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#### 22 SUMMARY

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24 Cohesin, a member of the SMC complex family, holds sister chromatids together but also shapes chromosomes by promoting the formation of long-range intra-chromatid loops, a 25 26 process proposed to be mediated by DNA loop extrusion. Here we describe the roles of three 27 cohesin partners Pds5, Wpl1 and Eco1 in loop formation along either unreplicated or mitotic 28 Saccharomyces cerevisiae chromosomes. Pds5 limits the size of DNA loops via two different 29 pathways: the canonical Wpl1-mediated releasing activity, and an Eco1-dependent 30 mechanism. In the absence of Pds5, the main barrier to DNA loop expansion appears to be the 31 centromere. Our data also show that Eco1 acetyl-transferase inhibits the translocase activity 32 that powers loop formation and contributes to the positioning of loops, through a mechanism 33 that is distinguishable from its role in cohesion establishment. This study reveals that the 34 mechanisms regulating cohesin-dependent chromatin loops are conserved among eukaryotes, 35 while promoting different functions.

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#### 37 INTRODUCTION

Recent advances in imaging and chromosome conformation capture techniques (3C, 38 39 Hi-C; (Dekker et al., 2002)) have unveiled a hierarchy of chromatin structural arrangements (Cavalli and Misteli, 2013; Dekker and Mirny, 2016; Yu and Ren, 2017). A variety of 40 41 megabase (Mb) and sub-Mb structures have been proposed to organize the chromosomes of 42 bacteria (Le et al., 2013; Lioy et al., 2018; Marbouty et al., 2015), yeasts (Lazar-Stefanita et 43 al., 2017; Mizuguchi et al., 2014; Muller et al., 2018; Schalbetter et al., 2017) and mammals 44 (Dekker and Mirny, 2016; Yu and Ren, 2017) and are presumably a feature of most if not all 45 organisms. During mitosis, this organization undergoes its most radical change when chromatin is transformed in condensed thread-like structures that facilitate chromosome 46 47 segregation (Liang et al., 2015).

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49 In many species, the cohesin and condensin SMC protein complexes play important roles in chromosome folding. They consist of a pair of SMC proteins that associate with a 50 51 Kleisin protein to form a large tripartite ring capable of embracing one or two DNA 52 molecules (Nasmyth and Haering, 2009). In addition to mediating sister chromatid cohesion 53 during G2/M phases of the cell cycle (Gligoris et al., 2014; Haering et al., 2008), cohesin 54 shares with condensin the ability to convert DNA fibers into chromatid thread-like structures 55 through a mechanism that remains poorly understood (Kagey et al., 2010; Parelho et al., 2008; Wutz et al., 2017). SMC rings may organize DNA within chromatids by a DNA loop 56 57 extrusion process, which consists in capturing small chromatin loops and progressively 58 catalyzing their enlargement into large, megabase-sized structures (Fudenberg et al., 2016; 59 Gibcus et al., 2018; Nasmyth, 2001). The precise mechanisms driving the generation of loops 60 remain however to be fully characterized.

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62 In mammals, condensin-dependent loops represent basic units for the folding of 63 mitotic chromosomes into compact, higher-order chromatin structures. Cohesin-dependent 64 loops, on the other hand, appear to contribute to long-range gene regulation in interphase, and 65 to the segmentation of interphase chromosomes into topologically associating domains 66 (TADs) defined as sub-megabase self-interacting regions. The organization of interphasic 67 chromosomes into self-interacting domains has been proposed to insulate enhancers from 68 non-cognate promoters by blocking cohesin-dependent loop progression when cohesin 69 reaches the insulator protein CTCF bound to DNA (Nora et al., 2017). Interphasic self-70 interacting domains are chromosomal features found in many studied living organisms but 71 their dependency on cohesin and CTCF activities is not automatic. Besides mammals, the 72 involvement of cohesin in domain formation has for instance been reported in fission yeast 73 (Mizuguchi et al., 2014). In budding yeast S. cerevisiae however, no clear TADs-like 74 structure nor DNA loops have been identified along interphase chromosomes. Nevertheless, 75 the fact that cohesin is essential to convert the rDNA locus into a thread-like structure (Guacci 76 et al., 1994) during mitosis raises the idea that cohesin may also mediate cis-DNA looping 77 along the yeast chromosome. Recently, we and others showed using Hi-C that meiotic and 78 mitotic compaction in budding yeast is dependent on cohesin (Lazar-Stefanita et al., 2017; 79 Muller et al., 2018; Schalbetter et al., 2017). Surprisingly, we also found that condensin is 80 dispensable for mitotic chromosome arm compaction. Instead, condensin is required for 81 higher-order chromatin structuring at the rDNA locus during anaphase and for promoting 82 resolution at peri-centromeric regions.

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Cohesin is composed of two SMC ATPases (Smc1 and Smc3) and an α-kleisin subunit
called Scc1/Rad21. This complex binds to DNA in a dynamic manner throughout the cell
cycle. Cohesin loading requires ATP hydrolysis mediated by Scc2/NIPBL, that is thought to

87 result in entrapment of DNA inside the cohesin tripartite ring (Chapard et al., 2019; Ciosk et 88 al., 2000; Gligoris et al., 2014; Haering et al., 2002; Hu et al., 2011). Cohesin may dissociate 89 from DNA by separase-mediated cleavage of Scc1 at anaphase onset (Uhlmann et al., 1999) 90 and in a manner that involves a "releasing activity" at other stages of the cell cycle. This 91 separase-independent releasing activity relies on two cohesin-associated regulatory subunits: 92 Wpl1/Wapl and Pds5 (Gandhi et al., 2006; Kueng et al., 2006; Rolef Ben-Shahar et al., 2008; 93 Rowland et al., 2009). Pds5 binds within the N-terminal part of Scc1 and recruits Wpl1 (Chan 94 et al., 2013) which opens the gate located between Scc1 and Smc3, triggering cohesin 95 dissociation from DNA (Beckouët et al., 2016; Chan et al., 2012; Murayama and Uhlmann, 96 2015). When replication takes place, the releasing activity is repressed by Eco1-mediated 97 acetylation of two conserved lysine residues (K112/113) within the Smc3 ATPase head (Rolef 98 Ben-Shahar et al., 2008; Unal et al., 2008). This results in stabilization of cohesin on DNA 99 and establishment of sister chromatid cohesion. It has been suggested that acetylation of 100 K112/113 is in fact stimulated by both DNA replication fork progression and the Pds5 subunit 101 (Beckouët et al., 2010; Chan et al., 2013; Rolef Ben-Shahar et al., 2008; Vaur et al., 2012). 102 Smc3 acetylation is then maintained throughout G2 and M phases and only removed after 103 cleavage of Scc1 and subsequent deacetylation by Hos1 (Beckouët et al., 2010).

