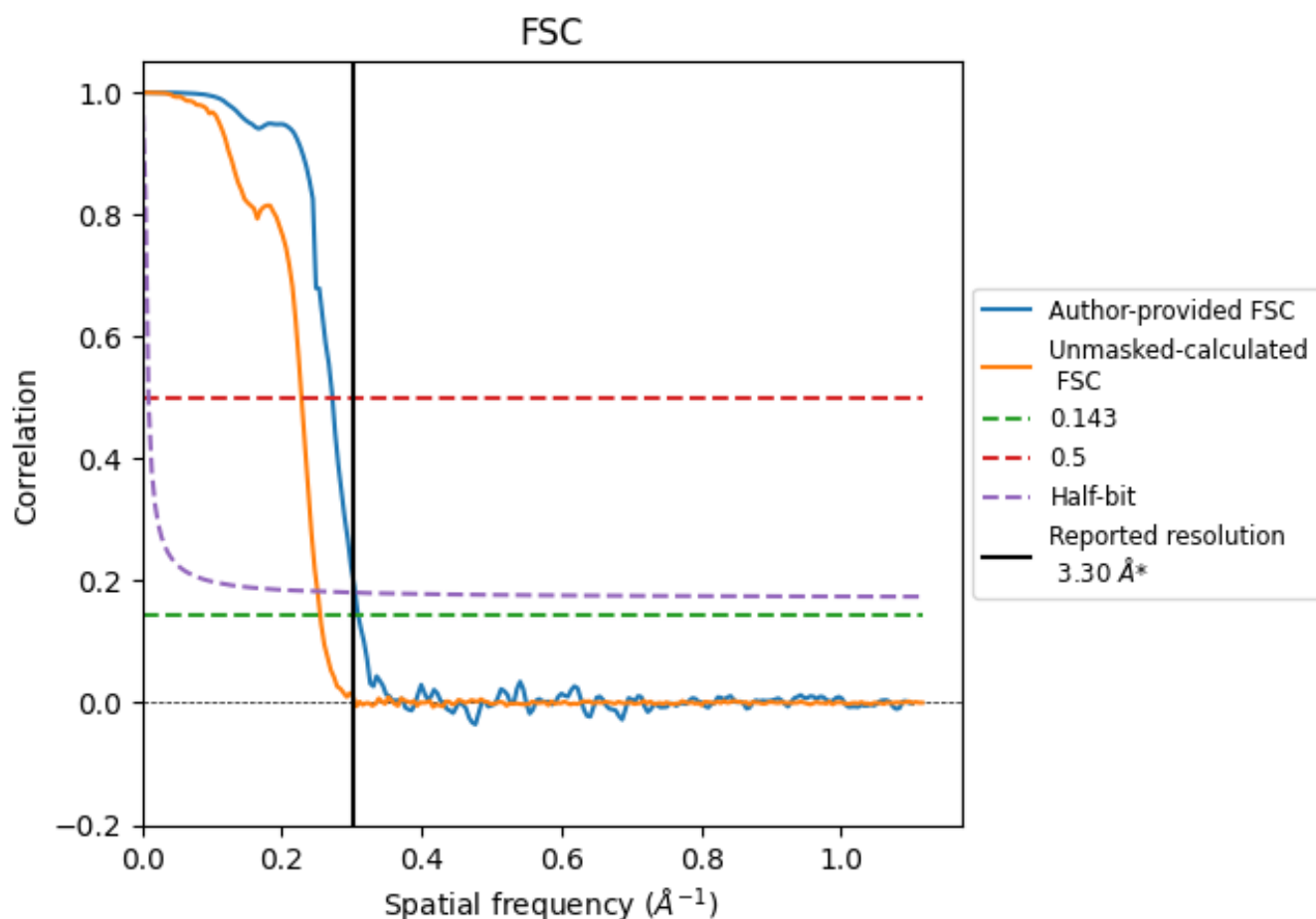


*Reported resolution corresponds to spatial frequency of 0.303 Å⁻¹

7 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.

