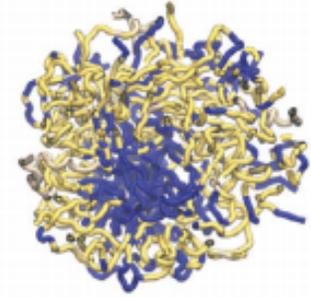


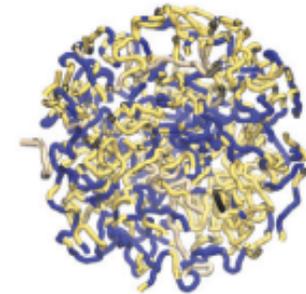
**Large-scale
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restrict malignant
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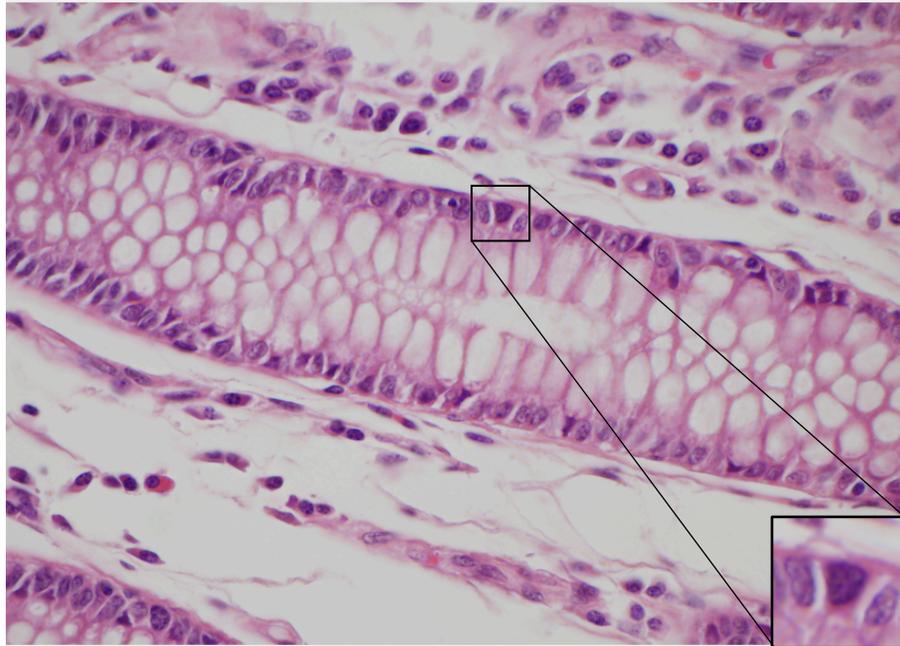
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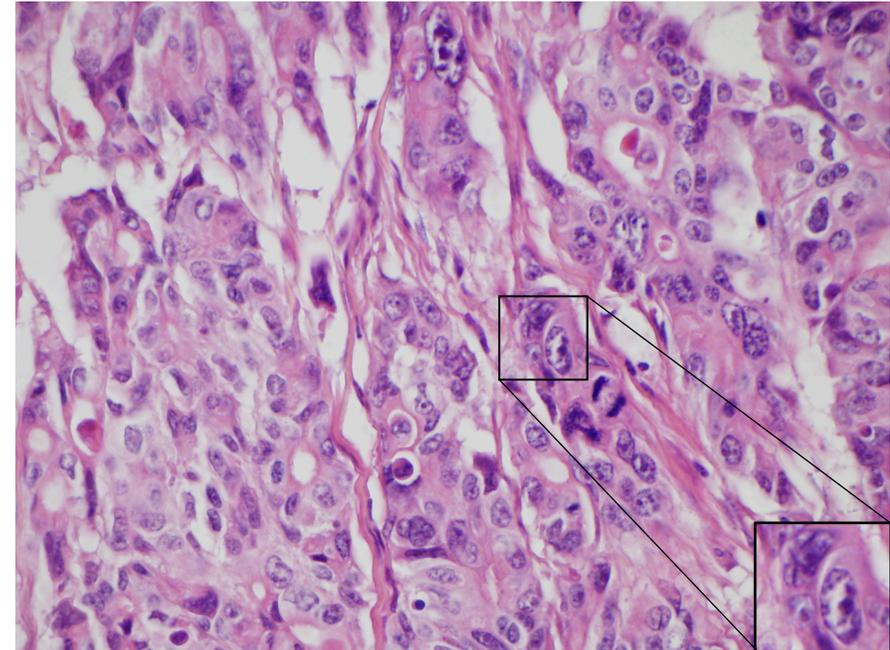


Size and shape of the nucleus are hallmarks of cancer cells

Normal colon tissue

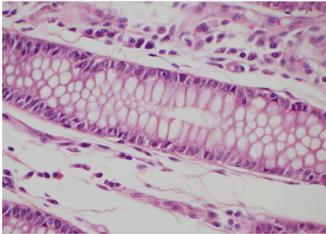
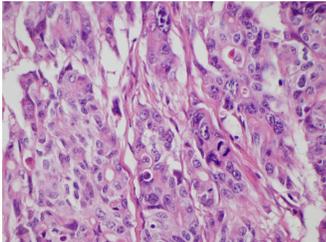
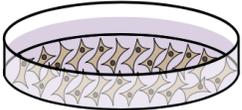


Colorectal cancer



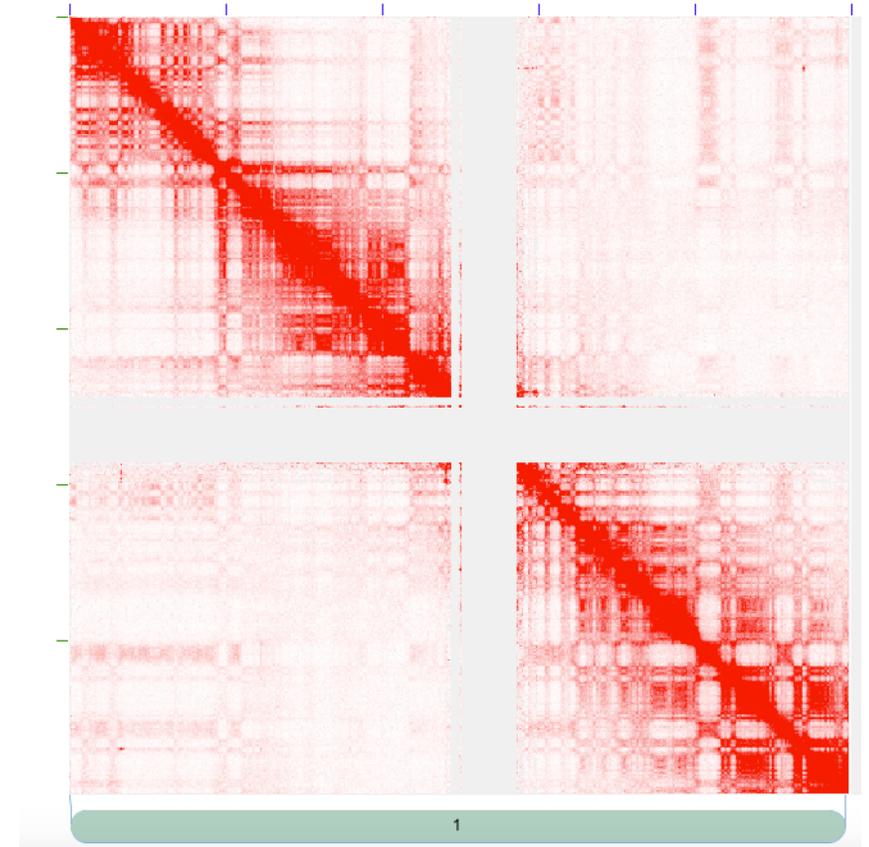
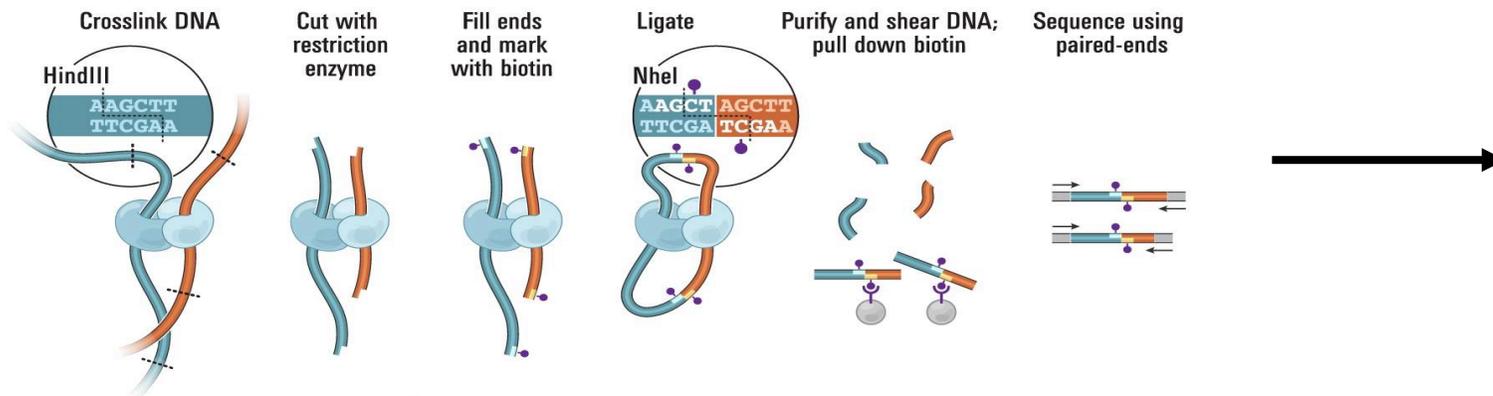
What are the molecular changes that occur in the 3D genome of cancer genomes?

