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### Supplementary Materials for

## Activation of GTP hydrolysis in mRNA-tRNA translocation by elongation factor G

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#### **Supplementary Information**

**Fig. S1. Gallery of four cryo-EM maps obtained by classification.** (A) EF-G-bound non-rotated complex. (B). EF-G-unbound non-rotated complex. (C). EF-G-bound rotated complex. (D). EF-G-unbound rotated complex (see Table 1 for more detailed information on how these maps were obtained).



**Fig. S2. Examples for map fittings.** (A) A helical region in protein L20 in the map of the non-rotated EF-G-bound complex (Fig. 3A). The map is shown as grey mesh. (B) Density (mesh) for nucleotides 1604-1623 in 23S rRNA in the same complex.





**Fig. S3. Density for GTP in the non-rotated complex.** (A) The map segment (mesh) for EF-G in the non-rotated complex, fitted with the structural model (yellow). (B) Density map in (A), displayed at a high threshold to show the density around GTP, the region boxed in (A). (See also Fig. 5 for the rotated complex).





**Fig. S4. Interaction of protein S12 with domain III.** (A) S12's insertion into domain III of EF-G in a representative X-ray structure of PRE complex (orange; PDB code: 4BTC) vs. the structure in the non-rotated map (purple). Domains I and II in these two structures are superimposed. (B) The X-ray structure shown in (A) vs. the structure in the rotated map (dark green). (C) S12's insertion is also seen in the X-ray post-translocational complex (limegreen; PDB code: 2WRI), similarly to the X-ray PRE structure (orange) shown in (A). (D) Zoomed-in view of the region boxed in (C).



**Fig. S5. Densities linking domain III to IV, and domain II to V in our maps.** Maps displayed at a threshold level of three standard deviations. (A) Non-rotated complex. (B) Rotated complex.





**Fig. S6. Three-stage (I, II, III) classification of the entire data set using RELION.** Each class is represented by the reconstruction from particles falling in that class.



Fig. S7. Color code for the resolution values in the movie showing the local resolution map.



**Movie S1. Overview and local resolution estimation for the 3.6** Å **map.** See color bar in Fig. S7.

Movie S2. Examples of high-resolution protein features in the 3.6 Å map.

Movie S3. Examples of high-resolution RNA features in the 3.6 Å map.