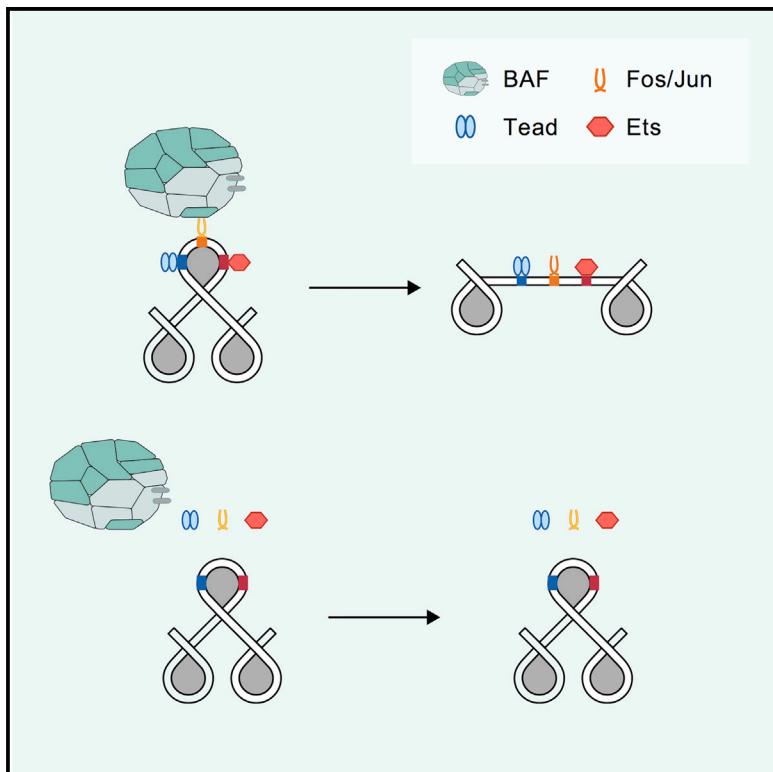


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In Brief

Natural genetic variation between divergent mouse strains reveals that enhancer selection requires the broadly expressed, growth-factor-inducible AP-1 TFs, which recruit the BAF chromatin remodeling complex to establish accessible chromatin. This demonstrates an essential role for external signals in determining which enhancers are selected in a given cell during development.

Highlights

- Screen for TFs required for enhancer selection using divergent mouse strains
- AP-1 TFs (FOS/JUN) are broadly required for enhancer selection in fibroblasts
- AP-1 TFs collaborate with cell-type-specific TFs to select enhancers
- AP-1 TFs recruit the BAF complex to enhancers to establish accessible chromatin



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SUMMARY

Enhancer elements are genomic regulatory sequences that direct the selective expression of genes so that genetically identical cells can differentiate and acquire the highly specialized forms and functions required to build a functioning animal. To differentiate, cells must select from among the $\sim 10^6$ enhancers encoded in the genome the thousands of enhancers that drive the gene programs that impart their distinct features. We used a genetic approach to identify transcription factors (TFs) required for enhancer selection in fibroblasts. This revealed that the broadly expressed, growth-factor-inducible TFs FOS/JUN (AP-1) play a central role in enhancer selection. FOS/JUN selects enhancers together with cell-type-specific TFs by collaboratively binding to nucleosomal enhancers and recruiting the SWI/SNF (BAF) chromatin remodeling complex to establish accessible chromatin. These experiments demonstrate how environmental signals acting via FOS/JUN and BAF coordinate with cell-type-specific TFs to select enhancer repertoires that enable differentiation during development.

INTRODUCTION

Embryonic development requires the carefully orchestrated differentiation of thousands of cell types from the same set of genetic instructions. Each cell type expresses a distinctive subset of the $\sim 20,000$ genes in the genome that together determine the form, function, and behavior of the cell. The regulatory instructions that govern cell-type-specific gene expression programs are encoded within the genome by enhancers, which are short (100–500 bp), *cis*-acting transcriptional regulatory elements that bind sequence-specific TFs (Long et al., 2016). A typical mammalian genome contains $\sim 10^6$ enhancers,

each of which regulates transcription of its associated gene(s) in only a small subset of the thousands of cell types found within developing and mature organisms (Kundaje et al., 2015). Correspondingly, in any given cell type only a small fraction of the enhancers within the genome ($\sim 1\%-2\%$) actively contribute to gene regulation. Thus, at each successive cell fate decision during embryonic development, cells select distinct sets of enhancers to execute the appropriate cell-type-specific gene program. This selective reading of the genetic regulatory information is a fundamental feature of metazoan development.

Enhancers are platforms for sequence-specific TF binding that help to target the transcriptional machinery to specific promoters to potentiate gene transcription (Long et al., 2016). The ability to regulate transcription in a cell-type-specific manner is encoded by the type, number, and organization of TF binding motifs within an enhancer (Heinz et al., 2015). Enhancers require binding of distinct types of TFs to function and thus can regulate transcription only when these TFs are expressed. Accordingly, changes in TF activity and/or expression initiate changes in enhancer selection to establish cell-type-specific gene expression programs during differentiation. However, the mechanisms by which TFs select enhancers during the course of cell differentiation in the embryo remain largely unknown (Zaret and Carroll, 2011).

TF binding to enhancers occurs in the context of chromatin, which plays a critical role in the selective regulation of gene expression by preventing the binding of TFs to most regulatory elements across the genome, as many TFs cannot bind strongly to their cognate motifs when the DNA is wrapped around a histone octamer (Zaret and Carroll, 2011). Surprisingly, enhancer sequences generally have a high affinity for histone octamers and are thus more likely to form a nucleosome than their flanking DNA sequence (Tillo et al., 2010). Therefore, enhancer function requires the eviction or remodeling of histone octamers to establish a region of ~ 300 –400 bp of nucleosome-free sequence that is permissive for TF binding and can thus nucleate the necessary transcriptional regulatory machinery. Overcoming this nucleosome barrier is a rate-limiting step to enhancer activation and has been proposed as a general mechanism that restricts



enhancer activity to specific cell types (Long et al., 2016). Understanding how TFs activate enhancers in a cell-type-specific manner thus requires characterizing how TFs select nucleosomal enhancer sequences and then evict or remodel the histone octamers bound to these sequences.

Current models suggest that a small subset of lineage-determining TFs (LDTFs; also known as pioneer factors) select enhancers by binding collaboratively to nucleosomal enhancers, evicting and/or remodeling nucleosomes, and establishing cell-type-specific landscapes of nucleosome-free enhancers (Heinz et al., 2015). This landscape of accessible enhancers defines which genes are competent to be activated by demarcating the enhancers at which additional TFs can bind, including TFs that are terminal effectors of signal transduction pathways (Buecker and Wysocka, 2012; Mullen et al., 2011; Trompouki et al., 2011). However, the specific mechanisms by which LDTFs and their co-factors select and establish accessible enhancer landscapes remain largely uncharacterized. In addition, although cellular differentiation during development clearly requires coordination between extracellular signals and LDTFs, how extracellular stimuli and their transcriptional effectors contribute to enhancer selection is not clear (Ostuni et al., 2013; Swinstead et al., 2016a; Vahedi et al., 2012).

To investigate how TFs select cell-type-specific enhancers, we used a genetic approach to enable a comprehensive, genome-wide assessment of the requirement for specific TF binding motifs for enhancer selection in mouse fibroblasts. Unexpectedly, our data reveal a central role for the signal-dependent TFs FOS/JUN (AP-1) in fibroblast enhancer selection. AP-1 TFs are transcriptional effectors of growth factor/receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) signaling and are activated by the Ras/MAPK pathway in nearly all cell types, raising the question of how they could contribute to cell-type-specific enhancer selection. Our data suggest a model in which AP-1 TFs, together with lineage-specific TFs, bind to nucleosome-occluded enhancers and recruit the BAF complex to induce nucleosome remodeling and establish an accessible chromatin state. We provide evidence that signal-dependent TFs can play an integral role in selecting cell-type-specific enhancer landscapes, with important implications for understanding transcriptional regulation by growth factors/RTKs and the Ras/MAPK pathway, both in the context of lineage-specification decisions as well as in disorders such as intellectual disability and cancer.

RESULTS

Characterization of Functionally Distinct Classes of Fibroblast Enhancers

To investigate mechanisms of enhancer selection by TFs, we used primary mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) because these cells are relatively homogeneous in culture and proliferate rapidly, facilitating genomic and biochemical studies that require large cell numbers. Fibroblasts are mesenchymal cells that are generally quiescent in the absence of tissue damage, whereupon platelet-derived growth factor signaling induces their proliferative expansion to facilitate wound healing (Gurtner et al., 2008).

To identify TFs that regulate fibroblast enhancer selection, we first sought to comprehensively identify enhancers in MEFs. Previous studies suggest that a cell's repertoire of selected enhancers can be broadly divided into those that are active and those that are not active but have the potential to be activated, known as primed enhancers (Long et al., 2016). These two enhancer classes can be comprehensively identified in a specific cell type by their chromatin signature, with both classes exhibiting monomethylation of histone H3K4 (H3K4me1) on nucleosomes flanking the enhancer sequence and hypersensitivity to transposase insertion (assay for transposase-accessible chromatin; ATAC-seq) or digestion by nucleases (Buenrostro et al., 2013). Active enhancers are also marked by acetylation of lysine 27 on histone H3 (H3K27ac) on adjacent nucleosomes (Rada-Iglesias et al., 2011).

Based on previous studies of gene expression in MEFs and other cell types, it is clear that growth factor signaling regulates specific subsets of genes expressed in fibroblasts (Iyer et al., 1999). Growth factors in serum activate their cognate receptor tyrosine kinases, inducing the Ras/MAPK intracellular kinase cascade, which then activates TFs at a first set of enhancers to initiate transcription of canonical early-response genes (ERGs). Many ERGs are TFs, such as AP-1 (*Fos*, *Fosb*, *Fosl1/2*, *Jun*, *Junb*), which in turn regulate a late-response gene (LRG) program that mediates the cellular response to tissue damage (Galbraith and Espinosa, 2011). Importantly, Ras/MAPK signaling activates a similar set of ERGs in most cell types in the body, whereas LRGs tend to be highly cell-type specific. This suggests that ERG enhancer selection is not controlled by cell-type-specific TFs while LRG enhancer selection requires cell-type-specific TFs. Therefore, we sought to distinguish between these two subsets of growth-factor-responsive enhancers as well as to identify the constitutively active enhancers that govern fibroblast gene programs (cell identity enhancers).

We and others have shown that enhancers that control stimulus-responsive gene programs can be distinguished from other active enhancers by their specific increase in H3K27ac upon receipt of the stimulus (Malik et al., 2014; Ostuni et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2013). Therefore, we performed ChIP-seq experiments to identify these enhancer-associated histone modifications across the fibroblast genome and ATAC-seq to identify the accessible *cis*-regulatory elements and used these data to define subsets of fibroblast enhancers.

We first synchronized MEFs in G₀ phase by serum deprivation for 24 hr and then either left the cells unstimulated or exposed them to serum for 10 or 90 min and performed H3K27ac ChIP-seq (correlations between replicates are listed in Table S1). These data revealed three sets of active fibroblast enhancers: (1) enhancers adjacent to known ERGs (e.g., *Fos*, *Egr1*, *Nr4a1*) that displayed maximal H3K27ac levels at 10 min (n = 352; subsequently referred to as ERG enhancers), (2) enhancers near LRGs that exhibited maximal H3K27ac levels at 90 min (n = 2,144; LRG enhancers; Figure S1A), and (3) cell identity enhancers that are marked by H3K27ac in growth-arrested MEFs and maintained similar levels of H3K27ac upon stimulation (n = 8,568). To rigorously distinguish between ERGs and LRGs, we also profiled enhancer activation in the presence of the protein synthesis inhibitor cycloheximide (Greenberg et al., 1986). This treatment

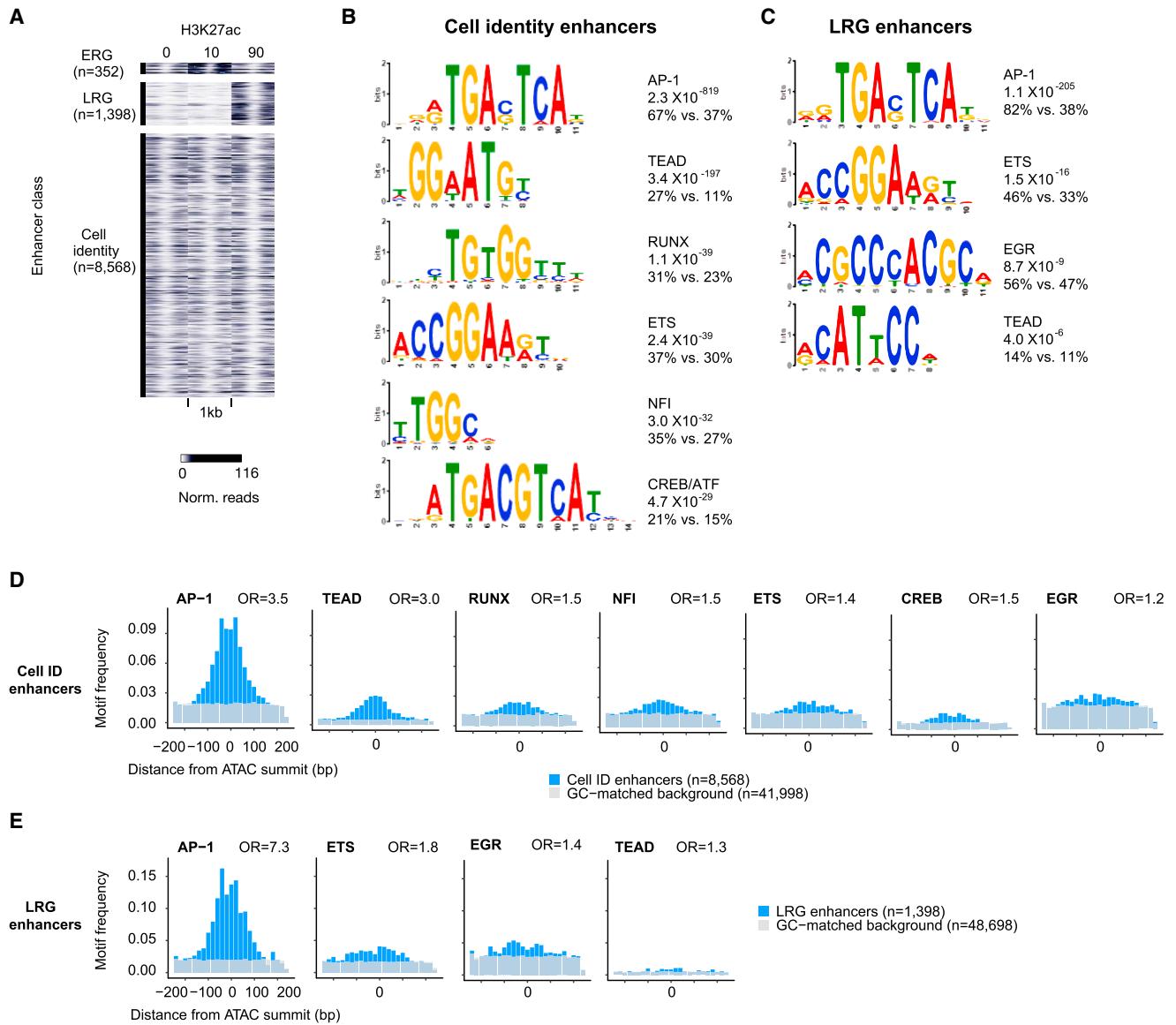


Figure 1. Identification of Distinct Classes of Active Enhancers in Fibroblasts

(A) H3K27ac ChIP-seq signal (0, 10, and 90 min of serum stimulation) at distinct classes of enhancers.

(B and C) Position weight matrices of motifs enriched in cell identity and LRG enhancers. Percentages indicate the fraction of enhancers in each group that contain the motif compared to a GC-matched background set of genomic regions.

(D and E) Frequency of motifs identified in (B) and (C) identified within cell identity and LRG enhancers.

Odds ratios (ORs) were calculated for motif occurrences within ± 250 bp of the ATAC-seq peak center. p values (chi-square test): cell identity, $< 5.3 \times 10^{-16}$; LRG, $< 5.2 \times 10^{-4}$.

does not block transcription of ERG in response to serum, but blocks the translation of ERG TFs, thus preventing the activation of LRGs. In total, we found that 1,398/2,144 LRG enhancers were dependent on *de novo* protein synthesis (Figure S1A). Altogether, these data served as a starting point for understanding how TFs select fibroblast-specific enhancers.

