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## Physical characterization of Topologically Associating Domains (TADs)

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# Vг н From linear genome to 3D chromosome folding



Rosa & Shaw, 2013









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TADs are functional genome units



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### Are TADs structural chromosomal units?







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



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Gustafsson, et al, 2008

Schermelleh, Heintzmann and Leonhardt, 2010

# 3D-SIM super-resolution imaging reveals chromatin nano-structures



36 000 oligos homogeneously covering 3 Mb (12 oligos/kb)



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### **Dual FISH labeling of the chromatin**





# Changes in local chromatin compaction correspond to changes in chromatin state



### The nature of homologous pairing in Drosophila

#### Tetraploid S2R+ cells



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# Counting nano-compartments in tetraploid vs diploid cells



#### **Oligopaint target regions**















#### **Resolution of non intermingled homologous TADs**



### **Resolution of non intermingled sister chromatids**



20

### **Correlation between the number of nano-compartments** and the expected number of TADs



2

Expected n TADs

#### Single unpaired unique chromosome copies (3Mb labeling)



## Single-cell analysis of haploid chromosome reveals that repressed TADs form 3D discrete chromosomal units



# Single-cell analysis of haploid chromosome reveals consistent TAD-based compartmentalization





### Polymer modeling of the chromatin fiber

#### Polymer model of the region of interest



Adapted from Giorgetti, et al, 2015



# Polymer modeling recapitulates the TAD-based chromatin compartmentaliztion







# The relative TAD positioning can explain shorter *inter* versus *intra*-TAD distances





Conclusions



#### **Chromatin is organized in a series of discrete nano-compartments**

# Nano-compartments correspond to repressed TADs, which are interspersed with decondensed active chromatin

Repressed TADs form structural and physical chromosomal units in individual cells, with dynamic *cis* and *trans* contact events

### **Outlook: understanding TAD dynamics in mammals**



#### **Conventional WF**

6

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3D-SIM

56,922

44,736

32,550

20,365

8,179

38,885

31,326

23,766

16,207

8,648

37,553

29,823

22,094

14,364

6,634

48,951

39,316

29,682

20,047

10,412

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Scale bars: 500 nm

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