

SUPPLEMENTARY Material

Supplementary experimental

Primers in mutagenesis

The mutations and primers are listed in the table below.

Mutation	Primer	Sequence (5'>3')
YgjD-F100E	YgjD-100E-fw	ggggcggttctctggcggaagcctgggacgttccggc
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	YjeE-Y82A-rv	ggatcggcaaggcgggcccataatcaaagtgatagaccattaa
YjeE-W109A	YjeE-W109A-fw	catctgcctggtggaggcgcacaacaaggtaca

	YjeE-W109A-rv	tgtacctgtgtggcgccctccaccaggcagatg
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Expression and purification of the recombinant proteins

Recombinant YgjD (TsaD), YeaZ (TsaB), YjeE (TsaE), YrdC (TsaC) and their mutants were heterologously expressed in *E. coli* BL21(DE3) cells (Invitrogen). Conventionally, cells were grown in 2YT medium (Life Technology, Inc.) supplemented with proper antibiotics at 37 °C to OD₆₀₀ ~0.6. Protein expression was induced by addition of 1.0 mM isopropyl β-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside for 3 hours at 37 °C. Cells were then harvested by centrifugation and re-suspended in lysis buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 200 mM NaCl), stored at -20 °C until purification.

Cells were thawed in a water bath at ambient temperature and lysed by sonication in ice water. The cell lysates were centrifuged for 30 min at 12000 g to remove the cell debris and the supernatant was applied to a Ni-NTA resin for purification, followed by successive ion exchange and size exclusion chromatographic steps. The purity of proteins after each purification step was analyzed by SDS-PAGE. After size exclusion chromatography protein fractions with purity greater than 95% in preparative buffer (20 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 200 mM NaCl and 5 mM 2-mercaptoethanol) were collected and stored at -80 °C by flash-freezing in liquid nitrogen. YgjD, YeaZ, YrdC, YjeE and their variants were purified by affinity chromatography using NiNTA resins, followed by Q-anion exchange chromatography and size exclusion chromatography.

Isothermal Titration Calorimetric (ITC) assay

ITC measurements for the determination of the thermodynamic parameters of protein binding equilibrium were performed with MicroCalITC200 (GE Healthcare). For each measurement a total of 20 injections of 2 μL injectant were performed at intervals of 180 seconds under continuous stirring. Normalized area data in kcal/mol of each integrated injected peak were plotted versus the molar ratio of injectant to sample titrated using the Origin 7.0 Plotting Software (MicroCal Inc.)

Crystallization

The individually purified YgjD and YeaZ were mixed at a molar ration of 1:1 and the mixture was subjected to size exclusion chromatography in buffer containing 20 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 200 mM NaCl and 5 mM 2-mercaptoethanol. Fractions

containing the YgjD-YeaZ heterodimer as visualized by SDS-PAGE gel were pooled and concentrated to ~10.0 mg/ml. We only obtained good crystals of the YgjD-YeaZ heterodimer from crystallization conditions that contain ATP or ADP. Thin plate crystals of the heterodimer YgjD-YeaZ were obtained at 293K by hanging-drop vapor diffusion from a crystallization solution consisting of 4.5 mg/ml YgjD/YeaZ heterodimer, 60 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl, 15% PEG4000, 150 mM Lithium Acetate, 2.5 mM ATP-Mg²⁺ and 2.5 mM L-threonine. The same purification and crystallization procedures were applied to the mutants. The crystals of the heterodimers YgjD^{E12A}-YeaZ and YgjD^{V85E}-YeaZ were obtained under similar conditions. The crystals were cryoprotected in the reservoir solution supplemented with ~25% Ethylene Glycol and flash-cooled and stored in liquid nitrogen until data collection.

Data collection and structure determination

Data collection was carried out on beamlines Proxima1 and Proxima2 at the SOLEIL Synchrotron (Saint-Aubin, France). Data were processed, integrated and scaled with the XDS program package (1). The isomorphous crystals of the YgjD-YeaZ heterodimer and their mutants, YgjD^{E12A}-YeaZ and YgjD^{V85E}-YeaZ, belonged to space group P1 with unit cell parameters of a= 63.62 Å, b= 68.48 Å, c= 87.07 Å, $\alpha=109.38^\circ$, $\beta=92.66^\circ$ and $\gamma=117.66^\circ$. The structure of the heterodimer YgjD-YeaZ was solved by molecular replacement using the PHASER module from the CCP4 package starting with search models of *P. abyssi* Kae1 (PDB ID: 2IVP) and *E. coli* YeaZ (PDB ID: 1OKJ) (2-4). The Phenix AutoBuild was employed to build the flexible regions in the initial model after molecular replacement (5), followed by interactive and manual building using the COOT (6). The final model was refined to satisfactory values using Refmac5 (Table S1) (7). Two copies of the YgjD-YeaZ heterodimer were found in an asymmetric unit. ADP or ATP molecules and Mg²⁺ ions were modeled into the residual *Fo-Fc* electron density contoured at 3.0 σ . Additionally, fluorescence measurements on the crystals at Fe-edge wavelength confirmed Fe^{2+/3+} ion was present in the YgjD structure (data not shown). Finally, water molecules were added manually to the protein model and validated by refinement. The Ramachdran plot analysis was performed with PROCHECK (8). Data collection and structure refinement statistics are summarized in Table S1.

Small Angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS) experiment

SAXS experiments were carried out on the SWING beamline at the SOLEIL synchrotron radiation facility (Saint-Aubin, France). The sample to detector (Aviex CCD) distance was set to 1500 mm, allowing reliable data collection over the momentum transfer range $0.008 \text{ \AA}^{-1} < q < 0.5 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ with $q=4\pi\sin\theta/\lambda$ where 2θ is the scattering angle and λ the wavelength of the X-rays ($\lambda= 1.0 \text{ \AA}$). In order to separate the isolated partners from complexes, SAXS data were collected on solutions eluting from the on line size-exclusion high-performance liquid chromatography (SE-HPLCBio-SEC3 Agilent) column available on SWING and directly connected to the SAXS measuring cell. The purified YgjD, YeaZ, the YgjD-YeaZ heterodimer, YjeE and their mutants were premixed in absence of any added nucleotides or with 1 mM ATP or ADP and 4 mM MgCl_2 . The individual proteins or mixtures of them were injected in the column pre-equilibrated with preparative buffer (20 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 200 mM NaCl and 5 mM 2-mercaptoethanol) without addition of any nucleotides or supplemented with 1 mM ATP or ADP and 4 mM MgCl_2 . Flow rate was 200 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$, frame duration was 1 s and the dead time between frames was 0.5 s. For each frame, the protein concentration (between 0.5 and 2 mg/mL at the top of elution peak) was estimated from UV absorption at 280 nm and 295 nm using a spectrometer located immediately upstream of the SAXS measuring cell. Due to the presence of ATP or ADP, the concentration of the protein could not be determined accurately.. Selected identical frames corresponding to each elution peak were averaged. A large number of frames were collected before the void volume and averaged to account for buffer scattering. SAXS data were normalized to the intensity of the incident beam and background (i.e. the elution buffer) subtracted using the programs FoxTrot (courtesy of SWING beamline) and Primus (9,10). The scattered intensities were displayed on an absolute scale using the scattering by water. The molar mass M of the scattering objects is usually calculated from zero-angle scattered intensity $I(0)$ which is proportional to M and to the concentration. This method cannot be applied in our case because of the uncertainties in concentration. In order to determine unambiguously the oligomeric state of the protein or complex the molar mass was obtained using the macromolecule volume and the SAXS-MoW method available at <http://www.if.sc.usp.br/~saxs/>. The model of YjeE was built by Phyre² using the crystal structure of *H. influenzae* YjeE (PDB ID: 1HTW) in which the relative coordinates of the ADP, Mg^{2+} and water molecules were modelled to YjeE (11,12).

