## **Description of Additional Supplementary Files**

**Supplementary Movie 1**: Cryo-EM structure of the Msm HeID-RNAP complex in State I – PChengaged. The movie shows LocScale filtered cryo-EM map of State I in two perpendicular rotations. The individual RNAP parts and HeID domains are labelled and color-coded as in Fig. 1.

**Supplementary Movie 2:** Cryo-EM structure of the *Msm* HelD-RNAP complex in State II – PChengaged and AS-interfering. The movie shows LocScale filtered cryo-EM map of State II in two perpendicular rotations. The individual RNAP parts and HelD domains are labelled and color-coded as in Fig. 1.

**Supplementary Movie 3:** Cryo-EM structure of the *Msm* HelD-RNAP complex in State III – PCh disengaged and AS-interfering. The movie shows LocScale filtered cryo-EM map of State III in two perpendicular rotations. The individual RNAP parts and HelD domains are labelled and color-coded as in Fig. 1.