

1 **Dynamic regulation of chromatin accessibility by pluripotency transcription factors**
2 **across the cell cycle**

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13 **Abstract**

14 The pioneer activity of transcription factors allows for opening of inaccessible regulatory
15 elements and has been extensively studied in the context of cellular differentiation and
16 reprogramming. In contrast, the function of pioneer activity in self-renewing cell divisions
17 and across the cell cycle is poorly understood. Here we assessed the interplay between
18 OCT4 and SOX2 in controlling chromatin accessibility of mouse embryonic stem cells. We
19 found that OCT4 and SOX2 operate in a largely independent manner even at co-occupied
20 sites, and that their cooperative binding is mostly mediated indirectly through regulation of
21 chromatin accessibility. Controlled protein degradation strategies revealed that the
22 uninterrupted presence of OCT4 is required for post-mitotic re-establishment and
23 interphase maintenance of chromatin accessibility, and that highly OCT4-bound enhancers
24 are particularly vulnerable to transient loss of OCT4 expression. Our study sheds light on
25 the constant pioneer activity required to maintain the dynamic pluripotency regulatory
26 landscape in an accessible state.

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29 **Introduction**

30 Transcription factors (TFs) regulate the expression of genes through interactions with
31 specific DNA sequences located in gene promoters and distal regulatory elements. A
32 minority of TFs display pioneer activity, i.e. they have the ability to bind and induce the
33 opening of nucleosome-occupied chromatin regions, allowing for the subsequent binding of
34 other TFs and co-factors required for transcriptional activation (Cirillo et al., 2002;
35 Schaffner, 2015; Zaret and Carroll, 2011). Pioneer TFs thereby play a central role in
36 developmental and reprogramming cell fate decisions, which hinge on large-scale
37 reshaping of the chromatin landscape in tissue-specific regulatory regions (Chronis et al.,
38 2017; Iwafuchi-Doi and Zaret, 2014; Jacobs et al., 2018; Mayran et al., 2018; Pastor et al.,
39 2018; Soufi et al., 2015, 2012; Takaku et al., 2016). Much less is known about the role of
40 pioneer activity and of its dynamics over the cell cycle in regulating stem cell self-renewal.
41 The OCT4 (also known as POU5F1) and SOX2 pioneer TFs (Soufi et al., 2015) are
42 absolutely required for the self-renewal of embryonic stem (ES) cells (Masui et al., 2007;
43 Niwa et al., 2000). OCT4 and SOX2 can form a heterodimer that binds to a composite motif
44 at thousands of sites in the genome (Boyer et al., 2005; Nishimoto et al., 1999; Yuan et al.,
45 1995). A recent study has shown that depletion of OCT4 for 24 hours in ES cells leads to
46 loss of accessibility and co-factor occupancy at a large fraction of its bound enhancers
47 involved in pluripotency maintenance (King and Klose, 2017). In contrast, the role of SOX2
48 in the regulation of ES cell chromatin accessibility has not been elucidated. Thus, to which
49 extent the pioneering activities of OCT4 and SOX2 overlap and/or depend on each other to
50 regulate chromatin accessibility in ES cells is unclear.

51 Self-renewal requires the ability to progress through the cell cycle without losing cell type-
52 specific gene expression. This is not a trivial task since chromatin accessibility of gene
53 regulatory elements is markedly decreased during S phase and mitosis (Festuccia et al.,
54 2019; Hsiung et al., 2015; Oomen et al., 2019; Stewart-Morgan et al., 2019). How recovery
55 of chromatin accessibility after DNA replication and mitosis is controlled, and whether it
56 requires pioneer activity is poorly understood. The period of genome reactivation occurring

57 at the mitosis-G1 (M-G1) transition coincides with a particularly favorable context for
58 reprogramming by somatic cell nuclear transfer (mitosis) (Egli et al., 2008) and increased
59 sensitivity to differentiation signals in human ES cells (G1 phase) (Pauklin and Vallier,
60 2013). Recent evidence also points at cell cycle stage-specific functions of OCT4 and
61 SOX2 in cell fate regulation. OCT4 expression levels in G1 phase affect the propensity of
62 ES cells to differentiate towards neuroectoderm and mesendoderm (Strebinger et al.,
63 2019), and depletion of OCT4 at the M-G1 transition impairs pluripotency maintenance of
64 ES cells and leads to a lower reprogramming efficiency upon overexpression in mouse
65 embryonic fibroblasts (Liu et al., 2017). Depletion of SOX2 at the M-G1 transition impairs
66 both pluripotency maintenance and SOX2-induced neuroectodermal differentiation of ES
67 cells upon release of pluripotency signals (Deluz et al., 2016). Whether the particular
68 sensitivity of M and G1 phases to the action of OCT4 and SOX2 is related to the dynamics
69 of their pioneer activity across the cell cycle is unknown.

70 Here we studied the interplay of OCT4 and SOX2 in regulating chromatin accessibility of
71 ES cells and dissected the pioneer activity of OCT4 across the cell cycle. We show that
72 most enhancers bound by both TFs depend on only one of them to maintain their open
73 chromatin state, and that cooperative binding of OCT4 and SOX2 is mainly mediated
74 indirectly through changes in chromatin accessibility. Using forms of OCT4 engineered for
75 mitotic or auxin-inducible degradation, we demonstrate the role of OCT4 in re-
76 establishment and continuous maintenance of chromatin accessibility throughout the cell
77 cycle.

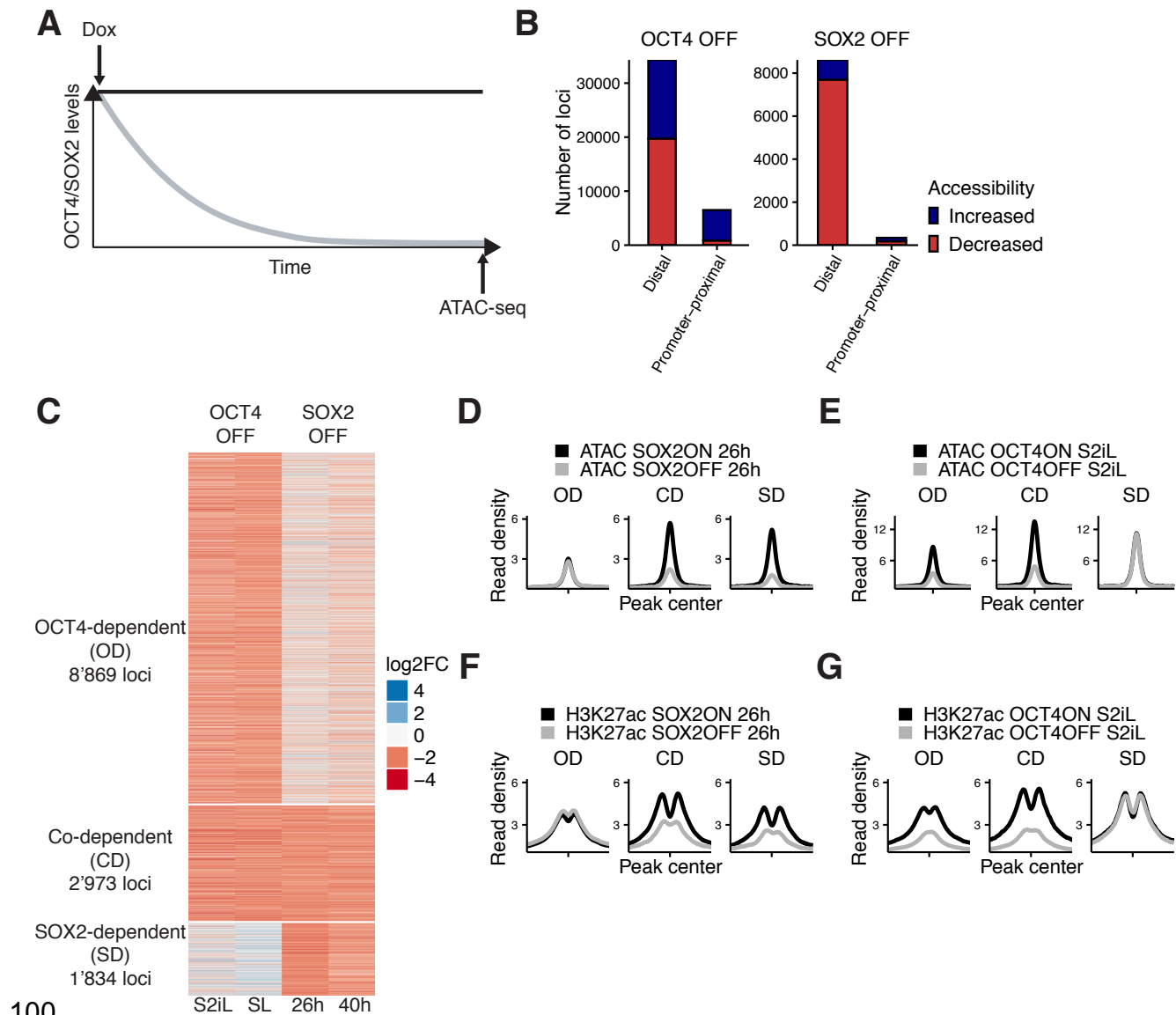
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80 **Results**

81 **OCT4 and SOX2 regulate chromatin accessibility at mostly distinct loci**

82 OCT4 and SOX2 bind cooperatively to thousands of genomic locations in ES cells both
83 independently and as a heterodimer on a composite OCT4::SOX2 motif. How OCT4 and
84 SOX2 interplay to regulate chromatin accessibility in ES cells is not known. To address this
85 question, we decided to determine genome-wide chromatin accessibility changes upon
86 acute loss of OCT4 or SOX2. To deplete OCT4 and SOX2 from ES cells in an inducible
87 manner, we took advantage of the ZHBTc4 (Niwa et al., 2000) and 2TS22C (Masui et al.,
88 2007) mouse ES cell lines, in which a Tet-Off promoter regulates the expression of *Oct4*
89 and *Sox2*, respectively (Fig. 1A). While OCT4 is fully depleted after 24 hours of doxycycline
90 (dox) (Niwa et al., 2000), SOX2 is not, likely due to its longer half-life (Masui et al., 2007).
91 We determined SOX2 levels by immunofluorescence staining after 26 and 40 hours of dox
92 treatment and found that residual SOX2 expression persisted after 26 hours but not 40
93 hours of dox treatment (Fig. S1A). Importantly, despite its known role in regulating
94 expression of OCT4 (Dunn et al., 2014; Strebinger et al., 2019), SOX2 depletion for 26 or
95 40 hours had only a minor impact on OCT4 levels (Fig. S1A-B). In ZHBTc4 cells, as
96 expected 24 hours of dox treatment led to the complete depletion of OCT4 and only mildly
97 affected SOX2 levels (Fig. S1C-D). Therefore, changes in chromatin accessibility upon
98 short-term SOX2 or OCT4 loss are unlikely to be confounded by changes in expression
99 levels of OCT4 and SOX2, respectively.



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101 **Figure 1. Interplay between OCT4 and SOX2 in regulating ES cell chromatin accessibility.** (A)
102 Experimental strategy to compare the effect of OCT4 and SOX2 depletion on chromatin accessibility.
103 (B) Number of regions significantly changed in accessibility upon OCT4 (left) and SOX2 (right)
104 depletion in distal (>1 kb from TSS) and promoter-proximal (<1 kb from TSS) elements. (C) log₂ fold-
105 change values of accessibility between dox-treated and untreated cells upon OCT4/SOX2 depletion
106 at OCT4/SOX2 binding sites with decreased accessibility. Loci are grouped into those significantly
107 affected upon OCT4 depletion (OD), SOX2 depletion (SD), or depletion of either factor (CD). Each
108 row corresponds to one individual locus, and each column to a different experimental condition. (D-
109 E) Average RPKM-normalized ATAC-seq signal 2 kb around OD, CD, and SD loci upon SOX2
110 depletion (D) and OCT4 depletion (E). (F-G) Average RPKM-normalized H3K27ac ChIP-seq signal 2
111 kb around OD, CD, and SD loci upon SOX2 depletion (F) and OCT4 depletion (G).

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113 We performed ATAC-seq in ZHBTc4 cells without dox or with dox for 24 hours, and in
114 2TS22C cells without dox or with dox for 26 or 40 hours. We first compared chromatin
115 accessibility changes between ZHBTc4 cells +/- dox for 24 hours in our culture conditions
116 (serum + LIF + 2i (S2iL), see Methods) to a previous dataset acquired with ZHBTc4 cells

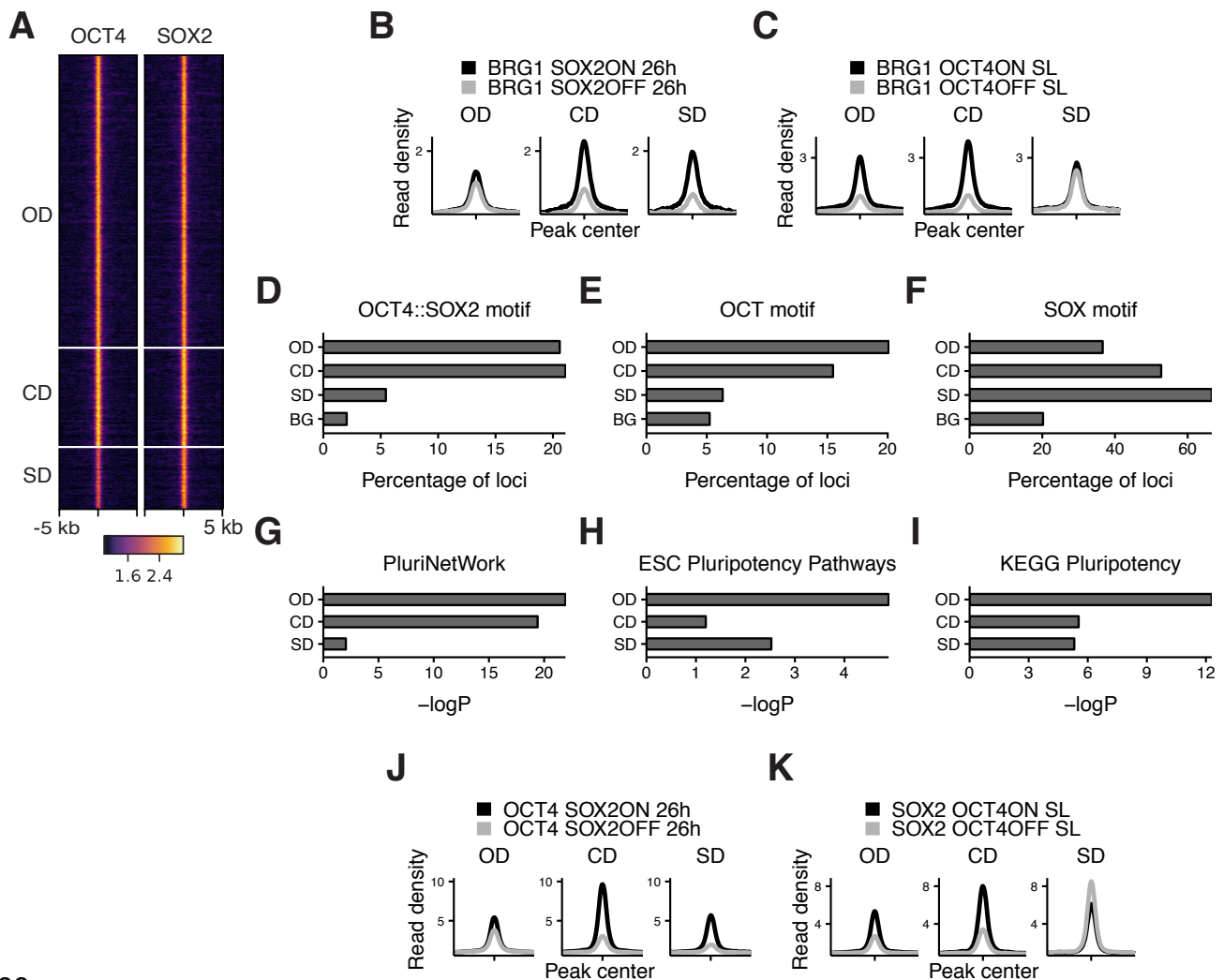
117 +/- dox for 24 hours but cultured in serum + LIF (SL) (King and Klose, 2017). The good
118 correlation (Pearson's $R=0.7$) in chromatin accessibility changes at OCT4 binding sites
119 between culture conditions (Fig. S1E) prompted us to take advantage of both datasets for
120 further analysis. We next compared changes in accessibility at SOX2 binding sites in the
121 2TS22C cell line treated for either 26 or 40 hours with dox, which also displayed a clear
122 correlation (Pearson's $R=0.61$) (Fig.S1F). We reasoned that the 26 hour dox dataset should
123 be less prone to changes in accessibility due to indirect effects of prolonged SOX2
124 depletion than the 40 hour dox dataset, while the latter should be more sensitive to identify
125 loci that are still accessible at low SOX2 concentrations. We thus called significantly
126 affected loci using limma (Ritchie et al., 2015) (false discovery rate (FDR) < 0.05) and
127 selected only those in which the direction of change (decrease or increase in accessibility)
128 was the same for 26 hours vs 40 hours of dox treatment in 2TS22C cells, and likewise for
129 SL vs S2iL in ZHBTc4 cells. In line with previous reports, loss of OCT4 led to decreased
130 accessibility at 20'587 loci, most of which are distal regulatory elements (Fig. 1B). Loss of
131 SOX2 also led to decreased accessibility mainly at distal elements, but at fewer loci (7'874).
132 We also found that loss of OCT4 led to a gain in accessibility at 20'209 loci, while 1'080 loci
133 gained accessibility upon loss of SOX2 (Fig. 1B). Loci that lost accessibility were highly
134 enriched for OCT4 and SOX2 ChIP-seq binding while loci that gained accessibility were
135 much less so (Fig.S2A-B).

