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Structural maintenance of chromosome complexes differentially compact mitotic chromosomes according to genomic context

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Abstract

Structural Maintenance of Chromosomes (SMC) protein complexes are key determinants of chromosome conformation. Using Hi-C and polymer modeling, we study how cohesin and condensin, two deeply conserved SMC complexes, organize chromosomes in the budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. The canonical role of cohesin is to co-align sister chromatids whilst condensin generally compacts mitotic chromosomes. We find strikingly different roles for the two complexes in budding yeast mitosis. First, cohesin is responsible for compacting mitotic chromosome arms, independently of sister chromatid cohesion. Polymer simulations demonstrate this role can be fully accounted for through *cis*-looping of chromatin. Second, condensin is generally dispensable for compaction along chromosome arms. Instead it plays a targeted role compacting the rDNA proximal regions and promoting resolution of peri-centromeric regions. Our results argue that the conserved mechanism of SMC complexes is to form chromatin loops and that distinct SMC-dependent looping activities are selectively deployed to appropriately compact chromosomes.

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Main Text

The extreme length of chromosomal DNA requires organizing mechanisms to both promote functional interactions between distal loci and ensure faithful chromosome segregation. Determining the unifying principles of functional organization requires understanding of how organizing mechanisms have converged and diverged across evolution. In metazoans, the polymer organization of both local interphase domains^{1,2} and entire mitotic chromosomes is well described by the presence of chromatin looping in *cis*². The action of the SMC complexes cohesin and condensin is thought to be central to the formation of chromatin loops. Understanding how SMCs differentially orchestrate chromatin looping to develop functionally distinct chromatin structures in interphase and mitosis is a key question in cell biology.

In metazoans, SMCs play defined roles through the cell cycle. In interphase cohesin-dependent *cis*-looping is required for partitioning interphase chromosomes into domains^{3–5}. During mitosis, metazoan chromosomes undergo chromosome-wide compaction leading to cytologically resolvable and longitudinally compacted structures. Both *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies suggest that condensin promotes the formation of *cis*-loops during this process^{6,7}. Condensin is required for chromosome compaction in meiotic extracts and cells^{8,9}. In early mitosis, cohesin is unloaded from chromosome arms^{10–12}, with condensin I complexes only binding chromatin following nuclear envelope breakdown¹³. Therefore, condensin is considered central for chromatin looping during mitosis while cohesin's looping activity is assumed to be confined to interphase.

Mitotic compaction is also detected in organisms such as the budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* that have distinct mitotic contexts from those found in metazoans. Budding yeast have significantly shorter chromosomes than metazoans and segregate duplicated chromosomes without nuclear envelope breakdown. Condensin is present within nuclei throughout the cell cycle¹⁴ and cohesin maintained along chromosome arms until its cleavage in anaphase¹⁵. Budding yeast cells also rapidly progress from S to M without a definable G2 stage^{14,21}, even undertaking mitosis-associated functions such as kinetochore bi-orientation, before DNA replication is completed¹⁶. The extent of compaction generally achieved in budding yeast in this compressed timeframe appears significantly less than in metazoans¹⁴. Resolvable and longitudinally compacted mitotic chromosomes are not readily apparent in metaphase arrested cells^{14,17}. The only region to undergo readily visible compaction is the approximately 1Mb long array of rDNA repeats. This array condenses in early mitosis before becoming further longitudinally compacted post anaphase¹⁴. Pre-anaphase compaction at the rDNA array requires the concerted action of both cohesin and condensin^{18–21}. A similar action of cohesin and condensin has been proposed to occur along chromosome arms^{18,22,23}. However, interpreting locus-specific microscopic studies in cohesin and condensin mutants is impeded by the reduced mitotic compaction of the loci and the loss of sister chromatid arm cohesion that occurs in these backgrounds^{17,18,24}. Therefore, fully assessing the role of cohesin and condensin in mitotic compaction along chromosomal arms requires an alternative approach to analyze mitotic structure.

Hi-C and computational modeling are ideal methodologies to study mitotic chromosome structure in budding yeast. Budding yeast have a relatively small and simple genome, a relative lack of repetitive regions, and are genetically tractable. Furthermore, their defined nuclear geometry makes them ideal for computational modeling of the chromosome structure underlying Hi-C contact maps^{25,26}.

Here we use Hi-C and modeling to show that mitotic chromosome compaction in budding yeast is accounted for by *cis*-looping. Surprisingly, mitotic compaction of chromosome arms requires cohesin, but not sister chromatid cohesion or condensin. Therefore, our analysis indicates the deep conservation of chromosome compaction by SMC complexes whilst also demonstrating the divergent use of different SMC complexes in different contexts.

Results

To study the mitotic organization of budding yeast chromosomes genome-wide, we used HiC on synchronized populations of budding yeast cells arrested in G1 or in metaphase (M) (Fig. 1a and Supplementary Fig. 1a). We fixed the synchronized populations with formaldehyde and prepared HiC libraries to assess chromatin conformation in each condition (Fig. 1a). We obtained on average 60 million unique valid pairs (pair-wise chromatin contacts) for each library (Supplementary Table 1). We binned contacts at 10kb resolution and removed intrinsic biases using iterative correction (ICE²⁷).

Hi-C contact maps in both G1 and M displayed the main features of budding yeast nuclear organization reported previously in asynchronous populations^{25,28}: a Rab1-type organization with strong centromere clustering and arm length-dependent telomere clustering (Fig. 1b, c and Supplementary Fig. 1b). However, comparison of the G1 and M contact maps (Fig. 1b, c) and inspection of their log₂ ratio (Fig. 1d) showed the global reduction of contacts between the arms of different chromosomes (inter-chromosomal contacts) as compared to contacts formed along chromosome arms (intra-chromosomal contacts). This change was not simply caused by normalization, since no loss of inter-chromosomal contacts was observed between centromeres (Fig. 1d). Rather, chromosome arms were resolved from one another in mitosis relative to their interphase state.

Concurrently, Hi-C contact maps changed locally along chromosome arms. In M cells, the frequency of intra-chromosomal contacts <100kb apart were markedly increased relative to G1 whilst longer-range intra-chromosomal contacts were reduced (Fig. 1d). Close analysis of chromosome arm regions did not reveal any distinct domain structure across chromosome arms in M cells relative to G1 (Supplementary Fig. 1c). Rather a general, chromosome-wide, increased frequency of contacts <100kb was apparent. We next analyzed the changes of intra-arm contact probability, $P(s)$, with chromosomal distance s for all loci in the genome (Fig. 1e). $P(s)$ analysis demonstrated that the G1 $P(s)$ decayed at a similar rate at all distances, while M had a markedly slower decay in $P(s)$ at short distances (<100kb), suggesting chromosome compaction at this scale²⁹, followed by a more rapid loss of $P(s)$ for larger genomic distances. Analysis of $P(s)$ of each individual chromosome arm confirmed that these changes occurred uniformly across all chromosomes (Supplementary Fig. 1e). Interestingly, the two regimes of $P(s)$ that we observed in budding yeast M, are reminiscent

of Hi-C from mammalian mitotic cells which also displayed an initial slow decay in contact frequency followed by a more rapid decay at longer distances²⁹. Therefore Hi-C analysis provides a distinct description of mitotic chromosome compaction in budding yeast chromosomes, demonstrating that all chromosomes undergo intra-chromosomal compaction in mitosis relative to their G1 state.

