



Dynamics of gene activation

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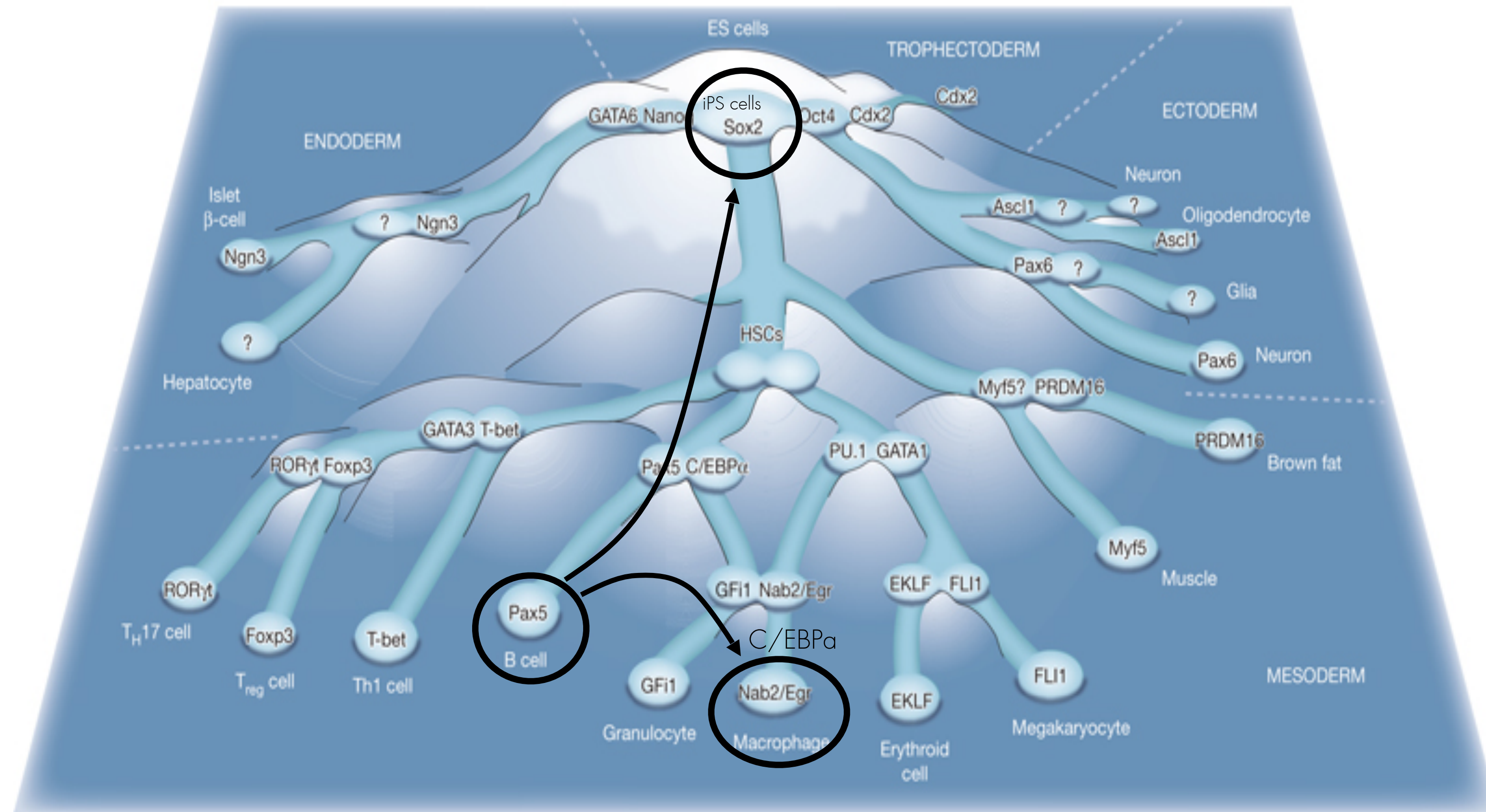
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Transcription factors dictate cell fate

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Transcription factors (TFs) determine cell identity through gene regulation

Normal 'forward' differentiation

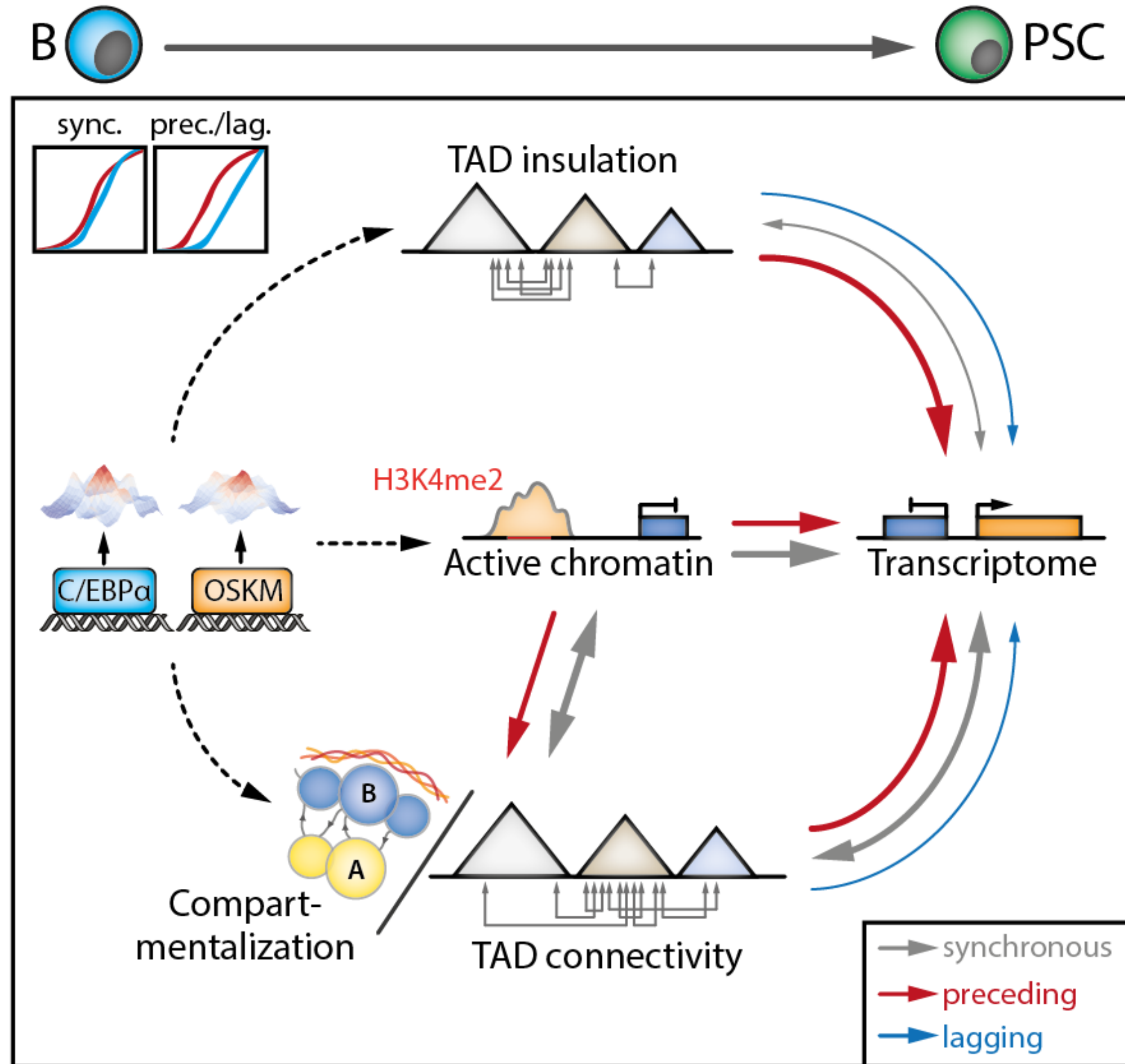
Cell fates can be converted by enforced TF expression

Transdifferentiation or reprogramming

Interplay: topology, gene expression & chromatin

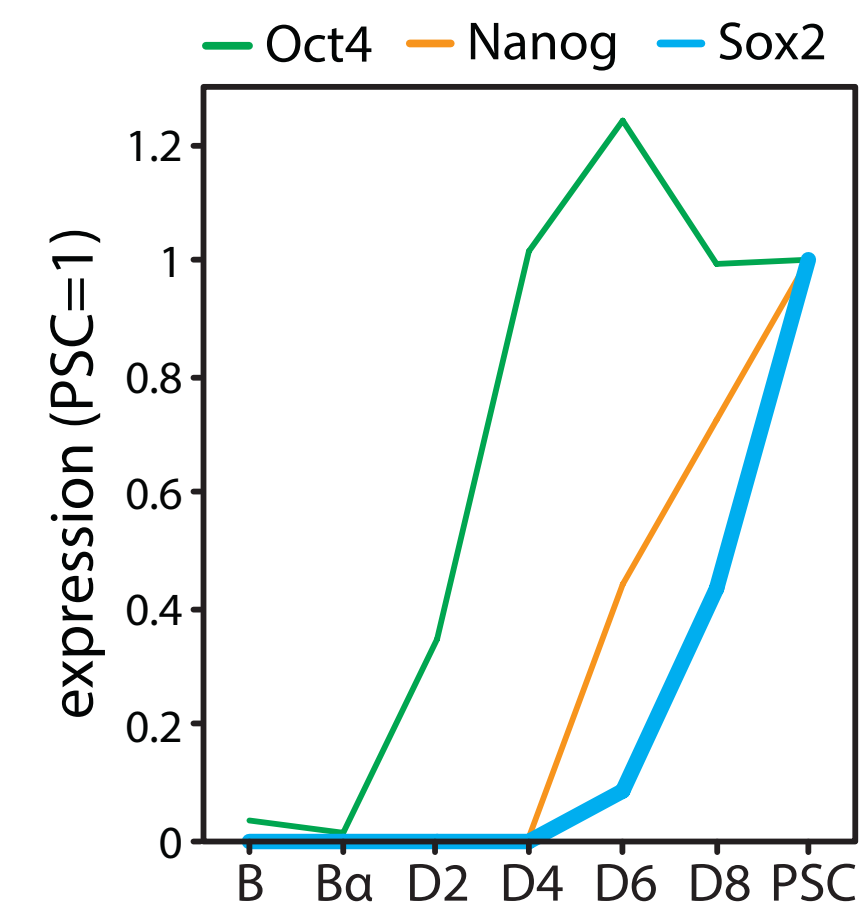
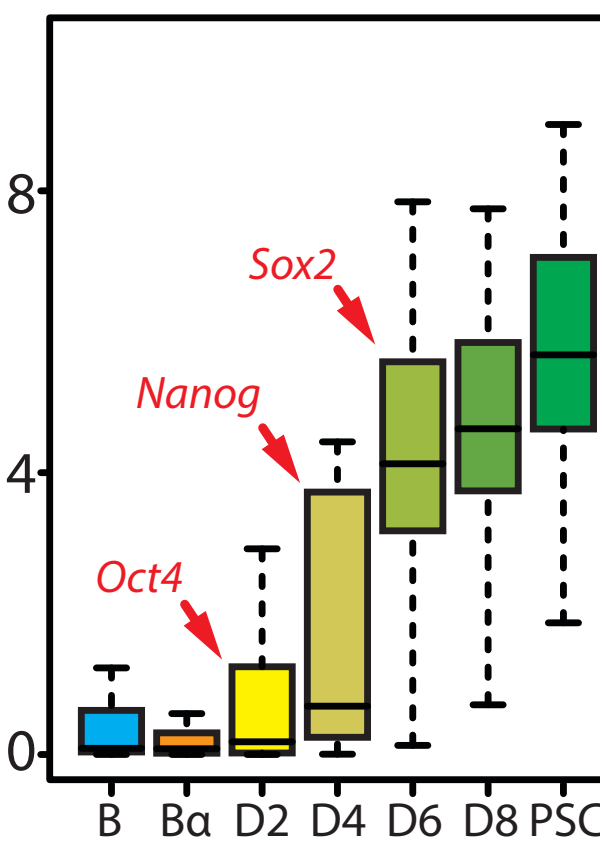
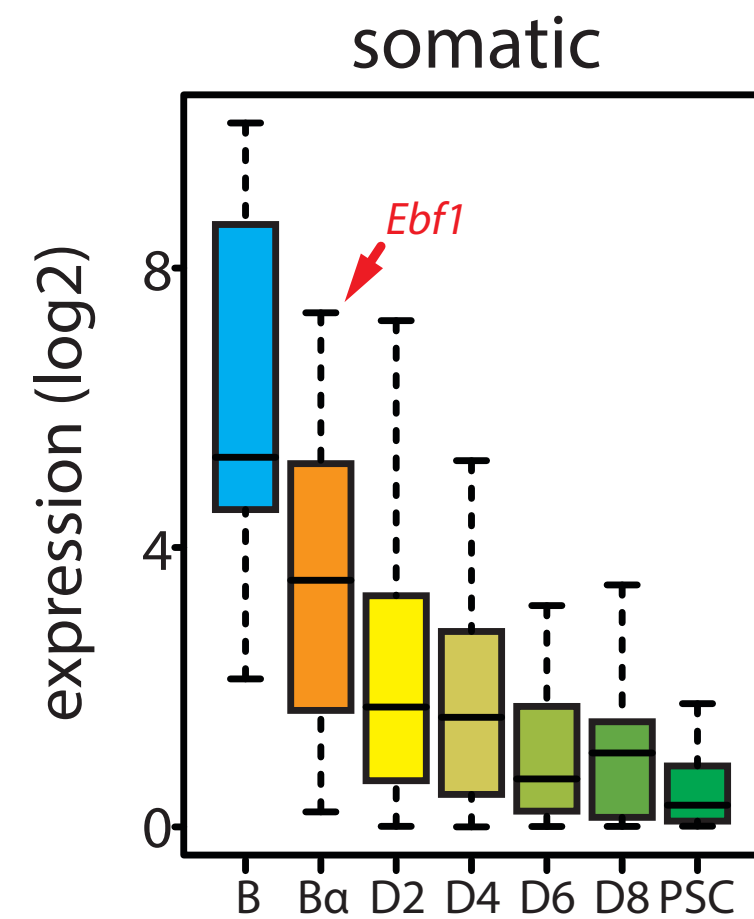
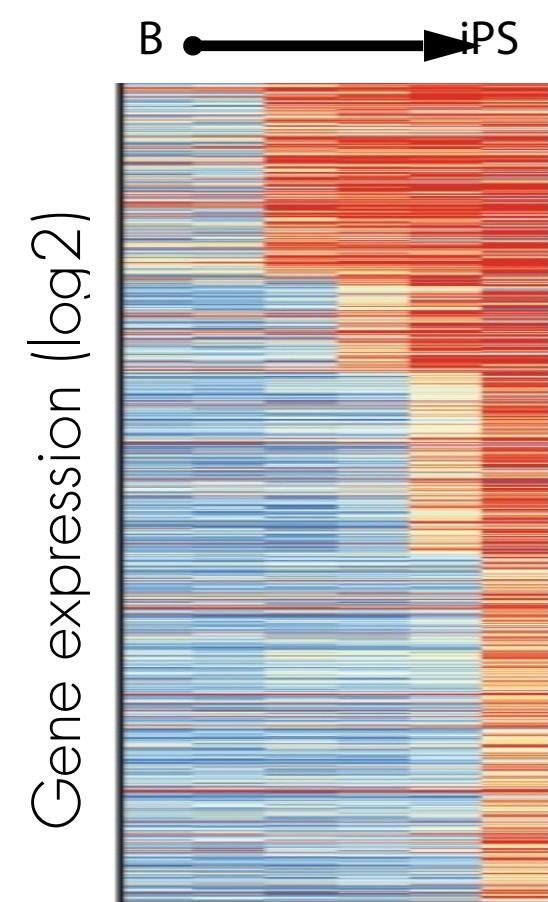
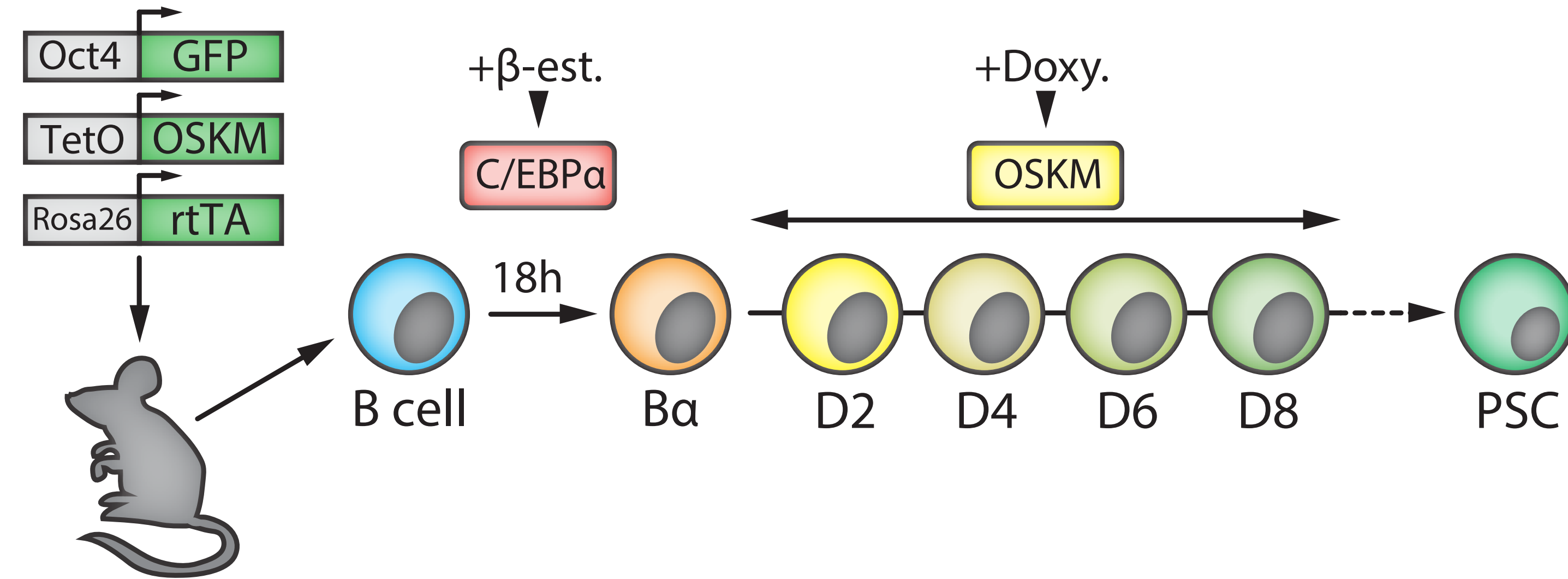
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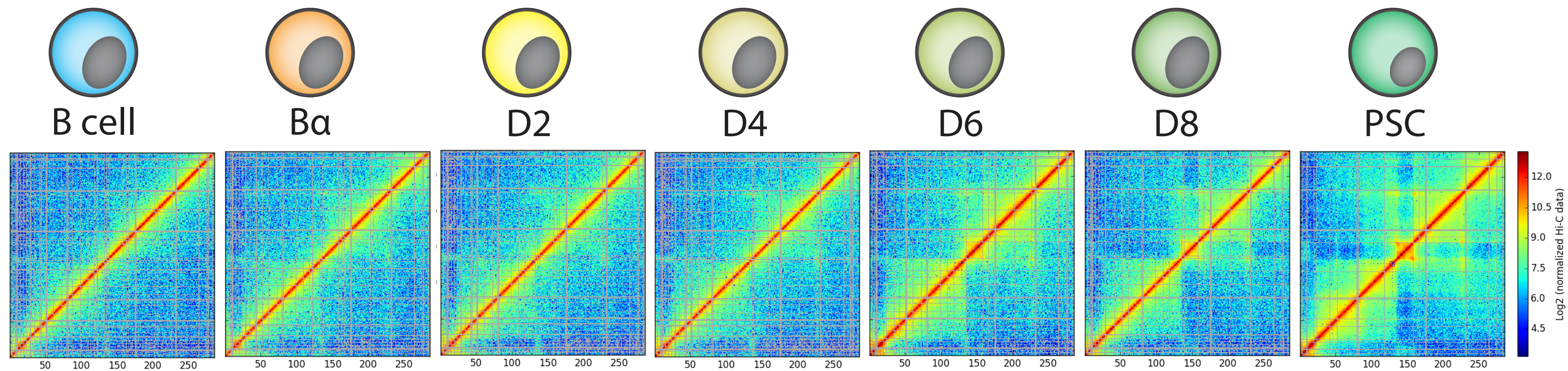
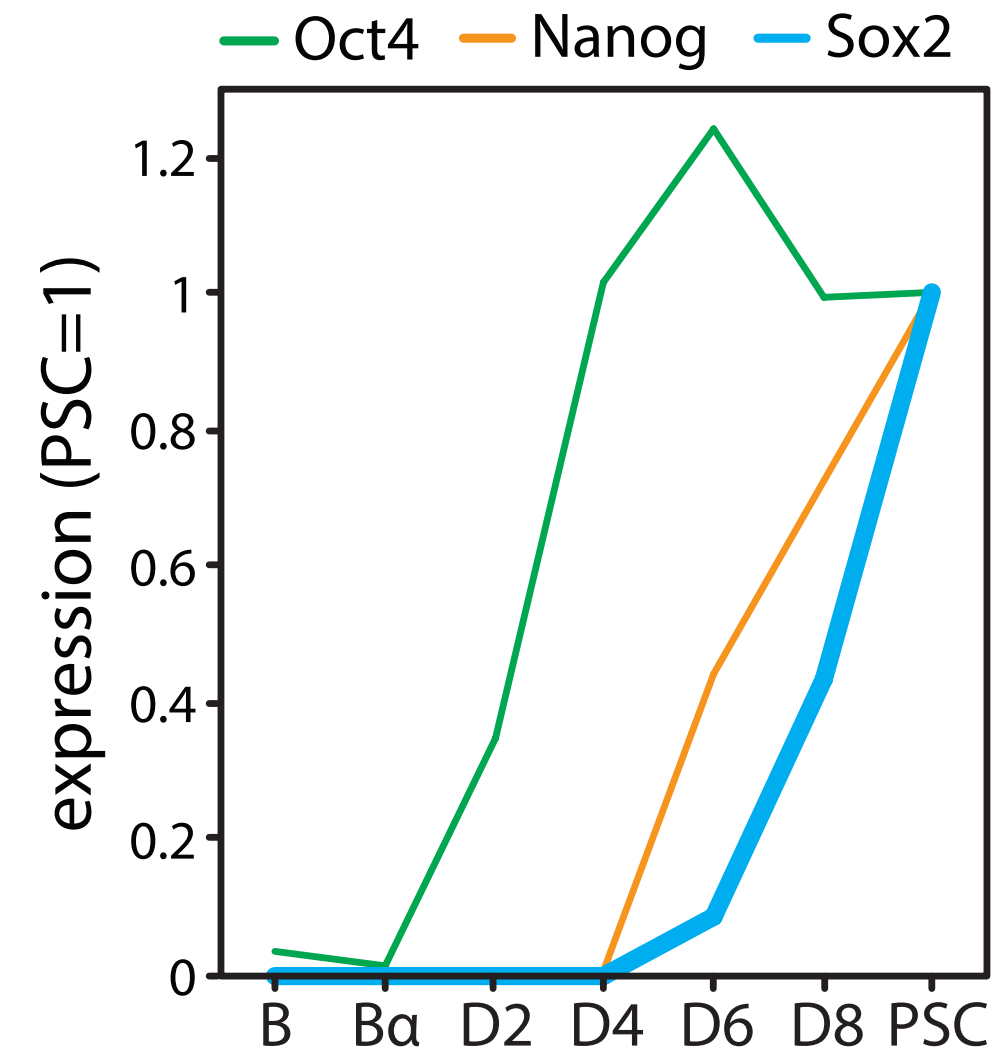
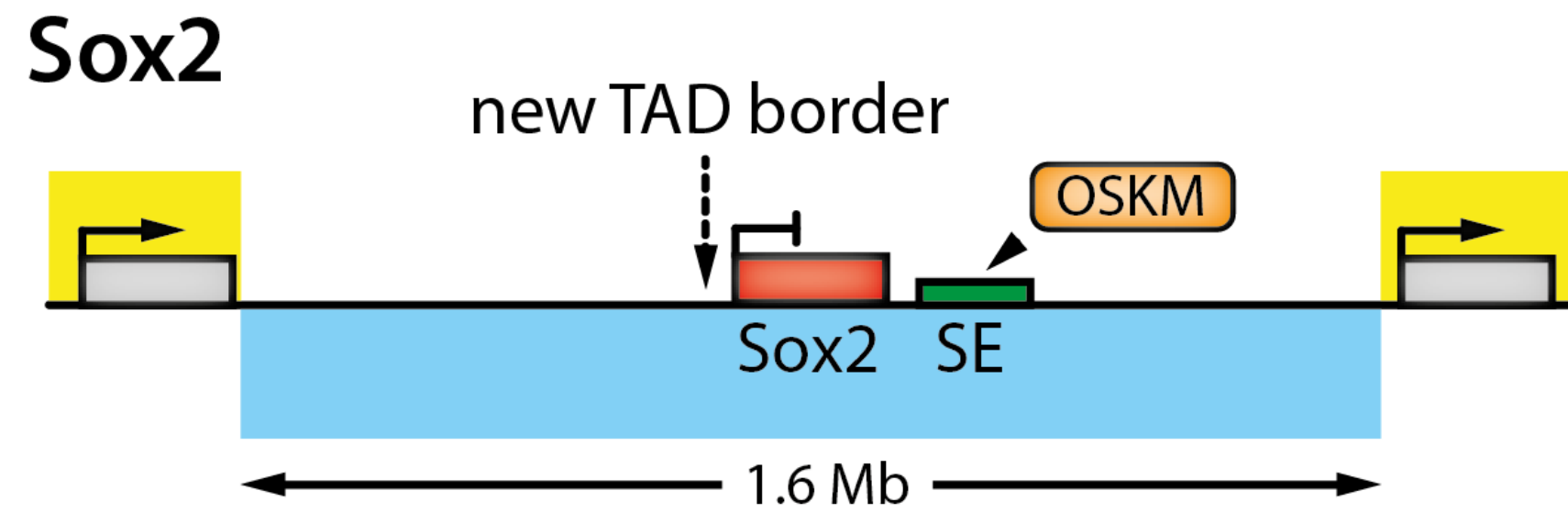
Reprogramming from B to PSC

