

Supplemental data

Supplemental figures S1-S5, as well as input and output files from SAFA and NORNALIZE used in this study are freely available for download at <https://simtk.org/home/nornalize>.

Supplemental figure legends

FIGURE S1. Secondary structure diagram of the P4P6 Δ C209 molecule displaying long range intramolecular interactions and crystal contacts. Base pairs are shown according to the nomenclature for base-pairing and base-stacking (Leontis & Westhof 2001; Adams et al. 2004) as output from the software S2S (Jossinet & Westhof 2005). Crystals contacts are shown in black. The inset on the right shows a different local structure adopted by molecule B. The inset at the bottom left shows a view of the overall lattice organization.

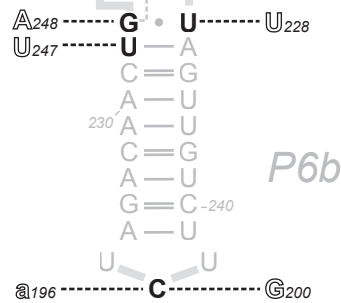
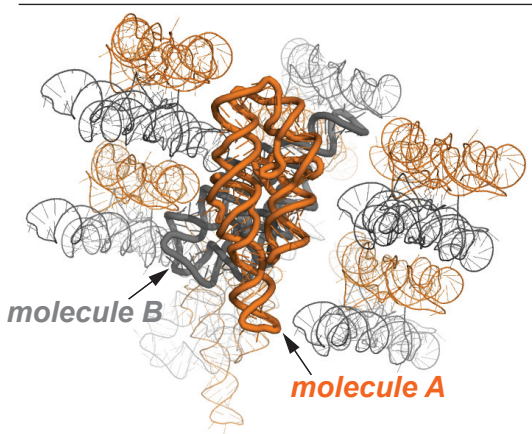
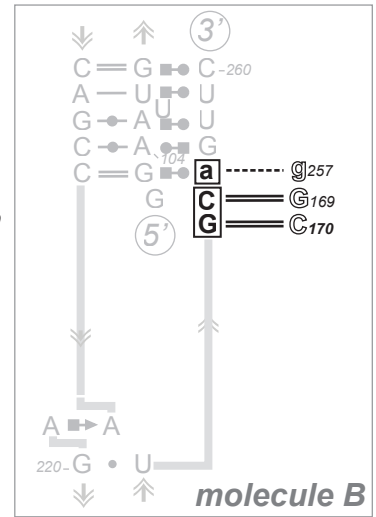
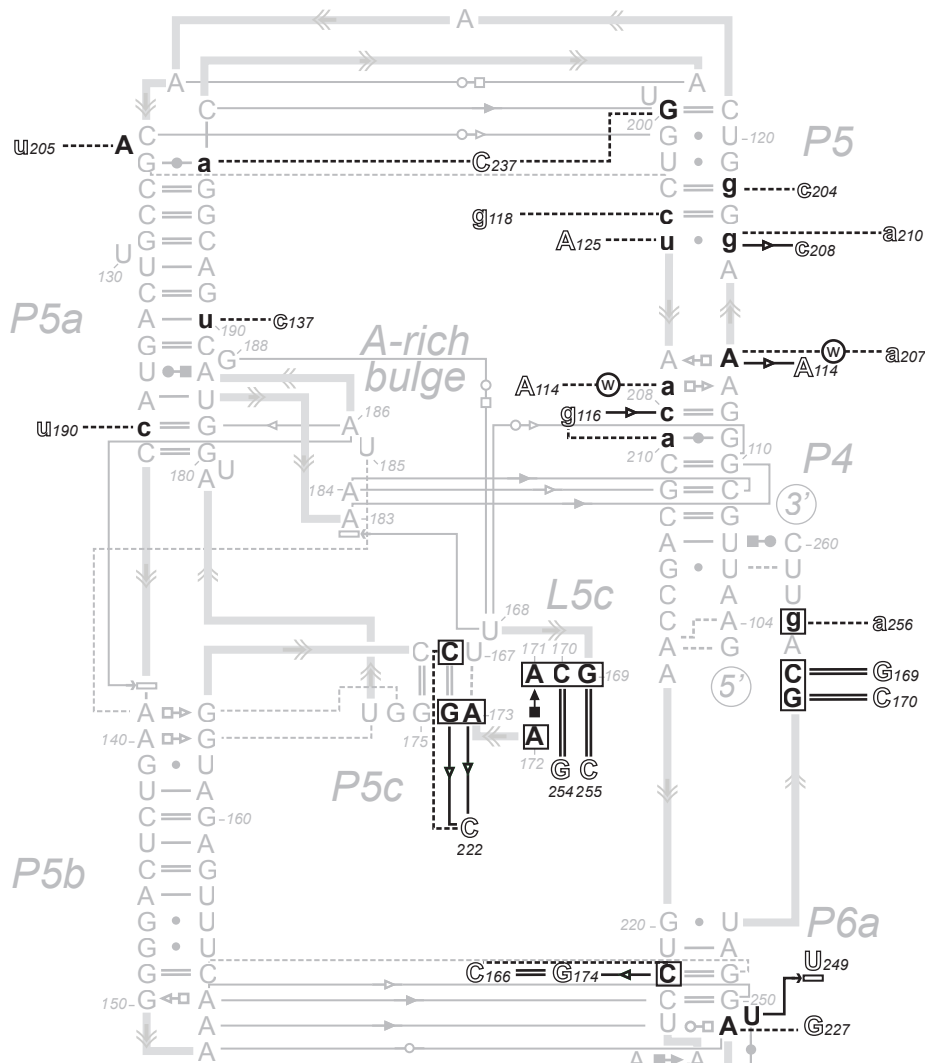
FIGURE S2. Comparison of the SHAPE reactivity in crystal and the temperature B-factors of the 2'-hydroxyl groups. Values for the SHAPE reactivity shown in Fig. 3A were used. The horizontal bars correspond to the mean average B-factors for molecules A (purple) and B (pink).