AP-1 TFs Regulate Cell Identity and LRG Enhancers

To identify TFs that could regulate cell-type-specific enhancer selection, we performed TF binding motif searches of cell iden-

tity and LRG enhancer sequences. This revealed that AP-1 binding motifs are the most significantly enriched sequences at LRG enhancers, with 82% of LRG enhancers containing an AP-1 motif. This might have been predicted, as AP-1 TFs are well-characterized ERG TFs that are known to bind to enhancers to regulate LRGs. However, somewhat surprisingly, the AP-1 motif is also the most significantly enriched motif within cell identity enhancers (67% contain an AP-1 motif; Figures 1B and 1C).

The AP-1 motif is well characterized as the binding site for members of the FOS/JUN family of ERG TFs. FOS family

members (FOS, FOSB, FOSL1, and FOSL2) bind DNA as obligate heterodimers with members of the JUN family, whereas JUN family members (JUN, JUNB, and JUND) can bind to the AP-1 site as homo- or heterodimers with FOS family members (Eferl and Wagner, 2003).

Given that AP-1 TF expression is not cell-type specific, we asked if the putative fibroblast cell identity and LRG enhancers are also enriched for motifs that bind cell-type-specific LDTFs. Notably, this revealed significant enrichment for the binding motifs for TEAD, RUNX, ETS, NFI, EGR, and CREB/ATF family TFs, which could potentially select cell-type-specific, AP-1-bound enhancers (Figures 1B–1E). However, targeted motif searches revealed that AP-1 motifs were detected in a much higher fraction of both enhancer subsets than these other enriched motifs (Figures 1B–1E).

AP-1 Transcription Factor Binding Is Frequently Required for Enhancer Selection in Fibroblasts

To identify TF binding motifs required for enhancer selection, we next employed an unbiased genetic approach using naturally occurring sequence variation between the genomes of C57BL/6J and SPRET/Eij (*Mus spreitus*) mice (Heinz et al., 2013). The SPRET/Eij and C57BL/6J genomes have $\sim 3.7 \times 10^7$ single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), amounting to 1 SNP every ~ 80 bp (Keane et al., 2011). These SNPs are likely to include many instances in which the SNP modifies a binding site for a TF within an enhancer such that the TF can no longer bind to that site in one of the strains. By identifying enhancers in MEFs from each strain, it is then possible to identify all instances in which a SNP has disrupted a critical TF binding site within an enhancer, leading to a loss of enhancer selection in one of the two strains. The presence of a SNP within a known TF binding site that disrupts both TF binding and enhancer selection provides functional evidence that this specific TF binding site is required for the selection of that enhancer (Heinz et al., 2013).

We first mapped active cell identity and LRG enhancers from SPRET/Eij MEFs (H3K27ac ChIP-seq, H3K4me1/2 ChIP-seq, ATAC-seq) and merged these with the active cell identity and LRG enhancers in C57BL/6J (identified in Figure 1) to obtain a set of all possible active enhancers between the two strains (Figures 2A and 2B). We identified the subset of these active enhancers that were selected in a strain-specific manner by identifying those with significantly higher ATAC and H3K4me1 signal in one strain over another. We further focused on cases in which there is no longer an ATAC-seq peak in the strain in which the enhancer sequence is no longer functional (see STAR Methods), reasoning that such examples would be most useful for determining which TF binding motifs are required for enhancer selection. In total, we identified 42 LRG enhancers and 363 cell identity enhancers that were selected in a strain-specific manner (Figure 2B).

We next identified SNPs within TF binding motifs that were correlated with strain-specific enhancer selection. For this analysis, we focused on SNPs that occur within one of the ten TF binding motifs that we found to be enriched in AP-1-bound enhancers genome-wide (Figures 1D and 1E). A strain-specific enhancer is only informative for this analysis if it contains an instance of one of these enriched motifs and if that motif overlaps

a SNP (126/405 strain-specific cell identity and LRG enhancers). Strikingly, we observed more instances of SNPs in AP-1 motifs ($n = 65/126$) than in all the other enriched motifs combined. The frequency of SNPs in AP-1 motifs was significantly higher than expected by chance based on the observed frequency of AP-1 SNPs at enhancers active in both strains (Figure 2C). Among the other enriched motifs (Figures 1D and 1E), only SNPs within TEAD, ETS, and NFI motifs occurred more frequently than expected by chance (Figure 2C). Importantly, at 41/65 strain-specific enhancers with a SNP in an AP-1 motif, the AP-1 motif was the only one of the ten enriched TF motifs that contained a SNP (Figure 2D). Together, these data suggest that AP-1 TFs play an important role in enhancer selection, but also implicate additional factors (e.g., TEAD, ETS, and NFI) as contributing to enhancer selection, either in collaboration with AP-1 or in an AP-1-independent manner.

Next, we assessed the requirement for AP-1 motifs for enhancer selection genome-wide, including all selected cell identity and LRG enhancers. The well-defined nature of AP-1 binding motifs (TGA(C/G)TCA) allowed for prospective identification of sites where SNPs would be predicted to disrupt AP-1 binding in one of the two strains (Risse et al., 1989). To assess the consequences of AP-1 site mutations on enhancer selection, we analyzed all selected enhancers that are bound by the AP-1 TF FOS (for additional information on AP-1 TF binding, see Figures 4A–4C) and contain a single consensus AP-1 motif (± 125 bp from the FOS peak summit) that overlaps a SNP ($n = 1,380$; Figure 3A). This was important because $\sim 10\%$ of enhancers contain more than one canonical AP-1 motif that could compensate for the loss of a single AP-1 motif. We then focused on enhancers at which we could confirm that FOS binding is indeed lost when the AP-1 binding site is mutated, which helped to remove enhancers that contained variant AP-1 motifs that could be compensating for the loss of consensus AP-1 binding sites (Figures 3A and 3B; STAR Methods). The resulting 362 enhancers can thus be used to assess the importance of AP-1 TF binding for enhancer selection.

We employed a stringent definition of loss of enhancer selection that requires a significant decrease in both ATAC-seq and H3K4me1 signal such that there is no longer a detectable ATAC-seq peak (Figures 3B–3H). Strikingly, we found that AP-1 binding is required for the selection of 119/362 enhancers; however, a larger fraction exhibited a significant decrease in chromatin accessibility (52%), H3K4me1 (58%), and H3K27ac (64%). Importantly, among these 119 high-confidence, strain-specific enhancers, we observed SNPs in each of the seven nucleotides of the consensus AP-1 motif (Figure 3G). Furthermore, the small subset of SNPs within AP-1 motifs that would not be predicted to change AP-1 binding affinity ($n = 58$) rarely lead to loss of enhancer selection ($\sim 4\%$; Figure S2A). Together, these two observations strongly suggest that the loss of enhancer selection at the vast majority of these sites is caused specifically by loss of AP-1 TF binding.

Given the frequency of genetic variants between C57BL/6J and SPRET/Eij mice, most enhancers contain multiple SNPs and small insertions/deletions in addition to SNPs in the AP-1 motif (average: 4.1 additional SNPs/indels within ± 125 bp of the AP-1 motif) that could also contribute to the observed loss of enhancer selection. Therefore, we assessed the contributions

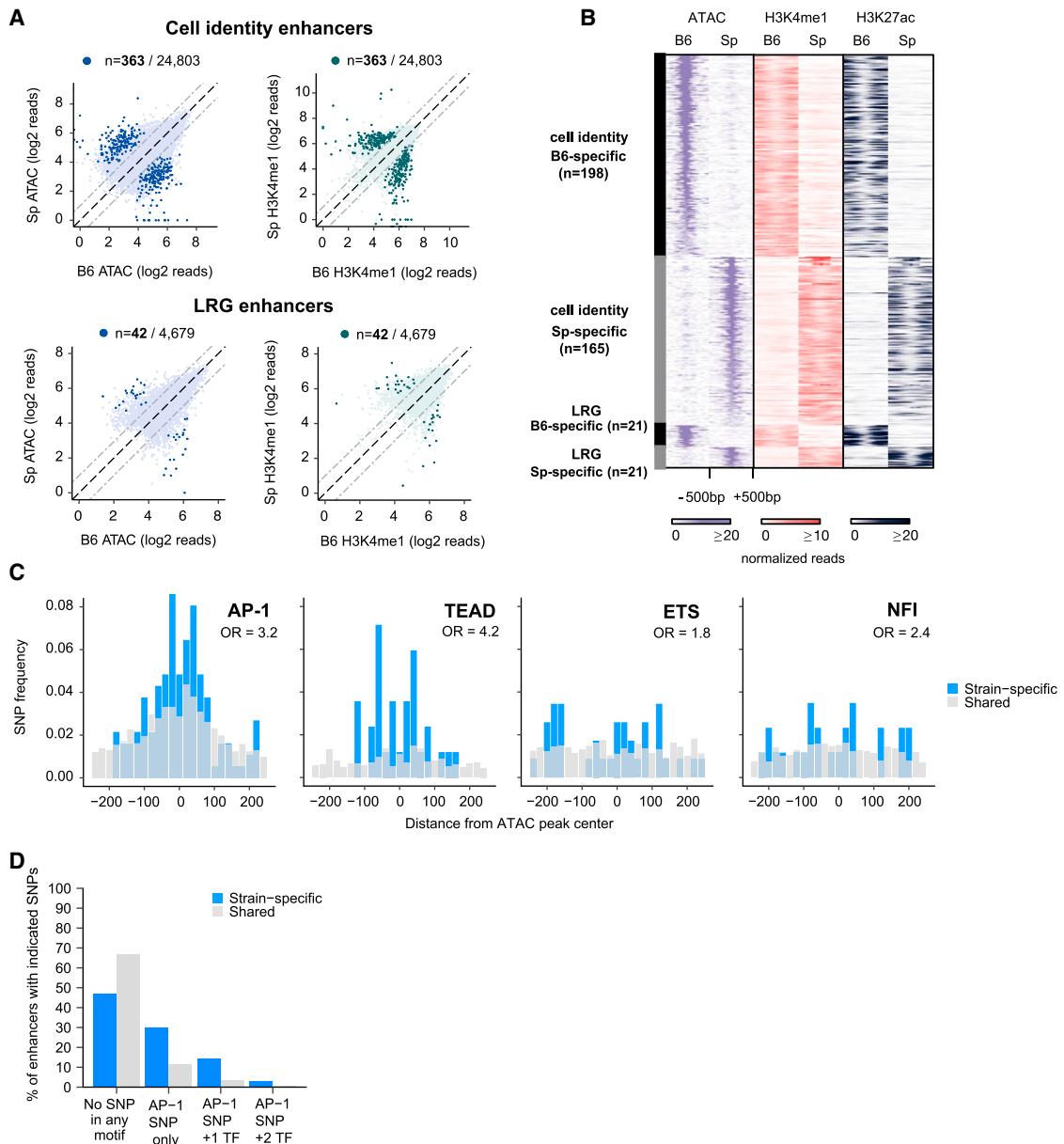


Figure 2. Identification of TF Motifs Required for Cell Identity and LRG Enhancer Selection

(A) ATAC-seq and H3K4me1 ChIP-seq signal from MEFs from C57BL/6J and SPRET/Eij mice are displayed for cell identity (top row) and LRG (bottom row) enhancers. Highlighted points indicate FDR < 10⁻⁶.

(B) ATAC-seq, H3K4me1 ChIP-seq, and H3K27ac ChIP-seq signal from strain-specific enhancers identified in (A).

(C) Frequency of SNPs that overlap each of the indicated TF motifs. Among the motifs observed to be enriched in Figure 1 at cell identity and LRG enhancers, only SNPs in these motifs exhibited a significantly higher frequency in strain-specific enhancers compared to shared enhancers (by chi-square test).

(D) Percentages of strain-specific or shared enhancers that do not have SNPs overlapping any enriched TF motif (“No SNP in any motif”), have SNPs overlapping only the AP-1 motif at the subset of enhancers containing the AP-1 motif (“AP-1 SNP only”), or have SNPs overlapping both AP-1 and other TF motif(s) within the same enhancer.

of these non-AP-1 SNPs to enhancer selection at these 119 sites. Importantly, these enhancers did not have a higher frequency of all SNPs/indels compared to enhancers at which the AP-1 SNP did not cause a loss of enhancer selection (Figure 3I). Similarly, SNPs within other motifs for putative fibroblast LDTFs (TEAD, ETS, NFI) were not observed at a higher frequency than

expected, and only 6 of 119 enhancers had SNPs in these other motifs together with a SNP in AP-1 (Figure 3J). These analyses further support a mechanism in which disruption of AP-1 TF binding to AP-1 motifs by SNPs is the causal genetic change leading to a loss of enhancer selection at these sites. Given that AP-1 TFs bind to ~70% of cell identity enhancers and nearly

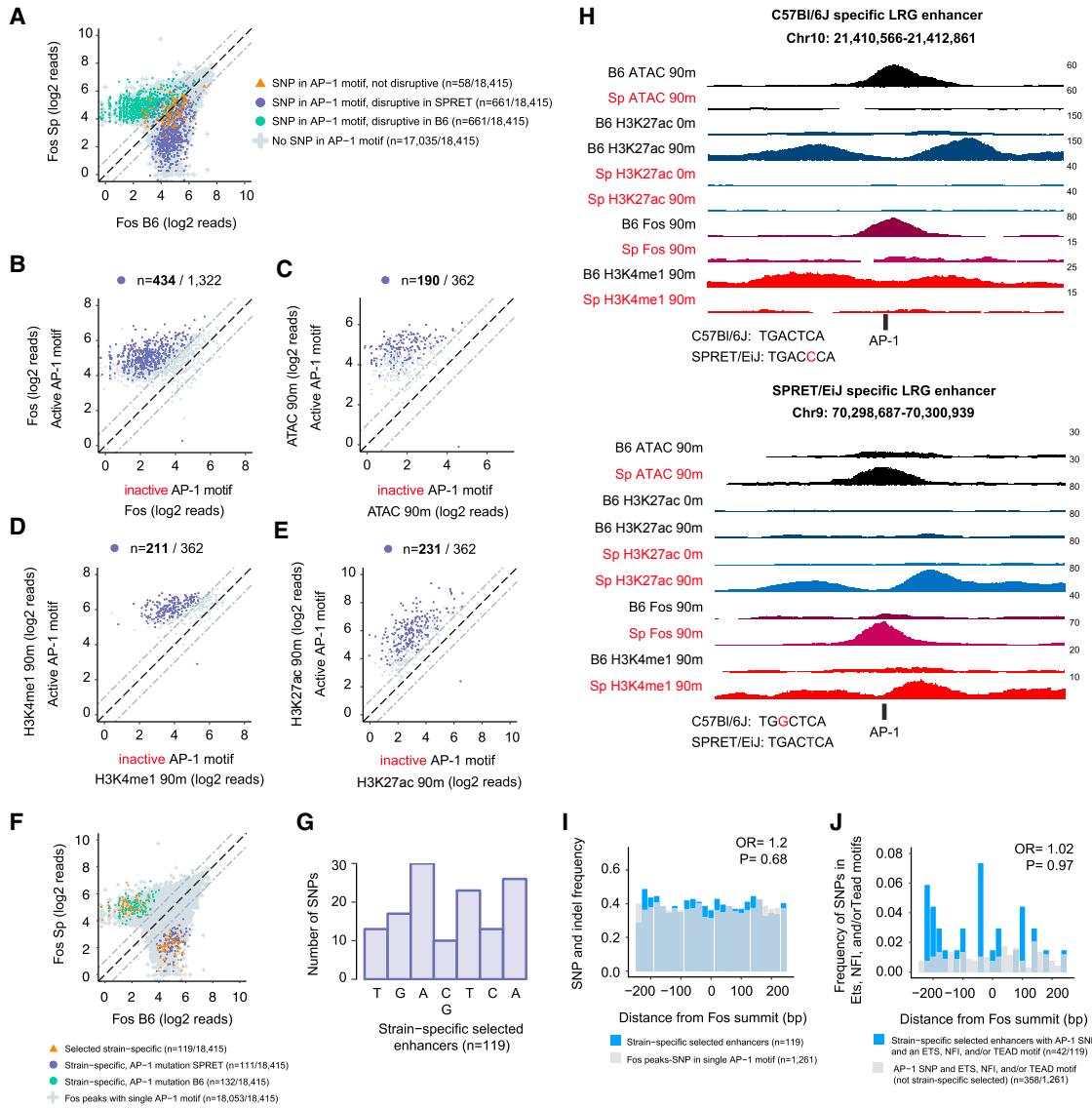


Figure 3. AP-1 TFs Are Often Required for Enhancer Selection

(A) FOS ChIP-seq signal at all selected enhancers in C57BL/6J and SPRET/EiJ MEFs that contain a single consensus AP-1 motif and are bound by FOS. SNPs overlapping AP-1 motifs are indicated by their predicted effect on AP-1 binding.

