

# **Epigenomics data resources and the genome browser**

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# Motivation

- 2001: First draft of the human genome
- ~20 000 genes covering 1-3% of the genome



First printout of the human genome

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**What about the remaining 97-99% of the genome?**

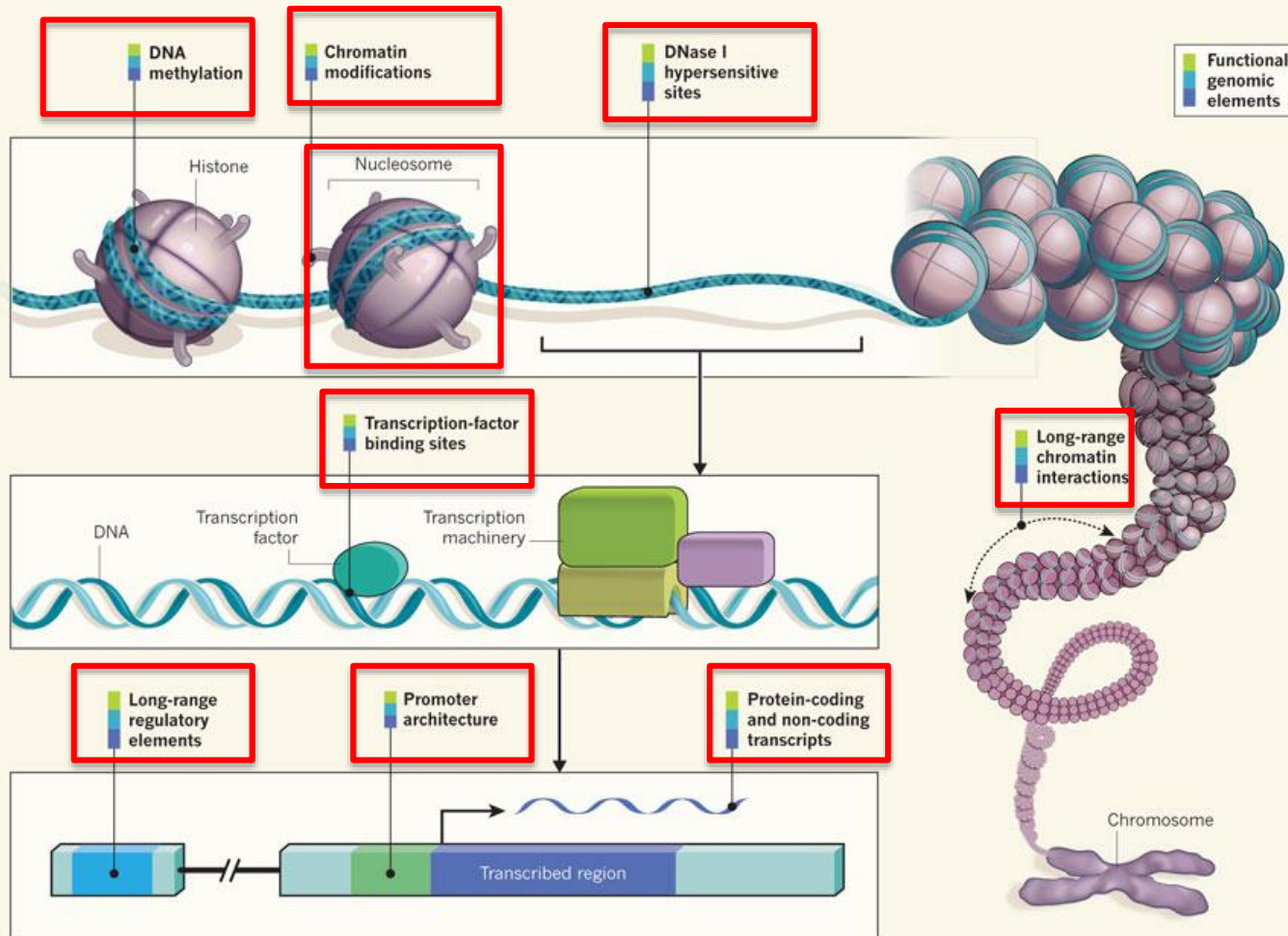
**ENCODE**

(Encyclopedia Of DNA Elements)  
set out to answer this question

# ENCODE: An Encyclopedia Of DNA Elements

- Goal: Complete catalog of all functional elements
  - Protein-coding genes: heavily studied, sequence-based, transcription
  - Non-coding DNA: much less studied, some motifs, diverse assays
- Dimensions for catalog completion
  - Genome-wide: systems-level view
  - Cell types: hundreds of human tissues and cell types
  - Dynamics: time, conditions, stimulation, environment, response
- Pilot phase 2003-: Small-scale targeted experiments in 1% of genome (30Mb)
  - Single gene, single pathway, few TFs, few cell-types, tiling array-based
- Scale-up 2007-: 100-fold increase in scale (3Gb), more assays, tech dev
  - Big change: RNA-seq, ChIP-seq, DNase-seq, next-gen seq technologies
  - Game changer: complete view, integration possible, networks and circuits
- Build-up 2012-: Further increases in all dimensions
  - Deeper sequencing, more assays, more conditions, more TFs.
  - More validation

