



Spatial genome organization in the formation of translocations and in DNA repair

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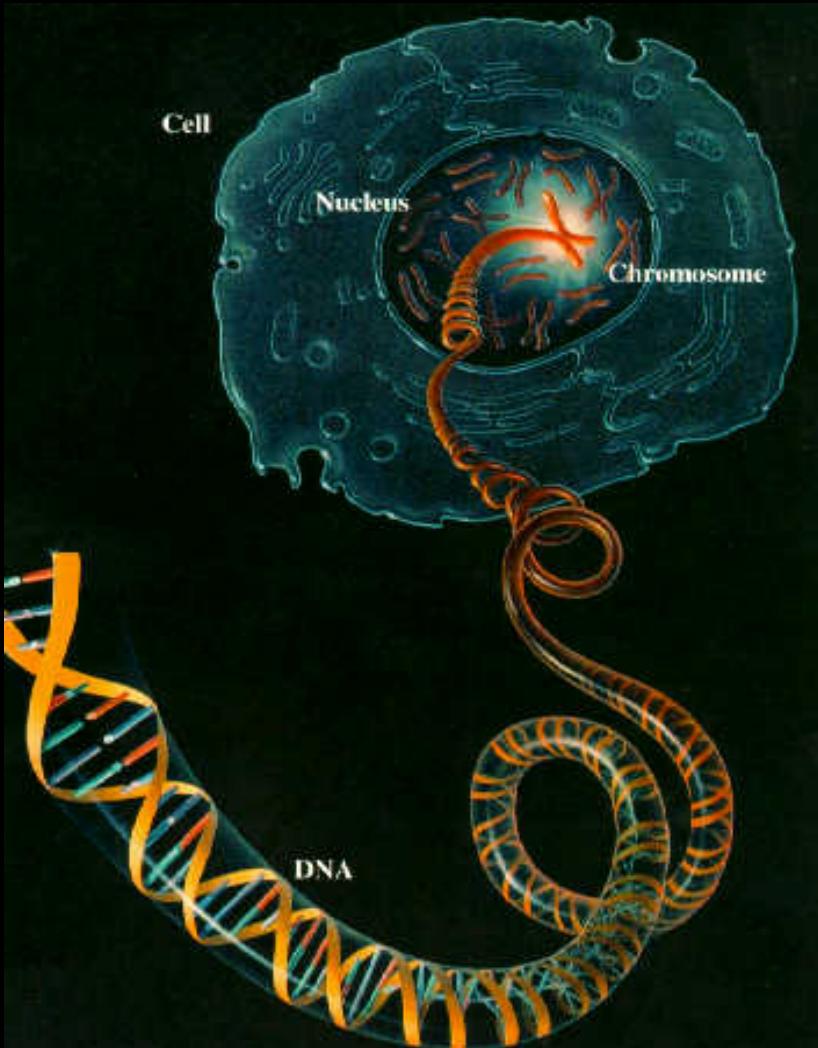
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Genomes exist in the cell nucleus



3 billion bp

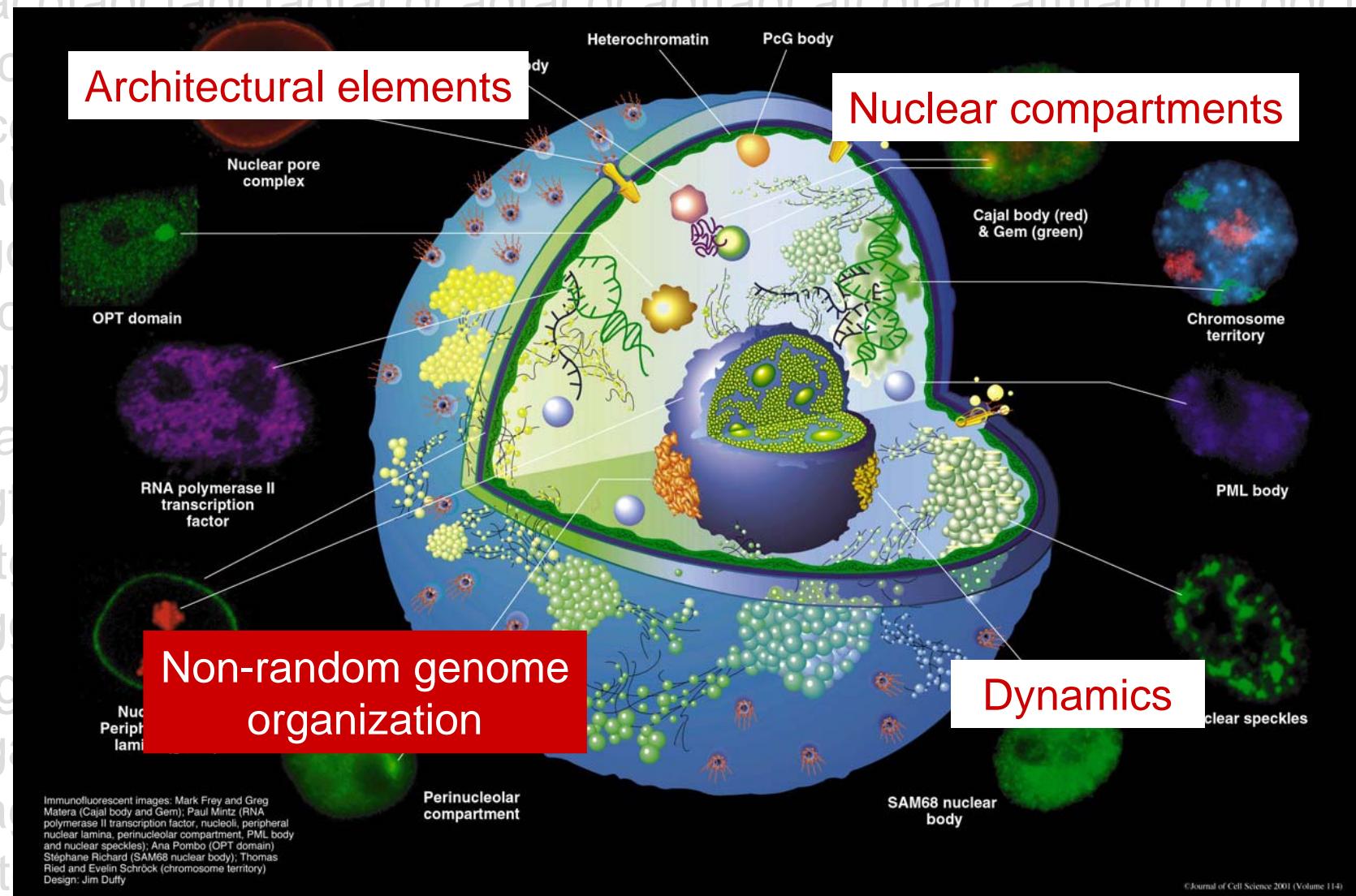
10 um nucleus

2m DNA

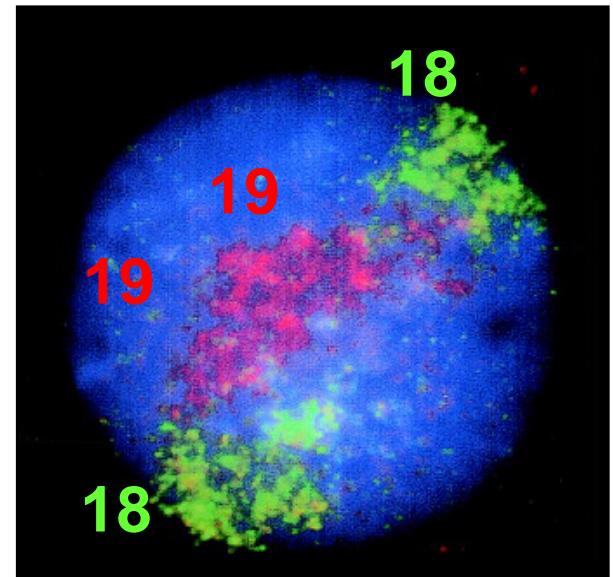
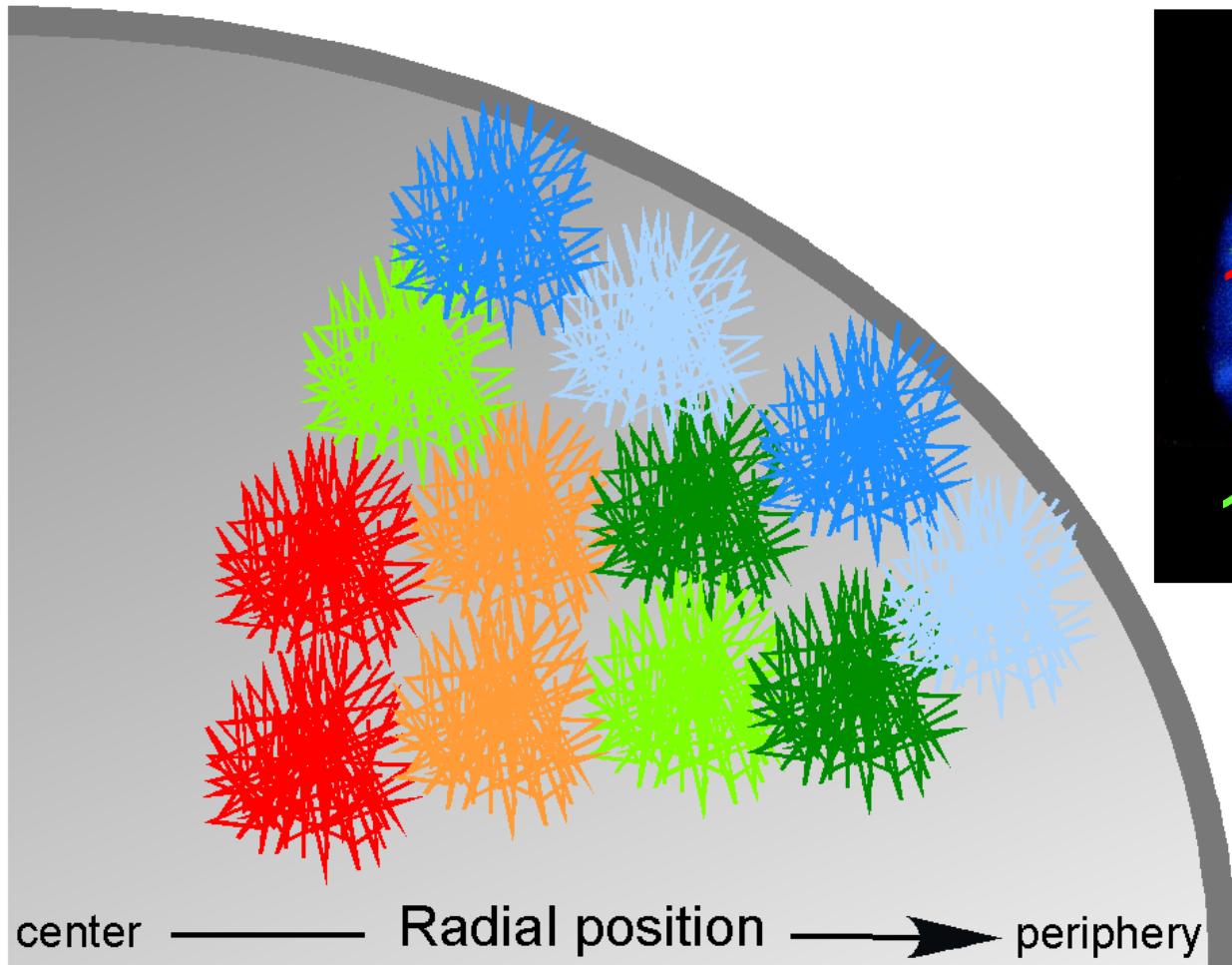
5×10^{12} cells/person
 10^{13} m DNA/person

100x distance from
Earth-Sun

The complex cell nucleus



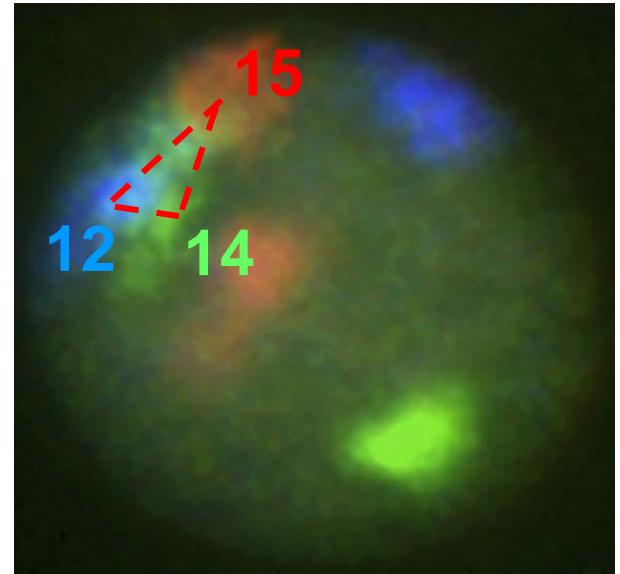
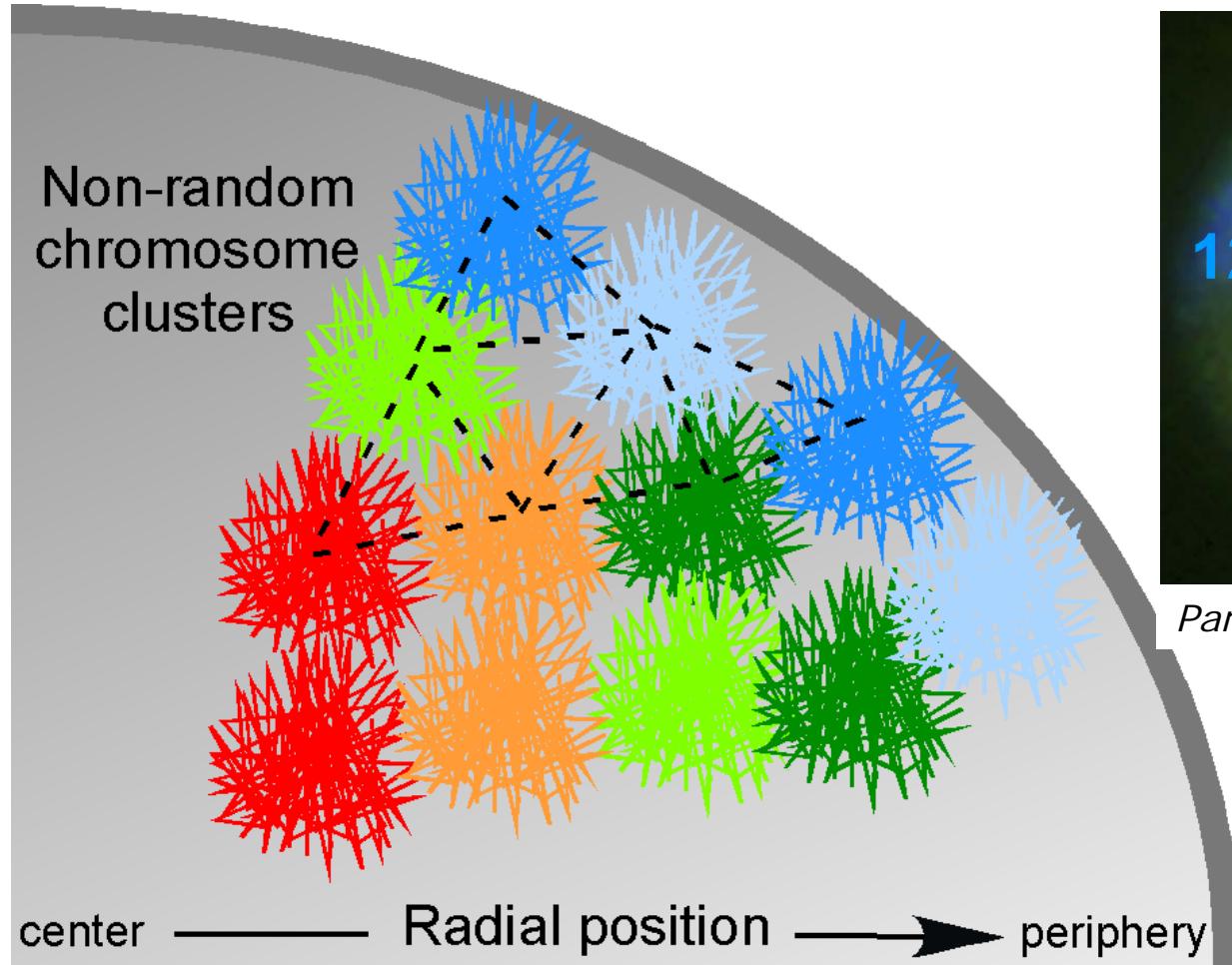
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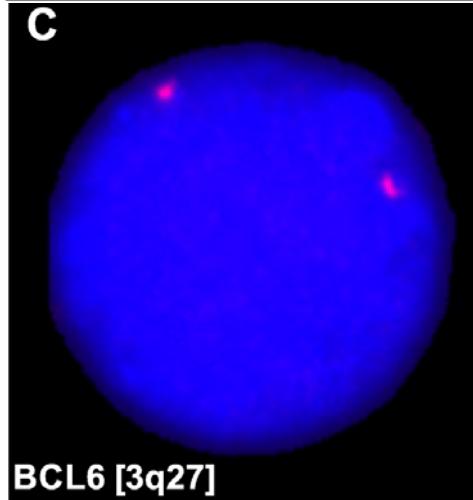
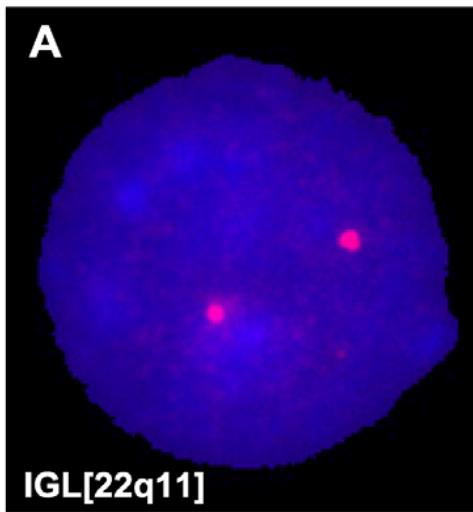
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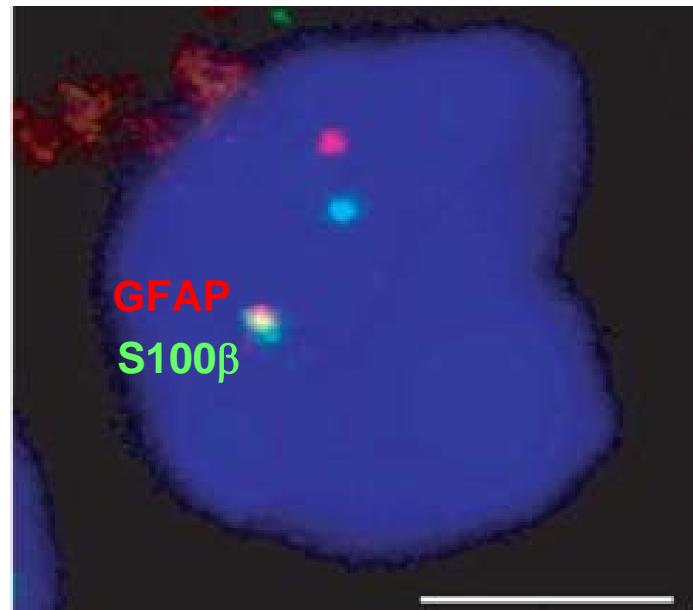
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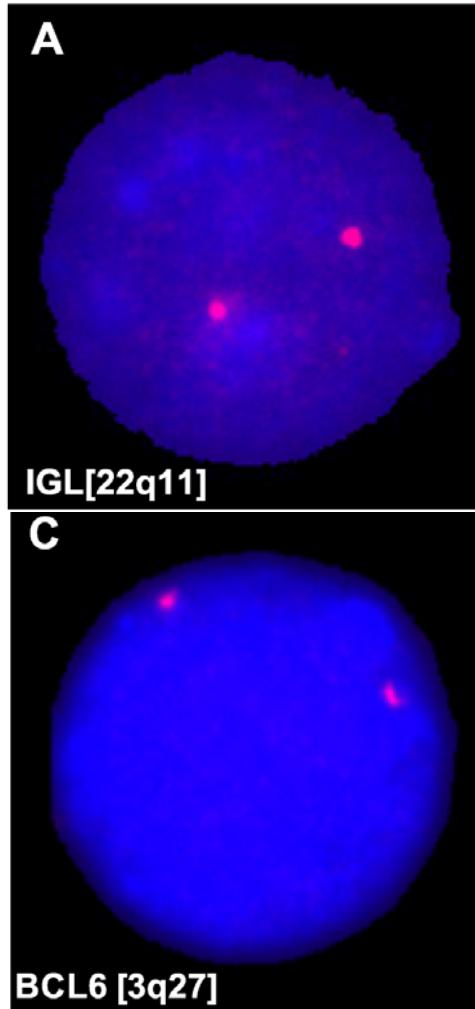


