

1 **Tripartite chromatin localization of budding yeast**

2 **Shugoshin involves higher-ordered architecture of**

3 **mitotic chromosomes**

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19 **ABSTRACT**

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21 The spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC) is key to faithful segregation of chromosomes.
22 One requirement that satisfies SAC is appropriate tension between sister chromatids at
23 the metaphase-anaphase juncture. Proper tension generated by poleward pulling of
24 mitotic spindles signals biorientation of the underlying chromosome. In the budding
25 yeast, the tension status is monitored by the conserved Shugoshin protein, Sgo1p, and
26 the tension sensing motif (TSM) of histone H3. ChIP-seq reveals a unique TSM-
27 dependent, tripartite domain of Sgo1p in each mitotic chromosome. This domain
28 consists of one centromeric and two flanking peaks 3 – 4 kb away, and is present
29 exclusively in mitosis. Strikingly, this trident motif coincides with cohesin localization, but
30 only at the centromere and the two immediate adjacent loci, despite that cohesin is
31 enriched at numerous regions throughout mitotic chromosomes. The TSM-Sgo1p-
32 cohesin triad is at the center stage of higher-ordered chromatin architecture for error-
33 free segregation.

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40 **INTRODUCTION**

41 Equal partition of the duplicated chromosomes is crucial for genome integrity and
42 species perpetuation. Aneuploidy resulting from erroneous segregation causes
43 developmental defects and tumorigenesis (Ricke et al., 2008). The spindle assembly
44 checkpoint (SAC) is a failsafe for faithful segregation. The SAC registers the
45 kinetochore-microtubule attachment and the tension between sister chromatids (Pinsky
46 and Biggins, 2005). The tension generated by poleward pulling of the spindles signals
47 bipolar attachment, after which cells irreversibly initiates events leading to the onset of
48 anaphase.

49 In *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, each kinetochore attaches to a single microtubule
50 spindle emanating from the spindle pole bodies (Cleveland et al., 2003). To the two
51 sister kinetochores, three types of attachment may occur: monotelic, syntelic and
52 amphitelic (Pinsky and Biggins, 2005). While the amphitelic attachment signals
53 biorientation, monotelic and syntelic attachment errors have to be corrected before
54 anaphase onset. Monotelic attachment refers to the situation when only one of the two
55 sister kinetochores is attached to the microtubule. The presence of an unoccupied
56 kinetochore triggers the formation of the Mitotic Checkpoint Complex (MCC) (Brady and
57 Hardwick, 2000) that halts cell cycle progression by trapping Cdc20p, the E3 ligase
58 subunit of Anaphase Promoting Complex (APC). In syntelic attachment, both sister
59 kinetochores are occupied by spindles, but these two spindles originate from the same
60 spindle pole body. Even though the attachment requirement is met, there may be no
61 tension between syntelic sister chromatids as they are pulled toward the same pole. Left
62 uncorrected, monotelic and syntelic attachment results in aneuploidy.

63 In what form tension is perceived by the mitotic machinery remains elusive. In
64 prometaphase, transient sister chromatid separation without cohesin proteolysis is
65 caused by kinetochore-microtubule attachment (He et al., 2001, He et al., 2000).
66 Conformational changes of centromeric chromatin (DNA, nucleosomal arrays, and
67 selective proteins) thus are suggested to be the “tensiometer” or “spring” that reflects
68 the tension status (Salmon and Bloom, 2017). Among these candidates, Shugoshin
69 proteins are of particular interest. Shugoshin is a family of conserved proteins playing
70 critical roles in ensuring appropriate chromatid cohesion during cell division (Marston,
71 2015). The budding yeast Shugoshin, Sgo1p, was first identified as a protector of
72 meiotic cohesin against precocious cleavage (Kitajima et al., 2004), and later found to
73 be also crucial for cells to activate the SAC in coping with tensionless conditions in
74 mitosis (Indjeian et al., 2005). Expressed in S and M phases of the cell cycle (Indjeian et
75 al., 2005, Eshleman and Morgan, 2014), Sgo1p is localized to centromeres and
76 pericentromere (Fernius and Hardwick, 2007, Kiburz et al., 2005, Kiburz et al., 2008)
77 without stashing a significant extrachromosomal pool (Buehl et al., 2018). Shugoshin is
78 recruited to centromeres by binding to histone H2A phosphorylated by the Bub1 kinase
79 (Kawashima et al., 2010, Liu et al., 2013a). The centromeric recruitment of budding
80 yeast Sgo1p may also involve the interaction with the centromere-specific histone H3
81 variant Cse4p (Mishra et al., 2017). In human mitotic cells, Sgo1 recruited to the outer
82 kinetochore nucleosomes is then driven by RNA polymerase II to the inner centromere
83 where it is retained by cohesin (Liu et al., 2015). Besides cohesin, the fission yeast
84 meiosis-specific Shugoshin Sgo1 interacts with the heterochromatin protein 1 (HP1)
85 homologue Swi6 that docks on the heterochromatic mark H3K9me3 in pericentromere

86 (Yamagishi et al., 2008, Isaac et al., 2017). Unlike other eukaryotes where
87 heterochromatic marks decorate pericentromere to create a footing for Shugoshin,
88 budding yeast lacks such heterochromatic features in the region immediately next to
89 centromeres (Cleveland et al., 2003). The geographic pericentromere recruitment of
90 Sgo1p in budding yeast, instead, is accomplished by the association with the tension
91 sensing motif (TSM) of histone H3 in pericentric regions (Luo et al., 2010, Luo et al.,
92 2016). TSM (⁴²KPGT) is a conserved β-turn that connects the flexible N' tail to the rigid
93 histone-fold domain of H3 (White et al., 2001). Mutations at K43, G44, or T45 diminish
94 the pericentric localization of Sgo1p and obliterate the cellular response to defects in
95 tension. Restoring pericentric association of Sgo1p by overexpression, via Sgo1p-
96 bromodomain fusion (Luo et al., 2010), or by mutating the inhibitory residues K14 or
97 K23 of the H3 tail (Buehl et al., 2018) rescues the mitotic defects of these TSM
98 mutations, thus manifesting the pivotal role of Sgo1p retention at the pericentromere.
99 Sgo1p is removed from chromatin after tension is built up in the metaphase (Nerusheva
100 et al., 2014). The inverse correlation between Sgo1p retention and amphitelic
101 attachment suggests that Sgo1p is an integral part of the gauge by which cells use to
102 monitor the tension status.

103 In addition to the TSM, another factor important for targeting Sgo1p to the
104 pericentromere is the cohesin complex. Mutations that impair cohesin loading ablate
105 pericentric localization of Sgo1p, while leaving the centromeric Sgo1p largely unaffected
106 (Kiburz et al., 2005). A similar contribution of cohesin to Sgo1 localization has been
107 observed in human systems as well (Liu et al., 2015). Cohesin performs its tension
108 sensing-related function by facilitating the formation of the “C” loop of chromatin near

109 the centromeres in mitosis (Stephens et al., 2011, Yeh et al., 2008). Direct interaction
110 between cohesin and the human Sgo1 has been reported (Liu et al., 2013b). The triad
111 of Sgo1, H3 TSM, and cohesin thus likely constitute the core of the tension sensing
112 device. The present work presents evidence for a cohesin- and TSM-dependent
113 tripartite chromatin localization domain of Sgo1p that also involves high-ordered
114 chromatin architecture.

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116 **RESULTS**

117 **Sgo1p displays unique tripartite localization in each mitotic chromosome**

118 Sgo1p is critical for the tension sensing branch of the SAC function in mitosis (Marston,
119 2015). We and others have previously used chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) to
120 demonstrate that Sgo1p is enriched at centromeres and several kb on either side of the
121 centromere in mitosis (Luo et al., 2010, Kiburz et al., 2005, Nerusheva et al., 2014,
122 Fernius and Hardwick, 2007). To better understand Sgo1p retention pertaining to its
123 checkpoint function, we used ChIP-seq to map the Sgo1p distribution on mitotic
124 chromosomes at a higher resolution. Cells bearing a C-terminally HA-tagged Sgo1p
125 expressed from its native locus were arrested by benomyl for ChIP-seq. At a lower
126 resolution scale, Sgo1p is detectable in one area per mitotic chromosome
127 (Supplemental Figure 1A), consistent with the anticipation of centromeric and pericentric
128 enrichment (Kiburz et al., 2005). However, more rigorous inspection revealed that each
129 chromosomal domain of Sgo1p is actually composed of discrete peaks of Sgo1p that
130 form a trident-like structure, not a continuous motif covering several kb of a centromeric

131 and pericentric area (Figure 1). Each of the trident motif consists of a middle centromere
132 (CEN) and typically one pericentromere (PC) peak on each side of the CEN enrichment.
133 By aligning all sixteen chromosomes at the centromeres, the average counts plot for
134 Sgo1p enrichment as a function of distance to CEN shows that the average distance
135 between the PC and CEN peaks is approximately 4 kb (Figure 2A, magenta line).
136 Additional outward peaks may be seen in some chromosomes but the overall peak
137 height drops quickly.

138 Chromosomal retention of Sgo1p depends critically on the tension sensing motif
139 (TSM) of histone H3 (Luo et al., 2010), and the cohesin complex (Verzijlbergen et al.,
140 2014). H3 is a ubiquitous component of chromatin, yet it controls the pericentric
141 localization of Sgo1p (Luo et al., 2010), despite that no discernible epigenetic marks
142 have been found specifically in budding yeast pericentromere that are relevant to mitotic
143 regulation. Mutations introduced to the tension sensing motif ($^{42}\text{K}\text{G}\text{P}\text{T}^{45}$) cause defects
144 in detecting and/or responding to tension defects (Luo et al., 2016). These mutations
145 diminish the affinity for Sgo1p, a molecular defect that can be suppressed by
146 overproduction of Sgo1p (Luo et al., 2016, Luo et al., 2010). Indeed, ChIP-seq data
147 show that the overall chromatin association of Sgo1p is significantly reduced in a
148 tension sensing motif mutant, G44S (Supplemental Figure 1A, orange curve).
149 Expressing Sgo1p from a multi-copy plasmid and the *ADH1* promoter restored the
150 tripartite chromatin association (green curves, Figure 1, and brown curve, Supplemental
151 Figure 1A). In addition to re-establishing the original enrichment pattern, a small number
152 of new peaks distal to the CEN/PC peaks were seen. Intriguingly, these still are discrete
153 peaks with clear valleys in between (see, for example, chromosome XVI, Figure 1). The

154 emergence of these new enrichment is consistent with our original model that Sgo1p is
155 recruited to the centromeres and then spills over to the nearby chromatin region (Luo et
156 al., 2010). However, the non-continuous nature of Sgo1p distribution suggests the
157 involvement of at least one other factor (see below).

158 While histone H3 and its tension sensing motif are ubiquitously distributed
159 throughout the genome, another Sgo1p recruitment factor, the cohesin complex,
160 localizes at specific loci of chromosomes. Besides centromeres and pericentric regions,
161 the majority of cohesin-associated regions are the intergenic region between two
162 convergent transcription units throughout the genome (Lengronne et al., 2004, Glynn et
163 al., 2004). By comparing with the chromosomal distribution of Mcd1p (the kleisin subunit
164 of cohesin) (Verzijlbergen et al., 2014), we observed that Sgo1p co-localizes with
165 cohesin at and immediately adjacent to centromeres (compare magenta and blue
166 peaks, Figure 1 and Figure 3A). The plot of average count reads (Figure 2B) clearly
167 shows the highly significant co-localization of Sgo1p- and Mcd1p at the centromeric and
168 pericentric region. It is also noteworthy that most additional Sgo1p peaks resulting from
169 overexpression are at the loci where cohesin is also enriched (Figure 1). These results
170 strongly suggest that Sgo1p targets existing cohesin enrichment sites for interaction
171 with the tension sensing motif of histone H3.

