

Visualizing chromosome organization and transcription in single cells



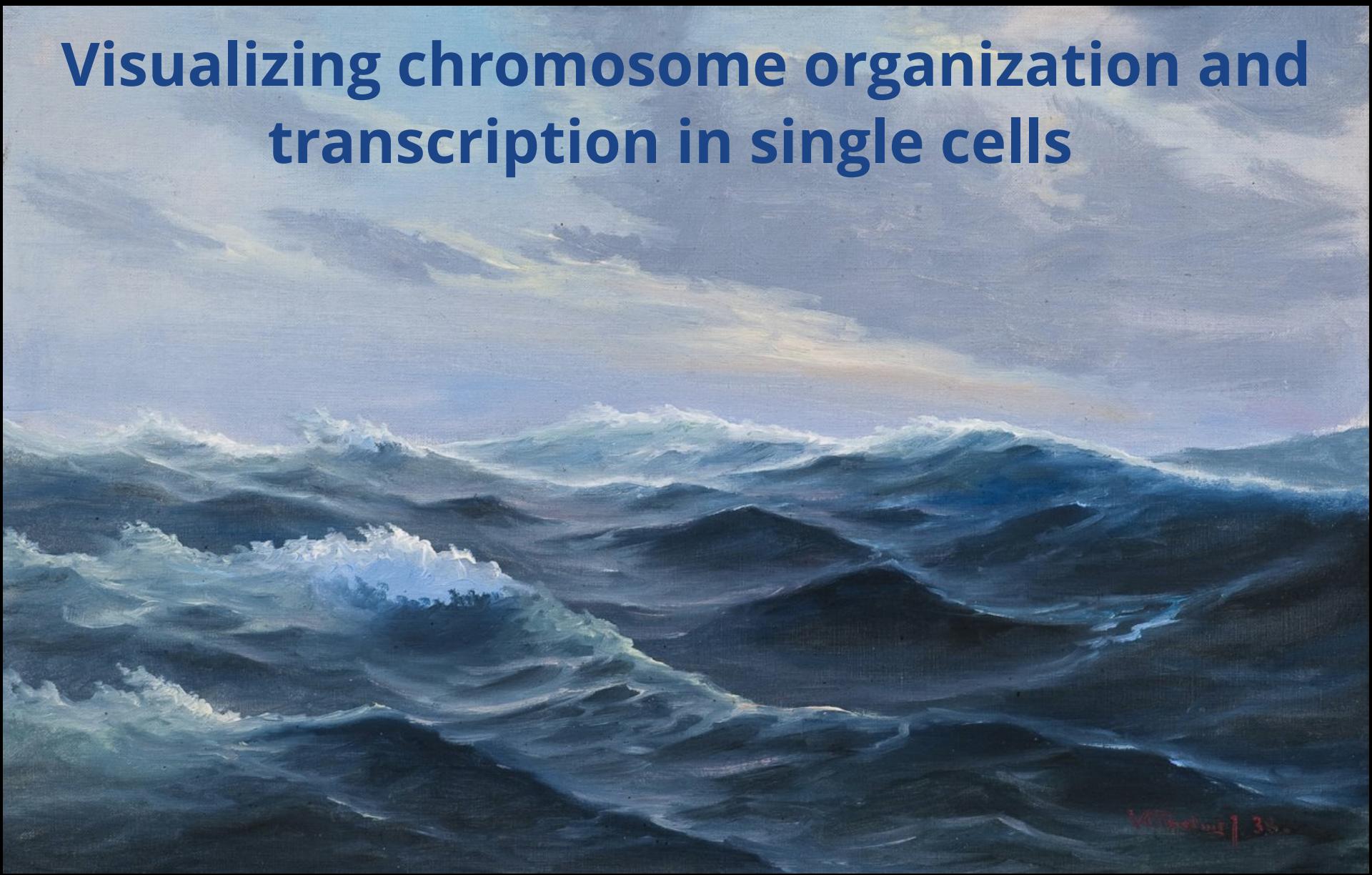
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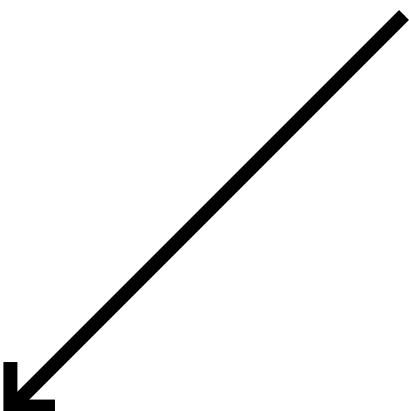
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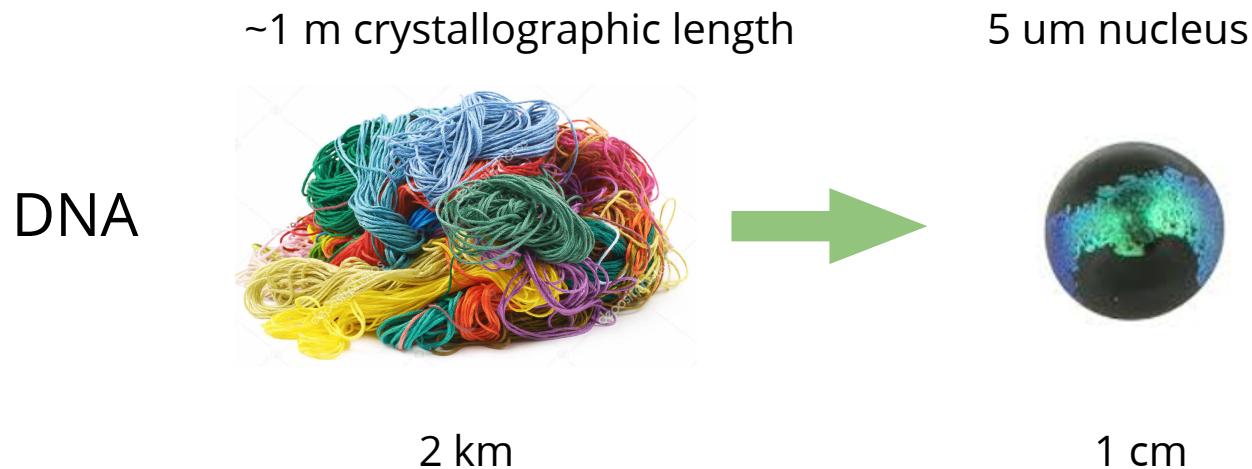
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to discover !



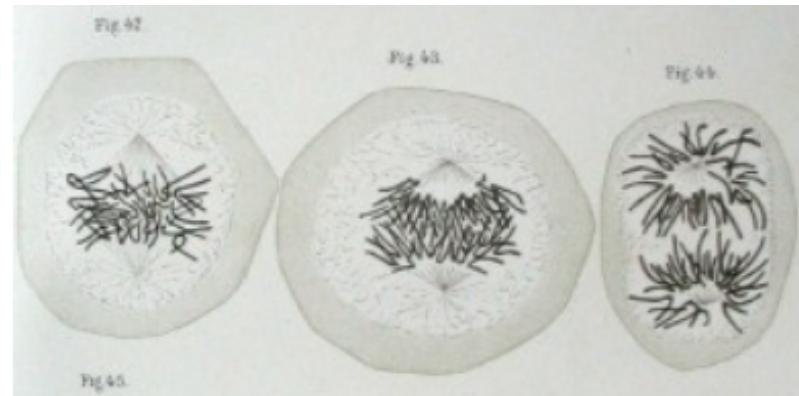
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Chromosomes and DNA



Walther Flemming

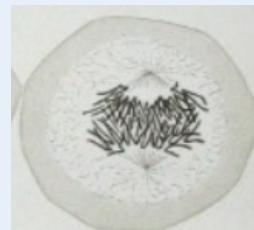


Chromosomes in mitotic cells, c.a. 1885

Multiscale chromosome organization

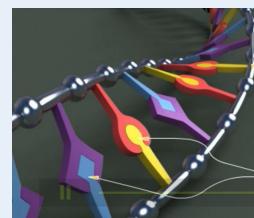
Mitotic chromosomes

Flemming, 1885



B-DNA

Watson & Crick, 1953
Franklin & Gosling, 1953



size

2nm

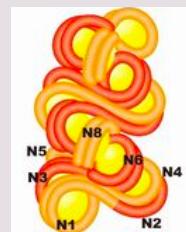
Nucleosomes

Luger, 1997



~10nm, 180bp

Chromatin fibers, loops, etc



~200nm, >100kb

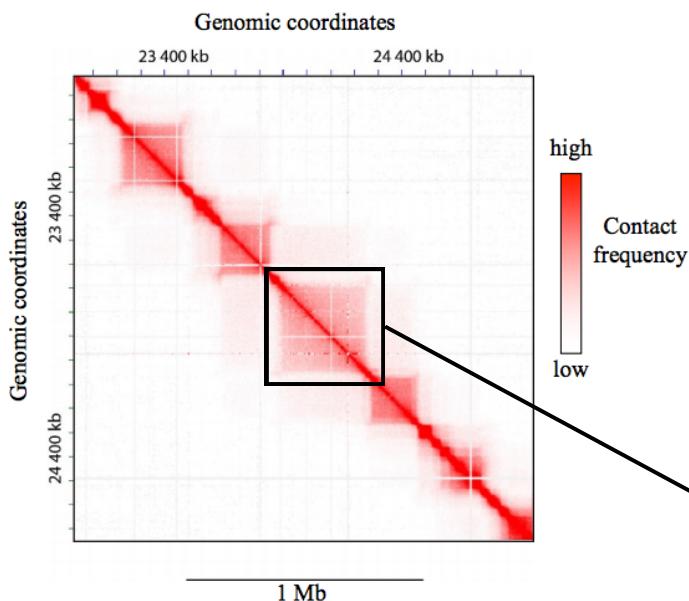
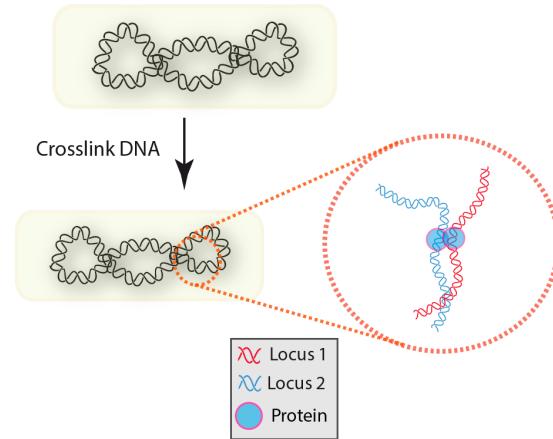
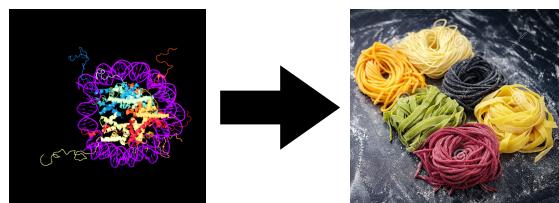
Chromosome Territories

Bolzer, 2005



~1um, >10Mbp

Sequencing-based technologies

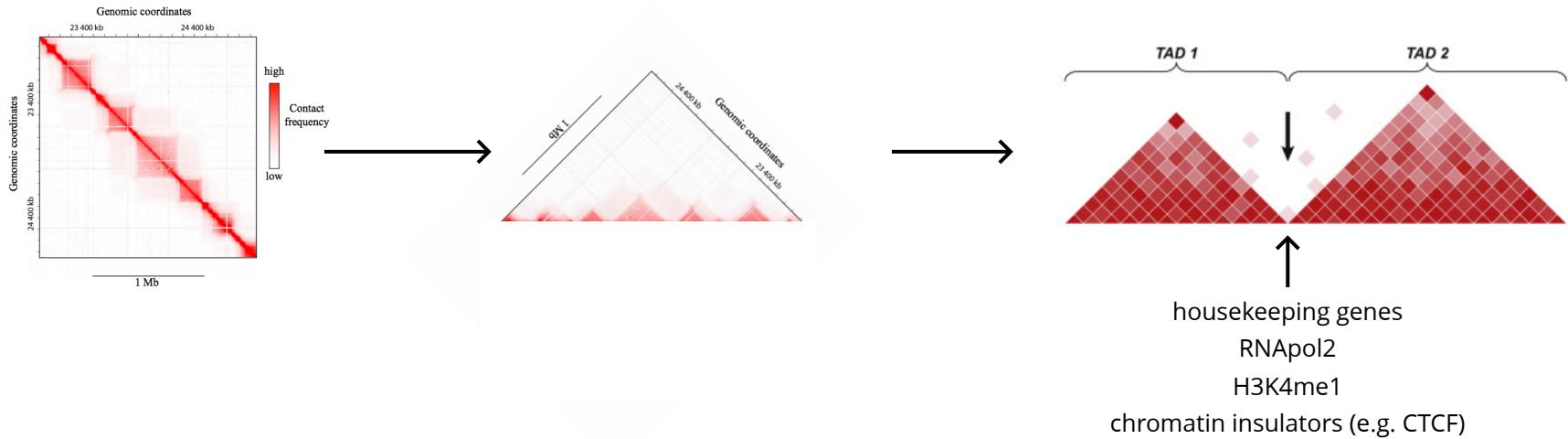


TAD: Topological Associating Domains

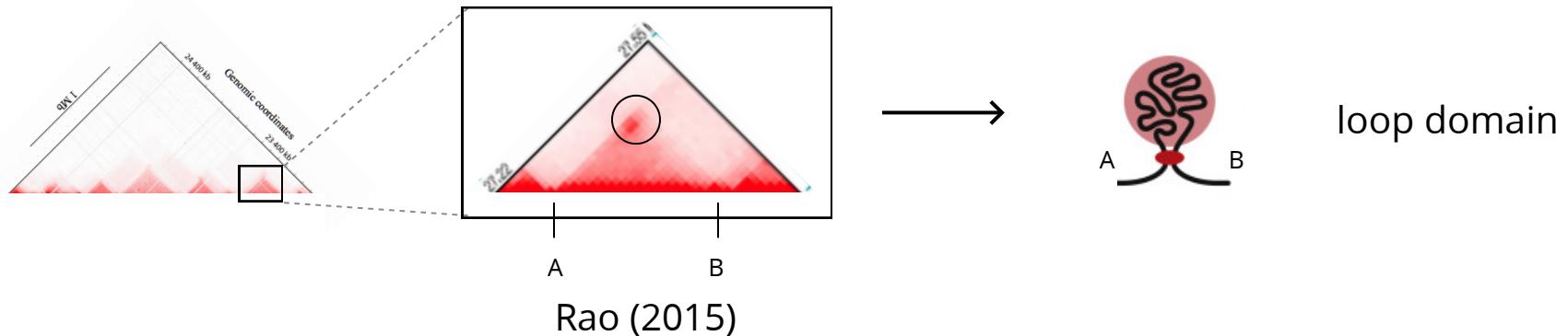
(Sexton, 2012, Dixon, 2012; Nora, 2012)

TADs: structural features

Domain borders

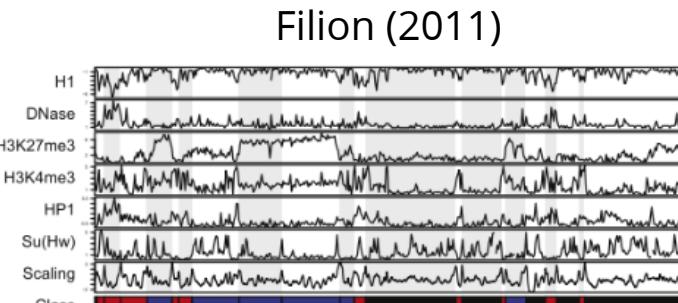


Border Loop



epigenetic domains and TADs

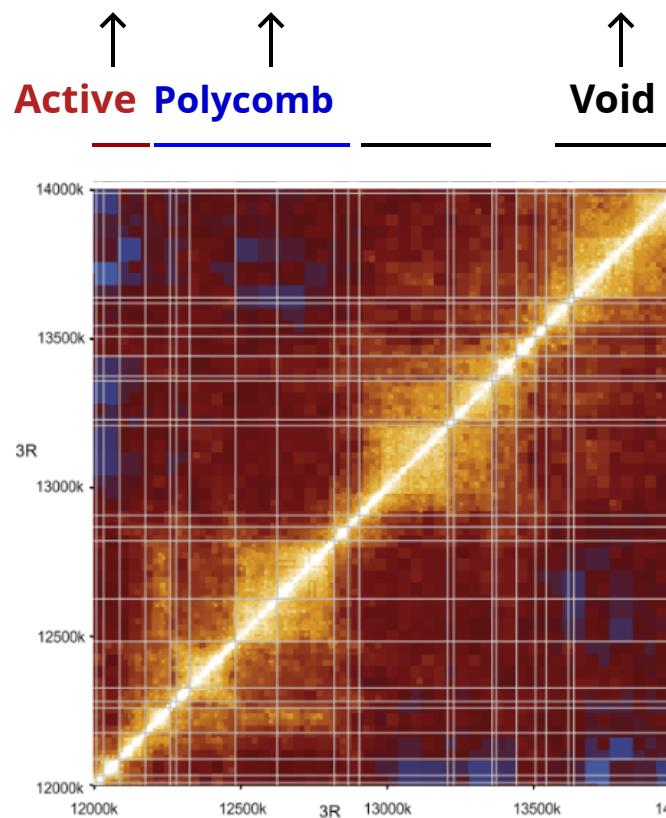
NGS: chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP)
epigenetic domains