# Diversity of assayed biochemical events



RNA-seq  
CAGE-seq  
Exon Arrays  
  
TF ChIP-seq  
  
Chromatin ChIP-seq  
  
DNase-seq  
FAIRE-seq  
  
Methyl RRBS  
Methyl Arrays  
  
3C, 4C, 5C  
ChIA-PET  
HiC

# ENCODE data at a glance

## Assays

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## Cell Types

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## Assay

ChIP-seq	2466
RNA-seq	685
DNase-seq	265
shRNA knockdown followed by RNA-seq	245
RNA profiling by array assay	180
DNA methylation profiling by array assay	103
RRBS	103
Repli-seq	90
CAGE	78
Genotype	64
RNA Bind-n-Seq	42
whole genome bisulfite sequencing	40
FAIRE-seq	37
RAMPAGE	36
RIP-chip	32
RNA-PET	31
Repli-chip	27
MRE-seq	24
ChIA-PET	15
protein sequencing by tandem mass spectrometry assay	14
5C	13
RIP-seq	8
DNA-PET	6
MeDIP-seq	4
iCLIP	4
MNase-seq	2
Switchgear	2

<http://genome.ucsc.edu/ENCODE/cellTypes.html>

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# Studying genes and transcripts: RNAseq

## RNA-seq workflow

Remove rRNA

(>97% of your sample is rRNA!)

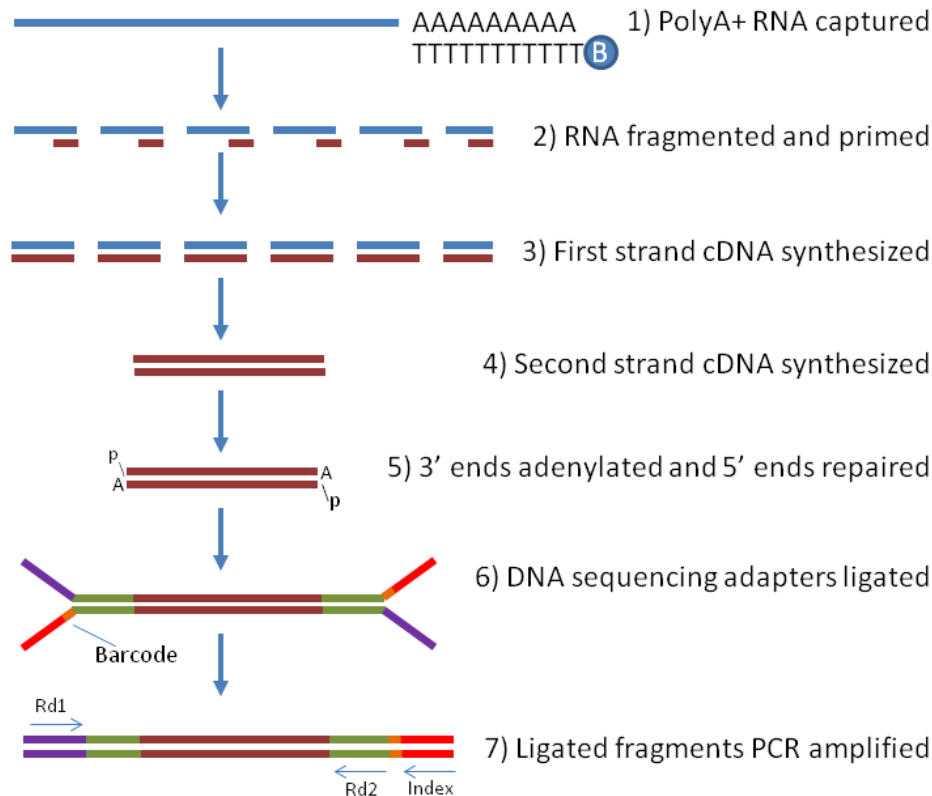


Figure adapted from Corney, 2014

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### Mapping and quantifying mammalian transcriptomes by RNA-Seq

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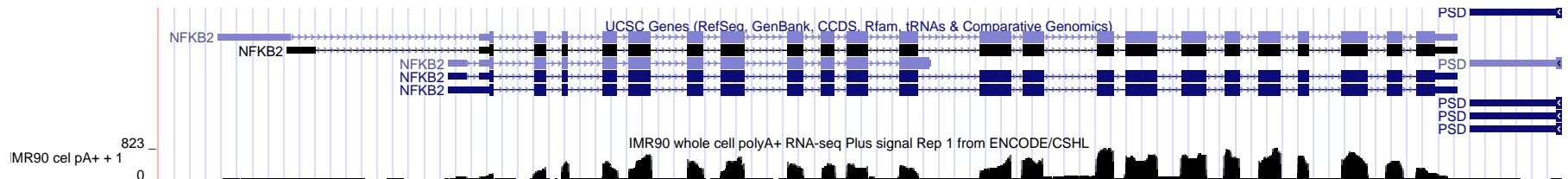
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# Studying genes and transcripts: RNAseq

## Example



## Goals

- Transcriptome assembly
- Gene expression quantification
- Splicing

# Studying genes and transcripts: RNAseq

## Main findings

- Pervasive transcription
  - “62% of genomic bases are reproducibly represented in sequenced long (>200 nucleotides) RNA molecules or GENCODE exons” (ENCODE, 2012)

Proportion of genomic bases included in a primary transcript, by number of technologies supporting the transcribed base

