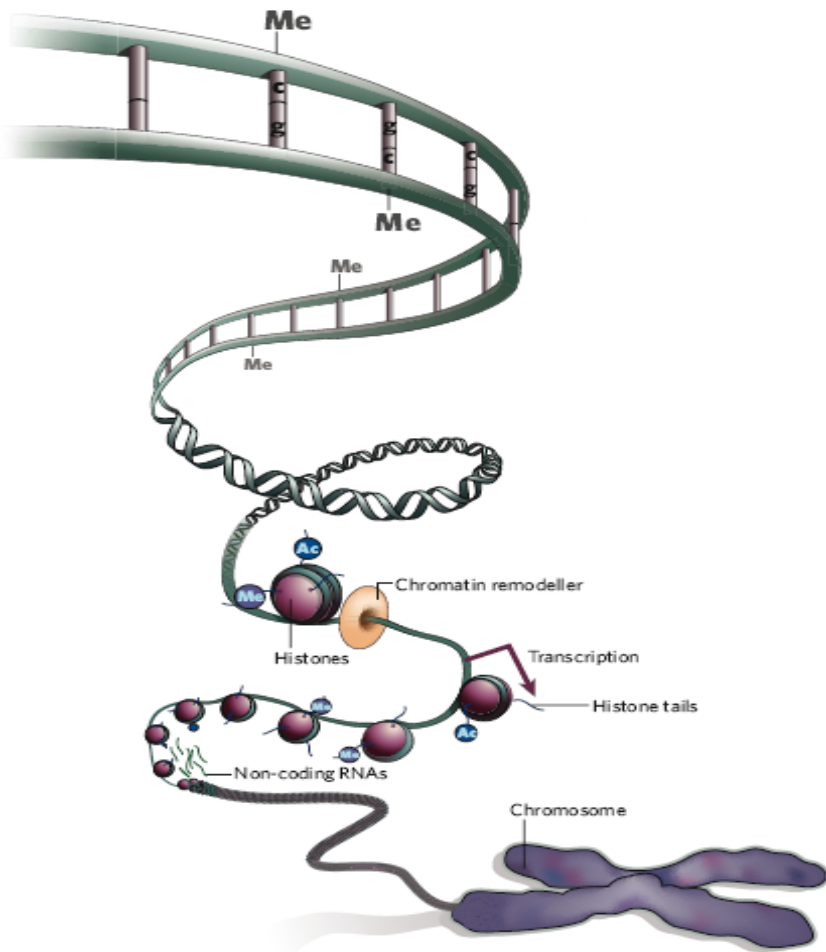


# Complexity of chromatin folding is captured by the strings and binders switch model



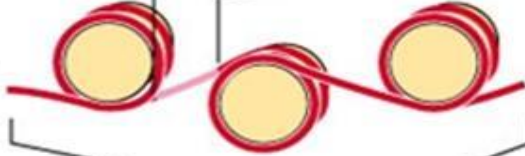
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short region of DNA double helix



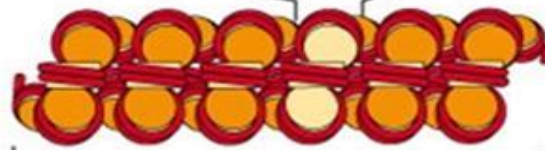
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"beads-on-a-string" form of chromatin



11 nm

30-nm chromatin fiber of packed nucleosomes



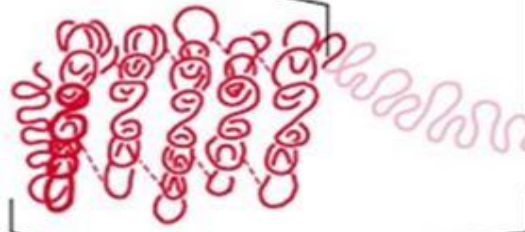
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section of chromosome in an extended form



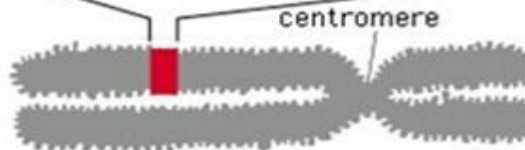
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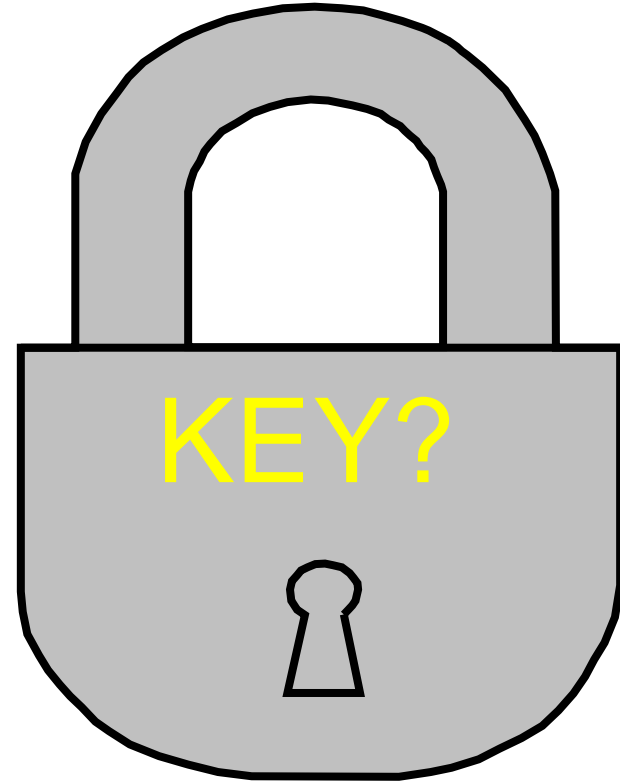
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entire mitotic chromosome

