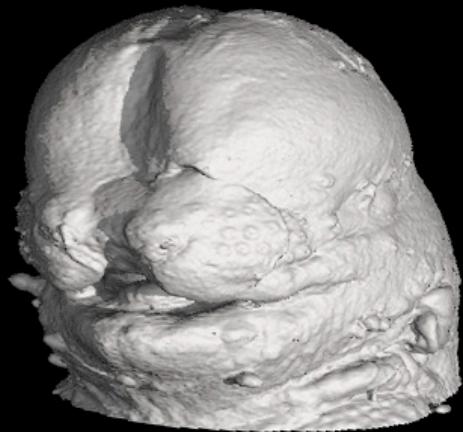


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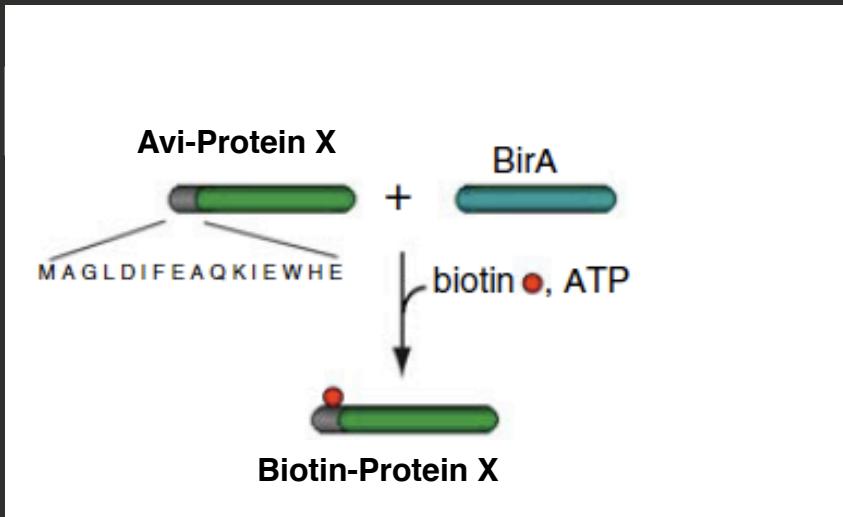
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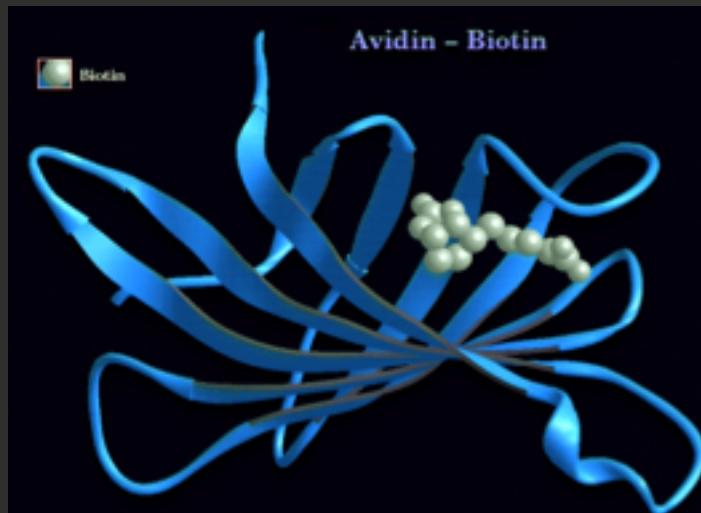
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# In vivo biotinylation using the biotin ligase, BirA



## BirA

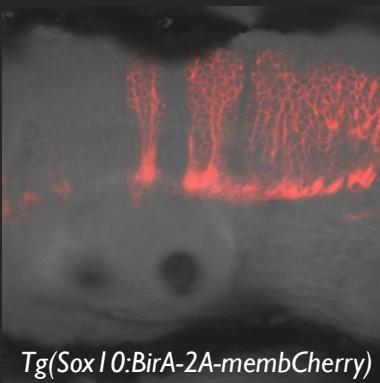
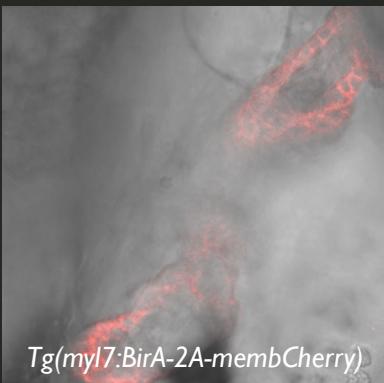
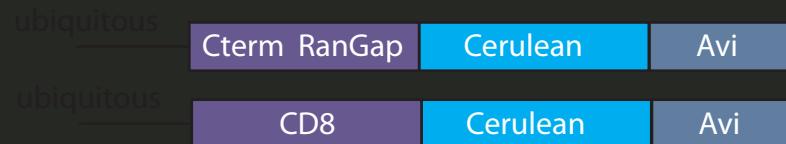
- **Biotin holoenzyme synthetase**
- **Transfers biotin to a single lysine in Avi peptide sequence**



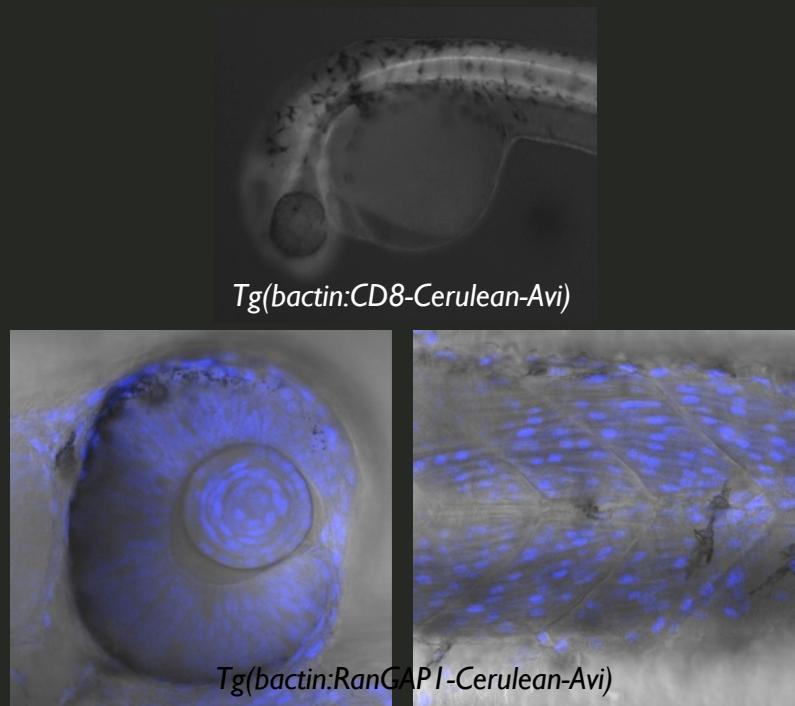
## Biotin-Avidin:

- **Strongest non-covalent interaction in nature ( $K_d$  of  $\sim 10^{-14}$  mol/L)**
- **Used routinely for IHC and recently for CHIP and IP**