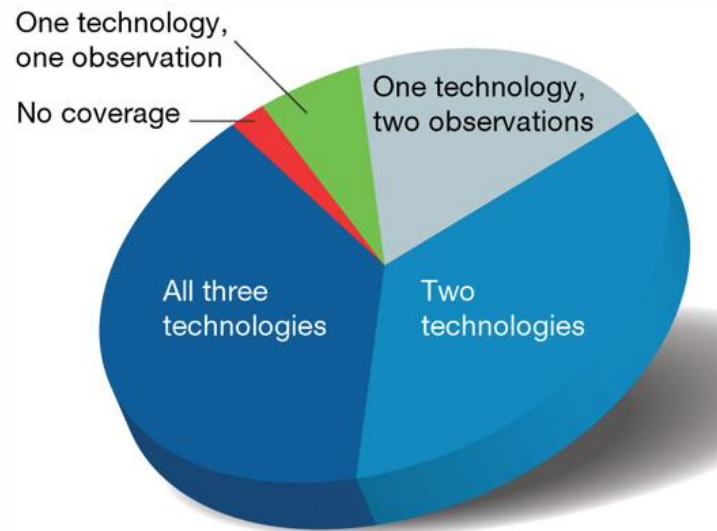


Figure from ENCODE 1 paper (1% of the genome)

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## Main findings

- Pervasive transcription
  - “62% of genomic bases are reproducibly represented in sequenced long (>200 nucleotides) RNA molecules or GENCODE exons” (ENCODE, 2012)
- Many flavors of RNAs
  - ~8000 small RNAs, ~9000 lncRNAs
  - lncRNAs more cell-type restricted, lower expression levels (compared to protein-coding genes)

## Outstanding questions

- lncRNA functions
- Gene regulation through the act of transcription, not the transcript

# Studying genes and transcripts: RNAseq

## RNAseq experiment variants

- RNA selection: polyA selection
- Location: cytoplasmic, nuclear
- Read length: short reads, long-read RNAseq (PacBio, Moleculo)
- More: CAGE-seq (TSS), Ribo-seq (translated transcripts)

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# Studying open chromatin: DNaseI-seq

## Chromosomal Subunits in Active Genes Have an Altered Conformation

Globin genes are digested by deoxyribonuclease I in red blood cell nuclei but not in fibroblast nuclei.

Harold Weintraub and Mark Groudine

Knowledge of the structure of DNA has provided many insights into its biological function (1). In higher cells, a detailed understanding of the structure of chromatin will probably provide analogous insights into how genes are regulated. Already, there are a number of important observations demonstrating a rela-

tion between the structure of chromatin and its biological activity (2, 3).

The packaging of most of the nuclear DNA is now thought to be based on repeating units of about 180 to 200 base pairs of DNA associated with specific complexes of histones (4, 5), possibly two self-complementary tetramers each

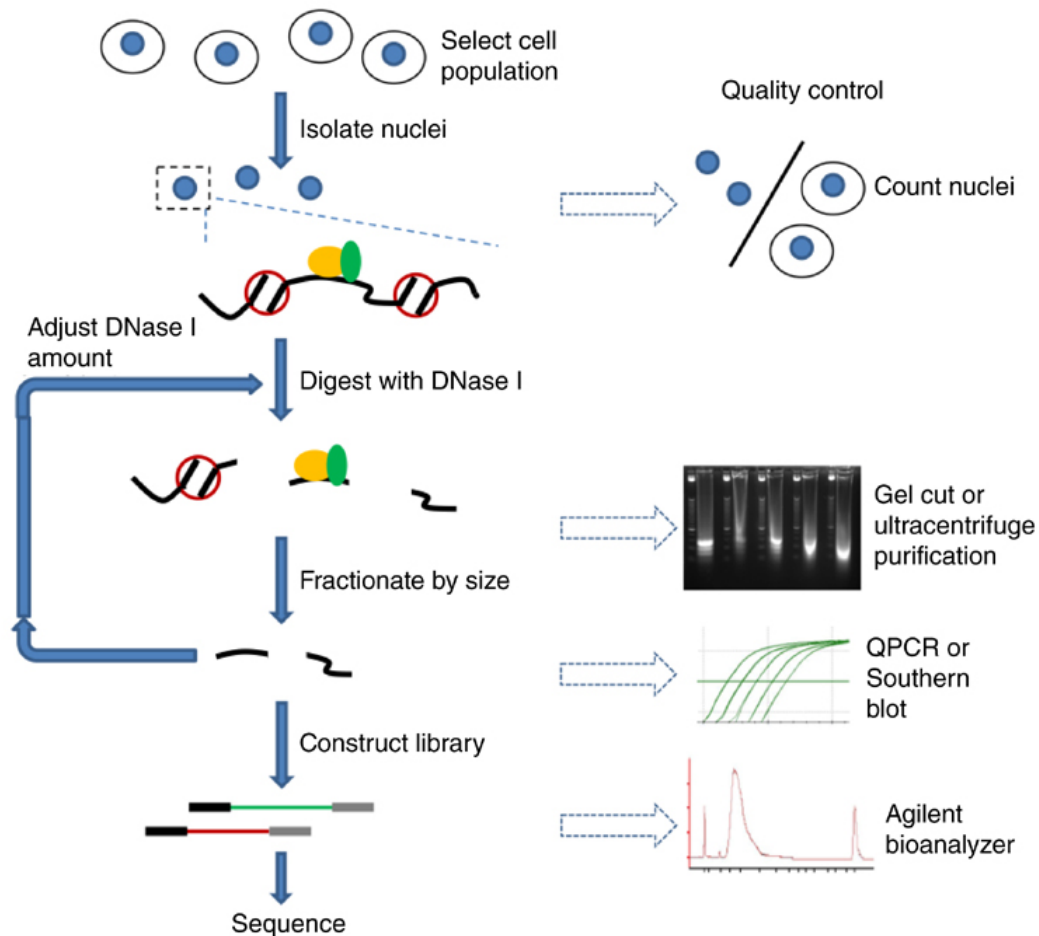
containing one of the four major histones (6). These two tetramers could define the twofold axis of symmetry within the nucleosome. These complexes interact through 70 to 90 amino acid residues at their carboxyl terminal end to produce a tight, trypsin-resistant core (7). The positively charged histone amino terminal residues extend outward from this core and define what may prove to be a "kinked" or "coiled" pathway for the DNA (5, 8) about the histone complexes. These so-called "particles-on-a-string" or "nu" bodies constitute the primary level of folding for the bulk of the chromosome. Through their mutual interactions higher levels of DNA packaging can be achieved, although details of this organization are not known. At present there is no proof that nu bodies are homo-

