Structure determination of genomes and genomic domains by satisfaction of spatial restraints

- Model assessment
- Mycoplasma 3D models

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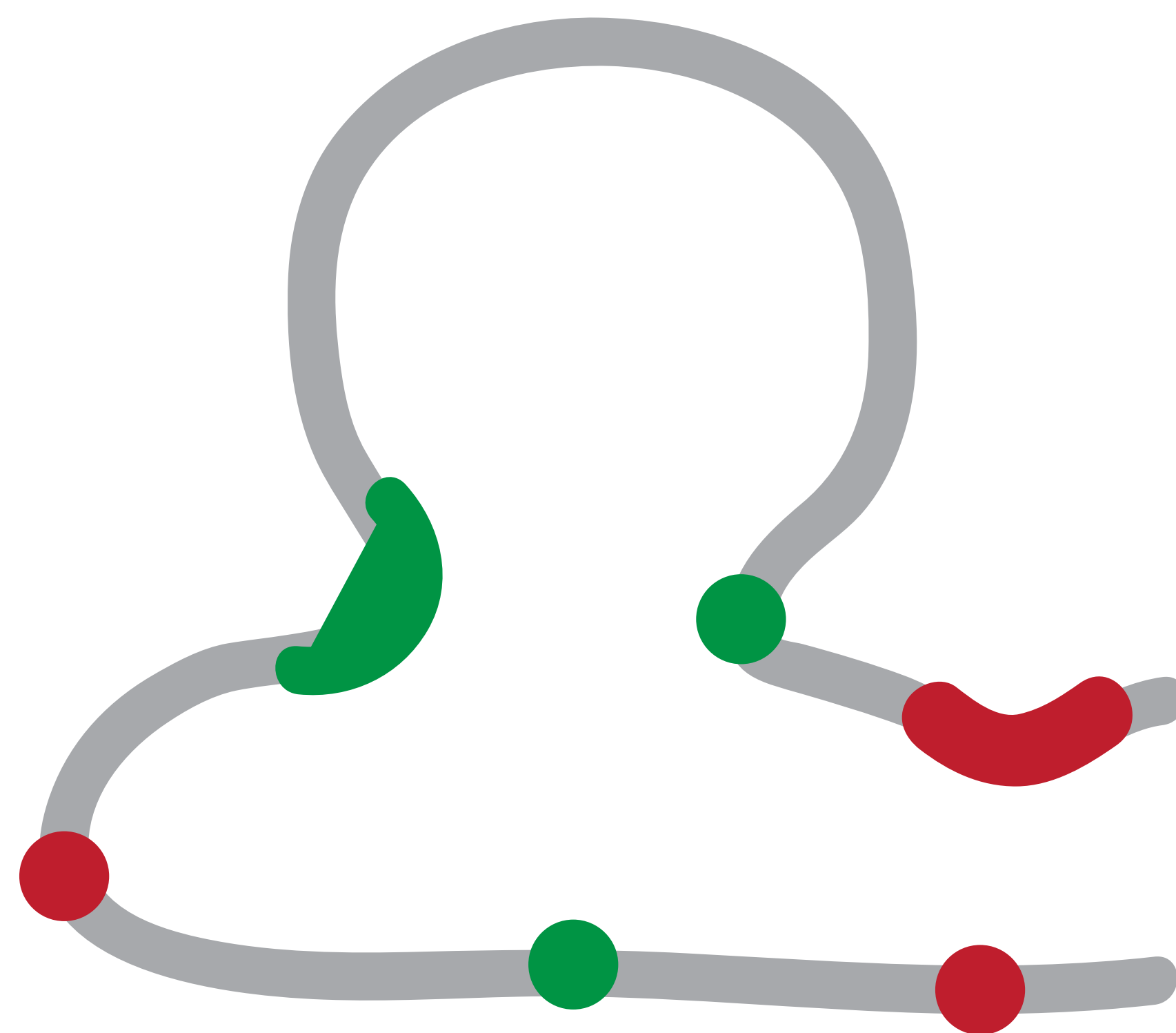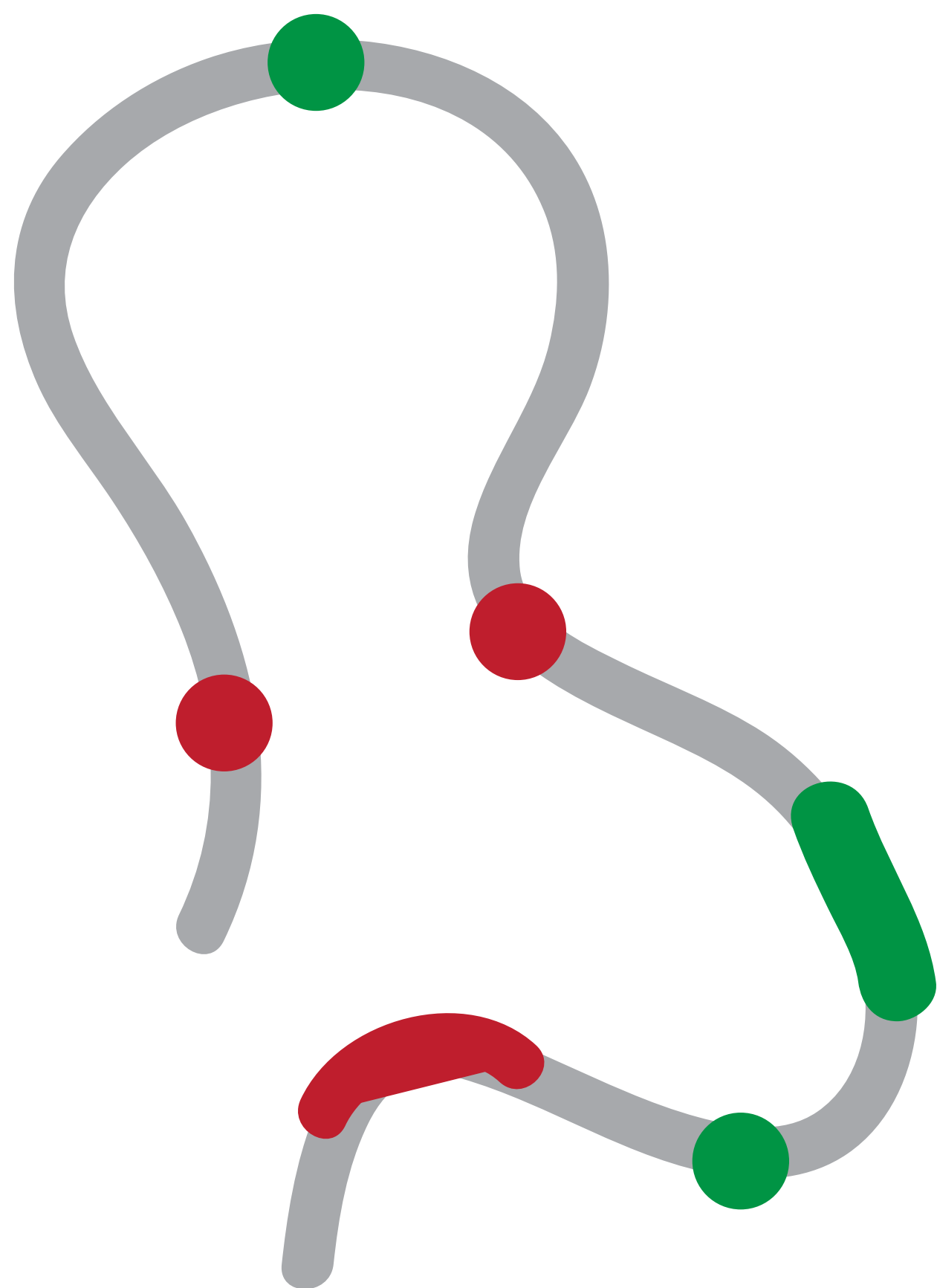Structural Genomics Group (ICREA, CNAG-CRG)

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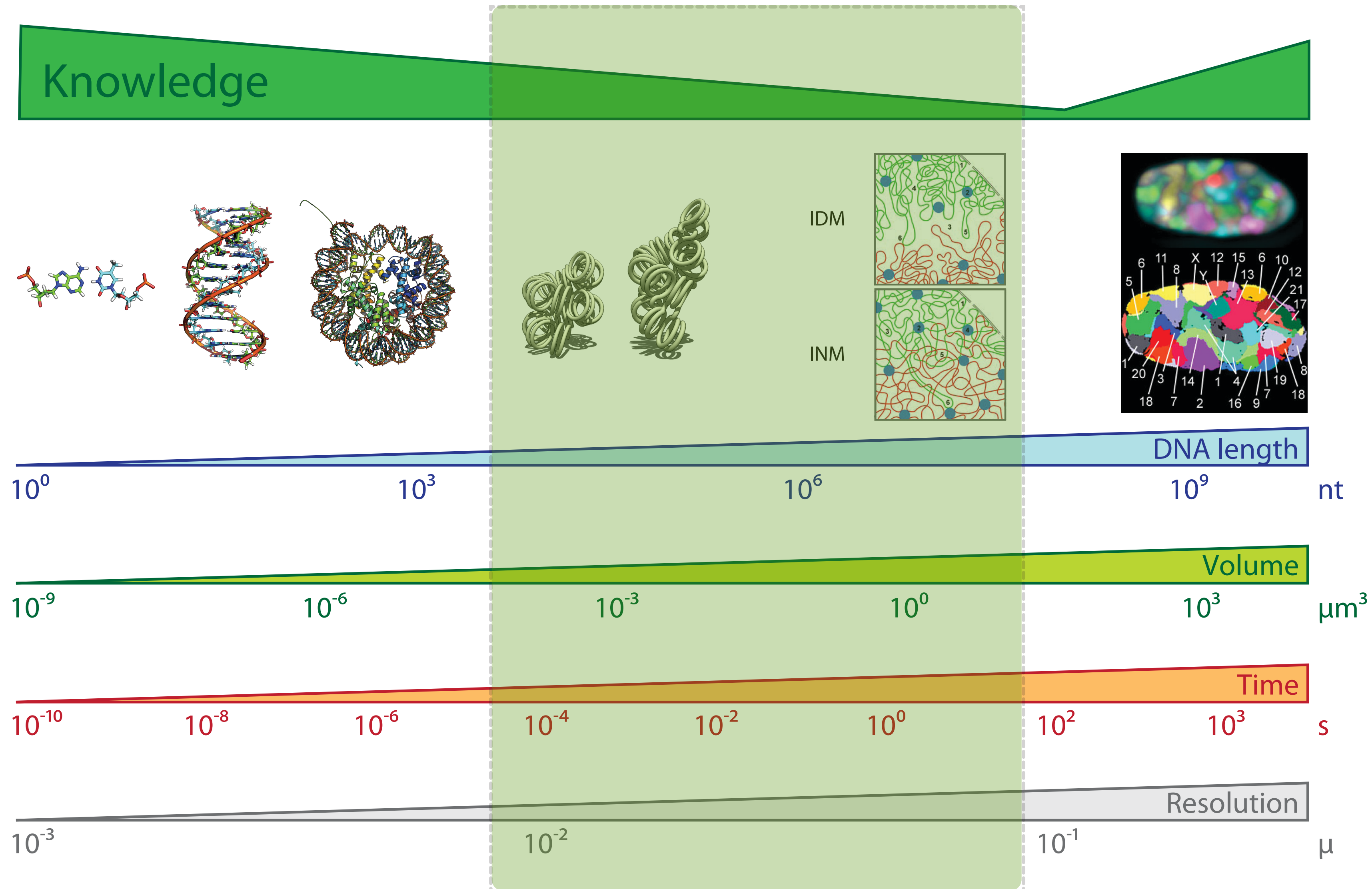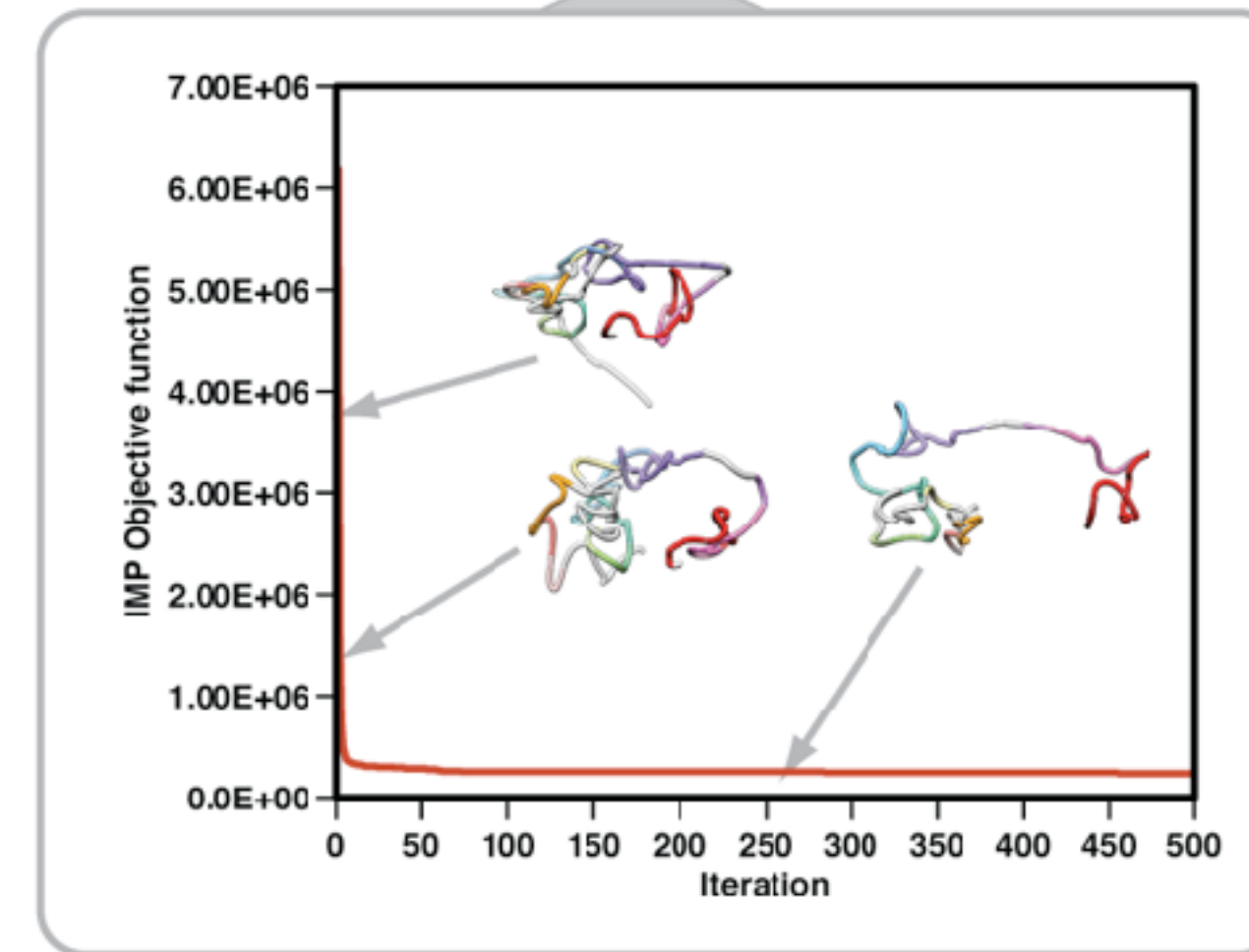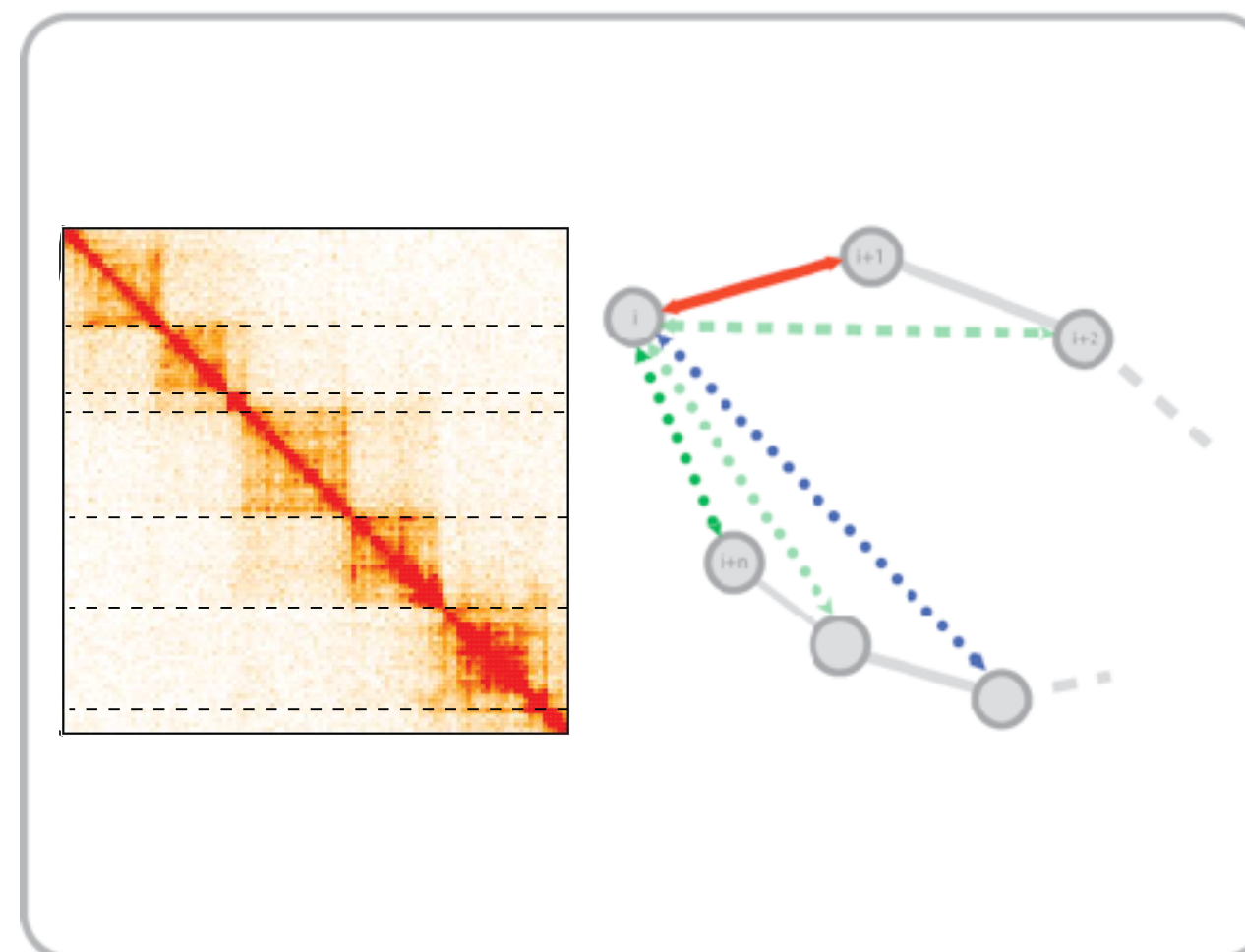Now postdoc @The Walter and Elisa Institute. Melbourne, Australia.

