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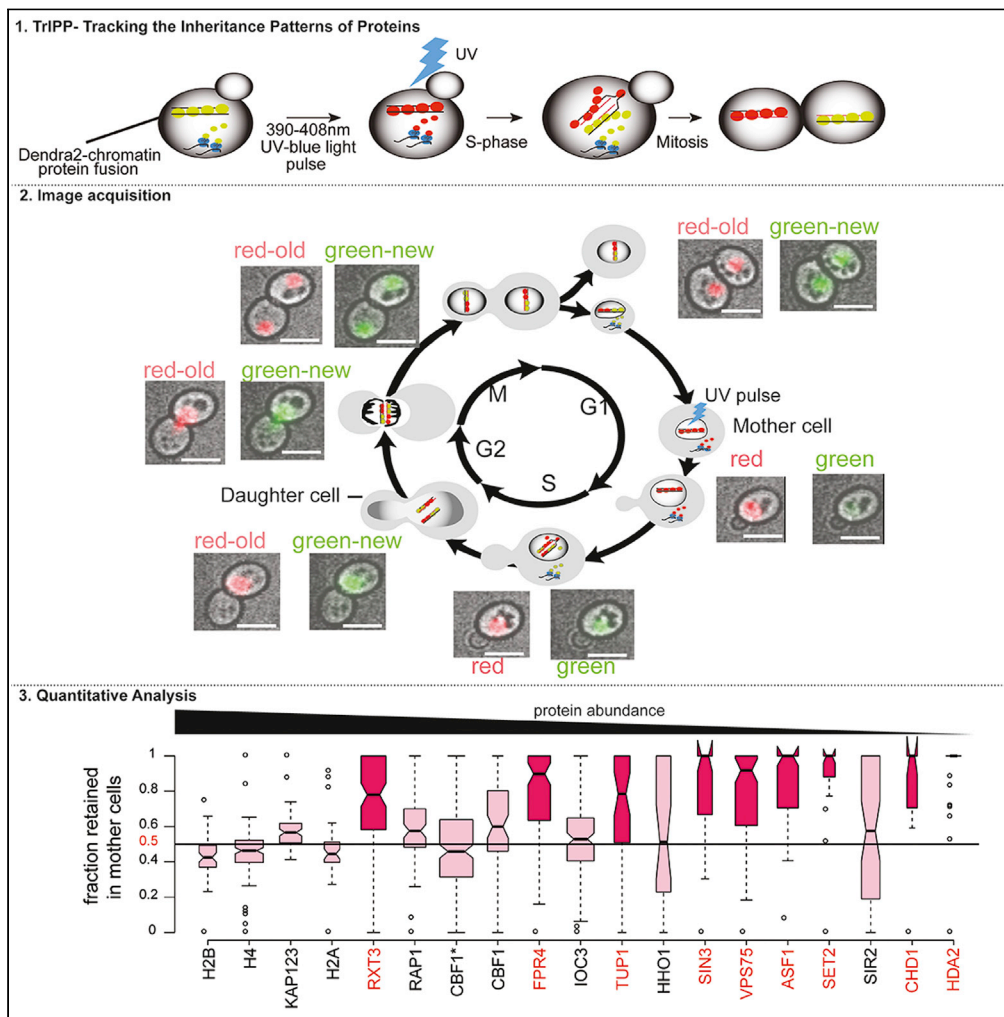
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**HIGHLIGHTS**

Most protein half-lives are equal to cell-cycle length

Net synthesis rates of 18 test proteins are 2-fold higher than their decay rates

Most tested proteins segregate stochastically between mothers and daughters

“Old” Rxt3p, Tup1p, and Fpr4p and low abundance proteins are retained in the mother

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## SUMMARY

**Inheritance of chromatin-bound proteins theoretically plays a role in the epigenetic transmission of cellular phenotypes. Protein segregation during cell division is however poorly understood. We now describe TriPP (Tracking the Inheritance Patterns of Proteins): a live cell imaging method for tracking maternal proteins during asymmetric cell divisions of budding yeast. Our analysis of the partitioning pattern of a test set of 18 chromatin-associated proteins reveals that abundant and moderately abundant maternal proteins segregate stochastically and symmetrically between the two cells with the exception of Rxt3p, Fpr4p, and Tup1p, which are preferentially retained in the mother. Low abundance proteins also tend to be retained in the mother cell with the exception of Sir2p and the linker histone H1. Our analysis of chromatin protein behavior in single cells reveals potentially general trends such as coupled protein synthesis and decay and a correlation between protein half-lives and cell-cycle duration.**

## INTRODUCTION

During asymmetric cell division a stem cell produces two different daughter cells: one cell that preserves the characteristics of “stemness” and will go on to perpetuate the stem cell lineage, and the other that will eventually undergo cellular differentiation into a specific cell type. Since the DNA sequence, barring random mutations introduced by DNA replication is identical in the two daughters, the stem cell phenotype and the differentiating phenotype are both inherited epigenetically: each cell will receive a different set of epigenetically encoded instructions, one to remain a stem cell and the other to start differentiating.

In order to understand how the two phenotypes are established and maintained we need to identify the epigenetic factors that distinguish the two daughters after asymmetric cell division.

Eukaryotic genomes are packaged into chromatin fibers consisting of arrays of nucleosomes: globular histone protein-DNA complexes (Luger et al., 1997). Because chromatin features and chromatin-bound proteins cooperate to regulate transcription, the features that define a specific chromatin state have the potential to transmit epigenetic information about the gene expression state of its underlying locus to the next generation (Petruk et al., 2012).

In order for chromatin features to be truly epigenetic, they have to be accurately “copied” (i.e. re-established on the correct genomic locus) after cell division and they have to be instructive of the transcription state at their genomic location. Because recent studies have provided experimental support for both claims—at least for some chromatin features such as heterochromatic histone marks (Coleman and Struhl, 2017; Laprell et al., 2017; Wang and Moazed, 2017)—it is reasonable to assume that the daughter cell that inherits the maternal phenotype after asymmetric cell division should also inherit those parental chromatin components that presumably define that particular phenotype. Consequently, these parental chromatin components would have to segregate asymmetrically only into one of the two cells, whereas the other daughter should inherit new chromatin components that will commit it to differentiation. On the other hand, chromatin features that are associated with constitutive traits that have to be maintained in both cells would be “inherited” symmetrically in both cells.

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It is important to identify which chromatin components carry epigenetic information and establish how these components segregate during genome replication and cellular division, if we want to understand cellular differentiation (pathological or developmental).

Budding yeast cells also divide asymmetrically, resulting in a larger mother and a smaller daughter cell. The mother can generate ~30 daughters during its replicative lifespan. The mother cell has therefore a phenotypic identity that distinguishes her from her daughters and that determines the length of her replicative lifespan. The aging phenotype of the mother cell has been extensively studied, and several models have been proposed to explain asymmetric segregation of aging factors. Yet epigenetic factors that define the “mother” and “daughter” phenotypes and the role of chromatin in determining those phenotypes are still largely unknown. According to currently proposed models, the aging phenotype is caused by molecular “aging factors.” An aging factor has to satisfy three criteria: it has to accumulate over time, it has to be preferentially retained in the mother cell, and it has to directly or indirectly lead to cell death. Several candidates for “aging factors” have been proposed, the most attractive being the following: (1) extra chromosomal ribosomal DNA circles (ERCs) (Denoth-Lippuner et al., 2014), (2) protein carbonyls, and (3) proteins damaged by oxidation and old mitochondria (reviewed in (Steinkraus et al., 2008)). Because none of these factors completely satisfy all the criteria, a consensus on the determining aging agent has still not been reached, and epigenetic factors that define the “mother” phenotype and the role of chromatin in the process are still not known.

Several studies in recent years have identified proteins that accumulate asymmetrically in only one of the two cells after division. Yang et al. (Yang et al., 2015) found 74 mother-enriched and 60 daughter-enriched yeast proteins; however, their assay could not differentiate between maternal proteins that potentially carry epigenetic information and newly synthesized copies. It is therefore unclear whether any epigenetic information is transmitted by chromatin-associated proteins, which incidentally had a tendency to accumulate in the daughter cell in their assay. On the other hand, Thayer et al. (Thayer et al., 2014) looked specifically for long-lived maternal proteins that accumulate in the aging yeast mother cell. They mostly identified cytoplasmic and membrane proteins however, which probably do not play a role in the epigenetic inheritance of specific gene expression states even though they could potentially contribute to the aging phenotype of the mother cell, although the latter has not been explicitly tested. Finally, García del Arco et al. (García Del Arco et al., 2018) show that during cell division of the fly midgut epithelium, the maternal CENP-A centromeric histone variant segregates asymmetrically into the daughter cell that will remain a stem cell.

In order to find chromatin components that segregate asymmetrically during yeast cell divisions, we need to be able to follow the partitioning of maternal proteins for several generations in single-cell lineages. Most methods currently used to monitor the dynamics of the cellular proteome, including the ones used in the studies mentioned earlier, are based on cell populations and combine mass spectrometry or imaging for proteome analysis with cytometry or biochemical methods to separate mother and daughter cell populations and do not provide information on protein dynamics in single cells.

We therefore set out to develop a live cell imaging screen aimed at identifying chromatin factors that could potentially be involved in epigenetic inheritance of cellular phenotypes during asymmetric cell division. We used the photo-convertible fluorescent protein Dendra2. Because photo-conversion from green to red fluorescence after UV light irradiation is irreversible, one can directly measure the half-lives of maternal Dendra2 fusion proteins in each cell. Maternal proteins can be followed for several cell generations (one yeast cell generation is typically 90–100min long), unlike with a similar system using a tandem sfGFP-mCherry cassette that can track newly synthesized proteins within a window of 45 min from synthesis because of the difference in folding kinetics of the fast-folding sfGFP, which starts fluorescing within minutes from synthesis, and the slow-folding mCherry, which takes ~45 min to mature (Khmelniskii et al., 2012).

Because the UV pulse for photo conversion lasts only 1min, we can start to track maternal proteins almost immediately and more importantly we can do it during the first cell cycle and after the first cell division following photo conversion. This would not be possible with the other imaging technique developed to detect “old” proteins that is based on SNAP/CLIP tagging of proteins of interest. Labeling of SNAP/CLIP-tagged proteins requires electroporation of fluorescent dyes into yeast and a 2-h pulse step followed by a chase step (Stagge et al., 2013). Given that the budding yeast cell cycle typically lasts from 1.5 to 2 h,

yeast would have undergone at least one cell division during the labeling pulse and we would have been able to follow only longer lived abundant proteins starting from the second division after fluorescent labeling.

We used TrIPP to monitor cell cycle dynamics of a test set of 18 proteins. Remarkably, our analysis of this small set of proteins has revealed a pattern for protein dynamics during the cell cycle that may turn out to be more general: moderately and highly abundant maternal chromatin proteins (more than ~3000 molecules/cell) segregate stochastically between the mother and daughter cells with a cell population mean for the fraction of proteins retained in the mother at ~0.5 as expected, whereas low abundance proteins (between ~600 and ~3000 molecules/cell) are mostly retained in the mother. There were, however, some exceptions: moderately abundant metabolic gene regulators Rxt3p (a subunit of the histone deacetylase complex Rpd3L), Fpr4p (proline isomerase of H3P38), and Tup1p (transcription repressor) are preferentially retained in the mother cell and low abundance proteins Sir2p (part of the heterochromatic complex Sir) and H1 (linker histone) segregate stochastically like more abundant proteins.

## RESULTS

As proof of principle for TrIPP, we have constructed a test set of 18 strains carrying chromatin-associated proteins (including chromatin remodelers, histones, histone modifiers, and heterochromatic proteins) fused to the photoconvertible fluorescent protein Dendra2 (Table S1). The set of 18 proteins comes from a larger set of ~60 Dendra2 fusion strains and represents fusion proteins with a sufficiently high signal-to-background ratio suitable for quantitative analysis. Dendra2 switches irreversibly from green to red fluorescence after UV/blue light irradiation. Consequently, live fluorescence imaging (HiLo) (Lim et al., 2011) of dividing cells allows us to distinguish between already synthesized maternal proteins, which emit in the red spectrum after a UV pulse, and newly synthesized green proteins made after the pulse (Figure 1).

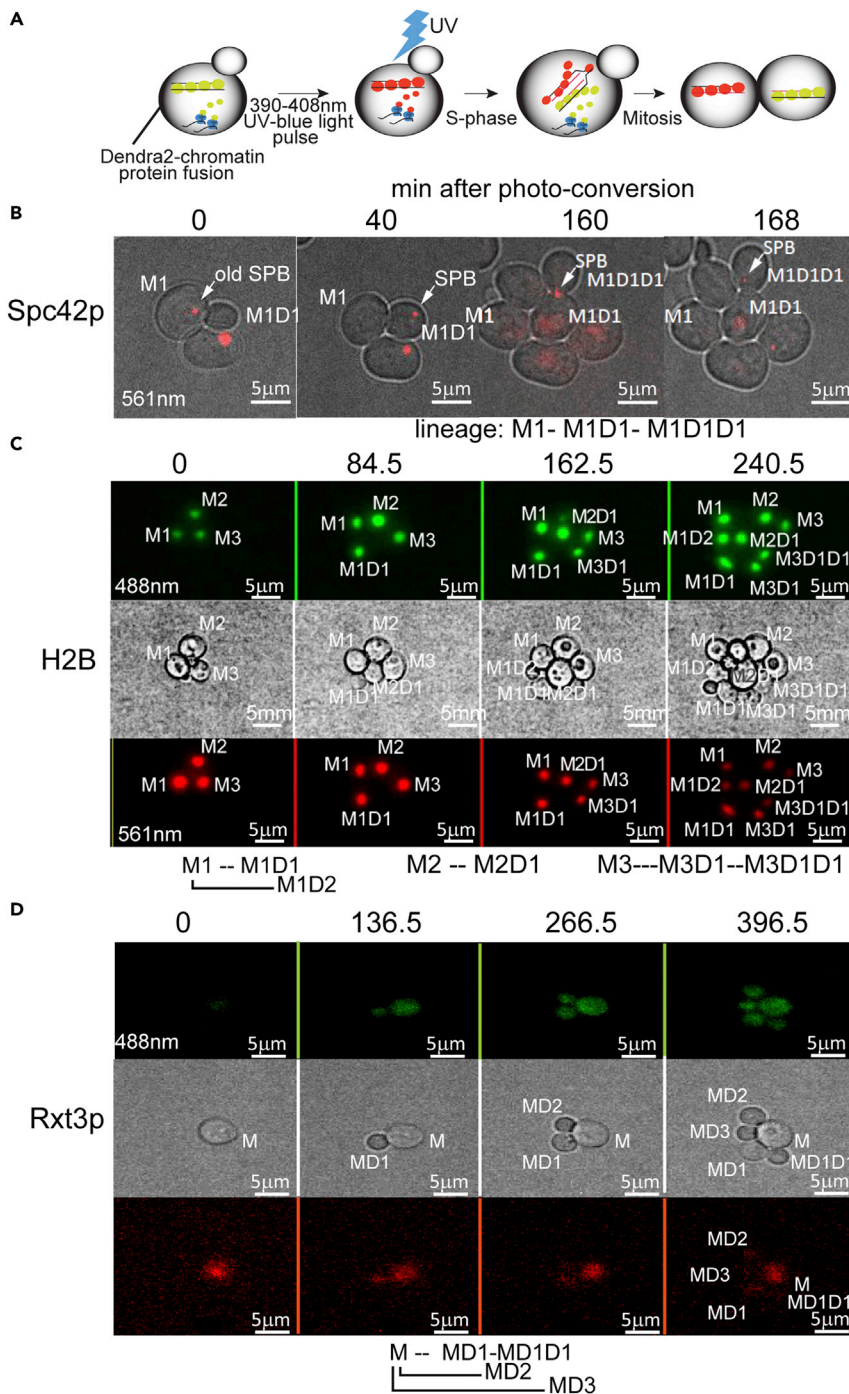
We can therefore record segregation patterns of maternal chromatin proteins and follow cellular localization dynamics of fusion constructs through mitosis. Due to closed mitosis in yeast, nuclear localization during mitosis does not automatically signify chromatin association. Nevertheless, the inheritance of maternal proteins within the nucleus—as is the case for all tested proteins—is still an indication that these chromatin proteins may remain associated with mitotic chromosomes and could therefore be epigenetically inherited (for examples see Figures 1C and 1D and Videos S1A, S1B, S1C, S2A, S2B, S2C, S3A, S3B, S3C, S4A, S4B, and S4C).

