Identification of anisotropy in chromosome dynamics by principal component analysis using integrated spatial genomics

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Abstract

Eukaryotic interphase chromosomes maintain a three-dimensional structure within the nucleus and undergo fluctuations. It has been reported that such dynamics are involved in transcription, replication, and DNA repair. However, the analysis of chromosomal dynamics has been limited to high-throughput chromosome conformation capture data, which records the contact frequencies between chromosomal regions and lack direct information about the dynamic. Herein, we investigated chromosome fluctuations as polymers based on experimental data from sequential fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (seqFISH)+ using a multiomics methodology. To describe the principal modes of chromosome fluctuations, we applied principal component analysis to the three-dimensional structure information of single chromosomes in 446 mouse embryonic stem cells (mESCs) obtained from seqFISH+ data analysis for spatial genomics and signals of nuclear factors (SNFs: histone marks, repeat DNAs, and nuclear compartments). We found that chromosome fluctuations exhibit both isotropic and anisotropic modes. The properties of anisotropy in chromosome fluctuation vary among chromosomes and appear to depend on the interaction between repeat DNAs on the chromosomes and nuclear compartments. Furthermore, our principal component analysis revealed anisotropic chromosome fluctuations before and after the mitotic phase,

specifically when chromosomes adopt a spindle-like shape.   This result

suggests the potential involvement of anisotropic chromosomal fluctuations in

the transition of nuclear organization during the cell cycle.   Our results

represent the first study to elucidate the dynamics of chromosomes as polymers

based on real multiomics data.

Introduction

Although the eukaryotic nucleus is a subcellular organelle surrounded by a

lipid bilayer membrane, it does not contain organelles with membrane (1-4).

Recent advances in genomics and optical observation methods have revealed

that the interphase nucleus is compartmentalized by membrane-less organelles

called "biomolecular condensates," where the specific protein and nucleic acid,

primarily RNA, molecules are concentrated (1-4).   The subnuclear bodies,

such as the nucleolar, speckles, and Cajal bodies, are known as types of

biomolecular condensates in the interphase nucleus (2-4).   In addition to

biomolecular condensates, each chromosome forms a highly

compartmentalized architecture, named "chromosome territory" (5, 6).   Recent

super-resolution imaging has revealed that chromatin fibers extending outside

the chromosomal territory interact with various biomolecular condensates

located in the interchromosomal space and nuclear lamina/pore complexes at

the nuclear periphery (6-8).   Such interactions between chromatin fibers and

biomolecular condensates have been proposed to be correlated with

transcription, RNA splicing, and DNA replication (6-8).

In the interphase, chromatin is hierarchically self-organized to form three-

dimensional chromatin fiber-like chromatin loop domains/compartments and

topologically associated domains, and these fibers exhibit irregular and dynamic

liquid-state properties (9, 10).   Chromosome conformation capture (3C)-based, fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH) technologies and the methodologies based on the bacteriophage MS2/PP7 coat-binding protein or tagged dead CRISPR associated protein 9 have been used to understand the chromatin organization and dynamics (11, 12).   The three-dimensional (3D) folding and fluctuations in chromatin are involved in the regulation of DNA-related processes, such as transcription, replication, and DNA repair, by linking chromatin fibers to interactions with biomolecular condensates and the nuclear periphery (6, 13).   However, the folding and fluctuation of chromatin are highly complex processes, making the interpretation of chromatin/chromosome dynamics from a combination of 3C data, especially high-throughput chromosome conformation capture (Hi-C) and imaging results, challenging. Therefore, computer simulations have also been used by applying polymer physics, considering chromosomes as high-molecular-weight polymers (14, 15). The increase in data volume and improvement in resolution through Hi-C and imaging technologies have greatly advanced research on quantitative computational models for predicting chromatin folding and chromosome dynamics (10).   However, to data, few computational studies have been conducted to analyze chromatin/chromosome dynamics based on experimental data, such as FISH imaging and Hi-C without simulations.

Unlike studies on chromatin folding and dynamics, the higher-order structure

and dynamics of proteins have mainly been studied using quantitative

techniques such as X-ray crystallography and nuclear magnetic resonance

(NMR), which are often unable to provide a complete trajectory of protein

dynamics (16, 17).   Structural bioinformatics methods, such as molecular

dynamics (MD) simulations complement the limitations of experimental

techniques, allowing for the prediction of protein dynamics at the atomic level

(16, 17).   In addition to MD, normal mode analysis (NMA) and principal

component analysis (PCA) have been used to determine large-scale amplitude

motions in proteins (18, 19).   The NMA/PCA method provides information on

protein fluctuations using multiple distance matrices related to molecular shapes

obtained using techniques such as MD and NMR (18, 20, 21).   The

eigenvalues and eigenvectors obtained through the PCA represent the

amplitude and direction of the fluctuations corresponding to the modes of the

principal components (19, 22).   The application of PCA to protein fluctuation

analysis revealed that the direction of low-frequency protein fluctuation is not

isotropic but rather anisotropic, with each functional domain of the proteins

fluctuating in a coherent direction (18, 19).   PCA and many related methods

can be widely applied to the analysis of protein dynamics and the analysis of

biomacromolecule dynamics, including chromosomes, as long as the position

data of biomacromolecule components are obtained (18, 19).

   With the improvements in single-cell sequencing technology and FISH

methods, many multiomics (such as the genome, epigenome, and

transcriptome) analysis techniques with spatial information at the single-cell or

nuclear level have recently been reported (23, 24).   More recently, FISH

imaging and multiomics methods have been developed for identifying the

location of DNA loci, transcripts, nuclear structures/compartments, including

biomolecular condensates and nuclear membranes, and histone modifications

within a single nucleus (23, 24).   DNA seqFISH+, a multiomics method,

provides 3,660 chromosome loci, along with 17 marks of chromatin and nuclear

structures/compartments and 70 RNAs in single nuclei of mouse embryonic

stem cells (mESCs) (25).   Using the data obtained through the DNA seqFISH+

method allows the analysis of the spatial relationships between positions of

chromosome regions and signals of nuclear factors (SNFs: histone marks,

repeat DNAs, and nuclear compartments) within a single nucleus of mESCs.

In this study, we applied PCA, similar to mode analysis of protein dynamics, to

elucidate chromosome dynamics based on experimental data, specifically DNA

seqFISH+ data.

Results

Comparison of chromosome fluctuations analyzed using PCA and the spring-bead model

We attempted to describe chromosomal fluctuations in the nuclei of mESCs using experimental seqFISH+ data as a spatial genomics data set.   For this purpose, we extracted a set of fluorescent probe dots derived from a single chromosome in each nucleus (Fig. S1, see *Materials and Methods*) and obtained sets of distance matrices of fluorescence probes for each type of chromosome (chromosomes 1-19 and X) based on the 3D coordinates of the extracted fluorescence probes from single chromosomes (see *Materials and Methods*).   The eigenvalues and eigenvectors were calculated using PCA for the set of distance matrices, and the index of fluctuation amplitude (IFA) was examined for each chromatin bin for each type of chromosome (see *Materials and Methods*).   We found a significant and positive correlation between the IFA and the genomic distance from the chromosome center for most chromosomes, suggesting a high degree of freedom in the fluctuation at chromosome ends (Fig. S2).

Subsequently, we compared the IFA in Fig. S2A with the results of the chromosome fluctuation simulations based on the contact matrices within the chromosomes derived from the Hi-C data.   We selected the PHi-C2 method,

which was developed to bridge the gap between live-cell imaging and the Hi-C

method, as the simulation method for comparison (26, 27).   The PHi-C method

formulates that the contact matrices stored in the Hi-C data represent a function

of variance concerning the distance distribution between chromosomal

domains, and it is designed for dynamic simulations of chromosomes (26, 27).

In analyzing chromosomal fluctuations using the PHi-C2 method, a complex

compliance for each binned chromosomal region was obtained, representing

the ease of deformation when an external force is applied to the spring-bead

model of the chromosome.   We performed a comparative analysis of the

complex compliance obtained using the PHi-C2 method and IFA.   In this

comparison, it is impossible to align the PHi-C2 and seqFISH+ data using PCA

based on a unified scale for the radial frequency variable ω, which is crucial for

studying fluctuations.   Therefore, for PHi-C2, we investigated three conditions

of ω in PHi-C2: 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}, and 10^{-3}, while assuming a constant radial frequency

(ω) for the chromosomal fluctuations of seqFISH+ data studied using PCA.   As

the value of ω, the radial frequency variable of PHi-C2 (28), decreases,

meaning that the timescale for investigating fluctuations becomes larger, the

Pearson correlation coefficient (PCC) between the IFA and complex compliance

obtained using the PHi-C2 method increases (Fig. 1).   However, even for ω =

10^{-3}, which correlated best with the IFA among the radial frequency variables of

the PHi-C2 method examined, the median PCC among chromosomes was

approximately 0.1 (Fig. 1).   These results suggest that dynamic simulations of

chromosomes are insufficient when only the variance concerning the distance

distribution between intrachromosomal domains is considered.   This suggests

the importance of considering the following two aspects: (1) the examination of

interactions between chromosome regions and nuclear compartments and (2)

the examination of interactions between chromosomes.

