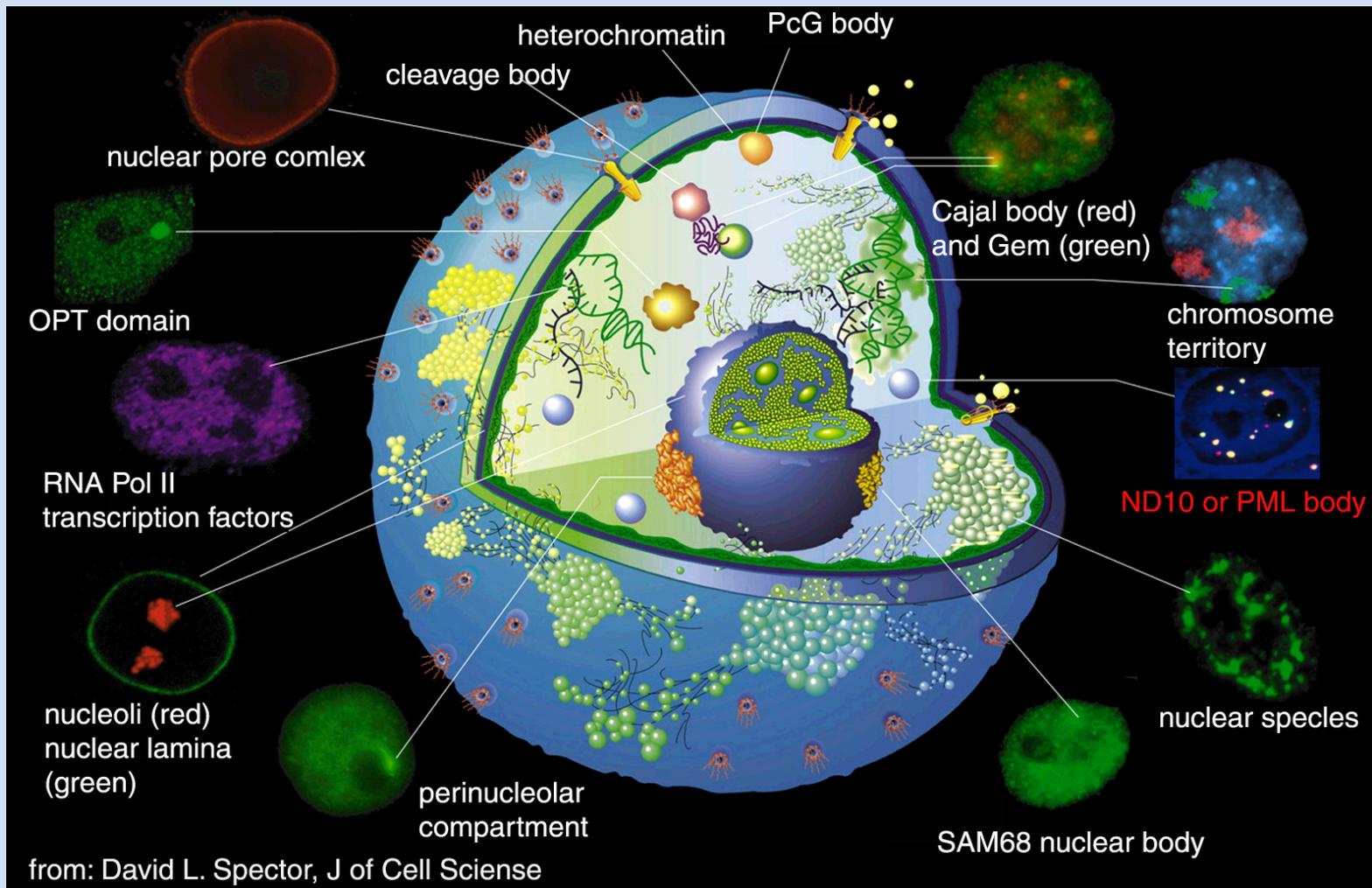


Включение H3.3 в центромерный  
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# Nuclear domains (compartments)

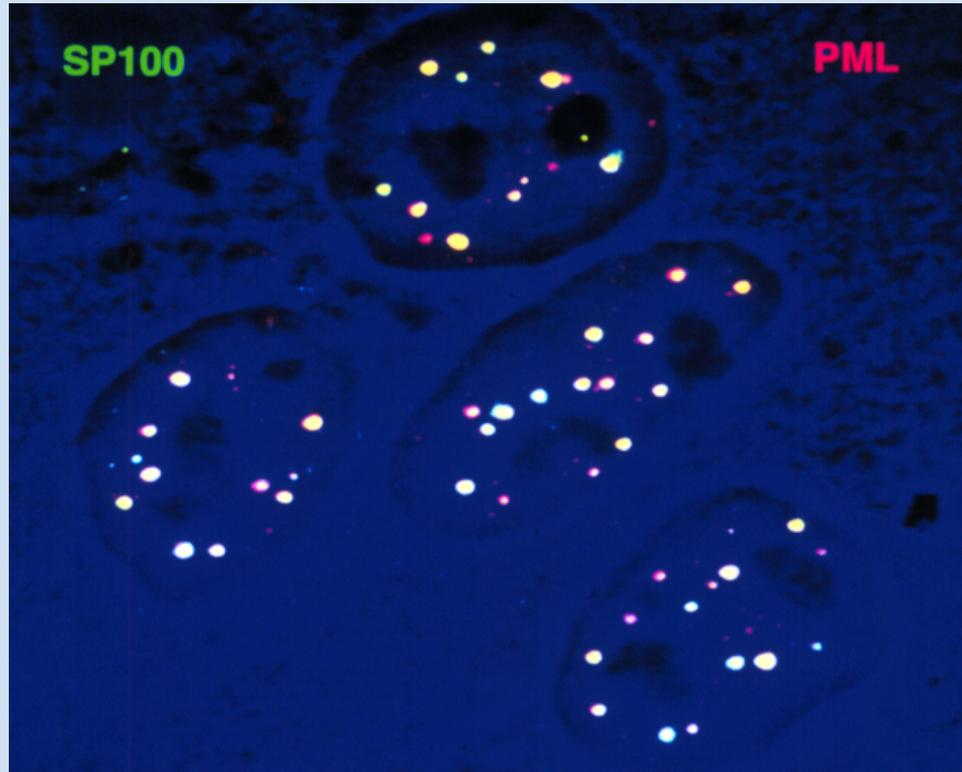


- do not have delineating membranes
- contain defined subset of proteins
- can be identified by light and electron microscopy, and in vivo by GFP fusions
- some of nuclear compartments can be biochemically isolated

# PML Nuclear Bodies/Nuclear Domain 10 (ND10)

Nuclear matrix associated domains with the average frequency of 10 per nucleus and a diameter of 0.1-1.0  $\mu\text{m}$  in most cells

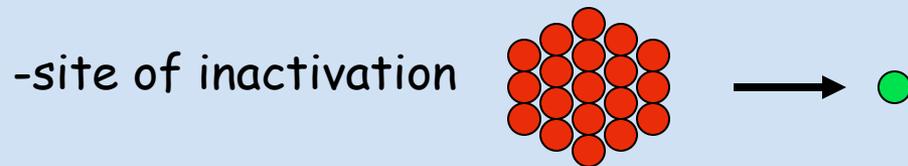
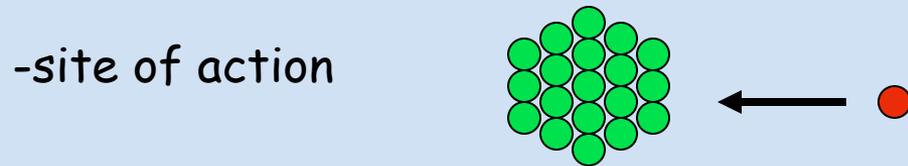
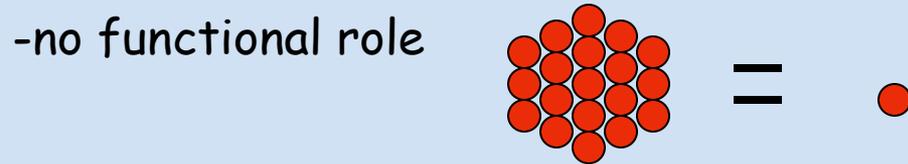
Assay: microscopy after immunostaining for **PML** and **Sp100**



**Sp100** and **PML** co-localize at PML bodies

# Functional roles for nuclear domains

Increased accumulation of protein in nuclear domains may indicate:



One of the of PML bodies/ND10 functions:

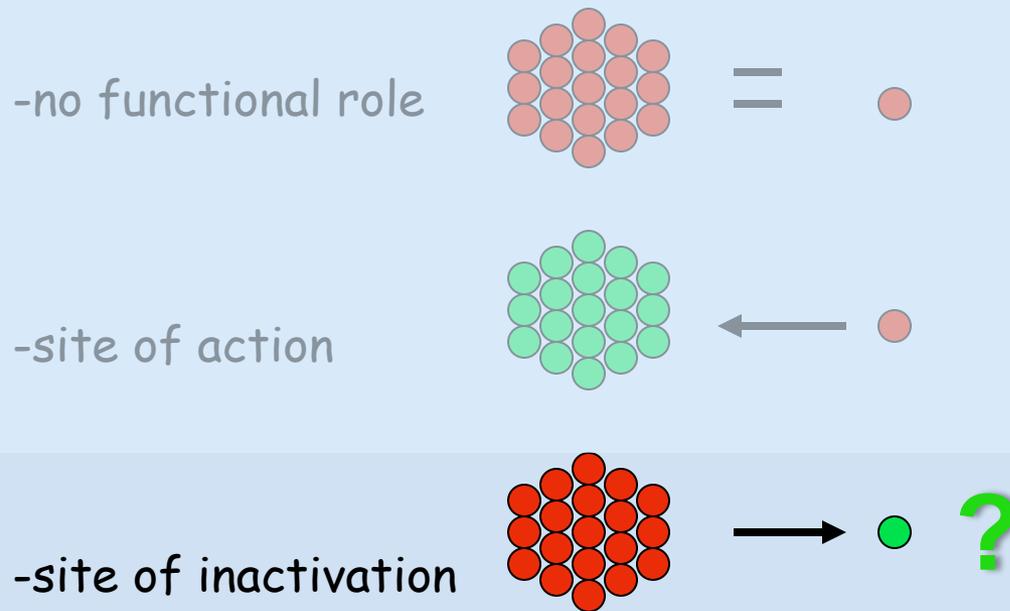
nuclear depot by controlled recruitment and release of selected proteins

# External insults modify PML NBs/ND10

- Hyperthermia (fever) = Heat Shock (HS)
- Interferon exposure (PML, SP100, Daxx: IFN regulated)
- Heavy metal exposure (Cd<sup>++</sup>; As<sup>+++</sup>)
- UV light
- Hormone action (progesteron)
- Viral Infection (Ad5; HSV-1; HCMV; EBV; KSHV; HDV)
- Aging

# Functional roles for nuclear domains

Increased accumulation of protein in nuclear domains may indicate:



- PML bodies/ND10 function as a nuclear depot
- PML bodies/ND10 are modified by stress
- What is localization of ND10 proteins upon stress (HS)?

