

# Co-transcriptional folding orchestrates sequential multi-effector sensing by a glycine tandem riboswitch

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### Supplementary Note 1. Co-transcriptional folding of the *B. subtilis gcvT* glycine riboswitch

The *Bsu*-GTR co-transcriptional RNA folding pathway is populated by several non-native intermediate hairpins that are resolved as native structures fold. Aptamer 1 folding begins with the formation of intermediate hairpin 1 (IH1), which is detected at ~+50 as decreased reactivity at C24 and C25 as they and U26 form base pairs with a stretch of four G bases that span positions 15 to 18 (Fig. S22a and S23a). At ~+72, decreased reactivity at C29, C30, C39, C46, and A47 is consistent with formation of both the upper and lower P2.1 stem (Fig. S22b and S23B). The reactivity of C46 and A47 remains moderate at this transcript length, which implies that either some nascent transcripts do not form the lower P2.1 stem or that the lower P2.1 stem is not yet stably formed. Consistent with the latter interpretation, the reactivity of C46 and A47 increases from +77 to +84 which indicates that the U26:A47 and G27:C46 base pairs have been broken and the lower P2.1 stem disrupted (Fig. S22c and S23c). This increased reactivity at C46 and A47 occurs in coordination with decreased reactivity at C52, C53, A55, and A56 (Fig. S23c). While this reduction in reactivity reaches a minimum at +84, it begins at +75 when ~61 nucleotides have emerged from RNAP. At this transcript length, C52 and C53 can pair with G58 and G57 in intermediate hairpin 2 (IH2), respectively (Fig. S22c). Consistent with this interpretation, the reactivity of C50, which is predicted to pair with G60 in IH2, also decreases slightly (Fig. S23c). However, C61, which is predicted to pair with G49, remains reactive to DMS. This suggests that even if the G49:C61 base pair does form, it is not stable.

The reactivity of C46 and A47 decreases again at ~+95 indicating that the lower P2.1 stem has folded a second time (Fig. S22d and S23d). As above, the reactivity of C46 and A47 remains moderate at this transcript length, suggesting that the lower P2 stem is not yet stably folded. In coordination with lower P2 stem folding, increased reactivity at C50, A55, and A56 suggests that IH2 has been disrupted (Fig. S23c). The disruption of IH2 is likely driven by the simultaneous formation of a third intermediate hairpin (IH3) that overlaps with most IH2 nucleotides but does not overlap with P2 (Fig. S22d). The primary evidence for the formation of IH3 is decreased reactivity at C65 and C68, which are predicted to pair with G57 and G54, respectively (Fig. S23d). At ~95, decreased reactivity at C65 is unlikely to be caused by formation of the C65:G72 P3b.1 base pair because the reactivity of A64, which pairs with U73 in P3b.1, remains approximately constant (Fig. S23d). Despite exhibiting a substantial reactivity decrease at ~+95, C65 and C68 remain moderately reactive to DMS (Fig. S23d). In contrast, the reactivity of C52 and C53, which are predicted to pair with G70 and G69 in IH3, remains low (Fig. S22d and S23c). This suggests that IH3 may not fold in all cases and that C52 and C53 form other base pairs if IH3 does not fold.

The reactivity of C78, C80, and C82 decreases from ~+100 to ~+106 (Fig. S23e). While these nucleotides form base pairs with G60, G58, and G57 in the native P3a.1 stem, the reactivity decrease that begins at ~+100 is unlikely to be caused by P3a.1 folding because the reactivity of A59, which pairs with U79 in P3a.1, remains approximately constant (Fig. S23e). A coordinated decrease in the reactivity of A71 across these same transcript lengths suggests the formation of a fourth intermediate hairpin comprised of G70:C80, A71:U79, and G72:C78 base pairs (Fig. S22e and S23e). Consistent with this interpretation, the reactivity of

A55 and A56 in the upstream segment of binding site 1 remains approximately constant from  $\sim +100$  to  $\sim +106$ , indicating that binding site 1 has not yet folded (Fig. S23f).

P1 folding is observed as decreased reactivity at A10, C12, A13, and A14, which participate in P1.1 base pairs, and occurs in two steps (Fig. S22f and S23f). The first step occurs at  $+111$  and is coordinated with decreased reactivity at C46 and A47 in P2.1, C86 in P3.1, and A59, C78, C80, and C82 in P3a.1 (Fig. 23e, f). The second step occurs from  $+115$  to  $+118$  and is coordinated with a further decrease in the reactivity of C46 and A47 in P2.1 and C86 in P3.1 and increased reactivity at A55, A56, and A83 in binding site 1 (Fig. 24f). When glycine is present, glycine-dependent reactivity changes in these and other nucleotides are first detected from  $+115$  to  $+118$ , indicating that the second step of P1 folding is coordinated with complete folding of the first aptamer (Fig. S8).

P0 folding is observed from  $+118$  to  $+130$  as decreased reactivity at C2, C105, and C107 as the G1:C107, C2:G106, and G3:C105 base pairs form (Fig. S23g). The reactivity of these nucleotides remains approximately constant for most of the remaining the folding pathway but increases slightly when intermediate hairpin 7 (IH7) within the second aptamer domain is folded. Notably, the position of the C126 pause could facilitate Aptamer 1 and P0 folding and glycine binding (Fig. S24a).

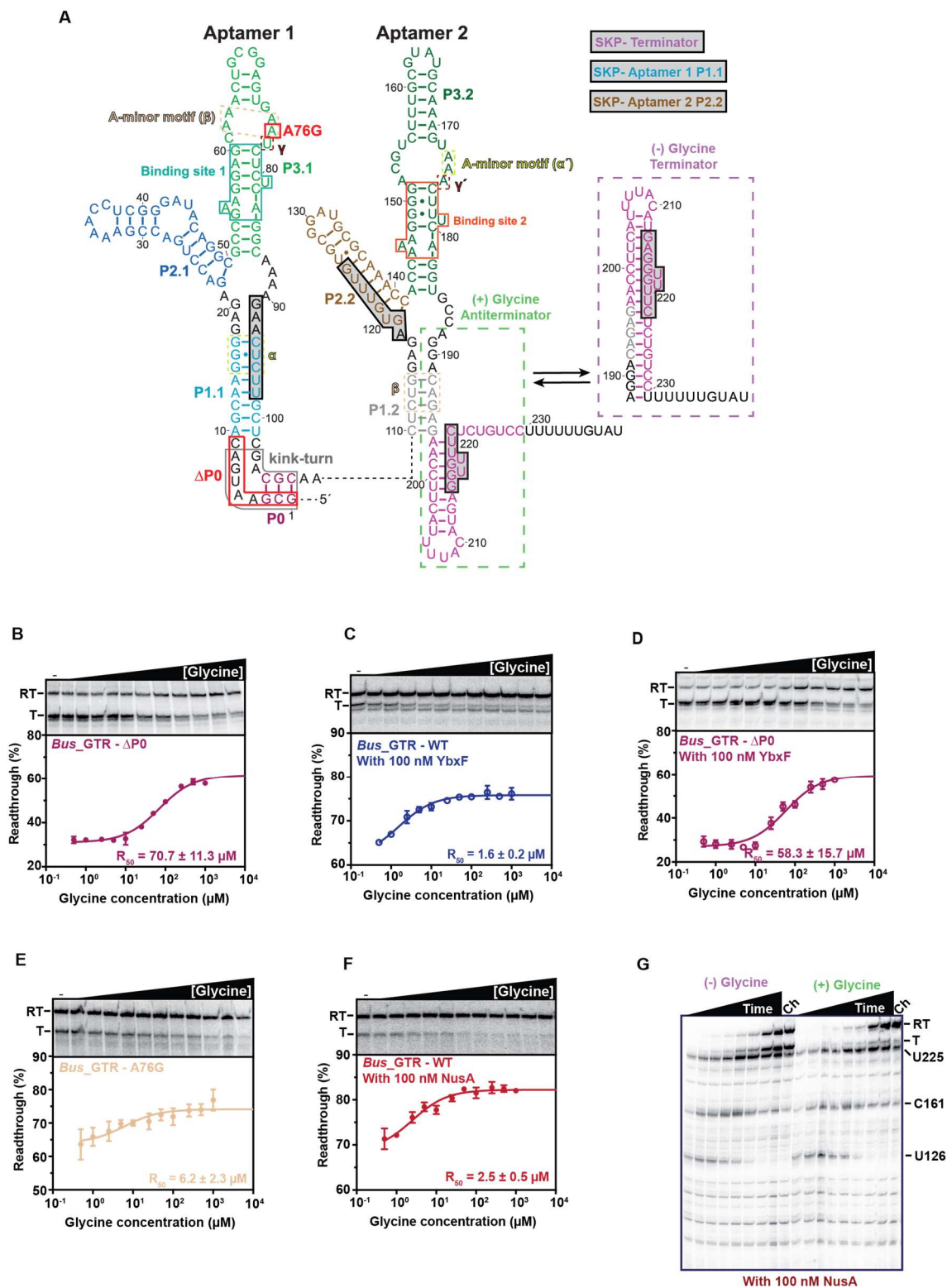
Like Aptamer 1, Aptamer 2 folding begins with the formation of an intermediate hairpin. Intermediate hairpin 5 (IH5) is detected as decreased reactivity at C110 and C112, which pair with G119 and G117, respectively (Fig. S25a and S26a). At  $\sim +157$ , P2.2 folding is detected as decreased reactivity at C128, C134, and nucleotides 136-140, all of which participate in P2.2 base pairs (Fig. S25b and S26b). A131 in the P2.2 loop remains reactive (Fig. S26b). At  $\sim +172$ , a sixth intermediate hairpin (IH6) may fold, however the evidence for this structure is limited because the IH6 stem contains only one DMS-reactive nucleotide (Fig. S25c). At  $+178$ , a coordinated decrease in the reactivity of nucleotides 141 to 145 corresponds to the formation of IH7, which extends P2.2 (Fig. S25d and S26c). A116 is predicted to form a non-canonical pair with A142 but remains highly reactive, indicating that its Watson-Crick face is exposed (Fig. S25d). P3b.2 folding is then detected at  $+194$  as decreased reactivity at C156, C161, and nucleotides 167 to 170, which participate in P3b.2 base pairs (Fig. S25e and S26d). A164 in the P3b.2 loop remains reactive (Fig. S26d).

The observation of glycine-dependent reactivity differences at  $+211$  indicates that Aptamer 2 can fully fold as soon as it has fully emerged from RNAP in some nascent transcripts (Fig. S8). However, reactivity changes that are associated with the formation of inter-aptamer contacts continue until  $\sim +220$  (Fig. S8). This suggests that the synthesis of additional nascent RNA is necessary to facilitate contacts between aptamers 1 and 2, presumably due to steric conflicts with RNAP. The signatures of P1.2 folding are relatively weak because upstream P1.2 nucleotides are engaged in IH7 base pairs until P1.2 folds and downstream P1.2 nucleotides likely begin to form P1.2 base pairs as soon as they emerge from RNAP. Nonetheless, decreased reactivity at C110, C112, and C192 from  $\sim +211$  to  $\sim +216$  is consistent with P1.2 folding (Fig. S25f and S26a). P3.2 and P3a.2 folding is detected as decreased reactivity at C143, C144, A146, A147, C176, C180, and A181 from  $\sim +214$  to  $\sim +220$  (Fig. S26c, e).

Notably, the +225 pause is located in a window from ~+220 to ~+229 within which the glycine aptamers can bind glycine and inter-aptamer contacts can form (Fig. S8). This suggests that the +225 pause contributes to glycine riboswitch function by allowing time for these folding events to occur before the transcription terminator is transcribed. The position of the +225 pause may permit several base pairs of the terminator hairpin to fold within the RNA exit channel of RNAP, which at this location would likely stabilize the pause (Fig. S24c). While the reactivity of C203 and A204 decreases slightly as RNAP approaches +225, these nucleotides remain highly reactive until terminator folding occurs from ~+228 to ~+236 (Fig. S24d). This indicates that if the apical base pairs of the terminator hairpin function as a pause hairpin at +225, these base pairs do not stably form until additional terminator hairpin base pairs are able to form.



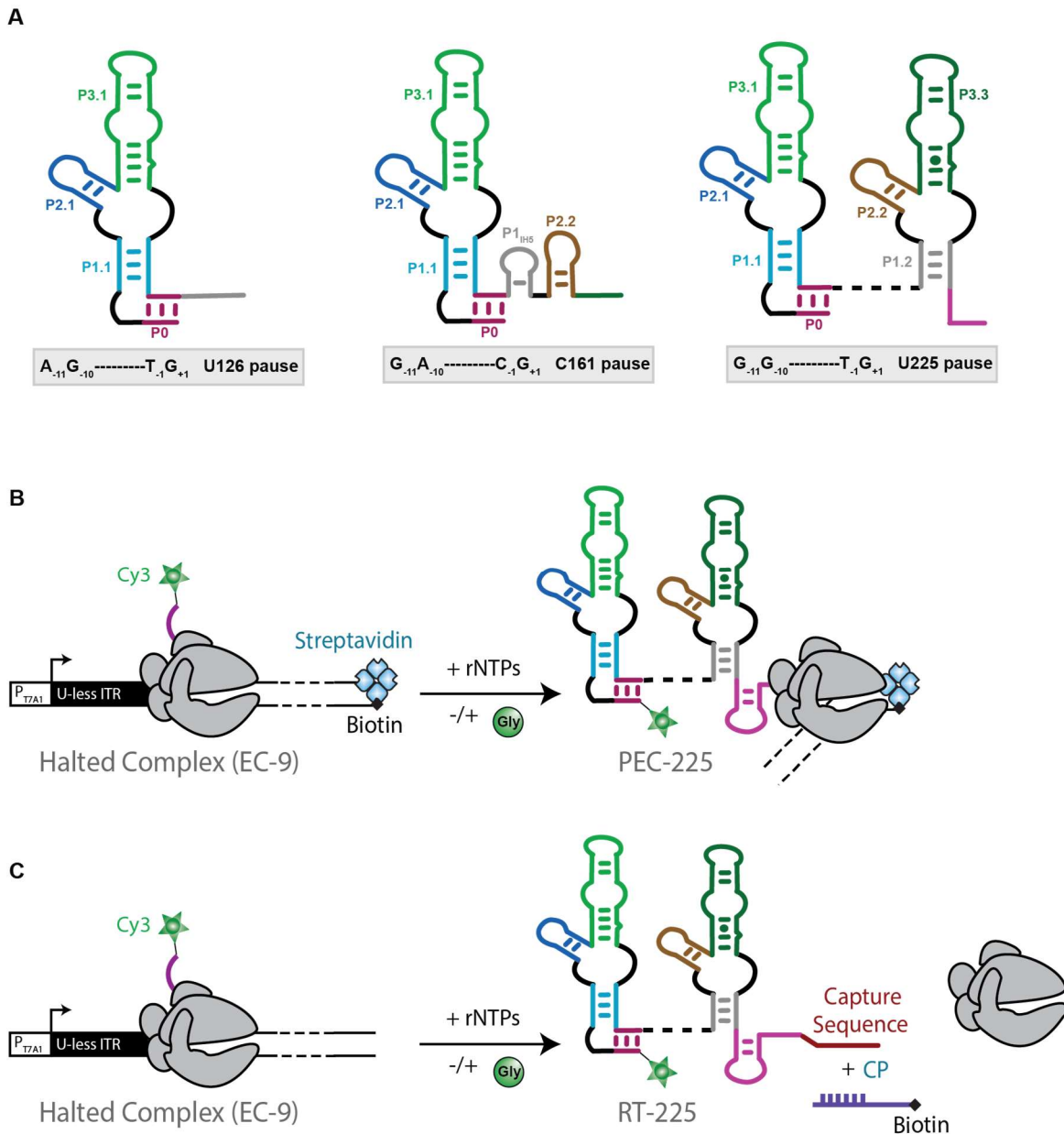
## Supplemental Fig.



**Supplemental Fig. 1 | Secondary structure of the *Bsu*-GTR and transcription gels.**

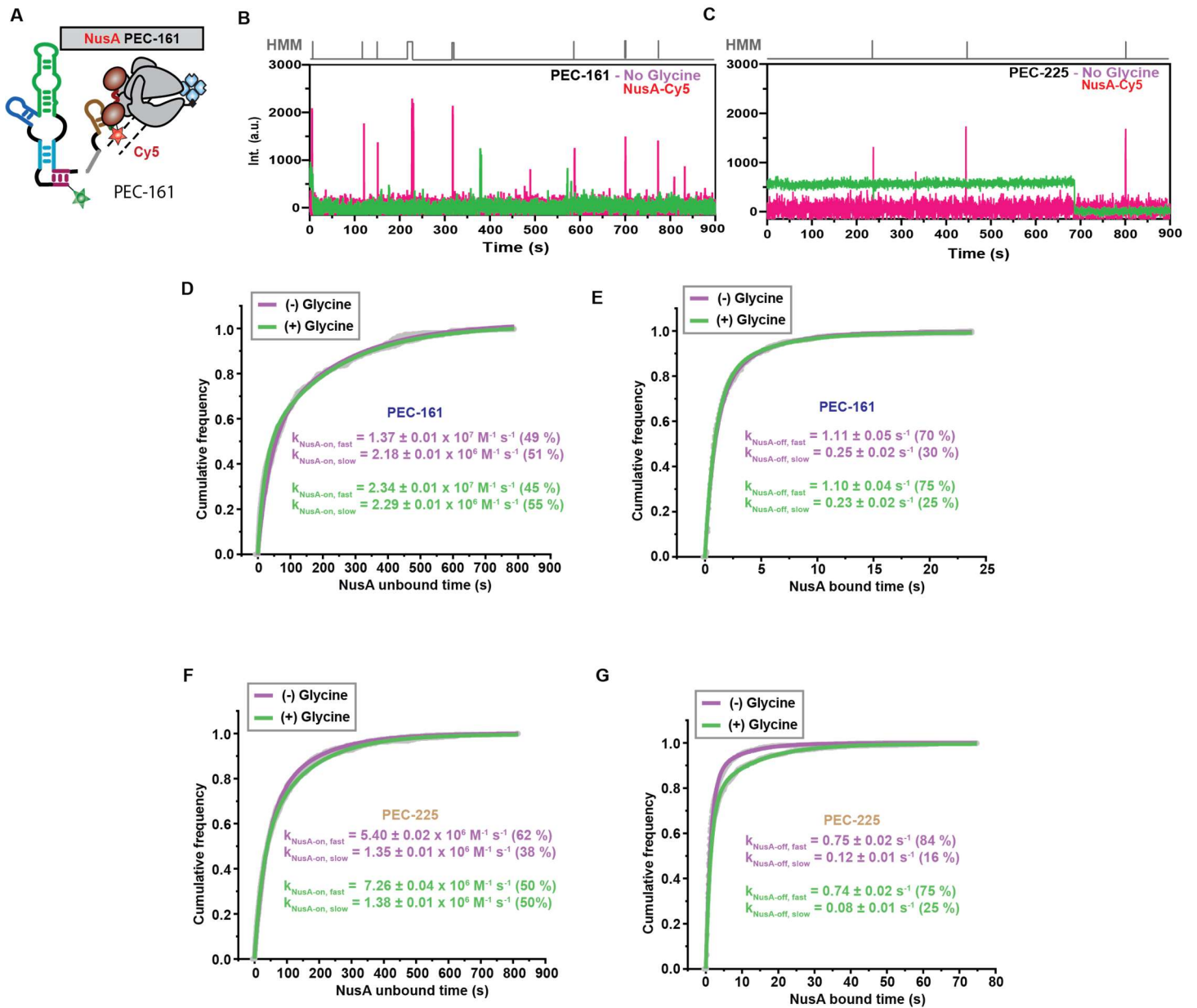
(a) The full-length riboswitch sequence color coded with binding site 1 boxed in green-blue, binding site 2 boxed in orange and inter-aptamer contacts shown as dashed boxes ( $\alpha$ , lime yellow;  $\beta$ , peach; and  $\gamma$ , dark

red). The regions targeted by SiM-KARTS are shaded in light gray boxes. Perturbations are indicated by red boxes. **(b-f)** Glycine dose-response curves for the  $\Delta P0$  variant (B), WT riboswitch with 100 nM YbxF (c),  $\Delta P0$  variant with 100 nM YbxF (d), A76G variant (e) and WT riboswitch with 100 nM NusA (f) measured by single-round *in vitro* transcription. Representative gels are shown above each plot. Error bars represent the SD from independent replicates (n=3). **(g)** Time-resolved single-round *in vitro* transcription of the *B. subtilis* glycine riboswitch in the presence of 100 nM NusA and in the presence or absence of glycine. Paused (U126, C161, U225), terminated (T) and readthrough (RT) transcripts are indicated.



