Supporting Information

High-speed AFM imaging reveals DNA capture and loop extrusion dynamics by cohesin-NIPBL

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Video S1. HS-AFM video showing dynamics of the WT cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c and extension of the arm-hinge domain to capture a DNA segment in proximity (4 mM ATP). Related to Figure 3B.

Video S2. HS-AFM video showing that a DNA-bound WT cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c complex captures a DNA segment in proximity through the arm-hinge domain and initiates a DNA loop (4 mM ATP). Related to Figure 4 (II to VII).

Video S3. HS-AFM video showing dynamics of cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c ATPase mutant and diffusion on DNA through short protrusions (4 mM ATP). Related to Figures 5A and S5.

Video S4. HS-AFM video demonstrating diffusion on DNA through short protrusions and arm extension by the cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c ATPase mutant (4 mM ATP). Related to Figure 5B.

Video S5. HS-AFM video showing DNA capture by the cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c ATPase mutant through arm extension (4 mM ATP). Related to Figure 5C.

Video S6. HS-AFM video showing DNA loop extrusion by WT cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c (4 mM ATP). Related to Figure 7C.

Video S7. HS-AFM video showing DNA loop extrusion by WT cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c (4 mM ATP). Related to Figure 7D.

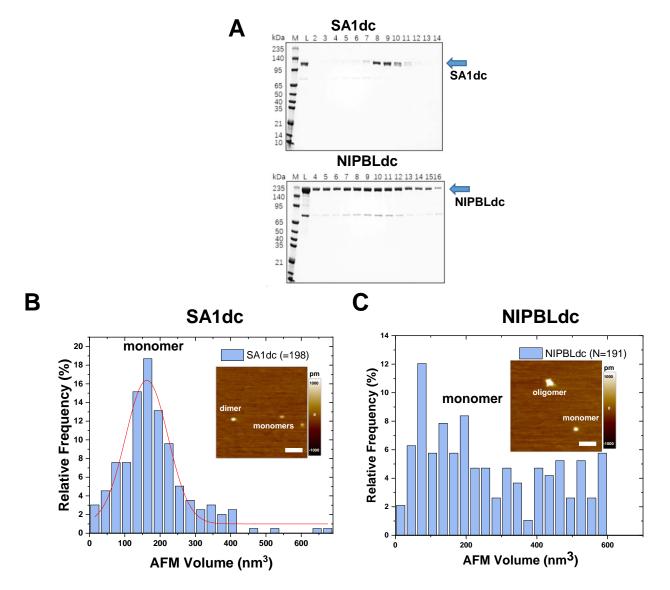


Figure S1. AFM volume analysis of SA1dc and NIPBLdc. *A*, SDS-PAGE of purified SA1dc and NIPBLdc. M: molecular marker. L: load. Numbers are fractions from the last FPLC purification step. *B* and *C*, Histograms of AFM volumes of SA1dc (B) and NIPBLdc (C, <600 nm³). The red line represents Gaussian fit to the data with the peak centered at 162 nm³ \pm 120 nm³ (R² > 0.90) for SA1dc. Based on the peak, the estimation of the molecular weight is 133 KDa for SA1dc, which is close to monomers. This estimation is based on a previously established calibration curve: V (nm³) = 1.45 MW -21.57, where V is AFM volume and MW is molecular weight (Kaur et al. Scientific Reports, 2016). Inserts show example AFM images. The complexes with volumes greater than 300 nm³ are treated as dimers and higher-order complexes. XY scale bar = 100 nm.