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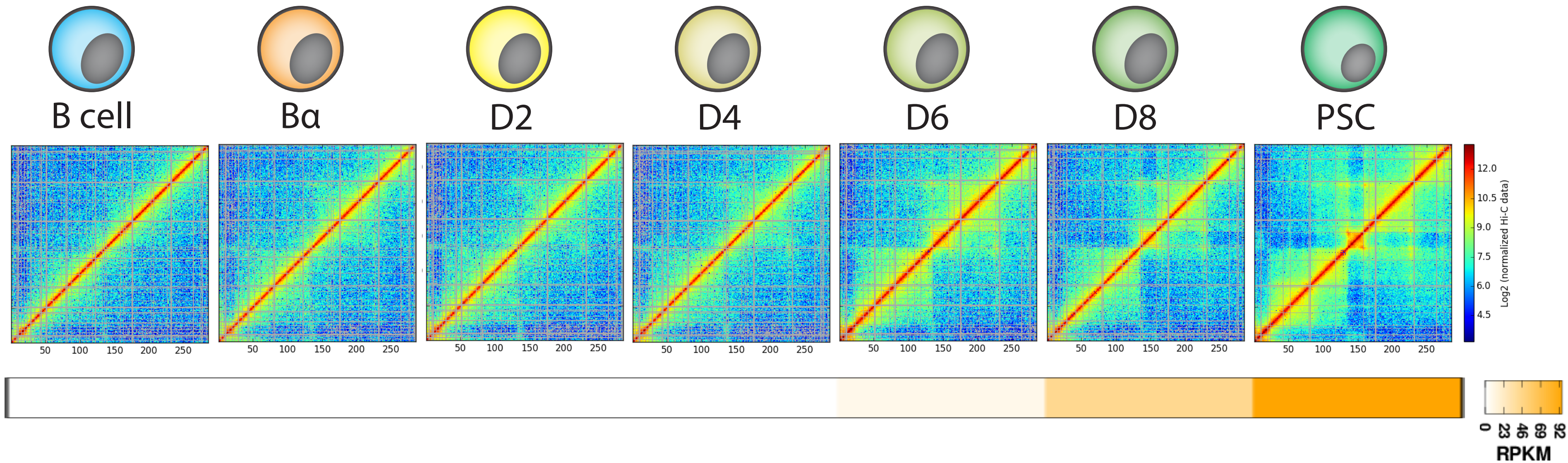
Hi-C maps of reprogramming from B to PSC

The SOX2 locus



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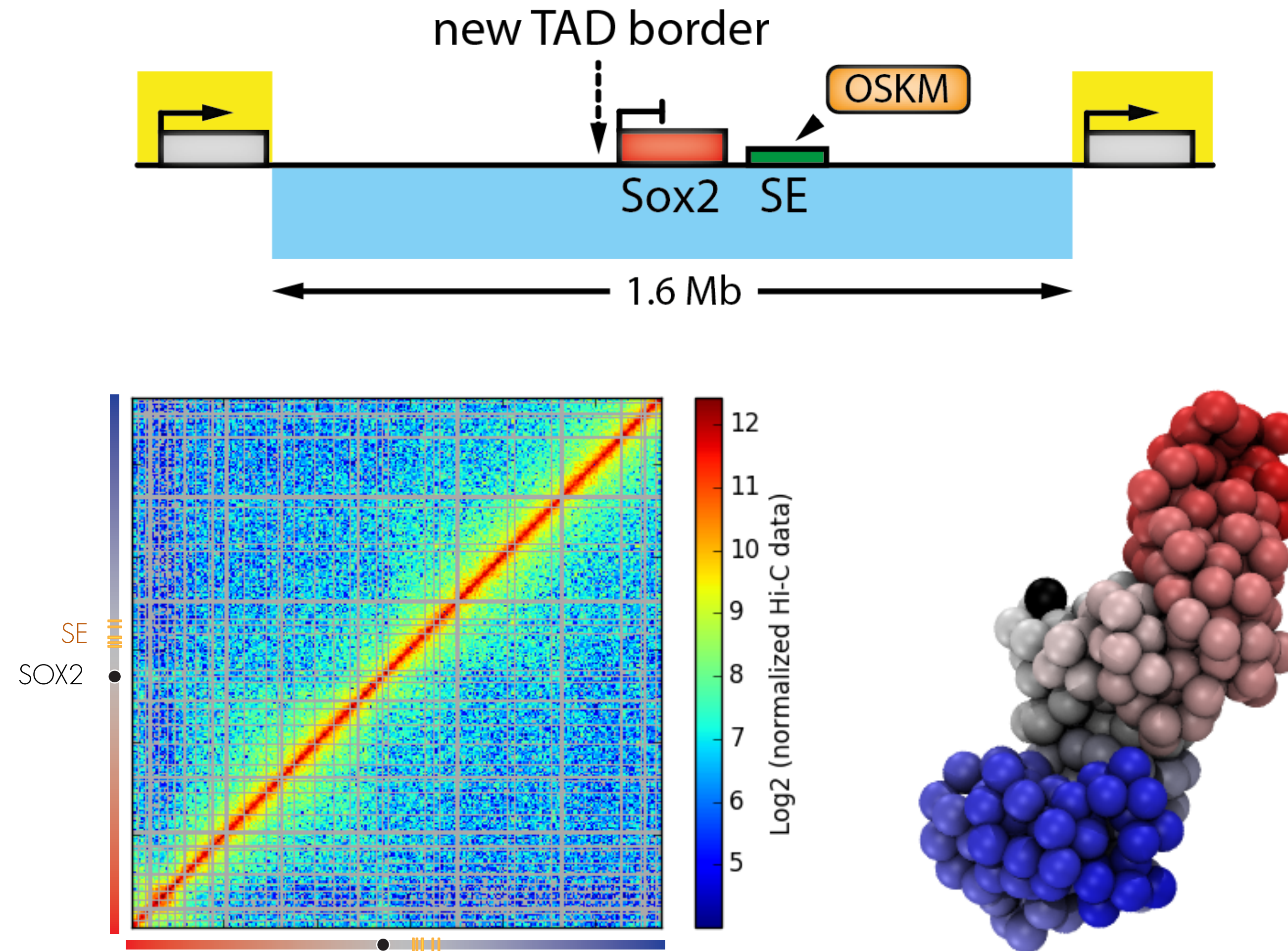
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How do these structural rearrangements interplay with the transcription activity?

What are the main drivers of structural transitions?

TADbit modeling of SOX2 from B cells Hi-C

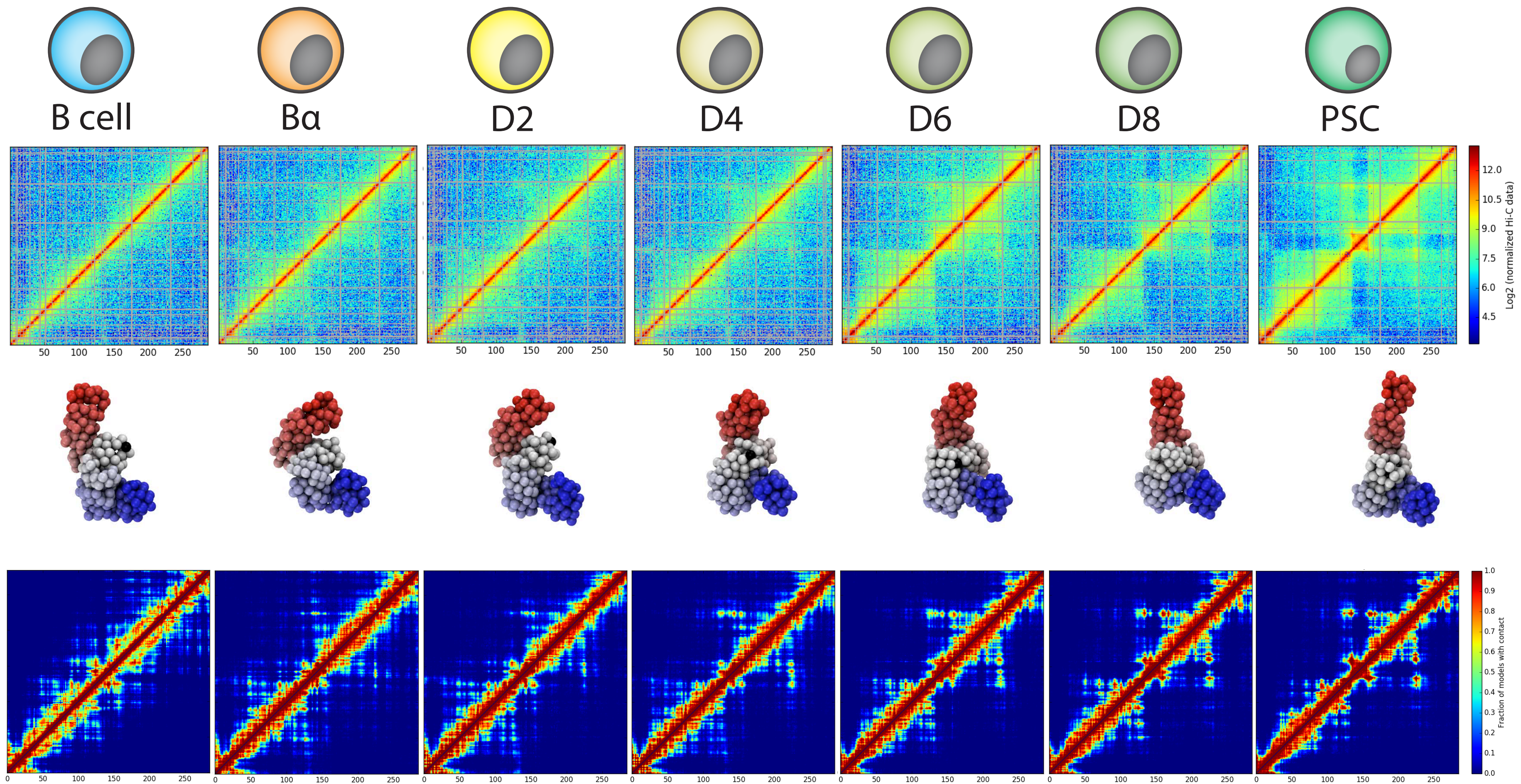


Optimal IMP parameters

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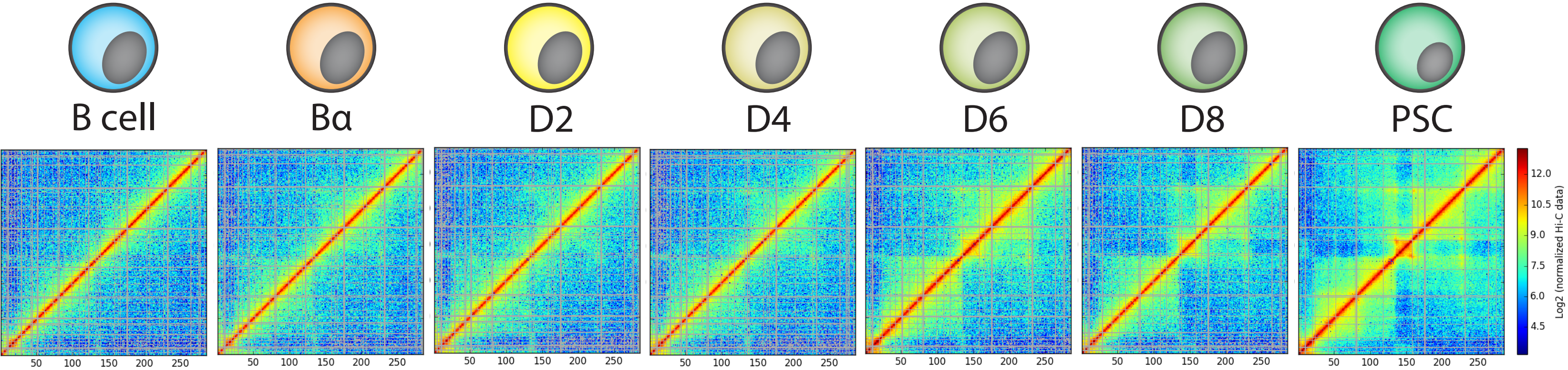
Models of reprogramming from B to PSC

