

S'organiser, fonctionner et se mouvoir: ce que les chromosomes en disent

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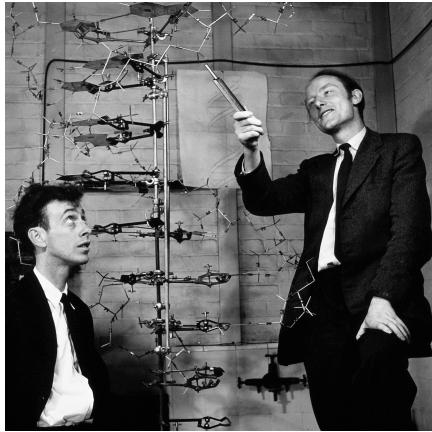
GoPro 2017, Lyon



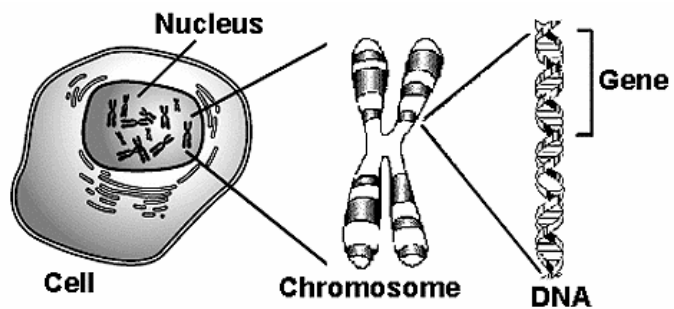
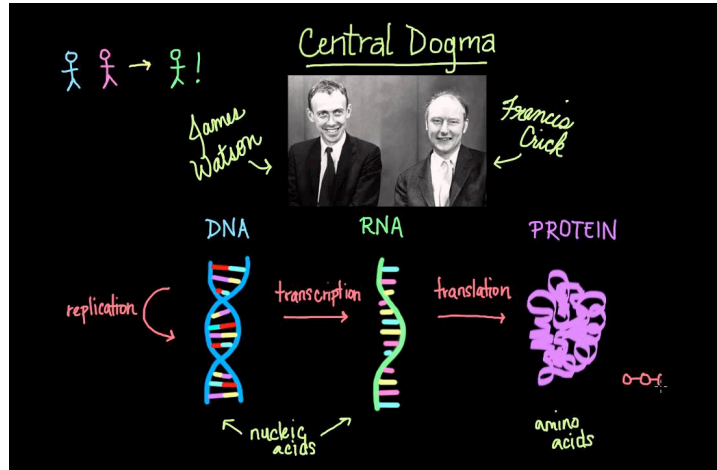
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DNA & genes & chromosomes



Watson & Crick, 1953



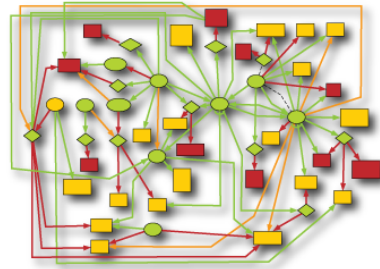
1 genome = many ways of translating it



- Where does species complexity arise from?
 - Complexity of gene expression patterns,
 - Complexity of regulatory mechanisms.