Active: RNA polymerase

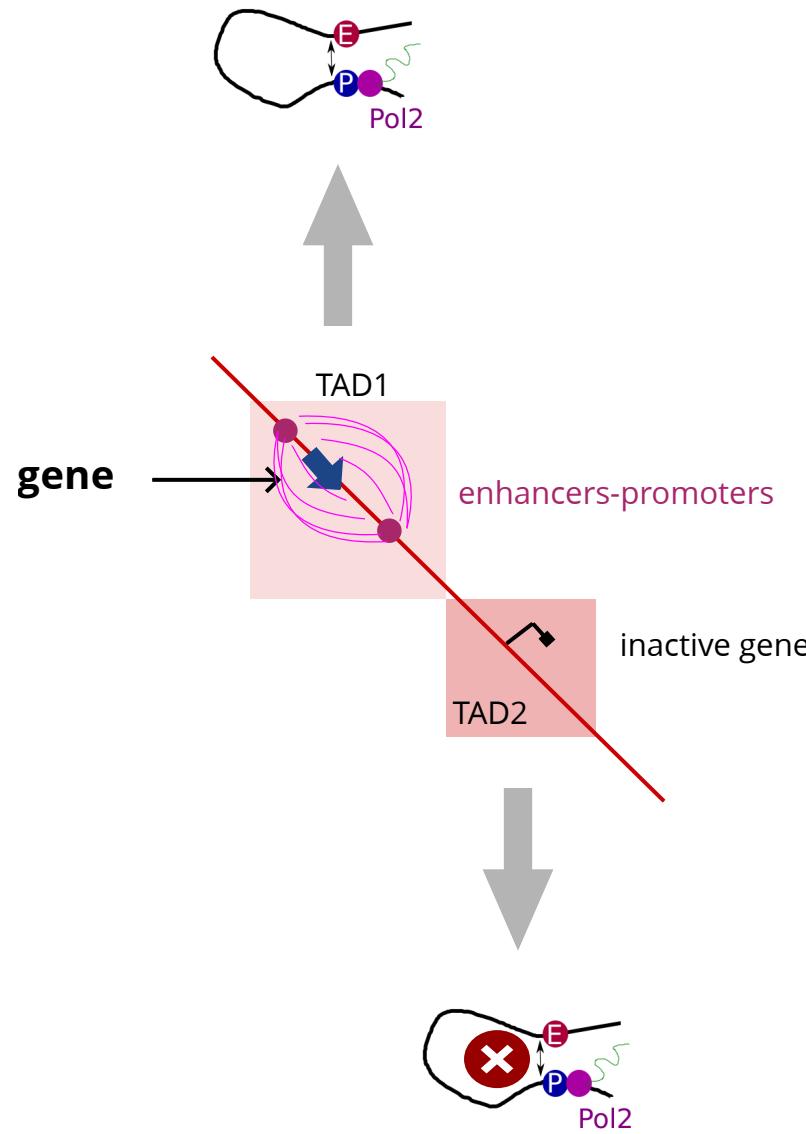
Polycomb: H3K27me3

NGS: Hi-C
TADs



(Sexton, 2012; Dixon, 2012; Nora, 2012)

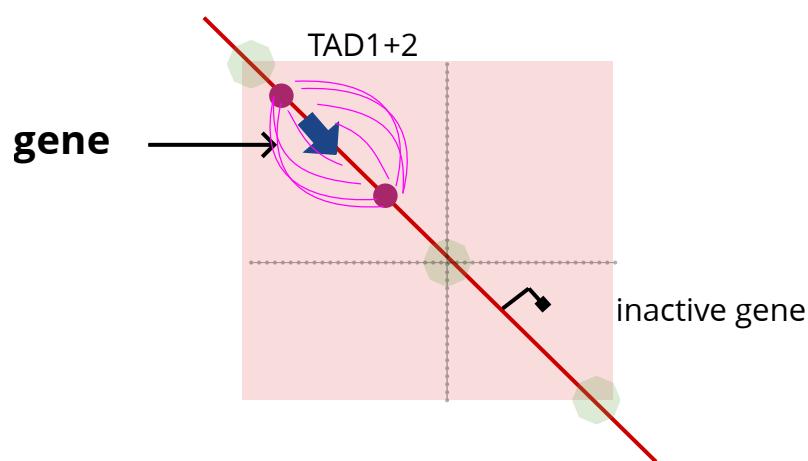
Do TADs have a functional role?



- TADs are conserved among species (Dixon, 2012)
- Internal structure of TADs changes between cell types (Phillips-Cremins, 2013)
- removal of border leads to ectopic expression and developmental defects and to cancers (Lupiañez, 2015; Norhcott, 2014)

**TADs are functional units
of chromosome organization**

Genetic manipulation: are TADs correlated to function ?



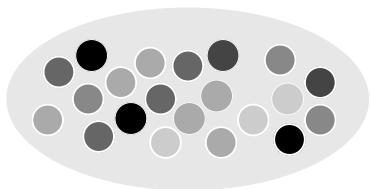
- Loss of TAD insulation lead to small effect in global transcription (Nora, 2017; Schwarzer, 2017; Rao, 2017; Despang, 2017).
- Fusion of TADs may not change gene expression (Rodriguez-Carballo, 2019; Williamson, 2019).
- Large TAD rearrangements lead to small changes in gene expression (Ghavi-Helm, 2019).
- Enhancers can communicate across TAD boundaries (Galupa, 2020)

Do TADs play major roles in transcriptional regulation ?

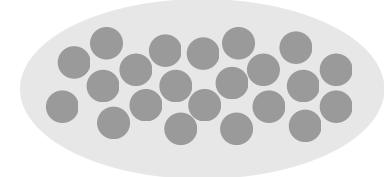
**Does TAD structure change upon
transcriptional activation?**

Ensemble sequencing technologies: Hi-C, Chip-seq, RNAseq...

single-cell

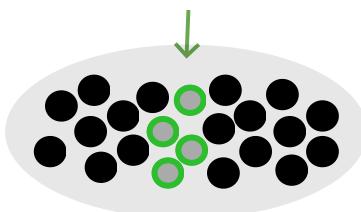


ensemble



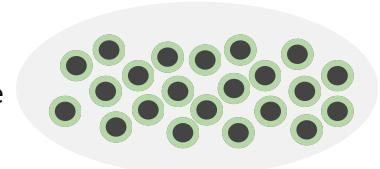
cannot dissect heterogeneity

expressing



do not maintain spatial information

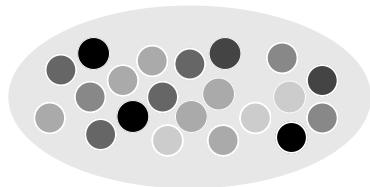
wild-type



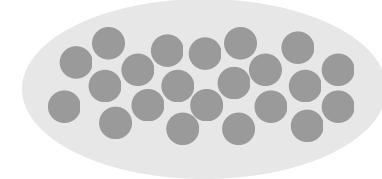
**It is hard to correlate 3D structure and
transcriptional state !**

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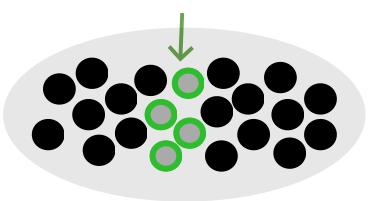
ensemble



cannot dissect heterogeneity

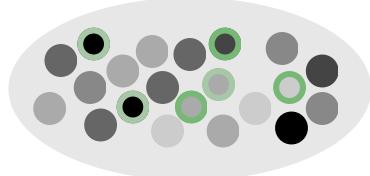
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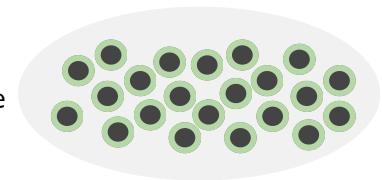
do not maintain spatial information

mutant

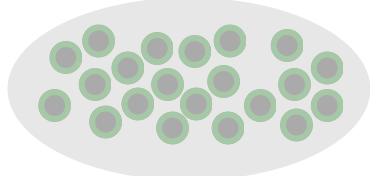


cannot correlate 3D structure and transcriptional state !

wild-type



mutant



visualize TADs and transcription **simultaneously** in single cells?

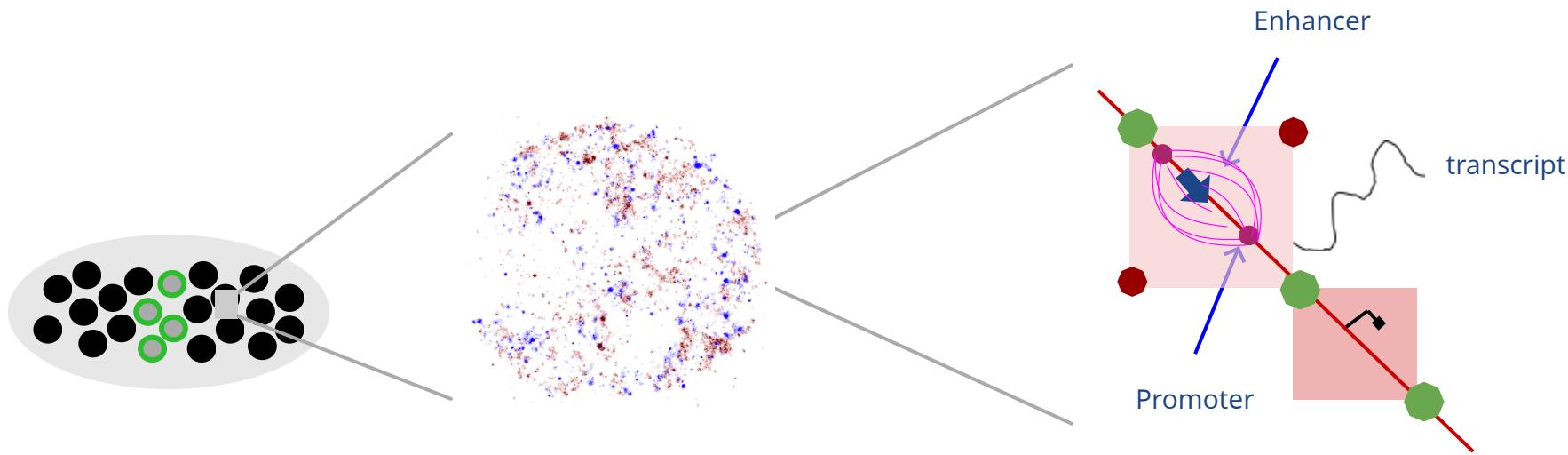


image **single-cells** with spatial resolution

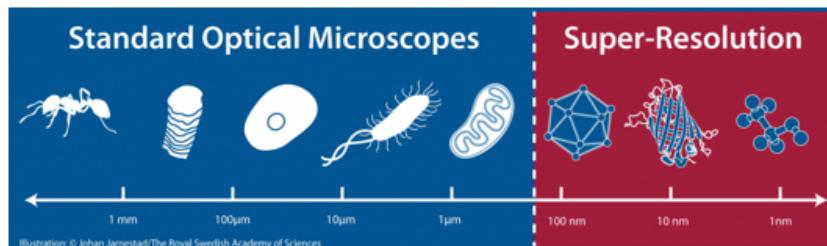
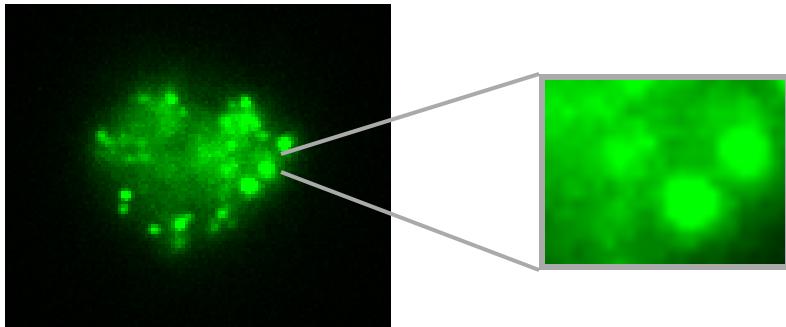
resolve **chromosome structure**

detect **transcription!**

Seeing is believing

The truth about spatial resolution

Repressive domains (H3K27me3)



Betzig, Zhuang, Gustafson Labs

3D-SIM --> 2x resolution

STORM/PALM --> 10x resolution



confocal



3D-SIM (x2)

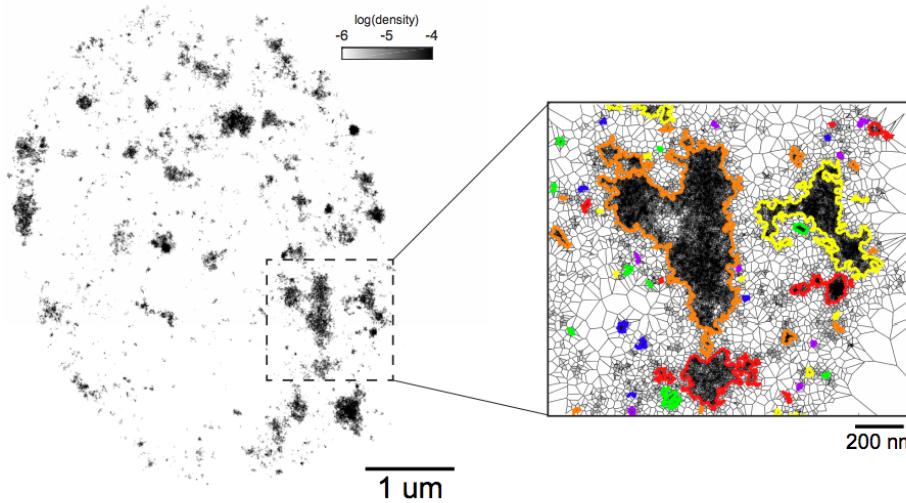


STORM (x10)

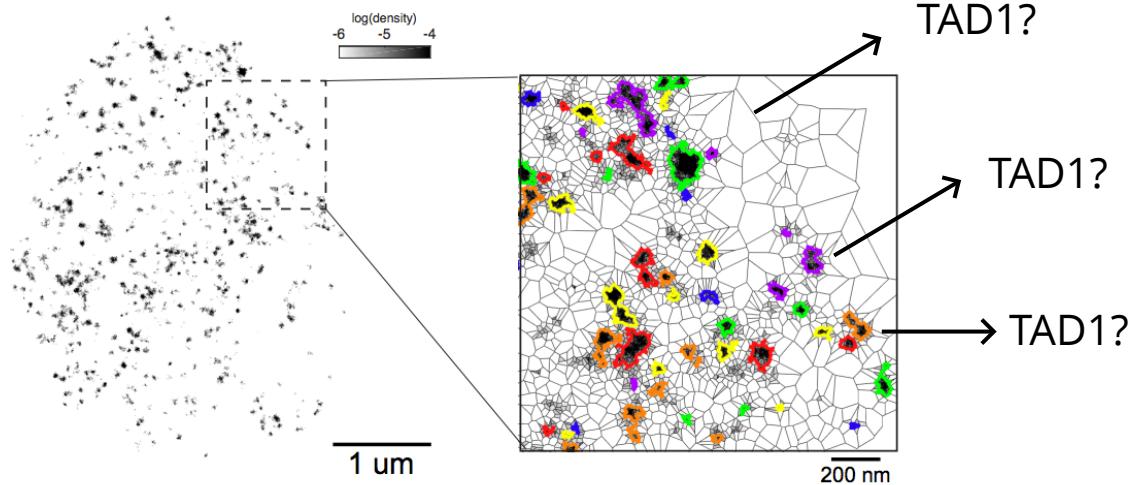
"hand of god"

Visualizing epigenetic domains

H3K27me3



H3K4me3



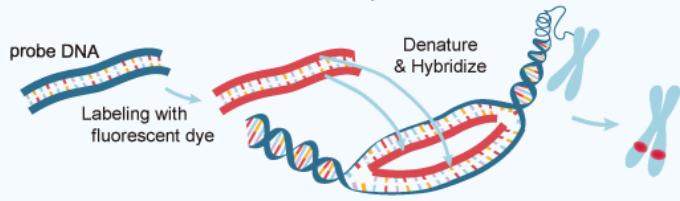
Cattoni, **Nat. Comm** (2017)

spatial resolution

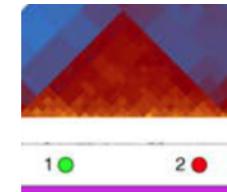
We don't know what we are looking at !

