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Media, Growth Conditions, and RNA Extraction. Yeast strains were grown at 30 °C in YPD medium [1% (wt/vol) yeast extract, 2% (wt/vol) peptone, and 2% (wt/vol) glucose] until optical density at 600 nm (OD₆₀₀) of 0.3 was reached, unless otherwise noted. For the 5′ RLM-RACE and Northern blot analysis shown in Fig. 4C, yRP2875 carrying pRP2407 or pRP2408 was grown at 30 °C in synthetic complete (SC) medium lacking uracil but containing 2% (wt/vol) galactose. For the 5′ RLM-RACE and Northern blot analysis shown in Fig. S2G, yRP2875 carrying pRP2407 was grown essentially in the same way except that the translation inhibitor cycloheximide was added at the final concentration of 100 μg/mL when OD_{600} of 0.3 was reached. Portions of the cultures were collected at 15, 30, 60, and 120 min after the addition of cycloheximide. For the 5′ RLM-RACE analysis shown in Fig. 5B, strains yRP2867 and yRP2868 were grown at 30 °C in SC medium lacking uracil but containing 2% (wt/vol) glucose. Cells were pelleted by centrifugation and rapidly frozen in liquid nitrogen. At least two biological replicates were performed for each experiment. Total RNA was extracted from frozen cell pellets by a hot phenol method. Polyadenylated RNA was selected using Oligo (dT) DynaBeads (Invitrogen).

Yeast Strain Construction. To generate yRP2857 and yRP2858, the XRN1 gene was disrupted in yRP2856 (W303-1A) and yRP2601 (W303-1B) with the kanMX6 cassette by a PCR-based method (1). yRP2860 ($\text{dcp2}\Delta \text{ } \text{x} \text{m1} \Delta$) was constructed from a cross between yRP2858 ($xml\Delta$) and yRP2859 ($dcp2\Delta$). The *DBR1* gene was disrupted with the hphMX cassette (2) in yRP2856 (W303-1A) and yRP2601 (W303-1B) to generate yRP2861 and yRP2862. yRP2861 (dbr1Δ xrn1Δ), yRP2862 (dbr1Δ dcp2Δ), and yRP2863 (dbr1 \triangle dcp2 \triangle xrn1 \triangle) were constructed from a cross between yRP2860 ($dcp2Δ xrn1Δ$) and yRP2862 ($dbr1Δ$). The GLR1 gene was disrupted with the HIS3MX cassette in yRP2856 (W303-1A) to generate yRP2874. To generate yRP2875 (glr1Δ xrn1Δ), the XRN1 gene was disrupted with the kanMX cassette in yRP2874. The RAI1 gene was disrupted with the hphMX cassette in yRP2601 (W303-1B) to generate yRP2866. Strains yRP2867 and yRP2868 were constructed in multiple steps. First, a heterozygous diploid strain (yRP2873) resulted from a cross between yRP2860 (dcp2Δ $xml\Delta$) and yRP2866 (rail Δ) was transformed with plasmids pRP2403 and pRP2404, and the transformants were sporulated. Haploid progenies were recovered on SC medium lacking uracil and histidine but containing 2% (wt/vol) glucose. Subsequently, $dcp2\Delta rail\Delta xm1\Delta$ strains were selected based on the ability to grow in the presence of Geneticin G418 (Teknova) and Hygromycin B (Calbiochem). Finally, mating type was checked by PCR using oRP1614, oRP1615, and oRP1616 (3). To generate yRP2869, yRP2870, and yRP2871, the diploid strain yRP2873 was transformed with pRP1892 and then sporulated. Haploid progenies were recovered on SC medium lacking uracil and histidine but containing 2% (wt/vol) glucose. A haploid $\text{dcp2}\Delta$ rail Δ strain carrying pRP1892 was selected and transformed with pRS200, pRP2405, and pRP2406. To generate yRP2876, the DCS1 gene was disrupted with the hphMX cassette in yRP2601 (W303-1B). yRP2877 ($dcs1\Delta$ $\text{dcp2}\Delta \text{ }x\text{ }m1\Delta$) was constructed from a cross between yRP2860 and yRP2876. Gene disruption was checked using appropriate oligonucleotides (Table S3).