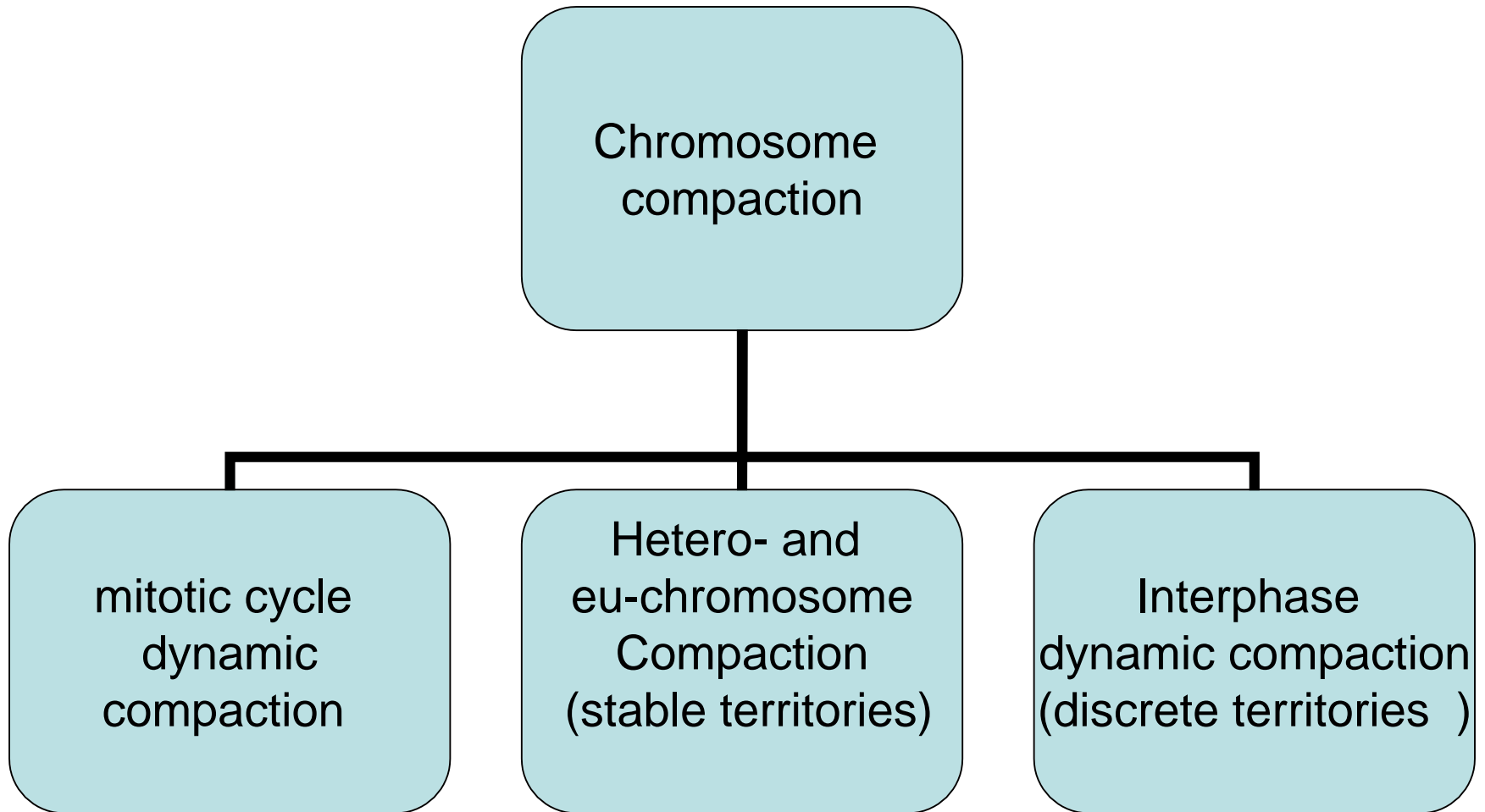


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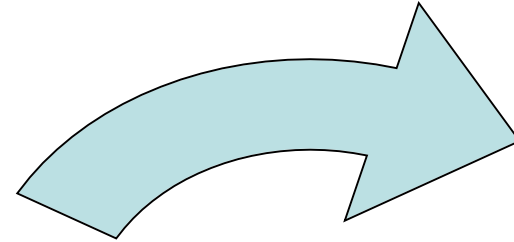
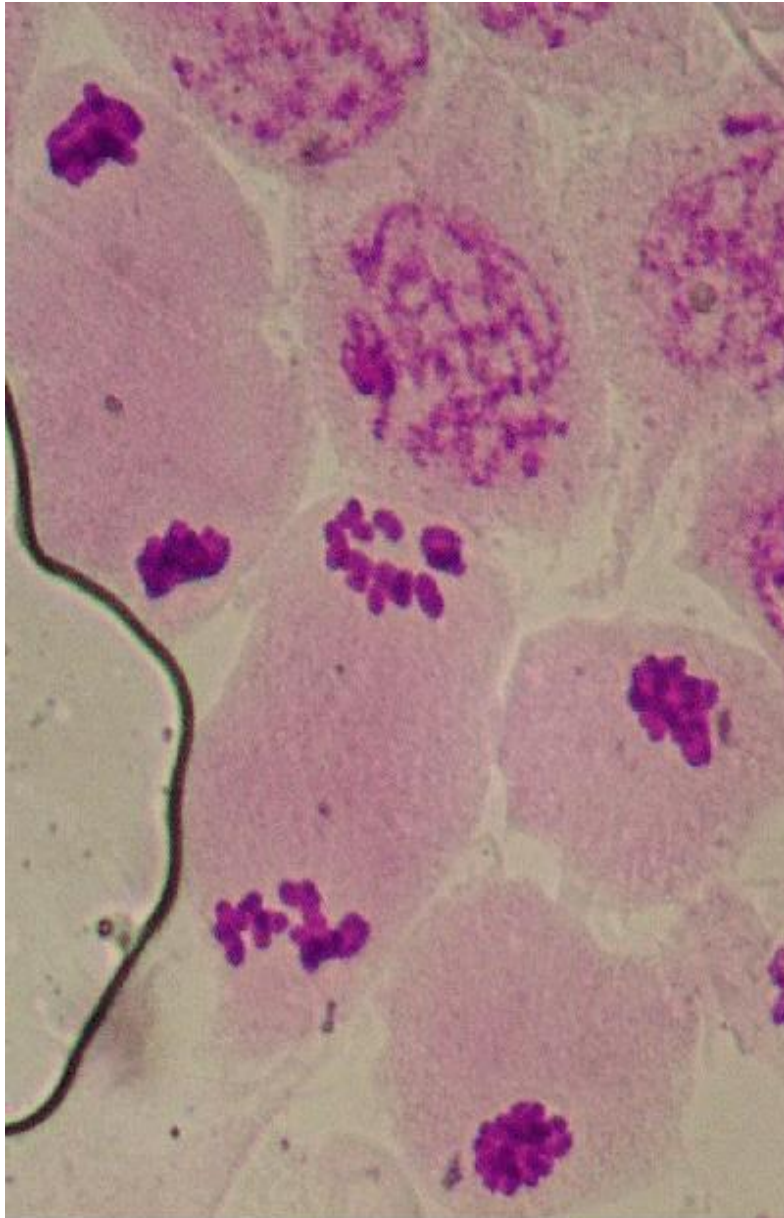
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# chromosome compaction

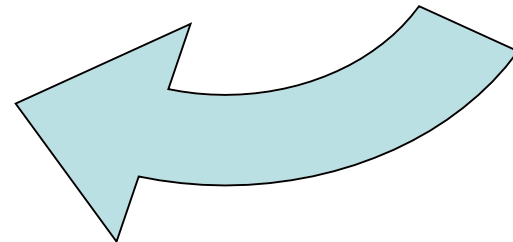


# mitotic cycle dynamic compaction



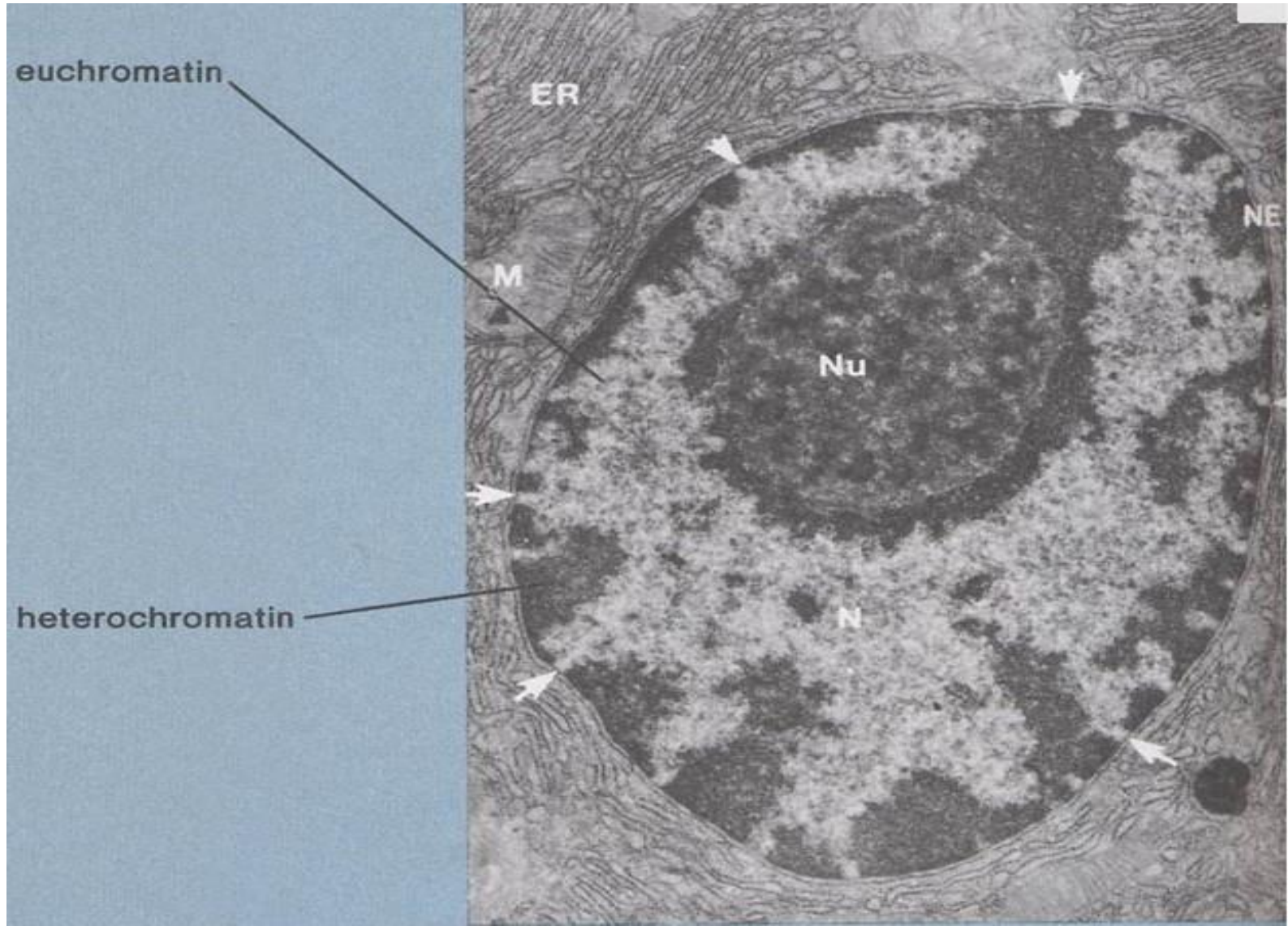
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unfolding