# List of Proteins Found in PML bodies/ ND10

## Constitutive Proteins

- **PML**; promyelocytic leukemia
- **Sp100**; PBC autoantigen
- **SUMO** (Small Ubiquitin-like Modifier)
- **ATRX**;  $\alpha$ -thalassemia X-linked mental retardation, SWI/SNF2 chromatin remodeling
- **Daxx**
  - Daxx: conservative protein essential for embryonic development
  - Daxx is implicated in apoptosis, transcriptional regulation and mitosis

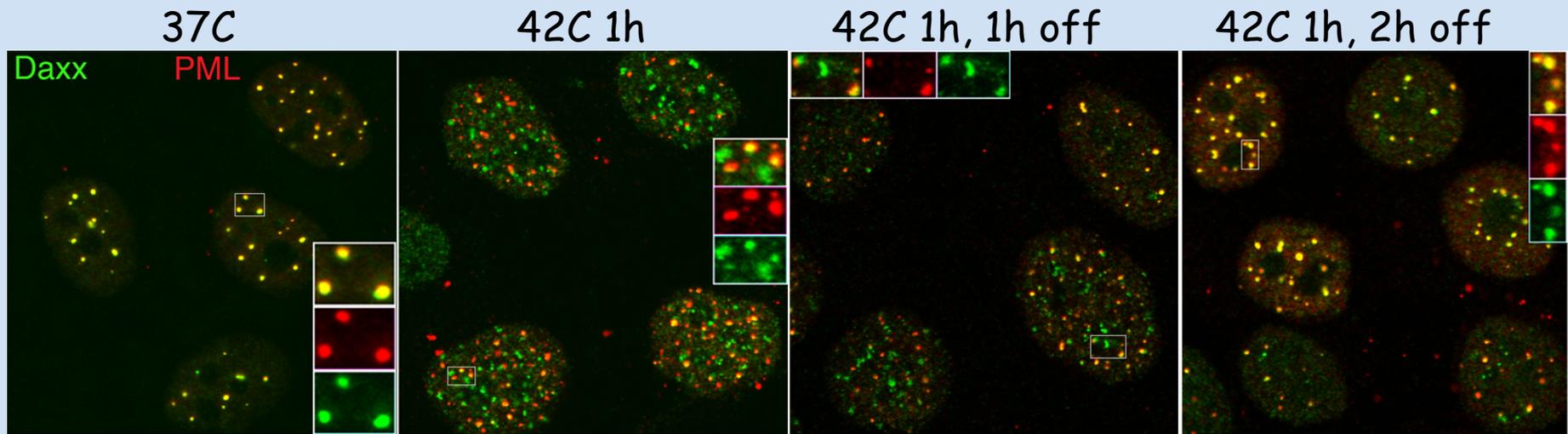
## Facultative Proteins

- BLM; helicase mutated in Bloom syndrome
- p53; after interferon exposure
- CBP; histone acetylase
- HDAC2; histone deacetylase
- HP1; heterochromatin
- Pax 5; transcription factor
- pp71; HCMV tegument protein
- ICPO; HSV-1 transactivator
- E4 orf3; Ad5 IE protein
- SENP-1; desumofication enzyme

# Daxx Localization Upon HS and Recovery

To study the effect of hyperthermic stress on Daxx localization, HEp2 (human larynx carcinoma) cells were exposed to 42C for 1h and either fixed immediately or recovered at 37C for 1h/2h

Staining: **Daxx**/**PML**

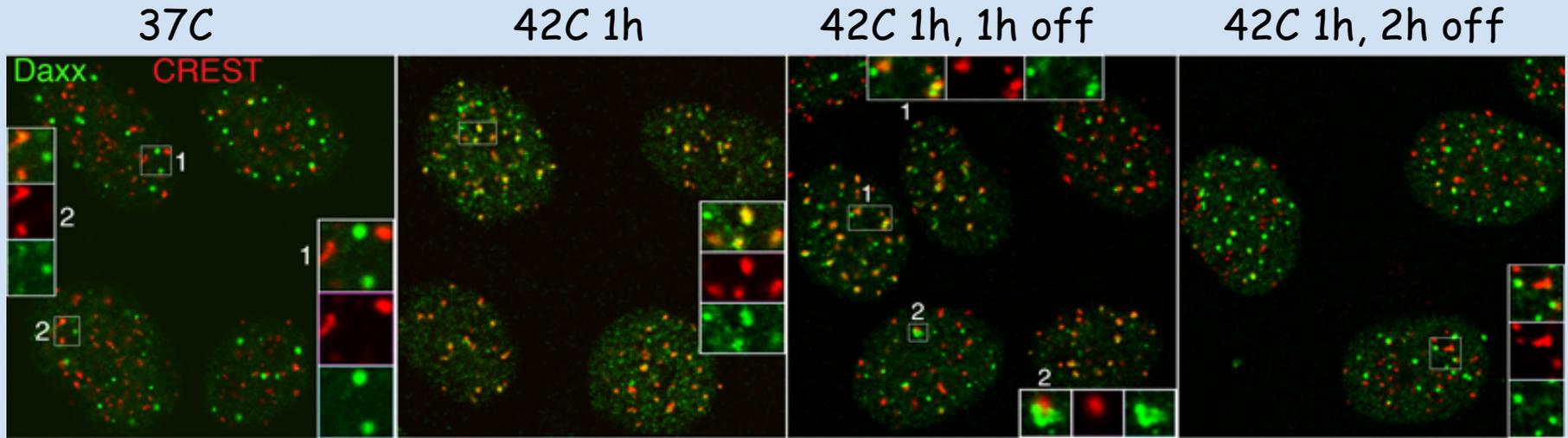


- During HS, Daxx forms additional patterns (20-40 per cell, often in pairs) that do not co-localize with PML NB's
- New patterns mostly disappear at 2h of recovery

What are those new patterns?

# Daxx and Centromeres

Staining: **Daxx**/**CREST** (human autoimmune anti-centromere antibody)

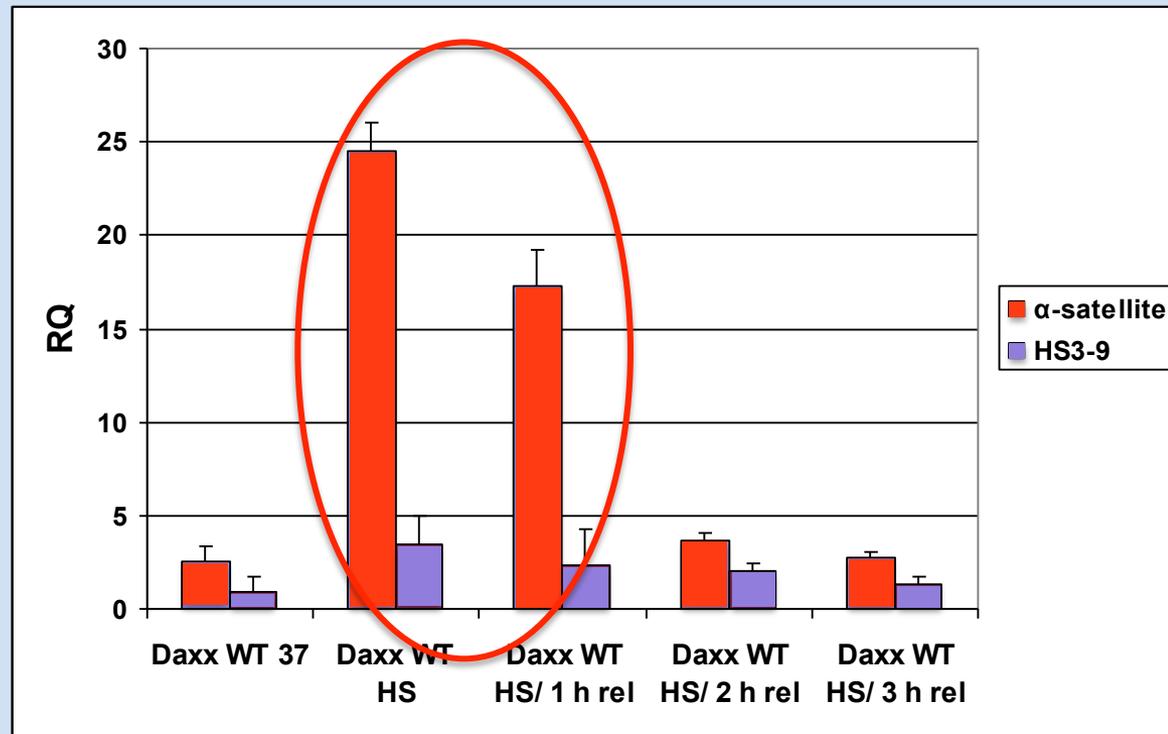
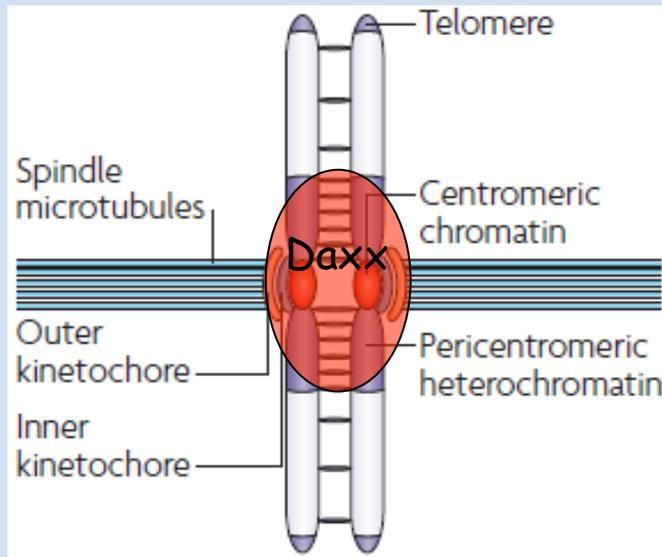


- before HS, **Daxx** colocalizes with **centromeres** in some cells
- after HS and 1h of recovery, **Daxx** colocalizes with **centromeres** in most cells
- 2h of recovery: no **Daxx** association with **centromeres**

# Daxx association with CEN and periCEN

HEp2 cells expressing FLAG/HA-Daxx were exposed to 42C for 1h and either fixed immediately or recovered at 37C for 1 - 3h.