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# Studying open chromatin: DNase-seq

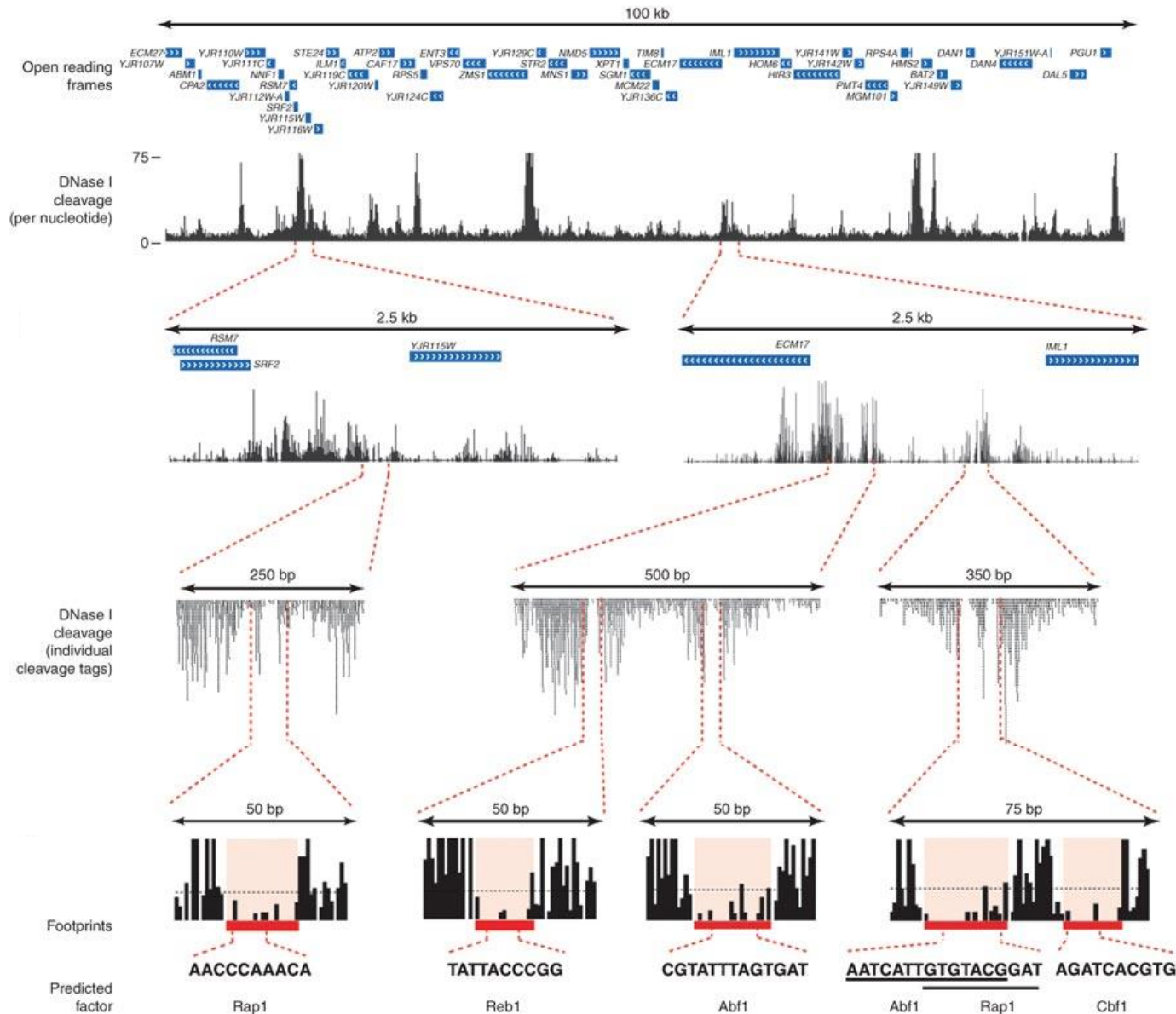
## DNase-seq workflow



**This is hard!**



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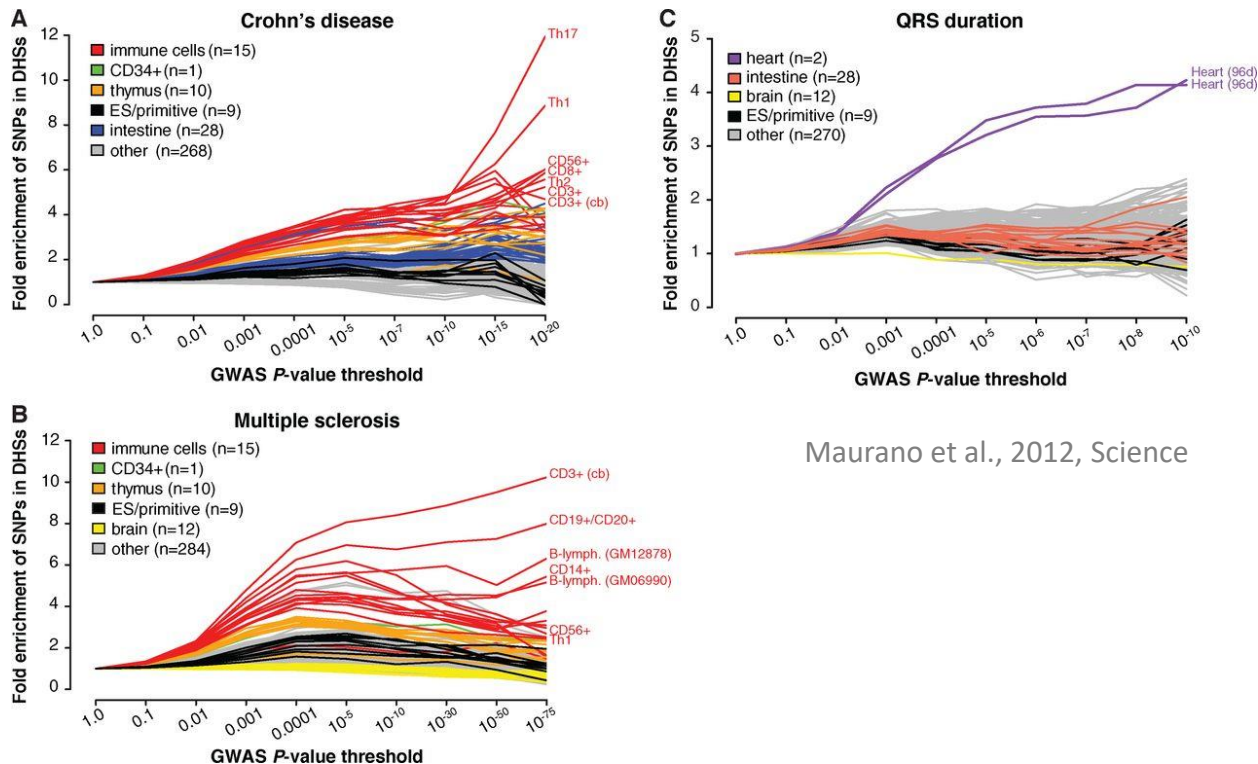
- Open chromatin
- TF footprinting

Figure from Hesselberth et al., Nature, 2009

# Studying open chromatin: DNase-seq

## Main findings

- DNase-seq sites at TSS, at enhancers, at protein-bound regions
- DNase-seq very cell-type specific (modules)