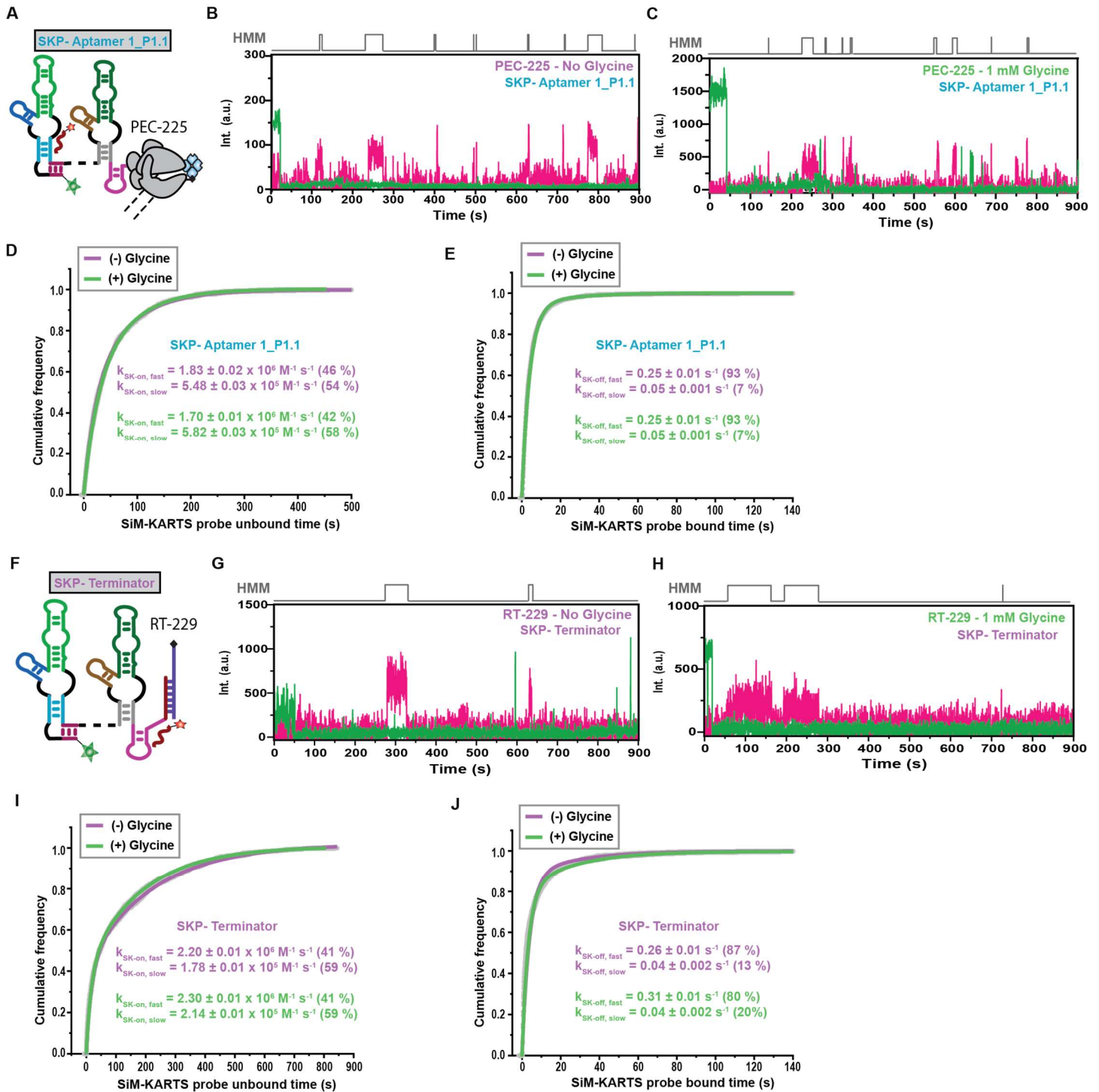
**Supplemental Fig. 2 | Pause secondary structure and how to make PEC's and release transcripts.**

(a) Cartoon depictions of secondary structures at pauses U126, C161 and U226 with the identity of nucleotides at positions known to be determinants of the consensus pause shown below. (b-c) Fluorescently-labeled nascent RNA transcripts are transcribed *in vitro* using *E. coli* RNAP. The halted complex (EC-9) is prepared through the addition of a dinucleotide labeled with Cy3 (ApU-Cy3) and UTP deprivation (ATP/CTP/GTP) to halt the RNAP at the end of the U-less ITR. (b) Transcription will continue until RNAP reaches the biotin-streptavidin roadblock forming the Paused Elongation Complex (PEC). (c) Once the transcription is completed, a 5'-biotinylated capture probe is hybridized to the released transcript (RT-225) for subsequent immobilization on the microscope slide.



### Supplemental Fig. 3 | NusA binding kinetics curves.

(a) Diagram of PEC-161 in complex with NusA-Cy5. (b, c) Representative single-molecule trajectories showing NusA-Cy5 binding (pink) to PEC-161 without (B) and with (C) 1 mM glycine. (d, e) Plots displaying the cumulative unbound (d) and bound (e) dwell times of NusA-Cy5 binding in the absence (purple) and presence (green) of 1 mM glycine in the context of PEC-161. The association ( $k_{\text{on}}$ ) and dissociation ( $k_{\text{off}}$ ) rate constants of NusA-Cy5 binding are indicated on the plot. The reported errors are the error of the fit. Total number of molecules analyzed for each condition is: (-) Glycine = 116; (+) Glycine = 220. (f, g) Plots displaying the cumulative unbound (f) and bound (g) dwell times of NusA-Cy5 binding in the absence (purple) and presence (green) of 1 mM glycine in the context of PEC-225. The association ( $k_{\text{on}}$ ) and dissociation ( $k_{\text{off}}$ ) rate constants of NusA-Cy5 binding are indicated on the plot. The reported errors are the error of the fit. The total number of molecules analyzed for each condition is: (-) Glycine = 237; (+) Glycine = 248.

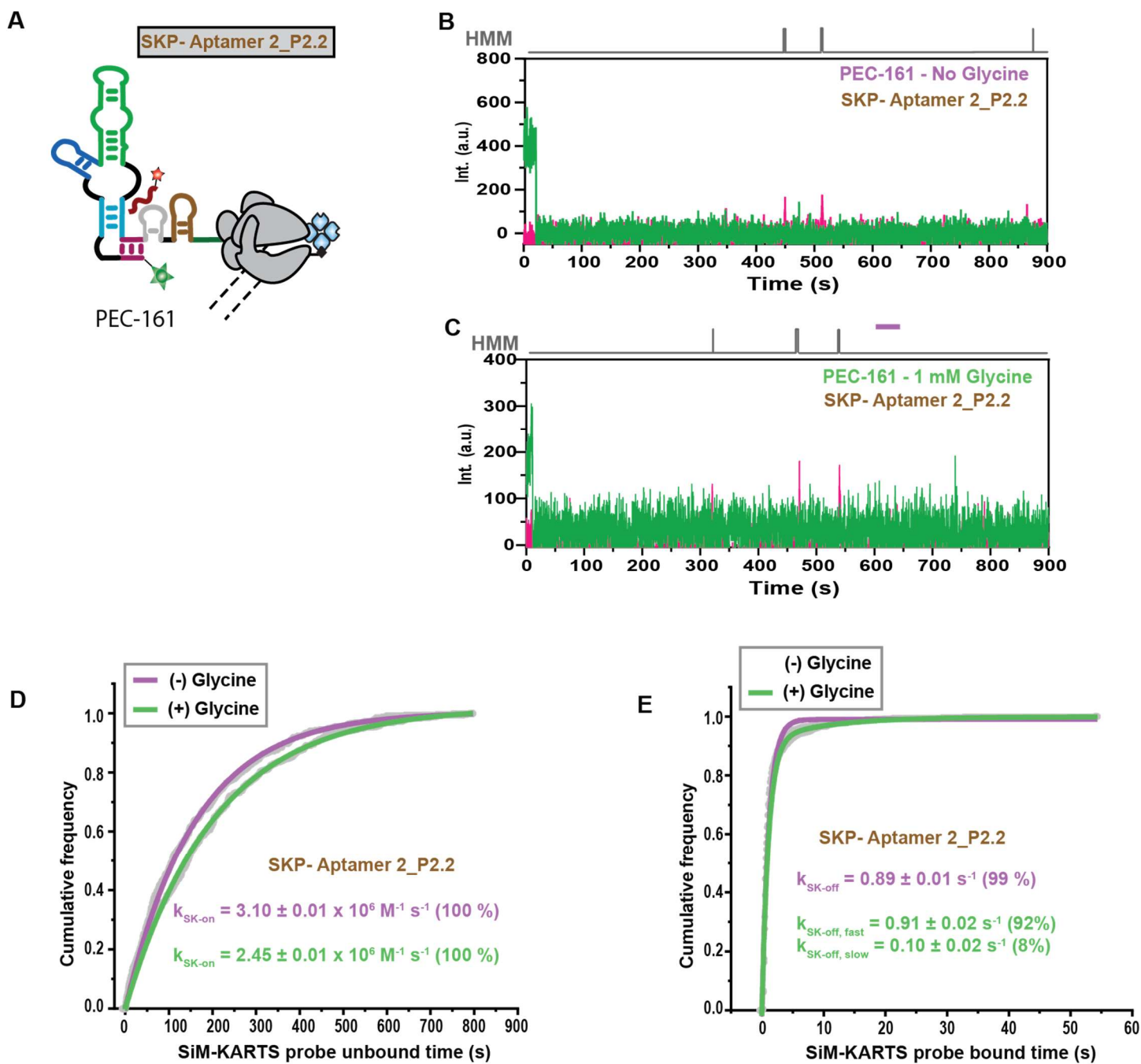


**Supplemental Fig. 4 | SiM-KARTS probing P1.1 and terminator hairpin.**

(a) Diagram of SiM-KARTS probe targeting aptamer 1\_P1.1 in PEC-225 (b, c) Representative single-molecule trajectories showing the SiM-KARTS probe binding (pink) to PEC-225 without (b) and with (c) 1 mM glycine. (d, e) Plots displaying the cumulative unbound (d) and bound (e) dwell times of SiM-KARTS probe binding in the absence (purple) and presence (green) of 1 mM glycine in the context of PEC-161. The association ( $k_{on}$ ) and dissociation ( $k_{off}$ ) rate constants of the SiM-KARTS probe binding are indicated on the plot. The reported errors are the error of the fit. The total number of molecules analyzed for each condition is: (-) Glycine = 91; (+)

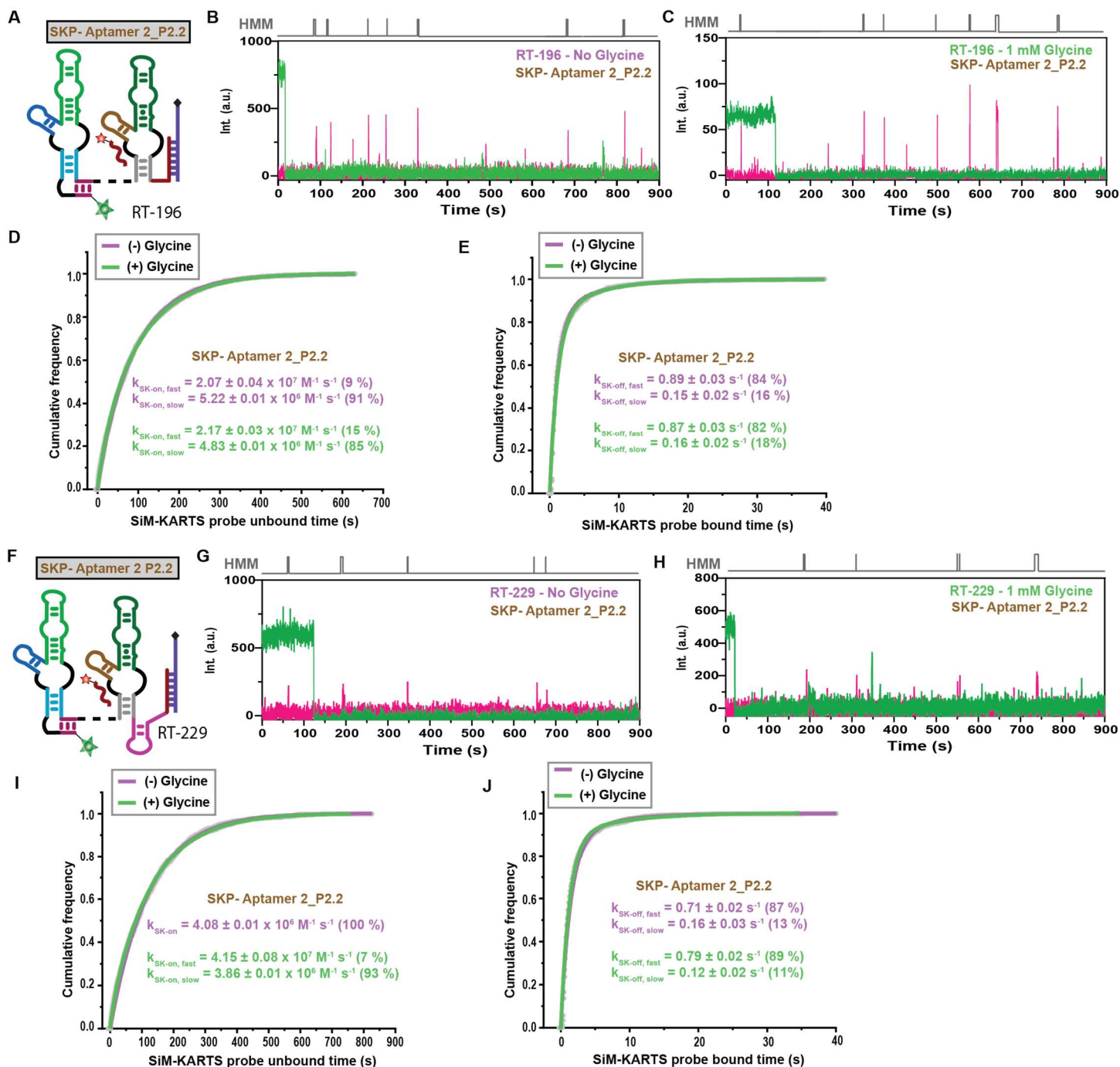
Glycine = 99. (f) Diagram of SiM-KARTS probe targeting the terminator hairpin in RT-229 (g, h) Representative single-molecule trajectories showing SiM-KARTS probe binding (pink) to PEC-225 without (g) and with (h) 1 mM glycine. Plots displaying the cumulative unbound (i) and bound (j) dwell times of SiM-KARTS probe binding in the absence (purple) and presence (green) of 1 mM glycine in the context of PEC-161. The association ( $k_{on}$ ) and dissociation ( $k_{off}$ ) rate constants of SiM-KARTS probe binding are indicated on the plot. The reported errors are the error of the fit. The total number of molecules analyzed for each condition is: (-) Glycine = 367; (+) Glycine = 413.





**Supplemental Fig. 5 | SiM-KARTS probing aptamer 2\_P2.2.**

(a) Diagram of SiM-KARTS probe targeting aptamer 2\_P2.2 in PEC-161 (b, c) Representative single-molecule trajectories showing the SiM-KARTS probe binding (pink) to PEC-161 without (b) and with (c) 1 mM glycine. (d, e) Plots displaying the cumulative unbound (d) and bound (e) dwell times of the SiM-KARTS probe binding in the absence (purple) and presence (green) of 1 mM glycine in the context of PEC-161. The association ( $k_{on}$ ) and dissociation ( $k_{off}$ ) rate constants of SiM-KARTS probe binding are indicated on the plot. The reported errors are the error of the fit. The total number of molecules analyzed for each condition is: (-) Glycine = 192; (+) Glycine = 197.

