# **Supplementary Information**

Importance of potassium ions for ribosome structure and function revealed by longwavelength X-ray diffraction

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES



**Supplementary Fig. 1** Schematic representation of two 70S complexes used in the study. **a** Initiation complex contained 27 nt mRNA bound with tRNA<sub>i</sub><sup>fMet</sup> at the P- and E-sites. **b** Elongation complex contained 60 nt poly-Phe mRNA bound with tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> at the A-, P- and E-sites. The mRNA sequences for both complexes are specified, Shine-Dalgarno sequences are underlined, A-, P-, E-sites triplets are highlighted in green.



**Supplementary Fig. 2** Coordination of  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $K^+$  ions most frequently observed in the ribosome. **a** Metal ion coordination and their corresponding calculated radii<sup>1</sup> and geometry. **b-d** Three-dimensional scheme of idealized coordination of  $Mg^{2+}$  (green) (**b**) and  $K^+$  (magenta) (**c**, **d**) with oxygen atoms (red). Potential hydrated shells are shown as grey dots, angles and distances are indicated within the figures.



**Supplementary Fig. 3**.  $K^+$  ions coordinated to tRNAs and 5S rRNA. **a** Binding of tRNAs to the ribosome is stabilized by  $K^+$  in the T-loop, D-stem of the P-site tRNA and anticodon stem loop (ASL) of the A-tRNA. One of the  $K^+$  ions in the D-stem is additionally coordinated with H69 of the 23S rRNA. **b** Three  $K^+$  stabilize 5S rRNA architecture.



**Supplementary Fig. 4** Type I and II stabilization of G-G stacking pair is the most abundant interaction of  $K^+$  ions with the ribosome. Type I represents the class of interaction between two successive guarines in the same strand, either *via* backbone (**a**) or *via* bases (**b**). Type II interaction represents stabilization of distant guarines from different strands, either via bases (**c**), or via base-backbone coordination (**d**).



**Supplementary Fig. 5** Potassium ions (magenta) that mediate interaction of SSU r-proteins (orange) with 16S rRNA (yellow) and LSU r-proteins (blue) with 23S rRNA (light blue). tRNAs and mRNA are omitted from the figure.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

**Supplementary Table 1. Common K<sup>+</sup> ions between analyzed ribosomes.** There are two ribosomes within the asymmetric unit arbitrarily named A and B. Along the manuscript, EC vs IC comparison was given for ribosome A of the EC (EC-A) and ribosome B of the IC (IC-B). For determination of overlapping ions, pairwise comparisons between all four ribosomes were performed. Ribosomes were aligned on 23S rRNA. First, proximal K<sup>+</sup> ions with VDW overlap >= -0.5 A were identified using "find clashes/contacts" option in Chimera. Second, all identified proximal K<sup>+</sup> ions were manually inspected and those having the same binding pocket were considered as common ions. The ions with no overlaps were considered as unique.

	IC-A	IC-B	EC-A	EC-B	All common	Unique	Total
IC-A		90	139	115	80	22	169
IC-B	90		94	98	80	17	127
EC-A	139	94		134	80	48	211
EC-B	115	98	134		80	8	155

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	Dataset1A	Dataset2A	Dataset1B	Dataset2B
X-ray energy, eV	3700	3700	3500	3500
X-ray wavelength, Å	3.351	3.351	3.542	3.542
Space group	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$
Cell dimensions				
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	210.01 449.49	210.17 450.55	210.38 448.31	210.48 450.55
	615.49	619.07	616.21	618.84
α, β, γ (°)	90.0 90.0 90.0	90.0 90.0 90.0	90.0 90.0 90.0	90.0 90.0 90.0
Resolution (Å)	362.996-4.65	364.287-4.44	362.52-4.65	364.24-4.85
	(4.77-4.65)*	(4.56-4.44)	(4.77-4.65)	(4.98-4.85)
R <sub>meas</sub>	17.7 (196.9)	20.6 (198.5)	14.4 (198.8)	21.0 (240.2)
Ι / σΙ	6.85 (0.99)	6.47 (0.98)	8.14 (0.96)	6.11 (0.99)
CC(1/2)**	99.8 (34.1)	99.6 (41.0)	99.9 (42.9)	99.6 (38.0)
Completeness (%)	97.1 (94.6)	98.9 (96.1)	96.5 (92.0)	99.3 (98.0)

#### Supplementary Table 2 Data collection and processing statistics for Initiation complex

\*Numbers in parentheses refer to high-resolution shell

\*\*As reported by XSCALE<sup>2,3</sup>

	Dataset1A	Dataset2A	Dataset3A	Dataset4A
X-ray energy, eV	3700	3700	3700	3700
X-ray wavelength, Å	3.351	3.351	3.351	3.351
Space group	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$
Cell dimensions				
a, b, c (Å)	211.25 448.40	210.38 448.14	210.13 450.01	210.91 447.19
	620.12	618.18	622.23	619.62
α, β, γ (°)	90.0 90.0 90.0	90.0 90.0 90.0	90.0 90.0 90.0	90.0 90.0 90.0
Resolution (Å)	363.36-4.41	362.83-4.99	364.641-4.31	362.615-4.00
	(4.52-4.41)*	(5.12-4.99)	(4.42-4.31)	(4.10-4.00)
R <sub>meas</sub>	26.3 (168.3)	28.5 (200.2)	29.1 (158.9)	28.7 (186.5)
Ι/σΙ	6.28 (1.01)	5.31 (0.99)	5.73 (0.98)	6.08 (1.00)
CC(1/2)**	99.6 (47.6)	99.3 (41.3)	99.4 (32.0)	99.1 (25.3)
Completeness (%)	99.1 (97.6)	99.3 (98.0)	99.2 (97.0)	97.5 (91.4)

#### Supplementary Table 3 Data collection and processing statistics for Elongation complex

\*Numbers in parentheses refer to high-resolution shell

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### Supplementary Table 3 continued

	Dataset1B	Dataset2B	Dataset3B
X-ray energy, eV	3500	3500	3500
X-ray wavelength, Å	3.542	3.542	3.542
Space group	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$
Cell dimensions			
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	209.41 447.49	210.40 448.12	210.15 449.50
	619.01	618.67	621.69
α, β, γ (°)	90.0 90.0 90.0	90.0 90.0 90.0	90.0 90.0 90.0
Resolution (Å)	362.652-5.85	362.918-4.75	364.261-5.10
	(6.00-5.85)	(4.87-4.75)	(5.23-5.10)
R <sub>meas</sub>	27.1 (163.3)	27.2 (156.4)	31.4 (162.5)
Ι/σΙ	5.37 (1.00)	5.59 (0.99)	4.44 (0.99)
CC(1/2)**	99.8 (40.4)	99.1 (52.6)	99.2 (44.0)
Completeness (%)	99.9 (99.6)	98.6 (97.1)	99.7 (99.1)

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	Initiation	Elongation
	complex	complex
Dataset PDB ID	4V6G	4V6F
Resolution (Å)	226.09-3.50	223.10-3.10
No. reflections	743746	1041034
Present work PDB ID	6QNQ	6QNR
$R_{ m work}$ / $R_{ m free}$	18.74/25.13	19.64/25.32
No. atoms		
RNA	202857	207167
Protein	94097	94998
Ligand/ion/water	3553	3589
B-factors		
RNA	93.55	73.87
Protein	104.55	80.78
Ligand/ion/water	67.21	48.48
R.m.s. deviations		
Bond lengths (Å)	0.008	0.009
Bond angles (°)	1.403	1.525

## Supplementary Table 4 Model refinement and validation statistics

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