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# Phenix developers documentation

The Phenix developers documentation is aimed towards researchers who contribute tools to Phenix. It might be also of interest to scientists who want to use Phenix or cctbx in scripts.

Topics include the following:

- Description of high level Phenix tools
- How to use the Phenix program template
- Useful jiffies that speed up debugging or analysis
- Programming tips; for example how to profile runtime

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# Install and set up Phenix

A prerequisite of using Phenix modules is to install Phenix.

Before you start you will need to install and set up Phenix so that when you type the command `phenix.python` in a terminal window on your computer you get something like this:

```
Python 2.7.15 | packaged by conda-forge | (default, Mar  5 2020, 14:58:04  
[GCC Clang 9.0.1 ] on darwin  
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.  
>>>
```

The `>>>` is the command prompt that means “type something here”.

When you have Phenix installed, you automatically get tutorial, testing, and demo data files that come with Phenix. We’ll use some of those in this tutorial. Some of these will be in the directory:

```
$PHENIX/modules/phenix_regression/model_building/
```

which contains tests for model-building tools.

# The Phenix directory structure

It is helpful to have an idea about the directory structure in Phenix so that you can find Phenix tools that you want to use in your programming. This page describes the overall setup.

The top-level Phenix directory is typically located in the directory referred to by the environmental variable `$PHENIX`. It contains the following files and folders:

- `bootstrap.py` -- Python program used to build and update
- `conda_base` -- base for Conda
- `dev_env` -- for installing git-lfs
- `modules` -- source programs
- `build` -- installed programs
- `doc` -- installed documentation

Since all Phenix code is in the `modules` directory, the location of a particular file is often referred to relative to this `modules` directory. For example, as `modules/phenix/phenix/programs/mtriage.py`.

Within the `modules` directory are a big set of directories for different modules of Phenix (including `cctbx_project`, the computational crystallography project):

<code>Plex</code>	<code>dxtbx</code>	<code>phenix_dev_doc</code>
<code>PyQuante</code>	<code>eigen</code>	<code>phenix_examples</code>
<code>amber_adaptbx</code>	<code>elbow</code>	<code>phenix_html</code>
<code>amber_library</code>	<code>gui_resources</code>	<code>phenix_regression</code>
<code>annlib</code>	<code>iota</code>	<code>probe</code>
<code>annlib_adaptbx</code>	<code>king</code>	<code>pulchra</code>
<code>boost</code>	<code>ksdssp</code>	<code>reduce</code>
<code>cbflib</code>	<code>labelit</code>	<code>reel</code>
<code>ccp4io</code>	<code>msgpack-3.1.1</code>	<code>scons</code>
<code>ccp4io_adaptbx</code>	<code>msgpack-3.1.1.tar.gz</code>	<code>scons-3.1.1.zip</code>
<code>cctbx_project</code>	<code>muscle</code>	<code>solve_resolve</code>
<code>chem_data</code>	<code>opt_resources</code>	<code>suitename</code>
<code>clipper</code>	<code>phaser</code>	<code>tntbx</code>
<code>cx1_user</code>	<code>phaser_regression</code>	<code>xia2</code>
<code>dials</code>	<code>phenix_</code>	

Several directories are of particular interest:

- **cctbx\_project**: Most of the source code for low-level programming is in the `cctbx_project` directory. This code is documented in the [cctbx documentation](#).
- **phenix**: Most of the code for Phenix programming is in the `phenix` directory (see below)
- **phenix\_regression**: Regression tests for phenix tools
- **phenix\_examples**: Tutorials on Phenix tools
- **phenix\_html**: Documentation on Phenix

The `phenix` module has the following subdirectories:

- **phenix**: source code for most Phenix tools
- **wxGUI**: no longer used
- **wxGUI2**: source code for Phenix GUI
- **conda\_envs**: files that define the conda environments

Often, you will add to existing files or create new files within the existing directory structure. If you start a completely new area of Phenix programming, you would create a new directory structure to hold it. Before creating a new directory structure, it should be discussed among Phenix group members.

The `phenix/phenix/` subdirectory is further subdivided into:

<code>__init__.py</code>	<code>model_building</code>	<code>rosetta</code>
<code>automation</code>	<code>molrep</code>	<code>server</code>
<code>autosol</code>	<code>mptbx</code>	<code>solve_driver</code>
<code>command_line</code>	<code>pdb_tools</code>	<code>strategies</code>
<code>eraser</code>	<code>pds</code>	<code>substructure</code>
<code>file_reader.py</code>	<code>pds_server</code>	<code>tasks</code>
<code>foundation</code>	<code>phenix_info.py</code>	<code>tracking</code>
<code>heavy_search</code>	<code>program_template.py</code>	<code>utilities</code>
<code>hidden</code>	<code>programs</code>	<code>wizard_scripts</code>
<code>installer</code>	<code>queue</code>	<code>wizards</code>
<code>ligands</code>	<code>refinement</code>	
<code>loop_lib</code>	<code>regression</code>	

There are two special subdirectories in the `phenix/phenix` directory:

- **programs**: program files that interface between the user or the GUI and a program
- **command\_line**: short files that specify what program to run when a user types something like `phenix.refine`

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## Creating a program in Phenix with the Program Template

Learn how to use the Phenix Program Template to write a new Phenix tool.

### Introduction

Let's create a new Phenix program. To illustrate the steps involved in this process, we will create an example program that reads in a map and a model and calculates the map-model correlation. In particular, we will use the Program Template (see [CCN newsletter article](#)), which standardizes the interfaces between a user or the GUI and a program. This approach provides some consistent functionality for basic tasks, like file and parameter handling. It also helps ensure that the same code is executed regardless of the user interface.

The name of the program will be `map_cc`. While creating the program, we'll set up a unit test.

Here are the steps we are going to follow to create our program. Each step will be discussed in more detail further below.  
First we make a prototype and a test that shows that the prototype works:

1. Create a prototype of the program that runs from the command line. The file for the new program will be created in the directory `modules/phenix/phenix/model_building/map_cc.py`. Normally you will put the code to do real work in a directory that corresponds to the type of work to be done.
2. Create a unit test to make sure that the program works now and that it continues to work later, when we do some modifications to it. The unit test will be put in `modules/phenix_regression/model_building/tst_map_cc.py`. The directory `phenix_regression` is a special directory in which any file that starts with "tst" will be considered a test to be run automatically. The subdirectory `model_building` matches the location of our program (`phenix/model_building`).

Next we create the high-level files that allow easy communication between the user, the program and the GUI:

3. Create a file `modules/phenix/phenix/programs/map_cc.py` that is an edited version of the Program Template. This file is going to specify the inputs to our program that does the work and it is going to call our program to do the work
4. Create the file `modules/phenix/phenix/command_line/map_cc.py` in the `command_line` directory. This is a special directory where the Phenix installer always looks and finds programs to run.
5. Run `bootstrap.py` in the top-level phenix directory to rebuild Phenix, creating all the necessary relationships so that we can type `phenix.map_cc` on the command-line to run our program.

Then we'll be set and we can run our program with the command `phenix.map_cc`, and the automatic regression testing will test our program using the `tst_map_cc.py` regression test.

When you write your own program, you can follow these same steps, substituting your code and locations for the ones shown here.

Let's go through each step in detail now.

### Set up the Phenix environment

We are going to refer to files in the Phenix directory, and the name of this directory depends on your setup. However, you can always use the environment variable `PHENIX` to refer to this top-level directory. First let's make sure your environment is set up. Open a terminal window and type:

```
which phenix
```

This should print out something that ends in "build/bin/phenix". Now let's check and see if the `PHENIX` environmental variable is set. Type:

```
echo "$PHENIX"
```

This should print out a directory name corresponding to your top-level Phenix directory.

If either of these does not work, please see [installation](#) and [set up](#) for how to install Phenix and set up the environment.

At the end of this procedure, we use `bootstrap.py` to rebuild your Phenix installation. If you do not have `bootstrap.py`, you can do everything in the directory of your new tool. You just won't be able to type "`phenix.map_cc`", so you will have to type "`phenix.python $PHENIX/modules/phenix/phenix/command_line/map_cc.py`" to get the same result.

### Creating the prototype for the tool

We create our program as a new file. We put the code that does the real work in a directory that corresponds to the type of work to be done. Our program will use the `cctbx` `DataManager` to read in files and have keywords that we are going to set later with the Program Template.

Here is our program:

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
from __future__ import division, print_function
import sys
from iotbx import group_args

def run(
    map_model_manager= None,
    resolution = None,
    log = sys.stdout):
    ...
    Demo program to calculate map-model correlation

Parameters:
    map_model_manager: iotbx.map_model_manager holds map and model
    resolution: nominal resolution of map
    log: output stream
```

```
    Returns:
        group_args object containing value of map_model correlation
    ...

print("Getting map-model correlation for the map_model_manager:\n %s"
      % map_model_manager, file = log)
print("Resolution will be: %.3f A" % (resolution), file = log)

# use the function map_model_cc in map_model_manager to calculate the
cc = map_model_manager.map_model_cc(resolution = resolution)

print("Map-model correlation is: %.3f" %(cc), file = log)
```

```
return group_args(
    map_model_cc = cc,
)
```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    from iotbx.data_manager import DataManager
    dm = DataManager()
    args = sys.argv[1:]
    if (len(args)) != 3: # print how to run program and quit
        print ("Usage: 'phenix.map_cc <model_file> <map_file> <resolution>'")
    else:
        model_file = args[0]
        map_file = args[1]
        resolution = float(args[2])
        log = sys.stdout
        mmm = dm.get_map_model_manager(model_file=model_file,
                                        map_files = map_file,
                                        log = log)
        result = run(map_model_manager = mmm, resolution = resolution)
        print ("Result was: %.3f" %result.map_model_cc)
```

Put this program in a file called "`map_cc.py`" in the directory `modules/phenix/phenix/model_building/` (where `modules` is the modules subdirectory in your top-level Phenix directory).