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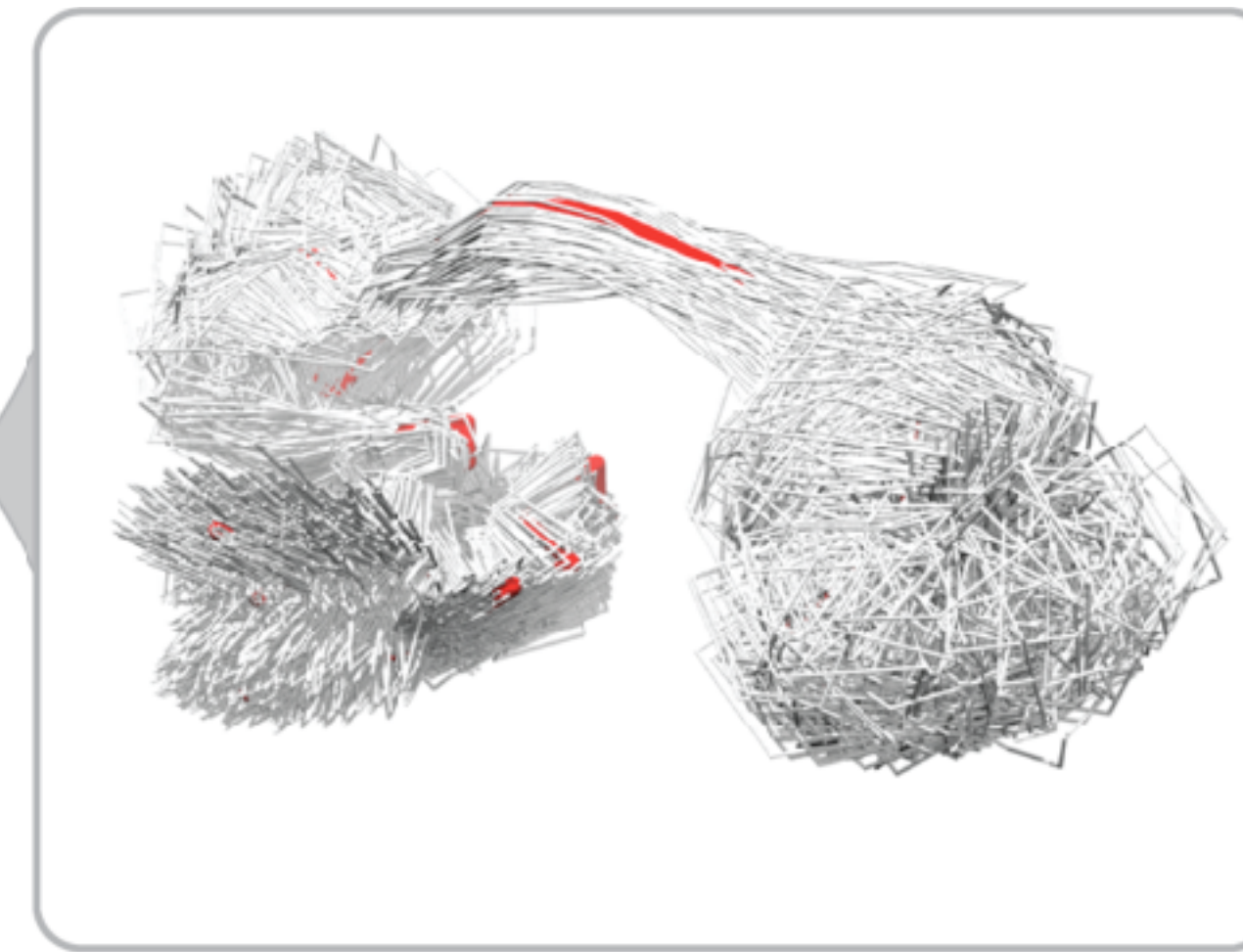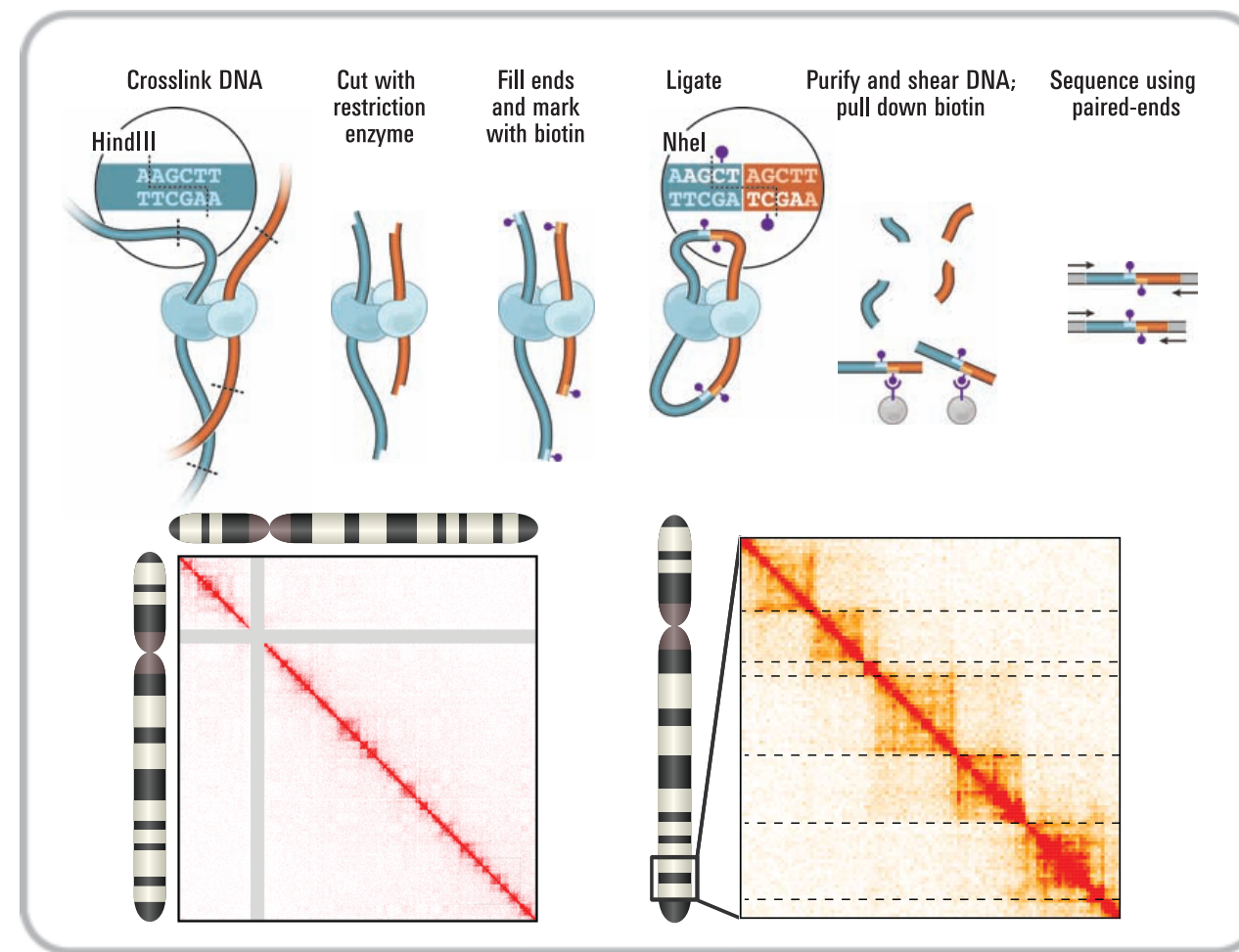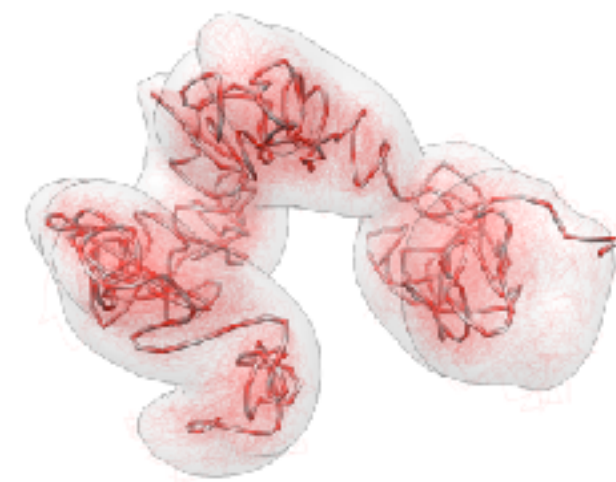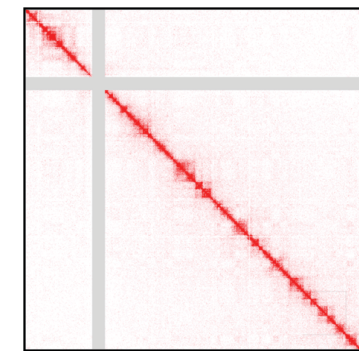
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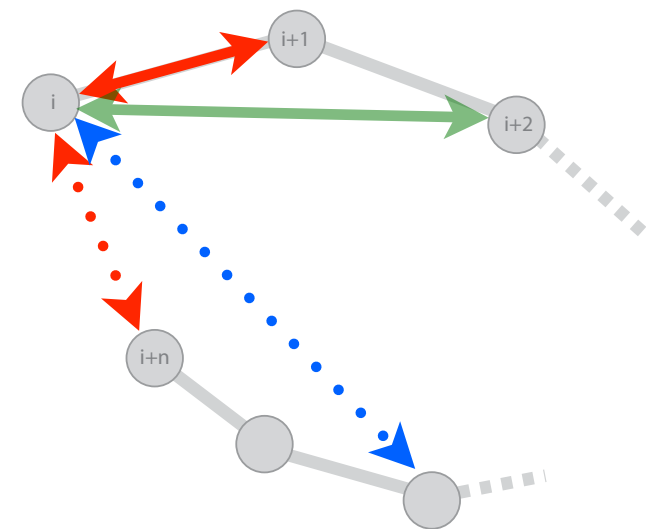
FastQ files to Maps

Map analysis

Model building

Model analysis

TADbit previous applications…

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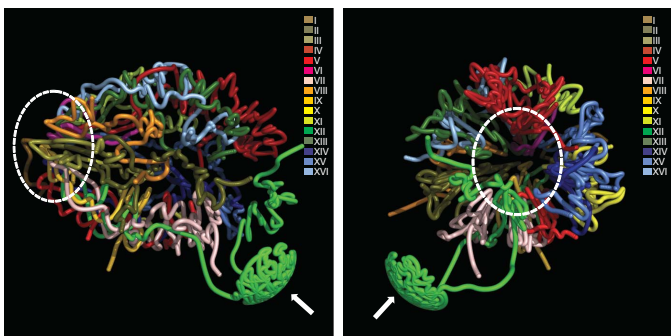Le Dily, F. et al. Genes & Dev (2014)
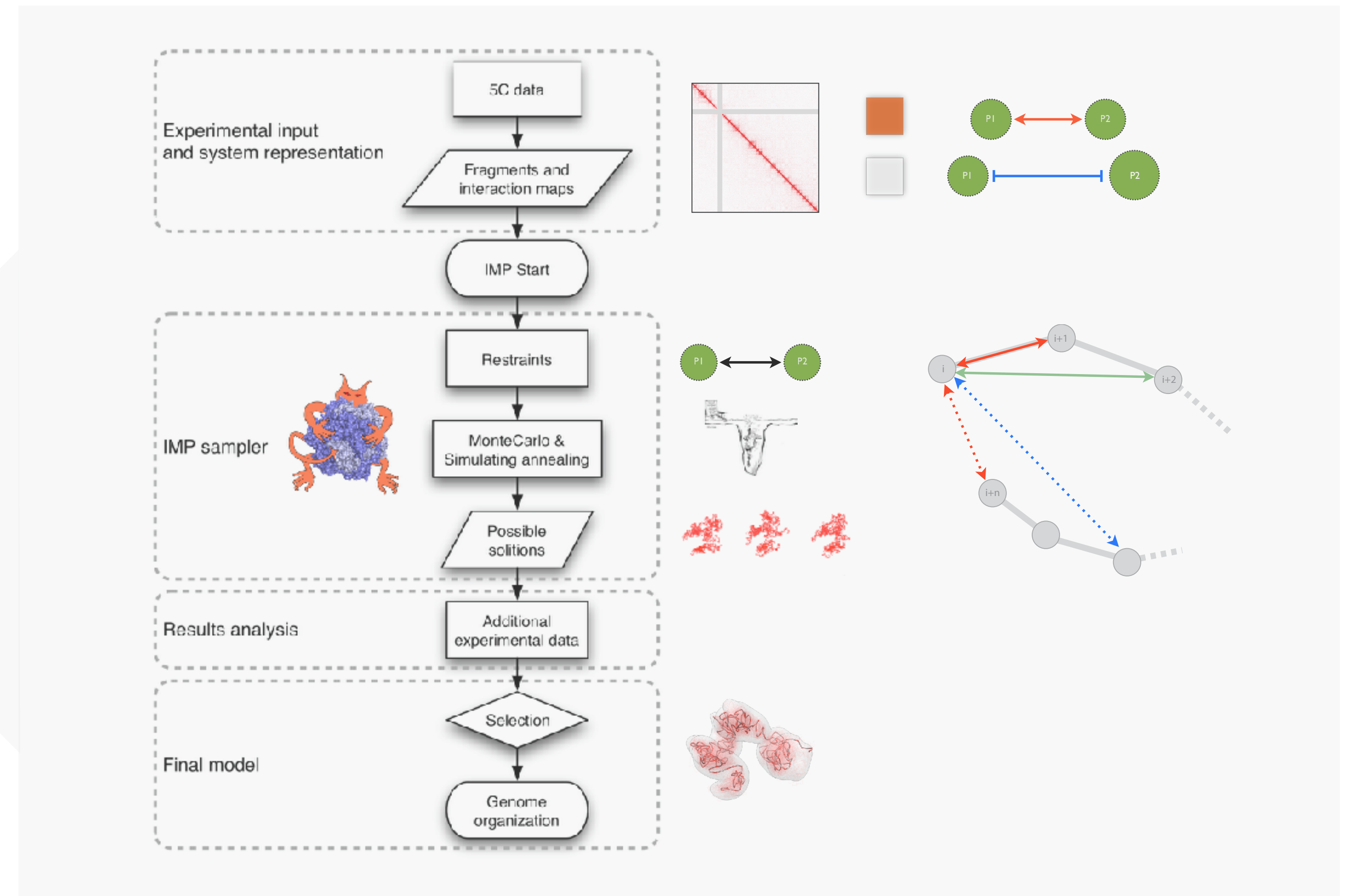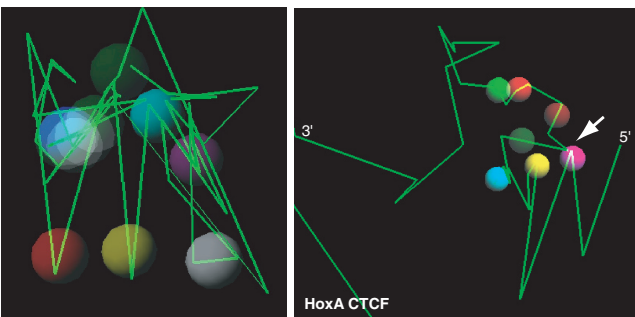
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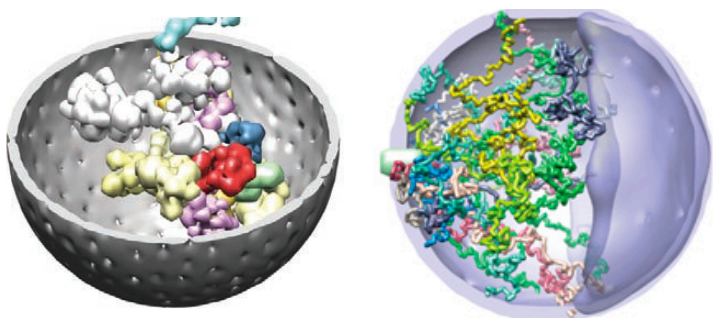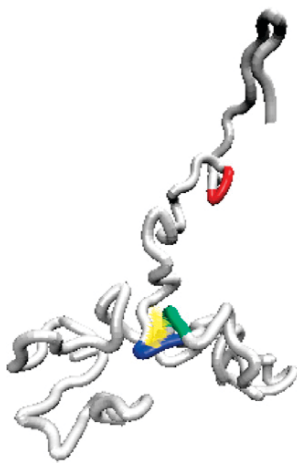
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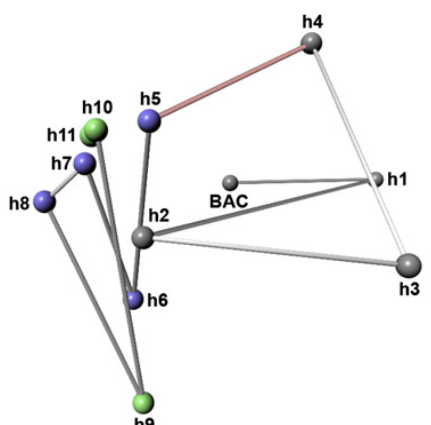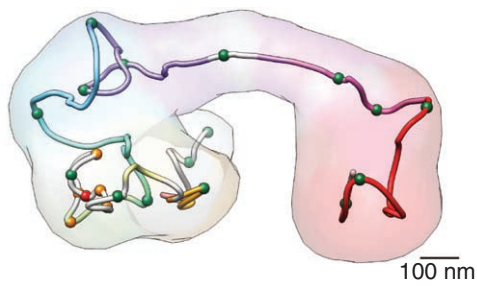

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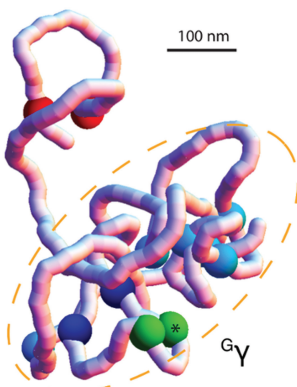Fraser (2009) Genome Biology
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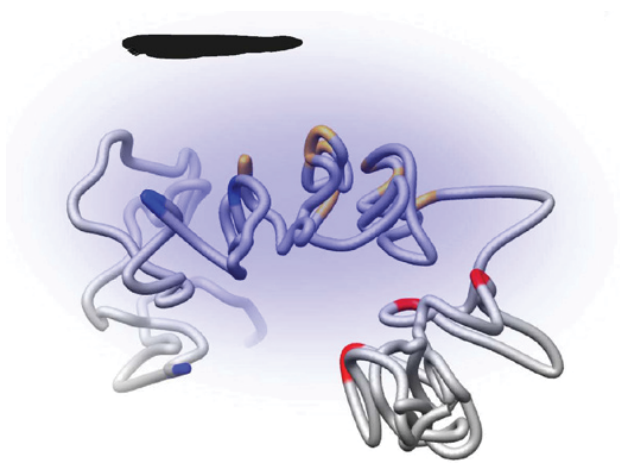
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Assessing the limits of restraint-based 3D modeling of genomes and genomic domains

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ABSTRACT

Restraint-based modeling of genomes has been recently explored with the advent of Chromosome Conformation Capture (3C-based) experiments. We previously developed a reconstruction method to resolve the 3D architecture of both prokaryotic and eukaryotic genomes using 3C-based data. These models were congruent with fluorescent imaging validation. However, the limits of such methods have not systematically been assessed. Here we propose the first evaluation of a mean-field restraint-based reconstruction of genomes by considering diverse chromosome architectures and different levels of data noise and structural variability. The results show that: first, current scoring functions for 3D reconstruction correlate with the accuracy of the models; second, reconstructed models are robust to noise but sensitive to structural variability; third, the local structure organization of genomes, such as Topologically Associating Domains, results in more accurate models; fourth, to a certain extent, the models capture the intrinsic structural variability in the input matrices and fifth, the accuracy of the models can be *a priori* predicted by analyzing the properties of the interaction matrices. In summary, our work provides a systematic analysis of the limitations of a mean-field restrain-based method, which could be taken into consideration in further development of methods as well as their applications.