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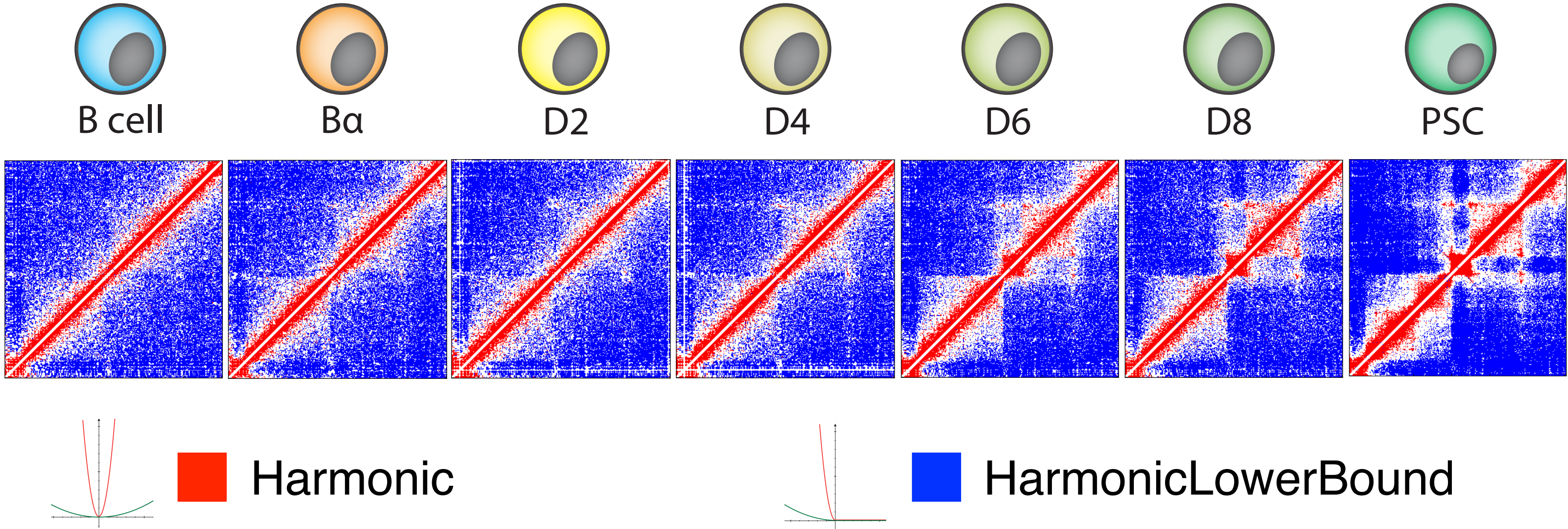
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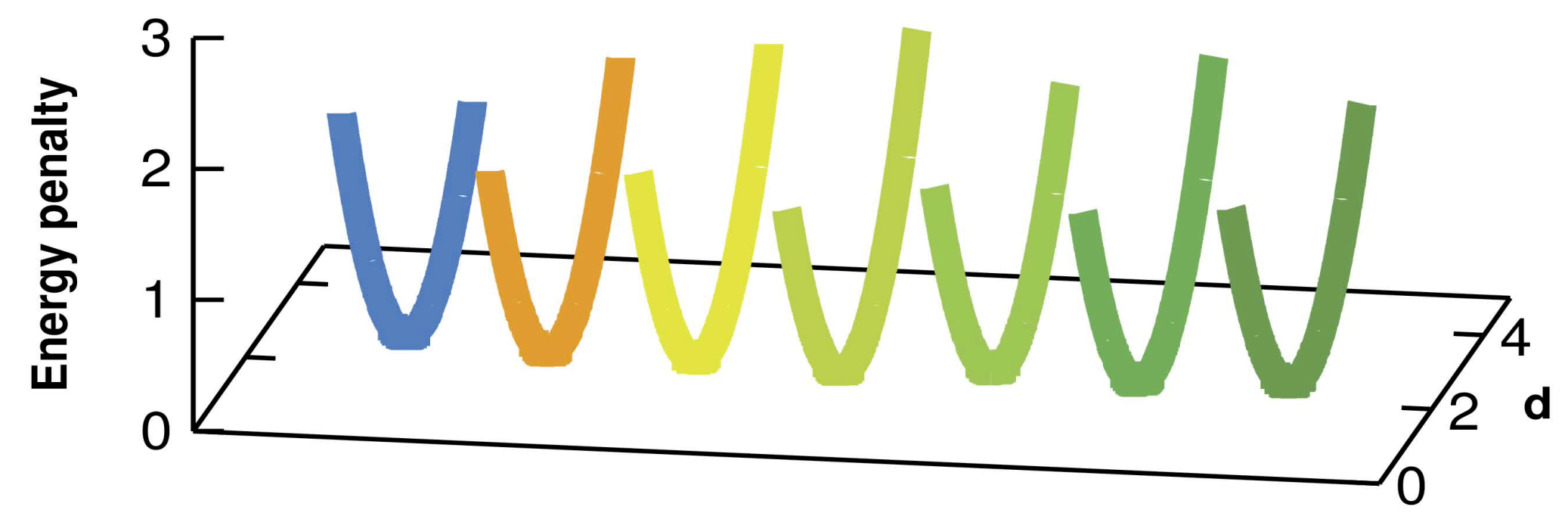
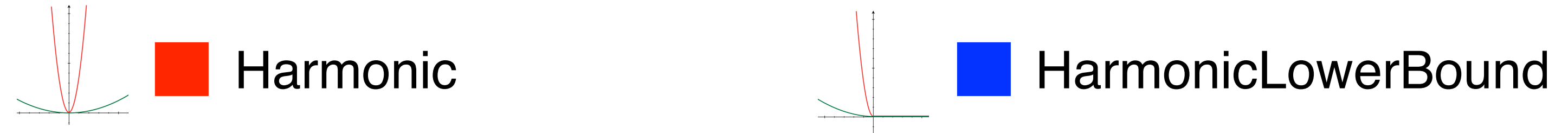
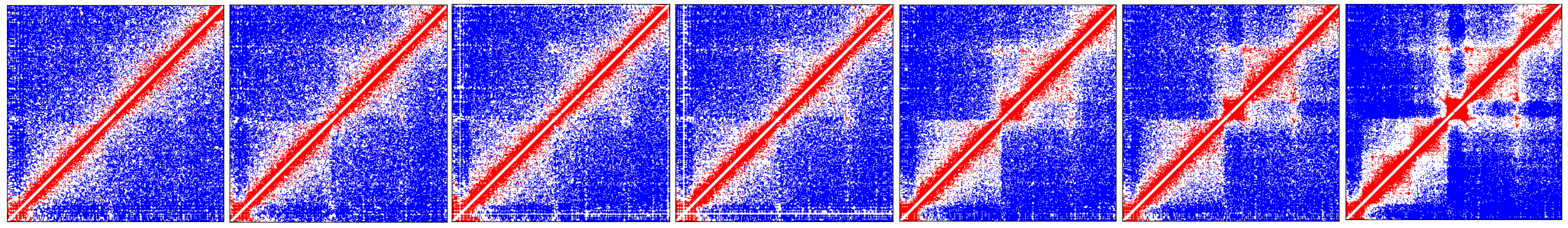
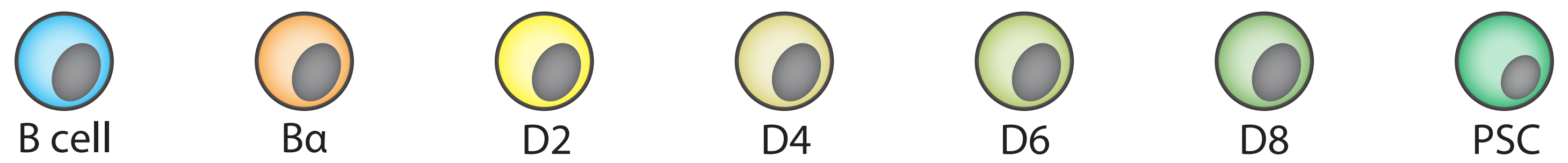
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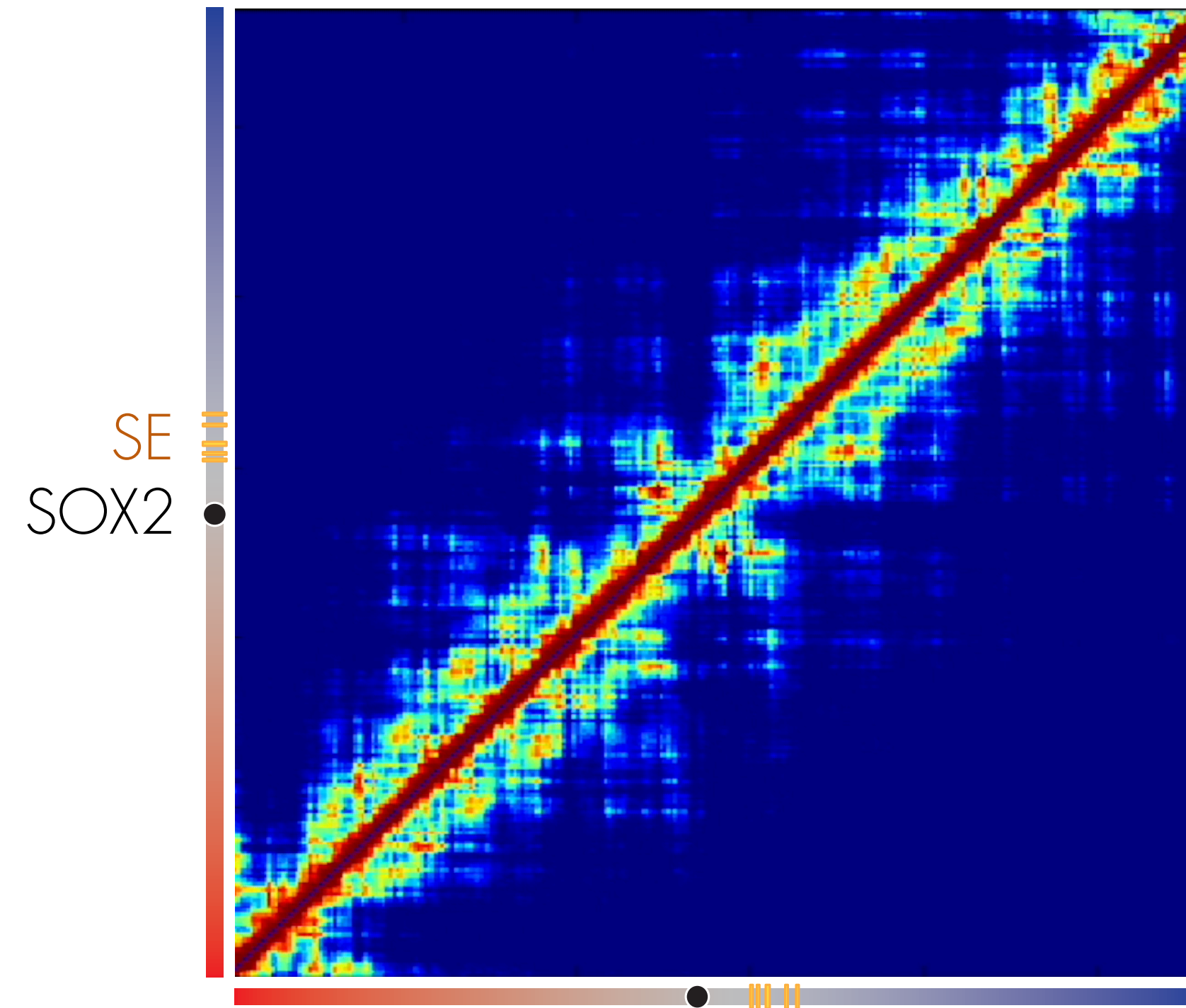
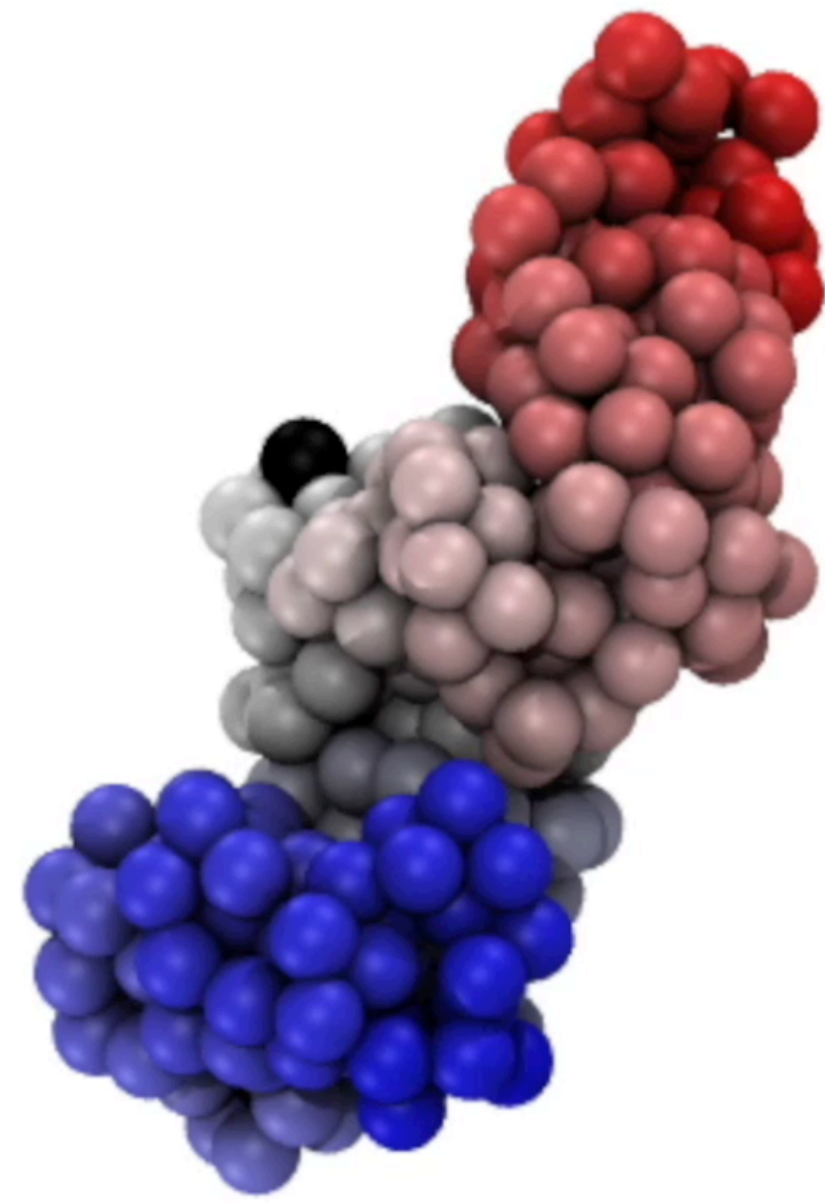
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Transition	Stable	Vanishing	Raising
B → B α	18,612	6,984	7,290
B α → D2	18,512	7,390	6,687
D2 → D4	18,369	6,830	6,893
D4 → D6	18,971	6,291	7,289
D6 → D8	20,167	6,093	6,250
D8 → ES	20,679	5,738	6,173