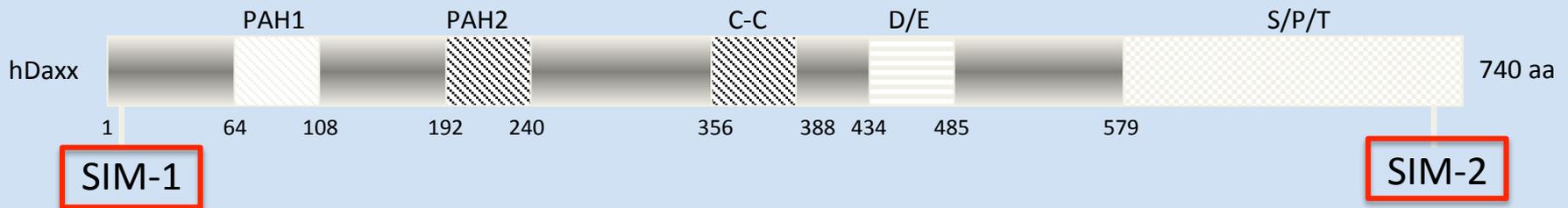
Daxx ChIP on **CEN (pan-centromeric alpha-satellite)** and **periCEN (satellite 3-9)**



Daxx accumulates at **CEN** and **periCEN** during stress and recovery

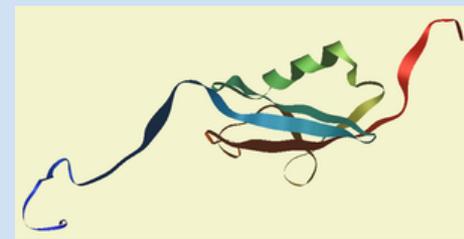
# What attracts Daxx to CEN/pericEN?

Daxx contains two SUMO-interaction domains (SIM) (Santiago A. et al., 2009).



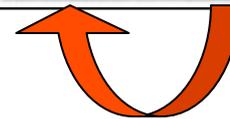
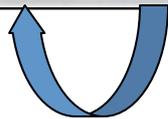
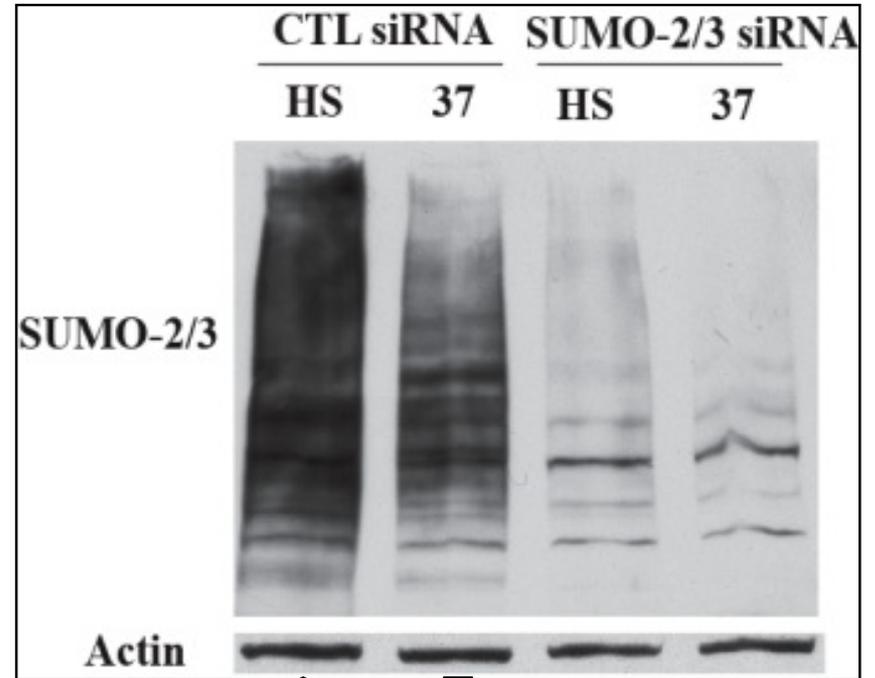
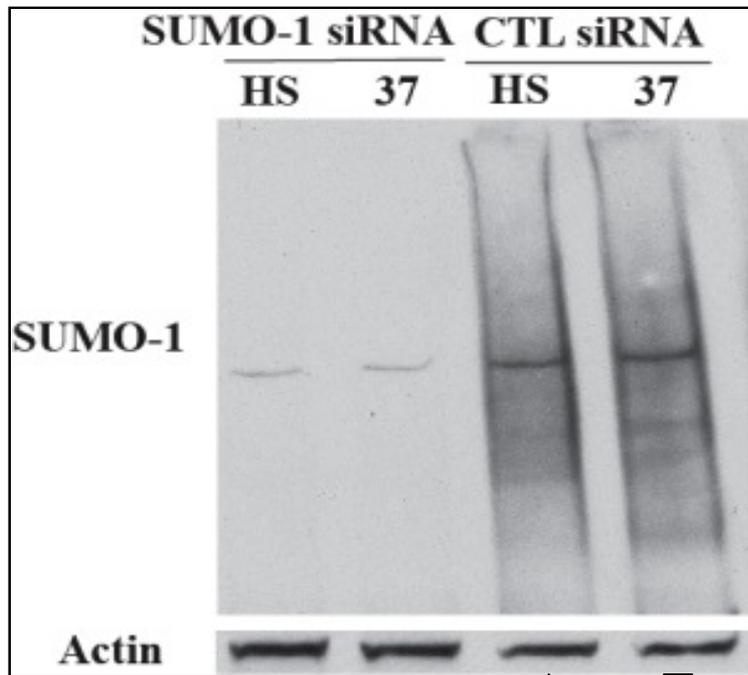
Is SUMOylation important for Daxx localization at CEN/pericEN after stress?

# SUMO Intro



- Small ubiquitin-related modifier (SUMO) is ~ 100 amino acid polypeptide that can be covalently conjugated to a lysine of substrate protein
- SUMO can add binding interfaces or remove them
- SUMOylation involves in intra-nuclear protein targeting, formation of subnuclear structure, regulation of transcription, DNA replication/repair, chromosome segregation, and protein stability
- Four SUMO family proteins in mammals: SUMO-1/4; SUMO-2, -3 are 96% identical, only about 46% identity with SUMO-1/4
- **SUMO-1 and SUMO2/3 are differentially regulated in vivo: SUMO-1 is conjugated to substrates under normal condition, SUMO-2/3 is mostly conjugated to target proteins in response to stress**

# Depletion of SUMO-1 and SUMO-2/3 by siRNA

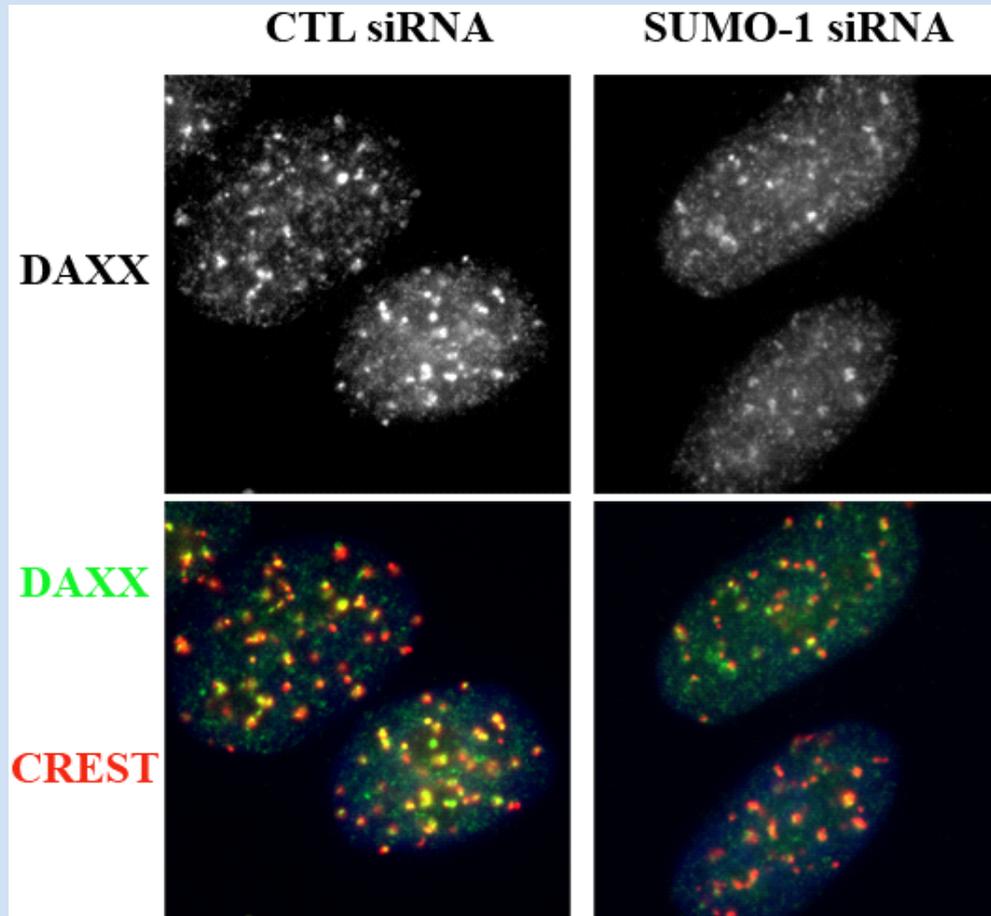


Sumoylation by SUMO-2/3 is elevated in response to HS

# Is SUMOylation important for Daxx localization at CEN/pericEN after stress?

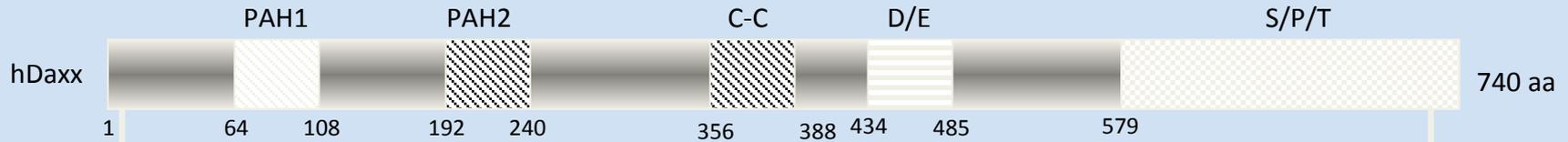
HEp2 cells were transfected with control (CTL), SUMO-1 or SUMO-2/3 siRNA. 72h later cells were exposed to heat shock (1h, 42C).

