

Supplementary Information

Co-translational binding of importins to nascent proteins

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Supplementary Figures

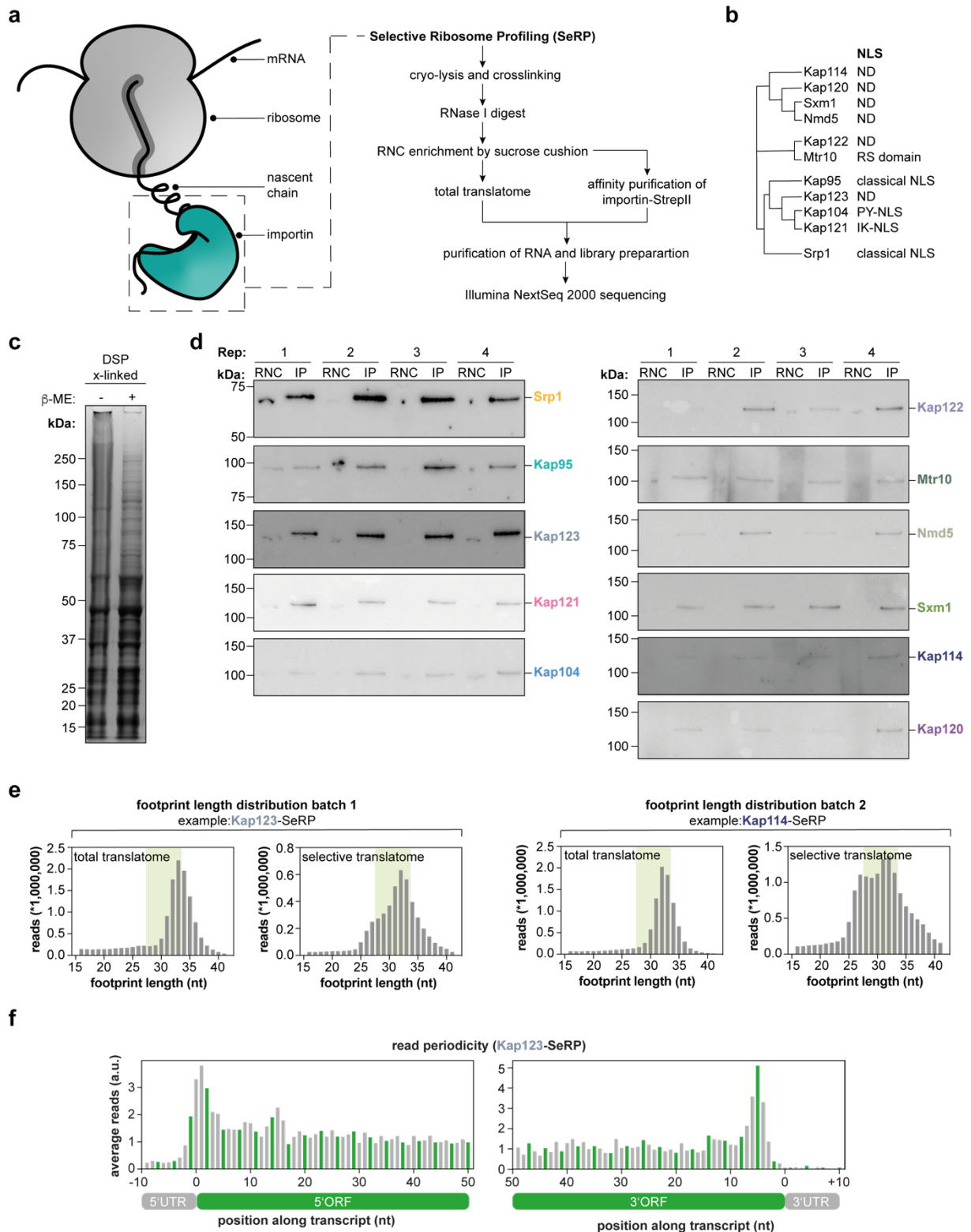
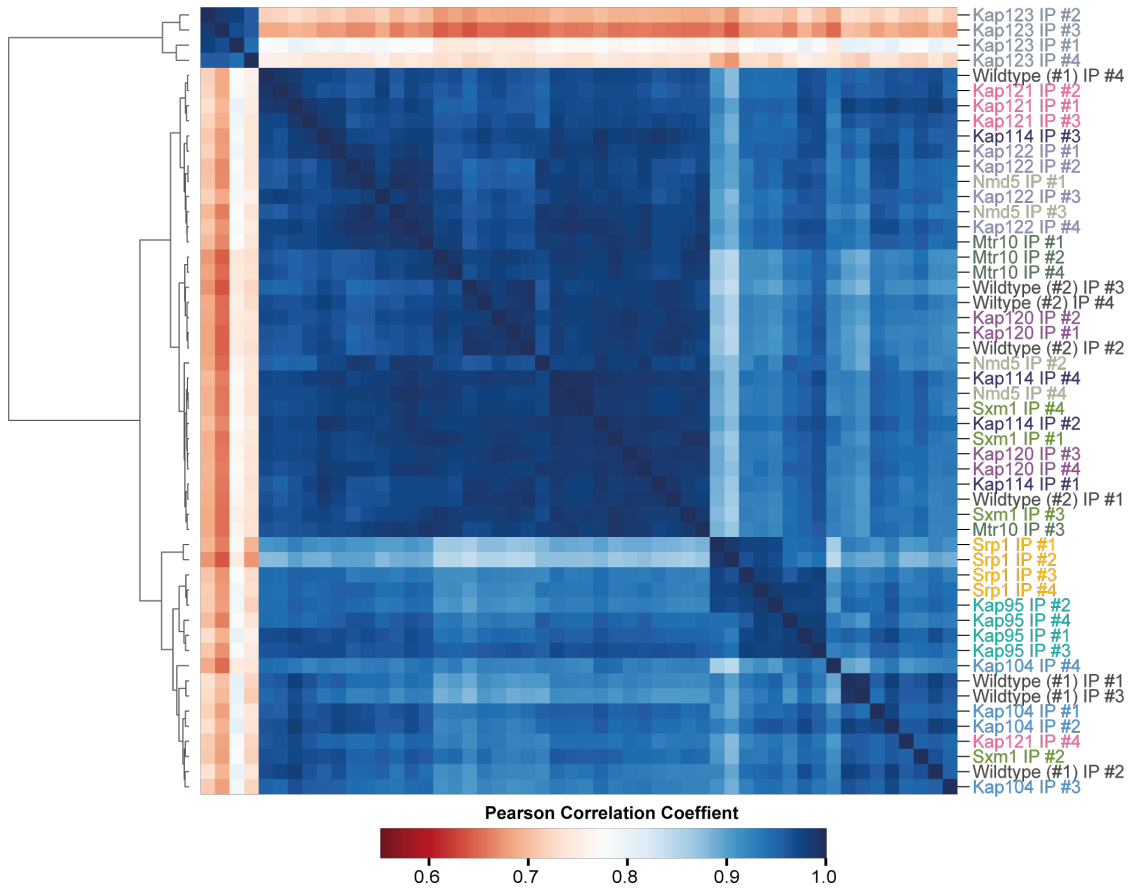


