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Graphical abstract

Highlights
- The DNA damage response assemblies map (DDRAM) is a proteomics-driven map of DDR assemblies
- Complete interaction profiles for 21 factors, ± DNA damage, integrated with public data
- A total of 605 proteins organized in a hierarchy of 109 assemblies
- Functional readouts newly implicate 12 proteins in double-strand-break repair

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In brief
Kratz, Kim et al. perform a comprehensive screen for protein interactions centered on 21 DNA damage response (DDR) factors, which are integrated with existing proteomics data to construct a map of DDR protein assemblies called DDRAM. The map recovers canonical repair mechanisms and proposes new DDR-associated proteins extending to stress, transport, and chromatin functions, which are validated via a panel of physical and functional assays. DDRAM is available for interactive exploration at ccmi.org/ddram/.
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SUMMARY

The DNA damage response (DDR) ensures error-free DNA replication and transcription and is disrupted in numerous diseases. An ongoing challenge is to determine the proteins orchestrating DDR and their organization into complexes, including constitutive interactions and those responding to genomic insult. Here, we use multi-conditional network analysis to systematically map DDR assemblies at multiple scales. Affinity purifications of 21 DDR proteins, with/without genotoxin exposure, are combined with multi-omics data to reveal a hierarchical organization of 605 proteins into 109 assemblies. The map captures canonical repair mechanisms and proposes new DDR-associated proteins extending to stress, transport, and chromatin functions. We find that protein assemblies closely align with genetic dependencies in processing specific genotoxins and that proteins in multiple assemblies typically act in multiple genotoxin responses. Follow-up by DDR functional readouts newly implicates 12 assembly members in double-strand-break repair. The DNA damage response assemblies map is available for interactive visualization and query (ccmi.org/ddram/).

INTRODUCTION

To maintain the integrity of the genome throughout cell function and division, organisms have evolved a complex network of machinery known as the DNA damage response (DDR). This machinery includes repair pathways for distinct types of DNA lesions, including direct reversal, base excision repair (BER), nucleotide excision repair (NER), mismatch repair (MMR), interstrand crosslink repair (ICL), and double-stranded break (DSB) repair.1,2 It also includes apparatus for damage sensing,3 signal transducers that communicate the damage to repair factors and downstream effectors,4 and, when necessary, connections to stress and/or apoptotic responses.5-8 DDR is also intimately intertwined with basic cell support functions such as DNA replication, chromatin packaging, and cell-cycle checkpoints,9,10 ultimately involving thousands of gene expression and protein modification changes.11,12 Finally, the DDR plays a critical role in responding to chemotherapy-induced DNA damage and in dealing with elevated replication stress in cancer, motivating an avid interest in targeting DDR to enhance cancer treatment options.13–15

To cope with the complexity of the DDR and the constant influx of new knowledge, significant investment has been made to construct and maintain DDR reference maps, which provide essential resources for cataloging the many proteins involved and their organization as a hierarchy of sensing, signal transduction, and repair systems.16–19 A significant challenge faced by current maps is that they are based predominantly on the curation of literature, requiring them to reconcile numerous and sometimes conflicting findings. Furthermore, literature curation necessarily focuses on well-studied mechanisms and provides fewer details for understudied proteins or promising candidates,20 which comprise a large part of the human proteome.21–23 Toward achieving a more complete map, many studies have deployed genomic and proteomic screens that attempt to comprehensively identify genes, proteins, and interactions


**RESULTS**

**Defining a network of DDR protein interactions**

We used affinity purification MS (AP-MS) to comprehensively map the protein interaction partners of 21 affinity-tagged DDR proteins in a panel of tumorigenic (MDA-MB-231, MCF7) and non-tumorigenic (MCF10A) human breast cell lines (STAR Methods). The tagged proteins covered representative DDR signaling and sensor proteins (DD2B, NBN, RPA2, and XPC), regulation of cell-cycle checkpoints (CHEK2), and effectors of DNA repair (BRCA1, BRIP1, CHTF18, ERCC1, FANCC, MLH1, MSH2, MUS81, PALB2, RAD51C, RAD51D, SPRTN, and XRN2), including members of the BAF complex (ARID1A, SMARCB1, and SMARC1D1), which localizes to sites of DNA damage for chromatin remodeling and DNA repair factor recruitment.46–49 Interactions were identified during treatment with etoposide, a DNA damaging agent that induces both single-strand and double-strand DNA breaks via the inhibition of topoisomerase II,50,51 activating various DDR pathways52 (Figure 2 A). By comparing the etoposide-treated network with an untreated network generated with the same affinity-tagged proteins,53 we identified 99 “differential” interactions54 for which the interaction score significantly increased or diminished between conditions; remaining interactions were robustly present in both conditions and labeled as constitutive (Figure 2B; Table S1). This approach identified a total of 405 interactions, 295 of which had not been previously reported in protein interaction databases such as BioGRID55 or BioPlex56 (Figure 2C; STAR Methods). We found that the differential interactions were substantially more likely than the constitutive interactions to be absent from public databases (Figure 2D) and that the differentially interacting proteins were distinct from the constitutive proteins in their functions (Figure 2E).

To complement these AP-MS interaction data, we gathered a collection of 112 datasets providing general evidence for pairwise gene and protein interactions in humans, leveraging the work of multiple large consortia projects (Table S2; Figure 1B). These multi-omic datasets included measurements of mRNA co-expression, protein co-abundance, and gene co-essentiality gathered across numerous human cell lines and tissues, as well as biophysical protein-protein interactions gathered under basal conditions (i.e., without external treatment with DNA damage). These data thus represented an expansive summary of information about human gene and protein interactions available in the public domain.

DNA damage. Many of these associations represent new discoveries, demonstrating that the current DDR reference maps can be significantly expanded. Regardless, given the large volume of existing data, it is critical that each screen or line of experimental evidence is integrated alongside other relevant sources in an inclusive, data-driven strategy.

Here, we develop such a data-driven resource of DDR systems, based on the generation of DNA damage-induced protein networks and integrative analysis against a broad collection of multi-omics data (Figures 1A and 1B). This analysis constructs a hierarchical map of DDR protein assemblies at successive levels of molecular organization, which we call the DDR assemblies map (DDRAM, Figures 1C and 1D).