Plasmid Construction. To generate pRP2403 and pRP2405, a DNA fragment containing 848-bp upstream region, ORF, and 439-bp downstream region of RAI1 was PCR amplified from genome

using primers oRP1619 and oRP1620. The resultant fragment was digested with restriction enzymes SacI and XhoI and cloned into corresponding sites in pRS416 and pRP200. pRP2404 and pRP2405 were constructed in multiple steps. First, a DNA fragment was amplified from genome using primers oRP1619 and oRP1618. A second PCR was performed using primers oRP1617 and oRP1620. The two PCR fragments were then mixed and fused by PCR amplification using primers oRP1619 and oRP1620. The resultant fragment was digested with restriction enzymes SacI and XhoI and cloned into corresponding sites in pRS416 and pRS200. Note that pRP2406 contains an unintended silent mutation at the 453rd nucleotide in RAI1 ORF. To generate pRP2407 and pRP2408, DNA fragments were PCR-amplified from genome using a forward primer oRP1660 and reverse primers oRP1661 and oRP1662, and cloned into pSH47 that was linearized with HindIII and XhoI, by gap repair.

Library Preparation for Illumina Sequencing. Libraries were constructed essentially as described previously (4). Briefly, a 5′ RNA adaptor oRP1627 that includes a recognition site for the MmeI restriction enzyme was selectively ligated to 5′ P species in poly (A) RNA fraction using T4 RNA ligase (Ambion). The ligated RNA was reverse-transcribed using oligo(dT) linked to a 3' adaptor sequence (oRP1628), PCR-amplified for 5 cycles using primers oRP1629 and oRP1630, and treated with MmeI, which cleaves 20 or 21 nt 3′ of the recognition site. The digestion products were gel-purified, ligated to a 3′ double-strand DNA adaptor (oRP1631 and oRP1632), and again gel-purified. The resultant material was PCR-amplified using primers oRP1633 and oRP1634, gel-purified, and sequenced on the Illumina Genome Analyzer II or HiSeq 2000 using the primer oRP1635.

Alignment of Sequences. From the raw sequences obtained by the Illumina Genome Analyzer II and HiSeq 2000, read sequences composed of 20- or 21-nt-long captured RNA sequences, followed by the 3′ Illumina adaptor sequence were selected using fastx_barcode_splitter.pl in FASTX-Toolkit [\(http://hannonlab.](http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/download.html) [cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/download.html\)](http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/download.html). The adaptor sequences were removed from the barcode-matched reads using Perl. Identical sequences were collapsed and counted using fastx_ collapser in FASTX-Toolkit to generate a file of distinct sequences and occurrence counts. The resultant 20- or 21-nt-long sequences were aligned to reference sequences using Bowtie 0.12.7 [\(http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net](http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net)) (5). Bowtie options were set so that two mismatches were allowed and alignments were required to be unique. The reference was composed of nuclear and mitochondrial genome assemblies of S. cerevisiae S288C strain (released on February 3, 2011), A364A 2-μm plasmid sequence [National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) accession number NC_001398], dsRNA virus genome (killer virus M1, virus L-A and L-BC, single-stranded viruses 20S and 23S; NCBI accession numbers NC_001782, NC_003745, NC_001641, NC_004051, and NC_004050, respectively), and the sequence of the kanMX6 cassette (1), with which the *XRN1* gene was disrupted. Summary statistics of highthroughput sequencing and mapping are shown in Fig. S1C.

5′ P Tag Profiling. For individual libraries 5′ P tag profiles of 6,603 yeast mRNAs ([Dataset S1](http://www.pnas.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.1073/pnas.1119741109/-/DCSupplemental/sd01.xlsx)) were built by plotting the abundance of each sequence read as a function of its position in mRNA using a set of Perl programs. In this process, we exclusively used sequence reads that were aligned to the reference with no mis-

match. ORF annotations were downloaded from Saccharomyces Genome Database (SGD) ([http://downloads.yeastgenome.org/](http://downloads.yeastgenome.org/curation/chromosomal_feature/SGD_features.tab) [curation/chromosomal_feature/SGD_features.tab](http://downloads.yeastgenome.org/curation/chromosomal_feature/SGD_features.tab)) on May 11, 2012. UTR lengths were taken from a previous RNAseq study (6). Where UTR annotation was not available, the ORF start/end was considered to be the transcript start/end. Reproducibility of two independent WT experiments and three independent $dcp2Δ$ xrn1Δ experiments was evaluated by the Pearson correlation coefficient when comparing the raw number of reads obtained for each nucleotide in all mRNAs for each pair of replicates (Fig. S1D). Read counts were normalized to the total reads mapping to all mRNAs. Normalized libraries from biological replicates were combined and averaged for further analysis.

