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2      ***human insulin degrading enzyme***  
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## Abstract

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49 Alzheimer's disease, cryoEM, crystallography, hydrogen-deuterium exchange, integrative  
50 structural biology.

52 **Highlights**

- Four new human dimeric IDE structures including insulin-bound, closed-state IDE and open-state IDE at 3.7 Å and 4.2 Å resolution, respectively.
- CryoEM structures of open-state dimeric IDE illuminate mechanisms of substrate capture and allostery.
- Stabilization of the catalytic site by substrates allows IDE to selectively degrade amyloidogenic peptides.
- IDE stochastically cleaves either chain of insulin to processively break down insulin into two pieces.

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Insulin degrading enzyme (IDE) is an evolutionarily conserved, M16 family metalloprotease that controls diverse biological functions in model organisms such as mating and cell division in budding yeast and growth in fruit flies (Adames et al., 1995; Fujita et al., 1994; Galagovsky et al., 2014; Tang, 2016). IDE is ubiquitously expressed in all tissues and can be found in almost all subcellular compartments, despite being made as a cytosolic protein (Tang, 2016; Tundo et al., 2017). IDE can effectively degrade insulin, amylin, and glucagon, pancreatic hormones that control blood glucose levels, as well as amyloid  $\beta$  (A $\beta$ ), a peptide implicated in Alzheimer's disease (Duckworth et al., 1998; Kurochkin et al., 2018; Pivovarova et al., 2016; Tang, 2016; Tundo et al., 2017). Defects in IDE alter the progression of type 2 diabetes mellitus and Alzheimer's disease in rodents, and are linked to these diseases in humans (Farris et al., 2003; Farris et al., 2004; Fuchsberger et al., 2016; Pivovarova et al., 2016; Tang, 2016; Tundo et al., 2017). Two IDE-specific inhibitors improve glucose tolerance (Durham et al., 2015; Maianti et al., 2014) and IDE overexpression reduces A $\beta$  load in mice (Leisring et al., 2003), making this enzyme a promising therapeutic target (Kurochkin et al., 2018; Pivovarova et al., 2016; Tang, 2016; Tundo et al., 2017).

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substrate recognition (Guo et al., 2010; Malito et al., 2008a; Malito et al., 2008b; Manolopoulou et al., 2009; Noinaj et al., 2011; Ren et al., 2010; Shen et al., 2006; Tang, 2016). IDE is a 110 kDa zinc metalloprotease that readily dimerizes in solution ( $K_d \approx 10$  nM) (Li et al., 2006). IDE has at least two major conformational states in its catalytic cycle; open-state IDE captures substrates and releases products while closed-state IDE performs catalysis (**Figure 1A**). Thus far, all crystal structures of dimeric IDE are in the closed state. Within the IDE dimer, each IDE subunit consists of ~55 kDa N- and C-terminal domains, IDE-N and IDE-C (**Figure 1B**). Together, these domains form an enclosed, sizable catalytic chamber, the size of which explains why IDE prefers to degrade peptides that are less than 80 amino acid long (**Figure 1B**). Various substrate-bound IDE structures reveal that the high selectivity of IDE is partly achieved by the specific interactions between the IDE catalytic chamber and substrate via size and charge complementarity (Guo et al., 2010; Malito et al., 2008b; Manolopoulou et al., 2009; Ralat et al., 2011; Ren et al., 2010; Shen et al., 2006). The formation of cross- $\beta$ -sheet between an exposed  $\beta$ -strand in the unfolded substrate and the catalytic cleft in conjunction with the

94 anchoring of the substrate's N-terminus of substrate to a site that is ~30 Å away from the  
95 catalytic zinc ion explains how IDE selectively cleaves the exposed  $\beta$ -strand distal to the N-  
96 terminus of the targeted peptides in a stochastic manner (Shen et al., 2006).

97 Until now, structures of open and insulin-bound state IDE, two key conformations vital  
98 for the IDE catalytic cycle, have remained unsolved (**Figure 1A, 1C**). In closed-state IDE,  
99 substrate cannot enter into the catalytic chamber of IDE and the cleaved products cannot exit.  
100 Thus, IDE needs to undergo a significant open-closed transition during its catalytic cycle. In  
101 addition to contributing to an understanding of how IDE captures its substrate and releases its  
102 reaction products, the structure of open-state IDE can provide the insight into how the open-  
103 closed transition of IDE facilitates the unfolding of its substrates prior to the cleavage reaction  
104 as well as how IDE conducts its non-proteolytic roles, e.g., regulating proteasome activity and  
105 preventing amyloid fibril formation of  $\alpha$ -synuclein (Sharma et al., 2015; Tang, 2016). The IDE-  
106 insulin interaction represents a unique challenge of how IDE interacts with its substrates.  
107 Insulin consists of A and B chains that are held together by two inter-molecular disulfide bonds.  
108 IDE processively degrades insulin into two pieces without breaking these disulfide bonds  
109 (**Figure 1A**) (Manolopoulou et al., 2009). The previously reported crystal structure of insulin-  
110 bound IDE reveals how insulin is partially unfolded inside the catalytic chamber of IDE, the first  
111 step in the unfolding and degradation of insulin by IDE (Manolopoulou et al., 2009) (**Figure**  
112 **1C**). However, the structure of IDE in complex with the fully unfolded insulin prior to the  
113 processive cleavage of insulin has remained unsolved.

114 Amyloidogenic peptides such as A $\beta$  can form highly toxic oligomers/fibrils, leading to  
115 many human disorders (Chiti and Dobson, 2006; Eisenberg and Jucker, 2012; Merlini and  
116 Bellotti, 2003). A salient feature of many amyloidogenic peptides is their high propensity to  
117 unfold, resulting in exposed  $\beta$ -strands that together form cross- $\beta$ -sheets and then amyloid  
118 fibrils (Eisenberg and Jucker, 2012; Fitzpatrick et al., 2017; Lu et al., 2013). Nucleation to form  
119 low molecular weight oligomers is a key rate limiting step in the formation of amyloid fibrils  
120 (Merlini and Bellotti, 2003). IDE selectively degrades certain amyloidogenic peptides,  
121 preventing amyloid fibril formation (Kurochkin, 2001; Malito et al., 2008a). IDE achieves this by  
122 cutting only the monomeric form of these peptides and cleaving at sites located at the  $\beta$ -strand  
123 vital for cross- $\beta$ -sheet formation (Malito et al., 2008a; Tang, 2016). Based on the absence of  
124 electron density for the catalytic zinc ion-containing IDE door subdomain in a previously  
125 reported Fab1-bound IDE crystal structure, we have put forth a hypothesis that IDE uses

substrate-assisted catalysis to recognize amyloidogenic peptides (McCord et al., 2013). Upon substrate capture, the open-closed transition of IDE causes amyloidogenic peptides to unfold. The resulting exposed  $\beta$ -strand then binds and stabilizes the catalytic cleft within the IDE door subdomain, leading to stochastic cleavage of these peptides. This hypothesis could explain how IDE uses substrate-induced stabilization of the IDE catalytic site to selectively degrade amyloidogenic peptides. However, this hypothesis has not been formally tested. Thus, the molecular basis for the recognition of amyloidogenic peptides by IDE remains unsolved.

Recent advances in cryogenic electron microscopy (cryoEM) have profoundly transformed structural biology, making it possible to obtain near atomic resolution 3D structures that are otherwise difficult to achieve by crystallography (Henderson, 2015; Merk et al., 2016). Here, we report cryoEM structures of apo and unfolded insulin-bound human IDE, which is recalcitrant to crystallography. Hydrogen-deuterium exchange coupled with mass spectrometry (HDX-MS) and small angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) have recently become widely used techniques to characterize the high order structure of proteins and protein complexes under physiological conditions in solution, nicely complement high resolution techniques such as crystallography and cryoEM (Blanchet and Svergun, 2013; Marciano et al., 2014; Putnam et al., 2007; Ward et al., 2013; Wei et al., 2014). We integrate all four aforementioned structure methods to elucidate the molecular basis of how IDE captures, unfolds, and degrades its substrates and how IDE recognizes amyloidogenic peptides.

## Results

148 **Fab-assisted cryoEM of human IDE**

Because IDE in the open conformation has proved recalcitrant to crystallization, we explored the use of cryoEM to study these structures. While IDE readily dimerizes ( $K_d=10$  nM), the dimer's overall size (220 kDa), pseudo two-fold symmetry and conformational heterogeneity made it challenging for cryoEM (data not shown). We addressed these issues by using Fab-assisted cryoEM (Kim et al., 2015; Lyumkis et al., 2013; Wu et al., 2012). To identify Fabs that bind IDE tightly, we screened a phage-display synthetic Fab library constructed using "restricted chemical diversity" where positions randomized within the complementarity determining regions are biased towards amino acids enriched in antibody paratopes (Miller et al., 2012). This allowed rapid identification of eighteen high-affinity IDE binding Fabs without

159 immunization.  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11}}$  was chosen because it bound IDE tightly ( $\sim 1\text{nM}$ ) and only slightly  
160 increased IDE activity (**Figure 2-figure supplement 1A-C**). We then rigidified the elbow region  
161 between the heavy and light chain of  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11}}$ , which has improved the resolution of several  
162 structures that used Fab as the crystallization chaperone (Bailey et al., 2018). The resulting  
163 molecule,  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$ , was then used to determine an X-ray structure of  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$ -bound IDE at  
164  $3.8\text{\AA}$  resolution ( $\text{R}/\text{R}_{\text{free}}=22/27\%$ , **Supplementary file 1**). This structure reveals the binding  
165 epitope of this Fab to IDE (**Figure 2A, 2B**). The tight binding between IDE and  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  is  
166 mediated by a network of hydrogen bonds and van der Waal contacts (**Figure 2B**). The crystal  
167 structure revealed a closed-state IDE dimer that is nearly identical to those reported previously  
168 (**Figure 2-figure supplement 1D**) (Guo et al., 2010; Malito et al., 2008b; Manolopoulou et al.,  
169 2009; Ren et al., 2010; Shen et al., 2006). All crystal structures of IDE dimer solved so far are  
170 in the closed state, likely due to the constraints imposed by the crystal lattice. This illustrates  
171 the challenge in using crystallography to decipher the structure of open-state IDE.

172 In order to ensure that Fab binding does not alter the conformation and function of IDE,  
173 we applied HDX-MS to assess whether  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  causes noticeable global change in IDE  
174 conformations in solution because HDX-MS not only probes the binding regions of a given  
175 protein with its partners but also examines protein dynamics and regional stability (Chung et  
176 al., 2011; Li et al., 2011; Marciano et al., 2014). As predicted from the  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$ -bound IDE  
177 crystal structure, we found epitope residues 374-394 to be the primary region that displays  
178 strong reduction in HDX. Two additional regions, residues 297 to 303 and residues 501 to 508,  
179 also show moderate reduction in HDX in response to  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  binding (**Figure 2C, Figure 2-**  
180 **figure supplement 2-4**). Together, these three regions form a conformational binding epitope,  
181 which is in an excellent agreement with our crystal structure. As there is no major change in  
182 HDX between IDE alone and  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$ -bound IDE that is distal to  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  binding site, our  
183 HDX-MS data also suggest that  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  binding has a minimal effect on the  
184 conformation dynamics or regional stability of IDE in solution. We only found a minor reduction  
185 in HDX in a small region, residues 169 to 198, which is a part of IDE door subdomain that  
186 contains the catalytic zinc ion. Interestingly, the stabilization of IDE door subdomain is a key  
187 feature induced by substrate binding, which is discussed in details in "substrate-induced  
188 conformational change of IDE". This could explain a 50% enhancement of IDE catalytic activity  
189 upon  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  binding (**Figure 2-figure supplement 1C**). Altogether, our data suggests that  
190  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  does not significantly alter the global structure or activity of IDE. Thus, the cryoEM

191 structures of  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$ -bound IDE is likely to represent the conformations of IDE dimer in  
192 solution.

193 We then performed cryoEM structural analysis of the  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$ -bound IDE dimer in the  
194 presence and absence of insulin. 3D maps were reconstructed from 388,643 and 762,283  
195 particles for apo- and insulin-bound IDE- $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  complex, respectively (**Figure 2D-F; Figure**  
196 **2-figure supplement 5-10; Supplementary file 2-3**). A cryoEM map of the insulin-bound IDE-  
197  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  was constructed using 218,162 particles initially, refined, and solved at 4.1 Å  
198 resolution, which confirms how  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  binds IDE (**Figure 2G, Figure 2-figure supplement**  
199 **8B, Supplementary file 3**). We further improved the resolution of the IDE dimer using IDE  
200 dimer-focused classification with signal subtraction and refinement, resulting in a map and  
201 structural model with an overall resolution of 3.7 Å (**Figure 2-figure supplement 8B,9,10,**  
202 **Supplementary file 3**). Apo  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$ -bound IDE showed a highly preferred orientation in  
203 vitreous ice. Thus, images were acquired with the grid tilted at an angle to the electron beam,  
204 which allowed better sampling of other orientations (**Figure 2F, Figure 2-figure supplement**  
205 **9B**) (Tan et al., 2017). The initial 3D refinement of apo IDE- $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  of 151,868 particles had a  
206 resolution of 4.4 Å. Further 3D classification revealed three major conformations and structural  
207 models were built (**Supplementary file 3**). We again applied IDE dimer-focused classification  
208 with signal subtraction of the IDE- $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  dimer to refine each conformation separately, which  
209 improved the resolution significantly (**Figure 2-figure supplement 9A, Supplementary file 3**).  
210 The three apo-IDE structures derive from combinations of the IDE partial open (pO) and open  
211 (O) states (**Figure 3A**). The dimer with one open and one partially open conformational subunit  
212 (open/partial open, 110,499 particles) reached an overall resolution of 4.2 Å (**Figure 3A,**  
213 **Figure 2-figure supplement 5-9, Supplementary file 3**). The dimer with two open  
214 conformational subunits (open/open, 24,425 particles) resulted in an overall resolution of 6.5 Å  
215 (**Figure 3A, Figure 2-figure supplement 5-9, Supplementary file 3**). The dimer with two  
216 partially open conformational subunits (partial open/partial open, 16,944 particles) reached 6.9  
217 Å resolution (**Figure 3A, Figure 2-figure supplement 5-9, Supplementary file 3**).  
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219 **CryoEM structures of IDE dimer**

221 CryoEM analysis reveals four novel IDE dimer structures, one from insulin-bound IDE  
222 and three from apo-IDE (**Figure 3A**). The cryoEM structure of the insulin-bound IDE dimer at  
223 3.7 Å resolution (**Movie S1-2**) shows that both IDE subunits adopt a similar but not identical

224 partially closed (pC) state that differs from the previously-reported closed-state IDE (**Figure**  
225 **3B, Figure 3-figure supplement 1, Supplementary file 4**) (Guo et al., 2010; Malito et al.,  
226 2008b; Manolopoulou et al., 2009; Ren et al., 2010; Shen et al., 2006). The buried surface  
227 area between IDE-N and IDE-C and distance between center of mass (COM) of D1 and D4 in  
228 the cryoEM pC state is nearly identical to those in the closed-state IDE shown by X-ray  
229 crystallographic studies (**Figure 3B, Supplementary file 4**). However, this pC state has an  
230 approximately 2° decreased dihedral angle between the COM of four homologous domains,  
231 D1-D4, compared to those in the closed-state IDE (**Figure 3B, Supplementary file 4**),  
232 suggesting a potential gliding motion allows IDE to shift between partially-closed and closed  
233 states. The position of insulin in the catalytic cleft of the cryoEM maps reveals that the IDE pC  
234 state is ready for catalysis. Thus, both IDE pC and C states are catalytically competent.

235 The combinations of the IDE partial open (pO) and open (O) states results in three apo-  
236 IDE structures (**Figure 3A**). The IDE pO and O states differs from the pC and C states by 5 Å  
237 to 24 Å increases in the distance between D1 and D4 and 7° to 17° increases in the dihedral  
238 angle, respectively (**Figure 3B, Figure 3-figure supplement 1, Supplementary file 4, Movie**  
239 **S1**). These changes result in decreased buried surface between IDE-N and IDE-C in pO and O  
240 states. The three conformers have resolution limits which correlated well with their relative  
241 populations: O/pO (4.2 Å, 73%), O/O (6.5 Å, 16%), and pO/pO (6.9 Å, 11%). Interestingly, the  
242 conformation of pO and O states in the pO/O IDE dimer differ significantly from those in pO/pO  
243 or O/O IDE dimer. Furthermore, two subunits within O/O or pO/pO states have noticeable  
244 differences in the distance and buried surface between IDE-N and IDE-C and the dihedral  
245 angle (**Supplementary file 4**). Such differences provide a potential explanation for the  
246 mechanism by which dimerization-induced allostery regulates the catalytic activity of IDE  
247 (**Figure 3B, Figure 3-figure supplement 1**) (McCord et al., 2013; Ralat et al., 2011; Song et  
248 al., 2010). Open-state IDE has an opening just wide enough to capture its substrates, e.g.,  
249 insulin, TGF- $\alpha$ , and MIP-1 $\alpha/\beta$ , allowing the IDE catalytic chamber to attract these substrates  
250 with high dipole moment via charge complementarity (**Figure 3D**) (Guo et al., 2010;  
251 Manolopoulou et al., 2009; Ren et al., 2010).

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### 253 **SAXS analysis of IDE**

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255 Our cryoEM structures reveal that only open-state IDE can capture its prototypical  
256 substrate, insulin, and release cleaved products. The interaction of open-state IDE with insulin  
257 likely facilitates the open-closed transition of IDE. We chose SAXS to test this hypothesis  
258 because SAXS provides the ensemble information regarding size and shape of molecules in  
259 solution (Blanchet and Svergun, 2013). To exclude IDE monomer and larger aggregates, we  
260 used size exclusion chromatography in-line with SAXS. Such a SAXS profile of the IDE dimer  
261 allows us to assess the distribution of open- and closed-state IDE in the presence and  
262 absence of insulin with better precision. We evaluated the experimental data with the  
263 prediction from our cryoEM models using the radius of gyration ( $R_g$ ), the average of square  
264 center of mass distances of the molecule, and the distance distribution function,  $p(r)$  (**Figure**  
265 **4A, Figure 4-figure supplement 1**). Our SAXS data showed that IDE in solution exist in  
266 equilibrium between open and partially-open states and that insulin constrained the IDE dimer  
267 into mostly partially-closed or closed states. This agrees with our observation in cryoEM.

268 Enzyme kinetic analysis estimated that insulin degradation by IDE occurs reasonably  
269 rapidly, up to  $\sim 2$  per second (Manolopoulou et al., 2009). To assess whether the insulin-  
270 induced open-closed transition of IDE could limit insulin degradation by IDE, we used time-  
271 resolved SAXS analysis to obtain rate constants for the insulin-induced open-closed transition  
272 of IDE. Time-resolved SAXS experiments were done using a microfluidic laminar flow mixer  
273 adapted from the design initially developed for time resolved fluorescence studies (Park et al.,  
274 2008; Park et al., 2006). We found that the change in  $R_g$  value caused by the rapid mixing of  
275 IDE with insulin fit well with a single exponential decay with  $\tau = 0.1$  sec (**Figure 4B**). Thus, the  
276 timeframe required for insulin to induce conformational switching from a high  $R_g$  state to a low  
277  $R_g$  state is close to the rate of degradation of insulin by IDE ( $\sim 2$  s $^{-1}$ ). This suggests that insulin-  
278 induced IDE open-closed transition is likely a key rate-limiting step for insulin clearance by  
279 IDE.

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## 281 **Substrate-induced conformational changes of IDE**

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283 In a previous crystal structure of the Fab1-bound closed apo-IDE, one subunit within the  
284 IDE dimer did not have the electron density for the IDE door subdomain (McCord et al., 2013).  
285 This leads to the hypothesis that IDE has a catalytic zinc-containing door subdomain that is  
286 partially unfolded and/or undergoes a rigid body motion. This hypothesis predicts that, under

287 the crystallization conditions used for Fab1-bound closed apo-IDE crystal structure, the  
288 presence of IDE substrates would stabilize IDE door domain, rendering it visible. We thus  
289 solved crystal structures for Fab1-bound IDE structures in the presence of A $\beta$  and insulin at  
290 3.5  $\text{\AA}$  and 3.9  $\text{\AA}$  resolution, respectively ( $R/R_{\text{free}}=23/27\%$ ,  $R/\text{free} = 24/29\%$ ) and Fab1<sub>E</sub>- and  
291 insulin-bound IDE at 3.3  $\text{\AA}$  resolution ( $R/R_{\text{free}}=20/25\%$ ) (**Supplementary file 1**). Instead of  
292 being absent, as in the apo-IDE crystal structure (McCord et al., 2013), we found that the door  
293 subdomain of IDE is clearly visible in these structures (**Figure 5A**). In fact, these IDE  
294 structures are nearly identical to closed-state IDE determined in the previously reported  
295 insulin- or A $\beta$ -bound IDE (RMSD=0.46 and 0.56  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively, **Figure 5-figure supplement**  
296 **1**). Consistent with that notion that this is induced by substrate, unfolded A $\beta$  or insulin is clearly  
297 visible inside the IDE catalytic chamber. This hypothesis also predicts that the IDE door  
298 subdomains in the cryoEM structures of apo-IDE dimer would have the higher thermal B  
299 factors than those in that of insulin-bound IDE dimer. Indeed, while clearly visible, the IDE  
300 door subdomain, particularly the catalytic zinc-coordinating  $\alpha$ 4 helix, has significantly higher  
301 thermal B factors than in the insulin-bound structure (**Figure 5B**, **Figure 5-figure supplement**  
302 **2**). The presence of insulin thus profoundly reduces the thermal B factors of IDE door  
303 subdomain (**Figure 5B**, **Figure 5-figure supplement 2**). Together, our data support the  
304 stabilization of the partial unfolding and/or motion of IDE catalytic domain by substrate binding.  
305 This lends credence to our hypothesis that IDE catalysis is assisted by its substrates and the  
306 importance of this region to the proper functioning of the enzyme.

307 We then probed the dynamics of IDE door subdomain using two high affinity IDE  
308 inhibitors, BDM44768 and 6bK by HDX-MS. Peptide amide HDX is a powerful tool to probe  
309 protein conformational dynamics because it allows evaluation of comparative solvent  
310 accessibility throughout the protein (Chung et al., 2011; Deprez-poulain et al., 2015a; Li et al.,  
311 2011; Maianti et al., 2014; Marciano et al., 2014). These two inhibitors bind different sites to  
312 compete with substrate binding. BDM44768 binds the IDE catalytic zinc-binding site while 6bK  
313 binds to a site distinct from the catalytic cleft and the N-terminal substrate anchoring exosite. In  
314 addition to the expected HDX reduction where BDM44768 and 6bK directly bind, both  
315 inhibitors also decreased HDX in the IDE door subdomain (**Figure 5C**, **5D**, **Figure 5-figure**  
316 **supplement 3-6**). These data support the dynamic nature of the catalytic cleft within IDE door  
317 subdomain and the importance of this region to the proper functioning of the enzyme.

318        The combination of HDX-MS with cryoEM structures offers a framework for studying the  
319 detailed conformational changes of IDE induced by its substrates. Multiple regions in IDE  
320 exhibited a significant reduction in HDX upon insulin binding (**Figure 6A, Figure 6-figure**  
321 **supplement 1-4**). These regions correlate well with those that have higher thermal B factors in  
322 our cryoEM structures when insulin is absent (**Figure 5B**). These include known substrate-  
323 binding sites of IDE: the door subdomain that contains the zinc catalytic site in domain D1,  
324 exosite in domain D2 that anchors the N-terminal region of IDE substrates, and residues 821-  
325 830 in domain D4 that binds the P1' and P2' residues of IDE substrates after the scissile bond  
326 (McCord et al., 2013; Shen et al., 2006). Insulin also reduced HDX in regions that directly bind  
327 IDE door subdomain including the hydrophobic rich H loop, residues 668-673 and residues  
328 821-830 (McCord et al., 2013). Together, these data support the conclusion that the binding of  
329 substrate stabilizes the IDE catalytic site. Furthermore, insulin binding also reduced the HDX at  
330 the IDE-N and IDE-C joining loop and its underlying  $\alpha$ -helices,  $\alpha$ 11 and  $\alpha$ 20, which is  
331 consistent with our SAXS data showing that insulin facilitates the open-closed transition of IDE.  
332 A similar pattern of HDX reduction in IDE was also observed when IDE was mixed with A $\beta$ <sub>1-40</sub>  
333 (**Figure 6B**). However, subtle but noticeable differences exist that could aid the search to  
334 achieve substrate-selective modulation of IDE. For example, insulin stabilizes the entire IDE  
335 door subdomain (residues 170-237) while A $\beta$  only stabilizes the zinc binding portion of IDE  
336 door subdomain (residues 170-203) (**Figure 6-figure supplement 3-4**). Together, our data  
337 indicate that the binding of substrates promotes the open to closed transition of IDE and  
338 stabilizes the IDE catalytic site for substrate-assisted catalysis.

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340 **Mechanism for the processive degradation of insulin by IDE**

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342        IDE processively cuts insulin into two pieces without breaking the disulfide bonds that  
343 hold the insulin A and B chains together (**Figure 7A**) (Manolopoulou et al., 2009). However,  
344 previously reported insulin-bound IDE structures could not explain the processivity of insulin  
345 degradation by IDE (Manolopoulou et al., 2009). In our cryoEM and crystal structures of  
346 insulin-bound IDE, extra electron density was clearly visible inside the IDE catalytic chamber  
347 (**Figure 7B, 7C, Figure 7-figure supplement 1**), and the insulin structure is quite different to  
348 that reported previously (Manolopoulou et al., 2009). The extra density fit well with regions of  
349 an unfolded insulin A or B chain with a known scissile bond properly residing at the IDE

350 catalytic site (**Figure 7A, 7B, Figure 7-figure supplement 2**). Additional density is present for  
351 part of the other insulin chain, linked by the expected intermolecular disulfide bonds (**Figure**  
352 **7A, Figure 7-figure supplement 2**). We also found that the N-terminus displays density  
353 characteristic of phenylalanine 1 of the insulin B chain, while other density corresponds to the  
354 ring structure formed by an intramolecular disulfide and a bulky tyrosine 14 side chain at the  
355 P1' cleavage site, which are characteristic of the insulin A chain (**Figure 7-figure supplement**  
356 **2**). Thus, this density has key features that can be contributed by either chain and can be best  
357 interpreted as an ensemble of unfolded insulin A and B chains, not belonging solely to either  
358 chain.

359 Together, these structures provide the molecular basis of how IDE could processively  
360 cut insulin into two pieces without having to choose which insulin chain to cut first. Upon insulin  
361 capture by IDE catalytic chamber, IDE stochastically cuts whichever of either insulin A or B  
362 chain binds the IDE catalytic cleft first after insulin unfolding inside the catalytic chamber  
363 (**Figure 8A**). Our structures also reveal that the N-terminus of insulin interacts extensively with  
364 the IDE-N exosite while IDE-C makes substantial contacts with the C-terminal part of insulin.  
365 As the N- and C-terminal parts of insulin of the singly-cut insulin are still joined by the inter-  
366 molecular disulfide bond, insulin could still effectively keep IDE in the closed conformation. The  
367 subsequent unfolding of cleaved insulin leads to processive cleavage of the other insulin chain  
368 (**Figure 8A**). The resulting N- and C-terminal insulin fragments would then be released upon  
369 the closed to open transition of IDE.

## 370

## 371 Discussion

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373 By combining cryoEM, crystallography, SAXS, and HDX-MS, our integrative structural  
374 analysis reveals the molecular details of how IDE undergoes open to closed conformational  
375 switches for the capture, unfolding, and degradation of insulin and peptides that tend to form  
376 amyloid fibrils (**Figure 8B**). By rigid-body motion between IDE-N and IDE-C, IDE switches  
377 between O and pO states. This results in three possible conformers where the O/pO dimer is  
378 dominant (**Figure 8B, Movie S3**). Only open-state IDE captures large peptide substrates (e.g.,  
379 insulin and A $\beta$ ). The degree of opening and the charge distribution of the IDE catalytic  
380 chamber determine which peptides are captured by IDE depending on their size and high  
381 dipole moment (**Figure 3D**). The motions between open- and closed-state IDE, in conjunction  
382 with the selective interactions of the IDE catalytic chamber with these peptides, e.g., IDE

383 exosite with peptide's N-terminus, creates a force to selectively unfold amyloidogenic peptides.  
384 The exposed  $\beta$ -strand of these peptides then stabilizes the inherently unstable IDE catalytic  
385 center, leading to the degradation of amyloidogenic peptides by IDE.

386 The cryoEM structures of open-state IDE suggest the additional ways how IDE may  
387 work. Based on the size of catalytic chamber in the closed-state IDE, it is postulated that the  
388 entrapment of substrates inside the enclosed catalytic chamber of IDE is required for catalysis  
389 (Malito et al., 2008a; Shen et al., 2006). Thus, IDE only degrades peptides that are capable of  
390 fitting into the IDE catalytic chamber. This explains well why all of well characterized IDE  
391 substrates are peptides less than 80 amino acids long (Malito et al., 2008a; Tang, 2016). This  
392 model has successfully guided the identification of CCL3 and CCL4 as novel IDE substrates  
393 and the combination of the oligomerization of these chemokines and their degradation by IDE  
394 modulates the effectiveness of the chemotactic gradient formed by these chemokines (Ren et  
395 al., 2010). It does not escape our attention that IDE should be able to degrade larger proteins if  
396 such proteins are readily captured by open-state IDE via the charge and surface  
397 complementarity and can effectively stabilize IDE catalytic cleft. We also envision that open-  
398 state IDE can bind  $\alpha$ -synuclein oligomers and alter the kinetics of oligomerization process,  
399 which explains how IDE reduces the amyloid fibril formation of  $\alpha$ -synuclein *in vitro* (Sharma et  
400 al., 2015).