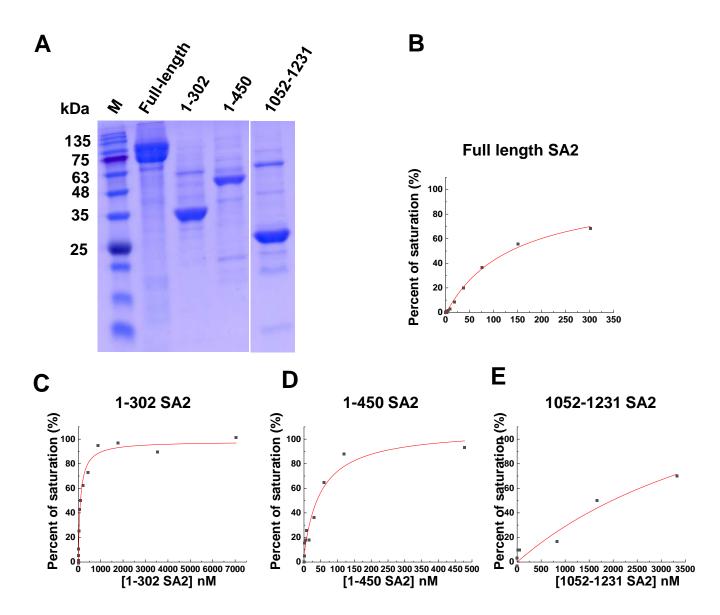


Figure S2. DNA binding by the full-length and truncation mutants of SA2. A, SDS-PAGE of the SA2 full length (1-1231 AAs), 1-302 AAs, 1-450 AAs, and 1052-1231 AAs. M: Molecular weight marker. The picture is cut from the same gel. B to E, Binding of the full length (B), 1-302 (C), 1-450 (D), and 1052-1231 (E) SA2 to 45 bp dsDNA measured by fluorescence anisotropy. dsDNA is labeled with Alexa 488. The data were fitted to the law of mass action (red lines, $R^2 > 0.9$).

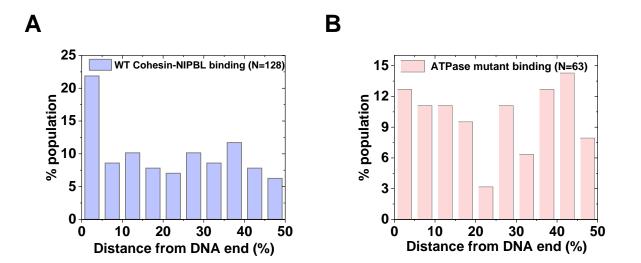


Figure S3. DNA binding position distributions of WT and ATPase mutant cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c on linear dsDNA. *A* and *B*, Position distributions of WT (*A*) and ATPase mutant (*B*) cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c on a linear dsDNA substrate (5.19 kb). Two independent experiments in the presence of 2.5 mM ATP.

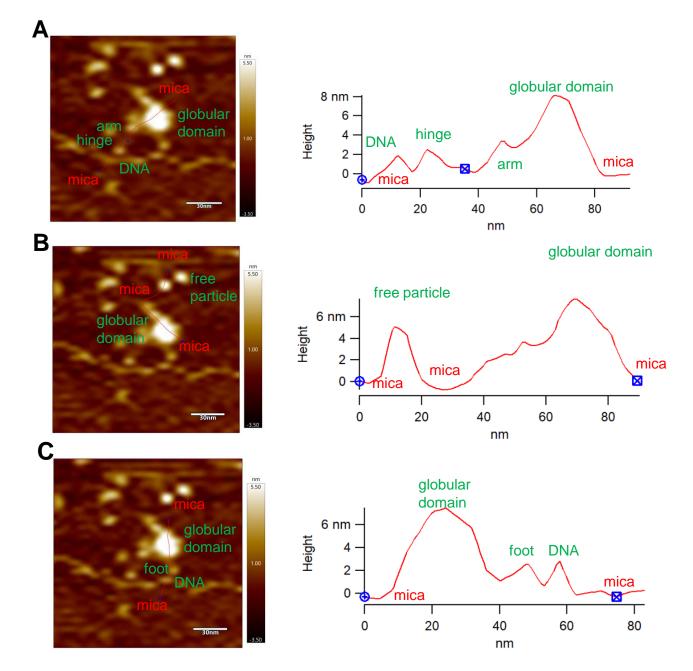


Figure S4. AFM height profile analysis showing hinge contacting DNA (*A*), a free particle (*B*), and foot connected to the globular domain contacting the DNA (*C*). Left panels: AFM images with the cross-sectional analysis lines in red and structural features labeled. Right panels: Cross-sectional analysis (height profile, red lines) with structural features labeled. Figures S4A-4C are re-use of the panel IV from Figure 3B for showing the height profiles at different regions.