7.1 FSC [i](#)



*Reported resolution corresponds to spatial frequency of 0.303 Å⁻¹

7.2 Resolution estimates [i](#)

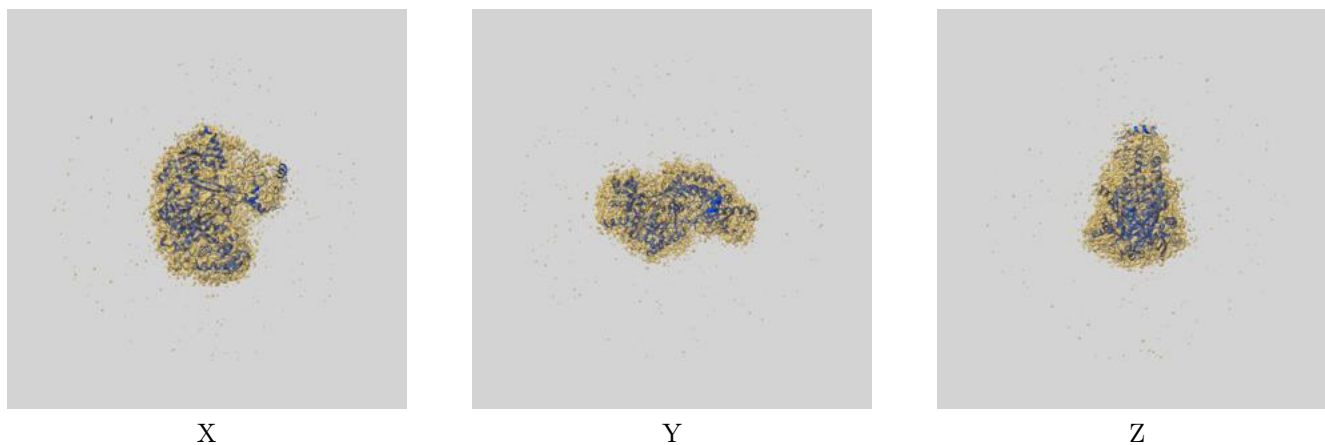
Resolution estimate (Å)	Estimation criterion (FSC cut-off)		
	0.143	0.5	Half-bit
Reported by author	3.30	-	-
Author-provided FSC curve	3.24	3.68	3.28
Unmasked-calculated*	3.92	4.39	3.99

*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 3.92 differs from the reported value 3.3 by more than 10 %

8 Map-model fit [i](#)

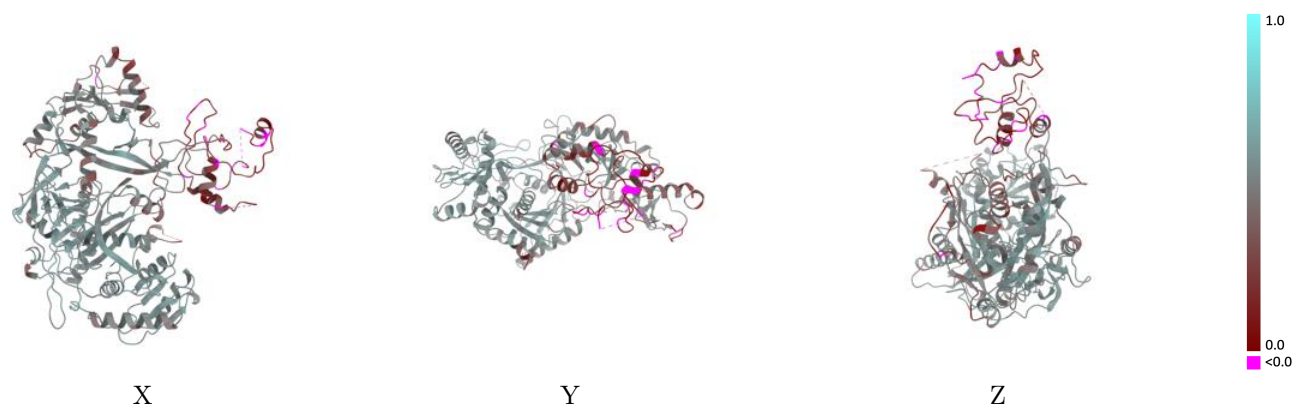
This section contains information regarding the fit between EMDB map EMD-72193 and PDB model 9Q3G. Per-residue inclusion information can be found in section ?? on page ??.

8.1 Map-model overlay [i](#)



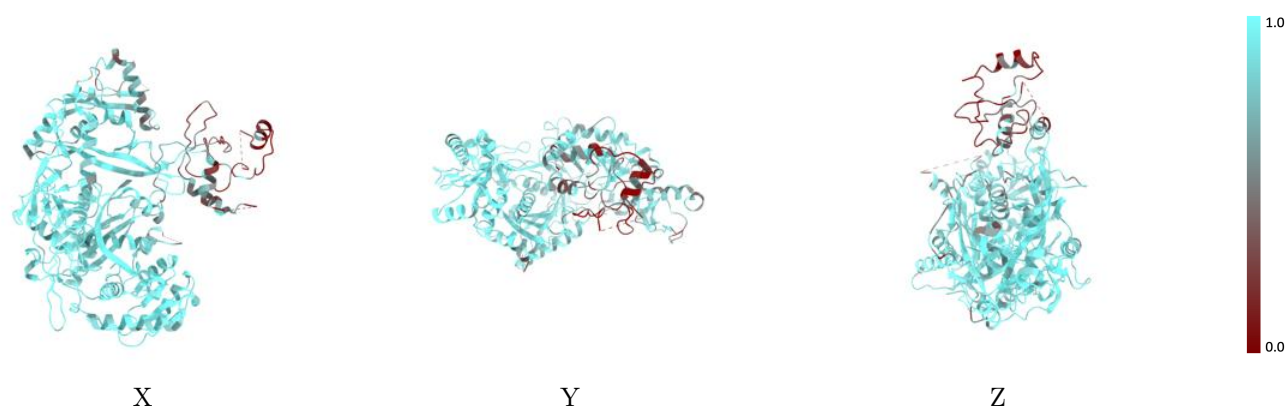
The images above show the 3D surface view of the map at the recommended contour level 0.016 at 50% transparency in yellow overlaid with a ribbon representation of the model coloured in blue. These images allow for the visual assessment of the quality of fit between the atomic model and the map.