401 The catalytic activity of IDE is allosterically regulated by its substrate, ATP, and other  
402 partner proteins (McCord et al., 2013; Ralat et al., 2011; Song et al., 2003; Song et al., 2010;  
403 Tang, 2016). Based on our data, we put forth a model to explain how the equilibrium between  
404 IDE open and "closed" states facilitates IDE allostery (for simplicity, we group structurally  
405 similar pO, pC, and C states into the "closed" state that is distinct from open-state IDE). By the  
406 extensive contacts between IDE-C domains, IDE readily dimerizes ( $K_d \sim 10$  nM) (Li et al.,  
407 2006; Shen et al., 2006). Our cryoEM data reveal that two IDE-N domains within the IDE dimer  
408 undergoes rigid body motion, allowing IDE to undergo the transition between the open and  
409 "closed" states without the assistance of substrate (**Figure 8B**). Furthermore, the preferred  
410 O/pO combination indicates that the motion of IDE-N in one subunit of IDE dimer is not  
411 independent from the other (**Figure 8B**). We thus envision that the preferred combination of  
412 the open and "closed" states within the IDE dimer would allow the substrate-induced closure of  
413 one subunit to promote the switch of the other subunit to the open state, allowing cleaved  
414 products to be released or substrate captured (**Movie S3 synchronized motion 1**).

415 Conversely, the opening of one subunit from the "closed"-state will promote the closure of the  
416 other for substrate unfolding and catalysis (**Movie S3 synchronized motion 1**). Such motions  
417 can explain how substrate allosterically regulates IDE activity and how monomerization  
418 mutations render IDE less active as well as the lose the ATP- and substrate-mediated  
419 regulation (Ralat et al., 2011; Song et al., 2003; Song et al., 2010). This model is also  
420 consistent with the kinetic studies which show that phenylalanine 530 mutation to alanine at  
421 the linker joining IDE-N and IDE-C makes IDE hyperactive and alters allosteric regulation  
422 (McCord et al., 2013). Our HDX-MS data reveal that the binding of IDE substrate or inhibitor  
423 only affects the deuterium exchange at the IDE-N and IDE interface and the linker between  
424 IDE-N and IDE-C, not between the interface of two IDE subunits (**Figure 5,6**). Thus, our data  
425 does not offer an obvious path for substrate-facilitated allosteric communication between IDE  
426 subunits. We speculate that IDE allostery is mediated by the collective motions of many atoms  
427 in IDE, not by a subset of atoms within a defined path. The detailed mechanism for IDE  
428 allostery awaits future MD simulation studies.

429 Many, if not most, molecular machines are conformationally heterogeneous, adopting a  
430 variety of different structural conformers in solution as they adapt form to serve function.  
431 CryoEM is uniquely capable of solving the structures of these large flexible macro-molecules.  
432 Improvements in the hardware technology over the past 5 years (Li et al., 2013) now provide  
433 for excellent quality images and improvements in software allow for classification of particles of  
434 different conformations from a heterogeneous mixture of structures (Scheres, 2012). Our  
435 approach to obtain cryoEM structure of the open-state IDE, a key functional state recalcitrant  
436 to crystallization, is generally applicable to other proteins. In addition to its relatively small size  
437 (220 kDa), the IDE dimer adopts multiple conformational states to fulfill its function. To solve  
438 the challenge posed by size and pseudo two-fold symmetry in our system, we included high-  
439 affinity IDE-binding Fabs, which increases the size of the complex, breaks the apparent  
440 symmetry, and provides excellent fiducials for validating the morphology and resolution of the  
441 overall structure. We take advantage of two other technological developments to improve  
442 cryoEM structure determination of the IDE dimer. A new vitrification device, Spotiton, allows us  
443 to prepare samples embedded in a very thin and even layer of vitrified ice, which improves  
444 data quality (Dandey et al., 2018; Razinkov et al., 2016). We also addressed the issues of  
445 preferred orientation, quite common for many samples, by acquiring images from gold coated  
446 grids tilted relative to the electron beam (Russo and Passmore, 2014; Tan et al., 2017). In  
447 conjunction with the state-of-art hardware and software in data acquisition, these

448 implementations allowed us to obtain near atomic resolution 3D structures of the open-state  
449 IDE despite its conformational heterogeneity.

450 The accumulation of toxic amyloid fibrils is associated with many human diseases and  
451 IDE plays a key role in preventing amyloid fibril formation by its proteolytic activities (Jucker  
452 and Walker, 2013; Tang, 2016). Accumulating data also suggest that IDE plays non-proteolytic  
453 roles to regulate other proteostatic processes, e.g., regulating proteasome activity and  
454 preventing amyloid fibril formation of  $\alpha$ -synuclein (Tang, 2016). As IDE modulates proteostasis  
455 by targeting diverse proteins, substrate selective modulation of IDE activity is crucial to realize  
456 IDE-based therapy (Pivovarova et al., 2016; Tang, 2016). Indeed, noticeable differences in the  
457 reduction of HDX between insulin- and A $\beta$ -bound IDE exist (**Figure 6A, 6B**). Together with our  
458 cryoEM structures, our studies offer a road map to develop insulin-selective inhibitors or A $\beta$ -  
459 selective enhancers to treat diabetes and Alzheimer's disease.

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## 461 **Material and Methods**

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### **Key Resource table**

<b>Reagent type (species) or resource</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Source or reference</b>	<b>Identifiers</b>	<b>Additional information</b>
Antibody	Synthetic anti-IDE antibody Fab fragment (Fab <sub>H11-E</sub> )	This study	NA	About 5 mg/ml for crystallization, and 0.15 mg/ml for cryoEM.
Antibody	Synthetic anti-IDE antibody Fab fragment Fab1Fab1	(McCord et al., 2013)	NA	About 5mg/ml for crystallization.
Recombinant protein (Human)	Cysteine-free IDE	This study	NA	Described as above.
Recombinant protein (Human)	Cysteine-free IDE-E111Q	This study	NA	Described as above.
Recombinant protein (Human)	Insulin	Sigma-Aldrich	234-279-7	
Recombinant protein (Human)	Amyloid $\beta$	(King et al., 2014)	NA	
Recombinant protein (Human)	Pepsin	Sigma-Aldrich	P6887-1G	

Chemical compound, drug	BDM44768	(Deprez-Poulain et al., 2015b)	NA	
Chemical compound, drug	6bK	(Maianti et al., 2014)	NA	
Chemical compound	D2O	Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc.	DLM-4-1L	
Software, algorithm	Leginon 3.3	(Suloway et al., 2005)	NA	<a href="http://emg.nysbc.org/redmine/projects/leginon/wiki/Leginon_Homepage">http://emg.nysbc.org/redmine/projects/leginon/wiki/Leginon_Homepage</a>
Software, algorithm	DoGpicker	(Voss et al., 2009)	NA	<a href="http://emg.nysbc.org/redmine/projects/software/wiki/DoGpicker">http://emg.nysbc.org/redmine/projects/software/wiki/DoGpicker</a>
Software, algorithm	MotionCor2	(Zheng et al., 2017)	NA	<a href="http://msg.ucsf.edu/em/software/motioncor2.html">http://msg.ucsf.edu/em/software/motioncor2.html</a>
Software, algorithm	Relion2.0	(Scheres, 2012)	NA	<a href="http://www2.mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk/relion/index.php/Main_Page">http://www2.mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk/relion/index.php/Main_Page</a>
Software, algorithm	Relion2.1	(Scheres, 2012)	NA	<a href="http://www2.mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk/relion/index.php/Main_Page">http://www2.mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk/relion/index.php/Main_Page</a>
Software, algorithm	3DFSC	(Tan et al., 2017)	NA	<a href="https://github.com/nysbc/Anisotropy">https://github.com/nysbc/Anisotropy</a>
Software, algorithm	UCSF ChimeraX	(Goddard et al., 2017)	NA	<a href="https://www.cgl.ucsf.edu/chimerax/">https://www.cgl.ucsf.edu/chimerax/</a>
Software, algorithm	UCSF Chimera	(Pettersen et al., 2004)	NA	<a href="https://www.cgl.ucsf.edu/chimera">https://www.cgl.ucsf.edu/chimera</a>
Software, algorithm	PHENIX	(Adams et al., 2010)	NA	<a href="https://www.phenix-online.org/">https://www.phenix-online.org/</a>
Software, algorithm	Phaser-MR	(McCoy et al., 2007)	NA	<a href="https://www.phenix-online.org/documentation/tutorials/mr.html">https://www.phenix-online.org/documentation/tutorials/mr.html</a>
Software, algorithm	COOT	(Emsley et al., 2010a)	NA	<a href="https://www2.mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk/personal/pemsley/coot">https://www2.mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk/personal/pemsley/coot</a>

Software, algorithm	MolProbity	(Chen et al., 2010)	NA	<a href="http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/mdff/">http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/mdff/</a>
Software, algorithm	PRIMUS	(Konarev et al., 2003)	NA	<a href="https://www.embl-hamburg.de/biosaxs/primus.html">https://www.embl-hamburg.de/biosaxs/primus.html</a>
Software, algorithm	CRYSTAL	(Svergun et al., 1995)	NA	<a href="https://www.embl-hamburg.de/biosaxs/crysol.html">https://www.embl-hamburg.de/biosaxs/crysol.html</a>
Software, algorithm	GNOM	(Svergun, 1992)	NA	<a href="https://www.embl-hamburg.de/biosaxs/gnom.html">https://www.embl-hamburg.de/biosaxs/gnom.html</a>
Software, algorithm	SEQUEST/Proteome Discoverer Software	ThermoFisher Scientific	NA	<a href="https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/OPTON-30795">https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/OPTON-30795</a>
Software, algorithm	HDEXaminer	Sierra Analytics	NA	<a href="http://massspec.com/hdexaminer/">http://massspec.com/hdexaminer/</a>

463 **Protein:** Wild type human IDE, cysteine-free IDE (IDE-CF), and catalytically inactive IDE  
464 mutant, IDE-CF-E111Q were expressed in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) cells (at 25 °C and 20 h, 0.5mM  
465 IPTG induction using T7 medium). His-tagged, biotinylated IDE was expressed in *E. coli* BL21  
466 (DE3) that carried two plasmids, one for IDE with an N-terminal His-tag and a C-terminal  
467 AviTag (GLNDIFEAQKIEWHE), and the other for *E. coli* BirA, a biotin ligase that transfers  
468 biotin to AviTag. Recombinant IDE proteins were purified by Ni-NTA, source-Q, and Superdex  
469 200 columns as previously described (Manolopoulou et al., 2009). A $\beta$ <sub>1-40</sub> was synthesized at a  
470 0.25 mmol scale using Fmoc and HBTU/HOBt chemistry on an Applied Biosystems 433A  
471 instrument and purified by RP-HPLC, lyophilized, and stored at -20 °C under Argon as  
472 described (King et al., 2014; Sohma et al., 2004). Insulin was purchased from SIGMA  
473 (91077C).

474 **IDE-binding synthetic antibody:** We screened antigen-binding fragments (Fab) from a  
475 phage-display library using immobilized biotinylated IDE as previously described (Miller et al.,  
476 2012). To obtain Fabs binding to an epitope distinct from the previously reported IDE-Fab  
477 named Fab1 (McCord et al., 2013), we used 1  $\mu$ M Fab1 as a competitor for panning in the final  
478 round of selection. In total, 18 new IDE binding Fabs were isolated and characterized. Of  
479 those, IDE-Fab<sub>H11</sub> was used in structural studies. Elbow-enhanced Fab1 (Fab1<sub>E</sub>) and Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>  
480 were engineered to modify the switch residue region of the Fab heavy chain (wild-type  
481 sequence: <sup>109</sup>VTVSSASTKGP<sup>119</sup>) to VTVFNQIKGP (Bailey et al., 2018). Fabs were expressed  
482 in *E. coli* strain BL21(DE3) or 55244 and purified using a HiTrap protein-G HP column or  
483 Protein-G-A1 column as described (Bailey et al., 2014; McCord et al., 2013). Surface plasmon  
484 resonance measurements were carried out at 20°C on a Biacore 3000 by immobilizing His-  
485 tagged IDE onto a Ni-NTA chip (GE Healthcare) and then injecting 3.3-100 nM of the Fab at a  
486 flow rate of 30  $\mu$ l/min as previously described (Koide et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2012).

487 **Enzymatic activity assays:** A fluorogenic bradykinin-mimetic substrate of IDE, substrate V (7-  
488 methoxycoumarin-4-yl-acetyl-RPPGF-SAFK-2,4-dinitrophenyl, R&D Systems), was used to  
489 measure the enzymatic activity of IDE on a Tecan Safire microplate reader using an excitation  
490 wavelength of 327 nm and emission wavelength of 395 nm (McCord et al., 2013). Reactions  
491 were carried out at 37 °C, using 5  $\mu$ M substrate V in 100  $\mu$ l of 50 mM potassium phosphate  
492 (pH 7.3) with the addition of 0.6 nM IDE in the presence or absence of 12 nM Fab<sub>H11</sub>. The  
493 degradation of substrate V was assessed by monitoring fluorescence increase and the initial

494 velocity was calculated using linear regression after background subtraction. The standard  
495 deviation was derived from three individual experiments.

496 **Crystallography:** IDE-CF-E111Q was first incubated with A $\beta$  or insulin in a 1:10 or 1:2 ratio,  
497 respectively, at 18 °C overnight (~16-18 h) and IDE-substrate complex was purified using  
498 Superdex 200 column. This process was repeated three times. Substrate-bound IDE was then  
499 mixed in an equimolar ratio with Fab1 or Fab<sub>E</sub> and substrate- and Fab-bound IDE was  
500 purified using Superdex 200 column. The resulting complexes were crystallized in 0.1M  
501 sodium cacodylate (pH6.5), 0.2M MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 10% PEG-3000, and 0.01% ethyl acetate at 18°C by  
502 hanging drop vapor diffusion. Crystals formed within 2-3 days. To crystallize Fab<sub>(H11-E)</sub> bound  
503 IDE, IDE-CF was purified by Superdex 200 three times before mixing with extra molar Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>  
504 and Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>-bound IDE was purified by Superdex 200. Such protein complex was crystallized  
505 in 0.088M Ammonium citrate tribasic, pH 7, 10% w/v PEG3350, 0.02M  
506 ethylenediaminetetraacetic disodium salt dihydrate at 18°C by hanging drop vapor diffusion.  
507 Crystals formed in about a week. For data collection, crystals were equilibrated in reservoir  
508 buffer with 30% glycerol and flash frozen in liquid nitrogen. Diffraction data were collected at  
509 100K on the 19-ID beamline at Argonne National Laboratory. Data sets were processed using  
510 HKL2000 and the CCP4 suite. The structures of were determined by molecular replacement.  
511 For substrate-bound Fab1-bound IDE structure, the unbound IDE-Fab<sub>1</sub> complex (4IOF) was  
512 used as a search model and no NCS average for C2 symmetry of IDE dimer was applied  
513 during the refinement to avoid the bias. For the crystal structure of Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>-bound IDE, the  
514 closed-state IDE (2WBY) and Fab in unbound IDE-Fab<sub>1</sub> complex (4IOF) were used as the  
515 search model. Model building and refinement were performed by using REFMAC, PHENIX,  
516 and COOT (Adams et al., 2011; Emsley et al., 2010b; Potterton et al., 2002). The final model  
517 for A $\beta$ -IDE-Fab1 (pdb = 4M1C) has R<sub>work</sub> = 23% and R<sub>free</sub> = 27%, that for Insulin-IDE-Fab1  
518 (pdb = 5WOB) has R<sub>work</sub> = 24% and R<sub>free</sub> = 29% and that for IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> (pdb = 5UOC) has  
519 R<sub>work</sub> = 22% and R<sub>free</sub> = 27%. The data and refinement statistics are listed on **Supplementary**  
520 **file 1**. The key residues involving in the interaction of IDE with Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> was calculated using  
521 PDBePISA (Krissinel and Henrick, 2007).

522 **CryoEM:** Purified wild type IDE was further purified by Superdex 200 chromatography using  
523 buffer containing 20 mM HEPES, pH 7.2, 300 mM NaCl, and 20 mM EDTA and then mixed  
524 with Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> at an equal molar ratio. Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>-IDE complex was purified by Superdex 200  
525 chromatography in the absence or presence of five-fold molar excess of insulin. Insulin-bound  
526 IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> and IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> cryoEM grids were prepared using either a manual plunger or

527 Spotiton 1.0 (Dandey et al., 2018; Razinkov et al., 2016). For manual plunging, 300 mesh  
528 carbon or gold lacey grids, prepared in house (Fukami and Adachi, 1965), were plasma  
529 cleaned using O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> for 30 secs using a Solarus plasma cleaner (Gatan). 3 $\mu$ l of sample  
530 was applied to the grid and manually blotted with filter paper for 3 secs from the back of the  
531 grids followed immediately by plunging into liquid ethane. For Spotiton prepared grids, 300  
532 mesh carbon or gold lacey nanowire grids were plasma cleaned with O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> for 10 secs  
533 using a Solarus plasma cleaner (Gatan). 6 $\mu$ l of protein sample was aspirated by the Spotiton  
534 piezo tip and about 80 x 50 $\mu$ l of sample was delivered to the grid as it passes the piezo tip en  
535 route to being plunged into liquid ethane. All images were acquired using a Titan Krios  
536 microscope (FEI) operated at 300KeV with a Gatan K2 direct electron detector (Gatan) in  
537 counting mode. Images were automatically acquired using Leginon (Suloway et al., 2005)  
538 using collection parameters as shown in **Supplementary file 2**. IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> showed highly  
539 preferred orientation in vitreous ice. Thus, images were acquired with the grid tilted at an angle  
540 to the electron beam, which allowed better sampling of other orientations (**Figure 2-figure**  
541 **supplement 9B**) (Tan et al., 2017). Images were processed using software integrated into the  
542 Appion (Lander et al., 2009) pipeline except where stated. Frames were aligned using  
543 MotionCor2 software with dose weighting (Zheng et al., 2017), particles were picked and  
544 extracted automatically using DoGpicker (Voss et al., 2009). Particle stacks were then passed  
545 to RELION2.1 (Scheres, 2012) and processed through several rounds of 2D and 3D  
546 classification. Example images and 2D class averages are shown in **Figure 2-figure**  
547 **supplement 5-7**. Selected classes were then processed for high resolution 3D refinement  
548 (**Figure 2-figure supplement 8**). The resolution was further improved by focused classification  
549 with signal subtraction. The mask was created in Chimera (Pettersen et al., 2004) with the Fab  
550 regions set to value zero and outside Fab regions set to value one. Subsequently the masked  
551 refinement was carried out with C1 symmetry using RELION 2.1 (Scheres, 2012). The final  
552 resolution was estimated using Fourier Shell Correlation (FSC=0.143) in RELION 2.1 (**Figure**  
553 **2-figure supplement 9C, 9D**). The anisotropy was analyzed using 3DFSC (Tan et al., 2017).  
554 The cryoEM data collection and processing statistics are listed in **Supplementary file 2**. The  
555 structural models were built using a combination of high resolution IDE dimer structure  
556 (PDB=2cww) and Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>-bound IDE dimer. The density fitting and structure refinement was  
557 done using UCSF CHIMERA (Pettersen et al., 2004), COOT (Emsley and Cowtan, 2004;  
558 Emsley et al., 2010b), and PHENIX (Adams et al., 2011). The refinement statistics are listed in  
559 **Supplementary file 3**.

560 **SAXS:** SAXS data were collected at the BioCAT/18ID beamline at Advanced Photon Source,  
561 Argonne National Laboratory (Chicago, USA) (Fischetti et al., 2004) using the photon counting  
562 PILATUS 3 1M at room temperature (23°C) and an incident X-ray wavelength of 1.03 Å. The  
563 3.5 m sample-to-detector distance yielded a range of 0.005 – 0.33 Å<sup>-1</sup> for the momentum  
564 transfer ( $q = 4\pi \sin\theta/\lambda$  where  $2\theta$  is the scattered angle between the incident and scattered  
565 beam and  $\lambda$  the X-ray wavelength). For size exclusion chromatography (SEC)-SAXS, 2-3 mg  
566 IDE was loaded onto a GE Superdex 200 10/300G in the buffer containing 20 mM Tris, pH 8.0,  
567 100 mM NaCl and the eluates were immediately passed through X-ray beam. To prepare zinc-  
568 free catalytic inactive IDE, IDE was first washed with about 2M NaCl and then dialyzed against  
569 500ml 20 mM Tris pH8.0, 100mM NaCl, 20mM EDTA and subsequently purified by Superdex  
570 200 column using the buffer containing 20 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 100 mM NaCl, 20 mM EDTA.  
571 Greater than fifteen measurements around IDE protein peak were collected in each run for  
572 subsequent analysis. Time-resolved SAXS experiments were done using a microfluidic laminar  
573 flow mixer adapted from the design initially made for time resolved fluorescence studies(Park  
574 et al., 2008; Park et al., 2006). The mixer chip consisted of 5 inlets: a center channel for IDE  
575 solution, two diagonal channels for identical buffers as the IDE solution and two side channels  
576 for buffer containing insulin. Syringe pumps (Model 511, New Era Pump Systems Inc., NY,  
577 USA) were used to inject sample and buffer solutions continuously into the mixer inlets. Per  
578 measurement, 5-10 mg IDE injected from the center channel were compressed into a thin  
579 sheet by the diagonal and side channel flows as a result of the hydrodynamic focusing effect.  
580 Kinetic reaction was triggered by diffusion of 2-fold molar excess of insulin into the jet of IDE  
581 from adjacent flow layers of buffer above and below. The thickness of the sheet was controlled  
582 by the flow rate ratios of the inlet channels. The observation channel is 1 mm deep (i.e. X-ray  
583 pathlength), 0.2 mm wide and 25 mm long. During the flow experiment, the observation  
584 channel was sampled by a grid scan of 10x30 positions and SAXS data was collected at each  
585 grid point. The total flow rate determined the maximum accessible time corresponding to the  
586 exit end of the observation channel. The time window of 2 second was performed by using the  
587 flow rates of 68, 2, 9 µL/min for side, diagonal and center syringe pumps respectively.  
588 Increasing the flow rates to 682, 22 and 90 µL/min allows the kinetic study in the time window  
589 shorter than 0.2 second. We did three mixing experiments: i) IDE bound with insulin mixing  
590 with insulin buffer; ii) IDE mixing with insulin free buffer; and iii) IDE mixing with buffer  
591 containing insulin. The mixing experiments i and ii were done using flow rates for 2 s time  
592 window while the experiment iii was done for both 2 second and 0.2 second time windows. The

593 SAXS data reduction and analyses were done using ATSAS package (Petoukhov et al., 2012),  
594 PRIMUS (Konarev et al., 2003) and CRYSTAL (Svergun et al., 1995). Comparison of  
595 experimental scattering profiles with calculated profiles from high resolution atomic models  
596 was done using CRYSTAL (Svergun et al., 1995). For time-resolved experiments, in order to  
597 reduce the effects of the varied parasitic scattering in grid scans, radius of gyration values  
598 were obtained using the program GNOM (Petoukhov et al., 2012).

599 ***Hydrogen-Deuterium Exchange Mass Spectrometry:*** Prior to carrying out  
600 hydrogen/deuterium exchange experiments, the optimal quench condition that generated the  
601 best sequence coverage map of IDE were established as previously described (Marsh et al.,  
602 2013). IDE stock solutions were prepared in 8.3 mM Tris-HCl, 50m NaCl, 2.1% DMSO, pH7.2  
603 H<sub>2</sub>O buffer by mixing 15  $\mu$ M of IDE with 30  $\mu$ M Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>, 150  $\mu$ M of Insulin, 150  $\mu$ M of 6bk, 150  
604  $\mu$ M of BDM44768 or 300  $\mu$ M of A $\beta$ , incubating at room temperature for 30 min, then keep on  
605 ice for 15 min. Functional hydrogen-deuterium exchange reactions were initiated by dilution of  
606 3  $\mu$ l of stock solution into 9  $\mu$ l of D<sub>2</sub>O buffer (8.3 mM Tris, 50 mM NaCl, pDREAD 7.2) and  
607 incubation at 0 °C. The exchange reactions were quenched after various exchange time  
608 points (10, 100, 1000, 10000, 100000 sec at 0 °C, and 100000 sec at RT) by adding 18  $\mu$ l of  
609 ice-cold 0.8% formic acid, 1.6M GuHCl, 16.6% glycerol for a final pH of 2.5. Quenched  
610 samples were then immediately frozen on dry ice and stored at -80 °C before LC/MS analysis.  
611 Non-deuterated and equilibrium-deuterated control samples are also prepared as previously  
612 described (Tsalkova et al., 2012). The frozen samples were thawed automatically on a  
613 cryogenic autosampler(Woods and Hamuro, 2001) at 4°C, and digested on an immobilized  
614 pepsin column (16  $\mu$ l bed volume). Proteolytic products were collected on a C18 trap column  
615 (Michrom Magic C18 AQ 0.2x1 mm) for 1 min desalting and separated using a reverse phase  
616 analytical column (Michrom Magic C18 AQ 0.2 x 50 mm, 3  $\mu$ M) with a acetonitrile linear  
617 gradient (6.4%-38.4% over 30min). MS analysis was performed on an OrbiTrap Elite Mass  
618 Spectrometer (ThermoFisher Scientific, San Jose, CA). Instruments settings was optimized to  
619 minimize the back-exchange(Walters et al., 2012). The data was acquired in both data-  
620 dependent MS/MS mode and MS1 profile mode and Proteome Discoverer software  
621 (ThermoFisher) was used to identify proteolytic peptides. The deuterium content of the  
622 peptides for each time point was calculated by DXMS Explorer (Sierra Analytics Inc, Modesto,  
623 CA), with corrections for back-exchange (Zhang and Smith, 1993). H/D exchange experiments  
624 performed using our automated system typically produce deuterium incorporation  
625 measurements with a standard deviation of less than 2% of the mean of triplicate

626 determinations (Chang et al., 2015; Hsu et al., 2009a; Hsu et al., 2009b). In the present work,  
627 just as in our previous studies, only changes in deuteration level greater than 10% were  
628 considered significant (Burke et al., 2009; Hamuro et al., 2004). Heat maps were created using  
629 in house program that sub-localize HDX down to smaller fragments using all overlapping  
630 peptides.

631 **DATA AND SOFTWARE AVAILABILITY:** The cryoEM maps have been deposited in the  
632 Electron Microscopy Data Bank with accession codes EMD-7041, EMD-7092, EMD-7065,  
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**Figure legends**

1003 **Figure 1 Summary of key unsolved IDE structures.** (A) Schematic diagram for the catalytic  
1004 cycle of IDE. IDE is dimerized via the interaction of IDE-C domains. The open-closed transition  
1005 of IDE dimer is postulated to be mediated by the rigid-body motion between IDE-N and IDE-C.  
1006 The binding of substrate, e.g., insulin shifts the equilibrium from favoring the open-state IDE to  
1007 predominantly closed-state IDE. Until now, the structure of open-state IDE has not been  
1008 determined. (B) Ribbon representation of IDE dimer (PDB code: 2WBY). IDE-N and IDE-C are  
1009 colored in cyan and grey, respectively. The IDE door subdomain that contains the catalytic zinc  
1010 ion is highlighted in red and the partially unfolded insulin entrapped inside the catalytic  
1011 chamber of IDE is colored in yellow. (C) The key conformational switches required for insulin  
1012 unfolding and degradation by IDE. Insulin A and B chains in ribbon representation are colored  
1013 in magenta and cyan, respectively. Top: Insulin alone structure where the intra- and inter-  
1014 molecular disulfide bonds are marked by arrows. Middle: IDE-bound insulin structure that  
1015 contains partially unfolded insulin (PDB code: 2WBY). The N-terminus binding exosite (Exo)  
1016 and catalytic zinc ion are marked by arrows. Until now, the structure of IDE in complex with the  
1017 fully unfolded or cleaved insulin is not determined.

1018 **Figure 2 Structures of IDE-Fab<sub>(H11)</sub>-bound IDE dimer.** (A) Overall structure of Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>  
1019 bound IDE dimer in ribbon representation (PDB code: 5UOE). IDE-N and IDE-C are colored in  
1020 cyan and grey, respectively; The heavy and light chains of Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> are colored in orange and  
1021 purple, respectively. (B) Detailed interactions between IDE and Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>. The key residues  
1022 involved in the interaction of IDE with Fab<sub>H11</sub> were calculated using PDBePISA (Krissinel and  
1023 Henrick, 2007). (C) Changes of hydrogen/deuterium exchange of IDE induced by the binding  
1024 of Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>. Representative 2D class averages of (D) insulin-bound IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>, (E) Apo IDE-  
1025 Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>-bound IDE from untilted micrographs, and (F) Apo IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>-bound IDE from 30  
1026 degree titled micrographs. (G) Electron density map of IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>-bound IDE dimer in the  
1027 presence of insulin.

1028 **Figure 3 CryoEM IDE dimer.** (A) Overall structures of IDE dimer in the presence and absence  
1029 of insulin. Models are shown as ribbons within the electron density map. O, open state; pO,  
1030 partially-open state; pC, partially-closed state. IDE-N and IDE-C are colored in cyan and grey,  
1031 respectively; insulin inside the catalytic chamber of IDE is colored in yellow. For simplicity, Fab  
1032 is not shown. (B) Comparison of four distinct conformational states within IDE structures; two  
1033 pC states in the insulin-bound cryoEM IDE structure, three pO and three O states in apo-IDE  
1034 cryoEM structures, and a closed structure from previous crystallographic work (Guo et al.,  
1035 2010; Malito et al., 2008b; Manolopoulou et al., 2009; Noinaj et al., 2011; Ren et al., 2010;  
1036 Shen et al., 2006). The buried surface between IDE-N and IDE-C, distance between the center  
1037 of mass (COM) of IDE D1 and D4 domains, and dihedral angles (absolute values) between  
1038 COM of IDE D1-D2 and COM of D3-D4 are shown below the ribbon presentation of IDE  
1039 structures. (C) Structural comparison of IDE states aligned by IDE-N (top) or IDE-C (bottom),  
1040 showing rigid body motion of IDE-N and IDE-C guided by the loop connecting IDE-N and IDE-  
1041 C. (D) Structural basis of IDE open structure primed to capture insulin by size and charge  
1042 complementarity. The boundaries for the substrate-binding catalytic chambers of IDE-N and  
1043 IDE-C are marked by a dashed line. The color scale is set from -3 kT/e (red) to 3 kT/e (blue)  
1044 calculated using APBS 2.1.