136 To compare the loci impacted by OCT4 vs SOX2 depletion, we next focused on all regions
137 that were bound by OCT4 and/or SOX2 as identified from available and newly generated
138 ChIP-seq datasets (see Fig. S2A-B and Methods) and that lost accessibility upon dox
139 treatment. To avoid misrepresenting differences in SOX2 and OCT4 regulation that arise
140 from differences in accessibility due to culture conditions or cell lines, we called significantly
141 different loci (FDR < 0.05) between untreated ZHBTc4 cells cultured in SL vs S2iL
142 conditions as well as between untreated ZHBTc4 cells and 2TS22C cells in S2iL. We then
143 discarded all loci that displayed a large difference (FC > 4) in any of those comparisons.
144 We classified the remaining loci as OCT4-dependent (OD, 8'869 loci), SOX2-dependent

145 (SD, 1'834 loci), and co-dependent (CD, 2'973 loci), as defined by loss of accessibility upon
146 depletion of OCT4 only, SOX2 only, or either of them, respectively (Fig. S3A, Fig. 1C-E). All
147 three groups were enriched for chromatin marks of enhancers (Fig. S3B). We performed
148 ChIP-seq analysis of the active enhancer mark H3K27ac (Creyghton et al., 2010) upon
149 OCT4 or SOX2 loss for 24 hours and 26 hours, respectively. All groups displayed a
150 reduction in H3K27ac, suggesting concordant maintenance of enhancer accessibility and
151 activity by OCT4 and/or SOX2 at these loci (Fig. 1F-G).

152 Surprisingly, all groups were enriched for the binding of both OCT4 and SOX2 (Fig. 2A).
153 89% of SD sites overlapped with an OCT4 peak and 65% of OD sites overlapped with a
154 SOX2 peak. Therefore, differences in the regulation of chromatin accessibility at these loci
155 cannot simply be explained by differential DNA binding of SOX2 and OCT4. OCT4 has
156 been shown to regulate chromatin accessibility by recruitment of the BAF chromatin
157 remodeling complex, including the BRG1 subunit (King and Klose, 2017). As SOX2 also
158 interacts with BRG1 in vivo (Xu et al., 2018), we asked whether SOX2 also regulates
159 chromatin accessibility through BRG1 recruitment. We performed BRG1 ChIP-seq upon
160 SOX2 depletion and reanalyzed ChIP-seq data of BRG1 upon OCT4 depletion (King and
161 Klose, 2017). We found that loss of accessibility was accompanied by loss of BRG1 in all
162 groups (Fig. 2B-C). We also reanalyzed ATAC-seq data from cells in which BRG1 has been
163 depleted (Ho et al., 2011; King and Klose, 2017) and found that all groups were dependent
164 on BRG1 to maintain their accessibility (Fig. S4A). This suggests that OCT4 and SOX2 can
165 regulate chromatin accessibility independently of each other even at sites that are co-
166 occupied and through the recruitment of BRG1.

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169 **Figure 2. Characterization of OCT4/SOX2-dependent loci.** (A) Heatmap of RPKM-normalized
 170 OCT4 and SOX2 ChIP-seq binding profiles in untreated ZHBTc4 cells at OD, CD, and SD loci. Each
 171 row represents one individual locus. (B-C) Average RPKM-normalized BRG1 ChIP-seq signal 2 kb
 172 around OD, CD, and SD loci upon SOX2 depletion (B) and OCT4 depletion (C). (D-F) Frequency of
 173 overlap with motifs at OD, CD, and SD loci as well as in background regions (BG) for the canonical
 174 OCT4::SOX2 motif (D), the OCT motif (E), and the SOX motif (F). (G-I) Enrichment (-log(p)) values
 175 for the closest gene in the OD, CD, and SD groups in the gene ontology sets PluriNetWork (G), ESC
 176 Pluripotency Pathways (H), and the KEGG gene set "Signaling pathways regulating pluripotency" (I).
 177 (J-K) Average RPKM-normalized OCT4 (J) and SOX2 (K) ChIP-seq signal 2 kb around OD, CD, and
 178 SD loci upon SOX2 depletion (J) and OCT4 depletion (K).

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180 To understand which features distinguish OD, SD, and CD loci, we performed motif
 181 analysis on the underlying sequences. While both OD and CD loci were strongly enriched
 182 for the OCT4::SOX2 canonical motif and the OCT motif, SD loci were more enriched for the
 183 SOX motif (Fig. 2D-F and Table 1). SD sites were also enriched for the AP-2 motif (Fig.
 184 S4B). TFAP2C, a member of the AP-2 family, is known to regulate differentiation into
 185 trophoblast stem (TS) cells together with SOX2 (Adachi et al., 2013). Interestingly, when

186 reanalyzing data from TS cells (Adachi et al., 2013; Ishiuchi et al., 2019) we found SD sites
187 to be highly SOX2-bound and accessible compared to OD and CD loci (Fig. S4C-D).
188 Furthermore, SD loci were enriched near genes that increased in nascent mRNA
189 expression upon loss of OCT4 (King and Klose, 2017) (Fig. S4E), which by itself leads to
190 TS cell differentiation (Adachi et al., 2013). In contrast, OD and CD loci were enriched near
191 genes that decreased in nascent mRNA expression upon OCT4 depletion (Fig. S4E). We
192 next aimed to determine the fraction of pluripotency-associated enhancers falling in the OD,
193 SD, and CD groups. To this end, we checked for enrichment of the nearest gene in three
194 gene ontology (GO) sets associated specifically with pluripotency. We found that OD loci
195 were most enriched in all three GO sets (Fig. 2G-I). We also analyzed the binding profiles
196 of other pluripotency TFs (ESRRB, NANOG, KLF4, SALL4) (Aksoy et al., 2014; Chronis et
197 al., 2017; Kim et al., 2018; Xiong et al., 2016) and found an enrichment in the CD group,
198 although all these TFs bound to some extent to all groups of loci (Fig. S4F). Notably, all
199 groups were also enriched for the “cell differentiation” GO term (Fig. S4G), in line with the
200 role of OCT4 and SOX2 in ES cell differentiation. Since SOX2 was shown to require
201 PARP1 to bind to a subset of genomic regions in ES cells (Liu and Kraus, 2017), we asked
202 whether PARP1 dependence could explain the differential regulation of chromatin
203 accessibility between these groups. We thus reanalyzed data from wt and PARP1 knockout
204 (KO) ES cells (Gao et al., 2009; Yang et al., 2004), and found a reduction of SOX2 binding
205 in PARP1 KO cells at OD, CD, and SD loci (Fig. S4H). Thus, PARP1 dependence cannot
206 explain the differential regulation of chromatin accessibility between OD, CD, and SD loci.
207 Overall, these results indicate that OCT4 and SOX2 regulate partially independent sets of
208 pluripotency and differentiation enhancers, with OCT4 having the largest influence on
209 chromatin accessibility of pluripotency-associated regulatory elements.
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212 **Cooperative binding between OCT4 and SOX2 is mainly mediated indirectly through**
213 **changes in chromatin accessibility**

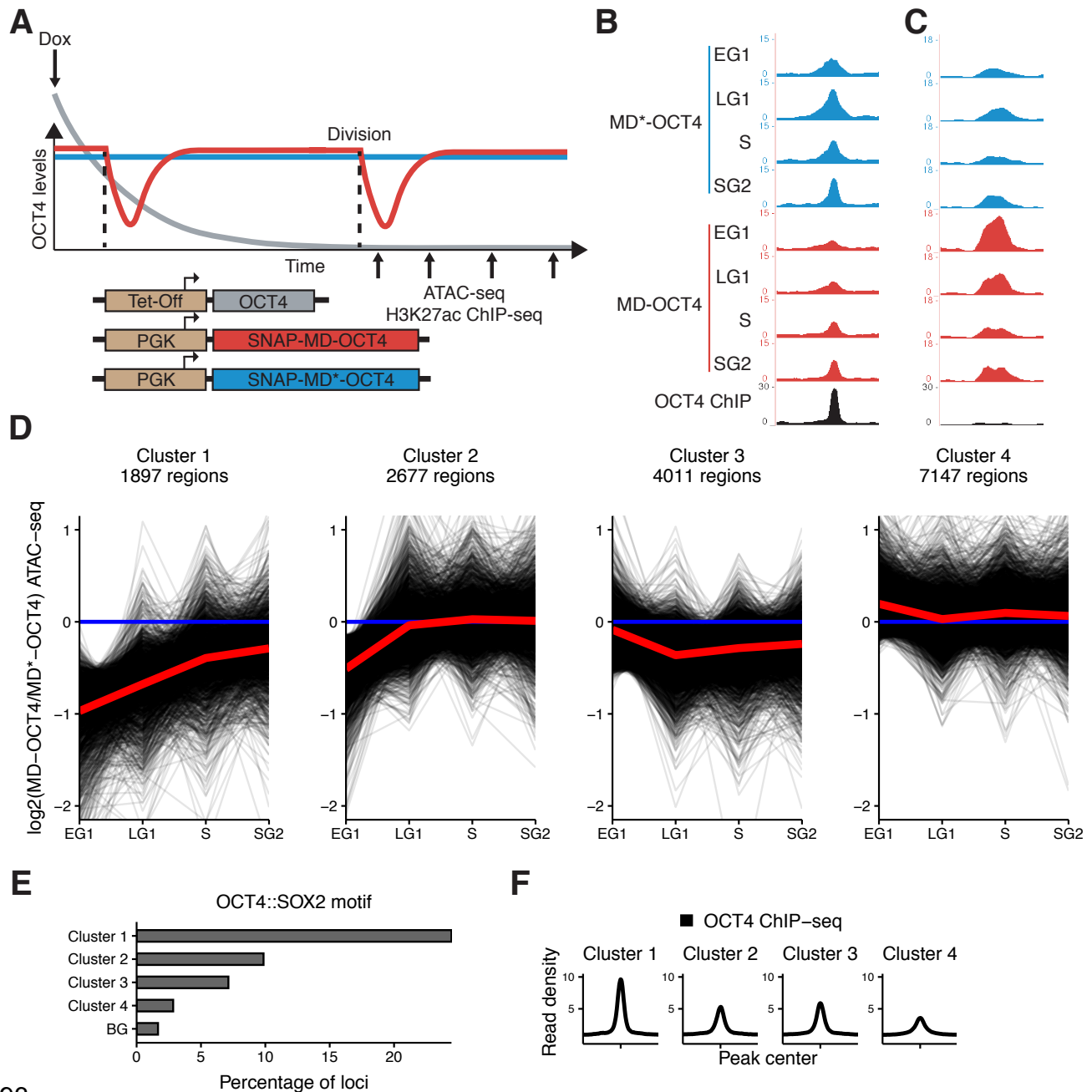
214 Several lines of evidence suggest that OCT4 and SOX2 exhibit cooperative DNA binding.
215 In vitro electrophoretic mobility shift assays and fluorescence correlation spectroscopy
216 experiments have shown that OCT4 and SOX2 display enhanced binding to the
217 OCT4::SOX2 motif when binding together (Mistri et al., 2015, 2018). While in vitro
218 experiments reported OCT4-assisted binding on a purified nucleosomal template (Li et al.,
219 2019), single-molecule imaging in live ES cells (Chen et al., 2014) and CHIP-seq analysis of
220 OCT4 in the presence or absence of SOX2 in fibroblasts (Raccaud et al., 2019) have
221 provided evidence that SOX2 assists OCT4 binding in vivo. However, while these
222 experiments suggest that OCT4 and SOX2 can display direct cooperativity, the role this
223 mechanism plays in their colocalization in the complex in vivo chromatin and nuclear
224 environment is unclear. We reasoned that the independent regulation of chromatin
225 accessibility by OCT4 and SOX2 at a large number of loci could result in indirect
226 cooperativity, i.e. each TF could assist the binding of the other through increasing
227 chromatin accessibility. In line with this hypothesis, it was previously shown that upon loss
228 of OCT4, SOX2 binding loss is correlated to the loss in chromatin accessibility (King and
229 Klose, 2017). However, since most of the in vivo evidence points at a role for SOX2 in
230 mediating cooperative OCT4 DNA-binding rather than vice versa (Chen et al., 2014;
231 Raccaud et al., 2019), we interrogated genome-wide binding of OCT4 upon loss of SOX2
232 using CHIP-seq in 2TS22C cells treated with dox for 26 hours. We found that changes in
233 OCT4 binding were also highly correlated to changes in chromatin accessibility upon SOX2
234 loss (Pearson's $R=0.77$) (Fig. S5A). We next analyzed OCT4 and SOX2 binding in the
235 presence or absence of SOX2 and OCT4, respectively, at OD, CD, and SD loci. We found
236 that OCT4 binding was only slightly decreased at OD sites in the absence of SOX2, while
237 SOX2 binding at SD sites was mildly increased in the absence of OCT4 (Fig. 2J-K). These
238 findings were also consistent when narrowing down our analysis to sites containing a
239 canonical OCT4::SOX2 motif (Fig. S5B-E). The slight loss of OCT4 binding at OD sites in

