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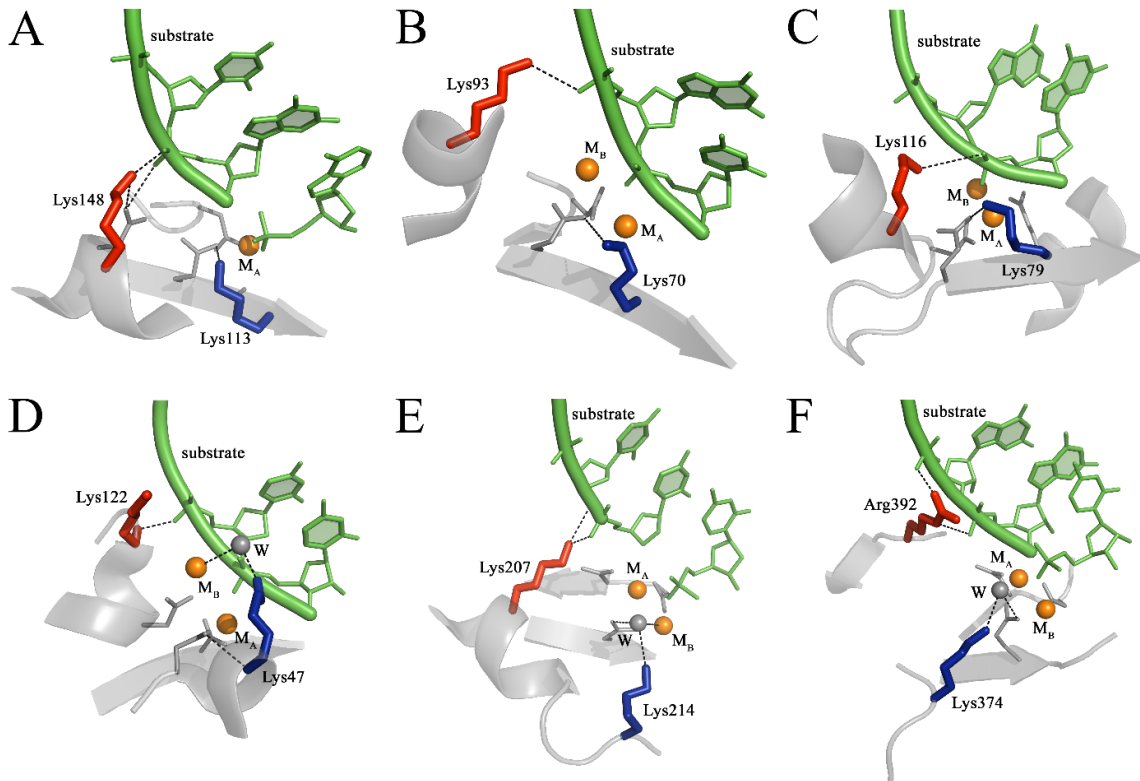
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1 **Supplemental Figures and Tables**

2 **Fig. S1: Additional examples of nucleases and polymerases possessing K1- and K2-like residues**
3 (Related to Fig. 1). A) Restriction endonuclease EcoRI (PDB id.: 1QPS); B) Restriction endonuclease
4 PvuII (1F00); C) Endonuclease MutH (2AOR); D) RNase-H (3O3H); E) DNA polymerase Pol- α
5 (2ALZ); and F) Norwalk virus RdRp (PDB id.: 3BSO). Structural elements are oriented and color coded
6 as in Fig. 1.