Correlation analysis of IFAs and SNFs based on experimental data

To explore the relationship between IFAs and SNFs, we used seqFISH+ of

mESCs as an integrated multiomics data set.   SNFs derived from the

fluorescence signals analyzed using seqFISH+ are listed in Table S1.   IFA was

positively correlated with the frequency of contact with telomeres, as well as

with the constitutive heterochromatin markers H3K9me3, H4K20me3, and

mH2A1, which are found in the telomeric region (Fig. 2A).   We next examined

the relationship between IFAs of chromatin bins and the proximity to nuclear

compartments (Fig. S3 and Table S2), by defining the location of nuclear

compartments based on the distribution of SNFs in the seqFISH+ data (see

Materials and Methods).   A Gaussian mixture model (GMM) was employed

because the Bayesian information criterion (BIC) allows the number of clusters

to be considered most appropriate for the data.   We adopted the number of

clusters set for the definition of nuclear compartments with GMM as 60, which

corresponded to the minimum BIC when considering cluster numbers ranging

from 2 to 60 (Fig. S3A).   Sixty clusters were used to define the nuclear

compartment from the seqFISH+ data, and the 60 clusters obtained using GMM

were interpreted using signal values corresponding to each SNF (Table S2).

We found an almost negative correlation between the IFA of chromatin bins and

"proximity to nuclear compartments" (Fig. 2B), suggesting that presence of

nuclear compartments suppresses the amplitude of chromosome fluctuations.

**The distribution of eigenvectors, which represents the direction of the
chromosome fluctuations**

In addition to IFAs, we further investigated whether there were variations in

the direction of chromosomal fluctuations among the PC modes.   To visualize

the direction of chromosomal fluctuations, we embedded the first three

eigenvectors obtained using PCA into the average 3D structure of the

chromosomes (see *Materials and Methods*).   Our results showed that the first

principal component (PCmode1) fluctuated in the direction corresponding to the

contraction and relaxation of the chromosome (Fig. S4).   However,

eigenvectors were observed in the second and third principal components

(PCmode2 and PCmode3), which showed fluctuation directions such that when most parts of the chromosomes contracted, some chromosomal regions were pushed in the opposite directions (Figs. 3A and S4). We then examined whether there were differences in the distribution of the eigenvectors based on the orientation of the chromosome (from the p-arm to the q-arm). In other words, we investigated whether anisotropy existed in PCmode1, PCmode2, and PCmode3 based on the orientation of the chromosome. In this analysis, we used the PCC between the matrix of the eigenvector ("original-matrix") with the pairwise coordinates of chromosome bins and the matrix ("flipped-matrix") obtained by flipping the "original-matrix" vertically and horizontally (Fig. 3B). In this case, the PCC approaches 1 if the eigenvector is isotropically distributed based on the chromosome orientation and approaches -1 if it is anisotropically distributed. As shown in Fig. 3C, the distribution of PCmode1 was isotropic, whereas the distributions of PCmode2 and PCmode3 exhibited weaker isotropic properties than PCmode1.

The relationship between fluctuation and shape of a single chromosome for each cell

To reveal when anisotropic fluctuations, as identified based on eigenvectors, occur in chromosome organization, we analyzed the relationship between the

chromosome structure and the PC scores of each PC mode.   The seqFISH+

data used in this study were obtained from mESCs whose cell cycles were not

artificially controlled (25).   Therefore, it was assumed that the cells sampled in

the data were randomly selected from various processes of the entire cell cycle.

In addition, the eigenvectors of PCmode1 in the chromosome fluctuations were

isotropic (Fig. 3C), suggesting that PCmode1 is associated with fluctuations

involved in the condensation/decondensation of chromosomes.   We first

examined whether anisotropic chromosome fluctuations occurred when the

chromosomes condensated or decondensated by focusing on the probability

distribution of the PC scores of PCmode1 and PCmode2/PCmode3 for each

chromosome (Fig. S5).   In this analysis, we divided the PC scores of

PCmode2/PCmode3 into two groups based on the sign of the PC scores of

PCmode1 and examined the ratio of variances between the two groups.   The

ratio of variances ('log2R on variance') was more than twofold for all types of

chromosomes (Fig. S5), indicating that anisotropic fluctuations represented by

PCmode2/PCmode3 are observed when chromosomes are in either a

condensed or decondensed state.   Subsequently, to investigate how PCmode1

of each chromosome corresponded to the condensation/decondensation of

chromosomes, we examined the correlation between the PC scores of

PCmode1 and the variance of distance matrices of single chromosome

(VDMSC).   We found a high correlation ($|PCC| > 0.8$) between PCmode1 and VDMSC for all types of chromosomes and observed that in the group with larger variances in the PC scores of PCmode2/PCmode3, VDMSC tended to be larger, regardless of the chromosome type (Fig. S5).   Furthermore, when examining how VDMSC corresponds to the condensation or decondensation of chromosomes, we found that when the VDMSC of each chromosome was large, the chromosomes tended to have a spindle-like shape, whereas they exhibited a spherical shape when the VDMSC was small (Figs. 4A, 4B, and S6). These results suggest that anisotropic fluctuations, represented by PCmode2/PCmode3, are more likely to be observed when chromosomes resemble condensation rather than decondensation.

The spindle-like or spherical shapes of the chromosomes obtained from our analysis were presumed to reflect their cell cycle-dependent condensation/decondensation shapes.   Therefore, VDMSC between chromosomes was expected to be synchronized for each cell.   To test this hypothesis, we examined the correlation of the average number of VDMSC between chromosomes in each cell.   Our results showed a positive correlation between VDMSC for all chromosome types (Figs. 4C and 4D), suggesting that the VDMSC of each chromosome type synchronizes across cells. Furthermore, to investigate the synchronization of VDMSC among cells, we

defined an index corresponding to the condensation/decondensation state of

chromosomes for each cell, termed the pseudo-trajectory of chromosome

fluctuation (PTCF). The PTCF was generated as the first PC score obtained

by applying PCA to the matrix of the averaged VDMSC of each chromosome

type in each cell, as shown in Fig. 4C (Figs. 4E and 4F). Consistent with this

definition, there was a positive and significant correlation between PTCF and

the average VDMSC of each chromosome type in each cell (Fig. 4G). Some

single-chromosome structures in the cells with higher PTCF values exhibited

anisotropy (Figs. 4H and S7). This suggests that chromosomes exhibit

anisotropic fluctuations before and/or after the mitotic phase (M phase) when

they condense into spindle-like shapes. Furthermore, by applying PCA to the

3D distribution of probes derived from single chromosomes to examine the

divergence of single-chromosome shapes, we found that some single

chromosomes adapted to a bent anisotropic structure when in a state closer to

a spindle-like morphology (Figs. S8A and S8B). In addition, cells with higher

PTCF values tended to have spindle-like shapes (Fig. S8C).

Exploration of nuclear factors (histone marks, repeat DNAs, and nuclear

compartments) related to the direction of chromosome fluctuations.

To elucidate the characteristics of the chromosomal regions constituting

anisotropic fluctuations in PCmode2/PCmode3, we focused on the signs of the

eigenvectors for each PC mode associated with the chromosomal bins (Fig. 5A

and *Materials and Methods*).   The investigation of chromosome fluctuations

using PCA in this study was based on the distances between probes obtained

from seqFISH+ (Figs. 5A① and 5A②).   Therefore, the eigenvectors of each

PC mode describe the direction of the principal variances in distances between

probes related to chromosome fluctuations (Figs. 5A③ and 5A④).   In other

words, the signs within the eigenvectors of each PC mode reflect the direction

of fluctuation, i.e., the pattern of increase or decrease in distances between

chromosome regions in that PC mode (Fig. 5A④).   We defined the direction

corresponding to the less frequent sign when comparing the number of positive

and negative values within each eigenvector as the minor direction (MND) (Fig.

5A④).   For the eigenvectors of PCmode1 in all chromosomes, the ratio of

MND was highly unbalanced (ratio < 1%) (Figs. S9 and S10), suggesting that

the direction of chromosomal fluctuation in the PCmode1 was isotropic within

the eigenvector, that is, a cooperative increase or decrease in the pattern of

distances between intrachromosomal regions.   For the eigenvectors of the

PCmode2 and PCmode3, the ratio of MND was balanced (ratio: 30-50%)

compared with that of PCmode1 (Figs. S9 and S10), suggesting that the

direction of chromosome fluctuation in PCmode2 and PCmode3 is anisotropic

within the eigenvector, that is, a non-cooperative increase or decrease pattern

of distances between intrachromosomal regions.

Furthermore, we focused on the distribution of MND along the chromosomes

by calculating the frequency of the minor direction (FMND) by summing the

counts of MND for PCmode1, PCmode2, and PCmode3 along the

chromosomes in each chromosomal bin (Fig. S11).   Subsequently, an

investigation of the correlation between FMND on chromosome bins and the

contact frequency with SNFs revealed a correlation matrix, as shown in Fig. 5B.