DNA labeling strategies

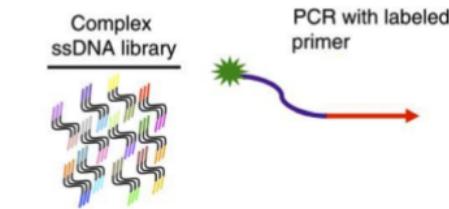
Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization



labeling short DNA regions (<10kb)



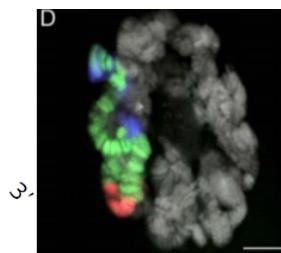
Oligopaints - Next Generation Synthesis



> 10 000 short oligonucleotides

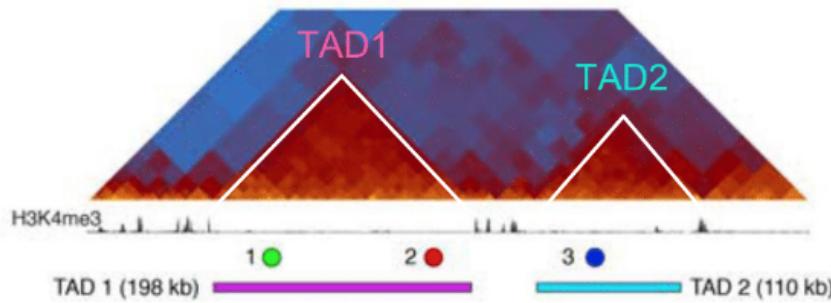
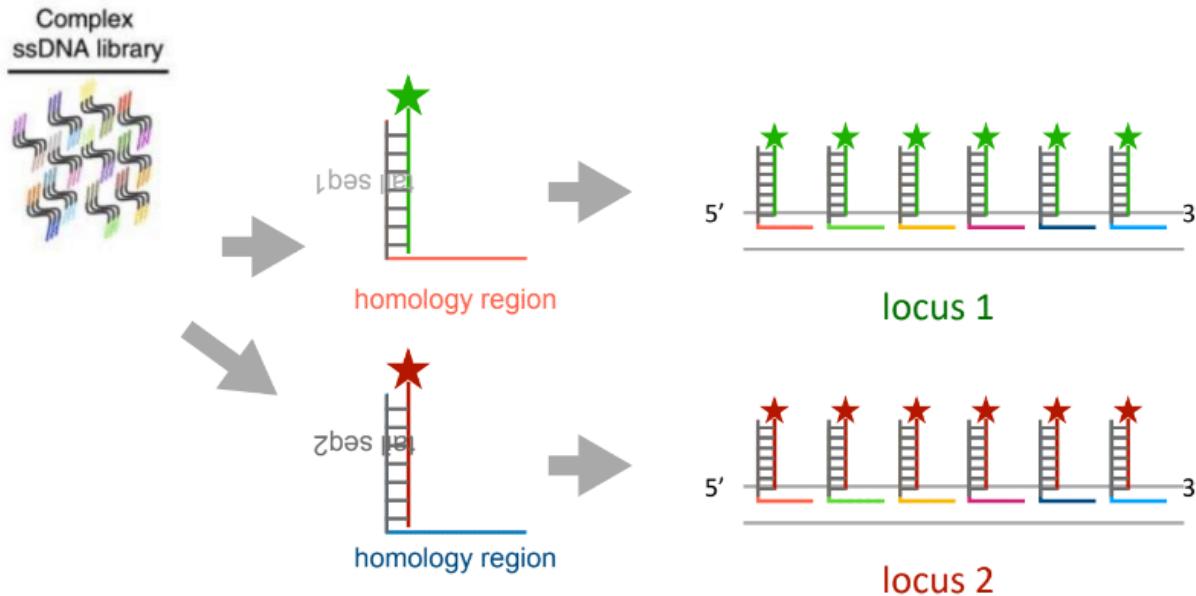


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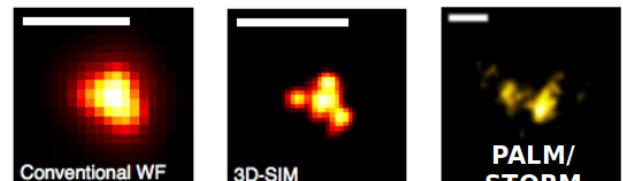
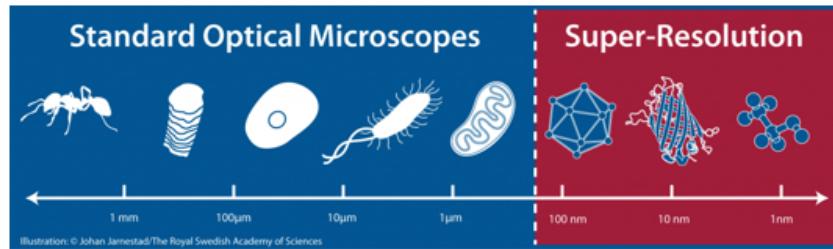
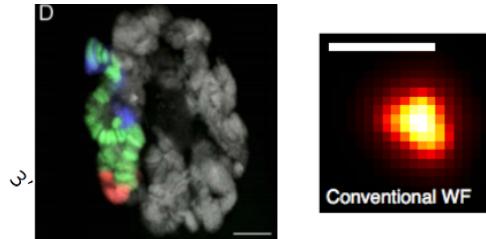


Beliveau, et al, 2012
Beliveau, et al, 2015

multi-color oligoPaints

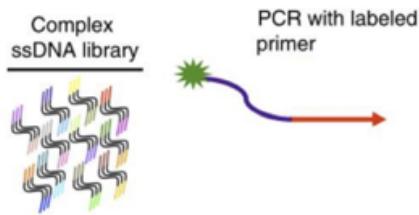


oligoPaints + super-resolution



Betzig, Zhuang, Gustafson Labs

oligopaint FISH

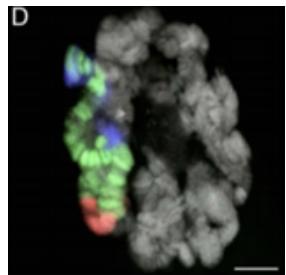


oligopaint + 3D-SIM/ STORM

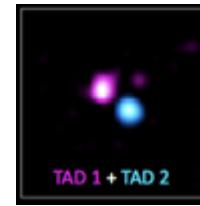
Q.Szabo, D. Jost, D. Cattoni, F. Bantignies, G. Cavalli



Szabo, **Science Adv.** (2018)



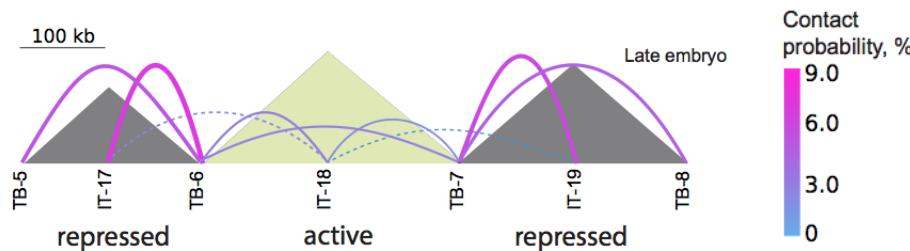
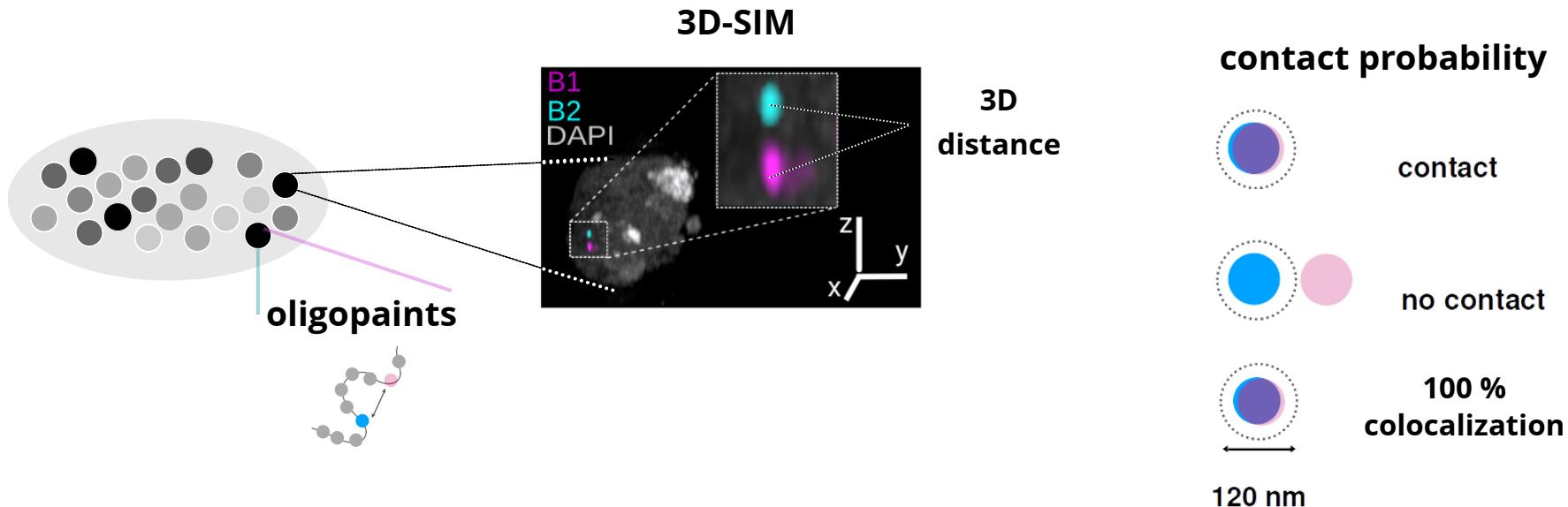
Beliveau (2012)



no contact
~68%

Visualization of TADs with spatial resolution but limited labeling specificity

measuring contact frequencies by microscopy

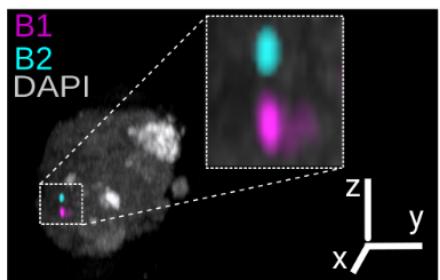
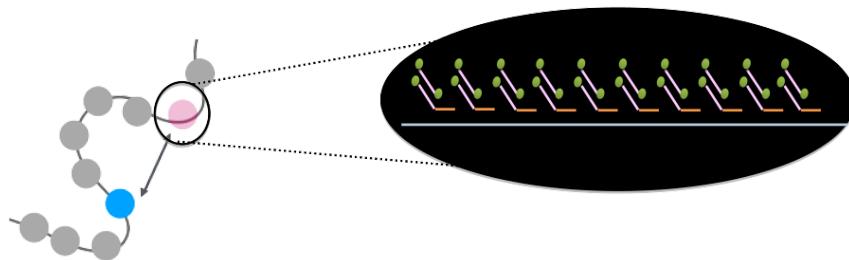


Can only see **two** DNA regions at once

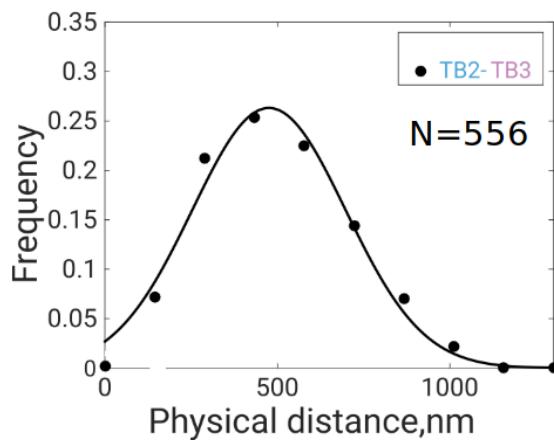
Cattoni, **Nat. Comm** (2017)

Finn, **Cell** (2018)

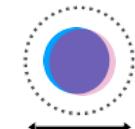
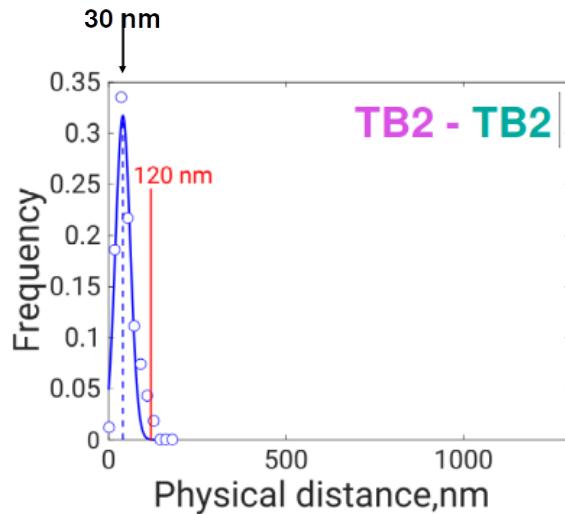
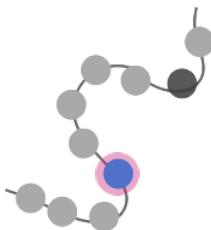
measuring contact frequencies by microscopy



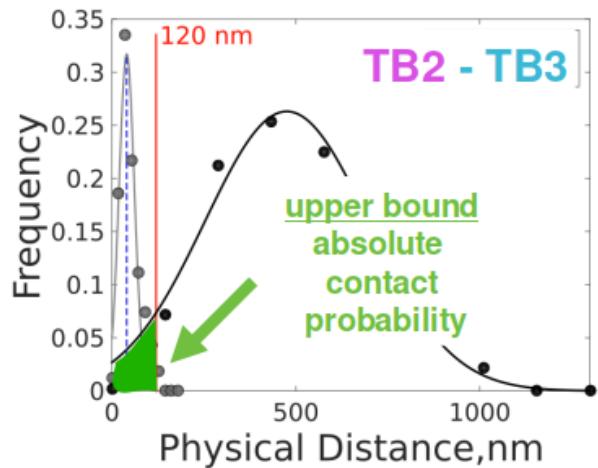
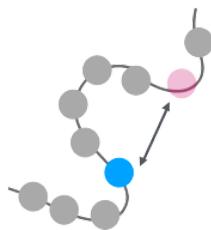
Distribution of 3D physical distances



measuring contact frequencies by microscopy



120 nm

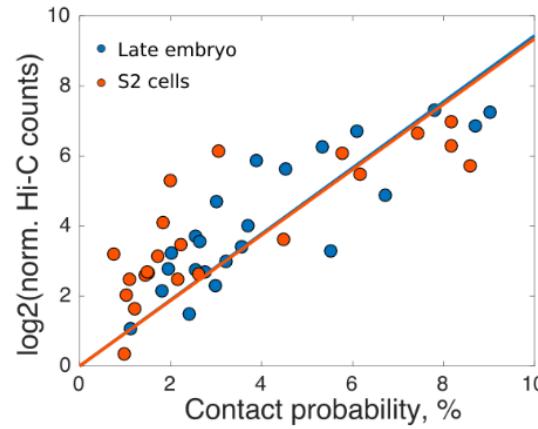
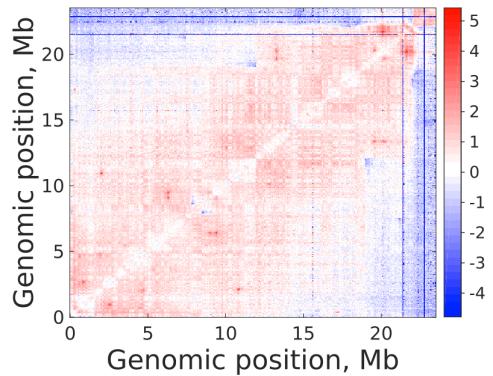
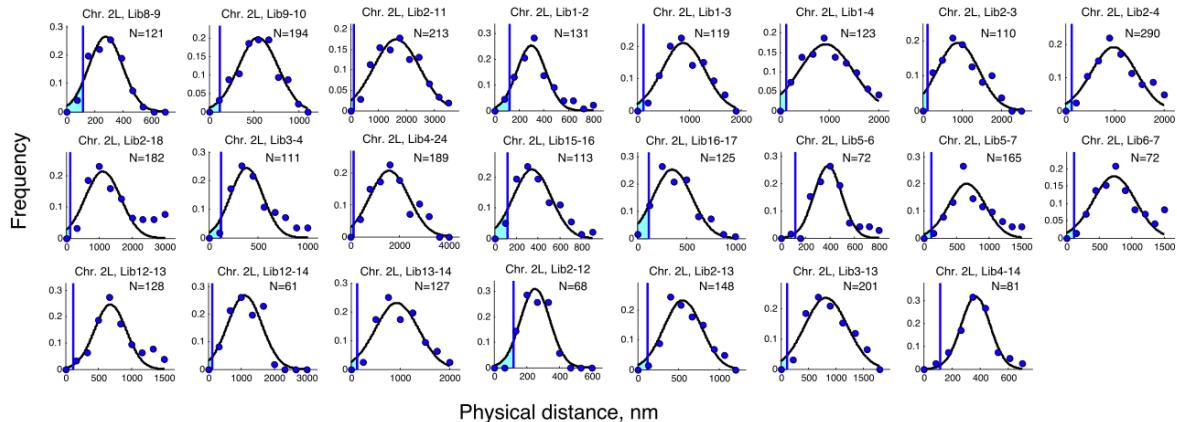
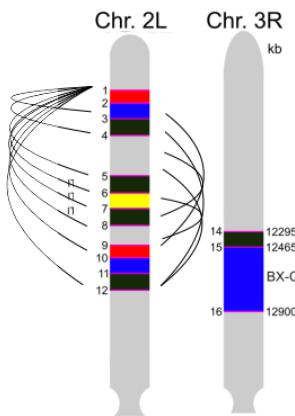


contact

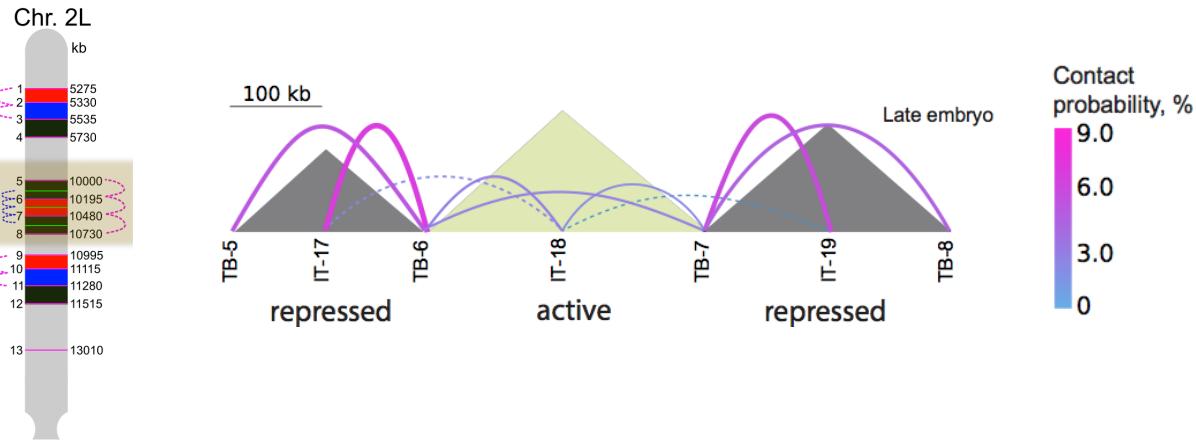


no contact

comparing Hi-C and microscopy contacts



microscopy contacts in a TAD



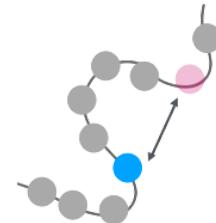
TADs exist in every cell!



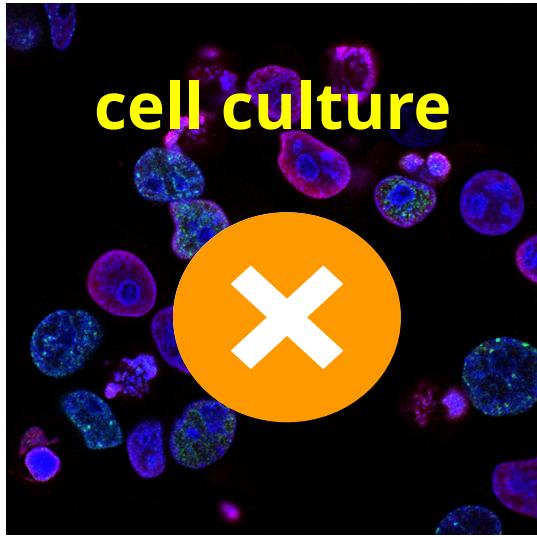
How can TADs exist in every cell and have such low contact frequencies?



