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Concerted structural rearrangements enable

RNA channeling into the cytoplasmic

Ski238-Ski7-exosome assembly

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Table S1. Cryo electron microscopy data collection summary, processing statistics and model quality indicators (related to Figure 1, 2 and 5)

Data collection parameters and processing					
Dataset	Ski238_{FL}	Ski2_{ΔArch}387-Ski7_N			Ski238-Ski7_N-Exo10
Microscope	FEI Titan Krios G2				
Voltage [kV]	300				
Camera	Gatan K3				
Energy Filter	Gatan Quantum-LS (GIF)				
Magnification	105000x	105000x			105000x
Pixel Size [Å]	0.8512	0.8512			0.8512
Electron exposure [e ⁻ /Å ²]	67.5	77.7			63.36
Target defocus range [μm]	0.6 – 2.2	0.6 – 2.2			0.6 – 2.2
Number of movies	9416	7127			18608
Initially selected particles	2 023 469	1 017 173			10 437 666
		'closed'	'intermediate'	'open' Ski3N subtracted	
Final number of particles	385414	371 916	104 956	357690	338 757
Resolution [Å]	2.84	2.84	3.12	2.80	2.55
Local resolution range [Å]	2.84-10				
Sharpening B-factor [Å ²]	-121.9	-123.6	-113.5	-117.4	-166.05
Refinement					
No. of atoms	20921	17457	-	11424	30807
Residues (protein/nucleotide)	2790/4	2326/4	-	1506/0	3918/34
Ligands	-	-	-	-	ATP
CC _{box} , CC _{mask} , CC _{volume}	0.69, 0.84, 0.82	0.62, 0.76, 0.75	-	0.61, 0.76, 0.75	0.77, 0.90, 0.86

CC for individual chains (Ski2=A, Ski3=B, Ski8=C,D, Ski7=E, RNA=X)	A = 0.776, B = 0.769, C = 0.822, D = 0.767, X = 0.568	A = 0.722, B = 0.676, C = 0.761, D = 0.635, E = 0.592, X = 0.622	-	A = 0.625, B = 0.679, C = 0.770, D = 0.703, E = 0.650	-
Resolution <small>FSC map vs. model</small> (0/0.143/0.5) [Å]	2.7/2.8/3.0	2.8/2.8/3.1	-	2.7/2.8/3.1	2.4/2.5/2.6
r.m.s. deviations					
Bond lengths [Å]	0.002	0.003	-	0.002	0.003
Bond angles [°]	0.452	0.460	-	0.446	0.529
Ramachandran favored [%]	98.15	97.45	-	97.54	96.26
Ramachandran allowed [%]	1.85	2.55	-	2.46	3.74
Ramachandran outliers [%]	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00
MolProbity score	1.12	1.31	-	1.20	1.37
Clash score	3.29	4.15	-	3.10	3.23
Rotamere outliers [%]	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.12