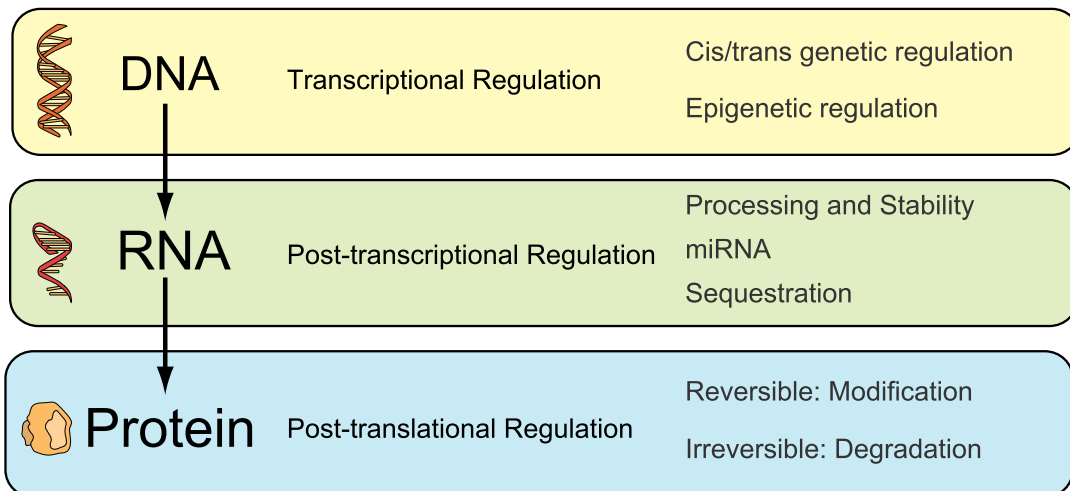
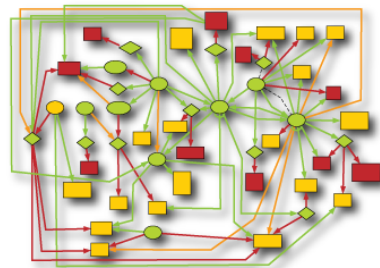
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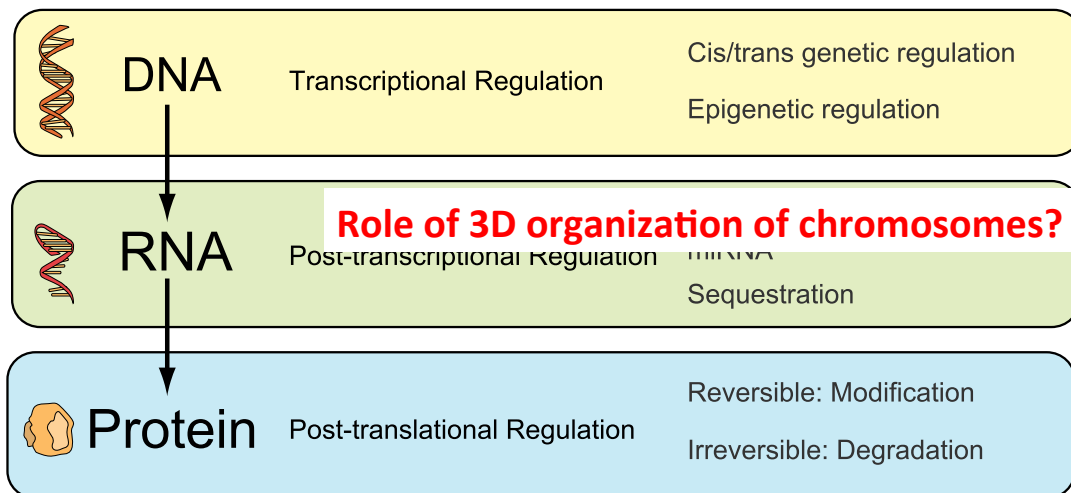
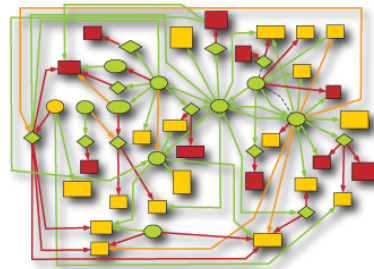
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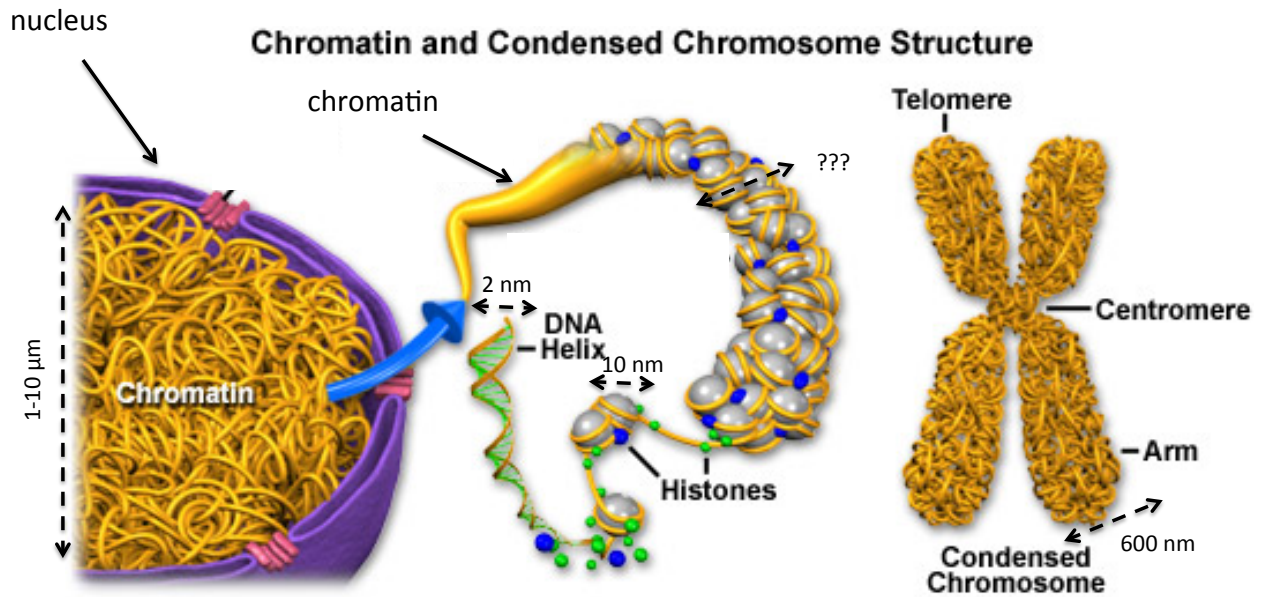