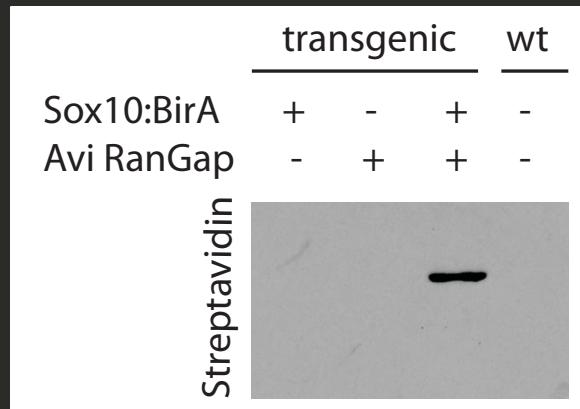
# Binary approach: BirA and Avi-tagged target



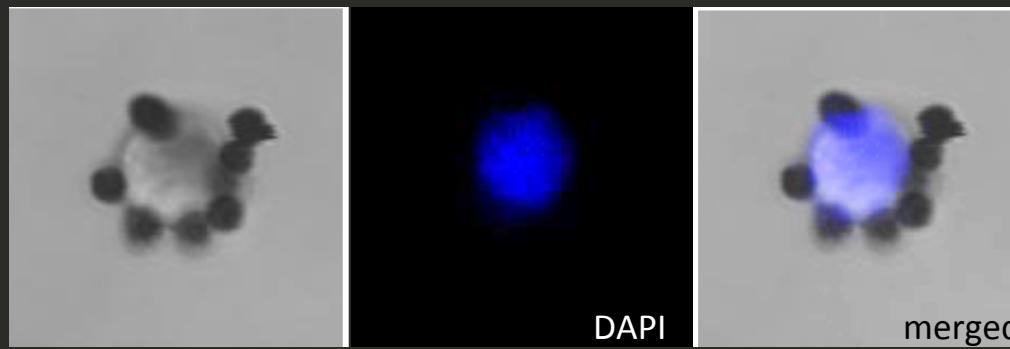
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# Specific isolation with streptavidin beads



Selected nuclei isolated in a single affinity step  
using streptavidin-coated magnetic beads



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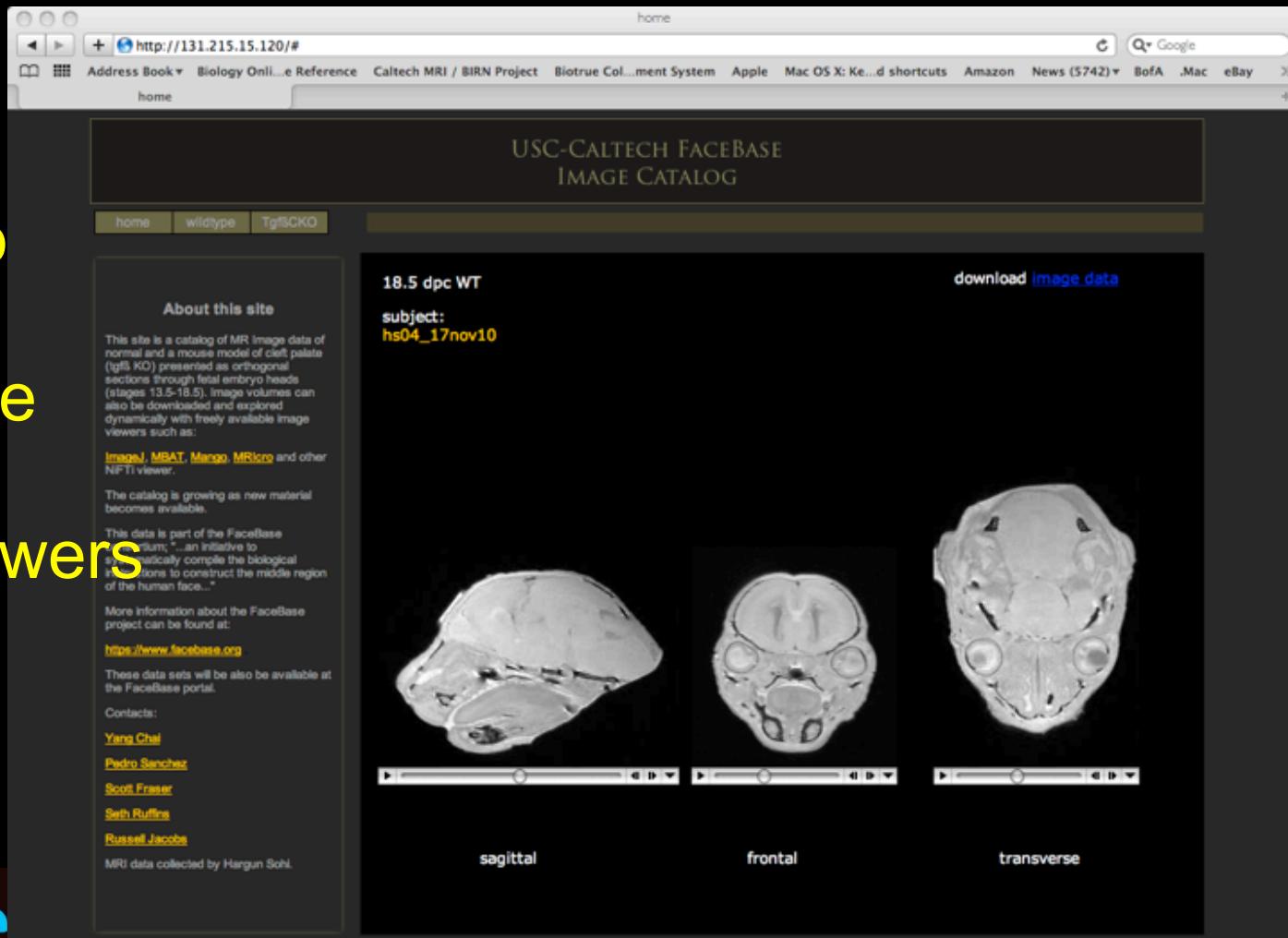
# MRI Atlasing - 7T & 11.7T

Fixed, Golgi Stained (soft tissue), Gd soaked (Speed)

