Histone H3 threonine 11 phosphorylation is catalyzed directly by the meiosis-specific kinase Mek1 and provides a molecular readout of Mek1 activity in vivo

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#### Abstract

Saccharomyces cerevisiae Mek1 is a CHK2/Rad53-family kinase that regulates meiotic recombination and progression upon its activation in response to DNA double-strand breaks (DSBs). The full catalog of direct Mek1 phosphorylation targets remains unknown. Here, we show that phosphorylation of histone H 3 on threonine 11 (H3 T11ph) is induced by meiotic DSBs in $S$. cerevisiae and Schizosaccharomyces pombe. Molecular genetic experiments in $S$. cerevisiae confirmed that Mek1 is required for H3 T11ph and revealed that phosphorylation is rapidly reversed when Mek1 kinase is no longer active. Reconstituting histone phosphorylation in vitro with recombinant proteins demonstrated that Mek1 directly catalyzes H3 T11ph. Mutating H3 T11 to nonphosphorylatable residues conferred no detectable defects in otherwise unperturbed meiosis, although the mutations modestly reduced spore viability in certain strains where Rad51 is used for strand exchange in place of Dmc1. H3 T11ph is therefore mostly dispensable for Mek1 function. However, H3 T11ph provides an excellent marker of ongoing Mek1 kinase activity in vivo. Anti-H3 T11ph chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by deep sequencing demonstrated that H3 T11ph was highly enriched at presumed sites of attachment of chromatin to chromosome axes, gave a more modest signal along chromatin loops, and was present at still lower levels immediately adjacent to DSB hotspots. These localization patterns closely tracked the distribution of Red1 and Hop1, axis proteins required for Mek1 activation. These findings provide insight into the spatial disposition of Mek1 kinase activity and the higher order organization of recombining meiotic chromosomes.


## INTRODUCTION

Meiotic recombination initiates with DNA double-strand breaks (DSBs) made by the topoisomerase-like transesterase Spo11 (Lam and Keeney 2014). DSBs occur throughout the genome, often but not always in hotspots that in Saccharomyces cerevisiae mostly overlap with nucleosome-depleted gene promoters (Ohta et al. 1994; Wu and Lichten 1994; Baudat and Nicolas 1997; PaN et al. 2011). Repair of meiotic DSBs by recombination helps form physical connections between homologous chromosomes that allow the chromosomes to segregate accurately at the first meiotic division (HUNTER 2015). Because recombination defects can lead to mutations and/or aneuploidy, meiotic DSB repair is highly regulated (SUBRAMANIAN AND Hochwagen 2014; Hunter 2015).

A critical component of this regulation in yeast is Mre4/Mek1, a meiosis-specific paralog of the Rad53 checkpoint effector kinase (Rockmill and Roeder 1991; Leem and Ogawa 1992). In response to Spo11-generated DSBs, the kinases Tell and/or Mec 1 (orthologs of mammalian ATM and ATR, respectively) become activated and phosphorylate the chromosome axis-associated protein Hop1 among other substrates (CARBALLO et al. 2008; CHENG et al. 2013; Penedos et al. 2015). The FHA (Forkhead-associated) domain of Mek1 then binds phosphorylated Hop1, resulting in Mek1 recruitment to chromosome axes where Mek1 undergoes activation (involving trans-autophosphorylation on T327 in its activation loop) and stabilizes Hop1 phosphorylation via positive feedback (NiU et al. 2005; NiU et al. 2007; Carballo et al. 2008; Chuang et al. 2012; Penedos et al. 2015). Activated Mek1 promotes inter-homolog bias in recombination, that is, the preferential use of a homologous chromosome rather than sister chromatid as the template for DSB repair (NiU et al. 2005; CARBALLO et al. 2008; Goldfarb and Lichten 2010; Kim et al. 2010; Hong et al. 2013; LaO et al. 2013; Subramanian et al. 2016). Mek1 does so in part by phosphorylating the Rad54 protein on threonine 132 (T132) (NiU et al. 2007; NiU et al. 2009). Rad54 is a member of the Swi2/Snf2 DNA-dependent-ATPase chromatin remodeling family and is a binding partner of the strand exchange protein Rad51 (HEYER et al. 2006). Mek1-dependent phosphorylation of Rad54 attenuates the interaction with Rad51, allowing the meiosis-specific strand exchange protein Dmcl to predominate (NiU et al. 2009). Mek1 also directly phosphorylates the T40 residue of Hed1; this stabilizes the Hed1 protein and thereby promotes its function as a negative regulator of Rad51 strand exchange activity (CALLENDER et al. 2016). Mek1 also promotes the repair of interhomolog strand invasion intermediates through a pathway required for chromosome synapsis and the generation of crossovers whose distribution shows interference (CHEN et al. 2015). Finally, MEK1 is required for checkpoint arrest or delay of meiotic progression in response to unrepaired DSBs (LYDALL et al. 1996; XU et al. 1997).

The full array of direct Mek1 phosphorylation substrates remains unknown, as only three direct targets have been definitively proven thus far: Mek1 itself, Rad54, and Hed1 (NiU et al. 2007; NiU et al. 2009; CALLENDER et al. 2016). Additional Mek1-dependent phospho-proteins have been identified by mass spectrometry and other approaches, including T11 of histone H3 (Govin et al. 2010; SUHANDYNATA et al. 2016). However, a number of Mek1-dependent phosphorylation events are known or suspected to be indirect (Suhandynata et al. 2016). For example, Mek1 is required for phosphorylation of the synaptonemal complex protein Zip1, but the kinase directly responsible is Cdc7-Dbf4, not Mek1 (CHEN et al. 2015). Moreover, H3 T11 phosphorylation has been reported as being catalyzed in vegetative cells by other kinases [the pyruvate kinases Pyk1 and, to a lesser extent, Pyk2 (Li et al. 2015)], which could in principle be
regulated by Mek1 in meiosis. Therefore, whether H3 T11 is a direct substrate for Mek1 remains to be established.

Mek1 activity plays out in the context of elaborate higher order chromosome structures. Early in meiotic prophase, sister chromatids form co-oriented arrays of DNA loops that are anchored along a linear proteinaceous axis (ZicKler and Kleckner 1999; Kleckner 2006). Prominent components of these axes include sister chromatid cohesion proteins (including the meiosis-specific Rec8 subunit), Mek1, Hop1, and another meiosis-specific chromosome structural protein, Red1 (Smith and Roeder 1997; Bailis and Roeder 1998; Klein et al. 1999; PANIZZA et al. 2011).

In cytological experiments, immunostaining foci of recombination proteins are axisassociated, indicating that recombination occurs in proximity to axes (reviewed in ZICKLER AND Kleckner 2015). However, there is an anticorrelation between the DNA sequences preferentially bound by axis proteins (Rec8, Hop1, Red1) and the DNA sequences that often experience Spo11-induced DSBs, which suggests that recombination usually involves the DNA in chromatin loops rather than the DNA embedded in axes (GERTON et al. 2000; BLAT et al. 2002; PAN et al. 2011; PANIZZA et al. 2011). To reconcile this paradox, the "tethered-loop/axis complex" (TLAC) model proposes that DNA segments residing on chromatin loops incur DSBs but are recruited, or tethered, to axes by interactions between recombination proteins and axis proteins (Kleckner 2006; PANIZZA et al. 2011). The TLAC model provides a framework for understanding spatial organization of recombining chromosomes, but there is as yet little direct molecular data demonstrating the proposed functional interactions between axes and DSB sites.

How Mek1 fits into this proposed organization also remains unknown. Immunocytology suggests that Mek1 protein is localized primarily on axes (BAILIS AND RoEDER 1998;
SUBRAMANIAN et al. 2016), supported by the dependence of Mek1 activity on axis proteins (NIU et al. 2007; Carballo et al. 2008). However, Mek1 exerts its known recombination-controlling activity (directly or indirectly) at sites of DSBs. The TLAC model can account for Mek1 acting at both places, but where Mek1 kinase activity actually occurs remains unexplored because of a lack of a molecular marker for the active kinase.

In this study we demonstrate that Mek1 directly phosphorylates histone H3 T11 in response to meiotic DSBs in S. cerevisiae. H3 T11ph is dispensable for Mek1 function during unperturbed meiosis, so the purpose of this phosphorylation remains unclear. Nevertheless, we demonstrate the utility of H3 T11ph as a direct molecular marker for active Mek1 by examining the genome-wide localization of H3 T11ph. Our findings suggest that Mek1 exerts its activity at axis association sites but also across chromatin loops, i.e., spreading beyond the immediate locations predicted by the TLAC model.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

## Strains and histone mutagenesis strategy

S. cerevisiae and S. pombe strains are listed in Supplemental Table S1. S. pombe strains were generously provided by G. Smith, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Histone gene deletion strains and plasmids expressing H3 T11 mutants from Govin et al. (2010) were generously provided by S. Berger, University of Pennsylvania. S. cerevisiae strains were of the SK1 strain background. Because of concerns about effects of plasmid (in)stability on the ability to score phenotypes of histone mutants and to reliably measure meiotic parameters because of cell-to-cell heterogeneity within a culture (see Results), we opted to avoid plasmid shuffle systems that have been used by others (AHN et al. 2005; Govin et al. 2010). Instead, strategies involving stable integration or gene replacement were employed, as follows.

Histone gene replacements: S. cerevisiae histone genes are arranged in divergently oriented pairs expressing either H 3 and H 4 or H 2 A and H 2 B ; there are two of each pair, i.e., two copies encoding each histone. The S10A and T11V mutations were introduced into plasmidborne copies of $H H T 1$ and HHT2 by QuikChange site-directed mutagenesis (Agilent Technologies). These mutant alleles were then introduced sequentially into SK1 strain SKY 165 by one-step gene replacements using DNA fragments containing $\geq 270 \mathrm{bp}$ arms of homology. Targeting constructs included selectable drug resistance markers: kanMX4~366 bp downstream of the HHT1 ORF and $h p h M X 4 \sim 250 \mathrm{bp}$ downstream of $H H T 2$.

Stable integration of histone gene cassettes: A histone cassette integration strategy was employed using pRS305-based plasmids (Sikorski and Hieter 1989) integrated into the leu2::his $G$ locus. Integrations were performed to try to maintain balanced gene dosage for the four core histones. The parental strain for the $\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 4$ histone cassette integrations was created in a multistep process by first transforming a pRS316-based URA3 histone cassette covering plasmid containing a single copy of each histone gene (pRK12; HTA1-HTB1, HHT2HHF2) into diploid SKY165. Next, the histone gene pairs, HHT2-HHF2 and HTA1-HTB1 (which are required for proper meiosis (NORRIS AND OsLey 1987)), were deleted sequentially and replaced with the $h p h M X$ and nat $M X$ markers, respectively. The deletions were confirmed by Southern blot and the strain was sporulated to yield a Ura ${ }^{+}, \mathrm{Nat}^{\mathrm{R}}, \mathrm{Hyg}^{\mathrm{R}}, M A T \alpha$ haploid. A second MATa haploid strain was created by sequentially deleting the other (non-essential) histone gene pairs, HTA2-HTB2 and HHT1-HHF1, which were replaced by the kanMX and natMX markers, respectively, and confirmed by Southern blot. These two haploids were mated to form a compound heterozygote, then tetrads were dissected and resulting haploids carrying all four histone gene-pair deletions were mated to form a histone integration host strain (SKY2283) with the genotype: hht1-hhf1 $\because:$ kanMX/'", hht2-hhf2 $2::$ natMX/'", hta1-htb1 $1 \Delta:: h p h M X /$ ", hta2htb24::natMX/", pRK12[CEN/ARS, URA3, HTA1-HTB1, HHF2-HHT2].

A parental strain for the $\mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 4$ histone cassette integrations was created by dissecting tetrads from the hht2-hhf2 $2::$ natMX/'", pRK12 strain described above prior to deletion of HTA1HTB1. This dissection yielded a $\mathrm{Ura}^{+}, \mathrm{Nat}^{\mathrm{R}}$, MATa haploid that was crossed with the second haploid strain described above (hta2-htb24::natMX, hht1-hhf1 $\because:$ kanMX). Tetrad dissection yielded MATa and MAT $\alpha$ haploid progeny (SKY3166 and SKY3167, respectively) with the following genotype: hht1-hhf1 $\Delta:: k a n M X$, hhf2-hht2 $2:: n a t M X$, hta2-htb2A::natMX, pRK12.

All histone mutant integration constructs were created by QuikChange site-directed mutagenesis. The first was a $\mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 4$ replacement using a pRS305-based plasmid (pRK77) containing LEU2, HHT2-HHF2 that was linearized by AflII digestion to target integration to leu2::hisG and transformed into haploids SKY3166 and SKY3167. The second was an
$\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 4$ replacement using a pRS305-based plasmid (pRK24) containing LEU2, HTA1HTB1 and HHF2-HHT2 that was linearized by AflII digestion and transformed into diploid SKY2283. In both cases, the core-histone covering plasmid pRK12 was counterselected by growth on 5-fluoroorotic acid (FOA). Colony PCR of Leu ${ }^{+}$, $\mathrm{Ura}^{-}$transformants was used to verify the proper integration into the leu $2::$ his $G$ locus using primer sets flanking both junctions as well as verification of the mutations in htal and hht 2 by engineered restriction enzyme site polymorphisms and/or sequencing. In the case of the SKY3166/3167 transformants, haploid integrants were subsequently mated to create diploids. SKY2283 hemizygous integrants were sporulated to produce haploid progeny that were then mated to create homozygous diploids.