Topological atlas of colorectal cancer genomes

# of NGS libraries	Hi-C	Hi-ChIP H3K27ac	DNAme	ChIP-seq (5 marks)	RNA-seq
Normal ($n = 7$) 	11	2	3	10	1
Tumor ($n = 26$) 	20	7	26	21	7
Cell lines ($n = 6$) 	20	0	19	1	14

175 libraries, > 28 billion reads

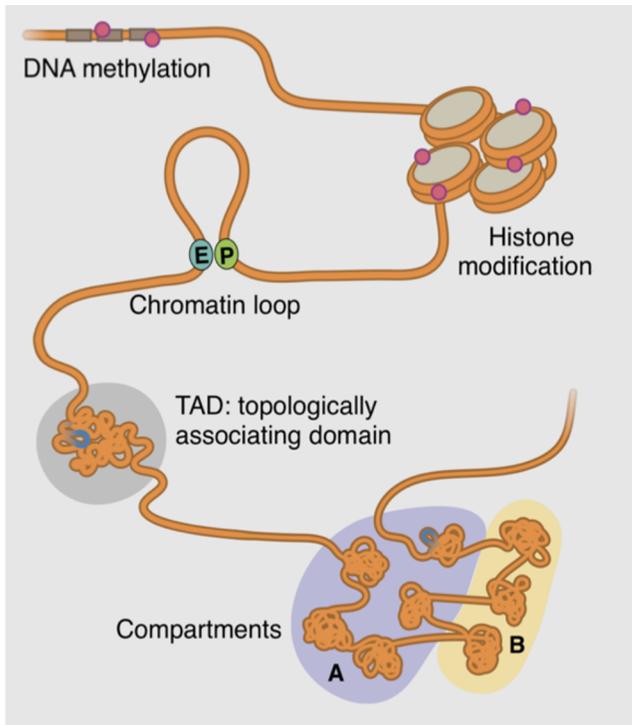
Hi-C data measures 3D interactions genome-wide



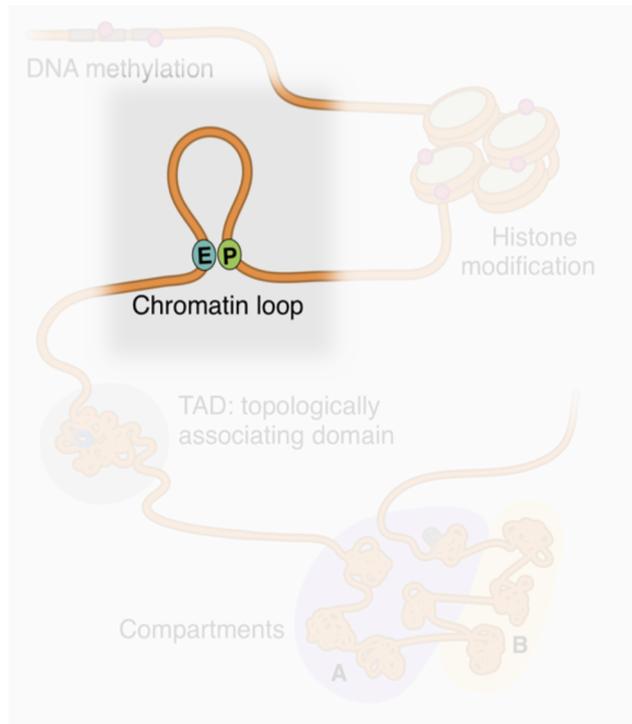
Hi-C: unbiased all-to-all interactions

HiChIP: interactions mediated by a DNA binding protein

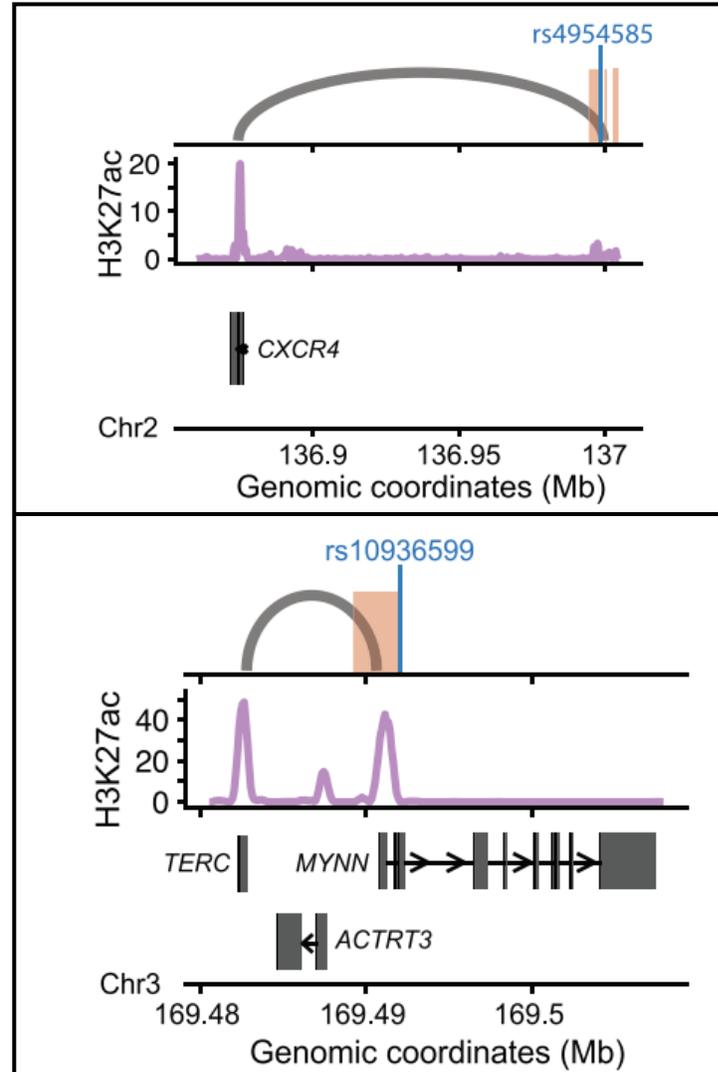
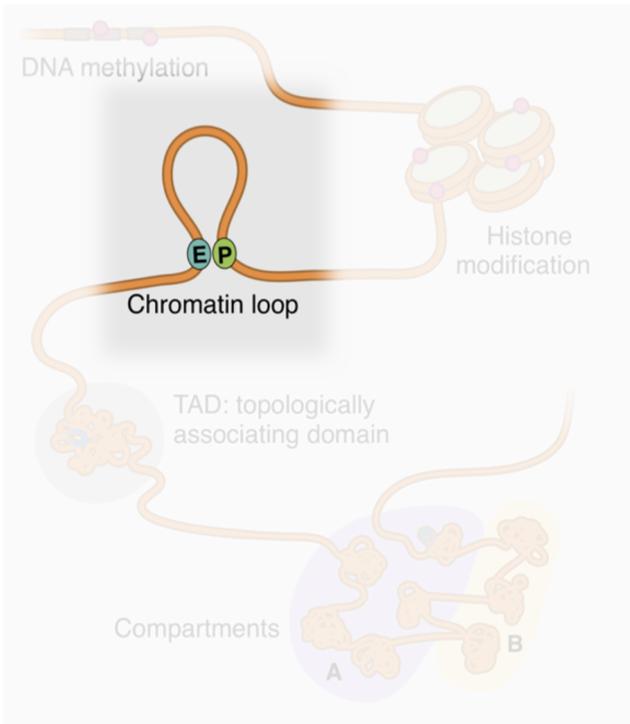
Chromatin is folded in a hierarchical structure