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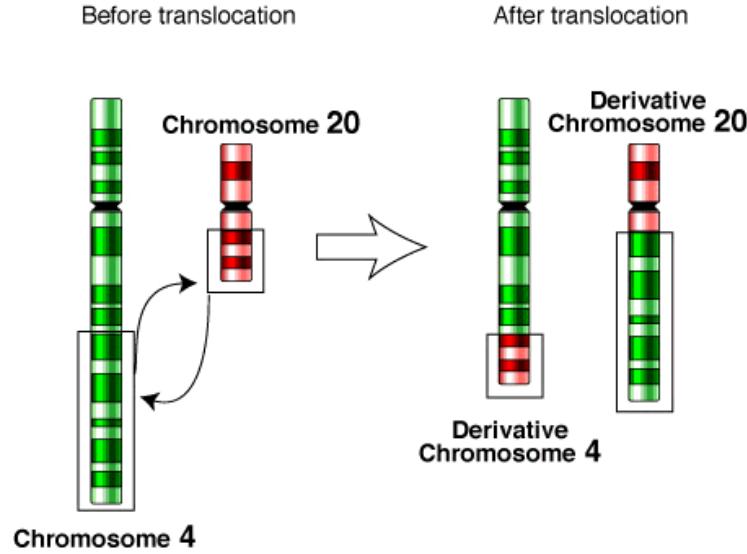
Non-random gene positioning



- Activity-dependent
- Cell type-specific
- Tissue-specific
- Evolutionarily conserved
- Differentiation
- Development
- Disease

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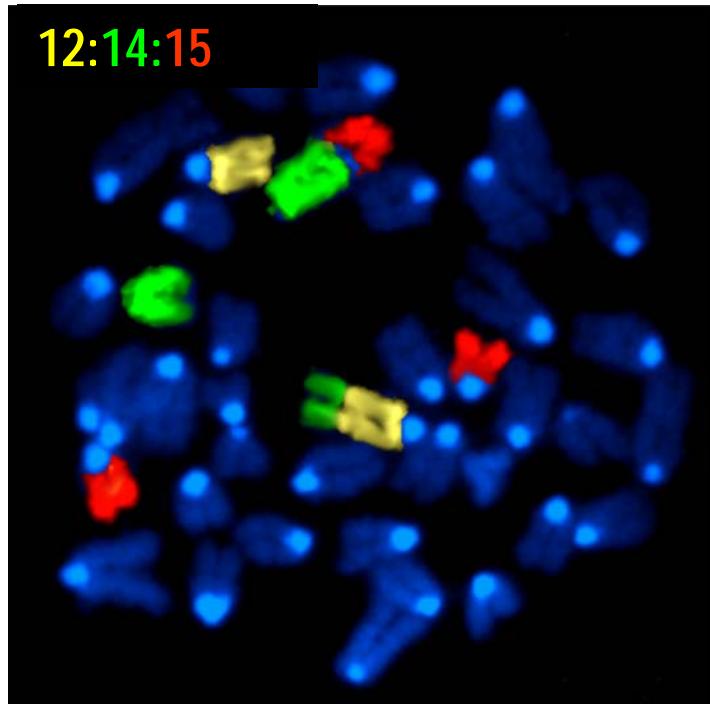
Chromosome translocations



- Hallmark of cancer cells
 - Formation of fusion proteins
 - Gene misregulation
- Can be causal in tumor
- Form by illegitimate joining of broken chromosomes

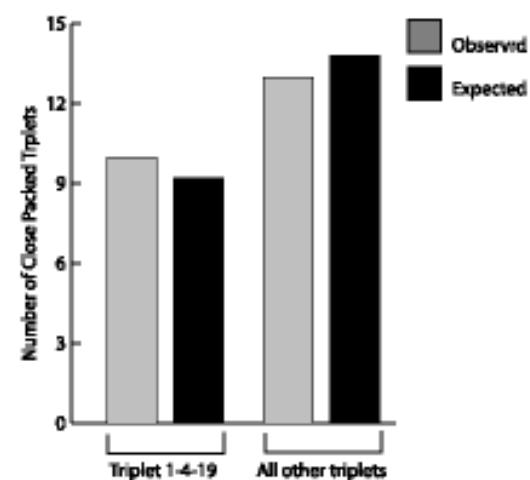
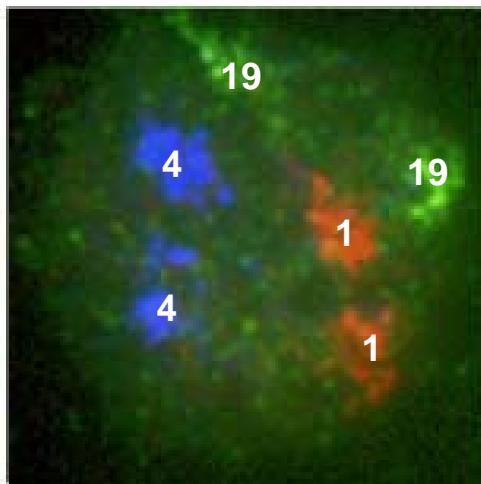
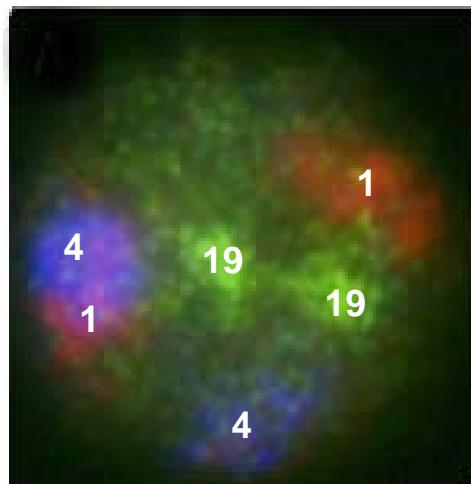
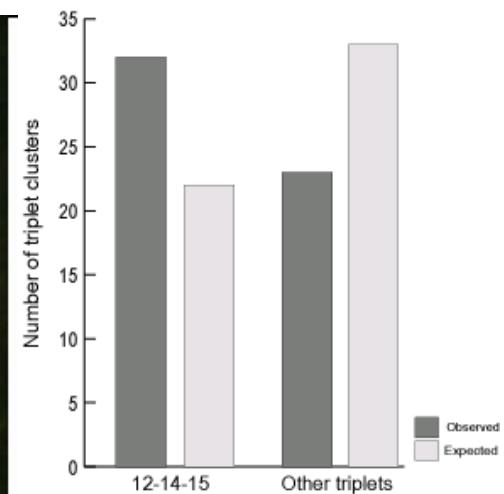
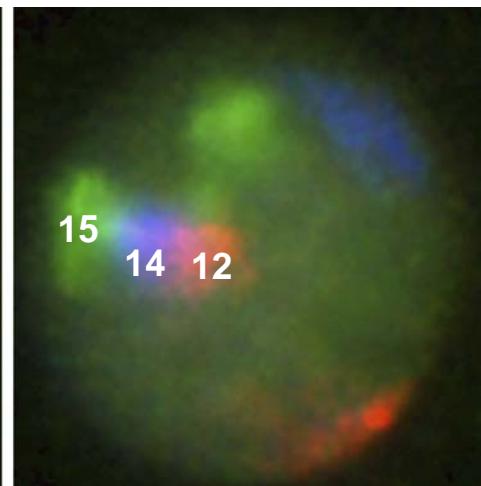
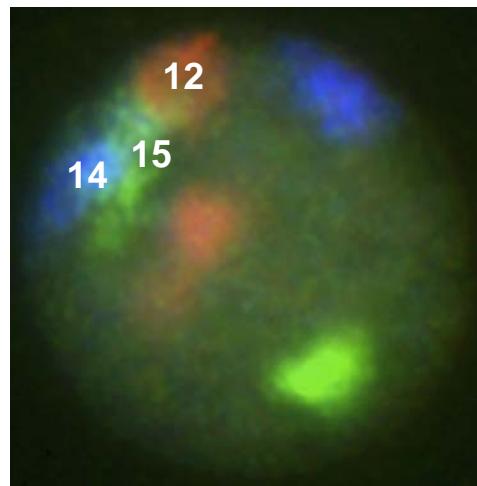
**Fundamentally a spatial problem:
Translocations require physical interaction of partners**

Spatial positioning of translocation partners

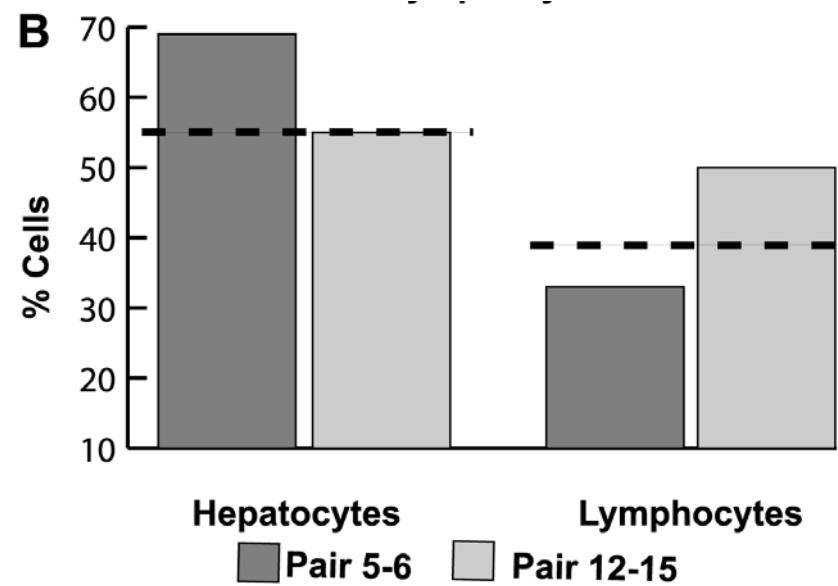
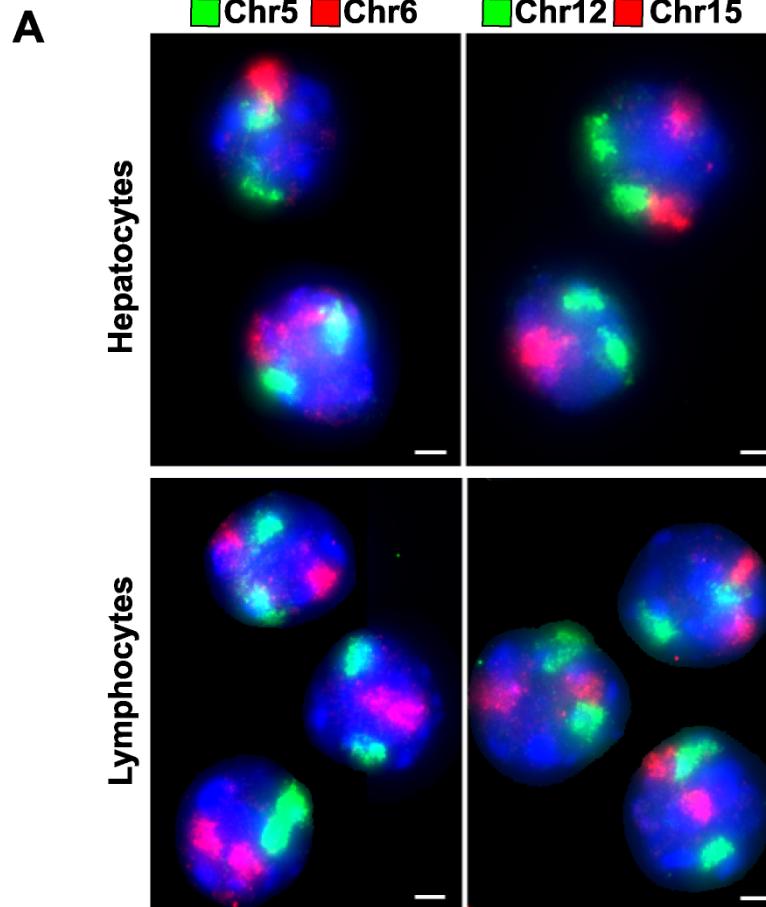


80% of lymphomas contain translocations involving combinations of 12/14/15

A cluster of chromosomes 12/14/15 in lymphocytes



Tissue-specific translocations and tissue-specific positions

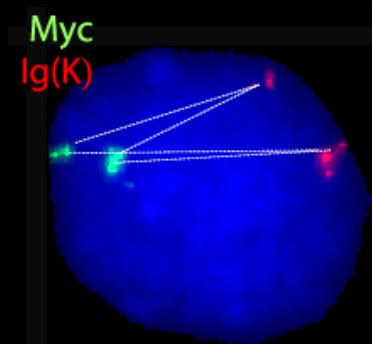
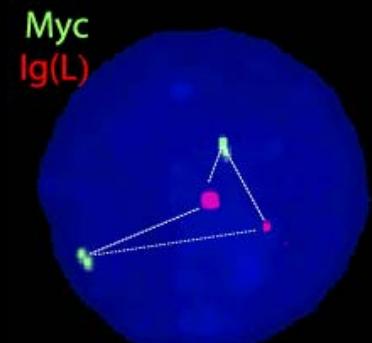
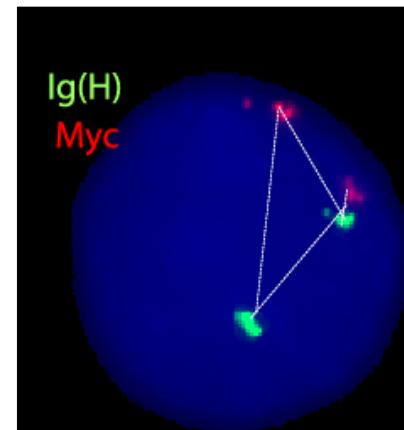
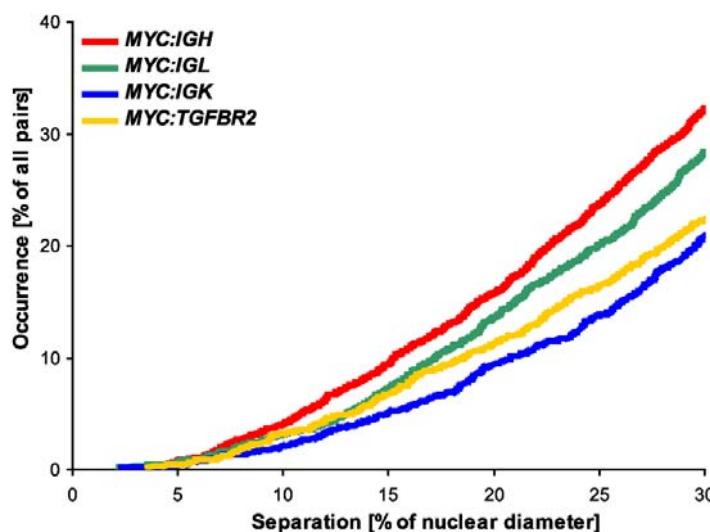