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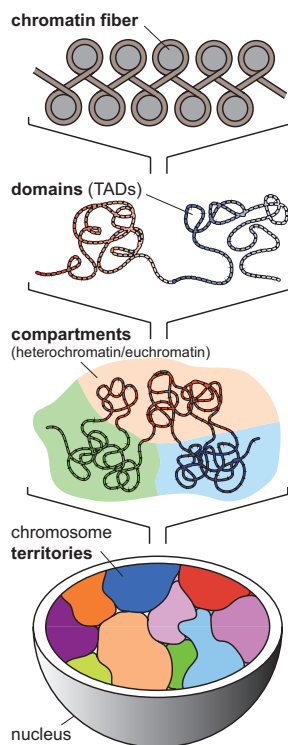
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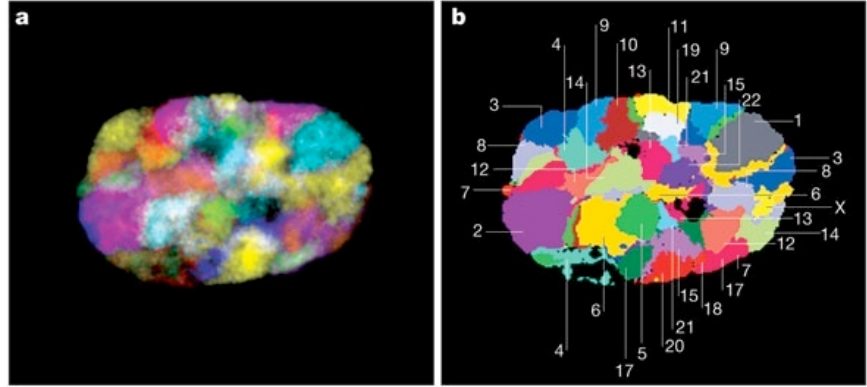
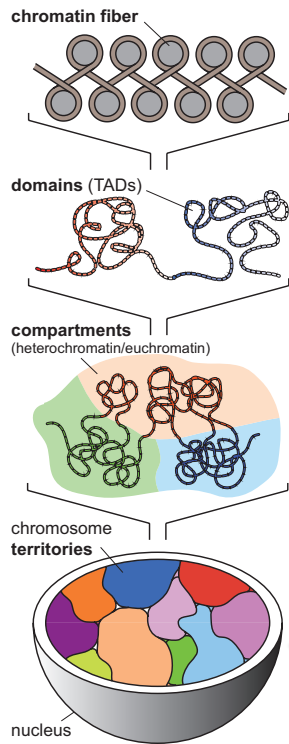
Genomes: 1Mbp – 6 Gbp (few mm to m)

