

# 1 Structure and mechanism of mitochondrial proton-translocating 2 transhydrogenase

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5 Proton-translocating transhydrogenase (NNT), found in the plasma membranes of  
6 bacteria and in the inner mitochondrial membranes, catalyses the proton translocation-  
7 coupled transhydrogenation  $\text{NADH} + \text{NADP}^+ + \text{H}^+_{\text{out}} \leftrightarrow \text{NAD}^+ + \text{NADPH} + \text{H}^+_{\text{in}}$ .  
8 Its physiological function is the generation of NADPH for anabolic reactions and  
9 oxidative status regulation, as well as potentially fine-tuning the Krebs cycle<sup>1,2</sup>. NNT  
10 deficiency causes familial glucocorticoid deficiency in humans and type II diabetes-  
11 like abnormalities in mice (common strain C57BL/6J has dysfunctional  
12 transhydrogenase)<sup>3,4</sup>. The catalytic mechanism was proposed to involve a remarkable  
13  $\sim 180^\circ$  rotation of the entire NADP(H)-binding domain that alternately participates in  
14 hydride transfer and proton channel gating but the details of this process remained  
15 obscure due to the lack of the high-resolution structures of intact NNT<sup>5,6</sup>. Here we  
16 report the first atomic structure of intact mammalian transhydrogenase, solved by  
17 cryo-EM in different conformational states. We show how the NADP(H)-binding  
18 domain opens the proton channel to the opposite sides of the membrane and provide  
19 structures of these two states. We also describe the catalytically important interfaces  
20 and linkers between the membrane and the soluble domains and their roles in  
21 nucleotide exchange. These structures allow us to propose a revised and detailed  
22 mechanism for a unique coupling process in transhydrogenase that is consistent with a  
23 large body of previous biochemical work. Results presented here are relevant for the  
24 development of currently unavailable NNT inhibitors with therapeutic potential in  
25 ischaemia reperfusion injury, metabolic syndrome and some cancers<sup>7-9</sup>.

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27 **Main text**

28 Transhydrogenase always exists as a homodimer. Each monomer is composed of  
29 three domains, NAD(H)-binding dI, transmembrane dII and NADP(H)-binding dIII,  
30 split between one, two or three polypeptides (Fig. 1a, Extended Data Fig. 1).  
31 Structures of isolated domains and dI<sub>2</sub>dIII complexes from several species were  
32 solved in native, reduced or oxidised states, however, they failed to explain the unique  
33 mechanism of NNT which requires coordination of all the domains in the dimer<sup>10-14</sup>.  
34 The only intact architecture of NNT was determined at low resolution (6.9 Å) for the  
35 *T. thermophilus* enzyme in the presence of NADP<sup>+</sup><sup>5</sup>. It showed that NNT is an  
36 asymmetric dimer, with one dIII being “face-up” (presenting NADP(H) to dI for  
37 hydride transfer) and the other dIII being “face-down” (with NADP(H) site facing  
38 dII) (Fig. 1b)<sup>5</sup>. This led to a proposal of a unique “division of labour” mechanism in  
39 which dIII rotates ~180° and alternatively functions in proton translocation (face-  
40 down) and hydride transfer (face-up)<sup>6</sup>. While being consistent with the *T.*  
41 *thermophilus* architecture and most of the previous biochemical work, in the absence  
42 of detailed structural information the mechanism was largely speculative and it failed  
43 to account for the different effects of NADP<sup>+</sup>/NADPH on the conformation of  
44 NNT<sup>15,16</sup>.

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46 To define the mechanism, we solved structures of a stable and active preparation  
47 of ovine NNT at pH 7.4 in the apo, NADP<sup>+</sup>-bound and NADPH-bound forms at up to  
48 2.9 Å resolution using cryo-EM (Extended Data Fig. 2-4). The only observed 3D  
49 class of particles in the apo-NNT dataset adopted an unexpected and previously  
50 unobserved “double face-down” conformation with both dIII domains tightly attached

51 to dII in the “face-down” orientation (Fig. 1a). In the NADP<sup>+</sup> dataset the main class  
52 showed a similar conformation, but with improved resolution, possibly due to the  
53 stabilising effects of the bound nucleotide (Fig. 1c and 2a, Extended Data Fig. 3 and  
54 5). NADP<sup>+</sup> dataset also resulted in the structure of the less populated class (“single  
55 face-down”, Fig. 1b) in which one dIII is detached from dII, dI<sub>2</sub> is more tilted and,  
56 importantly, the proton channel has different conformations in the two monomers, as  
57 discussed below (Extended Data Fig. 6). Excellent EM maps resulted in high quality  
58 full atomic models of mammalian NNT (Extended Data Fig. 5-6, Extended Data  
59 Table 1). Incubating NNT with NADPH induced global conformational changes, as  
60 predicted<sup>15,16</sup>, and we did not observe any “double face-down” class (Fig. 2a,  
61 Extended Data Fig. 4a). Only ~11 % of particles had one dIII weakly bound to dII and  
62 the rest of the particles corresponded to many different “double-detached” classes  
63 with both dIII domains detached and tethered only by a dII-dIII linker, which allowed  
64 striking tilting of dI<sub>2</sub> in all directions (Fig. 2). We conclude that in the mammalian  
65 enzyme, NADP<sup>+</sup> and NADPH on their own promote dIII detachment to various  
66 degrees but do not lead to a stable dI-dIII (face-up) interface formation.

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68 Some novel features of the structure, such as dI-dII linker, and other additional  
69 results are described in the Supplementary Discussion. The mammalian-specific  
70 helices TM1 and TM5 form an unexpected extended dII dimer interface, possibly  
71 stabilising mammalian NNT (Fig. 3a). The core fold of dII is conserved between *T.*  
72 *thermophilus* and ovine. The likely proton translocation pathway, as proposed earlier,  
73 is formed by TM3-4, TM9-10, and TM13-14, arranged in a hexagram<sup>5,17,18</sup>. We  
74 observed two conformations of the proton channel, depending on the attachment of  
75 the dIII domain, which inserts the helix 4 (residues 929-937) and the NADP<sup>+</sup>-

76 coordinating loop (residues 920-927) deeply between the key TM helices 3, 9 and 13,  
77 pushing them apart (Fig. 4a,b). Analysis of the proton channel in the dIII-attached  
78 state starting from the N-side (bacterial cytoplasm or mitochondrial matrix) indicates  
79 a narrow block followed by a group of conserved polar residues (His664, Asn796 and  
80 Asn489), a dry hydrophobic stretch and a cluster of negatively charged residues at the  
81 exit, appropriate for proton “gathering” from the P-side in forward reaction (Fig. 3b,c,  
82 Extended Data Fig. 6g). Strikingly, secondary structures of helices TM3 and TM9 are  
83 distorted around this region, signifying the conformational flexibility needed for the  
84 proton translocation (Fig. 3b).

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86 dIII detachment from dII induces a significant shift of the loops CL6/CL7, helix  
87 CL8 and the matrix-facing sides of TM9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 towards the centre of the  
88 dII, with up to 3.5 Å displacements (Fig. 4a). This results in a more compact packing  
89 of the helices making dIII-detached dII much more similar to the *T. thermophilus* dII  
90 (also detached from dIII) than dIII-attached dII (Extended data Fig. 7a,b). With dIII  
91 detached, the proton channel adopts a more closed conformation from the P-side  
92 (Extended data Fig. 7f,g). Dramatically, H664 flips “down” (towards P-side) and  
93 S799 “up”, in line with the MD predictions (Fig 4a, Extended Data Fig. 7c)<sup>17</sup>. H664  
94 becomes more accessible for protonation from the matrix side, both due to the re-  
95 arrangements in the channel and, importantly, the removal of the dIII-NADP(H)  
96 “plug”, exposing the dII surface to the solvent (Fig. 3). Modelling of water molecules  
97 is consistent with this conclusion: in the dIII-attached dII one water molecule is bound  
98 above and one below the H664-N489-N796 ring while in the dIII-detached state, the  
99 P-side water molecule disappears and the S799 flips “downwards” (Extended Data

100 Fig. 7d). Cryo-EM density of the highly coordinated P-side water molecule is visible  
101 in our 2.9 Å map (Extended Data Fig. 7e).

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103 The conformation of dIII bound to dII differs from crystal structures of isolated  
104 dIII at the interface-forming sites and in the nucleotide binding pocket (Fig. 4b,  
105 Extended Data Fig. 8a)<sup>10,11,14</sup>. Loop E (residues 1002-1010) is a transhydrogenase-  
106 specific element that “occludes” the nucleotide in isolated dIII, preventing its  
107 exchange with the solution<sup>10,12</sup>. This loop is displaced by the dII CL7 and has only  
108 very weak density in our “double face-down” NADP<sup>+</sup> structure, allowing NADP<sup>+</sup> to  
109 insert deeply into the proton channel. In the apo-NNT structure, loop E is completely  
110 disordered allowing free exchange of nucleotide (Extended data Fig. 8b,c). dII  
111 binding also induces some opening around the ribose diphosphate, i.e. breaking of the  
112 R925-Y890 stacking interactions and the R925 bonds with the diphosphate that have  
113 not been observed in any dIII or dI<sub>2</sub>dIII crystal structures (Fig 4c)<sup>10,12</sup>. In apo-NNT,  
114 this opening is even more pronounced with R925 being rotated outwards (Extended  
115 Data Fig. 8c). We conclude that the NADP<sup>+</sup> molecule is partially occluded in the  
116 face-down binding site, but less so than in the detached dIII.

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118 We can now revise the catalytic mechanism of transhydrogenase, involving dIII  
119 flipping as proposed earlier<sup>6</sup>, on the basis of our observations and previous functional  
120 and mutagenesis results (Extended Data Fig. 9a, Supplementary Tables 1-3),  
121 summarised in the following principal considerations.

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123 It has been well established from previous work that: a) dI remains open to  
124 nucleotide exchange throughout the reaction cycle as confirmed by high rates of

125 binding of NAD(H) to dI during the catalytic cycle<sup>19,20</sup>. b) The dI-dIII interface is  
126 transient, hydride transfer is fast and does not limit the reaction<sup>21</sup>. c) When dIII is  
127 detached, bound NADP(H) is occluded, as shown by decreased  $K_d$  for NADP(H) in  
128 isolated dIII ( $\sim 10^{-9}$  M) compared to intact enzyme ( $\sim 10^{-6}$  M), copurification of bound  
129 nucleotide with isolated dIII and well-ordered and closed loop E in dIII  
130 structures<sup>10,12,22,23</sup>. H664 and R544 mutations which lead to dIII detachment also lead  
131 to co-purification with NADP(H)<sup>18,24</sup>.

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133 The following principle was speculatively proposed earlier<sup>6</sup> and is now validated  
134 by our structures: d) The formation of the dII-dIII interface is necessary for nucleotide  
135 exchange, as shown by our structures demonstrating loop E opening (Extended Data  
136 Fig. 8). It is further validated by R544 mutants which disrupt the dII-dIII interface<sup>24</sup>.

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138 Crucial new insights from the structural data presented here are: e) Apo-dIII is  
139 attached to dII and can detach only when bound to NADP(H) (Fig. 2a). f) The proton  
140 channel is open only to the N-side when dIII is detached and only to the P-side when  
141 dIII is attached (Fig. 4, Extended Data Fig. 7). g) The dIII-NADP(H) detachment  
142 from dII depends on the protonation state of the key histidine in the proton channel  
143 (H664 in ovine). dIII-NADP<sup>+</sup> is detached from protonated H664<sup>+</sup> but is attached to  
144 the neutral H664. Vice versa, dIII-NADPH is detached from H664 and is attached to  
145 H664<sup>+</sup>. In other words, dIII-NADP(H) attachment modifies H664 pK<sub>a</sub>: bound  
146 NADPH promotes its protonation and NADP<sup>+</sup> de-protonation. This pattern is  
147 consistent with the direct electrostatic interaction between H664 and the charged  
148 nicotinamide ring (positive in NADP<sup>+</sup> and negative in NADPH) separated only by  
149 about 13 Å (Fig. 3e), much closer than 19 Å predicted previously<sup>5</sup>. The pK<sub>a</sub> of His664

150 was experimentally estimated to be  $\sim 5.5^{25}$ , which is consistent with PROPKA  
151 calculations on our structures (suggesting  $pK_a \sim 5$ ). Since our datasets were collected  
152 at pH 7.4, when H664 is mostly de-protonated, we observed mostly attached dIII-  
153  $NADP^+$  and mostly detached dIII-NADPH, consistent with this proposal. dIII  
154 detachment from dII in the presence of  $NADP^+$  and  $H664^+$  is also validated by low  
155 pH-stimulation of  $NADP^+$ -dependent cyclic reaction (hydride transfer from NADH to  
156  $NAD^+$  via occluded  $NADP^+$ )<sup>25,26</sup>. Cyclic reaction cannot inform us on specific  
157 NADPH effects as the main species in the NADPH-initiated cycle is still the occluded  
158 dIII-NADP<sup>26</sup>. However, NADPH-stimulated dIII detachment at neutral-high pH has  
159 been demonstrated experimentally by stimulated trypsinolysis in the presence of  
160 NADPH (but not NADH/ $NAD^+$ )<sup>15</sup>. We analysed the full pH dependence of  
161 trypsinolysis in the presence of all substrates and showed that NADPH stimulates  
162 trypsinolysis with increasing pH, while  $NADP^+$  stimulates it with decreasing pH  
163 (Extended Data Fig. 2e), validating the predicted H664-NADP(H) interactions.

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165 On the basis of these principles we propose a robust and elegant mechanism  
166 which explains the full reversibility of NNT, pH dependencies of reverse and cyclic  
167 reactions, effects of  $NADP^+$  and NADPH on the NNT conformation and is validated  
168 by the phenotypes of various mutants, particularly within the proton translocation  
169 pathway, E loop and dII-dIII interface (Fig. 5, Supplementary Video 1). Proton  
170 translocation and nucleotide exchange are tightly coupled by direct interactions  
171 between H664 and NADP(H): attachment/detachment of NADP(H)-bound dIII is  
172 strictly dependent on the protonation state of H664 and opens the proton channel to  
173 the opposite sides of the membrane. “Slipping”, or uncoupling, is prevented because  
174 proton translocation cannot happen without nucleotide exchange. The forward

175 reaction occurs under conditions with high pmf and excess of NADP<sup>+</sup>. With dIII  
176 detached, H664 is unprotonated as it is exposed to the matrix with its relatively high  
177 pH (step 1, Fig. 5). After hydride transfer, dIII-NADPH swivels down and attaches to  
178 dII-H664, opening it to the P-side (step 2). This allows H664 protonation from the P-  
179 side, where pH is lower (and His pK<sub>a</sub> is shifted higher due to interaction with  
180 NADPH). Nucleotide exchange follows, due to NADP<sup>+</sup> excess and opened dIII (step  
181 3). dIII-NADP<sup>+</sup> detaches from dII-H664<sup>+</sup>, which opens dII to the N-side where H664<sup>+</sup>  
182 is de-protonated (step 4). dIII-NADP<sup>+</sup> associates with dI, allowing for hydride transfer  
183 (back to step 1). All the steps can be easily reversed in the appropriate conditions  
184 (high NADPH and low pmf), giving rise to the reverse reaction (Extended Data Fig.  
185 9b, Supplementary Discussion).

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187 This mechanism implies anti-phase action of two monomers, or “division of  
188 labour” as suggested previously<sup>6</sup>, which is absolutely necessary for bacterial enzymes  
189 without dI-dII linker, where one dIII has to be attached to dI<sub>2</sub> at all times to prevent  
190 the loss of dI<sub>2</sub>. Mammalian NNT also demonstrates half-of-sites inhibition,  
191 catalytically inactive monomeric dI and negative cooperativity of NAD(H) and  
192 NADP(H) sites between monomers, strongly suggesting anti-phase mechanism<sup>27-29</sup>.  
193 The presence of dI-dII linker could make a strict anti-phase action less of a  
194 requirement for the mammalian enzyme, but such action would avoid steric clashes  
195 between independently functioning dIIIs and the swivelling “up” of one dIII is the  
196 best explanation for the initiation of the detachment, after hydride transfer, of the  
197 other dIII from dI<sub>2</sub>. The dI-dII linker could also contribute towards higher efficiency  
198 of the mammalian enzyme, as the dI-dIII interface can be weaker and allow for faster  
199 turnover. Biochemical data confirms that dI-dIII interaction in bacteria is much



200 stronger than in mammals<sup>20,30</sup>. The existence of a unique auto-inhibited “double face-  
201 down” conformation in mammalian NNT could be important for its additional  
202 regulation. Further data will be required to determine the significance of the anti-  
203 phase action in NNT as well as to test all the implications of the proposed mechanism.  
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308 **Main Figure Legends**

309 **Figure 1. Mammalian transhydrogenase.**

310 **a**, Schematic representation of the domains, linkers, binding sites and conformation  
311 of the mammalian transhydrogenase in the “double face-down” (both dIII attached to  
312 dII) conformation (apo and NADP<sup>+</sup> datasets). **b**, Other conformations of NNT present  
313 in our datasets (one or both dIII detached in the presence of NADP<sup>+</sup> and NADPH),  
314 the asymmetric conformation in *T. thermophilus* (N.B. the absence of dI-dII linker)  
315 and the sterically prohibited double-face-up conformation. **c**, The cryo-EM density of  
316 transhydrogenase in the “double face-down” NADP<sup>+</sup> state, with two monomers  
317 coloured differently. **d**, Atomic model of mammalian NNT with domains coloured as  
318 in panel a, and mammalian-specific elements dI-dII linker, TM1 and TM5 highlighted  
319 in blue. Bound nucleotides are shown in black.

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321 **Figure 2. NADP(H) binding influences the overall conformation of**  
322 **transhydrogenase.**

323 **a**, Structures and relative abundancies of different conformations of NNT observed in  
324 the datasets. “Double face-down” conformation was the only form observed in apo-  
325 NNT and the major form in the NADP<sup>+</sup> datasets, “single face-down” or “one dIII-  
326 detached” conformation was a minor form in NADP<sup>+</sup> and NADPH datasets and  
327 “double dIII-detached” was a major form in NADPH dataset. **b**, NNT-NADPH  
328 particles were analysed using multibody refinement in RELION 3.0 using dI<sub>2</sub> and dII<sub>2</sub>  
329 masks which revealed a high degree of tilting of dI<sub>2</sub> domain in all directions,  
330 consistent with both dIII being dissociated from the rest of the particle and disrupting  
331 the overall solidity of the enzyme. Two bins of particles from the extreme ends of the  
332 distribution along two principal components are aligned by dII<sub>2</sub> and the difference in  
333 dI<sub>2</sub> tilt is depicted in different shades of yellow and green.

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336 **Figure 3. The transmembrane dII domain and the proton translocation pathway**  
337 **in the “double face-down” conformation.**

338 **a**, Organisation of transmembrane helices in the NNT dimer. The monomer on the left  
339 is coloured blue-to-red from N- to C-terminus and the monomer on the right has the  
340 inner proton channel-lining TM helices highlighted in magenta and the outer  
341 scaffolding helices in pink. The dimer interface consisting of eight helices is  
342 significantly larger than the four-helix interface of *T. thermophilus*. **b**, Conserved  
343 residues of the proton transfer pathway. Dowser-predicted water molecules are shown  
344 as red spheres. The distorted  $\alpha$ -helical area is indicated as  $3_{10}$  helix. **c**, Proton  
345 translocating pore features a narrow block close to the matrix (N) side and a dry  
346 stretch in the middle of the membrane. Four of the predicted water molecules lie  
347 within the central pore. **d**, Detailed view of the matrix proton entry site with  
348 conserved residues and hydrogen bonding network shown. **e**, Nicotinamide ring is  
349 bound 13 Å away from H664 allowing for electrostatic interactions.

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351 **Figure 4. dIII attachment changes the conformation of the proton translocation**  
352 **pathway and opens the NADP(H)-binding pocket.**

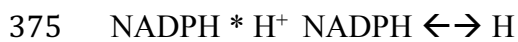
353 **a**, Comparison of dII in dIII-associated (cyan) and dissociated (green) states from  
354 “single face-down” structure. dIII dissociation results in the tilting of TM helices  
355 towards the central axis. Expanded views show rearrangement of the N-side proton  
356 entry side in dII. Notably, H664 and S799 flip and the surrounding N489 and N796  
357 change conformations significantly, opening the channel to the N-side when dIII is  
358 detached. **b**, The interface between dIII and dII. Helix 4 and loop D, which are  
359 conserved transhydrogenase-specific elements flanking the central Rossmann fold,  
360 form extensive contacts with the cytoplasmic loops of the dII. Loop E is displaced by  
361 dII binding. **c**, NADP(H) binding pocket comparison between ovine dIII-dII and  
362 human dIII-NADP<sup>+</sup> (PDB 1djl, in grey) reveals breaking of R925 interactions with  
363 diphosphate and Y890.

