

## Local chromatin context dictates the genetic determinants of the heterochromatin spreading reaction.

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### Abstract

**Heterochromatin spreading, the expansion of gene-silencing structures from DNA-encoded nucleation sites, occurs in distinct chromatin contexts. Spreading re-establishes gene-poor constitutive heterochromatin every cell cycle, but also invades gene-rich euchromatin *de novo* to steer fate decisions. Unlike heterochromatin nucleation and assembly, the determinants of the spreading process remain poorly understood. Our heterochromatin spreading sensor separately records nucleation site-proximal, and distal, heterochromatin gene silencing. By screening a nuclear function gene deletion library in fission yeast, we identified regulators that alter the propensity, both positively and negatively, of a nucleation site to spread heterochromatin. Critically, the involvement of many regulators is conditioned by the chromatin context within which spreading occurs. We find spreading, but not nucleation, within constitutive heterochromatin, requires distinct Clr6 histone deacetylase complexes. However, spreading is universally antagonized by a suite of chromatin remodelers. Our results disentangle the machineries that control lateral heterochromatin spreading from those that instruct DNA-directed assembly.**

## 1      **Introduction**

2      Cellular specification requires the genome to be partitioned into regions of activity and inactivity  
3      such that only genes appropriate for a given cellular state are available for expression. This requires the  
4      formation and propagation, in time and space, of gene-repressive heterochromatin structures.  
5      Heterochromatin is most commonly seeded by DNA-directed nucleation (Hall et al. 2002; Reyes-Turcu  
6      et al. 2011), and then propagates across the chromosome by a DNA-sequence indifferent process termed  
7      spreading, to repress genes expression in the underlying regions. Silencing is instructed by assembly  
8      factors, such as HP1, that recognize heterochromatic chemical modifications (Jacobs et al. 2001;  
9      Lachner et al. 2001). The spreading of silencing structures occurs in very different chromatin contexts,  
10     which may intrinsically promote or antagonize this process: (1) Constitutive heterochromatin, which is  
11     generally gene-poor and as such depleted of activities associated with active genes known to antagonize  
12     heterochromatin (Scott et al. 2006; Greenstein et al. 2019). Its maintenance through replication is aided  
13     by the inheritance of nucleosomes bearing heterochromatic marks (Alabert et al. 2015). This inheritance  
14     promotes modification of nearby nucleosomes due to the “read-write” positive feedback intrinsic to  
15     heterochromatin histone modifiers (Zhang et al. 2008; Al-Sady et al. 2013; Ragunathan et al. 2015). (2)  
16     Conversely, during differentiation, heterochromatin is either seeded at new nucleation sites or invades  
17     gene-rich euchromatin *de-novo* from existing nucleation sites (Wen et al. 2009; Zhu et al. 2013; Zylacz  
18     et al. 2015; Zylacz et al. 2018; Nicetto and Zaret 2019). In either case, it encounters active chromatin that  
19     lacks repressive marks and can specifically antagonize heterochromatin (Greenstein et al. 2019). Thus,  
20     during this initial invasion process, heterochromatin spreading cannot benefit from the inheritance  
21     through replication of pre-existing marked nucleosomes. Beyond the differences between active and  
22     inactive chromatin, it remains unclear whether distinct nucleation elements require different regulators

23 to enact efficient spreading outward from those sites. Nonetheless, we recently described that distinct  
24 nucleation elements trigger divergent types of spreading behavior (Greenstein et al. 2018).

25 Over the past four decades, forward and reverse genetic screens in fission yeast have established  
26 an exhaustive list of factors required for heterochromatin silencing and heterochromatin nucleation.  
27 Some of these nucleation mechanisms include repeat sequences that instruct specialized RNAi-  
28 machinery to process noncoding (nc) RNAs involved in targeting the histone methyl transferase Clr4  
29 (Moazed 2009); signals within nascent transcripts that trigger heterochromatin island formation (Zofall  
30 et al. 2012); and shelterin-dependent pathways (Wang et al. 2016; Zofall et al. 2016). However, those  
31 genetic screens have neither directly addressed factors that specifically regulate the spreading process,  
32 nor whether such factors act in general or context-specific settings. With our previously established  
33 fluorescent reporter-based heterochromatin spreading sensor (HSS) we can segregate the central output  
34 of heterochromatin (gene silencing) from the spatial control of the reaction (spreading) (Greenstein et al.  
35 2018; Greenstein et al. 2019). This allows us to address the following questions: (1) Are there known or  
36 novel regulators of heterochromatin that primarily regulate spreading, versus nucleation? (2) Does  
37 spreading over chromatin with distinct characteristics, such as gene density or nucleosome arrangement,  
38 require different sets of regulators? (3) Does the set of regulators required for efficient spreading depend  
39 on the type of nucleator that seeds it - for example nucleators using transcription and ncRNA pathways  
40 versus direct tethering of heterochromatic factors?

41 To address these questions, we conducted a series of reverse genetic screens in fission yeast,  
42 using a custom nuclear function gene deletion library in four heterochromatin contexts. These include  
43 derivations of the fission yeast mating type (MAT) locus, a gene-poor constitutive heterochromatin  
44 region contained by *IR-L* and *IR-R* boundaries and nucleated by at least two elements: (1) *cenH*,  
45 homologous to pericentromeric *dh* and *dg* elements, which rely on ncRNA pathways, including RNAi,

46 and (2) *REIII*, a sequence element that directly recruits heterochromatin factors via the stress-response  
47 transcription factors Atf1 and Pcr1 (Jia et al. 2004; Kim et al. 2004). We also queried an ectopic  
48 heterochromatin domain that is embedded in gene rich euchromatin. This domain is nucleated by an  
49 ectopically inserted *dh* element fragment proximal to the *ura4* locus (Canzio et al. 2013; Marina et al.  
50 2013; Greenstein et al. 2018).

51 We find that the genetic requirements for promotion and containment of heterochromatin  
52 spreading diverge significantly between different chromatin contexts, and to some degree also between  
53 different types of nucleators. However, despite these context-dependent differences for spreading,  
54 common themes also emerge from this work: (1) Sub-complexes of the Clr6 histone deacetylase  
55 (HDAC) complex, in particular the Fkh2-associated Clr6 complex I'', appear to promote spreading, but  
56 not nucleation, at multiple heterochromatin loci. (2) At both euchromatic and heterochromatic loci,  
57 spreading is antagonized by a diverse set of nucleosome remodelers, in particular Ino80 and Swr1C. (3)  
58 Unexpectedly, members of an AP3 adaptor complex, normally involved in membrane traffic, are  
59 moderate positive regulators of spreading in hetero- and euchromatin. Together, these results  
60 specifically pinpoint the machineries required to regulate the spatial expansion of heterochromatin  
61 domains independent of the initial seeding by DNA-encoded nucleation sites.

## 62 Results

63 Our previously developed HSS relies on three transcriptionally-encoded fluorescent protein-  
64 coding genes that collectively report single cell measurements of heterochromatin formation via flow  
65 cytometry, while normalizing for transcriptional and translational noise (Al-Sady et al. 2016; Greenstein  
66 et al. 2018). It provides separate, quantitative recordings of nucleation-proximal (“green”) and distal  
67 (“orange”) events at a heterochromatin site over large populations of isogenic cells (typically N  
68 >20,000) (**Figure 1A**). In contrast to the singular readout employed by auxotrophy-dependent reporter

69 gene silencing assays, the HSS assay provides a “multidimensional snapshot” that distinguishes changes  
70 in heterochromatin nucleation and spreading, and additionally permits tracking of emerging multimodal  
71 cell populations and unique population distributions. This is an important conceptual advance compared  
72 to traditional methods.

73 With this ability to observe the entire population distribution pattern from any isogenic  
74 background, we sought first to investigate the requirements for heterochromatin activity for both  
75 nucleation and distal spreading, within either constitutive heterochromatin or gene-rich euchromatic  
76 regions. Further, we queried whether different types of heterochromatic nucleation sequences utilize  
77 similar or different sets of regulators to nucleate and/or spread the resulting heterochromatin structures  
78 outwards. To address the latter, we explored three different chromatin contexts, derived from the  
79 constitutive heterochromatic mating type (MAT) locus, each containing an embedded HSS (**Figure 1A**)  
80 (Greenstein et al. 2018): wild type, with the *cenH* and *REIII* nucleating DNA elements uncompromised,  
81 and two *MAT* variants that contained mutations in either the *cenH* or *REIII* elements (**Figure 1A**).

82 Mutations in these DNA elements limit initiation of heterochromatin spreading to one nucleator  
83 (Greenstein 2018). To address differences in chromatin context in addition to variants of the constitutive  
84 MAT locus, we examined heterochromatin formation at the euchromatic *ura4* locus, where  
85 heterochromatin spreading is ectopically driven by the upstream insertion of a pericentromeric *dh* DNA  
86 element (Marina et al. 2013; Greenstein et al. 2018). We refer to this chromatin context as *ECT*  
87 (ectopic). When analyzed by flow cytometry, *WT MAT* and *MAT ΔcenH* populations appear largely  
88 fully nucleated with near-complete local spreading, as evidenced by population density in the bottom  
89 left in the 2D density histogram (**Figure 1C,D** (Greenstein et al. 2018)). *MAT ΔREIII* and *ECT* cell  
90 populations, while mostly nucleated, display a stochastic distribution of spreading states, evidenced by a  
91 vertical distribution on the left of the 2D density histogram (**Figure 1E,F** (Greenstein et al. 2018)). The

92 distribution of cells in a strong loss of silencing mutant, *Δclr3*, is shown for all chromatin contexts next  
93 to the wild-type parents (**Figure 1C-F**). To identify potential regulators of the spreading reaction, we  
94 conducted a genetic screen by crossing a deletion library of ~400 nuclear function genes (**Table 1**,  
95 **Figure 1 Supplement 1**) to reporter strains with the HSS integrated in the four chromatin contexts  
96 described above. We quantified the fluorescence signal from the three reporters in each mutant by flow  
97 cytometry, with approximately 20k-30k cells per mutant, depending on growth conditions.

98 To visualize the pattern of heterochromatin domain activity across the isogenic mutant  
99 populations, we first employed t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE). For all the mutants  
100 in each chromatin context, we converted the normalized 2D distribution of cells into a numerical vector  
101 representing cell density in 25 isometric plot regions as different parameters (**Figure 1B**). The t-SNE  
102 model was built by calculating the similarity between different cell distributions and comparing these 25  
103 parameters from all mutants and wild type controls in the four chromatin contexts (**Figure 1B**).

104 We plotted the t-SNE model with all the four chromatin contexts and respective mutants,  
105 coloring each mutant by its parental chromatin context (**Figure 1G**). We also colored the mutants by the  
106 median nucleation (“green”, **Figure 1H**) or spreading (“orange”, **Figure 1I**) reporter expression values.  
107 As expected, the majority of mutants did not strongly deviate from their parent and broadly clustered  
108 together into a “neighborhood” by chromatin context. This is evident for *ECT*, for which the parent  
109 strain has “green” and “orange” in a less repressed state, particularly compared to *WT MAT* and *MAT*  
110 *ΔcenH*. Within each neighborhood, the distribution of “orange” expression, especially for *MAT ΔREIII*  
111 and *ECT*, is graded from above to below the expression level of the parent(s), revealing a continuum of  
112 mutants with enhanced or abrogated spreading. We could not find mutants that display more repression  
113 than the parental strains of *MAT ΔcenH*, which are highly repressed in the OFF state, as previously  
114 described (Grewal and Klar 1996; Greenstein et al. 2018). However, we did observe mutants located

115 out of the area of their chromatin context-driven “neighborhood”. First, the major known  
116 heterochromatin mutants, *Δclr4*, *Δswi6*, *Δclr3* among others, from each chromatin context formed a  
117 cluster with high expression of “green” and “orange” (**Figure 1I** enlarged region, exemplified by *Δclr3*),  
118 segregating from the rest of the population. Second, we observed mutants, such as *Δcdt2*, *Δepel* and  
119 *Δchp1*, that segregate out of neighborhood only for selected chromatin contexts, indicating specificity  
120 (highlighted in **Figure 1I**). The t-SNE analysis visualized the relationship of all four chromatin contexts,  
121 and mutants therein, with respect to their nucleation and spreading behavior, directly revealing the  
122 graded nature of mutant phenotypes. This is particularly the case with respect to spreading in *ECT* and  
123 *MAT ΔREIII* neighborhoods (**Figure 1I**)

124 However, in the t-SNE analysis the phenotype patterns are weighted by the intrinsic behavior of  
125 each parent’s chromatin context. To quantify how much each mutation impacted the heterochromatin  
126 state in each chromatin context, we performed Earth Mover’s Distance analysis (EMD, **Figure 1J** see  
127 also materials and methods and (Orlova et al. 2016)). We express the contribution of each mutant  
128 relative to the parental isolates by a quotient of their respective EMDs to *Δclr4*, which is completely  
129 deficient in heterochromatin assembly and serves as a fixed reference point for all chromatin contexts.  
130 We represent a subset of the mutants’ EMD values in a heatmap (**Figure 1K**). Some mutants contributed  
131 similarly in different chromatin contexts, such as *Δclr3* and *Δrik1*, which display strong de-repression,  
132 and *Δair1*, which displays an intermediate de-repression (Thon et al. 1999; Keller et al. 2010). However,  
133 many mutants had differential contributions in each chromatin context. As an example, *Δpob3*, a  
134 mutation in the FACT complex (Lejeune et al. 2007), had weaker phenotypes where nucleation is solely  
135 ncRNA-driven (*MAT ΔREIII* and *ECT*) and stronger phenotypes when *REIII*, an ncRNA-independent  
136 element, is intact (*WT MAT* and *MAT ΔcenH*) (**Figure 1K**). Interestingly, the TRAMP subunit mutant  
137 *Δcid14*, had more pronounced roles in *MAT* contexts over *ECT* (**Figure 1K**). Beyond these more subtle

138 differences, we noticed a large divergence between *ECT* and other contexts. This is evident from very  
139 low pairwise correlations of  $EMD^{mut/par}$  values between all the mutants for *ECT* against the *MAT*  
140 contexts (**Figure 1, Supplement 2 C,E,F**). Conversely, we observe much higher correlations between  
141 all pairwise combinations of the three *MAT* chromatin contexts (**Figure 1, Supplement 2 A,B,D**). The  
142 divergence between *MAT* and *ECT* contexts is especially true for the RNAi pathway.  $\Delta chp1$  and  $\Delta tas3$   
143 (members of RITS complex),  $\Delta dsh1$  (RNAi factor),  $\Delta cid12$  (member of RDRC complex), and  $\Delta saf1$   
144 (RNAi associated splicing factor (Bayne et al. 2014)) all have very strong effects only in *ECT*.

145 The above results are consistent with previous reports of *WT MAT* and ectopic reporters (Hall et  
146 al. 2002), which are respectively independent and dependent on RNAi for heterochromatin maintenance.  
147 Surprisingly, *MAT ΔREIII*, which similar to *ECT* solely relies on a *dh*-homologous *cenH* element for  
148 H3K9me nucleation, also behaved independent of RITS for maintenance (**Figure 1K**). *MAT* has another  
149 H3K9me-independent silencing element, *REII* (Hansen et al. 2011), which is located upstream of  
150 “green”. However, this element appears to act quite locally (Ayoub et al. 2000; Hansen et al. 2011).  
151 Moreover, we showed removal of *REII* had no effect on expression of HSS reporters in *MAT ΔcenH*  
152 (Greenstein et al. 2018). Thus, we do not believe *REII* accounts for the difference observed between  
153 *MAT ΔREIII* and *ECT*.

154 Similar to RNAi factors, the heterochromatin-antagonizing *epe1* pathway had strikingly different  
155 impacts on the *MAT* chromatin contexts compared to *ECT* (**Figure 1G**).  $\Delta epe1$  results in destabilized  
156 heterochromatin at *ECT*, but the deletion has little effect at *MAT* chromatin contexts. Heterochromatin in  
157 these contexts instead is sensitive to mutations in the Epe1-turnover pathway, exemplified by *cdt2*, the  
158 specificity factor for the Epe1-targeting E3 ubiquitin ligase (Braun et al. 2011). In contrast to loss of  
159 silencing mutants, we also identified mutations that induce hyper-repressed states ( $EMD^{mut/par} > 1$ ) in

160 multiple chromatin contexts with some differences in contribution to hyper-repression. These included  
161  $\Delta yap9$ ,  $\Delta snf22$ ,  $\Delta swc5$  and  $\Delta iec3$  (see below).

162 Overall, the EMD analysis enabled us to systematically and quantitatively discern how each  
163 mutant contributes to the combined nucleation and spreading heterochromatin state within each  
164 chromatin context. The results suggest that the genetic circuitry for heterochromatin maintenance differs  
165 significantly between naïve sites in euchromatin and constitutive loci. This is consistent with the tightly  
166 repressed *MAT*  $\Delta cenH$  or the redundantly nucleated *WT MAT*. But the fact that *MAT*  $\Delta REIII$  also  
167 diverged strongly from *ECT* in its dependence on genes for heterochromatin nucleation and spreading  
168 was more surprising, because both contexts are driven exclusively by a similar ncRNA nucleators, *cenH*  
169 and *dh* (Hansen et al. 2006), and display stochastic spreading over similar ranges (**Figure 1C, F**).  
170 Further we previously showed that they both exhibit dynamically unstable heterochromatin over time  
171 (Greenstein et al. 2018). The finding that even heterochromatin domains with very similar nucleation  
172 and spreading dynamics rely on different regulators for their maintenance, suggests that such context-  
173 specific requirements for heterochromatin assembly are likely common across the genome.

174 The above analyses addressed the genetic requirements for heterochromatin silencing, including  
175 both nucleation and distal spreading, in different chromatin contexts. Next, we aimed to identify  
176 regulators that are specific to heterochromatin spreading but function independent of nucleation. To do  
177 so, we employed the capability of the HSS to segregate those activities. We isolated cell populations that  
178 reside within a “green”-off gate which represents cells with heterochromatin fully assembled at the  
179 nucleation site (see methods, and (Greenstein et al. 2018)). To quantify increased or decreased spreading  
180 in a given mutant, we calculated a  $Grid_n^{\text{mut/par}}$  metric (described in Methods), which tracks the changes  
181 of cell distributions in “orange” expression within the “green”-off gate (**Figure 2A**). To isolate gain or  
182 loss of spreading mutants (hits) for further analysis, we only considered the top 15% of mutants in which

183  $\text{Grid}_n^{\text{mut/par}}$  values were also above 2 standard deviations from the mean of the replicate parent isolates.  
184 (**Figure 2 Supplement 1**). With these gene hits isolated, we proceeded to analyze their relationships  
185 within and across chromatin contexts.