Proximity of translocation partners in Burkitt's lymphoma

T(8;14) myc-Ig(H) 85% of patients

T(8;22) myc-Ig(λ) 10% of patients

T(8;2) myc-Ig(κ) <5% of patients



Proximity of translocation-prone partners

Human

Burkitt's lymphoma **multiple partners**

Chronic lymphocytic lymphoma **multiple partners**

Chronic myeloid leukemia **BCR – ABL**

Promyelocytic leukemia **PML – RAR**

Papillary thyroid cancer **RET - H4**

Ewing sarcoma **EWSR1 - FLI1**

Anaplastic large cell lymphoma **multiple partners**

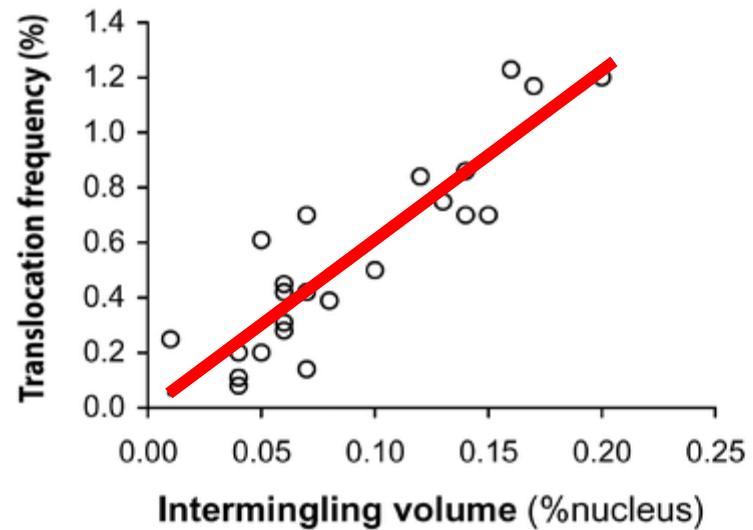
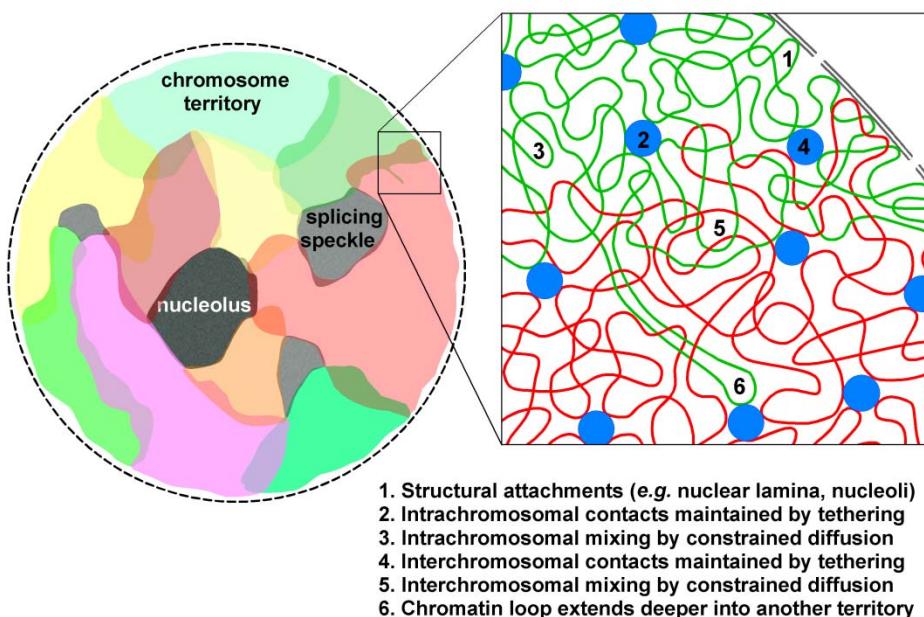
Mouse

Lymphoma **12:14:15**

Hepatoma **5:6**

Chromosome intermingling and translocations

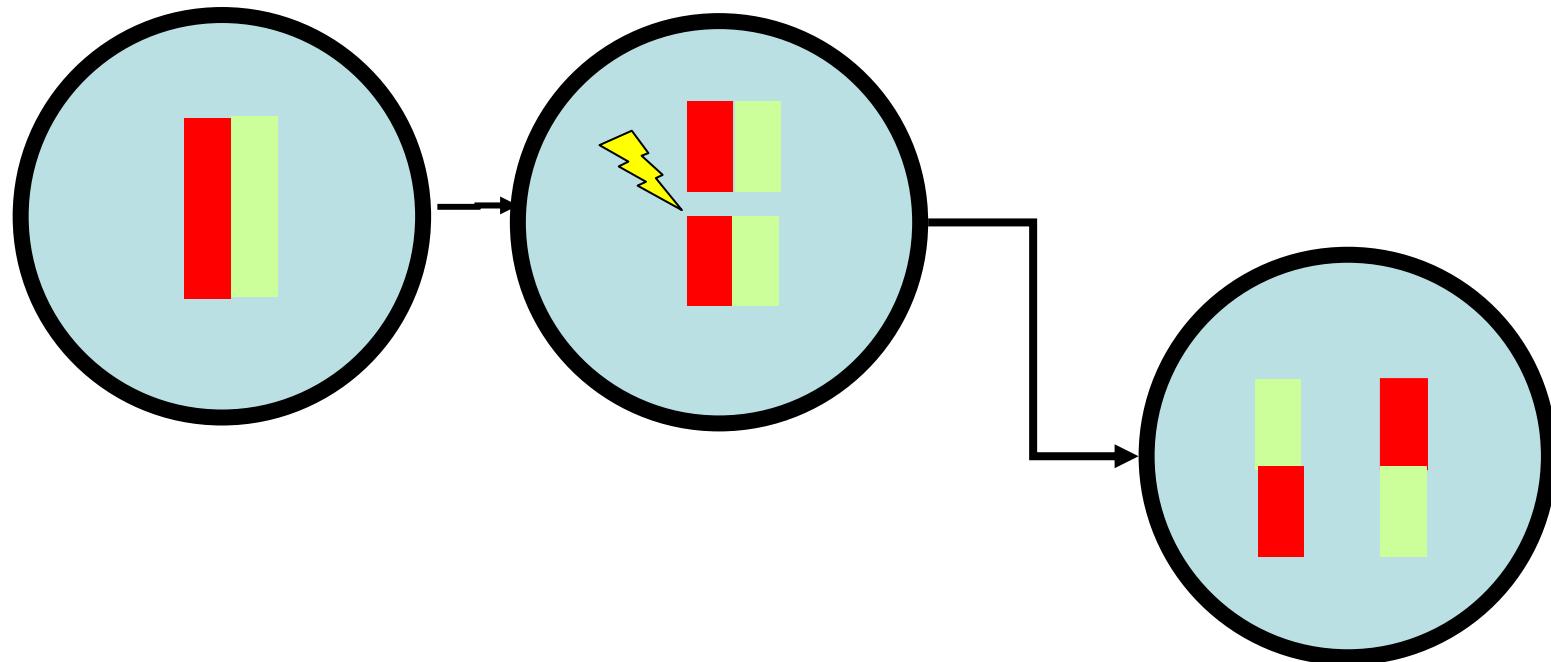
B. Interchromosomal network model



From Branco & Pombo, PLoS Biology, 2006

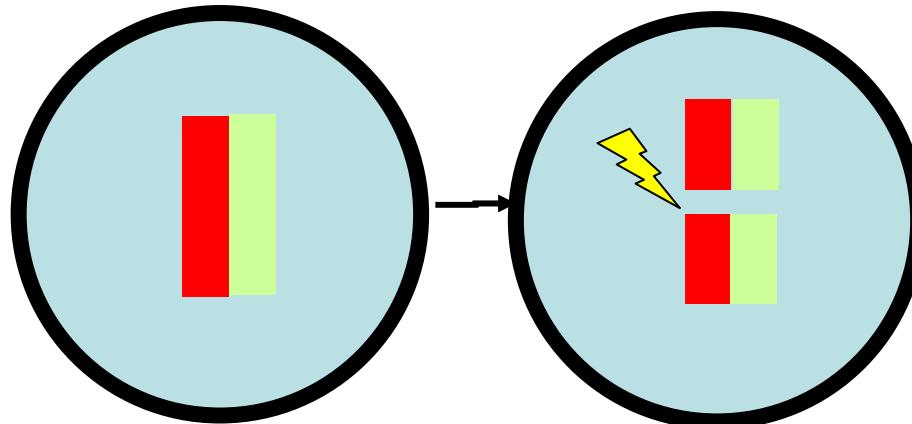
Formation of chromosome translocations

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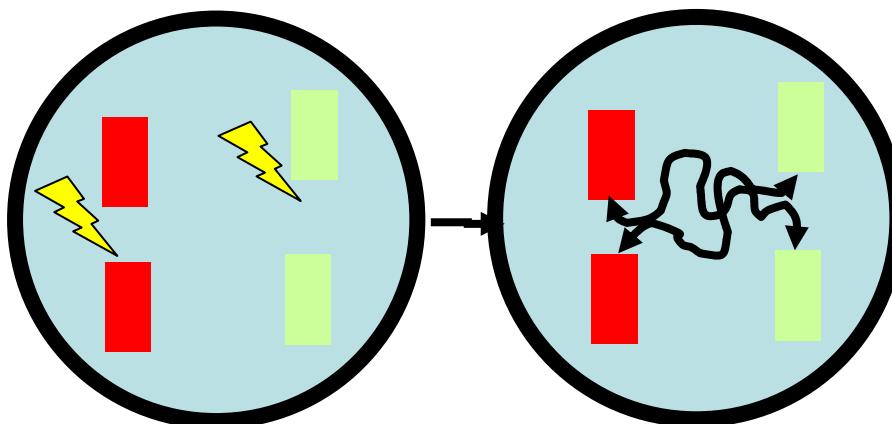
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DSBs are immobile

Breakage first



DSBs must be mobile

Mobility of DSBs

Mobility

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Immobility

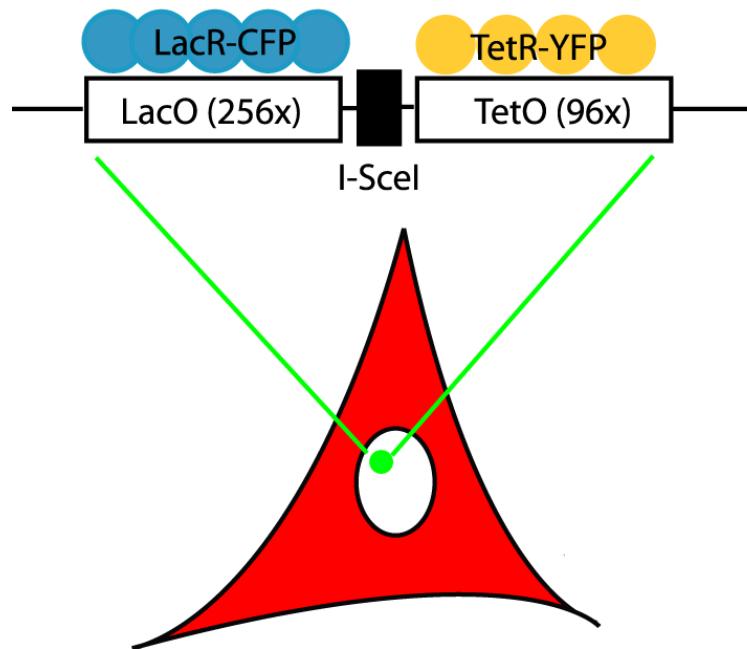
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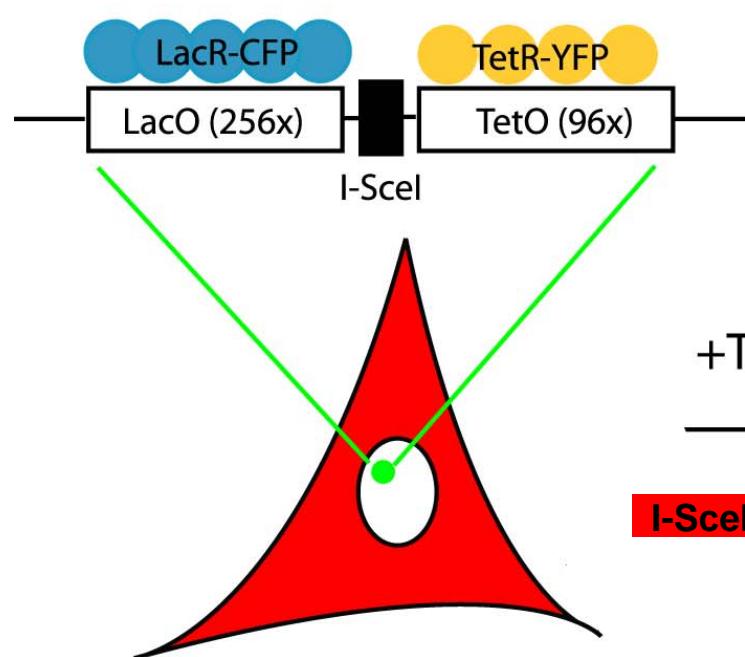
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ATCCC**TATTGTCCCCATTA**



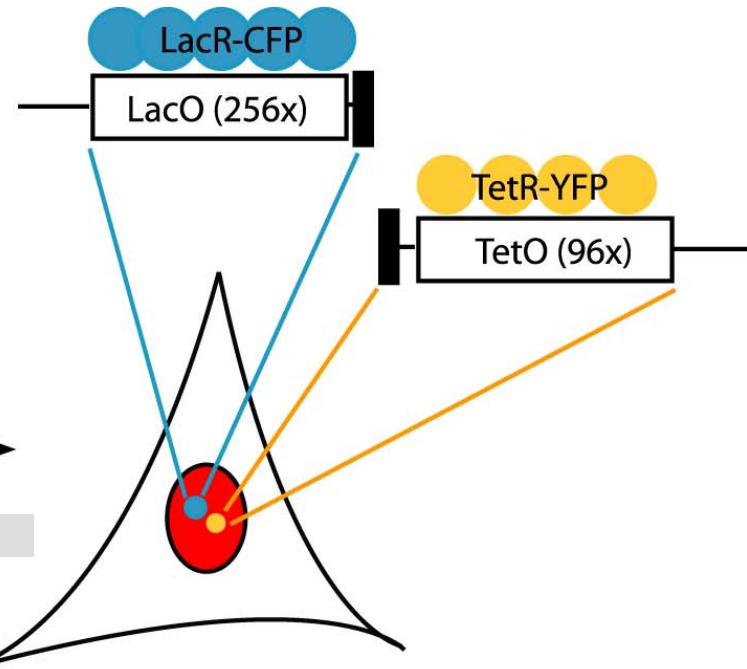
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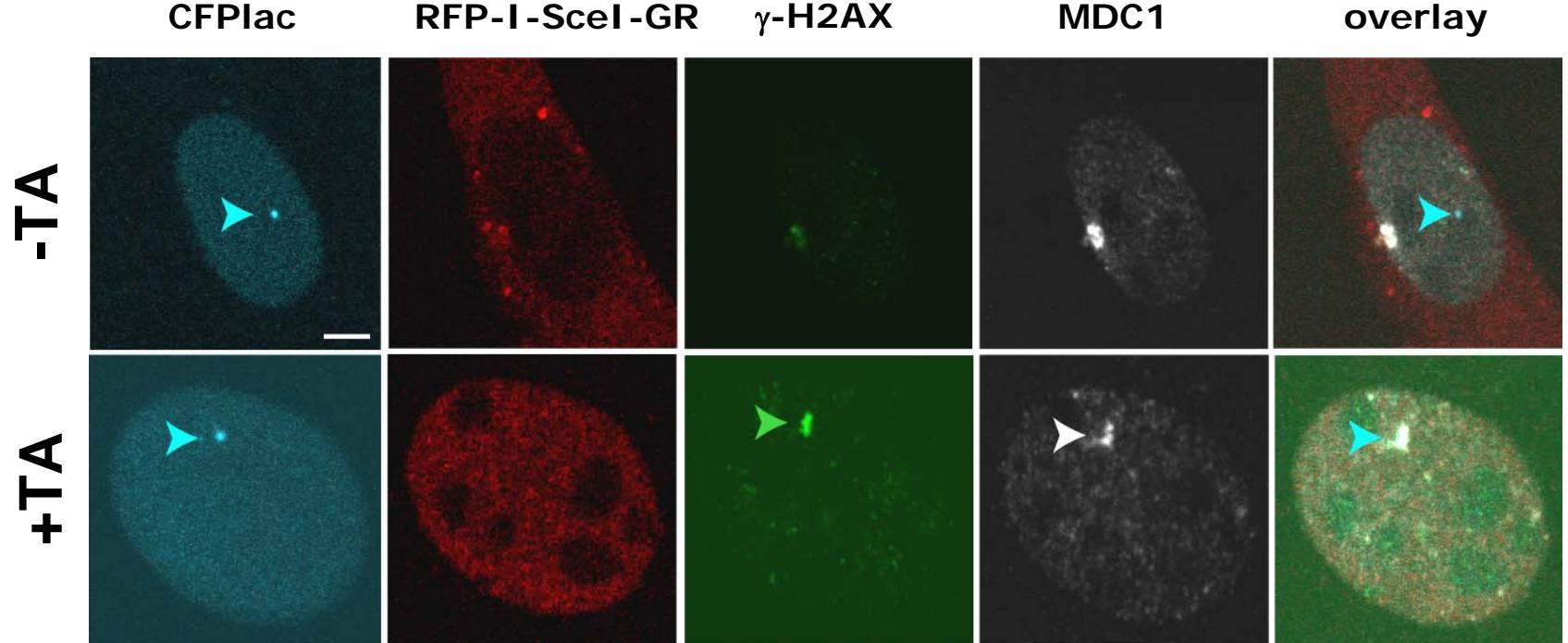