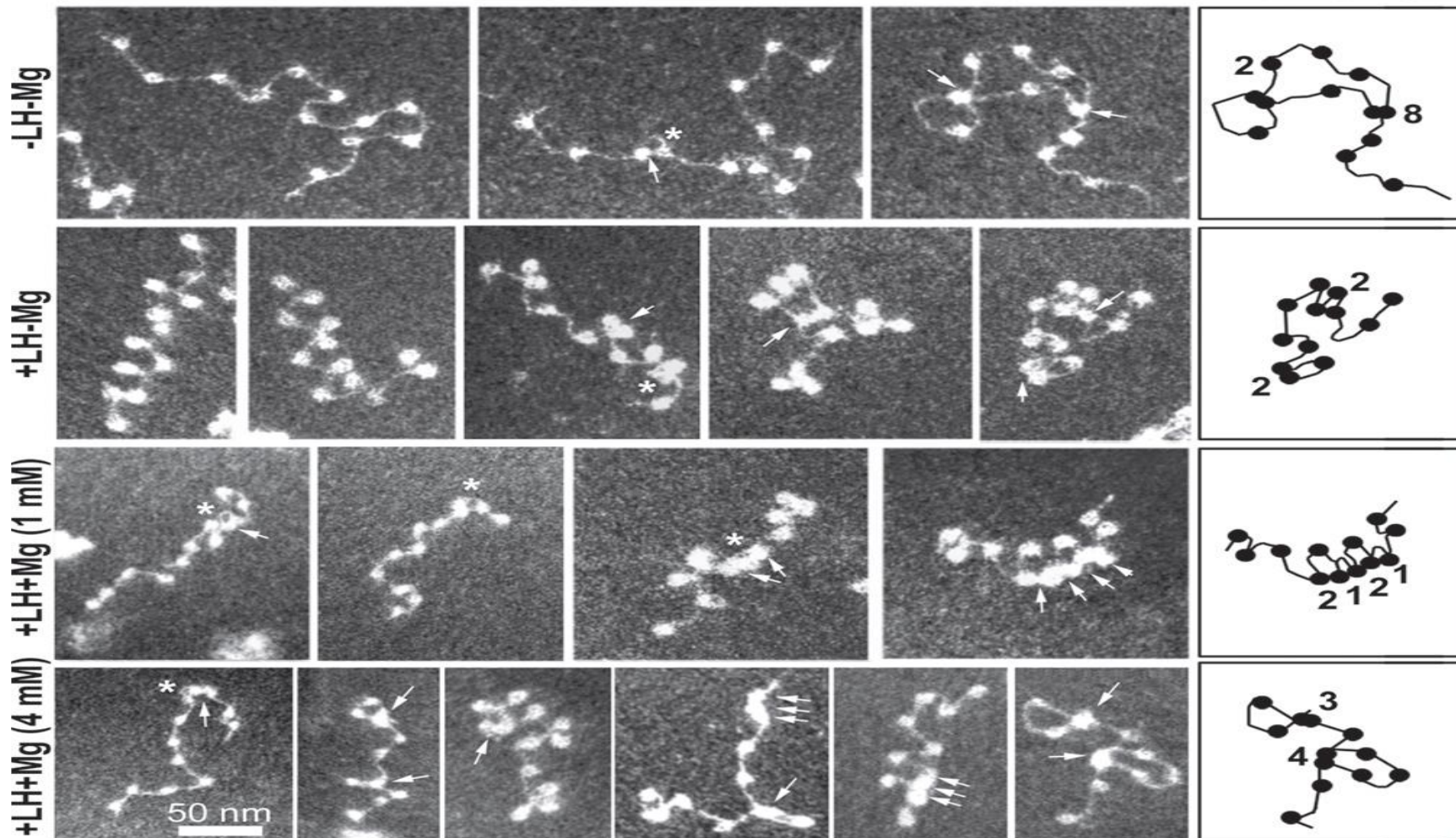
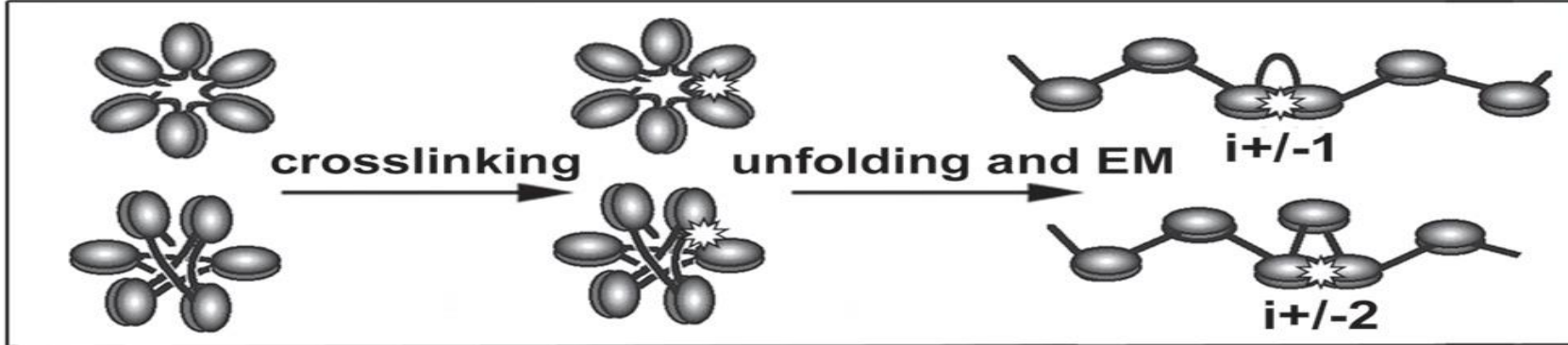


# Hetero-chromomatin and euchromamtin

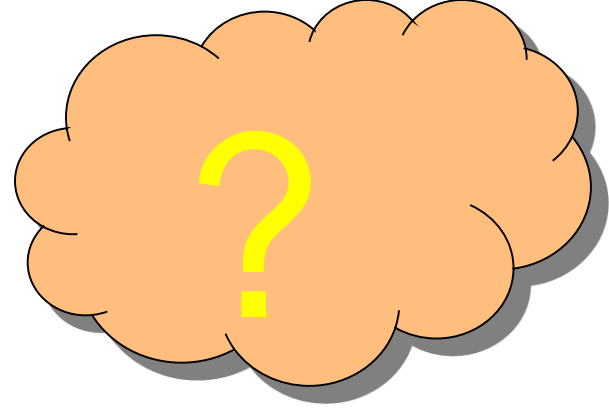
----stable compaction







- Spatial genome organization is guided by **intra-and inter -chromosomal interactions** mediated by nuclear components that include **transcription factors, transcription and replication factories, Polycomb bodies,** and **contacts with the lamina.**



**How** binding of diffusible factors to specific genomic regions drives chromatin folding remains poorly understood.



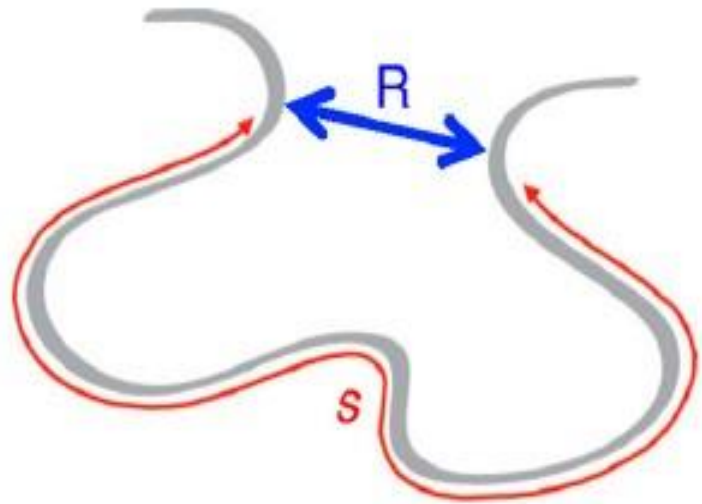
# Three key tech. to analysis compaction

**FISH**: Imaging of single loci

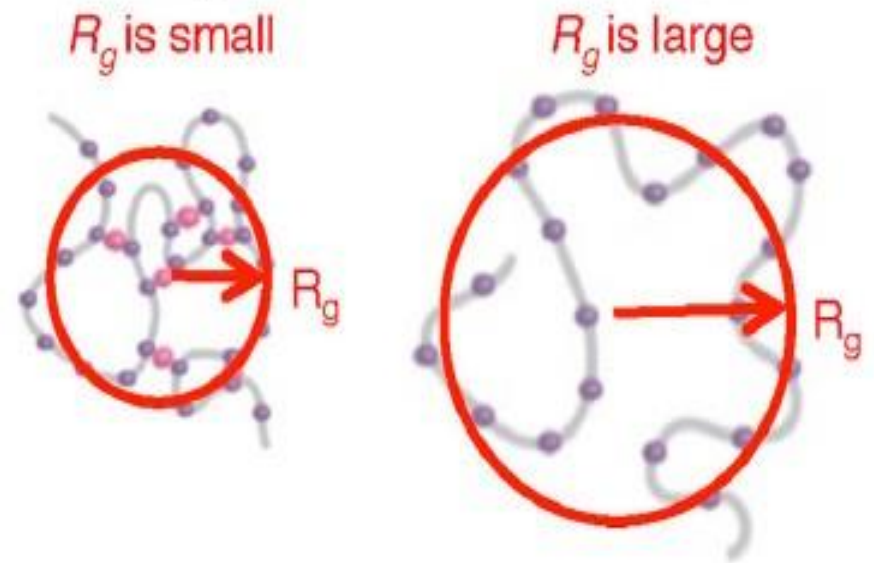
**3C** (chromosome conformation capture approaches): genome-wide mapping of chromatin interactions

