

Supporting Information

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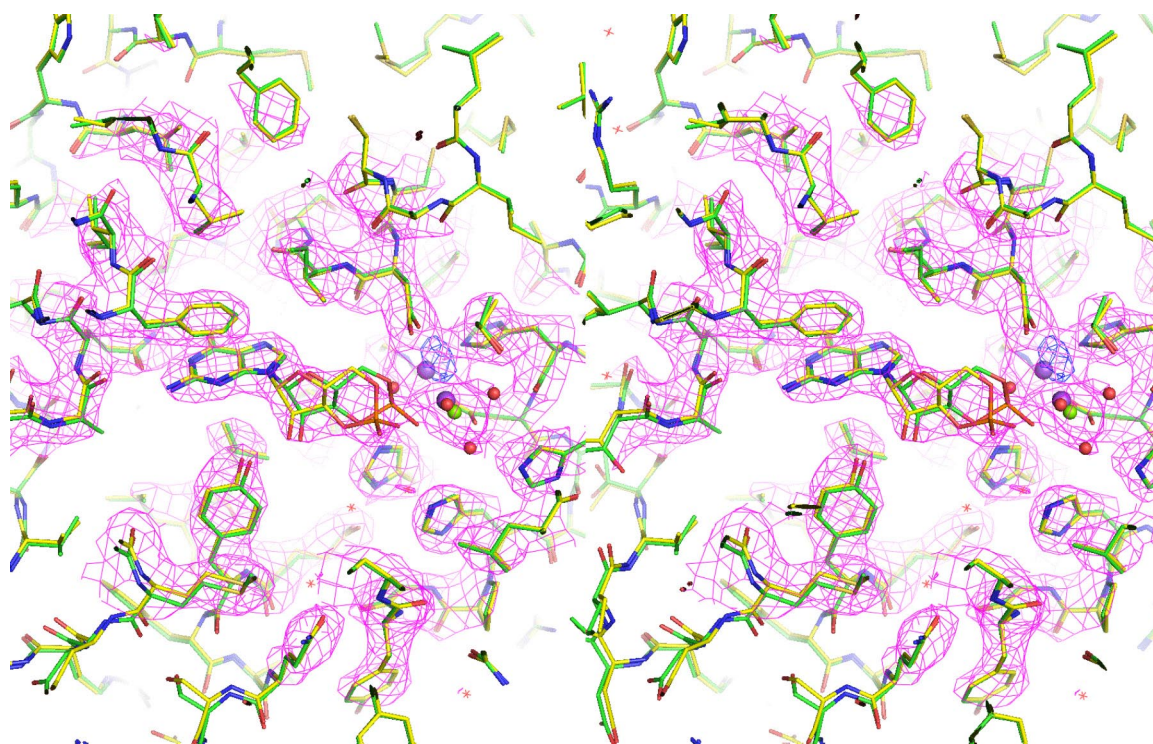


Fig. S1. Crystalline PDE9 was unable to completely hydrolyze cGMP in the absence of divalent cations in 2 days (1mM cGMP). The strong positive $F_{o,original} - F_{o,cGMP+no\ ion}$ electron density (blue, $10\ \sigma$) indicates significant exchange of the original divalent cations (green) by Na^+ (blue purple). The final refined $E_{Na,NaS}$ complex model (yellow carbons) are embedded in the initial $2Fo-Fc$ maps calculated before ligands and water molecules were built (pink, $1.2\ \sigma$), and was superimposed with the *ES* complex model discussed in Fig. 1C (green carbons).