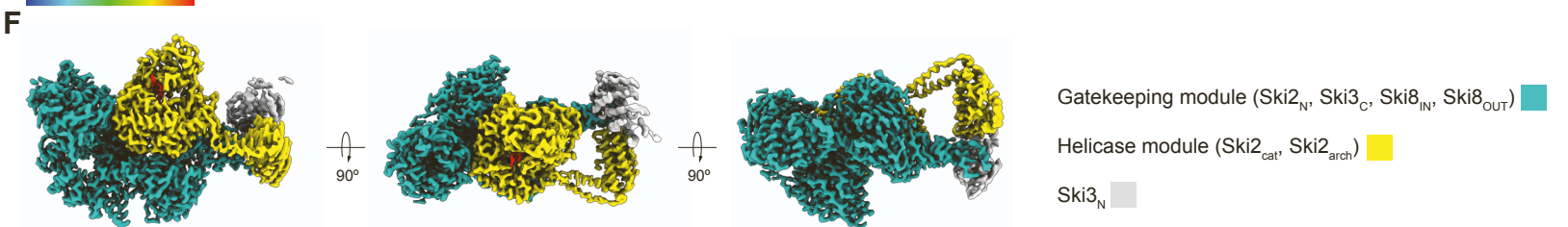
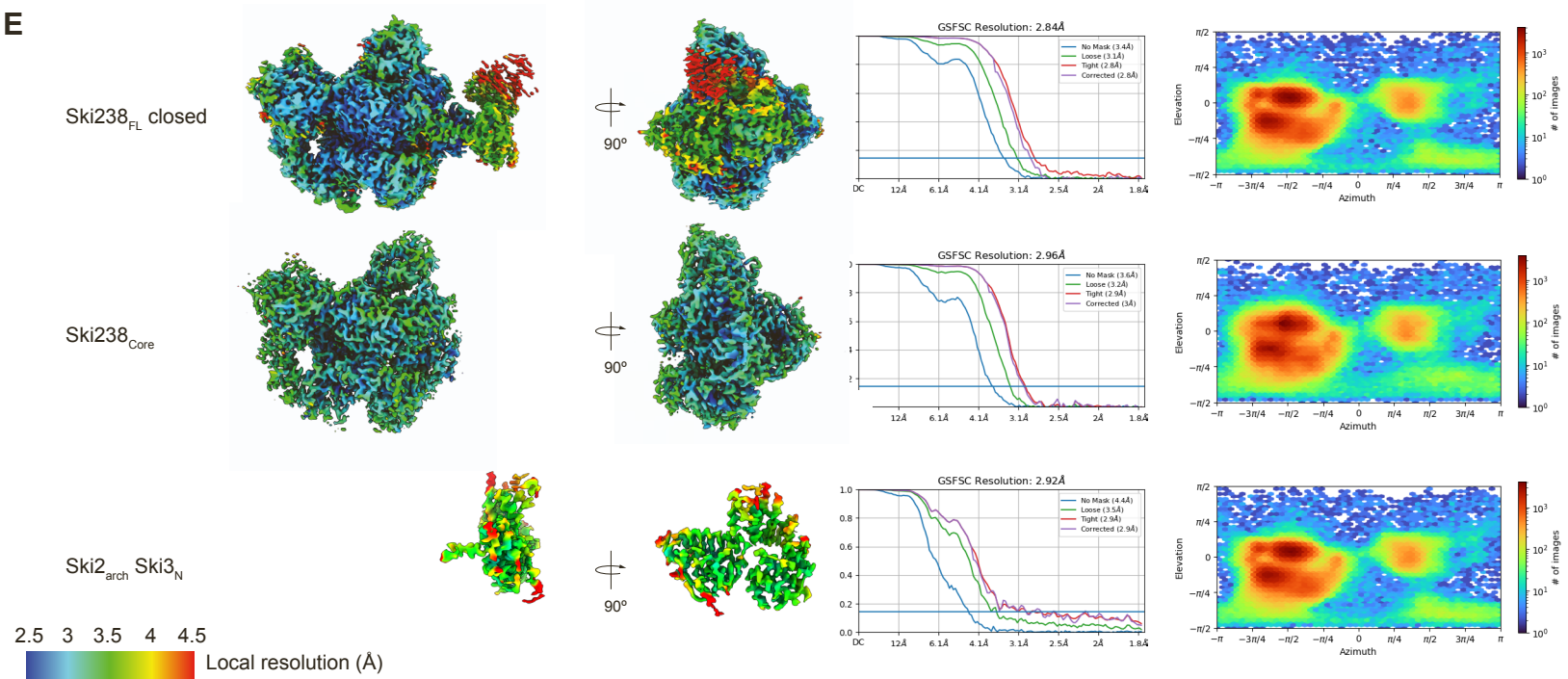
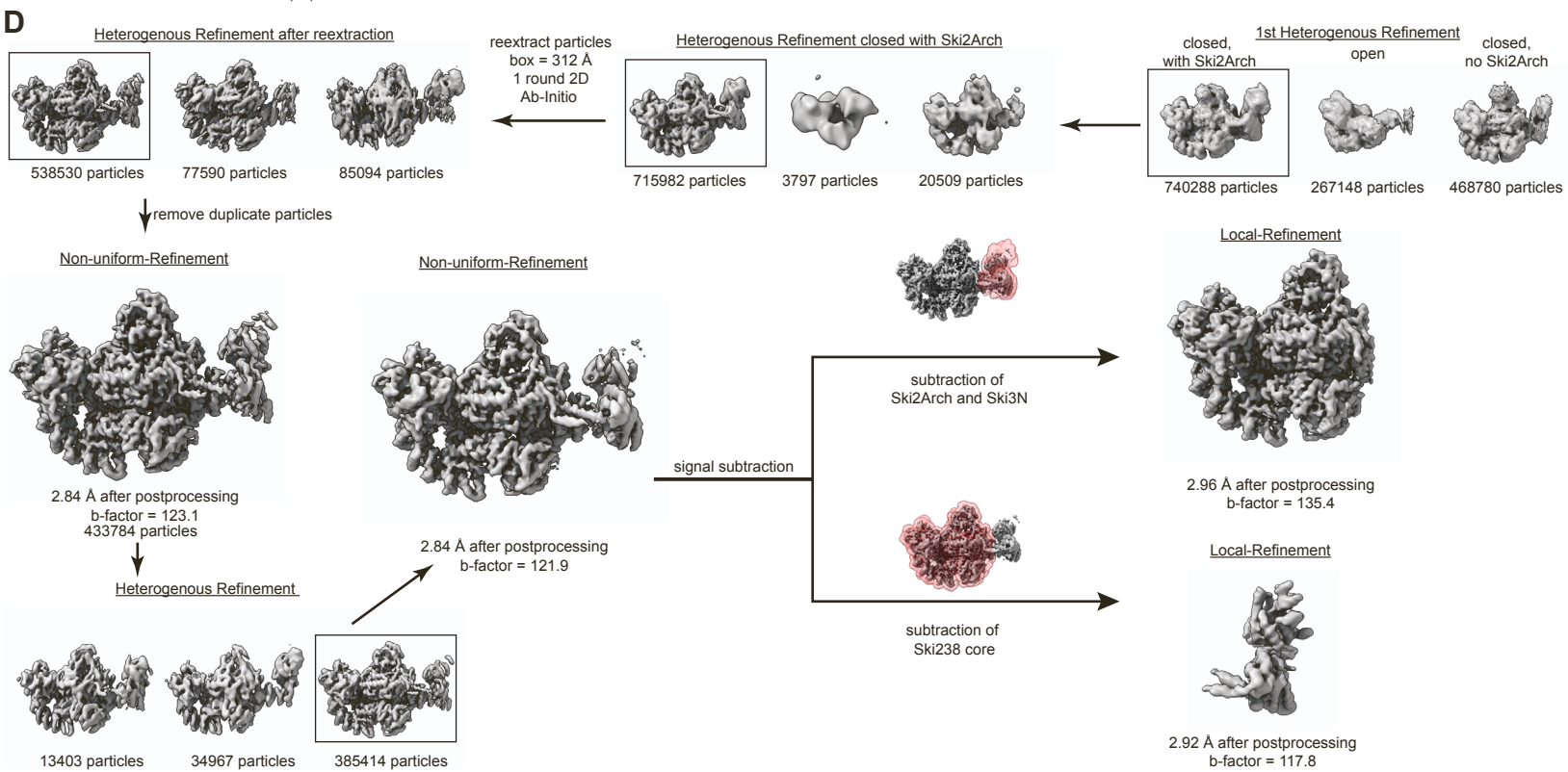
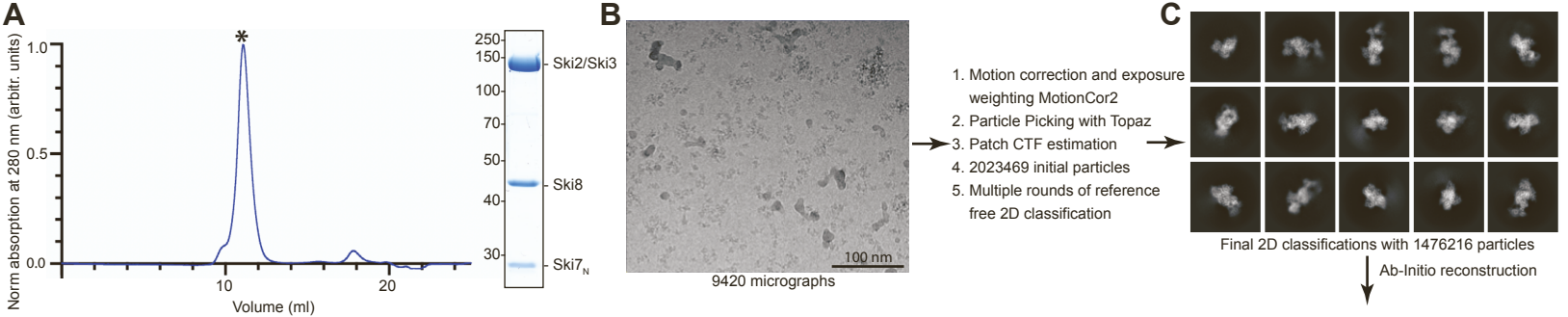


Figure S1. Cryo-EM analysis of recombinant full-length Ski238 (Ski238_{FL}) with Ski7_N and RNA (related to Figure 1)

(A) Size exclusion chromatography (SEC) analytical profile of Ski238_{FL} reconstituted with Ski7_N over a S200i 10/300 GL column (left) with corresponding 12% Coomassie stained SDS-PAGE of the peak fractions (right).

(B) Representative cryo-EM micrograph collected on a Titan Krios G2 at 300 kV with a pixel size of 0.8512 Å/pix using a K3 direct electron detector.

(C) Representative 2D class averages of the initial selection of Ski238_{FL} complexed with Ski7_N.

(D) Cryo-EM data processing scheme. Pre-processing steps and heterogeneous refinement resulted in two particle stacks of Ski238_{FL} in the closed and the open conformation, respectively. For the closed state, a 20 Å low-pass filtered map was used for mask generation (transparent red) focusing either on the Ski238 core or Ski2_{arch}:Ski3_N. Subsequent signal subtraction and local refinement yielded a map of Ski238 core at a resolution of 3.0 Å and Ski2-Arch:Ski3-N at 2.9 Å. All maps shown are unsharpened maps obtained after refinements.

(E) Local resolution estimates of the final non-uniform and local refinements for the cryo-EM SPA datasets in (D), shown in two different orientations related by a 90° rotation around a vertical axis (left panel). Corresponding Fourier shell correlation (FSC) curves of respective maps, as well as angular distribution plot obtained from cryoSPARC (right panel).

(F) Single-particle cryo-EM reconstruction of Ski238_{FL} bound to RNA (Figure 1B) shown in three different orientations related by a 90° rotation around a horizontal axis. Gatekeeping module consisting of Ski2_N, Ski3_C, Ski8_{IN} and Ski8_{OUT} colored in sea green. Helicase module consisting of Ski2_{cat} and Ski2_{arch} colored in yellow. Ski3_N colored in grey RNA colored in red.