172 In addition to comparing our Sgo1p ChIP-seq data with a published Mcd1p
173 dataset (Verzijlbergen et al., 2014), we conducted another set of ChIP assays and used
174 quantitative PCR to examine the localization of Mcd1p and Sgo1p in the same genetic
175 background. To this end, Sgo1p-HA and Mcd1p-Myc expressed from their native loci
176 were subjected to ChIP. DNA products were then examined by quantitative PCR for 21

177 amplicons that spanned 11 kb of the centromeric region on chromosome XVI, including
178 the three CEN and PC peaks (shaded boxes, Figure 3A top panel). Discrete peaks and
179 valleys are readily visible and show a very high degree of overlapping between Sgo1p
180 and Mcd1p with the ChIP-qPCR data. Additional qPCR analysis of chromosome I
181 amplicons equivalent to those of chromosome XVI also verifies the ChIP-seq
182 observations (Supplemental Figure 2). In addition, parallel ChIP reactions were
183 conducted in the G44S *tsm* background. While the Sgo1p signals diminish significantly
184 in this region (orange bars, Figure 3C), the Mcd1p-Myc enrichment is not significantly
185 affected, which demonstrates that TSM is required for the retention of Sgo1p, not
186 Mcd1p, at pericentromere.

187 The exceptional selectivity of Sgo1p for a subset of cohesin localization motifs
188 prompted us to compare its genome-wide distribution to that of Gcn5p in mitotic
189 chromosomes. Gcn5p is a critical transcription regulatory histone acetyltransferase. In
190 mitosis, Gcn5p negatively regulates the tension sensing motif (Luo et al., 2016), and is
191 important for maintaining the normal centromere chromatin structure (Vernarecci et al.,
192 2008). Consistently, Gcn5p is present at mitotic centromeres (Luo et al., 2016). To see
193 whether Gcn5p exhibits a mitotic chromosome localization pattern similar to that of
194 Sgo1p, ChIP-seq was conducted on a Myc-tagged Gcn5p. The results show that, while
195 Gcn5p is found enriched at all centromeres, its pericentric presence is practically
196 negligible (shaded boxes showing CEN/PC peaks of Sgo1p, Figure 3). Importantly,
197 throughout the genome, there is very little overlapping between Gcn5p and Mcd1p
198 enrichment. This is not unexpected for Gcn5p is recruited to the 5' region of many
199 genes for transcriptional regulation, but Mcd1p and the rest of the cohesin complex are

200 enriched at the intergenic region of convergent genes. There appears to be an
201 enrichment of Gcn5p at RNA polymerase III-controlled targets, such as tRNA genes.
202 These ChIP-seq results are consistent with the canonical roles of Gcn5p in transcription
203 (Venters et al., 2011), although we do not exclude the possibility that at least part of the
204 mitotic distribution pattern of Gcn5p might be for chromatin metabolism during mitosis.
205 Together, ChIP-seq data presented above reveal unique association between Sgo1p
206 and Mcd1p at and near the centromeres. However, this connection does not apply to
207 the recruitment of Gcn5p, indicating a specific functional interplay between Sgo1p and
208 the cohesin complex.

209 **Pericentric localization of Sgo1p depends on local cohesin enrichment**

210 To better understand the contribution of cohesin to the chromosomal distribution of
211 Sgo1p, we took two approaches. Firstly, we deleted the *IML3* gene that encodes a
212 subunit of the Ctf19 kinetochore subcomplex (Pot et al., 2003, Ghosh et al., 2001).
213 *Iml3p* is required for pericentric localization of cohesin (Kiburz et al., 2005, Fernius and
214 Marston, 2009). Using an *iml3Δ* strain, we tried to answer whether disrupting pericentric
215 Mcd1p domain would also impair Sgo1p retention. Figures 5A and 5B show that the
216 enrichment of both Mcd1p and Sgo1p is reduced to the background level (i.e., the
217 telomeric region) in cells lacking the *IML3* gene (orange bars), whereas the arm cohesin
218 remains unaltered (Figure 5A, CEN1L100 kb, CEN4R595 kb, and CEN16L465 kb).

219 In the second, more specific approach to assessing the importance of cohesin in
220 Sgo1p localization, we targeted a specific cohesin associated region (CAR) on
221 chromosome IV for inducible disruption. Half of all CARs are in the intergenic region of
222 two convergent transcription units (Glynn et al., 2004). Driving transcription through an

223 Mcd1p enrichment site is expected to dislodge both Mcd1p and Sgo1p. To test this
224 prediction, we changed the pericentric CAR between YDR004W and YDR005C to a
225 galactose-inducible promoter *GAL1* (*pGAL1*, Figure 6A). Replacing CAR with *pGAL1*
226 does not affect Mcd1p or Sgo1p if cells were grown on the non-inducing sugar raffinose
227 (blue bars, Figures 6B and C). Galactose addition activated transcription of YDR004W
228 by twofold (Supplemental Figure 3), and also caused Mcd1p signal at amplicons 7 and
229 8 to diminish (compare orange and blue bars, Figure 6B) whereas the centromeric
230 signal (amplicon 1, 12 kb on the left of *pGAL1*) was unaffected. Similarly, the Sgo1p
231 signal at amplicons 7 and 8, but not 1, was significantly reduced as well. We therefore
232 conclude that active transcription can perturb the establishment of Mcd1p and Sgo1p
233 domain locally. From Figures 3, 5, and 6, we conclude that the pericentric localization of
234 Sgo1p requires both the TSM and the cohesion complex.

235 **Pericentric Sgo1p domain formation does not involve intervening valley regions**

236 Sgo1p docks on centromeres via direct association with Bub1p-phosphorylated Ser121
237 of histone H2A (phos.H2A) within the single centromeric nucleosome (Kawashima et al.,
238 2010). Sgo1p also binds the N' tail of the centromere-specific histone H3 variant, Cse4p
239 (Mishra et al., 2017). It is likely that phos.H2A and Cse4p provide the docking site for
240 Sgo1p that nucleates outward spread toward the pericentric regions. The establishment
241 of PC enrichment of Sgo1p may be accomplished by one of two mechanisms. In the
242 rippling mode, a wave of Sgo1p spreads along the nucleosomal path before it stops and
243 accumulates at the first cohesin block. Alternatively, Sgo1p “leaps” directly from
244 centromeres to the PC region where it is retained by the tension sensing motif. In both
245 modes, Sgo1p is underrepresented at the region between the CEN and PC peaks,

246 resulting in the “valleys” seen in the two-dimensional presentation of the ChIP-seq
247 results. These two modes of Sgo1p recruitment can be differentiated by examining the
248 dynamics of CEN and PC peaks emergence when cells progress through mitosis. An
249 intermediate stage where a significant elevation of Sgo1p signals at the valley region
250 before they move outward to generate the final PC peaks would support the rippling
251 mode. To test these two models, we tagged Sgo1p and Mcd1p in the same strain to
252 avoid any variation between cells with different genotypes. Cells expressing Sgo1-6HA
253 and Mcd1-13Myc were arrested in G1 phase by the pheromone α factor. They were
254 then released into the division cycle before collection at 30, 37.5, 45, 52.5, 60, 75, and
255 90 minutes after the release. Budding index revealed the timing of the progression
256 through mitosis during the course of experiments (Figure 7A). ChIP results (Figure 7B
257 and Supplemental Figure 4) show that Sgo1p was first detectable at CEN16 37.5
258 minutes after release from G1 arrest, when cells were at the juncture of G1 and S
259 phases. This is also when Sgo1p expression starts (Indjeian et al., 2005). While Sgo1p
260 centromeric abundance continued to rise, the adjacent PC peaks started to surface in
261 the next 7.5 minutes (amplicons 3, 16, and 21). These signals culminated at T_{60'} (green
262 bars, Figure 7B) and diminished afterwards (T_{75'} and T_{90'}). Between T_{60'} and T_{75'},
263 approximately 20% of cells entered the anaphase (green sector, Figure 7A), indicating
264 that biorientation had been established in this population of cells. The concomitant
265 reduction of Sgo1p signals is in excellent agreement with the tension-dependent
266 removal of Sgo1p from the chromatin (Nerusheva et al., 2014).

267 The kinetics of Mcd1p association with CEN and PC exhibited several important
268 distinctions. Firstly, while Mcd1p signals jumped at T30', the three subsequent time

269 points (T37.5', T45' and T52.5') saw a reduction of the overall Mcd1p signals, which
270 then climbed up again, and peaked at T75' before disappearance by T90', when the
271 majority of cells passed the metaphase-to-anaphase transition (Figure 7A). The
272 dynamic changes before T60' probably resulted from transcriptional activities in S and
273 G2 phases. The abrupt increase of Mcd1p signal at T60' agreed well with the budding
274 index that 80% of the cells were in the metaphase when cohesion of sister chromatids
275 was most critical. Lastly, the highest levels of the Mcd1p abundance were found to be at
276 T75' before its quick disappearance by T90', both were 15' later than Sgo1p. The
277 different kinetics of Sgo1p and Mcd1p dissolution concurs with the anticipated sequence
278 of biorientation, Sgo1p removal, and Mcd1p cleavage that marks anaphase onset.

279 One critical observation from results in Figure 7 is that during the formation of the
280 Sgo1p CEN and PC tripartite motif, the two valleys flanking the CEN peak never rose to
281 the levels of PC at any given time. That the PC peak-to-peak distance persists
282 throughout their lifespan in mitosis argues strongly against the notion that Sgo1p
283 spreads along consecutive nucleosomes from CEN to PC. Rather, these data support
284 the model that Sgo1p either “hops” from CEN to PC, or is recruited simultaneously to
285 these regions to generate the tripartite motif.

286 **Chromosome conformation capture reveals correlation between Sgo1p
287 enrichment and chromatin architecture**

288 If Sgo1p targets its pericentric destination immediately after or concomitantly with the
289 centromeric recruitment, it seems likely that the PC regions are rendered accessible to
290 Sgo1p whereas the intervening regions are somehow hidden from Sgo1p. Because the
291 interaction between Sgo1p and TSM does not require any posttranslational modification

292 (Luo et al., 2016, Luo et al., 2010), a non-epigenetic feature may distinguish the PC
293 Sgo1p targets from other areas near the centromeres. We felt that chromatin
294 architecture would be a good candidate that dictates the (in)accessibility of the CEN/PC
295 region to Sgo1p. Compaction of chromatin in mitosis involves condensin and cohesin
296 complexes (Hudson et al., 2009, Mehta et al., 2013). Both complexes are also shown to
297 be critical for organizing pericentromere in prometaphase (Stephens et al., 2011, Yeh et
298 al., 2008, Nasmyth, 2011). Cohesin facilitates the formation of intrachromosomal
299 centromeric loops for mitotic segregation and resides near the summits of these loops.
300 On the other hand, the condensin complex holds and organizes the bottom of these
301 loops along the spindle axis (Stephens et al., 2011). Taking together these models and
302 our results shown above, we suspect that higher-ordered chromosomal architecture,
303 e.g., chromosome looping, might be part of the mechanism underlining the highly
304 selective pericentric localization for Sgo1p.

305 If Sgo1p recruitment is linked to chromosome looping in mitosis, we predicted
306 that PC and CEN peaks of Sgo1p were spatially near each other owing to the action of
307 such proteins as cohesin and condensin. This hypothesis was tested by chromosome
308 conformation capture (3C) (Dekker et al., 2002). Yeast nuclei were harvested from G1
309 and G2/M arrest and were subjected to *EcoR* I digestion with or without formaldehyde
310 fixation, followed by ligation under a condition that favored intramolecular ligation. The
311 resultant DNA libraries were analyzed by PCR using one of two centromere-proximal
312 anchor primers, oXD159 for *CEN1* and oXD162 for *CEN16*. In each quantitative PCR
313 reaction, these anchor primers were paired with a distal primer that is 3 – 50 kb away
314 (black arrows, Figure 8A). All primers hybridized to the same strand of DNA, hence

315 should not produce any PCR product without the 3C treatment. On the other hand,
316 ligation at the anticipated *EcoR* I sites after formaldehyde fixation would generate
317 templates amplifiable by the anchor and the locus-specific primers. Comparing the
318 intensity of PCR products amplified from samples with or without formaldehyde
319 treatment yielded “crosslinking frequency” that is indicative of the propensity for the two
320 primer target regions to be spatially brought together by chromatin-associating factors.

