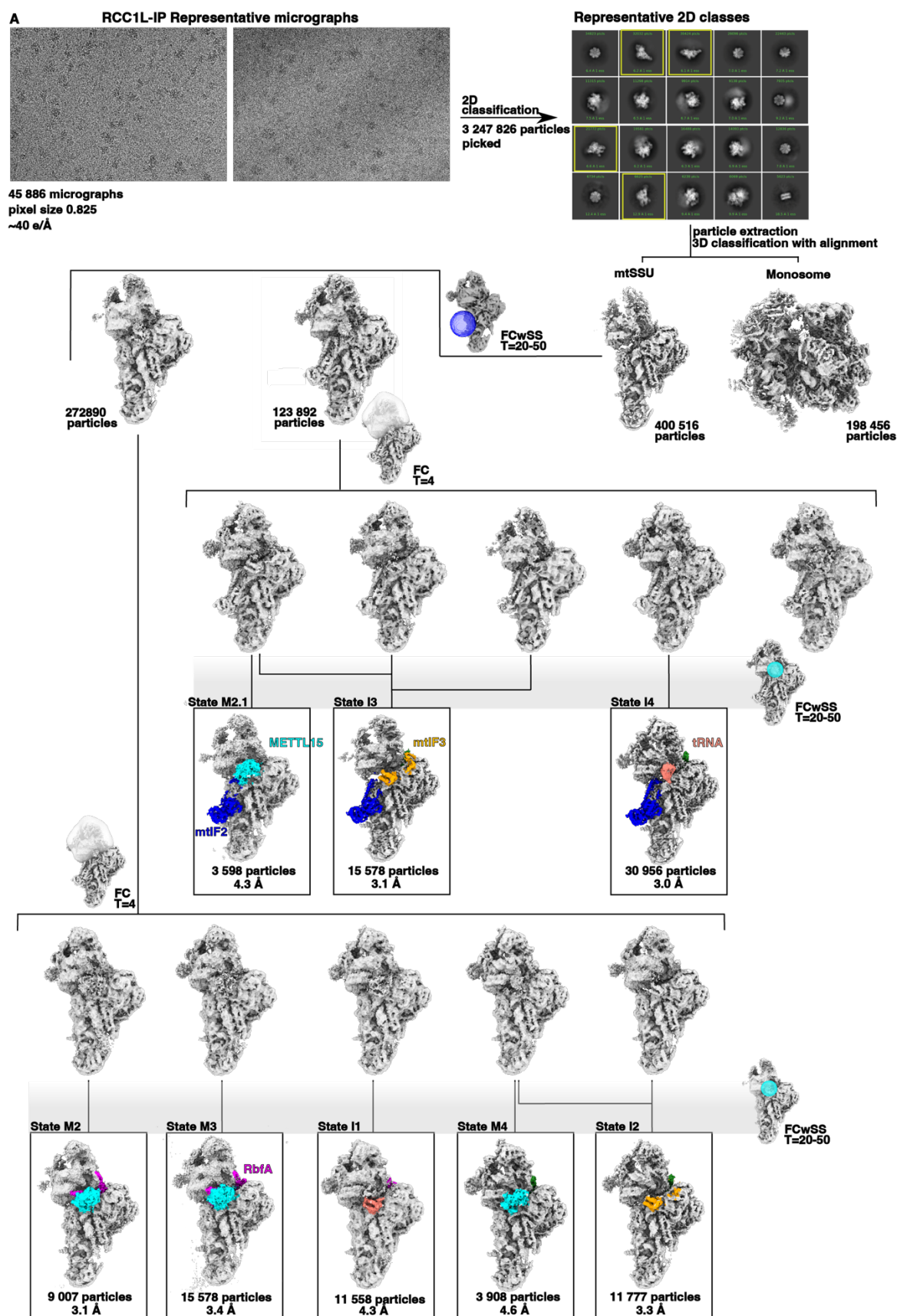


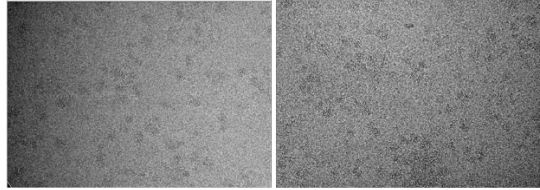
SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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Supplementary Figure 1