## S. cerevisiae and $S$. pombe cultures

S. cerevisiae was cultured at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with asynchronous vegetative (cycling) cultures in YPD ( $1 \%$ yeast extract, $2 \%$ peptone, $2 \%$ dextrose). Camptothecin treatment ( $20 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ) was performed for 2 hr at $30^{\circ}$ in 250 ml flasks shaking at 250 rpm in 10 ml cultures of SKY165 at an initial cell density of $\sim 9 \times 10^{7}$ cells $/ \mathrm{ml}$. An untreated culture was incubated in parallel, while a separate 10 ml aliquot in a vented T-75 flask was exposed to X-rays for 60 min at room temperature using an X-RAD 225C X-ray irradiator (Precision X-ray, Inc.) corresponding to a dose of 400 Gy . Alternatively, 10 ml of culture at $\sim 7 \times 10^{7}$ cells $/ \mathrm{ml}$ was exposed to X-rays for 60 min on ice, with untreated cells also held on ice. With both exposure conditions, cells were subsequently allowed to recover at $30^{\circ}$, shaking at 225 rpm for 60 min (room temperature exposure) or 30 min (exposure on ice) before fixing in $20 \%$ trichloroacetic acid (TCA), pelleting and storage at $-80^{\circ}$ until extract preparation.

For inhibition of Mek1-as in vivo, an SKY3095 culture was divided equally four hours after transfer to sporulation medium and $10 \mu \mathrm{l} 100 \%$ DMSO was added to half while the other received $1 \mu \mathrm{M}$ final concentration of 1-NA-PP1 (1-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)-3-(1-naphthalenyl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine) dissolved in DMSO (WAN et al. 2004). The return-to-growth recombination assays using $\arg 4$ heteroalleles were carried out in triplicate as described (MARTINI et al. 2006). Pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) and Southern blotting on DNA from meiotic cultures prepared using the SPS method was performed as described (MURAKAMI et al. 2009). Plasmid shuffling and meiotic cultures using plasmids and the SK1 histone gene deletion strain obtained from S. Berger were carried out as described (Govin et al. 2010).
S. pombe haploid pat1-114 sporulation was carried out as described (HyPPA AND Smith 2009). For $S$. cerevisiae meiotic cultures, strains were thawed on YPG plates ( $1 \%$ yeast extract, $2 \%$ peptone, $3 \%$ glycerol, $2 \%$ agar) and incubated for $\sim 2$ days, then streaked for single colonies on YPD plates and grown $\sim 2$ days. Single diploid colonies were inoculated in 5 ml YPD and grown overnight. Cultures were diluted in $\mathrm{YP}+1 \%$ potassium acetate presporulation medium to $\sim 1.2 \times 10^{6}$ cells $/ \mathrm{ml}$, grown for 13.5 hours at 225 rpm for ChIP and 250 rpm for all other experiments. Cells were pelleted, washed in sterile water and resuspended in the same preculture volume of $2 \%$ potassium acetate to a density of $\sim 2-3 \times 10^{7}$ cells $/ \mathrm{ml}$. This corresponds to 0 hr of the meiotic time course. Sporulation was at 225 rpm for chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) and 250 rpm for all other experiments. Meiotic progression was assessed in culture aliquots fixed with $50 \%$ ethanol and stained with $5 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{ml} 4$ ',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI).

## Whole-cell extracts and western blotting

Culture aliquots of $\mathrm{OD}_{600}=10$ for $S$. pombe or $\sim 3.2 \times 10^{8}$ cells for $S$. cerevisiae were washed in $20 \%$ TCA, pelleted and stored at $-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until ready for use. Aliquots were thawed,
resuspended in $20 \%$ TCA and disrupted by bead beading at $4^{\circ}$ using 0.5 mm zirconia/silica or glass beads and monitored microscopically until near complete disruption was observed. Samples were collected by centrifugation, then washed with $5 \%$ TCA and the pellet was resuspended in $1 \times$ NuPAGE LDS Sample Loading Buffer (Life Technologies Corp.) with 100 mM dithiothreitol (DTT). Samples were separated on $12 \%$ bis-Tris NuPAGE gels in $1 \times$ MOPS or MES running buffer (Life Technologies Corp.) or 15\% Laemmli gels (LaEMmLI 1970). Proteins were blotted to polyvinyldifluoride (PVDF) membranes by semi-dry electrophoretic transfer using the iBlot system (Life Technologies Corp.) or in Tris-glycine ( 25 mM Tris base, 192 mM glycine, $10 \%$ methanol, $0.04 \%$ sodium dodecyl sulfate) at 100 mA constant for 70 min (TransBlot SD Transfer Cell, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.). Membranes were air dried, then incubated with one of the following rabbit primary antibodies diluted in $5 \%$ non-fat milk (NFM) in Tris-buffered saline-Tween buffer (TBST; 25 mM Tris- $\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 7.4,137 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}, 2.7 \mathrm{mM}$ $\mathrm{KCl}, 0.1 \%$ Tween 20): anti-H3 polyclonal (Abcam 1791) diluted 1:10,000; anti-H3 T11ph mononclonal (EMD Millipore 05-789) diluted 1:1000; anti-H3 T11ph polyclonal (Active Motif 39151) diluted 1:1000; anti-H3 S10ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-817) diluted 1:1000; antiH3 S10ph polyclonal (EMD Millipore 06-560) diluted 1:1000; or anti-H2A S129ph polyclonal (Abcam 15083) diluted 1:500. The polyclonal secondary antibody used was horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-rabbit (Pierce/ThermoFisher Scientific 31462 or 31460) diluted $1: 10,000$ in TBST with visualization by the ECL-Plus kit (GE Healthcare Ltd.) exposed to chemiluminescent film or charged-coupled device (CCD) camera (Imagestation, Eastman Kodak Company).

## Validation of anti-phospho-H3 antibodies

Two commercial anti-H3 T11ph antibodies yielded Spo11-dependent bands at the expected size for H 3 on western blots, but the monoclonal gave more robust signal with less background (Figure 1B). To more definitively characterize the specificity of these antibodies, we incubated them with synthetic peptide arrays containing different H 3 modification states (Active Motif MODified histone peptide array)(Supplemental Table S2). The monoclonal antiH3 T11ph antibody reacted strongly with all peptides containing T11ph regardless of other modifications present, unless S10 was also phosphorylated, in which case reactivity was strongly or completely lost (Supplemental Figure S1Ai). This monoclonal antibody was highly specific, as little to no cross-reactivity was observed for unmodified H3 peptides, H3 peptides carrying other modifications, or peptides from other histones, including peptides phosphorylated at other sites (H3 S10ph, H3 S28ph, H4 S1ph, H2A S1ph, H2B S14ph) (Supplemental Figure S1Ai). In a more limited analysis, the polyclonal anti-H3 T11ph antibody bound specifically to a peptide with trimethylated $\mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{~K} 9(\mathrm{~K} 9 \mathrm{me} 3)$ as well as T11ph, but not to unmodified or S10ph peptides from H3 or full-length unmodified histones (Supplemental Figure S1B). However, this polyclonal antibody showed substantial non-histone cross-reactivity against yeast whole-cell extracts that was not observed for the monoclonal anti-H3 T11ph antibody (Figure 1B).

Both the monoclonal and the polyclonal anti-H3 S10ph antibodies we used reacted with phospho-S10 H3 peptide on dot blots, but with some background signal for full-length histone H3 (Supplemental Figure S1B). Similarly, the polyclonal anti-H3 S10ph antibody detected S10ph on the peptide array, including in the context of other nearby modifications, unless T11 was also phosphorylated (Supplemental Figure S1Aii). Again, however, modest cross-reactivity was seen with other histone H 3 and H 4 peptides, thus the anti-S10ph antibodies are less specific than the monoclonal anti-T11ph antibody.

## In vitro kinase assays

GST-Mek1 and GST-mek1-as were affinity purified on glutathione sepharose as described (NiU et al. 2009; Lo and Hollingsworth 2011).

Radiolabeling method: Reactions included $2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ of recombinant $S$. cerevisiae histone H3 or $5 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ H3 1-20 peptides, 250 ng GST-Mek1, 0.4 mM ATP and $10 \mu \mathrm{Ci}\left[\gamma{ }^{-32} \mathrm{P}\right]$-ATP ( 6000 $\mathrm{Ci} / \mathrm{mmol}$; PerkinElmer, Inc.) in $25 \mu$ l total volume in a buffer containing 50 mM HEPES-NaOH $\mathrm{pH} 7.5,150 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}, 10 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{MgCl} 2,0.5 \mathrm{mM}$ DTT and $1 \times$ each of Roche phosphatase and protease inhibitor cocktails. Reactions were incubated at $30^{\circ}$ for 30 min then resolved on $12 \%$ bis-Tris NuPAGE gels in $1 \times$ MES running buffer and transferred to PVDF via the iBlot system or Coomassie stained and dried for autoradiography on a Fujifilm FLA 7000. Primary antibody was rabbit anti-H3 T11ph polyclonal (Active Motif 39151) diluted 1:500, with secondary antibody and detection carried out as described above.

Semi-synthetic epitope method: GST-Mek1-as target labeling and detection followed previously described methods (NiU et al. 2009; Lo and Hollingsworth 2011). Reactions included $2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ of recombinant $S$. cerevisiae histone H3, $2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ GST-Mek1 or $0.76 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ GST-Mek1as, 0.4 mM ATP $\gamma \mathrm{S}$ or 6 -Fu-ATP $\gamma \mathrm{S}$ ( $\mathrm{N}^{6}$-furfuryladenosine-5'-O-3-thiotriphosphate, Axxora, LLC), and 0.2 mM ATP in $25 \mu \mathrm{l}$ total volume in a buffer containing 50 mM Tris- HCl pH 7.5 , $150 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}, 10 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{MgCl} 2$ and 0.5 mM DTT. Reactions were incubated at $30^{\circ}$ for 30 min , then p-nitrobenzyl mesylate (PNBM in DMSO, Abcam/Epitomics 3700-1) was added to 2.5 mM and incubated at room temperature for 90 min . Samples were electrophoresed on $4-12 \%$ bis-Tris NuPAGE gels in $1 \times$ MES running buffer, followed by semi-dry transfer to PVDF at 25 V constant for 60 min . Membranes were blocked in $5 \%$ NFM-TBST, primary antibodies were rabbit anti-thiophosphate ester monoclonal (Abcam/Epitomics 2686-1) diluted 1:5000 or rabbit anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-789) diluted 1:1000, with secondary antibody and detection carried out as described above.

## ChIP-sequencing

The ChIP-seq protocol was based on a previously described method (Wal and PUGH 2012). Two independent wild type (SKY165) and one spoll-Y135F (SKY198) meiotic cultures were prepared as described (MURAKAMI and Keeney 2014) and $4 \times 10^{9}$ cells were harvested at 3 and 4 hr (wild type), and 3.5 hr (spol1-Y135F) after the meiosis induction. Cells were fixed with $1 \%$ formaldehyde for 15 min at room temperature, with mixing at 50 rpm . Crosslinking was quenched by adding glycine to 131 mM for 5 min , cells were washed with water, resuspended in ice-cold ST buffer ( 10 mM Tris- $\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 7.4,100 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}$ and $1 \times$ each of Roche phosphatase and protease inhibitor cocktails). To compare different samples, we used $S$. pombe cells as a spike-in control. S. pombe cells (SKY2594) harvested at 4.5 hr in meiosis were fixed and washed with the same condition described above. An aliquot of $4 \times 10^{7} \mathrm{~S}$. pombe cells ( $1 \%$ of the number of $S$. cerevisiae cells) were added to each sample.

Cells were resuspended in FA lysis buffer ( 50 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.5, 150 mM $\mathrm{NaCl}, 2 \mathrm{mM}$ EDTA, $1 \%$ Triton X-100, $0.1 \%$ sodium deoxycholate, $10 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{ml}$ each of leupeptin, pepstatin A, and chymostatin, 1 mM PMSF, $1 \times$ each of Roche phosphatase and protease inhibitor cocktails) and disrupted using zirconia/silica beads ( 0.5 mm , Biospec Products, Inc. 11079105 z ) and a FastPrep-24 (MP Biomedicals) with 8 rounds of shaking at $6.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ for 60 seconds. Lysates were pelleted by centrifugation at $15,000 \mathrm{rpm}$ for 5 min at $4^{\circ}$, washed with NPS buffer ( 0.5 mM spermidine, $0.075 \%$ IGEPAL CA-630, $50 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}, 10 \mathrm{mM}$ Tris- HCl pH 7.4 ,
$10 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{MgCl}_{2}, 2 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{CaCl} 2,10 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{ml}$ each of leupeptin, pepstatin A, and chymostatin, 1 mM PMSF, $1 \times$ each of Roche phosphatase and protease inhibitor cocktails) and resuspended in 3.6 mL NP-S buffer with 1 mM 2 -mercaptoethanol. The resuspended pellet (chromatin) was solubilized by digestion with 25 units $/ \mathrm{ml}$ of micrococcal nuclease (Worthington Biochemical Corp.) at $37^{\circ}$ for 20 min . Digestion was terminated by adding EDTA to $10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ and SDS to $0.05 \%$. Chromatin was further solubilized by sonication (Biorupter Standard, Diagenode) on highest setting for two rounds of 30 sec with a 30 sec intervening rest. Solubilized chromatin was isolated by centrifugation at $16,000 \mathrm{rpm}$ for 10 min at $4^{\circ}$, pooled and divided into two equal volumes.

