

Why did you build a death ray?

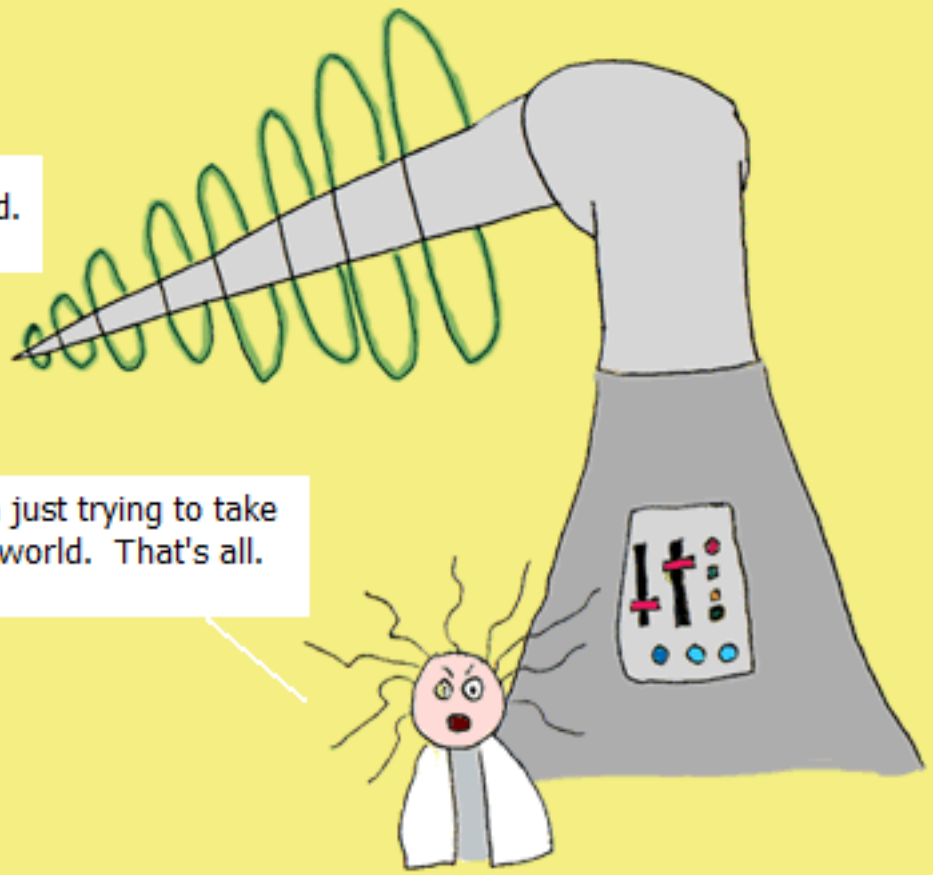
To take over the world.

No, I mean what mad hypothesis are you testing?

Are you just making mad observations?

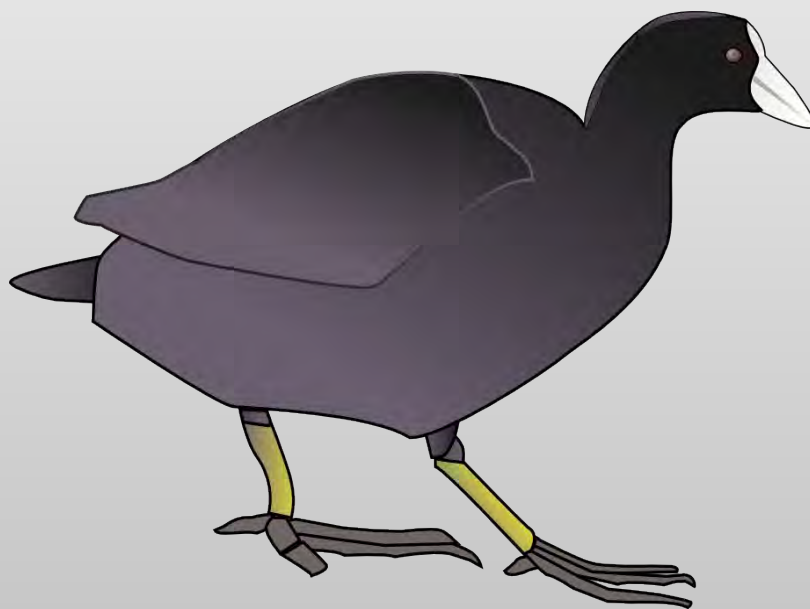
Look, I'm just trying to take over the world. That's all.

You at least are going to leave some of the world as a mad control group, right?



Sad truth: Most "mad scientists" are actually just mad engineers

Using *Coot* Tools for Protein-Ligand Analysis



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- Automated Scoring of Protein-Ligand Complexes
- Tools for editing, design of ligands
- Tools for Presentation and Navigation
- (Maybe) Fitting (N-linked) Carbohydrate

Coot Tools for Protein-Ligand Complexes

- Aim is to provide tools that analyse the ligand complex under investigation
- ... combining existing software with new tools
- ... to give it the “Green Lights” (if appropriate)
- ... judge the rank as compared to other protein-ligand complexes

Scoring Protein-Ligand Complexes

- Score all PDB protein-ligand complexes
 - The (first) biggest complete Het-group
 - No covalent link to protein
 - No alt confs
 - Het-groups with more than 6 atoms
 - Glycerol included
 - Only use accession codes with (readable) data
 - 2007-2012
 - Only those het-groups for which I could construct a molecule with sane chemistry and an MDL molfile using Refmac restraints dictionary

Scoring Protein-Ligand Complexes

- Score – 3 Metrics:
 - Correlation of maps: omit vs. calculated
 - around the ligand
 - Clash-score
 - *c.f.* Molprobity tool
 - Mogul distortion
 - z-worst

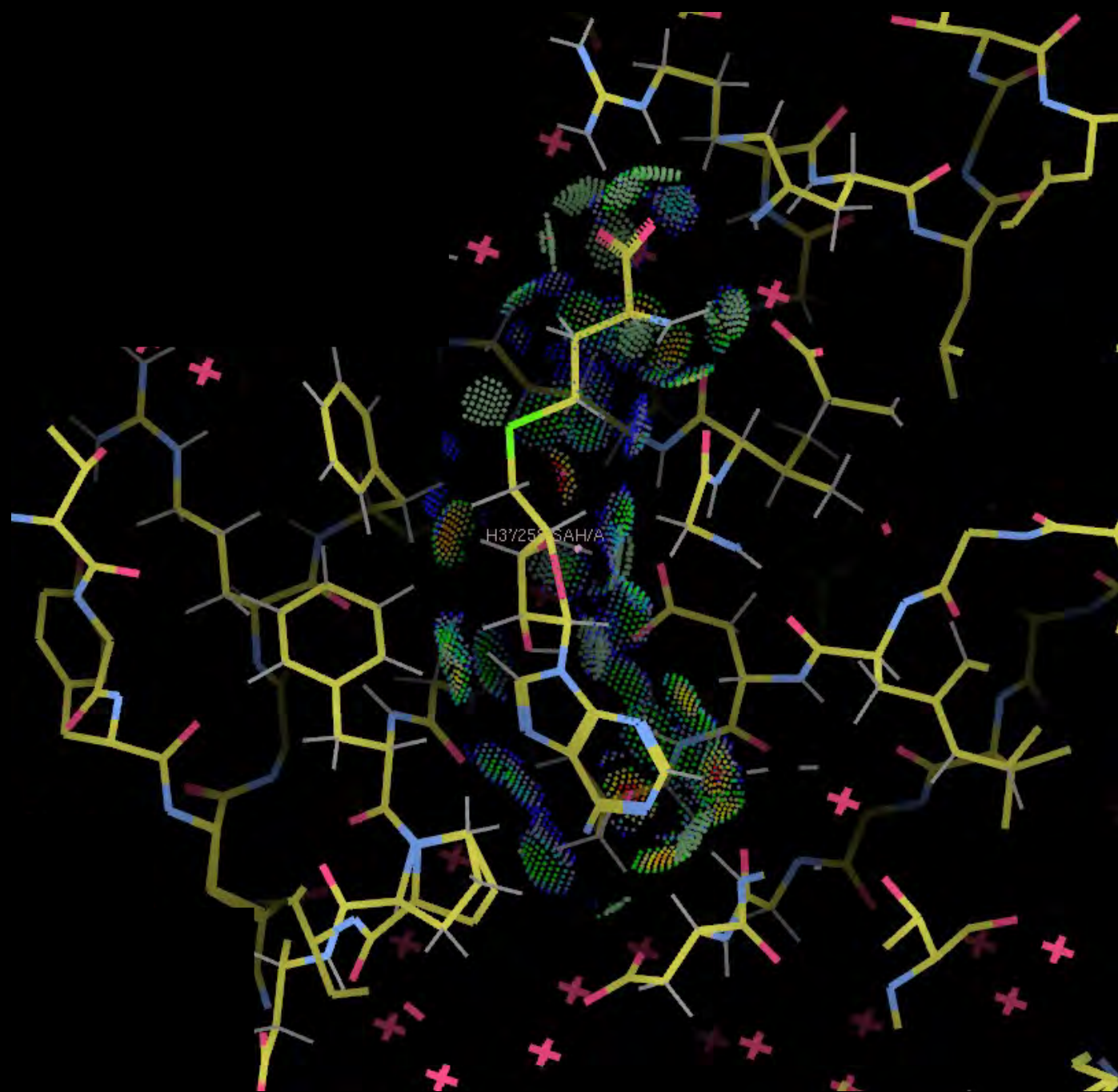
Density Correlation Metric

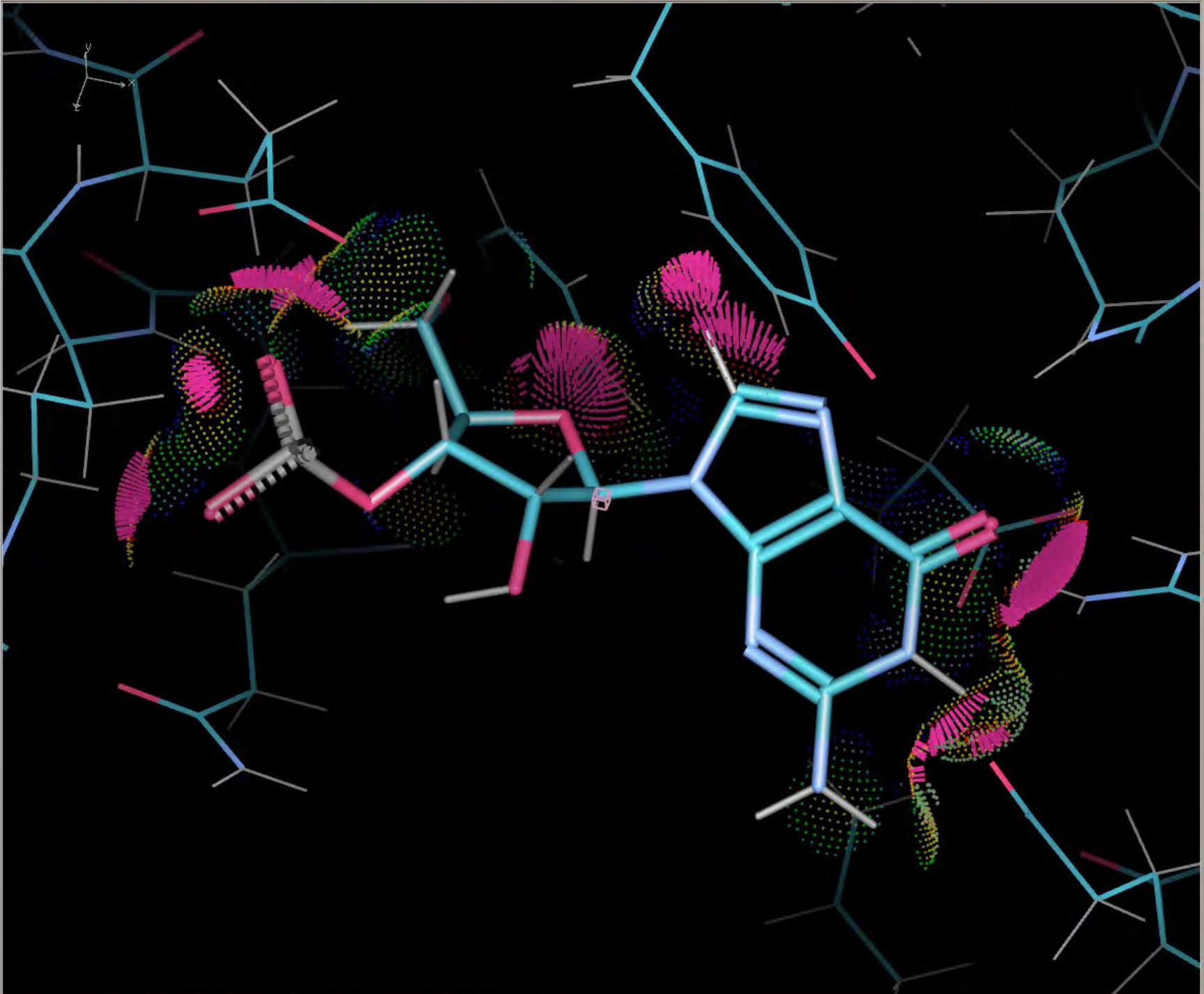
- Identify ligand of interest
- Construct an MDL molfile?
- Remove ligand
- Run Refmac to calculate structure factors
 - omit map
- Identify correlation coefficient
 - omit map vs. calc map
 - in the region of the ligand

Probe Score Metric

- Using Reduce and Probe
 - Richardsons and co-workers
- Consider only protein-ligand interactions
- Count the number of “bad overlap” atom pairs

Probe Contacts





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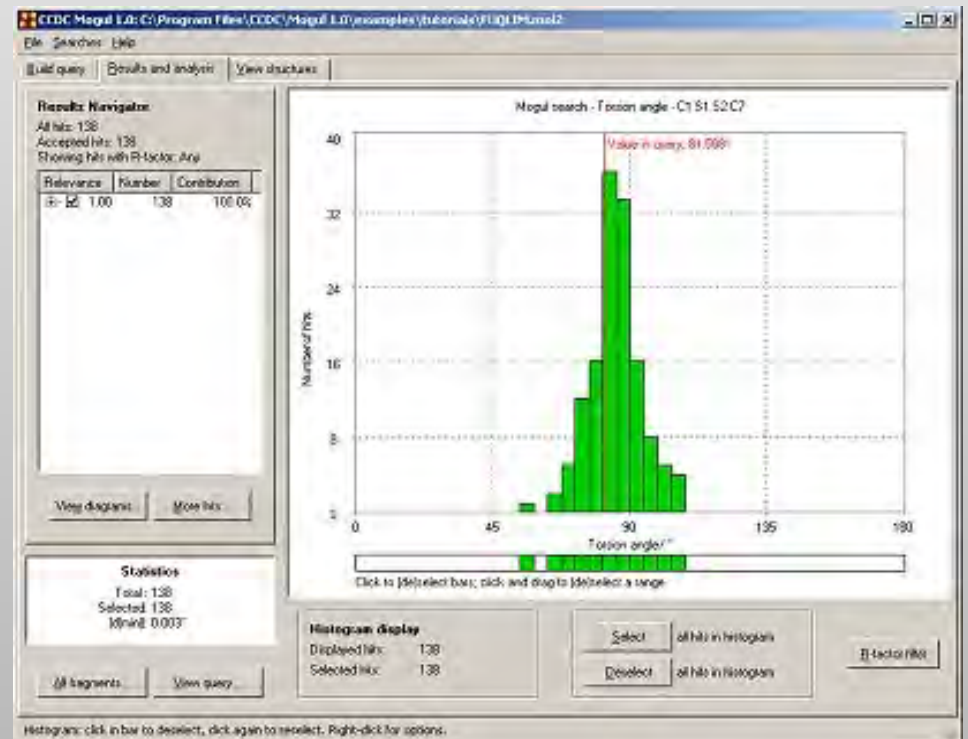
Mogul Score Metric

- Use CSD Mogul
 - MDL query
 - Coordinates from PDB ligand, bond orders from Refmac restraints
 - customized csv output
 - parsed and (interactive mode) represented in Coot

CSD Mogul

Knowledge-base of geometric parameters based on the CSD

- Can be run as a “batch job”
- Mean, median, quartiles, Z-scores.
- Query constructed as an MDL file using bond orders from the Refmac monomer library
- Histograms



Mogul Results Representation

Coot 0.7.1-pre

File Edit Calculate Draw Measures Validate HID About Extensions Ligand

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Centred on residue 353 A in molecule #0.

Mogul Results

Bonds Angles Torsions

Atom Name 1	Atom Name 2	Atom Name 3	Atom Name 4	Value
O4'	C4'	C5'	O5'	20.088499
O5'	C5'	C4'	C3'	149.837997
O4'	C1'	N9	C8	66.011597
O4'	C1'	N9	C4	-105.824997
C2'	C1'	N9	C8	-55.056301
C2'	C1'	N9	C4	133.106995

Torsion distribution - O4' - C1' - N9 - C8 -

Counts

Torsion distribution - O4' - C1' - N9 - C8 -

Value from model: 66.01

Torsion

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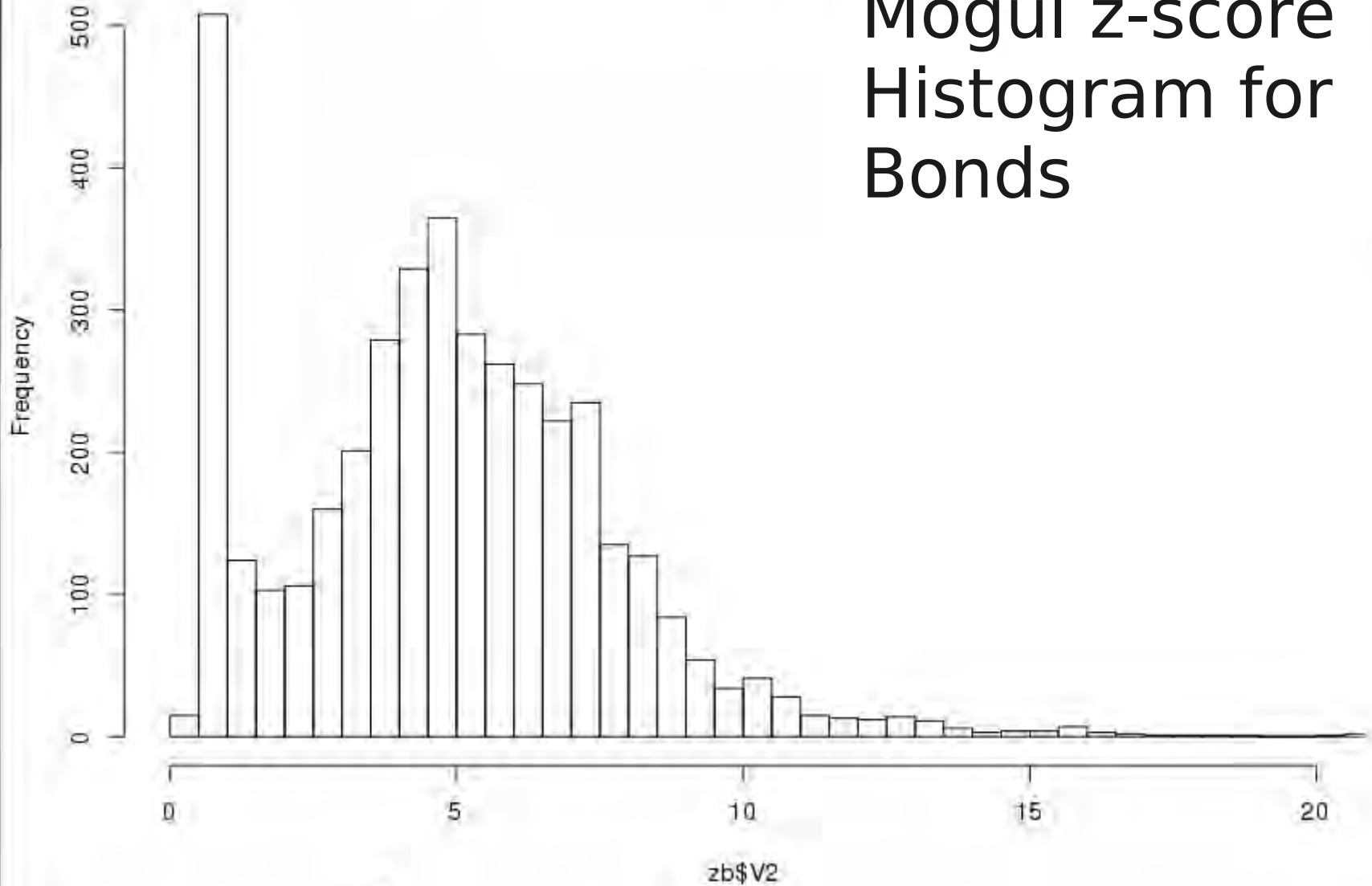
Mogul Score Metric

- How do you score a ligand with distorted geometry?
- Average badness?
 - A highly distorted bond in an otherwise adequate large ligand will be hidden
- Worst z-score outlier for bonds and angles
 - Bad chemistry is bad chemistry no matter how big the ligand
- Using modified standard deviations
 - *i.e.* not simply those from describing the distribution of the data from the crystal structures
 - Lower-bounds caps (every bond and angle checked)

Mogul-Based Ligand Validation

- Mogul plugin in Coot
 - Run mogul in “non-interactive” mode
 - graphical display of results
 - Update restraints (target and esds for bonds and angles)
 - CSD data not so great for plane, chiral and torsion restraints
 - remain unexploited for automated validation to date

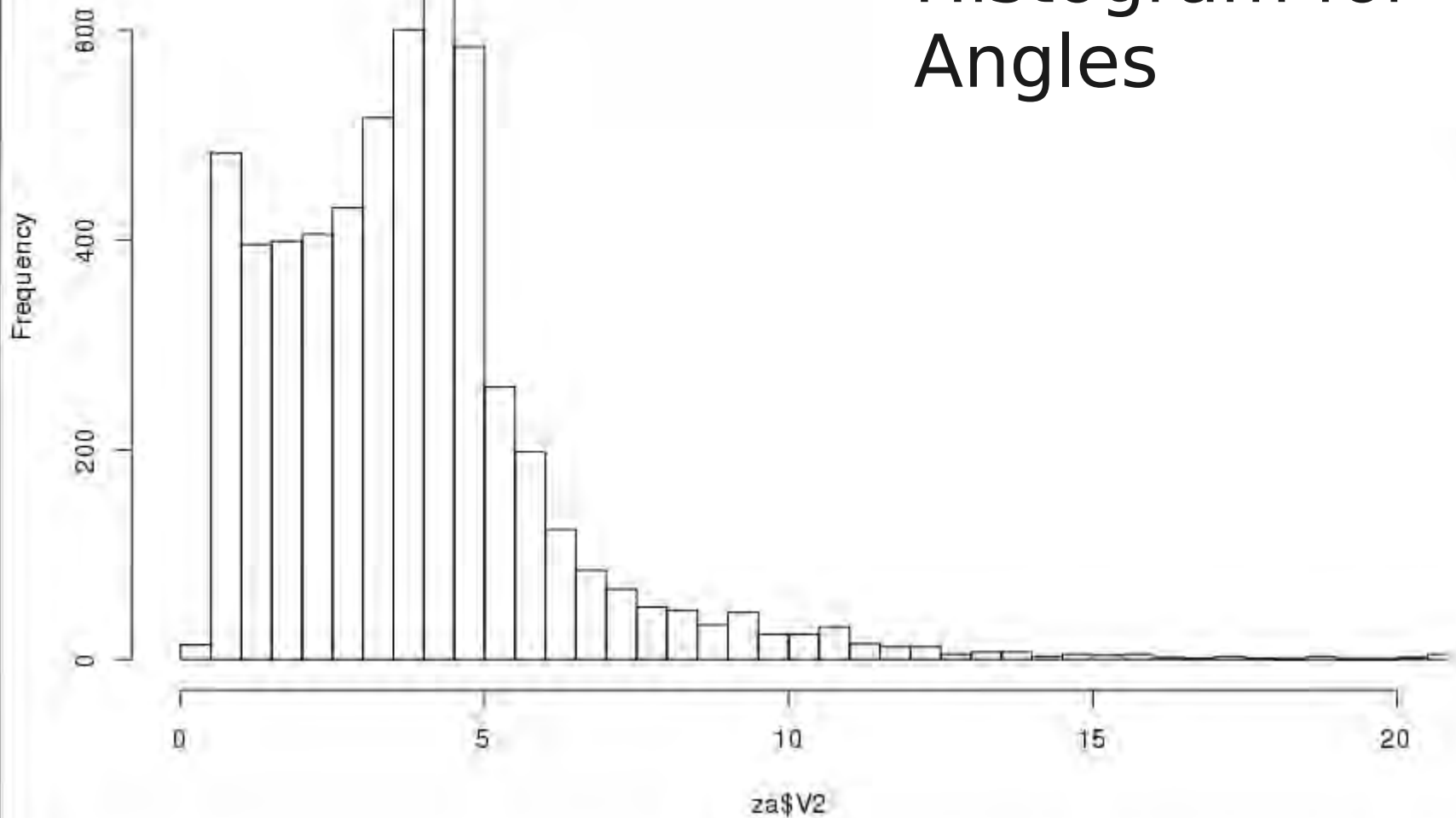
Worst Z bonds, with Capped sigmas



Mogul z-score
Histogram for
Bonds

Worst Z, with Capped sigmas

Mogul z-score
Histogram for
Angles

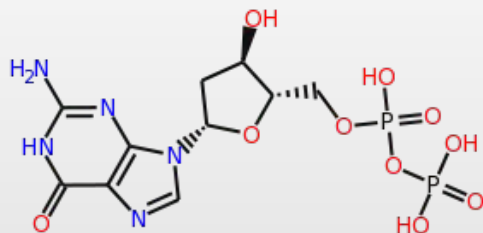


Let's Rank Comp-ids

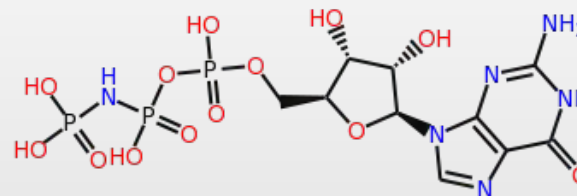
- By Average Mogul Z score
 - to identify the most distorted group types in the PDB

The Most Distorted Groups in the PDB

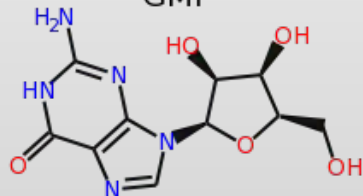
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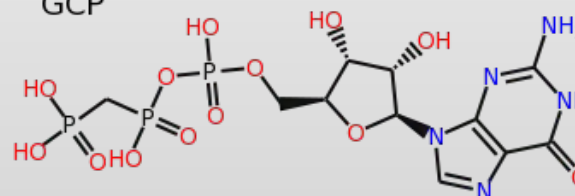
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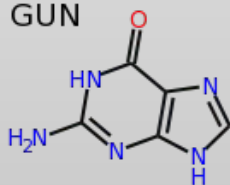
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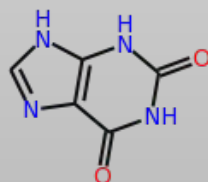
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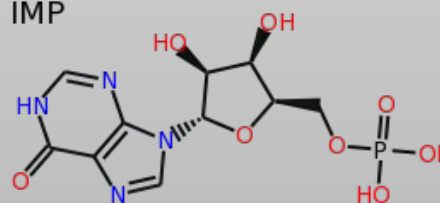
HPA



XAN



IMP



(with more than one structure)