Chromatin loops are 2D distant genomic regions that are closeby in the 3D space

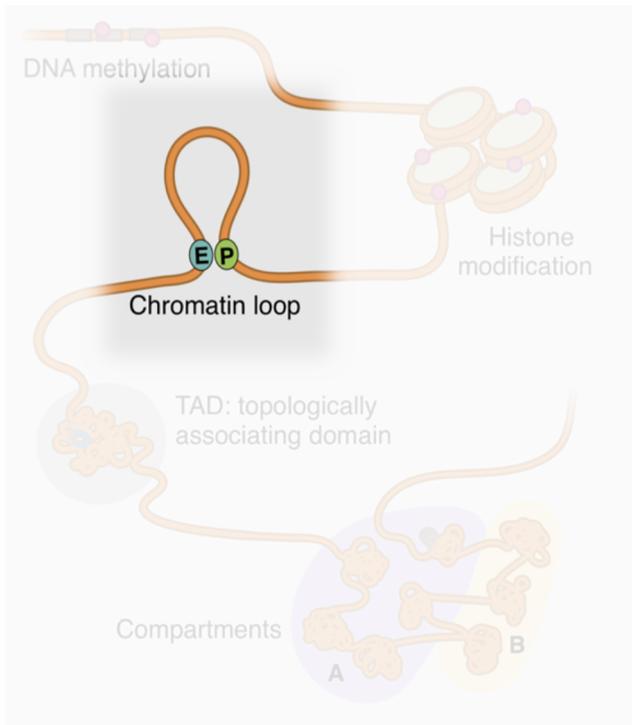


Chromatin loops can link SNPs to distal genes



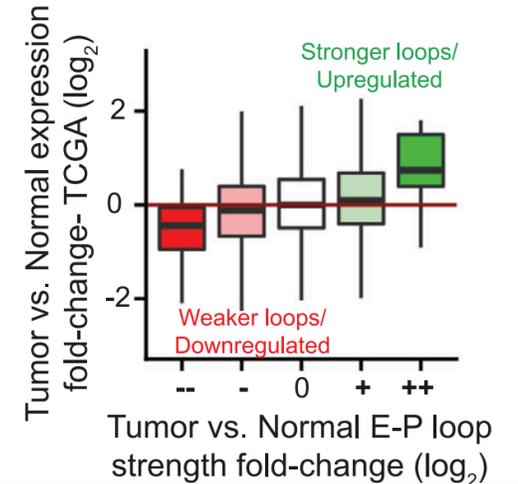
- Colorectal cancer GWAS SNPs are enriched among chromatin loop anchors ($p < 10^{-5}$).
- SNPs in close gene 3D proximity to dozens of genes.

Enhancer-promoter loops contribute to oncogenic programs



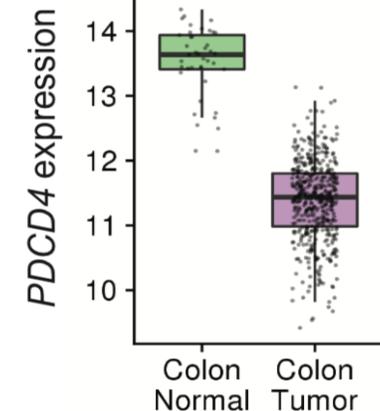
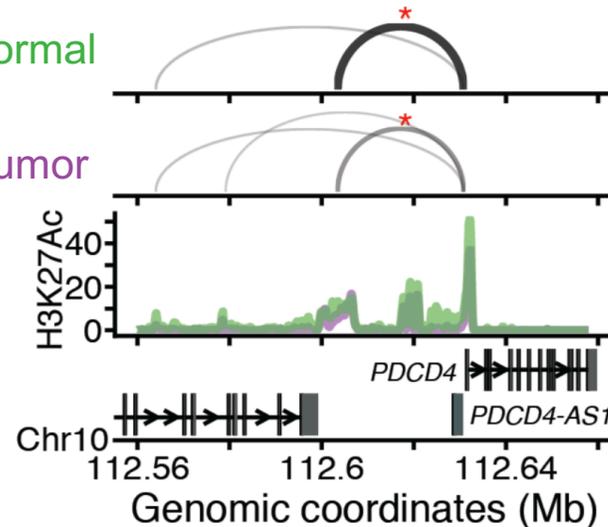
Identified 25,125 loops in HiChIP:

- 14,121 are E-P loops
- 571 are stronger in tumors
- 248 are weaker in tumors

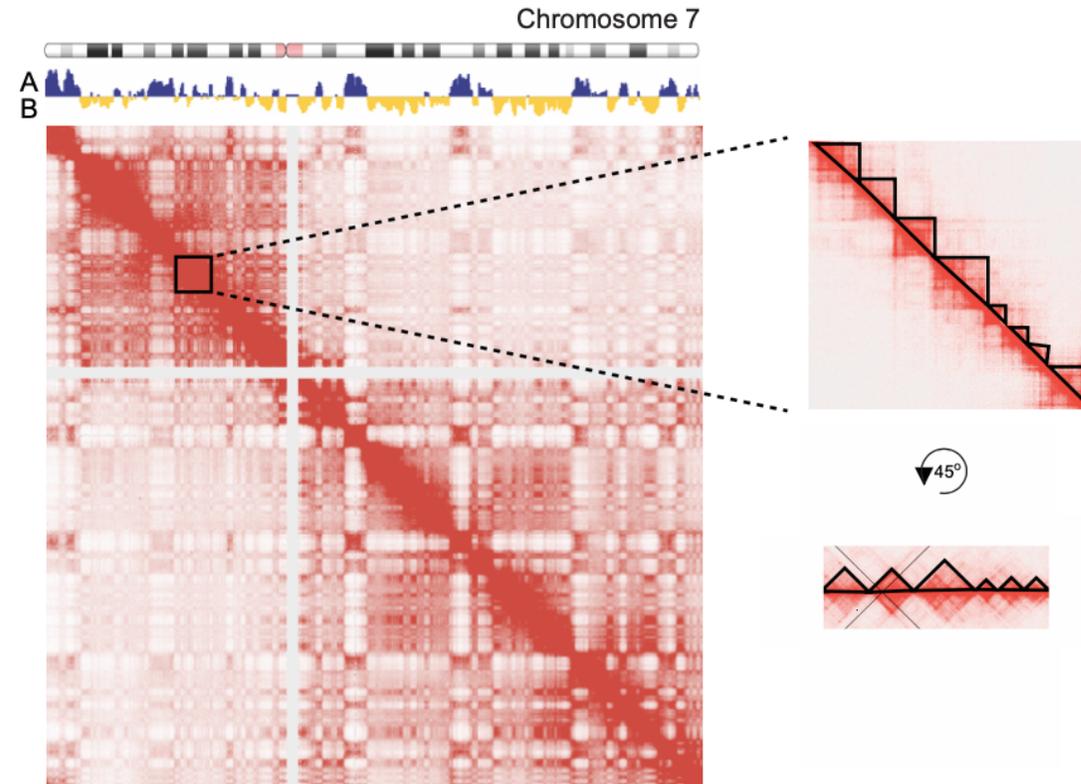
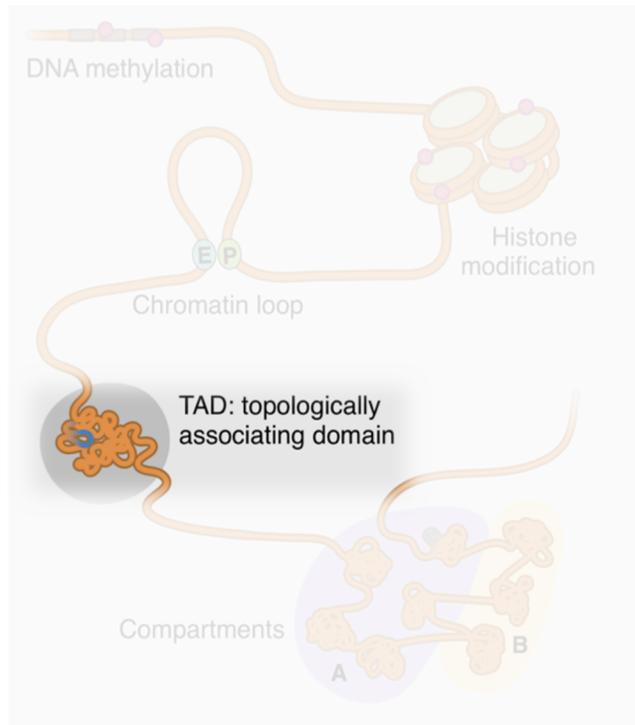


