Functional Annotation of the Bovine Genome

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BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES



L1 adult tissues (UC Davis)

Holstein mammary tissue (Texas A&M)

L1 fetal tissues (U of Idaho)



Cultured cells & embryos
(UC Davis)



Cultured cells
(Virginia Tech)

OBJECTIVE I

Transcriptome Annotation

RNA-seq Small RNA-seq RAMPAGE ATTS-seq

OBJECTIVE II

Chromatin State Annotation

ATAC-seq ChIP-seq WGBS

OBJECTIVE III

Data Integration
Functional Element Annotation
Public Distribution

OBJECTIVE IV

Integrate Functional Maps with GWAS analysis

Using two populations:

- 1) Multigenerational GWAS For production efficiency traits
- 2) Growth and carcass data on >4,000 genotyped cattle
- Use functional annotation to narrow genomic regions of interest
- Identify genomic variants associated with production, growth, carcass traits
- Use this information to identify causal variants (beyond the scope of this project)







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Samples collected and epigenomic data generated

- 40 adult tissues from L1 Hereford line
- 8 fetal tissues from L1 Hereford line
- 4 primary cell lines (Pre-Myocytes, Myocytes, Pre-Adipocytes, Adipocytes)
- 5 stages of Holstein mammary gland development

ASSAYS-BY-SEQUENCE

Expressed regions

| RNA-seq | Large transcripts expression - variants |
|-----------|---|
| smRNA-seq | Small transcript expression |
| RAMPAGE | Transcription start sites – promoter activity |
| WTTS-seq | Transcription termination sites |

Chromatin states

| WGBS | | DNA methylation | |
|----------|----------|--------------------------|--|
| | ATAC-seq | Open Chromatin profiling | |
| ChIP-seq | H3K4me3 | Active promoters | |
| | H3K27me3 | Polycomb repression | |
| | H3K4me1 | Active enhancers | |
| | H3K27ac | Enhancers and promoters | |
| | CTCF | Insulators and promoters | |
| O | H3K9me3 | Heterochromatin | |
| | H3K36me3 | Active gene bodies | |

Tissues analyzed for RNA-seq and small RNA-seq

| Tissue | Tissue | Tissue | Tissue |
|---|--|---|--|
| abomasum adipose mammary gland (adult) bladder bone marrow brain (frontal cortex) cecum cerebellum colon duodenum mammary gland (earlylactating) epididimus caput | esophagus fetal brain fetal gonad fetal heart fetal kidney fetal liver fetal muscle fetal spleen fetal umbilicalcord follicular cells gall bladder Ileum | tongue jejunum kidney cortex kidney mammary gland (latepregnant) longissimus dorsi muscle lung lymph nodes mammary gland (virgin) mammary gland (midpregnant) myoblast omasum | ovary pituitary placental caruncle placental cotyledon reticulum rumen skin spleen testis thymus uterine endometrium |

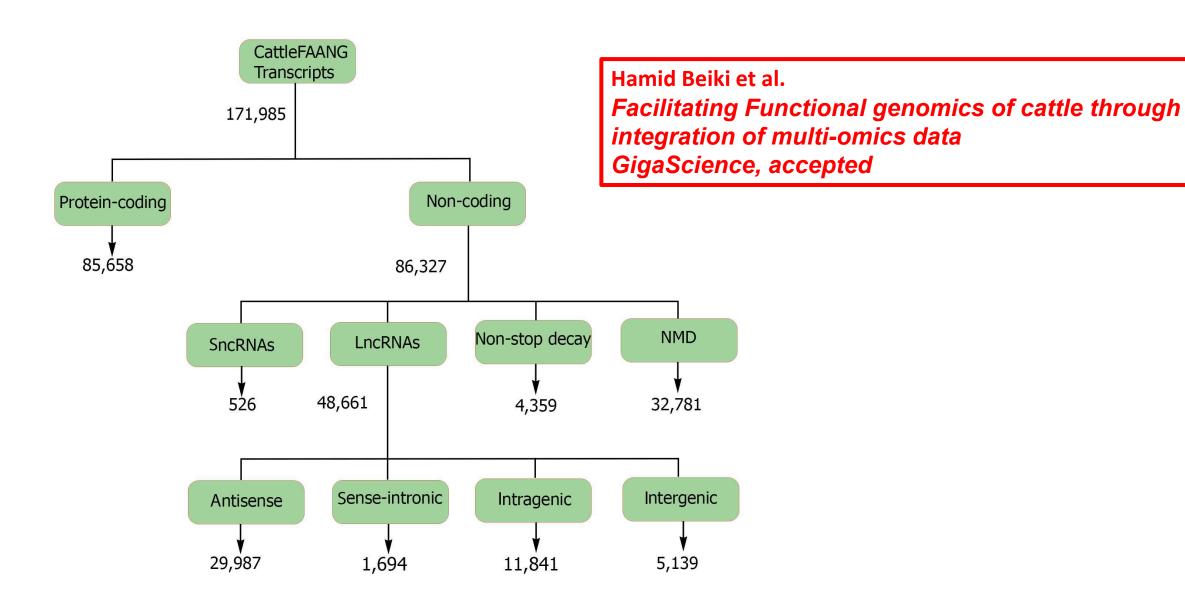
Adult and fetal tissues from cattle closely related to Dominette

Summary of expressed transcripts/genes

| | Annotation ¹ | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Feature | Current project | Ensembl | NCBI | | |
| | | (Release 2021-03) | (Release 106) | | |
| Number of genes | 35,150 (21,193) | 27,607 (21,880) | 35,143 (21,355) | | |
| Number of transcripts | 171,985 (85,658) | 43,984 (37,538) | 83,195 (47,280) | | |
| Number of spliced transcripts | 130,531 | 37,299 | 73,423 | | |
| Number of transcripts per gene | 4.9 | 1.5 | 2.3 | | |
| Median number of 5' UTRs per gene | 2 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Median number of 3' UTRs per gene | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |

¹Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of protein-coding genes/transcripts.