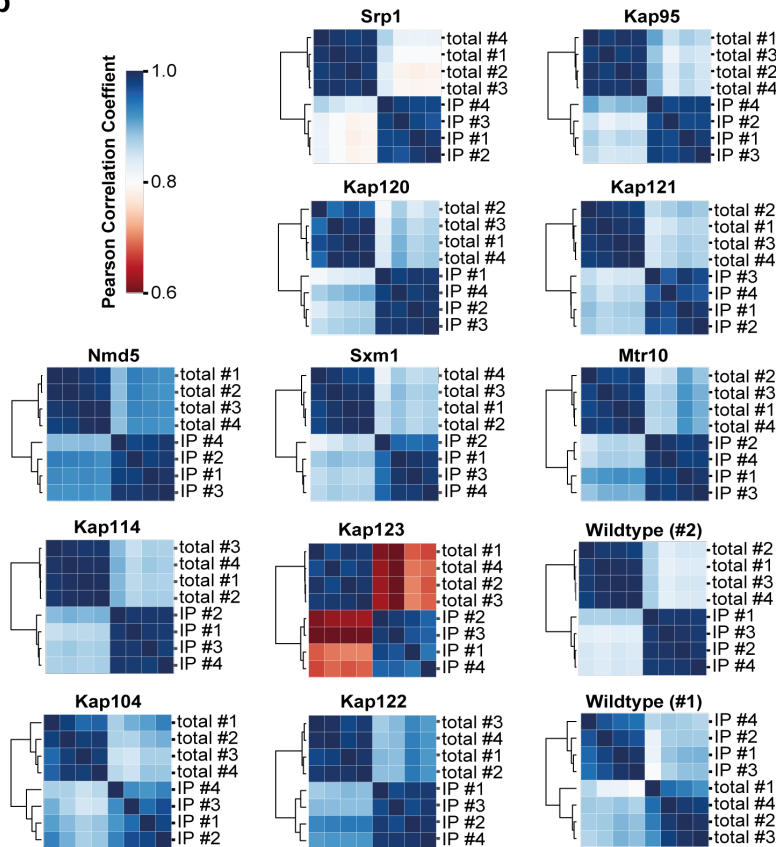
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Supplementary Figure 1: **a**, Enrichment strategy for importin-bound nascent chains and selective ribosome profiling procedure. **b**, Multiple sequence alignment of importins depicts three distinct groups of importins, consensus sequences in *S. cerevisiae* are indicated if applicable. **c**, Analysis of cross-linking efficiency. To stabilize interactions, lysates were cross-linked in the presence of DSP. Cross-linked lysate shows an upwards shift of protein bands and results in a smear. Reduction of DSP using reducing agents such as β -mercaptoethanol (β -ME) validates that cross-linking was successful under the relevant conditions. Protein was visualized by Coomassie Blue. **d**, Western blot analysis of the individual pulldown experiments. StrepII-tagged importins could be enriched from the ribosome-nascent chain (RNC) fraction. StrepII-tagged protein was detected using an anti-StrepII-tag antibody. **e**, Footprint length distribution of the total translome and the selective translome channel. Distribution shows average read distribution across $n=4$ replicates. **f**, Read periodicity plot for the 5' and 3' end of the ORF for the example of Kap123-SeRP of a total translome. Plots indicate that the footprints align to the ORF and less to the UTRs. Green bars indicate 0-frame and the plot shows an individual replicate. For **c**, and **d**, source data are provided as a Source Data file. ND: not determined; NLS: nuclear localization sequence; x-linked: crosslinked; β -ME: β -mercaptoethanol; Rep: replicate; IP: immunoprecipitation.

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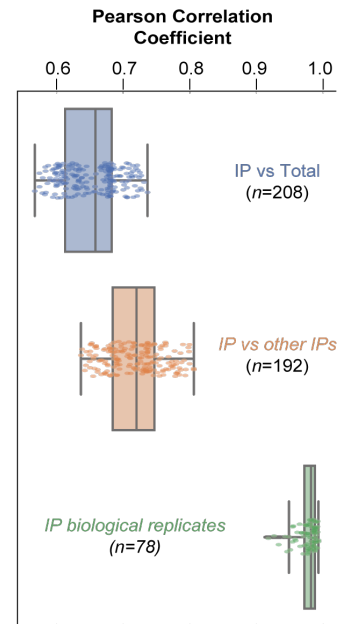
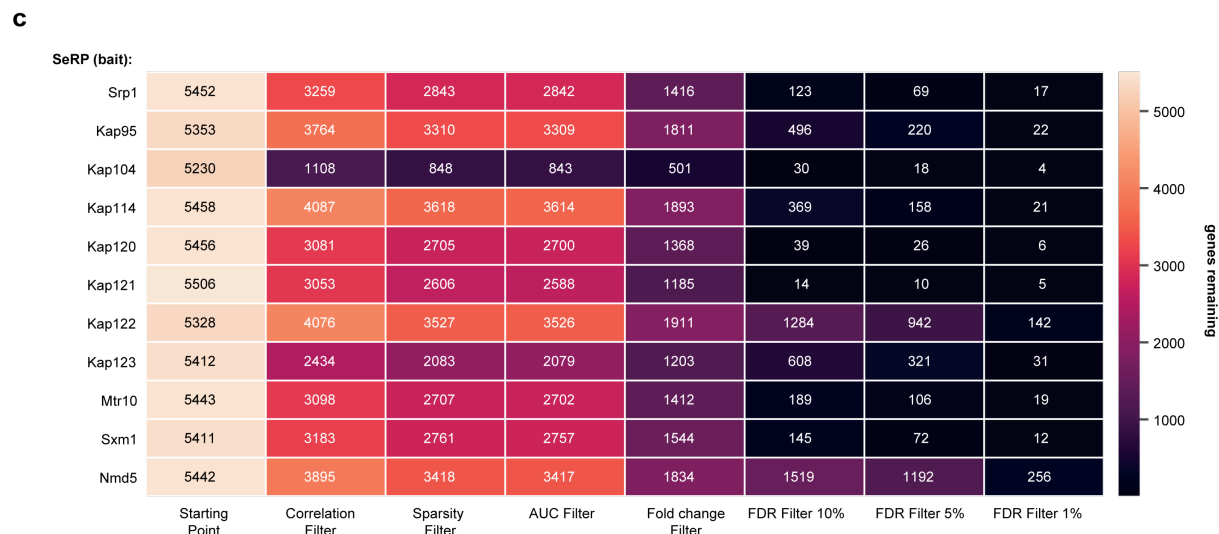
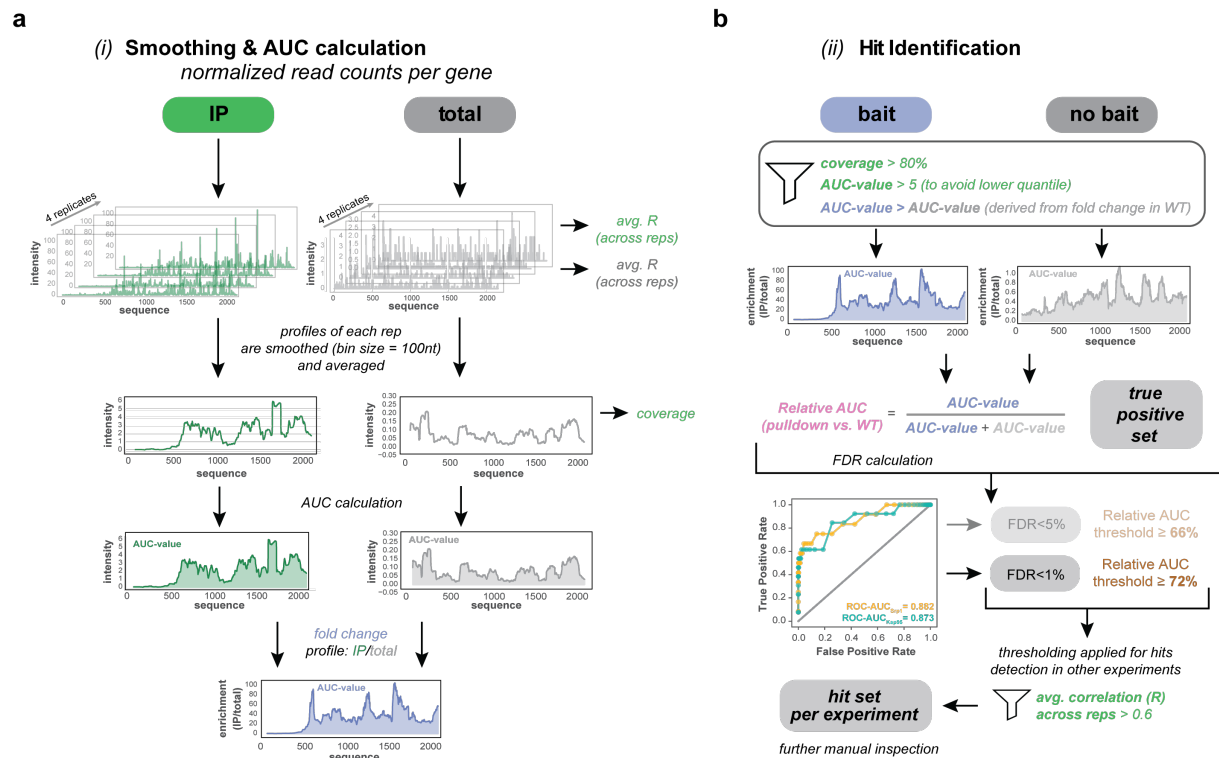
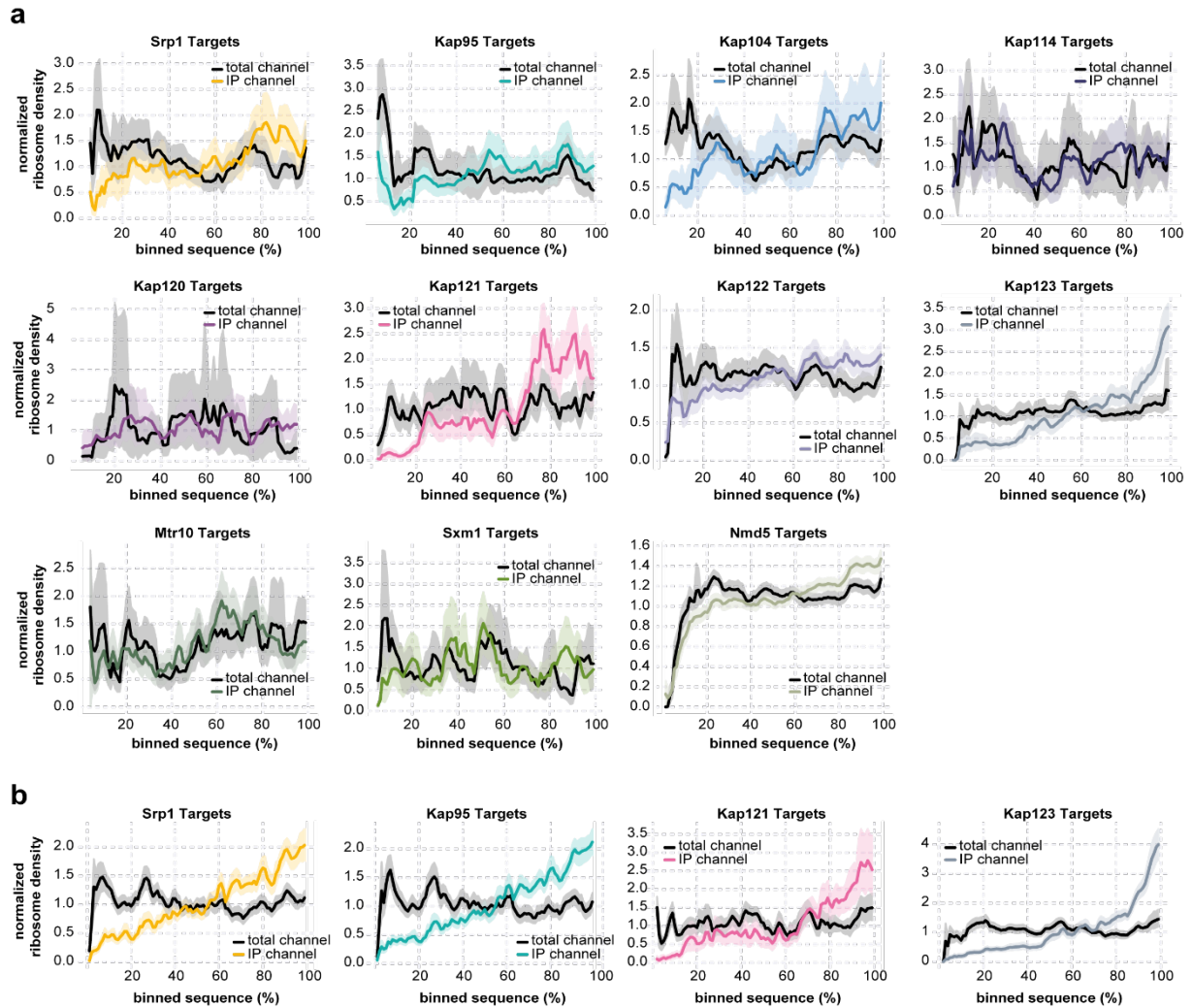