Figure S2. Biochemical and structural analysis of Ski2 Δ arch38 in complex with Ski7_N (related to Figure 2)

(A) Domain organization of *S. cerevisiae* Ski7 is shown on top, with Ski7_N terminus colored cyan and Ski7-C terminus in gray. The bottom panel shows a biophysical analysis using microscale thermophoresis to quantify the Ski7_N affinity (Ski7_N-(1-105)-NHS-Red) for Ski238_{FL} and Ski2 Δ arch38. Dissociation constants (K_D) were calculated from triplicate measurements with standard deviation indicated by error bars (K_D 0.12 \pm 0.03 μ M for both measurements). The respective MST-traces are shown.

(B) Protein coprecipitations with GFP pull-down assays. with recombinant Ski2 Δ arch38, Exo9 and Ski7_N-(eGFP-Ski7(1-235)-Strep). Increasing salt concentrations (50 mM, 10 mM, 300 mM, 500 mM, 1000mM NaCl) are indicated by black triangles.

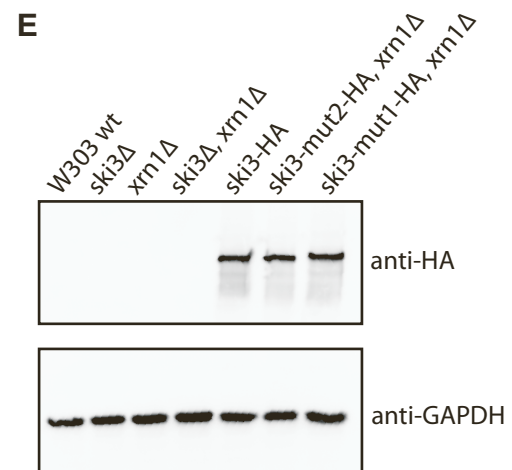
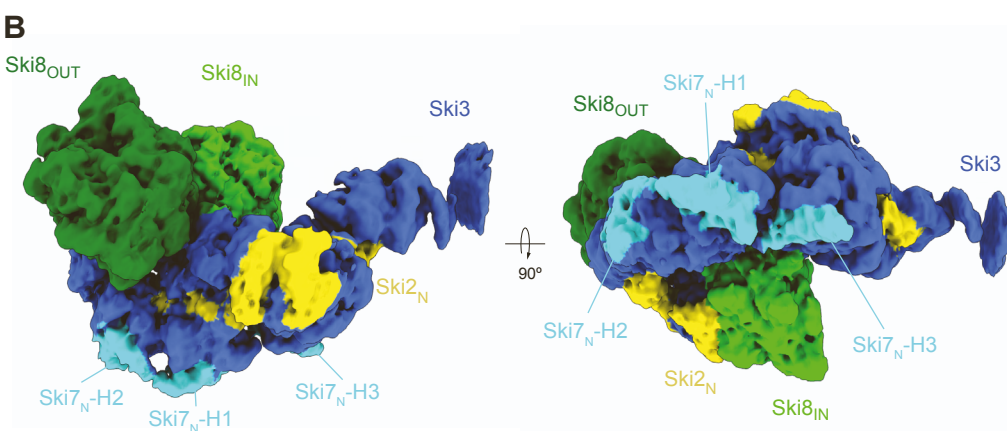
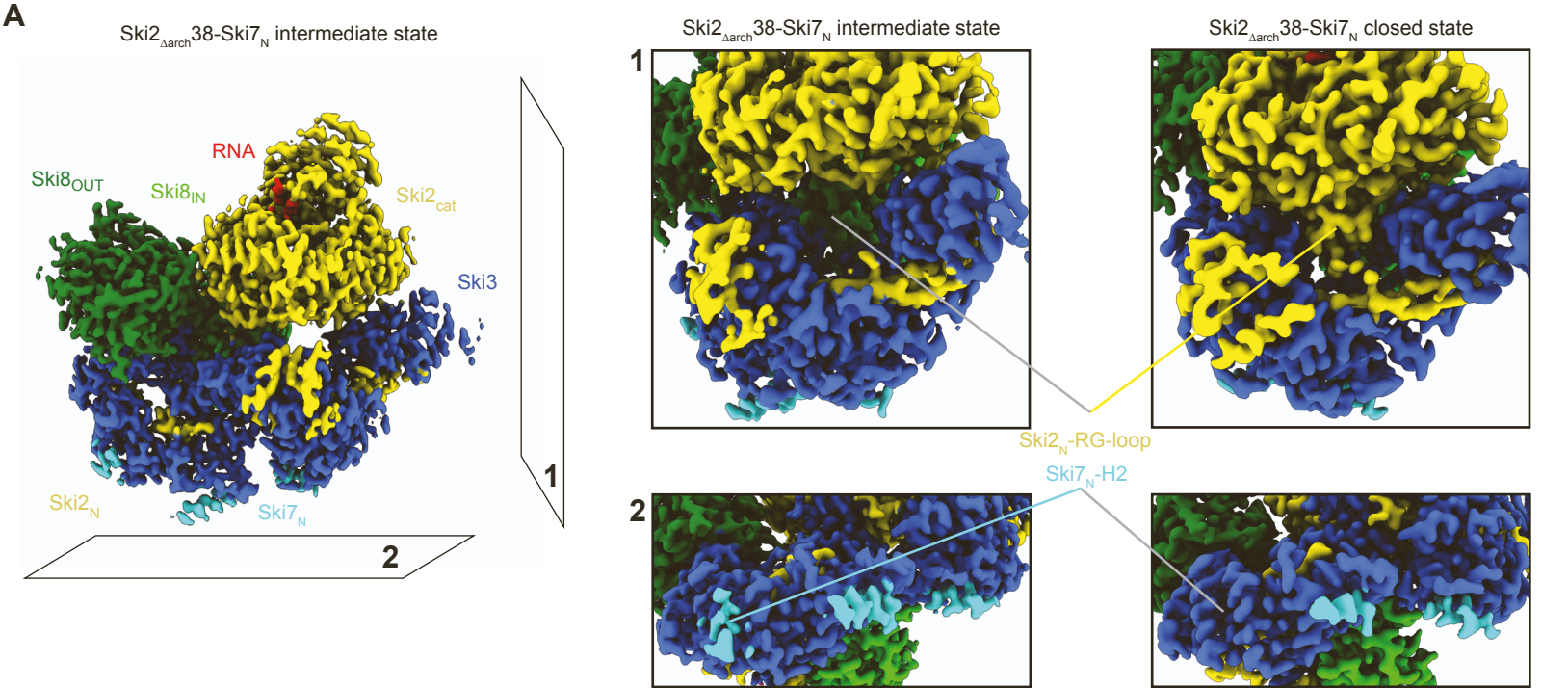
(C) SEC analytical profile of recombinant Ski2 Δ arch38-Ski7_N reconstituted over a S200i 10/300 GL column (left panel) with corresponding 12% Coomassie stained SDS-PAGE gel of the peak fraction (right panel).

(D) Representative cryo-EM micrograph of Ski2 Δ arch38-Ski7_N collected on a Titan Krios G2 at 300 kV with a pixel size of 0.8512 Å/pix using a K3 direct electron detector.

(E) Representative 2D class averages of Ski2 Δ arch38-Ski7_N.

(F) Cryo-EM data processing scheme. Heterogeneous refinement of 2D class averages resulted in three major particle stacks representing Ski2 Δ arch38-Ski7_N in a closed, intermediate and open conformation. Respective particle stacks (black boxes) were used for another round of heterogenous refinement followed by non-uniform refinement of the best resulting class. For the open conformation, a 20 Å low-pass filtered map was used for mask generation (transparent red) focusing on the flexible Ski3_N. Subsequent signal subtractions and local refinement yielded a map of open Ski2 Δ arch38-Ski7_N at a resolution of 2.8 Å. All maps shown are unsharpened maps obtained after refinements.