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**Figure 1. Overview**

(A) AP-MS screen for protein interactions with DDR proteins in different cell lines and before/after DNA damage induction.

(B) Collection of datasets representing four classes of interaction evidence (columns), each consisting of specific data resources. Number of datasets contributed by each resource given in parentheses. BioGRID, Biological General Repository for Interaction Datasets; BioPlex, Biophysical Interactions of ORFeome-derived complexes; HuRi, Human Reference Interactome; huMap, Census of Human Soluble Protein Complexes; CCLE, Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia; GDSC, Genomics of Drug Sensitivity in Cancer; TCGA, The Cancer Genome Atlas; GTEx, Genotype-Tissue Expression project; CPTAC, Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium; DepMap, Cancer Dependency Map.

(C) Input feature networks are integrated into a proteome-wide weighted network of protein–protein association scores (DAS, see text). Colors matched between network regions in (C) and corresponding assemblies in (D).

(D) Identification of hierarchically organized assemblies in the DAS network.

Associated with the DDR or with a specific DNA repair process. Although early screens were extensively carried out in budding yeast and other model species for reasons of experimental tractability, technical advances in genome editing and protein mass spectrometry (MS) enable the global interrogation of DDR pathways in humans.11,14–45 For example, Olivieri et al.44 recently analyzed human genome-wide CRISPR-Cas9 screens across a large panel of DNA damaging conditions, leading to 890 genes for which loss modulates the cellular response to
All new and previous datasets were integrated to form a single network using a framework based on random forest regression (Figure 3A; STAR Methods), with each pair of human proteins given a quantitative DDR protein association score (DAS). The DAS score combined all available interaction evidence in a weighted manner, with the influence of each evidence type trained for the best recovery of a previously published expert-curated list of DDR pathways (Figure S1; STAR Methods). We selected proteins that had high scoring or differential interactions with canonical DDR factors (Figure 3B; STAR Methods), yielding an integrated, fully connected, quantitative network of 605 proteins (Figures 1C and 3C). Although this network included proteins not currently included in any of the current DDR reference lists, further inspection suggested that some of these proteins nonetheless had been implicated in the DDR elsewhere in the literature. Accordingly, we performed extensive text mining to test each of the identified proteins for DDR mentions in the full protein records of RefSeq, UniProt, Ensembl, and the gene ontology subhierarchy “cellular response to DNA damage stimulus.”

Screening against this more permissive list indicated that 297 of the identified proteins had previous DDR annotations, whereas the remaining 308 were being newly documented with respect to DDR (Figure 3C; Table S3; STAR Methods).

**Multi-scale organization of DDR proteins into 109 assemblies**

We analyzed the integrated network using hierarchical community detection (Figure 3D; STAR Methods). We selected proteins that had high scoring or differential interactions with canonical DDR factors (Figure 3B; STAR Methods), yielding an integrated, fully connected, quantitative network of 605 proteins (Figures 1C and 3C). Although this network included proteins not currently included in any of the current DDR reference lists, further inspection suggested that some of these proteins nonetheless had been implicated in the DDR elsewhere in the literature. Accordingly, we performed extensive text mining to test each of the identified proteins for DDR mentions in the full protein records of RefSeq, UniProt, Ensembl, and the gene ontology subhierarchy “cellular response to DNA damage stimulus.”

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unstable assemblies were removed, yielding a robust hierarchical map of 109 protein assemblies which we call DDRAM (Figure 3G). Assemblies with at least an approximate match to a known molecular complex or process were named accordingly (STAR Methods). Twelve assemblies had no such match and were thus named only by systematic number (e.g., Asm842 labeled in Figure 3G), similar to the systematic naming of “OR-Faned” proteins without known function.

We noted that the largest assemblies of DDRAM capture the parallel organization of DNA damage repair pathways, identifying large protein communities corresponding to translesion synthesis (TLS), double-strand repair (DSR), NER, BER, and...
MMR (right to left in Figure 3G). These assemblies had good agreement with their counterparts in reference DDR databases such as Wood et al. 63 (Figure 4A), although DDRAM included additional proteins (blue shading in Figure 3G). We also noted an overarching “superassembly” formed from substantial interaction crosstalk among the DSR, NER, BER, and MMR assemblies, consistent with the common involvement of these pathways in processing DNA lesions. Other large assemblies were associated with chromatin regulation, ubiquitin modification, stress responses, proteasomal degradation, ribosomal biogenesis, and vesicle-based signaling machinery, which were not previously well covered by DDR databases (Figure 4A). Regardless, proteins in each of these assemblies had high network proximity to canonical DDR proteins (Figure 3B), prompting their inclusion in the data-driven map. The majority of large, top-level DDRAM assemblies factored into a hierarchy of progressively smaller and smaller subsystems, which in some cases (e.g., DSR, NER, and others) was several layers deep. Assemblies at this smaller scale were generally more numerous than their counterparts in DDR databases (Figure 4A). For example, the Fanconi anemia (FA) pathway was represented as a single group of proteins in the Wood reference63, whereas DDRAM identified FA as a hierarchical structure of four differentiated sub-assemblies that we named FA-I, FA-II, FA Core, and FA Anchor.64 Conversely, several functions covered by the DDR reference were not captured by DDRAM, including those related to modulation of nucleotide pools and repair of DNA-protein crosslinks (Figure 4A).

Because DDRAM depends on multiple types of evidence, we sought to illuminate which particular evidence types were important in determining its interactions and assemblies. We implemented a feature ranking system based on SHAP scores (shapely additive explanations, STAR Methods), a recent and increasingly popular approach to interpret machine learning models.65,66 For each protein-protein interaction in the DAS network (Figure 1C), we computed a profile of SHAP values, representing its relative support from each of the four major classes of evidence (Figure 3A). This analysis revealed that the strongest data type driving assembly formation was protein-protein physical association, which was of primary importance to the majority of interactions forming assemblies in DDRAM (Figure 4B). The other three classes of data showed greater heterogeneity in their importance across assemblies. Genetic co-dependency was particularly important in determining NER and DSR but less important elsewhere. In contrast, protein co-abundance was important for reconstituting components of DNA synthesis, the CCT chaperonin complex, and the uncharacterized assembly Asm839. RNA co-expression had a small SHAP contribution to many assemblies but was never of the highest importance (Figure 4B).