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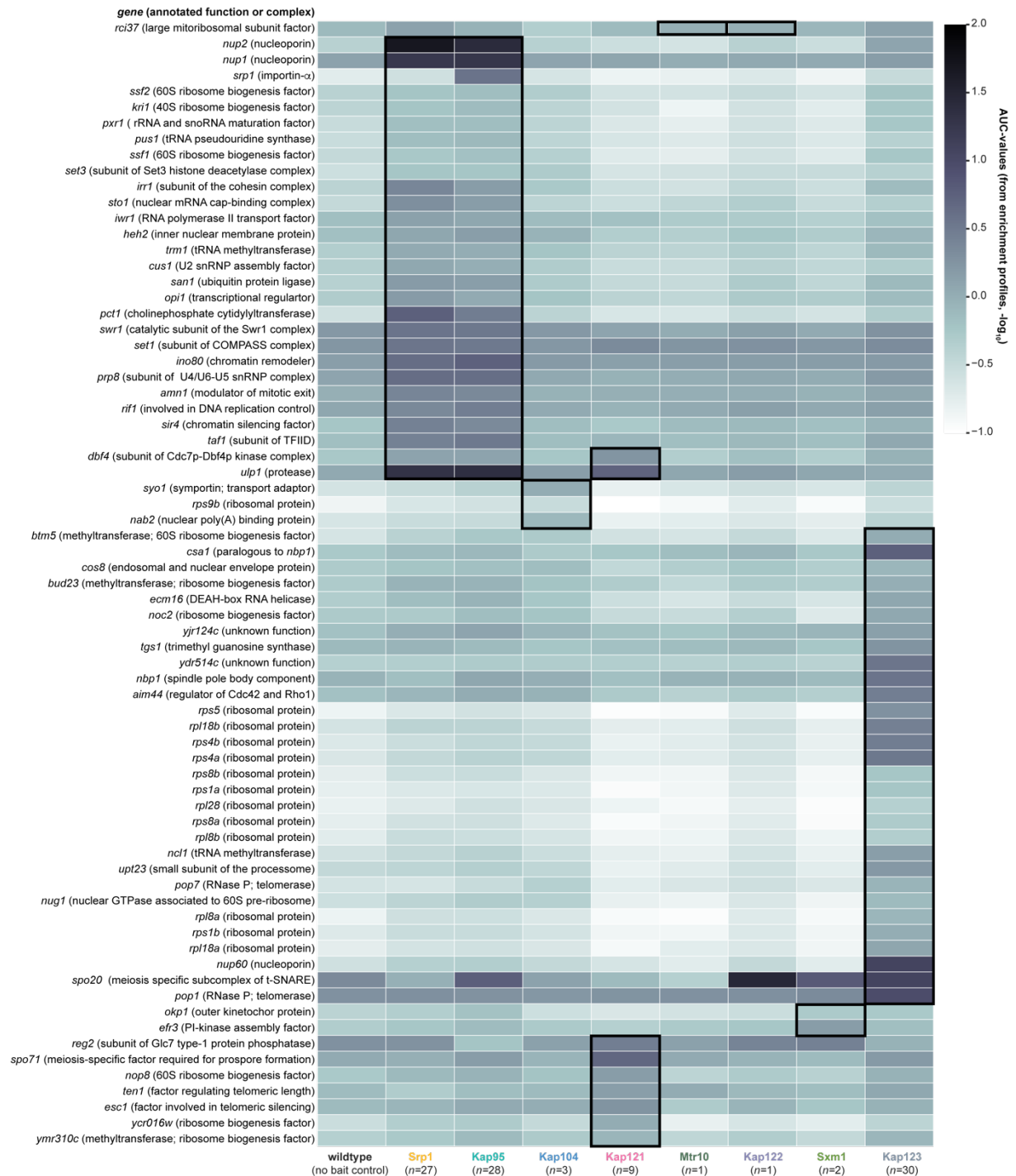
Supplementary Figure 2: a, Correlation matrix based on Pearson metric as calculated on all smoothed gene profiles across all replicate IP experiments. Biological replicates are highlighted by color. Hierarchical clustering was conducted using the Euclidean metric, as embedded in the `sns.clustermap` functionality in Python, **b,** Correlation matrices showing the Pearson correlation values as calculated on all smoothed gene profiles per experiment across total and IP replicates. In all cases, profiles from total replicates cluster distinctly from IP profiles. **c,** Boxplot displaying the Pearson correlation coefficients for indicated combinations, e.g. all combinations of IP vs. total channels (blue), IP vs. other IPs (orange), and correlations within IP biological replicates (green). These values are based on all smoothed profiles of all genes as identified across experiments (the smoothing is applied to avoid issues in sparsity). The central line in the box plots indicates the median, the bottom and top edges of the box the IQR, and the box plot whiskers represent 1.5 times the IQR. Depicted data corresponds to $n=4$ biologically independent replicates.