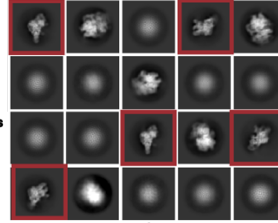
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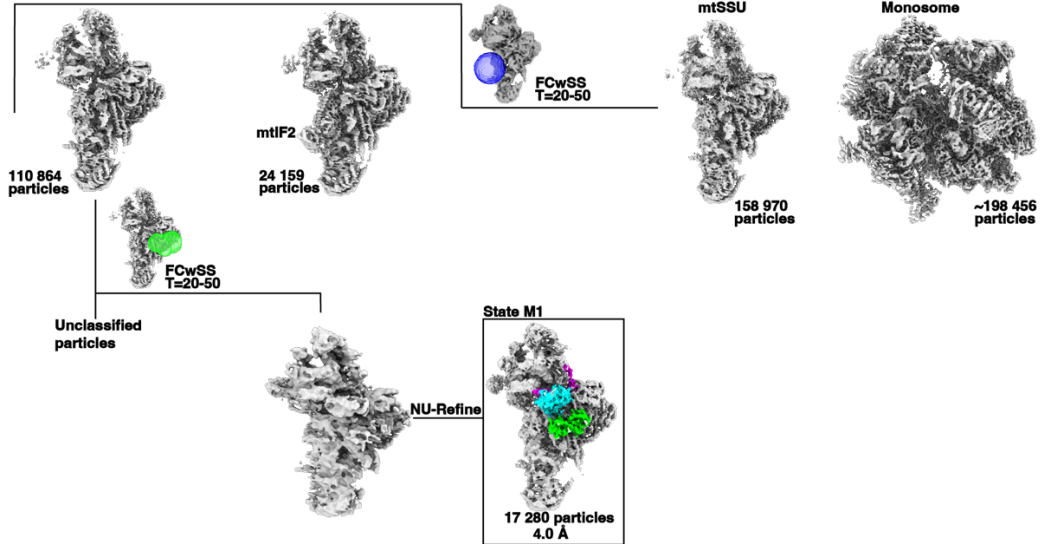
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