INTRODUCTION

Recent studies of the three-dimensional (3D) conformation of genomes are revealing insights into the organization and the regulation of biological processes, such as gene expression regulation and replication (1–6). The advent of the so-called Chromosome Conformation Capture (3C) assays (7), which allowed identifying chromatin-looping interactions between pairs of loci, helped deciphering some of the key elements organizing the genomes. High-throughput derivations of genome-wide 3C-based assays were established with Hi-C technologies (8) for an unbiased identification of chromatin interactions. The resulting genome interaction matrices from Hi-C experiments have been extensively used for computationally analyzing the organization of genomes and genomic domains (5). In particular, a significant number of new approaches for modeling the 3D organization of genomes have recently flourished (9–14). The main goal of such approaches is to provide an accurate 3D representation of the bi-dimensional interaction matrices, which can then be more easily explored to extract biological insights. One type of methods for building 3D models from interaction matrices relies on the existence of a limited number of conformational states in the cell. Such methods are regarded as mean-field approaches and are able to capture, to a certain degree, the structural variability around these mean structures (15).

We recently developed a mean-field method for modeling 3D structures of genomes and genomic domains based on 3C interaction data (9). Our approach, called TADbit, was developed around the Integrative Modeling Platform (IMP, http://integrativemodeling.org), a general framework for restraint-based modeling of 3D bio-molecular structures (16). Briefly, our method uses chromatin interaction frequencies derived from experiments as a proxy of spatial proximity between the ligation products of the 3C libraries. Two fragments of DNA that interact with high frequency are dynamically placed close in space in our models while two fragments that do not interact as often will be kept apart. Our method has been successfully applied to model the structures of genomes and genomic domains in eukaryote and prokaryote organisms (17–19). In all of our studies, the final models were partially validated by assessing their

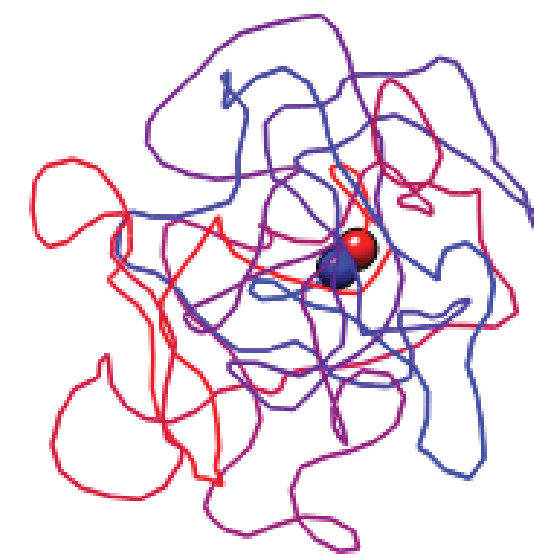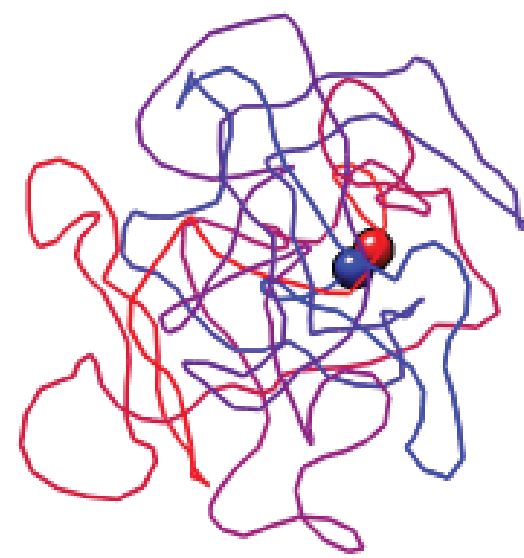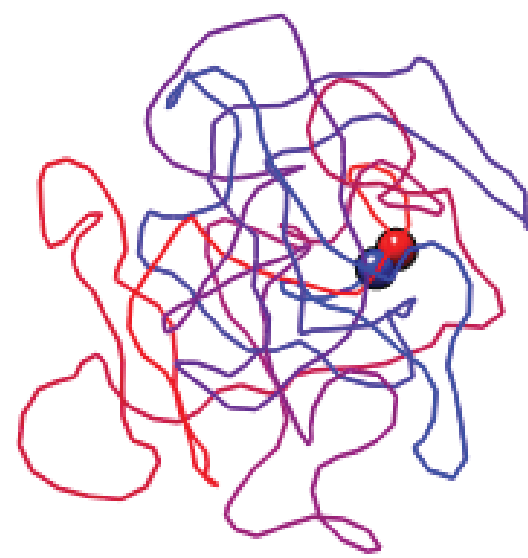*To whom correspondence should be addressed. Tel: +34 934 020 542; Fax: +34 934 037 279; Email: mmarti@pcb.ub.cat
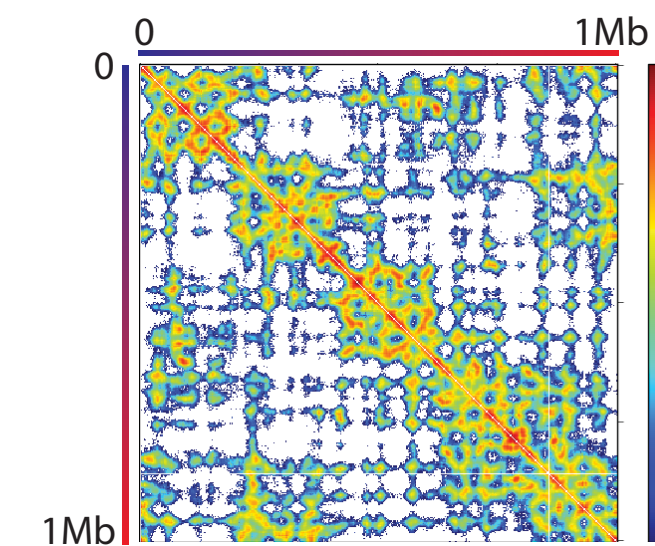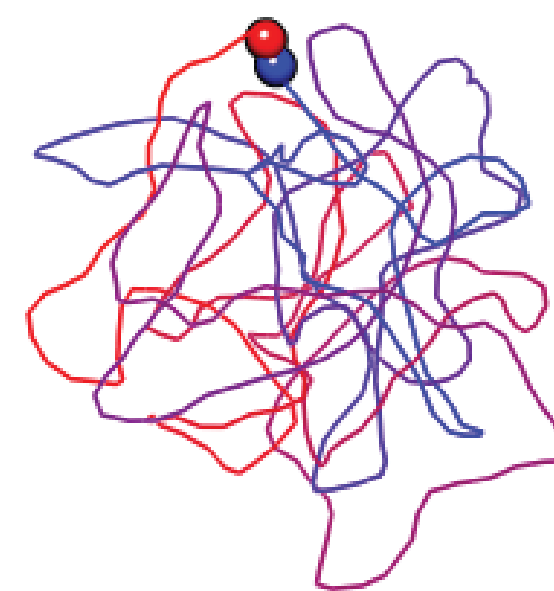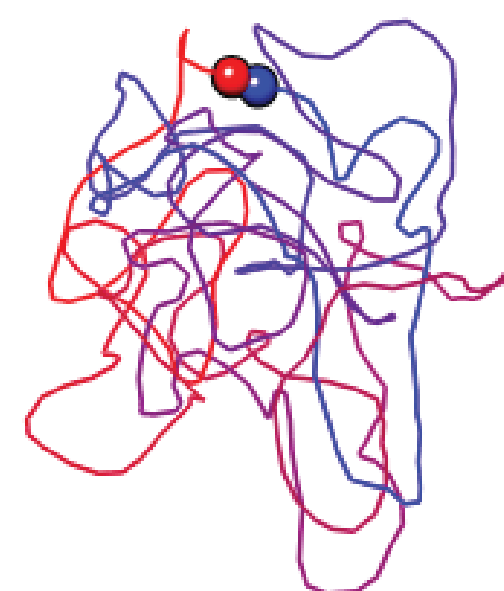
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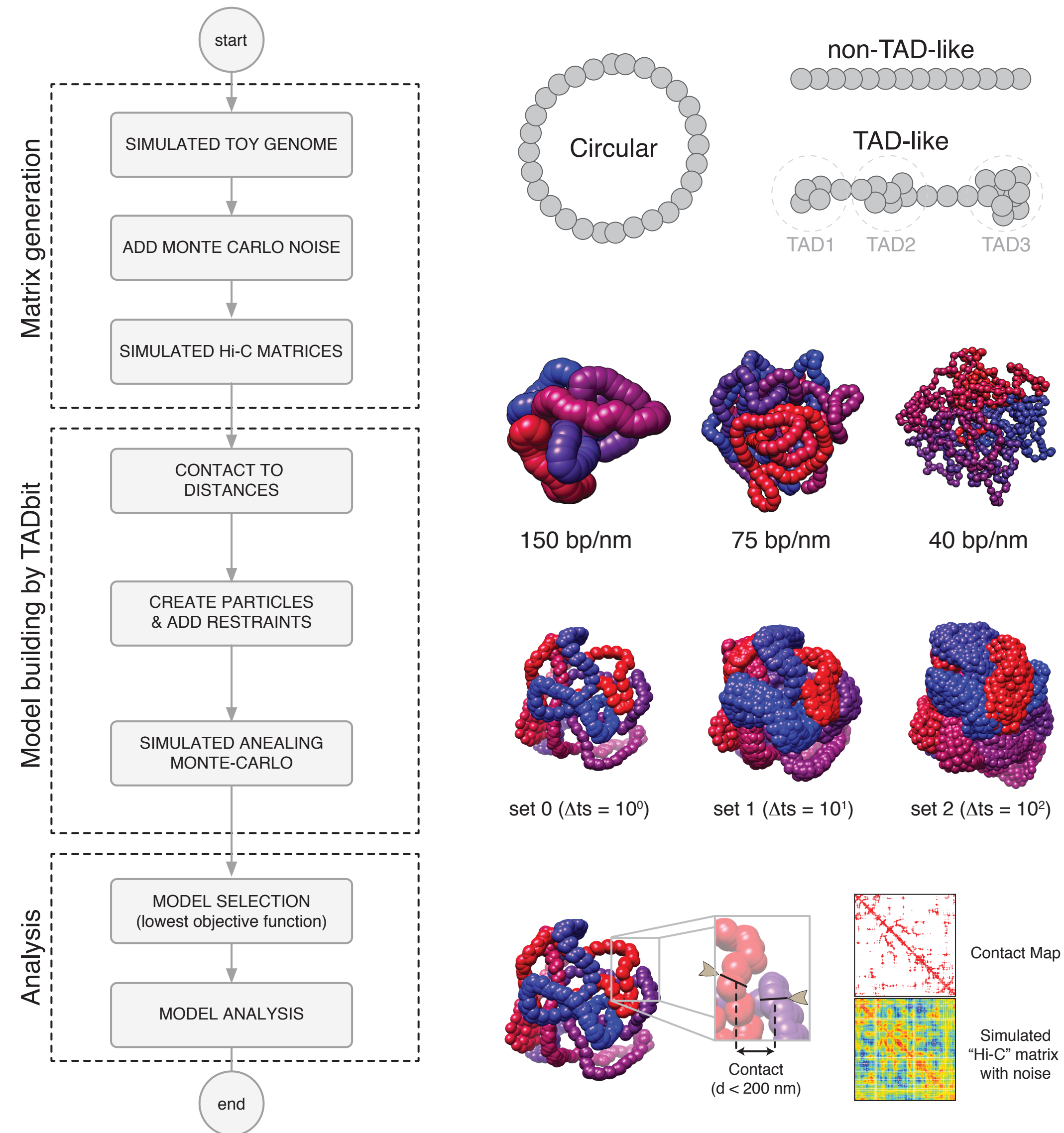
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Toy interaction matrices

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0
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set 4 ($\Delta ts=10^4$)

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set 6 ($\Delta ts=10^6$)