186 We first examined the degree to which spreading modulators are shared between chromatin  
187 contexts via upset plots (**Figure 2B&C**). Conceptually similar to a Venn diagram, this analysis allows  
188 rapid visualization of the degree of overlap between sets, with the number of shared genes plotted as a  
189 bar graph and the sets each bar represents annotated below the plot. The upset plot for loss of spreading  
190 phenotypes (*i.e.* genes that promote spreading, **Figure 2B**) showed that exceedingly few genes, three out  
191 of 164 unique genes found as hits, are shared across all chromatin contexts (*csn1*, *rrp17*, *apm3*). This  
192 result emphasizes the specific impact that each chromatin context has on heterochromatin spreading.  
193 Seven genes were shared across all the MAT locus chromatin contexts. In contrast, 111 genes  
194 contributed only to one chromatin context. The degree to which genes contributed positively towards  
195 spreading, and the degree of overlap across chromatin contexts is shown in bar-graphs of  $\text{Grid}_n^{\text{mut/par}}$  in  
196 **Figure 2D-G**. We additionally show the 2D density histogram of the screen mutants for the top two loss  
197 of spreading hits for each chromatin context in **Figure 2H-K**. The top two hits for *MATΔcenH* were  
198 *gad8* and *cdt2* (**Figure 2E&I**) The significant contribution of *cdt2* suggests that Epe1 specifically limits  
199 spreading in *MATΔcenH* compared to other chromatin contexts. Spreading in *WT MAT* and *MATΔREIII*  
200 was most dependent on *fkh2*, while the second strongest hits were *rrp6* and *prw1*, respectively (**Figure**  
201 **2D,F,H,J** and see below). *Prw1* and *Fkh2* form parts of *Clr6* complexes (see below), while *Rrp6* is a  
202 central part of the exosome, required for gene silencing in multiple ncRNA-dependent pathways (Buhler  
203 et al. 2007). The top hit in *ECT* was the *Csn1* COP9 signalosome subunit, which has been implicated in  
204 neddylation of cullin-based E3 ligases and may operate in a similar pathway as *Cdt2* (Bayne et al. 2014).

205 *ECT* was also highly sensitive to  $\Delta pht1$  (**Figure 2G**) which codes for H2A.Z, normally associated with  
206 antagonizing spreading (Meneghini et al. 2003).

207 We also observed a significant number of genes that showed gain of spreading in *WT MAT*, *MAT*  
208  $\Delta REIII$  and *ECT* (**Figure 2C**). We could not examine *MAT*  $\Delta cenH$  for this phenotype because this  
209 chromatin context is highly repressed in the OFF state as reported previously (Grewal and Klar 1996;  
210 Greenstein et al. 2018). Six out of 98 genes found as hits are shared across these three chromatin  
211 contexts (**Figure 2C, Figure 2 Supplement 2**). The 2D density histograms of the screen mutants are  
212 shown for top two hits per chromatin context (**Figure 2 Supplement 2D-F**). Validating the approach,  
213 we found *leo1*, a gene previously impacted in spreading control across boundaries (Verrier et al. 2015),  
214 as a moderate gain of spreading hit. *ECT* displayed the largest fraction, 43 out of 58 of spreading-  
215 antagonizing genes that are unique to one context. In contrast, we found 11 out of 43 genes unique to  
216 *MAT*  $\Delta REIII$ , which displays a very similar spatio-temporal spreading behavior to *ECT*. This likely  
217 reflects that even though heterochromatin can assemble in a euchromatin context, spreading is under  
218 multiple layers of constraint in this setting.

219 To understand which nuclear pathways, as opposed to individual genes, direct or antagonize  
220 heterochromatin spreading across backgrounds, we performed a protein complex-level analysis. Using  
221 the Gene Ontology (GO) protein complex annotations from Pombase (Lock et al. 2018), we annotated  
222 the GO complex membership of each screen hit and tabulated the frequency (“counts”) of each GO  
223 complex per background in both loss of spreading (loss) and gain of spreading (gain) categories. Using  
224 these GO complex counts, we generated a heatmap for all the protein complexes represented by hits in  
225 our screen (**Figure 3A**). In order to assess the similarities between chromatin contexts (*WT MAT*, *MAT*  
226  $\Delta cenH$ , *MAT*  $\Delta REIII$ , *ECT*) and categories (loss or gain of spreading) we performed unsupervised  
227 clustering on the heatmap columns. Broadly, the hit categories (loss or gain of spreading) clustered

228 together, (**Figure 3A**, bottom), revealing relative similarity at the GO complex level. The exception  
229 however was the *ECT* “loss” set of hits. Consistent with our gene-level analysis (**Figure 2B-G, Figure 2**  
230 **Supplement 2**), complexes that contribute most strongly to “loss” and “gain” categories are different in  
231 *ECT* compared to the *MAT* variants.

232 Overall, we identified three common trends within and between categories: (1) a role for  
233 antagonizing spreading by chromatin remodelers, (2) a role of histone deacetylase complexes (HDACs),  
234 in particular Clr6 sub-complexes, in promoting spreading, and (3) a role for a small number of additional  
235 known and novel spreading regulators, including the AP-3 adaptor and COP9 signalosome complex,  
236 which promoted spreading across all backgrounds.

237 As evidenced by the heatmap (**Figure 3A, top right**), chromatin remodeling complexes are  
238 strongly represented in the gain of spreading hit category, including the Swr1C, Ino80, SWI/SNF, and  
239 RSC-type complexes. To explore this further, we assessed which protein components were contributing  
240 to these GO complex counts. For all the genes annotated to a given chromatin remodeling complex and  
241 present in our screen, we displayed whether they were identified as a hit (blue) or not (grey) (**Figure**  
242 **3B**). Indeed, we found that the large majority of the gene hits annotated fall within the “gain” category  
243 across backgrounds. The manner in which the cell distributions change in these screen hits is evident  
244 from the 2D density histograms (**Figure 3 Supplement 1**). While complex-specific heterochromatin  
245 antagonizing activities have previously been ascribed to chromatin remodelers, such as Swr1C  
246 (Meneghini et al. 2003) and Ino80 (Xue et al. 2015), we observe a broad involvement across remodelers.  
247 The specific contributions of these remodeling complexes to destabilizing heterochromatin spreading are  
248 interesting candidates for future studies.

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250        Most of the GO complexes we found to be required for spreading have been implicated in  
251        chromatin regulation or silencing pathways specifically (**Figure 3A**). One notable exception was two  
252        predicted subunits of the AP-3 adaptor complex, Apm3 and Apl5, with roles either in all chromatin  
253        contexts (Apm3) or only in *MAT* contexts (Apl5). We were intrigued by the discovery of an AP-3  
254        adaptor protein complex normally associated with vesicular traffic. While the spreading phenotype is  
255        moderate, *apm3* is one of only three genes that display a loss of spreading phenotype across all contexts,  
256        along with *csn1* and *rrp17* encoding a key member of the COP9 signalosome and a putative rRNA  
257        exonuclease, respectively. Thus, we sought to examine whether this phenotype correlates with a  
258        H3K9me2 spreading defect and assessed H3K9me2 levels at the constitutive and facultative  
259        heterochromatin loci by chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by qPCR (ChIP-qPCR). Consistent  
260        with its moderate phenotype,  $\Delta apm3$  had mildly reduced H3K9me2 within the MAT locus, but not at  
261        pericentromeres and subtelomeres (**Figure 3, Supplement 2A-C**). Importantly we find a role for Apm3  
262        in H3K9me2 accumulation at heterochromatin islands, including *mei4*, *ssn4* and *mcp7* (**Figure 3**  
263        **Supplement 2D**), indicating a role in facultative heterochromatin. Since AP-3 adaptor proteins are  
264        cytoplasmic, we tested whether a fraction of Apm3 and Apl5 is also targeted to the nucleus. We  
265        expressed Apm3 and Apl5 as fusions with SF-GFP and visualized them together with Swi6:E2C, which  
266        marks heterochromatin foci in the nucleus (**Figure 3 Supplement 2E**). Notably, we found that  
267        Apm3:SF-GFP is distributed broadly in both the cytosol and nucleus, whereas the related Apl5 protein  
268        appeared to be excluded from the nucleus (**Figure 3 Supplement 2F**). Together, these data indicate that  
269        Apm3 may represent a novel regulator of heterochromatin spreading, which is also supported by the  
270        finding that it physically interacts with the heterochromatin regulators Fft3 (Lee et al. 2017) and Epe1  
271        (Wang et al. 2013).

272 The relationship between histone deacetylation and gene silencing is well described. Three  
273 classes of HDACs exist, which have partially redundant and non-overlapping functions in the formation  
274 of heterochromatin domains and gene silencing. Sir2 belongs to the class III HDAC of the sirtuin family  
275 (Shankaranarayana et al. 2003). Clr3 belongs to class II and is a member of the SHREC complex  
276 (Sugiyama et al. 2007). Clr6 belongs to class I and is part of several sub-complexes, contributing to both  
277 heterochromatic and euchromatic gene regulation (Grewal et al. 1998; Nicolas et al. 2007). We find here  
278 that unlike class III and II HDACs, sub-complexes of the Clr6 family including the Rpd3S, Rpd3L-  
279 Expanded, and Clr6 I" contribute exclusively to spreading and not nucleation (**Figure 1, 2 and Figure**  
280 **3A**, top of heatmap). In particular, we noticed that the forkhead transcription factor Fkh2, was identified  
281 as a common spreading regulator in all *MAT* HSS strains. Despite not being formally annotated to the  
282 Clr6 I" complex by GO terms, Fkh2 was previously described as a member of this sub-complex (Zilio et  
283 al. 2014). We included Fkh2 as a member of Clr6 I" in further analysis for this reason. Analogous to the  
284 analysis for nucleosome remodeling complexes, we represented the HDAC components that were  
285 identified as hits (**Figure 3C**). The population distributions of HSS reporter fluorescence in these Clr6  
286 complex mutants are shown in **Figure 3 Supplement 2**. We find an interesting bifurcation in the  
287 contribution of Clr6 sub-complexes towards "loss" or "gain" categories. Clr6 I" and Clr6S (Complex II)  
288 positively contributed to spreading ("loss"), while several members of the Rpd3L-Expanded complex  
289 antagonized spreading and were found as hits in the "gain" category. This includes a subset belonging to  
290 the Set3 Complex (Set3, Hif2, Hos2, Snt1). Overall, this suggests that Clr6 I" and Clr6S HDAC  
291 complexes specifically promote heterochromatin spreading in addition to their described roles in  
292 transcriptional gene silencing.

293 Given the strong initial phenotype of Crl6 I" subunits in spreading (**Figure 2**), we further  
294 explored their role here. Amongst the known members of Clr6 sub-complexes (**Figure 4A**), we chose

295 three subunits to validate our results: two Clr6 I"-specific members, Fkh2 and Png3, and the shared Clr6  
296 core subunit Prw1. We validated the phenotypes by *de novo* single and double deletions for these genes  
297 in the three *MAT* HSS reporter backgrounds (**Figure 4B-C, Figure 4 Supplement 1 A,B**) and  
298 performed three-color flow cytometry to record fluorescence.

299 We first sought to validate the phenotype of these deletions in the *WT MAT* and *MAT ΔREIII*  
300 HSS, which were most prominent in the screen. We found a similar phenotype for the single *Δprw1* and  
301 the *Δfkh2 Δprw1* double mutant at *MAT ΔREIII*, corroborating the notion that Fkh2 is a Clr6 component  
302 and acts in the same pathway as Prw1 (**Figure 4C**, bottom panels). However, we noted that the  
303 phenotype of *Δprw1* was weaker than *Δfkh2* in the *WT MAT* background; nonetheless, also here the  
304 double mutant showed a non-additive phenotype (**Figure 4C**, top panels). We additionally aimed to  
305 validate these three deletions in the *MAT ΔcenH* HSS reporter background (**Figure 4 Supplement 1C**).  
306 While this strain remains strongly repressed in the majority of the population, we detected a noticeable  
307 increase in reporter signal in *Δfkh2* and *Δprw1*.

308 The above results, evidencing an impact on silencing at the spreading (“orange”), but not  
309 nucleation (“green”) reporter, predicted that the chromatin state may also be affected primarily at  
310 nucleation-distal sites in Clr6 I" complex mutants. We therefore next examined the chromatin state by  
311 ChIP-qPCR analysis of the H3K9me2 mark at *MATΔREIII* and other heterochromatin loci. First, we  
312 examined the MAT locus. Here we observed strong reductions of H3K9me2 signal at the “orange”  
313 spreading reporter and also more nucleation-distal targets, in *Δfkh2*, *Δprw1*, and the *Δfkh2Δprw1* double  
314 mutant (**Figure 4D**). There is no increase in severity of the spreading defect in the *Δfkh2Δprw1* double  
315 mutant relative to the two single mutations, although further decreases in H3K9me2 should have been  
316 detectable (see euchromatic target *mtd1*, **Figure 4D**). This further supports that Fkh2 and Prw1 act  
317 together to promote spreading. However, consistent with the flow data, we did not observe strong

318 H3K9me2 reductions at the nucleation “green” reporter (**Figure 4D**), which is embedded in the *cenH*  
319 nucleation element, except for a mild reduction in *Δfkh2*. We obtained a similar result at the related  
320 pericentromeric *dh* and *dg* nucleation elements (**Figure 4 Supplement 1D**). We also find defects in  
321 H3K9me2 spreading in Clr6 1" subunit mutants at loci in addition to *MAT*. In particular, we observed  
322 reduced H3K9me2 accumulation at subtelomeric targets in chromosomes I and II in *Δprw1* and *fkh2*,  
323 with a stronger effect in *Δprw1* (**Figure 1E**). At the facultative heterochromatin islands *mei4*, *ssm4*, and  
324 *mcp7*, *Δfkh2*, *Δprw1*, and *Δfkh2Δprw1* have similar effects as at subtelomeres (**Figure 4F**).

325 The *Δpng3* has a moderate to mild phenotype in *WT-MAT* and *MAT ΔREIII*, respectively (**Figure**  
326 **4 Supplement 1A,B**). Consistent with this phenotype, we can observe a small change in H3K9me2  
327 accumulation only distal to the “orange” reporter (**Figure 4D**) and a moderate effect at all  
328 heterochromatin islands tested (**Figure 4F**), suggesting that Png3 plays a less prominent role than Fkh2  
329 within Clr6 I". These results evidence a defect of heterochromatin assembly in Clr6 I" subunit mutants  
330 primarily at distal, but not nucleation sites, such as *cenH* or *REIII*, indicating a surprising  
331 heterochromatin-spreading specific role of Clr6 I".

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### 333 **Discussion**

334 The formation of a heterochromatin domain requires three interconnected steps, nucleation,  
335 assembly of silencing structures, and the lateral spreading from DNA-sequence driven nucleation sites.  
336 While the nucleation reaction has been well described, it has not been fully resolved which parts of the  
337 genetic circuitry discovered to date are required for spreading. Prior studies on spreading have focused  
338 primarily on factors that restrain heterochromatin formation across boundaries, which include Leo1,  
339 Mst2, Epe1, Bdf2, among others (Ayoub et al. 2003; Wang et al. 2013; Verrier et al. 2015; Wang et al.  
340 2015). Here, our ability to separate requirements for nucleation and distal spreading within

341 heterochromatin domains allowed us to pinpoint which factors are necessary to enable the spreading  
342 reaction and factors that constrain it genome-wide. A key finding from this work is the requirement of  
343 variants of the Clr6 HDAC complex specifically in the spreading reaction, in addition to the antagonism  
344 by a broad class of chromatin remodelers, including Ino80, Swr1C, SWI/SNF and RSC (**Figure 3**).

345 HDACs have long been implicated in heterochromatin function generally, and here we were able  
346 to distinguish which major HDACs regulate heterochromatin broadly, versus spreading specifically. The  
347 Clr3 HDAC and associated SHREC complex is required for silencing, likely via its ability to repress  
348 nucleosome turnover (Aygun et al. 2013), maintain nucleosome occupancy (Sugiyama et al. 2007;  
349 Garcia et al. 2010), and remove H3K14 acetylation known to antagonize heterochromatin assembly  
350 (Wirén et al. 2005). We find that SHREC mutants completely lose heterochromatic silencing (**Figure**  
351 **1C-F, K**). Similarly, the Sir2 HDAC is broadly implicated in heterochromatin nucleation and assembly  
352 (Shankaranarayana et al. 2003; Alper et al. 2013), and we also observe near-complete silencing loss in  
353 *Δsir2* (**Figure 1 Supplement 2**). Clr6 complexes have been implicated in suppression of antisense  
354 transcription globally, particularly complex II/Rpd3S (Nicolas et al. 2007; Yamane et al. 2011) and the  
355 maintenance of heterochromatic gene silencing at major constitutive sites (Grewal et al. 1998), via the  
356 recruitment by HP1/Swi6 (Fischer et al. 2009). Remarkably, we find here that particular Clr6  
357 subcomplexes are specifically required for distal spreading within constitutive heterochromatin and  
358 heterochromatin islands (**Figure 3,4**). Clr6 sub-complex activity is only marginally required for  
359 maintaining repression at nucleation-proximal sites. This is consistent with the finding that the *clr6-1*  
360 allele has only small impacts on transcription of the *cenH* nucleator-encoded ncRNAs (Yamane et al.  
361 2011). We find the recently characterized Fkh2-associated complex I" (Zilio et al. 2014) to be a central  
362 player in promoting distal spread (**Figure 3,4**). This complex contains the core of complex I, Nts1,  
363 Png3, Mug165 and associates with Fkh2. Not all these subunits contributed equally to regulating

364 spreading in all chromatin contexts, with Fkh2 having the strongest effect (**Figure 3, 4, Figure 3**  
365 **Supplement 3 and Figure 4 Supplement 1**). The double mutant analysis indicates that Fkh2 and Prw1  
366 act together in promoting spreading (**Figure 4C**), which can be inferred from non-additive phenotype in  
367 *MAT* *ΔREIII*. The mutants are also non-additive with respect to silencing in *WT MAT*, however *Δprw1*  
368 and *Δfkh2Δprw1* phenotypes are weaker than *Δfkh2*. This type of behavior, i.e. the partial suppression of  
369 phenotype by additional deletion of complex components, has been observed for silencing defects of  
370 protein complexes (Barrales et al. 2016). In addition to Clr6 I", the Alp13 and Cph1 subunits, which are  
371 assigned to the separate complex II/Rpd3S (Nicolas et al. 2007) associated with global deacetylation,  
372 also had positive impacts on spreading. This may indicate that (1) the composition of different Clr6  
373 subcomplexes *in vivo* is either dynamic, or (2) a version of Rpd3S, jointly with a complex typified by  
374 Fkh2, cooperate in promoting distal spreading of heterochromatin. Interestingly, the Set3-submodule  
375 that typifies the Rpd3L-Expanded complex (Shevchenko et al. 2008), has a distinct spreading-  
376 antagonizing behavior (**Figure 3C**). This contrasts with a mild positive role of the Set3 complex at  
377 pericentromeres, which was proposed to be mediated indirectly, via transcriptional regulation of ClrC  
378 H3K9 methylase complex genes (Yu et al. 2016).

379 We do not believe that the spreading-specific role of Clr6 complexes at the *MAT* locus is  
380 mediated primarily by Asf/HIRA (Yamane et al. 2011), since Asf/HIRA subunits Hip1, Hip3 and Slm9  
381 have mild to no phenotype for spreading in *MAT* contexts. Asf/HIRA mutant phenotypes were more  
382 pronounced in *ECT*, which implies less reliance on Clr6 for spreading in *ECT* (**Figure 2**). The  
383 spreading-specific role of specific Clr6 complexes may be encoded by their recruitment mechanisms.  
384 HP1/Swi6, which recruits Clr6 (Fischer et al. 2009), is a known spreading regulator (Hall et al. 2002;  
385 Canzio et al. 2011). Further, the Fkh2 transcription factor, which plays roles in origin coordination and  
386 clustering in budding yeast (Knott et al. 2012), may play a key role in either directing Clr6 to distal sites

387 or ensuring continued association through the spreading process, which would explain its dominant roles  
388 versus Png3 and other Clr6 I" subcomplex-specific subunits (**Figure 4, Figure 4 Supplement 1**). The  
389 precise role of Fkh2 will be the subject of further study.