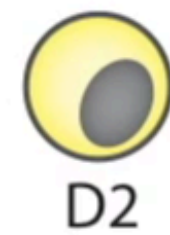
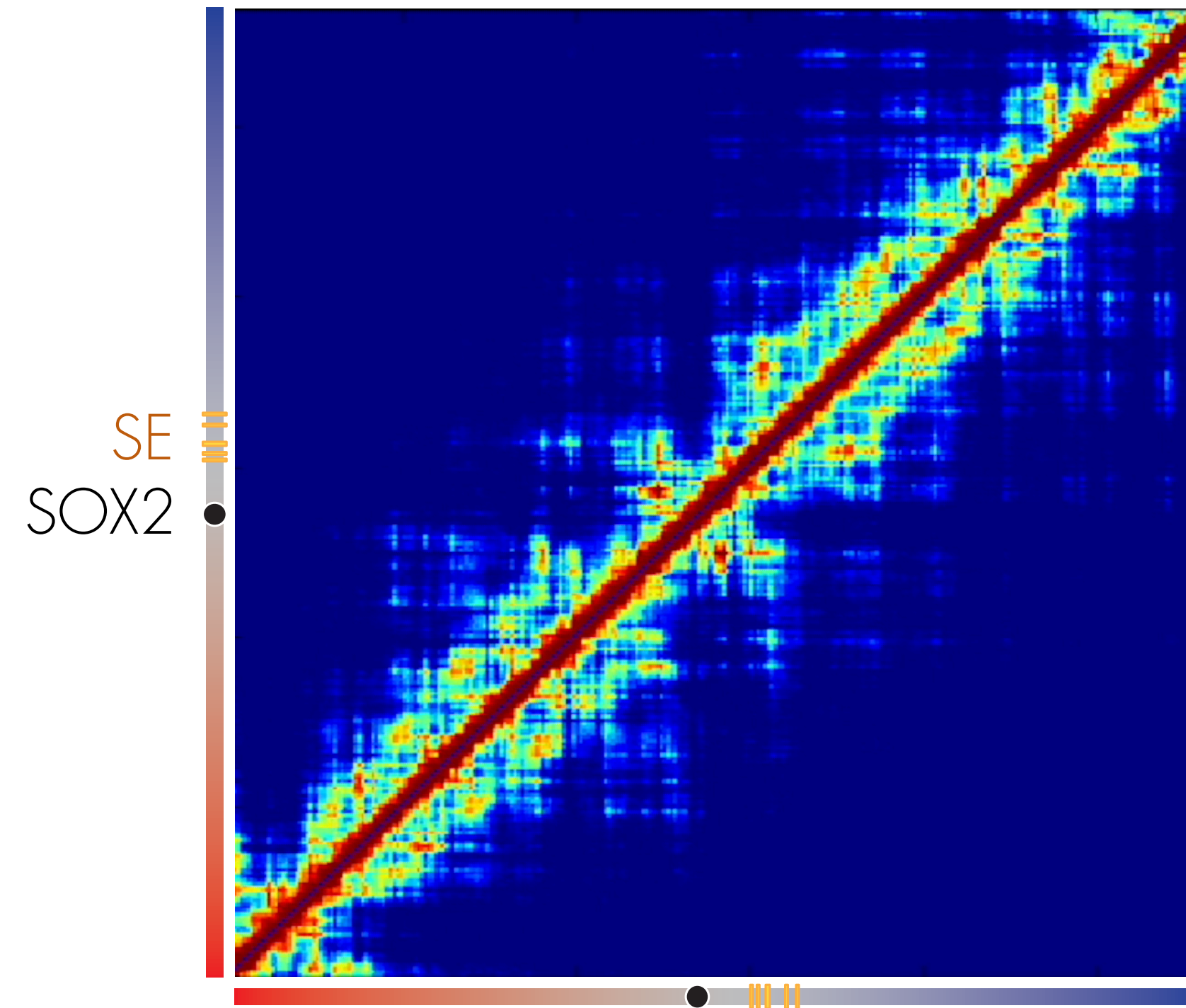
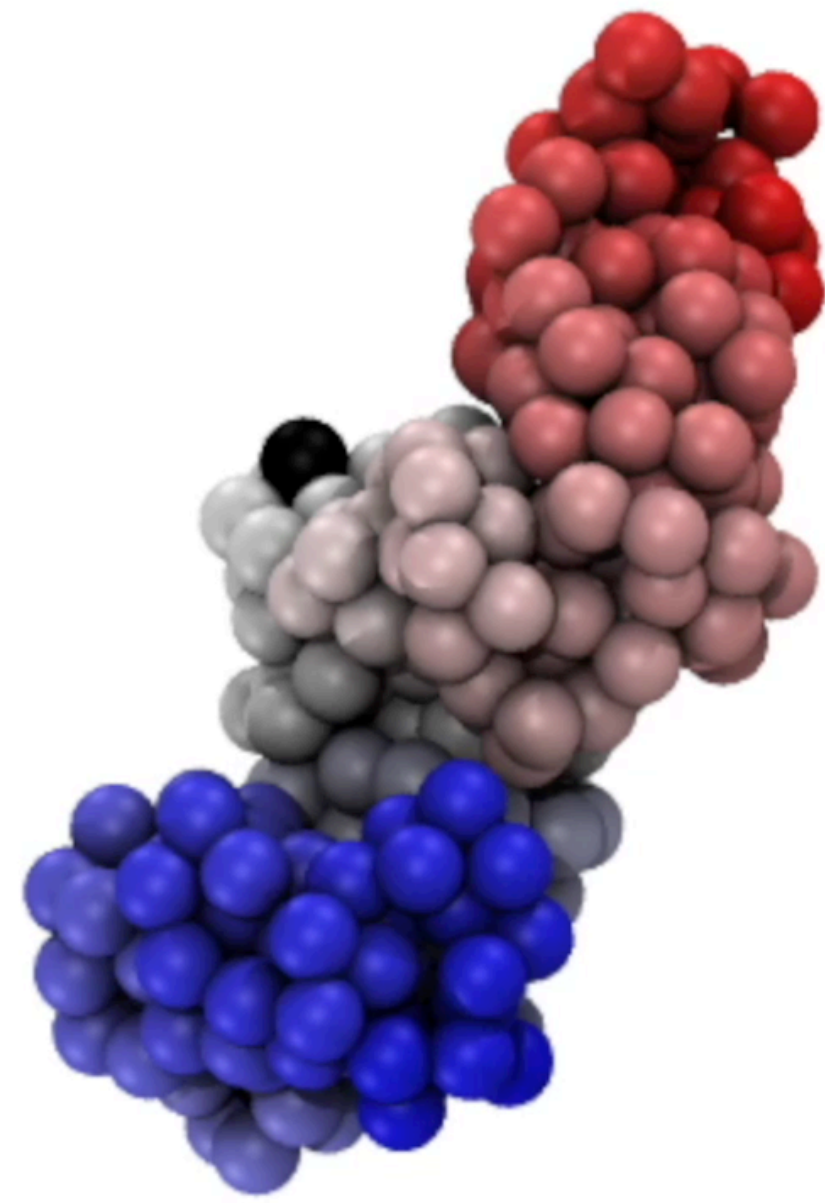
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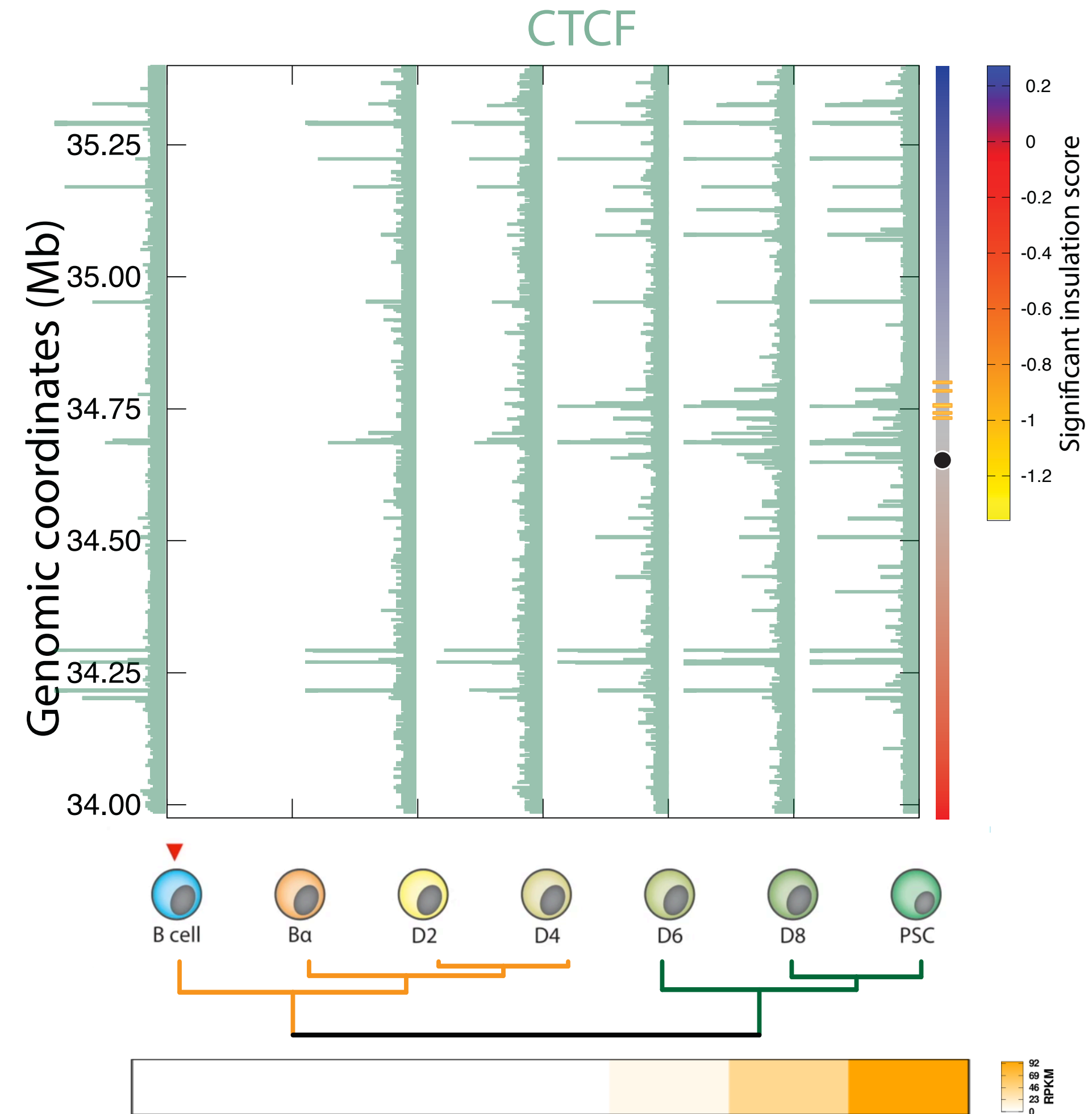
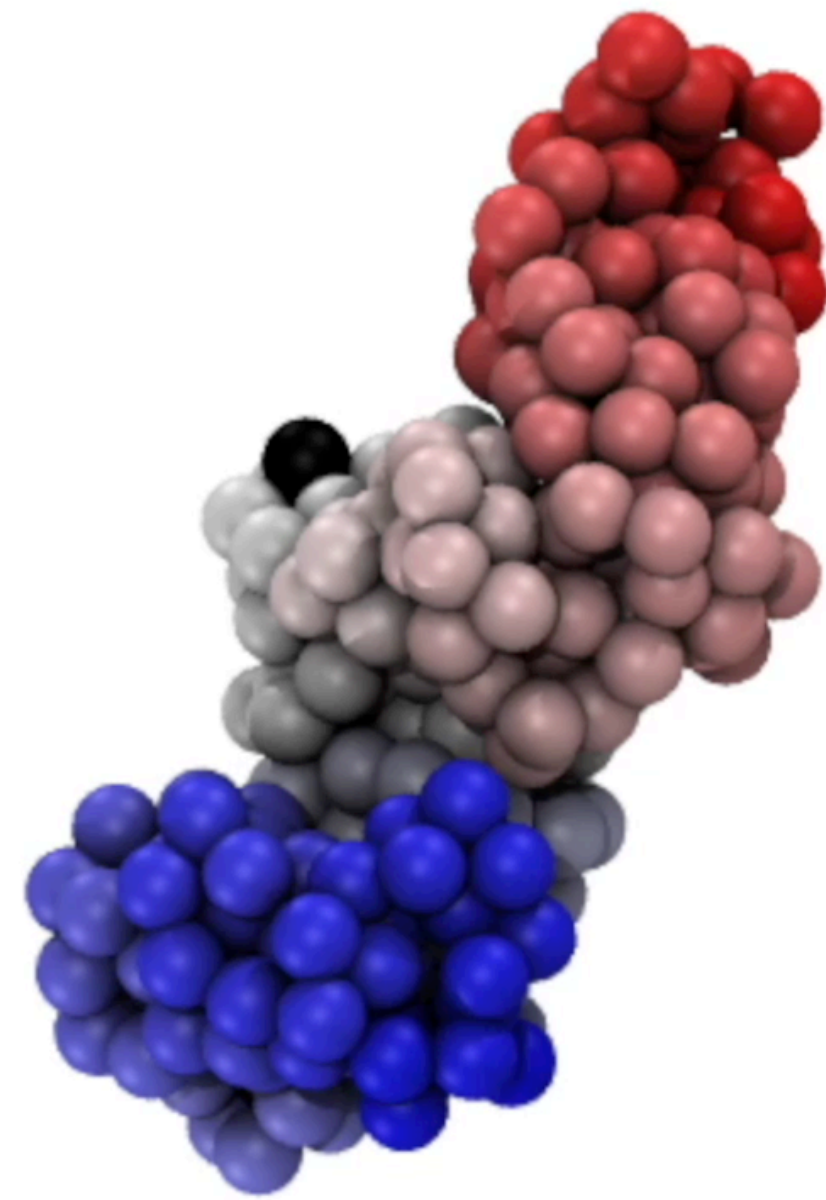
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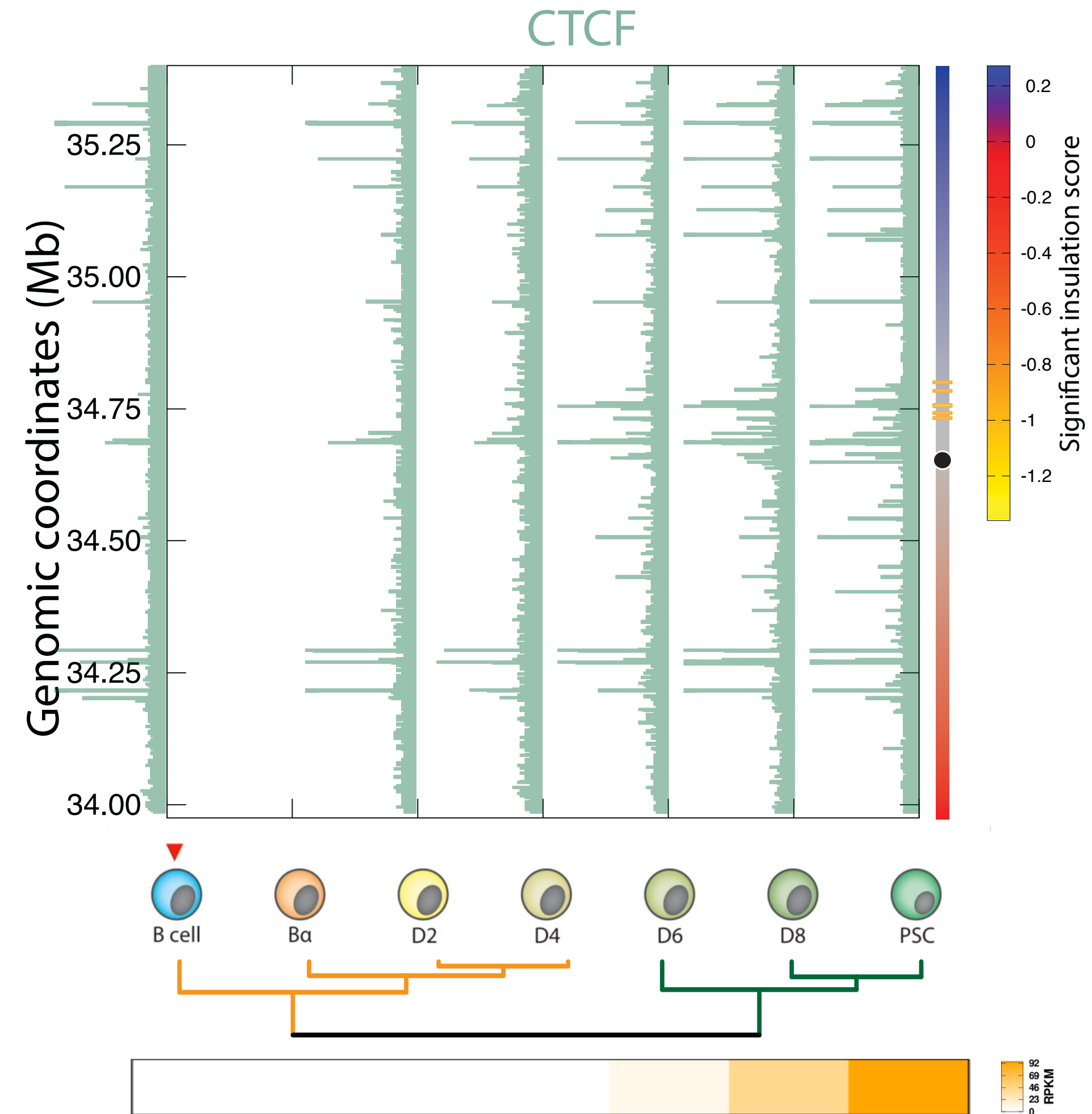
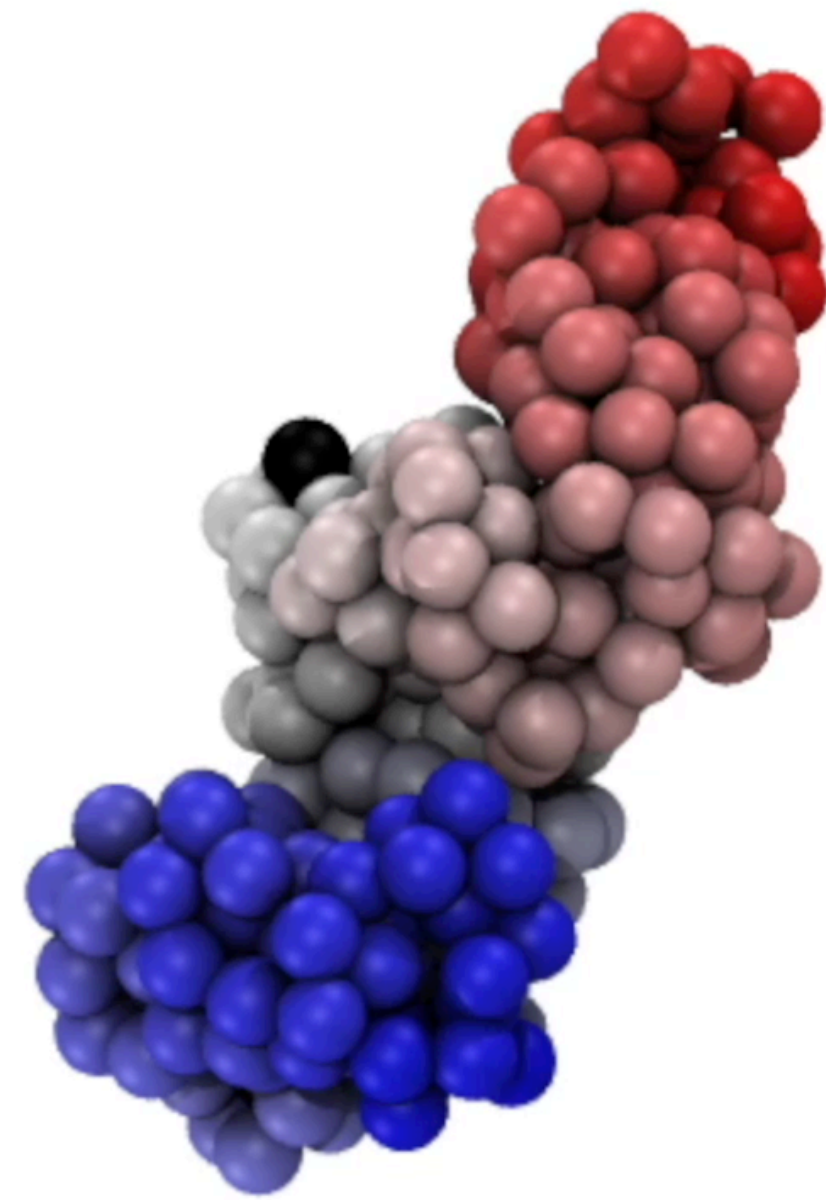
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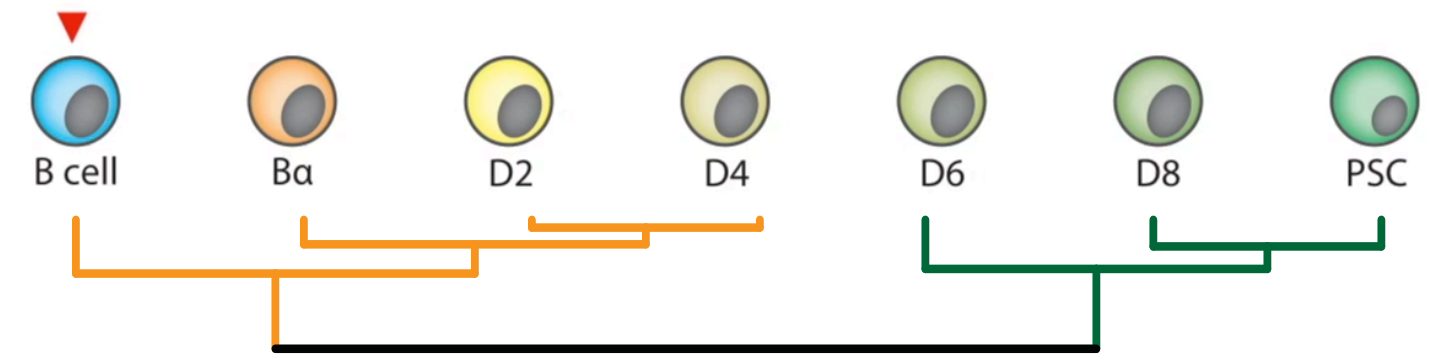