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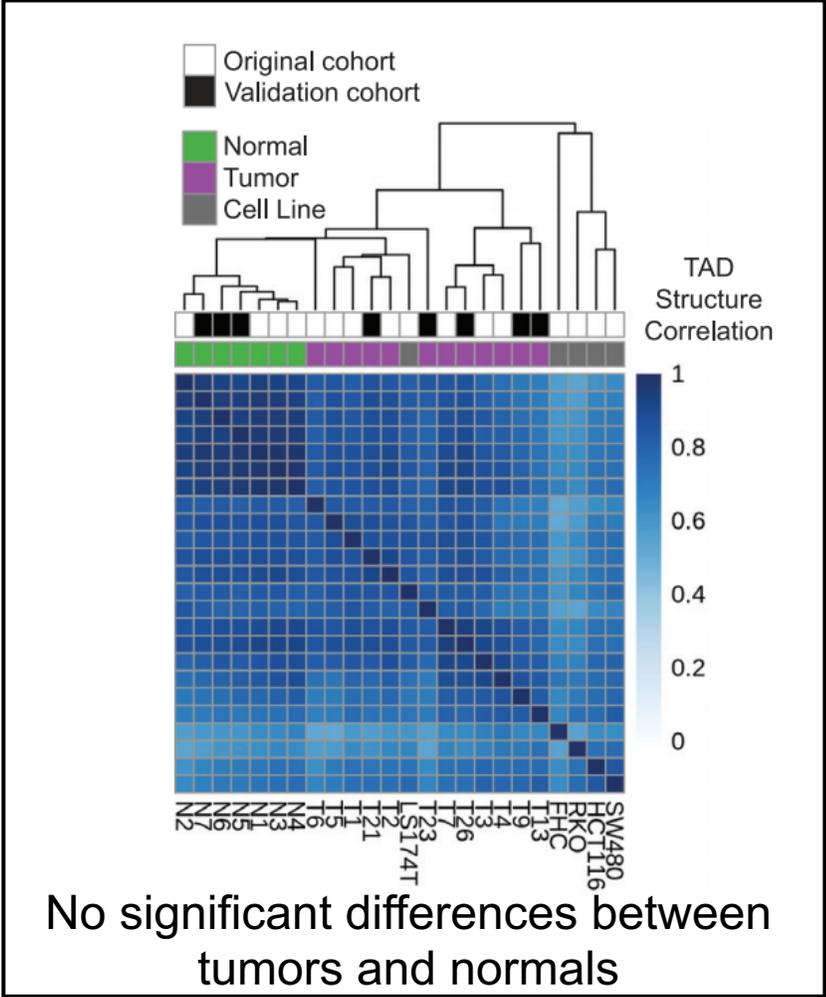
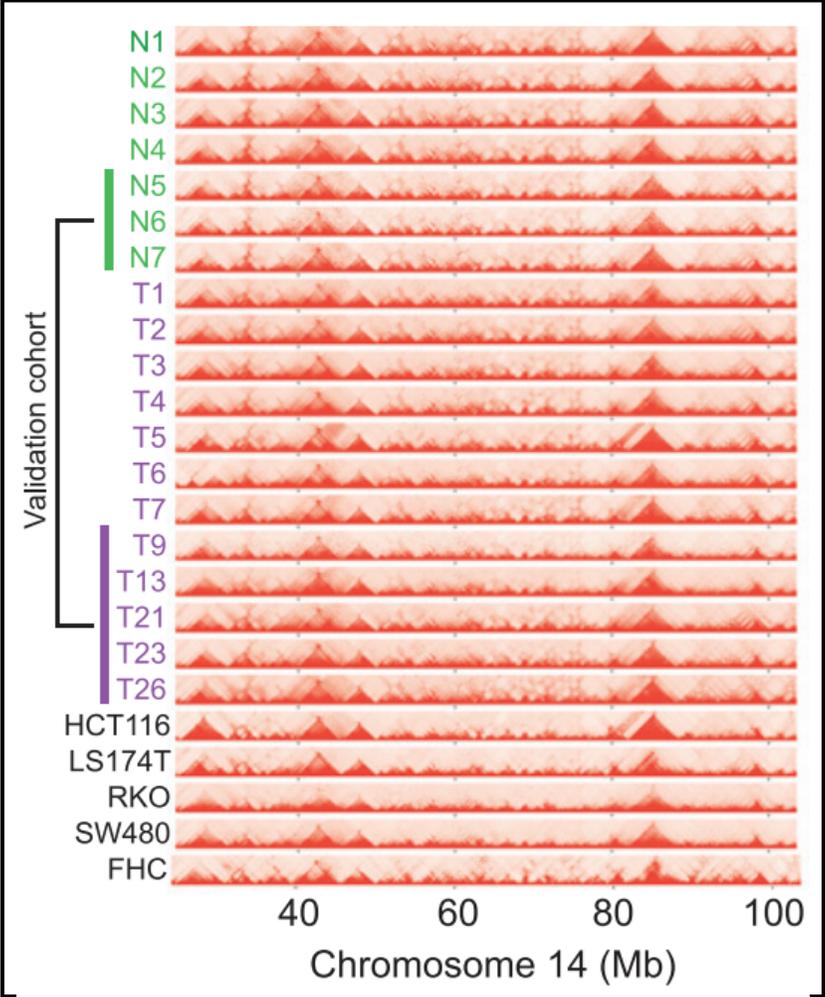
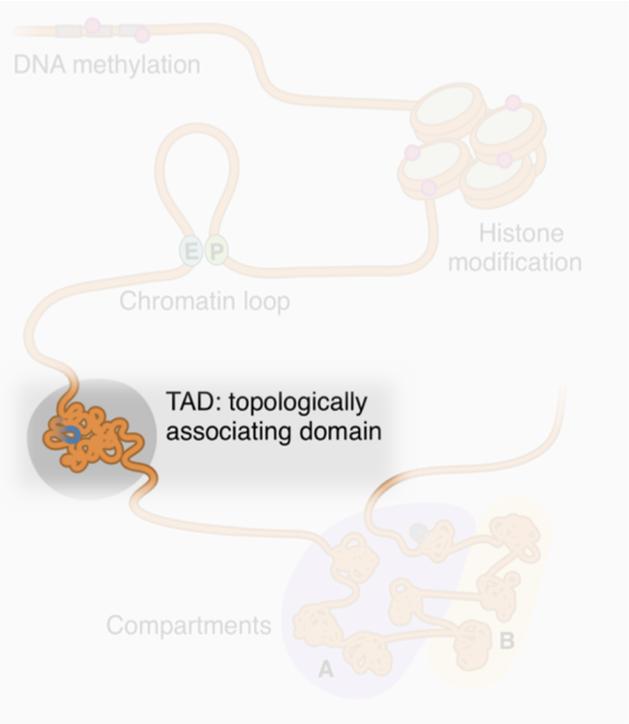
Tumor