Staining: **Daxx** and **CREST (centromeres)**



Daxx deposition at centromeres upon HS requires SUMO-2/3, but not SUMO-1

# Complimentary approach: SIM inactivation of Daxx

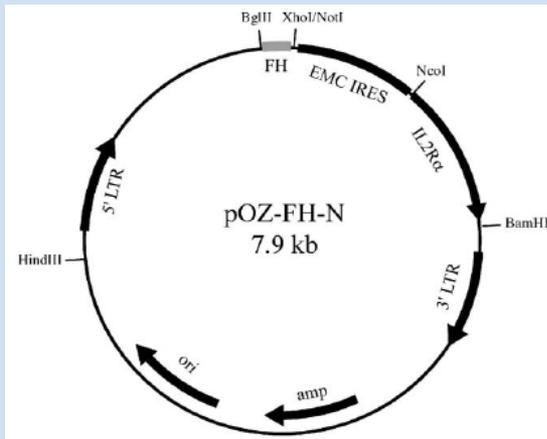


WT: 7 I I V L 10  
 $\Delta$ SIM: 7 K I V L 10

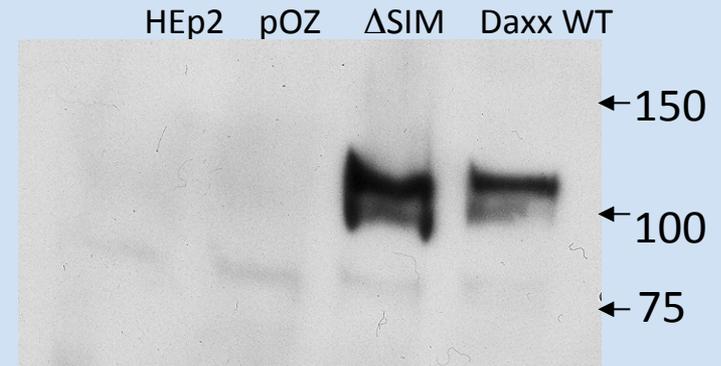
**SIM-1**

**SIM-2**

WT: 733 I I V L 736  
 $\Delta$ SIM: 733 K I V L 736



From: Nakatani Y, Ogryzko V.  
 Methods Enzymol. 2003;370:430-44.



Western Blot for HEp2-DaxxWT and HEp2-Daxx $\Delta$ SIM (anti-HA ab's)

Daxx contains two SUMO-interacting motifs (SIMs)

Daxx  $\Delta$ SIM, in which both SIMs are mutated, does not interact with SUMO

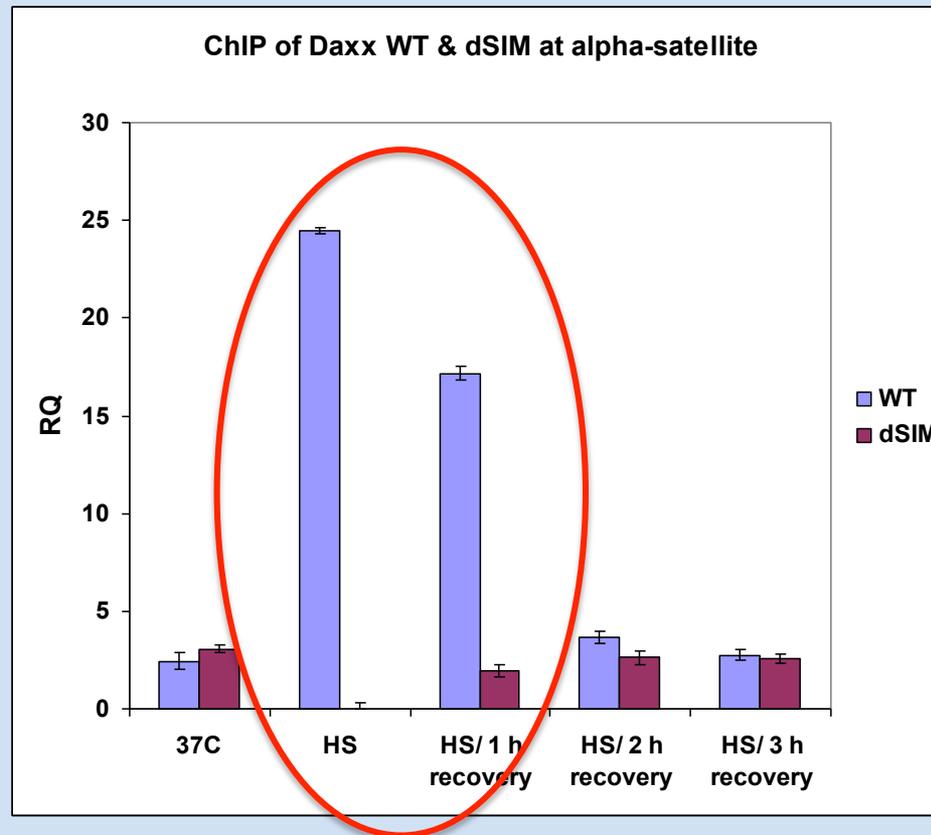
Daxx WT and Daxx  $\Delta$ SIM were cloned in pOZ (left);

HEp2 cells created for stable expression of corresponding constructs (right)

# How SIM mutations affect Daxx localization upon stress?

HEp2 cells expressing FLAG/HA-Daxx and FLAG/HA-DaxxD-SIM

ChIP for Daxx and DaxxD-SIM on CEN (pan-centromeric alpha-satellite)



Daxx association with CEN is SIM-dependent

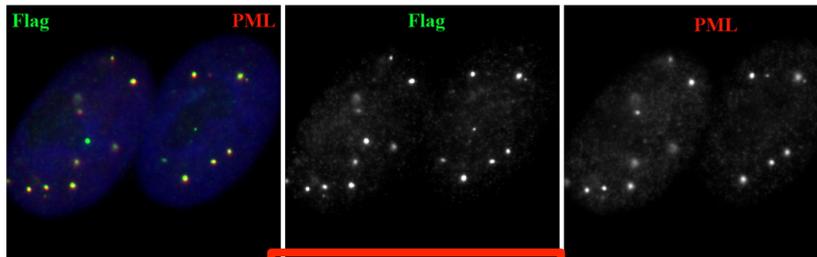
# How SIM mutations affect Daxx localization upon stress?

HEp2 cells stable expressing of Daxx WT and Daxx Delta-SIM in frame with FLAG/HA were fixed at 37C or after exposure to 42C for 1h

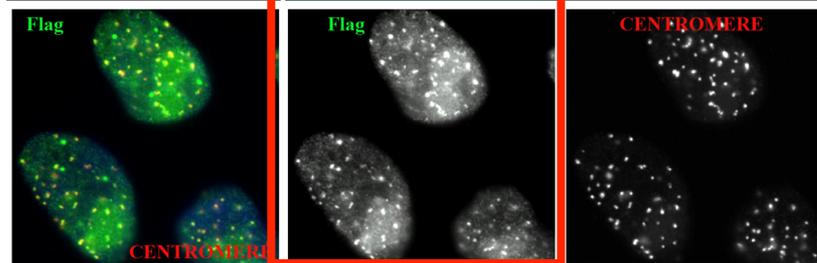
Staining: **FLAG (Daxx)/PML** (top) and **FLAG (Daxx)/CREST** (bottom)

## Daxx WT

37C



Heat Shock  
42C, 1h



SIM mutations block Daxx localization at CEN/pericEN upon HS

Sumoylation (2/3) of  
protein(s) X at CEN/pericEN  
upon HS



Daxx  
recruitment  
via SIM's

# Accumulation of Daxx to centromeres under different stress condition

Heat shock, 42C, 1h	UV 10 mJ/cm <sup>2</sup>	Gamma irradiation	Proteosome inhibition MG132	TSA	Cd <sup>2+</sup>	As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	17-AAG
YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES

## Daxx at CEN/periCEN:

- \*Daxx accumulates at CEN/periCEN upon application of mild HS (42C).  
This accumulation is:  
rapid (30' of HS),  
reversible (1 h after HS release),  
does not change Daxx stability.
- \*Daxx deposition is mediated by SUMO-2/3, but not by SUMO-1 and requires functional Daxx SIM's, suggesting for potential interaction with SUMOylated partner(s).
- \*Among PML NB's associated proteins, only SNF2 helicase/ATPase ATRX is associated with Daxx upon stress.



FUNCTION?

## Potential functions of Daxx at CEN/periCEN:

- Set up the cell cycle checkpoint for the stress recovery?
- Changes in the follow-up kinetochore assembly?
- Genome stability?
- Changes in chromatin structure and epigenetic modifications?
- Regulation of transcription at CEN/periCEN repeats?