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365 **Figure 5. The catalytic mechanism of transhydrogenase**

366 NNT always works as a dimer. Key steps in the mechanism for the monomer in  
367 colour are described in the main text. The other monomer (grey) works in the anti-  
368 phase fashion. Nucleotide in dIII exists in either occluded (full line) or open state  
369 (dashed line). Key check-point in the mechanism is that proton translocation across  
370 the membrane cannot proceed to completion without nucleotide exchange in step 3.  
371 The dIII-NADP(H) and dII-H664 interactions, ensuring this coupled reaction, can be  
372 summarised as follows, with (\*) meaning strong interaction and ( $\leftrightarrow$ ) weak  
373 interaction or repulsion:



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377 **Methods**

378 Purification of transhydrogenase from ovine mitochondria

379 All the described procedures were done at 4°C. Mitochondria were purified from  
380 fresh ovine heart tissue by differential centrifugation and stored at -80°C according to  
381 the Procedure 3 by Smith<sup>31</sup>. On the day of purification, inner mitochondrial  
382 membranes were isolated as described for the respiratory complex I purification<sup>32</sup>.  
383 Briefly, 10 g of mitochondria were ruptured by homogenisation in 100 mL milliQ  
384 water, membranes were separated by 45 min centrifugation at 50000 g and  
385 resuspended in 100 mL of buffer M (20 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 40 mM NaCl, 1 mM  
386 EDTA, 10% v/v glycerol, 2 mM DTT and 0.002% PMSF). After another round of  
387 resuspension and centrifugation, membranes were resuspended in 50 mL of buffer M.  
388 LMNG (10 %) was added dropwise to this suspension to 1 % and after stirring for 45  
389 min, the sample was centrifuged at 50000 g for 45 minutes. The supernatant was  
390 filtered with a 0.22 µm filter and loaded onto a 45 mL Q-sepharose HP anion  
391 exchange column equilibrated in buffer Q-A (20 mM HEPES pH7.4, 40 mM NaCl, 2  
392 mM EDTA, 10% v/v glycerol, 1 mM DTT, 0.05% LMNG). Proteins were eluted with  
393 a 400 mL linear gradient with 0-17% Q-B buffer (Q-A buffer with 1 M NaCl). NNT  
394 eluted as a broad peak around 110 mM NaCl and fractions containing significant  
395 amounts of NNT based on the activity assay and the SDS-PAGE profile were pooled  
396 and dialysed overnight against a 10-fold volume excess of buffer D (20 mM MES, pH  
397 5.8, 2 mM EDTA, 10% v/v glycerol, 1 mM DTT, 0.01% LMNG). This lowered the  
398 pH and conductance of the sample below 6 and 2 mS/cm, respectively, and made it  
399 suitable for loading onto a 45 mL SP-Sepharose HP cation exchange column  
400 equilibrated in buffer SP-A (20 mM MES pH5.8, 10 mM NaCl, 2 mM EDTA, 10%  
401 v/v glycerol, 1 mM DTT, 0.025% LMNG). Elution with a 100 mL 0-20% linear

402 gradient with buffer SP-B (SP-A with 1 M NaCl) gave a sharp elution peak of  
403 relatively pure NNT at around 35 mM NaCl (conductance 4 mS/cm). Fractions  
404 containing NNT were concentrated to 4 mg/mL using a 100 kDa cut-off concentrator  
405 and stored at 30% glycerol under liquid nitrogen. On the day of a cryo-EM grid  
406 preparation, a sample of NNT was thawed on ice and loaded onto a Superose 12  
407 10/300 gel filtration column equilibrated in buffer GF (20 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 50  
408 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 0.002% LMNG) to remove excess detergent and remaining  
409 protein contaminants. The purest and the most concentrated fractions of NNT eluted  
410 at ~10.5 mL and were concentrated to 5 mg/mL using a Millipore 100-kDa cut-off  
411 filter and used immediately for cryo-EM grid preparation (Extended Data Fig. 2). In  
412 some purifications, 0.002% LMNG in GF buffer was substituted by 0.05% FOM,  
413 which gave a monodisperse and highly active NNT but grids suitable for cryo-EM  
414 data collection could not be prepared from FOM preparations as the protein started to  
415 aggregate on the grid at concentrations higher than 2 mg/mL. Apo form of our  
416 preparation lacked any bound nucleotide, as confirmed by the absence of cyclic  
417 reaction without the addition of exogenous NADP<sup>+</sup> (data not shown).

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#### 419 Electron microscopy

420 0.05% CHAPS was added to the protein sample before grid preparation to improve  
421 the ice quality and the particle distribution. Substrates at 5 mM concentration were  
422 added to the protein 15-30 min before the grid preparation and the samples were  
423 incubated on ice. 2.7 μL protein sample was applied to a freshly glow-discharged  
424 Quantifoil 0.6/1 copper grid and blotted for 4-6 s using a blotting force of 25 at 4°C  
425 and 100% humidity in an FEI Vitrobot Mark IV. Grids were flash-frozen in liquid  
426 ethane and stored in liquid nitrogen until data-collection. NNT-NADP<sup>+</sup> grids were

427 imaged using a 300 kV Titan Krios electron microscope equipped with a Gatan  
428 energy filtered K2 summit camera with a slit width of 20 eV at The Astbury Centre  
429 for Structural Molecular Biology of the University of Leeds. NNT-NADPH grids  
430 were imaged using a 300 kV Titan Krios electron microscope equipped with a Gatan  
431 energy filtered K2 summit camera with a slit width of 20 eV at the CM01 beamline,  
432 ESRF, Grenoble. Images were collected with EPU in a K2 super-resolution mode  
433 with a nominal magnification of 130000x and a physical pixel size of 1.065 Å for  
434 NNT-NADP<sup>+</sup> and 1.07 Å for NNT-NADPH dataset. Total dose of 72 e/Å<sup>2</sup> (NNT-  
435 NADP<sup>+</sup>) or 70 e/Å<sup>2</sup> (NNT-NADPH) was fractionated into 40 frames of 250 ms each.  
436 Apo-NNT grids were imaged using a 300 kV Titan Krios electron microscope  
437 equipped with a Gatan energy filtered K3 camera with a slit width of 20 eV at the  
438 Institute of Science and Technology Austria. Physical pixel size was 0.84 Å and the  
439 total dose of 90 e/Å<sup>2</sup> was fractionated into 88 frames of 36 ms each.

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#### 441 Image processing

442 We collected 2272 movies for the NADP<sup>+</sup> dataset, 1722 movies for NADPH dataset  
443 and 786 movies for the apo-NNT dataset. The processing was done in RELION 2.1<sup>33</sup>  
444 unless otherwise stated. Movie frames were aligned using MotionCor2<sup>34</sup> and initial  
445 CTF parameters were estimated from averaged images using CTFFIND<sup>35</sup>.  
446 Autopicking with 2D class averages as references resulted in 516395 particles for the  
447 NADPH dataset, 1076677 particles for the NADP<sup>+</sup> dataset and 500001 particles for  
448 the apo dataset. Multiple rounds of 2D classification and 3D classification were  
449 performed to classify considerably heterogeneous particles in both datasets (Extended  
450 data Fig. 3,4). CTF parameters and per-particle trajectories in the best two classes

451 from the NADP<sup>+</sup> dataset were estimated and corrected (particle polishing) using  
452 RELION 3.0<sup>36</sup>. Local resolution was estimated using Resmap 5.0<sup>37</sup>.

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454 For the NADP<sup>+</sup> dataset we performed one round of 2D classification followed by two  
455 rounds of 3D classification with 3x and 2x binned particles, respectively, which  
456 resulted in eight classes containing 342284 particles from which it was obvious that  
457 there is a considerable heterogeneity in the conformations of dI<sub>2</sub> and dIIIb. To address  
458 this, the particles were re-extracted without binning and refined with a dII<sub>2</sub>dIII<sub>2</sub> mask  
459 to 3.5 Å and then classified into ten classes without searches and without a mask to  
460 separate the particles based on the relative position of the dI<sub>2</sub>. By combining similar  
461 classes and auto-refining them, we separated six different states of NNT which differ  
462 from each other with respect to the positions of dI<sub>2</sub> and dIIIb. Two of these classes  
463 were resolved to 13 Å, further two to 7 Å and the best two classes to 3.7 and 3.2 Å.  
464 From the latter two maps it was obvious that the density for dI<sub>2</sub> was still weaker than  
465 for the rest of the particle, indicating remaining heterogeneity in the positions of dI<sub>2</sub>,  
466 hence the final maps for these two classes were produced by combining focus-refined  
467 maps of dII<sub>2</sub>dIII<sub>2</sub> and dI<sub>2</sub> parts. This gave the final map for class 1 (closed) with 2.9 Å  
468 resolution in the dII<sub>2</sub>dIII<sub>2</sub> and 3.2 Å resolution in the dI<sub>2</sub> and for class 2 (open) 3.5 Å  
469 resolution for the dII<sub>2</sub>dIII and 4.1 Å resolution for the dI<sub>2</sub>. Due to the poor quality of  
470 the map for the open class in some regions of dIIIb (CL6,7,8), we hypothesised that  
471 there is still remaining conformational heterogeneity present in this class and we  
472 performed another round of classification of these particles with a mask around dIIIb  
473 to sort out any particles with dIIIb attached/semi-attached to dII. This procedure  
474 removed 52% particles and we performed an auto-refinement with a dII<sub>2</sub>dIII mask of  
475 the remaining 28498 particles with dIIIb unambiguously detached. This resulted in a

476 3.7 Å map with dIIb density much better resolved and clearly different from the  
477 density of dIIa (which has dIII attached) and was used for model building.

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479 For the NADPH dataset, we performed one round of 2D classification followed by  
480 one round of 3D classification on 510073 3x binned particles with the same  
481 parameters as in the NADP<sup>+</sup> dataset, which failed to yield any class with visible  
482 secondary structural features. We performed extensive classifications of these  
483 particles into 4-20 classes with T values between 4 and 12 and different filtering of  
484 the reference volumes which all failed to give a single well-defined class with  
485 secondary structural features. Nevertheless, we selected 405141 particles from the  
486 best 4 classes from a classification with T=8 and k=6 (same as for NADP<sup>+</sup> dataset) for  
487 further classification attempts. Another round of extensive classifications was  
488 performed on this particle stack with the best results obtained from a T=8, k=20 run.  
489 Even in this run only ~6 classes had well-defined features corresponding to the  
490 domains of NNT. These 6 classes were re-extracted and refined which gave structures  
491 at 8.3, 9.2, 13, 16, 16, and 16 Å and revealed a high degree of dI<sub>2</sub> and dIII mobility  
492 (Extended Data Fig. 4a). To address this, we tried to refine the 405141 particles  
493 together into one consensus structure at 13 Å, followed by focused refinement of  
494 either dI<sub>2</sub> or dII<sub>2</sub> but neither of these strategies yielded structures better than 9 Å,  
495 probably due to the too large conformational heterogeneity within the consensus  
496 refinement. Furthermore, dI<sub>2</sub> and dII<sub>2</sub> are only 80 kDa each and dIII<sub>2</sub> is obscured by a  
497 micelle which further complicates the alignment of such a heterogeneous dataset.  
498 Finally, we performed multi-body refinement in RELION 3.0 starting from the  
499 consensus refinement of 405141 particles and using masks for the two bodies: dI<sub>2</sub> and  
500 dII<sub>2</sub>. This yielded a 9 Å reconstruction of dI<sub>2</sub> and 10 Å reconstruction of dII<sub>2</sub> but more

501 importantly, the principal component analysis showed the striking degree of dI<sub>2</sub>  
502 mobility in these particles (Fig. 2de). This is not unexpected as upon dIII dissociation,  
503 dI<sub>2</sub> remains only loosely tethered to the rest of the particle by a flexible dI-dII linker.

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505 The apo-NNT dataset was fully processed in RELION 3.0. We manually selected 643  
506 good images and extracted 3x binned particles. Only one conformation of NNT could  
507 be observed using various 3D classification schemes, hence the 283706 particles  
508 corresponding to it were extracted without binning and auto-refined to 4.5 Å. From  
509 this structure it was clear that dI<sub>2</sub> exhibits the same heterogeneity as in the NADP<sup>+</sup>  
510 dataset. To improve the resolution in the dII-dIII, we focus-refined around this region  
511 and classified the particles without searches into 6 classes. The best class with 67908  
512 particles was auto-refined and polished to reach the resolution of 3.7 Å. Further  
513 polishing or subclassification of this class did not improve the resolution further.  
514 Attempts at focus-refinement of dI<sub>2</sub> did not improve its resolution compared to the  
515 polished full structure of the final selected particles in which local resolution in dI<sub>2</sub>  
516 was ~5 Å. We conclude that dI<sub>2</sub> without bound nucleotide exhibits even more  
517 disorder than when NAD<sup>+</sup> is bound, possibly allowing NAD(H) exchange and dI<sub>2</sub>  
518 binding/release.

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#### 520 Model building and refinement

521 The initial model was built into the “double face-down” NADP<sup>+</sup> class density by  
522 starting with the bovine dIII crystal structure with substituted ovine sequence and the  
523 dI homology model that was generated using Phyre2 server<sup>38</sup>. dII model and the  
524 linkers were built manually in *Coot*<sup>39</sup>. Manually adjusted models were refined using  
525 *PHENIX* software<sup>40</sup> using an adapted method for refining cryo-EM structures which

526 uses two rounds of a single cycle of group ADP refinement followed by three cycles  
527 of global minimization. This allows optimization of B-factors so that electron  
528 radiation-damaged carboxylate side-chains acquire high B-factors and do not lead to  
529 main-chain distortions (Letts et al, 2019, in press). The final model for NNT is of very  
530 high quality in terms of geometry and fit to density (Supplementary Table 1).

531 Densities for several lipid molecules were observed in each of the half-closed cavities  
532 formed by helices TM1, TM2 and TM6 (Extended Data Fig. 5g, 6g-h). They were  
533 modelled in the structure as phosphatidylcholines based on their density appearance  
534 and the fact that only phosphatidylcholine could reactivate lipid-depleted insect  
535 NNT<sup>41</sup>.

536 A density corresponding to the adenylate part of NAD<sup>+</sup> was observed in the NAD(H)  
537 binding site of the dI (Extended Data Fig. 5j,k). We propose that this density is NAD<sup>+</sup>  
538 which remained bound to the enzyme during purification or, more likely, was  
539 introduced into the sample as a contaminant from the NADP<sup>+</sup> solution. Our NADP<sup>+</sup>  
540 was only 98% pure and at 2% NAD<sup>+</sup> contamination, NAD<sup>+</sup> concentration would be  
541 100  $\mu$ M which is in the range of the  $K_d$  for the enzyme<sup>23,28</sup>. The latter is supported by  
542 the fact that in our structure the conserved R139 is in the same extended conformation  
543 as in the *E. coli* dI<sub>2</sub> with bound NAD<sup>+</sup> and differs significantly from the apo or  
544 NADH-bound forms<sup>13</sup>. Nevertheless, our structure is a bona fide oxidised ground  
545 state conformation of NNT and earlier biochemical work suggests that nucleotide  
546 exchange in dI subunit can happen during any stage of the catalytic cycle and does not  
547 influence the global conformation of the enzyme<sup>15,16,42,43</sup>. Models for the “single face-  
548 down” NADP<sup>+</sup> class and the apo NNT were based on the “double face-down” NNT as  
549 the starting model. For apo NNT, due to the lack of reliable amino acid side chain



550 information in the cryo-EM density of dI domain, dI was modelled as a polyalanine  
551 model based on the 6QTI dI and fit into the density as a rigid body.

#### 552 Structure analysis and preparation of figures

553 Evolutionary conservation scores were projected onto the transhydrogenase structure  
554 using ConSurf<sup>44</sup> (Extended Data Fig. 1b). Buried water molecules were modelled  
555 using the original Dowser software (Fig. 3, Extended Data Fig. 7)<sup>45</sup>. Proton  
556 translocation pore was predicted and analysed using a MOLEonline server<sup>46</sup>.  
557 Interdomain contacts and binding energy of nucleotides were analysed using the PISA  
558 server<sup>47,48</sup>. Models were evaluated using MolProbity and EMRinger<sup>49,50</sup>. Clustal  
559 Omega was used for sequence alignment<sup>51,52</sup>. Models and density maps were  
560 visualised for analysis and figure preparation purposes in PyMOL 2.2.3 and UCSF  
561 Chimera<sup>53</sup>.

#### 562 Activity measurements and trypsinolysis

563 Reverse transhydrogenation activity was measured at 30°C spectrophotometrically by  
564 following the APAD<sup>+</sup> (3-acetylpyridine adenine dinucleotide; NAD<sup>+</sup> analogue;  $\epsilon =$   
565  $5.1 \text{ mM}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) reduction at 375 nm using a Shimadzu UV-2600 UV-VIS  
566 spectrophotometer. Background absorption at 455 nm was subtracted from absorption  
567 at 375 nm. Reaction buffer was similar to the minimal EDTA-containing buffer used  
568 before (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.8, 50 mM NaCl, 0.5 mM EDTA, 0.1% CHAPS, 0.25  
569 mg/mL lipids, 100  $\mu\text{M}$  NADPH and 100  $\mu\text{M}$  APAD<sup>+</sup>)<sup>25</sup>. For lipids we used soybean  
570 asolectin or DOPC:CL 4:1 mixture with similar results. Reaction was started with the  
571 addition of NNT. Activity depended on the type of detergent used during the final size  
572 exclusion chromatography step. Preparations in FOM gave slightly higher activity

573 (~20 U/mg) than in LMNG (~15 U/mg). These values compare favourably to  
574 previous measurements<sup>25,54</sup>.

575 Trypsinolysis was performed as described previously with a few changes<sup>15</sup>. NNT at  
576 0.05 mg/ml in GF buffer with 1 mM HEPES pH 7.4 was incubated with 0.4 mM  
577 nucleotides, trypsin (at different mass ratios) and 60 mM BAT buffer (1:1:1 Bis-Tris,  
578 acetate, tricine) at pH 5-8. Due to the pH optimum of trypsin being ~8, mass ratio  
579 between 1:400 and 1:40 and incubation times between 30 and 60 min were used at  
580 different pH values to achieve comparable rates of proteolysis.

#### 581 Proteoliposome reconstitution

582 NNT was reconstituted into proteoliposomes using a detergent dilution procedure as  
583 described before<sup>25</sup>. Briefly, NNT purified in FOM or in LMNG was mixed with a  
584 500-fold excess of DOPC solubilised in 1% CHAPS. Following a 10 min incubation  
585 on ice, the solution was diluted 100-fold and incubated on ice for 3-5 hours before  
586 measuring the activities. Reaction was started by substrate additions (NADPH and  
587 APAD<sup>+</sup> at 100  $\mu$ M). CCCP (10  $\mu$ M) was added after 1 min to decouple the proton  
588 gradient across proteoliposomes to assess the dependence of the transhydrogenation  
589 reaction on the proton motive force. After another 1 min, CHAPS (0.05%) was added  
590 to solubilise proteoliposomes and give a total decoupled reverse transhydrogenation  
591 activity of both inward and outward facing transhydrogenases.

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### 680 **Data availability statement**

681 Structures of “double face-down” and “single face-down” NADP<sup>+</sup> states and apo-  
682 NNT were deposited in PDB with PDB access numbers 6QTI, 6QUE and 6S59,  
683 respectively, with corresponding cryo-EM density maps in EMDB (EMD-4635,  
684 EMD-4637 and EMD-10099).

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687 **Extended Data Legends**

688 **Extended Data Fig. 1. Comparison of model transhydrogenases from**  
689 **different species (*T. thermophilus*, *R. rubrum*, *E. coli*, *O. aries* and *H.***  
690 ***sapiens*)**

691 **a**, The domain split and organisation of transhydrogenase in the four model species.  
692 dII-dIII linker is conserved in all transhydrogenases, while the dI-dII linker and TM1  
693 are limited to NNTs with  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  polypeptide split (e.g. *E. coli*) and single polypeptide  
694 NNTs (metazoans, including mammals). TM5 is only present in metazoans. **b**,  
695 Residue conservation scores (calculated in ConSurf, coloured cyan to magenta from  
696 low to high conservation) mapped on the structure of a single monomer of  
697 transhydrogenase. The most highly conserved regions are the proton translocation  
698 pathway, nucleotide binding sites and dI-dIII, dII-dIII and dI-dI interfaces. **c**, The  
699 architecture of mammalian dII. Supernumerary helices TM1 and TM5 are coloured in  
700 a darker shade of blue. Residues of the proton transfer pathway are shown in circles.  
701  $3_{10}$ -helix stretch within TM3 is depicted as a triangular helix. **d**, Alignment of  
702 conserved residues on TM3, TM9, TM13, TM14 and CL7 and CL8 important for  
703 proton translocation and reaction coupling in *T. thermophilus* (Tt), *R. rubrum* (Rr), *E.*  
704 *coli* (Ec), *O. aries* (Oa) and *H. sapiens* (Hs). *T. thermophilus* and a handful of other  
705 species with an NGXGG motif on TM9 have the protonatable histidine on TM3  
706 ( $\alpha_2$ H42 in *T. thermophilus*) while most other species that share an HSXXG motif on  
707 TM9 have the protonatable histidine on TM9 ( $\beta$ H91 in *E. coli* and H664 in *O. aries*).

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709 **Extended Data Fig. 2. Purification and biochemical characterisation of**  
710 **ovine transhydrogenase**

711 **a**, Ovine NNT was purified chromatographically. The last step of purification, size  
712 exclusion chromatography, in two different detergents, FOM and LMNG, is shown.  
713 SDS-PAGE shows the presence of ~110 kDa polypeptide of NNT. Highest purity  
714 fractions around ~10.5 mL were pooled and concentrated for cryo-EM sample  
715 preparation. **c**, NNT is highly active and stable when purified in LMNG as shown by



716 undiminished activity over several days when stored at 4°C. Error bars represent  
717 standard deviations based on n=3 independent measurements. **d**, Reconstitution of  
718 purified NNT into DOPC liposomes shows that the reverse transhydrogenation  
719 reaction is tightly coupled to proton transfer as it is stimulated ~10-fold by proton  
720 gradient uncoupler CCCP and by solubilisation in CHAPS detergent. Error bars  
721 represent standard deviations based on n=3 independent measurements. **e**,  
722 Trypsinolysis of NNT at different pH in the presence of substrates. 110 kDa full NNT  
723 and previously identified<sup>15</sup> 66 and 43 kDa fragments are labelled with asterisks. As  
724 pH decreases from 8 to 6, NADPH-induced proteolysis diminishes relative to that  
725 induced by NADP<sup>+</sup>. At pH 5 trypsin produces different fragments, but stabilisation of  
726 the intact NNT by NADPH is evident. Trypsinolysis was performed independently  
727 three times with similar results. NNT purification was repeated independently ten  
728 times with similar results as shown in panels a-b. For gel source data, see  
729 Supplementary Figure 1.