We used Spc42p-dendra2 as a positive control. Spc42p is part of the spindle pole body (SPB). Our analysis shows a preferential inheritance of the “old” SPB by the daughter cell as previously reported (Hotz et al., 2012) (Khmelnikii et al., 2012) (Figure 1B). Our conditions for UV irradiation do not affect cell growth and viability as doubling times, and the numbers of dividing cells are comparable between non-irradiated cells or cells grown in liquid media and UV irradiated cells (compare Figures 3B and S4B).

### Half-life measurement and protein segregation after cell division

The segregation patterns of maternal chromatin proteins between mother and daughter cells are estimated from the fraction of maternal proteins remaining in the mother cell after the first cell division following photo conversion (Figure 2).

The decrease in the amount of maternal proteins in the mother cell over time is determined from the decay rate of red fluorescence in the mother cell after photo conversion and before the first cell division. The measured rate of decay is used to calculate the half-life of the dendra2 fusion protein. Photo-bleaching did not affect the decay rate (Figure S1). The half-life of red fluorescence was calculated as described in Figure 2B and in Transparent methods in Supplemental information. The currently used methods for measuring protein half-lives are based on pulse-chase time-courses with labeled amino-acids in cell populations and require either careful calibration of total protein content between different time points or theoretical approximations of protein synthesis rates as in the classic [<sup>35</sup>S]-methionine and [<sup>35</sup>S]-cysteine pulse chase experiments (Kornitzer, 2002) or SiLAC MS experiments (Schwanhausser et al., 2011, 2013), respectively. These experimental drawbacks are circumvented with our method because it is based on observations of single cells *in vivo* and it allows for direct and independent measurements of protein decay and net synthesis rates in each cell.

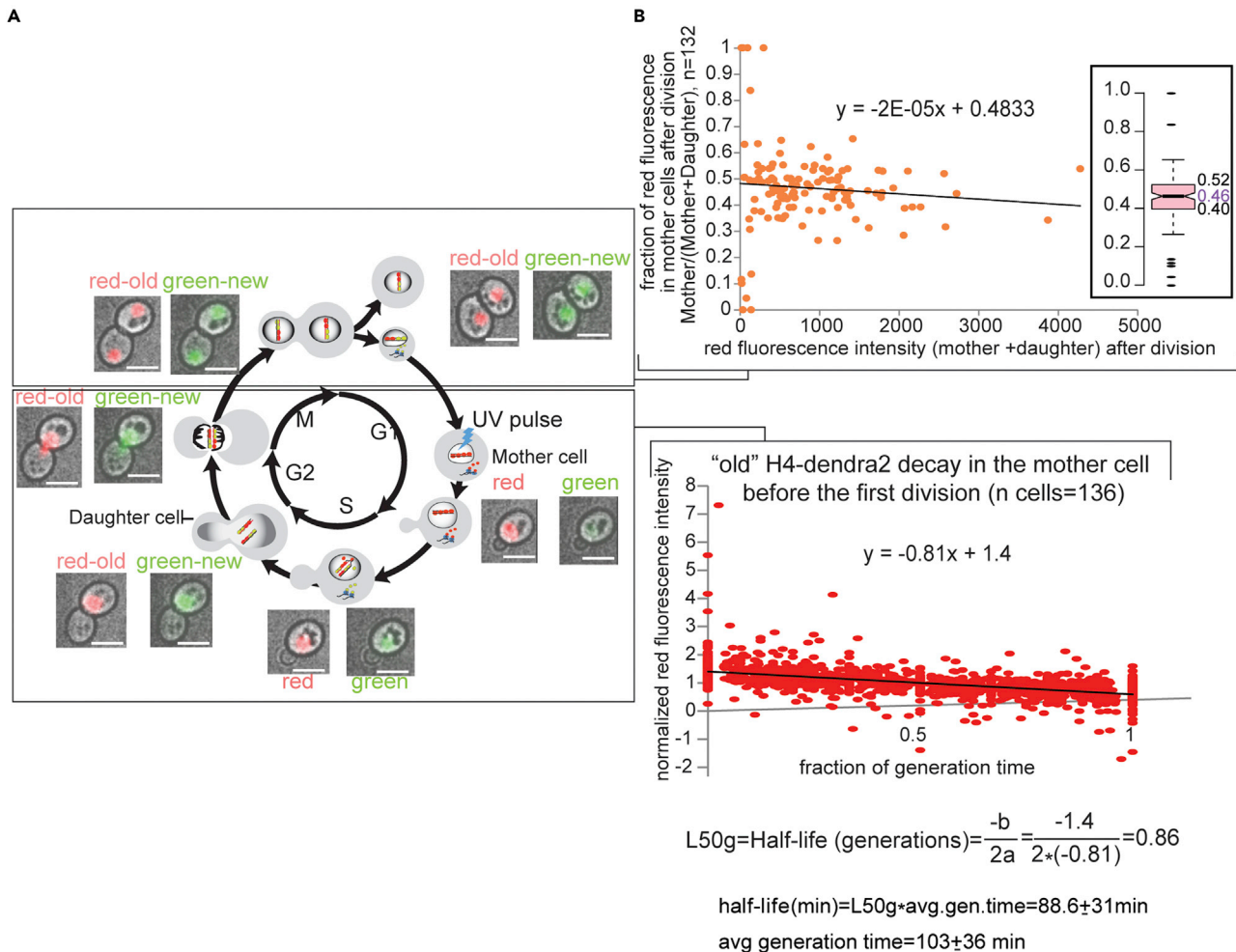


**Figure 1. Tracking segregating maternal chromatic proteins**

(A) Chromatin proteins are fused to the photo-convertible fluorescent protein Dendra2. Proteins already incorporated in chromatin will switch from green to red fluorescence after UV light irradiation. Newly synthesized green fluorescent fusion proteins are incorporated into daughter chromatids after the UV pulse, and segregation of “old” red and “new” green proteins is monitored by live cell imaging.

(B–D) HiLo imaging of Spc42p (B) (component of SPB-Spindle Pole Body) fused to Dendra2. The “old” (red) SPB segregates into the daughter cell, as previously reported. Histone H2B (C) segregates symmetrically but can also be preferentially retained in the mother cell: compare red signals between M3D1 and its daughter at the 240.5 min time point. Maternal Rxt3p (subunit of the histone deacetylase Rpd3L) is retained in the mother cell (D). Cell lineages are shown below the images.

See also [Videos S3A](#), [S3B](#), and [S3C](#) for an example of Rxt3p segregation.



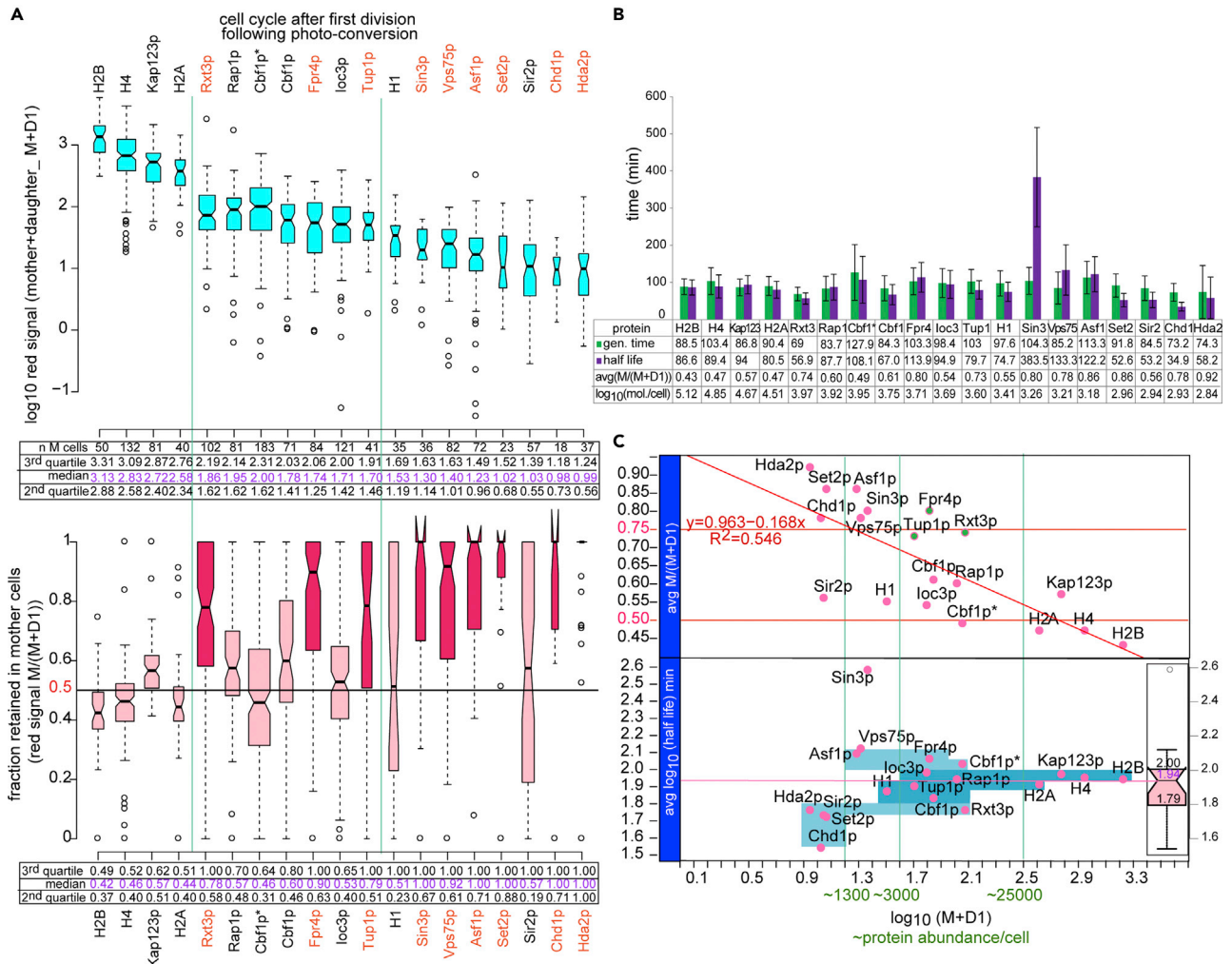
**Figure 2. Determination of the half-life and maternal protein segregation pattern for H4-Dendra2**

(A) Old-red and new-green histone H4 distribution in the mother and daughter cells during the yeast cell cycle followed by HiLo live fluorescence microscopy. Cells were illuminated with UV light in G1, and images in bright field and the red and green channels were taken every 6.5 min for 6 h. The micrographs show a representative mother cell at indicated stages during the first cell cycle after photo-conversion. Images from the green and the red channels were each merged with the corresponding bright field image. A 5- $\mu$ m white scale bar is shown in the bottom right corner of each micrograph. See also [Videos S2A](#), [S2B](#), and [S2C](#) for an example of H4 segregation.

(B) Half-life (bottom) and old/maternal H4-dendra2 partition (top) between mother and daughter cells. The x axes represent all the time points taken before the first cell division after photo conversion from 136 mother cells calculated as fractions of generation time for each mother cell (bottom) and the sum of average red fluorescence intensities in the mother and her first daughter produced after photo conversion over the duration of the mother’s subsequent cell cycle (i.e. before the production of the second daughter after photo conversion) (top). The average generation time is an average of up to 3 cell-cycle lengths from 136 mother cells. The red fluorescence intensities in both graphs have been subtracted from background fluorescence. The signal in the Y axis of the bottom graph has also been normalized to the average fluorescence intensity from the time of photo conversion to the time of the first cell division for each mother cell. The average fraction of maternal H4 retained in the mother cell after cell division is estimated from the Y axis cutoff in the top graph (0.48) and the median value in the box plot (top inset) (0.46). See also [Figure S1](#) for photo bleaching test.

### Low abundance proteins and metabolic gene regulators Rpd3L, Fpr4p, and Tup1p are retained in the mother

Half-lives and segregation patterns of maternal proteins for all 18 dendra2 fusions are summarized in [Figure 3](#). Our analysis reveals an inverse correlation between protein retention in the mother cell and protein abundance. If protein partitioning between the mother and the daughter were purely stochastic, we expect a normal distribution of protein fractions retained in the mother with a mean  $\sim 0.5$  and a variance that is inversely proportional to protein abundance. Indeed, we observe that highly abundant proteins (estimated at  $>25000$ /cell, see [Transparent Methods](#) in Supplemental Information) are divided between the mother and the daughter into two equal sets in most cells as shown for histone proteins and Kap123p (nuclear



**Figure 3. Segregation of 18 maternal chromatin proteins between mother and daughter cells after mitosis**

(A) Box plot distributions of average red fluorescence intensities (calculated as described in Figure 2B) from the mother M and her first daughter cell D1 after photo-conversion (the number of analyzed mother/daughter pairs is indicated in the table below the top graph) (top) and the fraction of the total red fluorescence intensity shown on top that is retained in the mother M/(M + D1) (bottom). The tables below the graphs show the median values of the entire distribution (magenta) and the medians of the second and third quartile for each dendra2 protein fusion. The M and D1 values recorded for loc3p and Sir2p have been divided by 2 to correct for the double dendra2 tag of these two constructs. Cbf1p\* is from the strain with a *lys4* background that was used in the half-life measurements by mass spectrometry (Figure S4). See also Figure S2 for scatterplots of mother retention versus protein abundance per cell for all 18 test proteins.