The general strategy to analyze the SAXS data consists of using the crystal structures of the partners and determining the quaternary structure using the program SASREF. The program runs typically twenty times and the model that gives the best adjustment to the experimental curve is chosen. The few residues missing in the C-terminal parts of the proteins are modelled using the program MODLOOP. An ultimate adjustment is performed using the program CRY SOL. Only when the information on the relative position of the different partners is absent –which was the case for the YjeE dimer and for the YgjD-YeaZ-YjeE complex - a preliminary step is added: the envelope of the macromolecule is deduced from the I(q) curve using the program GASBOR in order to guide the building of the complex.

The structure of the YgjD^{S97E} monomer was extracted from the crystal structure of the heterodimer YgjD-YeaZ determined in this study. The two domains of the monomer were subsequently slightly moved using SASREF in order to fit to the experimental curve. The homodimer YgjD was constructed by superimposition on the crystal structure of YgjD-YeaZ followed by a very slight opening of each monomer. The SAXS curve of the heterodimer YgjD-YeaZ was perfectly described using the crystal structure. The same holds true for the homodimer of YeaZ that was well described using the crystal structure (PDB ID: 1OKJ) with the missing C-ter parts built by PHYRE2 and moved using SASREF. The model of *Ec*-YjeE was built by Phyre² using the crystal structure of *H. influenzae* YjeE (PDB ID: 1HTW) in which the relative coordinates of the ADP and Mg²⁺ molecules were conserved. This model gives a perfectly adjustment to the experimental curve. The modelization of the ternary complex is described in the main text.

***In vitro* assay of biosynthesis of tRNA^{t⁶A} and digestion of tRNA**

The 25 µg *E.coli* tRNA^{Lys} was incubated with 2.5 µM wild-type proteins (YgjD, YeaZ, YjeE and YrdC) or their mutants in 80 µl of assay buffer that contained 50 mM Tris pH 7.4, 200 mM NaCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, 25 mM KCl, 4mM *L*-threonine, 2 mM ATP and 10 mM sodium bicarbonate. The reactions were proceeded for 90 min at 37 °C and terminated by heating the reaction mixture to 95 °C for 5 min, followed by fast cooling-down in ice water. tRNA was unfolded and the protein precipitates were removed by centrifugation. The tRNA was further enzymatically digested with P1 nuclease, phosphodiesterase and alkaline phosphatase (All products from Sigma), following the instructions of the products and a method developed for analysis of

nucleosides by HPLC (13). The digested nucleosides were applied to HPLC and LC/MS for analysis. The production of *L*-threonylcarbamoyladenylate (TCA) was done by incubation of 5 μ M YrdC for 30 min at 37°C in the assay buffer containing 50 mM Tris pH 7.4, 200 mM NaCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, 25 mM KCl, 8 mM L-threonine, 4 mM ATP and 20 mM sodium bicarbonate. The YrdC was removed by applying this reaction mixture to a centrifugal concentrator with a molecular weight cut-off of 5 KD (VWR). The eluate containing the TCA was obtained by spinning the concentrator for 5 min at 13000g at 8 °C. The stability of TCA was monitored by HPLC over time (data not shown).

HPLC and MS analysis of the t⁶A

100 μ l reaction mixture was applied to HPLC using a μ RPC C2/C18 ST 4.6/100 column with a pore size of 120 Å (Amersham Biosciences Inc.) and nucleosides were detected by UV at 258 nm. The column was equilibrated with buffer A (10 mM Ammonium Acetate, pH 7.0). The gradient used for elution was 100% buffer A from 0 to 8 min followed by a linear gradient of 0-100% buffer B (6 mM Ammonium Acetate, pH 7.0 and 40% acetonitrile) from 8 to 30 min. The standard Cytosine (C), Uracil (U), Guanine (G), Adenine (A) (Sigma) and t⁶A (kindly provided by R.W. Adamiak, Polish Academy of Sciences) were used as reference for determination of the elution time of each digested nucleosides in the reaction mixture (14). The area under each peak that corresponds to C, U, G, A and t⁶A was used for quantification of the digested nucleosides of tRNA. The percentage of t⁶A is calculated as the average of area of t⁶A to area of C, U and G, respectively, normalized to tRNA alone and tRNA modified by wild type YgjD, YeaZ, YjeE and YrdC. MS analyses of nucleosides were performed by mass spectrometer Micro TofQ (BRUKER DALTONICS) equipped with HPLC (Ultimate3000, DIONEX) using the μ RPC C2/C18 ST 4.6/100 column. The gradient used in LC/MS was 100% buffer A from 0 to 8 min followed by a linear gradient of 0-100% buffer B (6 mM Ammonium Acetate, pH 7.0 and 40% acetonitrile) from 8 to 30 min. MS was employed to confirm the masses of C, U, G, A and t⁶A from digested nucleosides.

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Supplementary Figures and Tables Legends

Supplementary Figures

Fig. S1 Analysis of protein-protein interactions by ITC. A, The titration of YgjD (30 μ M) with YeaZ (360 μ M). B, The titration of YgjD (20 μ M) with YeaZ¹⁻²¹⁹ (200 μ M). C, The titration of YgjD^{S97E} (30 μ M) with YeaZ (360 μ M). D, The titration of YgjD (52 μ M) with YjeE (650 μ M) in presence of 1.0 mM AMPPNP and MgCl₂. E, The titration of YjeE (38 μ M) with YeaZ (400 μ M) in presence of 1.0 mM ADP and MgCl₂. F, The titration of YjeE (20 μ M) with YeaZ (240 μ M) in presence of 1.0 mM AMPPNP and MgCl₂.