1045 **Figure 4 Insulin-induced conformational changes of IDE revealed by SAXS.** (A)  
1046 Scattering curves from SEC-SAXS analysis using 2-3 mg IDE in the presence (left) or absence  
1047 (right) of 4-fold molar excess of insulin. Solid red and blue lines represent the predicted SAXS  
1048 curves based on indicated IDE structures. (B) Time-resolved SAXS analysis of IDE-insulin  
1049 interaction. Rapid mixing of IDE with insulin resulted in time-dependent reduction of  $R_g$  with  $\tau =$   
1050 0.1 sec.

1051 **Figure 5 Conformational dynamics of IDE door domain.** (A) Comparison of crystal  
1052 structures of Fab1-bound IDE alone (PDB code: 4IDF), Fab1- and A $\beta$ -bound IDE (PDB code:  
1053 4MIC) and Fab1- and insulin-bound IDE (PDB code: 5WOB). For simplicity, only the subunit of  
1054 the dimeric IDE that has the profound change in IDE door subdomain is shown and Fab1 is not

1055 shown. (B) Thermal B factors of two IDE subunits within cryoEM IDE dimer structures of  
1056 insulin-bound pC/pC state IDE (PDB code: 6B3Q) and pO/O apo-state IDE (PDB code: 6BF8).  
1057 Averaged B factors of IDE door and D3 are shown for comparison. For simplicity,  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  is  
1058 not shown. (C, D) Changes in H/D exchange of IDE induced by inhibitors, BDM44768 and  
1059 6bK. The changes in H/D are mapped and the progress curve of regions with significant  
1060 changes are shown.

1061 **Figure 6 Substrate-induced changes in H/D exchange of IDE.** (A) Major changes in H/D  
1062 exchange of IDE induced by insulin. Changes in H/D are mapped onto IDE structure and the  
1063 progress curve of regions with significant changes are shown. (B) Major changes in H/D  
1064 exchange of IDE induced by  $\text{A}\beta$ .

1065 **Figure 7 The interaction of IDE with insulin.** (A) Cleavage sites of insulin by IDE. The initial  
1066 cleavages and resulting fragments are shown. The red X marks the scissile bond revealed by  
1067 insulin bound IDE structures. (B) CryoEM structure of unfolded insulin inside IDE. The fitting of  
1068 electron density at the catalytic sites with either insulin A (PDB code: 6B3Q) or B chain (PDB  
1069 code: 6BFC) are shown. For simplicity,  $\text{Fab}_{\text{H11-E}}$  is not shown. (C) Structure of unfolded insulin  
1070 inside IDE from insulin bound IDE-Fab1 complex (PDB code: 5WOB). For simplicity, only the  
1071 fitting of insulin A chain is shown.

1072 **Figure 8 Models for IDE catalytic cycle.** (A) Model for conformational changes of insulin  
1073 inside IDE chamber. Structure of partially unfolded insulin at the IDE catalytic chamber is from  
1074 PDB code 2WBY while those with unfolded insulin are from PDB code 6B3Q and 6BFC for  
1075 insulin A and B chain at IDE catalytic site. (B) A model for IDE conformational states relevant  
1076 to substrate capture and catalysis. For simplicity, only the capture and catalysis of the  
1077 dominant IDE conformational state, pO/O, is shown. The conformational change of the other  
1078 IDE subunit allosterically regulated by insulin binding to the open-state IDE within an IDE dimer  
1079 depicted by movie S3 is not shown. The electrostatic surface potential of IDE is set from -5

1080 kT/e (red) to 5 kT/e (blue) and calculated by UCSF Chimera, and the section interface is  
1081 colored as grey.

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## Figure supplement legends

**Figure 2-Figure supplement 1 Characterization of IDE-Fab<sub>(H11)</sub>.** (A) Sequence of 4 CDRs (H1, H2, H3, L3) of Fab<sub>H11</sub>. (B) Representative SPR sensorgram on Fab<sub>H11</sub> binding to immobilized IDE. The  $k_{on}$  and  $k_{off}$  were estimated to be  $1.6 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$  and  $1.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively. (C) Relative catalytic activity of IDE in the presence and absence of Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> using a model fluorogenic substrate, substrate V. The standard deviation is derived from three experiments. (D) Alignment of IDE from IDE-Fab<sub>(H11-E)</sub> complex (colored green; PDB code: 5UOE) with that from bradykinin-bound IDE structure (colored blue; PDB code: 3CWW). The RMSD is 0.36 Å.

**Figure 2-Figure supplement 2 Pepsin digestion maps of IDE for HDX-MS analysis.**

**Figure 2-Figure supplement 3 Amide hydrogen-deuterium exchange profiles of IDE alone (A) and IDE in the presence of Fab-H11 (B).** The percentages of deuteration levels of each peptide fragment at various time points are shown as a heat map color-coded from blue (<10%) to red (>90%), as indicated at the bottom right of the figure. Each block represents a peptide segment analyzed at each of the six time points (from top to bottom: 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000, 100,000, and 1,000,000 seconds). Proline residues, and regions with no amide exchange data available are colored in gray. The structure features of IDE are shown above IDE sequences and colored according to their domains/subdomains.

**Figure 2-Figure supplement 4 HDX-MS analysis of IDE-Fab<sub>H11</sub> interaction.** Differences in deuteration levels in the free and Fab<sub>H11</sub>-bound IDE at various time points (from top to bottom: 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000, 100,000, and 1000,000 seconds) are shown in a color-coded bar ranging from blue (-50%) to red (50%), as indicated at the bottom right of the figure. The structure features of IDE are shown above IDE sequences and colored according to their domains/subdomains.

**Figure 2-Figure supplement 5 Cryo-electron micrographs and 2D class averages of insulin-bound IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>.** A) Insulin bound IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> images with 3.04  $\mu$ m (left micrograph) and 3.45  $\mu$ m (right micrograph) defocus. Representative particles indicated in red circles are shown at higher resolution as insets. B) Fourier transform of the corresponding

1116 image, showing Thon rings going out to 3.1 Angstrom. C) 2D class averages of insulin-bound  
1117 IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> particles using Relion2.1 and the option to ignore the CTFs until the first peak.  
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1119 **Figure 2-Figure supplement 6 Cryo-electron micrographs and 2D class averages of**  
1120 **untilted Apo IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>.** (A) Untilted apo IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> images with 2.56  $\mu$ m (left  
1121 micrograph) and 3.05  $\mu$ m (right micrograph) defocus. (B) 2D class averages of Apo IDE-  
1122 Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> particles from untilted micrographs using Relion2.1 and the option to ignore the CTFs  
1123 until the first peak.

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1125 **Figure 2-Figure supplement 7 Cryo-electron micrographs and 2D class averages of**  
1126 **tilted Apo IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>.** (A) Tilted apo IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> images with 3.51  $\mu$ m (left micrograph) and  
1127 3.54  $\mu$ m (right micrograph) defocus. (B) 2D class averages of Apo IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> particles from  
1128 30 degree tilted micrographs using Relion2.1 and the option to ignore the CTFs until the first  
1129 peak.

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1131 **Figure 2-Figure supplement 8 Flow chart of cryoEM data processing.** The particle  
1132 numbers for the final 3D classification, focused classification with signal subtraction and final  
1133 refinement are indicated. A) Apo IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>. Particles from both tilted and untilted  
1134 micrographs were automatically picked using DoGpicker followed by several rounds of 2D and  
1135 3D classification using RELION2.1. Bad 2D class averages were discarded. The particles were  
1136 then selected for 3D refinement followed by focused classification with signal subtraction on  
1137 the IDE dimer. The classes particles having the same conformation were grouped (dashed  
1138 line) into three different subsets. Each subset of particles was refined independently. B)  
1139 Insulin-bound IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>. Particles were automatically picked using DoGpicker followed by  
1140 several rounds of 2D and 3D classification using RELION2.1. The particles were then selected  
1141 for 3D refinement followed by focused classification with signal subtraction on IDE dimer. The  
1142 classes particles having the same conformation were grouped together (dashed line) and  
1143 refined.

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1145 **Figure 2-Figure supplement 9 CryoEM statistics of apo IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub> and insulin bound**  
1146 **IDE-Fab<sub>H11-E</sub>.** A) Final refined map colored according to local resolution generated from  
1147 ResMap. B) Angular distribution plots generated from RELION2.1. C) FSC plot and resolution  
1148 estimation using the gold-standard 0.143 criterion generated from RELION2.1. D) 3DFSC

1149 plots. The global half-map FSC (solid red line) and the spread of directional resolution values  
1150 defined by  $\pm 1\sigma$  from the mean (green area encompassed by dotted green lines, left axis) and a  
1151 histogram of directional FSC sampled over the 3D FSC (blue bars, right axis).  
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1153 **Figure 2-Figure supplement 10 Overall fit of cryoEM density map to the structure**  
1154 **models.** A) Overall density maps of apo IDE in closed conformation with built structure model.  
1155 B) Overall density maps of apo IDE in open conformation with built structure model. C) Overall  
1156 density maps of apo IDE in open/closed conformation with built structure models. D) Overall  
1157 density maps of insulin bound IDE with built structure model. E) Representative density with  
1158 built models of two  $\alpha$ -helixes from apo IDE in O/pO conformation (residue 659-672 and residue  
1159 855-875). F) Representative density with built models of two  $\alpha$ -helixes from insulin bound IDE  
1160 (residue 660-673, and residue 677-691).  
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1162 **Figure 3-Figure supplement 1 Comparison of four distinct conformers of IDE, Open (O),**  
1163 **partially open (O), partially closed (pC), and closed (C).** (A) The comparison of pC (cyan)  
1164 with pO (magenta), (B) pC (cyan) with C (magenta), (C) pC (cyan) with O (magenta), (D) pO  
1165 (purple) with O (magenta), and (E) pC (cyan), pO (magenta), and O (green). IDE is aligned by  
1166 their IDE-C domain.  
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1168 **Figure 4-Figure supplement 1 SAXS analysis of IDE.** IDE SAXS scattering profile (top),  $P(r)$   
1169 function distribution (middle), and Guinier plot (bottom) of IDE without EDTA (A), IDE with  
1170 EDTA (B), and IDE with EDTA and insulin (C). The solution scattering of models is calculated  
1171 and fitted to experiment data by CRYSTAL. The  $P(r)$  distribution, the real space  $R_g$ , and  $D_{max}$ ,  
1172 were calculated by GNOM. O/pO stands for cryoEM open/partial open state of IDE. C stands  
1173 for IDE closed state from crystal structure, and pC/pC stands for cryoEM partial-closed/partial-  
1174 closed state of IDE that is solved in the presence of insulin.  
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1176 **Figure 5-Figure supplement 1 Comparison of crystal structures of insulin- or A $\beta$ -bound**  
1177 **IDE.** (A) Crystal structure of insulin- and Fab1-bound IDE (PDB code: 5WOB). Fab is not  
1178 shown for clarity. (B) Insulin-bound IDE (PDB code: 2WBY). Alignment of the insulin (C) and  
1179 IDE (D) from 5WOB and 2WBY. (E) Crystal structure of A $\beta$ - and Fab1-bound IDE (PDB code:  
1180 4M1C). Fab is not shown for clarity. (F) A $\beta$ -bound IDE (PDB code: 2G47). Alignment of A $\beta$  (G)

1181 and IDE (H) from 4M1C and 2G47. IDE-C is colored in grey; IDE-N in Fab1- and substrate-  
1182 bound IDE is colored in cyan; IDE-N in substrate-bound IDE is colored in green. Insulin A and  
1183 B chains are colored in magenta and cyan, respectively. A $\beta$  is colored in blue. The RMSD is  
1184 calculated by PYMOL.

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1186 **Figure 5-Figure supplement 2 Comparison of thermal B factor distribution of four**  
1187 **cryoEM IDE structures, and two crystal structures.** Thermal B factor distribution of cryoEM  
1188 structures of Fab<sub>H11-E-</sub> and insulin-bound IDE pC/pC (A), or apo IDE pO/pO (B), pO/O (C), and  
1189 O/O (D) and that of crystal structures of Fab1-bound IDE in the absence (E) and presence of  
1190 insulin (F). Averaged B factors of IDE door subdomain and D3 domain are shown for  
1191 comparison in A-D. Only one dimer is shown in insulin- and Fab1-bound IDE structure as four  
1192 IDE dimers in the asymmetric unit and are similar. Summary of average thermal B factors of  
1193 various IDE domains for cryoEM structures (G) and crystal structures (H).

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1195 **Figure 5-Figure supplement 3 Amide hydrogen-deuterium exchange profiles of IDE**  
1196 **alone (A) and IDE in the presence of BDM44768 (B).** The percentages of deuteration levels  
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1213 **Figure 5-Figure supplement 5 HDX-MS analysis of IDE-small molecule inhibitor**  
1214 **interaction.** Differences in deuteration levels in the free and BDM44768-bound (A) or 6bK-  
1215 bound IDE (B) at various time points (from top to bottom: 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000, 100,000, and  
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1220 **Figure 5-Figure supplement 6 Progression curves that have the significant difference in**  
1221 **HDX of IDE when 6bK or BDM-44768 (BDM) were present.** The standard deviation error bar  
1222 to the WT IDE data is determined by three individual experiments.

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1225 **alone (A) and IDE in the presence of insulin (B).** The percentages of deuteration levels of  
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1243 in deuteration levels in the free and insulin-bound (A) or A $\beta$ -bound IDE (B) at various time  
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1253 **Figure 7-Figure supplement 1 Insulin binding at IDE catalytic chamber from Fab1- and**  
1254 **insulin-bound IDE crystal structure at 3.95 Å resolution.** All eight catalytic chambers from  
1255 four IDE dimers in an asymmetric unit are shown. Insulin is colored in pink stick and the  
1256 electron density around insulin is colored in yellow. The secondary structures and residues  
1257 crucial for insulin binding of IDE is shown in grey.

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1259 **Figure 7-Figure supplement 2 The fit of the unfolded insulin A or B chain with electron**  
1260 **density inside the catalytic chamber of IDE from cryoEM structure of insulin-bound IDE.**  
1261 (A, B) Two likely fit of either insulin A or B chain into the extra-density at the catalytic chamber  
1262 of both IDE subunits. Only electron density within 3Å around insulin are shown. The detailed  
1263 features in the possible fit of extra electron density with unfolded insulin A (A) or B chain (B).  
1264 The atoms were colored as N, blue; O, red; S, black; and C, magenta (insulin chain A), and C,  
1265 cyan (insulin chain B). (C, D) The electron density of insulin and the surrounding residues of  
1266 IDE. H110 and H112 are residues binding the catalytic Zn<sup>2+</sup> ion while F115 and F820 form a  
1267 hydrophobic pocket for the substrate binding. Electron density map is contoured to the level  
1268 that the density around H110 and H112 (C) or insulin (D) is clearly visible to show the strength  
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## Supplementary file legends

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1273 **Supplementary file 1.** Data collection and structure refinement statistics

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1275 **Supplementary file 2.** CryoEM data collection and processing statistic

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1277 **Supplementary file 3.** CryoEM map and model refinement statistics