Within the general evidence type of physical association, we also examined the specific contribution of the AP-MS interactions we generated for the 21 DDR proteins. We recognized 37 assemblies that were significantly enriched for these interactions (FDR ≤ 0.1, Benjamini Hochberg correction), including nine for which AP-MS data made up the majority of physical associations (Figure 4C). Several of these were uncharacterized, such as a CHEK2-SPECC1-RAI14 assembly (Asm821) which brought together the DNA damage checkpoint kinase CHEK2 with RAI14, SPECC1, and MPRIP, three proteins not previously documented in the DDR (Figure 4D). In other cases, the AP-MS data expanded a known DDR complex with an unexpected factor, such as the association of MMR with the DExd-box ATP-dependent RNA helicase DDX50 (Figure 4E).

To provide additional physical support for the collection of DDRAM assemblies, we analyzed the 29,922 human protein-protein interactions recently reported as part of the OpenCell resource.67 This study had appeared in the literature after the construction of DDRAM and thus represented an independent dataset. We found that DDRAM assemblies were significantly enriched for the independent interactions (29 assemblies at FDR ≤ 0.1, Benjamini Hochberg correction, Figure 4F) over a wide range of community detection parameters (Figure S2). This enrichment was observed despite notable differences in ours versus the previous study, including different cell lines and conditions as well as a few bait proteins targeted in common, since OpenCell had not focused on DDR specifically (rather, much support came from OpenCell interactions that interconnected DDRAM preys). This general agreement between OpenCell and DDRAM extended to Asm842, an “ORFaned” assembly that had not matched to known subcellular complexes, consisting of the prefoldin subunits PFDN1/2/5/8 together with VBP1 (Von Hippel-Lindau tumor suppressor binding protein).

**DDR assemblies associate with specific dependencies to genotoxic stress**

We next explored the relationship of DDRAM assemblies with the function of these assemblies in the response to DNA damaging agents. For this purpose, we accessed the genome-wide CRISPR-Cas9 chemogenetic screens recently performed by Olivieri et al.44 following exposure to each of the 27 genotoxins. This analysis identified many significant associations between protein assemblies in DDRAM and genetic dependencies in processing different agents (Figure 5A, 647 assembly-agent associations at FDR < 20%, covering 98 assemblies and all 27 agents). In each of these cases, an assembly was significantly enriched for proteins for which a gene knockout causes genotoxin sensitivity or resistance. Two-dimensional clustering revealed six major groups of agents based on their common dependencies on DDRAM assemblies (Figures 5A and 5B). Given
that the repair mechanisms triggered by different genotoxic agents are diverse and in many cases incompletely understood, we reasoned that the clusterings should reinforce known or hypothesized mechanisms as well as suggest new relationships. For instance, ultraviolet radiation (UV), illudin S, and benzo(a)pyrene-diol-epoxide (BPDE) were part of the same cluster based on...
similar genetic dependencies induced by these agents on protein assemblies involved in NER and transcription-coupled NER (TC-NER). While this result might have been expected given the common ability of these agents to create transcription-blocking DNA lesions, illudin S has typically been expected given the common ability of these agents to create transcription-blocking DNA lesions, illudin S: transcription-interfering; BPDE, UV: helix distorting lesion. Another cluster was formed by the alkylation agents cisplatin, methyl methanesulfonate (MMS), and N-methyl-N-nitro-N-nitosoguanidine (MNNG) due to their common reliance on FA assemblies for processing, as predicted many decades ago. Although cisplatin is often classified by its activity as a DNA crosslinker, here, it clustered strongly with other alkylation agents rather than with other cross-linkers such as formaldehyde (Figure 5A). One might have further expected that cisplatin would be processed predominantly via NER, whereas MMS and MNNG processed via BER. However, we noted the CRISPR screen had implemented a long exposure to these genotoxins at a relatively mild dose (5 days, LD20), revealing a complex cellular response including a strong additional requirement for HR and FA assemblies. This analysis shows how DDRAM assemblies can be combined with genetic screens to gain insights into the usage, crosstalk, and balance of DDR mechanisms in response to, and in the processing of, different genotoxins.

We found that assembly-agent associations could also provide specific support for proteins newly associated with DDR (Figure 5A). Among these was the PHD-finger chromatin factor PHF10, a protein not annotated as a DDR protein in reference databases and only first associated with this process while our study was in review. Here, PHF10 was implicated as a DDR candidate by its inclusion in the DDRAM hierarchy of chromatin regulator complexes (Table S3). Knockout of PHF10 conferred a pattern of genotoxin sensitivities that was very similar to that seen for other chromatin factors in its assembly (Figure 5C), corroborating the DDRAM structural assignment with functional evidence from the genotoxicity screen. Another example was provided by the heterotrimeric protein complex we had labeled “STK11 G1 arrest,” consisting of the serine-threonine kinase STK11 (also called LKB1), the pseudo-kinase STRADA (STE20-related kinase adapter protein alpha), and the calcium-binding scaffolding protein CAB39. Our analysis implicated this complex in the responses to many genotoxins, particularly hydrogen peroxide (H2O2, Figure 5A), due to common sensitizing effects of all three gene knockouts and particularly severe effects for CAB39 (z = −10.9). Given that STK11 has been implicated in related responses, such as to ionizing radiation and reactive oxygen species (ROS), our findings highlight a role for this assembly, and for CAB39 in particular, in safeguarding DNA replication. Notably, neither of these examples (PHF10, CAB39) had been investigated in the Olivieri et al. study beyond their inclusion as assemblies enriched for BER and short-patch BER proteins, including APLF, LIG3, PNKP, POLβ (DNA polymerase beta), and XRCC1 (Figure 6D). With the exception of PNKP, we found that recruitment of these factors depends on the activity of PARP1, the major signal transduction enzyme that marks DNA damage with poly-ADP-ribose (PAR) chains (Figure 5A). Recruitments of POLβ and LIG3 were also abrogated by XRCC1 knockout (Figure 5A), suggesting an additional requirement for XRCC1 scaffolding to facilitate

Validating DDRAM proteins with specific readouts of repair

We next explored the mapping between membership in specific assemblies and specific DNA repair readouts. For this purpose, we selected 28 proteins from various assemblies across DDRAM (Figure 6A) and tested their activities in specific assays for either SSR, DSR, or both. This list contained a mixture of known DDR factors and undocumented candidates, and it prioritized proteins with demonstrated nuclear localizations, direct interactions to AP-MS baits, and strong interaction (DAS) scores, as well as proteins without knockout fitness defects (STAR Methods).