Topologically associating domains



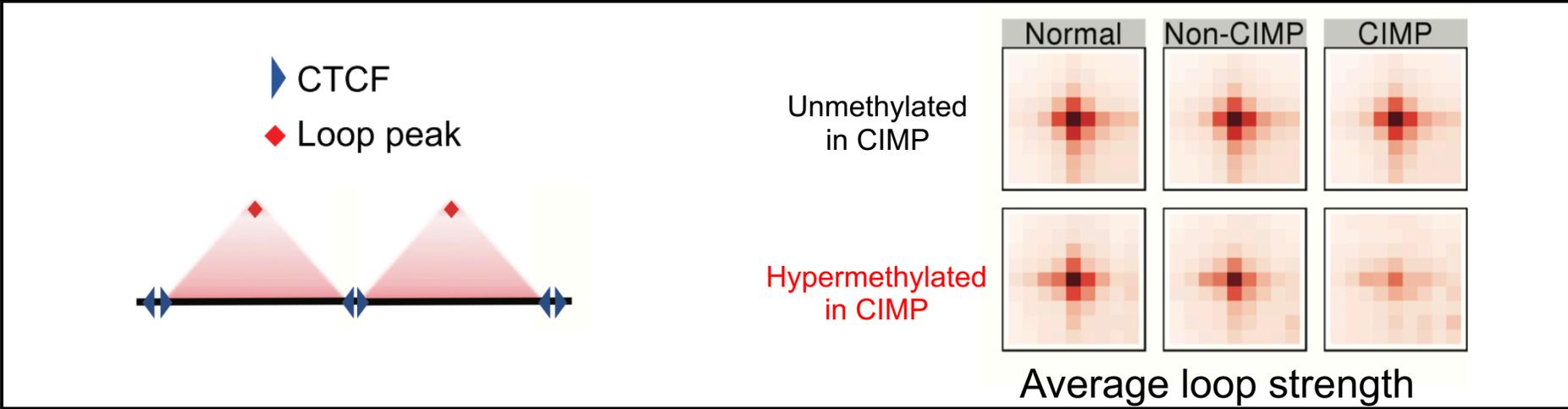
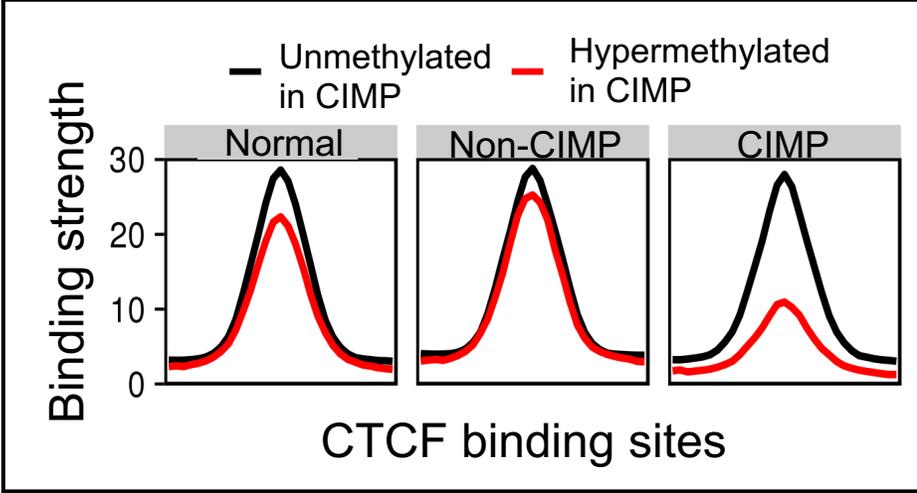
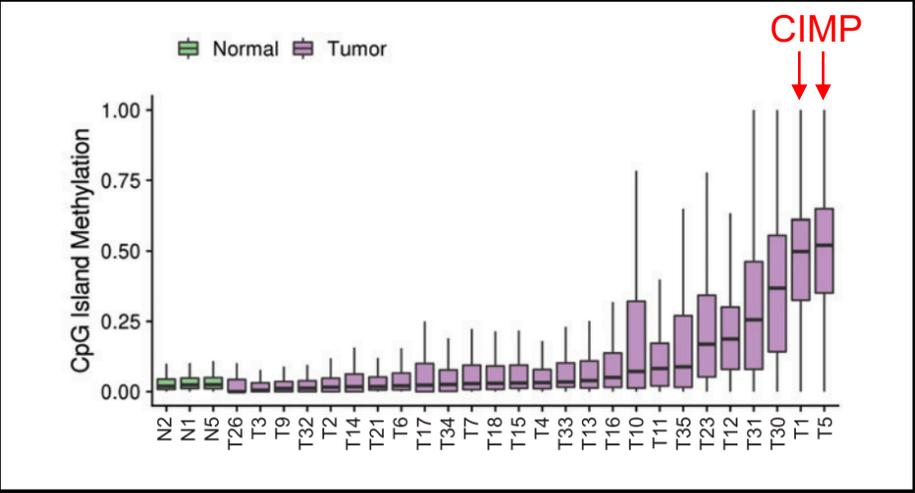
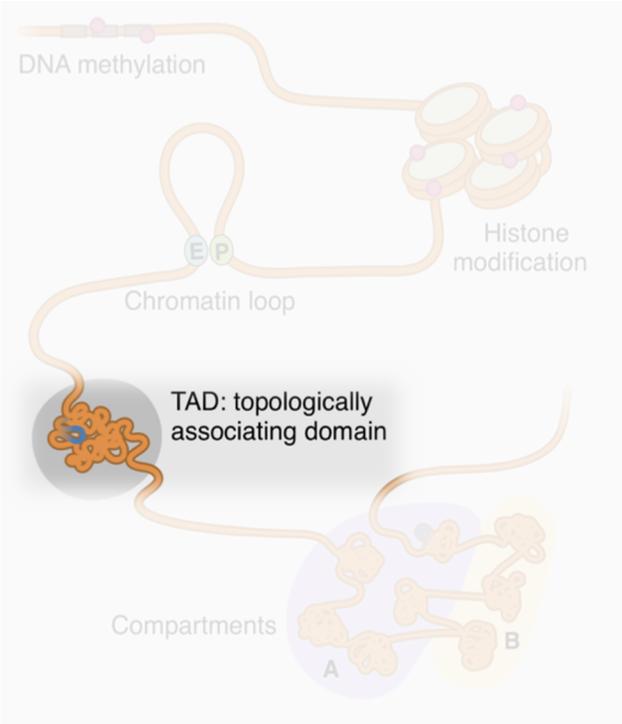
Topologically associating domains are largely stable in tumors



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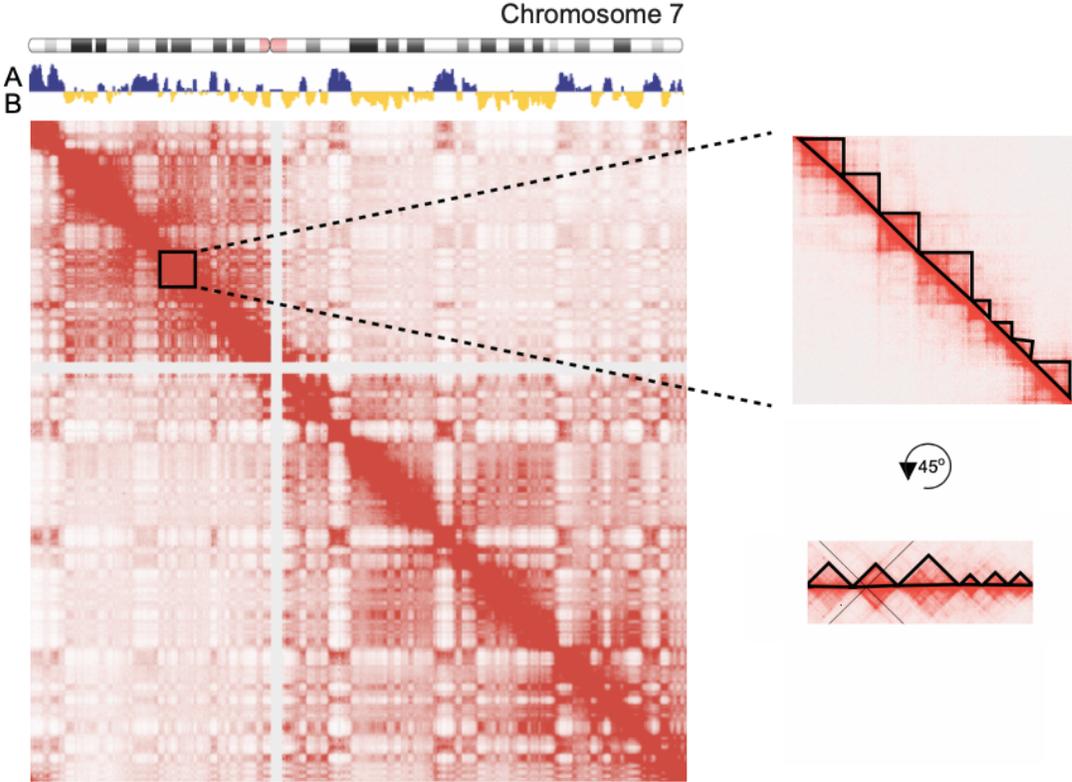
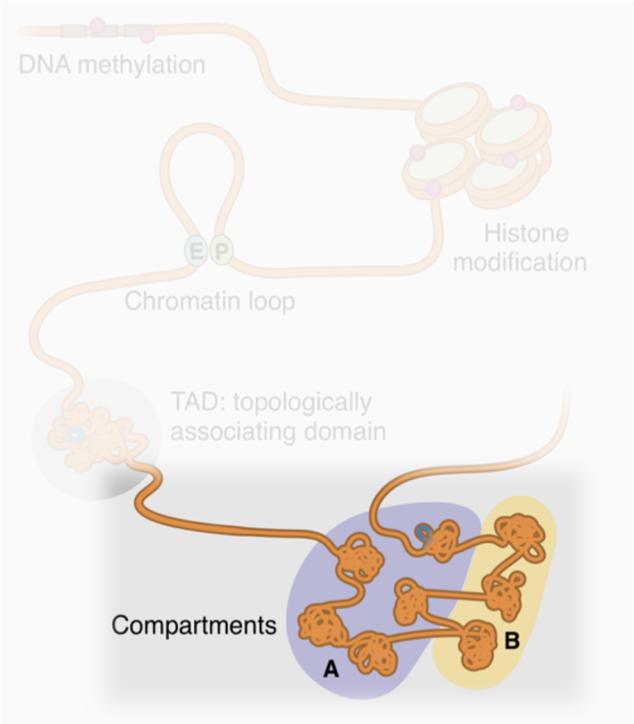
Topologically associating domains are largely stable, except for CIMP tumors