Volumic density: 10^{-2} - 10^{-1}

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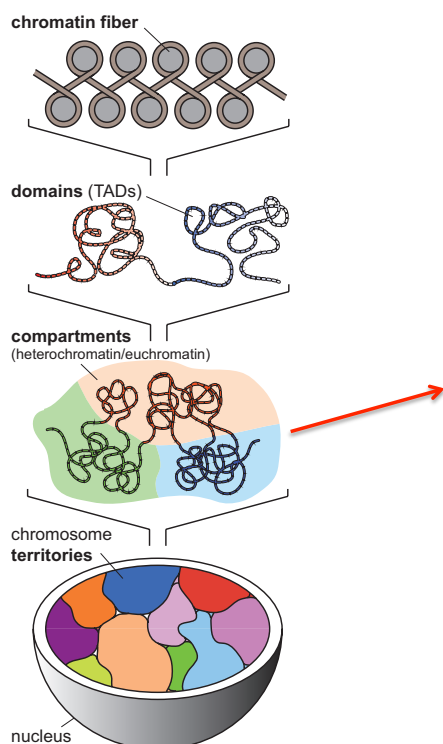


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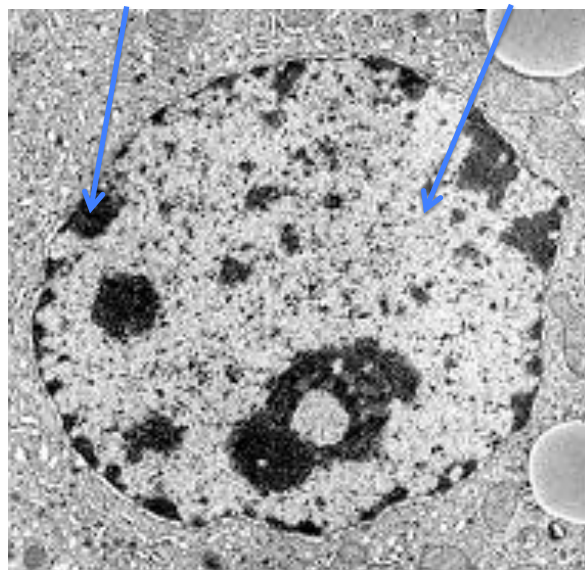
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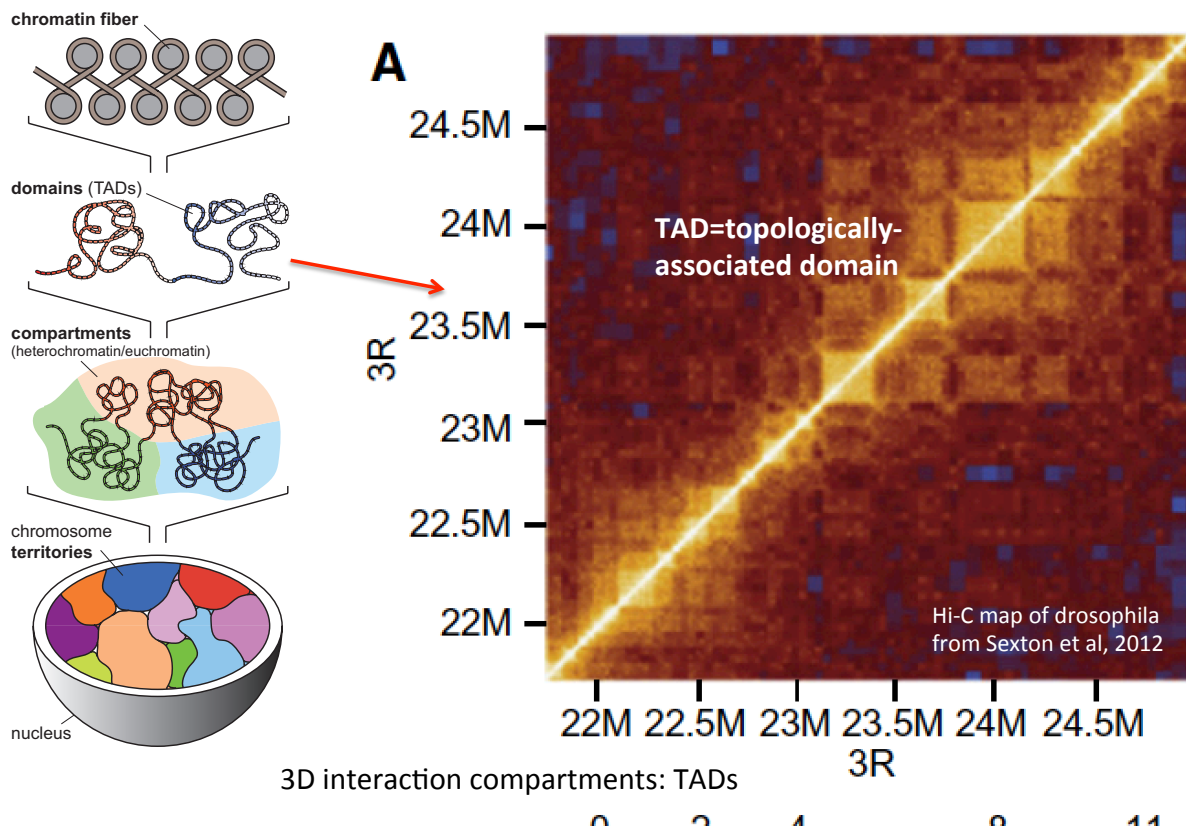
heterochromatin:
inactive genes