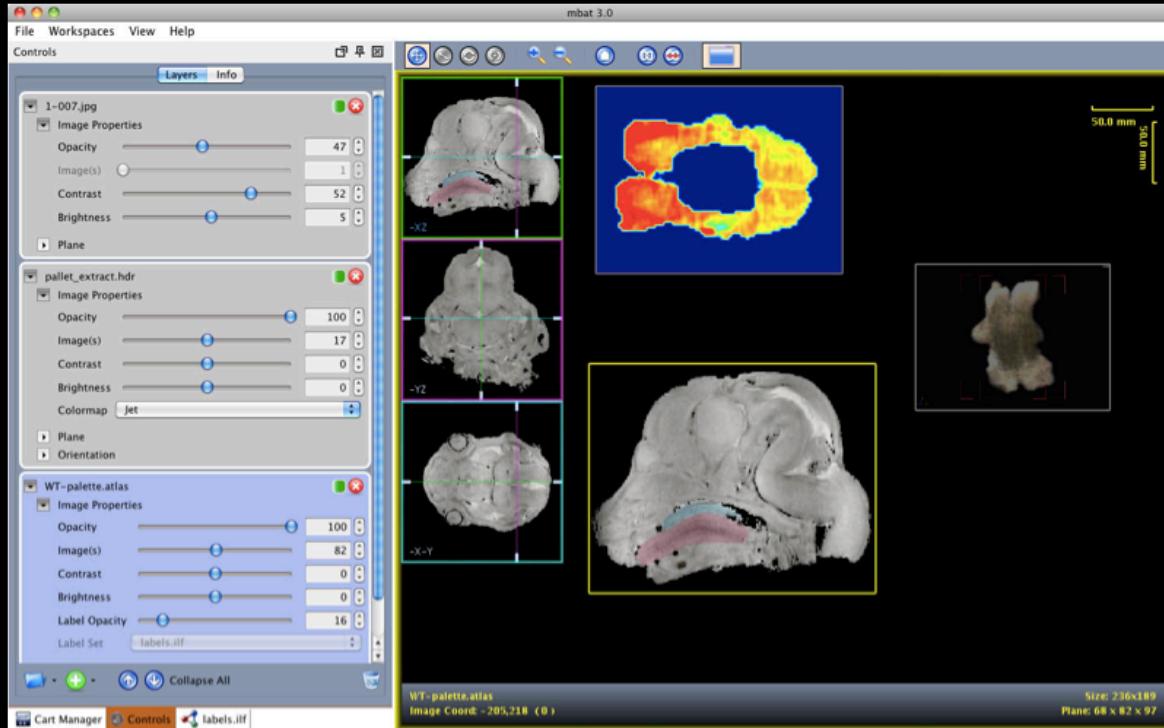
>100 on Hub

downloadable

variety of viewers



# MRI Atlasing - Data viewed with MBAT (BIRN)



Problems:

Data not easily browsable

Viewers are powerful, but hard to adopt

# Fantasy: A Multimodal Interface



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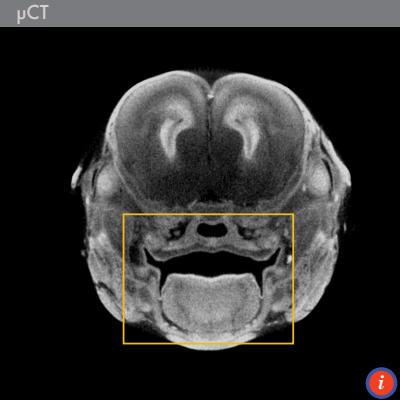
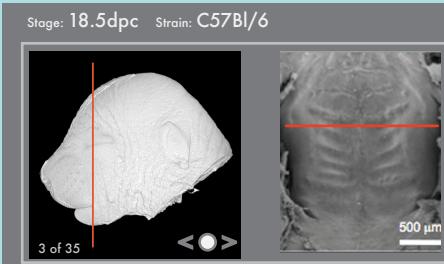
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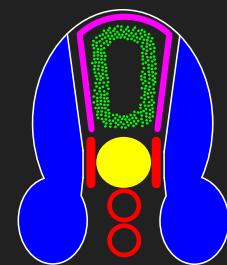
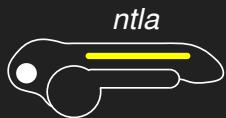
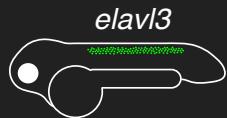
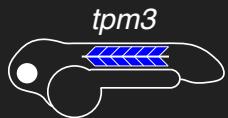
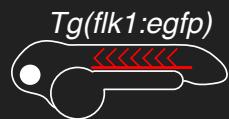
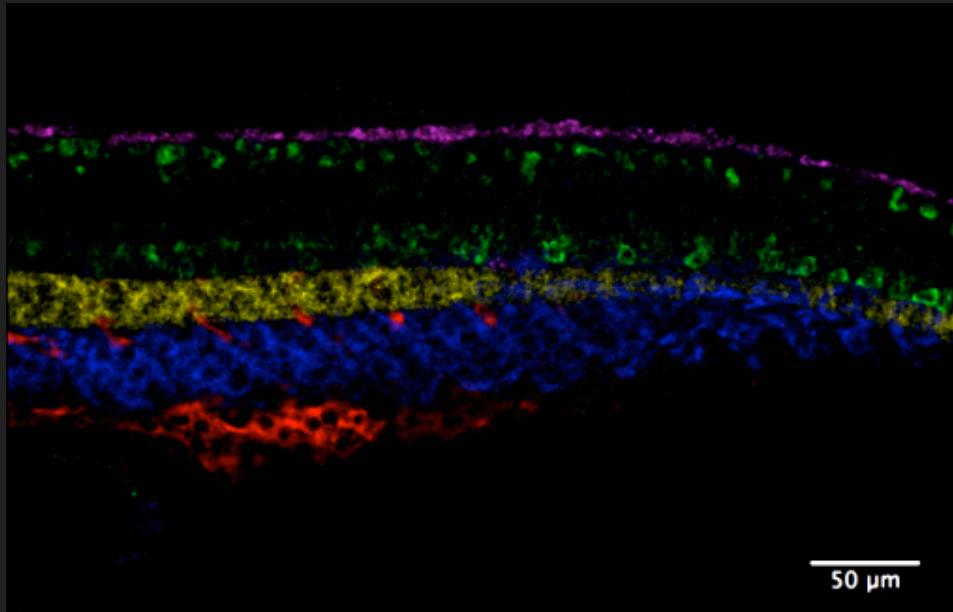
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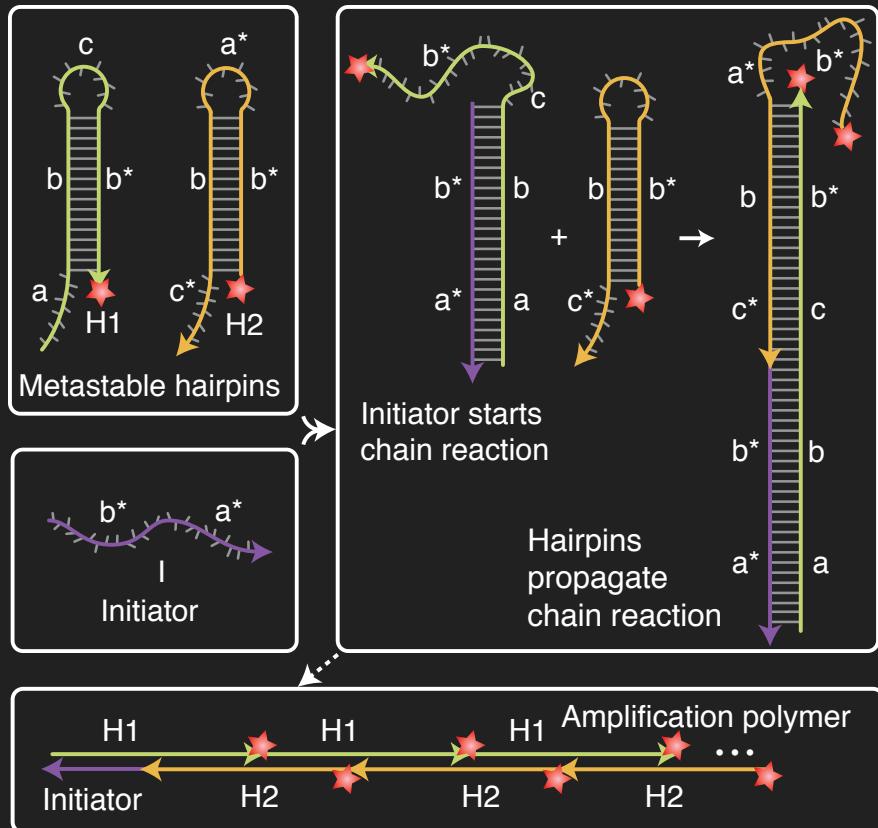
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# Five-Plex mRNA FISH in a fixed whole-mount zebrafish embryo