(B) Bar graph showing average cell generation times and half-lives of indicated dendra2 fusion proteins. Generation times were averaged over 2–3 generations for each mother cell (number of cells indicated in A). Half-lives were determined from the decay of red fluorescence during the first cell cycle after photo-conversion in mother cells and calculated as fractions of generation time as described in Figure 2B and then converted to minutes using the average generation time shown in the graph. The error bars represent the standard deviation from the average generation time. Maternal protein abundance (PA, sea-green x axis in C) is proportional to the average total red fluorescence in the mother and daughter cells after mitosis (M + D1) for all measured mother–daughter pairs:  $PA = a^*(M + D1)$ ,  $a = 70,000/(M + D1)$  of H4). 70,000 is the estimated number of dendra2-histone fusion proteins bound to chromatin per cell. Because only one histone gene out of the two copies in the yeast genome has the dendra2 fusion, the number of histones with the dendra2 tag is equal to the number of nucleosomes in the cell:  $number\ of\ nucleosomes\ (70000) = \frac{genome\ size\ (\sim 12Mbp)}{nucleosome\ footprint + linker\ (\sim 160bp)} - number\ of\ nucleosome\ free\ regions\ (\sim 5000)$ . The efficiency of photo-conversion (ranging from 50% to 90%, data not shown) has not been taken into account in the calculation because conversion efficiencies varied from cell to cell and only an estimate of the order of magnitude of protein abundance is sufficient for the analysis.

(C) Correlation between protein abundance and half-life (bottom panel) and retention in the mother cell after mitosis (top panel). Bottom panel: the four blue rectangles (bottom to top) encompass proteins from the first to the fourth quartile from the box plot distribution of half-lives on the right, respectively. Low abundance proteins (<1300/cell) tend to be in the first quartile and high and moderately abundant proteins (>3000/cell) tend to be in the third and fourth quartiles, with the exception of Sin3p (a low abundance protein with a long half-life). Top panel: highly (>25000/cell) and moderately (between 3000 and 10000/cell) abundant maternal proteins are distributed stochastically between the mother and the daughter during mitosis, with a mean retention in the mother around 50% and variance inversely proportional to protein abundance (as shown in A). Rxt3p, Fpr4p, and Tup1p with a high retention bias in the



**Figure 3. Continued**

mother are the exception. Low abundance proteins (between 600 and 3000/cell) have a clear retention bias for the mother cell with the exception of H1 and Sir2p, which are distributed stochastically similar to highly abundant proteins. See also [Videos S1A, S1B, S1C, S2A, S2B, S2C, S3A, S3B, S3C, S4A, S4B, and S4C](#) for examples of protein segregation and [Figures S4 and S6](#) and [Table S2](#) for comparison to half-life values obtained by mass spectrometry.

transporter of histone proteins). Moderately abundant proteins (between 3000 and 6000 per cell) also segregate equally on average in the cell population but with bigger variability between cells, i.e. there is a higher fraction of mother or daughter cells in the population that have inherited disproportionately more maternal proteins. Moreover, if protein partitioning is random, the cells that inherit more proteins should be mothers or daughters in equal proportions, as we see for Rap1p (general transcription factor also involved in heterochromatin formation), Cbf1p (associates with centromeric DNA elements and kinetochore proteins), and loc3p (subunit of the nucleosome remodeler lsw1a).

Finally, following the same reasoning, small quantities of proteins (less than 1300/cell) will segregate asymmetrically in an even larger fraction of cells, ending up in mothers and daughters in equal proportions, than moderately abundant proteins, but the mean of the protein fraction retained in the mother should still be  $\sim 0.5$ . Surprisingly, this behavior is observed only for Sir2p (subunit of the heterochromatic Sir complex) and the linker histone H1. The other low abundance proteins Sin3p, Vps75p, Chd1p, Asf1p, Set2p, and Hda2p are all preferentially retained in the mother, as are moderately abundant proteins: Rxt3p, Fpr4p, and Tup1p ([Figures 3A and 3C](#)). Due to the stochastic nature of protein distribution between the mother and the daughter cell, highly and moderately abundant proteins in cells that had a low red signal because of incomplete photo conversion also partition asymmetrically but with a similar bias towards the mother or the daughter cell (see H4, Cbf1p, Rap1p and loc3p in [Figure S2](#)). This argues against the possibility that the observed preferential retention of low abundance proteins in the mother cell is due to an imaging artefact that favors detection of low signal in the mother cell, because we repeatedly record asymmetric segregation of weak red fluorescence into daughter and mother cells in equal proportions for all proteins that segregate stochastically. In addition, the red signal intensities M and D (for mother and daughter cell, respectively) used for the calculation of the  $M/(M+D)$  ratio represent the mean signal over the whole length of the cell cycle. Consequently, any potential bias toward the mother cell that could have been due to the initial size difference between the mother and the daughter would be negligible because the daughter would have reached the mother cell's size in the first part of the cycle. The size difference between the mother and the daughter is also unlikely to be a significant source of red signal bias toward the mother because the signal is localized to the nucleus, which is of comparable size in the mother and the daughter cell almost immediately after division.

**Half-life durations of abundant proteins are equal to cell-cycle length**

Our measurements of decay rates of red fluorescence also revealed that the half-lives of the examined proteins are comparable to cellular generation times except for low abundance proteins whose half-lives are  $\sim 50\%$  of generation time ([Figures 3B and 3C](#)). This means that highly and moderately abundant proteins turn over completely in two generations. These proteins could therefore potentially transmit epigenetic information from one cell generation to the next if they stay associated with the relevant genomic loci after DNA replication and mitosis. The case for epigenetic inheritance of low abundance proteins is somewhat more difficult to make. Because these proteins turnover within one cell generation, epigenetic information could only be transmitted if newly synthesized proteins were exchanged with the old proteins directly on chromatin in order to preserve and transmit the information on their underlying genomic locations.

Curiously, Sin3p (component of Rpd3S/L histone deacetylase complexes) appears to have a half-life that is almost four times longer than the cell generation time. Although the significance of this result is not clear, it is also the only half-life value that matches half-life estimates measured by pulse SiLAC MS ([Christiano et al., 2014](#)). The other half-lives are on average six times shorter than the MS measurements from Christiano et al. ([Christiano et al., 2014](#)) ([Figure S4](#)). One possible explanation for this discrepancy is that the dendra2 tag destabilizes the protein. Our results from a mass spectrometry SiLAC assay of cell extracts from two dendra2 strains (CBF1dendra2 and H1dendra2) from a time course after switch from heavy lysine to light lysine ([Figure S4B and Table S2](#)) show that the tagged and untagged proteins have similar half-lives, suggesting that dendra2 has no effect on protein stability. Moreover, our half-life estimates from the SiLAC experiment are closer to our half-life measurements from dendra2 fluorescence decay ([Figure S4C](#)) than to the published values mentioned earlier ([Christiano et al., 2014](#)). The

discrepancy is therefore not due to the technical differences or experimental conditions in either experimental method used to measure half-lives.

The difference stems instead from the calculations used to derive half-lives in (Christiano et al., 2014) and our own calculations. Unlike in our assay where the protein decay rate is measured directly from the decay rate of red fluorescence in each cell, in SILAC-LC-MS/MS the protein decay rate is indirectly estimated from the decrease in the H/L ratios (Figure S6 and Transparent methods in Supplemental information) in a cell population over time after the switch to “light” medium. It is consequently necessary to make several assumptions in order to estimate protein decay rates and half-lives. First, it is generally assumed that protein decay is an exponential process (Christiano et al., 2014; Schwanhausser et al., 2011), although that seems not to be the case for some proteins (McShane et al., 2016). Second, protein synthesis rates also need to be estimated because they are not measured in the MS assay.

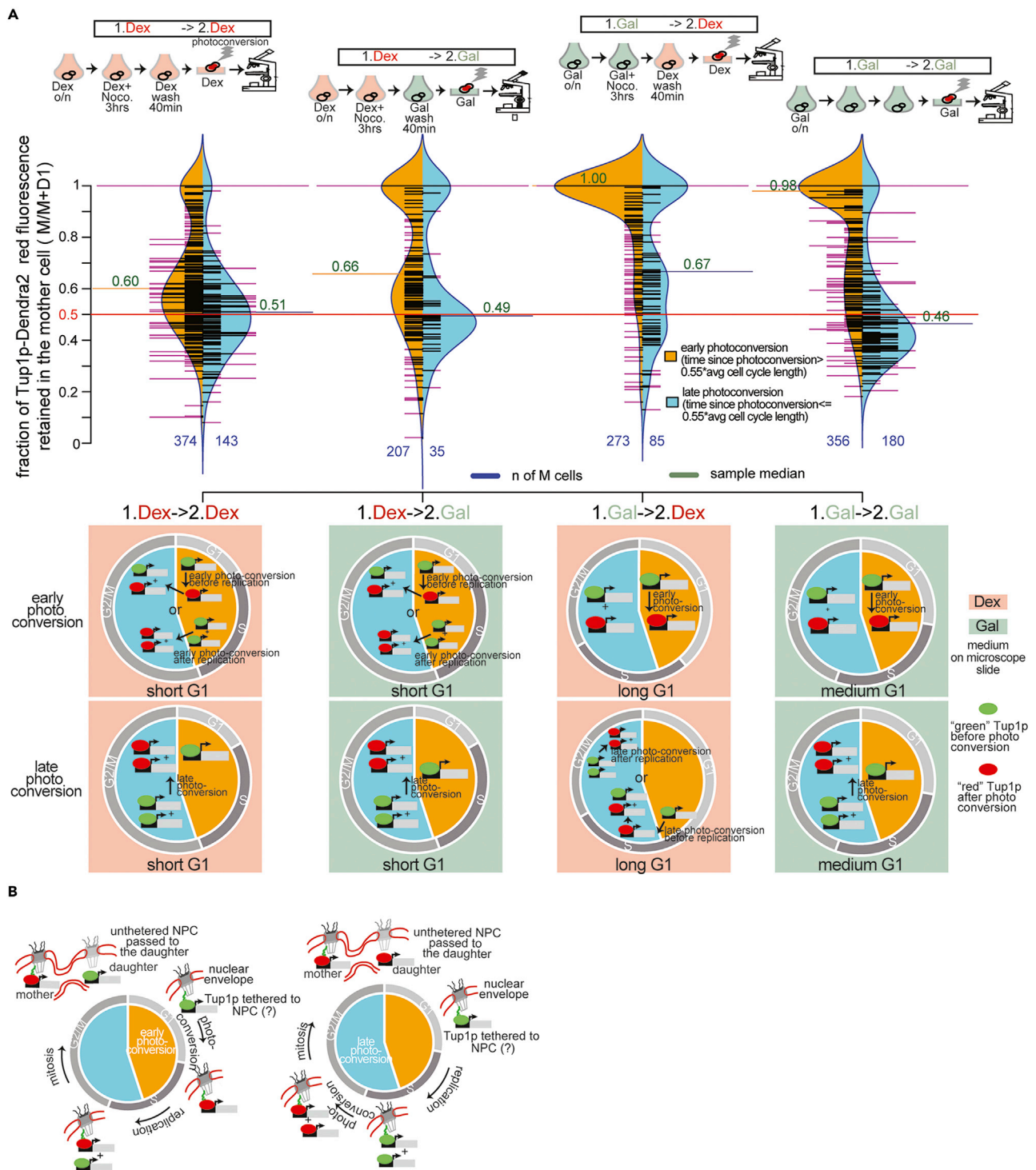
The calculations in (Christiano et al., 2014) were based on half-life measurements in mammalian cells from (Schwanhausser et al., 2011) where it was assumed that total protein amounts double every cell generation. This assumption has been confirmed for 40 proteins in mouse ES cells (Alber et al., 2018) but does not seem to hold for yeast. According to our direct measurements of net protein accumulation rates described earlier, the cellular content for 13 out of the 18 proteins we measured does not double within one cell cycle (Figure S5C). As a consequence of that assumption, half-lives of proteins with actual synthesis rates that are higher than the 2-fold increase in one cell generation will be underestimated, whereas the half-lives of proteins with low synthesis rates will be overestimated as shown in Figure S4C. In order to be able to compare our half-life values with the published dataset, we nevertheless used the same approximations in our calculations. Surprisingly, we obtain values that are at odds with the ones in (Christiano et al., 2014). The major difference in our calculations and the ones in (Christiano et al., 2014) is in the use of a correction for protein dilution due to cell division applied in the latter. Maternal protein amounts are reduced 2-fold every cell generation because ~50% are passed on to the daughter in most cases (Figure 3), but because we use total cell extracts from a population of mothers and daughters in the SILAC experiment the only process that causes the decrease in “old/heavy” proteins in the cell population is protein degradation. The correction used in Christiano et al. (2014) (Christiano et al., 2014) is therefore not necessary and is actually the cause for the overestimation of protein half-lives in that study.

### **Tup1p that was synthesized before S-phase is retained in the mother cell**

Tup1p is mostly a general transcriptional repressor that shuts down transcription of >150 genes in response to various environmental signals (reviewed in (Smith and Johnson, 2000)), although it can also act as a transcriptional activator in certain conditions (Proft and Struhl, 2002). A subset of its targets is involved in glucose or galactose metabolism, and Tup1p is necessary for long-term transcriptional memory and faster reactivation of galactose inducible *GAL* genes (Sood et al., 2017). We consequently wanted to explore further the potential links between Tup1p retention in the mother cell and its function as a repressor of glucose and galactose metabolism genes.

We first checked the repression activity of Tup1p-dendra2 in galactose and dextrose (Figure S3A and Table S3). Although Tup1p-dendra2 represses either glucose metabolism genes in galactose medium or galactose metabolism genes in glucose medium, as expected, the activity of the tagged protein is not as efficient as that of the untagged protein. The efficiency of repression in the *TUP1-Dendra2* strain is at an intermediate level between the wt strain and the *tup1* deletion strain, most likely because *tup1* mRNA levels are reduced in the *TUP1-Dendra2* strain (Figure S3A). We thereby conclude that the Tup1p-dendra2 protein is structurally functional but that the Tup1p-dendra2 strain displays a hypomorph phenotype due to reduced Tup1p levels.

Because cells were grown in glucose for the original assay described earlier and considering that Tup1p targets different sets of genes in different carbon sources, we decided to test whether Tup1p is also retained in the mother cell when grown in galactose or when carbon sources are switched. *TUP1-Dendra2* cells were grown in galactose or glucose throughout the assay or switched from dextrose to galactose and vice versa before imaging (Figure 4A). The density plot distributions of Tup1p segregation bias (the fraction of red signal retained in the mother) shown in Figure 4A display a bimodal distribution with one subpopulation in which the “old” photo-converted Tup1p-Dendra2 stays in the mother cell and the other in which the photo-converted Tup1p is equally partitioned between the mother and the daughter.



