Record Nr. UNINA9910300426803321 Autore Karschau Jens **Titolo** Mathematical Modelling of Chromosome Replication and Replicative Stress [[electronic resource] /] / by Jens Karschau Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2015 **ISBN** 3-319-08861-0 Edizione [1st ed. 2015.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (89 p.) Collana Springer Theses, Recognizing Outstanding Ph.D. Research, , 2190-5053 Disciplina 572.8645 Soggetti **Biophysics** Biological physics Statistical physics Dynamical systems Nucleic acids Genetic engineering **Physics** Biological and Medical Physics, Biophysics **Complex Systems Nucleic Acid Chemistry** Genetic Engineering Numerical and Computational Physics, Simulation Statistical Physics and Dynamical Systems Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references at the end of each chapters. Nota di contenuto Introduction -- Optimal Origin Placement for Minimal Replication Time -- Actively Replicating Domains Randomly Associate into Replication Factories -- Summary and Conclusions. Sommario/riassunto DNA replication is arguably the most crucial process at work in living cells. It is the mechanism by which organisms pass their genetic information from one generation to the next, and life on Earth would be

unthinkable without it. Despite the discovery of DNA structure in the 1950s, the mechanism of its replication remains rather elusive. This

work makes important contributions to this line of research. In particular, it addresses two key questions in the area of DNA replication: which evolutionary forces drive the positioning of replication origins in the chromosome; and how is the spatial organization of replication factories achieved inside the nucleus of a cell? A cross-disciplinary approach uniting physics and biology is at the heart of this research. Along with experimental support, statistical physics theory produces optimal origin positions and provides a model for replication fork assembly in yeast. Advances made here can potentially further our understanding of disease mechanisms such as the abnormal replication in cancer.