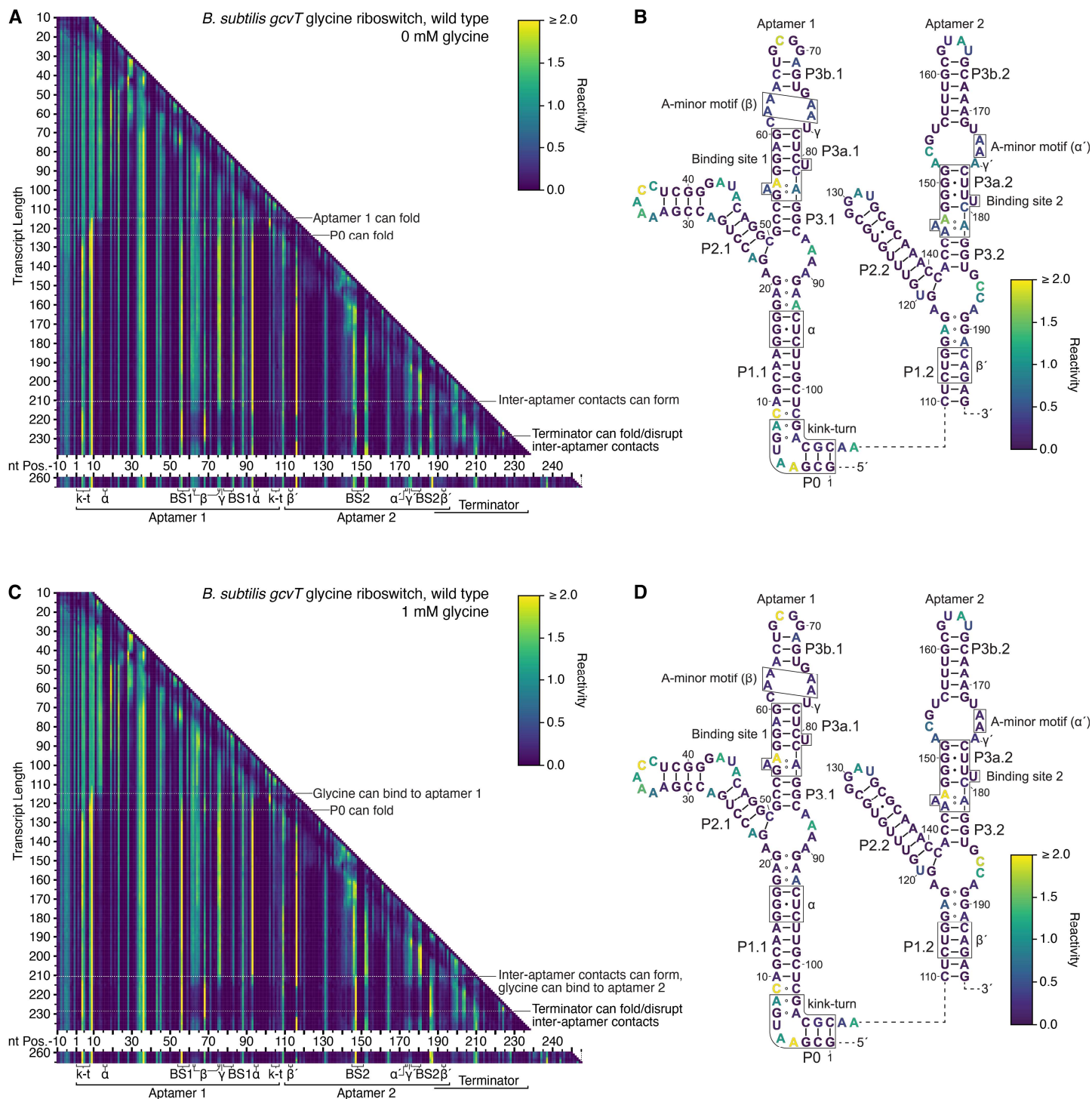


**Supplemental Fig. 6 | SiM-KARTS probing aptamer 2\_P2.2 in release transcripts.**

(a) Diagram of SiM-KARTS probe targeting aptamer 2\_P2.2 in RT-196. (b, c) Representative single-molecule trajectories showing the SiM-KARTS probe binding (pink) to PEC-196 without (b) and with (c) 1 mM glycine. (d, e) Plots displaying the cumulative unbound (d) and bound (e) dwell times of the SiM-KARTS probe binding in the absence (purple) and presence (green) of 1 mM glycine in the context of PEC-161. The association ( $k_{on}$ ) and dissociation ( $k_{off}$ ) rate constants of SiM-KARTS probe binding are indicated on the plot. The reported errors are the error of the fit. The total number of molecules analyzed for each condition is: (–) Glycine = 210; (+) Glycine = 358. (f) Diagram of SiM-KARTS probe targeting aptamer 2\_P2.2 in RT-229. (g, h) Representative single-molecule trajectories showing the SiM-KARTS probe binding (pink) to RT-229 without

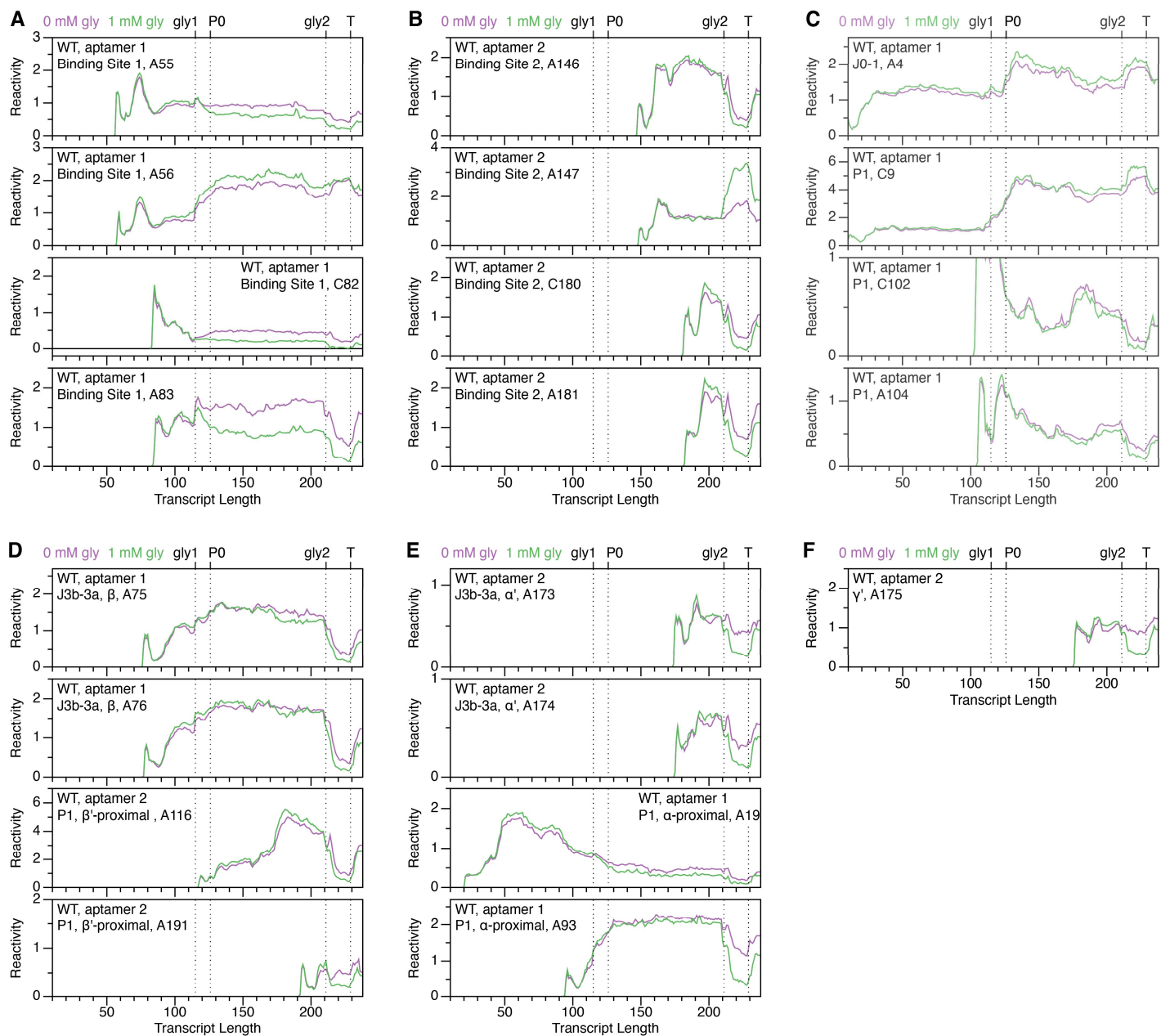


(g) and with (h) 1 mM glycine. (I, J) Plots displaying the cumulative unbound (i) and bound (j) dwell times of SiM-KARTS probe binding in the absence (purple) and presence (green) of 1 mM glycine in the context of PEC-161. The association ( $k_{\text{on}}$ ) and dissociation ( $k_{\text{off}}$ ) rate constants of SiM-KARTS probe binding are indicated on the plot. The reported errors are the error of the fit. The total number of molecules analyzed for each condition is: (–) Glycine = 281; (+) Glycine = 270. All error bars are the SD of the mean of independent replicates.

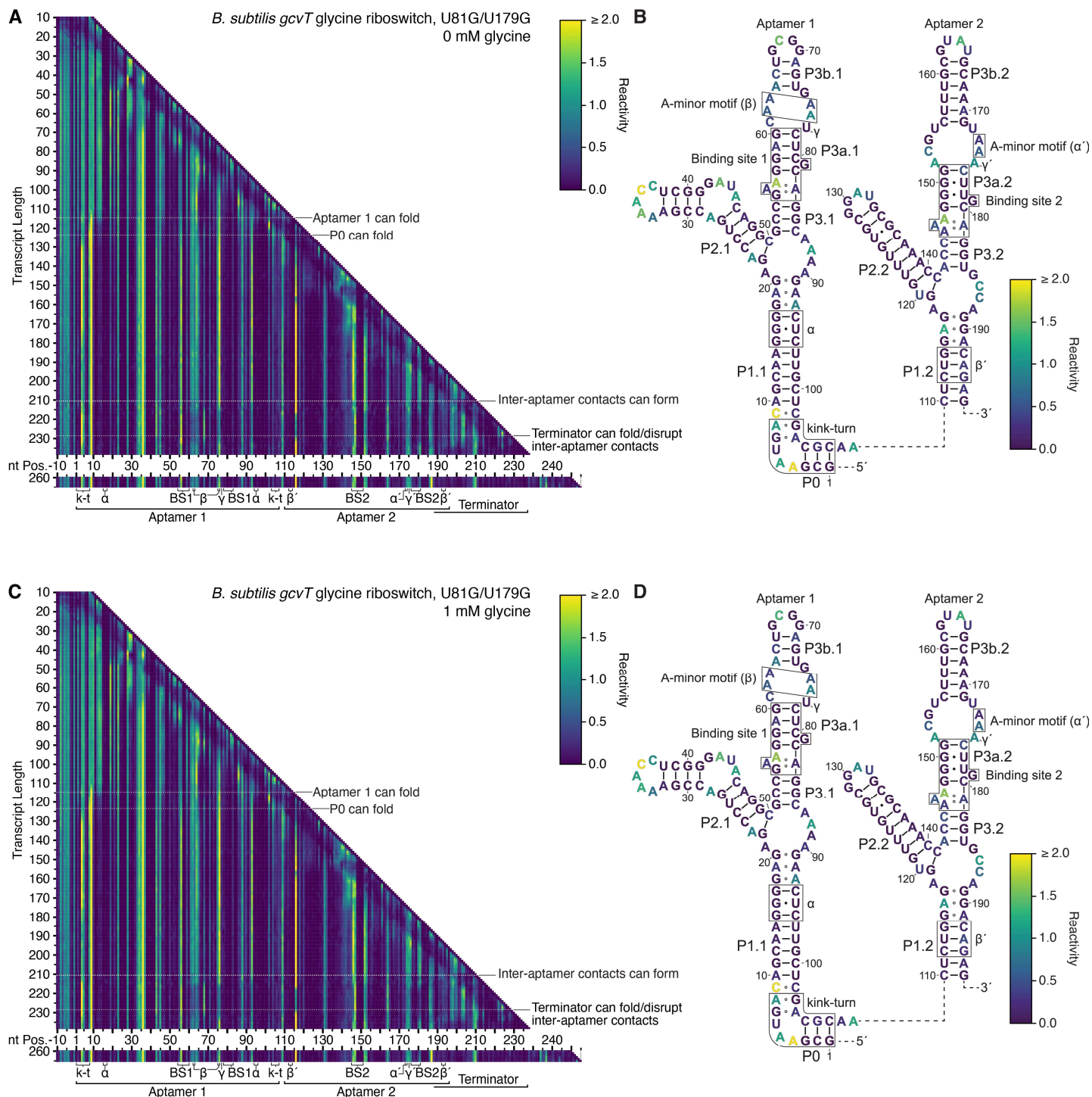


**Supplementary Fig. 7 | Cotranscriptional DMS structure probing of the wild type *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch.**

(a, c) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity matrices for the wild type *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch in the absence (a) and presence (c) of 1 mM glycine. Transcripts 239-259, which were not enriched, are excluded. (b, d) *B. subtilis gcvT* glycine aptamer secondary structures colored by the TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity of the 223 nt transcript in the absence (b) and presence (d) of 1 mM glycine. Data are from two independent replicates that were processed separately and merged.

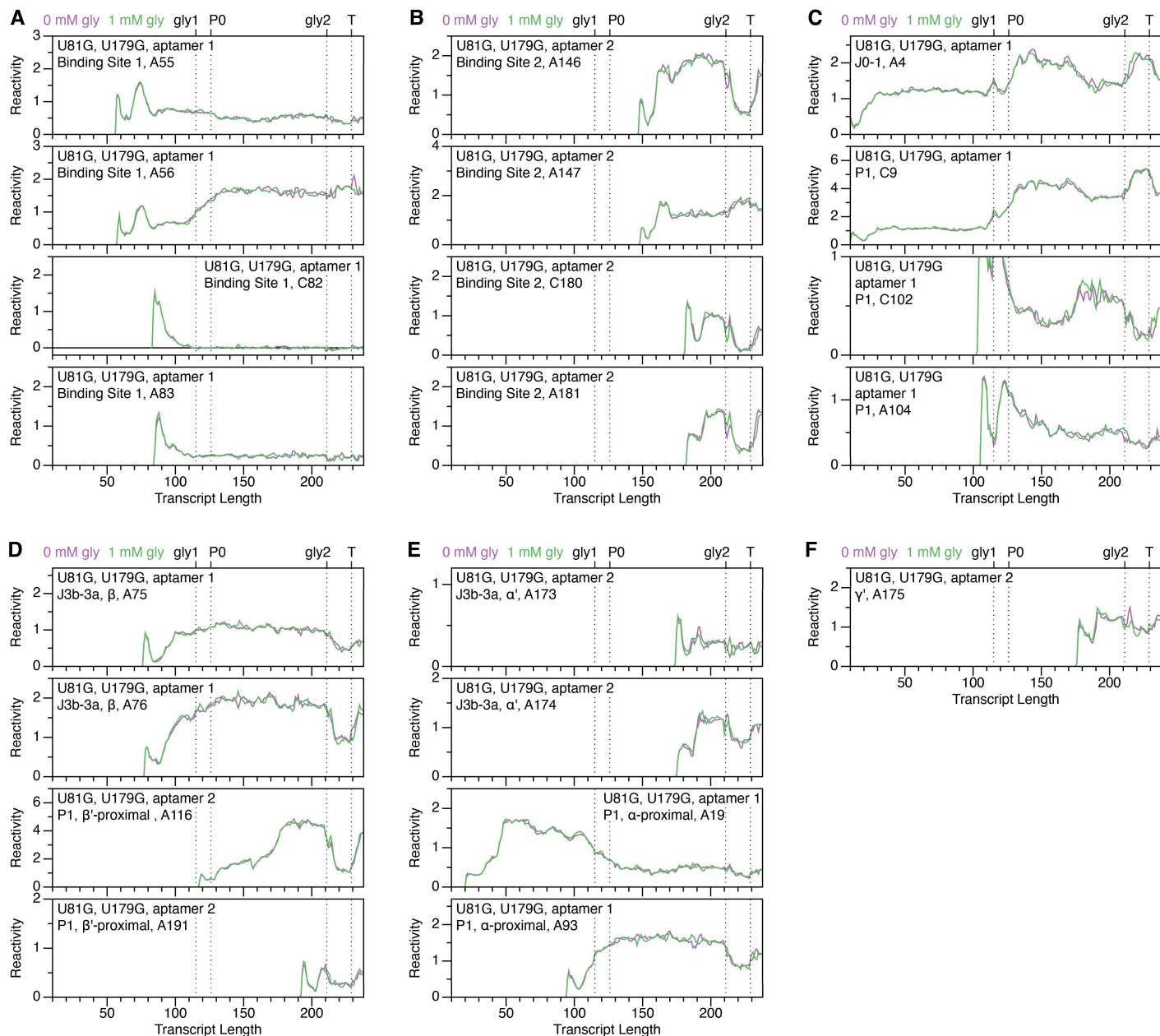


**Supplementary Fig. 8 | DMS reactivity trajectories for select nucleotides of the wild type *B. subtilis* *gcvT* riboswitch. (a-f) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity trajectories for nucleotides in or proximal to binding site 1 (a), binding site 2 (b), the kink-turn motif (c),  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  (d),  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  (e), and  $\gamma'$  (f). Data are from the experiment shown in Supplementary Fig. 7.**

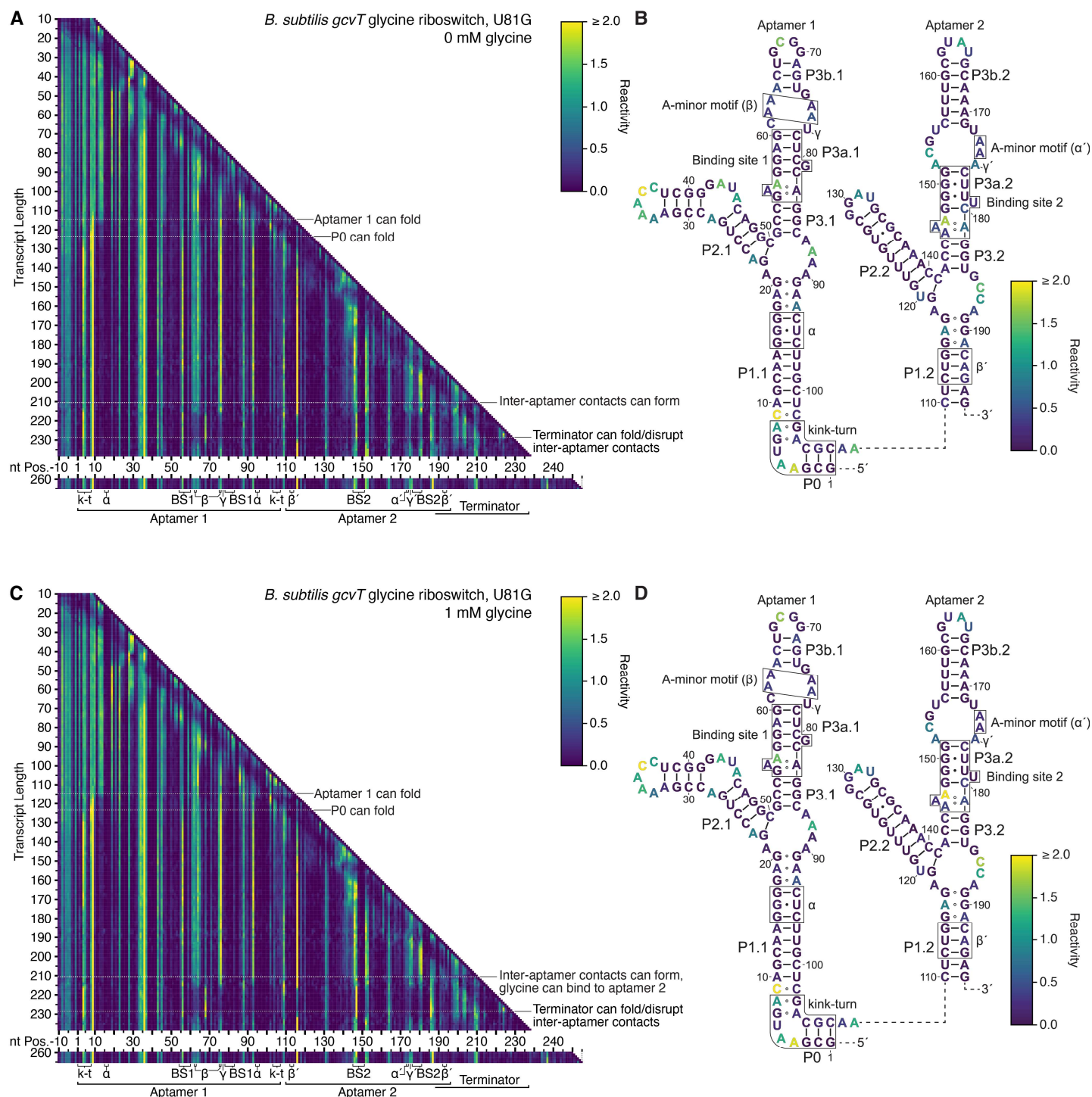


**Supplementary Fig. 9 | Cotranscriptional DMS structure probing of the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch U81G, U179G variant.** (a, c) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity matrices for the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch U81G, U179G variant in the absence (a) and presence (c) of 1 mM glycine. Transcripts 239-259, which were not enriched, are excluded. (b, d) *B. subtilis gcvT* glycine aptamer U81G, U179G variant secondary structures colored by the TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity of the 223 nt transcript in the absence (b) and presence (d) of 1 mM glycine. Data are from two independent replicates that were processed separately and merged.

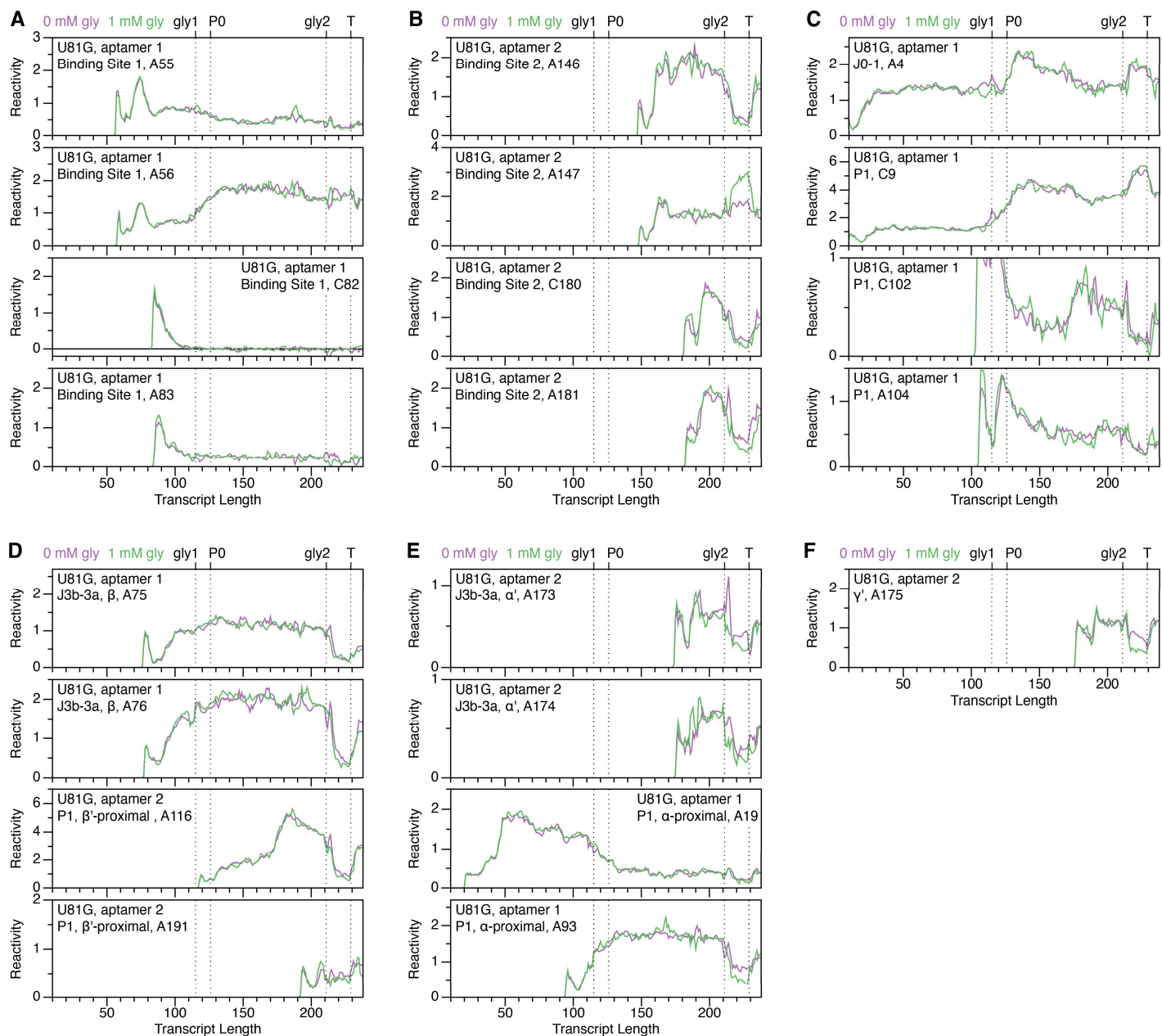




**Supplementary Fig. 10 | DMS reactivity trajectories for select nucleotides of the *B. subtilis* *gcvT* riboswitch U81G, U179G variant.** (a-f) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity trajectories for nucleotides in or proximal to binding site 1 (a), binding site 2 (b), the kink-turn motif (c),  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  (d),  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  (e), and  $\gamma'$  (f). Data are from the experiment shown in Supplementary Fig. 9.

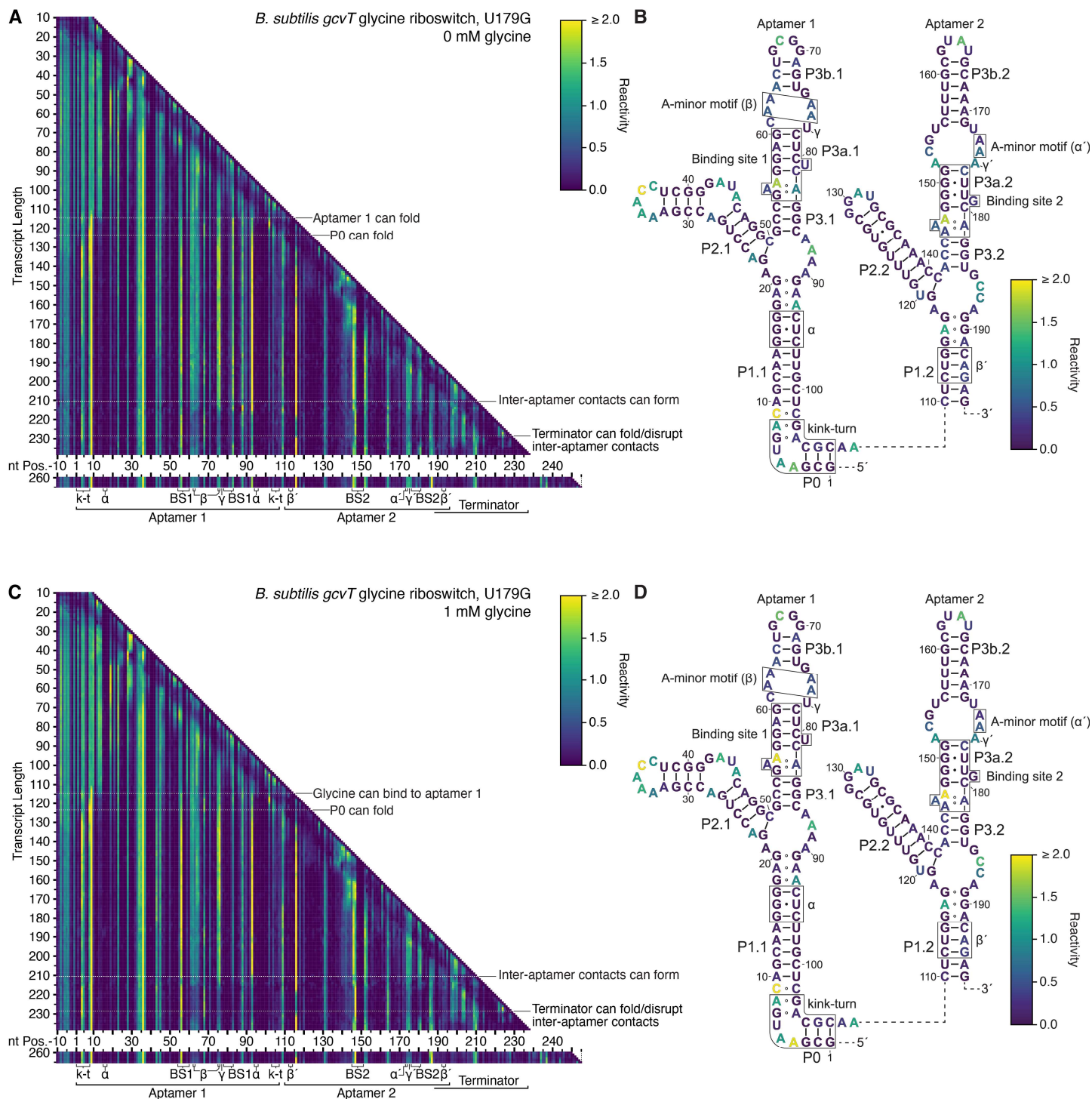


**Supplementary Fig. 11 | Cotranscriptional DMS structure probing of the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch U81G variant.** (a, c) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity matrices for the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch U81G variant in the absence (a) and presence (c) of 1 mM glycine. Transcripts 239-259, which were not enriched, are excluded. (b, d) *B. subtilis gcvT* glycine aptamer U81G variant secondary structures colored by the TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity of the 223 nt transcript in the absence (b) and presence (d) of 1 mM glycine. Data are from two independent replicates that were processed separately and merged.



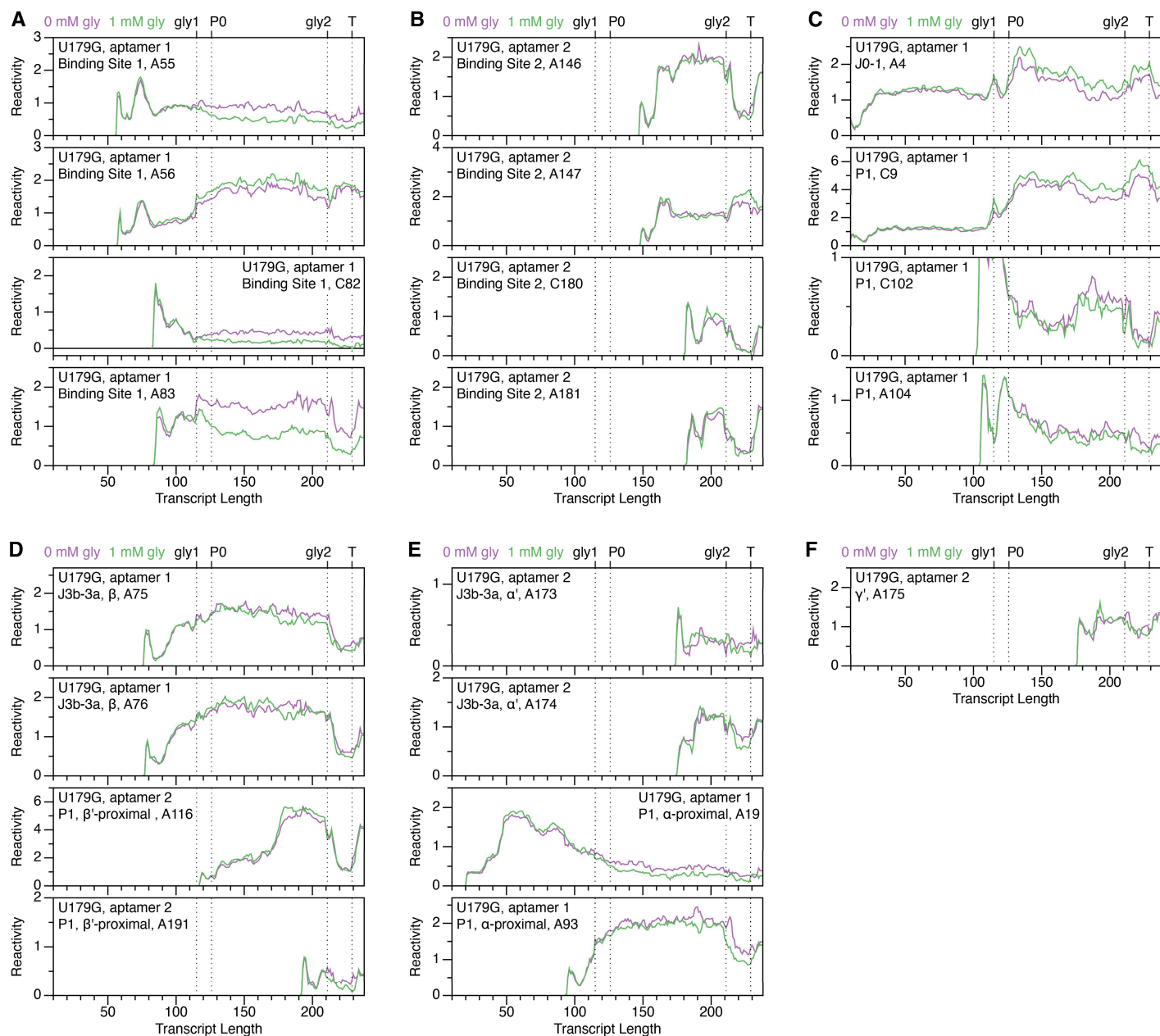
**Supplementary Fig. 12 | DMS reactivity trajectories for select nucleotides of the *B. subtilis* *gcvT* riboswitch U81G variant.** (a-f) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity trajectories for nucleotides in or proximal to binding site 1 (a), binding site 2 (b), the kink-turn motif (c),  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  (d),  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  (e), and  $\gamma'$  (f). Data are from the experiment shown in Supplementary Fig. 11.



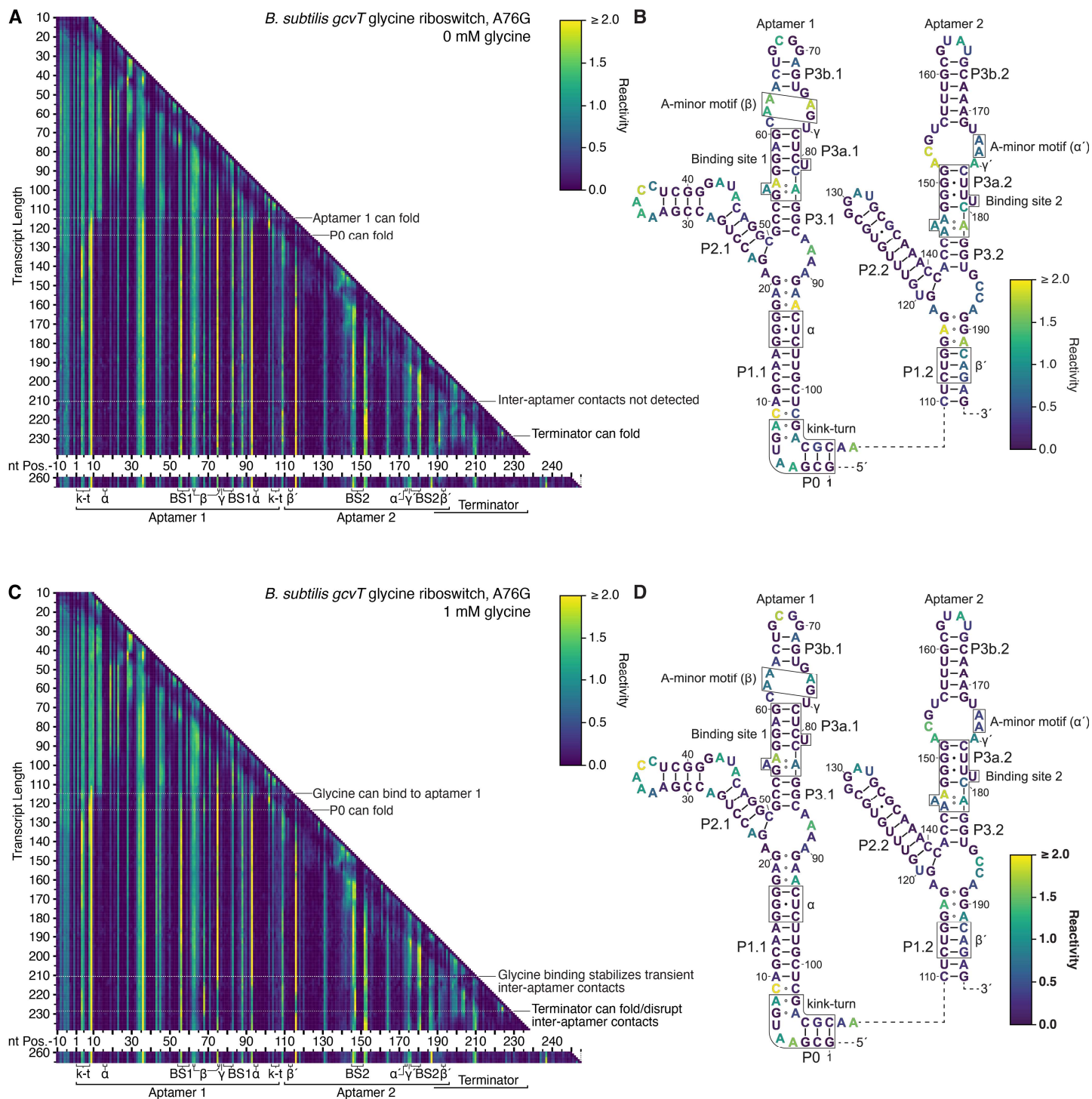


**Supplementary Fig. 13 | Cotranscriptional DMS structure probing of the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch U179G variant.** (a, c) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity matrices for the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch U179G variant in the absence (a) and presence (c) of 1 mM glycine. Transcripts 239-259, which were not enriched, are excluded. (b, d) *B. subtilis gcvT* glycine aptamer U179G variant secondary structures colored by the TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity of the 223 nt transcript in the absence (b) and presence (d) of 1 mM glycine. Data are from two independent replicates that were processed separately and merged.

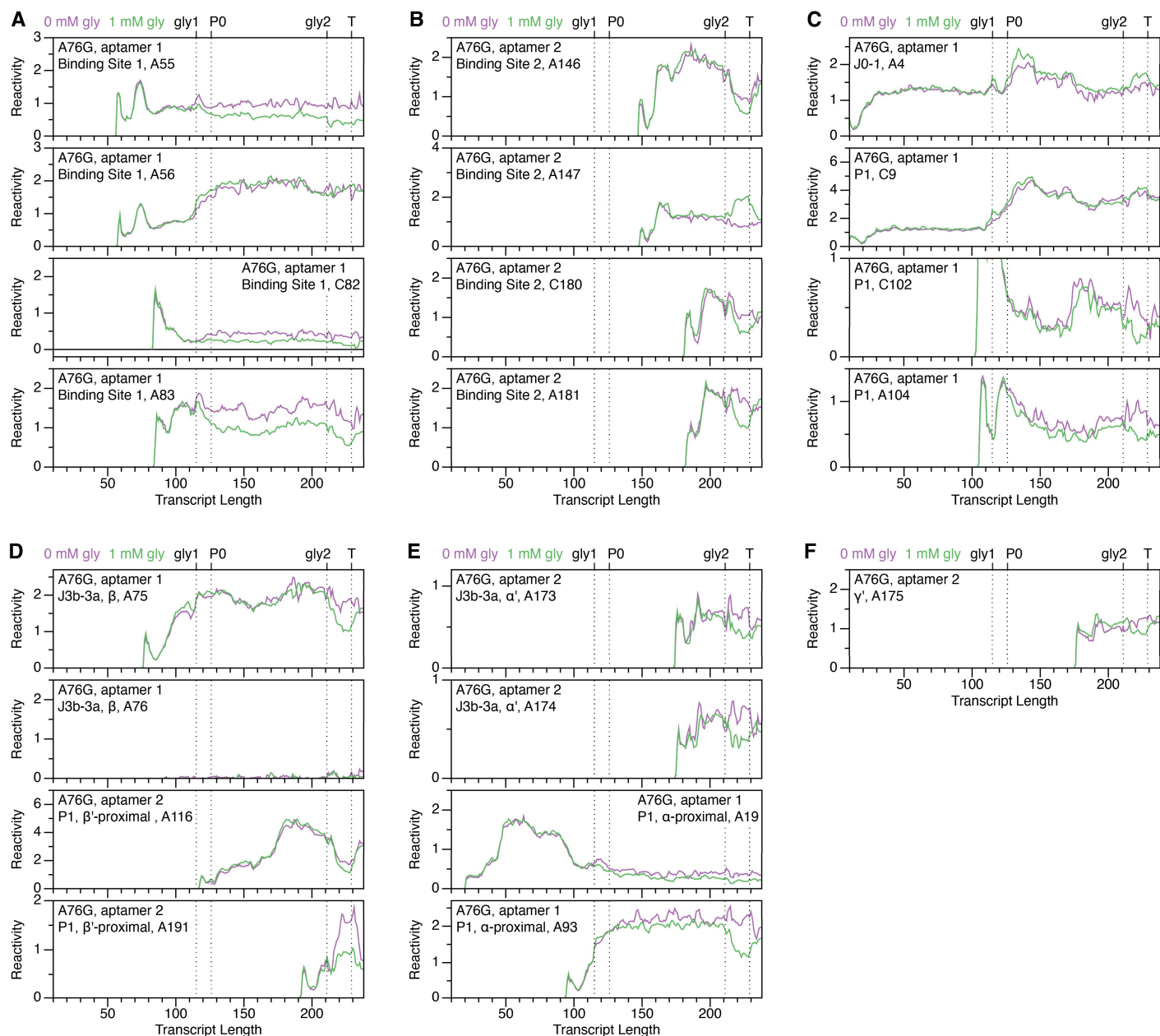




**Supplementary Fig. 14 | DMS reactivity trajectories for select nucleotides of the *B. subtilis* *gcvT* riboswitch U179G variant. (a-f) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity trajectories for nucleotides in or proximal to binding site 1 (a), binding site 2 (b), the kink-turn motif (c),  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  (d),  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  (e), and  $\gamma'$  (f). Data are from the experiment shown in Supplementary Fig. 13.**

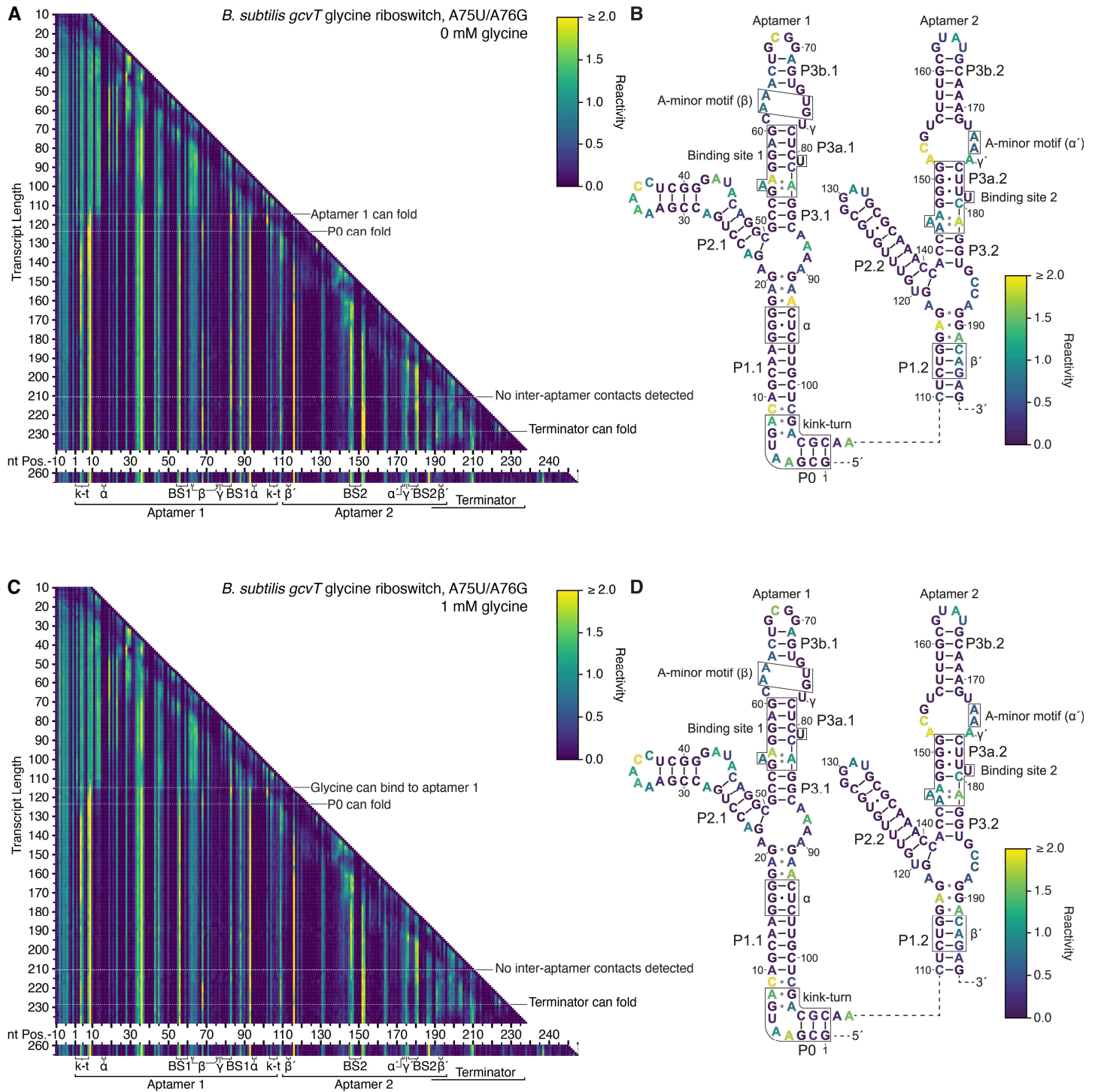


**Supplementary Fig. 15 | Cotranscriptional DMS structure probing of the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch A76G variant.** (a, c) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity matrices for the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch A76G variant in the absence (a) and presence (c) of 1 mM glycine. Transcripts 239-259, which were not enriched, are excluded. (b, d) *B. subtilis gcvT* glycine aptamer A76G variant secondary structures colored by the TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity of the 223 nt transcript in the absence (b) and presence (d) of 1 mM glycine. Data are from two independent replicates that were processed separately and merged.

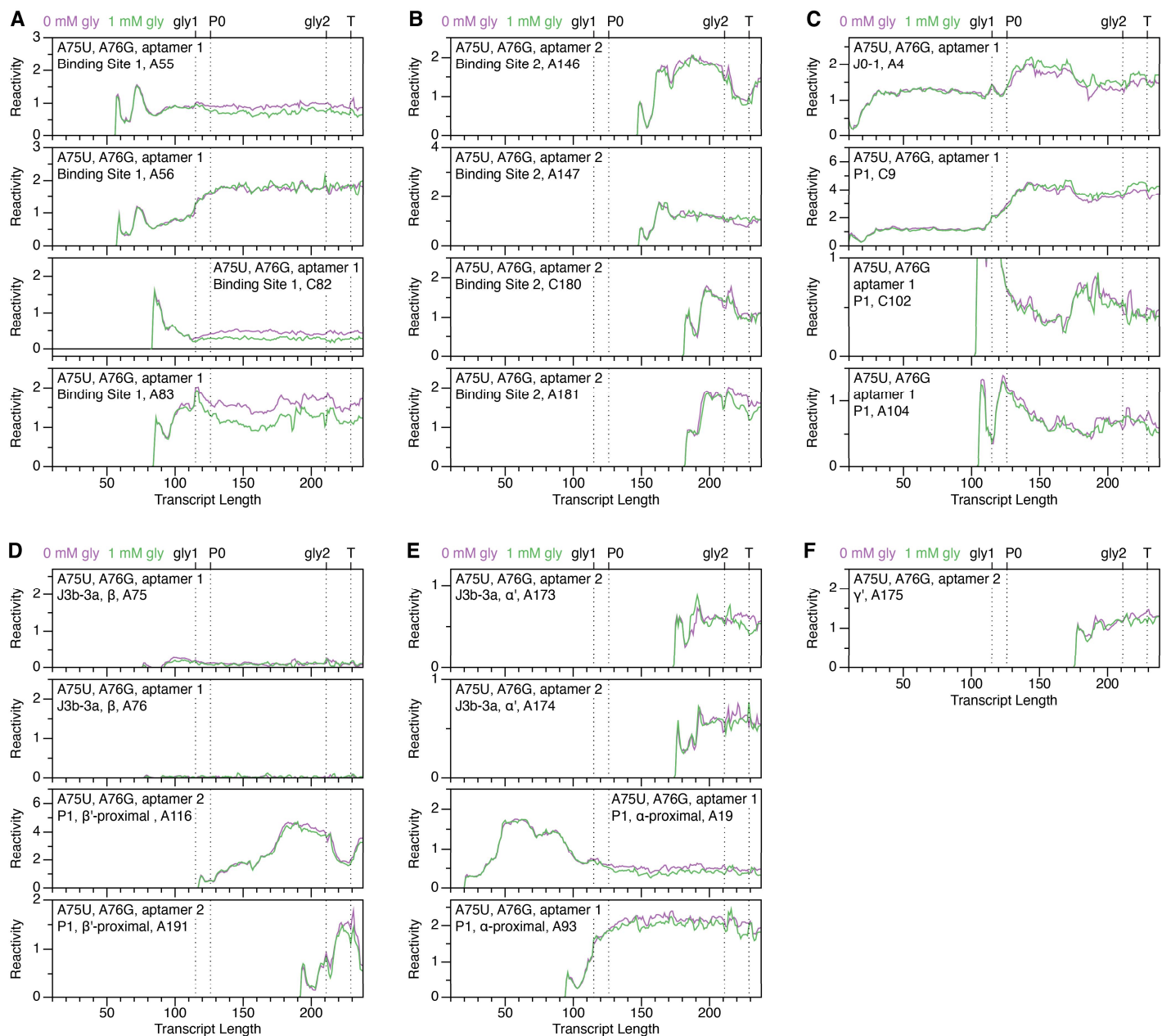


**Supplementary Fig. 16 | DMS reactivity trajectories for select nucleotides of the *B. subtilis* *gcvT* riboswitch A76G variant.** (a-f) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity trajectories for nucleotides in or proximal to binding site 1 (a), binding site 2 (b), the kink-turn motif (c),  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  (d),  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  (e), and  $\gamma'$  (f). Data are from the experiment shown in Supplementary Fig. 15.

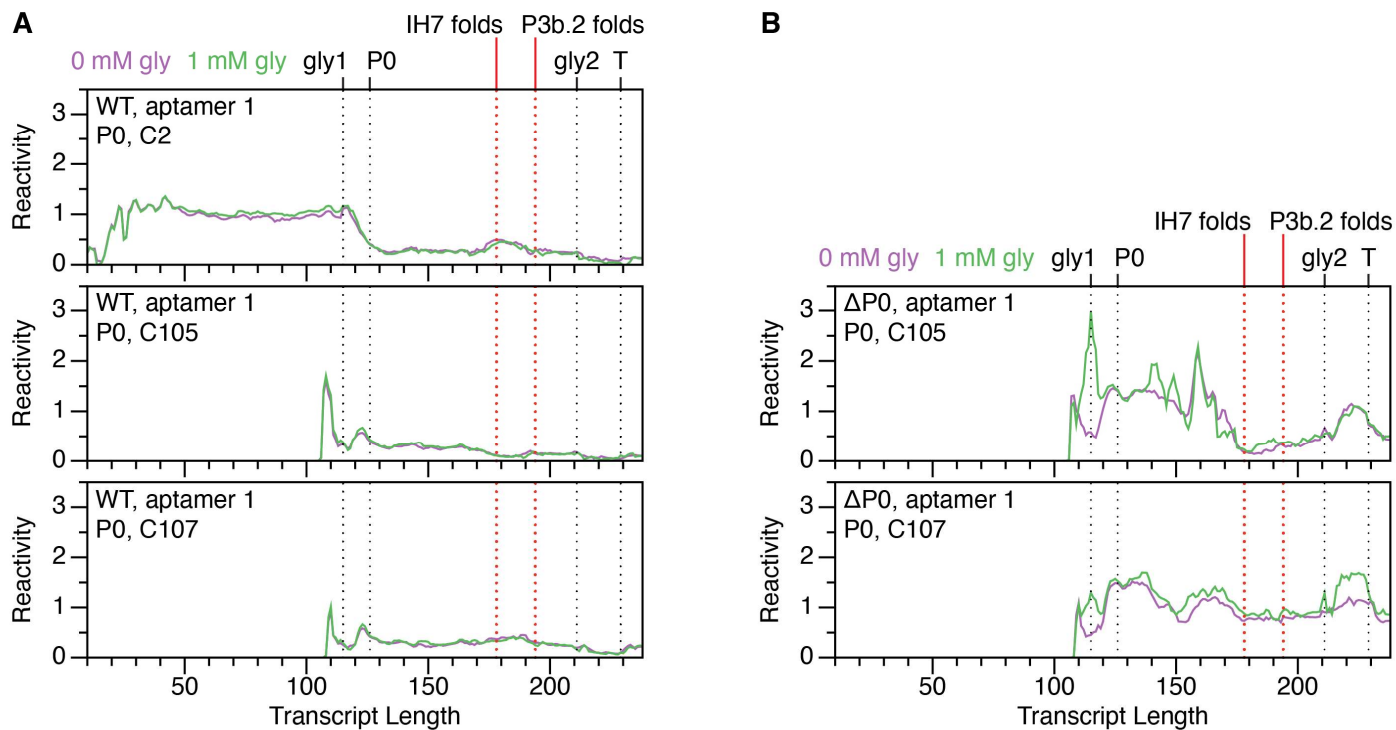




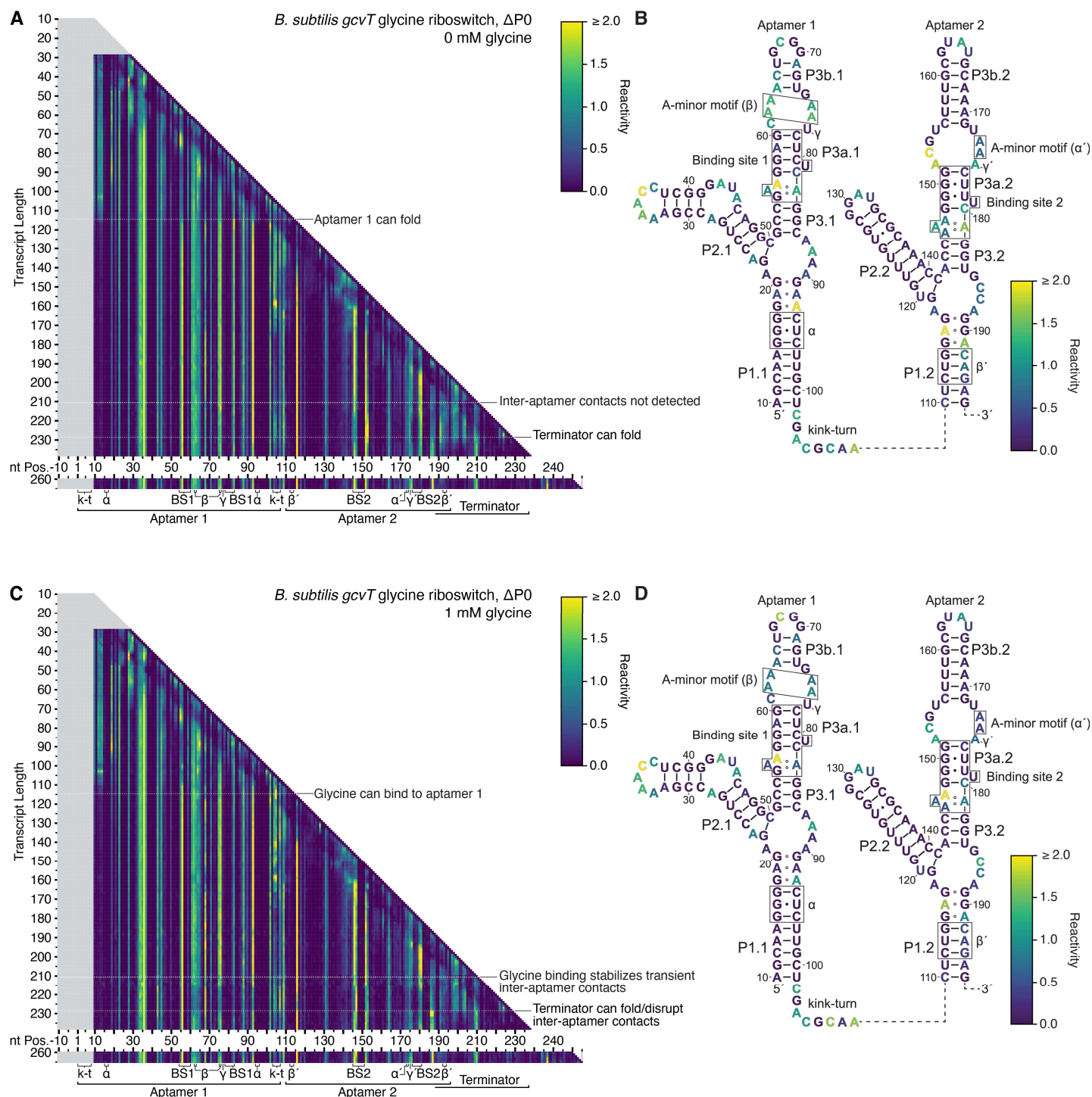
**Supplementary Fig. 17 | Cotranscriptional DMS structure probing of the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch A75U, A76G variant.** (a, c) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity matrices for the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch A75U, A76G variant in the absence (a) and presence (c) of 1 mM glycine. Transcripts 239-259, which were not enriched, are excluded. (b, d) *B. subtilis gcvT* glycine aptamer A75U, A76G variant secondary structures colored by the TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity of the 223 nt transcript in the absence (b) and presence (d) of 1 mM glycine. Data are from two independent replicates that were processed separately and merged.