321 The 3C assays indeed show that, after crosslinking, the centromeric primers
322 oXD159 and oXD162 could amplify with primers hybridizing to Mcd1p peaks that were 3
323 to 15 kb away (e.g., oXD159 + CEN1L 5kb or CEN1R 5kb, and oXD162 + CEN16L 8kb
324 or CEN16R 3kb; Figure 8B). Some of the amplification products spanned a region with
325 a conspicuous Mcd1p signal without Sgo1p (e.g., oXD159 + CEN1L 20kb, oXD162 +
326 CEN16L 15kb), consistent with the idea that chromosomal loops generated by the
327 cohesin complex is a prerequisite for Sgo1p localization (Stephens et al., 2011,
328 Verzijlbergen et al., 2014). The crosslinking frequency from G2/M nuclei was in general
329 higher than G1 (orange vs. blue bars), which indicates that the nuclear architecture
330 climaxes during mitosis, but may be partially preserved after exiting from M phase. This
331 notion is consistent with the weak but readily recognizable Mcd1p peaks in cells
332 arrested at G1 (Figure 7).

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334 **DISCUSSION**

335 This work depicts the genome-wide localization of Sgo1p in mitotic *S. cerevisiae* cells.
336 On each chromosome, Sgo1p displays a tripartite localization domain consisting of a

337 middle centromeric and typically two flanking pericentric peaks. Sgo1p co-localizes with
338 the cohesin complex. However, despite that cohesin is recruited to numerous loci
339 across the genome, Sgo1p only rendezvous with the centromeric and the adjacent
340 pericentric cohesin. This confined localization of Sgo1p requires an intact tension
341 sensing motif of histone H3. Ectopic transcription that disrupts pericentric cohesin
342 localization also dislodges Sgo1p in situ. Overexpression causes Sgo1p to expand its
343 presence, but the new Sgo1p peaks have high propensity to co-localize with cohesin.
344 This unique trident shape of Sgo1p domain on each chromosome appears to be
345 associated with chromatin looping in mitosis, thus linking higher-ordered chromatin
346 architecture to positioning Sgo1p for the crucial tension sensing function of segregation.

347 Studies of yeast and human cells have demonstrated the importance of cohesin
348 in Sgo1p recruitment to pericentromere (Kiburz et al., 2005, Liu et al., 2013a). However,
349 cohesin alone is not sufficient for the pericentric retention of Sgo1p. The tension
350 sensing motif of H3 is also required for keeping Sgo1p in this region to ensure error-free
351 segregation. While a Gly-to-Ser mutation in the TSM has no effect on cohesin
352 localization, both pericentric and, to a lesser extent, centromeric enrichment of Sgo1p is
353 compromised ((Luo et al., 2010) and Figure 3C). The establishment of the centromeric
354 and pericentric domain of Sgo1p likely follows a spillover model in that Sgo1p is first
355 recruited to the centromeres via direct association with Cse4p (Mishra et al., 2017) and
356 histone H2A phosphorylated at Ser121 by kinase Bub1p (Kawashima et al., 2010,
357 Fernius and Hardwick, 2007). Congregation of Sgo1p molecules at centromeres permits
358 its spread to the adjacent pericentric nucleosomes where cohesin has already been
359 loaded. This spread may result from the turnover of the association between Sgo1p and

360 centromeric proteins. Alternatively, the homodimerization activity of Sgo1p, evidenced
361 by yeast two-hybrid tests (Mishra et al., 2017), may facilitate the growth of the Sgo1p
362 domain from centromeres to pericentric regions where the cohesin complex resides. By
363 binding to nucleosomes, cohesin may also help to make the tension sensing motif more
364 accessible for Sgo1p before biorientation is established (Fernius and Hardwick, 2007,
365 Kawashima et al., 2010, Luo et al., 2010, Luo et al., 2016). Due possibly to the total
366 pool size of Sgo1p, it only spreads to the first and nearest cohesin cluster.
367 Overexpression of Sgo1p can further its spread primarily to adjacent pre-existing
368 cohesin conglomerates (Figure 2).

369 The distinct kinetics of engaging Sgo1p and cohesin (Mcd1p) at *CEN16* (Figure
370 5) and *CEN1* (Supplemental Figure 4) is consistent with the notion that cohesin
371 organizes chromatin into a platform for mitotic machinery to execute error-free
372 segregation. Mcd1p appears earlier than Sgo1p does, but fluctuates in abundance
373 before metaphase. In the meantime, Sgo1p continues to accumulate at CEN and PC
374 peaks until it reaches the maximum. When cells enter anaphase, Sgo1p dissipates. It is
375 critical that before Mcd1p levels climb to the highest, Sgo1p already starts disappearing
376 from CEN and PC regions (compare T_{60'} and T_{75'}, Figure 5 and Supplemental Figure 4).
377 This time difference echoes the report of tension-dependent removal of Sgo1p from
378 chromatin at the juncture of metaphase and anaphase (Nerusheva et al., 2014), and is
379 consistent with the model that the removal of Sgo1p from chromatin is registered by
380 cells as achieving biorientation.

381 The centromeric and pericentric clusters of Sgo1p appear almost simultaneously,
382 leaving the intervening regions low in Sgo1p abundance throughout the lifespan of

383 these peaks. Given that the histone H3 tension sensing motif decorates the whole
384 genome and functions without a post-translational modification, the non-continuous
385 nature of the confined Sgo1p peaks on each chromosome strongly suggests physical
386 hindrance in these Sgo1p-free valleys. Our recent findings that Gcn5p acts as a
387 negative regulator for tension sensing motif and Sgo1p functional interaction (Buehl et
388 al., 2018, Luo et al., 2016) alludes to an intriguing possibility that Gcn5p, acetylated H3,
389 or a downstream effector may prevent Sgo1p from binding to the chromosome arms.
390 ChIP-seq data show a lack of correlation between Gcn5p and these Sgo1p-free valleys
391 in mitosis (Figure 3), arguing against a direct, physical role of Gcn5p. Rather, we favor
392 the possibility that a structural feature dictates the accessibility of pericentric chromatin
393 to Sgo1p. Indeed, the chromosome conformation capture results (Figure 8) show that
394 DNA around the centromere loops into a higher-ordered structure that includes
395 centromere and the adjacent Sgo1p and cohesin clusters, a scenario reminiscent of the
396 C-loop model put forth by Bloom and colleagues (Yeh et al., 2008, Salmon and Bloom,
397 2017). The C-loop conformation posits that pericentric chromatin harbors alternating
398 cohesin and condensin complex clusters. Condensin and the associated chromatin in
399 pericentromeres are restricted to the microtubule axis between spindle pole bodies,
400 whereas cohesin and the cognate CARs are radially positioned, forming the wall of a
401 barrel. In this model, multiple layers of chromatin loops distribute axially, with the top
402 and bottom of this barrel being the clustered centromeres from all 16 chromosomes.
403 Poleward pulling from biorientation stretches the length of this barrel and narrows its
404 diameter.

405 How does Sgo1p fit into the tension sensing function? Taking together the ChIP-
406 seq and 3C results, we suggest that cohesin is responsible for creating and joining
407 multiple loops in pericentromeres. With centromeres clustering in the center (Jin et al.,
408 1998), these cohesin-capped loops (Figure 9A) can be viewed as a series of concentric
409 circles (Figure 9B). Sgo1p is recruited to the centromere cluster, from which it
410 encroaches radially to the first pericentric cohesin circle (red circles, Figure 9B).
411 Biorientation instigates both intra- and inter-chromosomal tension (Salmon and Bloom,
412 2017). The increased space between individual nucleosomes causes a conformational
413 change of the tension sensing motif (Luo et al., 2016, Luo et al., 2010) or even
414 nucleosome dissociation from pericentromeres (Lawrimore et al., 2015). In either case,
415 Sgo1p loses its footings and dissipates from chromatin (Figure 9B, green circles).
416 Tension-induced clearance of Sgo1p in pericentromeres signals biorientation to the
417 spindle assembly checkpoint (Nerusheva et al., 2014). Anaphase thus ensues. This
418 model provides a mechanistic explanation for the mitotic delay caused by Sgo1p
419 overexpression (Clift et al., 2009). Biochemical fractionation experiments demonstrated
420 that yeast cells do not have a soluble pool of Sgo1p, but rather keep all Sgo1p
421 molecules in the CEN/PC region (Buehl et al., 2018). If true, the overall size of the
422 Sgo1p motif on chromosomes (red circles, Figure 9B) would be dictated by the number
423 of Sgo1p molecules. Overexpression raises Sgo1p levels and expands the range of
424 Sgo1p occupancy to the next cohesin circle farther away from the centromere cluster.
425 Consequently, axial separation of kinetochores has to be extended in order to evict the
426 outermost Sgo1p peaks. Assuming that the quantitative removal of Sgo1p from
427 centromeric and pericentric regions signals biorientation, Sgo1p overdose would require

428 more time to clear Sgo1p before anaphase onset, resulting in mitotic delay. On the
429 contrary, deleting Sgo1p or preventing the formation of the pericentric Sgo1p domain by
430 mutating the tension sensing motif would be interpreted erroneously as biorientation,
431 thus triggering precocious anaphase onset and aneuploidy (Luo et al., 2010, Indjeian et
432 al., 2005).

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434 MATERIALS AND METHODS

435 Yeast strains and plasmid constructs

436 The yeast strains, plasmids, and primers used in this work are listed in Tables 1 to 3.
437 To study the genome wide localization of Sgo1p, the 6HA epitope-tagged Sgo1p
438 strains, yJL345 (H3WT) and yJL346 (H3G44S) were constructed as previous described
439 (Luo et al., 2010). The Sgo1p overexpression strains, yJL322 (H3WT) and yJL324
440 (H3G44S) were generated by transforming pJL51 (a *URA3* plasmid with *pADH1-3HA-*
441 *SGO1-tADH1*) into yMK1361 and yJL170, whose endogenous *SGO1* gene was deleted
442 using *TRP1* marker. To ChIP Mcd1p, a 13Myc tag was introduced to the C terminus of
443 *MCD1* locus in yJL347 using pFA6a-13Myc-His3MX6 plasmid as described (Petracek
444 and Longtine, 2002). The resultant strain yXD225 was transformed with either
445 pMK439H3WT or pMK439H3G44S (a *LEU2* plasmid bearing all four core histone
446 genes) and followed by 5-FOA selection to select against pMK440 (a *URA3* plasmid
447 bearing all four core histone genes) containing cells, generating yXD233 (H3WT) and
448 yXD234 (H3G44S). *BAR1* was deleted in yXD233 and yXD234 to yield yXD237 and
449 yXD238 respectively, using homologous recombination approach with *URA3* marker.

450 Another version of *bar1* deletion was made in yXD233 to yield yXD282, using *URA3*
451 recycling approach as described previously (Akada et al., 2002). An adapted *URA3*
452 recycling method was used to replace the CAR sequence between *RAD57* and *MAF1*
453 with *GAL1* promoter. There were 4 steps PCR to attain the recombinant fragment. Step
454 1, primers oXD236 and oXD237 were used to amplify 3' end of *RAD57* from genomic
455 DNA. Step 2, amplified *pGAL1* from plasmid pFA6a-*TRP1*-*pGAL1-3HA* with primers
456 oXD252 and oXD253. Step 3, PCR the *URA3* from plasmid pMK440 using primers
457 oXD254, oXD255 and oXD240. Step 4, combined PCR products from the previous
458 three steps and used primers oXD236 and oXD240 to amplify the final fragment. The
459 resultant DNA was transformed into yXD282 to attain Ura⁺ transformant, which was
460 then subjected to 5-FOA selection to generate yXD286.

461 **Yeast methods**

462 Yeast growth media, conditions, and transformation were based on standard
463 procedures (Sherman, 1991). When appropriate, 5% casamino acids (CAA) were used
464 to substitute for synthetic amino acid mixtures as selective medium for uracil,
465 tryptophan, or adenine prototroph. Yeast transformation was done with the lithium
466 acetate method (Gietz et al., 1992).

467 **ChIP-qPCR and ChIP-seq**

468 ChIP was conducted as previously described (Luo et al., 2010, Kuo and Allis, 1999). To
469 quantify the ChIP results, ChIP DNAs were analyzed with quantitative PCR using
470 primers from Table 3. The libraries of Sgo1p ChIP-seq were prepared as described
471 previously (Ford et al., 2014). 10 ng of ChIP DNA was used for each library preparation.