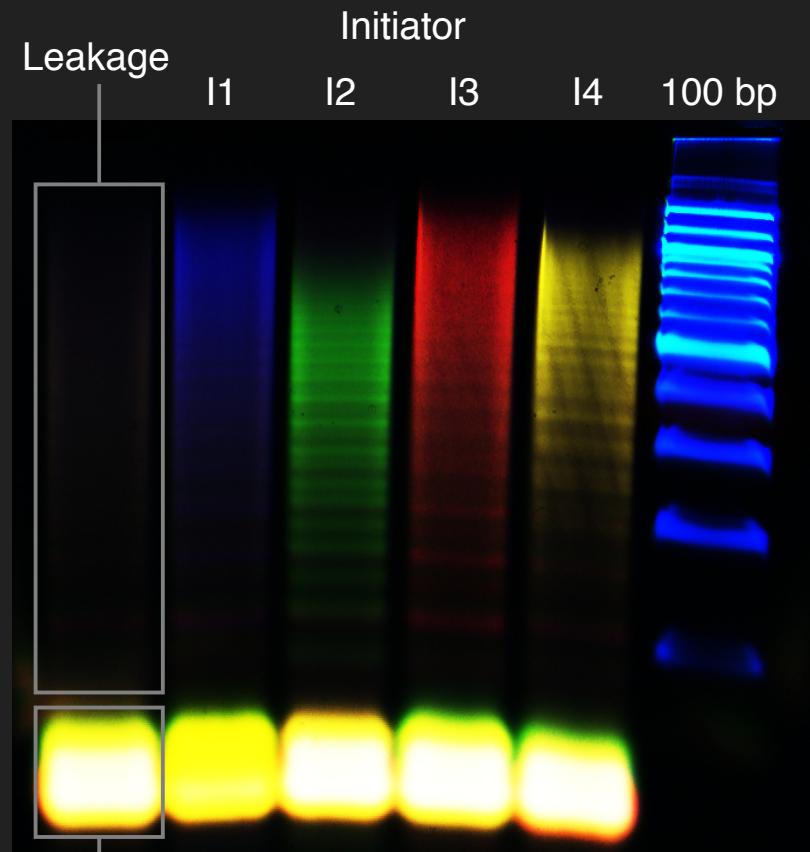
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Dirks and Pierce, Proc Natl Acad Sci USA, 2004

## Orthogonal HCR amplifiers

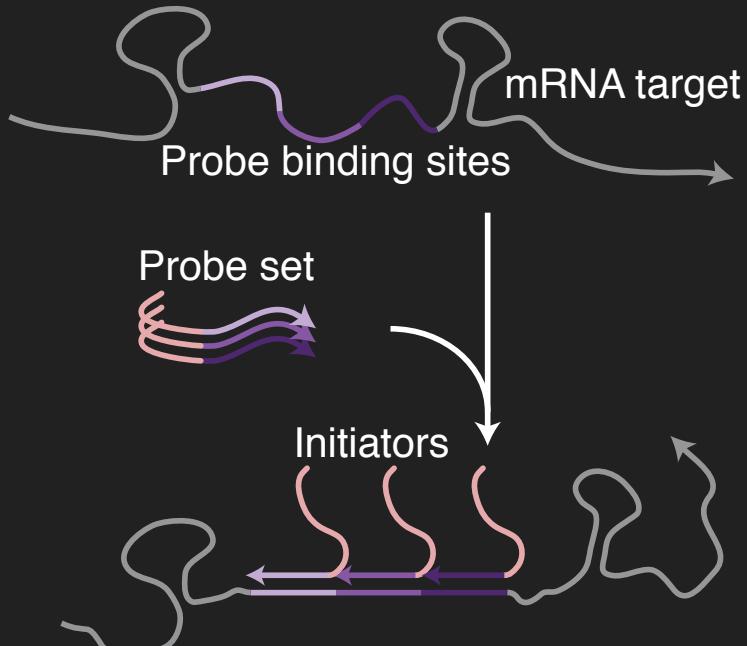


Metastable  
hairpins

stringent conditions

# Multiplexed in situ hybridization using HCR

Detection step  
Hybridize probes and wash



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Amplification step  
Fluorescent in situ HCR and wash

Metastable hairpins

H1

H2

H1

H2

H1

H2

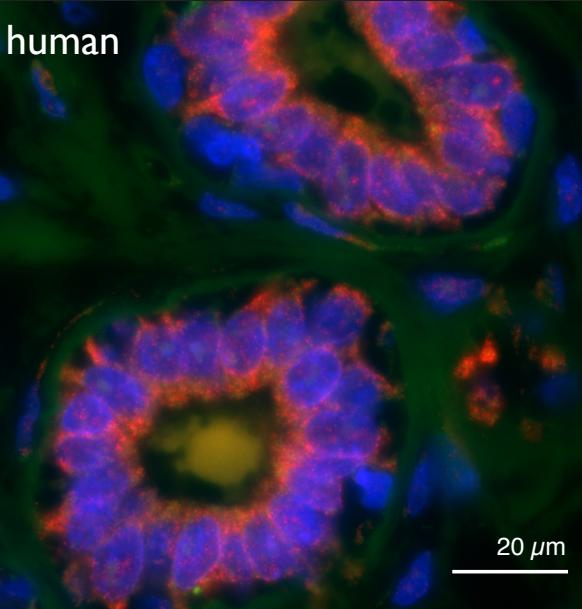
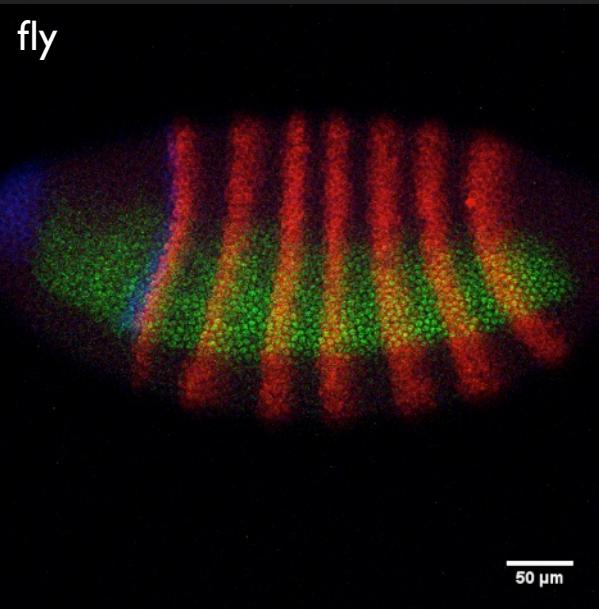
Tethered  
fluorescent  
amplification  
polymers

mRNA target

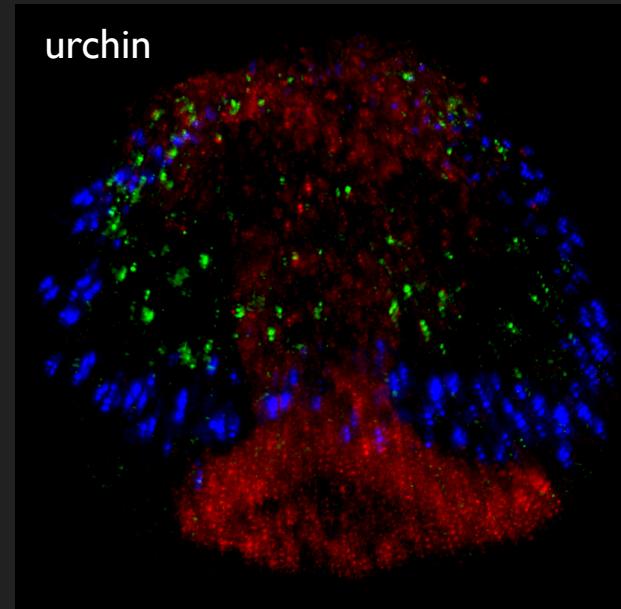
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# Adapting HCR for Diverse Systems

fly



urchin



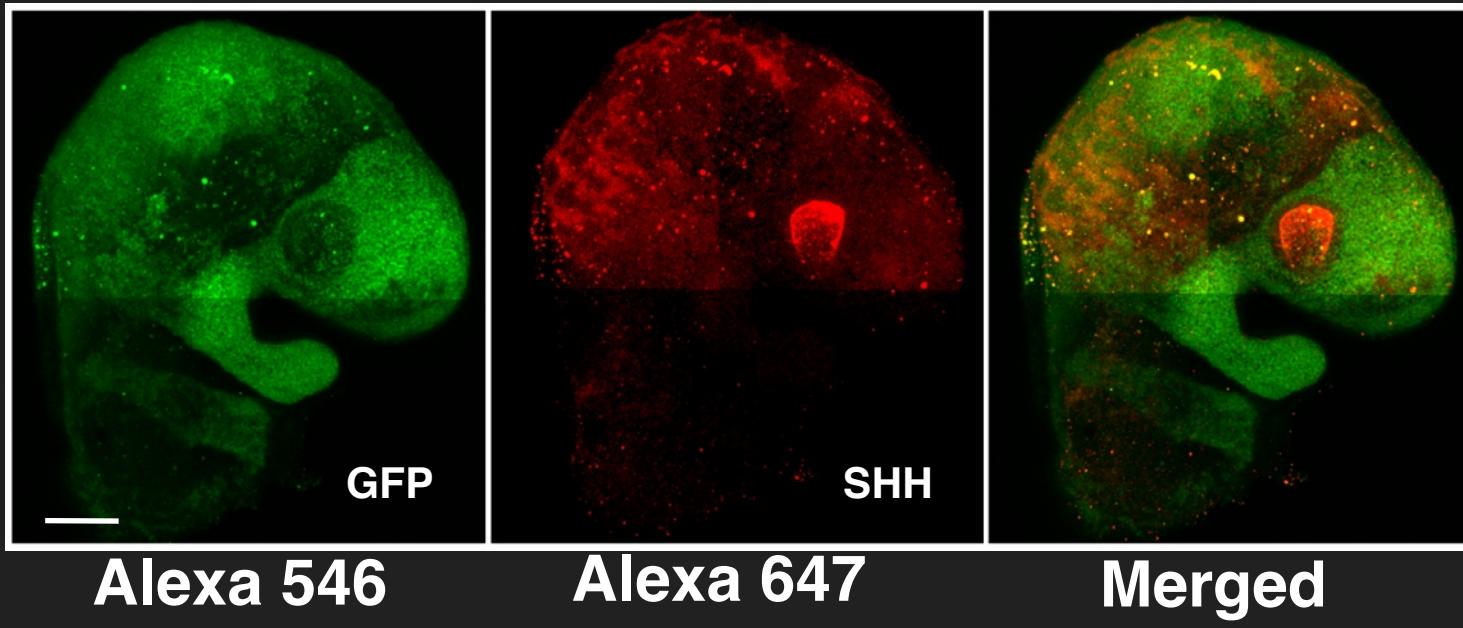
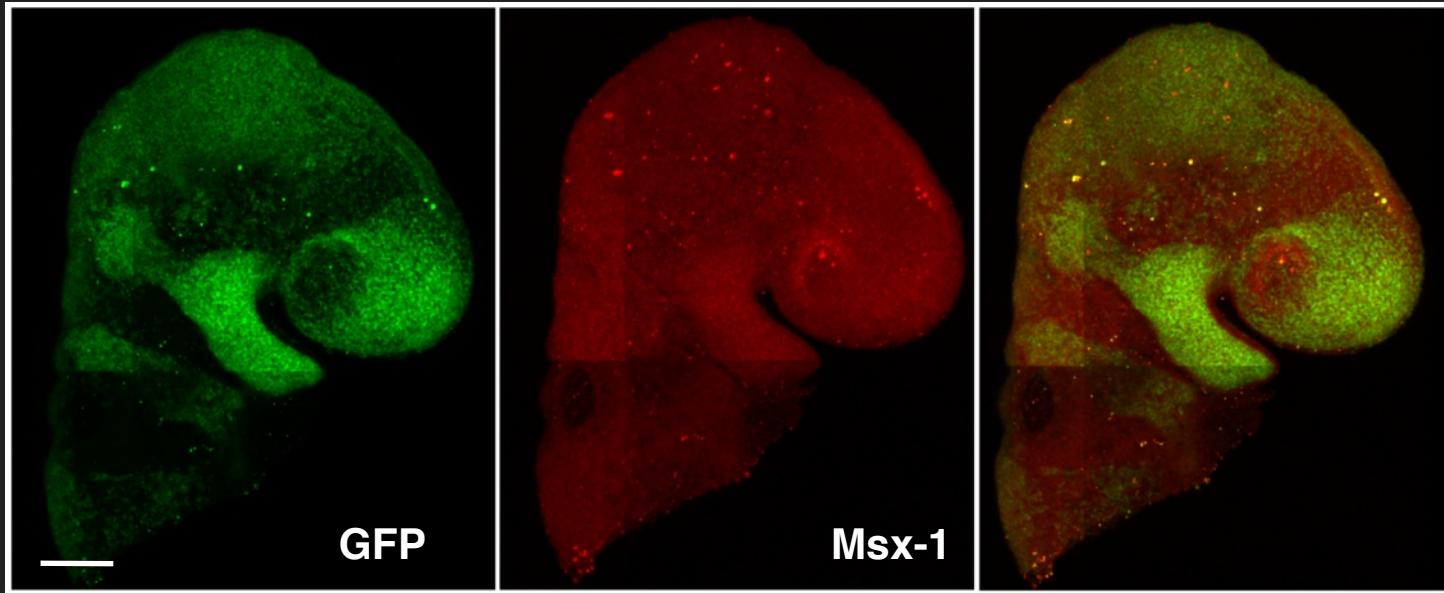
N. Husain, C. Calvert, H.M.T. Choi, *unpublished*

