

Re-modelling multi-state models

PARTIAL OCCUPANCY FEATURES

LIGAND BINDING IN CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

- Study ligand-binding in protein crystals does it bind?
- ► If ligand binds, it appears in the electron density.



PROBLEMS: PARTIAL OCCUPANCY

What if the ligand only binds to a fraction of the crystal?

Crystal:

Contains bound (cat) and unbound (dog) states

Diffraction:

Average over the crystal (80% dog + 20% cat)

Density:

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Looks like the dominant state





EXAMPLE: OBSCURED LIGAND



Normal density maps show only the superposition of the full crystal. They are not useful for identifying partial occupancy features.

REVISITING PARTIAL OCCUPANCY

The ligand is bound to a fraction of the crystal: 80% dog + 20% cat



The model should reflect the crystal content: 80% dog + 20% cat or 20% dog + 80% cat !





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MULTI-STATE REFINEMENT PROTOCOL

From PanDDA -----> Multi-state models

PARTIAL-OCCUPANCY MODELLING & REFINEMENT

NORMAL APPROACH



CORRECT APPROACH

COMBINE INPUT MODEL AND LIGAND MODEL

ENSEMBLE MODEL





PARTIAL-OCCUPANCY MODELLING & REFINEMENT

Resolution: 1.39Å; Occupancy: 0.23



EVENT (blue, 2rmsd) ZMAP (green/red, ±4) 2FOFC (blue, 0.5rmsd) FOFC (green/red, ±3rmsd)

- Merging the solvent model from another dataset creates a good model

- Ligands do not "appear" in the maps after refinement (nor should they!)



MULTI-STATE REMODELLING



MULTI-STATE MODELLING PROTOCOL



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XCHEMEXPLORER OVERVIEW





Krojer, T. et al. (2017) 'The XChemExplorer graphical workflow tool for routine or large-scale protein–ligand structure determination', Acta D Cryst.

... IN XCHEM EXPLORER

modelling becomes more complex

MULTIPLE MAPS

Display Manager	
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