**Hi-C** (A global analysis of genome-wide 3C)

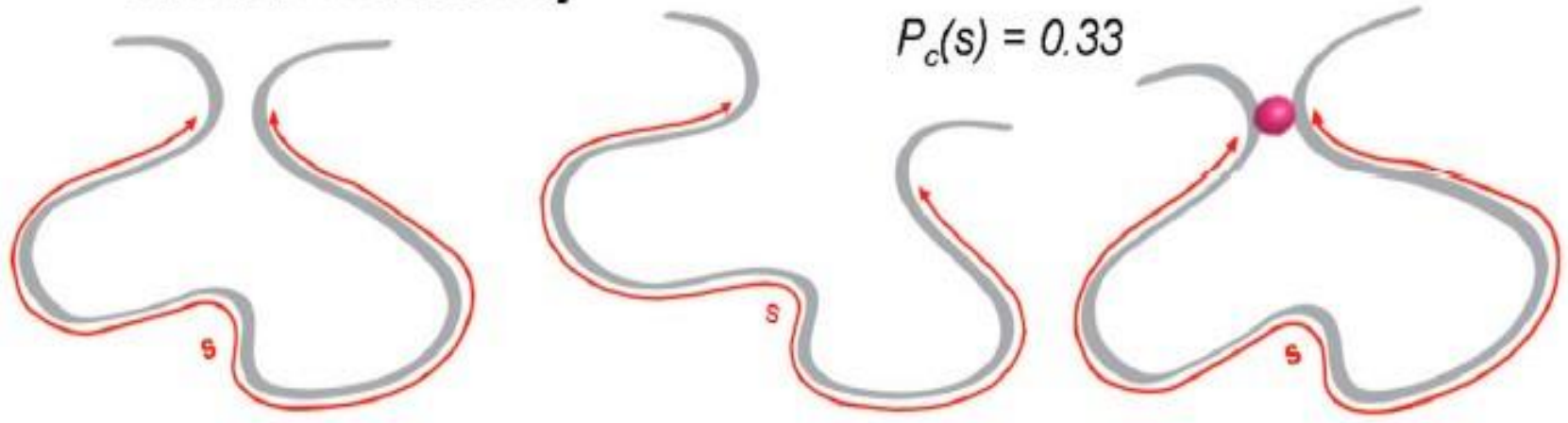
### Mean spatial distance



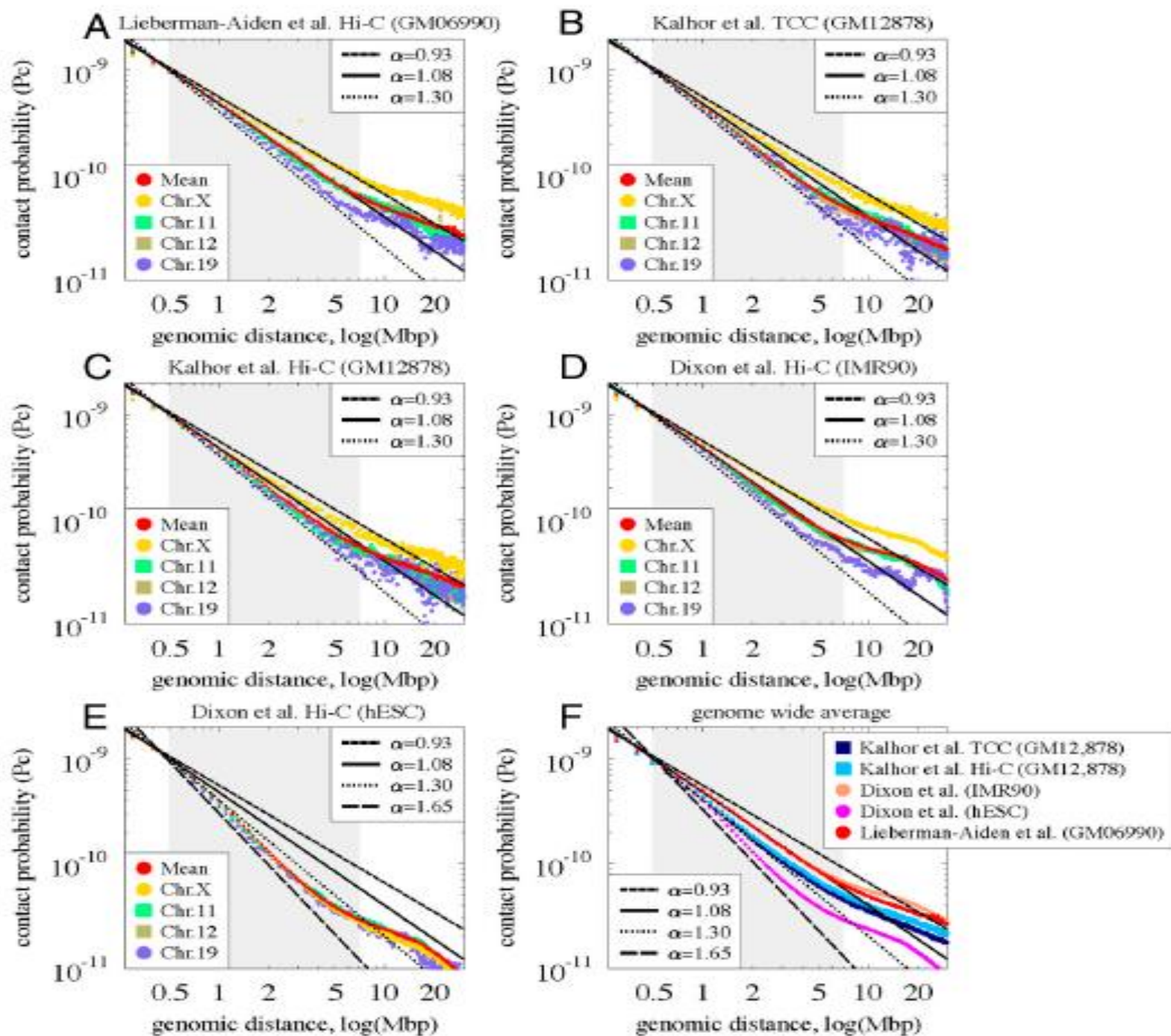
### Gyration Radius



### Contact Probability



Cellular material	Technique	Genomic region analysed (resolution)	Mean square spatial distance, $R^2(s)$ , as a function of genomic separation, $s$	Contact probability, $P_c(s)$ , as a function of genomic separation, $s$	Ref.
Human female fibroblast cells	3D-FISH	Chr1q, 27Mb (~1Mb) and Chr11q, 75Mb (~3Mb)	$s = 0.4-2\text{Mb}$ , $R^2(s)$ increases ( $\nu = 0.33$ ) $s > 10\text{Mb}$ , $R^2(s)$ reaches a plateau ( $\nu = 0$ )	N/A	9
Mouse pre-pro-B cells (E2A <sup>+</sup> ) and pro-B cells (RAG <sup>+</sup> )	3D-FISH	Igh locus, 3Mb (~300kb)	$s < 0.5\text{Mb}$ , $R^2(s)$ increases ( $\nu = 0.25$ for pre-pro-B cells, $\nu = 0.1$ for pro-B cells) $s > 0.5\text{Mb}$ , $R^2(s)$ reaches a plateau ( $\nu = 0$ ; both cell types)	N/A	10
Mouse NIH-3T3 fibroblasts	3D-FISH	Chr14, 4.3Mb (200kb)	$s < 3.5\text{Mb}$ , $R^2(s)$ increases ( $\nu \sim 0.5$ ) $s > 3.5$ , $R^2(s)$ may plateau	N/A	11
Human male fibroblast cells	2D-FISH	Chr4 (10Mb)	$s < 50\text{Mb}$ , $R^2(s)$ increases ( $\nu \sim 0.5$ ) $s > 50\text{Mb}$ , $R^2(s)$ increases ( $\nu \sim 0.3$ )	N/A	12
Human lymphoblastoid cell line	Hi-C	Genome-wide (1Mb)	N/A	$s = 0.5-7\text{Mb}$ , $P_c(s)$ decreases approximately as a power law, with exponent $\alpha = 1.08$	13
Drosophila embryos	Simplified Hi-C	Genome-wide and Repressive epigenetic classes	N/A	Genome wide: contact frequencies decrease approximately as a power law, with exponent $\alpha \approx 0.85$ Repressive epigenetic classes: contact frequencies decrease approximately as a power law, with exponent $\alpha \approx 0.70$	14