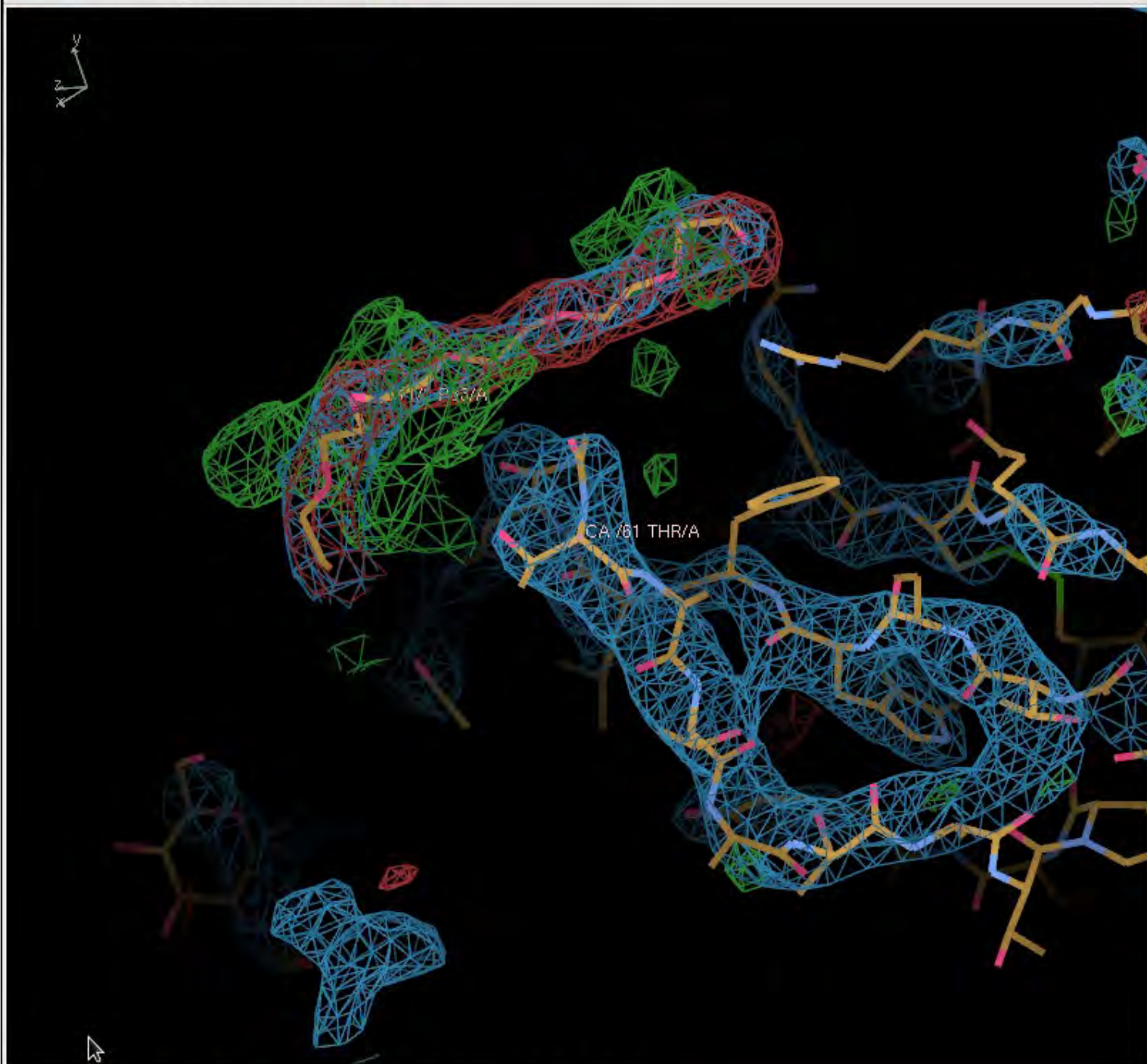
Additional Criterion:

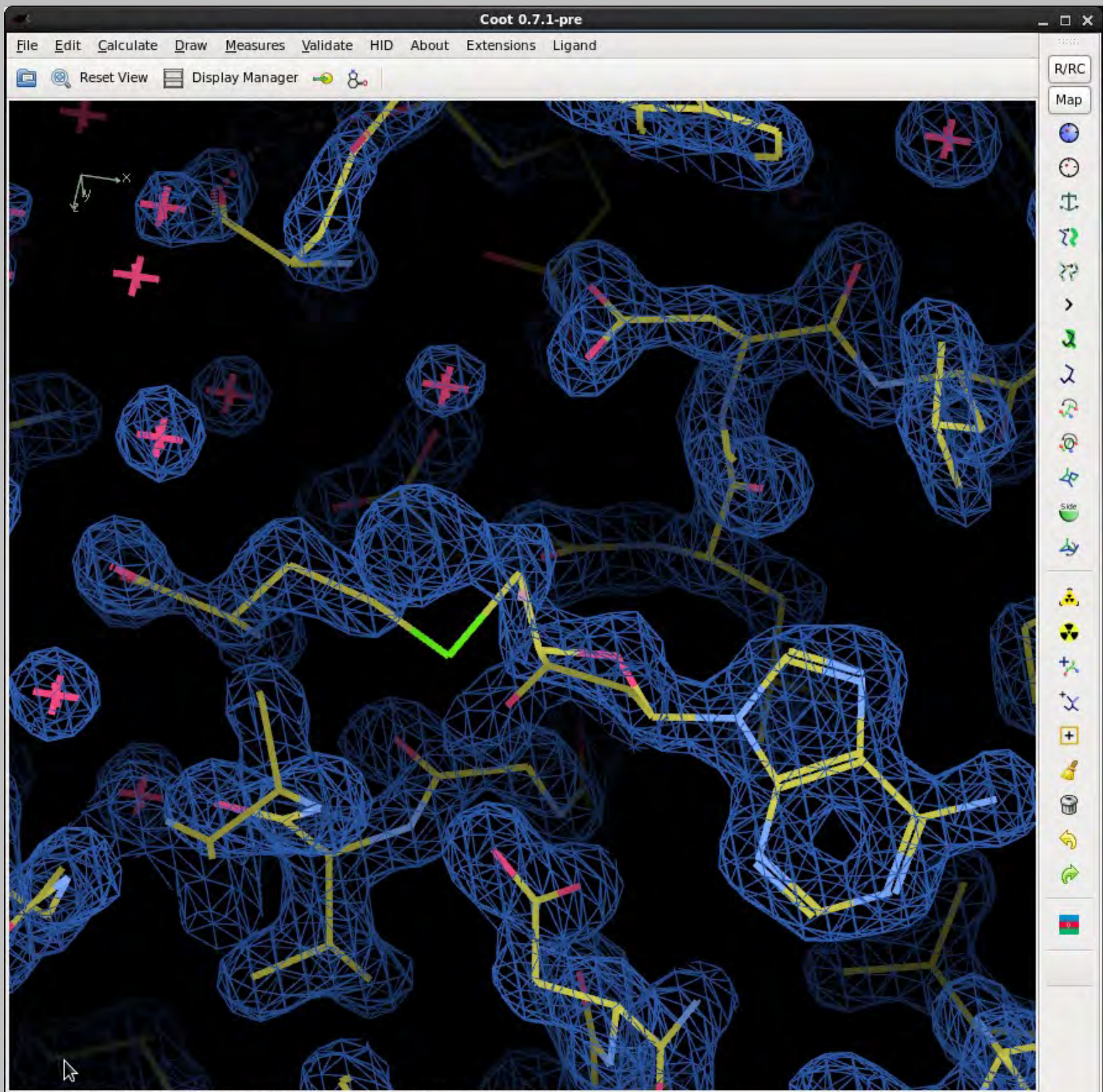
- Are the temperature factors of the ligand atoms drawn from the same distribution as the surrounding atoms?
 - Use Kolmogorov-Smirnov distribution test
 - Not build in to over-all score
 - But interesting outliers...

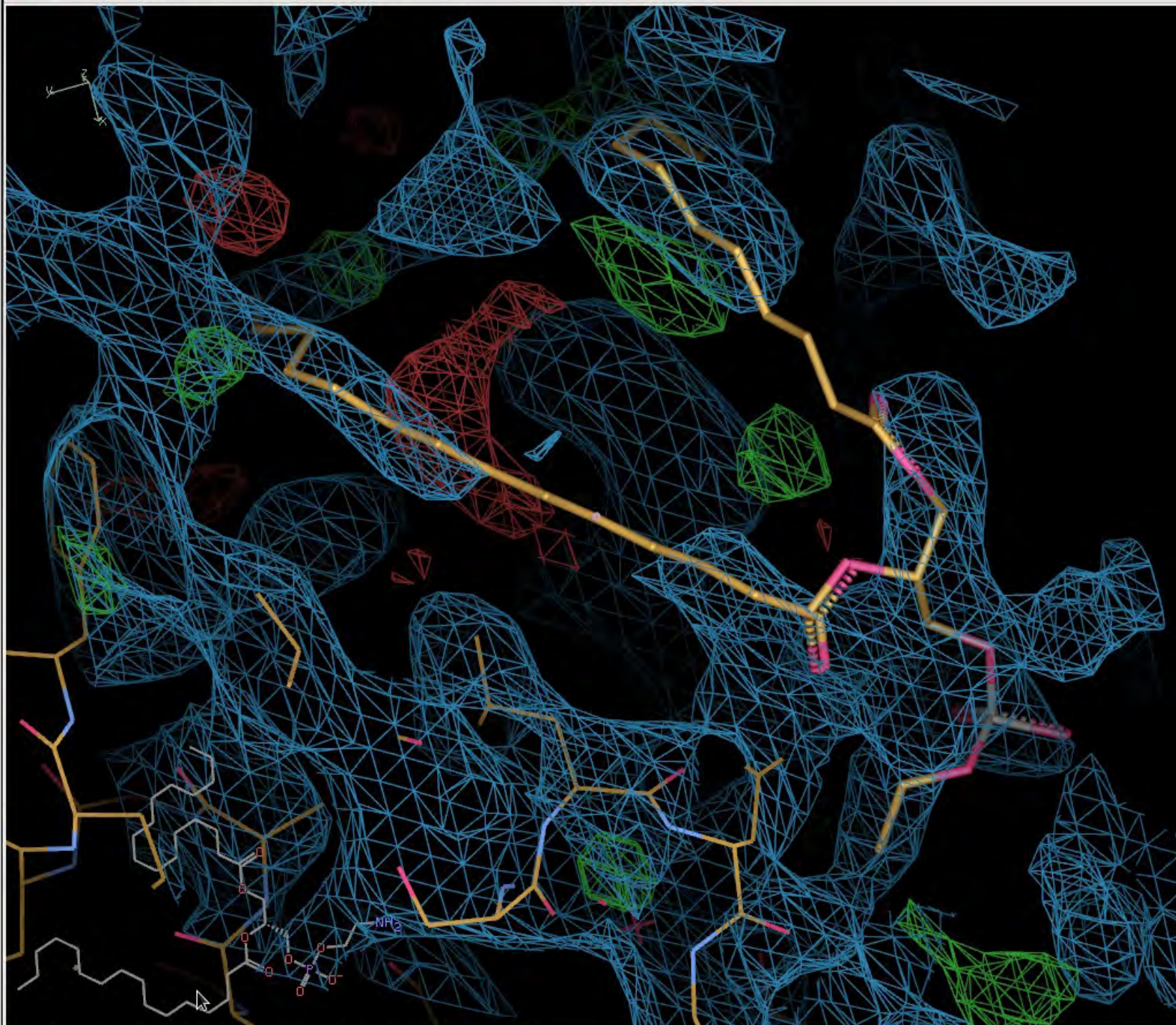
Combining Scores

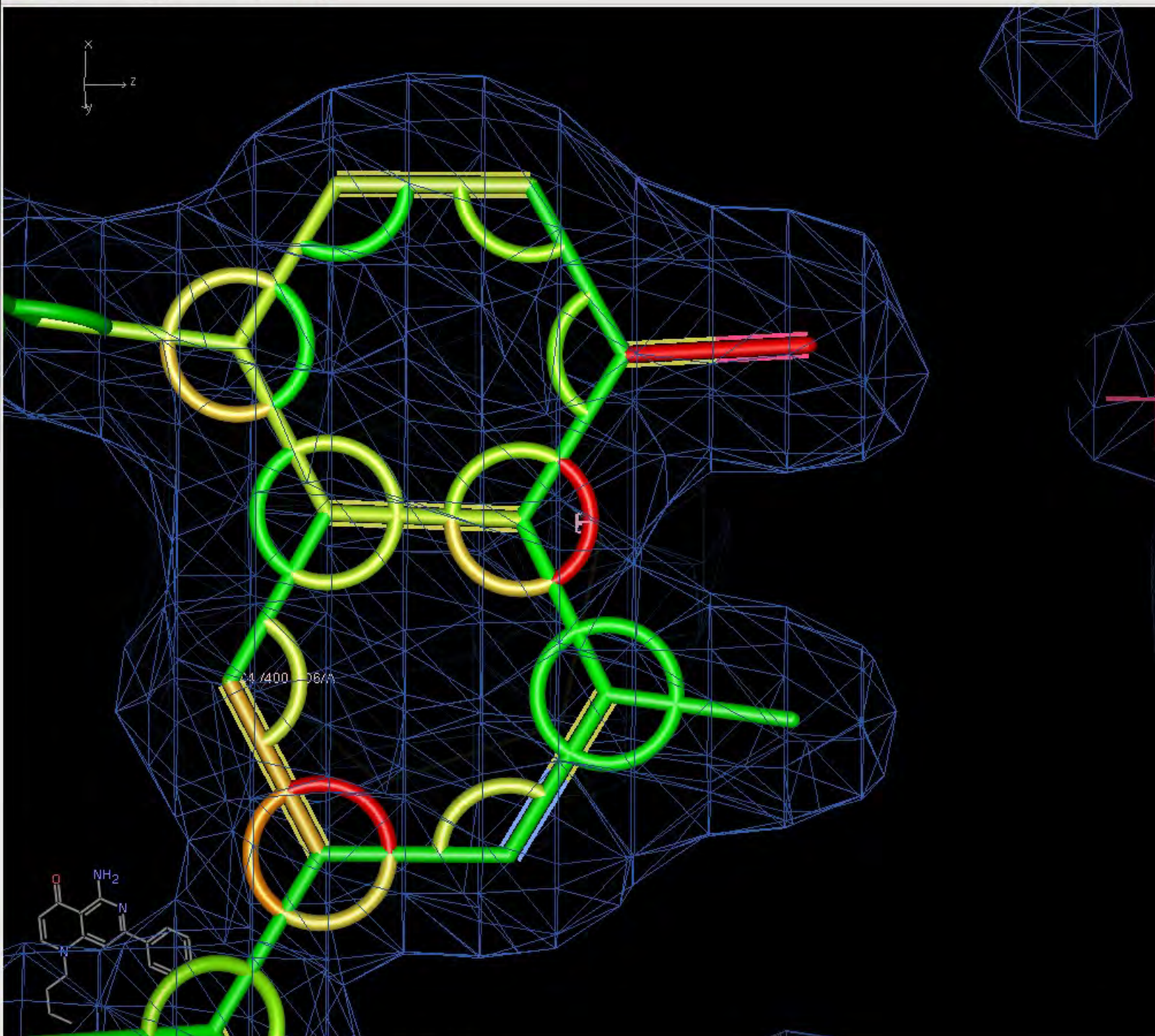
- Ranking the density correlation, Mogul and bump scores gives us individual ranks:
 - R_{corr} , R_{mogul} , R_{bump}
- Combined into total score:
 - $S_T = R_{\text{corr}}^2 + R_{\text{mogul}}^2 + R_{\text{bump}}^2$
 - *Coot* Ligand Toolkit Score
- Which can then be ranked...