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If cohesin-mediated loops are established by loop extrusion, their lengths should depend on several parameters, notably cohesin residence time on DNA and an extrusion driving force. This prediction is supported by the observation that the length of chromatin loops in mammalian interphasic nuclei increases once cohesin turnover is abolished after inactivation of Wpl1 and Pds5 (Haarhuis and Rowland, 2017; Wutz et al., 2017). However, the mechanism(s) leading to loop enlargement remains a matter of debate. ATP hydrolysis may be the driving force for chromatin loop extrusion, as observed for the purified condensin complex (Ganji et al., 2018). Scc2, being essential for cohesin's ATPase activity could thus
play a key role in stimulating the translocation process and promoting DNA loop expansion
(Petela et al., 2018). Alternatively, transcribing RNA polymerases may promote loop
enlargement by pushing cohesin along the DNA (Busslinger et al., 2017; Lengronne et al.,
2004). Finally, the frequency of cohesin injection along chromosomes may also influence
their structure.

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119 In the present study, we show that mitotic yeast chromosomes are compacted by 120 cohesin dependent loops. By dissecting the roles of cohesin regulatory partners in DNA loop 121 expansion, we also show that the mechanisms regulating loop positioning are highly 122 conserved between yeast and mammals. Moreover, we find that in addition to promoting 123 sister chromatid cohesion Eco1 inhibits the translocation process that extends DNA loops. In 124 the absence of negative regulation, the main barrier to loop expansion is the centromere, 125 which remains physically connected to the microtubule-organizing center (MTOC) during the 126 entire yeast cell cycle.

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## 128 **RESULTS**

# 129 Yeast mitotic chromosome arms are organized by cohesin-dependent loops

To characterize *S. cerevisae* mitotic chromosome organization we took advantage of yeast strains in which the cyclosome activator Cdc20 is under the control of the repressible MET3 promoter. To arrest the cells in mitosis, we released them from a G1 alpha-factor arrest by growing them in rich media supplemented with methionine (Figure 1A; Methods). Once arrested in metaphase, genome-wide chromatin contacts were quantified by Hi-C. Normalized contact maps (1 kb resolution) of mitotic chromosomes differed from G1 pattern in several ways (Figure 1B, left panels). First, the broad and thicker diagonal observed in metaphase

137 compared to G1 revealed increased contacts at short/medium range, blurring the boundaries 138 of the small microdomains visible in G1. Second, discrete dots of variable intensities 139 corresponding to enriched contacts between pairs of loci, consistent with DNA loops, were 140 also often visible along mitotic chromosomes (Figure 1B, black arrows). Not all chromosomal 141 regions were covered by a loop signal, but whether this results from the resolution of our 142 experiment or a real feature of chromosome structure remains to be characterized. To better 143 characterize chromosome compaction we computed the contact probability curve  $P_c(s)$  for 144 each condition (Lazar-Stefanita et al., 2017; Schalbetter et al., 2017) (Figure S1A; Methods). 145 The derivative of the  $P_c(s)$  curve in a log-log space can be used to facilitate the visualization 146 of local differences (Methods). In mice, the maximum of the derivative curve also matches 147 with the average length of extruded loops (Gassler et al., 2017). The same representation in 148 yeast showed a net enrichment in mitosis in the contacts between loci separated by 30 kb or less, compared to G1 (Figure 1C, blue vs. orange curve). It also suggested a loop size in 149 150 metaphase arrested cells of ~15 kb on average.

151 To directly test the role of cohesin in the maintenance of these structures, we depleted 152 Scc1 in synchronized cells using an auxin degron strategy (Figure 1A right panel, Methods). 153 Efficient Scc1 depletion was quantified by a split-dots assay measuring cohesion loss (Figure 154 1D). Preventing cohesin loading during S phase suppressed establishment of intra-155 chromosomal contacts (Figure S1B) and loop formation (Figure 1B, right panel) and the 156 overall contacts displayed little changes compared to those observed in G1-arrested cells that 157 contain little, if any, Scc1 (Figures S1A). Therefore, DNA loops and local contact enrichment 158 observed along mitotic chromosomes are cohesin-dependent.

Because of the population average nature of Hi-C, the systematic presence of all these loops in each cell cannot be directly addressed here. However, to further characterize loops and to analyze whether they correspond to contacts between Scc1 enrichment sites

162 Verzijlbergen et al., 2014), we generated pile-up plots. Pile-up plots aim at depicting the 163 average contact signal between pairs of Scc1 enrichment sites (Verzijlbergen et al., 2014). 164 Briefly, for each condition, contacts between all pairs of 80 kb windows, centered on Scc1, 165 and separated by 0 to 20 kb, were aggregated. A randomized set of windows separated by 166 similar distances was also computed. The pile-up plot resulted from the ratio between the 167 Scc1-centered aggregated maps and the randomized set. The same process was applied for 168 pairs of cohesins enrichment sites separated by increasing distances, from 0 kb to 140 kb, 169 with 20 kb steps (Figure 1E, Methods, (Gassler et al., 2017; Muller et al., 2018)). The color 170 scale of the plots reflects the differences in contacts between the two aggregated maps: the 171 redder, the more contacts are enriched on the maps centered on Scc1 enrichment sites. In 172 metaphase, a strong dot signal appeared at the center of the pile-up, *i.e.* between pairs of 173 cohesin-binding sites (Figure 1F, Methods), that vanishes over distances larger than 40 kb. 174 These dots point as enriched contacts between pairs of discrete cohesin binding sites, e.g. 175 loop-like structures. The strength of the dot signal can be assessed by dividing the median 176 value of the central 3x3 square (i.e. the signal value), by the median of the top-right corner 177 square (i.e. the background value). Pile-up plots confirm that the yeast mitotic chromosomes 178 are organized into chromatin loops anchored at cohesin binding sites.