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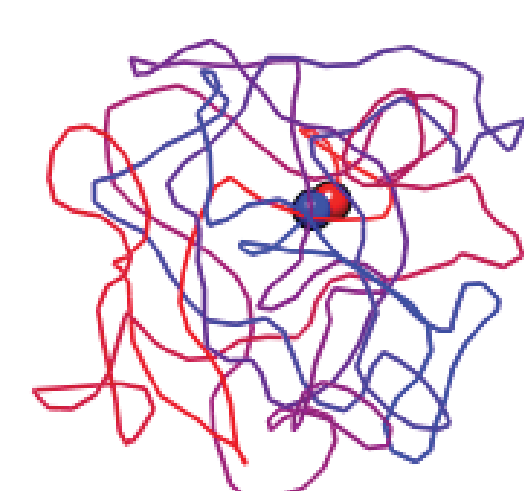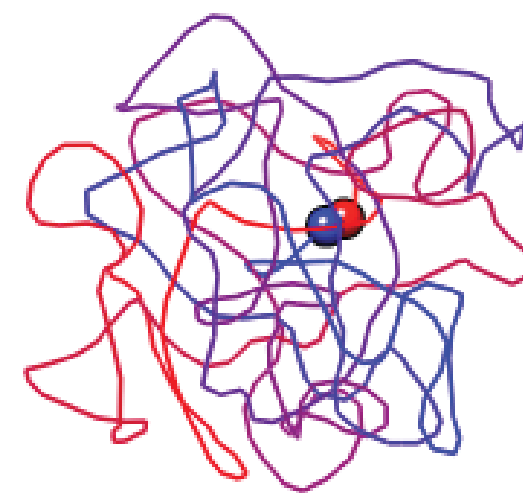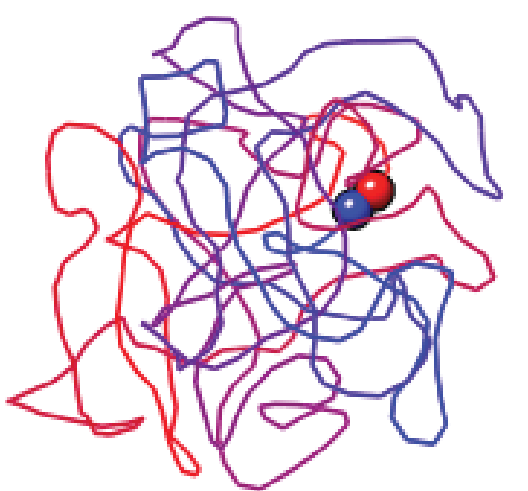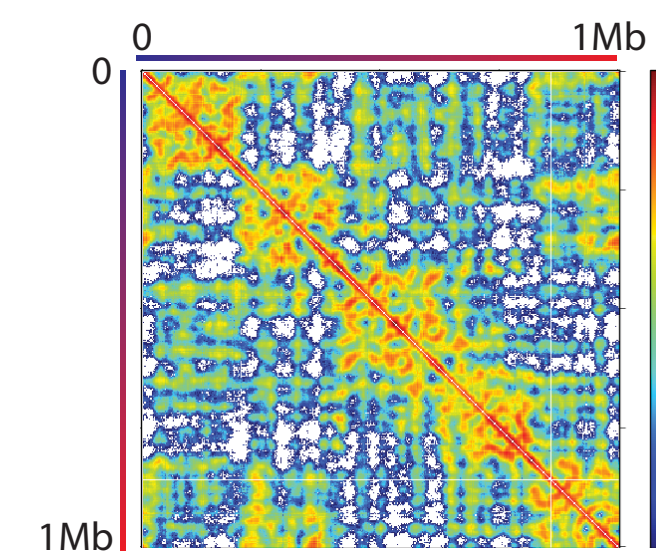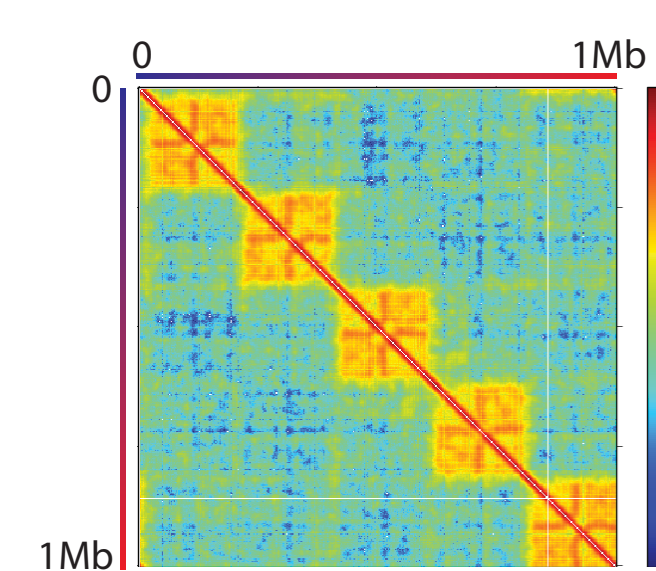
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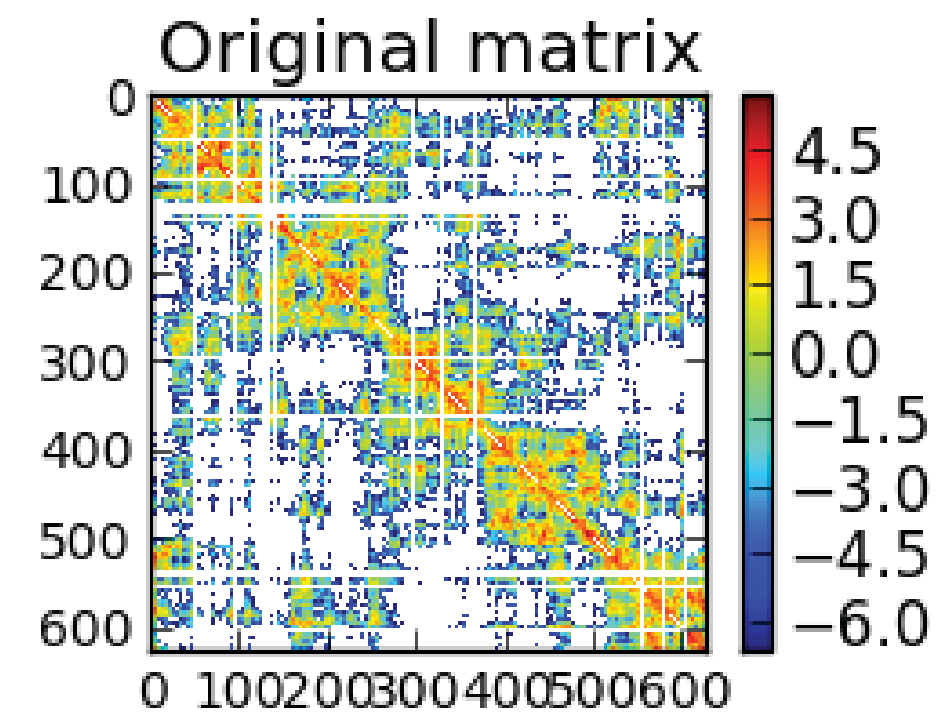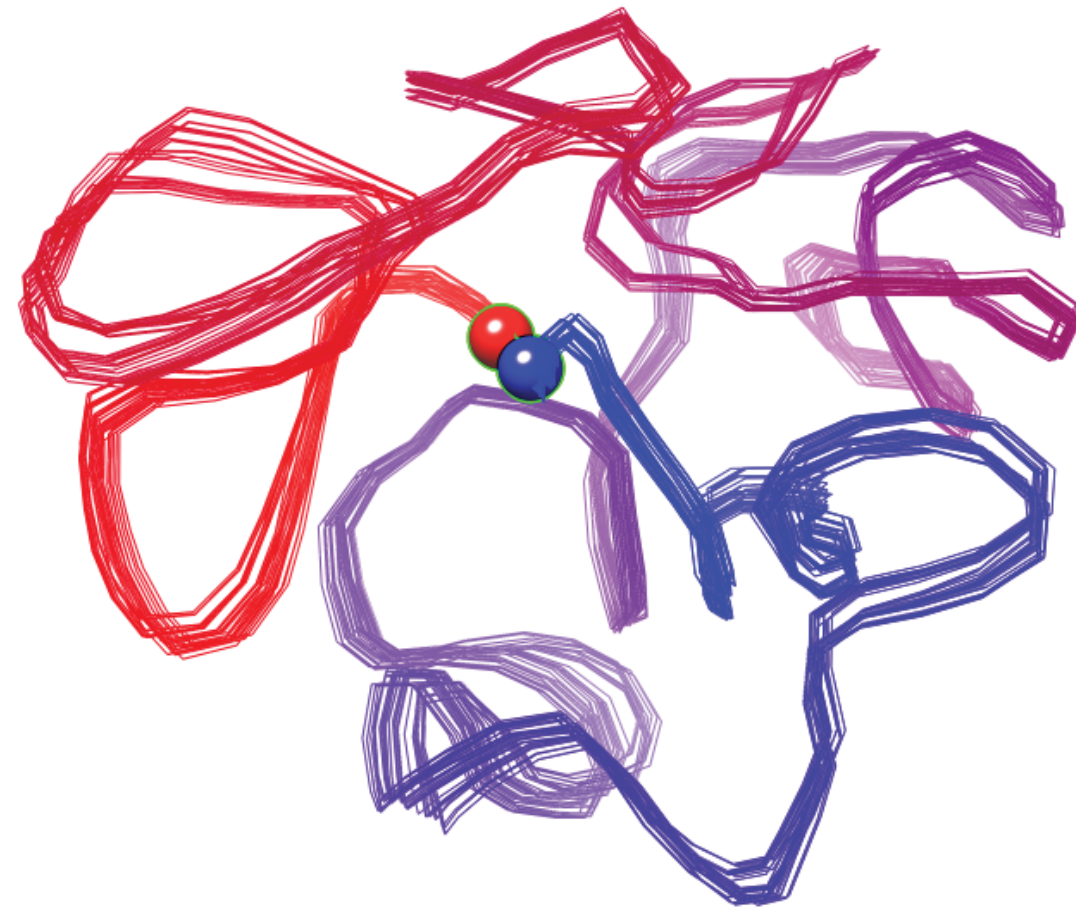
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<dSCC>: 0.94
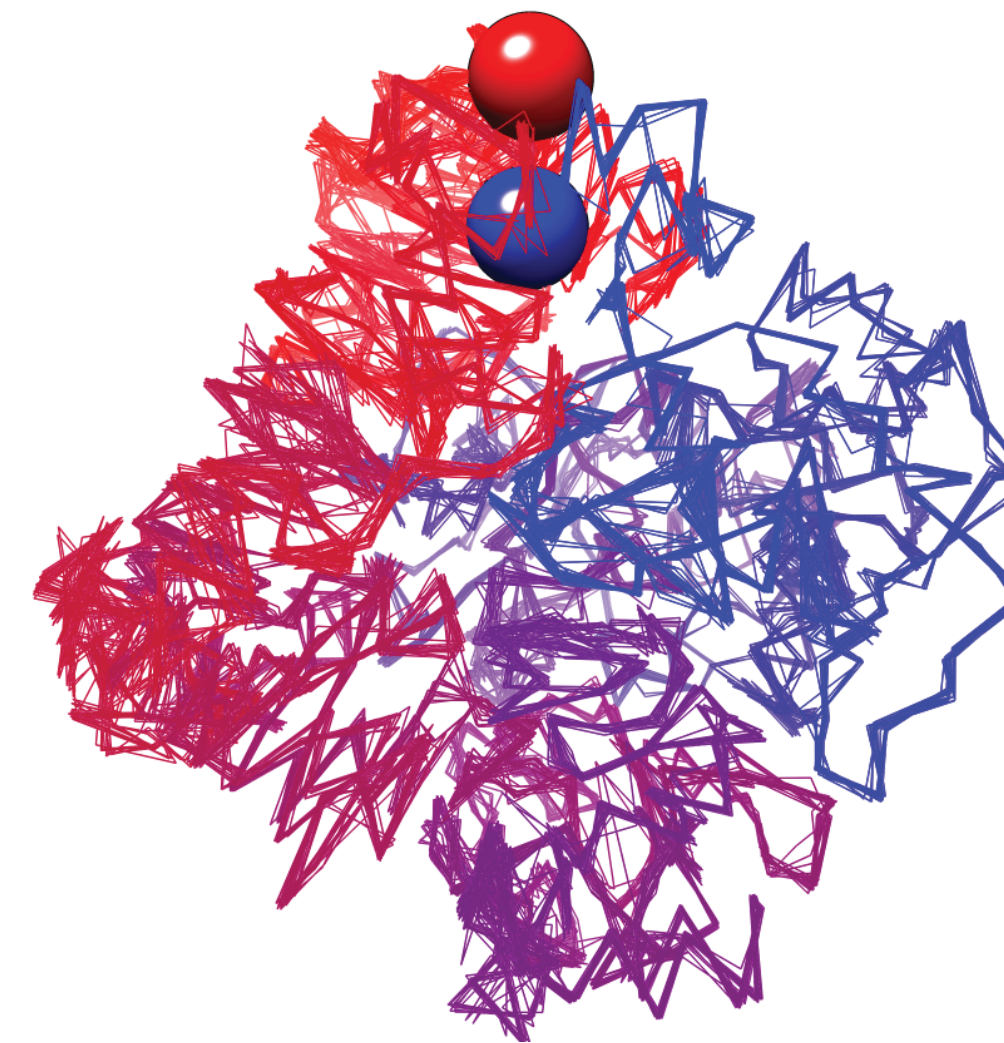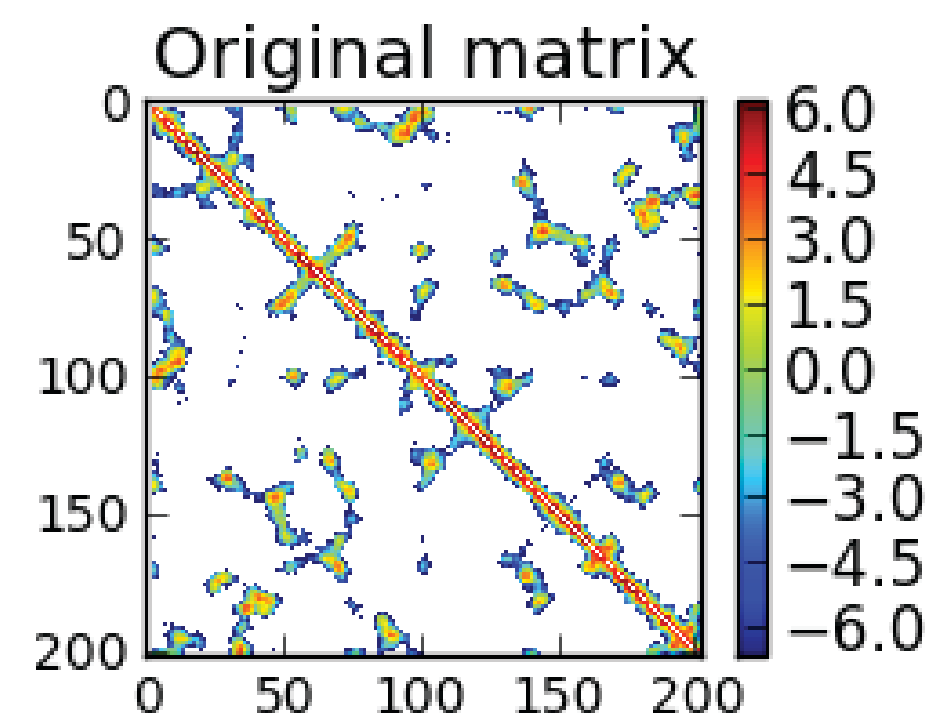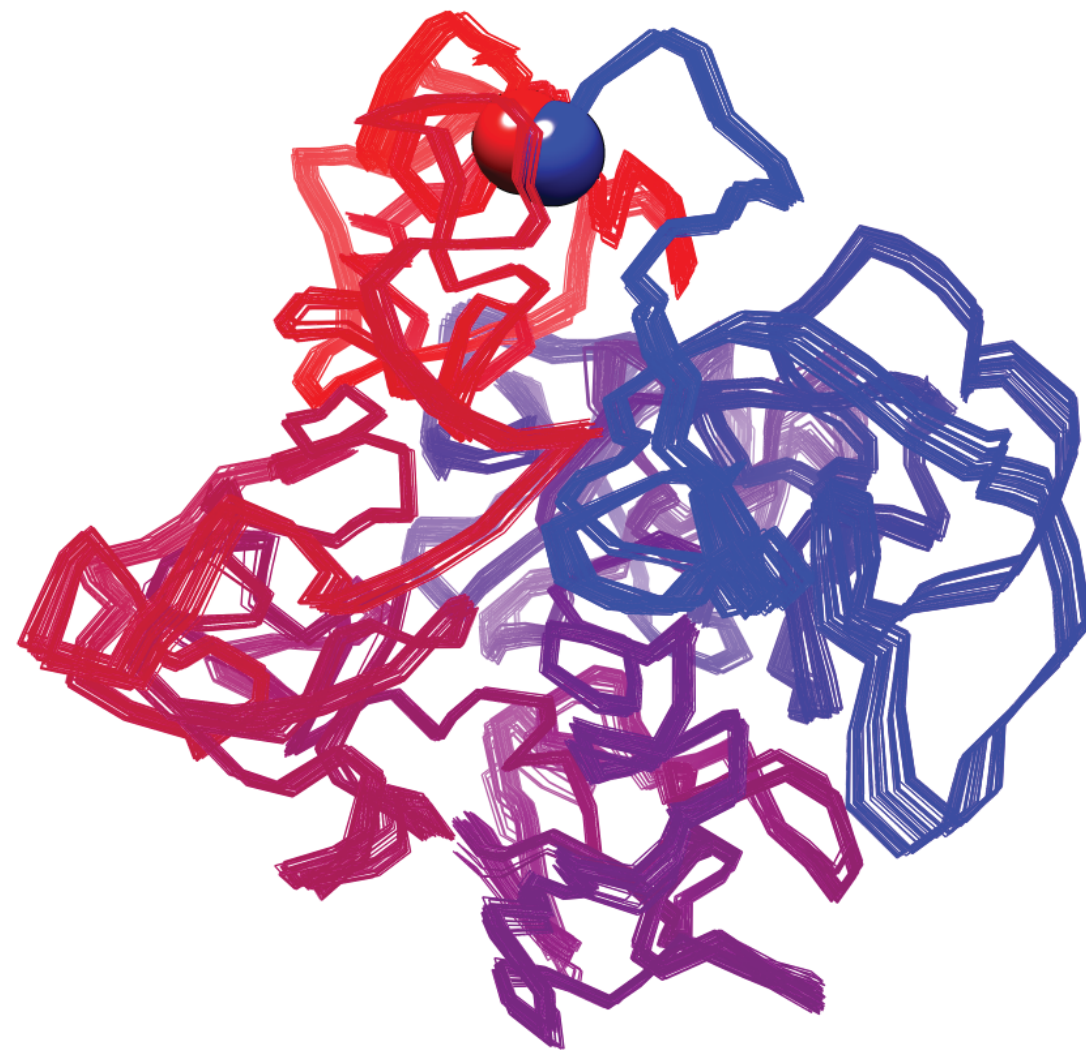
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Structural variability is "NOT OK"

− [colorbar] + structural variability

$<$dRMSD$>$ (nm)

TADbit-SCC

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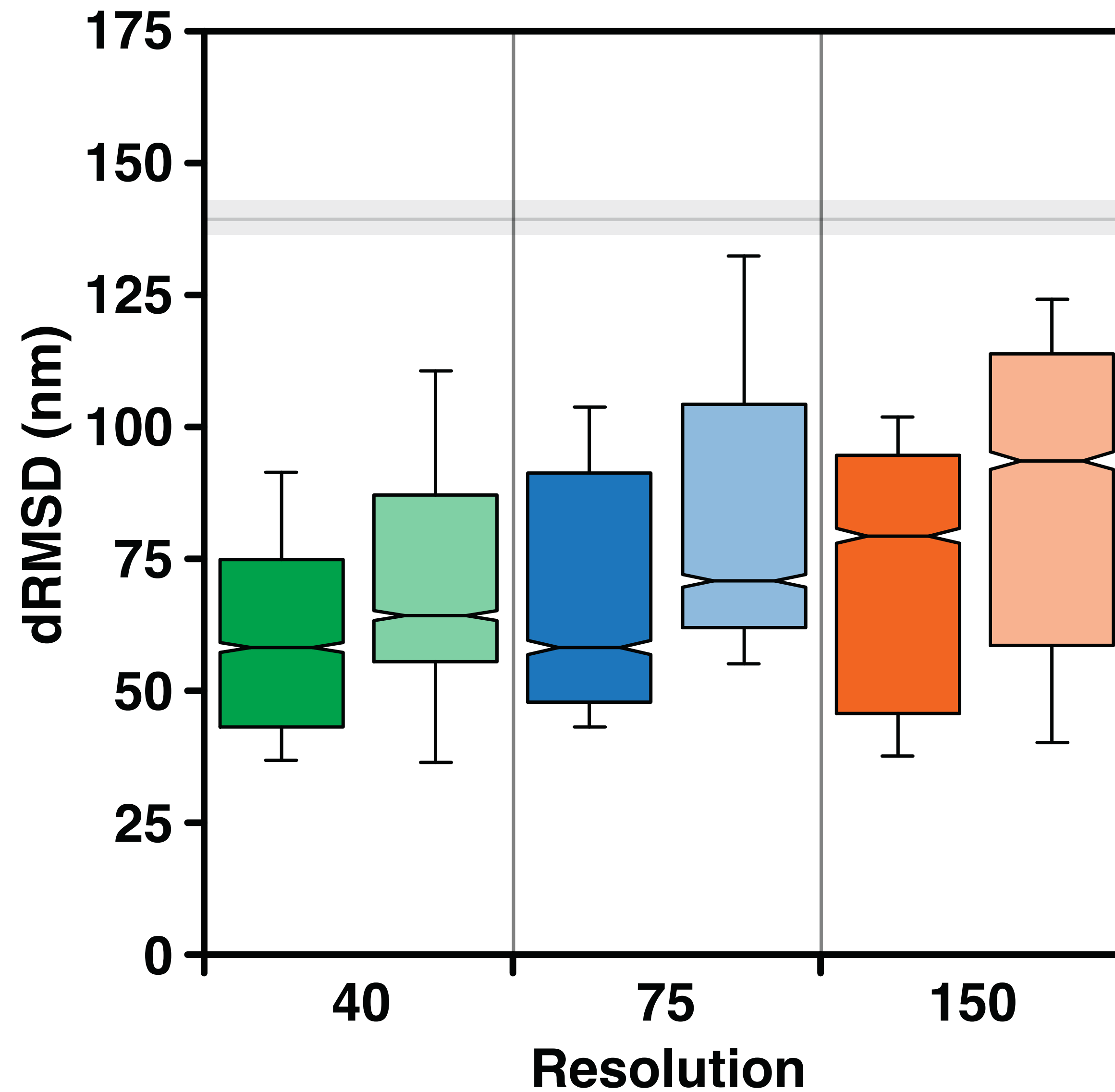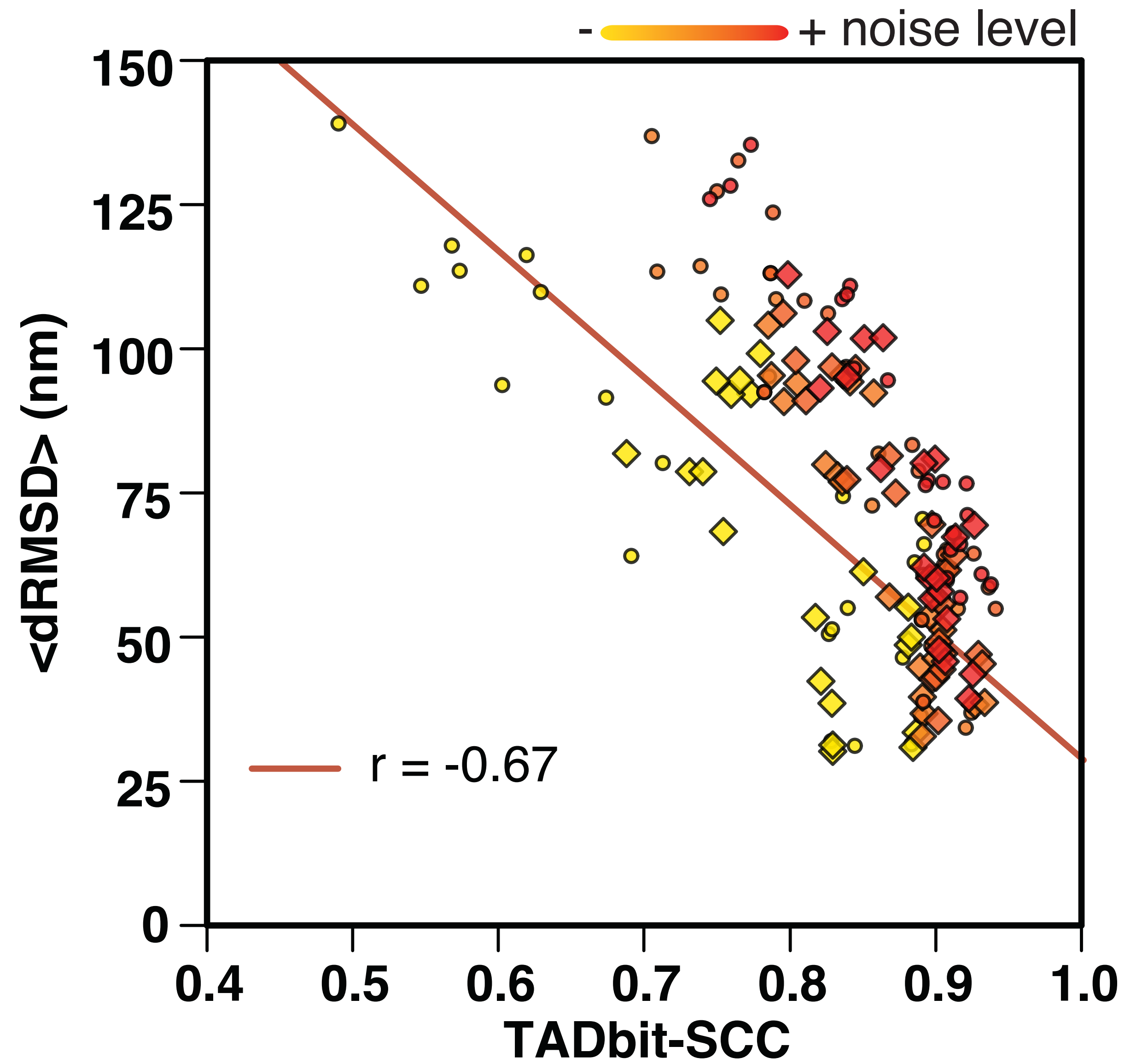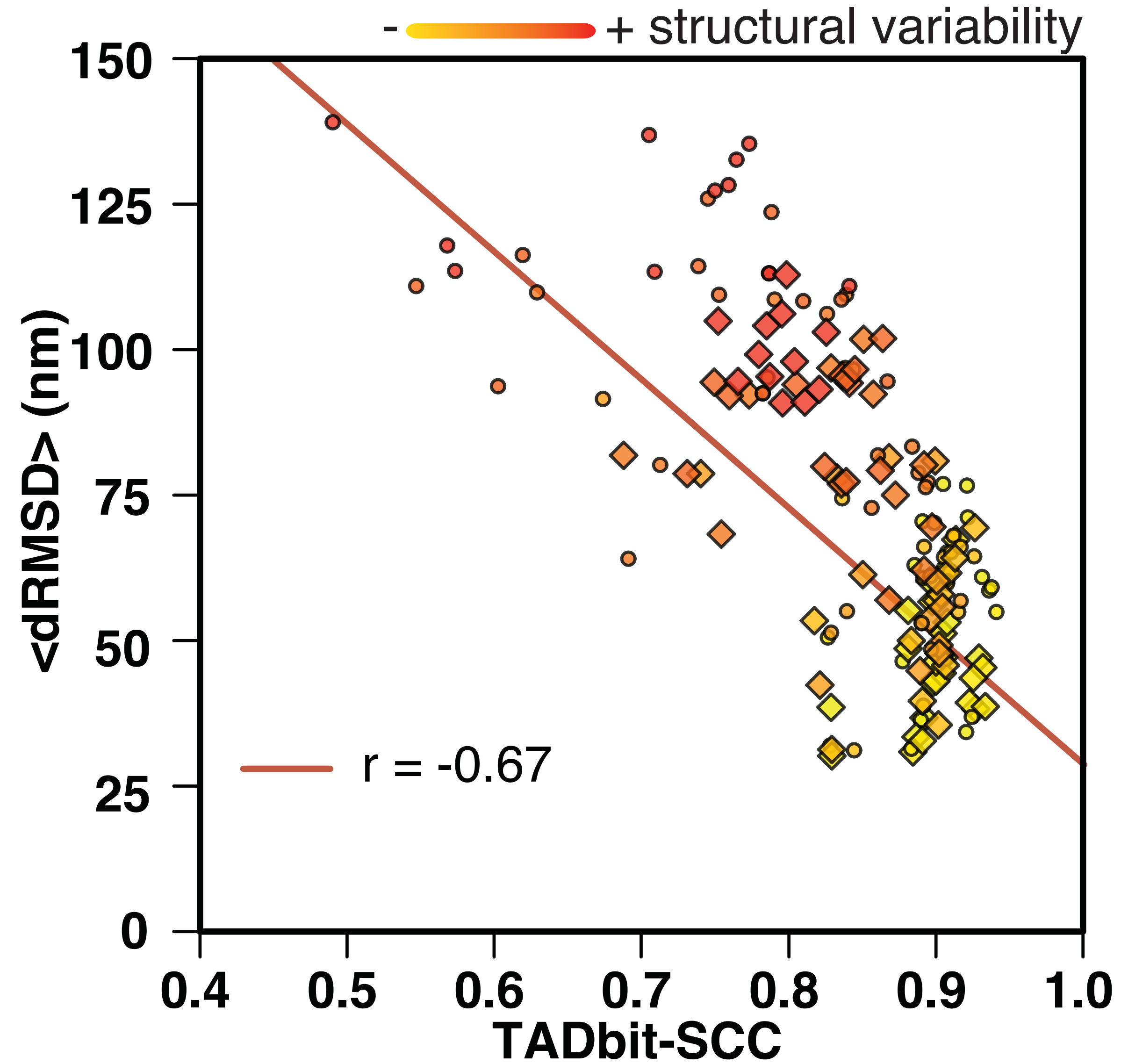
Higher-res is "good"