240 the absence of changes in accessibility suggests that other mechanisms such as
241 recruitment by SOX2 may play a role in the binding of OCT4, in line with SOX2 enhancing
242 OCT4 binding.
243 Upon loss of its partner protein, OCT4 loses binding at 10'264 loci and gains binding at
244 1'153 loci, while SOX2 loses binding at 7'610 loci and gains binding at 4'423 loci. This
245 indicates that the ability of OCT4 to occupy its specific binding sites is more impacted by
246 the absence of SOX2 than vice-versa, and that SOX2 can get rerouted to new loci in the
247 absence of OCT4. We further noticed that loci gaining accessibility upon loss of OCT4,
248 which are highly enriched for differentiation terms (Fig. S4G), also gained binding by SOX2
249 (see Fig. S2A columns 6-7) and were enriched for the SOX and AP-2 motifs (Table 2).
250 3'484 loci displayed a significant increase in both accessibility and SOX2 binding.
251 Interestingly, these loci decreased their accessibility upon SOX2 loss (Fig. S5F) and gained
252 BRG1 occupancy concomitantly with OCT4 loss (Fig. S5G), in line with SOX2 recruiting the
253 BAF complex to promote chromatin opening. This may suggest that OCT4 sequesters
254 SOX2 to OCT4-SOX2 sites, and upon OCT4 loss SOX2 is free to bind and increase the
255 accessibility of differentiation-associated regulatory elements. Overall, these results
256 indicate that cooperative binding of OCT4 and SOX2 in ES cells is mainly mediated
257 indirectly through changes in chromatin accessibility. However, while SOX2 enhances
258 OCT4 binding in general, the presence of OCT4 reroutes SOX2 to pluripotency loci.
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260 **OCT4 is required at the M-G1 transition to re-establish enhancer accessibility**

261 Transient depletion of OCT4 or SOX2 at the M-G1 transition has been shown to hinder
262 pluripotency maintenance (Liu et al., 2017; Deluz et al., 2016), but the underlying
263 mechanisms are not known. This time window coincides with enhancer reopening upon
264 chromatin decompaction, but whether pioneer factors are involved in this process is not
265 clear. As we found OCT4 to have the broadest influence on accessibility of pluripotency-
266 associated loci, we focused on its role in regulating chromatin accessibility at the M-G1
267 transition. To allow near-complete loss of OCT4 at the M-G1 transition, we used ZHBTc4

268 cells constitutively expressing OCT4 fused to a SNAP-tag and a Cyclin B1 degron (mitotic
269 degron; MD) or a mutated version thereof (MD*; Fig. 3A), which have been described
270 previously (Kadauke et al., 2012). Importantly, lower than wildtype levels of OCT4 have
271 been shown to sustain or even enhance pluripotency (Karwacki-Neisius et al., 2013;
272 Radzsheuskaya et al., 2013). We thus reasoned that OCT4 levels need to decrease below
273 a certain threshold to impact chromatin accessibility of pluripotency regulatory elements.
274 Furthermore, the MD strategy strongly decreases but does not fully eliminate the target
275 protein (Deluz et al., 2016; Liu et al., 2017). We therefore expressed MD-OCT4 and MD*-
276 OCT4 at lower than wildtype levels from the constitutively active but relatively weak PGK
277 promoter. After lentiviral transduction of the constructs, we stained cells with the SNAP-Cell
278 647-SiR dye (Lukinavičius et al., 2013) and sorted for a narrow window of SNAP
279 expression to obtain the same average level of OCT4 tagged with MD and MD* across the
280 cell cycle, as described previously (Deluz et al., 2016) (Fig. S6A). We also transduced cells
281 to express YPet-MD in a constitutive manner, which allows for discrimination between cells
282 in early G1 (YPet-negative) and late G1 phase (YPet-positive). In combination with Hoechst
283 staining, this enables sorting cells in early G1 (EG1), late G1 (LG1), S, and late S/G2 (SG2)
284 phase as described previously (Kadauke et al., 2012) (Fig. S6B). SNAP-MD-OCT4 levels
285 were correlated with YPet-MD levels in flow cytometry, indicating that OCT4 levels are
286 restored in LG1 in MD-OCT4 cells (Fig. S6C), as shown previously (Liu et al., 2017). In the
287 absence of dox, these cell lines display no substantial difference in chromatin accessibility
288 at OCT4-regulated loci (Fig. S6D). When grown in the presence of dox, MD*-OCT4 cells
289 maintain a higher fraction of dome-shaped colonies, higher alkaline phosphatase activity,
290 higher expression of pluripotency markers and lower expression of differentiation markers
291 (Fig. S6E-G) than MD-OCT4 cells, as also shown previously (Liu et al., 2017).
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294 **Figure 3. Mitotic degradation of OCT4 results in different patterns of accessibility loss.** (A)
 295 Experimental strategy used to assess the impact of OCT4 depletion at the M-G1 transition. (B-C)
 296 Genome browser tracks of RPKM-normalized accessibility profiles across the cell cycle for one locus
 297 that decreases (B) at chr11:6894809-6895533 and one that increases (C) at chr9:41247953-
 298 4124841 in accessibility upon transient OCT4 depletion in M-G1. (D) \log_2 fold-change values of
 299 accessibility between MD-OCT4 and MD*-OCT4 (control) cells in different cell cycle phases at all
 300 accessible OCT4-bound sites, grouped into four clusters by k-means clustering (see Methods). Each
 301 line represents one locus. Red line: mean of each cluster. (E) Frequency of overlap with the
 302 canonical OCT4::SOX2 motif in the four clusters as well as in background regions (BG). (F) Average
 303 RPKM-normalized OCT4 ChIP-seq signal in untreated ZHBTc4 cells 2 kb around loci in the four
 304 clusters.

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306 To test whether depletion of OCT4 at the M-G1 transition affects chromatin accessibility, we
307 treated cells with dox for 40 hours to ensure that all cells have gone through at least one
308 cell division expressing only MD or MD*-tagged OCT4. Note that dox-treated cells had a
309 longer G1 phase as compared to wt ES cells, as shown before to be a consequence of
310 lower than wt OCT4 levels (Lee et al., 2010). However, there was no difference in the
311 proportion of cells in the different cell cycle phases between MD-OCT4 and MD*-OCT4
312 (Fig. S6H). We sorted cells in EG1, LG1, S, and SG2 phases, performed ATAC-seq, and
313 compared the accessibility between MD-OCT4 and MD*-OCT4 cells at each cell cycle
314 phase. OCT4-regulated loci that increased or decreased in accessibility upon complete
315 OCT4 depletion (see Fig. 1B) were also affected by transient M-G1 degradation (Fig. S6I-J,
316 Fig. 3B-C). This shows that OCT4 is required at the M-G1 transition to restore chromatin
317 accessibility and that loci gaining accessibility upon OCT4 loss are also dynamically
318 regulated by OCT4 levels.

319 To characterize the different dynamic behaviors of chromatin accessibility changes across
320 the cell cycle, we used k-means clustering on the change in accessibility between MD-
321 OCT4 and MD*-OCT4 cells at all accessible loci displaying an OCT4 ChIP-seq peak (Fig.
322 3D). Two clusters displayed decreased accessibility in EG1 and recovered their
323 accessibility incompletely (cluster 1) or completely (cluster 2) over the cell cycle. Notably,
324 cluster 2 loci were less affected in EG1 than cluster 1 loci, which likely explains their
325 complete recovery. Cluster 3 loci were characterized by a minor decrease in accessibility
326 but that persisted over the cell cycle, and cluster 4 loci were unaffected by OCT4 loss. In
327 contrast to clusters 1-3, cluster 4 was enriched near TSSs (Fig. S7A) and for the H3K4me3
328 promoter mark (Cao et al., 2018) (Fig. S7B), in line with OCT4 generally not affecting
329 accessibility at promoters (Fig.1B and (King and Klose, 2017)). However, cluster 4 also
330 contained many loci enriched for active enhancer marks (H3K4me1 and H3K27ac) (Kumar
331 et al., 2016; Rickels et al., 2017), similar to clusters 1-3 (Fig. S7B). To test whether active
332 histone marks also acutely change upon rapid loss of OCT4, we performed ChIP-seq for
333 H3K27ac across the cell cycle in cells expressing MD-OCT4 or MD*-OCT4. The difference

334 in H3K27ac across the cell cycle between the SNAP-MD-OCT4 and SNAP-MD*-OCT4 cell
335 lines mimicked the corresponding changes in accessibility, although with smaller amplitude
336 (Fig. S7C-D), suggesting that this modification is also highly dynamic and sensitive to
337 OCT4 levels. We analyzed the fraction of regions in the different clusters overlapping
338 previously annotated ES cell super-enhancers (SEs) and “typical” enhancers (TEs) (Sabari
339 et al., 2018). We found these to be enriched in all clusters compared to non-OCT4 bound
340 regions, with slightly more enrichment in clusters 1 and 3 for both SEs and TEs. This
341 suggests that a large fraction of both SEs and TEs are permanently affected by the
342 transient loss of OCT4 at the M-G1 transition (Fig. S7E).

343 As mentioned before, pluripotency was shown to be maintained at lower than wild type
344 OCT4 expression levels. To ask whether chromatin accessibility of the observed clusters
345 was OCT4 level-dependent within a higher OCT4 concentration range, we interrogated
346 chromatin accessibility in the context of physiological variations of OCT4 levels. To do so,
347 we took advantage of ATAC-seq data we previously acquired on cells differing in their
348 OCT4 levels by a factor of ~2, due to temporal fluctuations in their endogenous levels
349 (Strebinger et al., 2019). We compared chromatin accessibility of the different clusters we
350 identified for cells expressing high versus low endogenous levels of OCT4 and found
351 virtually no differences in chromatin accessibility between these groups across all clusters
352 (Fig.S7F), consistent with the ability of moderately low OCT4 levels to fully sustain
353 pluripotency.

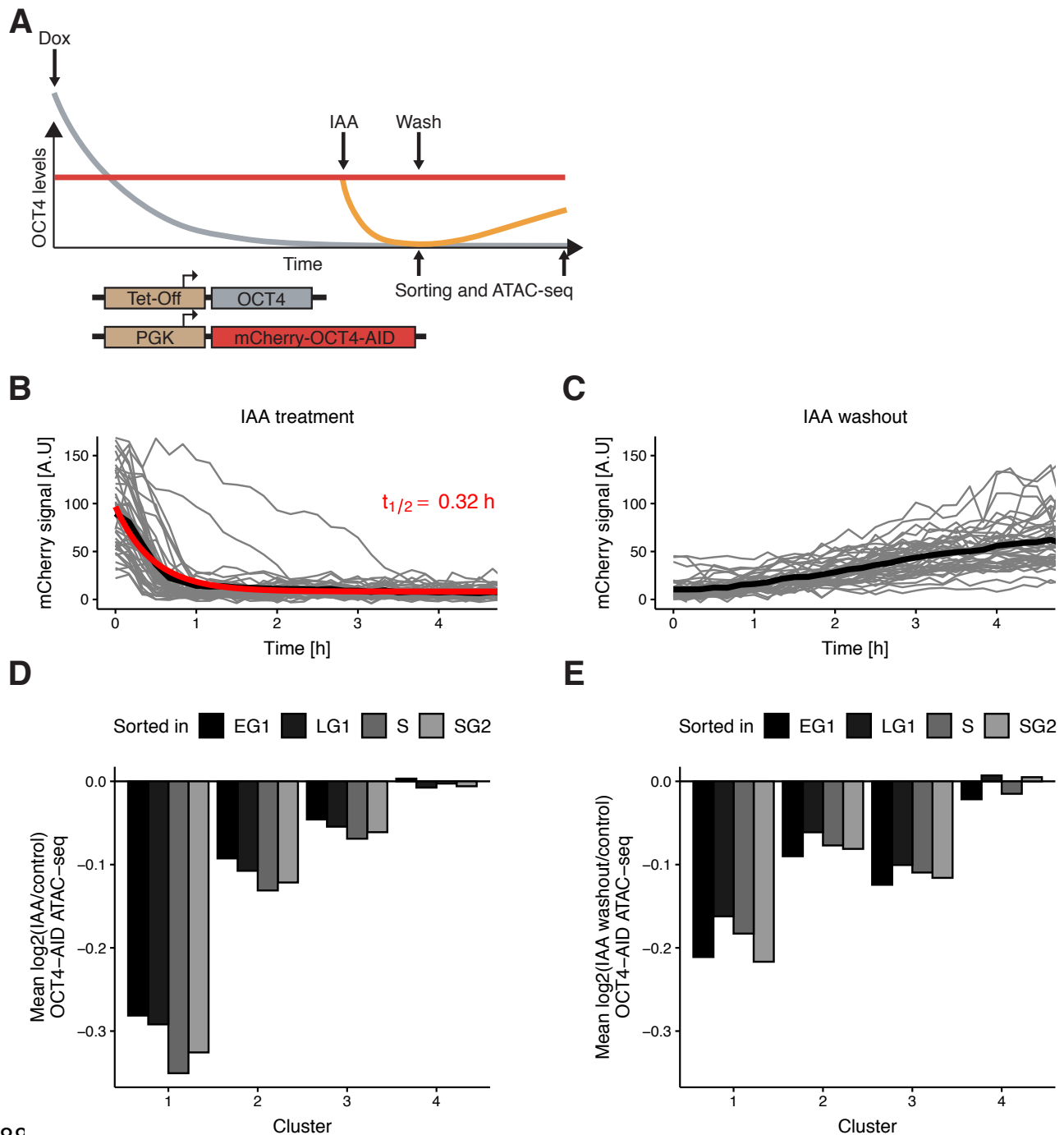
354 To understand the reason for the differential impact of transient OCT4 depletion on
355 chromatin accessibility, we performed motif search analysis and compared OCT4 binding at
356 the different clusters. We found a higher enrichment for the canonical OCT4::SOX2 motif
357 (Fig.3E) and a higher OCT4 occupancy (Fig.3F) at cluster 1 loci. Consistently, cluster 1
358 contained mostly OD and CD loci identified above (Fig. S7G). We did not find strong
359 differential enrichment for other motifs that could explain the differential regulation of these
360 loci (Table 3). As high OCT4 binding was a signature of the loci most sensitive to transient
361 OCT4 loss, we next aimed to determine the relationship between OCT4 binding and

362 chromatin accessibility. We compared chromatin accessibility in ZHBTc4 cells in the
363 presence or absence of OCT4 in conditions with matched OCT4 ChIP-seq and ATAC-seq
364 data (King and Klose, 2017). The OCT4 ChIP-seq signal was correlated to loss of
365 accessibility upon OCT4 depletion (Fig. S8A) as shown previously, but also to chromatin
366 accessibility in untreated cells (Fig. S8B), indicating that strong OCT4 binding sites are both
367 highly accessible and sensitive to OCT4 levels. Taken together, these results reveal
368 different classes of OCT4-bound loci that show different cell cycle accessibility dynamics
369 upon OCT4 loss at the M-G1 transition, and that highly bound sites are particularly
370 accessible and sensitive to OCT4 loss for the maintenance of their accessibility and H3K27
371 acetylation.

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373 **OCT4 is required throughout the cell cycle to maintain enhancer accessibility**

374 We next asked whether OCT4 also plays a role in maintaining enhancer accessibility in
375 other cell cycle phases. To do so, we generated a cell line allowing drug-inducible
376 degradation of OCT4. Briefly, we used lentiviral vectors to constitutively express the Tir1
377 ubiquitin ligase (allowing Auxin-inducible ubiquitination and degradation of target proteins
378 (Dharmasiri et al., 2005; Kepinski and Leyser, 2005)) and OCT4 fused to mCherry and an
379 Auxin-inducible degron tag (Morawska and Ulrich, 2013; Nishimura et al., 2009) (mCherry-
380 OCT4-AID) in ZHBTc4 cells (Fig. 4A). To ensure near-complete OCT4 depletion, we
381 expressed OCT4-AID at low levels using the PGK promoter. We further expressed YPet-
382 MD in this cell line to allow for cell sorting in different cell cycle phases, as described above.
383 Upon addition of indole-3-acetic acid (IAA, also known as Auxin), the AID-tagged OCT4
384 displayed an exponential degradation profile with a half-life of 0.32 h (Fig. 4B). After IAA
385 washout, OCT4 recovered to approximately half of the concentration before IAA treatment
386 within ~4.5 hours (Fig.4C), in line with the OCT4 protein half-life of ~4 hours (Alber et al.,
387 2018).