(B) FOS ChIP-seq signal from each strain for the enhancers identified in (A) at which AP-1 binding would be predicted to be affected by a SNP. Enhancers are classified by whether they contain an active or inactive AP-1 motif, rather than by which strain they come from. Highlighted points indicate enhancers at which FOS binding was significantly strain specific ($FDR < 10^{-6}$).

(C–E) Enhancer-associated chromatin features for the subset of the enhancers with significant strain-specific FOS binding in (B) that no longer have a FOS peak detected in the strain in which the AP-1 motif is mutated (n = 362/434). Highlighted points indicate enhancers at which the chromatin feature was significantly strain specific ($FDR < 10^{-6}$).

(F) FOS ChIP-seq signal from each strain. Colored points collectively indicate the 362 enhancers plotted in (C)–(E). Highlighted (orange triangles) are 119 strain-specific enhancers at which the AP-1 SNP leads to both a significant loss of ATAC-seq and H3K4me1 ChIP-seq signal and there is no longer an ATAC-seq peak in the strain in which the AP-1 motif is inactive.

(G) Histogram showing the location of SNPs in the seven core nucleotides of the AP-1 motif from the 119 strain-specific selected enhancers.

(H) Representative genome browser tracks for two strain-specific LRG enhancers. AP-1 motifs from each strain are displayed below the enhancer with the SNP highlighted in red.

(I and J) Total SNP and indel frequency (I) and SNP frequency within TEAD/ETS/NF1 motifs (J) comparing the 119 strain-specific enhancers (blue) to all other enhancers with a single AP-1 motif that overlaps a SNP (I) (gray) or the subset of these enhancers that contain TEAD/ETS/NF1 motifs (J).

all LRG enhancers, our results suggest that AP-1 TFs broadly contribute to the selection of enhancers across the fibroblast genome.

The changes in enhancer selection that we observe between C57BL/6J and SPRET/EiJ MEFs could in theory be caused by *trans*-acting differences that affect enhancer selection genome-wide, such as differences in levels of TF expression or in serum-activated signal transduction. To directly assess whether these changes in enhancer selection were due to local changes in AP-1 binding (i.e., *cis*-acting), we generated MEF cultures from F1 hybrid embryos derived from crosses between a SPRET/EiJ male and a C57BL/6J female and performed allele-specific ChIP-seq for H3K4me2. By sequencing libraries generated from immunoprecipitated DNA with long (2×150 bp) paired-end reads, we could distinguish between each enhancer allele (see STAR Methods). In total, 89 of 119 (75%) strain-specific enhancers also exhibit significant allele-specific differences in H3K4me2 enrichment in F1 hybrid MEFs, confirming that the observed differences in enhancer selection between these enhancers in the parental strains are mostly due to local, *cis*-acting differences in enhancer sequence (Figures S2B and S2C).

Thus, by comparing enhancer selection in genetically distinct mouse strains with a high frequency of SNPs across their genomes, we were able to identify 165 unique enhancers (65 from Figure 2 and 119 from Figure 3, some of which were among those identified in Figure 2) at which the loss of an AP-1 binding site leads to a loss of enhancer selection. These findings indicate that AP-1 TFs, which are generally considered to be transcriptional effectors of growth factor/RTK signaling pathways, play a widespread and unexpected role in fibroblast enhancer selection.

Identification of AP-1 TFs that Bind to Cell Identity and LRG Enhancers

To assess how AP-1 TFs might function to select enhancers, we first sought to identify the specific AP-1 family members that bind to AP-1 motifs at cell identity and LRG enhancers, as the genome-wide binding of the diverse AP-1 TF family members within a single cell type has not been examined in detail. AP-1 TFs are expressed in most cell types and exhibit stereotyped expression patterns in response to extracellular stimuli. Notably, *Fos/Fosb/Junb* mRNAs are not usually expressed prior to stimulation but are rapidly induced to very high expression levels upon stimulation. *Fosl1/Fosl2/Jun* are expressed before stimulation at low levels and are also dramatically induced upon stimulation, whereas *Jund* is expressed constitutively at moderate levels and is not regulated by stimulation (Kovary and Bravo, 1992). Thus, a variety of AP-1 family homo- or heterodimers can potentially bind to AP-1 sites in fibroblast enhancers. For example, one possibility is that growth factor signaling during fibroblast differentiation activates transcription of the inducible AP-1 TFs, which then select cell identity and LRG enhancers across the genome. Alternatively, homodimers of the constitutively expressed AP-1 TF JUND could be critical for enhancer selection during fibroblast differentiation, whereas transient bursts of transcription of the stimulus-inducible AP-1 TFs might be preferentially required only for the activation of LRGs in differentiated fibroblasts.

We mapped the binding of AP-1 TFs (FOS, FOSL2, JUND) in quiescent MEFs (in which expression of AP-1 TFs is very low and the constitutively expressed AP-1 TF JUND predominates) and MEFs stimulated for 90 min (when the levels of the growth-factor-induced AP-1 TFs FOS, FOSB, FOSL1/2, JUN, and JUNB are maximal), identifying a total of 55,919 sites of AP-1 TF binding, including binding at 97% of LRG enhancers and 70% of cell identity enhancers (Figures 4A and 4B). Consistent with previous findings, AP-1 TFs bind almost exclusively to promoter-distal regions (94% of peaks >1 kb from an annotated TSS) (Biddie et al., 2011; Malik et al., 2014). However, we observed that 47% of the AP-1-bound LRG enhancers did not have significant AP-1 TF binding prior to serum stimulation, whereas the vast majority (90%) of AP-1-bound cell identity enhancers were bound by JUND/FOSL2 prior to serum stimulation (Figures 4A–4D). Accordingly, we found that LRG enhancers had limited or undetectable chromatin accessibility prior to stimulation (44% of LRG enhancers did not have an ATAC-seq peak prior to stimulation; Figures 4A, 4C, and 4D). Given their distinct chromatin state, we focused our subsequent analyses on this subset of 619 LRG enhancers.

Although we observed low or undetectable levels of chromatin accessibility and AP-1 binding at LRG enhancers prior to stimulation, these enhancers were enriched for the primed enhancer histone modification H3K4me1/2. However, unlike at cell identity enhancers, the H3K4me1/2-modified nucleosome(s) occlude the AP-1 binding sites at LRG enhancers prior to stimulation (Figures 4C and 4D). Upon stimulation with serum, the LRG enhancers exhibit remodeling of the H3K4me1/2 modified nucleosomes, enhanced chromatin accessibility, and robust binding of AP-1 TFs (Figures 4C and 4D). The inducible binding of AP-1 TFs (FOS, FOSL2, JUND) to nucleosomal LRG enhancer sequences thus recapitulates mechanistic features of enhancer selection during cellular differentiation (Iwafuchi-Doi and Zaret, 2016). These observations, together with the fact that the AP-1 site is required for fibroblast enhancer selection, suggest that AP-1 TFs, likely FOS/JUN family heterodimers, are required for enhancer selection during fibroblast differentiation.

AP-1 TFs Collaborate with Cell-Type-Specific TFs to Select Enhancers

The finding that broadly expressed AP-1 TFs are frequently required for fibroblast enhancer selection is puzzling in the sense that enhancer selection is known to be highly cell-type specific. How might the broadly expressed, signal-responsive AP-1 TFs participate in cell-type-specific enhancer selection? One model arising from previous work on LDTFs is that AP-1 TFs might only be able to bind to cell-type-specific enhancers together with cell-type-specific TFs, explaining how AP-1 TFs would be targeted to distinct enhancers in each cell type in which they are induced (Heinz et al., 2015). Such collaborative TF binding generally occurs within ~ 75 bp, suggesting that these TFs need to bind in close proximity on the surface of a single nucleosome to select specific enhancers from within unmodified chromatin during cellular differentiation (Moyle-Heyman et al., 2011).

To investigate this possibility, we took advantage of inducible enhancer data from several other cell types (macrophages, T cells, and hippocampal neurons), in which environmental

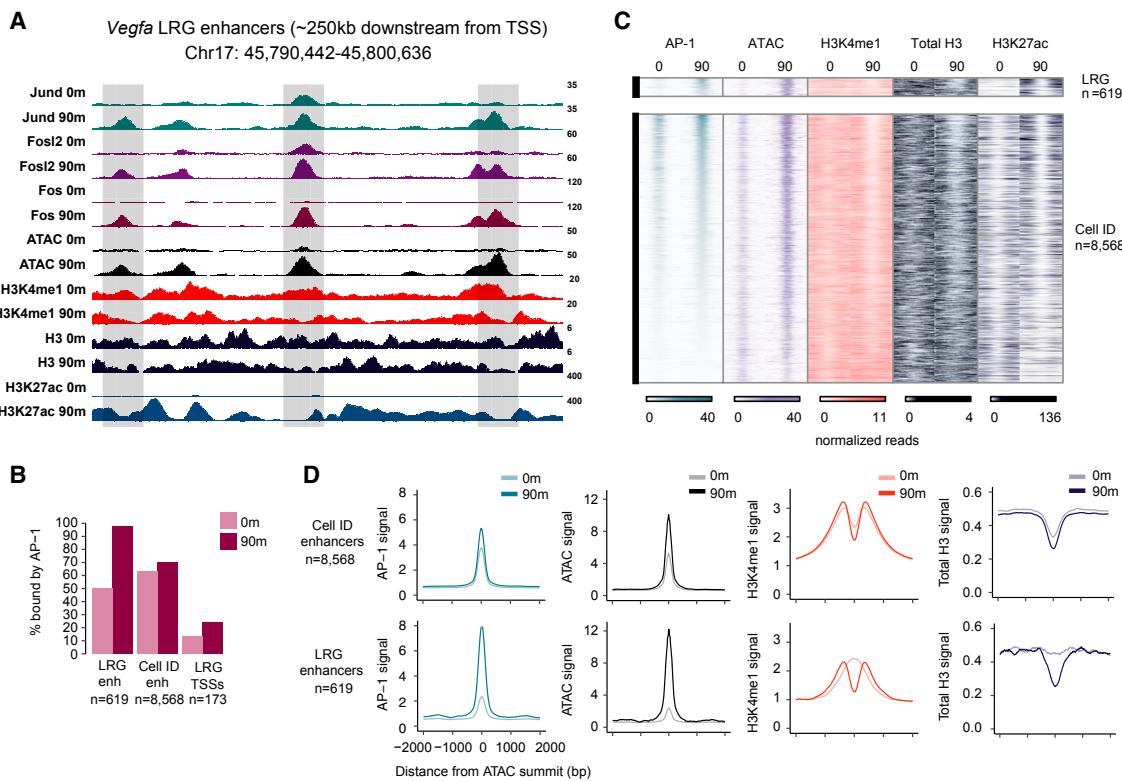


Figure 4. AP-1 TFs Bind Inducibly to LRG Enhancers

(A) Representative genome browser tracks of the enhancers downstream from the *Vegfa* gene showing binding of AP-1 TFs expressed in quiescent MEFs (JUND, FOSL2) as well as the inducible AP-1 TF FOS. Shaded boxes indicate LRG enhancers. Scale bars indicate normalized read densities for each ChIP-seq (0 and 90 min) are displayed on the same scale for each track).

(B) Percentages of LRG and cell identity enhancers, as well as the TSSs of LRGs, that are bound by AP-1 TFs in quiescent and stimulated MEFs.

(C and D) Fixed line plots (C) and aggregate plots (D) of enhancer-associated histone modifications at LRG and cell identity enhancers before and after stimulation.

stimuli have previously been shown to induce nucleosome remodeling at enhancers that bind AP-1 family members (Bevington et al., 2016; Ostuni et al., 2013; Su et al., 2017). A comparison between the location of AP-1-bound enhancers in each cell type confirmed that AP-1 TFs do in fact regulate distinct enhancers in each cell type (Figure 5A). To identify cell-type- or lineage-specific factors that bind together with AP-1 at LRG enhancers, we performed targeted motif searches of inducible enhancers from each cell type, focusing on a window \pm 75 bp from the AP-1 motif. We found that cell-type-specific AP-1-bound enhancers are enriched for distinct TF motifs (Figures 5B–5E). For example, inducible enhancers in macrophages are enriched for binding motifs for C/EBP and NF- κ B; hippocampal enhancers activated by bursts of neuronal activity are enriched for two variants of the E-box motif, which are bound by the Neurogenin/NeuroD family TFs; and memory T cell enhancers activated by mimicking T cell receptor engagement are enriched for NFAT motifs. Thus, in each functionally distinct cell type in which extracellular stimuli induce AP-1 TF expression, distinct LDTFs likely bind together with AP-1 to nucleosomes to select cell-type-specific LRG enhancers.

If AP-1 TFs mediate enhancer selection by cooperating with other TF(s), we reasoned that SNPs within the binding sites for these other TFs should also disrupt AP-1 binding even though

the AP-1 motif is unchanged (Heinz et al., 2013). To identify fibroblast LDTFs that might be required for targeting AP-1 to fibroblast-specific enhancers, we first performed ChIP-seq for the AP-1 TFs FOS/JUND in SPRET/EiJ MEFs and compared them to FOS/JUND ChIP-seq in C57BL/6J to identify all strain-specific sites of AP-1 binding ($n = 1,224$; Figure 5F). We next excluded all the strain-specific binding sites at which there was a SNP within an AP-1 motif that could directly explain the observed loss of AP-1 binding in one of the two strains (47% of strain-specific AP-1 bound sites) (Figure 5G). For the remaining ~ 650 enhancers, we detected a significant enrichment for SNPs within TEAD, CREB/ATF, and ETS motifs compared to enhancers at which AP-1 binding was observed in both strains (Figure 5H). In total, we identified SNPs within the binding motifs for these other TFs (TEAD, CREB/ATF, and ETS) in 6% of sites with strain-specific AP-1 binding ($n = 42/654$) (Figure 5H). However, it is difficult to rule out a role for additional TFs that might have more degenerate binding motifs for targeting AP-1 TFs to cell-type-specific enhancers, as these motifs might not be readily detectable by targeted motif search algorithms such as FIMO. These findings suggest a collaborative binding mechanism in which several other fibroblast LDTFs (e.g., TEAD, ETS, CREB/ATF) bind together with AP-1 to select cell-type-specific enhancers during differentiation.

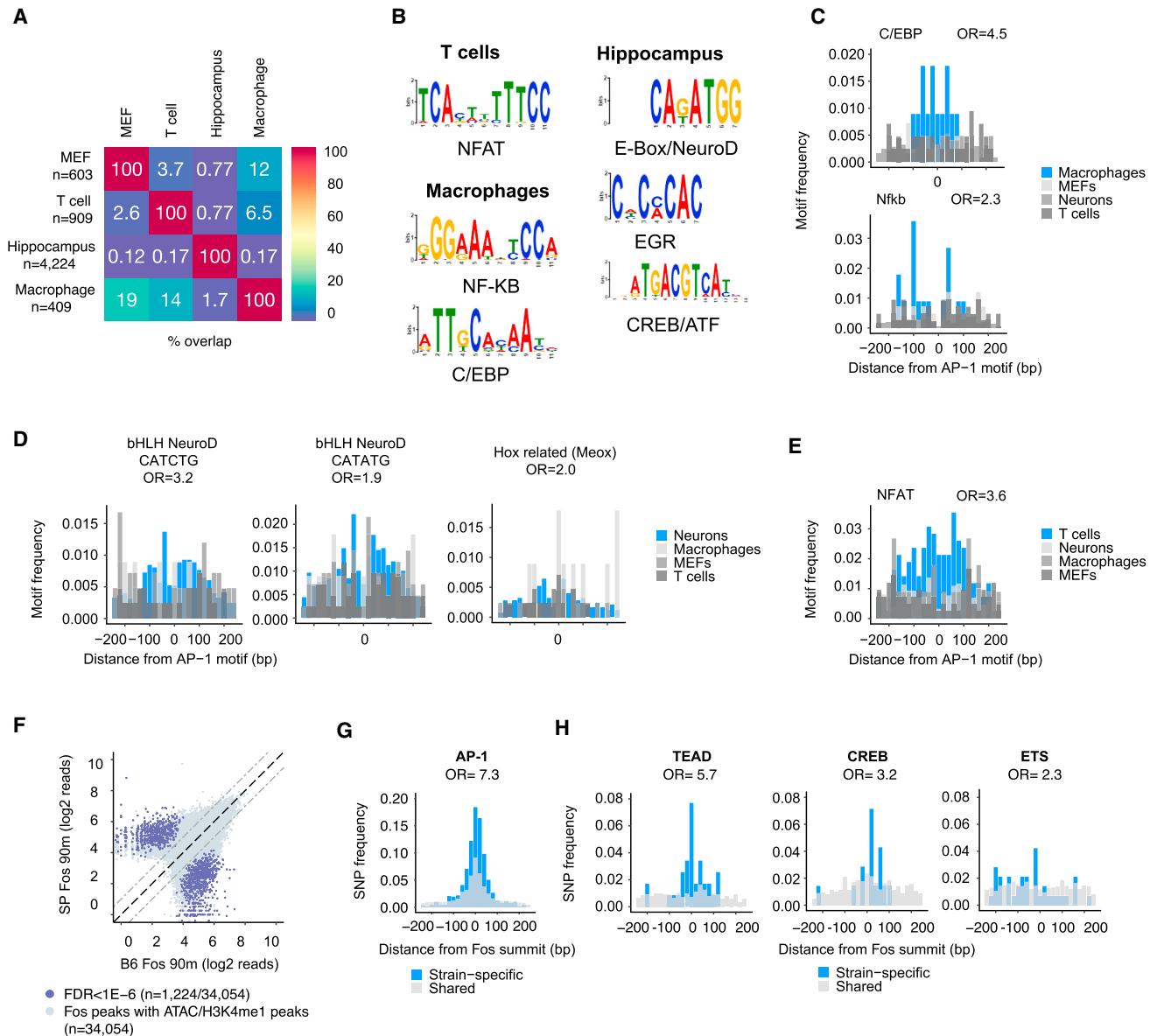


Figure 5. AP-1 Binds Together with Lineage-Specific TFs to Select Enhancers

(A) Overlap between LRG enhancers identified in MEFs and enhancers from macrophages (Ostuni et al., 2013), T cells (Bevington et al., 2016), and hippocampal tissue (Su et al., 2017) that undergo inducible nucleosome remodeling upon activation by relevant stimuli and that are enriched for AP-1 motifs and bound by AP-1 TFs (macrophages and T cells) or predicted to be bound by AP-1 TFs (hippocampal tissue).