Classification of the predicted transcripts into different biotypes



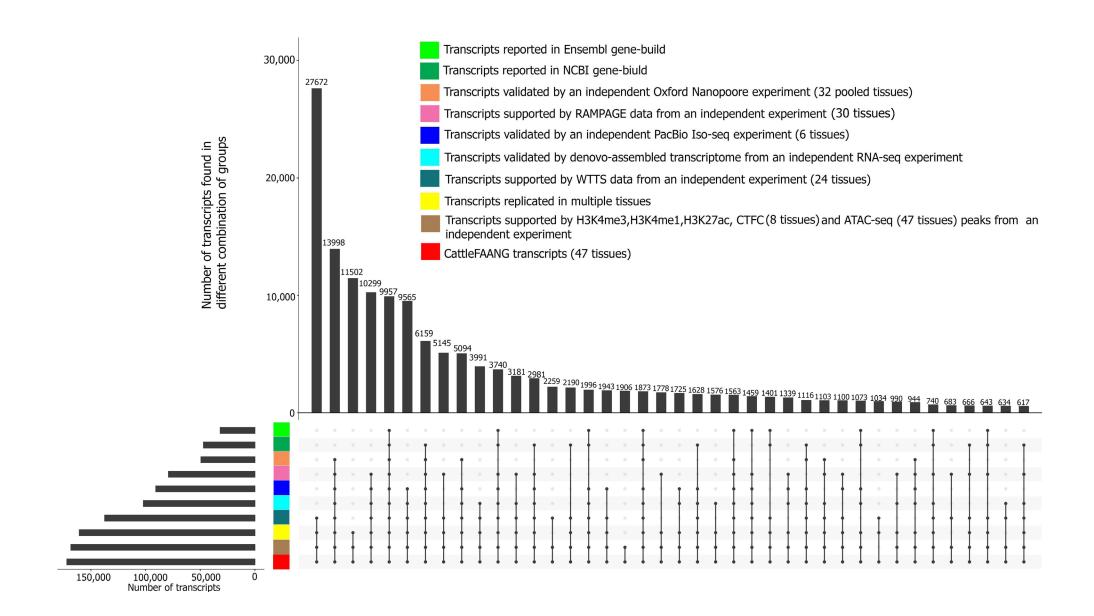
Genes/Transcripts expressions across tissues between adult and fetal stages

- Fetal testis showed the highest number of expressed genes while fetal brain and muscle tissues showed the highest number and percentage of non-coding genes
- Fetal tissues had a significantly higher rate of alternative splicing events than adult tissues
- Fetal tissues had significantly higher proportions of unique noncoding transcripts compared to protein-coding transcripts than adult tissues
- 106 non-coding genes identified in fetal tissues that switched to protein-coding genes in their matched adult tissues