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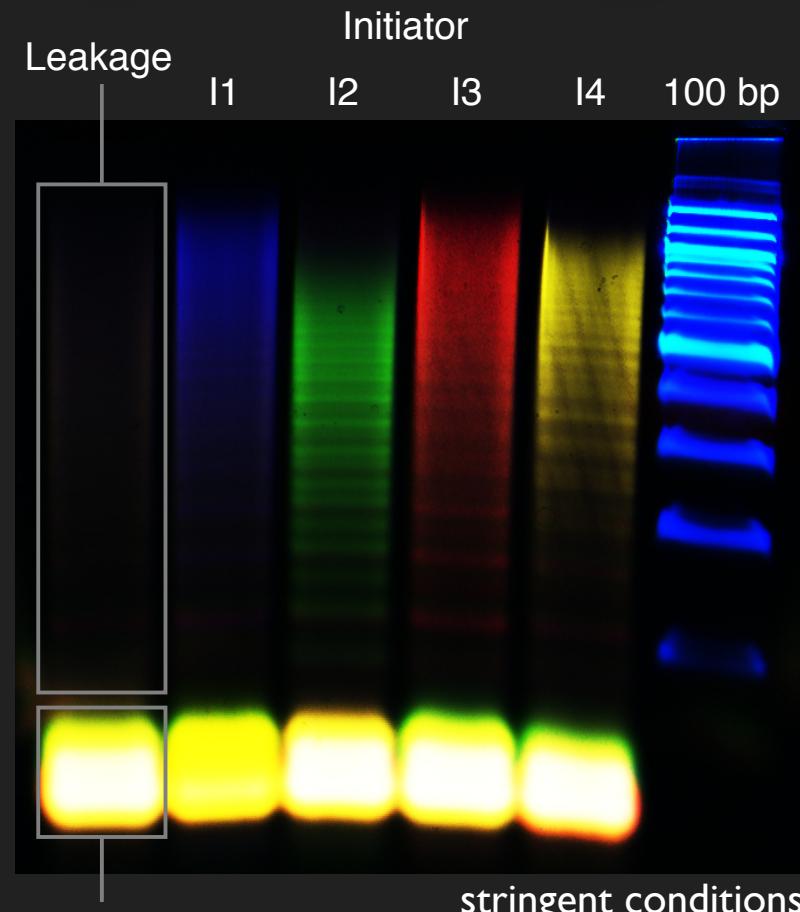
Mouse much, much less reliable

Later stages less reliable

Tremendous work to optimize probes



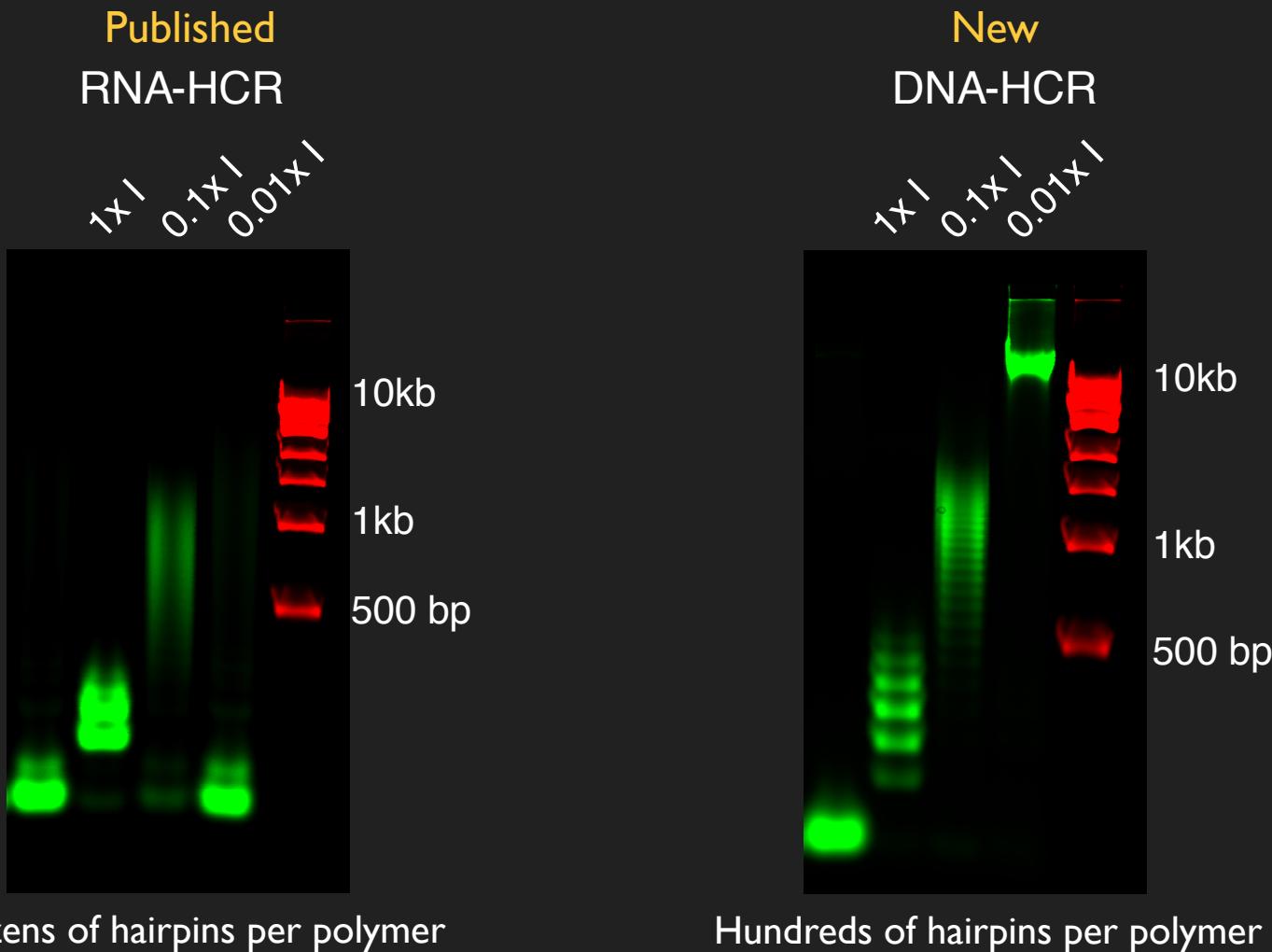
# We finally studied the gel carefully



hairpin band is  
too bright

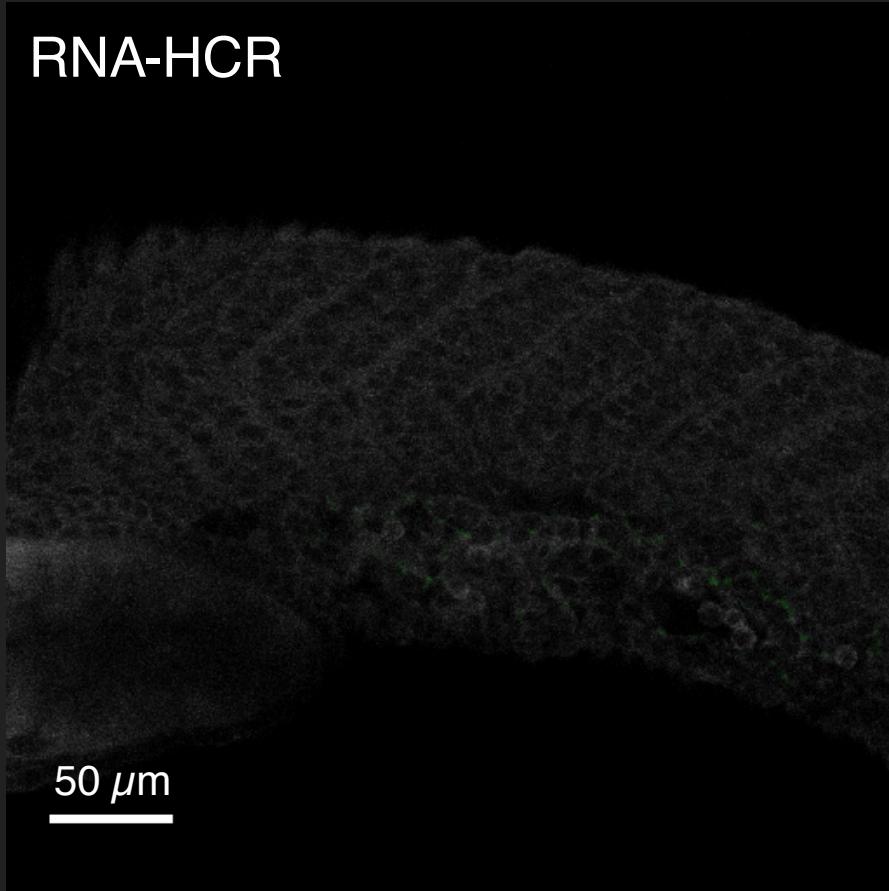
majority of hairpins not amplifying, making penetration & background & autofluorescence critical