A Gallery of Outliers



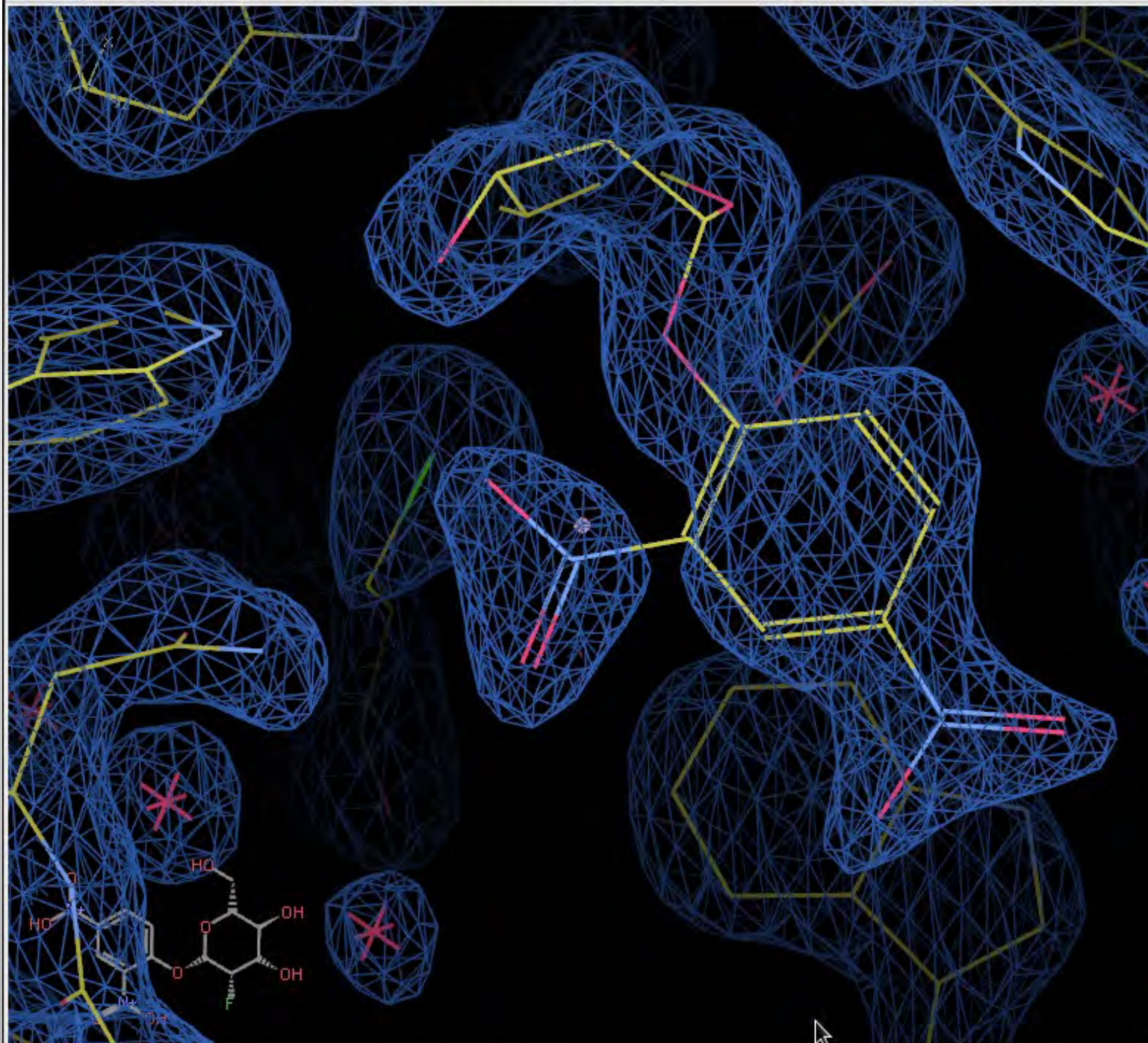


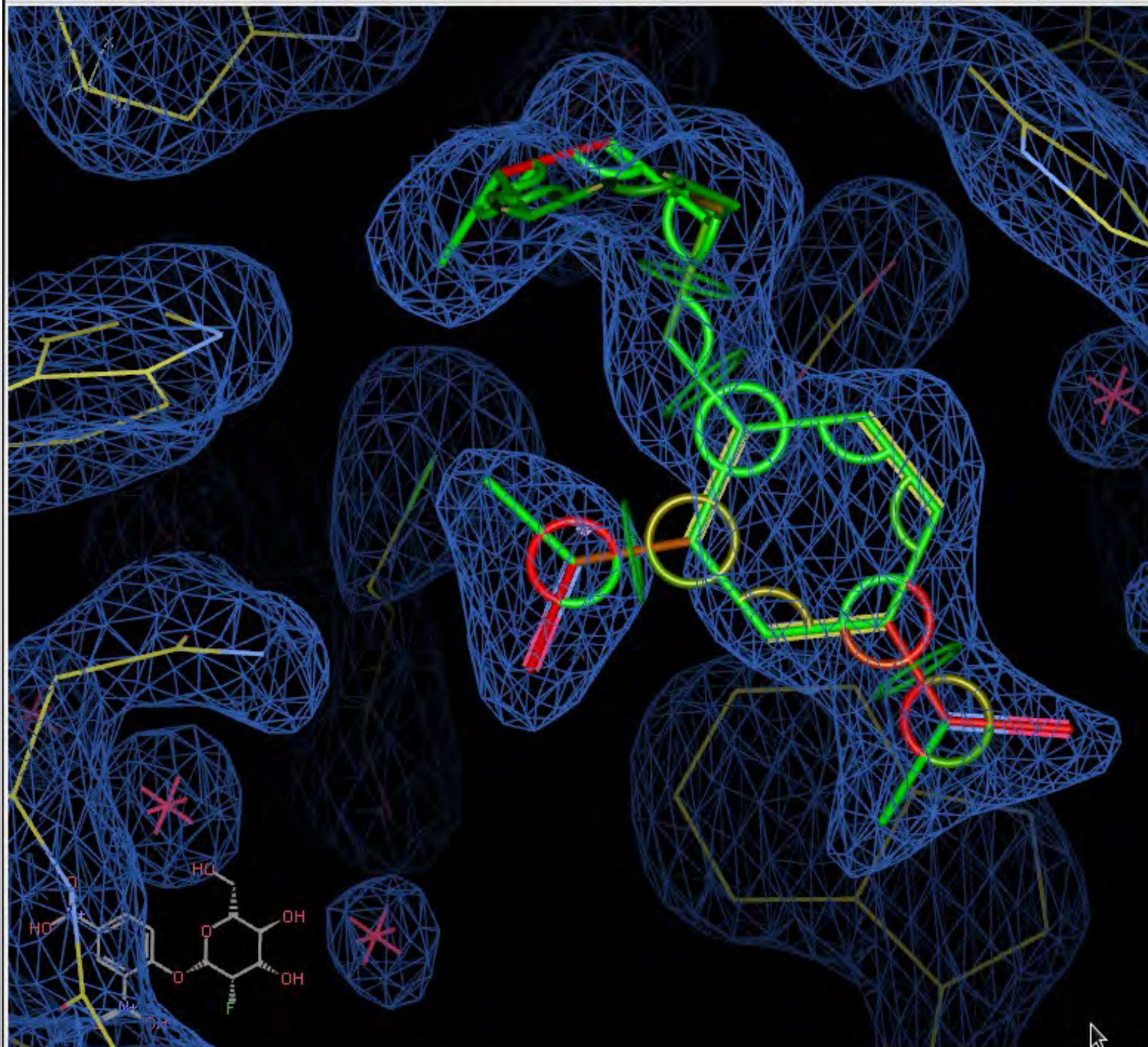




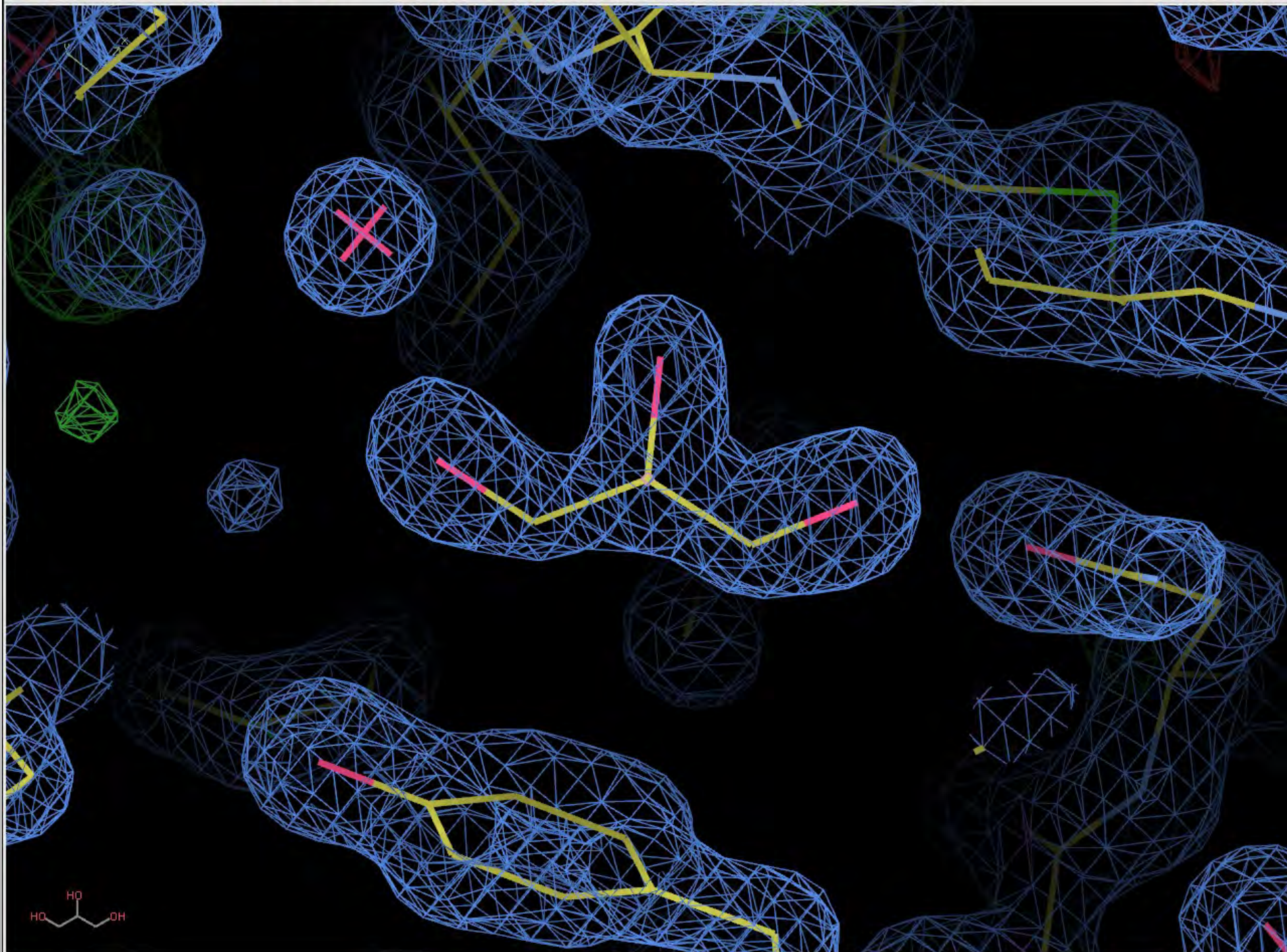
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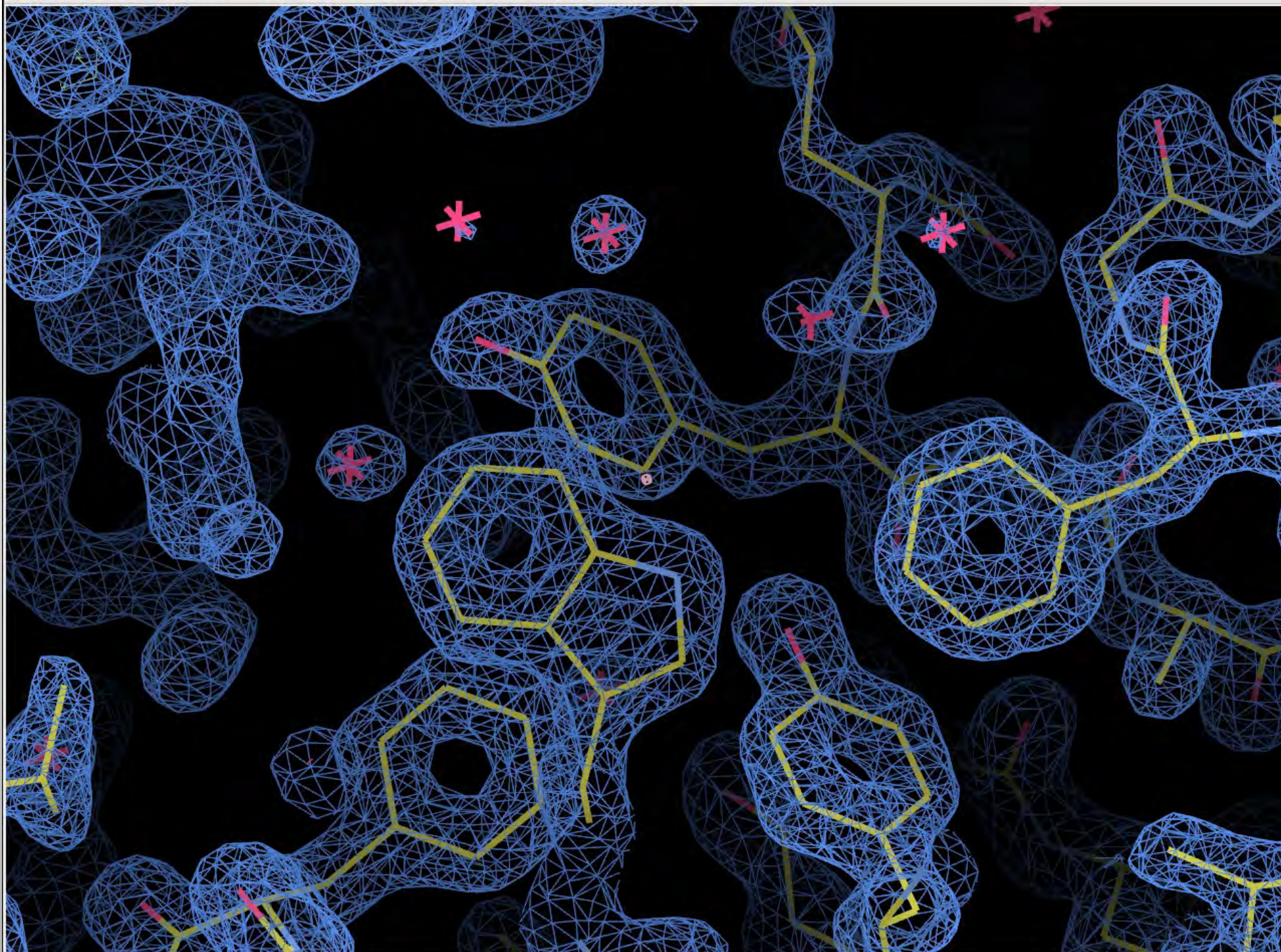
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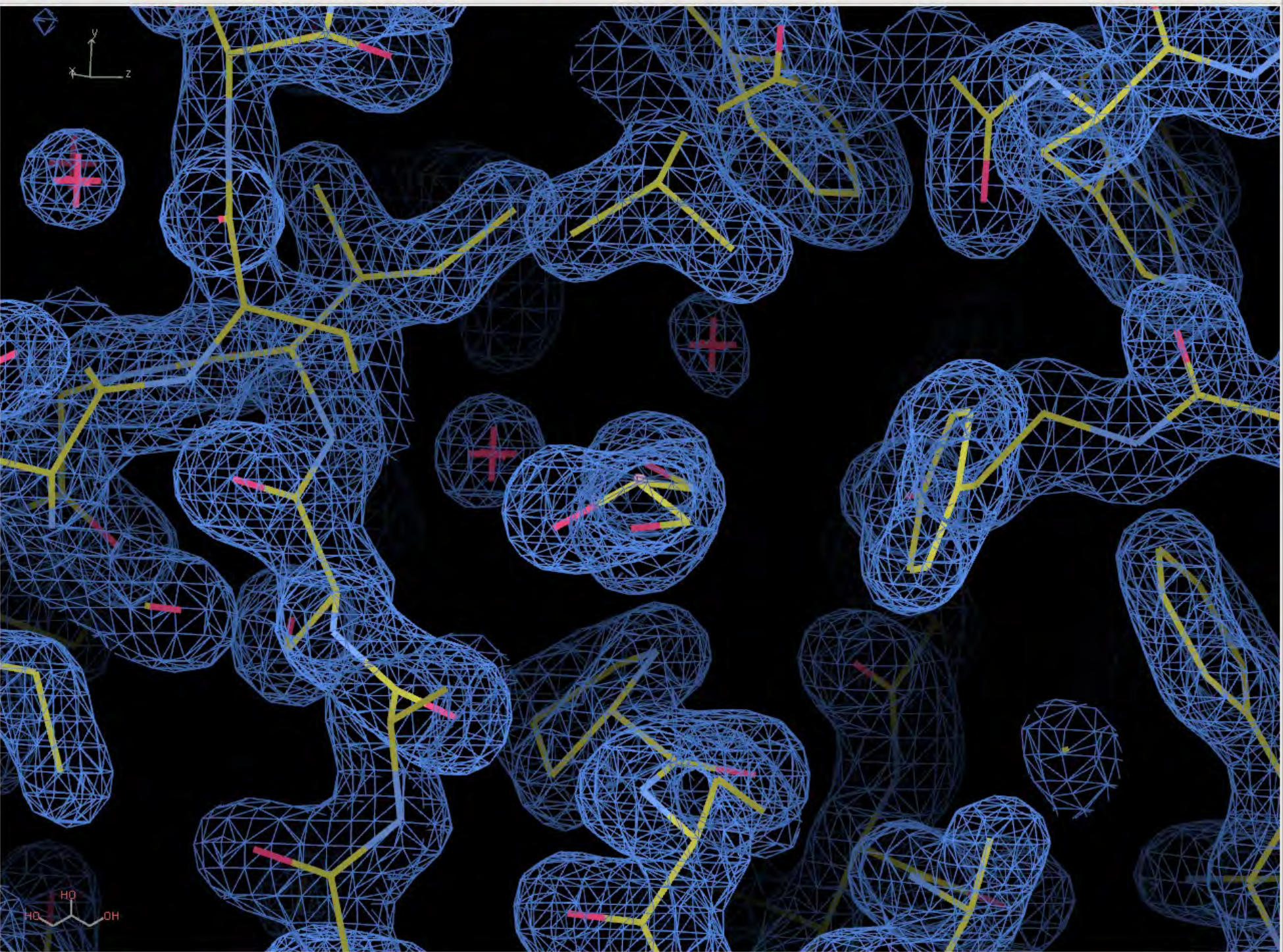




Ligand Ranked #1 of 8470

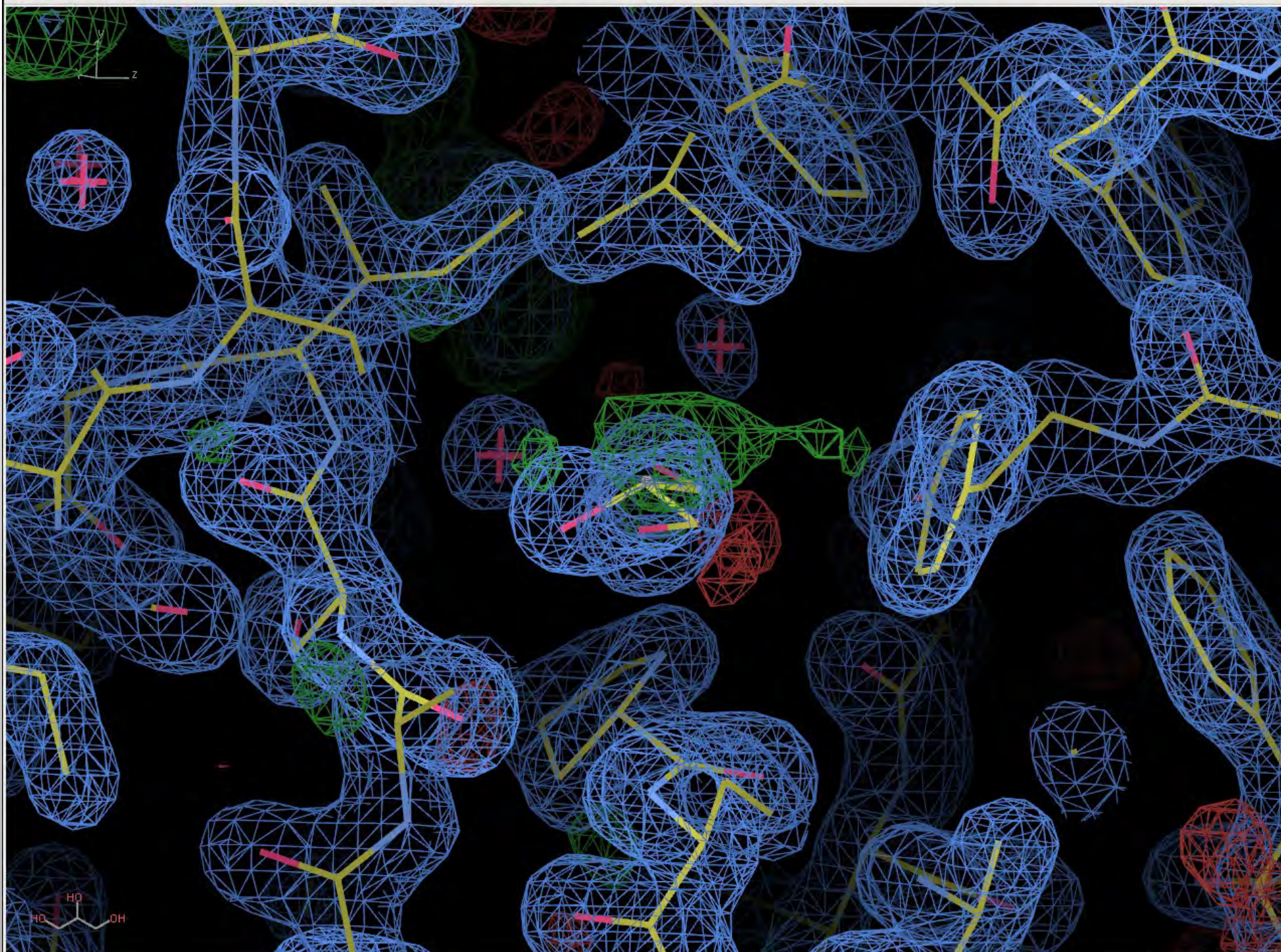


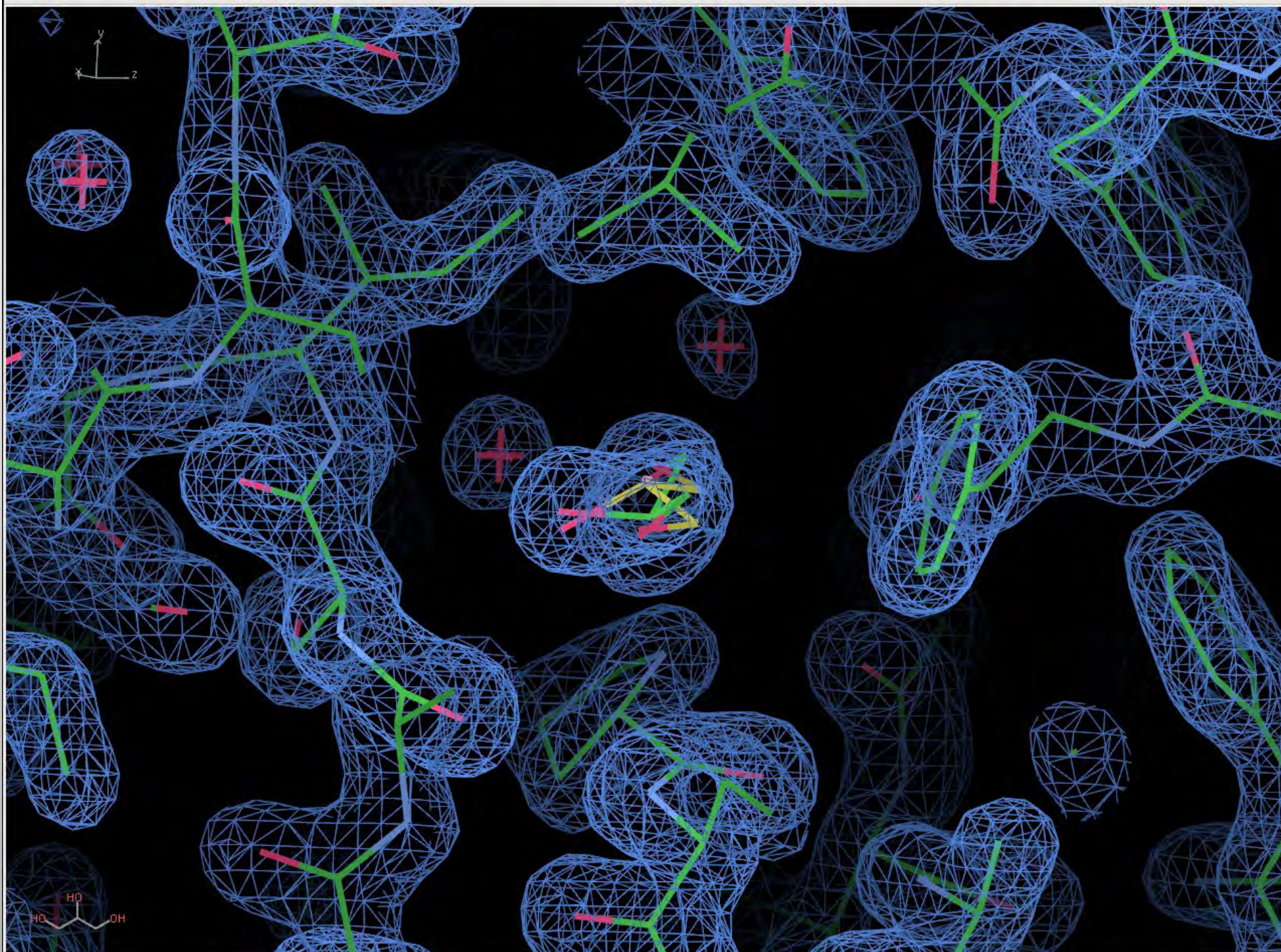


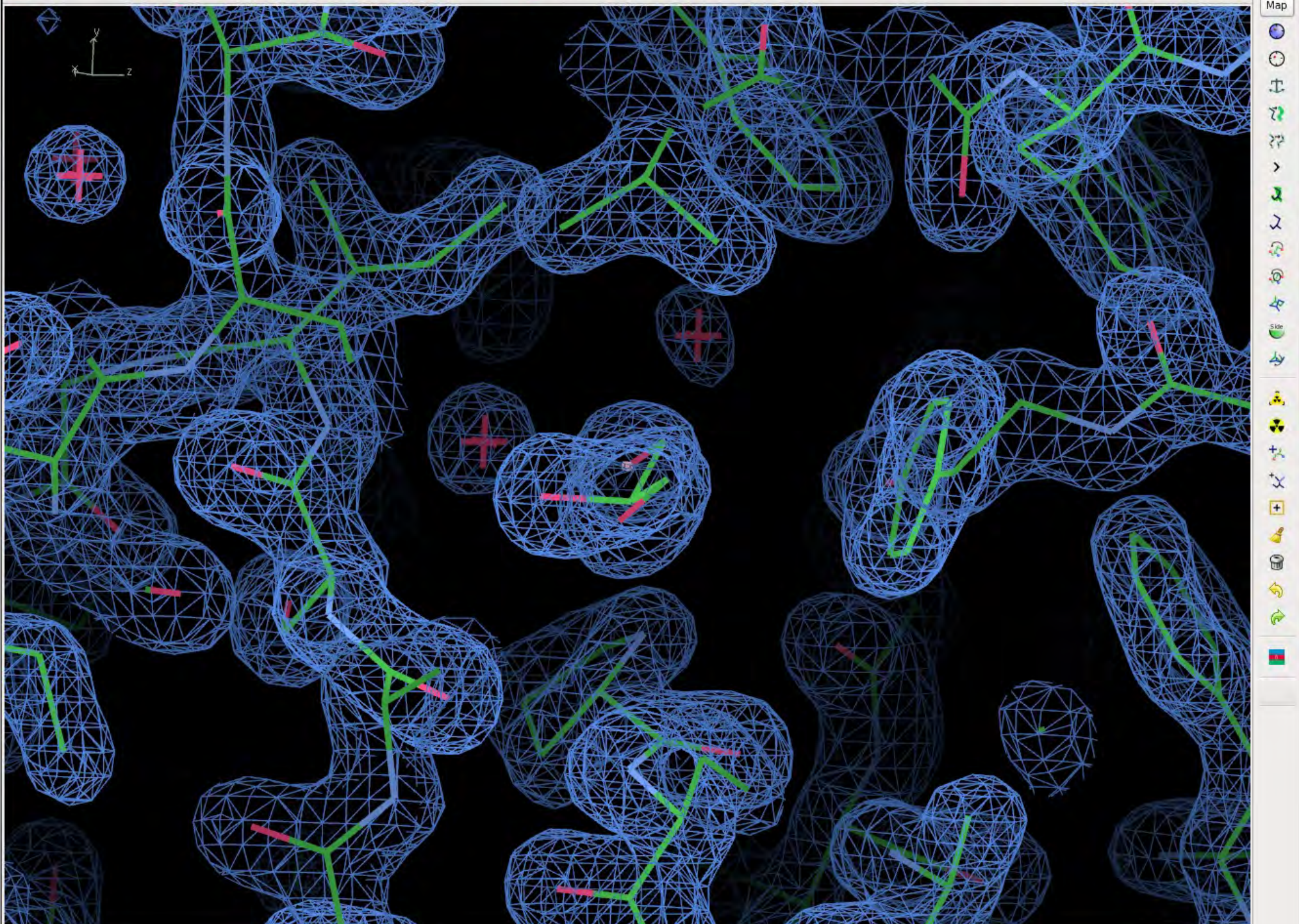


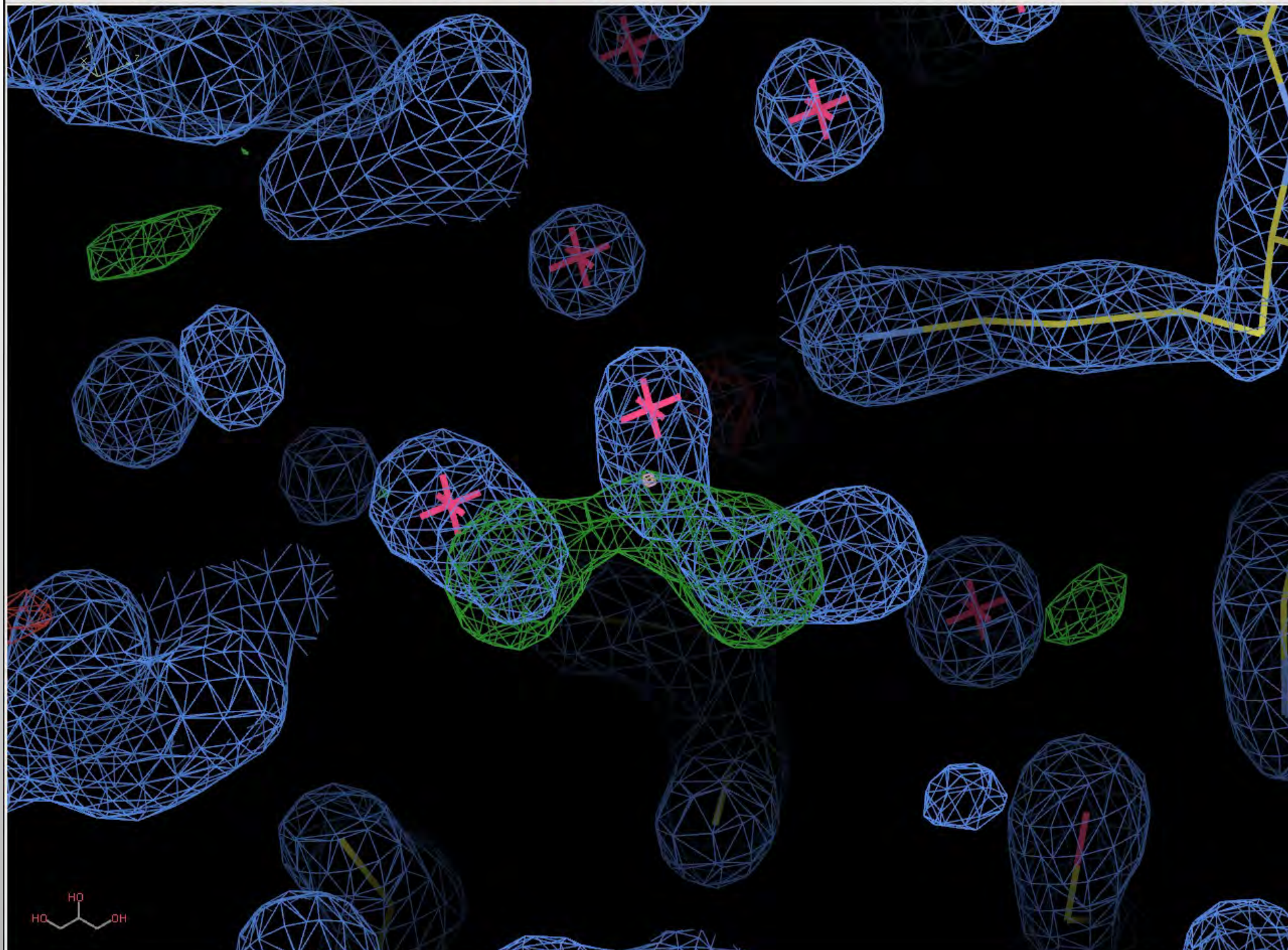
R/RC
Map

A vertical toolbar on the right side of the window, containing various icons for navigation and manipulation of the 3D model. The icons include a globe, a map, a magnifying glass, a double-headed arrow, a refresh symbol, a zoom in/out symbol, a rotation symbol, a translation symbol, a zoom reset symbol, a zoom in symbol, a zoom out symbol, a zoom fit symbol, a zoom full symbol, a zoom reset symbol, a zoom in symbol, a zoom out symbol, a zoom fit symbol, a zoom full symbol, a zoom reset symbol, a zoom in symbol, a zoom out symbol, a zoom fit symbol, a zoom full symbol.

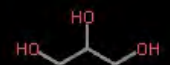






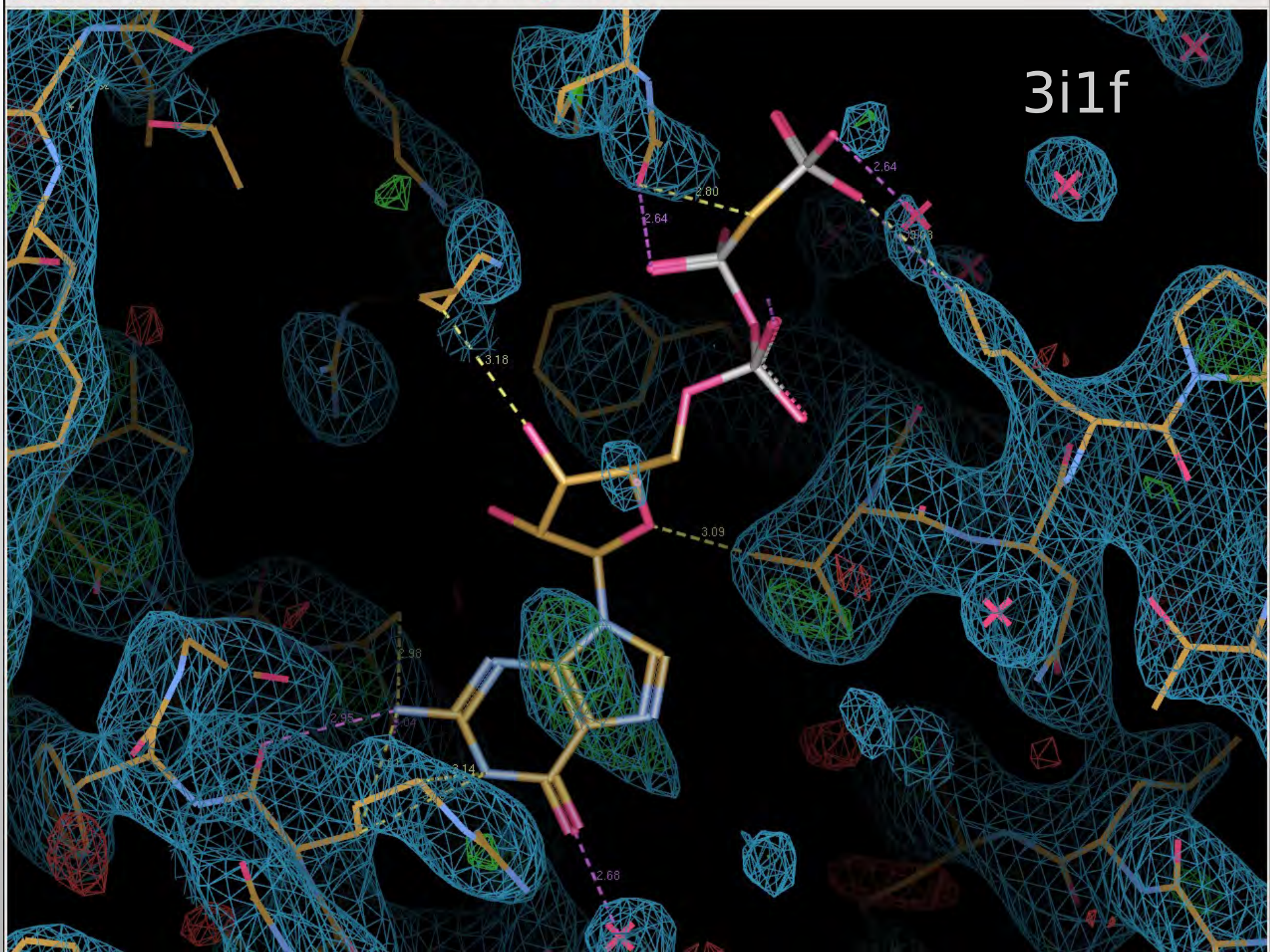


R/RC
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[Navigation icons: Home, Back, Forward, etc.]
[Action icons: Rotate, Translate, etc.]



