

Supporting Information

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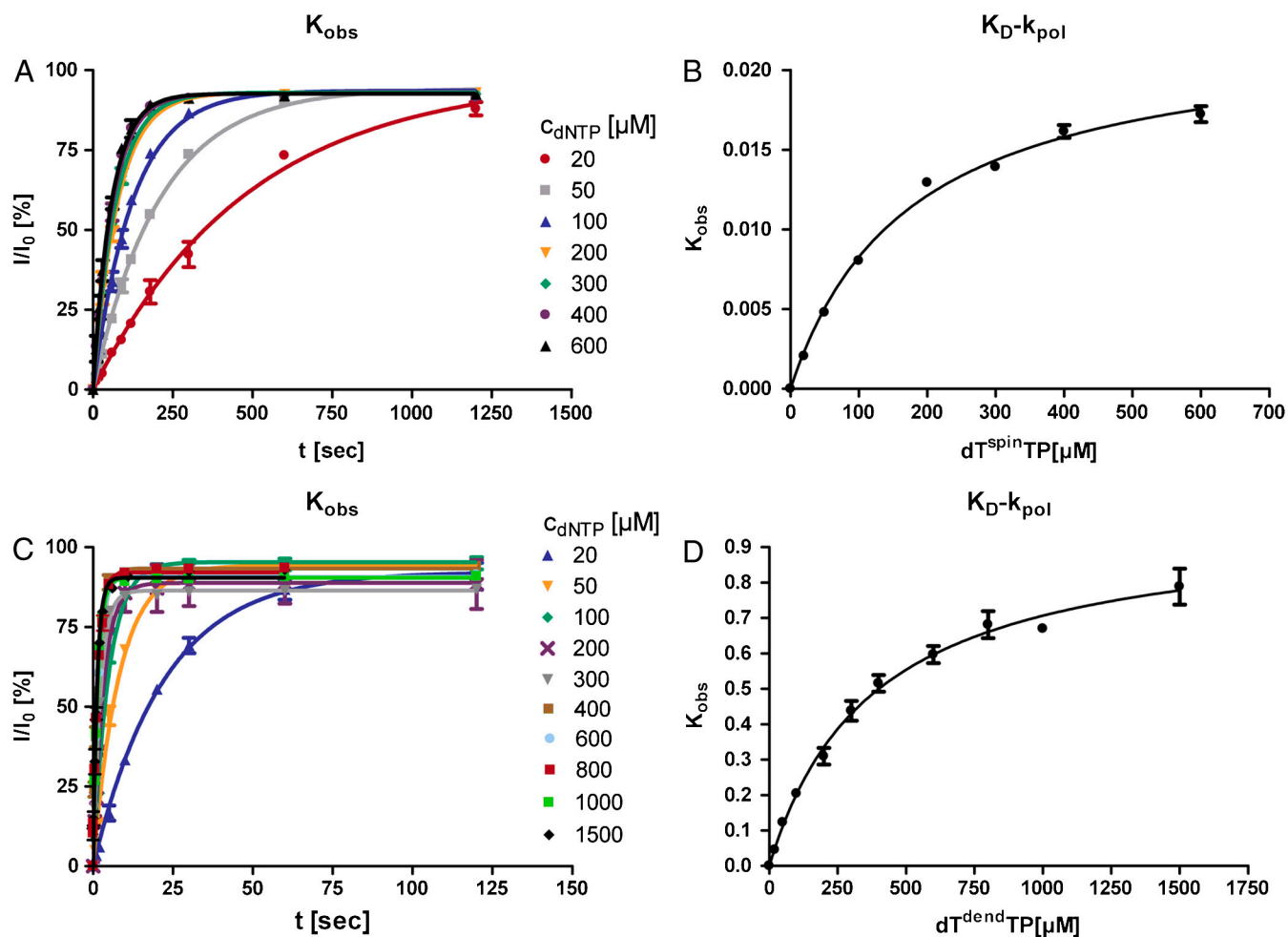


Fig. S1. Pre-steady-state kinetics of the modified dT^RTP. (A) Kinetics of single nucleotide incorporation opposite A catalyzed by *KlenTaq* in dependence of time and dNTP concentration. The single turnover is plotted against the time for various dT^{spin}TP concentrations in μM (color code on the right side). (B) The curve show dependence of the observed pre-steady-state rates (k_{obs}) on dT^{spin}TP concentration and fitted to a hyperbolic equation. (C) The same as A using dT^{dend}TP instead of dT^{spin}TP. (D) The k_{obs} values were plotted versus the concentration of the used dT^{dend}TP and fitted to a hyperbolic equation.