We next developed polymer models to test what changes to chromosomal structure can underlie the observed changes in the G1 and M Hi-C maps. Following previous simulations^{26,30} of yeast interphase Rab1 organization, we modeled the genome as 16 long polymers confined to a spherical nucleus (Fig. 2a–e, **Methods**). Chromosomes are tethered by the centromeres to the spindle pole body, telomeres are held at the nuclear periphery, and the whole genome is excluded from the nucleolus, located opposite the spindle pole body (Fig. 2a). Following previous analysis of 3C and imaging data³¹ we modeled the chromatin fiber as a polymer of 20nm monomers (Fig. 2c), each representing 640bp (~4 nucleosomes), with excluded volume interactions and without topological constraints, subject to Langevin dynamics in OpenMM^{32,33}. We additionally introduced intra-chromosomal (*cis*-) loops of varying number and coverage, i.e. the fraction of the genome spanned by all loops combined (Fig. 2b), motivated by previous models of mammalian mitotic^{29,34} and interphase⁴ chromosomes. Since changes occurred relatively uniformly along chromosome arms in M Hi-C maps, we introduced *cis*-loops stochastically from cell-to-cell at sequence-independent positions. For each combination of loop coverage and number, we collected conformations, simulated Hi-C maps and $P(s)$ curves (Fig. 2d, e).

Comparison of simulated and experimental $P(s)$ curves allowed us to identify changes in chromosome organization upon G1→M transition (Fig. 2e). We found that *in silico* models with ~10 loops per Mb, ~35kb each, covering ~35% of the genome, closely reproduced the $P(s)$ for experimental mitotic Hi-C data in M (Fig. 2i–k, and Supplementary Fig. 2a). In contrast, experimental G1 Hi-C data were best reproduced by models without *cis*-loops (coverage=0.0, Fig. 2f–h,). Interestingly, introducing sister chromatids to the best-fitting G1 models, either with or without sister chromatid cohesion between cognate loci, could not account for the differences we observe between G1 and M chromosomes (Supplementary Fig. 2b). Instead, the introduction of *cis*-loops into budding yeast chromosomes by a mitosis-specific activity best accounts for the compaction differences we observe between G1 and M chromosomes.

Next, we sought to identify the factors responsible for formation of these *cis*-loops in yeast mitosis. Mitotic compaction at the budding yeast rDNA array requires the concerted action of both cohesin and condensin^{19,20}. *In situ* hybridization of individual loci has suggested that a similar process could occur on chromosome arms^{17,18,24}. Cohesin only accumulates on chromatin in S and early mitosis, while condensin is activated by CDK in S and M phase^{15,19,35,36}. Therefore, both SMC complexes are relatively inactive in G1 and active in M, consistent with both these complexes promoting chromosome compaction in mitosis. We genetically ablated cohesin or condensin activity in mitotically arrested cells using defined inducible mutations and assayed the changes in mitotic compaction as defined by Hi-C contacts.

We first examined the role of cohesin in budding yeast mitotic chromosome condensation using the *scc1-73 ts* allele. Under the restrictive conditions of 37°C the *scc1-73* encoded protein (S525N) loses its affinity for Smc1/3 resulting in loss of cohesin complex functions^{37,38}. Disruption of cohesin function using *scc1-73* led to a disappearance of the characteristic mitotic features, as determined by Hi-C (Fig. 3a–c), despite cells being maintained in metaphase by the depletion of Cdc20 (Supplementary Fig. 1a) and cultured in the same conditions as wildtype cells. Indeed, the two-regime M phase $P(s)$ disappeared, becoming closer to that of G1 (Fig. 3c), with diminished short distance (<100kb) contacts and more frequent longer-range and inter-chromosomal contacts (Fig. 3a–c, Supplementary Fig. 3a). In contrast with the changes in the intra-arm organization, we found the Rab1 conformation was maintained, as indicated by the persistence of centromere clustering contacts (Fig. 3a, b). Loss of cohesin activity also resulted in loss of short distance (<100kb) contacts and more frequent longer-range and inter-chromosomal contacts in the post-rDNA regions of chromosome XII (Supplementary Fig. 3a, b). This region is isolated from the centromere by the rDNA array and not subject to indirect effects resulting from cohesin action at the centromere. Consistently, modeling indicated that Hi-C maps for cohesin loss of function were well-fit by simulations with many fewer loops than wildtype mitotic Hi-C maps (Fig. 3d). Together our results indicate that cohesin is required for mitotic compaction in budding yeast, in a manner consistent with cohesin-dependent looping along chromosome arms.

As a stringent test of the *cis*-looping function of cohesin, we next assessed whether cohesin could still compact mitotic chromosomes when no sister chromatid cohesion was present. We examined mitotic cells generated without a preceding round of DNA replication using a *cdc45* degron allele. Cells depleted of Cdc45 fully activate CDK without replicating DNA (Fig. 4a and Supplementary Fig. 4a) and enter anaphase if not arrested in mitosis (Supplementary Fig. 4b), acting in an apparently identical manner to *cdc6* mutants³⁹. Therefore, this process generates mitotic chromosomes without sister chromatids⁴⁰.

Confirming our hypothesis regarding a role of cohesin in chromosome compaction, unreplicated mitotic chromosomes had contact frequencies distinct from G1, exhibiting $P(s)$ with two regimes, similar to wildtype M phase Hi-C, and consistent with the presence of *cis*-loops (Fig. 4b, c). Moreover, this difference was cohesin-dependent (Fig. 4b, d, Supplementary Fig. 4c, d). Loss of cohesin function also resulted in the concurrent loss of <100kb intra-chromosomal contacts and increase in inter-chromosomal contacts between arms (Fig. 4d) as observed in cells with normal DNA replication. Therefore, cohesin activity was required for the mitotic resolution observed in mitotic *cdc45* cells. Collectively, our data (Fig. 3 and Fig. 4) and simulations (Supplementary Fig. 2b) strongly indicate a function for cohesin in budding yeast chromosome compaction, independent of, and in addition to, its accepted role in sister chromatid cohesion.

We next considered the role of condensin in budding yeast mitotic chromosome structure. We first examined the consequence of degrading the condensin subunit Smc2 in mitosis using a degron allele of *SMC2*. We degraded Smc2 protein in G2/M before arresting the cells in M phase (Fig. 1a). In contrast to cohesin, loss of condensin activity had surprisingly mild effects on mitotic intra-arm chromosome organization (Supplementary Fig. 5a).