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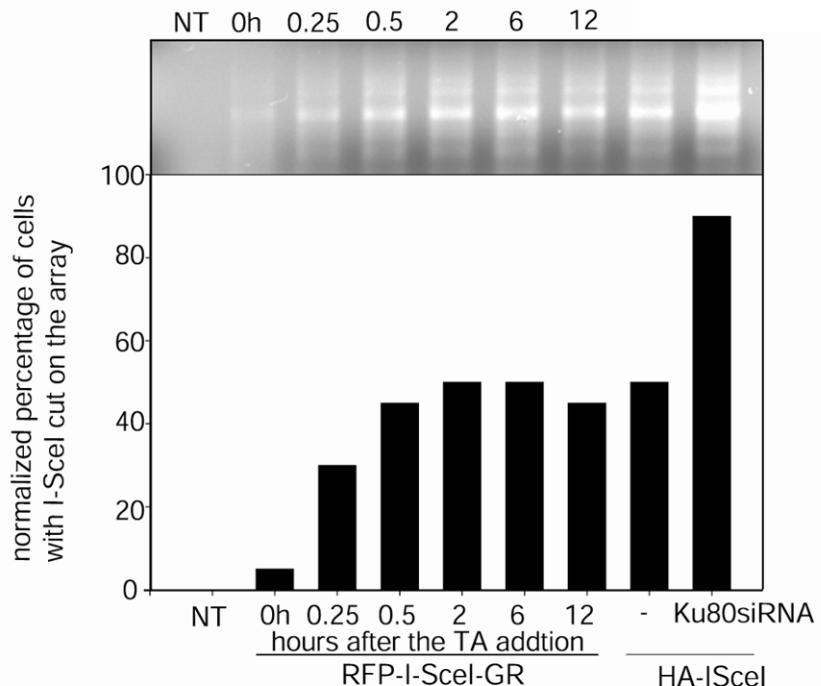


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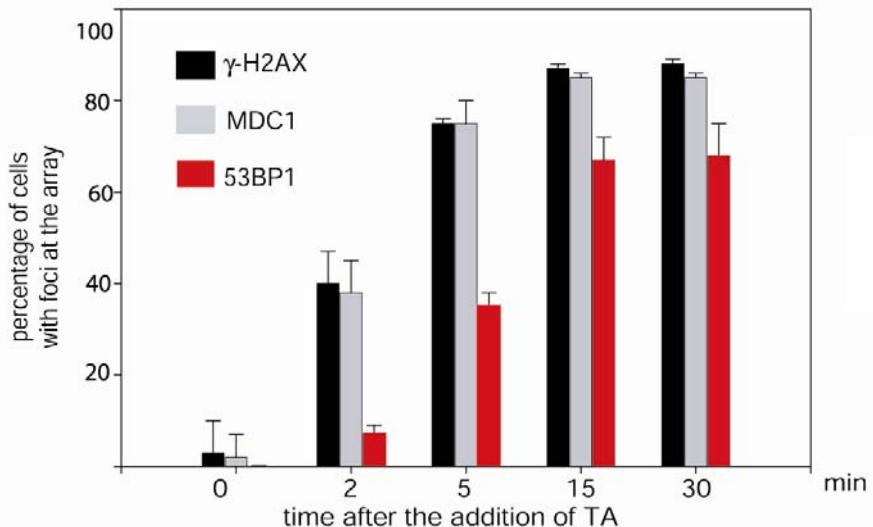


Rapid repair kinetics

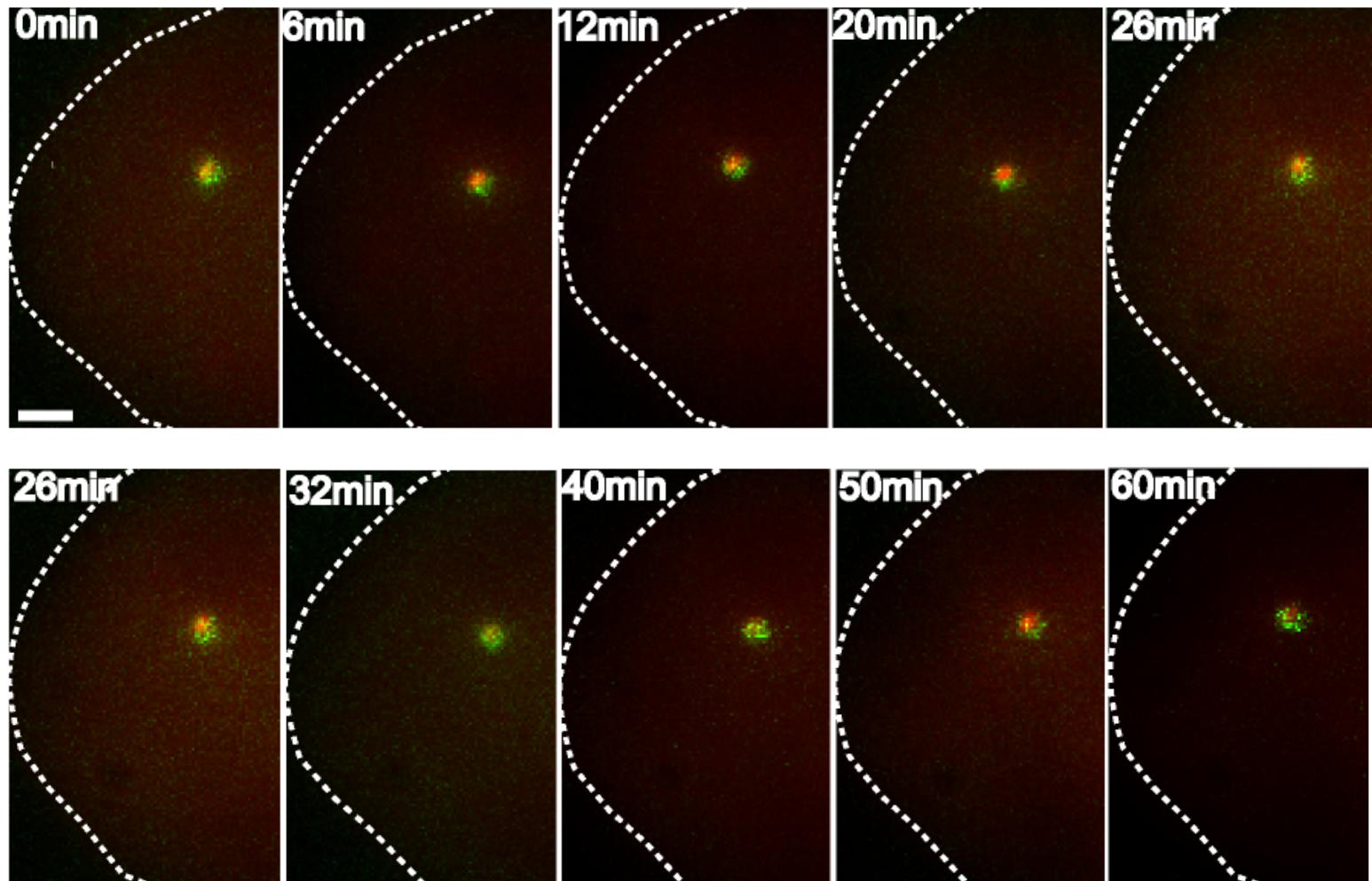
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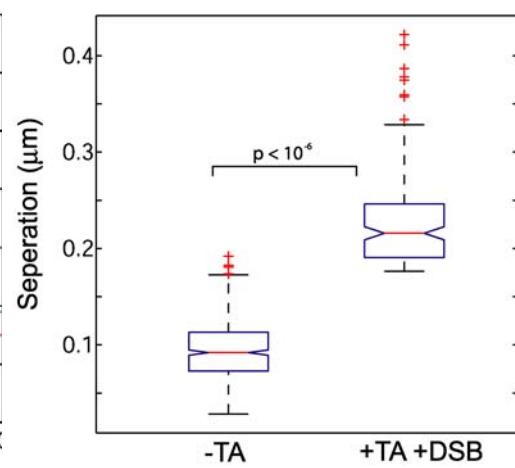
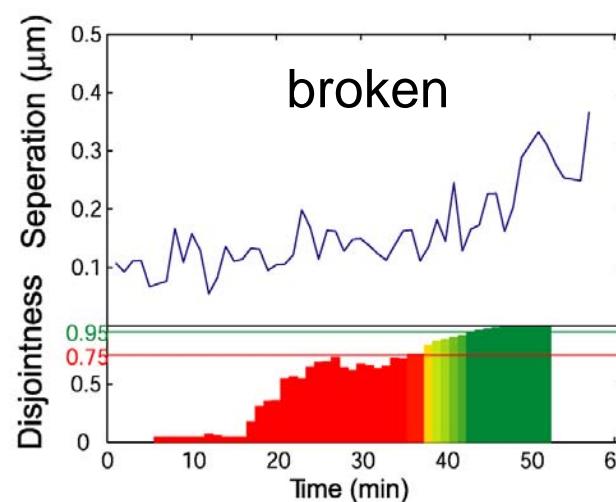
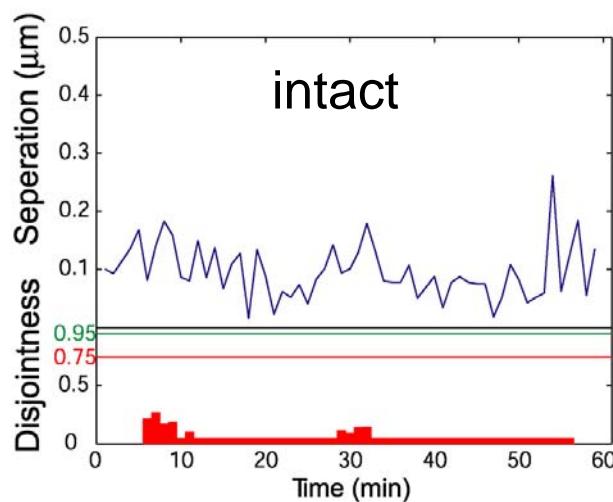
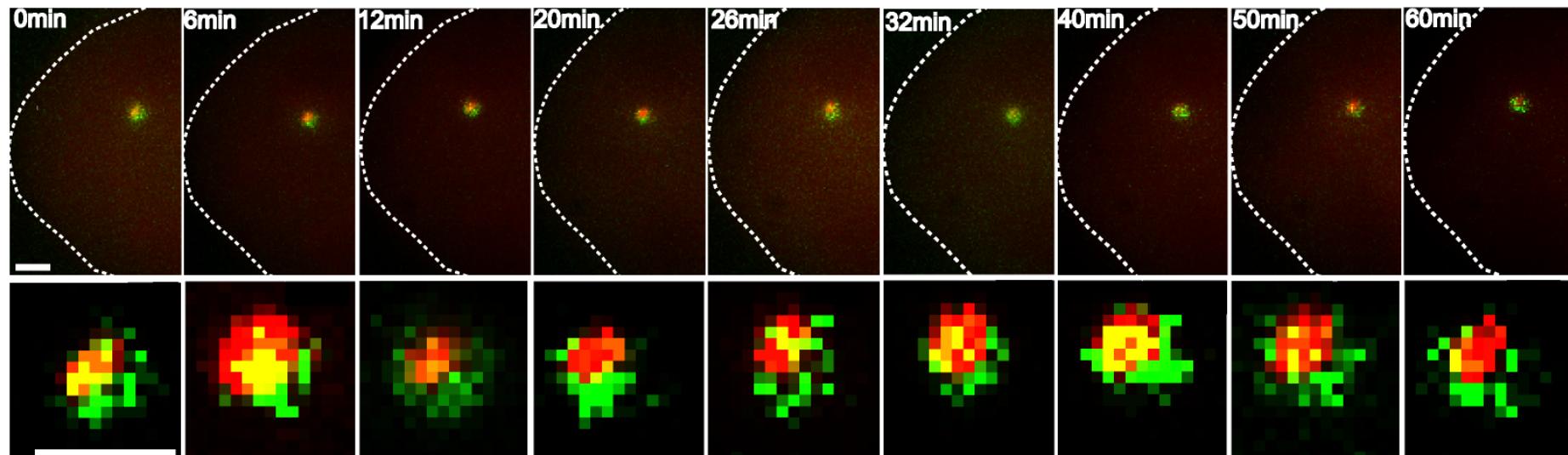
Recruitment of repair factors



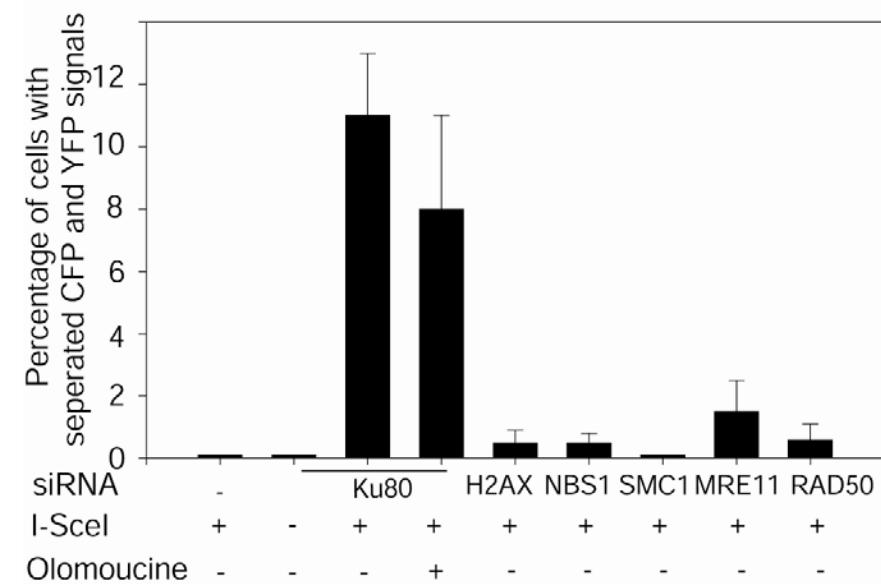
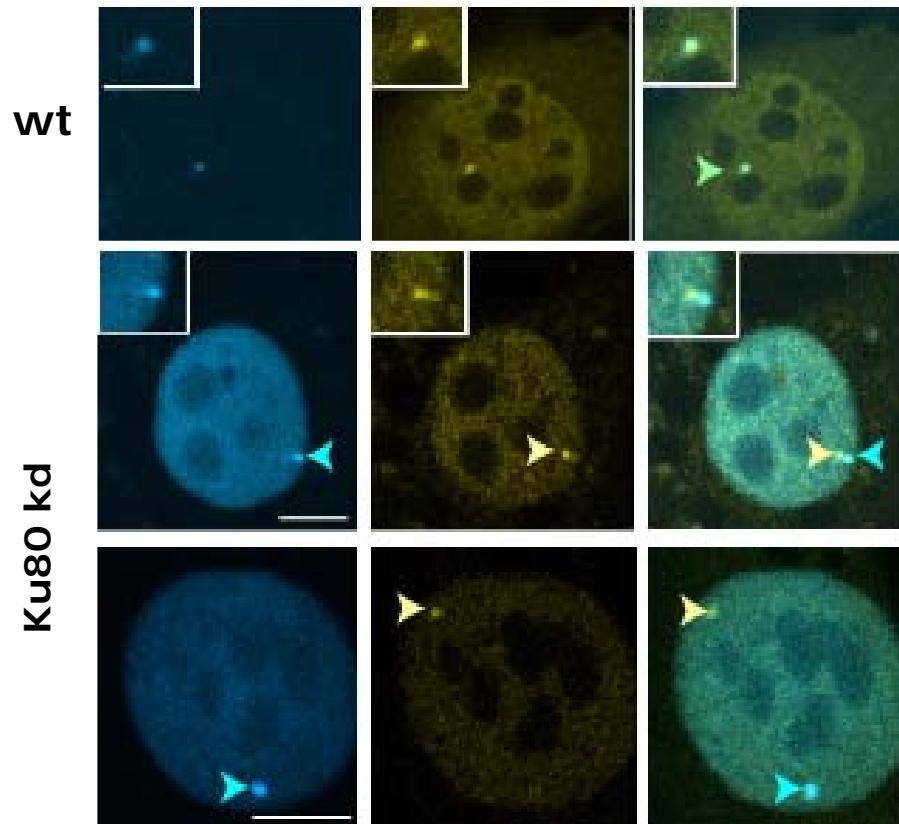
DSB are positionally stable



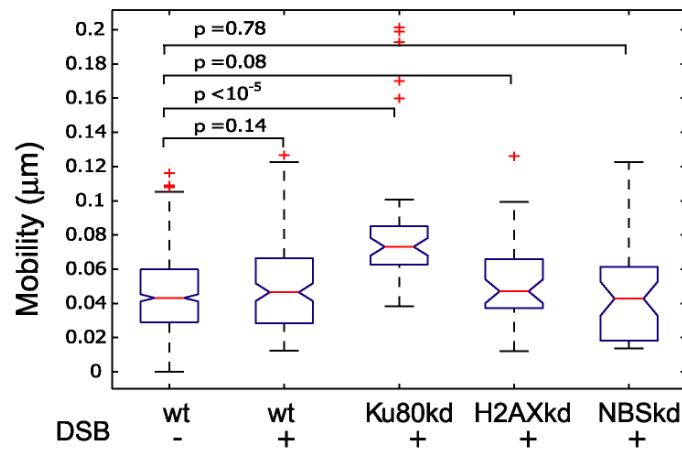
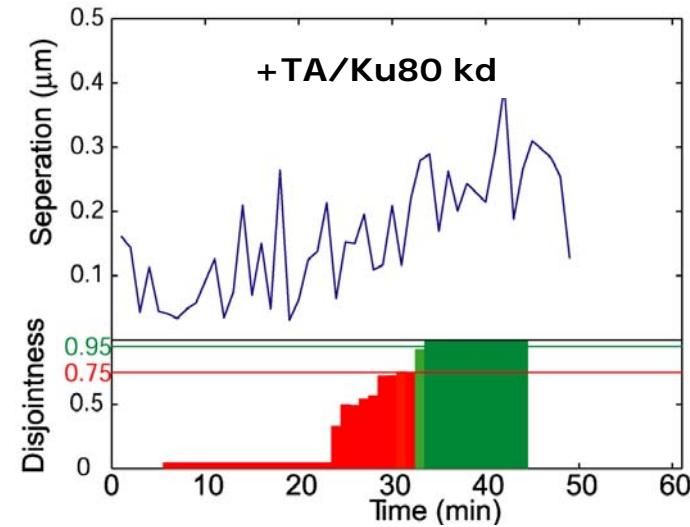
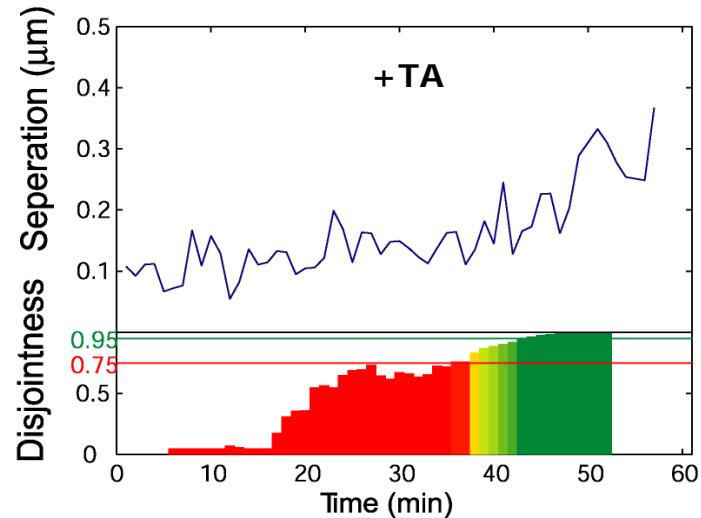
Local separation of chromosome ends