To assay SSR function and dynamics, we created fusions of each protein with EGFP (enhanced green fluorescent protein), enabling its localization in live cells following laser induction of single-strand DNA breaks (Figure 6B). By this approach, proteins recruited to sites of DNA damage exhibit a dynamic fluorescent signal that is spatially localized to the site of micro-irradiation (Figures 6C and S3). Significant recruitment signal was observed for five proteins selected from assemblies enriched for BER and short-patch BER proteins, including APLF, LIG3, PNKP, POLβ (DNA polymerase beta), and XRCC1 (Figure 6D).
Figure 6. Function in single- and double-strand DNA breaks

(A) DDRAM map highlighting assemblies from which proteins were sampled for functional testing.

(B) Recruitment analysis of fluorescently tagged proteins after induction of single-stranded DNA breaks by 405 nm laser-induced micro-irradiation. Selected proteins tagged with enhanced green fluorescent protein (EGFP).

(C) Confocal fluorescent microscopy images showing EGFP intensity dynamics following laser micro-irradiation. Scale bars, 10 μm.

(D) Peak recruitment intensity for EGFP-tagged proteins. Positive signals were observed for BER-related proteins (orange); *p ≤ 0.05, **p ≤ 0.001, NS, not significant. The wide line denotes the mean and the whiskers denote ±/SEM.

(E) Assay for homology-directed repair (HDR) activity in repair of DNA double-strand breaks. As HDR works to restore a functional GFP, fluorescence intensity correlates with relative HDR efficiency. I-SceI, cut site for Intron-encoded restriction endonuclease from Saccharomyces cerevisiae mitochondria. SceGFP, GFP gene cassette interrupted by I-SceI site; iGFP, internal fragment of GFP gene.

(F) Assay for single-strand annealing (SSA) activity in repair of DNA double-strand breaks. ΔI-SceI, deletion of I-SceI site. (E) and (F) adapted from Gunn and Stark.80

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binding. In contrast to proteins in the BER assemblies, little or no signal was observed for other DDRAM proteins, which had been drawn from seven other assemblies widely distributed in the map (Figures 6A and 6D). These results suggested that recruitment to DNA single-strand breaks is a highly specific property consistent with the assembly structure of DDRAM.

To assay for DSR function, we used the I-SceI assay, which evaluates the ability to repair an induced DNA DSB in a GFP reporter construct (STAR Methods). One version of the reporter could be restored to function (expression of GFP) by homology-directed repair (HDR, Figure 6E), whereas a second reporter required single-strand annealing (SSA, Figure 6F), an alternative DSR mechanism. In either case, proteins were knocked down by delivery of small interfering RNAs (siRNAs) in cell cultures, which were subsequently imaged to count the fraction of fluorescent nuclei, indicative of repair-competent cells (Figure 6G). Knockdown of BRCA1 impaired both HDR and SSA readouts, consistent with its known roles in both pathways, whereas knockdown of BRCA2, which functions selectively in HDR, caused a compensatory increase in SSA (Figures 6H–6J). Similarly, knockdown of RIF1, a well-known protein involved in non-homologous end joining (NHEJ), led to a compensatory increase in HDR.

Having verified that these well-known factors alter reporter activity in predictable ways, we then turned to candidates not yet shown to function in DSR. Of 15 tested proteins, knockdown of 12 significantly altered DNA repair efficiency as measured by the HDR or SSA reporters (Figure 6J). A preponderance of these knockdowns increased HDR efficiency while simultaneously decreasing SSA efficiency (6 proteins: ELAVL1, DDX50, DPF2, HNRNPDL, RAI14, and RBBP7). One knockdown that reduced the efficiency of both reporters, like the BRCA1 control, was that of Myeloid Leukemia Factor 2 (MLF2, Figures 6H–6J, S4B, and S4C; Table S4). In general, proteins with activity in the DSR assays were distributed broadly across the DDRAM map, including expected effects from proteins in HR and NHEJ assemblies and major unexpected effects from those in the CHEK2-SPECC1-RAI14 assembly (Asm821), stress response, and vesicle trafficking assemblies. This result was in contrast to the high specificity we had observed for SSR assays, which identified proteins exclusively in BER assemblies (Figure 6D).

Navigating the multi-scale map

We developed an interactive web-based system (ccmi.org/ddram) to enable the research community to access and analyze the DDRAM resource (STAR Methods). The system offers facilities for visualization, search, and enrichment analysis (HiView, Figure 7) as well as data export. Visually, the collection of protein assemblies at different scales of analysis is represented as a kaleidoscopic series of nested circles (see also Figure 3F). For each assembly (circle), the supporting network of DAS scores is shown in a separate pane on the right. Individual protein interactions in the network can be selected to reveal the most supportive data types as determined with the SHAP method (see above), increasing the transparency with which any given protein is assigned to a particular assembly. Users can opt to color proteins by their assembly assignments or by alternate information, such as the predominant evidence type supporting the inclusion of the protein, whether a protein is involved in multiple assemblies, whether it is an AP-MS bait or prey, or whether it was previously documented in DDR.

DISCUSSION

This work deploys an integrative multi-omics strategy to identify a compendium of DDR factors and organize them into a hierarchical map of protein assemblies at progressive physical scales. The resulting resource, DDRAM, complements current protein function databases in three interrelated ways. First, DDRAM provides a data-driven definition for whether a protein is assigned to DDR, based on quantitative and reproducible rules for weighing the strength of the experimental evidence (Figure 3A; STAR Methods). Second, DDR proteins are assigned to modular assemblies that are themselves identified by quantitative, reproducible rules (Figure 3F). For both of these reasons, DDRAM is not restricted to well-studied proteins or known functional categories but readily incorporates new elements through systematic consideration of the integrated data. Third, the systematic formulation of DDRAM means it is also scalable, in that it can be regularly updated to incorporate future large-scale experiments in an automated and sustainable manner.