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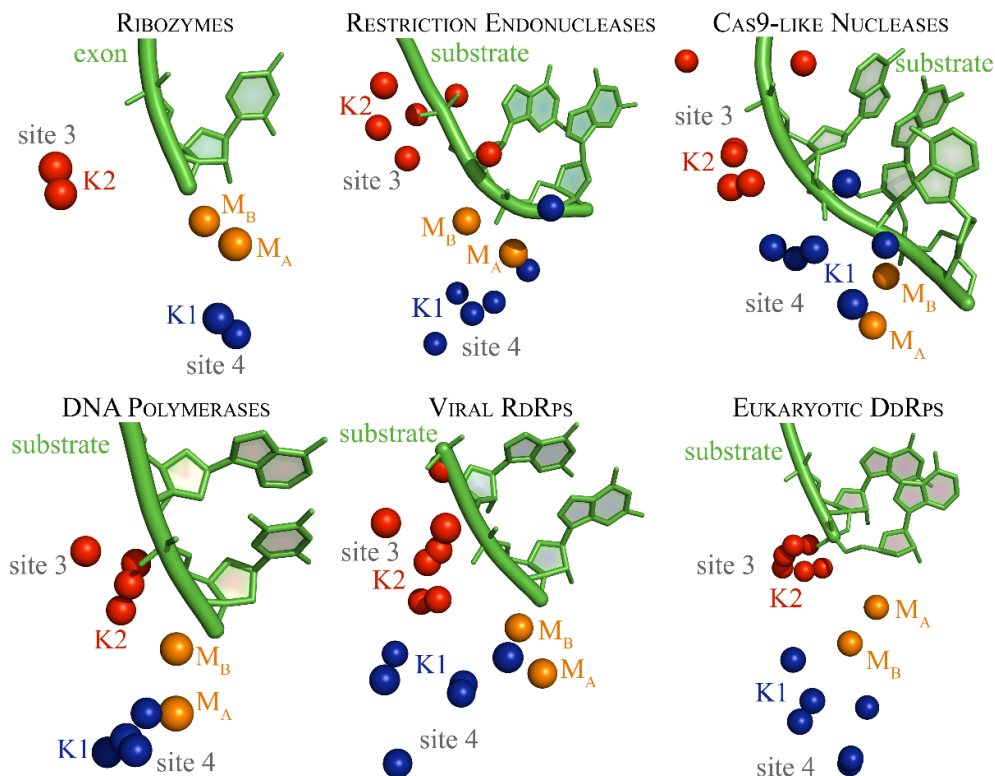


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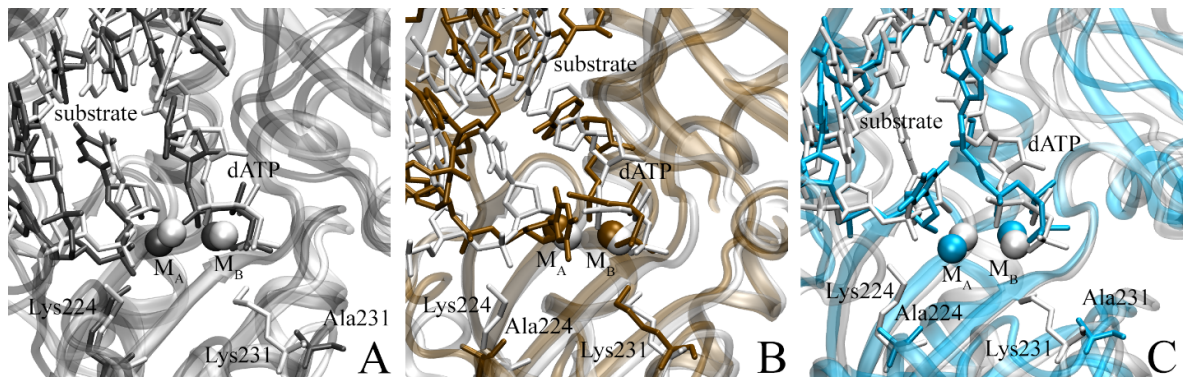
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1 **Fig. S2: Structural overlap of K1- and K2-like residues in selected subsets of two-metal-ion**
 2 **enzymes** (Related to Fig. 2). **Subset of ribozymes:** overlap of the structures of the group II intron
 3 (4FAR) and of the spliceosome (5LJ3, putative K1 ion and K2-like Lys611, see also Fig. 5 for details).
 4 Only the exon (substrate) and M_A - M_B center of 4FAR are represented for clarity. **Subset of restriction**
 5 **endonucleases:** overlap of the structures of BamHI (2BAM), PvuII (1F0O), BpuSI (3S1S), MspI
 6 (1SA3), FokI (1FOK), and NaeI (1IAW). Only the substrate and M_A - M_B center of 2BAM are
 7 represented for clarity. **Subset of Cas9-like nucleases:** overlap of the structures of the RuvC domain
 8 of Cas9 nucleases from *S. pyogenes* (4CMQ/5F9R, see also Figure 1C), *A. naeslundii* (4OGC), *F.*
 9 *tularensis* (5B2O), and *S. aureus* (5AXW), and of RNase-H from *T. maritima* (3O3H) and *H. sapiens*
 10 (3PUF). Only the substrate and M_A - M_B center of *S. pyogenes* Cas9 are represented for clarity. **Curated**
 11 **subset of evolutionarily-related DNA polymerases:** overlap of the structures of human (PDB id 4ECS)
 12 and yeast (3MFI) DNA polymerase η , human DNA polymerase ι (2ALZ), human DNA polymerase κ
 13 (2OH2), *S. solfataricus* Dpo4 (2AGO), and *E. coli* DinB (4IRK). Only the substrate and M_A - M_B center
 14 of 4ECS are represented for clarity. **Subset of viral RdRps:** overlap of the structures of the RdRps
 15 from Norwalk virus (3BSO), Sapporo virus (2UUW), Rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (1KHV),
 16 Poliovirus (1RDR), Foot-and-mouth disease virus (2E9T), Hepatitis C virus (4E78), and Dengue virus
 17 (2J7U). Only the substrate and M_A - M_B center of 3BSO are represented for clarity. **Subset of eukaryotic**
 18 **DdRps:** overlap of the structures of yeast Pol-I (5M5Y), Pol-II (2E2H), and Pol-III (5FJ8). Only the
 19 substrate and M_A - M_B center of 2E2H are represented for clarity. The structures were aligned and
 20 represented as described in Fig. 2. Sites 3 and 4 are defined in Fig. 4 and in the main text.