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389 **Figure 4. Auxin-inducible degradation reveals pioneer activity of OCT4 at different cell cycle**
 390 **phases.** (A) Experimental strategy used to assess the impact of OCT4 depletion and recovery at
 391 different cell cycle phases. (B) Red fluorescence (mCherry) signal in mCherry-OCT4-AID cells
 392 treated with IAA at $t=0$ as measured by fluorescence microscopy. Gray lines: single cell traces; Black
 393 line: population average; Red line: exponential fit. Red text: half-life value derived from the
 394 exponential fit. (C) Red fluorescence (mCherry) signal in mCherry-OCT4-AID treated with IAA for
 395 2.5h and then washed out at $t=0$ as measured by fluorescence microscopy. Gray lines: single cell
 396 traces; Black line: population average. (D) Average \log_2 fold-change values of accessibility between
 397 IAA-treated and untreated OCT4-AID cells in the four clusters from Fig. 3D at each cell cycle phase.
 398 (E) Average \log_2 fold-change values of accessibility between cells first treated with IAA and then
 399 washed out, compared to untreated OCT4-AID cells for the four clusters from Fig. 3D at each cell
 400 cycle phase.

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402 To verify that OCT4 degradation kinetics are similar across the cell cycle, we applied IAA
403 for 0.5 h (partial degradation) and 2 h (full degradation) before analyzing the mCherry
404 signal by flow cytometry. At 2 hours of treatment, mCherry levels were similar to those of
405 mCherry negative cells (Fig. S9A). We observed highly similar changes in the mCherry
406 signal across all cell cycle phases (Fig. S9B-C), consistent with previous reports on the cell
407 cycle-independence of Auxin-mediated protein degradation (Holland et al., 2012). OCT4
408 recovery after IAA washout was also very similar across the cell cycle (Fig. S9D). After
409 addition of dox for 24 hours to remove untagged OCT4, we treated cells with IAA or not for
410 2 hours, sorted for different cell cycle phases, and performed ATAC-seq (Fig. 4A). The
411 relative magnitude of change in accessibility in the different clusters was consistent with our
412 mitotic degradation experiment (Fig. 4D). Remarkably, the average loss of accessibility was
413 very similar at all cell cycle phases in clusters 1-3 (Fig. 4D, Fig. S9E).

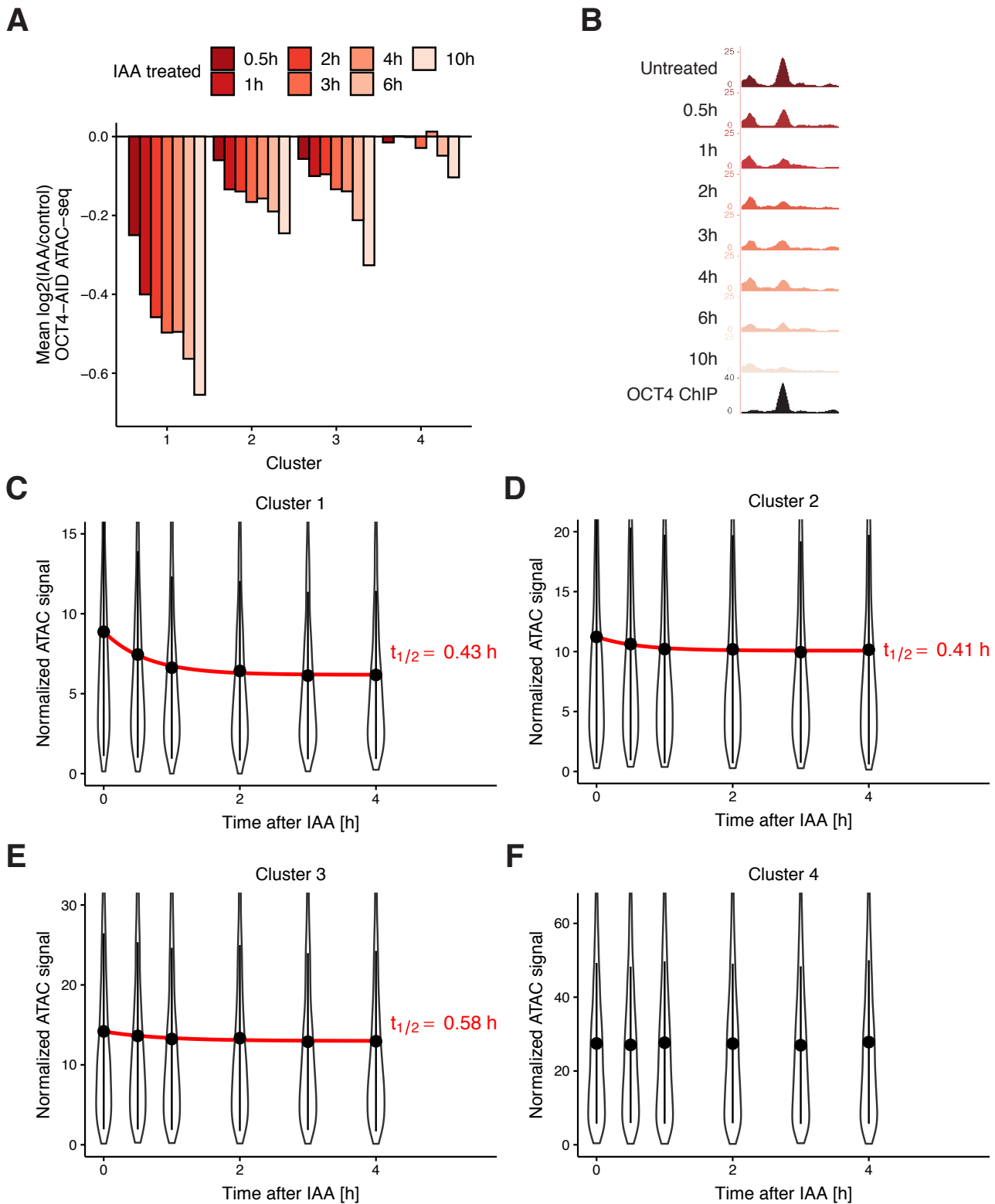
414 Next, we quantified the recovery of chromatin accessibility across the cell cycle. We treated
415 OCT4-AID cells with dox for 24 hours, then with IAA or not for 2.5h, washed out the drug
416 and incubated cells for 4.5 hours, sorted cells in different cell cycle phases and performed
417 ATAC-seq (Fig. 4A). While both cluster 1 (Fig. S9F) and 2 substantially recovered
418 chromatin accessibility, cluster 3 loci did not (Fig.4E), in line with their permanent decrease
419 of accessibility over the cell cycle upon OCT4 degradation at the M-G1 transition (see Fig.
420 3D). Overall, these data show that OCT4 is required across the cell cycle to maintain
421 chromatin accessibility at enhancer elements.

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423 **Dynamic relationship between OCT4 concentration and chromatin accessibility**

424 We next aimed to quantify the dynamics of chromatin accessibility changes in response to
425 OCT4 loss. Since residence times of OCT4 on specific DNA sites are in the second-range
426 (Chen et al., 2014; Teves et al., 2016; Deluz et al., 2016), we reasoned that if continuous
427 OCT4 re-binding is required to maintain chromatin accessibility, changes in chromatin
428 accessibility and OCT4 concentration should occur in a quasi-synchronized manner. To test
429 this hypothesis, we performed a time-course experiment by treating OCT4-AID cells with

430 IAA for 0.5h, 1h, 2h, 3h, 4h, 6h, and 10h, and performed ATAC-seq at each time point. We
431 took advantage of our different clusters, which showed differential response to OCT4 loss
432 at the M-G1 transition (see Fig. 3D), and analyzed accessibility loss at these loci over time.
433 At all OCT4-responsive clusters (1-3), accessibility loss was near-complete after 1 hour of
434 IAA treatment (Fig. 5A-B), in line with accessibility being highly dynamic with OCT4 levels.
435 At 6 and 10 hours of treatment, cluster 4 sites that were insensitive to OCT4 degradation at
436 the M-G1 transition started to lose accessibility, suggesting a broader and potentially
437 indirect impact of OCT4 loss on chromatin accessibility (Fig. 5A). We thus focused on the
438 first 4 hours of OCT4 removal to estimate the kinetics of accessibility loss. We fitted a
439 single-component exponential function including an offset to account for the residual ATAC-
440 seq signal after OCT4 loss. At clusters 1-3, the half-life of accessibility loss was remarkably
441 close to the half-life of OCT4-AID upon IAA treatment, i.e. around 0.5 hours (Fig. 5C-E). We
442 were unable to fit an exponential decay to cluster 4, as expected from its OCT4-
443 independent chromatin accessibility regulation (Fig. 5F). In summary, these data suggest
444 that regulation of enhancer accessibility is extremely dynamic and requires the constant
445 presence of OCT4.
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448 **Figure 5. Time course analysis of chromatin accessibility changes during OCT4 degradation**
 449 **reveals its highly dynamic pioneer activity.** (A) \log_2 fold-change values of accessibility compared
 450 to untreated cells in the four clusters from Fig. 3D at different time points of IAA treatment. (B)
 451 Genome browser track of accessibility profiles upon treatment with IAA for different durations at a
 452 cluster 1 locus at chr3:137779908-137780687. (C-F) Violin plot of normalized ATAC-seq signal
 453 across different time points in cluster 1 (C), cluster 2 (D), cluster 3 (E), and cluster 4 (F). Dots: mean;

454 *Vertical lines: standard deviation; Red lines in C-E: exponential fit; Red text in C-E: half-life value*
455 *derived from the exponential fit.*

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457 **Discussion**

458 In this study we dissected the roles and interplay of OCT4 and SOX2 in regulating
459 chromatin accessibility in ES cells. To our surprise, we found a large number of enhancers
460 that were bound by both transcription factors but for which chromatin accessibility was
461 regulated by only one of them. In the future it will be interesting to explore whether
462 differences in the topology of OCT4 and SOX2 binding sites on the nucleosome surface or
463 genomic location-dependent DNA residence times could explain these findings. Our results
464 also show that both OCT4 and SOX2 regulate the genomic occupancy of each other mainly
465 via regulation of chromatin accessibility. This is reminiscent of dynamic assisted loading, in
466 which two TFs assist the loading of each other to either the same or nearby DNA binding
467 sites (Swinstead et al., 2016; Goldstein et al., 2017).

468 Surprisingly, upon OCT4 loss chromatin accessibility increased at a large number of
469 genomic sites enriched for proximity to differentiation genes, even when OCT4 was
470 degraded for a brief period of time at the M-G1 transition. The fact that SOX2 occupies
471 these sites and is required to maintain their accessibility suggests that in the absence of
472 OCT4, SOX2 is rerouted to these loci and promotes differentiation together with other
473 partners such as TFAP2C. Therefore, the rapid action of OCT4 in early G1 phase might be
474 required to ensure both the maintenance of chromatin accessibility at pluripotency
475 enhancers and to silence differentiation enhancers. Whether the previously shown
476 association of OCT4 to mitotic chromosomes (Deluz et al., 2016; Liu et al., 2017; Teves et
477 al., 2016) facilitates its action in early G1 will require further investigation.

478 We found that OCT4 degradation leads to a rapid decrease in chromatin accessibility at all
479 clusters of OCT4-regulated enhancers across the cell cycle with very similar kinetics, which
480 tightly mirrored changes in OCT4 concentration and thus suggests highly dynamic
481 regulation of chromatin accessibility by OCT4. However, the recovery of chromatin

482 accessibility upon increase of OCT4 concentration displayed locus-dependent behavior. In
483 contrast to clusters 1 and 2, cluster 3 loci did not recover over the time course of several
484 hours either after M-G1 or auxin-induced degradation. While the mechanisms underlying
485 these findings are unclear, permanent loss (cluster 3) or incomplete recovery (cluster 1) of
486 chromatin accessibility may explain why OCT4 loss at the M-G1 transition results in
487 impaired pluripotency maintenance.

488 Protein depletion by degron systems works by increasing protein degradation rates without
489 affecting their synthesis rate. Therefore, they suffer from an inherent tradeoff in maximizing
490 expression levels when the degron is inactive while minimizing residual expression level
491 when the degron is active. Here we expressed OCT4 at relatively low levels to ensure
492 sufficient depletion, allowing us to show that the pioneering function of OCT4 is required
493 constantly and throughout the cell cycle to maintain enhancer accessibility. However, the
494 relatively low dynamic range of accessibility changes prohibits sensitive detection of
495 specific loci that are quantitatively more or less sensitive to OCT4 loss at different cell cycle
496 phases. Furthermore, whether recurrent, transient loss of OCT4 outside of the M-G1
497 transition would also lead to pluripotency loss would have to be addressed in future studies.

498 Here we found that OCT4 is constantly required to maintain chromatin accessibility in self-
499 renewing ES cells. This is reminiscent of a recent study showing that the pioneer factor
500 Zelda is required throughout zygotic genome activation in *Drosophila* for proper gene
501 expression (McDaniel et al., 2019). In contrast, in the context of pituitary lineage
502 specification PAX7 requires 72 hours to fully open melanotrope-specific enhancers but is
503 subsequently not required to maintain these (Mayran et al., 2018). It is possible that PAX7
504 hands over the role of maintaining accessibility to other factors, such as TPIT (Mayran et
505 al., 2019), and is only required at the transition between cell fates. This indicates that
506 pioneering activity can have different manifestations that depend heavily on other
507 regulatory factors and chromatin features. Pluripotent stem cells may be particularly
508 dynamic in this regard, as they need to be able to quickly rewire their gene expression
509 programs upon receiving differentiation signals. In contrast, more differentiated cell types

510 may have mechanisms to avoid precocious changes in gene expression upon subtle
511 alterations in the concentration of TFs. Therefore, the high sensitivity of enhancers to the
512 concentration or activity of pioneer TFs in ES cells could serve as a mechanism to regulate
513 cell fate with precise temporal control.

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833 **Data availability**

834 All data are available upon demand. Sequencing data will be uploaded publicly upon
835 publication.

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837 **Methods**

838 Cell culture

839 Mouse ES cells were routinely cultured on cell culture-treated dishes coated with 0.1%
840 gelatin (Sigma #G9391-100G) using the following culture medium: GMEM (Sigma #G5154-
841 500ML) containing 10% ES-cell qualified fetal bovine serum (Gibco #16141-079),
842 nonessential amino acids (Gibco #11140-050), 2mM L-glutamine (Gibco #25030-024),
843 sodium pyruvate (Sigma #S8636-100ML), 100 μ M 2-mercaptoethanol (Sigma #63689-
844 25ML-F), penicillin and streptomycin (BioConcept #4-01F00-H), in-house produced
845 leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF), CHIR99021 (Merck #361559-5MG) at 3 μ M and PD184352
846 (Sigma #PZ0181-25MG) at 0.8 μ M. Cells were passaged by trypsinization (Sigma #T4049-
847 100ML) every two to three days.

848

849 Lentiviral vector production

850 Lentiviral vectors were produced by transfection of HEK 293T cells with the envelope
851 (psPAX2, Addgene #12260), packaging (pMD2.G, Addgene #12259) (Dull et al., 1998), and
852 lentiviral construct of interest using Calcium Phosphate transfection, as described
853 previously (Suter et al., 2006). Viral vectors were concentrated 120-fold by
854 ultracentrifugation at 20'000 rpm for 90 minutes at 4°C. 50'000 cells in 1 ml of medium in a

855 24-well plate were transduced with 50 μ l of concentrated lentiviral vector particles to
856 generate stable cell lines.