The observed relationships were broadly divided into three categories,

depending on the type of chromosome (Fig. 5B).   The first category consisted

of chromosomes, namely chromosome (Chr) 1, Chr3, Chr5, Chr6, Chr14,

Chr17, Chr18, Chr19, and ChrX, where the observed FMND tended to be

positively correlated with proximity to markers of constitutive heterochromatin

and the nucleolus.   This group of chromosomes is designated as

chromosomes with anisotropic fluctuation 1 (CAF1).   The second category

(designated as CAF2) consisted of chromosomes, namely, Chr4, Chr9, Chr10,

Chr11, Chr12, and Chr13, where the observed FMND tends to be positively

correlated with proximity to a nuclear lamina marker.   The third category

(designated as CAF3) consisted of chromosomes Chr2, Chr7, Chr8, Chr15, and

Chr16, where the observed FMND tended to be positively correlated with the

proximity to markers of constitutive heterochromatin, open heterochromatin,

nuclear speckles, and transcriptional activity.   We then examined the

distribution of FMND on the chromosomes in these chromosome groups and

found that FMND was significantly and positively correlated with the genomic

distance from the p-arm terminus in CAF2 compared with CAF1 and CAF3 (Fig.

5C).   This result suggests that the anisotropy of the chromosome fluctuation

direction may be affected by the association between the spatial distribution of

nuclear compartments in the nucleus and the genomic sequence/epigenetic

states along the chromosomes.   When performing PCA on the correlation

matrix shown in Fig. 5B, it was evident that PC1 and PC2 alone spatially divided

the three types of CAFs in this projection plane and accounted for

approximately 70% of the correlation matrix (Figs. 5D and 5E).   In addition,

when the eigenvectors of PC1 and PC2 were examined, the variance of PC1

tended to correspond to heterochromatin/nucleolar and open chromatin/nuclear

speckle markers, whereas that of PC2 corresponded to markers of chromatin

components and the nuclear lamina (Figs. 5B and 5F).

Relationship between FMND and repeat DNAs

We analyzed the relationship between FMND and repeat DNAs on

chromosomes.   Because heterogeneity in the local distribution of repeat DNAs

is related to chromosome folding, it has been reported that SINEB1 is relatively

abundant in compartment A and LINE-1 in the compartment B (29).   We

conducted PCA on the correlation matrix of FMND and "occupancy rate of

repeat DNAs in chromosomal bins" for each chromosome and described the

"heterogeneity" regarding this relationship (Figs. 6A and 6B).   By examining the

eigenvector of the PC1 (with the largest contribution ratio) that best explains this

"heterogeneity" (Fig. 6B), we attempted to search for repeat DNAs associated

with this PC.   The repeat DNAs examined in this study are shown in Table S3.

Fig. 6C shows that repeat DNAs corresponding to outliers of the first

eigenvector (see *Materials and Methods*) were identified, which included LINE-

L1-L1Md_A, LINE-L1-L1Md_F2, LINE-L1-L1Md_T, LINE-L1-L1-L1VL4, LINE-

L1- L1_Mur1, LINE-L1- L1_Mus3, LINE-L1-L1_Mus4, LINE-L1-L1-Lx, and LINE-

L1-Lx2.   The distribution of the nine LINE-1 subfamilies identified in Fig. 6C

and FMND in each chromosome showed a tendency to be negatively correlated

in chromosomes where the PC scores of PC1 were negative and positively

correlated in chromosomes where the PC scores of PC1 were positive (Figs. 6D

and 6E).   These results suggest that the relationship between the anisotropy of

chromosomal fluctuations and the distribution of repeat DNAs varies among

chromosomes. In addition, the PC score of PC1 on the correlation matrix between FMND and "frequency of contact with SNFs" (Figs. 5D and 5E) and the PC score of PC1 on the correlation matrix between FMND and "occupancy of repeat DNAs in chromosomal bins" (Fig. 6B) correlated significantly (PCC: -0.75, Fig. 6E). The association between the occupancy of the nine LINE1 subfamilies (Fig. 6C) in the chromosomal bins and the contact frequency with SNFs showed a similar trend for all nine LINE1 subfamilies (Fig. 6F). These results suggest that the anisotropy of chromosomal fluctuations may be based on the distribution of repeat DNAs, the basis of epigenetic states, on chromosomes and their interactions with nuclear compartments. In contrast, the correlation between the occupancy rate of the nine LINE1 subfamilies and the contact rate with SNFs showed heterogeneity among chromosomes (Fig. S12). This suggests that the interaction patterns between repeat DNAs and nuclear compartments may vary for each chromosome due to differences in the distribution patterns of repeat DNAs and their spatial arrangements within the cell nucleus.

The relationship between the fluctuation direction of chromosomes and their distribution within the nucleus

We classified chromosomes into three types based on the characteristics of the chromosomal regions associated with anisotropic fluctuations (FMND and contact frequency with SNFs) (Fig. 5B).   Subsequently, we investigated the relationship between anisotropic chromosomal fluctuations and the position of chromosomes in a radial distribution within the cell nucleus for each CAF type. Analysis of the relative distance from the nuclear center to the periphery (see *Materials and Methods*) for all cells revealed that the radial distributions within the nucleus for CAF1, CAF2, and CAF3 were identical (Fig. S13A).   In the seqFISH+ experiments, as the cell cycle of mESCs was not artificially controlled (25), we investigated whether there were differences in the positional dynamics of CAF related to the cell cycle in terms of their radial distribution within the cell nucleus.   To conduct this analysis, we performed PCA on the distance matrix based on the relative distance from the nuclear center to the periphery, as shown in Fig. S13B (Fig. S13C).   As shown in Fig. S13D, PCmode1 revealed isotropic fluctuations (contribution rate: 92%) in the direction from the nuclear center to the periphery for all three CAFs.   PCmode2 showed fluctuations in which the distribution of CAF3 moved in the opposite direction to that of CAF1 and CAF2 (contribution rate: 5%), and in PCmode3, the distribution of CAF2 moved in the opposite direction to that of CAF1 and CAF3 (contribution rate: 3%) (Figs. S13E and S13F).   The contribution of PCmode1, which represented

isotropic fluctuations from the nuclear center to the periphery, was 92%.

Therefore, the positional dynamics of chromosomes during the cell cycle

examined using PCA suggested little differences among the three types of CAF.

Furthermore, when we divided the cells into quartile groups based on the PTCF

and compared them, no differences in the radial distribution of CAF were

observed in any of the quartile groups (Fig. S13G).   This suggests that the

state of chromosomal condensation/decondensation in individual cells does not

lead to differences in the positioning and dynamics of the three types of CAF in

the radial distribution within the cell nucleus.

Then, we investigated whether there were differences in the radial

distribution of chromosomes between the quartile groups divided by PTCF to

reveal the relationship between condensation states of single chromosomes

and the radial distribution of chromosomes.   We found that the radial

distribution of all chromosomes and the three types of CAF were biased toward

the center of the nucleus in the highest quartile group (75-100%) of PTCF

compared with the lowest quartile group (0-25%) of PTCF (Fig. S13H).   In

addition, when comparing the Kullback-Leibler divergence, which increased with

greater differences between the two probability distributions of the quartile

groups, between the quartile group with the highest PTCF (75-100%) and the

other quartile groups, the maximum Kullback-Leibler divergence was observed

between the highest quartile group (75-100%) and the lowest quartile group (0-25%) for the radial distribution of all chromosomes and the radial distribution of any CAF (Fig. S13I).   Furthermore, to elucidate the relationship between anisotropic chromosome fluctuation and the radial distribution of chromosomes, we compared the variance of the PCmode2/PCmode3 PC scores in chromosome fluctuation based on the PTCF quartile groups.   Our results showed that for all chromosome types, the variance in PC scores in PCmode2/PCmode3 was higher in the highest quartile group (75-100%) than in the lowest quartile group (0-25%) of PTCF (Fig. S14).   In summary, the correlation between anisotropic chromosome fluctuations and the radial distribution of chromosomes suggests that anisotropic chromosome fluctuations tend to occur in cells where chromosomes are positioned near the center of the nucleus.

Relationship of chromosome fluctuations to interchromosomal condensation/interaction

Finally, we examined the tendency of interchromosomal condensation/interaction within each chromosome group (CAF1, CAF2, and CAF3), considering the correlation between FMND and the contact frequency of SNFs.   For this analysis, chromosomal bins were grouped into quartile groups

based on FMND, and the means of the interchromosomal distances were

examined for each group of chromosomal bins.   The means of the

interchromosomal distances were shorter in the quartile group (75-100%) with

the highest FMND than in the quartile group (0-25%) with the lowest FMND in

all CAFs (Fig. 7 left panels).

Next, we examined whether there were differences in the distribution of

interchromosomal distances for the four groups of chromosomal bins.   Using

the Kolmogorov–Smirnov test to assess differences in probability distributions

between two quartile groups, we found that, for any CAF, the distribution of

interchromosomal distances for the quartile group (75-100%) with the highest

FMND was shorter compared with the quartile group (0-25%) with the lowest

FMND on the chromosomes (Fig. 7 right panels).   In addition, we quantitatively

examined the differences between the two probability distributions using the

Kullback–Leibler divergence, which increased with greater differences between

the two probability distributions of the quartile groups.   When comparing the

chromosome bin group with the quartile group (75-100%) to the other quartile

groups, we found that there was a monotonic increase in Kullback–Leibler

divergence as the FMND in the quartile groups of chromosome bins decreased,

particularly in CAF3 (Fig. 7 right panels).   Furthermore, in other CAFs, the

Kullback–Leibler divergence between the quartile group (75-100%) and quartile

group (0-25%) was larger compared with the Kullback–Leibler divergence

between the quartile group (75-100%) and quartile group (50-75%) (Fig. 7 right

panels).   These results suggest that interchromosomal

condensation/interaction in each CAF is more likely to occur between

chromosome regions with relatively high FMND than between regions with

relatively low FMND.