Ku80 mediates chromosome end stability



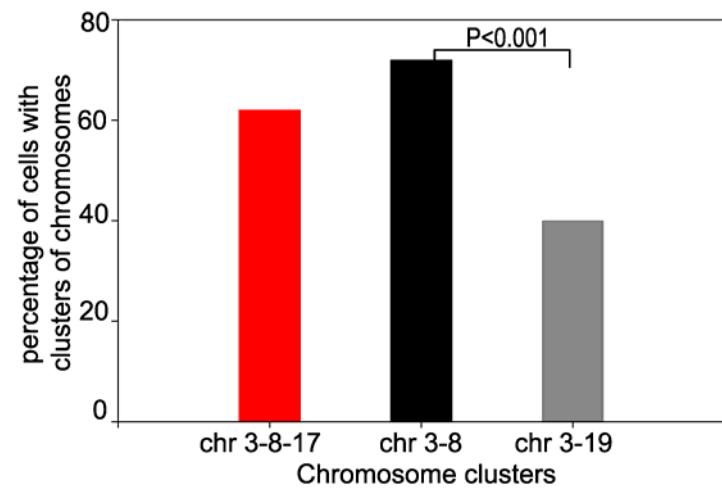
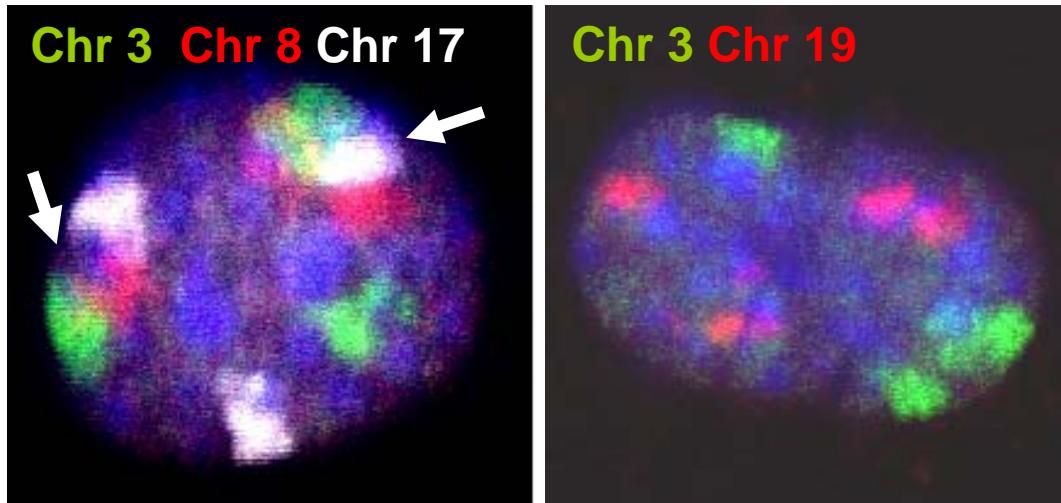
Increased mobility in the absence of Ku80



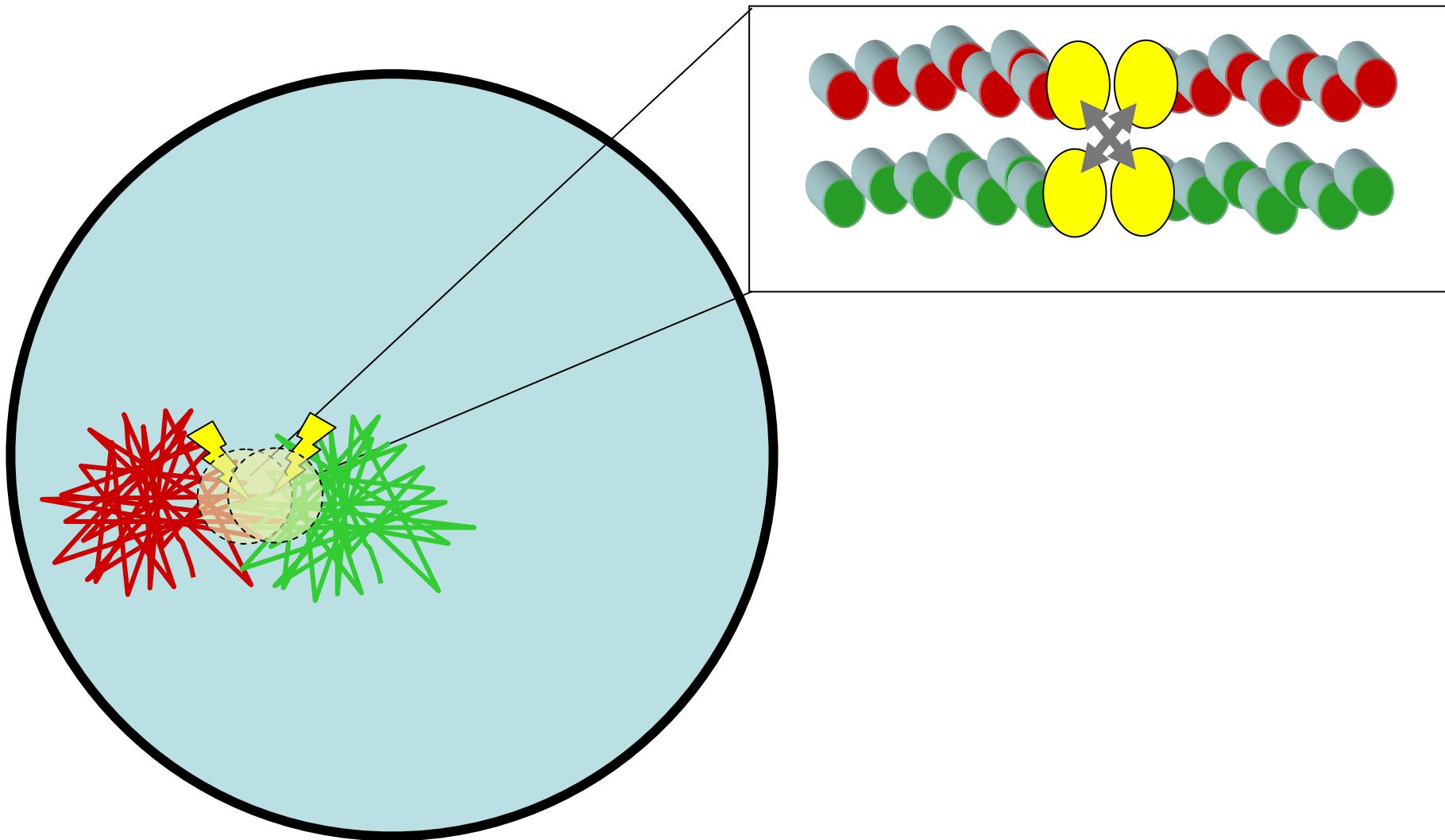
Identification of a recurrent array translocation



Proximity of array translocation partners

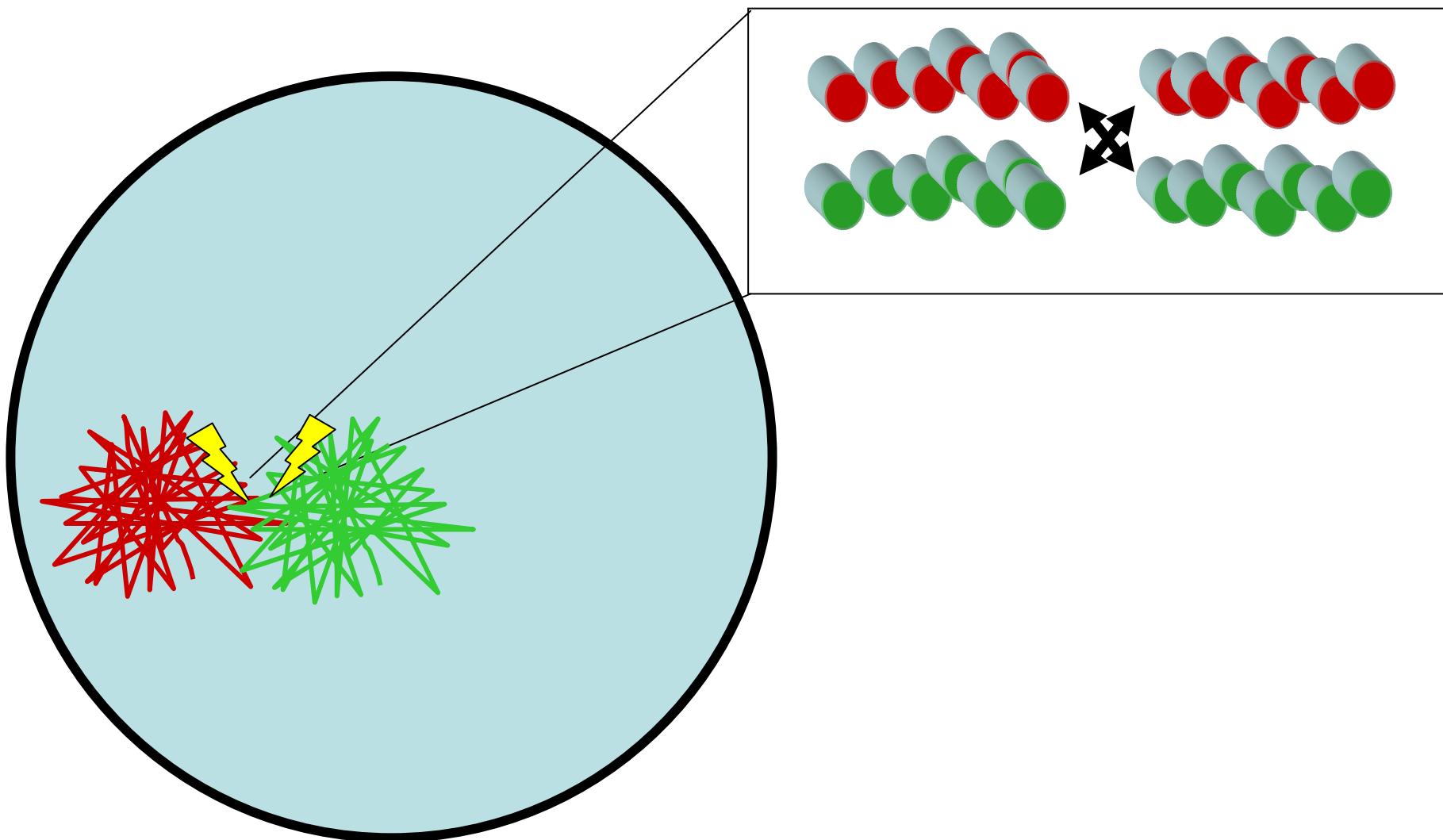


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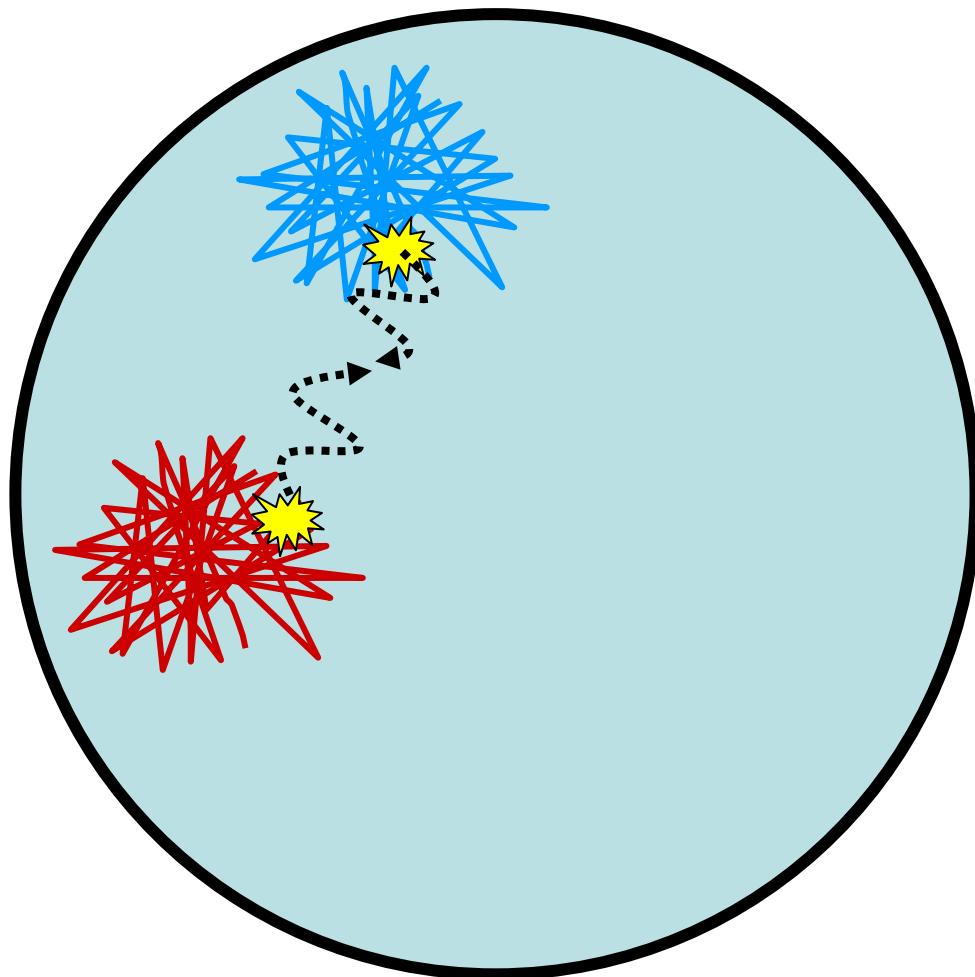
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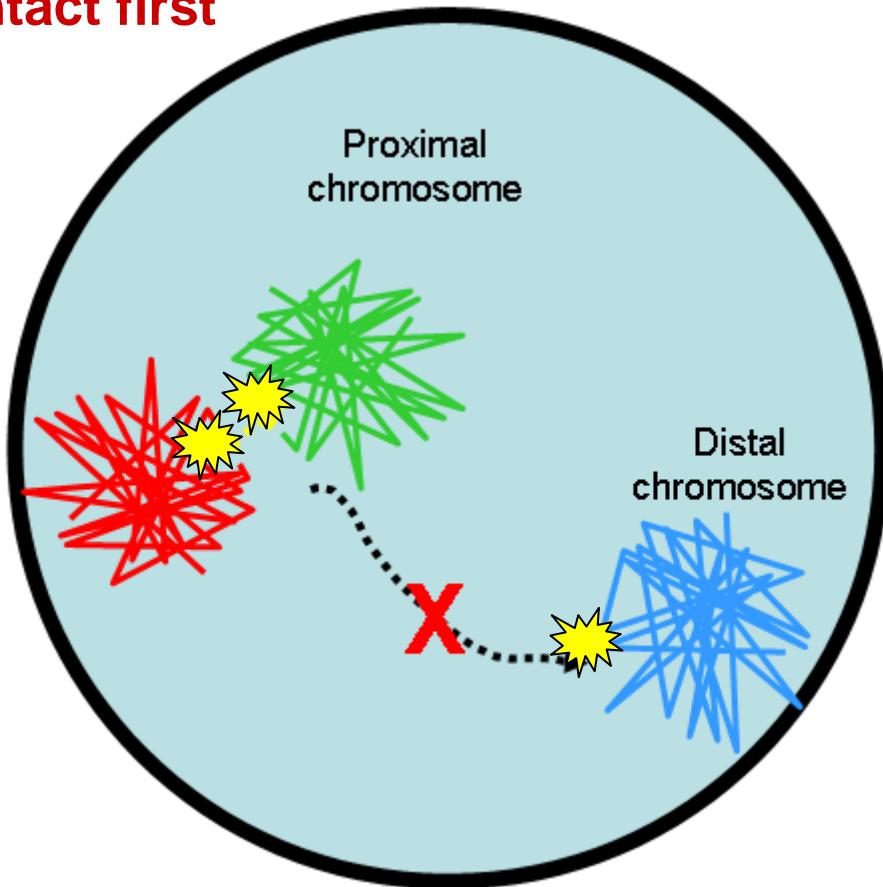
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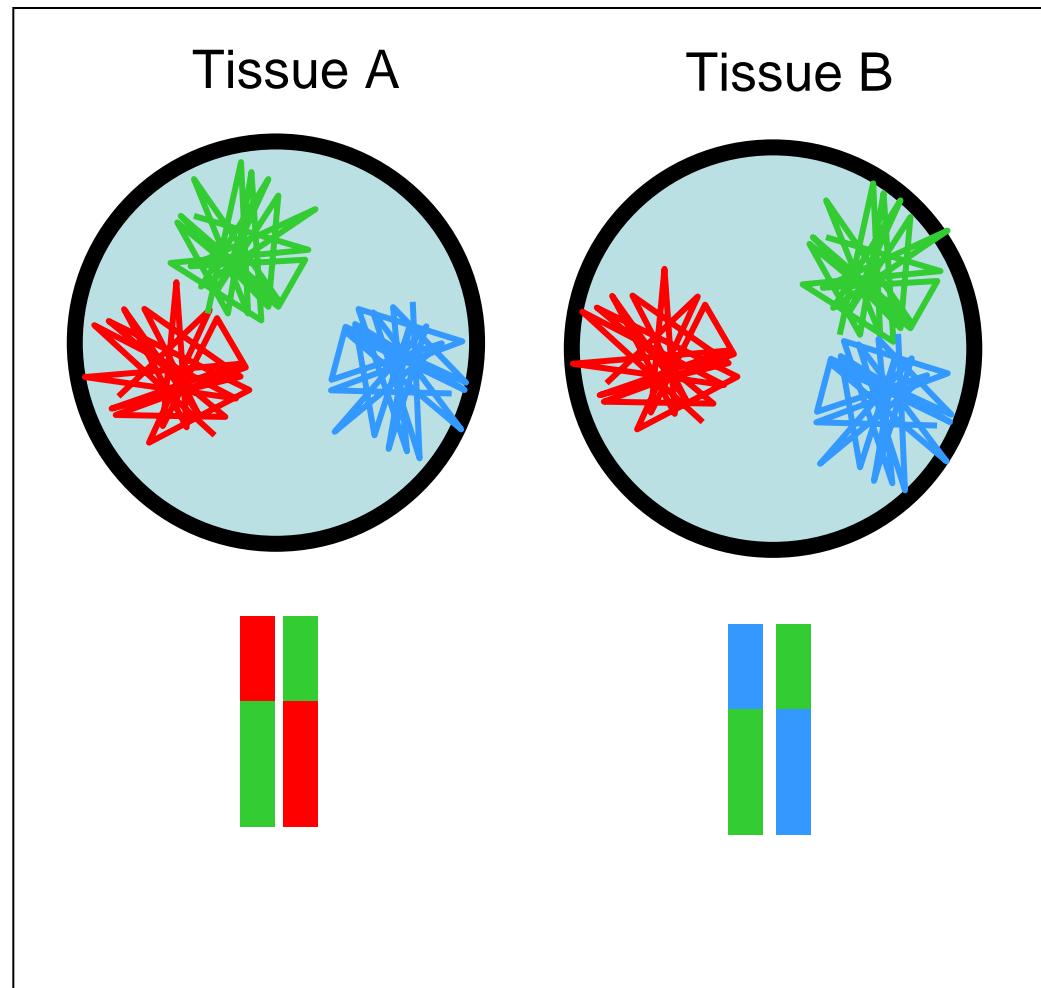