We can run our program right away if we have a map and model. We can get them by setting up a tutorials directory. Get into a working directory in a terminal window (doesn't matter where) and type:

```
phenix.setupTutorial tutorial_name=model_building-scripting
```

This creates a subdirectory "model-building-scripting" that contains files we can use. Get into this subdirectory and type:

```
phenix.python $PHENIX/modules/phenix/phenix/model_building/map_cc.py \
short_model_main_chain_box.pdb short_model_box.ccp4 3
```

This should run our program and produce output ending with:

```
Resolution will be: 3.000 A
Map-model correlation is: 0.742
Result was: 0.742
```

### Creating a unit-test

Now we have a program that seems to work. Let's make a test to make sure it continues to work as we modify it.

Our unit test should be quick and it should test the important aspects of our program. It should give a hard fail if the test does not succeed (i.e., the test should crash on failure with an `AssertionError` or similar error).

When creating a test, keep in mind that later on, we and other programmers are going to do things that affect our program. We want our test to fail if anyone else does something that causes our program to not work the way we want it to. Our test is our protection against us or anyone else doing something that makes the program fail.

In our example, we can use the data files we just read in to our program as test data, and the result we just got as the expected result. Below is our testing program. Notice that it looks a lot like the code at the bottom of our original program that read in files and ran the "run" method of our program. The imports at the top are typical for a test program and set up functions that we are going to need:

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
from __future__ import division, print_function
import time, sys, os
from libtbx.test_utils import approx_equal
import libtbx.load_env
```

```
def tst_01():
    ...
    # Identify where the data are to come from
    data_dir = libtbx.env.under_dist(
        module_name="phenix_regression",
        path="model_building",
        test=os.path.isdir)
```

```
    # Import that DataManager
    from iotbx.data_manager import DataManager
    dm = DataManager()
```

```
    # Set the log file
    log = sys.stdout
```

```
    # Read in the map and model and get a map_model_manager
```

```
    mmm = dm.get_map_model_manager(model_file=model_file,
                                    map_files = map_file,
                                    log = log)
```

```
    # Make sure we got the right answer. Fails if result.map_model_cc does
    # match result.map_model_cc within machine precision
    assert approx_equal(result.map_model_cc, 0.7424188591)
```

```
    # We are done...if we had the wrong answer it would have crashed above
```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    t0 = time.time()
    tst_01()
    print("Time: %.4f%(time.time()-t0)")
    print("OK")
```

Put this test program in

`$PHENIX/modules/phenix_regression/model_building/tst_map_cc.py`.

Anything you put there is going to be automatically run as part of the Phenix regression system.

Let's run our test:

```
phenix.python $PHENIX/modules/phenix_regression/model_building/tst_map_cc.py
```

This should run and print out "OK" at the end.

### Creating the Program Template that runs map\_cc

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from __future__ import absolute_import, division, print_function
from phenix.program_template import ProgramTemplate
from libtbx import group_args
```

```
# =====
```

```
class Program(ProgramTemplate):
```

```
    description = """
        Demo program to calculate map-model correlation
        Usage: phenix.map_cc model.pdb map.mrc
    """

    # Define the data types that will be used
    datatypes = ['model', 'phil', 'real_map']
```

```
    # Input parameters
```

```
    # Note: include of map_model_phil_str allows specification of
    # full_map, half_map, another half_map, and model and Program Template
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    input_files {
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    }
```

```
    crystal_info {
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        .help = Nominal resolution of map
        .short_caption = Resolution
    }
    """

    # Define how to determine if inputs are ok
    def validate(self):
```

```
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        self.data_manager.has_real_maps()
        raise Sorry, there is more than one map
```

```
        expected_n = 1
        exact_count = True
        self.data_manager.has_models()
        raise Sorry, there is more than one model
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```

```
    # Set any defaults
    def set_defaults(self):
        pass
```

```
    # Run the program
    def run(self):
        from phenix.model_building.map_cc import run as get_map_cc
```

```
        self.result = get_map_cc(
            map_model_manager = self.data_manager.get_map_model_manager(
                from_phil=True),
            resolution = self.params.crystal_info.resolution,
            log = self.logger)
```

```
    # Get the results
    def get_results(self):
        return group_args(
            map_model_cc = self.result.map_model_cc,
        )
```

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### Creating a file in the command\_line directory

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```
# LIBTBX_SET_DISPATCHER_NAME phenix.map_cc
from __future__ import absolute_import, division, print_function
```

```
from iotbx.cli_parser import run_program
```

```
from phenix.programs import map_cc
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```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    run_program(program_class=map_cc.Program)
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## Phenix/CCTBX quick reference

This section summarizes some commonly-used functions in Phenix and cctbx.

### Setup

#### Copy tutorial data

```
phenix.setup_tutorial tutorial_name=model-building-scripting
```

#### Set up a DataManager

```
from iotbx.data_manager import DataManager # Load in the DataManager
dm = DataManager() # Initialize the DataManager and call it
dm.set_overwrite(true) # Overwrite files with the same name
```

#### Show all the keywords and summary documentation for a function

```
help(dm)
help(dm.get_map_model_manager)
```

## Reading/writing files and creating managers

#### Get a map\_model manager from a map and model

```
mmm_ligand = dm.get_map_model_manager('boxed_ligand_map.ccp4') # get map_model manager
model_l_file = 'boxed_ligand_map.pdb' # model file
map_files = 'boxed_ligand_map.ccp4' # map file
```

#### Read some models

```
model_for_morphing = dm.get_model('short_model_box_for_morph.pdb') # model
model_for_sequence = dm.get_model('short_model_main_chain_box.pdb') # model
```

Make a copy of a model so that when model is shifted we have the original model

```
original_model_for_morphing = model_for_morphing.deep_copy() # copy of
```

#### Read in a model of atp

```
model_atp = dm.get_model('atp.pdb') # model file
```

#### Read in a restraints file

```
dm.process_restraint_file('atp.cif') # Set up restraints
restraints_atp = dm.get_restraint('atp.cif') # get a restraints object
```

#### Read in map and get map\_managers

```
mm = dm.get_real_map('boxed_ligand_map.ccp4') # map file
mm_for_morphing = dm.get_real_map('short_model_box.ccp4') # another map
dm.remove_real_map('short_model_box.ccp4') # remove map from data_man
```

#### Get a map\_model manager from a map only

```
mmm_map_only = dm.get_map_model_manager('short_model_box.ccp4') # get map_model manager
map_files='short_model_box.ccp4' # map file
```

#### Set default in a map\_manager

```
mm.set_wrapping(False) # do not wrap (do not extend outside supplied
mm.set_experiment_type('xray') # alternatives are cryo_em or neutron
mm.set_scattering_table('n_gaussian') # electron/neutron/wk1995/it199
```

#### Read in reconstruction symmetry ("ncs") and make an ncs object:

```
ncs_d7 = dm.get_ncs_spec('D7.ncs_spec') # reconstruction symmetry fil
```

#### Make a map\_model\_manager

```
map_manager = mm_for_morphing.deep_copy() # use a separate copy
model = model_for_morphing.deep_copy() # model, also a separate copy
from iotbx.map_model_manager import map_model_manager # import manager
mmm_ncs = mmm.map_model_manager(map_manager=map_manager, model=model) #
```

#### Make a map\_model\_manager with reconstruction symmetry

```
map_manager = mm_for_morphing.deep_copy() # use a separate copy
model = model_for_morphing.deep_copy() # model, also a separate copy
from iotbx.map_model_manager import map_model_manager # import manager
mmm_ncs = mmm.map_model_manager(map_manager=map_manager, model=model, #
```

#### Shift a model to match origin shift in a map\_manager

```
model_1 = model.deep_copy() # copy of a model
map_manager.shift_model_to_match_map(model_1) # shift model_1 to match
```

#### Make a copy of a map\_model\_manager (deep copy where everything is separate from origin)

```
mmm_copy = mmm.deep_copy() # deep copy of a map-model manager
```

#### Set defaults in a map\_model\_manager

```
mm.set_resolution(3) # set default resolution to 3 A
mm.set_experiment_type('xray') # alternatives are cryo_em/neutron
```

#### Generate a model map using a map\_model\_manager

```
dm = DataManager() # Initialize the DataManager and call it
dm.set_overwrite(true)
model = dm.get_model('structure_search_target.pdb') # read in a model
model_mmm = dm.get_map_model_manager('structure_search_target.pdb')
model_file = 'structure_search_target.pdb' # model to read in
model_mmm.generate_map(d_min=3) # generate map to resolution 0
```

## Converting from one type of manager to another

#### Get a model\_building object from a map\_model\_manager

```
build = mmm.model_building() # get model_building object
```

#### Get a map\_model\_manager from a model\_building object

```
new_mmm = build.as_map_model_manager() # get map-model manager
```

#### Get a map\_manager or model from a model\_building object or map\_model\_manager

```
mm = build.map_manager() # map_manager from model-building object
```

```
model = build.model() # model from model-building object
```

```
mm = mmm.map_manager() # map_manager from map-model manager
```

```
model = mmm.model() # model from map-model manager
```