(G) Local resolution estimation of the final non-uniform and local refinements for Ski2 Δ arch38-Ski7_N cryo-EM SPA datasets, with orientations and color scheme same as Figure S1E. Corresponding FSC curves obtained from cryoSPARC.



C AlphaFold prediction Ski3_C Ski7_N interaction Ski2(1-210), Ski3(800-1432), Ski7(1-105)

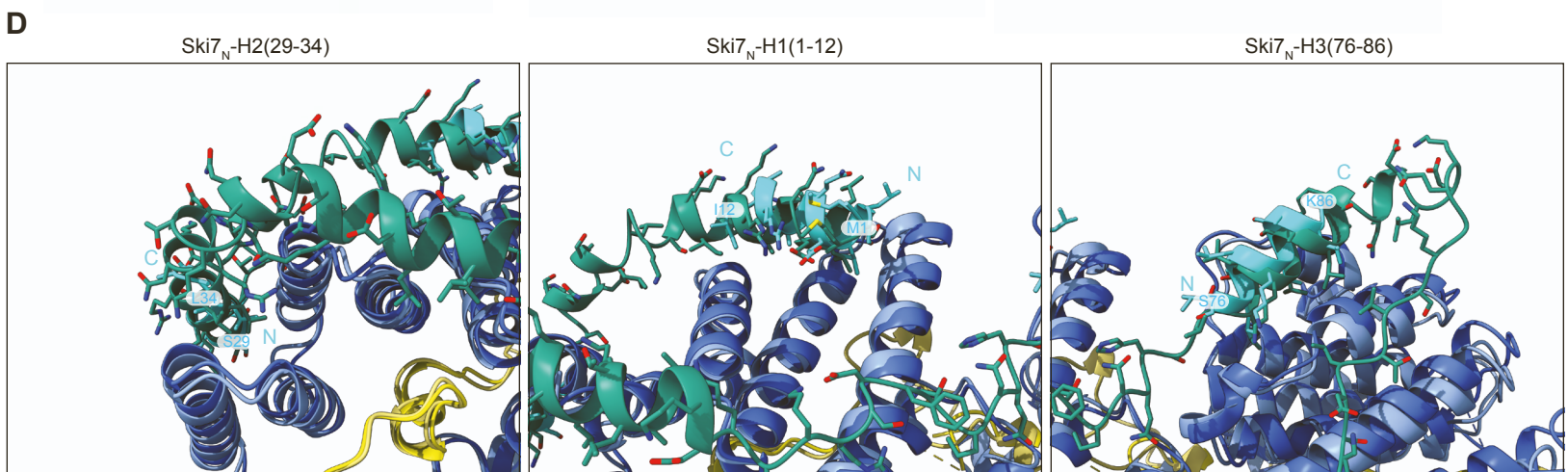
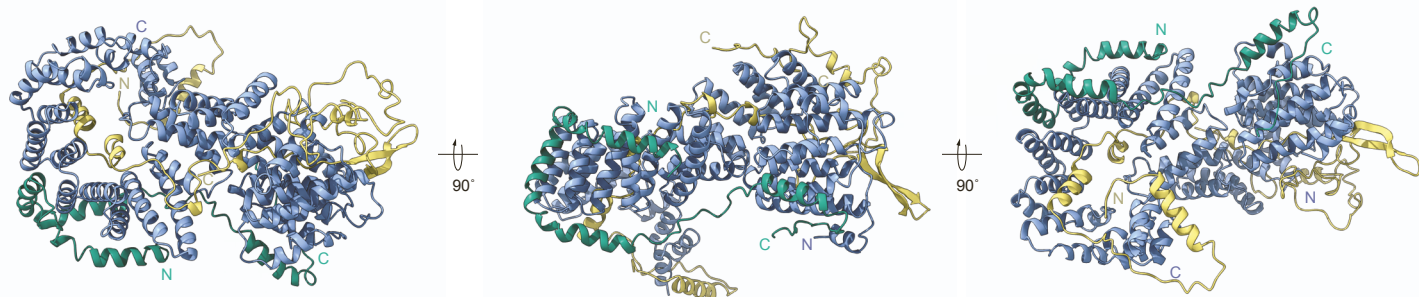


Figure S3. Map interpretation and model validation of Ski7_N on Ski2_{Δarch38} by Alphafold2 predictions (related to Figure 3)

(A) 3D reconstruction of Ski2_{Δarch38}-Ski7_N in the intermediate conformation (left panel). Colors and orientation are identical to Figure 2A. (1-2) Planes indicate a front view (1) and a bottom view (2) of the complex. Comparison of Ski2_{Δarch38}-Ski7_N intermediate and closed conformation (right panel). (1) Zoom-in view showing the position of Ski2_{cat} and Ski2_N-RG-loop/Wedge (129-164)^{27,28}. Note that the RG-loop/Wedge does not adopt a defined structural conformation and that Ski2_{cat} is shifted upwards compared to the closed conformation. (2) Zoom-in view of the Ski7_N binding site on Ski3_C showing that Ski7-H2 is not recruited in the closed state.

(B) Unsharpened 3D reconstructions of Ski2_{Δarch38}-Ski7_N in open state at low threshold (ChimeraX, level ~ 0.1), shown in two orientations related by a 90° rotation around a horizontal axis. Ski2 colored in yellow, Ski3 in blue, Ski8_{IN} in green and Ski8_{OUT} in dark green, and RNA in red. Additional signal in the open state was observed at Ski3_C and assigned to Ski7_N (cyan).

(C) Alphafold2 multimer prediction of the Ski23 in the open conformation and Ski7 binding sites showed overall structural similarity to the cryo-EM map analysis. Ski2-N (1-210) (pale yellow) Ski3_C(800-1432) (light blue) and Ski7_N (1-105) (sea green) shown in three different orientations related by a 90° rotation around a vertical axis. N and C termini are indicated by N and C and colored according to the corresponding protein.

(D) Superposition of Alphafold2 prediction (C) and the Ski2_{Δarch38}-Ski7_N model reconstructed in this study. Zoom-in views at Ski7_N-H2 (left panel), Ski7_N-H1 (middle panel) and Ski7_N-H3 (right panel). Colors for the predicted model are identical to (C) and colors for Ski2_{Δarch38}-Ski7_N are identical to Figure 3B. Ski7_N is in stick representation, with residues indicated.

(E) Western blot of different *S. cerevisiae* Ski3 strains to compare expression level. Different yeast lysates were tested for anti-HA antibody (upper part) and anti-GAPDH antibody (lower part).