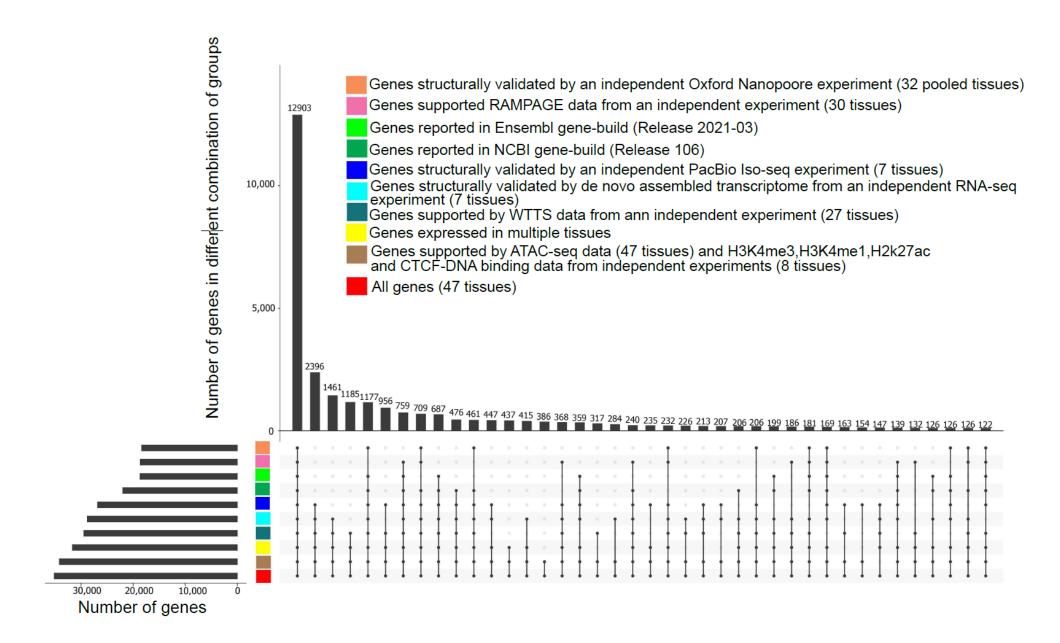
Tissue specificity

- Nine percent of all genes (3,174) and transcripts (15,562) were only expressed in a single tissue
- The majority of tissue-specific genes (75%) and transcripts (84%) were un-annotated
- Testis and thymus had the highest number of tissue-specific genes and transcripts
- As we expected, the expression level of tissue-specific genes and transcripts was significantly lower than that of their non-tissuespecific counterparts

Validation of predicted transcripts using independent data from different technologies



Validation of predicted genes using independent data from different technologies



Generation of epigenomic data

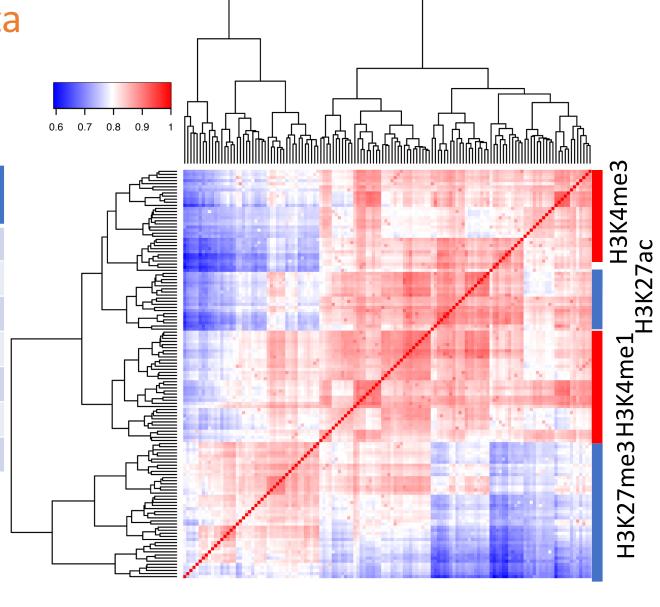
Histone marks (ChIP-seq)

| | Adult tissue | Fetal tissue | Cell line | Total |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| CTCF | 52 | 20 | 8 | 80 |
| H3K27ac | 52 | 20 | 8 | 80 |
| H3K27me3 | 46 | 20 | 8 | 74 |
| H3K4me1 | 52 | 20 | 8 | 80 |
| H3K4me3 | 52 | 20 | 8 | 80 |
| H3K36me3 | 29 | 20 | 8 | 57 |
| H3K9me3 | 38 | 20 | 8 | 66 |

■ WGBS: 95

■ ATAC-seq: 114

■ WTTS:76



Functionally annotate epigenomic elements of the bovine genome

Build a map of of regulatory elements by integrating:

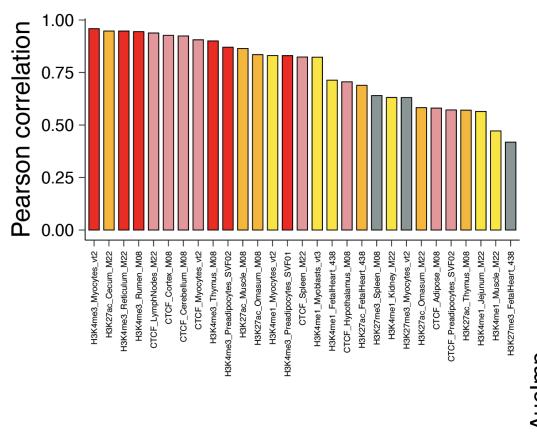
- a) Project data
 - 27 Adult tissues (Herefords)
 - 5 Fetal tissues (Herefords)
 - Mammary gland (Holstein 5 stages)
 - 4 Cell lines
- b) Public data (Holstein) ←
 - 23 Adult tissues
 - 4 Fetal tissues

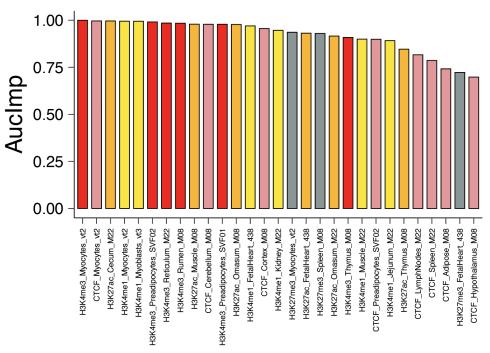
| | Adult tissue | Fetal tissue | Cell line | Total |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| CTCF | 47 | 8 | 1 | 56 |
| H3K27ac | 47 | 8 | 1 | 56 |
| H3K27me3 | 47 | 6 | 1 | 56 |
| H3K4me1 | 51 | 8 | 1 | 60 |
| H3K4me3 | 51 | 8 | 1 | 60 |

