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EM3D

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Resource Information

URL: <http://em3d.stanford.edu>

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Description: EM3D is a software application designed to facilitate the analysis and visualization of electron microscope (EM) tomography data by cellular and molecular biologists. Such data are collected as a tilt series, a sequence of 2D electron micrographs taken at many tilt angles with respect to the electron beam. EM3D features an integrated graphical user interface that automates most of the initial alignment and reconstruction of the tilt-series data to form a 3D volume. These functions seamlessly connect with segmentation and model-generation tools that permit the user to easily and reliably extract specific structural components from the reconstructed volume. The 3D models can then be visualized and manipulated using an extensive package of surface- and volume-rendering techniques. EM3D also provides a set of analysis tools to quantify structural information from the models, including their moments, proximity relationships, and spatial reliability. Altogether, EM3D facilitates the analysis of 3D cell structure at the full resolution of a reconstructed volume (2-3 nm)., THIS RESOURCE IS NO LONGER IN SERVICE. Documented on September 16,2025.

Synonyms: EM3D

Resource Type: software resource, software application, data visualization software, data processing software

Availability: THIS RESOURCE IS NO LONGER IN SERVICE

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for EM3D.

No alerts have been found for EM3D.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 16 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [SPARC SAWG](#) .

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