We considered the possibility that we were not completely ablating condensin function with the degron allele, and engineered a system predicted to cause a close-to-null condensin inactivation. We used a conditional depletion/expression system to express an enzymatically dead form of Smc2 (*smc2K38I*) in G2/M cells whilst also depleting active degron-tagged Smc2 before arresting the cells in M-phase (Supplementary Fig. 5b). Despite the increased penetrance of this allele, we did not observe any chromosome-wide loss of compaction or chromosome resolution (Fig. 5a, b) in metaphase arrested cells. Indeed, in contrast with cohesin depletion, the two regimes of mitotic *P(s)* persisted in condensin-depleted cells (Fig. 5c). Close examination of chromosome arms did not reveal loss of intra-chromosomal contacts (Supplementary Fig. 5c). Consistently, simulations did not support great differences in the amount of coverage by *cis*-loops (Fig. 5d). We conclude that condensin activity is not required for the chromosome compaction we observe along mitotic chromosome arms in cells arrested before anaphase.

In contrast to the genome-wide role of cohesin, visual inspection of Hi-C maps revealed that condensin activity was relevant for higher order chromosome structure in specific genomic contexts. We observed condensin-dependent changes at centromeres and condensin-dependent compaction of the region between CENXII and the rDNA array on ChrXII. First, at centromeres, loss of condensin action led to an increased isolation of CEN-proximal regions from loci further down the chromosome arms *in cis* (Fig. 6a), concurrent with increased contacts between centromeres *in trans* (Fig. 5b, Fig. 6b). Others have shown that condensin has a focused role at centromeres in budding yeast^{41,42}. The genome-wide visualization provided by Hi-C also suggests that condensin promotes resolution between the clustered centromeric regions. Condensin II has a similar role in neural stem cells⁴³, suggesting that budding yeast condensin is functional for condensin II-like roles. Second, the pre-rDNA region, between centromere XII and the rDNA repeats, exhibited specific condensin-dependent compaction, with higher contact frequency at the same distance as compared with arm regions of other chromosomes in wildtype (Fig. 6c, d, e). While the repeated structure of the rDNA makes it refractory to direct analysis by Hi-C, we assume these changes are linked to the previously characterized loss of condensin-dependent compaction across the rDNA repeats^{20,23,42}. Condensin acted in a distinct manner from cohesin across the pre-rDNA region. Loss of condensin led to loss of contacts >100kb (Fig. 6c, d, e) and left intact the <100kb contacts that were affected by cohesin loss (Supplementary Fig. 3b). In contrast to the pre-rDNA region, the post-rDNA region (from the rDNA repeats to the telomere), remained remarkably similar to wildtype mitotic cells following loss of condensin activity (Fig. 6c, d, e). This suggests that proximity to the centromere is a key facet of condensin-dependent changes in pre-anaphase cells.

Finally we tested, and ruled out, the previously reported condensin-dependent tRNA gene clustering^{44,45}. We did not observe any general preferential contact patterns associated with tRNA pairs, neither in wildtype nor in mutant cells (Supplementary Fig. 6a–c). We conclude that previously reported condensin-dependent tRNA clustering shown by FISH was likely an indirect consequence of condensin action localized at the nuclear organizing hubs of yeast: the centromere cluster and the rDNA array. This potential for condensin to reorganize genomes globally by acting at a few specific locations could account for earlier reports of condensin-dependent changes in pre-anaphase chromosome structure^{17,22,46}. These FISH

and live cell studies focused on centromere-proximal loci that could be disproportionately affected by condensin-dependent changes within the centromere cluster. This issue highlights the usefulness of visualizing genome conformation with a genome-wide methodology such as Hi-C.

Discussion

In summary, our results support surprisingly different mitotic activities for both cohesin and condensin in budding yeast than those anticipated from their canonical functions in metazoans. For cohesin, our results indicate a genome-wide role in compacting mitotic chromosomes through the formation of intra-arm loops. For condensin, our results argue for a focused mitotic role in organizing centromeres and the vicinity of the rDNA locus. While cohesin has been previously reported to organize metazoan interphase chromosomes through looping^{4,5,47,48}, our data additionally indicates that cohesin-dependent looping can be utilized to compact entire chromosomes in preparation for chromosome segregation. This functional coherence over long evolutionary timescales and contrasting cellular contexts argues for a fundamentally dual function of cohesin, both for the formation of DNA loops *in cis*, and holding sisters together *in trans*.

A compacting role for cohesin in addition to sister chromatid cohesion is consistent with numerous otherwise puzzling observations in budding yeast and prior *in situ* hybridization analysis of yeast mitotic chromosomes¹⁸. Cohesin only becomes maximally loaded onto chromosomes following bulk DNA replication³⁶. Certain alleles of cohesin support rDNA condensation, but are defective in arm cohesion^{49–51}. Two populations of chromatin bound cohesin are detected on mitotic chromosomes, one stable, one dynamic^{52,53}. Such behavior would be consistent with the dynamic population of cohesin being engaged in chromatin looping and the stable population with sister chromatid cohesion (Supplementary Fig. 6d). However, other models would also be consistent with our data (Supplementary Fig. 6e). The lack of a definable G2 stage in budding yeast means we do not yet know if cohesin-dependent compaction is initiated as soon as cohesin is loaded following passage through START¹⁵ or is only initiated during the early stages of mitosis. The action of cohesin in interphase in other organisms suggests compaction initiates on loading^{4,5,47,48}. However, the phosphorylation of cohesin prior to anaphase⁵⁴ does provide a pathway for a mitosis-specific activity.

In contrast to cohesin, condensin is not required for the chromosome-wide compaction prior to anaphase. Instead, condensin has a more focused role to prevent excessive clustering of centromeres and compacting the regions between the rDNA array and its proximal centromere, in addition to its well established role across the rDNA repeats. While this manuscript was under review and available as a preprint, others have also reported that cohesin is required for the normal conformation of mitotic chromosomes and that condensin is required for restructuring the pre-rDNA region⁵⁵.