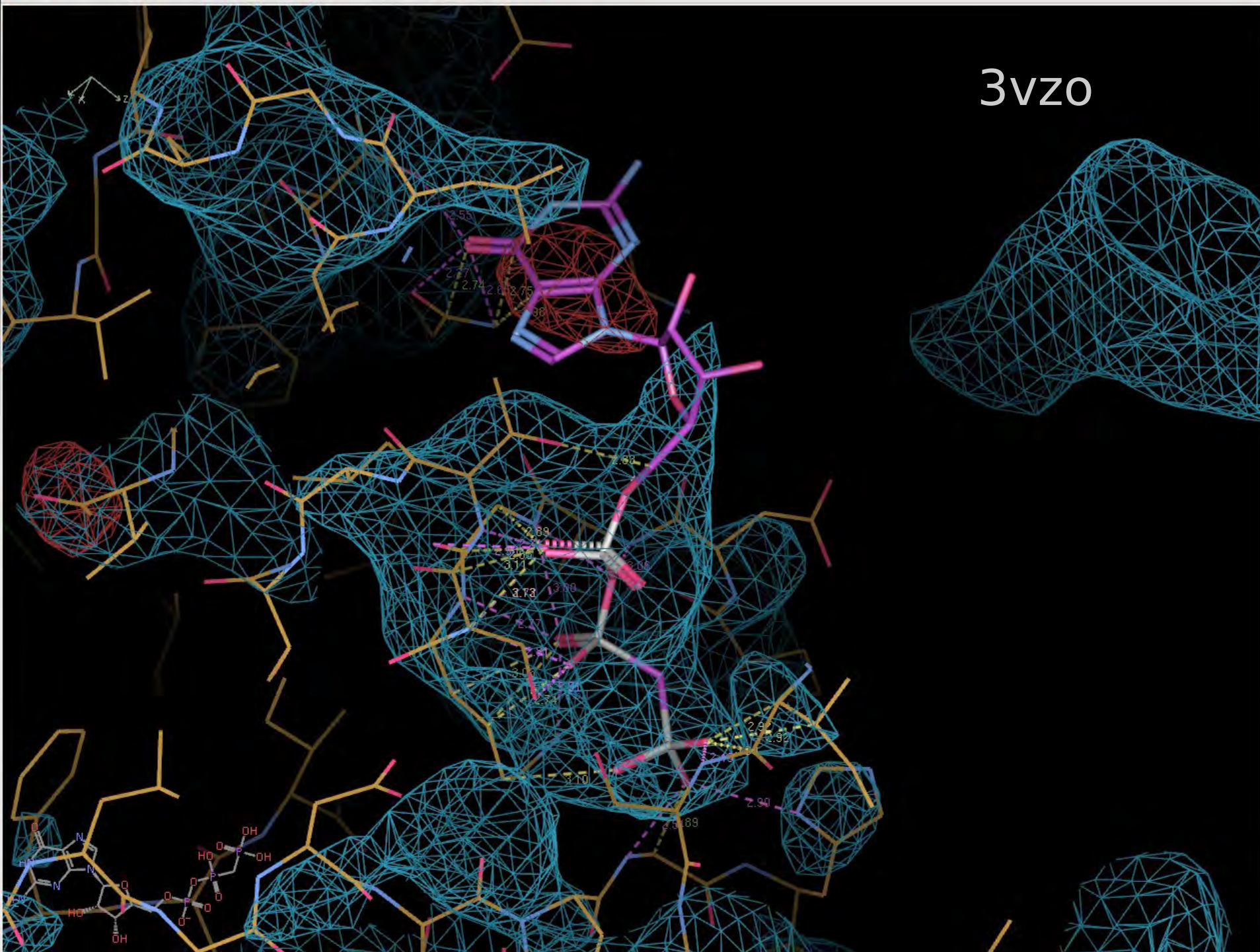
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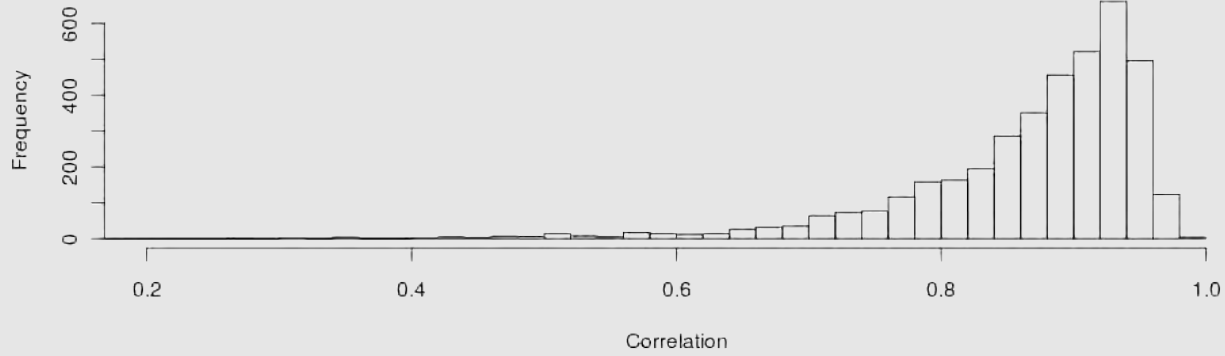


- Navigation icons: Home, Back, Forward, Search, etc.
- Map icon
- 3D View icons: Rotate, Translate, Zoom, etc.
- Modeling icons: Add, Delete, etc.
- Color selection icon

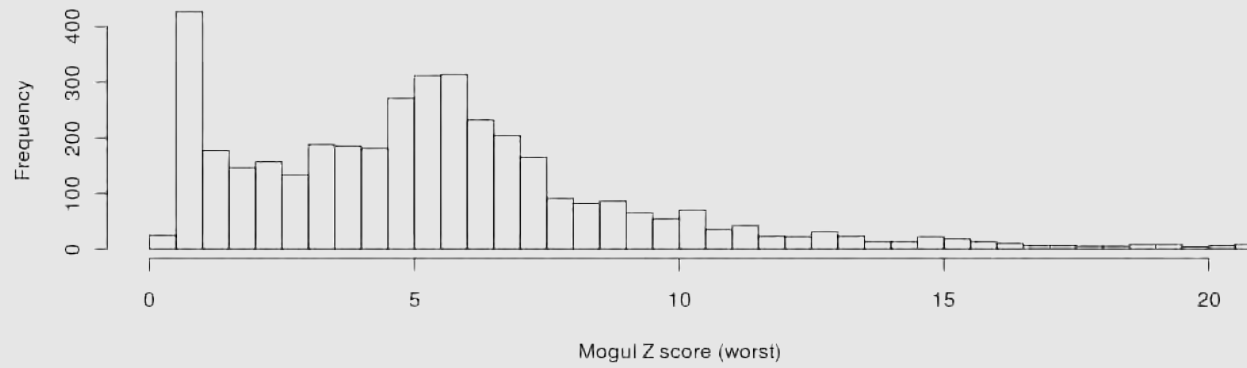
Score Histograms

- Density Correlation
- Mogul z-score
- # Bumps/ligand

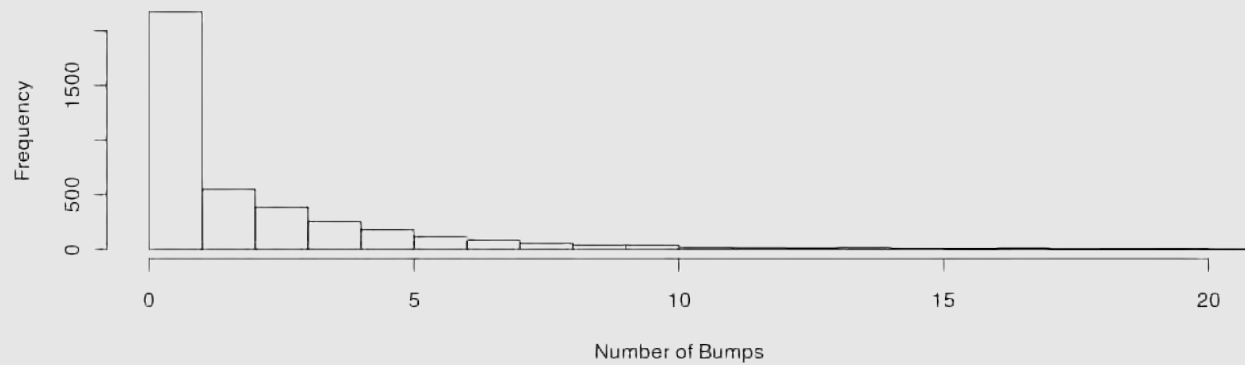
Histogram of Density Correlation



Histogram of Mogul z scores (worst) [Bonds & Angles]



Histogram of Number of Bumps



Ligand Scoring

Preliminary recommendatation...

Scoring Ligands: To Be Better Than The Median:

- 0 bumps
- Mogul $z(\text{worst}) < 6.3$
 - (note: query errors may be encoded in this value)
- Resolution Independence:
 - Density correlation > 0.9

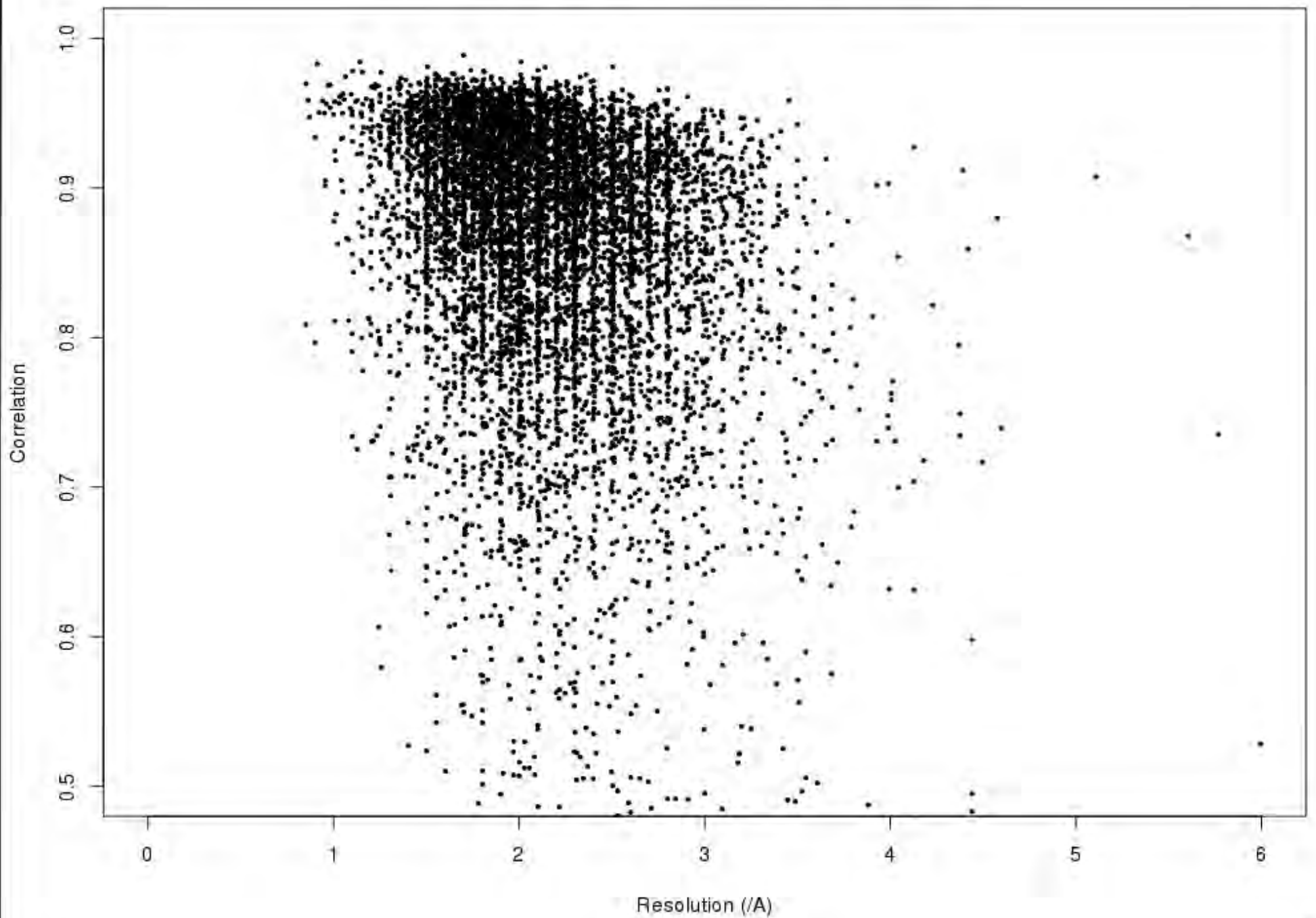
Effective Resolution

- Use standard deviations in the assessment of the data resolution

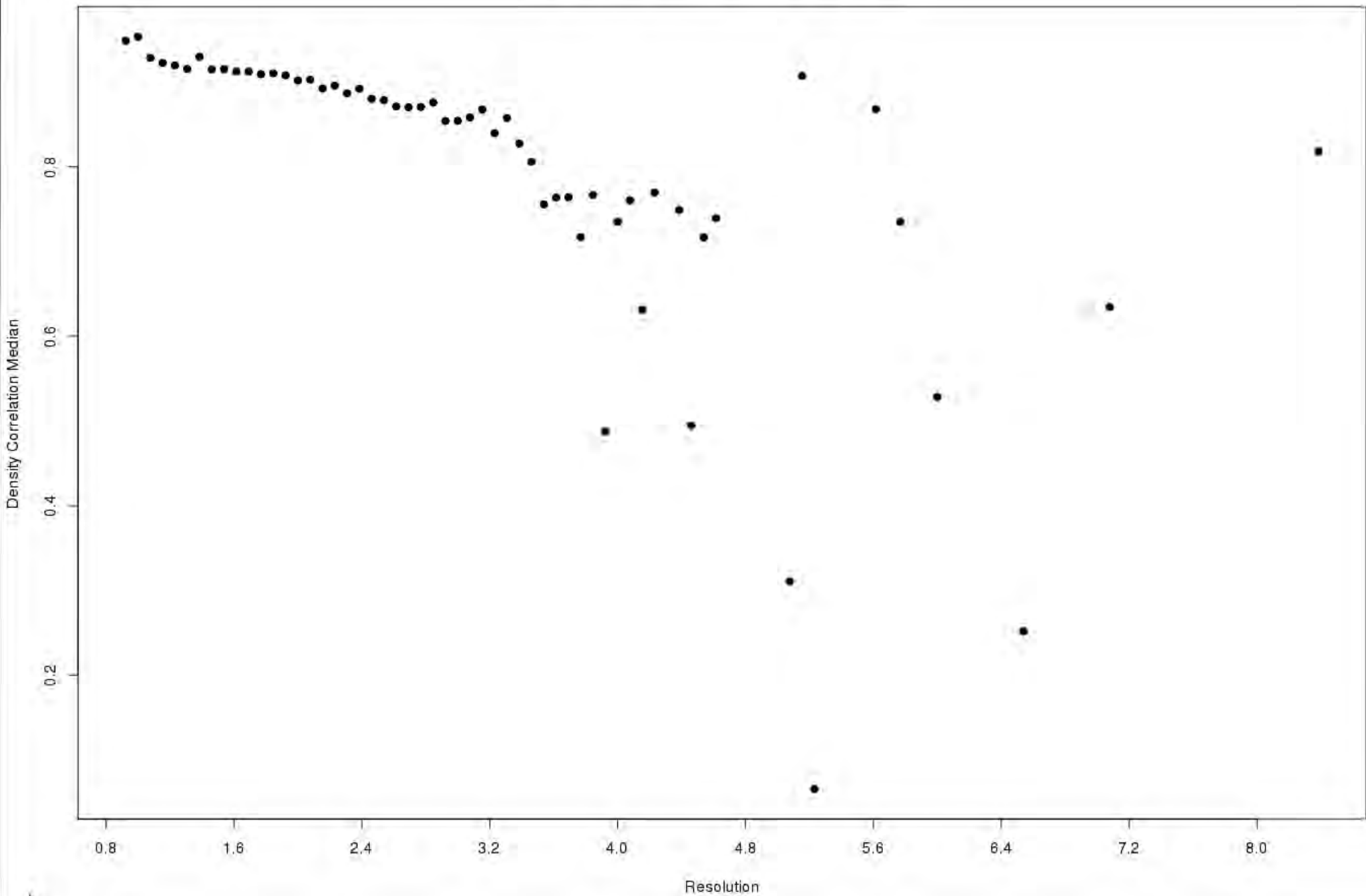
$$R_{eff} = \frac{R_{nom}}{\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_i \langle F^2 \rangle}{\sigma_{F_i}^2 + \varepsilon_i \langle F^2 \rangle}} \right)^{1/3}}$$

$$\langle F^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{n_{bin}} \sum_{bin} \frac{F_j^2}{\varepsilon_j}$$

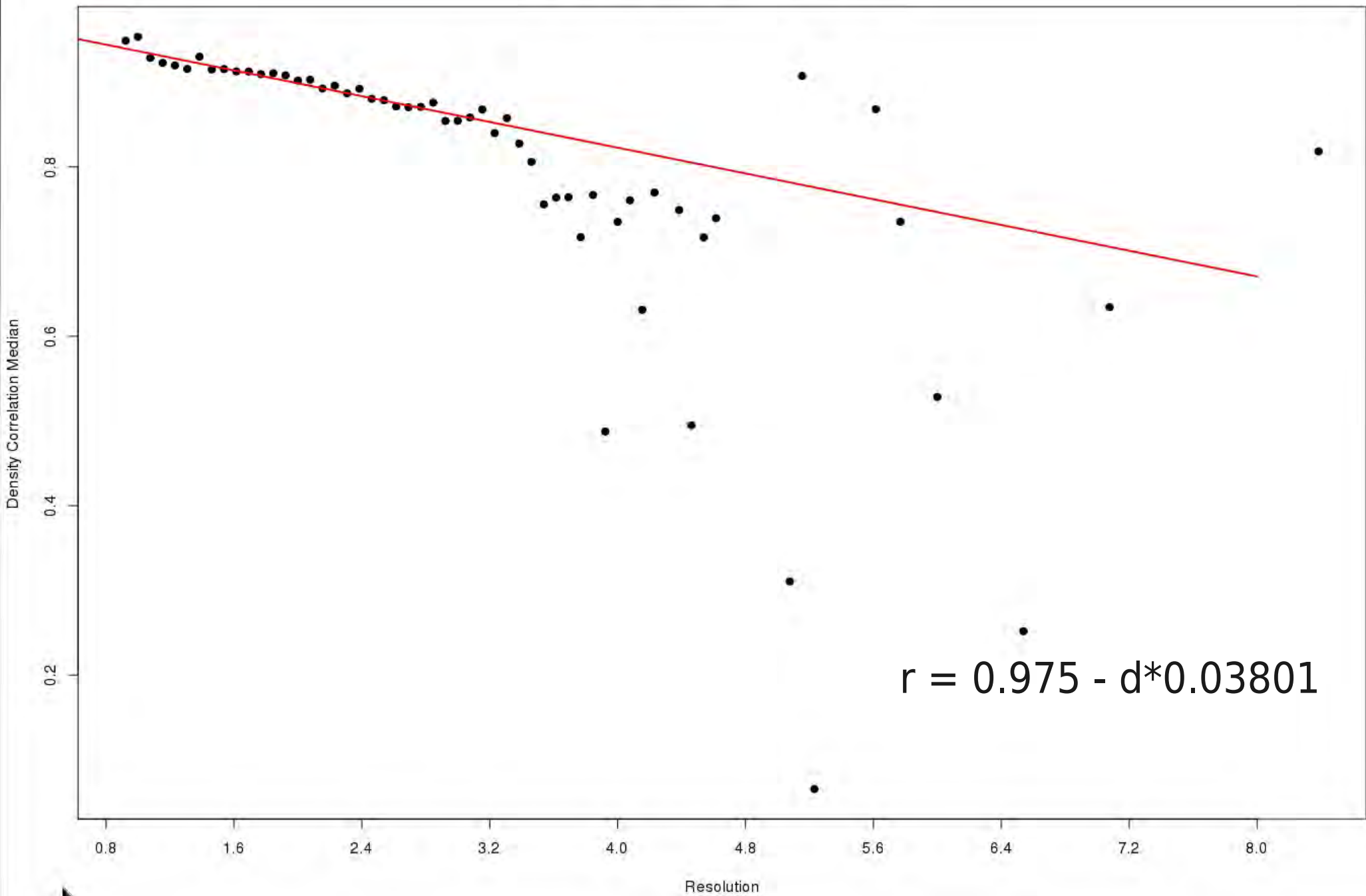
Ligand Density Correlation vs Resolution



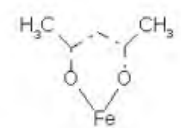
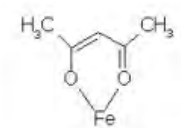
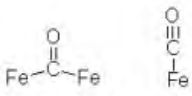
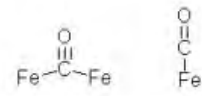
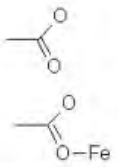
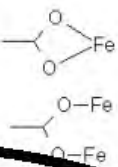
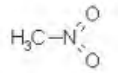
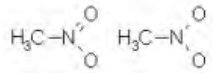
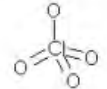
Density Correlation Median vs. Resolution



Density Correlation Median vs. Resolution

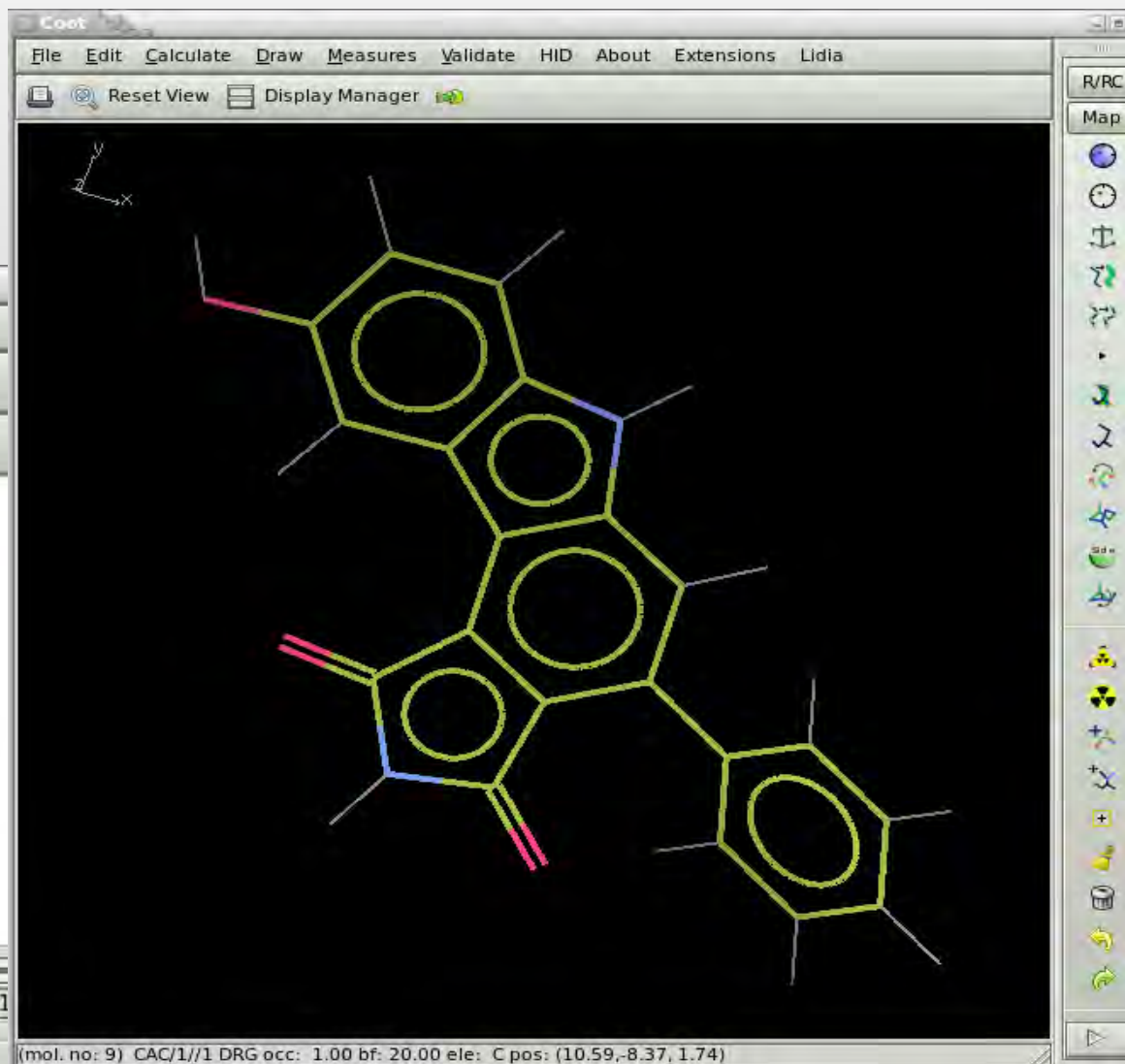
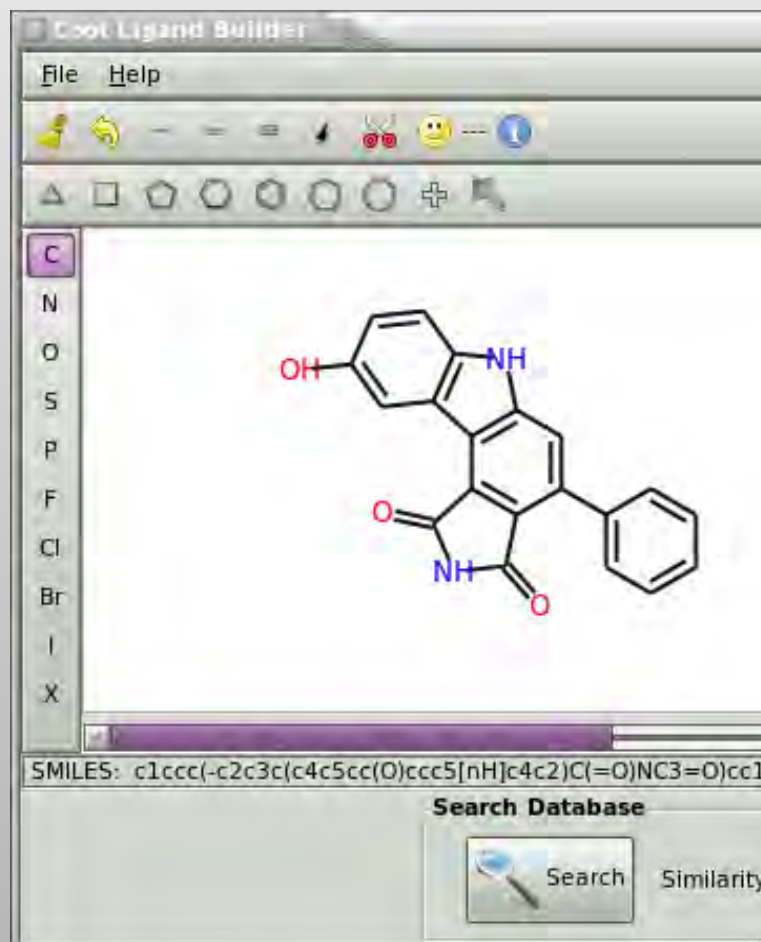


Difficult Functional Groups and Ions

Group	Guideline	Correct Example	Incorrect Example
Acetylacetonato ion, coordinated to metal.	Use delocalised bond type for the carbon-oxygen and carbon-carbon bonds is the conjugated system.		
Carbonyl.	Use a double C=O bond if the group is bridging metal atoms, but use a triple bond if it is bonded to only one metal atom.		
Carboxylate ion, uncoordinated or coordinated via only one of the oxygen atoms. Or thio equivalent.	Use one single C-O bond and one double C=O bond.		
Carboxylate ion, bidentate to one or two metals. Or thio equivalent.	Use the delocalised bond type for both carbon-oxygen bonds.		
Nitro and nitrate.	Use two double N=O bonds (an uncoordinated nitrate ion would have two double bonds and one single).		
Perchlorate ion.	Use three double bonds and one single bond.		

