

The H2A.Z histone variant  
regulates  
meiotic chromosome dynamics



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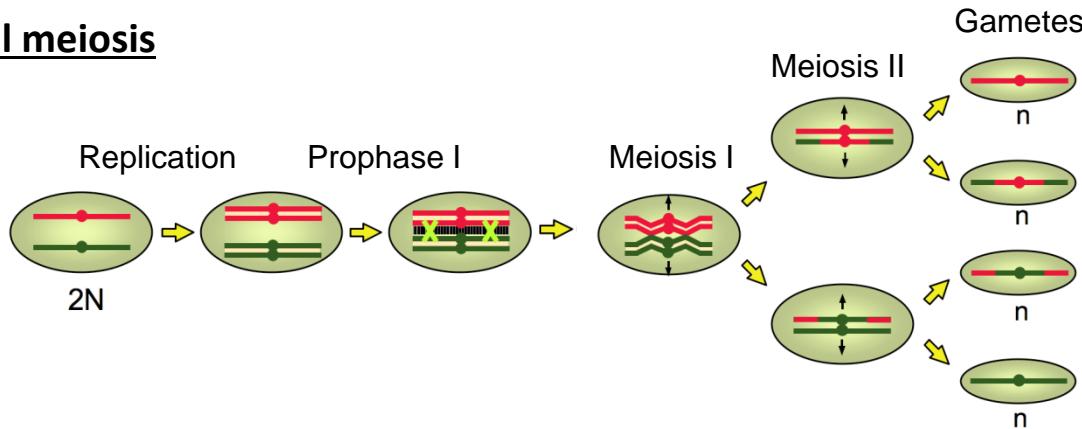
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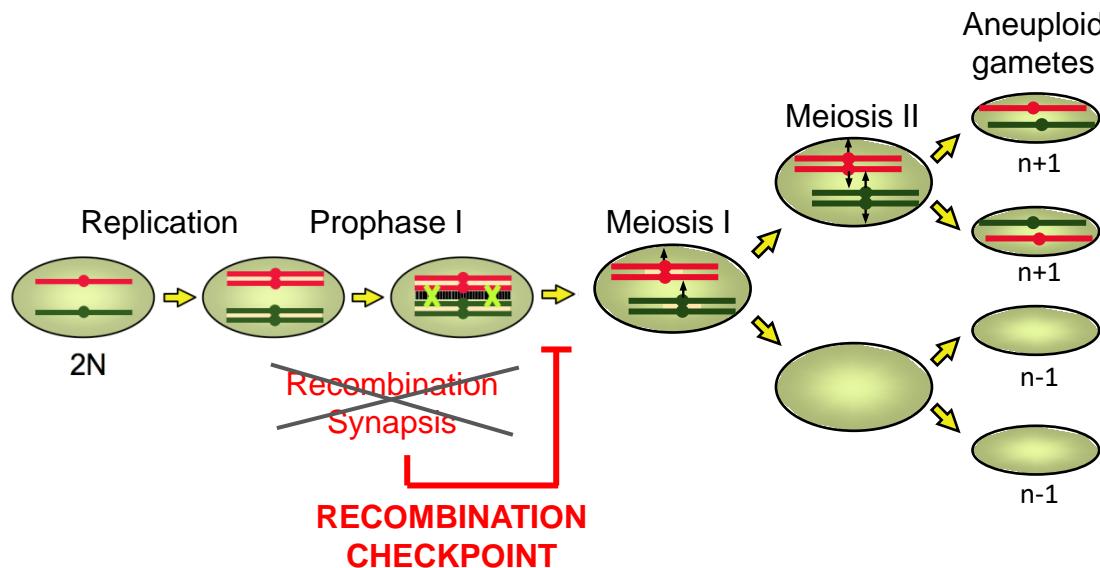
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## Role of H2A.Z in meiosis

- Normal meiosis

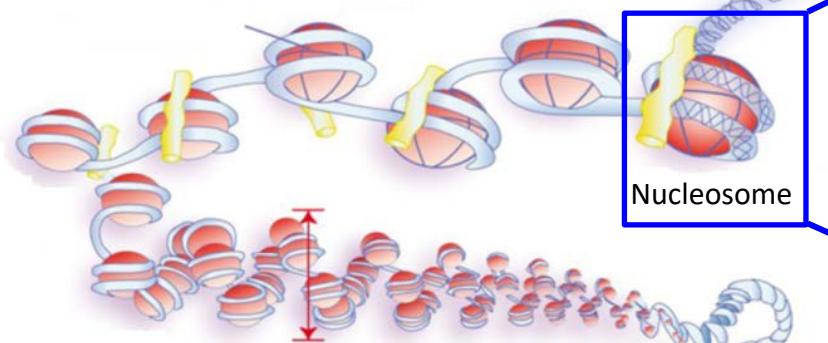
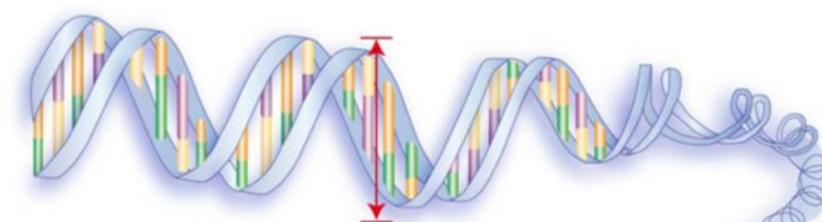