Identification of 5′ P Peak Cites. Screen for statistically significant 5′ P peak sites in mRNA was performed essentially as described previously (7). First, the read counts within each mRNA were fit to a negative binomial distribution, and P values were computed for all sites based on the negative binomial fit for the transcript, using a program written in R ([http://www.r-project.org/\)](http://www.r-project.org/). The resultant P values were adjusted with the Benjamini–Hochberg false discovery rate (FDR) $(0.01) estimator (8). All 2,738 sites in the$ WT sample and 153,593 sites in $dcp2\Delta xml\Delta$ with P values below the cutoff (FDR < 0.01) are listed in [Dataset S2](http://www.pnas.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.1073/pnas.1119741109/-/DCSupplemental/sd02.xlsx). To categorize these peaks, annotations of introns and intron-derived snoRNAs were obtained from SGD [\(http://downloads.yeastgenome.org/curation/](http://downloads.yeastgenome.org/curation/chromosomal_feature/SGD_features.tab) [chromosomal_feature/SGD_features.tab\)](http://downloads.yeastgenome.org/curation/chromosomal_feature/SGD_features.tab) on May 11, 2012.

RT-PCR. Poly(A) RNA was treated with RQ RNase-free DNaseI (Promega) at 37 °C for 1 h. The reaction was extracted with phenol/chloroform/isoamyl alcohol (IAA) and then with chloroform and precipitated with ethanol. A total of 100 ng of DNase-treated poly(A) RNA was incubated with 100 units of SuperScript III Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen) in a 10-μL reaction at 55 °C for 1 h. One-fiftieth of the resultant cDNA was PCR-amplified with HotStarTaq DNA polymerases (Qiagen) for 35 cycles using gene-specific primers (Table S3).

5' RLM-RACE. A total of 250 ng of poly(A) RNA was incubated with 20 pmol of 5′ RACE RNA adaptor oRP1522 and 10 units of T4 RNA ligase (Ambion) in a 10-μL reaction at 37 °C for 1 h. Onetenth of the reaction was incubated with 200 units of SuperScript III Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen) in a 20-μL reaction at 55 °C for 1 h. One-twentieth of the resultant cDNA was PCRamplified with HotStarTaq DNA polymerases (Qiagen) for 35 cycles using a primer corresponding to the adaptor sequence (oRP1523) and a gene-specific reverse primer (Table S3). The PCR products were run on 1.5% agarose gel and visualized negatively after ethidium bromide staining. For analysis shown in Fig. 2C, poly(A) RNA was treated with RQ RNase-free DNaseI (Promega) before RNA ligation. As a standard, ACT1 mRNA was detected using oRP1637 and oRP1638.

cRT-PCR. cRT-PCR was performed essentially as described previously (9, 10). A total of 100 ng of DNase-treated poly(A) RNA was incubated with 180 units of T4 RNA ligase (New England Biolabs) in a 400-μL reaction at 16 °C overnight. The reaction was extracted with phenol/chloroform/IAA and then with chloroform and precipitated with ethanol. One-twentieth of reconstituted ligation product was incubated with 2 pmol of genespecific primer (Table S3) and 200 units of SuperScript III Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen) in a 20-μL reaction at 55 °C for 2 h. One-twentieth of the resultant cDNA was PCR-amplified with HotStarTaq DNA polymerases (Qiagen) for 35 cycles using a pair of gene-specific primers (Table S3). As a standard, ACT1 mRNA was detected using oRP1637 and oRP1638.

Analysis of Intron-Containing Genes. The $dcp2\Delta xrn1\Delta$ library data were analyzed for 240 intron–containing genes that were selected from the 6,603 mRNAs ([Dataset S1](http://www.pnas.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.1073/pnas.1119741109/-/DCSupplemental/sd01.xlsx)) based on intron annotations downloaded from SGD [\(http://downloads.yeastgenome.org/](http://downloads.yeastgenome.org/curation/chromosomal_feature/SGD_features.tab) [curation/chromosomal_feature/SGD_features.tab](http://downloads.yeastgenome.org/curation/chromosomal_feature/SGD_features.tab)) on May 11, 2012. We excluded: (i) genes with zero $5'$ P tag abundance; (ii) genes that contain more than one intron; (iii) genes that contain snoRNA in intron; and (iv) HAC1, which undergoes an unconventional splicing. Abundance of 5′ P tag at 5′ SS and within a 5-nt-long region just downstream of the 5' SS (A_{5ss}) was computed and divided by 6, the length of the region $(A_{5ss}/6)$. As a measure of transcript level in the sample, the sum of tag abundance across each transcript (A_T) was computed, subtracted by A5ss, and divided by the transcript length excluding the 6-ntlong 5′ SS region [i.e., $(A_T - A_{5ss})/(L - 6)$, where L is the transcript length].