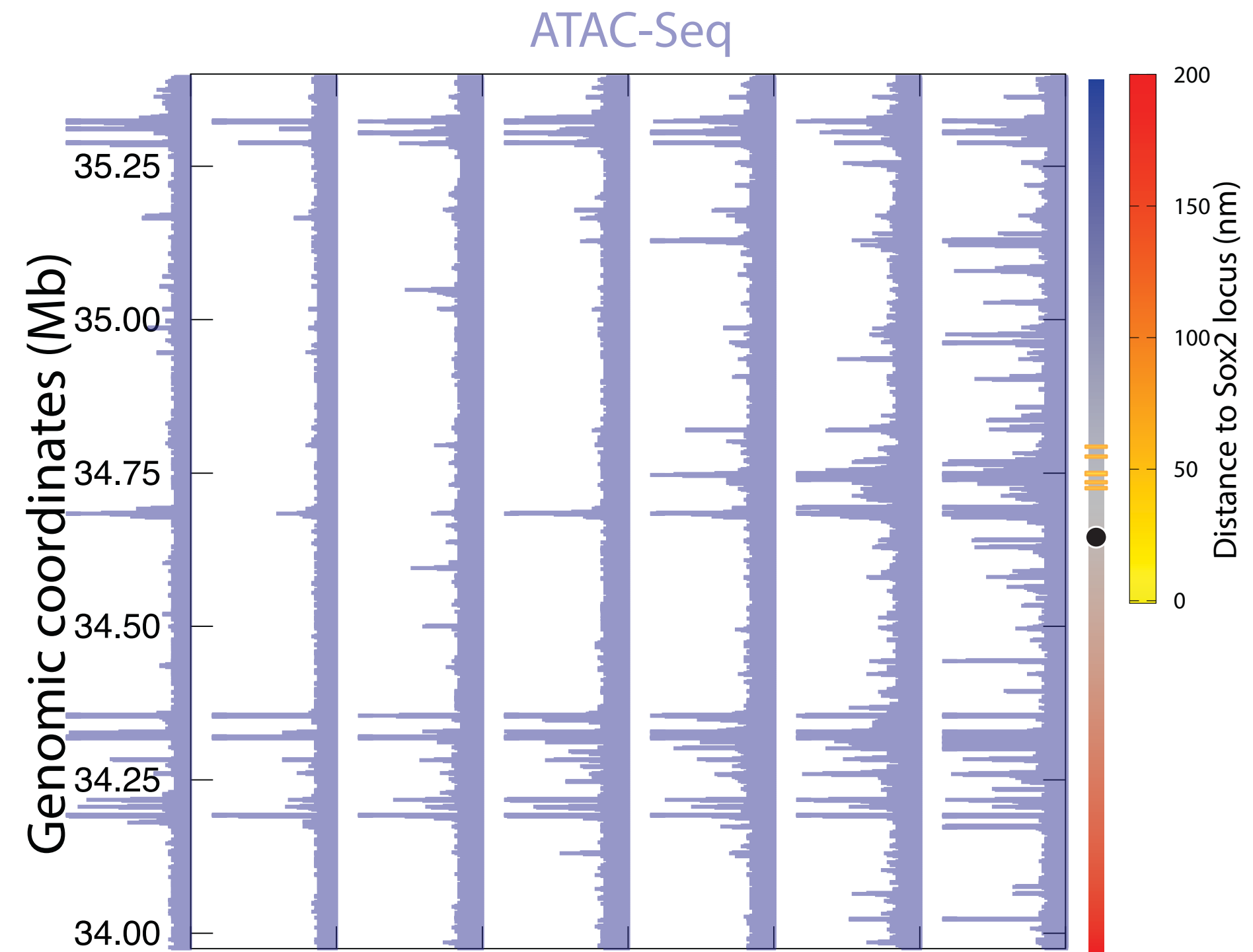
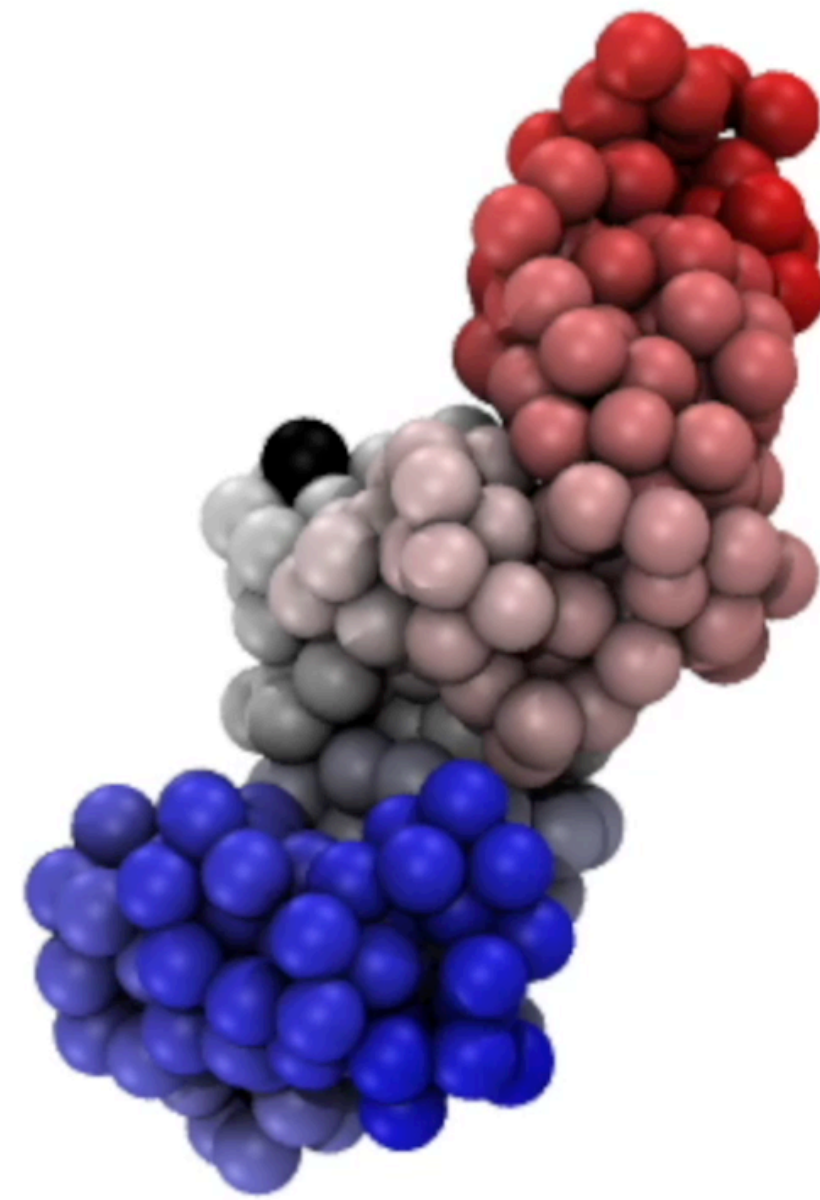
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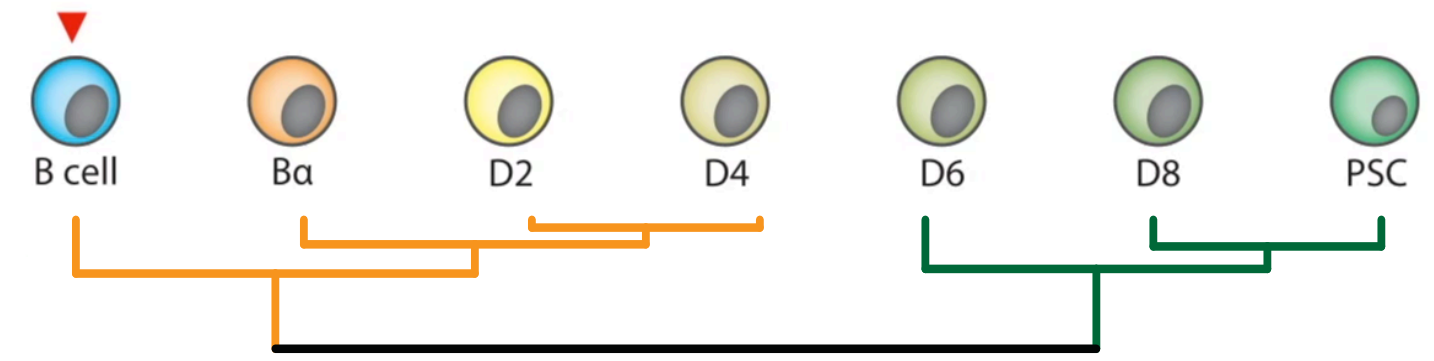
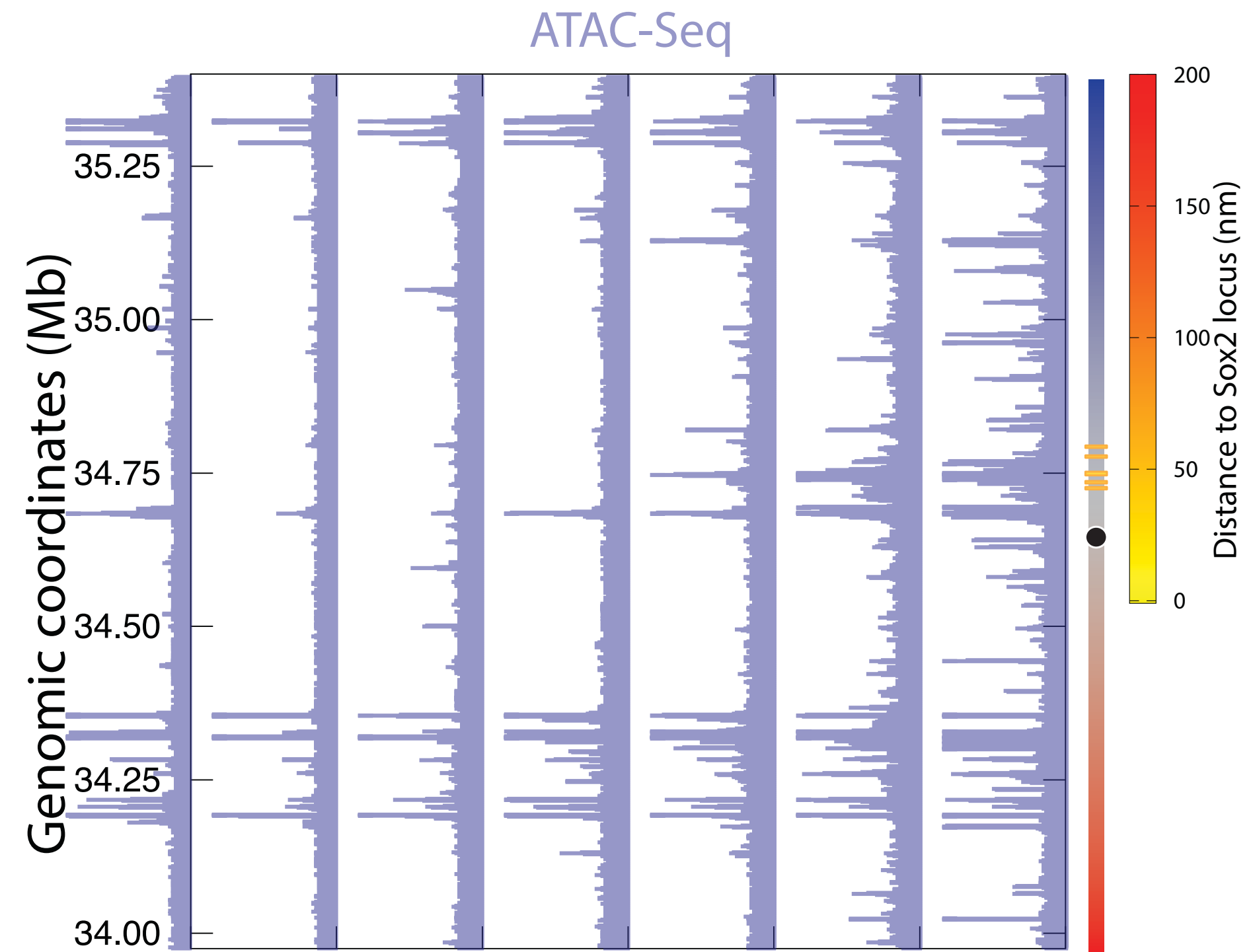
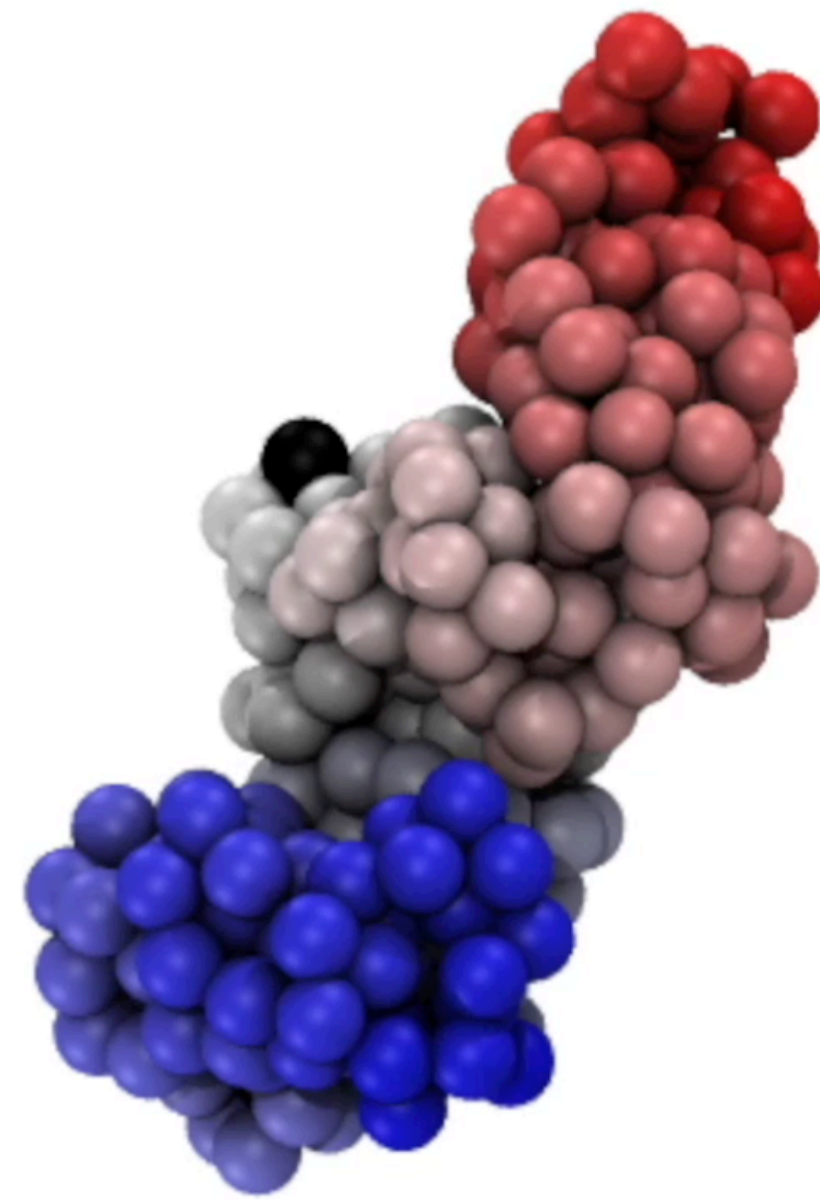
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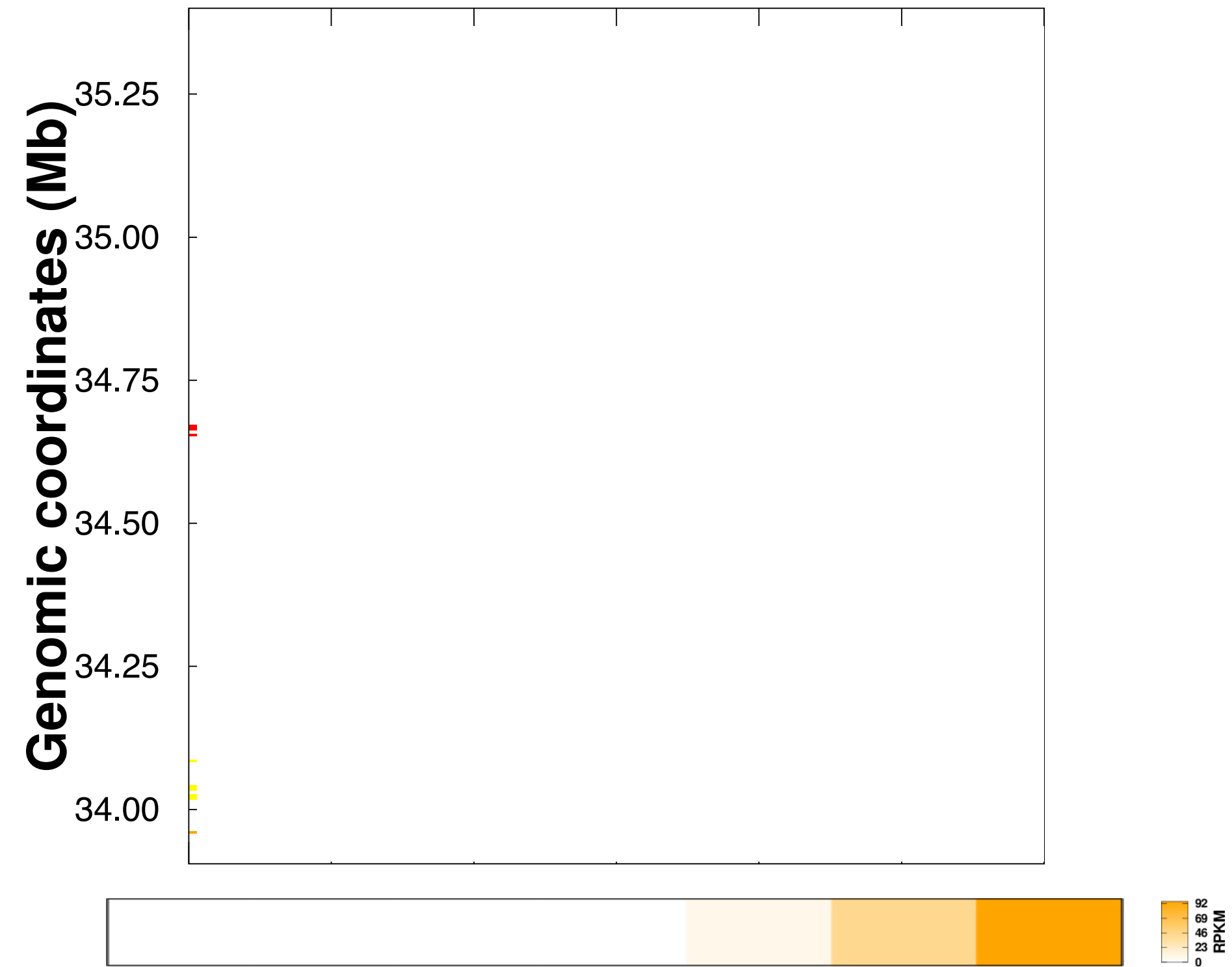
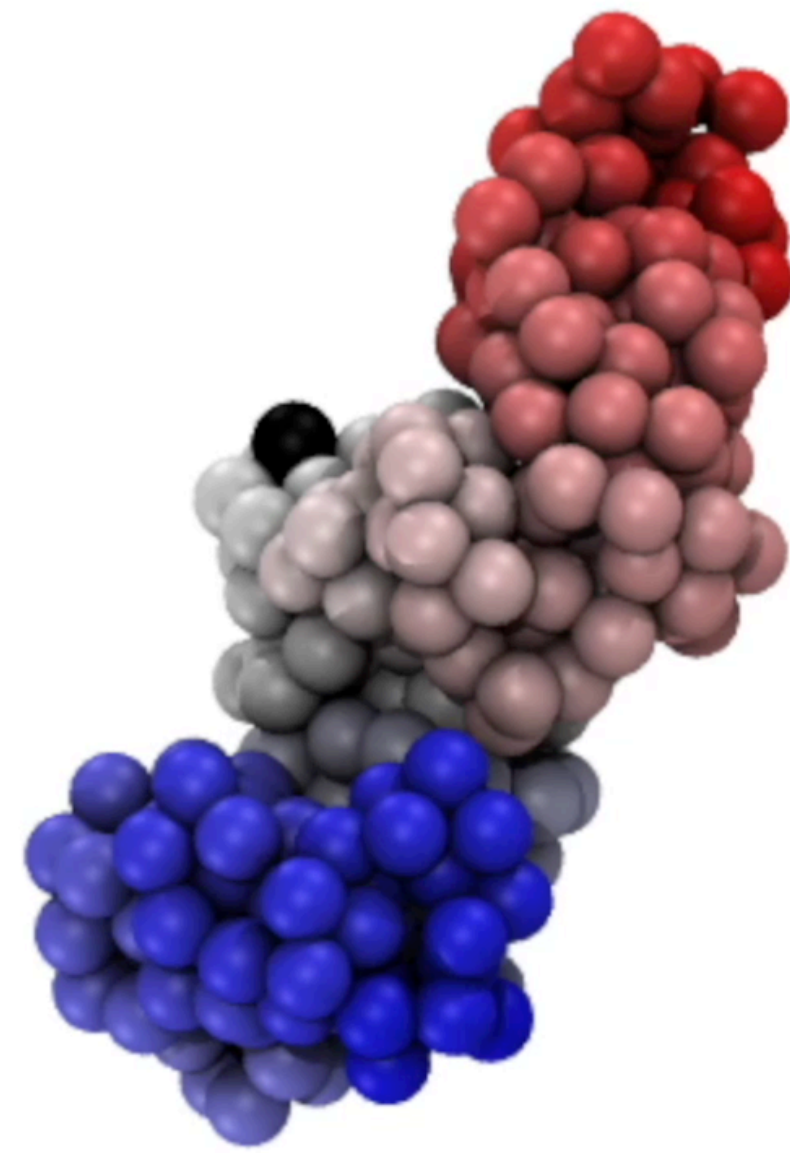
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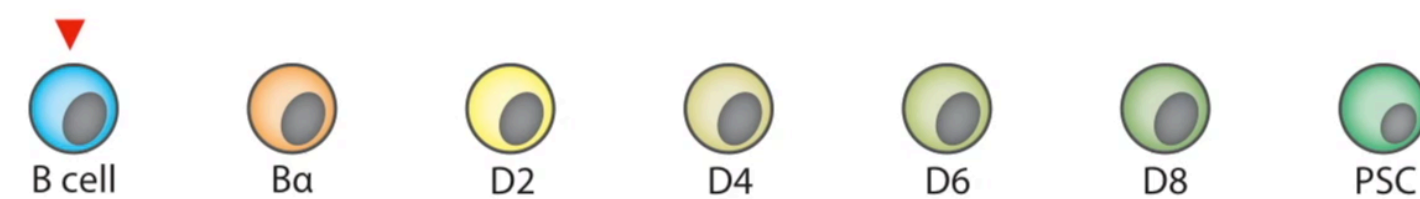