A general role of cohesin in mitotic chromosome compaction acting alongside a focused activity of condensin would appear to be at odds with their roles during mitosis in higher eukaryotes. In metazoans, cohesin is removed from mitotic chromosomes during prophase¹¹,

while condensin appears to act across whole chromosomes during mitosis⁶, leading to the formation of densely looped, compacted chromosomes²⁹. A key difference between the two SMC-mediated mitotic chromatin states is the density of chromatin looping. Our modeling predicts that loops cover 30–40% of mitotic budding yeast chromosomes, significantly lower than the 100% coverage predicted for mammalian mitotic chromosomes²⁹. We speculate that cohesin-dependent looping is generally sufficient for the lower level of metaphase compaction required for chromosome segregation in budding yeast. In this model, budding yeast condensin activity provides an auxiliary compaction mechanism, deployed when compaction provided by cohesin-dependent looping is either insufficient or inappropriate for segregation. Indeed, the focused action of condensin at and adjacent to the rDNA is consistent with the exceptional segregation requirements of this region in yeast; the rDNA accumulates excessive levels of sister chromatid intertwinings⁵⁶ and requires extra longitudinal compaction to segregate its exceptional length⁵⁷. This is additionally consistent with ‘adaptive hypercondensation’, where condensin is deployed along other chromosomal arms specifically in anaphase as an emergency measure to resolve persistent entanglements^{58,59}. In this framework, the longer and more repetitive chromosomes of higher eukaryotes, not only require functional compaction during interphase, imposed via cohesin, but will also require the additional compaction offered by condensin through mitosis.

Understanding how different SMC complexes promote distinct chromatin looping states is a crucial question for the future. There are clear differences in the form and function of mitotic chromosomes in metazoans and budding yeast^{14,60,61}. Potentially these differences reflect the functional consequences of compaction via either cohesin or condensin promoted looping. We speculate that the conserved mechanism of SMC action has been adapted within the different complexes to cope with the varying requirements for chromatin looping in different organisms and contexts. Unraveling how the baton of SMC function has been passed through evolution presents a fascinating topic for future research, and promises to shed light on the pleiotropic consequences of mutations to these key chromosome organizers in human disease⁶².

Methods

Statistics and reproducibility

No statistical methods were used to predetermine sample size. The replicates of the conditions are shown individually for all P(s) histograms. For contact heatmaps data from replicates was pooled. Details of individual libraries available in Supplementary Table 1. Number of times each condition tested is indicated in each figure legend.

Yeast Strains

Yeast strains were derived from W303-1a (*MATa ade2-1 ura3-1 his3-11, trp1-1 leu2-3, can1-100*) adapted for use with the degen system. Full details in Supplemental Table 2.

Media and cell cycle synchronization for Hi-C experiments

Yeast cells were grown in YP + 2% Glucose at 25 °C, transferred to YP + 2% Raffinose (YPR) and grown over night to log phase. Cells were then arrested in G1 with 10 µg/ml alpha factor until 90% of cells were unbudded (120 min). The cells were washed three times with YPR and released in YPR. After 30 min 10 µg/ml of nocodazole was added and budding was checked after 1h. After cells entered G2 (60–70 min after release), Galactose at 2% final concentration and 15 min later Doxycycline at 50µg/ml final concentration were added. 30 min after addition of Galactose, the temperature was shifted to 37 °C. Cells were grown at 37 °C for 1h and then washed three times in YPR + Galactose + Doxycycline and released in the same media to allow spindles to reform in cells depleted of Cdc20. Cells were then collected after 30 min for *cdc20* metaphase arrest.

Cell fixation and Hi-C library preparation

Carried out as described⁶³ with the variation that cells were fixed at 37 °C. Conditions and number of replicates used for each state shown in Table S1.

FACS, Nuclear morphology, Western blotting and Antibodies used

Carried out as described⁶⁴. Smc4 phosphoS4 antibody was a kind gift from Damien D'Amours³⁵. Anti-HA antibody (12Ca5 mouse monoclonal IgG_{2β}K · Roche, Fisher scientific 10026563). Anti-V5 antibody (MCA1360, abD Serotec) used for ChIP.

Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP)

Fixed cells were defrosted and re-suspended in 100 µl ChIP buffer (150 mM NaCl, 50 mM Tris HCl, 5mM EDTA, 0.5 % NP-40 (IGEPAL), 7 % Triton X-100, cOmplete Tablets, Mini EDTA-free EASYpack (Roche). Cells were lysed in a FASTPREP machine, 6 rounds of 30 seconds at 6.5 power, with 1 ml of 0.5 mm silica beads The bottom. Lysate spun out and resuspended in 1ml ChIP buffer. Sonicated for 15x 30 seconds (Biorupter Pico, Diagenode). 100 µl of sonicate was processed as an input control, 200 µl was incubated with 12.5µg/ml anti-V5 antibody (MCA1360, abD Serotec). For immunoprecipitation (IP) tubes were agitated for an hour and a half at 4°C. 45µl magnetic beads, (Dynabeads protein G – Life Technologies), washed 3 times in 1ml ChIP buffer were added and tubes incubated at 4°C for 2 hours.

Magnetic beads were isolated and washed four times in ChIP buffer, and a fifth time in ChIP buffer minus protease-inhibiting supplement. To reverse cross-linking, magnetic beads were incubated with 10% Chelex 100 resin beads (BioRad 142-1253), in purified water at 95°C for 30 min. Samples were spun down and the supernatant kept at –20°C prior to analysis by qPCR. Input controls were precipitated using 0.1x vol 3M NaAC pH5.2 and 2.5 x vol 100% EtOH and then cross-linking reversed as above, before purification with Nucleospin PCR clean up kit and eluted in nuclease-free purified water.

The immune-precipitated DNA was analysed using 2X AB-1323/B ABsolute™ QPCR SYBR. Green Low ROX Mix and processed in an MX3005p qPCR machine. Primers used for RT-PCR of DNA at CENIV are (forward) TGCTTGCAAAGGTCACATGCTTAT and (reverse) CATTTTGGCCGCTCCTAGGTAGTG.

Data was analysed using the ‘Percentage Input Method’ where the CT values obtained from the ChIP are divided by the CT values obtained from the Input control samples. Since 1% of starting chromatin was used for each input sample, in order to adjust the CT value of input samples to 100% 6.644 (\log_2 of 100) was subtracted from it. Then the following formula was used to calculate the percentage input for each IP sample:

$$2^{(\text{adjusted ChIP input CT value} - \text{IP CT value})} \times 100.$$

Computational Analysis of Hi-C maps

Mapping and filtering contacts

We mapped sequenced read pairs to W303 yeast genome using Bowtie 2.1.0 and the previously described method of iterative mapping²⁷. To generate contact lists, we assigned each mapped side to a *HindIII* fragment and removed the contacts with both sides assigned to the same *HindIII* fragment, reads with one unmapped side as well as PCR duplicates, i.e. identical contact pairs.

Aggregating contact maps

To generate Hi-C contact maps, we aggregated the filtered contact lists into 10kb genomic bins using the *cooler* Python package for Hi-C data analysis, publicly available at <https://github.com/mirnylab/cooler/>. We filtered out low coverage genomic bins using the MAD-max (maximum allowed median absolute deviation from the median coverage) filter on the total number of interactions per bin, set to 7.4 median absolute deviations (corresponding to 5 standard deviations in the case of a normal distribution). We also removed the contacts within the first two diagonals of the contact maps as they are contaminated by uninformative Hi-C artifacts, unligated and self-ligated DNA fragments. Finally, we iteratively corrected the resulting maps to equalize genomic coverage.