- Using DNase sites, can match disease with most likely affected cell type (because disease mutations fall in cell-type specific DNase sites)



Maurano et al., 2012, Science

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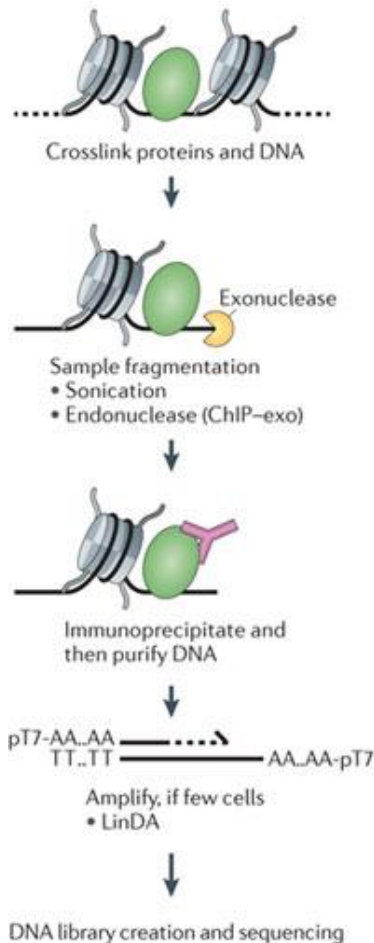
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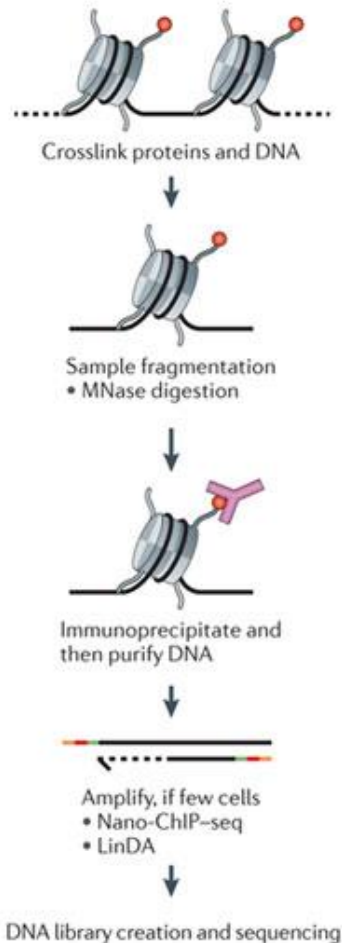
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## ChIP-seq workflow

### a DNA-binding protein ChIP-seq

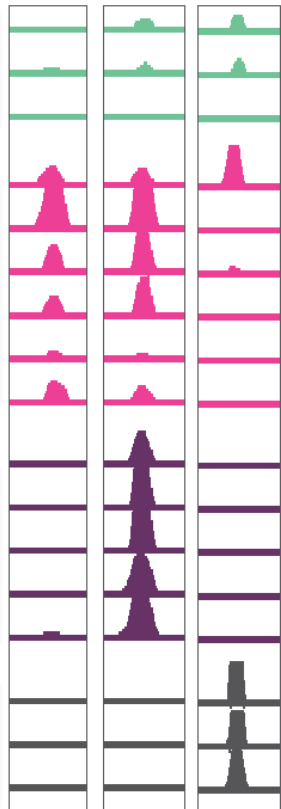
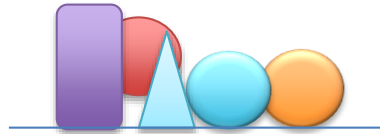