put your $$ in sequencing

Noise is "OK"

no need to worry much

Structural variability is "NOT OK"

homogenize your cell population!

Defined chromosome structure in the genome-reduced bacterium Mycoplasma pneumoniae
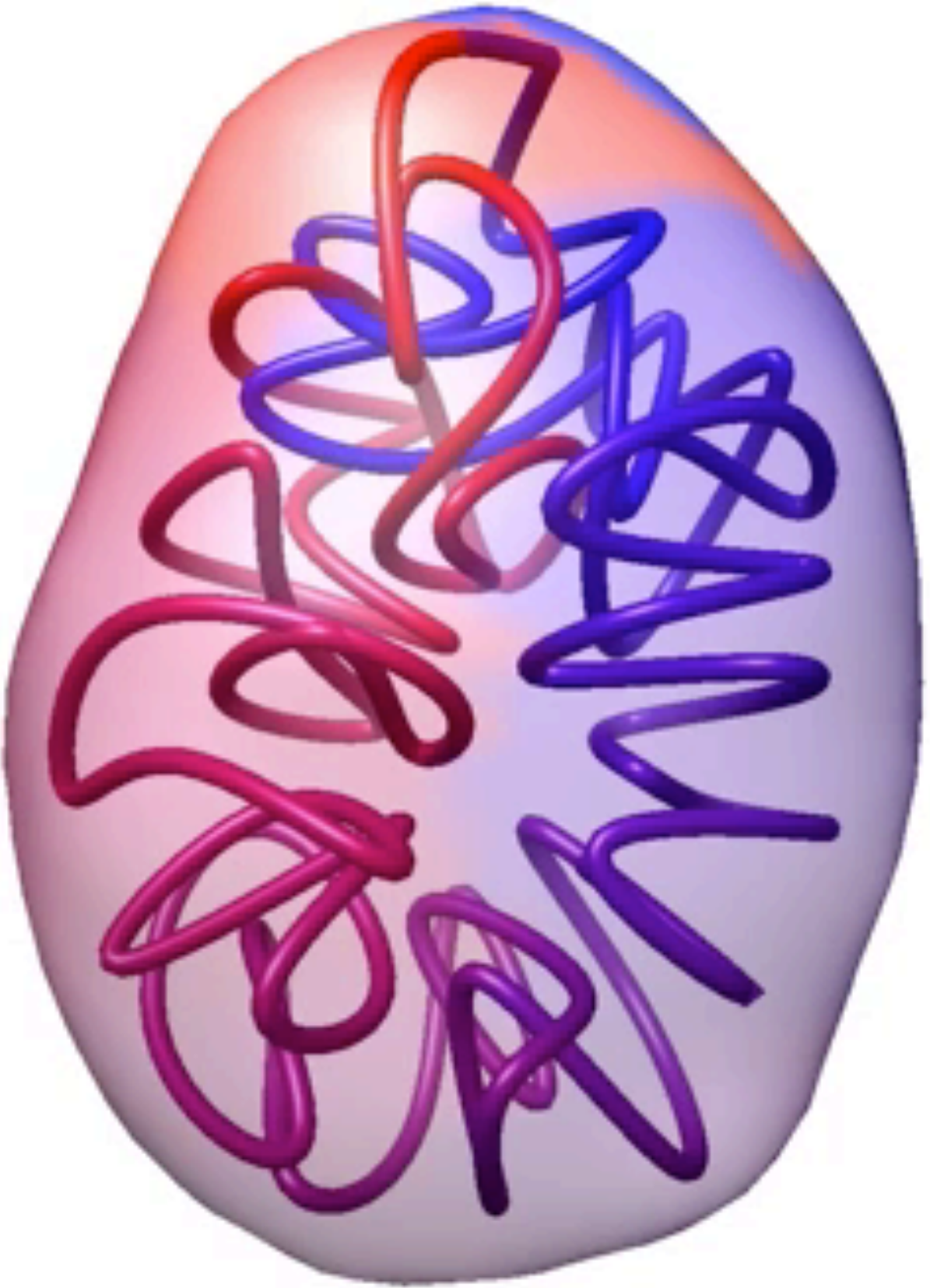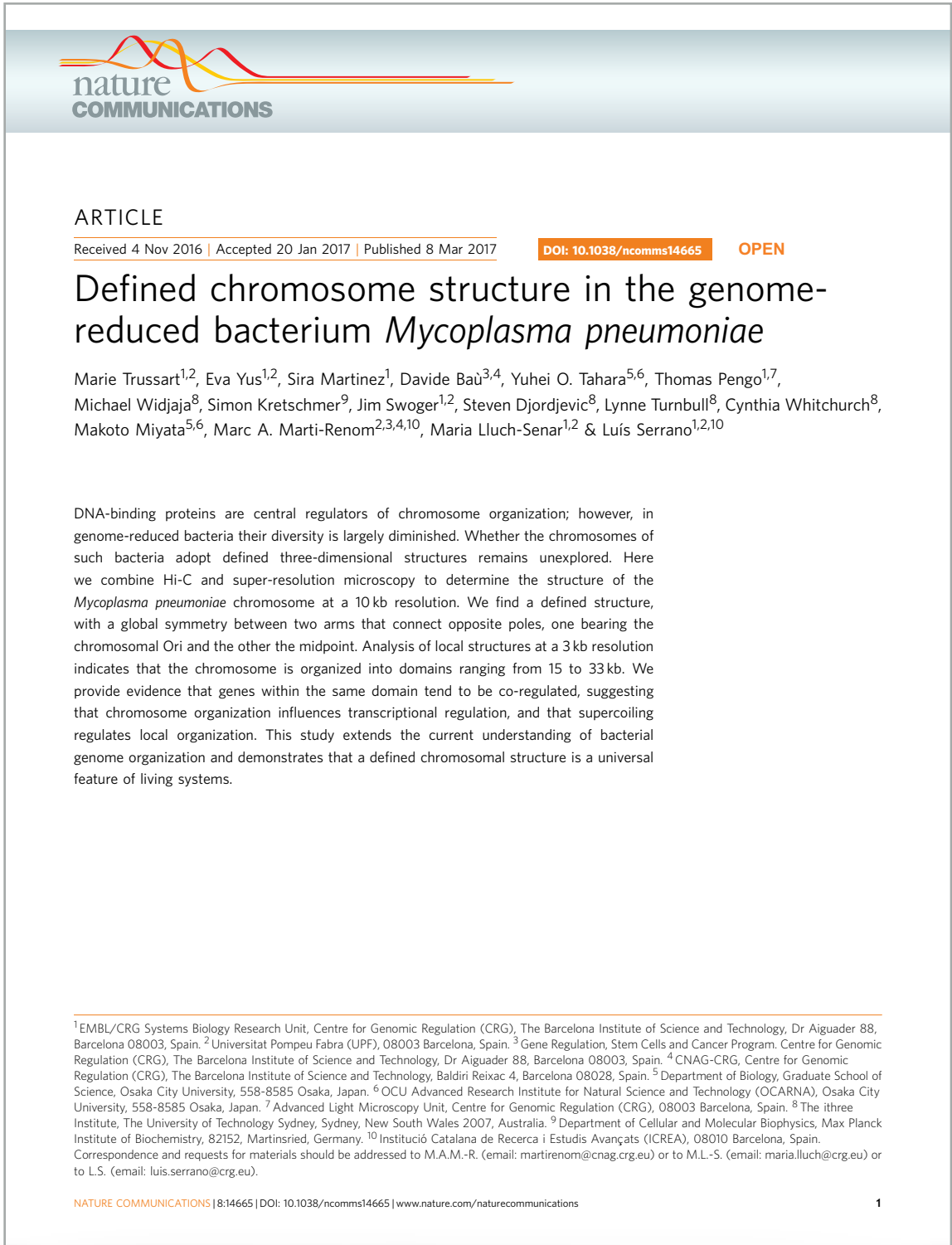
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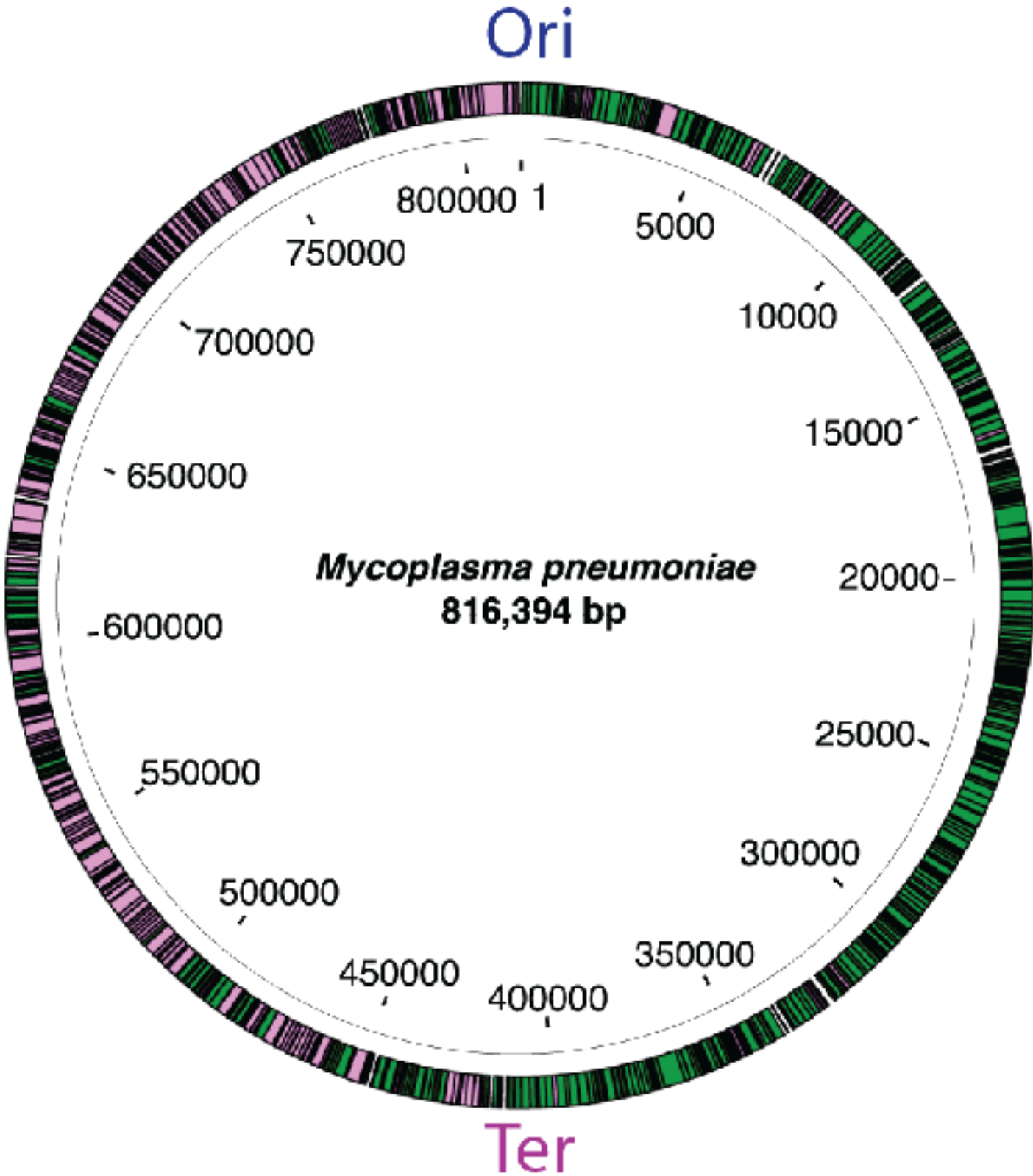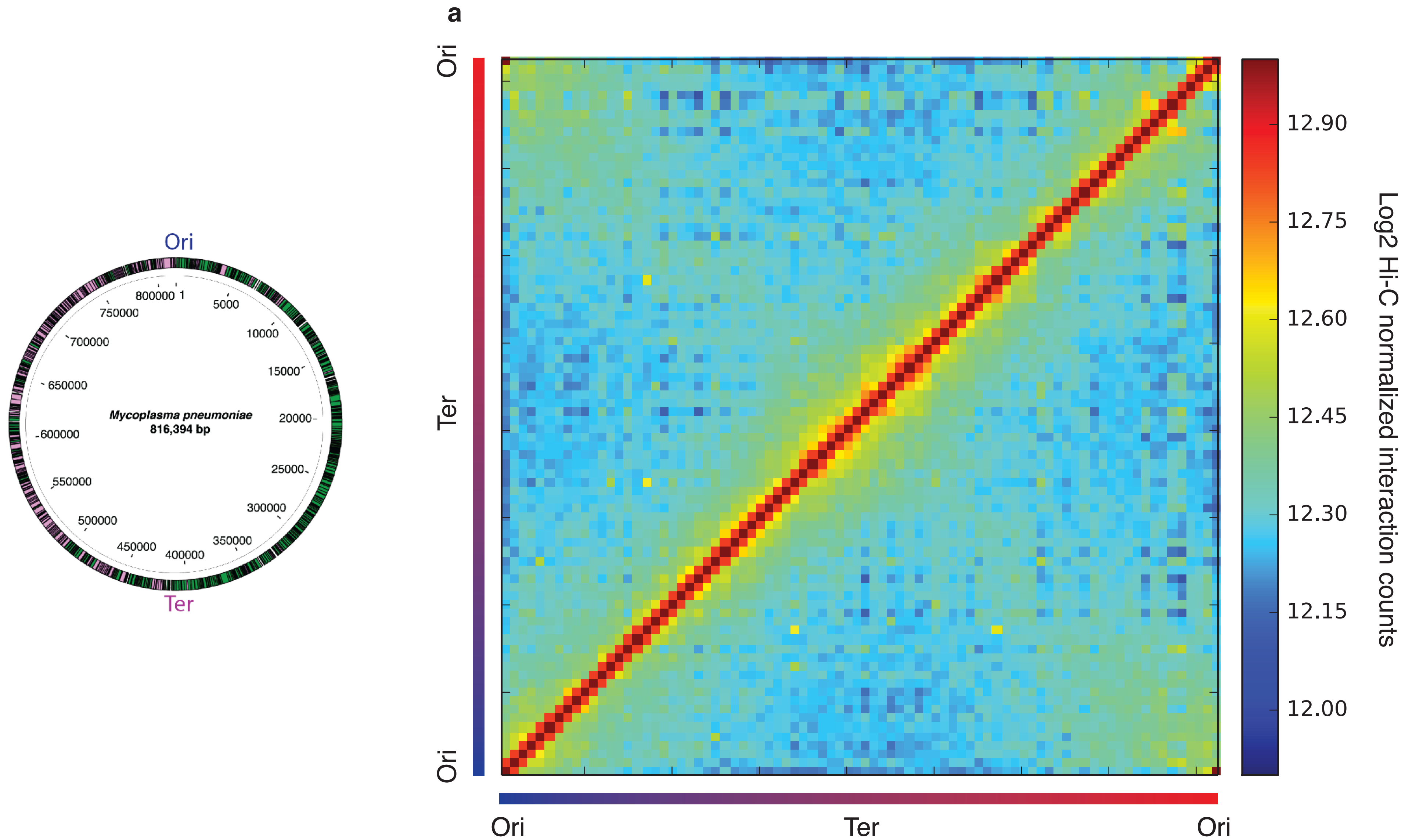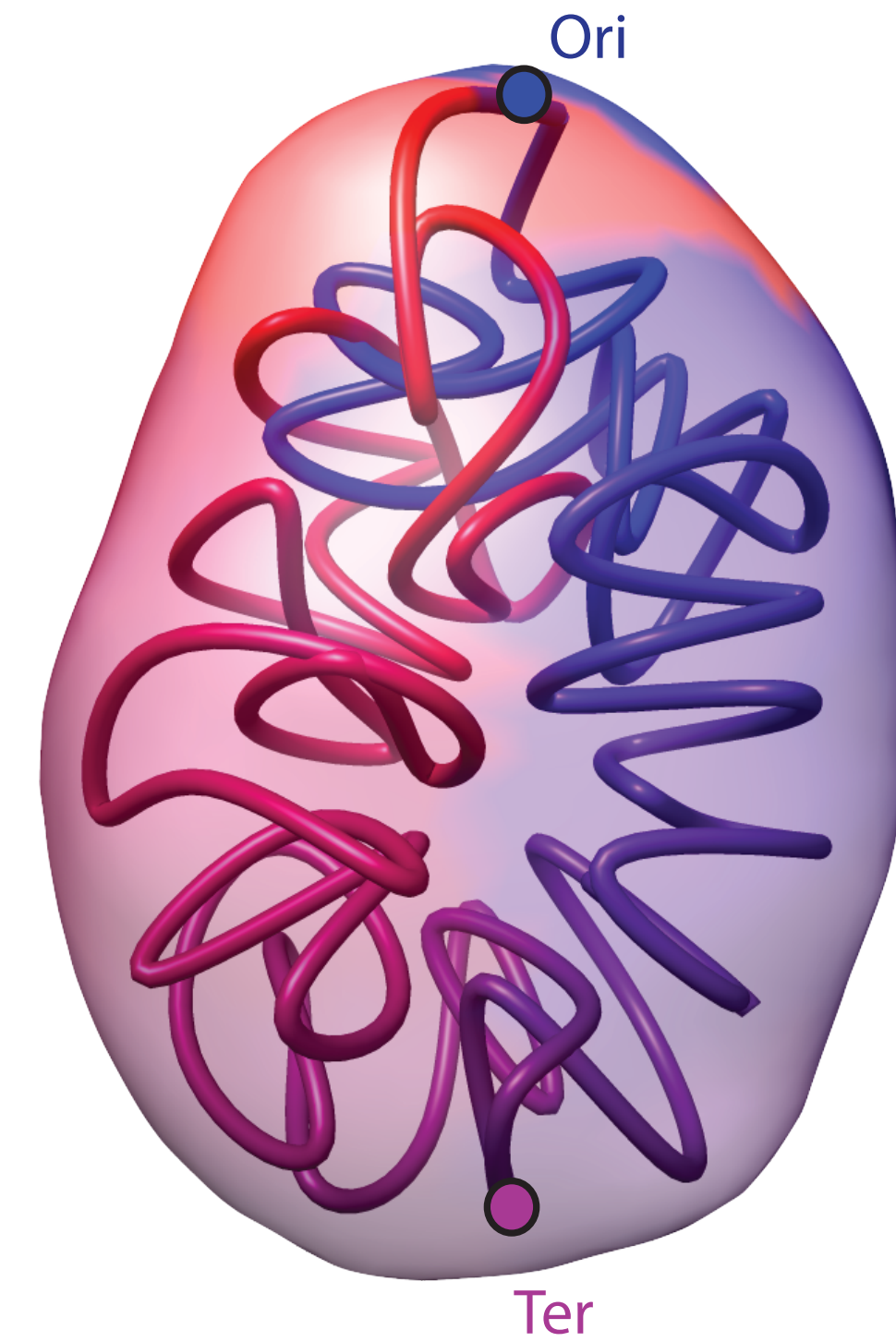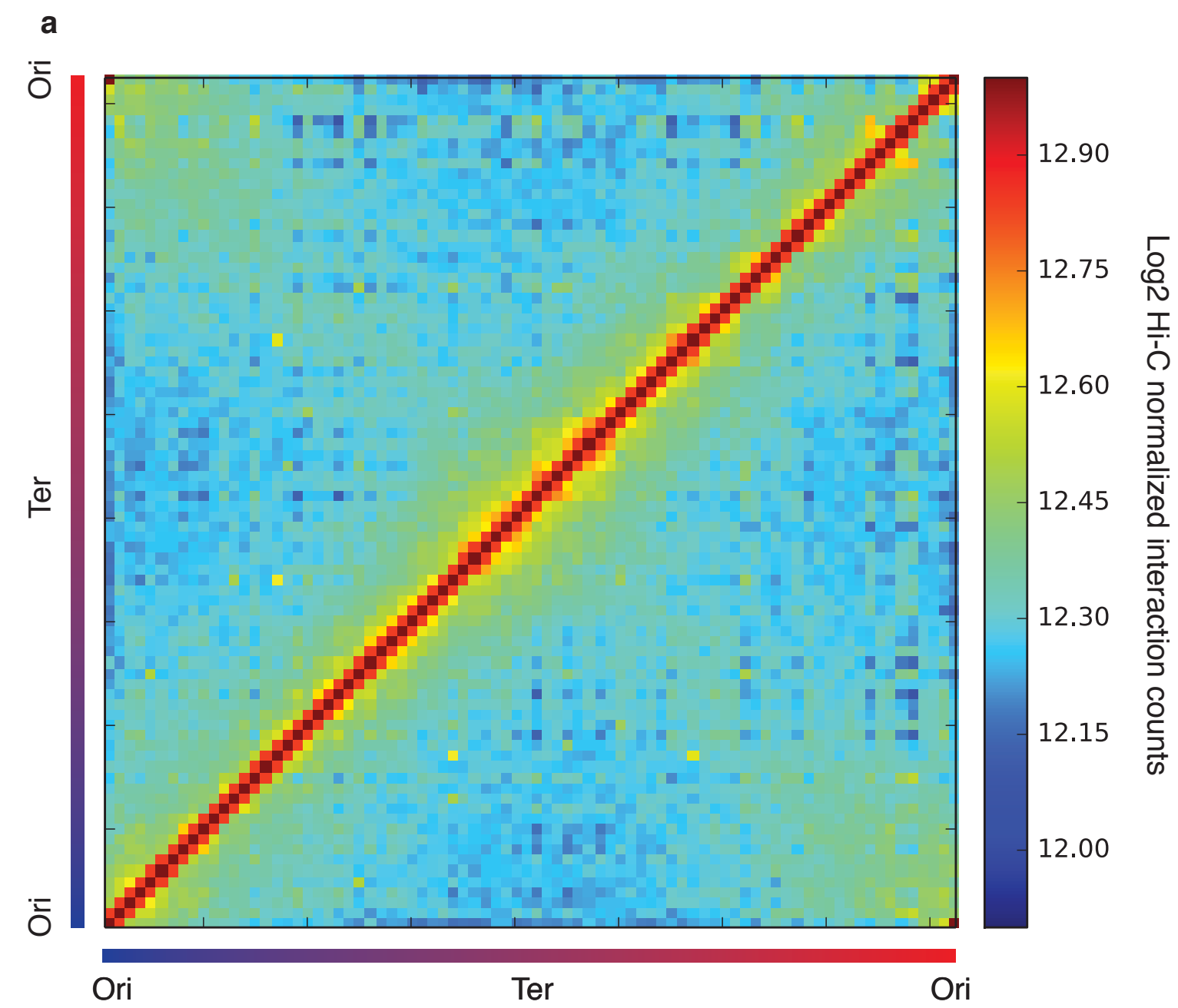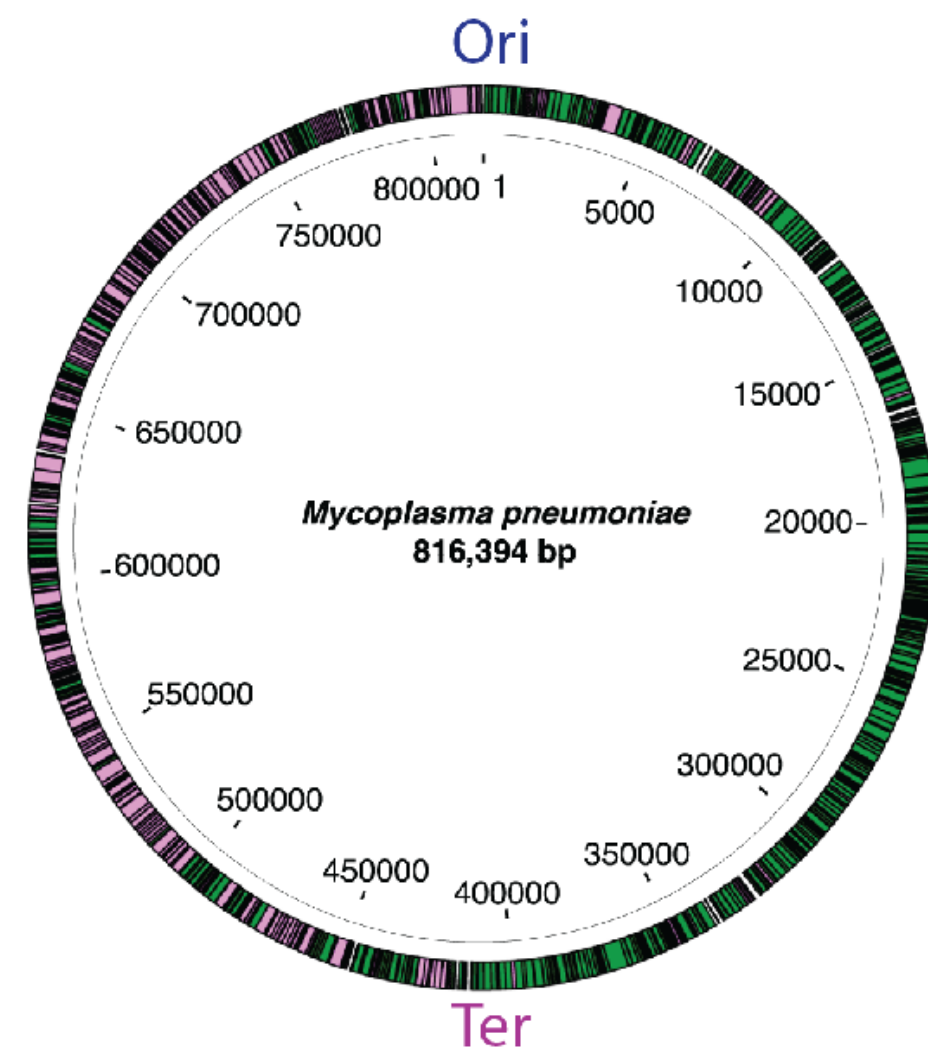# Mycoplasma is a small genome with few structural factors