Fig. S2 The coordination of ADP and the metal ions in YgjD, YeaZ and YjeE. A, The interfacial ADP is coordinated by residues from both YeaZ (colored in blue) and YgjD (colored in red). B, The coordination of ADP, Fe³⁺ and Mg²⁺ in the active site of YgjD. C, The sequence alignment between *Hi*-YjeE and *Ec*-YjeE superposed by secondary structure elements. D, Comparison of the experimental SAXS curve (black dots) of YjeE with the curve calculated by the program CRY SOL (red line) from the structural model built by PHYRE². E, The structural superposition of model of *Ec*-YjeE (colored in grey) and the crystal structure of *Hi*-YjeE (colored in cyan, PDB ID: 1HTW). The residues that were subjected for mutational study are highlighted in consistence with C. The dash line in the representation indicates the distance between two atoms. F, Experimental curve (black dots) of the YjeE-dimer superimposed to the calculated curve obtained using the GASBOR program. G, Two monomers of YjeE embedded in a typical envelope produced by GASBOR.

Fig. S3 Analyses of the protein-ligand interaction by ITC. All the titrants and injectants except those in B are supplemented with 500 μ M MgCl₂. A, Titration of YgjD (30 μ M) with AMPCPP (360 μ M). B, Titration of the heterodimer YgjD-YeaZ (30 μ M) with AMPCPP (360 μ M). C, Titration of YjeE (57 μ M) with ATP_{YS} (680 μ M). D, Titration of YjeE (50 μ M) with ADP (600 μ M). E, Titration of YjeE^{Y82A} (28 μ M) with ATP_{YS} (350 μ M). F, Titration of YjeE^{W109A} (41 μ M) with ADP (492 μ M). G, Titration of YgjD (30 μ M) with ADP (360 μ M). H, Titration of YeaZ (30 μ M) with ADP (360 μ M). I, Titration of YeaZ (30 μ M) with ATP (360 μ M). J, Titration of YgjD^{E12A} (30 μ M) with AMPCPP (360 μ M). K, Titration of YjeE^{T43A} (33 μ M) with ADP (400 μ M). L, Titration of YjeE^{E108A} (20 μ M) with ADP (260 μ M).

Fig. S4 The kinetic characterization of the ATPase activity of the ternary YgjD-YeaZ-YjeE complex. A, Calibration curve for consumption of the NADH by ADP, the calculated slope is -0.002421 μ mol⁻¹. B, Kinetics of ATP hydrolysis into ADP by YgjD-YeaZ-2xYjeE as a function of ATP concentration. C, The

correlation between the ATPase activity (black bars) and YjeE monomeric portion (grey bars). The latter was determined by integration of peaks from the Hiload Superdex 75 HR 10/30 size-exclusion chromatogram (not shown). D, The allosteric regulation of the ATPase activity of YjeE by the heterodimer YgjD-YeaZ. The ATPase activity was measured as a function of concentration of YjeE in presence of 2 μM heterodimer YgjD-YeaZ and 4 mM ATP. The data was plotted using allosteric sigmoidal equation (GraphPad).

Fig. S5 ITC analyses of the interaction between the heterodimer YgjD-YeaZ and YjeE. A, The titration of YgjD-YeaZ (23 μM) with YjeE (270 μM) in presence of 1.0 mM AMPPNP and MgCl_2 . B, The titration of YgjD-YeaZ (32 μM) with YjeE (380 μM) in presence of 1.0 mM AMPPNP and MgCl_2 . C, The titration of YgjD-YeaZ^{R118A} (40 μM) with YjeE (480 μM) in presence of 1.0 mM AMPPNP and MgCl_2 . D, The titration of YgjD-YeaZ (20 μM) with YjeE (240 μM). E, The titration of YgjD-YeaZ (20 μM) with YjeE (240 μM) in presence of 1.0 mM ADP and MgCl_2 . F, The titration of YgjD-YeaZ (20 μM) with YjeE (240 μM) in presence of 1.0 mM ATP and MgCl_2 . G, The titration of YgjD-YeaZ (23 μM) with YjeE^{E108A} (270 μM) in presence of 1.0 mM AMPPNP and MgCl_2 . H, The titration of YgjD-YeaZ (30 μM) with YjeE^{T43A} (340 μM) in presence of 1.0 mM AMPPNP and MgCl_2 . I, The titration of YgjD^{S97E}/YeaZ (30 μM) with YjeE (360 μM) in presence of 1.0 mM AMPPNP and MgCl_2 .

Fig. S6 The characterization of YgjD-YeaZ protein-protein interaction. A, The determination of oligomeric state in solution of YgjD^{S97R} and YgjD^{F100E} compared to wild type by size exclusion chromatography. B, The interaction of the YeaZ¹⁻²¹⁹ deletion mutant and YgjD by native gel shift. C, Native gel shift analysis of the effect of the mutations on Ser⁹⁷ and Phe¹⁰⁰ of YgjD on its association with YeaZ and YeaZ/YjeE in presence of 1.0 mM ATP and 2.0 μM MgCl_2 .

Fig. S7 C18 reverse phase HPLC analyses of the *in vitro* biosynthesis of t⁶A. A, Chromatogram of a standard solution containing the bases of C, U, G, t⁶A (indicated by asterisk) and A. B, The digested nucleosides of *E. coli* tRNA^{Lys} alone. C, the digested nucleosides of *E. coli* tRNA^{Lys} after enzymatic reaction with YgjD, YeaZ, YjeE and YrdC; the molecular weight of t⁶A was determined by MS (represented in the blue square). D, The digested nucleosides of *E. coli* tRNA^{Lys} after enzymatic reaction with YgjD^{E12A}, YeaZ, YjeE and YrdC. E, The digested nucleosides of *E. coli* tRNA^{Lys} after enzymatic reaction with YgjD^{S97E}, YeaZ, YjeE and YrdC. F, The digested nucleosides of *E. coli* tRNA^{Lys} after enzymatic reaction with YgjD, YeaZ^{R118A}, YjeE and YrdC. G, The digested nucleosides of *E. coli* tRNA^{Lys} after enzymatic reaction with YgjD, YeaZ, YjeE^{E108A} and YrdC. H, The digested nucleosides of *E. coli* tRNA^{Lys} after enzymatic reaction with YgjD, YeaZ, YjeE^{W109A} and YrdC.

Fig. S8 SAXS analyses of protein complexes and partners. A, C, E, F, G, SAXS results for YgjD-dimer, YgjD-YeaZ, YgjD-YeaZ¹⁻²¹⁹-YjeE, YgjD-YeaZ-YjeE^{W109A} and YeaZ-dimer respectively. Comparison of the experimental curve (black dots) with the curve calculated by using CRY SOL (red line) from the model built as described in the text. In all cases the goodness of fit was characterized by the parameter χ given by

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_j \left[\frac{I_{\text{exp}}(q_j) - cI_{\text{calc}}(q_j)}{\sigma(q_j)} \right]^2$$

where N is the number of experimental points, c is a scaling factor, and $I_{\text{calc}}(q_j)$ and $s(q_j)$ are the calculated intensity and the experimental error at the scattering vector q_j , respectively. B, SAXS curve for the monomer of YgjD^{S97E}. The blue curve is calculated from the crystal structure of YgjD. The red one is obtained by slightly opening the two domains of the protein. Insert: in blue, the crystal structure; in red, the “open” structure. D, HPLC chromatographic profiles of YgjD-YeaZ alone and in a mixture of large excess of YjeE (4x) in presence of 1.0 mM ADP and 2.0 mM MgCl₂. H, The distance distribution functions $P(r)$ for YgjD-YeaZ (blue) and YgjD-YeaZ-YjeE (red) deduced from the scattering curves $I(q)$ using the program GNOM. The two functions come to zero for the same value $r=D_{\text{max}}=90\text{\AA}$.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1 Crystal data and structural refinement statistics.