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



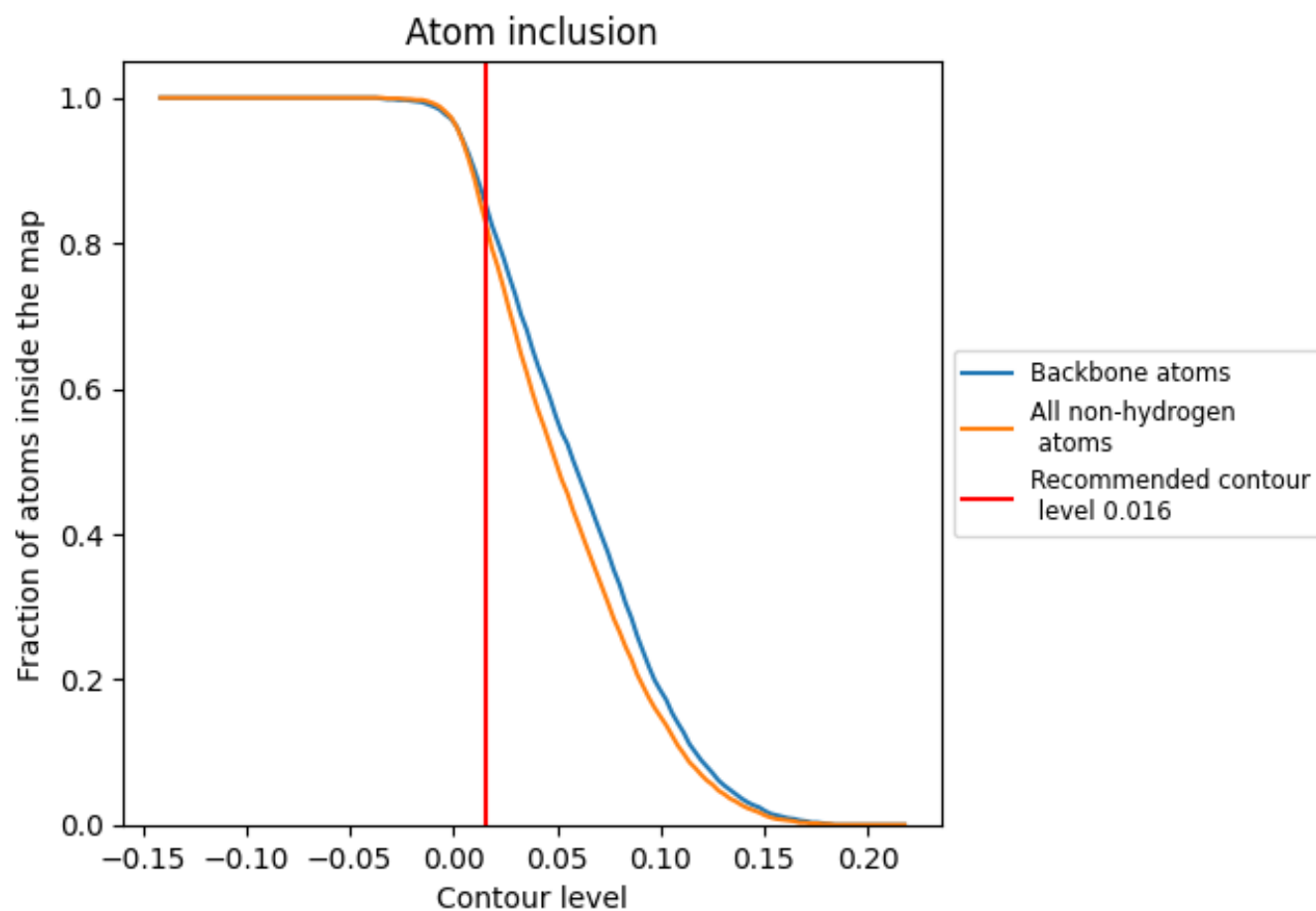
The images above show the model with each residue coloured according to its Q-score. This shows their resolvability in the map with higher Q-score values reflecting better resolvability. Please note: Q-score is calculating the resolvability of atoms, and thus high values are only expected at resolutions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

8.3 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 (0.016).

8.4 Atom inclusion [i](#)



At the recommended contour level, 85% of all backbone atoms, 82% of all non-hydrogen atoms, are inside the map.

8.5 Map-model fit summary ⓘ

The table lists the average atom inclusion at the recommended contour level (0.016) and Q-score for the entire model and for each chain.

Chain	Atom inclusion	Q-score
All	0.8240	0.4600
A	0.8220	0.4580
B	0.9100	0.5420