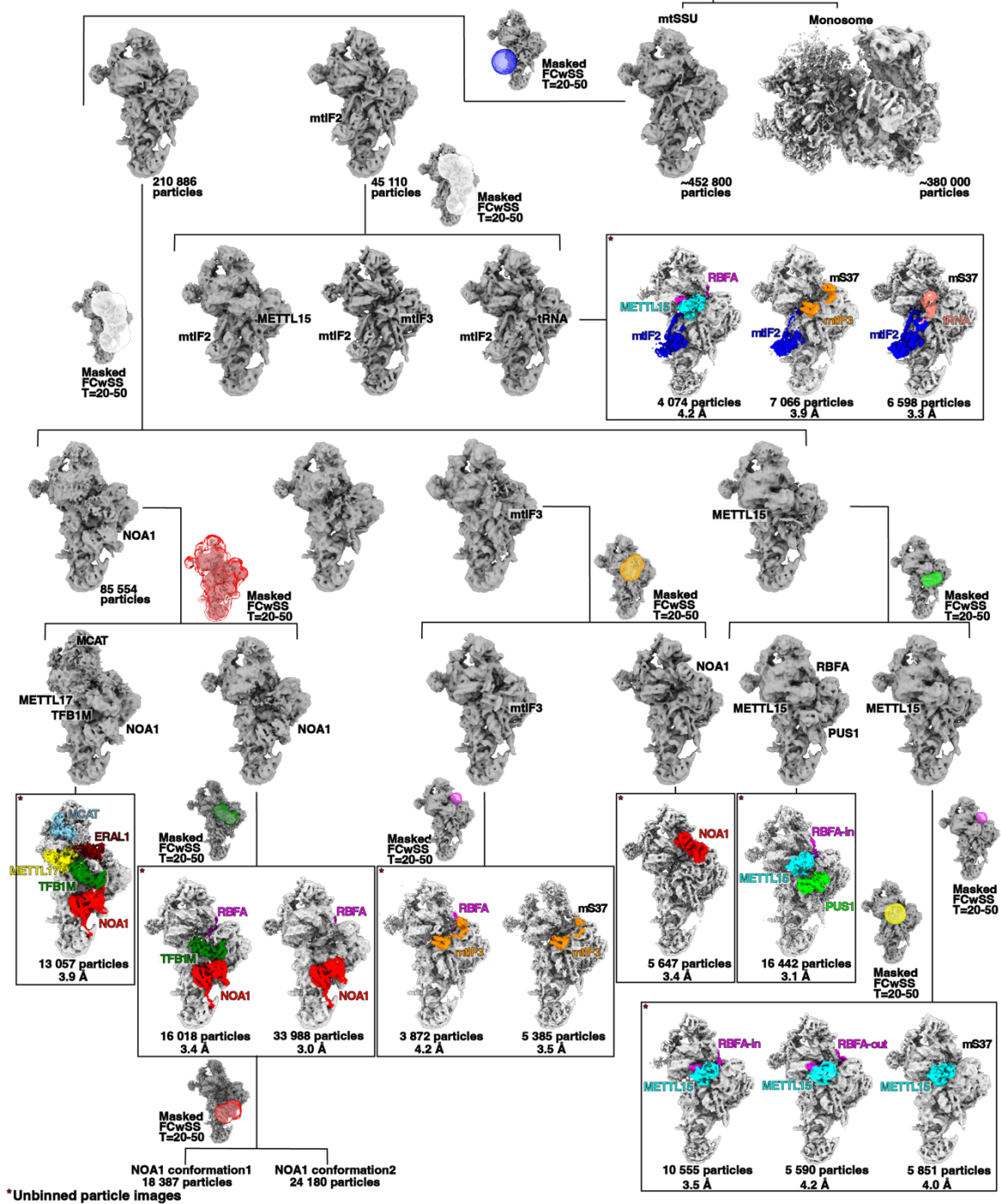
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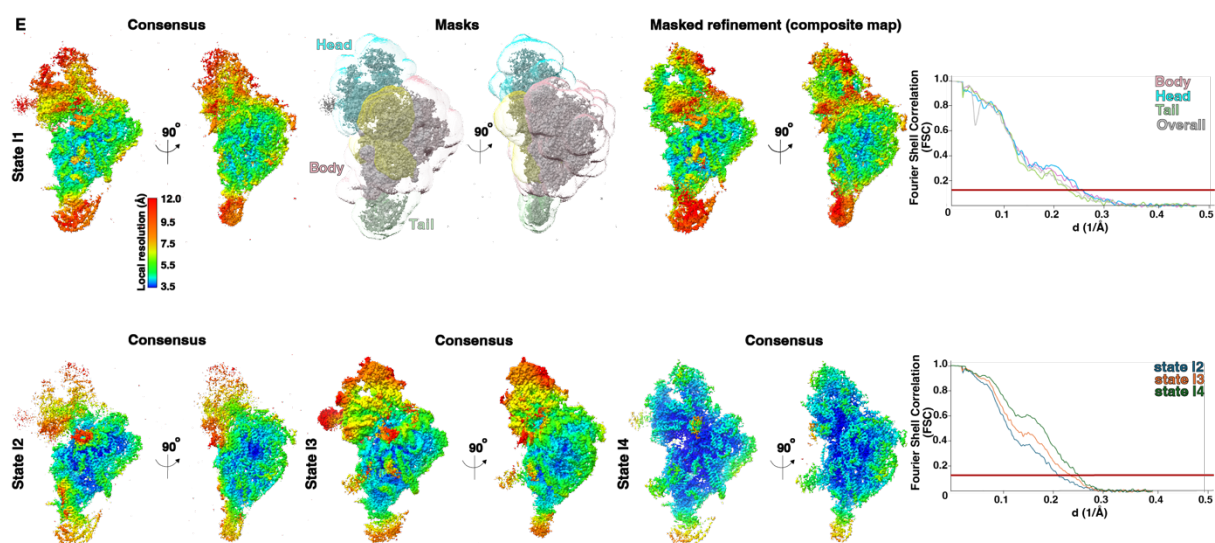
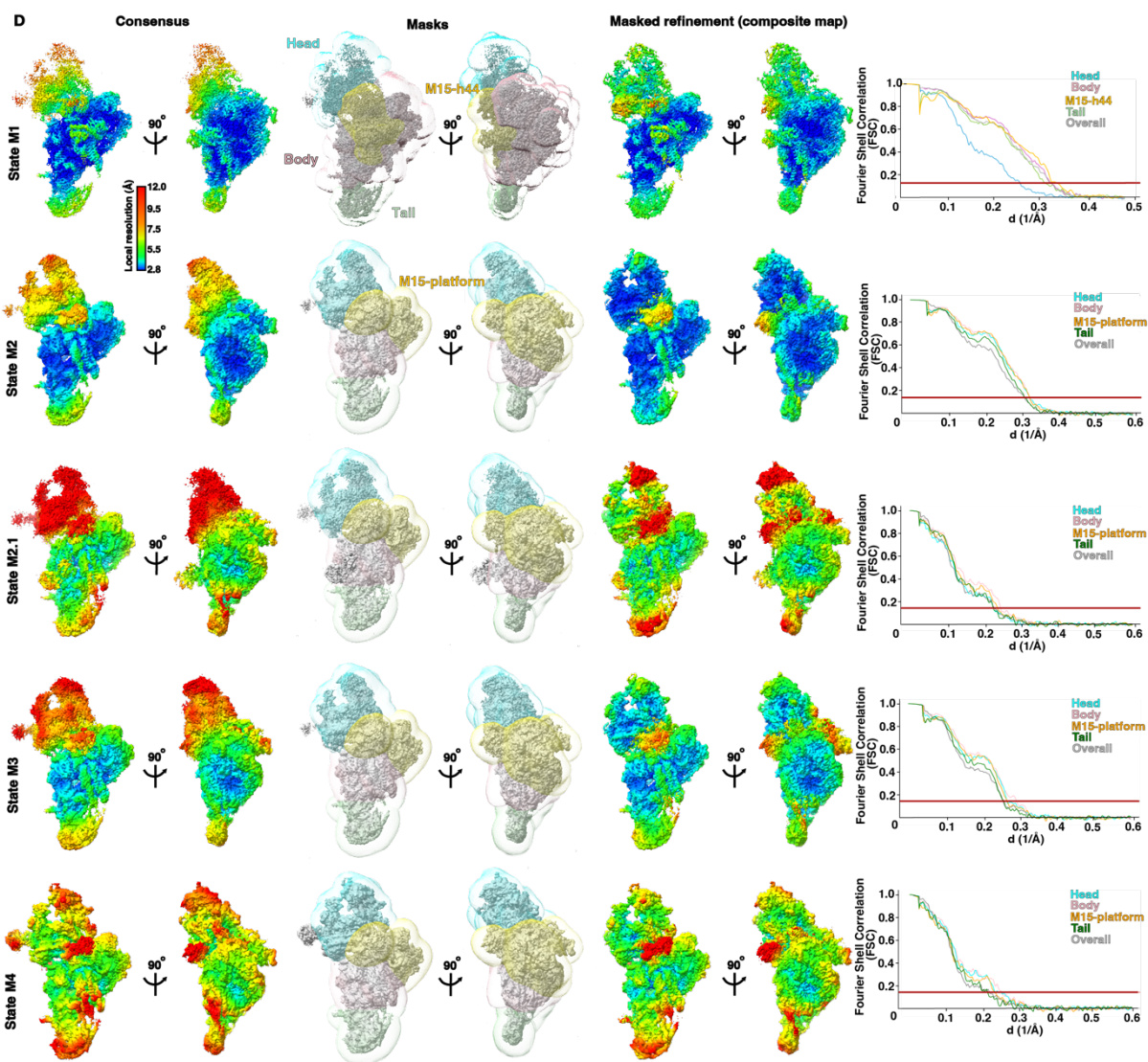