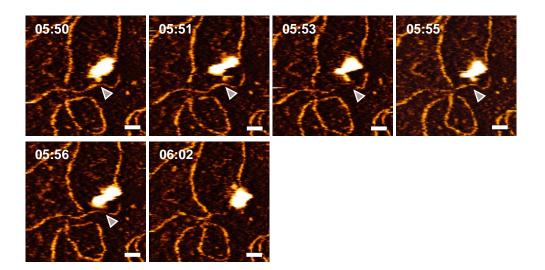


Figure S5. Time-lapse HS-AFM images of cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c ATPase mutant walking (diffusion) on DNA through short protrusions. XY scale bar = 20 nm. Also see Video S3. Observation times are in continuation of Figure 5A for the same molecules. gray arrow: foot. Time: min:s.

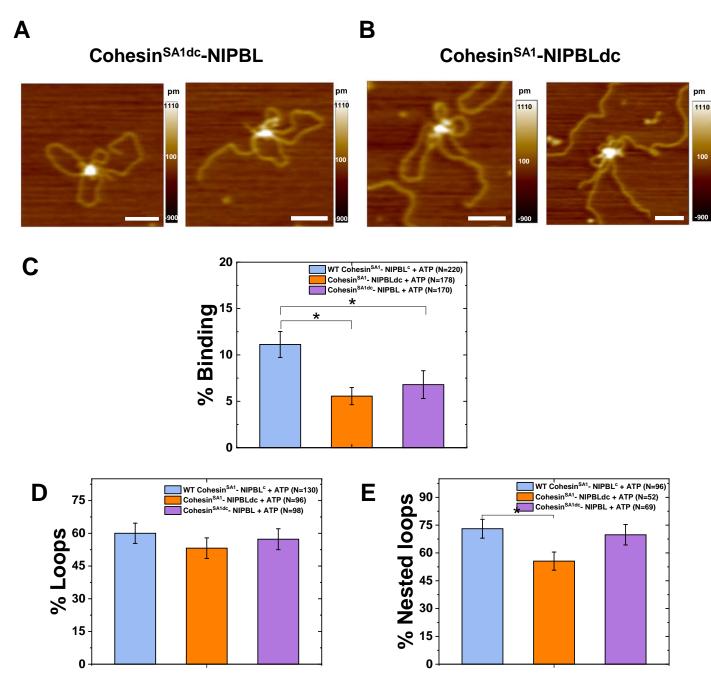


Figure S6: DNA binding and loop formation mediated by cohesin-NIPBL missing the C-terminal domain of either SA1 or NIPBL. A and B, Representative AFM images of DNA loops mediated by cohesin^{SA1dc}-NIPBL (A) and cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBLdc (B) in the absence of ATP. Cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL: 30 nM. DNA (5.19 kb): 6 nM. XY scale bar = 100 nm. C to E, Quantification of the percentages of DNA molecules bound with cohesin-NIPBL molecules (C), DNA loops (D), and nested loops out of total DNA loops mediated by WT, cohesin^{SA1dc}-NIPBL, and cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBLdc complexes. Error bars: SD. At least 3 experiments for each condition. * p<0.05 based on Student's t-test. The data for WT cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBLc is from a different batch of protein compared to the data presented in Figure 6.