Discussion

Comparison between PCA-based analysis and polymer simulation method in the chromosome fluctuations

In this study, we investigated the directions of chromosome fluctuations by applying PCA to the 3D data of hundreds of single-chromosome structures based on Euclidean distances obtained using seqFISH+ experiments.   The PCA results revealed that PCmode1 was isotropic, while PCmode2 and PCmode3 were anisotropic (Fig. 3C).   From our results, we successfully identified, for the first time, that there is anisotropy in chromosome fluctuations using experimental data.   However, our observations of the amplitudes of chromosomal fluctuations did not often align with the results of PHi-C2, a polymer simulation based on Hi-C data.   This discrepancy is thought to arise from the formulation of PHi-C2's polymer simulation method, which is formulated as 'the contact matrix stored in Hi-C data is a function of the variance of the distance distribution between chromosomal domains.'(26, 27).

Relationship between isotropic/anisotropic chromosome fluctuations and cell cycle

During the transition between the M phase and interphase, all chromosomes undergo chromosomal dynamics through condensation (spindle-like shaped

chromosomes) and decondensation (spherical-shaped chromosomes) (30).

Therefore, the biological significance of PCmode1 for the fluctuation of

chromosome is expected to align with the dynamics related to the transition

between the M phase and the interphase because VDMSC, related to the

spindle-like/spherical shape of chromosomes, significantly correlates with the

PC scores of PCmode1 for the fluctuation of chromosome (Figs. S5, 4A, 4B and

S6).   In cells with high PTCF values, where chromosomes are often in a

condensed state, the polymer-like fluctuations of the chromosomes were

observed to be anisotropic (Figs. S9 and S14).   This suggests that anisotropic

chromosomal fluctuations were observed during the cell cycle process before

and/or after the M phase, specifically when chromosomes were spindle-like

shape, rather than in the interphase when chromosomes were spherical shape.

The radial distribution of chromosomes in cells from the highest quartile

group (75-100%) was biased toward the center of the nucleus compared with

the quartile group (0-25%), which was divided based on PTCF (Figs. S13H and

S13I).   This indicates that there is the fluctuation of chromosome radial

distribution that associates with the chromosome condensation and

decondensation in the cells sampled as seqFISH+ data.   Furthermore, when

PCA was applied to the radial distribution of CAFs within the cell nucleus, the

obtained PCmode1 was isotropic and had a 92% of contribution ratio (Figs.

S13C and S13D).   These results suggest that PCmode1 for the fluctuation of

chromosome radial distribution also corresponds to with the dynamics related to

the transition between the M phase and the interphase.

The periodicity of anisotropic chromosome fluctuations

Next, we focused on the periods of each PC mode to represent the time

scale of chromosomal fluctuations per cycle.   The cell cycle time of mESCs is

approximately 11 h (31).   Herein, we assumed that 11 hours was the period of

PCmode1 that corresponds to the behavior associated with the transition

between the M phase and the interphase of the cell cycle.   Additionally, since

the cell cycle was not artificially controlled in the samples of seqFISH+ data

(25), it is presumed that single-cell/single-chromosome data of mESCs in

seqFISH+ were randomly sampled from this approximately 11-hour cell cycle

process.   Therefore, the pseudo-timescale between each chromosomal 3D

structure/snapshot subjected to PCA in this study was approximately 2 min,

considering thar the X chromosome had the smallest number of sampled

structures/snapshots (N = 396: Fig. S1E).   Assuming that PCmode1

corresponds to the behavior associated with the transition between the M phase

and the interphase of the cell cycle, the periods of each PC mode are estimated

to fall within approximately 2 min to 11 h.   By observing that the PCA

eigenvalues are proportional to the square of the period, we calculated the

estimated periods for PCmode2 and PCmode3 (Table S4).   The estimated

periods of PCmode2 and PCmode3 were longer than those of the G1 (62 min),

G2 (161 min), and M phases (36 min) but shorter than those of the S phase

(355 min) (31).   In the future, by using cell cycle control/identification

techniques, it is anticipated that applying PCA to single-chromosome samples

with different cell cycle phases will enable the analysis of experimental data on

chromosome fluctuations specific to each cell cycle phase.   For example, it has

been reported that replication foci, regions of chromosomes undergoing DNA

replication during the S phase, transition from euchromatin in the early stage to

heterochromatin in the later stage (32).   It is possible to elucidate the

correlation between the transition of replication foci on chromosomes during the

S phase and chromosomal fluctuations.

The biological significance of anisotropic chromosome fluctuations

   The different correlation patterns between FMND and SNFs by CAF (Fig. 5B)

suggest that the interchromosomal space where chromosome fibers with a

relatively high FMND anchor may vary for each CAF (Figs. S15A and S15B).

Specifically, it has been speculated that in CAF1, it involves nucleolar and

heterochromatin bodies, CAF2 involves the nuclear lamina, and CAF3 involves

nuclear speckles and heterochromatin bodies (Figs. S15A and S15B).   In

addition, the maximum contact frequency between the DNA-FISH probes and

each SNF was less than 60% (Fig. S16A), suggesting that contacts with nuclear

compartments/interchromosomal spaces in any chromosomal region are

transient (Figs. S15A and S15C).   In previous studies, the chromosome

territory-inter-chromosomal space model (CT-IC model) reported that

chromosome territories and interchromosomal spaces are not clearly separated;

chromosome fibers anchor to the interchromosomal space in the interphase (6-

8).   Considering the CT-IC model, it is speculated that the relatively high FMND

of chromosomal regions is due to the restriction of chromosome fluctuation by

the anchoring of chromosome fibers to the interchromosomal space in the

interphase (Figs. S15A and S15B).   Contrary to this speculation, upon

examining the PTCF of cells where contact (< 300 nm) between DNA-FISH

probes and SNFs was observed, most probes were found to be in contact with

any SNF in cells belonging to the quartile group (50-75%) (Figs. S16B and

S16C).   Cells corresponding to the quartile group (50-75%) based on PTCF, an

index corresponding to the state of chromosome condensation/decondensation

in individual cells, are speculated to be in the G2 phase or near the G1 phase

around the M phase when chromosomes take on a spindle-like shape.   Taken

together, it is anticipated that anisotropic chromosome fluctuations occur,

especially during the processes around the M phase of the cell cycle, through

the interactions between chromosomal regions and nuclear

compartments/interchromosomal spaces.   Furthermore, nuclear compartments

known to contribute to nuclear organization by interacting with specific regions

of chromosomes, such as the nucleoli, nuclear speckles, and nuclear lamina,

have been reported to disappear by the end of the prophase (33-35).   Our

results suggest that anisotropic chromosome fluctuations are likely to occur

during the processes around cell cycle transitions before and after the M phase

(Fig. S14).   In summary, these findings imply that anisotropic chromosome

fluctuations contribute to the transition of nuclear organization between the

interphase, where nuclear compartments appear, and the M phase, where

nuclear compartments disappear.

The question of which cell cycle phase, 'before M phase,' 'after M phase,' or

'before and after M phase,' exhibits anisotropic chromosome fluctuation has

been speculated based on relevant studies.   It has been reported that the

asymmetry in chromosome condensation and decondensation occurs during

the transition between the interphase and the M phase (36-38).   This involves

adopting a helical loop array structure and a cylindrical shape with cohesin

unloading and condensin loading (36, 37).   Conversely, only cohesin loading

occurred during the transition from the M phase to the interphase (36, 37).   In

line with these experimental results, simulation results based on the landscape-

switching model using Hi-C data, which depict cell cycle-dependent

chromosomal structural phase transitions, showed that the trajectories from the

interphase to the M phase and from the M phase to the interphase differed (38).

Compared with the transition from the M phase to the interphase, the simulation

predicted that the shape of the chromosome was cylindrical in the transition

from the interphase to the M phase (38).   In this study, we found that the

chromosome fluctuation of PCmode2/PCmode3 was anisotropic compared with

PCmode1 in the terms of the orientation of chromosomes; this has the potential

to make the chromosome structure non-cylindrical (Fig. 3C).   Considering

these previous reports and our results together, the anisotropic fluctuation of

chromosomes observed in this study is expected to occur after the M phase, not

before the M phase, and to contribute nuclear reorganization from the M phase

to the interphase.   To test this hypothesis, we identified the cell cycle phase in

which the 3D structure of single chromosomes was bent using DNA-FISH after

identifying the cell cycle state of mESCs using immunostaining markers that can

identify the G2, prophase, metaphase, anaphase, telophase, and G1 phases.