Twenty $\mu \mathrm{g}$ of each antibody was added to the MNase-treated chromatin samples and incubated at $4^{\circ}$ overnight on a rotisserie mixer [Antibodies: rabbit anti-H3 pAb (Abcam 1791); rabbit anti-H3 T11ph mAb (EMD Millipore 04-789)]. Immunoprecipitation was carried out by adding $200 \mu \mathrm{l}$ protein G Dynabeads (Life Technologies Corp.) and incubating at $4^{\circ}$ for 90 min on a rotisserie mixer. Beads were washed with 1 ml of the following buffers: NP-S buffer, FA lysis buffer, $2 \times$ FA high salt buffer (FA lysis buffer containing 1 M NaCl ), $2 \times$ FA wash 2 buffer (FA lysis buffer containing 0.5 M NaCl ), $2 \times$ FA wash 3 buffer ( 10 mM Tris- $\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 8,250 \mathrm{mM}$ $\mathrm{LiCl}, 2 \mathrm{mM}$ EDTA, $1 \%$ IGEPAL, $1 \%$ sodium deoxycholate) and TE wash buffer ( 10 mM Tris$\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 8,1 \mathrm{mM}$ EDTA, $0.5 \%$ Triton X-100). Bound nucleosomes were eluted, reverse crosslinked, treated with RNase A and Proteinase K as described (Murakami and Keeney 2014). DNA was purified using PCR purification kit (Qiagen) and separated on a $1.5 \%$ agarose gel. Mononucleosome-sized DNA ( $\sim 150 \mathrm{bp}$ ) was extracted from the gel and prepared for 50 nt paired-end sequencing on the Hiseq platform (Illumina, Inc.) following standard Illumina protocols. Sequencing was performed at the Integrated Genomics Operation of Memorial SloanKettering Cancer Center.

Paired-end 50 nt reads were mapped to the $S$. cerevisiae reference genome (sacCer2) and the Sanger Center's $S$. pombe genome version of 7 August 2010 using BWA (version 0.7.12r1039) MEM (Li 2013). Paired reads with an insert size more than 250 bp were filtered out and the rest were converted into coverage maps. All downstream analyses were carried out using R (http://www.r-project.org/) (R DEVELOPMENT Core Team 2012). Each coverage map was normalized per 1000 reads from $S$. pombe chromosomes I and II. Cumulative S1-seq values were generated by calculating the cumulative sum of the top strand (or bottom strand) reads of S1-seq data (Mimitou et al. 2017) from the midpoint of each hotspot to 2 kb downstream (or upstream).

## Data availability

Plasmids and strains are available on request. ChIP-seq data are available at the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO), accession number pending.

## RESULTS

## H3 T11 phosphorylation during meiosis is a response to DSBs

As part of a larger effort to identify meiotically regulated histone modifications in $S$. cerevisiae, we performed western blots on meiotic whole-cell extracts with antibodies to H3 T11ph. Under these conditions, signal was undetectable in mitotically cycling, premeiotic (G1arrested, 0 hr ), or early meiotic (through 2 hr ) cultures, but accumulated transiently during meiosis with a maximum at $\sim 3$ to 5 h (Figure 1Ai, 1B). This signal diminished as cells completed the first meiotic division ( $\sim 7 \mathrm{hr}$; Figure 1Ai, 1B, 1C). These findings agreed with studies reported while this work was in progress (Govin et al. 2010).

The anti-H3 T11ph signal occurred when DSBs are usually maximal under these conditions [ $\sim 3$ to 5 hr (e.g., THACKER et al. 2014)], and coincided with an increase in H2A S129 phosphorylation ( $\gamma$-H2A) (Figure 1Ai), which is formed by Mec 1 and Tell kinases in response to meiotic DSBs (Mahadevaiah et al. 2001; Shroff et al. 2004). These results suggested H3 T11ph might be a DSB response, but H3 T11ph signal also coincided with an increase in H3 S10 phosphorylation (Figure 1Ai), which is DSB-independent (HSU et al. 2000).

We therefore examined genetic requirements for H 3 T 11 ph . The modification was undetectable in a strain with catalytically inactive Spo11 (spol1-Y135F; Figure 1Aii, 1B). As expected, induction of higher $\gamma$-H2A signal was not seen in spol1-Y135F, but H3 S10ph was induced (Figure 1Aii). H3 T11ph appeared in a rad50S strain, in which DSBs form but persist with unresected $5^{\prime}$ ends, so DSB resection is dispensable (Figure 1Aiii). H3 S10ph was unaffected in this mutant, but elevated $\gamma$-H2A levels persisted to late time points consistent with unmitigated Tell activity (UsUI et al. 2001).

H3 T11ph appeared and disappeared in $\operatorname{rad51\Delta }$ with kinetics similar to wild type (Figure $\mathbf{1 A v}$ ), but persisted at high levels in $d m c 1 \Delta$ (Figure 1Avi) (a different antibody was used for these blots, discussed below). Both rad510 and $d m c 1 \Delta$ have defects in meiotic DSB repair (note the persistent $\gamma$-H2A), but with a more complete block in dmclవ (BiSHOP et al. 1992; Shinohara et al. 1992). Meiotic arrest is also nearly complete in dmcla, whereas divisions occur in rad51s after a delay (Figure 1C) (Bishop et al. 1992; Shinohara et al. 1992).

To determine whether this persistent H3 T11ph signal was due to persistent DSBs or to meiotic arrest, we examined an $n d t 80 \Delta$ mutant. Ndt80 is a transcription factor needed for pachytene exit (Xu et al. 1995; Chu and Herskowitz 1998), and DSB repair defects cause arrest via checkpoint kinase-mediated inhibition of Ndt80 (TUNG et al. 2000; GASIOR et al. 2001). H3 T11ph did not persist in an $n d t 80 \Delta$ mutant and instead peaked at 4 h at a slightly lower level than in wild type (Figure 1Aiv). This agrees with a recent report demonstrating H3 T11ph appearance and disappearance by western blotting and immunofluorescence of spread chromosomes (SUbramanian et al. 2016). Therefore, H3 T11ph persistence correlates with continued presence of meiotic DSBs (as in $d m c 1 \Delta$ ), but not with arrest. This behavior contrasts with that of a different Mek1 substrate, Hed1, which remains phosphorylated in ndt800 mutants (Prugar et al. 2017). Both $\gamma$-H2A and H3 S10ph persisted at high levels in ndt800 (Figure 1Aiv) (HsU et al. 2000), suggesting these modifications require pachytene exit for removal (Subramanian et al. 2016).

Because the H 3 N -terminal tail has many potential modification sites (Figure 1D) and a different antibody not used in our studies cross-reacts between H3 T11ph, H3 S10ph and other modifications (NADY et al. 2008), we sought to validate the antibody specificity for the anti-H3 T11ph antibodies we used. Both the monoclonal and polyclonal anti-H3 T11ph antibodies were specific but did not detect H3 T11ph if S10 was also phosphorylated (Supplemental Figure S1
and Materials and Methods). The monoclonal gave a more robust signal with less background for non-histone proteins (Figure 1B), so we used this antibody for most subsequent experiments. Two different anti-H3 S10ph antibodies recognized their cognate modification, but not if T11 was also phosphorylated. These anti-H3 S10ph antibodies showed significant cross-reactivity to other histones and modifications (Supplemental Figure S1 and Materials and Methods).

To test if DNA lesions could also give rise to elevated T11 phosphorylation during vegetative growth, cells were treated with X-rays or camptothecin. These DNA damaging agents failed to yield a detectable level of H3 T11ph despite inducing DNA damage responses as evidenced by increased $\gamma$-H2A (Figure 1E). Thus, high levels of H3 T11ph are largely if not exclusively specific to meiosis. The strength of the meiotic H3 T11ph signal as compared to the undetectable levels under these blotting conditions for cycling or premeiotic cells or the spollY135F mutant indicates that the amount of H3 T11ph formed in meiosis is vastly greater than what has been reported to be formed by pyruvate kinase during vegetative growth (Li et al. 2015).

## H3 T11ph in response to DSBs in $S$. pombe meiosis

To determine if meiotic H3 T11ph is evolutionarily conserved, we analyzed synchronous meiosis in S. pombe haploid pat1-114 mutants (BAHLER et al. 1991). H3 T11ph appeared transiently at $\sim 4-5 \mathrm{hr}$ after the initiation of meiosis and was not detected in a mutant lacking Rec 12 (the Spol1 ortholog) or in vegetative growth (Figure 2). H3 T11ph appeared after a Rec12-dependent increase in $\gamma$-H2A that started around 3-3.5 hr, when DSBs typically appear under these conditions (Cervantes et al. 2000). (The initial wave of $\gamma$-H2A signal at or before 2 hr is Rec12-independent (Figure 2B) and possibly associated with DNA replication.) These results indicate that H3 T11ph forms in response to DSBs in S. pombe. H3 T11ph appeared and disappeared with apparently normal kinetics in a rad50S mutant in contrast to $\gamma-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$, which persisted at high levels (Figure 2C).

H3 S10ph also appeared during meiosis, but unlike in S. cerevisiae, this modification occurred later than H3 T11ph (Figure 2A). In the rec12 mutant H3 S10ph was observed earlier than normal and was largely gone by 6 hr (Figure 2B). This result is consistent with accelerated meiotic progression in recl2 mutants (Doll et al. 2008), and indicates that both appearance and disappearance of H 3 S 10 ph are developmentally regulated.

## H3 T11 is a direct target of Mek1 kinase

The timing and genetic control of H3 T11ph in S. cerevisiae suggested that a meiosisspecific, DSB-responsive kinase was responsible. Mek1 expression coincides with H3 T11ph from 3-7 hr in meiosis (Carballo et al. 2008), and the T11 sequence context matches the Mek1 target consensus (RXXT; Figure 1D) (Mok et al. 2010; Suhandynata et al. 2016). We therefore treated a dmcld strain expressing an ATP-analog sensitive mekl allele (mekl-as) with an inhibitor specific for the mutated Mek1 kinase, 1-NA-PP1 (WAN et al. 2004). Inhibitor addition at 4 hr caused rapid disappearance of H 3 T 11 ph within the first hour (Figure 3A). This result demonstrates that Mek1 activity is necessary to maintain H3 T11 phosphorylation, and further implies that this modification is dynamic with a half-life much shorter than one hour.

This result agreed with prior findings demonstrating that H3 T11ph is reduced or absent in a mekld mutant (Govin et al. 2010). However, these findings did not establish whether H3 T11 is a direct target of Mek1. To address this question, we carried out two types of in vitro kinase assay using GST-tagged Mek1 purified from meiotic S. cerevisiae cells (Wan et al. 2004;

NiU et al. 2007). First, we used $\left[\gamma-{ }^{32}\right.$ P]ATP and full-length H3 or synthetic H3 peptides as substrates (Figure 3B). GST-Mek1 was visible in all lanes by Coomassie staining (Figure 3B, bottom panel) and its activity was confirmed by its ability to autophosphorylate (Figure 3B, top panel) (NiU et al. 2009). GST-Mek1 was able to phosphorylate full-length H 3 and a peptide representing H3 amino acids 1-20 (Figure 3B, top panel, lanes 2 and 3). Phospho-transfer was specific for T11, as shown by western blot (Figure 3B, middle panel, lanes 2 and 3) and inability to label an H3 1-20 peptide that was already phosphorylated on T11 (Figure 3B, lane 5). Interestingly, GST-Mek1 was also unable to phosphorylate a peptide carrying a phosphate on S10 (Figure 3B, top panel, lane 4).

The second assay used a semisynthetic epitope system (ALLEN et al. 2007) to detect phosphorylation of H3 by Mek1. GST-Mek1 or GST-Mek1-as were incubated with recombinant H3 and the ATP $\gamma$ S analog, 6-Fu-ATP $\gamma$ S. Thiophosphates transferred by Mek1 to substrates were then alkylated to create an epitope that could be detected on western blots with an antithiophosphate ester antibody (NiU et al. 2009; Lo and Hollingsworth 2011). Both GST-Mek1 and GST-Mek1-as exhibited autophosphorylation and phosphorylation of H3 (Figure 3C, lanes 2 and 5). Moreover, 1-NA-PP1 inhibited both autophosphorylation and H3 phosphorylation by GST-Mek1-as (Figure 3C, lane 4), ruling out the possibility of a contaminating kinase phosphorylating H3 T11. We conclude that H3 T11 is a direct substrate of Mek1.