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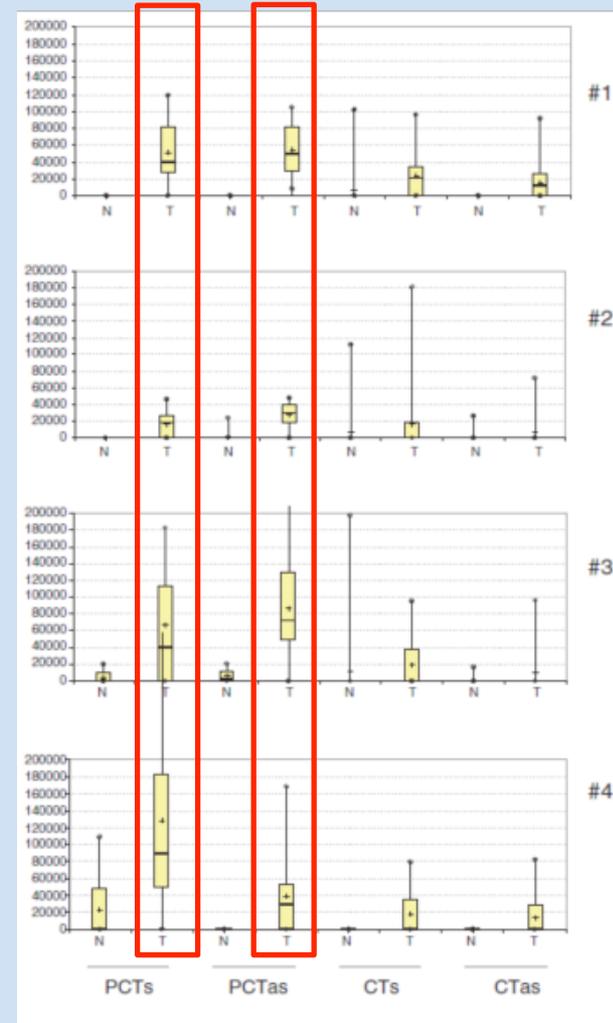
# CEN and periCEN transcription in mouse and human cells

Transcripts: non-coding RNA

Transcription from CEN/  
periCEN is implicated in:

- stress
- development
- proliferation
- carcinogenesis

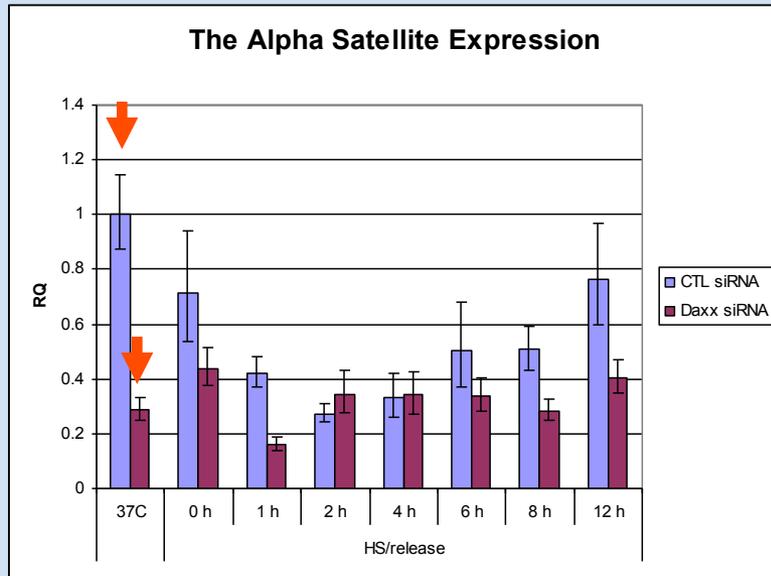
Expression of CEN and periCEN is elevated in lung cancer specimens



# Transcription of centromeric (CEN) and pericentromeric (periCEN) repeats during stress and release

HEp2 cells expressing **Daxx shRNA** and **CTL shRNA** were exposed to 42C for 1h and either fixed immediately or recovered at 37C for 1-12h

## CEN transcription



Depletion of Daxx **REPRESSES** transcription: CEN (at 37C) periCEN (HS)

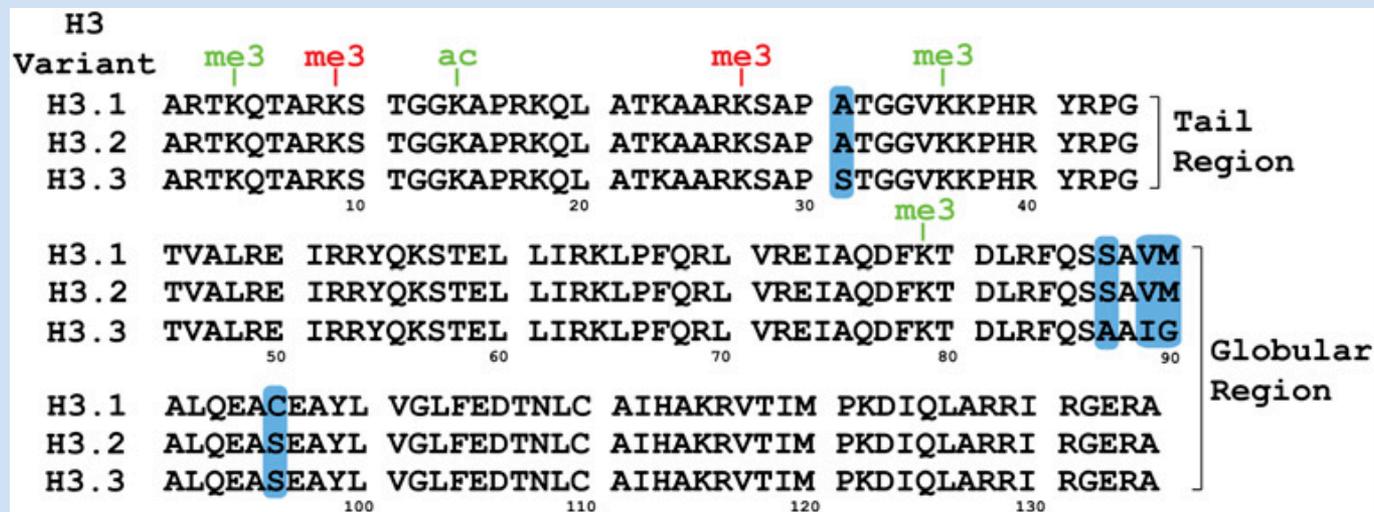
Surprise: mostly Daxx is transcription repressor via attraction of HDAC1/2 (c-met)

What is the mechanism of Daxx-dependent repression of CEN and periCEN?



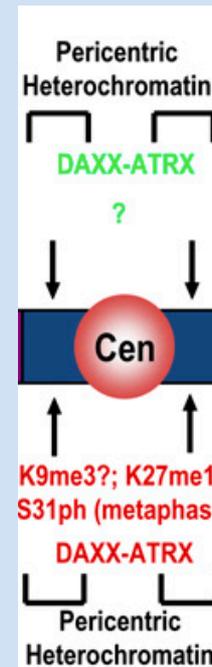
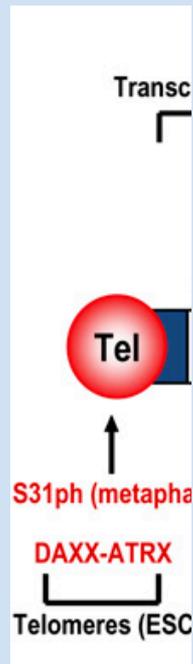
# Histone H3.3 summary

- Histone H3 variant, is associated with actively transcribed genes
- Non-S-phase (replication-independent) loading
- Previously reported chaperone: HIRA
- Daxx/ATR complex is a new chaperone of histone H3.3



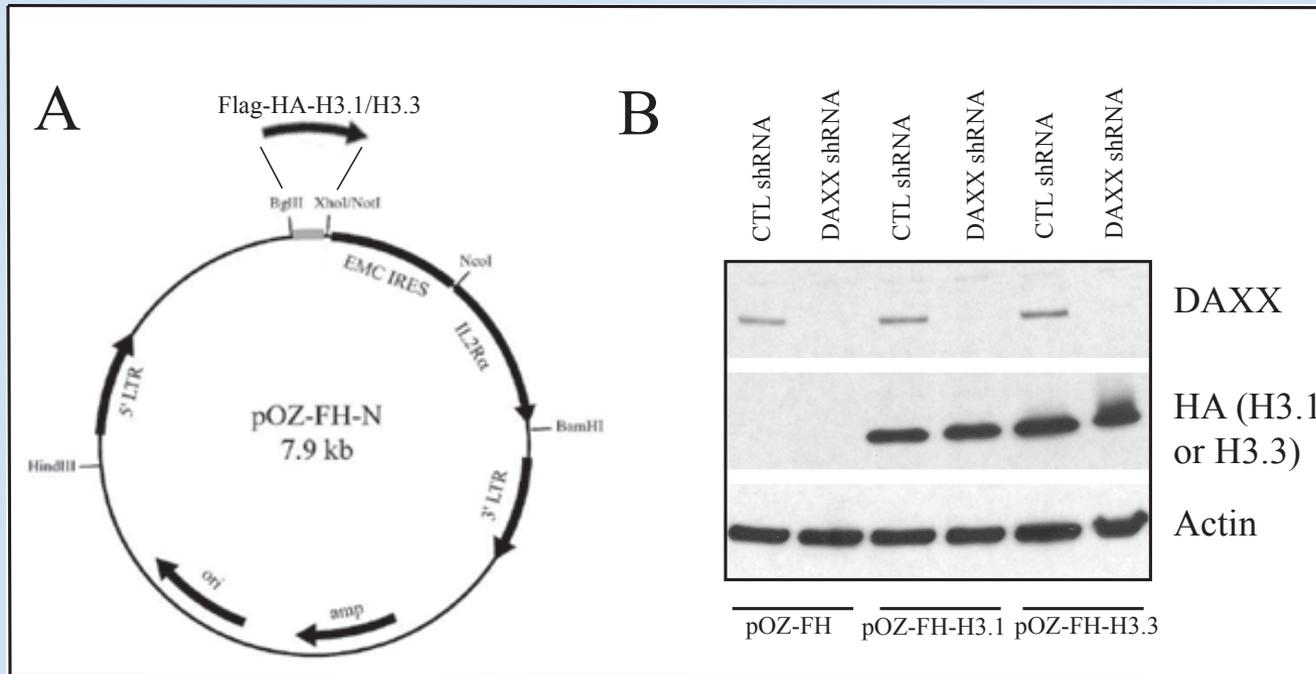
Sequence alignment of human H3 variants. Changes in amino acid composition are highlighted in blue

# Model of H3.3 deposition by histone chaperones HIRA and DAXX



Campos and Reinberg, *Genes Dev.* 2010

# Production and characterization of H3.3/H3.1 cell lines



**A:** Histones H3.3 and H3.1 were cloned in frame with FLAG/HA in pOZ vector (Nakatani Y, Ogryzko V. Methods Enzymol. 2003;370:430-44.)

**B:** HEP2 cells expressing H3.3 and H3.1 on the background of control shRNA or Daxx shRNA.

Western blot analysis for: Daxx (top), H3.3/H3.1 (middle); loading control: actin (bottom).

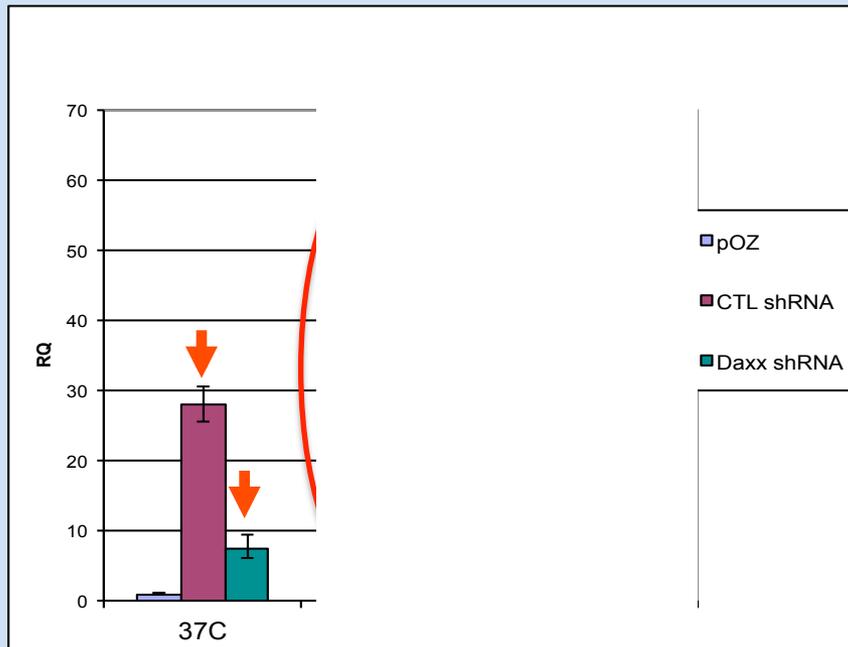
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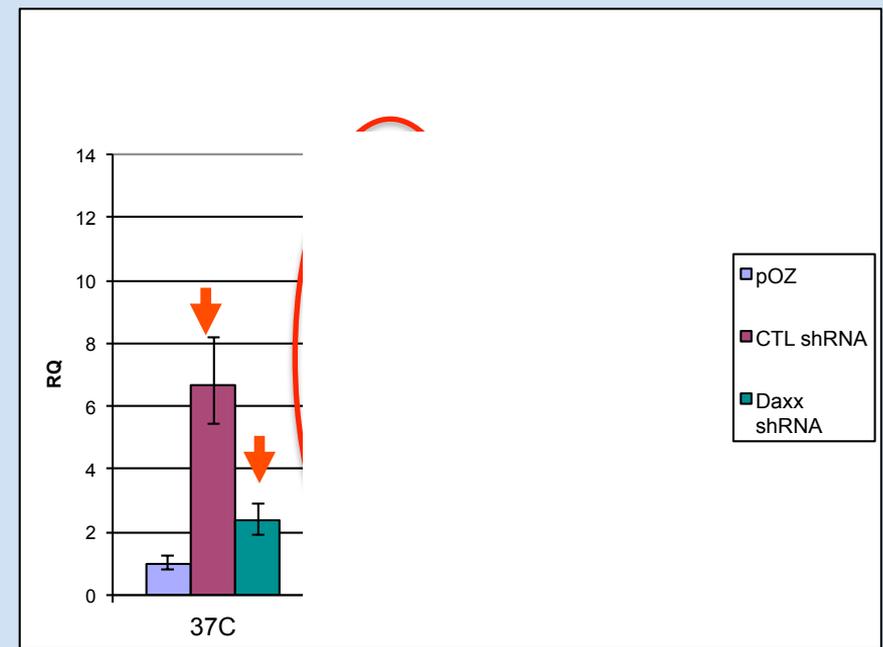
ChIP for H3.3 on CEN (pan-centromeric alpha-satellite) and periCEN (satellite 3-9)

pOZ: negative control for ChIP

## H3.3 at CEN



## H3.3 at periCEN



\*H3.3 loading at CEN and periCEN is Daxx-dependent

\*No obvious Daxx-dependent changes after HS...

## Function of Daxx at CEN/periCEN

1. Loading of H3.3 on repeats (both CEN/periCEN) in control conditions
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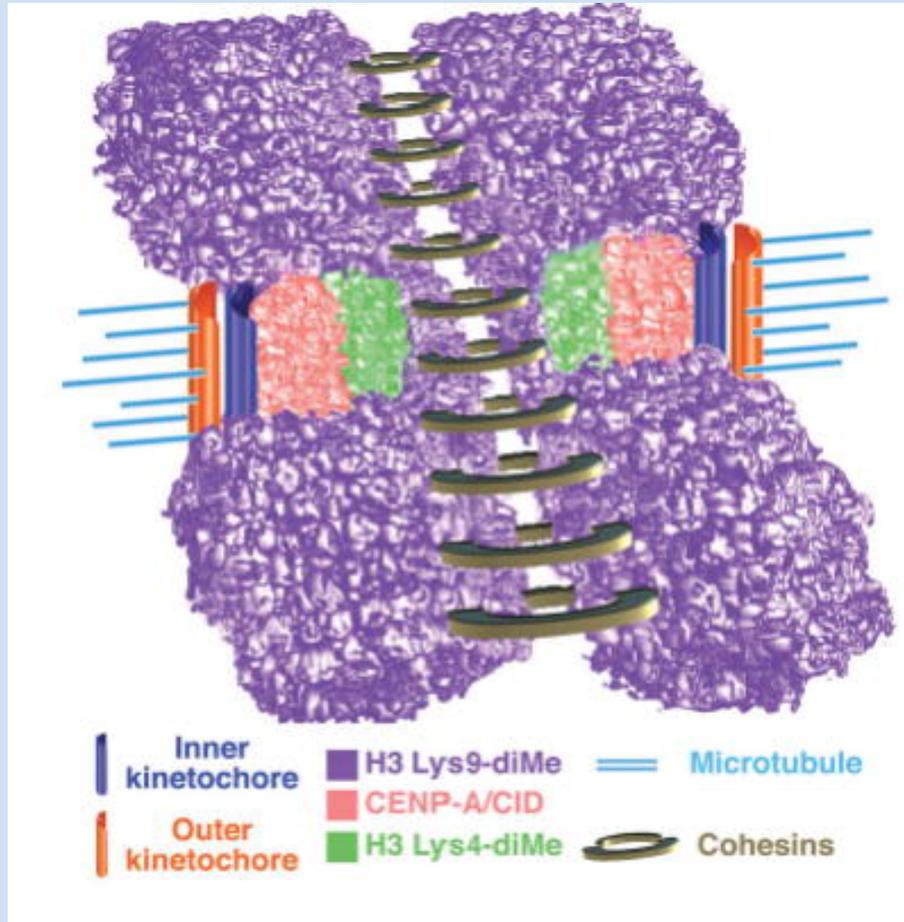
But: Daxx is mostly associated with CEN/periCEN UPON/AFTER stress, when levels of H3.3 does not change....

What is the function of Daxx hyper-accumulation at CEN/periCEN upon stress?

## Potential functions of Daxx at CEN/periCEN:

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# Model of 3-D organization of centromeric (CEN) and pericentromeric (periCEN) chromatin



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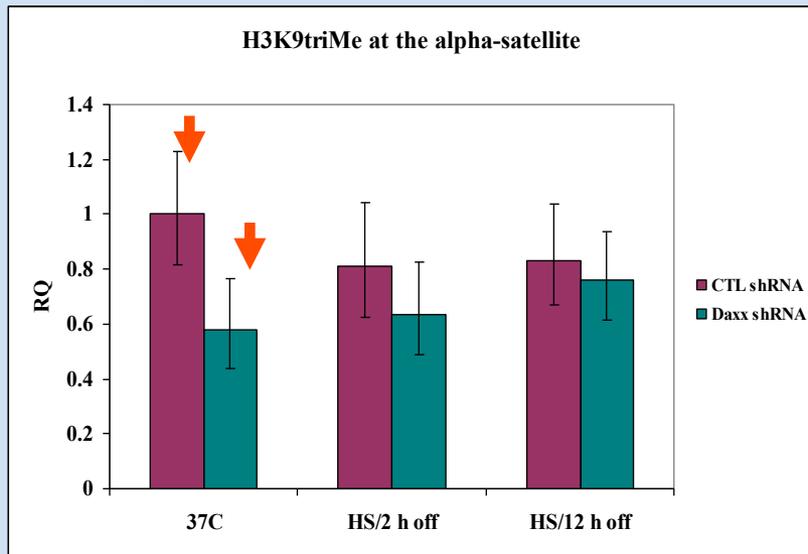
periCEN: H3 Lys9Me2/3 chromatin, which recruits heterochromatin proteins (HP1) and cohesion proteins (RAD21/SCC1)

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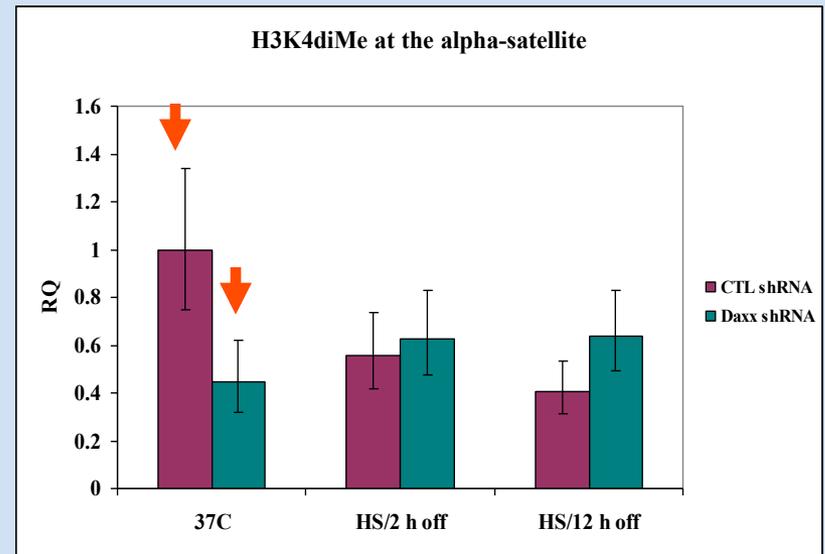
ChIP for H3K9tri-Me (repressive) and H3K4di-Me (active) on CEN

## Repressive: H3K9tri-Me



Daxx depletion: Reduction before stress

## Active: H3K4di-Me



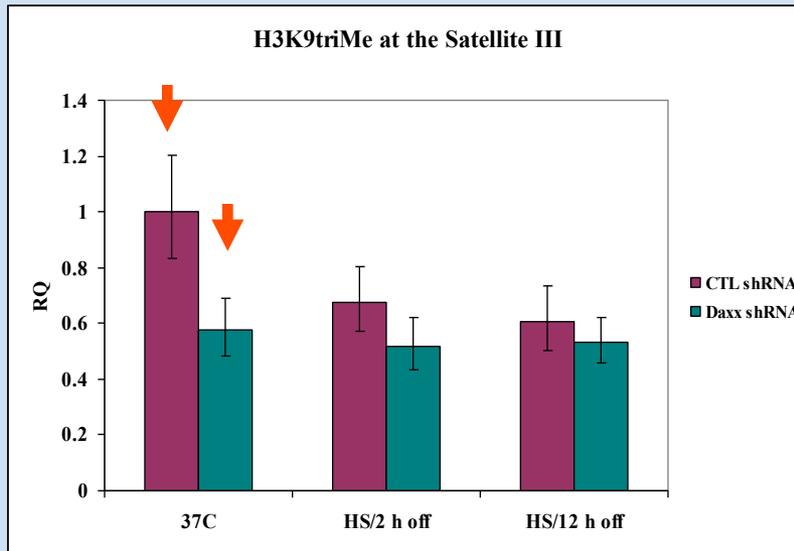
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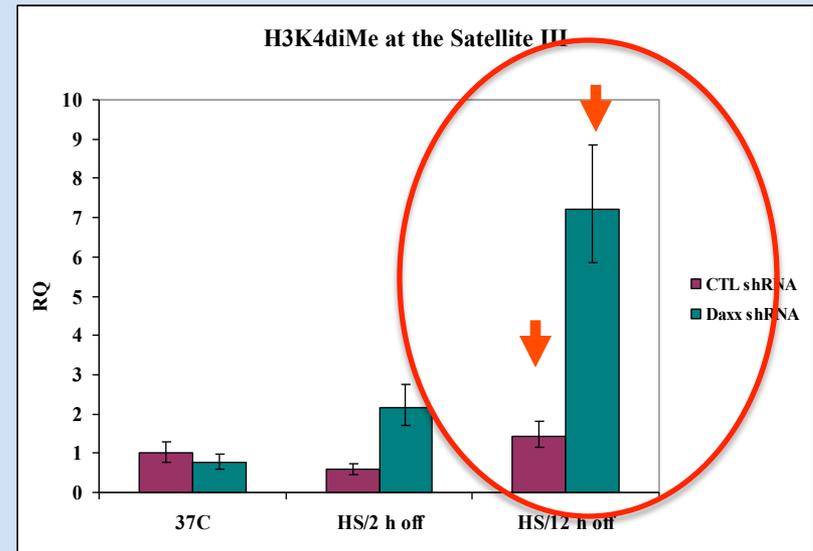
ChIP for H3K9tri-Me (repressive) and H3K4di-Me (active) on periCEN

## Repressive: H3K9 Me2/3



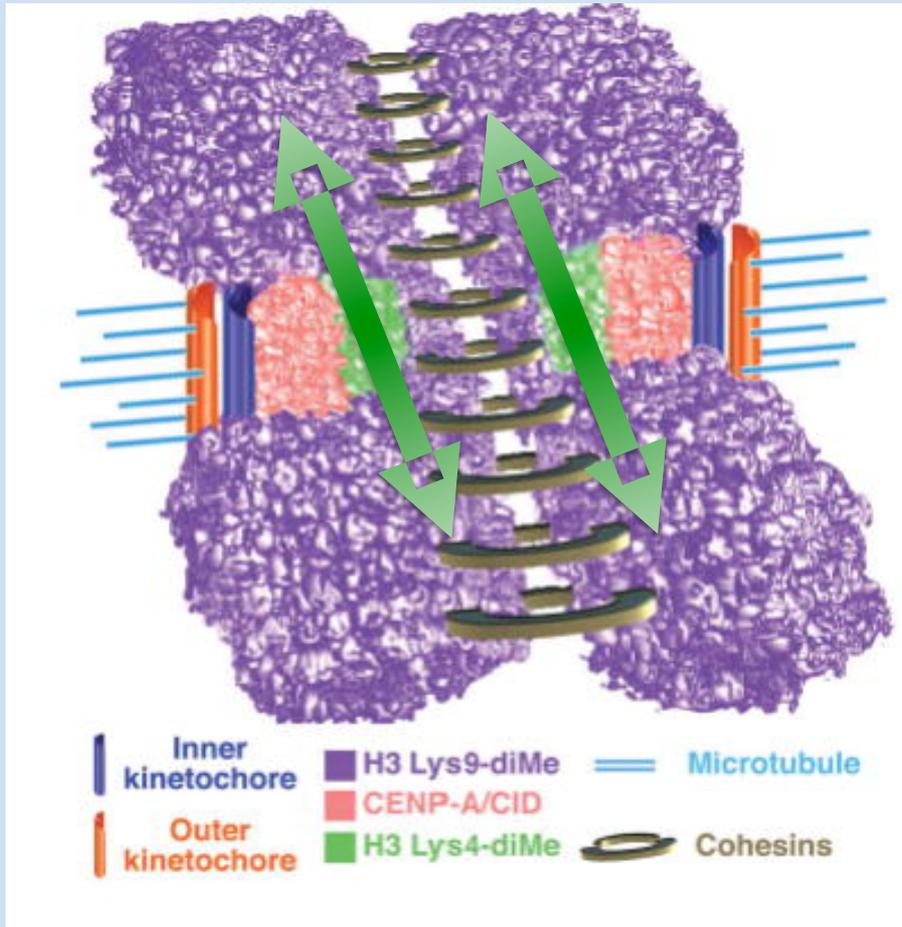
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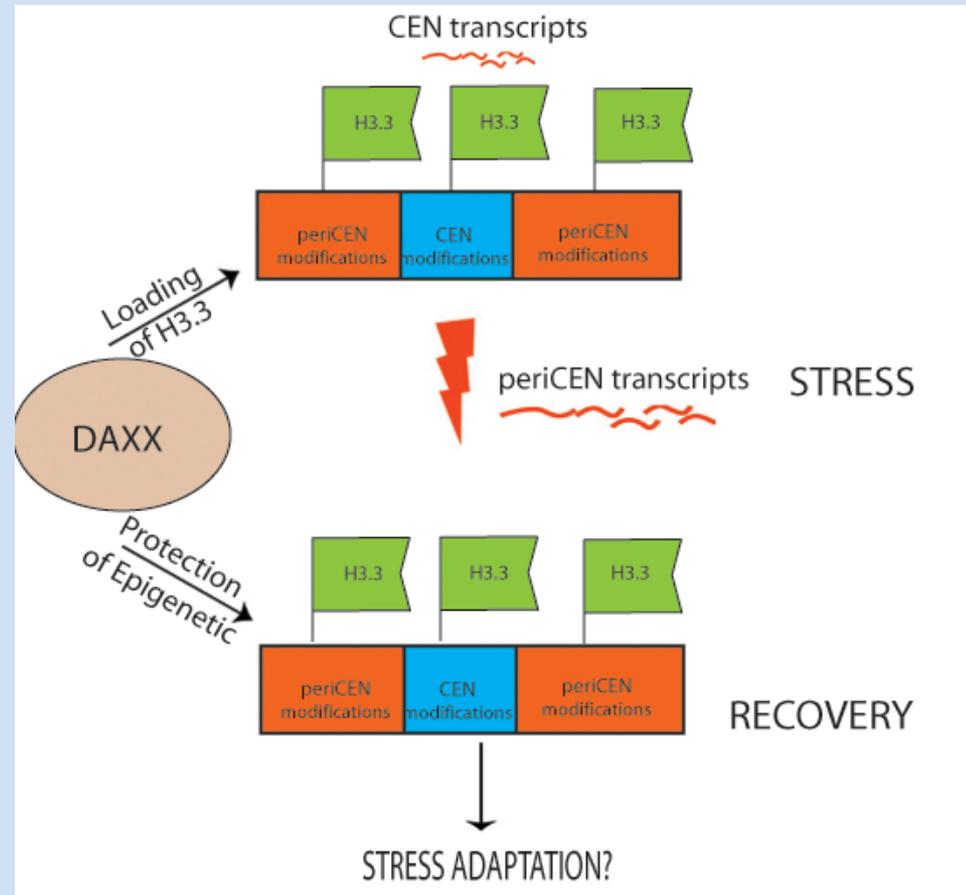
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No Daxx = increase of “active” chromatin modifications at periCEN after stress

# Summary: Daxx in chromatin epigenetic signature maintenance at CEN/pericEN

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3. After stress, "epigenetic signature" protection via Daxx complex assembly at CEN/pericEN. No Daxx = increase of "active" chromatin modifications at pericEN, changes in chromatin borders!



Model: Daxx as a guardian of epigenome  
(and, probably, genome?) stability

Deposition of histone variant H3.3 at  
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## Histone H3.3 Mutations: A Variant Path to Cancer

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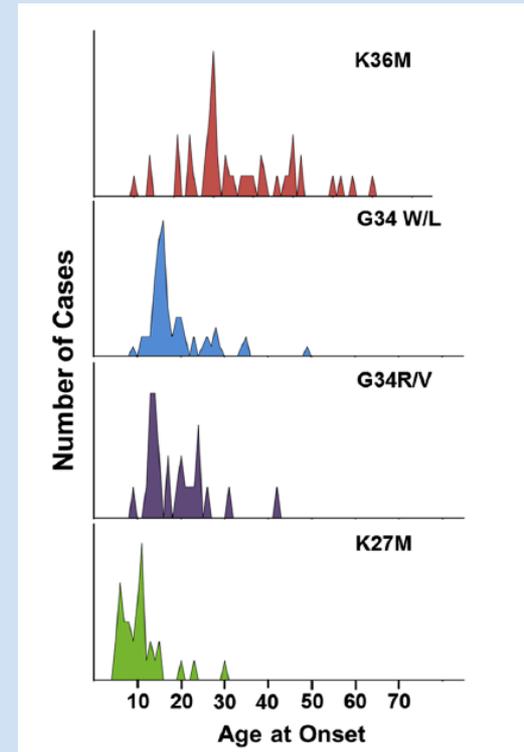
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A host of cancer types exhibit aberrant histone modifications. Recently, distinct and recurrent mutations in a specific histone variant, histone H3.3, have been implicated in a high proportion of malignant pediatric brain cancers. The presence of mutant H3.3 histone disrupts epigenetic posttranslational modifications near genes involved in cancer processes and in brain function. Here, we review possible mechanisms by which mutant H3.3 histones may act to promote tumorigenesis. Furthermore, we discuss how perturbations in normal H3.3 chromatin-related and epigenetic functions may more broadly contribute to the formation of human cancers.