390 Chromatin remodelers across several classes antagonize spreading. While Ino80 and Swr1C  
391 have been linked to heterochromatin containment by specific mechanisms in budding yeast either by  
392 H2A.Z exchange or preventing the invasion of euchromatin (Meneghini et al. 2003; Xue et al. 2015),  
393 our results appear to indicate a more widespread effect of remodeling activities on spreading. This is  
394 because in addition to Ino80 and Swr1C, the major remodeling complexes RSC and SWI/SNF also  
395 contributed to spreading antagonism. A more general way remodelers have been implicated in  
396 heterochromatin function is creating nucleosome free regions (NFRs, (Lorch and Kornberg 2017)) that  
397 antagonize heterochromatin. Since NFRs may be roadblocks to spreading (Garcia et al. 2010;  
398 Lantermann et al. 2010), it is possible that remodelers employ this mechanism to restrain  
399 heterochromatin spreading globally. In addition, remodelers such as SWI/SNF and RSC destabilize  
400 nucleosomes generally (Narlikar et al. 2001; Rowe and Narlikar 2010), leading to increased turnover  
401 (Rawal et al. 2018), which would antagonize heterochromatin formation. This increased turnover may  
402 be tolerated at ncRNA nucleation sites, where it is at near euchromatic levels (Greenstein et al. 2018),  
403 likely due to ncRNA transcription (Volpe et al. 2002; Noma et al. 2004). This would indicate that  
404 regulation of nucleosome stability has a particular significance at distal, but not nucleation sites.

405 Further, we found that related ncRNA nucleators in different chromatin environments require  
406 distinct factors for spreading. Similarly, spreading from qualitatively different nucleators within the  
407 same environment, namely *REIII* and *cenH*, also differ in their sensitivity to different mutants. The  
408 significant overlap in factors between *WT MAT* and *MAT ΔREIII* indicates that heterochromatin  
409 formation at MAT is dominated by the ncRNA nucleator *cenH*, in agreement with our previous findings

410 (Greenstein et al. 2018). The *REIII* element, which nucleates heterochromatin independent of ncRNA  
411 (Jia et al. 2004), had different requirements. ncRNA-independent spreading is strongly antagonized by  
412 the Epe1 pathway, and uniquely promoted by the MTOR pathway Gad8 kinase, partially consistent with  
413 a previous report implicating Gad8 for MAT silencing (Cohen et al. 2018). The biggest difference was  
414 between the MAT contexts and *ECT*. Some of the factors unique to *ECT* have been implicated in  
415 inhibiting spreading across boundaries, such as Leo1 (Verrier et al. 2015), or heterochromatin stability  
416 and spreading generally, such as HIRA (Yamane et al. 2011). However, these factors do not  
417 significantly contribute to spreading within constitutive heterochromatin. The significant vulnerability of  
418 *ECT*, compared to the similarly behaving *MAT ΔREIII* context, could be accounted by the following  
419 possibilities: (1) The loss of Epe1 may impair RNAi specifically at *ECT*, nucleated by a pericentromeric  
420 *dh* nucleator, but not *MAT ΔREIII*, which relies on the *dh*-homologous *cenH* nucleator (Trewick et al.  
421 2007; Braun et al. 2011). (2) Alternatively, this Epe1-dependence may indicate that a naïve euchromatic  
422 context is less able to compete for heterochromatin factors. *Δepe1* is known to induce heterochromatin  
423 domain expansion at constitutive heterochromatin sites (Ayoub et al. 2003; Trewick et al. 2007; Braun  
424 et al. 2011; Wang et al. 2015) and also heterochromatin islands (Zofall et al. 2012; Wang et al. 2015;  
425 Greenstein et al. 2019), likely depleting factors available for *ECT*. This alternative would hold important  
426 implications for heterochromatin formation in euchromatic contexts, which occurs throughout  
427 differentiation in animal and plant systems (Ringrose and Paro 2007; Schmitz and Amasino 2007; Zyllicz  
428 et al. 2018). Of note, only the *ECT* context appeared to strongly require Hip1, and moderately Slm9, for  
429 efficient spreading, which code for a key subunits of the HIRA H3/H4 chaperone. HIRA has been  
430 implicated in stabilizing heterochromatic nucleosomes (Yamane et al. 2011) and it is possible this  
431 requirement additionally highlights the challenge faced by heterochromatic domains expanding within  
432 gene-rich chromatin, known to destabilize nucleosomes via transcription-associated processes.

433 In this work, we defined how regulation of heterochromatin silencing and nucleation differ in  
434 fundamental ways from distal spreading. While similar nucleation elements likely rely on a common set  
435 of machinery, the success of heterochromatin spreading appears much more sensitive to the chromatin  
436 context, particularly if euchromatic regions are targeted for *de novo* silencing. This finding has  
437 important implications for directing gene silencing of new loci appropriately, as cells change states in  
438 differentiation. In these situations, regions that are previously in a transcriptionally active state are  
439 invaded by heterochromatin and will have to compete for factors in a dosage limited system (Eissenberg  
440 et al. 1992; Nakayama et al. 2000).

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458 **Materials & Methods**

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460 **Strains and strain construction**

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462 Mutant Generation for Genetic Screen

463 For the ectopic locus HSS reporter strain, the screen was performed essentially as described (Greenstein  
464 et al. 2019). Briefly, the parent HSS reporter strain was crossed to a ~400 gene deletion mini-library (see  
465 table 1) primarily consisting of subset of the Bioneer haploid deletion and several independently  
466 validated mutants. Crosses were performed as described (Verrier et al. 2015; Barrales et al. 2016;  
467 Greenstein et al. 2019) using a RoToR HDA colony pinning robot (Singer) for ECT while for the MAT  
468 HSS reporter strains, crosses were generated using a 96 well manual pinner. In addition, for the MAT  
469 HSS strains three  $\Delta$ clr4 mutant isolates and six individual parent isolates from each genomic context  
470 were included as controls. Crosses for the MAT HSS strains were performed on ME media for 3d at  
471 27°C, while for the ectopic HSS strain crosses were performed using SPAS media for 4d at room  
472 temperature. For all strains, crosses were incubated for 4-5d at 42°C to retain spores, while removing  
473 unmated haploid and diploid cells. For MAT HSS strains, spores were germinated on YES medium  
474 supplemented with G418 and hygromycin B. The ectopic locus HSS spores were germinated on YES  
475 medium supplemented with G418, hygromycin B, and nourseothricin. The resulting colonies were  
476 pinned into YES liquid medium for overnight growth and then prepared for flow cytometry as described  
477 below.

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479 Validation Strain and Plasmid Construction

480 Plasmid constructs for gene knockout validation were generated by *in vivo* recombination as described  
481 (Greenstein et al. 2018; Greenstein et al. 2019). *S. pombe* transformants were selected as described  
482 (Greenstein et al. 2018). For microscopy, *hygMX* super-folder GFP (SFGFP) constructs for C-terminal  
483 tagging that we described previously (Al-Sady 2016) were amplified with 175bp ultramer primers with  
484 homology to *apm3* or *apl5* and transformed into a *Swi6:E2C kanMX* strain. *Apm3:SFGFP;Swi6:E2C*  
485 and *Apl5:SFGFP;Swi6:E2C* strains were selected on hygromycin B and G418. Integrations and gene  
486 knockout were confirmed by PCR.

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488 All strains used for this study beyond the individual deletion library mutants are listed in Table 2.

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490 **Flow Cytometry**

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492 Flow cytometry data collection and normalization for genetic screen

493 In preparation for flow cytometry, overnight cultures were diluted to OD = 0.1 (approximately a 1:40  
494 dilution) in rich media (YES) and incubated at 32°C with shaking of rpm for 4–6 hours. For the ectopic  
495 locus HSS strains, flow cytometry was performed essentially as described (Greenstein et al. 2018;  
496 Greenstein et al. 2019). For the MAT locus HSS strains, flow cytometry was performed using a Fortessa  
497 X20 Dual instrument (Becton Dickinson) attached with high throughput sampler (HTS) module. With a  
498 threshold of 30,000 events, samples sizes ranged from ~1000 to 30,000 cells depending on strain  
499 growth. Fluorescence detection and compensation, and data analysis were as described (Al-Sady et al.  
500 2016; Greenstein et al. 2018; Greenstein et al. 2019). The R scripts for the screen analysis is included as  
501 a text file.

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503 Flow cytometry data collection and normalization for validation

504 For validation flow cytometry experiments, cells were grown as described (Greenstein et al. 2018;  
505 Greenstein et al. 2019) with the exception that cells were diluted into YES medium and grown 5-8 hours  
506 before measurement. Flow cytometry was performed as above. Depending on strain growth and the  
507 volume collected per experiment, fluorescence values were measured for ~20,000-100,000 cells per  
508 replicate. Fluorescence detection, compensation, and data analysis were as described (Al-Sady et al.  
509 2016; Greenstein et al. 2018; Greenstein et al. 2019)

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511 **2D-density histogram plots with ON and OFF boundary guidelines.**

512 2D-density histogram plots (Al-Sady et al. 2016; Greenstein et al. 2018; Greenstein et al. 2019) were  
513 generated as described previously, (see (Greenstein et al. 2018) methods for Figure 4) with the following  
514 exceptions: For MAT locus strains, the guide-lines for boundary values of “off” and “on” states were  
515 determined using median of a Red-Only control plus 3 times the median absolute deviation (MAD) and  
516 median of  $\Delta clr4$  minus 2 times the MAD value respectively. For the ECT strain, the “on” boundary  
517 guideline was calculated by median of  $\Delta clr4$  minus one MAD value. The boundary guideline for the  
518 ECT “off” state was determined by adjusting the raw red-channel values for cells from of a no-color  
519 control strain analyzed on the same flow cytometry run to simulate a Red-Only control strain by adding  
520 the median value of the respective  $\Delta clr4$  strain to the red value of each cell. The resulting adjusted data  
521 was used to calculate the “off” cutoff by median +3MAD as above. Validation flow cytometry plots  
522 were generated using the ggplot2 R package (Wickham 2016).

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524 **t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE) analysis**

525 Since our data varied in sample size, we transformed normalized fluorescent data into 5x5 density grids.  
526 The percentage of population residing in each of the 25 grids is represented by one variable. Increasing  
527 the number of grids to 8x8 or 10x10 did not significantly alter results. The following input settings were  
528 used before t-SNE reduction: concatenated distributions, 1000 iterations, 60 perplexity, 0 Theta. t-SNE  
529 reduction were conducted using the Rtsne package (Krijthe 2015) and the generated t-SNE model was  
530 plotted using the R packages ggplot2 (Wickham 2016).

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532 **Earth Mover’s Distance (EMD) Analysis**

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534 EMD is a distance measure between two multi-dimensional distributions to evaluate the dissimilarity.  
535 EMD calculates the minimal amount of work to match the two equisized distribution (Rubner et al.  
536 1998) The normalized fluorescent data are transformed into a 15x15 density grid as above. To calculate  
537 the fraction of change between mutant and parent population, we calculated a metric of  $EMD^{mut/par}$  by  
538 taking the log2 transformation of the quotient of the EMD between mutant to  $\Delta clr4$  distributions  
539 ( $EMD^{mut}$ ) by the EMD between parent to  $\Delta clr4$  distributions ( $EMD^{par}$ ). For MAT HSS strains, the three  
540  $\Delta clr4$  and six parent control isolates were respectively combined and transformed into one reference  
541 population matrix. Two-dimensional EMD between any pair of distributions in Euclidean distance are  
542 calculated using functions from the R package emdist (Urbanek and Rubner 2012).

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544 We validated the 1000 cell cutoff for the EMD analysis by iteratively down-sampling parent strains,  
545 calculating the EMD value to the  $\Delta clr4$  distribution, and comparing the resulting values across  
546 iterations. For each HSS parent context, all wells containing parent isolates (N=6 for MAT locus  
547 backgrounds, N=1 for ECT) were combined into one pool from which a random sample was drawn 100  
548 times for each N = 1000, and 5000-30,000 in 5000 cell increments. For each iteration of each N number  
549 of cells, the EMD value of the down-sampled population was calculated relative to the respective  $\Delta clr4$

550 population. We calculated the mean and SD for the 100 iterations of for each N and determined that  
551 even at an N of 1000 cells in the most broadly distributed background (ECT) the SD of EMD values was  
552 <2% of the EMD value of the parent calculated from its entire distribution. Given this analysis, we  
553 conclude that while the EMD values for wells with lower cell counts will likely have higher error than  
554 those with more cells, this error is not likely to have major effects on the calculated metric.  
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556 EMD<sup>mut/par</sup> data were plotted in a heatmap using functions from the R package superheat (Barter and Yu  
557 2018). Any values < -2 were converted to -2 and interpreted as such for the heatmap.  
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## 559 Correlation Analysis

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561 The correlation between the EMD<sup>mut/par</sup> data of different pairs of genomic contexts were calculated using  
562 a linear regression model. Sir2, ClrC and SHREC are essential heterochromatin assembly factor, and  
563 their mutants have very low EMD<sup>mut/par</sup>. These mutants were disregarded from the model fitting because  
564 they would drive the correlation. Pearson correlation coefficients and 95% confidence interval were  
565 calculated using ggscatter functions from R package ggplot2 (Wickham 2016) and ggpunbr (Kassambara  
566 2020).

## 567 Spreading Analysis

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569 Nucleated cells were extracted using a “green”-off gate, using median of a “red”-Only control plus 2  
570 times the SD. Enrichment of cell populations in particular “orange” fluorescence ranges (Grid<sub>n</sub>) are  
571 calculated as Grid<sub>n</sub><sup>mut/par</sup>: fraction of mutant population is divided by the fraction of parent population in  
572 one grid. The intervals of “orange” fluorescence used in grids are determined by: median+2SD of  
573 “orange”-OFF cells, median-1SD of “orange”-ON cells and the median of the two. To evaluate gain of  
574 spreading phenotype, enrichment in Grid 1 in *WT MAT*, *MAT ΔREIII* and *ECT* were calculated. To  
575 evaluate loss of spreading phenotype, enrichment in Grid 3 and 4 in *WT MAT* and *MAT ΔcenH*, as well  
576 as Grid 4 in *MAT ΔREIII* and *ECT* were calculated. The distribution of the Grid<sub>n</sub><sup>mut/par</sup> were plotted as  
577 histogram with annotation of 85<sup>th</sup> percentile and median+2SD from parent isolates. Gene hit lists  
578 comprised mutations above median and 2SD within the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile. Upset plots were generated using  
579 the R package UpSetR (Conway et al. 2017). Barplots were plotted using the R packages ggplot2  
580 (Wickham 2016).  
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## 582 GO Complex and Sub-Complex analysis

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### 584 generating the heatmap count data

585 GO Complexes – Based on the GO Complex annotations [link] (2019) retrieved from pombase (Lock et  
586 al. 2018), GO complex membership was determined for genes identified as hits for each strain  
587 background and hit category (gain/loss). Using functions from the R package dplyr (Wickham et al.  
588 2020), gene names were converted to systematic ID numbers and these systematic IDs were queried  
589 against the GO complex annotation table. The number of times a GO complex appeared per background  
590 and hit category was tabulated. Genes can be associated with any number of GO complexes depending  
591 on their annotations. However, any particular gene was only counted once per GO complex despite  
592 potentially being annotated to that GO complex by more than one evidence code. The unique list of GO  
593 complexes for all hits was determined and a matrix was computed representing the number of times each  
594

595 GO complex (row) was identified per strain/hit category (column). This counts matrix was used to  
596 generate the GO complex heatmap in Figure 3A, described below.  
597 Sub-complex analysis – Genes annotated to the seven complexes in Figure 3B,C were obtained from  
598 pombase (Lock et al. 2018). *fkh2* was added to the Clr6 I" complex given the protein contacts described  
599 previously (Zilio et al. 2014). For the unique set of genes per panel it was determined if each gene was  
600 identified as a hit in each strain background/hit category combination. The data was summarized in a  
601 counts matrix where rows represent the unique list of genes per panel and columns represent the strain  
602 background / hit category. The counts matrix for each set of genes was used to generate the heatmaps in  
603 Figure 3B, C as described below.

604  
605 generating the heatmap clustering

606 Using the R package ComplexHeatmap (Gu et al. 2016), both row and column dendrogram and  
607 clustering were generated using hierarchical clustering. Based on an optimal Silhouette score, the strain  
608 background / hit category (columns) were clustered into 3 (Figure 3A). The dendrogram representing  
609 complexes (Figure 3A) in rows were not separated because validations of the clustering by connectivity,  
610 Dunn index or Silhouette score were inconclusive. Clustering validations were conducted using the R  
611 package clValid (Brock et al. 2008).

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613 **Chromatin Immunoprecipitation and Quantification**

614 Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP) was performed essentially as described (Greenstein et al. 2018;  
615 Greenstein et al. 2019) Bulk populations of cells for were grown overnight to saturation in YES  
616 medium. The following morning, cultures were diluted to OD 0.1 in 25mL YES and grown for 8h at  
617 32°C and 225rpm. Based on OD measurements, 60x10<sup>6</sup> cells were fixed and processed for ChIP as  
618 previously described (Greenstein et al. 2018) without the addition of W303 carrier. Cleared chromatin  
619 for each ChIP sample was incubated with 1µL of anti-H3K9me2 antibody (Abcam, ab1220) overnight  
620 after a small fraction was retained as Input/WCE. DNAs were quantified by RT-qPCR and percent  
621 immunoprecipitation (%IP, ChIP DNA/Input DNA\*100) was calculated as described (Greenstein et al.  
622 2018). Data for %IP was plotted using the R packages ggplot2 (Wickham 2016) and dplyr (Wickham et  
623 al. 2020).

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625 **Microscopy**

626 Swi6:E2C; Apl5:SFGFP and Swi6:E2C; Apm3:SFGFP cells were grown in YS media as described.  
627 Slides (ibidi, Cat. No. 80606) were pre-coated with 100 mg/mL lectin (Sigma-Aldrich, Cat. No. L1395)  
628 diluted in water by adding lectin solution to slide for 1 min. and removing supernatant. Log-phase  
629 growing cells were applied to the slide and excess cells were rinsed off with YS. Cells were immediately  
630 imaged with a 60x objective (CFI Plan Apochromat VC 60XC WI) on a Nikon TI-E equipped with a  
631 spinning-disk confocal head (CSU10, Yokogawa) and an EM-CCD camera (Hammamatsu). Cells were  
632 imaged in brightfield and additionally excited with 488nm (SFGFP) and 561nm (E2C) lasers. Emission  
633 was collected using a 510/50 band-pass filter for GFP emission and a 600/50 band-pass filter for E2C  
634 emission. For the SFGFP and E2C channels, z-stacks were obtained at 0.3µm/slice for 11 slices total.  
635 An overlay of the maximum z-projections for SFGFP and E2C channels are shown separately from the  
636 brightfield images. Brightness and contrast were adjusted in ImageJ to clearly show both Swi6 and  
637 Apl5/Apm5 signals in the overlay. At least 2 isolates were imaged to confirm localization patterns.  
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641 **Data Availability**

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643 Screen flow cytometry data and analysis scripts will be made available upon publication of the  
644 manuscript.