DSBs are immobile

Correlation between translocation frequency and spatial proximity

Non-random spatial arrangement of the genome is a significant determinant of translocations

Determinants of translocations: tissue-specific genomes



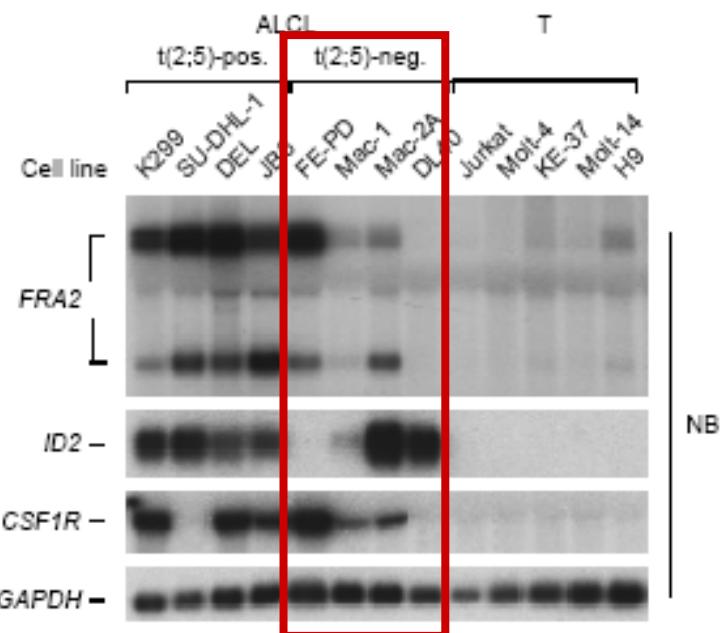
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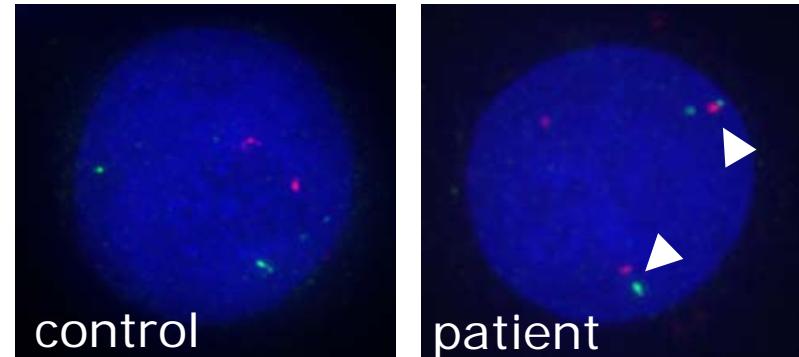
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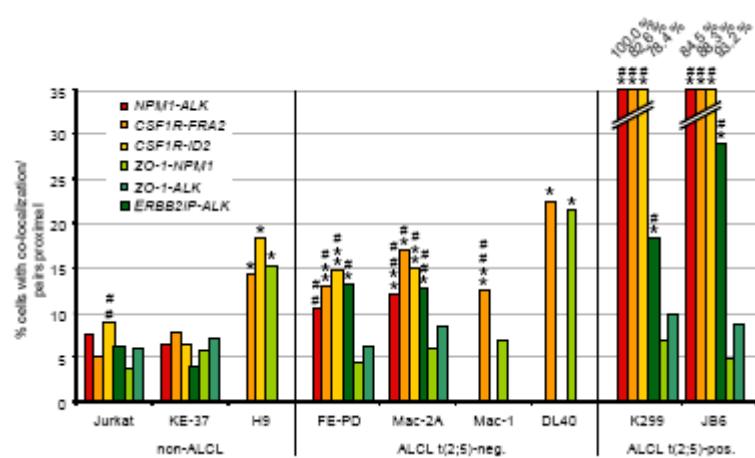
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Yeast vs. mammalian

Yeast - **mobility**

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Mammalian – **immobility**

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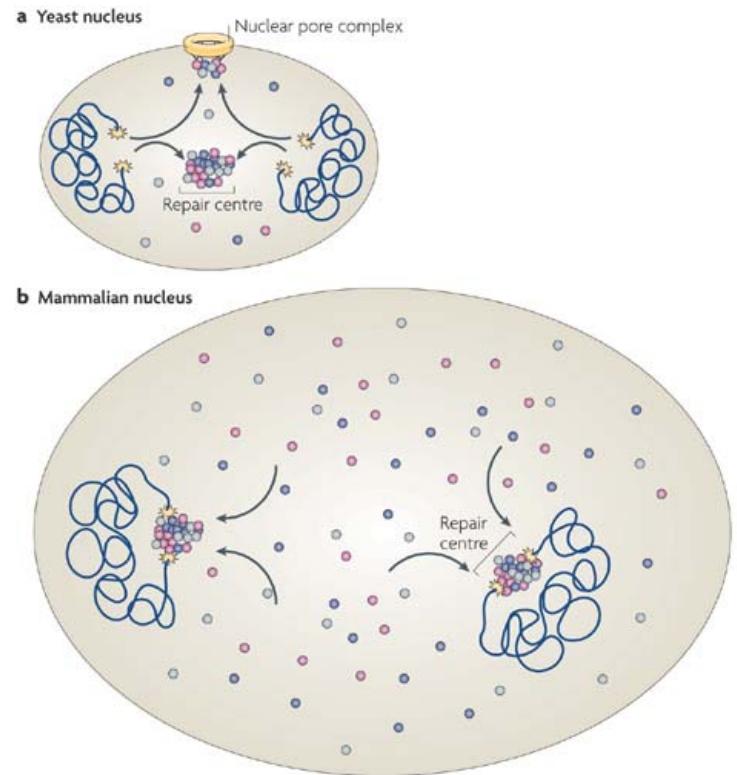
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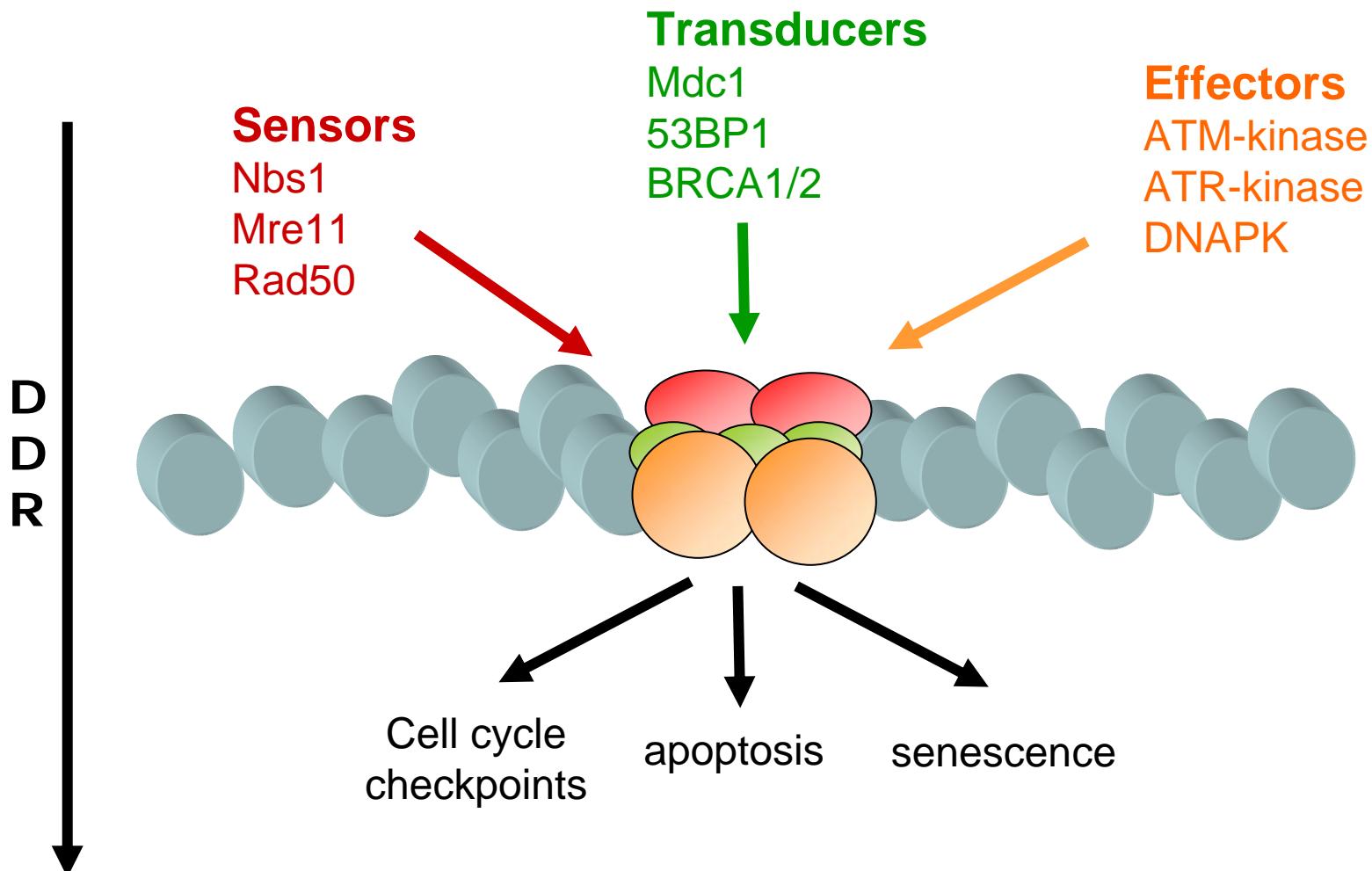


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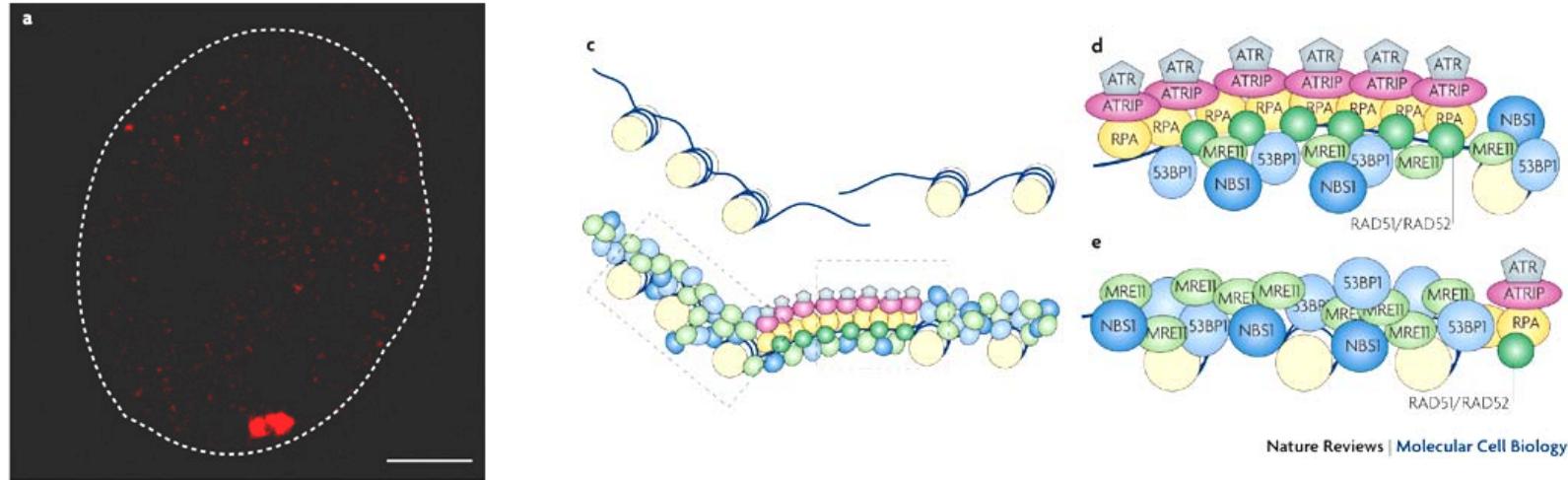
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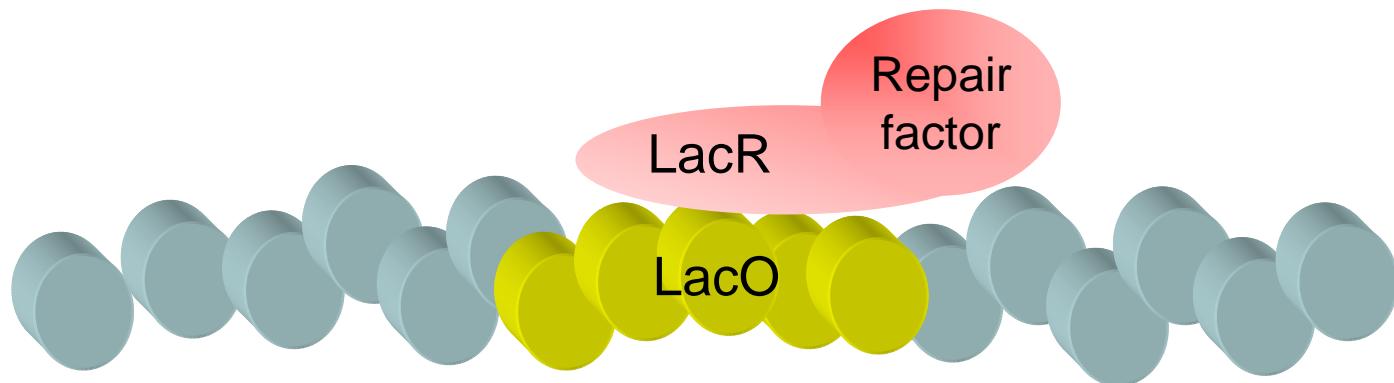