# H3.3 mutations and Cancer

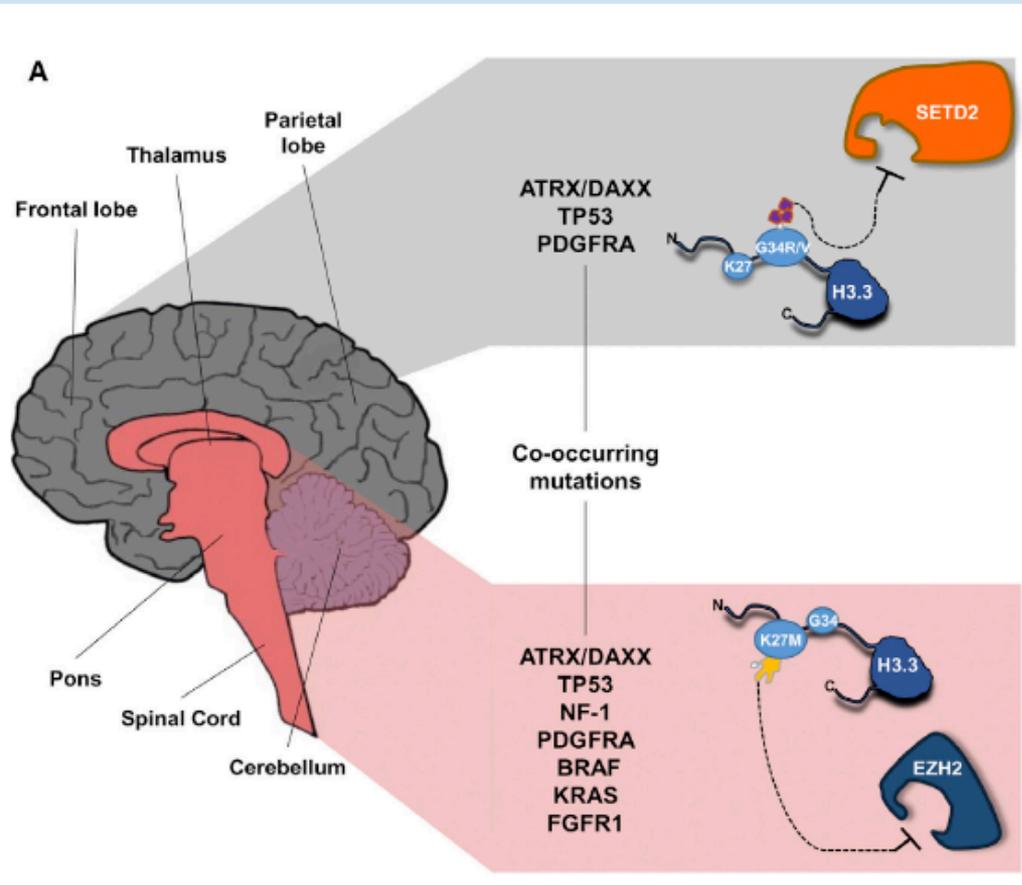
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Mutation	Met	ATG	ATG	Val	GTG GTC GTT
				Arg	CGG CGA CGT CGC
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Codon usage in histone H3.3 and H3.1 genes at the sites of histone mutation



Age of presentation for histone H3 mutant tumors

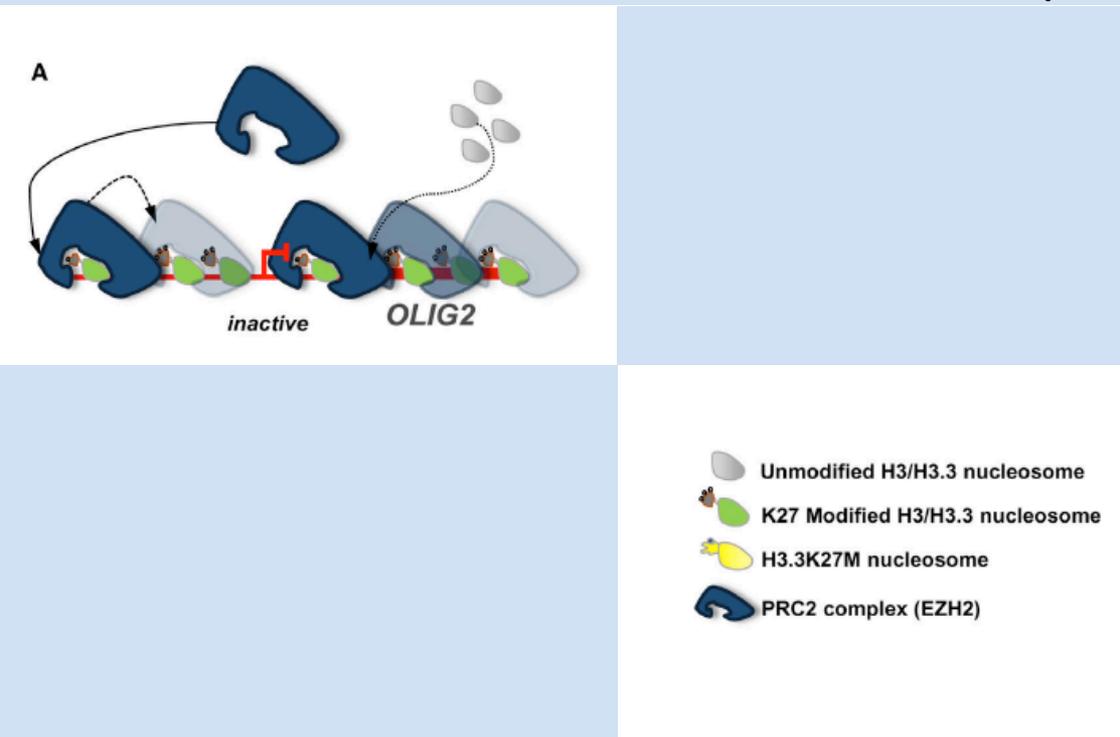
# Distribution and Characteristics of H3.3-Mutated Gliomas



- G34R/V mutations (gray, top) localize to cerebral/cortical hemispheres, specifically in frontal, parietal, occipital, and temporal lobes.
- K27M mutations (pink, bottom) localize primarily to midline locations, including the spinal cord, thalamus, pons, and brainstem.
- G34R/V and K27M mutations overlap with mutations in TP53 and ATRX/DAXX.

Mutations in H3.3 directly (K27M) or indirectly (G34R/V) alter posttranslationally modified residues. G34R/V mutations appear to affect K36me3 levels, possibly through inhibition of the methyltransferase SETD2, while K27M mutations attenuate EZH2 methyltransferase function, decreasing global K27me3 levels.

# H3.3 mutants: The Polycomb Connection



(A) "Wild type": H3.3K27M is not incorporated into the chromatin and thus does not inhibit PRC2 function. PRC2 trimethylates H3K27, spreading H3K27me3 marks throughout the promoter region and gene body, effectively repressing transcription.

Mutant H3.3K27M can interact with PRC2 to alter transcription in a number of possible scenarios:

(B) "Sequestered": H3.3K27M mimics K27 methylation and allosterically inhibits EZH2 methyltransferase function outside of chromatin, sequestering it in the nucleoplasm.

(C) "Trapped": In this scenario, H3.3K27M is incorporated into the promoter region. Binding of EZH2 to H3.3K27M blocks EZH2 on the same and nearby nucleosomes. Thus, this region is not properly silenced and does not recruit additional silencing factors to spread H3K27me3.

# Histone variants barcoding: 2006

## Histone H3 variants and their potential role in indexing mammalian genomes: The "H3 barcode hypothesis"

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...Here, we present a hypothesis, the "H3 barcode hypothesis."

...Our hypothesis rests on the central concept that mammalian histone H3 variants (H3.1, H3.2, and H3.3), although remarkably similar in amino acid sequence, exhibit distinct posttranslational "signatures" that create different chromosomal domains or territories, which, in turn, influence epigenetic states during cellular differentiation and development.

...Although we restrict our comments to H3 variants in mammals, we expect that the more general concepts presented here will apply to other histone variant families in organisms that employ them...

# Core histone variants, their functions, and features

Histone	Biological function and features	Conservation
H3 variants		
H3.3	Gene activation, silencing, and chromosome segregation. Can be deposited in replication-independent way	Yes, but in yeast, it is the only noncentromeric H3 variant
CenpA	Epigenetic marker of centromere	Present in most of eukaryotes, but less conserved than other H3 histones
H3.X	Euchromatin in primates	Primate specific
H3.4/H3t	Sperm genome and nucleolus of somatic cells	Mammalian specific
H3.Y	Euchromatin in primates	Primate specific
H3.5/H3.3c	Euchromatin in hominid testis	Hominid specific
H2A variants		
H2AZ	Poising genes for activation. Gene activation, gene silencing, and chromosome segregation	Present in most of eukaryotes
macroH2A	Association with repressed/silenced chromatin, large size due to an additional C-terminal domain	Vertebrate specific
H2A.BBD	Splicing, replication Active transcription	Mammalian specific
H2AX	Double-strand break repair/meiotic remodeling of sex chromosomes and genome integrity. The function is mediated by the phosphorylated form $\gamma$ H2A.X	Present in most of eukaryotes
H2B variants		
TH2B	Chromatin to nucleoprotamine transition	
H2BFWT	Sperm telomere binding	Primate specific
H2BE	Transcription regulation in olfactory neurons	

# Summary of human core histone variants and associated factors

Histone	Chaperones and associated factors
H2A variants	
H2A.Z	CHZ1/NAP1/SWR1/INO80
H2A.X	FACT
macroH2A	ATRX
H2A.B forms*	N.D.
H2B variants	
(TS) H2B.1*	N.D.
H2B.W*	N.D.
H3 variants	
CENP-A	HJURP
H3.3	HIRA/ATRX/DAXX
(TS) H3.4*	N.D.