857

858 Cloning of overexpression constructs

859 pLV-PGK-YPet-MD was derived from pLVTRE3G-Sox2-YPet-MD (Deluz et al., 2016) by
860 amplification of YPet-MD and restriction cloning into pLV-rtTA3G-IRESBsd using AgeI and
861 Sall. pLV-PGK-SNAP-MD-OCT4 and pLV-PGK-SNAP-MD*-OCT4 were derived by
862 amplification of MD or MD* from SNAP-MD-SOX2 (Addgene #115687) and SNAP-MD*-
863 SOX2 (Addgene #115688) (Deluz et al., 2016) and restriction cloning into pLVTRE3G-
864 Oct4-YPet (Deluz et al., 2016) using Sall and XbaI. SNAP-MD-OCT4 and SNAP-MD*-
865 OCT4 were further amplified and cloned by restriction cloning into pLV-rtTA3G-IRESBsd
866 (Deluz et al., 2016) using AgeI and Sall. pLEX-mCherry-OCT4-AID was derived by
867 amplification of OCT4 from pLV-PGK-SNAP-MD-OCT4, AID 71-114 from pEN244
868 (Addgene #92140) (Nora 2017), and mCherry from pLV-TRE3G-mCherry-PGK-Puro (Suter
869 lab). mCherry and OCT4 were ligated using an XmaI restriction site and mCherry-OCT4
870 was ligated to AID using a KpnI restriction site. The mCherry-OCT4-AID fragment was
871 cloned into the pLEX_305-C-dTAG backbone (Addgene #91798) (Nabet et al., 2018) using
872 EcoRV and MluI restriction sites. pLV-pCAGGS-Tir1-V5 was derived by amplification of
873 pCAGGS-Tir1-V5 from pEN395 (Addgene #92141) (Nora et al., 2017) and In-fusion cloning
874 into pLV-PGK-SOX2-SNAP-IRES-Hygro (Strebinger et al., 2019) digested using XhoI and
875 XbaI restriction enzymes.

876

877 Generation of stable cell lines

878 To generate MD-OCT4 cell lines, ZHBTc4 cells were transduced with SNAP-MD-OCT4 and
879 SNAP-MD*-OCT4 lentiviral vector particles and sorted to display near-identical average
880 SNAP levels (Fig. S6A), subsequently transduced with PGK-YPet-MD lentiviral vector
881 particles, and sorted to display near-identical average YPet-MD levels. To generate the
882 OCT4-AID cell line, ZHBTc4 cells were transduced with pLV-pCAGGS-Tir1-V5 and PLEX-

883 mCherry-OCT4-AID packaged lentiviral vectors (i.e Tir1-V5 and mCherry-Oct4-AID virus,
884 respectively) and were selected with 2 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ Puromycin (Thermo Fisher Scientific
885 #A1113803) for 10 days. Subsequently, mCherry positive cells were sorted and transduced
886 with PGK-YPet-MD lentiviral particles and sorted for YPet positive cells. Cells that
887 displayed IAA-dependent degradation were selected by sorting a narrow window of
888 mCherry-positive cells, followed by treatment with 500 nM IAA (Sigma #I5148-2G) for 1
889 hour, and sorting for mCherry-negative cells. All cell lines were maintained in medium
890 without dox (Sigma #D3447-500MG) or IAA prior to experiments.

891

892 Treatment conditions

893 ZHBTc4 YPet-MD SNAP-MD-OCT4 and SNAP-MD*-OCT4 were treated with 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ dox
894 for 40 hours prior to cell sorting. ZHBTc4 YPet-MD TIR1-V5 mCherry-OCT4-AID cells were
895 treated with 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ dox for 24 hours before adding IAA. Dox was maintained throughout
896 the experiment. Cells were treated with 500 nM IAA (or not for control) for 2 hours or
897 treated with 500 nM IAA (or not for control) for 2.5 hours, washed 5 times with PBS with 2
898 minutes incubation, and placed back in medium containing 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ dox for 4.5 hours. For
899 the time course experiment, OCT4-AID cells were seeded in different wells of a 24-well
900 plate and treated with dox for 24 hours before adding IAA. Dox was maintained throughout
901 the experiment. IAA was added at different time points (with one well left untreated) prior to
902 cell collection. All wells were collected at the same time and subjected to ATAC-seq as
903 described below.

904

905 Cell cycle phase sorting

906 Cells were trypsinized, resuspended in culture medium with 50 μM Hoechst33342 (Thermo
907 Fisher Scientific #H3570), and incubated for 15 minutes at 37°C. Cells were then spun
908 down, resuspended in cold PBS with 1% FBS, and sorted according to their YPet-MD and
909 Hoechst profile (Fig. S6B). Cells were sorted at 4°C into 1.5 ml Eppendorf tubes or 15 ml

910 Falcon tubes containing a small amount of PBS with 1% FBS. Sorting for SNAP levels was
911 done on a MoFlo Astrios (Beckman Coulter). All other sorting was done on a FACSAria II
912 or a FACSAria Fusion (BD Biosciences).

913

914 ATAC-seq

915 All ATAC-seq experiments were performed in biological duplicates. 50'000 cells were
916 collected either directly after trypsinization or after sorting as described above and
917 subjected to ATAC-seq as described previously (Buenrostro et al., 2013). All centrifugation
918 steps were done at 800g at 4°C. Briefly, cells were centrifuged for 5 minutes and washed
919 with cold PBS, then centrifuged for 5 minutes and resuspended in cold lysis buffer (10 mM
920 Tris-HCl pH 7.4, 10 mM NaCl, 3 mM MgCl₂, 0.1% NP-40), and centrifuged for 10 minutes.
921 Subsequently, nuclei were resuspended in a solution of 0.5 μM Tn5 (in-house preparation
922 according to (Chen et al., 2017)) in TAPS-DMF buffer (10 mM TAPS-NaOH, 5 mM MgCl₂,
923 10% DMF) and incubated for 30 minutes at 37°C. DNA was immediately purified using
924 column purification (Zymo #D4004) and eluted in 10 μl nuclease-free H₂O. Transposed
925 DNA was amplified in a solution containing 1X NEBNextHigh Fidelity PCR Master Mix (NEB
926 #M0541L), 0.5 μM of Ad1_noMX universal primer, 0.5 μM of Ad2.x indexing primer and
927 0.6x SYBR Green I (Thermo Fisher Scientific #S7585) using 72°C for 5 minutes, 98°C for
928 30 s, and 5 cycles of 98°C for 1s, 63°C for 30s, and 72°C for 60s. 10 μl of amplified DNA
929 was analyzed by qPCR to determine the total number of cycles to avoid amplification
930 saturation and accordingly amplified with additional 3-7 cycles of 98°C for 10s, 63°C for
931 30s, and 72°C for 60s. DNA was purified using column purification (Zymo #D4004) and
932 size-selected by taking the unbound fraction of 0.55X AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter
933 #A63880) followed by the bound fraction of 1.2X AMPure XP beads. Libraries were
934 sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq 500 using 75 nucleotide read-length paired-end
935 sequencing.

936

937 ChIP-seq

938 All ChIP-seq experiments were performed in biological duplicates. Roughly 10 million cells
939 per sample were collected after trypsinization and fixed with 2 mM disuccinimidyl glutarate
940 (Thermo Fisher Scientific #20593) in PBS for 50 minutes at room temperature, spun down
941 at 600g for 5 minutes and washed once with PBS. Cells were then treated with 1%
942 formaldehyde (Axon Lab #A0877,0500) for 10 minutes at room temperature and quenched
943 with 200mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0 for 10 minutes, washed with PBS and spun down. For
944 ZHBTc4 YPet-MD SNAP-MD-OCT4 and SNAP-MD*-OCT4 cells, cells were subsequently
945 resuspended in cold PBS with 1% FBS and at least 500'000 cells per cell cycle phase were
946 sorted. Fixed cell pellets were kept on ice and resuspended in LB1 (50mM HEPES-KOH pH
947 7.4, 140mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 0.5mM EGTA, 10% Glycerol, 0.5% NP-40, 0.25% Triton X-
948 100), incubated 10 min at 4°C, spun down at 1700g, and resuspended in LB1 a second
949 time, spun down and resuspended in LB2 (10mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 200mM NaCl, 1 mM
950 EDTA, 0.5mM EGTA), incubated for 10 min at 4°C, spun down and washed without
951 disturbing the pellet three times with SDS shearing buffer (10mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 1mM
952 EDTA, 0.15% SDS) and finally resuspended in SDS shearing buffer. All buffers contained
953 Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Sigma #P8340-1ML) at 1:100 dilution. Chromatin was sonicated
954 for 20 min at 5% duty cycle, 140 W, 200 cycles on a Covaris E220 focused ultrasonicator.
955 Sonicated chromatin was equilibrated to 1% Triton X-100 and 150 mM NaCl and incubated
956 with each antibody overnight at 4°C. Antibodies used were anti-BRG1 (Abcam #ab110641)
957 at 5 µg per 10 million cells, anti-OCT4 (Cell Signaling Technology #5677S) at 20 µl per 10
958 million cells, and anti-H3K27ac (abcam #ab4729) at 2 µg/25 µg chromatin. Protein G
959 Dynabeads (Thermo Fisher Scientific #10003D) were blocked with 5 mg/ml BSA in PBS,
960 added to chromatin, and incubated at 4°C for 3 hours. Beads were washed twice with Low
961 Salt wash buffer (10mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 150mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% Triton X-100,
962 0.15% SDS, 1 mM PMSF), once with High Salt wash buffer (10mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0,
963 500mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% Triton X-100, 0.15% SDS, 1 mM PMSF), once with LiCl
964 wash buffer (10mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 1mM EDTA, 0.5mM EGTA, 250mM LiCl, 1% NP40,

965 1% sodium deoxycholate, 1mM PMSF), and finally with 1X TE (10 mM Tris pH 8.0, 1 mM
966 EDTA) before being resuspended in ChIP Elution buffer (10 mM Tris pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA,
967 1% SDS, 150 mM NaCl) with 400 ng/μl Proteinase K (Qiagen #19131) and reverse-
968 crosslinked overnight at 65°C. DNA was purified using a MinElute PCR purification kit
969 (Qiagen #28004) and libraries were prepared with the NEBNext Ultra II DNA Library Prep
970 Kit (NEB #E7645S). Libraries were sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq 500 using 75-
971 nucleotide read length paired-end sequencing.

972

973 Pluripotency assays and qRT-PCR

974 ZHBTc4 YPET-MD cells expressing SNAP-MD-OCT4 or SNAP-MD*-OCT4 were plated at
975 400 cells per well in a 6-well plate with ES cell medium (see above) with 0 or 1 μg/ml dox
976 and medium was refreshed every other day. At day 8, flat and dome-shaped colonies were
977 scored according to morphology followed by alkaline phosphatase staining (Sigma #86R-
978 1KT). For qRT-PCR experiments, cells were collected at day 8 and RNA was extracted
979 using GenElute Mammalian Total RNA MiniPrep Kit (Sigma #RTN350). cDNA was
980 synthesized using oligodT primers using SuperScript II Reverse Transcriptase (Thermo
981 Fisher Scientific #18064014). qPCR was performed on a 7900HT (Applied Biosystems).

982

983 Immunofluorescence microscopy

984 2TS22C and ZHBTc4 cells were plated in a 96-well plate coated for 1 hour at 37°C with
985 1:25 diluted StemAdhere (Primorigen Biosciences #S2071-500UG), treated with 1 μg/ml
986 dox for different durations and fixed with 2% formaldehyde for 30 minutes at room
987 temperature, washed with PBS, permeabilized with PBS with 5% FBS and 0.5% Triton X-
988 100 for 30 minutes at room temperature, and incubated with the primary antibody, anti-
989 OCT4 C-10 (Santa Cruz #sc-5279) at 1:500 dilution and anti-SOX2 (ThermoFisher #48-
990 1400) at 1:200 dilution, in PBS with 5% FBS and 0.1% Triton X-100 at 4°C overnight. After
991 washing with PBS, cells were incubated with the secondary antibody, anti-Mouse IgG

992 AF488 (Thermo Fisher Scientific #A28175) and anti-Rabbit IgG AF647 (Thermo Fisher
993 Scientific #A27040) at 1:1000, in PBS with 5% FBS and 0.1% Triton X-100 for 60 minutes
994 at room temperature, with 2 ng/ml DAPI (Thermo Fisher Scientific #62248) for 10 minutes
995 at room temperature and subsequently washed and imaged on an IN Cell Analyzer 2200
996 (GE Healthcare). Images were background-subtracted using Fiji (Schindelin et al., 2012)
997 with a rolling ball radius of 50 pixels and analyzed using CellProfiler (Carpenter et al.,
998 2006). Nuclei were identified using the Watershed module on the DAPI channel, objects
999 that were too large or too small were discarded, and the integrated intensity in the OCT4
1000 and SOX2 channels was measured within the identified nuclei.

1001

1002 Time-lapse microscopy

1003 ZHBTc4 YPet-MD TIR1-V5 mCherry-OCT4-AID cells were plated in a 96-well plate coated
1004 for 1 hour at 37°C with 1:25 diluted StemAdhere (Primorigen Biosciences #S2071-500UG)
1005 and imaged on an IN Cell Analyzer 2200 (GE Healthcare) using the TexasRed and
1006 Brightfield channels. Cells were treated with IAA or washed just prior to imaging. Images
1007 were background-subtracted using Fiji (Schindelin et al., 2012) with a rolling ball radius of
1008 50 pixels and nuclei were tracked manually over time using the Manual Tracking plugin in
1009 Fiji in the Brightfield channel. The mean signal in 10 pixels around the tracked spot were
1010 measured in the TexasRed channel and the mean background signal at an equivalent sized
1011 spot free from cells (background) was subtracted at each time point.

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1013 Data analysis for ATAC-seq and ChIP-seq

1014 All sequencing libraries were aligned to the mm10 Mus musculus genome (GRCm38) with
1015 STAR 2.6.1c (Dobin et al., 2013) and duplicate reads were removed using Picard (Broad
1016 Institute). Reads not mapping to chromosomes 1-19, X, or Y were removed. Peaks were
1017 called with MACS 2.1.1.20160309 (Zhang et al., 2008) with settings '-f BAMPE -g mm'. For
1018 comparative analysis of ZHBTc4 and 2TS22C cells, all peaks from ZHBTc4 and 2TS22C
1019 ATAC-seq experiments were merged with BEDTools (Quinlan and Hall, 2010). For MD-

1020 OCT4 and OCT4-AID analyses, all peaks from ATAC-seq experiments in the corresponding
1021 cell lines were merged. For MD-OCT4 H3K27ac analysis, peak coordinates were expanded
1022 by 500 bp on both sides to account for the enrichment profile of H3K27ac. All peaks larger
1023 than 5 kb, overlapping peaks called in Input (no immunoprecipitation) samples from ES
1024 cells in S2iL (GSE89599) or SL (GSE87822), or overlapping blacklisted peaks (ENCODE
1025 Project Consortium, 2012) were removed. The HOMER2 (Heinz et al., 2010) functions
1026 makeTagDirectory and annotatePeaks.pl with settings '-noadj -len 0 -size given' were used
1027 for read counting and count tables were loaded into RStudio. TMM Normalization was done
1028 with edgeR (Robinson et al., 2010) and analysis of differentially accessible regions was
1029 done with limma (Ritchie et al., 2015). Contrasts were designed as
1030 ~0+Condition+Replicate, where Condition specifies the cell line and treatment and
1031 Replicate the date of the experiment, to take into account the paired nature of the
1032 experiments. For comparing unpaired experiments, i.e. untreated ZHBTc4 vs 2TS22C cell
1033 lines or untreated ZHBTc4 in SL versus S2iL, ~0+Condition was used. For Fig. S8A-B, the
1034 mean of the TMM-normalized reads in the ChIP-seq and ATAC-seq replicates was divided
1035 by the nucleotide length of each region. For Figures 5C-F, the mean of the TMM-
1036 normalized reads in the replicates was used. The HOMER2 function findMotifsGenome.pl
1037 was used with the setting '-size given' for motif searching. The most frequent known motif in
1038 target regions of a given class of known motifs (i.e. different versions of SOX and OCT
1039 motifs) was used. Background was calculated as the mean of HOMER-estimated
1040 background frequency in all groups/clusters. Only motifs with $\log P < -50$ are shown in
1041 Tables 1-3. For GO analysis, the closest Entrez gene entry TSS to each region in groups
1042 was used and enrichment was calculated using the HOMER2 function findGO.pl with
1043 setting 'mouse'. Gene names were converted between assemblies using biomaRt (Durinck
1044 et al., 2005). Replicate bam files were merged using SAMTools (Li et al., 2009) and
1045 converted to bigWig files using the deepTools 3.1.3 (Ramírez et al., 2016) function
1046 bamCoverage with settings '--normalizeUsingRPKM'. Average lineplots were generated
1047 using deepTools computeMatrix (with setting 'reference-point') and custom R code.