(B) Results from targeted motif searches of inducible enhancers identified in each cell type (macrophages/T cells \pm 250 bp from AP-1 TF peak center; hippocampus \pm 250 bp from ATAC-seq peak center). Enhancers from each cell type are enriched for AP-1 motifs; however, for this analysis AP-1 motifs were masked to increase sensitivity for the identification of additional TFs.

(C-E) Frequencies of the indicated cell-type-specific TF binding motifs at inducible enhancers from indicated cell types. Among the motifs identified to be enriched at inducible enhancers in each cell type, only these motifs exhibited a significantly higher frequency in their respective cell types (blue) compared to the other cell types examined (grays). p values (chi-square test): C/EBP, 3.9×10^{-11} ; NF- κ B, 2.1×10^{-3} ; bHLH (CATCTG), 2.4×10^{-7} ; bHLH (CATATG), 7.9×10^{-6} ; Hox related (Meox), 6.9×10^{-3} ; NFAT, $<2.2 \times 10^{-16}$.

(F) FOS ChIP-seq signal in C57BL/6J and SPRAT/Eij at enhancers selected in either strain. Strain-specific motifs (FDR $< 1 \times 10^{-6}$) are indicated by colored dots.

(G and H) Frequency of SNPs from strain-specific (blue) and shared (gray) FOS binding motifs in (F). ORs were calculated for SNP occurrences \pm 75 bp from the AP-1 motif in the enhancer. p values (chi-square test): AP-1, $<2.2 \times 10^{-16}$; TEAD, 7.3×10^{-12} ; CREB, 3.4×10^{-3} ; ETS, 1.7×10^{-2} .

AP-1 TFs Interact Directly with the BAF Complex

Given that enhancer selection is thought to require nucleosome remodeling, AP-1-bound LRG enhancers undergo inducible

nucleosome remodeling during their activation in response to extracellular stimuli, and AP-1 binding is required for enhancer selection, we reasoned that understanding how AP-1 TFs

contribute to nucleosome remodeling could elucidate the mechanisms governing enhancer selection. Since many TFs function by recruiting transcriptional co-regulatory complexes to *cis*-regulatory elements, we sought to identify transcriptional regulatory complexes that interact directly with AP-1 heterodimers that could mediate their function during enhancer selection. Glycerol gradient centrifugation of serum-stimulated MEF nuclear extracts revealed that a subset of AP-1 heterodimers were found associated with high-molecular-weight complexes (~1.5–2.0 MDa; *Figure S3A*). To identify AP-1-interacting complexes, we isolated MEFs from a *Fos-EGFP* transgenic mouse line that expresses a *FOS-EGFP* fusion protein at roughly endogenous levels under the control of the *Fos* promoter (see **STAR Methods**). Following stimulation, FOS-associated proteins were immunoprecipitated with an anti-GFP nanobody and analyzed by mass spectrometry. Strikingly, in addition to the expected AP-1 heterodimer partners, 10 out of 15 components of the BAF ATP-dependent chromatin-remodeling complex co-immunoprecipitated with *FOS-EGFP* (*Figure 6A*; *Table S2*) (Kadoch and Crabtree, 2015). This is consistent with a previous study that identified SMARCD1 (BAF60A) as an AP-1-interacting protein in a yeast two-hybrid screen (Ito et al., 2001).

To confirm the specificity of the interaction between AP-1 and BAF, we generated a knockin mouse in which a FLAG-HA tag is inserted into the *Fos* locus (see **STAR Methods**). Immunoprecipitation of FOS-associated proteins using an anti-FLAG antibody from MEF lysates demonstrated a robust and specific interaction between FOS-FLAG-HA and several core BAF subunits (*Figure 6B*). We also found that immunoprecipitation of FOS-FLAG-HA protein from HEK293T cells co-precipitated endogenously expressed BAF complex components (*Figure 6C*). Co-transfection of other FLAG-HA-tagged FOS family members could also co-precipitate BAF at similar levels to FOS-FLAG-HA, suggesting that AP-1 heterodimers containing any of the FOS family members can interact with BAF. However, JUND-FLAG-HA does not interact with BAF, suggesting that homodimers of the constitutively expressed AP-1 TF JUND, which are likely to be the predominant AP-1 dimers present in quiescent cells, cannot engage BAF and thus might have distinct transcriptional regulatory functions (*Figure 6C*). Importantly, the interaction between AP-1 and BAF did not require AP-1's DNA binding capacity, as mutations in the basic domain of FOS that mediates the interaction of FOS with the AP-1 motif failed to disrupt the interaction with BAF (*Figure 6D*). This suggests that these proteins could potentially interact in the nucleoplasm prior to binding to DNA. Furthermore, it indicates that the BAF-AP-1 interaction is not likely to result solely from the co-occupancy of these factors at enhancers. This would be consistent with a model in which AP-1 TFs facilitate targeting of BAF to specific enhancers across the genome.

AP-1 TFs Recruit the BAF Complex to Enhancers

While the ~1.5–2.0 MDa BAF complex has been previously shown to remodel nucleosomes on chromatin templates assembled *in vitro* and at promoters *in vivo*, the function of BAF at enhancers remains less clear (Alver et al., 2017; Shi et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2017). To determine whether BAF is involved in inducible nucleosome remodeling at LRG enhancers, we first

performed ChIP-seq for SMARCA4, a core component of BAF, to determine if the complex is recruited to AP-1-bound LRG enhancers upon stimulation. This revealed that BAF levels are low at most LRG enhancers prior to stimulation, but increase significantly upon stimulation (*Figures 7A* and *7B*). Across the genome, 77% of serum-inducible SMARCA4 binding sites overlap AP-1 TF binding sites, and at these sites the SMARCA4 ChIP-seq signal is centered around the AP-1 motif, consistent with a role for AP-1 TFs in BAF recruitment to these enhancers (*Figure 7C*). We observed higher levels of serum-inducible SMARCA4 binding at AP-1-bound sites genome-wide compared to sites with similar levels of H3K27ac that are not bound by AP-1 (*Figure 7D*). In addition, enhancer activation does not appear to be essential for BAF recruitment, as many sites of AP-1 binding not at active enhancers (i.e., without H3K27ac) also exhibited higher levels of BAF recruitment upon stimulation (see for example deciles 5–10 in *Figure 7D*; *Figure 7F*). This suggests that the increased levels of inducible SMARCA4 binding at AP-1 sites do not result as a side effect of a shared affinity of AP-1 and/or BAF for active enhancer elements, but rather reflect AP-1's ability to recruit BAF to AP-1 binding sites.

We next assessed whether AP-1 TFs are in fact necessary for BAF recruitment to AP-1 bound enhancers. First, we examined the requirement of AP-1 for BAF recruitment to AP-1 motifs that are bound by AP-1 in SPRET/EiJ but have lost AP-1 binding in C57BL/6J due to a SNP in an AP-1 motif. Strikingly, we found that the loss of AP-1 binding in C57BL/6J MEFs led to a complete loss of BAF binding at these sites in C57BL/6J (n = 231; *Figure 7E*). To more directly test the requirement of AP-1 family members for nucleosome remodeling at AP-1 sites, we simultaneously disrupted the function of three family members (FOS, FOSB, and JUNB) using MEFs from a conditional mouse line. Under these conditions we detected a significant and specific decrease in nucleosome remodeling by ATAC-seq at LRG enhancers compared to other enhancer classes (FDR = 1.1×10^{-17} ; *Figure S4A*, top row) as well as a decrease in LRG enhancer activation (FDR = 4.1×10^{-31} ; *Figure S4A*, bottom row). A likely explanation for the remaining ATAC-seq and H3K27ac ChIP-seq signal after FOS, FOSB, and JUNB removal is the continued presence of other AP-1 family members, all of which we have found can interact with and potentially recruit BAF to AP-1 site-containing enhancers. However, prolonged disruption of additional AP-1 family members might lead to decreased cell viability and may limit the ability to stimulate MEFs to re-enter the cell cycle. Therefore, we also assessed serum-inducible BAF binding to AP-1 binding sites in cells in which we inhibited the inducible translation of ERG TFs by treating MEFs with the protein synthesis inhibitor anisomycin immediately prior to serum addition. While anisomycin treatment blocks the inducible translation of all ERG TFs, not solely AP-1, by focusing on serum-inducible, AP-1-bound enhancers, we can more specifically assess the effect of the loss of inducible AP-1 TFs. Strikingly, anisomycin treatment led to a nearly complete loss of serum-dependent SMARCA4 recruitment to sites of inducible AP-1 binding, including LRG enhancers as well as inducible sites of AP-1 binding that are not active enhancers (*Figure 7F*). These data suggest a direct role for newly synthesized AP-1 TFs in recruiting BAF to AP-1 site-containing enhancers across the genome upon stimulation.

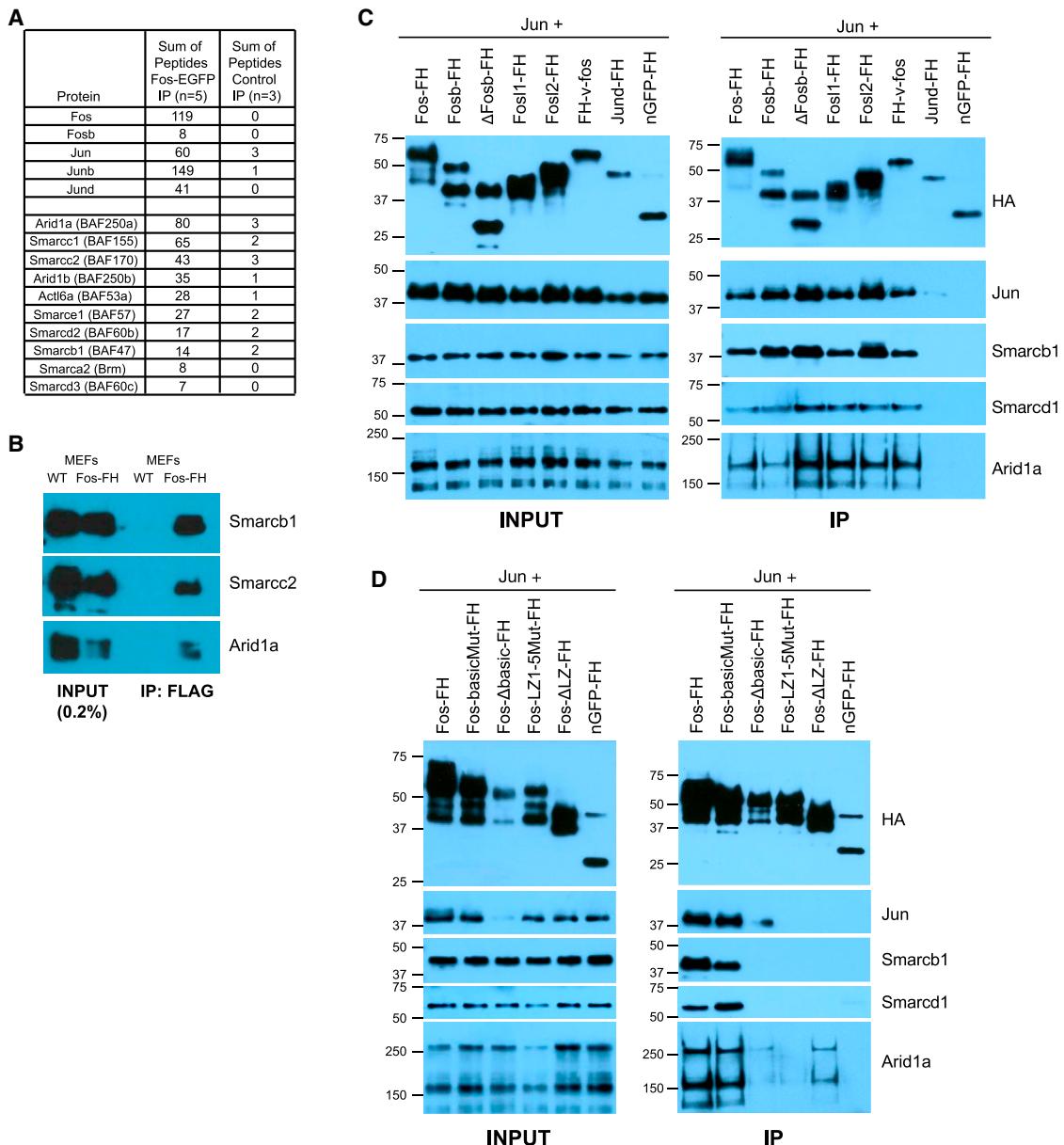


Figure 6. AP-1 TFs Interact with the BAF Chromatin Remodeling Complex

(A) Summary of total peptides identified from FOS-EGFP or control immunoprecipitates analyzed by mass spectrometry. Additional information including fold change (FC) calculations is reported in Table S2.

(B) Western blots with indicated antibodies of anti-FLAG immunoprecipitates from stimulated (90 min) wild-type (WT) or FOS-FLAG-HA knockin MEFs.

(C and D) Western blots of input (left column) and proteins co-immunoprecipitated with FLAG-HA-tagged AP-1 family members (C) and indicated mutants of FOS (D) co-transfected with untagged JUN into HEK293T cells. FOS basic mutant, specific amino acids mutated in the basic domain that binds DNA; FOS Δ -basic domain, basic domain complete deletion; FOS L(1-5) mutant, all leucines in the leucine zipper mutated to valines (the leucine zipper is required for heterodimerization with JUN family proteins and thus for DNA binding); FOS Δ LZ, leucine zipper deletion. Transfected FOS family members exhibited variable expression levels, so when possible, the amount of transfected plasmid was titrated to achieve similar expression levels (see STAR Methods). However, deletion of the entire basic domain in FOS (FOS Δ -basic domain) also destabilizes JUN protein, leading to reduced JUN levels and complicating our assessment of the effect of this deletion on AP-1's ability to interact with BAF components.