PROBLEM 1: Can only see 2 loci at any given time !



PROBLEM 2: Model system



different **cell cycle** stages

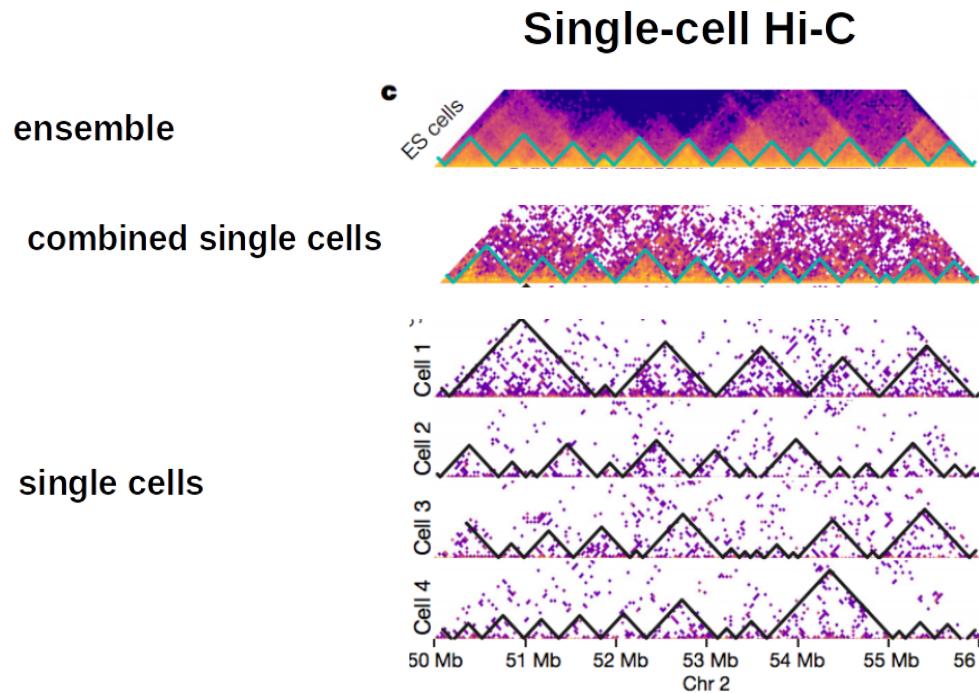
different **transcriptional programs**

different morphologies

intrinsic SC
heterogeneity

different DNA
structures

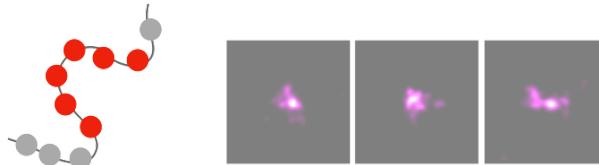
Looking at the 3D genome with sc-HiC



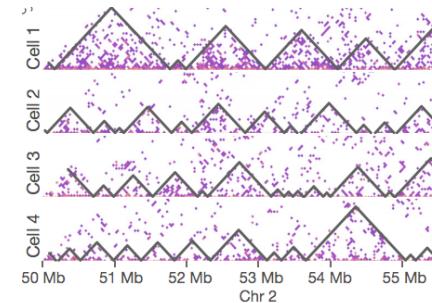
Flyamer, *Nature*, 2017
Stevens, *Nature*, 2017

Do TADs arise only after **ensemble averaging?**

TADs exist in every cell!



TADs as ensemble averages

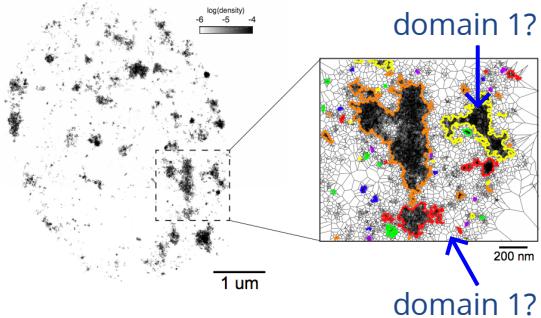


quantify contact probabilities at the single cell level?

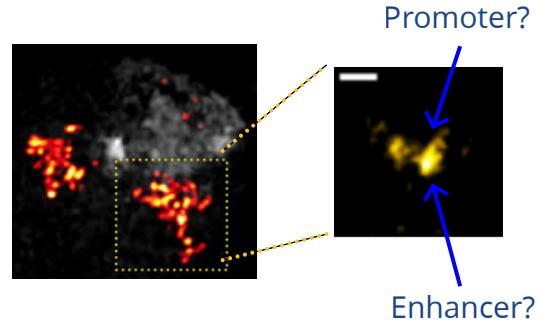


Spatial Genomics v0.1

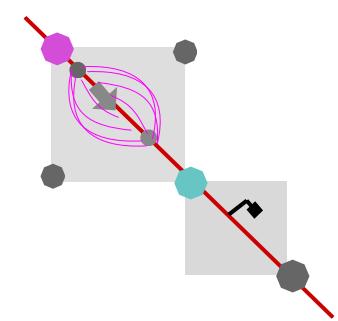
2-color STORM
of epigenetic domains



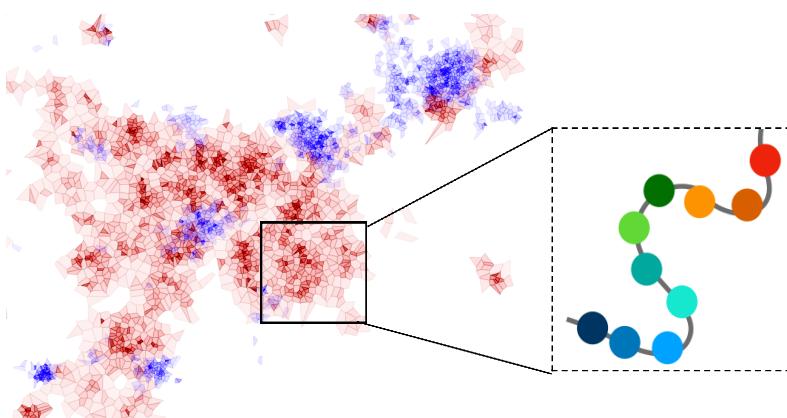
Super-resolution imaging
+ Oligopaints



Contact probabilities by
imaging



holy grail?

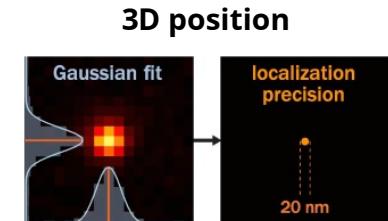
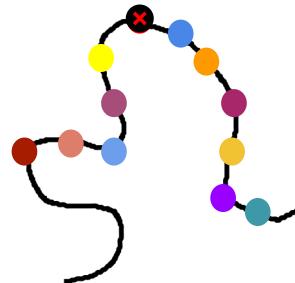
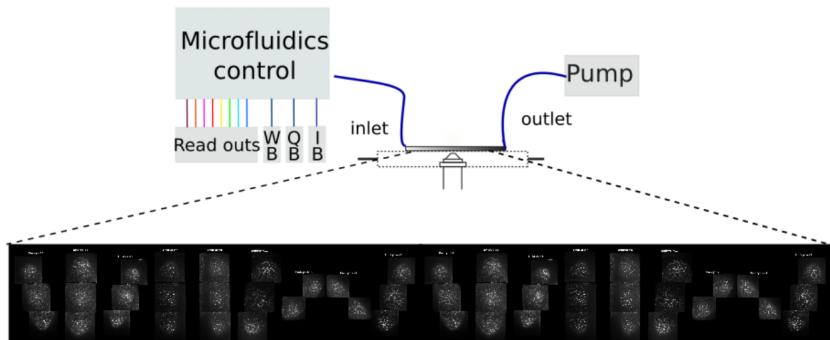


spatial resolution
labeling specificity

multiplexing

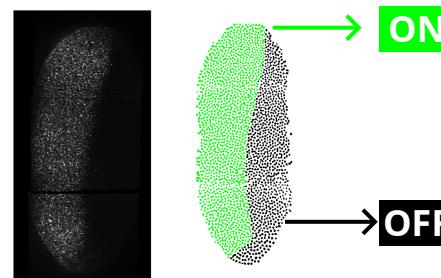
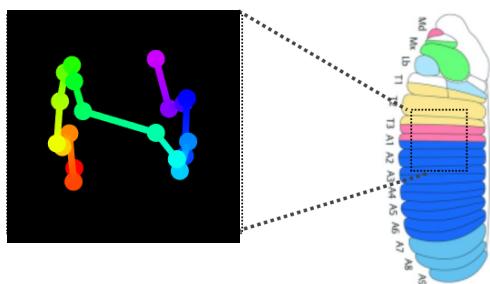
Hi-M: Spatial Genomics v1.0

Sequential imaging



3D coordinates of each locus
with genomic specificity
& nanometer precision!

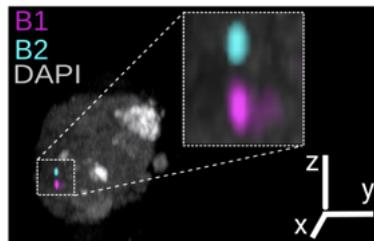
Hi-M: reconstructing 3D path of DNA + transcription



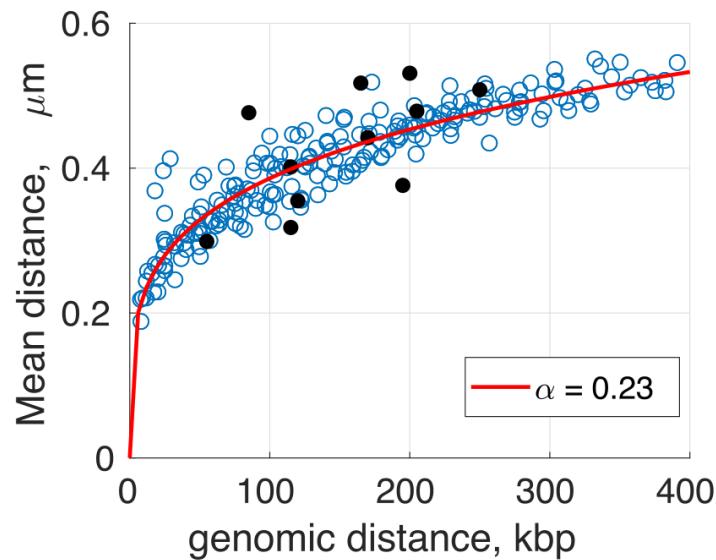
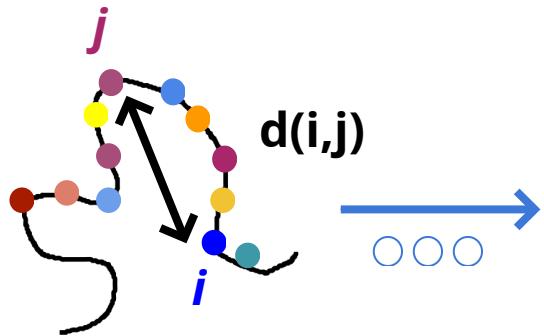
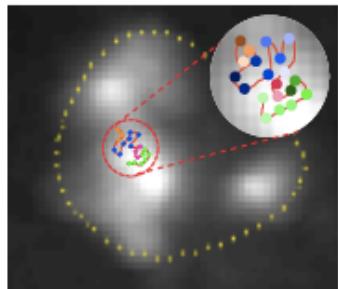
Cardozo, **Mol Cell** (2019); Cardozo, **Nature Protocols** (2020)
Bintu, **Science** (2018); Mateo, **Nature** (2019)

Hi-M benchmarks: mean distances

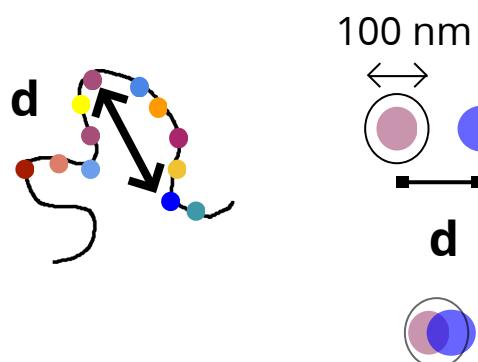
3D-SIM



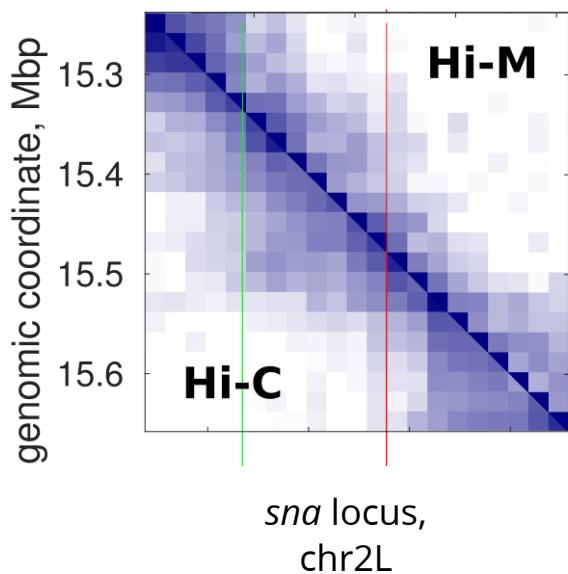
Hi-M



Hi-M benchmarks: contact frequencies

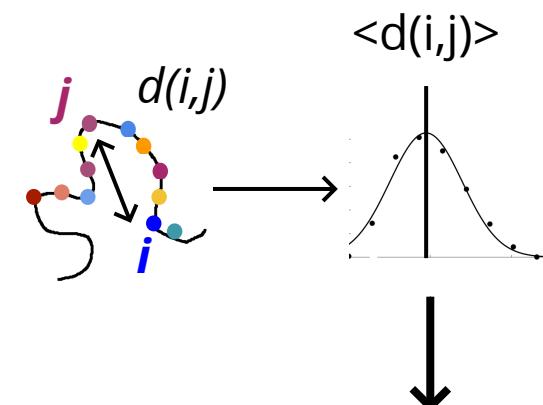


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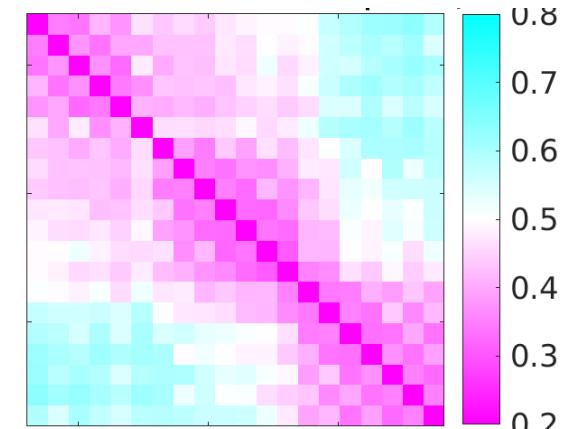
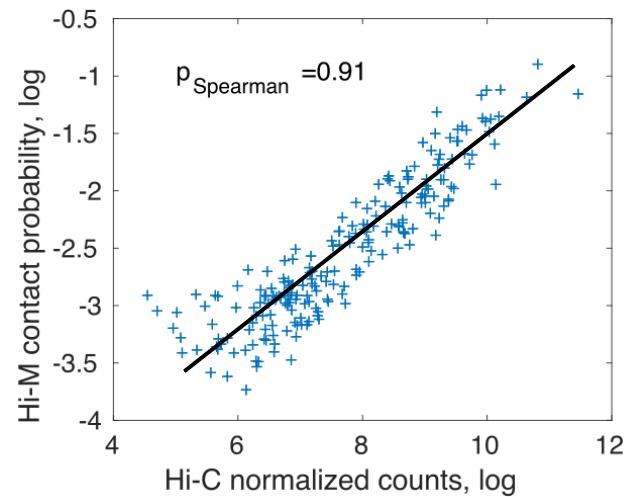