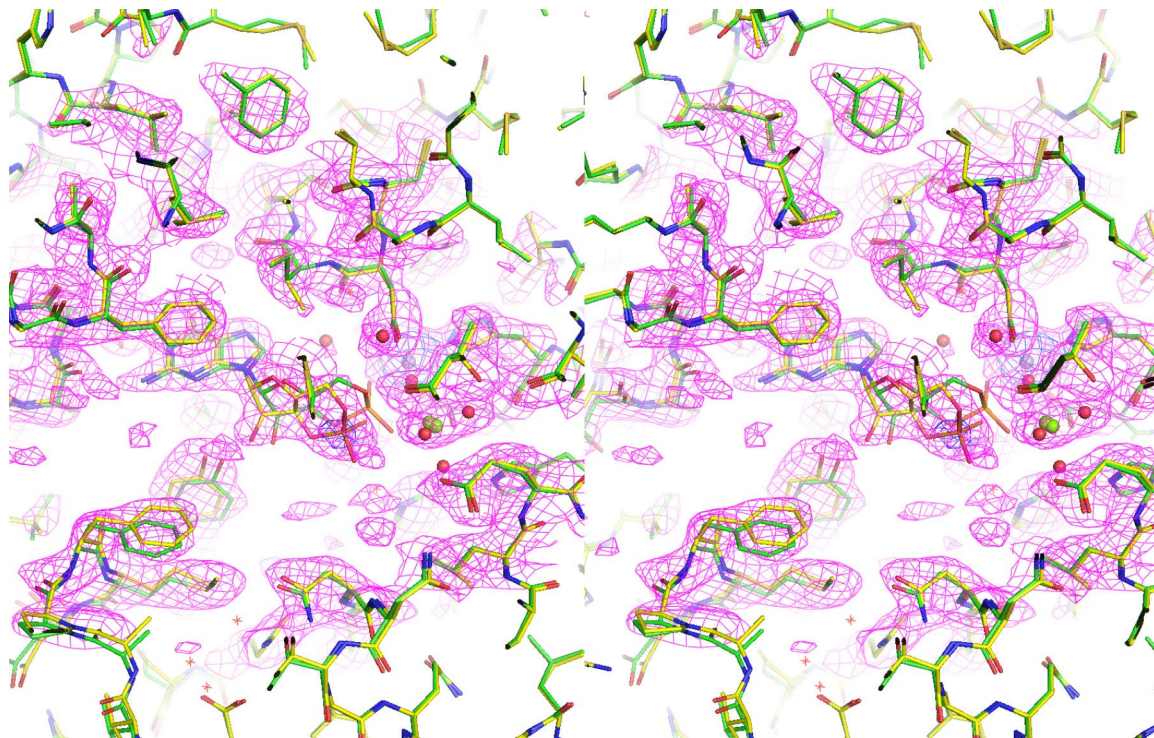


Fig. S2. Crystalline PDE9 was unable to completely hydrolyze cGMP in the presence of Zn^{2+} in 2 days (1mM cGMP + 2mM ZnCl_2). The strong positive $F_o - F_c$ electron density (blue, 10σ) indicates the full occupancies of Zn^{2+} , as well as the precise location of the phosphorus. The final refined $E_{\text{Zn,ZnS}}$ complex model (yellow carbons) are embedded in the initial $2F_o - F_c$ map calculated before ligands and water molecules were built (pink, 1.2σ), and was superimposed with the ES complex model discussed in Fig. 1C (green carbons).

