

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL FOR:

**A network of eIF2 β interactions with eIF1 and Met-tRNA_i promotes accurate
start codon selection by the translation preinitiation complex**

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Table S1. Plasmids used in this study.

Plasmid	Description	Parent Plasmid	Source or Reference
YCplac111	sc <i>LEU2</i> cloning vector		(1)
p1200	sc <i>URA3 SUI1</i> in YCp50		(2)
YCplac112	hc TRP cloning Vector		(1)
pJCB101	sc <i>LEU2 SUI1</i> in YCplac111		(3)
YEpl24	hc <i>URA3</i> cloning vector		(4)
ATP114	sc <i>LEU2 sui1-Q31A</i> in YCplac111	pJCB101	This study
ATP115	sc <i>LEU2 sui1-Q31K</i> in YCplac111	pJCB101	This study
ATP116	sc <i>LEU2 sui1-Q31E</i> in YCplac111	pJCB101	This study
ATP117	sc <i>LEU2 sui1-F108A</i> in YCplac111	pJCB101	This study
ATP118	sc <i>LEU2 sui1-F108D</i> in YCplac111	pJCB101	This study
ATP119	sc <i>LEU2 sui1-F108R</i> in YCplac111	pJCB101	This study
ATP124	sc <i>LEU2 sui1-Q31A-F108A</i> in YCplac111	pJCB101	This study
p367	sc <i>URA3 HIS4(ATG)-lacZ</i>		(5)
p391	sc <i>URA3 HIS4(TTG)-lacZ</i>		(5)
p180	sc <i>URA3 GCN4-lacZ</i> in YCp50		(6)
pPMB24	sc <i>URA3 SUI1-lacZ</i>		(3)
pPMB25	sc <i>URA3 SUI1_{opt}-lacZ</i>		(3)
pC3502	sc <i>URA3</i> ^{-3AAA⁻¹} el.uORF1 <i>GCN4-lacZ</i> in YCp50		(7)
pC4466	sc <i>URA3</i> ^{-3UAA⁻¹} el.uORF1 <i>GCN4-lacZ</i> in YCp50		(7)
pC3503	sc <i>URA3</i> ^{-3UUU⁻¹} el.uORF1 <i>GCN4-lacZ</i> in YCp50		(7)
pC3505	sc <i>URA3</i> el.uORF1-less <i>GCN4-lacZ</i> in YCp50		(7)
p1780-IMT	hc <i>URA3 SUI2, SUI3, GCD11, IMT4</i>	YEpl24	(8)
p4385	hc <i>TRP1- SUI2, SUI3, GCD11, IMT4</i>	p1780-IMT	Christie Fekete
p4280/YCpSUI3-S264Y-W	sc <i>TRP1 SUI3-S264Y</i>	YCplac22	(9)
p4281/YCpTIF5-G31R-W	sc <i>TRP1 TIF5-G31R</i>	YCplac22	(9)
pTYB2-eIF1	<i>SUI1</i> in pTYB2	pTYB2	(10),(10)
pPMB97	<i>sui1-K60E</i> in pTYB2	pTYB2-eIF1	(11)
ATP172	<i>sui1-Q31E</i> in pTYB2	pTYB2-eIF1	This study
ATP173	<i>sui1-F108D</i> in pTYB2	pTYB2-eIF1	This study
ATP174	<i>sui1-F108R</i> in pTYB2	pTYB2-eIF1	This study
ATP175	<i>sui1-Q31A-F108A</i> in pTYB2	pTYB2-eIF1	This study
p921	sc <i>URA3 SUI3</i>	pRS316	(12)
p920	sc <i>LEU2 SUI3</i>	pRS315	Thomas Dever
LMP24	sc <i>LEU2 SUI3-E198A</i>	p920	This study
LMP27	sc <i>LEU2 SUI3-F217A</i>	p920	This study
LMP29	sc <i>LEU2 SUI3-F217A/Q221A</i>	p920	This study

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LMP32	<i>sc LEU2 SUI3-K170A</i>	p920	This study
LMP33	<i>sc LEU2 SUI3-K170A/S202A</i>	p920	This study
LMP37	<i>sc LEU2 SUI3-K214A</i>	p920	This study
LMP38	<i>sc LEU2 SUI3-S202A/K214A</i>	p920	This study
LMP94	<i>sc LEU2 SUI3-E189A</i>	p920	This study
LMP95	<i>sc LEU2 SUI3-E189R</i>	p920	This study
LMP96	<i>sc LEU2 SUI3-Q193A</i>	p920	This study
LMP97	<i>sc LEU2 SUI3-Q193R</i>	p920	This study
LMP98	<i>sc LEU2 SUI3-E189A/Q193A</i>	p920	This study
LMP99	<i>sc LEU2 SUI3-E189R/Q193R</i>	p920	This study
pAV1089	<i>hc URA3(6x)His-GCD11, SUI2, SUI3</i>	YEp24	(13)
pAV1726	<i>hc LEU2 (6x)His-GCD11, SUI2, SUI3</i>	pRS425	(14)
LMP91	<i>hc LEU2 (6x)His-GCD11, SUI2, SUI3-F217A/Q221A</i>	pAV1726	This study
LMP92	<i>hc LEU2 (6x)His-GCD11, SUI2, SUI3-S202A/K214A</i>	pAV1726	This study
LMP101	<i>hc LEU2 (6x)His-GCD11, SUI2, SUI3-E189R</i>	pAV1726	This study

Table S2. Yeast strains used in this study.