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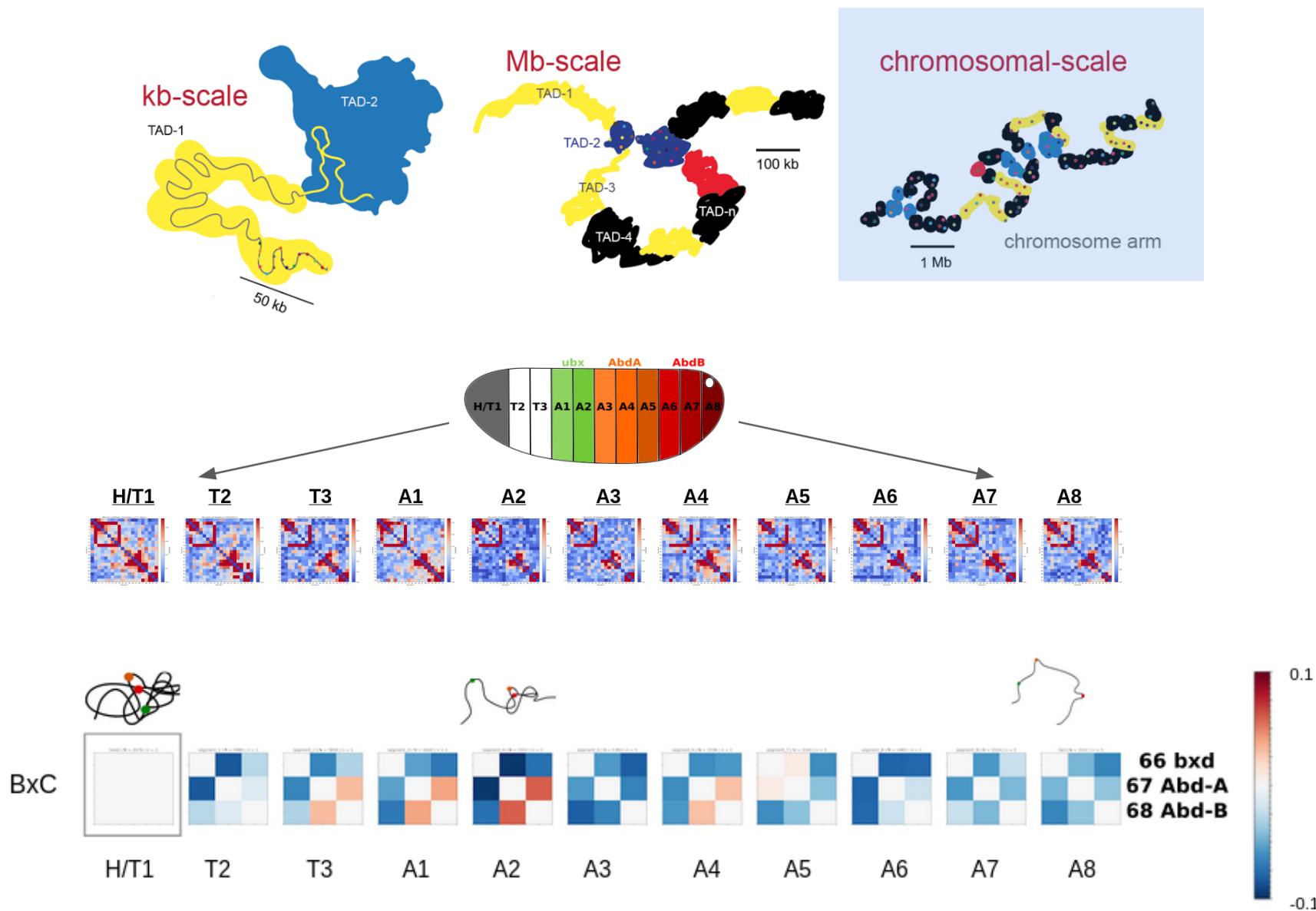
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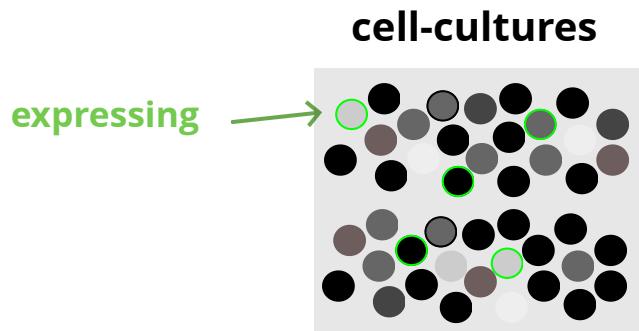


pairwise distance map



Hi-M can address multiple scales

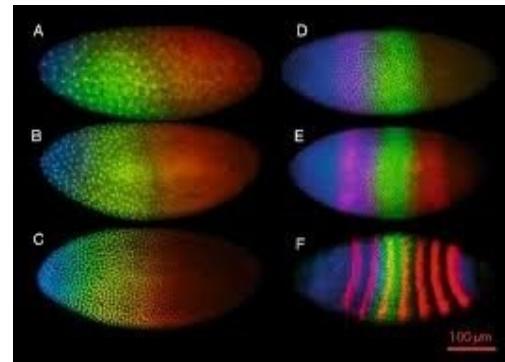




variable morphologies
different cell cycle stages
different transcriptional levels



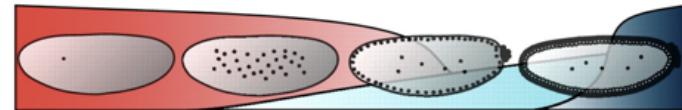
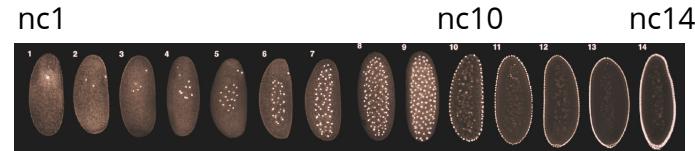
RNA expression



**Transcription is encoded
in space**

A primer on *Drosophila* development II

Transcription during development



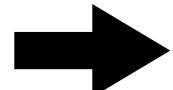
degradation
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transcription

Cell division during development

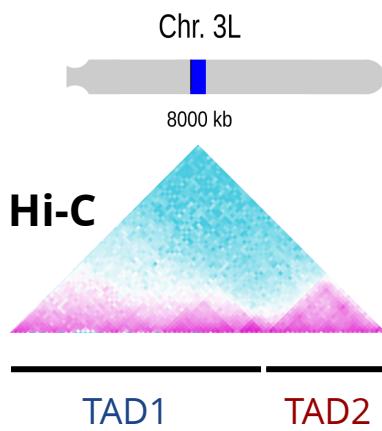
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transcription
cell cycle

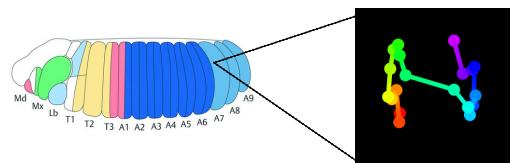


Encoded in **time and space**

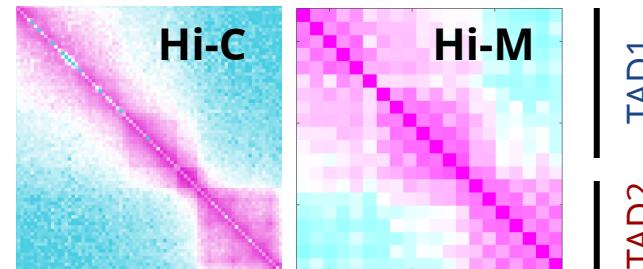
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Hi-M

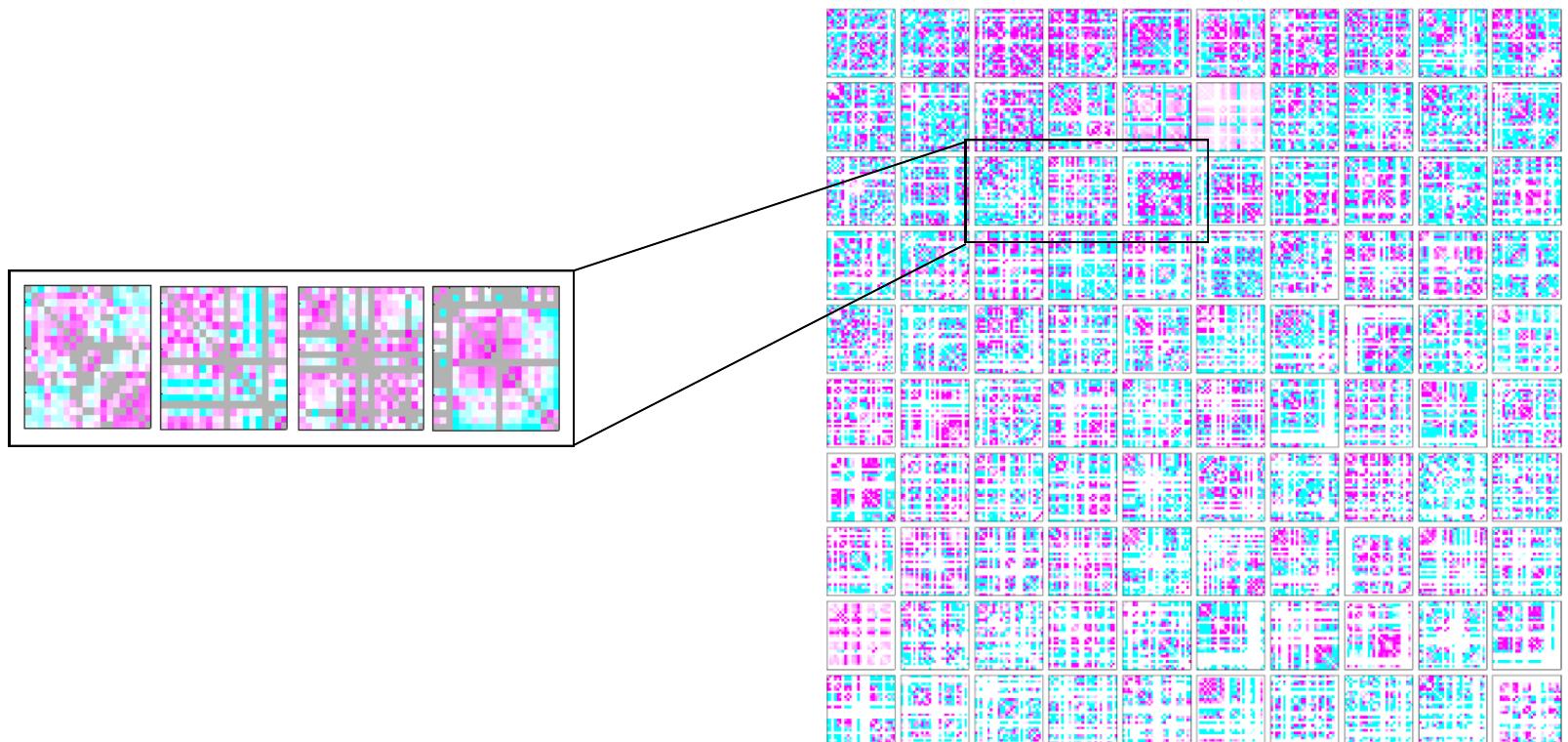


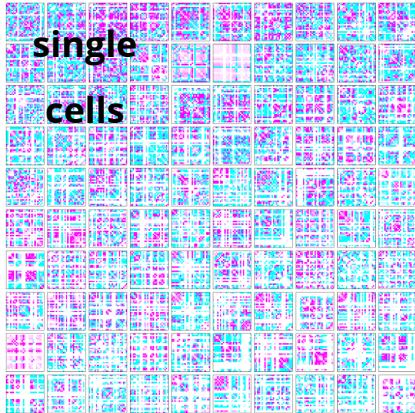
ensemble



TAD1
TAD2

single cells





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What is the source of
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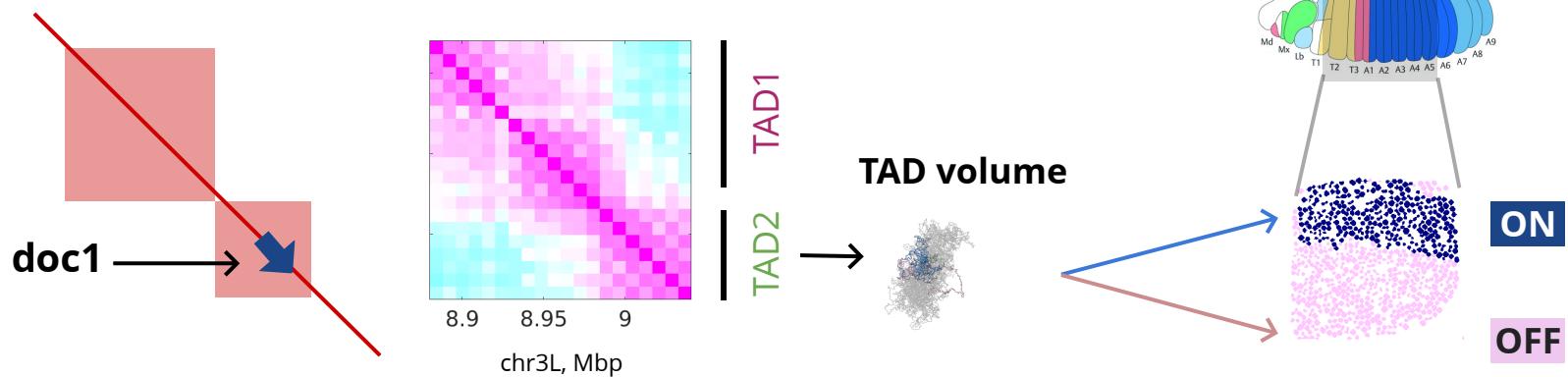
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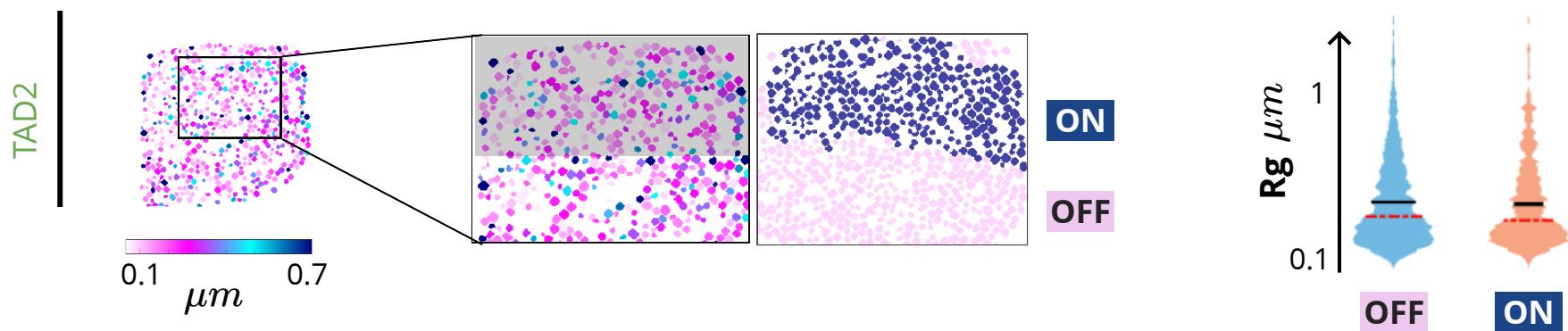
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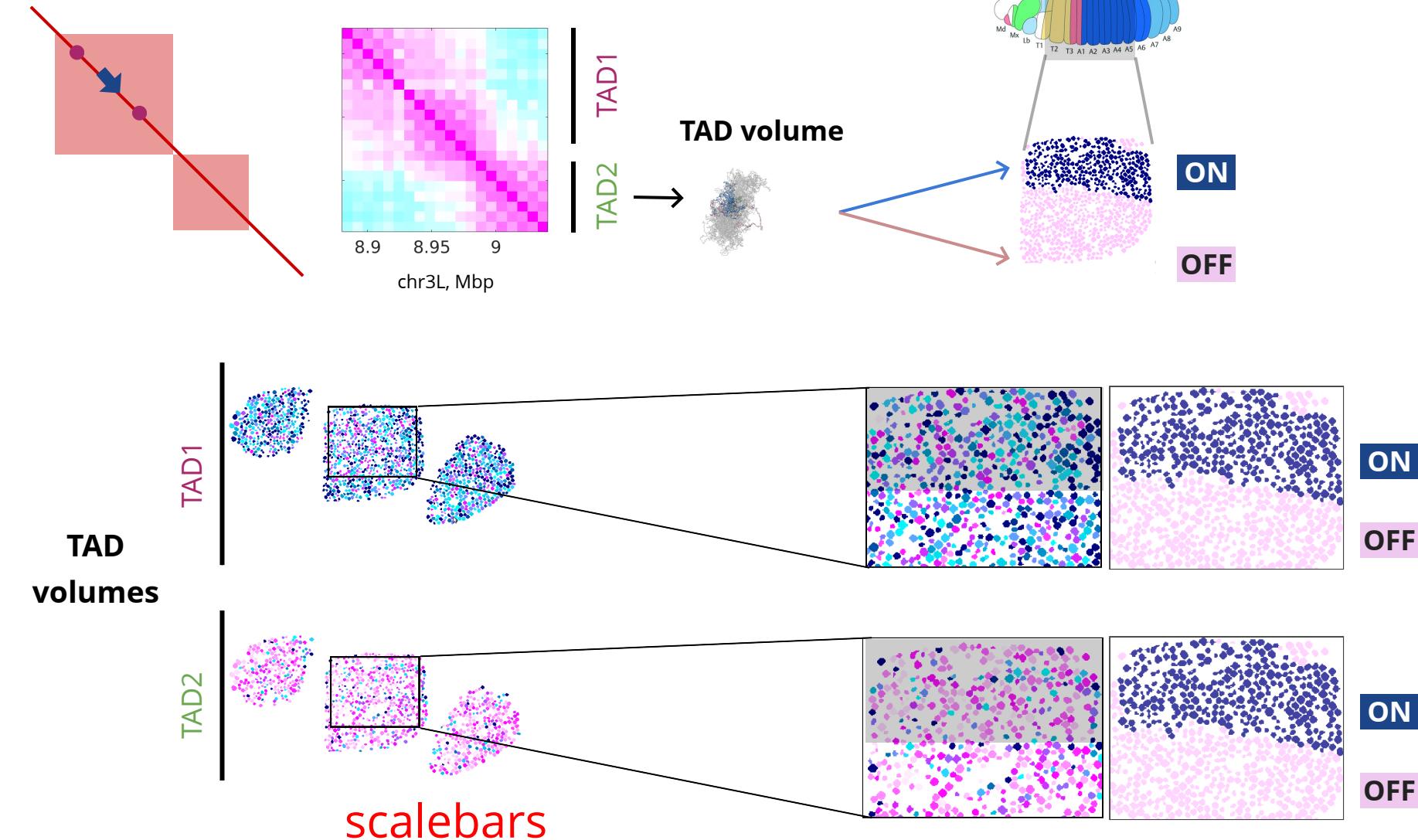