1 **Fig. S3: Structural superimposition of the wild type and the mutated Pol- η in complex with**
2 **dsDNA and dATP from molecular dynamics simulations** (Related to Fig. 3). A) Superimposition
3 between human wild-type DNA Pol- η (white) and K231A mutant (grey). B) Superimposition between
4 human wild-type DNA Pol- η (white) and K224A mutant (ochre). C) Superimposition between human
5 wild-type DNA Pol- η (white) and K224A/K231A mutant (cyan). Spheres indicate magnesium ions
6 while the nucleic acid substrate, dATP, and the K1- and K2-like residues are reported in licorice. These
7 superpositions show the significant distortion of the reactant state upon mutations of K1- and/or K2-
8 like residues.
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1 **Table S2. Prediction of K1- and K2-like residues in other classes of two-metal-ion enzymes (Related to Table 1).**

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| Enzyme | PDB id | Resolution (Å) | Enzymatic Classification (E.C.) | K1 | d1 (Å) ^a | d-ac (Å) ^b | mutants | functional defect | K2 | d2 (Å) ^a | d-sub (Å) ^c | mutants | functional defect |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Spliceosome (<i>S. cerevisiae</i>) | 5LJ3 | 3.80 | ribozyme | K17 ^d | ~3.8 | ~2.6 | n.a. | n.a. | Lys611 (Prp8) | 9.08 | 3.67 | n.a. | n.a. |
| | | | | | | | | | Arg614 (Prp8) | 9.88 | 3.38 | n.a. | n.a. |
| RNA Pol-I (<i>S. cerevisiae</i>) | 5M5Y | 4.00 | 2.7.7.6 | Lys934 (RPA190) | x ^e | 8.49 | n.a. | n.a. | Lys916 (RPA135) | x ^e | 3.44 | n.a. | n.a. |
| | | | | Arg957 (RPA135) | x ^e | 5.13 | n.a. | n.a. | Lys924 (RPA135) | x ^e | 2.36 | n.a. | n.a. |
| RNA Pol-II (<i>S. cerevisiae</i>) | 2E2H | 3.95 | 2.7.7.6 | Lys752 (Rbp1) | 5.40 | 4.03 | K752L (Strathern et al., 2013) | Lethal | Lys979 (Rbp2) | 8.86 | 2.58 | K979R (Treich et al., 1992) | Lethal |
| | | | | Arg1020 (Rbp2) | 3.12 | 3.57 | n.a. | n.a. | Lys987 (Rbp2) | 7.13 | 3.34 | K987R (Treich et al., 1992) | Lethal |
| RNA Pol-III (<i>S. cerevisiae</i>) | 5FJ8 | 3.90 | 2.7.7.6 | Lys800 (Rpc1) | x ^e | 9.71 | n.a. | n.a. | Lys911 (Rpc2) | x ^e | 3.75 | n.a. | n.a. |
| | | | | Arg952(Rpc2) | x ^e | 7.55 | n.a. | n.a. | Lys919 (Rpc2) | x ^e | 4.45 | n.a. | n.a. |