The effects of repeat DNAs on the anisotropic fluctuations of

chromosomes

Previous studies have reported the exclusive distribution of LINE1 and

SINEB1/Alu on chromosomes and that the biased distribution of these repeat

DNAs roughly corresponds to the position of TAD formation (29).   Additionally,

LINE1 is closely associated with nuclear organization, and the spatial

localization of LINE1 corresponds to the spatial distribution of the nucleolar and

nuclear lamina (7, 13, 29, 39).   In this study, we identified nine types of LINE1

elements that contributed the most to the direction of PC1, the principal

variance, in the correlation matrix between FMND and repeat DNAs.   When

examined across chromosomes 1-19 and X, the density of these nine LINE1

types was found to have a consistent pattern of correlation with contact

frequency with any SNF (Fig. 6F).   However, when examined on a

chromosome-by-chromosome basis, the observed correlation varied among

chromosomes (Fig. S12).   This suggests that owing to differences in the

distribution patterns of repeat DNAs and the associated epigenetic states on

each chromosome, the roles of the same types or families of repeat DNAs in

nuclear organization may differ.   In the future, it will be important to investigate

the relationship between the distribution patterns of repeat DNAs on

chromosomes and the topology of chromosome distribution in correspondence

with the distribution of nuclear compartments to understand the conditions

under which the transient anchoring of chromosome fibers to the

interchromosomal space occurs.

Materials and Methods

PHi-C2 analysis using HiC-seq data

The read counts from the pre-processing of the HiC-data were trimmed using Trimgalore (https://github.com/FelixKrueger/TrimGalore#readme) with default settings.   HiCUP v0.8.2 (40) with Bowtie2 v 2.3.4.1 (41) was used to map and filter di-tags to the mouse genome to construct the GRCm38.   To estimate complex compliance along each chromosome, we performed PHi-C2 analysis (27) on Hi-C data with a 1Mb chromosomal bin using default settings.

seqFISH+ data processing

Identification of single chromosomes.

To consider chromosome fluctuations as a polymer, it is necessary to divide sequential DNA-FISH signals into single chromosomes.   To avoid dealing with signals from multiple chromosomes as much as possible as those from a single chromosome, we designed an algorithm to identify single chromosomes as follows:

1st: Get signals of seqFISH+ (25) from the same types of chromosomes in each cell nucleus.

2nd: Find the expected minimum of signals per single chromosomes using a binomial distribution.   The "binom.isf" function in scipy (https://scipy.org/about/)

was used, where q (the survival function residual), p (the probability of a single

success), and N (the number of samples) were set at 0.9999, 0.5 that is the

detection efficiency of seqFISH+ (25) and the number of designed probes per

chromosome.

3rd: Find the median of the distances between the signals in single

chromosomes.   First, we calculated the distances between the signals in the

same types of chromosomes for all combinations.   Second, we find the median

from the lower half of the distance in ascending order.   This step was modified

to find the median from all distances for the chromosome X because the

seqFISH+ data were from the male cell line.

4th: Perform Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise

(DBSCAN) from scikit-learn (https://scikit-learn.org/stable/), where

"min_samples" and "eps" were set as the expected minimum of signals per

single chromosomes calculated in the 2nd step and the median of distances

between signals in single chromosomes calculated in the 3rd step.

5th: Remove the clusters defined in the 4th step suspected of containing signals

from multiple chromosomes.   The anticipated maximum of signals per single

chromosome from seqFISH+ data was determined using the inverse survival

function of the binomial distribution, employing the "binom.isf" function in scipy

(https://scipy.org/about/).   In this calculation, the parameters "q," "p," and "n"

were assigned values of 0.0001, the reciprocal of 2 (representing the number of

identical autosomes in the nucleus), and the count of signals from the same

chromosomes in the seqFISH+ data, respectively.   This step was omitted for

chromosome X.

Preprocessing and clustering analysis for fluorescent signals.

To determine the distribution of the nuclear compartments, we focused on

the following fluorescent signals of nuclear factors (SNFs): RNAPIISer5P,

H3K9ac, H3K27ac, H4K16ac, H3pSer10, H3K9me2, H3K27me2, H3K27me3,

H4K20me1, H3K9me3, H4K20me2, H4K20me3, SF3a66, Fibrillarin, mH2A1,

LaminB1, SINEB1, LINE1, MinSat, and Telomere (Table S1).   The signal

intensity of each biomarker was processed to obtain a z-score for each nucleus.

Voxels with a z-score less than zero were removed to consider informative

nuclear compartments in the seqFISH+ dataset.   A GMM from scikit-learn

(https://scikit-learn.org/stable/) was used to divide the voxels into an arbitrary

number of clusters.   To determine reasonable GMM cluster number

parameters between 2 and 60 clusters, the BIC was checked for each trial.

The cluster parameter of the GMM was set to 60 because the BIC gradually

decreased with an increasing number of clusters (Fig. S3A).   Each cluster

divided by GMM was annotated based on the criteria in Table S2.   The

following nuclear compartments were annotated: repeat elements, nuclear

speckles, nucleoli, constitutive heterochromatin, transcriptionally active

compartment-high, transcriptionally mixed compartment, and transcriptionally

active compartment-low.

Analysis of the fluctuation amplitude and eigenvector along chromosome

PCA.

To describe the fluctuation amplitude and eigenvector along the

chromosome, we performed a PCA against the pairwise distance matrix of

single chromosomes, where the coordinates of the pairwise distance matrix

were pairs of chromosome bins.   Herein, we used the PCA algorithm that

allows missing values, "pca-magic" (https://github.com/allentran/pca-magic).

After the first PCA conduction, we removed single chromosomes that

correspond to the outliers in the first three PC scores from following analysis on

chromosome fluctuation as polymers (see Statistical analyses).   Subsequently,

we performed the second PCA conduction.   The eigenvalues and eigenvectors

were interpreted as the fluctuation amplitude and direction along the

chromosome, respectively.   The IFA based on the coordination of the pairwise

distance matrix was calculated as follows:

$$\text{IFA} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \text{C}_\text{k}^2 * \text{W}_\text{k}^2 \quad (1.1)$$

, where *C, W,* and *n* are the eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and number of PC

modes in the PCA, respectively.   Note that the radial frequency variable ω of

chromosome fluctuation in this calculation is assumed to be constant.

***Quantification of anisotropy in each eigenvector based on the orientation
of the chromosome***

To describe the anisotropy of each eigenvector based on the orientation of

the chromosome, we applied the following method: First, we constructed a

matrix with eigenvectors based on the coordinates of the pairwise distance

matrix (original matrix, Fig. 3B, left panels).   Next, we flipped the original matrix

vertically and horizontally to obtain a flipped matrix (Fig. 3B, middle panels).

Third, we calculated the Pearson correlation coefficient (PCC) between the

original and the flipped matrices as the index of anisotropy in each eigenvector

based on the orientation of the chromosome.

***Definition of MND for chromosome fluctuation and quantifying the FMND
for each chromosome bin***

To describe the tendency within direction of each PC mode, we defined

chromosome bins with MND.   Eigenvectors of the PCA against the pairwise

distance matrices of single chromosomes can be interpreted as the direction of

chromosome fluctuation in each PC mode.　Herein, we defined the MND as the

elements with fewer signs in each of the first three eigenvectors.　To quantify

the FMND for each chromosome bin, we summed the number of MND for the

chromosome bins for the first three PC modes.

Spatial embedding of eigenvector along chromosomes into mean

structures of chromosomes

To visualize the direction of fluctuation along the chromosome, we focused

on the eigenvectors of the PCA against the pairwise distance matrices of single

chromosomes.　First, we construct mean 3D chromosome structures by

applying multidimensional scaling to the mean of the pairwise distance matrices

for each type of chromosomes.　Second, the unit vectors for each pair of

chromosomal bins were found in the constructed mean 3D chromosome

structures.　Third, we embedded the first three eigenvectors of PCA against the

pairwise distance matrices of single chromosomes by multiplying each

eigenvector by the unit vectors corresponding to pairs of chromosome bins.

Finally, we combined the vectors, eigenvectors multiplied by the unit vectors

corresponding to pairs of chromosome bins for each chromosome bin, for each

chromosome bin.

Examining the influence of the fluctuation of one PC mode on the fluctuation of another PC mode

We set the xth PC mode as the effector and the yth PC mode as the follower. To examine the influence of the effector PC mode on the follower PC mode, we divided the PC scores of the follower as:

$$\text{Positive} = \{F_{ys}|F_{xs} \geq 0\} \ (1.2)$$

$$\text{Negative} = \{F_{ys}|F_{xs} < 0\} \ (1.3)$$

, where F_{ks}, k, and s are the matrices of the PC scores, kth PC mode, and the sth sample, respectively. Next, we compared the variances between _Positive_ and _Negative_ as follows:

$$\text{log2R on variance} = \left|\log 2 \frac{\sigma^2_{\text{Negative}}}{\sigma^2_{\text{Positive}}}\right| \ (1.4)$$

, where σ^2 is the variance of corresponding sets. "_log2R on variance_" can be interpreted as the index of how much the fluctuation of the effector PC mode suppresses the fluctuation of the follower PC mode.

Analysis of the shape of single-chromosome structures

To compare the shapes of single-chromosome structures, we performed PCA on the 3D distribution of DNA-FISH probes for each single chromosome. The contribution ratio of the first three PCs provided information about the 3D

structure as the ratio of the length of the longest side to that of the two sides perpendicular to it.

Estimation of cell trajectory based on the VDMSC for each type of chromosomes

To understand the state of cells based on the variance among DNA-FISH probes from single chromosomes, we performed PCA on the matrix of the mean VDMSC of the same chromosome types for each cell. We selected the PC scores of PC1 as the PTCF.