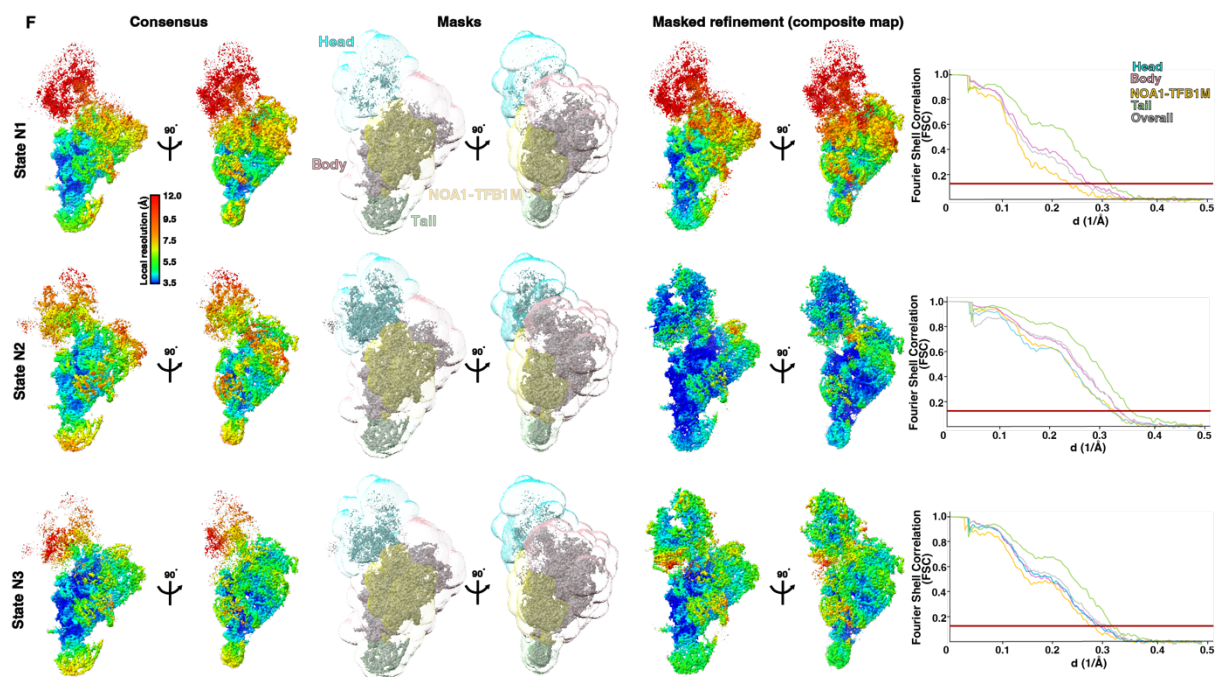
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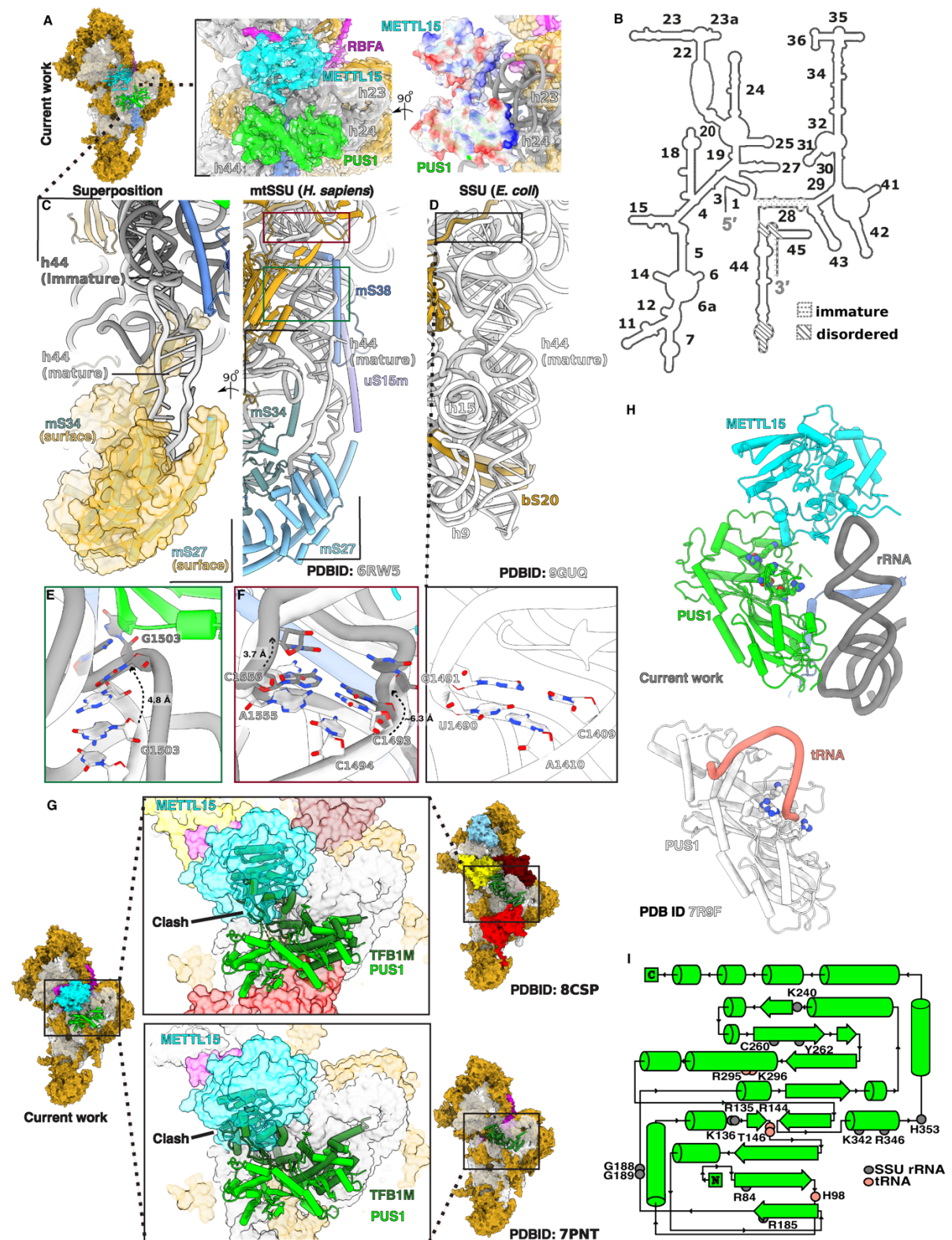