# Next-generation HCR: brighter, faster, cheaper

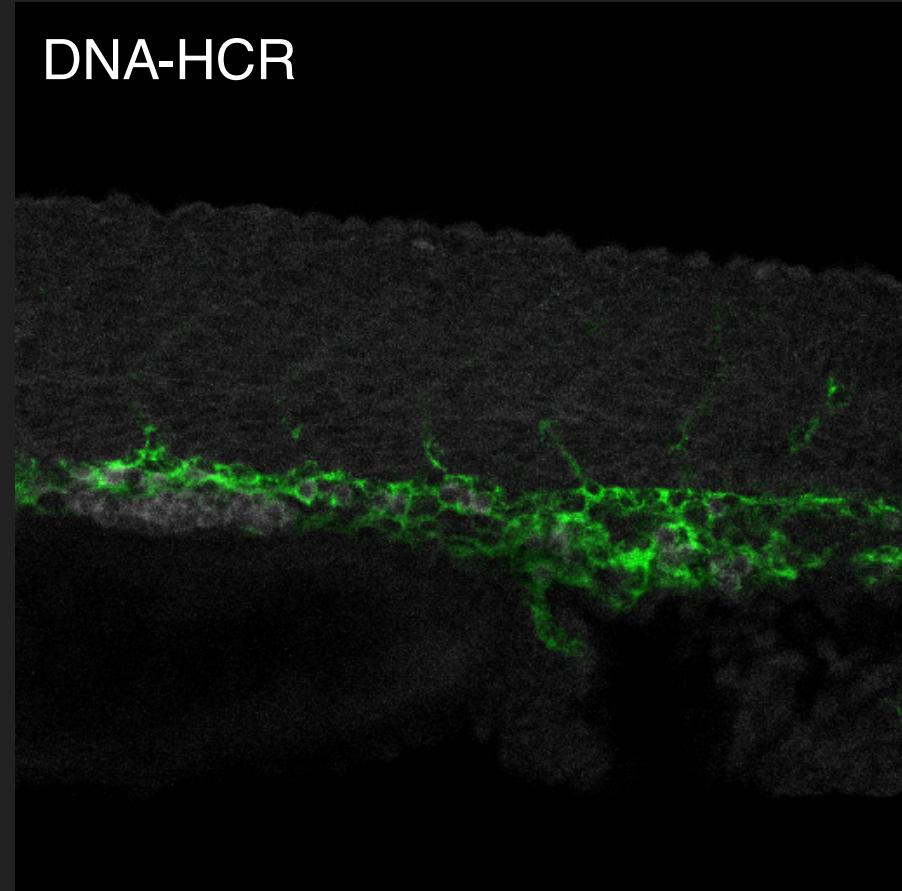


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## Published technology



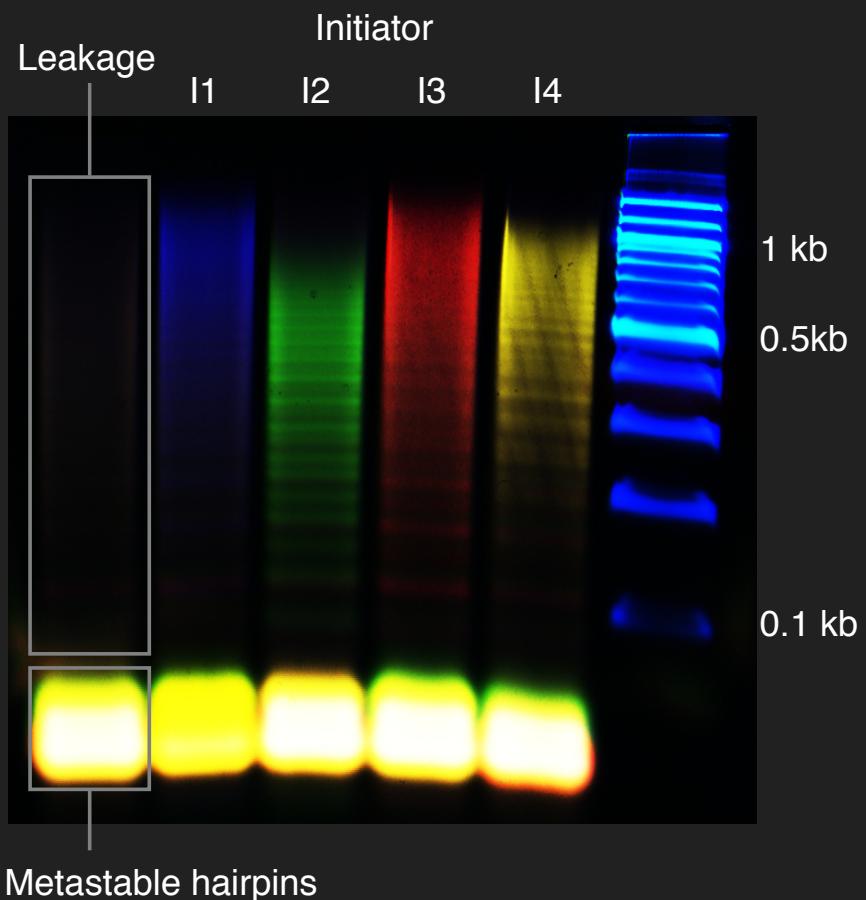
## New technology



Microscope gain turned down to avoid saturating DNA-HCR

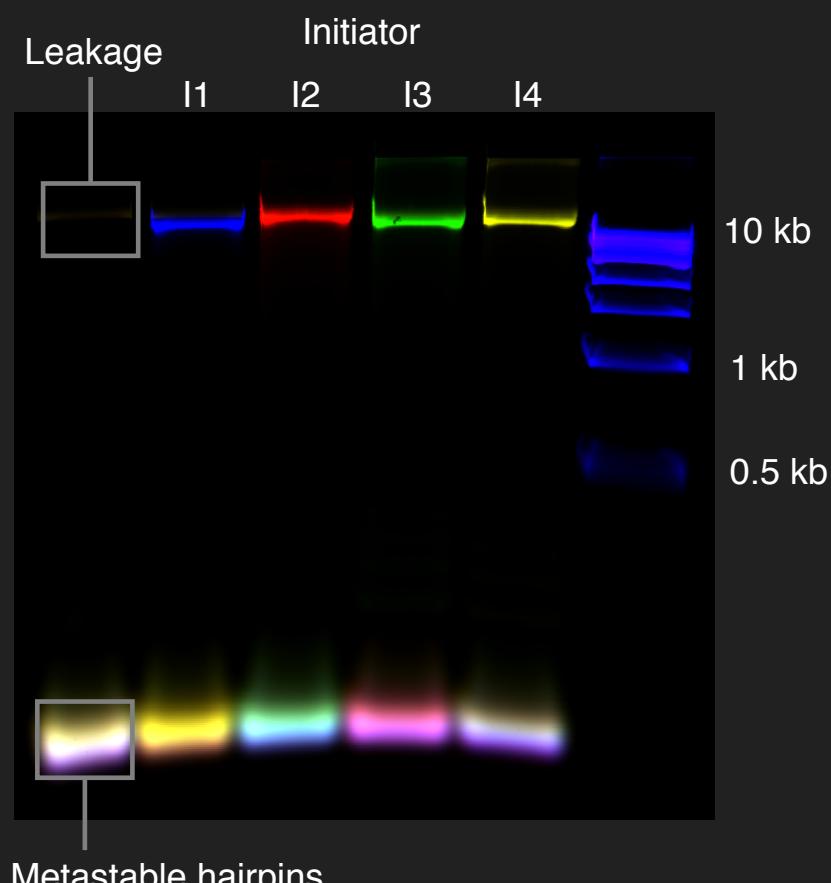
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## RNA-HCR



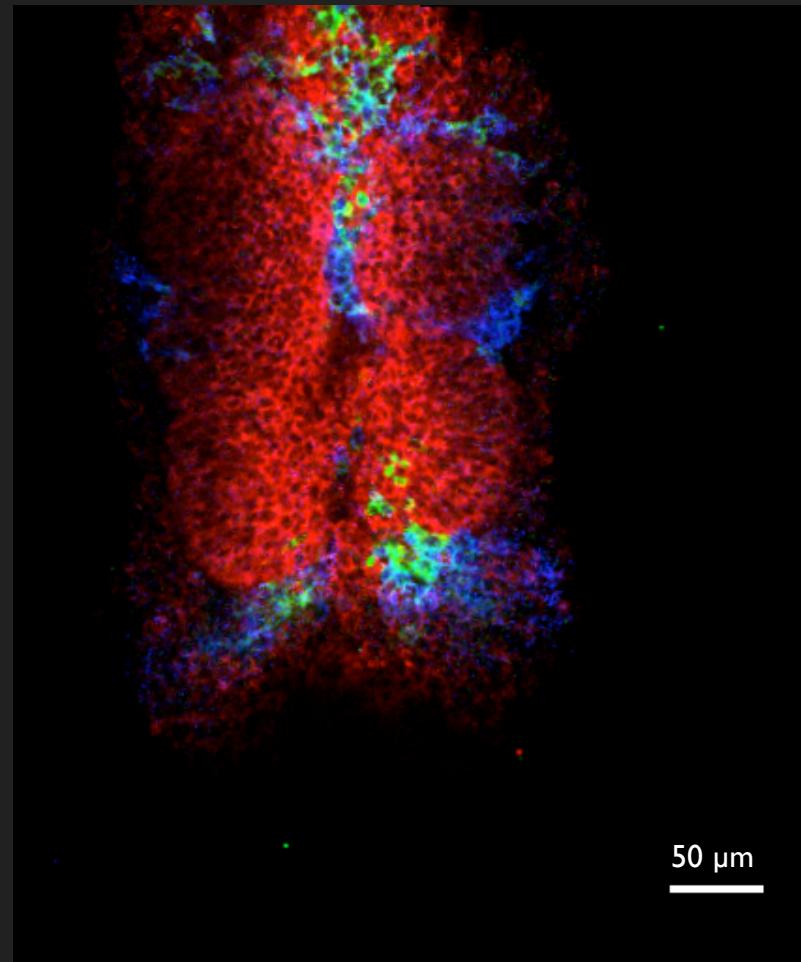
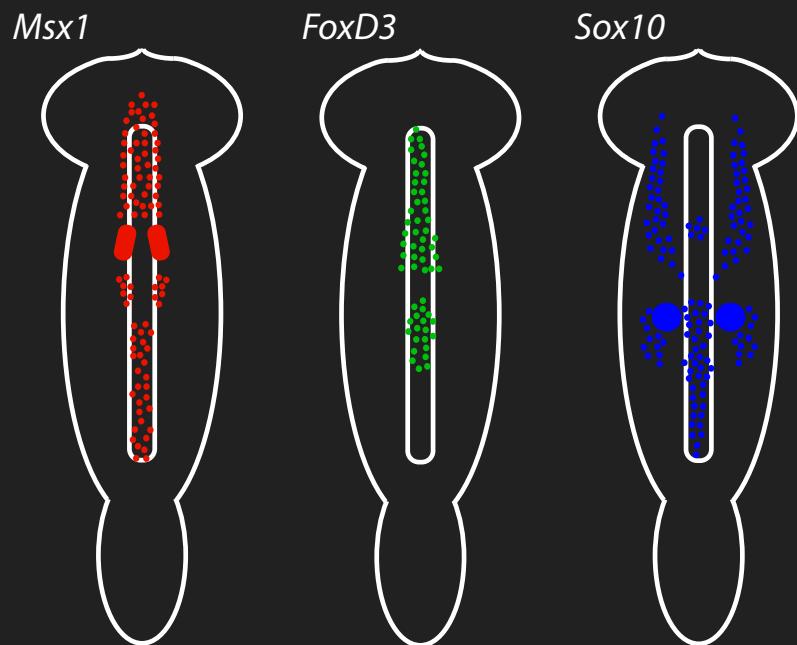
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## DNA-HCR



Orthogonal amplifiers designed using NUPACK (B.Wolfe)

# DNA-HCR in a whole-mount chick embryo



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## Published RNA-HCR Technology