Mapping of Transcription Start Sites. To analyze capped mRNA, 5′ P species in poly(A) RNA fraction were dephosphorylated with calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase (CIP) (New England Biolabs). The reaction was extracted with phenol/chloroform/ IAA and then with chloroform and precipitated with ethanol. The reconstituted product was decapped with tobacco acid pyrophosphatase (TAP) (Epicentre) at 37 °C for 1 h. The reaction was extracted with phenol/chloroform/IAA and then with chloroform and precipitated with ethanol. A total of 100 ng of the resultant material was subject to 5′ RLM-RACE procedure as described above.

Northern Blot Analysis. Northern blot analysis was conducted as described previously (11). The GLR1 mRNA was probed using oRP1659.

Half-Life Measurement. To measure mRNA decay rates, thiolutin (Sigma-Aldrich) was used to inhibit transcription. Cells were grown until OD_{600} of 0.4 was reached and treated with thiolutin at the final concentration of 3 μg/mL 7.5 mL of the cultures were collected at 0, 5, 10, 15, 30, and 60 min after transcription shutoff. Total RNA samples were analyzed by Northern blot analysis. The amount of ERG13, CWP2, RPS31, RPS28B, and 7S RNA was quantified by oRP1581, oRP1588, oRP1591, oRP1439, and oRP100, respectively, using Typhoon phosphoimager (Molecular Dynamics) and Image-Quant TL software (GE Healthcare). The mRNA levels were normalized to that of 7S RNA at each time point. Relative amount of mRNA at each time point compared with that at the 0-min time point was calculated and plotted as a function of the time the sample was collected after transcription shutoff. Half-lives were calculated by linear fitting of a semilog plot using Microsoft Excel. All time points were included for calculation of CWP2 half-life in $dcp2\Delta$ and $dcp2\Delta xml\Delta$. Time points from 0 to 30 min were used otherwise. Two biological replicates were performed for each strain.

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Fig. S1. Analysis of global 5' P mapping data. (A) Schematic of the library construction. First, a 5' RNA adaptor that introduces an MmeI recognition site was selectively ligated to 5′ P species in poly(A) RNA fraction. The ligated RNA was reverse-transcribed using oligo(dT) linked to a 3′ adaptor sequence, PCRamplified, and treated with MmeI, which cleaves 20 or 21 nt 3' of the recognition site. The product was ligated to 3' dsDNA adaptor, PCR-amplified, and used for Illumina sequencing (SI Materials and Methods). (B) Outline of library analysis. (C) Summary statistics of high-throughput sequencing and mapping results. (D) Reproducibility of 5′ P signal at single-nucleotide resolution. For each pair of replicates, the Pearson correlation coefficient between raw tag abundance at each nucleotide in all mRNAs obtained for two replicates is shown. (E) The 5' P tag profiles of VPH2, ERG13, CWP2, UTP14, ITR1, SPB1, and ECM30. Peaks are indicated by arrows. The x and y axes represent the same as in Fig. 2B. In the gene structures, UTRs and coding regions are indicated in black and light gray, respectively. Arrows under genes indicate locations of primers used in 5′ RLM-RACE.

Fig. S2. Validation of 5' P peaks by 5' RLM-RACE and analysis of FMP45, BDF2, and GLR1. (A) Schematic of the gene-specific 5' RLM-RACE procedure. The 5' P population in poly(A) RNA fraction was ligated to a 5′ RNA adaptor primer oRP1522 and reverse transcribed using an oligo(dT) primer oRP1636. The resultant cDNA was PCR-amplified using a primer corresponding to the adaptor sequence (oRP1523) and a gene-specific reverse primer. Also see SI Materials and Methods. (B) Validation of 5′ P peaks in dcp2Δ xrn1Δ (yRP2860) by 5′ RLM-RACE. The expected size (bp) for amplicon was shown in the bottom of each lane. Legend continued on following page