**Figure 4. Tup1p molecules present in the nucleus before replication are retained in the mother cell**

(A) Bean plot distribution of the fraction of maternal ("red") Tup1p retained in the mother ( $M/(M + D)$ ) in indicated growth conditions (illustrated in the diagrams above the bean plots). Black lines represent individual mother cells, magenta lines represent multiple mother cells with the same  $M/(M + D)$  value. Cells were divided into two populations: mother cells in which the time since the UV pulse for photo-conversion was longer (photo conversion early in the cycle, orange density plot) or shorter (photo conversion late in the cycle, blue plot) than  $0.55 \times$  (avg. cell cycle length).

(B) Model for "old" Tup1p retention in the mother cell. Tup1p is shown tethered to the Nuclear Pore Complex as an example for illustration purposes. It is equally possible that Tup1p is directly or indirectly anchored to another nuclear structure such as the nuclear matrix or the nuclear envelope. See also [Figure S3](#) for RT-qPCR of Tup1p target genes and cytometric measurements of G1 length in carbon source conditions from (A).

Interestingly, the timing of photo-conversion relative to the cell cycle determines if the population will skew more towards mother retention or towards equal Tup1p partitioning.

The timing of photo conversion is estimated from the length of time elapsed between the UV pulse and the time of complete separation of mother and daughter nuclei in the first division after photo conversion for each mother cell. We propose the following hypothesis to explain why Tup1p is preferentially retained in the mother only when photo conversion happens early in the cell cycle. We propose that when photo-conversion happens in G1 before replication (early photo conversion) the red signal is retained in the mother and when photo conversion happens after replication (late photo conversion) the red signal partitions equally between the mother and the daughter. After replication, both newly synthesized Tup1p and old Tup1p (that was present in the nucleus before replication) bind to replicated gene targets, and the gene copies bound with Tup1p are divided equally between the mother and the daughter. If photo conversion happens before replication only one gene copy will carry an old “red” Tup1p molecule after replication and the other will be bound by a new “green” Tup1p protein. The “red” copy will stay in the mother and the “green” copy will go to the daughter. On the other hand, if photo conversion happens after replication, both replicated gene copies will be bound by “red” Tup1p proteins and the red signal will be partitioned equally between the mother and the daughter after division. The probability that photo conversion will happen before replication increases with the length of the G1 phase, whose duration varies depending on culture conditions (Figures S3B–S3D). If G1 is short, early photo conversion would “catch” Tup1p before replication in some cells and after replication in others, resulting in a bimodal distribution of M/M+D with peaks at 1 and 0.5, as observed when cells are grown in glucose or switched from glucose to galactose. Late photo conversion in these conditions happens mostly after replication, resulting in a normal distribution of M/M+D with a mean of 0.5. Conversely, if G1 is of medium length, early and late photo conversion happen mostly before or after replication, respectively, resulting in normal distributions of M/M+D with a mean of 1 or 0.5, respectively. This is observed when cells are grown in galactose. On the other hand, the transition from galactose to glucose causes a lengthening of the G1 phase, resulting in preferential mother retention in a majority of cells because most cells in the population were pulsed with UV before replication even when photo conversion happened later in the cycle.

We now propose a model for the mechanism of Tup1p retention in the mother cell. Tup1p is directly or indirectly anchored/tethered to a nuclear structure (such as the nuclear matrix or the nuclear envelope) during the G1 phase as illustrated in Figure 4B. Because—per our model—tethering occurs exclusively in G1, the newly synthesized Tup1p is “free” to move into the daughter cell where it will be tethered to the daughter’s nucleus during the daughter’s first G1 phase. Meanwhile the gene copy bound with the “old” tethered Tup1p will remain in the mother cell.

Our model for the timing of Tup1p anchoring that would be restricted to G1 is supported by recent results from Sugiyama and Tanaka (Sugiyama and Tanaka, 2019) that show symmetric segregation of Tup1p that has been synthesized in G1 and at the beginning of S-phase. Our model predicts that Tup1p that was synthesized after G1 (i.e. in S-phase and G2) would not be anchored to the nucleus and will eventually outnumber the tethered Tup1p due to constant protein degradation and synthesis throughout the cycle. Total Tup1p including the fractions synthesized in G1 (“tethered” and staying in the mother) and at the beginning of S-phase (“untethered” and segregating stochastically between the mother and the daughter) will therefore appear to segregate symmetrically as has been observed in the study mentioned earlier and our experiments.

### Net protein synthesis is 2-fold faster than protein degradation

Because the intensity of green fluorescence after photo conversion is proportional to the amount of newly synthesized protein, we were able to derive protein synthesis rates from the rates of increase in green fluorescence during the first cycle after photo conversion (Figure S5 and Transparent methods in Supplemental information). The green fluorescence signal was not subject to photo bleaching as shown in Figure S1B. We also determined the distribution of green fluorescence in the mother and the daughter after cell division as we have done for red fluorescence. The fraction of green fluorescence in the mother cell is however less informative about protein inheritance patterns, because the amount of green proteins in the daughter is the sum of proteins inherited from the mother and new proteins that are synthesized in the daughter. Interestingly, even with this limitation, we can still detect the preferential retention of Rxt3p and low abundance proteins Set2p, Hda2p, Asf1p, and Vps75p in the mother cell (Figure 5A). Thus, the tendency of low

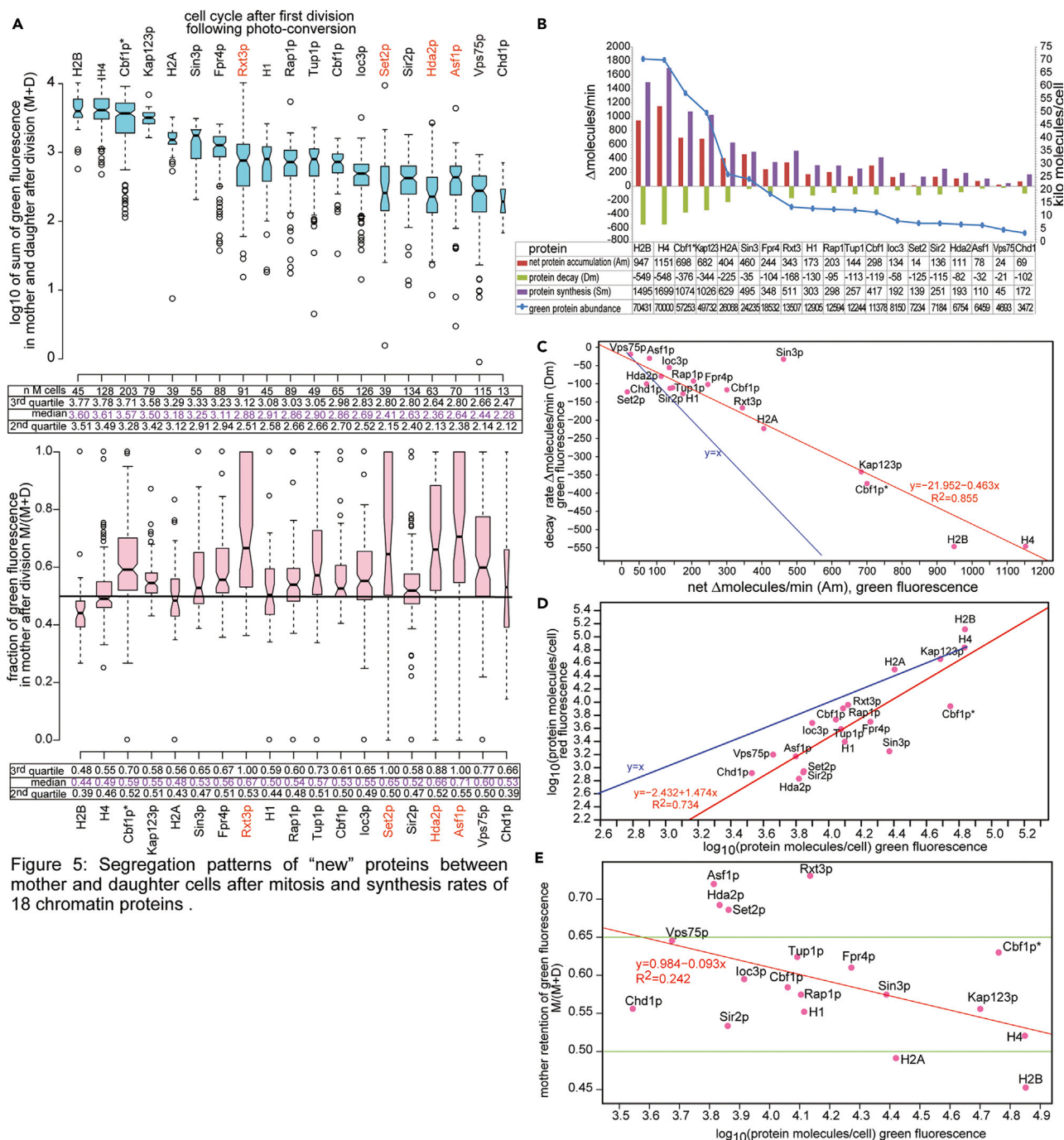


Figure 5: Segregation patterns of “new” proteins between mother and daughter cells after mitosis and synthesis rates of 18 chromatin proteins .

**Figure 5. Segregation patterns between mother and daughter cells after mitosis and synthesis rates of 18 chromatin proteins**

(A) Box plot distributions of average green fluorescence intensities (calculated as described in Figure S5B) from the mother M and her first daughter cell D1 after photo-conversion (the number of analyzed mother/daughter pairs is indicated in the table below the top graph) (top) and the fraction of the total green fluorescence intensity shown on top that is retained in the mother  $M/(M + D)$  (bottom). The tables below the graphs show the median values of the entire distribution (magenta) and the medians of the second and third quartile for each dendra2 protein fusion. The measured (M + D) values for loc3p and Sir2p have been divided by 2 in the top graph to correct for the double dendra2 tag of these two constructs. Cbf1p\* is the strain with a *lys4* background that was used in the half-life measurements by mass spectrometry (Figure S4).

(B) Correlation between new (green) protein abundance per cell and green protein retention in the mother cell. The number of molecules per cell was estimated from the total green fluorescence in the mother and daughter cells after mitosis (M + D):  $PA = a \cdot (M + D)$ ,  $a = 70,000 / ((M + D) \cdot H4)$ , 70,000 is the estimated number of dendra2-histone fusion proteins bound to chromatin per cell calculated as in Figure 2B. Because most of these proteins are

**Figure 5. Continued**

continuously synthesized, we cannot distinguish between green proteins that were inherited from the mother and the ones that were newly synthesized in the daughter cell. Consequently, most green proteins are equally distributed between the mother and the daughter except for Asf1p, Hda2p, Set2p, and Rxt3p that are retained in the mother as observed for maternal (old) proteins (Figure 3). The low abundance proteins have a tendency to stay in the mother cell as observed for “old” maternal proteins.

(C) Bar graph showing average net protein accumulation rates ( $A_m$ ), protein decays rates ( $D_m$ ), and protein synthesis rates ( $S_m$ ) in molecules/min calculated as described in Figure S5B.  $A_m$ ,  $D_m$ , and  $S_m$  rates were converted from fold change/min (see Figure S5B) to molecules/min by multiplying each rate with the corresponding PA (protein abundance per cell calculated as in B).

(D) Correlation between protein accumulation rates ( $A_m$ ) and protein decay rates in molecules/min. Values are based on green fluorescence intensity as in (B and C). Synthesis and decay rates appear to be co-regulated with decay rates ~2-fold slower than protein accumulation rates (net protein production) ( $1/0.498 = 2.01$ ), with the exception of Sin3p (net synthesis 13-fold faster than decay) and Set2p (decay is 8-fold faster than net synthesis).

(E) Correlation between old (red) and new (green) protein abundance (PA) per cell ( $\log_{10}(\text{protein molecules/cell})$ ) calculated as in (B). Due to faster synthesis rates compared with decay rates there is consistently more new “green” protein than old “red” protein in the cell. Note that the equal numbers of old and new histone is a consequence of normalization of all fluorescence intensities to the fluorescence intensity of H4 and the assumption that nucleosomes contain equal amounts of old and new histones as explained in (B). See also Figure S5 for calculations of synthesis rates.

abundance proteins to stay in the mother cell is also evident in the “green” protein population (Figure 5B) that has not undergone photo-conversion, suggesting that the segregation pattern observed for “red” proteins is not due to damage potentially caused by the UV pulse.

Our independent measurements of protein synthesis (using the population of “green” proteins) and decay (using the population of “red” proteins) have revealed an unexpected coupling of the two processes (Figure 5D). Surprisingly, protein degradation is correlated with protein synthesis with a net protein accumulation rate at ~2-fold the decay rate for most proteins we tested.

**DISCUSSION**

We have developed TriPP—a live cell imaging method for quantitative measurements of protein behavior in single cells that allowed us to directly measure degradation and net synthesis rates as well as inheritance patterns of 18 chromatin proteins. Our method does not perturb the progression of the cell cycle because the *dendra2* tag and the UV pulse for photo-conversion do not significantly affect protein stability as shown by similar protein half-lives measured by microscopy and SILAC-LC-MS/MS.

Our results suggest that “old” low abundance proteins have a tendency to remain in the mother cell after mitosis. The biological significance and the generality of this observation still remains to be confirmed on a larger set of proteins. We speculate, however, that the retention in the mother cell may be related to the potentially higher levels of oxidative damage in these proteins, which may also be the reason for their shorter half-lives. These proteins may have reached the end of their useful lives and are not being transferred to the daughter cell because their function has completely deteriorated by the time of cell division.

The retention of maternal Fpr4p, Rxt3p, and Tup1p in the mother cell is especially interesting, because all three are moderately abundant proteins that have been implicated in the regulation of transcription of inducible genes from metabolic pathways (Nelson et al., 2006; Lee et al., 2018; Sood et al., 2017). Fpr4p is a proline isomerase specific for P38 on histone H3. The activity of Fpr4p inhibits methylation of H3K36 at promoters, which stimulates the induction of *MET16* and *HIS4* (Nelson et al., 2006). Tup1p and Rxt3p have both been implicated in the transcriptional memory of genes that are induced or repressed during carbon source shifts, respectively. Rxt3p is a subunit of the histone deacetylase Rpd3L, which is recruited to promoters of genes that need to be repressed when galactose is the carbon source. It has been found recently that Rpd3L is necessary for the transcriptional memory of repression i.e. for faster repression rates upon repeated exposure to galactose during carbon source shifts (Lee et al., 2018). Tup1p on the other hand appears to be necessary for long-term transcriptional memory and faster reactivation of galactose inducible *GAL* genes after a prolonged growth period (>4 h) in glucose that followed initial growth in galactose (Sood et al., 2017). Long-term transcription memory for rapid reactivation of *GAL* genes requires the Gal1 protein that sequesters the Gal80p repressor in the cytoplasm (Zacharioudakis et al., 2007) and Tup1p-mediated reorganization of the chromatin architecture of *GAL* gene promoters (Sood et al., 2017). The link between the cytoplasmic activity of Gal1p and the nuclear activity of Tup1p are however unclear, although Tup1p activity appears to be downstream of Gal1p activity.