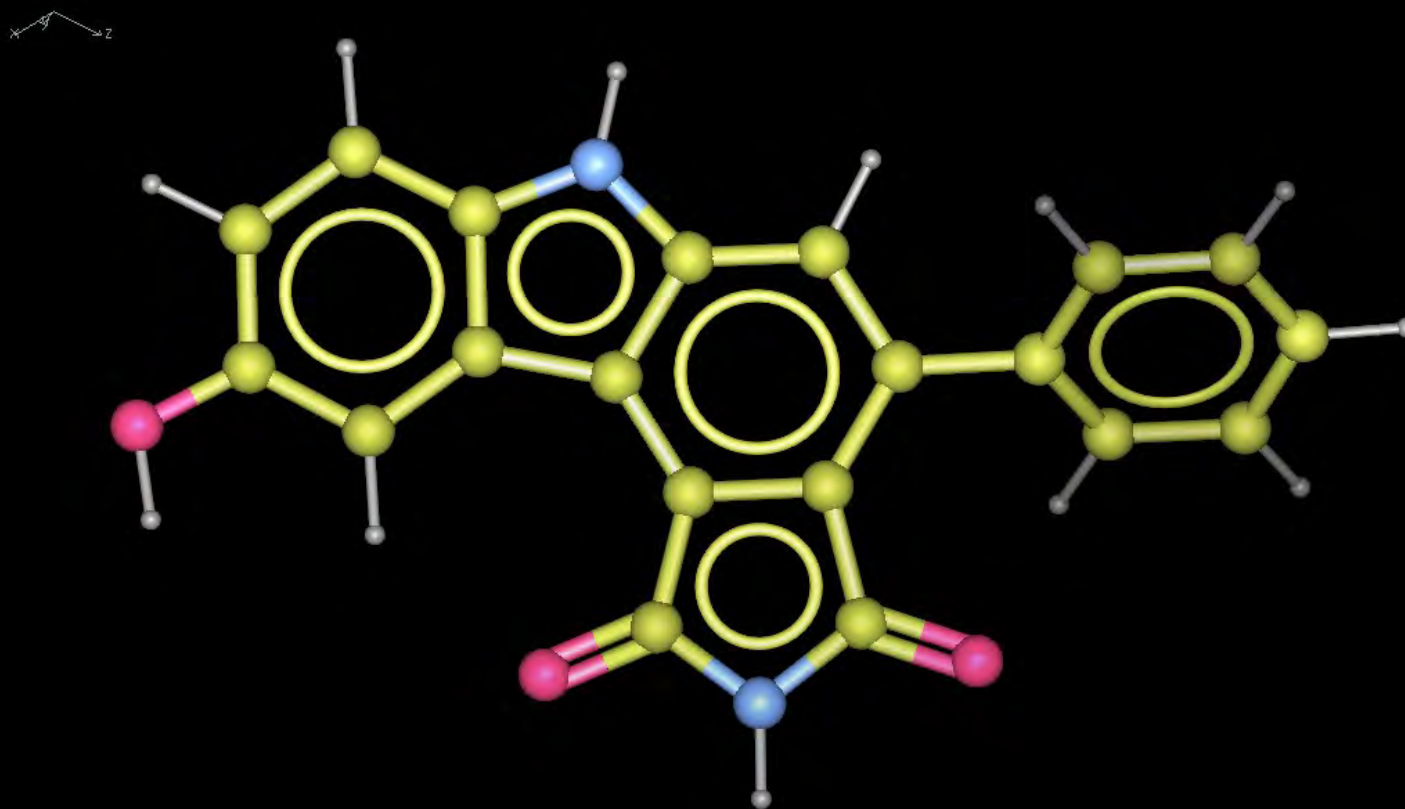
2D Ligand Builder

- Free sketch
- SBase search



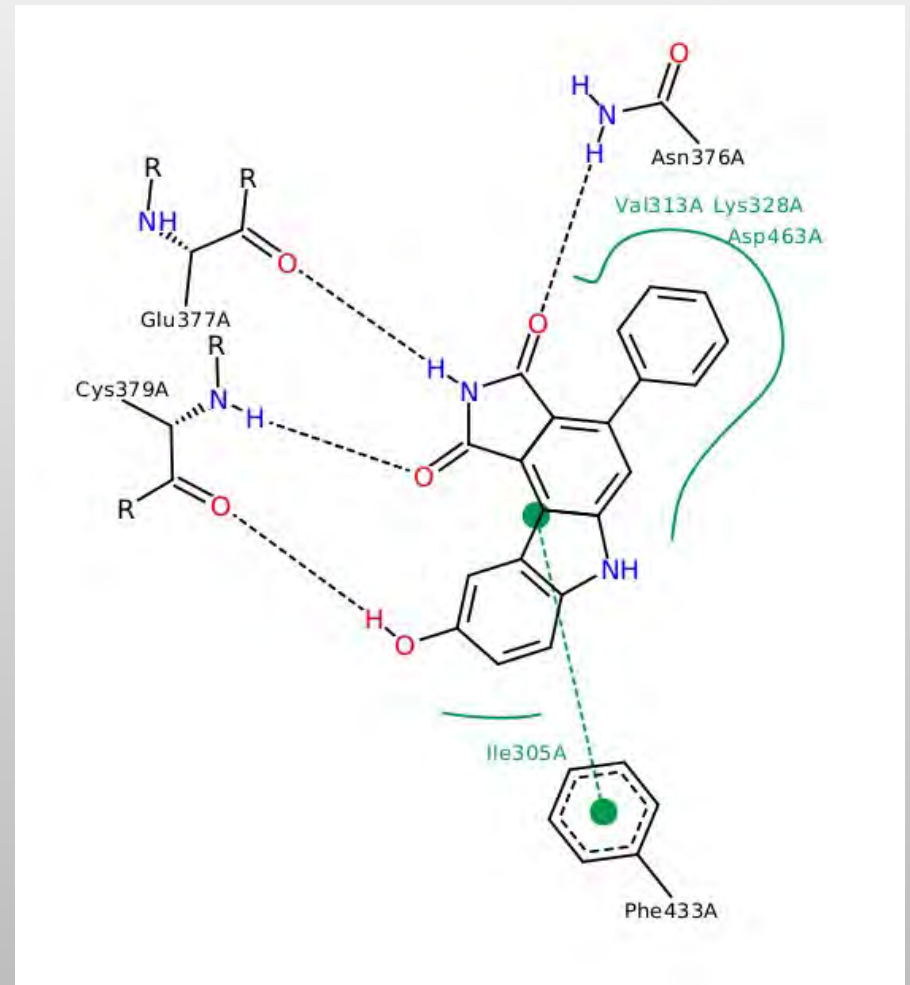
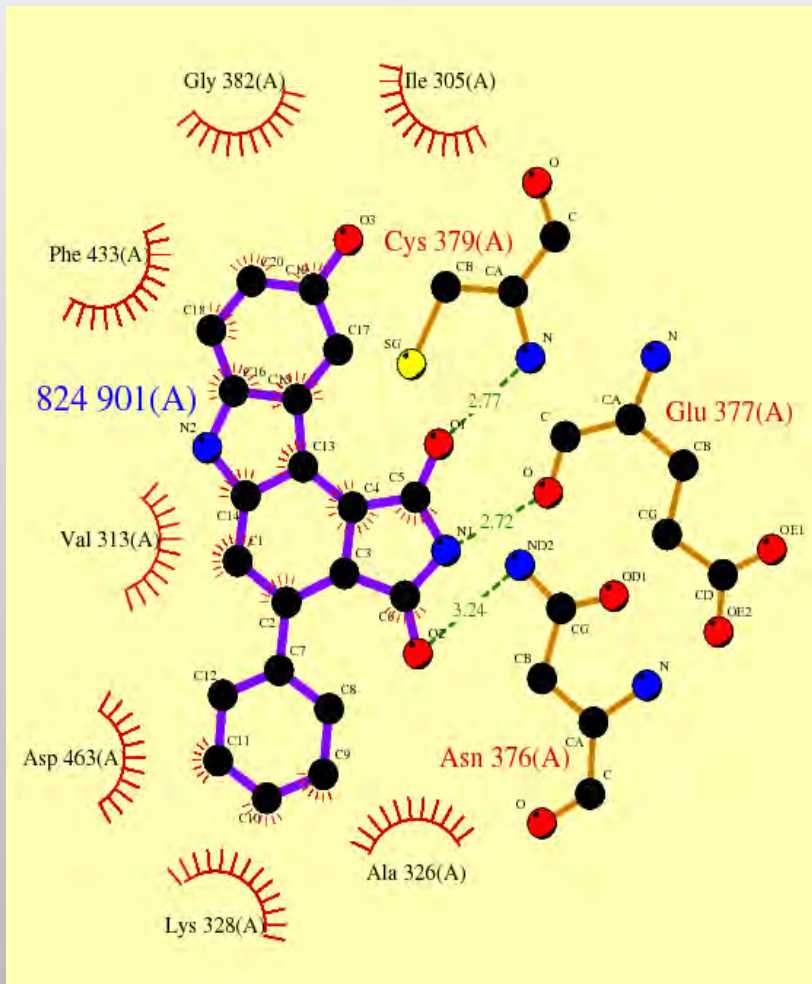
Ligand Representation

- Bond orders (from dictionary restraints)



Ligand Environment Layout

- 2d Ligand pocket layout (ligplot, poseview)



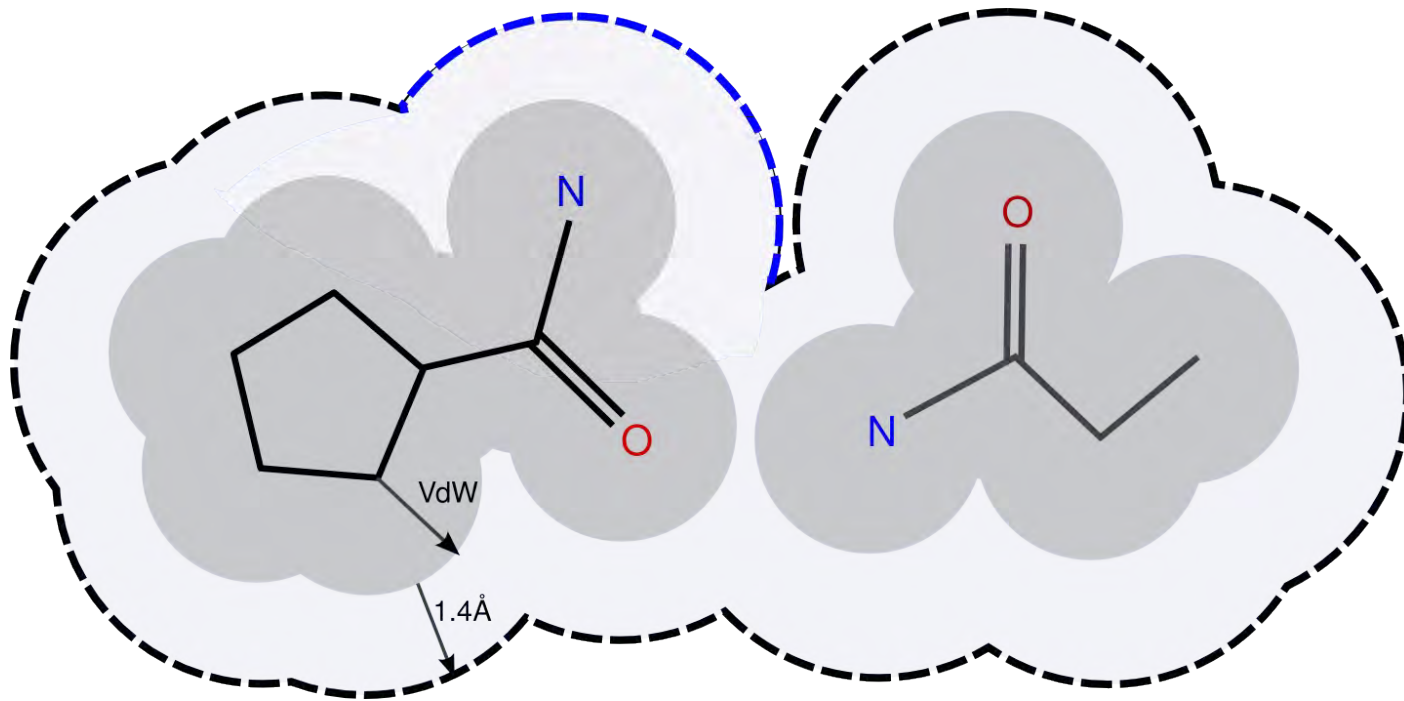
Can we do better? - Interactivity?

Ligand Environment Layout

- Binding pocket residues
- Interactions
- Substitution contour
- Solvent accessibility halos
- Solvent exclusion by ligand

Solvent Exposure

- Identification of solvent accessible atoms



Ligand Environment Layout

- Considerations
 - 2D placement and distances should reflect 3D metrics (as much as possible)
 - H-bonded residues should be close to the atoms to which they are bonded
 - Residues should not overlap the ligand
 - Residues should not overlap each other
 - *c.f.* Clark & Labute (2007)

Layout Energy Terms

$$E = \sum \sum w_{ij} (d_{ij}^2 - D_{ij}^2) +$$

Residues match 3D Distances

$$\sum \sum \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} d_{ij}^2\right) +$$

Residues don't overlay each other

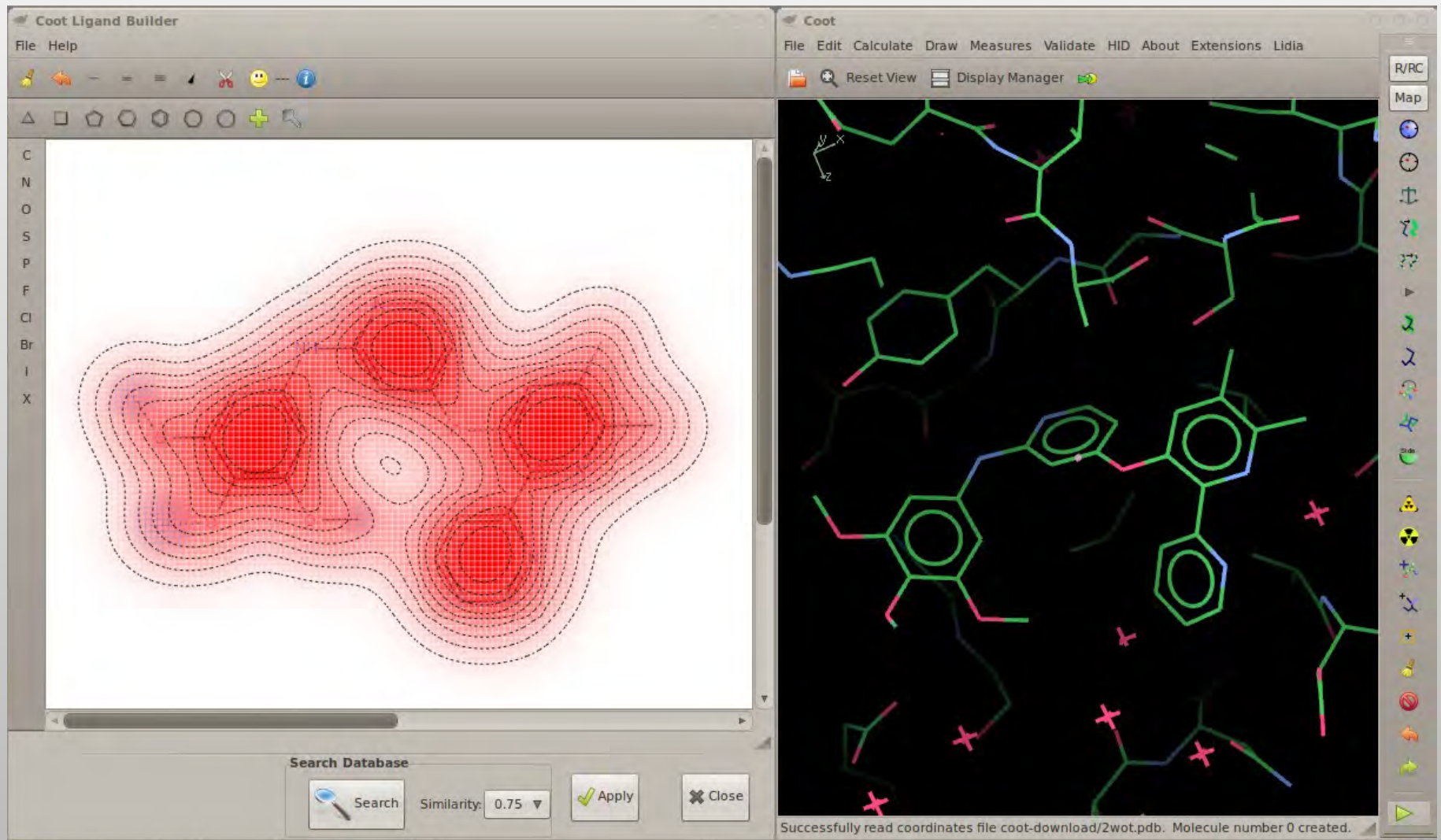
$$\sum \sum (d_{ik}^2 - D_{ik}^2) +$$

Residues are close to H-bonding ligand atoms

$$\sum \sum \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} d_{ik}^2\right)$$

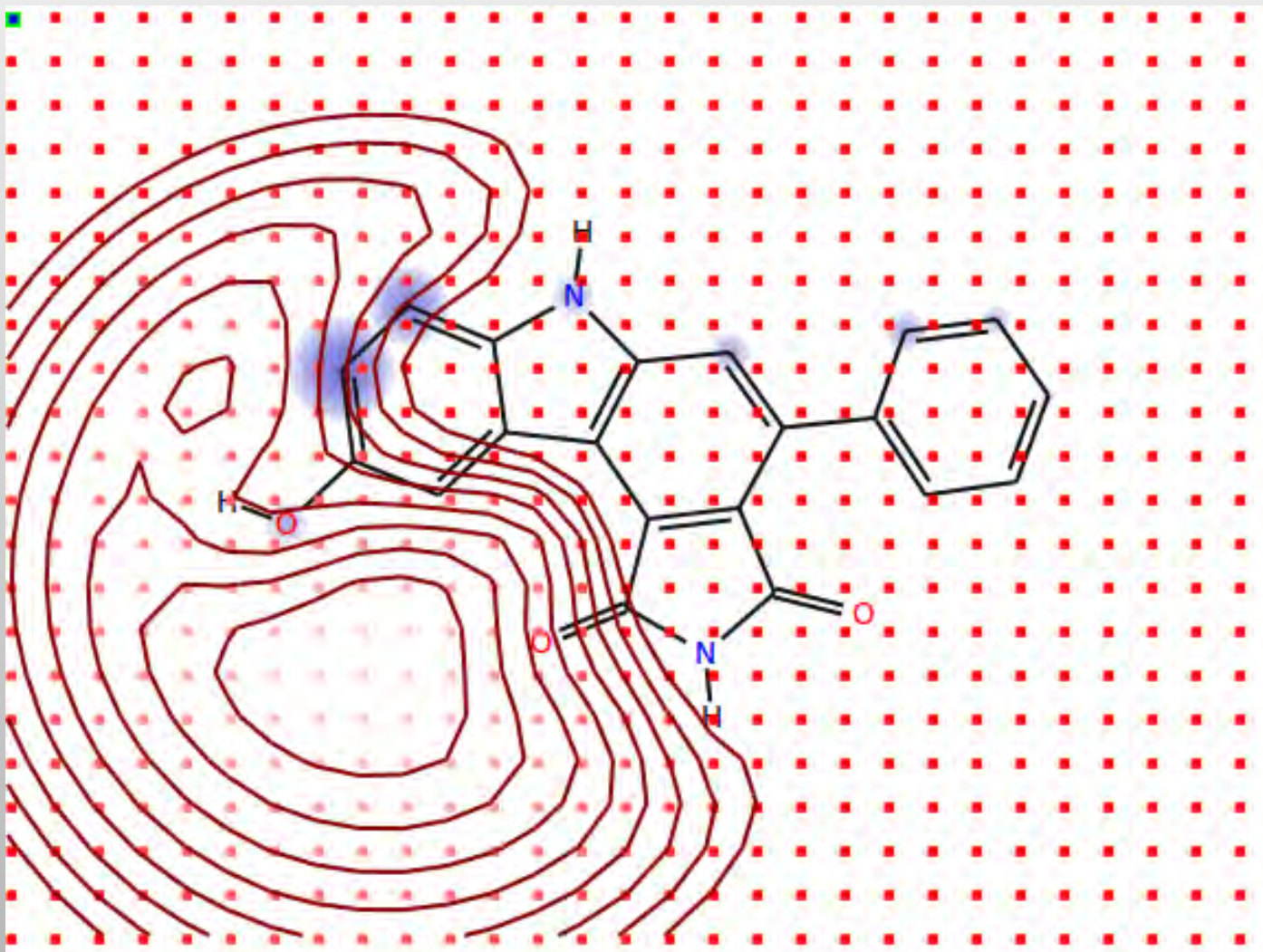
Residues don't overlap ligand

“Don't overlap the ligand”



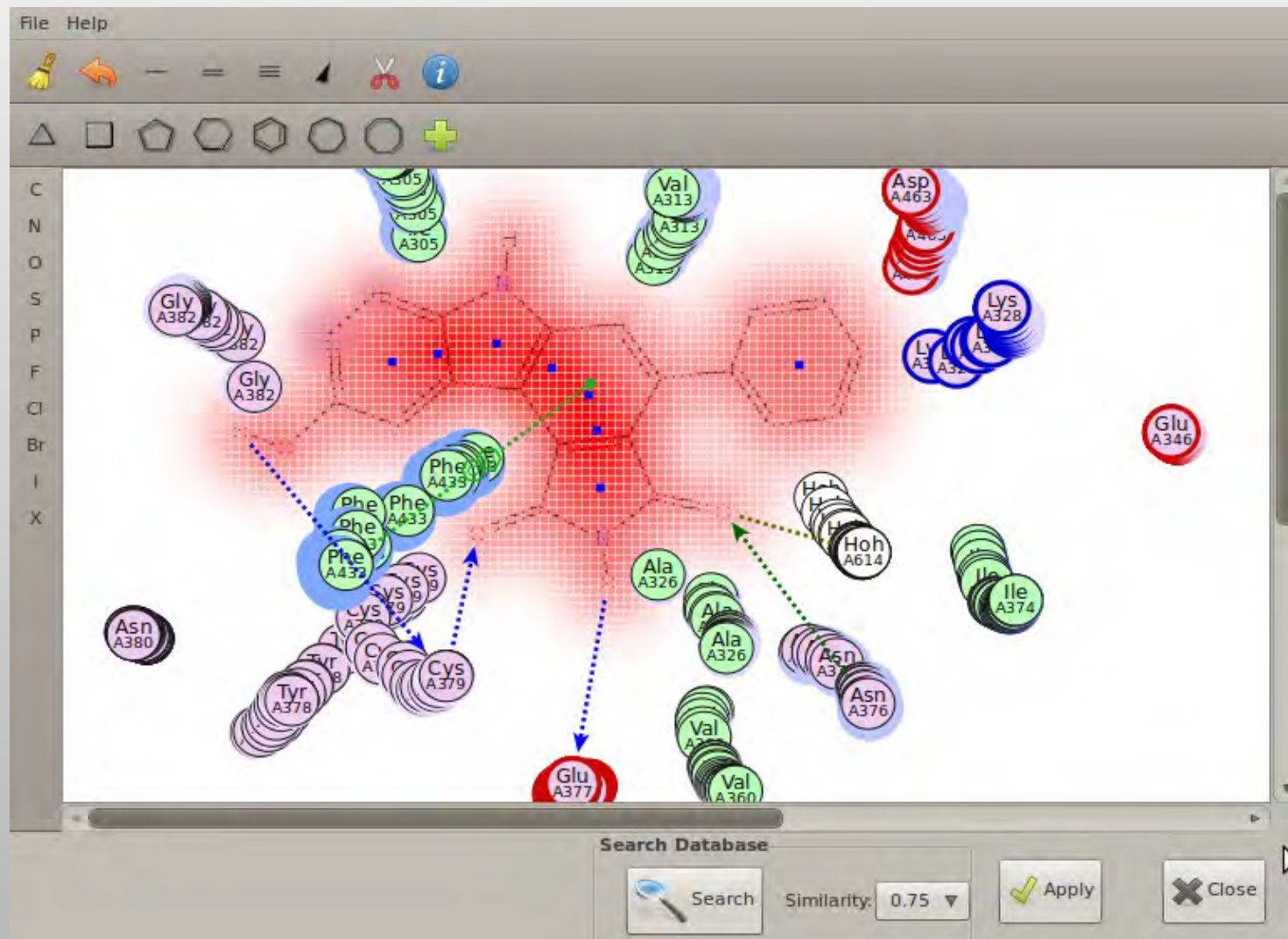
Ligand Environment Layout

- Initial residue placement



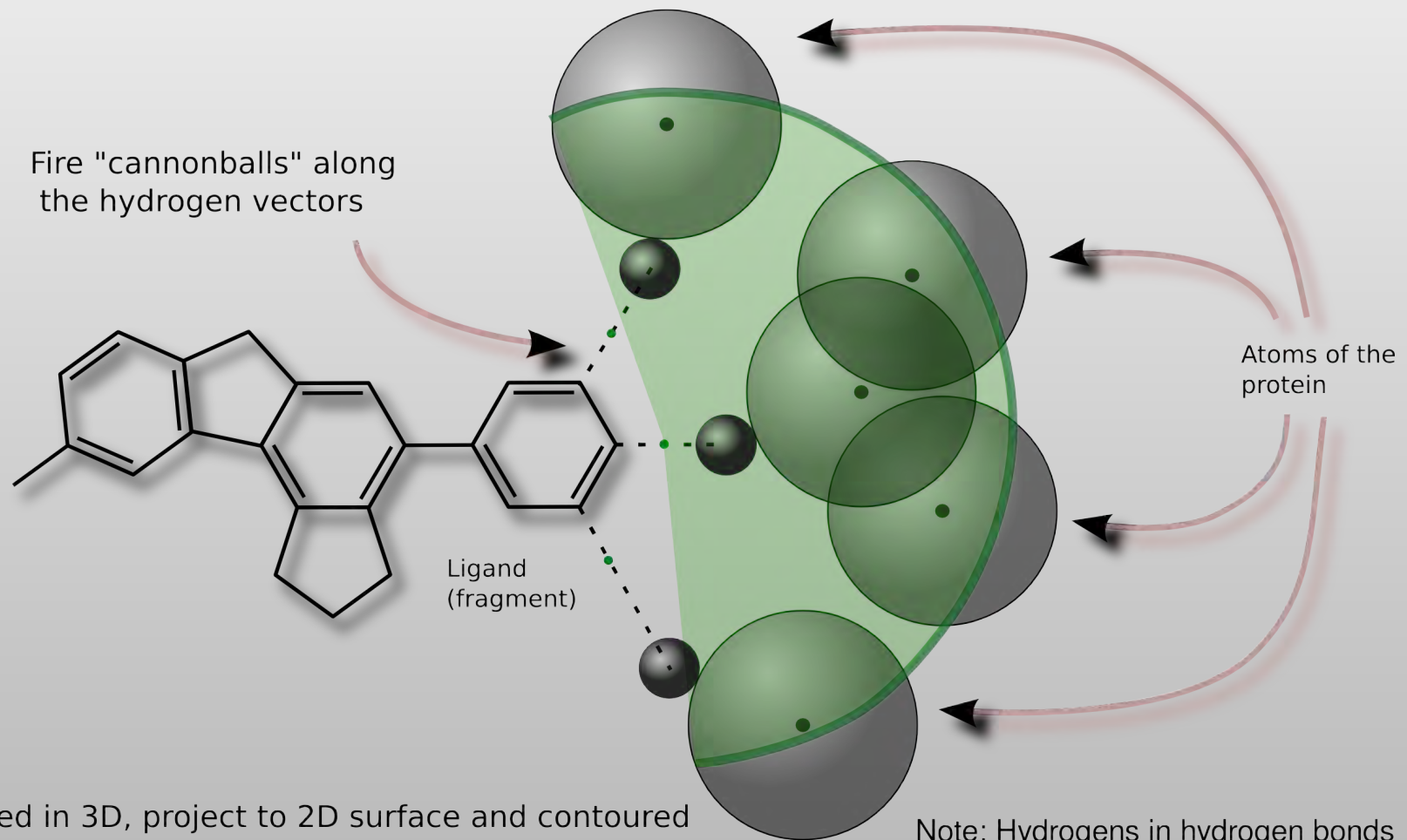
Ligand Environment Layout

- Residue position minimisation



Determination of the Substitution Contour

How far can we go (in the direction of the hydrogens) before hitting atoms of the protein?