## Working with map\_managers

Tell DataManager to forget any previously-read map from a file, then read in map\_manager from that file.

```
for file_name in dm.get_real_map_names(): # list of previously read maps
dm.remove_real_map(file_name) # forget previous reads
mm = dm.get_real_map('boxed_ligand_map.ccp4') # read in map file
```

#### Deep-copy map\_manager

```
copy_of_mm = mm.deep_copy() # Separate copy of map_data
```

Shift origin of map\_manager object to place start of map data that is present at (0, 0, 0). Note: This is done automatically by map\_model\_manager if one is used.

```
mm.shift_origin() # shift origin to (0,0,0)
```

Shift origin of map\_manager object back where it was originally

```
mm1 = copy_of_mm.deep_copy() # map manager to work with
mm1.shift_origin_to_match_original() # put origin back where it was
```

#### List all methods available for a map\_manager

```
dir(mm) # list all the methods available for mm
```

#### Set resolution, experiment\_type, scattering\_table

```
mm.set_resolution(3) # nominal resolution is 3 A;
mm.set_experiment_type("xray") # alternatives are cryo_em/neutron
mm.set_scattering_table("n_gaussian") # electron/neutron/wk1995/it199
```

#### Get origin shift in A (shift of position since map was read in)

```
shift_cart = mm.shift_cart() # shift since start
```

Get position of original origin in grid units (same as how much to shift map to overlay original)

```
origin_shift_grid_units = mm.origin_shift_grid_units # origin pos
```

Get gridding of working map (the part that is present)

```
n_real = mm.map_data().all() # gridding of working map
```

Get wrapping of map (wrapped means infinite, repeating with gridding of map. Map must be full size (not boxed))

```
wrapping = mm.wrapping() # wrapping of working map
```

Determine if map is full size, if map is zero-based, if map is consistent with wrapping

```
is_full_size = mm.is_full_size() # is map full size (not boxed)
is_zero_based = mm.is_zero_based() # is zero-based
is_consistent_with_wrapping = mm.is_consistent_with_wrapping() # ok to use
```

Determine if map\_manager is similar to another one (same gridding, origin)

```
is_similar = mm.is_similar(mm1) # map_managers are similar
```

#### Get map\_data (flex array) from map\_manager object

```
map_data = mm.map_data() # map_data
```

#### Customized copy of map\_manager object with new data

```
some_map_data = mm.map_data() + 5 # some map_data
new_mm = mm.customized_copy(map_data = some_map_data) # new map manager
```

#### Set values of data in existing map\_manager or zero out a map\_manager

```
new_mm.set_map_data(map_data = map_data) # new_mm data is now map_data
```

```
new_mm.initialize_map_data() # Note: change new_mm and you are also changing map_data
```

```
new_mm.initialize_map_data() # set values of map_data in new_mm to zero
```

#### Get full size version of map (zeros outside existing region)

```
full_size = mm.as_full_size_map() # full size version padded with zero
```

Resample map on new grid (new grid must be multiple of existing if origin\_grid\_units is not (0,0,0))

```
n_real = mm.map_data().all() # current gridding
new_n_real = [n_real[0], n_real[1], n_real[2] * 2] # double gridding also
resampled = mm.resample_on_new_grid(new_n_real) # resample also
```

#### Get correlation to another map

```
cc = mm.cc_to_other_map_manager(new_mm) # map correlation to other map
```

#### Resolution filter, gaussian filter, binary filter:

```
low_res_map = mm.resolution_filter(10) # 10 A map
gaussian_blu = mm.gaussian_filter(1) # blur with 1 A Gaussian
binary_filtered = mm.binary_filter(threshold = 0.5) # set value to 1 if average of 27 in box around this point
```

#### Create binary mask around density, around edges, around atoms (does not apply mask, just creates it)

```
mm.create_map_around_density(resolution = 3) # mask around density
mm.create_map_around_edges(soft_mask_radius = 3) # mask around edges
model = dm.get_model('structure_search_target.pdb') # get a model
mm.create_map_around_atoms(model = model) # radius=max(resolution,3)
```

#### Make the mask a soft mask

```
mm.soft_mask() # make the mask a soft mask. Default radius is resolution
```

#### Apply mask to working map or get mask as a map\_manager

```
mm.apply_mask() # apply the mask to working map (changes working map)
mask_as_map_manager = mm.get_mask_as_map_manager() # mask as a map manager
```

#### Get map values at coordinates

```
sites_cart = model.get_sites_cart() # some coordinates
density_values = mm.density_at_sites_cart(sites_cart) # density at coordinates
```

#### Normalize the map (set mean to zero and sd to 1)

```
mm.set_mean_zero_sd_one() # normalize map
```

#### Find reconstruction symmetry in map

```
mm.find_map_symmetry() # find map symmetry
ncs_obj = mm.ncs_object() # get the map symmetry as an ncs object
```

#### Find highest grid points in map and return as coordinates. Note: sites are relative to origin of map

```
sites_cart = mm.find_highest_grid_points_as_sites_cart() # highest points
```

#### Find n\_atoms grid points in map in high density separated by dist\_min

```
sites_cart = mm.trace_atoms_in_map(dist_min = 2, n_atoms = 31) # separate sites in density
```

#### Get map as Fourier coefficients and back. Note: origin stays at (0,0,0) throughout.

```
map_coeffs = mm.map_as_fourier_coefficients(d_min = 3) # map coeffs to
```

```
new_mm = mm.fourier_coefficients_as_map_manager(map_coeffs) # new map manager
```

#### Resolution filter, gaussian filter, binary filter:

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```

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mm.create_map_around_density(resolution = 3) # mask around density
```

```
mm.create_map_around_edges(soft_mask_radius = 3) # mask around edges
```

```
model = dm.get_model('structure_search_target.pdb') # get a model
```

```
mm.create_map_around_atoms(model = model) # radius=max(resolution,3)
```

#### Make the mask a soft mask

```
mm.soft_mask() # make the mask a soft mask. Default radius is resolution
```

#### Apply mask to working map or get mask as a map\_manager

```
mm.apply_mask() # apply the mask to working map (changes working map)
mask_as_map_manager = mm.get_mask_as_map_manager() # mask as a map manager
```

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sites_cart = model.get_sites_cart() # some coordinates
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```

```
new_mm = mm.fourier_coefficients_as_map_manager(map_coeffs) # new map manager
```

#### Resolution filter, gaussian filter, binary filter:

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# Phenix high-level tools for model-building

Introduction to high-level tools for model-building in Phenix. Learn when to use automatic model-building and when to use the library modules in scripts.

Phenix has easy-to-use tools for carrying out basic model-building tasks such as building a model into density, fitting loops, fitting ligands, and rebuilding segments of a model. A set of high-level tools allow you to write simple Python scripts that can do all these things. You can use these scripts to interactively build or modify a model or to develop your own protocol for model-building or improvement. This interface to model building is designed for both developers and users of Phenix who want to script model-building tasks.

Here are model-building tasks that you can script:

- Build: build a model into a region of density
- Fit\_ligand: fit a flexible ligand into density
- Fit\_loop: fit a loop between two chain ends
- Replace\_segment: replace a part of a chain
- Insert\_loop: insert a fitted loop or segment into working model
- Combine\_models: take the best parts of several models and combine them into a single model
- Morph: adjust a model to match density
- Sequence\_from\_map: align sequence or guess sequence from map and main-chain model
- Refine: carry out simple real-space refinement

For most of these tasks there are several methods you can use to carry out the task. You can try them all in parallel and choose the result that gives the best fit at the end.

All of these tools use high-level cctbx objects such as the map\_model\_manager to read, write, and manipulate the maps and models. For an introduction to these high-level cctbx objects see the cctbx overview with tutorials.

This part of the documentation describes how to use these model-building tools and provides simple scripts to illustrate the procedures.

## The high-level model-building tools are designed for local model-building

The high-level model-building tools that are described here are intended to be used on a small part of a density map. You can use them on any size map, but the most efficient way to use them on a big map is to cut out a box of density for the part of the map that you are interested in and then to use these tools on that box of density. You can use the map\_model\_manager to conveniently cut out (box) a part of a map suitable for model-building. You can also use the split\_into\_boxes and merge\_boxes tools to do this. This will be demonstrated below as well.

## When to use fully automatic model-building and when to use high-level tools for model-building

If you just want to use Phenix to build a model, the easiest thing to do is to use one of the fully automatic model-building tools, such as map\_to\_model (for cryo-EM) or autobuild (for crystallography). These tools carry out all the steps in model-building and give you a partial or complete model. You have some control over the process, but only a little.

On the other hand, if you have something specific that you want to do, such as to fix a particular segment of a model, or to fit a particular gap in your model, the high-level model-building tools are designed to allow you to carry out that specific task, examine the results, and choose what to do next.

Additionally, if you want to design your own procedure for model building or improvement, you can use the high-level tools to carry out individual steps in your procedure.

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# Read in a map and model

[Read in a map and model](#)

The very first thing we need to do for model building is to read in experimental data (maps, reflections) and a model. Here, we learn how to read in existing files from the Phenix regression directory.

When you have Phenix installed, you automatically get tutorial, testing, and demo data files that come with Phenix. We'll use some of those in this tutorial. Let's make a new directory to work in and put the files we need there. In a terminal window type:

```
phenix.setup_tutorial tutorial_name=model-building-scripting
```

This creates the directory model-building-scripting. Let's change our working directory to this directory:

```
cd model-building-scripting
```

It is pretty easy to set up the high-level model-building tools. As an example, let's read in a map and working model and get ready to fit a ligand into the map.

Type `phenix.python` to start up Python with the Phenix environment all set up:

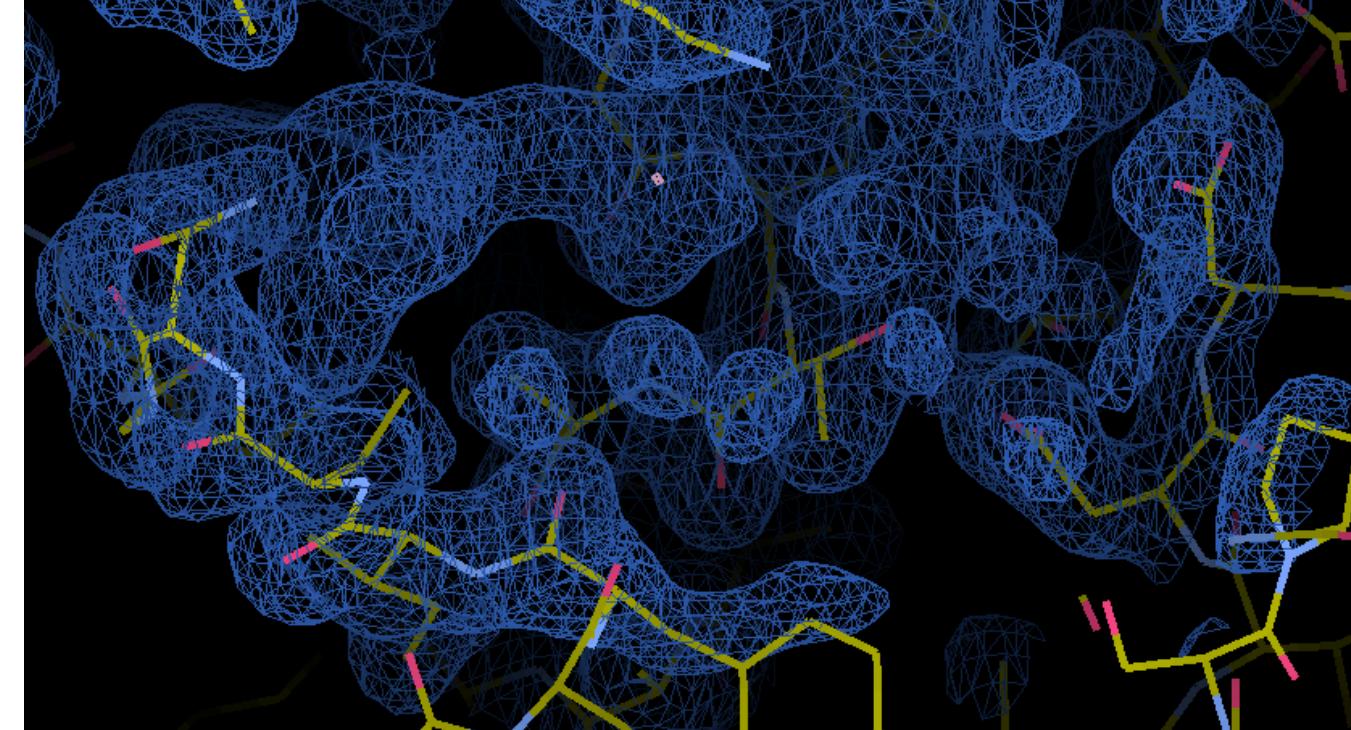
```
phenix.python
```

Now let's set up a DataManager that knows how to read and write files. Paste these commands in to your terminal window after starting up with `phenix.python` (Note: everything after the hash mark is a comment and is ignored, and also note that you are usually not allowed to have spaces before the start of a command):

```
from iotbx.data_manager import DataManager      # Load in the DataManager
dm = DataManager()                            # Initialize the DataManager and call it
dm.set_overwrite(True)                         # Overwrite files with the same name
```

The DataManager has many useful functions for reading and writing files. Here we are going to use a function that can read in a map and a model that we specify and that creates a map\_model\_manager from the map and model:

The map and model with unmodeled ligand density are in the in the model-building regression directory. Note the unmodelled density in the center of the screenshot.



Let's read the map and the model in and create a map\_model\_manager. Just cut and paste this command into your terminal window:

```
mmm = dm.get_map_model_manager(          # getting a map_model_manager
    model_file="boxed_ligand_map.pdb",    # model file
    map_files="boxed_ligand_map ccp4")    # map file
```

We can summarize the map and model just by typing the word `mmm`:

```
mmm # summarize the map_model_manager
```

This will produce a short summary of the model-manager (unit cell, space group, number of chains and residues, coordinate shift from its original location), and of the map\_manager (original file name, unit cell, space group, gridding of the unit cell, part of the unit cell that is present, and coordinate shift from its original location):

```
Map_model_manager:
Model manager
Unit cell: (115.986, 115.986, 44.151, 90, 90, 120) Space group: P 6 (No
Chains: 1 Residues 247
Working coordinate shift (-6.95916000366212, -21.696513667819186, -27.1

map_manager:
Map manager (from $build_phenix/modules/phenix_regression/model_buildin
Unit cell: (115.986, 115.986, 44.151, 90, 90, 120) Space group: P 6 (No
Unit-cell grid: (250, 250, 96), (present: (66, 67, 35)), origin shift (
Working coordinate shift (-6.95916000366212, -21.696513667819186, -27.1
```

First let's tell the map\_model\_manager `mmm` about the resolution of the map. This is used later in fitting the ligand and in model-building.

```
mmm.set_resolution(3.0) # working (nominal) resolution of map
```

Let's also tell the map\_model\_manager `mmm` about the experiment type (cryo\_em or xray). This information can be used later in refinement.

```
mmm.set_experiment_type('xray') # define experiment type
```

Now we are ready to work with this map\_model\_manager containing a map and model. Let's save a copy so we can come back to this place any time:

```
mmm_saved = mmm.deep_copy() # save a copy of the map_model_manager
```



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# Morphing a model

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Learn how to adjust a model by morphing it to match a map. Refinement can further improve the model-to-map fit.

## Setting up example data

First, let's set up the example data (described in more detail [here](#)):

Get the files from the Phenix regression directory and change into the new folder:

```
phenix.setup_tutorial tutorial_name=model-building-scripting  
cd model-building-scripting
```

Type `phenix.python` to start up Python with the Phenix environment all set up:

```
phenix.python
```

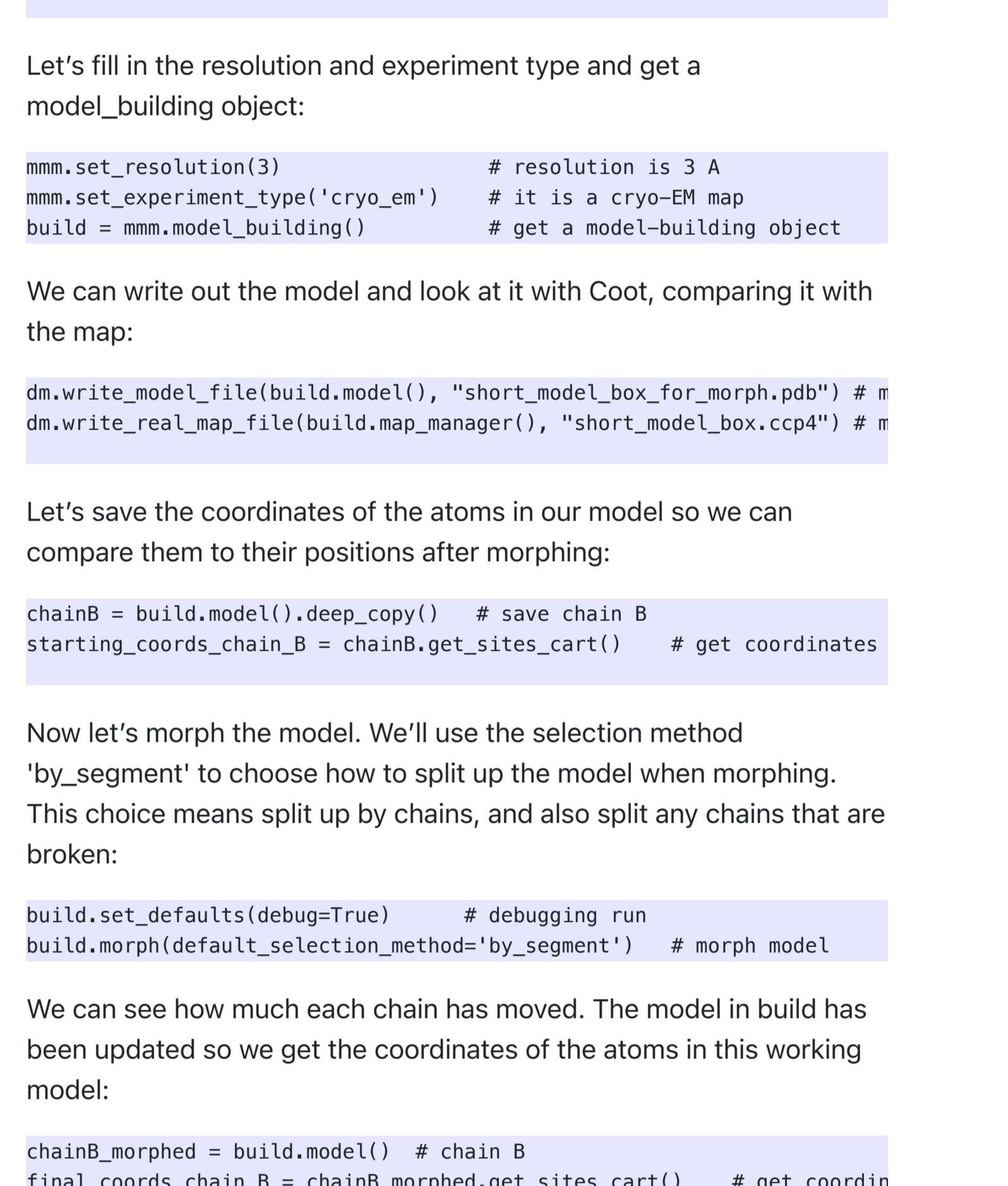
Set up the high level objects, so we can start our task:

```
from iotbx.data_manager import DataManager # Load in the DataManager  
dm = DataManager() # Initialize the DataManager and call it  
dm.set_overwrite(True) # Overwrite files with the same name  
mmm = dm.get_map_model_manager() # getting a map_model_manager  
model_file="short_model_box_for_morph.pdb", # model file  
map_file="short_model_box ccp4" # map file
```

## Morphing a model

Let's adjust a model by morphing it to match the density in a map. Morphing basically distorts a model in a smooth way, so that locally the model does not change much, but parts of the model that are far apart along the chain can move relative to each other.

Our starting model has two chains (A and B). The B chain is offset from its correct position by about 1.5 Å.



Let's select just chain B to work with (in this example, chains A and B overlap and so it is best to work with just one).

```
chainB = mmm.model().apply_selection_string( # apply a selection  
'chain B' ) # chain B
```

And now we can replace the model in mmm with chainB (adding a model with model\_id of 'model' replaces the existing model):

```
mmm.add_model_by_id(chainB, model_id = 'model') # replace model in mmm
```

Let's fill in the resolution and experiment type and get a model\_building object:

```
mmm.set_resolution(3) # resolution is 3 A  
mmm.set_experiment_type('cryo_em') # it is a cryo-EM map  
build = mmm.model_building() # get a model-building object
```

We can write out the model and look at it with Coot, comparing it with the map:

```
dm.write_model_file(build.model(), "short_model_box_for_morph.pdb") # m  
dm.write_real_map_file(build.map_manager(), "short_model_box ccp4") # m
```

Let's save the coordinates of the atoms in our model so we can compare them to their positions after morphing:

```
chainB = build.model().deep_copy() # save chain B  
starting_coords_chain_B = chainB.get_sites_cart() # get coordinates
```

Now let's morph the model. We'll use the selection method 'by\_segment' to choose how to split up the model when morphing. This choice means split up by chains, and also split any chains that are broken:

```
build.set_defaults(debug=True) # debugging run  
build.morph(default_selection_method='by_segment') # morph model
```

We can see how much each chain has moved. The model in build has been updated so we get the coordinates of the atoms in this working model:

```
chainB_morphed = build.model() # chain B  
final_coords_chain_B = chainB_morphed.get_sites_cart() # get coordin
```

The rmsd between starting and final chains A and B are then:

```
rms_B = final_coords_chain_B.rms_difference(starting_coords_chain_B) #
```

You can print this out:

```
rms_B # print out rms value
```

Which yields something like:

```
1.5801081738194553
```

We can compare the map-model correlations of the original and morphed models:

```
cc_before = mmm.map_model_cc(model = chainB) # map-model cc for chain  
cc_after = mmm.map_model_cc(model = chainB_morphed) # map-model cc aft  
cc_before, cc_after # cc before and after morphing
```

Which yields something like:

```
(0.25513080677867195, 0.818070481365688)
```

Indicating that the map-model correlation is much higher after morphing.

Let's write out the morphed model to 'morphed\_model.pdb' and compare it in Coot with the original in "short\_model\_box\_for\_morph.pdb":

```
dm.write_model_file(build.model(), 'morphed_model.pdb') # write out mo
```

The morphed model (red) is moved compared to the initial model (transparent blue), and it now fits to the density.



## Refining a model

Let's run a simple version of real-space refinement to improve the morphed model (see section above). This option is just a simplified version of phenix.real\_space\_refine that is suitable for quick improvement of a model while you are in the middle of model-building. For serious refinement you will want to use the standalone phenix.real\_space\_refine tool.

Let's refine our morphed model from the previous section. This is pretty easy. You type:

```
build.refine() # refine working model against working map
```

and wait a minute or two and now you can write out the refined model:

```
dm.write_model_file(build.model(), 'refined_model.pdb') # refined
```

We can get the map-model correlation now:

```
cc_refined = mmm.map_model_cc(model = build.model()) # refined cc
```

And print it out:

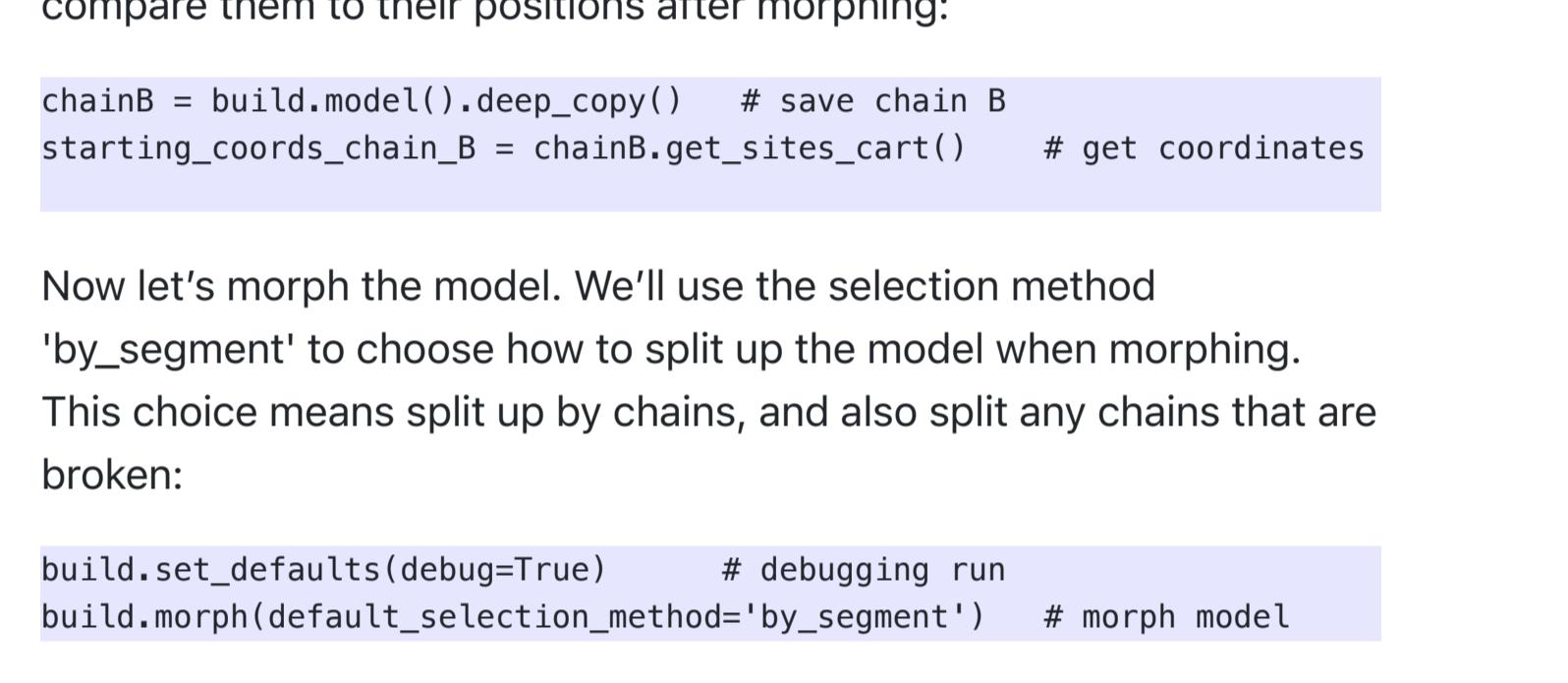
```
cc_refined # print out refined cc
```

Which gives something like:

```
0.8237540703832011
```

Which is just a tiny bit better than the morphed model.

Have a look at morphed\_model.pdb and refined\_model.pdb along with the map in short\_model\_box ccp4 and you will see that the refined model (green) matches the map better than the morphed model without refinement (red).



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# Fitting a loop

Learn how to fill in a gap in a model with the fit\_loop tool.

Setting up example data

Fitting a loop

## Setting up example data

First, let's set up the example data (described in more detail [here](#)):

Get the files from the Phenix regression directory and change into the new folder:

```
phenix.setup_tutorial tutorial_name=model-building-scripting
cd model-building-scripting
```

Type `phenix.python` to start up Python with the Phenix environment all set up:

```
phenix.python
```

Set up the high level objects, so we can start our task:

```
from iotbx.data_manager import DataManager      # Load in the DataManager
dm = DataManager()                          # Initialize the DataManager and call it
dm.set_overwrite(True)                      # Overwrite files with the same name
mmm = dm.get_map_model_manager()            # getting a map_model_manager
model_file="short_model_main_chain_box.pdb", # model file
map_files="short_model_box ccp4"           # map file
```

## Fitting a loop

We can fill in the resolution and experiment type and get a model\_building object:

```
mmm.set_resolution(3)                      # resolution is 3 A
mmm.set_experiment_type('cryo_em')        # it is a cryo-EM map
build = mmm.model_building()             # get a model-building object
```

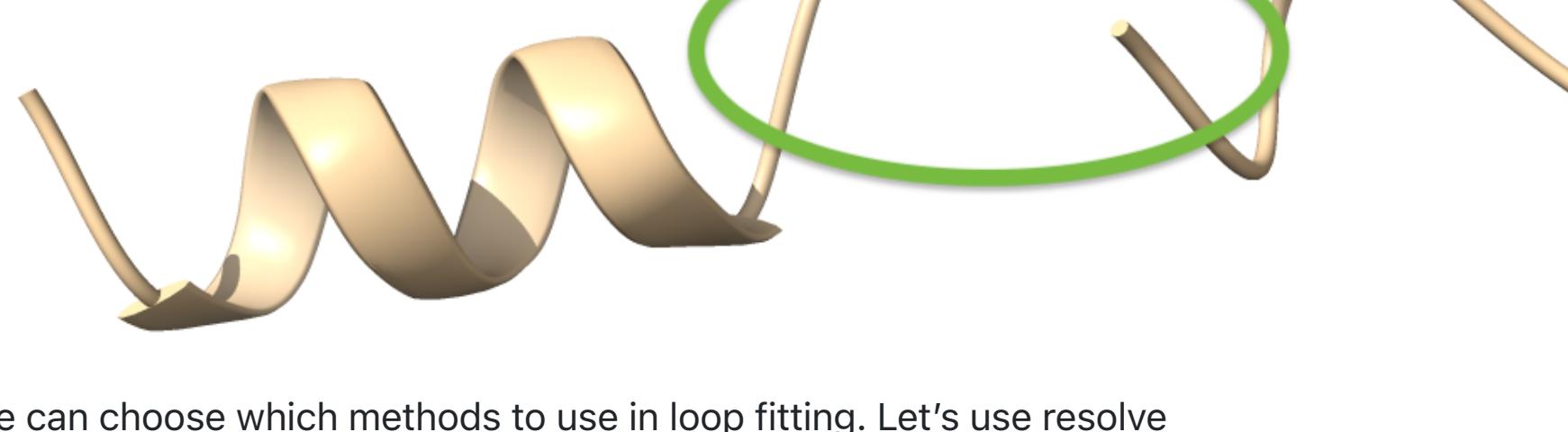
Let's remove some residues in this model to create a model that needs a loop (we don't have to do this, but it makes this example clearer):

```
new_model = build.model().apply_selection_string(  # apply a selection
    'not (chain A and resseq 516:519)' )          # remove residues 516-519
build.set_model(new_model)                      # replace existing model with new_model
```

You can read about how to specify selections in the [Phenix selection syntax](#) documentation. The `apply_selection_string` method is part of a model object and it applies the selection you specify and returns a new model based on that selection.

Let's write out the working model:

```
dm.write_model_file(build.model(), 'model_without_loop.pdb') # new mod
```



We can choose which methods to use in loop fitting. Let's use resolve loop fitting:

```
build.set_defaults(fit_loop_methods=['resolve'])      #choose just resolve
```

And let's fit a loop. If there are already residues where the loop is to go (between residues 515 and 520) they would be removed before the loop is built:

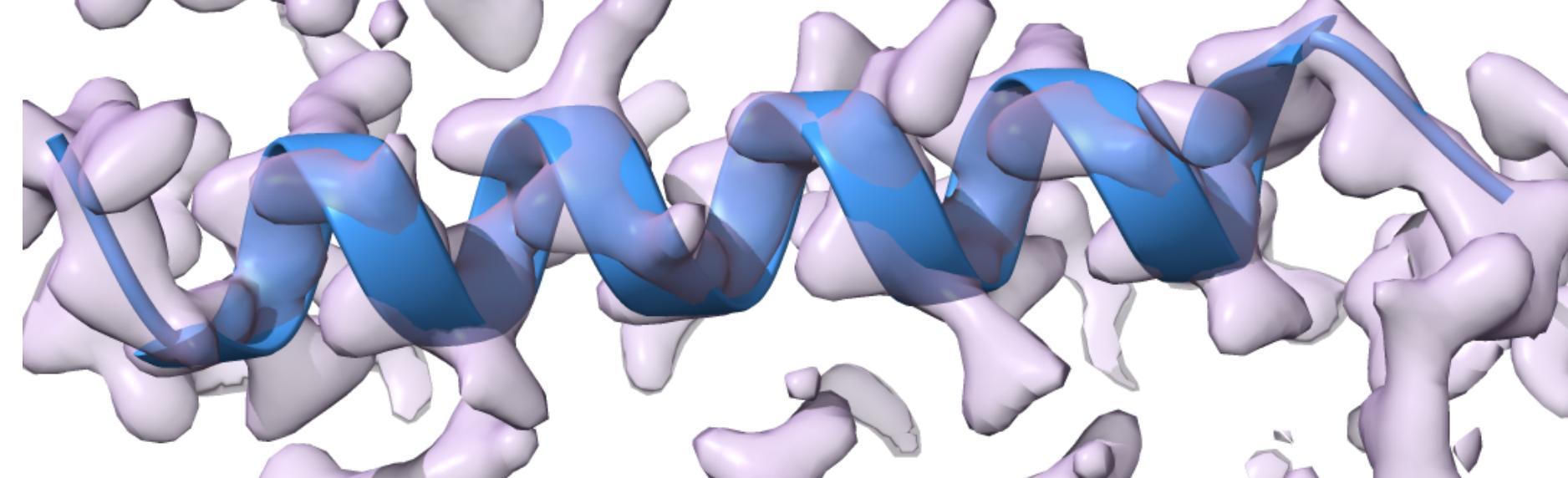
```
fit_loop_model=build.fit_loop(   # fit a loop
    chain_id="A",                # chain ID
    loop_sequence = 'RVLD',       # Sequence of residues in loop
    last_resno_before_loop=515,   # Residue number just before loop
    first_resno_after_loop=520,)  # Residue number just after loop
```

Let's insert the loop:

```
build.insert_fitted_loop()      # insert the loop
```

Finally let's write out the new model:

```
dm.write_model_file(build.model(), 'fitted_loop_model.pdb') # new mode
```



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## Replacing a segment of a model

Replace a part of a model by swapping in a segment from a similar model and learn how to combine models to create a composite model.

### Setting up example data

First, let's set up the example data (described in more detail [here](#)):

Get the files from the Phenix regression directory and change into the new folder:

```
phenix.setup_tutorial tutorial_name=model-building-scripting  
cd model-building-scripting
```

Type `phenix.python` to start up Python with the Phenix environment all set up:

```
phenix.python
```

Set up the high level objects, so we can start our task:

```
from iotbx.data_manager import DataManager # Load in the DataManager  
dm = DataManager() # Initialize the DataManager and call it  
dm.set_overwrite(True) # Overwrite files with the same name  
  
model = dm.get_model("structure_search_target.pdb") # read in a mode  
mmm = dm.get_map_model_manager( # getting a map_model_manager  
    model_file = "structure_search_target.pdb",)
```

### Replacing a segment

Let's replace a part of a model by finding a similar model in the PDB and swapping in the segment from that model. This procedure is very similar to fitting a loop, but we are going to use a segment right from the PDB to fill in our loop instead of trying to build it from scratch.

The `map_model_manager` `mmm` knows how to generate a model-based map from a model. Let's create a map at a resolution of 3 Å and specify that this is a cryo-EM map:

```
mmm.generate_map(d_min=3) # generate map to resolution of 3 A  
mmm.set_experiment_type('cryo_em') # this is a cryo-EM map
```

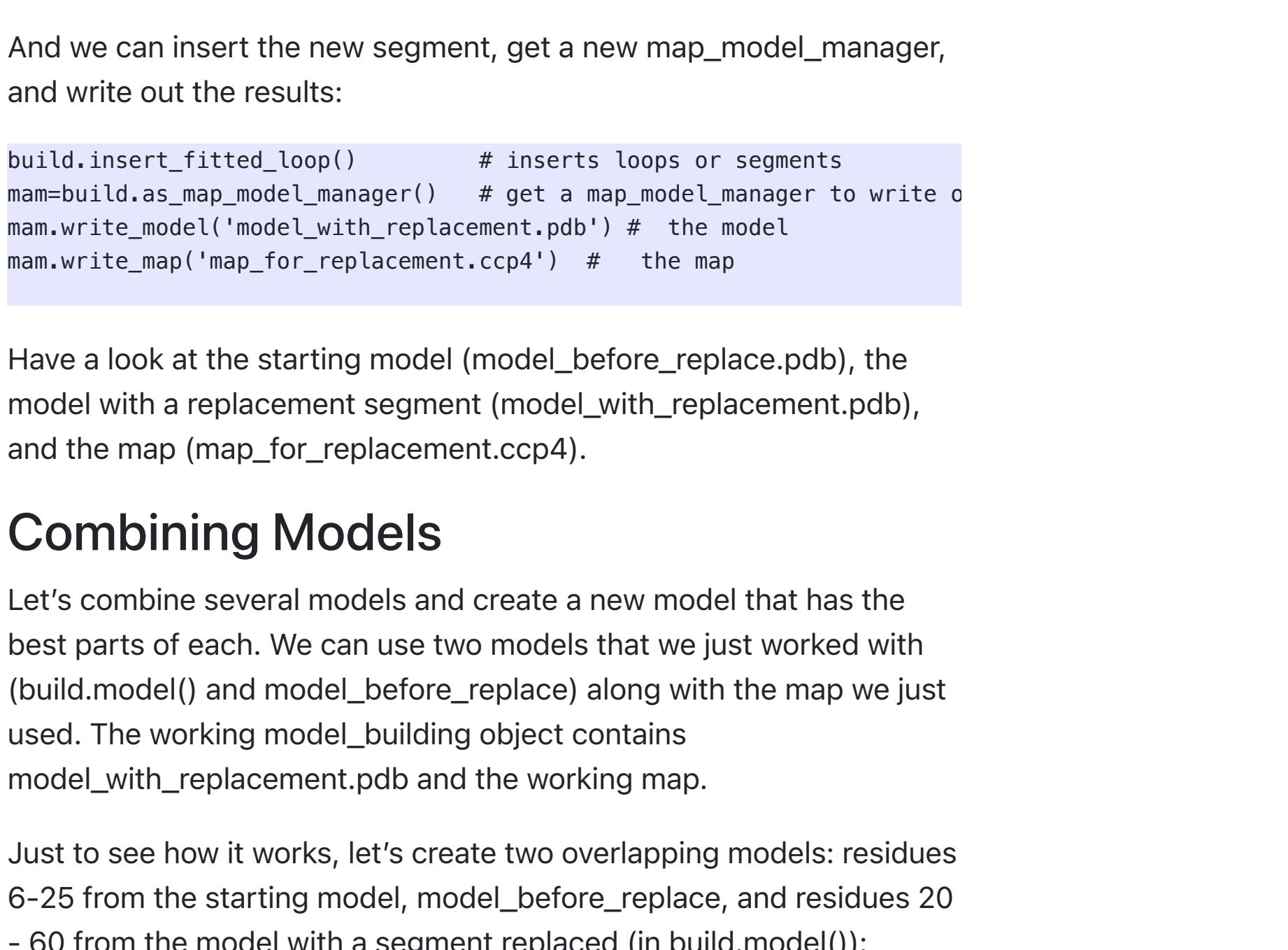
Now we are ready to get a `model_building` object and to specify that we want to use the '`structure_search`' method to replace a segment. Just to see how it works, we'll turn on debugging (prints more output too) and set the thoroughness of the run to 'quick':

```
build = mmm.model_building() # get a model-building object  
build.set_defaults( # set some defaults  
    thoroughness='quick', # quick run  
    debug=True,) # turn on debugging output
```

We can save and write out the starting model before we modify it:

```
model_before_replace = build.model().deep_copy() # save model  
dm.write_model_file(build.model(), 'model_before_replace.pdb')# startin
```

We will replace residues 22-34 (show in orange in the figure below).



We can now run the segment replacement:

```
replace_segment_model=build.replace_segment( # replace a segment  
    chain_id="A", # chain to work on  
    last_resno_before_replace=21, # just before replace  
    first_resno_after_replace=35, # just after replace  
    refine_cycles=1,) # cycles of refinement
```

And we can insert the new segment, get a new `map_model_manager`, and write out the results:

```
build.insert_fitted_loop() # inserts loops or segments  
mam=build.as_map_model_manager() # get a map_model_manager to write o  
mam.write_model('model_with_replacement.pdb') # the model  
mam.write_map('map_for_replacement ccp4') # the map
```

Have a look at the starting model (`model_before_replace.pdb`), the model with a replacement segment (`model_with_replacement.pdb`), and the map (`map_for_replacement ccp4`).

### Combining Models

Let's combine several models and create a new model that has the best parts of each. We can use two models that we just worked with (`build.model()` and `model_before_replace`) along with the map we just used. The working `model_building` object contains `model_with_replacement.pdb` and the working map.

Just to see how it works, let's create two overlapping models: residues 6-25 from the starting model, `model_before_replace`, and residues 20 - 60 from the model with a segment replaced (in `build.model()`):

```
model_1 = model_before_replace.apply_selection_string( # apply a sel  
    'resseq 6:25' ) # keep only residues 6 through 25
```

```
model_2 = build.model().apply_selection_string( # apply a selection  
    'resseq 20:60' ) # keep only residues 20 through 60
```

The overlapping selections for the two models are shown below; `model_1` is blue, `model_2` is red, the overlapping segment is encircled.



We can make sure this worked:

```
model_1.get_hierarchy().overall_counts().n_residues # residues in mod  
model_2.get_hierarchy().overall_counts().n_residues # residues in mod
```

Now we can combine the overlapping models with:

```
new_model = build.combine_models( # combine models  
    model_list = [model_1, model_2]) # models to combine
```

We can write out the new combined model with:

```
dm.write_model_file(new_model, 'combined_model.pdb') # write out new
```

Have a look at `model_before_replace.pdb`, `model_with_replacement.pdb`, and `combined_model.pdb`. The combined model has residue 20 from `model_1` and residue 30 from `model_2`.

# Assign a sequence to a model

Learn how to assign a sequence to a model or to guess the sequence from the density.

[Setting up example data](#)

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```
phenix.python
```

Set up the high level objects, so we can start our task:

```
from iotbx.data_manager import DataManager    # Load in the DataManager
dm = DataManager()                          # Initialize the DataManager and call it
dm.set_overwrite(True)                      # Overwrite files with the same name
```

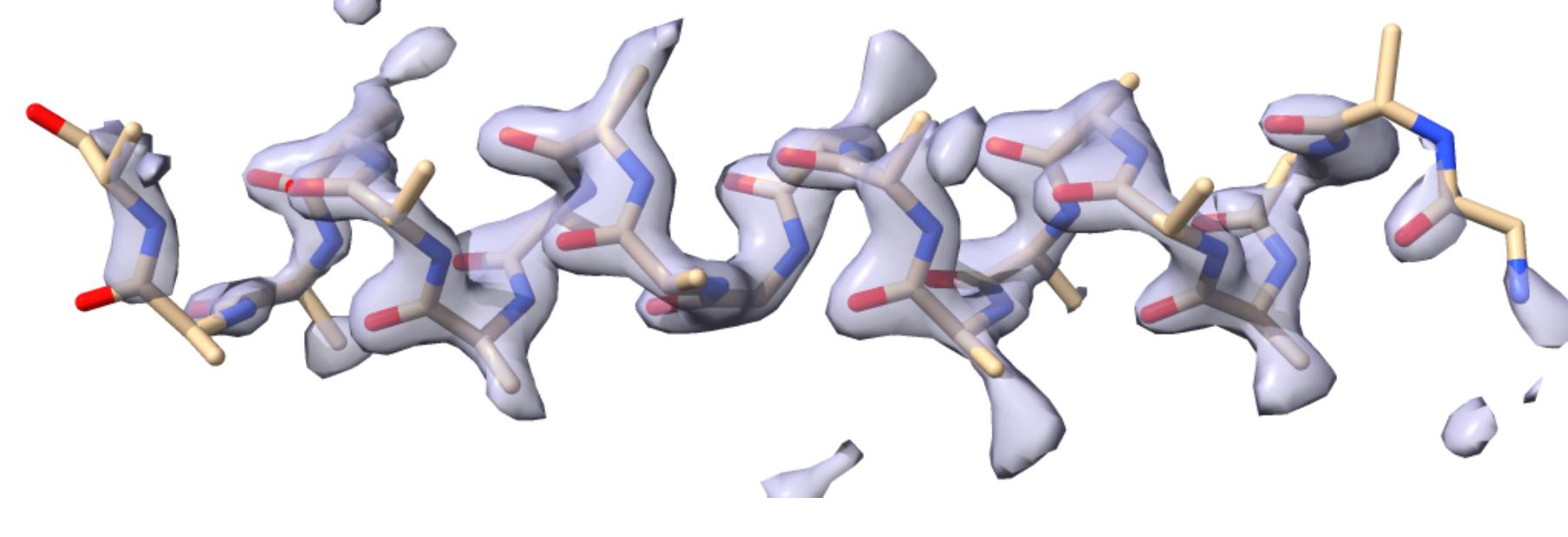
## Assigning a sequence

The `model_building` object has a tool that examines the density in a map at the positions of each side-chain in a model and tries to figure out what side chain belongs there. This can be used to assign a sequence to a model or to guess the sequence from the density. Let's use it to assign a sequence to a model.