CIMP: CpG island methylator phenotype



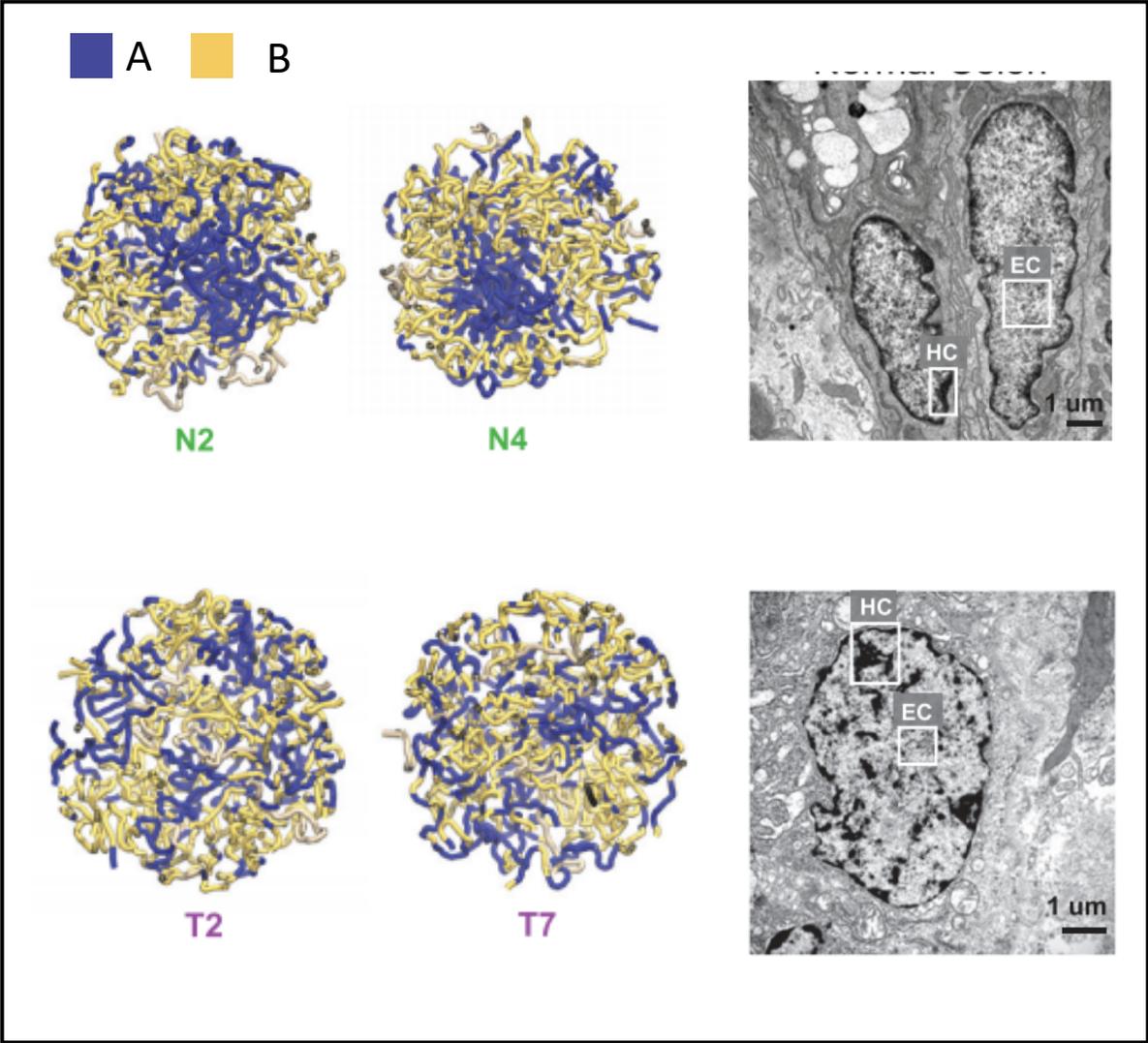
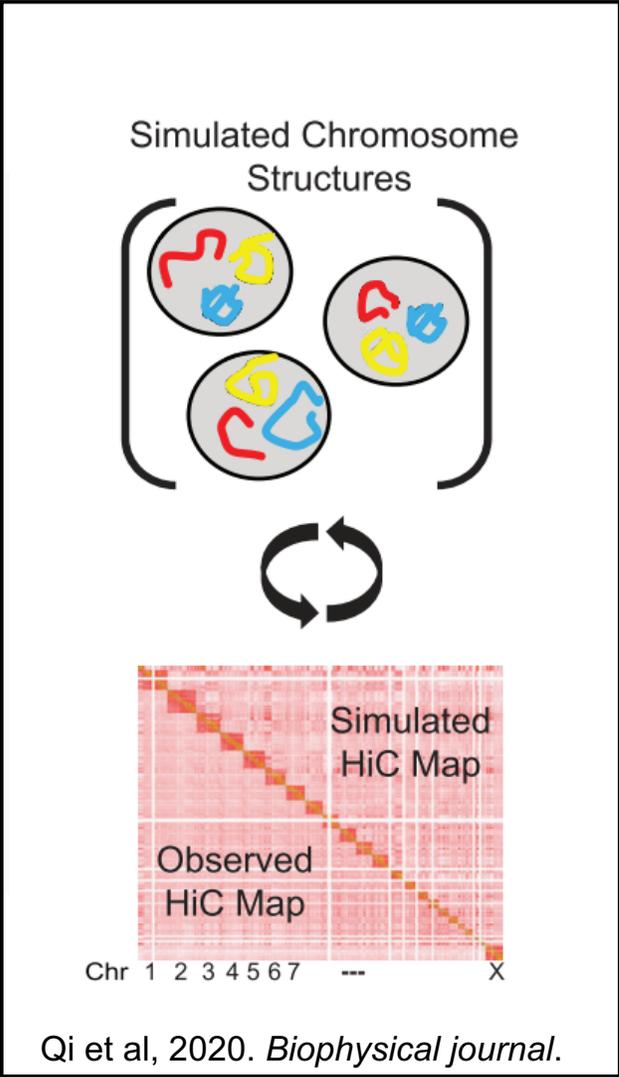
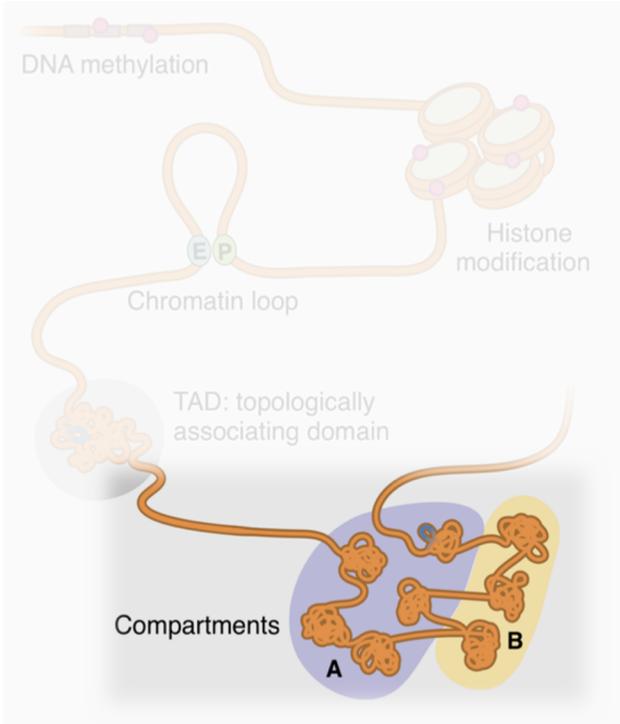
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Chromatin compartments