Table S2 Characteristic parameters of YgjD, YgjD-YeaZ, YjeE and respective complexes calculated from the SAXS experimental curves.

Supplementary Figures

Fig. S1

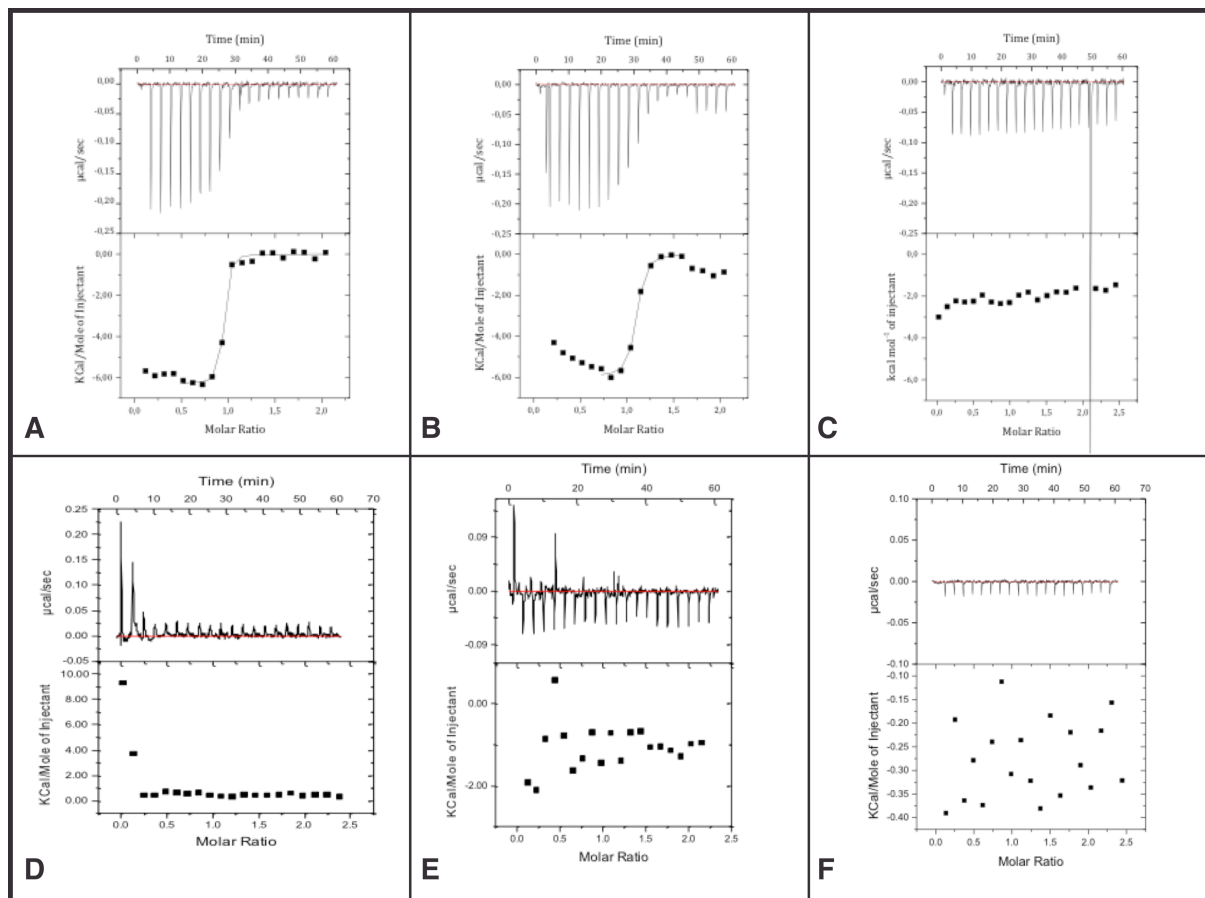


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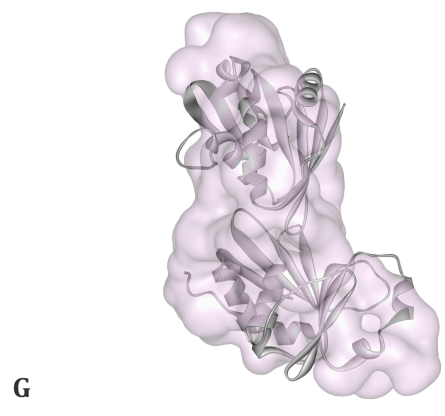
