# The role of structural pleiotropy and regulatory evolution in the retention of heteromers of paralogs

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# Abstract

Many paralogs derive from the duplication of genes encoding homomeric proteins. Such duplication events lead to the formation of homomers and heteromers, thus creating new structures from a single event. We exhaustively characterize this phenomenon using the budding yeast protein-protein interaction network. We observe that paralogs that heteromerize are very frequent and less functionally diverged than those that lost this property, raising the possibility that heteromerization prevents functional divergence. Using *in silico* evolution, we show that for homomers and heteromers that share binding interfaces, mutations on one complex have pleiotropic effects on the other complex, resulting in highly correlated responses to selection. As a result, heteromerization could be preserved indirectly due to selection for the maintenance of homomers. By integrating data on gene expression and protein localization, we find that regulatory evolution could play a role in overcoming these structural pleiotropic effects and in allowing paralog functional divergence.

# Introduction

Proteins assemble into stable and transient molecular complexes that perform and regulate structural, metabolic and signalling functions (Janin et al., 2008; Marsh and Teichmann, 2015; Pandey et al., 2017; Scott and Pawson, 2009; Vidal et al., 2011; Wan et al., 2015). Such physical interactions are necessary for protein function and thus constrain protein sequences. Understanding how genes and thus how cellular systems evolve requires that we consider physical interactions as part of environmental factors that shape a gene's evolutionary trajectory (Landry et al., 2013; Levy et al., 2012). One consequence of these multiple physical interactions is that mutations in a particular gene can have pleiotropic effects through the interaction of its protein product with other proteins. One context in which interaction among proteins and pleiotropy may be particularly important is during the evolution of new genes by gene duplication (Amoutzias et al., 2008; Baker et al., 2013; Diss et al., 2017; Kaltenegger and Ober, 2015). Indeed, the potential for a gene to evolve new functions depends on its molecular environment, which includes the other paralog when the duplicates derive from an ancestral self-interacting protein (Figure 1). In this case, mutations in one paralog could have direct consequences on the function of the other copy because the duplication of a homomeric protein leads to the formation of both homomers (HMs) and heteromers (HETs) (Figure 1) (Pereira-Leal et al., 2007; Wagner, 2003).

Paralogs that derive from ancestral HMs are initially physically associated in HETs. Subsequent evolution can lead to the maintenance or the loss of these HETs. There are several examples of interacting paralogs that maintained the ability to form HET and, as a consequence, they have evolved new functional relationships (Amoutzias et al., 2008; Baker et al., 2013; Kaltenegger and Ober, 2015). Examples include paralogs that degenerate and become a repressor for the other copy (Bridgham et al., 2008), that split the functions of the ancestral HM between one of the HM and the HET (Baker et al., 2013), that become dependent on the other paralog through cross-stabilization (Diss et al., 2017) or that evolve a new function together as a HET (Boncoeur et al., 2012). However, there are other paralogs that have lost the ability to form HET through the evolution of their structural properties. Examples include many tyrosine kinases (Ashenberg et al., 2011) and heat-shock proteins (Hochberg et al., 2018), which form HMs and appear to avoid HET formation.

One important question is therefore what are the evolutionary forces that favor the maintenance or the disruption of HET of paralogs that derive from HMs. Previous work suggests that if a pair of paralogs maintain its ability to form HM, it is very likely to maintain the HET complex as well. For instance, Lukatsky et al. showed that proteins tend to interact with themselves intrinsically and negative selection could be needed to prevent unwanted HMs (Lukatsky et al., 2007). Since nascent paralogs are by definition identical after duplication, they would also have a high propensity to assemble with each other. Hence, the maintenance of HETs could be the default state until specific mutations accumulate (Ashenberg et al., 2011; Hochberg et al., 2018). Here, our hypothesis is that the association of paralogs forming HETs acts as a constraint that may slow paralog functional divergence because it keeps gene products physically associated.

Previous studies have shown that HETs are enriched in eukaryotic protein-protein interaction networks (Lynch, 2012; Pereira-Leal et al., 2007). However the extent to which paralogs interact with each other has not been fully explored in any species. We therefore examine paralog assembly exhaustively in an eukaryotic interactome by collecting data from the literature and by performing large-scale experiments. Second, we examine the cellular and biochemical functional consequences for paralogs that derive from ancestral HM to keep or lose their ability to form HETs. We perform evolution experiments *in silico* to examine whether molecular pleiotropy itself could contribute to maintain interaction among paralogs that derive from ancestral HMs. We show that, when interaction interfaces are shared between HMs and HETs, selection to maintain HMs alone, coupled with the pleiotropic effects of mutations, may prevent the loss of HETs. Finally, we find that regulatory evolution, either at the level of transcription or localization, may relieve this biophysical constraint.

## Results

### Homomers across the proteome and among duplicated genes

We collected information on yeast HMs and HETs from publicly available data (see methods) on 255 pairs of paralogs from small scale duplications (SSDs) and 240 pairs from the whole-genome duplication (WGDs) that we combined to our own experimental data on 155 and 131 pairs respectively. We performed Protein-fragment Complementation Assay experiments (referred to as PCA) to test for pairwise interactions of paralogs with themselves (HM) and with their sister copy (HET). PCA detects direct and near direct interactions while preserving endogenous regulation, which gives insight into the role of transcriptional regulation on the evolution and regulation of protein-protein interactions (PPI) (Barshir et al., 2018; Gagnon-Arsenault et al., 2013; Rochette et al., 2014; Tarassov et al., 2008). In general, PCA signal in our study is strongly correlated with results from previous PCA experiments and other publicly available data (Figure S1). Roughly 77% of the HMs and 83% of the HETs detected by PCA were previously reported (Figure S2, Tables S1 and S2), suggesting that most of the HMs and HETs that can be detected with the tools available (and in standard conditions) have been discovered. While we detected 46 HMs and 14 HETs that were not reported in the data we assembled, 89 HMs and 49 HETs reported in other studies were not detected by PCA (Tables S1 and S2). Combining our new PCA data with previously reported PPIs, we ended up covering a total of 595 pairs of paralogs (315 SSDs and 280 WGDs) (Table S1).

Using this combined dataset, we estimate that about 31% of yeast proteins (paralogs and singletons) form HMs, which compares to previous estimates across species (Lynch, 2012). The proportion of HMs among singletons (n = 629, 25%) is lower than for all duplicates: SSDs (p-value < 2.2e-16, n = 1656, 34%), WGDs (p-value = 5.927e-06, n = 300, 32%) and those duplicated by both WGD and SSD (2D, p-value = 0.037, n = 76, 31%) (Figure 2. A). It is possible that the frequency of HMs is underestimated because some methods cannot detect them or because they are not systematically tested (see methods), for instance because of low expression levels of some proteins (this is also true for HETs, see below). To test for the effect of expression levels, we used integrated protein abundance for the yeast proteome (Wang et al., 2012) and measured mRNA abundance in cells growing in conditions that reflect the ones used in PCA experiments (Table S3 and Table S4). We found that in general, as previously observed (Celaj et al., 2017; Freschi et al., 2013), PCA signal correlates with mRNA and

protein abundances (Spearman r = 0.32, p-value < 2.2e-16 and r = 0.45, p-value < 2.2e-16 respectively). This effect is also found when focusing only on HMs that were previously reported (Spearman r = 0.27, p-value = 2.248e-07 and r = 0.29, p-value < 2.2e-16 respectively). These correlations result in the probability of HM detection to roughly double when mRNA levels change by two orders of magnitude (Figure S3. A). We also find that PCA signal for HMs is generally stronger for the most expressed paralog of a pair, again confirming the effect of expression on our ability to detect HMs and HETs (Figure S3. B). Finally, we find that HMs reported in the literature but not detected by PCA have on average lower expression levels (Figure S3. B-C). We therefore conclude that some HMs (and also HETs) are unknown probably because the protein expression levels are too low.

The overrepresentation of HMs among gene duplicates was initially observed for human paralogs (Pérez-Bercoff et al., 2010). One possibility to explain this observation is that homomeric proteins are more likely to be maintained after duplication (Diss et al., 2017). Another possibility is that proteins forming HMs could be more highly expressed, which would make their detection more likely (as shown above) and which could also increase their long term probably of retention after duplication (Gout et al., 2010; Gout and Lynch, 2015). We observed that indeed, WGDs are more expressed than SSDs and than singletons at both mRNA and protein levels (Figure S4. A-B). However, protein abundance does not explain completely the enrichment of HMs among duplicated proteins and therefore, does not result entirely from reduced detection sensitivity. Both factors, protein abundance and duplication, have significant effects on the probability of proteins to form HMs (generalized linear model, p-values < 2.2e-16 and 2.735e-11 respectively). Similar results are obtained for mRNA abundance. An increased probability of retention for HMs is therefore most likely playing a role in the high-frequency of HMs among paralogs.

**HETs frequently derive from ancestral HMs**
The model presented in Figure 1 assumes that the ancestral protein leading to HET of paralogs formed a HM before duplication. Under the principle of parsimony, we can assume that when at least one paralog form a HM, the ancestral protein was also an HM. This was shown to be true in general by (Diss et al., 2017) who compared yeast WGDs to their orthologs from *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*. To further support this observation, we used PCA to examine HM formation for orthologs from species that diverged prior to the WGD. We looked at the mitochondrial translocon complex and the transaldolase, which both contain HET of paralogs (see methods). We confirm that when one HM was observed in *S. cerevisiae*, at least one ortholog from pre-WGD species also formed a HM (Figure 2. B-C). We also detected interactions between orthologs, suggesting that their ability to interact has been preserved despite the millions of years of evolution that separate these species.

We classified paralog pairs according to whether they show no interaction (NI, 14%), at least one HM but no HET (HM, 46%), only the HET (HET, 9%), or show at least one HM and the HET (HM&HET, 31%) (Figure 2. D-E). The number of interactions detected for these pairs is higher than expected among random pairs of proteins in large-scale screens (1% PPI positive in (Tarassov et al., 2008)) but this is in line with previous observations showing that paralogs frequently interact with each other (Ispolatov et al., 2005).

Overall, most pairs that form HETs also form at least one HM (79%, Figure 2. E). It was observed before that paralogs are enriched in large protein complexes (more than 2 subunits) (Musso et al., 2007; Pereira-Leal et al., 2007) such that the interaction of paralogs in heteromers would largely reflect the retention of homomers in complex with other protein in addition to the paralog pair. We examined if this was the case for HETs in this new dataset. Among the yeast paralogous proteins found in the PDB, 7 out of the 10 HETs are in complexes with more than two distinct subunits and 3 of them are in complexes with only two distinct subunits. However, several of these large complexes are redundant. We examined further this possibility by combining data from three datasets of more than 5535 complexes with more than two distinct subunits. We found that in only 77 of the 188 cases of HET&HM, both paralogs are found in the same complex. Therefore, large complexes are unlikely to account for most of the HETs that derive from ancestral HMs and many could be simple heteromers of paralogs.

We observed that the correlation between HM and HET formation depends of the origin of the duplication (Figure 2. E). WGD paralogs more often tend to form HETs when they also form at least one HM, their show a large proportion of HM&HET motifs. We hypothesize that this could be due, at least partly, to the fact that most SSDs are older than WGDs (Table S1) because sequence divergence with time could lead to the loss of the HET. We indeed find that among SSDs, those that have higher sequence identity are more likely to form HM&HET than HM alone (Figure 2. F). The age effect is also be detectable among the paralogs deriving from the WGD. Recently, Marcet-Houben and Gabaldón (Marcet-Houben and Gabaldón, 2015; Wolfe, 2015) showed that WGDs could have two distinct origins: actual duplication (generating true ohnologs) and hybridization between species (generating homeologs). For pairs for which the ancestral state was potentially HMs, we observe that true ohnologs have a tendency to form HET more frequently than homeologs (Figure 2. E). Because homeologs had already diverged before the hybridization event, they are older than ohnologs, as shown by their lower pairwise sequence identity (Figure S5. A). This observation therefore also supports that younger paralogs that derive from HMs are more likely to form HETs than older ones. We tested for an association between the age of SSDs established using gene phylogenies and their propensity to form HET, but we found no significant association, although the number of pairs per age group is very small (Figure S5. B).

Pairwise amino acid sequence identity could also have a direct effect on the retention of HETs, independently of age. For instance, among WGDs (either within true ohnologs or within homeologs), which all have the same age in each case, HM&HET pairs have higher sequence identity than HM pairs. This is also apparent for pairs of paralogs whose HM or HET structures have been solved by crystallography. We found that indeed, pairwise sequence identity was higher for HM&HET than HM pairs and this, both for the entire proteins and their binding interfaces (Figure S6). Interestingly, the binding interface is relatively more conserved that the rest of the proteins for HM&HET, suggesting a causal link between sequence identity at the interface and assembly of HM&HETs (Figure S6 A-B).

**The interaction between paralogs correlates with their conservation of function**
We compared the functional similarity of HM and HM&HET paralogs to test if the retention of HETs for duplicated HMs correlates with their functional similarity. We tested this prediction

using the similarity of Gene Ontology (GO) terms, known phenotypes of mutants and patterns of genome-wide genetic interactions. We found that HM&HET pairs are more similar in each case than HM pairs for SSDs (Figure 3). We observe the same tendency for WGDs, although some of the comparisons are either marginally significant or non-significant (Figure 3, comparison between true ohnologs and homeologs are in Figure S7).

**Pleiotropy contributes to maintain HETs**
Since molecular interactions between paralogs predate their functional divergence, it is possible that physical association itself contributes to the retention of functional similarity among paralogs. Because of this, any feature of the paralogs that contribute to maintain the HET state could have a strong impact on the fate of new genes that emerge from the duplication of HMs. If we assume that HMs need to self-interact to perform their function, it is expected that natural selection favors the maintenance of self-assembly. A large fraction of HMs and HETs use the same binding interface (Bergendahl and Marsh, 2017). This shared interface could create a correlation between the effects of mutations affecting HMs and HETs, making mutations pleiotropic with respect to the two complexes. Purifying selection on HM interfaces will thus also preserve HET interfaces, preventing the loss of the HET complex.

We tested the correlated selection model using *in silico* evolution of HM and HET protein complexes (Figure 4A). We worked with 6 high-quality structures of HMs from the PDB as determined by previous evaluations of structures considering evolutionary conservation of their quaternary structure as indicative of biological relevance (Dey et al., 2018). We evolved these protein complexes *in silico* by duplicating them and following the binding energies of the two HMs and the HET. We let mutations occur at the binding interface in the absence of selection (neutral model) or in the presence of selection maintaining only one HM or both HMs. In both cases, we apply no selection on binding energy of the HET. In another scenario, we apply selection on the HET but not on the HM to examine if selection maintaining the HET could also favor the maintenance of HMs. Mutations that have deleterious effects on the complex under selection are lost or allowed to fix with exponentially decaying probability depending on the fitness effect (see methods).

We find that, as expected, neutral evolution leads to the destabilization of all complexes (Figure 4B, top row). However, selection to maintain one HM or both HMs significantly slows down the loss of the HET (Figure 4). Interestingly, the HET is being destabilized more slowly than the second HM when only one HM is under selection, which could explain why for some paralog pairs, only one HM and the HET are conserved. The reciprocal situation is also true, i.e. selection on HET stability also significantly decelerates the loss of stability of HMs. By examining the effects of mutations on HMs and HETs, we see that these responses to selection are caused by the correlated effects of mutations (Figure 5) (Pearson's r between 0.65 and 0.9). The majority of mutations (77%) appear to have the same sign of effects on both complexes, either being stabilizing or destabilizing. The remaining fraction (23%) specifically destabilizes either the HETs or HMs and these tend to have small effects, further reducing the likelihood of mutations that would rapidly disrupt a specific complex. Additionally, mutations tend to have greater effects on the binding energy of HMs compared to HETs, presumably because of the presence of the mutation on both chains simultaneously (Figure S8 A-B). Likewise, a higher percentage of double mutants are fixed during the simulations when the

HET is under selection than when it is applied on the two HMs (Figure S9). This effect is more pronounced for mutants having effects with opposite signs on the HMs, which could balance out when applied to chains forming a HET. This particular capability of HETs to accommodate mutations with opposite effects in each of the chains could confer them a higher versatility in sequence space without disrupting interactions.

**Regulatory evolution may break down molecular pleiotropy**

These simulation results show that it is difficult for HMs to not form HET after duplication and that it may require specific mutations for HETs to be specifically destabilized. However, these simulations only consider the evolution of the protein themselves, limiting the loss of interactions to a subset of all mutations that can ultimately affect PPIs. Another role could come from regulatory evolution, either through transcriptional regulation or cell compartment localization such that paralogs are not present at the same time or in the same cell compartment. To test this, we measured the correlation coefficient of expression profiles of paralogs across growth conditions (Ihmels et al., 2004). These expression profiles are more correlated for SSDs forming HM&HET than those forming only HM (Figure 6. A). The tendency is similar for WGDs, but the difference is not statistically significant. These differences are likely due to *cis* regulatory divergence between paralogs because we see similar patterns when considering transcription factor binding sites similarity (Figure 6. B). When we splitted WGDs between true ohnologs and homeologs, although true ohnologs are more co-expressed than homeologs (Figure S10. A), we do not observe differences of co-expression between interaction motif for both WGD origins (Figure S10. B). Because we found above that sequence identity was correlated with the probability of observing HET and that sequence identity can be correlated with the correlation of expression profiles, we tested if these factors had an independent effect on HET formation among paralogs from ancestral HM (HM versus HM&HET pairs). For SSDs, both co-expression and the percentage of identity show significant effects on the formation of HET (glm: p-values = 2.286e-05 and 0.0003 respectively) but for WGDs, only the percentage of identity seems to impact HM&HET formation (glm: p-values = 0.7 and 3.71e-05 respectively, Figure 6. C). Similar results were obtained for both true ohnologs and homeologs (Figure S10. C).

Finally, for both SSDs and WGDs, we find that HET&HM are more similar in terms of cellular compartments (GO) (Figure 6. D) and cellular localization (Figure 6. E) than HM for both SSDs and WGDs. Taking into account the two origins of WGDs (true ohnologs and homeologs), we observe the same significant differences of localisation and the same tendency (but not significant) for the similarity of cellular compartments between HM and HM&HET pairs (Figure S10. D-E). These results support that changes in gene and protein regulation could prevent the interaction between paralogs that derive from ancestral HMs, reducing the role of pleiotropy in maintaining their associations.

# Discussion

Upon duplication, the properties of proteins are inherited from their ancestor. These features may affect how paralogs subsequently evolve. We examined the extent to which physical interactions between paralogs is preserved after the duplication of HMs. Using reported PPI

data, crystal structure from yeast and PCA experiments, we found that paralogs originating from ancestral HMs are more likely to functionally diverge if they do not interact with each other. We propose that non-adaptive mechanisms could play a role in the retention of physical interactions and in turn, impact their divergence. Using a model of *in silico* evolution of PPIs, we found that molecular pleiotropic effects of mutations on binding interfaces can constrain the maintenance of HET complexes even if they are not under selection. We hypothesize that this neutral force could play a role in slowing down the divergence of paralogs but that it could be counteracted by regulatory evolution.

The proportions of HMs and HETs among yeast paralogs were first studied more than 15 years ago (Wagner, 2003). It was suggested that most paralogs forming HET do not have the ability to form HMs and thus evolution of new interactions was rapid. Since then, many PPI experiments have been performed (Chatr-Aryamontri et al., 2017; Kim et al., 2019; Stark et al., 2006; Stynen et al., 2018) and the resulting global picture is different. Combining reported PPI data, PDB structures and PCA experiment, we found that most of the paralogs forming HET also form HMs, suggesting that interactions between paralogs are inherited rather than gained *de novo.* This idea is supported by models that predict interaction losses to be much more likely than interaction gains (Gibson et al., 2009; Presser et al., 2008). It is also in line with models proposing that proteins are more likely to form HMs than to interact with other proteins because the probability of two protein interfaces to have a self-matching pattern is higher when considering a protein interacting with itself (Lukatsky et al., 2007; Monod et al., 1965). It follows that the HM&HET state can be more readily achieved by the duplication of an ancestral HM and the subsequent loss of one of the two HMs than by the duplication of a monomeric protein followed by the gain of the HET and HM. For some pairs of *S. cerevisiae* ohnologs presenting both HM and HET, we also detected HM formation of their orthologs from pre-WGD species, supporting the model by which these properties are inherited from the duplication. Thus, to lose HET complexes, interacting paralogs would have to diverge in sequence or by other mechanisms. This expectation is confirmed by our results showing that interacting paralogs have a higher sequence identity both at the full sequence and at the binding interface level than paralogs that do not interact.

We observed an enrichment of HMs among duplicated proteins compared to singletons. This observation was already reported for various interactomes (Ispolatov et al., 2005; Pereira-Leal et al., 2007; Pérez-Bercoff et al., 2010; Yang et al., 2003). Also, analyses of PPIs from large-scale experiments have shown that interactions among paralogous proteins are more common than expected by chance alone (Ispolatov et al., 2005; Musso et al., 2007; Pereira-Leal et al., 2007). Several adaptive hypotheses have been put forward to explain these over-representations. Altogether, these hypotheses imply that the retention of paralogs after duplication is more likely for HM proteins due to the enhanced probability of gain of functions. For example, symmetrical HM proteins could have key advantages over monomeric ones for protein stability and regulation (André et al., 2008; Bergendahl and Marsh, 2017). Levy and Teichmann (Levy and Teichmann, 2013) suggested that the duplication of HM proteins serves as a seed for the growth of protein complexes that allow their diversification by creating asymmetry in the complexes and the recruitment of other proteins, leading to their specialization. It is also possible that the presence of HET itself offers a rapid way to evolve new functions. For instance, Bridgham *et al.* (Bridgham et al., 2008) showed that degenerative

mutations in one copy of an heterodimeric transcription factor can switch its role to becoming a repressor. Regulatory mechanisms could therefore rapidly evolve this way (De Smet et al., 2013; Kaltenegger and Ober, 2015). Finally, Natan *et al.* (Natan et al., 2018) showed that cotranslational folding can cause a problem for homomeric proteins because of premature assembly, particularly for proteins with interfaces closer to their N-terminus. The replacement of these HMs by HETs could solve this problem by separating the translation of the proteins to be assembled on two distinct mRNAs.

Non-adaptive mechanisms could also be at play to maintain HETs. Diss *et al.* (Diss et al., 2017) recently showed that in the absence of their paralog, some proteins lose their capacity to interact with other proteins and are unstable. This pattern appears to be enriched among paralogs forming HET, suggesting that the individual proteins depend on each other due to their physical interactions. Similar observations by (DeLuna et al., 2010) showed that the deletion of paralogs was sometimes associated with the degradation of their sister copy and that this phenomenon appeared to be linked with HET formation. These observations led to the proposal that paralogs could accumulate complementary degenerative mutations at the structural level after the duplication of a HM (Diss et al., 2017; Kaltenegger and Ober, 2015). This scenario would lead to the maintenance of the HET because destabilizing mutations in one chain can be compensated by stabilizing mutations in the other, keeping binding energy near the optimum. These compensatory effects cannot happen for HMs because their chains are identical. Our simulations results are consistent with this model where some pairs of mutations in the two chains of the HET can compensate each other because they have different signs on binding energy. On the long term, the accumulation of these mutations could maintain the HET as the only functional unit capable of performing the ancestral function. However, our data suggest that most (89%) of dependent paralogs that form HET in (Diss et al., 2017) also form at least one HM, suggesting that the loss of HMs is not required for this dependency. Further protein biology work will be needed to fully determine the likelihood of this scenario and in which conditions it could take place.

Our simulated evolution of the duplication of HMs  lead to the proposal of a simple mechanism of maintenance of HET that does not require adaptive mechanisms. A large fraction of HMs and HETs use the same binding interface (Bergendahl and Marsh, 2017) and as a consequence, purifying selection on HM interfaces will also preserve HET interfaces. Our results show that mutations have correlated effects on HET and HM, which slows down the development of specific complexation. Although mutations with specific destabilization effects are available, their small magnitude would not suffice to alter greatly the balance of complexes.

We observed that WGDs present proportionally more HM&HET motifs than SSDs. We propose that this is due at least partly to the age of paralogs. This proposal was based on the fact that SSDs in yeast are in general older than WGDs and that even among WGDs, homeologs show less frequent HET&HM than HMs compare to true ohnologs. However, the mode of duplication itself could also have an effect. For instance, upon WGD, all subunits of complexes are duplicated at the same time, which can lead to differential rates of gene retention across functional categories. Consistent with this, previous studies have found that WGDs are enriched in proteins that are subunits of protein complexes when compared with SSDs (Hakes et al., 2007; Papp et al., 2003). A possible explanation for this trend is that while the duplication

of a single subunit of a complex may be deleterious by perturbing stoichiometry, duplication of all subunits at once may not cause such disadvantage since balance is preserved (Birchler and Veitia, 2012; Rice and McLysaght, 2017). Another possibility is that WGDs are maintained due to their dosage effects, which results in selection for the maintenance of their protein function (Gout and Lynch, 2015; Thompson et al., 2016) and at the same time favors the maintenance of HET complexes.

We observed a significant fraction of paralogs forming only HMs but not HET, including some cases of recent duplicates, indicating the forces that maintain HETs can be overcome. Duplicate genes in yeast and other model systems often diverge quickly in terms of transcriptional regulation (Li et al., 2005; Thompson et al., 2013) due to *cis* regulatory mutations (Dong et al., 2011). Because transcriptional divergence of paralogs can directly change PPI profiles (Gagnon-Arsenault et al., 2013), it would be able to rapidly change a motif from HM&HET to HM. Indeed, Gagnon-Arsenault *et al.* (Gagnon-Arsenault et al., 2013) showed that switching the coding sequences between paralogs was sometimes sufficient to change their PPI specificity with other proteins in living cells. Protein localization can also be an important factor affecting the ability of proteins to interact (Rochette et al., 2014). We found here that paralogs that derive from HMs that have lost their ability to form HETs are less co-regulated and co-localized, suggesting regulatory evolution could play a role in relieving duplicated homomeric proteins from the correlated effects of mutations affecting shared protein interfaces. Although we did not explore this possibility, it is likely that many pairs of paralogs do not suffer from these direct pleiotropic effects. For instance, it is possible that paralogs could gain or lose interaction domains (Nasir et al., 2014), which could potentially bypass the constraints imposed by homologous interaction interfaces. For instance, we did observe three structures (1ZY4, 1YGH, 1M4Z) in the PDB that contained a homomerizing domain that is present in only one of the paralogs.

Overall, our analyses show that the duplication of self-interacting proteins may create conditions that affect the evolution of paralogs in ways that are not expected for the duplication of monomeric ones. Further analyses of structural data as well as transcriptional and localization data will allow to disentangle the causal or correlated role of these individual mechanisms in the evolution of PPIs and the functional evolution of paralogs.

# Material and Methods

## 1. Characterization of paralogs in *S. cerevisiae* genome
## 1.1 Classification of paralogs by mechanism of duplication
We classified duplicated genes in three categories according to their mechanism of duplication: small-scale duplication, SSD; whole-genome duplication, WGD (Byrne and Wolfe, 2005); and double duplication, 2D (SSD and WGD). We removed WGDs from the paralogs defined in (Guan et al., 2007) to generate the list of SSDs. If one of the two paralogs of a SSD pair is associated to another paralog in a WGD pair, this paralog was considered as 2D (Tables S5). We used data from (Marcet-Houben and Gabaldón, 2015) to identify WGDs that likely originated from allopolyploidization (homeologs) and true ohnologs.

## 1.2 Sequence similarity
The amino-acid sequences of each pair of proteins were obtained from SGD (orf protein of S288C strain version 2007-03-01) and their pairwise identity were computed using the *pairwise Alignment* function from the R Biostrings package (Pagès et al., 2018). The percentage of identity was estimated using the *pid* function from the same package.

## 1.3 Age of duplication
We estimated the age of SSDs using gene phylogenies. If duplication of gene A led to two paralogs A1/A2 before the speciation event separating two species, orthologs A1 are expected to be more similar than paralogs A1/A2 (Li et al., 2003). Based on this principle, we estimated the age of the SSDs using gene phylogenies extracted from PhylomeDB (Huerta-Cepas et al., 2008) and imported in the R Tidytree package (Yu, 2019; Yu et al., 2018, 2017). For a gene A1, the common node between A1 and its paralog A2 was identified and the next more recent node leading to A1 was retained. Among the descending clades of the retained node, the more distant species from *S. cerevisiae* was selected and an age group was defined following a species tree (see Figures S11 and S12, Tables S6 and S1). If the two paralogs were not found in the same tree, the node assigned was the oldest for each tree. If the gene phylogeny of paralog A1 did not give the same age group as paralog A2, it is potentially because one paralog disappeared in the more distant clade; therefore, the oldest one was retained. The age group assignment was then validated by checking if, for at least one species of this group, the ortholog gene had at least two paralogs. If it was not the case, the age group assignment was decreased by one and retested until a species was found with at least two paralogs within the group. This custom method was tested for WGDs that occured in the common ancestor of post-WGD species or pre-KLE (*Kluyveromyces*, *Lachancea*, and *Eremothecium*) branch defined by the age groups number 1 and 2 respectively (Figure S11). The error rate was estimated to be of less than 1%.

## 1.4 Function, transcription factor binding sites, localization and protein complexes
We obtained GO terms (GO slim) from Saccharomyces Genome Database (SGD) (Cherry et al., 2012) in September 2018. We removed terms corresponding to missing data and created a list of annotations for each gene. These lists were compared to measure the extent of similarity between two members of a pair. We calculated the similarity of molecular function, cellular

component and biological process taking the number of GO terms in common divided by the total number of unique GO terms of the two paralogs combined (intersection over union). We also compared the same way the transcription factor binding sites using YEASTRACT data (Teixeira et al., 2018, 2006), cellular localizations extracted from YeastGFP (Huh et al., 2003), and set of phenotypes associated with the deletion of the paralogs (data from SGD in September 2018). We kept only information with specific phenotypes (a feature observed and a direction of change relative to wild type). We compared the pairwise correlation of genetic interaction profiles using the genetic interaction profile similarity (measured by Pearson's correlation coefficient) of non-essential genes available in TheCellMap (version of March 2016) (Usaj et al., 2017). We used the median correlation if more than one value was available for a given pair. Data on protein complexes derived from the Complex Portal (Meldal et al., 2015), the CYC2008 catalogue (Pu et al., 2009, 2007) and Benschop *et al.*, (Benschop et al., 2010).

## 2. HMs and HETs from the literature and databases

We used HM and HET reported in BioGRID version BIOGRID-3.5.166 (Chatr-Aryamontri et al., 2017, 2013). We selected physical interactions by using data derived from the following detection methods: Affinity Capture-MS, Affinity Capture-Western, Reconstituted Complex, Two-hybrid, Biochemical Activity, Co-crystal Structure, Far Western, FRET, Protein-peptide, PCA and Affinity Capture-Luminescence. It is possible that some HMs or HETs are absent from the database because they have been tested but not detected. This negative information is not reported. We therefore attempted to discriminate non-tested interactions from negative interactions the following way. We obtained the list of Pubmed IDs from studies in which at least one HM is reported to identify those using methods that can detect HMs. We then examined every study individually to examine if a given HM was reported and inferred that the HM existed if reported (coded 1). If it was absent but other HMs were reported and that we confirmed the presence of the protein as a bait and a prey, we considered the HM absent (coded 0). If the protein was not present in both baits and preys, we considered the HM as not tested (coded NA). We proceeded in the same way for HET of paralogs. If the HM was detected in the Protein Data Bank Data (Berman et al., 2000), we inferred that it was present (coded 1). If the HM was not detected but the monomer was reported, it likely that there no HM for this protein and it was thus considered non-HM (coded 0). If there was no monomer and no HM, the data was considered as missing (coded NA). We proceeded the same way for HETs. Data on genome-wide HM screens were obtained from (Kim et al., 2019; Stynen et al., 2018). The two methods relied on Protein-fragment complementation assays, the first one using the dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) enzyme and the second Yellow Fluorescent Protein as reporter (also known as BiFC). We discarded results from protein estimated as problematic by (Rochette et al., 2014; Tarassov et al., 2008) from (Stynen et al., 2018) and false positive identified by (Kim et al., 2019) from their results. These were considered as missing data from these studies. We examined all proteins tested and considered them as HM if they were reported as positive (coded 1) and considered non-HM if tested but not reported as positive (coded 0).

## 3. Experimental Protein-fragment complementation assay (PCA)

We performed a screen using Protein-fragment complementation assay (PCA) based on DHFR (Tarassov et al., 2008) following standard procedures (Rochette et al., 2014; Tarassov et al., 2008)

### 3.1 DHFR PCA strains

We identified 453 pairs of WGD and 188 pairs of SSD that were present in the DHFR PCA collection (Rochette et al., 2014; Tarassov et al., 2008) and another set of 143 strains constructed by (Diss et al., 2017). We retrieved strains from the Yeast Protein Interactome Collection (Tarassov et al., 2008). We tested their growth on YPD supplemented with nourseothricin (NAT) for DHFR F[1,2] strains and hygromycin B (HygB) for DHFR F[3] strains. . We confirmed the presence of the DHFR fragments at the correct location by colony PCR using specific forward Oligo-C targeting a few hundred base pairs upstream of the fusion and the reverse complement oligonucleotide ADH-term (Table S7). Cells from colonies were lysed in 40 µL of 20 mM NaOH for 20 min at 95°C. Tubes were centrifuged for 5 min at 4000 rpm and 2.5 µL of supernatant was added to a PCR mix composed of 16.85 µL of DNAse free water, 2.5 µL of 10X buffer (Bioshop, Burlington, Canada), 1.5 µL of 25 mM MgCl2, 0.5 µL of 10 mM dNTP (BIO BASIC, Markham, Canada ), 0.15 µL of 5 U/µL Taq DNA polymerase (BioShop, Burlington, Canada), 0.5 µL of 10 µM Oligo-C and 0.5 µL 10 µM ADH-term. The initial denaturation was performed for 5 min at 95°C and was followed by 35 cycles of 30 sec of denaturation at 94°C, 30 sec of annealing at 55°C, 1 min of extension at 72°C and 3 min of a final extension at 72°C. We confirmed 1769 of the 1904 strains from the DHFR collection and 117 strains out of the 143 from (Diss et al., 2017) (Table S5, and Table S7)

The missing or non-validated strains were constructed *de novo* using the standard DHFR strain construction protocol (Michnick et al., 2016; Rochette et al., 2015). The DHFR fragments and associated resistance cassettes were amplified from plasmids pAG25-linker-DHFR-F[1,2]-ADHterm (marked with nourseothricin N-acetyl-transferase) and pAG32-linker-DHFR-F[3]-ADHterm (marked with hygromycin B phosphotransferase) (Tarassov et al., 2008) using oligonucleotides defined in (Table S7). PCR mix was composed of 16.45 µL of DNAse free water, 1 µL plasmid at 10 ng/µL, 5 µL of 5X Kapa Buffer, 0.75 µL of dNTPs at 10 mM, 0.3 µL of Kapa HiFi HotStart DNA polymerase at 1 U/µL and 0.75 µL of both forward and reverse oligos at 10 µM. The initial denaturation was performed for 5 min at 95°C and was followed by 32 cycles of 20 sec of denaturation at 98°C, 15 sec of annealing at 64.4°C, 2.5 min of extension at 72°C and 5 min of a final extension at 72°C.

We performed strain construction in BY4741 (MAT**a** *his3Δ leu2Δ met15Δ ura3Δ*) and BY4742 (MATα *his3Δ leu2Δ lys2Δ ura3Δ*) competent cells prepared as in (Gagnon-Arsenault et al., 2013) for the DHFR F[1,2] and DHFR F[3] fusions respectively.. Competent cells (20 µL) were combined with 8 µL of PCR product (~0.5-1 µg/µL) and 100µL of Plate Mixture (PEG3350 40%, 100 mM of Li OAc, 10 mM of Tris-Cl and 1 mM of EDTA). The mixture was vortexed and incubated at room temperature without agitation for 30 min. Heat shock was then performed after adding 15 µL of DMSO and mixing thoroughly by incubating in a water bath at 42°C for 15-20 min. Following the heat shock, cells were spun down at 400g for 3 min. Supernatant was removed by aspiration and cell pellets were resuspended in 100 µL of YPD (1% yeast extract, 2% tryptone, 2% glucose). Cells were allowed to recover from heat shock for 4 hours at 30°C before being plated on YPD plates (YPD with 2% agar) with 100 µg/mL of nourseothricin (NAT) for DHFR F[1,2] strains or with 250 µg/mL of hygromycin B (HygB) for DHFR F[3] strains. Transformations were incubated at 30°C for 3 days (Table S8). The correct integration of DHFR fragments was confirmed by colony PCR as described above. At the end, we were able to reconstruct and validate 152 new strains (Table S5). From all available strains, we selected pairs of paralogs for which we have both proteins tagged with both DHFR fragments (four

differents strains per pairs). This resulted in 1268 strains corresponding to 317 pairs of paralogs(Table S5). We next discarded pairs considered as forming false positives by (Tarassov et al., 2008), which resulted in 286 pairs.

## 3.2 Construction of DHFR plasmids for orthologous genes

For the plasmid-based PCA, Gateway cloning-compatible destination plasmids pDEST-DHFR F[1,2] (TRP1 and LEU2) and pDEST-DHFR F[3] (TRP1 and LEU2) were constructed based on the CEN/ARS low-copy yeast two-hybrid (Y2H) destination plasmids pDEST-AD (TRP1) and pDEST-DB (LEU2) (Rual et al., 2005). A DNA fragment having I-CeuI restriction site was amplified using DEY001 and DEY002 primers (Table S7) without template and another fragment having PI-PspI/I-SceI restriction site was amplified using DEY003 and DEY004 primers (Table S7) without template. pDEST-AD and pDEST-DB plasmids were each digested by PacI and SacI and mixed with the I-CeuI fragment (destined to the PacI locus) and PI-PspI/I-SceI fragment (destined to the SacI locus) for Gibson DNA assembly (Gibson et al., 2009) to generate pDN0501 (TRP1) and pDN0502 (LEU2). Four DNA fragments were then prepared to construct the pDEST-DHFR F[1,2] vectors: (i) a fragment containing ADH1 promoter; (ii) a fragment containing Gateway destination site; (iii) a DHFR F[1,2] fragment; and (iv) a backbone plasmid fragment. The ADH1 promoter fragment was amplified from pDN0501 using DEY005 and DEY006 primers (Table S7) and the Gateway destination site fragment was amplified from pDN0501 using DEY007 and DEY008 primers (Table S7). The DHFR-F[1,2] fragment was amplified from pAG25-linker-DHFR-F[1,2]-ADHterm (Tarassov et al., 2008) using DEY009 and DEY010 primers (Table S7). The backbone fragment was prepared by restriction digestion of pDN0501 or pDN0502 using I-CeuI and PI-PspI and purified by size-selection. The four fragments were assembled by Gibson DNA assembly where each fragment pair was overlapping with more than 30 bp, producing pHMA1001 (TRP1) or pHMA1003 (LEU2). The PstI–SacI region of the plasmids was finally replaced with a DNA fragment containing an amino acid flexible polypeptide linker (GGGGS) prepared by PstI/SacI double digestion of a synthetic DNA fragment DEY011 to produce pDEST-DHFR F[1,2] (TRP1) and pDEST-DHFR F[1,2] (LEU2). The DHFR F[3] fragment was then amplified from pAG32-linker-DHFR-F[3]-ADHterm with DEY012 and DEY013 primers (Table S7), digested by SpeI and PI-PspI, and used to replace the SpeI–PI-PspI region of the pDEST-DHFR F[1,2] plasmids, producing pDEST-DHFR F[3] (TRP1) and pDEST-DHFR F[3] (LEU2) plasmids. In this study, we used pDEST-DHFR F[1,2] (TRP1) and pDEST-DHFR F[3] (LEU2) for the plasmid-based DHFR PCA. After Gateway LR cloning of Entry Clones to these destination plasmids, the expression plasmids encode protein fused to the DHFR fragments via an NPAFLYKVVGGGSTS linker.

We obtained the orthologous gene sequences of *Lachancea kluyveri* and *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii* from the Yeast Gene Order Browser (YGOB) (Byrne and Wolfe, 2005). Each ORF was amplified using oligonucleotides listed in Table S7. We used 300 ng of purified PCR product to set a BPII recombination reactions (5 µL) into the Gateway Entry Vector pDONR201 (150 ng) according to the manufacturer's instructions (Invitrogen #11789-020, Carlsbad, USA). BPII reaction mix wa incubated overnight at 25°C. The reaction was inactivated with proteinase K. The whole reaction was used to transform MC1061 competent *E. coli* cells (Invitrogen #C663-03, Carlsbad, USA), followed by selection on solid 2YT media (1% Yeast extract, 1.6% Tryptone, 0.2% Glucose, 0.5% NaCl and 2% Agar) with 50 mg/L of kanamycin (BioShop

#KAN201.10, Burlington, Canada) at 37°C. Positive clones were detected by PCR using an ORF specific oligonucleotide and a general pDONR201 primer (Table S7). We then extracted the positive clone using minipreps for downstream application.

LRII reaction were performed by mixing 150 ng of the Entry Clone and 150 ng of expression plasmids (pDEST-DHFR F[1,2]-TRP1 or pDEST-DHFR F[3]-LEU2) according to manufacturer's instructions (Invitrogen #11791019, Carlsbad, USA). The reactions were incubated overnight at 25°C and inactivated with proteinase K. We used the whole reaction to transform MC1061 competent *E. coli* cells, followed by selection on solid 2YT media supplemented with 100 mg/L ampicillin (BioShop #AMP201.25, Burlington, Canada) and incubated at 37°C. Positive clones were confirmed by PCR using the ORF specific primer and a plasmid universal primer. The sequence-verified expression plasmids bearing the orthologous fusions with DHFR F[1,2] and DHFR F[3] fragments were used to transform the yeast strains YY3094 (MATa *leu2-3,112 trp1-901 his3-200 ura3-52 gal4Δ gal80Δ LYS2::P$_{GAL1}$-HIS3 MET2::P$_{GAL7}$-lacZ cyh2$^{R}$ can1Δ::P$_{CMV}$-rtTA-KanMX4*) and YY3095 (MATα *leu2-3,112 trp1-901 his3-200 ura3-52 gal4Δ gal80Δ LYS2::P$_{GAL1}$-HIS3 MET2::P$_{GAL7}$-lacZ cyh2$^{R}$ can1Δ::T$_{ADH1}$-P$_{tetO2}$-Cre-T$_{CYC1}$-KanMX4*), respectively. The strains YY3094 and YY3095 were generated from BFG-Y2H toolkit strains RY1010 and RY1030 (Yachie et al., 2016), respectively, by restoring their wild type *ADE2* genes. The *ADE2* gene was restored by homologous recombination of the wild type sequence cassette amplified from the laboratory strain BY4741 using primers DEY014 and DEY015 (Table S7); SC–Ade plates were used to screen successful transformants.

### 3.3 DHFR PCA experiments

Three DHFR PCA experiments were performed, hereafter referred to as PCA1, PCA2 and PCA3. The configuration of strains on plates and screening was performed using robotically manipulated pin tools (BM5-SC1, S&P Robotics Inc., Toronto, Canada (Rochette et al., 2015)). We first organized haploid strains in 384 colony arrays containing a border of control strains using a cherry-picking 96-pin tool (Figure S13). We constructed four haploid arrays corresponding to paralog 1 and 2 (P1 and P2) and mating type: MAT**a** P1-DHFR F[1,2]; MAT**a** P2-DHFR F[1,2] (on NAT media, Table S8); MATα P1-DHFR F[3] ; MATα P2-DHFR F[3] (on HygB media, Table S8). Border control strains known to show interaction by PCA (MAT**a** *LSM8*-DHFR F[1-2] and MATα *CDC39*-DHFR F[3]) were incorporated respectively in all MAT**a** DHFR F[1,2] and MATα DHFR F[3] plates in the first and last columns and rows. The strains were organized as described in Figure S13. The two haploid P1 and P2 384 plates of the same mating type were condensated into a 1536 colony array using the 384-pintool. The two 1536 arrays (one bait, one prey) were crossed on YPD to systematically test bait-P1-prey-P1, bait-P1-prey-P2, bait-P2-prey-P1 and bait-P2-prey-P2 interactions in adjacent positions. We performed two (for PCA2 and PCA3) or four (for PCA1) rounds of diploid selection (S1 to S4) by replicating the YPD plates onto YPD containing both NAT+HygB and growing for 48 hours. The resulting 1536 diploid plates were replicated twice on DMSO control plates (for PCA1 and 2) and on the selective MTX media (for all runs) (Table S8). Five 1536 PCA plates (PCA1-plate1, PCA1-plate2, PCA2, PCA3-plate1 and PCA3-plate2) were generated this way. We tested the interactions between 286 pairs in five to twenty replicates each (Table S1) .

We also used the robotic platform to generate threebait and three prey 1536 arrays for the DHFR PCA assays on plasmids, testing each pairwise interaction at least four times. We mated all the preys and bait strains on YPD media at room temperature for 24 hours. We performed two successive steps of diploid selection (SC -leu -trp -ade, Table S8) followed by two steps in MTX media (SC -leu -trp -ade MTX, Table S8). We incubated the diploid selection plates and the first MTX plates at 30°C for 48 hours.

### 3.4 Analysis of DHFR PCA assays
### 3.4.1 Image analysis and colony size quantification
All images were analysed the same way, including images from (Stynen et al., 2018). Images of plates were taken with a EOS Rebel T5i camera (Canon, Tokyo, Japan) every two hours during the entire course of the experiment. Incubation and imaging was performed in a spImager custom platform (S&P Robotics Inc, Toronto, Canada). We kept images after 2 days of growth for diploid selection plates (S2 and S4) and after 4 days of growth for DMSO and MTX plates. Images were analysed using *gitter* (R package version 1.1.1 (Wagih and Parts, 2014) to quantify colony sizes defining a square around the colony center and measuring the foreground pixel intensity minus the background pixel intensity.

### 3.4.2 Data filtering
For the images from (Stynen et al., 2018), we filtered data based on the diploid selection plates. Colonies smaller than 200 were considered as missing data rather than as non interacting strains. For PCA1, 2 and 3, colonies flagged as irregular by gitter (as S (colony spill or edge interference) or S, C (low colony circularity) flags), that did not grow on the last diploid selection step (S2 or S4) or DMSO media (smaller than quantile 25 minus the interquartile range) were considered as missing data. We considered only bait-prey pairs with at least 4 replicates and used median of colony sizes as PCA signal. The data was finally filtered based on the completeness of paralogous pairs so we could test HMs and HETs systematically. Median colony sizes were $\log_2$ transformed after adding a value of 1 to all data to obtain PCA scores. The result of (Stynen et al., 2018) and PCA1,2 and 3 were strongly correlated, with an overall pearson correlation of 0.578 (p.value < 2.2e-16) (Figure S2. B and C).

### 3.4.3 Detection of protein-protein interactions
The distribution of PCA score was modeled per duplication type (SSDs and WGDs) and per interaction tested (HM or HET) as in (Diss et al., 2017) with the NormalmixEM function available in the R mixtools package (Benaglia et al., 2009). The background signal on MTX was used as a null distribution to which interactions were compared. PCA scores were converted to z-scores using the mean ($\mu_b$) and standard deviation ($sd_b$) of the background distribution ($Z_s = (PCA_s - \mu_b)/sd_b$)). PPI were considered as detected if the bait-prey pair $Z_s$ was larger than 2.5 (Figure S14) (Chrétien et al., 2018).

We observed 38 cases in which only one of the two possible HET interaction was detected (P1-DHFR F[1,2] x P2-DHFR F[3] or P2-DHFR F[1,2] x P1-DHFR F[3]). It is typical for PCA assays to detect interactions in one orientation or the other (See (Tarassov et al., 2008)). However, this could also be caused by one of the four strains having an abnormal fusion sequence. We verify by PCR and sequenced the fusion sequences to make sure this was not the case. The correct strains were conserved and the other ones were re-constructed and

retested. Finally, only 14 cases of unidirectional HET were observed in our final results. For all other 69 cases, both were detected.

### 3.4.4 Dataset integration
The PCA data was integrated with other data as described above. The overlaps among the different datasets and PCA are shown in Figure S3.

## 4. Gene expression in MTX conditions
### 4.1 Cell cultures for RNAseq
We used the diploid strain used for the border controls in the PCA (MAT**a**/α *LSM8*-DHFR F[1,2]/*LSM8 CDC39*/*CDC39*-DHFR F[3]) to measure expression profile in MTX conditions. Three overnight pre-cultures were grown separately in 5 ml of YPD+NAT+HygB (Table S8) at 30°C with shaking at 250 rpm. A second set of pre-cultures were grown starting from a dilution of $OD_{600}$ = 0.01 in 50 ml in the same condition to $OD_{600}$ of 0.08 to 0.1. Final cultures were started at $OD_{600}$ = 0.03 in 250 ml in two different synthetic media supplemented with MTX or DMSO as control (Table S8) at 30°C with shaking at 250 rpm. These cultures were transferred to 5 x 50 ml tubes when they reached $OD_{600}$ of 0.6 to 0.7 and centrifuged at 1008 RCF at 4°C for 1 min. The supernatant was discarded and cell pellets were frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C until processing. RNA extractions were performed as described previously (Eberlein et al., 2019). The Quantseq 3' mRNA kit (Lexogen, Vienna, Austria) was used for library preparation (Moll et al., 2014). We followed the manufacturer's protocol and we adapted the PCR cycles number to 16 for library amplification. The six libraries were pooled and sequenced on one Ion Torrent chip for a total of 7,784,644 reads on average per library. Barcodes associated to the samples of this study were reported in Table S3.

### 4.2 RNAseq analysis
Read quality statistics were retrieved from the program FastQC (Andrews, 2010). Reads were cleaned using cutadapt (Martin, 2011). We removed the first 12 bp, trimmed the poly-A tail from the 3' end, trimmed low-quality ends using a cutoff of 15 (phred quality + 33) and discarded reads shorter than 30 pb. The number of reads before and after cleaning can be found in Table S3. Raw sequences can be downloaded under the NCBI BioProject ID PRJNA480398. Cleaned reads were aligned on the reference genome of S288C from SGD (S288C_reference_genome_R64-2-1_20150113.fsa version) using bwa (Li and Durbin, 2009). Because we used a 3'mRNA-Seq Library, reads mapped largely to 3'UTRs. We increased the window of genes annotated in the SGD annotation (saccharomyces_cerevisiae_R64-2-1_20150113.gff version) using the UTR annotation from (Nagalakshmi et al., 2008). Based on this genes-utr annotation as reference, the number of mapped reads per genes was estimated using htseq-count of the Python package HTSeq (Anders et al., 2015) and reported in Table S3.

### 4.3 Correlation of gene expression profiles
The correlation of expression profiles paralogs was calculated from the large-scale expression data of *S. cerevisiae* (Ihmels et al., 2004) over 1000 mRNA expression profiles from different conditions and different cell cycle phases.

### 5. Structural analyses
### 5.1 Sequence conservation in interfaces of yeast complexes
### 5.1.1 Identification of crystal structures
The reference proteome of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* assembly R64 was downloaded on April 16th, 2018 from the Ensembl database at (http://useast.ensembl.org/info/data/ftp/index.html) (Zerbino et al., 2018). The sequences of paralogs classified as SSD or WGD (Byrne and Wolfe, 2005; Guan et al., 2007) were searched using BLASTP (version 2.6.0+) (Camacho et al., 2009) to all the protein chains contained in the Protein Data Bank (PDB) that were downloaded on September 21st, 2017 (Berman et al., 2000). Due to the high sequence identity of some paralogs (up to 95%), their structures were assigned as protein chains from the PDB that had a 100% sequence identity and an E-value lower than 0.000001.

### 5.1.2 Identification of interfaces
Positions involved in protein interaction interfaces were defined based on the distance of residues to the other chain (Tsai et al., 1996). Contacting residues are defined as those whose two closest non-hydrogen atoms are separated by a distance smaller than the sum of their van der Waals radii plus 0.5 Å.. Nearby residues are those whose alpha carbons are located at a distance smaller than 6 Å from the alpha carbon of a contacting residue. All distances were measured using the Biopython library (version 1.70).

### 5.1.3  Sequence conservation within interfaces
The dataset of PDB files was then filtered to include only the crystallographic structures with the highest resolution available for each complex involving direct contacts between subunits of the paralogs. Full-length protein sequences from the reference proteome were then aligned to their matching chains from the PDB with MUSCLE version 3.8.31 (Edgar, 2004) to assign the structural data to the residues in the full-length chain. These full-length chains were then aligned to their paralogs with MUSCLE version 3.8.31 and sequence identity was calculated within the rim and core regions of the interface. PDB identifiers for structures included in this analysis are shown in Table S9. Pairs of paralogs for which the crystallized domain was only present in one of the proteins were not considered for this analysis.

### 5.2 Simulations of coevolution of protein complexes
### 5.2.1 Mutation sampling during evolution of protein interfaces
Simulations were carried out with high quality crystal structures of homodimeric proteins from PDB (Berman et al., 2000). Four of them (PDB: 1M38, 2JKY, 3D8X, 4FGW) were taken from the above dataset of structures that matched yeast paralogs and two others from the same tier of high quality structures (PDB: 1A82, 2O1V). The simulations model the duplication of the gene encoding the homodimer, giving rise to separate copies that can accumulate different mutations, leading to HMs and HETs as in Figure 1.

Mutations were introduced using a transition matrix whose substitution probabilities consider the codon code and allow only substitutions that would require a single base change in the underlying codons (Thorvaldsen, 2016). Due to the degenerate nature of the genetic code, the model also allows synonymous mutations. Thus, the model explores the effects of mutations at both loci, as well as mutations at only one locus. The framework assumes equal mutation rates

at both loci, as it proposes a mutation at each locus after every step in the simulation, with 50 replicates of 200 steps of substitution in each simulation. Restricting the mutations to the interface maintains sequence identity above 40%, which has been described previously as the threshold at which protein fold is similar (Addou et al., 2009; Todd et al., 2001; Wilson et al., 2000).