1048 Heatmaps were generated using the deepTools function plotHeatmap. Genome tracks
1049 were made in the UCSC genome browser (Kent et al., 2002). Plots were generated using
1050 ggplot2 (Wickham, 2009). Overlap between genomic regions was determined using
1051 GenomicRanges (Lawrence et al., 2013). The heatmap in Fig. 1C was generated using
1052 ComplexHeatmap (Gu et al., 2016). Color schemes were taken from colorbrewer2.org and
1053 <https://rpubs.com/Koundy/71792>.

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1055 Published datasets

1056 Published data in Table 4 were aligned and processed as described above. Processed
1057 bigWig files in Table 5 were downloaded from GEO (Edgar et al., 2002) or cistromeDB (Mei
1058 et al., 2017). When necessary, peak files were converted to mm9 using liftOver (Hinrichs et
1059 al., 2006). OCT4 and SOX2 ChIP-seq peaks were derived from newly generated (2TS22C
1060 OCT4) and published (ZHBTc4 OCT4 and SOX2) (King and Klose, 2017) datasets as
1061 described above as well as from processed SOX2 ChIP-seq peaks from asynchronous E14
1062 cells (GSE89599) (Deluz et al., 2016) and merged with BEDTools (Quinlan and Hall, 2010).
1063 Super-enhancer and typical enhancers were taken from (Sabari et al., 2018) and converted
1064 to mm10 using liftOver (Hinrichs et al., 2006). ChromHMM tracks from mouse ES cells
1065 were downloaded from https://github.com/guifengwei/ChromHMM_mESC_mm10
1066 (Pintacuda et al., 2017). ATAC-seq data from OCT4 high and OCT4 low sorted cells were
1067 taken from a previous study (Strebinger et al., 2019) and processed as described above,
1068 merging SHOH and SLOH samples into OCT4 high and SLOL and SHOL samples into
1069 OCT4 low.

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1071 K-means clustering

1072 Clusters in Fig. 3D were generated using the R function pheatmap with settings
1073 'clustering_distance_rows = "euclidean", kmeans_k = 4' on a matrix containing the log2
1074 fold-change values in accessibility between MD-OCT4 and MD*-OCT4 at each cell cycle

1075 phase (columns) at each OCT4-bound locus (rows). Clusters were ordered according to the
1076 lowest mean log₂ fold-change in EG1.

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1078 Exponential curve fitting

1079 Exponential decays were fitted using the R function nls with the formula $y \sim a * e^{(-b * x)} + c$
1080 where a, b, and c are constants. Half-life values were derived as $\log(2)/b$.

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1082 **Supplementary figure and table legends**

1083 **Supplementary Figure 1.** (A) Immunofluorescence of 2TS22C cells stained for DNA
1084 (DAPI), OCT4, and SOX2 without dox treatment (left), and after 26 hours (middle), and 40
1085 hours (right) of dox treatment. (B) Violin plot of background-subtracted log values of
1086 immunofluorescence signal in OCT4 (left) and SOX2 (right) channels upon SOX2 depletion.
1087 Control: n=45'601 cells from 4 biological replicates including 2 technical replicates; 26
1088 hours: n=42'298 cells from 3 biological replicates including 2 technical replicates; 40 hours:
1089 n= 32'342 cells from 2 technical replicates. Dots: mean; Vertical lines: standard deviation.
1090 (C) Immunofluorescence of ZHBTc4 cells stained for DNA (DAPI), OCT4, and SOX2
1091 without dox treatment (left), and after 24 hours of dox treatment (right). (D) Violin plot of
1092 background-subtracted log values of immunofluorescence signal in OCT4 (left) and SOX2
1093 (right) channels upon OCT4 depletion. Control: n=26'119 cells from 3 biological replicates.
1094 24 hours: n=23'157 cells from 3 biological replicates. Dots: mean; Vertical lines: standard
1095 deviation. (E) Correlation between the log₂ fold-change values of accessibility upon OCT4
1096 depletion in S2iL (x-axis) and SL (y-axis) at OCT4-bound sites. (F) Correlation between the
1097 log₂ fold-change values of accessibility upon SOX2 depletion after 26 hours (x-axis) and 40
1098 hours (y-axis) of dox treatment at SOX2 binding sites. R is Pearson correlation coefficient.
1099 Scale bars: 30 μm.

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1101 **Supplementary Figure 2.** Heatmaps of RPKM-normalized ATAC-seq and ChIP-seq

1102 binding profiles upon OCT4 (A) and SOX2 (B) depletion 5 kb around OCT4-regulated (A)

1103 and SOX2-regulated (B) loci. Each row represents one individual locus and each column
1104 represents one experimental condition.

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1106 **Supplementary Figure 3.** (A) Classification of all OCT4 and SOX2 binding sites into OD,
1107 CD, and SD loci as well as loci that were discarded due to differences in untreated cells
1108 between conditions or cell lines (Discarded), due to incongruent effect on accessibility after
1109 depletion in different conditions (Incongruent) and those that were unaffected by depletion.
1110 (B) ChromHMM signal enrichment at OD, CD, and SD loci as well as loci that were
1111 unaffected by depletion or not bound by OCT4 or SOX2.

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1113 **Supplementary Figure 4.** (A) Average ATAC-seq signal 2 kb around OD, CD, and SD loci
1114 in BRG1fl cells that were treated with tamoxifen (TAM) or left untreated. (B) Frequency of
1115 the AP-2 motif 2 kb around OD, CD, and SD loci, and in background regions (BG). (C)
1116 Average SOX2 ChIP-seq signal in TS cells 2 kb around OD, CD, and SD loci. (D) Average
1117 ATAC-seq signal in TS cells 2 kb around OD, CD, and SD loci. (E) Percentage of the
1118 closest gene in the OD, CD, and SD groups as well as all other accessible regions (Other)
1119 whose nascent RNA levels are downregulated or upregulated upon 24 hours of OCT4
1120 depletion (F) Average ChIP-seq signal of ESRRB, NANOG, KLF4, and SALL4 in ES cells 2
1121 kb around OD, CD, and SD loci. (G) Enrichment ($-\log(p)$) values for the closest gene in the
1122 OD, CD, and SD groups in the “Cell differentiation” gene ontology set. (H) SOX2 binding
1123 profiles 2 kb around OD, CD, and SD loci in wt and PARP1 KO ES cells.

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1125 **Supplementary Figure 5.** (A) Correlation between \log_2 fold-change values of accessibility
1126 (x-axis) and OCT4 binding (y-axis) upon SOX2 depletion in 2TS22C cells with dox
1127 treatment for 26 hours. R is Pearson correlation coefficient. (B-C) Average RPKM-
1128 normalized ATAC-seq signal 2 kb around OD (n=3'730), CD (n=1'463), and SD (n=273) loci
1129 that overlap with a canonical OCT4::SOX2 motif upon SOX2 (B) and OCT4 (C) depletion.
1130 (D-E) Average RPKM-normalized OCT4 (D) and SOX2 (E) ChIP-seq signal 2 kb around

1131 OD, CD, and SD loci that overlap with a canonical OCT4::SOX2 motif upon SOX2 (D) and
1132 OCT4 (E) depletion. (F) Average RPKM-normalized ATAC-seq signal upon SOX2 depletion
1133 2 kb around loci that display a significant increase in accessibility and SOX2 binding upon
1134 OCT4 depletion. (G) Average RPKM-normalized BRG1 ChIP-seq signal upon OCT4
1135 depletion 2 kb around loci that display a significant increase in accessibility and SOX2
1136 binding upon OCT4 depletion.

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1138 **Supplementary Figure 6.** (A) Gate used to sort SNAP-MD-OCT4 (left) and SNAP-MD*-
1139 OCT4 (right) cells for the same average SNAP-Cell 647-SiR signal. Y-axis: Signal
1140 amplitude at 405 nm excitation and 526/52 nm emission (negative control). X-axis: Signal
1141 amplitude at 640 nm excitation and 671/30 nm emission (SNAP signal). (B) Example of a
1142 sorting experiment for different phases of the cell cycle in cells expressing YPet-MD and
1143 stained for Hoechst33258. Y-axis: Integrated signal at 488 nm excitation and 525/50 nm
1144 emission (YPet). X-axis: Signal amplitude at 355 nm excitation and 450/50 nm emission
1145 (Hoechst) (C) Correlation between YPet-MD and SNAP-MD-OCT4 expression in MD-OCT4
1146 cells as measured by flow cytometry. Y-axis: Integrated signal at 640 nm excitation and
1147 670/14 nm emission (SNAP). X-axis: Integrated signal at 488 nm excitation and 525/50 nm
1148 emission (YPet). (D) Violin plot of log₂ fold-change values of accessibility between MD-
1149 OCT4 and MD*-OCT4 cells in significantly downregulated and upregulated loci (see Fig.
1150 1B) in unsorted cells in the absence of dox. Dots: mean; Vertical lines: standard deviation.
1151 (E) Percentage of dome-shaped colonies as assessed by microscopy in the ZHBTc4 cell
1152 line upon dox treatment and with overexpression of SNAP-MD*-OCT4 or SNAP-MD-OCT4.
1153 n=3 biological replicates. (F) Representative alkaline phosphatase staining from cells in (E).
1154 (G) Fold-change of expression levels of differentiation markers (Dlx3, Eomes and Esx1)
1155 and Nanog, measured by qRT-PCR in dox-treated versus untreated cells, in MD-OCT4 and
1156 MD*-OCT4 cells. Each sample is normalized to the expression of Rps9. n=4 biological
1157 replicates. (H) Percentage of cells in EG1/LG1/S/SG2 phases as determined by flow
1158 cytometry in MD-OCT4 and MD*-OCT4 cells. n=4 biological replicates. (I-J) Violin plot of

1159 log₂ fold-change values of accessibility between MD-OCT4 and MD*-OCT4 cells in
1160 different cell cycle phases at significantly downregulated (I) and upregulated (J) loci (see
1161 Fig. 1B). Dots: mean; Vertical lines: standard deviation.

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1163 **Supplementary Figure 7.** (A) Violin plot of distance to closest TSS in clusters from Fig.
1164 3D. Dots: mean; Vertical lines: standard deviation. (B) Heatmap of ChIP-seq signal of
1165 H3K4me₃, H3K4me₁, and H3K27ac in wt ES cells in the different clusters. (C) Average
1166 log₂ fold-change values of H3K27ac ChIP-seq signal between MD-OCT4 and MD*-OCT4
1167 cells in the different clusters (including 500bp flanking regions at each side) at different cell
1168 cycle stages. (D) Genome browser tracks of RPKM-normalized H3K27ac profiles across
1169 the cell cycle for a cluster 1 locus (chr11:6894809-6895533) that decreases in accessibility
1170 and H3K27ac upon transient OCT4 depletion in M-G1. (E) Percentage of loci in the
1171 different clusters and at non-OCT4 bound regions overlapping typical enhancers (TE) and
1172 super-enhancers (SE) in mouse ES cells. (F) ATAC-seq signal in cells sorted for high and
1173 low endogenous OCT4 levels in the different clusters. (G) Percentage of loci in the different
1174 clusters overlapping OD, CD, and SD loci (see Fig. 1C).

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1176 **Supplementary Figure 8.** (A) Correlation between the log of normalized OCT4 ChIP-seq
1177 reads per bp (x-axis) and the log₂ fold-change values of accessibility loss upon OCT4
1178 depletion (y-axis) at all OCT4 binding sites in ZHBTc4 cells. (B) Correlation between the log
1179 of normalized OCT4 ChIP-seq reads per bp (x-axis) and the log of normalized ATAC-seq
1180 reads per bp (y-axis) at all OCT4 binding sites in ZHBTc4 cells. R is Pearson correlation
1181 coefficient.

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1183 **Supplementary Figure 9.** (A) Histogram of mCherry signal in untreated mCherry OCT4-
1184 AID cells and treated with IAA for 2 hours as well as mCherry negative E14 ES cells as
1185 measured by flow cytometry. X-axis: Integrated signal at 561 nm excitation and 610/20 nm
1186 emission. Y-axis: Counts. (B-D) Fold-change of red fluorescence (mCherry) signal between

1187 treated and untreated mCherry-OCT4-AID cells as determined by flow cytometry in different
1188 cell cycle phases upon 2 h IAA treatment (B), 0.5 h IAA treatment (C), and after 2.5 h IAA
1189 treatment followed by 4.5 h of washout (D). n=3 biological replicates. (E-F) Genome
1190 browser tracks of accessibility profiles of a cluster 1 locus at chr10:95455826-95456819
1191 after IAA treatment (E) and after IAA treatment followed by washout (F).

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1193 **Table 1.** Enrichment (logP) and frequency of known motifs from HOMER in the sequences
1194 of OD, CD, and SD loci.

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1196 **Table 2.** Enrichment (logP) and frequency of known motifs from HOMER in the sequences
1197 of loci gaining accessibility upon loss of OCT4 (OCT4up) and SOX2 (SOX2up).

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1199 **Table 3.** Enrichment (logP) and frequency of known motifs from HOMER in the sequences
1200 of the different clusters in Fig. 3D.