## Limitations of a plasmid shuffle system for examining histone mutants

To determine the function of H3 T11 phosphorylation, we constructed strains carrying targeted mutations of T 11 alone and in combination with other histone mutations. We initially tested an existing plasmid shuffle system (AHN et al. 2005) by porting it to the SK1 strain background. In this approach, also used independently by others (Govin et al. 2010), the endogenous histone genes were deleted and complemented by wild-type histone genes on a URA3-marked ARS-CEN plasmid. Histone mutants were introduced on a separate LEU2 ARSCEN plasmid and loss of the URA3 plasmid was selected for on medium containing 5-FOA. However, this approach was sub-optimal because of the poor stability of the ARS-CEN plasmids in SK1. For example, when liquid cultures of the base histone-deletion strain carrying the URA3 covering plasmid were grown under conditions selective for the plasmid (i.e., synthetic complete medium lacking uracil), plating on solid medium yielded an efficiency of only $67.2 \% \pm$ $4.9 \%$ (mean $\pm$ SD of 5 replicates; colony-forming units per cell plated). Assuming that most cells that failed to form a colony were those that had lost the plasmid because of missegregation during mitosis, it is likely that plasmid copy number per cell is highly variable in the population. Cells with one vs. two copies of an $\mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 4$-encoding plasmid would likely differ in total histone protein levels and/or have different imbalances with endogenous $\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~B}$. Altered histone gene dosage can cause deleterious effects (Meeks-Wagner and Hartwell 1986; Clark-Adams et al. 1988), so it is possible that cell-to-cell heterogeneity in histone gene copy number might mask or exacerbate the effects of histone point mutations. Furthermore, differences in copy number might have a substantial effect on variation in viability of spores (see below). Finally, although cells in the culture that have lost the histone plasmid would be inviable and therefore presumably would not sporulate, they would contribute to population average measurements in physical assays of recombination.

To circumvent these limitations, we turned to mutagenesis methods that use gene replacement or stable chromosomal integration (Materials and Methods). Stable integration is relatively rapid and obviates concerns about plasmid stability and heterogeneous gene dosage,
but may not fully recapitulate expression from endogenous histone gene loci. The gene replacement strategy provides an even cleaner manipulation of histone genotype, but is more cumbersome because it requires separately mutating two histone gene loci.

## Absence of H3 T11 phosphorylation causes little or no overt phenotypes by itself

We replaced both endogenous H 3 genes (HHT1 and HHT2) with hht1-S10A, T11V and hht2-S10A, T11V mutant alleles to eliminate phosphorylation of both S10 and T11. This mutant expressed normal H3 protein levels and neither H3 S10ph nor H3 T11ph could be detected, as expected (Figure 4A, lanes 3-4). The mutant displayed normal vegetative growth (Figure 4B), similar to a recent report (Li et al. 2015). Surprisingly, however, the mutant also displayed normal spore viability (Table 1). Meiotic DSBs appeared in normal numbers and locations and disappeared with normal kinetics as assessed by Southern blotting of pulsed-field gels probed for chromosome III (Figure 4C), and meiotic progression was not delayed (Figure 4D). These results indicate that most if not all meiotic events occur efficiently in the complete absence of both S10ph and T11ph.

To more easily manipulate histone mutants, we used a chromosomal integration strategy to introduce genes for just H 3 and H 4 as a pair (HHT2-HHF2) or all four core histones (HTA1HTB1, HHT2-HHF2) in strains deleted for the endogenous genes for $\mathrm{H} 3-\mathrm{H} 4$ or all four histones. Wild-type or mutant histone genes were integrated on chromosome III at LEU2. Strains expressing H3 S10A, T11V, or T11A single mutant proteins or the H3 S10A T11V double mutant were examined in meiotic time courses for H3 S10 and T11 phosphorylation (Figure 4A). Importantly, H3 T11 could still be phosphorylated when S10 was mutated to alanine (Figure 4A, lanes 9-12); the lower signal in the anti-H3 T11ph western blot could reflect reduced T11 phosphorylation or decreased antibody affinity due to the changed epitope. Similarly, mutation of H3 T11 to alanine or valine did not prevent phosphorylation of S10, as detected with the polyclonal anti-H3 S10ph antibody, although recognition by the monoclonal anti-H3 S10ph antibody was sensitive to these mutations (Figure 4A, lanes 13-18 and 21-22).

As with gene replacement, all of these mutants yielded timely meiotic divisions (Figure 4D) and spore viabilities indistinguishable from matched wild-type controls (Table 1). H3 T11A also supported wild-type interhomolog recombination between $\arg 4$ heteroalleles $\left[23 \pm 1.5 \mathrm{Arg}^{+}\right.$ recombinants per 1000 viable cells for wild type (SKY3428) vs. $24 \pm 0.8$ for H3 T11A (SKY3431), mean $\pm$ SD for three independent cultures]. Other mutations of H3 T11 yielded similar results: changing T11 to serine or potential phosphomimetic residues (T11D or T11E) again yielded wild-type spore viability (Table 1). Mutating H3 T11 also did not reduce spore viability when combined with mutation of H2A S129 [which is also by itself largely dispensable for proper meiosis (Shroff et al. 2004; HARVEY et al. 2005)] or with absence of the H3 K4 methyltransferase Set1 [which governs DSB distributions (Sollier et al. 2004; Borde et al. 2009; AcQuaviva et al. 2013; SOMMERMEYER et al. 2013)] (Figure 4A, lanes 21-22 and Table 2).

Mek1 is required for arrest or delay of meiotic progression when recombination is defective (XU et al. 1997; BAILIS AND ROEDER 2000). If H3 T11ph contributes substantially to this Mek1 function, then T11 mutations should alleviate some or all of the meiotic block in $\operatorname{rad51\Delta }$ or $d m c 1 \Delta$ mutants. However, in cells lacking Rad51, the H3S10A T11V mutation had negligible effect on either the timing or efficiency of meiotic divisions (Figure 4E) and failed to rescue the spore inviability (Table 2). This H3 mutation also failed to alleviate the more
stringent arrest in a $d m c 1 \Delta$ mutant (Figure 4E). Thus, H3 T11ph is dispensable for this checkpoint arrest function of Mek1.

Our findings differ from a prior report of an approximately $35 \%$ decrease in spore viability with plasmid-borne H3 T11A single or S10A T11A double mutants (Govin et al. 2010). We obtained the published T11A plasmid and histone-deleted SK1 host strain (generously provided by J. Govin and S. Berger), verified the T11A mutation by sequencing, and carried out the plasmid shuffle. Three independent 5-FOA-resistant clones for each genotype were sporulated and tetrads dissected for wild type and H3 T11A side-by-side. The experiment was repeated three times by two investigators. In our hands this H3 T11A mutant again yielded spore viability indistinguishable from the control with a wild-type H3 plasmid (Figure 4F and Table 1, $p>0.9$ by linear regression). However, unlike the normal spore viability observed in the stable integrant and gene replacement strains (Table 1), viability was consistently lower with plasmidborne histone genes regardless of H3 genotype (Figure 4F and Table 1). A similar defect was reported previously (Govin et al. 2010). Furthermore, there was substantial heterogeneity in viability from experiment to experiment and between clones within each experiment (Figure 4F and Table 1). Within-experiment heterogeneity likely reflects stochastic culture-to-culture variability caused by plasmid instability. Between-experiment variability may reflect differences in sporulation conditions that in turn affect plasmid stability or the sensitivity of these strains to alterations in histone gene expression.

As a counter-example, we also examined a more extreme H 3 mutant in which the entire amino-terminal tail was deleted $(H 3 \Delta N)$. The truncated histone was expressed at levels similar to full-length H3 in vegetative cells (Figure 4A, lanes 23-24). This mutant displayed vegetative growth defects (Figure 4B), delayed and less efficient meiotic divisions (Figure 4D), and reduced spore viability (Table $1 ; p=0.45$, Fisher's exact test).

## H3 T11ph contributes weakly to Mek1 function in the absence of Rad54 T132 phosphorylation

Because H3 T11 mutations caused no overt defects on their own, we asked whether H3 T11ph might be redundant with Mek1 phosphorylation of Rad54 on T132 (NiU et al. 2009). A rad54-T132A mutation has little effect by itself, but in a dmcl $\Delta$ background it allows enough Rad51 activity to partially bypass arrest and produce some viable spores (NiU et al. 2009).

In a rad54-T132A dmcl $\Delta$ background, $H 3 T 11 V$ mutation significantly reduced spore viability (Table 2; $p=0.021$, Fisher's exact test), with a decrease in four-spore-viable tetrads and an increase in two- and zero-spore-viable tetrads (Figure 4G; $p=8.1 \times 10^{-5}$, Fisher's exact test). This segregation pattern is diagnostic of increased MI nondisjunction. In this context, H3 T11V gave at best only a small increase in overall meiotic division efficiency (Figure 4E).

These results suggest that H3 T11 phosphorylation provides a modest contribution to Mek1 function when meiotic recombination defects are encountered. Possible roles of H3 T11ph in these contexts are addressed in the Discussion. However, since the H3 T11 mutation by itself does not detectably phenocopy a mekl的 mutant, we conclude that H3 T11ph is normally dispensable for Mek1 function.

## H3 T11ph enrichment at axis-associated sites and, less strongly, along chromatin loops

H3 T11ph has been used as a cytological marker for Mek1 activity (SUBRAMANIAN et al. 2016). Given our results establishing that H3 is a direct phosphorylation target of Mek1, we reasoned that H 3 T 11 ph would also provide a sensitive and specific marker to reveal the
genomic locations of active Mek1 kinase. We therefore assessed H3 T11ph genome-wide by ChIP-seq.

Samples were collected at 3 and 4 hr in meiosis from each of two independent wild-type cultures. To control for specificity of the H3 T11ph ChIP-seq signal, a sample was also collected from a $3.5-\mathrm{hr}$ culture of a spol1-Y135F mutant. A set amount of $S$. pombe meiotic cells ( 4.5 hr in meiosis; $1 \%$ of the number of $S$. cerevisiae cells) was added to each $S$. cerevisiae cell sample prior to extract preparation. Mononucleosomes were liberated from formaldehyde-fixed meiotic chromatin by digestion with micrococcal nuclease (MNase), immunoprecipitated with the antiH3 polyclonal or anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal antibodies, then the DNA was purified and deep sequenced and reads were mapped to the $S$. cerevisiae and $S$. pombe genomes. Each S. cerevisiae coverage map was normalized according to $S$. pombe read density for the same antigen from the same culture (Figure 5A-C and Figure S2A,B). The S. pombe spike-in control served two purposes. First, it helped minimize the effects of sample-to-sample variation in lysis, immunoprecipitation, and sequencing library preparation. Second, because the ratio of $S$. cerevisiae to $S$. pombe cells was fixed, the spike-in control provided a scaling factor to compare the relative yield of H3 or H3 T11ph between different $S$. cerevisiae samples (Figure 5A-C). Note that this allows comparison between samples for the same antigen, but does not quantify the yields of different antigens relative to one another.

Several lines of evidence establish that these maps reported the distribution of H 3 and DSB-dependent H3 T11ph with good specificity. At fine scale, H3 ChIP-seq coverage was low in promoters and showed prominent nucleosome-width peaks in coding sequences (Figure 5C), as expected for promoter-associated nucleosome-depleted regions (NDRs) and positioned nucleosomes in gene bodies (JIANG and Pugh 2009). Replicate samples agreed well, with all five H3 ChIP samples showing highly correlated distributions whether considered genome-wide (Figure 5D) or at individual loci (Figure S2C). For H3 T11ph, the four wild-type maps correlated well with one another but correlated poorly with either H3 ChIP-seq or H3 T11ph from spo11-Y135F (Figure 5D), as expected if the ChIP-seq signal was specific for this Mek1dependent histone modification. Moreover, relative to the S. pombe spike-in, S. cerevisiae H3 ChIP-seq coverage was similar in wild-type and spol1-Y135F samples (Figure S2C), but H3 T11ph ChIP-seq coverage was substantially higher in all four wild-type samples than in spol1Y135F (range of 3.4- to 11.6 -fold across samples for genome-wide average) (Figure 5A-C and Figure S2D). The magnitude of the H3 T11ph signal (relative to spike-in) differed by up to $\sim 3.6$ fold between the wild-type samples, possibly due to differences in read depth or in culture synchrony or efficiency. Nevertheless, the spatial patterns were highly reproducible (Figure S2D), so maps for wild type were averaged for further analysis.

At fine scale, H3 T11ph ChIP coverage showed depletion in NDRs and nucleosomal peaks at similar positions as in the H3 map (Figure 5C). This pattern is as expected since presence of a nucleosome (as revealed by bulk H 3 localization) is a prerequisite for placement of H3 T11ph by Mek1. However, when maps were examined at larger size scales, H3 T11ph showed broad hills and valleys that were not matched in the H3 ChIP-seq (Figure 5A,B), revealing that H3 T11ph tends to be relatively enriched or depleted in domains several kb in width.

A priori, we envisioned two non-exclusive scenarios that might describe H3 T11ph localization: Enrichment at chromosome axes because that is where Mek1 protein is enriched cytologically and Mek1 interacts with axis proteins (BAILIS AND RoEDER 1998; WAN et al. 2004;

CARBALLO et al. 2008); or enrichment centered on DSB hotspots because Mek1 activation is a response to DSBs and Mek1 regulates DSB repair. We examined each possibility in turn.