- 2009: \$1800 per kit
- 2011: \$1100 per custom kit, \$600 per re-order kit

## New DNA-HCR Technology

- 2013: \$350 per kit

Kit: Probe set, amplifier, buffers (scale for 20 zebrafish experiments, with 10 fish per experiment)

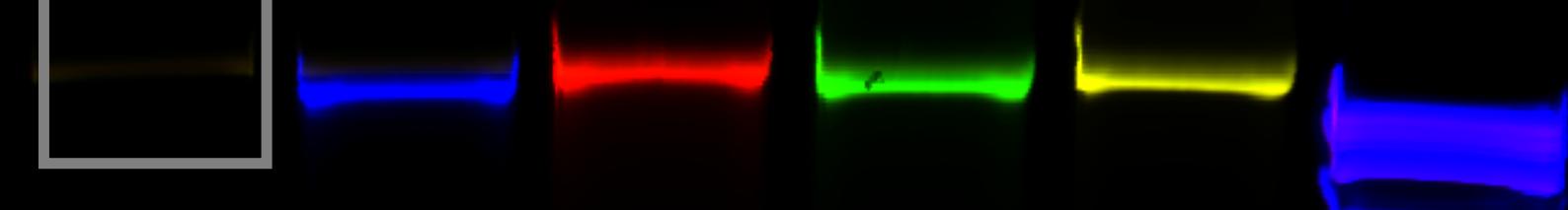
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Coming year:

Create molecular atlas of zebrafish, mouse, avian  
Transfer to Hub (help with viewing, aligning tools)

Curate MRI data sets to make accessible  
organization, thumbnails, downloads

Create instructional text and videos for rendering,  
instructional text and videos for analysis



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