FIGURE S3. A178 and U168 are trapped in reactive conformations at the surface of the molecule. (A) Extensive tertiary interactions (direct and water-mediated H-bonds, metal coordination, and stacking) involving A178. (B) U168 (shown here belonging to molecule B) lies at the surface of the molecule, at the junction between molecules A and B. The 2'-hydroxyl group is indicated by a cyan sphere.

FIGURE S4. Crystal contacts involving the shallow groove of helical domains. (A) Overall stereoview of the packing of the P4 and P5 helices belonging to four different molecules. (B)

Overall stereoview of the local packing around the helical domains P6a/P6b and P5/P5a, centered around U130 from molecule A. Lighter orange and gray shades refer to neighboring molecules. (C) Stereoview showing the local helical packing around U130 from molecule B (orientation as in (B)).

FIGURE S5. RNA and NMIA titrations. (A) SHAPE performed using three RNA concentrations in the crystallization solution (78 μM corresponds to the RNA concentration in the crystallization drop). The RNA was refolded either by heating for 10 min at 65°C followed by slow-cooling to room temperature (“65”) or by incubating for 15 min at room temperature (“RT”). (B) NMIA titration in the native solution for an RNA concentration of 0.15 μM . Representative nucleotides are indicated on both panels as in Fig. 1B.



Key:

- a** involved in an intermolecular contact in 50% of the molecules
- A** involved in an intermolecular contact in 100% of the molecules
- a** or **A** involved in the pairing between molecules A and B
- a**₁₉₆ or **A**₂₄₈ belongs to a neighboring molecule
- W** water molecule
- interaction involving hydrogen bonds

Figure S1

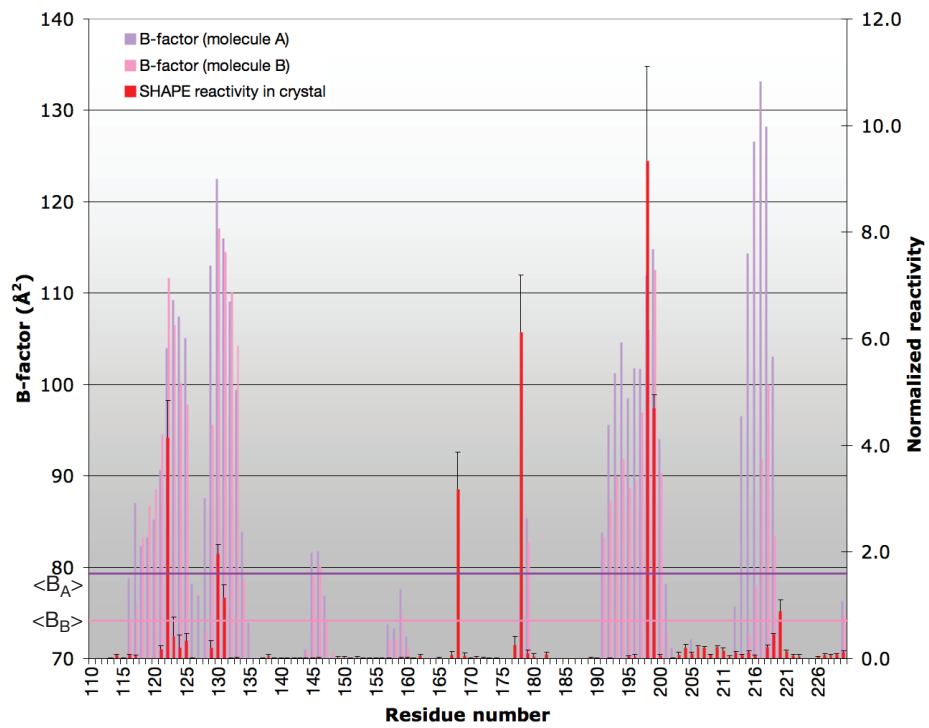
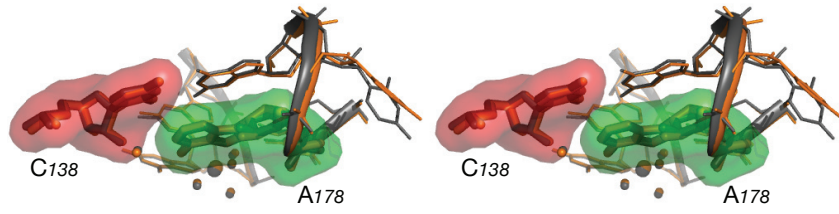