euchromatin:
active genes

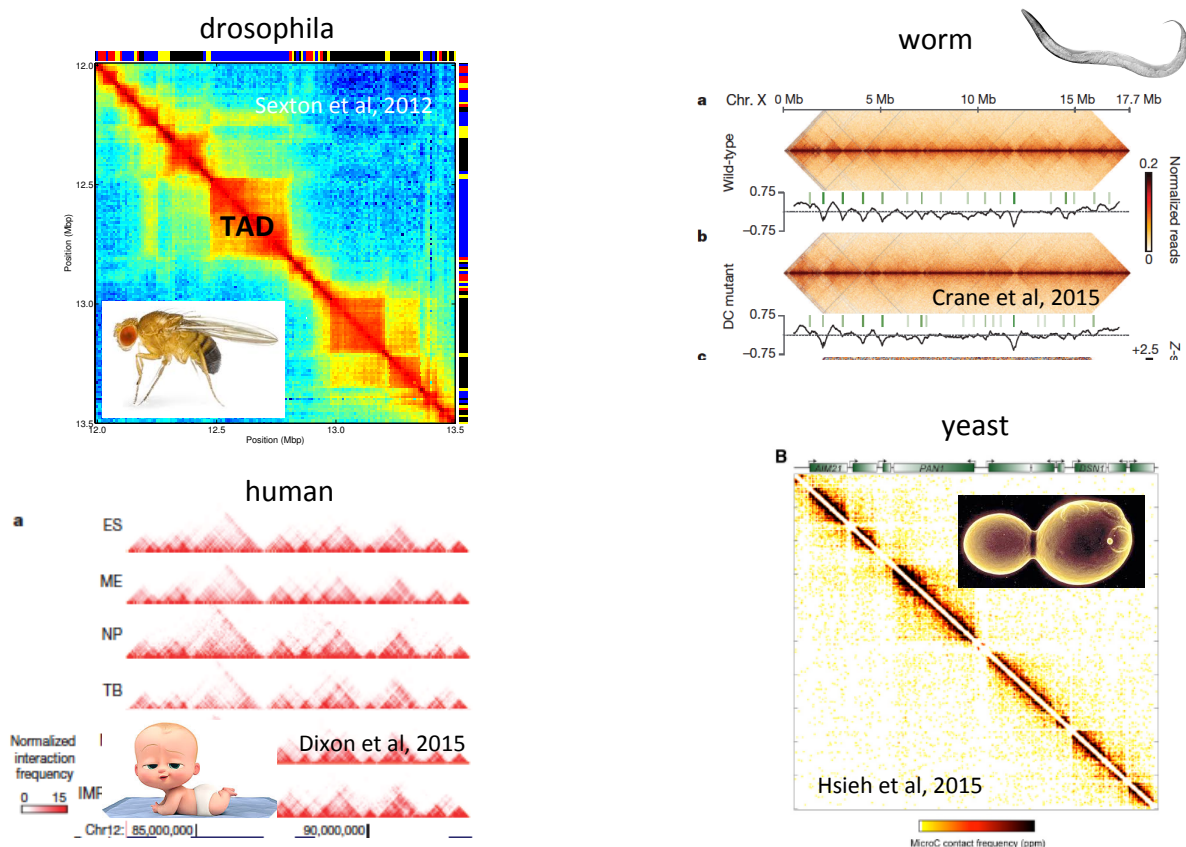


Electron microscopy of a nucleus

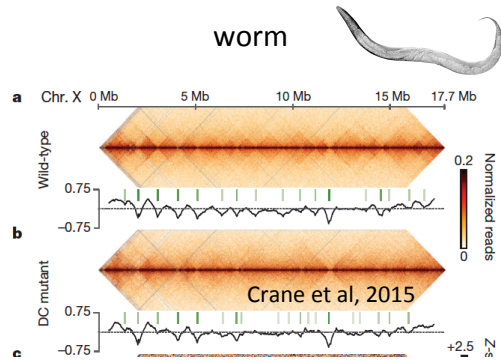
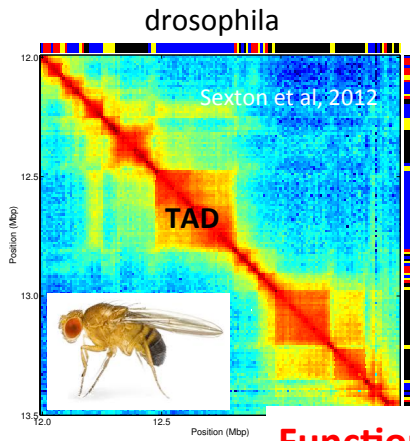
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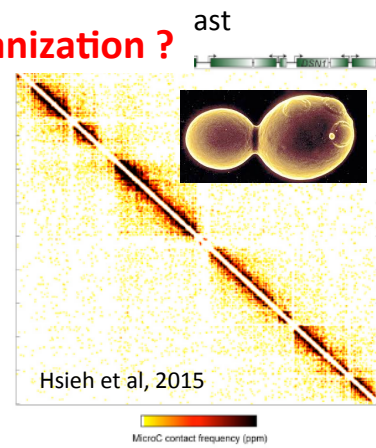
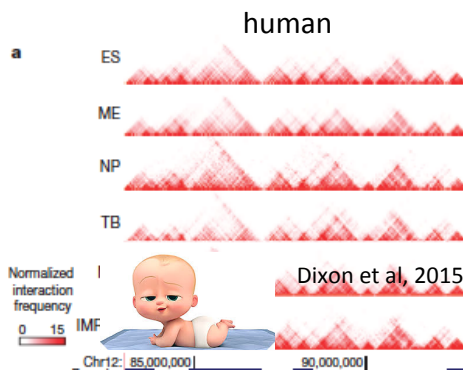
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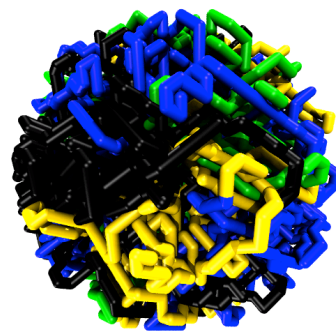
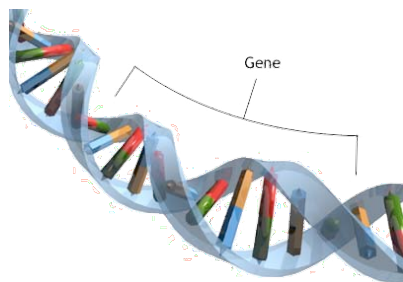
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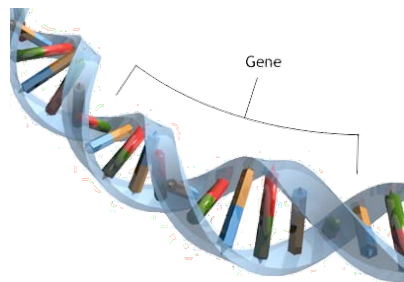