Although DDRAM includes most previously recorded DDR proteins and their specific assignments to repair systems (Figure 4A), it also captures proteins not yet annotated to DDR (Figure 4C; Table S3). Our experiments with the HDR and SSA EGFP reporters (Figures 6E–6J) provide, to our knowledge, the first direct experimental evidence of the involvement of 12 of these candidates in modulating the repair of DNA DSBs. All but two (SFN/14-3-3σ and ELAVL1/HuR) have yet to be associated with DDR generally. Some of these proteins were highlighted by their inclusion in smaller highly robust systems. The CHEK2-SPECC1-RAI14 assembly (Asm821), for example, was identified based on our AP-MS pull-downs of the cell-cycle checkpoint protein CHEK2 (Figure 4D) and includes the proteins sperm antigen with calponin homology and coiled-coil domains 1 (SPECC1) and retinoic acid induced 14 (RAI14), for which the functions have been largely uncharacterized. Knockdown of these proteins caused significant increases in HDR activity, with effects for SPECC1 in excess of the RIF1 positive control (Figure 6H). These proteins may be substrates of CHEK2 or, alternatively, modulators of its kinase activity or subcellular...
location. Apart from these proteins, the majority of HDR/SSA-validated proteins (7/12) are contained within the “DNA repair superassembly” which encompasses the major DNA repair pathways. In some cases, these experiments are further supported by results from previously published ‘omics datasets. MLF2, for example, has been reported to be transcriptionally up-regulated in response to DNA damage but, until our study, had not yet shown to have direct protein-protein associations or functional effects within DNA repair. Here, we observed a significant requirement for both HDR and SSA, similar to BRCA1 but with a milder phenotype (Figure 6H). A more common pattern among protein knockdowns was to increase HDR while decreasing SSA in a compensatory fashion. This result supports these proteins as SSA factors or, alternatively, suppressors of HDR. Another possibility is that some of the proteins function at cell-cycle checkpoints, as such factors can also score significantly in HDR/SSA assays. Notably, none of the knockdowns tested were particularly toxic to cells in the absence of a double-stranded DNA break (Figure S4C), suggesting that any effects on cell proliferation are linked to DNA damage.

In contrast to the HDR/SSA assays, which corroborated proteins and assemblies across the DDRAM map, the DNA break recruitment assay very specifically highlighted proteins in the BER and short-patch BER assemblies (Figures 6A–6D). Although the recruitment of the scaffold protein XRCC1 to sites of DNA damage is known to be PAR-dependent, we found that the XRCC1-binding proteins POLβ and LIG3 are also recruited in a PAR- and XRCC1-dependent manner and that APLF is dependent on PAR but less so on XRCC1 (Figure S4A). These findings suggest a model whereby the recruitment of the BER assembly to sites of DNA damage is primarily dependent on PAR formation and, for some factors, further dependent on XRCC1 (Figure 6D). As an exception, our experiments show that PNKP is recruited mostly independent of PAR and of XRCC1, despite the physical interaction between XRCC1 and PNKP at multiple contact sites. Regardless, the close alignment between the BER assembly in DDRAM and the DNA break recruitment assay serves as a proof-of-concept for how readers might select other DDRAM systems of interest and pair them with specific matching readouts for further study.

Another source of experimental support for DDRAM was provided by chemogenetic screens, which complement the protein assemblies along several lines. First, chemogenetic screens benefit DDRAM by serving to functionally validate any assemblies that are specifically enriched for proteins required for a given genotoxic response. Indeed, we noted that the
organization of DDRAM assemblies was closely aligned to the genotoxicity response profiles, providing support for many assemblies (Figures 5A and 5B). Second, DDRAM benefits chemogenetic screens by structurally organizing their hits (i.e., proteins determined to regulate a genotoxic response). The ability to organize hits into common protein assemblies suggests a common mechanistic role. A third result of integrating DDRAM with chemogenetics is to classify genotoxins into distinct groups according to their common dependencies on protein assemblies. This classification reinforces known mechanisms of action while representing a distinct, data-driven organization complementary to the literature. In this vein, future studies (guided by protein assemblies and agent reclassification) have the potential to identify new hits missed by the original screen.

A notable finding raised by DDRAM is the association of DDR with mitochondrial function, including physical and functional interactions of DDB2 and CHTF18 with multiple mitochondrial proteins (SLC25A1, SLC25A10, MRPL11, NDUFA10, SSBP1, and CYC1; Figure 4D). These results are supported by, and corroborate, prior reports of mitochondrial dysfunction in syndromes with defective DDR and cancer predisposition. For example, knockout of genes whose proteins localize to the mitochondrion were shown to modify the cellular response to multiple DNA damaging agents by inducing either resistance or sensitivity. Additionally, the abolition of mitochondrial fusion caused a substantial defect in ATM-mediated DDR signaling, impairing the formation of BRC1 and 53BP1 foci on genotoxic stress induction, loss of mitochondrial complex I resulted in significant sensitivity to olaparib in ovarian cancer cells; and downregulation of mitochondrial genes was found in Fanconi anemia patients. Finally, in prior results using fluorescence-based protein microscopy (Human Protein Atlas: proteinatlas.org), CHTF18 was localized to the cytosol, including mitochondria as well as the nucleus, further supporting its mitochondrial connection.

**Limitations of the study**

Given that DDRAM can systematically implicate proteins in DDR, including previously unannotated ones, does this mean it is completely unbiased? The answer to this question is almost certainly “no,” since one clear bias lies in selection of the 21 proteins targeted by AP-MS experiments (“baits”), which were focused on known DDR factors by design. Given this initial selection, the interacting proteins (“preys”) are identified in an unbiased proteome-wide fashion, however. Furthermore, these targeted experiments are backstopped by the multi-omics data, which add connections not covered by the targeted experiments, prioritized by the strength of support across multiple lines of evidence. Another potential bias lies in the choice of breast cells for the AP-MS studies or the choice of etoposide as DNA damaging agent. Etoposide triggers a broad cellular response involving multiple DDR-related pathways, a fact reflected in our own analysis (Figure 5A). It is also a prominent chemotherapy in treatment of breast cancer and many other tumor types; hence, the relevance of these conditions for this initial DDRAM map. Regardless, the exploration of further cellular and genotoxic contexts is clearly desirable and will be greatly aided by ongoing efforts to improve the efficiency and cost of protein interaction mapping.