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### 731 **Extended Data Fig. 3. Processing of NNT-NADP<sup>+</sup> dataset**

732 Thorough classification of particles resulted in six distinct classes with different  
733 domain orientations and resolutions. Best-resolution class (“double face-down” NNT)  
734 is almost symmetric with both dIIIs bound in the ‘face-down’ position while the other  
735 five have only one dIII bound in the face-down position and the other dIII detached  
736 and the dI<sub>2</sub> tilted at different angles. Simultaneous opening of dI<sub>2</sub> and dissociation of  
737 dIIIb is probably necessary to permit full dIIIb rotation during the catalytic cycle.  
738 Monomers with dIII detached from dII also show weak or no density for dI-dII linker  
739 which suggests that it detaches from dIII to allow dI<sub>2</sub> to open.

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### 741 **Extended Data Fig. 4. Processing of Apo-NNT and NNT-NADPH datasets**

742 **a**, NNT bound to NADPH exhibited a large degree of conformational flexibility,  
743 which prevented a high-resolution (beyond 8 Å) refinement of any class of particles.  
744 Classification into 20 classes revealed that only a small proportion (~5%) of particles

745 have one dIII bound to dII in the face-down orientation (class C). Another ~10% have  
746 partially detached dIII (classes A and B). A vast majority, however, have both dIIIs  
747 dissociated from the other domains leading to a large degree of freedom of movement  
748 of dI<sub>2</sub> and both dIIIs independently of each other (see classes D, E and F). **b**, Apo-  
749 NNT exhibited a single conformational class similar to the “double face-down” NNT  
750 class in the presence of NADP<sup>+</sup>.

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### 752 **Extended Data Fig. 5. Examples of protein and ligand cryo-EM density**

753 All examples are from the “double face-down” class in the presence of NADP<sup>+</sup>,  
754 unless otherwise stated. **a**, Density of the transmembrane helices lining the proton  
755 channel (TM3 and 13). **b**, Density comparison of the TM2 between the “double face-  
756 down” and “single face-down” (dIII-detached monomer) NADP<sup>+</sup> classes, as well as  
757 apo class, which remains in the same conformation upon dII opening while TM9  
758 changes (Extended Data Fig. 6c). **c**, Beta sheet density of dI. **d**, Beta sheet density of  
759 dIII. **e**,  $\alpha$ -helical segment of dI. **f**,  $\alpha$ -helical segment of dIII. **g**, Two phosphatidyl-  
760 cholines bound in the cavity enclosed by TM1, 2 and 6. **h**, dIIIa-NADP<sup>+</sup> density. **i**,  
761 dIIIb-NADP<sup>+</sup> density. **j**, Partial NAD<sup>+</sup> density in dIa. **k**, Partial NAD<sup>+</sup> density in dIb.  
762 The density for lipids and putative NAD<sup>+</sup> is discussed in Methods.

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### 764 **Extended Data Fig. 6. Comparison of “double face-down” and “single** 765 **face-down” NNT-NADP<sup>+</sup> conformations and apo-NNT.**

766 **a**, Local resolution and FSC curves for the “double face-down” NNT-NADP<sup>+</sup>  
767 structure. **b**, Local resolution and FSC curves for the “single face-down” NNT-  
768 NADP<sup>+</sup> structure. **c**, Local resolution and FSC curves for the apo NNT structure. **d**,  
769 Overall comparison of “double face-down” (cyan) and “single face-down” (green)  
770 classes of NNT. An increased dI tilt, dIIIb detachment and dIIb conformation change  
771 are visible. **e**, Comparison of the two monomers in the “closed” NADP<sup>+</sup> class as  
772 viewed from the dimerization interface reveals a tilt of dI<sub>2</sub> and asymmetry in dI-  
773 dIIIa/b contacts. **f**, Overall comparison of “double face-down” NNT-NADP<sup>+</sup> (cyan)

774 and apo NNT. dII-dIII are in the same conformation and dI<sub>2</sub> is slightly more tilted in  
775 the apo-NNT. **g**, Electrostatic surface potential of the proton entry cavities on the  
776 matrix (bottom) and IMS sides (top) as well as that of the membrane-facing side  
777 (right). **h**, Hydrophobicity of residues on the surface of dII<sub>2</sub> (coloured white to red  
778 from hydrophobic to hydrophilic). Surface-exposed tyrosine and tryptophan residues,  
779 which often delineate lipid membrane surface, are highlighted in green and the lipid-  
780 binding pocket is circled.

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782 **Extended Data Fig. 7. Changes in the proton translocation channel upon**  
783 **dIII detachment and comparison between ovine and *T. thermophilus* dII**

784 **a**, Comparison of *T. thermophilus* dII (salmon, PDB 5UNI) and “double face-down”  
785 (dIII attached) ovine dII (cyan, supernumerary TM1 and TM5 in blue). Residues in  
786 the N-side cavity display markedly different conformations. **b**, Comparison of *T.*  
787 *thermophilus* dII (salmon, PDB 5UNI) and “single face-down” (dIII-detached  
788 monomer) ovine dII (blue). Residues in the N-side cavity match more closely as both  
789 of these dII structures are detached from dIII. **c**, Comparison of the TM9 density in  
790 the “double face-down”, “single face-down” (dIII-detached monomer) and apo dII  
791 clearly displaying a H664 flip in the dIII-detached dII. **d**, Comparison of Dowser-  
792 predicted waters in the dIII-attached (cyan) and dIII-detached (green) dII. The dIII-  
793 attached structure has two water molecules, one below and one above the N-side  
794 proton gate while the dIII-detached structure only has one water molecule above the  
795 gate, consistent with the proposal that channel is open to P-side when dIII is attached.  
796 **e**, Density for a water molecule coordinated between H664 and S492, consistent with  
797 Dowser-predicted water is beginning to show in our cryo-EM density. **f**, Proton  
798 pathway profile (calculated in Mole 2.5) in dIII-attached dII reveals a diameter  
799 constriction between N-side and H664, a hydrophobic stretch between H664 and  
800 E806 and a negatively charged P-side proton entry site. **g**, Proton pathway profile in  
801 the dIII-detached dII. Additional constriction appearing between H664 and P-side  
802 upon dIII detachment is indicated.

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### Extended Data Fig. 8. Different conformations of dIII

805 **a**, A homology model of the asymmetric ovine NNT based on the *T. thermophilus*  
806 dI<sub>2</sub>dIII heterotrimer structure (PDB 4J16). N.B. putative interacting residues at the  
807 dIII<sub>up</sub>-dIII<sub>down</sub> interface. dI-dII linker contacts the loop D of dIII in the face-down  
808 conformation. D942 and Y941 from dIII form hydrogen bonds with R544 on CL2  
809 loop stabilising the dII-dIII interface. Helix 4 and loop D also contribute towards  
810 formation of the dI-dIII interface but Y941 is too far to interact with dI. **b**,  
811 Comparison of ovine dIII (red) with *R. rubrum* isolated dIII (PDB 1PNO: chain A in  
812 blue and chain B in green). Helix 4, loop D and loop E are all more open around the  
813 nucleotide in the ovine structure but the nucleotide is occluded by the interactions  
814 from the dII residues (not shown) in the ovine “face-down” structure. **c**, Comparison  
815 of the NADP(H) binding site in “double face-down”-NNT (left) and apo-NNT (right).  
816 Loop E, K999 and R1000 are disordered in apo-NNT and R925 flips into an outward-  
817 facing orientation, opening the site to the solvent.

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### 819 Extended Data Fig. 9. Validation of the mechanism and the reverse 820 transhydrogenation mechanism

821 **a**, Summary of the biochemical evidence and mutagenesis data supporting the  
822 proposed mechanism. Full description of mutants in *E. coli*, *R. rubrum* and human  
823 patient mutations are in Supplementary Tables 1-3. **b**, Our proposal for reverse  
824 reaction. Reverse transhydrogenation reaction consumes NADPH and NAD<sup>+</sup> and  
825 results in proton pumping, supporting proton motive force (pmf). The driving forces  
826 for this reaction are the nucleotide ratios and low pmf which promotes protonation of  
827 H664 from the matrix side.

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### 829 Extended Data Table 1. Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and 830 validation statistics

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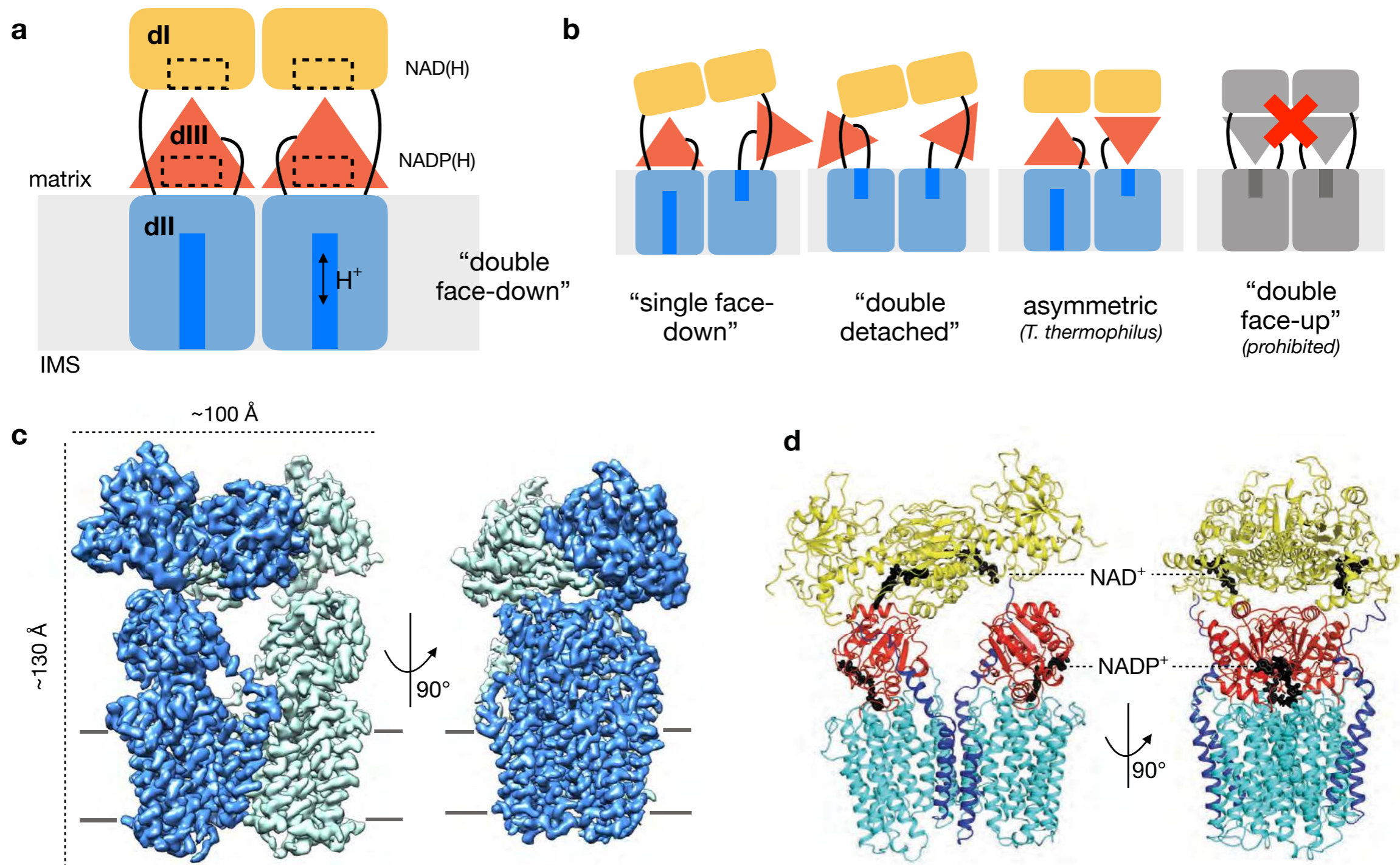


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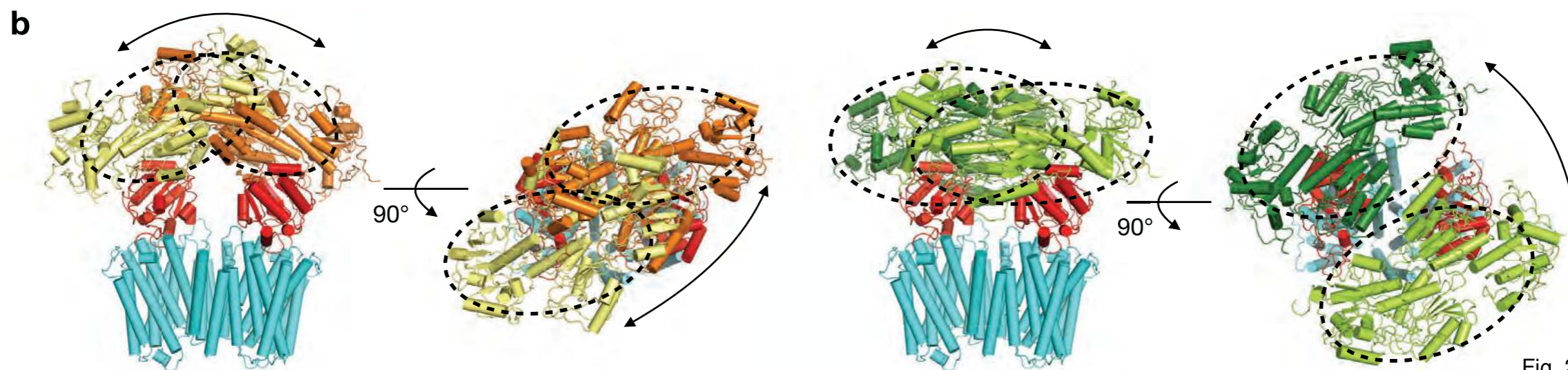
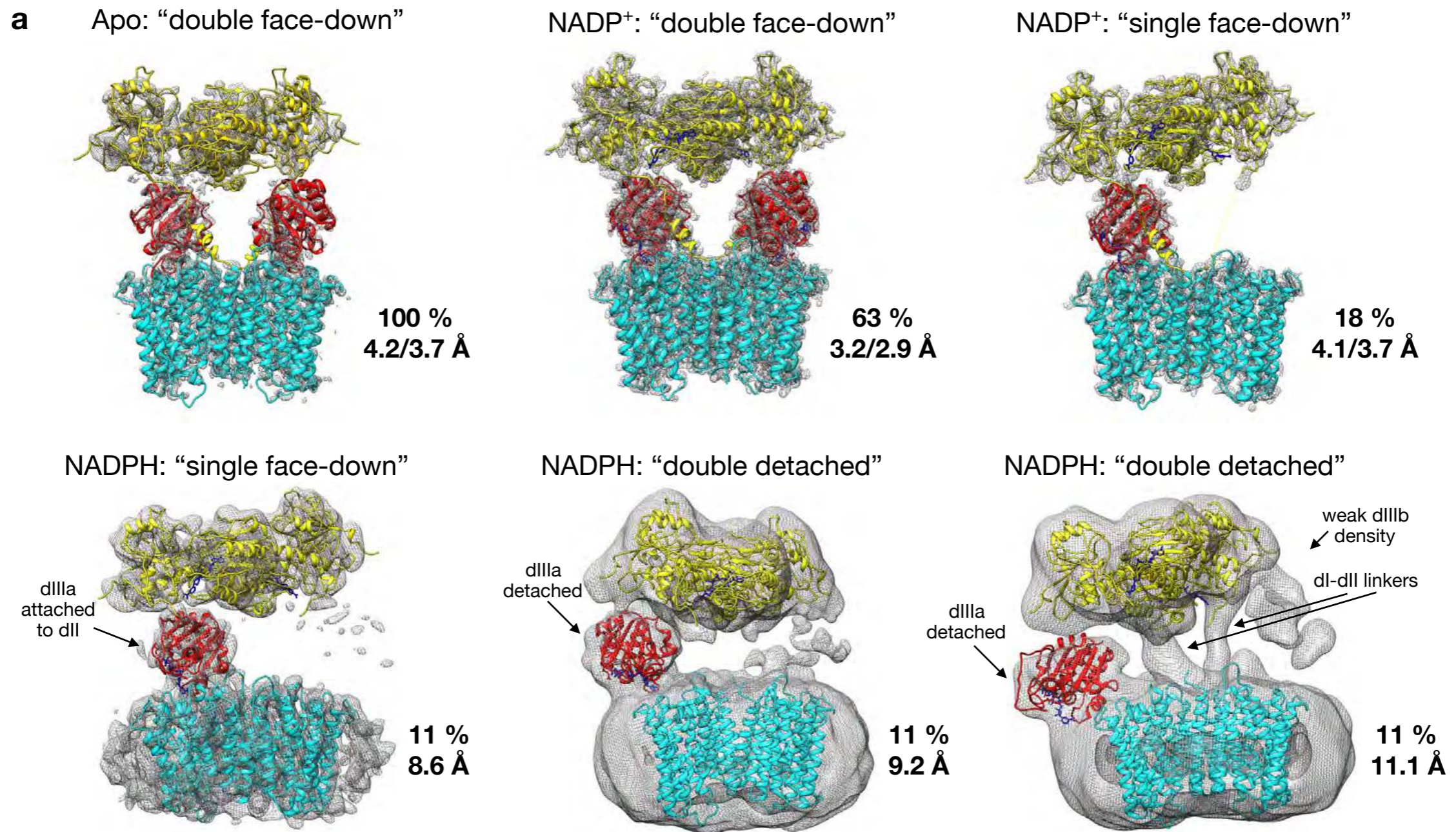


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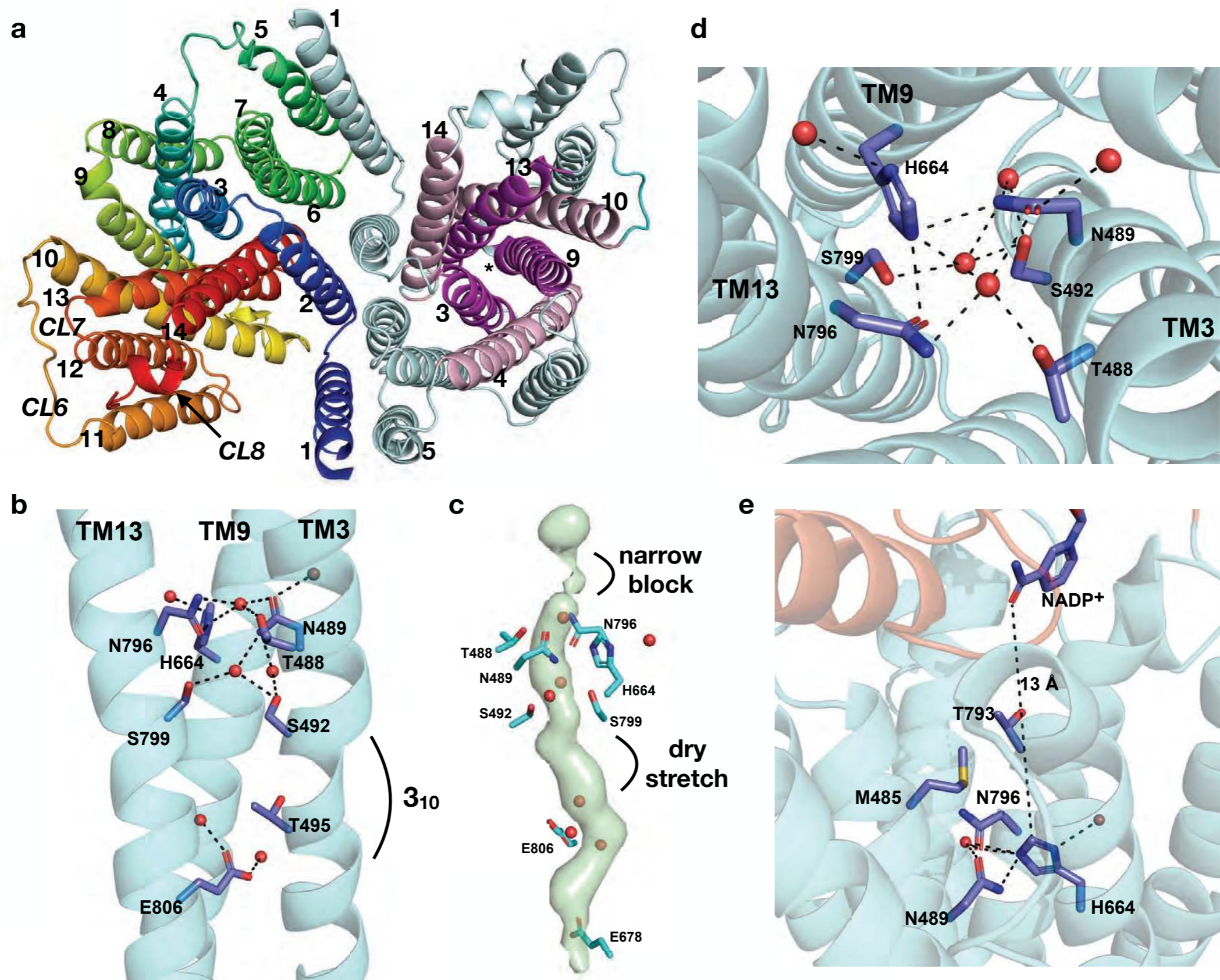