### b Histone modification ChIP-seq

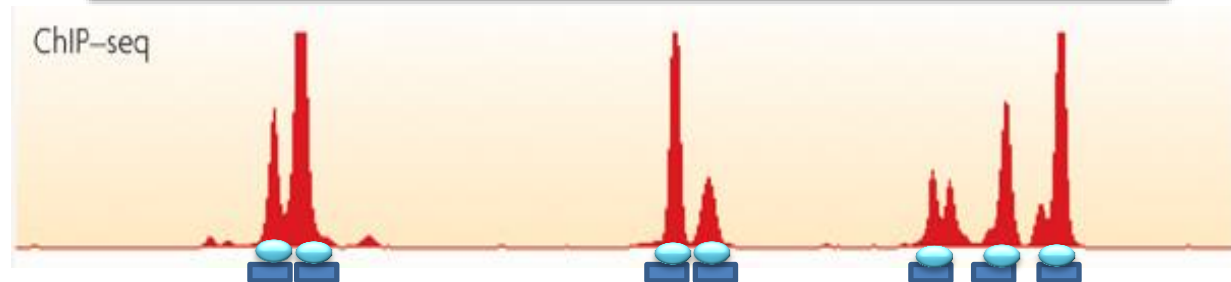


# Studying DNA-binding proteins: ChIP-seq

100s of binding  
maps of different  
regulatory  
proteins!



Genome-wide protein-DNA binding maps  
**CONTINUOUS**



Signal Peaks (potential binding sites)  
**DISCRETE**

ARTICLE

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## Architecture of the human regulatory network derived from ENCODE data

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# Studying DNA-binding proteins: ChIP-seq

## Main findings

- High quality TF binding motifs

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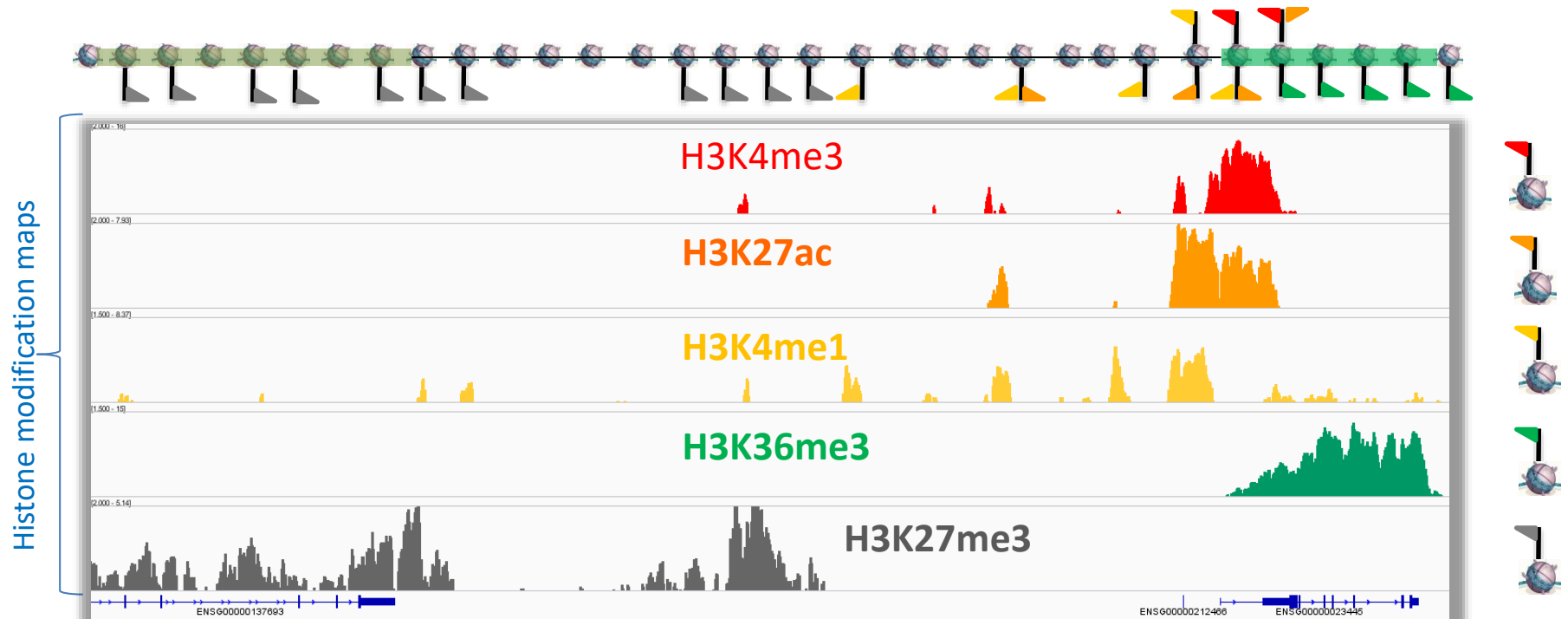
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## ChromHMM workflow