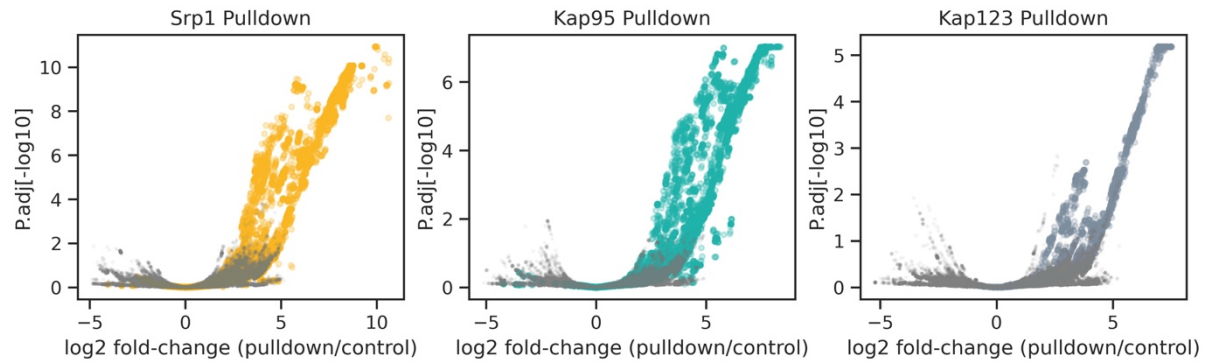
Supplementary Figure 3: Hit detection pipeline developed for this study. a, Calculation of individual selective ribosome profiles. IP and total translome (total) were averaged across the four replicates and smoothed with a bin size of 100 nt. Resulting profiles were used to determine the coverage and the area under the curve (AUC)-value in the IP and total, respectively. To obtain a fold change profile or enrichment profile (blue), the IP profile (green) was divided by the associated total profile (grey). **b**, Hit identification across all experiments. The obtained enrichment profiles were filtered according to coverage and AUC-value (see **Materials and Methods** for a more detailed explanation). Each gene-centric enrichment profile is put into context with its corresponding profile in the wildtype condition (no bait), hence a wildtype-relative AUC can be calculated. This relative AUC-value is used for false discovery (FDR) calculation based on the true positive set as defined in **Supplementary Table 1**. A Receiver Operating Curve (ROC) is calculated, indicating the recovery of true hits within the data. At a threshold of 72% (Relative AUC), an FDR of <1% is achieved and hence can be used for filtering highly reliable hits. The final hit set per experiment can be further filtered and manually curated. **c**, Analysis pipeline and the impact of each consecutive filtering step in each of the individual SeRP experiments. Number of remaining genes in each experiment for after each filtering step is indicated.



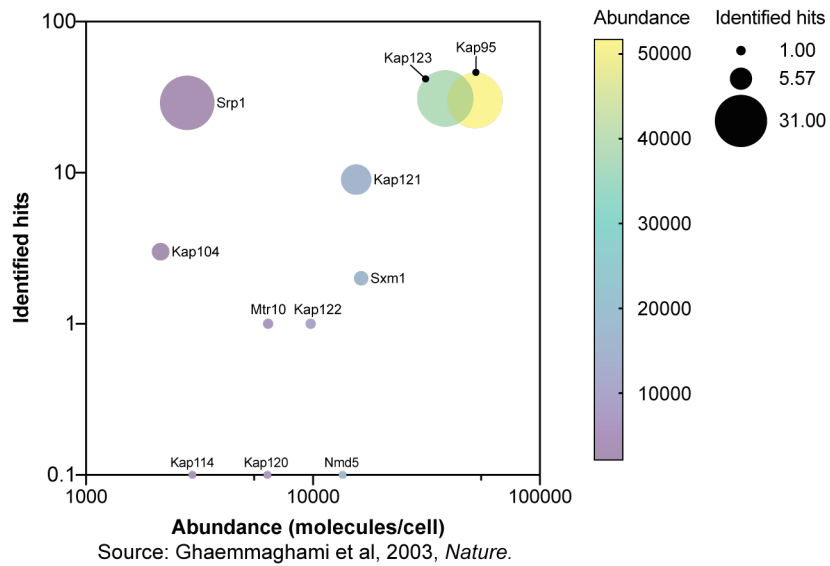
Supplementary Figure 4: Metagene profiles comparing total and IP channels. Metagene plots are shown for targets before (**a**) and after manual inspection (**b**). Total and IP profiles were normalized, respectively, to the sum of normed counts across the profile (with correction for profile length) (y-axis). All profiles across hit genes have been scaled to 100% (x-axis) with aggregating values in respective bins by averaging. The shades signify 95% confidence interval across hits and replicate profiles. Kap123 and Kap121 profiles show a pronounced C-terminal enrichment of footprints in the IP channel.



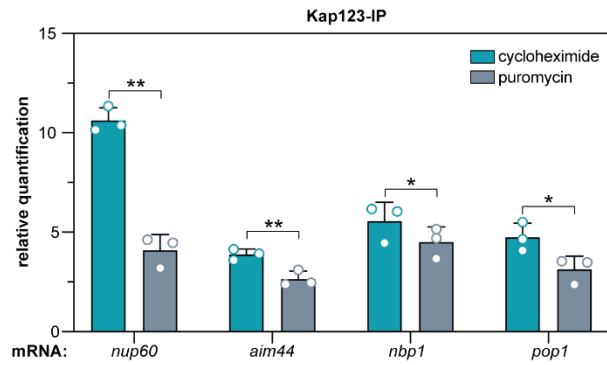
Supplementary Figure 5: AUC-heatmap of all reliably identified hits across different experiments. AUC-values are presented and can be compared to the AUC-values generated in the wildtype (no bait control). Circulated genes represent hits within their respective SeRP experiment.