472 Size selection of libraries was 300-500 bp. Libraries passed quality control were then
473 subjected to Illumina HiSeq 2500 to get 50 bp single-end reads. Reads were mapped to
474 *S. cerevisiae* genome (Sacer 3.0) by Bowtie2 (version 2.2.6) using -m 1 setting for
475 unique matching reads. BEDgraph files of each ChIP-seq experiments were generated
476 by HOMER (version 4.7.2) and were visualized by Intergrative Genomics Viewer (Broad
477 Institute). Read analysis across centromeres was done by using code of Cen-
478 boxplot_100kb.pl adapted from Verzijlbergen et al. (2014). All ChIP-seq data in this
479 study are available at the Gene Expression Omnibus with accession number
480 GSE110953.

481 **Chromosome Conformation Capture, 3C**

482 3C was performed in 100 OD₆₀₀ cells of G1 or G2M arrest cells as previously described
483 (Belton and Dekker, 2015). Instead of using mortar and pestle to lyses cells, 50 U/mL
484 lyticase was used to digest the cell wall for 25 min at room temperature. Primers are
485 designed around 50 bp upstream of the targeted *EcoR* I sites. The digestion efficiency
486 of each libraries was evaluated by qPCR. Samples with at least 70% digestion were
487 carried on for following assay. PCR products were resolved by 9% PAGE and stained
488 by ethidium bromide. The intensity of band was analyzed by NIH ImageJ.

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625 **Table 1: Yeast strains used in this study**

Strain	Relevant genotype	Source or reference
yJL345	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 his3-11, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1::SGO1-6HA::TRP1 ura3-1 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pQQ18 [ARS CEN LEU2 HTA1-HTB1 HHT2-HHF2]	Luo <i>et al</i> , 2010
yJL346	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 his3-11, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1::SGO1-6HA::TRP1 ura3-1 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pMK439G44S [ARS CEN LEU2 HTA1-HTB1 hht2-G44S-HHF2]	Luo <i>et al</i> , 2010
yJL322	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 his3-11, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1::sgo1Δ::TRP1 ura3-1 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pMK440 [ARS CEN URA3 HTA1-HTB1 HHT2-HHF2] pJL51 [2μm URA3 pADH1-3xHA-SGO1-tADH1]	This study
yJL324	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 his3-11, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1::sgo1Δ::TRP1 ura3-1 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pMK440 [ARS CEN URA3 HTA1-HTB1 hht2-G44S-HHF2] pJL51 [2μm URA3 pADH1-3xHA-SGO1-tADH1]	This study
yJL566	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 his3-11, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1::SGO1-6HA::TRP1 ura3-1 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pMK439G44S [ARS CEN LEU2 HTA1-HTB1 hht2-G44S-HHF2] pMK144E173H [2μm URA3 pCUP1-gcn5E173H]	This study
yMK1141	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 his3-11, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1 ura3-1 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pMK440 [ARS CEN URA3 HTA1-HTB1 HHT2-HHF2]	Luo <i>et al</i> , 2010
yMK1361	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 his3-11, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1::sgo1Δ::TRP1 ura3-1 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pMK440 [ARS CEN URA3 HTA1-HTB1 HHT2-HHF2]	This study

Strain	Relevant genotype	Source or reference
yXD143	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 his3-11, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1::SGO1-6HA::TRP1 ura3-1:: bar1Δ::URA3 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pQQ18 [ARS CEN LEU2 HTA1-HTB1 HHT2-HHF2]	This study
yXD144	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 his3-11, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1::SGO1-6HA::TRP1 ura3-1:: bar1Δ::URA3 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pMK439G44S [ARS CEN LEU2 HTA1-HTB1 hht2-G44S-HHF2]	This study
yXD237	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 his3-11::MCD1-13MYC::HIS3, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1::SGO1-6HA::TRP1 ura3-1:: bar1Δ::URA3 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pQQ18 [ARS CEN LEU2 HTA1-HTB1 HHT2-HHF2]	This study
yXD238	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 his3-11::MCD1-13MYC::HIS3, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1::SGO1-6HA::TRP1 ura3-1:: bar1Δ::URA3 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pMK439G44S [ARS CEN LEU2 HTA1-HTB1 hht2-G44S-HHF2]	This study
yXD286	MATa ade2-1 can1-100 bar1Δ his3-11::MCD1-13MYC::HIS3, 15 leu2-3, 112 trp1-1::SGO1-6HA::TRP1 ura3-1 hht1-hhf1::KAN hht2-hhf2::KAN hta1-htb1::Nat hta2-htb2::HPH pQQ18 [ARS CEN LEU2 HTA1-HTB1 HHT2-HHF2] MAF1- <i>P_{GAL1}</i>	This study

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Table 2: Plasmid constructs used in this study

Plasmid	Main features	Source or reference
pQQ18/pMK439	pRS315-HTA1-HTB1 HHT2-HHF2	Luo <i>et al</i> , 2010
pJH33/pMK440	pRS316-HTA1-HTB1 HHT2-HHF2	Luo <i>et al</i> , 2010
pJL51	2μm URA3 pADH1-3xHA-SGO1-tADH1	Luo <i>et al</i> , 2016
pMK390/pFA6a-13Myc-HIS3MX6	13Myc-tADH1-pTEF-HIS3-tTEF	Longtine <i>et al</i> , 1998
pMK389/pFA6a-TRP1-pGAL1-3HA	TRP1-pGAL1-3HA	Longtine <i>et al</i> , 1998

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Table 3: Oligos used in this study

Name	Sequence
CEN1L5kb	AAGAACGCTTTGGGATTG
oXD159	AAGAAACGTTAACCTACTG
CEN1R5kb	CCTCACGCGCTTAATCCTA
CEN1R10kb	GTAAGGTTGTCCGTATTGG
CEN16L8kb	CTATGATGAGGAACGTGCAA
oXD162	GGGATCAATCCCAATAGATG
CEN16R3kb	TCCTACGTATGGAAAACG
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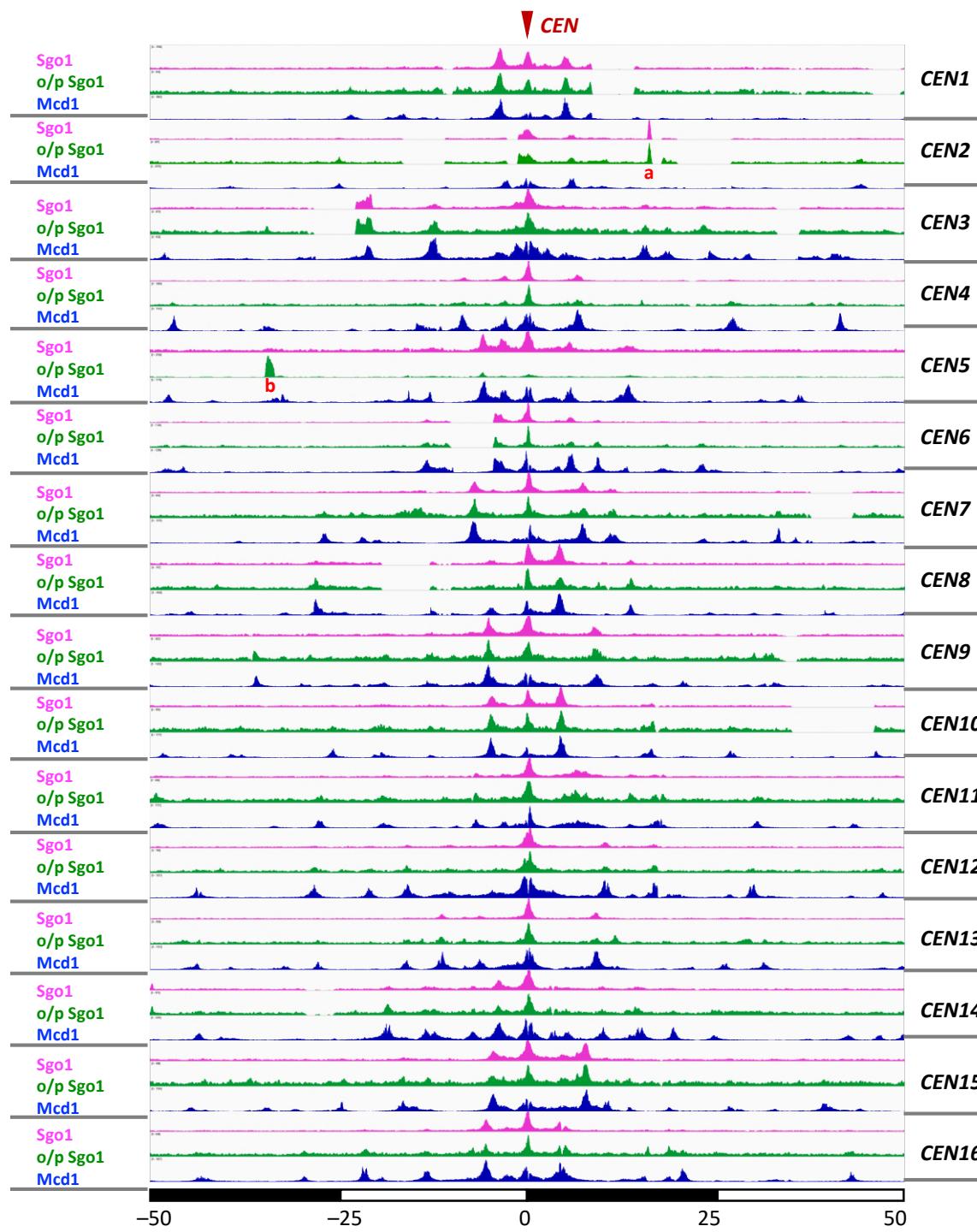


