

## Supplementary Information

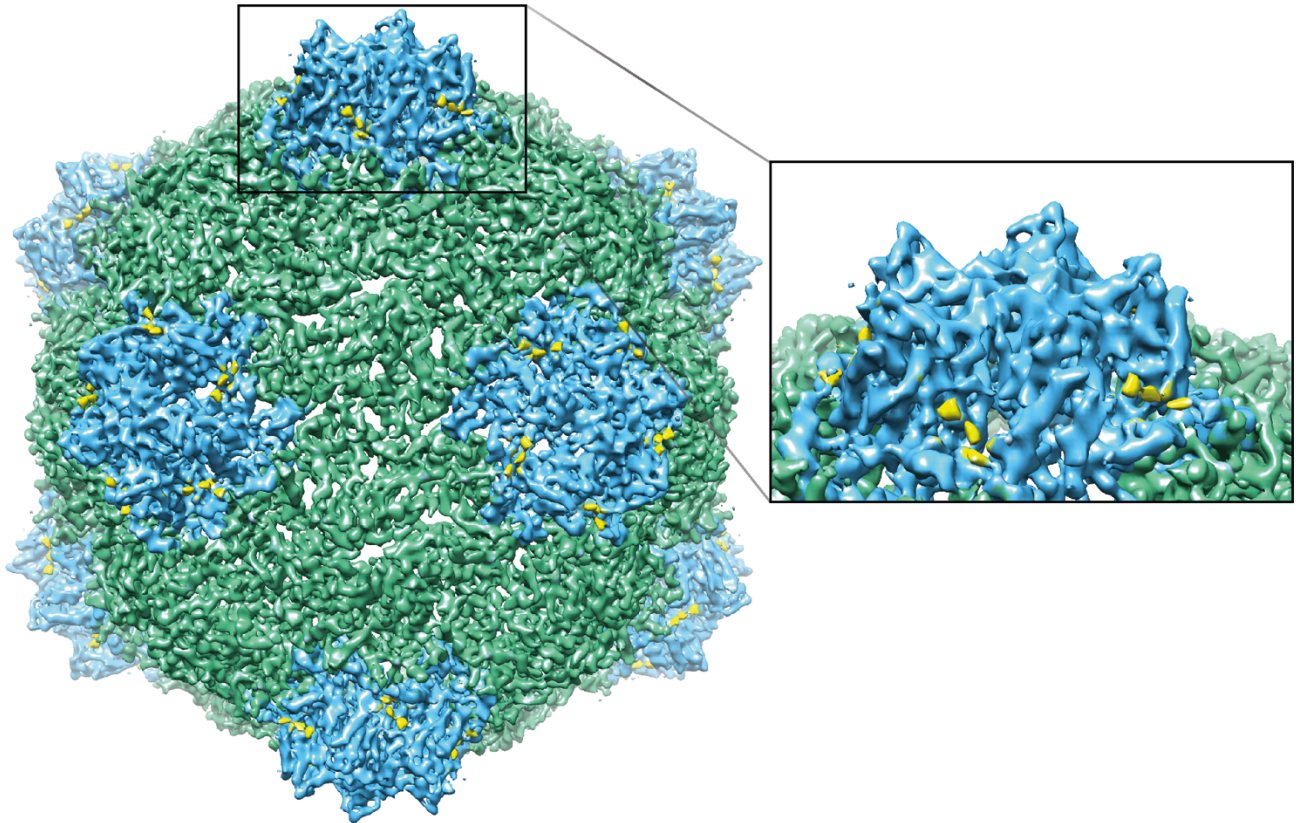
### **The structures of a naturally empty cowpea mosaic virus particle and its genome-containing counterpart by cryo-electron microscopy**

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**Figure S1. Cleaved 4.4 Å eVLP structure (EMD-8609).**

This *cleaved* eVLP structure was refined from a small subset of data from the cryo-EM reconstruction of *uncleaved* eVLP reported previously (Hesketh et al., 2015). The Large Subunit is coloured green and the Small Subunit is coloured blue. The structure of CPMV-B (PDB:5a32) is fitted into this map. Residues 183 – 189 in the Small Subunit are coloured yellow. The map was reconstructed from 1,537 particles in Relion1.3. All microscopy and pre-processing was performed as described previously (Hesketh et al., 2015). The density map was sharpened using an empirically derived B-factor of  $-156.7 \text{ \AA}^2$  to 4.4 Å resolution.

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