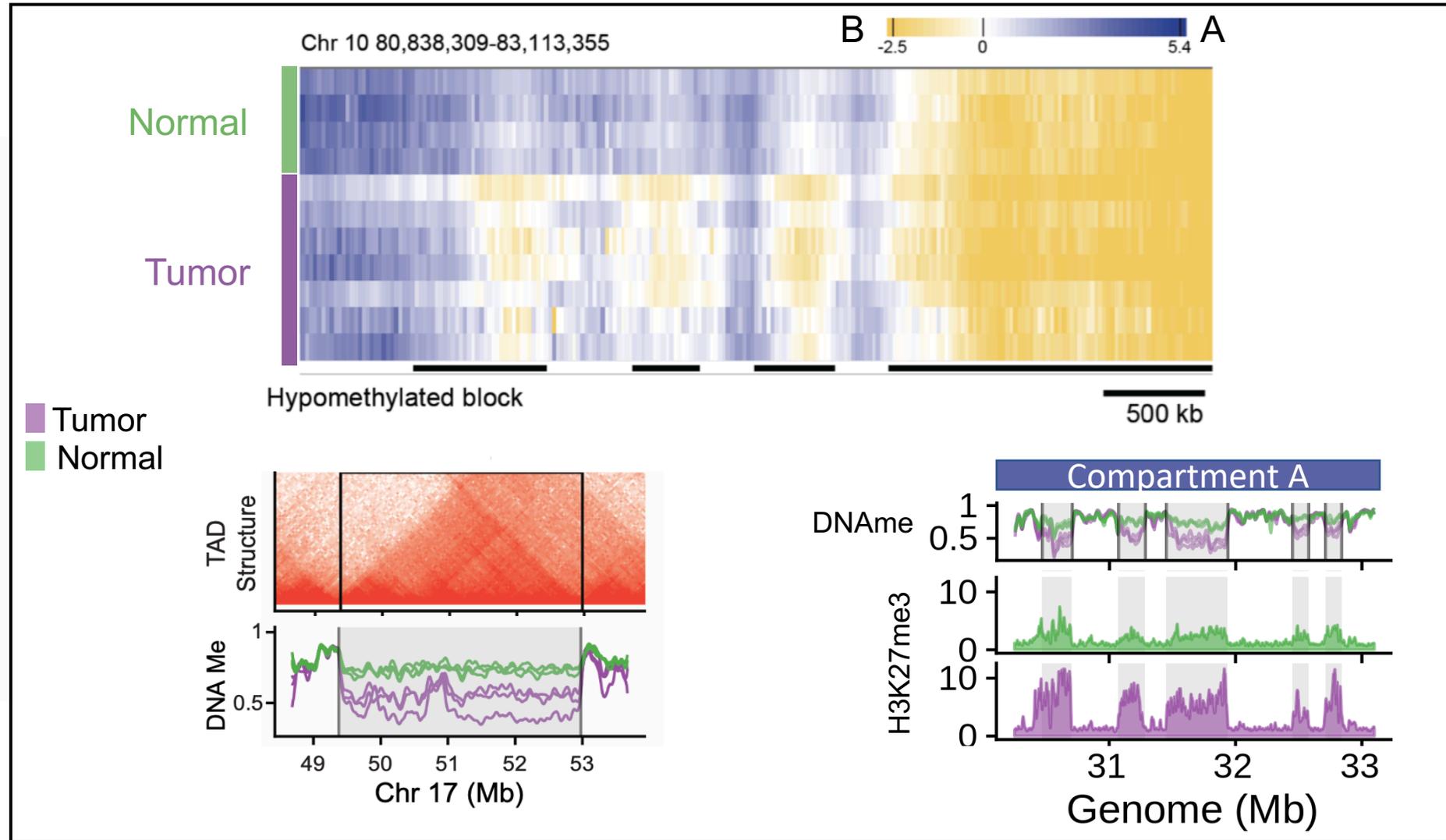
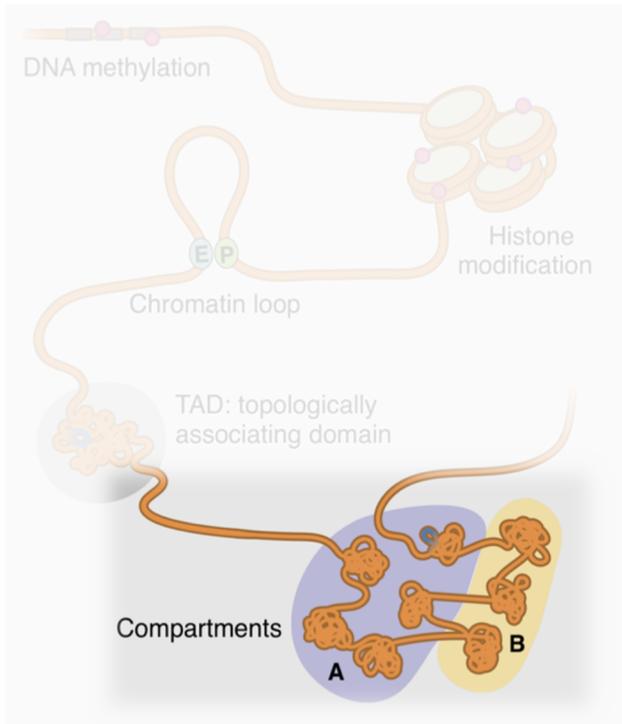
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Peripheral localization of compartments is disrupted in tumours

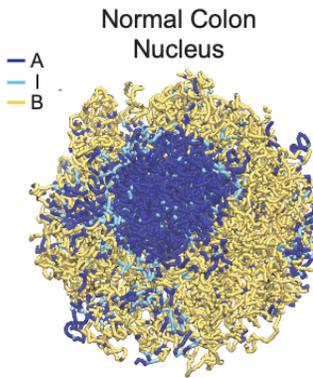
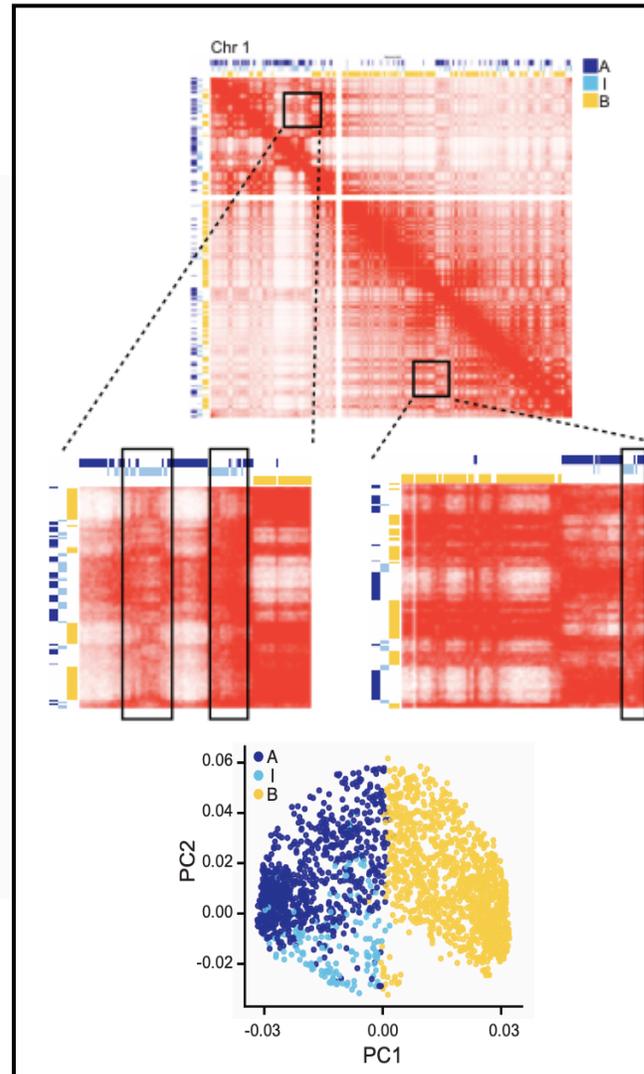
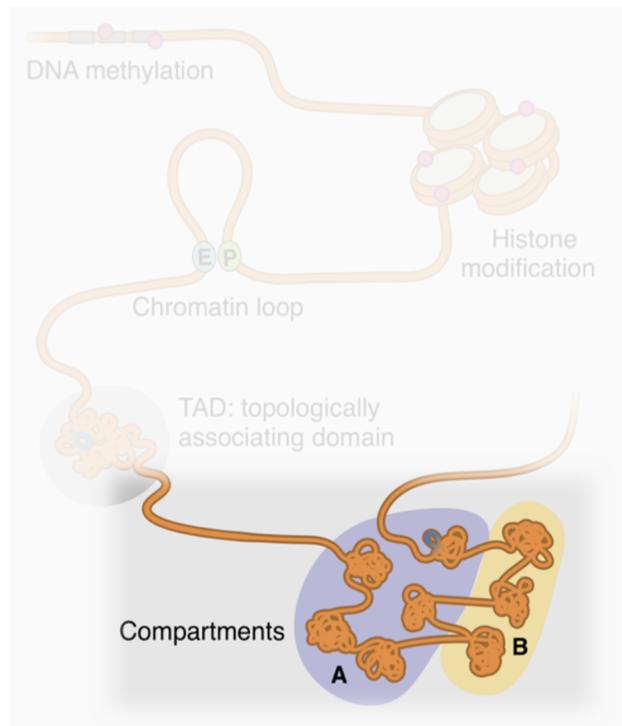