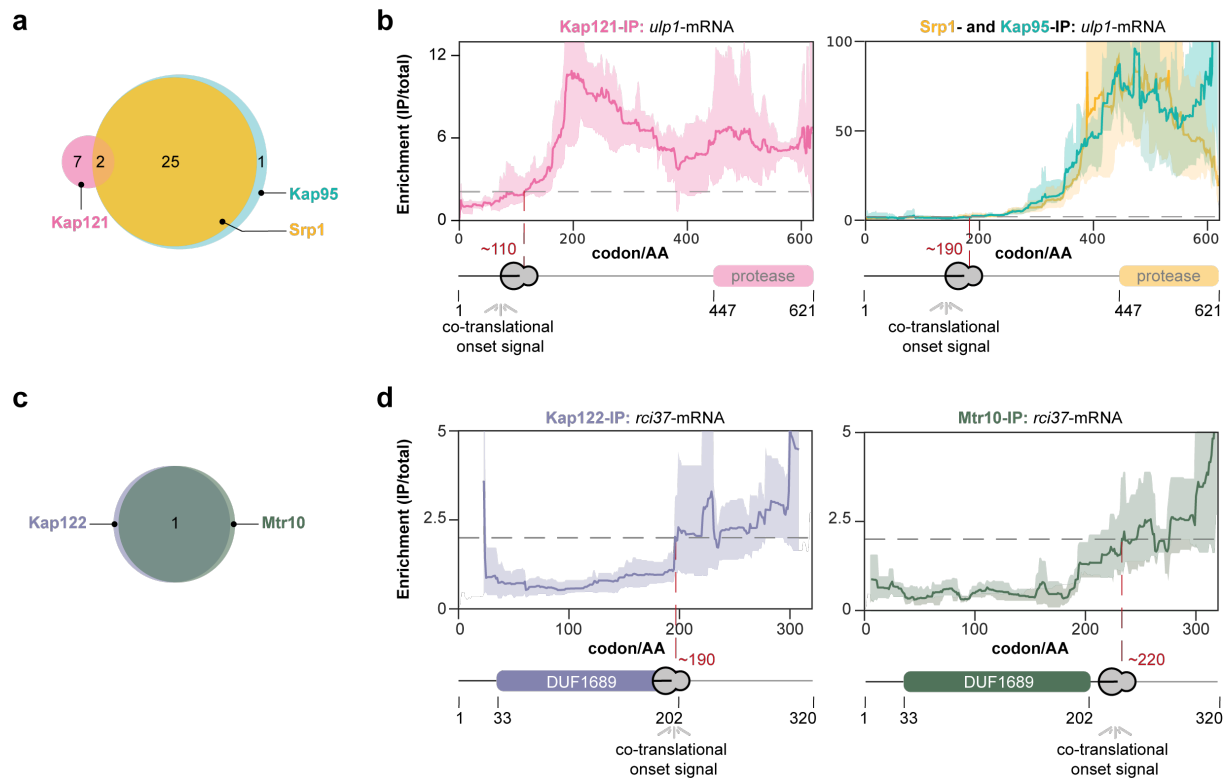
Supplementary Figure 6: Volcano plots illustrating DESeq2-derived results for profiles (normalized counts) across the entire genome for respective pulldown relative to wildtype (no-bait) control (see corresponding **Materials and Methods** section). The x-axis indicates the log₂ fold change, and the y-axis the adjusted *P*-value (Benjamini-Hochberg method) in a $-\log_{10}$ scale. Each dot corresponds to a nucleotide position (hence strong cross-correlation in analysis); grey dots signify positions within genes that have not been identified as targets of the respective importin our pipeline, whereas colored dots correspond to genome positions that reside within target or cargo genes. The DESeq2 analysis (based on a negative binomial generalized linear model; two-sided) demonstrates that normalized counts in the identified cargo genes are significantly enriched relative to the no-bait control (Fisher exact test shows $P < 0.0001$ for all three pulldowns). This Supplementary plot shows the underlying data for Srp1, Kap95, and Kap123, where we also found the most reliable hits. The other pulldowns did not demonstrate a significant signal in the DESeq2 analysis.



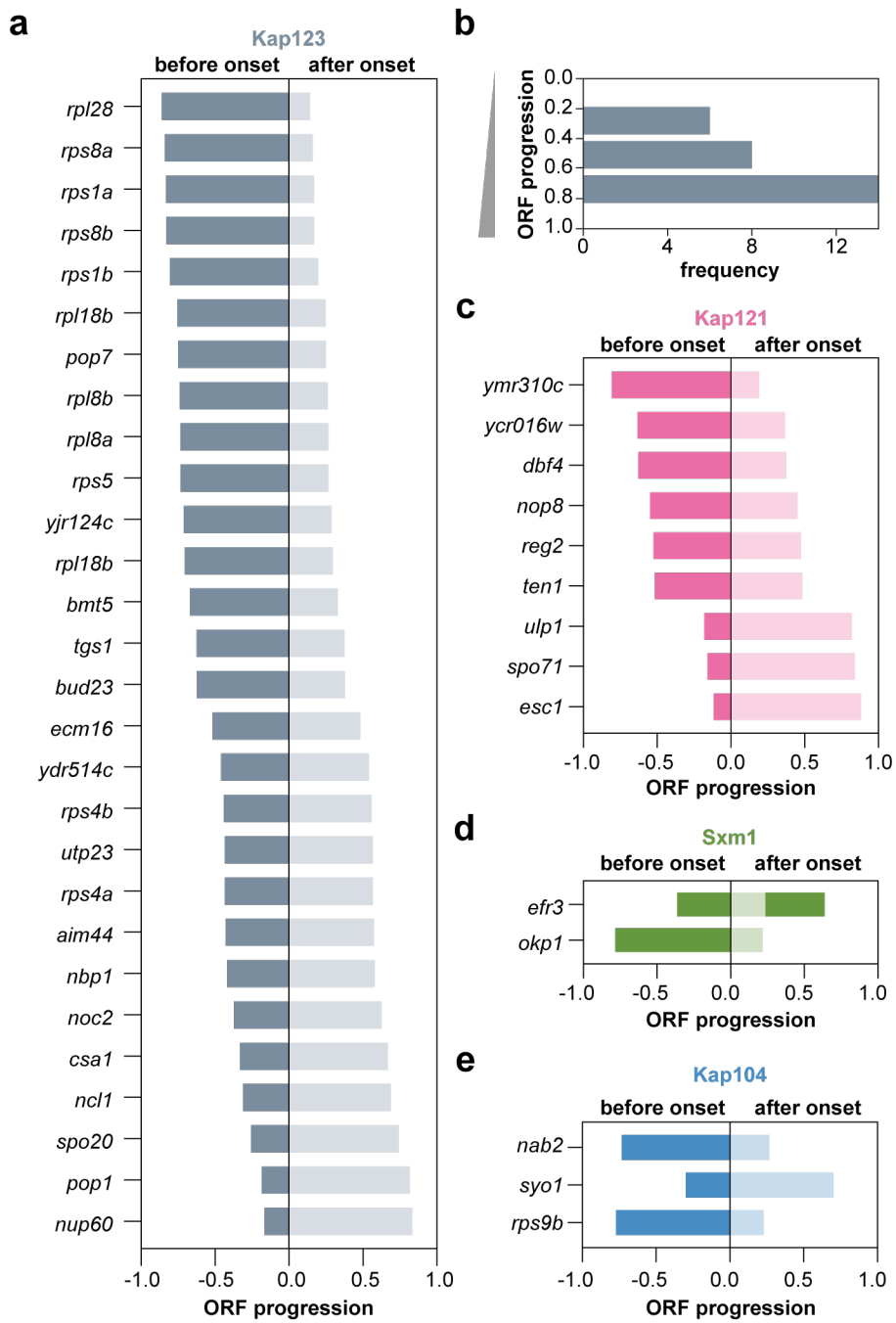
Supplementary Figure 7: Relationship of importin abundance and number of identified targets. The analysis reveals that the number of identified hits does not depend on the abundance of the respective importin. Bubble size represents the number of identified hits. Abundance of the respective importin is encoded by a color gradient. Abundances of importins (molecules/cell) were extracted from Ghaemmaghami et al.¹