Although transcriptional memory of earlier exposure to galactose seems to be preserved for several cell generations, the abovementioned studies have not addressed how these factors partition between the mother and the daughter and consequently whether mothers transmit the information to their daughters. Our experiment with cells grown in glucose or galactose (Figure 4) does not directly address whether the retention of “old” Tup1p synthesized before S-phase is involved in transcription memory of galactose metabolism genes and if this transcription memory is confined to the mother cell. It does, however, suggest a possible molecular mechanism for Tup1p-mediated transcriptional memory.

Our results are consistent with a model that restricts Tup1p “tethering” to nuclear structures in the G1 phase, thus ensuring that only Tup1p proteins were present in the cell before replication stay in the mother cell. Interestingly, the localization of GAL genes to the nuclear periphery that occurs during the establishment of GAL transcriptional memory in glucose depends on Tup1p and the Nup100p subunit of the nuclear pore complex (NPC) (Sood et al., 2017). Taken together with the fact that Tup1p binds to the promoters of GAL genes during growth in glucose and galactose (Papamichos-Chronakis et al., 2004; Nehlin et al., 1991), the above observation raises an intriguing possibility that Tup1p may recruit GAL genes to the nuclear periphery via its tether to the NPC. We propose that this hypothetical anchoring of Tup1p induces a conformational change in Tup1p that in turn enhances the interaction of Tup1p with its partners that specifically target Tup1p to gene promoters. Tup1p anchoring is independent of the carbon source, and the putative conformational change caused by anchoring should be generic and should enhance the pairing of Tup1p with any partner, whose presence in the cell on the other hand does depend on the carbon source. Consequently, the task of specifically targeting the tethered Tup1p to repress, activate, or prepare genes for activation in response to glucose, galactose, or during transcription memory establishment falls to the interacting partners. Putative Tup1p tethering is stable throughout the cell cycle and although a fraction of the tethered Tup1p in complex with specific factors will be targeted to genes, another fraction could potentially keep Tup1p partners specific for galactose or glucose or transcription memory in reserve for later use if the carbon source were to shift back and forth. The “new” untethered Tup1p synthesized after G1 would still be functional and would compete with the tethered Tup1p for binding to target genes although possibly with lower efficiency. The untethered Tup1p would also be “free to go” to the daughter cell after mitosis, where it would be tethered to the daughter’s nucleus to start a new cycle. If the carbon source were to change during the cell cycle, the tethered and untethered Tup1p that were not bound to partners specific for the first carbon source will be available to bind to partners that respond to the new carbon source, whereas the “reserved” fraction of tethered Tup1p bound to partners responsive to the initial carbon source would be kept as “memory” complexes waiting to be activated if the carbon source were to switch back.

Our analysis of protein decay and synthesis rates has also revealed some unexpected features of protein cycles in budding yeast. It is remarkable that even though protein synthesis and degradation are distinct and seemingly independent processes, they are precisely coordinated. There is actually no protein homeostasis with equal synthesis and decay rates as might be expected. The 2-fold higher synthesis rate ensures instead a steady supply of new proteins. In other words, the level of chromatin proteins increases throughout the cell cycle and never reaches steady state. Consequently, at any given time during the cell cycle newly synthesized “younger” proteins will represent the majority of the total protein population as shown in Figure 5E. Because old proteins are more likely to be damaged, the accumulation of new proteins may be an adaptation to ensure that the cell has optimal amounts of functional proteins at its disposal. Because only about one-third of synthesized proteins whose half-life lasts one cell cycle are degraded in one cell generation, the cell has to rely on dilution through cell division in addition to protein degradation to maintain optimal protein levels. The accumulation of new proteins may also be a hallmark of asymmetrically dividing cells in which the mother cell has to supply all the proteins necessary for her daughter’s initial growth until the daughter cell has produced enough proteins on her own.

TriPP opens up exciting possibilities for investigations of the effects of environmental variability, cell-cycle regulation, and aging processes on the cellular proteome. It will thus be of particular interest to explore the inheritance patterns of transcription factors Adr1p and Xpb1p and redox regulators Srx1p, Sod2p, Tsa2p, and Gpx2p that have all recently been implicated in the regulation of gene expression programs specific to aging cells (Hendrickson et al., 2018). Measurements of a larger protein set are

needed to confirm whether the trends we found in our small test set such as the coupling of protein synthesis and degradation that favor the accumulation of new proteins in the cell, half-life durations that match the length of one cell cycle, and the stochastic and symmetric partitioning of proteins between the mother and its daughter represent general trends in protein biology of asymmetrically dividing cells. Likewise, further studies of the mechanisms responsible for the asymmetric repartition of Rxt3p, Tup1p, and Fpr4p proteins should help us better understand the potential role of these proteins in epigenetic inheritance of transcriptional memory.

### Limitations of the study

The study used an 18 protein test set as proof of principle of feasibility and as an example of the type of quantitative measurements that can be obtained using TrIPP. Although our results reveal possible tendencies for protein dynamics and inheritance patterns during the cell cycle, we cannot make any generalizations until a larger protein dataset is tested.

### Resource availability

#### Lead contact

Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Marta Radman-Livaja ([marta.radman-livaja@igmm.cnrs.fr](mailto:marta.radman-livaja@igmm.cnrs.fr)).

#### Materials availability

All unique/stable reagents generated in this study are available from the Lead Contact without restriction.

#### Data and code availability

All microscopy images and Perl and R scripts are available upon request from the Lead Contact.

## METHODS

All methods can be found in the accompanying [Transparent methods supplemental file](#).

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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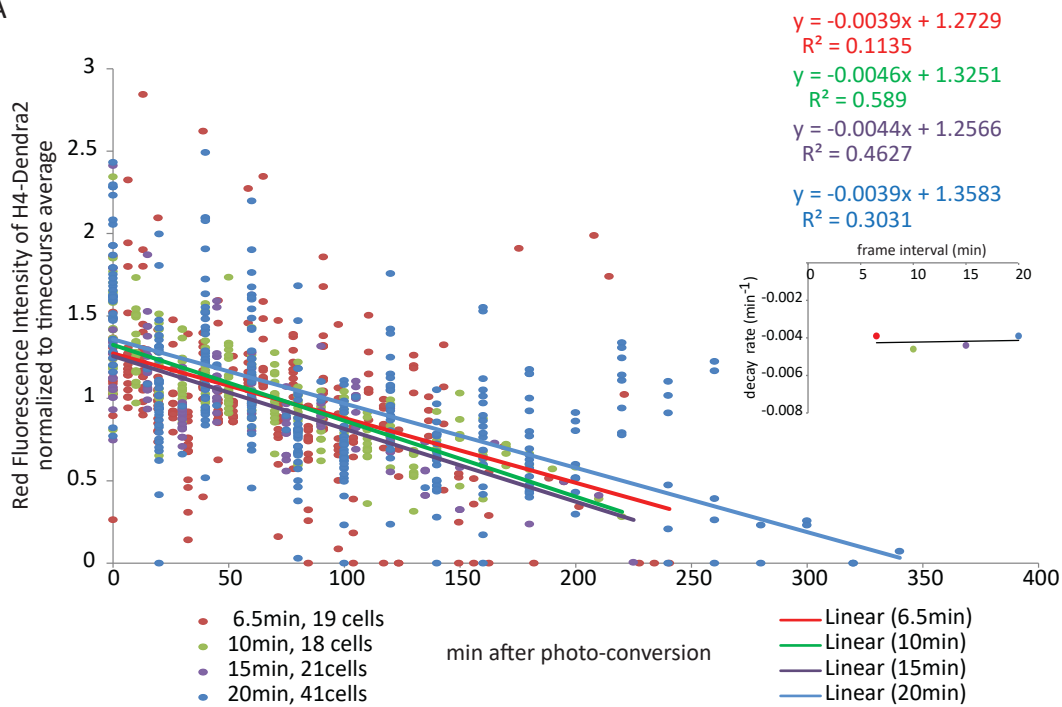
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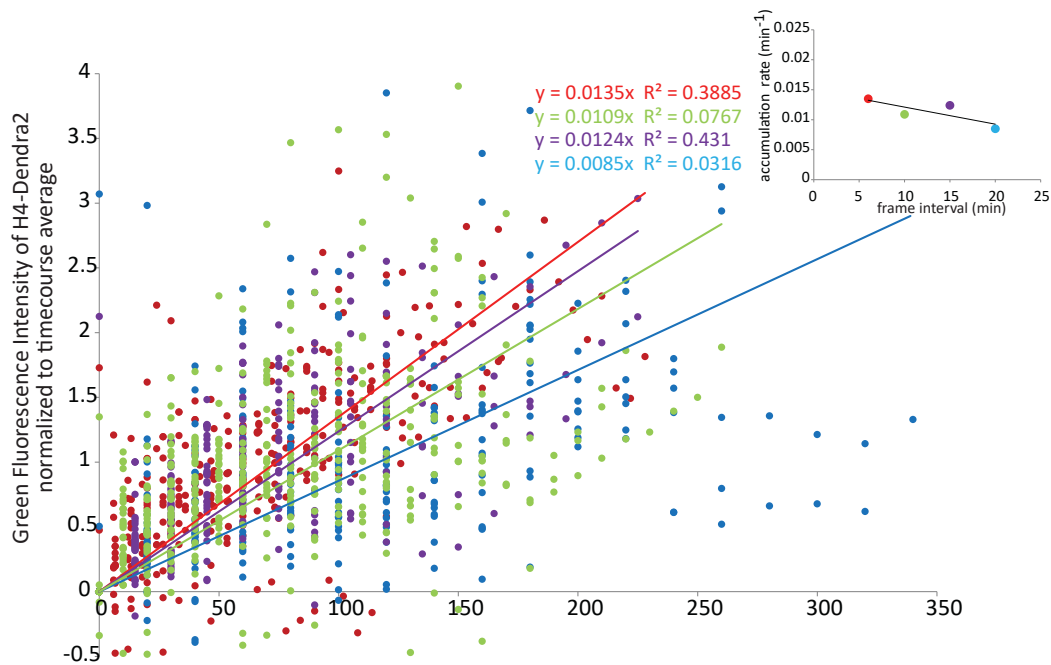
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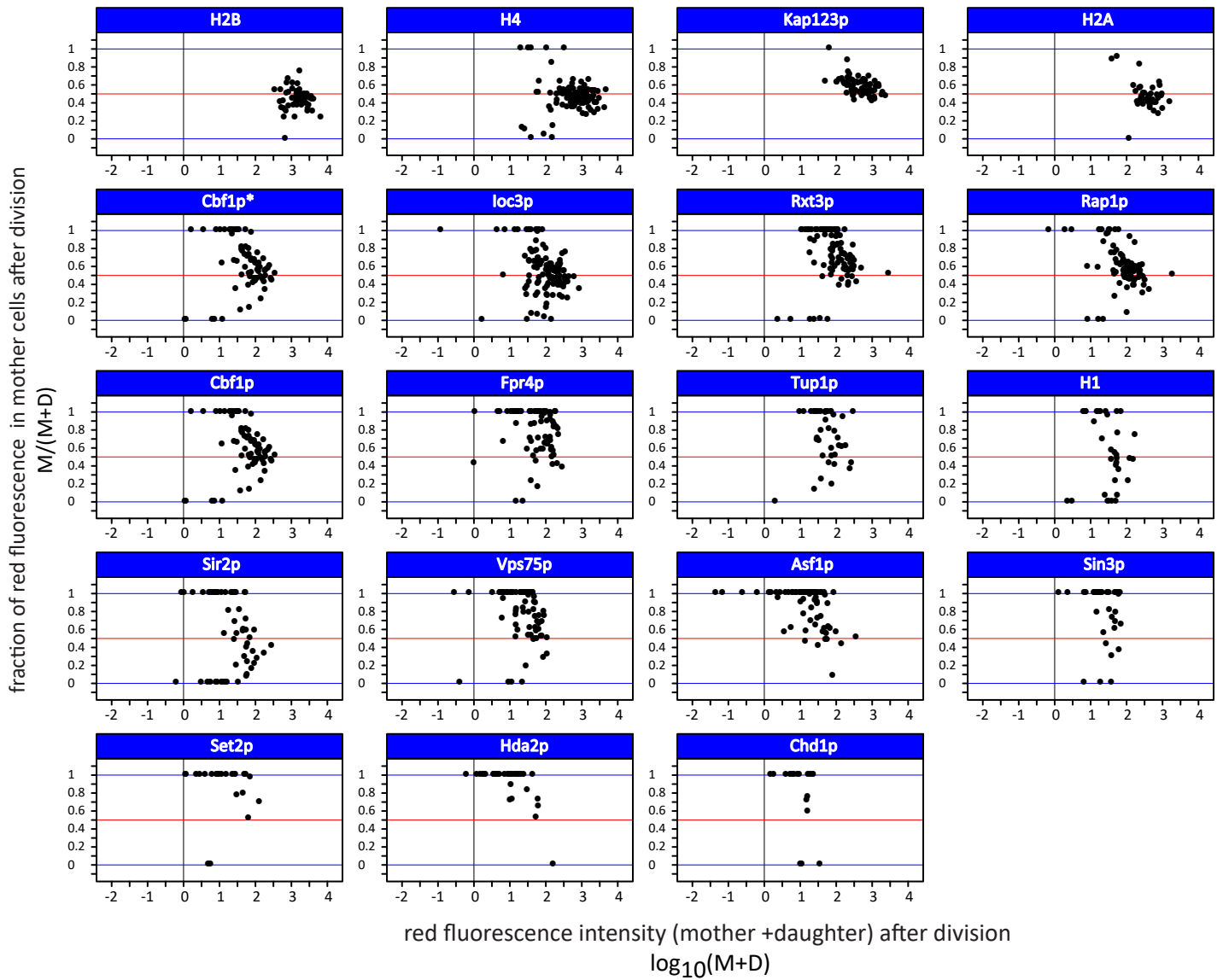
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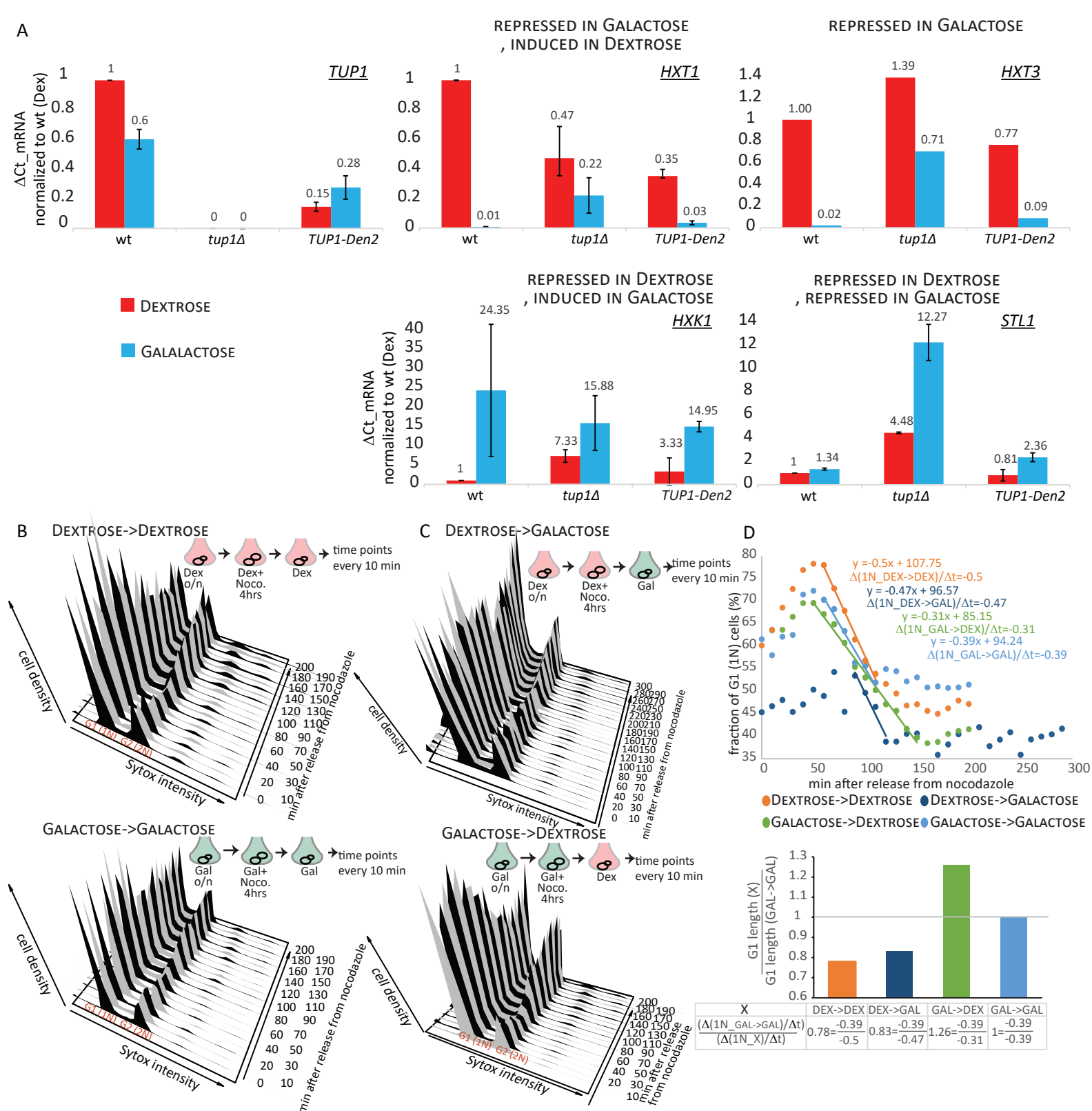
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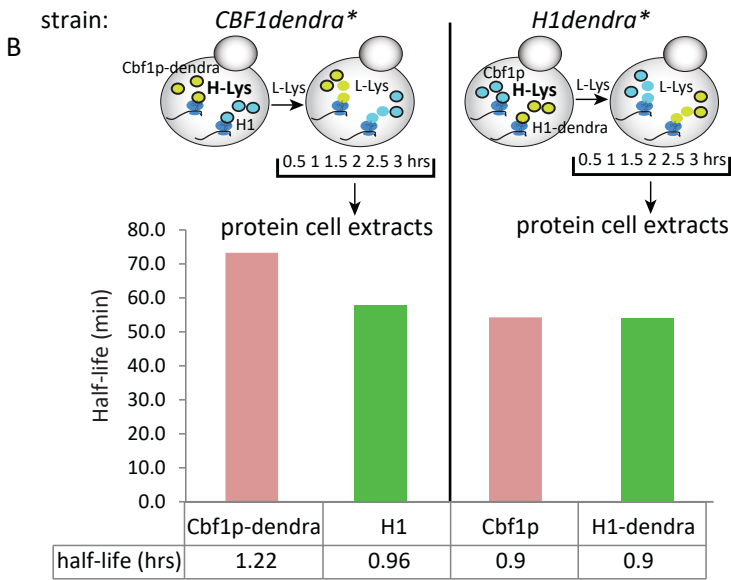
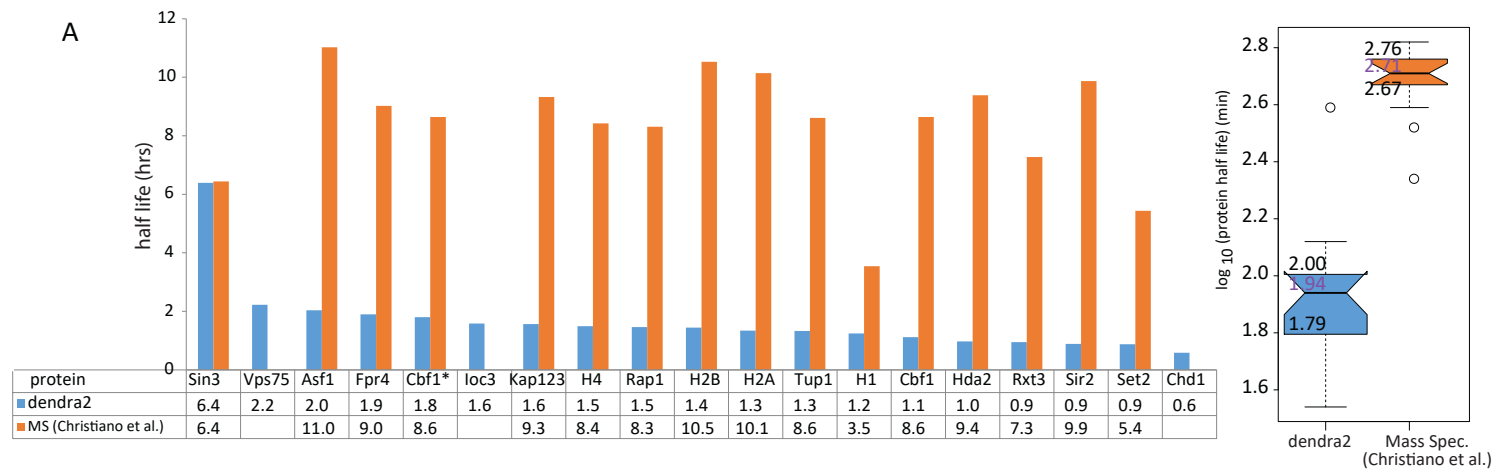
**Figure S1: Test for photobleaching of red (A) and green (B) fluorescence related to Figure 2.** The intensity of red and green fluorescence after photo conversion was recorded between the time of photo conversion and the first division of H4-Dendra2 mother cells. The red and green signals from the indicated number of mother cells were recorded at varying time intervals in four time courses, every : 6.5, 10, 15 or 20min. Since red fluorescence decays and green fluorescence accumulates at similar rates in all four time courses, as shown by the equations of the linear fit for each timecourse and the graphs in the insets on the right (note the equations are of the same color as their corresponding line in the graphs and figure legend), the observed decrease in red fluorescence is not due to photo-bleaching. Likewise, green fluorescence is not diminished by photo-bleaching in our experimental conditions. Otherwise, the decay rate would have been inversely proportional to the interval between frames (i.e more negative for the 6.5min interval than for the 20min interval) and the accumulation rate of green fluorescence would have been slower for shorter intervals because cells would have been exposed to 15 red and green laser pulses in 100min with the 6.5min interval and to only 6 pulses in 100min with the 20min interval.