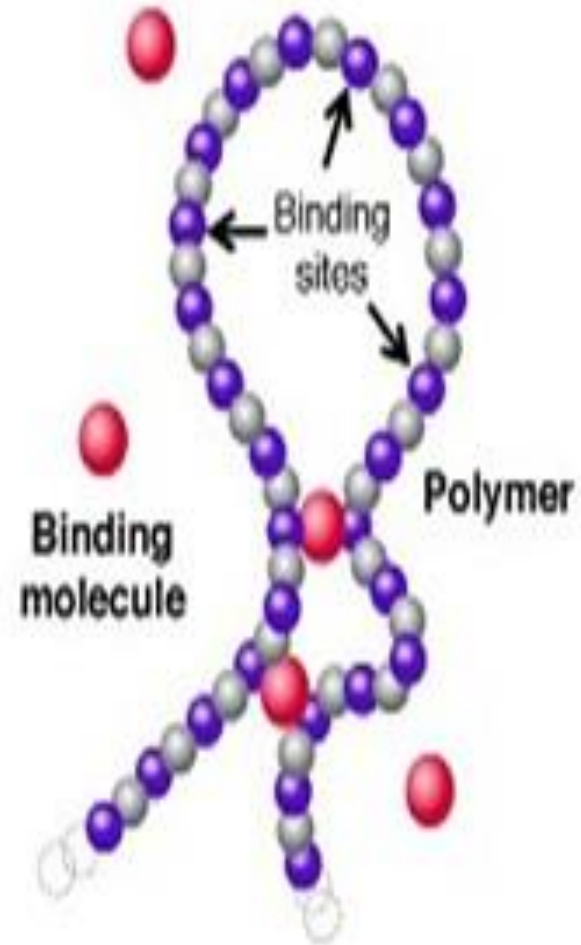


# SBS

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## Strings & Binders Switch model

- In “strings and binders switch” (SBS) model, **conformations are established by interactions of factors (binders) to binding sites** give rise to a variety of stable configurations that coexist in the nucleus. **Chromatin conformations** changes in **binding site distribution**, **binding affinity**, in a switch-like manner **via thermodynamics**
- **More importantly**, SBS model explains all current experimental data on FISH, Hi-C and 3C approaches

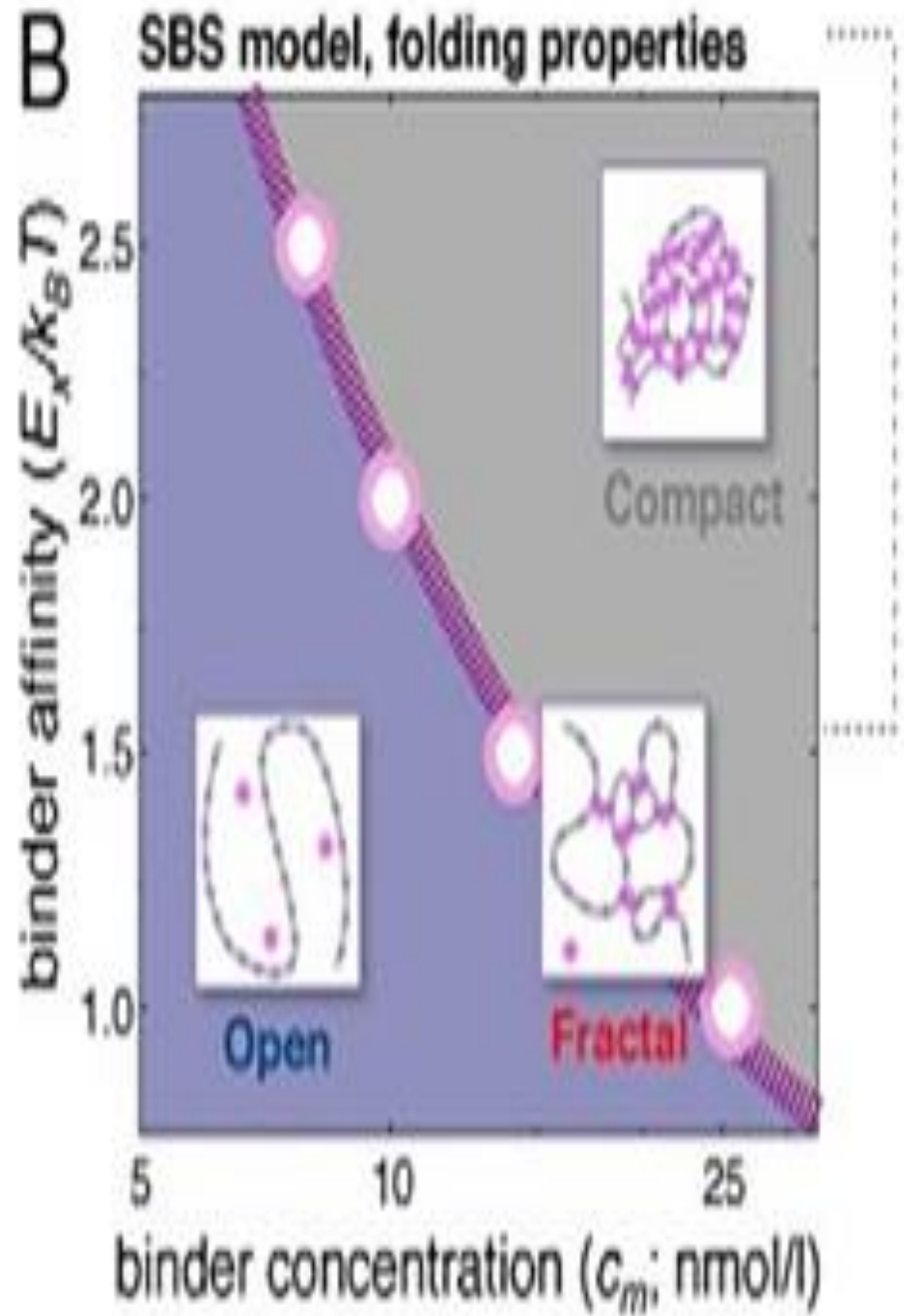




- SBS mode evaluated the **dyr** the polymer using **extensive** known range of the biochemi **binders** ) and  $E_x$  ( **binders affi**
- $E_x = 2K_B T$  (  $K_B$  is the Boltzma
- in kelvin)

$E_x$  change with the  $C_m$

- $C_{tr}$  (threshold concentration)

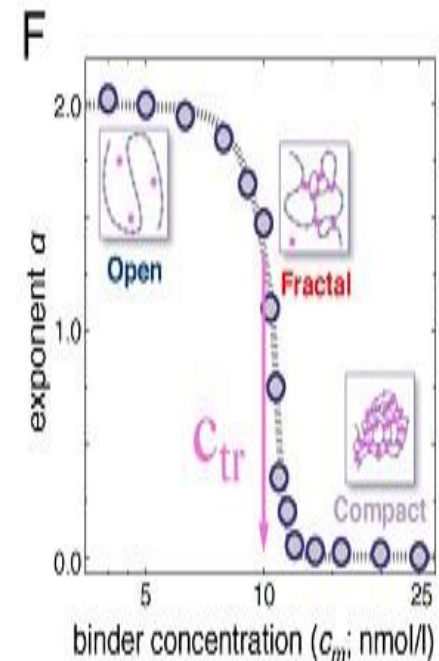
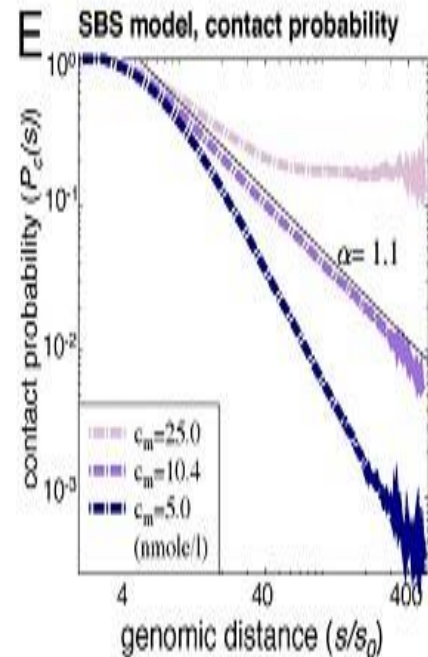
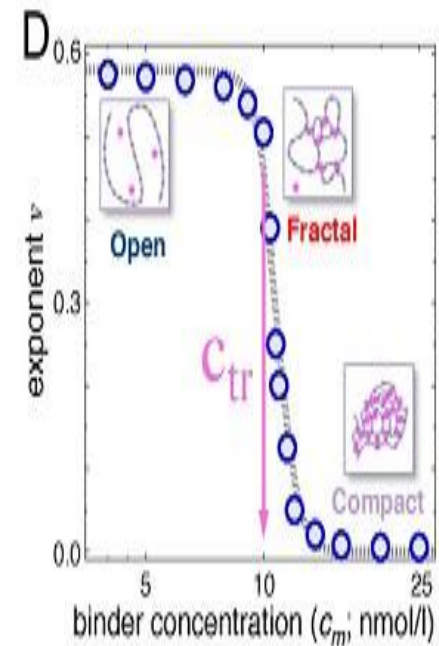
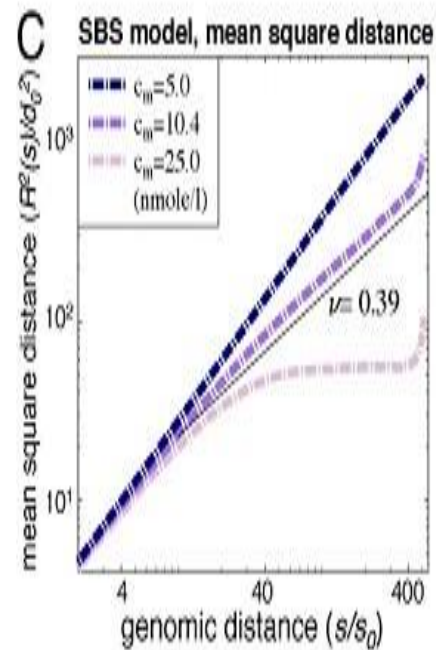