Estimation of the periods of each PC mode based on the actual time

Based on the isotropy of the first eigenvector (Figs. 3C, S4, and S9), we interpreted the fluctuations in the PCmode1 as corresponding to the condensation and divergence of chromosomes related to the cell cycle. The kth eigenvalue can be represented as:

$$C_k \propto (O_k)^2 \quad (1.5)$$

, where O_k is the kth relative period. Therefore, O_k can be expressed as follows:

$$O_k \propto \sqrt{C_k} \quad (1.6)$$

We estimated the periods of the kth PC mode (T_k) from (1.5) as follows:

$$T_k = 660 \min \cdot \frac{O_k}{O_1}$$

$$T_k = 660 \text{ min} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{C_k}}{\sqrt{C_1}} \quad (1.7)$$

, where 660 min is the doubling time of approximately 11 h for mESCs (31).

Measurement of relative distance from the center of the nucleus for CAFs

To describe the relative distribution of each CAF from the center of the nucleus, we calculated the median relative distance between the elements of each CAF and the center of the nucleus as follows.   The 'center_of_mass' function (https://scipy.org/about/) determined the coordinates of the center of the nucleus in each cell based on the signals of DAPI.   To measure the relative distributions of the probes based on radial distribution, the following functions were used:

$$P(r) = \frac{r}{\sqrt[3]{\text{volume of nuclei}}} \quad (2.1)$$

$$Q(r) = \frac{P(r)}{4\pi r^2} \quad (2.2)$$

, where r, P(r), and Q(r) represent the Euclidean distance from the nuclear center to the periphery, relative distances scaled with the volume of nuclei, and relative distances scaled with the theoretical probability distribution of probes, which is the surface area of the sphere.   We used the median Q(r) for the relative distribution of CAFs as the representative values for single nuclei.

PCA for the fluctuation of positioning for each type of chromosome from the center to the periphery of the nucleus

To elucidate the fluctuation of radial distribution of each CAF from the center to the periphery of the nucleus, we applied PCA (pca-magic: https://github.com/allentran/pca-magic) to the relative distance matrix from the center of the nucleus, which consisted of the median of each CAF. The eigenvectors from the PCA were interpreted as the direction of fluctuation for each chromosome type.

Statistical analyses

Correlation analysis was performed using the 'pearsonr' function in scipy (https://scipy.org/about/).   Specifically, we conducted a Pearson test between the IFA along chromosomes and the complex compliance along chromosomes simulated with PHi-C2, assuming ω of chromosome fluctuation tested using PCA on seqFISH+ as constant.   Student's *t*-test was conducted using the 'ttest_ind' function with 'equal_var' set to False in scipy (https://scipy.org/about/). Kolmogorov–Smirnov test was conducted using the 'kstest' function in scipy (https://scipy.org/about/).   PCA was performed using 'pca-magic' (https://github.com/allentran/pca-magic).   Outliers were detected by checking the survival function of the chi-square distribution generated by squaring the z-

scores of the continuous one-dimensional probability distributions (the

threshold: < 0.01).

Data availability

Hi-C data for mouse ESCs were downloaded from the Gene Expression

Omnibus (Accession number: GSE96107).   seqFISH+ data were downloaded

from the Zenodo software (https://zenodo.org/record/3735329).   Nested repeat

elements on mouse reference genome mm10 were downloaded from the UCSC

Genome Browser

(https://hgdownload.soe.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/mm10/database/nestedRepeats.t

xt.gz).   Scripts for this study are available at

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Figure 1. Comparison between the fluctuation amplitude and the complex compliance simulated by PHi-C2 along chromosomes.

(A) A heatmap shows the Pearson correlation coefficient (PCC) between the index of fluctuation amplitude (IFA) and the complex compliance for each chromosome and each radial frequency parameter, ω. The following is the number of bins: chromosome 1 (A: N = 178), 2 (B: N = 185), 3 (C: N = 152), 4 (D: N = 149), 5 (E: N =140), 6 (F: N = 154), 7 (G: N = 142), 8 (H: N = 113), 9 (I: N = 134), 10 (J: N = 130), 11 (K: N = 125), 12 (L: N = 107), 13 (M: N = 119), 14 (N: N = 100), 15 (O: N = 100), 16 (P: N = 91), 17 (Q: N = 83), 18 (R: N = 82), 19 (S: N = 65), and X (T: N = 120). *$P < 0.01$ using the Pearson test. (B) A violin plot shows the distribution of PCC between IFA and the complex compliance for each chromosome, and each radial frequency parameter, ω (N = 20 types of chromosomes).

Figure 2. The nature of the distribution of IFA along chromosomes.

(A) A heatmap shows the PCC between IFA and the frequency of contact between chromosome bins and signals of nuclear factors (SNFs) (N = 446 cells). SNFs derived from the seqFISH+ were considered (see Tab. S1 and Materials and Methods). *$P < 0.01$ using the Pearson test. (B) A heatmap shows the PCC between IFA and the minimum distance from chromatin bins to nuclear compartments (N = 446 cells). Nuclear compartments based on the fluorescent signals (See Materials and Methods, Fig. S2, and Tab. S2) were considered. *$P < 0.01$ using the Pearson test.

Figure 3. Quantification of anisotropy in the distribution of eigenvector.

(A) Enlarged images show the PCmode2 of chromosome 1 (chr1) fluctuation. The left and right panels correspond to one and the other direction of fluctuation. The color bar shows the relative position of bins along the chromosome (i.e., The darkness of the color scale means the proximity from the end of the p-arm). (B) The example of quantifying anisotropy in chromosome fluctuation using correlation analysis. 1st step: Construct the eigenvector matrix corresponding to the coordination of the pairwise distance matrix of the chromosomes (left panels). 2nd step: Convert the eigenvector matrix by flipping upside down and leftside right (middle panels). 3rd step: Find PCC as the index of anisotropy in the eigenvector of chromosome fluctuation (right panels). X- and Y-axes indicate the genomic coordination in the chromosome (Mb: Left and right panels). (C) The PCC is the index of anisotropy in the eigenvector of chromosome fluctuation (N = 20 types of chromosomes).

Figure 4. The representative states of chromosomes and cells correspond to the VDMSC.

(A) The contribution ratio of PC1 for the structures of a single chromosome with the largest and smallest VDMSC (N = 20 structures). The value on the bracket means the result of the Student's *t*-test as a *P*-value. (B) The structures of single chromosomes with the largest and smallest VDMSC. A color bar shows the relative position along chromosomes (i.e. The darkness of color scale means the proximity from the end of p-arm). (C) The mean of VDMSC from each cell (N = 427 cells). Black panels indicate the missing values. (D) Correlation of VDMSC between each type of chromosome. Red lines indicate the *P*-value of the Pearson test = 0.01. (E) The contribution ratio of PCA on the matrix of VDMSC from each cell in Fig. 4C. (F) The PTCF that was calculated as the first PC score of PCA on the matrix of VDMSC in Fig. 4C serves as the index of chromosome condensation/decondensation in each cell. (G) The correlation between PTCF and the mean of VDMSC for each cell. (H) The structures of Chr1 in the cell with the 10th largest PTCF. Blue, orange, green, and red dots correspond to genomic coordination of the probes from 0-25%, 25-50%, 50-75%, and 75-100% from the end of p-arm. Yellow dots indicate the position of fibrillarin, a nucleolar marker. Green circles in the left panel indicate the chromosome regions that correspond to the anisotropic parts of chromosome structures. Black bars indicate 1μm for X- and Y-axes in seqFISH+ data.

Figure 5. Comparison between FMND along chromosomes and the distribution of SNFs in nuclei.

(A) Explanation of the meaning of the signs of eigenvectors.   Based on the position of probes on a chromosome (①), we measured the distances between probes (②). By applying the PCA on the multidimensional space corresponding to the number of distances between probes (③), we gained eigenvectors corresponding to each pair of probes and each PC mode (④). Signs in eigenvectors can be interpreted as the increase/decrease pattern of the distances between probes. (B) A heatmap shows the PCC between the FMND and the frequency of contact between chromosome bins and SNFs (N = 446 cells). Chromosomes colored red, green, and blue correspond to CAF1, CAF2, and CAF3, respectively. *$P < 0.01$ using the Pearson test. (C) Violin plots in the left panel show the PCC between the FMND and the distance from the end of the p-arm. Violin plots in the right panel show the PCC between FMND and the distance from the center of chromosomes. *$P < 0.01$ using the Student's *t*-test. n.s.: not significant. The X-axis indicates the type of CAF. (D) The bar plot shows the contribution ratio PCA on the correlation matrix in Fig. 5B. (E) The first two PC scores of PCA, which are applied to the correlation matrix in Fig.5B, show the heterogeneity in the association between FMND and the frequency of contact between chromosome bins and SNFs. (F) Bar plots show the first two eigenvectors of PCA on the correlation matrix in Fig. 5B. Bars with different colors mean the different signs in each eigenvector.

Figure 6. Comparison between FMND along the chromosome and the distribution of repeat DNAs.