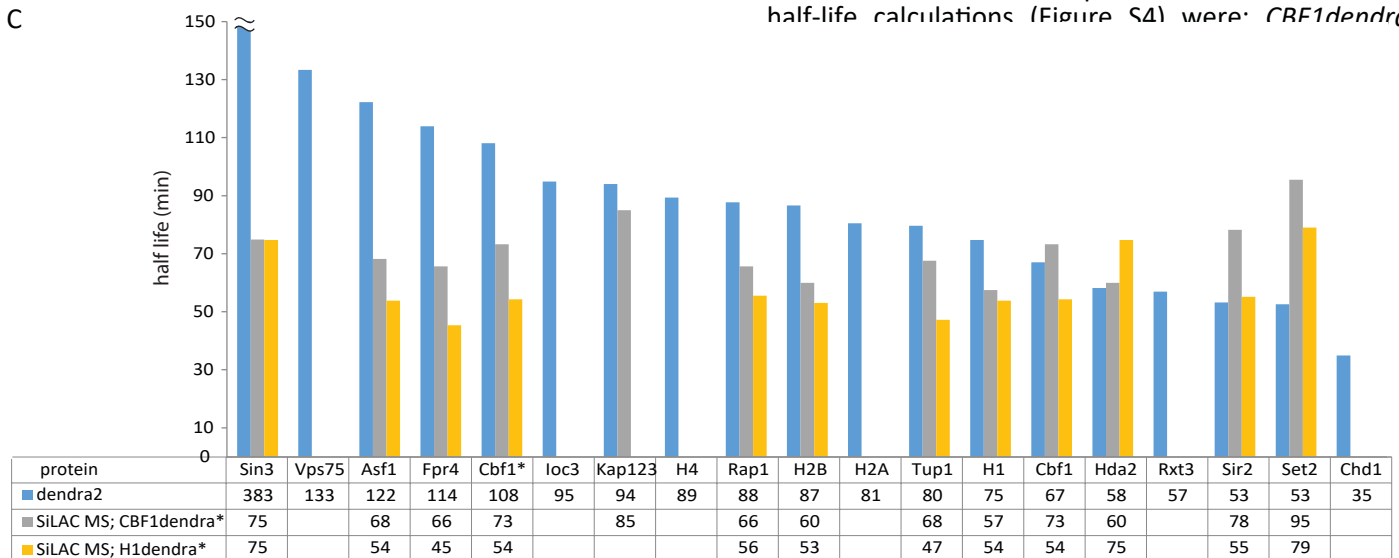
**Figure S2: Old/maternal protein partitioning ( $M/(M+D)$ ) between mother and daughter cells, related to Figure 3.** Tested proteins are indicated in the headers.  $M/(M+D)$  values for each mother/daughter pair are shown as a function of the intensity of the background corrected red fluorescent signal in each pair. Each point represents one individual mother/daughter pair. The x-axes represent the  $\log_{10}$  of the sum of average red fluorescence intensities in the mother and her first daughter produced after photo conversion over the duration of the mother's subsequent cell cycle (i.e. before the production of the second daughter after photo conversion).



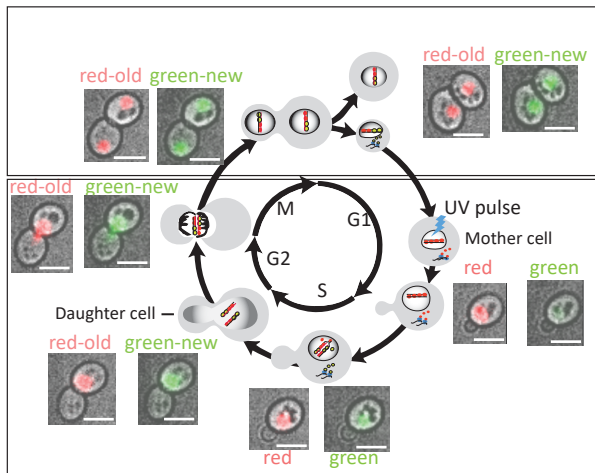
**Figure S3: Effect of the dendra2 tag on Tup1p repressor function (A) and cytometric measurements of G1 length in different carbon source conditions (B), related to Figure 4. A. mRNA expression of TUP1 and TUP1 gene targets in Dextrose and Galactose in wt (JOY1), *tup1Δ* (from the YSC1053\_KO deletion library) and *TUP1-Dendra2* measured by RT-QPCR. In order to obtain  $\Delta$ Cts, Cts of target genes (top right in each graph) have first been normalized to the Ct of the internal negative control *ACT1* for each culture condition and strain separately.  $\Delta$ Cts for each target gene were then normalized to the  $\Delta$ Ct of the same target gene from the wt strain grown in Dextrose. The error bars represent the standard deviation from the mean of two biological replicates. B-D. G1 length in different carbon source conditions. B-C. Flow cytometry analysis of DNA content (Sytox Green) in *TUP1-dendra2* cells after release from G2/M arrest with nocodazole in different carbon source conditions: B. Galactose to Galactose (top), Dextrose to Dextrose (bottom); C. Galactose to Dextrose (top), Dextrose to Galactose (bottom). D. Determination of the rate of decrease of the number of cells in G1 (with 1N DNA content) from B and C. The majority of cells are in G1 after release from nocodazole arrest and the rate of decrease of the fraction of cells in G1 until the population reaches equilibrium with a constant ratio of G1 to G2/M cells ( $\Delta(1N)/\Delta t$ , top) is inversely proportional to the length of G1 (bottom). The bar graph in the bottom panel shows the length of G1 in indicated carbon source conditions relative to the length of G1 for cells grown in Galactose throughout the experiment.**



**Figure S4: Half-life measurements by mass spectrometry related to Figure 3. A.** Comparison of half-lives between dendra2 decay rates (Figure 3) and SILAC-MS (Christiano et al., 2014). Cbf1p\* is from the *lys2Δ* strain with *CBF1dendra2* used in the SILAC experiment in B. The box plot distributions of half lives in the bar plot (left) are shown on the right. **B.** SILAC-MS in *CBF1dendra2* and *H1dendra2* strains. The two strains were grown in Heavy-lysine (H-Lys) and then switched to Light-lysine. Total cell extracts were collected after indicated times and the Heavy/Light peptide ratios for Cbf1p-dendra2 and H1 (from the *CBF1dendra\** strain with *lys2Δ*), and Cbf1p and H1-dendra2 (from the *H1dendra2\** strain with *lys2Δ*) were calculated from Mass Spectrometry profiles. The half lives were calculated using the H/L ratios as described in Christiano et al. (2014) but without the correction for protein dilution by cell division. **C.** Comparison of half-lives between dendra2 decay from A and the SILAC MS experiment from B (Half-lives calculated as in B). The generation times for the MS SILAC experiment that were used for half-life calculations (Figure S4) were: *CBF1dendra\**:



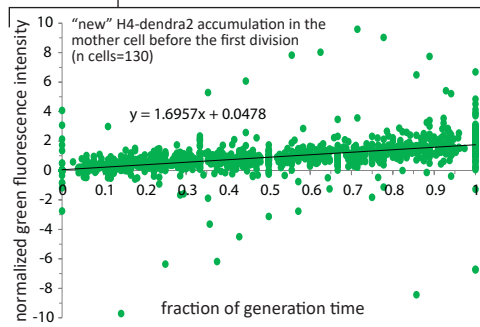
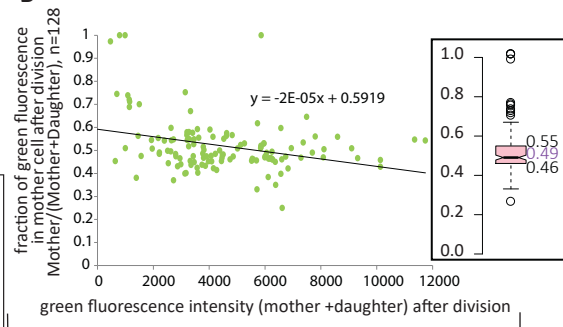
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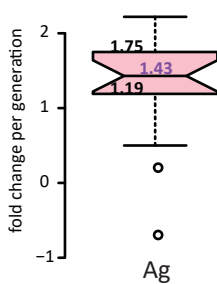
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 Dm(fold decay rate per min)=Dg/ avg.gen.time=-0.007±0.005  
 Sm(fold synthesis rate per min)=Sg/avg.gen.time=0.024±0.0095

B



Ag(fold accumulation rate per generation)=1.7  
 Dg(fold decay rate per generation)=-0.81 (from Fig. 2)  
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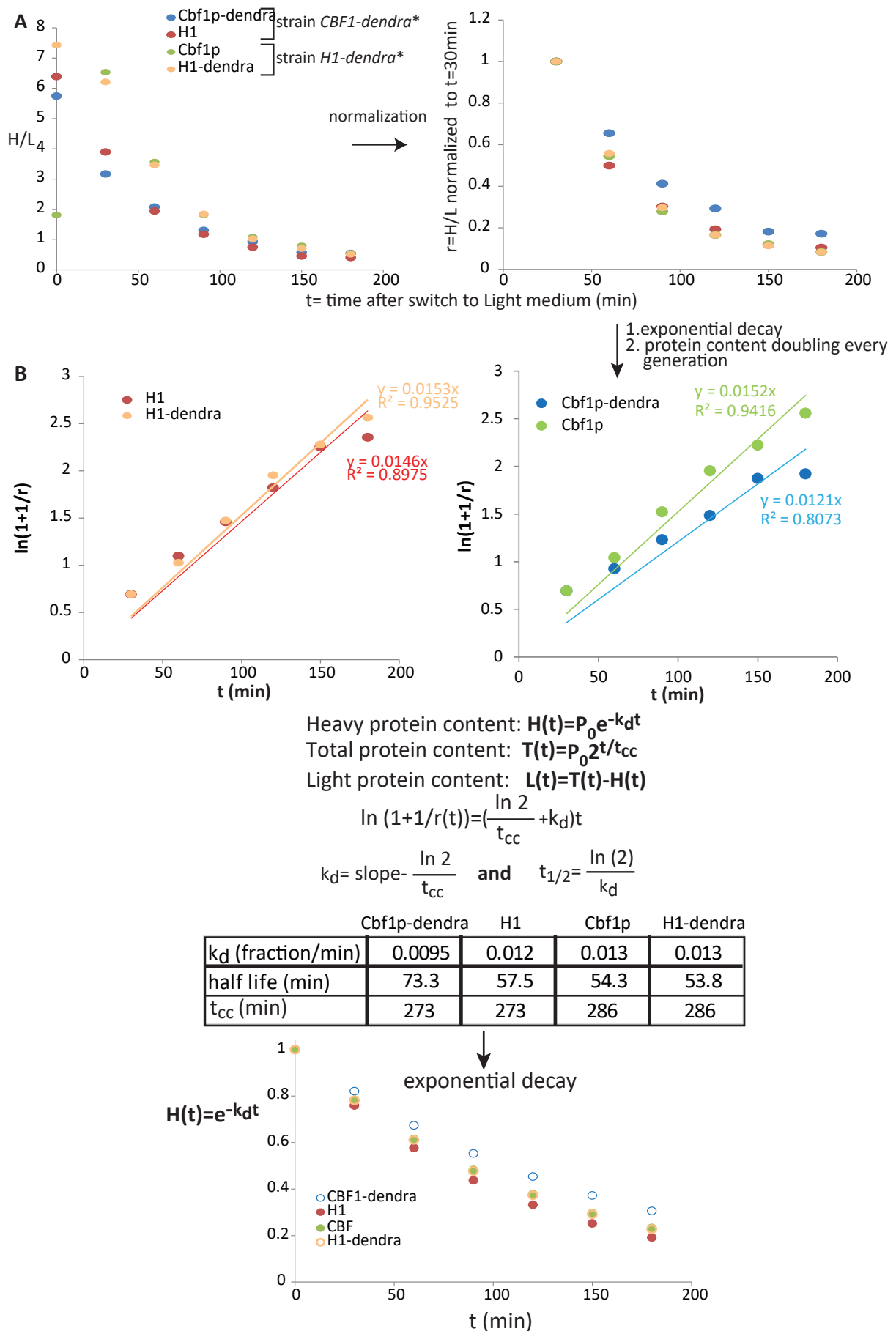
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**Figure S5: Determination of the protein accumulation rate and segregation pattern of newly synthesized H4-Dendra2, related to Figure 5. A.** Old-red and new-green histone H4 distribution in the mother and daughter cells during the yeast cell cycle followed by HiLo live fluorescence microscopy. The micrographs are the same as in Figure 2. A 5µm white scale bar is shown in the bottom right corner of each micrograph **B.** Protein accumulation rate (bottom) and new H4-dendra2 partition (top) between mother and daughter cells. The x-axes represent all the time points taken before the first cell division after photo conversion from 130 mother cells calculated as fractions of generation time for each mother cell (bottom) and the sum of average green fluorescence intensities in the mother and her first daughter produced after photo conversion over the duration of the mother's subsequent cell cycle (i.e. before the production of the second daughter after photo conversion) (top). The average generation time is an average of up to 3 cell cycle lengths of 130 mother cells. The green fluorescence intensities in both graphs have been subtracted from background fluorescence (i.e. the green fluorescence intensity at time 0 after photo-conversion). The signal in the Y-axis of the bottom graph has also been normalized to the average fluorescence intensity from the time of photo conversion to the time of the first cell division for each mother cell. The average fraction of maternal H4 retained in the mother cell after cell division is estimated from the average of the Y-axis cutoff in the top graph (0.59) and the median value in the box plot (top inset): 0.49: 0.54 **C.** Box plot distribution of Ag values for all 18 proteins from Figures 3 and 4 calculated as in B.

Figure S5: Determination of the protein accumulation rate and segregation pattern of newly synthesized H4-Dendra2, related to Figure 5. A. Old-red and new-green histone H4 distribution in the mother and daughter cells during the yeast cell cycle followed by HiLo live fluorescence microscopy. The micrographs are the same as in Figure 2. A 5µm white scale bar is shown in the bottom right corner of each micrograph B. Protein accumulation rate (bottom) and new H4-dendra2 partition (top) between mother and daughter cells. The x-axes represent all the time points taken before the first cell division after photo conversion from 130 mother cells calculated as fractions of generation time for each mother cell (bottom) and the sum of average green fluorescence intensities in the mother and her first daughter produced after photo conversion over the duration of the mother's subsequent cell cycle (i.e. before the production of the second daughter after photo conversion) (top). The average generation time is an average of up to 3 cell cycle lengths of 130 mother cells. The green fluorescence intensities in both graphs have been subtracted from background fluorescence (i.e. the green fluorescence intensity at time 0 after photo-conversion). The signal in the Y-axis of the bottom graph has also been normalized to the average fluorescence intensity from the time of photo conversion to the time of the first cell division for each mother cell. The average fraction of maternal H4 retained in the mother cell after cell division is estimated from the average of the Y-axis cutoff in the top graph (0.59) and the median value in the box plot (top inset): 0.49: 0.54 C. Box plot distribution of Ag values for all 18 proteins from Figures 3 and 4 calculated as in B.





**Figure S6: Half-life calculations from the SILAC MS experiment in *CBF1dendra\*(lys2Δ)* and *H1dendra\*(lys2Δ)* related to Figure 3 and Supplemental Figure S4. A.** Scatter plot of non-normalized H/L ratios (left) and  $r=H/L$  ratios normalized to  $t=30\text{min}$  (right), each H/L ratio is an average of 9 and 8 peptides for H1 and Cbf1p, respectively.  $t=0$ -the time before switch to Light Lysine medium- showed too much variability in H/L between peptides of the same protein and was not considered in the calculations. **B.** Half life calculations assuming exponential decay and a doubling of total protein every cell generation as in Schwanhausser et al. (2011). The linear equation for the plots in the top panel of  $\ln(1+1/r)$  versus  $t$  is derived from the equations below the graph.  $P_0$ -total protein,  $P_0 \sim H_0 = 100\%$  at  $t=30\text{min}$ ;  $t_{cc}$ - generation time for the conditions used in the SILAC time-course. The decay rate and half life were calculated using the linear fit curves shown in the top panel. The Y intercept was set to 0 for the fit because  $y_{\text{intercept}}=0$  in the derived equation. The bottom plot shows the exponential decay curve of heavy protein using

**Supplemental Tables**

**Table S1: Insertion and verification PCR primers for strain construction, related to Figures 1-5**

protein	primer type	Sequence Name	Sequence
H2B	verification	HTB2denVF	TGG CTA AAC ATG CCG TCT CC
H2B	verification	HTB2denVR	ACA GAA CCC TAA TGT TAC AA
H2A	verification	HTA2denVF	GAC CTA CTT TAA AAC CCC AA
H2A	verification	HTA2denVR	CCA AGG TGG TGT TTT GCC AA
TUP1	verification	TUP1denVF	TGA CAA TGA ATT GAA GAA TA
TUP1	verification	TUP1denVR	GGG TCC AGA ATA TAA CGT TT
KAP123	verification	KAP123denVF	GAA GGT ATA CTT ATA TAA GC
KAP123	verification	KAP123denVR	GGT TAT TGA ATT ATT GAA GT
CHD1	verification	CHD1denVF	CTG CCG ACG TTA AGA GTA CA
CHD1	verification	CHD1denVR	TTA CAC GCA AAT ATA TAT AC
IOC3	verification	IOC3denVF	ATA TTT ATG ATG ACA ACG AC
IOC3	verification	IOC3denVR	TCT TAA TTT TAC ATT ACT TA
SIR2	verification	SIR2denVF	TTG TTT GCC ATA CTA TGT AA
SIR2	verification	SIR2denVR	TTT GAA GAA CAA GAA CTT TA
RXT3	verification	RXT3denVF	AAA TAC ACA CAT GGC GCC AA
RXT3	verification	RXT3denVR	CTA TAG TAT TGT CAT TAA GC
HDA2	verification	HDA2denVF	TCA TTA AGA AAG TAT ATA AA
HDA2	verification	HDA2denVR	CAA AAA CAA CGT CCA GGT GG
ASF1	verification	ASF1denVF	GGA AAA TAG AAG GGG GGT CC
ASF1	verification	ASF1denVR	TAT GTC TGT TAT TTT TTT AT
SET2	verification	SET2denVF	AAA GTA CAA GAC TTC CTT TG
SET2	verification	SET2denVR	CCT CAA GAA GAA GCA AAA AA
CBF1	verification	CBF1denVF	TGC ACA CTC ACA AGA AAC AA
CBF1	verification	CBF1denVR	AAA ACT TAA CAG AGG TGC TA
FPR4	verification	FPR4denVF	AAG CTT TGC CCG GTA TTC CT
FPR4	verification	FPR4denVR	AAA GAT AAT ATT AGT AAT GG
VPS75	verification	VPS75denVF	GCA GTC TCG GTG AGG TGG AC
VPS75	verification	VPS75denVR	GAA GAA CTC CAG ACT CAA CA
SIN3	verification	SIN3denVF	CAC AAG ATG ATA ATA TAG AA
SIN3	verification	SIN3denVR	CGT TGA CAT TAA TTA AAG GT
H1	verification	HHO1denVF	AAG AAA GAA AAT AGG TTT GA
H1	verification	HHO1denVR	TGT TGA AAA CGG CGA GTT AG
H4	verification	HHF2denVF	TTACTCTTTGGATGTTGTT
H4	verification	HHF2denVR	ATCCCAATAGAATGATCGT
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**Table S3: qPCR primers related to Figures 4 and S3A**

gene	forward primer	reverse primer	qPCR efficiency $e=2^{-**}em$	efficiency modifier $em$
<i>ACT1</i>	CCGTGACATCAAGGAAAAAC	TTGACCATCTGGAAGTTCGT	2.01	1.01
<i>TUP1</i>	GACCGTACCGTTCGTATTTG	GAGAACCAGCAGCGATGTAT	1.99	0.99
<i>PFK1</i>	TTCTCACGTTTCCTTCAAGC	ATCTACCGGACAGGATGTCA	1.87	0.9
<i>HXK1</i>	ACACCAAGGACACCTTACCA	TTTTGTAGCAATGGGACGAC	1.91	0.93
<i>HXT1</i>	CCACCTGACCATCCATACAT	TGGCTGGTTTACCAGTGAAT	1.89	0.92
<i>HXT3</i>	CCAGACCATCCATTCATTCA	CTTAAACATGGCCGGCTTAC	1.78	0.83
<i>STL1</i>	CCATGGATATACCCACCAGA	ATTGGGGTGAACATGACAAC	1.88	0.91

## Transparent Methods

### Yeast Strains and Dendra2 Plasmid Construction

The plasmid pDendra2NatMX was constructed by ligation of the NheI-HpaI Dendra2 fragment from pDendra2-C (Clontech) and the PvuII linearized pAG25 vector (Addgene). The Dendra2 restriction fragment was blunt-ended using End-it Repair (Epicenter) before ligation. The correct orientation of Dendra2 relative to the *NatMX* marker was verified by sequencing. The p2XDendra2NatMX plasmid with two Dendra2 tags in tandem repeat was constructed as above with serial cutting and pasting of Dendra2 into the pAG25 vector using NdeI and MfeI restriction enzymes for the first insertion and NheI and AflII for the second. Appropriate restriction sites were introduced into the Dendra2 insert during PCR. (primer pair for first insertion:

5'CATATGGGTGCTGCTAGCGGTGCTCTTAAGAACACCCCGGAATTAACCT

5'CAATTGGTCATAGCTGTTTCCTTATCTAGATCCGGTGGATC

Primer pair for second insertion:

5'GCTAGCAACACCCCGGAATTAACCT

5'CTTAAGGGAGCAGGTGCTGGTGGTGGTGGAGCA TCTAGATCCGGTGGATCCCG).

Dendra2 was then fused to the C-terminus of chromatin proteins of interest by homologous recombination into the JOY1 parent strain (*MATa ura3Δ leu2Δ his3Δ met15Δ bar1Δ::HIS5*, BY4741 background) and integration was verified by PCR (resulting genotype: *MATa ura3Δ leu2Δ his3Δ met15Δ bar1Δ::HIS5 geneX-Dendra2: NatMX*). Integration and verification PCR primers are listed in **Table S1**.