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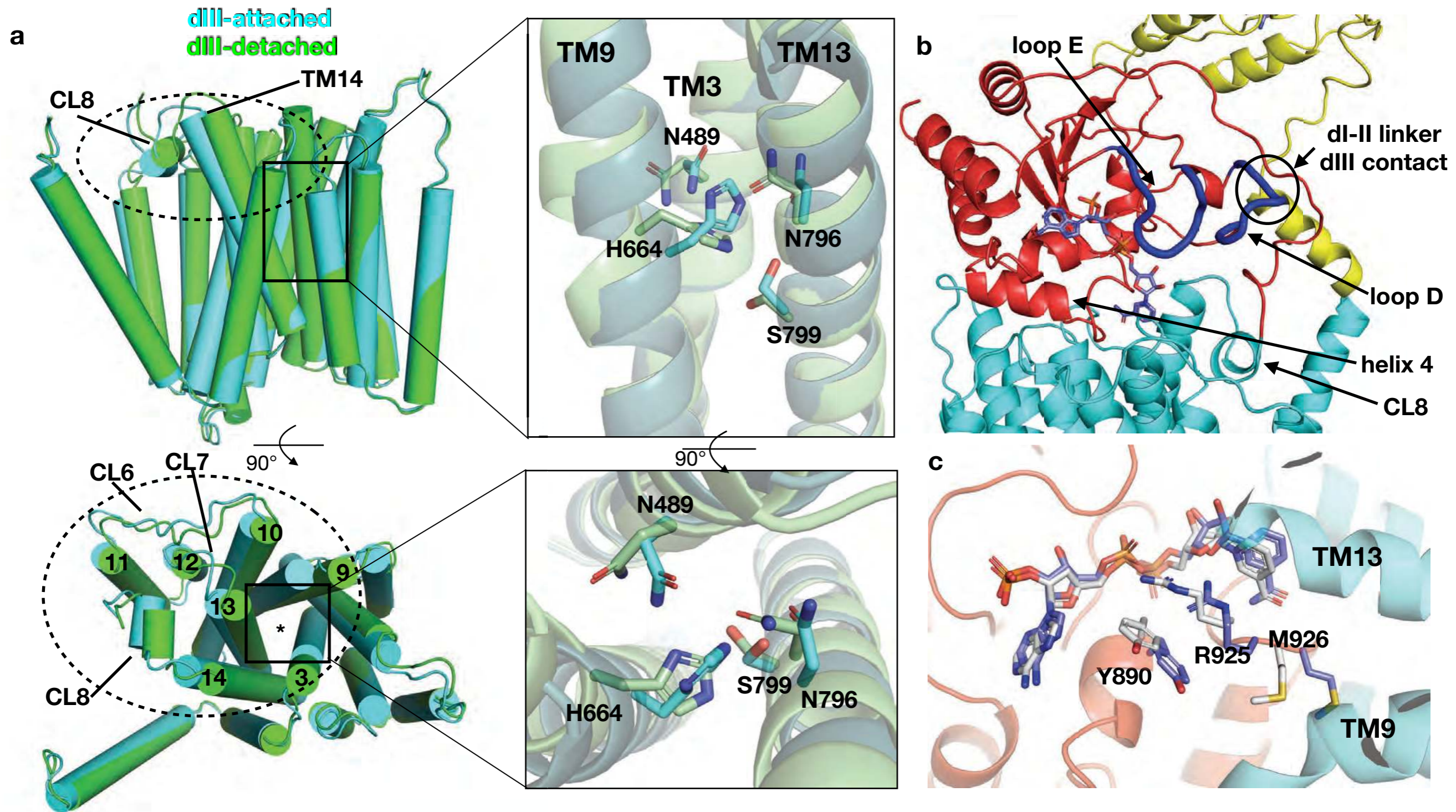


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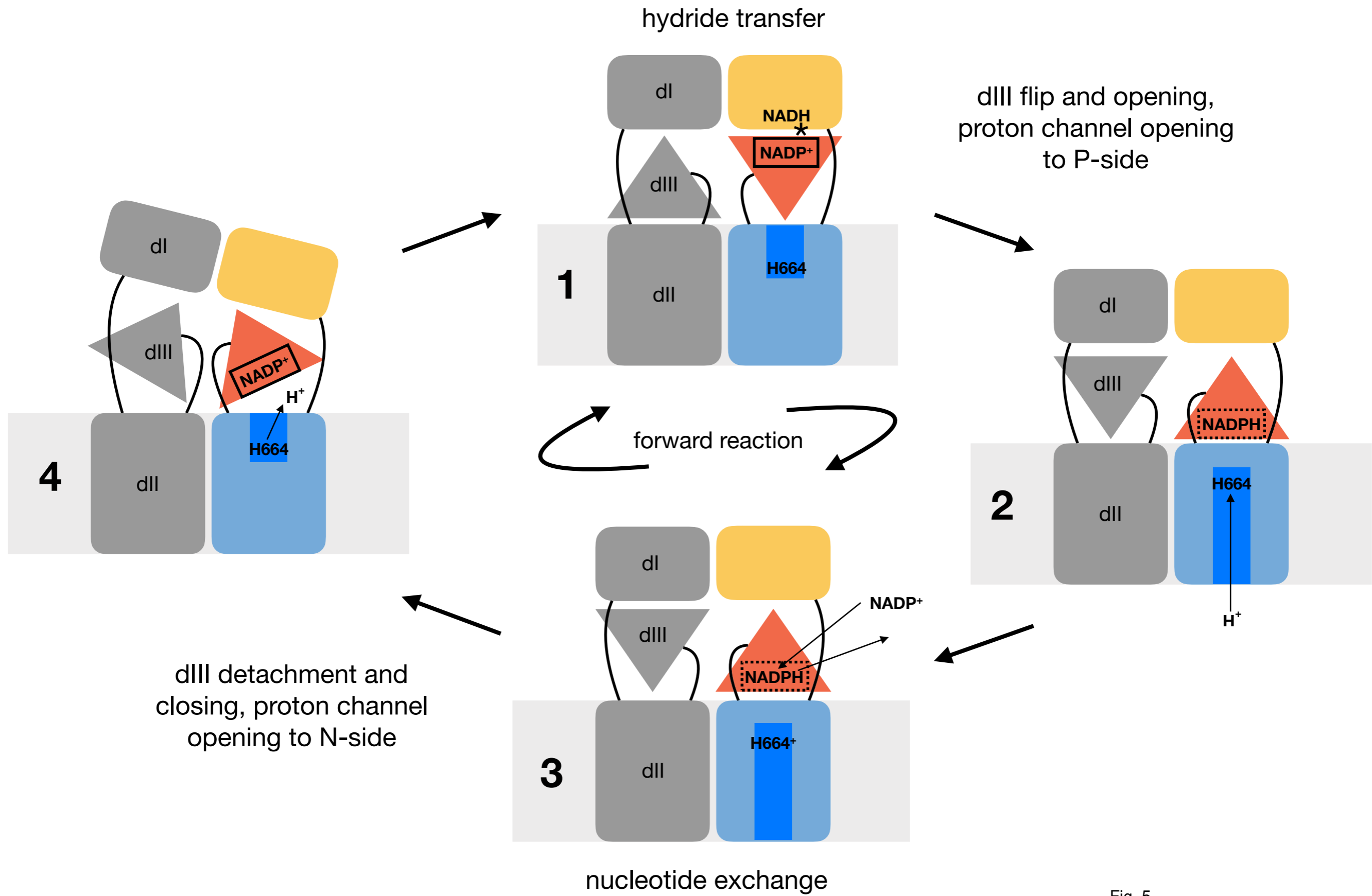
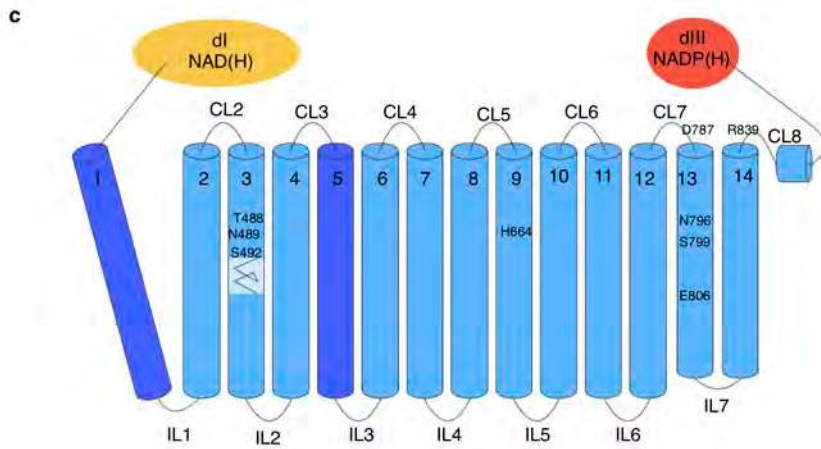
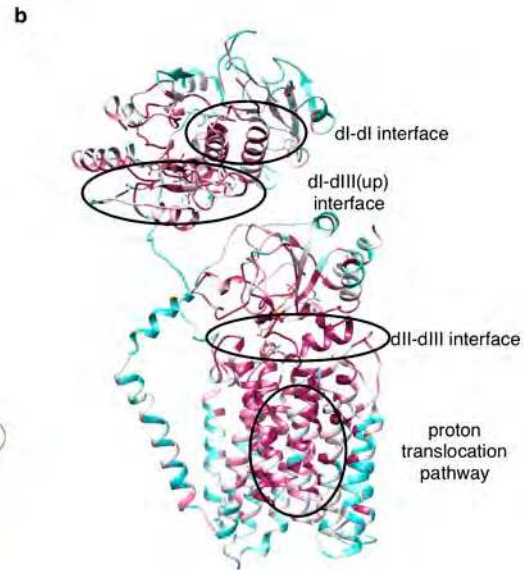
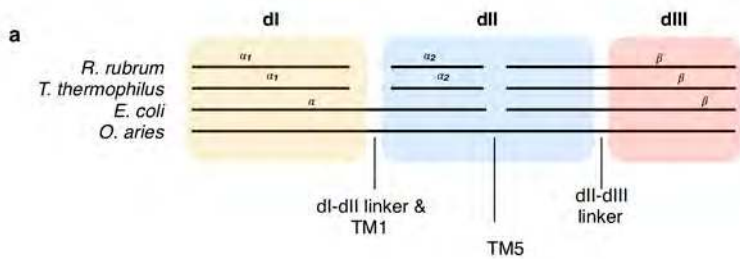


Fig. 5



**d**

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Ec VSHALHTPLMSVTHAIGIIVVGGALIQIQGGWVSE----LSFTAVLIASINIFGGFTVT 500
Oa VTPALHSPLMGVTHAISGLTAVGGVLMGGHLYPSTTSQGLAALATFISVNIAGGFIVT 535
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TM3 TM4