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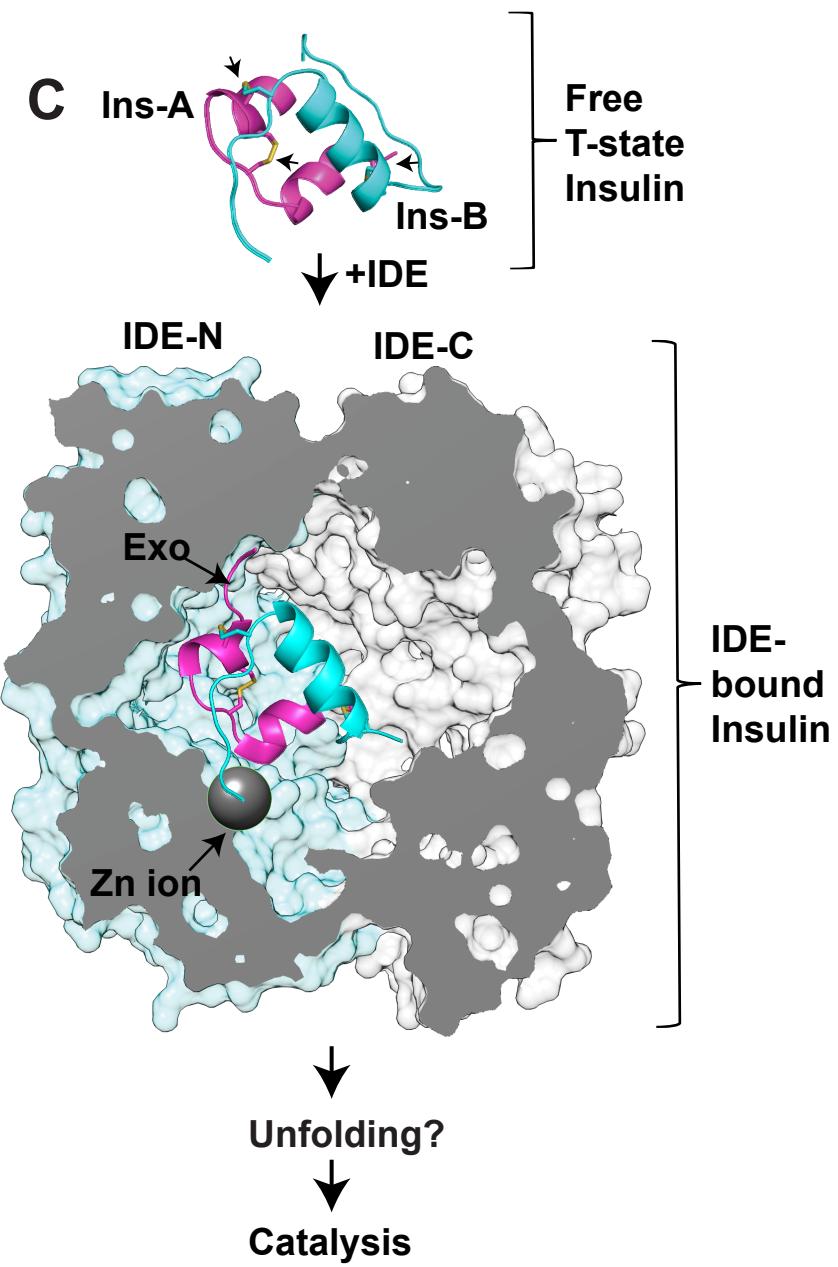
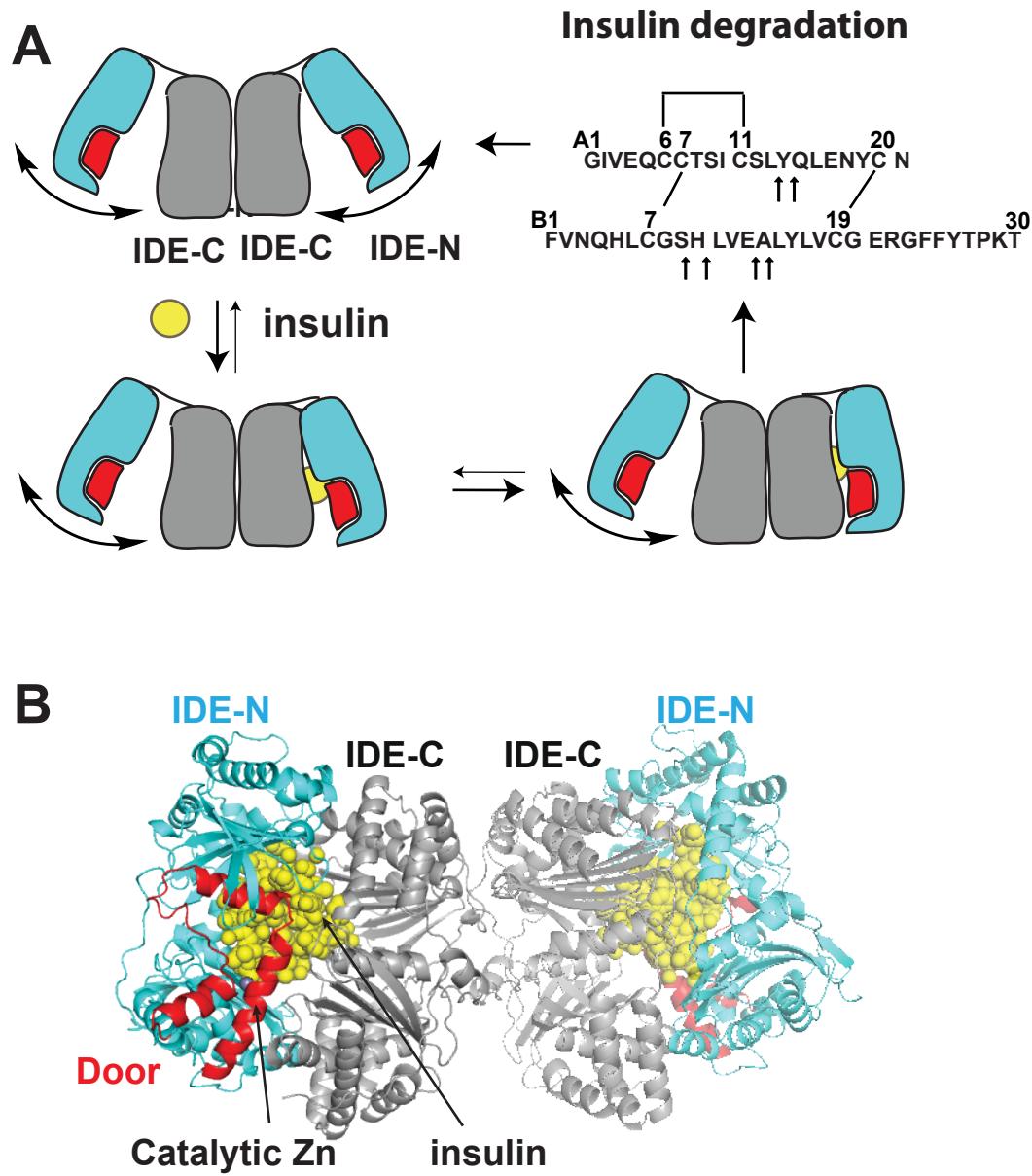
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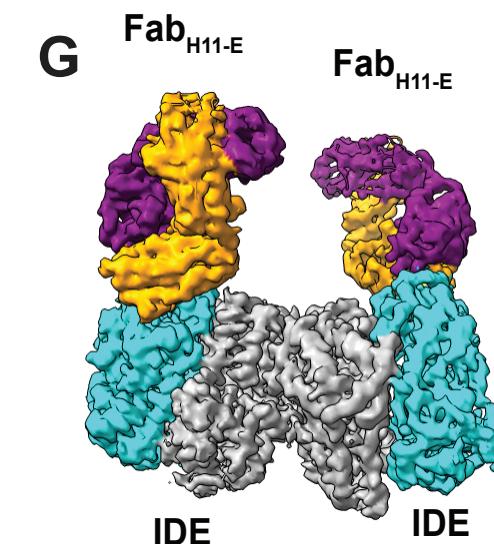
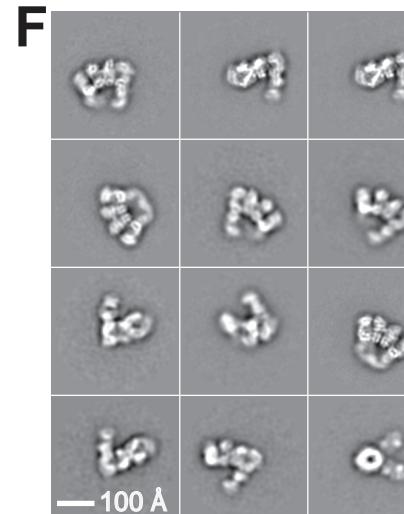
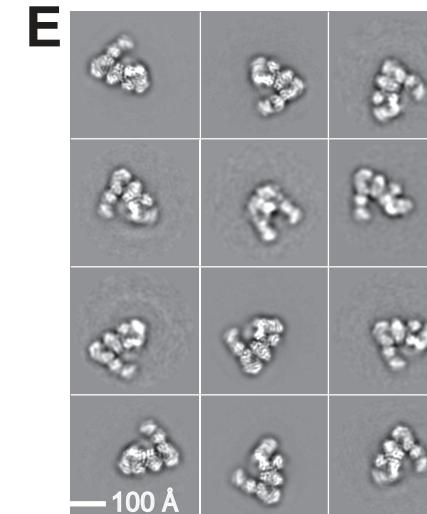
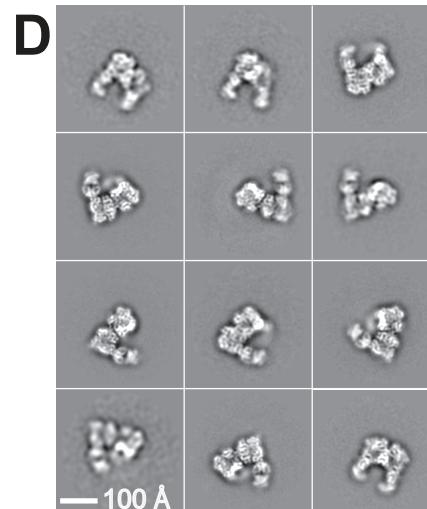
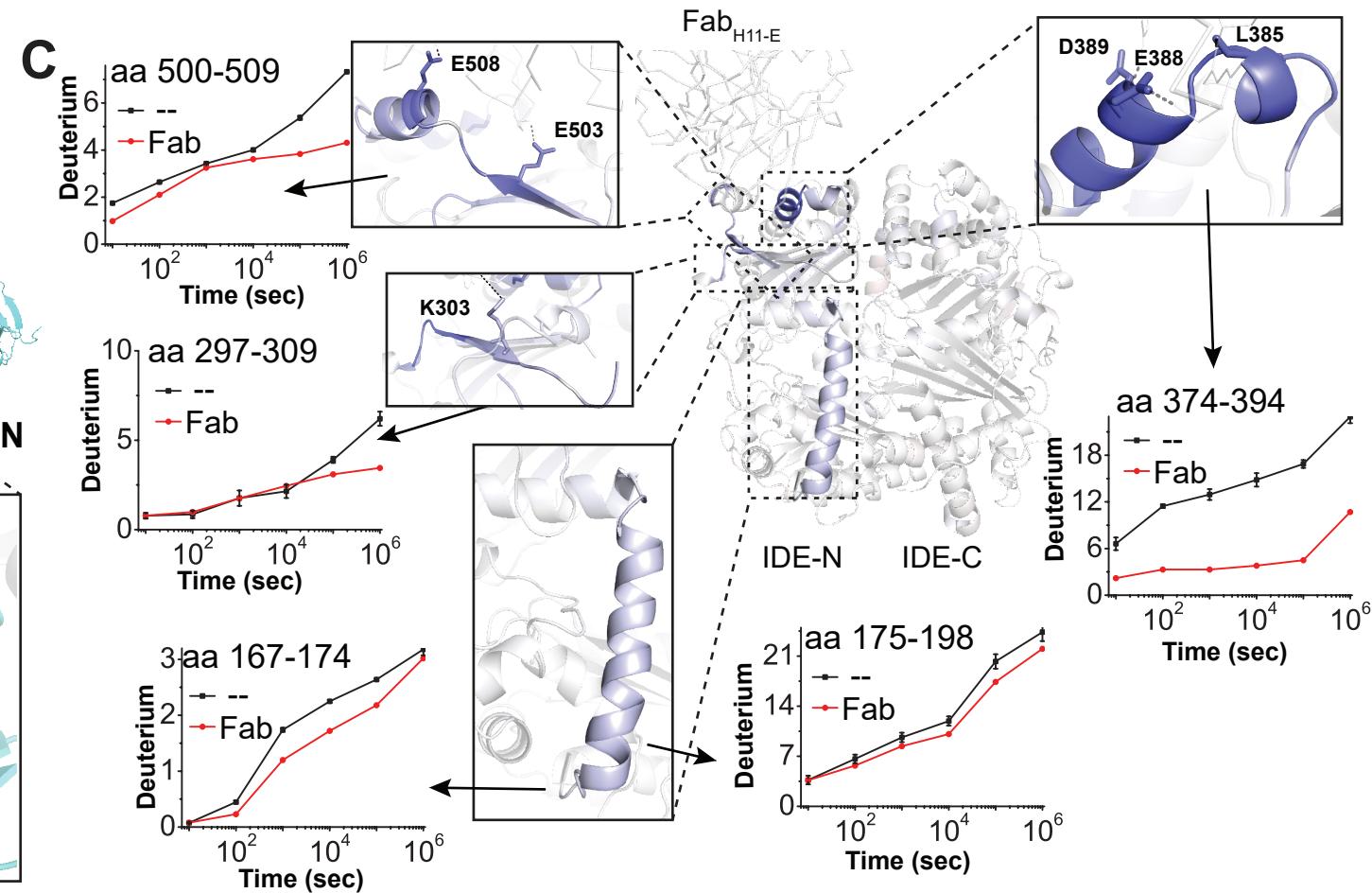
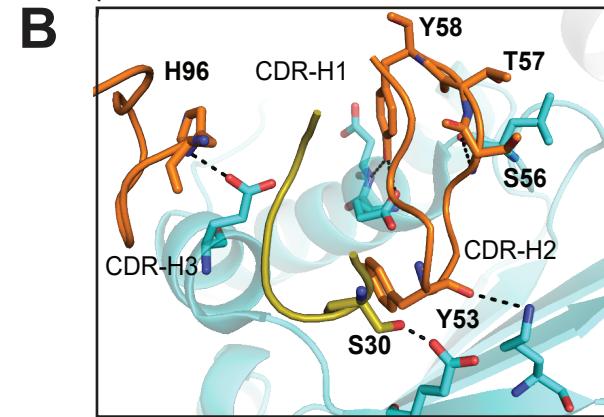
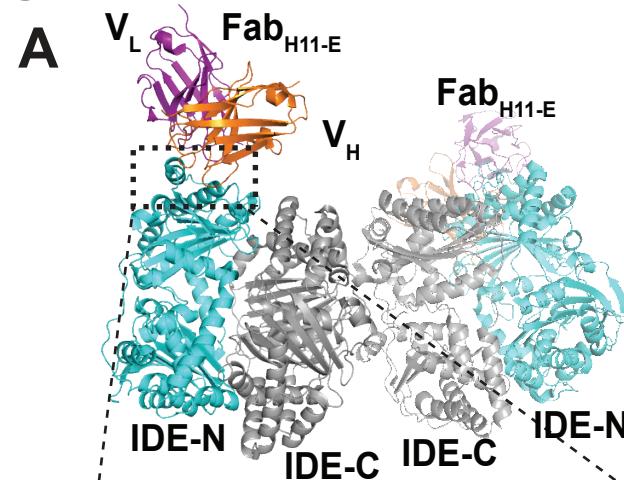
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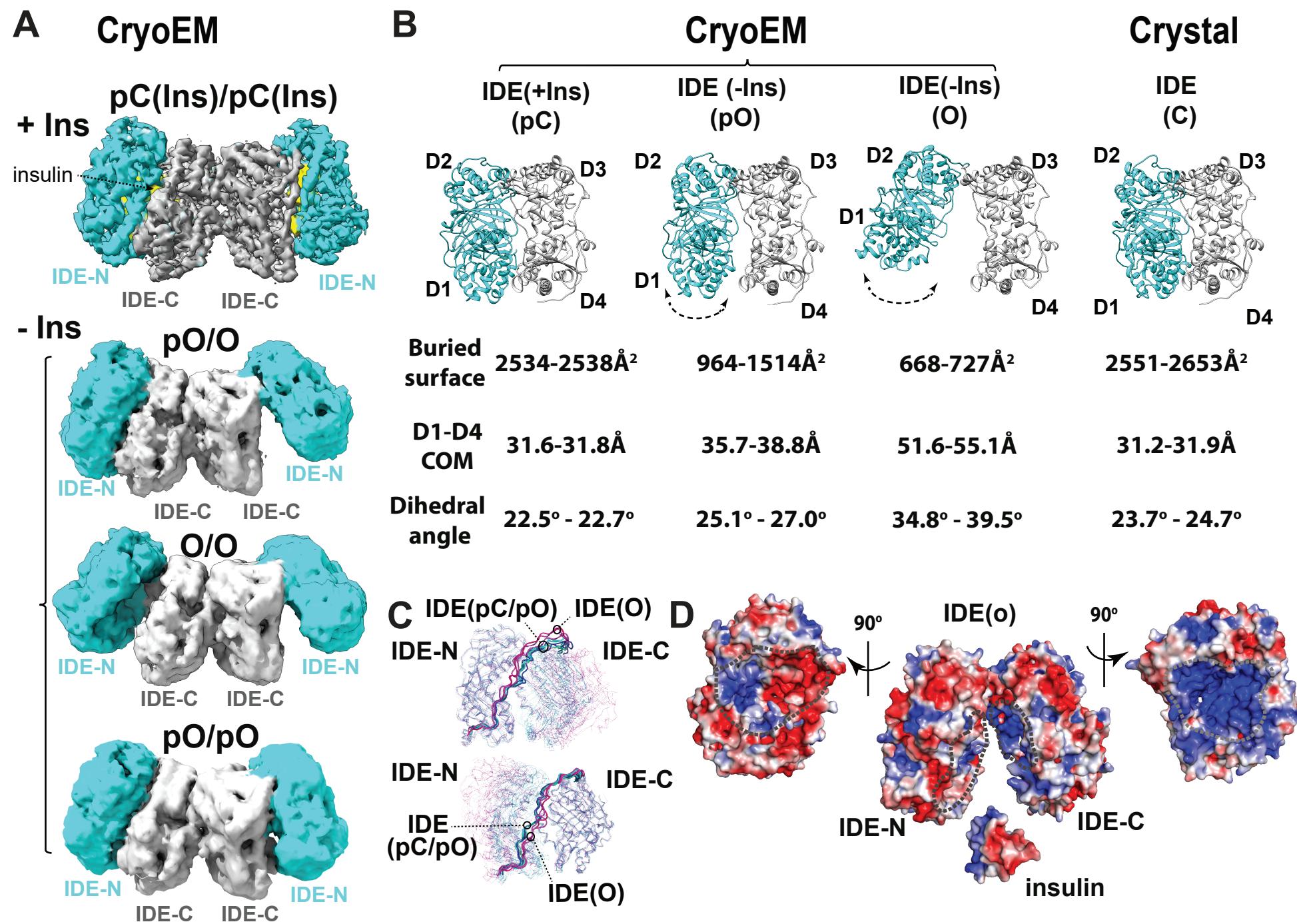
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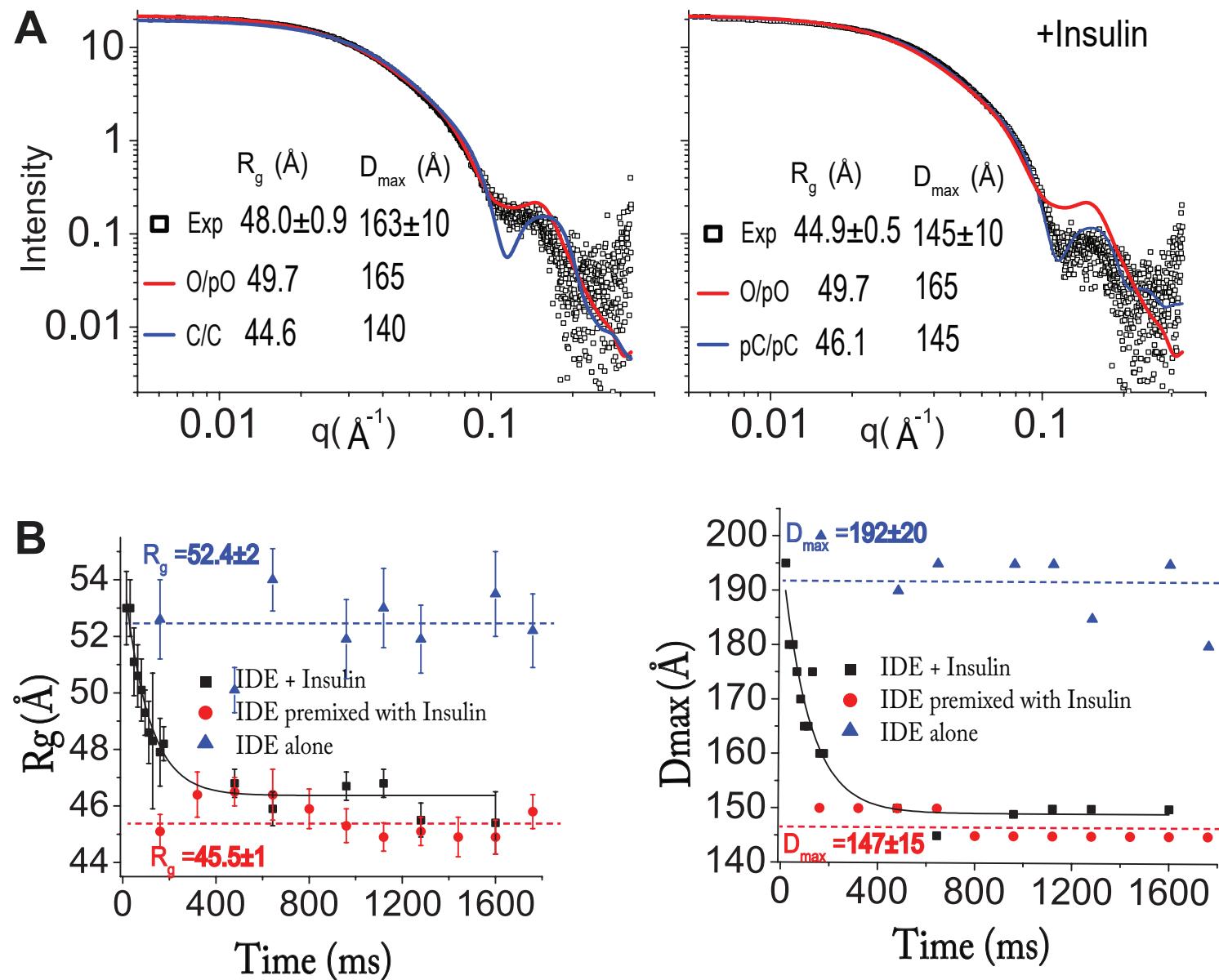
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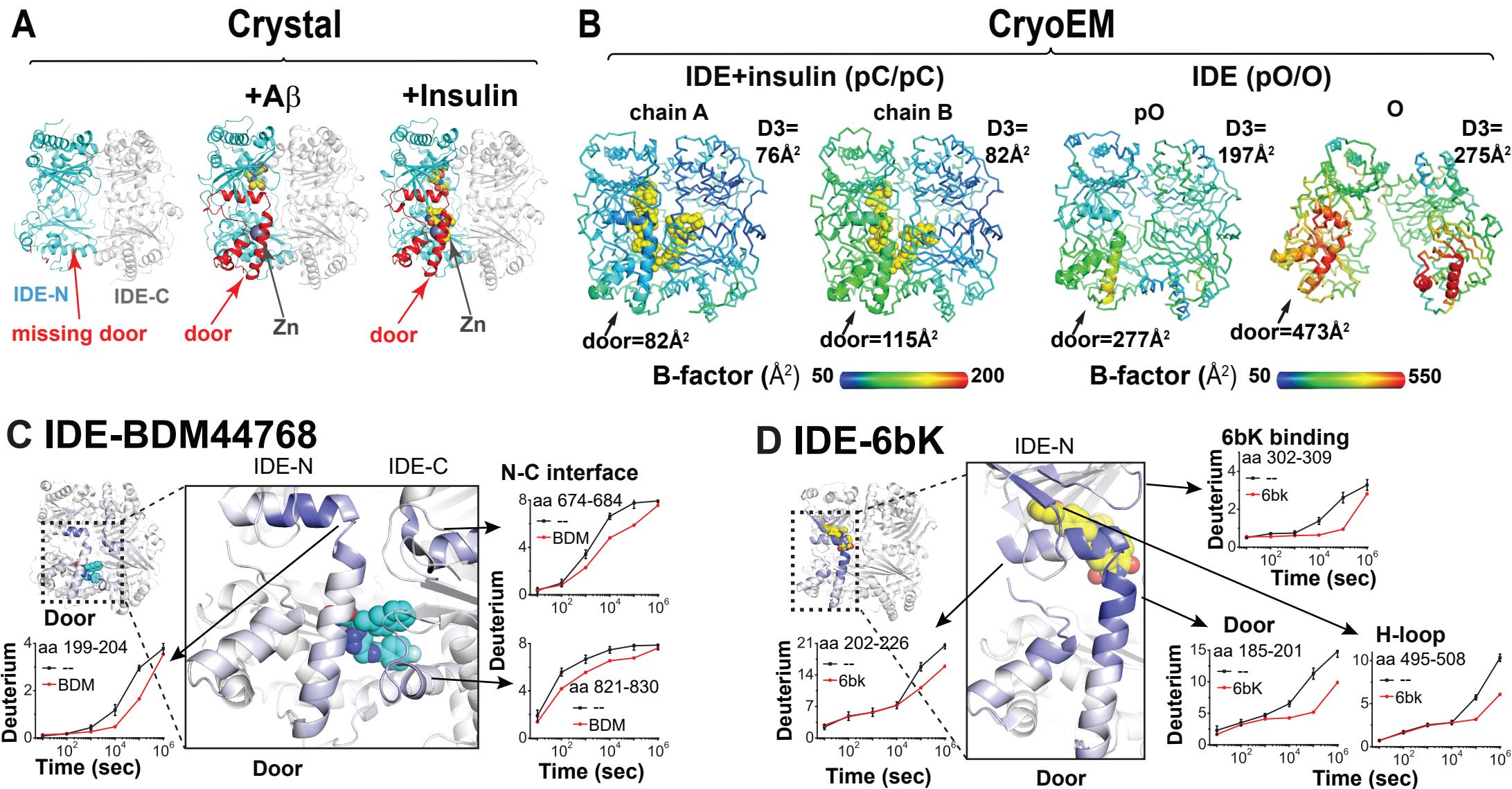
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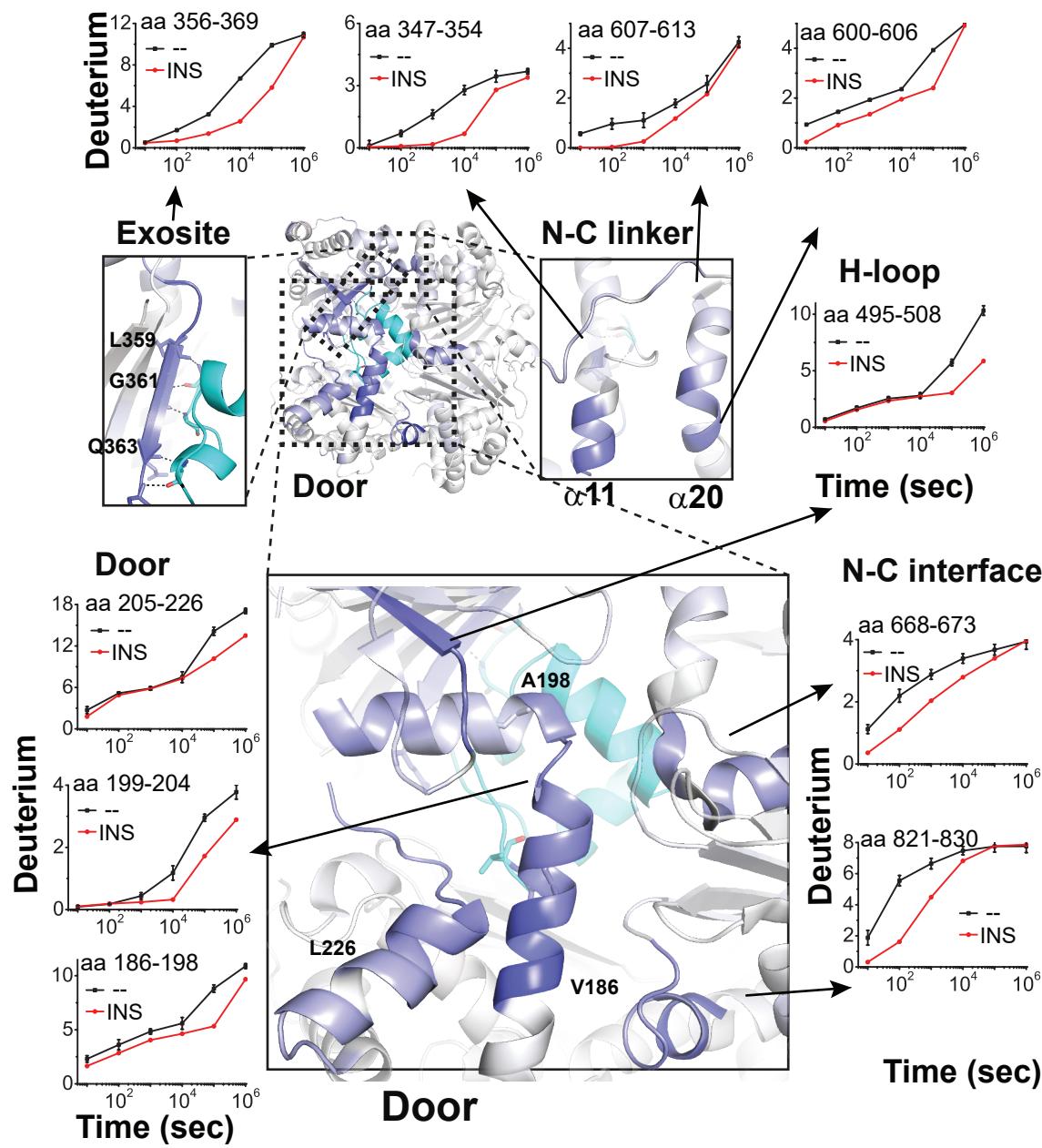


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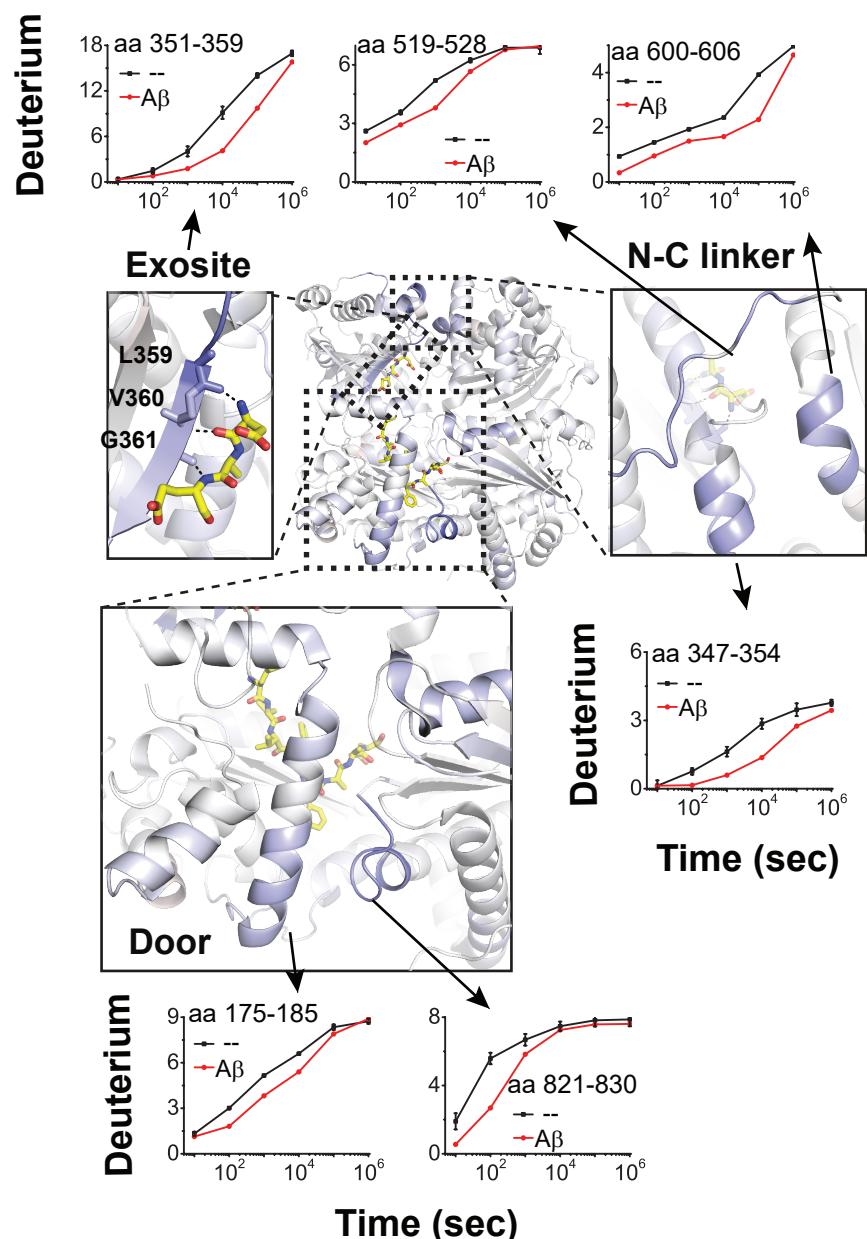


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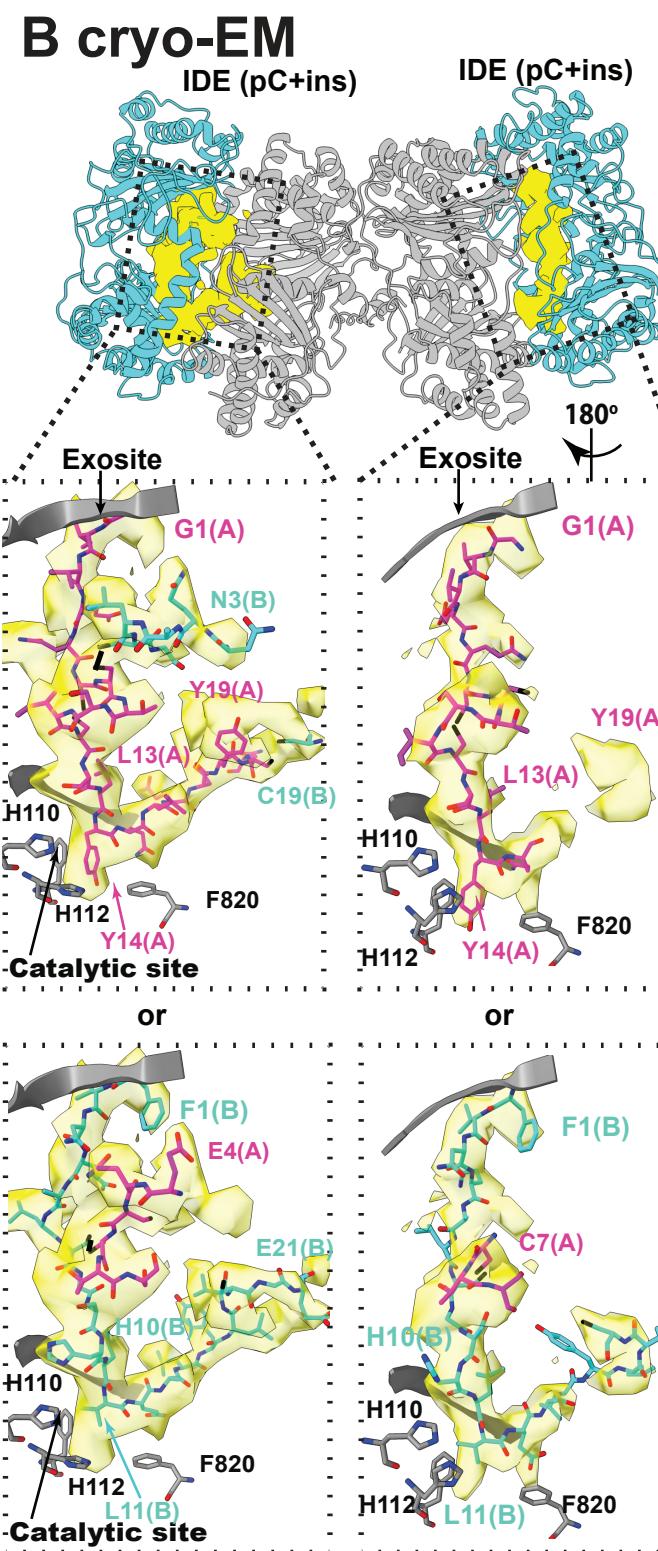
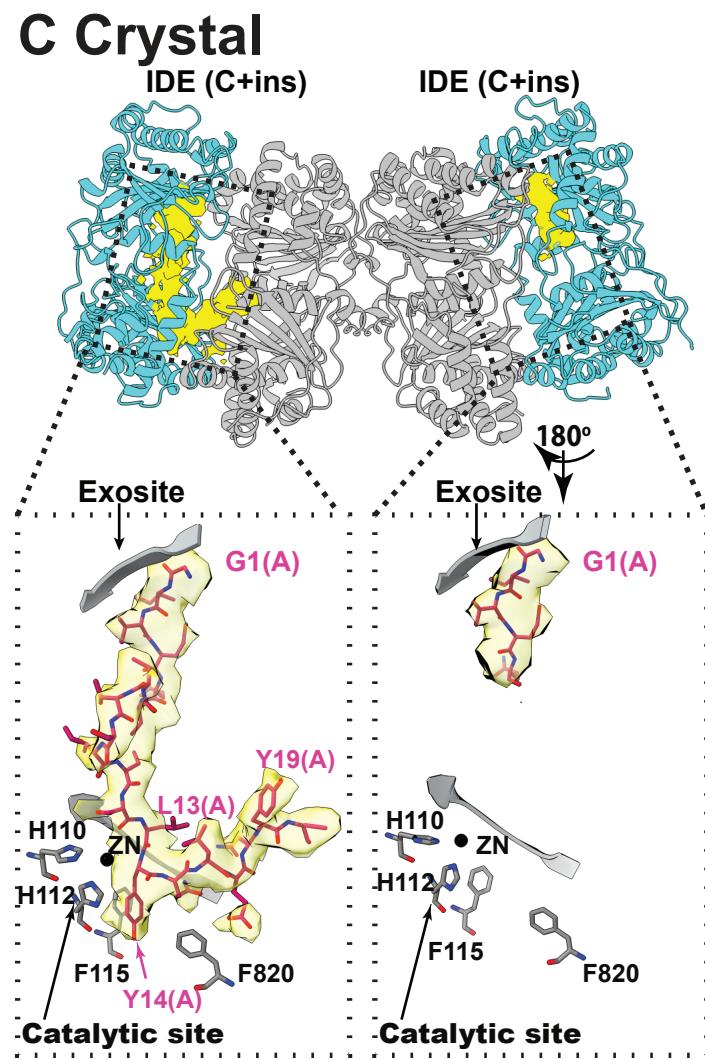
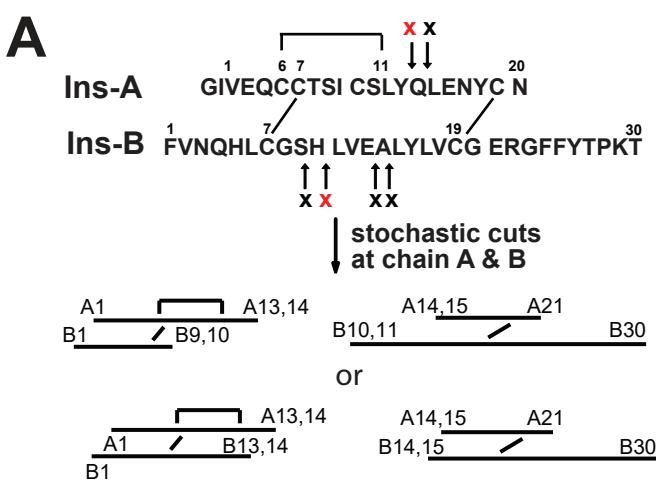
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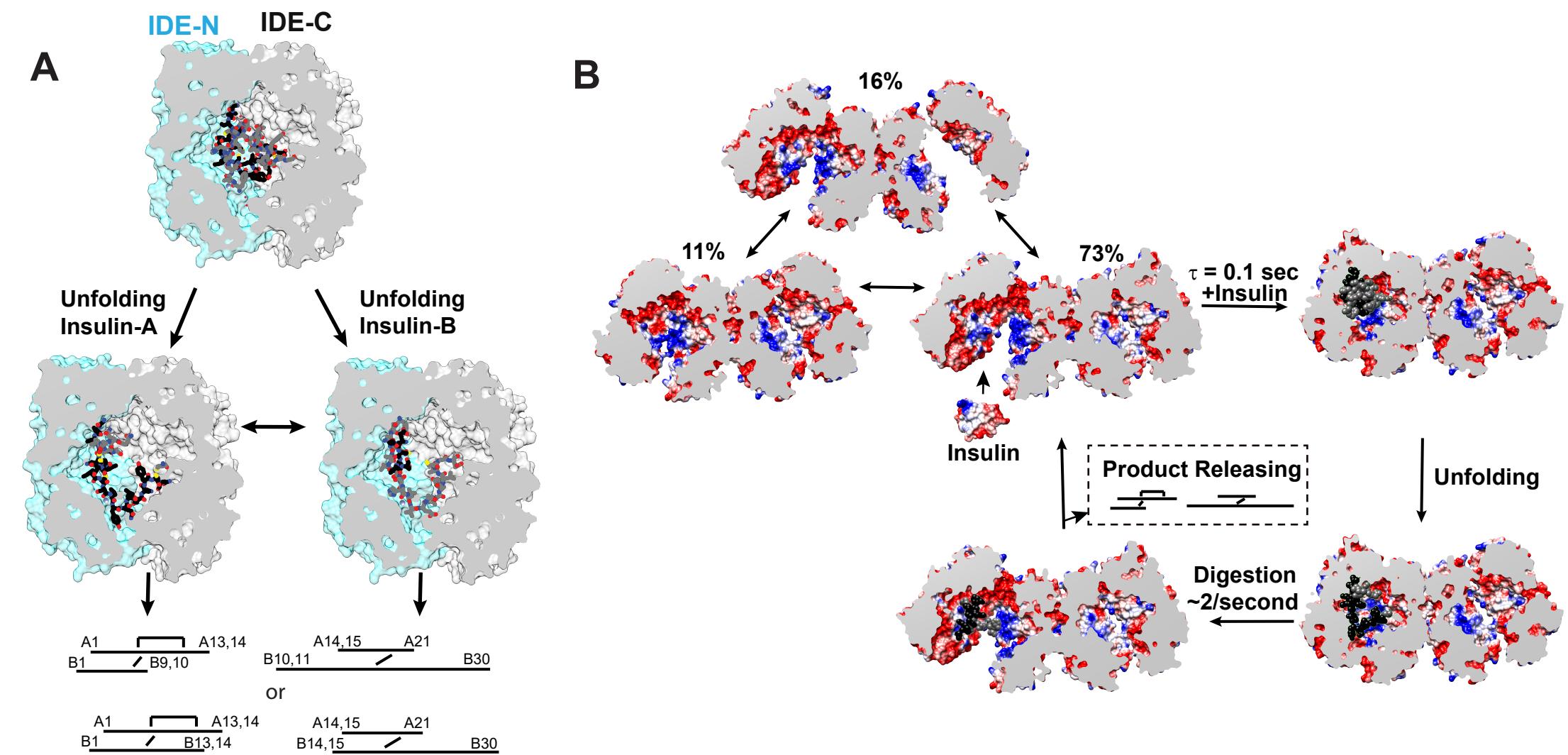
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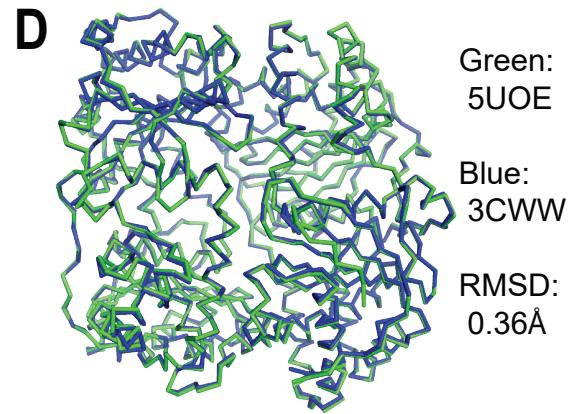
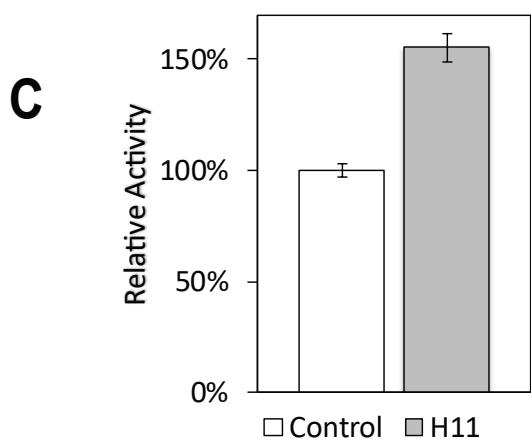
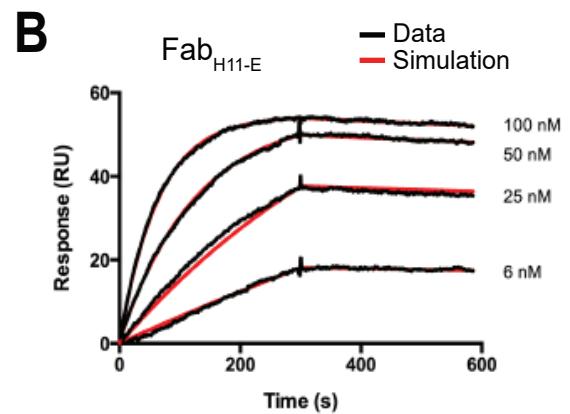
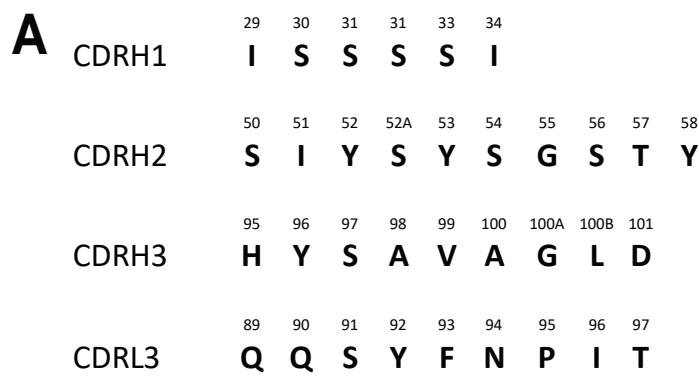
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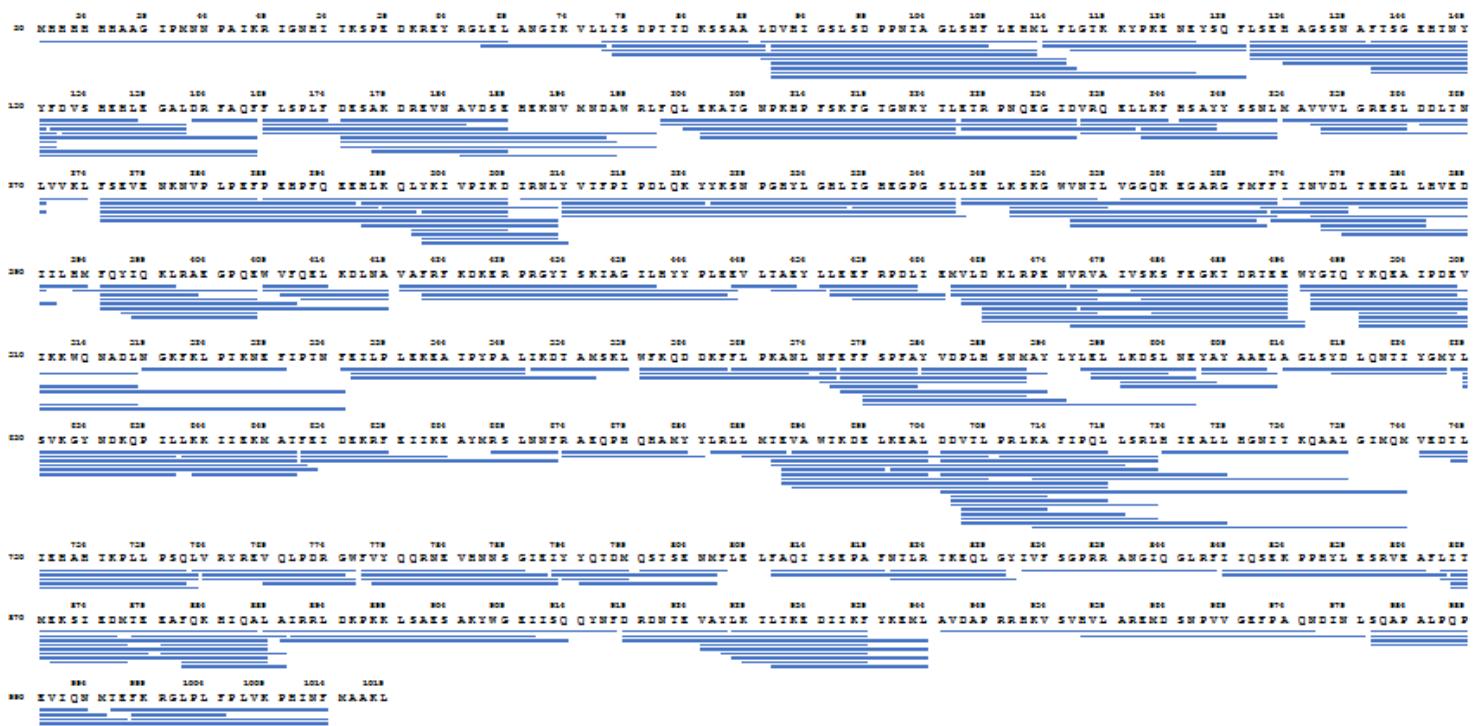