### 5.2.2 Implementation of selection

Simulations were carried out using the FoldX suite version 4 (Guerois et al., 2002; Schymkowitz et al., 2005). Starting structures were repaired with the RepairPDB function, mutations were simulated with BuildModel followed by the Optimize function, and estimations of protein stability and complex binding energy were done with the Stability and AnalyseComplex functions. Effects of mutations on complex fitness were calculated using methods previously described (Kachroo et al., 2015). The fitness of a complex was calculated from three components based on the protein chains' stability and the binding energy of the complex using equation 1:

$$x_i^k = -log[e^{\beta(\Delta G_i^k - \Delta G_{threshold}^k)} + 1]$$

where $i$ is the index of the current substitution, $k$ is one of the model's three energetic parameters (stability of chain A, stability of chain B, or binding energy of the complex), $x_i^k$ is the fitness component of the $k^{th}$ parameter for the $i^{th}$ substitution, $\beta$ is a parameter that determines smoothness of the fitness curve, $\Delta G_i^k$ is the energy value of the $k^{th}$ energy parameter for the $i^{th}$ substitution, and $\Delta G_{threshold}^k$ is a threshold around which the fitness component starts to decrease. The total fitness of the complex after the $i^{th}$ mutation was calculated as the sum of the three computed values for $x_i^k$:

$$x_i = \sum_{k=1}^{3} x_i^k$$

The fitness values of complexes were then used to calculate the probability of fixation or rejection of the substitutions using the Metropolis criterion, as in equation 2:

$$p_{fix} = \{ \quad 1 \quad \quad for \ x_j > x_i \ e^{-2N(x_i - x_j)} \quad for \ x_j \leq x_i$$

where $p_{accept}$ is the probability of fixation, $x_j$ is the total fitness value for the complex after $j$ substitutions; $x_i$ is the total fitness value for the complex after $i$ substitutions, with $j = i + 1$; and $N$ is the population size, which influences the efficiency of selection.

Different selection scenarios were examined depending on the complexes whose binding energy and chain stabilities were under selection: neutral evolution (no selection applied on binding energy and chain stability), selection on one homodimer, selection on the two homodimers, and selection on the heterodimer. $\beta$ was set to 10, $N$ was set to 1000 and the

$\Delta G_{threshold}^{k}$ were set to 99.9% of the starting values for each complex, following the parameters described in (Kachroo et al., 2015). For the simulations with neutral evolution, $\beta$ was set to 1.

### 5.2.3 Analyses of simulations

The results from the simulations were then analyzed by distinguishing mutational steps with only one non-synonymous mutation (single mutants, between 29% and 34% of the steps in the simulations) from steps with two non-synonymous mutations (double mutants, between 61% and 68% of the steps). The global data were used to follow the evolution of binding energies of the complexes over time, which is shown in Figure 4. The effects of mutations in HM and HETwere compared using the single mutants (Figure 5). The double mutants were used to compare the rates of mutation fixation based on their effects on the HMs (Figure S9).

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**Figure 1: Mutations in paralogous proteins originating from an ancestral homomer are likely to have pleiotropic effects on each other's function.** Gene duplication leads to physically interacting paralogs when they derive from an ancestral homomeric protein. The evolutionary fates of the physically associated paralogs are interconnected because mutations in one gene can have direct consequences on the function of the other copy.

**Figure 2: Homomers and heteromers of paralogs are frequent in protein interaction networks.**

(**A**) Percentage of homomeric proteins (HMs) in *S. cerevisiae* among all proteins, singletons (S), small scale duplicates (SSDs), whole genome duplicates (WGDs) and genes duplicated by the two types of duplication (2D) (Chi-square test: p-value = 5.754e-15). Each category is compared with the singletons using a Fisher exact test, p-values are reported on the graph. (**B and C**) Analysis of interactions between pre-WGD orthologs and *S. cerevisiae* paralogs using PCA. The purple color shows significant interactions and their PCA signal intensity converted to z-scores. Experiments are performed in *S. cerevisiae*. Interactions are tested among: (**B**) *S. cerevisiae* (Scer) paralogs TOM70 (P1) & TOM71 (P2) and their orthologs in *Lachancea kluyveri* (Lkluy, SAKL0E10956g) and in *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii* (Zrou, ZYRO0G06512g) (**C**) *S. cerevisiae* paralogs TAL1 (P1) & NQM1 (P2) and their orthologs in *L. kluyveri* (SAKL0B04642g) and in *Z. rouxii* (ZYRO0A12914g) (**D**) Paralogs show six motifs that we grouped in four categories according to the patterns of interactions. NI pairs show no interaction. HM pairs show at least one homomer. HET pairs show heteromers only. HM&HET pairs show at least one homomer and the heteromer. (**E**) The percentage of motifs of interaction for SSDs (yellow) and WGDs (blue) (left panel) and between homeologs that originated from inter-species hybridization and true ohnologs from the whole genome duplication (right panel). The p-values are from Fisher's exact tests. (**F**) Percentage of amino acid sequence identity between paralogs for each motif for SSDs and WGDs (P-values are from Wilcoxon tests)

**Figure 3: Heteromers are functionally more similar than homomers.** The similarity score is the proportion of shared terms across pairs of paralogs for (**A**) GO molecular functions, (**B**) GO biological processes and (**C**) gene deletion phenotypes. (**D**) shows the correlation of genetic interaction profiles. P-values are from Wilcoxon tests. SSDs are shown in yellow and WGDs in blue.

**Figure 4: Selection to maintain negative binding energy on one complex affects the evolution of other complexes**

(**A**) Diagram of the simulations. The duplication of a gene encoding a homomeric protein and the evolution of the complexes is simulated by applying mutations to the corresponding chains. Only mutations that would require a single nucleotide change in the underlying DNA sequence are allowed and stop codons are not allowed. After applying mutations, the selection model is applied to complexes depending on the scenario. In the example, only homodimer AA would be under selection. (**B**) The binding energy of 6 (columns) HMs and HETs is followed through

time under 5 different selection regimes (rows). Neutral evolution: the accumulation and neutral fixation of mutations. Selection on both HMs: selection maintains only the two HMs while the HET evolves neutrally. Selection on HET: selection maintains the binding energy of the HET while the HMs evolve neutrally. Selection on HM BB or HM AA: selection maintains the binding energy of one HM while the HET and the other HM evolve neutrally. Mean binding energies among replicates are shown in thicker lines and the individual replicates are shown with thin lines. Fifty replicate populations are monitored in each case and followed for 200 substitutions. At 200 substitutions, the neutral model corresponds to an almost complete loss of binding energy. All protein structures were visualized with PyMOL (Schrödinger, 2015).

**Figure 5: Mutations have pleiotropic effects on homodimers and heterodimers.**
Effects of amino acid substitutions on one locus on the binding energy of homodimers (x-axis) and heterodimers (y-axis) when selection is applied on both homodimers or on the heterodimer. Colors indicate whether the mutations were fixed or lost. Triangles indicate outliers that are outside the plotting region. All protein structures were visualized with PyMOL (Schrödinger, 2015).

**Figure 6: The regulation of paralogs and consequences for interaction motifs**
(**A**) Correlation coefficients (Spearman r) between the expression profiles of paralogs pair across growth conditions (Ihmels et al. 2004) are compared among the different interaction motifs for SSDs (yellow) and WGDs (blue). (**B**) The similarity of transcription factor binding sites (fraction of sites shared) is compared among classes of paralogs (yellow, SSDs; blue, WGDs). (**C**) Percentage of amino acid sequence identity between paralogs forming HM&HET motif or only HM as a function of their correlation of expression. The data was binned into 6 equal categories (**D**) Similarity of GO cellular component and (**E**) GFP-based localization for each class of paralog. P-values are from Wilcoxon tests.