- Defective meiosis (*zip1* mutant) → Recombination checkpoint

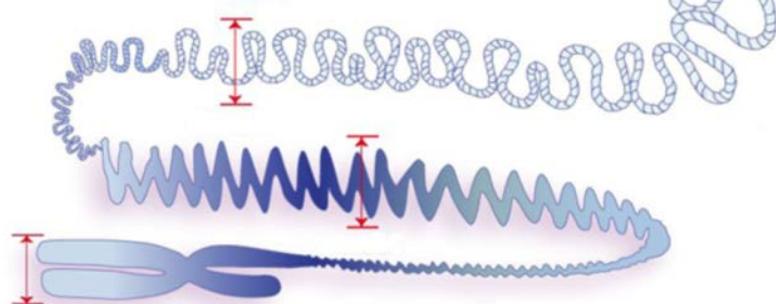


# Chromatin regulation

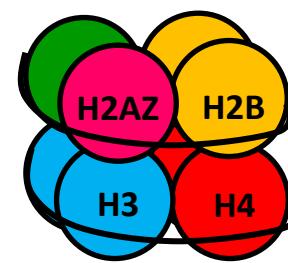
Double helix  
of DNA



Nucleosome



Chromosome



Histones  
+  
DNA

## Canonical histones:

H2A, H2B, H3, H4

## Variant histones:

CenH3, H3.3, **H2A.Z**, H2A.X, H2Av, H2A-Bbd, MacroH2A

## Histone variant H2A.Z is conserved in all eukaryotic organism



H2afz,H2Af<sup>v</sup>  
*Mus musculus*

H2AvD  
*Drosophila melanogaster*



Pht1  
*Schizosaccharomyces pombe*

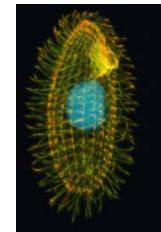


HTA4,-8,-9,-11  
*Arabidopsis thaliana*

HTZ-1/H2A.Z  
*Caenorhabditis elegans*



H2A.Z  
*Xenopus laevis*



Hv1  
*Tetrahymena thermophila*

## HTZ1 gen encode H2A.Z histone

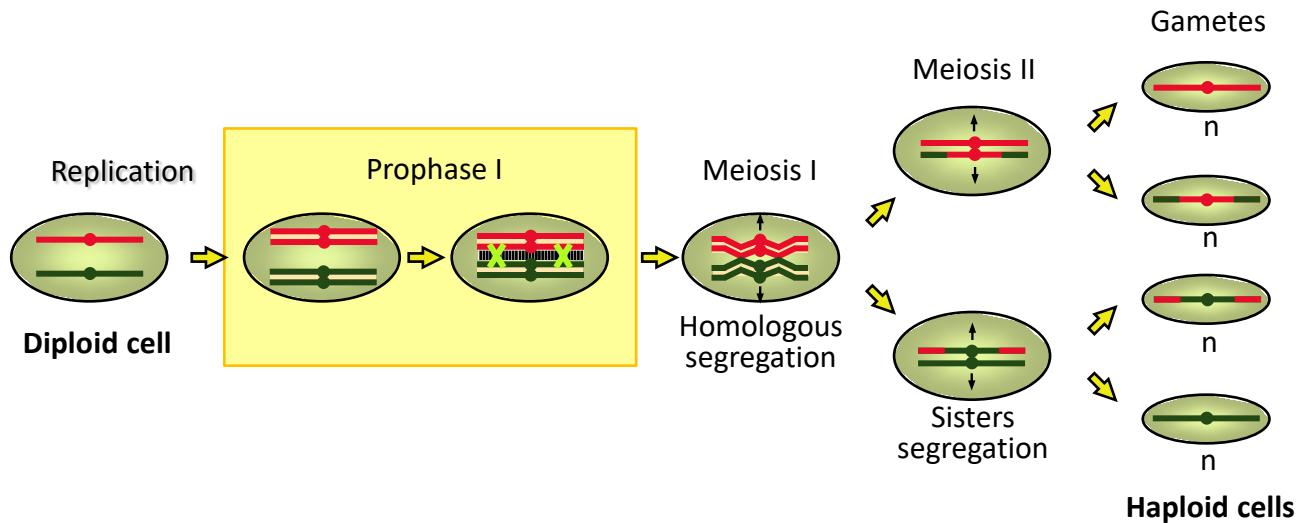


**HTZ1**  
*Saccharomyces  
cerevisiae*

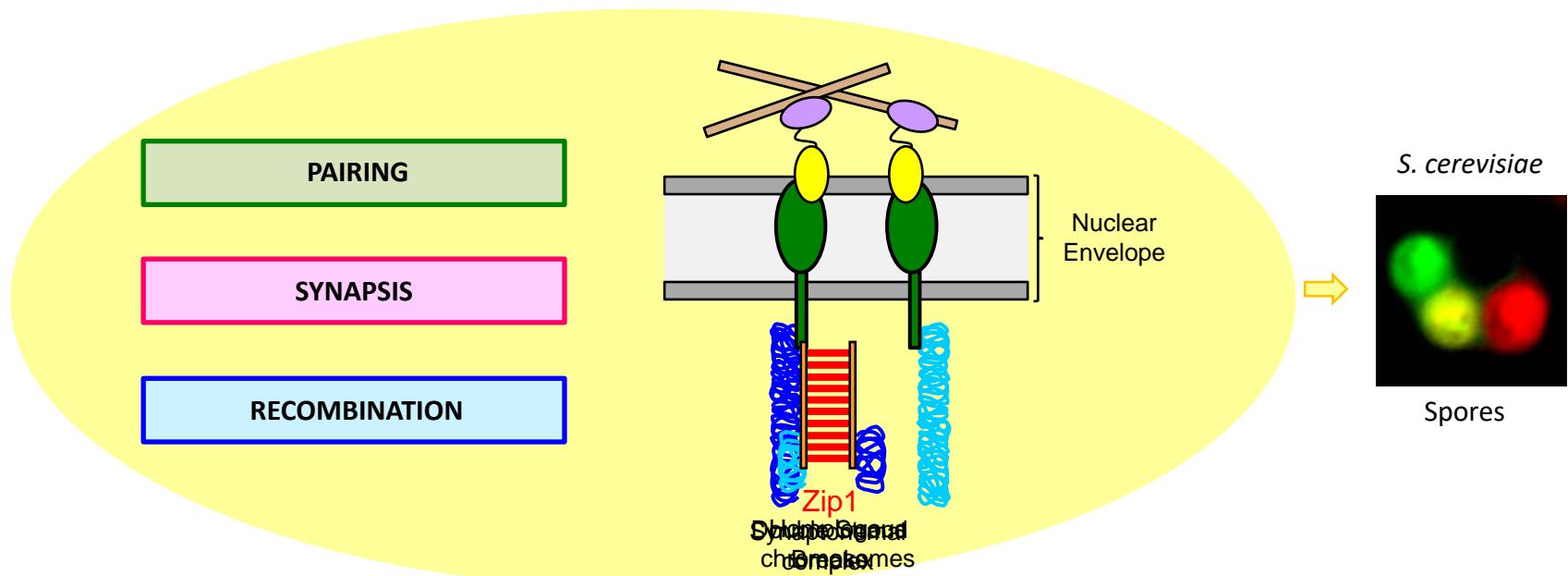
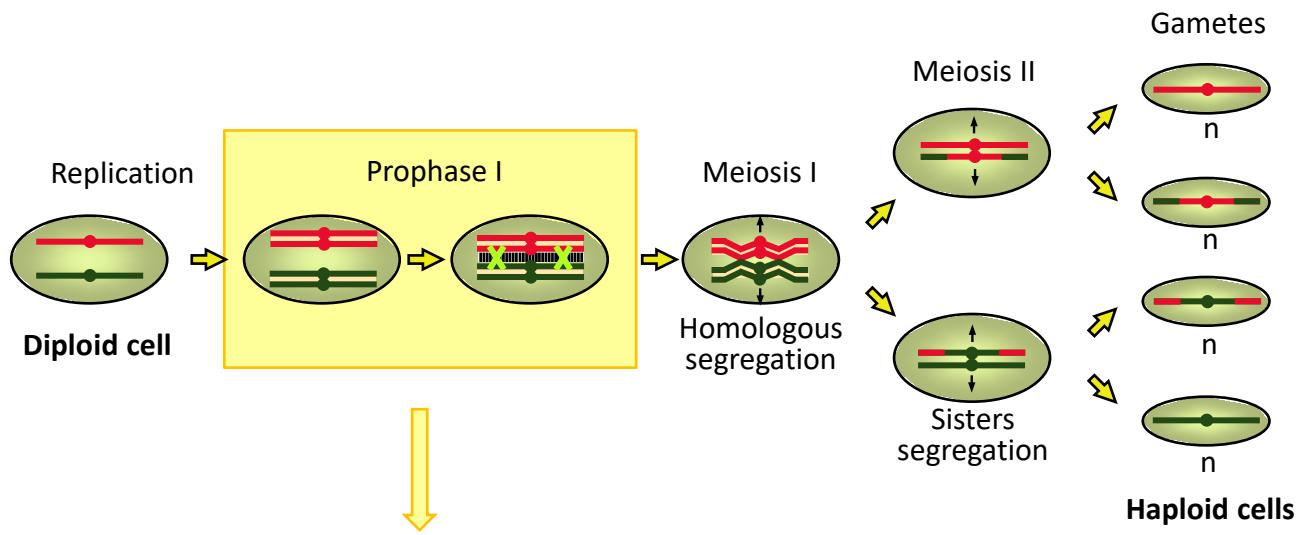
90% of homology

H2AZ,H2AF/Z  
Human

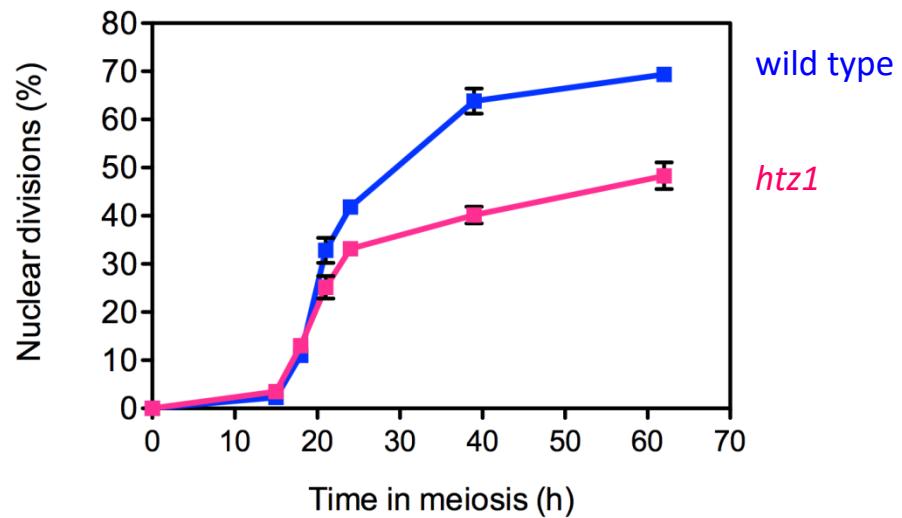
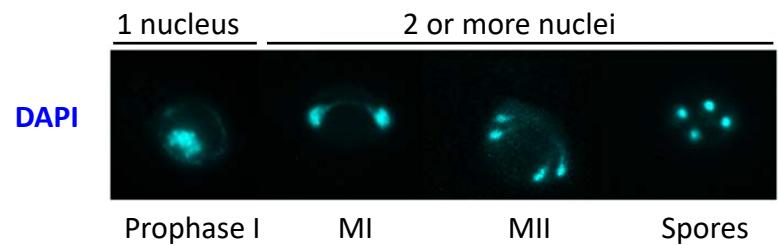
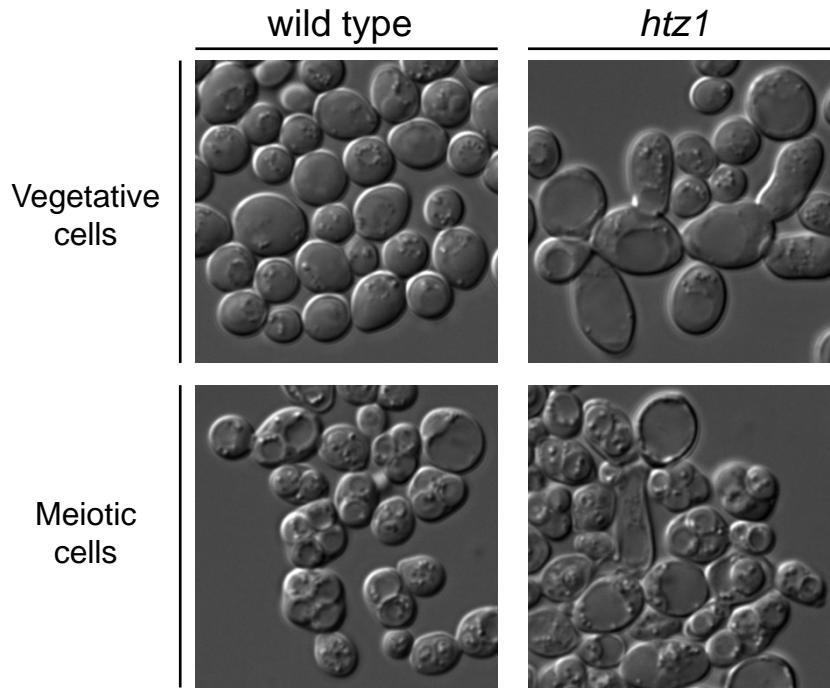
## Meiotic prophase