TM9-10: 656-713

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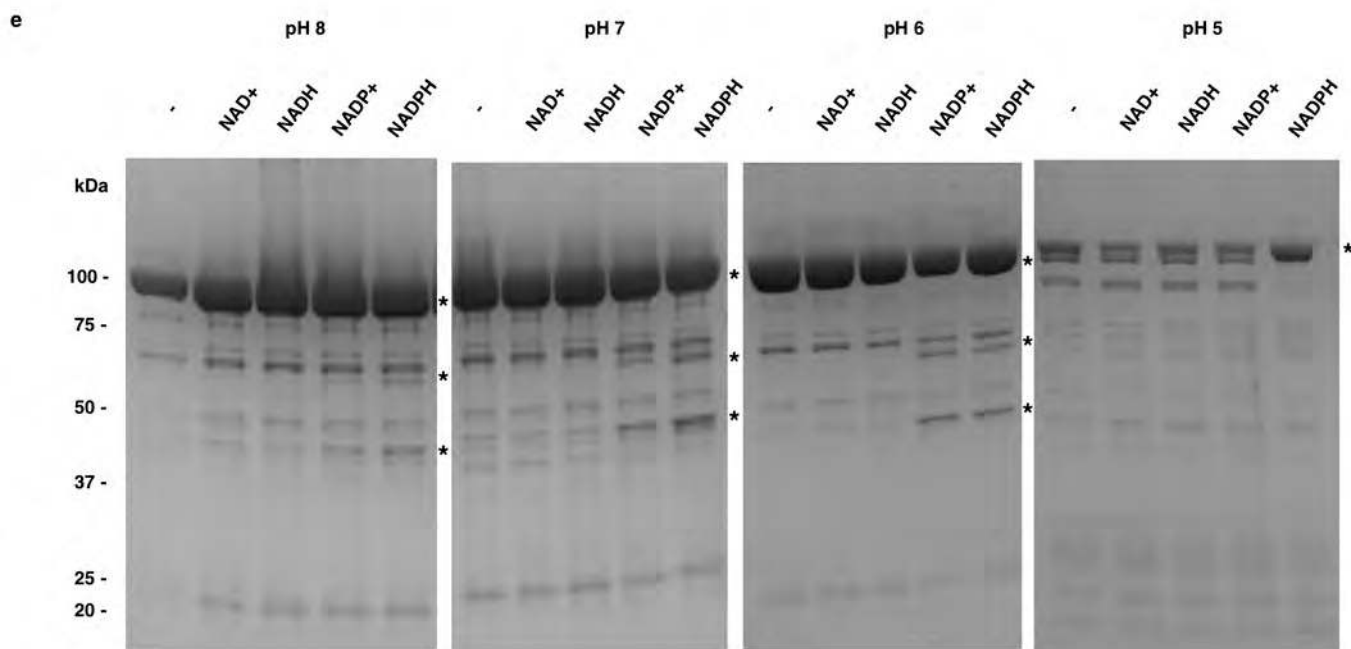
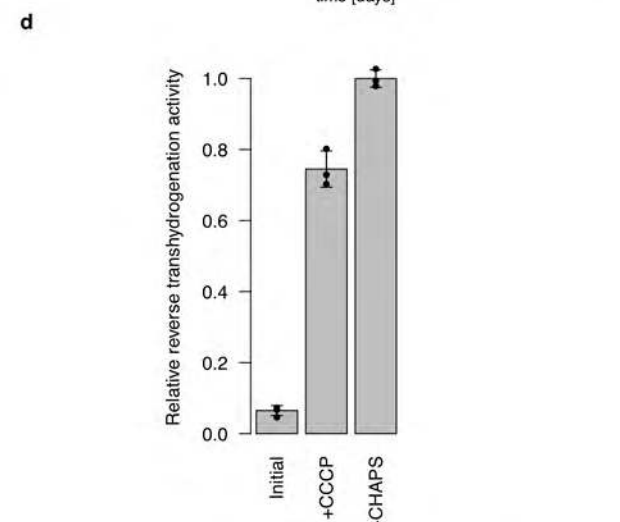
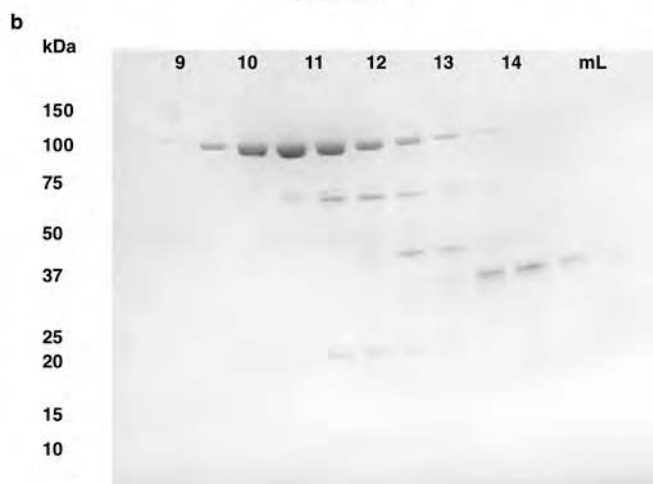
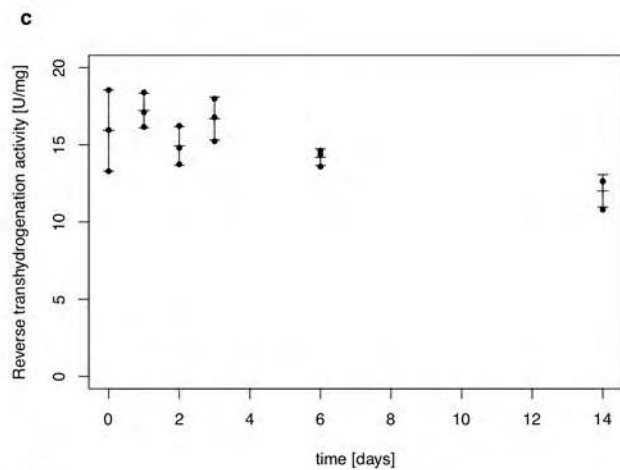
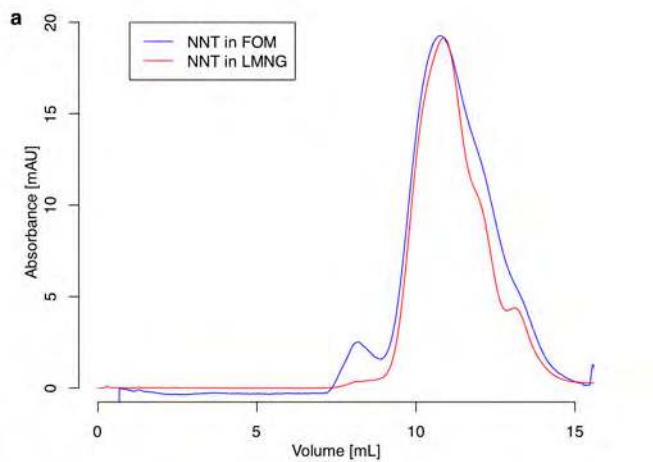
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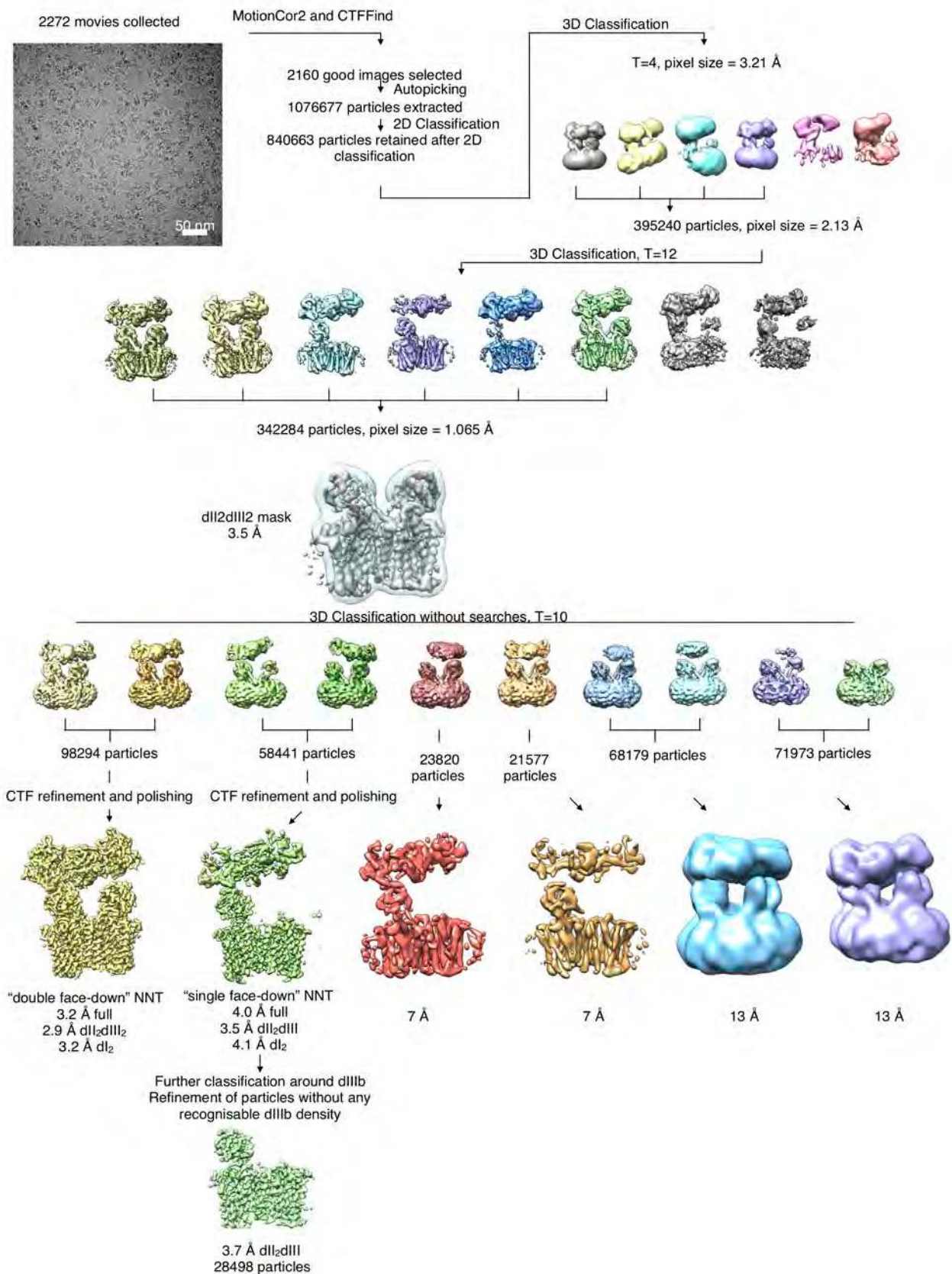
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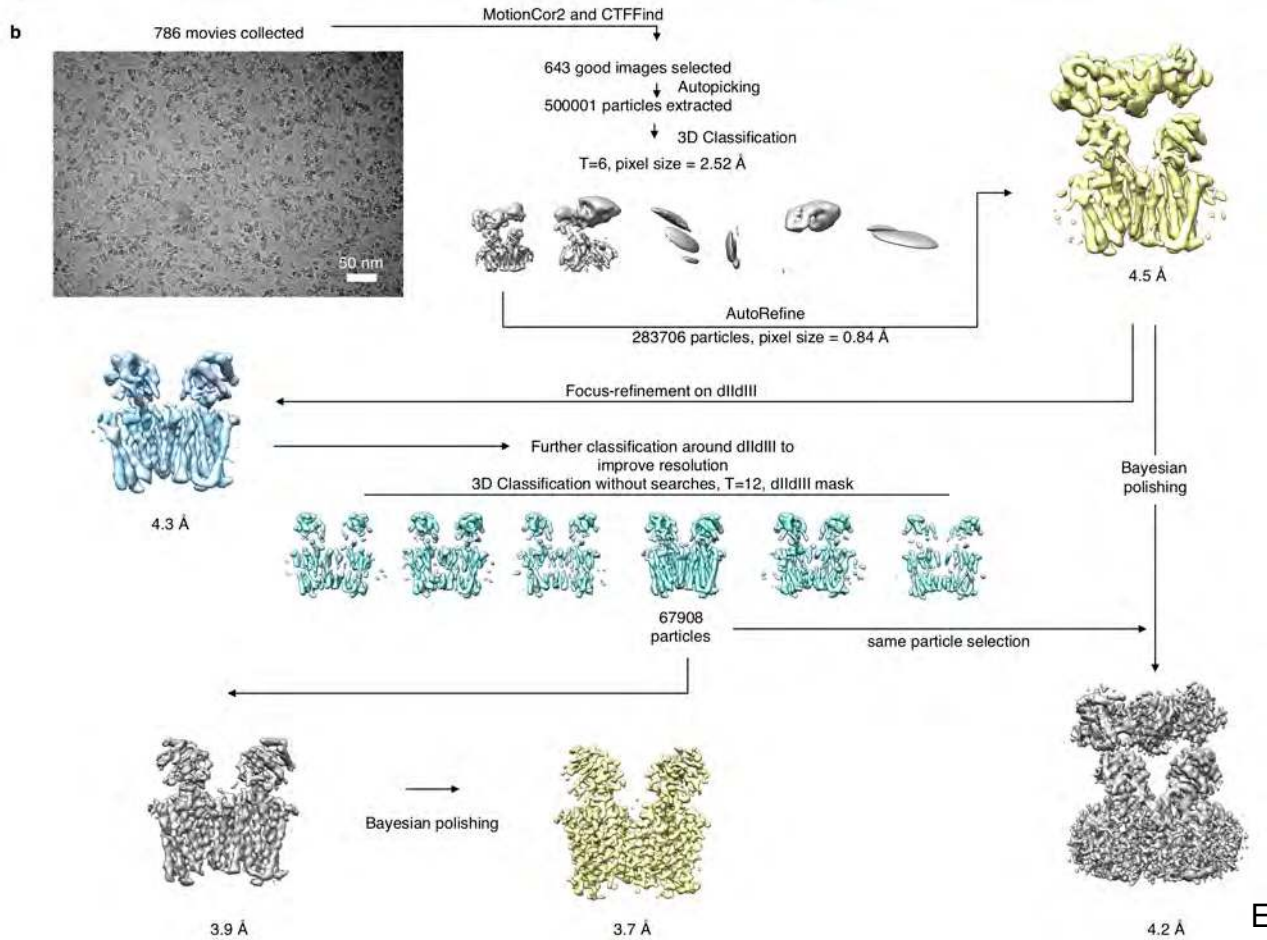
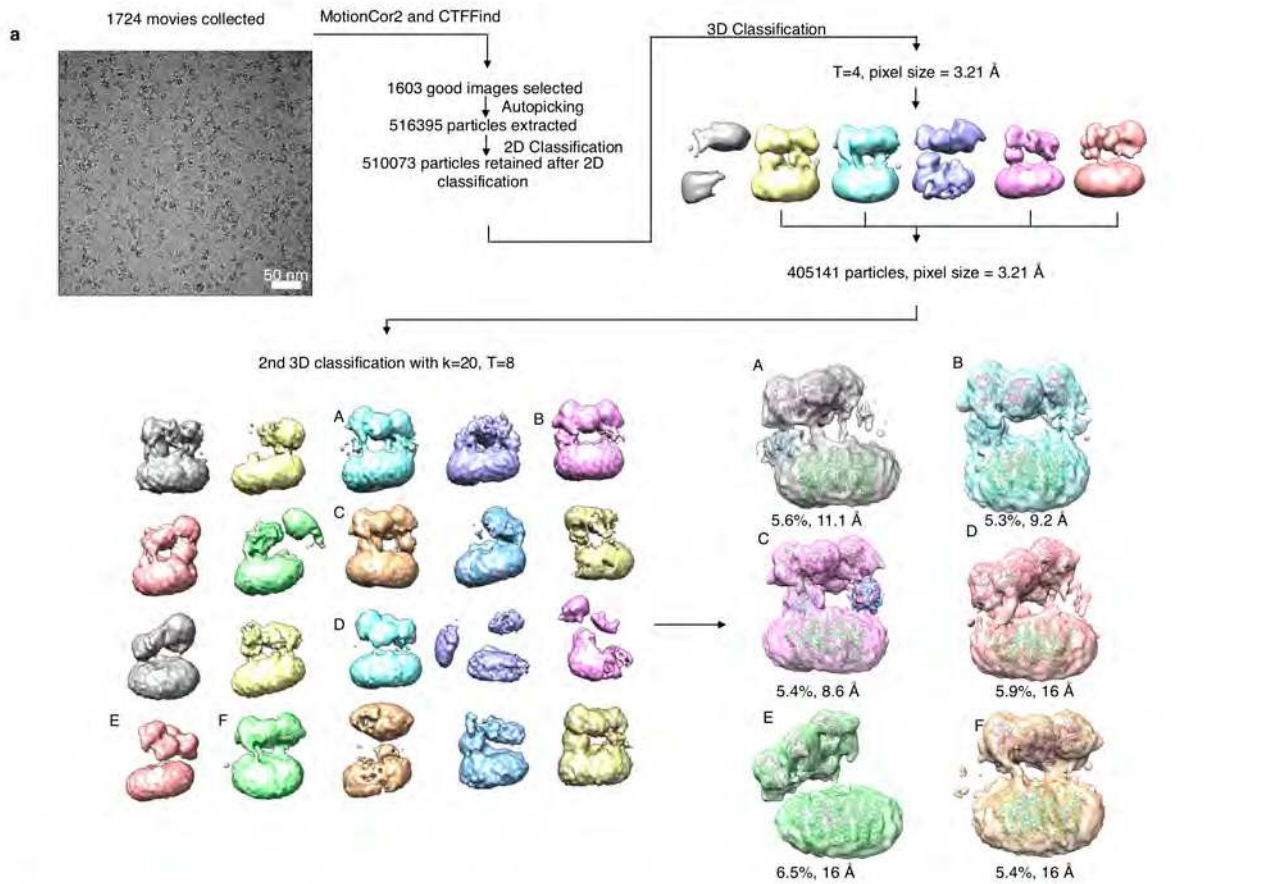
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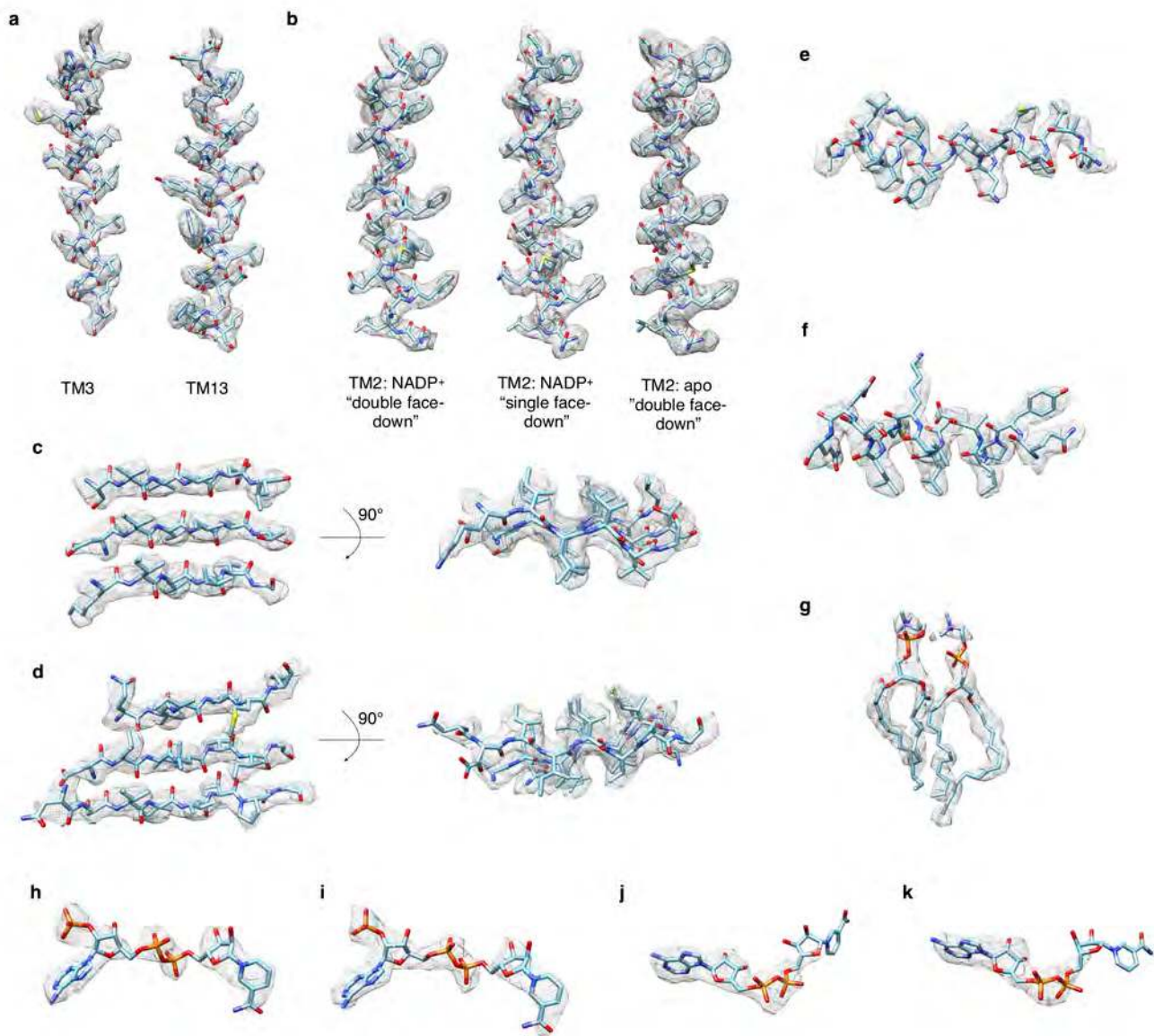
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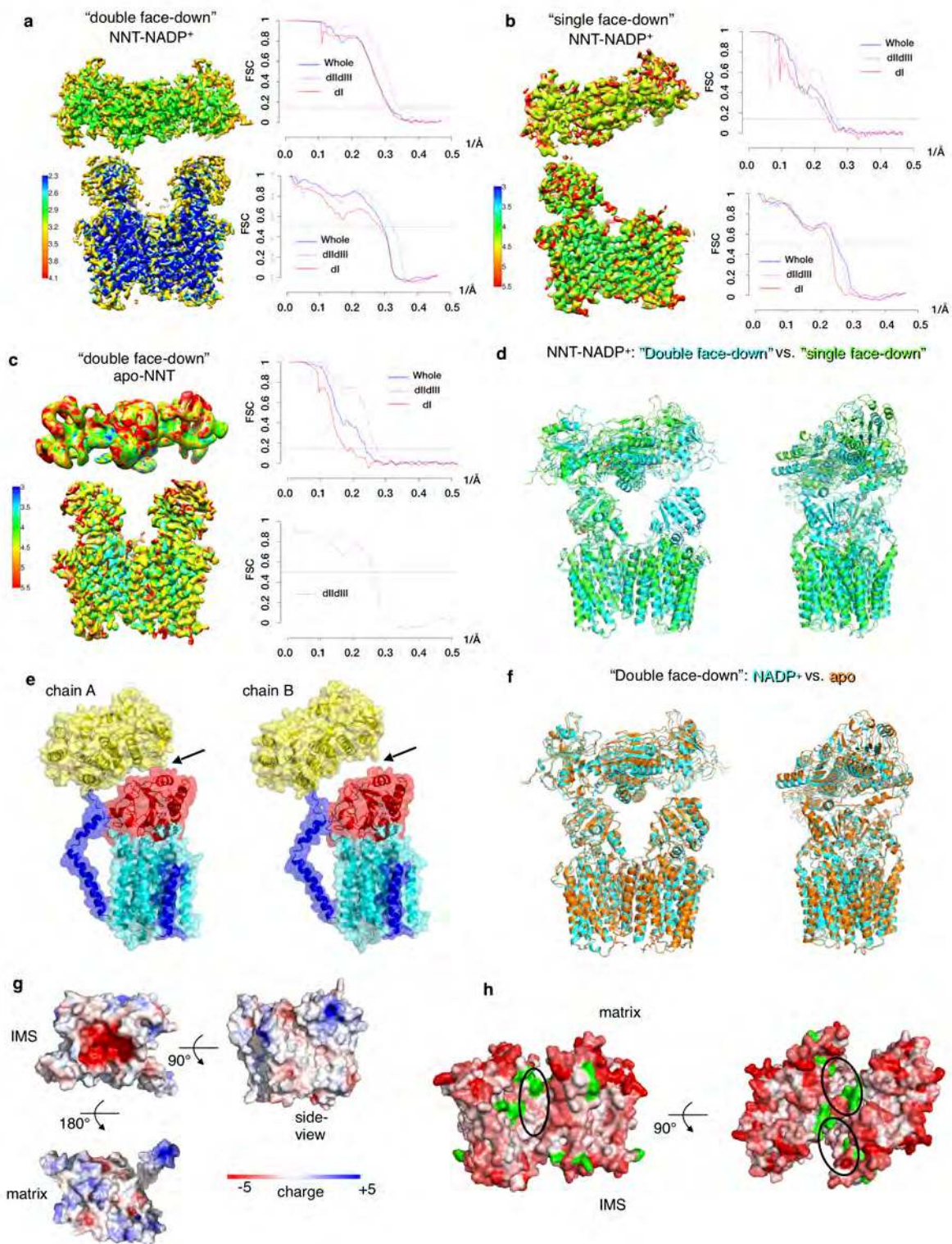


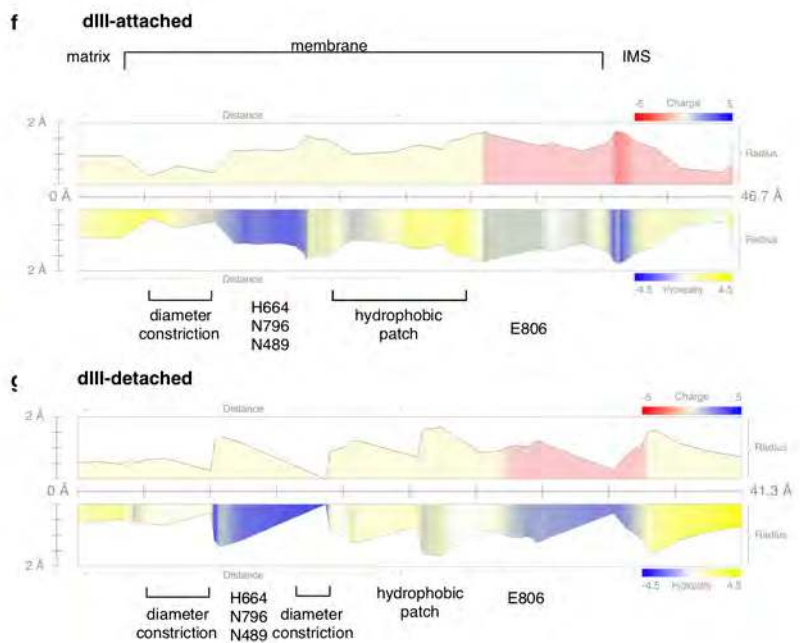
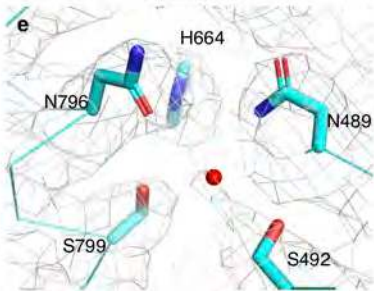
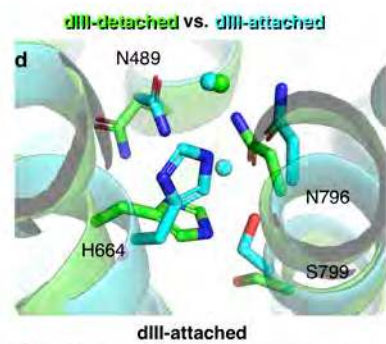
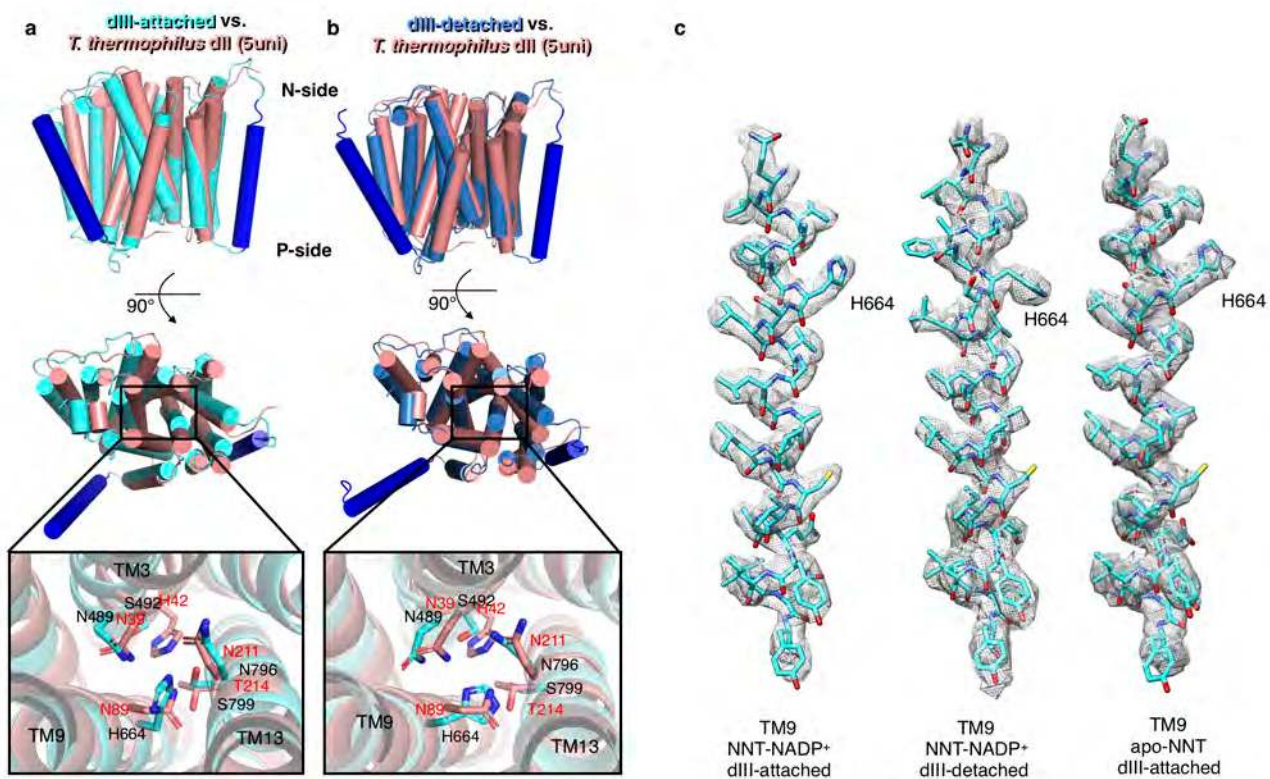