For the Dendra2 strains for mass spectrometry measurements, Dendra2 was fused to HHO1 or CBF1 in the *lys2* deletion mutant from the barcoded YSC1053\_KO deletion library (GE Healthcare/dharmacon) (*MATa ura3Δ leu2Δ his3Δ1 met15Δ lys2Δ::KANR*).

Since N and C terminal tagging inactivates Rap1p, *dendra2* was inserted within the N-terminal domain of Rap1p in place of the GFP tag used in (Hayashi *et al.*, 1998). GFP in the pAH52 plasmid obtained from A. Taddei has been replaced by Dendra2 using the SLiCE method (Zhang, Werling and Edlmann, 2012) and the PstI linearized plasmid with *Dendra2-RAP1* has then been recombined with the genomic *RAP1* gene.

### Yeast cell culture for live cell imaging

Cells were grown at 30°C in 3ml of SCD (Synthetic Complete Dextrose) medium to OD ~ 0.5, and were then concentrated by centrifugation. 3μl of the cell pellet was injected under the 0.8% agarose/SCD layer that had been poured into each well of an 8-well glass bottom microscopy plate (BioValley), in order to screen eight different strains in each time course.

### Yeast cell culture for Tup1p-Dendra2 inheritance imaging in Galactose and Dextrose

*TUP1-Dendra2* cells were grown o/n at 30°C in SC-Dextrose or SC-Galactose. Nocodazole (15 μg /ml) was added after cells have reached OD ~0.8. Cells were pelleted after a 3hr incubation with nocodazole and pellets were re-suspended in SD-Dex|Gal (same as the medium used for microscopy, as indicated in figure 4A). Cells were pelleted again after a 40min incubation and re-suspended in the same medium to OD=2.2 and 3μl was injected under the 0.8% agarose/SC-Dex|Gal layer in 8-well glass bottom plates as above.

### Flow Cytometry profiling

Cell culture aliquots were fixed with 70% EtOH. Cells were washed 2X with PBS and re-suspended in 250µl PBS and treated with RNase A (0.8µg/µl) and proteinase K (0.2 µg/µl) for 2hrs at 37°C. Cells were washed with PBS and then re-suspended in 2µM Sytox Green in PBS. Labelled cells were sonicated in a cup sonicator 3x3sec at 45% strength immediately before measurements (Novocyte (Agilent)). We determined the distribution of the FITC, GFP-A parameter using in house Perl and R scripts.

### **Yeast cell culture and protein cell extract preparation for mass spectrometry- SILAC- LC-MS/MS**

Cells were grown in SCD-Lys medium supplemented with heavy Lysine (L-Lysine-2HCL (13C6 99%, 15N2 99%) (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc.) (20mg/L) at 30°C for 48hrs (the OD was kept at 0.5). The culture was switched to light lysine and aliquots were taken at 30, 60, 90, 120, 150 and 180min. Total cell protein extracts were purified as follows. 8ml of 100% TCA was added to 40ml cell culture aliquots, and cells were pelleted after 10min incubation on ice and pellets were washed and re-suspended in 300µl cold 10% TCA. Cells in the TCA suspension were mechanically spheroplasted by bead beating with 0.5mm Zirconium Sillicate beads in a bullet blender (Next Advance) for 4 times x 3 min (intensity 8) at 4°C. The spheroplast pellets were then re-suspended in 2xSDS-PAGE loading buffer (4% SDS, 100mM Tris pH=6.8, 20% glycerol, 5% βMe) and TCA was neutralized with 1M Tris-HCl pH 8.7. Cell debris was pelleted (5min, 17000g) after a 5 min incubation at 95°C, and the supernatant with the protein cell extract was used for mass spectrometry.

### **SILAC- LC-MS/MS analysis.**

Proteins from cell extracts were separated by SDS-PAGE. Proteins from 2 different gel fractions containing the dendra2 tagged and untagged versions of Cbf1 and H1 proteins were subjected to LysC (ThermoScientific) digestion. Obtained peptides were analysed online using Qexactive HF mass spectrometer (ThermoScientific) coupled with an Ultimate 3000-RSLC (ThermoScientific) fitted with a stainless steel emitter (ThermoScientific). Desalting and pre-concentration of samples were done on-line on a Pepmap® precolumn (0.3 mm x 10 mm, ThermoScientific). A gradient consisting of 0-40% B in 120 mn, 90% B during 5 min (A = 0.1% formic acid, 2% acetonitrile in water; B = 0.1 % formic acid in acetonitrile) at 300 nl/min was used to elute peptides from the capillary (0.075 mm x 150 mm) reverse-phase column (Pepmap®, ThermoScientific). Spectra were recorded using Xcalibur software (v 4, ThermoScientific) and acquired with the instrument operating in the information dependant acquisition mode throughout the HPLC gradient. A cycle of one full-scan mass spectrum (375–1,500 m/z) at a resolution of 60,000 (at 200 m/z), followed by 12 data-dependent MS/MS spectra (at a resolution of 30,000, isolation window 1.2 m/z) was repeated continuously throughout the nanoLC separation. Analysis was performed using Maxquant software(Cox and Mann, 2008). All MS/MS spectra were searched using Andromeda (Cox *et al.*, 2011) against a decoy database consisting in a combination of yeast entries from Reference proteome database (release 2018\_04, <https://www.uniprot.org/>) and 250 classical contaminants, containing forward and reverse entries. Default SILAC search parameters were used. Briefly, first search precursor mass tolerance was set to 20 ppm, and main search (after recalibration) to 6 ppm. A maximum of 2 mis-cleavages was allowed. Search was performed allowing variable modifications: Oxidation (Met), Acetylation (N-term) and with one fixed modification: Carbamidomethyl (Cys). FDR was set to 0.01 for peptide and proteins, and minimal peptide length to 7. Re-quantify option was used to perform ratio calculation.

### **Half-life calculations from SILAC- LC-MS/MS:**

Normalized ratios  $r=H/L$  are obtained by dividing the average H/L ratio of each protein at every time point with the average H/L ratio for that protein at  $t=30\text{min}$ , which was considered as time 0. The  $t=0\text{min}$  time point was discarded

because the linear fit to the equation (4) was better without this point. Heavy protein  $H$  decay over time  $t$  is assumed to be exponential: (1)

$$H(t) = P_0 e^{-k_d t}$$

;  $P_0$  is the total protein at time 0 and is assumed to be equal to the normalized fraction of heavy protein  $H_0$  at time 0:  $P_0=H_0=1$ ;  $k_d$  is the decay rate. Total protein  $T$  content is assumed to double within one cell generation: (2)  $T(t) = P_0 2^{\frac{t}{t_{cc}}}$ ;  $t_{cc}$  is the cell cycle length and was estimated from OD measurements over the time course. The change in light protein  $L$  over time is described with the function: (3)  $L(t)=T(t)-H(t)$ . The change in  $r$  over time can be plotted as  $\ln(1+1/r)$  versus  $t$  according to the equation (4) below derived from the above functions (1), (2) and (3):

$$(4) \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{r}\right) = \left(\frac{\ln(2)}{t_{cc}} + k_d\right) t ;$$

The decay rate is calculated from the slope of the linear fit to the scatter plot above:  $k_d = slope - \frac{\ln(2)}{t_{cc}}$ . Finally protein half-life  $t_{1/2}$  is calculated from the decay rate:  $t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln(2)}{k_d}$

Half-lives for 1338 identified proteins are listed in Table S2,  $t_{cc}$  used in the calculations were 273 min and 286 min for the CBF1-dendra2 and the H1-dendra2 strains, respectively.

## Microscopy

We used a wide field inverted microscope for epifluorescence and TIRF acquisition (Nikon) under the HiLo setting, with a 60X water objective with a water dispenser, and a EMCCD Evolve 512 Photometrics camera (512\*512, 16 $\mu$ m pixel size). The time courses on growing cells were performed at 30°C. Photo-conversion was done with a Lumencor LED lamp and the DAPI filter. Green and Red fluorescence was detected with 488nm (100mW at ~360  $\mu$ W) and 561nm (100mW at ~300 $\mu$ W) lasers for excitation and GFP and TAMRA filters for emission, respectively. The Neutral Density ND4 or ND8 filters were used during photo-conversion with the 390nm LED lamp at 60% capacity for 1min. Pictures in bright field, and with the red and green lasers (Exposure time= 300ms and the HiLo angle= 62°) were taken every 6.5min for 6.5hrs or as indicated. We used the maximum Intensity projection from 5 z-stacks with a 1 $\mu$ m gap for the analysis of fluorescent images.

## RT-qPCR

wt (JOY1), *tup1 $\Delta$*  (from the YSC1053\_KO deletion library) and *TUP1-Dendra2* cells were grown in SC-Dextrose or SC-Galactose media till they reached exponential growth. Cells were then pelleted (3500rpm, 1min, 30°C) and flash frozen in liquid N<sub>2</sub>. Frozen cell pellets were re-suspended directly in Trizol and bead beaten in the Bullet Blender (Next Advance) 5 times for 3 min (intensity 8). Purified total RNA amounts were measured in the Nanodrop spectrophotometer and the quality was checked with the Qubit RNA IQ Assay Kit.

1  $\mu$ g DNase-I (30min at 37°C) treated total RNA was reverse transcribed using 200 units of Superscript III (Invitrogen) with 2.5 $\mu$ M Anchored-oligodTs and 0.5 mM dNTPs in 1X First-Strand Buffer according to the manufacturer's instructions. The reaction was incubated 1hr at 50°C and stopped with a 15min incubation at 70°C. RNA was then degraded with RNaseH (5U,NEB) for 20min at 37°C. cDNAs from each sample were diluted 10 fold and the qPCR efficiency coefficient  $e$  of each primer pair (defined by  $D_0 \sim e^{-Ct}$ ; where  $D_0$  is the initial quantity of DNA template and  $1 < e \leq 2$ ) (Table S3) was determined from serial dilutions of a standard made from the cDNA mix of all samples.

2 $\mu$ l of each cDNA sample (1:10 dilution) and each standard serial dilution were added to 10 $\mu$ l qPCR reactions with 0.25  $\mu$ M primers (Table S3) Platinum Taq polymerase (Invitrogen) and SYBR green mix (5). Thermal cycling parameters were: 3 min at 95°C, followed by 45 cycles at 95°C for 30s, 55°C for 15 s and 72°C for 15 s. Data were collected on the LightCycler 480 (Roche).

All  $C_t$ s were corrected with the primer efficiency coefficient determined as described above.  $C_t$ s for each target gene were subtracted from the  $C_t$  of the ACT1 internal control in each strain and growth condition to obtain  $\Delta C_t$ . The average  $\Delta C_t$ s of two biological replicates (with three technical replicates each) for each gene target were then normalized to the average  $\Delta C_t$  of the wt sample grown in Dextrose.

### Image and Data analysis

ImageJ (Wayne Rasband, NIH, USA) and its plugin BudJ (Martí Aldea, Institut de Biologia Molecular de Barcelona) were used for image analysis. BudJ tracks marked cells throughout the time course and records their fluorescence intensities in each time frame. The data output from BudJ was further processed using custom Perl and R scripts (available upon request).

#### Half-Life calculation:

The background signal for each mother cell defined as the average fluorescence intensity after the inflection point of the time course (i.e. after the red signal has stopped decreasing and has flat lined, the time course typically spans three to four cell divisions), has been subtracted from the fluorescence intensity at each time point. All intensities from time points in one generation were then normalized to the average signal for that generation. Time points were converted from minutes to fractions of generation time (i.e. the time it took for the mother cell to produce its first daughter after photo conversion) for each mother cell in order to eliminate the variability in generation times between different mother cells. Normalized first generation intensities of all mother cells were then grouped in a common scatter plot and the half-life of the red fluorescence signal was calculated from the slope of the linear fit (Figure 2B bottom):

Half-life in generations (L50g):

$$L50g = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

Where  $b$  is the y axis cut-off and  $a$  is the slope. The half-life in min is calculated from  $L50min=L50g*(\text{average generation time})$ . The average generation time is the average doubling time in minutes for all recorded cell divisions of all the observed mother cells.

#### Calculation of the maternal and new protein fractions retained in the mother cell:

The fraction of proteins in the mother cell after cell division is calculated from  $Mf/(Mf+D1f)$ , where  $Mf$  is the average fluorescence intensity in the mother cell  $M$  from the time when nuclei are fully partitioned between the mother ( $M$ ) and its first daughter after photo conversion ( $D1$ ) up to the appearance of the bud for the second daughter ( $D2$ ).  $D1f$  is the average fluorescence intensity in the first daughter  $D1$  during the same time interval used to calculate  $Mf$ .

#### Protein synthesis rate and protein abundance calculation:

The background signal for each mother cell defined as green fluorescence intensity immediately after photo-conversion has been subtracted from the fluorescence intensity at each subsequent time point. Green fluorescence intensities at each time point in the first generation were normalized to the average fluorescence intensity from the time of photo conversion to the time of the first cell division for each mother cell, as in half-life calculations for red



fluorescence intensities. Time points were converted from minutes to fractions of generation time (i.e. the time it took for the mother cell to produce its first daughter after photo-conversion) for each mother, as above for half-life calculations. Normalized first generation intensities of “new” green fluorescent fusion proteins in all mother cells were then grouped in a common scatter plot and the net rate of protein accumulation in fold increase per cell generation (Ag) was calculated from the slope of the linear fit (Figure S2B, bottom). The protein synthesis rate Sg in fold increase per generation is then obtained from  $Sg=Ag-Dg$ , where Dg is the rate of protein decay in fold decrease per generation calculated as described above (Figure 2B bottom). Sg, Ag and Dg were converted from fold change/generation to fold change/min (Sm, Am and Dm respectively) by dividing each with the average generation time in min (Figure S2B).

The number of molecules of protein x per cell ( $PA_x$ , protein x abundance) was estimated from total green (Figure 4) or red (Figure 3) fluorescence in the mother and daughter cells after mitosis  $(M+D1)_x$  (averaged over all measured mother daughter pairs) normalized to the estimated number of histone H4-dendra2 per cell as follows:

$$PA_x = \frac{a(M + D1)_x}{2}$$

with

$$a = \frac{140000}{(M + D1)_{H4}}$$

140000 is the estimated number of dendra2-histone fusion proteins bound to chromatin in the mother and the daughter cell and is equal to 2 times the number of nucleosomes per cell. The number of nucleosomes in one cell is:

$$\text{number of nucleosomes (70000)} = \frac{\text{genome size (~12Mbps)}}{\text{nucleosome footprint+linker (~160bp)}} - \text{number of nucleosome free regions (~5000)}$$

, since only one histone gene of the two copies in the yeast genome has the dendra2 fusion.  $(M+D1)_{H4}$  is the average total fluorescence of histone H4-dendra2 fusions. Am, Dm, and Sm rates were converted from fold change/min to  $\Delta$ molecules/min by multiplying each rate with the corresponding PA (protein abundance per cell).

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