Strain	Genotype	Source
JCY03	<i>MATa ura3-52 leu2-3 leu2-112 trp1Δ-63 his4-301(ACG) sui1Δ::hisG p1200 (sc URA3 SUI1)</i>	(15)
ATY100 (PMY30)	<i>MATa ura3-52 leu2-3 leu2-112 trp1Δ-63 his4-301(ACG) sui1Δ::hisG pJCB101 (sc LEU2 SUI1)</i>	(3)
ATY122	<i>MATa ura3-52 leu2-3 leu2-112 trp1Δ-63 his4-301(ACG) sui1Δ::hisG ATP114 (sc LEU2 sui1-Q31A)</i>	This study
ATY123	<i>MATa ura3-52 leu2-3 leu2-112 trp1Δ-63 his4-301(ACG) sui1Δ::hisG ATP115 (sc LEU2 sui1-Q31K)</i>	This study
ATY124	<i>MATa ura3-52 leu2-3 leu2-112 trp1Δ-63 his4-301(ACG) sui1Δ::hisG ATP116 (sc LEU2 sui1-Q31E)</i>	This study
ATY125	<i>MATa ura3-52 leu2-3 leu2-112 trp1Δ-63 his4-301(ACG) sui1Δ::hisG ATP117 (sc LEU2 sui1-F108A)</i>	This study
ATY126	<i>MATa ura3-52 leu2-3 leu2-112 trp1Δ-63 his4-301(ACG) sui1Δ::hisG ATP118 (sc LEU2 sui1-F108D)</i>	This study
ATY127	<i>MATa ura3-52 leu2-3 leu2-112 trp1Δ-63 his4-301(ACG) sui1Δ::hisG ATP119 (sc LEU2 sui1-F108R)</i>	This study
ATY128	<i>MATa ura3-52 leu2-3 leu2-112 trp1Δ-63 his4-301(ACG) sui1Δ::hisG ATP124 (sc LEU2 sui1-Q31A-F108A)</i>	This study
KAY18	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ p921(SUI3, URA3)</i>	(8)
LMY103	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP24(SUI3-E198A, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY106	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP27(SUI3-F217A, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY108	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP29(SUI3-F217A/Q221A, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY111	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP32(SUI3-K170A, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY112	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP33(SUI3-K170A/S202A, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY116	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP37(SUI3-K214A, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY117	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP38(SUI3-S202A/K214A, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY130	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP94(SUI3-E189A, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY131	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP95(SUI3-E189R, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY132	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP96(SUI3-Q193A, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY133	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP97(SUI3-Q193R, LEU2)</i>	This study

Strain	Genotype	Source
LMY134	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP98(SUI3-E189A/Q193A, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY135	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ LMP99(SUI3-E189R/Q193R, LEU2)</i>	This study
LMY142	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-53 ino1 sui3Δ gcn2Δ p920(SUI3, LEU2)</i>	This study
H3840	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-52 ino1 sui2Δ gcn2Δ pep4::<i>leu2</i>::<i>NatMX4 sui3</i>::<i>KANMX4</i> <<i>HIS4-lacZ, ura3-52</i>> pAV1089(<i>SUI2, SUI3, [6x]-GCD11, URA3</i>)</i>	(16)
LMY128	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-52 ino1 sui2Δ gcn2Δ pep4::<i>leu2</i>::<i>NatMX4 sui3</i>::<i>KANMX4</i> <<i>HIS4-lacZ, ura3-52</i>> LMP92(<i>SUI2, SUI3-S202A/K214A, [6x]-GCD11, URA3</i>)</i>	This study
LMY129	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-52 ino1 sui2Δ gcn2Δ pep4::<i>leu2</i>::<i>NatMX4 sui3</i>::<i>KANMX4</i> <<i>HIS4-lacZ, ura3-52</i>> LMP91(<i>SUI2, SUI3-F217A/Q221A, [6x]-GCD11, URA3</i>)</i>	This study
LMY137	<i>MATα leu2-3 leu2-112 ura3-52 ino1 sui2Δ gcn2Δ pep4::<i>leu2</i>::<i>NatMX4 sui3</i>::<i>KANMX4</i> <<i>HIS4-lacZ, ura3-52</i>> LMP101(<i>SUI2, SUI3-E189R, [6x]-GCD11, URA3</i>)</i>	This study

Table S3. Oligonucleotide primers used in this study.

SUBSTITUTION	SEQUENCE 5' -3'
eIF1-Q31A FOR*	CTATATTCATATTCGTATCGCACAGAGAAATGGTAGAAAAAC TTTAACTAC
eIF1-Q31A REV*	GTAGTTAAAGTTTTTCTACCATTTCTCTGTGCGATACGAATAT GAATATAG
eIF1-Q31KFOR	CTATATTCATATTCGTATCAAACAGAGAAATGGTAGAAAAAC TTTAACTACGG
eIF1-Q31K REV	CCGTAGTTAAAGTTTTTCTACCATTTCTCTGTTTGATACGAAT ATGAATATAG
eIF1-Q31E FOR	CAAACATATTCATATTCGTATCGAACAGAGAAATGGTAGAA AAACTTTAAC
eIF1-Q31E REV	GTAAAGTTTTTCTACCATTTCTCTGTTCGATACGAATATGAA TATAGTTTG
eIF1-F108A FOR	GAAGAACATTAATAATTCATGGGGCTTAAGTTCAAGGCTTACG CCGAGTC
eIF1-F108A REV	GACTCGGCGTAAGCCTTGAACCTAAGCCCCATGAATTTTAAT GTTCTTC
eIF1-F108D FOR	GAAGAACATTAATAATTCATGGGGATTAAGTTCAAGGCTTACG CCGAGTC
eIF1-F108D REV	GACTCGGCGTAAGCCTTGAACCTAATCCCCATGAATTTTAAT GTTCTTC
eIF1-F108R FOR	GAAGAACATTAATAATTCATGGGCGTTAAGTTCAAGGCTTACG CCGAGTC
eIF1-F108R REV	GACTCGGCGTAAGCCTTGAACCTAACGCCCATGAATTTTAAT GTTCTTC
eIF2β-E198A FOR	TTCAATATCTCTTCGCAGCATTAGGTACGTCCGGTTC
eIF2β-E198A REV	GAACCGGACGTACCTAATGCTGCGAAGAGATATTGAA
eIF2β-F217A FOR	GAAAAGATTAGTCATTAAGGGTAAGGCTCAATCCAAACAAA TGGAGAATGTC
eIF2β-F217A REV	GACATTCTCCATTTGTTTGGATTGAGCCTTACCCTTAATGACT AATCTTTTC
eIF2β- F217A/Q221A FOR	GTCAGAAAAGATTAGTCATTAAGGGTAAGGCTCAATCCAAA GCAATGGAGAATGTCTTAAGAAGATACATTT
eIF2β- F217A/Q221A REV	AAATGTATCTTCTTAAGACATTCTCCATTGCTTTGGATTGAGC CTTACCCTTAATGACTAATCTTTTCTGAC