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4 ^a closest distance between the ion / amino acid corresponding to K1 or K2 and the M_A-M_B center; ^b closest distance between the ion / amino acid corresponding to K1 and the acidic residues that chelate M_A-M_B; ^c closest
5 distance between the ion / amino acid corresponding to K2 and the substrate; ^d putative, see main text for details; ^e no substrate or ions in the active site; n.a. = not available;

1 **Table S3: Calculated RESP charges** (Related to Fig. 3). Left: The QM electrostatic potential (ESP),
 2 required during the RESP fitting procedure to derive dATP atom charges, was calculated at the HF/6-
 3 31G* level of theory by using Gaussian 09. Right: Corrected charges for metal ions and ligands with
 4 respect to AMBER RESP charges. Inset: ball and stick representation of dATP with corresponding
 5 atomic nomenclature.

| Label | Charge | Atom | δq | q^{eff} | q^{*}_{AMBER} |
|-------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| PA | 1.630320 | Mg _A -Mg _B | -0.25 | 1.75 | 2.00 |
| PB | 1.752583 | O δ 1-2 (Asp13) | 0.05 | -0.74 | -0.80 |
| PG | 1.631219 | O δ 1-2 (Asp115) | 0.07 | -0.73 | -0.80 |
| C5' | 0.145097 | O ϵ 1-2 (Glu116) | 0.05 | -0.78 | -0.82 |
| O5 | -0.653778 | O (Met14) | 0.06 | -0.50 | -0.56 |
| C4' | 0.080100 | | | | |
| O4 | -0.436726 | | | | |
| C3' | 0.079202 | | | | |
| O3 | -0.651155 | | | | |
| C2' | 0.114262 | | | | |
| C1' | 0.217376 | | | | |
| N1 | -0.864491 | | | | |
| O1A | -0.885583 | | | | |
| O1B | -0.880119 | | | | |
| O1G | -0.897715 | | | | |
| C2 | 0.622012 | | | | |
| O2A | -0.895529 | | | | |
| O2B | -0.855092 | | | | |
| O2G | -0.846348 | | | | |
| N3 | -0.797823 | | | | |
| O3A | -0.899244 | | | | |
| O3B | -0.903616 | | | | |
| O3G | -0.883397 | | | | |
| C4 | 0.430437 | | | | |
| C5 | -0.267981 | | | | |
| C6 | 0.685211 | | | | |
| N6 | -1.042088 | | | | |
| N7 | -0.584816 | | | | |
| C8 | 0.346741 | | | | |
| N9 | -0.312571 | | | | |
| H01 | 0.060952 | | | | |
| H02 | 0.068952 | | | | |
| H03 | 0.083337 | | | | |
| H04 | 0.058165 | | | | |
| H05 | 0.387645 | | | | |
| H06 | 0.063558 | | | | |
| H07 | 0.063558 | | | | |
| H08 | 0.135477 | | | | |
| H22 | 0.400770 | | | | |
| H13 | 0.051333 | | | | |
| H25 | 0.043781 | | | | |
| H27 | 0.406164 | | | | |

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 10 **Table S4: Calculated d-newbond differences** (Related to Fig. 3). Distributions of d-newbond
 11 differences ($d_{X,Y}$) for all MD systems with mean μ , standard error σ_E , and confidence interval (C.I.).

| | μ (Å) | σ_E (Å) | C.I. |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| d-newbond (K2-K1) | 0.02 | 0.0000447 | > 99% |
| d-newbond (K1K2-K2) | 0.14 | 0.0000545 | > 99% |
| d-newbond (K2-K1K2) | 0.14 | 0.0000545 | > 99% |