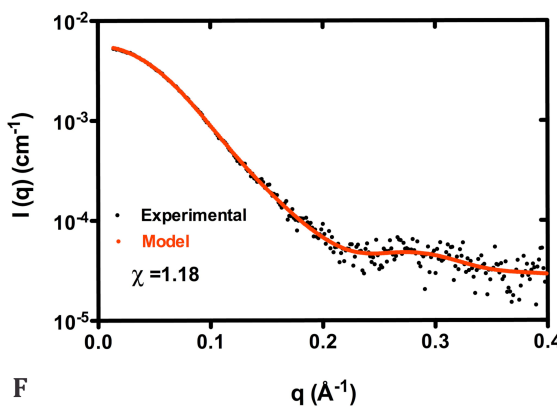
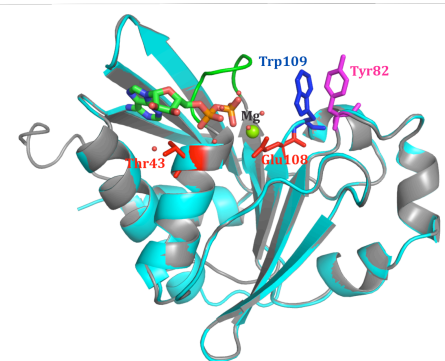
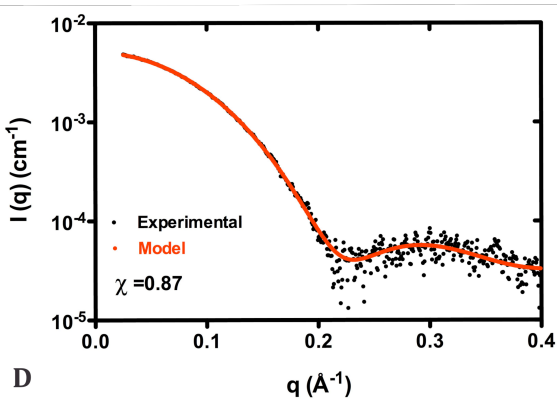
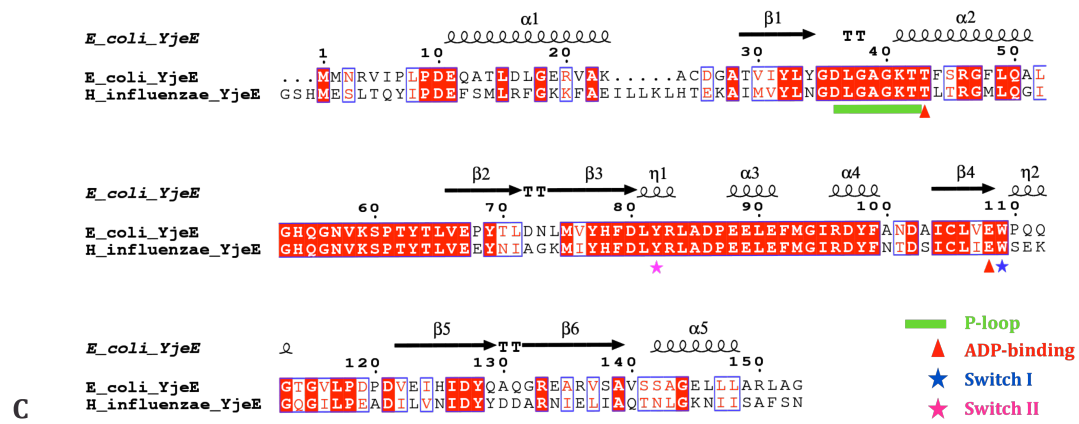
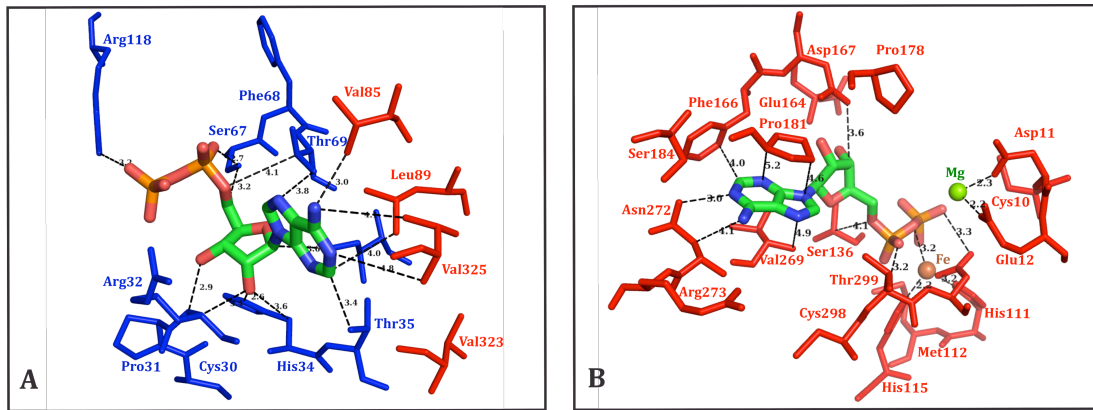


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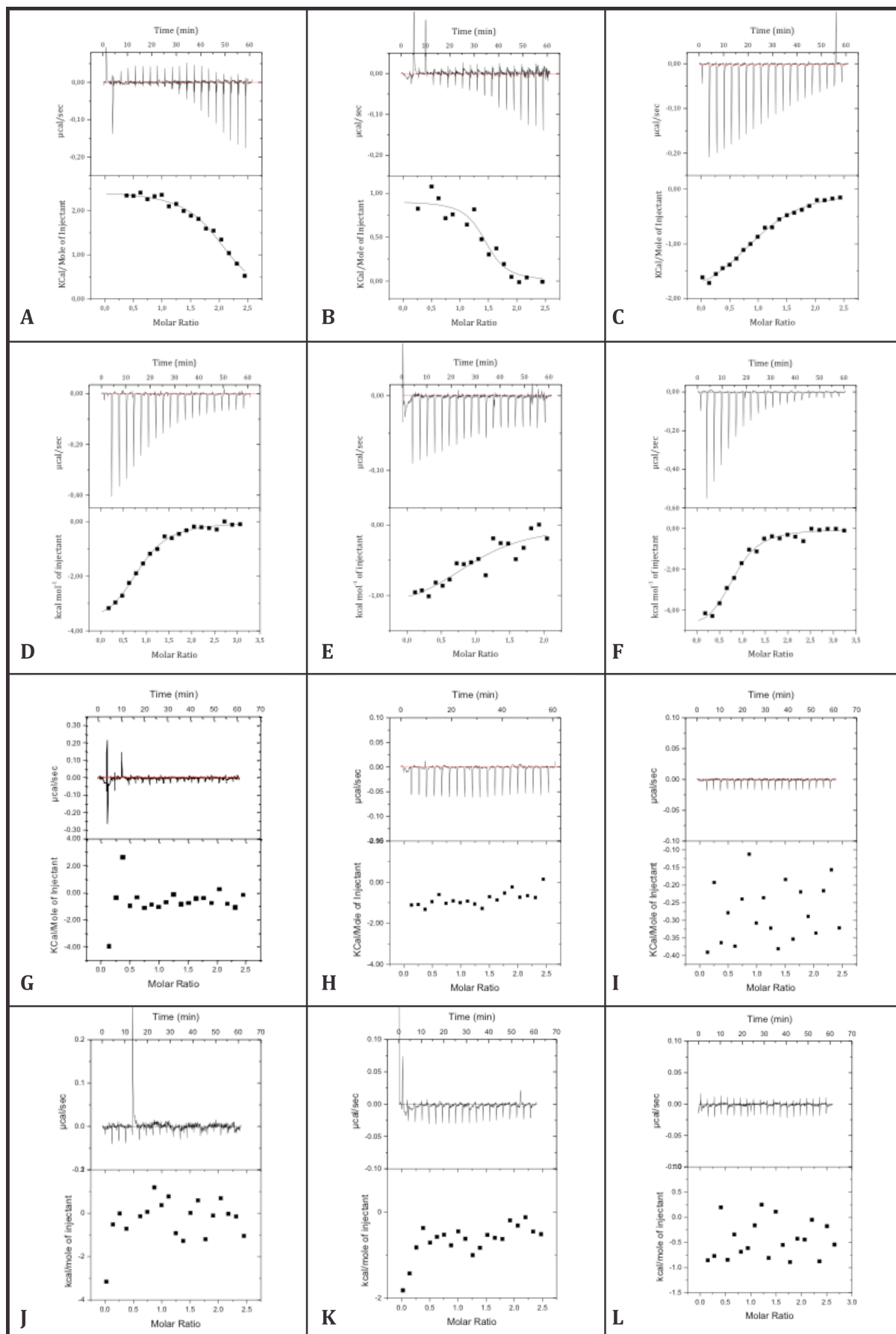