Moreover, as such technology improves, the framework presented here might be further generalized and extended, providing a template for construction of multi-scale maps for other biological processes and diseases.

**STAR METHODS**

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**Cell line growth media**

- DMEM with 10% FBS, 80u Penicillin/80mg Streptomycin 2mM L-Glutamine
- Media #1 supplemented with Puromycin (1.0 mg/ml)
- Media #1 without Penicillin and Streptomycin

**Cell lines (description)**

| U2OS (Human osteosarcoma tumor cell line) | ATCC | Media #1 |
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| U2OS DR/SA-GFP | PMID 22941618 | Stark lab |

**Vectors (Description)**

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- pLV-CMV-XRCC1/EGFP-Hygro (EGFP Fused to the C-Terminus of Human XRCC1 & a Hygromycin Resistance Cassette) | PMID: 34731617 | Sobol lab stock 1726 |

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RESOURCE AVAILABILITY

Lead contact
Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Trey Ideker <tideker@health.ucsd.edu>.

Materials availability
Plasmids generated in this study are available upon request under material transfer agreement.

Data and code availability
- All mass spectrometry raw data files and search results from this study are deposited in the PRIDE partner ProteomeXchange repository (http://www.proteomexchange.org). ProteomeXchange records can be accessed with the identifiers PXD028064 and PXD037494. The DAS network is available at https://doi.org/10.6076/D17304. All data reported in this paper will be shared by the lead contact upon request.
- The DDRAM home page at ccmi.org/ddram provides links to (1) DDRAM as a Cytoscape-compatible network on NDEX (https://doi.org/10.18119/N9X31K) and (2) DDRAM viewed in the HiView web application.
- The HiView source code is available under an open source license at https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7762010.
- Any additional information required to reanalyze the data reported in this paper is available from the lead contact upon request.

METHOD DETAILS

AP-MS for DDR proteins
The cDNAs of selected bait proteins were cloned into doxycycline-inducible 3xFLAG-tagged lentiviral vectors and transduced into MDA-MB-231 cells. After doxycycline-induced expression, anti-FLAG-based affinity-purification was performed as previously described. To examine the effects of DNA damage, cells were either untreated or treated with the DNA damaging agent etoposide (2.5 μM, 16 hrs) before harvesting. Co-associated “prey” proteins were identified by mass spectrometry and scored to select high-confidence interactions. In particular, protein spectral counts as determined by MaxQuant (version 2.0.3.1) were used for protein-protein interaction (PPI) confidence scoring by both SAINTexpress (version 3.6.1) and CompPASS (version 0.0.0.9000). For SAINTexpress, control samples in which bait protein was not induced by doxycycline were used. For CompPASS, a statistics table representing all non-doxycycline-induced samples (at least one per each bait) was used as background control. To produce a PPI dataset of high quality, we required PPIs to pass stringent criteria by both SAINT and CompPASS algorithms. We defined a PPI score on a scale between 0 and 1, wherein WD (from CompPASS) and BFDR (from SAINTexpress) were equally weighted:

\[
PPI \text{ score} = \frac{1}{2} \left( WD \text{ percentile} + \left( 1 - \text{BFDR} \right) \right)
\]
WD is a metric calculated from total spectral counts, which incorporates the reproducibility, specificity and abundance of each interaction. BFDR is a Bayesian False Discovery Rate. To define DDR interaction networks (Figure 2), we included protein pairs for which PPI score $> 0.9$ in either treatment condition. For these pairs we also calculated a differential interaction score $S_{\text{diff}}$ according to the formula:

$$S_{\text{diff}} = S_{\text{treated}} \times (1 - S_{\text{untreated}})$$

where $S_{\text{treated}}$ and $S_{\text{untreated}}$ are the SAINTeXpress confidence scores determined for each respective interaction. $S_{\text{diff}}$ was assigned a Bayesian false discovery rate (BFDR) estimate as described, with interactions having $S_{\text{diff}}$ BFDR $< 0.2$ defined as “differential”. Functional enrichment analysis of interaction partners (preys) was performed via overrepresentation test using the PANTHER GO Biological Process Complete database (version 17.0). GO terms were reanalyzed by Revigo (Tree Map) to identify cluster-representative terms. For the AP-MS performed in untreated conditions, data for some baits were newly collected here (CHTF18, DDB2, ERCC1, MUS81, NBN, SPRRTN, TDP2), whereas data for remaining baits had been collected earlier using an identical pipeline. For TDP2 AP-MS experiments, no interactions passed the selection criteria described above (save for pulldown of TDP2 itself); therefore TDP2 was excluded from further analysis.

Collection of multi-omics datasets

We compiled a collection of 112 feature vectors describing interactions among all pairs of proteins encoded by the human genome (Human Genome Organization gene symbols as of Feb. 2017; 19,035 unique symbols). Interaction evidence was categorized by four major classes: physical interaction, co-expression, co-abundance and co-essentiality (Figure 1B; Table S1).

Physical interaction (8 features)

We selected four studies for the physical interaction feature class: BioGRID v4.4.209 (restricted to high-confidence PPIs in the “multi-validated” category), BioPlex 2.0, hu.Map, and the Human Reference Interactome (HuRI). The result was a vector of scores on 181,156,095 human protein pairs for each of the four studies. For BioGRID and HuRI, scores were provided as binary values (1 = interaction / 0 = non-interaction), whereas for BioPlex and hu.Map scores were provided as real numbers in the range [0, 1]. We also created embedded representations of each of the four studies using node2vec with standard parameters.

mRNA co-expression (91 features)

For mRNA co-expression features, we selected four sources: cell line collections from the CCLE (16 features), GDSC (20 features), human tumor samples from the TCGA project (28 features), and healthy human tissues from GTEx (27 features). Co-expression was calculated as Pearson correlation.