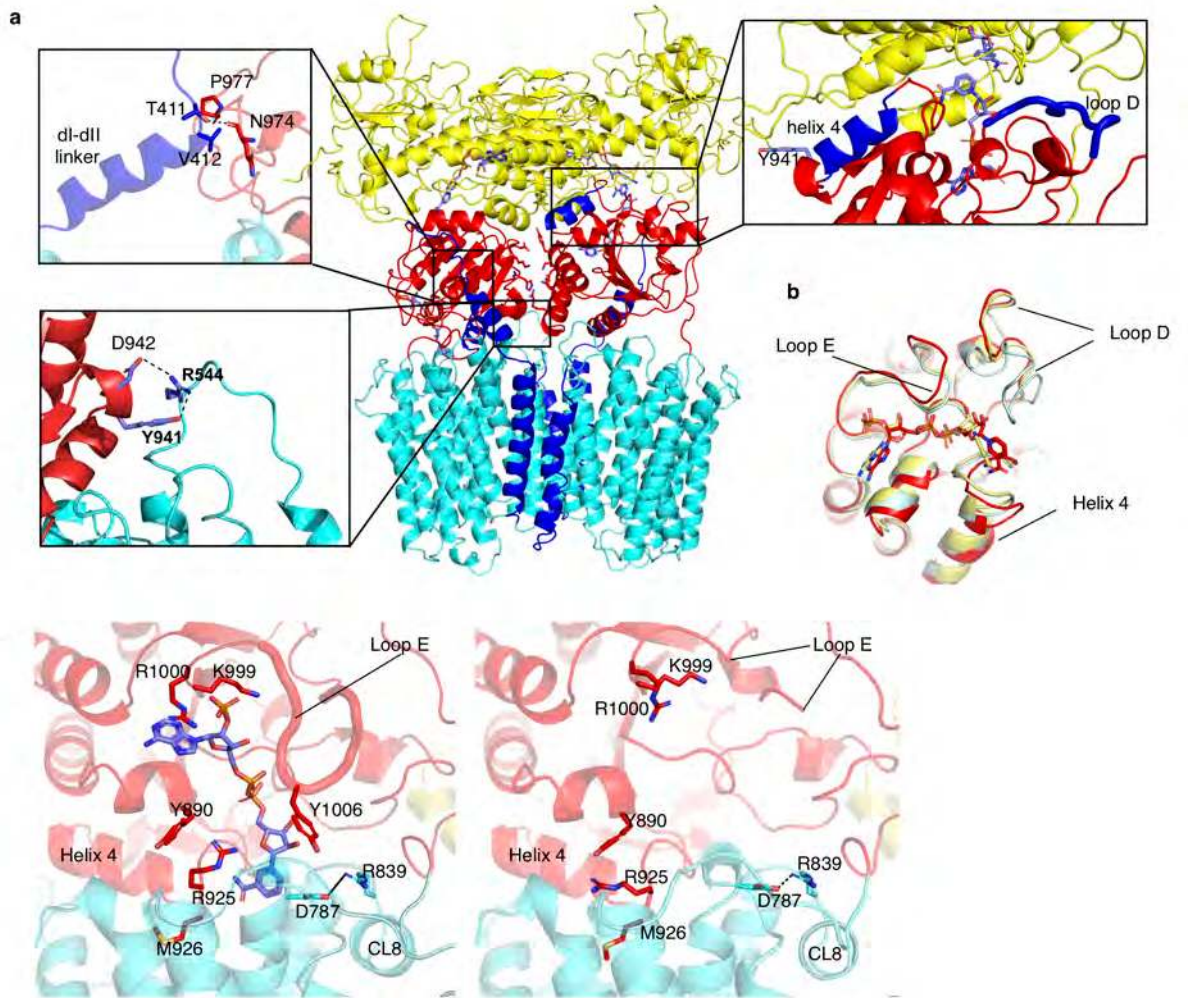


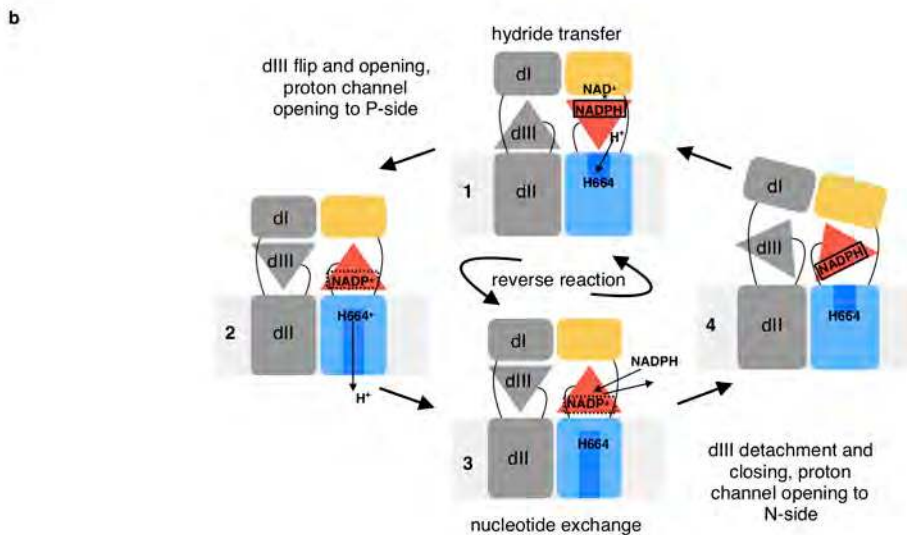
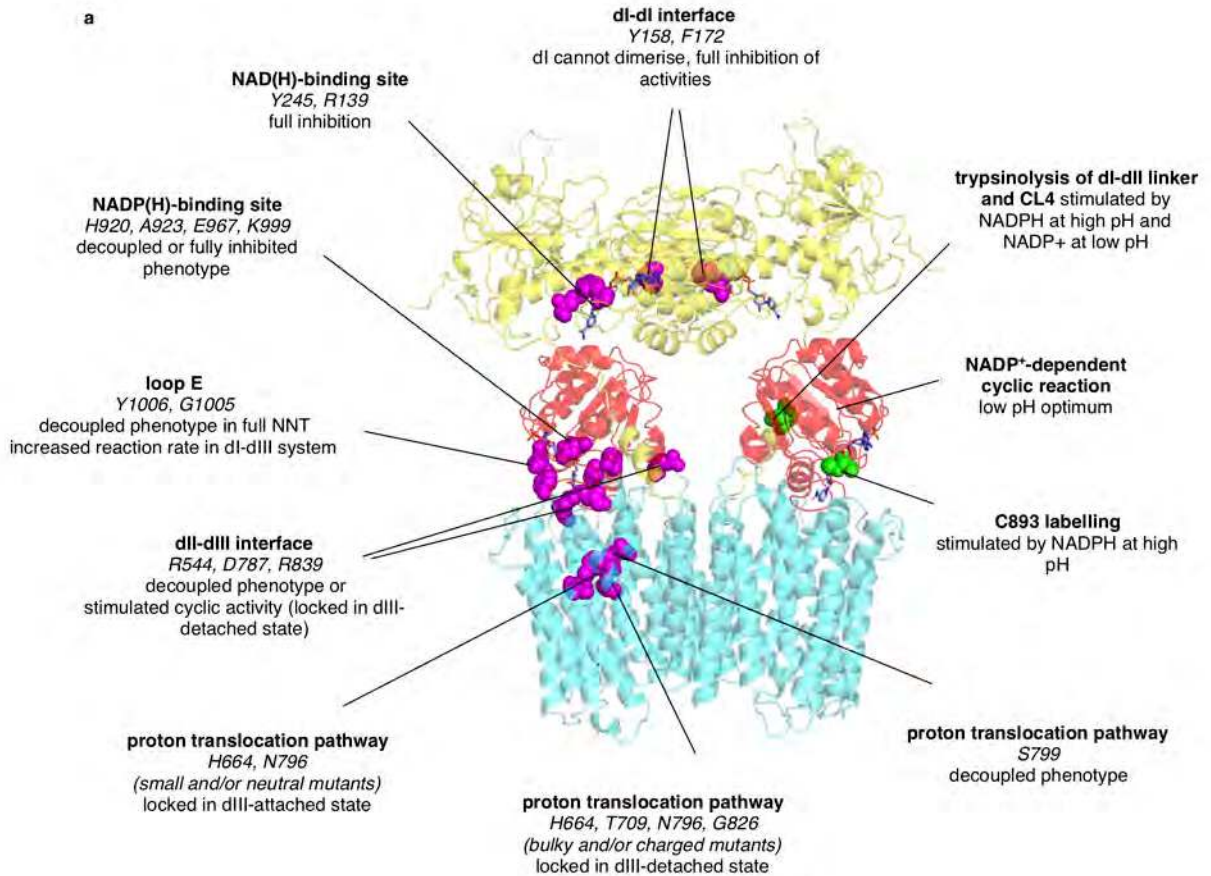












	NNT-NADP <sup>+</sup> "double face-down" (EMD-4635) (PDB 6QTI)	NNT-NADP <sup>+</sup> "single face-down" (EMD-4637) (PDB 6QUE)	Apo-NNT "double face-down" (EMDB-10099) (PDB 6S59)
<b>Data collection and processing</b>			
Magnification	130000x	130000x	130000x
Voltage (kV)	300	300	300
Electron exposure (e <sup>-</sup> /Å <sup>2</sup> )	72	72	90
Defocus range (μm)	~ -1 to -2.5	~ -1 to -2.5	~ -1 to -2.5
Pixel size (Å)	1.065	1.065	0.84
Symmetry imposed	C1	C1	C1
Initial particle images (no.)	1076677	1076677	500001
Final particle images (no.)	98294	58441	67908
Map resolution (Å)	dl <sub>2</sub> - 3.2 Å, dll <sub>2</sub> dlll <sub>2</sub> - 2.9 Å	dl <sub>2</sub> - 4.2 Å, dll <sub>2</sub> dlll <sub>2</sub> - 3.7 Å	dl <sub>2</sub> - 4.5 Å, dll <sub>2</sub> dlll <sub>2</sub> - 3.7 Å
FSC threshold	0.143	0.143	0.143
<b>Refinement</b>			
Initial model used (PDB code)	dl and dll built de novo, dlll based on 1D4O	6QTI	6QTI
Model resolution (Å)	dl <sub>2</sub> - 3.4 Å, dll <sub>2</sub> dlll <sub>2</sub> - 3.1 Å	dl <sub>2</sub> - 4.3 Å, dll <sub>2</sub> dlll <sub>2</sub> - 4.0 Å	dll <sub>2</sub> dlll <sub>2</sub> - 3.8 Å
FSC threshold	0.5	0.5	0.5
Map sharpening B factor (Å <sup>2</sup> )	dll <sub>2</sub> dlll <sub>2</sub> -36.2 dl <sub>2</sub> -50.2	dll <sub>2</sub> dlll <sub>2</sub> -55 dl <sub>2</sub> -77.0	dll <sub>2</sub> dlll <sub>2</sub> -67.3 dl <sub>2</sub> -197.5
<b>Model composition</b>			
Non-hydrogen atoms	15996	13791	13397
Protein residues	2076	1865	2066
Ligands	14	3	8
<b>B factors (Å<sup>2</sup>)</b>			
Protein	74.0	128.0	115.8
Ligand	114.8	172.8	143.5
<b>R.m.s. deviations</b>			
Bond lengths (Å)	0.0071	0.008	0.0085
Bond angles (°)	1.29	1.30	1.36
<b>Validation</b>			
MolProbity score	1.56	1.66	1.59
EMRinger score	3.58	1.73	2.53
Clashscore	3.37	4.26	3.50
Poor rotamers (%)	0	0.21	0.44
<b>Ramachandran plot</b>			
Favored (%)	93.44	92.85	92.95
Allowed (%)	6.56	7.05	7.05
Disallowed (%)	0	0.1	0

## Supplementary Information

### Supplementary Discussion

#### Mammalian-specific features of NNT

The twelve conserved transmembrane helices in mammalian NNT adopt the same fold as demonstrated in the isolated *T. thermophilus* dII domain<sup>1,2</sup>. The supernumerary helices TM1 and TM5 form an unexpected extended dII dimer interface. Relatively large tilt of the TM1 allows its strong association over a large contact area with the TM5 of the opposite monomer, possibly stabilizing dimer formation in mammals (Fig. 3a). The connection from the dI domain via TM1 to TM5 of the opposing monomer may also help in the coordination of the catalytic cycle events between the monomers as discussed below.

The dI-dII linker present in transhydrogenases with single and double polypeptide split (Extended Data Fig. 1a) was resolved here for the first time. The C-terminal part of the linker (residues 410-424) forms a loosely defined  $\alpha$  helix which contacts dIII in the ‘face-down’ orientation. V412 and T411 from the linker interact with residues N974-P977 of the loop D (residues 974-986) on dIII. This explains why K410-T411 bond is protected from trypsinolysis in the apo and NADP<sup>+</sup>-bound state (Fig. 1c,d, Extended Data Fig. 8a)<sup>3</sup>. The N-terminal region of the dI-dII linker (400-410) is a flexible loop and only displays very weak density. In the dIII-detached state, the density for the C-terminal part of the linker disappears, which could indicate partial unfolding of the helix to accommodate an increased distance between dI and dII.

The only catalytically important conformation that we did not observe in our structures is the face-up dIII conformation since it is likely that the dI-dIII interface formation requires binding of the corresponding nucleotide to dI and, once formed, has a very short life span as the hydride transfer is fast<sup>4-6</sup>. In contrast to the bacterial enzymes, the architecture of mammalian NNT with its dI-dII linker may prevent the observation of a stable face-up dIII conformation, although this remains to be established in future studies. Structures of dI<sub>2</sub>dIII heterotrimers from *T. thermophilus* and *R. rubrum* demonstrated that only one copy of dIII can bind to dI<sub>2</sub> at a time due to steric clashes<sup>7-10</sup>. The symmetry of the “double face-down” state, most likely specific to single polypeptide transhydrogenases, is broken due to the tilting of dI<sub>2</sub>, which interacts loosely with dIII in one monomer (dIIIa) and not at all in another (dIIIb) (Extended Data Fig. 6e). The overall architecture of the dimer does not allow for tight

interactions between dI and dIII in both monomers, whether dIII is facing “up” or “down”. On the other hand, dIII-dII interaction is permitted in both monomers simultaneously.

#### Comparison of proton translocation machinery between ovine and *T. thermophilus* NNT

All transhydrogenases have a single key protonatable histidine at the N-side of dII, either on TM3 ( $\alpha_2$ H42 in *T. thermophilus*) or on TM9 in *E. coli* and mammals (BH91/H664) (Extended Data Fig. 1d and 7a,b). MD simulations of *T. thermophilus* enzyme<sup>2</sup> showed that protonation of this histidine induces a transient opening of the transmembrane proton channel between  $\alpha_2$ H42 and  $\beta$ E221 (ovine H664 and E806) accompanied by a flip of  $\beta$ T214. This role could be played by the ovine homologue S799 or by S492, a homologue of *T. thermophilus*  $\alpha_2$ H42, or by a non-conserved T495 (Fig. 3b)<sup>2</sup>. The latter two residues sit on a clear and significant distortion of helix TM3, i.e. two turns of  $3_{10}$  helix (the only such distortion in dII, Fig. 3b). A similar distortion is present (but was not discussed) around  $\alpha_2$ H42 in the TM3 of *T. thermophilus* dII (PDB 5UNI and 4O93). Furthermore, in TM9, the backbone oxygen atoms of residues 661, 662 and 667 are facing away from the helix-forming hydrogen bond network. Such disruptions of secondary structure in TM helices happen almost exclusively in functionally important sites, where flexibility of otherwise rigid TM helices is required<sup>11,12</sup>, consistent with our conclusion that these key TM3 and TM9 residues undergo conformational changes associated with proton translocation during the catalytic cycle, as observed in dII upon dIII attachment/detachment (Fig. 4).

The differences between ovine and *T. thermophilus* dII are also in the P-side (intermembrane space) cavity, gated by a conserved residue E806 which in ovine dII is in an extended conformation in contrast to the *T. thermophilus* structures, with T674 and E678 allowing access to the P-side. Residues at the P-side of the proton transfer path are generally much less conserved between species than at the N-side. The P-side entry cavity in mammals also has a stronger negative charge (Extended Data Fig. 6g), appropriate for the attraction of protons in the forward reaction.

In contrast to what has been suggested for the *T. thermophilus* enzyme, dIII attachment to dII does not change the conformation of the short lateral helix CL8 nor does it disrupt the conserved salt bridge R839-D787 (Extended data Fig. 8c)<sup>1</sup>.

#### Detailed explanation of the mechanism

As outlined in the main text, the excess of  $\text{NADP}^+$  and pmf will promote forward reaction in the cycle shown in Fig. 5. After a full cycle and hydride transfer back at step 1, subsequent dIII dissociation from dI in step 2 is unlikely to be initiated by hydride transfer itself as it is a fast step and dI<sub>2</sub>dIII structures were solved with many combinations of bound nucleotides<sup>7,10</sup>. However, NNT always operates as a dimer, in which the two dIII domains cannot simultaneously attach to the dI dimer, as noted above. Therefore, as the second monomer (in grey in Fig. 5) goes through a similar cycle as the first monomer (in colour), the second dIII, swivelling up after detachment from dII, will clash with the already bound dIII from the first monomer and dislodge it, initiating its flip “down” in step 2, resuming the cycle. This sequence of events ensures tight coupling between hydride transfer, nucleotide exchange and proton translocation. “Slipping”, or uncoupling, at any step is prevented because proton translocation cannot happen without nucleotide exchange. For example, step 3 (Fig. 5) cannot progress to step 4 and switch proton channel access unless there is nucleotide exchange – only the dIII- $\text{NADP}^+$  and  $\text{H664}^+$  combination will allow dIII dissociation and dII opening to the N-side. If nucleotide exchange does not happen, bound dIII-NADPH will interact strongly with  $\text{H664}^+$  and prevent dIII detachment and dII opening to the N-side. In other words, two half-paths of proton across the membrane (up to  $\text{H664}^+$  and after) in both forward and reverse reactions are connected only by nucleotide exchange, excluding any uncoupling.

In the reverse reaction, when pmf is low and there is an excess of NADPH, all the steps are naturally reversed, resulting in proton pumping into the P-side (Extended Data Fig. 9b). After hydride transfer, dIII- $\text{NADP}^+$  is dislodged by an incoming dIII from the opposing monomer and is attached to dII with protonated  $\text{H664}^+$  (as pH is now lower in the matrix) (steps 1-2). This opens the channel to the P-side and  $\text{H664}^+$  loses its proton there, as its  $\text{pK}_a$  is reduced due to interaction with  $\text{NADP}^+$  (step 2). Nucleotide exchange follows due to the excess of NADPH (step 3) and dIII-NADPH swivels “up”, due to its low affinity to neutral  $\text{H664}$ , back to step 1. In both forward and reverse reactions,  $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  formed in dI in step 1 would be exchanged for  $\text{NADH}/\text{NAD}^+$  before step 4 completes, so that the cycle can resume, since dI remains open throughout.

The proposed mechanism ensures tight coupling also close to the equilibrium conditions. We can simply consider all possibilities. After hydride transfer in step 1, dIII associates with dII, allowing nucleotide exchange. Subsequent to nucleotide exchange possible scenarios will be as follows:



1. If it is dIII-NADP<sup>+</sup> and H664<sup>+</sup> (weak dIII-dII interaction), then dIII would be flipped up first, then dII is closed from periplasm and opened to cytoplasm, so that proton is released into the cytoplasm – this is forward reaction, when there is excess of NADP<sup>+</sup>.

2. If it is dIII-NADP<sup>+</sup> and H664 (strong dIII-dII interaction), dIII will remain attached to dII until H664 is protonated from the periplasm. This prevents slipping of forward reaction. After H664 protonation dIII will be flipped up and proton released into the cytoplasm, in the forward reaction as above.

3. If it is dIII-NADPH and H664 (weak dIII-dII interaction), dIII will flip up first, then dII will close to the periplasm and open to cytoplasm, allowing H664 protonation from the cytoplasm - this is reverse reaction, when there is excess of NADPH.

4. If it is dIII-NADPH and H664<sup>+</sup> (strong dIII-dII interaction), dIII will remain attached to dII until H664 is de-protonated into the periplasm. This prevents slipping of reverse reaction. After H664 de-protonation, dIII can flip up and dII will close to the periplasm and open to cytoplasm, allowing H664 protonation from the cytoplasm, in the reverse reaction as above.

5. In the apo state, dIII remains attached to dII, preventing proton leak.

Thus, we achieve tight coupling between hydride transfer and proton translocation, without any slipping, at all conditions – either favourable for forward or reverse reaction, or close to equilibrium. Close to equilibrium the overall net direction of reaction will depend on the pmf value and nucleotide ratios.

### Communication between the two monomers

The mechanism outlined above and previous biochemical data imply strong coupling between the two monomers resulting in their ‘anti-phase’ action. Our structures suggest different ways in which the two monomers can communicate with each other, in addition to one dIII dislodging another one from dI.

Rotation of one dIII into the face-up position (modelled on dI<sub>2</sub>dIII crystal structures) would bring the two dIII domains much closer together than in the “double face-down” structure, so that they can form many hydrogen bonds without clashing and so interact when swivelling (Extended Data Fig. 8a).

dI dimer is stabilised by a large buried surface extended by an elongated hairpin (ovine residues 172-184) reaching out from each monomer into the neighbour<sup>8,13,14</sup>. The hairpin from one dI monomer interacts only weakly or not at all with the “face-down” dIII in

another monomer (as seen in our structures), but strongly with the “face-up” dIII (as in dI<sub>2</sub>dIII crystal structures). This hairpin originates directly from the Rossmann fold coordinating the NAD(H) in the first monomer, which may allow for communication of the redox state from one dI monomer to the other.

Additionally, in mammalian enzyme the dI-dII linker contacts the dIII from one monomer and is continued by the TM1, which forms extensive interactions with the TM5 and the TM4-5 loop from another monomer, which in turn directly contact dIII from that monomer (Fig. 1d). This feature, in addition to the TM1/TM5 dimer stabilisation, may allow for more efficient dIII cross-talk. Together, all these possible routes of communication may allow for the two monomers to work more effectively in an anti-phase fashion.