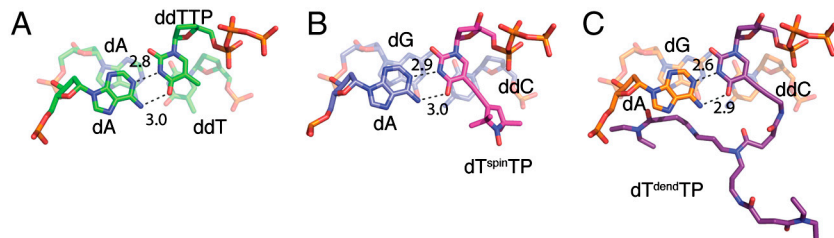


Fig. 55. Top view of the nascent base pair. (A) The nascent base pair of *KlenTaq* (PDB 1QTM). The hydrogen bonding between the incoming ddTTP and the templating dA is shown in dashed lines. In transparent the first nucleobase pair of the primer template terminus is shown. (B) The nascent base pair of *KlenTaq_{spin}*. The Watson–Crick base pairing interaction between the incoming dT^{spin}TP and the templating dA is shown in dashed lines. In transparent the first nucleobase pair of the primer template terminus is shown. (C) The nascent base pair of *KlenTaq_{dend}*. The interaction network between the incoming dT^{dend}TP and the templating dA is shown in dashed lines. In transparent the first nucleobase pair of the primer template terminus is shown.

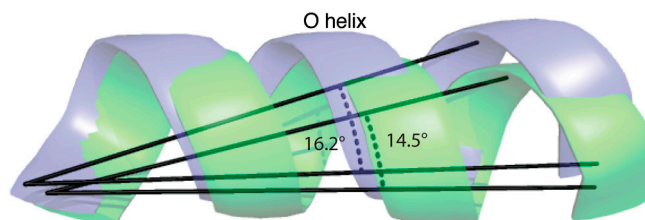


Fig. 56. Comparison of the O helices from *KlenTaq_{spin}* and *KlenTaq* 1QTM. The O helices of the superimposed *KlenTaq_{spin}* (blue) and ddTTP-trapped *KlenTaq* (green) structure are shown. The respective angle of the O helices are indicated.