SUBSTITUTION	SEQUENCE 5' -3'
eIF2β-K170A FOR	CTCCTGTTTGTGGCGTGATGGTGCGAAGACTATTTTCTCGAA TATCC
eIF2β-K170A REV	GGATATTCGAGAAAATAGTCTTCGCACCATCACGCAAACAA ACAGGAG
eIF2β-S202A FOR	CGCAGAATTAGGTACGGCCGGTTCTGTTGACGG
eIF2β-S202A REV	CCGTCAACAGAACCGGCCGTACCTAATTCTGCG
eIF2β-K214A FOR	TTCTGTTGACGGTCAGAAAAGATTAGTCATTGCGGGTAAGTT TCAATCC
eIF2β-K214A REV	GGATTGAAACTTACCCGCAATGACTAATCTTTTCTGACCGTC AACAGAA
eIF2β-E189A FOR	CGAAAAATTGCATAGATCTCCGGCACATTTGATTCAATATCT CTTCG
eIF2β-E189A REV	CGAAGAGATATTGAATCAAATGTGCCGGAGATCTATGCAATT TTTCG
eIF2β-E189R FOR	GCCGAAAAATTGCATAGATCTCCGAGACATTTGATTCAATAT CTCTTCGC
eIF2β-E189R REV	GCGAAGAGATATTGAATCAAATGTCTCGGAGATCTATGCAAT TTTTCGGC
eIF2β-Q193A FOR	CATAGATCTCCGGAACATTTGATTGCATATCTCTTCGCAGAA TTAGGTA
eIF2β-Q193A REV	TACCTAATTCTGCGAAGAGATATGCAATCAAATGTTCCGGAG ATCTATG
eIF2β-Q193R FOR	GATCTCCGGAACATTTGATTGCATATCTCTTCGCAGAATTAG G
eIF2β-Q193R REV	CCTAATTCTGCGAAGAGATATCGAATCAAATGTTCCGGAGAT C
eIF2β- E189A/Q193A FOR	CGAAAAATTGCATAGATCTCCGGCACATTTGATTGCATATCT CTTCGCAGAATTAGGTA

SUBSTITUTION**SEQUENCE 5' -3'**

eIF2β- E189A/Q193A REV	TACCTAATTCTGCGAAGAGATATGCAATCAAATGTGCCGGAG ATCTATGCAATTTTTTCG
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eIF2β- E189R/Q193R REV	TACCTAATTCTGCGAAGAGATATCGAATCAAATGTCTCGGAG ATCTATGCAATTTTTTCG