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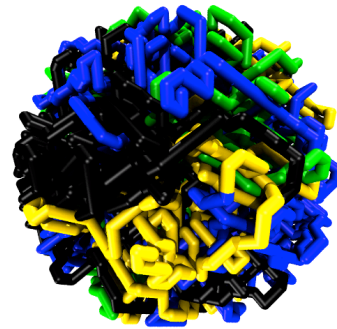
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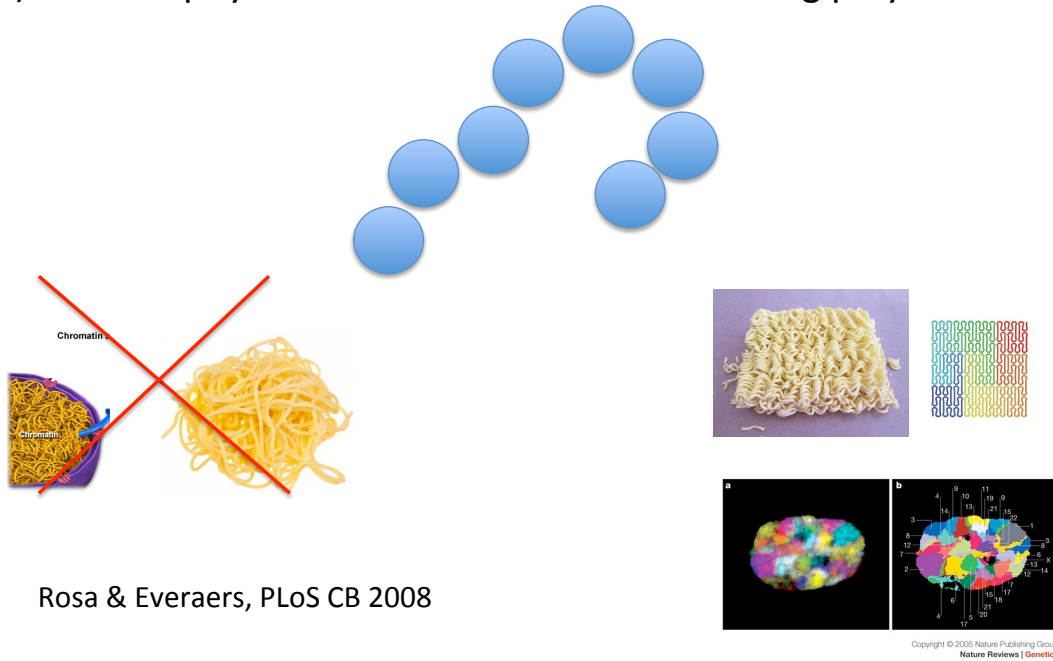
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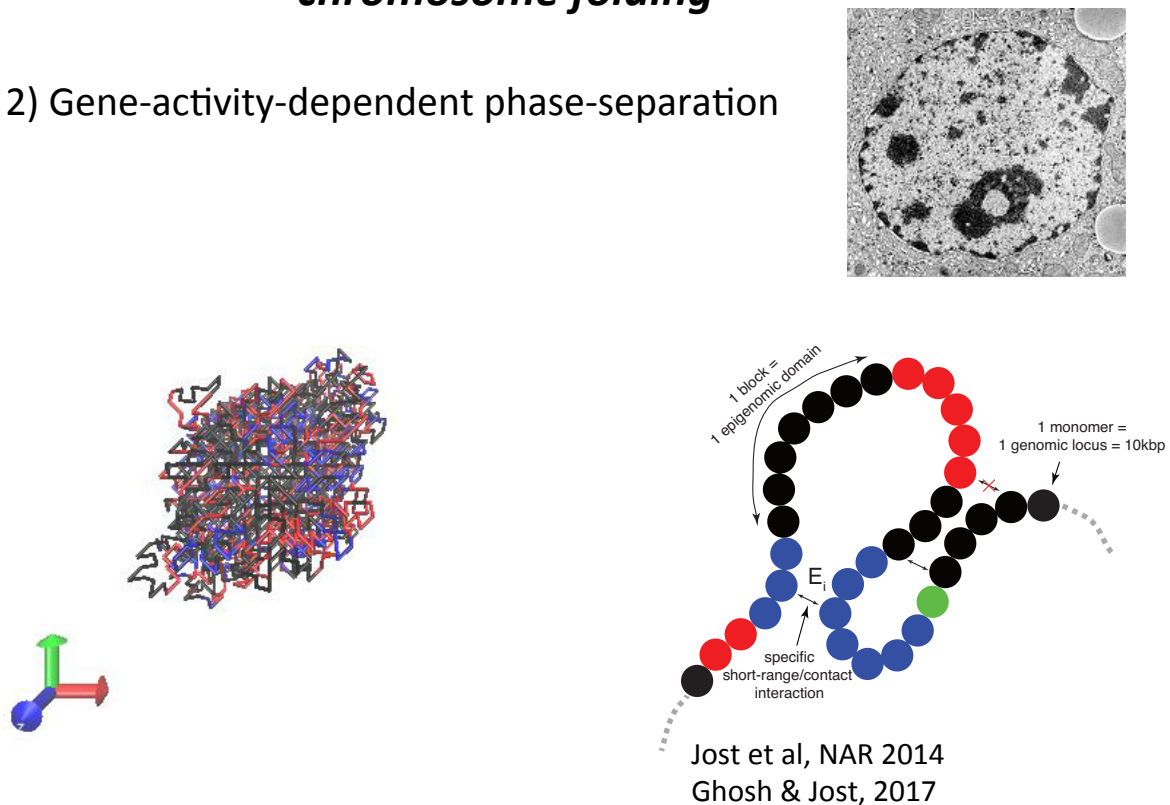
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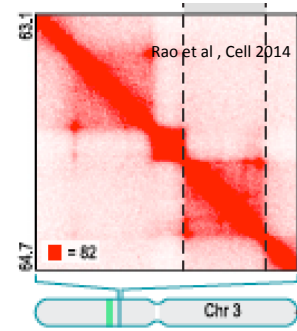
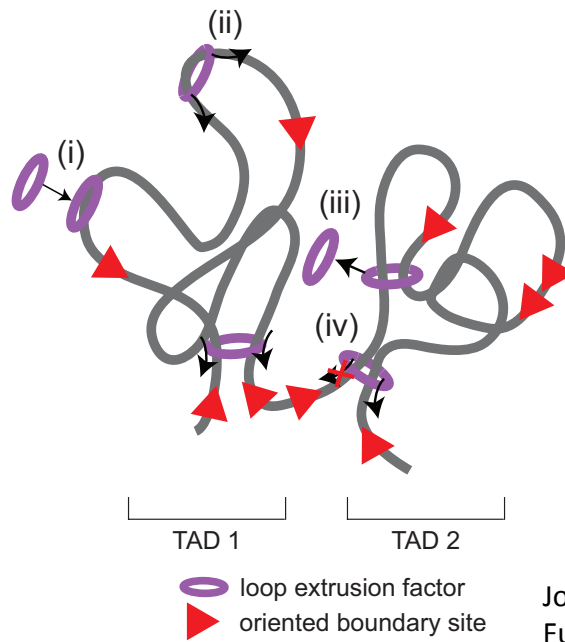
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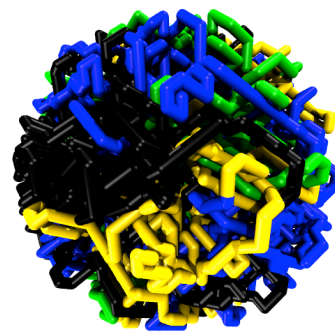
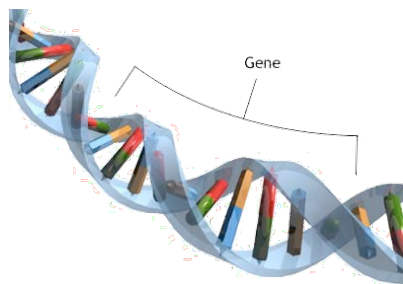
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Jost et al, COCB, 2017