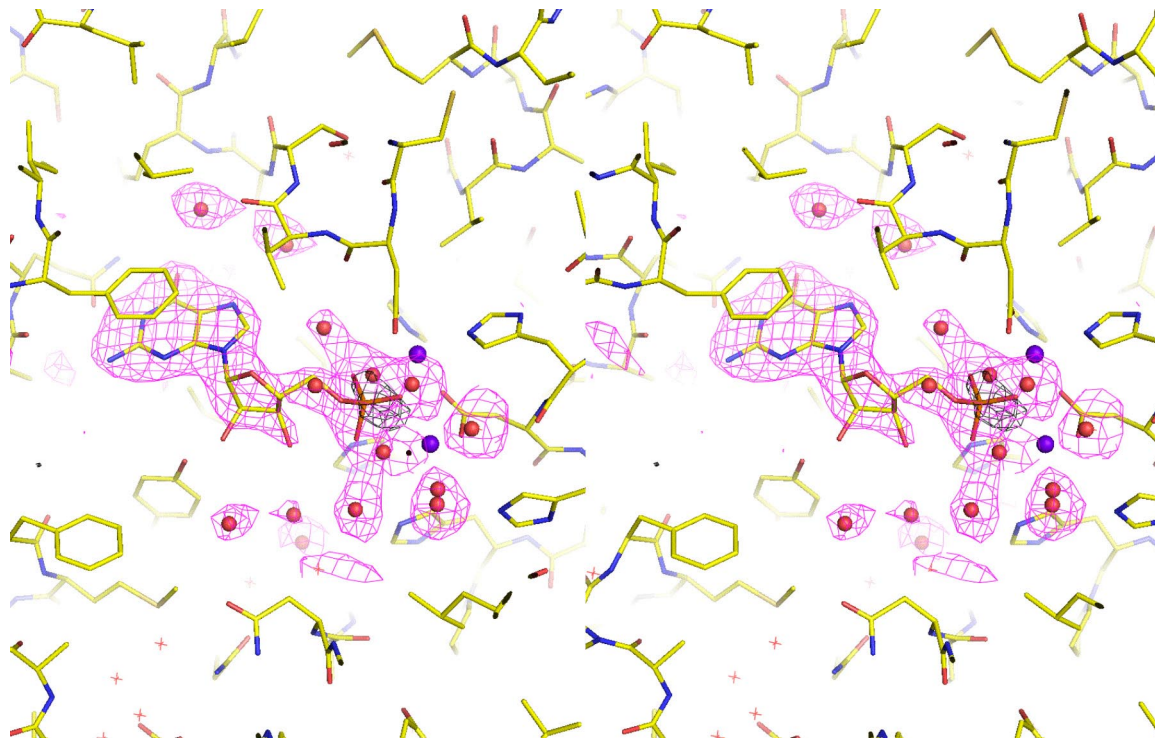


Fig. S3. The final refined model of *E+P* complex (sticks model, yellow carbon) embedded in the initial Fo-Fc electron density (2σ) before ligand and waters were included. The ribose and phosphates in the *E+P* complexes, if kept full occupancies during refinements, would have average B factors 40% higher than those of the bases, and would result in strong negative Fo-Fc electron densities around the phosphate (-4σ , black). In the final *E+P* model, the hydrolysis center in the *E+P* complex was modeled 50% occupied by the partially ordered ribose and phosphate and 50% unliganded. With this model, no strong difference electron densities were observed.

Table S1. Ligands used in soaking, X-ray data collection, and refinement statistics

	Complex						
	<i>ES</i>	<i>EP</i>	<i>E_{Na,NaS}</i>	<i>E_{Zn,ZnS}</i>	<i>E+P</i>	<i>E+P</i>	<i>E+P</i>
Ligand	20 mM cGMP	20 mM cGMP	1 mM cGMP	1 mM cGMP	1 mM cGMP	1 mM cGMP	20 mM GMP
Divalent metal ion	2 mM MnCl ₂	MnCl ₂ + MgCl ₂	None	0.2–2 mM ZnCl ₂	200 μM MgCl ₂	500 μM MnCl ₂	20 mM MgCl ₂
Soaking time	1 min	Brief (2 h)	2 days	2 days	2 days	2 days	2 days
Resolution (Å)	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.15	2.4
R merge (%)	9.6 (59)	7.7 (43)	8.5 (68)	9.0 (54)	10.4 (59)	5.8 (46)	10.4 (36)
<i>I</i> / σ	15 (2.0)	18.9 (3.7)	23 (2.5)	19 (2.7)	28 (3.0)	29 (3.3)	19 (2.2)
Completeness (%)	99.9(100)	99.4(100)	98.7(94.7)	99.8(100)	99.8(100)	96.8(97.2)	91(55)
Redundancy	6.2 (6.3)	4.0 (4.0)	7.0 (6.5)	6.1 (6.1)	6.9 (5.5)	4.6 (4.6)	7.9 (5.1)
R factor (%)	19.1 (32)	18.8 (23)	18.5 (28)	18.1 (28)	18.4 (30)	17.5 (23)	17.3 (28)
R free (%)	22.0 (33)	21.2 (28)	20.5 (34)	20.5 (30)	21.1 (30)	19.8 (25)	22 (35)
Bond length deviation (Å)	0.023	0.012	0.013	0.013	0.017	0.016	0.022
Bond angle deviation (°)	1.9	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4	2.0
Ligand in monomer A	cGMP	GMP	cGMP	cGMP	GMP	GMP	GMP
Ligand in monomer B	IBMX	IBMX	IBMX	IBMX/ nucleotides	IBMX	IBMX	IBMX/GMP

The *EP* complex experiments were repeated with 20 mM cGMP + 20 mM MnCl₂ + 20 mM MgCl₂ for a few seconds, 1 min, 1 h, or 2 h or with 2 mM cGMP + 2 mM MnCl₂ for 2 min. The *E_{Zn,ZnS}* complex experiment was done with 0.2 or 2 mM ZnCl₂. The *E+P* complex experiments with MgCl₂ or MnCl₂ were repeated twice. Only the highest resolution statistics of the same experiments are included in the table.

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