Lastly, we investigated whether BAF function is required for proper nucleosome remodeling and activation of LRG enhancers. We compared H3K4me1 and H3K27ac ChIP-seq data obtained from exponentially proliferating MEFs prepared

from *Smarca4*^{f/f} and *Smarcb1*^{f/f} mice treated with Cre recombinase to remove BAF function to data from wild-type MEFs grown under similar conditions (Alver et al., 2017). Disruption of either core component of BAF led to both impaired remodeling of

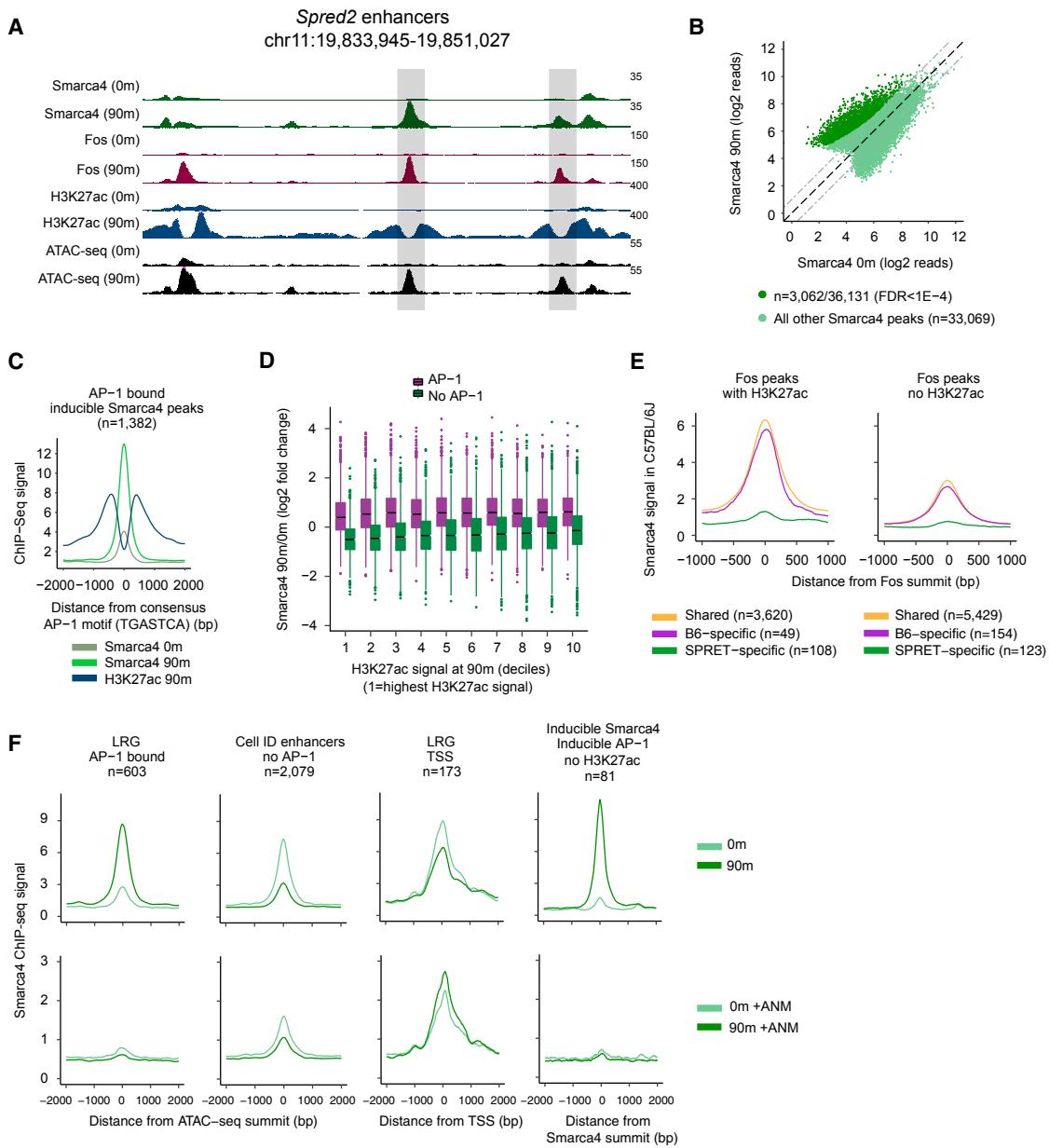


Figure 7. AP-1 TFs Are Required for BAF Recruitment to Enhancers

(A) Representative LRG enhancers at the locus of the LRG *Spred2*. Scale bars indicate normalized read densities for each ChIP-seq, and shaded boxes denote LRG enhancers.

(B) SMARCA4 ChIP-seq signal at all SMARCA4 peaks before and after stimulation with serum for 90 min. Dashed gray lines indicate a 2-fold change. SMARCA4 peaks with a significant increase in SMARCA4 signal at 90 min ($n = 3,062$) compared to 0 min are indicated in dark green ($FDR < 1 \times 10^{-4}$). SMARCA4 peaks that do not increase significantly at 90 min ($n = 33,069$) are indicated in light green.

(C) SMARCA4 and H3K27ac ChIP-seq signal at all inducible SMARCA4 peaks bound by AP-1. SMARCA4 peaks have been recentered on the closest consensus AP-1 motif within ± 125 bp of the SMARCA4 peak center.

(D) Inducible binding of SMARCA4 (90 min/0 min) at ATAC-seq peaks across the genome. ATAC-seq peaks are split into AP-1 bound and not AP-1 bound and binned into deciles according to their levels of H3K27ac ChIP-seq signal (decile 1, highest H3K27ac signal at 90 min; decile 10, lowest H3K27ac signal at 90 min).

(E) SMARCA4 ChIP-seq signal from C57BL/6J MEFs at a set of enhancers that exhibit SPRET/EiJ-specific binding of AP-1 compared to enhancers at which AP-1 binds in both strains. At left, SPRET/EiJ-specific enhancers function as H3K27ac-marked active enhancers in SPRET/EiJ, but have an AP-1 point mutation in C57BL/6J that disrupts binding of FOS ($n = 108$). A similar comparison is shown at right, but instead of focusing on active enhancers in SPRET/EiJ that have lost FOS binding in C57BL/6J, it displays the SMARCA4 ChIP-seq signal at all FOS peaks that are SPRET/EiJ specific but not at active enhancers ($n = 123$).

(F) SMARCA4 ChIP-seq signal from MEFs in untreated cells (top row) or cells pretreated with the protein synthesis inhibitor anisomycin prior to serum stimulation (bottom row) at different classes of *cis*-regulatory elements (first three panels) and at SMARCA4 peaks at which SMARCA4 binding and AP-1 binding are both inducible but that are not at active enhancers marked by H3K27ac.

H3K4me1-modified nucleosomes as well as a significant and specific decrease in H3K27ac ChIP-seq signal at LRG enhancers compared to active enhancers that are not bound by AP-1 (Figure S5). These data are consistent with our observation that LRG enhancers selectively undergo inducible nucleosome remodeling upon stimulation and suggest that these enhancers have a preferential requirement for AP-1-dependent BAF recruitment for the establishment of accessible chromatin during enhancer selection.

DISCUSSION

Our findings suggest a model in which Ras/MAPK signaling participates actively in enhancer selection by inducing transcription of AP-1 TFs, which then bind together with cell-type-specific LDTFs and BAF to select new enhancers. This has implications for understanding how cells integrate extrinsic information with cell-intrinsic factors to select the appropriate enhancers from among the $\sim 10^6$ possible enhancer sequences in the genome. The widespread expression of AP-1 TFs also suggests that they could participate in enhancer selection during the differentiation of many cell types, consistent with observations from previous studies (Heinz et al., 2013; Hogan et al., 2017; Maurano et al., 2015). In addition, our data provide insight into the regulation of transcription by growth factors and other extracellular stimuli that signal through Ras/MAPK, which will be important for understanding their role in mediating diverse biological responses to environmental stimuli including cellular differentiation, stem cell function, the repair of tissue damage, cancer, and learning and memory (Simanshu et al., 2017).

It will be interesting to further explore how AP-1 TFs and LDTFs in each cell type bind to and select specific nucleosomal enhancers (Figure S6). We favor a model in which AP-1 binds collaboratively with cell-type-specific TFs to select specific nucleosome-occupied enhancers. Consistent with this, distinct LDTF motifs in each cell type that we analyzed are most highly enriched within 75 bp of the central AP-1 motif at enhancers, meaning that these groups of TFs may compete directly with the histone octamer to bind to the enhancer (Buecker et al., 2014; Moyle-Heyrman et al., 2011). This suggests that in some cases AP-1 TFs bind to AP-1 motifs on a nucleosome, a specific functional property thought to be limited to a subset of TFs called pioneer TFs (Zaret and Carroll, 2011). However, while *in vitro* nucleosome-binding assays suggest AP-1 can bind to AP-1 motifs on nucleosomes, structural modeling suggests that such binding would be disfavored due to steric constraints (He et al., 2013; Ng et al., 1997). Binding of AP-1 TFs to nucleosomes would also depend on where the AP-1 motif was located on the nucleosome (i.e., its translational and rotational phasing), as certain regions of nucleosomes are more accessible for TF binding than others. Simultaneous or sequential binding of LDTFs to a nucleosome could also facilitate the binding of AP-1 TFs by altering the accessibility of the nucleosome (Miller and Widom, 2003). This is consistent with our genetic data suggesting other LDTF motifs can be required for AP-1 binding to enhancers.

An important issue for future studies will be to determine how AP-1 binding together with LDTFs induces nucleosome remodel-

ing. One possibility is that these TFs can compete directly with the histone octamer for binding to the enhancer sequence, a mechanism referred to as collaborative competition (Miller and Widom, 2003). It is not clear how BAF would contribute to enhancer selection in this scenario (Swinstead et al., 2016b; Zaret and Carroll, 2011). One could imagine that following direct eviction of the histone octamer by TFs, BAF is required to further remodel flanking nucleosomes to stably establish accessible chromatin (Figure S6).

Further studies will be required to better understand how AP-1 TFs recruit BAF to enhancers. At least one other signal-dependent TF, the glucocorticoid receptor, has been shown to interact directly with BAF, but the importance of this interaction for the recruitment of BAF to specific regulatory elements across the genome remains unclear (Fryer and Archer, 1998). Interestingly, AP-1 TFs were previously shown to be required for maintaining accessible chromatin at a subset of regulatory elements where the glucocorticoid receptor binds upon its activation in breast cancer cells (Biddie et al., 2011). One potential explanation for this finding is that BAF might interact simultaneously with AP-1 TFs and the glucocorticoid receptor, functioning as a polymorphic reader of TFs bound to *cis*-regulatory elements. This would be consistent with our data that AP-1 is necessary for BAF recruitment to many enhancers. However, AP-1 TF binding is not sufficient to recruit BAF to all AP-1 binding sites, suggesting that within each cell type additional TFs are required to recruit BAF to enhancers.

The requirement for BAF function for Ras/MAPK/AP-1-dependent enhancer selection suggests a unifying pathophysiological mechanism explaining the tumor-suppressive function of BAF, which is among the most frequently mutated tumor suppressors in human cancer (Kadoch and Crabtree, 2015). We propose that part of the pathogenesis of BAF mutations is due to the critical role of BAF in the Ras/MAPK/AP-1-dependent selection of enhancers. Thus, attenuation of BAF function could lead to deregulated Ras/MAPK-dependent transcriptional responses, which could impair cellular differentiation and/or activation of LRGs that function as negative feedback regulators of Ras/MAPK signaling (e.g., SPROUTY, SPRED proteins), which could synergize with hyperactivating mutations in Ras to drive oncogenic growth (Simanshu et al., 2017).

We previously showed that AP-1 TFs are critical mediators of neuronal activity-dependent enhancer function in cortical neurons (Malik et al., 2014). Interestingly, BAF complexes have a unique subunit composition in neurons (nBAF) that appears to be important for neuronal activity-dependent dendritic growth (Wu et al., 2007). Our findings raise the possibility that AP-1 TFs also interact with nBAF complexes. It will be interesting to determine whether the neuronal-specific subunits of nBAF modulate the nucleosome remodeling function of the complex at neuronal activity-regulated enhancers. Consistent with this, subunits of nBAF, in particular *Arid1b*, are strongly associated with *de novo* intellectual disability and are mutated in several Mendelian disorders that cause intellectual disability (Deciphering Developmental Disorders Study, 2017; Ronan et al., 2013). It will be important to further investigate the contribution of BAF mutations to enhancer selection across various stages of cognitive development.

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STAR★METHODS**KEY RESOURCES TABLE**

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Antibodies		
GFP-TRAP A	Chromotek	gta-20 lot 60308001A; RRID: AB_2631357
Mouse anti-FLAG-M2 affinity gel	Sigma	A2220-1mL lot SLBR7667V; RRID:AB_10063035
Rabbit anti-Arid1a	Cell Signaling	12354S lot 2; RRID: AB_2637010
Rabbit anti-BAF170	Abcam	ab71907 lot 810191; RRID: AB_2192009
Rabbit anti-BAF47	Bethyl	A301-087A lot 2; RRID: AB_2191714
Rabbit anti-BAF60a	Bethyl	A301-594A; RRID: AB_1078799
Rabbit anti-Brg1	Abcam	ab4081 lots GR283616-1, GR152856-1; RRID: AB_304271
Rabbit anti-CBP	Santa Cruz	sc-369X lot J1315; RRID: AB_631006
Rabbit anti-Fos	Santa Cruz	sc-7202X lots A2513, J1613, J2015; RRID: AB_2106765
Rabbit anti-Fra-2	Santa Cruz	sc-604X lot H2713; RRID: AB_2107084
Rabbit anti-GAPDH	Sigma	G9545; RRID:AB_796208
Rabbit anti-GFP	Life Technologies	G10362; RRID:AB_2536526
Rabbit anti-H3	Abcam	ab1791 lot GR283606-1; RRID: AB_302613
Rabbit anti-H3	Abcam	ab176842 lot GR206289-11; RRID: AB_2493104
Rabbit anti-H3K27ac	Abcam	ab4729 lot GR150367-1; RRID: AB_2118291
Rabbit anti-H3K4me1	Abcam	ab176877 lot GR186271-2; RRID: AB_2637011
Rabbit anti-H3K4me1	Abcam	ab8895; RRID: AB_306847
Rabbit anti-H3K4me2	Abcam	ab7766 lot GR160184-1; RRID: AB_2560996
Rabbit anti-Jun	Cell Signaling	9165S lot 9; RRID: AB_2130165
Rabbit anti-JunD	Santa Cruz	sc-74 lot I1014; RRID: AB_2130177
Rat anti-HA	Roche	11867423001; RRID: AB_390918
Chemicals, Peptides, and Recombinant Proteins		
3x FLAG peptide	Sigma	F4799-4MG
Anisomycin	Sigma	A9789-100MG
Benzonase nuclease	Sigma	E1014-25KU
Blocked agarose beads	Chromotek	bab-20
cOmplete EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail	Sigma	11873580001
Cycloheximide	Sigma	C4859-1ML
DMSO Hybri-Max	Sigma	D2650-100ML
EGS	Thermo Fisher	21565
Formaldehyde	Ted Pella	18505
Mouse IgG agarose	Sigma	A0919-5ML
Protein A Dynabeads	Life Technologies	10002D
Proteinase K	New England Biolabs	P8107S
V5 peptide	Sigma	V7754-4MG
Critical Commercial Assays		
High Capacity cDNA Reverse Transcription Kit	Life Technologies	4368814
MEGAclear kit	Life Technologies	AM1908
MEGAshortscriptT7 Kit	Life Technologies	AM1354
MinElute PCR purification kit	QIAGEN	28004
NEBNext rRNA Depletion Kit	New England Biolabs	E6310

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NEBNext Ultra Directional RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina	New England Biolabs	E7420L
Nextera DNA sample preparation kit	Illumina	FC-121-1030
Ovation Ultralow System V2 1-16	NuGEN	0344-32
PowerUp SYBR Green Master Mix	Life Technologies	A25743
Qubit dsDNA HS assay kit	Thermo Fisher	Q32854
RNase-free DNase set	QIAGEN	79254
RNeasy mini kit	QIAGEN	74104
TOPO TA cloning kit	Life Technologies	K457501
TURBO DNA-free kit	Thermo Fisher	AM1907
Deposited Data		
Affinity-based mass spectrometry performed with GFP-TRAP A	This study	Table S2
Mouse reference genome GRCm38/mm10	Genome Reference Consortium	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/grc/mouse
Raw and analyzed ATAC-seq data	Su et al. 2017	GEO: GSE82015, GSE86367
Raw and analyzed ChIP-seq data	Ostuni et al. 2013	GEO: GSE38377
Raw and analyzed ChIP-seq, DHS-seq data	Bevington et al. 2016	GEO: GSE67443
Raw and analyzed ChIP-seq, RNA-seq, ATAC-seq data	This study	GEO: GSE83295
Raw ChIP-seq data	Alver et al. 2017	GEO: GSE71509
Raw ChIP-seq data	ENCODE project	GEO: GSM769028, GSM769029
SPRET/Eij SNPs (release version 5)	Keane et al. 2011	ftp://ftp-mouse.sanger.ac.uk/REL-1505-SNPs_Indels/strain_specific_vcfs/SPRET_Eij.mgp.v5.snps.dbSNP142.vcf.gz
Experimental Models: Cell Lines		
Human: HEK 293T cells	ATCC	CRL3216
Mouse: Embryonic fibroblasts isolated from E13.5-E14.5 C57BL/6J mice	This paper	N/A
Mouse: Embryonic fibroblasts isolated from E13.5-E14.5 <i>Fos</i> ^{-/-} mice	This paper	N/A
Mouse: Embryonic fibroblasts isolated from E13.5-E14.5 <i>Fos</i> ^{fl/fl} ; <i>Fosb</i> ^{fl/fl} ; <i>Junb</i> ^{fl/fl} mice	This paper	N/A
Mouse: Embryonic fibroblasts isolated from E13.5-E14.5 SPRET/Eij mice	This paper	N/A
Mouse: Embryonic fibroblasts isolated from E13.5-E14.5 C57BL/6J x SPRET/Eij F1 hybrid mice	This paper	N/A
Mouse: <i>Fosb</i> ^{tm1a(KOMP)Wtsi}	KOMP	EPD0587_1_H08
Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains		
Mouse: B6.129S4-Gt(ROSA)26Sor tm2(FLP*)Sor/J	The Jackson Laboratory	012930
Mouse: B6.Cg-Tg(Fos/EGFP)1-3Brth/J	The Jackson Laboratory	014135
Mouse: B6.FVB-Tg(EIIA-cre)C5379Lmgd/J	The Jackson Laboratory	003724
Mouse: C57BL/6J	The Jackson Laboratory	000664
Mouse: <i>Fosb</i> ^{fl/fl}	This paper	N/A
Mouse: <i>Fos</i> ^{fl/fl}	Fleischmann et al., 2003	N/A
Mouse: <i>Fos</i> ^{fl/fl} ; <i>Fosb</i> ^{fl/fl} ; <i>Junb</i> ^{fl/fl}	This paper	N/A
Mouse: <i>Fos</i> ^{FLAG-HA}	This paper	N/A
Mouse: <i>Junb</i> ^{fl/fl}	Kenner et al., 2004	N/A
Mouse: SPRET/Eij	The Jackson Laboratory	001146