Use the `DataManager` to read in a model and map from our working directory:

```
mmm = dm.get_map_model_manager(      # getting a map_model_manager
    model_file="short_model_main_chain_box.pdb",  # model file
    map_files="short_model_box ccp4")  # map file
```

The model consists of alanine residues:



We need one extra file this time, a sequence file. Let's read our sequence as an object from `seq.dat`:

```
seq_object=dm.get_sequence("seq.dat")    # read sequence object from s
```

Our sequence as text is available from the sequence object:

```
sequence_as_text = seq_object[0].sequence      # get simple text seq
```

We can set the resolution and experiment type and get a `model_building` object:

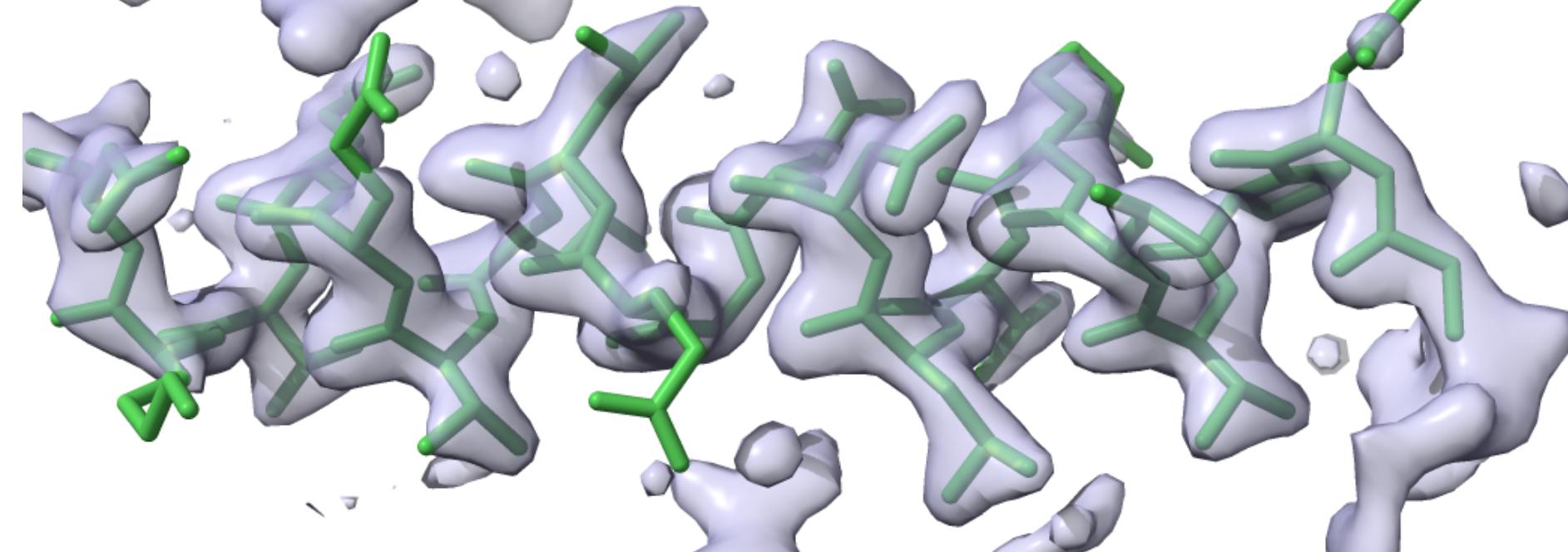
```
mmm.set_resolution(3.0)    # working (nominal) resolution of map
mmm.set_experiment_type('xray')  # define experiment type
build = mmm.model_building() # get a model-building object
```

Now we are all set. We can just say:

```
build.sequence_from_map(sequence=sequence_as_text)  # get sequence fro
```

...and our working model will be replaced by a model with sequence assigned (if we are lucky). We can write out the new model and compare it with the original in Coot or Chimera along with the map in `short_model_box ccp4`:

```
dm.write_model_file(build.model(), 'sequence_assigned.pdb') # write out
```





# Install and use Runsnake

It is a good idea to profile code to speed up runtime.

## Install and set up RunSnakeRun

First, we create a separate conda environment for runsnake. We need to use Intel architecture since wxpython 4.0.7 is not available for arm, and runsnake does not work with newer wxpython (<https://github.com/mcfletch/runsnakerun/issues/3>), Py3.8 version is required for older wxpython.

### 1. Make sure you have conda installed

Install conda if necessary. For Apple Silicon, you need native conda, which you can get here: <https://github.com/conda-forge/miniforge/releases>

You can check if you have conda installed by simply typing `conda` in the terminal.

You can get the location of the `base_environment` for conda (not to be confused with the `conda_base` directory of your phenix installation!) with this command:

```
conda info | grep base
```

The output is something like this:

```
base environment : /Users/dcliebschner/Software/miniforge3 (wri
```

So the `base_environment` directory is

```
/Users/dcliebschner/Software/miniforge3 .
```

### 2. Install Runsnake

Execute these commands to install runsnake. You can do it anywhere. `snake_x86` is the name of the environment, so you can choose another name if you prefer.

```
CONDA_SUBDIR=osx-64 conda create -n snake_x86 python=3.8
conda activate snake_x86
CONDA_SUBDIR=osx-64 conda install wxpython=4.0.7
pip install runsnakerun
```

Note: For x86\_64 conda architecture one should be able to omit `CONDA_SUBDIR=osx-64` part of the commands and get the same result.

### 3. Set up an alias

It is a good idea to use an alias. `your_base_environment_here` is the location of the `base_environment` for conda (see step 1 above).

```
alias runsnake='your_base_environment_here/envs/snake_x86/bin/pythonw y
```

## Profiling a script

```
libtbx.python -m cProfile -o prof.out myscript.py my_model.pdb
```

`myscript.py` is the code that is being profiled. This script may or may not have inputs. In this example the script has the input `my_model.pdb`.

The alias runs the `runsnake.py` script that is installed in phenix/base.

## Profiling with the ProgramTemplate

Use the `--profile` command line flag. If the ProgramTemplate is called by the "run\_program" function in `iotbx/cli_parser.py` (i.e. you have the basic boilerplate code in your file in the `command_line` directory), you will get a `profile.out` file.

```
mmtbx.hydrogenate 1kyc.pdb --profile
```

The file is hardcoded to "profile.out" so that the parser does not get confused (e.g. there is a default filename when no argument is provided, but "--profile model.pdb" should not dump the stats into `model.pdb`).

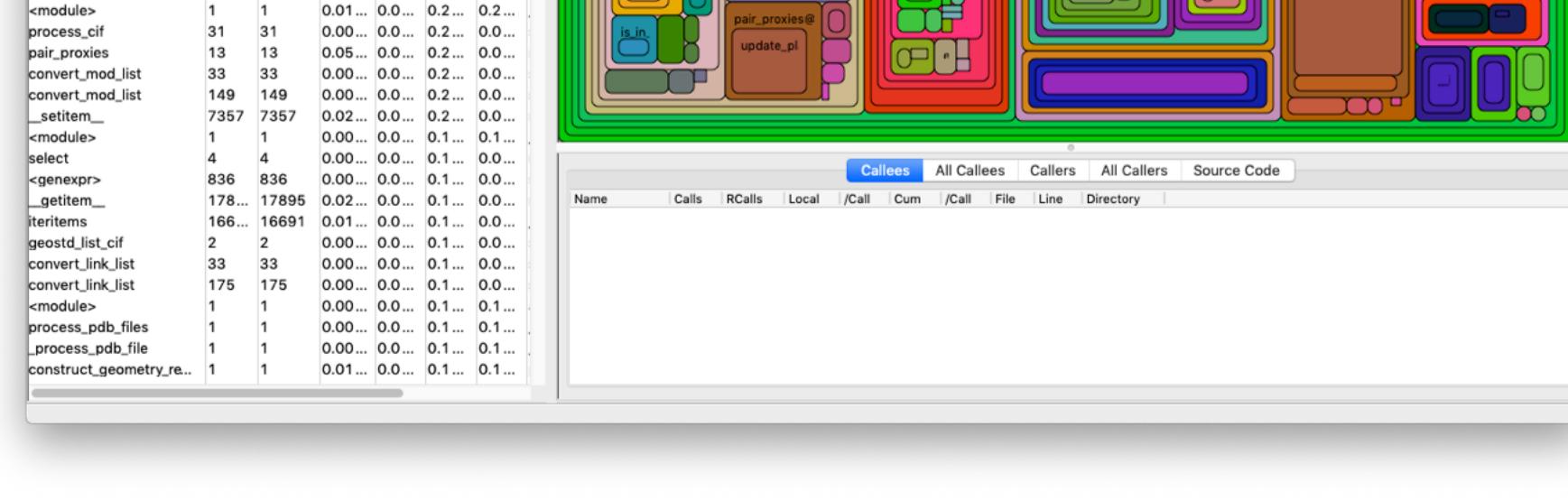
Note that if you customize how you run your program, then you would need to handle the profiling manually.

## Looking at the profiling output

After profiling you can view the file with (if you set up an alias, see above):

```
runsnake prof.out
```

In the output of the above command, you will see many squares of different size. The size is proportional to runtime. In the square you can find what it is exactly (function name). When you hover over a square, the same functions are highlighted as well, so it is easy to see if something is run from different places.



You can also use a flag, so every command outputs a runsnake profile:

```
setenv LIBTBX_CPROFILE_FLAG_ 1
```

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C++ fast compilation

# C++ fast partial compilation

Learn how to quickly debug and compile C++ code.

Often when editing C++ code in cctbx\_project one needs to test and fix errors multiple times. It is not efficient to use bootstrap for compiling because it is very slow. There are two ways to that make compilation faster:

## Method 1

1. Go to build directory.
2. run `libtbx.scons`. This command is equal to the `build` flag for bootstrap.  
This command will check all the directories and compile and link modified files only. If there is a compilation error, the build will fail, so you'll need to debug.
3. The compilation commands are printed to stdout, so they can be copy-pasted and executed when editing the C++ file(s).

## Method 2

1. Go to build directory.
2. run `libtbx.configure --only iotbx`.  
This command tells libtbx.scons to build only a specific module, e.g. iotbx
3. Then libtbx.scons will run only iotbx build. It is important to switch the libtbx.scons behavior back when debugging is finished. To do this, run  
`libtbx.configure solve_resolve phaser phenix chem_data`