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Chromatin Activity

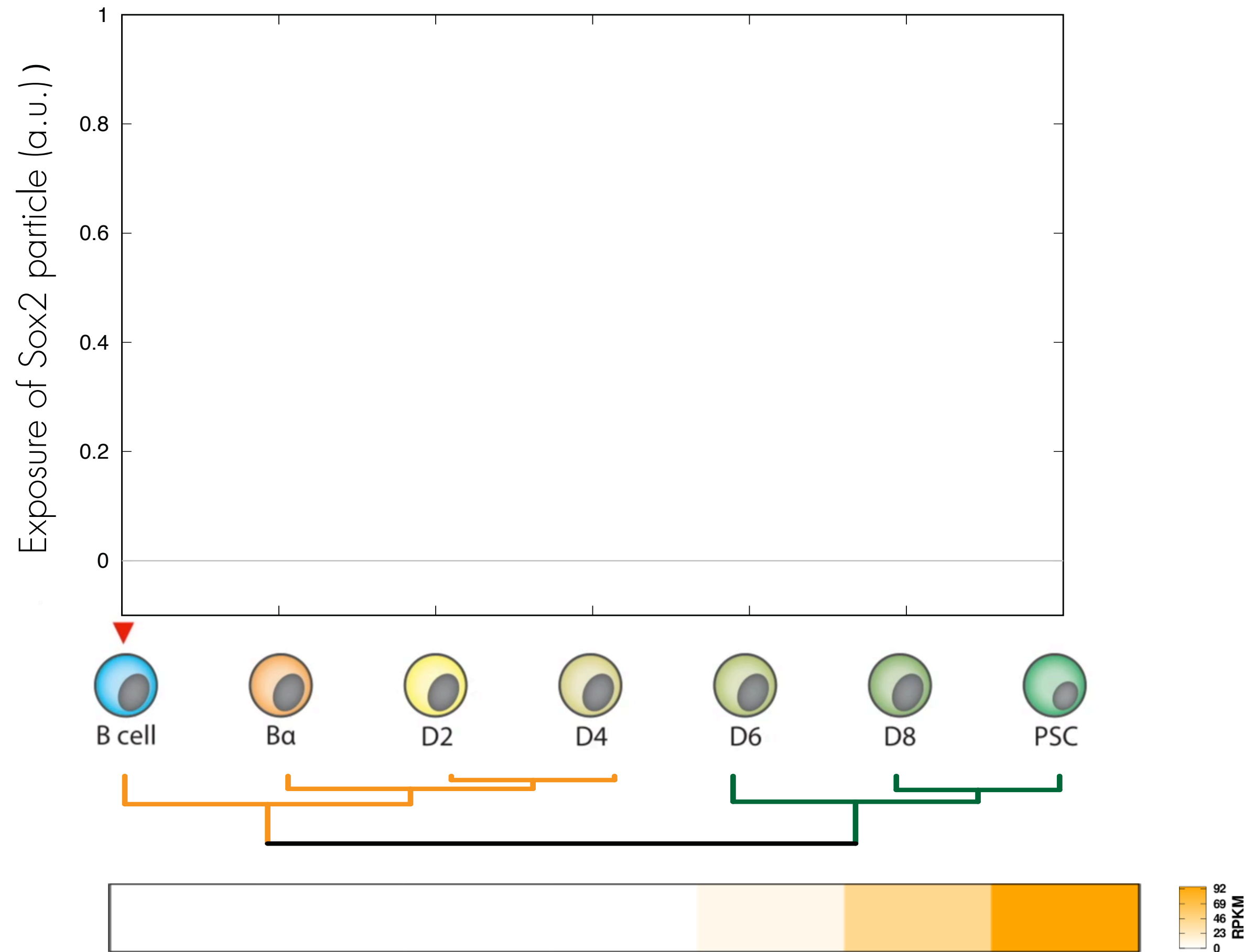


	B	Ba	D2	D4	D6	D8	PSC
A	9	6	7	13	13	22	48
AP	4	1	4	4	4	13	23
APD	3	1	1	1	4	10	15



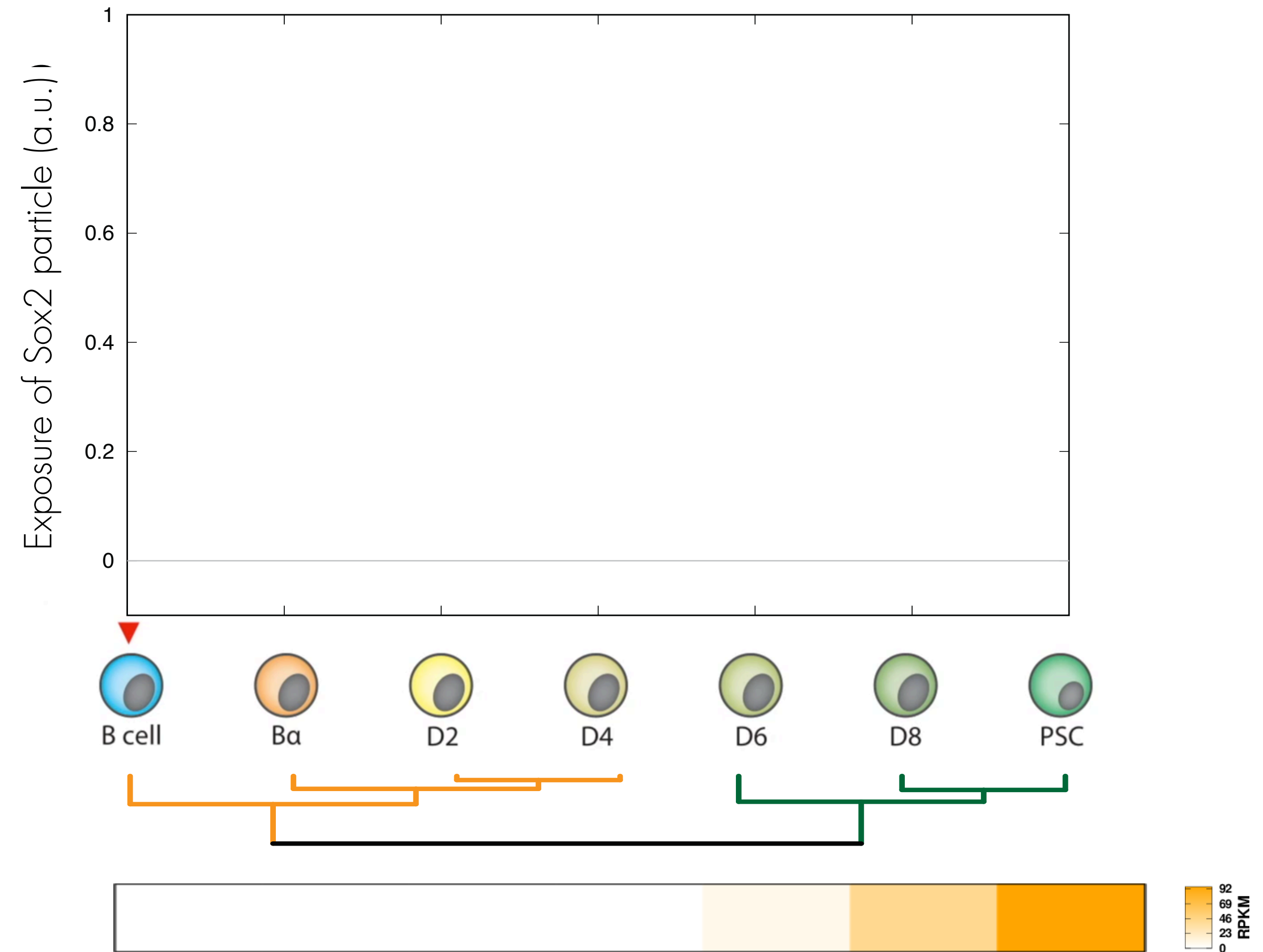
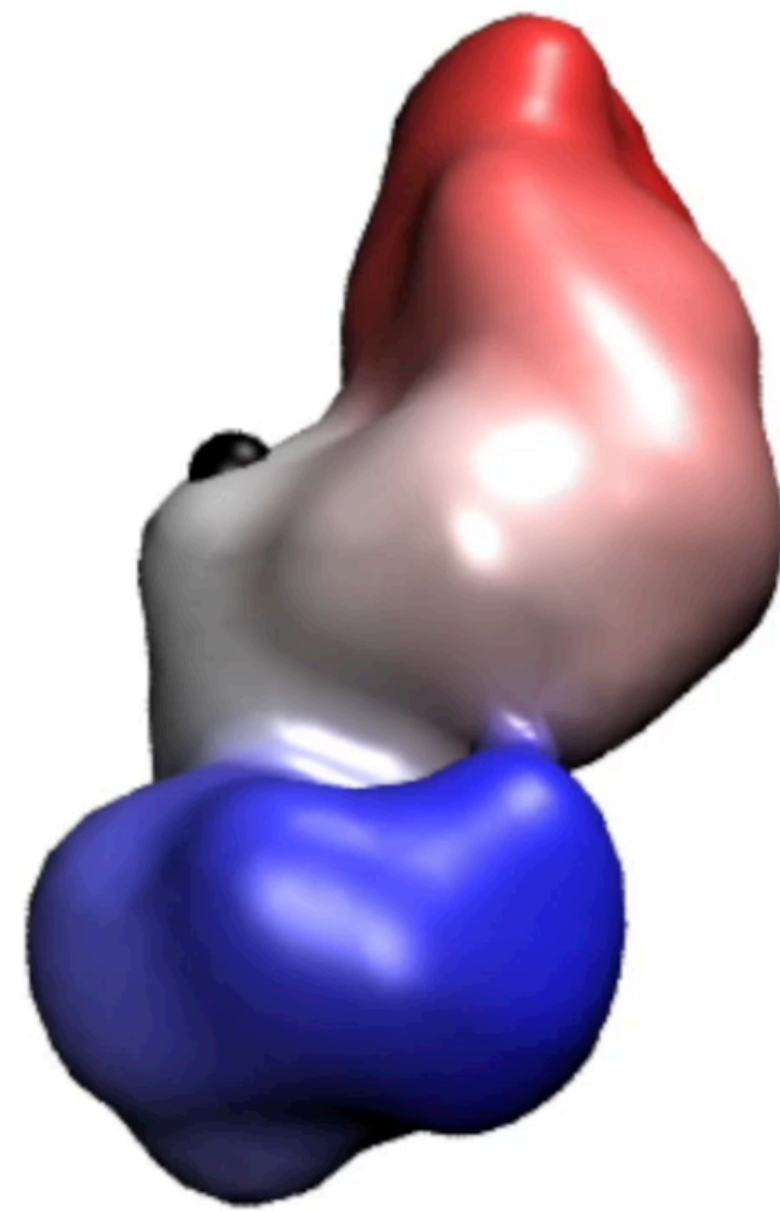
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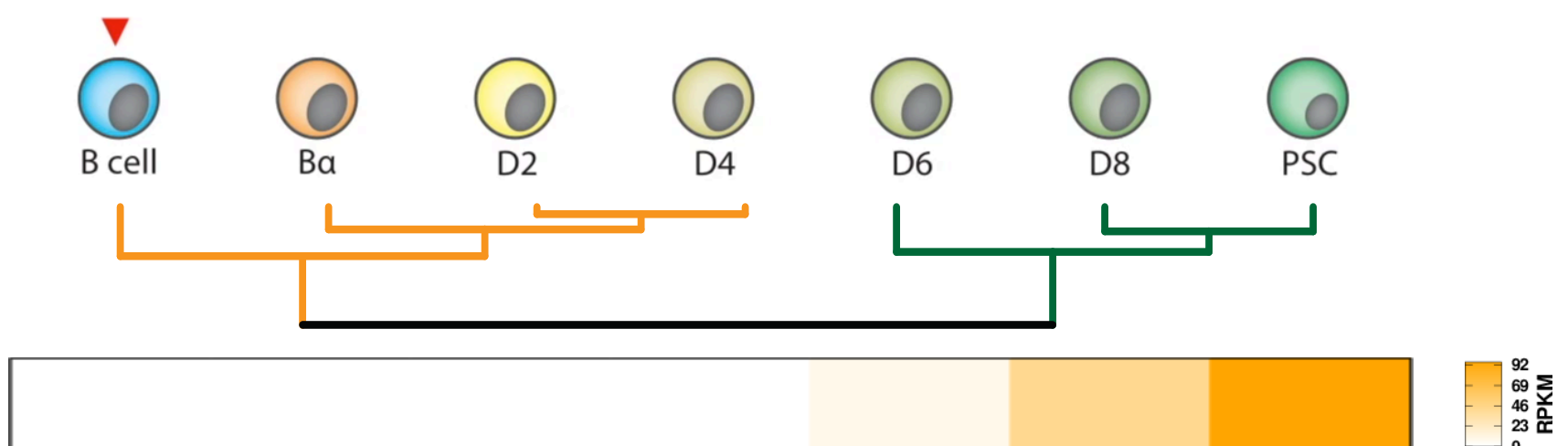
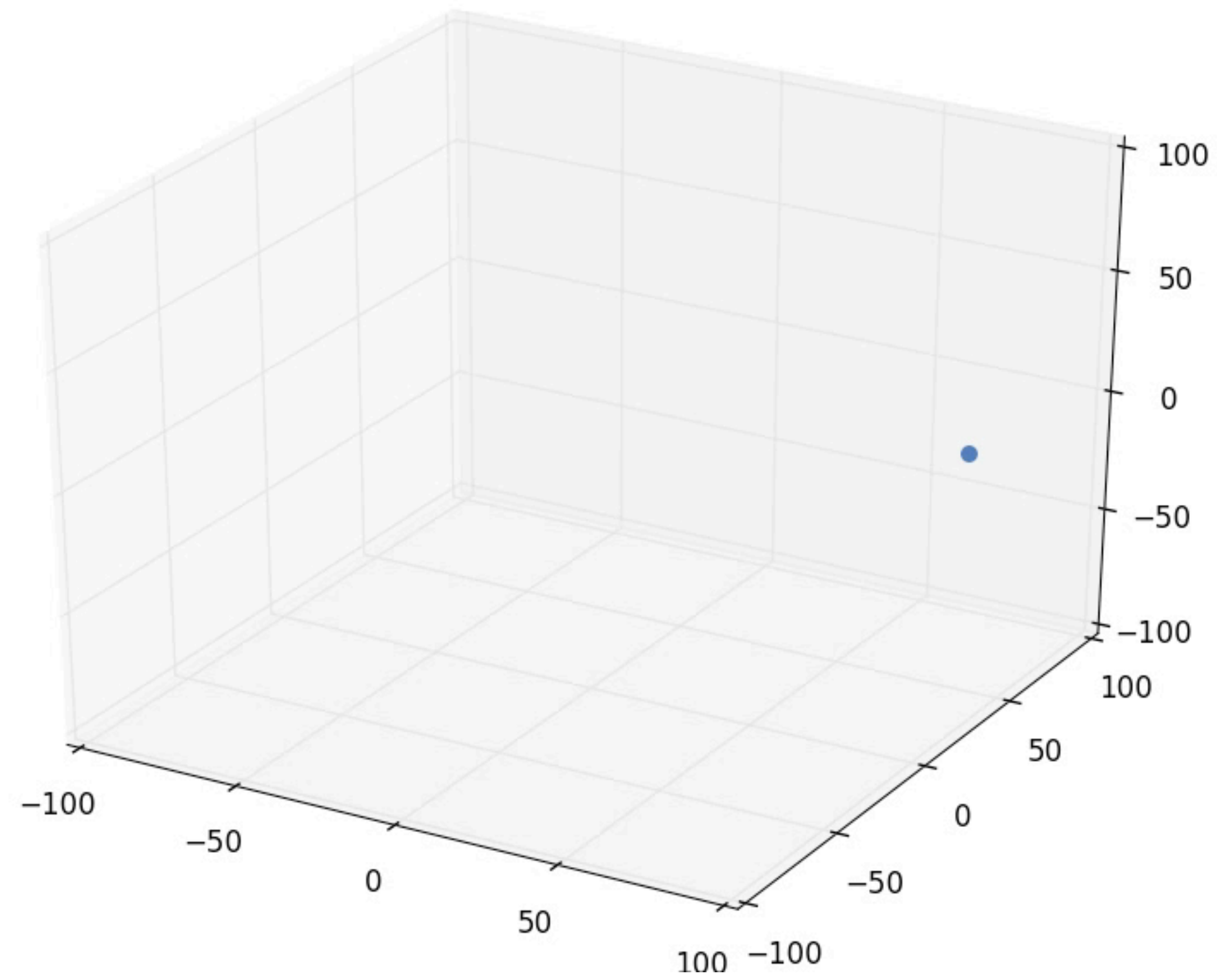
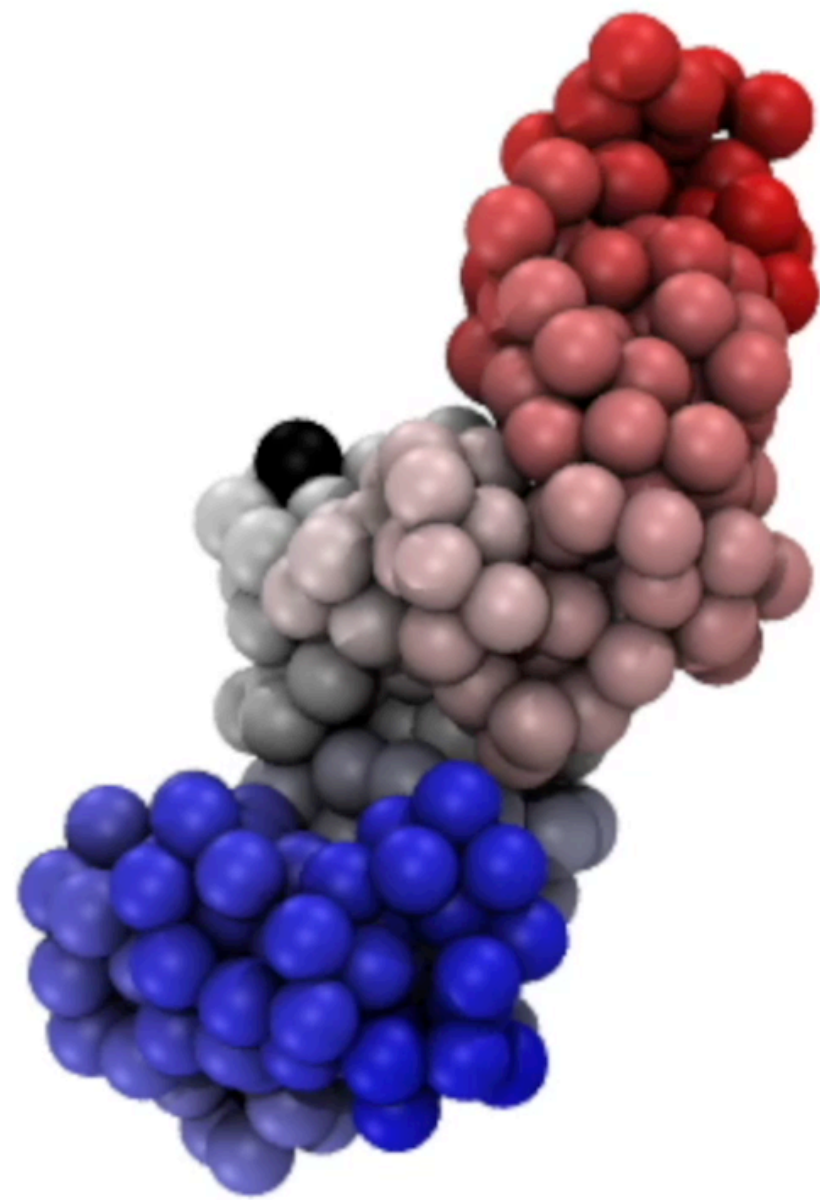
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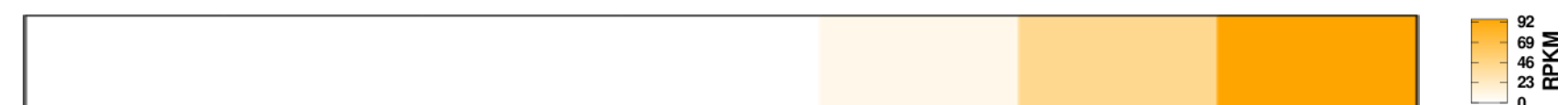