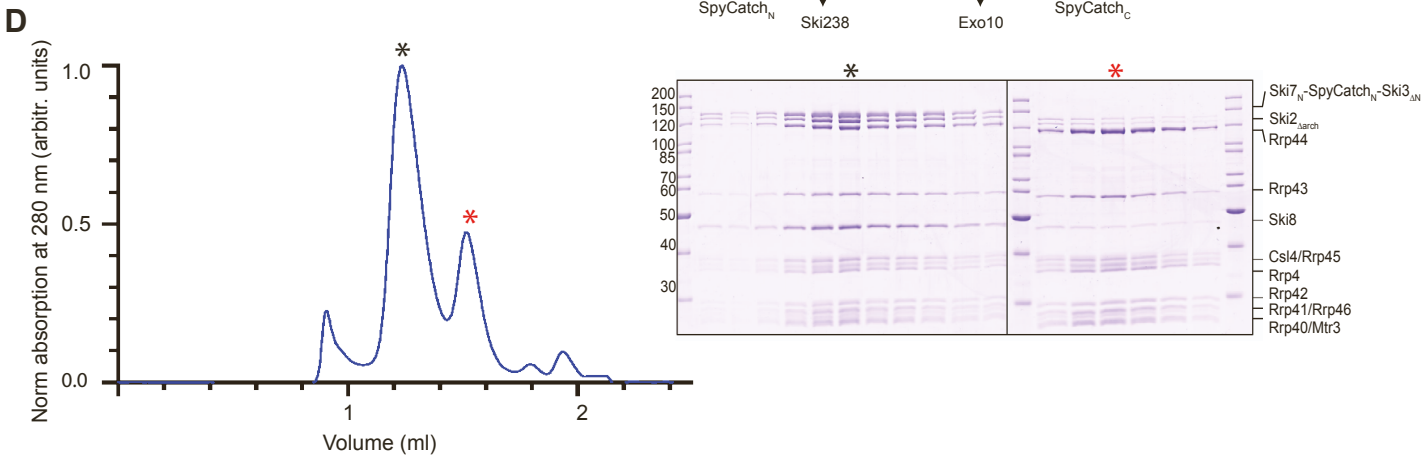
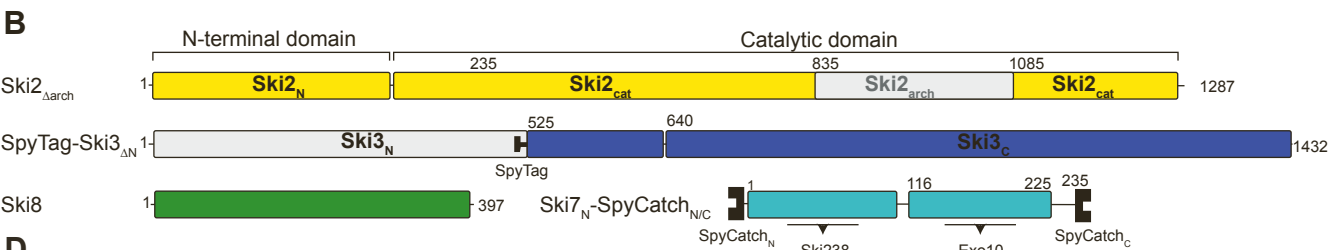
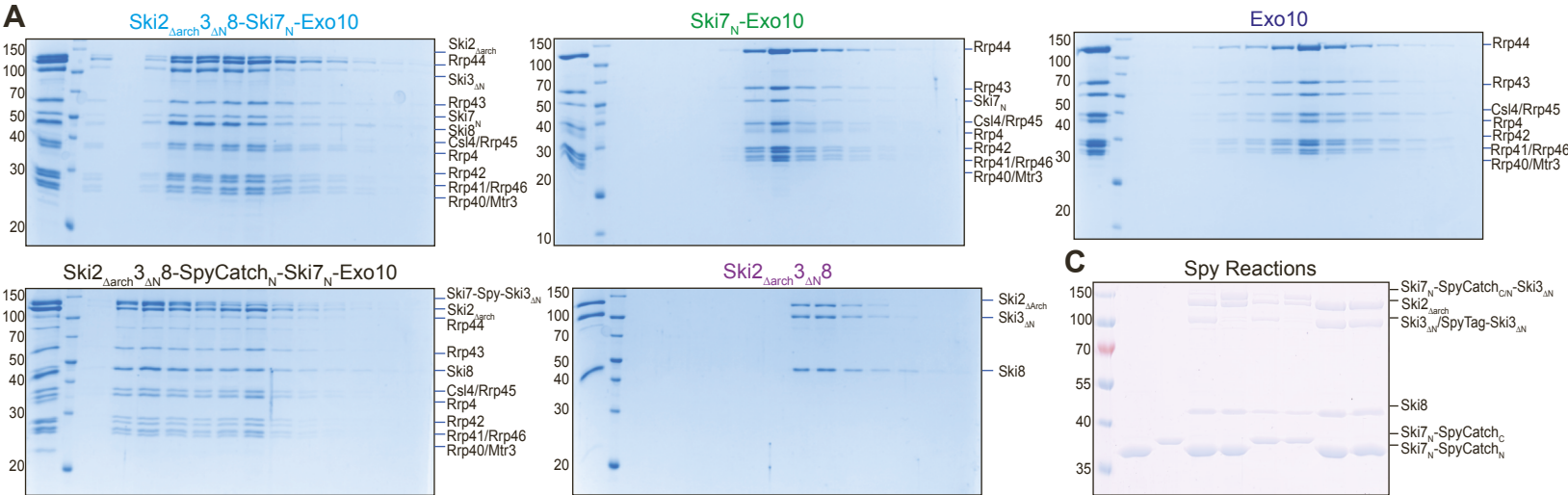


Figure S4. Biochemical characterization of recombinant Ski238 with Ski7_N and Exo10 (related to Figure 4)

(A) Coomassie-stained 12% SDS-PAGE gels showing protein components from SEC peak fractions after runs with different Exo10, Ski7 and Ski238 combinations. Color of the labels correspond to color of the corresponding curves in Figure 4A.

(B) Domain organization of the yeast Ski2_{Δarch3ΔN8} and Ski7_N showing placement of the SpyTag and SpyCatcher (SpyCatch). Constructs were used for stabilization of Ski238- Ski7_N-Exo10 (also see Figure 4B). Ski238 subunits Ski2 (yellow) Ski3 (blue) Ski8 (green) and SpyTag (black). Ski7_N (cyan/grey) and SpyCatch_{N/C} (black). Grey areas represent deleted portions.

(C) SDS-PAGE gel confirming covalent linking between Spy-Ski2_{Δarch3ΔN8} and SpyCatch_{N/C}-Ski7_N.

(D) Reconstitution of Ski238-SpyCatch_N-Ski7 with Exo10 over S6i 3.2/300GL SEC column used for cryo-EM SPA. SEC profile (left panel) with corresponding 12% Coomassie stained SDS-PAGE of the individual fractions (right panel).