Protein co-abundance (3 features)

Protein co-abundance was calculated using the Pearson correlation, drawing proteomics data from two studies from the Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium (CPTAC) in breast and ovarian cancer samples, and an additional breast cancer cell line study.

Genetic co-essentiality (10 features)

The genetic co-essentiality feature class included CRISPR/Cas9 gene loss-of-function screens, which have examined the effects on cell proliferation of knockouts of each non-essential human gene different cell lines (DMap) or genotoxic conditions. For each gene pair in DepMap, we computed the pairwise “co-essentiality” as the Pearson correlation of dependency scores across cell lines. Separate gene-gene correlations were computed for the cell lines belonging to each DepMap tissue type (7 features) and also for all cell lines, regardless of tissue, as a single global profile (1 feature). A similar gene-gene co-essentiality score was computed using the z-scores measured for each gene across genotoxic agents profiled by Olivieri et al., including an embedded representation of the Olivieri screen using node2vec with standard parameters (2 features). NB: To avoid circularity, the cross-comparison of DDR protein assemblies with the Olivieri chemogenetic screen (Figure 5) used an alternative version of DDRAM built without these features as input.

Integration of evidence to build the DAS score

The DDR AP-MS and multi-omics data (see above sections) were integrated to obtain a single quantitative DAS score for each protein pair (Figure 3A), as follows. First, the DDR AP-MS interactions were added to the BioGRID physical interaction feature, by setting this feature to its maximum value of 1 for all protein pairs identified by the DDR AP-MS to interact in either condition, untreated or etoposide. Following this step, the node2vec embedded representation of BioGRID was recomputed as well. [NB: The rationale for including the new AP-MS data in this way is that BioGRID is a general protein interaction database that attempts to summarize data from all prior published interaction studies. Here we thus performed a pre-publication update to BioGRID, since following publication of our study the public BioGRID repository would soon contain our data.] Following this update, the entire set of multi-omics features was used as inputs to a random forest regression model trained to predict protein-protein functional similarity. As a “bronze standard” for functional similarity, we used the hierarchical ontology of DDR functions previously curated from literature by a committee of human experts. This ontology contained 75 functions spread across 5 increasingly specific layers (Figure S1), with functions annotated for a total of 424 DDR proteins. To broaden training, we added to this ontology an “outgroup” of the same number of proteins (n=424), each annotated directly to the root. Outgroup proteins were selected arbitrarily from those not in the Pearl reference and not annotated with subcellular locations in the nucleus according to the Human Protein Atlas, making them less likely to be
DNA repair proteins. Given this annotated hierarchy, the pairwise similarity $s_{a,b}$ for proteins $(a, b)$ was calculated using the Resnik semantic similarity score as:

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\text{\emph{similarity value accepted = 0.01, mode of alignment = “criss_cross”}}.
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Multi-scale community detection

We used CliXO 1.0\cite{11,12} to identify the multi-scale (hierarchical) structure of communities present in the network of DAS scores. CliXO 1.0 has four parameters which influence the breadth ($\alpha$), depth ($\beta$) and sensitivity ($m$ and $z$) of the clustering (Figures S2A and S2B). To select these, we generated 320 maps systematically scanning over different parameter combinations. These maps were evaluated according to a variety of criteria, including the agreement with reference databases of DDR gene function and independent sources of protein interactions. For example, we noted significant enrichment for protein-protein interactions measured by OpenCell,\cite{15} with according to a variety of criteria, including the agreement with reference databases of DDR gene function and independent sources of protein interactions. Following training, the outputs of the random forest were taken as the collection of DAS scores for all human protein pairs (https://doi.org/10.6076/D17304).

Labeling protein assemblies

Protein assemblies were labeled with informative names in a multi-stage process. In the first stage, we assigned names by aligning DDRAM to the reference ontology of DDR functions\cite{17} (Figure S1). An ontology “alignment” was defined as a mapping of each assembly in DDRAM to at most one assembly in the reference, and vice versa. Ontology alignment was performed using the alignOntology algorithm\cite{18} with parameters (\emph{similarity value accepted = 0.01, mode of alignment = “criss_cross”}). For successful 1:1 alignments, the name of the DDR reference function was transferred to the label of the DDRAM assembly. For assemblies that still did not have a label, this initial stage was followed by a second stage of labeling. In this second stage, the alignment procedure was repeated substituting the Pearl et al. reference with the DDR branch of the Gene Ontology v2022-03-22\cite{19} (subhierarchy under “GO 0006974: Cellular response to DNA damage stimulus”). Following these two stages of automated labeling, all DDRAM assembly labels were validated individually by the authors, with labels adjusted as necessary to best capture the state of knowledge of the assembly with respect to DDR pathways.

Assembly robustness analysis

We sought to prune from DDRAM those assemblies whose identification was not robust to random perturbations to the input features. For this purpose, we generated 100 different multi-omic input sets, each using different random seed parameters to compute the node2vec embeddings. From each bootstrapped input feature set, we built a novel instance of DDRAM with the same community detection parameters as determined previously; each bootstrapped DDRAM instance was then aligned to the original non-bootstrapped DDRAM using ontology alignment (community detection and ontology alignment are described in above sections). The mean alignment score of each assembly over the 100 bootstrapped alignments was denoted as the assembly “robustness”. We noted 25 assemblies with low robustness score <25% which were also incoherent functionally with insignificant enrichment in any branch of the Gene Ontology (save for one assembly, Vesicles and Secretion); these incoherent assemblies were removed from DDRAM. [NB: Removing an assembly did not remove any proteins from DDRAM, as these defaulted to annotation with the authors, with labels adjusted as necessary to best capture the state of knowledge of the assembly with respect to DDR pathways.]