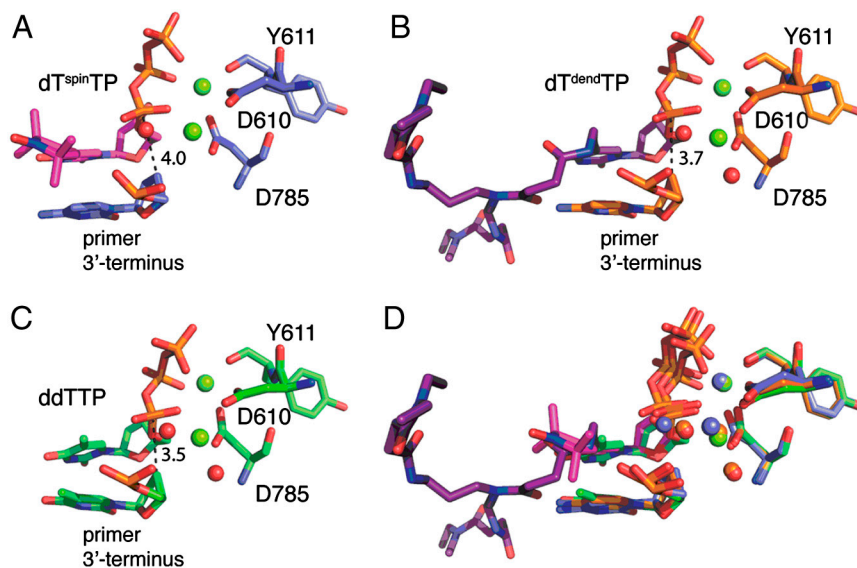


Fig. 57. Close-up views on the primer 3'-terminus, incoming nucleotide and amino acids complexing divalent cations. (A) Stick model derived from *KlenTaq_{spin}*. The distance of the α -phosphate from the incoming dT^{spin}TP to the primer 3'-terminus is 4.0 Å (highlighted in dashed lines). Water molecules (red) and magnesium ions (green) are indicated as spheres. (B) Same as in A for *KlenTaq_{dend}*. (C) Same as in A for the reported *KlenTaq_{1QTM}*. (D) Superposition of structures depicted in A–C using the respective color code for the water and magnesium ions as well.

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|----------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Thermus aquaticus | 659 | RRAAKTINFGVLYG | 672 |
| Thermus thermophilus | 661 | RRAAKTVNFGVLYG | 674 |
| Thermus filiformis | 659 | RRAAKTVNFGVLYG | 672 |
| Deinococcus radiodurans | 784 | RRAAKTVNFGVLYG | 797 |
| Escherichia coli (K12) | 754 | RSKAINFGLIYG | 767 |
| Haemophilus influenzae | 757 | RNKAIFNGLIYG | 770 |
| Streptococcus pneumoniae | 715 | RNKAIFNFGVLYG | 728 |
| Mycobacterium tuberculosis | 729 | RRVKAMSGLAYG | 742 |
| Mycobacterium leprae | 736 | RRVKAMSGLAYG | 749 |
| Treponema pallidum | 823 | RIAKTINFGIVYG | 836 |
| Borrelia burgdorferi | 734 | RIAKSINFGIYR | 746 |
| Lactococcus lactis | 703 | RNKAIFNFGVLYG | 716 |
| Rickettsia typhi | 700 | RKAKAINFGIYG | 713 |
| Streptomyces coelicolor | 732 | RKIKAMSGLAYG | 745 |

Fig. S8. Amino acid sequence alignment of DNA polymerases highlighting the conserved position equivalent to Arg660 in *KlenTaq*.

Table S1. Data collection and refinement statistics

| | <i>KlenTaq</i> _{spin} (PDB ID: 3OJU) | <i>KlenTaq</i> _{dend} (PDB ID: 3OJS) |
|---|---|---|
| <i>Data collection</i> | | |
| Space group | <i>P</i> ₃ ,21 | <i>P</i> ₃ ,21 |
| Cell dimensions | | |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å) | 109.0, 109.0, 91.5 | 107.8, 107.8, 90.2 |
| α , β , γ (°) | 90.0, 90.0, 120.0 | 90.0, 90.0, 120.0 |
| Resolution (Å) | 47.21 - 1.99 (2.11 - 1.99)* | 46.69 - 1.90 (2.01 - 1.90)* |
| <i>R</i> _{meas} | 10.8 (113.9)* | 13.1 (154.6)* |
| <i>I</i> / σ <i>I</i> | 16.7 (1.8)* | 14.7 (1.6)* |
| Completeness (%) | 74.5 (28.0)* | 98.8 (93.7)* |
| Redundancy | 10.6 (7.6)* | 10.8 (8.9)* |
| <i>Refinement</i> | | |
| Resolution (Å) | 47.22 - 2.00 (2.06 - 2.00)* | 46.71 - 1.90 (1.94 - 1.90)* |
| No. reflections | 32113 (856)* | 47553 (2333)* |
| <i>R</i> _{work} / <i>R</i> _{free} | 17.7/21.9 (22.3/25.6)* | 16.3/21.2 (25.8/28.2)* |
| No. atoms | | |
| Protein | 8612 | 8662 |
| Ligand/ion | 582/2 | 650/2 |
| Water | 195 | 332 |
| <i>B</i> -factors | | |
| Protein | 49.9 | 47.7 |
| Ligand/ion | 41.1/42.0 | 44.1/30.7 |
| Water | 40.0 | 45.1 |
| R.m.s. deviations | | |
| Bond lengths (Å) | 0.004 | 0.006 |
| Bond angles (°) | 1.060 | 1.120 |

*Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell.