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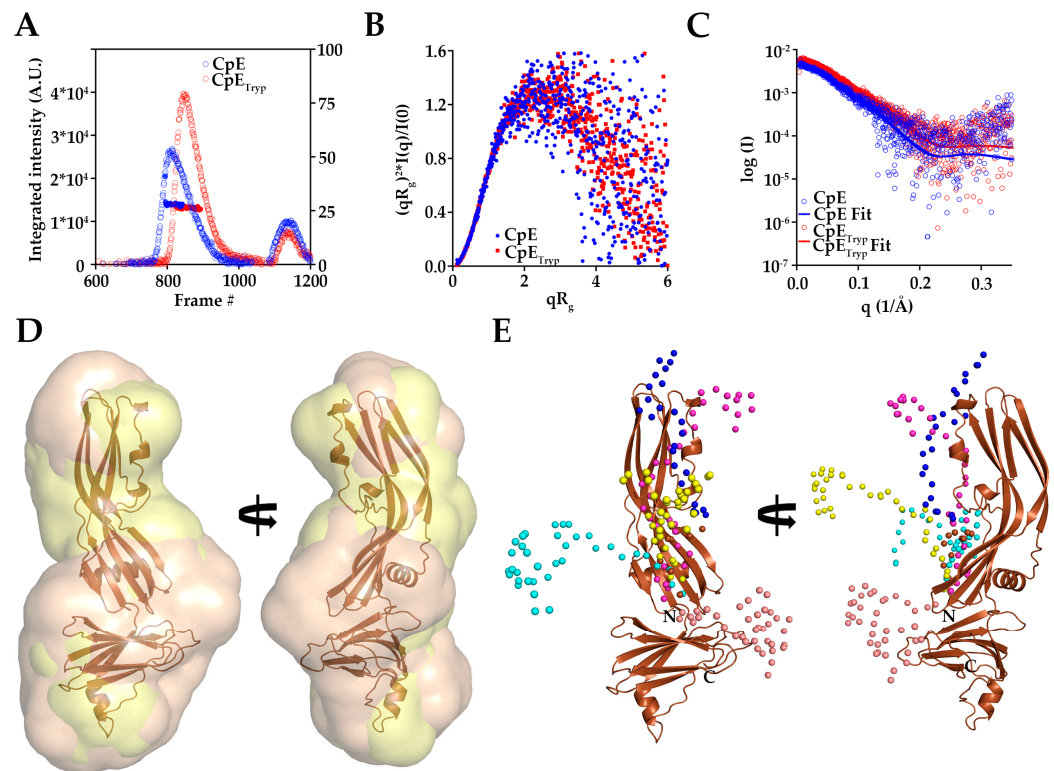
# Structural Basis of *Clostridium perfringens* Enterotoxin Activation and Oligomerization by Trypsin

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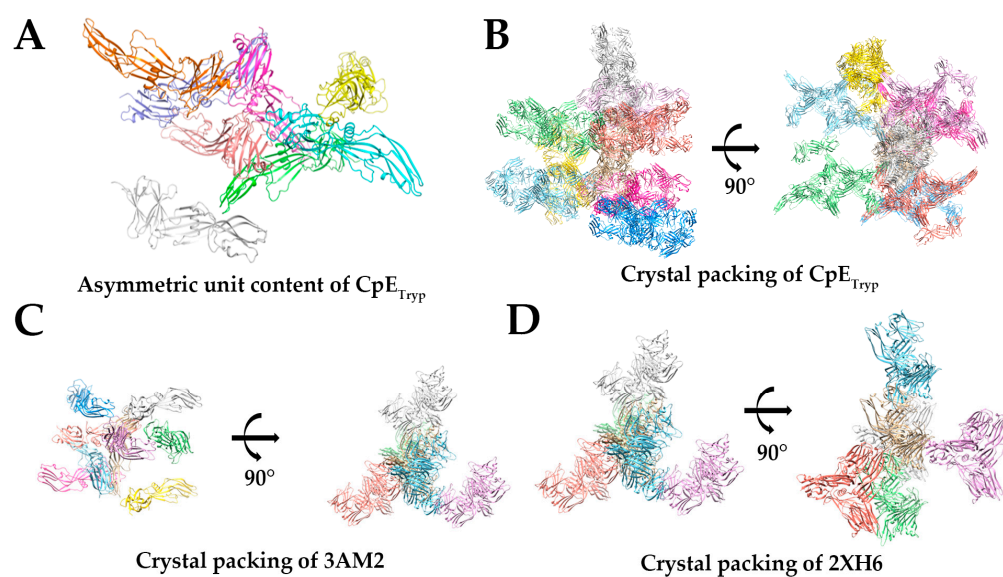
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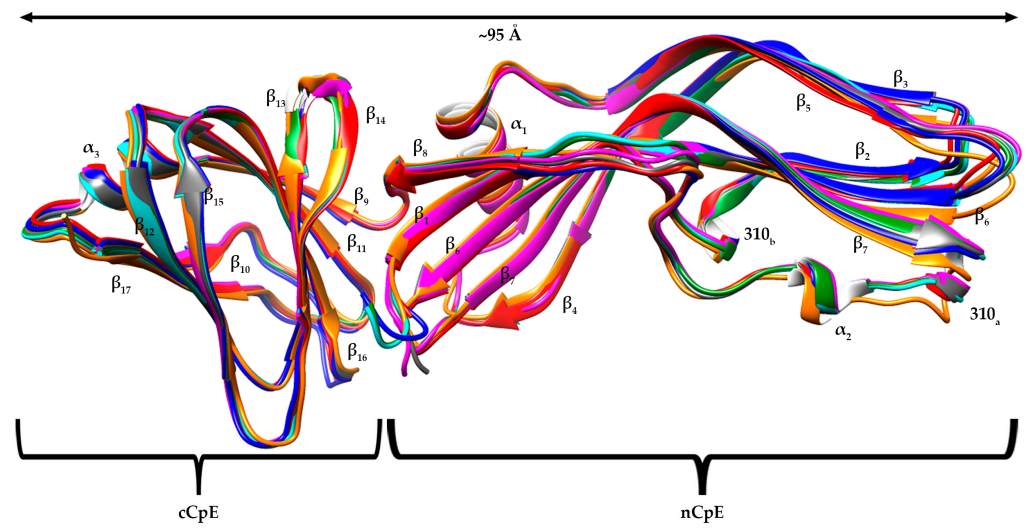
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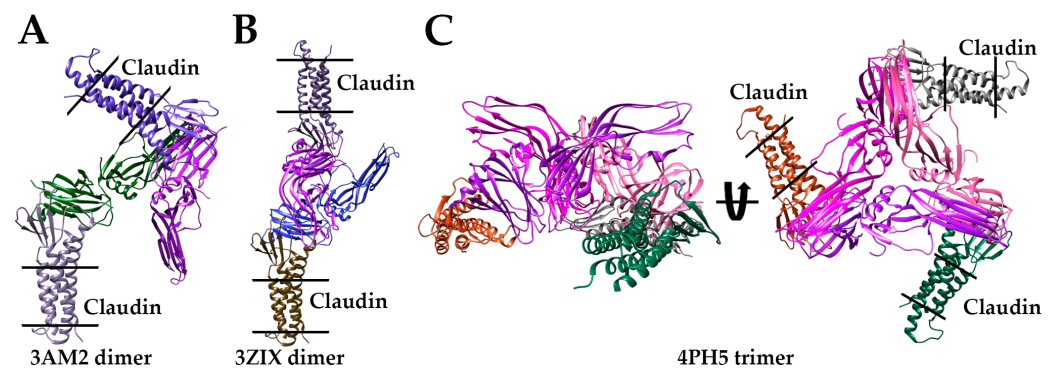
**Figure S1: Additional SEC-MALS SAXS results.** (A) Subtracted series plots showing integrated intensity  $I(0)$  (hollow circles) and  $R_g$  (filled circles) versus the frame number for the SEC-MALS-SAXS run for CpE (blue) and CpE<sub>Tryp</sub> (red). (B) dimensionless Kratky plot of CpE (Blue) and CpE<sub>Tryp</sub> (Red) shows that the protein is properly folded. (C) FoXS based fitting of a theoretical scattering profile of CpE (PDB ID: 2XH6) to the experimental SAXS profile of CpE (Blue) and CpE<sub>Tryp</sub> (Red). (D) Overlay of SAXS envelop of CpE (Wheat) and CpE<sub>Tryp</sub> (Yellow) and 2XH6. (E) EOM generated five different models of CpE residues 1-37 that were missing from the crystal structure [1,2]. Out of the five EOM generated models, one (blue spheres) showed the  $D_{\max}$  of  $\sim 103$  Å and  $R_g$  of  $\sim 27$  Å other models therefore this model was selected for further analysis. The  $D_{\max}$  and  $R_g$  for five different EOM generated models are given in Table S4.



**Figure S2: Asymmetric Unit Content and Protein Packing of CpE Crystal Structures.** (A) Asymmetric unit of CpE<sub>Tryp</sub> with eight molecules each coloured independently. Crystal packing of (B) CpE<sub>Tryp</sub>, (C) PDB ID: 3AM2, and (D) PDB ID: 2XH6. Each monomer is coloured uniquely



**Figure S3: Structure Comparison of CpE Monomers from Various Crystal Structures.** Structural overlay of CpE<sub>Tryp</sub> chain A (cyan) with those from PDB ID: 2XH6 (orange), 6YHJ (green), 3AM2 (red), 3ZIW (blue), and 4P5H (magenta). CpE is shown as a cartoon.



**Figure S4: Models of Previously Determined CpE Structures Bound to Claudins.** Superpositioning of claudins onto the dimer from PDB ID: 3AM2 (left), 3ZIX (middle), and trimer from 4PH5 (right) shows that claudins are not primed in physiologically relevant poses.

Table S1. List of unique peptides identified by mass spectrometry for CpE and CpE<sub>Tryp</sub>

Unique peptide number	Unique peptides	Peptide count CpE	Peptide count CpE <sub>Tryp</sub>
1	MLSNNLNPM	2	0
2	MLSNNLNPMVFEN	4	0
3	MLSNNLNPMVFENAK	292	22
4	LSNNLNPMVFENAK	8	0
5	SNNLNPMVFENAK	15	0
6	NNLNPMVFENAK	72	2
7	NLNPMVFENAK	25	1
8	LNPMVFENAK	11	0
9	NPMVFENAK	4	0
10	PMVFENAK	22	0
11	ENAKEVFLISEDLK	1	0
12	AKEVFLISEDLK	4	0
13	KEVFLISEDLK	2	0
14	EVFLISEDLK	137	9
15	EVFLISEDLKTPINITNSNSNLS DGLYVIDK	1	0
16	VFLISEDLK	2	0
17	FLISEDLK	7	0
18	LISEDLKTPINITNSNSNLS DGLYVIDK	1	0
19	LKTPINITNSNSNLS DGLYVIDK	1	0
20	KTPINITNSNSNLS DGLYVIDK	0	2
21	TPINITNSN	7	6
22	TPINITNSNS	1	1
23	TPINITNSNSN	8	7
24	TPINITNSNSNL	2	2
25	TPINITNSNSNLS	1	1
26	TPINITNSNSNLS D	4	3
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28	TPINITNSNSNLS DGL	1	2
29	TPINITNSNSNLS DGLY	0	1
30	TPINITNSNSNLS DGLYVIDK	121	133
31	TPINITNSNSNLS DGLYVIDKGD	2	2
32	TPINITNSNSNLS DGLYVIDKGDG	1	3
33	PINITNSNSNLS DGLYVIDK	3	4
34	INITNSNSNLS DGLYVIDK	4	6
35	NITNSNSNLS DGLYVIDK	8	6
36	ITNSNSNLS DGLYVIDK	9	11
37	TNSNSNLS DGLYVIDK	2	2
38	NSNSNLS DGLYVIDK	7	10
39	SNSNLS DGLYVIDK	15	18
40	NSNLS DGLYVIDK	3	4
41	SNLS DGLYVIDK	5	9
42	NLS DGLYVIDK	1	2
43	LS DGLYVIDK	8	7
44	SDGLYVIDK	1	2
45	DGLYVIDK	1	1
46	GDGWILGEPS	1	1
47	GDGWILGEPSVSSQILNPNETGTFSQSLTK	5	1
48	GEPSVSSQILNPNETGTFSQSLTK	4	4
49	EPSVSSQILNPNETGTFSQSLTK	1	2
50	PSVSSQILNPNETGTFSQSLTK	2	1
51	SVVSSQILNPNETGTFSQSLTK	1	1
52	VVSSQILNPNETGTFSQSLTK	7	9
53	SSQILNPNETGTFSQSLTK	0	2
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55	QILNPNETGTFSQSLTK	4	4
56	ILNPNETGTFSQSLTK	8	9
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58	PNETGTFSQSLTK	8	7
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60	ETGTFSQSLTK	5	4
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62	GTFSQSLTK	2	2
63	TFSQSLTK	3	3
64	SKEVSINVN	1	1
65	FGITIGEONTIER	1	1

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82	ISHGNISD	1	1
83	ISHGNISDD	1	2
84	ISHGNISDDG	1	1
85	ISHGNISDDGS	1	1
86	ISHGNISDDGSIYK	268	251
87	ISHGNISDDGSIYKL	1	1
88	ISHGNISDDGSIYKLTGIWLSK	2	5
89	SHGNISDDGSIYK	4	3
90	HGNISDDGSIYK	6	7
91	GNISDDGSIYK	4	2
92	NISDDGSIYK	1	1
93	ISDDGSIYK	6	5
94	SDDGSIYK	3	2
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96	LTGIWLSK	85	81
97	LTGIWLSKTSADSLGNIDQGSLIETGER	2	2
98	SKTSADSLGNIDQGSLIETGER	1	1
99	KTSADSLGNIDQGSLIETGER	1	2
100	TSADSLGNID	1	1
101	TSADSLGNIDQ	2	1
102	TSADSLGNIDQG	1	3
103	TSADSLGNIDQGS	2	2
104	TSADSLGNIDQGSLIE	1	1
105	TSADSLGNIDQGSLIET	1	2
106	TSADSLGNIDQGSLIETG	2	2
107	TSADSLGNIDQGSLIETGE	2	4
108	TSADSLGNIDQGSLIETGER	136	160
109	TSADSLGNIDQGSLIETGERCVLTVPSTDIEK	2	3
110	SADSLGNIDQGSLIETGER	2	3
111	ADSLGNIDQGSLIETGER	0	4
112	DSLGNIDQGSLIETGER	2	3
113	SLGNIDQGSLIETGER	7	5
114	LGIDQGSLIETGER	4	4
115	GNIDQGSLIETGER	3	5
116	NIDQGSLIETGER	6	7
117	IDQGSLIETGER	3	5
118	DQGSLIETGER	0	1
119	QGSLIETGER	4	4
120	GSLIETGER	2	2
121	SLIETGER	2	1
122	CVLTVPSTDIEK	22	27
123	CVLTVPSTDIEKEILDAAAATER	60	50
124	VLTVPSTDIEK	2	2
125	VLTVPSTDIEKEILDAAAATER	0	2
126	LTVPSTDIEK	1	0
127	LTVPSTDIEKEILDAAAATER	3	0
128	TVPSTDIEK	5	3
129	TVPSTDIEKEILDAAAATER	2	2
130	PSTDIEKEILDAAAATER	3	2
131	IEKEILDAAAATER	2	0
132	EKEILDAAAATER	0	1
133	KEILDAAAATER	1	0

134	EILDAAAATER	50	68
135	ILDAAAATER	2	2
136	LDAAAATER	1	3
137	DAAAATER	1	1
138	LNLTDALN	0	1
139	LNLTDALNSN	3	4
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152	NPAGNLYDWR	2	2
153	PAGNLYDWR	11	13
154	AGNLYDWR	1	1
155	RSSNYPWTQK	1	2
156	SSNYPWTQK	160	191
157	SSNYPWTQKLNHLTITATGQK	33	23
158	SSNYPWTQKLNHLTITATGQKYR	17	15
159	SSNYPWTQKLNHLTITATGQKYRILASK	2	1
160	SNSYPWTQK	3	6
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163	TQKLNHLTITATGQK	0	1
164	KLNHLTITATGQK	1	0
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167	LNLHLTITATG	1	1
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172	LHLTITATGQK	5	6
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181	IYSNNFNVLK	5	5
182	SNNFNVLK	6	6
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193	LEQSLGDGVKDHYVDISLDAGQYVLMK	61	49
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196	SLGDGVKDHYVDISLDAGQYVLMK	3	2
197	LGDGVKDHYVDISLDAGQYVLMK	1	1
198	DGVKDHYVDISLDAGQYVLMK	4	2
199	GVKDHYVDISLDAGQYVLMK	2	2
200	VKDHYVDISLDAGQYVLMK	0	1
201	DHYVDISL	0	1



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202	DHYVDISLD	1	1
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204	DHYVDISLDAGQY	2	1
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206	DHYVDISLDAGQYVLMKA	0	1
207	HYVDISLDAGQYVLMK	0	1
208	ISLDAGQYVLMK	2	1
209	AGQYVLMK	2	2
210	GQYVLMK	1	1
211	KANSSYSGNYPYSILFQK	0	1
212	ANSSYSGNYPY	1	0
213	ANSSYSGNYPYSILFQK	89	88
214	SSYSGNYPYSILFQK	11	16
215	YSGNYPYSILFQK	0	2
216	SGNYPYSILFQK	4	3
217	GNYPYSILFQK	4	3
218	NYPYSILFQK	1	1
219	YPYSILFQK	7	9
220	PYSILFQK	3	4

Table S2. SAXS Data Collection Statistics.

Data collection parameters		
Instrument	BioCAT facility at the Advanced Photon Source beamline 18ID with Pilatus3 X 1M (Dectris) detector	
Experiment type	SEC-MALS-SAXS	
Column	Superdex 200 10/300 Increase (0.6 mL/min)	
Wavelength (Å)	1.033	
Detector distance (m)	3.628	
q-measurement range (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.0045 – 0.35	
Exposure time (s)	0.5	
Exposure period (s)	2.0	
Sample temperature (°C)	22	
Sample details		
Proteins	CpE	CpE <sub>Tryp</sub>
Solvent composition	10 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 2% glycerol	
Analysis statistics		
<i>Guinier analysis</i>		
<i>I</i> (0) (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.00431 ± 0.000037	0.0059 ± 0.000029
<i>R</i> <sub>g</sub> (Å)	27.46 ± 0.42	26.02 ± 0.23
<i>qR</i> <sub>g</sub> range	0.28 – 1.29	0.27 – 1.29
Coefficient of correlation, <i>R</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.90	0.96
<i>P</i> ( <i>r</i> ) analysis		
<i>I</i> (0) (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.00437 ± 0.000041	0.00598 ± 0.000030
<i>R</i> <sub>g</sub> (Å)	28.92 ± 0.39	27.4 ± 0.22
<i>D</i> <sub>max</sub> (Å)	102	95
Scattering particle size		
<i>Volume estimates</i>		
Porod volume (Å <sup>-3</sup> )	50200	35500
<i>MW Estimates (kDa)</i>		
<i>V</i> <sub>c</sub> MW [3]	34.4	26.7
<i>V</i> <sub>p</sub> MW [4]	41.7	29.5
Bayesian MW (% confidence) [5]	35.8 – 39.8 (95.3%)	27.9 – 31.3 (90.6%)
Shapes and size MW [6]	37.8	30.0
SASBDB ID	SASDH9	SASDSJ9

**Table S3:  $R_g$  and  $D_{max}$  of EOM generated models of CpE**

<b>Model</b>	<b><math>R_g</math> (Å)</b>	<b><math>D_{max}</math> (Å)</b>
1 (Salmon spheres)	27.00	96.90
2 (Yellow spheres)	29.40	96.90
3 (Magenta spheres)	27.10	96.90
<b>4 (Blue spheres)</b>	<b>27.20</b>	<b>103.30</b>
5 (Cyan spheres)	29.00	96.90

**Table S4. Crystallographic data collection and refinement statistics**

	cCpE Dimer	cCpE Tetramer	CpE <sub>Tryp</sub>
Beamline	Beamline ALS 8.3.1	Beamline ALS 8.3.1	Beamline APS 23ID-B
Wavelength (Å)	1.11583	1.11583	1.033167
Space group	P 41 21 2	P 21 21 21	P 43 2 2
Cell dimensions			
a, b, c (Å)	65.12, 65.12, 130.77	65.63, 64, 136.98	200.33, 200.33, 254.78
α, β, γ (°)	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 90
Resolution range (Å) <sup>a</sup>	19.7 - 1.6 (1.657 - 1.6)	57.18 - 1.4 (1.45 - 1.4)	66.78 - 2.32 (2.403 - 2.32)
Total reflections	212098 (15496)	409546 (8980)	3129407 (242167)
Unique reflections	70024 (5197)	186626 (5803)	222147 (16289)
Multiplicity	1.73 (2.98)	2.19 (1.55)	14.09 (14.89)
Completeness (%) <sup>b</sup>	99.52 (99.92)	88.96 (41.76)	99.62 (97.37)
Mean I/SigmaI	10.8 (0.42)	9.55 (0.29)	7.17 (0.39)
CC1/2	99.9 (12.7)	99.9 (12.5)	99.7 (11.8)
Wilson B factor	28.04	20.32	64.65
R <sub>work</sub> / R <sub>free</sub>	0.196/0.222	0.161/0.204	0.224/0.248
RMSD			
Bond length (Å)	0.014	0.005	0.004
Bond angle (°)	1.47	1.06	0.95
Ramachandran (%)			
Favored	98.33	98.59	97.15
Allowed	1.67	1.41	2.76
Outliers	0.00	0.00	0.09
Rotamer outliers	0.00	0.00	0.40
Clash score	11.67	9.76	14.22
Average B factors	39.63	28.74	76.22
Molprobability score <sup>c</sup>	1.57	1.52	1.81
PDB ID <sup>d</sup>	8U5D	8U5E	8U5F

<sup>a</sup>Values in parenthesis are for highest resolution shell.<sup>b</sup>Percentage of correlation between intensities from random half-datasets. Correlation significant at the 0.1% level (CC1/2), as calculated by XDS [7].<sup>c</sup>As determined by <http://molprobability.biochem.duke.edu/>.<sup>d</sup>Deposition code in the Protein Data Bank.

**Movie S1: Structural Model of CpE<sub>Tryp</sub> Interface 1 Dimer Transition to Tetramer (Top View).**  
Structural morph depicting the conformational change from two CpE<sub>Tryp</sub> Interface 1 dimers to form the predicted tetramer.

**Movie S2: Structural Model of CpE<sub>Tryp</sub> Interface 1 Dimer Transition to Tetramer (Side View).**  
Structural morph depicting the conformational change from two CpE<sub>Tryp</sub> Interface 1 dimers to form the predicted tetramer.

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