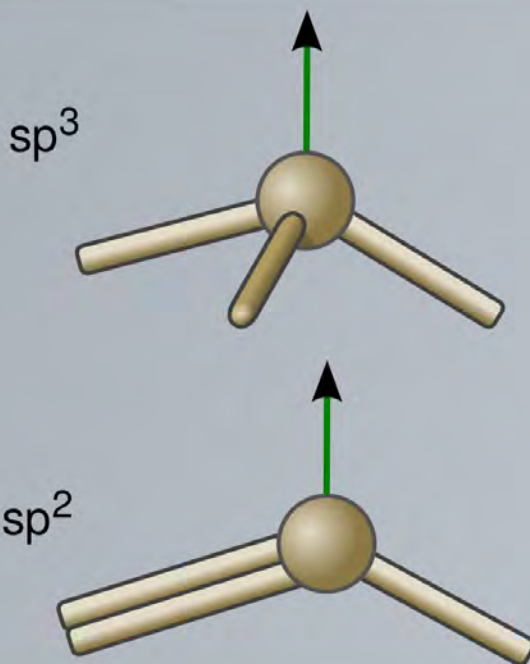


Determined in 3D, project to 2D surface and contoured
c.f. Clarke & Labute (2007)

Note: Hydrogens in hydrogen bonds are a confounding factor

Substitution Contour: Extending along Hydrogens

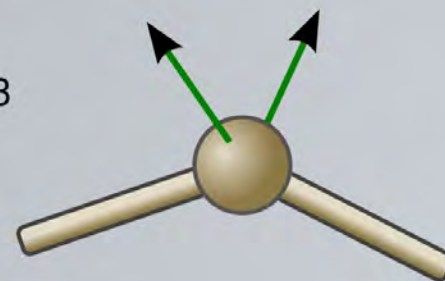
Riding Hydrogens



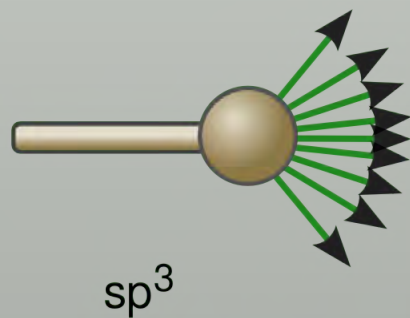
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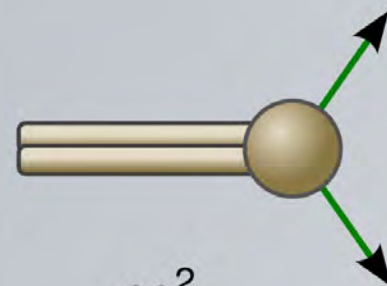
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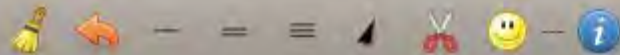


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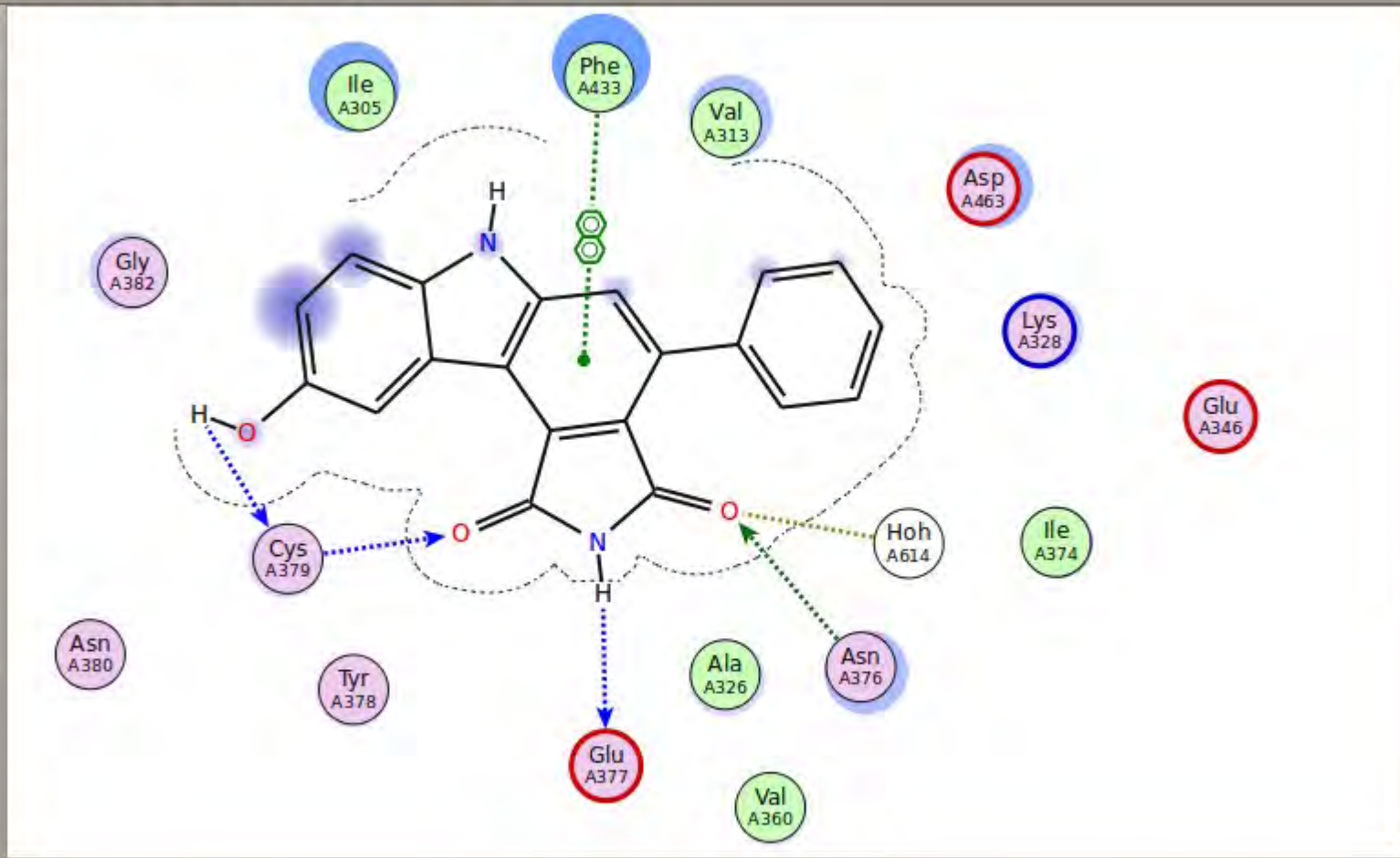


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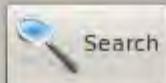




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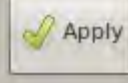
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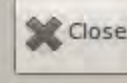
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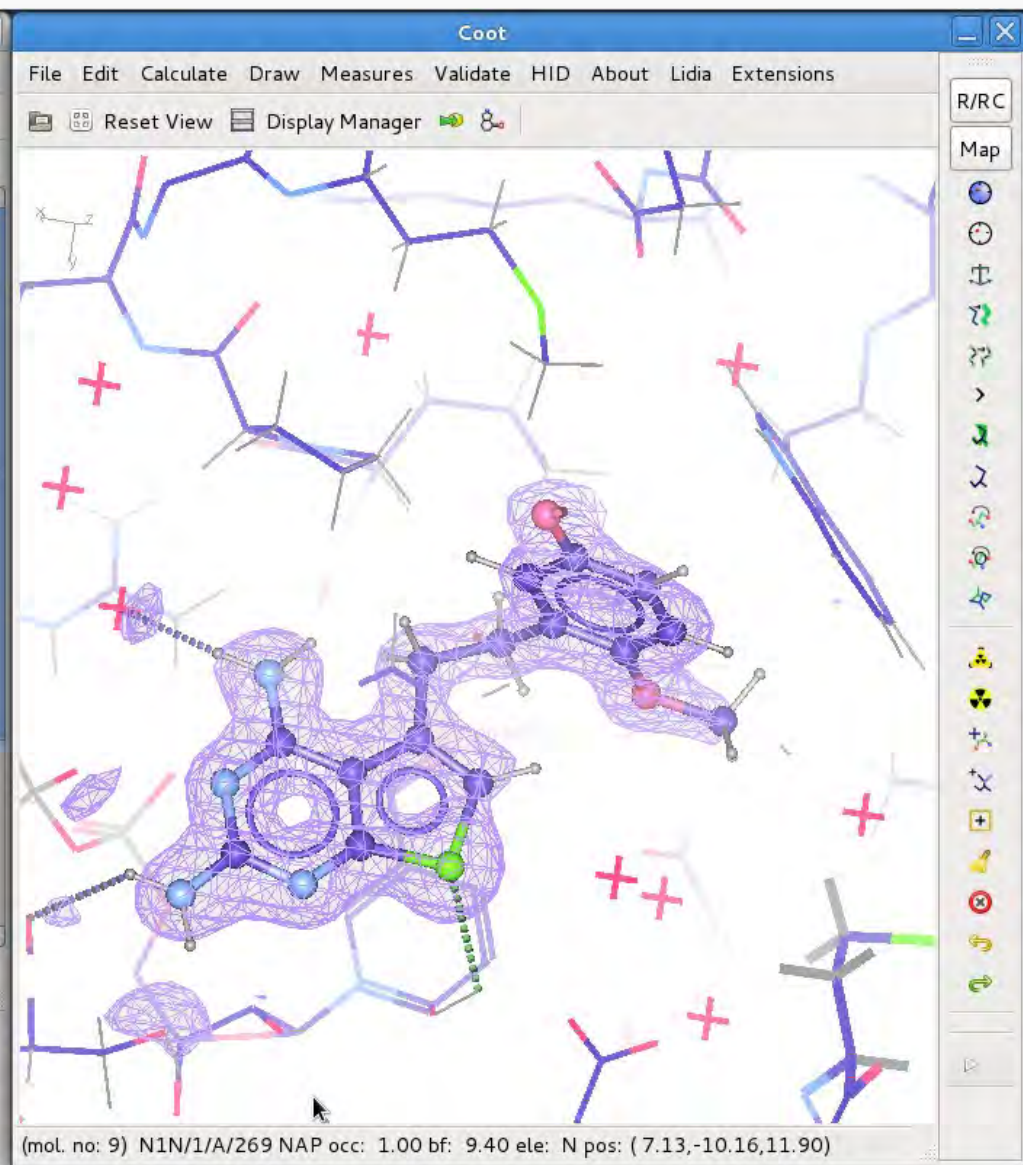
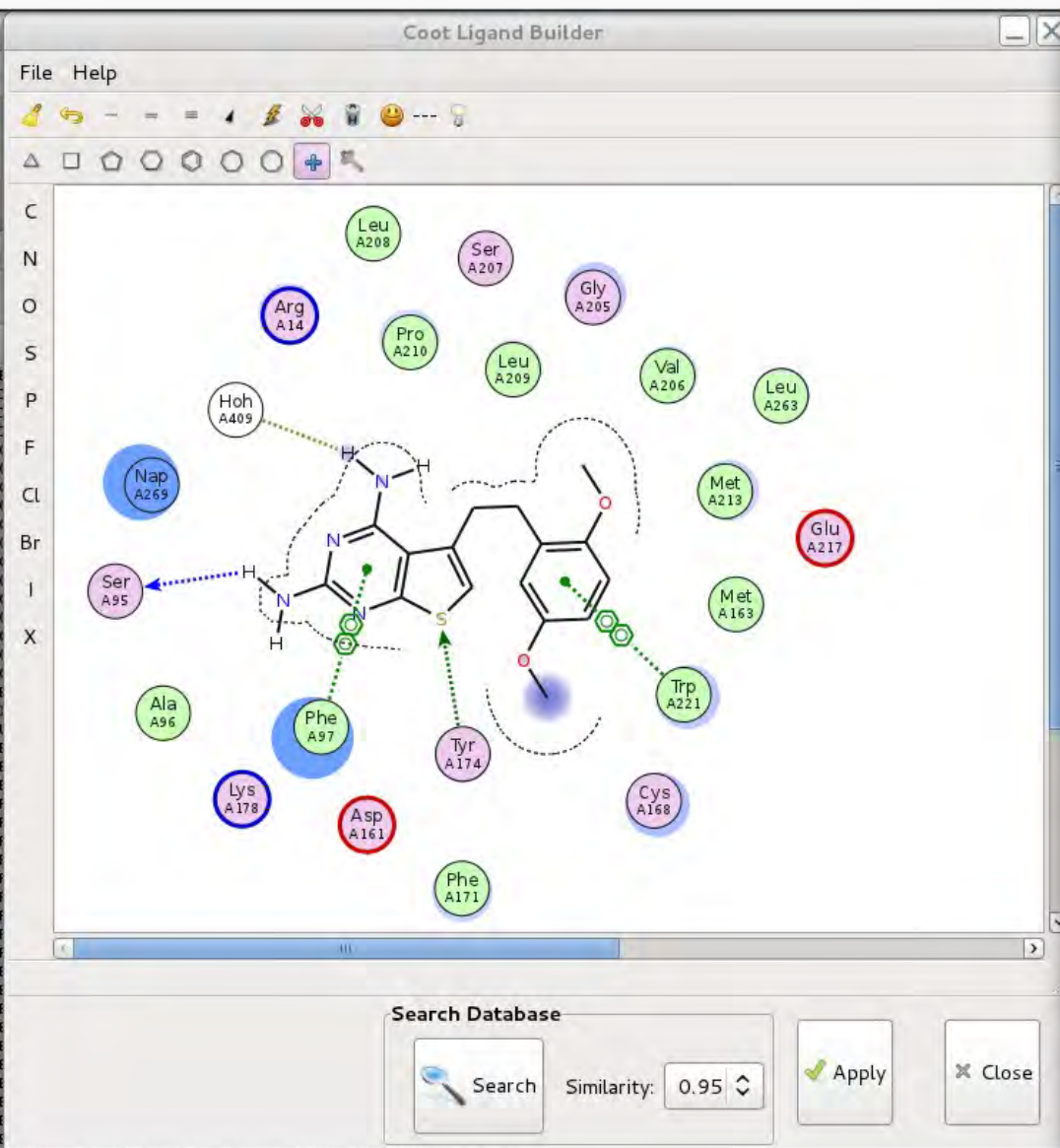


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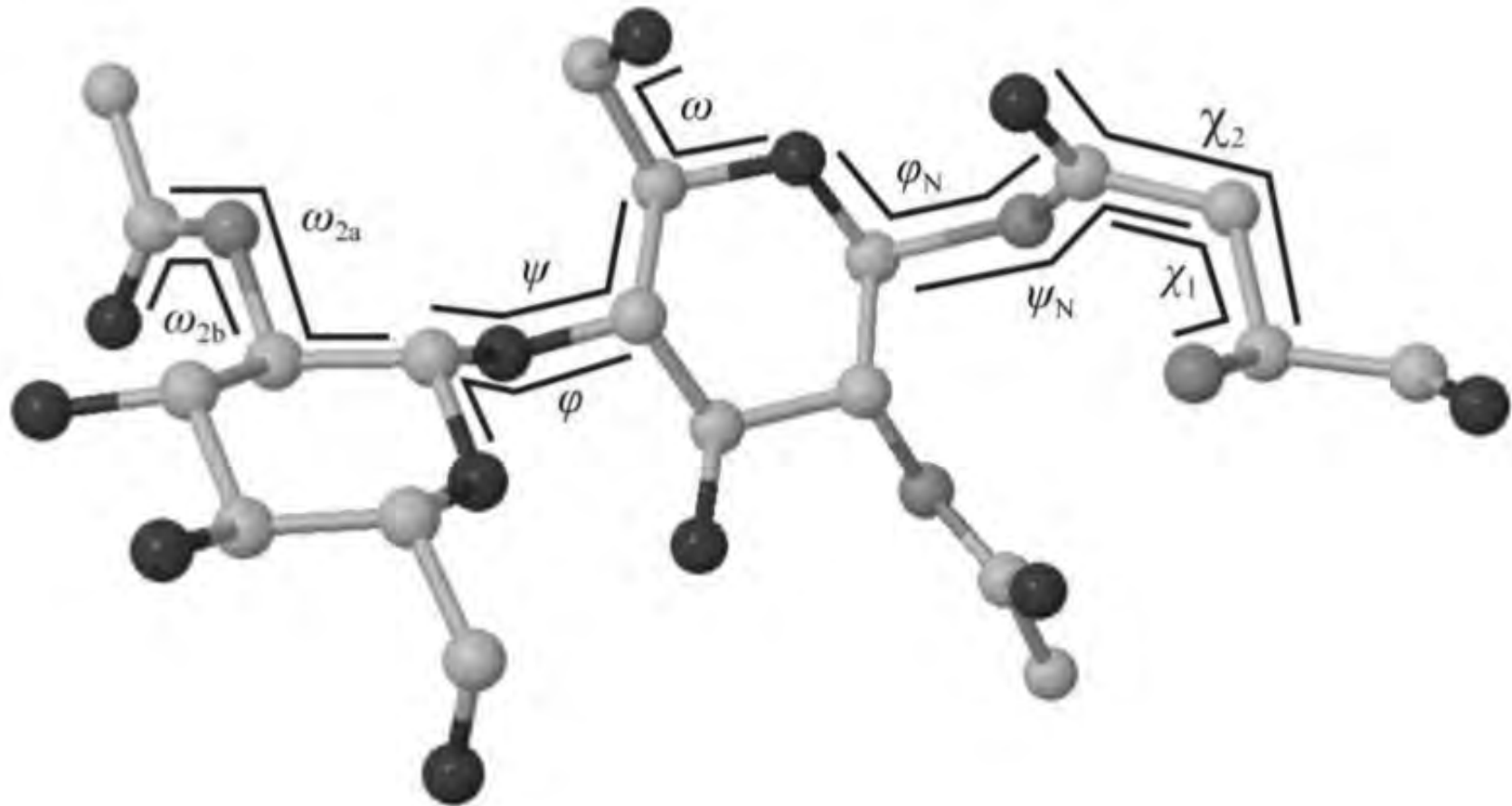
Modelling Carbohydrates

- Validation,
- Model-building,
- Refinement

Problematic Glycoproteins

- Crispin, Stuart & Jones (2007)
 - NSB Correspondence
 - “one third of entries contain significant errors in carbohydrate stereochemistry...”
 - “carbohydrate-specific building and validation tools capable of guiding and construction of biologically relevant stereochemically accurate models should be integrated into popular crystallographic software. Rigorous treatment of the structural biology of glycosylation can only enhance the analysis of glycoproteins and our understanding of their function”
 - PDB curators concur

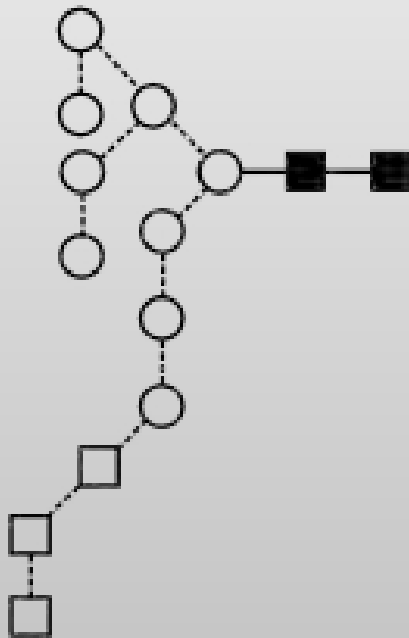
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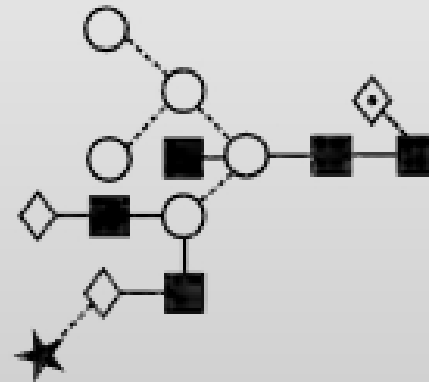
Thomas Lütteke (2007)

Validate the Tree: N-linked carbohydrates

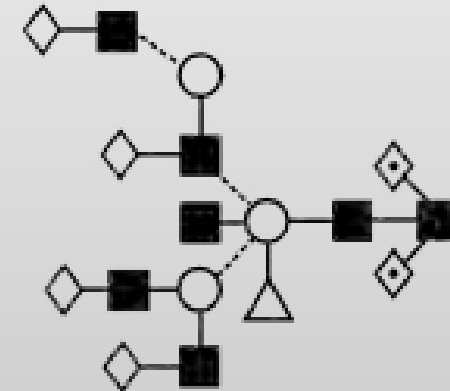
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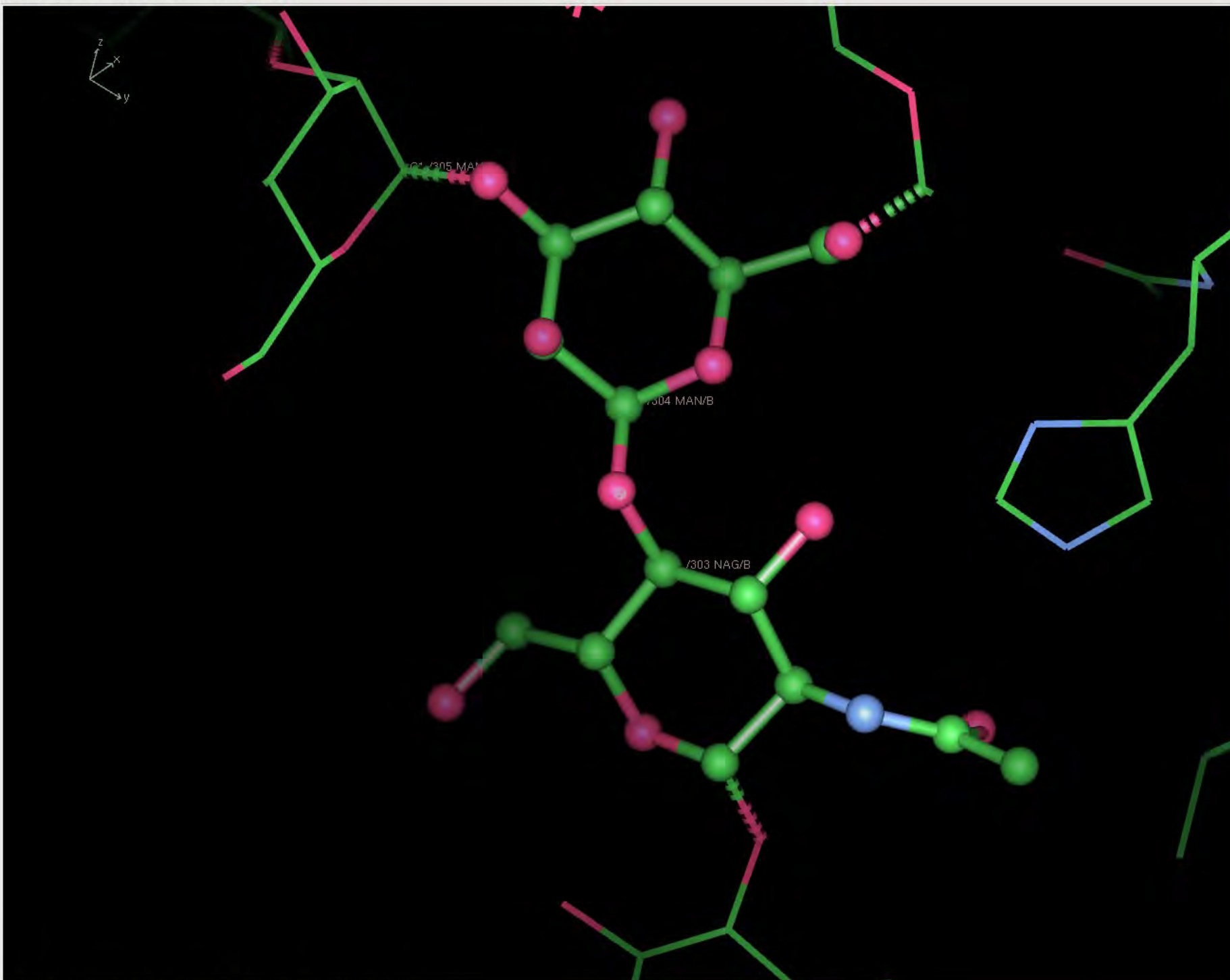
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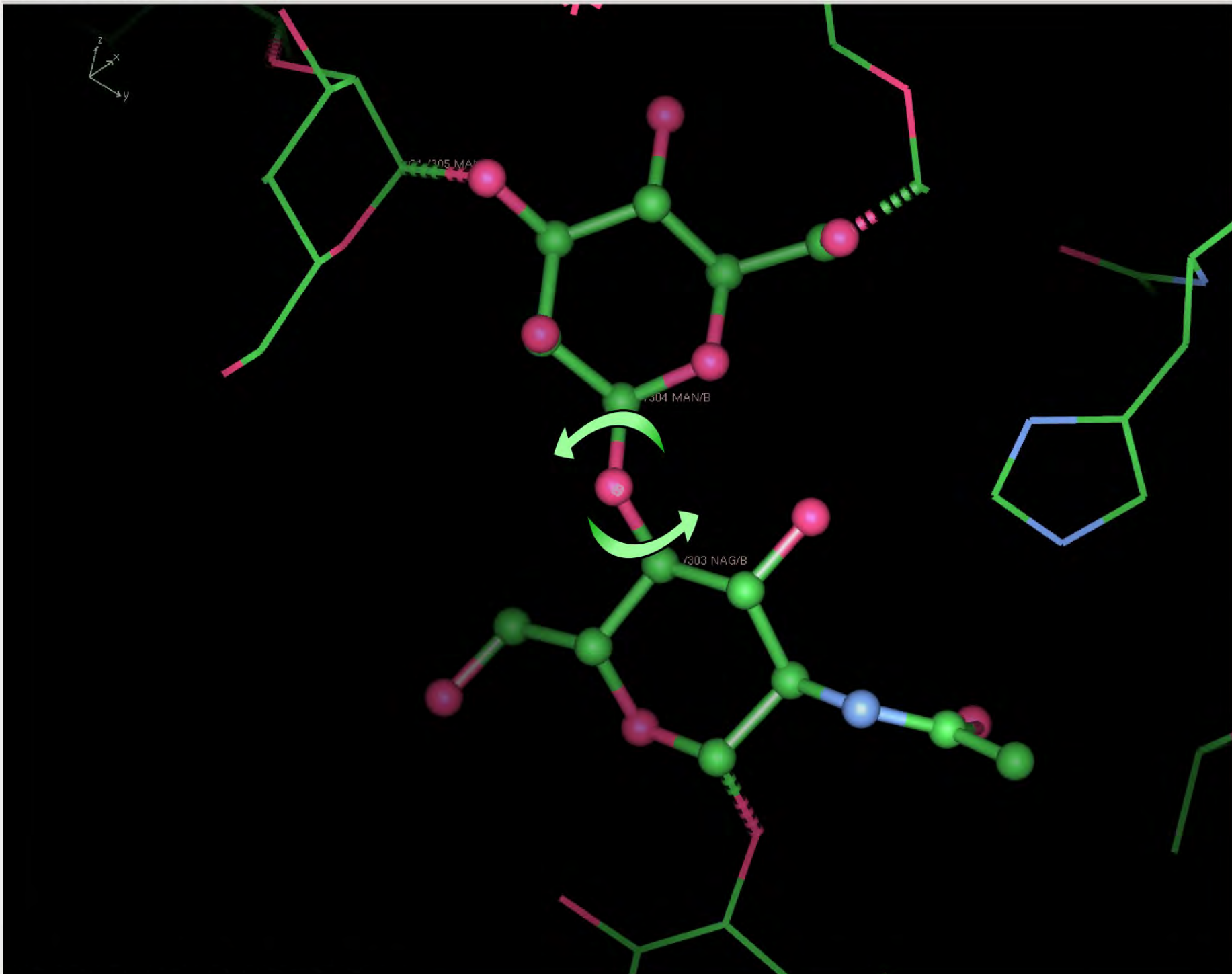


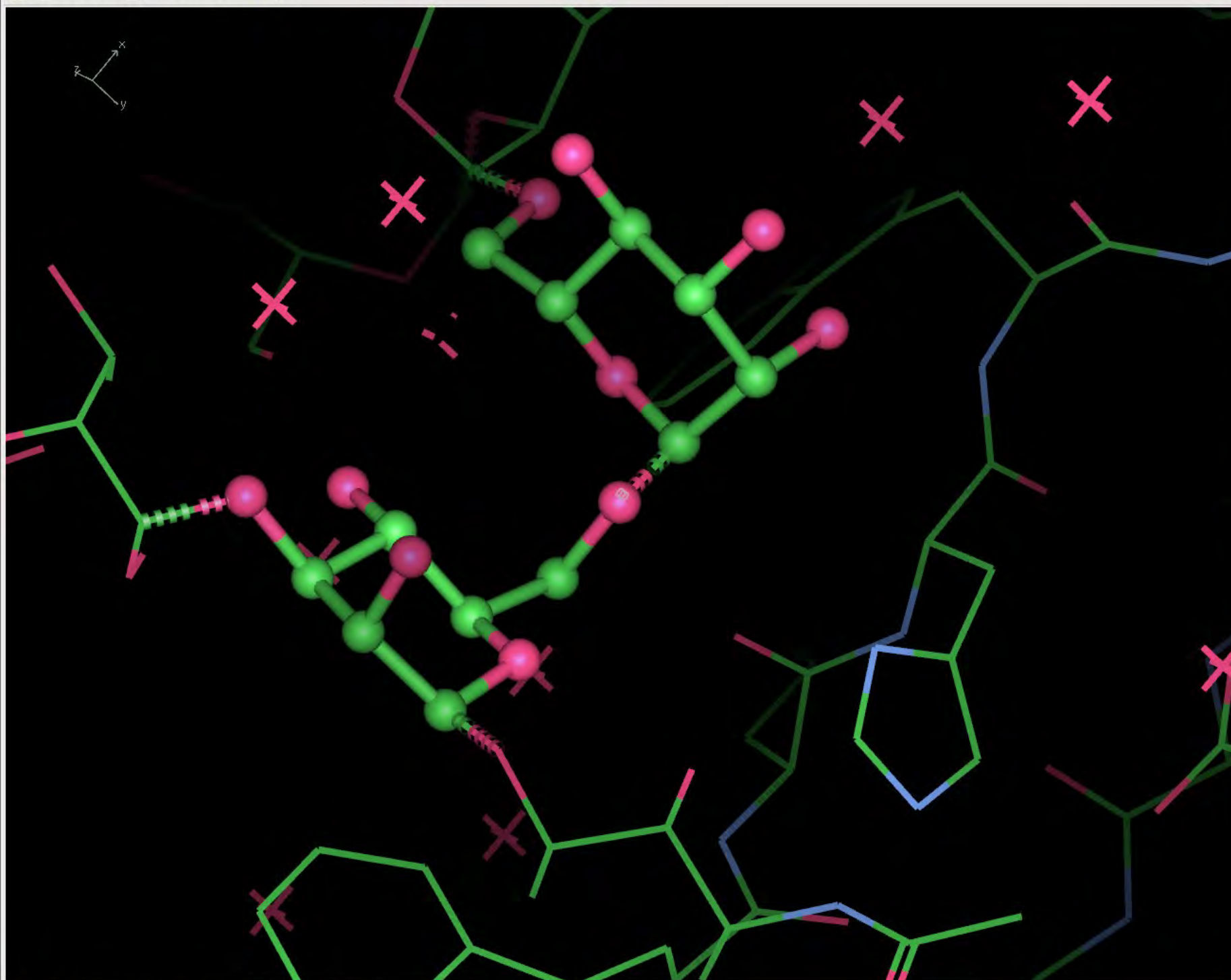
Linking Oligosaccharides/Carbohydrates:

LO/Carb

- Complex carbohydrate structure
 - from a dictionary of standard links
 - and monomers
 - torsion-angle refinement

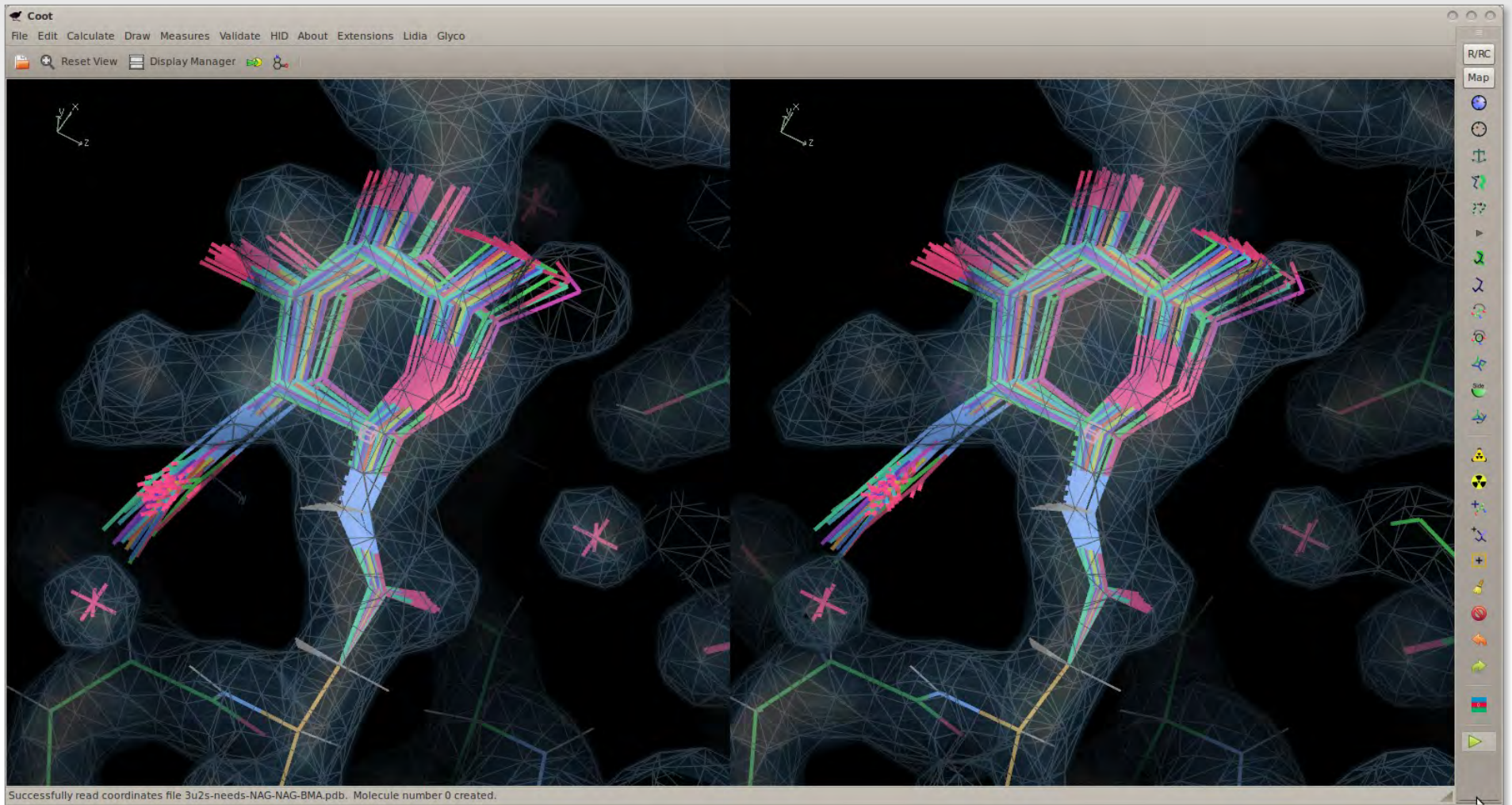


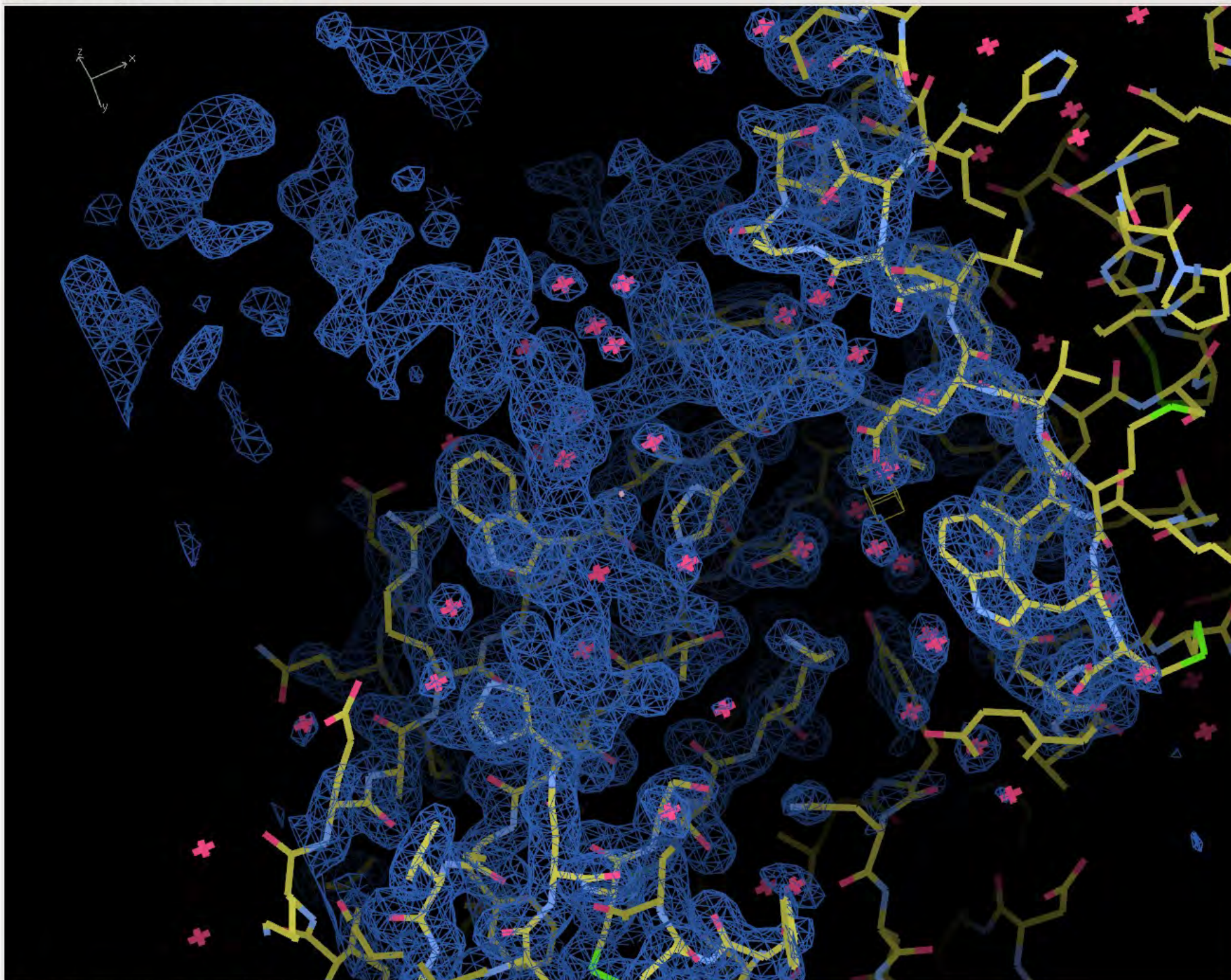


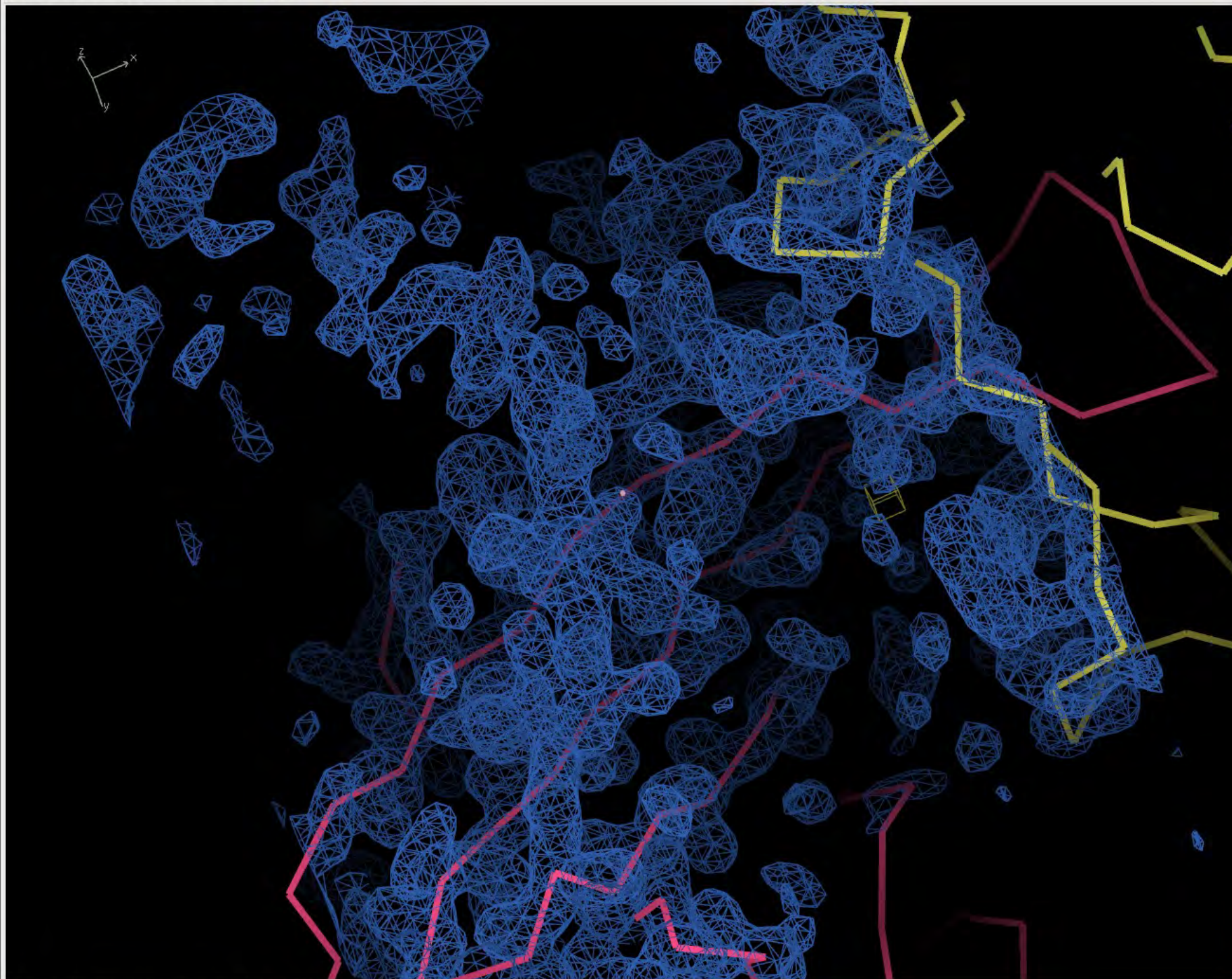




Refinement Trials (NAG-ASN example)

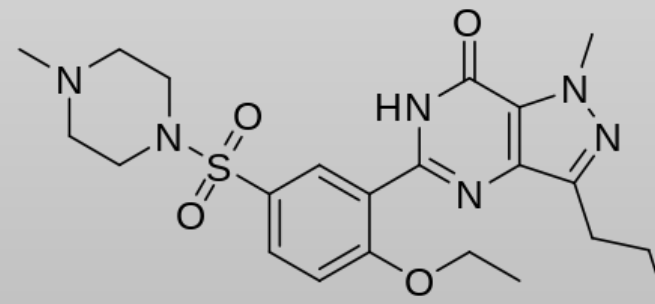






Coot Release 0.7.1

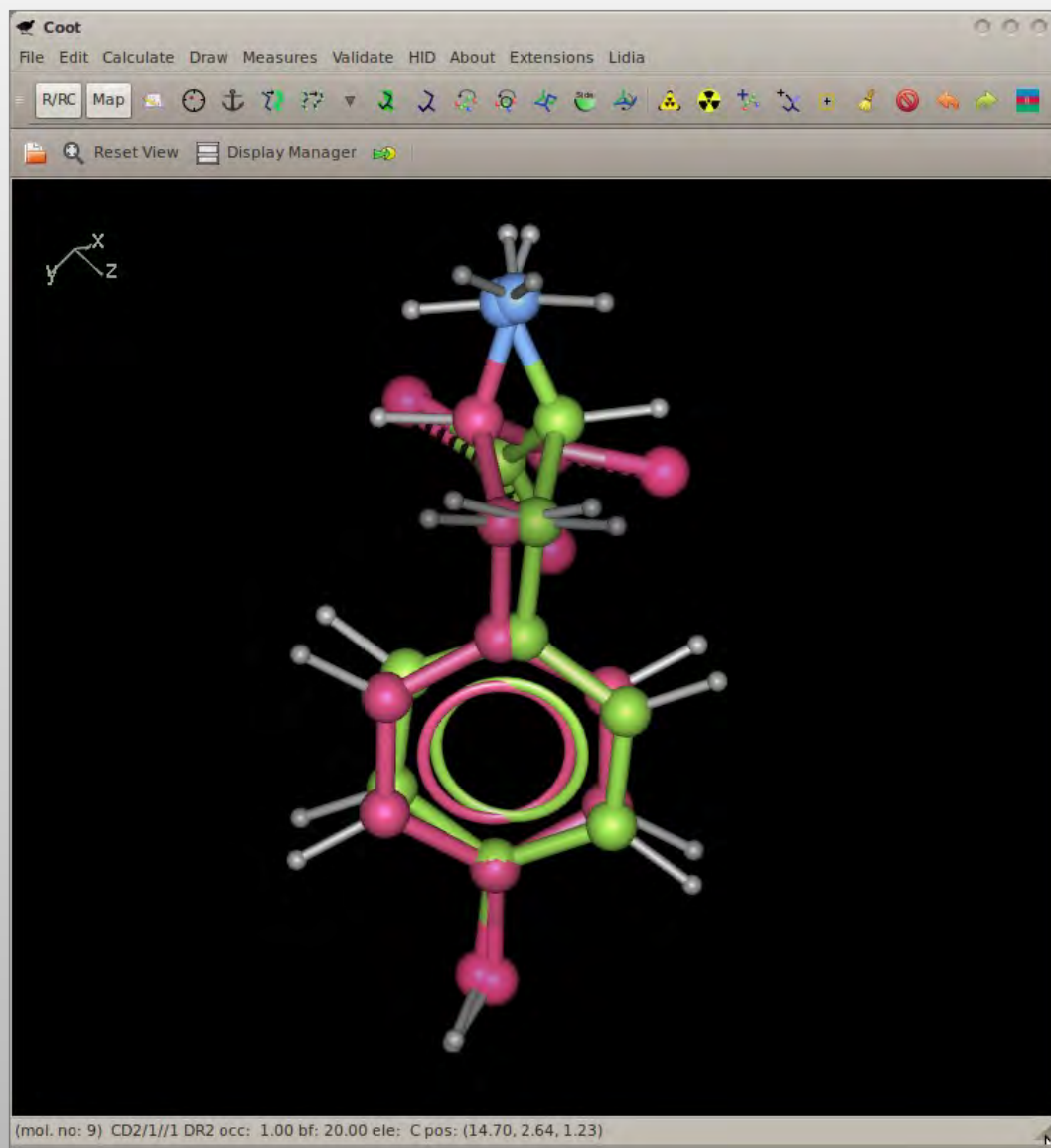
- Fixes to ligand fitting
- Fixes to Sequence View
- Retrieve PDBe ligand description
 - (for new ligands)
- Improvements to Mogul Interface
- Lidia
 - Keyboard accelerators
 - target sildenafil in 20 seconds



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Chiral Centre Inversion



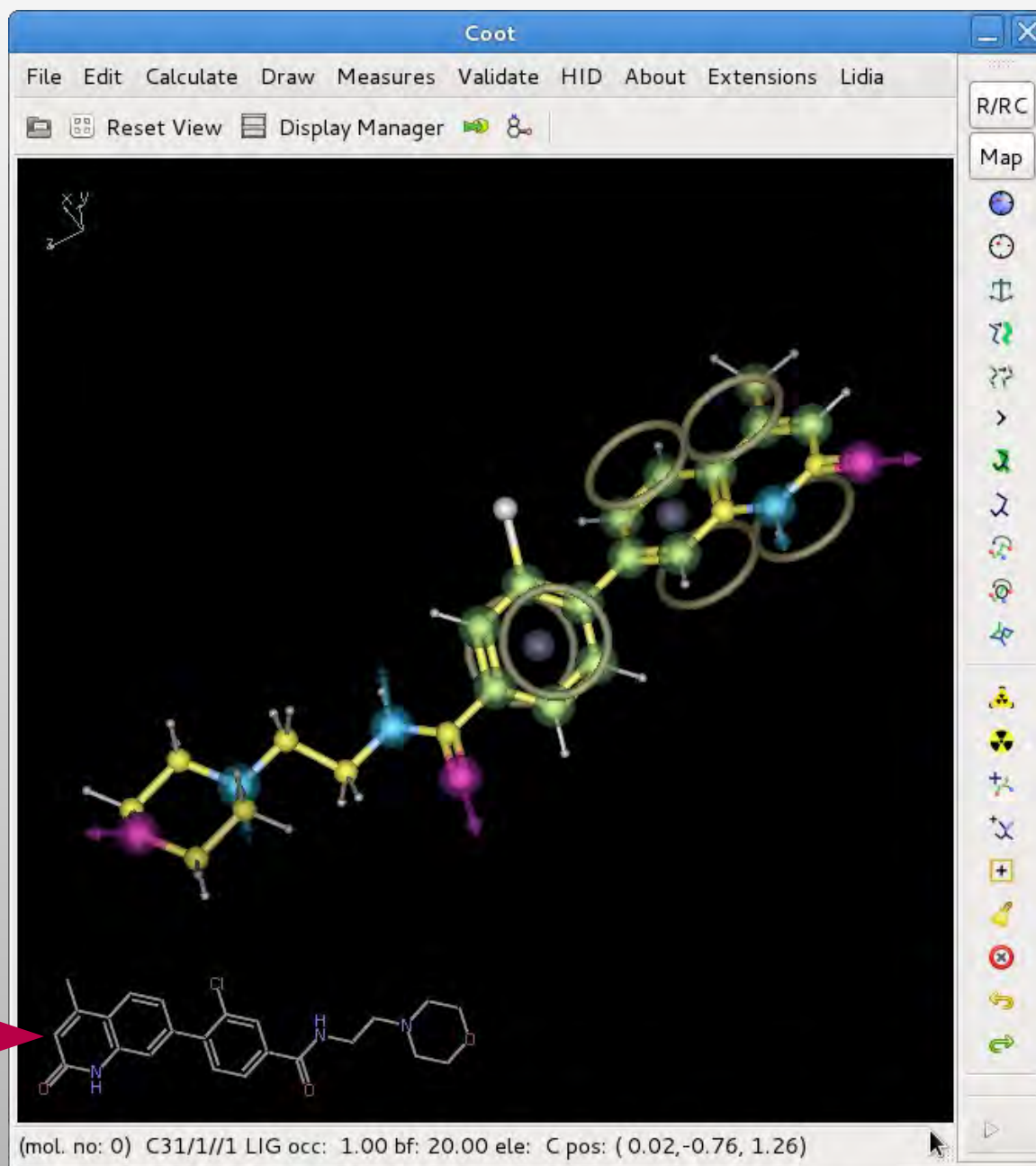
Inverted chiral centre
refinement pathology
detection

Hydrogen tunnelling

Chemical Features

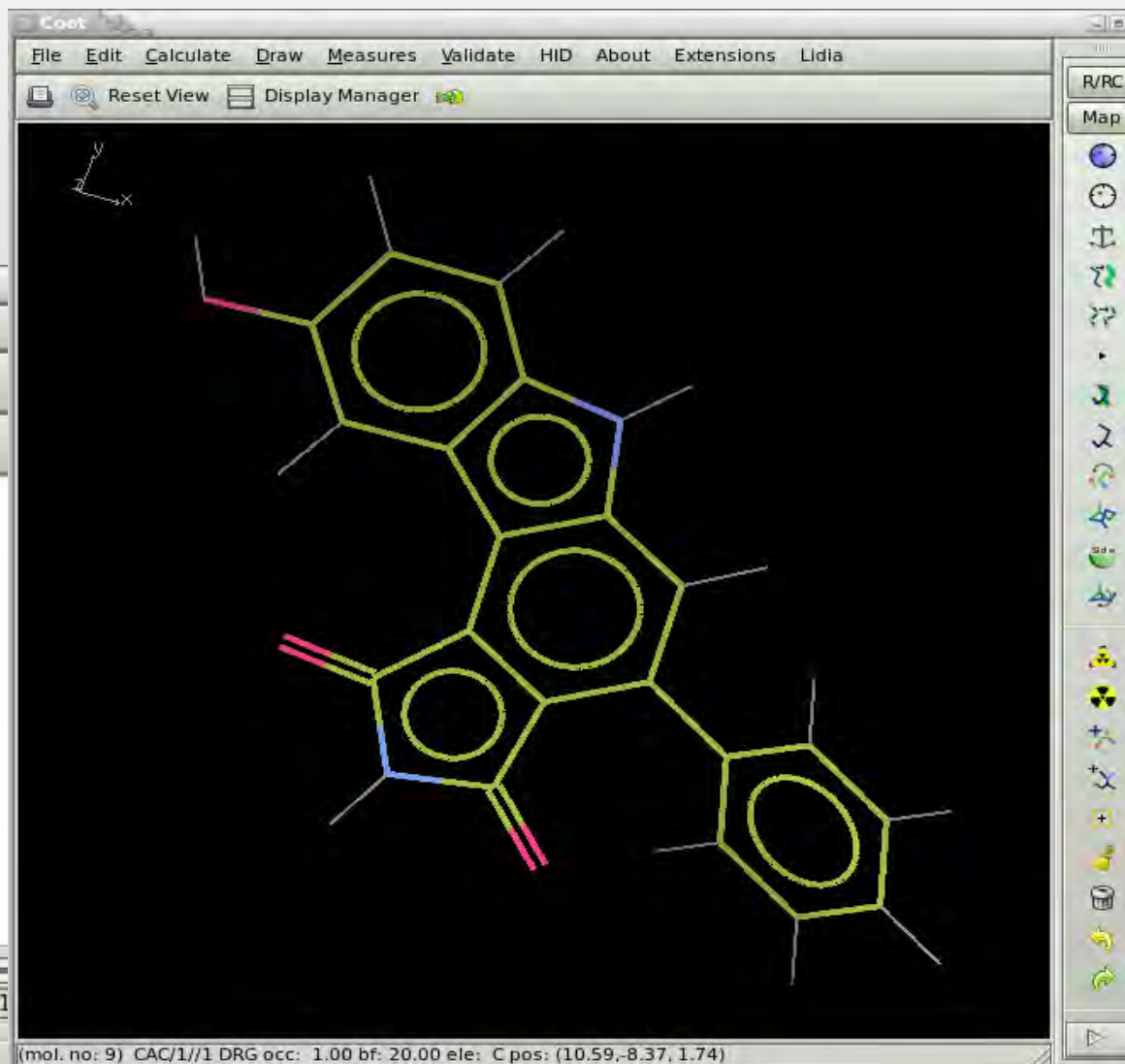
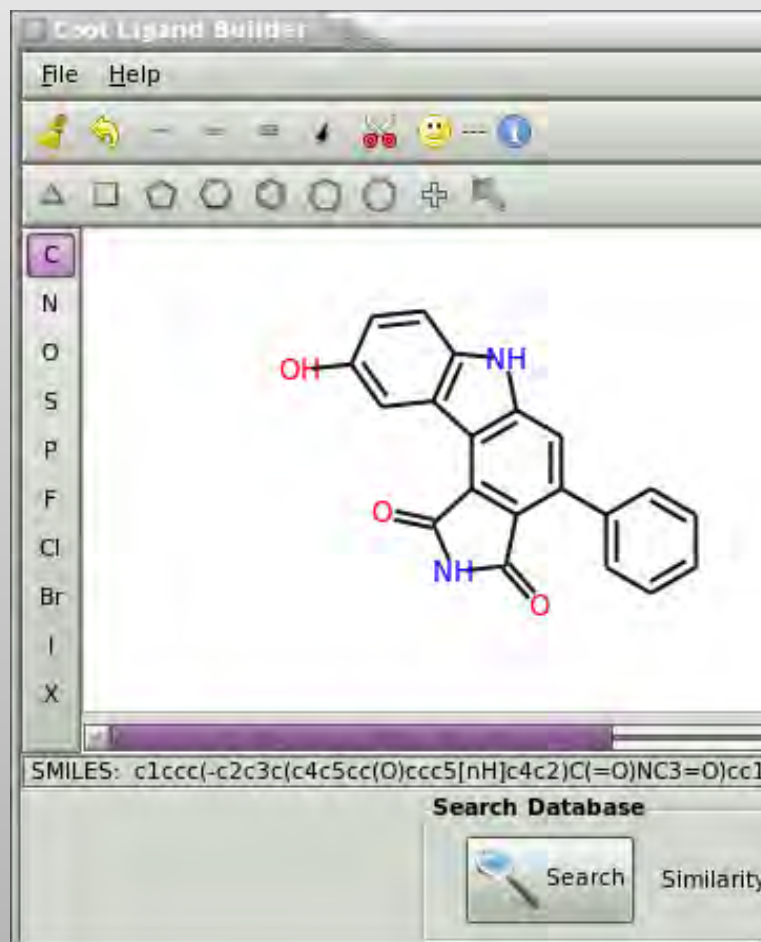
Uses built-in
FeatureFactory

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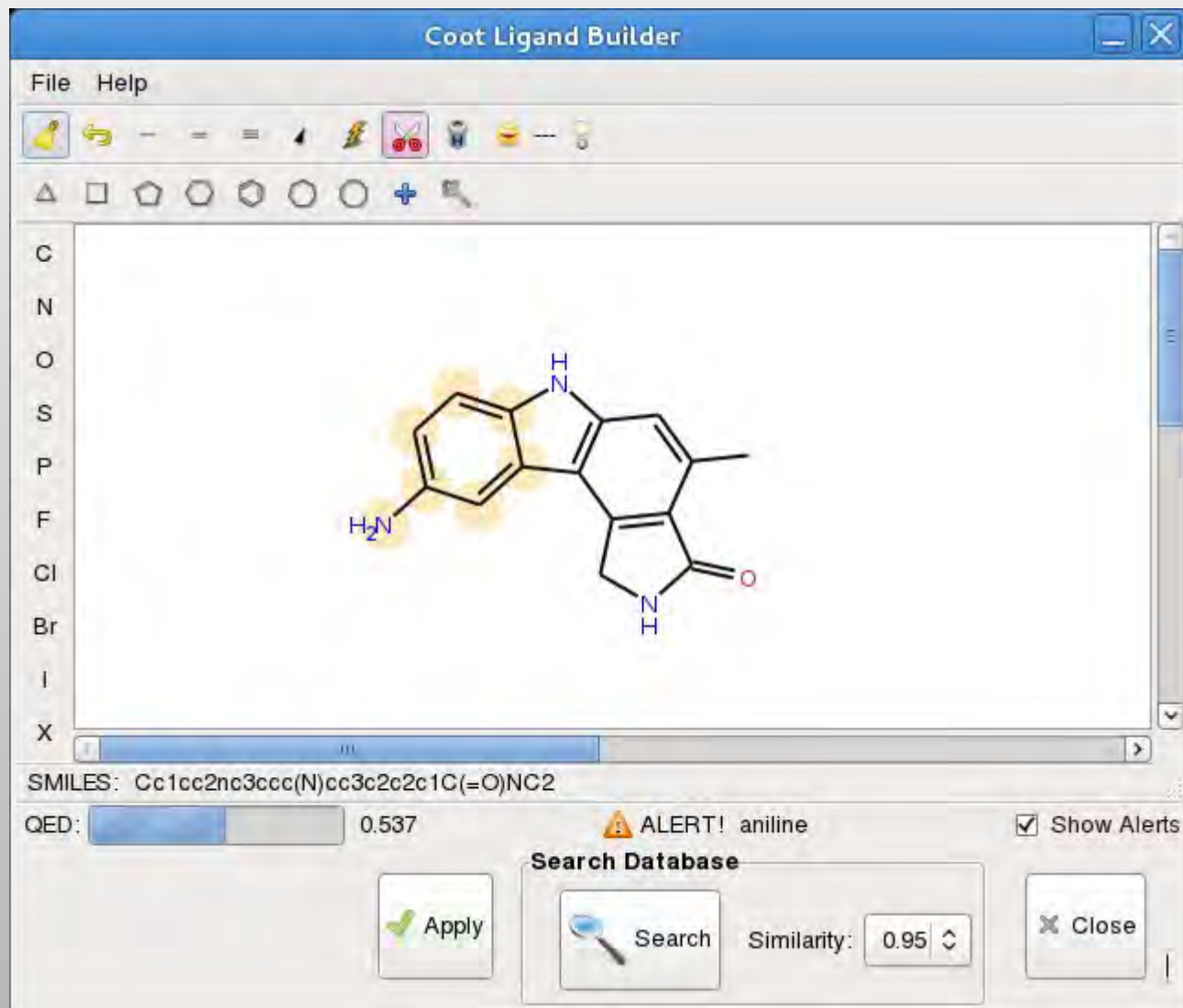
2D Ligand Builder

- Free sketch
- SBase search



2D Sketcher

- Structural Alerts



- On the fly ROMol creation
- Check vs. vector of SMARTS
 - (from Biscu-it)
 - And user-defined list

QED Score

Quantitative Evaluation of Drug-likeness

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Quantifying the chemical beauty of drugs

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Drug-likeness is a key consideration when selecting compounds during the early stages of drug discovery. However, evaluation of drug-likeness in absolute terms does not reflect adequately the whole spectrum of compound quality. More worryingly, widely used rules may inadvertently foster undesirable molecular property inflation as they permit the encroachment of rule-compliant compounds towards their boundaries. We propose a measure of drug-likeness based on the concept of desirability called the quantitative estimate of drug-likeness (QED). The empirical rationale of QED reflects the underlying distribution of molecular properties. QED is intuitive, transparent, straightforward to implement in many practical settings and allows compounds to be ranked by their relative merit. We extended the utility of QED by applying it to the problem of molecular target druggability assessment by prioritizing a large set of published bioactive compounds. The measure may also capture the abstract notion of aesthetics in medicinal chemistry.