Peaks of cohesin enrichment sites overlap, on average, with convergent transcription sites (Busslinger et al., 2017; Glynn et al., 2004; Hu et al., 2015; Lengronne et al., 2004; Paldi et al., 2019). The basis of DNA loops, which involve such cohesin enriched regions, were indeed and unsurprisingly also found to be preferentially positioned within convergent genes (as illustrated in Figure S1C).

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#### 185 Cohesin dependent loops are independent of sister chromatid cohesion

186 Mitotic loops could arise from the bridging of cohesins involved in sister chromatid 187 cohesion. To test this hypothesis, we generated Hi-C maps of mitotic chromosomes from cells 188 depleted for Cdc45, which reach mitosis without replication (Tercero et al., 2000) (Figures 2A 189 and S2A). Contact maps and their associated DNA loops (Figures 2B and S2B),  $P_c(s)$  (Figures 190 2C and S2D) and pile-up plots of mitotic unreplicated and replicated cells showed little, if 191 any, differences (Figure 2D). In addition, DNA loops of unreplicated mitotic chromosomes 192 disappear in the absence of Scc1 (Figures 2B, 2C, 2D and S2C). Altogether, these results 193 show that sister chromatid cohesion is not necessary for generating Scc1-dependent 194 structures.

195 To further determine whether cohesin-mediated loops along mitotic chromosomes 196 depend on a mitosis specific activity, we induced cohesin loading on unreplicated 197 chromosomes in G1. An engineered version of Scc1 that cannot be cleaved by separase was 198 induced in G1 arrested cells (Uhlmann et al., 2000) (Figures 3A and S3A) and contact maps 199 were generated (Figure 3B). Loading of cohesin on G1 chromosomes led to an accumulation 200 of loops between pairs of Scc1 binding sites (Figures 3B and 3C) and a significant increase in 201 intra-chromosomal contacts (Figures 3D, S3B, S3C and S3D). In this condition, loops 202 appeared slightly larger than in mitosis, suggesting that their expansion is constrained in 203 metaphase-arrested cells (Figure 3C). Altogether those results demonstrate that the 204 establishment of cohesin-mediated DNA loops along mitotic chromosomes is independent of 205 sister-chromatid cohesion and of a mitosis specific activity.

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#### 207 Wpl1-mediated releasing activity counteracts loop expansion

In the absence of Wpl1, cohesins cannot be released from DNA. In mammals, Hi-C studies of WAPL-depleted cells revealed an enlargement of cohesin loops along interphase chromosomes which was interpreted as a hint of a loop extrusion process (Wutz et al., 2017). 211 To gain insights into the mechanism generating cohesin loops in yeast metaphase 212 chromosomes, we therefore tested whether intra chromosomal contacts, P<sub>c</sub>(s) and DNA loops 213 spread to greater distances in Wpl1-depleted cells. Wild-type and  $wpl1\Delta$  cells were 214 synchronized in metaphase by depleting Cdc20 (Figure S4A) and genome-wide chromatin interactions were quantified by Hi-C (Figure 4A). In Wpl1-depleted cells, the contact map 215 216 displayed a very different pattern as compared to wild-type, with less short-range contacts 217 overall (but a crispier constriction at the centromere level, clearly separating the two 218 chromosome arms), as well as chromatin loops punctuating the map resulting in a grid-like 219 dotty pattern (Figures 4A and S4B). The former positions of wild-type loops often displayed a weaker signal in the absence of Wpl1 as compared to wild-type cells. On the other hand, 220 221 contacts between discrete, cohesin enriched sites now appeared enriched over longer 222 distances, as shown by pile-up plots (up to ~130 kb in the absence of Wpl1 compared to ~<40 223 kb in wild type) (Figures 4B and S4D). The P<sub>c</sub>(s) also confirmed the decrease in short-range 224 contacts and the enrichment over longer distances (Figures 4C and S4C).

225 The resulting grid-like loop pattern was often, but not always, stronger in 226 chromosomal regions proximal to the centromeres. This may be due to high levels of cohesin 227 loading at centromeric regions or due to the fact that the centromeric region represents a 228 roadblock to cohesin progression. Similarly to wt metaphase cells, the basis of DNA loops in 229 Wpl1 depleted cells involve enriched cohesion sites preferentially positioned within convergent genes (Figure S4E). The effects of Wpl1 depletion were further supported by 230 231 performing the experiment in cells harboring *pds5-S81R*, an allele abolishing cohesin release 232 even in presence of Wpl1 (Figure S4).

Expansion of DNA loops induced by Wpl1 depletion was not specific to mitosis, as it was also observed in G1-arrested cells expressing the non-cleavable version of Scc1 (Figure S5). Our data therefore show that similarly to human cells, the size of yeast cohesindependent loops becomes deregulated in the absence of Wpl1, extending over much longer distances, though still involving hotspots of cohesin depositions. It suggests that yeast cohesin organizes mitotic chromosome presumably by loop extrusion, similarly to the mechanism proposed by others to explain establishment of DNA loops by cohesin during mammalian interphase.

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# 243 Dual roles for Pds5 in DNA looping

244 As Wpl1 works with Pds5 to mediate "releasing activity" we tested how Pds5 contributes to DNA loop regulation. G1-arrested cells were depleted for Pds5 using the 245 246 degron system, released into S-phase and arrested in metaphase (Figure S6A). Loss of both 247 Pds5/Eco1-mediated Smc3-K113 acetylation (Figure 5A) and sister chromatid cohesion 248 (Figure 5B) confirmed efficient Pds5 degradation. The contact map of Pds5-depleted cells 249 was generated (Figure 5C) and compared to control (Figures 5C and S6B) and wpl1 $\Delta$  cells 250 (Figures 5C and S6C). Comparison of maps (Figure 5C) revealed that the absence of Pds5 251 increased the amount of long-range intra-chromosomal DNA contacts to a much higher extent 252 than in *wpl1* $\Delta$  cells, as confirmed by log ratio between maps (Figures S6B and S6C) and P<sub>c</sub>(s) 253 curves (Figures 5E and S6D).