**Supplementary Table 1. Catalytic activities of site-directed mutants in *E. coli* NNT**

Homologous ovine residue	<i>E. coli</i> mutation	Reverse activity	Cyclic activity	Proton pumping activity	Notes	Structural and mechanistic explanation if conserved	Reference
D214	D195E	8%	N/A	N/A	forward activity inhibited by ~79%	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket	15
Y245	Y226F	~40%	N/A	31%	~3x increase in $K_m$ for APAD <sup>+</sup>	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket - mobile loop	16
Y245	Y226L	38%	N/A	13%	~3x increase for APAD <sup>+</sup>	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket - mobile loop	16
Y245	Y226H	45%	N/A	28-42%	~3x increase for APAD <sup>+</sup>	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket - mobile loop	16
Y245	Y226N	43%	N/A	51%	N/A	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket - mobile loop	16
K251	D232N	45%	N/A	67%	N/A		17
K251	D232E	89%	N/A	110%	N/A		17
K251	D232K	75%	N/A	65%	N/A		17
K251	D232H	84%	N/A	98%	N/A		17
E257	E238Q	71%	N/A	18%	N/A	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket	17
E257	E238K	41%	N/A	27%	N/A	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket	17
K259	E240Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	3x increased $K_m$ for APAD <sup>+</sup> but not for NADH		17
	triple D232N E238Q E240Q	55%	N/A	59%	lower inhibition by DCCD than wt, both in the presence and absence of NAD(P)H		17
	triple D232H E238Q E240Q	44%	N/A	51%	lower inhibition by DCCD than wt, both in the presence and absence of NADH(P)H		17
A454	E423C	>75%	N/A	N/A			18
Y470	Y439F	41%	N/A	38%		part of the lipid binding pocket at the dimer interface	19
A479	A448C	50-75%	N/A	N/A		part of the dII-dIII interface	18
H481	H450T	17%	N/A	51%	Greatly lowered activity but still pumps protons	part of the dII-dIII interface	20
H481	H450T	26%	3000%	21%		part of the dII-dIII interface	21
T488	T457A	80%	N/A	109%		immediate vicinity to the proton pumping residue N489	19
N489	N458A	66%	N/A	44%		part of the proton pumping machinery	19
S492	S461	51%	N/A	67%		immediate vicinity to the proton pumping residue N489	19
	triple T457A N458A S461A	9%	N/A	22%			19
G505	Q474C	>75%	N/A	N/A			18
L507	G476C	93%	81%	N/A	double mutants with cysteines on other cytoplasmic loops generated and cross-linked; activities were mainly preserved (above 50%)		22
N527	N492A	54%	N/A	78%		immediate vicinity to the proton pumping residue N489	19
L533	T498C	>75%	N/A	N/A			18
T535	T500A	49%	N/A	56%		not part of proton transfer pathway	19
Q536	Q501C	>75%	N/A	N/A		not part of proton transfer pathway	18
R537	R502S	71%	N/A	93%		not part of proton transfer pathway	17
540-545	$\Delta(505-510)$	6%	371%	N/A	NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity increased by 35x - enzyme co-purifies with NADP <sup>+</sup> at 0.2 mol/mol	CL2 (esp. R544) is important for dII-dIII interface formation, deletion of this loop locks the enzyme in the dIII-detached state, explaining the copurification with NADP <sup>+</sup> , increased cyclic activity and decreased	23

						reverse activity, because NADP(H) cannot exchange without dIII interacting with dII	
543-545	Δ(508-510)	50%	253%	N/A	NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity increased by 306%	CL2 (esp. R544) is important for dII-dIII interface formation, deletion of this loop locks the enzyme in the dIII-detached state, explaining the increased cyclic activity and decreased reverse activity, because NADP(H) cannot exchange without dIII interacting with dII	23
R544	K509E	50%	201%	N/A	NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity increased by 168%	R544 important for dII-dIII interface formation, mutation of this residue locks the enzyme in the dIII-detached state, explaining the increased cyclic activity and decreased reverse activity, because NADP(H) cannot exchange without dIII interacting with dII	23
G573	S2C	100%	95%	N/A			18,22
L595	L24C	~15%	N/A	N/A		not part of proton transfer pathway, buried residue	18
A601	S30C	>75%	N/A	N/A			18
R602	R31A	19%	8%	8%		stabilises CL3, TM5 and TM6	24
R602	R31E	>120%	61%	>120%		stabilises CL3, TM5 and TM6	24
R602	R31L	41%	15%	46%		stabilises CL3, TM5 and TM6	24
N605	N34A	59%	N/A	79%		not part of proton transfer pathway	19
N605	N34T	>120%	92%	>120%		not part of proton transfer pathway	24
P627	T54C	50% or >75%	65%	N/A			18,22
K649	K76Q	99%	95%	~100%		not part of proton transfer pathway	24
R650	K77A	9%	4%	11%			24
R650	K77L	13%	4%	19%			24
R650	K77Q	49%	46%	62%			24
S654	T81C	50-75%	N/A	N/A			18
D655	E82K	79%	N/A	66%			20
D655	E82Q	63% or 49%	N/A	85% or 63%			19,20
Q658	E85A	9%	19%	9%		N-terminal part of the TM9 which undergoes changes during dIII attachment	24
Q658	E85C	4% or 50-75%	3%	8%		N-terminal part of the TM9 which undergoes changes during dIII attachment	18,24
Q658	E85K	15%	4%	14%		N-terminal part of the TM9 which undergoes changes during dIII attachment	24
Q658	E85L	8%	5%	7%		N-terminal part of the TM9 which undergoes changes during dIII attachment	24
Q658	E85Q	3% or 63%	2%	4% or 71%		N-terminal part of the TM9 which undergoes changes during dIII attachment	19,24
Q658	E85S	22%	6%	20%		N-terminal part of the TM9 which undergoes changes during dIII attachment	24
	triple E79Q E82Q E85Q	55%	N/A	94%			19
H664	H91A	7%	10%	0%	H664 is a key residue for proton translocation and based on its protonation state stabilises face-down dIII-NADP <sup>+</sup> or dIII-NADPH	Mutation to small and nonpolar residue stabilised NNT in a face-down conformation, hence no cyclic or reverse activity measurable	24
H664	H91C	12% or 3% or 24%	11%	7% or 0% or 0%	No conformational change in β chain induced by NADP(H) binding - as measured by βR265 susceptibility to trypsin	Mutation to small and uncharged residue stabilised NNT in a face-down conformation, hence no cyclic or reverse activity measurable and NADP(H) cannot induce change of conformations	20,24,25
H664	H91D	9% or 25%	240% or 12%	6% or 0%		Cyclic activity data conflicting; NNT could be trapped either in dIII-attached or detached conformations; based on H91E mutation, dIII-attached conformation is more likely	24,26
H664	H91E	15%	3%	0%		Negatively charged residue stabilised NNT in a face-down conformation; hence no cyclic or reverse activity	24
H664	H91G	27%	15%	0%		Mutation to small and uncharged residue stabilised NNT in a face-down conformation, hence radically reduced cyclic or reverse activities	24
H664	H91I	28%	6%	2%		Mutation to nonpolar residue stabilised NNT in a face-down conformation, hence radically reduced cyclic	24

						and reverse activities	
H664	H91L	18%	11%	2%		Mutation to nonpolar residue stabilised NNT in a face-down conformation, hence radically reduced cyclic and reverse activities	24
H664	H91K	4% or 2% or 5% or 4%	260% or 120% or 3-20%	20% or 30% or 1%	Also increases NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity by 40x - copurifies with 0.2 mol NADP <sup>+</sup> per mol; present in NADP(H) induced conformation as shown by susceptibility to trypsinolysis at $\beta$ R265; Measured at large nucleotide conc. (0.5mM NADPH, 1mM APAD for reverse; 1mM NADH or 0.5mM NADP <sup>+</sup> and NADH each);	positive charge on H91 promotes dissociation of dIII- NADP <sup>+</sup> , hence increased cyclic activity and co-purification with NADP <sup>+</sup> ; substitution for a bulky Lys at this crucial site prevents NADP(H) insertion and locks dII in the detached state	23-27
H664	H91M	16%	3%	<1%		Mutation to nonpolar residue stabilised NNT in a face-down conformation, hence radically reduced cyclic and reverse activities	24
H664	H91N	80% or 86% or 66% or 18%	8% or 44%	7% or 0% or 7% or 4%	Proton transfer activity is inhibited	NNT trapped in the face-down conformation; Asn cannot be protonated, hence complete inhibition of proton transfer and reduced reverse/cyclic activities as detachment of dIII is dysregulated	21,24-26
H664	H91R	1% or 7%	228% or 8%	25% or 0%	pH dependence of reverse activity disrupted - shifted towards acidic pH, pH dependence of cyclic activity stays the same; retains 0.8 mol NADP(H) per dimer	consistent with H91K mutant: positive charge on H91 promotes dissociation of dIII- NADP <sup>+</sup> , hence increased cyclic activity and co-purification with NADP <sup>+</sup> ; NADP(H) cannot insert into dII stabilised in N-side open state	26
H664	H91S	19% or 6%	N/A	11% or 8%	No conformational change in $\beta$ chain induced by NADP(H) binding - as measured by $\beta$ R265 susceptibility to trypsin	Mutation to small and uncharged residue stabilised NNT in a face-down conformation; hence no reverse activity measurable and NADP(H) cannot induce change of conformations	20,25
H664	H91T	11% or 2%	N/A	8% or 8%	No conformational change in $\beta$ chain induced by NADP(H) binding - as measured by $\beta$ R265 susceptibility to trypsin	Mutation to small and uncharged residue stabilised NNT in a face-down conformation; hence no reverse activity measurable and NADP(H) cannot induce change of conformations	20,25
H664	H91V	17%	3%	0%		Mutation to small and non-polar residue stabilised NNT in a face-down conformation; hence no cyclic or reverse activity measurable and NADP(H) cannot induce change of conformations	24
H664	H91W	3%	3%	0%		Bulky residue stabilised dII in a dIII-attached state, hence no reverse and cyclic activities	24
H664	H91Y	7%	8%	1%		Bulky residue stabilised dII a dIII-attached state, hence no reverse and cyclic activities	24
S665	S92A	>120% or 53%	95%	>120% or 78%		not part of proton transfer pathway	19,24
S665	S92C	>75%	N/A	N/A		not part of proton transfer pathway	18
G668	G95A	56%	45%	44%	no cyclic activity without NADPH; rev. act measured at 200 $\mu$ M substrates, cyclic at 10 $\mu$ M NADPH	not part of proton transfer pathway	28
E678	S105C	37% or >75%	85%	N/A			18,22
I681 E682	double H108N H109N	51%	N/A	69%			19
E682- F685	deltaH109-G112	58%	49%	N/A	$\beta$ domain was split into two my introducing a stop codon at H109		29
T688	A114C	~15%	N/A	N/A			18
V698	E124C	15%	>100%	N/A	pH dependence of reverse activity shifted toward acidic - max. rate at pH6		22
V698	E124K	46%	30%	36%			24
V698	E124A	28%	68%	41%			24
V698	E124Q	41%	N/A	150%			19
G706	G132A	101%	70%	101%	no cyclic activity without NADPH; rev. act measured at 200 $\mu$ M substrates, cyclic at 10 $\mu$ M NADPH	not part of proton transfer pathway	28
T709	T135A	73%	52%	31%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
T709	T135C	55%	13%	16%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24

T709	T135D	71%	6%	28%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
T709	T135K	5%	100%	1%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment; bulky residue could stabilise detached dII, giving rise to retained cyclic activity	24
T709	T135L	33%	77%	9%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment; bulky residue could stabilise detached dII, giving rise to retained cyclic activity	24
T709	T135S	23%	17%	12%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
S711	T137A	100-120%	70%	100-120%		not part of proton transfer pathway	24
G712	G138A	57%	34%	32%	no cyclic activity without NADPH; rev. act measured at 200 $\mu$ M substrates, cyclic at 10 $\mu$ M NADPH	not part of proton transfer pathway	28
S713	S139A	6%	12%	0%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
S713	S139C	34%	63%	33%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
S713	S139D	2%	4%	0%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
S713	S139G	83%	31%	41%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
S713	S139H	1%	2%	0%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
S713	S139K	2%	4%	0%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
S713	S139L	4%	6%	0%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
S713	S139N	3%	3%	0%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
S713	S139T	96%	77%	71%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
S713	triple T135A T137A S139A	29%	N/A	155%			19
A716	A142C	>75%	N/A	N/A		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close vicinity to be able to distort local environment	18
K719	K145A	44%	21%	50%		Important for maintaining integrity of dII (stabilises CL6 by salt bridge to the main chain), hence inhibition of all activities	24
K719	K145E	46%	57%	67%		Important for maintaining integrity of dII (stabilises CL6 by salt bridge to the main chain), hence inhibition of all activities	24
K719	K145L	19%	23%	2%		Important for maintaining integrity of dII (stabilises CL6 by salt bridge to the main chain), hence inhibition of all activities	24
K719	K145T	29%	N/A	71%		Important for maintaining integrity of dII (stabilises CL6 by salt bridge to the main chain), hence inhibition of all activities	19
I723	K149Q	49%	58%	67%			24
A727	K153A	17%	16%	19%			24
A727	K153Q	50%	60%	7%			24
L731	A157C	>75%	N/A	N/A			18
R734	R160A	45%	18%	3%		Important for maintaining integrity of dII (stabilises CL6 by salt bridge to the main chain of CL8), hence inhibition of all activities	24
R734	R160L	97%	40%	68%		Important for maintaining integrity of dII (stabilises CL6 by salt bridge to the main chain of CL8), hence inhibition of all activities	24
H735	H161S	90%	N/A	100%		not part of proton transfer pathway or structurally important	20
H735	H161T	88% or 98%	122%	108 or 110%		not part of proton transfer pathway or structurally important	20,21
H735	H161C	59%	N/A	94%	Little effect	not part of proton transfer pathway or structurally important	20,21
N738	N164T	>120%	>120%	100-120%		not part of proton transfer pathway or structurally important	24
G747	L173C	50-75%	N/A	N/A			18
S757	S183C	50% or	65%	N/A		faces the IMS, no catalytic role	18,22

		>75%						
S767	I193C	N/A	N/A	N/A			no catalytic role	18
A782	S208C	>75%	N/A	N/A				18
D787	D213A	13%	14%	4%			Important for integrity of dII and transmission of conformational changes between dII and dIII (stabilises CL7 and CL8 by salt bridge to R839); mutant stabilised in face-down state and all the activities were inhibited	24
D787	D213E	34% or 20%	28%	77% or 18%			Mutation to a similar residue gives a milder but noticeable phenotype	24,26
D787	D213G	2%	3%	0%			Important for integrity of dII and transmission of conformational changes between dII and dIII (stabilises CL7 and CL8 by salt bridge to R839); mutant stabilised in face-down state and all the activities were inhibited	24
D787	D213H	82%	N/A	34%			Mutation to a similar residue gives a milder but noticeable phenotype	20
D787	D213I	11%	62%	N/A	Decreased $K_m(\text{NADPH})$ from 33 $\mu\text{M}$ to 9.1 $\mu\text{M}$ ; decreased $S_{0.5}$ for NADPH from 2.7 to 0.27 $\mu\text{M}$ in cyclic reaction		Important for integrity of dII and transmission of conformational changes between dII and dIII (stabilises CL7 and CL8 by salt bridge to R839); mutant stabilised in dIII-detached state as suggested by decreased $K_m(\text{NADPH})$ and less affected cyclic activity	30
D787	D213K	7% or 4%	8%	49% or 5%			Important for integrity of dII and transmission of conformational changes between dII and dIII (stabilises CL7 and CL8 by salt bridge to R839); mutant stabilised in face-down state and all the activities were inhibited	24,26
D787	D213N	23% or 92%	67%	44%	Decreased $K_m(\text{NADPH})$ from 33 $\mu\text{M}$ to 20 $\mu\text{M}$ ; decreased $S_{0.5}$ for NADPH from 2.7 to 0.43 $\mu\text{M}$ in cyclic reaction		Important for integrity of dII and transmission of conformational changes between dII and dIII (stabilises CL7 and CL8 by salt bridge to R839); mutant stabilised in dIII-detached state as suggested by decreased $K_m(\text{NADPH})$ and less affected cyclic activity	20,30
D787	D213L	4%	6%	3%			Important for integrity of dII and transmission of conformational changes between dII and dIII (stabilises CL7 and CL8 by salt bridge to R839); mutant stabilised in face-down state and all the activities were inhibited	24
D787	D213R	5%	33%	28% or 6%			Important for integrity of dII and transmission of conformational changes between dII and dIII (stabilises CL7 and CL8 by salt bridge to R839); mutant stabilised in face-down state and all the activities were inhibited	24,26
D787	double D213N E82Q	25%	N/A	81%				19
M788	M214C	50-75%	N/A	N/A			part of CL7 and in close vicinity to dII-dIII interface	18
V790	V216C	50-75%	N/A	N/A			close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	18
T793	S219A	100%	>120%	>120%			close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	24
T793	S219C	50-75%	N/A	N/A			close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	18
N796	N222A	18% or 9%	17% or 4%	0% or 10%			part of proton translocation pathway; mutation to a small nonpolar residue stabilises the face-down dIII conformation, hence inhibition of all activities	19,24,26
N796	N222C	58% or 48%	59% or 24%	11% or 30%			part of proton translocation pathway, hence proton transfer activity affected the strongest; mutation to a small uncharged residue also stabilises the face-down dIII conformation, hence intermediate inhibition of reverse and cyclic activities as well	19,24,31
N796	N222D	13% or 21% or 15%	100% or 23% or 7%	22% or 13% or 14%			Not entirely consistent measurements, introduction of negative charge at N796 appears to favour dIII-attached conformation and favours face-down dIII	19,24,26
N796	N222G	2% or 11%	2% or 5%	0% or 10%			part of proton translocation pathway; mutation to a small nonpolar residue stabilises the face-down dIII conformation, hence inhibition of all activities	24,31
N796	N222H	7% or 35% or 12%	114% or 18% or 4%	7% or 0% or 4%			Different measurements not entirely consistent; N796 part of proton translocation pathway, hence proton transfer activity affected the strongest; mutation to a small uncharged residue also stabilises the face-down dIII conformation, hence intermediate inhibition of reverse and cyclic activities as well	19,24,26
N796	N222K	3% or 11%	15%	13% or 0%	retains 0.58 mol of NADP(H) per dimer		Part of proton translocation pathway next to H664; confirms observations on H91K/R mutants; low cyclic	24,26

						activity not entirely consistent	
N796	N222L	52%	28%	1%		Part of proton translocation pathway next to H664; mutation to a nonpolar residue stabilises the face-down dIII conformation, hence inhibition of all activities	24
N796	N222Q	15%	16%	0%		Part of proton translocation pathway next to H664; introduction of a larger residue stabilises the face-down dIII conformation, hence inhibition of all activities	24
N796	N222R	2% or 2% or 3%	214% or 9% or 57%	13% or 0% or 11%	retains 0.44 mol of NADP(H) per dimer	Part of proton translocation pathway next to H664; confirms observations on H91K/R mutants: dIII-detached NNT copurifies with NADP(H) and catalyses cyclic reaction	19,24,26
N796	N222S	3%	1%	0%		Part of proton translocation pathway next to H664; mutation to a nonpolar residue stabilises the face-down dIII conformation, hence inhibition of all activities	24
N796	N222Y	3% or 3%	7% or 3%	0% or 6%		Part of proton translocation pathway next to H664; mutation stabilises the face-down dIII conformation, hence inhibition of all activities	19,24
N796, H664	double N222H H91N	2%	N/A	8%		part of proton translocation pathway, mutant stabilised in face-down dIII conformation, underlines the sensitivity of this area to small changes	26
S797	S223A	>120%	>120%	>120%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close enough vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24
Y798	Y224F	83% or 49%	>120% or 93%	95% or 92%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close enough vicinity to be able to distort local environment	24,31
Y798	double Y224F N222A	8%	5%	10%		not part of proton transfer pathway but in close enough vicinity to be able to distort local environment	19
S799	S225A	87%	88%	57%		consistent with S799 participating in proton translocation as the proton translocation activity is inhibited more than hydride transfer activity in the mutant enzyme	24
S799	S225C	~30%	N/A	N/A		consistent with S799 participating in proton translocation as the proton translocation activity is inhibited more than hydride transfer activity in the mutant enzyme	18
S799, S797	double S223A S225A	107%	N/A	101%		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	19
G800	G226A	50%	70%	32%	no cyclic activity without NADPH; rev. act measured at 200 $\mu$ M substrates, cyclic at 10 $\mu$ M NADPH	close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	28
G807	G233A	49%	31%	30%	no cyclic activity without NADPH; rev. act measured at 200 $\mu$ M substrates, cyclic at 10 $\mu$ M NADPH	close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	28
N811	S237C	81% or >75%	>100%	N/A		part of IL7	18,22
N812	N238A	62%	N/A	100%		part of IL7	19
N812	N238C	50%	100%	N/A		part of IL7	32
N813	D239C	10% or 50-75%	70%	N/A			18,32
L814	L240C	40%	120%	N/A		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway and part of TMH14 important for transmitting dIII-induced changes in dII	32
L815	L241C	40%	60%	N/A		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway and part of TMH14 important for transmitting dIII-induced changes in dII	32
T816	I242C	0%	0%	N/A			32
I817	V243C	30%	40%	N/A			32
V818	T244C	40%	30%	N/A			32
G819	G245C	25%	0%	N/A		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	32
G819	G245L	20%	50%	N/A		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	32
G819	G245A	104%	58%	100%		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	28
A820	A246C	140%	170%	N/A		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	32

L821	L247C	30%	200%	N/A		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	32
I822	V248C	40%	170%	N/A			32
G823	G249A	79%	71%	77%		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	28
G823	G249C	40%	0%	N/A		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	32
G823	G249L	70%	50%	N/A		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	32
S824	S250A	>120%	>120%	>120%		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	24
S824	S250C	250% or >75%	170%	N/A	Cyclic activity sensitive to phosphatase treatment	close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	18,32
S825	S251A	>120%	>120%	77%		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	24
S825	S251C	130%	250%	N/A	Cyclic activity sensitive to phosphatase treatment	close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	32
S825	double S250A S251A	95%	N/A	115%		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	19
G826	G252A	2.6%	96%	0%	Also increases NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity by 20x – because NADPH remains bound to enzyme; measured both in membranes and purified NNT	direct contact with N796; substitution with any bulkier residue distorts the proton translocation pathway and prevents binding of dIII; consistent with co-purification with NADP(H) and high cyclic activity	28
G826	G252C	1.9%	85%	1.6%	Also increases NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity by 20x – because NADPH remains bound to enzyme; measured both in membranes and purified NNT; Karlsson report lower (~20% cyclic activity)	direct contact with N796; substitution with any bulkier residue distorts the proton translocation pathway and prevents binding of dIII; consistent with co-purification with NADP(H) and high cyclic activity	28,32
G826	G252S	2.4%	83%	1%	Also increases NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity by 20x – because NADPH remains bound to enzyme; measured both in membranes and purified NNT	direct contact with N796; substitution with any bulkier residue distorts the proton translocation pathway and prevents binding of dIII; consistent with co-purification with NADP(H) and high cyclic activity	28
G826	G252T	2.3%	101%	0%	Also increases NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity by 20x – because NADPH remains bound to enzyme; measured both in membranes and purified NNT	direct contact with N796; substitution with any bulkier residue distorts the proton translocation pathway and prevents binding of dIII; consistent with co-purification with NADP(H) and high cyclic activity	28
G826	G252V	2.5%	22%	0%	Also increases NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity by 4.5x – because NADPH remains bound to enzyme	direct contact with N796; substitution with any bulkier residue distorts the proton translocation pathway and prevents binding of dIII; consistent with co-purification with NADP(H) and high cyclic activity	28
G826	G252L	10%	20%	N/A		direct contact with N796; substitution with any bulkier residue distorts the proton translocation pathway and prevents binding of dIII; consistent with co-purification with NADP(H) and high cyclic activity	32
A827	A253C	50%	150%	N/A		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	32
I828	I254C	30%	100%	N/A		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	32
L829	I255C	80%	150%	N/A			32
S830	S256A	89%	>120%	95%		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	24
S830	S256C	220%	150%	N/A	Cyclic activity sensitive to phosphatase treatment	close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	32
Y831	Y257F	>120%	>120%	>120%		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	24
Y831	Y257C	70%	120%	N/A		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	32
Y831	double S256A Y257F	88%	N/A	69%		close vicinity to proton translocation pathway	19
I832	I258C	70%	80%	N/A		important in switching dII between the two conformations; mutant switches more slowly	32
M833	M259C	20%	220%	N/A	Cyclic activity not sensitive to phosphatase treatment	important in switching dII between the two conformations; mutant locked in dIII-detached conformation	32
C834	S260C	44% or 78% or 250%	130% or 100%	57%	No increase of NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity; Karlsson et al 2003 report enhanced reverse transhydrogenation activity	Measurements not entirely consistent; this residue is important in switching dII between the two conformations	20,23,32
C834	S260C	23%	~50%	N/A	done in cysteine-free NNT	important in switching dII between the two conformations	33
V835	K261C	8%	~40%	N/A	done in cysteine-free NNT		33