Table 1 | List of assigned transcription factors, sigma factors and structural proteins and essentiality with three distinct categories: essential (E), non -essential (NE) and fitness (F).

Gene number	Gene name	Protein name	Essentiality [44]
MPN002	cbpA	Curved DNA-binding protein CbpA	F
MPN003	gyrB	DNA gyrase subunit B	E
MPN004	gyrA	DNA gyrase subunit A	E
MPN122	parB	DNA topoisomerase 4 subunit B	E
MPN123	parC	DNA topoisomerase 4 subunit A	E
MPN124	hrcA	Heat-inducible transcription repressor hrcA	E
MPN229	ssbA	SSB-binding ssDNA	E
MPN239	gntR	Probable HTH-type transcriptional regulator gntR	E
MPN241	whiA	Transcription factor with W hiA C-terminal domain	F
MPN266	spxA	Transcriptional regulator Spx	E
MPN275	ybaB	DNA-binding protein, YbaB/ EbfC family	F
MPN294	araC	AraC-like transcriptional regulator	NE
MPN332	lon	ATP-dependent protease La (EC 3.4.21.53)	E
MPN352	sigA	RNA polymerase sigma factor rpoD (Sigma-A) (EC 2.7.7.6)	E
MPN424	ylxM	Putative helix-turn-helix protein, YlxM/ p13-like protein	NE
MPN426	smc	SMC family, chromosome/DNA binding/ protecting functions	E
MPN478	yrbC	YebC family protein (transcription factor of the tetR family)	E
MPN529	ihf	Histone-like bacterial DNA-binding protein	F
MPN554	ssbB	Putative single-stranded DNA-binding protein	E
MPN572	pepA	Probable cytosol aminopeptidase (EC 3.4.11.1) (leucine aminopeptidase) (LAP) (leucyl aminopeptidase)	E
MPN608	phoU	Transcriptional regulator involved in phosphate transport system	E
MPN626	mpn626	Alternative sigma factor	NE
MPN686	dnaA	Chromosomal replication initiator protein dnaA	E

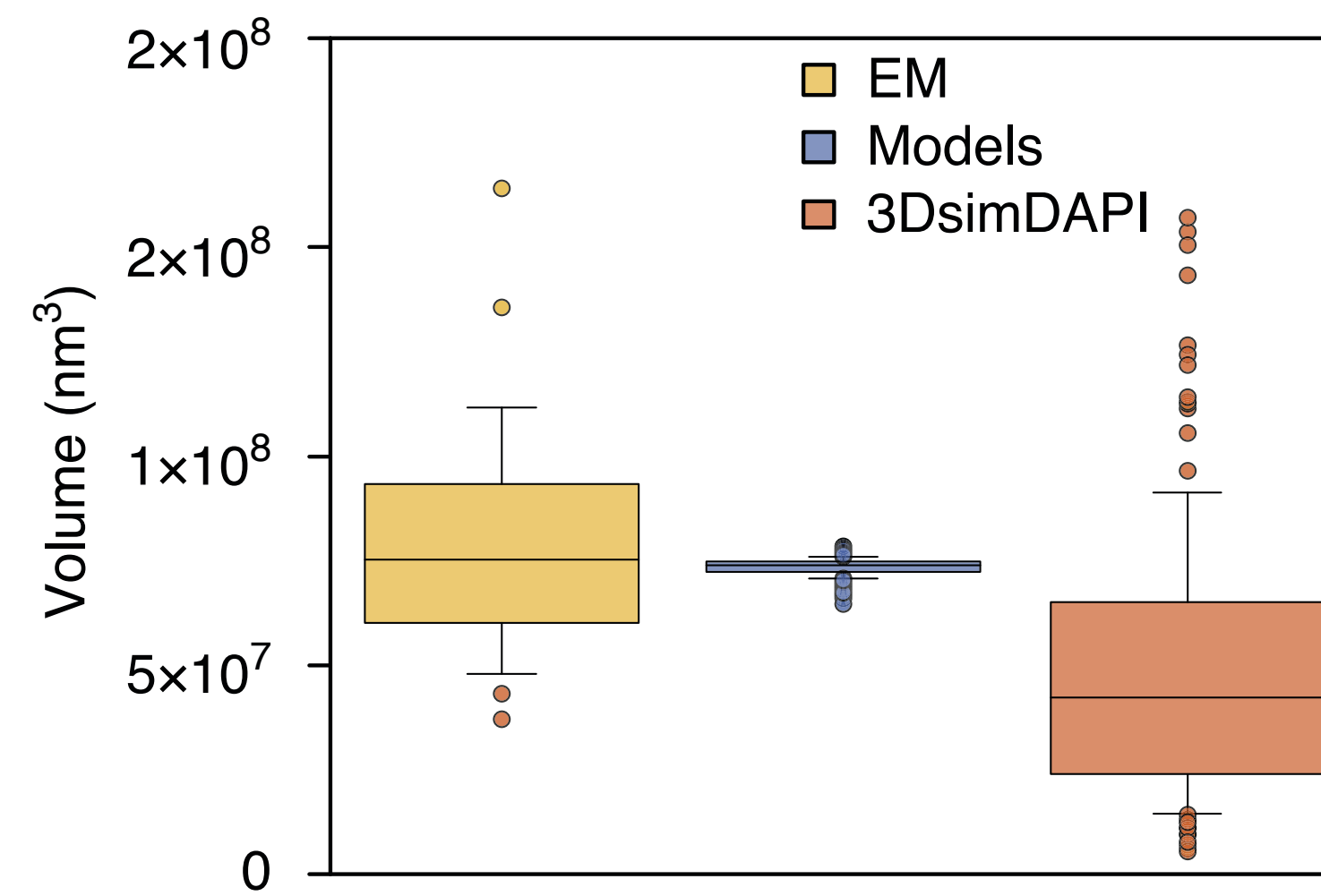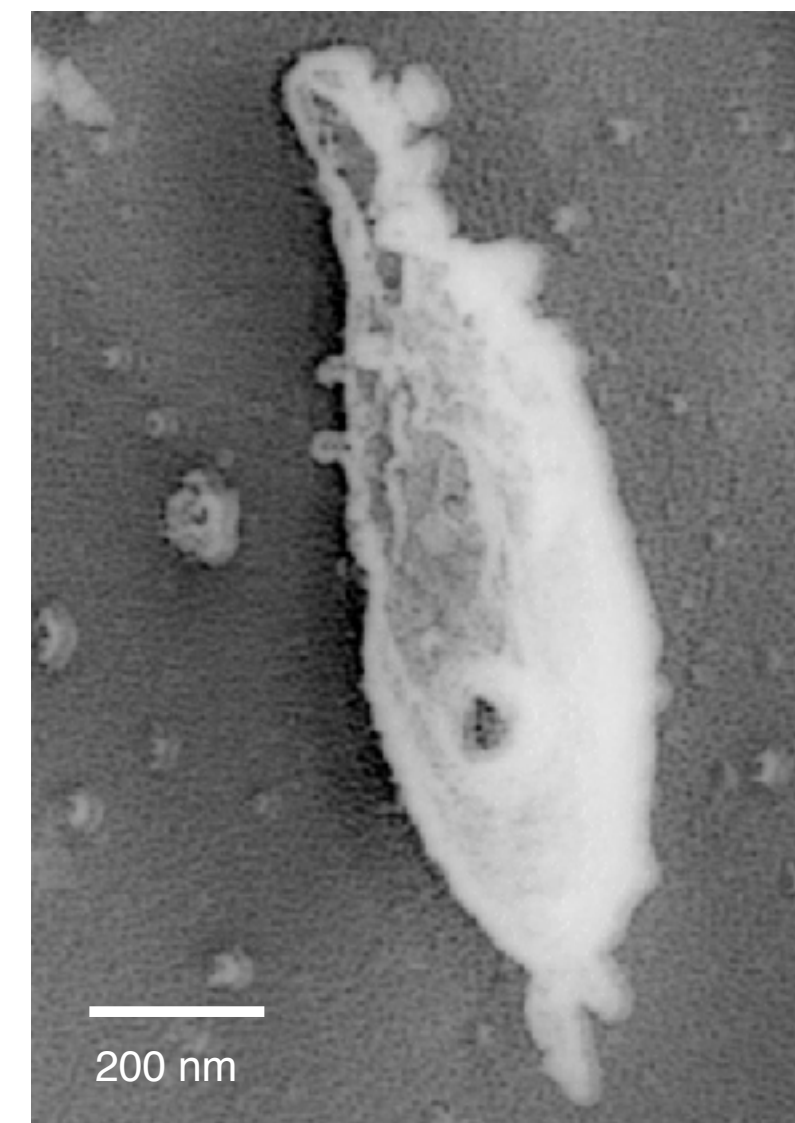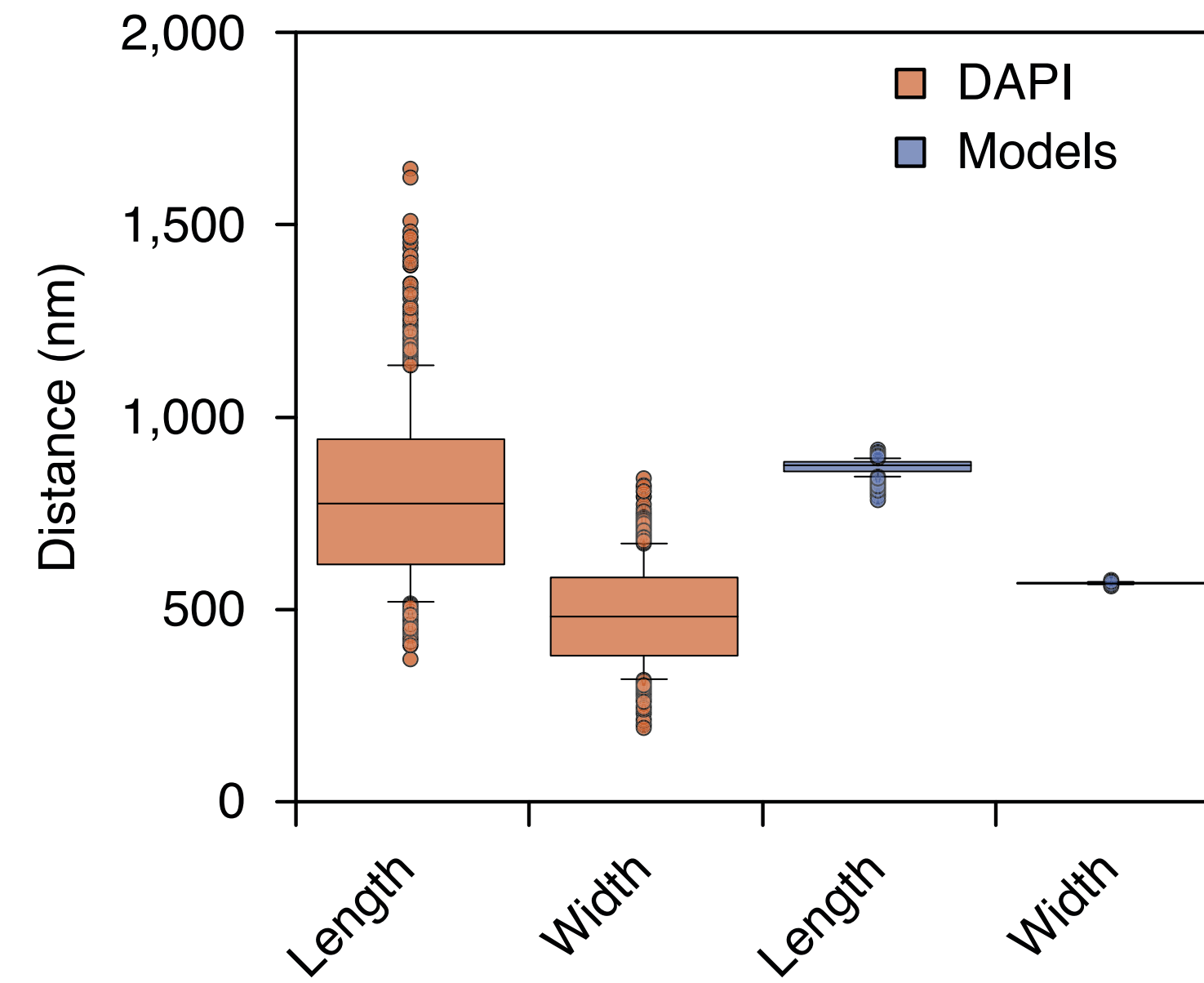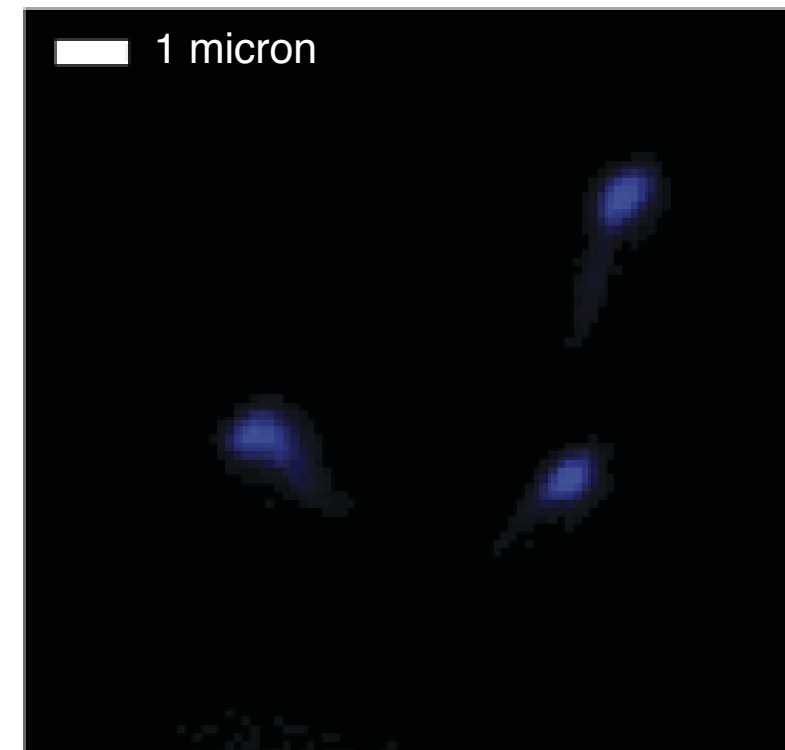E, essential; F, fitness; LAP, leucine aminopeptidase; NE, non-essential; ssDNA, single-stranded DNA [44].