**Supplementary Fig. 18 | DMS reactivity trajectories for select nucleotides of the *B. subtilis* *gcvT* riboswitch A75U, A76G variant. (a-f) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity trajectories for nucleotides in or proximal to binding site 1 (a), binding site 2 (b), the kink-turn motif (c),  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  (d),  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  (e), and  $\gamma'$  (f). Data are from the experiment shown in Supplementary Fig. 17.**

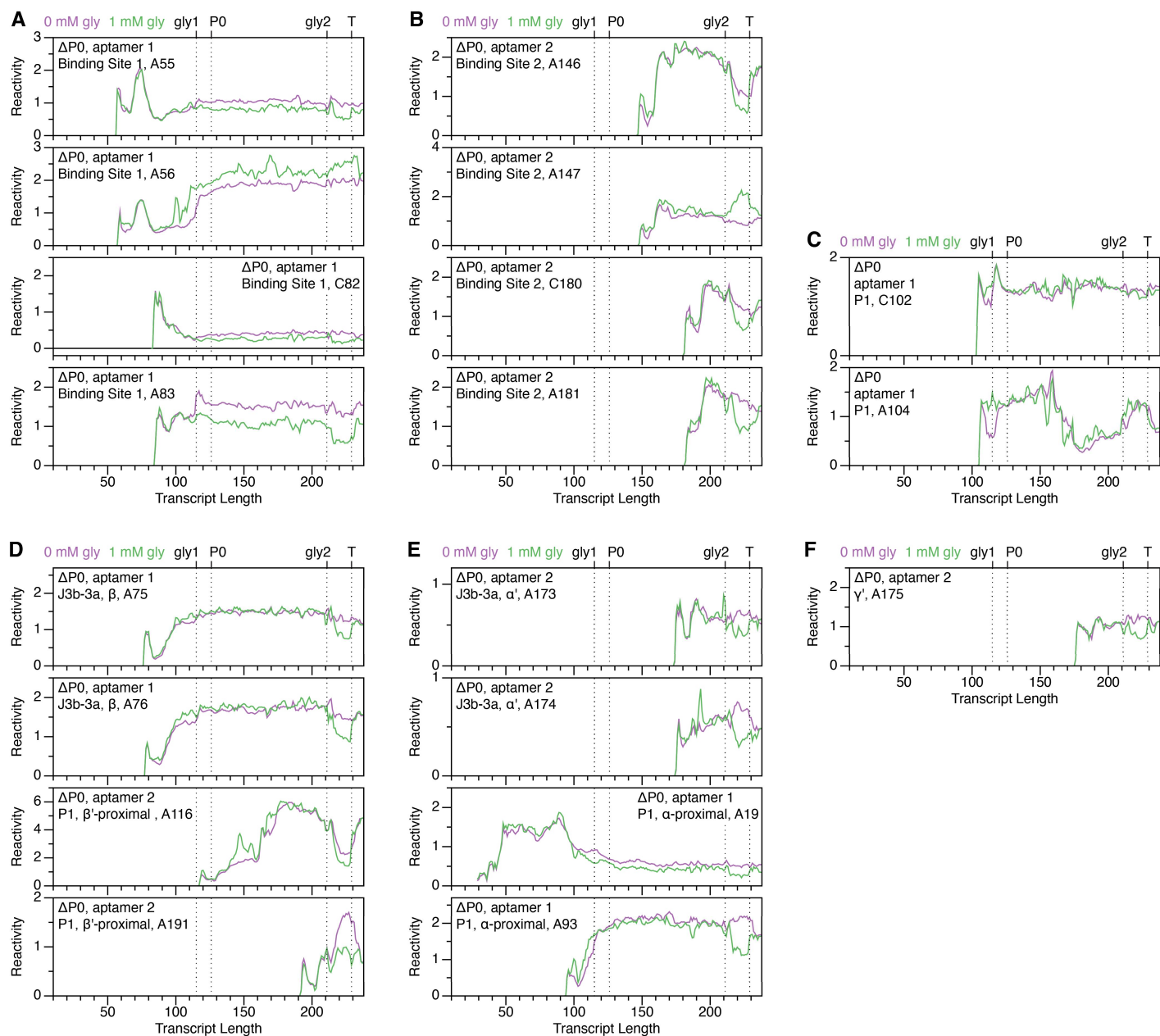


**Supplementary Fig. 19 | Cotranscriptional folding of P0.** (a, b) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity trajectories for P0 nucleotides in the wild-type *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch (a) and  $\Delta$ P0 variant (b). Reactivity data are from Supplementary Fig. 7 and 20.



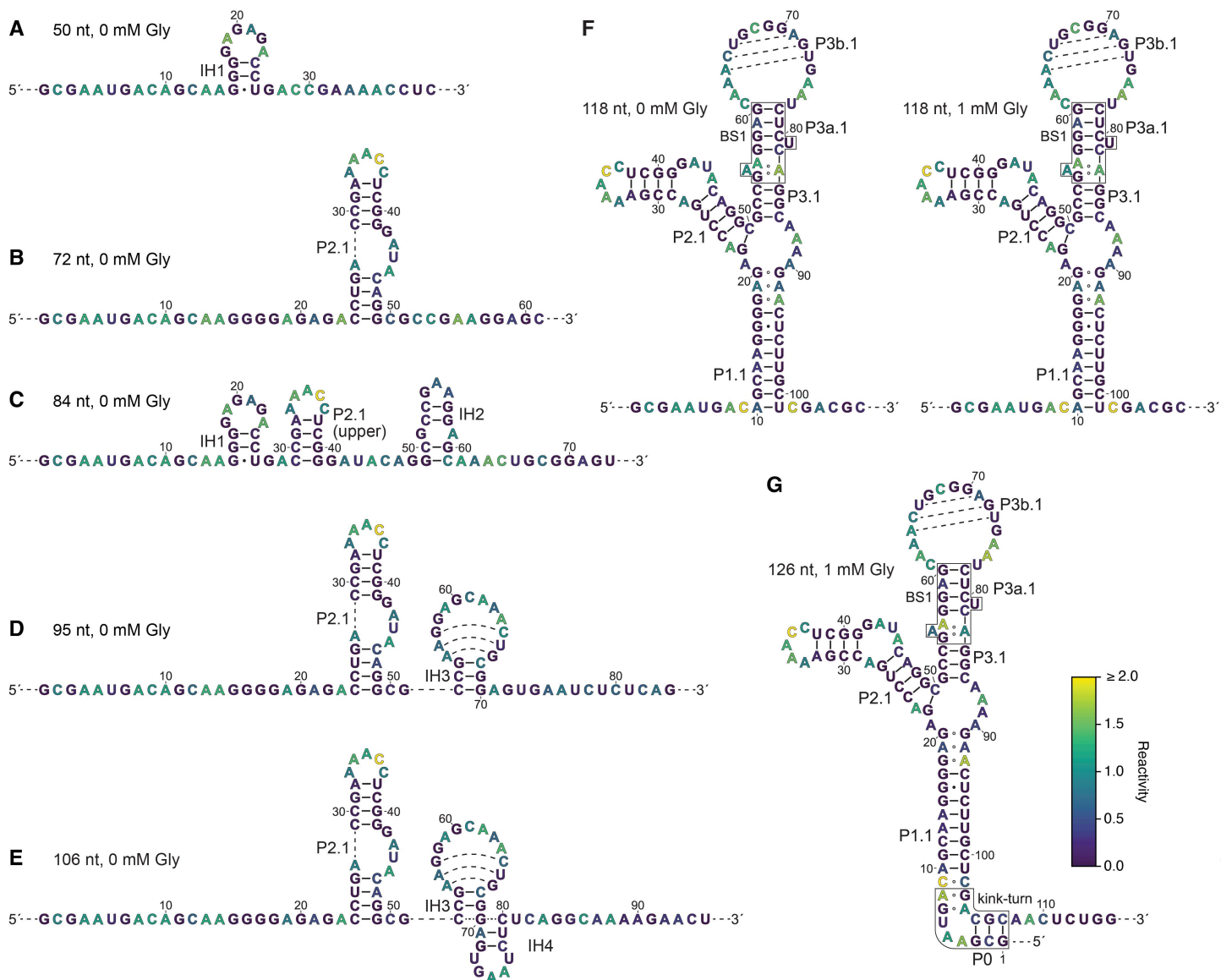
**Supplementary Fig. 20 | Cotranscriptional DMS structure probing of the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch  $\Delta P0$  variant.** (a, c) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity matrices for the *B. subtilis gcvT* riboswitch  $\Delta P0$  variant in the absence (a) and presence (c) of 1 mM glycine. Transcripts 239-259, which were not enriched, are excluded. (b, d) *B. subtilis gcvT* glycine aptamer  $\Delta P0$  variant secondary structures colored by the TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity of the 223 nt transcript in the absence (b) and presence (d) of 1 mM glycine. Data are from two independent replicates that were processed separately and merged.



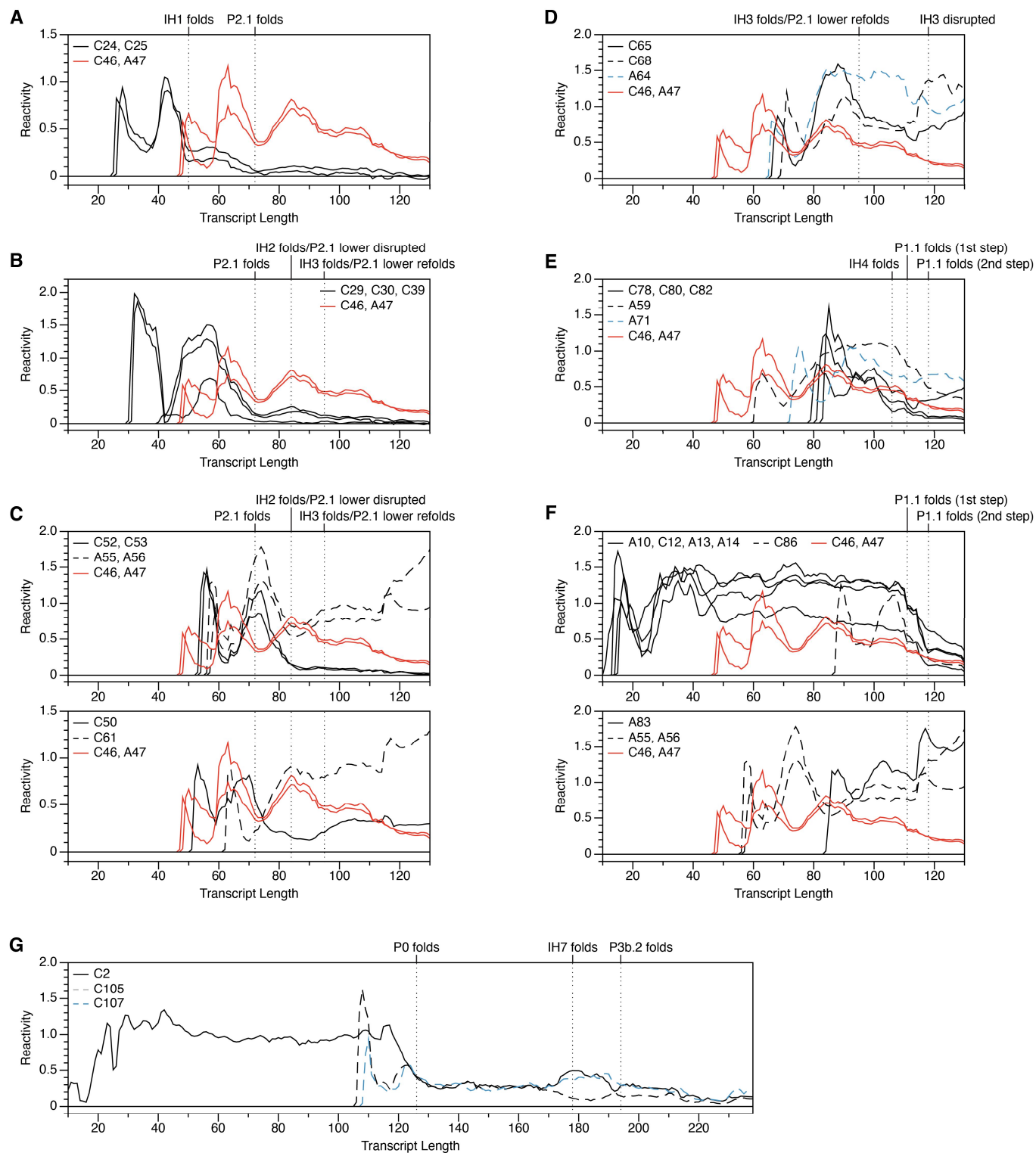


**Supplementary Fig. 21 | DMS reactivity trajectories for select nucleotides of the *B. subtilis* *gcvT* riboswitch  $\Delta P0$  variant.** (a-f) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity trajectories for nucleotides in or proximal to binding site 1 (a), binding site 2 (b), the kink-turn motif (c),  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  (d),  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  (e), and  $\gamma'$  (f). Data are from the experiment shown in Supplementary Fig. 20.



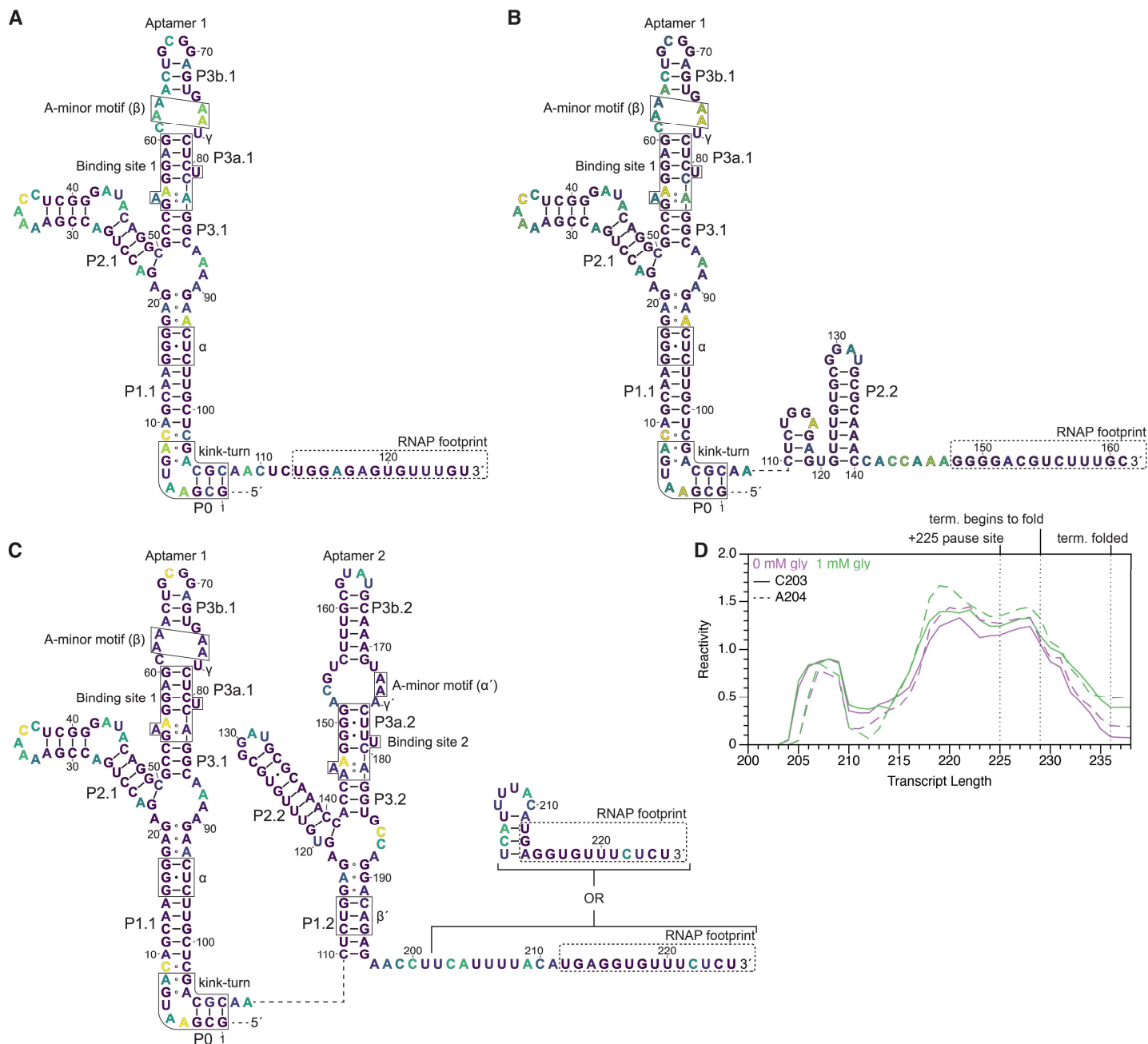


**Supplementary Fig. 22 | Reactivity-guided structure predictions of aptamer 1 folding intermediates. (a-g) *B. subtilis* gcvT glycine aptamer 1 folding intermediate secondary structures colored by TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity. Reactivity data are from Supplementary Fig. 7. Secondary structures omit the 3'-most 11 nucleotides of the transcript.**