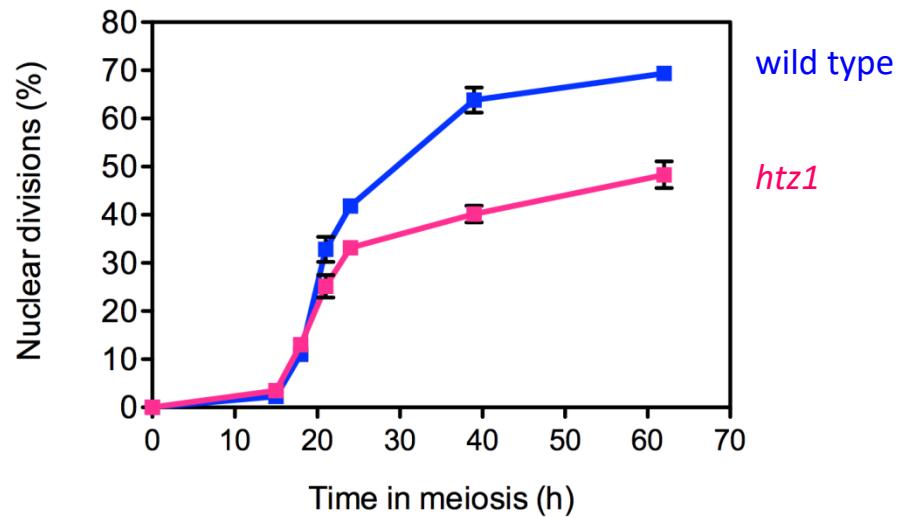
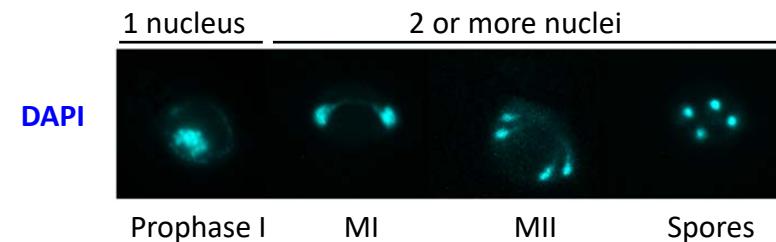
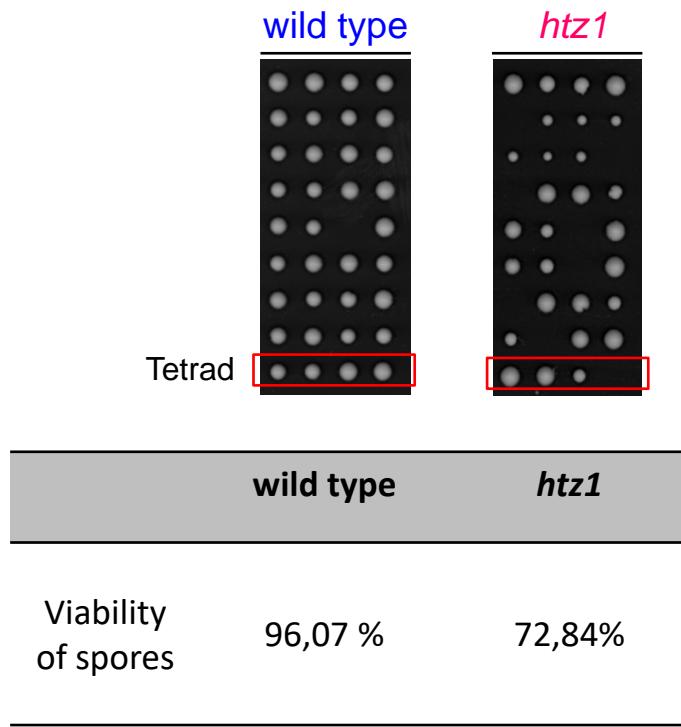
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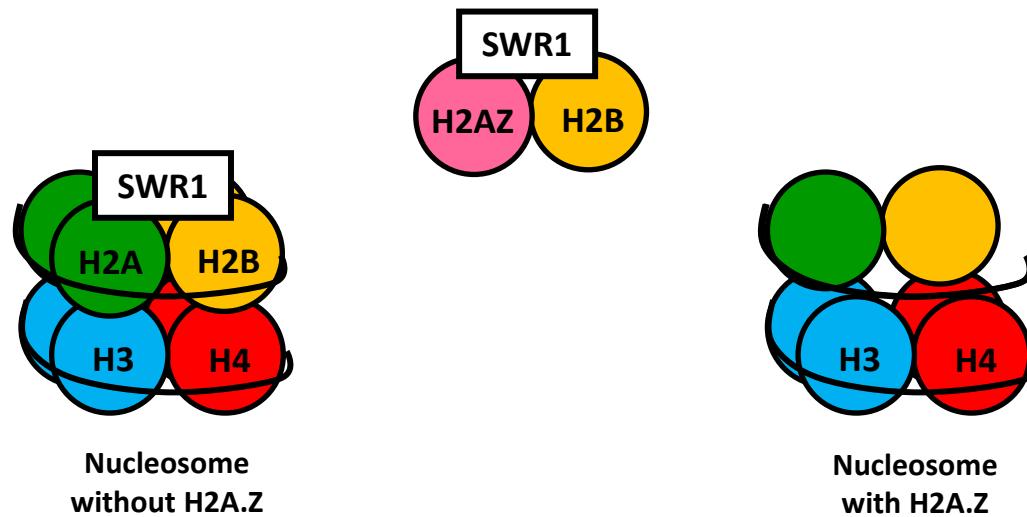
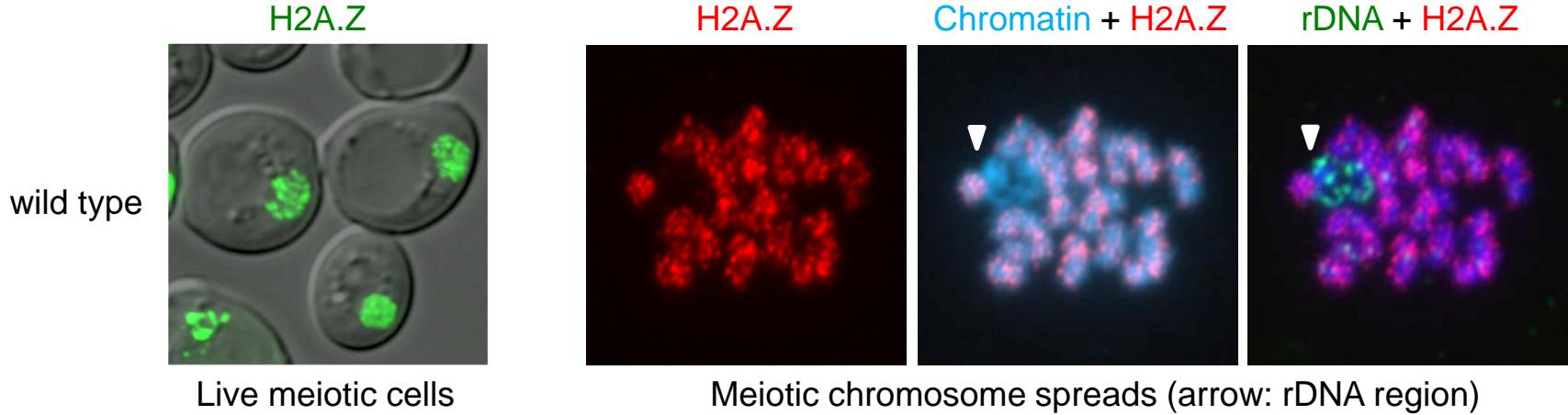
## Phenotypes of *htz1* mutant