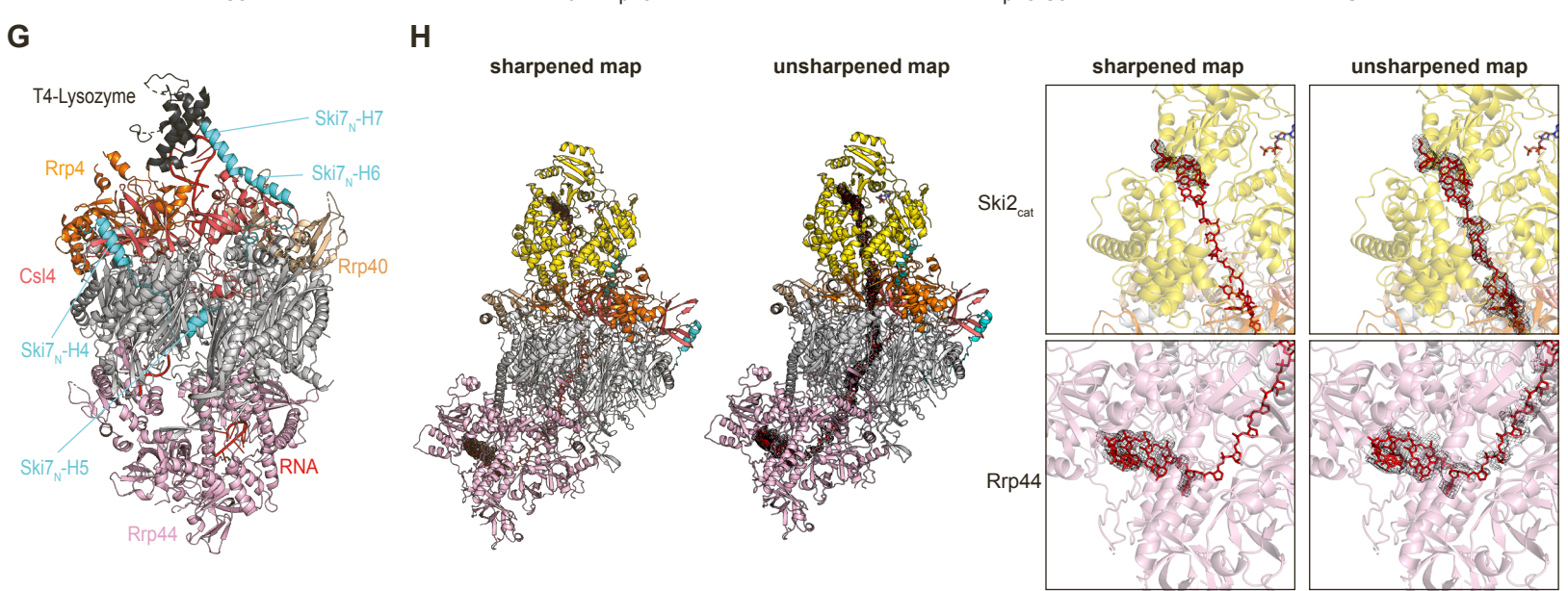
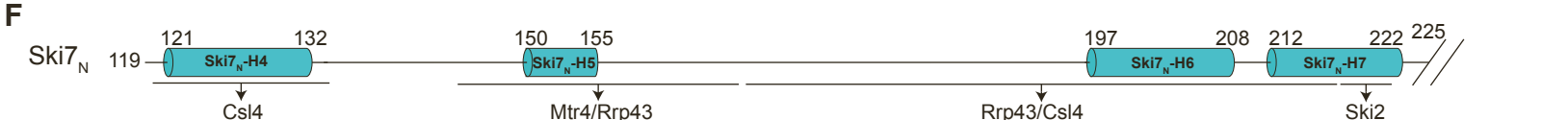
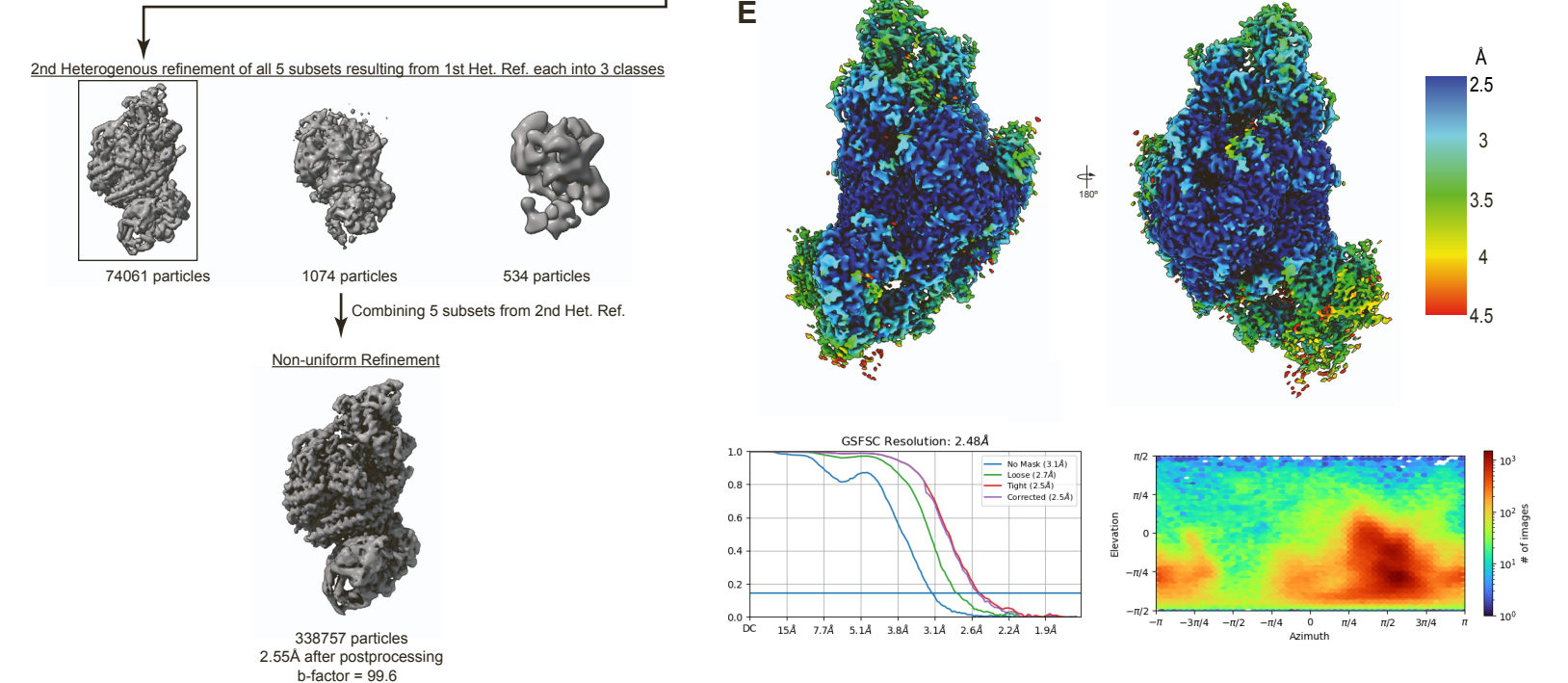
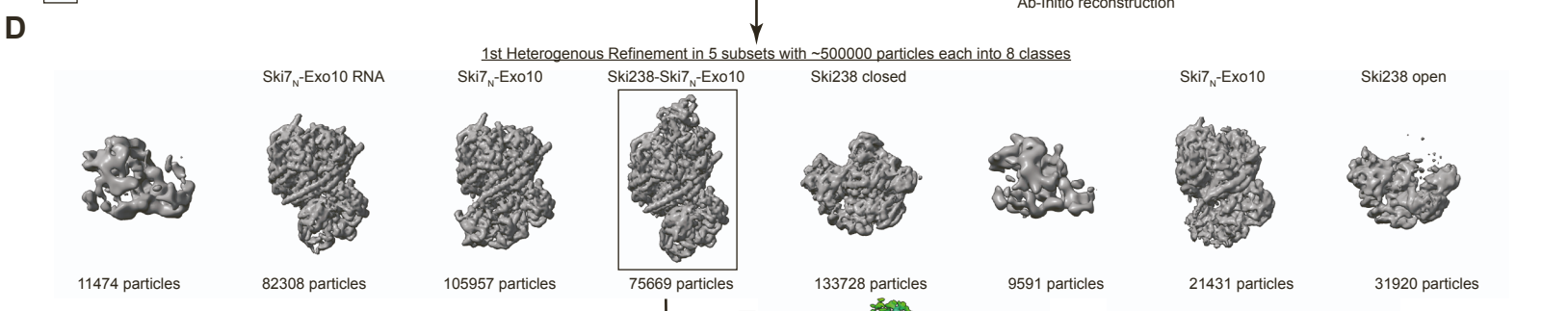
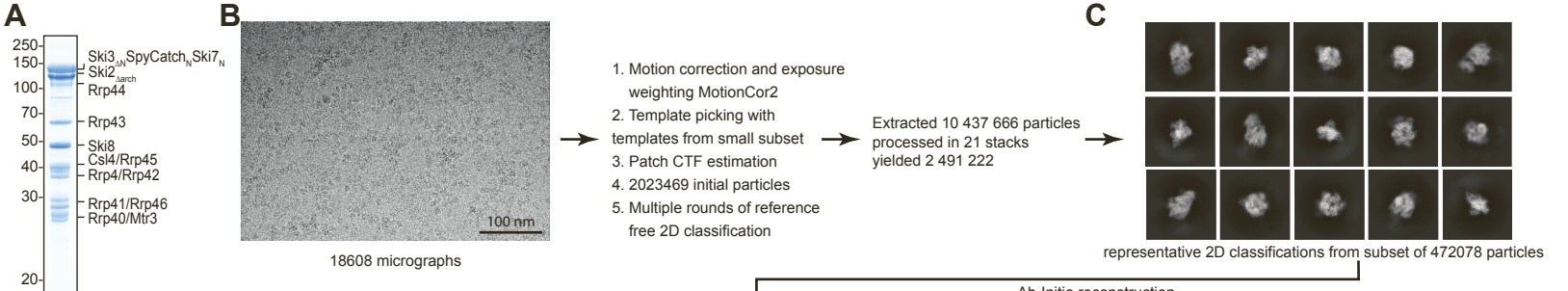