Supplementary Figure 1. Cryo-EM data processing.

(A-C) The overview of the cryo-EM data processing scheme highlighting the 3D classification strategy employed to identify mtSSU assembly intermediates from RCC1L-IP datasets (A,B) and NOA1-IP datasets (C). (D-F) Local resolution maps of consensus reconstructions and of the composite maps obtained by merging masked-refined maps from the mtSSU assembly states clustered as METTL15-containing (D), initiation-factor(s)-containing classes (E) and NOA1-containing (F). Masking scheme is shown in the central panels. Corresponding FSC curves are shown where the red line marks FSC=0.143.

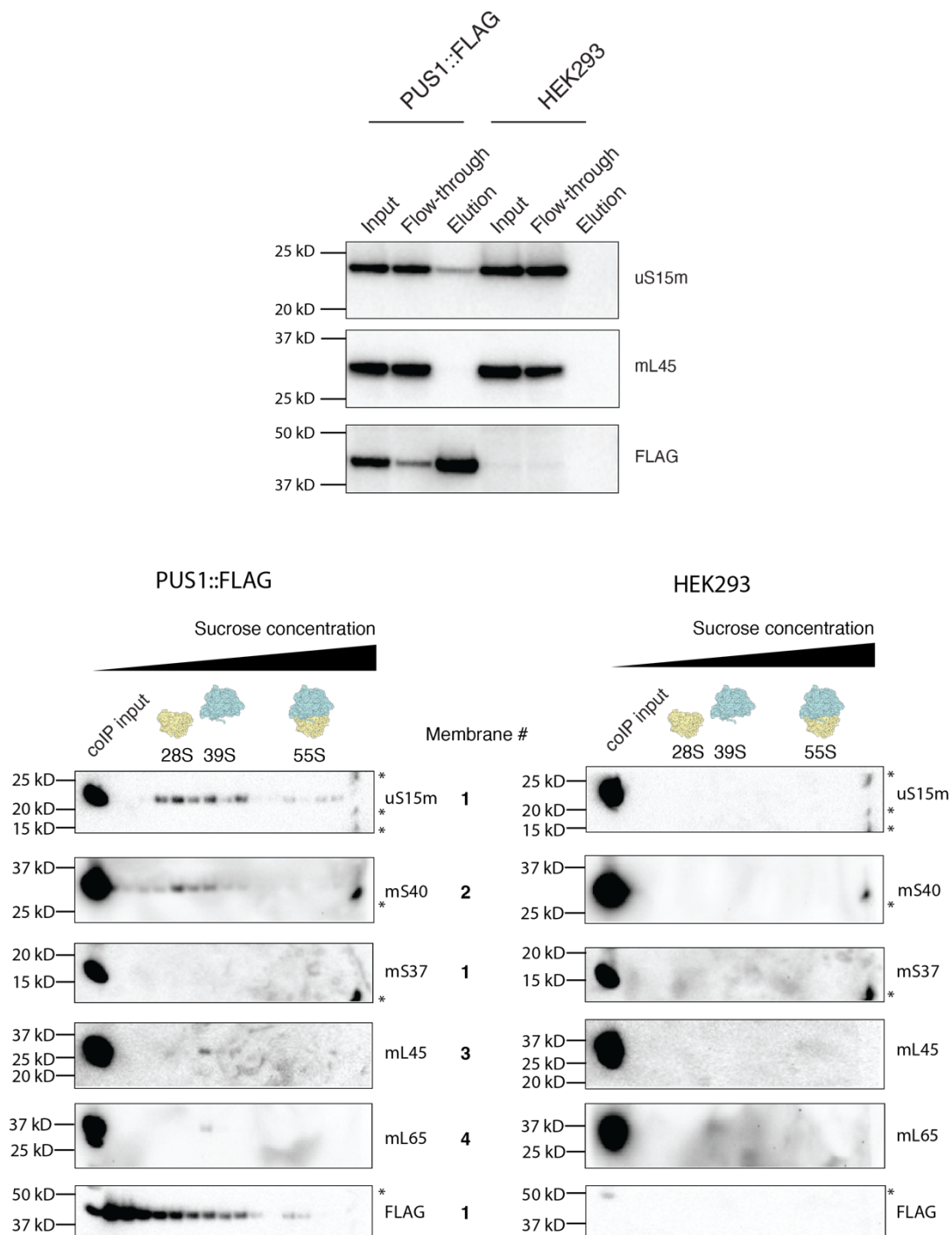
Supplementary Figure 2



Supplementary Figure 2. Structural features of METTL15-PUS1 bound assembly intermediate.

(A) METTL15-PUS1-RBFA bound to SSU assembly intermediate together with density (colored by zone). Electrostatic potential surface of METTL15 and PUS1 form the interface with rRNA. **(B)** 2D representation of 12S rRNA in this assembly state with indicated disordered regions (solid lines). **(C)** Superposition (left panel) between PUS1-h44 (current work) and mature h44 (right panel) docked inside mS27 cleft (yellow surface). **(D)** Mature h44 in *E.coli* SSU (PDBID 9GUQ). Zoom-in panel shows base-pairs close to the decoding center (white). **(E,F)** PUS1-induced conformational change in h44: **(E)** flipping-out of G1503 (dark grey) in comparison with mature h44 (light grey, transparent cartoon) is indicated; **(F)** non base-pairing residues kinked in immature h44 (current work). **(G)** Superposition between PUS1 (light green, cartoon) and TFB1M (dark green, cartoon) in its two reported conformations (PDBID 8CSP⁶ and 7PNT⁷). All other mtSSU components are shown in surface. METTL15 is shown in transparent surface to highlight the clash with TFB1M. **(H)** Comparison of the human PUS1-rRNA complex from the current work (top) with PUS1-RNA complex from *S. cerevisiae* (PDB 7R9F, bottom). **(I)** Topology diagram of human PUS1 marks the residues interacting with rRNA (grey) and those implicated in pseudouridylation activity (salmon).

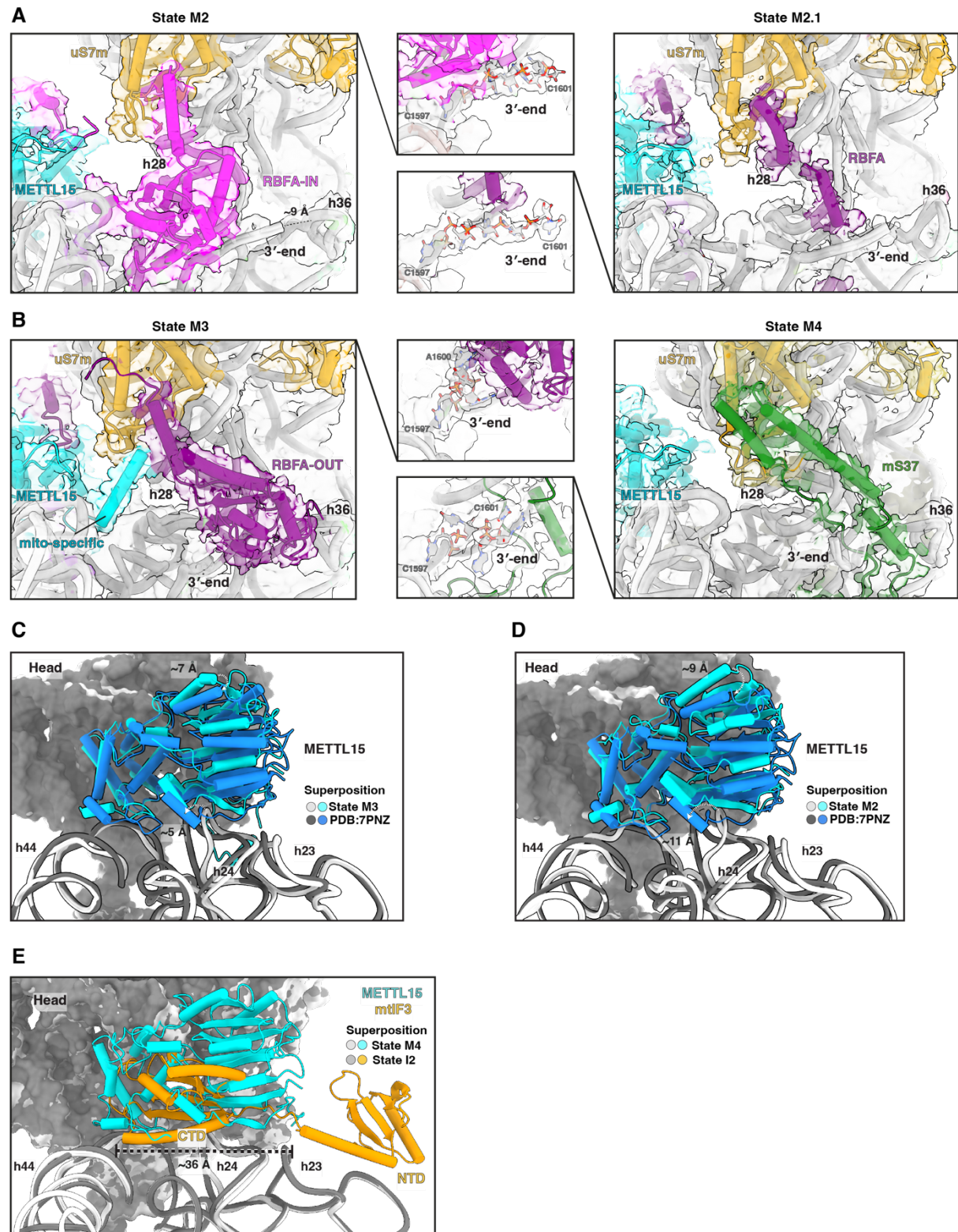
Supplementary Figure 3



Supplementary Figure 3. Characterization of PUS1-mtSSU interactions.