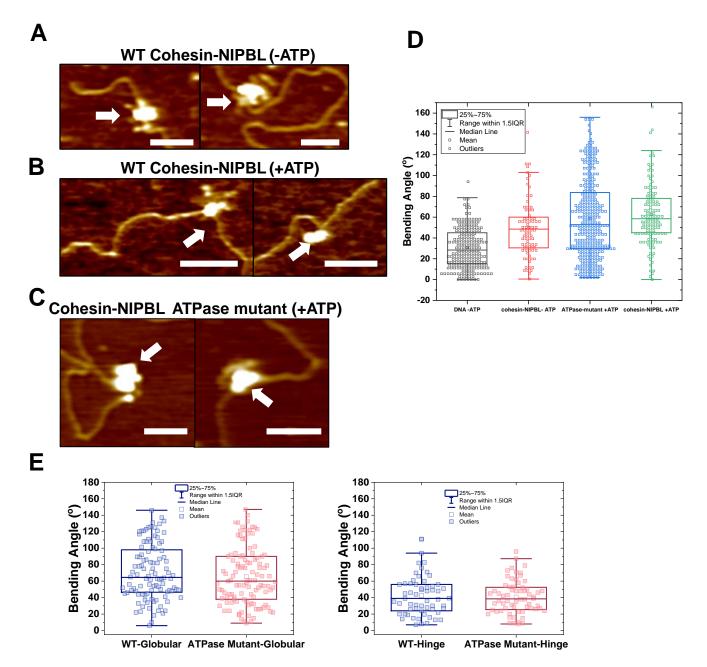


Figure S7. Cohesin^{SA1}-**NIPBL**^c **binding induces DNA bending.** *A* to *C*, Representative AFM images of WT cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c in the absence (*A*), or presence of ATP (+2.5 mM, *B*), and cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c ATPase mutant (+2.5 mM ATP, *C*) with dsDNA (5.19 kb). White arrows point to protein-DNA complexes. XY scale bar = 100 nm. *D*, DNA bending angles induced by the WT and ATPase mutant of cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c on dsDNA. DNA bending angles: 27.5° (\pm 26°) for DNA_{+ATP} (N=149), 43.7° (\pm 20.5°) for DNA_{WT-ATP} (N=80), 57.2° (\pm 27.6°) for DNA_{WT+ATP} (N=116), and 47.3° (\pm 41.0°) for DNA_{ATPase mutant+ATP} (N=298). *E*, DNA bending angles induced by the globular domain (left panel) of the WT (71.2° \pm 33.6°, N=104) and ATPase mutant (65.4° \pm 34.6°, N=111), and the hinge domain (right panel) of WT (42.6° \pm 24.4°, N=59) and ATPase mutant (40.7° \pm 20.3°, N=104) cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c.

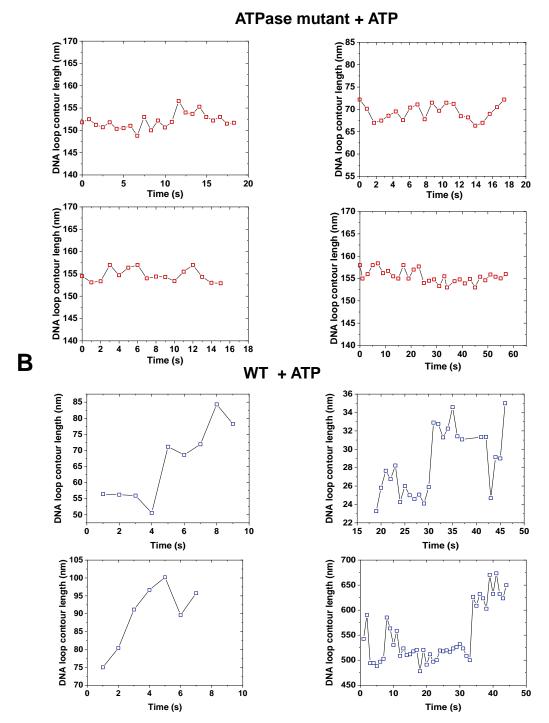


Figure S8. DNA loop length changes mediated by the ATPase mutant and WT cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c on linear dsDNA in the presence of ATP. *A*, Frame-to-frame DNA loop lengths versus time for four independent DNA loops mediated by the cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c ATPase mutant (4 mM ATP). *B*, Additional examples of frame-to-frame DNA loop lengths versus time mediated by WT cohesin^{SA1}-NIPBL^c (4 mM ATP).

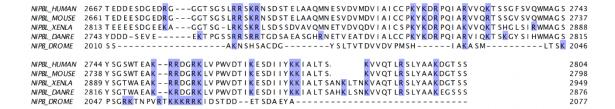


Figure S9. The C-terminal domain of NIPBL contains conserved positively charged residues. Alignment of sequences at the C-terminus of NIPBL from different species. Positively charged residues are highlighted in blue.