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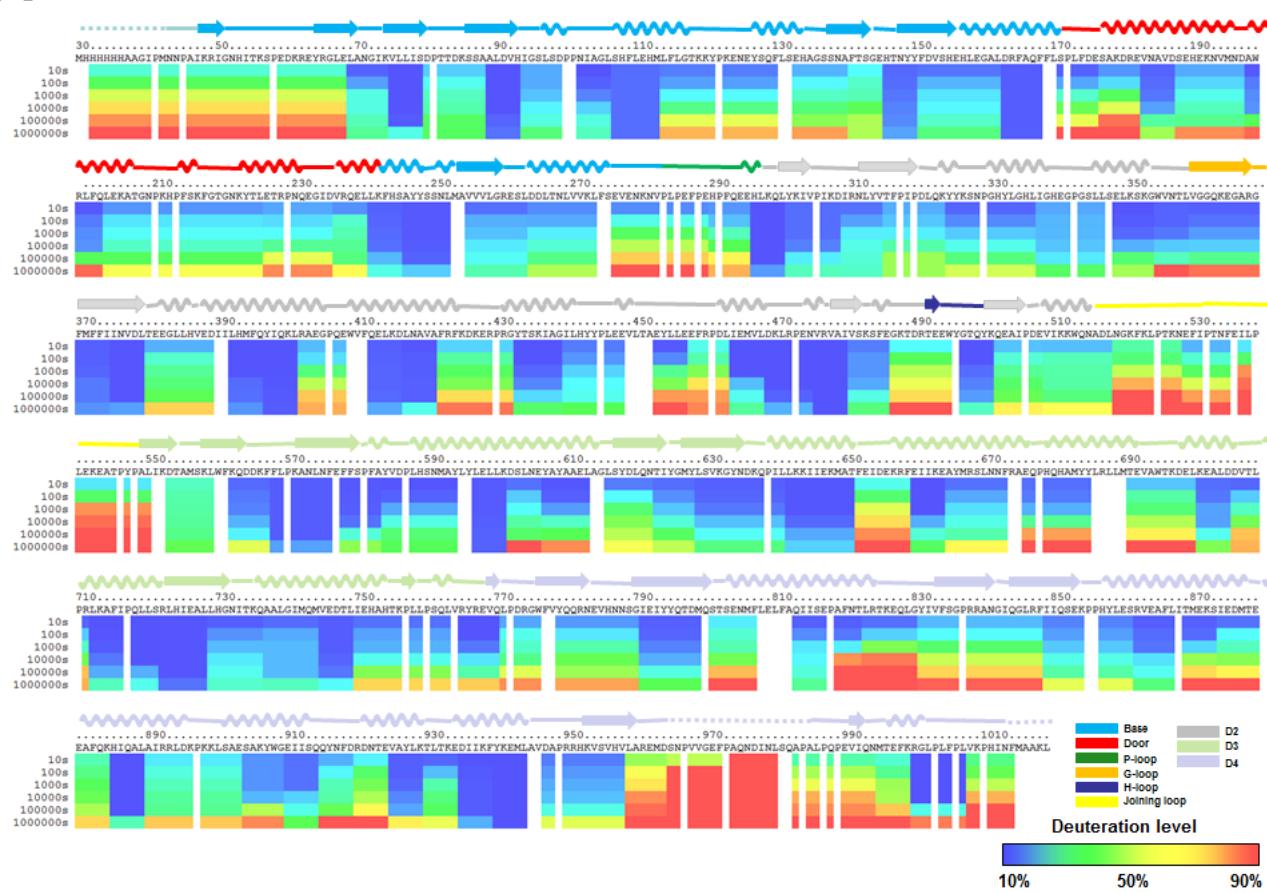
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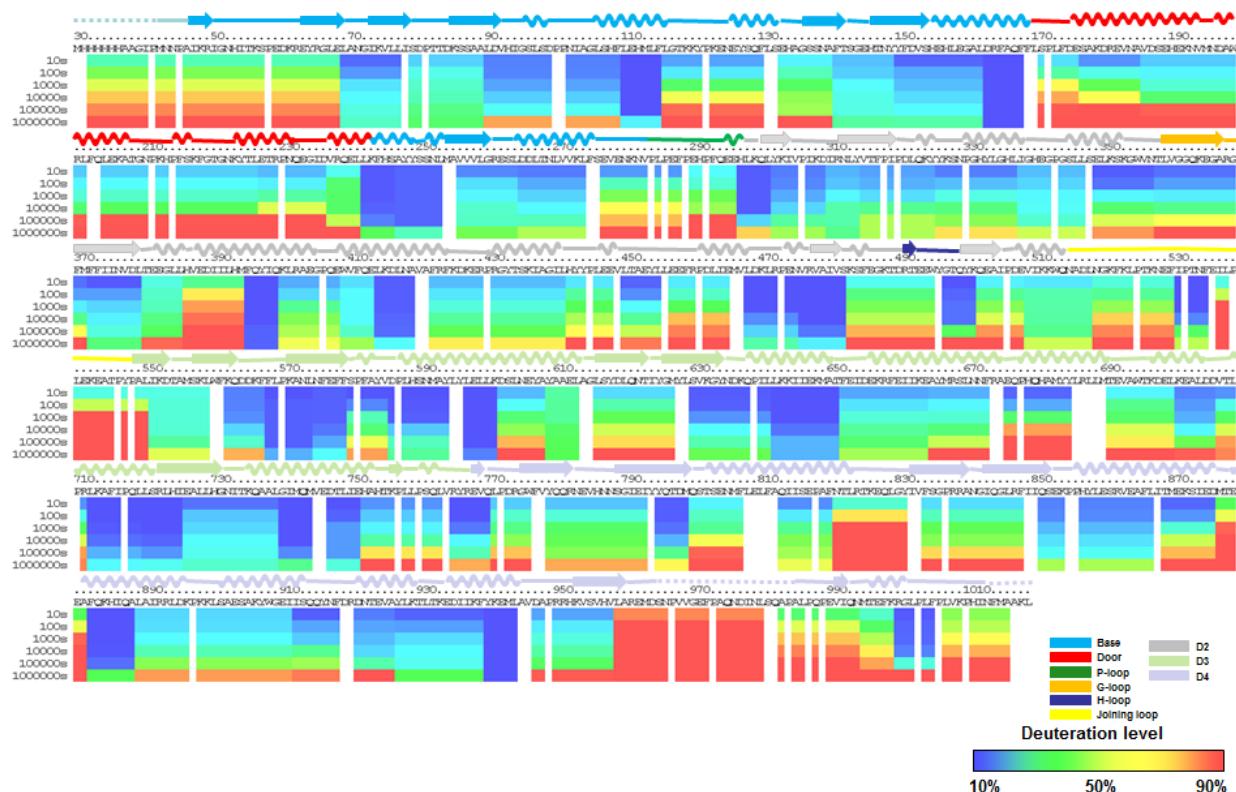
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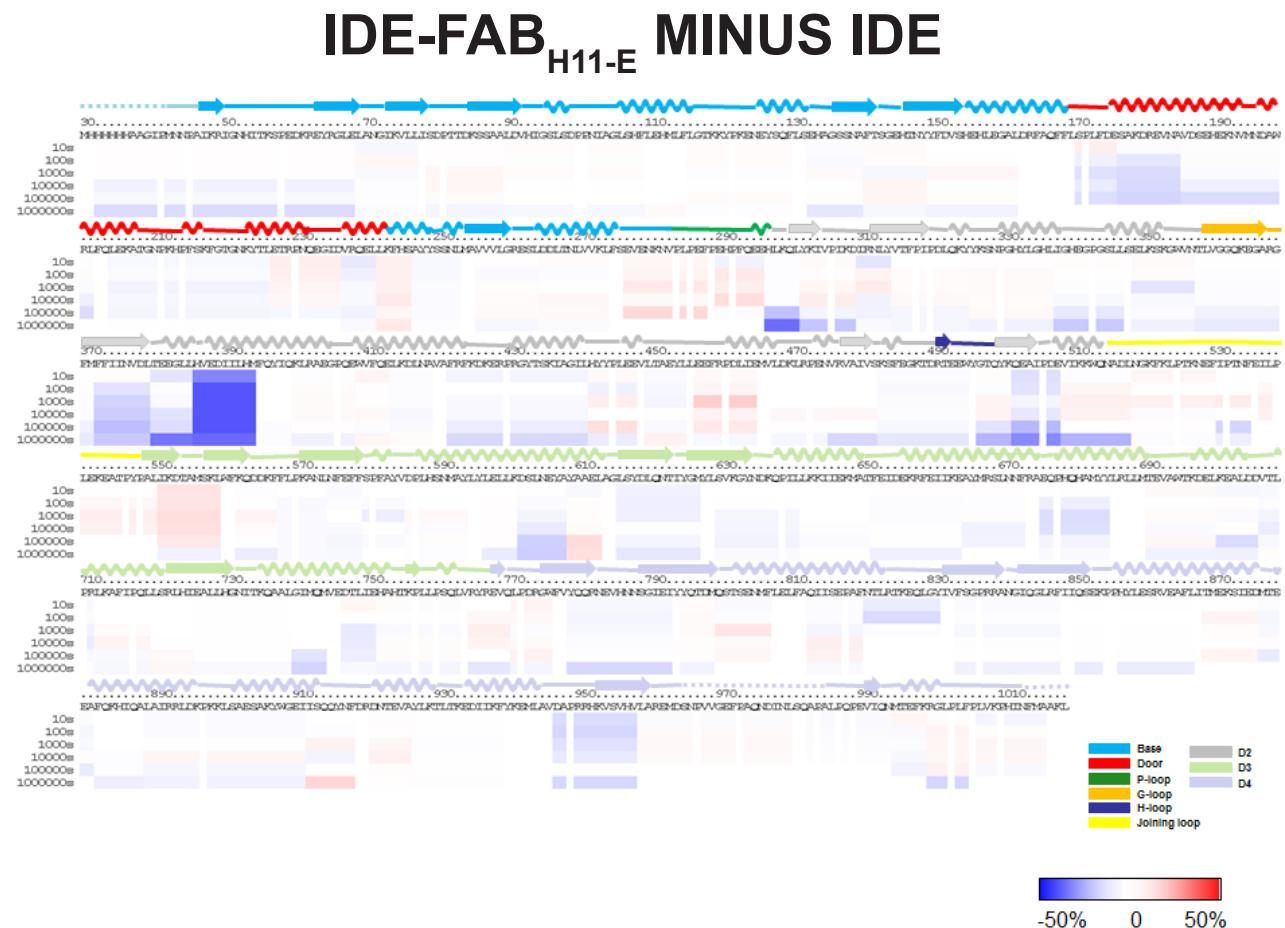


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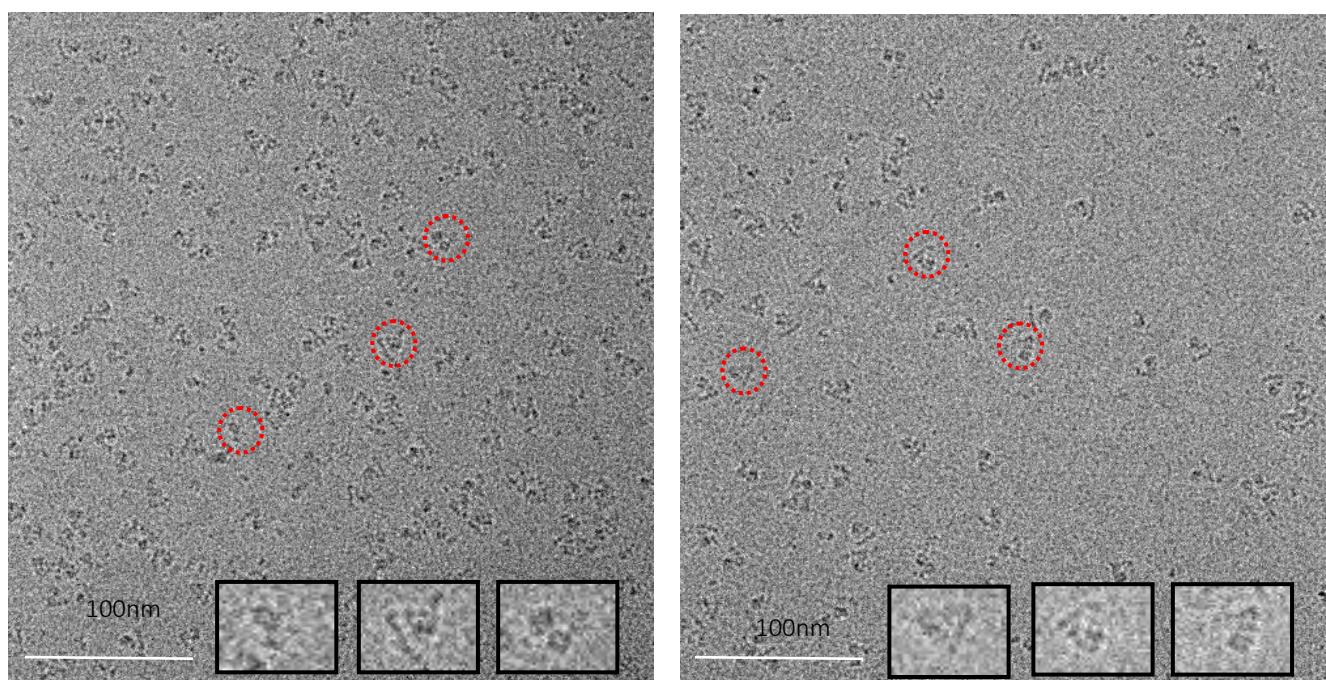


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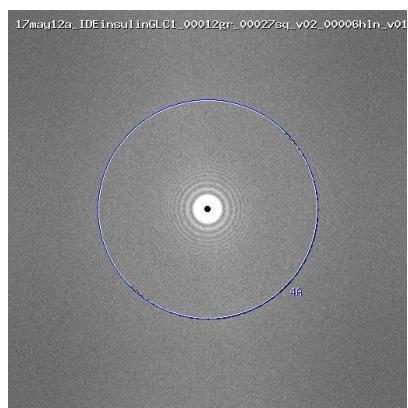


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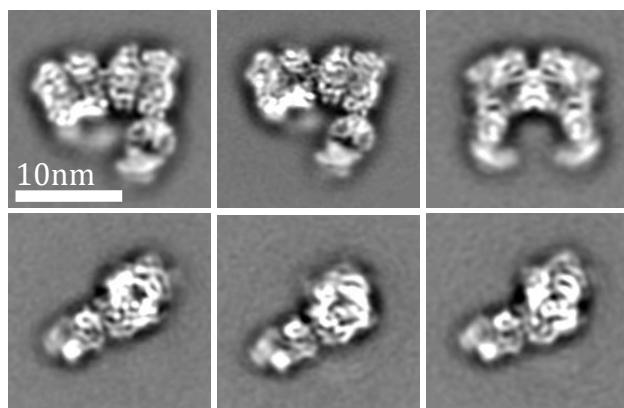
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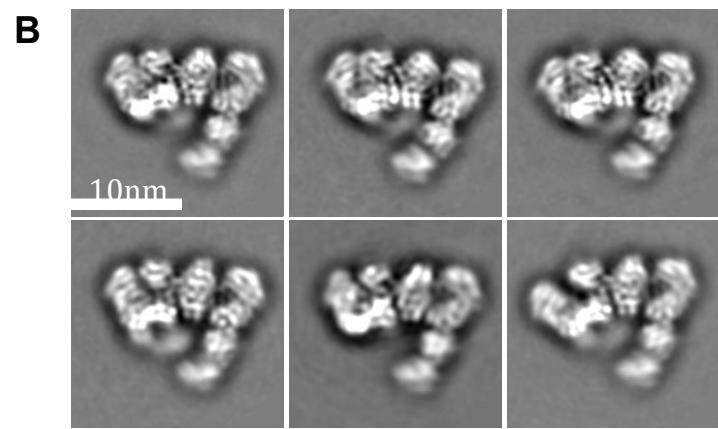
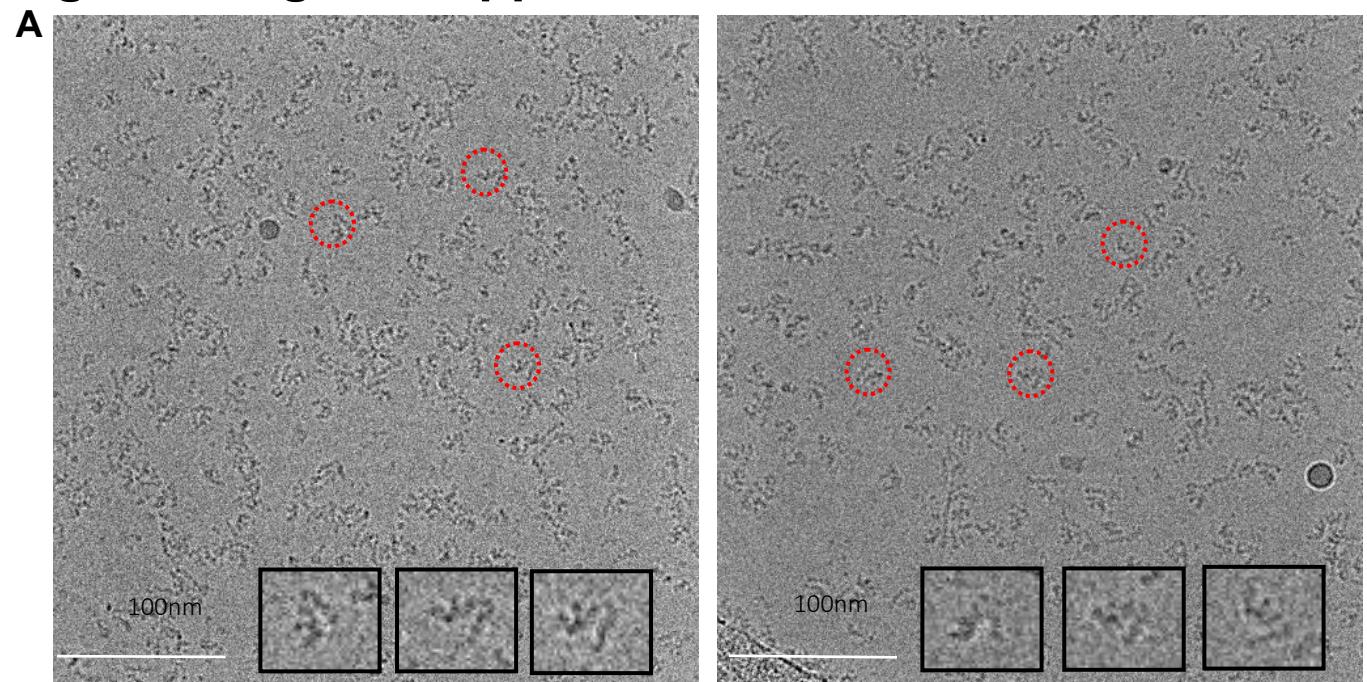
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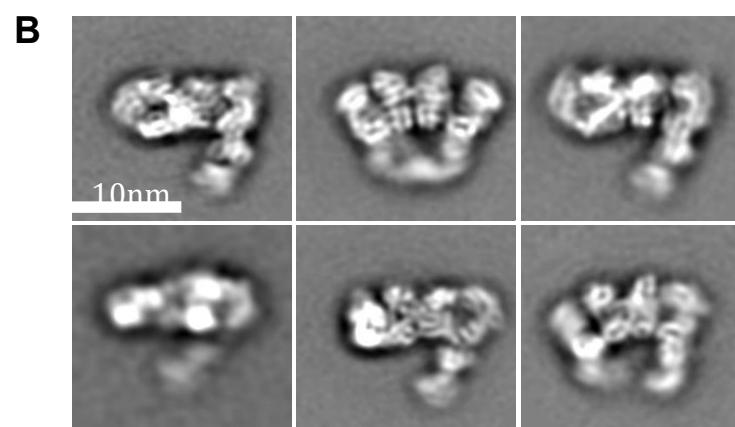
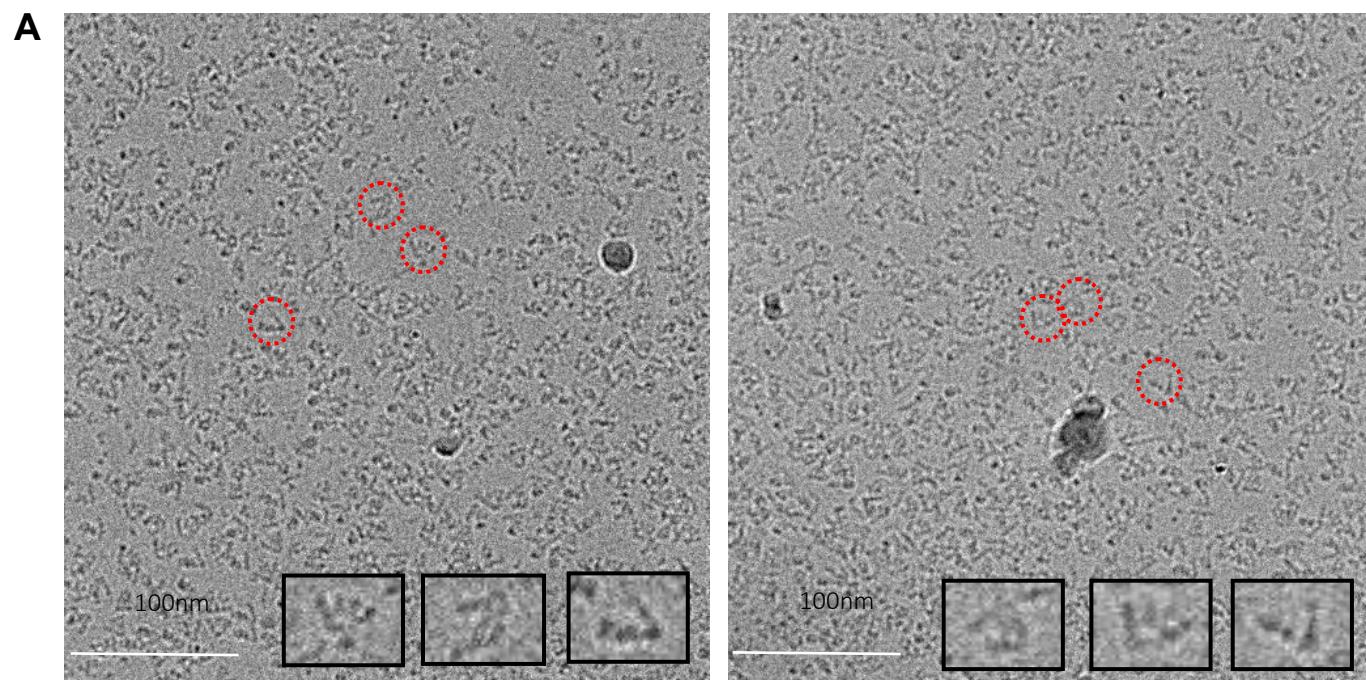
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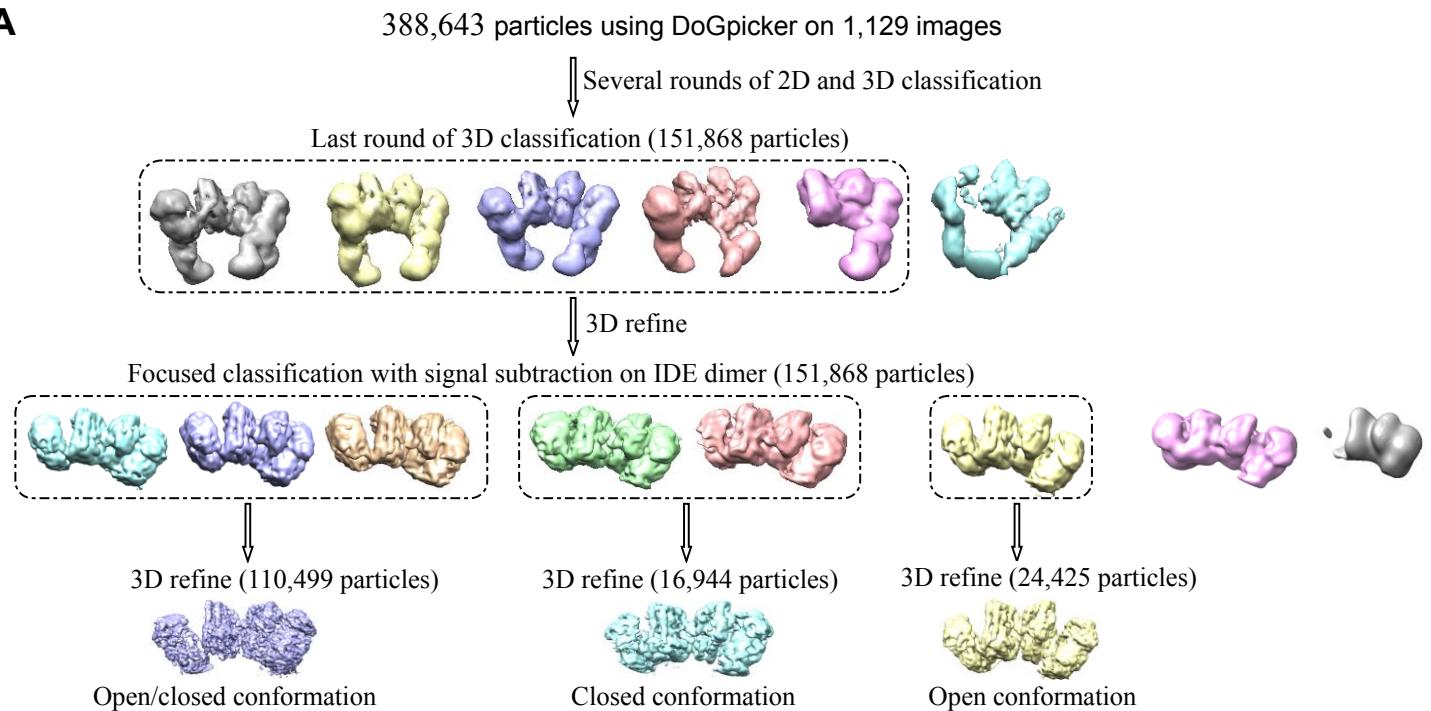