Co-IP elution of PUS1::FLAG (Western blotting at the top panel) was resolved by a sucrose gradient centrifugation and probed for mitoribosome components (bottom left panel). Elution from HEK293 was used as a negative control (top and bottom right panels). Asterisk (*) indicates non-specific bands. “Membrane #” indicates the number of the membrane used for the probing. All the membranes were obtained from the sample of the same co-IP experiment. “coIP input” lane corresponds to the “Input” sample from the coIP experiment; its signal was adjusted to mask the oversaturated pixels.

Supplementary Figure 4



Supplementary Figure 4. 3'-end rRNA maturation and re-positioning of the platform in METTL15-bound assembly intermediates.

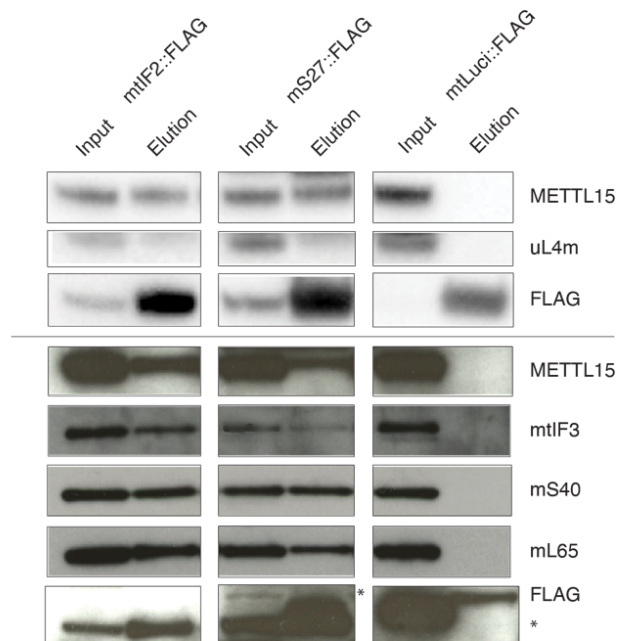
(A) The panels (left and right) illustrate the overall immature folding of 3'-end rRNA in states M2 and M2.1 with RBFA (magenta and purple), uS7m (gold) and METTL15 (cyan), shown with the density map. The state M2.1 signifies RBFA in transition between IN and OUT (purple) conformation. The 3'-end rRNA makes contact with the RBFA and assumes similar fold in both assembly states. The zoom-in panels show the density for the 3'-end nucleotides (nt. 1597-1600) stabilized by contacts with the RBFA, in both the states.

(B) The panels (left and right) illustrate the folding of 3'-end rRNA in states M3 and M4. In state M4, mS37 (green) substitutes RBFA. The OUT conformation of RBFA allows 3'-end rRNA to be placed between the head and the platform, where the final folding is guided by mS37. The zoom-in panels show the density of the 3'-end nucleotides (nt. 1597-1601). The 3'-end rRNA interacts with mS37 and adopts its final conformation.

(C-D) Superposition of the final METTL15-RBFA-OUT state (PDB:7PNZ) with state M3 (left) and M2 (right), reveals the overall movement of METLL15 on mtSSU correlating with the shift in the platform (h23-h24). The color code for each state is indicated in the panel alongside.

(E) Superposition of METTL15 and mtIF3 from states M4 and I2 shows that METTL15 and mtIF3-CTD occupy similar space on h24 and 44, spanning a distance of ~36 Å. The binding contributes to the stabilization of the platform and blocks the decoding region prior to the recruitment of P-tRNA. The color code for each state is indicated in the panel alongside.

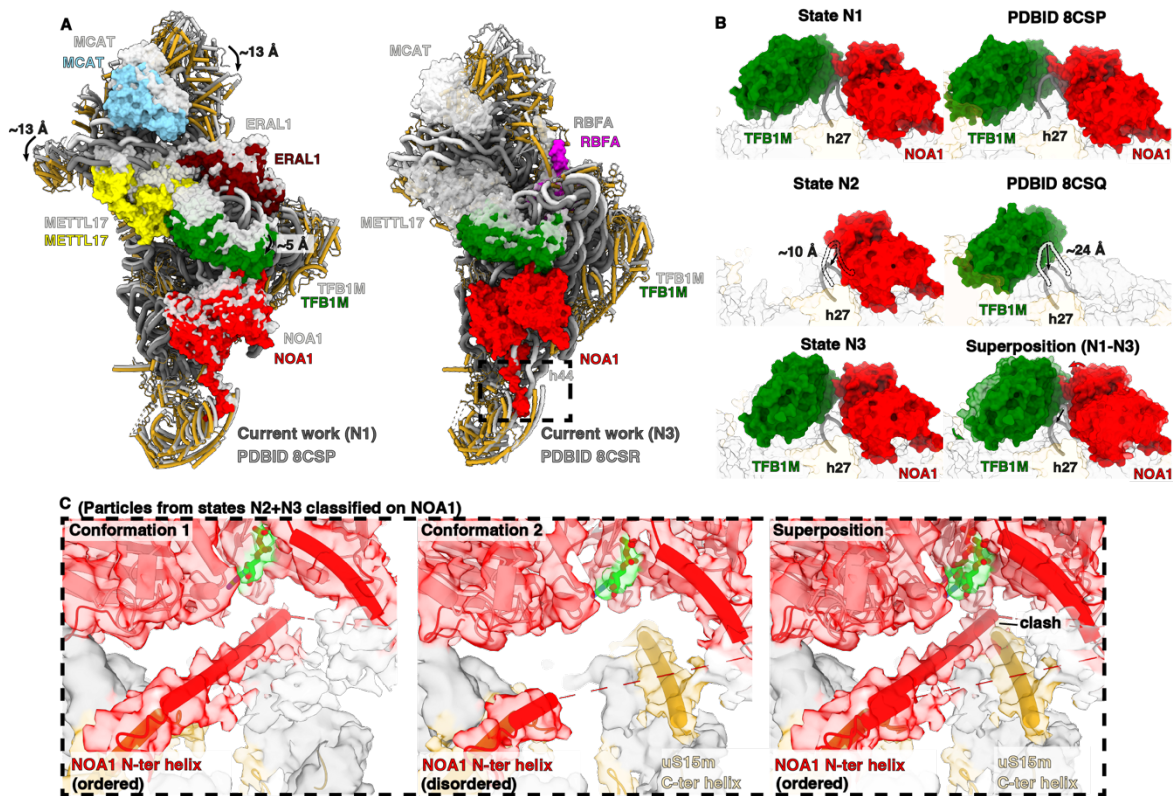
Supplementary Figure 5



Supplementary Figure 5. Characterization of METTL15-mtIF2 interaction.