Axis-associated sites: To test if H3 T11ph is enriched near axes, we compared its ChIPseq signal with the genome-wide distribution of axis component Red1 (PanizZA et al. 2011). The sites where ChIP signals for Red1 and other axis proteins are enriched are generally assumed to be the chromatin loop bases that are embedded in the chromosome axis (BLat et al. 2002; PanizZA et al. 2011; Sun et al. 2015). These sites often but not always overlap with intergenic regions between convergent transcription units, presumably because transcription can push cohesin and associated axis proteins along chromosomes (LENGRONNE et al. 2004; BAUSCH et al. 2007; Sun et al. 2015).

Across individual chromosomal segments, peaks and valleys in the H3 T11ph signal appeared to correspond well with peaks and valleys of Red1 (Figure 5A). Confirming this impression, average H3 T11ph signal formed a broad peak $\sim 4 \mathrm{~kb}$ wide when centered on Red1 ChIP-chip peaks, similar in dimensions to the average of Red1 itself and of another axis component, Hop1 (Figure 5E). No such enrichment was observed in the spol1-Y135F mutant (Figure 5A,E). H3 ChIP-seq also showed a weak enrichment centered on Red1 peaks, indicative of a tendency toward higher average nucleosome occupancy, but this was quantitatively modest relative to baseline H 3 levels and was similar in wild type and spoll-Y135F (Figure 5E). Importantly, H3 T11ph signal remained elevated at Red1 peak positions even after correcting for bulk H3 levels (green line in Figure 5E). Furthermore, H3 T11ph ChIP-seq correlated well genome-wide with Red1 and Hop1 ChIP signals, whereas H3 ChIP-seq correlated much more weakly (Figure 5F). We conclude that H3 T11ph is particularly prevalent where Red1 and Hop1 are enriched, and thus that Mek1 is highly active at axis-associated sites.

Around DSB hotspots: To test if H3 T11ph is enriched near DSB sites, we compared its ChIP-seq signal with DSB maps generated by sequencing of Spol1 oligos (Pan et al. 2011; Mohibullah and Keeney 2016). When centered on Spo11-oligo hotspots, histone ChIP-seq coverage showed a complex pattern of highly localized enrichment and depletion (Figure 5G). The average for total histone H3 showed strong depletion in hotspot centers, flanked by shallow alternating peaks and valleys (gray line in Figure 5G). This is the expected pattern from prior studies, reflecting the strong preference for DSBs in S. cerevisiae to form in promoter NDRs that are flanked by positioned nucleosomes (Ohta et al. 1994; Wu and Lichten 1994; Pan et al. 2011) (e.g., Figure 5C). [For clarity, the plots show averages for the hottest $25 \%$ of all hotspots after excluding unusually wide hotspots ( $>500 \mathrm{bp}$ ); qualitatively similar results were obtained if all hotspots were averaged (data not shown).]

The average H3 T11ph ChIP-seq signal differed from this pattern in informative ways (black line in Figure 5G). First, at all positions across the averaging window, H3 T11ph ChIPseq signal was much higher in wild type than in spol1-Y135F, and this difference was greater for stronger hotspots than for weaker ones (Figure 5G). Therefore, there is substantial DSBdependent (thus presumably Mek1-dependent) H3 T11 phosphorylation all across the regions where DSBs usually form, not just at nearby axis sites.

Second, relative to the baseline genomic H3 T11ph signal, there was strong depletion at hotspot centers, indicated by the narrow cleft ( $\sim 200 \mathrm{bp}$ wide) in the average profile (Figure 5G). This cleft corresponded well to the central cleft in the H3 ChIP-seq average, so we infer that this narrow zone of depletion reflects the fact that there are few histones available to be
phosphorylated within the NDRs where hotspots generally occur. There was a peak at hotspot centers when the H3 T11ph levels were normalized to bulk H3 signal (green line in Figure 5G). However, there was also a peak when the spol1-Y135F map was normalized for bulk H3, thus much or all of this is a DSB-independent signal. This may be a ChIP-seq artifact, or could reflect a low level of Mek1-independent H3 T11ph enriched near promoters (Li et al. 2015). [Although gene promoters have lower nucleosome occupancy compared with the rest of the genome, they are not devoid of nucleosomes. For example, some promoters contain positioned, highoccupancy nucleosomes; some contain nucleosomes but only in a fraction of the population; and some contain sub-nucleosomal histone particles (Jiang and Pugh 2009; Floer et al. 2010; WEINER et al. 2010).]

Third, there was a broader zone of lower H3 T11ph signal flanking the central NDR and extending $\sim 2 \mathrm{~kb}$ on either side (Figure 5G). This zone extended into areas where bulk H3 levels were high, so the difference map (normalizing H3 T11ph to H3) revealed depletion for H 3 T11ph relative to immediate surroundings (green line in Figure 5G). Nonetheless, the H3 T11ph signal across this region was substantially higher in wild type than in spoll-Y135F. Much of this depleted zone corresponded to the same areas covered by exonucleolytic resection tracts as measured by S1-seq (Mimitou et al. 2017) (blue line in Figure 5G). This suggests that some or all of this depletion reflects disruption of chromatin - and thus of ChIP-detectable H3 T11ph signal - accompanying DSB resection. Interestingly, the H3 T11ph depletion zone correlated precisely with the dimensions of a zone of relative depletion for Red1 (Figure 5G).

Taken together, these findings suggest that the distribution of DSB-provoked H3 T11 phosphorylation is governed largely by the distribution of Red1 and other proteins that are directly involved in Mek1 activation. Further implications of these patterns are addressed in the Discussion.

## H3 T11ph correlates with DSB frequency across large sub-chromosomal domains

We next examined larger scale variation in H3 T11ph ChIP signal across chromosomes. H3 T11ph ChIP signals were binned in non-overlapping windows of varying sizes from 0.5 to 40 kb , then compared (Pearson's $r$ ) to Spo11-oligo densities or ChIP signals for Red1, Hop1, or Rec8 in the same bins (Figure 6). Comparisons using the ratio of H3 T11ph to H3 show which correlations are specific for the histone modification ChIP per se (green points in Figure 6) as opposed to underlying (background) enrichment or depletion in the bulk chromatin map (total H3; gray points). Comparisons using the ratio of wild type to spol1-Y135F for H3 T11ph show which correlations are specific for DSB-dependent (and thus Mek1-dependent) signal (blue points in Figure 6).

For small windows ( $<2 \mathrm{~kb}$ ), both H3 and H3 T11ph were anticorrelated with Spo11oligo density (Figure 6A). This pattern is driven by strong preference for DSBs to form in NDRs, and the attendant depletion of histone signal around hotspots (Figure 5G). In contrast, with large windows the H3 T11ph signal instead had a significant positive correlation with Spo11-oligo density, with Pearson's $r$ values high over a range of $\sim 25-40 \mathrm{~kb}$ (Figure 6A). This correlation was also high when the wild-type H3 T11ph ChIP data were normalized to coverage in spo11-Y135F, but no such correlation was seen for total histone H3, thus this pattern is specific for DSB-dependent H3 T11 phosphorylation. We infer that subchromosomal domains tens of kb wide that experience more DSBs also incur more Mek1 activity on average. This finding fits with the expectation that H3 T11ph is a faithful molecular reporter of DSB-provoked Mek1 kinase activity.

In contrast to the wide variation in correlation behavior depending on window size when H3 T11ph was compared Spo11-oligo density, comparisons with either Red1 or Hop1 ChIP showed strong positive correlations over all window sizes tested (Figure 6B,C). For Rec8, H3 T11ph showed a modest positive correlation for short windows but little or no correlation with larger windows (Figure 6D). These patterns can be understood as the combination of two spatial correlations with different length dependencies. At short distances ( $<10 \mathrm{~kb}$ ), Mek1 activity is particularly enriched at preferred binding sites for Red1, Hop1, and Rec8 (i.e., axis sites; Figure $\mathbf{5 E}$ ). At longer distances (tens of kb), the domains that are relatively DSB-rich (and thus have more Mek1 activity) are also enriched for Red1 and Hop1 but not for Rec8 (Blat et al. 2002; Pan et al. 2011; PANIZZA et al. 2011).

## DISCUSSION

This study and others (Govin et al. 2010; Subramanian et al. 2016) establish that H3 T 11 phosphorylation is highly induced during meiosis in $S$. cerevisiae. Our findings additionally demonstrate that H3 T11ph is a direct product of DSB-induced activation of Mek1. Mek1 is conserved in S. pombe (Perez-Hidalgo et al. 2003), so it seems likely that this kinase is also responsible for the H3 T11ph we observed in fission yeast.

Mek1 appears specifically in fungal taxa, but the larger Rad53 kinase family is ubiquitous in eukaryotes (SUbramanian and Hochwagen 2014). Another member of this family, CHK1, was reported to be required for H3 T11ph in mouse fibroblasts (Shimada et al. 2008). In this case, however, DNA damage caused a decrease in H3 T11ph levels. It remains unknown if CHK1 directly phosphorylates H3 T11 or if H3 T11ph occurs in response to DSBs in mammalian meiosis. H3 T11ph has been reported during meiosis in sciarid flies (EscribA et al. 2011), suggesting evolutionary conservation beyond yeasts.

H3 T11 can also be directly phosphorylated by pyruvate kinase M2 in S. cerevisiae and mammalian cells, possibly to coordinate chromatin structure and gene expression with the cell's nutritional status (YANG et al. 2012; Li et al. 2015). In cultured human cells, H3 T11ph is also formed by protein-kinase-C-related kinase 1 near promoters of androgen receptor-modulated genes (METZGER et al. 2008), and by death-associated protein (DAP)-like kinase during mitosis, particularly near centromeres (Preuss et al. 2003). Our results establish that meiotic induction of H3 T11ph in yeasts is fundamentally distinct from these other modes of H3 T11 phosphorylation in terms of provenance and genomic distribution.

## Possible functions of H3 T11ph in meiosis

Under the conditions in this study, histone mutations that eliminated H3 T11 phosphorylation caused no discernible meiotic defects by themselves. This was true with multiple independent mutagenesis strategies and numerous mutant constructs encoding different amino acid substitutions alone or in combination with mutation of H3 S10. We conclude that H3 T 11 ph is dispensable for meiosis under our standard conditions.

Why our results differed from a previous report (Govin et al. 2010) remains unknown. One possibility is that the highly variable spore viability in the plasmid shuffle system fortuitously gave the incorrect appearance of a meiotic defect in the earlier study. The reported decrease in spore viability [from $\sim 80 \%$ in the control to $\sim 50 \%$ with H3 T11V (Govin et al. 2010)] was of comparable magnitude to the intrinsic experimental variability we observed with plasmid-borne histone cassettes. Alternatively, studies in the two laboratories may have had undocumented differences in sporulation conditions to which H3 T11 mutants are specifically sensitive.

Despite H3 T11ph being dispensable in unperturbed meiosis, we did observe that blocking phosphorylation of H3 T11 modestly exacerbated the phenotype of a dmclı rad54$T 132 A$ mutant. One interpretation is that H3 T11ph helps Mek1 maintain residual interhomolog bias when Rad51 is the sole source of strand exchange activity. In this model, increased MI nondisjunction is caused by more of the residual DSB repair being between sister chromatids, and less between homologs. This interpretation is motivated by the increased intersister recombination observed in a rad54-T132A mutant when Mek1 activity is inhibited, and by the ability of the rad54-T132A mutation to rescue some spore viability in a dmcls background but not in dmcld mekld (NiU et al. 2009). These findings indicated that other Mek1 targets contribute to interhomolog recombination by Rad51 when Dmc1 is missing and Rad54 cannot be
phosphorylated. The recent discovery that Mek1 phosphorylates Hed1 and histone H2B make these strong candidates for additional redundancy (CALLENDER et al. 2016; SUHANDYNATA et al. 2016) (N.M.H., unpublished data).

If H3 T11ph does promote Mek1 function, albeit in a minor way, what might its role be? One possibility is that it is an effector of Mek1 signaling. This could be via recruitment to chromatin of proteins with phosphothreonine binding motifs such as the FHA domain, which is present in numerous proteins in S. cerevisiae including the recombination protein Xrs2 (MAHAJAN et al. 2008; MATSUZAKI et al. 2008). Or, H3 T11ph might impinge on nucleosome stability, higher-order chromatin organization, or ability to install, remove, or read other histone modifications. We observed potential crosstalk between histone modifications in that H3 S10ph blocked the ability of Mek1 to phosphorylate T11 on the same peptide. Crosstalk of H3 T11ph with other H3 modifications has been documented in vegetatively growing yeast [H3 K4 methylation (Li et al. 2015)] and in human cells [H3 K9 acetylation (YANG et al. 2012) and demethylation (MetzGER et al. 2008)]. A second, non-exclusive possibility is that H3 T11ph might maintain or amplify Mek1 activity via positive feedback. For example, the FHA domain of Mek1 might bind directly to H3 T11ph in a manner that stabilizes or increases the amount of active Mek1. Both general types of role - downstream effector or feedback amplifier - are compatible with the observed genetic interaction of H3 T11 mutation with dmc1D rad54-T132A.

## Spatial organization of Mek1 activity

Although H3 T11 can apparently be phosphorylated by other kinases, the magnitude of the DSB- and Mek1-dependent signal combined with its rapid disappearance when Mek1 is shut off made H3 T11ph an excellent candidate for a molecular marker of ongoing Mek1 activity. Our experiments establish proof of principle for this use in genomic experiments, and also validate that cytological staining for H3 T11ph provides a direct readout of Mek1 activity (SUBRAMANIAN et al. 2016).