A total of 46 adult tissues, 6 fetal tissues, and 5 cell lines

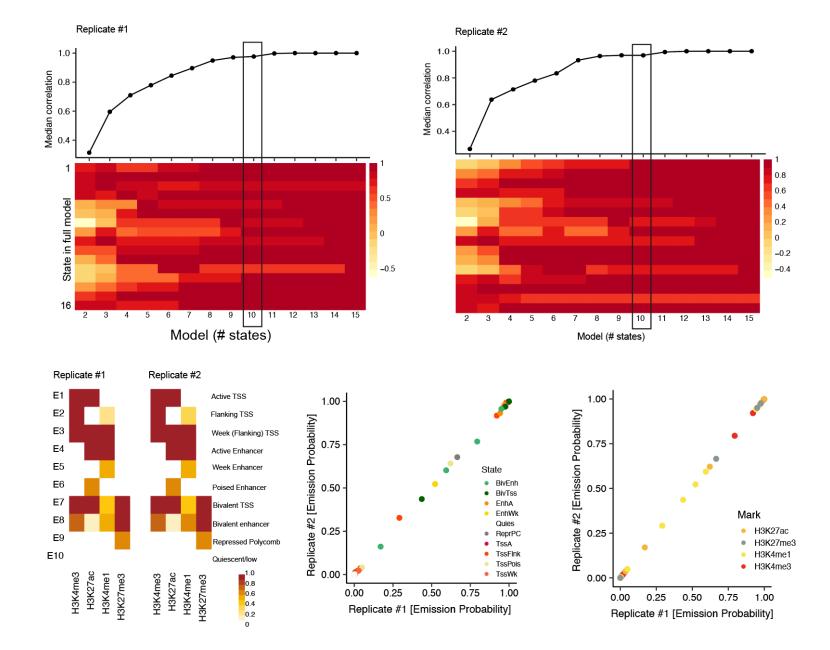
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Imputation of missing ChIP-seq marks