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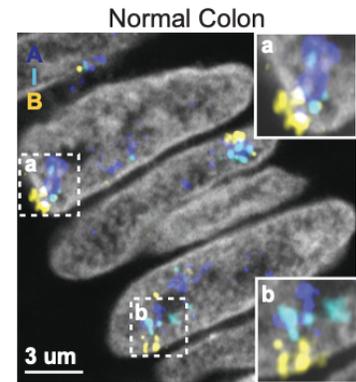
Hypomethylated A TADs change their interaction preferences towards B



HiC interaction revealed a novel compartment with intermediate properties



Polymer model



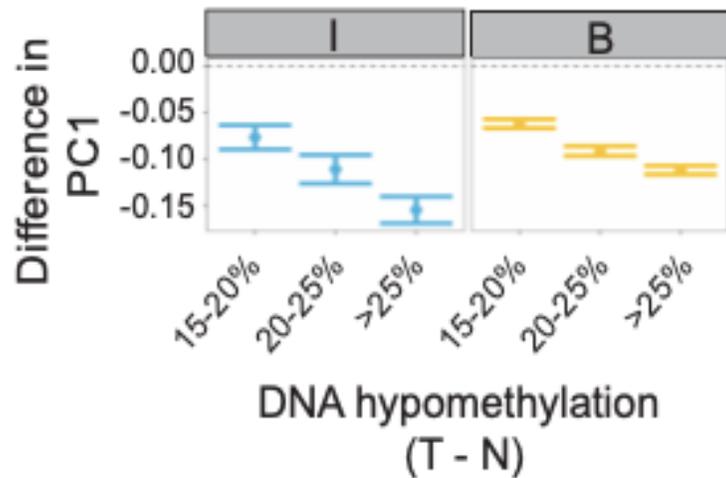
Oligopainting

Compartment I:

- Intermediate interactions with A and B,
- Intermediate gene activity and gene density
- Intermediate nuclear peripheral positioning
- Marked by H3K27me3
- Hypomethylated in tumors
- Changing towards B in tumors

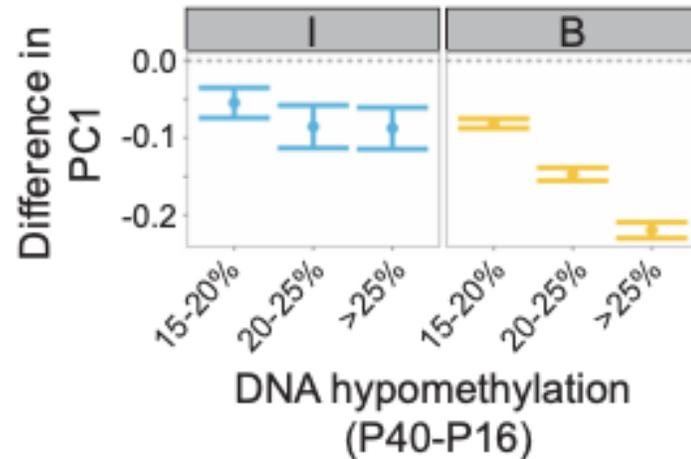
Topological changes in tumour mirror features of accumulated cell divisions

Primary tissue:
Tumor vs Normal



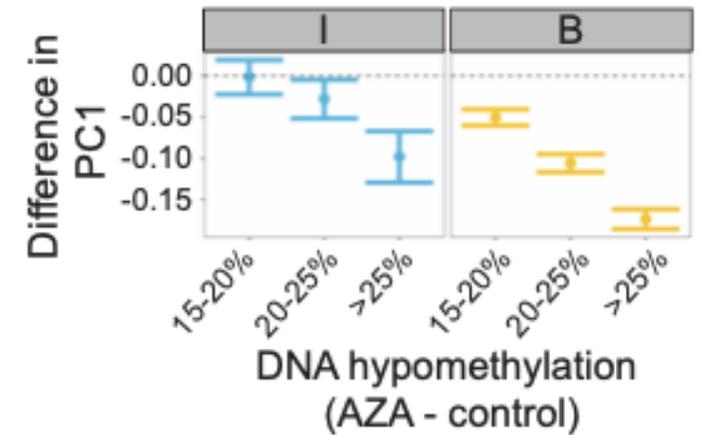
Tumor changes in methylation and genome compartments

Wi38 cells:
passage 40 vs passage 16



Same pattern in cells with accumulated cell divisions

HCT116 cells:
5AZA vs DMSO

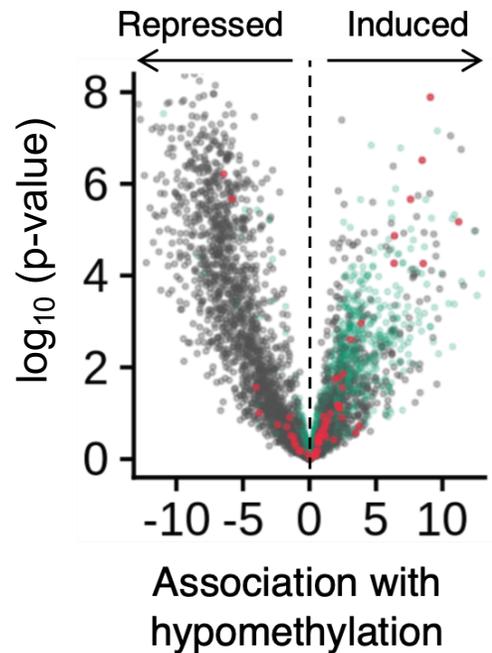


DNA methylation is likely causal of 3D genome changes

Topological changes induce gene expression programs that restrict tumour progression

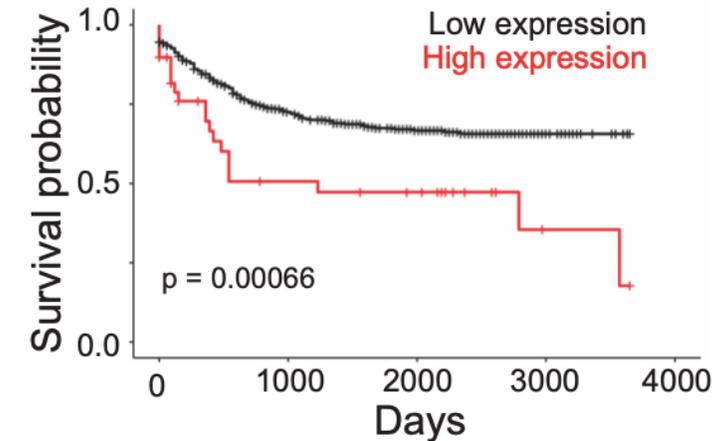
TCGA data: hypomethylation as surrogate of topological changes

Metastasis
EMT



Cancer germline antigens
ERV1 repeats

Score built on genes downregulated with hypomethylation



Reproduced in two independent survival datasets.

Conclusions

- Enhancer-promoter loops contribute to rewiring of oncogenic expression program.
- TADs are largely stable except for boundaries that are hypermethylated in CIMP tumors.
- Compartments structure changes in association with hypomethylation to induce tumor-suppressing gene expression programs.

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