Figure S2

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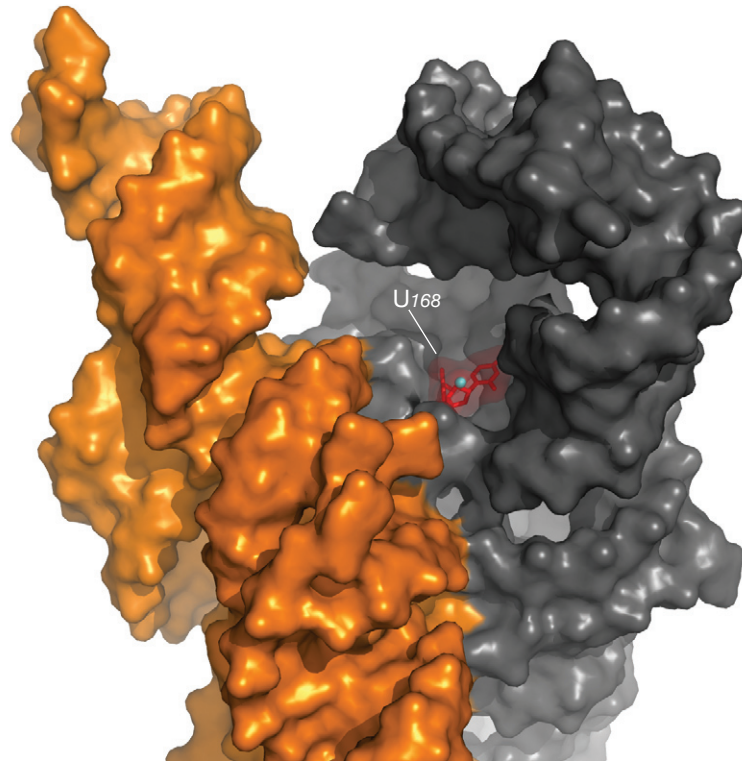