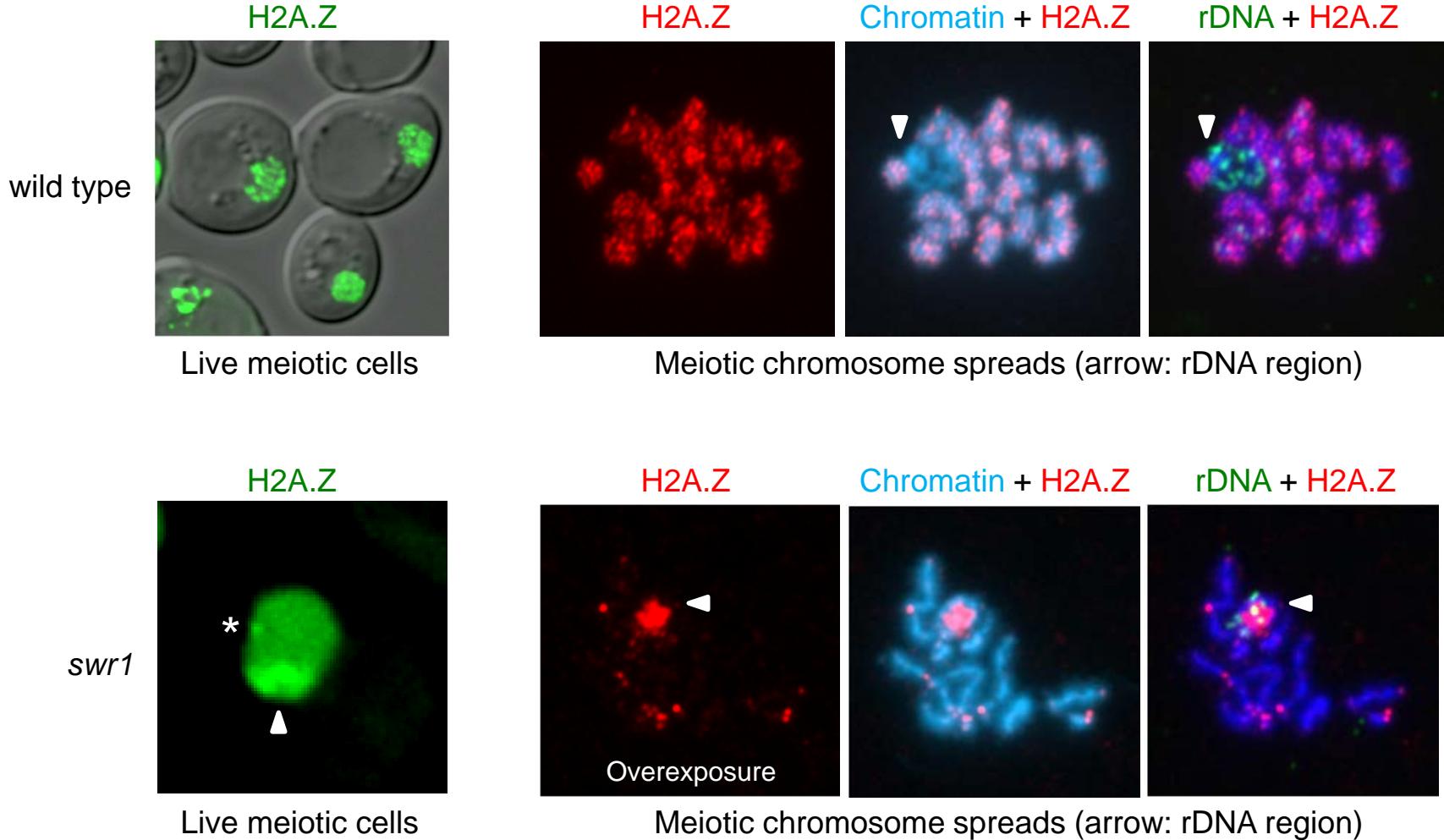
## Mutant *htz1* displays a lower efficiency in meiotic progression and a reduced viability of spores.



In vegetative cells,  
SWR1 complex is necessary to deposit H2A.Z into chromatin



## In absence of SWR1, H2A.Z displays additional localizations



## Interaction between H2A.Z and Mps3

H2A.Z

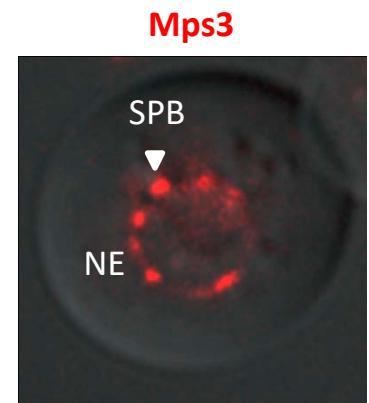


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ASF1,SWD1,...,SAP30,EAF3,PHO  
23 PXY, LOS2, SET2,SET3, SIF2,SPT3,SPT8,YPT6  
Y1,GET2,RIC1,GIM3,GIM4,GIM5,YKE2,TUB3  
,CIN1,UBP3,UBP6...

(Saccharomyces Genome Database)

Mps3

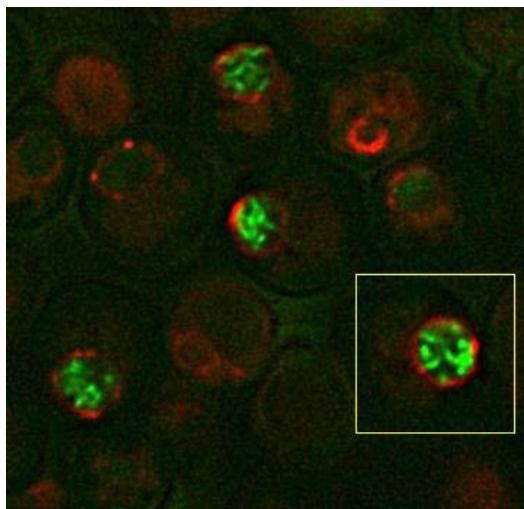
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Spindle Pole Body  
Nuclear envelope



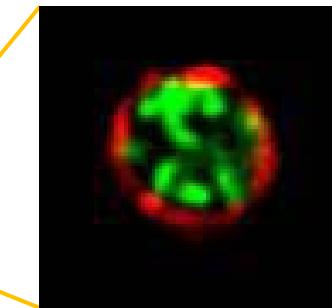
Live cells

(Meiotic prophase)

Mps3 + Zip1



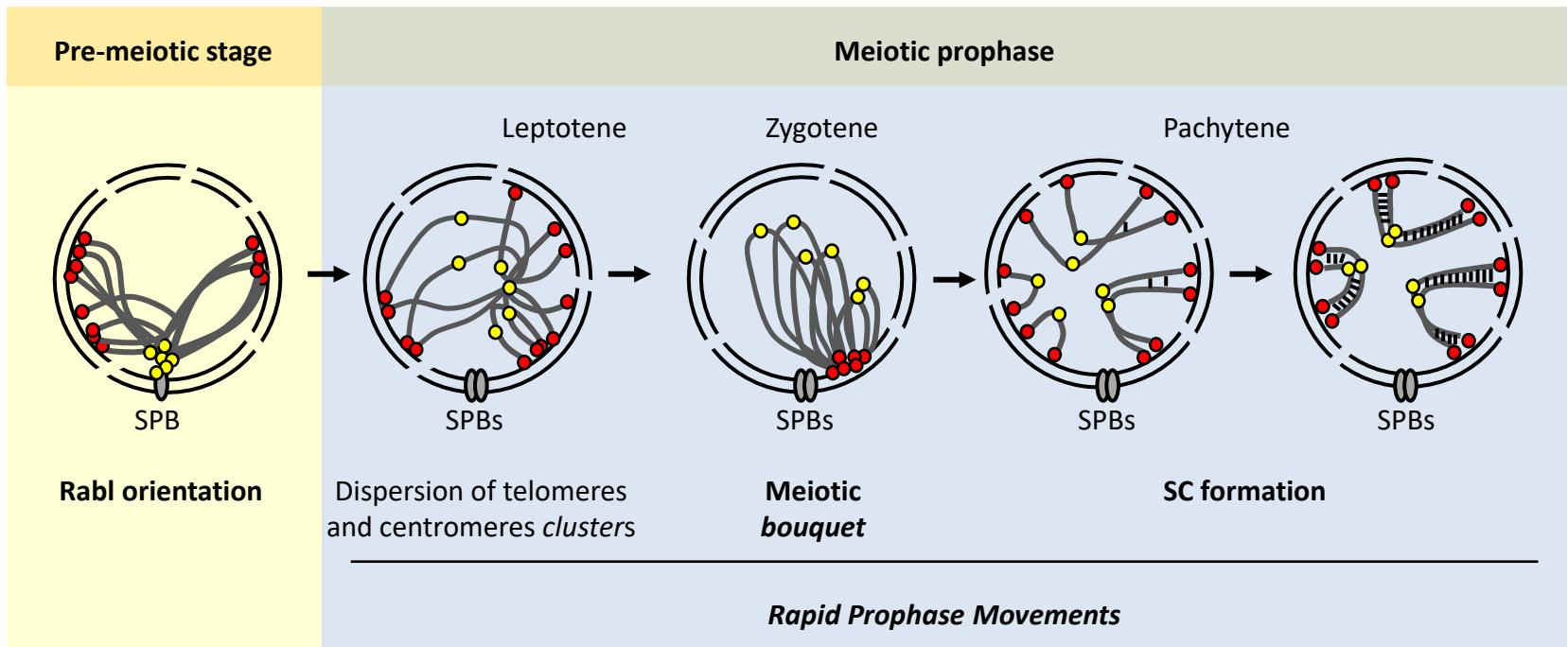
Mps3 + Zip1



### Meiotic functions:

- Attachment telomeres to NE
- Meiotic bouquet
- Movement of homologous chromosomes