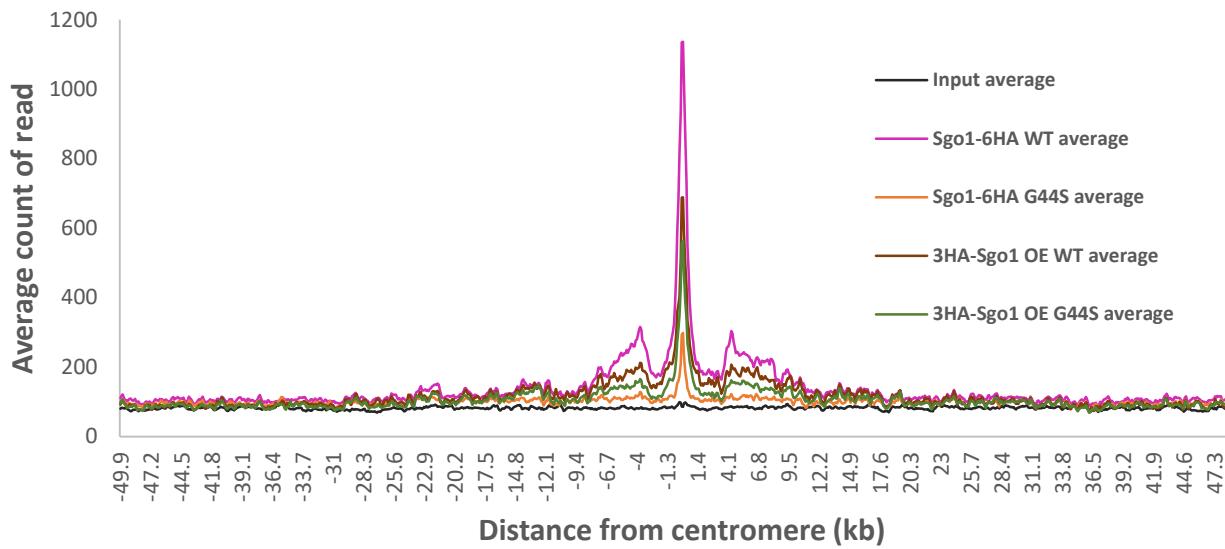
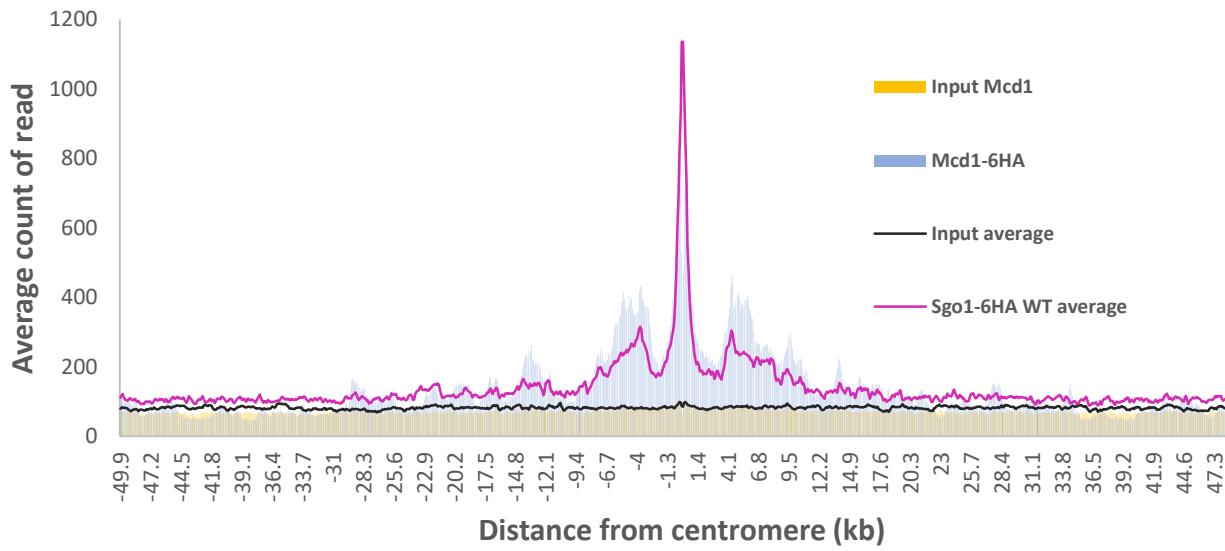
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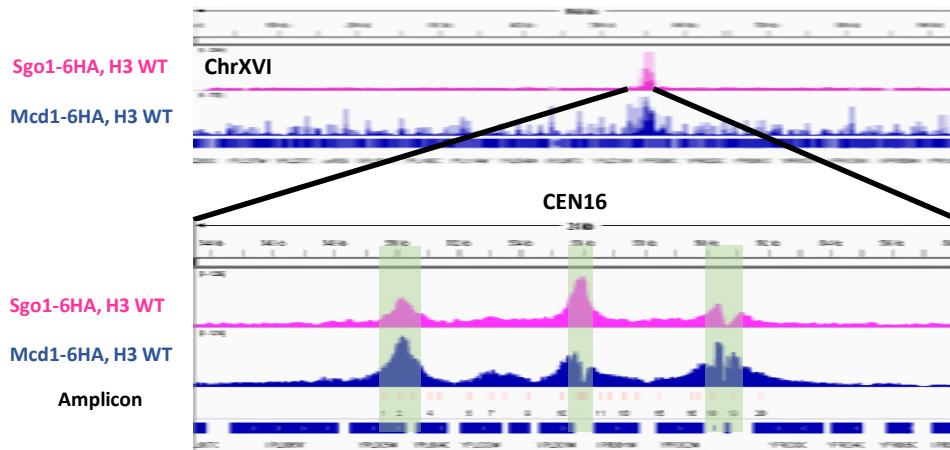
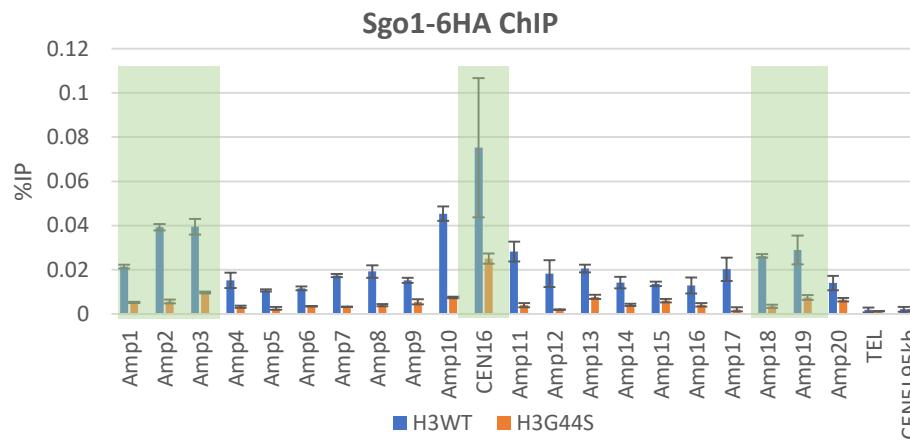
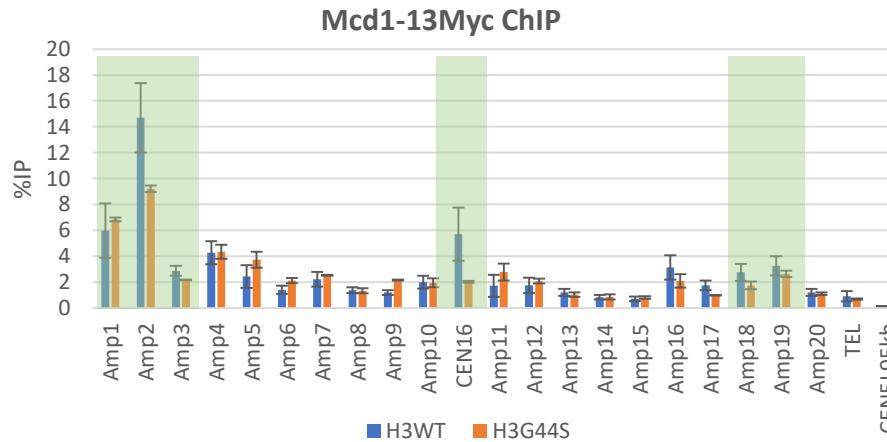
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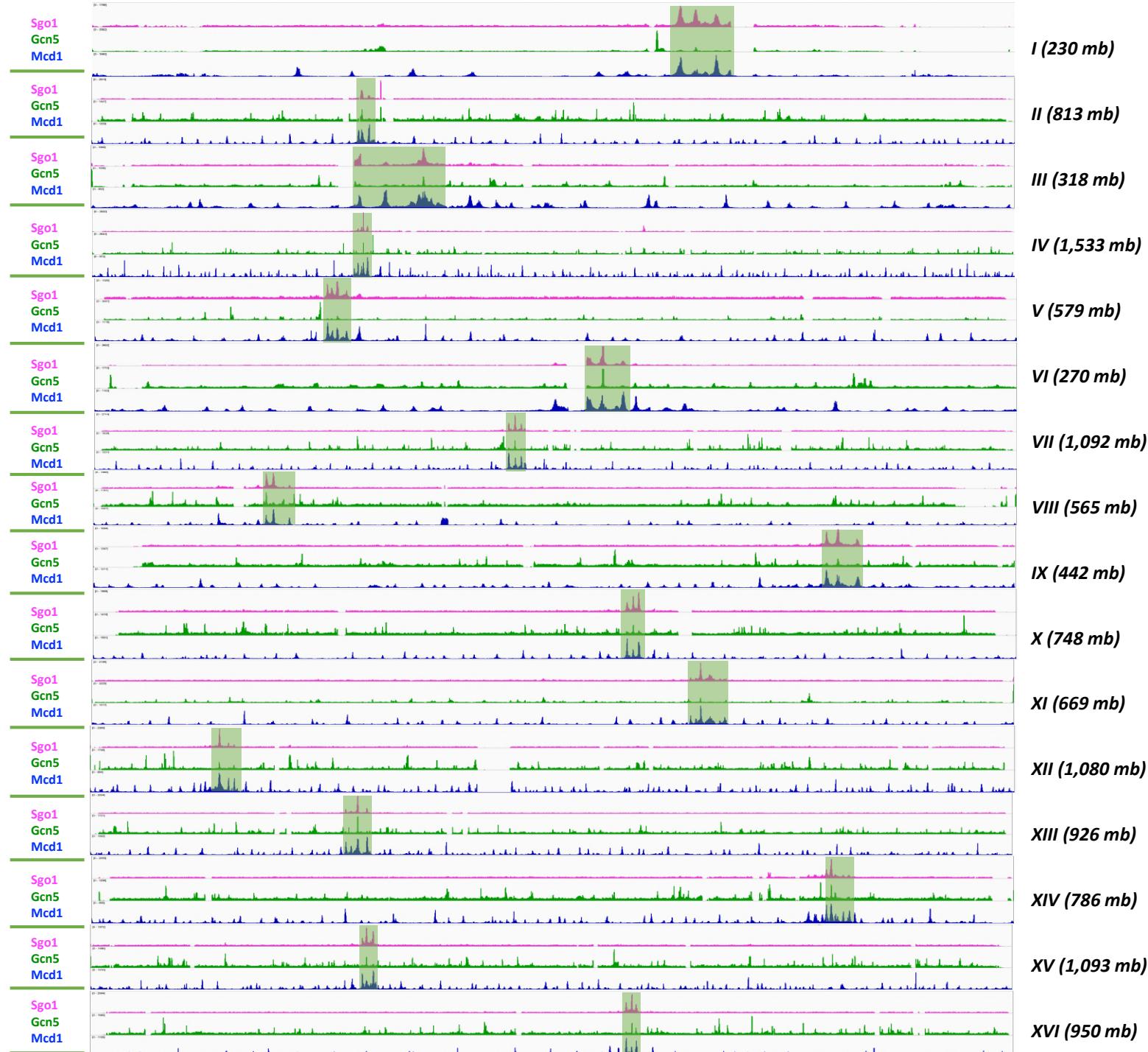