Western blot analysis of FLAG immunoprecipitation experiments (IP) using mtIF2::FLAG as bait. IP experiments with FLAG-tagged mS27 (mtSSU protein) and mitochondrially targeted luciferase (mtLuci) were used as controls. METTL15 co-precipitates with the overexpressed mtIF2::FLAG and mS27 but not mtLuci. Grey horizontal line separates the results of two independent experiments.

Supplementary Figure 6



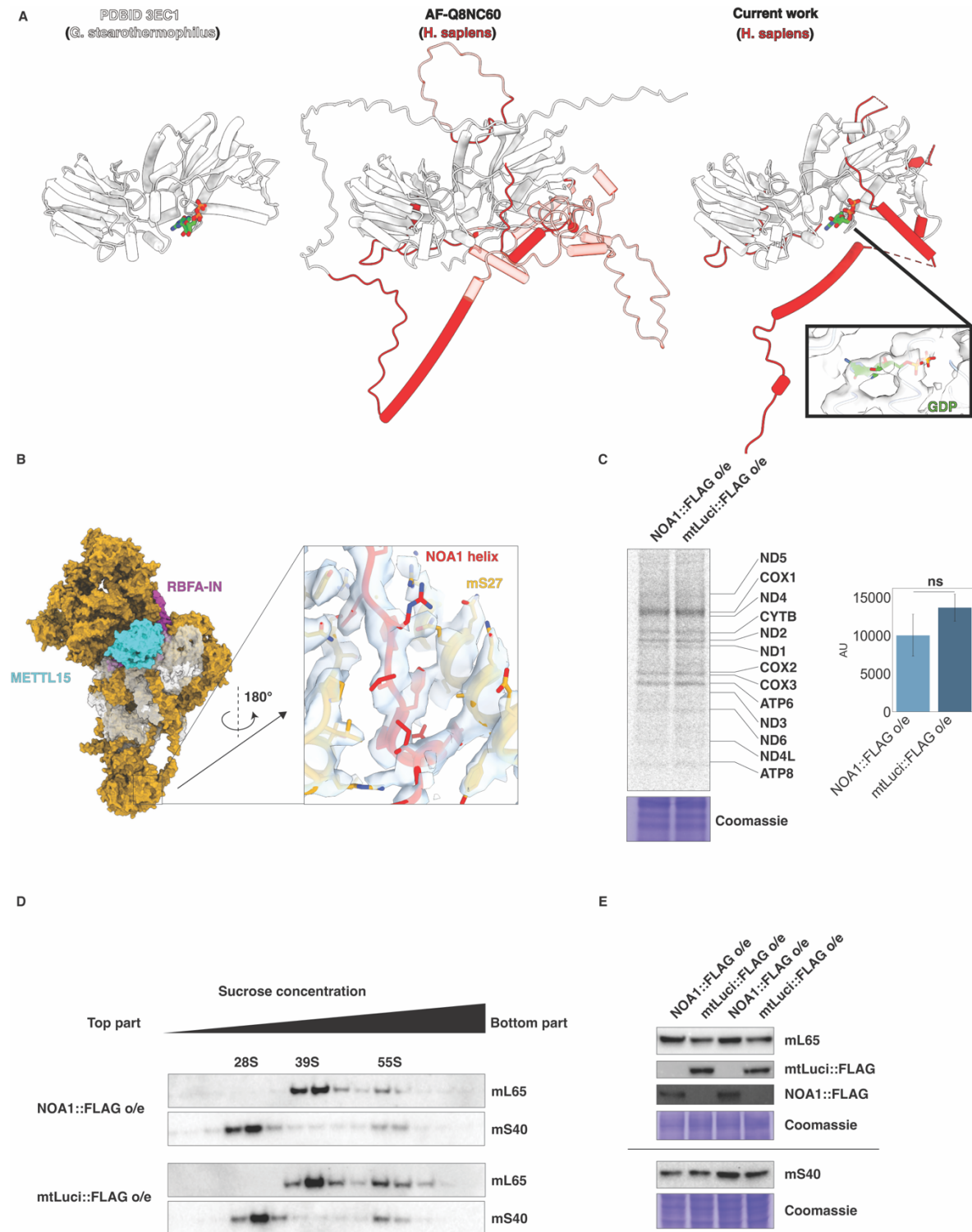
Supplementary Figure 6. Structural comparison of NOA1-bound assembly intermediates from current and previous works.

(A) Left: superposed models of state N1 (colored) and PDB 8CSP (white) show relative movement. Bound assembly factors are shown as surface. Right: superposed models of state N3 (colored) and PDB 8CSR⁶ (white) highlight differences in head and body maturation.

(B) Maturation of h27 in states N1-N2 (left) versus published work⁶ (right), and in state A3 (lower panel, left) together with superposition between states A1 and A3 to show the initial and final conformations of NOA1, TFB1M, and h27 (lower panel, right). Conformational changes are indicated in arrows.

(C) The zoom-in panel shows the density for the N-terminal mito-specific helix of NOA1 (states N2-N3) resolved into ordered (left) and partly disordered (center) conformations. This allows structuring of the C-terminal helix of uS15m (center). Superposition (right) reveals a steric clash between the two elements. Density is shown as a colored surface.

Supplementary Figure 7



Supplementary Figure 7. NOA1::FLAG overexpression does not cause major disruptions in mitochondrial translation.

(A) Structural comparison of NOA1 from current and published work. Structure of NOA1 from *G. stearotheophilus* (PDB 3EC1, left), alphafold model of human NOA1 (AF-Q8NC60) and in current work. Mito-specific elements are colored red, and unmodeled regions are transparent.

(B) METTL15-IN state (left) shown as the representative model to illustrate the N-terminal loop of NOA1 bound to mS27 in mtSSU tail together with the density (zoom-in). This feature is common to all 'NOA1' models reported in this work.

(C) Left panel: autoradiography of *de novo* labeling of mitochondrial translation with ³⁵S-labeled methionine and cystine. FLAG-tagged mitochondrially targeted luciferase overexpression (mtLuci::FLAG o/e) was used as a control. Right panel: quantification of band intensities. The data represent mean \pm 1 standard deviation from three independent experiments.