## Dynamics of chromosomes during meiotic prophase



● Centromeres

● Telomeres

→ Chromosomes

○ Spindle Pole Body (SPB)

# Physical and genetic interaction between H2A.Z and Mps3

(Saccharomyces Genome Database)

H2A.Z



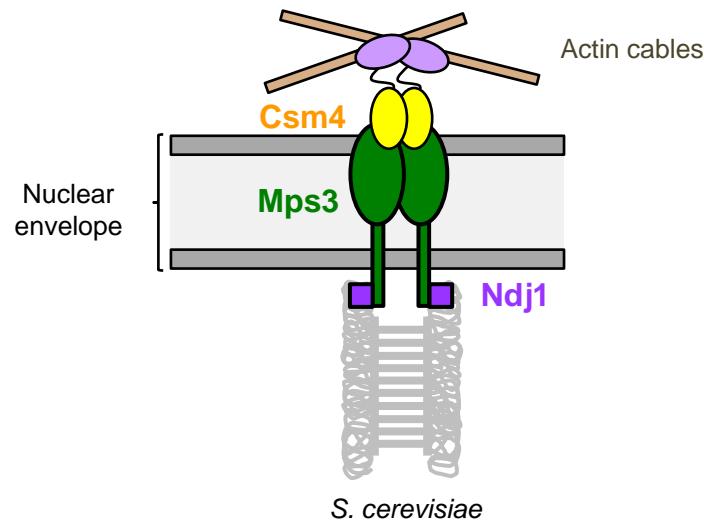
Mps3

(Uetz et al., 2000)

(Yu et al., 2008)

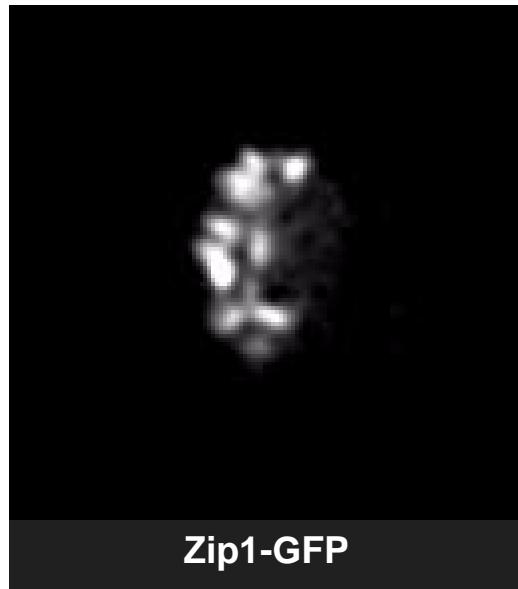
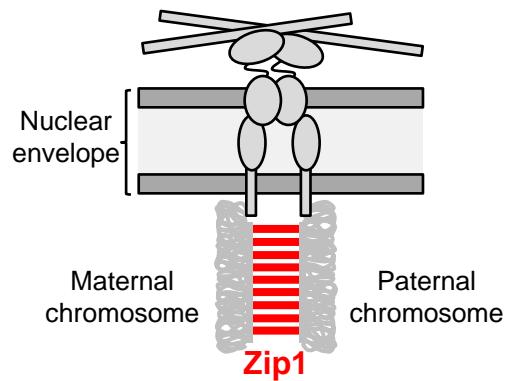
(Gardner JM et al., 2011)

LINC Complex: **KASH-SUN**  
(Linker of Nucleoskeleton and Cytoskeleton)

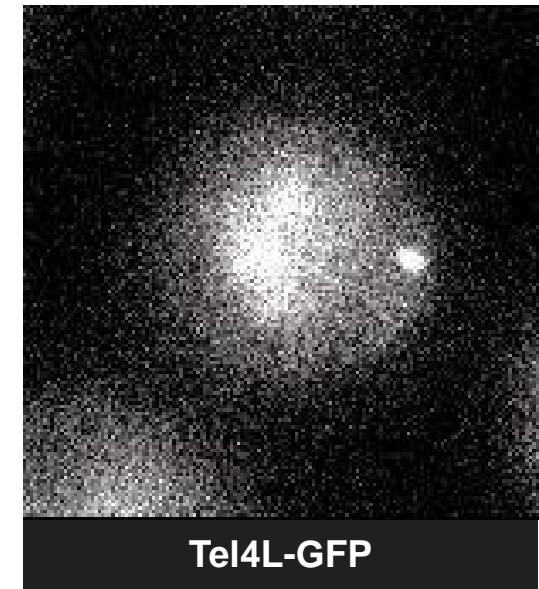
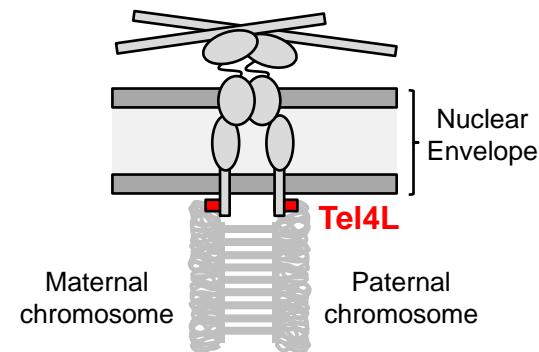


## Analysis of chromosome movements

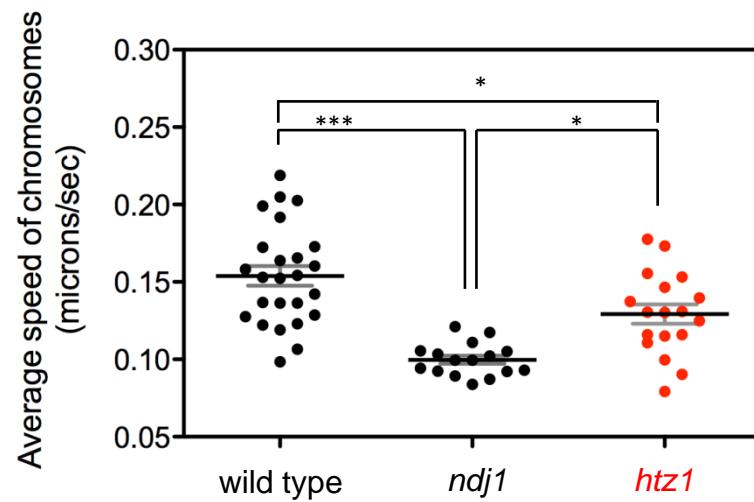
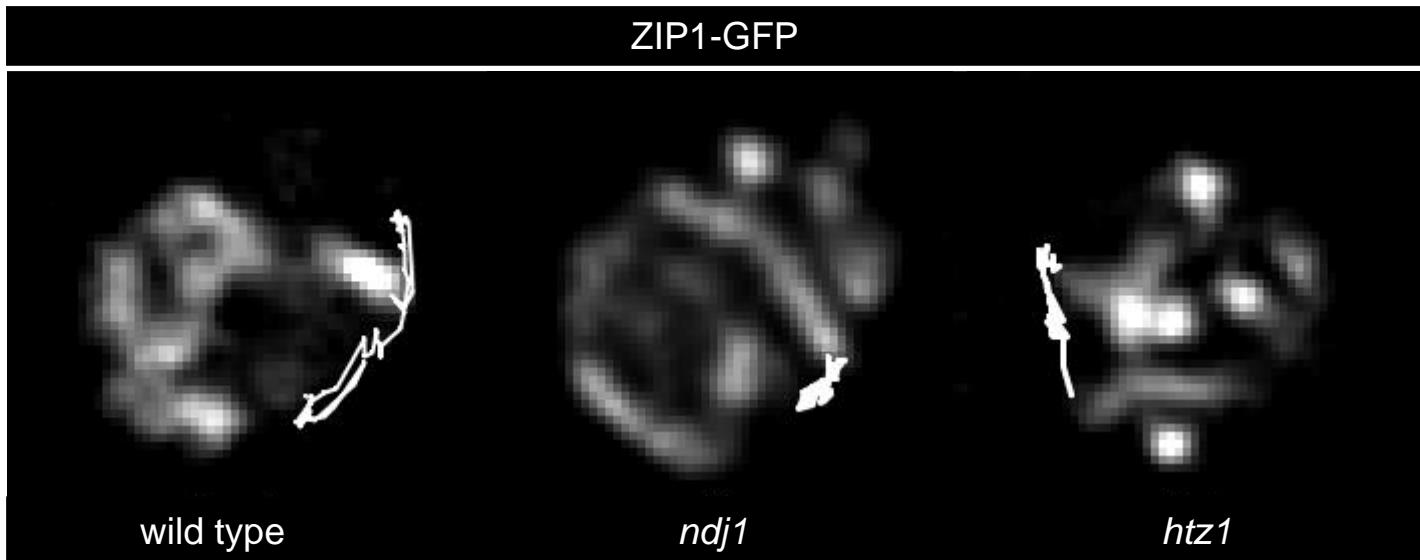
Pair homologous chromosomes movements