TAD volumes



TAD shape alone does not seem to determine function

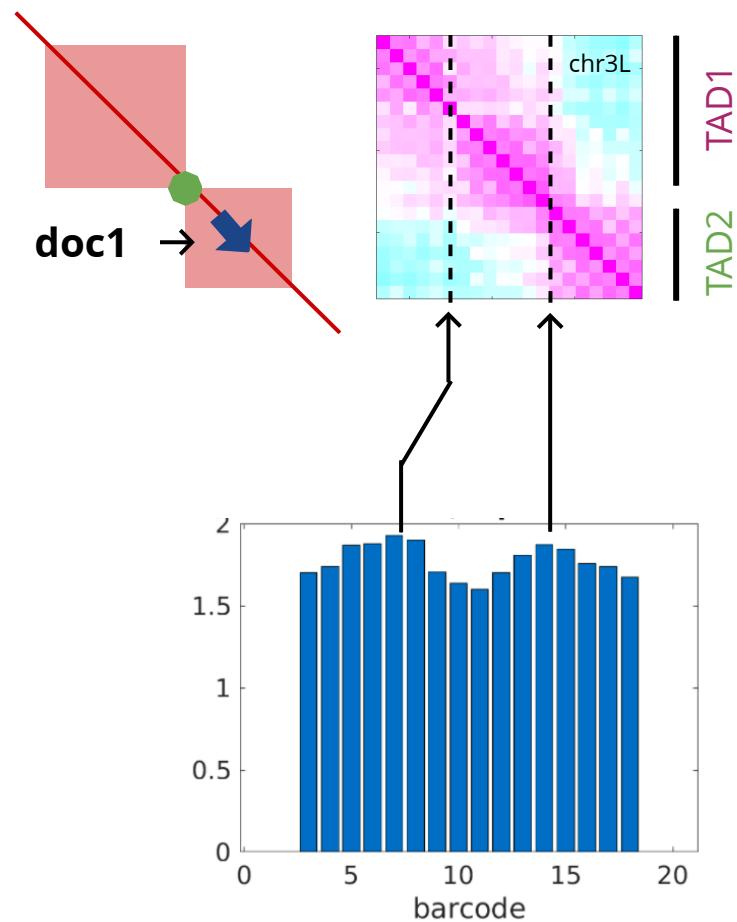
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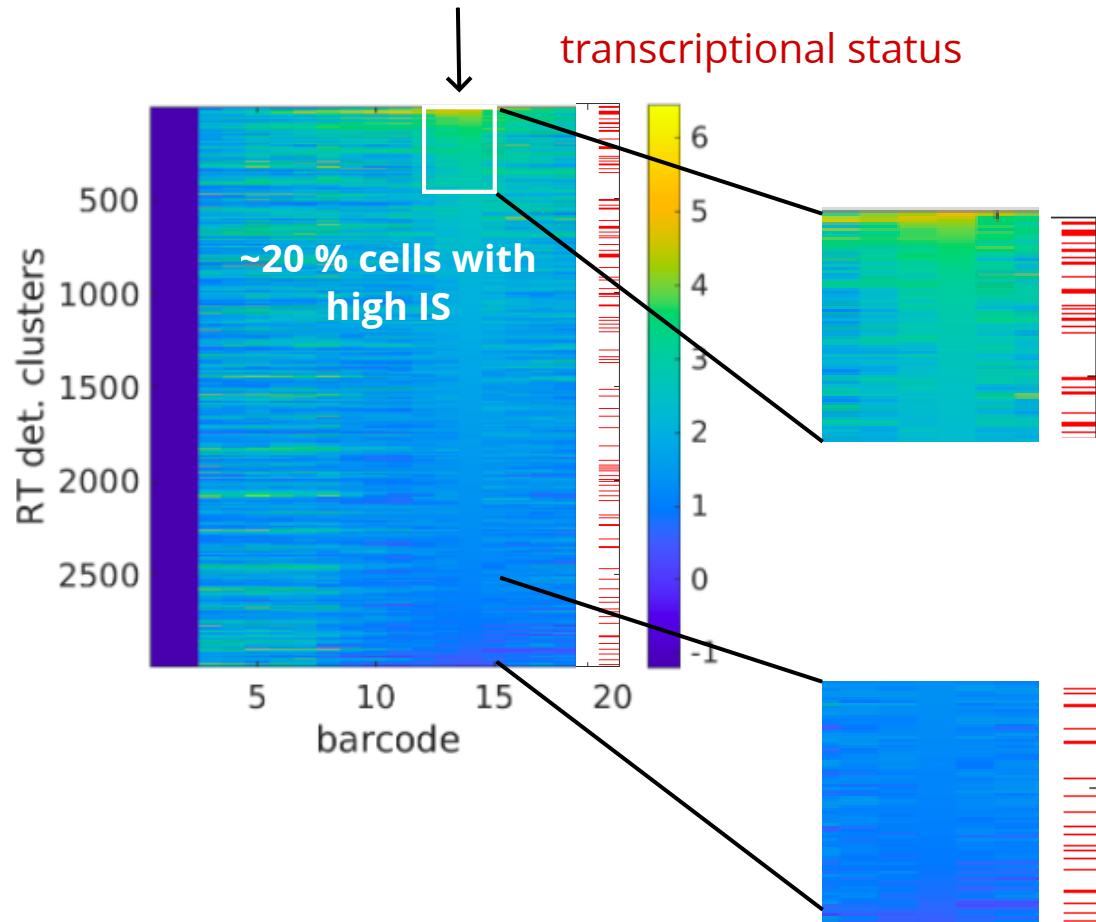
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Are borders correlated to transcription ?

mean insulation score

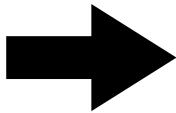
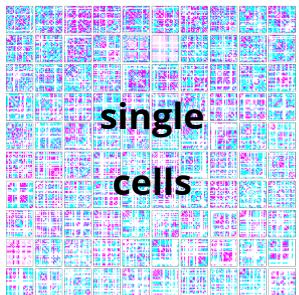


single-cell insulation score

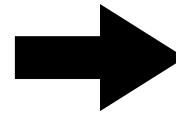


Borders not strongly correlated to transcriptional status

Does 3D organization change between ON/OFF cells?

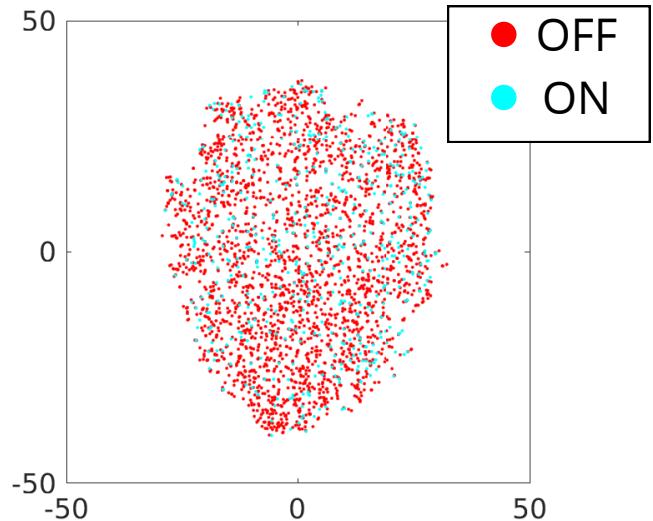


SC Architectures



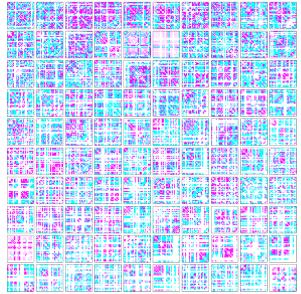
Markus Goetz

UMAP clustering

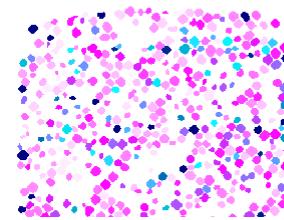


Impossible to distinguish pairwise maps of **ON cells from **OFF cells****

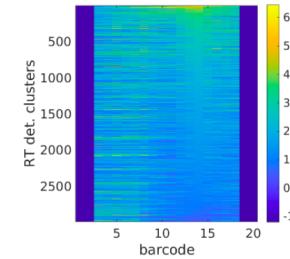
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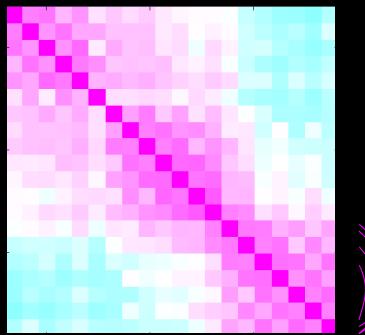
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sc Borders



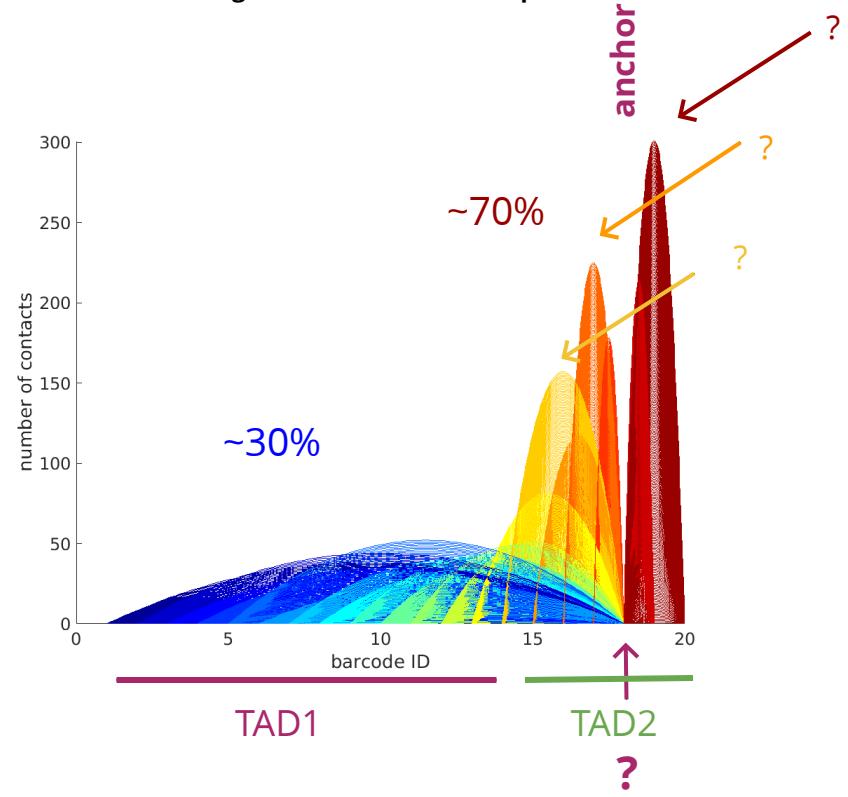
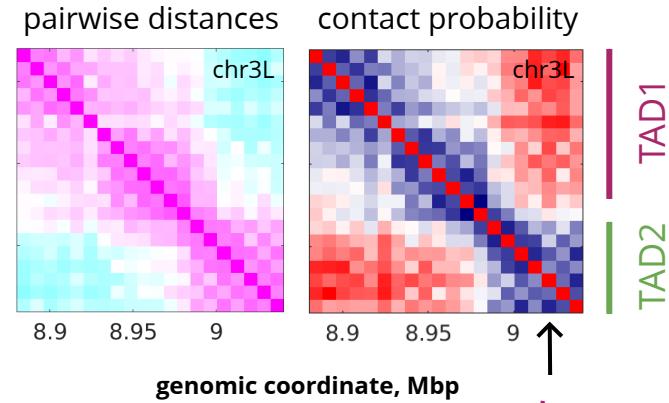
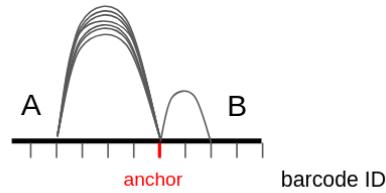
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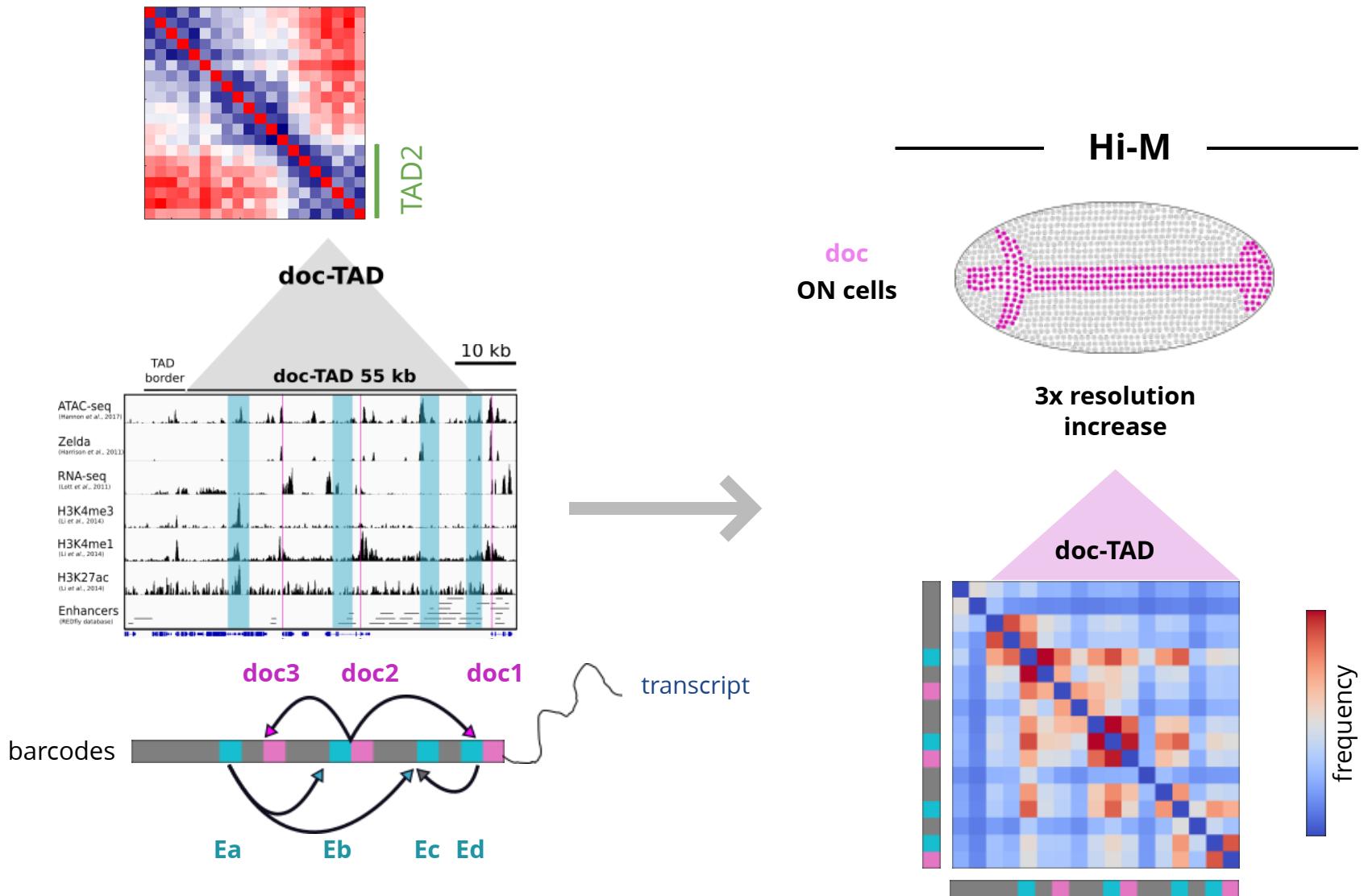
Intra-TAD interactions?



function?

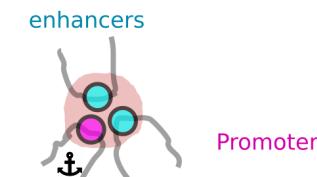
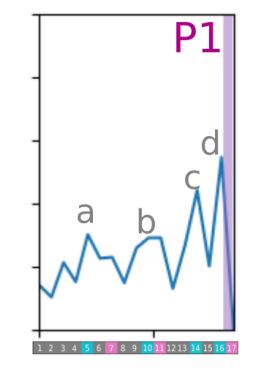
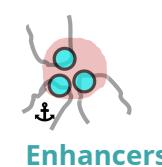
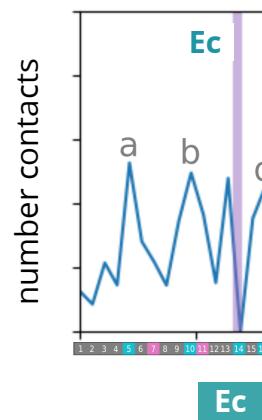
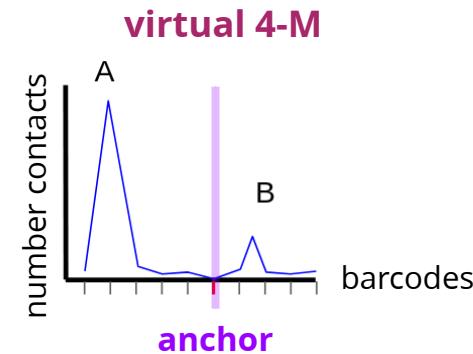
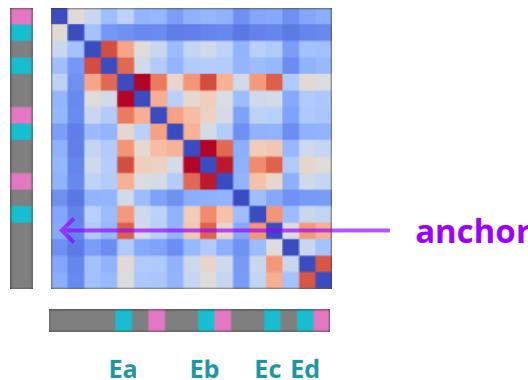


Loci within TADs prefer to interact with loci in the same TAD



Hi-M detects **specific looping** interactions

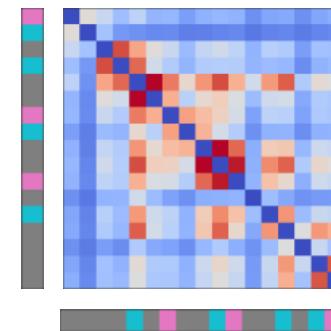
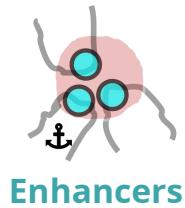
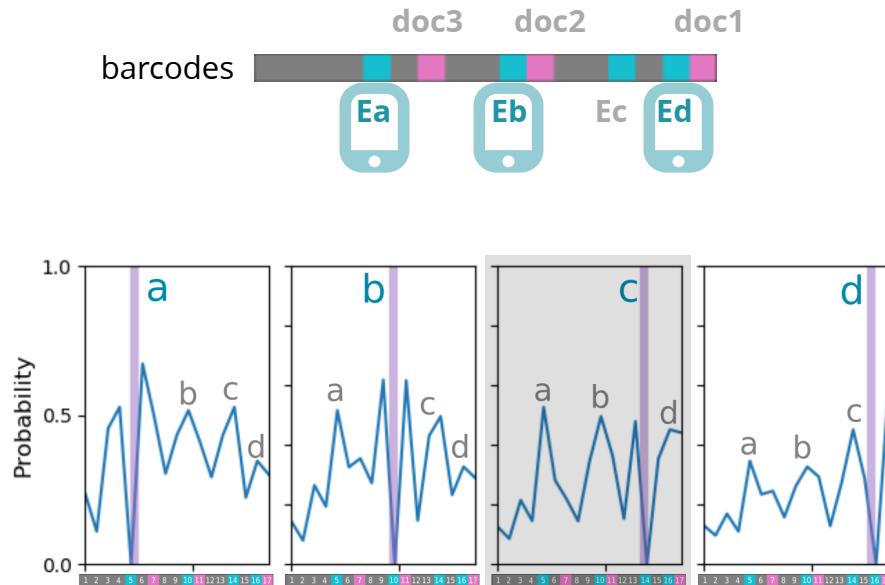
decoding preferential 3D networks



We can detect **E-E** and **E-P** contacts in ON cells !