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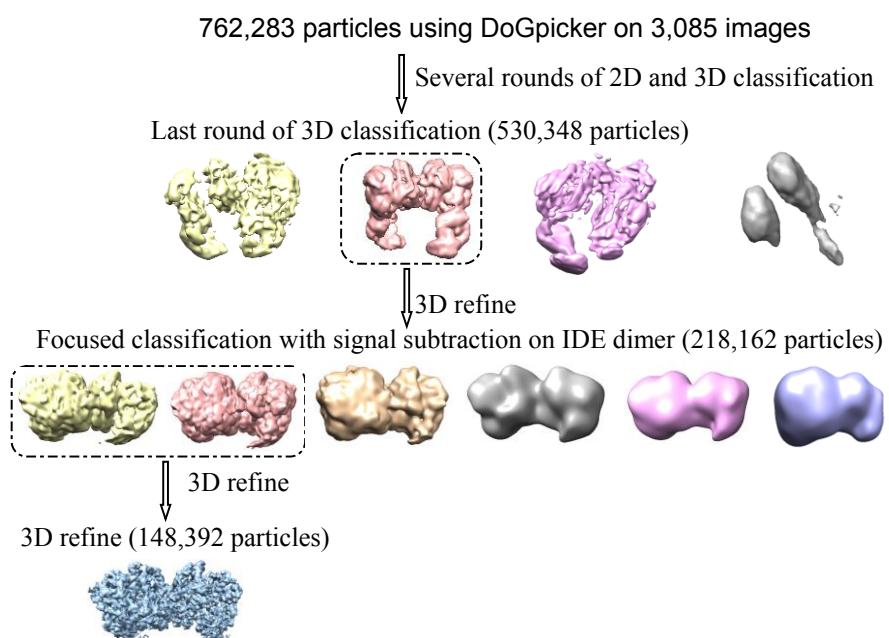


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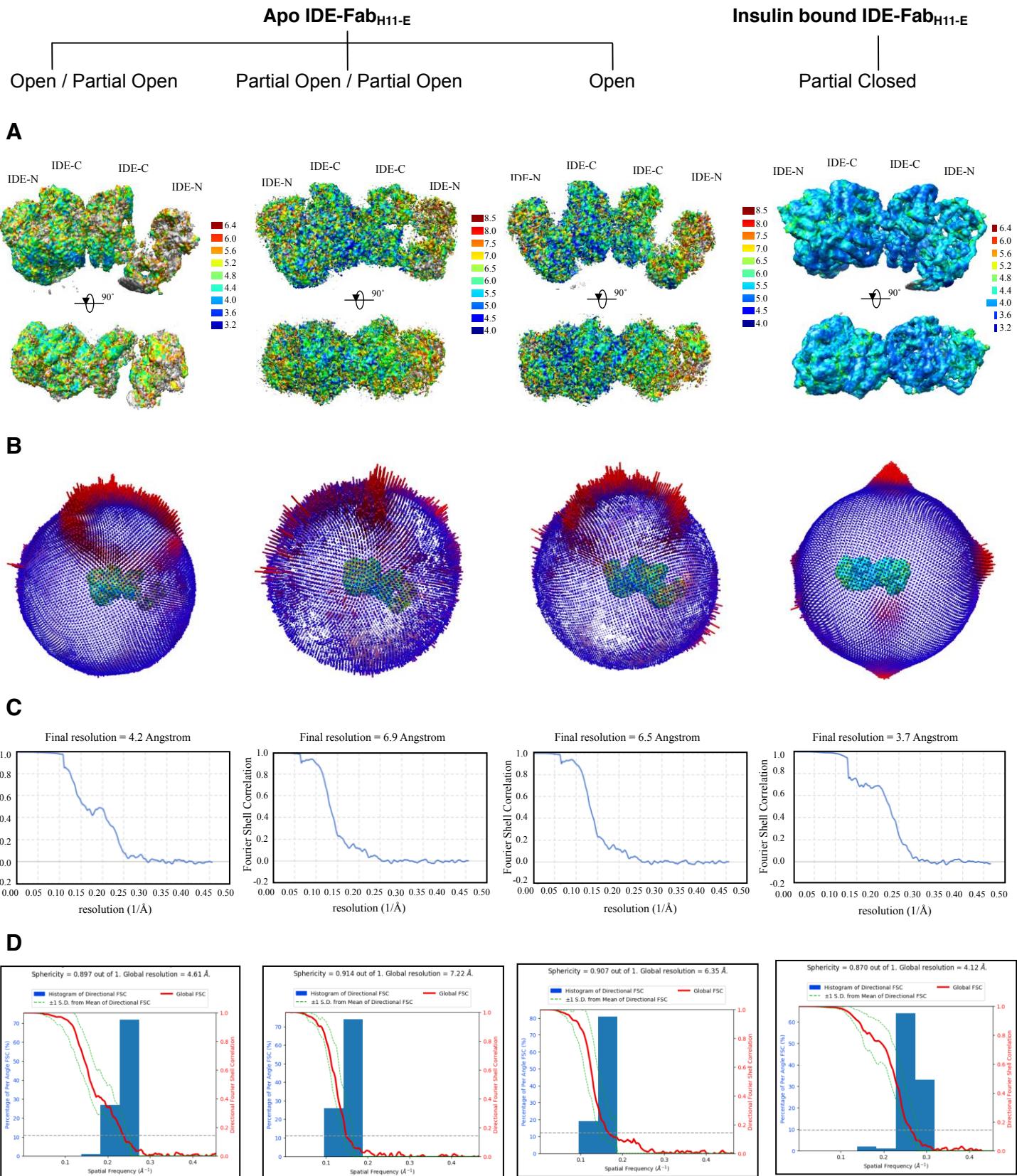
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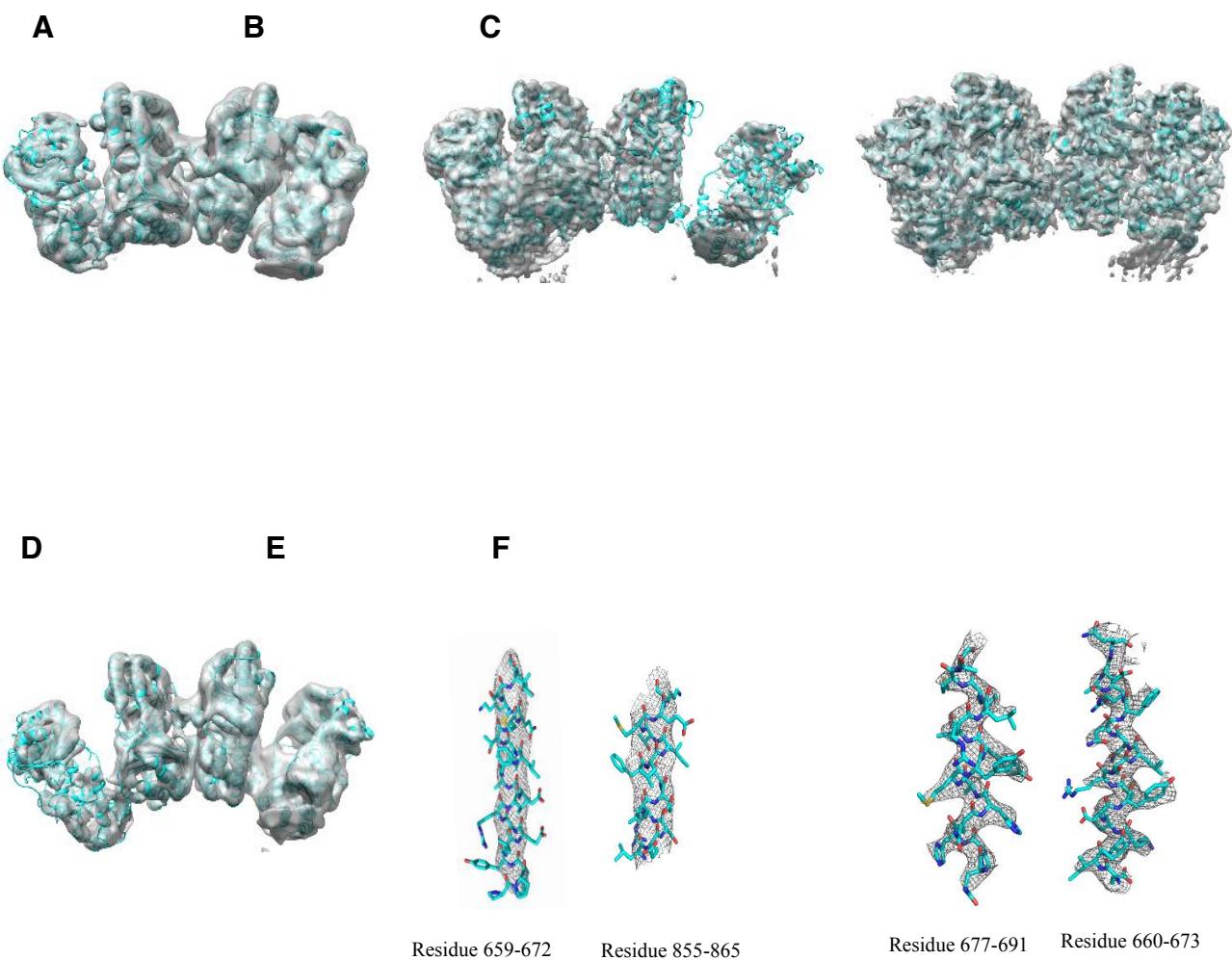
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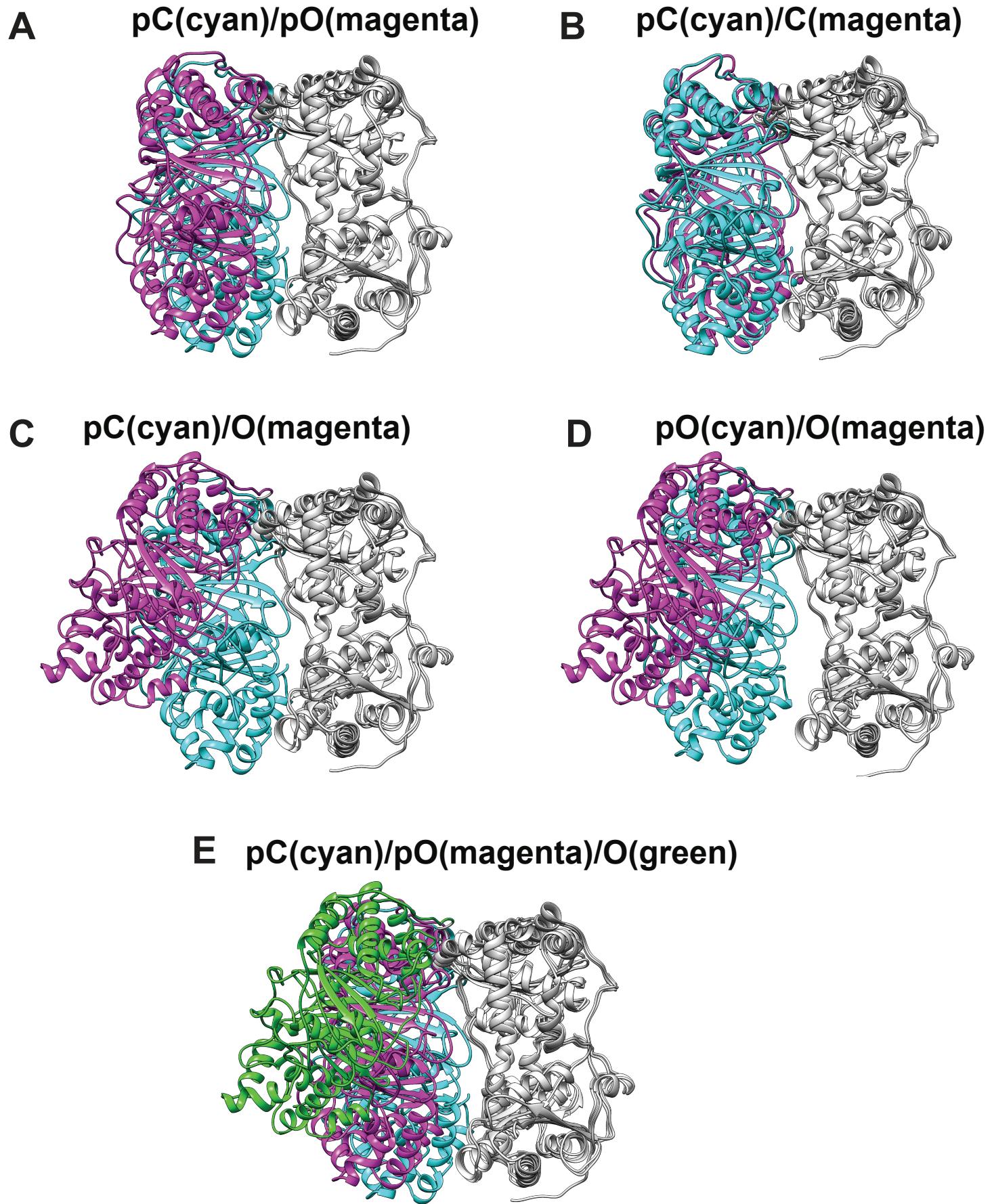
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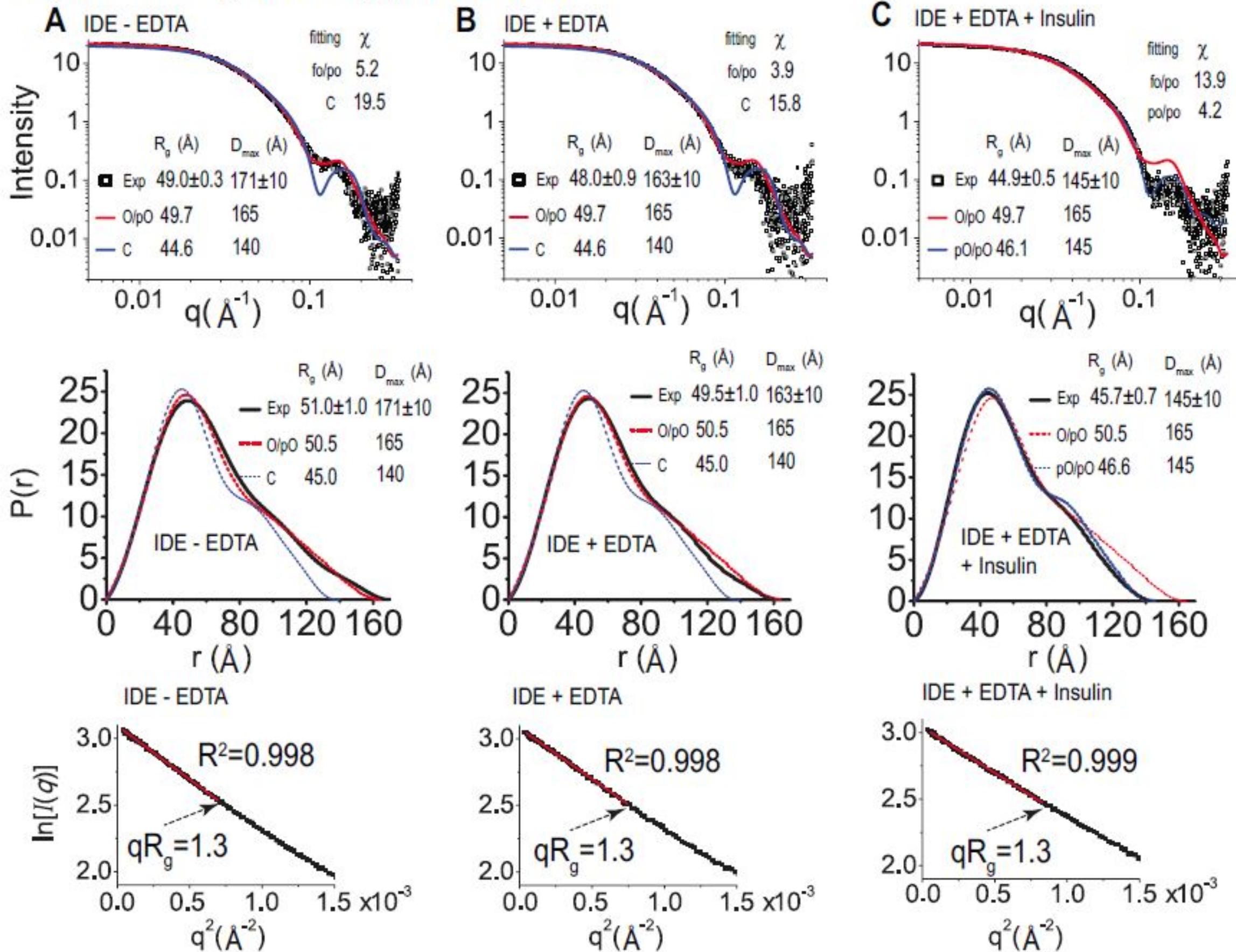
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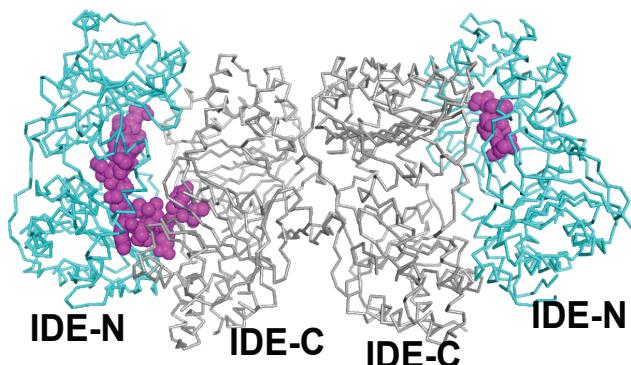


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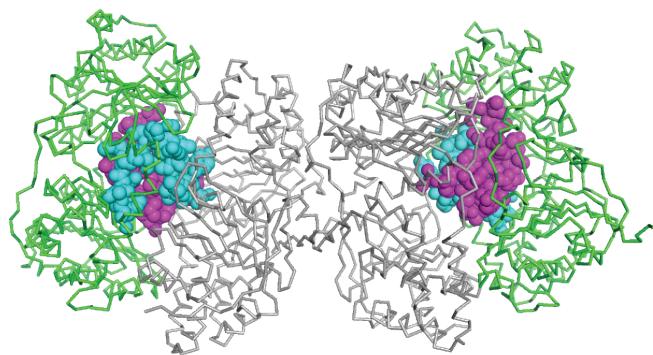


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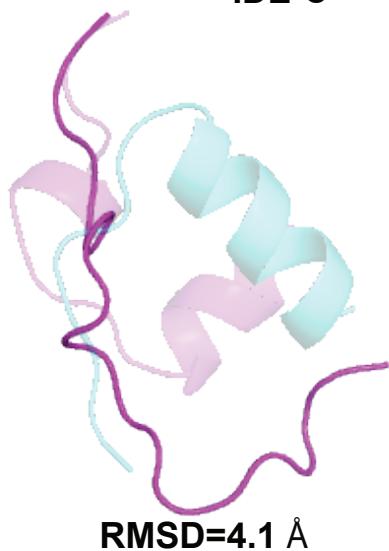
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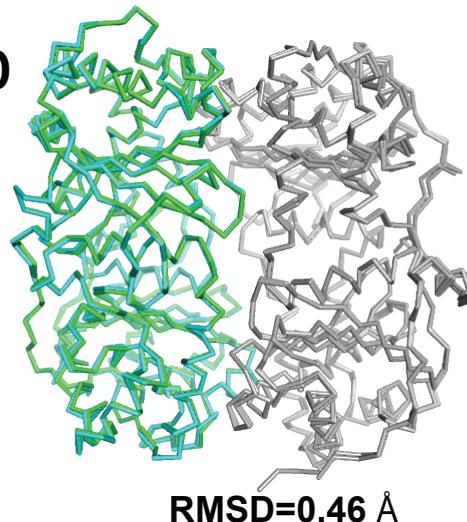
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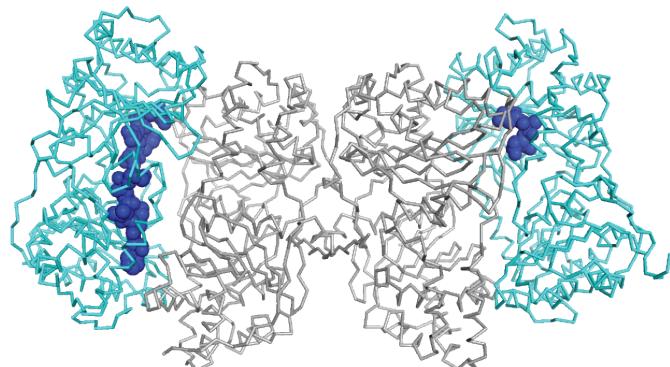
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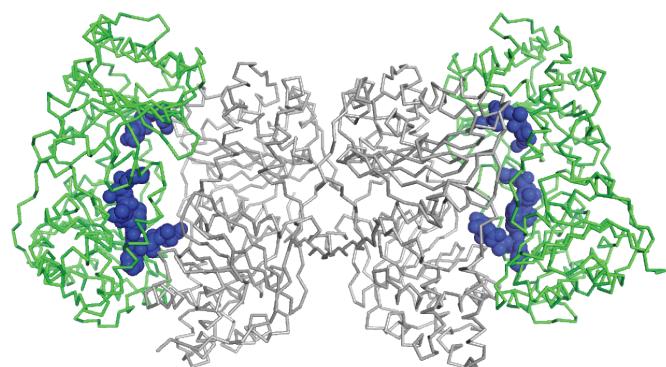
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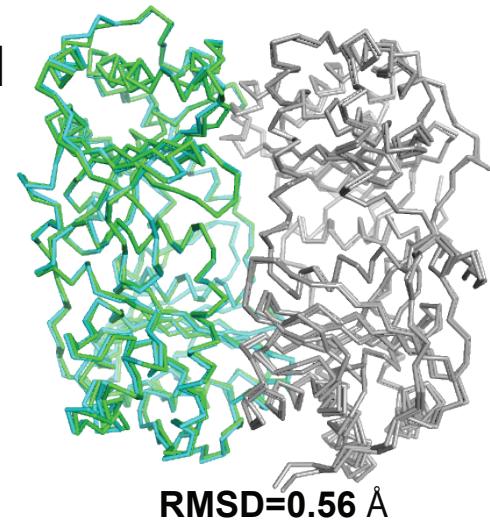
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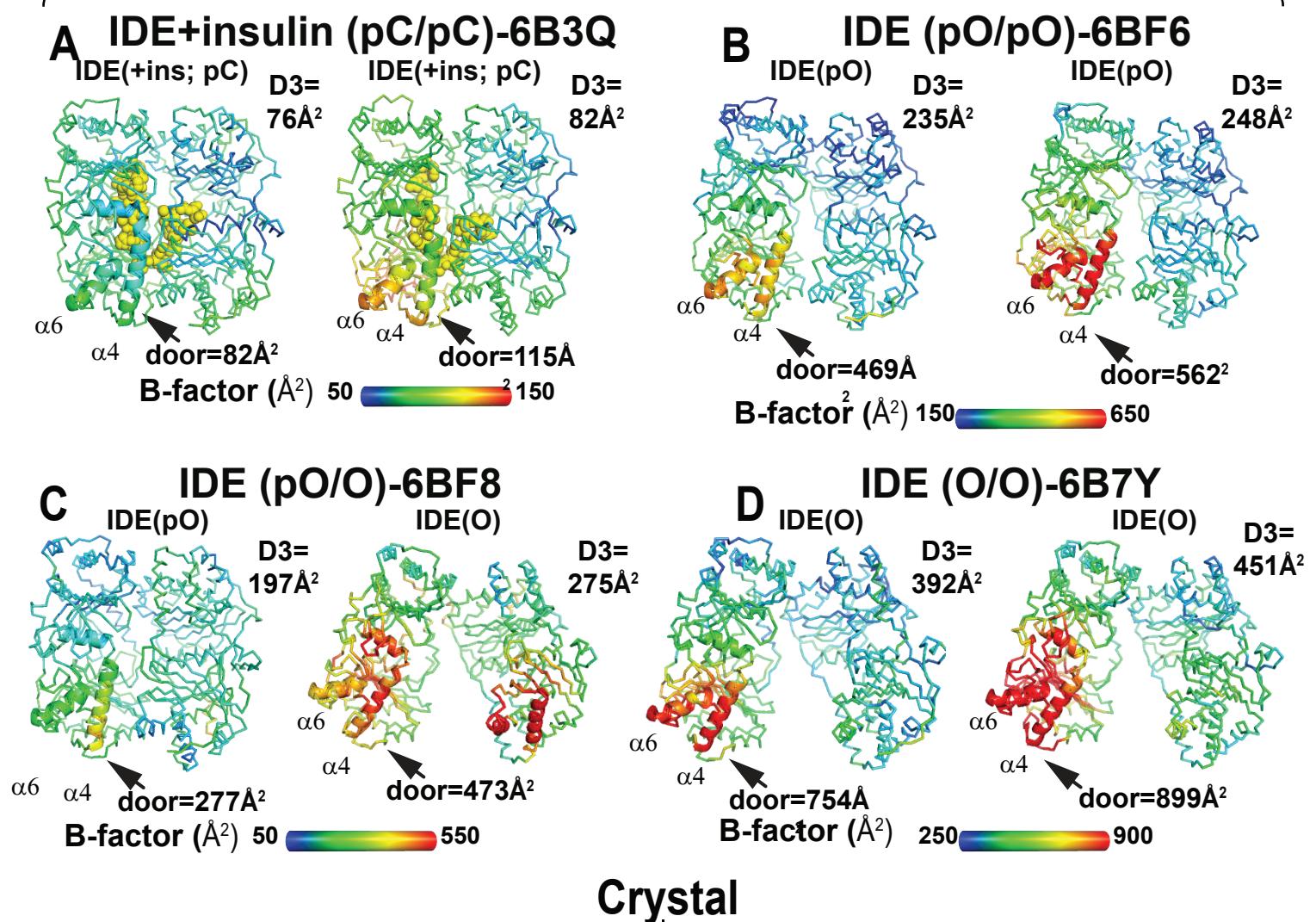


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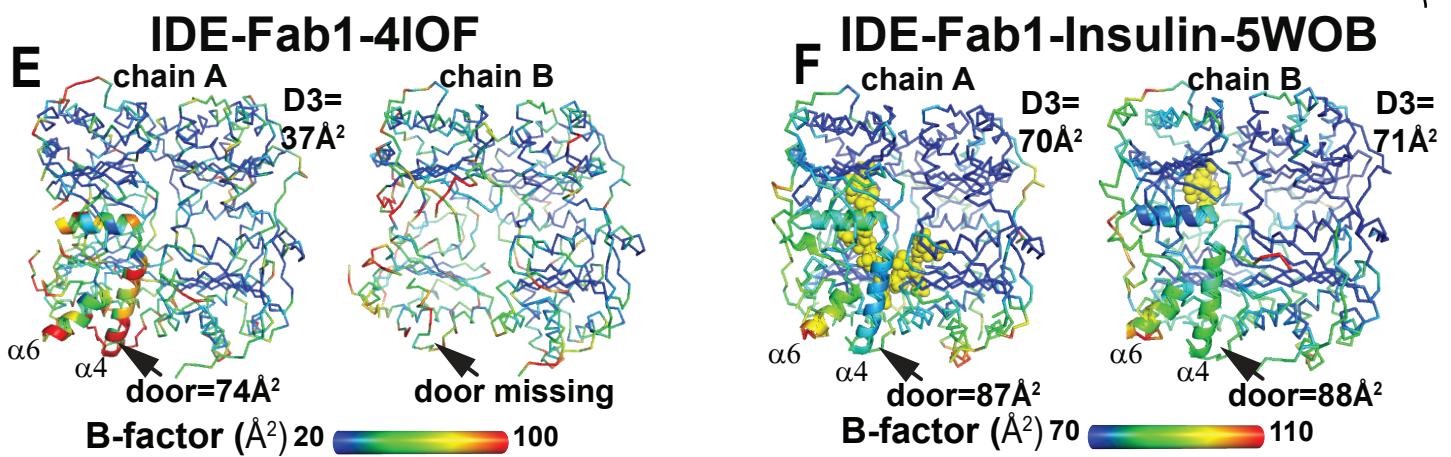