*FOR, forward primer ; REV, reverse primer

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Fig. S1

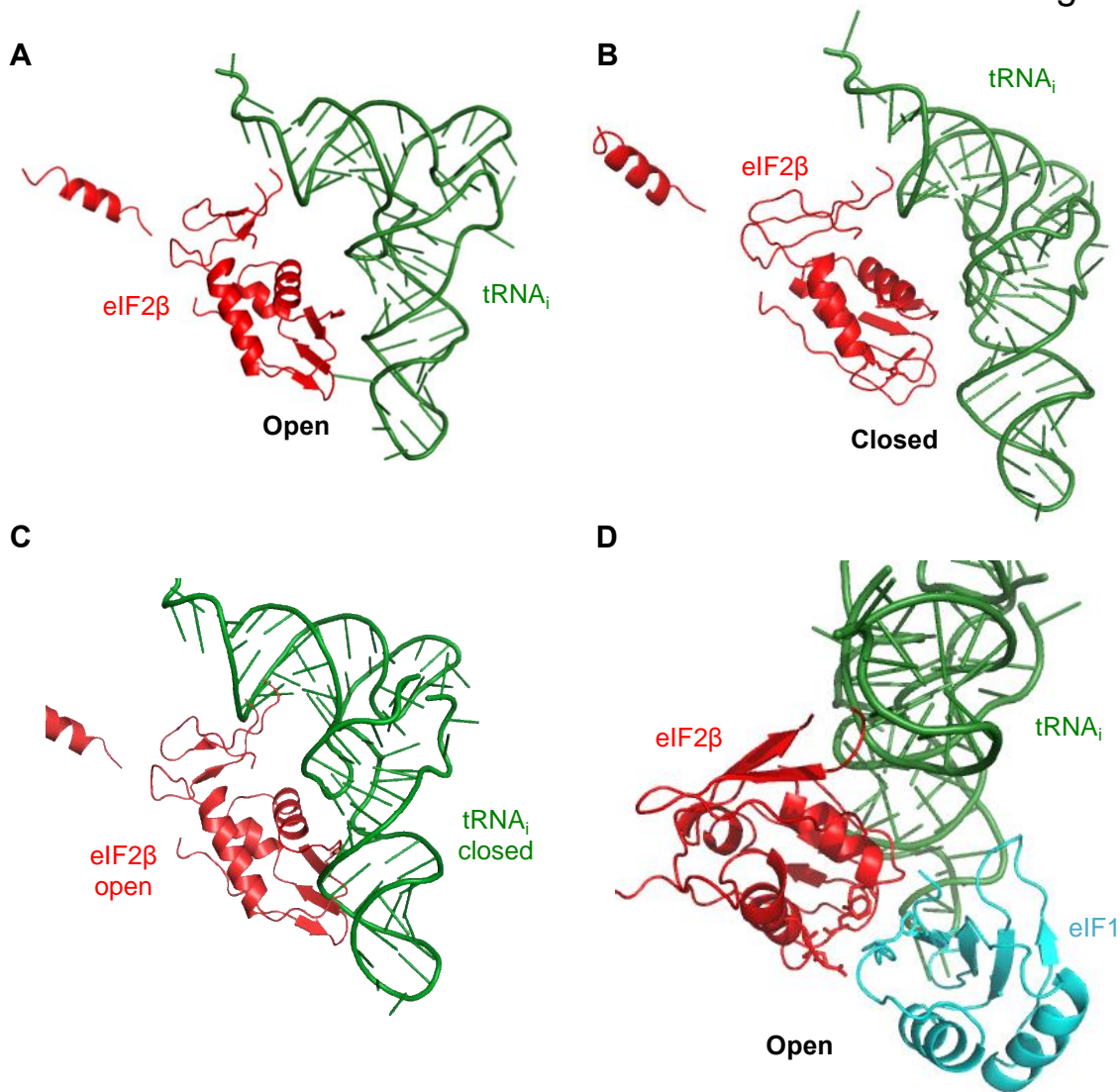


Fig. S1. Distinct interactions of eIF2 β with tRNA_i in py48S-open versus py48S-closed should enable eIF2 β to restrict transition to the closed/P_{IN} conformation of the PIC in a manner facilitated by eIF1. (A) Interactions between eIF2 β and the tRNA_i ASL and D-loop in the py48S-open complex. **(B)** Interactions of eIF2 β with tRNA_i in py48S-closed differ from those in (A) and are restricted to the D-loop. **(C)** An overlay of eIF2 β in py48S-open with tRNA_i in py48S-closed reveals predicted clashes throughout the ASL. These clashes are alleviated during the open-to-closed transition by movement of eIF2 β both laterally and toward the D-loop. The predicted clashes suggest that eIF2 β performs a steric role in ensuring accurate start codon selection, undergoing a conformational change that allows tRNA_i to assume the P_{IN} state of the closed conformation only when a perfect AUG:anticodon duplex is formed in the P-site. **(D)** A network of interactions between eIF2 β and both eIF1 and tRNA_i in py48S-open enhances TC recruitment and stabilizes the open, scanning conformation of the PIC prior to AUG selection.

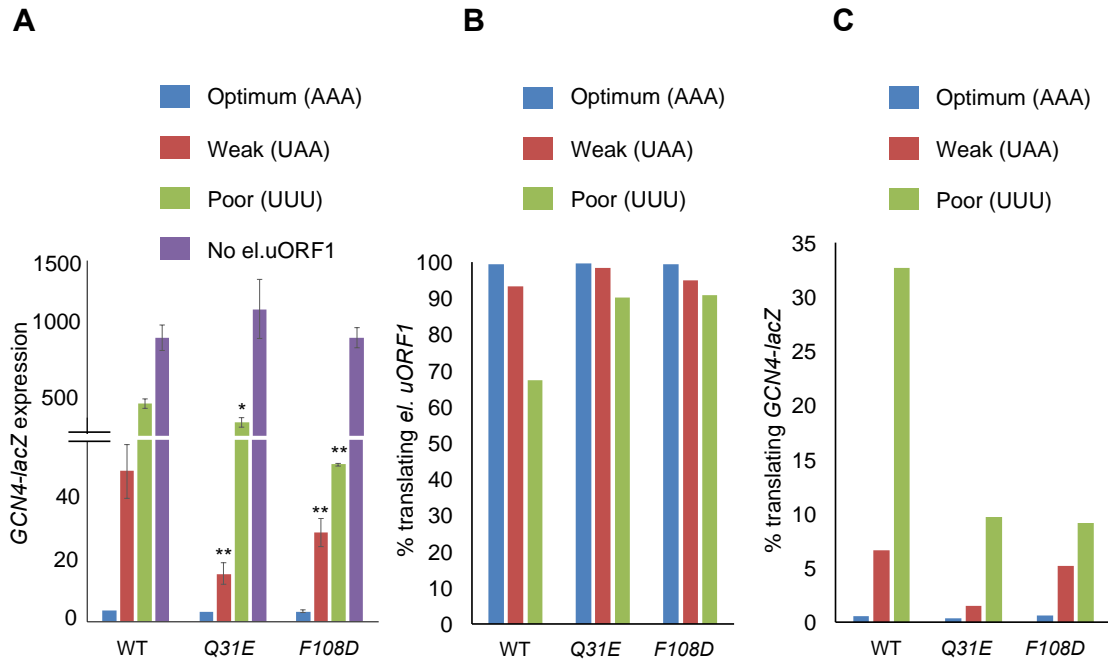


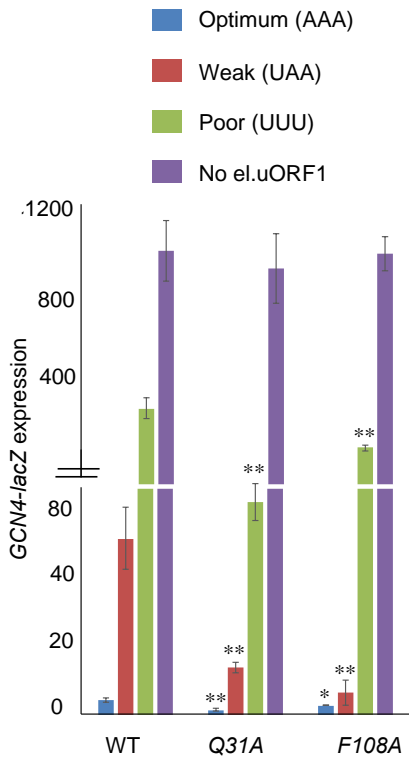
Fig. S2. eIF1 substitutions Q31E and F108D decrease discrimination against the *GCN4* uORF1 AUG codon in suboptimal context. (A) Transformants of JCY03 harboring WT *SUI1*, *sui1-Q31E* or *sui1-F108D* and el.uORF1 *GCN4-lacZ* reporters (pC3502, pC3503 or pC4466) containing, respectively, optimum, weak or poor context of uAUG-1, or an uORF-less *GCN4-lacZ* reporter with a mutated uAUG-1 (pC3505), were assayed for β -galactosidase activities as in Fig. 2D. Mean expression values with SEMs were determined from six transformants and asterisks indicate significant differences between mutant and WT as judged by a two-tailed, unpaired Student's t test (* $P < 0.05$; ** $P < 0.01$). (B, C) The percentages of scanning ribosomes that translate el.uORF1 (B) or leaky-scan uAUG-1 and translate *GCN4-lacZ* (C) were calculated from the data in (A) by comparing the amount of *GCN4-lacZ* expression observed for each uORF-containing reporter to the uORF-less construct, yielding the percentages in (C), and subtracting the values in (C) from 100 to obtain the percentages in (B).