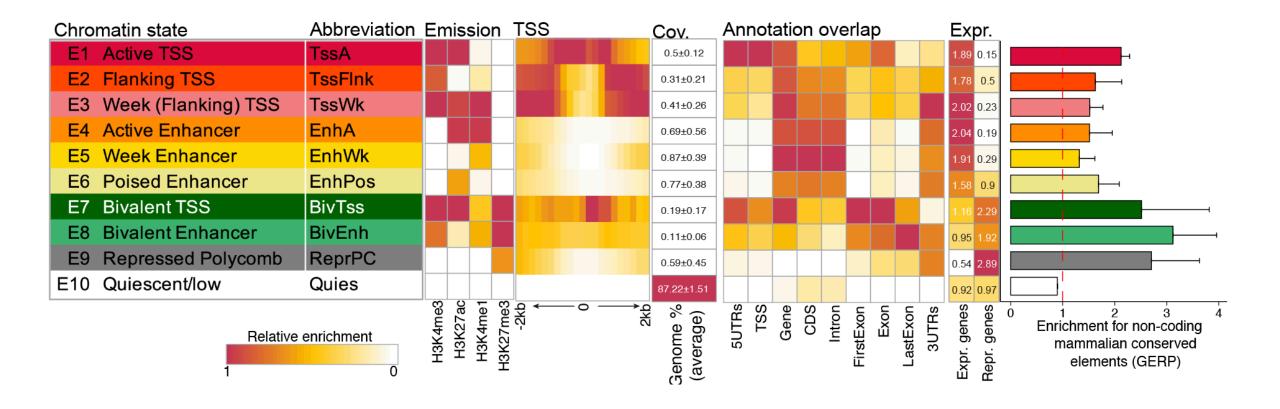




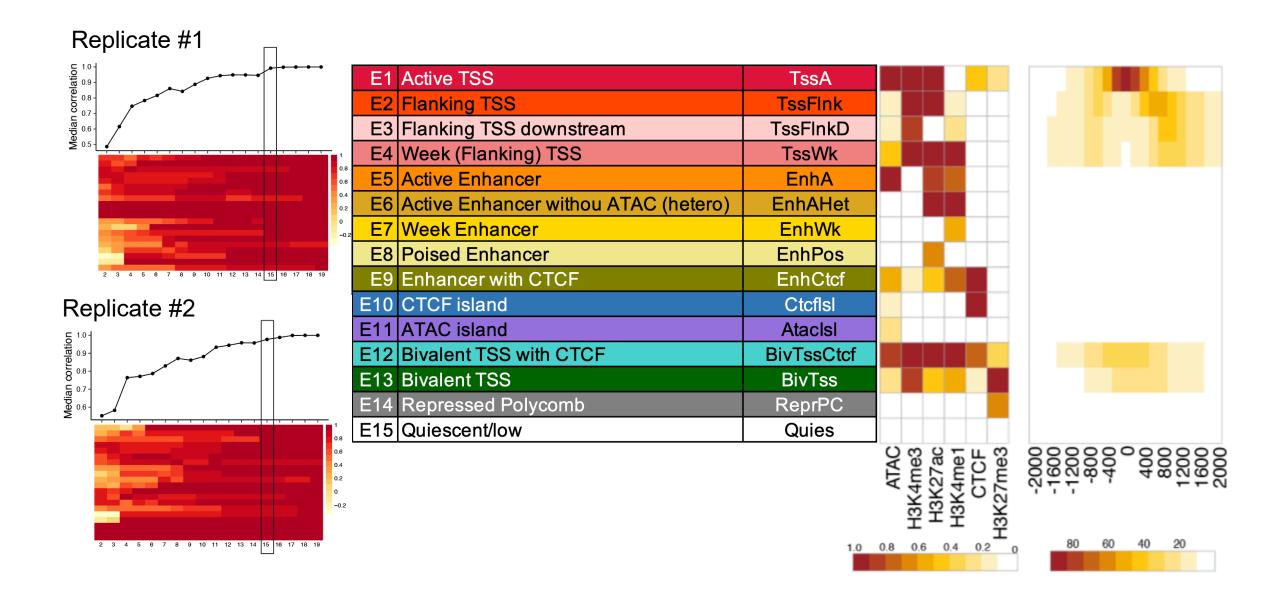
Chromatin state model optimization



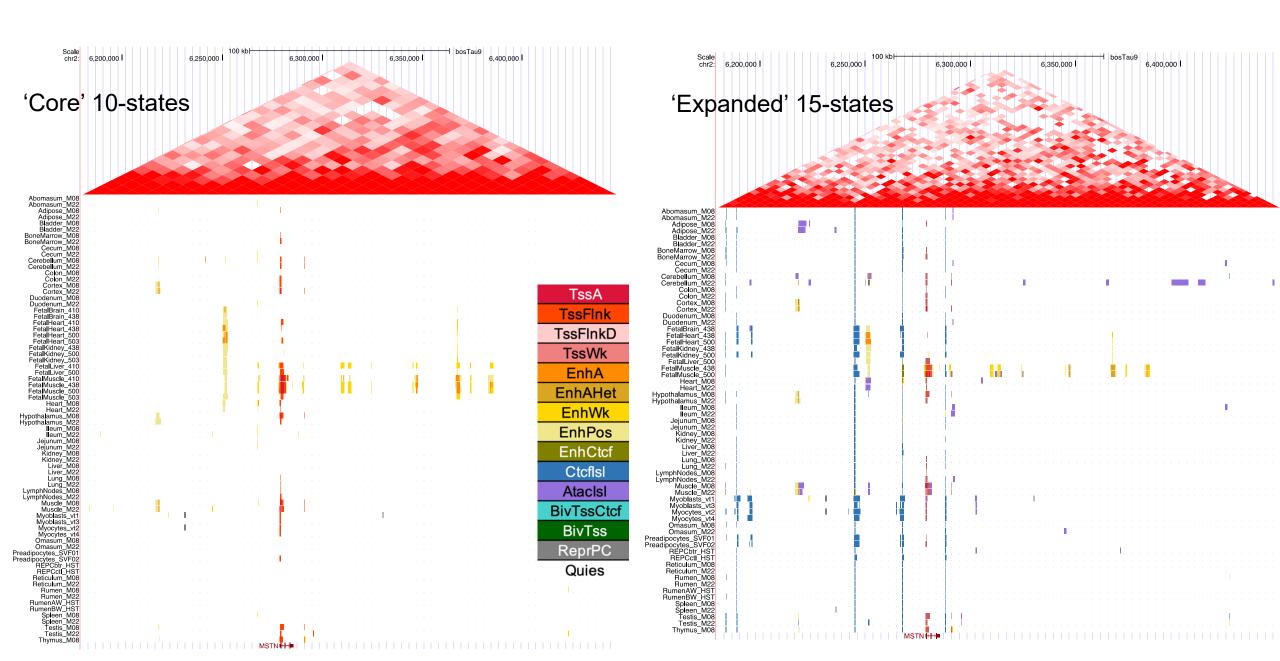
'Core' 10-state model



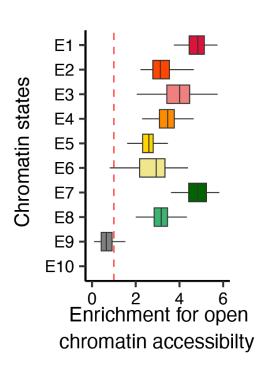
'Expanded' 15-state model

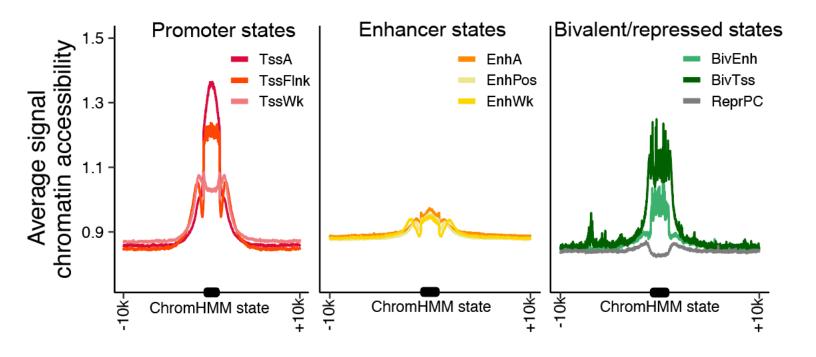


Chromatin states at the MSTN locus