A close inspection of Hi-C map also revealed that, as in metazoan (Wutz et al., 2017), Pds5 depletion induced a decrease in the number of discrete spots/DNA loops compared to wild-type and *wpl1* $\Delta$  cells (Figure 5C). While in wild-type and *wpl1* $\Delta$  cells, loops bridge discrete pairs of Scc1-enriched sequences, in Pds5-depleted cells loop bases were more loosely defined, with no clear-cut dots in the normalized Hi-C maps (Figure 5C). This was confirmed by pile-up plots showing that in Pds5 depleted cells, DNA loops did not accumulate within those cohesin-rich loci as clearly as in wild-type cells (Figures 5D andS6E).

262 In metaphase-arrested Pds5-depleted cells, the insulation of peri-centromeric regions 263 from the rest of chromosome arms was reduced. Whereas in wt and Wpl1-depleted cells the 264 immediate left and right centromere-flanking regions appear to form a discrete "domain" 265 (Figure S6F, see pink rectangle), this small structure disappears in the absence of Pds5. 266 Instead, both regions now became able to engage in long-range contacts with their entire 267 adjacent arm, up to the telomere. In addition, the ratio plot between Pds5-depleted and wild-268 type mitotic maps also showed a significant loss of contacts between the two arms (Figure S6B). As a result, each chromosome arm appears on the maps as a large self-interacting 269 270 domain (Figure 5C).

271 To analyze whether pericentromeric, long-range contacts affect centromere clustering 272 in the absence of Wpl1 or Pds5, we looked at the positioning of the fluorescently labelled 273 Ndc80 kinetochore protein in the nuclei of nocodazole-arrested cells. Whereas in wild-type 274 and Scc1-depleted cells all Ndc80 fluorescent signals appeared as two bright dots, both in 275  $wpll\Delta$  and Pds5-depleted cells this structure was accompanied by multiple, small discrete 276 dots (Figure S6G). Given that the main difference between these different conditions 277 consisted in the size of the loops, we propose that the engagement of each centromeric region 278 in large loops induces a mechanical force promoting centromere de-clustering.

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280 Chromosome contact patterns observed in Pds5-depleted cells suggest that Pds5 281 regulates loop formation not only *via* a Wpl1-mediated releasing activity, but also by an 282 unknown, Wpl1-independent mechanism. As Pds5, but not Wpl1, is essential to maintain 283 sister chromatid cohesion, we hypothesized that the increase in DNA loops sizes over longer 284 distances in Pds5-depleted cells could result from loss of cohesion. Indeed, cohesins involved 285 in sister chromatid cohesion may act as physical barriers, or roadblocks, halting the loop 286 expansion process and defining loop basis positions along chromosomes. Inactivation of Pds5 287 would alleviate those discrete roadblocks, allowing loop expansion to proceed over longer 288 distances, and resulting in an increase in long-range contacts. To test this, we measured the 289 effects of Pds5 or Wpl1 loss on 3D folding of un-replicated (cdc45) chromosomes (Figures 290 6A, B and C). The depletion of either Wpl1 or Pds5 had the same effect on chromosome 291 structure than that observed in metaphase, with Pds5 inactivation leading to intra-292 chromosomal contacts bridging loci over longer distances than in wpl1/2 cells, as illustrated 293 by log ratio between Hi-C maps (Figure 5F). Moreover, inactivation of Pds5 in Cdc45 294 depleted cells also induced a decrease in the number of discrete spots/DNA loops compared to 295 wild-type and *wpl1* $\Delta$  cells (Figures 6C and D).

Impact of Pds5 and Wpl1 depletion was also quantified in living cells: fluorescentlylabelled centromeres and a locus positioned 400 kb away on chromosome XV got closer together compared to control cells (Figure 6E), backing the Hi-C results showing increased loop sizes.

300 Those results therefore demonstrate that Pds5 regulates DNA contacts and suppresses 301 loop expansion through two mechanisms, the recruitment of Wpl1, as well as a Wpl1-302 independent pathway.

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# 304 *Ecol inhibits loop expansion*

Since increase in loop length in Pds5 depleted cells does not only result from the absence of releasing activity, we envisioned that Pds5 recruitment of Eco1 (Chan et al., 2013; Minamino et al., 2015; Noble et al., 2006; Vaur et al., 2012) might regulate a second mechanism required to inhibit DNA loop expansion. We tested the effects of Eco1 depletion using an inducible degron (Figures S7A and S7B; Methods) and showed that loss of Eco1 is 310 sufficient to result in spreading of contacts (Figures 7A, S7C and S7D) and loops (Figures 311 7A, C and S7F) to longer distances. As the absence of Eco1 promotes dissociation of cohesin 312 from DNA by Wpl1 (Chan et al., 2012), these longer loops cannot result from an increase in 313 cohesin residence time on DNA. Therefore, this result shows that in addition to promoting 314 sister chromatid cohesion, Eco1 also inhibits the translocation process extending DNA loops. 315 Remarkably, loop length (Figure 7A, C and S7F), contact probability (P<sub>c</sub>(s)) (Figures 7B and 316 S7B) and centromere clustering defects in Eco1 depleted cells (Figure S7G) were comparable 317 to those observed in Wpl1 depleted cells, despite Eco1 and Wpl1 having opposing effects on 318 releasing.

Since Pds5 recruits both Eco1 and Wpl1 on cohesin, we tested whether their coinactivation would mimic the effect of Pds5 depletion. Indeed, depletion of Eco1 in *wpl1* $\Delta$ cells promoted long-range intra-chromosomal contacts and DNA loops nearly identical to those observed in Pds5 depleted cells (Figures 7, S7B, D and E). This suggests that the positioning of loop basis (hence the size of the loops) is regulated through two independent pathways, Eco1 and Wpl1.

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#### 326 **DISCUSSION**

In the present study, we show that yeast mitotic chromosomes organize into loops along individual chromatids, independently of replication. These loops are enriched in cohesin subunits at their basis. The cohesin binding factors Pds5, Wpl1 and Eco1 affect the sizes and distribution of these loops, with Pds5 regulating loop size *via* two pathways: the Wpl1-mediated releasing activity and an Eco1-dependent mechanism (Figure 7).