The most prominent sites of H3 T11ph, and thus of Mek1 activity, were coincident with peaks of Red1 and Hop1, i.e., presumed axis attachment sites. This pattern is not surprising given that Mek 1 protein appears to be enriched on axes as assessed by immunocytology (BAILIS AND ROEDER 1998). However, immunolocalization does not reveal kinase activity per se, and cannot evaluate the degree to which activity might spread in cis. Interestingly, the H3 T11ph enrichment was highly similar to that of Red1 and Hop1 around axis sites. This more localized pattern contrasts with the spread of $\gamma$-H2A over tens of kb around DSBs in yeast (Shroff et al. 2004). This pattern could be because Mek1 protein is constrained, i.e., it rarely diffuses away from the sites where it has been activated. Alternatively, Mek1 may be rapidly inactivated if it diffuses away and/or the phosphates that Mek1 places outside the immediate vicinity of Mek1 activation sites might be more rapidly removed by phosphatases.

However, substantial levels of DSB-dependent H3 T11ph were also observed across areas in between Red1 peaks, i.e., along the lengths of presumptive chromatin loops. This signal correlated with Spo11-oligo frequency (i.e., local DSB density) but was lower immediately around DSB hotspots, coincident with regions also depleted of Red1. For any protein, ChIP enrichment at given sites does not imply that these are the only sites of binding. In yeast meiosis, axis proteins Red1 and Hop1 are also detected above background across regions in between the sites of their principal enrichment. ChIP provides a population average measurement, so possible interpretations are that Redl et al. are bound to different sites in different cells, but only at discrete sites in any one cell (an "axis sites only" model); or that there is lower level binding to
chromatin loops in addition to higher level binding at axis sites (an "axis plus dispersed binding" model).

The DSB-dependent H3 T11ph ChIP signal tracked closely with Red1 and Hop1 ChIP at all size scales, both quantitatively and spatially. Thus, our findings are consistent with Mek1 activity manifesting anywhere Red1 and Hop1 are present to support it once DSBs have formed. It is interesting to note that the sites of highest Mek1 activity (i.e., Red1/Hop1 peaks) are spatially distinct from the DSB sites where Mek1 exerts its known biological function -Hop1/Red1-dependent control of recombination outcome. However, even though H3 T11ph ChIP signal was less abundant immediately adjacent to DSB sites than elsewhere, the DSBproximal signal was substantially higher in wild type than in the spol1-Y135F control. Thus, we infer that active Mek1 kinase has access to chromatin and chromatin-associated proteins immediately surrounding DSBs.

A puzzle about the signal immediately adjacent to hotspots is that DSBs are exonucleolytically resected for $\sim 800$ nucleotides on average on both sides of the break (Zakharyevich et al. 2010; Mimitou et al. 2017), but ssDNA should not be revealed in our ChIP-seq data even if it were still bound by histones because the sequencing library preparation protocol is not expected to support recovery of ssDNA. What then is the source of H3 T11phosphorylated nucleosomes immediately around hotspots? Likely candidates are the sister of the broken chromatid, one or both intact chromatids of the homologous chromosome with which recombination is occurring, and/or recombination intermediates (D-loops and double Holliday junctions) assuming that these are chromatinized. Because Mek1 controls homolog bias, we speculate that some or all of the H3 T11ph signal around hotspots is from Mek1 action on the sisters of broken chromatids. In support of this idea, we further note that the areas expected to be covered by DSB resection are also areas where the H3 T11ph signal is locally depleted. This pattern is thus in line spatially with what would be predicted if both sister chromatids are being exposed to Mek1 activity.

Our data are consistent with spreading of DSB-provoked Mek1 activity in cis along chromatin and concentrating wherever Red1 and Hop1 are also concentrated. The findings neither refute nor support the TLAC model (see Introduction), but are consistent with this model provided that DSB-dependent activation of Mek1 at axis sites can be accompanied by spreading of Mek1 activity to surrounding chromatin as well. Current versions of the TLAC model favor the idea that tethering occurs before DSB formation because some partners of Spo11 are enriched at axis sites rather than at hotspots but can be connected to hotspots physically via interactions with a reader (Spp1) of the H 3 K 4 methylation that is prominent around promoters (PANIZZA et al. 2011; ACQUAVIVA et al. 2013; SomMERMEYER et al. 2013). Such loop-axis interactions prior to DSB formation could provide a means to rapidly and specifically activate Mek1 at a nearby axis site in response to a DSB at a hotspot within a tethered loop.

Immunostaining experiments demonstrated H3 T11ph foci of variable size and intensity on chromatin where synaptonemal complex had not yet formed, although spatial disposition of this phosphorylation relative to axes has not been reported (SUBRAMANIAN et al. 2016). Combining these cytological findings with our genomic data suggests that each DSB provokes a relatively large zone of Mek1 activation that encompasses the broken chromatin loop, its sister chromatid, and the adjacent loop bases(s). We speculate that this zone may extend across one or more loops, perhaps dependent in part on availability of sufficient amounts of Red1 and Hopl to support Mek1 activity.

In summary, the detection of H3 T11ph is useful as an indicator of meiotic DSB formation, an indicator of Mek1 activation level, and a marker of the spatial organization of chromatin that Mek1 acts upon. H3 T11ph ChIP will be a powerful tool for dissecting not only the function of Mek1 but also the higher order structural organization of recombining chromosomes.

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## FIGURE LEGENDS

## Figure 1. H3 T11 phosphorylation in S. cerevisiae meiosis.

(A) Western blots of whole-cell extracts from asynchronous cycling vegetative (Cyc) and synchronized meiotic culture time points in wild-type and mutant strains. In panels $i-i v$, the antibodies used were anti-H3 T11ph polyclonal (Active Motif 39151), anti-H3 S10ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-817), anti-H2A S129ph/ $\gamma$-H2A (Abcam 15083), and anti-H3 (Abcam 1791). For panels v and vi, anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-789) and anti-H3 S10ph polyclonal (EMD Millipore 06-560) were used; other antibodies were the same. Interstitial lanes were removed from the blot images in panel vi to match time points in other panels. Filled and open arrowheads indicate 20 and 15 kDa molecular weight markers, respectively. (B) Western blot comparison of anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal (mAb; EMD Millipore 05-789) and polyclonal (pAb; Active Motif 39151) antibodies. (C) Meiotic progression assessed by DAPI staining. Cells with $\geq 2$ DAPI-staining bodies were scored as having progressed past the first meiotic division; $\mathrm{n} \geq 100$ cells per time point. The rad50S culture was not quantified past 6 hr because of nuclear fragmentation. (D) The first twenty amino acids in histone H 3 and modifications known to occur in S. cerevisiae or S. pombe: ac, acetylation; me, methylation; ph, phosphorylation. (E) Meiosis-specificity of DNA damage-induced H3 T11ph. Asynchronous vegetative cultures of wild type were treated with genotoxins that induce DSBs, then whole-cell extracts were prepared and analyzed by western blotting for H3 T11ph. Cultures in the left panel were untreated (Mock) or treated with X-rays ( 400 Gy ) or camptothecin $(20 \mu \mathrm{M})$ at room temperature. An interstitial lane was deleted from the blot image for this panel. Cultures in the right panel were untreated or treated with X-rays ( 400 Gy ) on ice. Premeiotic ( 0 hr ) and meiotic ( $4 \mathrm{hr)}$ cultures were included as controls. The anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05789) was used. Arrowheads are as defined in panel A.

Figure 2. H3 T11 phosphorylation in S. pombe meiosis.
Western blots of whole-cell extracts from haploid pat1-114 strains undergoing synchronized meiosis. Antibodies used were the same as in Figure 1Av. Filled and open arrowheads indicate 20 and 15 kDa molecular weight markers, respectively. The altered electrophoretic mobility of histones at later time points in some cultures was probably caused by varying levels of contaminating DNA in the extracts rather than differential post-translational modifications.

## Figure 3. H3 T11 is a direct target of Mek1 kinase.

(A) Persistence of H3 T11ph requires maintenance of Mek1 kinase activity. A meiotic culture of a mekl-as, dmcl $\Delta$ (strain SKY3095) was split 4 hr after transfer to sporulation medium. One part was left to continue in meiosis untreated, the other part was treated with $1 \mu \mathrm{M}$ 1-NA-PP1. Whole-cell extracts were prepared at the indicated times and assayed for H3 T11ph by western blotting (mAb; EMD Millipore 05-789). Filled and open arrowheads indicate 20 and 15 kDa molecular weight markers, respectively. Numbers indicate hours after transfer to sporulation medium. (B) Mek1 kinase assay using radioactive ATP. Affinity-purified GST-Mek1 (250 ng) was incubated in the presence of $\left[\gamma-{ }^{32} \mathrm{P}\right]$ ATP either alone or with $2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ recombinant H 3 or $5 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ of unphosphorylated or phosphorylated synthetic H3 1-20 peptides as substrates. Reactions were separated by SDS-PAGE and visualized by autoradiography (top), anti-H3 T11ph western blot (middle; polyclonal Active Motif 39151), and Coomassie staining. (C) Mek1 kinase assay by semisynthetic epitope labeling. Kinase reactions were carried out with affinity-purified GSTMek1 $(2 \mu \mathrm{~g})$ or GST-Mek1-as $(0.76 \mu \mathrm{~g})$ in the presence of ATP $\gamma$ S or 6-Fu-ATP $\gamma$ S with $2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$
recombinant H 3 . After incubation 30 min at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{PNBM}$ ( $p$-nitrobenzyl mesylate) was added to alkylate the thiophosphorylated target sites. Reactions were then separated by SDS-PAGE and analyzed by western blotting with anti-thiophosphate ester monoclonal antibody (top panel; Epitomics 2686-1) or anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal antibody (EMD Millipore 05-789). Interstitial lanes were removed from images in panels B and C as indicated by the white lines.

## Figure 4. Characterization of histone mutant strains.

(A) Composite of western blots of whole-cell extracts from synchronous meiotic cultures or asynchronous cycling vegetative cultures ("C") carrying the indicated histone mutations. Antibodies used were: anti-H3 T11ph polyclonal (Active Motif 39151) or anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-789); anti-H3 S10ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-817); antiH3 S10ph polyclonal (EMD Millipore 06-560); anti- $\gamma$-H2A (Abcam 15083); and anti-H3 (Abcam 1791). Filled and open arrowheads indicate 20 and 15 kDa molecular weight markers, respectively. "n.d." indicates not determined; " $h h t 2-\Delta N$ " encodes H3 lacking its N-terminal 30 amino acids. (B) Vegetative growth of H 3 mutant strains. Cells from overnight cultures were spotted onto YPD plates using a manifold pin replicator and represent $1: 5$ serial dilutions starting with $\sim 2.5 \times 10^{6}$ cells $/ \mathrm{ml}$. (C) Analysis of meiotic DSB formation. High-molecular-weight DNA isolated in agarose plugs was separated by pulsed-field gel electrophoresis followed by Southern blotting and indirect end-labeling with a probe directed against CHA1 on the left arm of chromosome III. The lower panel shows quantification of the DSB signal as percent of lane total after background subtraction. (D,E) Meiotic progression of representative histone mutant strains. Cells were fixed and stained with DAPI and the fraction of cells with $\geq 2$ nuclei was counted ( $n$ $\geq 100$ cells per time point). For panel E, strains used were rad51D (SKY3183); rad51D, H3 S10A, T11V (SKY3186); dmc14, rad54 T132A (SKY3802); dmc1D, rad54 T132A, H3 T11V (SKY3659); dmclD (SKY3078) and; dmclD H3 S10A, T11V (SKY3091). (F) Spore viabilities in plasmid shuffle strains expressing wild-type H3 or H3 T11A. Three independent clones isolated for each genotype were sporulated and tetrads were dissected in three separate experiments. Each point represents the value from a single isolate ( $\mathrm{n}=30-32$ tetrads per data point). See Table 1 for summary and text for statistical test. Strains used were: H3 wild type (SKY3438-3440) and H3 T11A (SKY3441-3443). (G) Evidence that the H3 T11V mutation increases MI nondisjunction in a rad54-T132A dmclD background. The distribution of viable spores in tetrads is shown for the indicated strains. An increase in 2- and 0 -spore-viable tetrads (rather than 3- or 1-spore-viable) is diagnostic of an increased frequency of MI nondisjunction. Strains were dmc14, rad54 T132A (SKY3802) and dmc14, rad54 T132A, H3 T11V (SKY3659).

Figure 5. Spatial disposition of H3 T11ph along meiotic chromosomes.
(A-C) Anti-H3 and anti-H3 T11ph ChIP-seq coverage across representative genomic regions. Coverage data for each chromosome were normalized ("norm") relative to an S. pombe spike-in control. The four wild-type samples were averaged; the single spol1-Y135F sample (denoted "spollyf") is presented separately. For a given antigen (H3 or H3 T11ph), use of the internal $S$. pombe control allows direct quantitative comparison of relative yield in different samples, revealing in particular the DSB-dependent H3 T11ph signal via comparison of wild type with spol1-Y135F. The Spo11-oligo map (RPM, reads per million) (Mohibullah and Keeney 2016) and decile-normalized anti-Red1 ChIP-chip data (PanizZA et al. 2011) are shown for comparison. The H3 and H3 T11ph data shown in A and B and all Red1 data were smoothed with 500 bp Parzen (triangular) sliding window. Color coding is retained in the other panels in
this figure. (D) Reproducibility of histone ChIP-seq coverage maps. ChIP-seq coverage was averaged in 500 bp windows and compared between datasets. The heatmap is shaded according to the Pearson's $r$ value for each pairwise comparison. (E) H3 T11ph enrichment around presumed axis-attachment sites. H3 (upper graph) and H3 T11ph ChIP-seq coverage (middle graph) and smoothed (500-bp Parzen window) Red1 and Hop1 ChIP-chip data (lower graph, PanizZA et al. 2011) were averaged around 1869 Red1 ChIP peaks. The green lines in the lower graph show the ratio of H3 T11ph to H3 ChIP-seq. (F) H3 T11ph correlates well with Red1 and Hop1 ChIP signal genome wide. Each point compares the H3 or H3 T11ph ChIP-seq coverage in wild type with Red1 or Hop1 ChIP-chip signal averaged across non-overlapping 5-kb bins. Correlation coefficients (Pearson's $r$ ) are indicated in each plot. (G) H3 T11ph around DSB hotspots. ChIP-seq and Spo11-oligo data were averaged around Spo11-oligo hotspots and plotted as in panel E (Mohibullah and Keeney 2016); for clarity, hotspots more than 500 bp wide were excluded, and only the hottest $25 \%$ of hotspots are shown ( $\mathrm{N}=872$ hotspots). Note that vertical and horizontal scales for ChIP-seq data are the same in panels E and G to facilitate direct comparison. The blue line in the third panel shows the extent of dsDNA depletion predicted from S1-seq mapping of DSB resection tracts around the same hotspots (Mimitou et al. 2017). The lowest panel shows the average Spo11-oligo profile.

Figure 6. Scale-dependent correlations of H3 T11ph with chromosomal features. Anti-H3 (gray points) and anti-H3 T11ph (black points) ChIP-seq coverage was binned in nonoverlapping windows of varying sizes and compared (Pearson's $r$ ) to Spo11-oligo density (A) or ChIP-chip signal for Red1 (B), Hop1 (C), or Rec8 (D) averaged across the same windows (ChIPchip data from, PanizzA et al. 2011). Green points show correlations using the ratio of H3 T11ph to H3 in wild type; blue points show correlations for the ratio of wild type to spollY135F H3 T11ph signal.

## SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE LEGENDS

Supplemental Figure S1. Specificity of anti-H3 T11ph and anti-H3 S10ph antibodies.
(A) Histone peptide array western blots showing the specificity of (i) anti-H3 T11ph mAb or (ii) anti-H3 S10ph pAb and their tolerance of neighboring modifications. Blots are of duplicate 384peptide arrays (MODified Histone Peptide Array, Active Motif 13001) of immobilized synthetic histone $\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{H} 3$ and H 4 unmodified peptides or peptides containing from one to four modified residues including many possible combinations of histone modifications that are found in higher eukaryotes, of which only a small number are known to be present in yeast. Positions A1-L11 contain H3 peptides, L12-O11 contain H4 peptides, O12-P3 contain H2A peptides and P4-P19 contain H2B peptides. Peptides that were highly reactive with either antibody are listed below the blot image; the entire table of peptides is listed in Supplemental Table S2. (B) Immunodetection of histone H 3 amino-terminal peptides (residues 1-20) or recombinant histone proteins spotted onto PVDF membranes demonstrating the specificity of antibodies to phosphoH3 T11 and phospho-H3 S10. Spots were 10-fold serial dilutions of peptides or recombinant histones starting with 167 ng in the left-most column. Recombinant histone proteins produced in E. coli were from the following species: H2A, H2B, H3 from S. cerevisiae; H3.3 from H. sapiens; and H4 from X. laevis. Antibodies were: anti-H3 pAb (Abcam 1791), which is specific to the carboxy-terminal 35 amino acids of histone H3; anti-H3 T11ph polyclonal (Active Motif 39151); anti-H3 S10ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-817); and anti-H3 S10ph polyclonal (EMD Millipore 06-560).

## Notes:

(Panel Ai) The diphosphorylated H3 1-19 S10ph T11ph peptide at position D5 was not detected by the anti-H3 T11ph mAb, whereas all phospho-T11 containing peptides (except those that also contained phospho-S10) were detected (peptides containing phospho-T11 along with methyl-K4 were not included in the array). We conclude that this mAb detects only the monophosphorylated peptide, but that it is tolerant of other modifications of the H 3 N -terminal tail.
(Panel Aii) The diphosphorylated (S10ph T11ph) peptide at position D5 was not detected by the anti-H3 S10ph pAb, whereas all phospho-S10 containing peptides (except those that also contained phospho-T11) were detected (peptides containing phospho-S10 along with methyl-K4 were not included in the array). We conclude that this pAb detects only the monophosphorylated peptide, but that it is relatively tolerant of other modifications of the H 3 N -terminal tail. This pAb showed detectable cross-reaction to other modifications as well. Peptides that scored as weakly reactive with anti-H3 S10ph pAb were: J6, H3 1-19 S10ph K14ac; J11, H3 7-26 K18ac; J13, H3 7-26 K14ac R17me2s; J15, H3 7-26 R17me2s K18ac; J19, H3 7-26 K14ac R17me2a K18ac; K4, H3 16-35 S28ph; L7, H3 26-45 unmodified; L8, H3 26-45 K36me1; L9, H3 26-45 K36me2; L11, H3 26-45 K36ac; M18, H4 11-30 unmodified; M19, H4 11-30 K12ac; M20, H4 11-30 K16ac; M21, H4 11-30 R17me2s; M22, H4 11-30 R17me2a; N5, H4 11-30 R24me2a; N6, H4 11-30 R24me2s; N7, H4 11-30 K12ac K16ac; N8, H4 11-30 K16ac R17me2s; N9, H4 11-30 K16ac R17me2a.
(Panel B) Anti-H3 T11ph pAb was capable of detecting phospho-T11 even with nearby methylation at lysine 9, a modification that occurs in $S$. pombe and metazoans, but not in $S$.
cerevisiae. Both anti-H3 S10ph antibodies also reacted slightly with full-length recombinant H3 and H3.3.

## Supplemental Figure S2. Anti-H3 and anti-H3 T11ph ChIP-seq.

(A) S. pombe read coverage. The read coverage from a representative sample (H3 ChIP-seq from wild type culture 1 at 3 hr ) is shown. The zones of exceptionally high coverage at the ends of chromosome III are the ribosomal DNA repeats. Note that the read density is too sparse to allow investigation of H3 or H3 T11ph patterns across the S. pombe genome. (B) Reproducibility of read depth for S. pombe chromosomes I and II. Stacked bars show the contribution of reads from chromosomes I and II relative to the total for these two chromosomes. Lower case letters are sample identifiers as indicated in Figure 5D. Chromosome III had more variable read coverage (data not shown), possibly because of greater sampling error attributable to presence of the large rDNA arrays. Because relative read depths were stable for chromosomes I and II, these were combined to calculate the normalization factors for the $S$. cerevisiae maps. (C,D) Reproducibility of spatial patterns for anti-H3 and anti-H3 T11ph ChIP-seq. The map for each wild-type sample (solid lines) is shown separately, superimposed on the spo11-Y135F map (dashed lines) for comparison. The maps depict the same region shown in Figure 5C. Note that the H3 ChIP-seq maps were highly reproducible across all four wild-type samples as well as the spoll-Y135F sample. For H3 T11ph, although the magnitude of the signal varied between wild-type samples, their spatial patterns were highly similar and all gave substantially higher coverage than the spol1-Y135F sample.

Table 1. Absence of H3 T11ph does not compromise spore viability.

| Mutation method ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | H3 genotype ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Strain | Spore viability (no. of tetrads) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Replacement | Wild type | 2701 | 97\% (44) |
|  | S10A T11V | 2705 | 97\% (44) |
| H3-H4 integration | Wild type | 3311 | 96\% (22) |
|  | S10A | 3333 | 97\% (64) |
|  | T11V | 3342 | 95\% (64) |
|  | S10A T11V | 3334 | 93\% (64) |
|  | T11A | 3312 | 95\% (86) |
|  | T11S | 3313 | 99\% (22) |
|  | T11D | 3332 | 97\% (64) |
|  | T11E | 3303 | 97\% (64) |
| Four-core integration | Wild type | 3330 | 94\% (22) |
|  | T11V | 3264 | 97\% (64) |
|  | $\Delta N$ | 2388 | 81\% (44) |
| Plasmid shuffle, Expt. $1^{\text {c }}$ | Wild type | 3438-3440 | 90\% (90) |
|  | T11A | 3441-3443 | 86\% (90) |
| Plasmid shuffle, Expt. $2^{\text {c }}$ | Wild type | 3438-3440 | 75\% (92) |
|  | T11A | 3441-3443 | 77\% (94) |
| Plasmid shuffle, Expt. $3^{\text {c }}$ | Wild type | 3438-3440 | 74\% (96) |
|  | T11A | 3441-3443 | 76\% (96) |

[^1]Table 2. Combining H3 T11 mutations with other mutations.

| Additional mutation(s) ${ }^{\mathbf{a}}$ | H3 genotype ${ }^{\mathbf{a}}$ | Strain | Spore viability <br> (no. of tetrads) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H2A S129A | wild type | 3265 | $97 \%(64)$ |
|  | T11V | 3331 | $95 \%(64)$ |
| set1D | wild type | 4415 | $97 \%(42)$ |
|  | S10A T11V | 3329 | $97 \%(64)$ |
| rad51D | wild type | 3183 | $0 \%(44)$ |
|  | S10A T11V | 3186 | $0 \%(44)$ |
| rad54-T132A dmc1D | wild type | 3802 | $67 \%(65)$ |
|  | T11V | 3659 | $49 \%(86)$ |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Genotypes are homozygous. See Supplemental Table S1 for complete genotypes.

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## A (i) H 3 T 11 ph mAb



Highly Positive Peptides:
A18 H3 1-19 T11ph
C4 H3 1-19 R8me2s T11ph
C10 H3 1-19 R8me2a T11ph
C16 H3 1-19 R8cit T11ph
C18 H3 1-19 K9me1 T11ph C21 H3 1-19 K9me2 T11ph C24 H3 1-19 K9me3 T11ph
D3 H3 1-19 K9ac T11ph
D7 H3 1-19 T11ph K14ac

D12 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me1 T11ph D13 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me2 T11ph D14 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me2 T11ph D15 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9ac T11ph D20 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me1 T11ph D21 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me2 T11ph D22 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me3 T11ph D23 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9ac T11ph
J7 H3 7-26 T11ph K14ac
(ii) H 3 S 10 ph pAb


Highly Positive Peptides:

| A17 H3 1-19 S10ph |  |  | D8 | H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me1 S10ph |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C3 H3 1-19 R8me2s S10ph |  | D9 | H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me2 S10ph |  |
| C9 | H3 1-19 R8me2a S10ph | D10 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me2 S10ph |  |  |
| C15 H3 1-19 R8cit S10ph |  | D11 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9ac S10ph |  |  |
| C17 H3 1-19 K9me1 S10ph |  | D16 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me1 S10ph |  |  |
| C20 H3 1-19 K9me2 S10ph |  | D17 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me2 S10ph |  |  |
| C23 H3 1-19 K9me3 S10ph |  | D18 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me3 S10ph |  |  |
| D2 H3 1-19 K9ac S10ph |  | D19 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9ac S10ph |  |  |
| D6 | H3 1-19 S10ph K14ac |  |  |  |

A17 H3 1-19 S10ph
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C15 H3 1-19 R8cit S10ph
C17 H3 1-19 K9me1 S10ph
C20 H3 1-19 K9me2 S10ph
D2 H3 1-10 K9a S10ph
D6 H3 1-19 S10ph K14ac


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Supplemental Table S1. List of S. cerevisiae and S. pombe strains used in this study.