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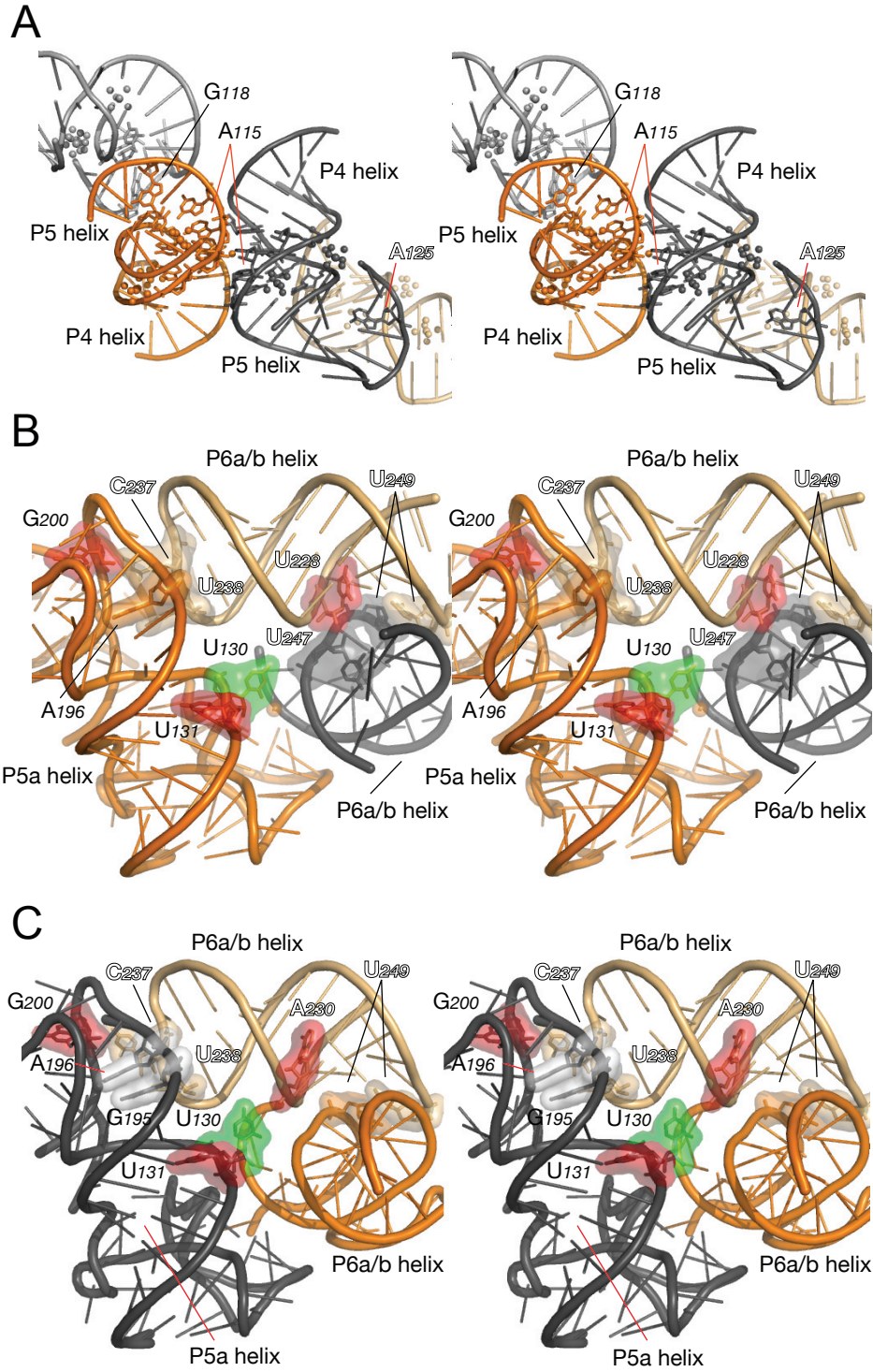
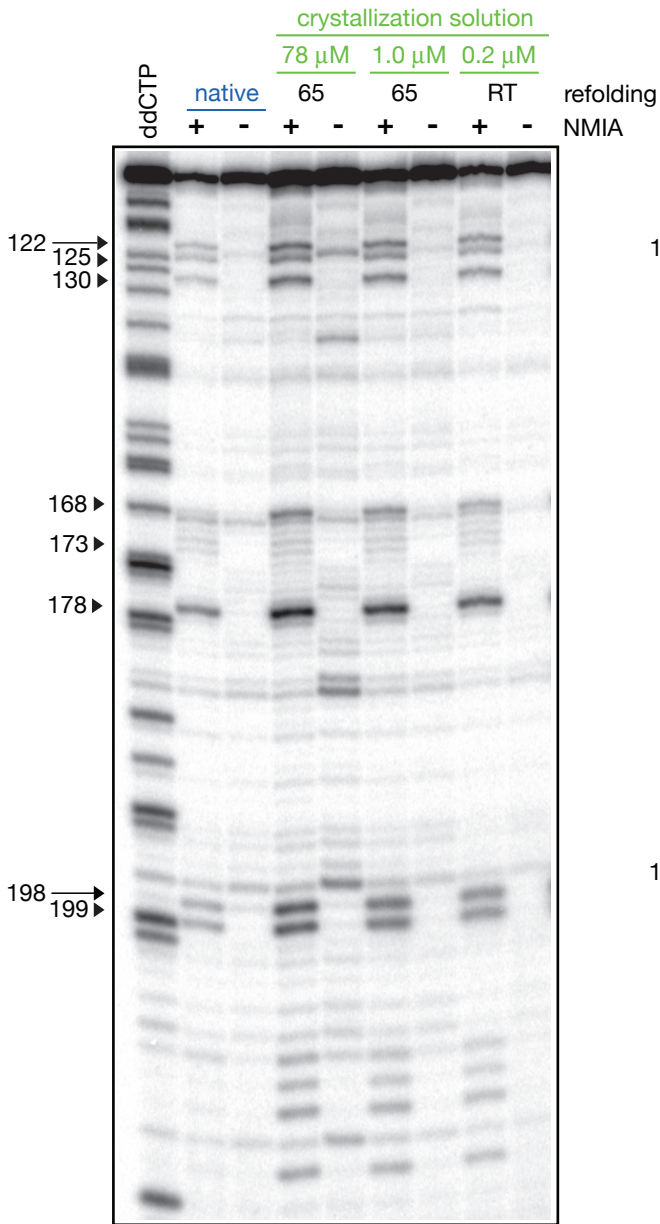