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## CryoEM



## Crystal



## G CryoEM

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	pC+ins	pC+ins	pO/pO		pO/O		O/O	
Door (176-236) Å <sup>2</sup>	82	115	469	562	277	473	754	899
α4α6 (176-193, 221-235) Å <sup>2</sup>	85	121	546	651	346	481	865	967
D1 (43-285) Å <sup>2</sup>	94	122	425	519	273	428	704	854
D2 (286-530) Å <sup>2</sup>	86	106	276	385	170	330	465	587
D3 (531-768) Å <sup>2</sup>	76	82	235	248	197	275	392	451
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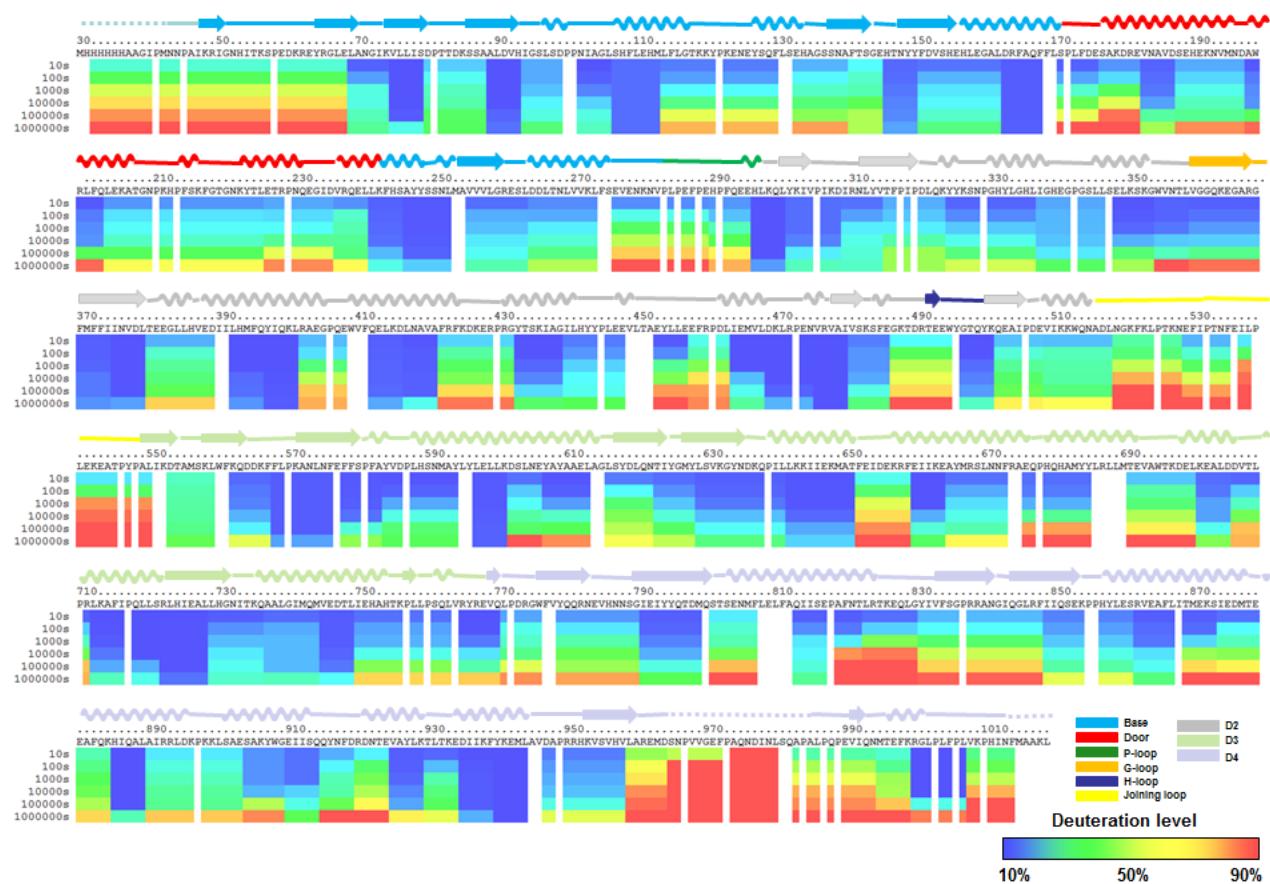
## H Crystal

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α4α6 (176-193, 221-235)	80	missing	89	91	86	75	78	83
D1 (43-285)	65	61	85	85	82	72	76	78
D2 (286-530)	39	50	77	79	75	69	74	77
D3 (531-768)	37	37	70	71	69	69	70	75
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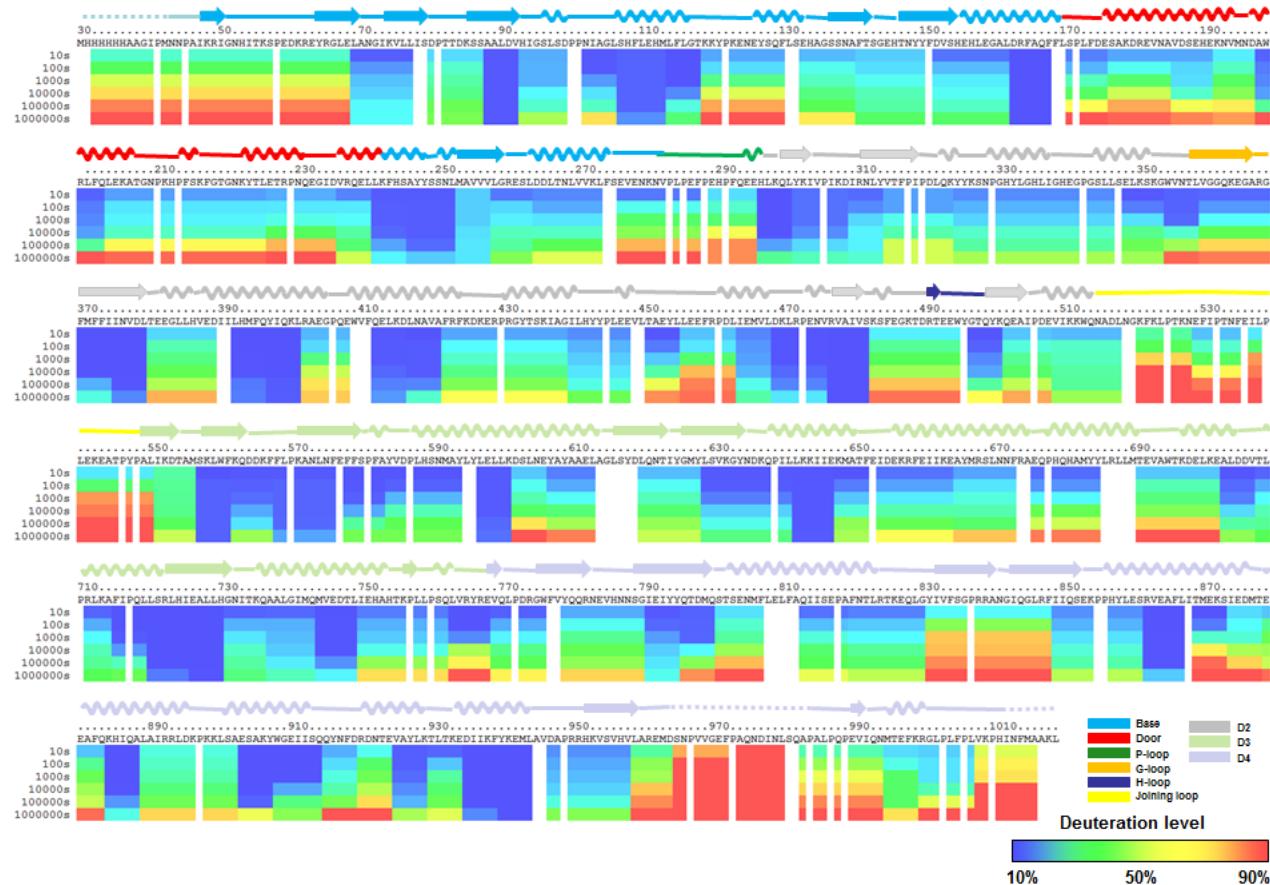
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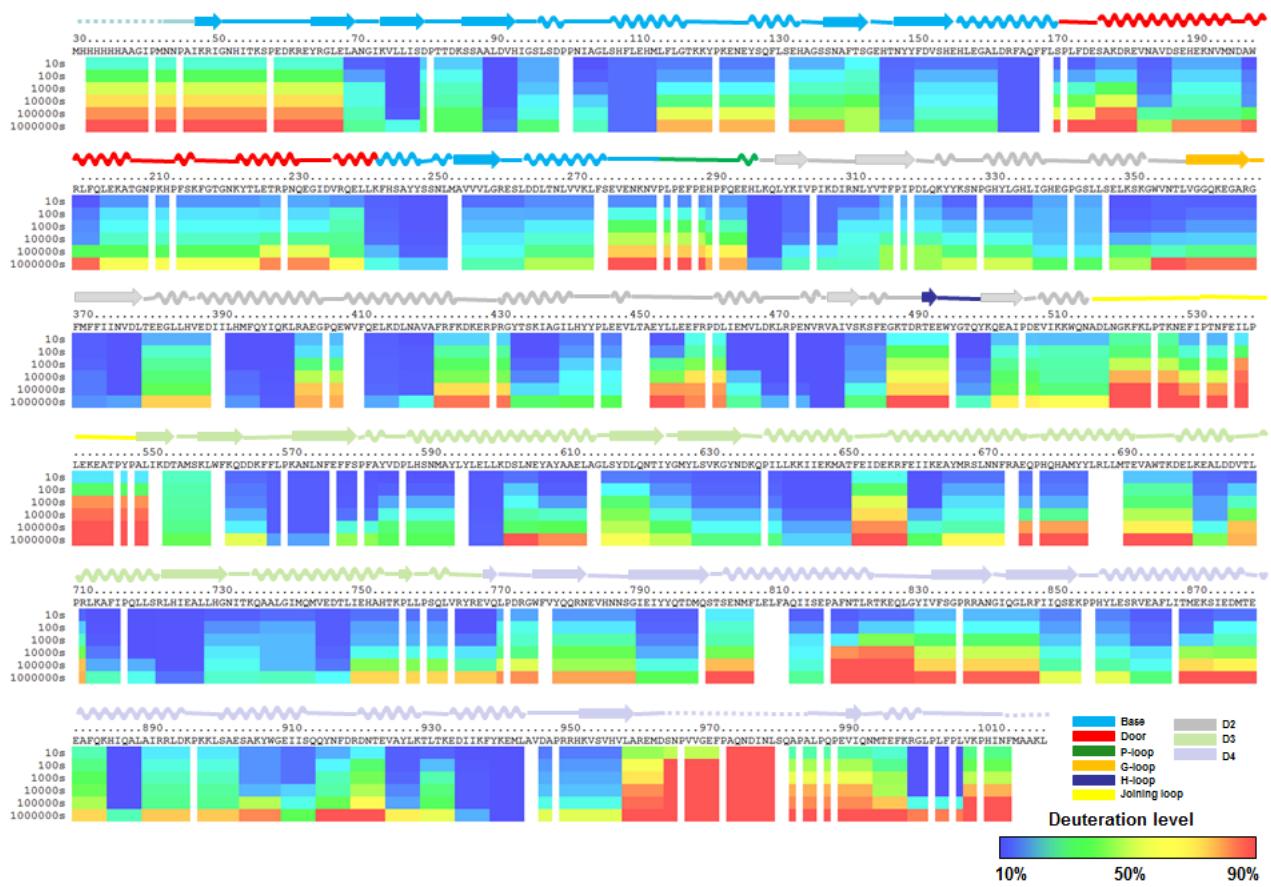
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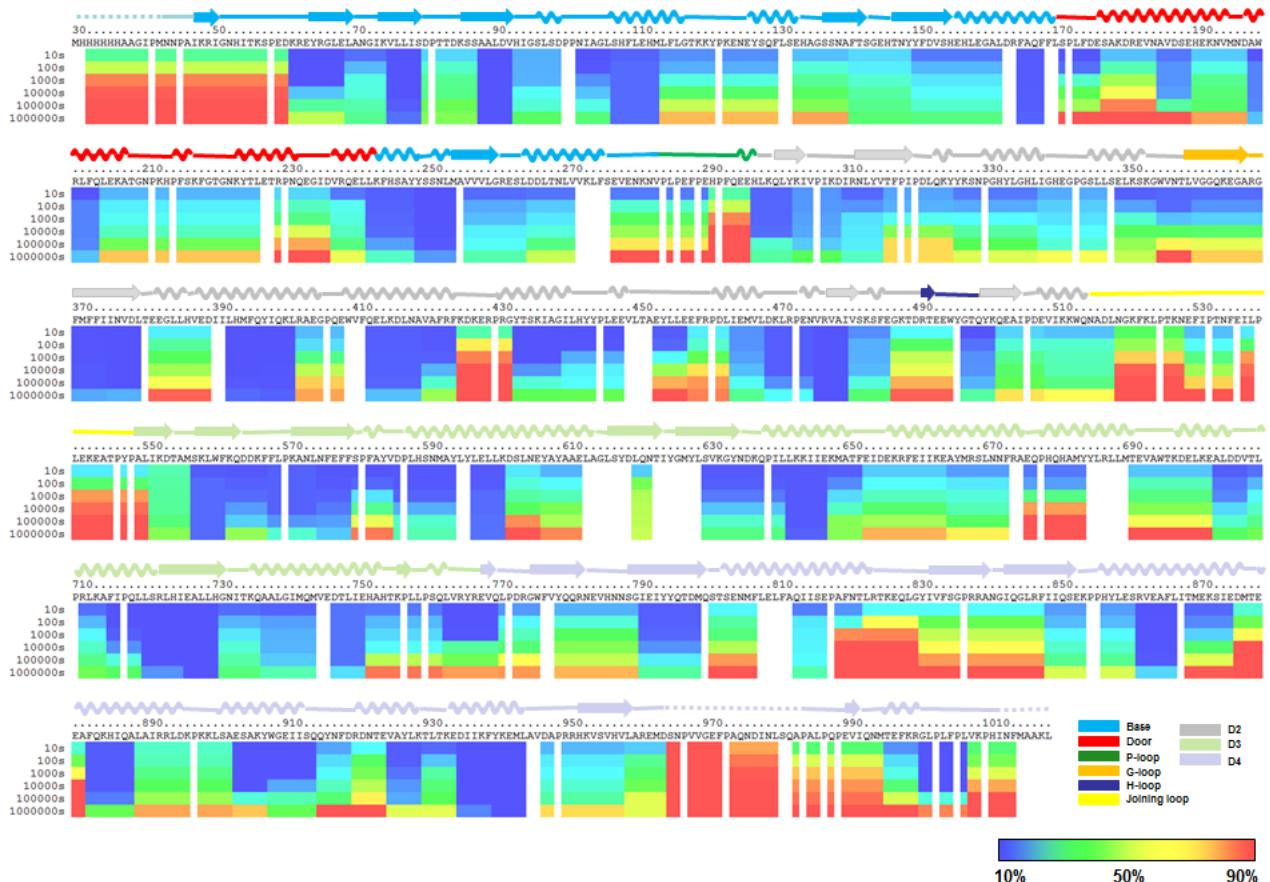
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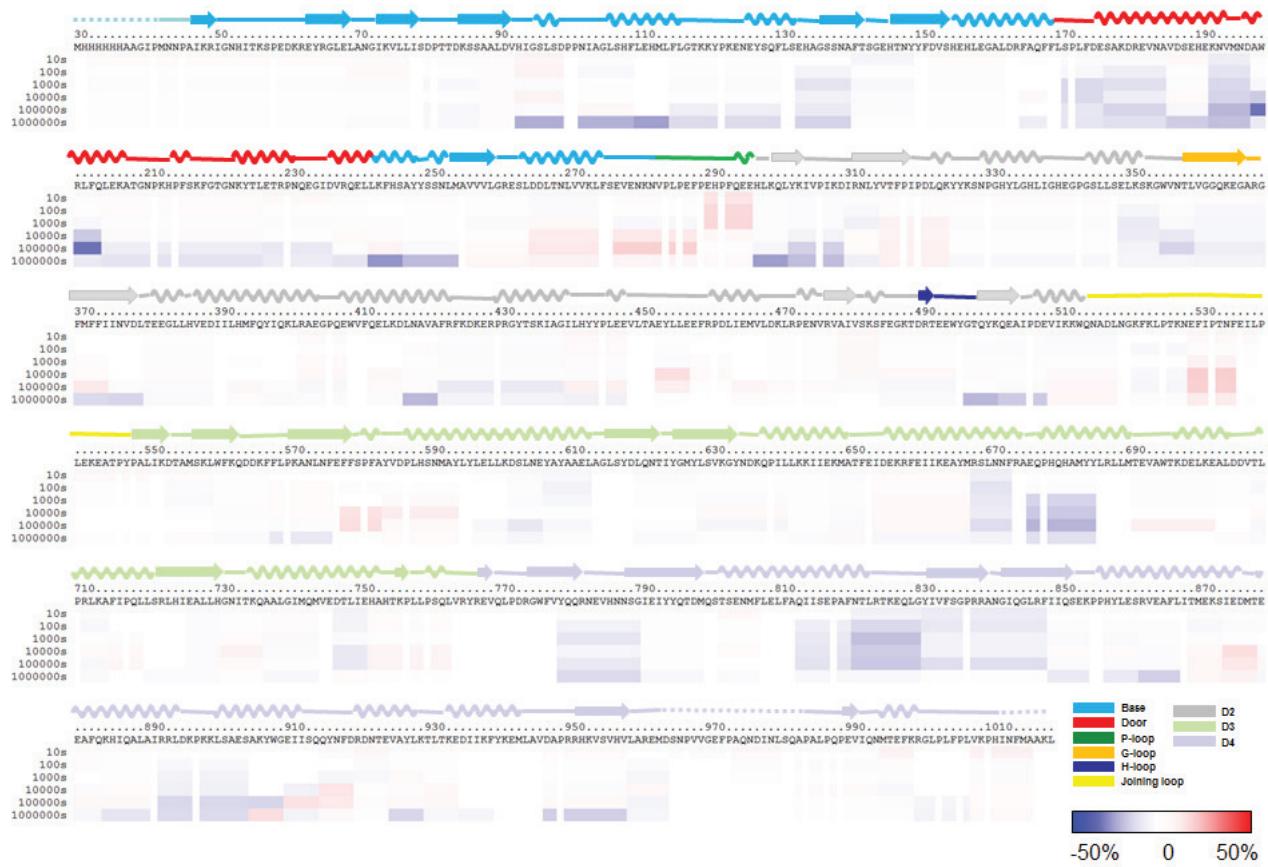
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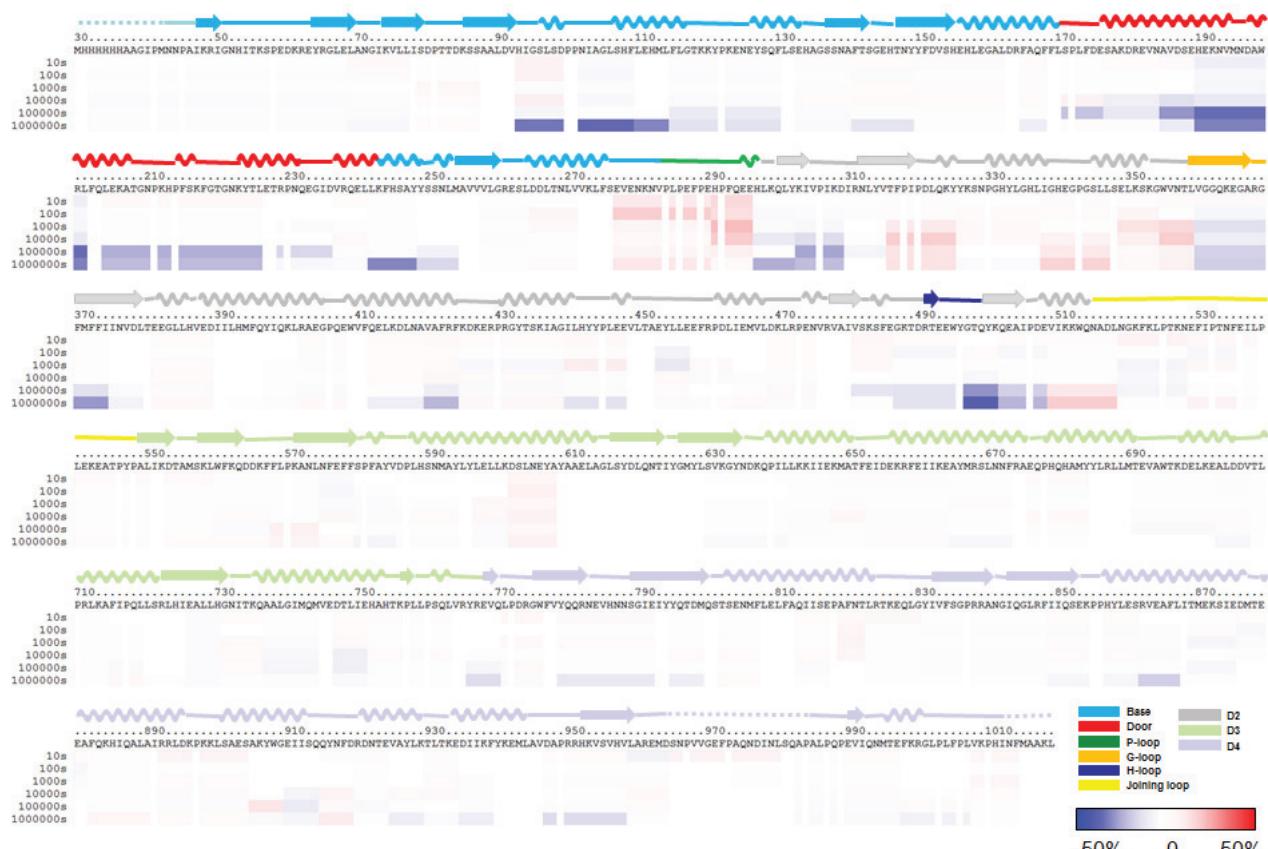


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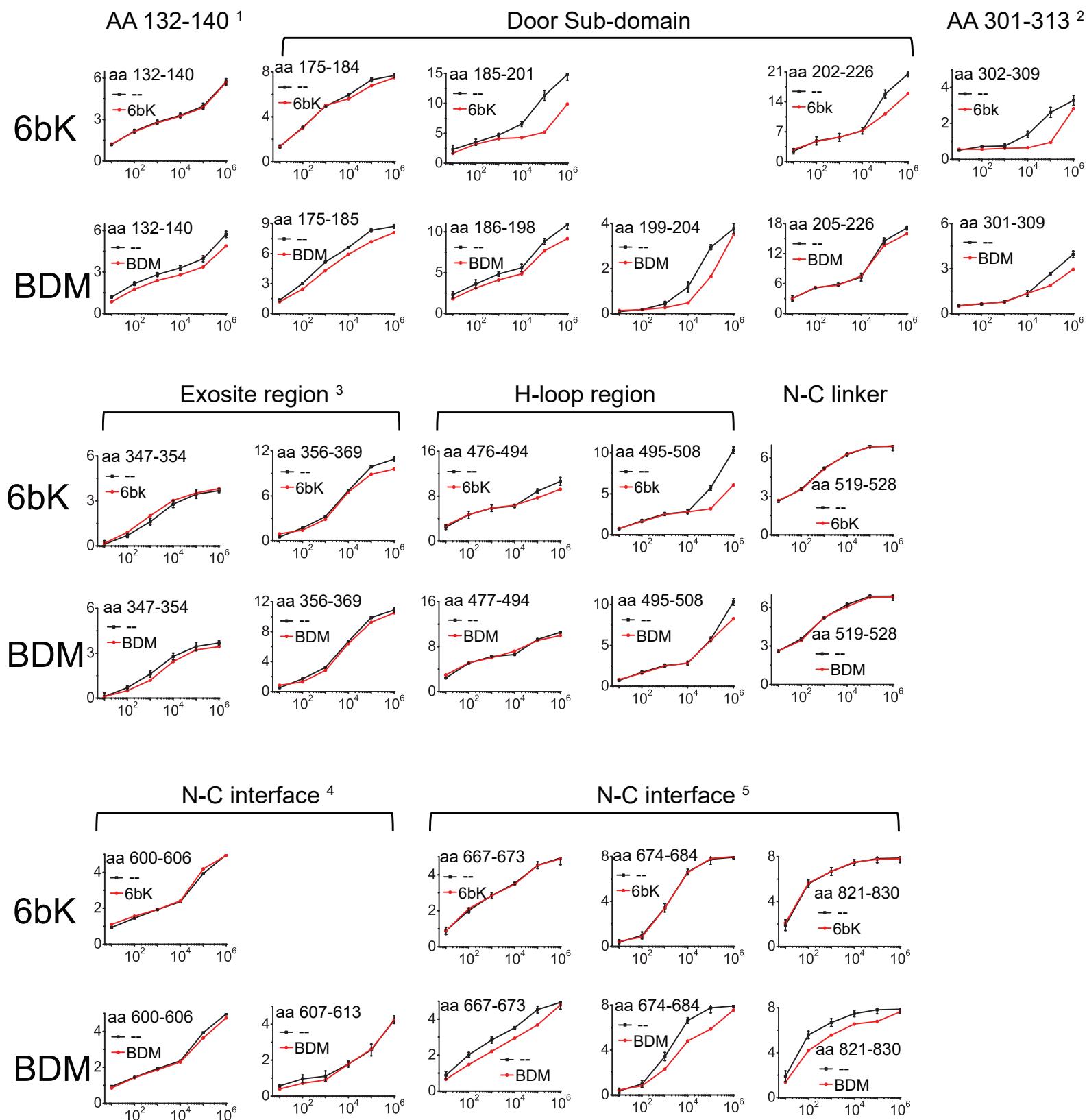
## A IDE-BDM44768 MINUS IDE



## B IDE-6bK MINUS IDE



# Figure 5 Figure Supplement 6



<sup>1</sup> One of the amino acid range that involves in the BDM44768 binding.

<sup>2</sup> One of the region that has changes in H/D exchange rates of IDE induced by binding of 6bk.

<sup>3</sup> aa 347-354 is on the N-C interface, close to aa 600-606, and is part of the linker loop environment. aa 356-369 is the major substrate binding site.

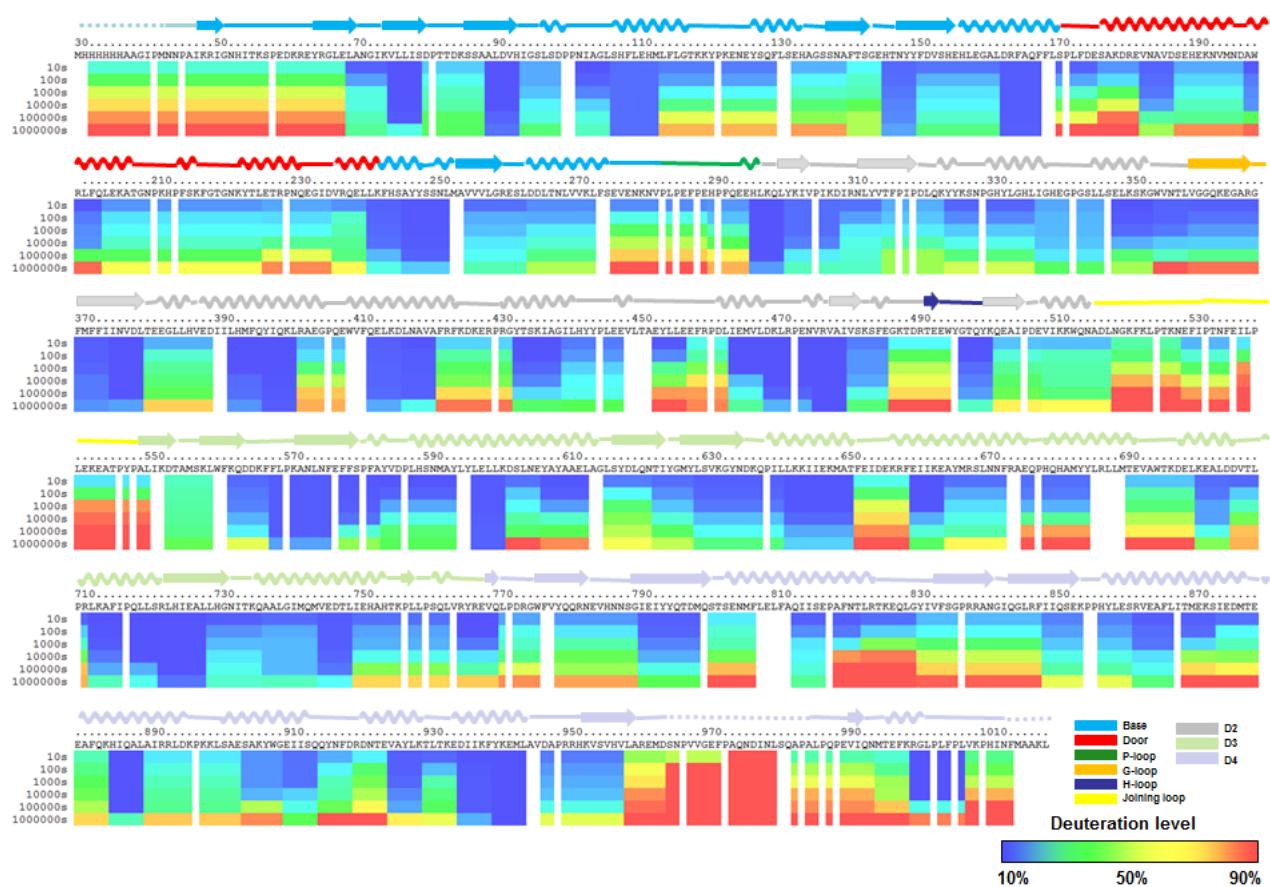
<sup>4</sup> The region is under the N-C linker, and consists part of the environment of F530.

<sup>5</sup> These regions interact with the Door sub-domain when IDE is closed.