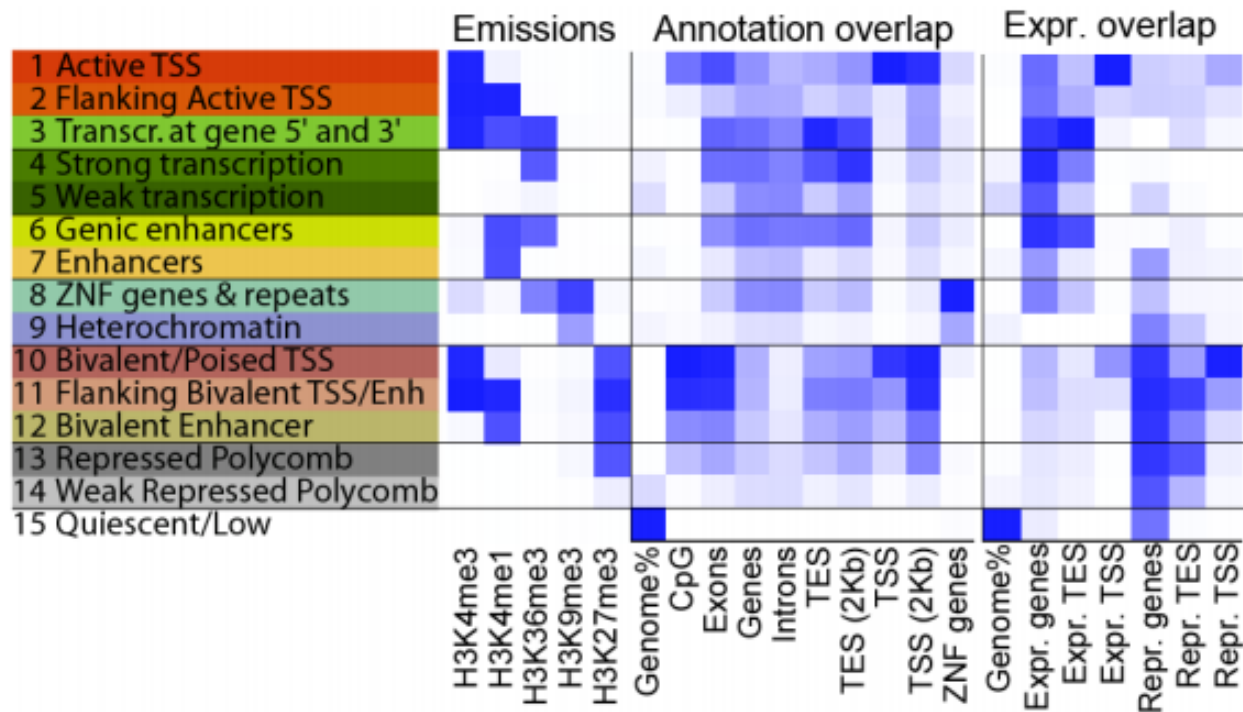
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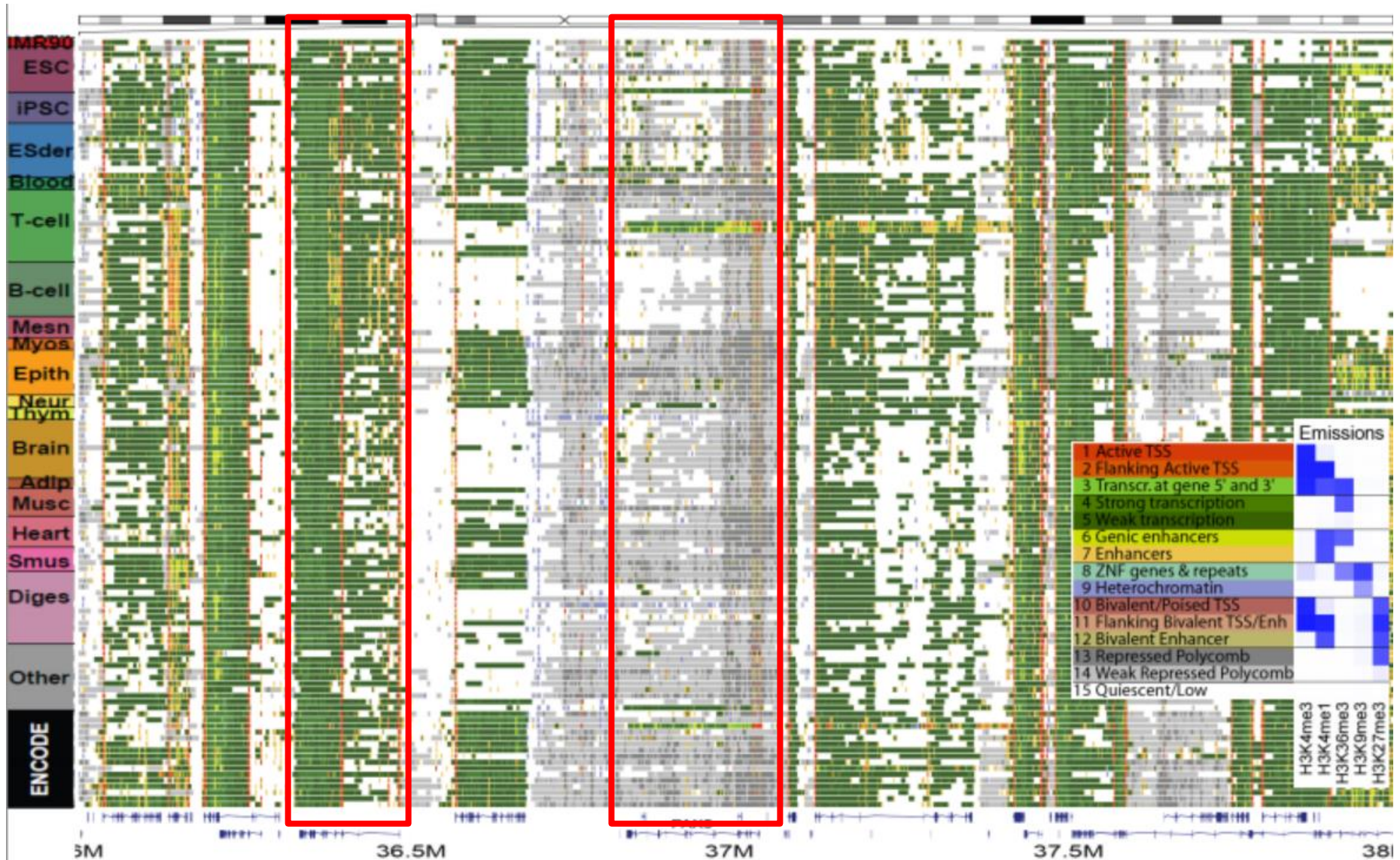
# Studying chromatin state: ChromHMM