In the SBS model, the shape of the two functions  $R_2(s)$  and  $P_c(s)$  is sensitive to the concentration of binding molecules,  $C_m$

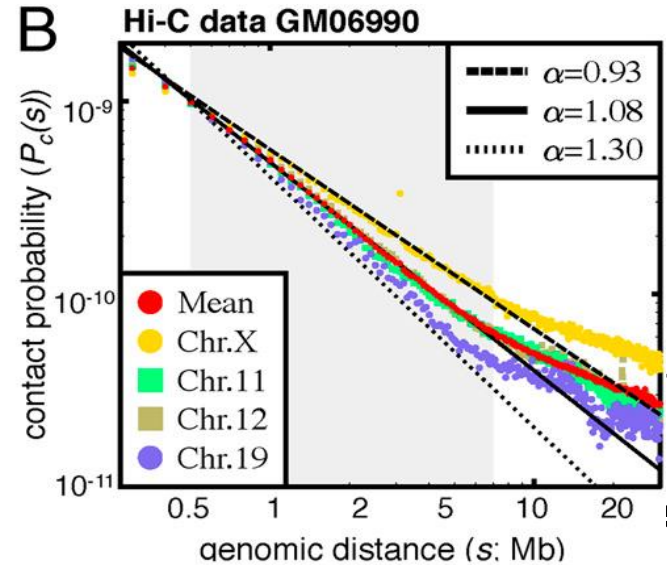
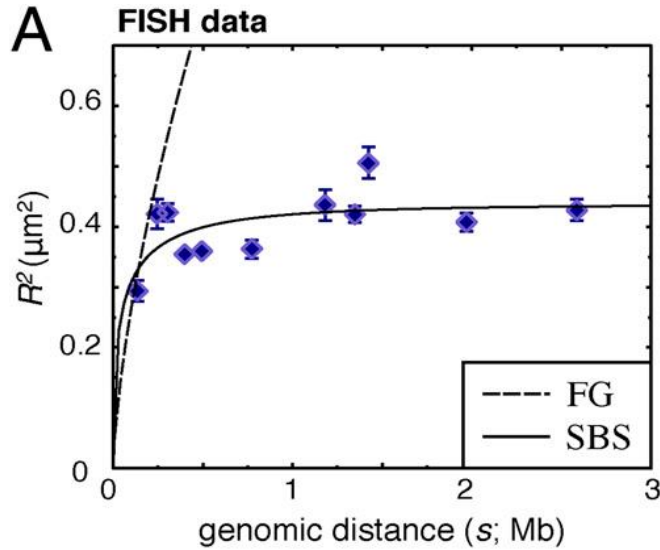
$P_c(s) \sim 1/S^\alpha$

$C_m$  &  $C_{tr}$

$R^2(s) \sim S^{2\nu}$

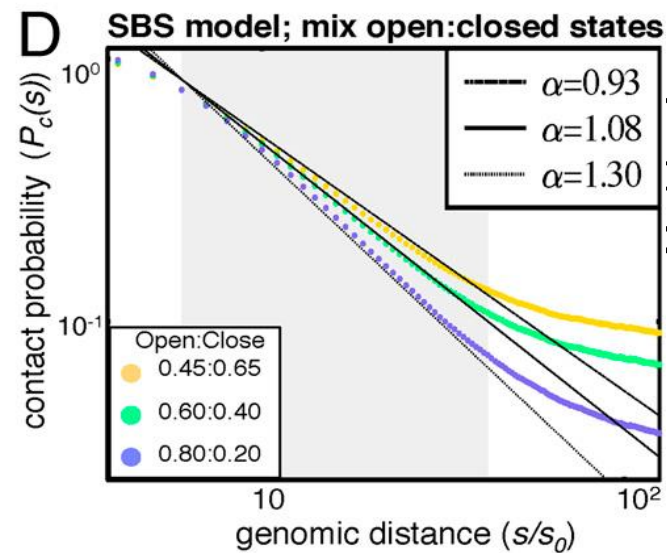
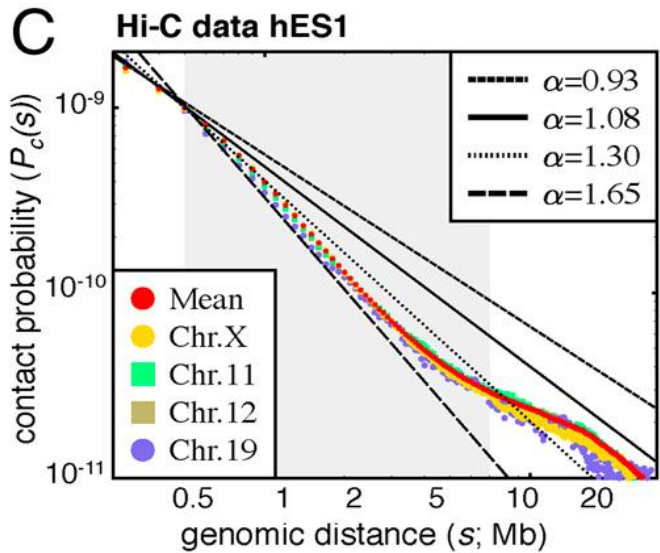


# Comparison of the SBS and Other Models Against



same cell )  
at  $\alpha$ .

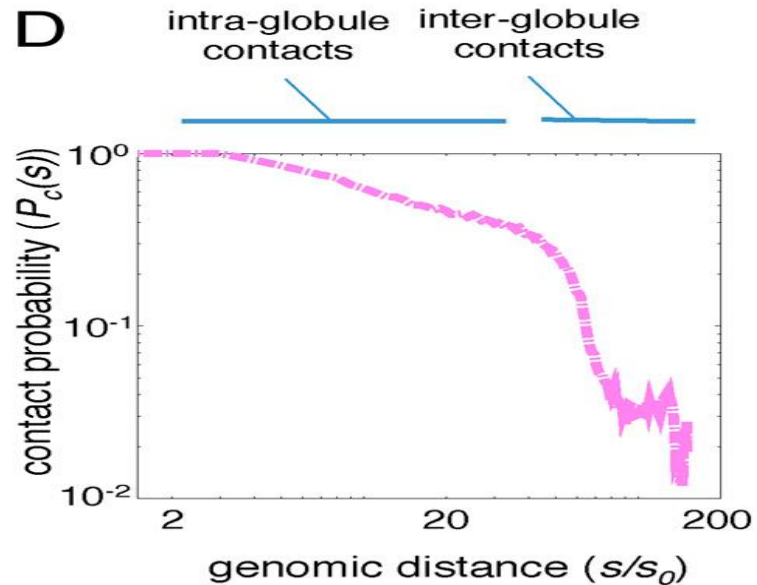
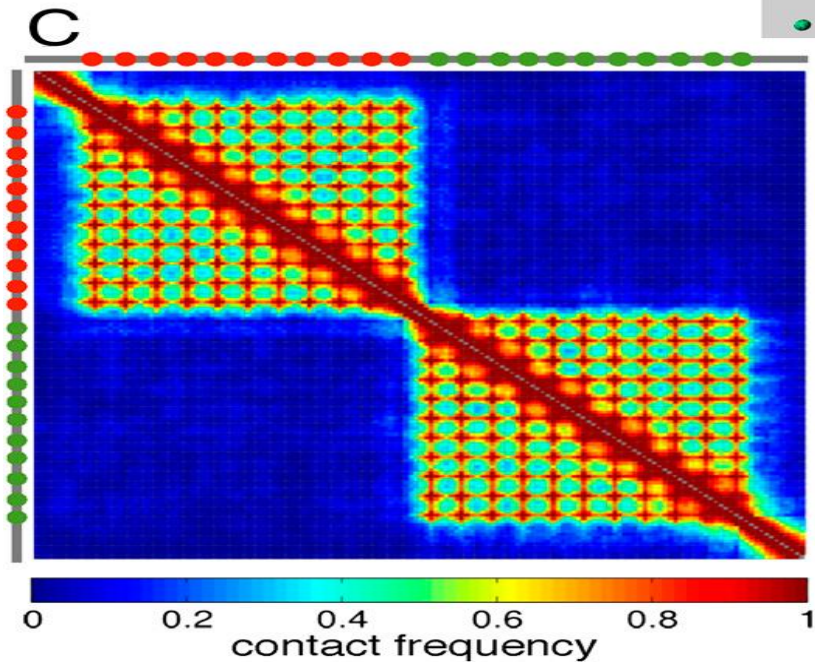
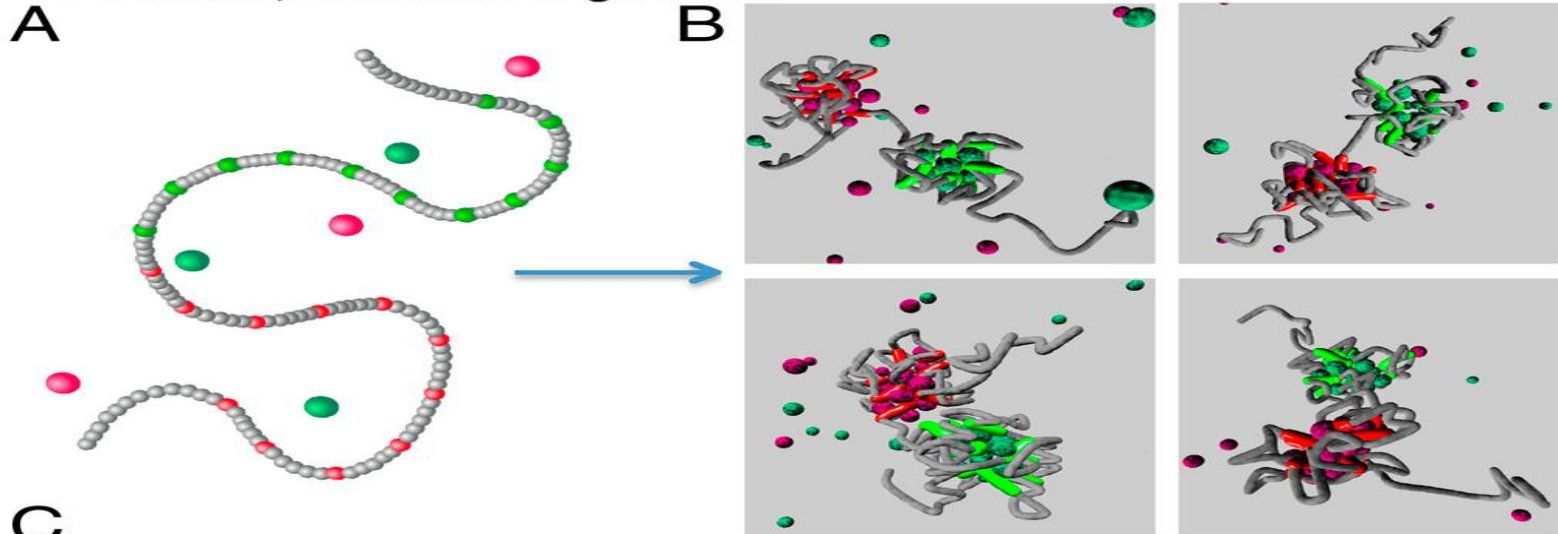
of  $\alpha$