Contact map analyses

We calculated the curves of intra-arm contact probability $P(s)$ vs genomic separation, s , from the 10kb contact maps using 15 logarithmically spaced bins²⁷ spanning distances between 20kb to 1Mb. We excluded Chromosomes IV and XII from these analyses as well as the bins within 40kb distance from the nearest centromere and telomere. The post-rDNA scalings were generated using the same approach on the region between the rDNA locus on chromosome XII and the telomere of the corresponding arm. We generated the centromere and tRNA pile-ups by averaging the contact maps of regions surrounding the respective genomic features. To exclude a possible contribution of telomeric conformations, we only used genomic features that were separated from the telomeres by more than 200kb.

Polymer models

We modeled the yeast genome as 16 polymers, subject to additional constraints imposed by yeast chromosome organization, and intra-chromosomal loops generated specified number and coverage (Fig. 2a–e). We then obtained conformations from simulations and calculated simulated contact maps. For a range of looping parameters, intra-arm $P(s)$ was calculated from these contact maps and compared with experimental $P(s)$ to determine the best-fitting parameter sets for each experimental condition.

Polymer Fiber

Following³¹ we simulate the yeast genome as 16 chromatin fibers of 20nm monomers, each monomer representing 640bp (~4 nucleosomes). Polymer connectivity was implemented by connecting adjacent monomers with harmonic bonds using a potential $U = 100*(r - 1)^2$ (energy in units of kT, distances in monomers). The stiffness of the fiber was implemented using a three point interaction term, with the potential $U = 2.5*(1 - \cos(\alpha))$. Excluded volume interactions between monomers were implemented using a soft-core repulsive potential with a maximum repulsion $U(0)=1.5$ that goes to zero at a distance of 1.05 (i.e. $U(1.05) = 0$), as in⁴.

Geometric constraints

Geometric constraints were implemented as in³⁰ with slight modifications:

- i. Confinement to the nucleus: harmonically increasing potential (1kT /monomer) when monomer radial position exceeds the confinement radius (1000nm).
- ii. Centromere tethering to the SPB: centromeres were confined to a spherical volume (radius of 250nm) with a harmonically increasing potential (1kT / monomer) when monomer radial position exceeds the confinement radius.
- iii. Tethering of telomeres to the nuclear periphery: telomeres were subject to a harmonic potential pushing them to the periphery (1kT/monomer distance) when their radial position was less than .95 of the nucleus radius.
- iv. Repulsion from the nucleolus: monomers entering the nucleolus were subject to a harmonically increasing potential (1kT/monomer distance). Both sides of the rDNA locus on chromosome XII were attracted to the periphery of the nucleolus, imposed with harmonic potentials (1kT/monomer distance).

Intra-chromosomal loops

To generate sets of intra-chromosomal (*cis*-) loops with a desired coverage and number, we used 1D loop extrusion simulations (see^{4,34}) using a genome-wide lattice at monomer resolution with boundaries at chromosome telomeres, centromeres, and the rDNA locus on chrXII. This ensures that loops are generated within chromosomes, are non-overlapping, do not cross centromeres, or link two regions together on opposite sides of the rDNA locus. Note that other than these requirements, we allow positions of loops to be variable along the chromosome arm. In polymer simulations, intra-chromosomal loops are then imposed with harmonic bonds (as in^{4,65}).

Code Availability

All libraries used for analysis and simulations are publically available at <https://bitbucket.org/mirnylab/hiclib> and <https://bitbucket.org/mirnylab/openmm-polymer>

Data availability statement

Full details of libraries and raw sequencing available at GEO number: GSE87311. Genomic sequencing of each test strain available from the authors on request. All data that support the conclusions are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

Supplementary Material

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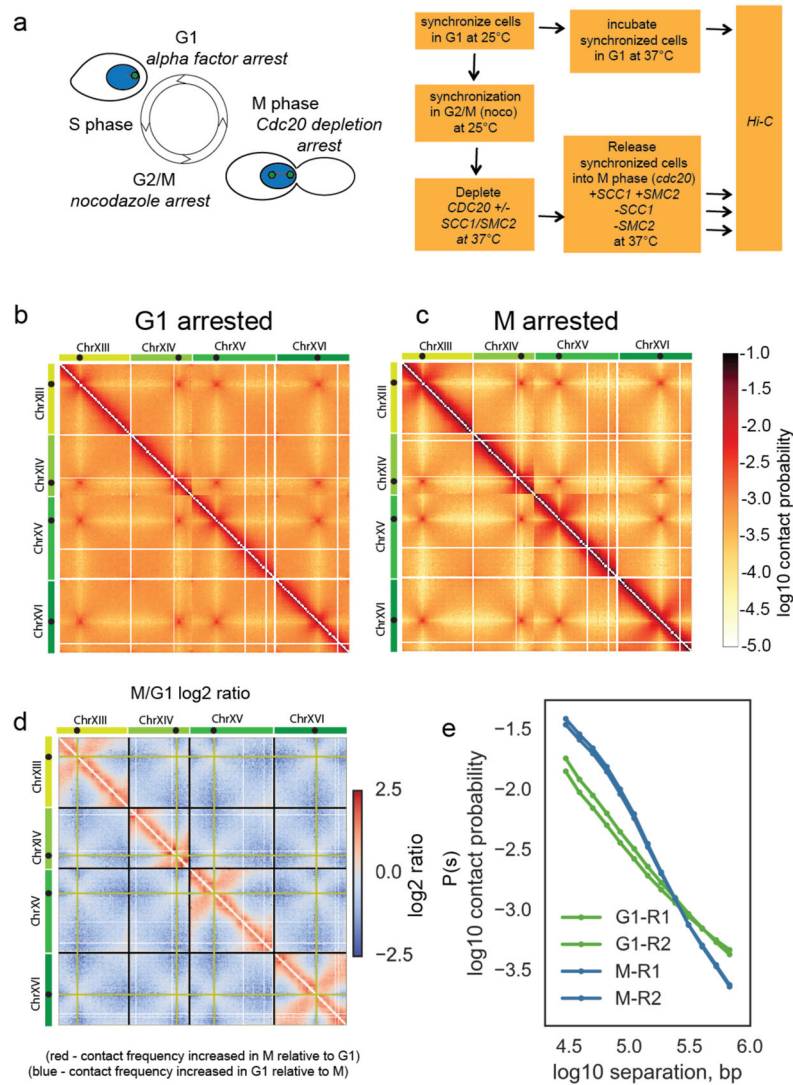


Figure 1. Budding yeast chromosomes are compacted in mitosis

a) Experimental procedure to synchronize cells in either G1 or M, with and without cohesin and condensin. Green spots in cartoon on the yeast nucleus (blue) represent spindle pole bodies.