Fig. S3

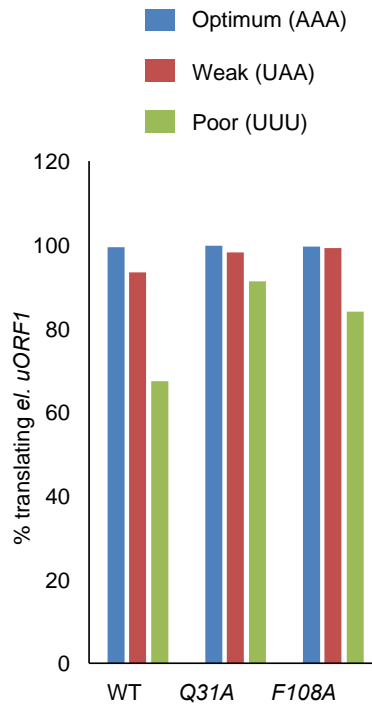
A

	GCN4-lacZ expression(U)			% translating GCN4-lacZ			% translating <i>el. uORF1</i>		
	(1) WT	(2) Q31A	(3) F108A	(4) WT	(5) Q31A	(6) F108A	(7) WT	(8) Q31A	(9) F108A
(1) Optimum: AAA AUG AUG	5±0.7	2±0.6**	3±0.2*	0.5	0.2	0.3	99.5	99.8	99.7
(2) Weak : UAA AUG	66±11	17±2**	8±5**	8	2	1	92	98	99
(3) Poor : UUUAUG	327±43	80±7**	158±15**	33	9	16	67	91	84
(4) No <i>el. uORF1</i> : AAA AGC GCN4-lacZ AUG	1000±150	900±200	1000±100	>99	>99	>99	<1	<1	<1

B



C



D

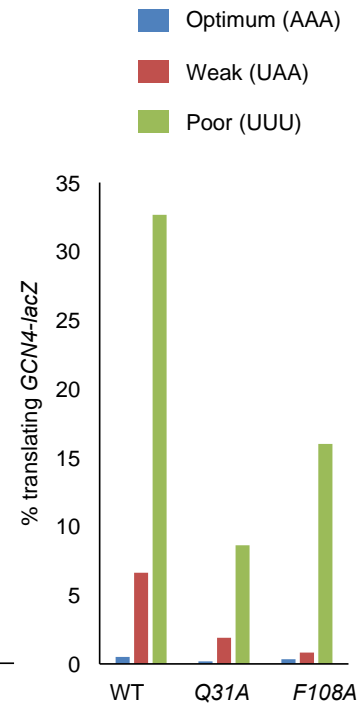


Fig. S3. eIF1 substitutions Q31A and F108A decrease discrimination against the *GCN4* uORF1 AUG codon in suboptimal context. (A) Transformants of JCY03 harboring WT *SUI1*, *sui1-Q31A* and *eIF1-F108A* and the el. uORF1 *GCN4-lacZ* reporters containing optimum (row 1), weak (row 2) or poor (row 3) context of uAUG-1, or an uORF-less *GCN4-lacZ* reporter with a mutated uAUG-1 (row 4), were analyzed as in Fig. 3C. (B) b-galactosidase activities from columns 1-3 of (A) plotted in graphical format for WT *SUI1*, *sui1-Q31A* or *sui1-F108A* transformants containing the el. uORF1 *GCN4-lacZ* reporters with optimum, weak or poor context of uAUG-1, or an uORF-less *GCN4-lacZ* reporter with a mutated uAUG. Mean expression values with SEMs were determined from six transformants and asterisks indicate significant differences between mutant and WT as judged by a two-tailed, unpaired Student's t test (*P < 0.05; **P < 0.01). (C, D) The percentages of scanning ribosomes that translate el.uORF1 (C) or leaky-scan uAUG-1 and translate *GCN4-lacZ* (D) were calculated from the data in (B) as described in Fig. S2B-C.