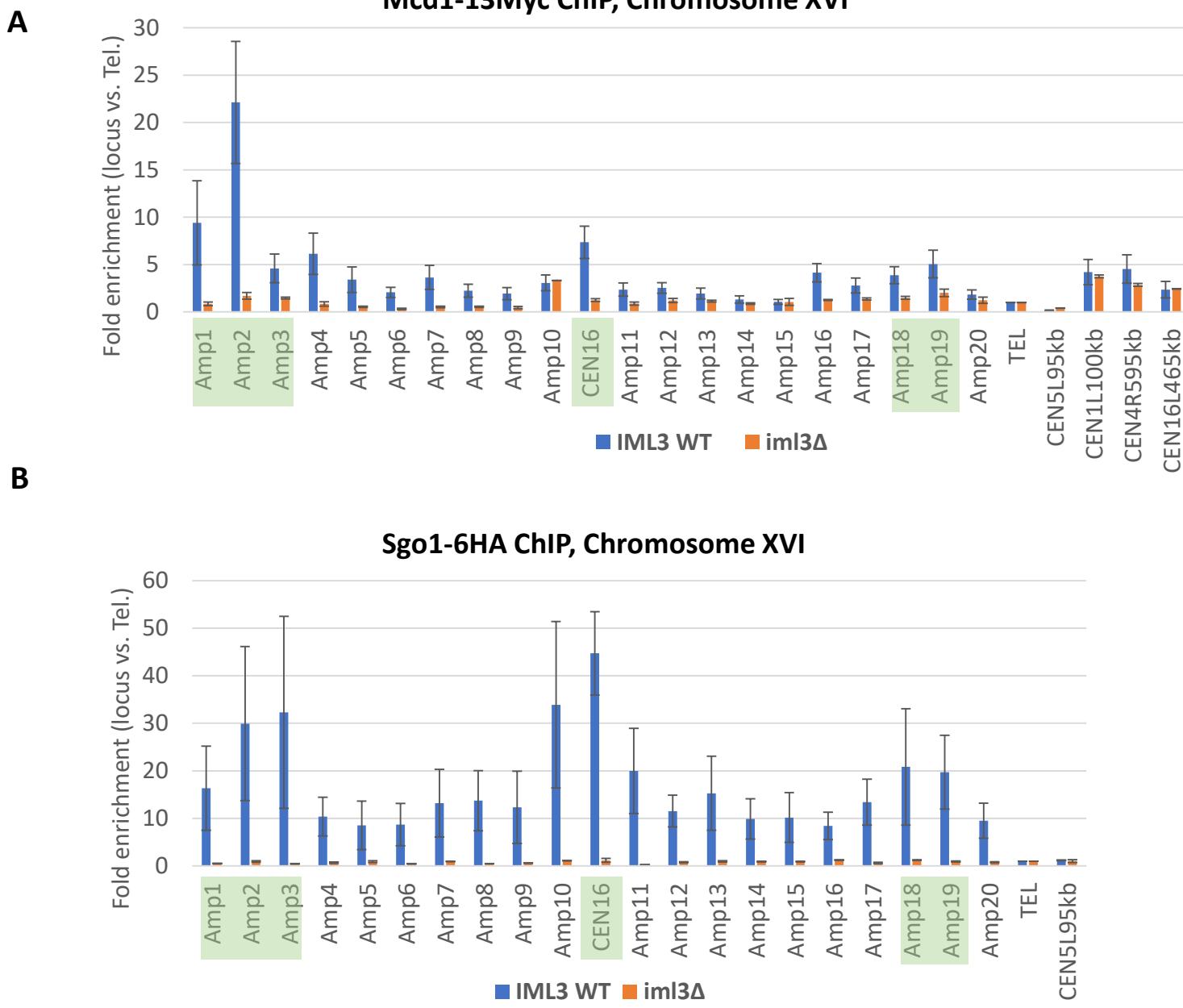
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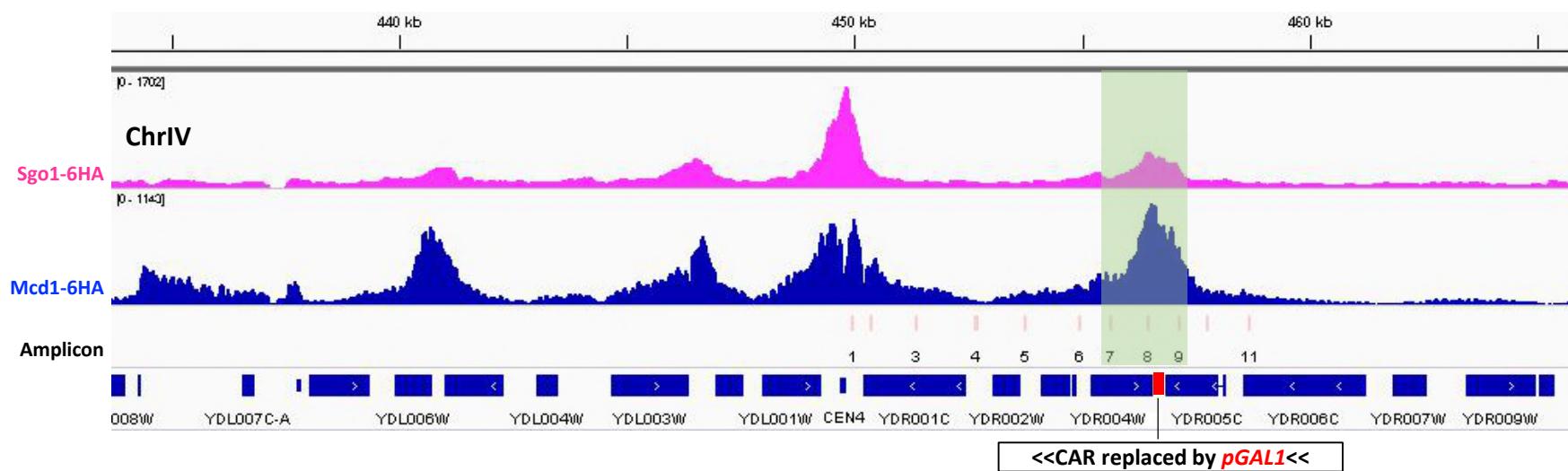
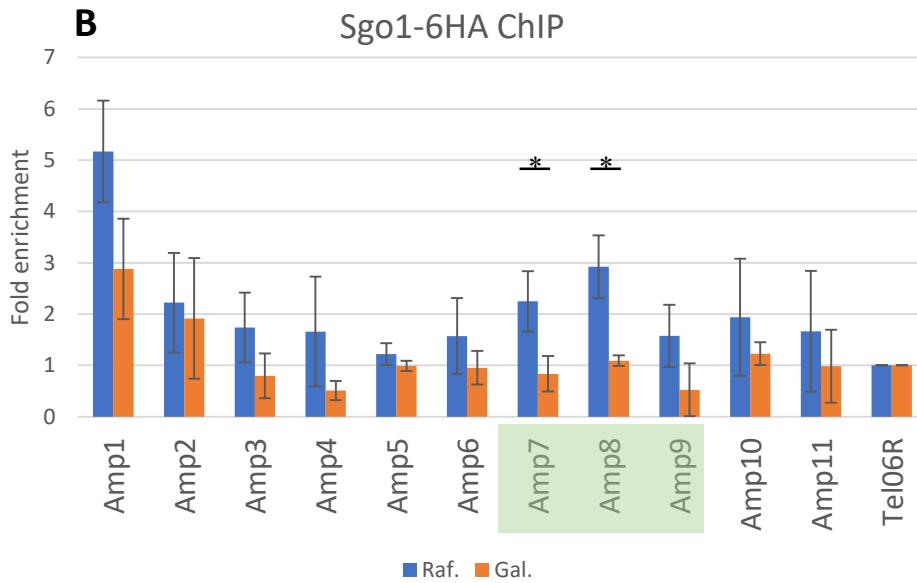
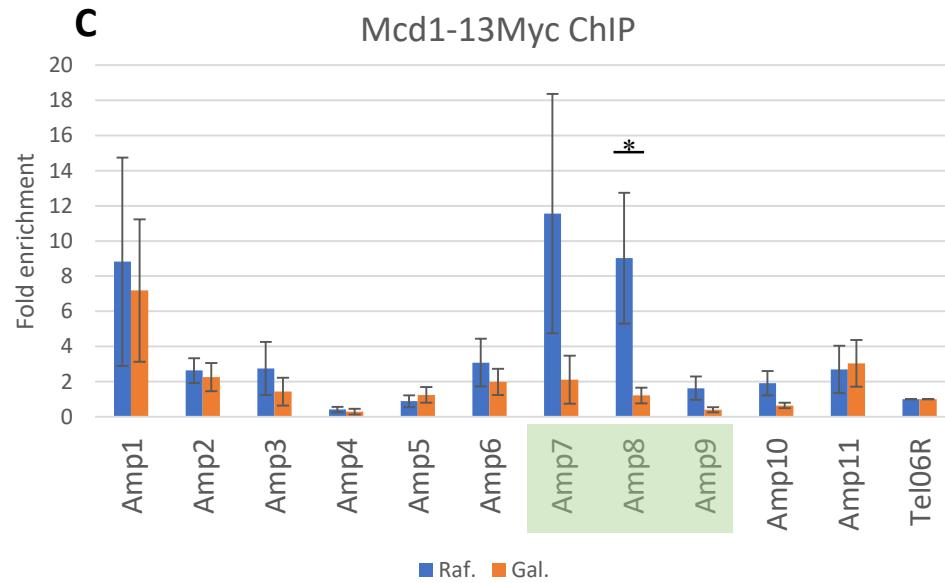
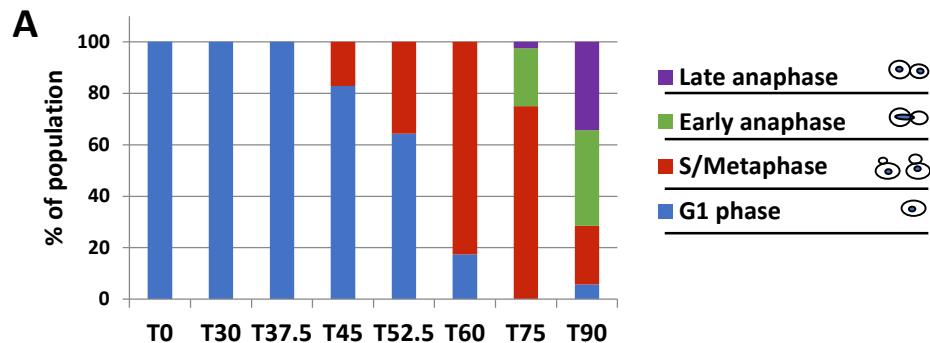
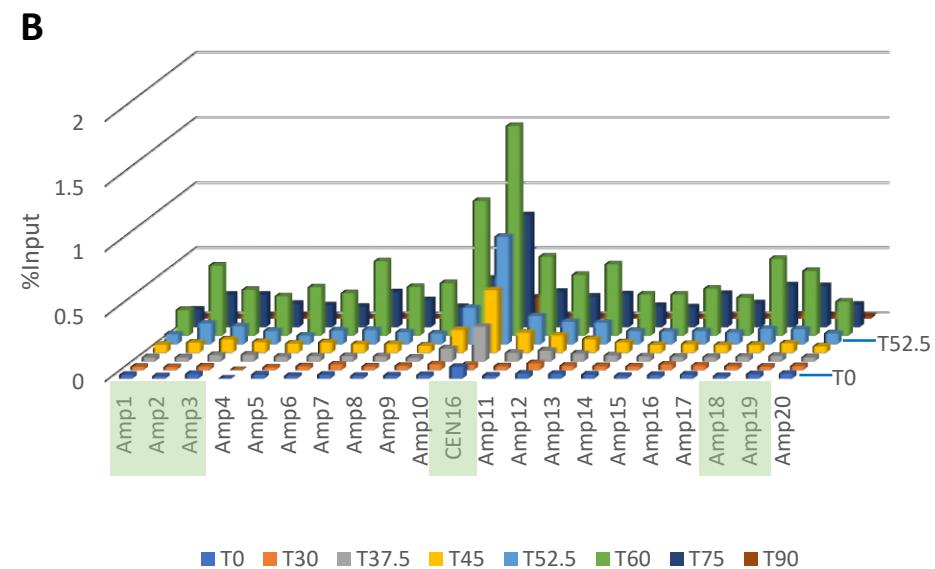
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Figure 7