Can we build 3D models of Mycoplasma?

Ori

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700000   10000

650000   15000

Mycoplasma pneumoniae
816,394 bp

600000   20000

550000   25000

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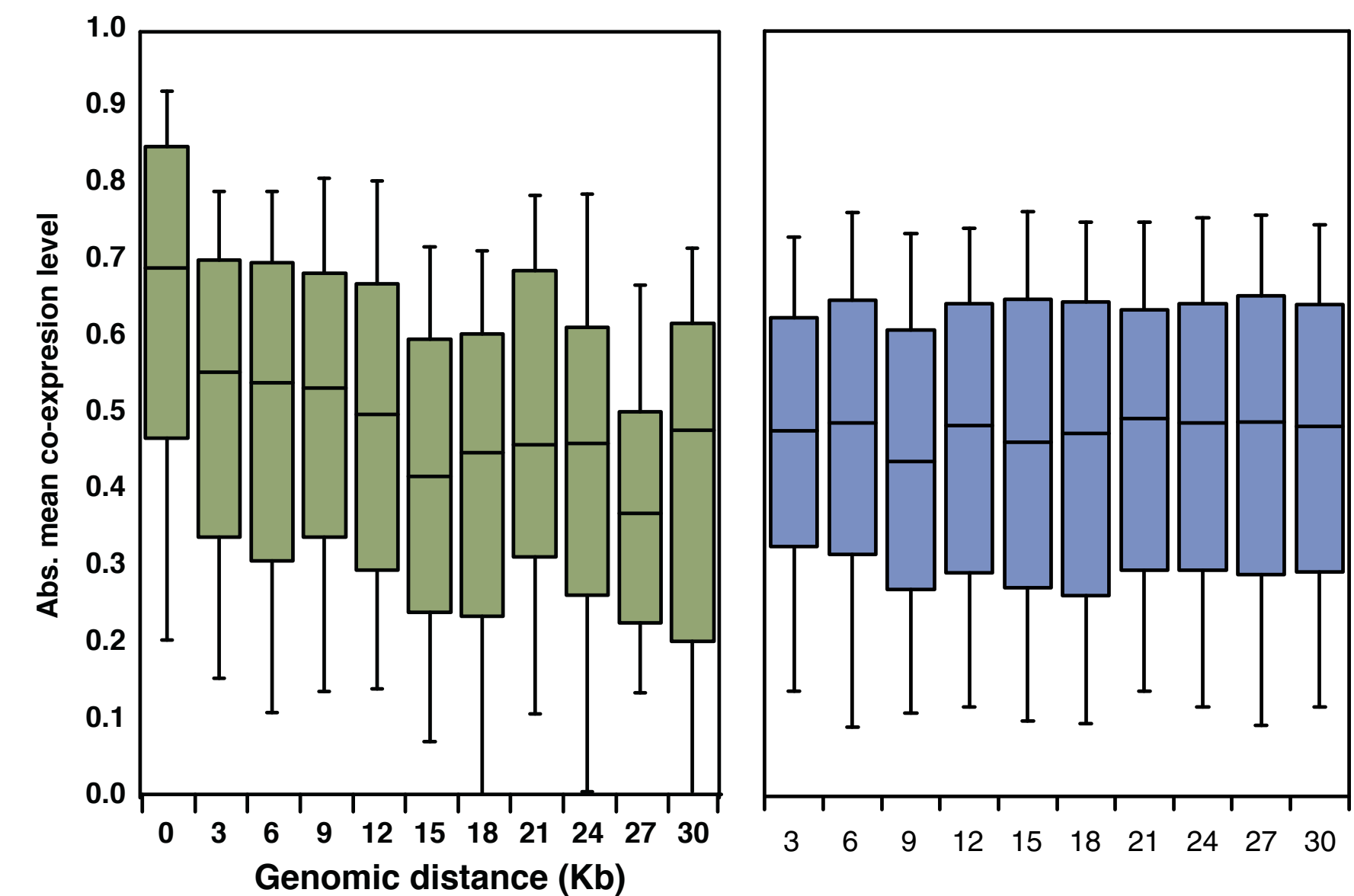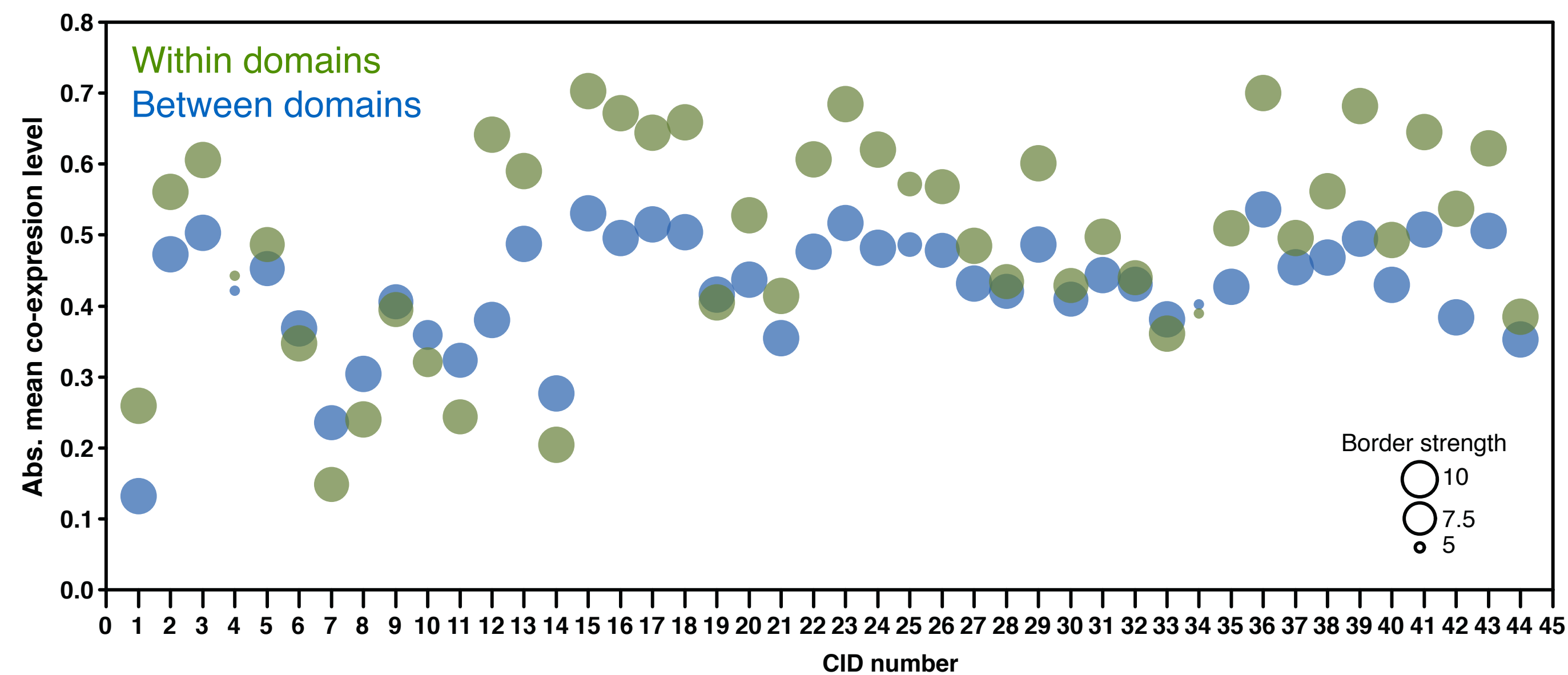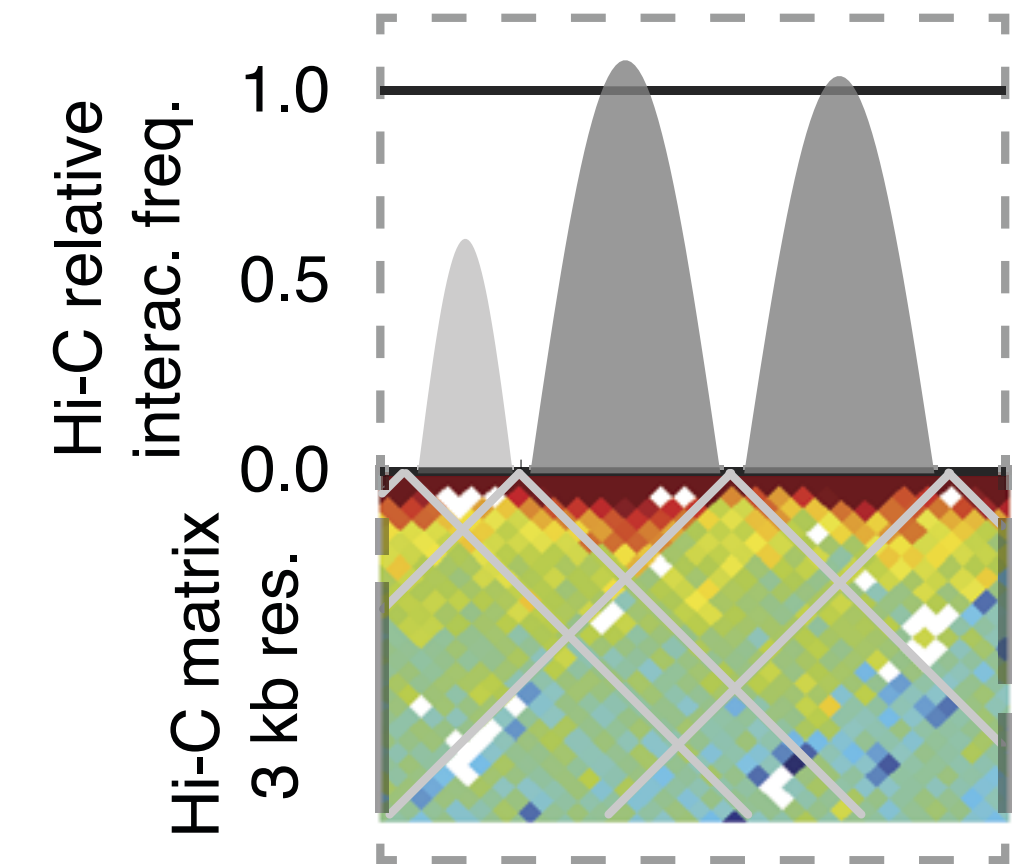
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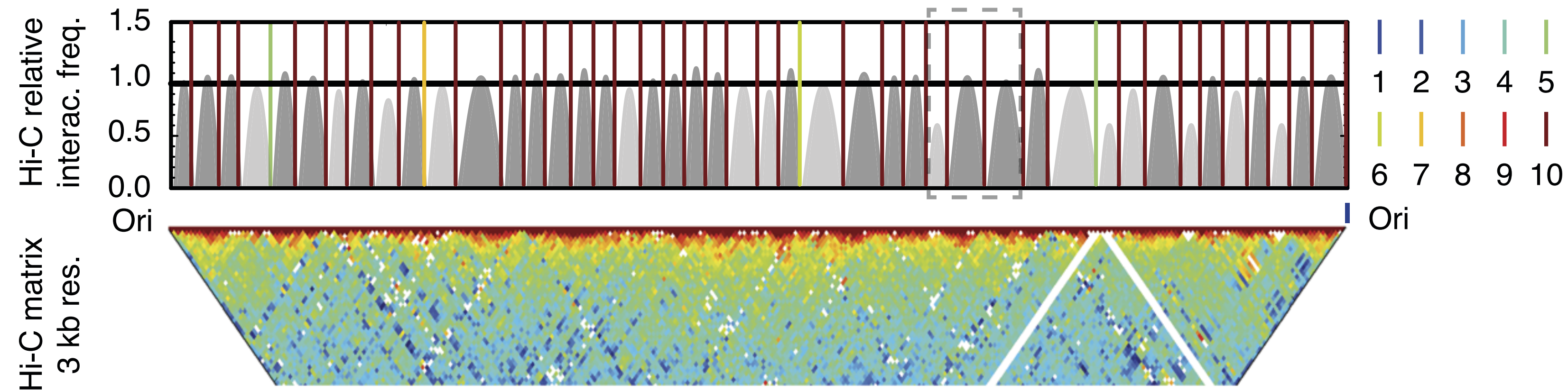12.75
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Can we build 3D models of Mycoplasma?