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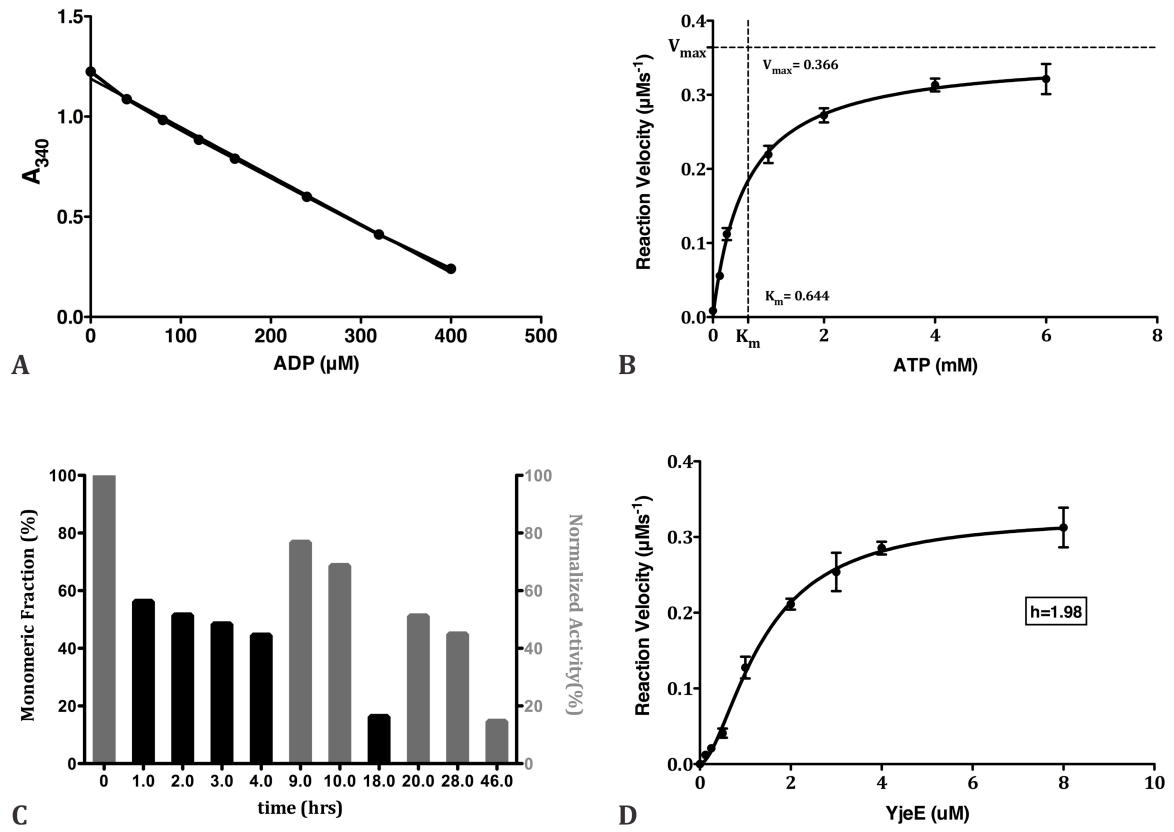


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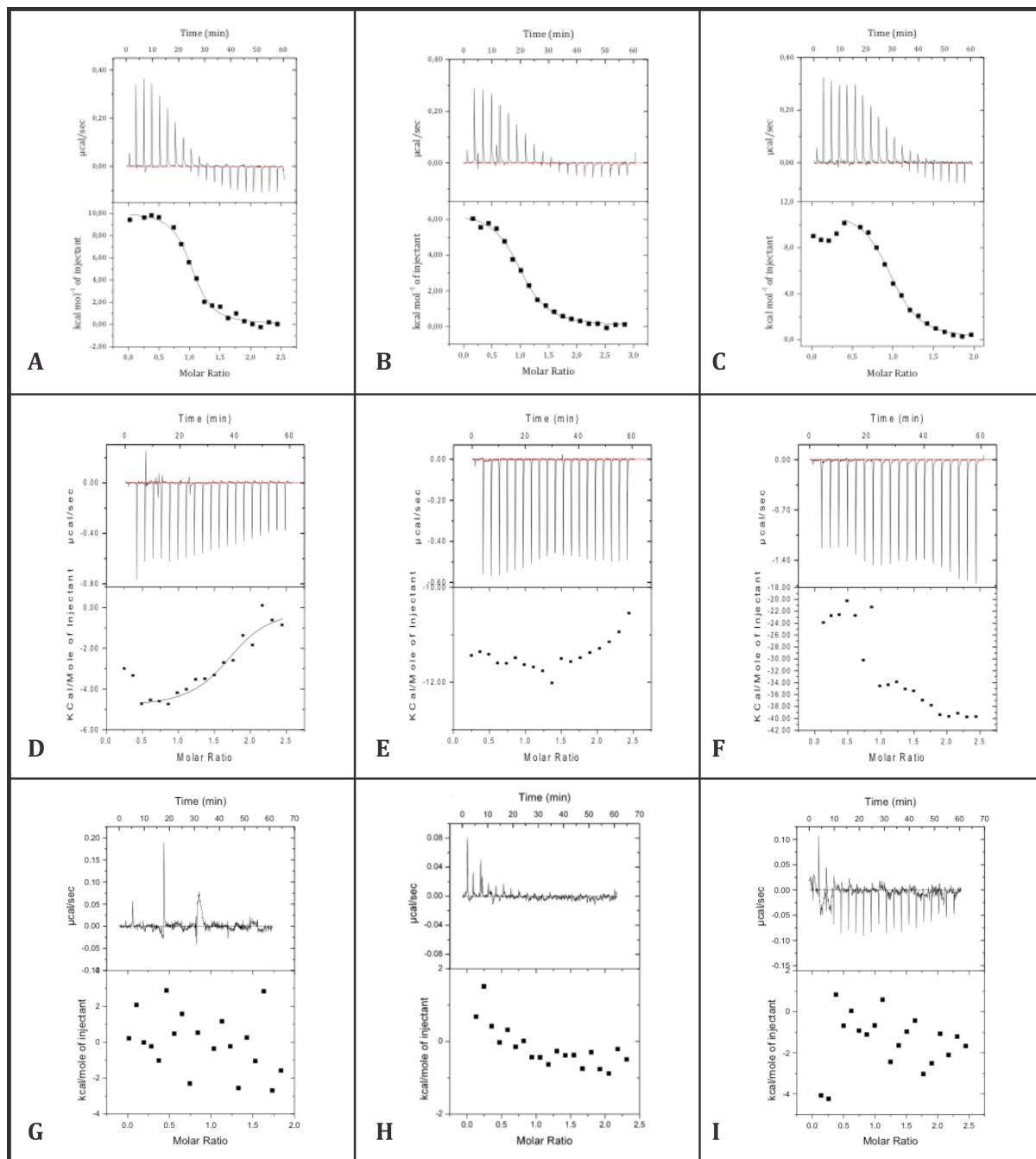