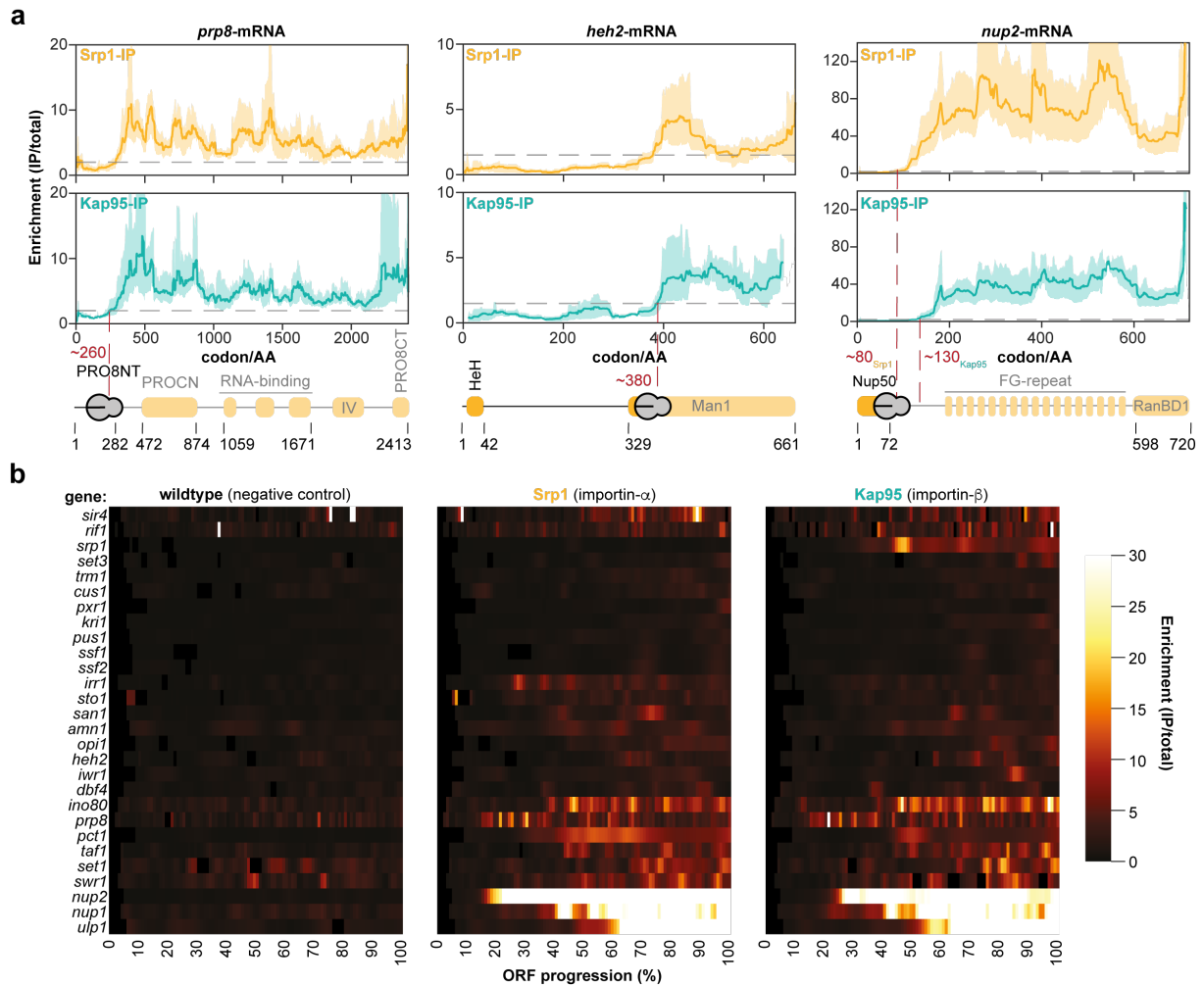
Supplementary Figure 8: RIP-qPCR experiments of a Kap123-StrepII pulldown validates co-translational interactions of Kap123 with nascent cargoes. $n = 3$ biologically independent samples. $**p = 0.0046$ for *nup60*-mRNA; $**p = 0.0098$ for *aim44*-mRNA; $*p = 0.0396$ for *nbp1*-mRNA; $*p = 0.0205$ for *pop1*-mRNA. Figure depicts mean + SD. ns $p > 0.05$, $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$ (Two-sided, paired t-test calculated between cycloheximide and puromycin for the respective mRNA). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



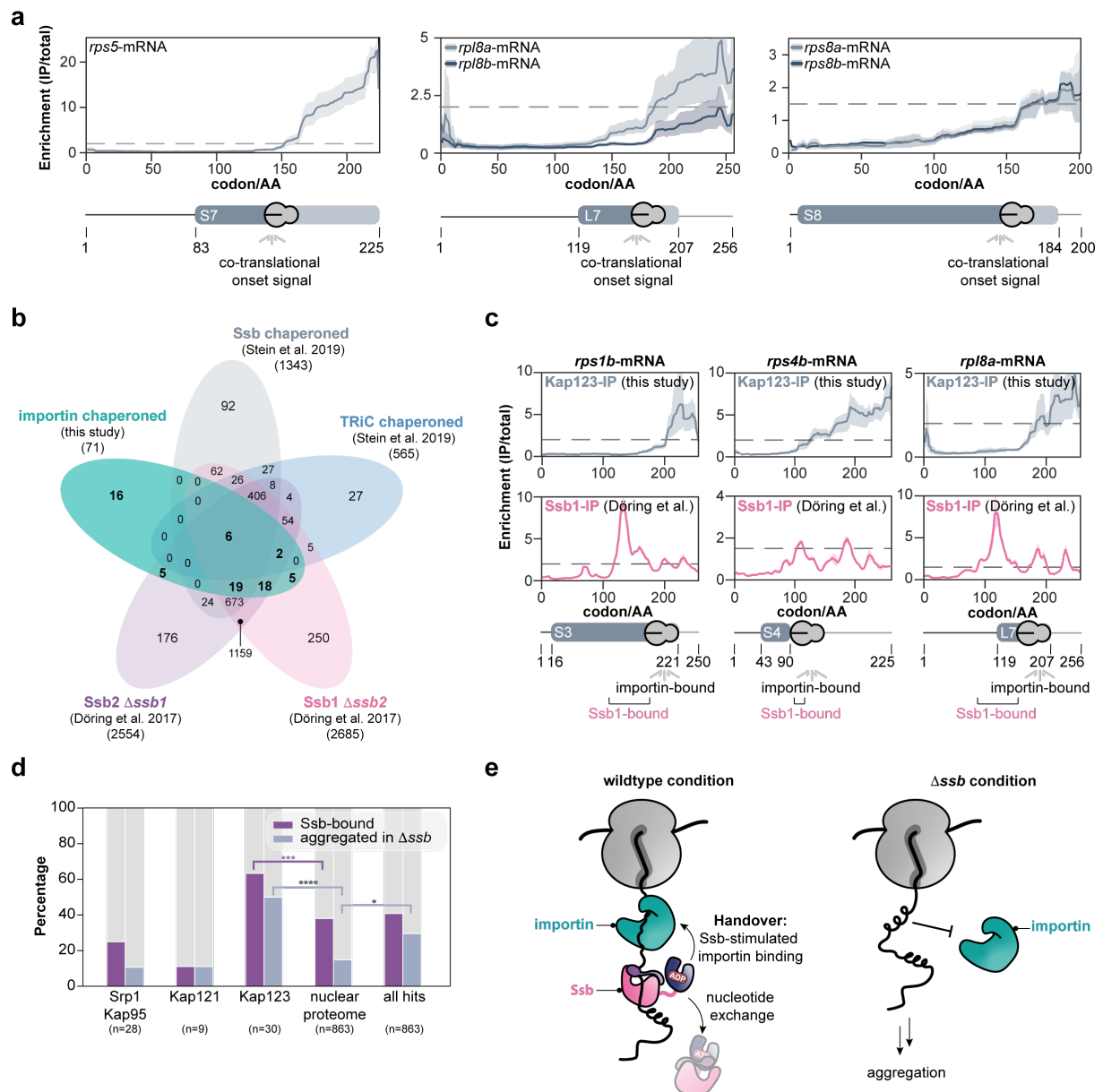
Supplementary Figure 9: Co-translational interactions show minor redundancy. a, and b, Venn-diagram indicating overlap of the co-translational cargoes between Kap121 and Srp1/Kap95. They share Ulp1 and Dbf4 as substrates but the apparent onset is different implying that Kap121 pioneers in binding to nascent Ulp1. **c, and d,** Kap122 and Mtr10 both capture the nascent chain of Rci37. SERP profiles (IP/total) are shown for the respective mRNA targets from $n=4$ biologically independent replicates (solid lines are averaged across replicates; shades reflect largest to smallest replicate value interval). Grey dashed lines indicate an arbitrary threshold of 2 used for onset estimation (red dashed line). IP: immunoprecipitation; AA: amino acid; DUF: domain of unknown function.