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#### 333 Yeast mitotic chromosomes are organized into cohesin-dependent loops

We show that DNA loops are present along yeast mitotic chromosomes. The bases of 334 335 these loops are enriched in cohesin. Whether all cohesin deposition sites identified by 336 chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by deep sequencing (ChIP-seq) are involved in loop 337 formation in all cells, or whether a loop heterogeneity exists within the population remains to 338 be characterized. Cohesin enrichment sites, and the bases of DNA loops in wt or Wpl1 339 depleted cells, correspond mostly to site of convergent genes. It has been proposed that 340 accumulation of cohesin at these genomic positions may be driven by transcription 341 (Lengronne et al., 2004). RNA polymerases along convergent genes may indeed represent 342 boundaries or roadblocks to cohesin-dependent loop expansion, resulting in an accumulation 343 of cohesin-dependent loop basis at sites of convergent transcription. We also noticed that 344 Pds5 is crucial to maintain accumulation of cohesin-dependent loop at those sites. This 345 implies that in absence of Pds5 the loop formation mechanism somehow manages to bypass 346 the roadblocks.

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# 348 Cohesin binding factors regulate loops expansion

349 It has been proposed that cohesin could promote chromatin loops formation via a loop 350 extrusion mechanism (Fudenberg et al., 2016; Goloborodko et al., 2016; Nasmyth, 2001). 351 This model predicts that the length of DNA loops should be dependent on cohesin residence 352 time on DNA. Since Wpl1 inactivation increases cohesin's residence time on DNA, cohesin 353 would extrude longer DNA in Wpl1-depleted cells. Indeed, Hi-C studies in mammals 354 revealed an enlargement of cohesin-mediated loops along chromosomes in WAPL1-depleted 355 cells. Our present study shows that the inactivation of Wpl1-mediated releasing also induces 356 enlargement of DNA loops in S. cerevisiae. By analogy with mammals, we propose that this 357 enlargement of DNA loops is the consequence of an increase of cohesin's residence time on 358 DNA and that cohesin structure yeast mitotic chromosomes through a loop extrusion process. 359 Alternatively, one can envision another hypothesis whereby the longer range contacts 360 observed in Wpl1-depleted cells result from cohesin loading defects due to Wpl1 depletion 361 (Rowland et al., 2009). Indeed, the inactivation of Wpl1 could reduce the amount of cohesin 362 being loaded on the chromatin, hence decreasing the number of complexes expanding DNA 363 loops present along a chromosome arm. The lower density of cohesin may in turn lead to 364 longer DNA tracks being transformed into loops by the same complex before colliding into 365 another complex, and thus resulting in the formation of longer loops on average. Future works 366 will determine whether loop enlargement in Wpl1-depleted cells is the consequence of 367 cohesin loading defects, of an increase in cohesin's residence time on DNA, or both.

We also analyzed the role of other cohesin binding factors on loop structures and found that Pds5 regulates loop expansion *via* at least two pathways: the previously described Wpl1-mediated releasing activity (Wutz et al., 2017) and a novel Eco1-dependent mechanism (Figure 7). Our results point at a role of Eco1 in negatively regulating loop expansion through a mechanism independent of cohesion establishment. In agreement with our result a recent study reported that ESCO1 (human ortholog of Eco1) also inhibits the ability of cohesin to form long DNA loops (Wutz et al., 2019).

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# 376 Competition between Scc2 and Pds5 may regulate DNA loop expansion

One may envision that Eco1-mediated acetylation inhibits translocase activity that expands cohesin-dependent loops. It has been proposed that ATP hydrolysis stimulated by Scc2 could be the driving force for loop expansion. As Pds5 competes with Scc2 for binding the kleisin subunit (Petela et al., 2018), a possibility is that Pds5 inhibits the translocation process required to expand DNA loops. Eco1-mediated acetylation may therefore improve Pds5 binding on cohesin and consequently abolish the Scc2-mediated translocation process. This idea is reinforced by *in vivo* FRAP measurements revealing that Eco1 inactivation increases Pds5 turnover on chromosomes (Chan et al., 2013). Moreover, recent ChIP-seq data
show that Eco1 inactivation reduces Pds5 association with DNA while it has no effect on
cohesin ring association with DNA (Chapard et al., 2019).

Competition between Pds5 and Scc2 may also control loop expansion and cohesin positioning in human cells. This hypothesis is supported by the fact that Scc2 does not colocalize with CTCF which halts loop expansion. Wutz et al. (2017) showed that the ability of CTCF to block loop extrusion is dependent on PDS5. As discussed by the authors, replacement of Pds5 by Scc2 may be somehow inhibited at CTCF sites, which may consequently abolish or decrease the rate of ATPase hydrolysis required to expand DNA loops (Wutz et al., 2017).

394 How does Eco1 regulate competition between Scc2 and Pds5 during establishment and 395 maintenance of cohesin-dependent loops? It may involve Eco1-mediated Smc3 acetylation as 396 this reaction affects how Scc2 promotes loading of cohesin onto DNA (Hu et al 2015). 397 However, additional investigations are necessary to determine whether Smc3 acetylation is 398 involved in regulation of DNA loops. Deciphering how Eco1 influences DNA loop expansion 399 may provide new perspectives to understand how human Eco1 homologues (ESCO1 and 400 ESCO2) regulate gene transcription or how they deficiency induces the developmental 401 disorder called Roberts syndrome.

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#### 403 DNA looping is blocked at centromeres

404 Our study points out that the yeast centromere is a strong roadblock to cohesin-405 dependent loop expansion. The nature of this boundary raises interests beyond the yeast 406 community, as related mechanisms could apply in other species as well. In yeast, kinetochore 407 proteins bound to centromeres are connected through microtubules to the MTOC (spindle 408 pole body or SPB) which itself is embedded in the nuclear envelope. Such a physical bridge 409 could block the progression of incoming cohesin along the chromosome. It is also possible
410 that the huge kinetochore complex bound to centromeres is sufficient to stop DNA loop
411 expansion.