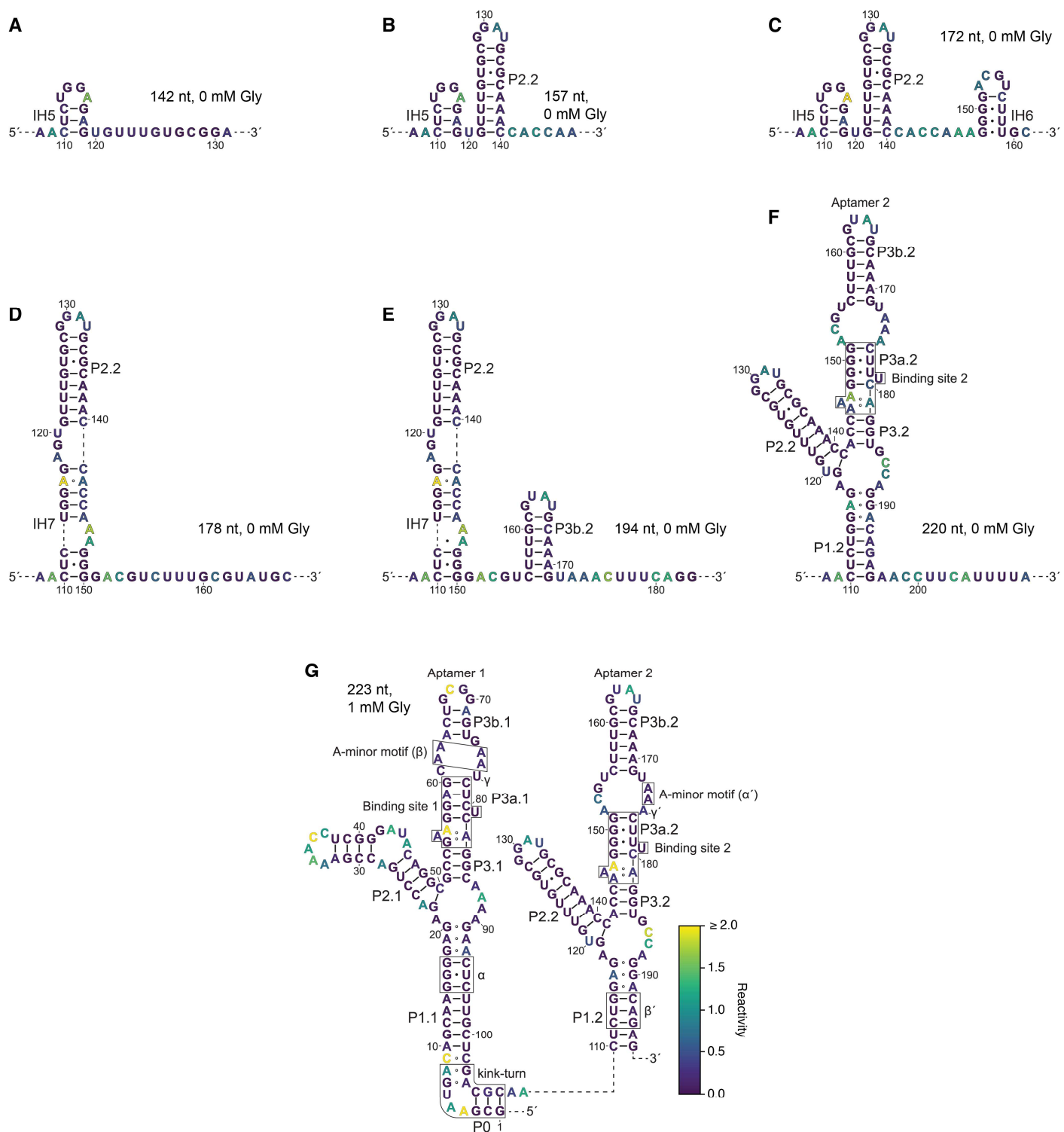
**Supplementary Fig. 23 | Reactivity trajectories supporting aptamer 1 folding transitions. (a-g)**

TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity trajectories that support the folding transitions depicted in Supplementary Fig. 22. Reactivity data are from Supplementary Fig. 7.



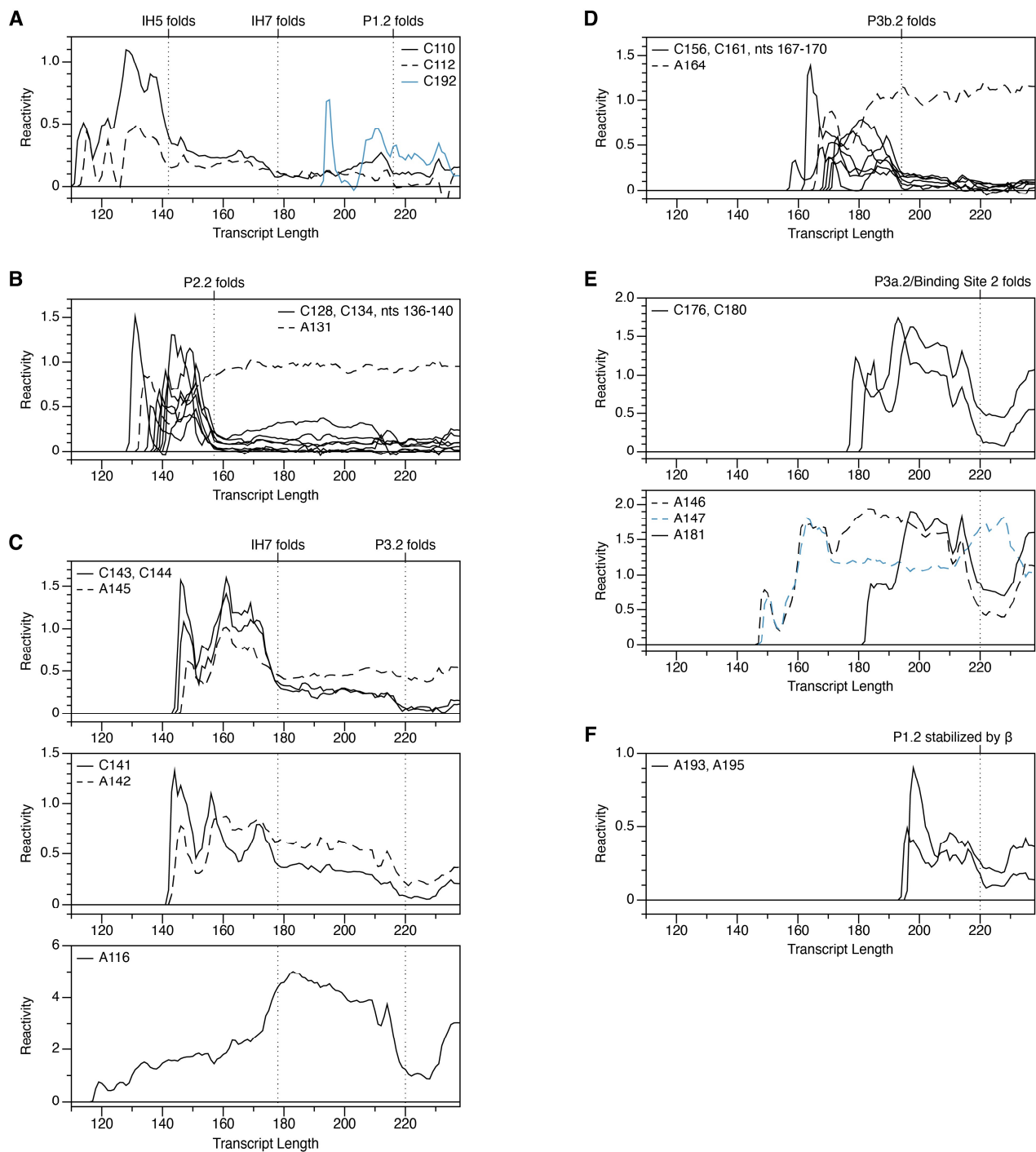
**Supplementary Fig. 24 | Reactivity-guided structure predictions of paused folding intermediates.**

(a-c) *B. subtilis* *gcvT* glycine aptamer secondary structures for the +126 (a), +161 (b), and +225 (c) pauses. (d) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity trajectories for C203 and A204. Reactivity data are from Supplementary Fig. 7.



**Supplementary Fig. 25 | Reactivity-guided structure predictions of aptamer 2 folding intermediates.**

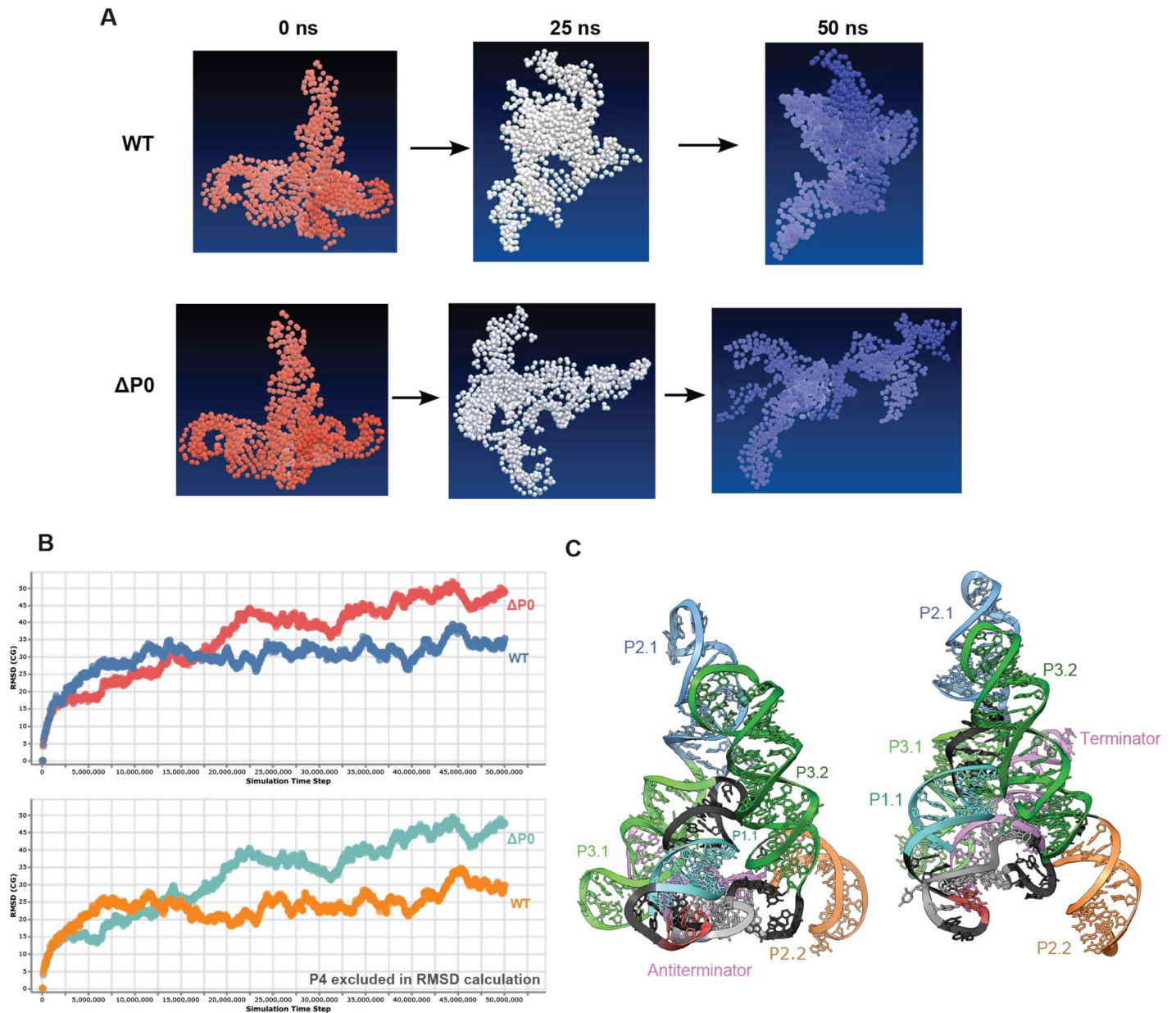
(a-g) *B. subtilis gcvT* glycine aptamer 2 folding intermediate secondary structures colored by TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity. Reactivity data are from Supplementary Fig. 7. Secondary structures omit the 3'-most 11 nucleotides of the transcript.



**Supplementary Fig. 26 | Reactivity trajectories supporting aptamer 2 folding transitions.**

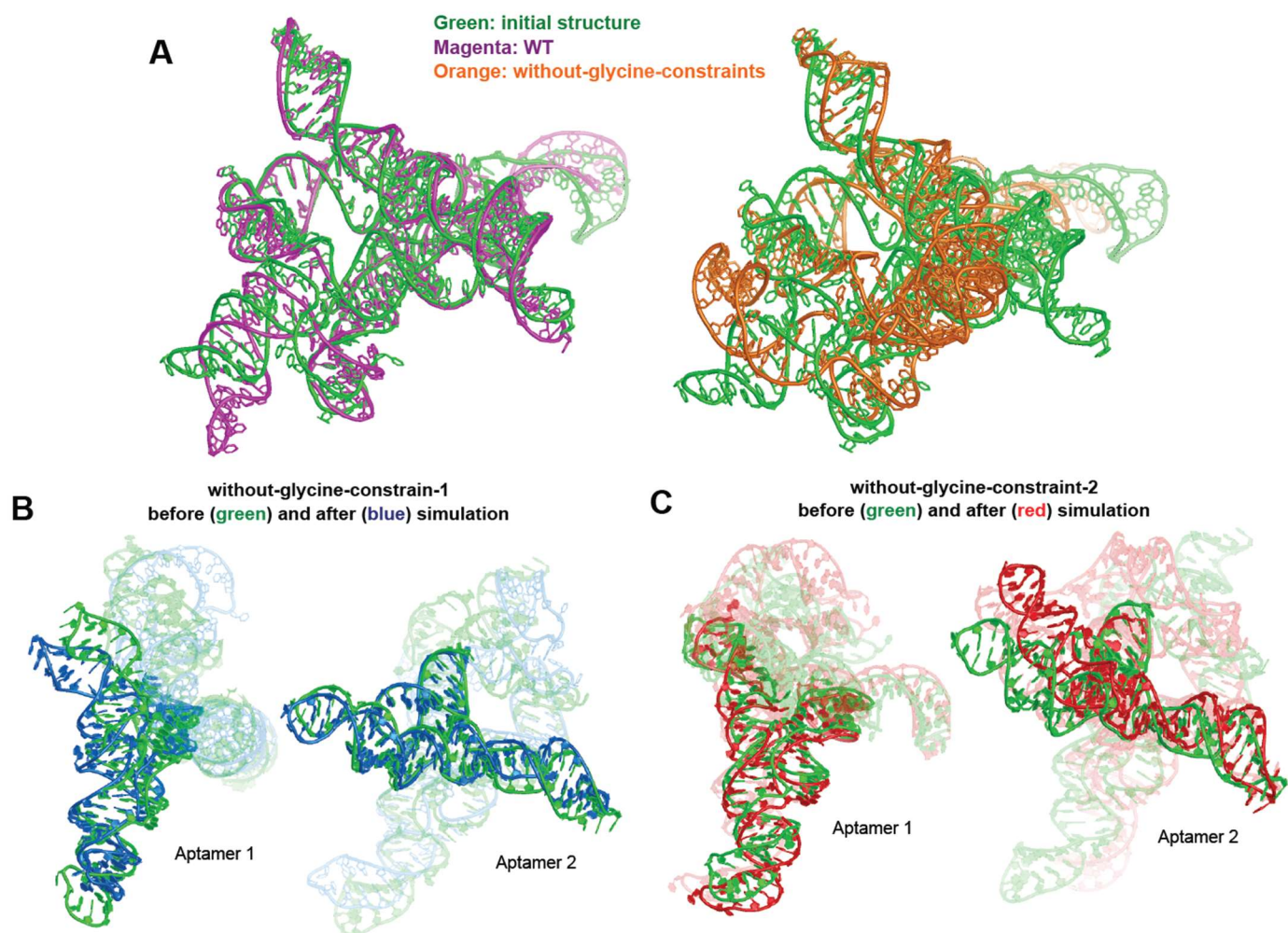
(a-f) TECprobe-VL DMS reactivity trajectories that support the folding transitions depicted in Supplementary Fig. 25. Reactivity data are from Supplementary Fig. 7.





### Supplementary Fig. 27 | Computational simulations probing folding stability of the $\Delta P0$ mutant.

Simulation reveals that the elimination of P0 reduces folding stability. (a) The coarse-grained structures obtained from the simulation trajectory for the WT and the  $\Delta P0$  variant. The  $\Delta P0$  variant becomes disrupted after 25 ns and fully extends by the end of the 50 ns simulation. In contrast, the WT structure remains relatively compact throughout the simulation. (b) The RMSD of the coarse-grained structures during the simulation against the initial structure. In the top panel, the RMSD values are computed using the complete structures, while in the bottom panel, the RMSD values are calculated using the structure excluding P4. The  $\Delta P0$  variant experienced a larger structural change throughout the simulation, even excluding the flexible P4 domain. (c) Two structures modeled for the  $\Delta P0$  variant as an antiterminator (left) and terminator (right), respectively. The structures are highlighted to show the nucleotide regions in Fig. 6a and 6b. The antiterminator and terminator structures for the  $\Delta P0$  variant exhibit significant structural differences when compared to the WT structures (Fig. 6a and 6b), where the domain topologies are remarkably different.



### Supplementary Fig. 28 | Glycine binding stabilizes individual aptamers.

Simulation reveals that the disruption of glycine binding pockets results in decreased stability. **(a)** Simulation results for the WT and the “without-glycine-constraints” model. Starting from the same initial structure (green), we obtained the top-ranked models for the WT (magenta) and without-glycine-constraints model (orange). The two models are aligned with the initial structure, demonstrating that compared to the WT, the without-glycine-constraints model involves significant structural changes along the simulation. **(b)** Simulation results for the “without-glycine-constraint-1” model. The top-ranked model obtained from the simulation is aligned with the initial structure (green) using aptamer 1 (left) and aptamer 2 (right), indicating that the without-glycine-constraint-1 model causes disruption in the aptamer 1 region, rather than in the aptamer 2 region. **(c)** Simulation results for the without-glycine-constraint-2 model. The top-ranked model obtained from the simulation is aligned with the initial structure (green) using aptamer 1 (left) and aptamer 2 (right), indicating that the without-glycine-constraint-2 model causes disruption in the aptamer 2 region, rather than in the aptamer 1 region.