Supplementary Figure 10: Onset distribution across importin-SeRP experiments other than Kap95/Srp1. a, Onset distribution for Kap123 cargoes. **b,** The respective histogram indicates a C-terminal bias. Onset plots for **c,** Kap121, **d,** Sxm1, **e,** Kap104. All onset plots show normalized ORF length for all genes. Apparent onsets are centered to zero. ORF: open reading frame.



Supplementary Figure 11: Synchronous binding of Srp1 and Kap95 on the nascent chains. **a**, Representative SeRP curves show that Srp1 and Kap95 mutually act on the nascent chains of their cargo in the case of nascent Prp8 and Heh2. In contrast, nascent Nup2 appears to be bound first by Srp1 and subsequently by Kap95. We note that Heh2 expresses an NLS between residues 102-137² and requires an additional linker for nuclear localization^{3,4}. SeRP of Kap95 and Srp1 suggests binding of importin only upon exposure of the linker from the exit tunnel. SeRP profiles (IP/total) are shown for the respective mRNA targets from $n=4$ biologically independent replicates (solid lines are averaged across replicates; shades reflect largest to smallest replicate value interval). Grey dashed lines indicate an arbitrary threshold of 2 used for onset estimation (red dashed line). **b**, Heatmap representation of all Srp1 and Kap95 co-translationally targeted cargoes in relation to wildtype (no bait) negative control, showing that signals arise at similar regions within the respective ORFs, while almost no signal is generated in the no-bait control. Heatmap colors indicate the enrichment (IP/total) value according to the scale bar. Each profile and heatmap value were derived from $n=4$ biologically independent samples for each bait. IP: immunoprecipitation; AA: amino acid; HeH: helix-extension-helix domain; Man1: Man1-Src1p-C-terminal domain; FG-repeat: phenylalanine-glycine repeat; RanBD1: Ran binding domain 1.



Supplementary Figure 12: Ribosomal proteins captured by Kap123. **a**, Representative SeRP curves for ribosomal proteins. Curves for paralogues ribosomal proteins show similar shapes and onsets but their signal fluctuates according to their expression level. *rpl8a* expression is higher with respect to *rpl8b*, resulting in a stronger signal, while *rps8a* and *rps8b* are expressed at similar levels resulting in two almost identical curves. **b**, Venn-diagram of substrate overlap across Ssb-, TRiC- and importin chaperoned cargo. **c**, Extended evidence that Ssb1 binding to nascent chains precedes Kap123. SeRP profiles (IP/total) are shown for the respective mRNA targets from $n=4$ biologically independent replicates (this study), Ssb1-SeRP experiments originating from Döring et al.⁵ represent profiles generated from $n=2$ biologically independent replicates (solid lines are averaged across replicates; shades reflect largest to smallest replicate value interval). Grey dashed lines indicate an arbitrary threshold of 1.5 or 2 used for onset estimation (red dashed line). **d**, Kap123 substrates are enriched for proteins that aggregate in the absence of Ssb2. $***P=7.00 \times 10^{-03}$ (Kap123 [Ssb-bound], nuclear proteome [Ssb-bound]); $****P=1.14 \times 10^{-05}$ (Kap123 [aggregated in Δ ssb], nuclear proteome [aggregated in Δ ssb]), $*P=0.036$ (all hits [aggregated in Δ ssb], nuclear proteome [aggregated in Δ ssb]). ns $P>0.05$, $*P<0.05$, $**P<0.01$, $***P<0.005$, $****P<0.001$. Fisher Exact test, two-sided. **e**, Possible interpretation: under wildtype conditions, Ssb may maintain importin recognition sites degenerated allowing for importin binding. Within *ssb* Δ , nascent chains undergo folding thus masking the linear NLS and ultimately resulting in aggregation. IP: immunoprecipitation; AA: amino acid.