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847 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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849 **Figure 1: A genetic screen based on a suite of fluorescent reporters identifies context-  
850 dependent positive and negative regulators of heterochromatin function.**

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852 **A.** TOP: Overview of heterochromatin spreading sensor (HSS, Greenstein 2018). Three  
853 transcriptionally encoded fluorescent protein genes are integrated in the genome. *SFGFP* ("green")  
854 proximal to the nucleation site allows identification of heterochromatin nucleation; *mKO2* ("orange")  
855 distal to the nucleation site allows identification of heterochromatin spreading. *3xE2C* ("red") in a  
856 euchromatin region normalizes cell-to-cell noise. BOTTOM: The endogenous mating type locus (*MAT*)  
857 and ectopically heterochromatic *ura4* locus (Greenstein 2018) were examined with the HSS in the  
858 screen. *Bona fide* mutations of the nucleators, *cenH* and *REIII*, in *MAT* were made to limit nucleation to  
859 occur from one site.

860 **B.** Overview of data processing for t-SNE. The multidimensional fluorescence data is linearized before  
861 subjection to t-SNE. Two-dimensional "orange"/"red" v. "green"/"red" density plots are broken down into  
862 25 grids in an unbiased manner, and normalized cell counts of each grid are used as parameters for  
863 each mutant in the t-SNE processing. The 25 parameters of all mutants from all chromatin contexts  
864 were embedded into a model two-dimensional t-SNE space.

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866 **C.-F.** 2D-density hexbin plots of the wild-type parent or  $\Delta clr3$  mutant in the **(C)** *WT MAT*, **(D)** *MAT*  
867  $\Delta cenH$ , **(E)** *MAT*  $\Delta REIII$ , and **(F)** *ECT* background. Hexagonal bins are colored from light grey to black  
868 indicating low to high density of cells per bin. Blue lines indicate boundary guidelines for the fully  
869 repressed state and red lines indicate boundary guidelines values for fully expressed state (see  
870 methods for treatment of *MAT* and *ECT* strains)

871 **G-I.** t-SNE visualization of all mutants across all four chromatin contexts. Each data point represents a  
872 mutant, the fill color represents the **(G)** chromatin context of the mutant, or median **(H)** "green" or **(I)**  
873 "orange" fluorescence of the entire mutant population. In **(H)** the parent isolates of each background are  
874 depicted in individual colors indicated in the key. In **(I)**, selected mutants are shown, with the chromatin  
875 contexts highlighted with the same colors as (C-F). An enlarged region to highlight the  $\Delta clr3$  mutants is  
876 shown to the right.

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878 **J.** To linearize the multidimensional fluorescence data, the earth mover's distance (EMD) between each  
879 mutant and a  $\Delta clr4$  mutant is calculated.  $EMD^{mut/par}$  is computed by dividing each mutant EMD ( $EMD^{mut}$ )  
880 by the respective parent EMD ( $EMD^{par}$ ) and transforming the quotient by log2.

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882 **K.** Heatmaps depicting  $EMD^{mut/par}$  of indicated mutants in each chromatin context. Any values  $<-2$  were  
883 converted to -2 and interpreted as such. Crossed-out boxes indicate mutants excluded from the  
884 analysis due to growth defect or low sample size.

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886 **Figure 2: Identification of heterochromatin spreading regulators in different chromatin contexts.**

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888 **A.** Overview of the spreading-specific analysis with mock distributions of cells and grids indicated. To  
889 segregate spreading from nucleation or silencing phenotypes, "green"-off populations (successful  
890 nucleation events) are isolated. Within these populations, enrichment of cell populations in particular  
891 "orange" fluorescence ranges ( $Grid_n$ ) are calculated as  $Grid_n^{mut/par}$ . E.g. to identify loss of spreading  
892 mutants in *WT MAT*,  $Grid_{3+4}^{mut/par}$  is calculated as percentage of mutant population divided by  
893 percentage of parent population in  $Grid_{3+4}$  (green, blue). The Grids used for analysis of gain and loss of

894 spreading in the four chromatin contexts are indicated. Grid<sub>3+4</sub> was used for *WT MAT* and *MAT ΔcenH*,  
895 given the highly repressed nature of this chromatin context.  
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897 **B.-C.** Upset plots indicating the frequency of (**B**) Loss of Spreading, or (**C**) Gain of Spreading gene hits  
898 appearing in one or multiple chromatin contexts. For each bar, the chromatin context(s) with shared  
899 phenotypes for the underlying gene hits is indicated below the plot. The inset indicates the total number  
900 gene hits in each chromatin context of the same phenotype.

901 **D.-G.** Bar graphs representing the Grid<sub>n</sub><sup>mut/par</sup> and number of chromatin context(s) of gene hits with Loss  
902 of Spreading phenotype from (**D**) *WT MAT*, (**E**) *MAT ΔcenH*, (**F**) *MAT ΔREIII* and (**G**) *ECT* respectively.  
903 The genes are ranked in descending order of Grid<sub>n</sub><sup>mut/par</sup> and the color of each bar represents the  
904 number of backgrounds the mutant show the same phenotype.  
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906 **H.-I.** 2D-density hexbin plots of the top two loss of spreading gene hits for all 4 chromatin contexts, (**H**)  
907 *WT MAT*, (**I**) *MAT ΔcenH*, (**J**) *MAT ΔREIII*, and (**K**) *ECT*. Plotting as in Figure 1, C-F. For wild-type  
908 comparison, see Figure 1 C-F.  
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911 **Figure 3: Heterochromatin spreading is regulated by sets of unique and common protein**  
912 **complexes across different chromatin contexts.**  
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914 **A.** Heatmap of GO complex annotations for hits in each category and strain. Rows, representing GO  
915 complexes annotated to genes within the screen that were identified as hits, are arranged via  
916 hierarchical clustering. Columns are defined by the hit category (loss of spreading – white; gain of  
917 spreading – black), and each screen chromatin context is indicated at the top. The columns were  
918 clustered by hierarchical clustering and the tree was cut to define 3 clusters.  
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920 **B.** Hit table of complex members for Swr1C, Ino80, SWI/SNF, and RSC-type complexes. Components  
921 identified as a hit in either the “gain” or “loss” category for each background are marked blue. Columns  
922 are defined and ordered as in (**A**). The proteins present in each complex are annotated at the right with  
923 the presence of color indicating membership of that protein in the complex.  
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925 **C.** Hit table of complex members for Rpd3L-Expanded, Rpd3S, and Clr6 complex I" as in (**B**). Columns  
926 are defined and ordered as in (**A**) Proteins present in each complex are annotated as in (**B**).  
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928 **Figure 4: Clr6 Complex I" regulates heterochromatin spreading at constitutive and facultative**  
929 **heterochromatin loci.**  
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931 **A.** Cartoon of Clr6 complexes (Clr6L, the Clr6LExpanded modules, Clr6 subcomplex 1", and Clr6S).  
932 Subunits not in the screen are shown in grey.  
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934 **B.** Scheme for generation of deletion mutants. Double mutant of *fkh2* and *prw1* was generated by both  
935 cross and *de novo* deletion of *prw1* in *Δfkh2*.  
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937 **C.** TOP PANELS: 2D-density hexbin plots for WT and Clr6 I" mutants in the *WT MAT* strain  
938 background. Hexagonal bins are colored from light grey to black indicating low to high density of cells  
939 per bin. A rug plot is included on the X and Y axes indicating the 1D density for each color. Rug lines  
940 are colored with partial transparency to assist with visualization of density changes. Blue lines indicate  
941 boundary guidelines for the fully repressed state and red lines indicate boundary guidelines values for  
942 fully expressed state as in Figure 1.  
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944 BOTTOM PANELS: 2D-density hexbin plots with rug as above for WT and Clr6 I" mutants in the *MAT*  
945 *ΔRE///* strain background.  
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947 **D.-F.** ChIP-qPCR quantification of H3K9me2 signal in the *MAT ΔRE///* strain at constitutive and  
948 facultative heterochromatin regions. Error bars represent 1SD from three biological replicate isolates.  
949 Individual values are plotted for each isolate. The WT data is additionally replicated in Figure 3  
950 Supplement 2 as these experiments were performed together. SD; standard deviation. Telomere 1L  
951 primer distances are from the end of the assembled genomic sequence.  
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953 **Figure 1 Supplement 1: Screen overview.**

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955 **A.** Schematic of the screen to identify genes that contribute to heterochromatin nucleation and  
956 spreading. A custom nuclear function deletion library (Table 1) was mated with four different reporter  
957 strains (*WT MAT*, *MAT ΔcenH*, *MAT ΔRE///* and *ECT*). The fluorescences of “green”, “orange” and  
958 “red” for each mutant cell within each background are recorded by flow cytometry.

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960 **Figure 1 Supplement 2: Pairwise plots depicting the comparisons of mutant EMD<sup>mut/par</sup>.**  
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962 Pairwise plots depicting the EMD<sup>mut/par</sup> comparisons of **(A)** *MAT ΔcenH* with *WT MAT*, **(B)** *MAT ΔRE///*  
963 with *WT MAT*, **(C)** *ECT* with *WT MAT*, **(D)** *MAT ΔRE///* with *MAT ΔcenH*, **(E)** *ECT* with *MAT ΔcenH* and  
964 **(F)** *ECT* with *MAT ΔRE///*. Pearson correlation coefficients ( $\rho$ ), determined without SHREC, ClrC  
965 mutants and  $\Delta$ si $r$ 2, were calculated and correlations plotted for A, B and D.  
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967 **Figure 2 Supplement 1: The distribution of Grid<sub>n</sub><sup>mut/par</sup> of all mutants in the loss or gain of**  
968 **spreading hit categories.**

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970 **A.-D.** Histograms representing the distribution of Grid<sub>n</sub><sup>mut/par</sup> of **(A)** *WT MAT*, **(B)** *MAT ΔcenH*, **(C)** *MAT*  
971 *ΔRE///* and **(D)** *ECT* in the loss of spreading hit category. The red line indicates two standard deviation  
972 above median of parent isolates. The dashed blue line indicates the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile.  
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974 **E.-G.** Histograms representing the distribution of Grid<sub>n</sub><sup>mut/par</sup> of **(E)** *WT MAT*, **(F)** *MAT ΔRE///* and **(G)**  
975 *ECT* in the gain of spreading hit category. The red line indicates two standard deviation above median  
976 of parent isolates. The dashed blue line indicates the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile.  
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978 **Figure 2 Supplement 2: Grid<sub>n</sub><sup>mut/par</sup> and overlapped chromatin contexts of identified gain of**  
979 **spreading mutants**

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981 **A.-C.** Bar graphs representing the Grid<sub>n</sub><sup>mut/par</sup> and number of overlapped chromatin context(s) of gene  
982 hits with Gain of Spreading phenotype in **(A)** *WT MAT*, **(B)** *MAT ΔRE///* and **(C)** *ECT* chromatin  
983 contexts respectively. The genes are ranked in descending order of Grid<sub>n</sub><sup>mut/par</sup> and the color of each bar  
984 represents the number of backgrounds the mutant show the same phenotype.  
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986 **D.-F.** 2D-density hexbin plots of the top two gain of spreading gene hits for all 3 chromatin contexts, **(D)**  
987 *WT MAT*, **(E)** *MAT ΔRE///*, and **(F)** *ECT*. Plotting as in Figure 1, C-F. For wild-type comparison, see  
988 Figure 1 C-F.  
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990 **Figure 3 Supplement 1: Original 2D density histograms for chromatin remodeler gain of**  
991 **spreading hits.**

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993 **A.** Chromatin remodeler gain of spreading gene hits for *MAT ΔRE///*. Original 2D density histograms for  
994 all the gain of spreading gene hits from Figure 3B are shown. **B.** Chromatin remodeler gain of  
995 spreading gene hits for *ECT*. Original 2D density histograms for all the gain of spreading gene hits from  
996 Figure 3B are shown. GO complex annotations are indicated next to each mutant. 2D density  
997 histograms as in Figure 1 C-F. Original *MAT ΔRE///* and *ECT* parents shown in Figure 1 are reproduced  
998 here again (with transparency) for comparison. Mutants within each chromatin next are shown in  
999 descending order of their  $\text{Grid}_n^{\text{mut/par}}$  values.

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1001 **Figure 3 Supplement 2: *Δapm3* has a mild heterochromatin spreading phenotype and the**  
1002 **protein is distributed in the cytosol and nucleus.**

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1004 **A.-D.** ChIP-qPCR quantification of H3K9me2 signal in the *MAT ΔRE///* strain at constitutive and  
1005 facultative heterochromatin regions in wild-type and an independently generated *Δapm3* alleles. Error  
1006 bars represent 1SD from three biological replicate isolates. Individual values are plotted for each  
1007 isolate. The WT data is additionally replicated in Figure 4 as these experiments were performed  
1008 together.

1009 **E.** Apm3:SFGFP is distributed in the cytosol and nucleus. Apm3:SFGFP was expressed from its native  
1010 locus and co-expressed with Swi6:E2C. Swi6:E2C labels nuclear heterochromatin. Z-projection  
1011 overlays of the Apm3:SFGFP and Swi6:E2C on top, and a brightfield image on the bottom.

1012 **F.** Apl5:SFGFP is largely nuclear excluded. Apl5:SFGFP was expressed from its native locus and co-  
1013 expressed with Swi6:E2C. Swi6:E2C labels nuclear heterochromatin. Z-projection overlays of the  
1014 Apl5:SFGFP and Swi6:E2C on top, and a brightfield image on the bottom.

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1016 **Figure 3 Supplement 3: Original 2D density histogram for all Clr6 complex subunit mutants in**  
1017 ***MAT ΔRE///*.**

1018 Original 2D density histograms of all Clr6 complexes gene mutants corresponding to Figure 3C in *MAT*  
1019 *ΔRE///* context. Original *MAT ΔRE///* wild type parent and *Δfkh2* and *Δprw1* mutants shown in Figures 1  
1020 and 4 are reproduced here again (with transparency) for comparison.

1021 **Figure 4 Supplement 1: The effect of Clr6 I" in the *MAT ΔcenH* background.**

1022 **A.** 2D-density hexbin plots with rug as in Figure 4C for *Δpng3* and WT control run on the same day in  
1023 the *WT MAT* strain background.

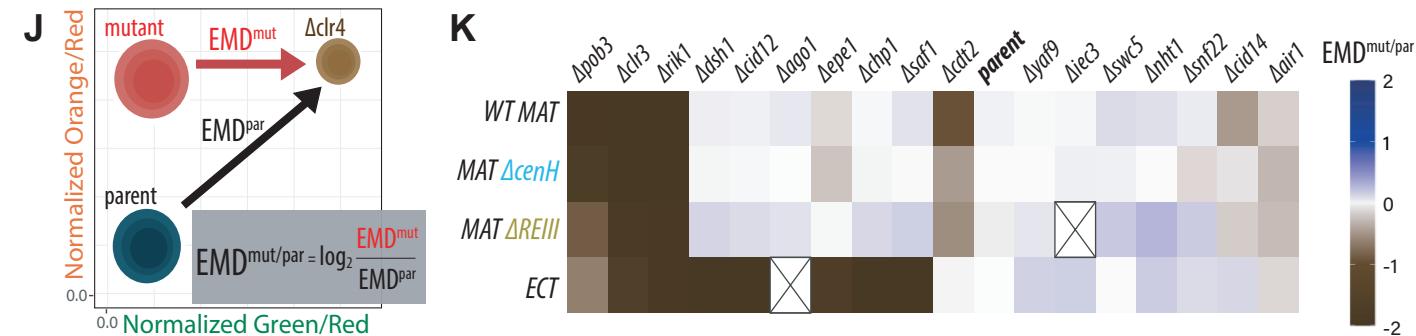
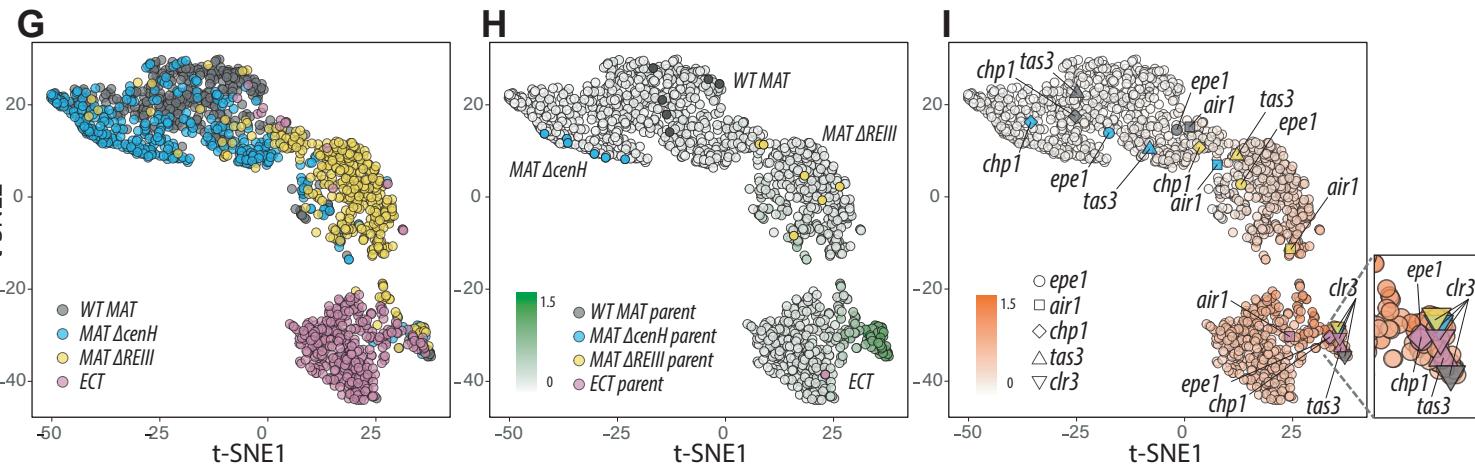
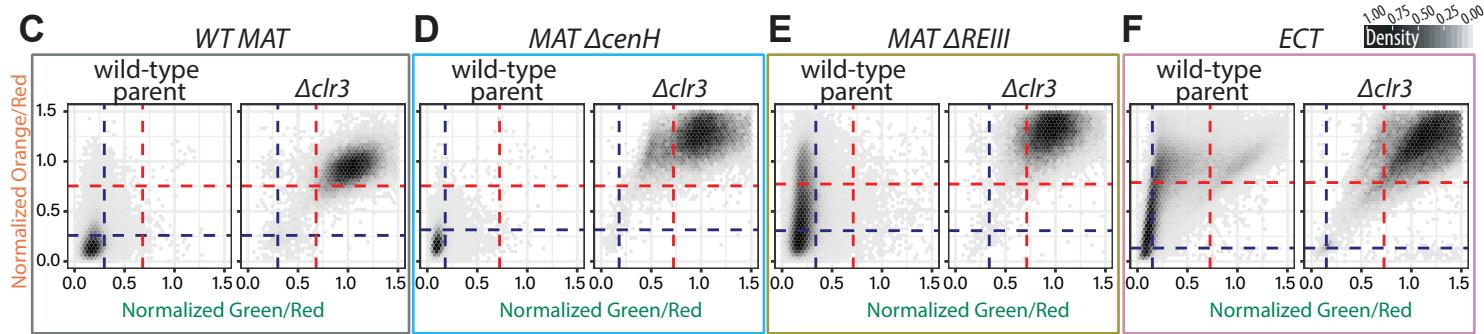
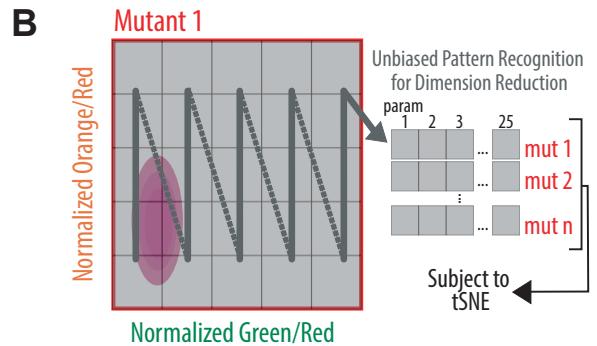
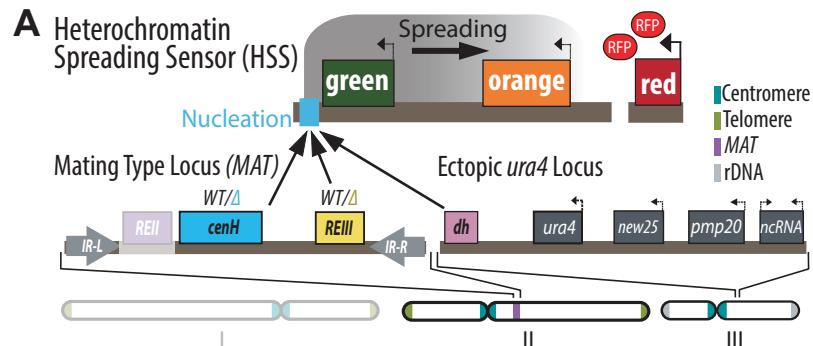
1024 **B.** 2D-density hexbin plots with rug as in Figure 4C for *Δpng3* and WT control run on the same day in  
1025 the *MATΔRE///* strain background.