In wild type cells, Wpl1 mediates cohesin release and Eco1 restricts DNA loop progression from chromosome arms to centromeric regions. When those activities are impaired, loops emanating from chromosome arms can extend to centromeres, but no further, resulting in sharp, discrete boundaries as observed on the contact maps. In addition, it is likely that loops also originate from centromeres and spread towards chromosome arms.

417 Finally, we showed that centromere clustering is impaired in Wpl1, Pds5 or Eco1 depleted cells (Figure S6G and S7G). This suggests that centromere clustering is exposed to 418 419 opposite forces emanating from microtubules and, presumably, a loop extrusion-like 420 mechanism that promote loop expansion. Inhibiting such loop extruding mechanism in wild-421 type cells may favor the insulation of clustered centromeres away from chromosome arms, 422 and consequently improve or stabilize microtubule attachment and chromosome segregation. 423 It remains to be investigated whether similar mechanisms occur in species with larger and 424 epigenetically defined centromeres compared to the budding yeast point centromere, and 425 whether the attachment of microtubules is mandatory to bock DNA looping.

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443	Data Availability
444	Sample description and raw sequences are accessible on SRA database through the following
445	accession number: PRJNA528616.

#### 446 Figure Legends

447 Figure 1. Mitotic yeast chromosomes are organized as cohesin-dependent loops and domains. 448 A) Left panel: schematic representation of the experimental protocol used to process cells 449 from G1 to metaphase in absence or presence of Scc1 (strains FB133-57B and vLD127-20b). 450 Right panel: cell-cycle arrest monitored by flow cytometry. Percentage of bi-nucleated 451 (anaphase) cells was measured to evaluate the efficiency of the metaphase arrest. B) Contact 452 maps of a part of chromosome IV (1 kb bin) for control and Scc1-depleted, metaphase-453 arrested strains (strains FB133-57B and yLD127-20b) and G1 arrested cells (strain FB09-9C), 454 Scc1 ChIp seq profile and chromosomal contact along 100kb region of chromosome IV are 455 shown in the black square. C) Derivative of the curve plotting contact probability as a 456 function of genomic distance (log scale). D) Percentage of cells with paired or unpaired 457 fluorescently labelled URA3 loci (ura3::3xURA3 tetO112; tetR-GFP), carrying or not a Scc1-458 AID degron (strains yLD126-36c and FB124), in presence of auxin. Scale bar, 2 µm. E) 459 Schematic representation of the analysis pipeline used to generate pile-up ratio plots. F) Pile-460 up ratio plots of 80 kb windows (2 kb bin) centered on pairs of Scc1-enriched or randomly 461 chosen positions (Methods). Ratios are ordered according to the distance between Scc1 462 enriched positions. Blue color: more contacts between the random genomic regions. Red 463 signal: more contacts between Scc1-enriched regions. The italic numbers atop each pile-up 464 reflect the strength of the central signal compared to background (Methods). See also Figure 465 S1.

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467 Figure 2. Cohesin-dependent loops and domains on mitotic yeast chromosomes are 468 independent of sister chromatid cohesion. A) Schematic representation of the experimental 469 protocol used to generate unreplicated mitotic cells in absence or presence of Scc1 (strains 470 FB154 and FB149- 11B). B) Contact maps of a part of chromosome IV (1 kb bin) for unreplicated mitotic cells (*cdc45*) with or without Scc1 (strains FB154 and FB149-11B) and
for metaphase-arrested cells (*cdc20*, strain FB133-57B). C) Derivative of the curve plotting
contact probability as a function of genomic distance (log scale). D) Pile-up ratio plots of 80
kb windows (2 kb bin) centered on pairs of Scc1-enriched or randomly chosen positions (see
Figure 1F). See also Figure S2.

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477 Figure 3. Expression of Scc1 in G1-arrested cells induces DNA looping. A) Left panel: 478 Schematic representation of the experimental protocol followed to overexpress a HA-tagged, 479 non-cleavable Scc1 in G1. Right panel: western blot assessing expression of non-cleavable 480 Scc1 (OE scc1) with anti-HA antibody and expression of endogenous Scc1 (Scc1-PK) with 481 anti-V5 antibody. B) Contact maps of a part of chromosome IV (1 kb bin) for G1-arrested 482 cells with or without Scc1 (strains FB09-9C and FB09-4A) and for metaphase-arrested strain 483 (cdc20, FB133-57B). C) Pile-up ratio plots of 80 kb windows (2 kb bin) centered on pairs of 484 Scc1-enriched or randomly chosen positions (see Figure 1F). D) Derivative of the curve 485 plotting contact probability as a function of genomic distance. Black digits reflect the strength 486 of the central signal compared to background. See also Figure S3.

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**Figure 4.** Wpl1 restricts DNA loop expansion. A) Contact maps of a part of chromosome IV (1 kb bin) of wild type and *wpl1* $\Delta$  strains arrested in metaphase (strains FB133-57B and FB133-49B). B) Pile-up ratio plots of 80 kb windows (2 kb bin) centered on pairs of Scc1enriched or randomly chosen positions (see Figure 1F). C) Derivative of the curve plotting contact probability as a function of genomic distance. See also Figure S4 and S5.

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494 Figure 5. A Wpl1-independent pathway regulates cohesin-dependent loops during mitosis. A)
495 Pds5 depletion was monitored by western blot through the Pds5-dependent acetylation of

496 Smc3-K113. Pgk1, loading control. B) Sister-chromatid cohesion was monitored by detecting 497 paired/unpaired fluorescently labelled URA3 loci in presence or absence of Pds5 (strains 498 yLD126-36c and yLD126-38b). Scale bar, 2 µm. C) Hi-C contact maps of metaphase-arrested 499 cells in presence or absence of Pds5 or Wpl1 (1 kb bin). Chromosomes X and XI are 500 represented with pink and green lines, respectively. D) Pile-up ratio plots of 80 kb windows 501 (2 kb bin) centered on contacts between pairs of Scc1-enriched or randomly chosen positions 502 (see Figure 1F). E) Derivative of the curve plotting contact probability as a function of 503 genomic distance (log scale) for metaphase arrested strains. F) Log2 ratio between Hi-C maps 504 from metaphase-arrested strains or Cdc45-depleted cells expressing or not Wpl1 or Pds5 (1 kb 505 bin). Blue to red color scale reflects the enrichment in contacts in one population with respect 506 to the other. See also Figure S6.