## ChromHMM workflow

- Find functional elements from histone marks using Hidden Markov Models
- Chromatin states annotated using known genomic features



# The dynamic chromatin state



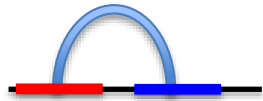
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# Studying the genome 3D: 3C



New!  
DNaseHiC, CaptureC



# Studying the genome 3D: 3C

## Main findings



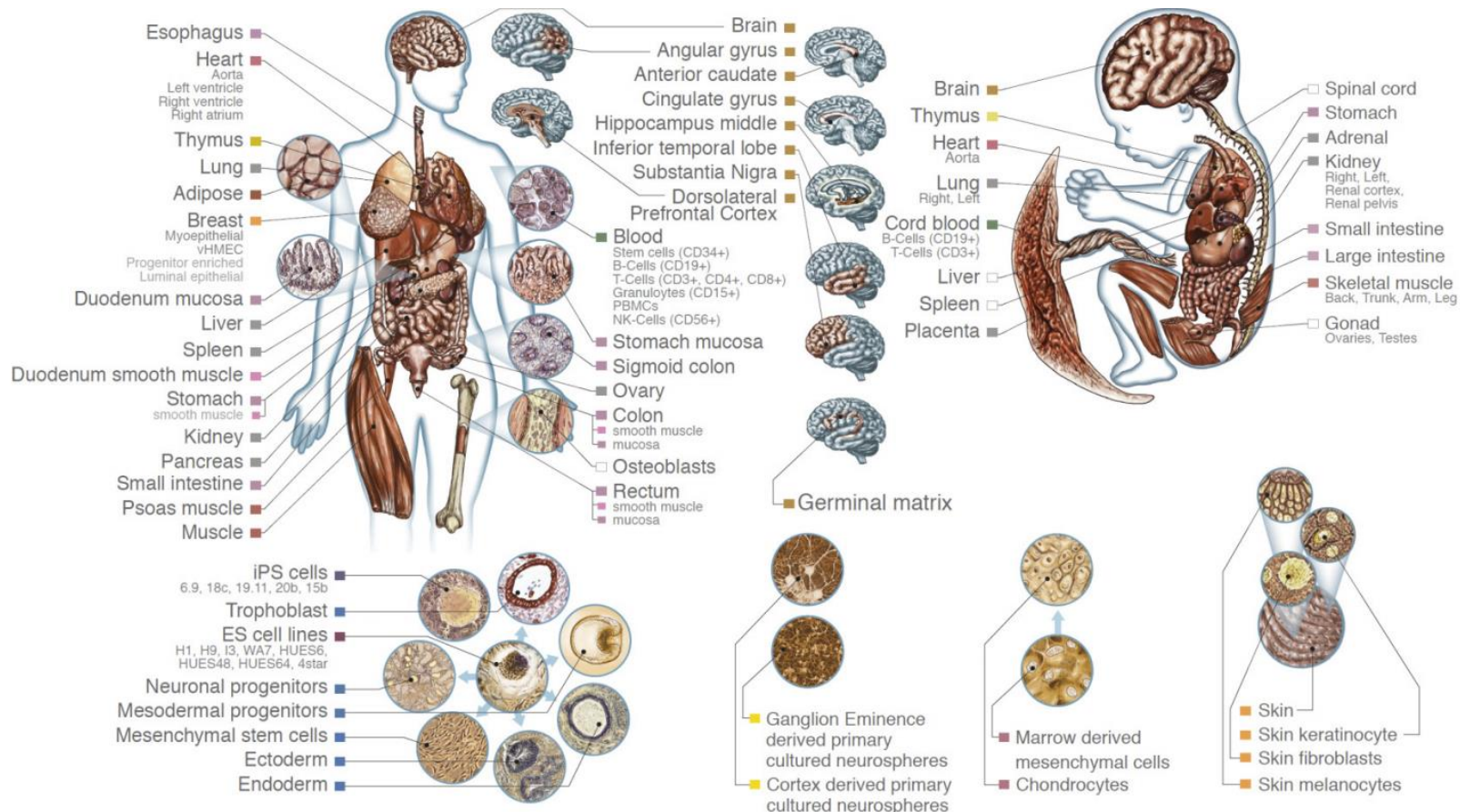
# Beyond ENCODE

> 150 Cell-Types/Tissues

## Roadmap Epigenomics Project

- Primary tissues

- 6 histone marks (Histone ChIP-seq)
- Open chromatin (DNase-seq)
- DNA methylation (WGBS, RRBS)
- Gene expression (RNA-seq)



# Beyond ENCODE

**Roadmap Epigenomics Project** <http://roadmapepigenomics.org>

- Primary tissues: chromatin state, open chromatin, expression

## BLUEPRINT

**GTEx (Genotype-Tissue Expression)** <https://www.gtexportal.org/home/>

- Genetic variation