1026 **C.** Scatter plot with rug for WT and Clr6 I" mutants in the *MAT ΔcenH* strain background. Cell are  
1027 plotted as individual points versus summarized in 2D density hexbin plots for increased resolution.  
1028 Points and rug lines are colored with partial transparency to assist with visualization of density changes.

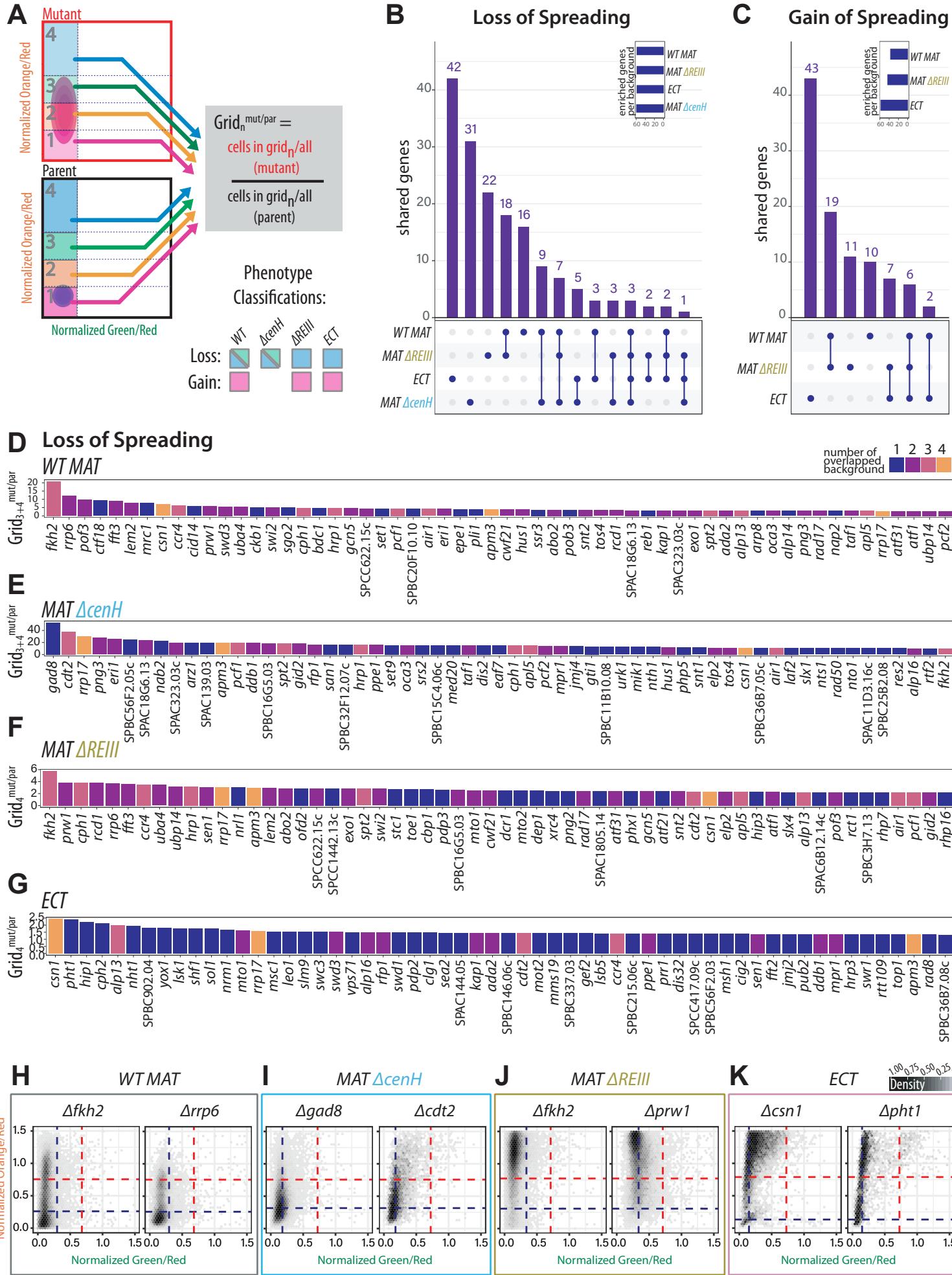
1029 **D.** ChIP-qPCR quantification of H3K9me2 signal in the *MAT ΔRE///* strain at the pericentromeric  
1030 heterochromatin region. Error bars represent 1SD from three biological replicate isolates. Individual  
1031 values are plotted for each isolate. SD; standard deviation.