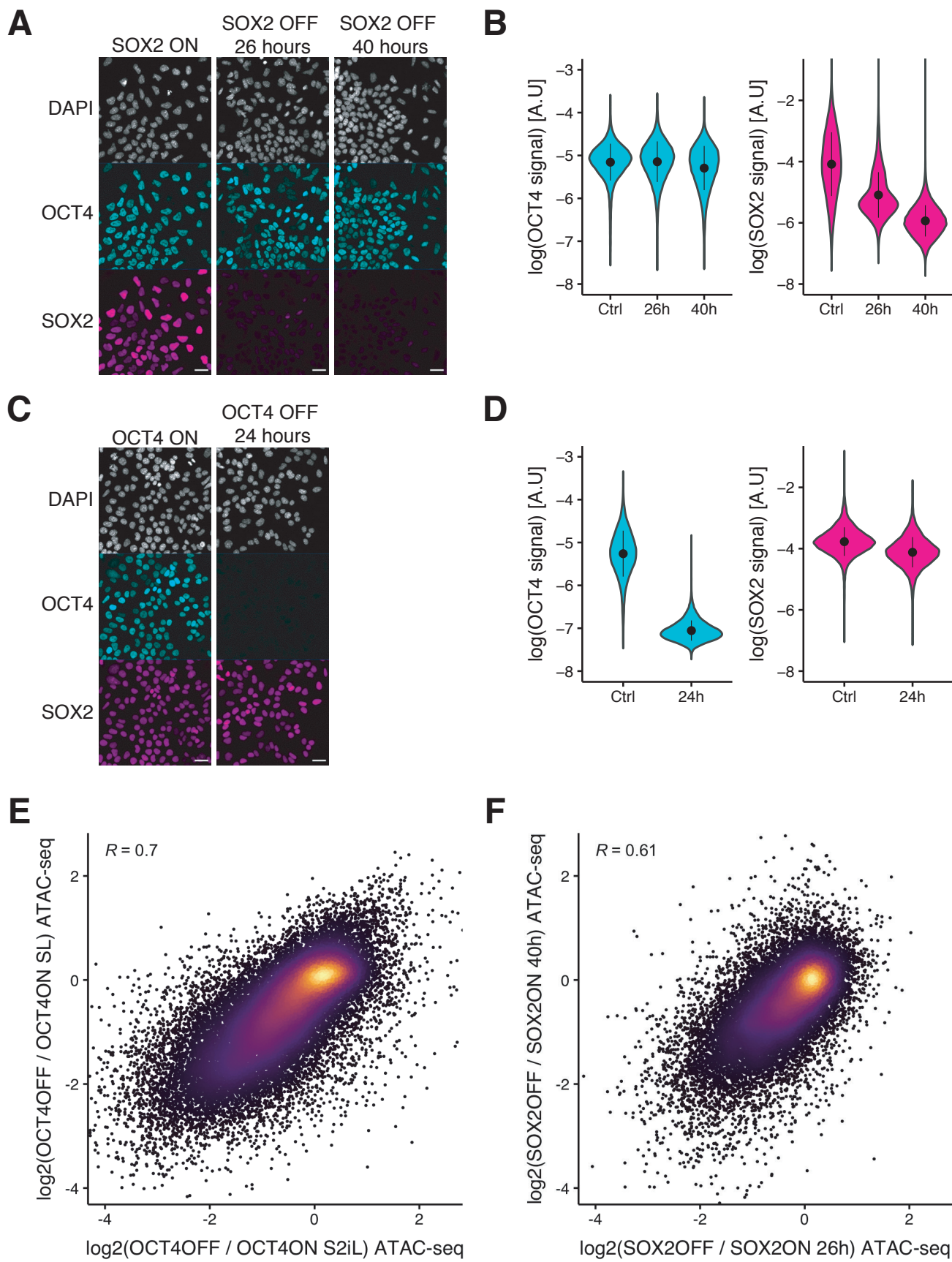
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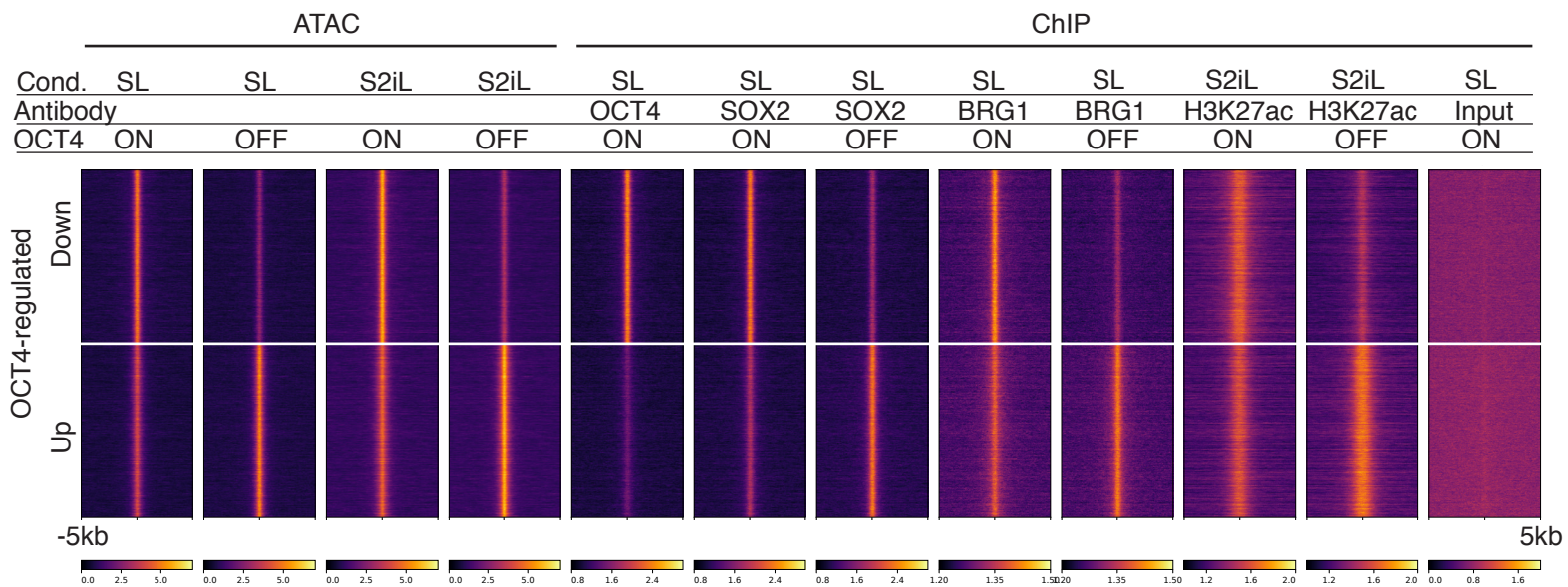
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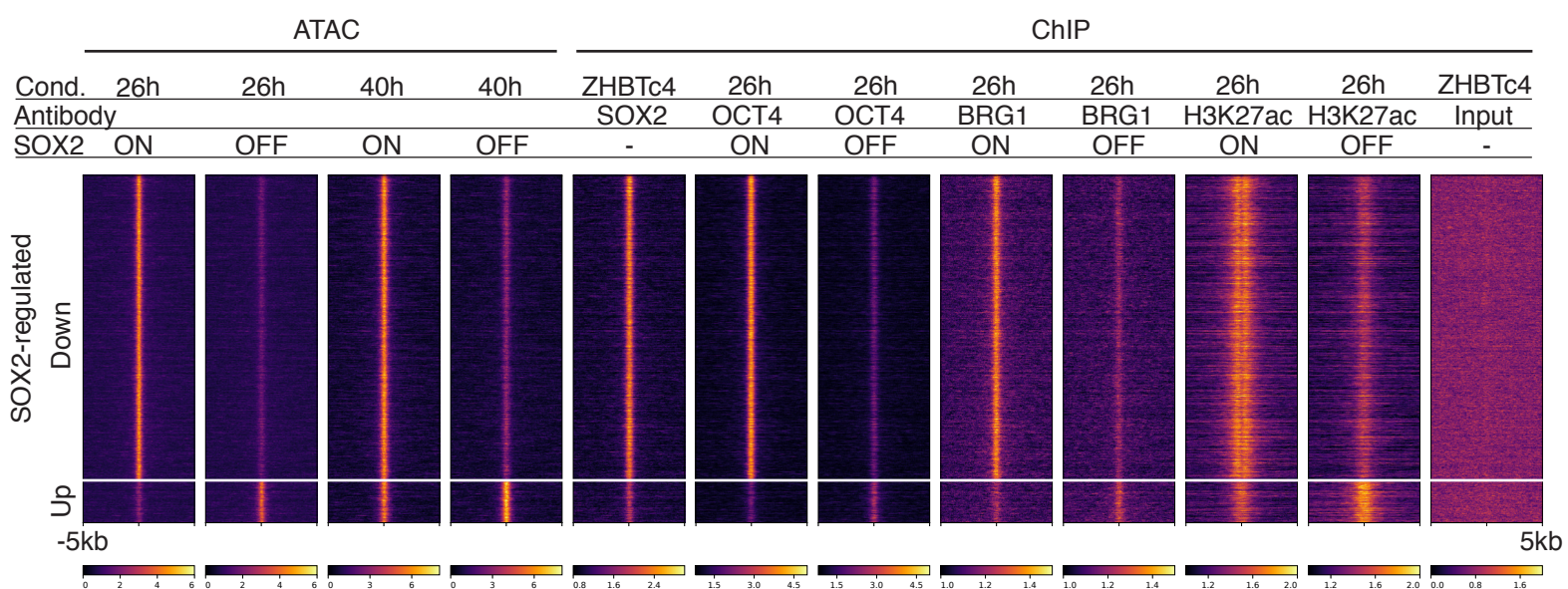
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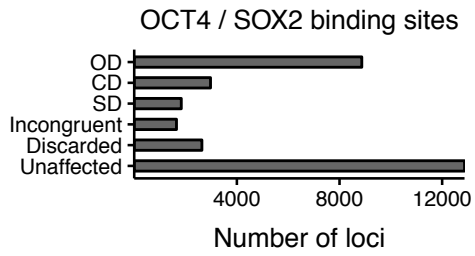
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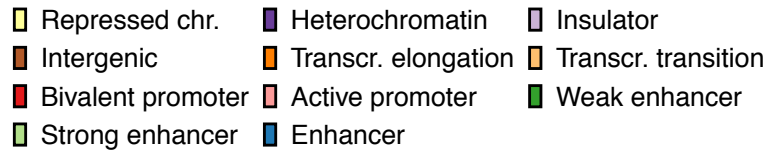
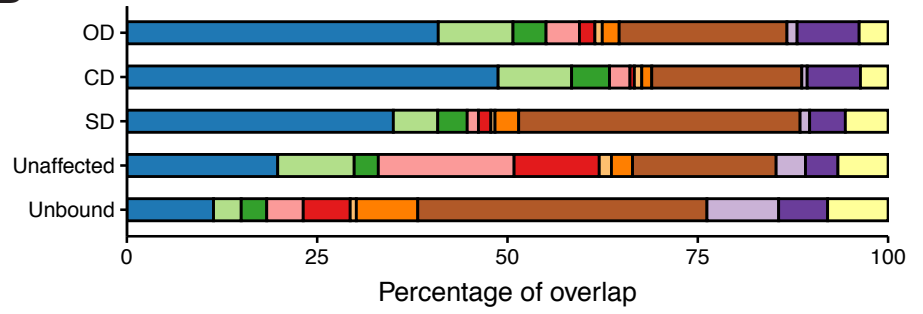
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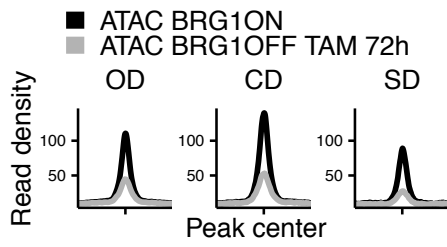
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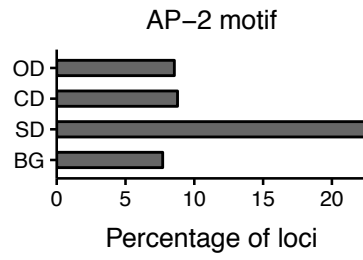
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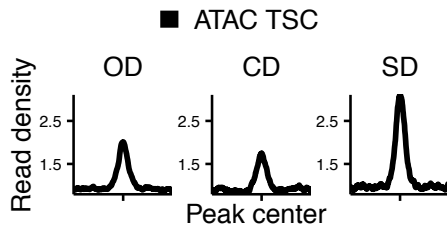
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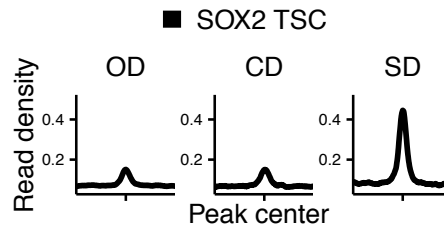
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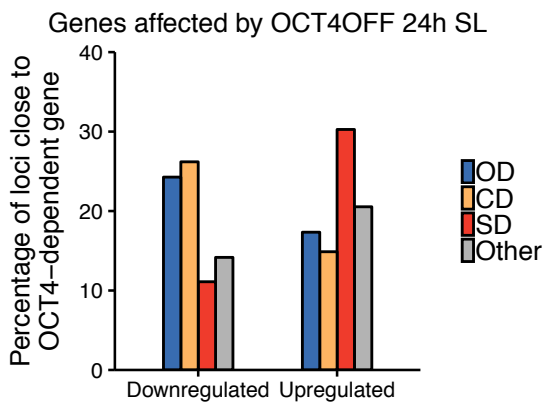
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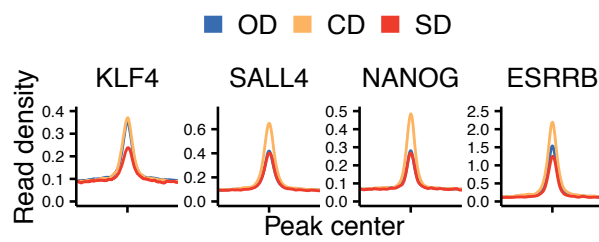
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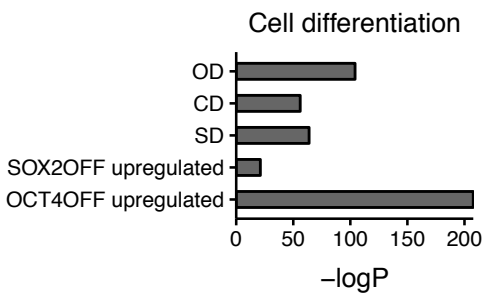
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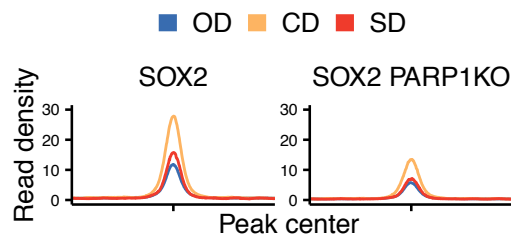
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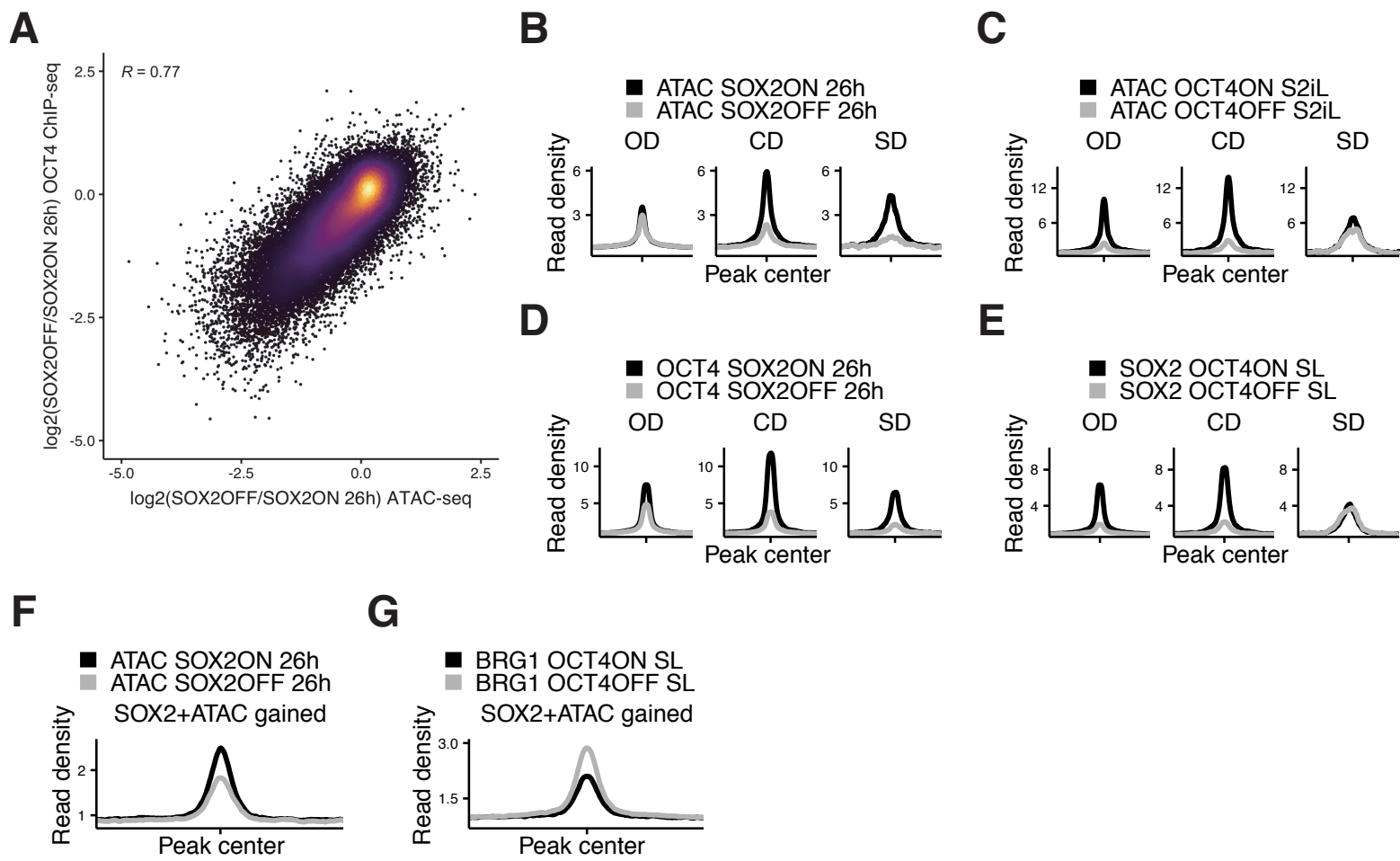