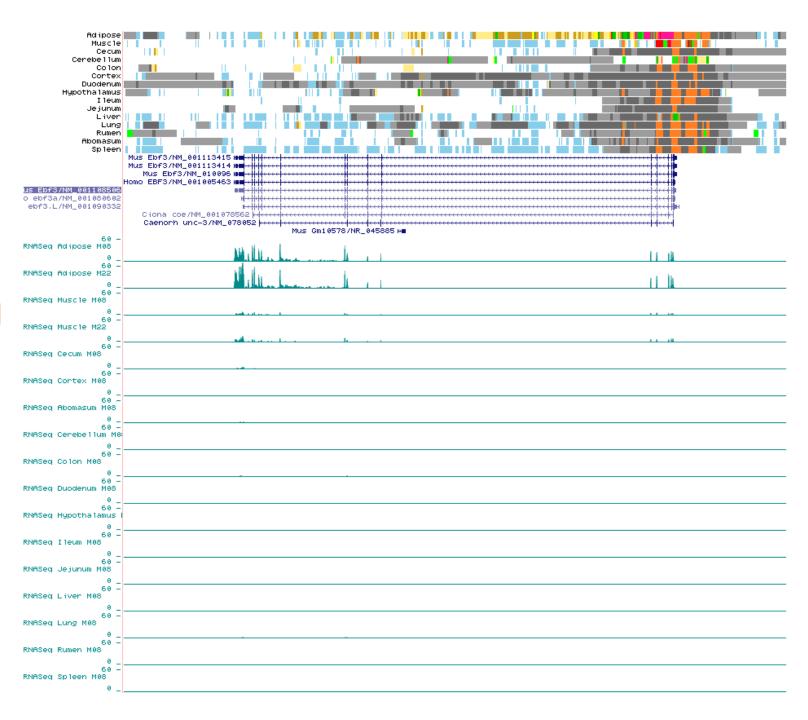


Open chromatin accessibility regions are indicative of active regulatory elements

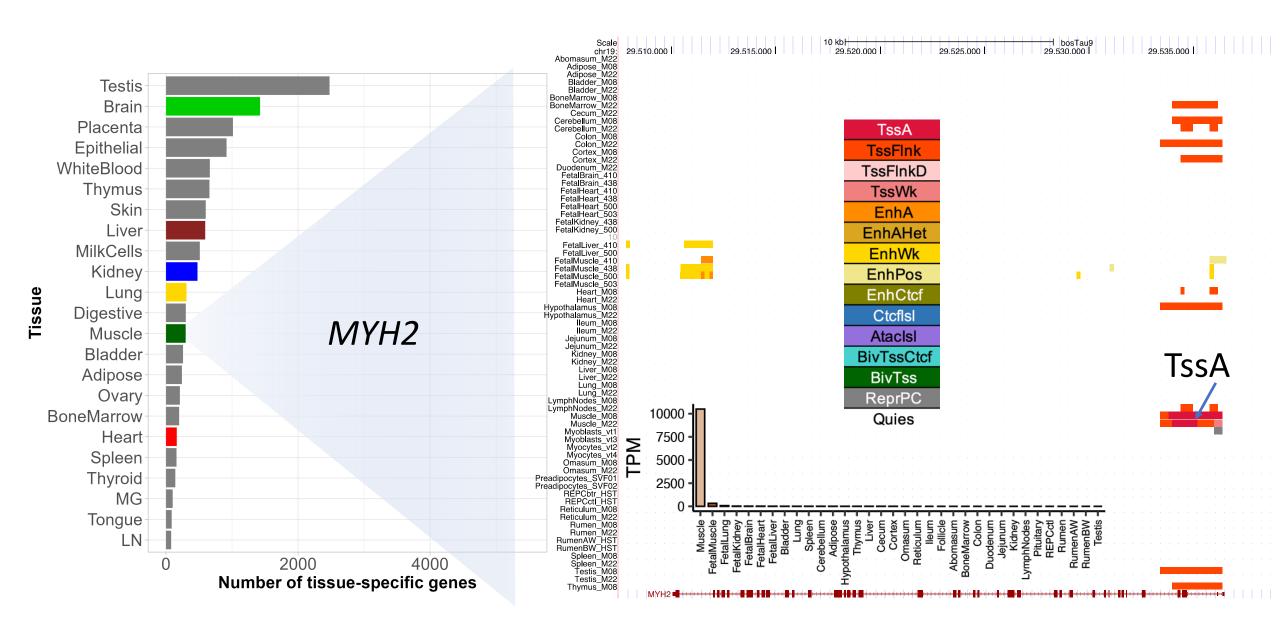




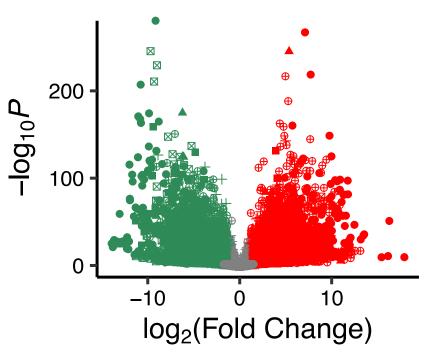
- *EBF3* specifically expressed in adipose tissue.
- Adipose have many tissuespecific enhancers