b) Hi-C contact heatmap from G1 cells synchronously arrested at 37°C with alpha factor. The Hi-C contact map for chromosomes XIII to XVI is shown as representative of the whole genome. Contact maps for each condition were assembled from two independent experiments. Side bars show relative size of chromosomes XIII, XIV, XV and XVI with black dots on chromosomes showing locations of centromeres on each chromosome.

c) Hi-C contact heatmap from cells arrested in M phase by depletion of Cdc20 at 37°C. Both Hi-C maps have been normalized by iterative correction at 10kb resolution. Heatmap colour scale represents log10 number of normalized contacts. The Hi-C contact map for chromosomes XIII to XVI is shown as representative of the whole genome.

d) Log2 (M/G1) ratio of the data displayed in **b** and **c**. Regions where contact frequency was higher in M than G1 are shown in red, regions where contact frequency was lower in M than

G1 in blue. Black guidelines show ends of chromosomes. Pale green lines indicate the bin containing the centromere.

e) Contact probability, $P(s)$, as a function of genomic separation, s , for G1 and M phase cells averaged over all chromosomes. The $P(s)$ from each of the two independent experiments for each condition are shown.

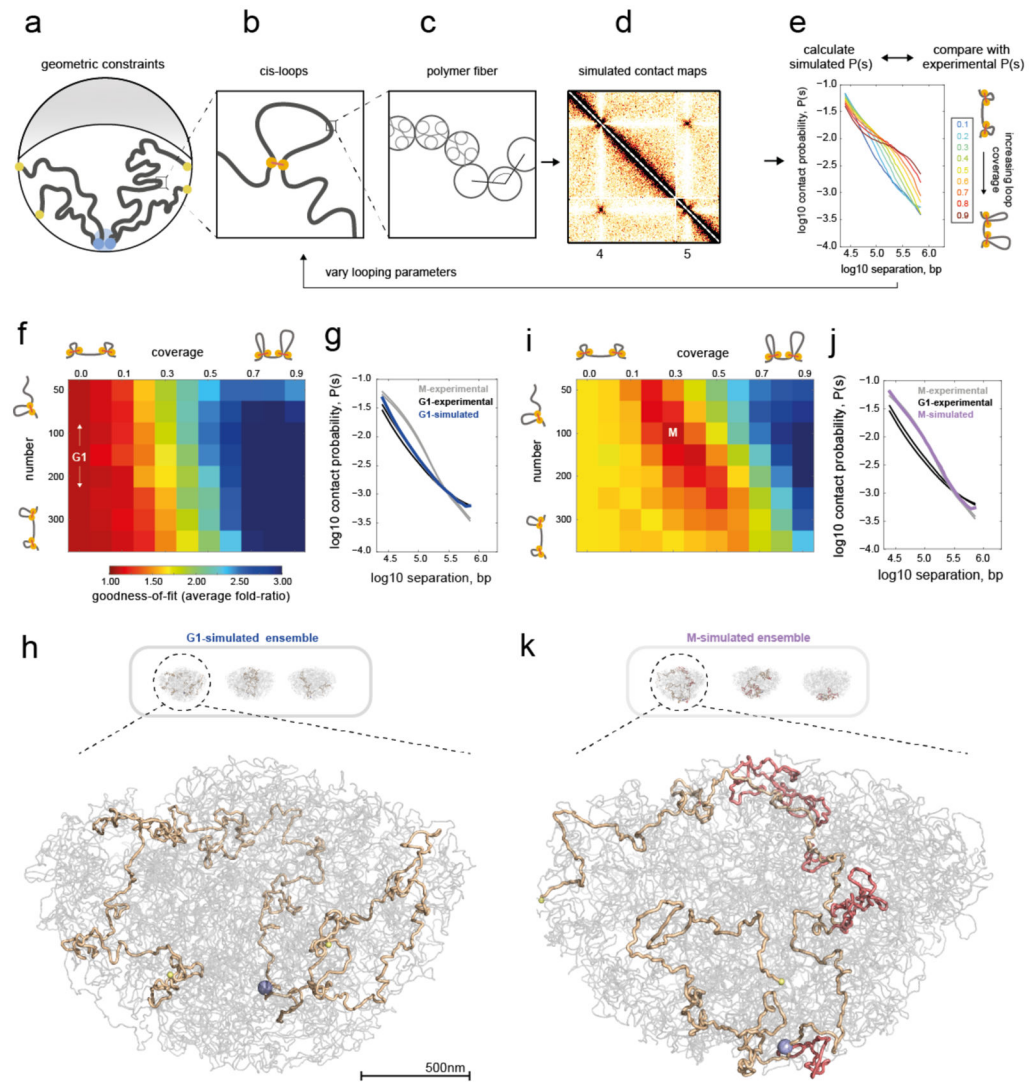


Figure 2. Polymer simulations of the yeast genome support compaction by intra-chromosomal loops in mitosis

a–e) Overview of simulations.

a) Illustration of geometric constraints used in simulations: confinement to a spherical nucleus, clustering of centromeres (blue), localization of telomeres to the nuclear periphery (yellow), and exclusion of chromatin from the nucleolus (grey crescent).

b) Intra-chromosomal (*cis*-) loops, generated with a specified coverage and number per yeast genome.

c) Chromatin fiber, simulated as a flexible polymer.

d) Simulated contact maps are generated in simulations with the above constraints.

e) $P(s)$ curves are then calculated from simulated contact maps. Simulations are run with systematically varied *cis*-loop parameters (coverage and number of loops), and the resulting $P(s)$ curves are compared with experimental data. Shown here are $P(s)$ curves for 150 loops, and a range of coverage.

- f)** Goodness-of-fit for simulated versus experimental intra-arm $P(s)$ in G1. Goodness-of-fit represents the average fold deviation between simulated and experimental $P(s)$ curves, best-fitting values indicated with white text. The coverage=0.0 column represents the fit for simulations without intra-chromosomal loops.
- g)** $P(s)$ for best-fitting G1 simulations (coverage=0.0, i.e. no-loops) versus $P(s)$ for each experimental replica of G1 and M.
- h)** Three sample conformations from ensemble generated in the no-loops simulations; one chromosome highlighted in light brown (from left to right: XI, V, III), with its centromere in blue, telomeres in yellow, and the rest of the genome in grey. Selected conformations show at higher zoom.
- i)** as F, but for experimental M Hi-C.
- j)** Best-fitting simulated $P(s)$ for M has $N=100-150$, coverage=0.3–0.4.
- k)** Conformations for ($N=100$, coverage=0.3) with *cis*-loops additionally highlighted in light red.