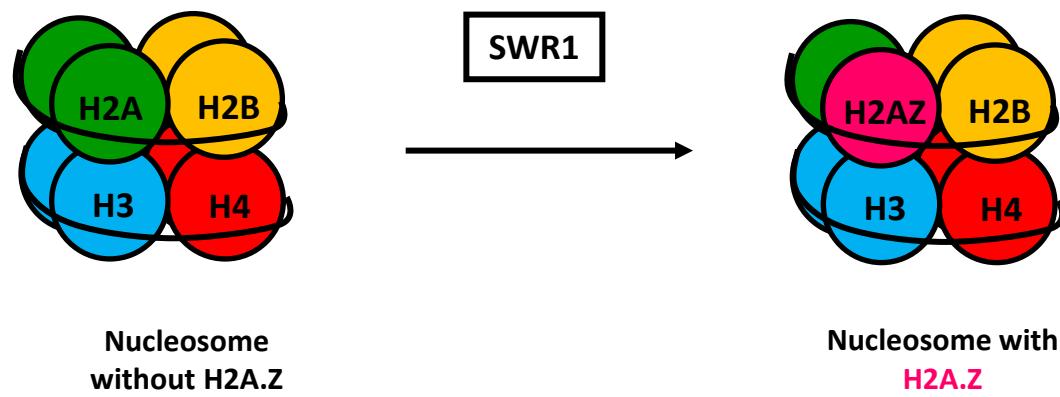
Telomere movement (Tel4L)



## H2A.Z is necessary for rapid prophase chromosome movement

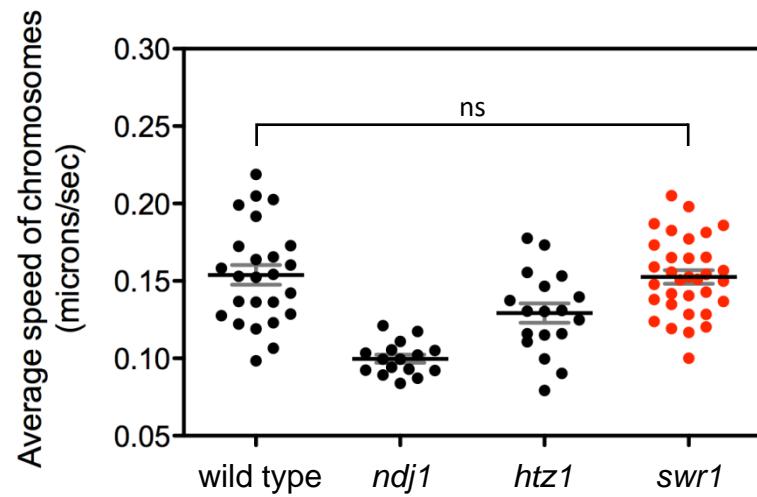


## Does *swr1* mutant display defects in chromosome movements?



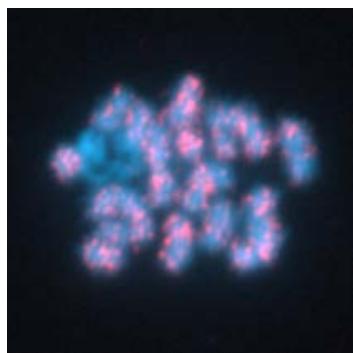
**The function of H2A.Z in chromosome movement is independent of its SWR1-dependent chromatin deposition**