Figure S5. Cryo-EM analysis of recombinant active Ski238-Ski7-Exo10 holocomplex (related to Figure 4)

(A) Coomassie-stained 12% SDS-PAGE gel of the SEC peak fraction of Ski238-SpyCatch_N-Ski7 with Exo10 after incubation with ATP and RNA (see also Figure S4D).

(B) Representative cryo-EM micrograph collected on a Titan Krios G2 collected at 300 kV with a pixel size of 0.8512 Å/pix using a K3 direct electron.

(C) Representative 2D class averages.

(D) Cryo-EM data processing scheme. After pre-processing steps and 2D classification, selected particles were classified by heterogeneous refinement and 3D classification into five subclasses representing various subcomplexes. The sub-population of particles clearly representing the Ski7_N-Exo10 bound to open state Ski238 was subjected to a second round of heterogeneous refinement. Afterwards, the obtained particles stacks were merged and subjected to a final non-uniform refinement.

(E) Local resolution estimates of the final non-uniform and local refinements for the cryo-EM SPA datasets in (D), shown in two different orientations related by a 90° rotation around a vertical axis (top panel). Corresponding FSC curves of respective map, as well as angular distribution plot obtained from cryoSPARC (bottom panel).

(F) Topology-based domain organization of the Ski7 N-terminal arm (residues 119-225). Secondary structure elements are indicated by cylinders. Interactions between Ski7_N helices with Exo10 subunits and Ski2 are indicated below.

(G) Cartoon representation of *S. cerevisiae* Exo10-Ski7-RNA crystal structure (PDB:5JEA, Kowalinski et al., 2016). Numbering of Ski7 helices have been updated to reflect our findings.

(H) Model of Ski238-Ski7_N-Exo10 with RNA density from sharpened (left) and unsharpened (middle) cryo-EM reconstruction shown in black. Orientation and coloring are analog to Figure 5A. Comparison of RNA signal in Ski2_{cat} (upper right) and Rrp44 (lower left). The

unsharpened map shows continuous density for the RNA substrate while the sharpened map only shows density within Ski2_{cat} or Rrp44.