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Sequence-based reagents		
ERCC RNA spike-in mix (Mix 1)	Life Technologies	445670
Transfection-ready Cas9 SmartNuclease mRNA	System Biosciences	CAS500A-1
Recombinant DNA		
pMD2.G	Dull et al., 1998	Addgene 12259
pMDLg/prRE	Dull et al., 1998	Addgene 12251
pRSV-rev	Dull et al., 1998	Addgene 12253
pFUGW-Cre	This paper	N/A
pFUGW-ΔCre	This paper	N/A
Software and Algorithms		
BEDtools	Quinlan and Hall, 2010	version 2.23.0
Bowtie	Langmead et al., 2009	version 1.1.1
CentriMo	Bailey and Machanick, 2012	version 4.11.0
CRAPome	Mellacheruvu et al., 2013	http://crapome.org , version 1.1
CRISPR design tool	MIT	http://crispr.mit.edu
DESeq2	Love et al., 2014	version 1.12.3
edgeR	Robinson et al., 2010	version 3.14.0
FIMO	Grant et al., 2011	version 4.11.0
HOMER	Heinz et al., 2010	version 4.6
Irreproducible Discovery Rate (IDR) pipeline	ENCODE	2012 version
JASPAR	Mathelier et al., 2016	2016 version
Lapels	Holt et al., 2013	version 1.0.6
limma	Law et al., 2014	version 3.28.17
MACS2	Zhang et al., 2008	version 2.1.1
MAPtoFeatures	Gray et al., 2014	N/A
Modtools	Huang et al., 2013	version 1.0.2
samtools	Li et al., 2009	version 0.1.19
SPP	Kharchenko et al., 2008	version 1.14, phantompeakqualtools from ENCODE
Trimmomatic	Bolger et al., 2014	version 0.33
WASP	van de Geijnen et al., 2015	https://github.com/bmvdgeijn/WASP commit b5eb4d85cf5aea123d20072ad0f1ec3c0dcec5e8
VCFtools	Danecek et al., 2011	version 0.1.12

CONTACT FOR REAGENT AND RESOURCE SHARING

Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Thomas Vierbuchen (tvierbuchen@gmail.com).

EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS

The Harvard Medical Area Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee has approved our animal breeding and research protocols. Mice were used for isolating cultures of primary cells for all ChIP-seq, RNA-seq, ATAC-seq, and biochemistry experiments performed in this study.

Generation of *Fos*^{-/-} mice

Fos^{+/+/-} mice provided by Dr. Alexander Fleischmann ([Fleischmann et al., 2003](#)) were crossed to EIIA-Cre mice [B6.FVB-Tg(EIIA-cre) C5379Lmgd/J] (Jackson Labs Stock #: 003724) and then bred to each other to generate *Fos*^{-/-} animals.

Generation of *Fosb*^{fl/fl} mice

[*Fosb*^{tm1a(KOMP)Wtsi}] Embryonic stem cell clone (EPD0587_1_H08) was purchased and blastocyst injections were performed by the Brigham and Women's Hospital Embryonic Stem Cell Core facility under the supervision of Dr. Arlene Sharpe. Chimeric offspring were mated to C57BL/6J mice and germline transmission was achieved. The LacZ-loxP-Neo cassette was excised by mating these mice to *Rosa26-FLP* [B6.129S4-Gt(ROSA)26Sor^{tm2(FLP*)/Sor}/J] (Jackson Labs Stock #: 012930) mice. The resultant mice were bred together to generate a homozygous *Fosb*^{fl/fl} line.

Generation of *Fos*^{fl/fl}; *Fosb*^{fl/fl}; *Junb*^{fl/fl} mice

Fos^{fl/fl} mice, *Fosb*^{fl/fl} mice and *Junb*^{fl/fl} mice (Kenner et al., 2004) were bred together to generate *Fos*^{fl/fl}; *Fosb*^{fl/fl}; *Junb*^{fl/fl} mice.

Generation of *Fos*^{FLAG-HA} mice

Fos^{FLAG-HA} knockin mice were generated using CRISPR/Cas9. A guide RNA was designed using the CRISPR design algorithm (<http://crispr.mit.edu>) (5'-GCTCACAGGGCCAGCAGCGTGGG-3') to target near the stop codon at the C terminus of the endogenous *Fos* locus. T7-PCR template of gRNA was amplified for IVT reaction using the forward primer (5'-TAATACGACTCACTATAAGGGCTCACAGGGCCAGCAGCGT-3') and reverse primer (5'-AAAAGCACCGACTCGGTGCC-3') and purified using Qiagen PCR purification kit. gRNA was *in vitro* transcribed using Ambion MEGAshortscriptT7 kit according to manufacturer's instructions and purified using the Ambion MEGAClear kit according to manufacturer's instructions. Purified gRNA, homology directed repair template (IDT) and Cas9 mRNA (System Biosciences) were provided to the Genome Modification Facility of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute where injections were performed under the supervision of Dr. Lin Wu. Heterozygous male was used as founder and bred to female C57BL/6J mice. FOS-FLAG-HA tag was validated by PCR and sequencing and shown to be expressed at endogenous levels via western blot. F1 mice were then bred to produce homozygous knockin mice.

Additional mouse strains

Fos-EGFP [B6.Cg-Tg(*Fos*/EGFP)1-3Brth/J] (Jackson Labs Stock #: 014135). SPRET/EiJ (Jackson Labs Stock #: 001146).

METHOD DETAILS

Cell culture

Mouse embryonic fibroblasts were generated from embryos removed from pregnant mothers on embryonic day 13.5-14.5 (E13.5-E14.5). Embryos were washed 6X in room temperature PBS and then the heads and internal organs were removed with 55 forceps. Single embryos were incubated in 500 µL of 1× trypsin on 15cm tissue culture dishes for 30 min. After incubation, embryos were manually dissociated with scissors on the plate for ~20 seconds and then incubated in 2 mL of 1× trypsin for 35 min. Dissociated embryos were further broken down by adding 8 mL of MEF media to the embryo resuspension and forcefully pipetting up and down with a 10mL serological pipette 10-15 times. An additional 12 mL of MEF media was added and the resulting MEFs were grown at 37°C with 5% CO₂. Once confluent (generally within 48 hr), cells were trypsinized and expanded onto 5X15cm dishes. Once these became confluent again the cells were frozen down using freezing media consisting of 10% DMSO, 40% FBS, 50% MEF media.

For serum stimulation experiments, cells were thawed and expanded for one passage. All experiments were performed with MEFs at the same passage number (p3). For serum starvation, cells were split onto 15cm dishes (2.5 X 10⁶ cells/plate) and cells were washed in 10mL of PBS and then switched into 0.5% serum MEF media 12-16 hr after passaging. Cells were starved for 26-30 hr in 20mL of 0.5% serum media before being stimulated with 20mL of pre-warmed 30% serum MEF media (for a final concentration of 15% serum).

For identification of protein synthesis-dependent inducible enhancers, serum starved MEFs were treated with cycloheximide (10 µg/mL from 1mg/mL stock in DMSO) for 10 min prior to addition of an equal volume of 30% serum containing media (without cycloheximide). Addition of serum containing media diluted the concentration to 5 µg/mL in 15% serum media.

For identification of protein synthesis-dependent SMARCA4 ChIP-seq peaks, we treated serum starved MEFs with anisomycin (100 µM from 10 mg/mL stock in DMSO) for 10 min prior to addition of an equal volume of 30% serum containing media (without anisomycin). Addition of serum containing media diluted the concentration to 50 µM in 15% serum media.

For co-immunoprecipitation experiments to assess the interaction of FOS family members and FOS mutants with BAF complex components, HEK 293T cells (ATCC CRL-11268) were thawed and used for up to 10 passages. Cells were split onto 10cm dishes (~1 × 10⁶ cells/plate) 16-24 hr prior to transfection and transfected with 0.625 µg of each plasmid per plate.

Gene expression

Spike-in normalized RNA-seq

To determine expression levels of AP-1 TFs in Figure S4C, mouse embryonic fibroblasts (2 6-well plate wells/timepoint; 6 × 10⁵ cells total), were serum starved and stimulated with serum as described above. 3 biological replicates were obtained for each of 3 stimulation time points: serum starved ("CTL"), and 1, and 4 hr post-stimulation. Cells were washed once with PBS and lysed in 2 mL of Trizol. Prior to RNA extraction, an equal amount of ERCC spike-in control RNA was added to each sample, following the manufacturer's specifications. RNA was extracted using the Qiagen RNeasy Mini Kit with on-column DNase digestion.

Chromatin immunoprecipitation

Crosslinking

Growth media was removed and replaced with crosslinking buffer (10 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM EGTA) containing 1% formaldehyde (added immediately before crosslinking) and incubated while shaking gently at room temperature for 10 min. Crosslinks were quenched by addition of glycine to a final concentration of 0.125 M, and incubated while shaking gently at room temperature for 5 min. Cells were washed once with cold PBS, scraped into 5 mL of cold PBS per plate, pooled, and spun for 5 min at 1,350 g at 4°C. Cell pellets were flash frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C until use.

Dual crosslinking for SMARCA4 ChIP-seq

Growth media was removed and cells were washed rapidly with 20mL of room temperature PBS. PBS was removed and replaced with 30mL of 1.5mM EGS (Pierce) in PBS. EGS crosslinking solution was prepared immediately prior to use by first making a 25mM stock solution in anhydrous DMSO (Sigma) and then diluting this stock to 1.5mM in PBS. Cells were incubated with light circulating shaking for 30 min. EGS crosslinking solution was removed and replaced with 1% formaldehyde in crosslinking buffer and incubated for 10 min. Crosslinks were quenched by addition of glycine to a final concentration of 0.125 M, and incubated while shaking gently at room temperature for 5 min. Cells were washed once with cold PBS, scraped into 5 mL of cold PBS per plate, pooled, and spun for 5 min at 1,350 g at 4°C. Cell pellets were flash frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C until use.

Nuclei prep

Frozen crosslinked cell pellets were thawed on ice for up to 1 hr. Pellets were resuspended in cold 5 mL L1 buffer (50 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.5, 140 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM EGTA, 0.25% Triton X-100, 0.5% NP-40, 10% glycerol, protease inhibitors; 10 mM sodium butyrate added for H3K27ac ChIPs) by pipetting and rotated vertically at 4°C for 10 min. Pellets were spun for 5 min at 1,350 g at 4°C, and the supernatants were aspirated. Pellets were resuspended in cold 5 mL L2 by pipetting (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 200 mM NaCl, protease inhibitors; 10 mM sodium butyrate added for H3K27ac ChIPs) and rotated vertically at 4°C for 10 min. Pellets were spun for 5 min at 1,350 g at 4°C, and the supernatants were aspirated. Pellets were resuspended in cold 1.5 mL LB3 (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 0.5 mM EGTA, 0.1% sodium deoxycholate, 0.5% N-lauroylsarcosine, protease inhibitors; 10 mM sodium butyrate added for H3K27ac ChIPs) by pipetting and transferred to polystyrene tubes for sonication.

Sonication

Nuclei pellets were sonicated in polystyrene tubes (Bioruptor, Diagenode) on high power with 36-42 cycles of 30 sec "on", 45 sec "off". After sonication, Triton X-100 was added to 1% final concentration and sonicated chromatin was centrifuged at 16,000 g for 5 min at 4°C. The supernatant was used for preclearing and ChIP. All subsequent steps were performed using DNA LoBind tubes (Eppendorf).

Preclearing and antibody-bead coupling

Protein A Dynabeads (Life Technologies) were washed twice with blocking buffer (0.1% BSA in LB3 + 1% Triton X-100) and aliquoted for preclearing and antibody-bead coupling. Antibodies were coupled to beads in 1.8 mL of blocking buffer by vertical rotation at 4°C for 4 hr. In parallel, each sample of sonicated chromatin was incubated with an equivalent volume of washed bead slurry for preclearing. Each ChIP was performed in 1.8 mL LB3 + 1% Triton X-100 and rotated vertically at 4°C for 16 hr.

Washes and elution

For each wash, beads were rotated vertically in wash buffer at 4°C for 5 min. Beads were washed twice with low salt wash buffer (0.1% SDS, 1% Triton X-100, 2 mM EDTA, 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl), twice with high salt wash buffer (0.1% SDS, 1% Triton X-100, 2 mM EDTA, 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 500 mM NaCl), twice with lithium chloride wash buffer (0.25 M LiCl, 1% NP-40, 0.5% sodium deoxycholate, 1 mM EDTA, 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0), and once with TE (50 mM Tris, 10 mM EDTA). Beads were then incubated at 65°C in 200 µL of TE + 1% SDS per sample for 30 min with vortexing every 10 min. Eluted protein-DNA complexes were separated from the beads and incubated at 65°C for 16 hr to reverse crosslinks.

Purification of immunoprecipitated DNA

Elutions were incubated with 10 µg RNase for 30 min-1 hr at 37°C, followed by 140 µg proteinase K for 2-3 hr at 55°C with shaking. DNA was extracted with 1 volume of 25:24:1 phenol-chloroform-isoamyl alcohol and purified with a Qiagen PCR purification kit. ChIP DNA concentrations were determined by Qubit.

Library preparation and sequencing

RNA-seq

RNA-seq libraries were prepared and sequenced by Beijing Genomics Institute on an Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform to produce 20–22M non-strand-specific single-end reads of 49 bp uniform length per sample.

ChIP-seq

5-10 ng of the following ChIPs and their respective inputs from wild-type C57BL/6J MEFs were submitted to the Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI) for library preparation and 49-bp single-end sequencing on the Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform: all replicates of H3K27ac 0, 10, and 90 min, all replicates of FOS 0 and 90 min, and replicate 1 of JUND 0 and 90 min. For all other ChIPs, 2-40 ng of each ChIP sample were used to prepare libraries with the NuGEN Ovation Ultralow Library System v2 kit per manufacturer's protocol. Libraries were sequenced on the Illumina NextSeq 500 platform with 75 bp single-end reads, or 2 × 150 bp paired-end reads for Fig. S2b-c.

ATAC-seq

ATAC libraries were generated as previously described (Buenrostro et al., 2013) using nuclei from 40,000 MEFs per sample and sequenced on the Illumina NextSeq 500 platform with 75 bp single-end reads.

Virus production and infection

Infectious lentiviral particles were produced in HEK293T cells using the third generation lentiviral packaging plasmids pMD2.G (Addgene plasmid # 12259), pRSV-rev (Addgene plasmid #: 12253) and pMDLg/pRRE (Addgene plasmid #: 12251) (Dull et al., 1998). Cellular debris was removed from lentiviral supernatant by centrifugation at 1,000g for 5 min. Lentiviral supernatant was concentrated at 106,750 g for 90 min, resuspended overnight with gentle shaking in DMEM with polybrene (8 μ g/mL), aliquoted and stored at -80°C. Concentrated lentivirus titer was determined by limiting dilution in HEK293T cells to determine the ratio of infectivity between FUW-nGFP-Cre and FUW-nGFP-deltaCre virus and equal amounts of infectious particles were then titered on mouse embryonic fibroblasts to determine the minimal amount required for infection of essentially all cells on either a 6-well plate or a 15cm plate. For experimental samples, *Fos*^{f/f}, *Fosb*^{f/f}, *Junb*^{f/f} mouse embryonic fibroblasts were plated on 6-well plates (for collecting RNA; 3X10⁵ cells/plate) or 15cm plates (for ChIP-seq; 4.5 × 10⁶ cells/plate). 12 hr later, cells were washed once with PBS and switched into 0.5% serum containing media with polybrene (8ug/mL) and the appropriate amount of concentrated lentiviral particles. After 8 hr, cells were washed once with PBS and switched into 0.5% serum media for the remainder of the serum starvation period (26-30 hr total). Serum stimulation and processing was performed as indicated above.