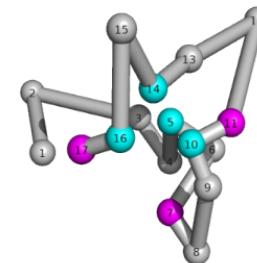
are cis-RE interactions widespread?

Enhancers



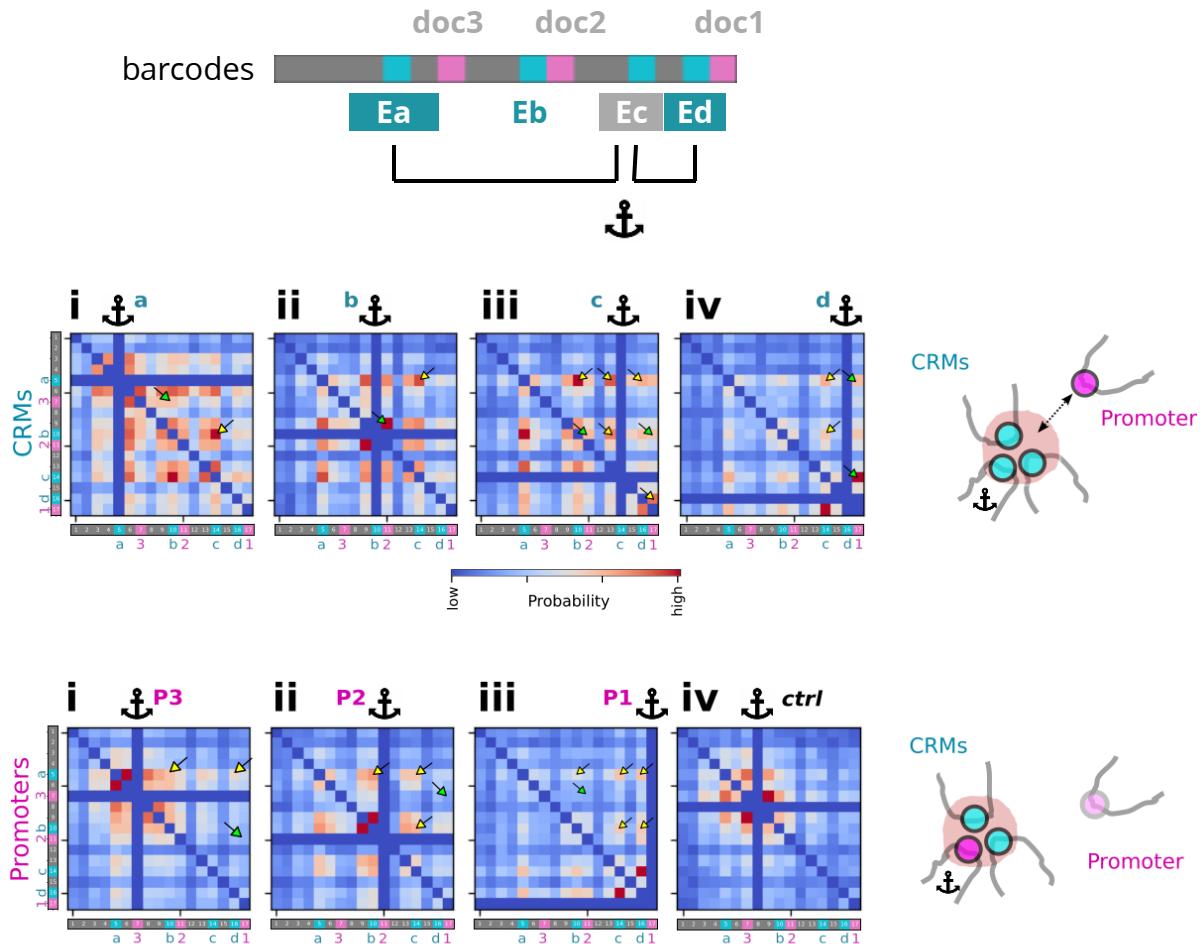
topological
representation

(ShRec3D) Lesne (2015)



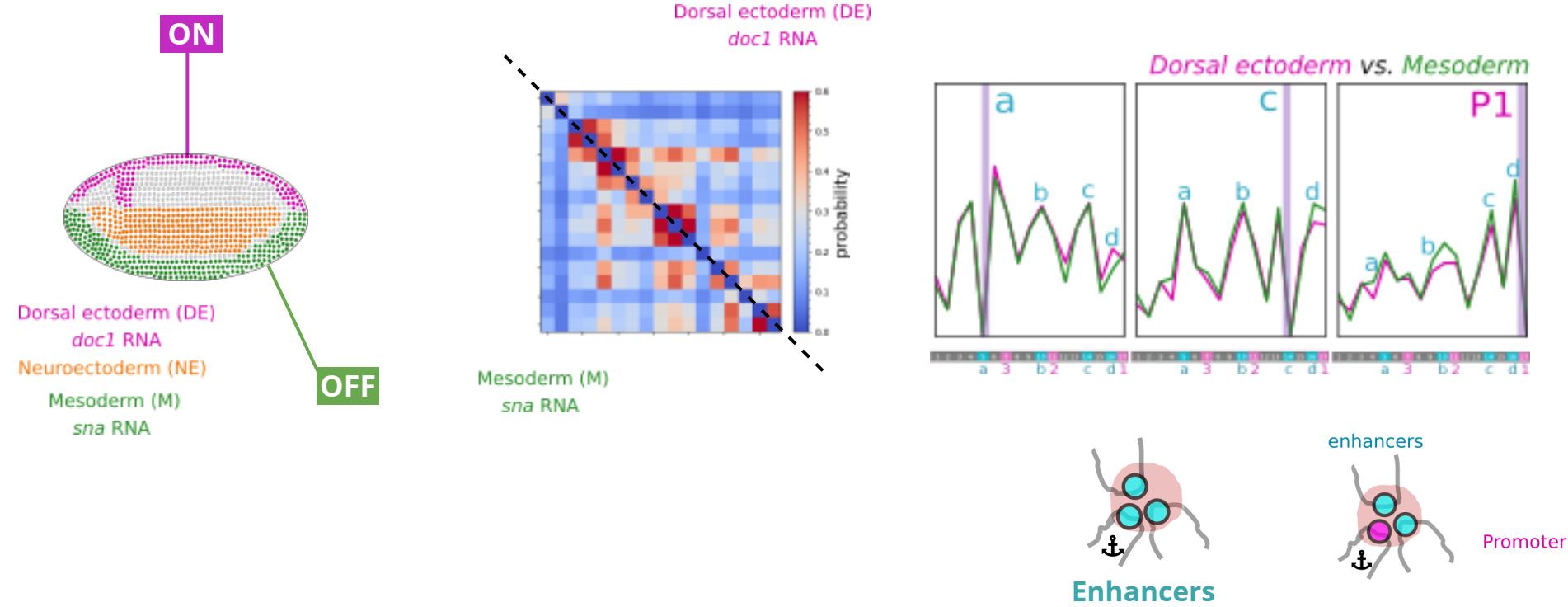
do **enhancer** form clusters in single cells?

3-way interactions

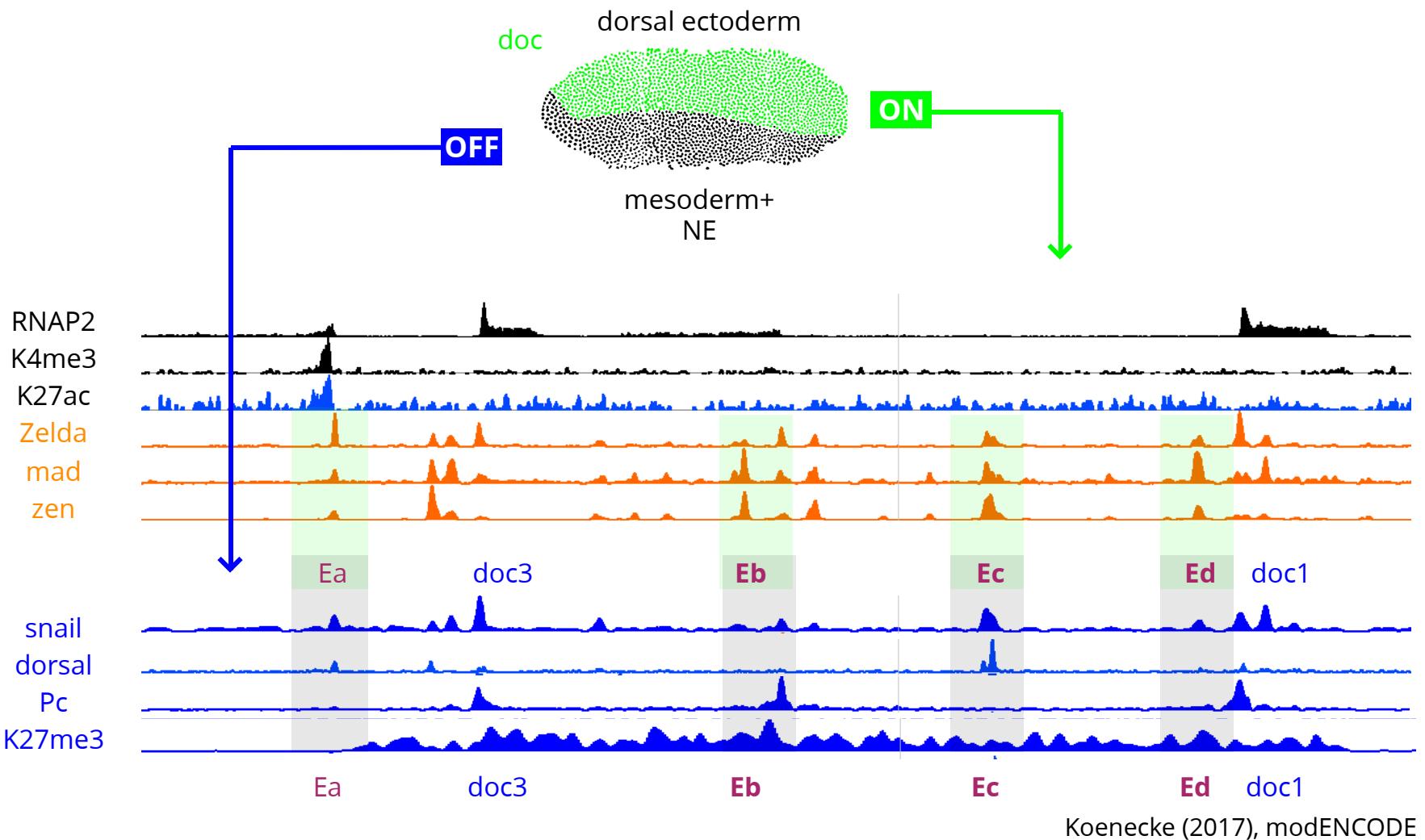


Promoters contact **enhancer** clusters in single cells

Surely these cis-RE networks are specific to ON cells!

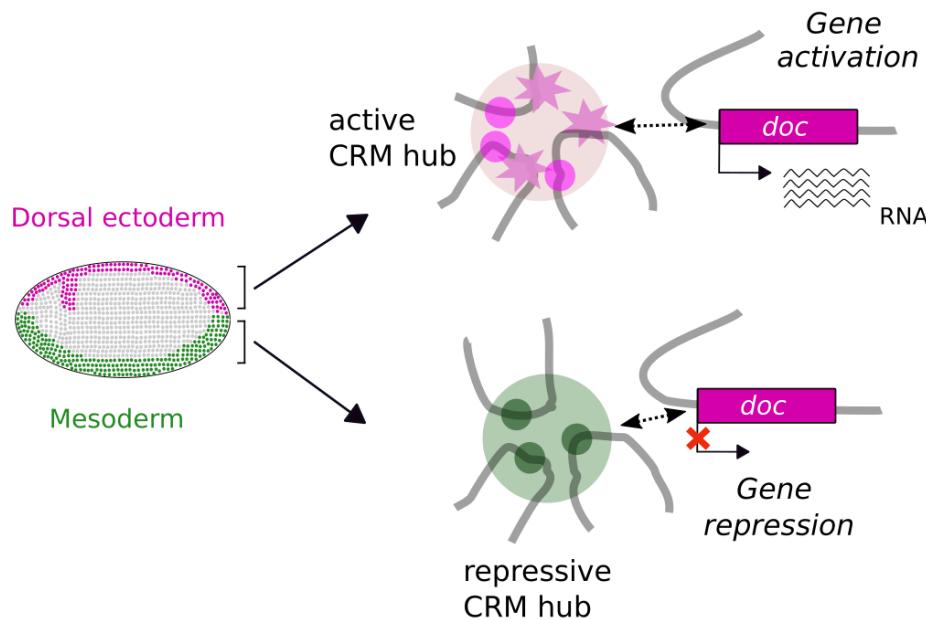


Promoters are still contacting enhancer clusters in OFF cells ! Why?



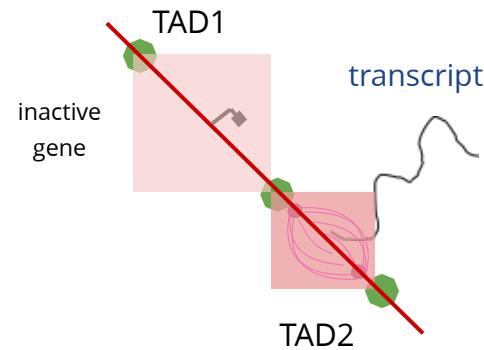
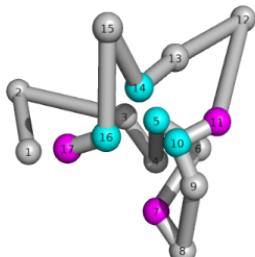
Enhancers are occupied by transcriptional activators AND repressors

Chromatin architecture plays a **double role** in transcriptional regulation



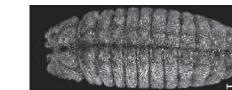
Do TADs / transcription shape the 3D network of cis-RE?

Are **cis-RE** interactions established before or after
TADs and **onset of transcription** during development?



3D TAD folding during development

developmental time



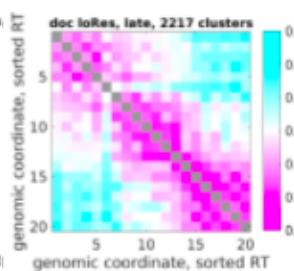
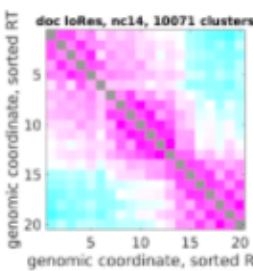
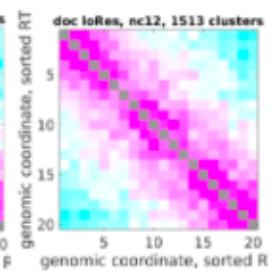
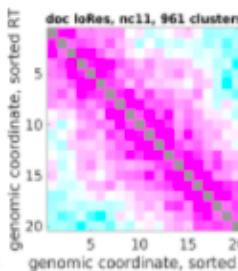
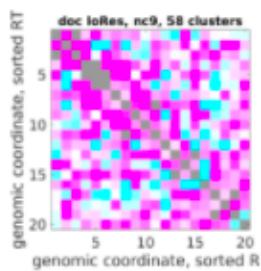
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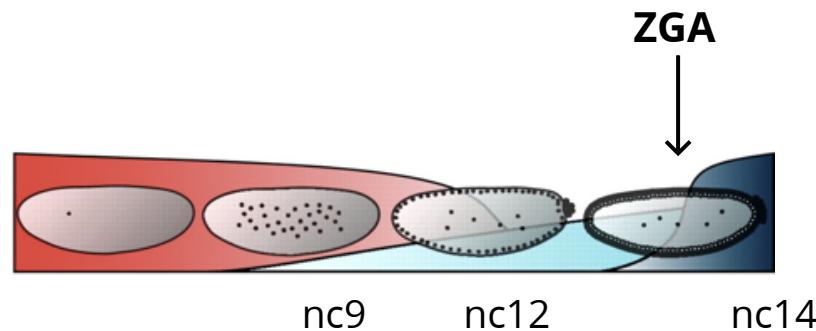
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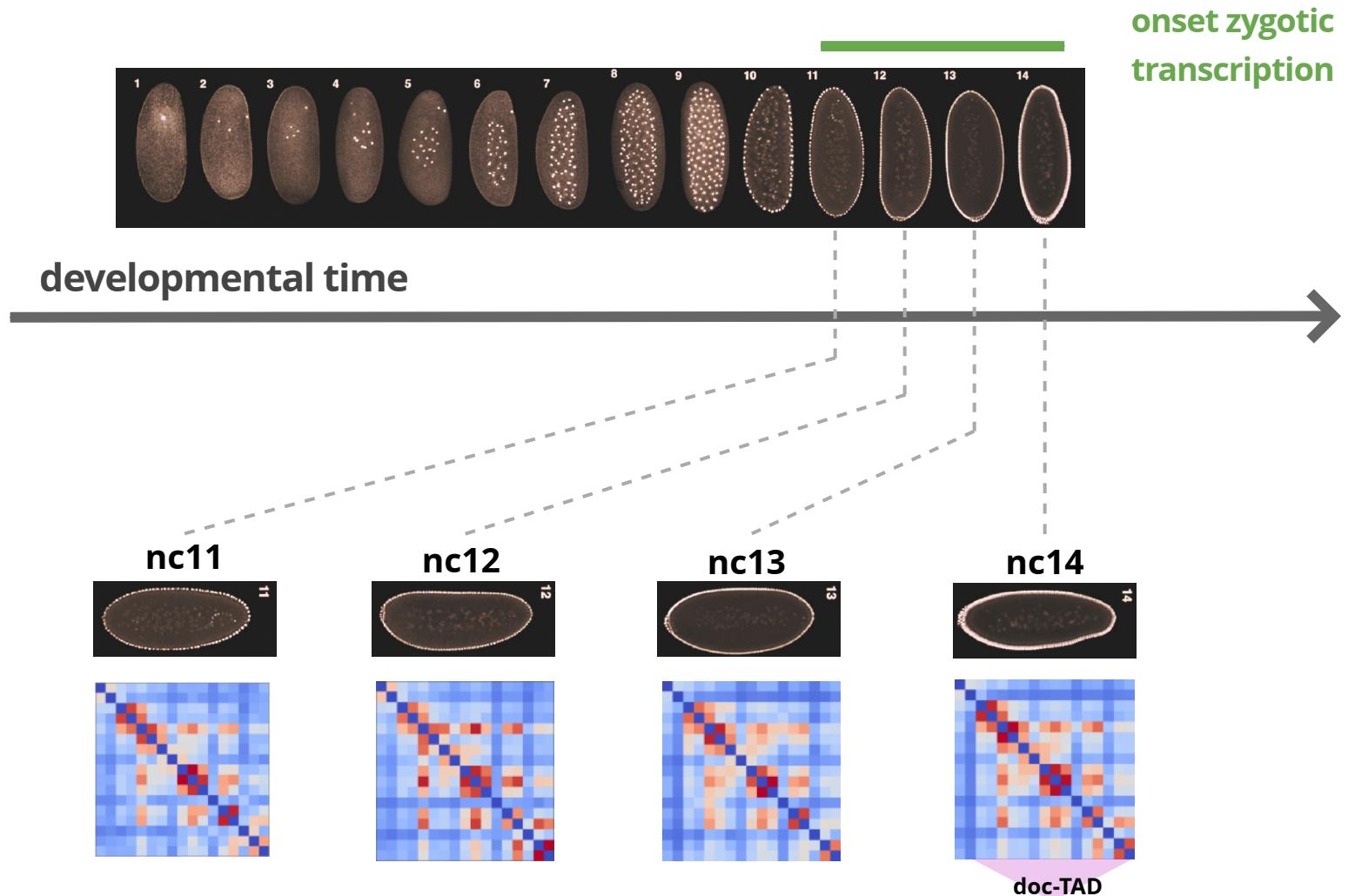
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TADs emerge at nc14