Repair foci: cytological manifestations of DNA repair

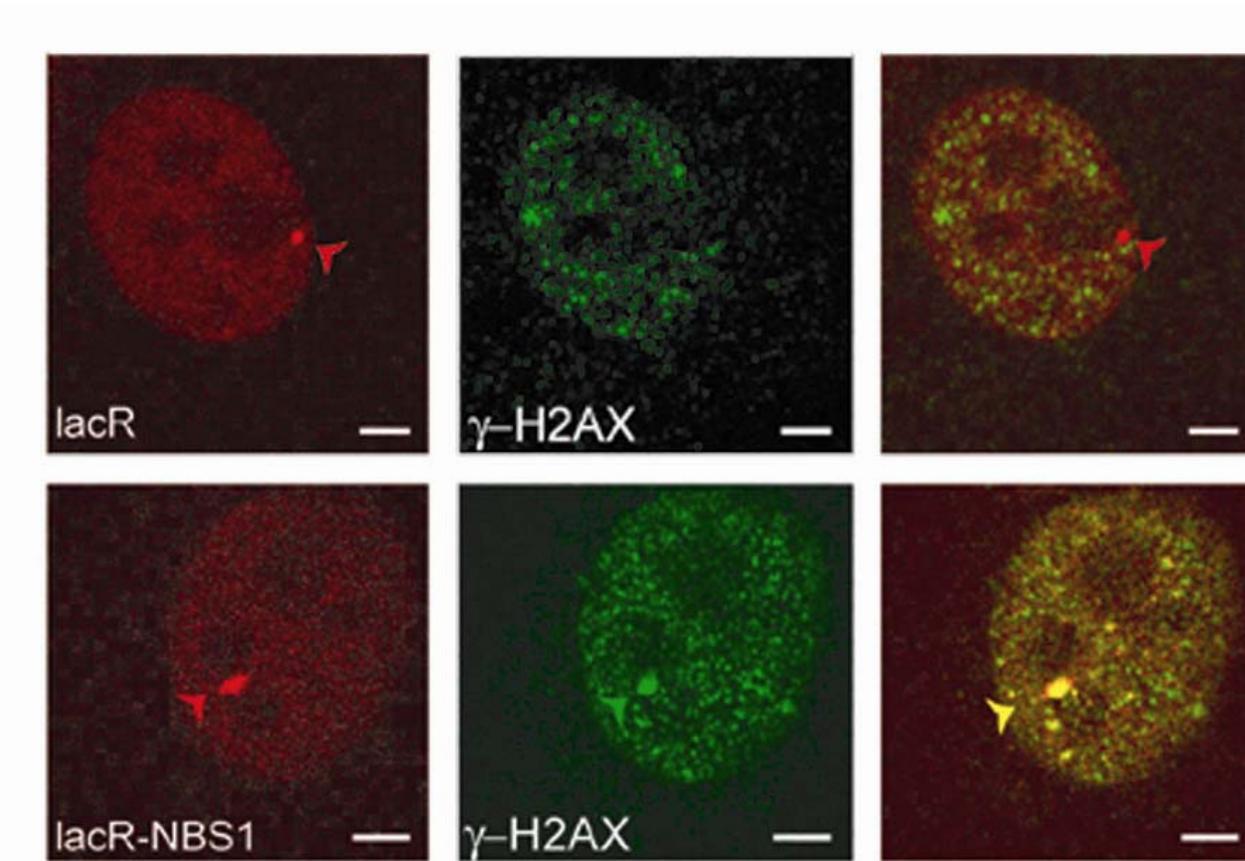


**What is the functional relevance of repair foci?
How do they assemble? What is their structure?**

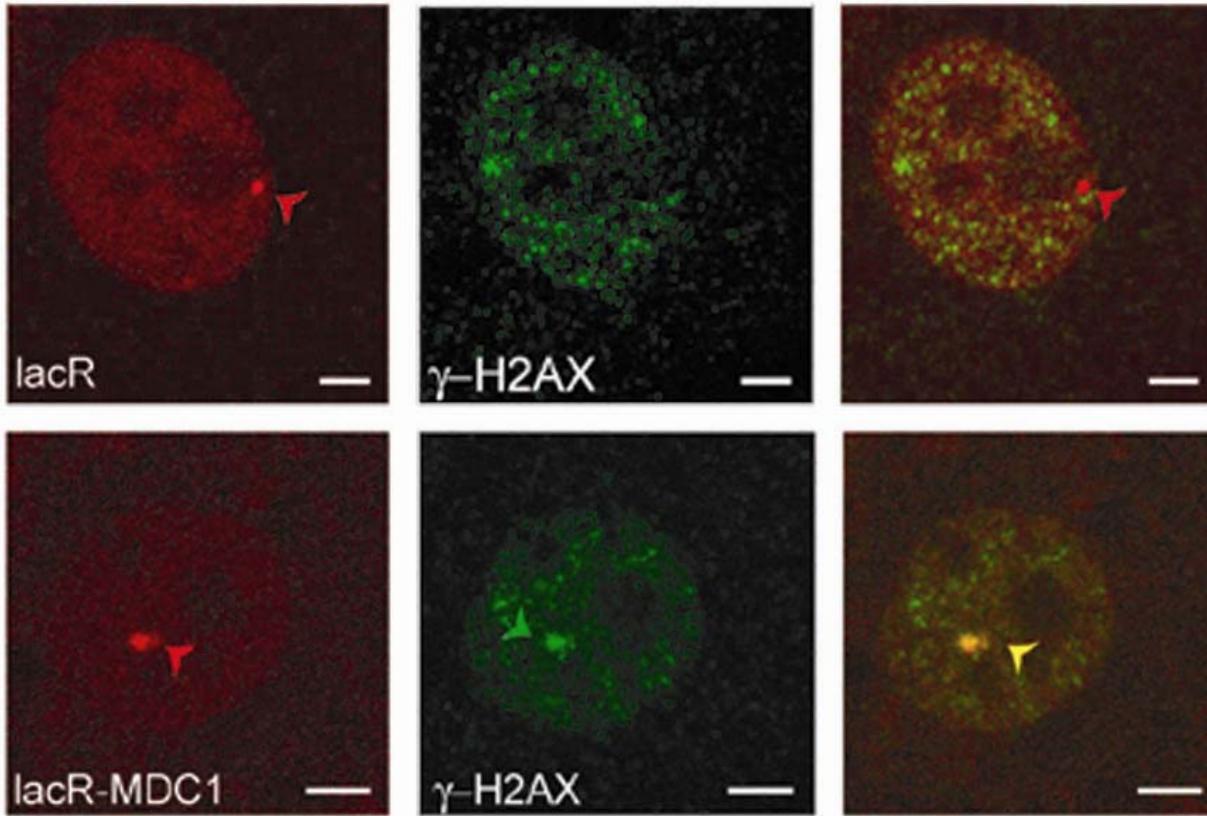
Bringing repair factors to chromatin



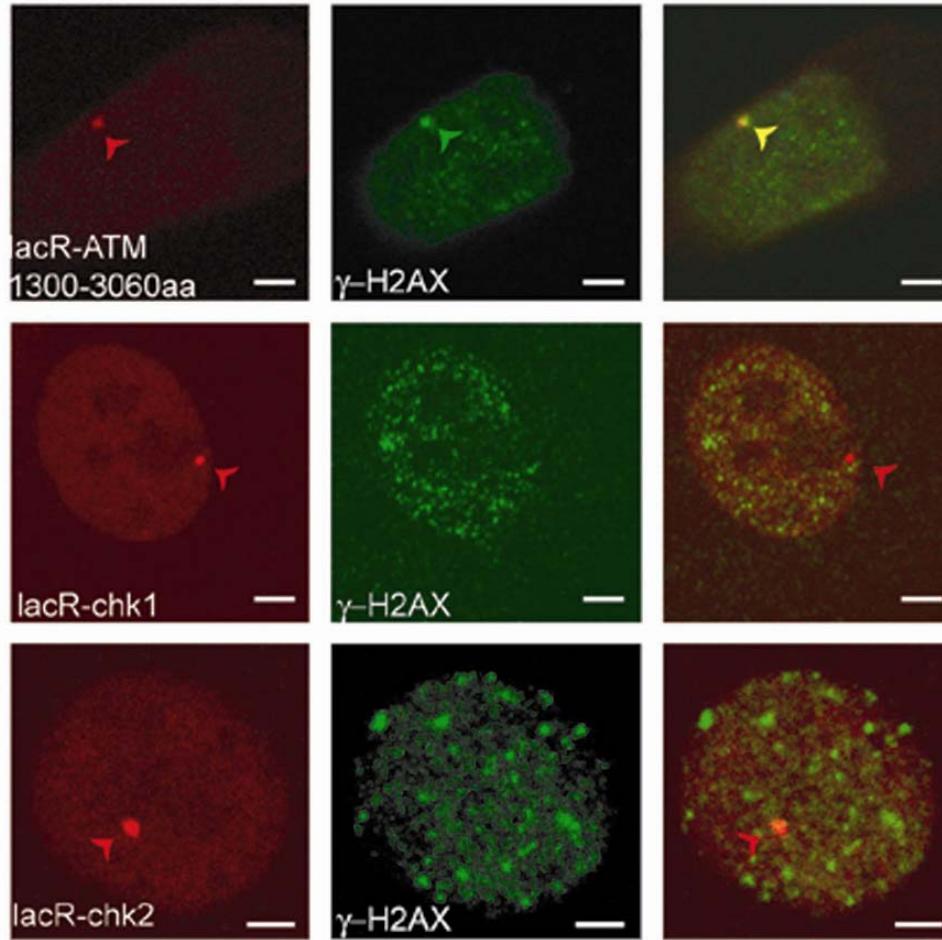
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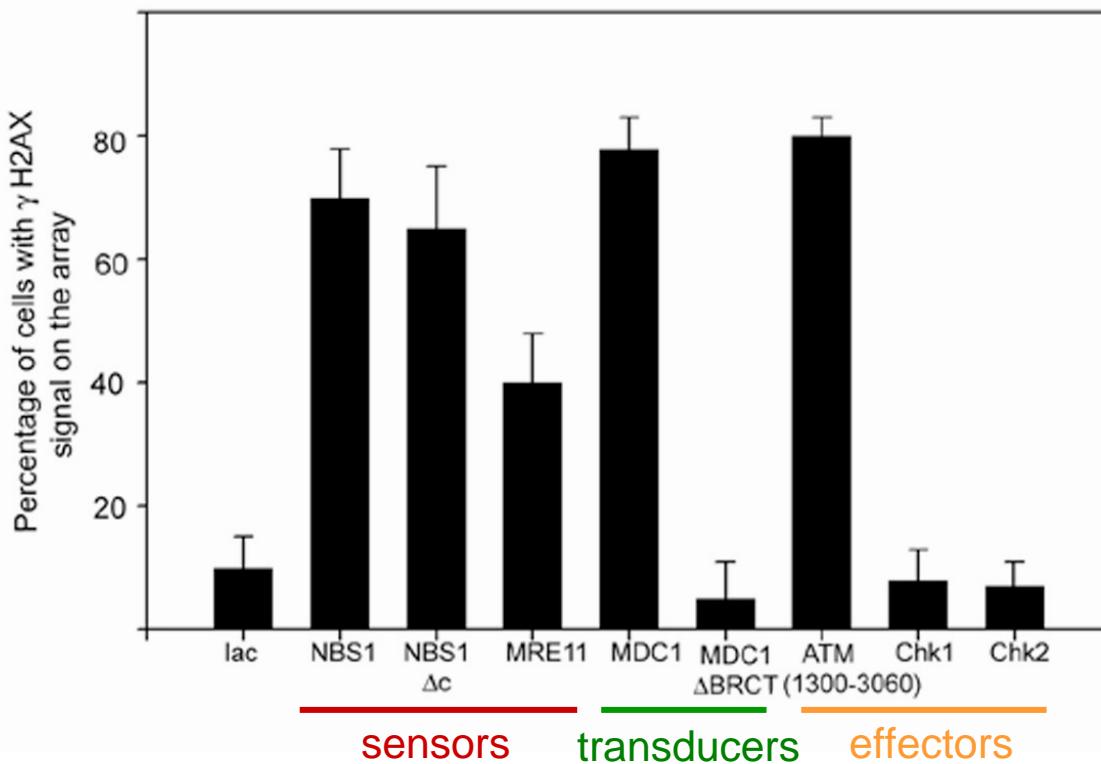
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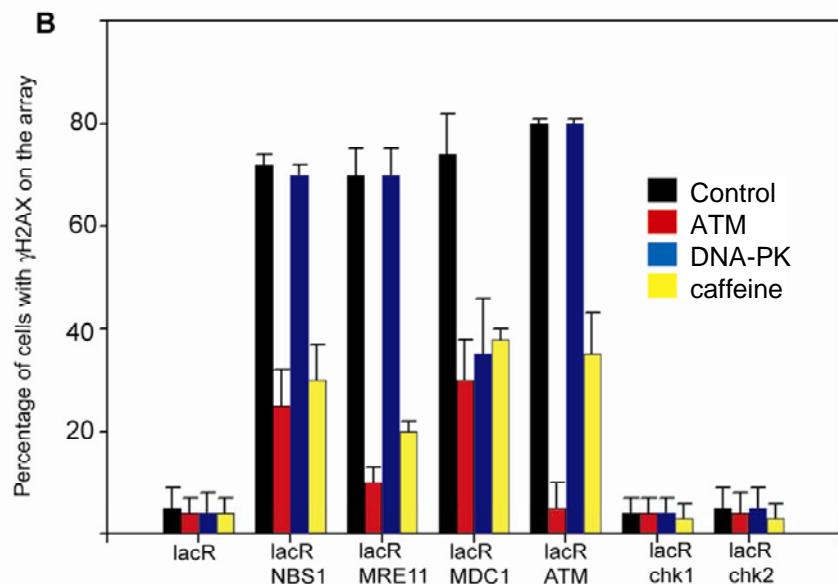
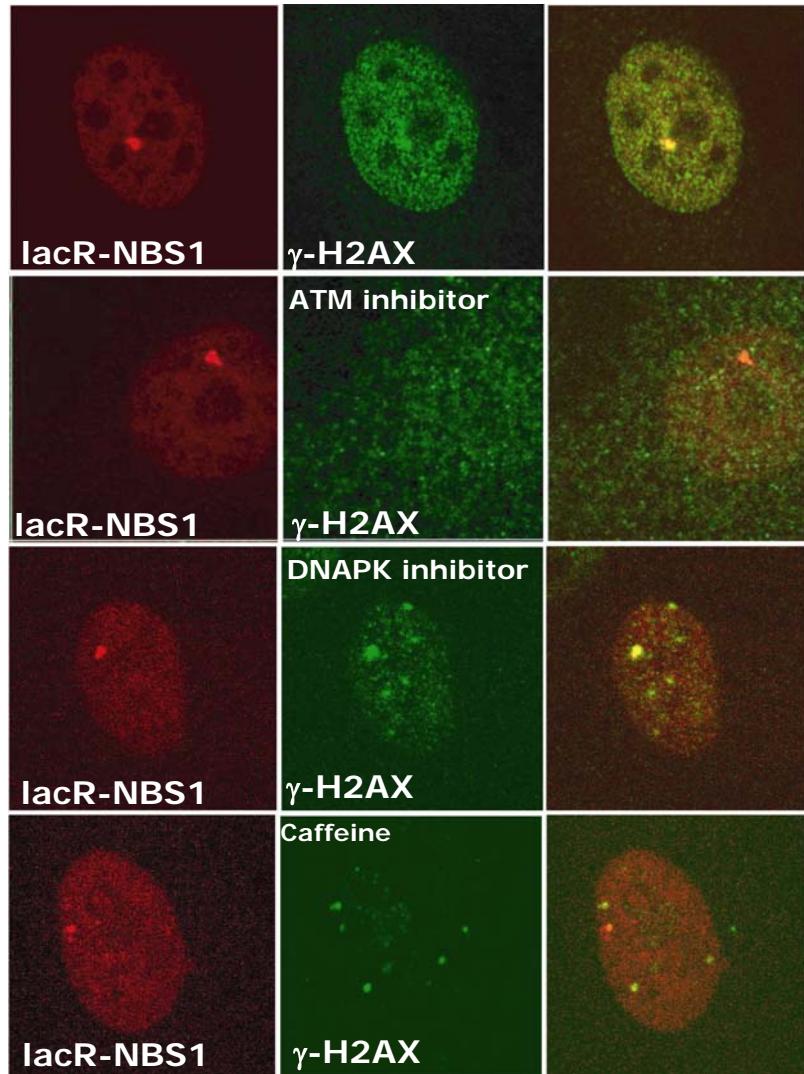
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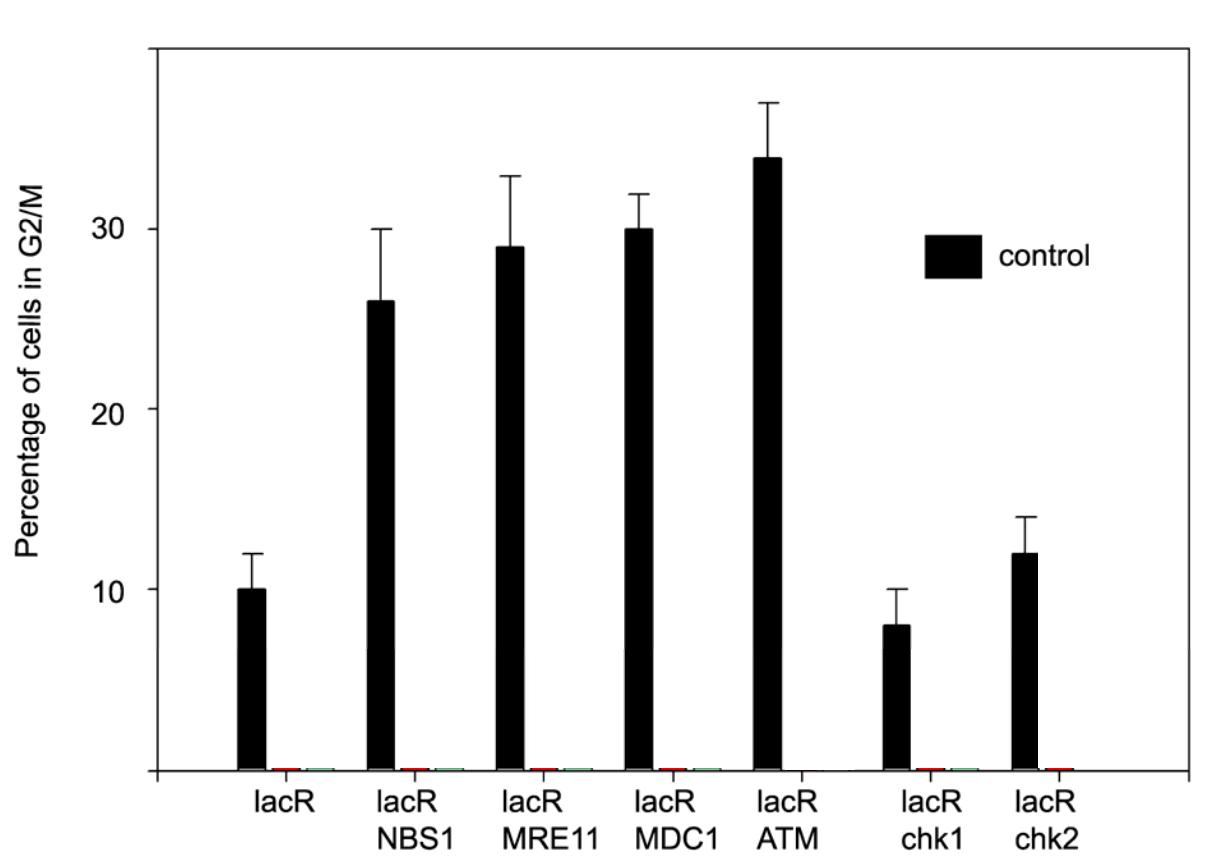
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DDR activation by tethering is ATM-dependent