Analysis of important evidence types

SHapley Additive exPlanations scores (SHAP)\cite{20,21} were used to understand which of the multi-omic input features were most important in driving the DAS score of any particular pairwise protein-protein interaction. A DAS score was deconvolved into a set of 112 SHAP scores (one for each input feature, see above) using GPUTreeExplainer.\cite{22} To derive the importance score of an assembly (Figure 4B), we selected the 2000 interactions with the highest SHAP scores for each input feature class (physical, co-expression, co-abundance, dependency), then calculated the fraction of these interactions in each assembly. To determine the information that should be displayed when selecting a particular protein-protein interaction in the DDRAM visualization system (HiView, see below), we elected to show the input features with largest relative SHAP scores (absolute value larger than the median SHAP score plus one standard deviation).
Lentiviral transduction
Lentiviral vectors (VectorBuilder, Inc.) were designed for expression of proteins of interest (Figure 6A) as EGFP fusions. Lentiviral particles were generated by co-transfection of plasmids into 293-FT cells using the TransIT-X2 Transfection reagent. These corresponded to the packaging vectors pMD2.g (VSVG), pVSV-REV and pMDLg/pRRE together with the appropriate shuttle vectors (key resources table). Forty-eight hours after transfection, lentivirus-containing supernatant was collected and passed through 0.45 μM filters to isolate viral particles as described previously.\textsuperscript{157–159} Lentiviral transduction was performed in U2OS cells arrayed in 6-well plates at ~2×10^5 cells/well. Approximately 24h later, lentiviral particles were mixed with polybrene (8μg/ml), added to the cells, and incubated at 32°C overnight. Cells were then cultured for at least 2 weeks at 37°C prior to further experimental analysis.

Laser microirradiation
To assay for single-strand repair functions (Figures 6B–6D), approximately 5×10^4 U2OS cells (expressing EGFP-fusion proteins, as indicated above) were seeded into an 8-chamber glass bottom vessel. After 24 hours, media were removed and replaced with fresh media optionally containing the PARP1/PARP2 inhibitor ABT-888 (10μM, Veliparib) or an equal volume of DMSO for controls. Cells were incubated for 1h at 37°C, after which laser microirradiation was performed using a 405nm laser (1/8s stimulation). Time-lapse images (20X objective) were collected every 15s during a 20m interval using a Nikon A1r confocal microscope (selected time points shown in Figure S3). Images of focal recruitment were quantified using an in-house image analysis workflow (MIDAS) to detect focal recruitment and statistically analyze image results.\textsuperscript{31} Individual cells (2 sets of 10 cells, each performed on 2 separate days for a total of 40 cells analyzed) were micro-irradiated and analyzed to generate recruitment profiles and kinetic parameters. Time to peak (mean ±SEM) and half-life of recruitment (means±SEM) were determined using MIDAS. Statistical comparisons (one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey’s post-hoc test) and graphical representations were generated using GraphPad Prism.

Double-strand repair assays
To assay for double-strand repair functions (Figures 6E–6J), U2OS cells were reverse transfected by plating 1×10^5 cells in antibiotic-free media in wells of a 24-well plate containing preformed transfection complexes with 15 pmol siRNA and 1.5 μL Lipofectamine 3000 Reagent (Invitrogen) in Opti-MEM (Fisher Scientific). This mixture was refreshed 24 hours post-transfection then, 48 hours post-transfection, 1.5 μg I-SceI expression vector was delivered to each sample. Cells were incubated with transfection complexes for 24 hrs at 37°C. Cells were replated onto 96-well optical plates (Corning) and allowed to grow for an additional 48 hours. Transfection of each construct was performed in triplicate (biological replicate), and each replicate was plated to a total of four wells across two plates (technical replicates). Cells were then stained with Hoechst33342 (Thermo) washed twice with PBS, fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (ThermoFisher) in PBS, and washed two more times with PBS. Cells were imaged using a Keyence microscope with a 10x Plan Apochromat Objective. DNA repair activity was assessed by quantification of the percentages of GFP+ cells, normalized by plate and then to negative controls. Unnormalized percentages of GFP+ cells are shown in Table S4.

Cell viability assays to determine siRNA tolerance
U2OS cells were reverse transfected by plating 10^5 cells in antibiotic-free media in wells of a 96-well plate containing preformed transfection complexes with 3 pmol siRNA and 0.3 μL Lipofectamine 3000. Media was replaced after 24 hours; after a further 24 hours, cells were replated into two 96-well plates. Transfection of each construct was performed in five separate wells (biological replicate), and each replicate was plated to a total of two wells, one in each of two plates (technical replicates). Growth was measured using a Tecan Infinite M200 Pro using CellTiter-Glo (Promega) following the manufacturer’s protocol. Luminescence was normalized by plate-matched negative control wells.

Quantitative Real-Time PCR (qRTPCR) to determine siRNA efficacy
U2OS cells were reverse transfected by plating 10^5 cells in antibiotic-free media in wells of a 6-well plate (Corning) containing preformed transfection complexes with 75 pmol siRNA and 7.5 μL Lipofectamine 3000. Media was replaced after 24 hours; after a further 24 hours, cells were harvested. Total RNA was extracted using an RNAeasy Mini Plus Kit (Qiagen), and a cDNA library was generated using an iScript cDNA synthesis kit. Relative RNA levels of GAPDH (control) and transcripts of interest (key resources table) were assessed using a CFX96 real-time system with a C1000 Touch Thermal Cycler (Bio-RAD), with different fluorescent probes for GAPDH and the transcript of interest registered to different wavelengths in the same well. Each sample was measured in triplicate. Error was estimated by propagating the standard error of the mean of each change in critical threshold (dCt) value through subtraction and exponentiation.

Architecture of the interactive web portal
The DDRAM interactive portal is based on HiView, an application that users run in a web browser. The HiView front-end interface was developed using the React framework (http://reactjs.org/) and designed to be easily deployed to Apache (http://httpd.apache.org/) or Nginx (http://www.nginx.com/) web servers. The UI is based on a high-performance circle-packing rendering engine which provides an intuitive representation of multi-scale (hierarchical) relations among biological objects. This front end communicates with back-end servers through RESTful APIs. To store and serve the DDRAM hierarchy and the associated DAS network, the back end relies on the Network Data Exchange (NDEX, http://ndexbio.org/), a public cyberinfrastructure for biological network data.

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The back end also contains a data processing microservice written in Java. Source code for the HiView framework and the specific DDRAM instance is available at https://github.com/idekerlab/hiview/tree/ddram-revise under an Open Source license.

**QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

The statistical analyses are described in the respective figure legends.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

The DDRAM map is available at http://ccmi.org/ddram.