Glycerol gradient centrifugation

Serum-stimulated MEFs on a 15cm plate were washed once in PBS, scraped into 3 mL of NE1 buffer (20 mM HEPES pH 7.9, 10 mM KCl, 0.1% Triton X-100, 1 mM EDTA, protease inhibitors), and rotated for 10 min at 4°C. Crude nuclei were pelleted for 5 min at 800 g and resuspended in 1.5 mL of fresh NE1 buffer. Nuclei were sonicated in polystyrene tubes (Bioruptor, Diagenode) on high power with 8 cycles of 30 sec “on”, 45 sec “off”. After sonication, 1 μ L Benzonase nuclease (Sigma) was added and nuclei were rotated for 20 min at 4°C. 5 M NaCl was added to 420 mM final concentration and rotated for 30 min at 4°C. The nuclear extract was centrifuged in a TLA-120.1 rotor (Beckman) at 77,000 rpm for 20 min at 4°C to remove insoluble material. 160 μ L of the supernatant was layered onto a 1.7 mL 10%-30% glycerol gradient (in 50 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.6, 150 mM NaCl, 3 mM MgCl, 1 mM EDTA). Tubes were centrifuged in a TLS-55 rotor (Beckman) at 45,000 rpm for 12 hr at 4°C. 160 μ L fractions were collected and resuspended in sample buffer for western blotting.

IP-mass spectrometry

300-450 million MEFs from FOS-EGFP or control mice were serum stimulated for 90 min. MEFs were washed once in cold PBS and scraped into 10 mL of NE1 buffer (20 mM HEPES pH 7.9, 10 mM KCl, 0.1% Triton X-100, 1 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM DTT, protease inhibitors) per 15cm plate. Lysates were pipetted up and down to disperse cells and rotated for 10 min at 4°C. Crude nuclei were pelleted at 800 g for 10 min at 4°C and resuspended in 1 packed nuclear volume (pnv) of NE1. Nuclei were briefly sonicated (Misonix 3000) at power 60, 2 min total “on” time (15 sec “on”, 45 sec “off”). 3 μ L of Benzonase (Sigma) was added and the sonicated nuclei were rotated for 30 min at 4°C. NaCl was added to 150 mM and the sonicated nuclei were rotated for an additional 20 min. Nuclei were pelleted at 16,000 g for 20 min at 4°C to remove insoluble material. The supernatant was used for the IP.

20 μ L of GFP-TRAP A (Chromotek) bead slurry was used for immunoprecipitation from every 3X15 cm plates of MEFs. Nuclear extracts were precleared with an equivalent bed volume of blocked agarose beads (Chromotek). Beads were washed 3 times in NE1+150 mM NaCl buffer and the washed blocked agarose beads were added to nuclear extracts to rotate for 1 hr to preclear. Precleared nuclear extracts were added to washed GFP-TRAP beads and rotated for 1 hr at 4°C for immunoprecipitation. Beads were pelleted at 2,700 g for 2 min and washed 4 times with NE1+150 mM NaCl buffer with rotation for 5 min at 4°C per wash. Proteins were eluted from beads by boiling in 100 μ L of sample buffer, and IP was confirmed by western blotting. The remainder of the eluted proteins were concentrated by TCA precipitation and submitted for LC-MS/MS (Taplin Mass Spectrometry Facility, Harvard Medical School). Total spectral counts for each protein from all 5 replicates of FOS-EGFP IP-MS data were analyzed via the CRAPome (Mellacheruvu et al., 2013) using database version 1.1, “Other” as the organism, and all 3 replicates of anti-GFP IPs from control MEFs as the controls.

Co-immunoprecipitation**MEFs**

20-30 15cm plates per genotype of serum-stimulated MEFs were washed once in PBS, scraped into 3 mL of NE1 buffer (20 mM HEPES pH 7.9, 10 mM KCl, 0.1% Triton X-100, protease inhibitors) per 15 cm plate, and rotated for 10 min at 4°C. Crude nuclei were pelleted for 5 min at 800 g and washed with 10 mL of NE1. Washed nuclear pellets were resuspended in 1.5 mL NE1. Nuclei were sonicated in polystyrene tubes (Bioruptor, Diagenode) on high power with 8 cycles of 30 sec “on”, 45 sec “off”. After sonication, 1 μ L Benzonase nuclease (Sigma) was added and nuclear extracts were rotated for 20 min at 4°C. 5 MNaCl was added to 420 mM final concentration and rotated for 30 min at 4°C. Sonicated chromatin was centrifuged at 77,000 rpm in a TLA-120.1 rotor (Beckman) for 20 min at 4°C to remove insoluble material. 1 volume of NE1 was added to the supernatant to dilute the NaCl concentration to 210 mM for IPs. Prior to the IP, the supernatant was precleared in 100 μ L slurry of mouse IgG agarose beads (Sigma) for 1 hr at

4°C. During preclearing, 50 µL of FLAG-M2 agarose slurry for each IP was blocked by incubating in 5% BSA in NE1+210 mM NaCl at 4°C. Blocked FLAG-M2 beads were washed once with NE1+210 mM NaCl and incubated in precleared nuclear extract for 1 hr in 1.5 mL at 4°C. Beads were washed 4 times in 500 µL of RIPA buffer for 5 min at 4°C per wash. Nonspecifically interacting proteins were mock eluted from beads twice by incubation with 0.5 mg/mL V5 peptide in 60 µL NE1+210mM NaCl on a TOMY shaker at setting 2.5 for 15 min at room temperature for each elution. Finally, interactors were eluted by incubation with 0.5 mg/mL 3X FLAG peptide in 60 µL NE1+210mM NaCl on a TOMY shaker at setting 2.5 for 15 min at room temperature.

293T cells

CoIPs from 293T cells were performed as described above for MEFs with the following modifications: 8X10cm plates per condition were collected 24 hr after transfection, and 1 mg of precleared nuclear extract was used for each coIP.

QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

RNA-seq data processing

Read processing and alignment

Reads were aligned to the mouse genome (GRCm38/mm10 assembly, December 2011) using the Burrows-Wheeler Aligner (bwa) tool. Two sets of target sequences were provided and incorporated into the bwa index in addition to the usual 21 chromosomal targets: (1) the 16,299-bp mouse mitochondrial genome (GenBank accession NC_005089.1); and (2) a set of ~ 8 million short (\leq 96bp) exon-exon splice-junction sequences (see below). For RNA-seq data used in Figure 2B, a third set of 92 short (< 2.1kb) spike-in oligos representing a wide range of reference concentrations (ERCC RNA Spike-In Mix, Life Technologies; Mix 1) was also incorporated into the index. Typically ~97% of all reads were mappable, allowing up to 2 mismatches, and of these ~85% were mapped uniquely. Multiple reads whose 5' ends were assigned to the same locus were not flattened to a single count.

The splice-junction target sequences were based on the NCBI RefSeq database for GRCm38. For each annotated transcript, we noted all subsets of two or more exons, not necessarily adjacent, that could be spliced together to produce a sequence at least as long as the read length. Each of these sequences were then trimmed to the maximum number of bases such that a read mapping to the sequence would have to cross these ordered exons' splice junction(s). This procedure produced a library of all unique sets of exons whose intragenic splice junctions could possibly be covered by a read of the given length, based on the RefSeq annotation of exonic loci. Aligned reads thus had the opportunity to align either to genomic (chromosomal) sequences or to exon-junction-crossing sequences found only in mature mRNA.

Expression level quantification: An in-house software tool, MAPtoFeatures (Gray et al., 2014), was used to quantify expression levels for individual genes as follows. A database of genic features (CDSs and UTRs) was constructed from all 95,023 genomic transcripts annotated in RefSeq for GRCm38. Merged genes were constructed by unioning all exons in all transcripts assigned to each distinct gene; the resulting segments defined the gene's exonic coordinates used here (with the gaps between them defining introns). Genes with zero CDS exons were labeled "noncoding". These 33,102 genes were supplemented with 1,563 additional noncoding genes specified by the loci of all ribosomal RNA genes obtained from RepeatMasker (where the options Variations and Repeats, rmask.repFamily="rRNA" yielded 480 LSU-rRNA_Hsa; 45 SSU-rRNA_Hsa; 1,038 5S). The purpose of this step was to allow the filtering out of reads stemming from transcription of repeats and rRNA genes, which tend to get populated to inconsistent degrees from sample to sample depending on the variable quality of rRNA depletion.

Reads that aligned uniquely were then queried for their intersection with the exonic ranges of any of the above 34,665 genes, including exon-exon splice junctions. The total number of read bases that overlapped an exonic range was divided by the range's length to give an average exonic read Density (i.e., coverage). All reads were assigned to genes or to intergenic regions. However, only those reads not assigned to noncoding genes counted towards the total normalization count N , which ultimately afforded a more stable comparison of expression levels between samples than simply using the total number of reads. All read densities were normalized to a reference total of 10 million reads and a reference read length of 35 bp through multiplication by the factor $(10^7/N) \times (35 \text{ bp}/49 \text{ bp})$. (Division of these normalized densities by 0.35 yielded expression levels in alternative units of reads per kilobase of transcript per million mapped reads, RPKM.)

An additional normalization step was carried out exploiting the ERCC spike-in sequences. The normalized read Densities for these 92 targets were calculated as described above for each of our 36 samples. Any residual sample-to-sample variation was accounted for by a model wherein log-transformed observed Densities $\log(D_{\text{obs}})$ for each sample were assumed to have a simple linear dependence on the log-transform of the spike-in concentration C : $\log(D_{\text{obs}}) = a_k + b_k * \log(C)$ ($k = 1, \dots, 36$), with the expectation that $b_k \sim 1$ for the slopes. The parameters (a_k, b_k) were obtained for each sample from a linear least-squares fit to the spike-in oligos' known concentrations and observed Densities in that sample; indeed, the slopes were found in the range 0.94–0.99, with an average standard error of the slope 0.047 over all the fits. (In particular, these fits were based on only those 49 oligos that were observed with nonzero expression in all samples.) Inverting each linear fit, any gene's D_{obs} for sample k could be replaced by an inferred concentration C that supposedly derives from a "true" Density value D . Renormalization among all samples was achieved by a transformation back to log-Densities that would yield the same value of D in any sample for a given C : $\log(D) = a_0 + \log(C)$, i.e., with exactly unit slope and with intercept a_0 equal to the mean of all $\{a_k\}$. Finally, each observed Density in sample k was replaced with a renormalized Density D via $\log(D) = a_0 + (\log(D_{\text{obs}}) - a_k)/b_k$. (Zero Densities were left unchanged.) Of course the base used for all the logarithms is arbitrary; the

mean intercept for base-10 calculations was $a_0 = -1.618$. For downstream analyses, genes with a normalized exon density value of 0 in any replicate at any timepoint were discarded to remove lowly expressed genes.

ChIP-seq data processing

Read processing and alignment

Demultiplexed FASTQ files were trimmed with Trimmomatic (version 0.33) using the parameter SLIDINGWINDOW:5:30 (Bolger et al., 2014). Trimmed reads were aligned to the mm10 reference genome using Bowtie (version 1.1.1) (Langmead et al., 2009) with the parameters -S -n 2 -e 70 -m 1 -k 1 -l 49 -best. Paired end reads used in Figures S2b-c were mapped using Bowtie (version 2.2.4). Uniquely mapped reads were extracted using samtools (version 0.1.19) (Li et al., 2009) view with the parameters -h -b -F 3844 -q 10. Tag directories of reads were created using HOMER (version 4.6) makeTagDirectory (Heinz et al., 2010).

Peak calling

High confidence peaks across concordant biological replicates were identified via ENCODE's Irreproducible Discovery Rate (IDR) pipeline using a 1% IDR threshold (Landt et al., 2012). For each set of replicates, bam files of reads were pooled and 2 pseudorePLICATE files were generated by samtools view with the parameters -h -b -s 1.5 and -h -b -2.5. Peaks in biological replicate, pooled replicate, and pseudorePLICATE samples were called over pooled input samples using two peak callers with a relaxed threshold: MACS2 (version 2.1.1) (Zhang et al., 2008) with the parameters --nomodel -g mm -p 1e-1 --extsize 200, and the IDR pipeline's phantompeakqualtools version of SPP (Kharchenko et al., 2008) with the parameters -npeak=300000 -speak=100. An optimal final set of IDR-filtered peaks was obtained from each peak caller, and their intersection was taken as the consensus peak set. For transcription factor ChIPs, these consensus peaks were recentered on regions of maximum read overlap using HOMER with the parameter getPeakTags -center. These recentered peaks were used as the final high-confidence peak set for further analyses and the centers of these peaks were used as summits for analyses with HOMER.

ATAC-seq data processing

Read processing and alignment

Demultiplexed FASTQ files were trimmed with Trimmomatic (version 0.33) using the parameter SLIDINGWINDOW:5:30 (Bolger et al., 2014). Trimmed reads were aligned to the mm10 reference genome using Bowtie with the parameters -S -n 2 -e 70 -m 1 -k 1 -l 49 -best. PCR duplicates were removed with Picard MarkDuplicates. Tag directories of reads were created using HOMER makeTagDirectory.

Peak calling

High confidence peaks across concordant biological replicates were identified via ENCODE's Irreproducible Discovery Rate (IDR) pipeline using a 1% IDR threshold. For each set of replicates, bam files of reads were pooled and 2 pseudorePLICATE files were generated by samtools view with the parameters -h -b -s 1.5 and -h -b -2.5. Peaks in biological replicate, pooled replicate, and pseudorePLICATE samples were called over pooled input samples using two peak callers with a relaxed threshold: MACS2 with the parameters --nomodel -g mm -p 1e-1, and the IDR pipeline's phantompeakqualtools version of SPP with the parameter -npeak=500000. An optimal final set of IDR-filtered peaks was obtained from each peak caller, and their intersection was taken as the consensus peak set. These consensus peaks were recentered on regions of maximum read overlap using HOMER with the parameter getPeakTags -center. These recentered peaks were used as the final high-confidence peak set for further analyses and the centers of these peaks were used as summits for analyses with HOMER.

Definition of enhancer classes

For enhancer classes in Figure 1, 1kb windows centered on summits of ATAC-seq peaks (merged across 0, 10, and 90 min) from C57BL/6J MEFs were intersected with H3K27ac peaks (merged across 0, 10, and 90 min) to yield a total of 24,125 1kb windows at active regulatory elements across the genome. Raw H3K27ac read counts within this set of 1kb windows were obtained with HOMER (using the parameters -size 1000 -len 200 -noadj) and used as the input to differential signal testing by both DESeq2 (version 1.12.3) (Love et al., 2014) and edgeR (version 3.14.0) (Robinson et al., 2010). For each comparison, windows with significant increase in H3K27ac signal with $FDR < 1 \times 10^{-4}$ by both DESeq2 (altHypothesis="greater") and edgeR (glmTreat) were obtained. After each differential analysis, to restrict our analyses to gene-distal regulatory elements (at least +/- 1kb away from an annotated TSS) that were likely to be enhancers, we used ENCODE's H3K4me1 (GSM769028) and H3K4me3 (GSM769029) ChIP-seq data from MEFs and only considered the subset of windows at which the H3K4me1 signal was significantly higher than H3K4me3.

LRG enhancers

$n = 2,144$, Figure S1a: Putative LRG enhancers were identified by performing tests for windows with differential H3K27ac signal in the following contrasts:

- (i) 90 min stimulated MEFs vs. unstimulated MEFs
- (ii) 90 min stimulated MEFs vs. 10 min stimulated MEFs
- (iii) 10 min stimulated MEFs vs. unstimulated MEFs

The windows obtained in (i) and (ii) were intersected and the windows obtained in (iii) were removed from this intersection to remove possible ERG enhancers.

LRG enhancers, protein synthesis-dependent

n = 1,398, [Figure 1A](#): To identify the protein synthesis-dependent subset of LRG enhancers identified above, we performed additional tests:

- (iv) 90 min stimulated MEFs vs. 90 min stimulated MEFs treated with cycloheximide
- (v) 90 min stimulated MEFs treated with cycloheximide vs. unstimulated MEFs treated with cycloheximide

For each comparison, windows with significant increase in H3K27ac signal with FDR < 1×10^{-4} by both DESeq2 and edgeR were obtained. The 2,144 windows obtained above were intersected with the windows obtained in (iv), and the windows obtained in (v) were removed from this intersection to remove enhancers that were still induced at 90 min in the presence of cycloheximide. The remaining windows were considered protein synthesis-dependent LRG enhancers.