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508 Figure 6. Effect of Pds5 or Wpl1 loss on the 3D folding of un-replicated mitotic 509 chromosomes. A) Unreplicated mitotic cells without Pds5 or Wpl1 were generated with 510 strains FB154 (control), FB148-3C (wpl1A) and FB156-5a (pds5-AID). Cell cycle was 511 monitored by flow cytometry. Percentage of bi-nucleated (anaphase) cells and budding 512 indexes were measured. B) Derivative of the curve plotting contact probability as a function 513 of genomic distance (log scale). C) Hi-C contact maps of unreplicated mitotic cells in absence 514 of Pds5 or Wpl1 (1 kb bin). D) Pile-up ratio plots of 80 kb windows (2 kb bin) centered on 515 contacts between pairs of Scc1-enriched or randomly chosen positions (see Figure 1F). E) 516 Fluorescent imaging of strains yLD162-13a (control), yLD162-2b (wpl1 $\Delta$ ) and yLD163-22a 517 (pds5-AID) strains harboring fluorescently labelled kinetochores (Ndc80-GFP) and HIS3 gene 518 (TetO/TetR-mRFP, 400 kb away from the chromosome XV centromere). Cells were arrested 519 in early S phase by expressing a non-degradable version of Sic1 protein. Scale bar, 2 µm. 520 Distances between kinetochores and the HIS3 locus were measured in each condition and 521 plotted as cumulative distributive functions. See also Figure S7.

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523 Figure 7. Eco1 counteracts loop expansion. A) Hi-C maps (1 kb bin) for strains FB133- 57B 524 (wild-type), FB133-20C (ecol-AID), FB133-49B (wpl1 $\Delta$ ) and FB133-1D (wpl1 $\Delta$  ecol-AID) 525 and yLD121-1a (*pds5-AID*) arrested in metaphase. The chromosomes are indicated for each 526 map. B) Derivative of the curve plotting contact probability as a function of genomic distance 527 (log scale) for metaphase arrested strains. C) Pile-up ratio plots of 80 kb windows (2 kb bin) 528 centered on pairs of Scc1-enriched or randomly chosen positions (see Figure 1F). D) Model 529 showing the two Pds5-regulated pathways inhibiting DNA loop expansion through a loop 530 extrusion mechanism. Left: Eco1 inhibits cohesin translocase activity; right: Wpl1 opens the 531 Smc3-Scc1 gate and dissociates cohesin from DNA.

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533	STAR METHODS
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535	LEAD CONTACT AND MATERIALS AVAILABILITY
536	Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be
537	fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Romain Koszul (romain.koszul@pasteur.fr)
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539	EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS
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541	Yeast Strains and Plasmids
542	All strains are derivatives of W303. Strains and plasmids are listed in Key Resources Table
543	and in Supplementary Table S2
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545	Media and growth conditions
546	Strain yLD118-1a (MET3-CDC20) was grown overnight at 30°C in 150ml of synthetic
547	complete medium deprived of methionine (SC-Met) (SC: 0.67% yeast nitrogen base without
548	amino acids (Difco)), supplemented with a mix of amino-acids, uracil and adenine, $2\%$
549	glucose) to reach 4,2 x $10^8$ cells. To induce metaphase arrest, cells were arrested in G1 for
550	2h30 by addition of alpha-factor (Antibody-online, ABIN399114) every 30min (1µg/ml
551	final), washed 3 times and released in rich medium (YPD: 1% bacto peptone (Difco), 1%
552	bacto yeast extract (Difco) and 2% glucose) supplemented with methionine (2mM final). 2h
553	latter cells were fixed for Hi-C. Strains yLD127-20b, yLD121-1a, FB133-57B, FB133-20C,
554	FB133-49B, FB133-1D were processed as described above except auxin addition (Sigma-
555	Aldrich, I3750) (1mM final) to the media 1h after starting alpha-factor treatment. Cells were
556	released from G1 in YPD supplemented with methionine and auxin (1mM final). Strains
557	FB08-5C, FB08-6A, FB09-4A, FB09-9C were grown overnight in 300ml of YP medium

supplemented with raffinose 2% (Sigma-Aldrich, R0250) to reach 8,4 x  $10^8$  cells. Expression of Scc1(R180D,268D)-HA was induced 1h after starting alpha-factor treatment by addition of newly-made galactose (Sigma-Aldrich, G0750) (2% final) to the cultures. Cells were fixed for Hi-C after 2h30 in alpha-factor. Strains FB154, FB149-11B, FB148-3C, FB156-5a (CDC45-AID) were grown overnight in 150ml YPD to reach 4,2 x  $10^8$  cells. G1 arrest and auxin addition were conducted as previously, (except auxin concentration, 2mM final), cells were released in YPD media supplemented with auxin (2mM final) for 80min and fixed for Hi-C.

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#### 567 METHOD DETAILS

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#### 569 Flow cytometry

About 2,8 x 10<sup>6</sup> were fixed in ethanol 70% and stored at -20°C. Cells were the pelleted, washed and incubated overnight in Tris-HCl 50mM pH 7,5 complemented with RNase A (10 mg/ml; Sigma-Aldrich) at 37°C. Cells were pelleted, resuspended 400µl of 1,0mg/ml propidium iodide (Fisher, P3566) in 50mM Tris pH 7,4, NaCl, MgCl2 and incubated for 1 h at room temperature. Flow cytometry was performed on a CyFlow® ML Analyzer (Partec) and data were analyzed using FloMax software.