Fudenberg et al, Cell Report, 2016

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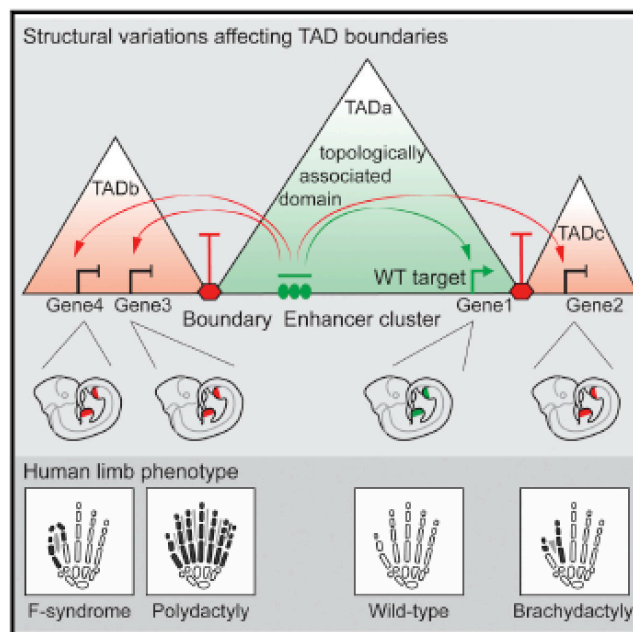
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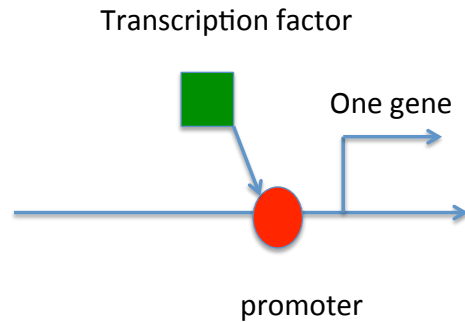
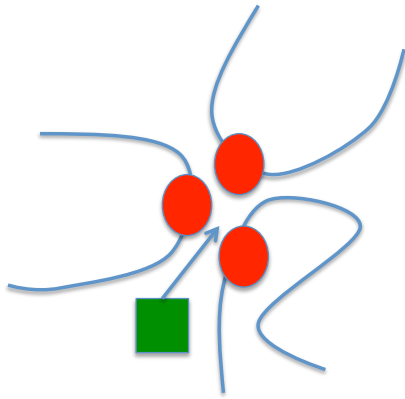
Lupianez et al, Cell 2015

+ onset of cancer
Hnisz et al, Science 2016

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2) & 3) Efficient co-regulation and maintenance of gene activity:
Sharing resources: efficiency, robustness, stability

No knots : easy access or colocalization

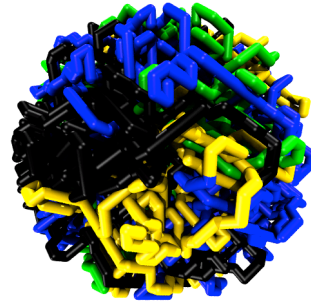
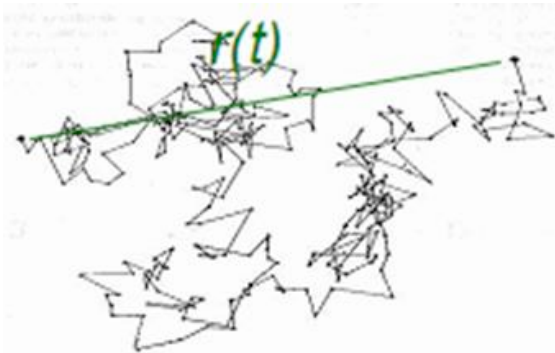


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How to move in a crowded, confined environment for a polymer?

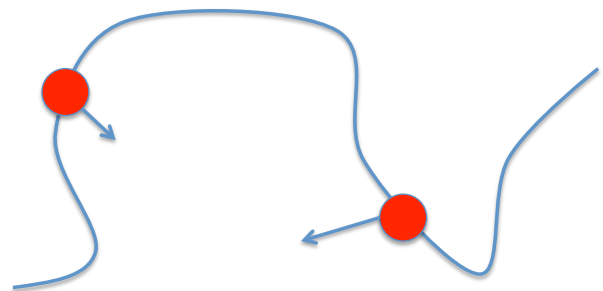
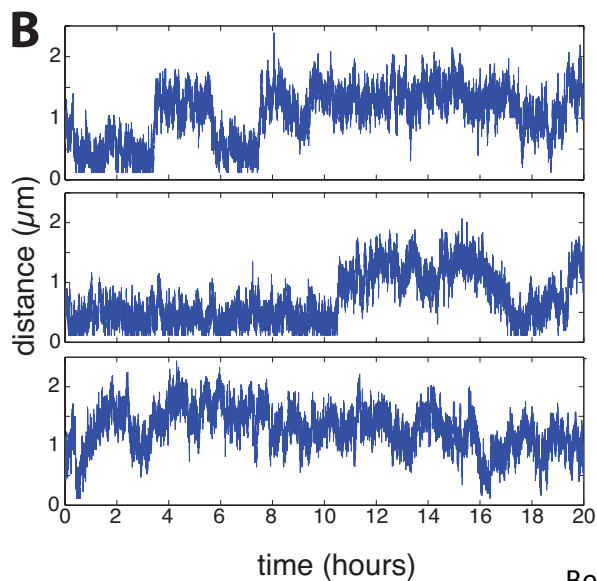