A836	A262C	8% or 50-75%	~60%	N/A	done in cysteine-free NNT; also measured labelling of this cysteine by a maleimide MIANS; stimulated by NADP <sup>+</sup> and to a lesser degree NADPH addition	important in switching dII between the two conformations; mutant slightly stabilised in dIII-detached conformation based on cyclic activity	18,33
M837	M263C	5%	~50%	N/A	done in cysteine-free NNT	important in switching dII between the two conformations; mutant slightly stabilised in dIII-detached conformation based on cyclic activity	33
N838	N264C	10%	~30%	N/A	done in cysteine-free NNT	important in switching dII between the two conformations; mutant slightly stabilised in dIII-detached conformation based on cyclic activity	33
R839	R265C	8%	100%	N/A	3x higher NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity, paradoxically increased K <sub>m</sub> for NADPH from 7 μM to 17 μM; done in cysteine-free NNT; pH optimum for reverse reaction shifted towards acidic pH (~6.5)	Maintains integrity of dII and transmits conformational changes between dII and dIII; mutant locked in dIII-detached conformation, hence reverse activity inhibited more than cyclic activity	33
R839	R265A	20%	~150%	N/A	pH optimum for reverse reaction shifted towards acidic pH (~6.5)	Maintains integrity of dII and transmits conformational changes between dII and dIII; mutant locked in dIII-detached conformation, hence reverse activity inhibited more than cyclic activity	33
R839	R265E	8%	~90%	N/A	pH optimum for reverse reaction shifted towards acidic pH (~6.5)	Maintains integrity of dII and transmits conformational changes between dII and dIII; mutant locked in dIII-detached conformation, hence reverse activity inhibited more than cyclic activity	33
R839	R265K	34%	~130%	N/A	pH optimum for reverse reaction shifted towards acidic pH (~6.5)	Maintains integrity of dII and transmits conformational changes between dII and dIII; mutant locked in dIII-detached conformation, hence reverse activity inhibited more than cyclic activity	33
R839	R265C AND D213C	5%	~30%	N/A	NADP(H)-independent cyclic activity N/A; done in cysteine-free NNT;	Maintains integrity of dII and transmits conformational changes between dII and dIII; mutant locked in dIII-detached conformation, hence reverse activity inhibited more than cyclic activity	33
S840	S266C	69%	~90%	N/A	2.4x higher NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity, K <sub>m</sub> for NADPH 5.3 μM	not part of catalytic machinery	33
G848	G274A	72%	45%	N/A		not part of catalytic machinery	34
G848	G274D	50%	63%	N/A		not part of catalytic machinery	34
G848	G274V	57%	39%	N/A		not part of catalytic machinery	34
G850	G276A	60%	42%	N/A		not part of catalytic machinery	34
G850	G276V	40%	16%	N/A		not part of catalytic machinery	34
G850	G276F	41%	29%	N/A		not part of catalytic machinery	34
G889	G314A	7% or 4%	3% or 0%	N/A	No increase of NADP <sup>+</sup> independent cyclic activity; trypsinolysis of β subunit not stimulated by NADP(H)	part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, mutation prevents NADP(H) binding, hence all activities inhibited	23,34,35
G889	G314E	1%	0%	0%	spontaneous mutation in E. coli RHI strain; trypsinolysis of β subunit not stimulated by NADP(H)	part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, mutation prevents NADP(H) binding, hence all activities inhibited	34-36
G889	G314C	1%	0%	N/A	trypsinolysis of β subunit not stimulated by NADP(H)	part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, mutation prevents NADP(H) binding, hence all activities inhibited	34,35
G889	G314V	1%	0%	N/A	trypsinolysis of β subunit not stimulated by NADP(H)	part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, mutation prevents NADP(H) binding, hence all activities inhibited	34,35
Y890	Y315H	28%	N/A	63%		part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, also involved in opening of dIII	16
Y890	Y315I	4%	N/A	N/A		part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, also involved in opening of dIII	16
Y890	Y315F	62%	N/A	60%	Phe mutant 50% activity and pumps protons	part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, also involved in opening of dIII	16
Y890	Y315D	6%	N/A	N/A		part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, also involved in opening of dIII	16
Y890	Y315N	25%	N/A	20%		part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, also involved in opening of dIII	16
Y890	Y315V	4%	N/A	N/A		part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, also involved in opening of dIII	16
Y890	Y315L	13	N/A	N/A		part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, also involved in opening of dIII	16
A894	V319G	55%	N/A	N/A	trypsinolysis pattern the same as wild-type		34
G912	G337A	68%	N/A	N/A	trypsinolysis pattern the same as wild-type	not part of catalytic machinery	34
G912	G337D	95%	N/A	N/A	trypsinolysis pattern the same as wild-type	not part of catalytic machinery	34
G912	G337E	93%	N/A	N/A	trypsinolysis pattern the same as wild-type	not part of catalytic machinery	34



G912	double V319G G337D	11%	N/A	N/A	trypsinolysis pattern the same as wild-type	not part of catalytic machinery	34
H920	H345C	250%	N/A	26%	done in isolated dIII; retains less NADP(H)	very close to the NADP(H) binding site, destabilises nucleotide binding, making exchange possible even when not bound to dII, hence decoupled phenotype	37
H920	H345N	8% or 7%	830%	12%	additional trypsin fragment of $\beta$ subunit; NADP(H)-stimulated $\beta$ subunit cleavage still present	very close to the NADP(H) binding site, stimulates nucleotide binding, hence high cyclic and low reverse activities	21,34
H920	H345Q	18% or 17%	22%	30%	additional trypsin fragment of $\beta$ subunit; NADP(H)-stimulated $\beta$ subunit cleavage still present	very close to the NADP(H) binding site, slows down nucleotide exchange inhibiting all activities	21,34
	double G337D H345Q	5%	N/A	N/A	fully cleaved in the absence of substrates		34
	triple V319G G337D H345Q	1%	N/A	N/A			34
A923	A348C	825%	N/A	67%	done in isolated dIII; retains 60% NADPH, 34% in apo form	part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, destabilises nucleotide binding, making exchange possible even when not bound to dII, hence decoupled phenotype	37
R925	R350C	250% or 4%	7%	41%	done in isolated dIII; 24% with NADP <sup>+</sup> , 30% with NADPH, 46% in apo form	part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, coordinates diphosphate; NADP(H) binding is destabilised and exchange possible even when not bound to dII, hence decoupled phenotype	34,37
R925	R350S	4%	1%	N/A		part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, coordinates diphosphate; NADP(H) binding is destabilised in mutant	34
R925	R350G	5%	0%	N/A		part of the NADP(H) binding pocket, coordinates diphosphate; NADP(H) binding is destabilised in mutant	34
R925	double H345Q R350G	1%	N/A	N/A	fully cleaved in the absence of substrates	Trapped in dIII-detached conformation without the nucleotide bound	34
R925	triple V319G H345Q R350G	1%	N/A	N/A	fully cleaved in the absence of substrates	Trapped in dIII-detached conformation without the nucleotide bound	34
R925	triple G337D H345Q R350G	0%	N/A	N/A	fully cleaved in the absence of substrates	Trapped in dIII-detached conformation without the nucleotide bound	34
R925	quadruple V319G G337D H345Q R350G	1%	N/A	N/A	fully cleaved in the absence of substrates	Trapped in dIII-detached conformation without the nucleotide bound	34
Q929	H354Q	10%	78%	10%			21
Q929	H354Y	11%	11%	11%			21
E936	E361Q	20%	40%	113%		at the edge of the dII-dIII interface, stabilising effect on the interface, such that its formation is not strictly controlled by the nucleotide exchange, hence decoupled phenotype	38
E946	E371Q	71%	78%	34%		at the edge of the dII-dIII interface	38
E949	E374L	63%	708%	33%		not part of catalytic machinery; stabilises dIII in the detached state	38
D958	D383L	49%	79%	N/A		not part of catalytic machinery	38
D958	D383R	92%	123%	N/A		not part of catalytic machinery	38
A965	A390C	74%	106%	N/A		close to the NADP(H) binding site but facing away from it	37
D967	D392C	1375%	N/A	18%	done in isolated dIII, fully in apo form	part of the NADP(H) binding site, also contributes to stabilisation of loop E in the closed conformation, hence nucleotide exchange possible without interaction with dII and reverse activity is elevated	37
E967	D392A	1%	0%	44%		part of the NADP(H) binding site, prevents closing of loop E and binding of nucleotide	38
E967	D392K	3%	0%	2%		part of the NADP(H) binding site, prevents closing of loop E and binding of nucleotide	38
E967	D392N	2%	0%	13%		part of the NADP(H) binding site, prevents closing of loop E and binding of nucleotide	38
E967	D392Q	3%	0%	2%		part of the NADP(H) binding site, prevents closing of loop E and binding of nucleotide	38
E967	D392T	2%	0%	2%		part of the NADP(H) binding site, prevents closing of loop E and binding of nucleotide	38
T968	T393C	175%	N/A	49%	in isolated dIII; 34% NADP <sup>+</sup> , 66% NADPH; 2x faster release rate of NADPH	part of the NADP(H) binding site, hydrogen bonding with diphosphate; mutation allows nucleotide exchange to be decoupled from proton transfer, hence decoupled phenotype	39

A973	A398C	100%	102%	N/A	in isolated dIII; forward reaction rate increased 3-fold	not part of catalytic machinery	40
D976	D401G	0-102%	3-76%	0-88%		part of D loop, stabilises dI-dII linker in the face-down state	27
D976	D401E	0-102%	3-76%	0-88%		part of D loop, stabilises dI-dII linker in the face-down state	27
D976	D401V	0-102%	3-76%	0-88%		part of D loop, stabilises dI-dII linker in the face-down state	27
S979	S404C	75%	100%	N/A	in isolated dIII; forward reaction rate increased 2-fold	part of D loop, not part of catalytic machinery	40
1981	S406C	450%	29%	N/A	in isolated dIII; forward reaction rate increased 35-fold; 4x faster NADPH release		40
G983	G408C	100%	29%	N/A	in isolated dIII; forward reaction rate increased 3-fold	surface-exposed residue, not part of catalytic machinery	40
M984	M409C	75%	24%	N/A	in isolated dIII; forward reaction rate increased 3-fold	close to the NADP(H) binding site	40
V986	V411C	125%	31%	N/A	in isolated dIII; forward reaction rate increased 5-fold	not part of catalytic machinery	40
E988	E413G	70-106%	N/A	89-99%		surface-exposed residue, not part of catalytic machinery	27
E988	E413D	70-106%	N/A	89-99%		surface-exposed residue, not part of catalytic machinery	27
E988	E413V	70-106%	N/A	89-99%		surface-exposed residue, not part of catalytic machinery	27
K991	K416G	33%	27%	82%		surface-exposed residue, not part of catalytic machinery	27
K999	K424C	425% - dI-dIII only; 30% full NNT	50% full NNT, 45% dI/dIII	45%	in isolated dIII; 63% apo form	part of the KRS motif of the NADP(H) binding pocket; accelerates nucleotide exchange in dI-dIII, hence faster reverse reaction but disrupts binding of NADP(H), hence slower activities measured in the full NNT	37
K999	K424G	1-5%	7-36%	0%		KRS motif of the NADP(H) binding pocket; disrupted nucleotide binding	27
K999	K424R	1-5%	7-36%	100%		KRS motif of the NADP(H) binding pocket; disrupted nucleotide binding	27
R1000	R425G	0-13%	1-38%	0-98%		KRS motif of the NADP(H) binding pocket; disrupted nucleotide binding	27
R1000	R425E	0-13%	1-38%	0-98%		KRS motif of the NADP(H) binding pocket; disrupted nucleotide binding	27
R1000	R425K	0-13%	1-38%	0-98%		KRS motif of the NADP(H) binding pocket; disrupted nucleotide binding	27
R1000	R425C	425% or 10%	8%	12%	in isolated dIII, fully in apo form	KRS motif of the NADP(H) binding pocket; disrupted nucleotide binding	37,39
G1005	G430C	850%	N/A	14%	in isolated dIII, 65% with NADPH, 32% in apo form; forward reaction rate increased ~300 fold; 110x faster NADPH release	part of the E loop important for stabilisation of the occluded state; nucleotide exchange can proceed without dII-dIII interaction, hence decoupled phenotype and accelerated reverse reaction	39,40
Y1006	Y431C	450%	16%	N/A	in isolated dIII; forward reaction rate increased 100-fold; 5x faster NADPH release	part of the E loop important for stabilisation of the occluded state; nucleotide exchange can proceed without dII-dIII interaction, hence decoupled phenotype and accelerated reverse reaction	40
Y1006	Y431H	~3%	N/A	11%	In full NNT	part of the E loop important for stabilisation of the occluded state	16
Y1006	Y431L	6%	N/A	8%	In full NNT	part of the E loop important for stabilisation of the occluded state	16
Y1006	Y431F	60-80%	N/A	19-113%	pumps protons; ~3x increase for APAD <sup>+</sup>	part of the E loop important for stabilisation of the occluded state	16
Y1006	Y431N	4%	N/A	N/A		part of the E loop important for stabilisation of the occluded state	16
Y1006	Y431I	4%	N/A	N/A		part of the E loop important for stabilisation of the occluded state	16
Y1006	double Y431F Y315F	62%	N/A	N/A		part of the E loop important for stabilisation of the occluded state	16
Y1006	triple alphaY226F betaY315 T431	50%	N/A	N/A	increased K <sub>m</sub> for both substrates	part of the E loop important for stabilisation of the occluded state	16
A1007	A432C	150%	N/A	63%	in isolated dIII, 78% with NADPH, 22% in apo form; forward reaction rate increased 3-fold	part of the E loop important for stabilisation of the occluded state	39,40
K1027	K452D	4-44%	8-39%	0-99%		surface-exposed residue, not part of catalytic machinery	27
K1027	K452G	4-44%	8-39%	0-99%		surface-exposed residue, not part of catalytic machinery	27
A1035	K460Q	57%	61%	N/A			41

K1036	A461C	46%	57%	N/A		41
K1036	A461F	42%	70%	N/A		41
K1036	A461P	48%	59%	N/A		41
K1036	A461R	86%	118%	N/A		41
K1036	A461S	69%	93%	N/A		41
K1036	A461L	68%	86%	N/A		41
V1037	L462A	38%	55%	N/A		41
V1037	L462E	47%	70%	N/A		41
V1037	L462G	58%	86%	N/A		41
V1037	L462P	37%	52%	N/A		41
V1037	L462R	37%	45%	N/A		41
V1037	L462T	62%	102%	N/A		41
V1037	delta462	28%	27%	N/A		41
V1037	delta461-462	3%	2%	N/A	~50% incorporation into membrane	41
V1037	delta460-462	1%	0%	N/A	not even incorporated into membrane	41
V1037	delta456-462	1%	1%	N/A	not even incorporated into membrane	41
V1037	delta448-462	1%	1%	N/A	not even incorporated into membrane	41
V1037	delta442-462	8%	7%	N/A	not even incorporated into membrane	41
V1037	delta431-462	1%	0%	N/A	not even incorporated into membrane	41

**Supplementary Table 2. Catalytic activities of site-directed mutants in *R. rubrum* NNT**

Homologous ovine residue	<i>R. rubrum</i> mutation	Reverse activity	Cyclic activity	Proton pumping activity	Notes	Structural and mechanistic explanation if conserved	Reference
V16	I3A	69%	100%	N/A	K <sub>d</sub> for NADH unchanged		42
I108	M97A	62%	98%	N/A	K <sub>d</sub> for NADH unchanged		42
I108	M97L	66%	91%	N/A	K <sub>d</sub> for NADH unchanged		42
I108	M97V	72%	112%	N/A	K <sub>d</sub> for NADH unchanged		42
R139	R127A	0%	N/A	N/A	K <sub>m</sub> for NADH increases from 18 to 700-800 μM; binding of NAD <sup>+</sup> slightly weaker; <i>E. coli</i> R139 changes conformation between NAD <sup>+</sup> and NADH bound forms	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket, significantly changes conformation between NAD <sup>+</sup> , NADH and apo states as demonstrated in <i>E. coli</i> NNT; no NADH binding leads to complete inhibition	43
R139	R127M	0%	N/A	N/A	K <sub>m</sub> for NADH increases from 18 to 700-800 μM; binding of NAD <sup>+</sup> only slightly weaker; <i>E. coli</i> R139 changes conformation between NAD <sup>+</sup> and NADH bound forms	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket, significantly changes conformation between NAD <sup>+</sup> , NADH and apo states as demonstrated in <i>E. coli</i> NNT; no NADH binding leads to complete inhibition	43
Q144	Q132N	0%	0%	N/A	hydride transfer abolished but still binds NAD(H) with approximately the same affinity	important for stabilising nicotinamide ring of NAD(H) during hydride transfer; hence complete inhibition of activities	43,44
D147	D135N	0%	0%	N/A	no effect on K <sub>m</sub> of NAD(H)	immediate vicinity to the NAD(H) binding site and R139; complete inhibition suggests a role in stabilising an intermediate state	43
S150	S138A	0%	N/A	N/A	no effect on K <sub>m</sub> of NAD(H)	immediate vicinity to the NAD(H) binding site and R139; complete inhibition suggests a role in stabilising an intermediate state	43
Y158	Y146A	<10%	N/A	N/A	Weaker NADH binding, purifies as a monomer	part of the dl-dl interface; strong inhibition of activity suggests that working as a dimer in anti-phase fashion is essential	45
Y158	Y146F	80%	N/A	N/A		part of the dl-dl interface; only slight inhibition as dl can still dimerise	45
none	M226F	55%	35%	N/A	K <sub>d</sub> of NADH increases from 30 μM to 130 μM, forward reaction inhibited slightly (~30%)		46
G241	T231C	58%	90%	N/A	K <sub>d</sub> of NADH increases from 30 μM to 58 μM, forward reaction inhibited slightly (~30%)		46
G244	G234A	51%	15%	N/A	K <sub>d</sub> of NADH increases from 30 μM to 33-35 μM, forward reaction inhibited slightly (~30%)	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket and the mobile loop; slight inhibition of activities due to weaker NAD(H) binding	46
Y245	Y235N	~20%	2-3%	N/A	forward reaction inhibited by ~50%; however, reverse and forward reactions are rate-limited by product release from dIII and cyclic is rate-limited by hydride transfer	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket and the mobile loop; almost complete inhibition of cyclic reaction, Y235 essential for stabilisation of the intermediate during hydride transfer	47,48
Y245	Y235F	~50%	7-8%	N/A	forward reaction inhibited by ~50%; however, reverse and forward reactions are rate-limited by product release from dIII and cyclic is rate-limited by hydride transfer	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket and the mobile loop; almost complete inhibition of cyclic reaction, Y235 essential for stabilisation of the intermediate during hydride transfer	47,48
A246	A236G	72%	53%	N/A	K <sub>d</sub> of NADH increases from 30 μM to 300-400 μM, forward reaction inhibited slightly (~30%)	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket and the mobile loop; slight inhibition due to weaker NAD(H) binding	46
K247	K237M	75%	63%	N/A	K <sub>d</sub> of NADH increases from 30 μM to 75-85 μM, forward reaction inhibited slightly (~40%)	part of the NAD(H)-binding pocket and the mobile loop; slight inhibition due to weaker NAD(H) binding	46
M258	M239I	80%	30%	N/A	K <sub>m</sub> for NADH increased ~3-fold	not part of catalytic machinery	49
M258	M239F	58%	16%	N/A	K <sub>m</sub> for NADH increased ~3-fold	not part of catalytic machinery	49
L353	L343V	69%	95%	N/A	K <sub>d</sub> for NADH unchanged	buried residue	42

**Supplementary Table 3: Missense mutations in human patients with familial glucocorticoid deficiency**

Homologous ovine residue	Human mutation	Reverse activity	Cyclic activity	Proton pumping activity	Notes	Structural and mechanistic explanation if conserved	Reference
S150	S150N	N/A	N/A	N/A		immediate vicinity of the NAD(H) binding pocket	50
G157	G157S	N/A	N/A	N/A	more severe phenotype, includes mineralocorticoid deficiency	immediate vicinity of the NAD(H) binding pocket	51
F172	F172S	N/A	N/A	N/A		part of the dI-dI interface	52
M294	M294V	N/A	N/A	N/A		buried residue	53
T314	T314A	N/A	N/A	N/A		buried residue	50
Y345	Y345S	N/A	N/A	N/A		buried residue, relatively close to the dI-dI interface	54
P394	P394L	N/A	N/A	N/A		surface exposed residue, immediate vicinity to the dI-dII linker	50,53
A490	A490V	N/A	N/A	N/A		immediate vicinity to the proton translocation pathway	50
G621	G621R	N/A	N/A	N/A		buried residue	50
G635	G635R	N/A	N/A	N/A		membrane-facing residue	50
G819	G819D	N/A	N/A	N/A		close vicinity to the proton translocation pathway	50
A820	A820E	N/A	N/A	N/A	More severe phenotype with hypoglycaemia and precocious puberty	close vicinity to the proton translocation pathway	53
L934	L934P	N/A	N/A	N/A		part of the conserved helix 4 important for dII-dIII interface formation	50
A965	A965P	N/A	N/A	N/A		forms the NADP(H)-binding pocket	50
N966	N966K	N/A	N/A	N/A		forms the NADP(H)-binding pocket	

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