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# 577 Microscopy

578 Strains FB124, yLD126-38b, yLD126-36c were grown overnight in SC-Met at 30°C. The 579 next day cells were diluted in fresh media. Exponentially growing cells were arrested in G1 580 with alpha-factor treatment, induced with auxin (1mM final), washed and arrested in 581 metaphase as described above. Strains yLD162-13a, yLD162-2b, yLD163-22a were grown 582 overnight in YP-raffinose at 30°C. The next day, after dilution in fresh media, exponentially 583 growing cells were arrested in G1 with alpha-factor treatment and while being induced with 584 auxin (1mM final). Expression of non-degradable Sic1 was induced 30min before release by 585 addition of galactose (2% final) to the media. Cells were washed and released in YP 586 supplemented with raffinose and galactose for 120min. Cells were placed on 2% agarose pads 587 made of synthetic complete medium plus glucose. Live cell imaging was performed under a 588 spinning disk confocal system (Nipkow Revolution, Andor Technology) with an EM charge-589 coupled device (CCD) camera (DU 888; Andor Technology) mounted on an inverted 590 microscope (IX-81; Olympus) featuring a CSU22 confocal spinning disk unit (Yokogawa 591 Corporation of America). Image acquisition was done at 30°C. 41 Z-stacking images with 592 0.25µm intervals were acquired by using IQ2 software with 200ms exposure time. Were used: 593 100x objective lens (Plan-Apochromat, 1.4 NA, oil immersion; Olympus) and single laser 594 lines for excitation, diode pumped solid state lasers (DPSSL). GFP fluorescence was excited 595 at 488 nm (50 mW; Coherent) and mCherry fluorescence at 561 nm (50 mW; Cobolt jive). 596 Green and red fluorescence were collected using a bi-bandpass emission filter (Em01-597 R488/568-15; Semrock). Pixel were 65nm in size.

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# 599 Acetylation assays

A pellet from 10<sup>7</sup> cells was frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -20°C overnight. The cell pellet was resuspended in 100μl H20, 20μl trichloroacetic acid (Sigma-Aldrich, T8657) and broken with glass beads at 4°C. Precipitated proteins were resuspended in Laemmly buffer/
Tris HCl pH 8,0 and extracted by cycles of 5min heating at 80°C- 5min vortexing at 4°C. Eluates were analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by western blotting with antibodies anti-V5 tag (VWR, MEDMMM-0168-P), anti-Pgk1 (Invitrogen, 459250) and anti-Smc3-K113Ac (Beckouët et al., 2010).

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608 Hi-C libraries

Hi-C was performed as described (Lazar-Stefanita et al., 2017), except cells were disrupted 609 610 using a Precellys apparatus (Bertin Instruments) instead of processed through zymolyase treatment. Aliquots of 1-3 x 10<sup>9</sup> cells in 150 ml YPD/synthetic medium were fixed in 3% 611 formaldehyde (Sigma, F8775) for 20 min at room temperature and quenched with 25 ml 612 613 glycine 2.5 M for 20 min at 4°C. Cross-linked cells were recovered through centrifugation, 614 washed with YPD and a 150 mg pellet was stored at -80°C. Hi-C DNA libraries were 500 bp 615 sheared using CovarisS220 apparatus, and the biotin-labeled fragments were selectively 616 captured by Dynabeads Myone Streptavidin C1 (Invitrogen). The resulting libraries were used 617 as template for the llumina amplification by PE-PCR primers and paired-end sequenced on a 618 NextSeq500 Illumina platform. All Hi-C libraries are listed in Supplementary Table 1.

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# 621 QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

#### 622 **Processing of the reads and generation of contact maps**

623 Pairs of reads were aligned independently using Bowtie2 in its most sensitive mode against 624 the latest S. cerevisiae W303 reference genome (GCA\_002163515.1), corrected for a 625 chromosomal inversion on chromosome 16 revealed by the Hi-C data. Alignment was done 626 using an iterative procedure and each uniquely mapped read was assigned to a restriction 627 fragment. Uncuts, loops and religation events were filtered as described (Cournac et al., 628 2012). Contact matrices were built with resolutions of 2 or 20kb (bin sizes) and normalized 629 using the sequential component procedure (Cournac et al., 2012). Log-ratios were generated 630 by dividing 2 normalized contact maps, with the same resolution, by one another and then 631 computing the log2 of the resulting matrix.

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#### 633 Computation of the contact probability as a function of genomic distance

Contact probability as a function of genomic distance  $P_c(s)$  was determined as described (Muller et al., 2018). Intra-chromosomal pairs of reads were selected and partitioned by chromosome arms. Pairs oriented towards different directions or separated by less than 1.5 kb were discarded. For each chromosome, the remaining pairs were log-binned as a function of their genomic distance s using the formula: bin = [log1.1(s)]. The number of read pairs in each bin was counted and weighed by the bin size 1.1(1+bin), as well as the difference between the length of the chromosome and the genomic distance.

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#### 642 Identification of cohesin binding-sites and generation of pile-up plots

643 Data from (Verzijlbergen et al., 2014) were used to generate Scc1 ChIP-Seq profiles with a 644 2kb resolution. Bins with a signal over 1.5 were labelled as cohesin binding sites (CBS). CBS 645 were determined for wild type and Pds5-AID (Petela et al., 2018) strains. All possible pairs of 646 CBS within chromosomal arms were determined and partitioned according to their genomic 647 distance. In 2kb resolution contact maps, windows surrounding these positions were extracted 648 and averaged. The resulting observed signal was divided by the expected signal, generated by 649 averaging the windows around random positions having the same genomic distance as the 650 pairs of CBS. For each window, undercovered bins were defined as bins with a total number 651 of reads under *median (number of reads / bin) – SD* and excluded of the averaging operations 652 to reduce noise. The strength of the central (loop) signal was assessed by dividing the median 653 value of the central 3x3 square (i.e. the signal value), by the median of the top-right corner 654 square (i.e. the background value). As a consequence, the more "loop signal", the higher the 655 score (> 1). Since loops will deplete longer range contacts, a strong loop signal will be 656 accompanied at longer distances by a weak one (< 1). No loops will result in a signal  $\sim$ 1. See 657 Flyamer et al., 2019, for a similar approach.

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# 659 DATA AND CODE AVAILABILITY

- 660 Sample description and raw sequences are accessible on SRA database through the following
- 661 accession number: PRJNA528616.
- 662 Codes and functions used to generate the figures from the raw data are available online
- 663 (https://github.com/koszullab/hicstuff).
- 664 Imaging data are available on Mendeley (https://data.mendeley.com/datasets) under the DOI:
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