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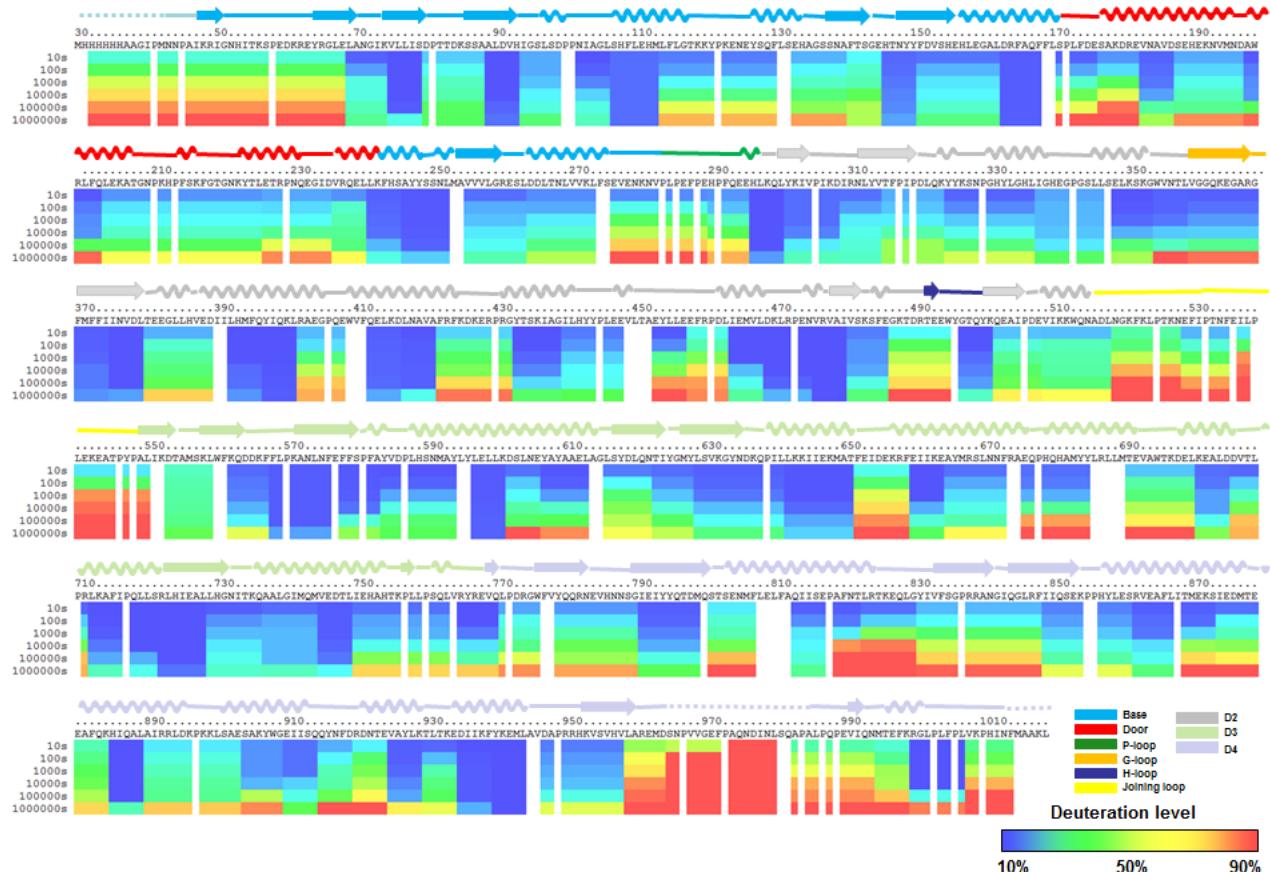
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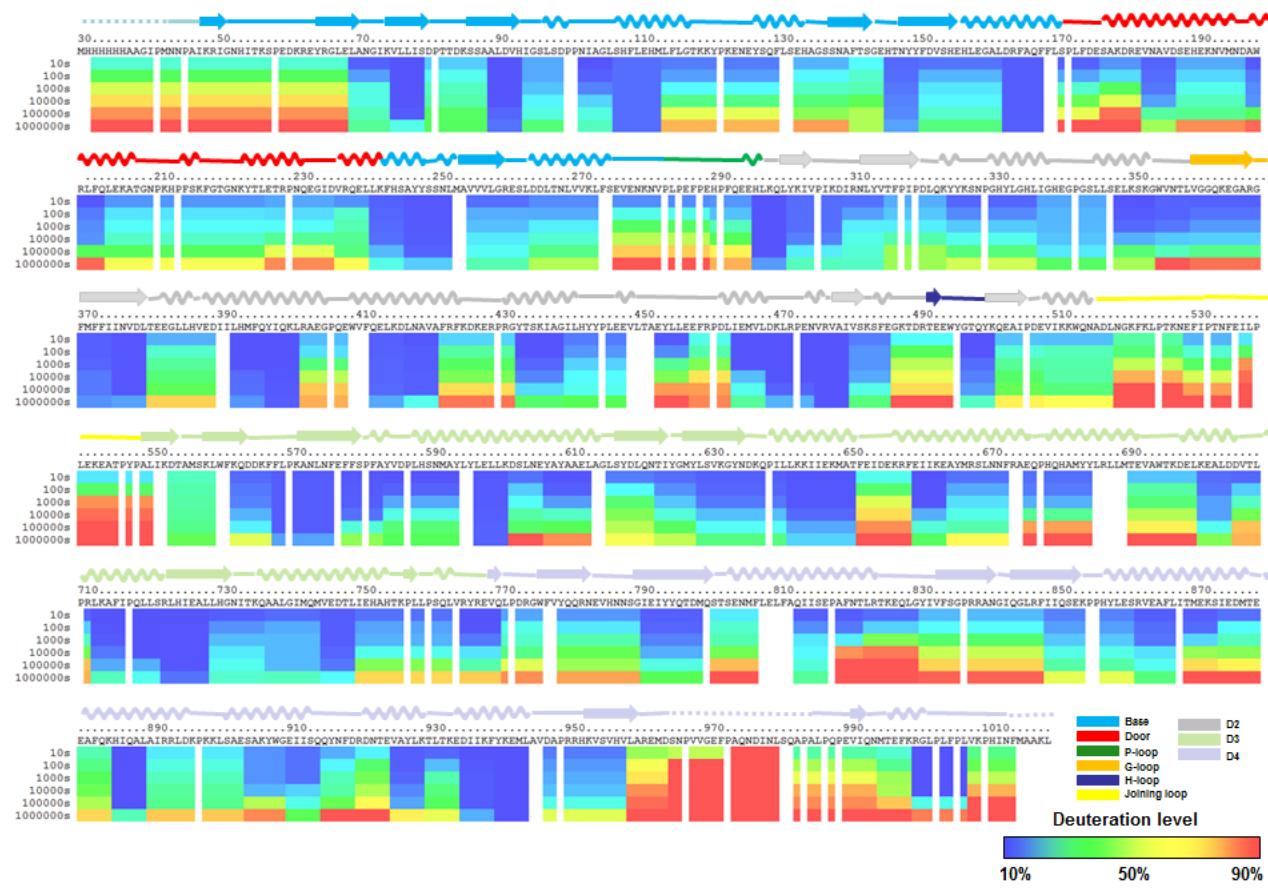
## IDE + Insulin



# Figure 6 Figure Supplement 2

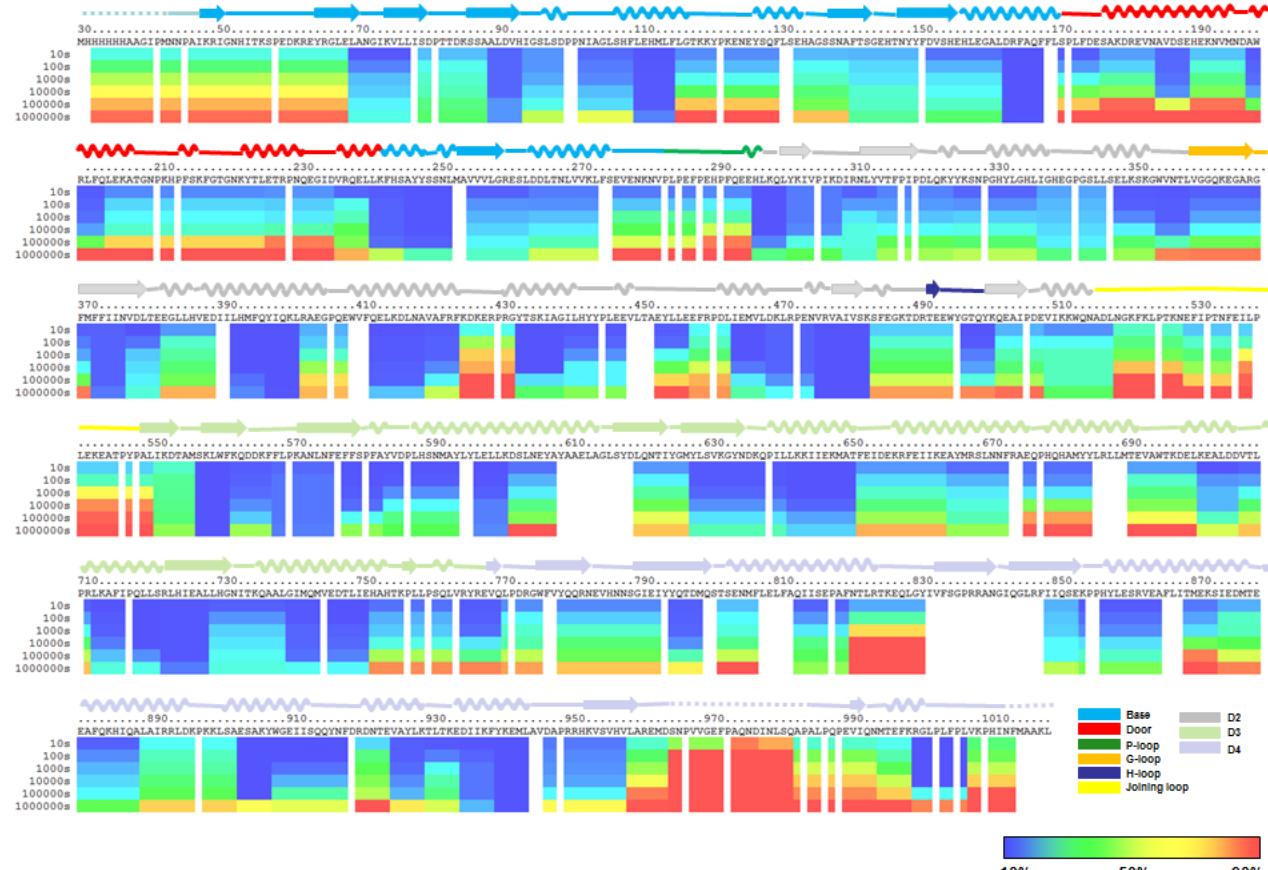
**A**

**IDE Alone**



**B**

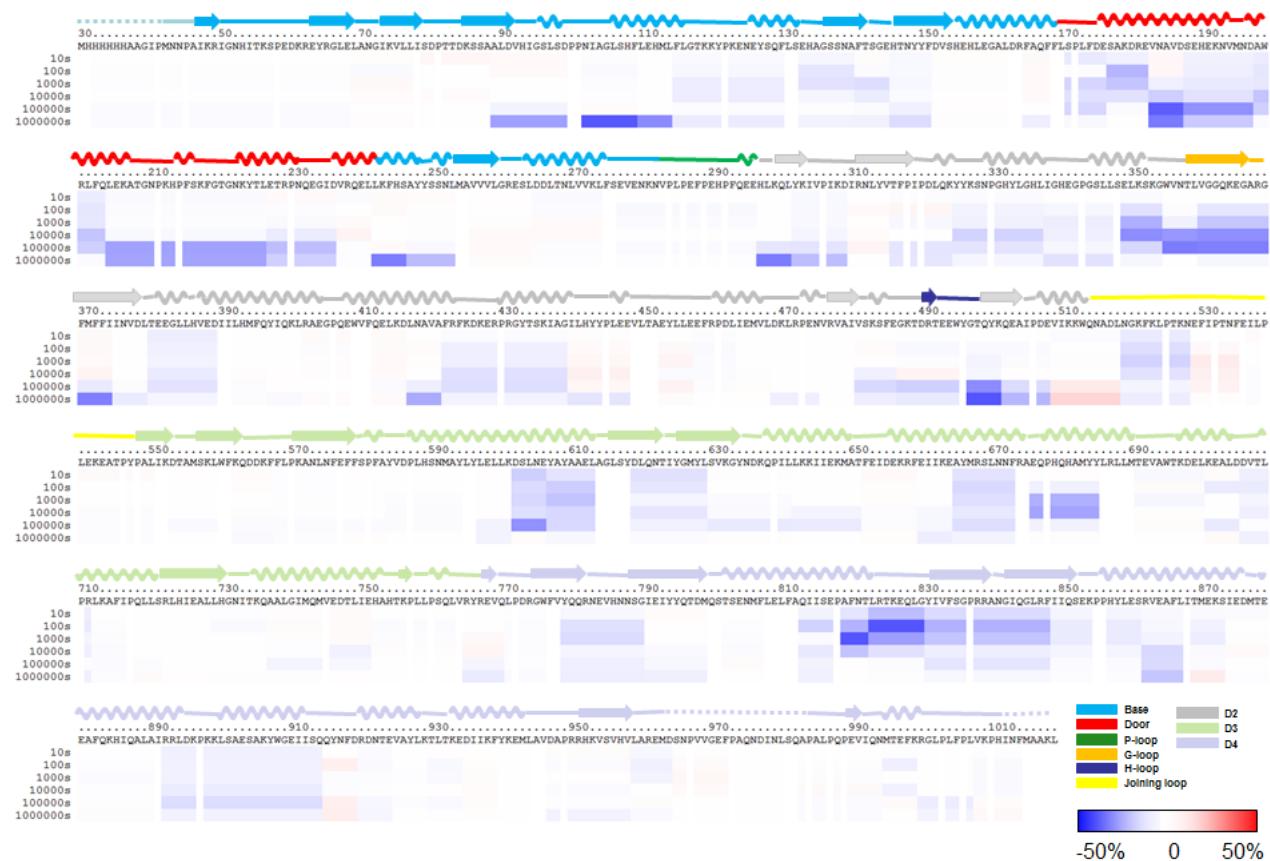
**IDE + A $\beta$**



# Figure 6 Figure Supplement 3

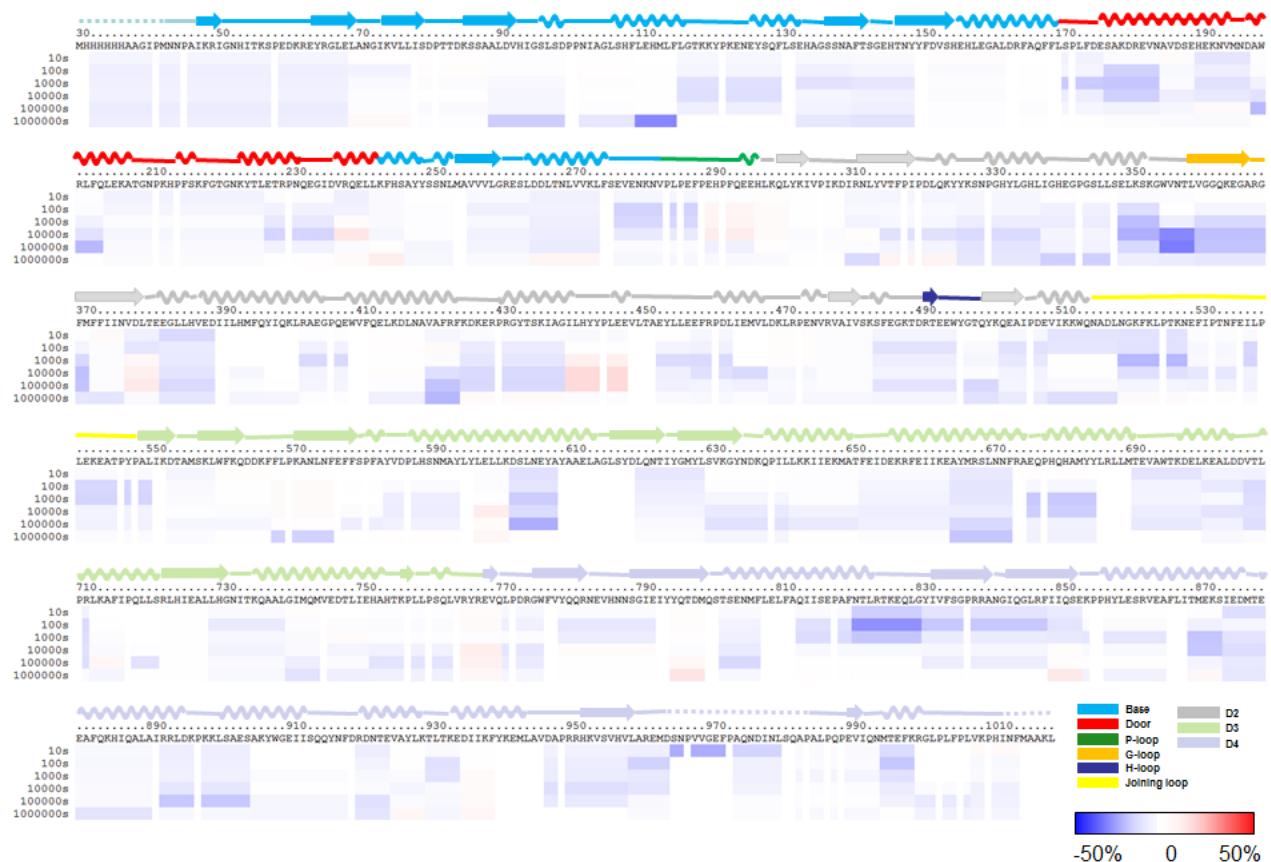
**A**

## IDE-Insulin MINUS IDE

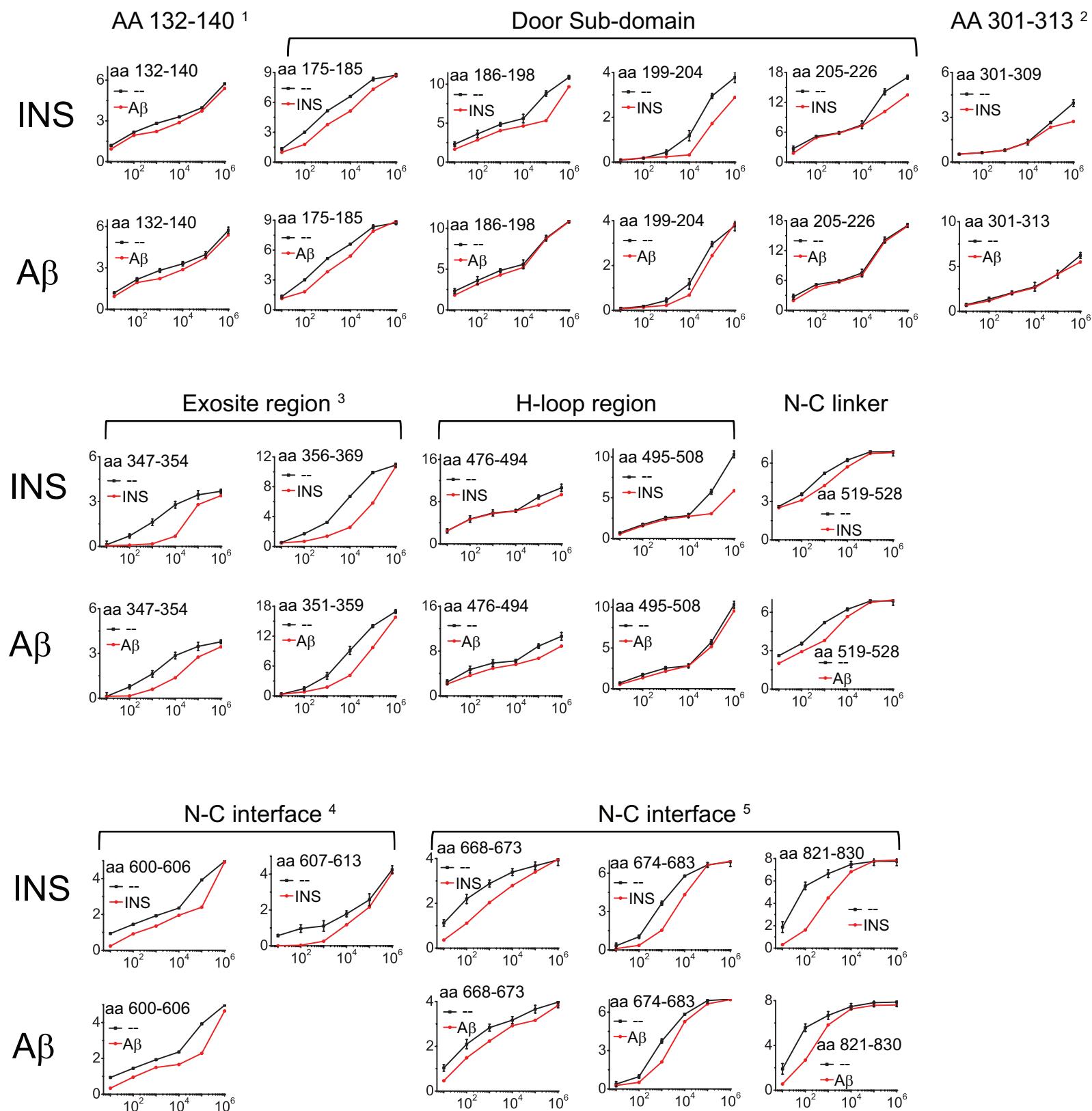


**B**

## IDE- $\text{\textit{A}\textit{\beta}}$ MINUS IDE



# Figure 6 Figure Supplement 4



<sup>1</sup> One of the amino acid range that involves in the BDM44768 binding.

<sup>2</sup>One of the region that has changes in H/D exchange rates of IDE induced by binding of 6bk.

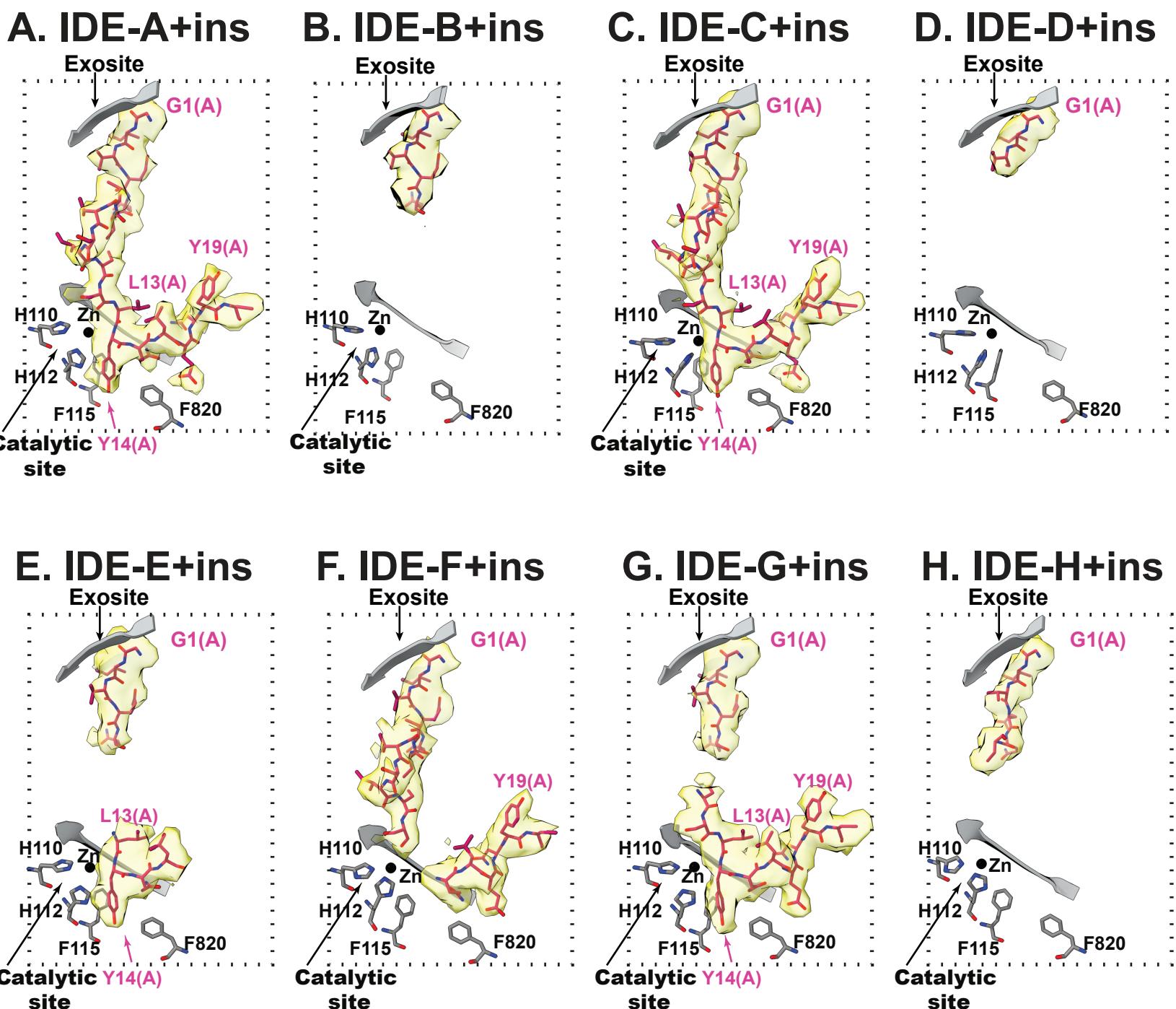
<sup>3</sup> aa 347-354 is on the N-C interface, close to aa 600-606, and is part of the linker loop environment. aa 356-369 is the major substrate binding site.

<sup>4</sup> The region is under the N-C linker, and consists part of the environment of E530.

<sup>5</sup> These regions interact with the Door sub-domain when IDE is closed.

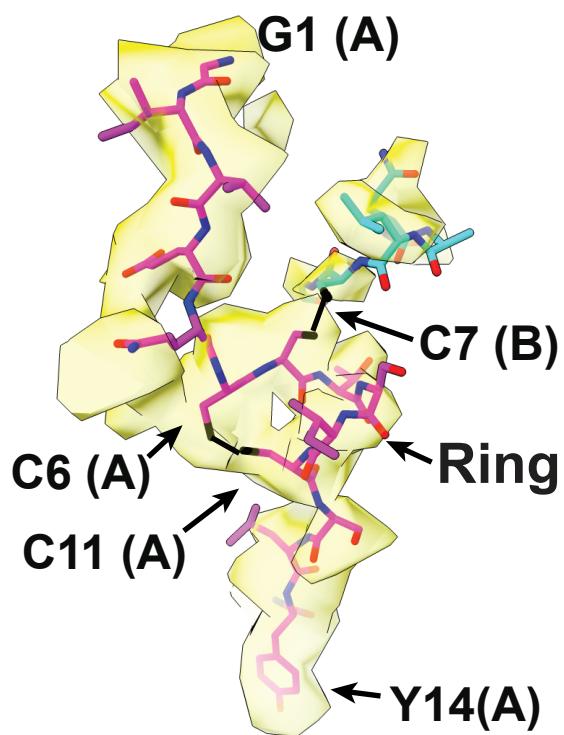
# Figure 7 Figure Supplement 1

## IDE+Fab1+insulin (crystal)

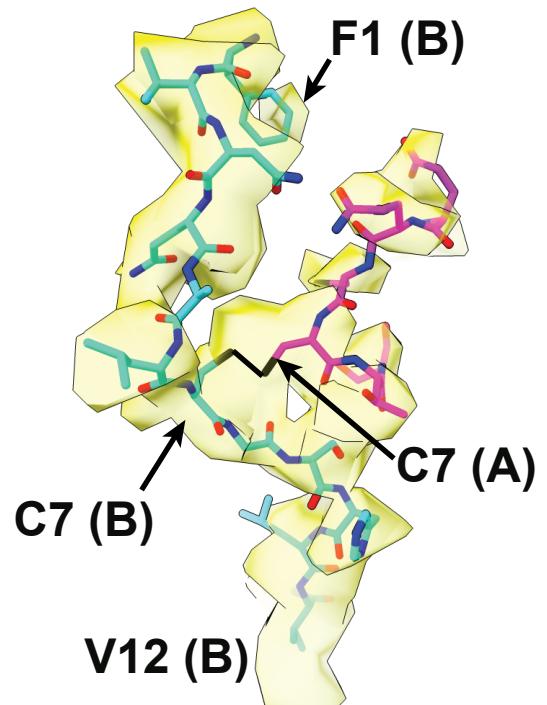


# Figure 7 Figure Supplement 2

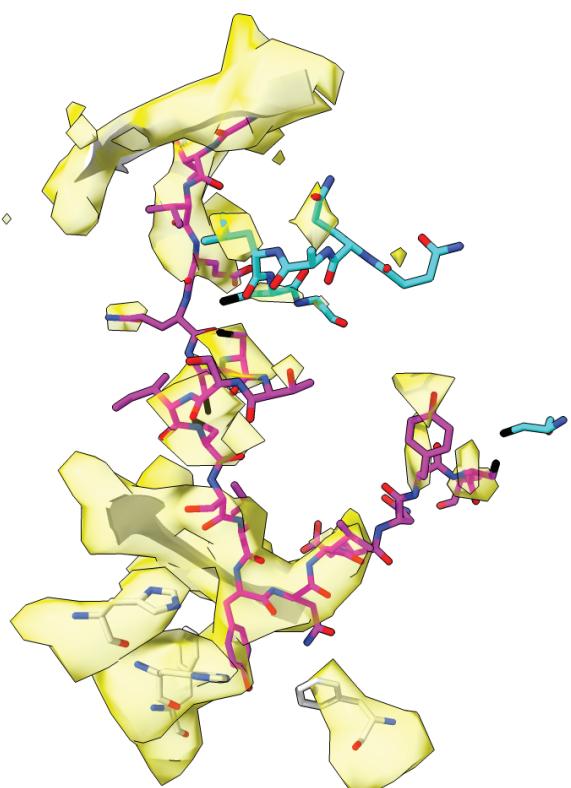
**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**