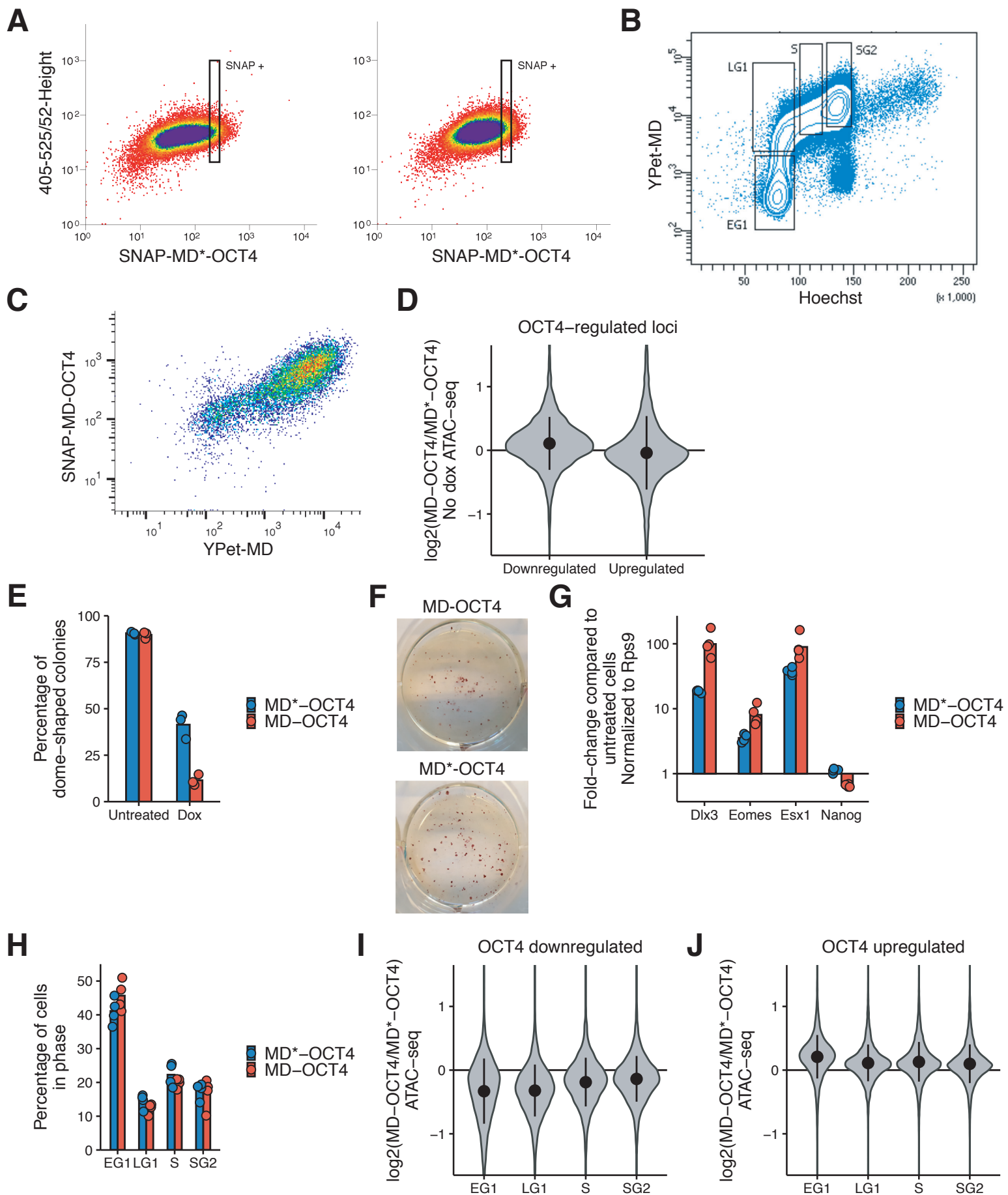
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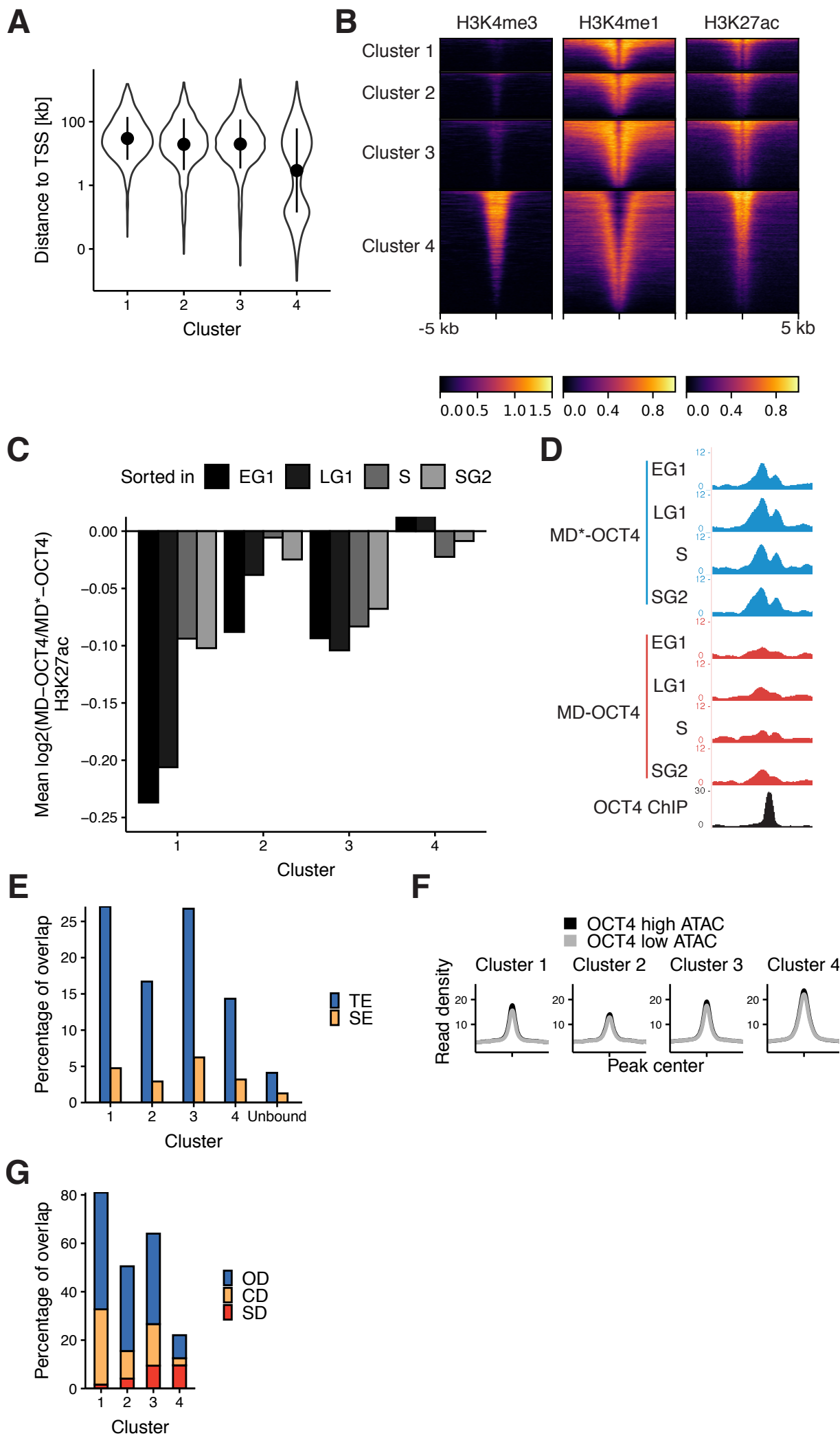


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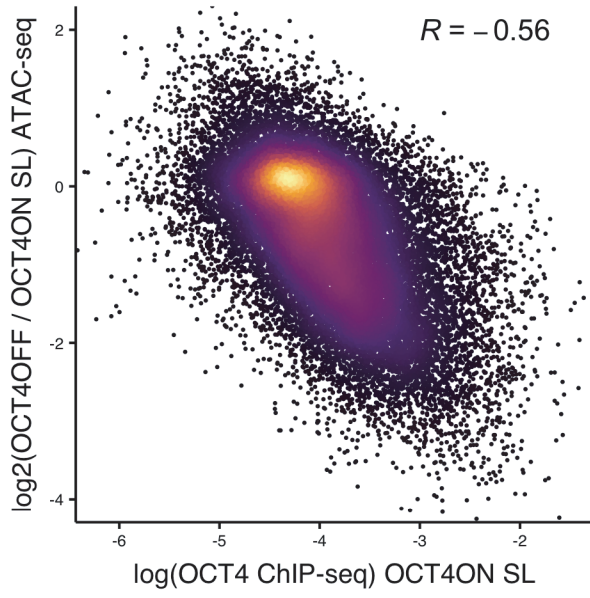




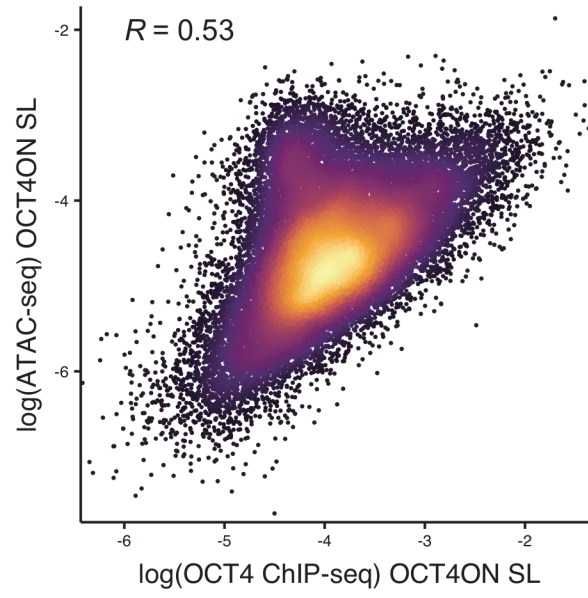


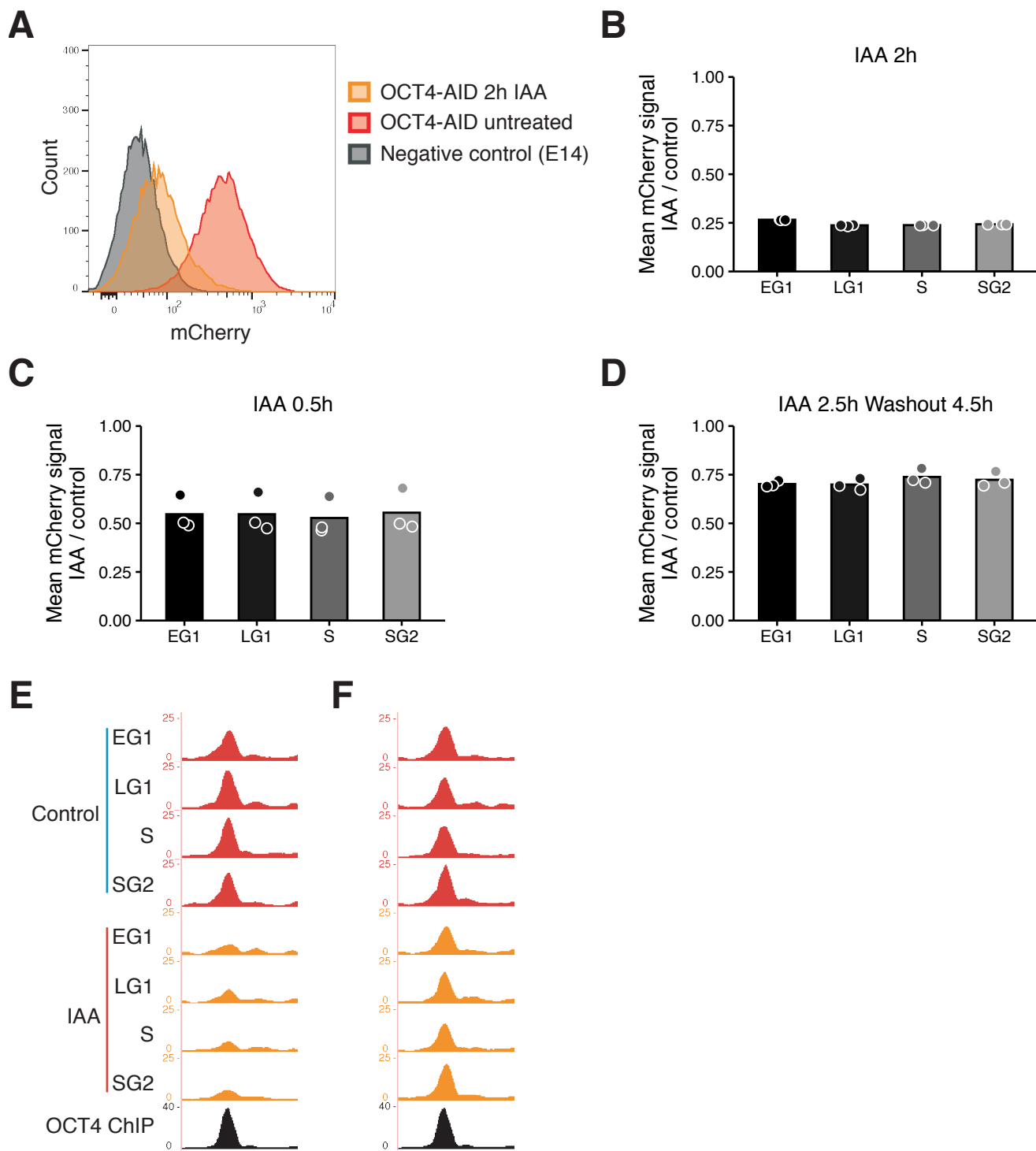


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