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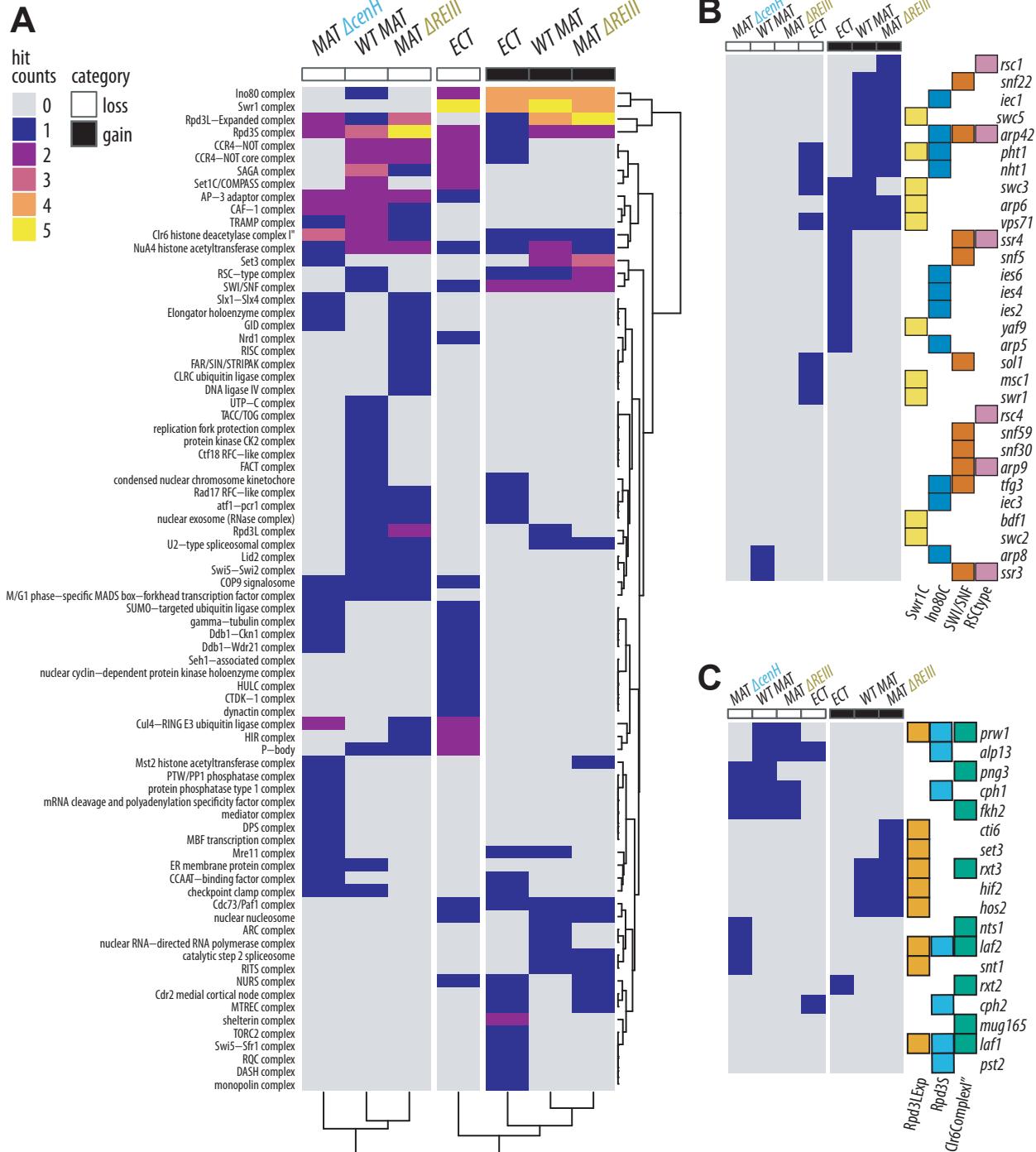
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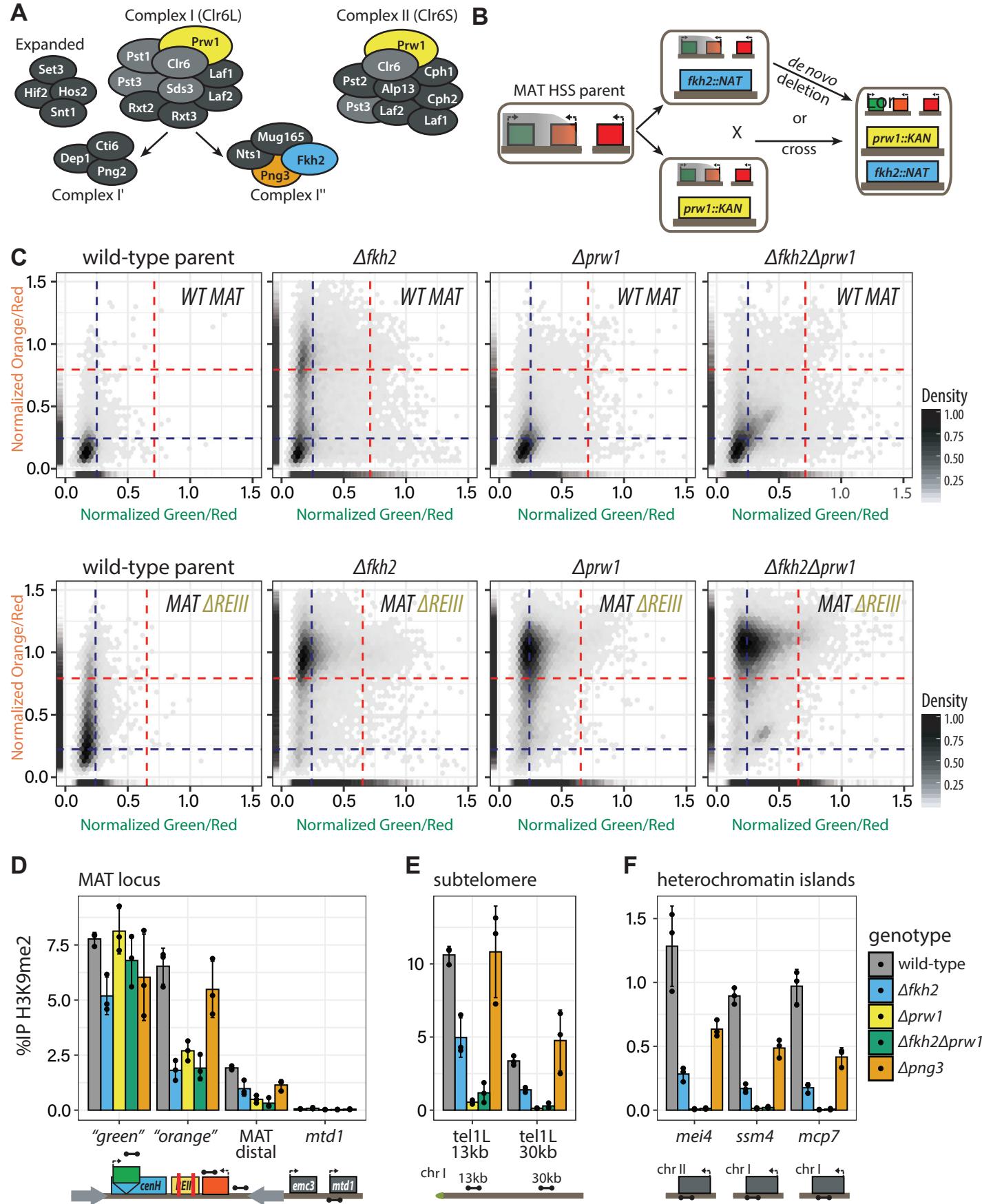
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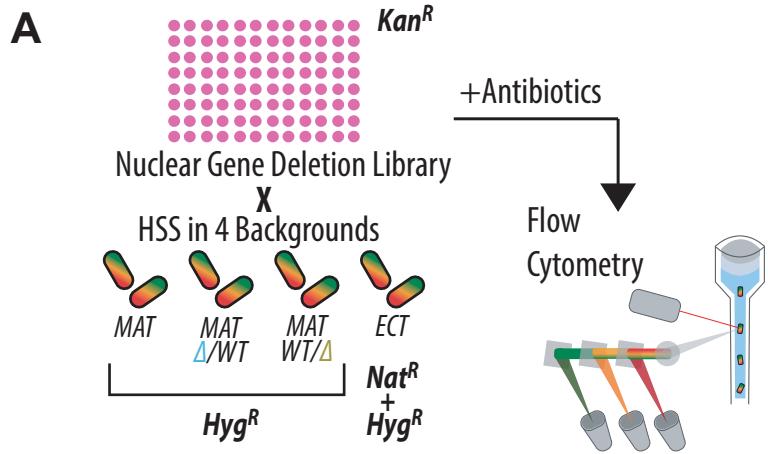
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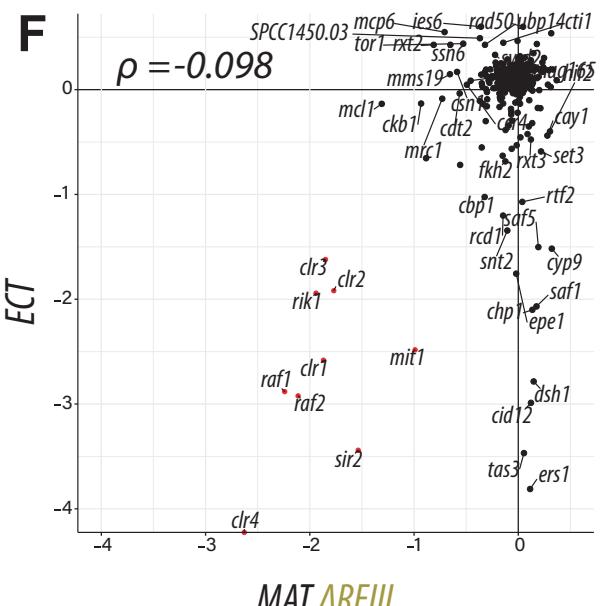
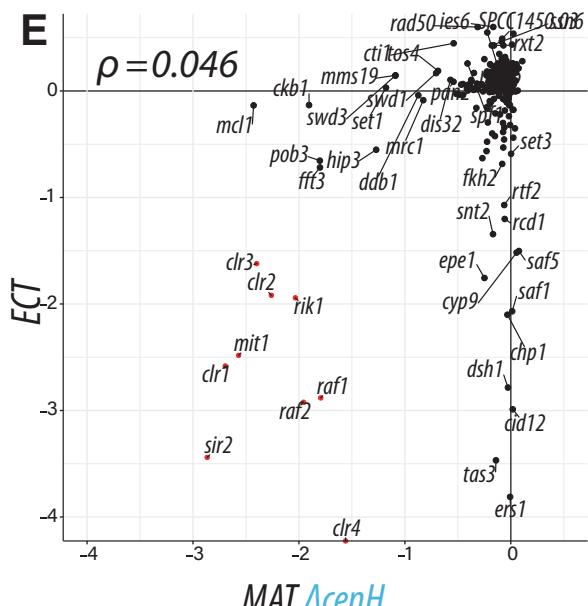
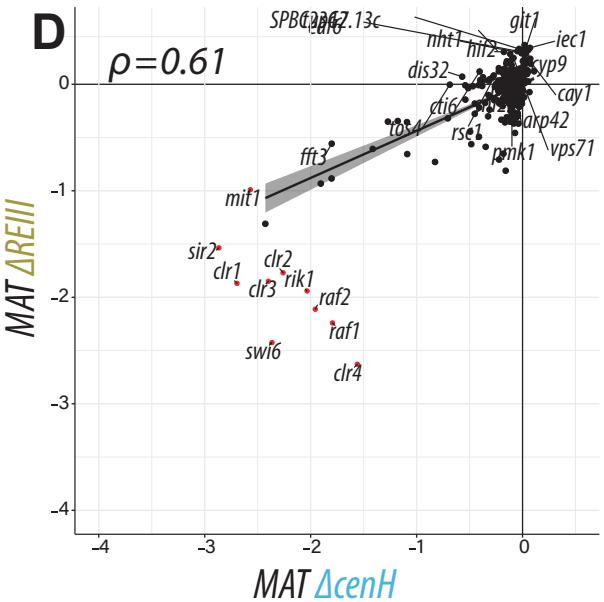
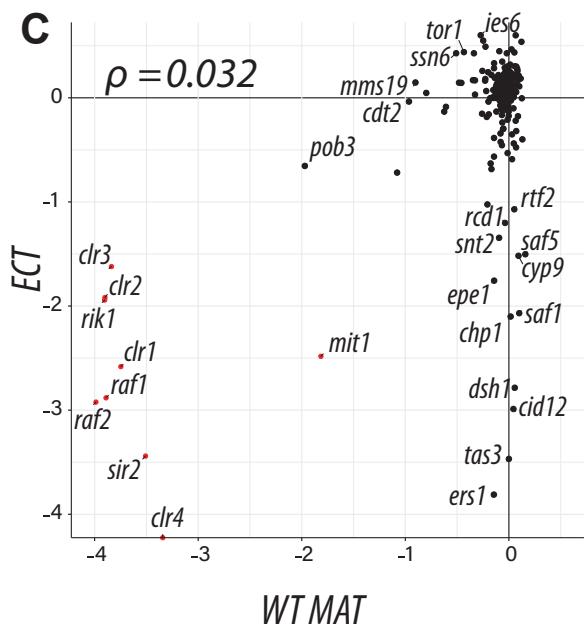
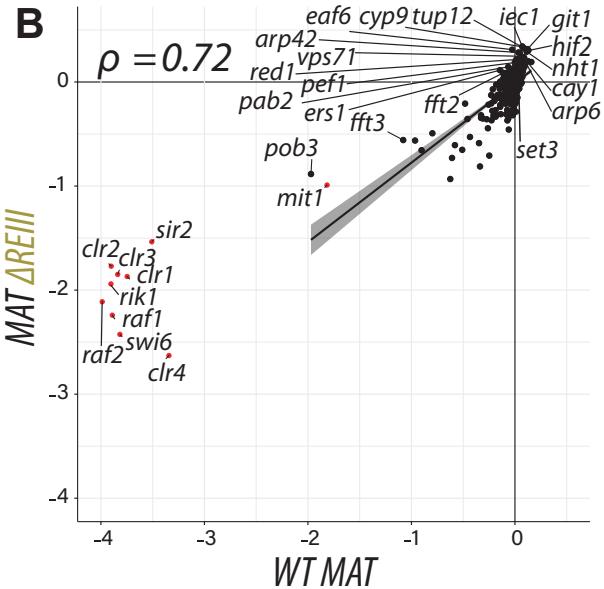
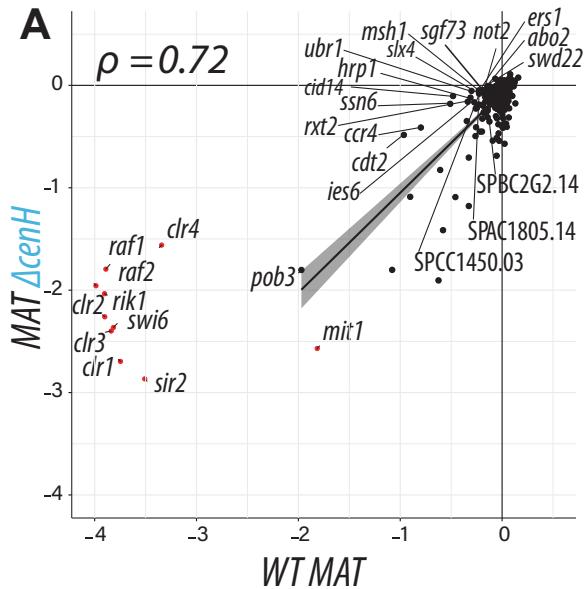
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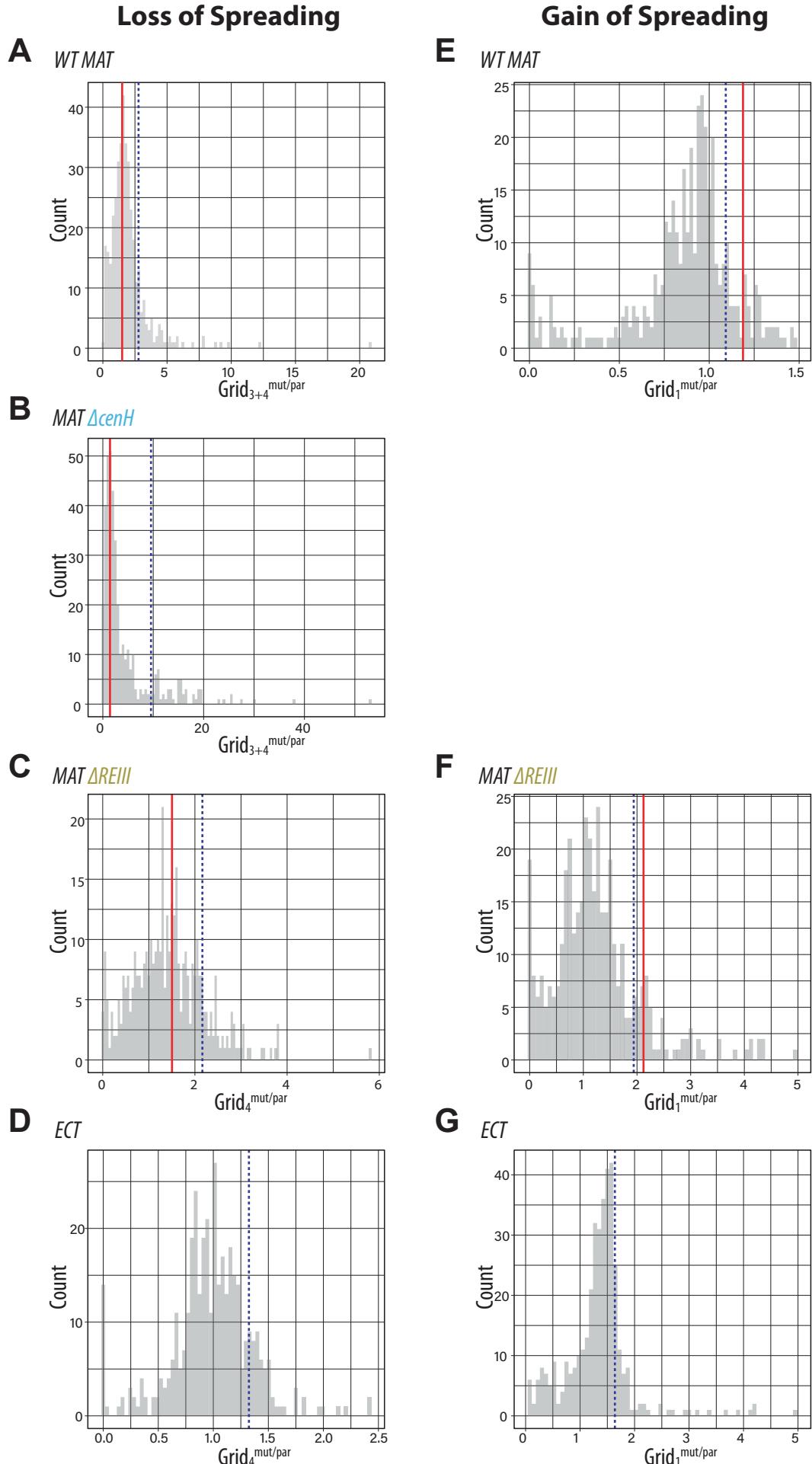
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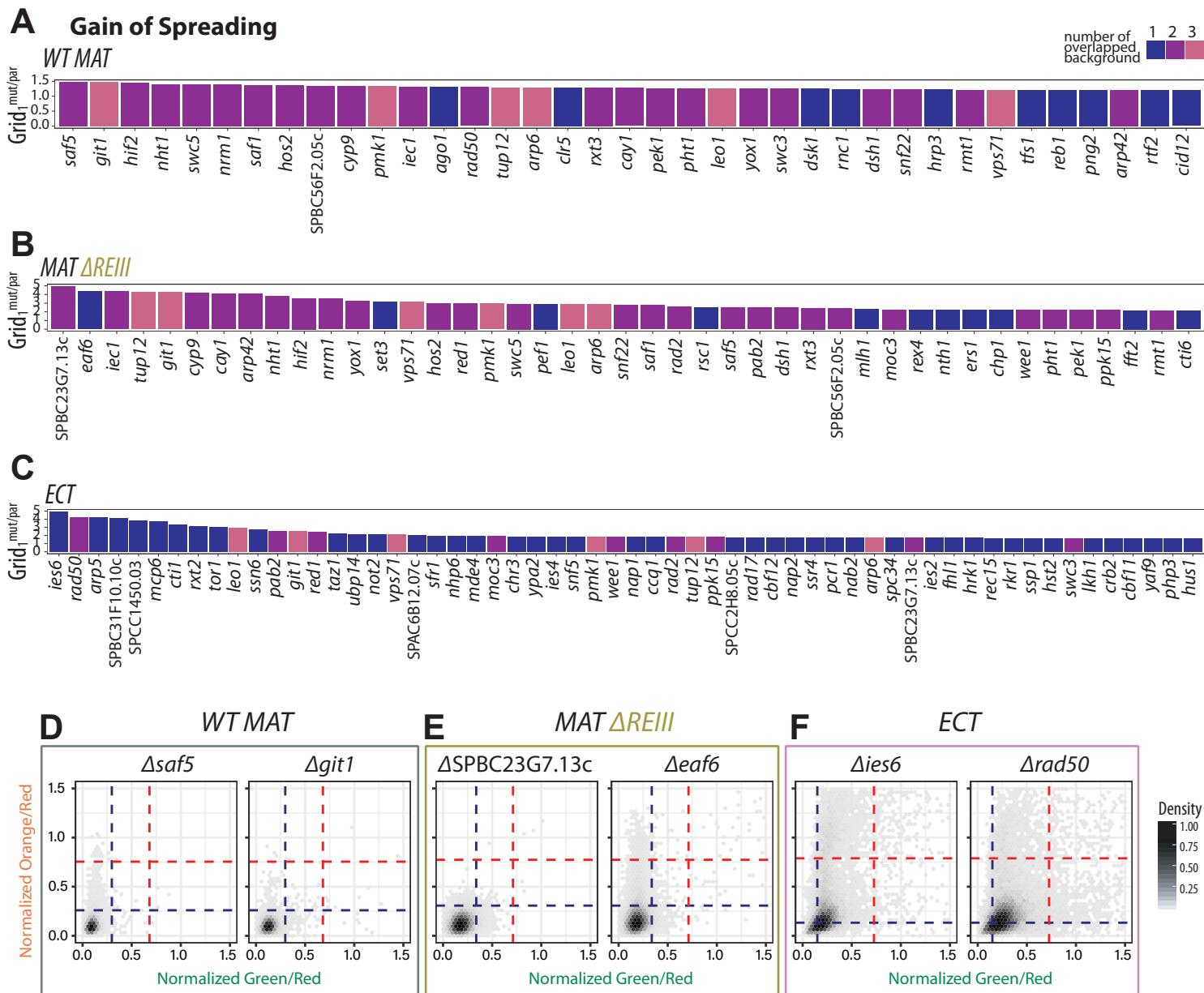
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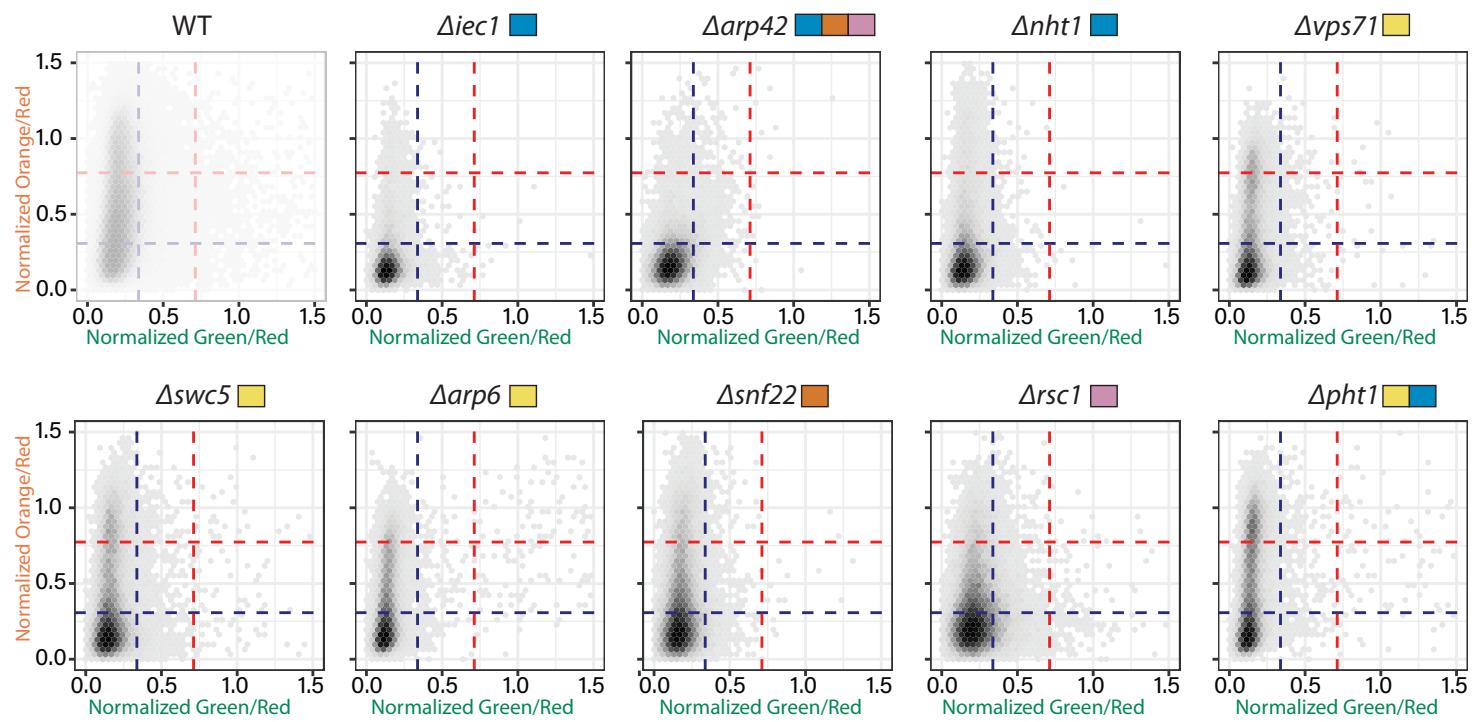


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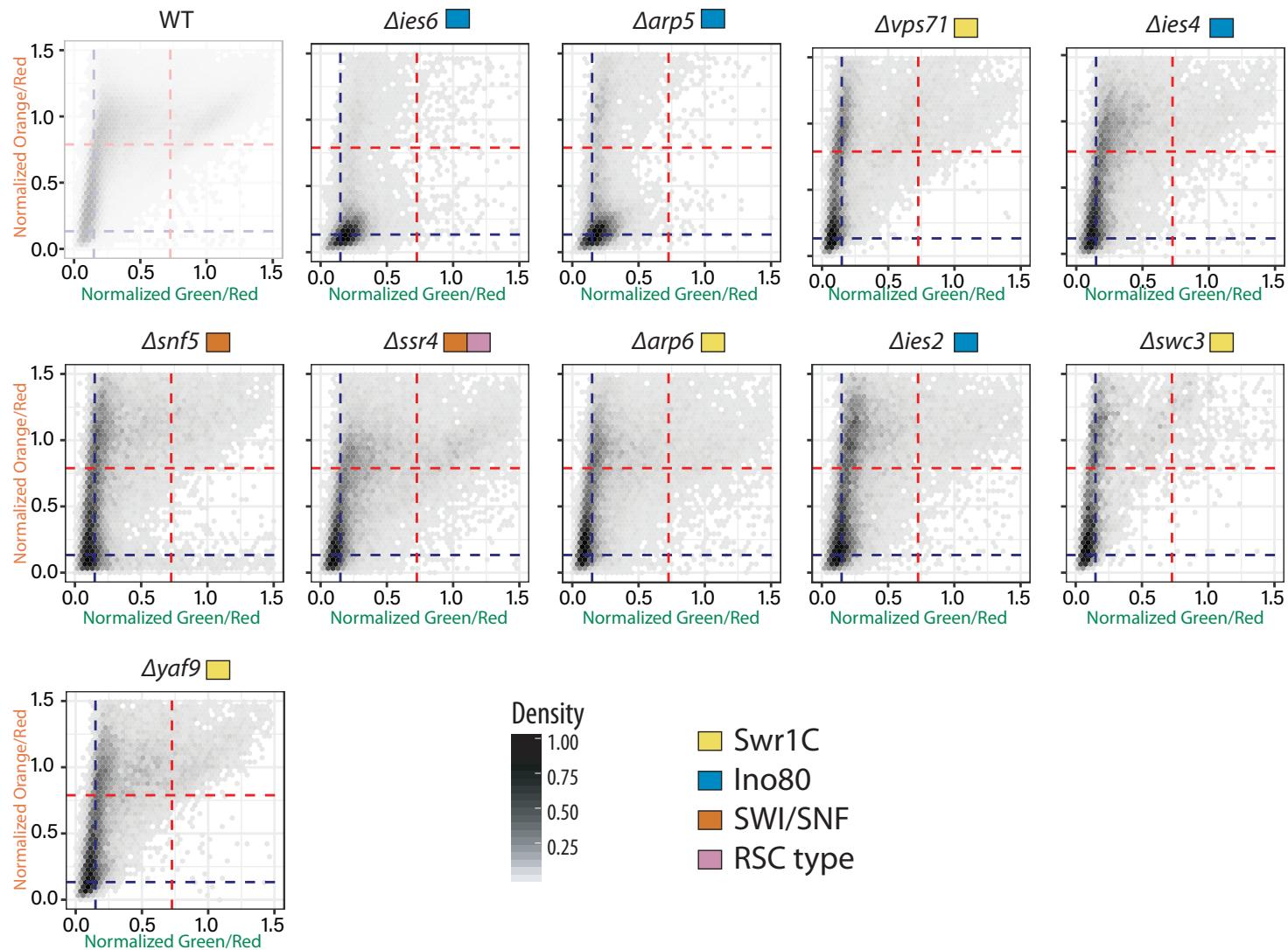