Sgo1-6HA ChIP



Mcd1-13Myc ChIP

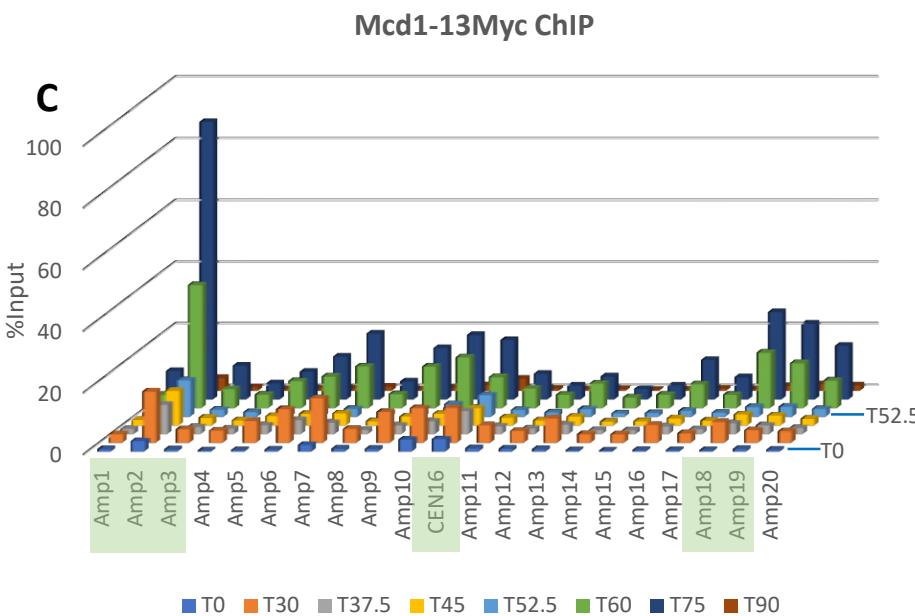


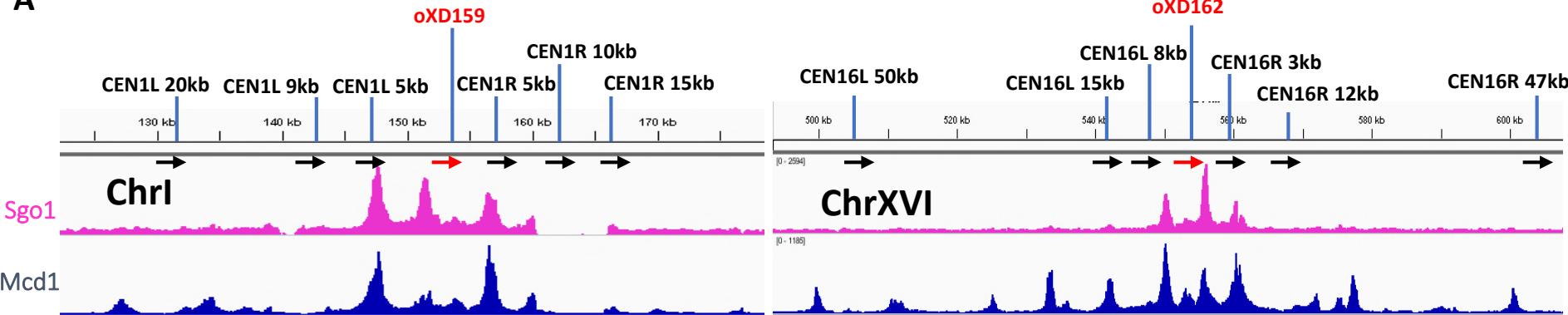
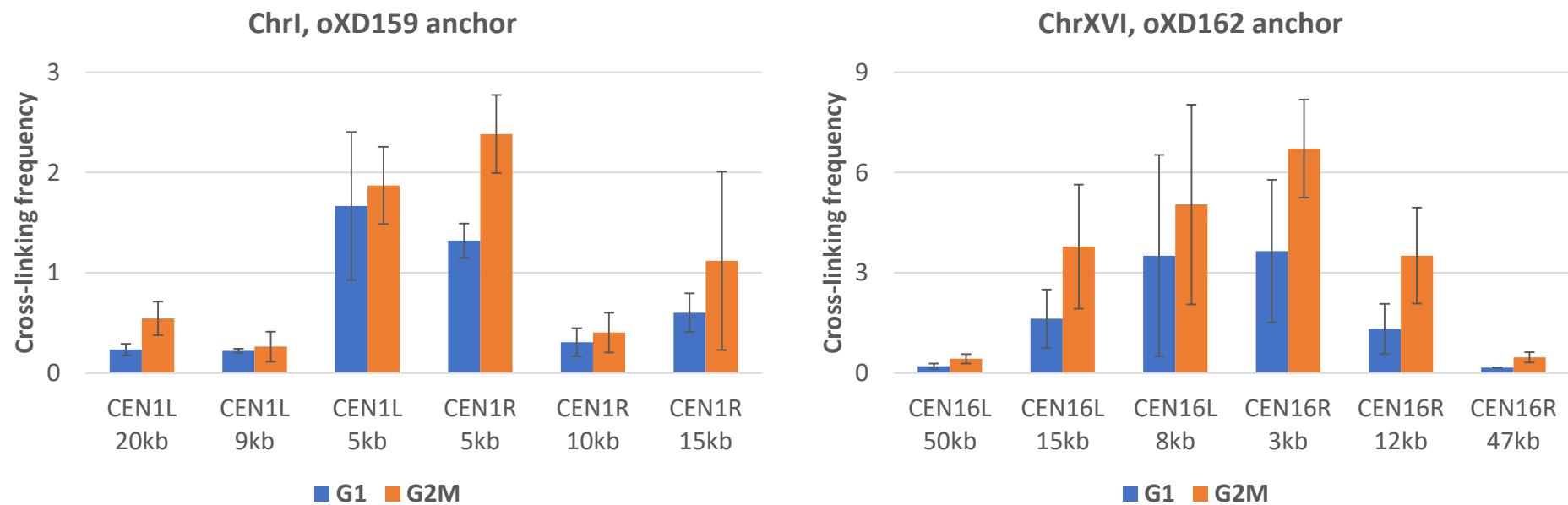
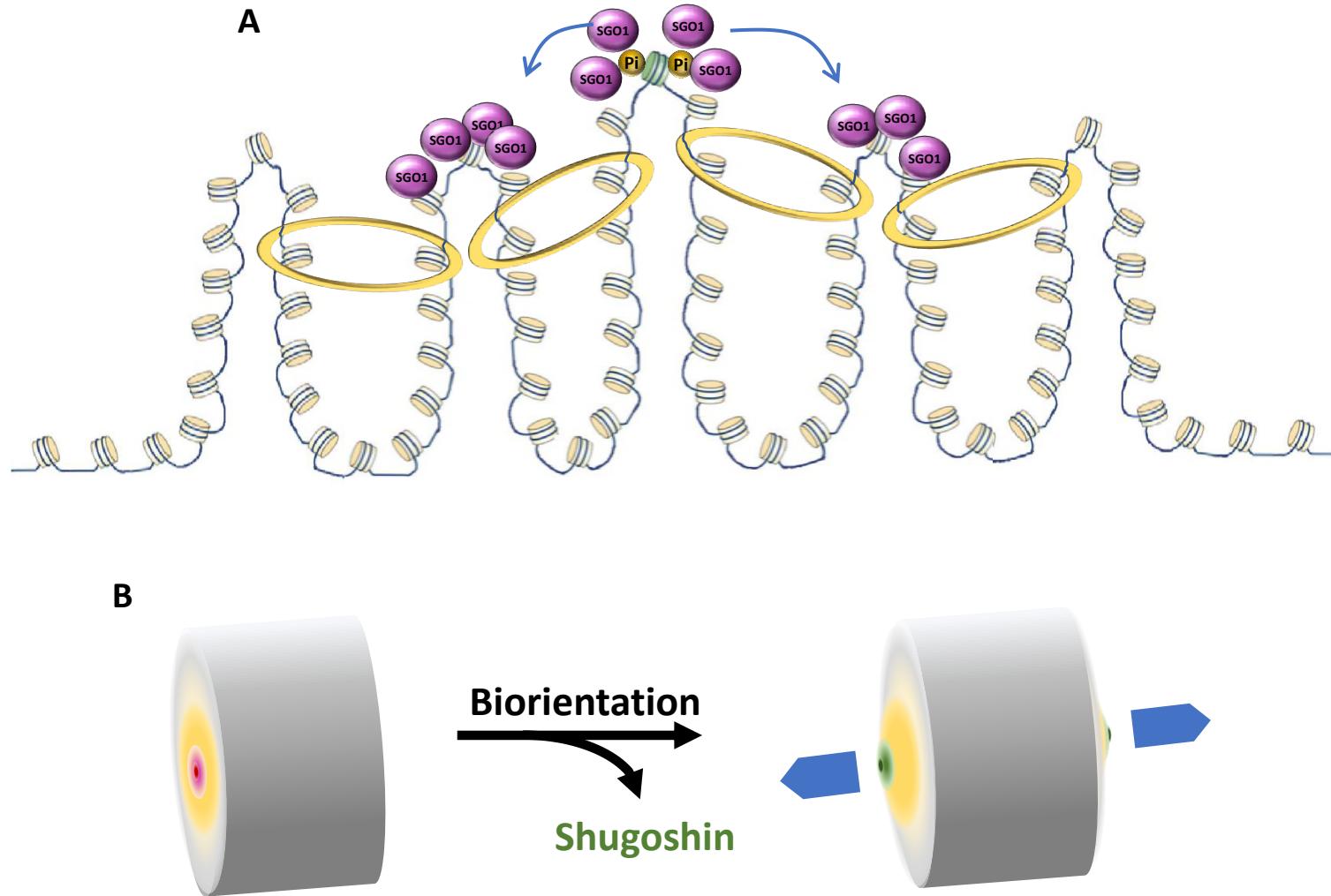
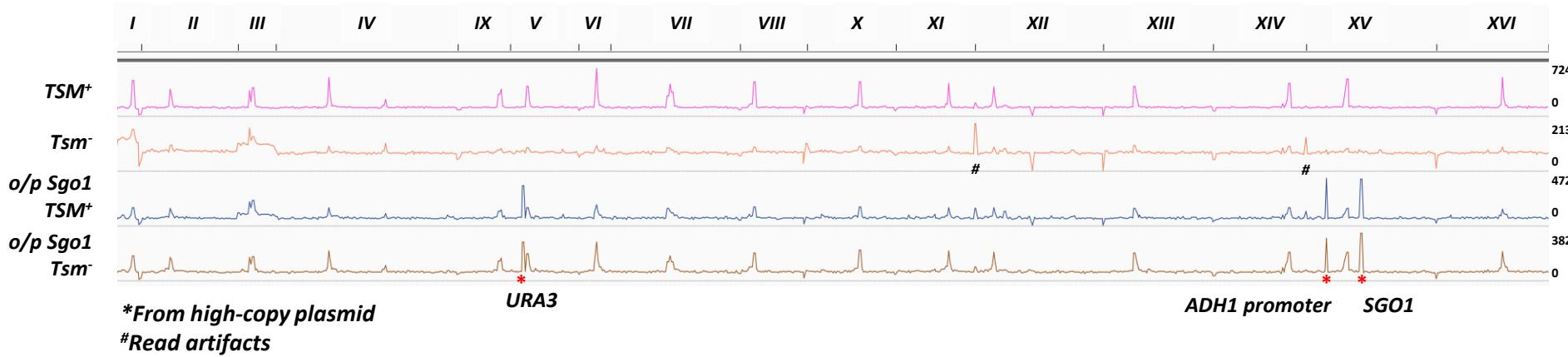
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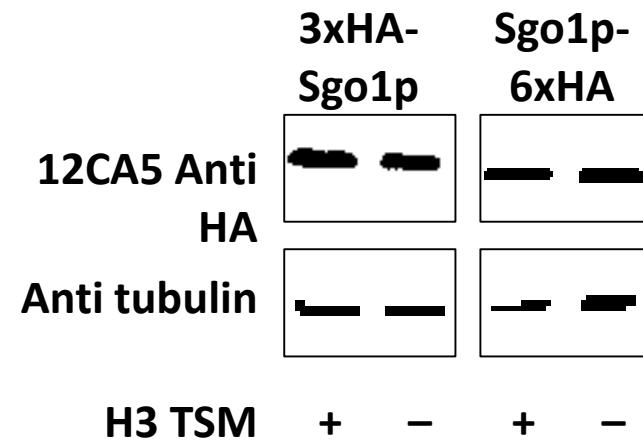
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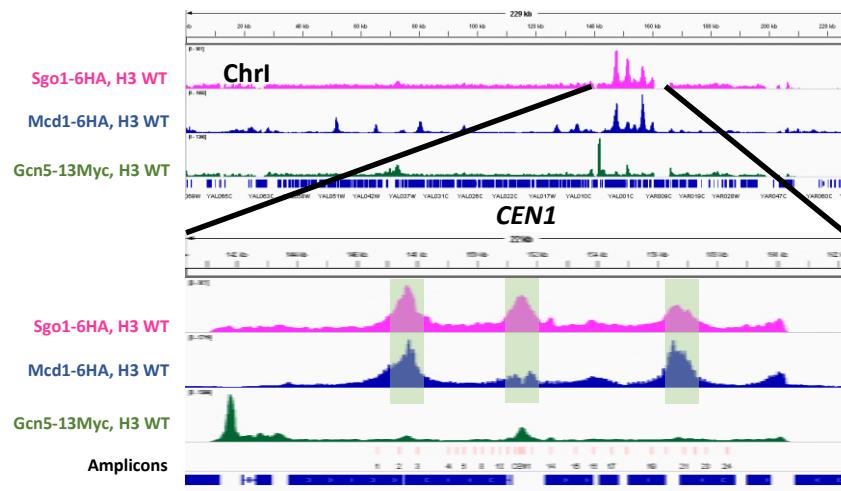


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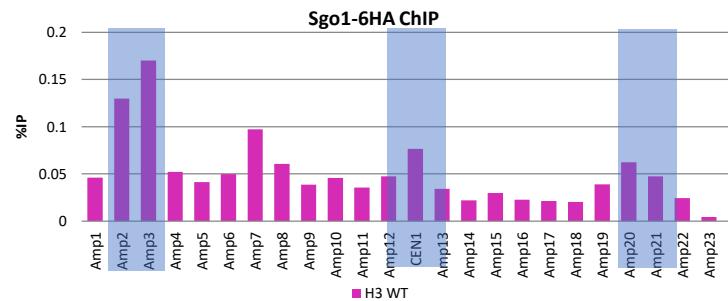