Closed circles indicate amplicons of the expected sizes. (C) Sequence of 5' RLM-RACE and cRT-PCR products from IWR1, OST5 and RPS16A genes. The 5' ends of monophosphate species are plotted as a function of distance from start codons (0-based offset). Plus (+) and multiplication (×) signs represent positions of intron starts and tag peaks, respectively. Open circles represent 5′ P ends obtained by 5′ RLM-RACE. Closed circles and open and closed squares represent 5′ P ends obtained by cRT-PCR from dcp2Δ xrn1Δ, dbr1Δ xrn1Δ, and xrn1Δ strains, respectively. Some 5' P ends from IWR1 obtained by cRT-PCR were ambiguous because of the A nucleotide that could be derived either from genome or from poly(A) tail. For these ends, the two possible positions (+84 and +85) are plotted. Some 5' P ends from OST5 in dbr1Δ xrn1Δ and from RPS16A in xrn1Δ were mapped near the annotated transcription start sites (TSSs). (6) (closed triangles), consistent with these ends representing decapped unspliced pre-mRNAs. (D) The 5′ SS consensus sequences (underlined) at the 5′ tag peak sites (arrowhead) within FMP45 and BDF2. (E) Schematic diagrams of the FMP45 and BDF2 loci. The 5' and 3' SSs revealed by sequencing of the amplicons in F and the consensus branch point sequences are shown. Arrows under genes indicate locations of primers used in F. (F) RT-PCR products from a dcp2Δ xrn1Δ strain. DNase-treated poly(A) RNA was reverse transcribed using with an oligo(dT) primer oRP1636. PCR was performed using primers depicted in E (oRP1647 and oRP1648 for BDF2; oRP1649 and oRP1650 for FMP45). (G) Translation is required for generation of 5' P species from GLR1. Addition of cycloheximide in GLR1 impaired the 5' RLM-RACE signal from GLR1 (Center) without substantially affecting the transcript level as shown by Northern blot (Right). A glr1Δ xrn1Δ strain (vRP2875) expressing the GLR1 mRNA from pRP2407 was grown as described in SI Materials and Methods. (H) Sequence of capped and uncapped species in a dcp2Δ xrn1Δ strain (yRP2860). The 5' ends of RACE products (Fig. 5A) are plotted as a function of distance from start codons (0-based offset). Multiplication (x) signs represent positions of tag peaks. Closed and open circles represent 5' ends of uncapped and capped species, respectively.

Fig. S3. Analysis of 5' P ends located at transcription start sites. (A) Alignment of Rai1 proteins from S. pombe and S. cerevisiae. Arrowheads indicate residues that are critical for the catalytic activity. (B) Serial dilution spotting to show synthetic lethal interaction between dcp2Δ and rai1Δ. dcp2Δ rai1Δ strains carrying various TRP1bearing plasmids in addition to a URA3-bearing plasmid expressing Dcp2(1-300)-GFP, which is sufficient to rescue the growth defect in dcp2Δ, were spotted onto either SC media lacking tryptophan and uracil but containing 2% (wt/vol) glucose or SC media lacking tryptophan but containing 2% (wt/vol) glucose and 5-Fluoroorotic Acid (5-FOA), which is counter selecting for URA3. The strain carrying an TRP1-bearing empty vector (yRP2869) was unable to grow in the absence of Dcp2 (1-300)-GFP (-Trp 5-FOA), whereas it formed colonies in its presence (-Trp -Ura), albeit slowly. The lethality and slow growth phenotypes were rescued by supplying a WT RAI1 copy from a TRP1-bearing plasmid (yRP2870). The rai1EADA mutant (yRP2871) rescued these phenotypes as efficiently as WT, indicating that the catalytic activity is not critical for the ability of Rai1 to support normal growth rates. (C) Half-lives of ERG13, CWP2, RPS31, and RPS28B in WT, xrn1Δ, dcp2Δ and dcp2Δ xrn1Δ strains (yRP2856, yRP2857, yRP2859, and yRP2860). Two biological replicates were performed for each strain. Representative Northern blot, average values and SDs of half-lives, semilog plots of relative mRNA levels against time points after transcription shutoff are shown. In the plots, error bars represent SDs. See SI Materials and Methods. (D) 5' RLM-RACE for UTP14, ITR1, SPB1, and ECM30 in WT, xrn1Δ, dcp2Δ, and dcp2Δ xrn1Δ strains (yRP2856, yRP2857, yRP2859, and yRP2860).

The table shows termini of cloned 5′ RLM-RACE and cRT-PCR products in various strains. Nucleotide positions are indicated as distance from start codons (0-based offset).

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Table S2. Yeast strains and plasmids used in this study

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Dataset S1. List of 6,603 protein-coding transcripts used in 5′ P profiling

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Dataset S2. List of 5′ P peak sites. (A) List of 5′ P peak sites in the WT library. The table contains 2,738 sites identified with the Benjamini– Hochberg false discovery rate (FDR) procedure (FDR <0.01). (B) List of 5′ P peak sites in the dcp2∆ xrn1∆ library. The table contains 153,593 sites identified with the Benjamini–Hochberg FDR procedure (FDR <0.01). (C) 5′ RLM-RACE validation of selected sites. Plus signs (+) indicate that a PCR amplicon of the expected size was obtained, and minus signs (−) indicate otherwise.

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