ZIP1-GFP

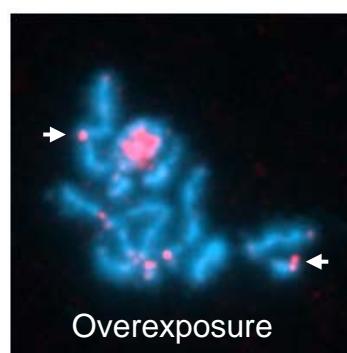


## Do H2A.Z and Mps3 colocalize in telomeres, in *swr1* mutant?

Chromatin + H2A.Z

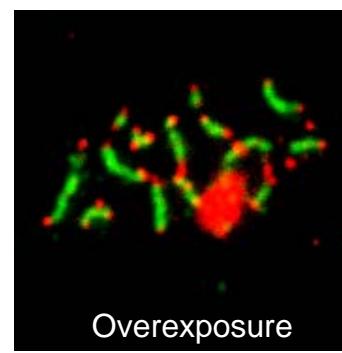


wild type



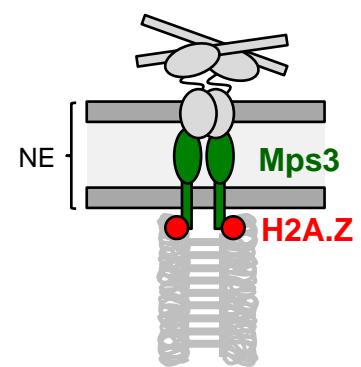
*swr1*

Zip1 + H2A.Z

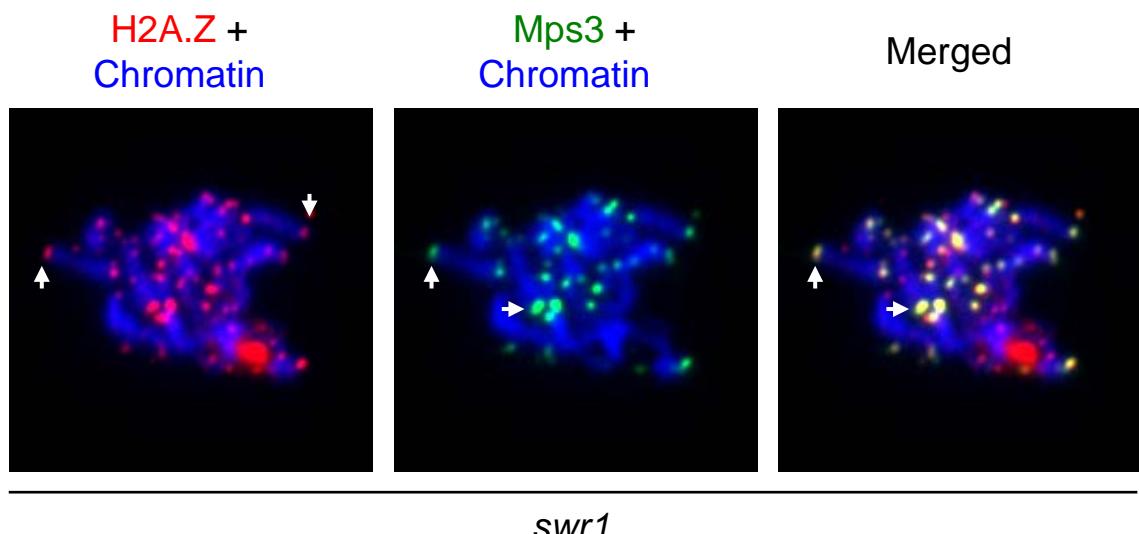


*swr1*

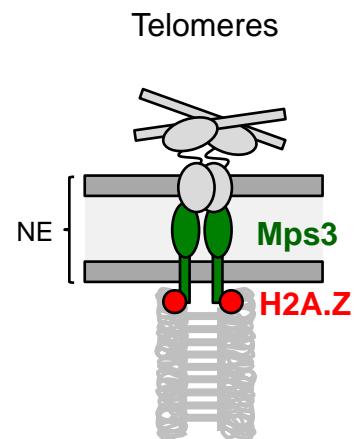
Telomeres



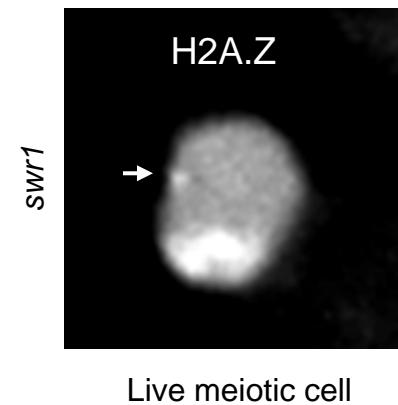
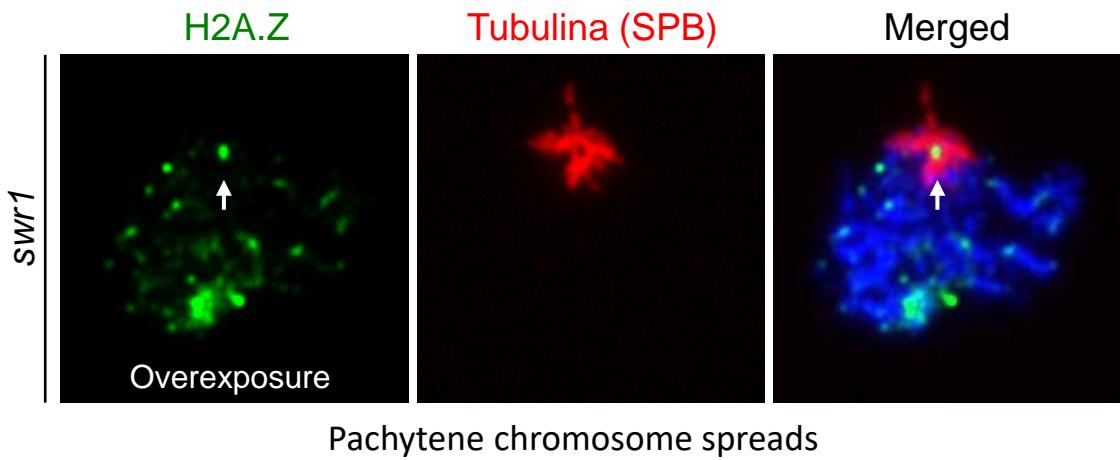
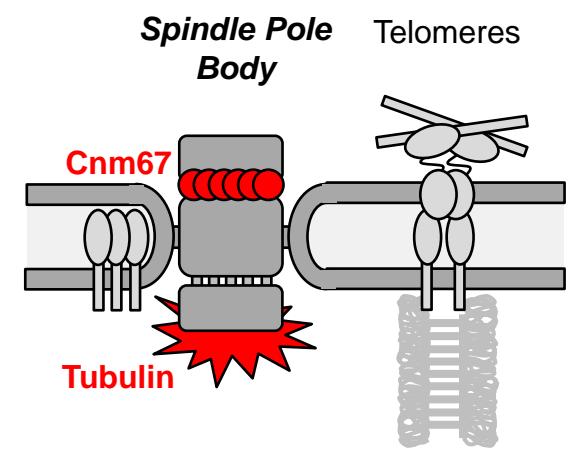
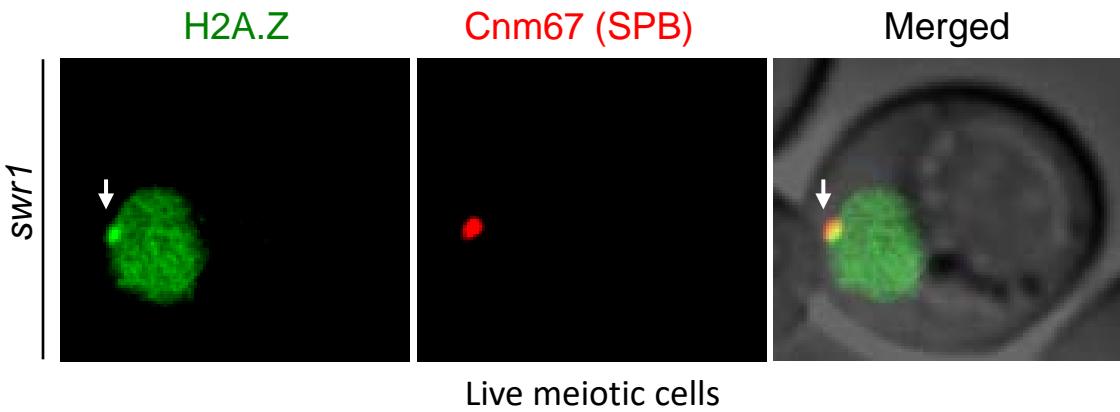
## In *swr1* mutant, H2A.Z colocalize with Mps3 in telomeres



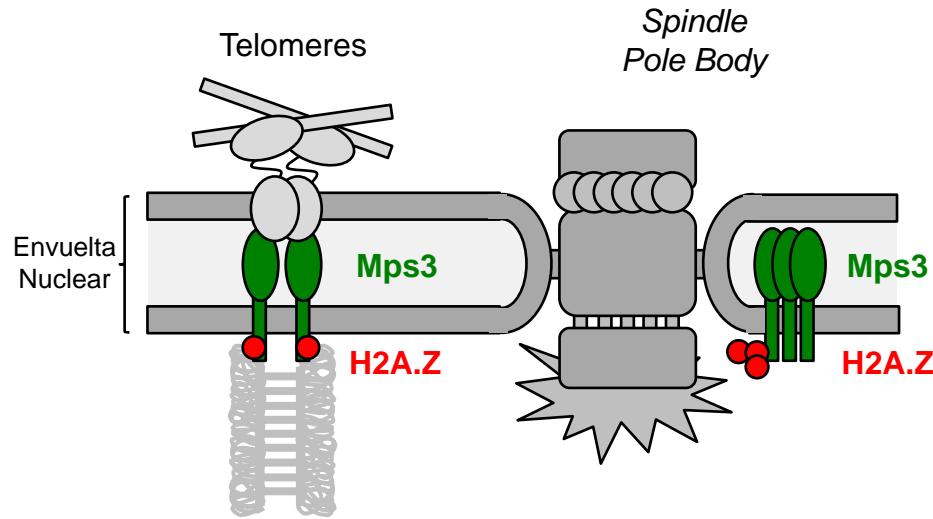
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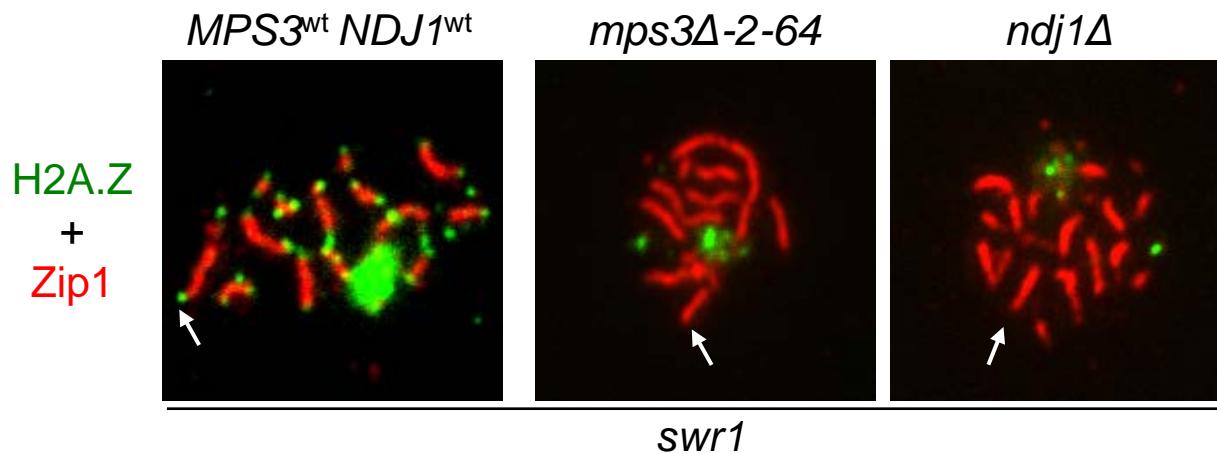
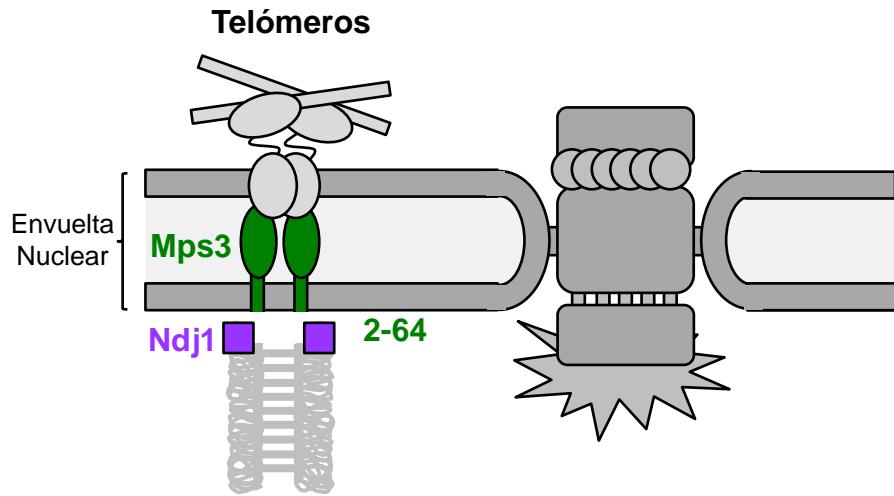
## In absence of Swr1, H2A.Z is localize in Spindle Pole Body