**Table S1 | Oligonucleotides used in single-molecule experiments.** The table below shows oligonucleotides used to perform single-molecule experiments in this study. The modification codes are derived from the Integrated DNA Technologies ordering form, in particular:

/5Biosg/: 5' Biotin

/5deSBioTEG/: 5' Desthiobiotin-TEG

/5Cy5/: 5' Cy5™

Oligonucleotide	Sequence (5'-3')	Purification
Bsu_GTR-Prom-Fwd (1)	TCCAGATCCCGAAAATTTATCAAAAAGAGTATTGACTTAAAGTCTAACCTATAGGATACTTACAGCCATGAGCGAATGACAGCAAGGGGA	None
Bsu_GTR-Prom-Amp-REV(1)	GAGCAAGAGTTCTTTTGCCTGAGAGATTCACTCCGCAGTTTGCTCCTTCGGCGCCTGTATCCCGAGGTTTTCGGTCAGGTCTCTCCCCTTGCTGTCATTTCGCT	None
Bsu_GTR-Amp-Fwd (2)	TCTCAGGCAAAAGAACTCTTGCTCGACGCAACTCTGGAGAGTGTTTGTGCGGATGCGCAAACCACCAAAGGGGACGTCTTTGCGTATGCA	None
Bsu_GTR-Amp-ExpP-Rev(2)	CCCTTTATCAACGGCGCAGCTAAAAAACATACAAAAAAGGACAGAGAAACACCTCATGTAAATGAAGGTTCTCTGTCTGCGACCTGAAAGTTTACTTTGCATACGCAAAGACGTCCC	None
Bsu_GTR-T7A1-PCR	TCCAGATCCCGAAAATTTATCAAAAAGAGTATTG	None
Bsu_GTR-AN-Rev	AGACCACGTTGAAAGATTGGGTTACGGACAGAGAAACACCTCATGTAAATGAAG	None
Anchor_bio	/5Biosg/AGACCACGTTGAAAGATTGGGTTAC	HPLC
Bsu_GTR-PEC225-Desthio	/5deSBioTEG/AAAAAGGACAGAGAAACACCTCATGTAAATG	HPLC
Bsu-GTR-ΔP0 (2)	CTCCCCTTGCTATGGCTGTAAGTATC	None
Bsu-GTR-ΔP0 (3)	GATACTTACAGCCATAGCAAGGGGAG	None
Bsu_GTR-A76G (2)	TTGCCTGAGAGACTCACTCCGCAGT	None
Bsu_GTR-A76G (3)	ACTGCGGAGTGAGTCTCTCAGGCAA	None
Bsu_GTR-Mut-BS2-U183G-Rev	GTCCTGGCACCTGCAAGTTTACTTTG	None
Bsu_GTR-Mut-BS1-U85G-Fwd	GGAGTGAATCGCTCAGGCAAAAGAA	None
Bsu_GTR-Mut-BS1-U85G-Rev	TTCTTTTGCCTGAGCGATTCACTCC	None
Bsu_GTR-Mut-BS2-U183G-Fwd	CAAAGTAACTTGACAGGTGCCAGGAC	None
Bsu_GTR-RT-196 Rev	AGACCACGTTGAAAGATTGGGTTACCTCTGTCTGCGCACCTGAAAGT	HPLC
Bsu_GTR-PEC225 Rev	/5Biosg/AAAAAGGACAGAGAAACACCTCATGTAAAT	HPLC
Bsu_GTR-PEC161 Rev	/5Biosg/TTTGCATACGCAAAGACGTCCC	HPLC
Bsu_GTR-PEC 126 Rev	/5Biosg/CGCATCCGCACAAACACTCTC	HPLC
SKM-BsuTerm	/5Cy5/GAA ACA CC	HPLC
SKP-Apt1-P1	/5Cy5/AAG AGT TC	HPLC
SKP-Apt2-P2b	/5Cy5/CAA ACA CT	HPLC



**Table S2 | Termination parameters determined in this study.** This table summarizes all the *in vitro* transcription assays, with standard deviations of the fits.

<b>Template</b>	<b>Amplitude (%)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>R<sub>50</sub> (μM)<sup>b</sup></b>
WT	43.4 ± 1.2	5.2 ± 0.7
WT + NusA	13.5 ± 0.7	2.5 ± 0.5
WT + YbxF	14.4 ± 1.3	1.6 ± 0.2
A76G	10.2 ± 1.1	6.2 ± 2.3
ΔP0	30.7 ± 1.2	70.7 ± 11.3
ΔP0 + YbxF	26.4 ± 3.0	58.3 ± 15.7
U81G	14.5 ± 0.3	28.6 ± 3.8
U179G	8.4 ± 1.0	7.7 ± 4

<sup>a</sup>The reported error is the standard deviation (SD) of the mean from three independent replicates.

<sup>b</sup>The reported error is the standard deviation of the fits.

**Table S3 | Pause half-lives measured in this study.** This table summarizes the pause half-lives of all *Bsu*-GTR pause sites in the presence and absence of NusA, with standard deviations of the fits.

Pause species	Glycine	$\tau$ (s) [pause half-life]*
U126	-	$28 \pm 7$
	+	$31 \pm 14$
C161	-	$65 \pm 18$
	+	$62 \pm 12$
U225	-	$160 \pm 44$
	+	$121 \pm 5$
U126 + NusA	-	$39 \pm 6$
	+	$50 \pm 1$
C161 + NusA	-	$125 \pm 14$
	+	$213 \pm 23$
U225 + NusA	-	$101 \pm 43$
	+	$1052 \pm 194$

\*The reported error is the standard deviation (SD) of the mean from three independent replicates.

**Table S4 | Kinetic parameters extracted from the NusA co-localization assay.** Table summarizing the NusA binding kinetics for PEC-161 and PEC-225, with standard deviations of the fits.

Construct	Glycine	$k_{on}$ ( $10^6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	$k_{off}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )
PEC-225	-	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $5.40 \pm 0.02$ (62%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $1.35 \pm 0.008$ (38%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $4.55 \pm 1.33$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.76 \pm 0.02$ (84%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.12 \pm 0.01$ (16%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.74 \pm 0.16$
	+	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $7.26 \pm 0.04$ (50%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $1.38 \pm 0.01$ (50%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $4.16 \pm 0.98$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.74 \pm 0.02$ (75%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.08 \pm 0.01$ (25%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.47 \pm 0.11$
PEC-161	-	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $13.7 \pm 0.1$ (49%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $2.18 \pm 0.01$ (51%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $7.51 \pm 0.47$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $1.11 \pm 0.05$ (70%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.25 \pm 0.02$ (30%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.87 \pm 0.06$
	+	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $23.4 \pm 0.14$ (45%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $2.29 \pm 0.01$ (55%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $11.2 \pm 2.31$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $1.10 \pm 0.04$ (75%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.23 \pm 0.02$ (25%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.81 \pm 0.12$

<sup>a</sup>Values were calculated from single- or double-exponential fits of the pooled data from all the experiments under a given condition. The percentages indicate the contributions of each phase to the overall rate constant. The reported error is the standard deviation (SD) of the fit.

<sup>b</sup>Values represent the average  $\pm$  the standard deviation (SD) of the mean from three independent replicates.

**Table S5 | Kinetic parameters extracted from SiM-KARTS analysis.** Table summarizing all SiM-KARTS probe binding kinetics for different RNAs and PECs, with standard deviations of the fits.

Construct	Glycine	$k_{on}$ ( $10^6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	$k_{off}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	Probe
PEC-225	-	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $23.7 \pm 0.31$ (20%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $6.42 \pm 0.01$ (80%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $9.95 \pm 1.62$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.88 \pm 0.02$ (91%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.12 \pm 0.02$ (9%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.82 \pm 0.10$	J1/2
	+	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $39.7 \pm 0.10$ (16%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $2.41 \pm 0.01$ (84%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $4.84 \pm 1.41$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.76 \pm 0.02$ (82%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.16 \pm 0.01$ (18%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.74 \pm 0.24$	J1/2
PEC-161	-	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $3.10 \pm 0.01$ (100%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : NA Overall <sup>b</sup> : $2.89 \pm 0.75$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.89 \pm 0.01$ (100%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : NA Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.95 \pm 0.18$	J1/2
	+	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $2.45 \pm 0.01$ (100%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : NA Overall <sup>b</sup> : $2.37 \pm 0.51$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.92 \pm 0.02$ (92%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.10 \pm 0.02$ (8%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.85 \pm 0.07$	J1/2
RT-229	-	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $4.08 \pm 0.01$ (100%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : NA Overall <sup>b</sup> : $4.06 \pm 0.51$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.71 \pm 0.02$ (87%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.16 \pm 0.03$ (13%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.67 \pm 0.08$	J1/2
	+	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $41.5 \pm 0.83$ (7%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $3.87 \pm 0.01$ (93%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $4.53 \pm 1.01$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.79 \pm 0.02$ (89%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.12 \pm 0.02$ (11%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.71 \pm 0.07$	J1/2
RT-196	-	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $20.7 \pm 0.38$ (9%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $5.22 \pm 0.007$ (91%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $6.52 \pm 0.59$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.89 \pm 0.03$ (84%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.15 \pm 0.02$ (16%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.77 \pm 0.05$	J1/2
	+	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $21.7 \pm 0.29$ (15%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $4.83 \pm 0.009$ (85%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $6.97 \pm 1.37$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.87 \pm 0.03$ (84%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.15 \pm 0.02$ (16%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.70 \pm 0.04$	J1/2
PEC-225	-	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $1.83 \pm 0.02$ (46%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.55 \pm 0.003$ (54%) Overall <sup>c</sup> : 1.14	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.25 \pm 0.01$ (93%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.05 \pm 0.001$ (7%) Overall <sup>c</sup> : 0.24	A1-P1
	+	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $1.70 \pm 0.01$ (42%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.58 \pm 0.003$ (58%) Overall <sup>c</sup> : 1.05	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.25 \pm 0.01$ (93%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.05 \pm 0.005$ (7%) Overall <sup>c</sup> : 0.23	A1-P1
RT-229	-	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $2.20 \pm 0.01$ (41%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.18 \pm 0.01$ (59%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.94 \pm 0.11$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.26 \pm 0.01$ (87%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.04 \pm 0.002$ (13%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.29 \pm 0.14$	Term
	+	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $2.30 \pm 0.01$ (41%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.22 \pm 0.01$ (59%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.99 \pm 0.11$	Fast <sup>a</sup> : $0.31 \pm 0.01$ (80%) Slow <sup>a</sup> : $0.04 \pm 0.002$ (20%) Overall <sup>b</sup> : $0.27 \pm 0.06$	Term

<sup>a</sup>Values were calculated from single- or double-exponential fits of the pooled data from all experiments under a given condition. The percentages indicate the contribution of each phase to the overall rate constant. The reported error is the standard deviation of the fits. In the case of a single-exponential fit, the second rate constant is not applicable, NA.

<sup>b</sup>Values represent the average  $\pm$  the standard deviation (SD) of the mean from three independent replicates.

<sup>c</sup>Values represent the average of the mean from two independent experiments.

**Table S6 | Oligonucleotides for TECprobe-VL experiments.** The table below shows oligonucleotides used to perform TECprobe-VL experiments in this study. The modification codes are derived from the Integrated DNA Technologies ordering form, in particular:

/5bioSG/: "standard" 5' biotin

/5Phos/: 5' phosphate

/3AmMO/: 3' amino modifier

<u>ID</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sequence</u>	<u>Purification</u>
TECD006	PRA1_NoMod.F	TTATCAAAAAGAGTATTGACTCTTTTACCTCTGGCGGTGATAATGGTTGCAT	HPLC
TECD017	dRP1_NoMod.R	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACGTTTACAGTTCTACAGTCCGACGATC	HPLC
STD002	HP4_5bio.R	/5Biosg/AATGTCTTCCAGCACACATCGCCTGACGAATCA	none
TECP001	9N_VRA3	/5Phos/rNrNrNrNrNrNNNNGATCGTCGGACTGTAGAACTCTGAAC/3AmMO/	HPLC
TECP002	SC1Brdg_MINUS	CCTTGGCACCCGAGAATTCCAYYYRRATGGCCTTCGGGCCAA	HPLC
TECP003	SC1Brdg_PLUS	CCTTGGCACCCGAGAATTCCARRRYATGGCCTTCGGGCCAA	HPLC
TECP006	dRP1_5bio.R	/5Biosg/AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACGTTTACAGTTCTACAGTCCGACGATC	HPLC
RPIX_SC1	RPIX_SC1_Bridge	CCTTGGCACCCGAGAATTCCAATGGCCTTCGGGCCAA	none
RPIX	RPIX	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATCGTGATGTGACTGGAGTTCCTTGGCACCCGAGAATTCCA	none
RPI	RPI	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGAT [ Index ] GTGACTGGAGTTCCTTGGCACCCGAGAATTCCA	PAGE

**Table S7 | TECprobe-VL DNA templates prepared for this study.** The table below describes the DNA templates prepared for TECprobe-VL experiments, including the primers and templates used, DNA modifications, how the DNA template was purified, and the Fig. in which each DNA template was used.

<u>ID</u>	<u>Fwd Primer</u>	<u>Rev Primer</u>	<u>Template</u>	<u>Modifications</u>	<u>Clean up</u>	<u>Used in Fig(s)</u>
1	TECD006	STD002	pCES019 (WT)	5' biotin	Gel extracted	N/A
2	TECD006	STD002	pST001 (U81G, U179G)	5' biotin	Gel extracted	N/A
3	TECD006	STD002	pST002 (U81G)	5' biotin	Gel extracted	N/A
4	TECD006	STD002	pST003 (U179G)	5' biotin	Gel extracted	N/A
5	TECD006	STD002	pST004 (A76G)	5' biotin	Gel extracted	N/A
6	TECD006	STD002	pST005 (A75U, A76G)	5' biotin	Gel extracted	N/A
7	TECD006	STD002	pST006 ( $\Delta$ P0)	5' biotin	Gel extracted	N/A
8	TECD006	STD002	Template 1 (WT)	Internal biotin-11 nucleotides, 5' biotin	SPRI beads	3, 4, S7, S8, S19, S22, S23, S24, S25, S26
9	TECD006	STD002	Template 2 (U81G, U179G)	Internal biotin-11 nucleotides, 5' biotin	SPRI beads	S9, S10
10	TECD006	STD002	Template 3 (U81G)	Internal biotin-11 nucleotides, 5' biotin	SPRI beads	S11, S12
11	TECD006	STD002	Template 4 (U179G)	Internal biotin-11 nucleotides, 5' biotin	SPRI beads	S13, S14
12	TECD006	STD002	Template 5 (A76G)	Internal biotin-11 nucleotides, 5' biotin	SPRI beads	4, S15, S16
13	TECD006	STD002	Template 6 (A75U, A76G)	Internal biotin-11 nucleotides, 5' biotin	SPRI beads	S17, S18
14	TECD006	STD002	Template 7 ( $\Delta$ P0)	Internal biotin-11 nucleotides, 5' biotin	SPRI beads	4, S19, S20, S21

**Supplementary Table 8 | TECprobe-VL DNA template sequences.** The table below contains the DNA sequences used to perform TECprobe-VL experiments in this study.

<b>ID</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sequence</b>
1	PRA1_SC1_BsuGly_WT_HP4	ttatcaaaaagagtattgactctttacctctggcggtgataatggttgcattggcctcgggccaaagaaaatatgagcgaatgacagcaaggg gagagacctgaccgaaaacctcgggatacaggcgccgaaggagcaaaactgcggagtgaatctctcaggcaaaagaactcttctcgac gcaactctggagagtgttctgcggatgcgcaaacaccacaaaggggacgtcttgcgtatgcaaagtaaaacttcagggtgccaggacagag aaccttcattttacatgagggtttctctgcctttttgtatcctgattcgtcaggcgatgtgtctggaagacatt
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**Table S9 | Sequence Read Archive (SRA) deposition table.** All primary sequencing data generated in this work are freely available from the Sequence Read Archive (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra>), accessible via the BioProject accession number [PRJNA938111](#) or using the individual accession numbers below.

Accession	Sample Name	Sample Description
SAMN33434193	Gly_DMS_0mM_rep1	wt glycine riboswitch multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN33434194	Gly_DMS_0mM_rep2	wt glycine riboswitch multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN33434195	Gly_DMS_1mM_rep1	wt glycine riboswitch multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN33434196	Gly_DMS_1mM_rep2	wt glycine riboswitch multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN48083625	GlyU81G_U179G_DMS_0mM_Rep1	glycine riboswitch U81G_U179G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN48083626	GlyU81G_U179G_DMS_0mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch U81G_U179G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN48083627	GlyU81G_U179G_DMS_1mM_Rep1	glycine riboswitch U81G_U179G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN48083628	GlyU81G_U179G_DMS_1mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch U81G_U179G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN33482618	GlyU81G_DMS_0mM_Rep1	glycine riboswitch U81G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN33482619	GlyU81G_DMS_0mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch U81G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN33482620	GlyU81G_DMS_1mM_Rep1	glycine riboswitch U81G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN33482621	GlyU81G_DMS_1mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch U81G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN33482622	GlyU179G_DMS_0mM_Rep1	glycine riboswitch U179G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN33482623	GlyU179G_DMS_0mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch U179G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN33482624	GlyU179G_DMS_1mM_Rep1	glycine riboswitch U179G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN33482625	GlyU179G_DMS_1mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch U179G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN34441076	GlyA76G_DMS_0mM_Rep1	glycine riboswitch A76G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN34441077	GlyA76G_DMS_0mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch A76G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN34441078	GlyA76G_DMS_1mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch A76G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN34441079	GlyA76G_DMS_1mM_Rep4	glycine riboswitch A76G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 4
SAMN48083629	GlyA75U_A76G_DMS_0mM_Rep1	glycine riboswitch A75U_A76G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN48083630	GlyA75U_A76G_DMS_0mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch A75U_A76G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN48083631	GlyA75U_A76G_DMS_1mM_Rep1	glycine riboswitch A75U_A76G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN48083632	GlyA75U_A76G_DMS_1mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch A75U_A76G variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN48083633	GlyDeltaP0_DMS_0mM_Rep1	glycine riboswitch deltaP0 variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN48083634	GlyDeltaP0_DMS_0mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch deltaP0 variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 0mM glycine, replicate 2
SAMN48083635	GlyDeltaP0_DMS_1mM_Rep1	glycine riboswitch deltaP0 variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 1
SAMN48083636	GlyDeltaP0_DMS_1mM_Rep2	glycine riboswitch deltaP0 variant multilength cotranscriptional DMS probing with 1mM glycine, replicate 2

**Table S10 | RMDB data deposition table.** Reactivity data generated in this work are freely available from the RNA Mapping Database (RMDB, <http://rmdb.stanford.edu>), accessible using the RMDB ID numbers indicated.

RMDB Accession	RNA	Experiment	Folding	Probe	Ligand	NTP Conc.	Merged	Smoothing
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0001</a>	wt glycine riboswitch	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	none	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0002</a>	wt glycine riboswitch	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	1mM glycine	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0003</a>	glycine riboswitch, U81G, U179G	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	none	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0004</a>	glycine riboswitch, U81G, U179G	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	1mM glycine	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0005</a>	glycine riboswitch, U81G	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	none	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0006</a>	glycine riboswitch, U81G	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	1mM glycine	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0007</a>	glycine riboswitch, U179G	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	none	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0008</a>	glycine riboswitch, U179G	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	1mM glycine	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0009</a>	glycine riboswitch, A76G	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	none	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0010</a>	glycine riboswitch, A76G	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	1mM glycine	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0011</a>	glycine riboswitch, A75U, A76G	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	none	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0012</a>	glycine riboswitch, A75U, A76G	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	1mM glycine	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0013</a>	glycine riboswitch, delta P0	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	none	50uM	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">BSUGLY_DMS_0014</a>	glycine riboswitch, delta P0	TECprobe-VL	Cotranscriptional	DMS	1mM glycine	50uM	Yes	Yes