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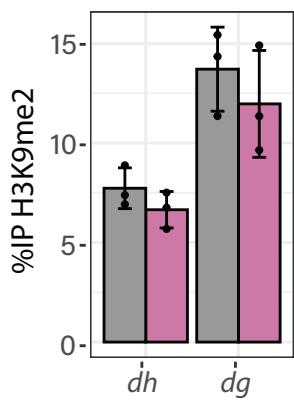
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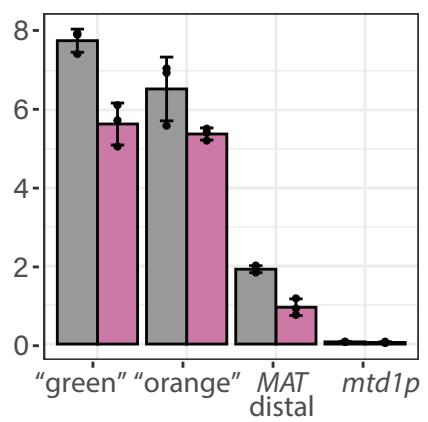
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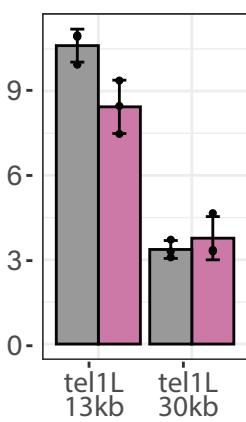
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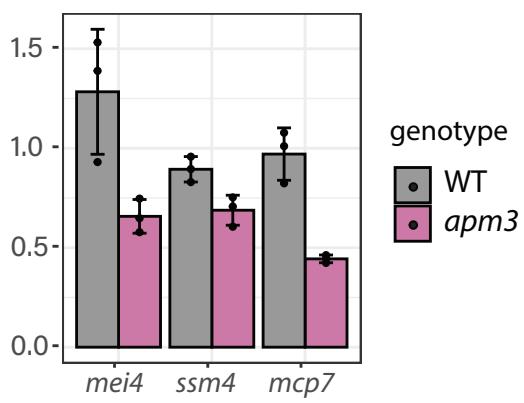
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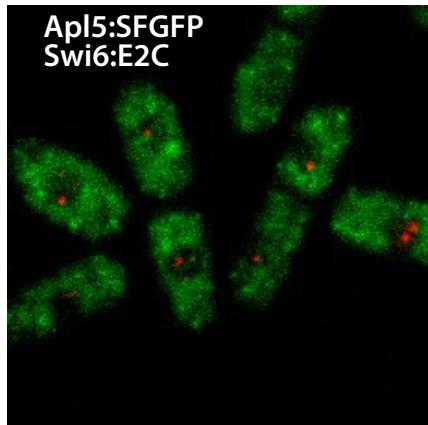
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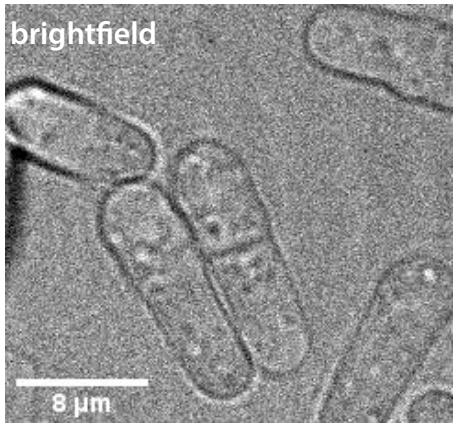
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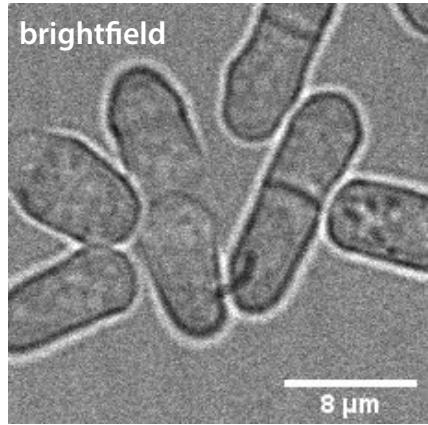
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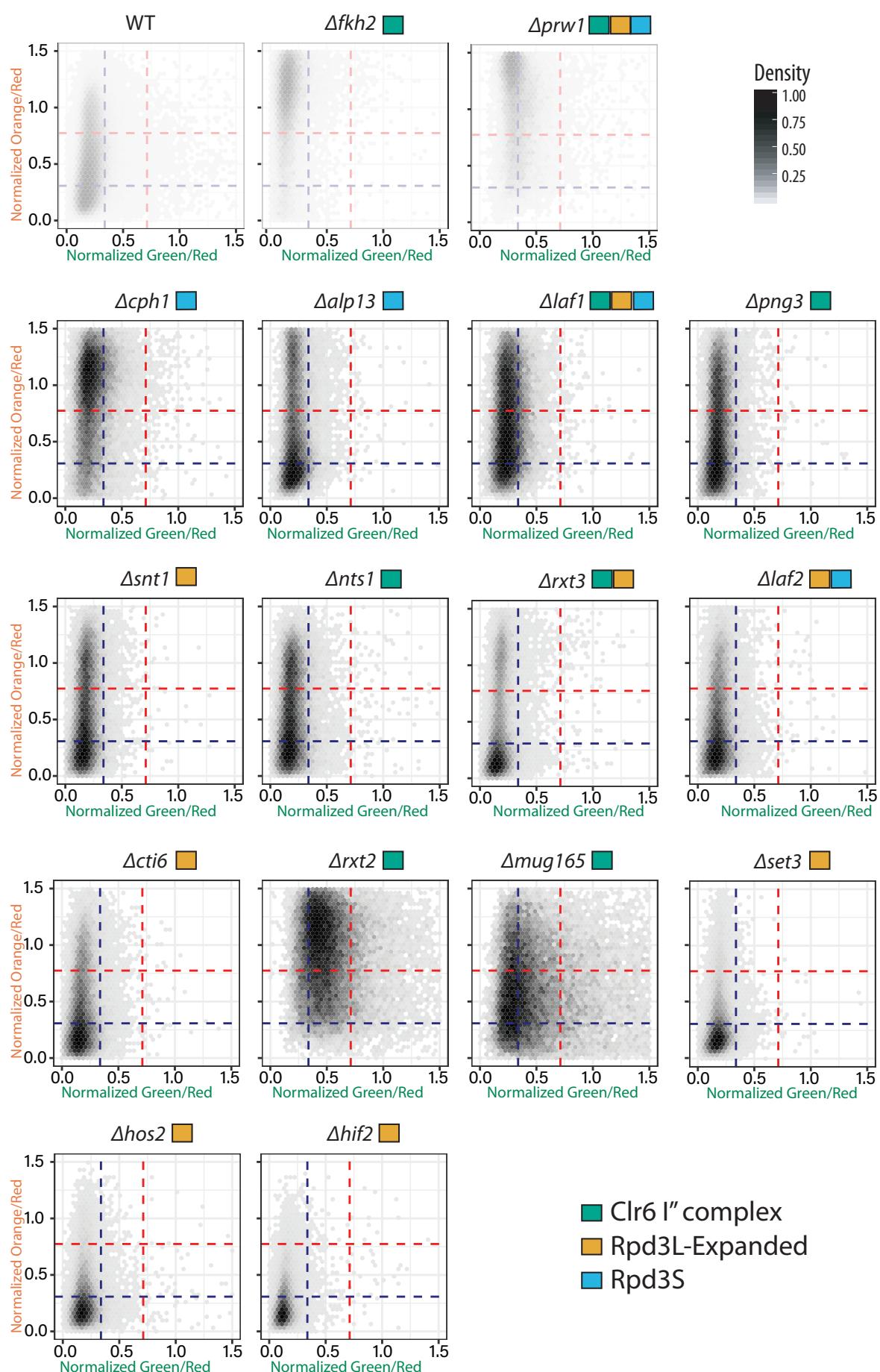


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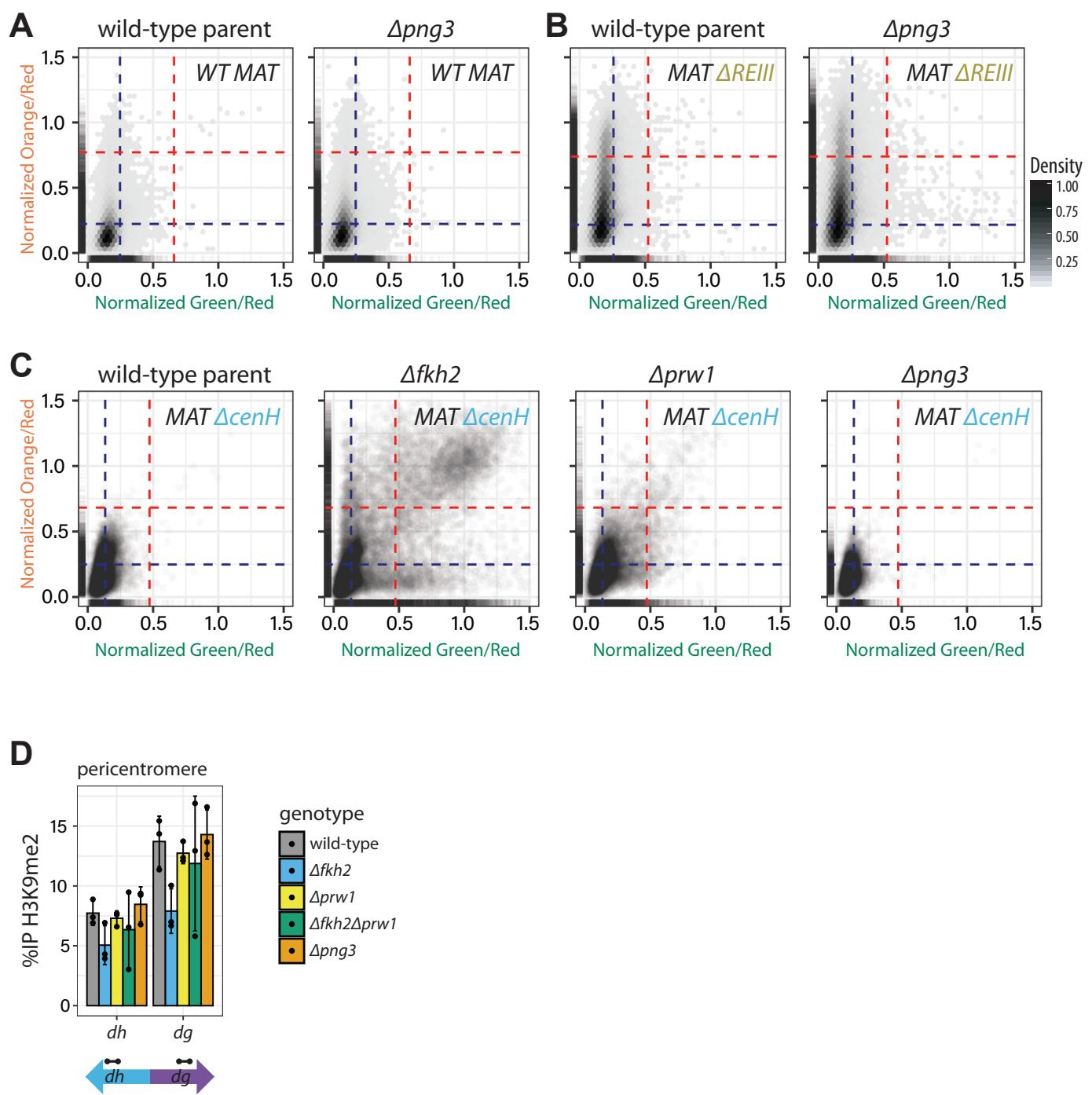


## Figure 3 - Supplement 3

### *MATΔREIII* - Clr6 Subcomplex Components



## Figure 4 Supplement 1



**Table 1: Nuclear function gene deletion library**

Systematic ID	Symbol	Description
1 SPAC1002.05c	jmj2	histone demethylase Jmj2
2 SPAC1006.03c	red1	RNA elimination defective protein Red1
3 SPAC1039.05c	klf1	transcription factor, zf-fungal binuclear cluster type Klf1
4 SPAC1071.02	mms19	CIA machinery protein Mms19
5 SPAC1071.06	arp9	SWI/SNF and RSC complex subunit Arp9
6 SPAC10F6.08c	nht1	Ino80 complex HMG box subunit Nht1
7 SPAC10F6.11c	atg17	autophagy associated protein kinase activator Atg17
8 SPAC1142.03c	swi2	Swi5 complex subunit Swi2
9 SPAC1142.08	fhl1	forkhead transcription factor Fhl1
10 SPAC11D3.07c	toe4	transcription factor, zf-fungal binuclear cluster type(predicted)
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13 SPAC11H11.01	sst6	ESCRT I complex subunit Vps23
14 SPAC11H11.05c	fta6	Mis6-Sim4 complex Fta6
15 SPAC12B10.10	nod1	medial cortical node Gef2-related protein Nod1
16 SPAC12G12.13c	cid14	TRAMP complex poly(A) polymerase subunit Cid14
17 SPAC139.03	toe2	transcription factor, zf-fungal binuclear cluster type (predicted)
18 SPAC139.06	hat1	histone acetyltransferase Hat1
19 SPAC1399.05c	toe1	transcription factor, zf-fungal binuclear cluster type
20 SPAC13A11.04c	ubp8	SAGA complex ubiquitin C-terminal hydrolase Ubp8
21 SPAC13D6.02c	byr3	translational activator, zf-CCHC type zinc finger protein (predicted)
22 SPAC13G6.01c	rad8	ubiquitin-protein ligase E3/ ATP-dependent DNA helicase Rad8
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30 SPAC1556.01c	rad50	DNA repair protein Rad50
31 SPAC15A10.11	ubr11	UBR ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 Ubr11
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33 SPAC1610.01	saf5	splicing factor Saf5
34 SPAC1610.02c	mrpl1	mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L1 (predicted)
35 SPAC1687.05	pli1	SUMO E3 ligase Pli1
36 SPAC1687.09	irs4	autophagy/CVT pathway ENTH/VHS domain protein Irs4 (predicted)
37 SPAC16A10.03c		ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 involved in vesicle docking Pep5/Vps11-like (predicted)
38 SPAC16A10.07c	taz1	shelterin complex subunit Taz1
39 SPAC16C9.04c	mot2	CCR4-Not complex ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 subunit Mot2
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41 SPAC16E8.12c	png3	ING family homolog Png3 (predicted)
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65 SPAC19E9.02	fin1	serine/threonine protein kinase, NIMA related Fin1
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73	SPAC1F7.01c	spt6	nucleosome remodeling protein Spt6
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140	SPAC3H1.12c	snt2	Lid2 complex PHD finger subunit Snt2
141	SPAC3H8.08c		transcription factor (predicted)
142	SPAC4A8.09c	cwf21	complexed with Cdc5 protein Cwf21
143	SPAC4F8.11	sea2	SEA complex WD repeat subunit Sea2 (predicted)
144	SPAC4G9.06c	chz1	histone H2A-H2B dimer chaperone Chz1 (predicted)
145	SPAC4H3.02c	swc3	Swr1 complex subunit Swc3
146	SPAC4H3.05	srs2	ATP-dependent DNA helicase, UvrD subfamily

147	SPAC56F8.16	esc1	transcription factor Esc1 (predicted)
148	SPAC57A10.09c	nhp6	High-mobility group non-histone chromatin protein (predicted)
149	SPAC5D6.02c	mug165	Clr6 histone deacetylase complex subunit Mug165
150	SPAC5D6.08c	mes1	meiotic APC inhibitor Mes1
151	SPAC630.14c	tup12	transcriptional corepressor Tup12
152	SPAC631.02	bdf2	BET family double bromodomain protein Bdf2
153	SPAC637.09	rex1	3'-5' exoribonuclease Rex1 (predicted)
154	SPAC644.14c	rad51	RecA family recombinase Rad51/Rhp51
155	SPAC664.01c	swi6	heterochromatin (HP1) family chromodomain protein Swi6
156	SPAC664.02c	arp8	Ino80 complex actin-like protein Arp8
157	SPAC664.07c	rad9	checkpoint clamp complex protein Rad9
158	SPAC664.15	caf4	CCR4-Not complex subunit Caf4/Mdv1 (predicted)
159	SPAC688.06c	slx4	structure-specific endonuclease subunit Slx4
160	SPAC694.06c	mrc1	claspin, Mrc1
161	SPAC6B12.05c	ies2	Ino80 complex subunit Ies2
162	SPAC6B12.07c		ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 with SPX domain, human LORNRF1 ortholog (predicted)
163	SPAC6B12.14c		conserved fungal protein
164	SPAC6B12.16	meu26	DUF4451 family conserved fungal protein
165	SPAC6F12.09	rdp1	RNA-directed RNA polymerase Rdp1
166	SPAC6F6.09	eaf6	Mst2/NuA4 histone acetyltransferase complex subunit Eaf6
167	SPAC6G9.03c	mug183	histone H3.3 H4 heterotetramer chaperone Rtt106-like (predicted)
168	SPAC6G9.10c	sen1	ATP-dependent 5' to 3' DNA/RNA helicase Sen1
169	SPAC6G9.16c	xrc4	XRCC4 nonhomologous end joining factor Xrc4
170	SPAC7D4.04	atg11	autophagy associated protein Atg11
171	SPAC7D4.14c	iss10	NURS complex subunit Iss10
172	SPAC821.07c	moc3	transcription factor Moc3
173	SPAC823.03	ppk15	serine/threonine protein kinase Ppk15 (predicted)
174	SPAC824.04	swd22	mRNA cleavage and polyadenylation specificity factor complex, WD repeat protein Swd22
175	SPAC890.07c	rmt1	type I protein arginine N-methyltransferase Rmt1
176	SPAC8C9.14	prr1	transcription factor Prr1
177	SPAC8C9.17c	spc34	DASH complex subunit Spc34
178	SPAC8F11.03	msh3	MutS protein homolog 3
179	SPAC9E9.08	rad26	ATRIP, ATR checkpoint kinase regulatory subunit Rad26
180	SPAC9E9.10c	cbh1	CENP-B homolog Cbh1
181	SPAP14E8.02	tos4	chromatin binding FHA domain protein Tos4 (predicted)
182	SPAP27G11.15	slx1	structure-specific endonuclease catalytic subunit Slx1
183	SPAP32A8.03c	bop1	ubiquitin-protein ligase E3, human RNF126 ortholog (predicted)
184	SPAP8A3.02c	ofd2	histone H2A dioxygenase Ofd2
185	SPAPB1E7.02c	mcl1	DNA polymerase alpha accessory factor Mcl1
186	SPAPB24D3.01	toe3	transcription factor (predicted)
187	SPAPB2B4.03	cig2	G1/S-specific B-type cyclin Cig2
188	SPBC1105.04c	cbp1	CENP-B homolog
189	SPBC119.08	pmk1	MAP kinase Pmk1
190	SPBC119.14	rti1	Rad22 homolog Rti1
191	SPBC1198.11c	reb1	RNA polymerase I transcription termination factor/ RNA polymerase II transcription factor Reb1
192	SPBC11B10.05c	rsp1	random septum position protein, DNAJ domain protein Rsp1
193	SPBC11B10.08		WW domain containing conserved fungal protein
194	SPBC11B10.10c	pht1	histone H2A variant H2A.Z, Pht1
195	SPBC1347.07	rex2	RNA exonuclease (predicted)
196	SPBC13E7.08c	leo1	RNA polymerase II associated Paf1 complex subunit Leo1
197	SPBC13G1.08c	ash2	Ash2-trithorax family protein
198	SPBC146.06c	fan1	DNA repair protein Fan1
199	SPBC14C8.17c	spt8	SAGA complex subunit Spt8
200	SPBC14F5.07	doa10	ER ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 Doa10 (predicted)
201	SPBC15C4.01c	oca3	TPR repeat protein Oca3/ ER membrane protein complex Ecm2 (predicted)
202	SPBC15C4.06c		ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 Meu34, human RNF13 family homolog, unknown biological role (predicted)
203	SPBC15D4.03	slm9	histone H3.3 H4 chaperone, hira family Slm9
204	SPBC1604.09c	rex4	exoribonuclease Rex4 (predicted)
205	SPBC1604.16c		RNA-binding protein, G-patch type, human GPANK1 ortholog
206	SPBC1685.08	cti6	histone deacetylase complex ubiquitin-like protein ligase subunit Cti6
207	SPBC16A3.07c	nrm1	MBF complex corepressor Nrm1
208	SPBC16A3.19	eaf7	histone acetyltransferase complex subunit Eaf7
209	SPBC16D10.07c	sir2	Sirtuin family histone deacetylase Sir2
210	SPBC16E9.11c	pub3	HECT-type ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 Pub3 (predicted)
211	SPBC16E9.12c	pab2	poly(A) binding protein Pab2
212	SPBC16G5.03	mrz1	ubiquitin-protein ligase E3/SUMO transferase, Topors, possibly associated with DNA damage (predicted)
213	SPBC16G5.15c	fkh2	forkhead transcription factor Fkh2
214	SPBC16G5.17		transcription factor, zf-fungal binuclear cluster type (predicted)
215	SPBC1703.04	mlh1	MutL family protein Mlh1 (predicted)
216	SPBC1703.14c	top1	DNA topoisomerase I
217	SPBC1709.11c	png2	ING family histone acetyltransferase complex PHD-type zinc finger subunit Png2
218	SPBC1711.14	rec15	meiotic recombination protein Rec15
219	SPBC1718.02	hop1	linear element associated protein Hop1
220	SPBC1734.06	rhp18	Rad18 homolog ubiquitin protein ligase E3, Rhp18