(A) A heatmap shows the PCC between FMND and the density of repeat DNAs per 1Mb bin (N = 1254 types). Color indexes indicate classes of repeat DNAs (see Table S3). Unknowns and "?" indicate repeat DNAs with unsure classification using the "RepeatMasker" algorithm. (B) A bar plot shows the contribution ratio of PCA on the correlation matrix in Fig. 6A. (C) The eigenvector of PC1 shows the repeat DNAs corresponding to the heterogeneity in the association between FMND along a chromosome and the distribution of repeat DNAs. Red dots show the outliers in the eigenvector of PC1 in Fig. 6B (See Materials and Methods). Types of repeat DNAs shown below the scatter plots correspond to the outliers. (D) A heatmap shows the PCC between FMND and the density of repeat DNAs, which were selected in Fig. 6C, per 1Mb bin (N = 9 types). *P < 0.01 using the Pearson test. (E) A scatter plot shows that the X-axis is for the first PC score of PCA on the correlation matrix between FMND and the frequency of contact between chromatin bins and SNFs in Fig. 5E and Y-axis is for the first PC score of PCA on the correlation matrix between FMND and the distribution of repeat DNAs in Fig. 6B (N = 20 types of chromosomes). (F) A heatmap shows the PCC between the contact frequency of SNFs and the density of LINE1 subfamilies for each chromosome bin. *P < 0.01 using the Pearson test.

Figure 7. The relationship between FMND and interchromosomal aggregation for each CAF.

The violin plot shows that interchromosomal aggregation tends to occur in chromosome bins with anisotropic fluctuations along the chromosomes (N = 446 cells). Each left panel shows the entire distance distribution. Each right panel shows the distance distribution in 0-5000 nm. The red, green and blue panels correspond to CAF1, CAF2 and CAF3, respectively. The X-axis indicates the four groups of chromosome bins equally divided based on the FMND. "75-100%" means the group of chromosome bins with the highest frequency in a minor direction. The Y-axis indicates the interchromosomal distances between each group of chromosome bins. Values above brackets in the left panels indicate the results of the Student's *t*-test. *$P < 0.01$ using the Student's *t*-test. n.s.: not significant. Values above the brackets in the right panels indicate the results of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. *$P < 0.01$ using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. n.s.: not significant. Values above the arrows in the right panels indicate Kullback–Leibler divergence (KL divergence), which measures how one distribution differs from a second.

Fig. S1. Identification of a single chromosome for each cell nucleus.

(A-D) Examples of each single chromosome 1 identified in this study. The left panels show the sequential order of probes on the linear genome using three colors (blue: 0-50Mb, orange: 50-100Mb, green: 100Mb-). The right panels show the single chromosome 1 estimated using DBSCAN (-1: noisy DNA-FISH signals, the other indexes: DNA-FISH signals from single chromosome 1). (E) The number of single chromosomes per cell that were extracted in this study (N = 446 cells). Values next to "Total" mean the total single chromosomes extracted in this study.

Fig. S2. IFA of chromosomes is higher in the ends of chromosomes.

(A) The index of fluctuation amplitude (IFA), calculated from chromosome structures, along chr 1 (N = 578), 2 (N = 547), 3 (N = 582), 4 (N = 517), 5 (N = 590), 6 (N = 568), 7 (N = 585), 8 (N = 585), 9 (N = 573), 10 (N = 565), 11 (N = 549), 12 (N = 546), 13 (N = 625), 14 (N = 566), 15 (N = 576), 16 (N = 585), 17 (N = 566), 18 (N = 546), 19 (N = 543), and X (N = 396). Missing values are chromosome bins without designed DNA-FISH probes. (B) A scatter plot shows the correlation between the IFA and the genomic distance from the center of chromosomes. X- and Y-axes indicate the coefficients and *P*-values of the Pearson test.

Fig. S3. Identification of nuclear compartments.

(A) Bayesian information criterion (BIC) of GMM for clustering nuclear compartment based on signals of biomolecules from seqFISH+. The X-axis shows the number of clusters for the GMM parameter. The Y-axis shows BIC values corresponding to the number of clusters. (B) The properties of nuclear compartments annotated using GMM set the number of clusters as 60. A color bar indicates the z-score of the intensity of SNFs from seqFISH+.

Fig. S4. Visualization of the direction of chromosome fluctuation.

(A-T) Red arrows show the direction of chromosome fluctuation in the first three PC modes in the mean structures of chr 1 (N = 578), 2 (N = 547), 3 (N = 582), 4 (N = 517), 5 (N = 590), 6 (N = 568), 7 (N = 585), 8 (N = 585), 9 (N = 573), 10 (N = 565), 11 (N = 549), 12 (N = 546), 13 (N = 625), 14 (N = 566), 15 (N = 576), 16 (N = 585), 17 (N = 566), 18 (N = 546), 19 (N = 543), and X (N = 396). A color bar shows the relative position along chromosomes (i.e., The darkness of the color scale means the proximity from the end of the p-arm).

Fig. S5. The probability distribution in the PC scores of the first three PC modes.

(A-T) The upper and middle panels show the probability distribution in the PC scores of the first three PC modes for chr 1 (N = 578), 2 (N = 547), 3 (N = 582), 4 (N = 517), 5 (N = 590), 6 (N = 568), 7 (N = 585), 8 (N = 585), 9 (N = 573), 10 (N = 565), 11 (N = 549), 12 (N = 546), 13 (N = 625), 14 (N = 566), 15 (N = 576), 16 (N = 585), 17 (N = 566), 18 (N = 546), 19 (N = 543), and X (N = 396). Red lines show the 0 in each PC mode. log2R on variance means the absolute log2 ratio between variances of PC mode corresponding to the Y-axis based on negative and positive samples of PC mode corresponding to the X-axis. Lower panels show the probability distribution in the relationship between PCmode1 and variances of distance matrix for single chromosomes.

A Structures with the largest VDMSC

chr1 chr2 chr3 chr4 chr5
chr6 chr7 chr8 chr9 chr10
chr11 chr12 chr13 chr14 chr15
chr16 chr17 chr18 chr19 chrX

B Structures with the smallest VDMSC

chr1 chr2 chr3 chr4 chr5
chr6 chr7 chr8 chr9 chr10
chr11 chr12 chr13 chr14 chr15
chr16 chr17 chr18 chr19 chrX

p-arm q-arm
chromosome

Fig. S6. The representative structures of chromosomes correspond to VDMSC.

(A and B) Structures of chromosomes 1-19 and X with the largest (A) and smallest (B) VDMSC. A color bar shows the relative position along chromosomes (i.e., The darkness of the color scale means the proximity from the end of the p-arm).

Fig. S7. Chromosome structures in the representative cell correspond to the 10th largest PTCF value.

Chromosomal structures in cells with the 10th largest PTCF. The blue, orange, green, and red dots correspond to the genomic coordination of probes at 0-25%, 25-50%, 50-75%, and 75-100% from the end of the p-arm. The gray dots indicate the positions of all probes without the chromosomes of interest. The yellow dots indicate the positions of fibrillarin, which is a nucleolar marker. The green circles in the lower panel indicate the chromosome regions corresponding to the anisotropic parts of the chromosome structures. Black bars indicate 1μm for X- and Y-axes in seqFISH+ data.

Fig. S8. The shape of single chromosomes for each type of chromosome.

(A and B) Scatter plots show the contribution ratio of PC1 and PC2 of PCA on the 3D distribution of probes from each single chromosome. The contribution ratio of PC1 can be interpreted as the index for the shape of single chromosomes from a spherical to a spindle-like state. Each dot indicates the shape-based state of the single chromosome for Chr 1 (N = 578), 2 (N = 547), 3 (N = 582), 4 (N = 517), 5 (N = 590), 6 (N = 568), 7 (N = 585), 8 (N = 585), 9 (N = 573), 10 (N = 565), 11 (N = 549), 12 (N = 546), 13 (N = 625), 14 (N = 566), 15 (N = 576), 16 (N = 585), 17 (N = 566), 18 (N = 546), 19 (N = 543), and X (N = 396). Color bars indicate the PTCF of the cell corresponding to each single chromosome. Chromosome dynamics around green lines correspond to the bending of spindle-shaped single chromosomes. Chromosome dynamics around orange lines correspond to the expansion and contraction of spindle-shaped single chromosomes. (C) Density-based histograms show the distribution of the contribution ratio of PC1 from single-chromosome structures from positive and negative PTCF cells. -log10P-values indicate the results of the Kolmogorov–Smirnov test.

Fig. S9. The anisotropic fluctuation along the chromosome for the first three PC modes.

(A-T) The eigenvector of the first three PC modes in Chr 1 (N = 578), 2 (N = 547), 3 (N = 582), 4 (N = 517), 5 (N = 590), 6 (N = 568), 7 (N = 585), 8 (N = 585), 9 (N = 573), 10 (N = 565), 11 (N = 549), 12 (N = 546), 13 (N = 625), 14 (N = 566), 15 (N = 576), 16 (N = 585), 17 (N = 566), 18 (N = 546), 19 (N = 543), and X (N = 396). X- and Y-axes indicate the genomic coordinate of the chromosomes (Mb). The signs of eigenvectors with red color indicate the minor direction (MND) in each PC mode. The values in each panel indicate the ratio of pairs of bins, which are in the MND for each eigenvector.

Fig. S10. The ratio of MND in the first three PC modes.

The violin plot shows the ratio of the pairs of bins in the MND for each eigenvector. Values indicate the results of the Student's *t*-test as *P*-value.