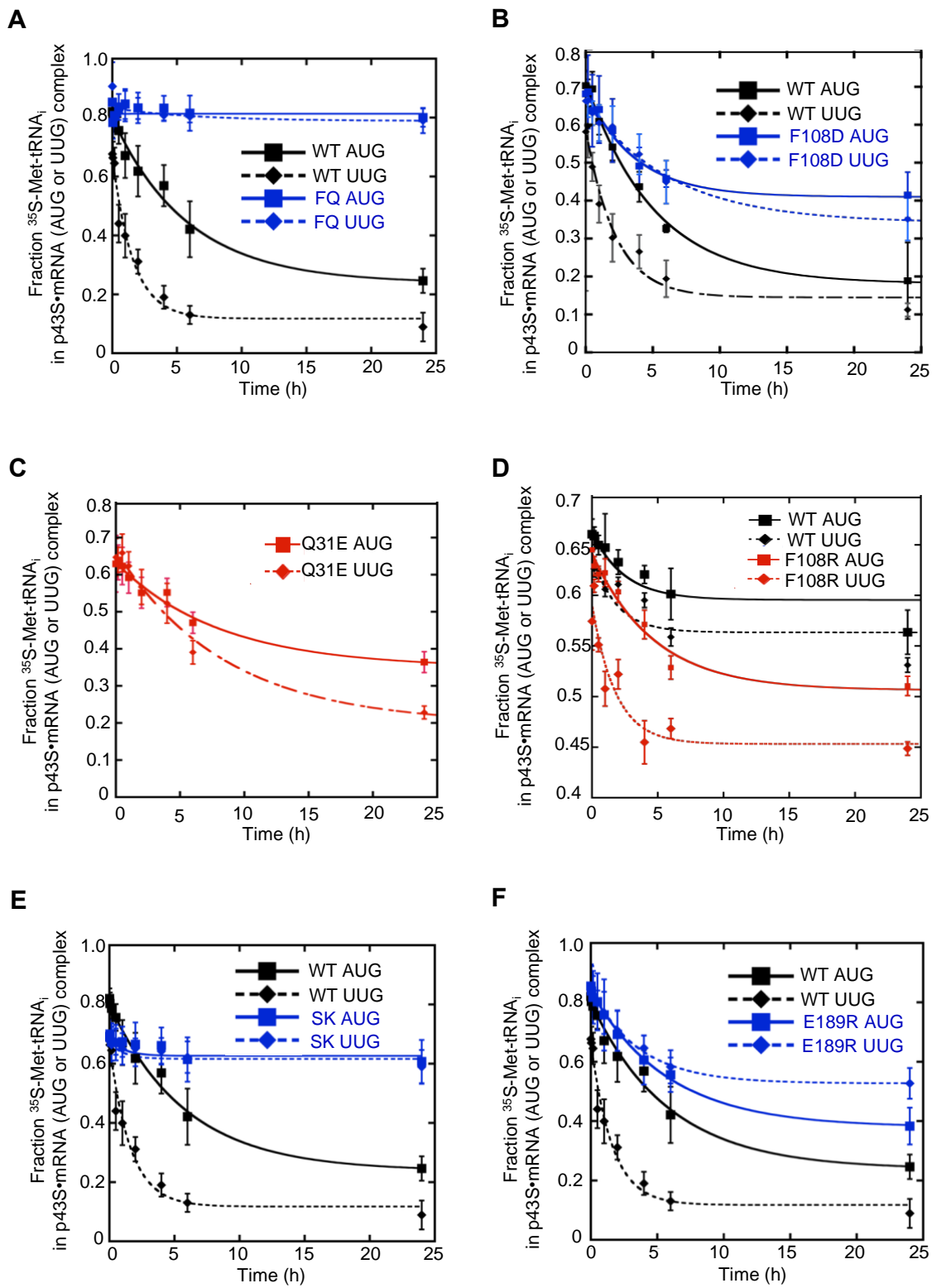
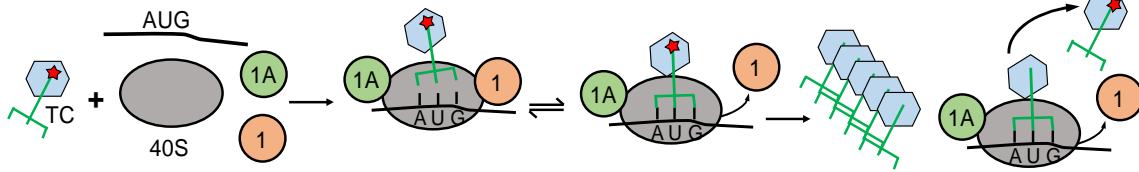
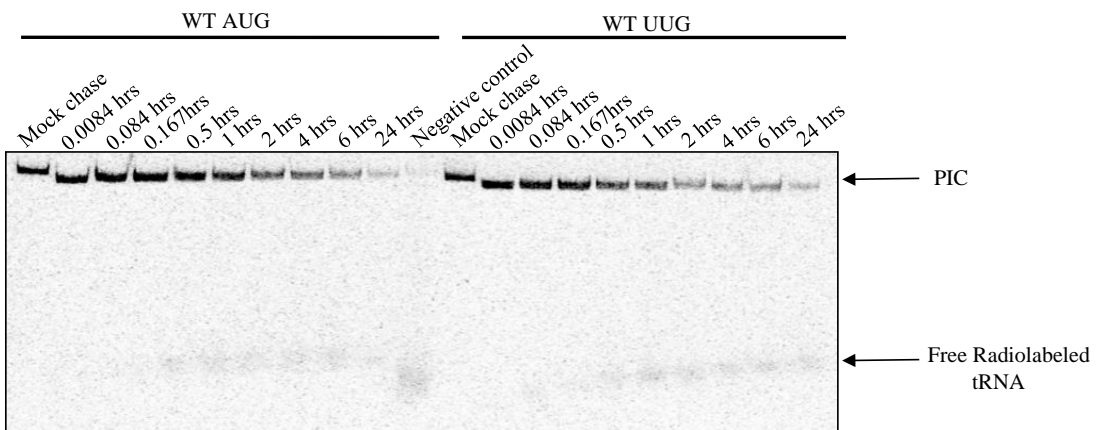


Fig. S4. Plots of TC dissociation assays with error. (A-E) To measure TC dissociation kinetics, as summarized schematically in Fig. 5D, partial 48S complexes were assembled with eIF1A, model mRNA containing an AUG or UUG start codon, radiolabeled TC containing either WT or mutant eIF2b, and either WT or mutant eIF1. Following incubation at 26° C for two hours, each reaction was chased with excess unlabeled TC for increasing periods of time and the fraction of labeled Met-tRNA_i bound to the PIC at each time-point was determined via EMSA. Data from each gel were plotted individually to determine a dissociation rate (k_{off}). Representative plots are shown in Figs. 5E, 5H, 7C, 8G, and 9E. The rates from three independent experiments were averaged to determine the k_{off} values shown in Figs. 5F, 5I, 7D, 8H, and 9F. In order to give a visual representation of the variability across gels, we have averaged together values at each time point across three independent experiments and plotted an average curve with SEMs for eIF2b-F217A/Q221A (A), eIF1-F108D (B), eIF1-Q31E (C), eIF1-F108R (D), eIF2b-S202A/K214A (E), and eIF2b-E189R (F).