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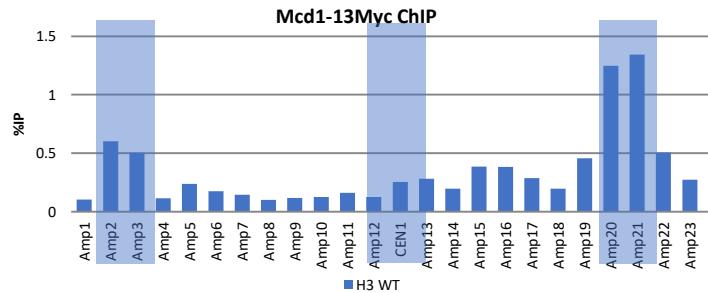
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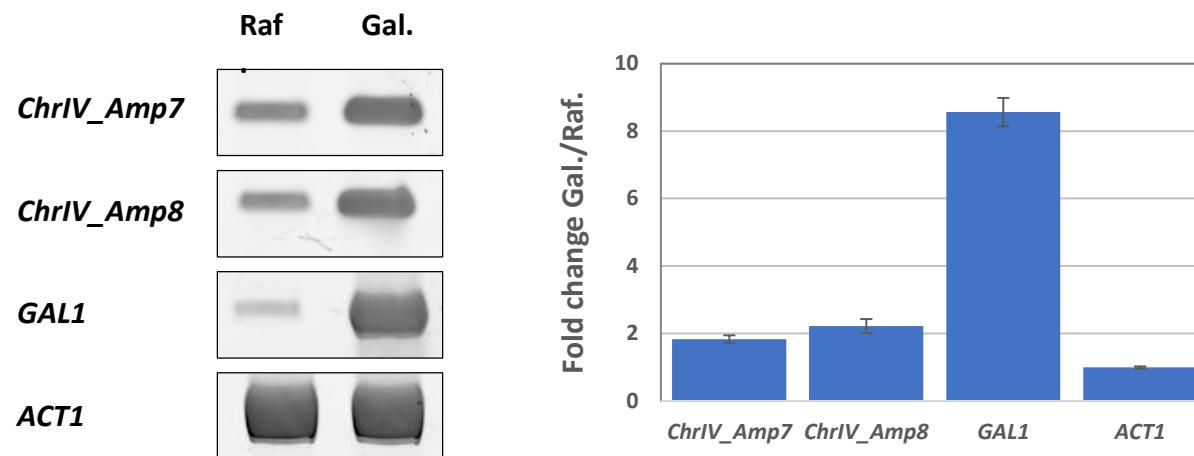
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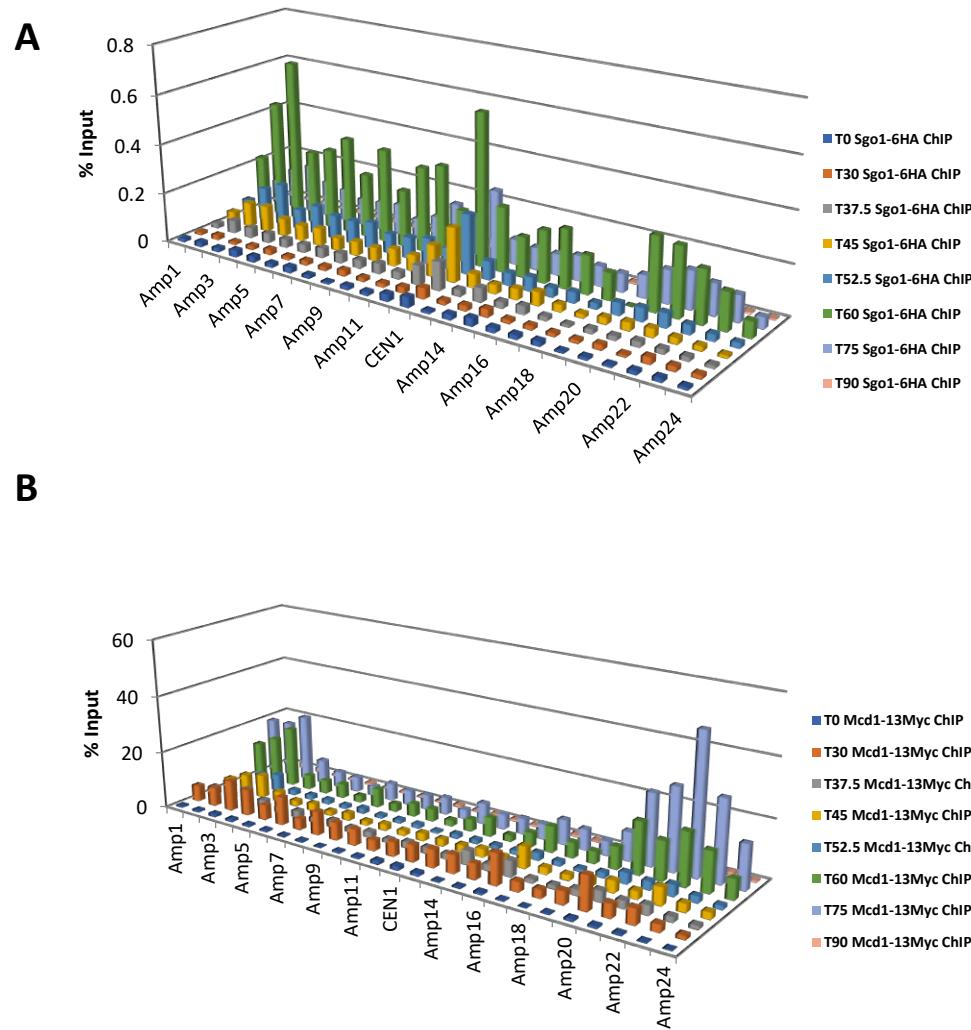


Figure Legends.

Figure 1. Sgo1p is recruited to centromeres and pericentromere to form a tripartite localization domain on each mitotic chromosome. The 100-kb region centering on the centromere of all 16 chromosome is aligned. Sgo1p expressed from its native locus (magenta), or from a multi-copy episomal plasmid (green) are compared with the Mcd1p distribution (dataset from Verzijlbergen et al., 2014). The two peaks labelled “a” and “b” close to *CEN2* and *CEN5* correspond to *ARS209* and *URA3* respectively. These loci were from two plasmids in the strains used for experiments.

Figure 2. Sgo1p enrichment overlaps with cohesin domains at the centromeres and pericentromere. Average counts (per million reads) plot comparing the distribution of Sgo1p expressed in different backgrounds (panel A) or between Sgo1p and cohesin (panel B). The counts apparently corresponding to plasmid-borne *URA3* and *ARS209* were artificially removed from the calculation. The Mcd1p ChIP-seq data were from Verzijlbergen et al., 2014.

Figure 3. The histone H3 tension sensing motif is essential for pericentric Sgo1p localization but not Mcd1p. A. Distribution of Sgo1p (magenta) and Mcd1p (blue) across chromosome XVI as revealed by ChIP-seq. The centromeric region is blown up to show the detail distribution of these two proteins. PCR amplicons are enumerated and shown in light pink bars below the Mcd1 peaks. The open reading frames and their transcription directions are shown at the bottom. B and C. Quantitative real-time PCR analysis of separate ChIP experiments. Sgo1p-HA and Mcd1p-Myc (both expressed from their native loci) were ChIP’ed from cells bearing the wildtype or a mutant TSM (G44S). The three enrichment sites are marked with the shaded boxes.

Figure 4. Gcn5p is enriched in centromeres but shows no overlap with cohesin elsewhere.

Genome-wide distribution of Gcn5p is compared with that of Sgop1 (magenta) and Mcd1p (blue). The trident Sgo1p localization domain in each chromosome is marked with the shaded boxes.

Figure 5. Sgo1p recruitment requires cohesin. *IML3⁺* and *iml3Δ* cells were arrested in G2/M before ChIP for the localization of Mcd1p (panel A) and Sgo1p (panel B). The enrichment of these two proteins was quantified by qPCR. Amplicons are same as those in Figure 3. Shown are average of two biological replicas.

Figure 6. Pericentric localization of Sgo1p and Mcd1p is susceptible to ectopic transcription through the region. A. Blow-up of the *CEN4* area showing the major Sgo1p and Mcd1p peaks, amplicons for quantitative PCR in light pink, and the position of the ectopic *GAL1* promoter (*pGAL1*, in red). *pGAL1* drives galactose-induced transcription toward *yDR004W*. Amplicons 7 – 9 are highlighted by a shaded box. B and C. ChIP and quantitative PCR results of Sgo1p and Mcd1p localization in the absence (Raf., raffinose) or presence (Gal., galactose) of transcription from the *pGAL1* promoter. Fold-enrichment of each amplicon was obtained by comparing with the control corresponding to the subtelomeric region of chromosome VI (*TEL06R*). Error bars are standard deviations from three biological replicas * indicates p-value < 0.05.

Figure 7. Dynamic recruitment of Sgo1p and cohesin at centromere and pericentromere through cell cycle. A. Budding index of cells collected from the indicated time points. B and C. Sgo1p-HA and Mcd1p-Myc co-expressed in the same cells were examined by ChIP-qPCR. PCR amplicons correspond to *CEN16* and nearby regions. See Figure 3 for positions of these amplicons.

Figure 8. Sgo1p tripartite localization domain is associated with high-ordered chromatin architecture in mitosis. Chromosome conformation capture (3C) assay was used to examine chromatin looping near *CEN1* and *CEN16*. Cells arrested in G1 or G2/M phase were fixed with formaldehyde, and the isolated nuclei treated with *Eco RI* before DNA ligation. An identical amount of final ligated DNA library was amplified by PCR using one of two common anchor primers (oXD159 and oXD162 for chromosomes I and XVI, respectively; red arrows) against different locus-specific primers (black arrows; named for their distance to the centromere, L = left; R = right) 3 – 50 kb away. All primers face toward the same direction. PCR products were resolved by gel electrophoresis and quantified with the NIH Image J software. Shown are the signals relative to the same amplicons without formaldehyde crosslinking. Error bars are standard deviations from three biological replicas.

Figure 9. Model for the formation and dynamics of Sgo1p chromatin domain. A. Sgo1p is first recruited to the centromeres via association with phosphorylated histone H2A (Pi). Centromere-bound Sgo1p then spreads to the nearby cohesin-occupied region. B. At the whole genome level, congregation of centromeres aligns the adjacent chromatin loops to form concentric rings (gradient yellow circle) that become the two terminals of the chromatin column. Prior to biorientation, Sgo1p (gradient red circle) resides on the centromere cluster and the first ring of chromatin loops. Poleward pulling from bipolar attachment stretches the centromeric and pericentric chromatin, resulting in a conformational change (gradient green circle) and evicting Sgo1p.

Supplemental Figure 1. Sgo1p is localized only to the centromeric area in each chromosome. A. ChIP-seq data of Sgo1p expressed from its native locus or from a high-copy plasmid (o/p), in a wildtype or a tension sensing motif G44S mutant background, are presented as one single linear DNA. The range of each chromosome is shown on the top. B. Expression of Sgo1p is not

affected by the status of the tension sensing motif. Sgo1p is tagged with HA at N' or C' terminus. The 3xHA-Sgo1p is expressed from a plasmid. The Sgo1p-6xHA is expressed from the native *SGO1* locus.

Supplemental Figure 2. ChIP-qPCR to verify the ChIP-Seq findings. Shown are 25 amplicons spanning *CEN1*.

Supplemental Figure 3. Ectopic, anti-sense expression of *YDR004W* from the *GAL1* promoter that replaces the cohesin associating region (CAR) at the 3' end of *YDR004W*. Left panel shows the DNA gel images for reverse-transcription quantitative PCR of the indicated regions. ChrlV_Amp7 and 8 are within the *YDR004W* gene. *GAL1* and *ACT1* are positive and internal control for galactose induction. Right panel shows the quantification data, using *ACT1* expression difference (Raf. vs. Gal.) for normalization. *YDR004W* is induced 2-fold by galactose.

Supplemental Figure 4. Dynamics of Sgo1p (A) and Mcd1p (B) localization at *CEN1* region. See **Figure 7** legends for description.