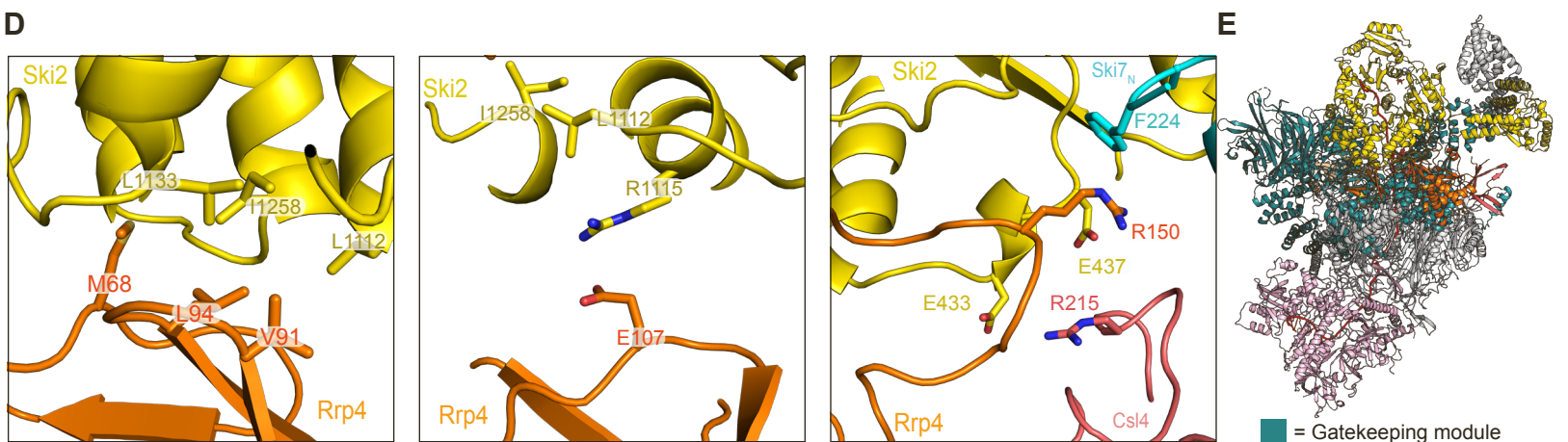
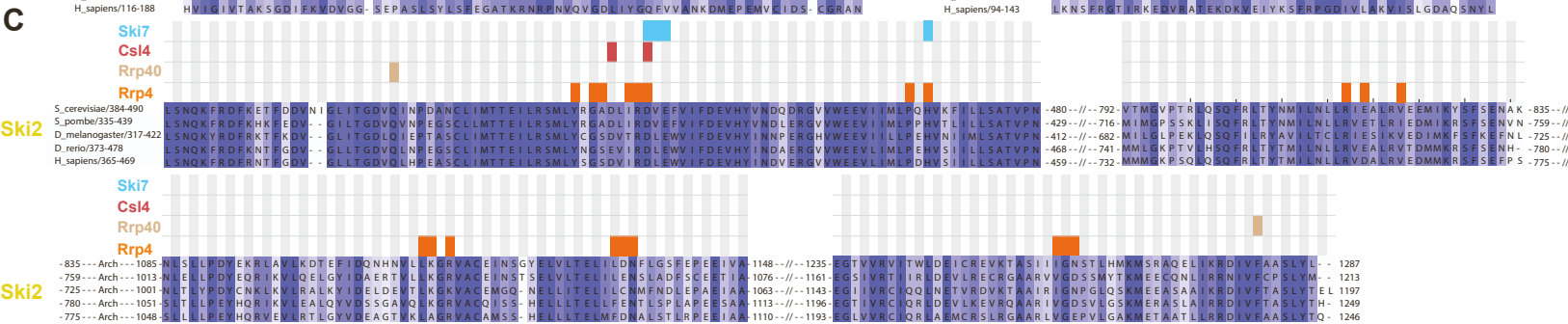
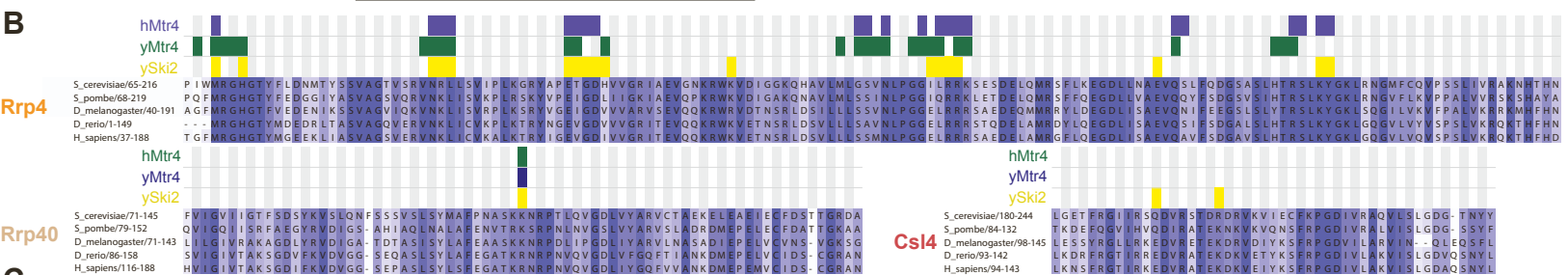
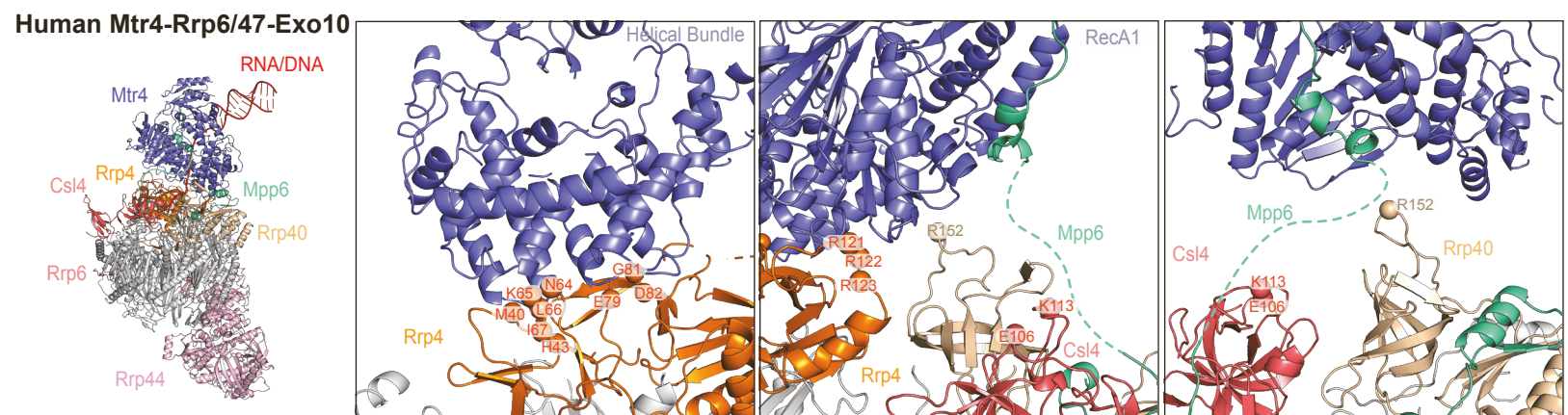
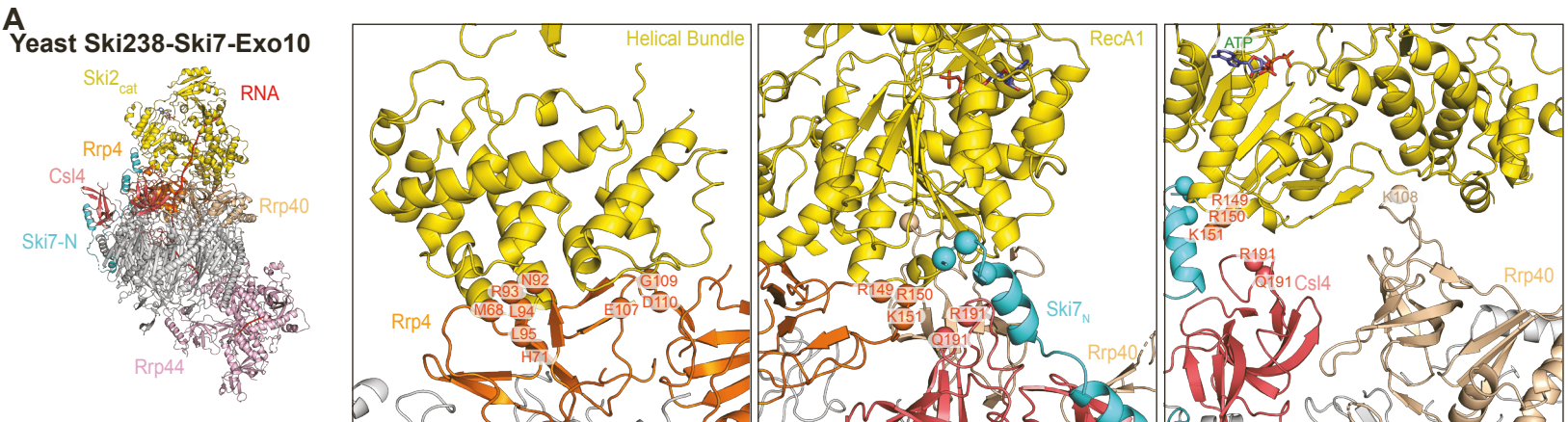


Figure S6. Comparison of ySki2 and hMtr4 binding sites on Exo10 with sequence alignments (related to Figure 5)

(A) Comparison of Ski238-Ski7-Exo10 and nuclear exosome helicase assemblies from *S. cerevisiae* (top, this study) and *H. sapiens* (bottom, PDB: 6D6Q), respectively. For both complexes, a model is shown in cartoon representation in the same orientation (left panel). Zoom-in views on the individual binding sites between helicase and the Exo10 cap proteins are shown, similar to Figure 5C and 5D. Conserved residues in cap proteins Csl4, Rrp4 and Rrp40 are shown as spheres and labeled with residue numbers.

(B) Multiple sequence alignments of Exo10 cap proteins from different organisms show conservation of cap proteins and overlap of helicase interaction sites based on available models. (Organism with uniprot identifier; *S. cerevisiae*: P17883, *S. pombe*: O94474, *D. melanogaster*: Q6NNB2, *D. rerio*: A0A8M1RLS7, and *H. sapiens*: Q6PGP7). Alignments were performed using Clustal Omega and visualized with Jalview. Sequence conservation is shown by color from variable (white) to conserved (blue). Colored bars above the alignments indicate residues involved in protein-protein interactions with ySki2 (this study), yMtr4 (6FSZ) and hMtr4 (6D6Q).

(C) Amino acid sequence alignments of Ski2 from different organisms. Alignments were performed as above (Figure S6B). Sequence conservation is shown by color from variable (white) to conserved (blue). Residues involved in protein-protein interactions with Rrp4, Rrp40, Csl4 and Ski7 are indicated above the alignment by colored bars.

(D) Close ups on the identified main binding sites between Ski2 and the exosome cap

(E) Superposition of Ski238_{FL} and Ski238-Ski7_N-Exo10 showing the clash of the Gatekeeping module (Ski2_N, Ski3_C, Ski8_{IN}, Ski8_{OUT}) with the Exo10. Models were superposed on Ski2_{cat}. Colors for Ski238-Ski7_N-Exo10 are identical to Figure 4D. For Ski238_{FL}, the Gatekeeping module is colored in sea green. Ski2_{arch} is colored in yellow, Ski3_N in grey.