Fig. S11. The frequency of anisotropic chromosome fluctuation in the first three PC modes.

The total number of the MND in each chromosome bin, FMND, the first three PC modes along Chr 1 (N = 578), 2 (N = 547), 3 (N = 582), 4 (N = 517), 5 (N = 590), 6 (N = 568), 7 (N = 585), 8 (N = 585), 9 (N = 573), 10 (N = 565), 11 (N = 549), 12 (N = 546), 13 (N = 625), 14 (N = 566), 15 (N = 576), 16 (N = 585), 17 (N = 566), 18 (N = 546), 19 (N = 543), and X (N = 396). Red lines show that the mean of the FMND. Missing values are chromosome bins without designed DNA-FISH probes.

Fig. S12. The association between the contact frequency of SNFs and the density of LINE1 subfamilies.

(A-T) Heatmap shows the PCC between the contact frequency of SNFs and the density of LINE1 subfamilies for Chr 1 (A: N = 178 bins), 2 (B: N = 185 bins), 3 (C: N = 152 bins), 4 (D: N = 149 bins), 5 (E: N =140 bins), 6 (F: N = 154 bins), 7 (G: N = 142 bins), 8 (H: N = 113 bins), 9 (I: N = 134 bins), 10 (J: N = 130 bins), 11 (K: N = 125 bins), 12 (L: N = 107 bins), 13 (M: N = 119 bins), 14 (N: N = 100 bins), 15 (O: N = 100 bins), 16 (P: N = 91 bins), 17 (Q: N = 83 bins), 18 (R: N = 82 bins), 19 (S: N = 65 bins), and X (T: N = 120 bins). *P < 0.01 using the Pearson test.

Fig. S13. The distribution and fluctuation of positioning for each type of chromosomes along center to periphery of nuclear.

(A) Histograms show that the range of positioning for each type of CAF in Fig. 5B (N = 446 cells). X-axis indicates that relative position along center to periphery of nuclear. The right panel shows the results of Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, a test for the equality of two continuous one-dimensional probability distributions. n.s.: not significant by Kolmogorov-Smirnov test ($P \geq 0.01$). (B) A heatmap shows the median of the relative distance matrix from the center of the nuclear for each type of CAF in Fig. 5B (N = 446 cells). (C) A bar plot shows the contribution ratio of PCA applied to the relative distance matrix from the center of the nucleus in Fig. S13B. (D-E) The first three eigenvectors from PCA applied on the relative distance matrix from the center of the nucleus in Fig. S13B show that fluctuation direction for each type of CAF from the center to the periphery of the nucleus. (G) Histograms show the radial distribution of each CAF in the cell corresponding to the quartile groups based on PTCF (N = 427 cells). The values on the right side of each panel indicate the result of Kolmogorov-Smirnov test on the two radial distributions of CAFs in the corresponding quartile group as *P*-value. X-axis indicates that relative position along center to periphery of nuclear. (H) Histograms show that the range of chromosome positioning in each quartile group of cells corresponding to PTCF (N = 427 cells). The right panels show the results of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. *: *P* < 0.05 using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. **: *P* < 0.01 using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. n.s.: not significant. (I) Kullback-Leibler divergence of the range of chromosome positioning between the PTCF related quartile group "75~100%" and the other quartile groups.

Fig. S14. The association between PTCF and the variances of PC scores in PCmode2/PCmode3 for the chromosome fluctuation.

(A and B) Comparison of the variances of PC scores in PCmode2 (A)/PCmode3 (B) of chromosome fluctuation among quartile groups of PTCF.

Fig. S15. The model on the chromosome fluctuation in the nucleus that contains nuclear compartments/structures.

(A) The trend in the association between chromosome fluctuation and the positioning of chromosomes against nuclear compartments. Chromosome regions with pale colors indicate the direction of q-arm and vice versa. (B) The interchromosomal aggregation of each CAF in mESCs. (C) The way of chromosome fluctuation of each CAF in mESCs.

Fig. S16. The property of contact between probes and SNFs.

(A) A heatmap shows the maximum contact frequency of probes for each chromosome. Contact frequencies of probes were calculated as the ratio of cells whether a probe colocalizes with a SNF within 300nm. (B) The density of cell for each quartile interval based on PTCF. Red lines indicate each quartile. (C) PTCF quartiles to which the median PTCF of cells in which each probe interacts with fibrillarin (< 300 nm) belongs. The X-axis is the count of probes. The Y-axis is the quartile groups of PTCF.

Table S1. The SNFs that were considered in this study.

Serial number	Name of nuclear factors	Abbreviation of nuclear factors	Position in nuclear	Description of nuclear factors
1	Telomere	-	Genomic DNA	A marker of the ends of chromosome
2	MisSat	Minor satellite	Genomic DNA	A marker of pericentromere
3	SINEB1	Short interspersed nuclear elements B1	Genomic DNA	-
4	LINE1	Long interspersed nuclear elements 1	Genomic DNA	-
5	mH2A1	Histone variant macroH2A 1	Chromatin	A marker of constitutive-heterochromatin
6	H3K9ac	Acetylation at the 9th lysine residue of the histone H3	Chromatin	A marker of open chromatin
7	H3K9me2	Di-methylation at H3K9	Chromatin	A marker of transcription inactivation
8	H3K9me3	Tri-methylation at H3K9	Chromatin	A marker of constitutive-heterochromatin
9	H3K27ac	-	Chromatin	A marker of open chromatin
10	H3K27me2	-	Chromatin	A marker of transcription inactivation
11	H3K27me3	-	Chromatin	A marker of transcription inactivation
12	H3pSer10	Phosphorylation at the 10th Serine residue of the histone H3	Chromatin	-
13	H4K16ac	-	Chromatin	A marker of open chromatin
14	H4K20me1	Mono-methylation at H4K20	Chromatin	A marker of transcription inactivation
15	H4K20me2	-	Chromatin	A marker of transcription inactivation
16	H4K20me3	-	Chromatin	A marker of constitutive-heterochromatin
17	RNAPIISer5-P	Phosphorylated RNAPII at serine 5 residue	Chromatin	A marker of transcription activation
18	Fibrillarin	-	Nucleolar	A maker of nucleolar
19	SF3a66	Splicing factor 3a subunit 66	Speckle	A maker of speckle
20	Lamin B1	-	Nuclear periphery	A marker of nuclear periphery

Table S2. The criteria of annotating nuclear compartments based on the clusters of gaussian mixture model.

Annotating steps	Name of Compartment	Abbreviation of interest	Description of Compartment
1	Repeat elements	repeat	Z-score of Minsat> 3 or z-score of Teromere >3
2	Nuclear speckle	speckle	Z-score of SF3a66 >3
3	Nucleolar	nucleolar	Z-score of Fibrillarin > 1.75
4	Constitutive heterochromatin	const-hetero	Z-score of H3K9me3 > 3, z-score of H4K20me3 > 3 or z-score of mH2A1 > 3
5	Transcriptionally active compartment-high	active-high	Z-score of RNAPIISer5P > 2.
6	Transcriptionally mixed compartment	mixed	Z-score of H3K9me3 > 2, z-score of H4K20me3 > 2 or z-score of mH2A1 > 2.
7	Transcriptionally active compartment-low	active-low	The others.

Table S3. Repeat DNAs that were considered in this study.

Serial number	Name of repeat DNAs	Abbreviation of repeat DNAs	Description
1	DNA	DNA repeat elements	
2	DNA?	DNA repeat elements ?	"?" signifies that "RepeatMasker" was unsure of the classification.
3	LINE	Long interspersed nuclear elements	
4	LINE?	Long interspersed nuclear elements ?	"?" signifies that "RepeatMasker" was unsure of the classification.
5	LTR	Long terminal repeat elements	
6	LTR?	Long terminal repeat elements ?	"?" signifies that "RepeatMasker" was unsure of the classification.
7	Low_complexity	Low complexity repeats	
8	Other	Other repeats	
9	RC	Rolling circle	
10	RC?	Rolling circle ?	
11	RNA	RNA repeats	
12	SINE	Short interspersed nuclear elements	
13	Satellite	Satellite repeats	
14	Simple_repeat	Simple repeats (micro-satellites)	
15	Unknown	Unknown	
16	rRNA	ribosomal RNA	
17	scRNA	small cytoplasmic RNA	
18	snRNA	small nuclear RNA	
19	srpRNA	signal recognition particle RNA	
20	tRNA	transfer RNA	

Table S4. Estimated periods of each PC mode.

Chromosome	PCmode1	PCmode2	PCmode3
chr1	660 min	295 min	287 min
chr2	660 min	303 min	277 min
chr3	660 min	257 min	239 min
chr4	660 min	298 min	274 min
chr5	660 min	295 min	288 min
chr6	660 min	273 min	266 min
chr7	660 min	287 min	274 min
chr8	660 min	289 min	266 min
chr9	660 min	283 min	239 min
chr10	660 min	310 min	291 min
chr11	660 min	299 min	246 min
chr12	660 min	276 min	257 min
chr13	660 min	277 min	243 min
chr14	660 min	295 min	250 min
chr15	660 min	300 min	286 min
chr16	660 min	321 min	279 min
chr17	660 min	353 min	274 min
chr18	660 min	307 min	259 min
chr19	660 min	346 min	334 min
chrX	660 min	270 min	251 min