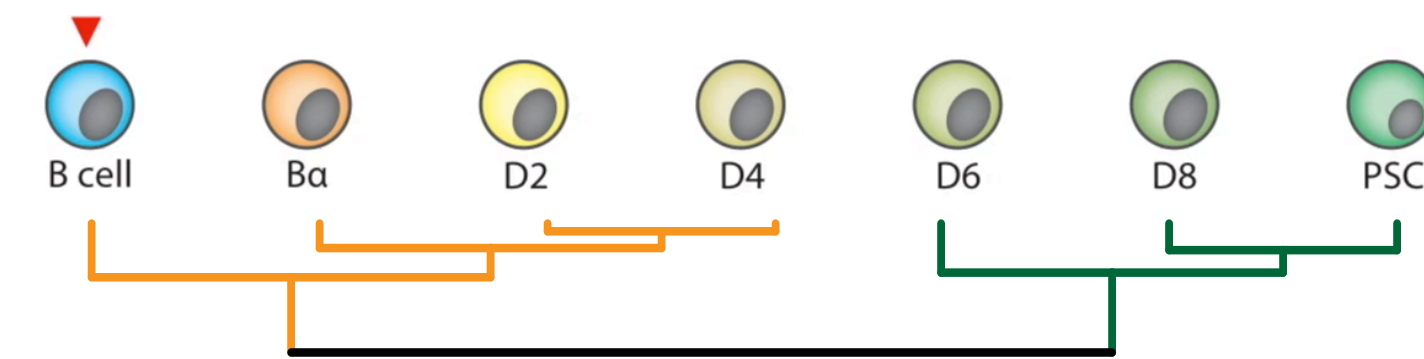
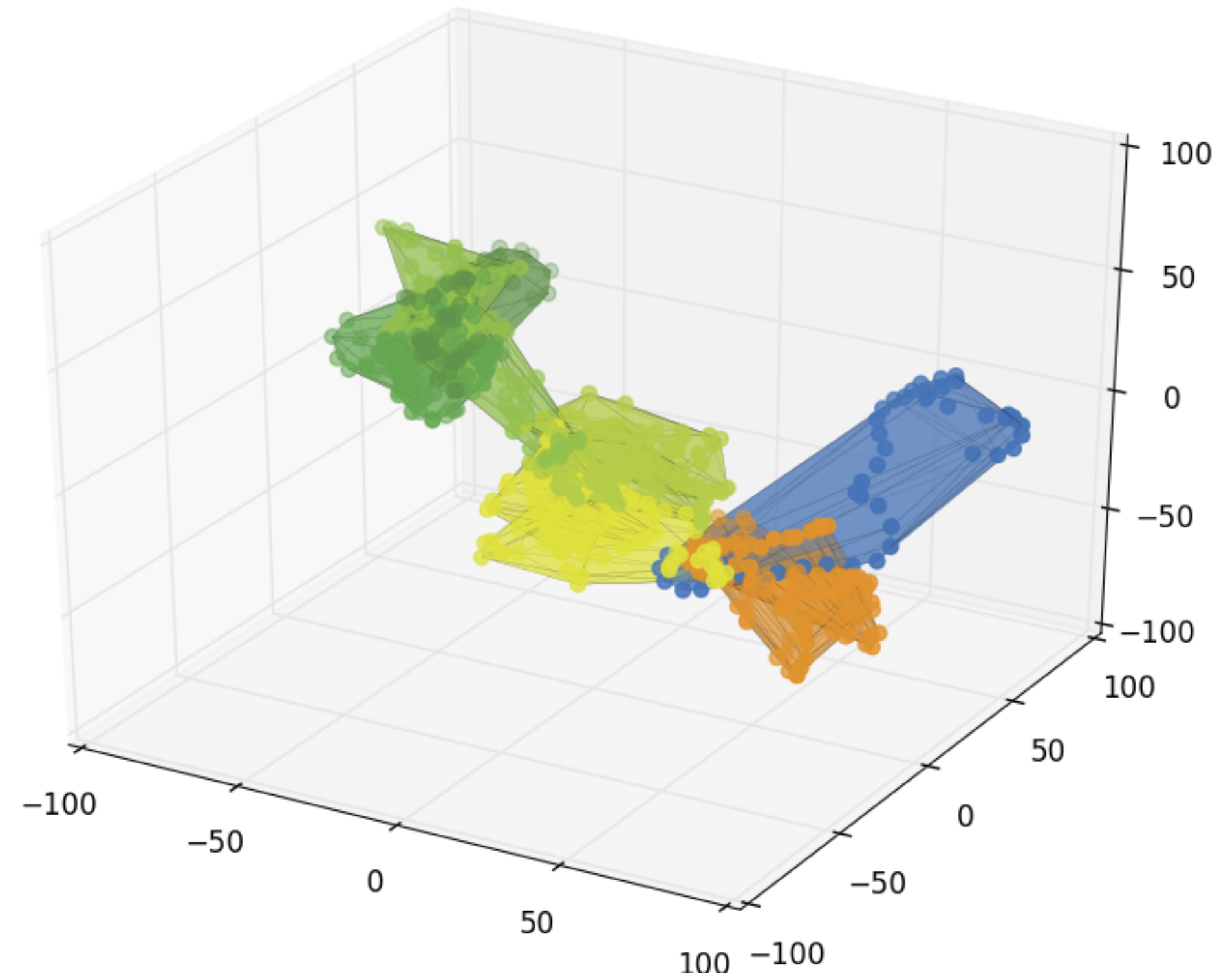
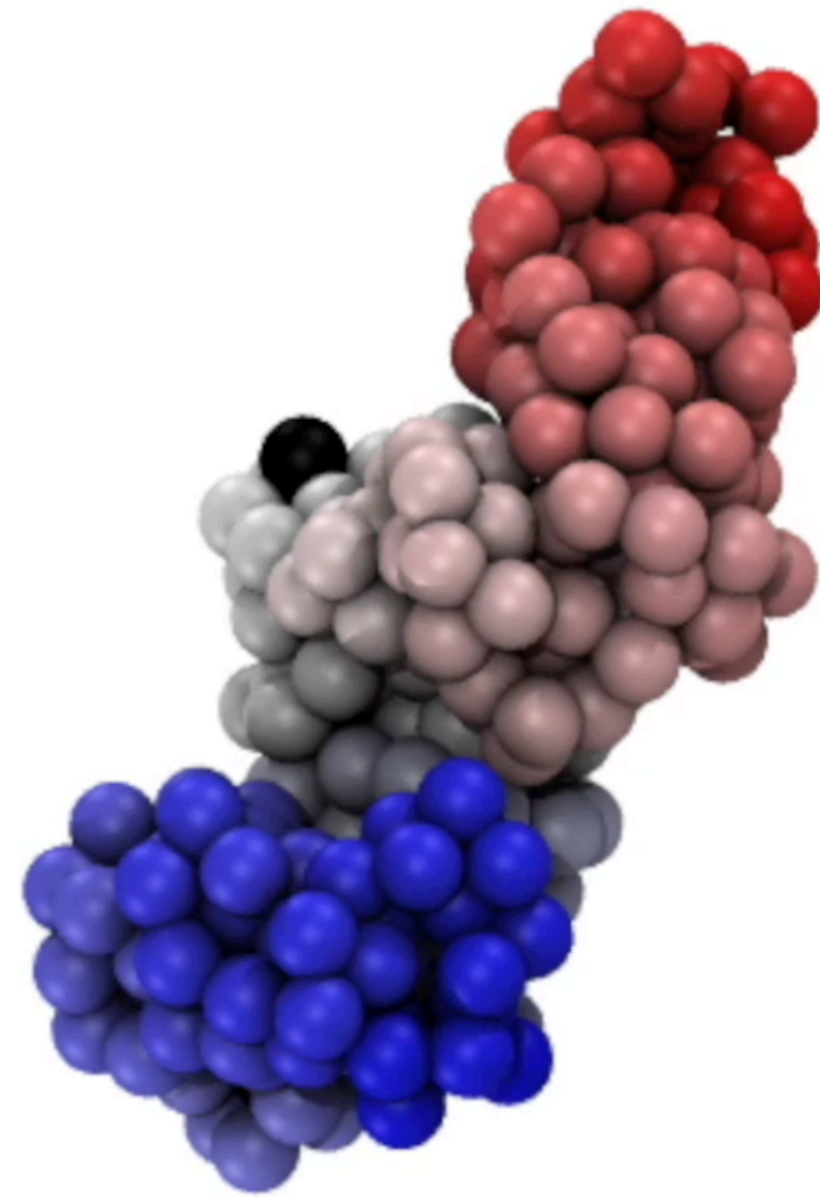
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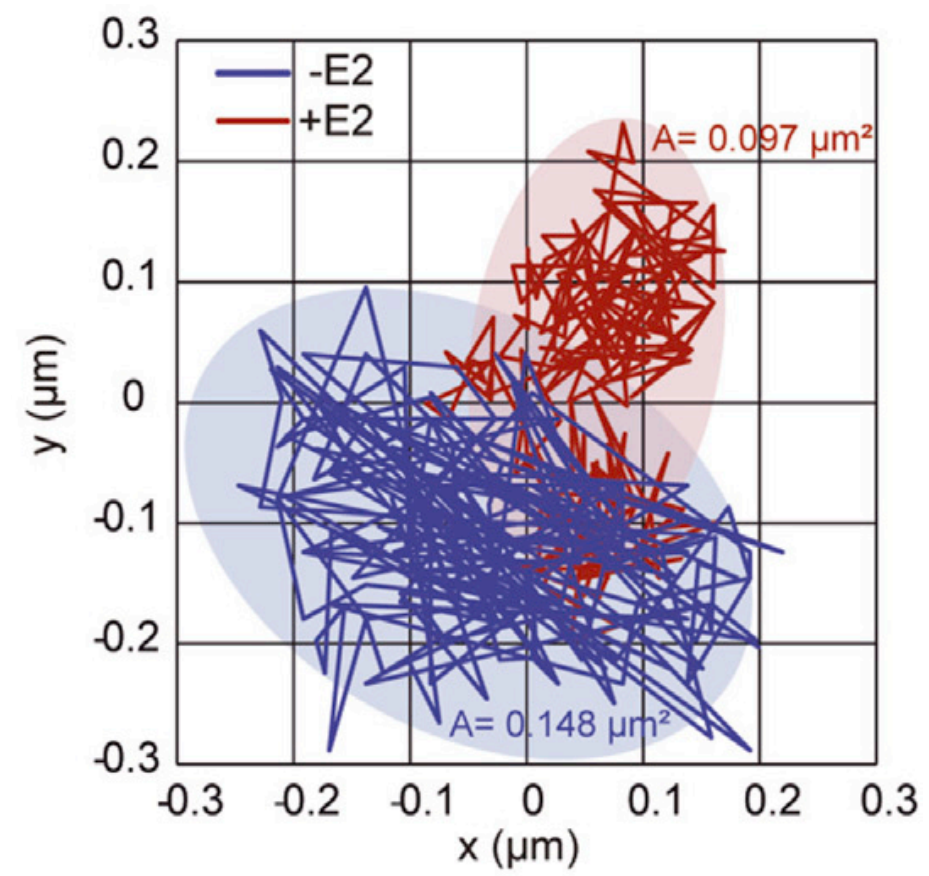
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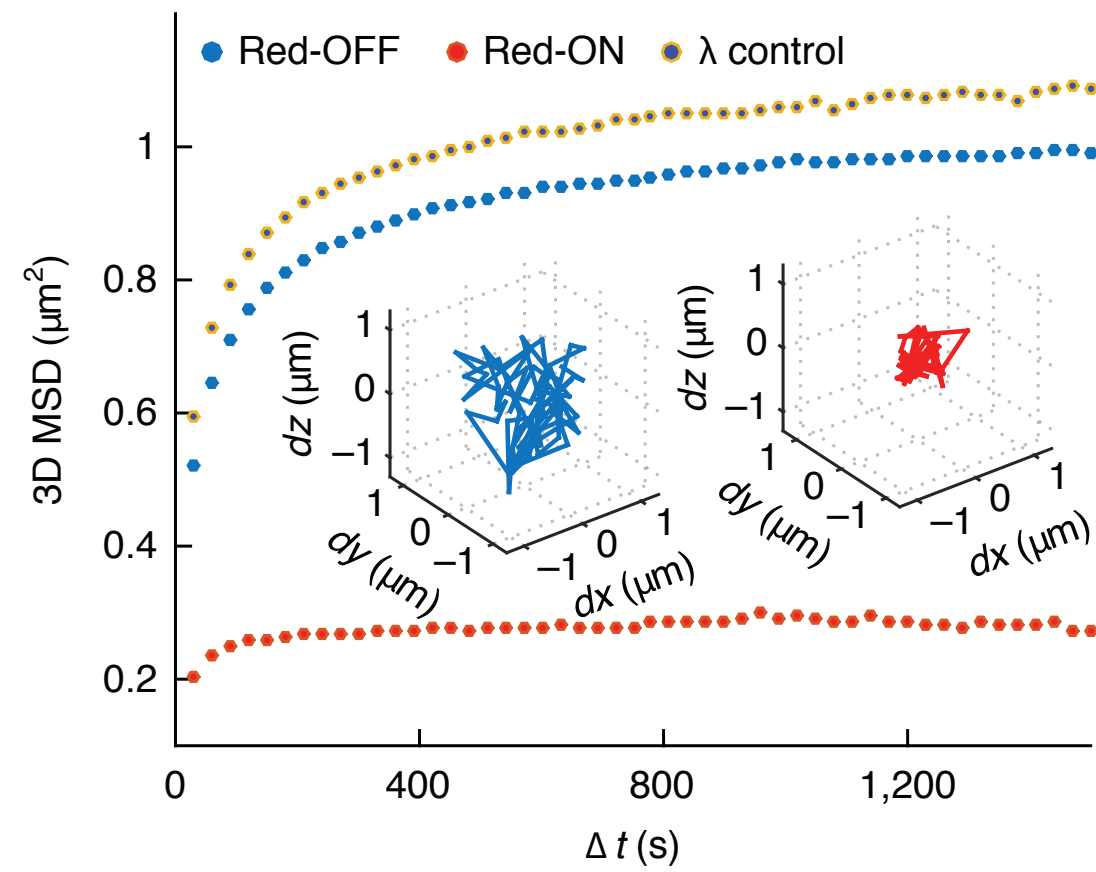
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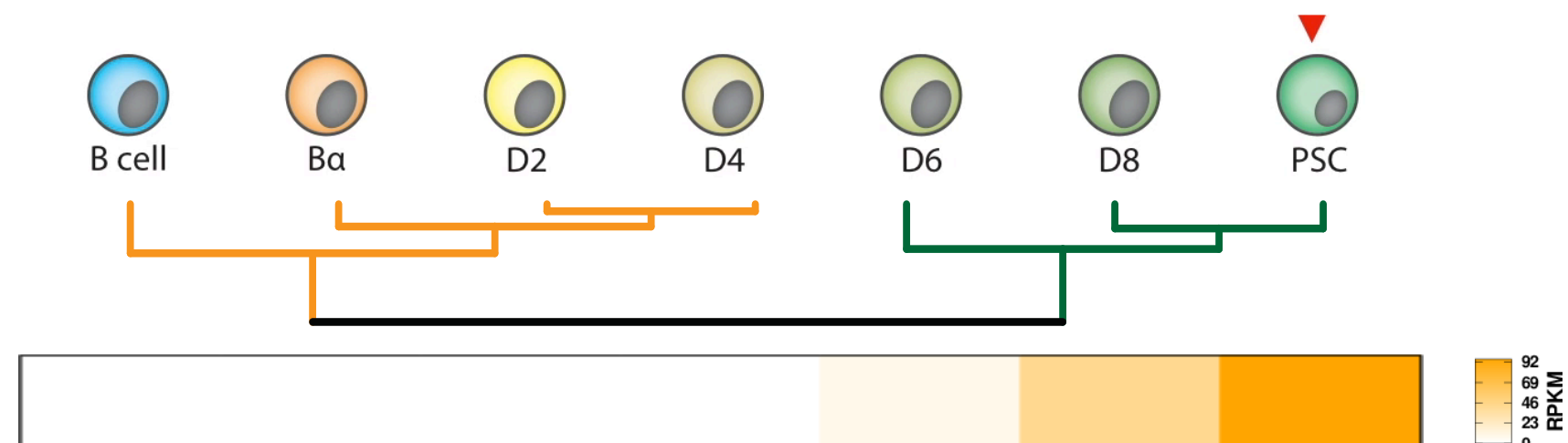
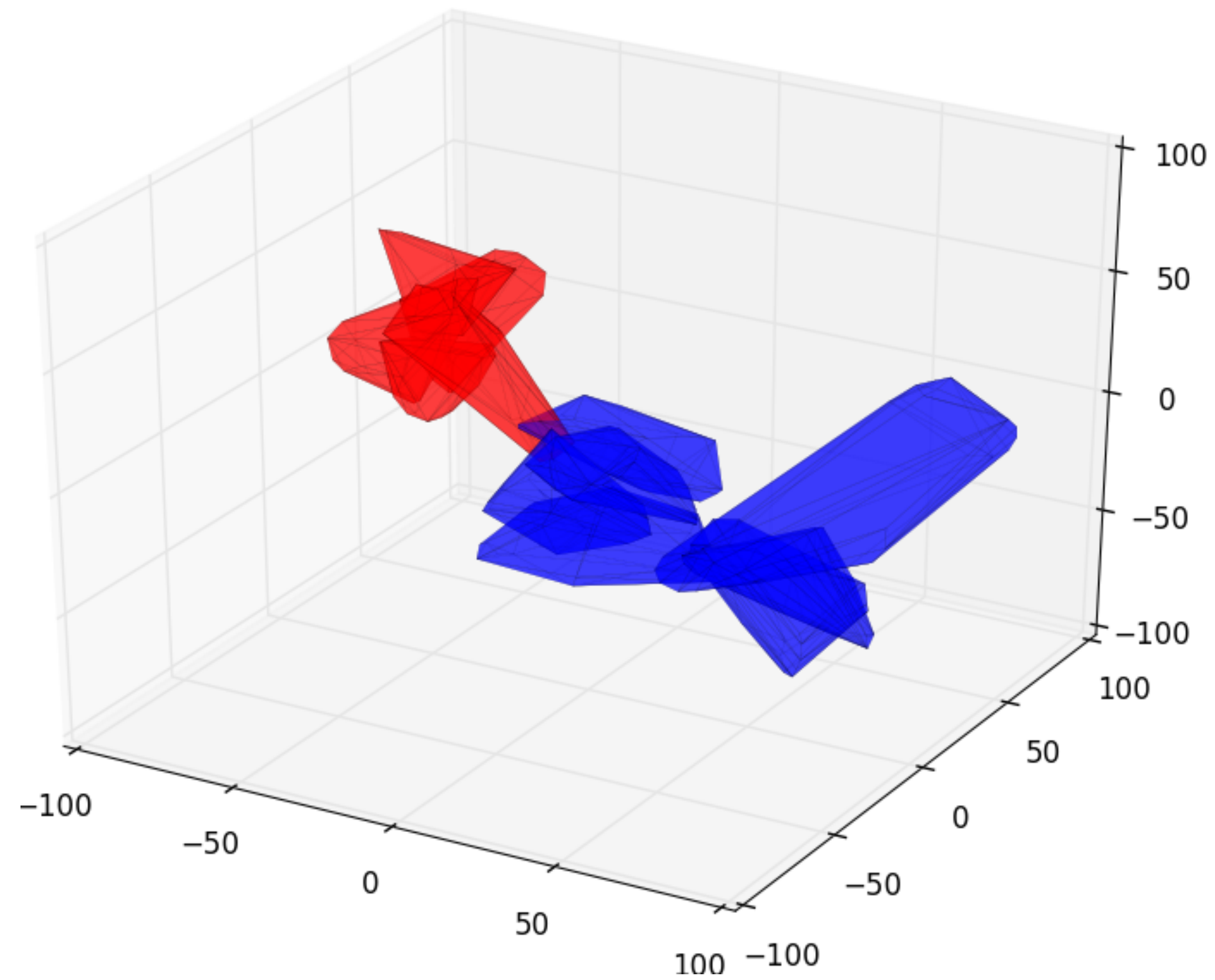
Two dimensional trajectories and area explored over 50s of the CCND1 locus recorded before -E2 and after +E2 activation.