| S. cerevisiae, SK1 background ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strain SKY\# | Genotype | Reference or source |
| Strains for Figure 1: Genetic requirements of H3 T11ph |  |  |
| $165^{\text {a }}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (ChA et al. } \\ & 2000) \end{aligned}$ |
| 198 | HO, lys2, ura3::hisG, spo11-Y135F-HA: URA | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (CHA et al. } \\ & 2000) \end{aligned}$ |
| 50 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (LIU et al. } \\ & 1995 \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 2051 | ndt $80 \Delta \therefore: L E U 2$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (XU et al. } \\ & 1995) \end{aligned}$ |
| 3455 |  | Neil Hunter |
| 2578 |  | (BISHOP et al. 1992) |
| Strain for Figure 3: H3 T11ph kinase determination |  |  |
| 3095 | his4-X/his4-B, ura3::GST-mek1-as $1:: U R A 3 / u r a 3$, mekl解:kanMX6, dmc1D::LEU2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (WAN et al. } \\ & 2004 \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Strains for Table 1, Table 2 and Figure 4: H3 T11 mutants |  |  |
| 2701 | HHT1::kanMX4, HHT2::hphMX4 | This study |
| 2705 | hht1-S10A, T11V::kanMX4; hht2-S10A, T11V::hphMX4 | This study |
| 3166 | MATa, ho $\because: L Y S 2$, lys 2 , leu2::hisG, ura3, hht $1-$ hhf1 $1::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2:: n a t M X$, hta2-htb2 $2::$ natMX, pRK12[CEN6/ARS4, URA3, HTA1-HTB1, HHF2-HHT2] | This study |
| 3167 | MAT $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$, ho $\because: L Y S 2$, lys 2 , leu $2:$ hisG, ura3, hht1 hhf1 $1::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2د::natMX, hta2-htb2د::natMX, pRK12[CEN6/ARS4, URA3, HTA1-HTB1, HHF2-HHT2] | This study |
| 3311 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht $2 \Delta::$ natMX, hta2htb2 $\triangle:$ :natMX, leu $2:$ HHF2-HHT2::LEU2 | This study |
| 3333 | hht1-hhf1 $\because::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht $2 \Delta::$ natMX, hta2htb2A::natMX, leu2::HHF2-hht2-S10A: $\because$ LEU2 | This study |
| 3342 | hht1-hhf1D: : kanMX, hhf2-hht2A::natMX, hta2htb2د::natMX, leu2::HHF2-hht2-T11V $:$ LEU2 | This study |
| 3334 | hht1-hhf1 $1::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2htb2ロ::natMX; leu2::HHF2-hht2-S10A, T11V::LEU2 | This study |
| 3312 | hht1-hhf1 $\because:$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2htb2د::natMX, leu2 $:$ HHF2-hht2-T11A $\because$ LEU2 | This study |
| 3313 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2htb24::natMX, leu2::HHF2-hht2-T11S::LEU2 | This study |

## Supplemental Table 1 （continued）．

| 3332 | hht1－hhf1 $:$ ：kanMX，hhf2－hht2 $2:: n a t M X$, hta2－htb2 $2::$ natMX， leu2：：HHF2－hht2－T11D：LEU2 | This study |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3303 | hht1－hhf1 $1::$ kanMX，hhf2－hht $2 \Delta::$ natMX，hta2－htb2 $2::$ natMX， leu2：：HHF2－hht2－T11E：：LEU2 | This study |
| 2283 | hht1－hhf1 $::$ kanMX，hhf2－hht2 $2::$ natMX，hta2－htb2 $2:: n a t M X$ ， htal－htb1ロ：：hphMX，pRK12［CEN6／ARS4，URA3，HTA1－ HTB1，HHF2－HHT2］ | This study |
| 3330 | hht1－hhf1 $::$ kanMX，hhf2－hht2 $2:: n a t M X$ ，hta2－htb2 $2::$ natMX， htal－htb1 $\triangle:: h p h M X$ ，leu2：：HTA1－HTB1－HHF2－HHT2－LEU2 | This study |
| 3264 | hht1－hhf1 $::$ kanMX，hhf2－hht2 $2::$ natMX，hta2－htb2 $2::$ natMX， hta1－htb1 $\Delta:: h p h M X$ ，leu2：：HTA1－HTB1－HHF2－hht2－ T11V：：LEU2 | This study |
| 2388 | hht1－hhf1 $\because:$ kanMX，hhf2－hht2 $2::$ natMX，hta2－htb2 $2::$ natMX， htal－htb1ロ：：hphMX，leu2：：HTA1－HTB1－HHF2－hht2－$\Delta 1$－ $30(\Delta N) \because: L E U 2$ | This study |
| 3428 | hht1－hhf1 $::$ kanMX，hhf2－hht2 $2:: n a t M X$, hta2－htb2 $2:: n a t M X$ ， leu2 $:$ HHF2－HHT2 $:$ LEU2，arg4－Nsp／arg4－Bgl | This study \＆ <br> （MARTINI <br> et al． <br> 2006） |
| 3431 | hht1－hhf1 $::$ kanMX，hhf2－hht2 $2::$ natMX，hta2－htb2 $2::$ natMX， leu2 $\because$ HHF2－hht2－T11A $\because$ LEU2，arg4－Nsp／arg4－Bgl | This study \＆ <br> （MARTINI et al． $2006$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3438 \\ & 3439 \\ & 3440^{b} \end{aligned}$ | trp1：：hisG，his4－N／his4－G，hhf1－hht1D：：LEU2，hhf2－ hht2A：：trp $1::$ kanMX3，pRK92［CEN，ARS，TRP1，HHT2－ HHF2］ | （Govin et al．2010） |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3441, \\ & 3442, \\ & 3443^{b} \end{aligned}$ | trp1：：hisG，his4－N／his4－G，hhf1－hht1 $\because:$ LEU2，hhf2－ hht2A：：trp $1:: k a n M X 3$ ，pRK93［CEN，ARS，TRP1，hht2－T11A－ HHF2］ | （Govin et al．2010） |
| 3265 | hht1－hhf1 $::$ kanMX，hhf2－hht2 $\Delta:: n a t M X$ ，hta2－htb2 $2::$ natMX， htal－htb1 $\because:: h p h M X$, leu2 $:$ htal－S129A－HTB1－HHT2－ HHF2：：LEU2 | This study |
| 3331 | hht1－hhf1 $::$ kanMX，hhf2－hht2 $2::$ natMX，hta2－htb2 $2::$ natMX， htal－htb1ロ：：hphMX，leu2：：htal－S129A－HTB1－HHF2－hht2－ T11V：：LEU2 | This study |

## Supplemental Table 1 （continued）．

| 4415 | leu $2:: h i s G$ or leu2－K，arg4－nsp，bgl or ARG4， HHT1：：kanMX4，HHT2：：hphMX4，set1ロ：：kanMX | This study \＆ ORT4784 X ORT 4785 （Sollier et al． 2004） |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3329 | leu2：：hisG or leu2－K，arg4－nsp，bgl or ARG4，hht1－S10A， T11V：：kanMX4，hht2－S10A，T11V：：hphMX4，set1D：：kanMX | This study |
| 3183 | HHT1：：kanMX／＇，HHT2：：hygMX／＇，rad51ロ：：hisG－URA3－ hisG／＂ | This study |
| 3186 | hht1－S10AT11V：：kanMX／＂，hht2－S10AT11V：：hygMX／＇＂， rad51D：：hisG－URA3－hisG／＂ | This study |
| 3802 | his $4 X$ ，ura3 $: \because$ RAD54－T132A：$\because U R A 3$ ，dmc $1 \Delta:: h p h M X 4$ ， rad54：：kanMX6 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (NIU et al. } \\ & \text { 2009) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 3659 | HIS4，ura3：：RAD54－T132A：：URA3，dmc10：：hphMX4， rad54：：kanMX6，hht1－hhf1 $1:: k a n M X$ ，hhf2－hht $2 \Delta::$ natMX， hta2－htb2ム：：natMX，leu2：：HHF2－hht2－T11V：：LEU2 | This study |
| 3078 |  | This study |
| 3091 | hht1－S10A，T11V：：kanMX4，hht2－S10A，T11V：：hphMX4， dmc1 $\triangle:: L E U 2$ | This study |


| Strains for Figure 2：S．pombe，Standard background |  |  |
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| 2594 | h＋，pat1－114，ade6－3049 | （STEINER |
|  |  | AND <br> SMITH <br> 2005） |
| 2595 | h＋，pat1－114，ade6－3049，rad50－K81I（rad50S） | （YOUNG |
| et al． |  |  |
| 2002） |  |  |
| 2596 | h－，pat1－114，ade6－3049，ura4－DIB，rec12－171：：ura4 ${ }^{+}$ | （DAVIS |
|  |  | AND |
|  |  | SMITH |
| 2003） |  |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ All S．cerevisiae strains are diploid MATa／MATa，ho：$: L Y S 2 /$＇＂，lys2／＂，leu2：：hisG／＂，ura3／＂ （except SKY3166 and SKY3167）and homozygous at all loci unless otherwise noted（KANE AND Roth 1974）．
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Three independent plasmid shuffle transformants．

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O15 SGRGKQGGKac ARAKAKSRSS
O16 SGRGKQGGKARAKac AKSRSS
O17 pS GRGKac Q G GKARAKAKSRSS
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O19 pS GRGKQGGKARAKacAKSRSS
O20 S GRGKac Q G G Kac ARAKAKSRS S
O21 S G R G Kac Q G G K ARA Kac AK SRSS
O22 SGRGKQGGKac ARAKac AKSRSS
O23 pSGRGKacQGGKacARAKAKSRSS
O24 pS GRGKacQGGKARAKacAKSRS S
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P2 S GRGKac Q G G Kac ARAKac AKSRSS
P 3 pS GRGKac Q G G Kac A R A Kac A K S R S S
P4 PDPAKSAPAPKKGSKKAVT
P5 PDPAKac SAPAPKKGSKKAVT
P6 PDPAKSAPAPKKac GSKKAVT
7 PDPAKSAPAPKKGpSKKAVT

| 368 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 369 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 370 | P10 | P D P Kac S A A PKKGpSKKAVT aCC-BY-NC-ND |  | K5ac | S14P |  |  | free |
| 371 | P11 | PDPAKac SAPAPKKGSKackAVT | H2B 1-19 | K5ac | K15ac |  |  | free |
| 372 | P12 | P DPAKSAPAPKKac G pS K K AV T | H2B 1-19 | K12Ac | S14P |  |  | free |
| 373 | P13 | P D P AKSAPAPKKac G S Kack A V T | H2B 1-19 | K12Ac | K15Ac |  |  | free |
| 374 | P14 | P DPAKSAPAPKKGpS KackAVT | H2B 1-19 | S14P | K15Ac |  |  | free |
| 375 | P15 | P D P A Kac S A P A P K Kac G pS K K A V T | H2B 1-19 | K5Ac | K12Ac | S14P |  | free |
| 376 | P16 | P D P A Kac S A P A P K Kac G S Kac K A V T | H2B 1-19 | K5Ac | K12Ac | K15Ac |  | free |
| 377 | P17 | P D P A Kac S A P A P K K G pS Kac K A V T | H2B 1-19 | K5Ac | S14P | K15Ac |  | free |
| 378 | P18 | P D P AKSAPAPK Kac G pS Kac K AV T | H2B 1-19 | K12Ac | S14P | K15Ac |  | free |
| 379 | P19 | P D P A Kac S A P A P K Kac G pS Kac K A V T | H2B 1-19 | K5ac | K12Ac | S14P | K15Ac | free |
| 380 | P20 | Bio A ANWSHPQFEKAA | Biotin, control peptide |  |  |  |  | biotinylated |
| 381 | P21 | EQKLISEEDLA | c-myc tag |  |  |  |  | free |
| 382 | P22 | HAc | neg. contol |  |  |  |  | acetylated |
| 383 | P23 | K Kme1 Kme2 Kme3 Kac R Rme2s R Rme2a R Cit K Kme1 Kac Kme3 R K | background 01 |  |  |  |  | acetylated |
| 384 | P24 | R Rme2s K Kme1 Kac R Rme2a Kme2 K Kme3 R Kme1 Rme2s K Kac R K | background 02 |  |  |  |  | acetylated |

*CelluSpots ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ arrays are manufactured under license by INTAVIS Bioanalytical Instruments AG
Chip 2x duplicate of $\mathbf{3 8 4}$ peptides:



 - $\underline{\underline{D} 1} \underline{\underline{D} 2} \underline{\mathrm{D} 3} \underline{\mathrm{D} 4} \underline{\mathrm{D} 5} \underline{\mathrm{D} 6} \underline{\mathrm{D} 7} \underline{\mathrm{D} 8} \underline{\mathrm{D} 9} \underline{\mathrm{D} 10} \underline{\mathrm{D} 11} \underline{\mathrm{D} 12} \underline{\mathrm{D} 13} \underline{\mathrm{D} 14} \underline{\mathrm{D} 15} \underline{\mathrm{D} 16} \underline{\mathrm{D} 17} \underline{\mathrm{D} 18} \underline{\mathrm{D} 19} \underline{\mathrm{D} 20} \underline{\mathrm{D} 21} \underline{\mathrm{D} 22} \underline{\mathrm{D} 23} \underline{\mathrm{D} 24} \mathbf{O}$


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[^1]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Replacement: Both HHT1 and HHT2 were replaced with wild-type or mutant copies at their endogenous locations. Integration: Stable integration at leu $2:: h i s G$ of a cassette carrying either the H 3 and H 4 gene pair HHT2-HHF2, or all four core histone genes HTA1-HTB1 and HHT2HHF2. Endogenous loci (encoding H3 and H 4 or all four core histones, respectively) were deleted. Plasmid shuffle: Replacement of a URA3 plasmid carrying wild-type HHT2-HHF2 with a $L E U 2$ plasmid carrying either wild-type or mutant versions. The endogenous H 3 and H 4 loci were deleted.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Genotypes are homozygous unless plasmid-based. See Supplemental Table S1 for complete genotypes.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ Three independent $5-\mathrm{FOA}^{\mathrm{R}}$ colonies were isolated for each shuffle plasmid and were dissected separately. The dissections were performed on three separate occasions by two different investigators; all six strains were dissected in parallel in each experiment. A breakdown of results by strain and experiment is provided in Figure 4F. Neither histone H3 genotype nor clone identity was a significant predictor of altered spore viability ( $\mathrm{p} \geq 0.9$, linear regression).