221	SPBC1734.15	rsc4	RSC complex subunit Rsc4
222	SPBC1773.16c		transcription factor, zf-fungal binuclear cluster type(predicted)
223	SPBC1778.10c	ppk21	serine/threonine protein kinase Ppk21 (predicted)
224	SPBC17D11.04c	nto1	histone acetyltransferase complex PHD finger subunit Nto1 (predicted)
225	SPBC17G9.05	rct1	cyclophilin family peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase, RRM-containing Rct1
226	SPBC18H10.06c	swd2	Set1C complex subunit Swd2.1
227	SPBC18H10.15	cdk11	serine/threonine protein kinase Cdk11
228	SPBC19C7.02	ubr1	N-end-recognizing protein, UBR ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 Ubr1
229	SPBC1A4.03c	top2	DNA topoisomerase II
230	SPBC1D7.03	clg1	cyclin-like protein involved in autophagy Clg1 (predicted)
231	SPBC1D7.04	mlo3	RNA binding protein Mlo3
232	SPBC20F10.05	nrl1	RNAi-mediated silencing protein, human NRDE2 ortholog Nrl1
233	SPBC20F10.10	psl1	cyclin pho85 family Psl1 (predicted)
234	SPBC215.03c	csn1	COP9/signalosome complex subunit Csn1
235	SPBC215.06c		nucleolar RNA-binding protein, human LYAR homolog, implicated in transcriptional regulation
236	SPBC215.07c	pdp2	PWWP domain protein Pdp2 (predicted)
237	SPBC216.05	rad3	ATR checkpoint kinase Rad3
238	SPBC216.06c	swi1	replication fork protection complex subunit Swi1
239	SPBC21B10.13c	yox1	MBF complex corepressor Yox1
240	SPBC21C3.02c	dep1	Sds3-like family protein Dep1
241	SPBC21C3.20c	git1	C2 domain protein Git1
242	SPBC21D10.09c	rkr1	RQC complex ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 Rkr1 (predicted)
243	SPBC21D10.10	bdc1	bromodomain protein Bdc1
244	SPBC23E6.02	rrp2	ATP-dependent DNA helicase/ ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 (predicted)
245	SPBC23E6.09	ssn6	transcriptional corepressor Ssn6
246	SPBC23G7.13c		plasma membrane urea transmembrane transporter (predicted)
247	SPBC24C6.05	sec28	coatomer epsilon subunit (predicted)
248	SPBC25B8.08		Schizosaccharomyces pombe specific protein
249	SPBC26H8.09c	snf59	SWI/SNF complex subunit Snf59
250	SPBC28E12.02		RNA-binding protein
251	SPBC28F2.07	sfr1	Swi five-dependent recombination mediator Sfr1
252	SPBC28F2.10c	ngg1	SAGA complex subunit Ngg1/Ada3
253	SPBC29A10.03c	pcf1	CAF assembly factor (CAF-1) complex large subunit Pcf1
254	SPBC29A10.05	exo1	exonuclease I Exo1
255	SPBC29A10.14	rec8	meiotic cohesin complex subunit Rec8
256	SPBC29A3.03c	gid2	GID complex ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 subunit Gid2/Rmd5 (predicted)
257	SPBC29A3.05	vps71	Swr1 complex subunit Vps71
258	SPBC29A3.13	pdp1	PWWP domain protein Pdp1
259	SPBC29B5.01	atf1	transcription factor, Atf-CREB family Atf1
260	SPBC2A9.04c	san1	sir antagonist, ubiquitin-protein ligase E3
261	SPBC2D10.11c	nap2	histone H2A-H2B chaperone Nap2
262	SPBC2D10.17	clr1	SHREC complex intermodule linker subunit Clr1
263	SPBC2F12.09c	atf21	transcription factor, Atf-CREB family Atf21
264	SPBC2F12.12c	cay1	cactin, spliceosome complex subunit
265	SPBC2G2.06c	apl1	AP-2 adaptor complex beta subunit Apl1 (predicted)
266	SPBC2G2.14	csi1	mitotic centromere-SPB clustering protein Csi1
267	SPBC2G5.02c	ckb2	CK2 family regulatory subunit Ckb2 (predicted)
268	SPBC30B4.04c	sol1	SWI/SNF complex subunit Sol1
269	SPBC30D10.10c	tor1	serine/threonine protein kinase Tor1
270	SPBC31F10.07	lsb5	actin cortical patch component Lsb5 (predicted)
271	SPBC31F10.10c	mub1	Armadillo-type fold protein, zf-MYND type zinc finger protein, Mub1-Rad6-Ubr2 ubiquitin ligase complex Mub1 (predicted)
272	SPBC31F10.13c	hip1	histone H3.3 H4 chaperone, hira family Hip1
273	SPBC31F10.14c	hip3	HIRA interacting protein Hip3
274	SPBC32F12.07c		membrane associated ubiquitin-protein ligase E3, MARCH family (predicted)
275	SPBC32H8.06	mug93	TPR repeat protein, meiotically spliced
276	SPBC337.03	rh1	RNA polymerase II transcription termination factor homolog
277	SPBC342.05	crb2	DNA repair protein Rad9 homolog Crb2
278	SPBC342.06c	rtt109	RTT109 family histone lysine acetyltransferase
279	SPBC354.03	swd3	WD repeat protein Swd3
280	SPBC354.05c	sre2	membrane-tethered transcription factor Sre2
281	SPBC365.10	arp5	Ino80 complex actin-like protein Arp5
282	SPBC36B7.05c	pib1	endosomal and vacuolar ubiquitin-protein ligase E3/phosphatidylinositol(3)-phosphate binding protein Pib1
283	SPBC36B7.08c	ccp1	histone chaperone, CENP-A nucleosome disassembly Ccp1
284	SPBC3B8.02	php5	CCAAT-binding factor complex subunit Php5
285	SPBC3D6.04c	mad1	mitotic spindle checkpoint protein Mad1
286	SPBC3D6.09	dpb4	DNA polymerase epsilon subunit Dpb4
287	SPBC3H7.13	far10	SIP/FAR complex FHA domain subunit Far10/Csc1
288	SPBC4.05	mlo2	ubiquitin protein ligase E3 component human N-recognin 7 homolog Mlo2
289	SPBC428.06c	rxt2	histone deacetylase complex subunit Rxt2
290	SPBC428.08c	clr4	histone lysine H3 methyltransferase Clr4
291	SPBC4B4.03	rsc1	RSC complex subunit Rsc1
292	SPBC4C3.12		1-Sep forkhead transcription factor Sep1
293	SPBC530.08		membrane-tethered transcription factor (predicted)
294	SPBC530.14c	dsk1	SR protein-specific kinase Dsk1

295	SPBC543.07	pek1	MAP kinase kinase Pek1
296	SPBC56F2.03	arp10	dynactin complex actin-like protein Arp10 (predicted)
297	SPBC56F2.05c		transcription factor (predicted)
298	SPBC582.04c	dsh1	RNAi protein, Dsh1
299	SPBC582.06c	mcp6	horsetail movement protein Hrs1/Mcp6
300	SPBC609.05	pob3	histone H2A-H2B chaperone, FACT complex subunit Pob3
301	SPBC651.11c	apm3	AP-3 adaptor complex subunit Apm3 (predicted)
302	SPBC660.06		WW domain containing conserved fungal protein
303	SPBC660.14	mik1	mitotic inhibitor kinase Mik1
304	SPBC6B1.04	mde4	microtubule-site clamp monopolin complex subunit Mde4
305	SPBC6B1.06c	ubp14	Lys48-specific deubiquitinase Ubp14
306	SPBC725.02	mpr1	histidine-containing response regulator phosphotransferase Mpr1
307	SPBC725.11c	php2	CCAAT-binding factor complex subunit Php2
308	SPBC776.02c	dis2	serine/threonine protein phosphatase PP1, Dis2
309	SPBC776.16	mis20	centromere protein Mis20/Eic2
310	SPBC800.03	clr3	histone deacetylase (class II) Clr3
311	SPBC83.03c	tas3	RITS complex subunit 3
312	SPBC902.02c	ctf18	Ctf18 RFC-like complex subunit Ctf18
313	SPBC902.04	rmn1	RNA-binding protein
314	SPBC902.06	mto2	gamma tubulin complex linker Mto2
315	SPBP16F5.03c	tra1	SAGA complex phosphatidylinositol pseudokinase Tra1
316	SPBP22H7.05c	abo2	ATPase with bromodomain protein (predicted)
317	SPBP23A10.05	ssr4	SWI/SNF and RSC complex subunit Ssr4
318	SPBP35G2.08c	air1	TRAMP complex zinc knuckle subunit Air1
319	SPBP35G2.10	mit1	SHREC complex ATP-dependent DNA helicase subunit Mit1
320	SPBP35G2.13c	swc2	Swr1 complex subunit Swc2
321	SPBP8B7.07c	set6	histone lysine methyltransferase Set6 (predicted)
322	SPBP8B7.23	rnf10	ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 (predicted)
323	SPBP8B7.28c	stc1	CLRC ubiquitin ligase complex linker protein, LIM-like Stc1
324	SPCC1020.12c	xap5	xap-5-like protein
325	SPCC11E10.08	rik1	CLRC ubiquitin ligase complex WD repeat protein Rik1
326	SPCC1223.13	cbf12	CBF1/Su(H)/LAG-1 family transcription factor Cbf12
327	SPCC1235.05c	fft2	SMARCAD1 family ATP-dependent DNA helicase Fft2 (predicted)
328	SPCC1235.09	hif2	Set3 complex subunit Hif2
329	SPCC1235.12c	mug146	Schizosaccharomyces specific protein Mug46
330	SPCC1259.04	iec3	Ino80 complex subunit Iec3
331	SPCC1259.07	rxt3	transcriptional regulatory protein Rxt3
332	SPCC126.02c	pku70	Ku domain protein Pku70
333	SPCC126.04c	sgf73	SAGA complex deubiquitinating submodule subunit Sgf73
334	SPCC126.07c	asr1	ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 Asr1 (predicted)
335	SPCC126.11c		RNA-binding protein, rrm type
336	SPCC126.13c	sap18	splicing factor Sap18 (predicted)
337	SPCC132.02	hst2	Sirtuin family histone deacetylase Hst2
338	SPCC1393.02c	spt2	non-specific DNA binding protein Spt2 (predicted)
339	SPCC1393.05	ers1	RNA-silencing factor Ers1
340	SPCC1442.13c	sqs2	R3H and G-patch domain protein Sqs2
341	SPCC1450.02	bdf1	Swr1 complex bromodomain subunit Bdf1
342	SPCC1450.03	utp502	ribonucleoprotein (RNP) complex Utp502 (predicted)
343	SPCC1494.03	arz1	human RAP1 GTPase-GDP dissociation stimulator ortholog, Zfs1 target number 1
344	SPCC162.11c	urk1	uridine kinase/uracil phosphoribosyltransferase (predicted)
345	SPCC1620.14c	snf22	ATP-dependent DNA helicase Snf22
346	SPCC1682.13	laf2	Clr6 associated factor 2, Laf2
347	SPCC16C4.11	pef1	Pho85/PhoA-like cyclin-dependent kinase Pef1
348	SPCC1739.03	hrr1	Helicase Required for RNAi-mediated heterochromatin assembly Hrr1
349	SPCC1739.05	set5	histone lysine methyltransferase Set5 (predicted)
350	SPCC1739.07	cti1	exosome C1D family subunit Cti1
351	SPCC1739.12	ppe1	serine/threonine protein phosphatase Ppe1
352	SPCC1753.03c	rec7	meiotic recombination protein Rec7
353	SPCC1840.04	pca1	metacaspase Pca1
354	SPCC188.07	ccq1	shelterin complex HEAT repeat subunit Ccq1
355	SPCC188.13c	dcr1	dicer
356	SPCC1885.03	wee1	M phase inhibitor protein kinase Wee1
357	SPCC1885.07c	nup61	nucleoporin Nup61
358	SPCC24B10.07	gad8	AGC family protein kinase Gad8
359	SPCC24B10.08c	ada2	SAGA complex subunit Ada2
360	SPCC24B10.14c	xlf1	XRCC4-like nonhomologous end joining factor, Cernunnon Xlf1/Nej1
361	SPCC24B10.19c	nts1	Clr6 histone deacetylase complex subunit Nts1
362	SPCC297.03	ssp1	Ca2+/calmodulin-dependent (CaMMK)-like protein kinase Ssp1
363	SPCC297.04c	set7	histone lysine H3-K37 methyltransferase Set7
364	SPCC2H8.05c	dbl1	double strand break localizing Dbl1
365	SPCC306.04c	set1	histone lysine H3-K4 methyltransferase Set1
366	SPCC31H12.08c	ccr4	CCR4-Not complex 3'-5'-exoribonuclease subunit Ccr4
367	SPCC330.01c	rhp16	Rad16 homolog ATP-dependent DNA helicase/ ubiquitin protein ligase E3 Rhp16
368	SPCC330.02	rhp7	Rad7 homolog Rhp7

369	SPCC338.16	pof3	F-box protein Pof3
370	SPCC364.02c	bis1	splicing factor Bis1
371	SPCC364.06	nap1	histone H2A-H2B chaperone Nap1
372	SPCC417.07c	mto1	gamma tubulin complex linker Mto1
373	SPCC417.09c		transcription factor (predicted)
374	SPCC4B3.12	set9	histone lysine H4-K20 methyltransferase Set9
375	SPCC4G3.15c	not2	CCR4-Not complex NOT box subunit Not2
376	SPCC4G3.19	alp16	gamma tubulin complex subunit Alp16
377	SPCC548.05c	dbl5	ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 Dbl5
378	SPCC550.12	arp6	actin-like protein Arp6
379	SPCC550.15c	rei1	ribosome biogenesis protein Rei1 (predicted)
380	SPCC553.04	cyp9	WD repeat containing cyclophilin family peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase Cyp9 (predicted)
381	SPCC576.13	swc5	Swr1 complex subunit Swc5
382	SPCC594.05c	spf1	Set1C ubiquitin-protein ligase E3 subunit Spf1
383	SPCC61.02	spt3	SAGA complex subunit Spt3
384	SPCC613.12c	raf1	CLRC ubiquitin ligase complex WD repeat subunit Raf1/Dos1
385	SPCC622.15c		Schizosaccharomyces specific protein
386	SPCC622.16c	epe1	JmjC domain chromatin associated protein Epe1
387	SPCC622.19	jmj4	peptidyl-lysine 3-dioxygenase activity jmj4 (predicted)
388	SPCC645.13	bye1	transcription elongation regulator Bye1 (predicted)
389	SPCC663.11	saf1	splicing associated factor Saf1
390	SPCC663.12	cid12	poly(A) polymerase Cid12
391	SPCC736.08	cbf11	CBF1/Su(H)/LAG-1 family transcription factor Cbf11
392	SPCC736.11	ago1	argonaute
393	SPCC757.09c	rnc1	KH domain RNA-binding protein Rnc1
394	SPCC895.06	elp2	elongator complex WD repeat protein Elp2 (predicted)
395	SPCC895.07	alp14	TOG/XMAP215 microtubule plus end tracking polymerase Alp14
396	SPCC970.07c	raf2	CLRC ubiquitin ligase complex subunit Raf2

**Table 2: Strain table**

Strain	Genotype
PAS075	Locus2:: <i>ade6p</i> ::3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2 (between SPBC1711.11 and SPBC1711.12)
PM003	Wild-type strain: h(+); ura4-D18; leu1-32; ade6-M216; his7-366
PM006	972 h- wild-type
PAS193	$\Delta K::ade6p$ :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP between <i>REIII</i> and <i>mat3M</i> ; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; <i>clr4</i> :: <i>kanMX</i> , h(-)
PAS216	<i>cenH</i> :: <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; <i>clr4</i> :: <i>kanMX</i> , h90
PAS217	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2, h90
PAS231	<i>ura4</i> :: <i>natMX</i> : <i>dh</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP, <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2 3 kb, <i>leu1</i> :: <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i>
PAS331	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; $\Delta REIII$ :: <i>REIII</i> ( $\Delta s1$ , $\Delta s2$ ) in <i>clr4</i> :: <i>kanMX</i> , h90
PAS332	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; $\Delta REIII$ :: <i>REIII</i> ( $\Delta s1$ , $\Delta s2$ ), h90
PAS482	$\Delta K::ade6p$ :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> : SF-GFP between <i>REIII</i> and <i>mat3M</i> ; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2, h(-); 'OFF' allele
PAS795	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; <i>fkh2</i> :: <i>natMX</i>
PAS796	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; <i>prw1</i> :: <i>kanMX</i>
PAS797	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; <i>png3</i> :: <i>kanMX</i>
PAS798	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; $\Delta REIII$ :: <i>REIII</i> ( $\Delta s1$ , $\Delta s2$ ); <i>fkh2</i> :: <i>natMX</i>
PAS799	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; $\Delta REIII$ :: <i>REIII</i> ( $\Delta s1$ , $\Delta s2$ ); <i>prw1</i> :: <i>kanMX</i>
PAS800	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; $\Delta REIII$ :: <i>REIII</i> ( $\Delta s1$ , $\Delta s2$ ); <i>png3</i> :: <i>kanMX</i>
PAS803	$\Delta K::ade6p$ :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> : SF-GFP between <i>REIII</i> and <i>mat3M</i> ; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; 'OFF' allele; <i>fkh2</i> :: <i>natMX</i>
PAS804	$\Delta K::ade6p$ :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> : SF-GFP between <i>REIII</i> and <i>mat3M</i> ; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; 'OFF' allele; <i>prw1</i> :: <i>kanMX</i>
PAS805	$\Delta K::ade6p$ :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> : SF-GFP between <i>REIII</i> and <i>mat3M</i> ; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; 'OFF' allele; <i>png3</i> :: <i>kanMX</i>
PAS808	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; <i>fkh2</i> :: <i>natMX</i> ; <i>prw1</i> :: <i>kanMX</i> by cross
PAS809	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; <i>fkh2</i> :: <i>natMX</i> ; <i>prw1</i> :: <i>kanMX</i> by sequential knockout
PAS810	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; $\Delta REIII$ :: <i>REIII</i> ( $\Delta s1$ , $\Delta s2$ ); <i>fkh2</i> :: <i>natMX</i> ; <i>prw1</i> :: <i>kanMX</i> by cross
PAS811	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; $\Delta REIII$ :: <i>REIII</i> ( $\Delta s1$ , $\Delta s2$ ); <i>fkh2</i> :: <i>natMX</i> ; <i>prw1</i> :: <i>kanMX</i> by sequential knockout
PAS813	<i>cenH</i> : <i>ade6p</i> :SF-GFP ( <i>Kint2</i> ); <i>mat3m</i> ( <i>EcoRV</i> ):: <i>ade6p</i> :mKO2; <i>ade6p</i> :3xE2C: <i>hygMX</i> at Locus2; $\Delta REIII$ :: <i>REIII</i> ( $\Delta s1$ , $\Delta s2$ ); <i>apm3</i> :: <i>natMX</i>
PAS816	<i>apl5</i> :SF-GFP: <i>hygMX</i> ; <i>Swi6</i> :E2C: <i>kanMX</i>
PAS817	<i>apm3</i> :SF-GFP: <i>hygMX</i> ; <i>Swi6</i> :E2C: <i>kanMX</i>