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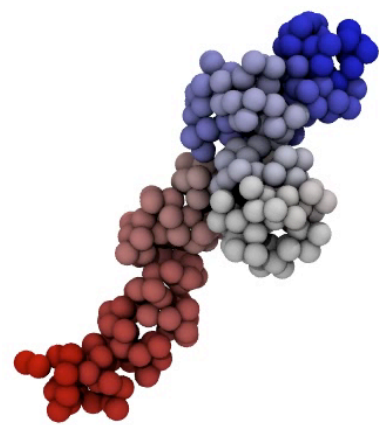
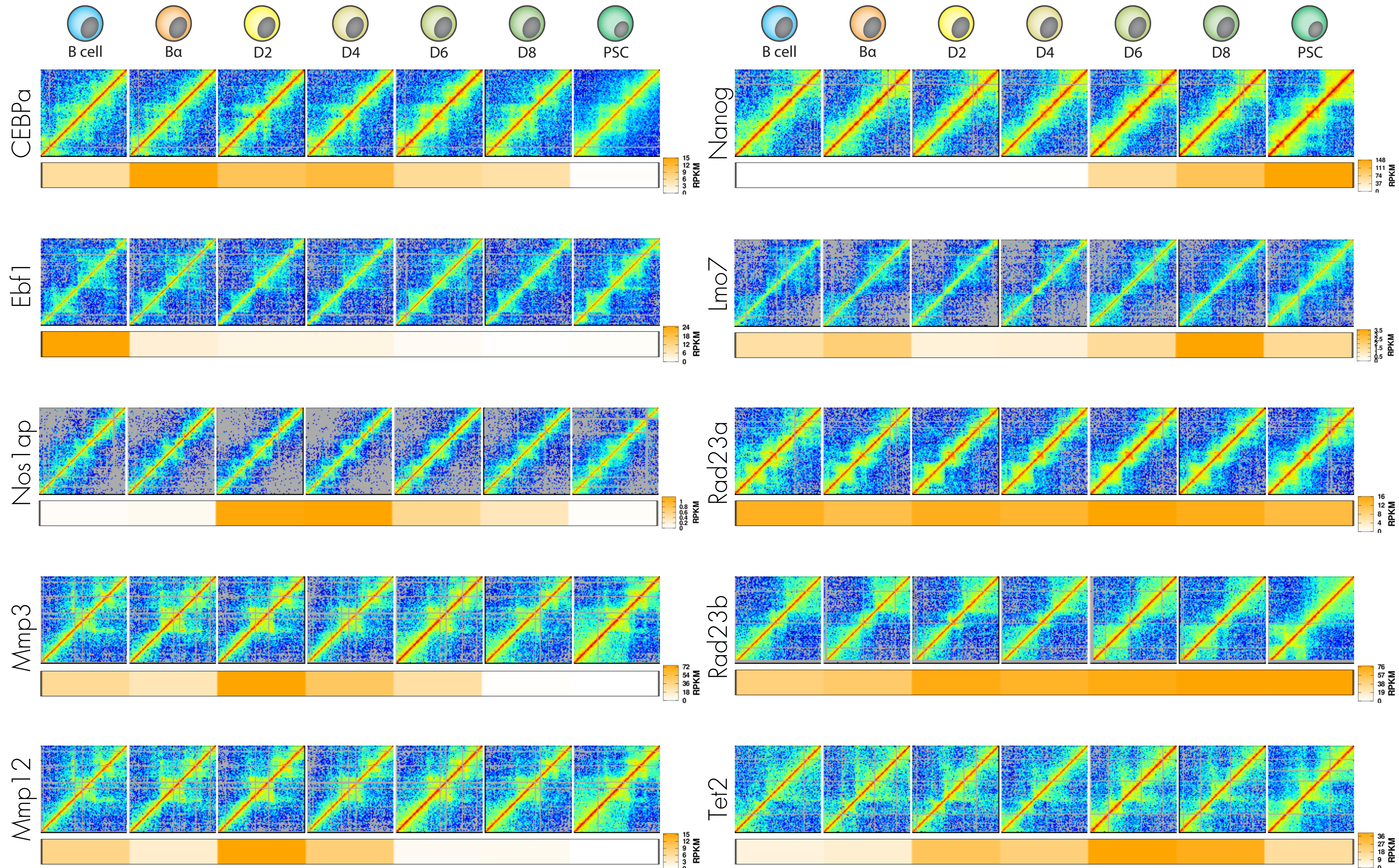
Transcription affects the 3D topology of the enhancer-promoter enhancing its temporal stability and is associated with further spatial compaction.

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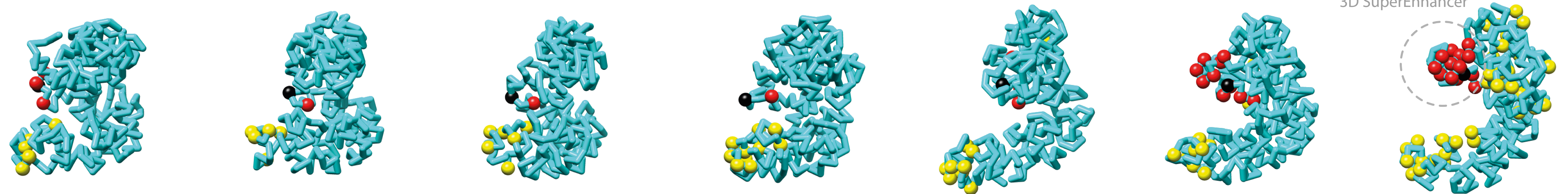
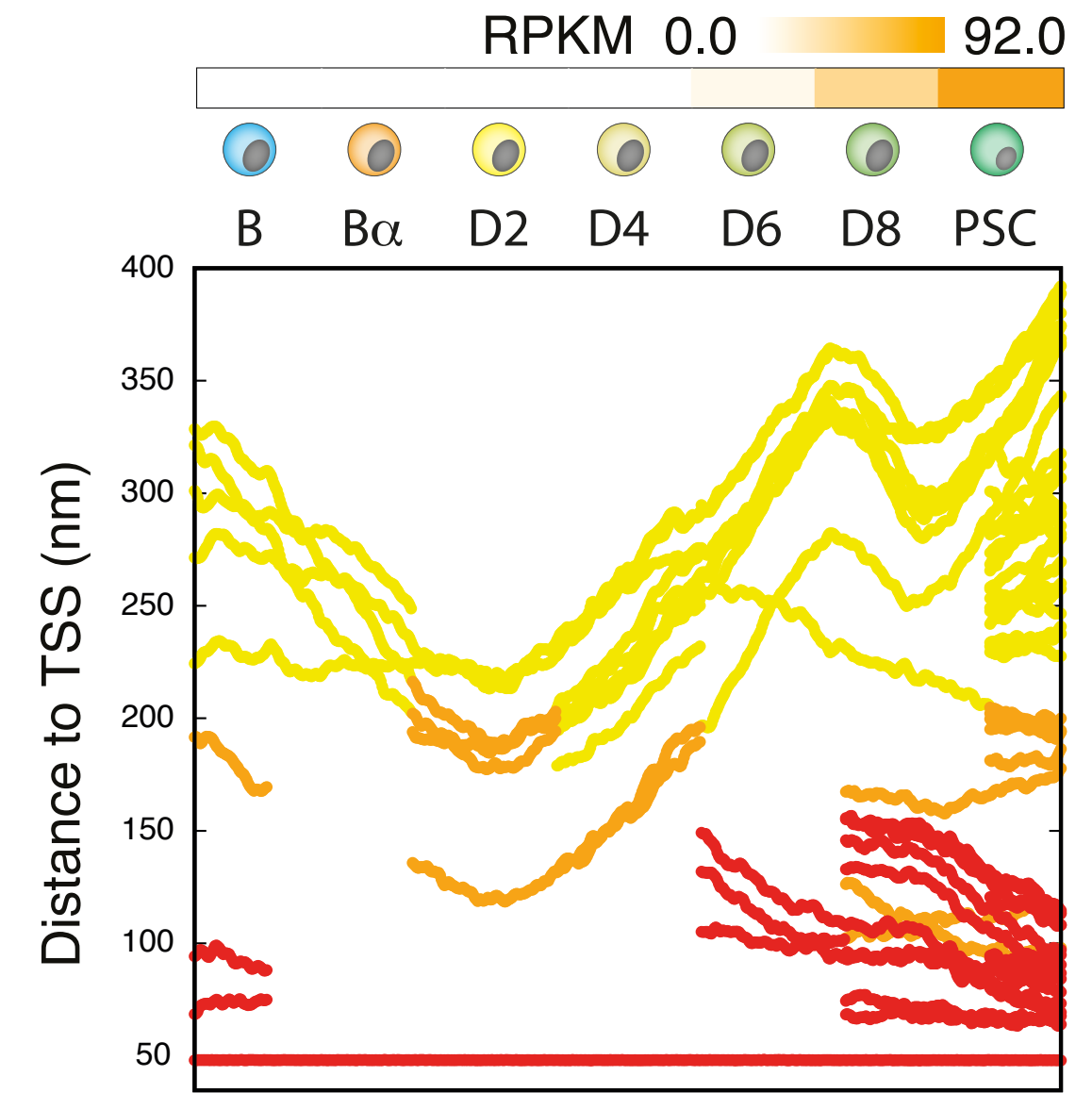
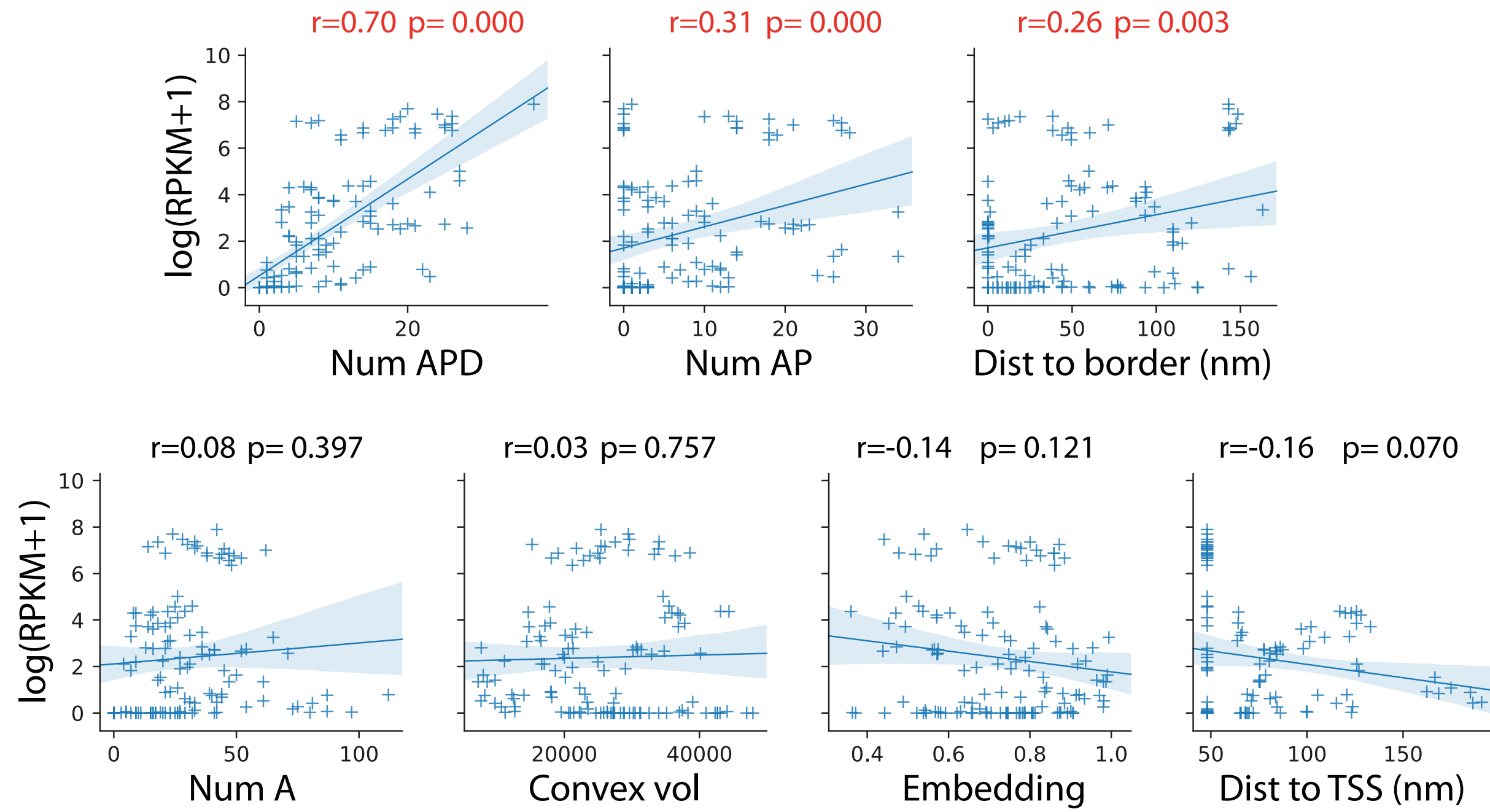
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Other 21 loci

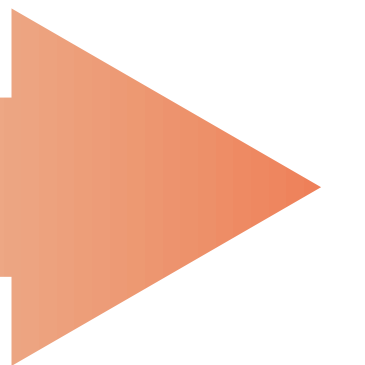


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Trends in 21 loci



Time and expression levels



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3D enhancer hubs