(D) Sucrose gradient centrifugation analysis to assess mitoribosome sedimentation patterns in cells overexpressing NOA1::FLAG compared to mtLuciferase. Mitochondrial lysates were loaded onto 10-30 % isokinetic sucrose gradients and obtained fractions were analyzed via western blotting. Membranes were probed for mtLSU: MRP mL65 and mtSSU: MRP uS40m.

(E) Western blotting to assess steady-state levels of MRPs (mL65 and MRP uS40m) in cells overexpressing FLAG-tagged NOA1 or mtLuciferase. Loading was determined using Coomassie staining (n = 3 independent experiments).

Supplementary Table 1. Cryo-EM data collection, processing and model refinement statistics

Data collection and processing	state N1	state N2	state N3	state M1	state M2	state M2.1	state M3	State M4	state I1	state I2	state I3	state I4
Microscope	Titan Krios	Titan Krios	Titan Krios	Titan Krios	Titan Krios	Titan Krios	Titan Krios	Titan Krios	Titan Krios	Titan Krios	Titan Krios	Titan Krios
Detector	K3	K3	K3	K3	K3	K3	K3	K3	K3	K3	K3	K3
Magnification	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000
Voltage [kV]	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Total electron exposure [e ⁻ /Å ²]	42-45	42-45	42-45	42-45	42-45	42-45	42-45	42-45	42-45	42-45	42-45	42-45
Defocus range [μm]	-0.3 to -1.9	-0.3 to -1.9	-0.3 to -1.9	-0.3 to -1.9	-0.3 to -1.9	-0.3 to -1.9	-0.3 to -1.9	-0.3 to -1.9	-0.3 to -1.9	-0.3 to -1.9	-0.3 to -1.9	-0.3 to -1.9
Exposure rate (e ⁻ /Å ² /sec)	20 to 25	20 to 25	20 to 25	20 to 25	20 to 25	20 to 25	20 to 25	20 to 25	20 to 25	20 to 25	20 to 25	20 to 25
Number of frames	40-42	40-42	40-42	40-42	40-42	40-42	40-42	40-42	40-42	40-42	40-42	40-42
Pixel size [Å]	0.505	0.505	0.505	0.505	0.825	0.825	0.825	0.825	0.825	0.825	0.825	0.825
Symmetry imposed	C ₁	C ₁	C ₁	C ₁	C ₁	C ₁	C ₁	C ₁	C ₁	C ₁	C ₁	C ₁
Processed particles (no.)	452,800	452,800	452,800	452,800	198,456	198,456	198,456	198,456	198,456	198,456	198,456	198,456
Final particles (no.)	13,057	33,988	16,018	16,442	9,007	3,598	15,578	3,908	3,872	11,558	15,578	30,956
Map resolution [Å]	3.9	3.03	3.4	3.1	3.9	4.3	3.2	4.6	4.2	4.5	3.2	3.0
(overall)												
FSC threshold	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143
Resolution	3.0/7.5/24.6	3.1/7.3/26.2	2.8/6.2/22.3	2.7/4.6/21.4	3.4/6.8/24.8	3.3/8.2/25.8	3.0/4.9/15.9	3.1/7.7/33.5	3.3/6.9/24.8	4.1/6.0/24.6	3.0/2.7/28.3	2.8/4.1/9.3
Map-sharpening B-factor (overall)	-42.2	-29	-29	-23	-37.1	-38.5	-35.3	-36.5	-34.3	-34.7	-31.1	-30.4
Refinement												
Model composition												
Total atoms (non-hydrogen/hydrogen)	1272601/59903	122564/57421	129667/60765	134130/62568	127293/59156	133081/62078	128127/59502	128752/59812	127781/59241	-	-	-
Chains (protein/RNA)	32/1	33/1	34/1	39/1	40/1	45/1	42/1	45/1	38/1	-	-	-
RNA residues	749	803	852	926	906	905	923	930	937	-	-	-
Protein residues	6387	5901	6232	6357	5,988	6,370	6,007	6,028	5,949	-	-	-

Metal ions (Mg2+/K+/Zn2+)	0/0/1	42/11/1	41/10/1	40/6/1	31/0/1	24/0/1	13/0/1	2/0/1	61/17/1	-	-	-
Ligands (2Fe-2S/ATP/GDP/NAD/others)	2/1/1/0/1	2/1/1/0/0	2/1/1/0/0	2/1/1/1/2	2/1/1/1/1	2/1/2/1/1	2/1/2/1/2	2/1/1/1/1	2/1/1/1/1	-	-	-
Waters	0	0	0	4	5	9	8	8	0	-	-	-
Model to map CC (CC _{mask} /C _{box} /CC _{peaks} /CC _{volume})	0.67/0.69/0.53/0.67	0.76/0.85/0.73/0.77	0.81/0.86/0.76/0.81/0.77	0.82/0.88/0.80/0.83	0.70/0.76/0.63/0.71	0.70/0.79/0.64/0.71	0.79/0.84/0.76/0.80	0.72/0.79/0.65/0.72	0.71/0.79/0.66/0.72	-	-	-
Resolution [Å] by model-to-map FSC, threshold 0.50 (masked/unmasked)	5.6/7.9	3.1/3.4	3.2/3.7	3.3/	3.5/4.4	3.8/6.9	3.1/3.6	3.9/6.7	3.8/6.8	-	-	-
Average B-factor (RNA/protein/metal ion and ligand/water)	245/257/338/-	157/111/106/-	146/155.9/114/-	107/140/97/95	100/149/87/103	149/195/124/160	88/127	140/186/132/167	130/139/103/--	-	-	-
R.m.s. deviations, bond lengths [Å]/bond angles [°]	0.003/0.507	0.003/0.457	0.002/0.408	0.003/0.469	0.002/0.438	0.002/0.443	0.002/0.436	0.002/0.432	0.001/0.355	-	-	-
Validation										-	-	-
Clash score	4.17	3.31	3.92	2.51	2.69	2.24	2.32	2.07	1.60	-	-	-
Rotamer outliers [%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
Ramachandran plot [%] (favored/allowed/disallowed)	98.08/1.92/0.00	98.95/1.01/0.03	98.34/1.65/0.02	98.15/1.85/0.00	96.92/3.07/0.02	96.24/3.68/0.08	97.03/2.9/0.07	97.75/2.23/0.02	98.42/1.58/0.00	-	-	-
CaBLAM outliers [%]	0.98	0.7	0.89	0.63	1.13	1.13	1.03	0.82	0.81	-	-	-
C _β outliers [%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
MolProbity score	1.18	1.12	1.18	1.03	1.24	1.25	1.18	1.03	0.91	-	-	-
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