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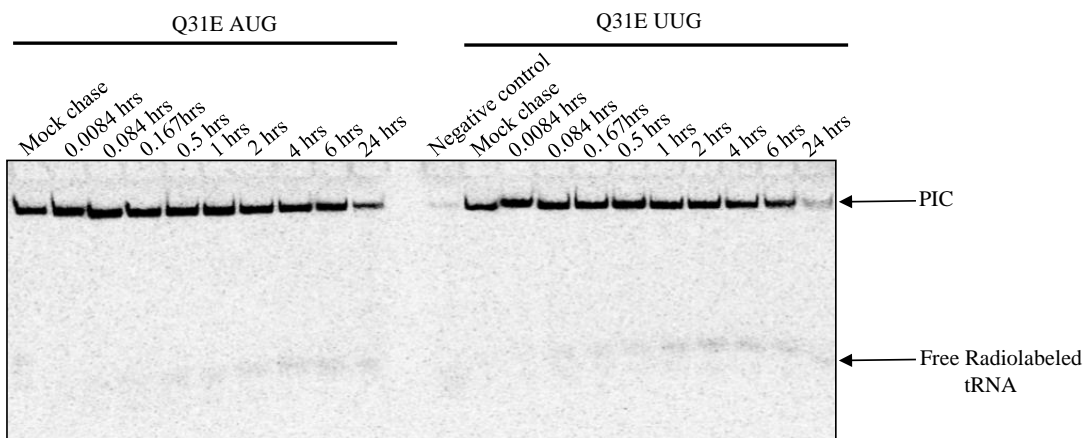
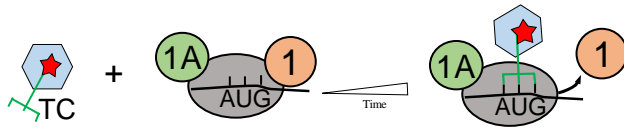


Fig. S5. Representative results from TC dissociation assays. (A-C) To measure TC dissociation kinetics, as summarized schematically in (A), partial 48S complexes were assembled with radiolabeled TC, eIF1A, model mRNA containing an AUG or UUG start codon, and either WT eIF1 (B) or eIF1-Q31E (C). Following incubation at 26° C for two hours, each reaction was chased with excess unlabeled TC for increasing periods of time (between 0.0084 and 24 hours as indicated above gel image) and the fraction of labeled Met-tRNA_i bound to the PIC at each time-point was determined by resolving radiolabeled 48S complexes (upper band) from free radiolabeled tRNA_i (lower band) by EMSA. As a control, one reaction was chased with buffer only ('mock chase') for each eIF1/mRNA pair, representing the maximum possible PIC-bound radioactivity. One reaction was also conducted in which unlabeled chase was added before labeled TC ('negative control'), demonstrating the least possible PIC-bound radioactivity. The upper band from each lane was quantified and normalized to total radioactivity in the lane (after background subtraction). These values for each time point were normalized to the negative control and plotted as shown in Fig. 5H.

Fig. S6

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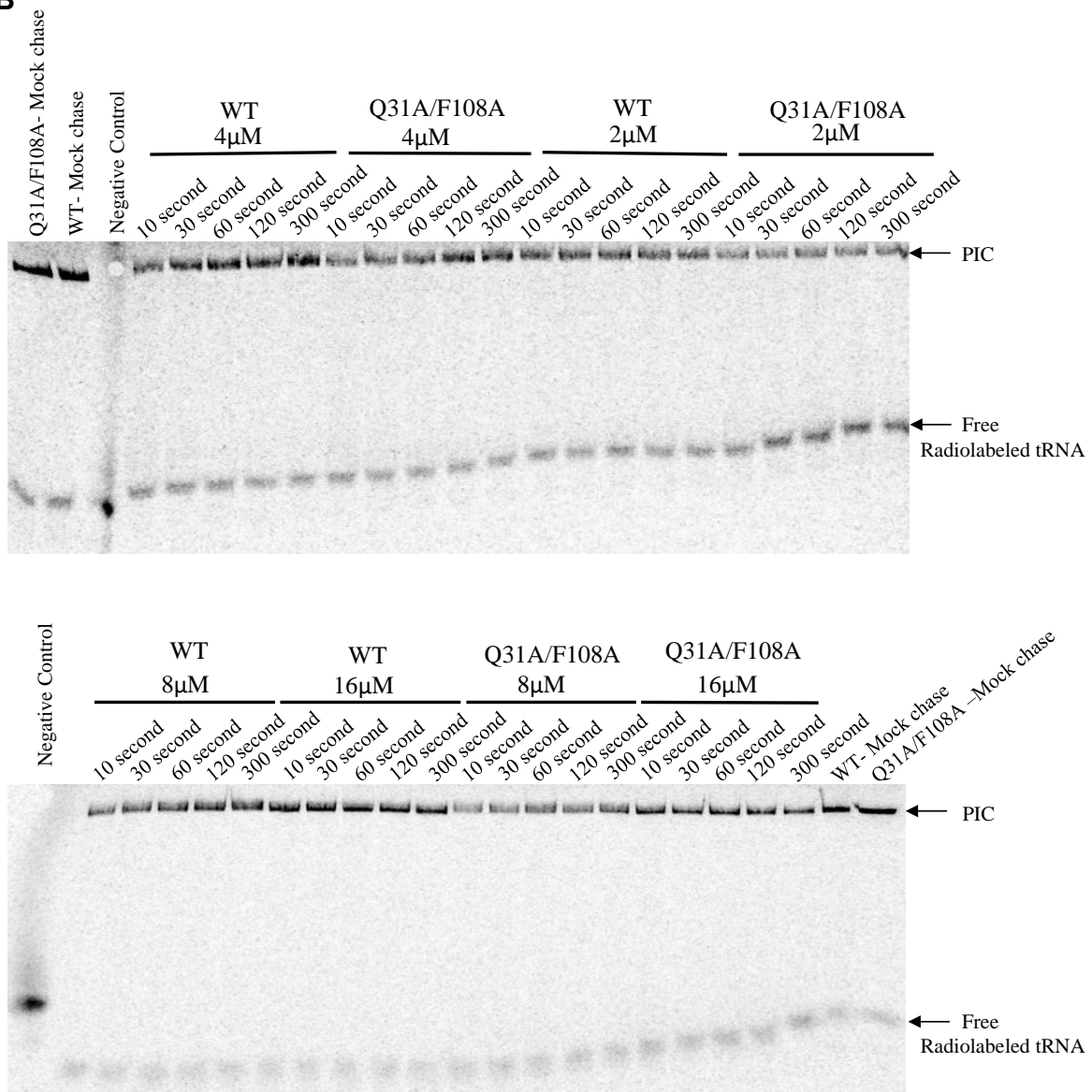