Figure S4

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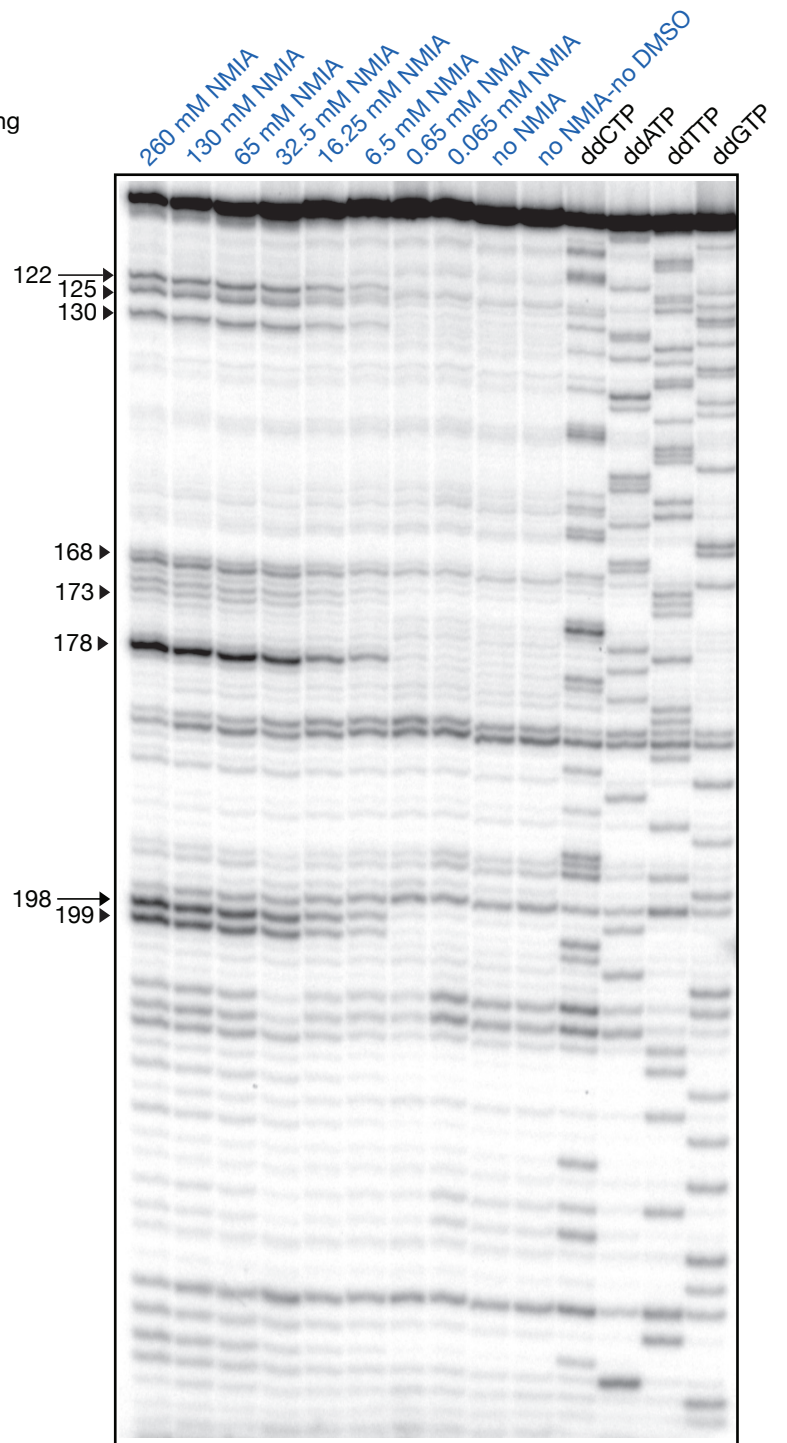


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