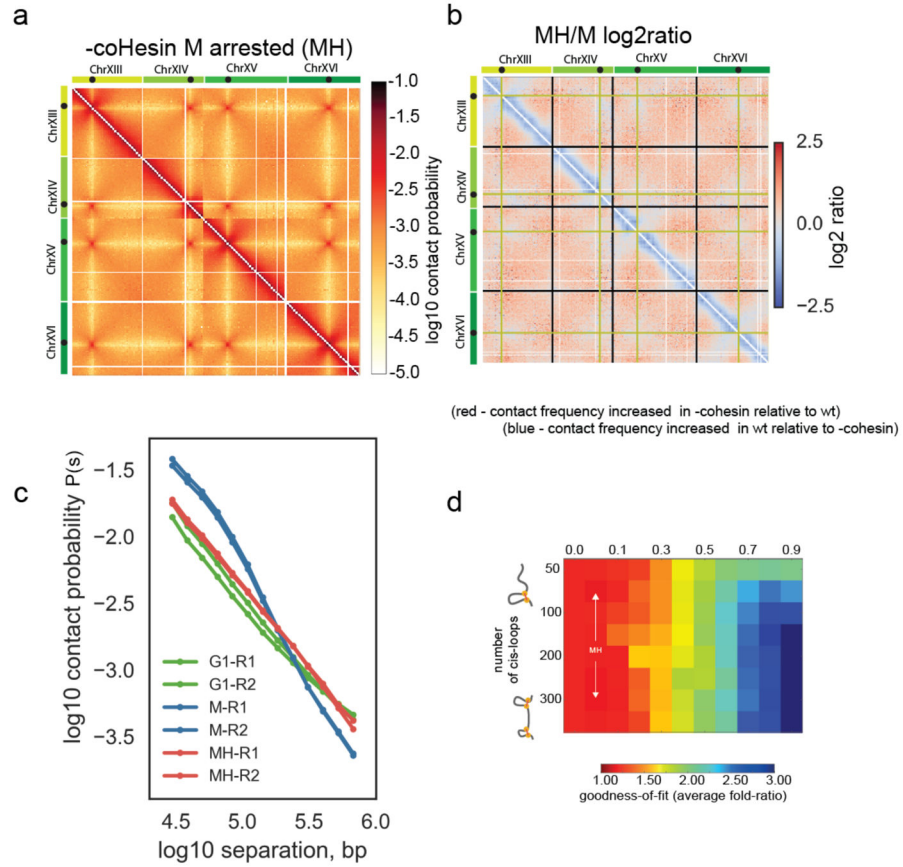


Figure 3. Cohesin activity is required for mitotic compaction and cis-looping

a) Hi-C data collected from M phase cells following disruption of cohesin using the *scc1-73* allele (MH). Chromosomes XIII to XVI are shown as representative of the whole genome. Contact maps were assembled from two independent experiments.

b) Log₂ ratio of *-cohesin* MH dataset over wt M dataset (MH/M), displayed in 3a and 1c, respectively.

c) Contact probability (P(s)) for wt metaphase M and cohesin depleted metaphase cells MH phase cells and G1 cells averaged over all chromosomes. The P(s) from each of the two independent experiments for each condition are shown.

d) Goodness-of-fit for models with variable *cis*-loop coverage (horizontal axis) and number (vertical axis). Best fitting parameter region indicated by arrows emanating from MH.

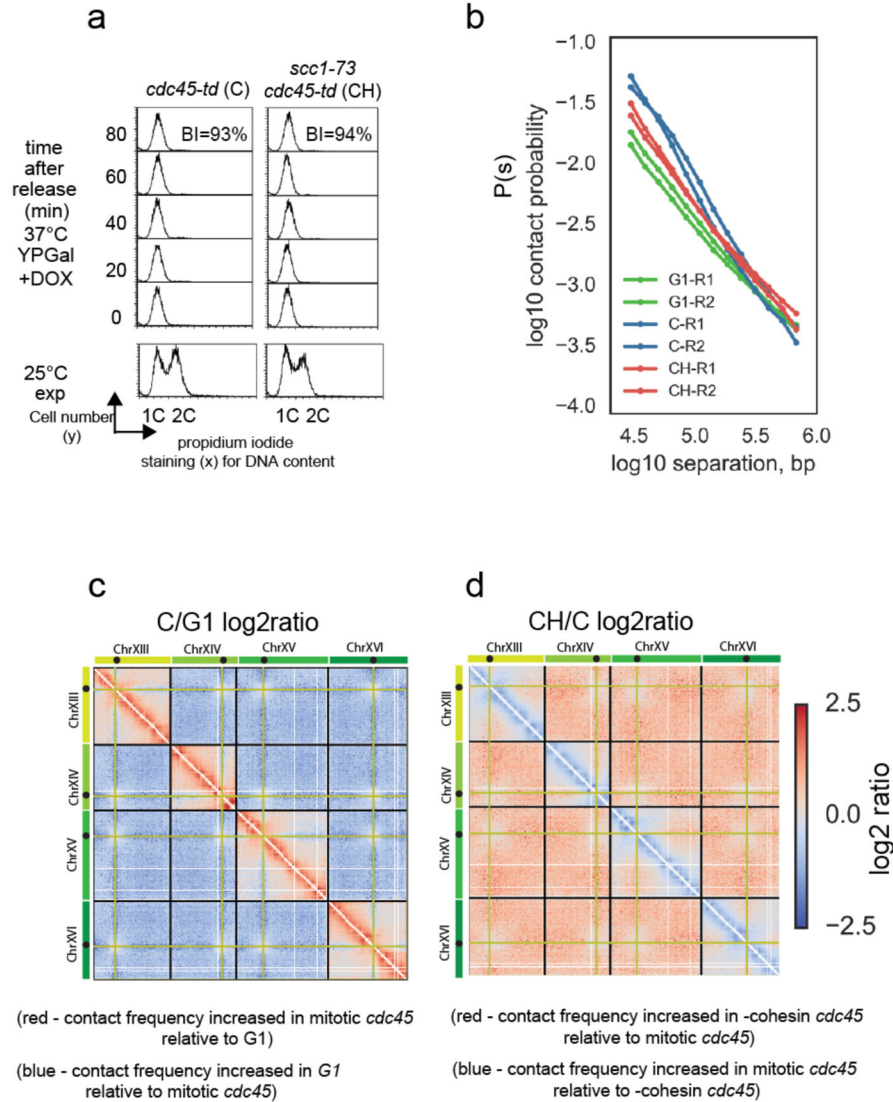


Figure 4. Mitotic cohesin-dependent conformational changes are independent of sister chromatid cohesion

a) FACS analysis of DNA content and budding analysis of *cdc45-td* (C) and *cdc45-td scc1-73* (CH) cells following release from G1 arrest into a nocodazole enforced mitotic block. Budding index (BI) confirmed that mitotic cells had activated CDK while FACS of DNA stained cells confirmed no DNA replication has taken place. Representative images shown from one of two independent experiments comparing C to CH.

b) Contact probability, $P(s)$ versus genomic separation, s , for Hi-C of mitotic *cdc45-td* (C) mitotic *cdc45-td scc1-73* (CH), and wt G1 cells (G1). The $P(s)$ from each of the two independent experiments for each condition are shown.

c) \log_2 ratio of C (*cdc45* depleted cells arrested in mitosis with nocodazole) contact dataset over G1 dataset (C/G1). Contact maps for ratio plot were assembled from two independent experiments for each condition.

d) \log_2 ratio of -cohesin C dataset over C dataset (CH/C).