Fig. S6. Representative results from TC association assays. (A, B) To measure TC association kinetics, as summarized schematically in (A), radiolabeled TC was mixed with pre-formed 40S·eIF1A·eIF1·mRNA complexes containing either WT eIF1 or eIF1-Q31A/F108A and incubated for increasing times (as indicated). Reactions for WT and mutant eIF1 were carried out at each of four concentrations of 40S ribosomal subunits (2 μ M, 4 μ M, 8 μ M, and 16 μ M, as shown). Reactions were terminated with a chase of excess unlabeled TC. The fraction of labeled Met-tRNA_i bound to the PIC at each time-point was determined by EMSA, as in Fig. S5. As a control, one reaction was chased with buffer only ('mock chase'), representing the maximum possible PIC-bound radioactivity. One reaction was also carried out in which unlabeled chase was added before labeled TC ('negative control'), demonstrating the least possible PIC-bound radioactivity. For each time point, the upper band was quantified and normalized to total radioactivity in the lane (after background subtraction), followed by normalization to the negative control. These values were plotted to obtain the pseudo-first-order rate constant (k_{obs}) at each 40S concentration. The resulting k_{obs} values were plotted versus 40S concentration, as in Fig. 6B, to obtain the second-order rate constant (k_{on}).

Fig. S7

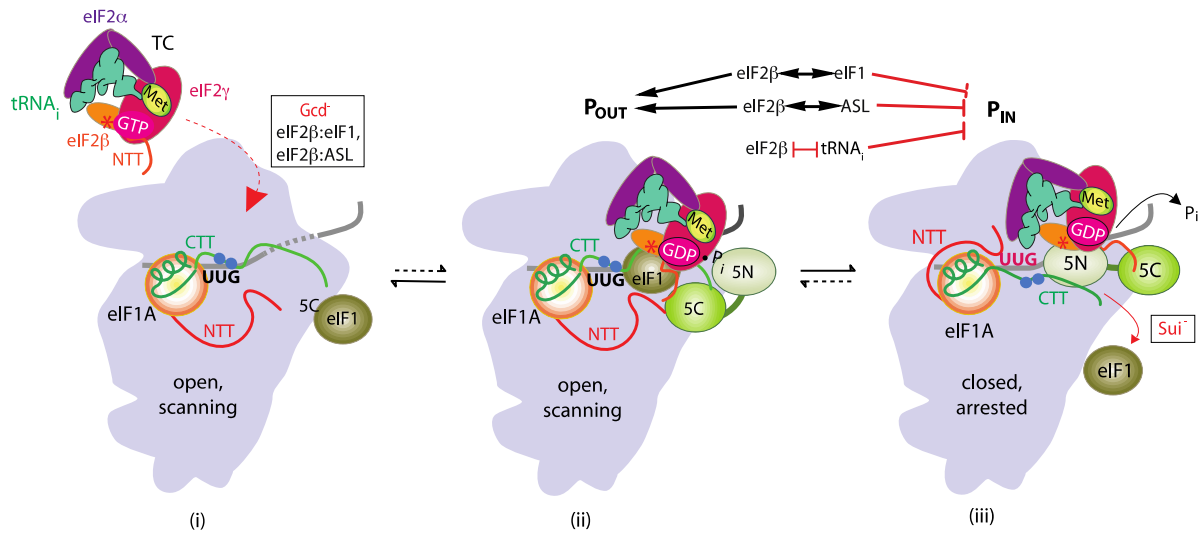


Fig. S7. Model describing the effects of eIF2 β interactions on the conformational rearrangements of the PIC during start codon selection. As described in Fig. 1A, eIF1 and eIF1A promote an open, scanning conformation of the PIC to which TC loads (i). Mutations that destabilize the open conformation slow TC loading, resulting in a Gcd⁻ phenotype. Following TC binding, the PIC scans the mRNA leader in the open conformation (ii). When a start codon is recognized, the PIC transitions to the closed state, accompanied by release of eIF1 and P_i (iii). Mutations that favor the closed complex, either by destabilizing the open state or by removing an impediment to transition to the closed state, decrease the fidelity of initiation, allowing selection of non-AUG codons including the near cognate UUG. Such mutations confer a Sui⁻ phenotype. (Above) The arrows summarize the contributions of eIF2 β to ensuring accurate start codon selection indicated by our findings here. The interactions of eIF2 β with eIF1 and the ASL of tRNA_i (Fig. S1D) stabilize and promote the open state, either by anchoring eIF1 to the complex or by stabilizing tRNA_i binding, while impeding transition to the closed state. For this reason, substitutions at these interfaces confer both Gcd⁻ and Sui⁻ phenotypes. The clash of open-state eIF2 β with the closed-state tRNA_i D-loop (Fig. S1C), however, enforces a strict requirement for an AUG start codon and inhibits transition to the closed state in its absence, but does not stabilize the open state. Thus, substitutions at this interface produce Sui⁻ phenotypes without any accompanying Gcd⁻ phenotype.