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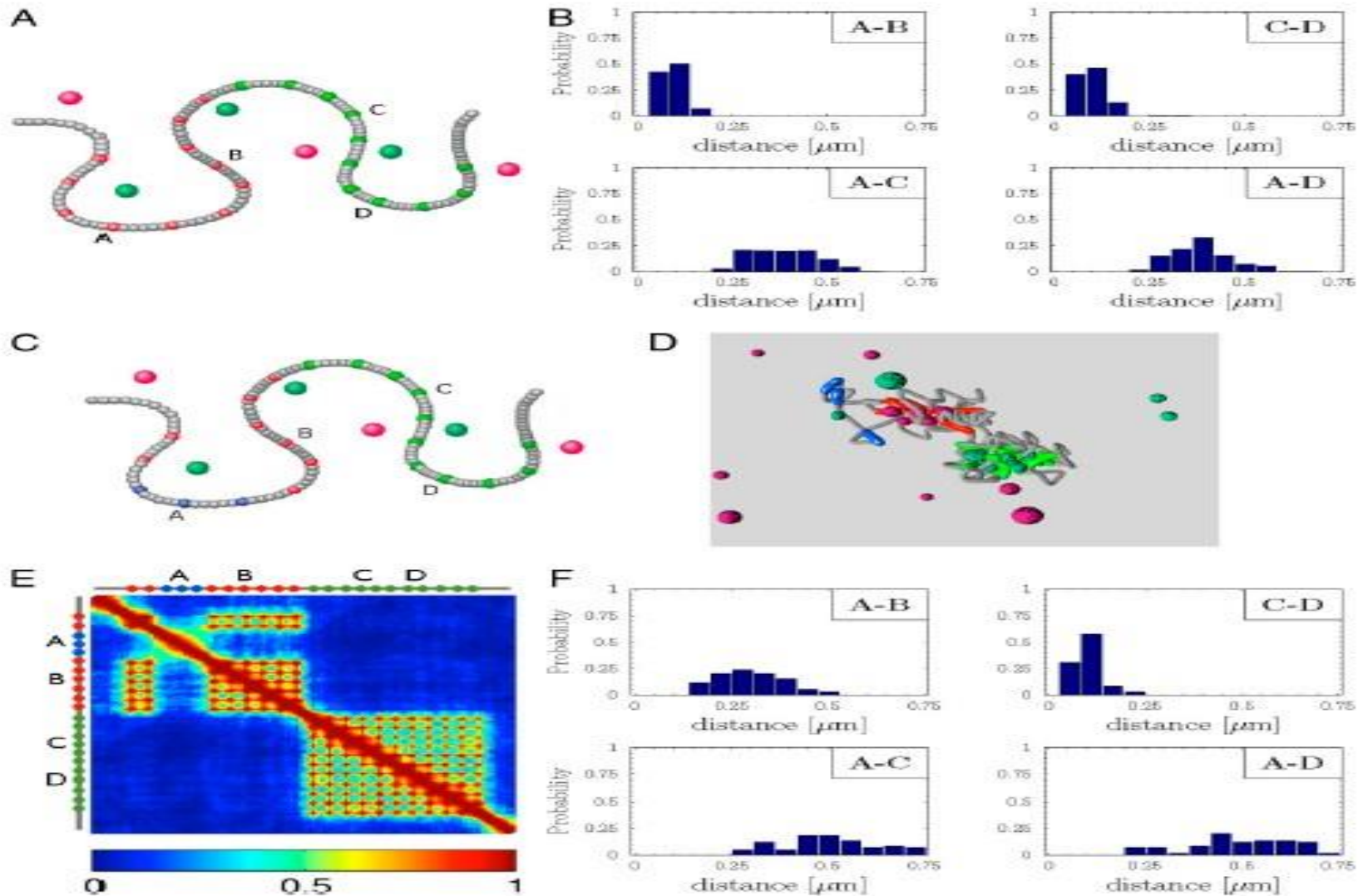
# The SBS Model Reproduces the Organization of Chromatin in Topological Domains.

SBS model, formation of globules





changed the state of three contiguous sites from binding the red binders to no longer having affinity to binders





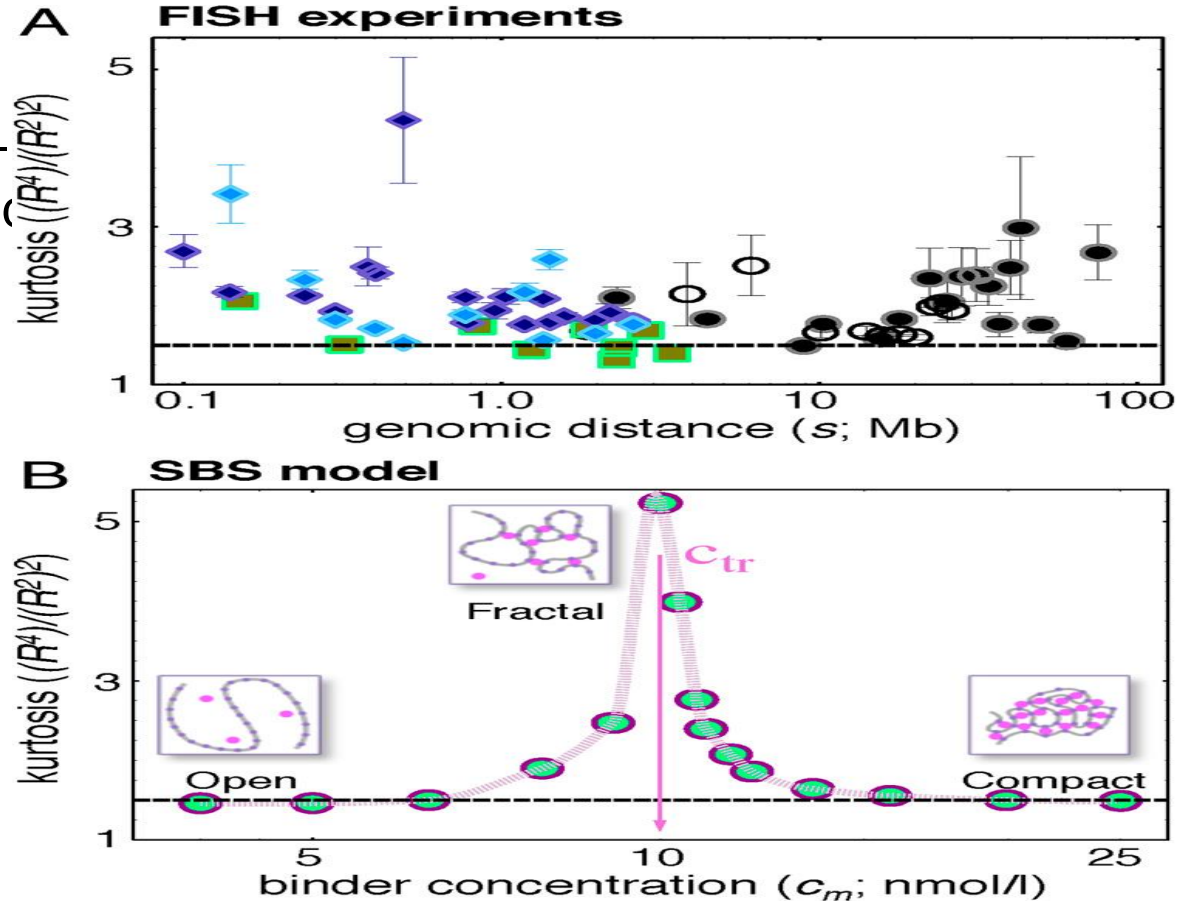
# The SBS Model Reproduces the Dynamic Folding Behaviors of Chromatin.