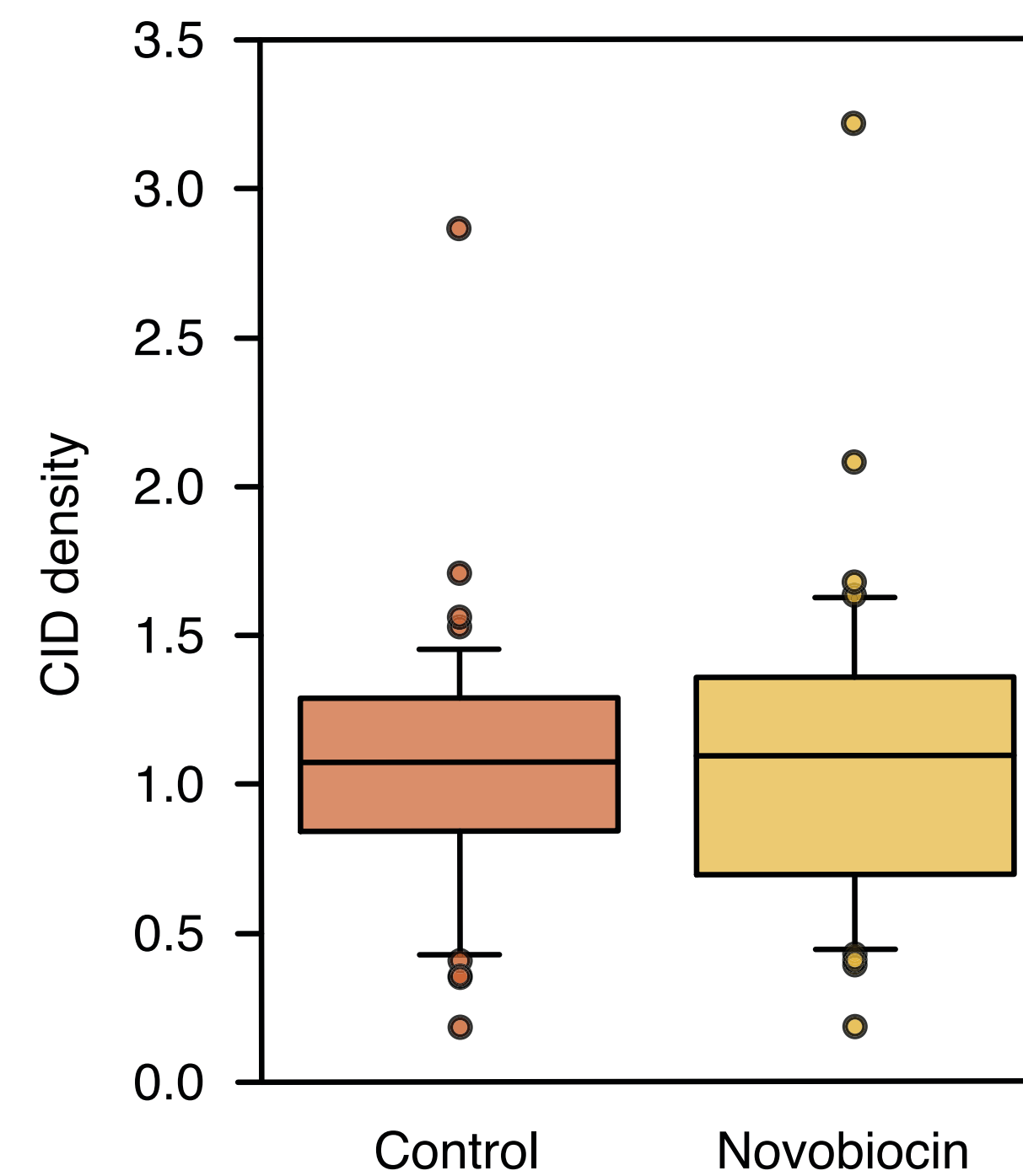# Is the overall 3D model accurate?
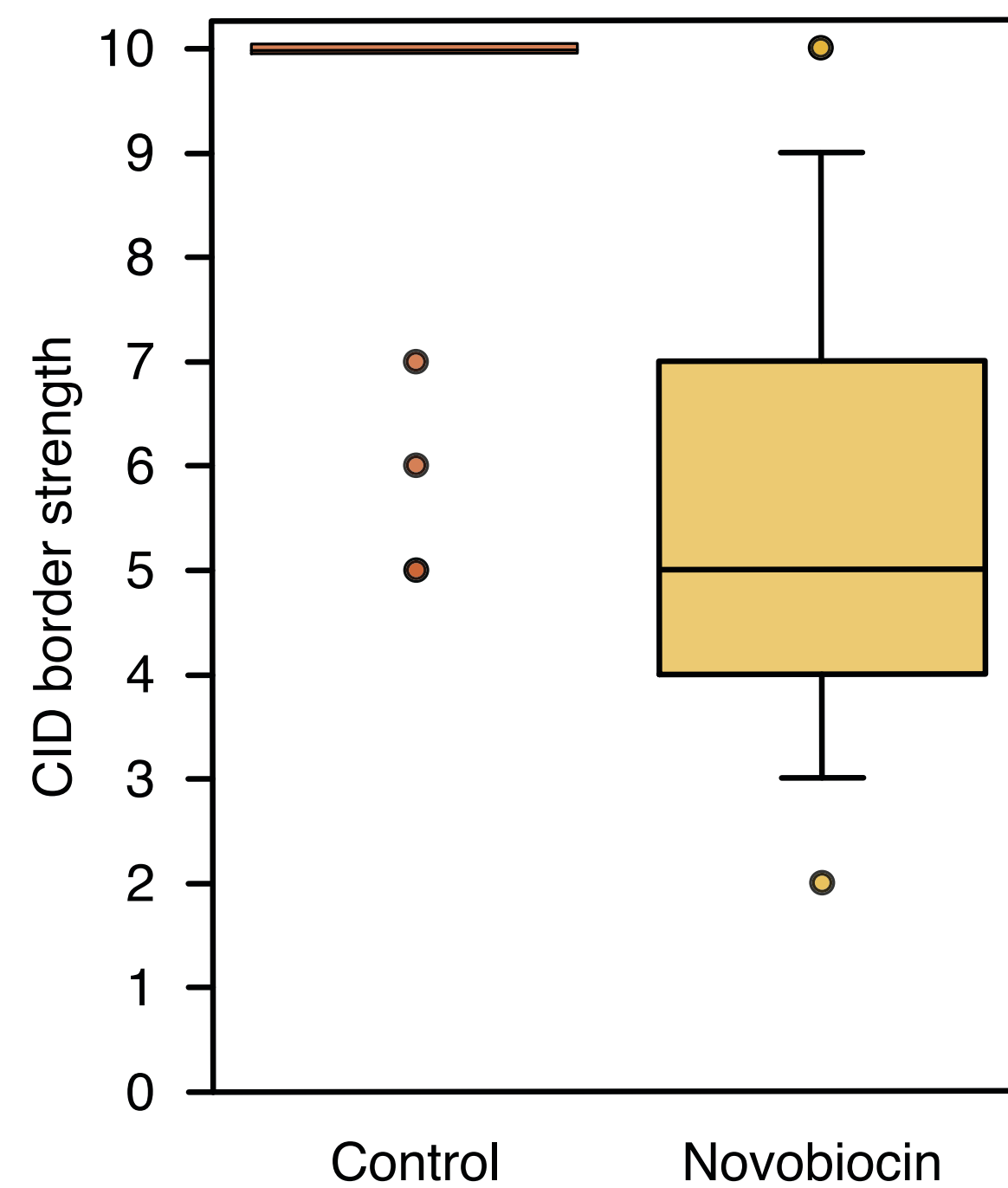

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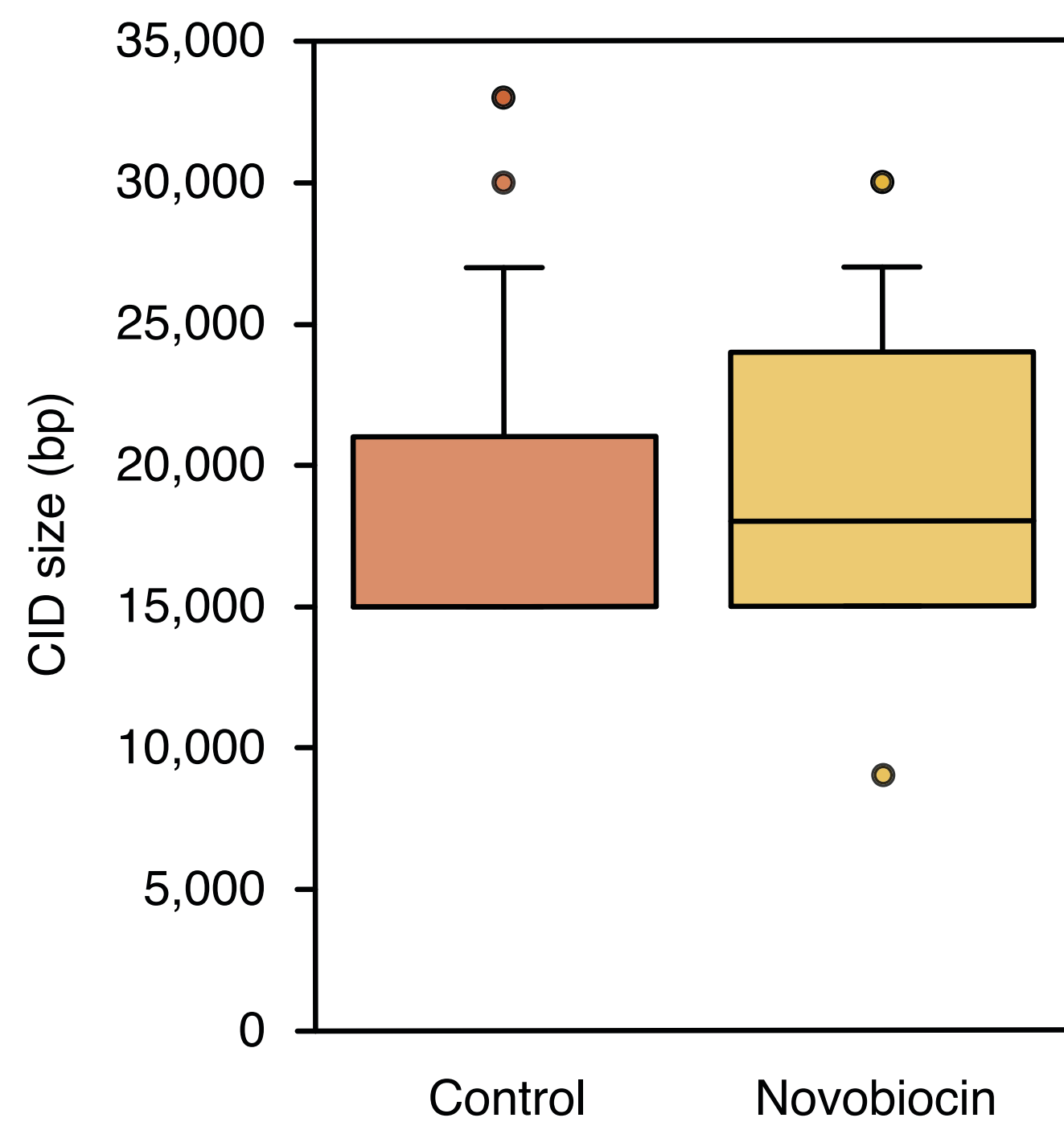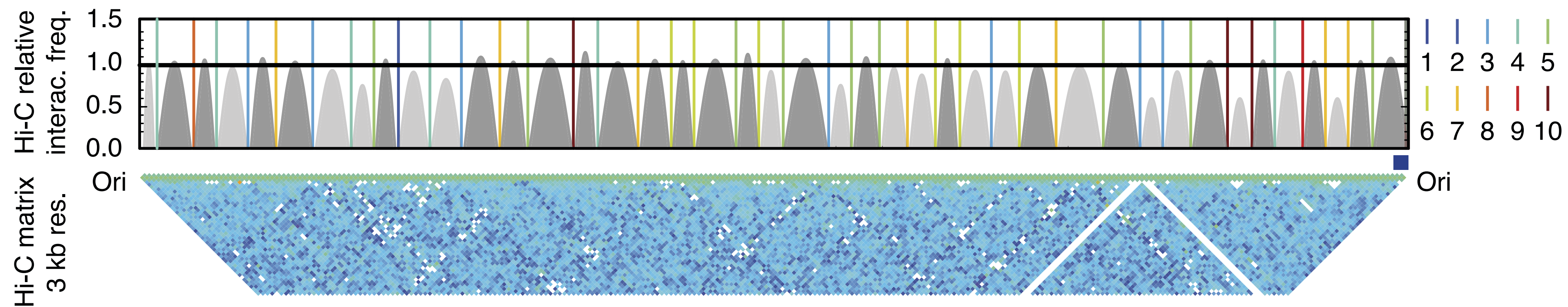Osaka City University

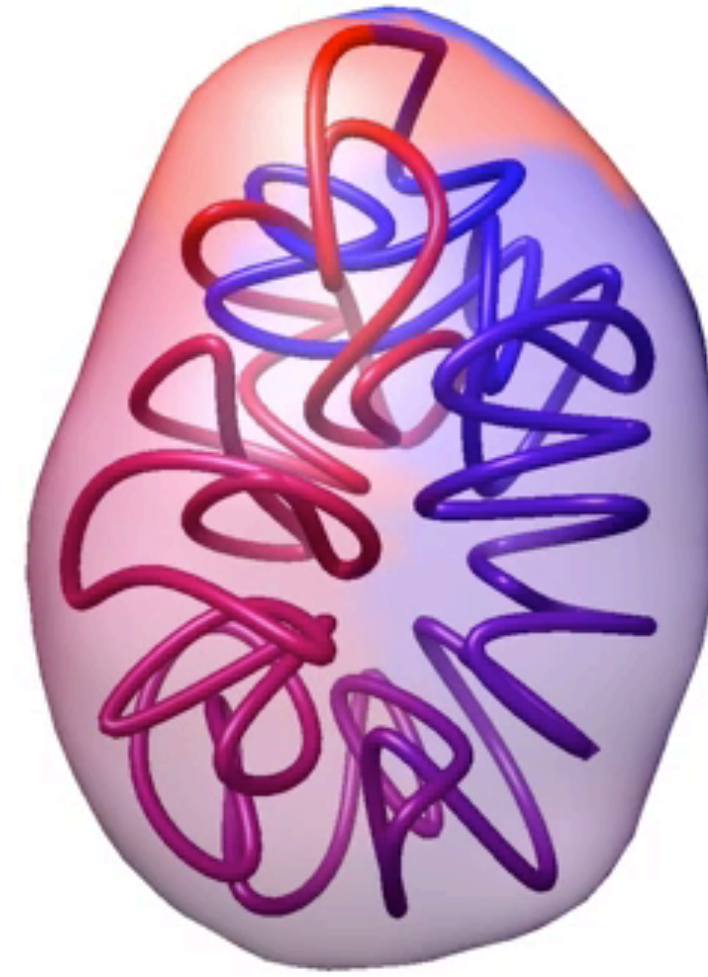Are the details of the 3D model accurate?
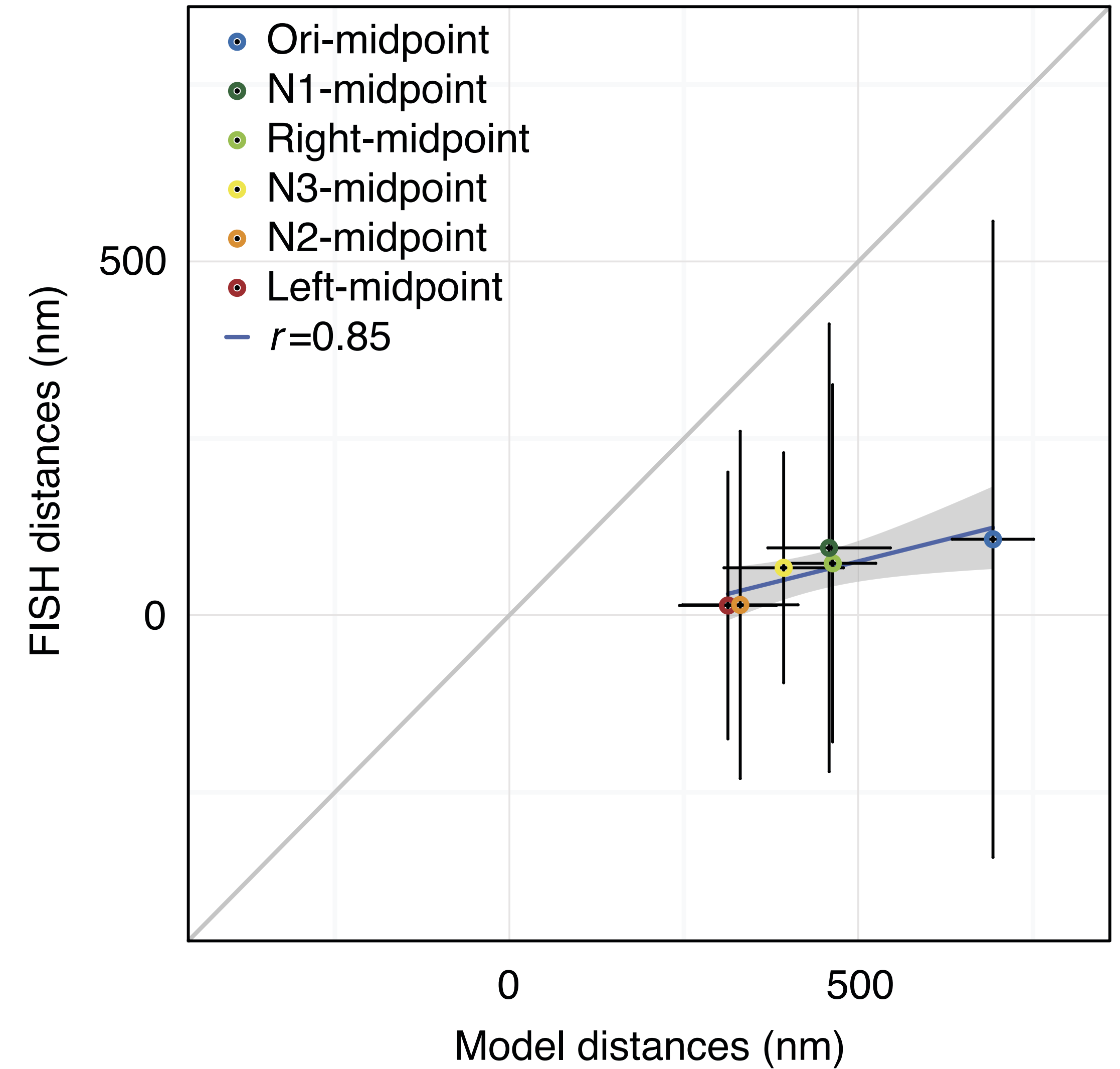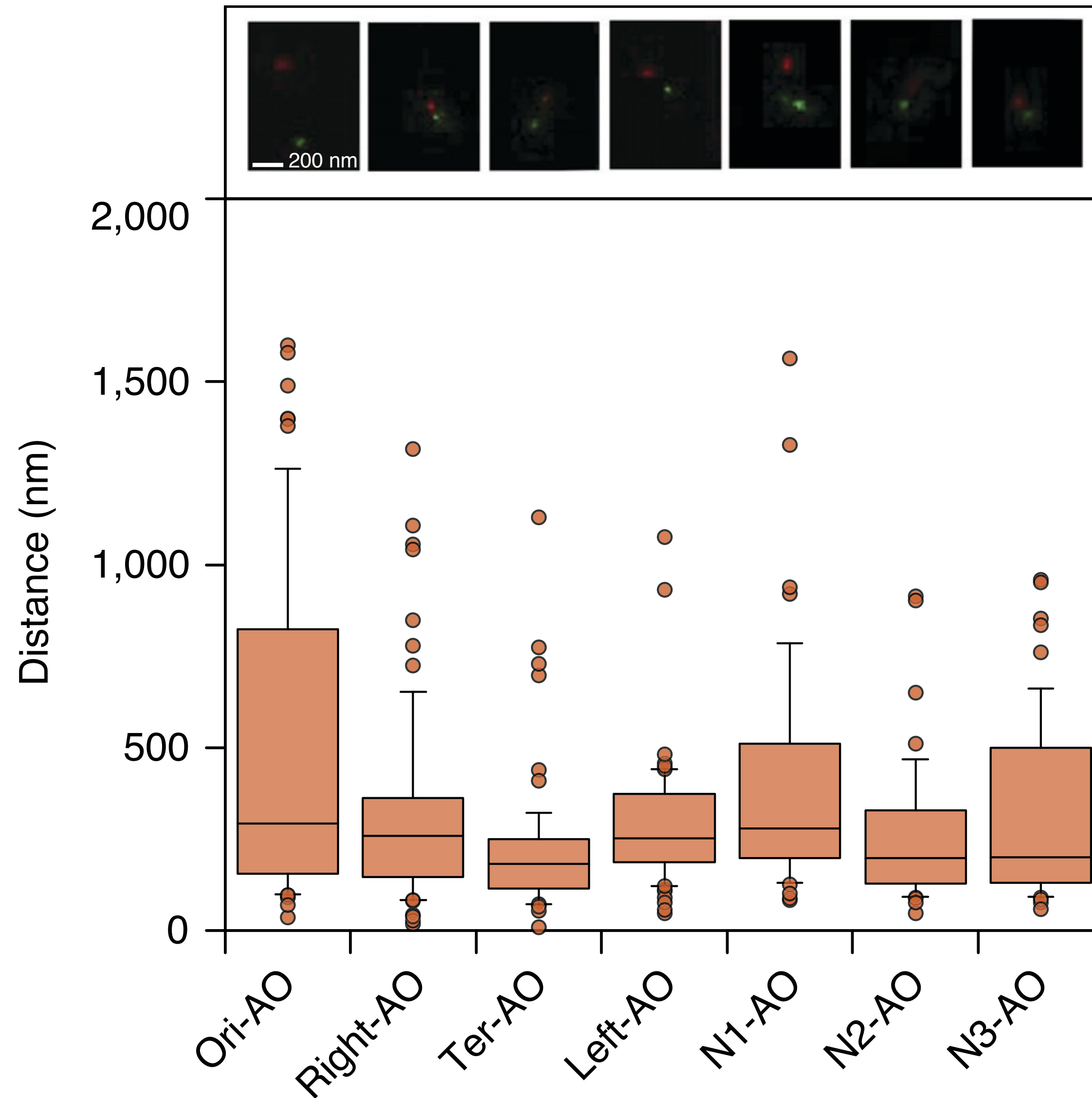
Mycoplasma genome is partitioned into co-regulated CIDs

Inhibiting supercoiling decreases the sharpness of domain borders

Mycoplasma reduced-genome has a "3D structure"

Similar to Caulobacter, Mycoplasma has a double diagonal intersecting near the centre of the genome

Mycoplasma has CIDs (TADs)

CIDs contain co-regulated genes.

Inhibition of supercoiling by novobiocin significantly reduced the sharpness of CID borders.

Very few factors may be necessary to define a 3D structure

Other elements like supercoiling could regulate these domain boundaries.

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