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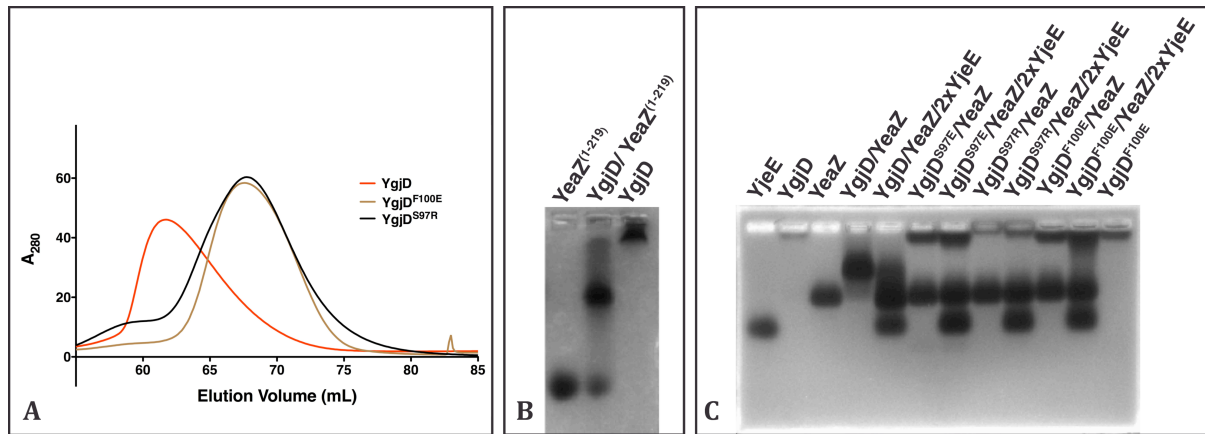


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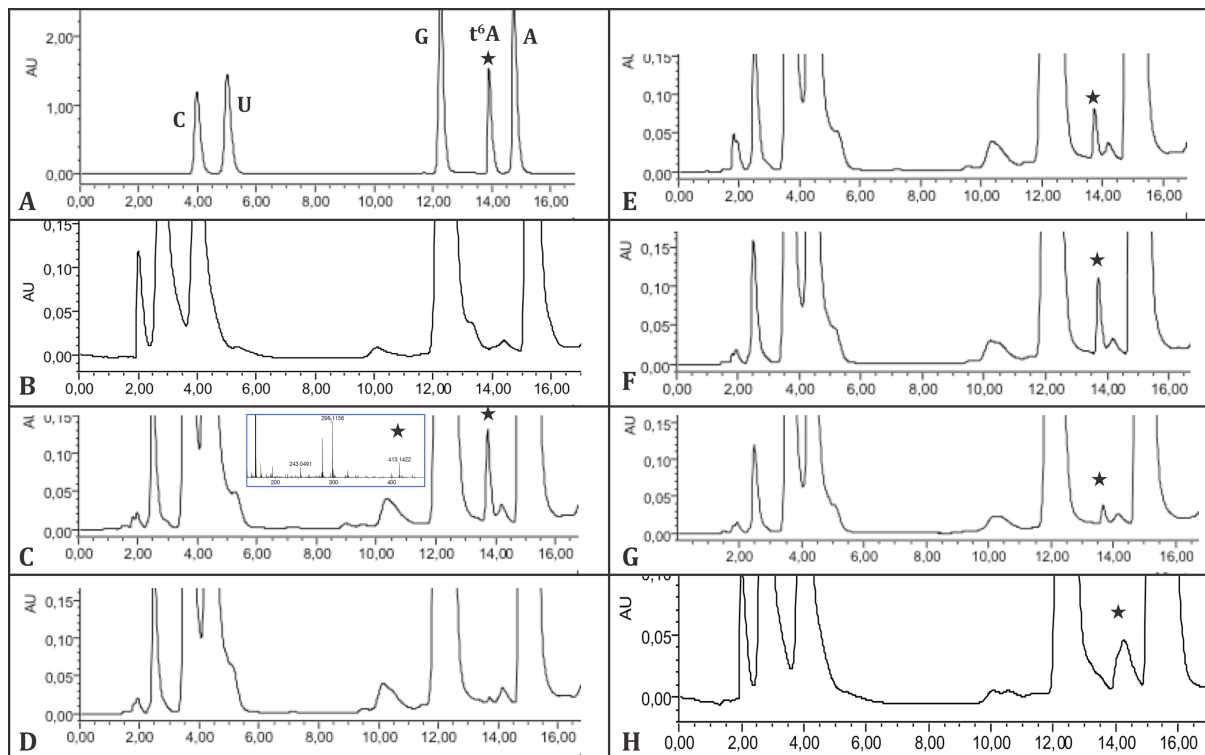
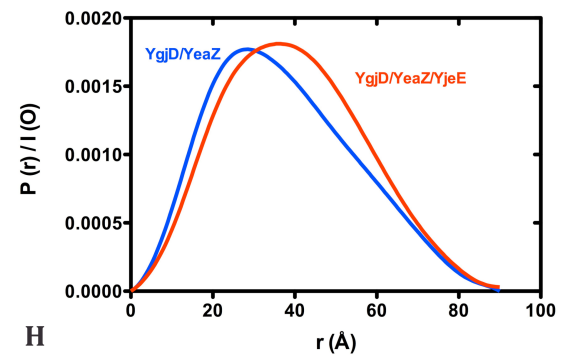
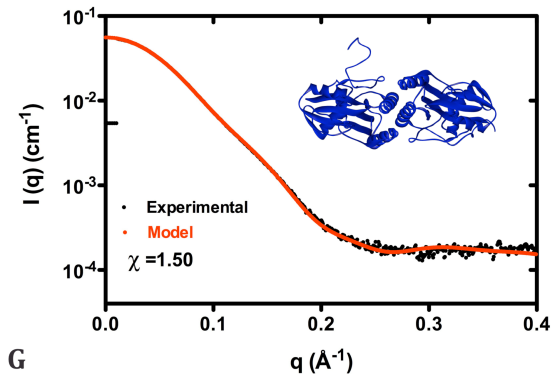
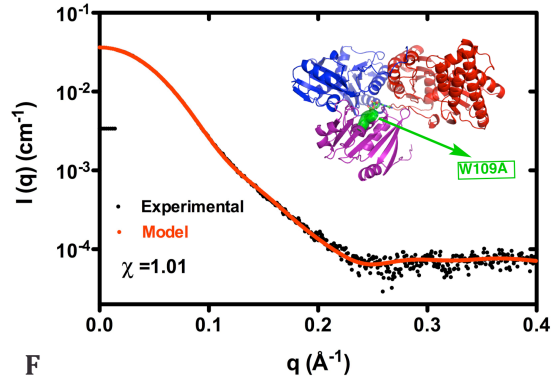
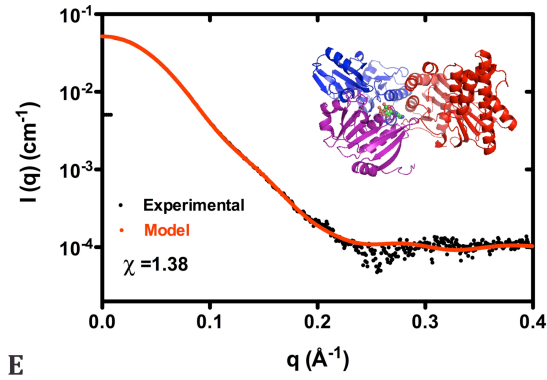
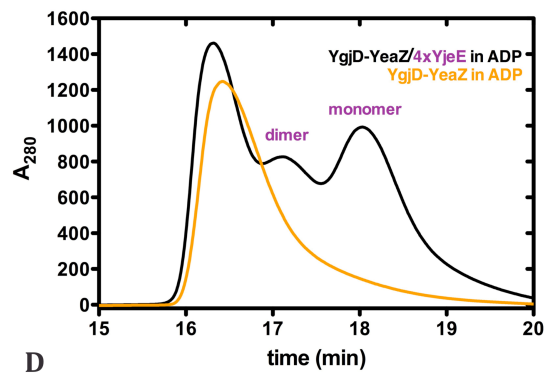
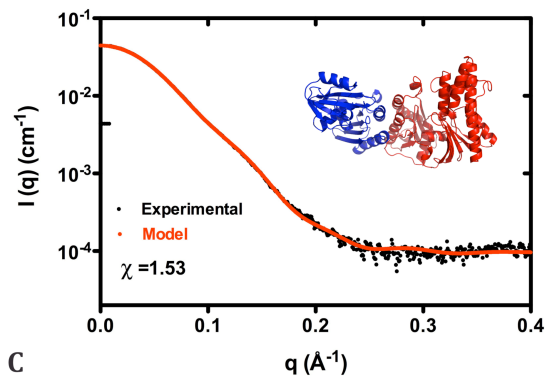
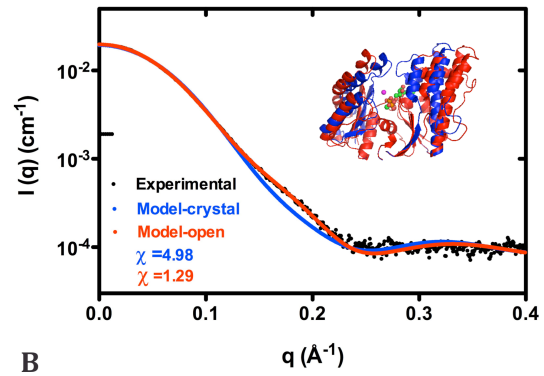
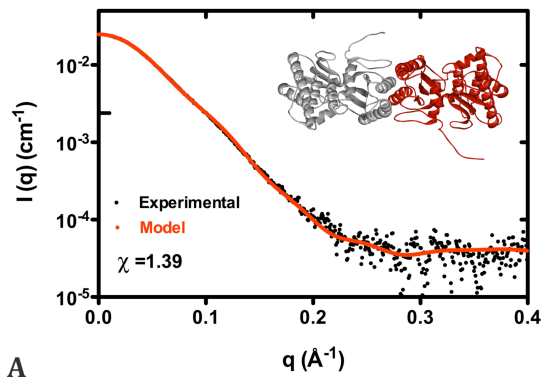