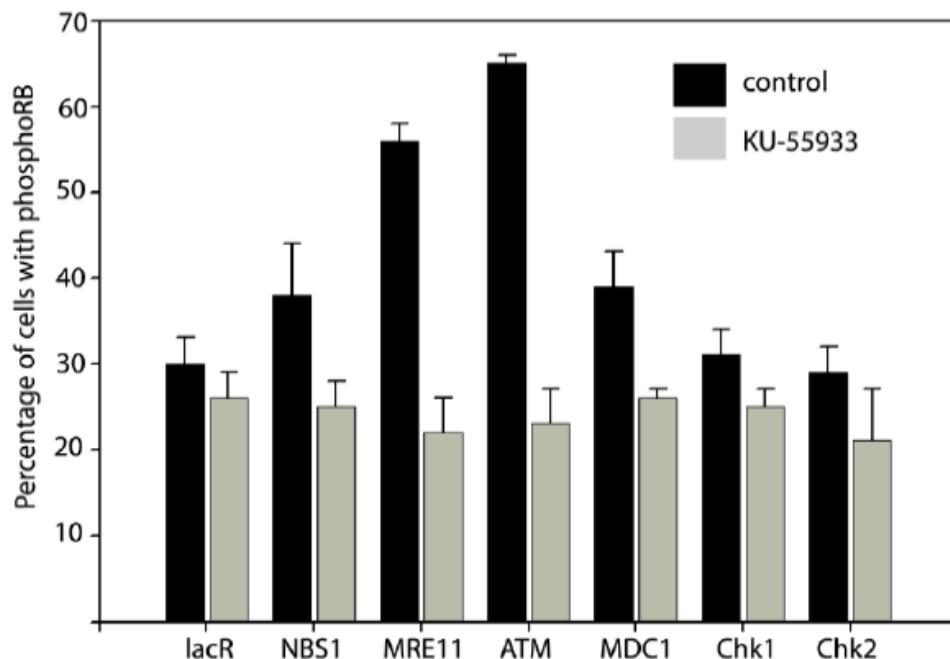


Repair factor tethering leads to cell-cycle delays



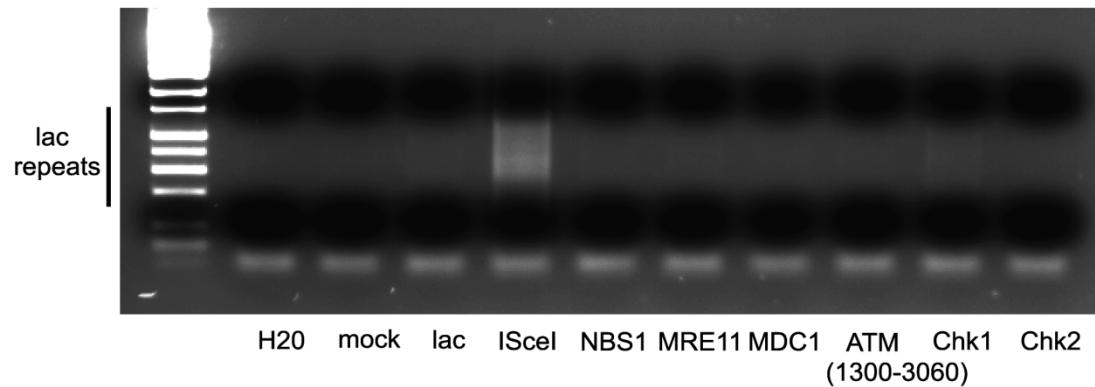
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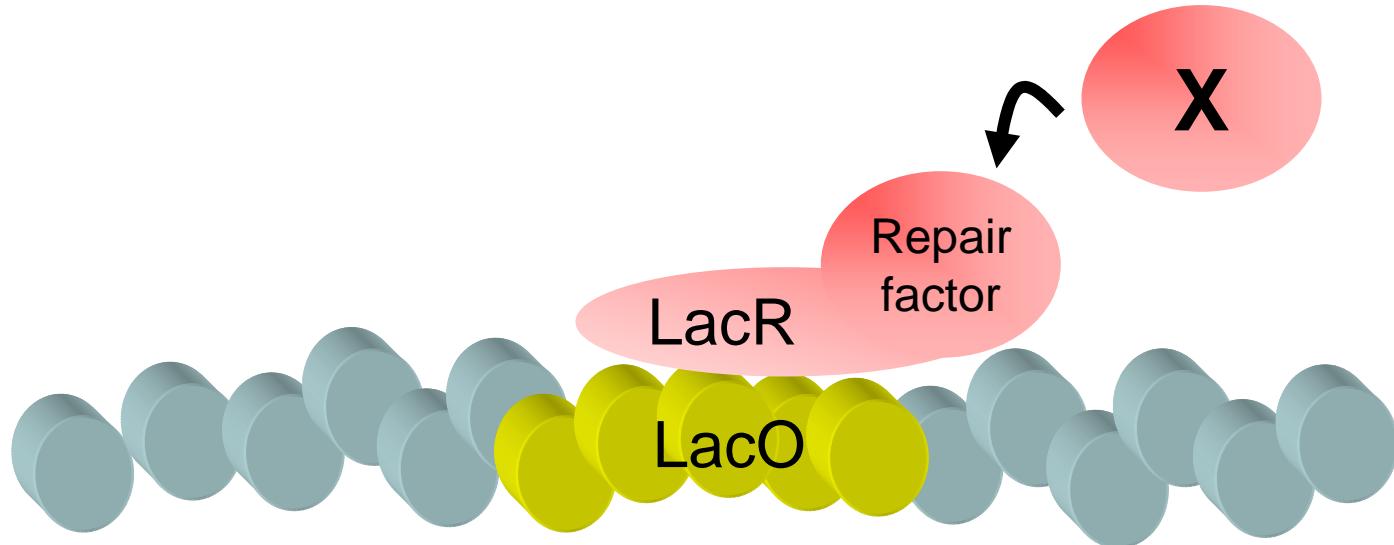
Activation of DDR does not require DNA lesions

Ligation-mediated PCR

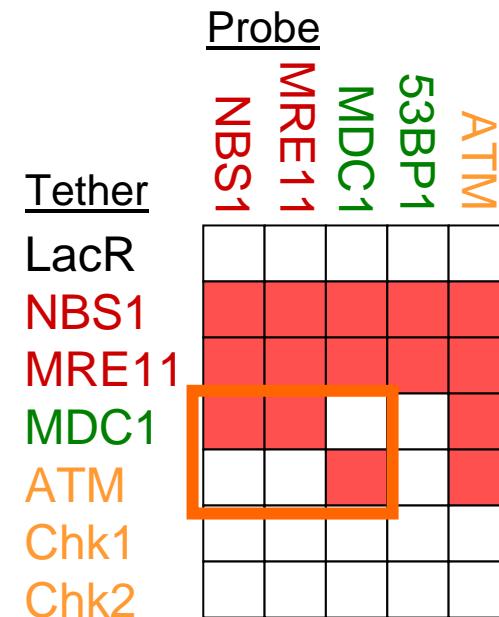
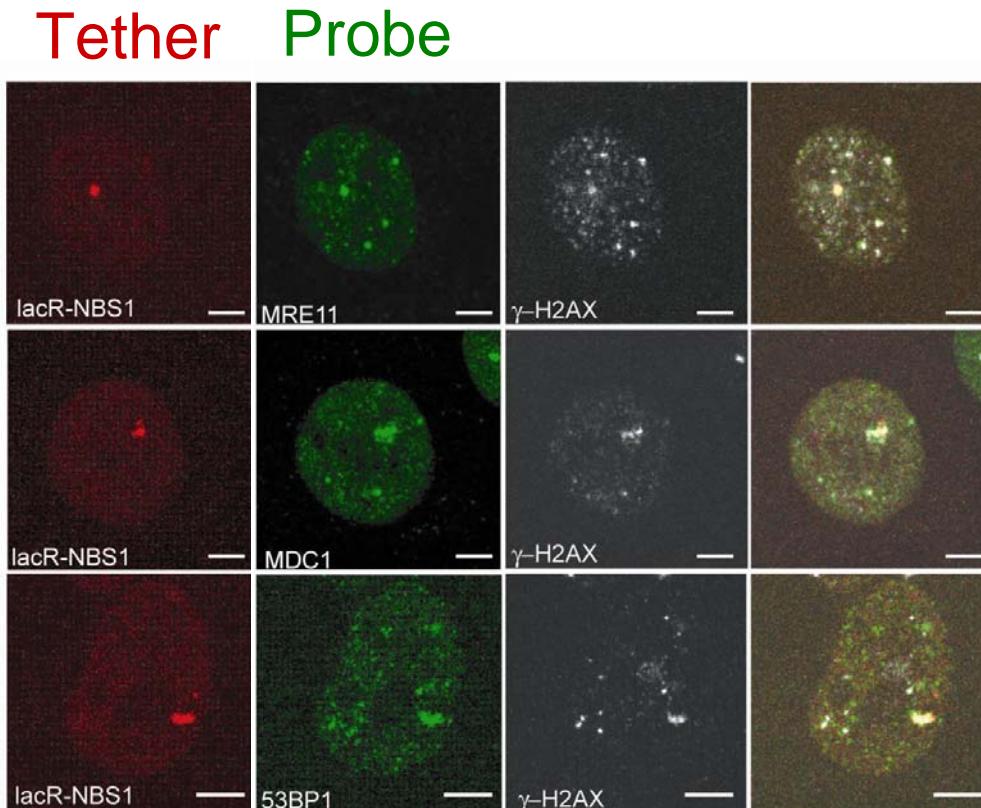


- DNA damage is not required to assemble the repair machinery
- DNA damage is not required to propagate/maintain DDR

Probing repair factor interplay



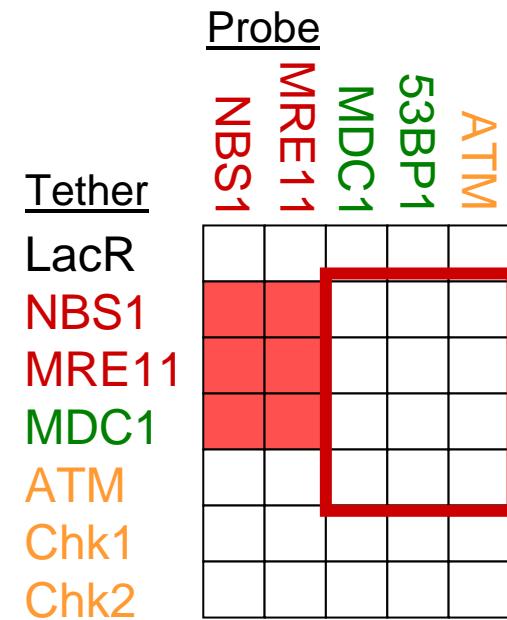
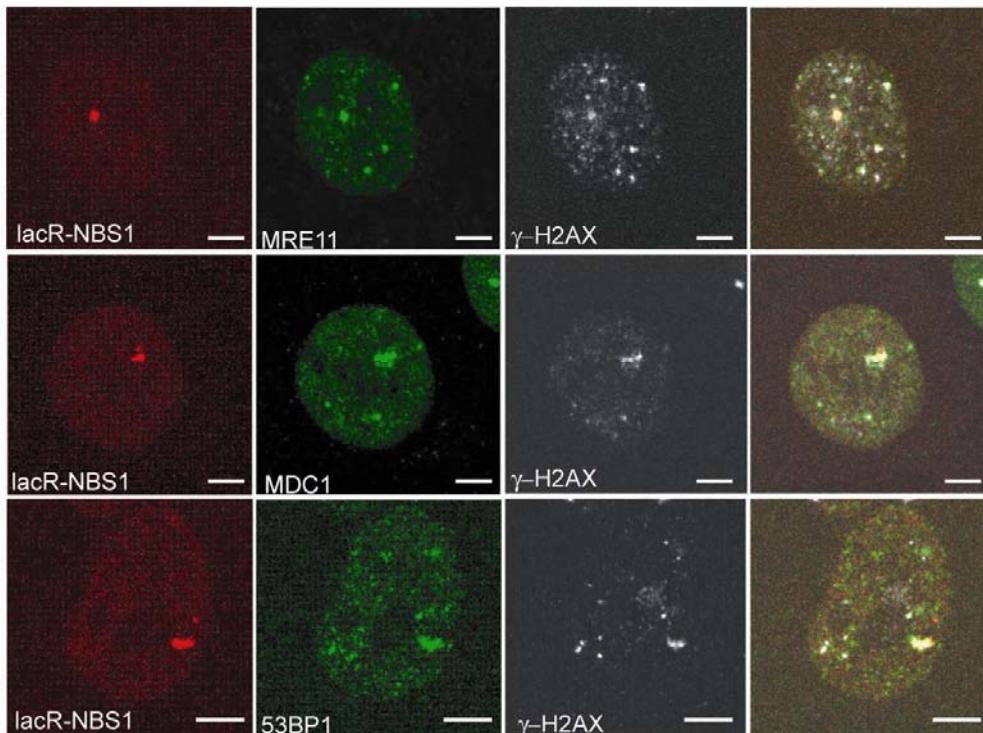
Interdependencies in repair factor recruitment



Downstream factors can recruit upstream components

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Tether Probe

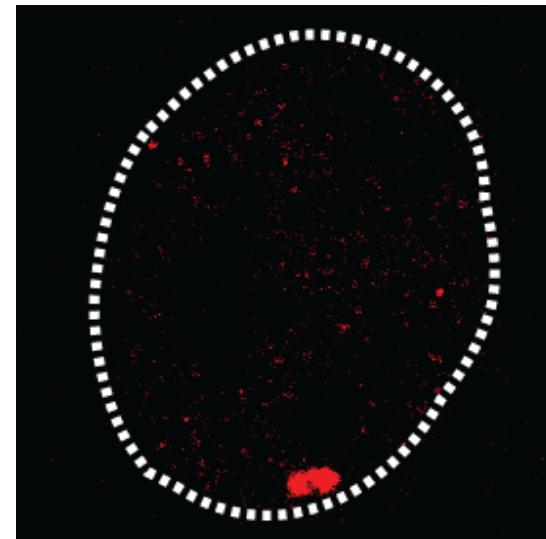
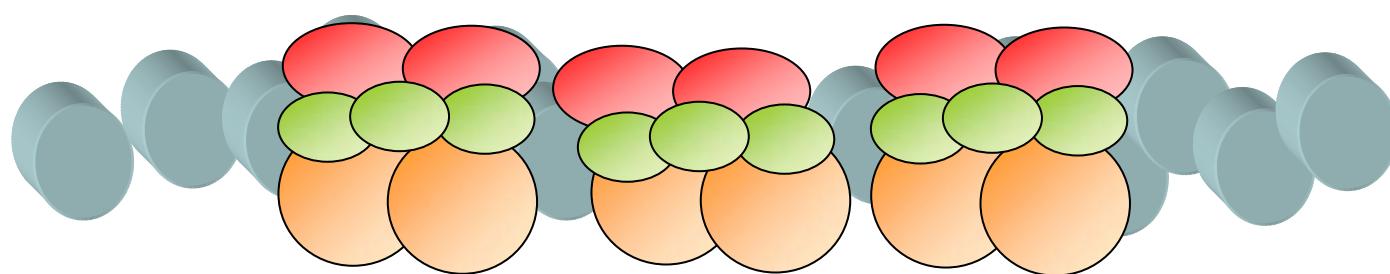


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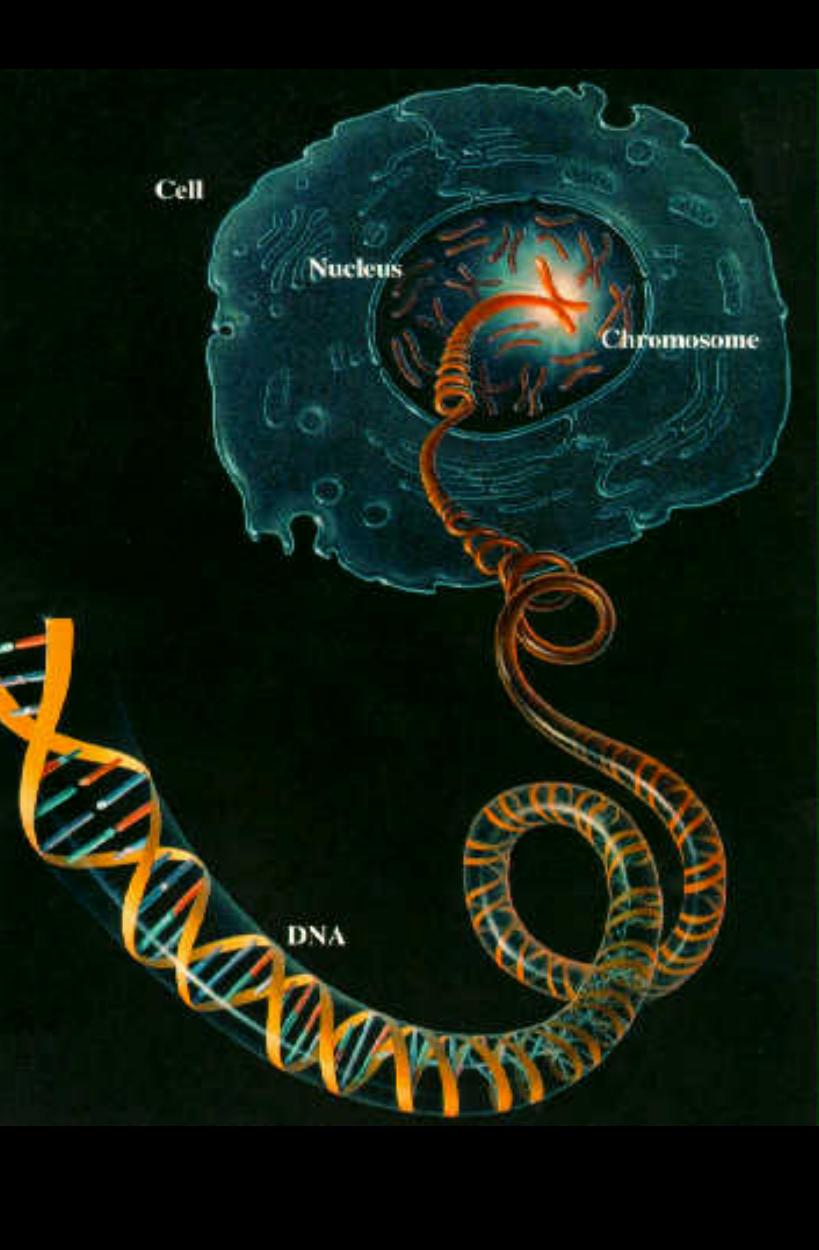
Downstream, but not upstream, recruitment events
are dependent on H2AX

Amplification and spreading of DDR via cyclical recruitment

**Amplification of DDR signal
Spreading of repair machinery**



Spatial genome organization and genome stability



Global genome organization

- Effect of non-random organization
 - Mechanisms of translocations

Local chromatin organization

- Assembly of the repair machinery
 - Role of chromatin in assembly
 - Effect of chromatin on repair signaling



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