## Supplementary Materials for

# Architecture of the herpesvirus genome-packaging complex and implications for DNA translocation

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**Fig. S1. The flowchart for EM data processing.** EM data processing for the apo terminase assembly (A) and the ADP•BeF3-bound terminase assembly (B). CryoEM images of the representative particle (left), the corresponding Fourier transformation (middle), representative 2D classes (right) and the flowchart for EM data processing (Bottom).



**Fig. S2. Resolution evaluation of the cryoEM maps.** (A) The gold-standard FSC curves. FSC plots of the apo terminase assembly (left) including the hexamer, dodecamer, blocked monomer and head region, the ADP•BeF3-bound terminase assembly (right) containing the hexamer, dodecamer and blocked monomer based on the FSC=0.143 criterion are shown. (B) The local resolution was evaluated by ResMap (*Kucukelbir et al., 2014*).



**Fig. S3. Density maps and atomic models of the terminase complex.** (A) Zoomed-in views of the local densities and illustration of side chain features. Main chain and side chains are colored according to elements (C: green; N: blue; O: red; S: orange). (B) CryoEM map and corresponding model of the dodecameric assembly. The dodecameric terminase assembly is a pair of stacked hexamers in two different colors.



**Fig. S4. Multiple sequence alignments of pUL15 and its homologs.** Espript representation (Gouet et al., 1999) of sequence alignments of pUL15, its homologs in herpesviruses (A) and its orthologs in bacteriophages (B). Secondary structural assignments on the top are based on the structure determined in this study and colored as in Fig. 2a. The putative arginine finger, basic patch, Walker A, Walker B and active residues of nuclease are marked as a blue star, blue triangles, orange triangles, red triangles and red balls, respectively. Dashed lines represent disordered residues in the structure.



**Fig. S5. Overall structure and topology diagram of pUL15.** (A) Overall structure of pUL15. The central image is a ribbon diagram colored by domain as in Fig. 2a. Surrounding this are rainbow ribbon representations of individual domains (blue N terminus through green and yellow to red C terminus). (B) Topology diagram illustrating the secondary structural organizations of pUL15. Secondary structural elements, N termini, C termini and ADP•BeF3 binding site are labeled.



**Fig. S6. Characteristics of the hexameric terminase assembly.** (A) Top and bottom views of electrostatic surface potential (calculated using APBS in PyMOL) of the hexameric terminase assembly. Red, negative; blue, positive; white, neutral. (B)

Conformational changes upon ATP hydrolysis and release. The terminase complex of the ADP•BeF3-bound structure (colored by individual domains) was superposed onto the apo structure (gray). Enlarged view highlights the major conformational alterations in ATPase. ATP gamma-phosphate mimic and putative arginine finger are shown as sticks, residues in the basic patch are indicated by blue spheres. The black arrows mark the conformational shifts. (C) Domain location of the nucleases in the hexameric terminase assembly. The nuclease is presented as marine cartoon, others are shown as surfaces. Active residues of the nuclease are shown as sticks. Structural comparison of the pUL15 nuclease from the structures determined by cryoEM (marine) and crystallography (wheat, PDB code: 4IOX). The terminal residues of the nuclease are marked. (D) Domain location of the pUL15 regulator in the hexameric terminase assembly. The regulator of pUL15 is presented as yellow cartoon, others are shown as surfaces. Zoomed-in view of two adjacent terminase complexes illustrates the pUL15 regulator is involved in tight contacts between two neighboring subunits via forming two-helix bundle interactions with  $\alpha Rf7$  from pUL28. The neighboring subunit is shown with 70% transparency. Color scheme for pUL15 is the same as Fig. 2A, pUL28 and pUL33 are depicted in green and magenta, respectively.



**Fig. S7. Structural comparason of the active site in the states of the apo and ADP•BeF3 bound.** The active site from Apo state (grey) is superposed to ADP•BeF3 state (colored by domains, color scheme is labeled). Putative arginine finger are shown as sticks and the ADP•BeF3 is not shown. Conformational changes upon ATP hydrolysis and release are marked by arrows.



**Fig. S8. Multiple sequence alignments of pUL28, pUL33 and their homologs.** Espript representation of sequence alignments of pUL28 (A) and pUL33 (B) and their homologs in herpesviruses. Secondary structural assignments on the top are based on the structure determined in this study and colored as in Fig. 3a. The residues constituting the Zinc finger within pUL28 and the intermolecular Zinc finger between pUL28 and pUL33 are marked as cyan and red triangles. Dashed lines represent disordered residues in the structure.



**Fig. S9. Overall structure and topology diagram of pUL28.** (A) Ribbon diagram of pUL28. The central image shows pUL28 colored as in Fig. 3a. Rainbow ribbon models show individual domains (blue N terminus through green and yellow to red C terminus). (B) Topology diagram illustrating the secondary structural organization of pUL28. Secondary structural elements, N termini, C termini and intramolecular Zinc finger are labeled.



Fig. S10. Domain arrangements of the nuclease and potential determinants for transition between DNA translocation and DNA cleavage. (A) Structural comparisons of pUL15 with its four homologs in bacteriophages including T4 (PDB: 3CPE) (Sun et al., 2007), T7 (PDB:4BIL) (Dauden et al., 2013), SF6 (PDB:4IEE) (Zhao et al., 2013) and D6E (PDB:5OE8) (Xu et al., 2017) reveal a flexible domain arrangement for the nuclease. Color scheme is the same as Fig. 2b. (B) Superimpositions of pUL15 with the terL structures of T4, T7, SF6 and D6E. (C) Models of the terL (T4, T7, SF6 and D6E) ring derived from HSV-1 hexameric terminase assembly. The dsDNA is positioned at the center of the channel. Hexameric models of HSV-1, T4 and T7 might represent the DNA translocation mode and hexameric models of SF6 and D6E possibly indicate a mode for DNA cleavage. Note: severe clashes between adjacent subunits are observed in D6E ring model. With a slightly bigger molecular weight than the ATPase, it seems impossible for the nuclease domains to arrange into a ring with a smaller inner diameter than that formed by ATPase domains due to the severe clashes from neighboring subunits.

	Apo-hexamer	Apo-blocked	ADP•BeF3-hexamer	ADP•BeF3-blocked
Data collection and				
processing				
Voltage (kV)			300	
Total dose (e-/Å <sup>2</sup> )			60	
Defocus range (µm)			1.5-2.5	
Pixel size (Å)			1.04	
Symmetry imposed	C6	C1	C6	C1
Final particles (no.)	43,188	386,700	9,982	42,053
FSC threshold			0.143	
Map resolution (Å)	3.9	3.5	4.4	3.6
Refinement				
Initial model used			N/A	
(PDB code)				
Model composition				
Non-hydrogen atoms	68,664	11,444	68,862	11,477
Protein residues	8,838	1,473	8,838	1,473
Ligands	Zn		Zn, ADP•BeF3	
R.m.s deviations	N/A		N/A	
Bonds lengths (Å)	0.008	0.009	0.006	0.004
Bonds angles (°)	1.12	1.17	0.82	0.71
Validation				
Clash score	7	16	10	15
Poor rotamers (%)	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8
Ramachandran plot				
Favored (%)	90.78	90.83	90.12	90.22
Allowed (%)	8.40	8.36	8.76	8.61
Disallowed (%)	0.82	0.81	1.12	1.17

## Table S1. CryoEM imaging, data processing and refinement statistics

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