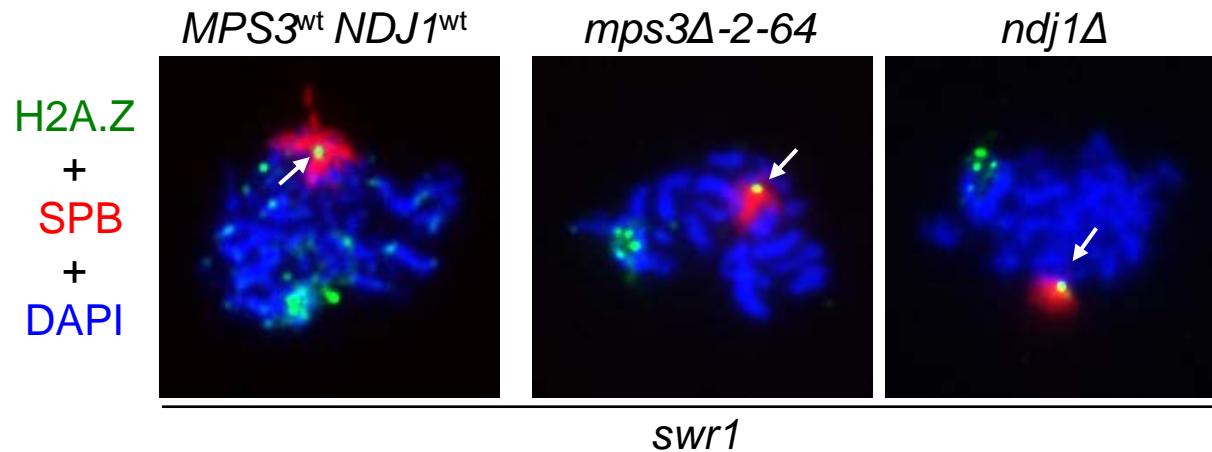
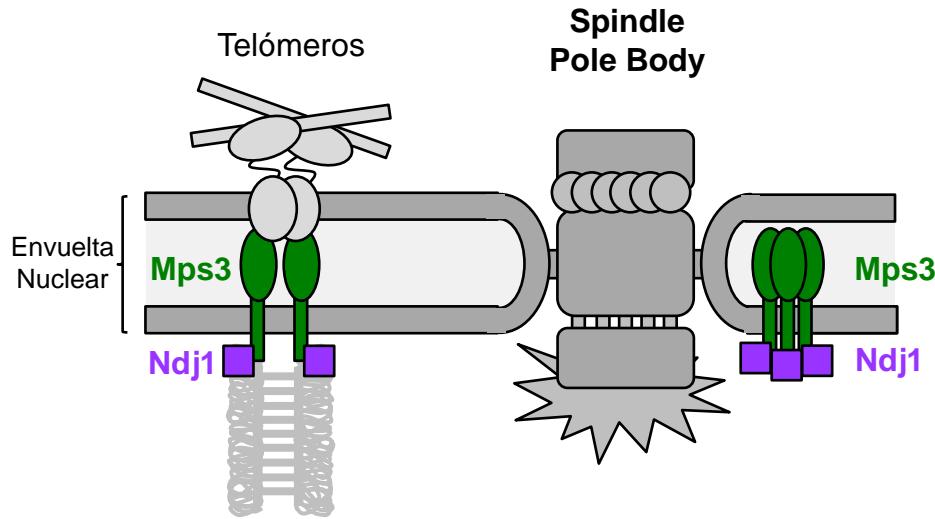
**In *swr1* mutant, H2A.Z is localized in telomeres and Spindle Pole Body similar to Mps3**



## Telomeric localization of H2A.Z depends on the N-terminal region of Mps3 and Ndj1

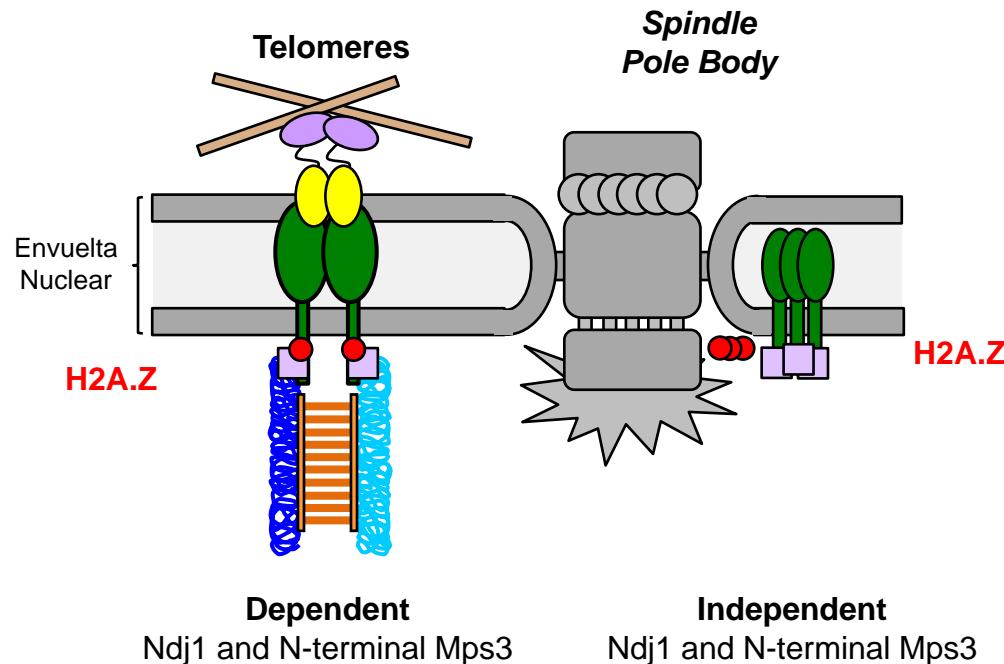


**In absence of the N-terminal region of Mps3 or Ndj1,  
localization of H2A.Z is maintained in SPB**



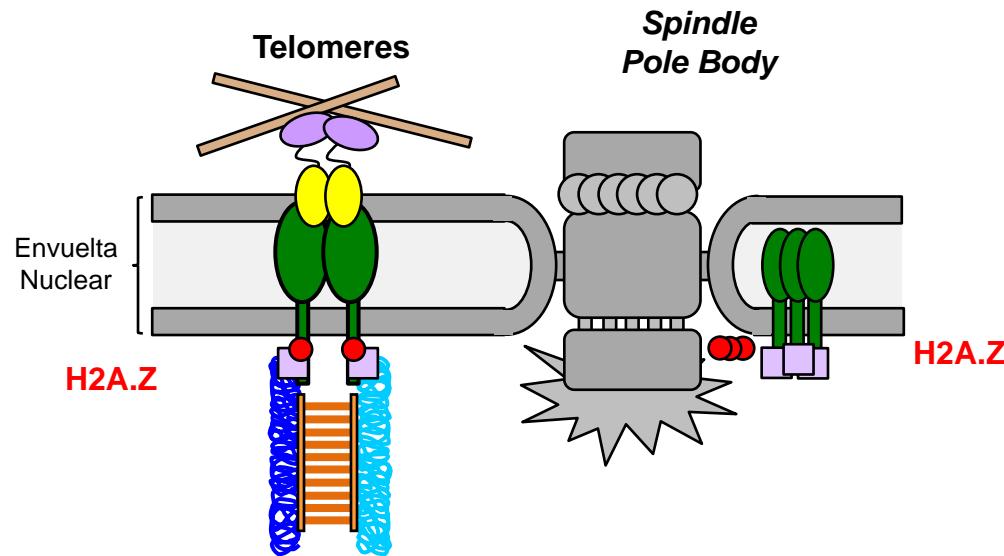
## Conclusions

- Accurate meiotic progression and viability of spores
- H2A.Z is necessary for chromosome movements during meiotic prophase
- In *swr1* mutant, H2A.Z is localized in telomeres and SPB



## Model

- Accurate meiotic progression and viability of spores
- H2A.Z is necessary for chromosome movements
- In *swr1* mutant, H2A.Z is localized in telomeres and SPB



**Openned-questions:**

- How H2A.Z regulates chromosome movements during meiotic prophase?
- Does exist a relationship between localization of H2A.Z in telomeres and SPB?
- What is role of H2A.Z in SPB? Other proteins implicate

Thanks  
for your attention!