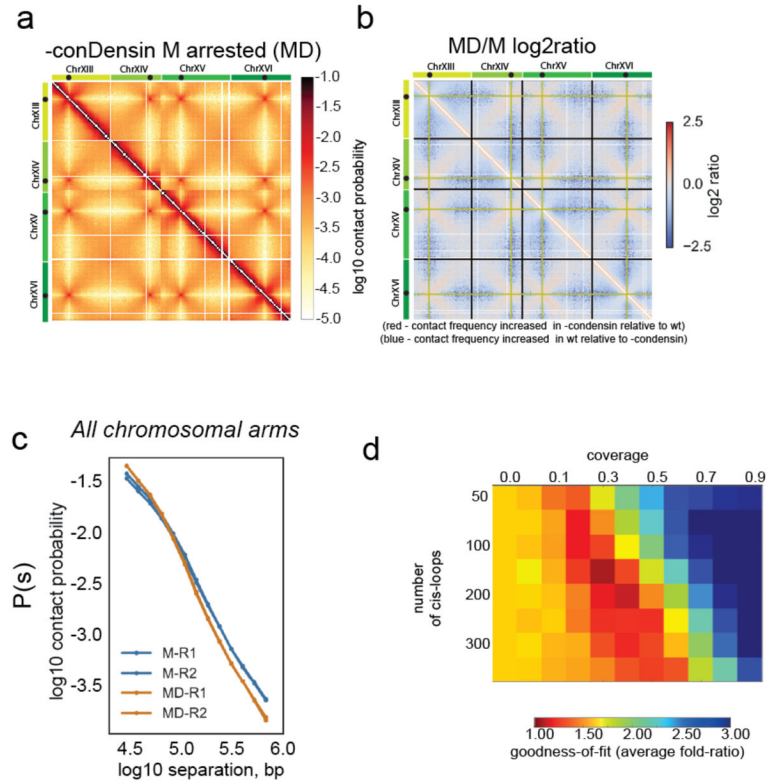


Figure 5. Condensin action is not required for mitotic cis-looping along chromosome arms

- a)** Hi-C data collected from M phase cells following disruption of conDensin with *smc2td GAL1-smc2K38I* allele (MD). Chromosomes XIII to XVI are shown as representative of the whole genome. Contact maps were assembled from two independent experiments.
- b)** Log₂ ratio of –condensin M dataset over wt M dataset (MD/M)
- c)** Contact probability (P(s)) for M and MD cells. The P(s) from each of the two independent experiments for each condition are shown.
- d)** Goodness-of-fit for simulated versus experimental intra-arm P(s), as in Figure 2, for conDensin depleted cells.

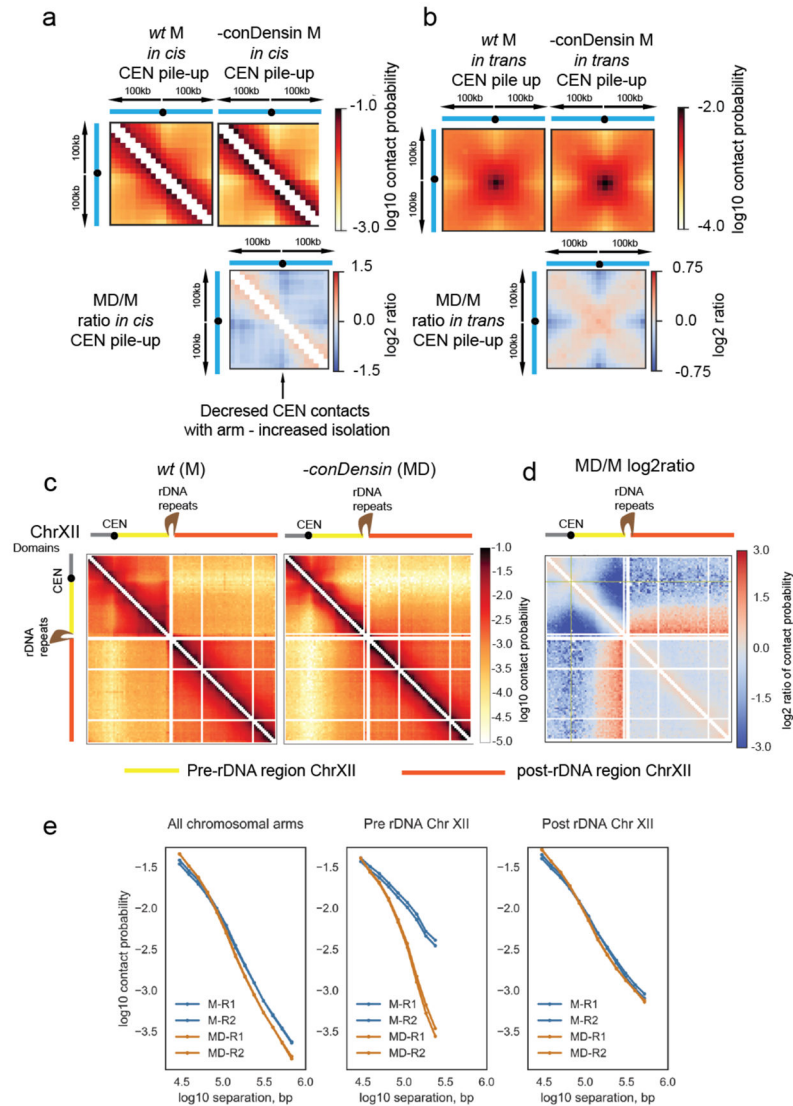


Figure 6. Pre-anaphase condensin activity is focused on centromeres and proximal to the rDNA repeats

a, b) Pile-ups of the contact heat-maps of the 100kb peri-centromeric regions **a) *in cis*** or **b) *in trans*** on either side of budding yeast CEN sequences. Bottom, log₂ ratio of the different pile-ups in the mitotically arrested state.

c) Hi-C contact heat maps of ChrXII in M or MD. In the cartoon representation, ChrXII is separated into three regions, the pre-CEN region (grey), the region between CEN and the rDNA repeats (yellow) and post-rDNA (orange).

d) Log₂ ratio of MD over M dataset (MD/M) for ChrXII.

e) Contact probability ($P(s)$) for M and MD cells for all chromosomes (taken from 5c) compared to contact probability ($P(s)$) of the pre-rDNA region and post-rDNA region of ChrXII for M and MD cells.