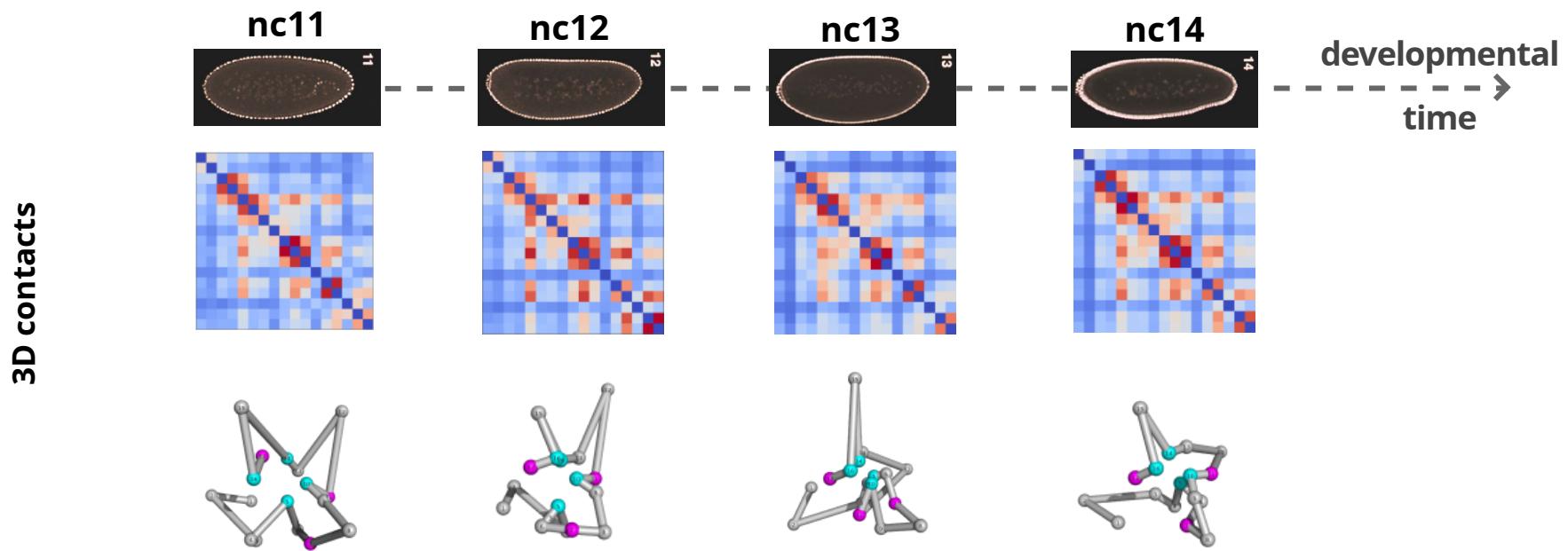


When are **cis**-RE interactions established?

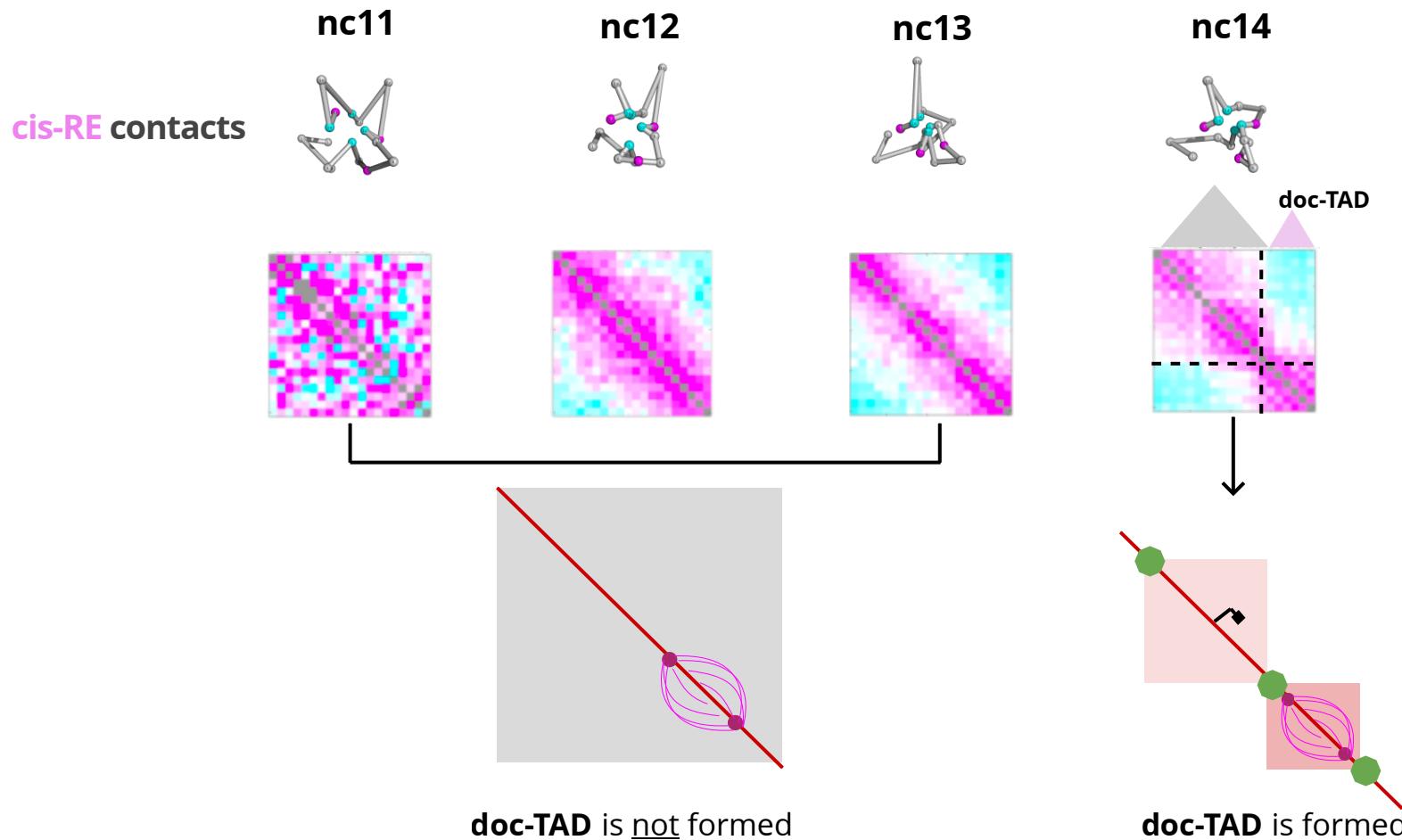


Is the **docTAD** established as early?

3D networks of cis-RE elements during development



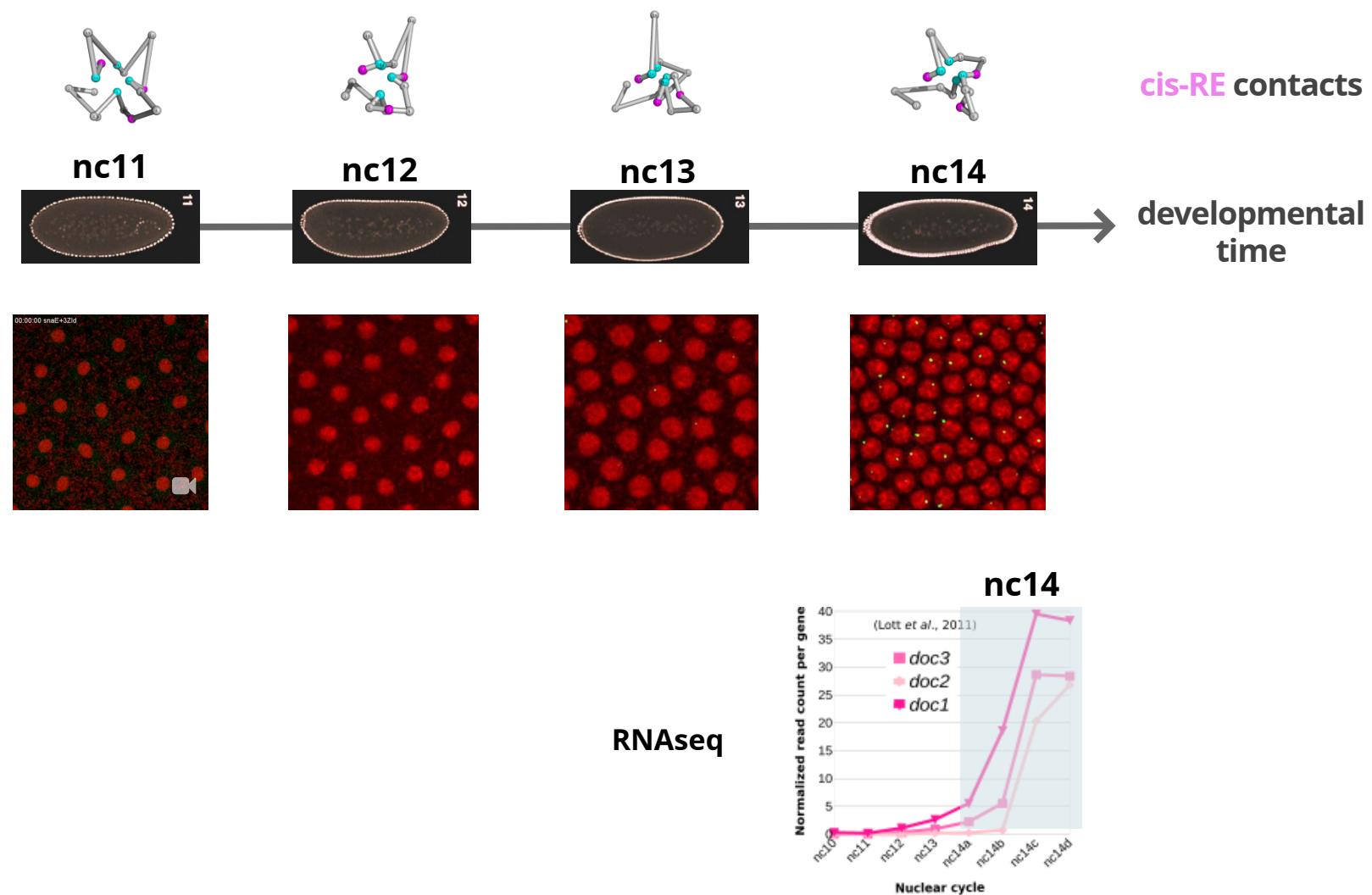
Is the doc-TAD established as early?



Hug, **Cell** (2017); Ogiyama, **Mol Cell** (2018)

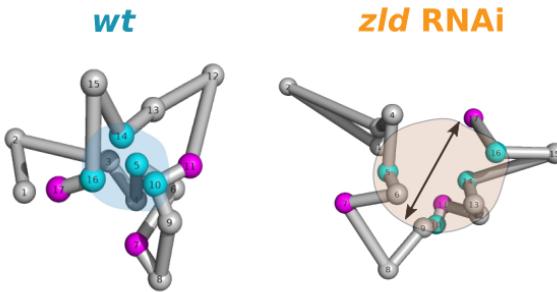
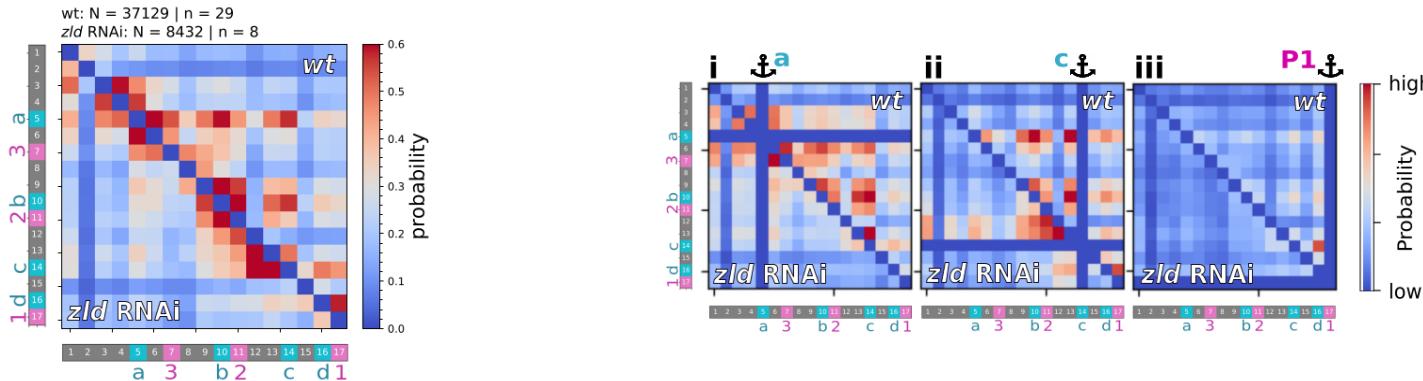
cis-RE networks precede the establishment of doc-TADs at nc14

Do cis-RE networks appear before transcriptional activation of doc genes?



cis-RE networks are established prior to transcriptional activation

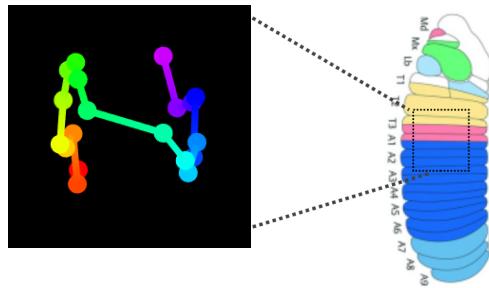
What factors are required to form **cis**-RE networks ?



zelda depletion leads to loss of cis-regulatory interactions

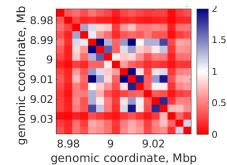
Take home messages

Hi-M

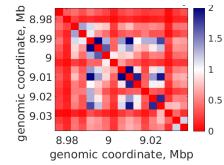


detect **cis-regulatory** logic
&
transcriptional state

OFF

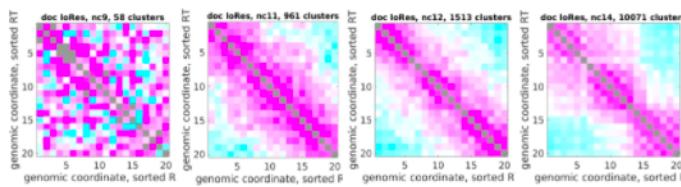


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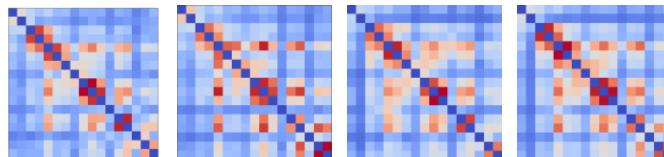
cis-RE hubs
activators AND repressors

TADs



3D network of **cis-RE**
precedes
TADs &
transcriptional activation

c-RE



Espinola, Gotz, et al. BioRxiv (2020)

Ing-Simmon, et al. BioRxiv (2020)

Multiscale chromosome organization

Mitotic chromosomes

Flemming, 1885

B-DNA

Watson & Crick, 1953

Franklin & Gosling, 1953

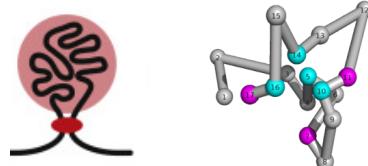
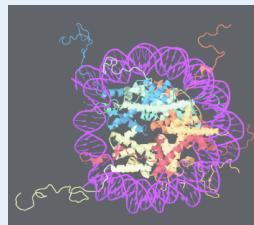
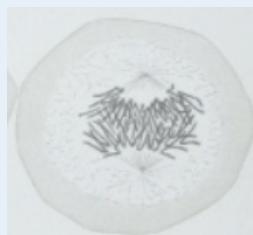
Nucleosomes

Luger, 1997

**TADs, hubs,
compartments, etc**

Chromosome Territories

Bolzer, 2005



**single-cell imaging
structurally heterogeneous**

**unclear how 3D structure
encodes function**

**Use of interdisciplinary
methods will be key to get
full understanding**

~200nm, 50kb - 1 Mb

3D genomics 2020 !

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