Random (Brownian) motion

Subdiffusive movement, but no knots « accelerate » dynamics

$$R(t) \sim t^{1/4} \longrightarrow \sim 1 \text{ micron in 10 hours}$$

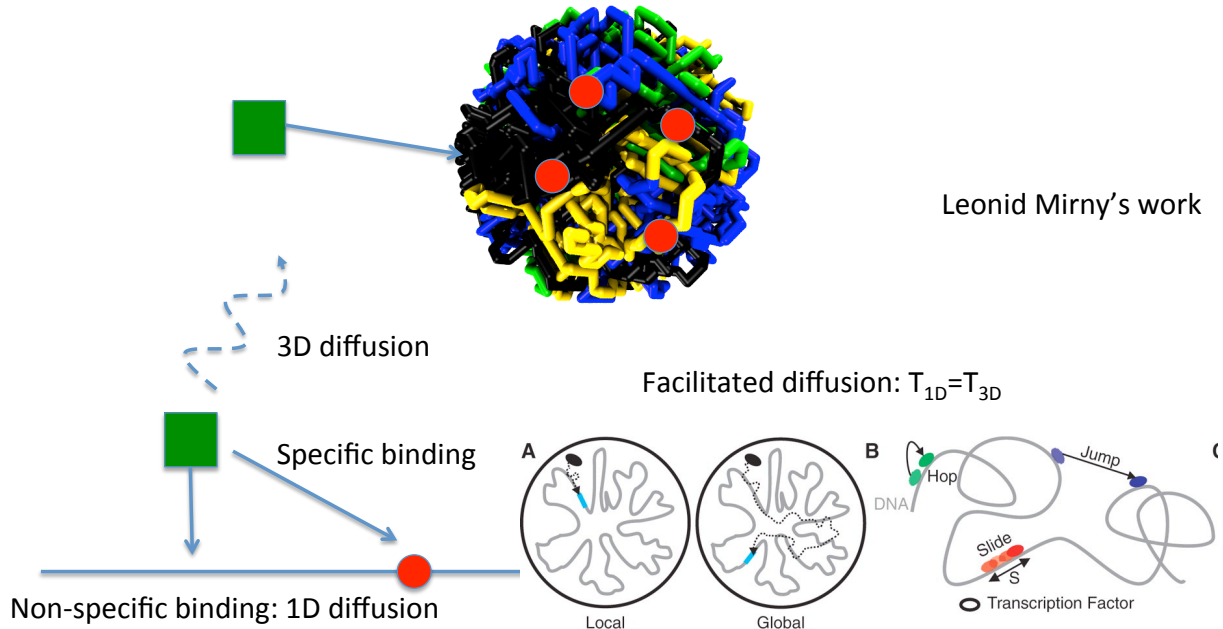
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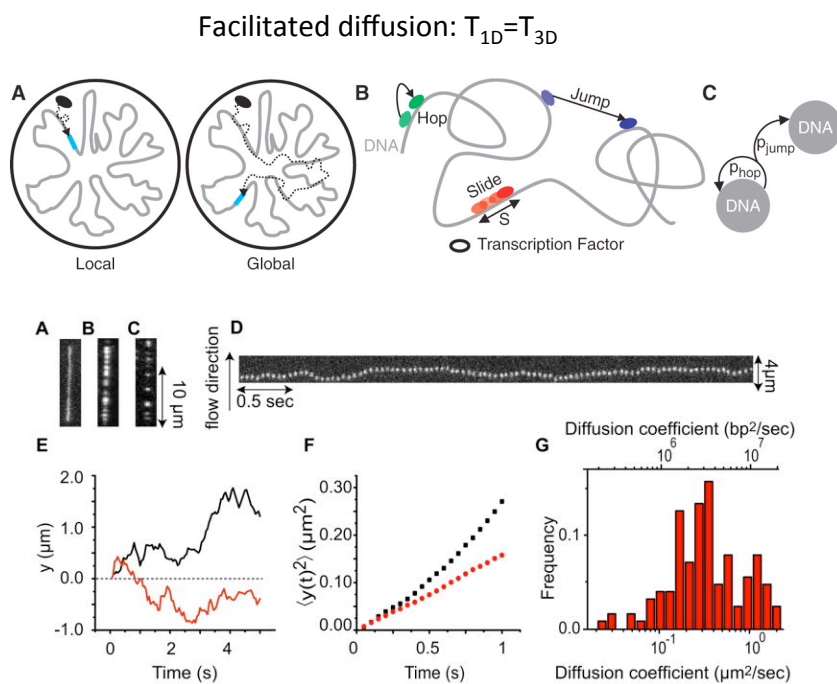
Below 1 Mbp < meet almost every time during 1 cell cycle
Largest scale: may not meet

Target finding: 1D/3D travelling problem

How to find a target in a crowded, confined environment for a TF ?



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