The concept of drug-likeness provides useful guidelines for early-stage drug discovery^{1,2}. Analysis of the observed distribution of some key physicochemical properties of approved drugs, including molecular mass (M_r), hydrophobicity and polarity, reveals that they occupy preferentially a relatively narrow range of possible values³. Compounds that fall within this range are described as 'drug-like'. This definition holds in the absence of any obvious structural similarity to an approved drug. It has been shown that the preferential selection of drug-like compounds increases the likelihood of surviving the well-documented high rates of attrition in drug discovery⁴.

Drug-likeness can be rationalized by considering how simple physicochemical properties impact molecular behaviour *in vivo*, with particular respect to solubility, permeability, metabolic stability and transporter effects. Indeed, drug-likeness is often used as a proxy for oral bioavailability. However, drug-likeness provides a broad composite descriptor that implicitly captures several criteria,

Paradoxically, since the publication of the seminal paper by Lipinski *et al.*⁵ there appears to be a growing epidemic, which Hann has termed 'molecular obesity'⁶, among new pharmacological compounds (Supplementary Fig. S1). Compounds with higher relative M_r and lipophilicity have a higher probability of attrition at each stage of clinical development⁷⁻¹¹. Thus, the inflation of physicochemical properties that increases the risks associated with clinical development may explain, in part, the decline in productivity of small-molecule drug discovery over the past two decades¹². However, the mean molecular properties of new pharmacological compounds are still considered Lipinski compliant, even though their property distributions are far from historical norms.

Although the Ro5 is predictive of oral bioavailability, 16% of oral drugs violate at least one of the criteria and 6% fail two or more (although this does include natural products and substrates of transporters) (Supplementary Fig. S2a and Supplementary Table S1). High-profile drugs, such as atorvastatin (Lipitor) and montelukast

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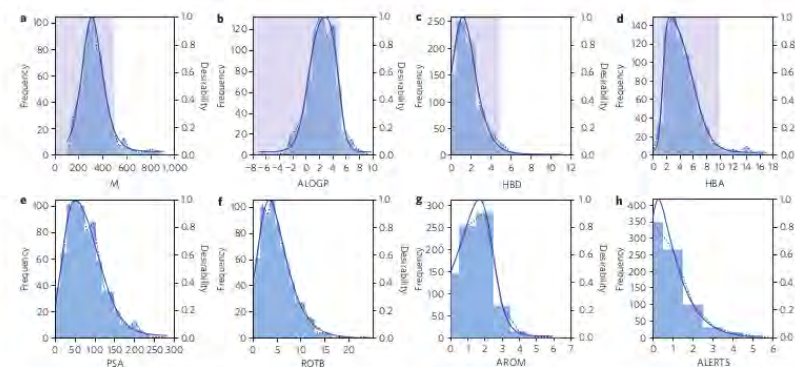


Figure 1 | Histograms of eight selected molecular properties for a set of 771 orally absorbed small molecule drugs. **a-h**, Molecular properties M_r (**a**), lipophilicity estimated by atom-based prediction of ALOGP (**b**), number of HBDs (**c**), number of HBAs (**d**), PSA (**e**), number of ROTBs (**f**), number of AROMs (**g**) and number of ALERTS (**h**). The Lipinski-compliant areas are shown in pale blue in (**a**), (**b**), (**c**) and (**d**). The solid blue lines describe the ADS functions (equation (2)) used to model the histograms. The parameters for each function are given in Supplementary Table S1.

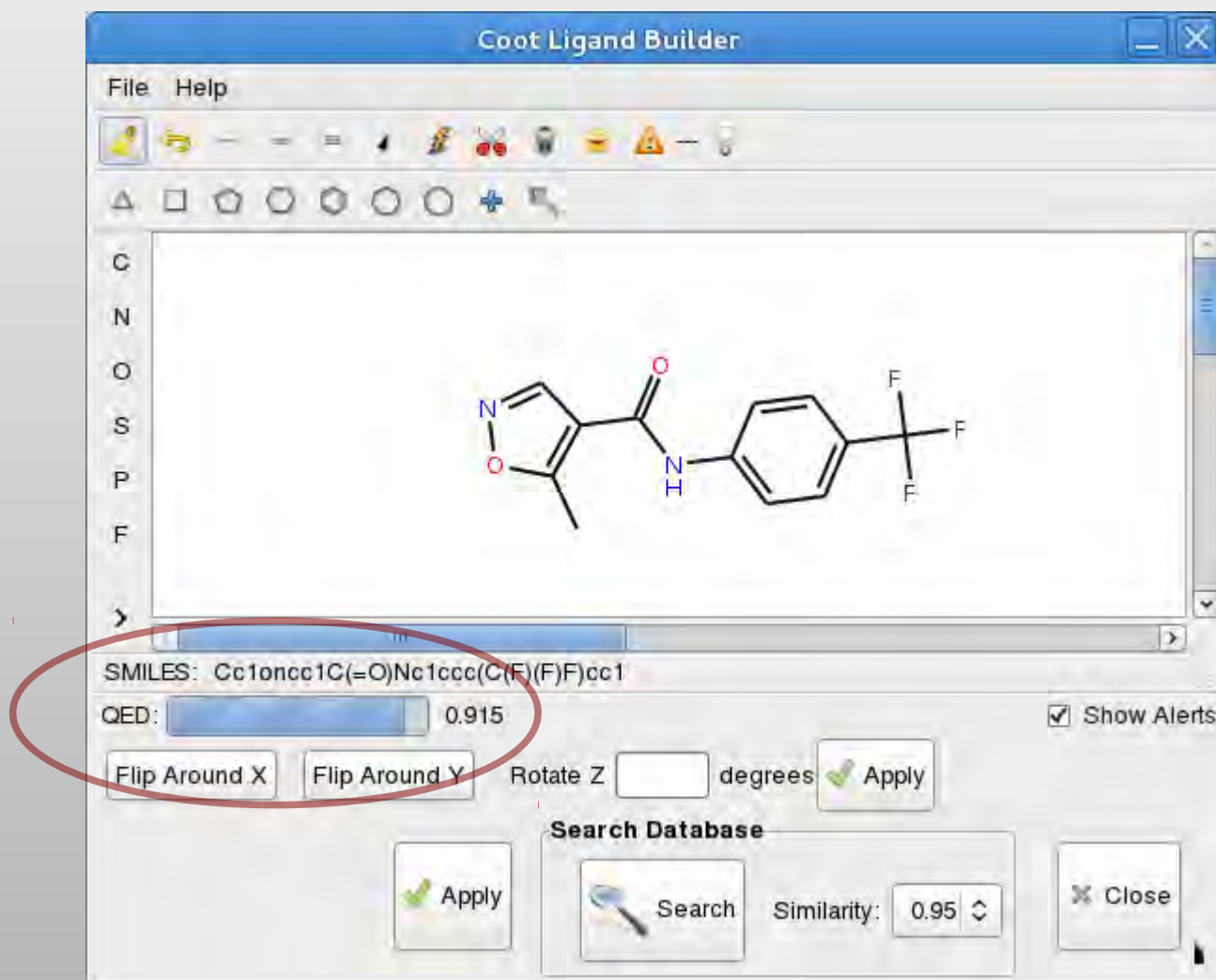
design^{17,18}, prioritization of molecular targets, penetration of the central nervous system¹⁹ and estimating the reliability of screening data²⁰. The concept was introduced originally by Harrington¹⁵ in the area of process engineering and further refined by Derringer and Suich²¹. Desirability takes multiple numerical or categorical parameters measured on different scales and describes each by an individual desirability function. These are then integrated into a single dimensionless score. In the case of compounds, a series of desirability functions (d) are derived, each of which corresponds to a different molecular descriptor. Combining the individual desirability functions into the QED is achieved by taking the geometric

asymmetric double sigmoidal (ADS) functions, which are also shown in Fig. 1 over the same range. The general ADS function is shown in equation (2), where $d(x)$ is the desirability function for molecular descriptor x :

$$d(x) = a \left[\frac{b}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{x-c+d}{2}\right)} \right] \left[\frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{x-c-d}{2}\right)} \right]$$

2D Sketcher

- QED score



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Look up the function with
PyModule_GetDict()
and
PyModule_GetItem()

Ligand Utils - CCP4 SRS

The image displays two windows from the Coot software suite. The left window, titled "Coot 0.7.1-pre", shows a 3D molecular model of a protein-ligand complex. The protein backbone is rendered in a stick representation with various colors (green, blue, red, yellow). The ligand is shown in a stick representation with blue and red atoms. A coordinate system (X, Y, Z) is visible in the top left corner. The right window, titled "Coot Ligand Builder", is used for building and refining ligand models. It features a toolbar with various actions like Clear, Undo, Single, Double, Triple, Stereo, Charge, Cut, Delete Hydrogens, SMILES, test function, Tidy Up, and Info. Below the toolbar is a list of atom types (C, N, O, S, P, F, Cl, Br, I, X) and a central area showing a 2D chemical structure of a caffeine-like molecule. Below this, the SMILES string is displayed: Cn1cnc2c1c(=O)n(C)c(=O)n2C. The QED value is shown as 0.566. There are buttons for "Flip Around X", "Flip Around Y", "Rotate Z" (with a degrees field), and "Apply". A "Search Database" section includes a search button, a similarity dropdown set to 0.95, and "Apply" and "Close" buttons. A list of search results is shown below, including "209: 8-AMINO-1,3-DIMETHYL-3,7-DIHYDROPURINE-2,6-DIONE", "37T: THEOBROMINE", "CFF: CAFFEINE", "H33: 8-CHLORO-1,3-DIMETHYL-3,7-DIHYDRO-1H-PURINE-2,6-DIONE", and "TEP: THEOPHYLLINE". The bottom right of the window has a "Close" button. The status bar at the bottom of the Coot window shows: "(mol. no: 1) C6 /1/A/1 TEP occ: 1.00 bf: 30.00 ele: C pos: (9.09,-0.02,-4.48)".

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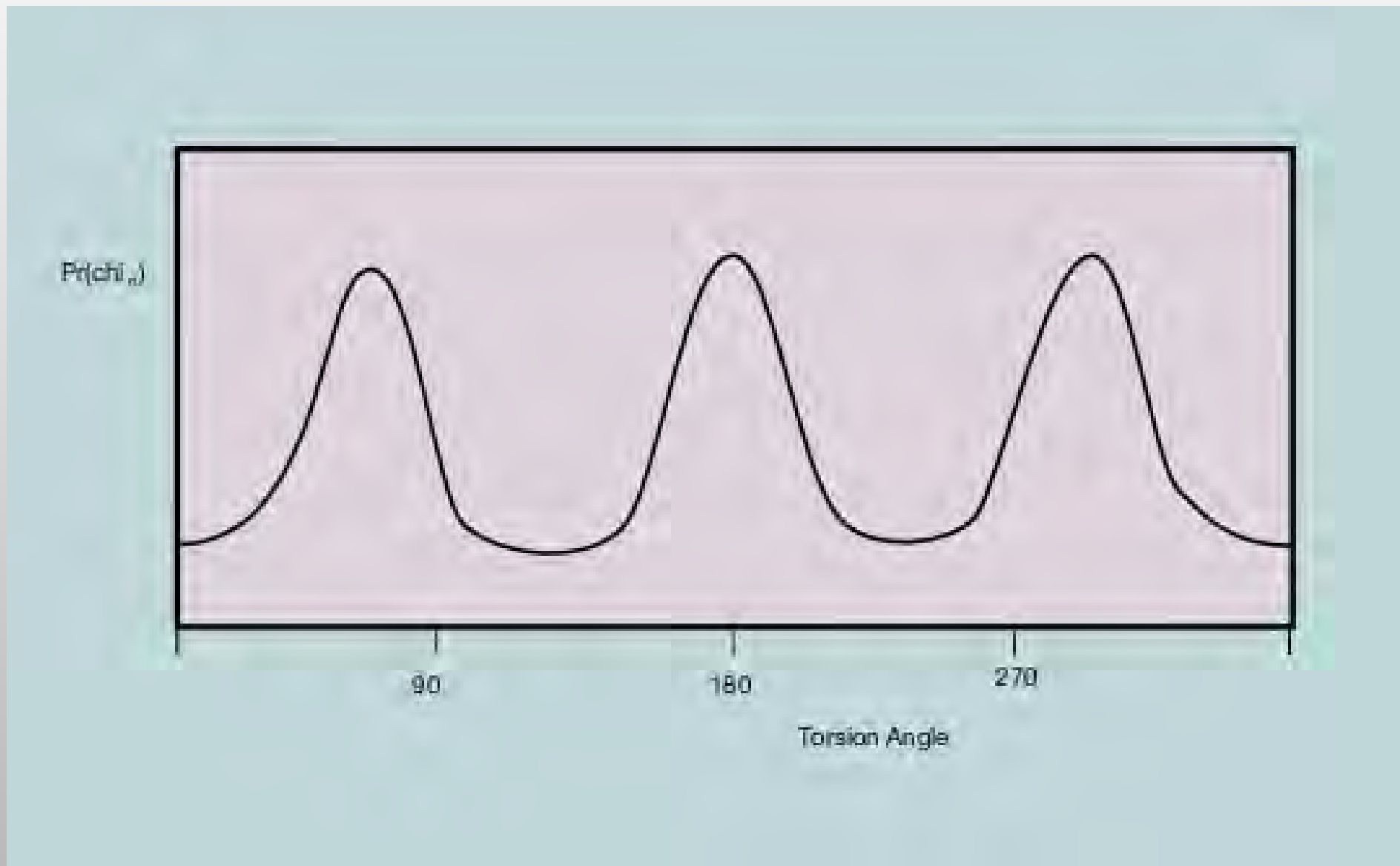
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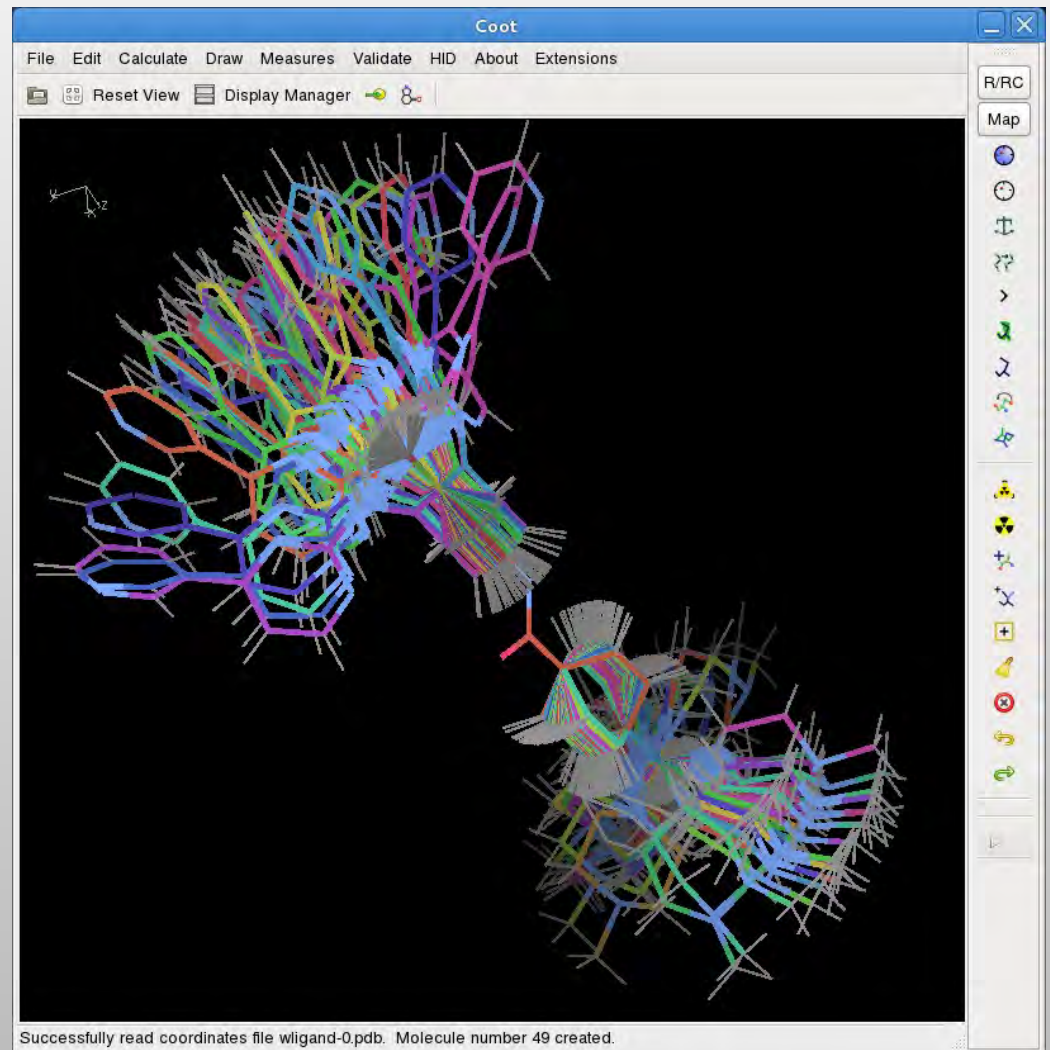
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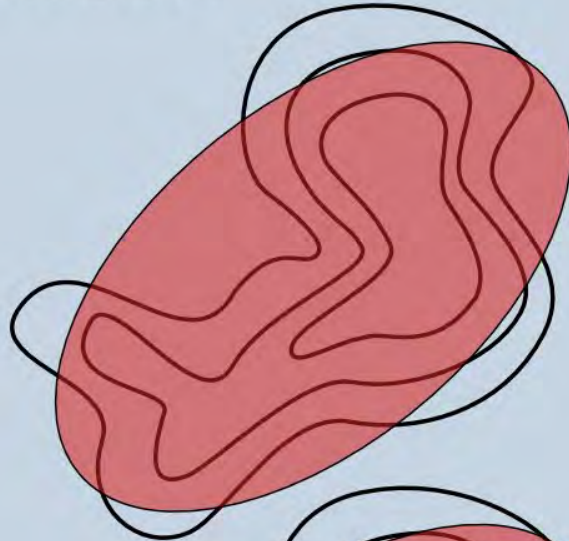
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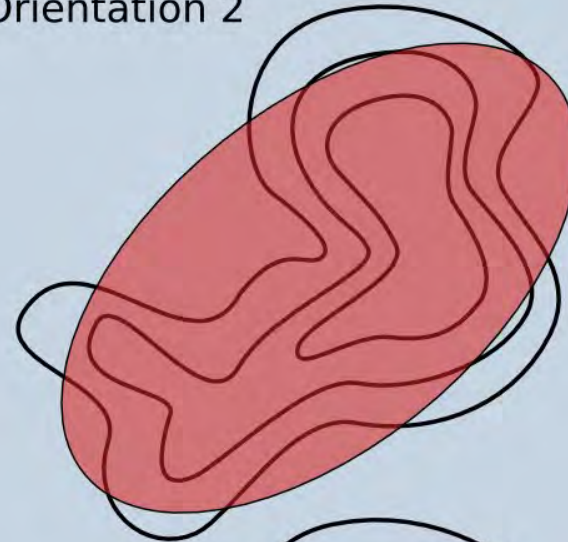


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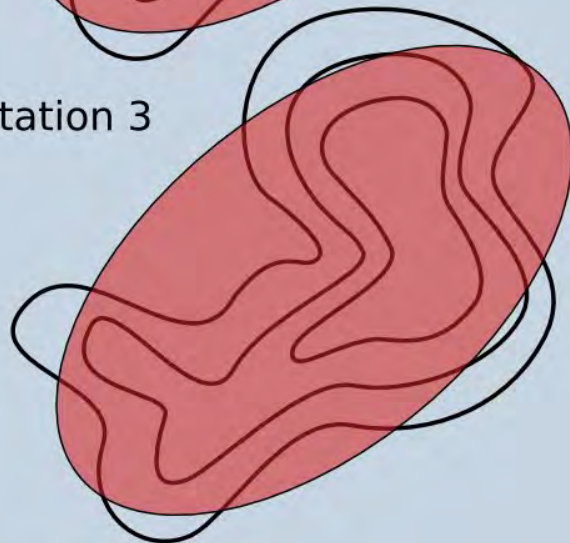
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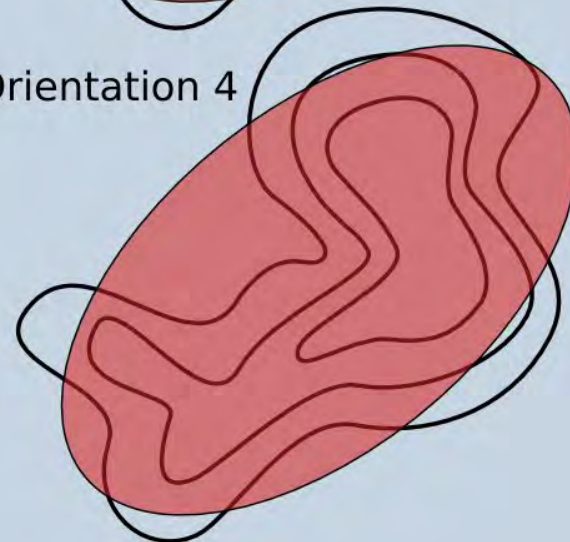
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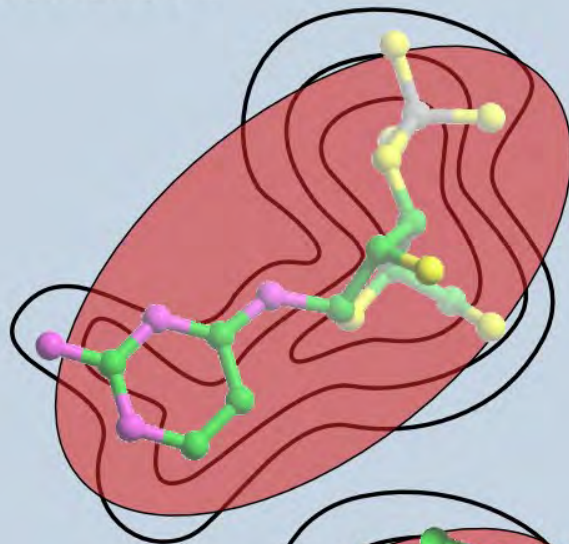


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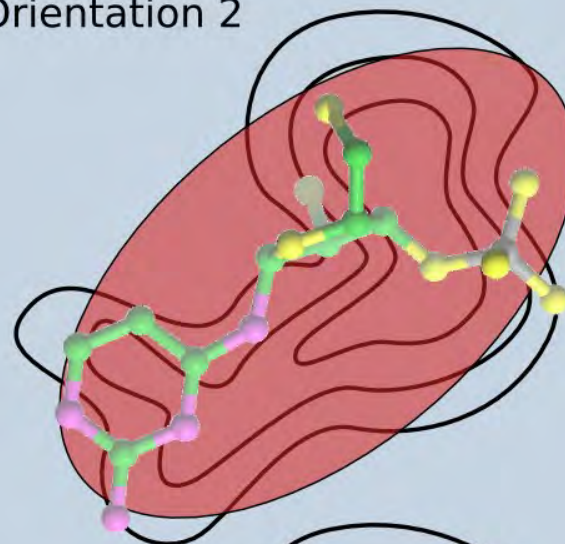


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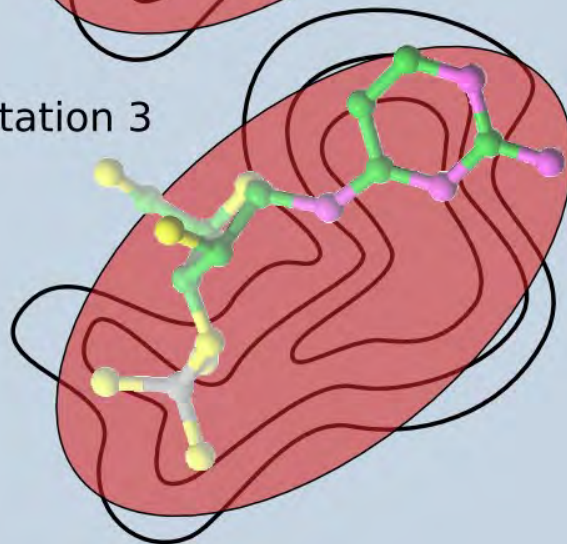
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