LRG enhancers, protein synthesis-dependent and occluded by nucleosomes prior to stimulation

n = 619, [Figures 4B–4D](#): To identify the subset of the 1,398 LRG enhancers that are occluded by nucleosomes prior to stimulation, the enhancers that overlapped with ATAC-seq peaks at 0hr were first removed. Next, ATAC-seq peaks with significantly inducible signal upon serum stimulation were identified by performing differential testing for ATAC-seq signal in 90 min stimulated MEFs vs. unstimulated and 10 min stimulated MEFs within 500bp windows centered at ATAC summits (FDR < 1×10^{-4} by both DESeq2 and edgeR). The protein synthesis-dependent LRG enhancers that do not have an ATAC-seq peak at 0hr were intersected with this set of significantly inducible ATAC-seq peaks to obtain the subset that are occluded by nucleosomes prior to stimulation and are strongly remodeled upon stimulation.

ERG enhancers

n = 352, [Figure 1A](#): ERG enhancers were identified by first performing a thresholded test for 10 min stimulated MEFs vs. unstimulated MEFs (>1.4-fold, FDR < 1×10^{-4} by both DESeq2 and edgeR). Windows obtained in (i), (ii), and (iv) were removed from windows obtained in (iii). In contrast to the LRG and constitutive enhancers identified above, because several of these ERG enhancers near canonical ERGs (e.g. *Fos*, *Nr4a1*) did not have significantly higher H3K4me1 signal over H3K4me3, these enhancers were not restricted to the subset that had significantly higher H3K4me1 signal over H3K4me3.

Cell identity enhancers

n = 8,568, [Figure 1A](#): Protein synthesis-dependent LRG enhancers (n = 1,398) and windows obtained in (iii) above were subtracted from active enhancers with significantly higher H3K4me1 signal over H3K4me3 (n = 10,527) to obtain a set of cell identity enhancers.

Data visualization

Scatterplots

E.g., [Figure 2A](#): Normalized read counts calculated in DESeq2 were averaged across biological replicates. Scatterplots display log₂ normalized values of these averages.

Fixed line plots

E.g., [Figure 1A](#): Tag directories of concordant biological replicates were merged using HOMER makeTagDirectory to create a single tag directory of pooled reads. Read densities in 25bp bins across 1kb windows centered at summits of interest were obtained using HOMER annotatePeaks.pl with the parameters mm10 -size 1000 -hist 25 -ghist (tag directories were normalized to 10 million reads by default).

Aggregate plots

E.g., [Figure 4D](#): Tag directories of concordant biological replicates were merged using HOMER makeTagDirectory to create a single tag directory of pooled reads. Read densities in 10bp bins across 2 or 4 kb windows centered at summits of interest were obtained using HOMER annotatePeaks.pl with the parameters mm10 -size [2000 or 4000] -hist 10 (tag directories were normalized to 10 million reads by default).

Genome browser tracks

E.g., [Figure 3H](#): Bed files of reads from concordant biological replicates were concatenated and normalized to 10 million reads with BEDtools (version 2.23.0) ([Quinlan and Hall, 2010](#)) genomeCoverageBED using the -scale parameter. Coordinates in mm10 are indicated above genome browser tracks.

Motif and SNP frequency histograms

E.g., [Figure 1D](#): bedtools (version 2.23.0) window (-u -w 250) was used to obtain unique instances of motifs or the subset of motifs overlapping SNPs within +/-250bp of summits of interest. Motif frequency histograms were generated by plotting histograms of instances of these motifs in each group within +/-250bp windows and dividing each 20-bp bin by the total number of windows in each group. SNP frequency histograms were plotted in a similar manner, but instead each bin was divided by the subset of windows in each group that contained the motif.

Motif analysis

Identification of known motifs enriched at enhancers

See also [Figures 1B, 1C, 2C, and 5B](#). CentriMo ([Bailey and Machanick, 2012](#)) was used to query position weight matrices (pwms) in the JASPAR 2016 CORE vertebrates database ([Mathelier et al., 2016](#)) for enrichment within the central 500bp of each enhancer

class using default parameters. For Figure 5B, CentriMo was performed in discriminative mode (-disc) on canonical AP-1 motifs (TGASTCA) bound by FOS in MEFs ($n = 5,100$) over a control set of canonical AP-1 motifs that were not bound by FOS ($n = 394,249$); the canonical AP-1 motif was also masked in the C57BL/6J reference genome queried to increase the sensitivity of detection of additional motifs. To restrict our analysis to consistently represented motifs, we performed a parallel search for known motifs with HOMER findMotifsGenome.pl. The motifs that were enriched by both CentriMo (E-value < 0.01) and Homer (p value $< 1 \times 10^{-8}$) were used for further analysis.

Identification of motif instances

See also Figures 1B–1E, 2C, 2D, 3J, 5C–5E, and 5H. All pwms found to be significantly enriched by CentriMo were assigned to TF subfamilies based on annotations in TFClass (Wingender et al., 2015). These subfamilies were further separated into distinct subfamilies where appropriate; for example, because pwms assigned to the subfamily bZIP-FOS in TFClass contain binding sites for both AP-1 (TGASTCA) and CREB (TGACGTCA), these were reassigned to bZIP-AP-1 and bZIP-CREB subfamilies respectively. Pwms within the central 500bp of peaks of interest were identified using FIMO (Grant et al., 2011) using a 0th-order Markov model built from the queried genome with MEME fasta-get-markov. If FIMO identified multiple pwms for a given TF subfamily, positions of each of these pwms were merged to obtain all possible binding sites of the TF subfamily.

Numbers for ORs and chi-squared tests

bedtools (version 2.23.0) window (-u -w parameters) was used to obtain unique instances of motifs or the subset of motifs overlapping SNPs within windows centered around summits of interest. Odds ratios (ORs) were calculated as described in Heinz et al. (2013), using the formula $(p_1/(1 - p_1))/(p_2/(1 \times p_2))$ where p_1 is the frequency of events occurring at strain-specific loci and p_2 is the frequency at shared (strain-similar) loci.

Identification of specific FOS binding sites

ChIP-seq with an anti-FOS antibody was performed in duplicate from *Fos*^{−/−} MEFs under the same conditions used for anti-FOS ChIP from wild-type C57BL/6J MEFs. The intersection of the following treatment peak sets were obtained: (i) FOS ChIP-seq from 90 min stimulated wild-type C57BL/6J MEFs vs FOS ChIP-seq from 90 min stimulated *Fos*^{−/−} MEFs and (ii) FOS ChIP-seq from 90 min stimulated wild-type C57BL/6J MEFs vs input. Any peaks from this intersection that overlapped with the following control peak set were removed: FOS ChIP-seq from 90 min stimulated *Fos*^{−/−} MEFs vs input. The remaining peak set was used as the final high-confidence FOS peak set for further analyses.

Strain-specific analyses between C57BL/6J and SPRET/EiJ

Construction of SPRET/EiJ pseudogenome

SNPs occurring in the SPRET/EiJ genome relative to the mm10 reference genome were obtained from SNP release version 5 of the Mouse Genomes Project (Keane et al., 2011). Only high-confidence SNPs annotated with the PASS filter, filtered using VCFtools (version 0.1.12) (Danecek et al., 2011), were used in all analyses. The SPRET/EiJ pseudogenome was constructed from these SNPs using Modtools (version 1.0.2) (Huang et al., 2013).

Eliminating mapping bias from C57BL/6J and SPRET/EiJ reads

Prior to strain-specific analyses, ChIP-seq and ATAC-seq reads were filtered for mappability with the WASP pipeline (van de Geijn et al., 2015). Briefly, demultiplexed trimmed reads were mapped in parallel to their respective genomes (mm10 reference genome or SPRET/EiJ pseudogenome), and reads that mapped to the SPRET/EiJ pseudogenome were converted to mm10 coordinates with Lapels (version 1.0.6) (Holt et al., 2013). Uniquely mapped reads that overlapped SNPs were used to generate FASTQ files of reads containing every possible allelic combination of SNPs, and these reads were remapped to the other strain's genome. The original SNP-overlapping reads were discarded if their respective reads with all possible allelic combinations could not all be remapped to the same mm10 coordinates, and the remaining reads were used for further analyses. Mappability filtered reads were used to call peaks. For H3K4me2 ChIP-seq from C57BL/6J X SPRET/EiJ F1 hybrid MEFs in Figures S2b–c, the same procedure was applied, except that prior to filtering with the WASP pipeline the informative reads that overlapped SPRET/EiJ SNPs were first extracted based on the allele.

Identification of LRG and cell identity enhancers in each strain

See also Figure 2. 1kb windows centered on summits of ATAC-seq peaks (from C57BL/6J and/or SPRET/EiJ; merged across 0, 10, and 90 min) were intersected with H3K27ac peaks from the (from C57BL/6J and/or SPRET/EiJ; merged across 0 and 90 min) to yield a total of 38,523 possible active enhancers. For each strain, raw H3K27ac read counts within this set of 1kb windows were obtained and used as the input to the following differential tests by both DESeq2 and edgeR:

- (i) 90 min stimulated MEFs vs. unstimulated MEFs
- (ii) 90 min stimulated MEFs vs. 10 min stimulated MEFs
- (iii) 10 min stimulated MEFs vs. unstimulated MEFs

For each comparison, windows with significant increase in H3K27ac signal with $FDR < 1 \times 10^{-4}$ by both DESeq2 and edgeR were obtained. LRG and cell identity enhancers were next identified separately within each strain as described below.

LRG enhancers: C57BL/6J, $n = 3,379$; SPRET/EiJ, $n = 3,166$; $n = 4,679$ total unique enhancers. The windows obtained in (i) and (ii) above were intersected and the windows obtained in (iii) were removed from this intersection to remove possible ERG enhancers. The

windows were next intersected with H3K4me1 peaks called from the respective strain to obtain a set of LRG enhancers. The LRG enhancers identified in each strain were merged and used for strain-specific analyses.

Cell identity enhancers: C57BL/6J, n = 23,068; SPRET/EiJ, n = 21,985; n = 24,803 total unique enhancers. The LRG enhancers and windows obtained in (iii) above were subtracted from active enhancers to remove all stimulus-inducible enhancers. The windows were next intersected with H3K4me1 peaks called from the respective strain to obtain a set of cell identity enhancers. The cell identity enhancers identified in each strain were merged and used for strain-specific analyses.

Identification of strain-specific selected cell identity and LRG enhancers

See also Figures 2A and 2B. Raw read counts of ATAC-seq and H3K4me1 ChIP-seq data were obtained within 500bp (ATAC) or 1kb (H3K4me1) windows centered at the summits of the union of ATAC-seq peaks from both strains. For each dataset, strain-specific windows were defined as those with significantly higher signal in one strain over another with $FDR < 1 \times 10^{-6}$ by both DESeq2 and edgeR. The enhancers that had both strain-specific ATAC and H3K4me1 signal and no ATAC peak in the unselected strain were considered strain-specific selected enhancers. These strain-specific selected enhancers were intersected with the cell identity and LRG enhancers identified above to obtain 363 strain-specific selected cell identity enhancers (198 C57BL/6J-specific and 165 SPRET/EiJ-specific) and 42 strain-specific selected LRG enhancers (21 C57BL/6J-specific and 21 SPRET/EiJ-specific).

Effect of SNPs in AP-1 motifs

See also Figure 3A. To assess the impact of SNPs in AP-1 motifs on the selection of AP-1 bound enhancers, we first merged all distal FOS peaks in C57BL/6J and/or SPRET/EiJ and obtained the subset of these peaks that overlapped both an ATAC and an H3K4me1 peak in either strain and contained a single canonical AP-1 motif (TGASTCA) in the central 250bp in either strain (n = 18,415). We intersected the coordinates of the single canonical AP-1 motif within these peaks with the coordinates of SNPs in SPRET/EiJ to obtain the subset of these 18,415 peaks that contained at least one SPRET/EiJ SNP within the canonical AP-1 motif (n = 1,380). We limited further analyses on the AP-1 bound enhancers in which the SNP within the canonical AP-1 motif was predicted to disrupt AP-1 binding within one of the two strains using scores defined in Risse et al., 1989 (n = 1,322).

Identification of strain-specific AP-1 bound enhancers

See also Figure 3B. Raw read counts of FOS and JUND ChIP-seq data were obtained within 500bp windows centered at the summits of the union of FOS ChIP-seq peaks from both strains. Strain-specific FOS peaks were defined as those with significantly higher FOS and JUND signal in one strain over another with $FDR < 1 \times 10^{-6}$ by both DESeq2 and edgeR (blocking for the AP-1 TF). These peaks were intersected with distal 1kb windows centered at the union of ATAC-seq peaks from both strains, followed by the union of H3K4me1 peaks from both strains, to obtain a set of strain-specific AP-1 bound enhancers (n = 434). ATAC, H3K4me1, and H3K27ac signal was assessed at the subset of these that did not overlap a FOS peak in the unselected strain (n = 362, Figures 3C-3E).

Identification of strain-specific selected AP-1 bound enhancers

n = 119, Figure 3F: The subset of the 362 strain-specific AP-1 bound enhancers defined above that have both significantly strain-specific ATAC and H3K4me1 signal and do not have an ATAC peak in the unselected strain were taken to be strain-specific selected AP-1 bound enhancers.

Analysis of BAF recruitment by AP-1 TFs

Identification of inducible SMARCA4 peaks

n = 3,062, Figure 7B: Raw read counts of SMARCA4 ChIP-seq data were obtained within 500bp windows centered at SMARCA4 peak summits. Inducible SMARCA4 peaks were identified by performing tests for windows with differential SMARCA4 signal in 90 min stimulated MEFs vs. unstimulated MEFs. Windows with significant increase in SMARCA4 signal with $FDR < 1 \times 10^{-4}$ by both DESeq2 and edgeR were obtained.

Correlation between AP-1 binding across the genome and inducible SMARCA4 binding

See also Figure 7D. Summits of ATAC-Seq peaks (merged across 0, 10, and 90 min) from C57BL/6J MEFs were obtained. Raw read counts were obtained within 1kb (H3K27ac) or 500bp (SMARCA4) windows centered around these summits with HOMER and normalized by DESeq2. Distal 1kb ATAC windows (at least +/- 1kb away from an annotated TSS) were ranked in decreasing order based on the H3K27ac signal at 90 min, and binned into deciles of 4,123-4,124 enhancers per bin. Enhancers were also intersected with AP-1 peaks and annotated as bound or unbound by AP-1.

Identification of SMARCA4 peaks bound by AP-1 at active enhancers

See also Figure 7E. SMARCA4 peaks were intersected with FOS peaks in C57BL/6J and/or SPRET that contain a single AP-1 motif (n = 18,415 from Figure 3A) to obtain the set of SMARCA4 peaks that were bound by FOS in either strain. The subset of these peaks that overlapped an H3K27ac peak (merged across 0 and 90 min) in either strain was considered to be at active enhancers (left column), while the rest were considered to be not at active enhancers (right column). Within each subset, the shared, B6-specific, and SPRET-specific group assignments reflect whether the FOS ChIP-seq signal is significantly strain-specific ($FDR < 1 \times 10^{-6}$ by both DESeq2 and edgeR).

Identification of cell identity enhancers with no AP-1

n = 2,079, Figure 7F, second column: 1kb windows centered on summits of ATAC-Seq peaks (merged across 0, 10, and 90 min) from C57BL/6J MEFs were intersected with H3K27ac peaks (merged across 0, 10, and 90 min). The gene-distal subset (at least +/- 1kb away from an annotated TSS) of these sites was obtained and AP-1 peaks at 0 or 90 min were removed.

Identification of inducible SMARCA4 peaks with inducible AP-1 not at active enhancers

n = 81, [Figure 7F](#), last column: Raw read counts of FOS, FOSL2, and JUND ChIP-seq data were obtained within 500bp windows centered at the summits of consensus AP-1 peaks and used as the input into differential testing by both DESeq2 and edgeR. Inducible AP-1 peaks were identified by performing differential tests for windows with differential AP-1 signal in 90 min stimulated MEFs vs. unstimulated MEFs, using the ChIP antibody as a blocking factor. Windows with significant increase in AP-1 signal with FDR < 1×10^{-4} by both DESeq2 and edgeR were obtained. These sites were intersected with the inducible SMARCA4 peaks identified above and peaks that overlapped with H3K27ac peaks (merged across 0, 10, and 90 min) were removed.

Competitive enhancer set enrichment testing

The CAMERA function in edgeR ([Wu and Smyth, 2012](#)) was used to test whether specific groups of enhancers (i.e. LRG enhancers bound by AP-1 or cell identity enhancers not bound by AP-1) are significantly more perturbed than are other enhancers in the genome in *Smarca4*^{-/-} compared to wild-type MEFs or *Smarcb1*^{-/-} MEFs compared to wild-type MEFs.

DATA AND SOFTWARE AVAILABILITY

The ChIP-seq and RNA-seq data generated for this study have been deposited into GEO: GSE83295. For [Figure 5](#), ChIP-seq data from GEO: GSE38377, GSE67443, GSE82015, GSE86367 were used. For [Figure S5](#), ChIP-seq data from GEO: GSE71509 were used.