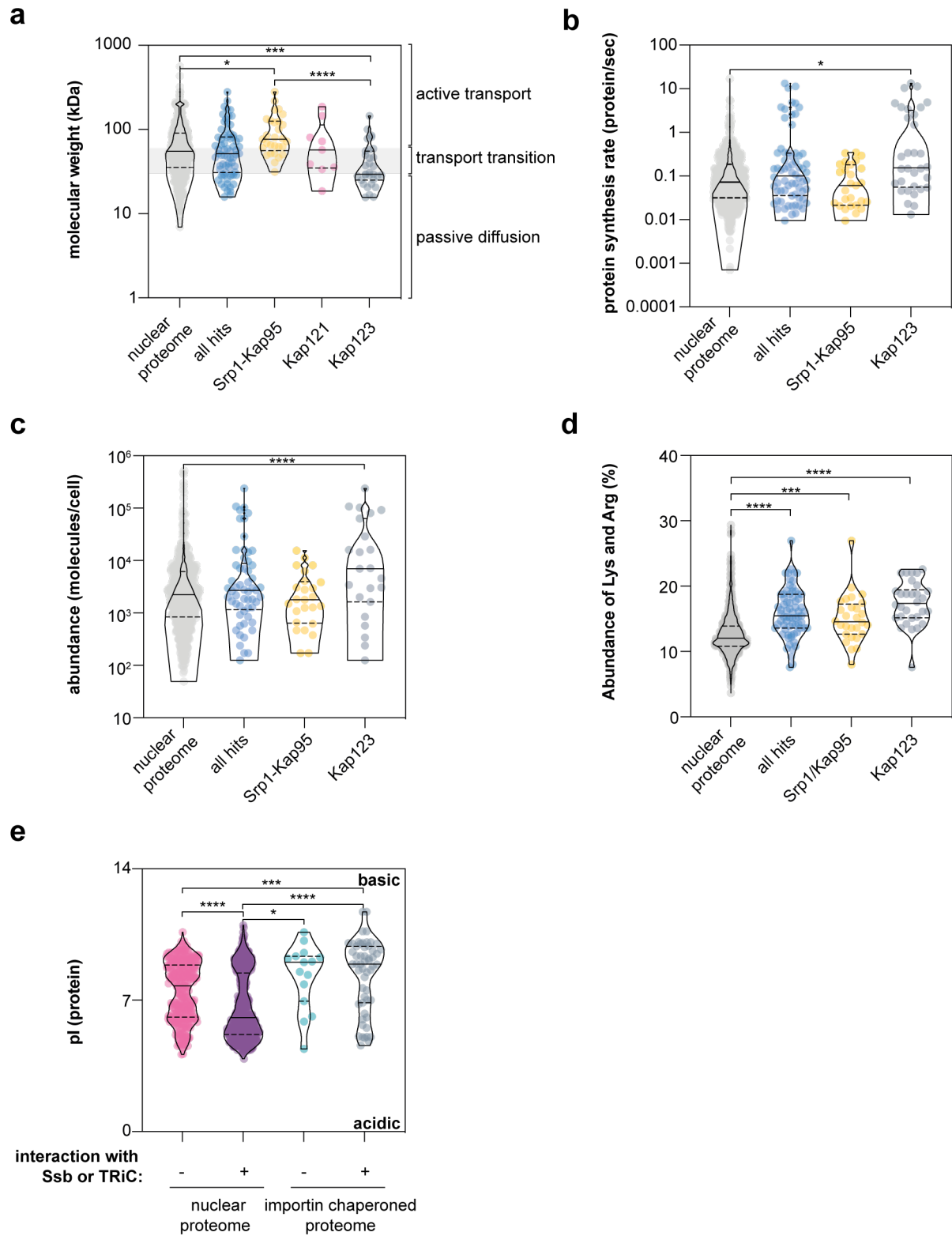


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Supplementary Figure 13: Extended figures on biophysical parameters that may relate to co-translational chaperoning. **a**, Co-translational chaperoning of cargo is independent from cargo molecular weight. Srp1-Kap95 and Kap121 chaperone cargo that tends to require active transport, while the median size of Kap123 cargo is below the size threshold of permeability barrier for passive diffusion. Figure shows $n= 857$ (nuclear proteome), $n=71$ (all hits), $n=27$ (Srp1-Kap95), $n=9$ (Kap121) and $n=30$ (Kap123) individual proteins. $***P= 0.0042$ (nuclear proteome, Kap123); $****P=6.41 \times 10^{-5}$ (Srp1, Kap123), $*P=0.048$ (nuclear proteome, Srp1-Kap95). **b**, Kap123 cargoes are proteins with high protein synthesis rate. Figure shows $n= 774$ (nuclear proteome), $n=69$ (all hits), $n=27$ (Srp1-Kap95), and $n=30$ (Kap123) individual proteins. $*P= 0.0227$ (nuclear proteome, Kap123). **c**, Kap123 cargoes are highly abundant. Figure shows $n= 633$ (nuclear proteome), $n=57$ (all hits), $n=25$ (Srp1-Kap95), and $n=23$ (Kap123) individual proteins. $****P=7.17 \times 10^{-4}$ (nuclear proteome; Kap123). **d**, Proteins bound by importins show higher content of lysine (Lys) and arginine (Arg). “all hits” summarizes all hits across pulldowns. Figure shows $n= 855$ (nuclear proteome), $n=71$ (all hits), $n=28$ (Srp1-Kap95), and $n=30$ (Kap123) individual proteins. $****P=4.23 \times 10^{-13}$ (nuclear proteome, all hits); $***P= 0.0013$ (nuclear proteome, Srp1-Kap95); $****P=3.13 \times 10^{-11}$ (nuclear proteome, Kap123). **e**, Ssb and TRiC chaperones do not protect proteins with a high pI-value. The plot shows individual proteins: $n= 327$ (nuclear proteome [non-chaperoned]); $n= 535$ (nuclear proteome [Ssb-, TRiC-chaperoned]); $n= 15$ (importin chaperoned proteome [non-chaperoned]); $n= 56$ (importin chaperoned proteome [Ssb-, TRiC-chaperoned]). $****P= 5.99 \times 10^{-15}$ (nuclear proteome [non-chaperoned], nuclear proteome [Ssb-, TRiC-chaperoned]); $*P= 0.0122$ (nuclear proteome [Ssb-, TRiC-chaperoned], importin chaperoned proteome [non-chaperoned]); $****P=6.66 \times 10^{-7}$ (nuclear proteome [Ssb-, TRiC-chaperoned], importin chaperoned proteome [Ssb-, TRiC-chaperoned]); $***P=0.001$ (nuclear proteome [non-chaperoned], importin chaperoned proteome [Ssb-, TRiC-chaperoned]). “all hits” summarizes all hits across pulldowns. ns $P> 0.05$, $*P< 0.05$, $**P< 0.01$, $***P< 0.005$, $****P< 0.001$. Violin plots show median and quartiles. For all figures, a two-sided Mann-Whitney U-test has been applied to calculate corresponding P -values and account for variation in distributions. pI: isoelectric point. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Tables

Cargo	Importin	Reference	Co-translational interaction detected
Nup1	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ⁶	yes
Nup2	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ^{6,7}	yes
Ulp1	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ⁸	yes
Asr1	Kap95	shown in ⁹	no
Pct1	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹⁰	yes
Heh2	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ⁴	yes
Cdc45	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹¹	no
Vps75	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹²	no
Sla1	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹³	no
Iwr1	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹⁴	yes
Hxk2	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹⁵	no
Rrp6	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹⁶	no
Siz1	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹⁷	no
Upf3	Kap95, Srp1	reviewed in ¹¹	no
Pcl5	Kap95	shown in ¹⁸	no
Srp1	Kap95	shown in ¹⁹	yes
Sts1	Srp1	shown in ²⁰	no
Gln3	Srp1	shown in ²¹	no
Sto1	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ^{22,23} and reviewed in ¹¹	yes
Swi6	Srp1	reviewed in ¹¹	no
Clb2	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹¹	no
Gcn4	Kap95, Srp1	reviewed in ¹¹	no
Prp20	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹¹	no
Swi5	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹¹	no
Cdc6	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ¹¹	no
Prp8	Kap95, Srp1	shown in ²⁴	yes

Supplementary Table 1: True positive set of cargoes used for the analysis as depicted in **Supplementary Fig.3b**.

Cargo	NLS (residues)	Reference	AF-Score (ipTM+pTM)
Nup1	1-123	6	0.65-0.73
Nup2	1-50	7	0,76
Ulp1	150-172	8	0.78-0,79
Pct1	60-66	10	0.64-0.7
Iwr1	9-43	14	0.6-0.7
Sto1	2-30	22,23	0.8
Prp8	96-117	24	0.7
Opi1	109-112	25	0.33-0.56
Heh2	124-137	2	0.67-0.74
San1	180-200	26	0.66-0.76

Supplementary Table 2: Literature reported cNLS for Srp1-Kap95 cargoes. A range of the AF-score is given when the NLS was contained in more than one sequence window. AF: AlphaFold.

Strain Name	Genotype	Source
BY4741 (wildtype)	<i>MATa his3Δ1 leu2Δ0 met15Δ0, ura3Δ0</i>	provided by Patil lab
Srp1-StrepII	(BY4741) <i>srp1-strepII</i>	this study
Kap95-StrepII	(BY4741) <i>kap95-strepII</i>	this study
Kap104-StrepII	(BY4741) <i>kap104-strepII</i>	this study
Kap114-StrepII	(BY4741) <i>kap114-strepII</i>	this study
Kap120-StrepII	(BY4741) <i>kap120-strepII</i>	this study
Kap121-StrepII	(BY4741) <i>kap121-strepII</i>	this study
Kap122-StrepII	(BY4741) <i>kap122-strepII</i>	this study
Kap123-StrepII	(BY4741) <i>kap123-strepII</i>	this study
Nmd5-StrepII	(BY4741) <i>nmd5-strepII</i>	this study
Sxm1-StrepII	(BY4741) <i>sxm1-strepII</i>	this study
Mtr10-StrepII	(BY4741) <i>mtr10-strepII</i>	this study
GFP	pRS316 (tef1- promoter:: <i>gfp</i> :: <i>cyc1</i> -terminator:: <i>ura3</i>)	this study
Ino80(NLS)-GFP	pRS316 (tef1- promoter:: <i>ino80(1255-1374)-gfp</i> :: <i>cyc1</i> -terminator:: <i>ura3</i>)	this study
Prp8(NLS)-GFP	pRS316 (tef1- promoter:: <i>prp8(502-621)-gfp</i> :: <i>cyc1</i> -terminator:: <i>ura3</i>)	this study
Rps5(NLS)-GFP	pRS316 (tef1- promoter:: <i>rps5(238-393)-gfp</i> :: <i>cyc1</i> -terminator:: <i>ura3</i>)	this study
Nup60(NLS)-GFP	pRS316 (tef1- promoter:: <i>nup60(1-159)-gfp</i> :: <i>cyc1</i> -terminator:: <i>ura3</i>)	this study
Pop1(NLS)-GFP	pRS316 (tef1- promoter:: <i>pop1(316-444)-gfp</i> :: <i>cyc1</i> -terminator:: <i>ura3</i>)	this study
Pct1(NLS-Srp1)-GFP	pRS316 (tef1- promoter:: <i>pct1(76-195)-gfp</i> :: <i>cyc1</i> -terminator:: <i>ura3</i>)	this study
Pct1(NLS-Kap95)-GFP	pRS316 (tef1- promoter:: <i>pct1(247-366)-gfp</i> :: <i>cyc1</i> -terminator:: <i>ura3</i>)	this study

Supplementary Table 3: Yeast strains and corresponding genotypes used in this study.

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