Fig. S8



Supplementary Tables

Table S1 Crystallographic data.

Dataset	YgjD(ADP)/YeaZ(ADP)	YgjD ^{E12A} (ATP)/YeaZ	YgjD ^{V85E} (ATP)/YeaZ
Data Collection			
Wavelength (Å)	0.98011	0.97857	0.9786
Space group	P1	P1	P1
Cell	a, b, c (Å)	63.62, 68.48, 87.07	63.27 68.07 87.13
	α, β, γ (°)	109.38, 92.66, 117.66	109.3 92.98 117.23
Resolution	49.38-2.25 (2.33-2.25) ^a	49.04-2.33 (2.47-2.33) ^a	42.62-2.23 (2.31-2.23) ^a
R _{sym} (%)	10.4 (57.7)	9.8 (41.5)	8.0 (54.2)
CC _{1/2} (%)	99.5 (74.7)	99.4 (90.8)	92.4 (65.7)
<I/σ(I)>	11.00 (2.46)	11.42 (3.54)	12.21 (2.16)
Complete (%)	97.93 (95.69)	96.9 (92.5)	99.7 (84.0)
Multiplicity	3.97	3.18	3.25
Refinement statistics			
Resolution	49.38 - 2.25	49.04 - 2.33	42.62 - 2.23
Unique Refl.	55653(5436)	49021(7525)	53417(3359)
R _{work} /R _{free} (%)	20.8/25.5	20.3/25.4	18.6/23.2
Total Atoms	9012	8711	8372
B-factors	34.4	32.8	40.7
RMS(bonds)	0.011	0.012	0.011
RMS(angles)	1.41	1.37	1.31
Ramachandran Plot			
Favored (%)	92.2	91.7	91.6
Allowed (%)	7.5	7.9	8.0
Disallowed (%)	0.2	0.4	0.3
PDB code	4WOS	4WQ4	4WQ5

^a Values in parentheses are for the highest-resolution shell.

$R_{sym} = \frac{\sum_h \sum_i |I_{hi} - \langle I_h \rangle|}{\sum_h \sum_i I_{hi}}$, where I_{hi} is the i th observation of the reflection h , while $\langle I_h \rangle$ is the mean intensity of reflection h .

Rfactor = $\frac{\sum_i [|F_o| - |F_c|]}{\sum_i |F_o|}$. Rfree was calculated with a small fraction (5%) of randomly selected reflections.

Table S2. Structural parameters extracted from SAXS data.

	Quaternary state	R _g Guinier (Å)	R _g P(r) (Å)	D _{max} (Å)	MW (kDa) ^a	Theoretical MW(kDa) ^b	χ
YgjD-WT	dimer	32.0	32.9	110	74.0	73.7	1.31
YgjD ^{S97E}	monomer	23.3	23.3	74	37.9	36.8	1.29
YgjD-YeaZ	monomer	29.0	29.2	90	66.5	62.8	1.53
YgjD-YeaZ-YjeE	monomer	29.3	29.0	90	81.3	80.7	1.42
YgjD-YeaZ ¹⁻²¹⁹ -YjeE	monomer	28.9	28.8	89	75.9	78.5	1.38
YgjD-YeaZ-YjeE ^{W109A}	monomer	29.0	28.9	90	79.2	80.7	1.01
YjeE	monomer	16.6	16.5	54	17.1	17.9	0.86
YjeE	dimer	24.3	24.3	76	38.2	35.8	1.18
YeaZ	dimer	26.3	26.4	84	51.4	52.0	1.50

^a, Molar mass M obtained from the whole $I(q)$ curve ($q_{\max}=0.3\text{\AA}^{-1}$) using the macromolecule volume and the SAXS-MoW method available at <http://www.if.sc.usp.br/~saxs/>.

^b, The theoretical masses were derived from the sequence taking into account the tags in each case.