- As a final test to the power of the SBS model, researcher investigated the kurtosis  $K = (R^4(s))/(R^2(s))^2$ , which is the ratio of the fourth and second moment of the spatial distance.

K carry information of genomic locus and cell-cell variation, and depend on  $C_m$

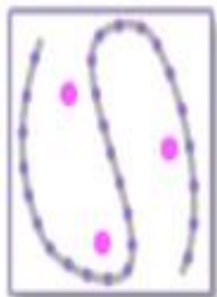
$K=1.5$ , corresponding is compact and open

$K=5$ , corresponding region is transition

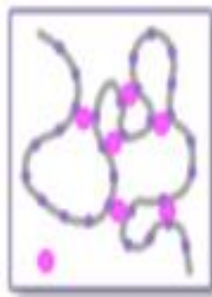


# Discussion

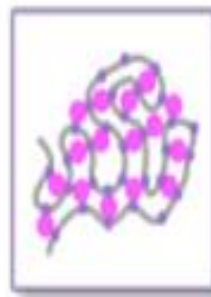
- 1. Interphase nuclei exhibit dynamic chromatin structures that change in response to cellular signals and influence patterns of gene expression.
- 2. Genomic architectures sharp regulation of nuclear architecture can be obtained reliably by simple strategies, such as protein up-regulation or modification, without the need to fine tune these specific parameters.
- 3. SBS mode analysis strongly supports the conclusion that the principles of chromatin folding in interphase nuclei cannot be recapitulated by a single “universal” conformational state (and its given  $\alpha$ ).
- 4. SBS model illustrates key physical concepts and basic required ingredients to explain chromatin folding in a variety of states identified in living systems, a variety of specific binding factors exist, where different regions can spontaneously fold into different chromatin states
- 5. polymer scaling theory ensures that the exponents in  $R^2$  and  $P_c$  are independent of the minute details of the system considered and reflect universal properties
- 6. The thermodynamic mechanisms discussed, which are robust and independent of specific molecular details, will be relevant to many cellular and nuclear processes requiring spatial organization
- 7. SBS mode is a powerful mode to analysis chromatin structure organization.



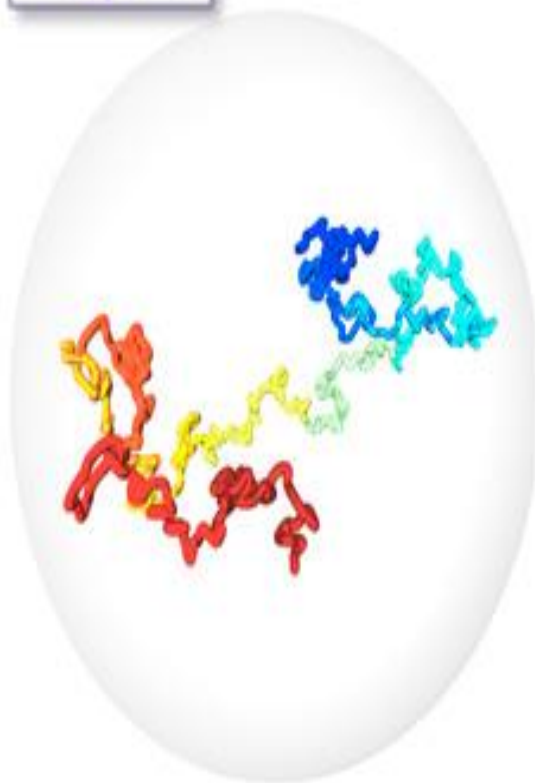
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Fractal  
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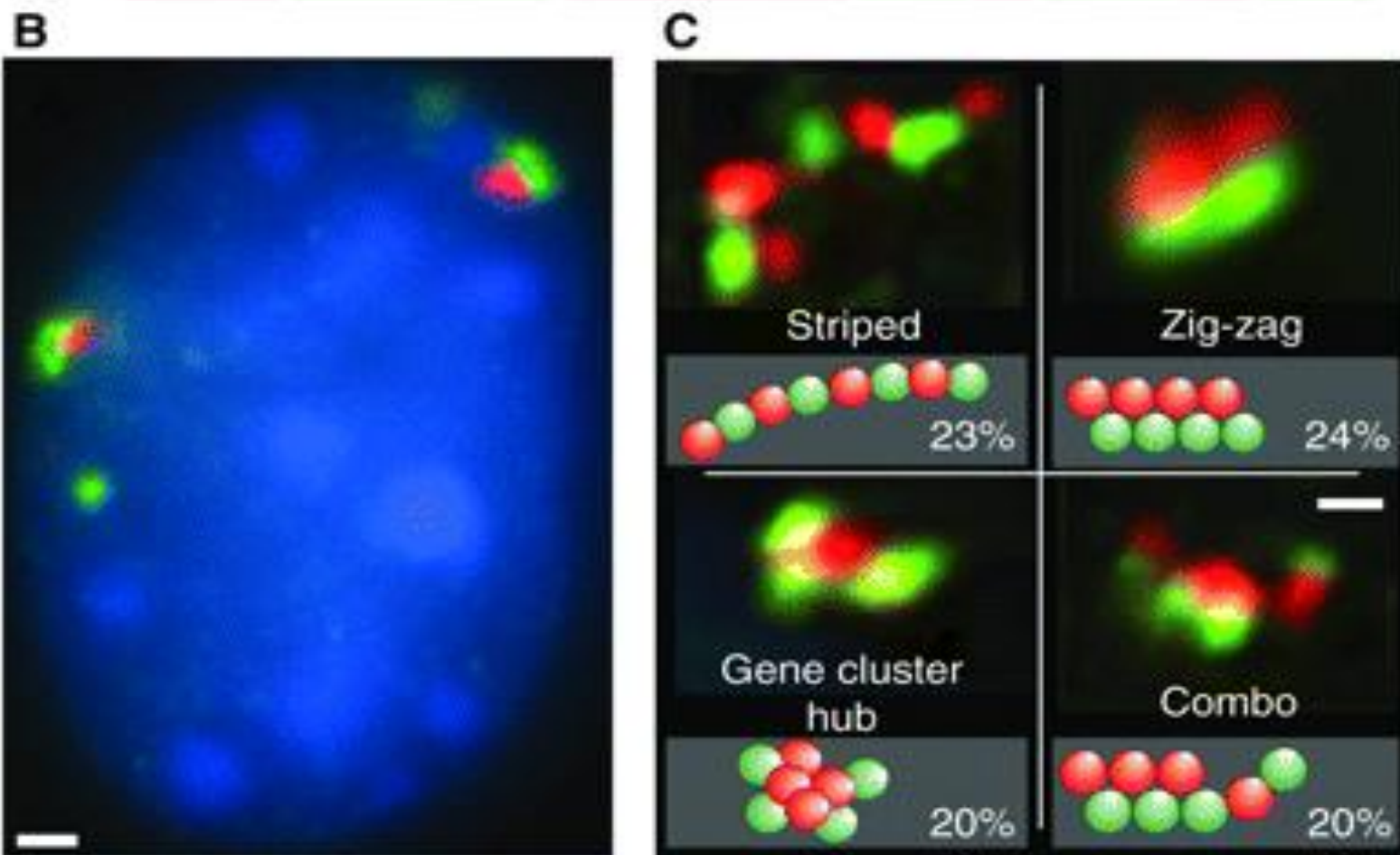
Compact  
Conformation



threshold concentration ( $C_{tr}$ )



Binder concentration  
( $C_m$ )



(A) A large locus consisting of ~4-Mbp region containing regions of gene “deserts” (red fluorescence) and gene clusters (green fluorescence) is seen in the nucleus in multiple configurations (C). In general, gene deserts are more closely associated with the heterochromatin at the nuclear periphery (B). Scale is 1  $\mu$ m. From Shopland et al. 2006.

Thanks for your attention