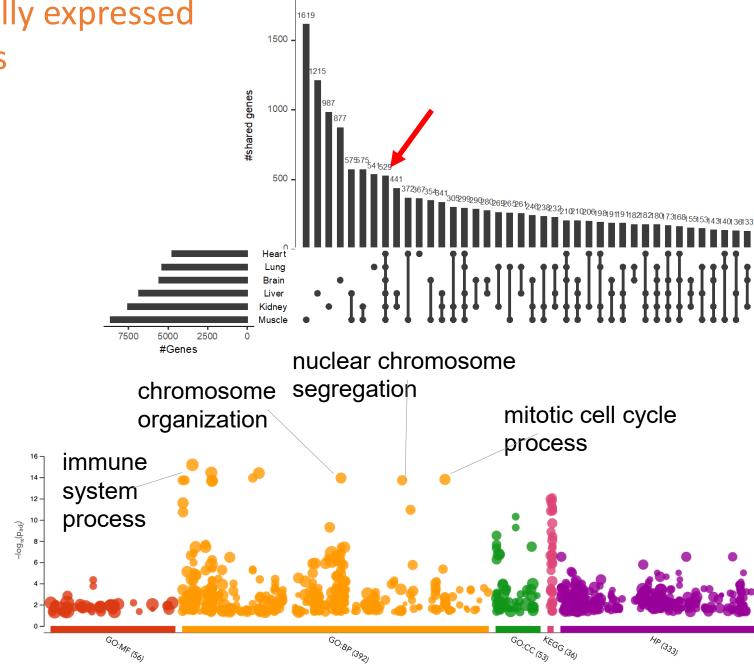
Tissue-specific gene expression contributed by tissue-specific regulators



Thousands of genes differentially expressed between fetal and adult tissues

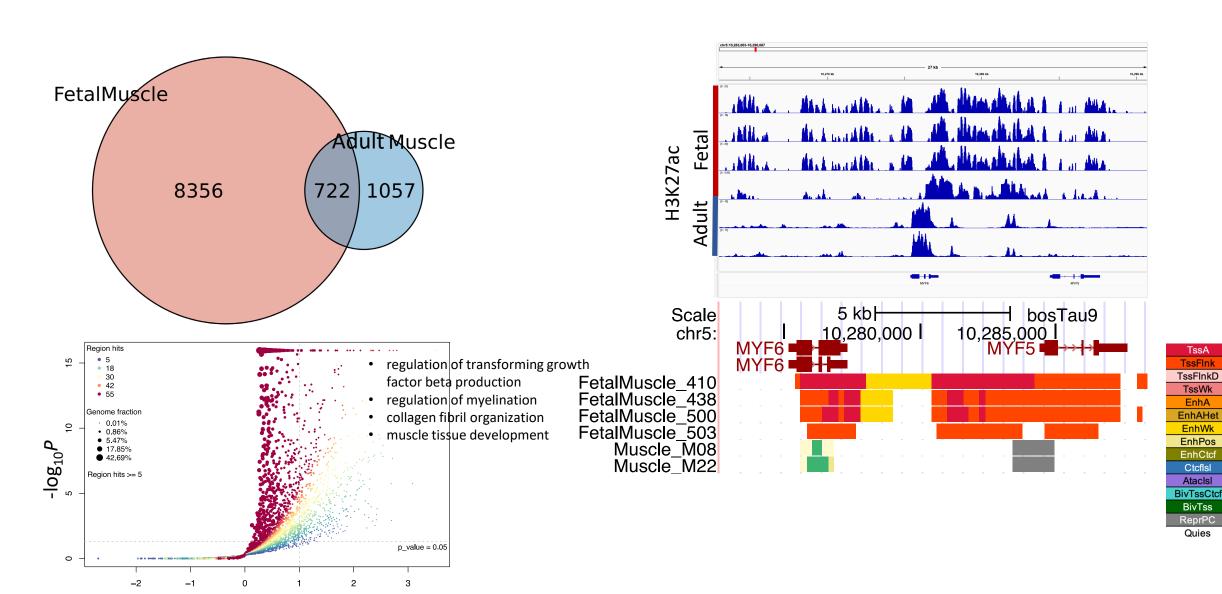


- + Brain
- ▲ Heart
- Kidney
- Liver
- Lung
- Muscle
- Not signif
- Signif & downregulated
- Signif & upregulated

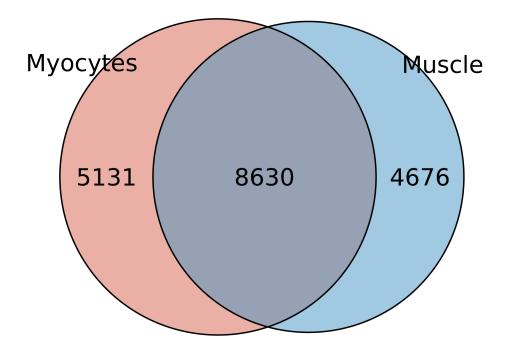


Differential active enhancer (E4) between fetal and adult muscle

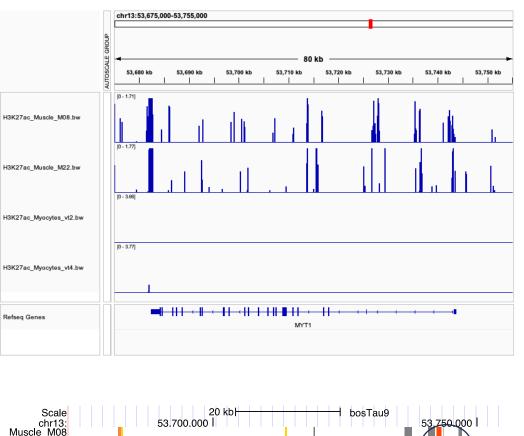
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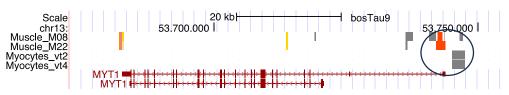


Primary cell lines vs bulk tissues



Active promoter (E1)

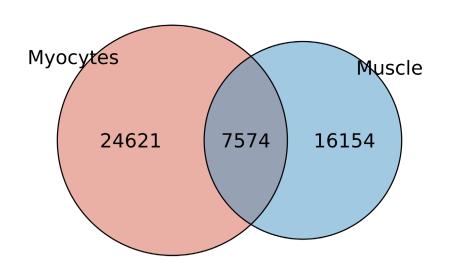




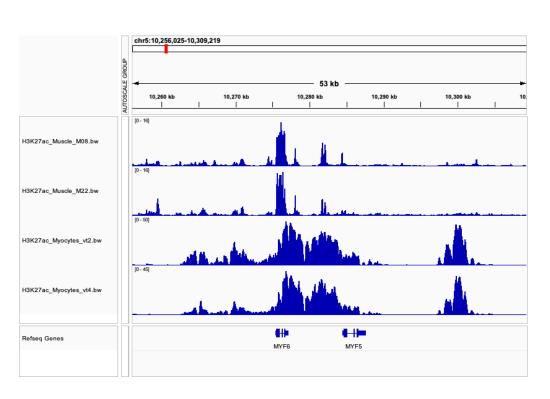
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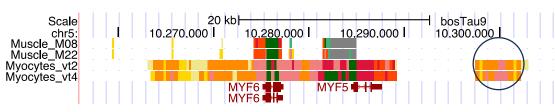
Primary cell lines vs bulk tissues

Active enhancer (E4)

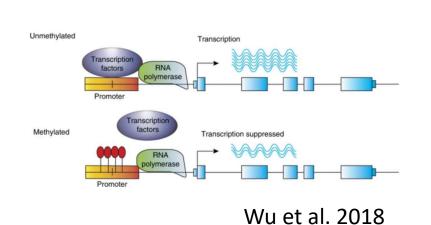


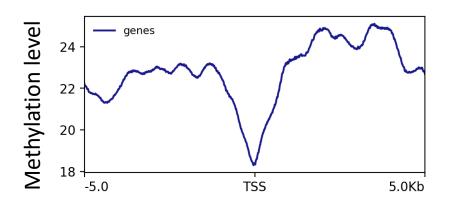


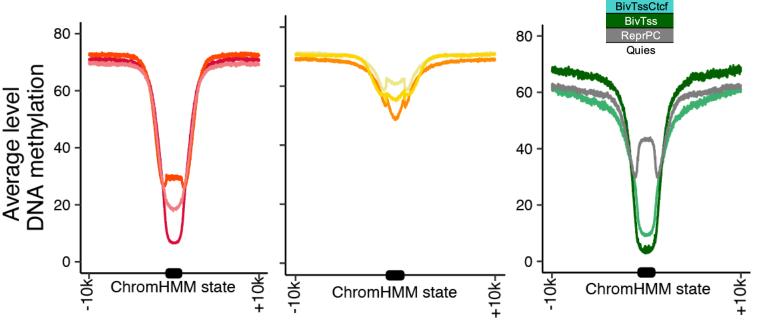




DNA methylation and chromatin states







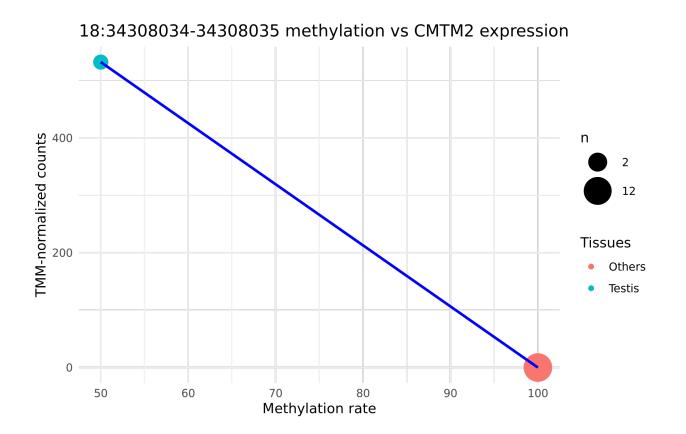
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EnhAHet EnhWk EnhPos EnhCtcf Ctcflsl Ataclsl

 Promoter-like states show lower methylation levels, confirming the well-known negative correlation between promoter methylation and gene expression

Differentially methylated regions (DMRs) across tissues

• Identified 208,665 differentially methylated regions (DMRs) across tissues, predicted to affect 1,080,550 motifs



Two cytosines within a DMR for Testis correlated (rho=-1) with CMTM2 → spermatogenesis and reproduction¹

¹10.1016/j.theriogenology.2019.07.026

Number of DMRs and Potential motif disruption by promoter methylation

