

# Post-GWAS Analysis I

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# Outline

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Genotype imputation

Quantitative Trait Locus (QTL)

Regulatory roles of genetic variants

Resources for secondary analyses



# Genotype Imputation

Genotype imputation is a **process of estimating missing genotypes from the haplotype or genotype reference panel.**

	rs12524	rs23625	rs25652	rs25653	rs16252	rs7363	rs771151	rs771152	rs5541
Affy500K	■	?	?	■	?	?	■	?	?
Affy6.0	■	?	■	■	?	?	■	?	■
Illumina330	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Illumina1M	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
HapMap	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆

The detection of more loci requires a larger sample size, larger sequencing depth for whole-genome sequencing, and a denser SNP array for microarray-based genotyping.

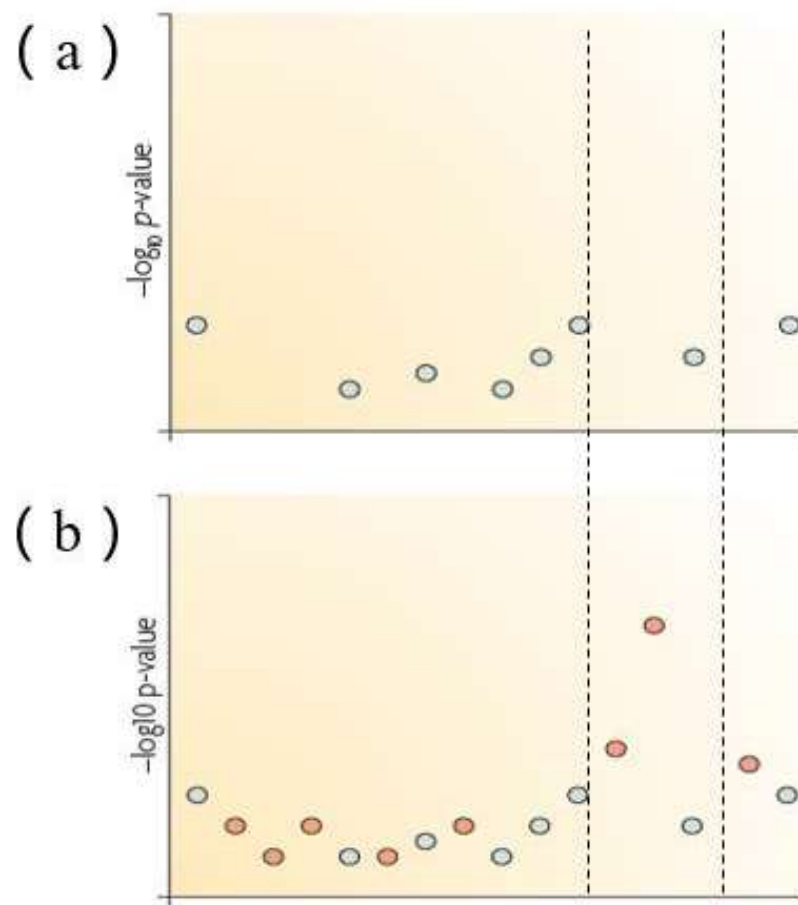
Genotype imputation can be used to solve this dilemma by predicting untyped genotypes from the haplotype reference panel.

# Genotype imputation

Testing association at typed SNPs may not lead to a clear signal

Testing association at imputed SNPs may boost the signal

Imputation attempts to predict these missing genotypes



# Genotype imputation

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- ❑ Genotype imputation is the term used to describe the process of predicting or imputing genotypes that are not directly assayed in a sample of individuals.
- ❑ Common practice: a reference panel of haplotypes at a dense set of SNPs is used to impute into a study sample of individuals that have been genotyped at a subset of the SNPs.
- ❑ Genotype imputation can be carried out across the whole genome as part of a genome-wide association (GWA) study or in a more focused region as part of a fine-mapping study.



# Intuitive example

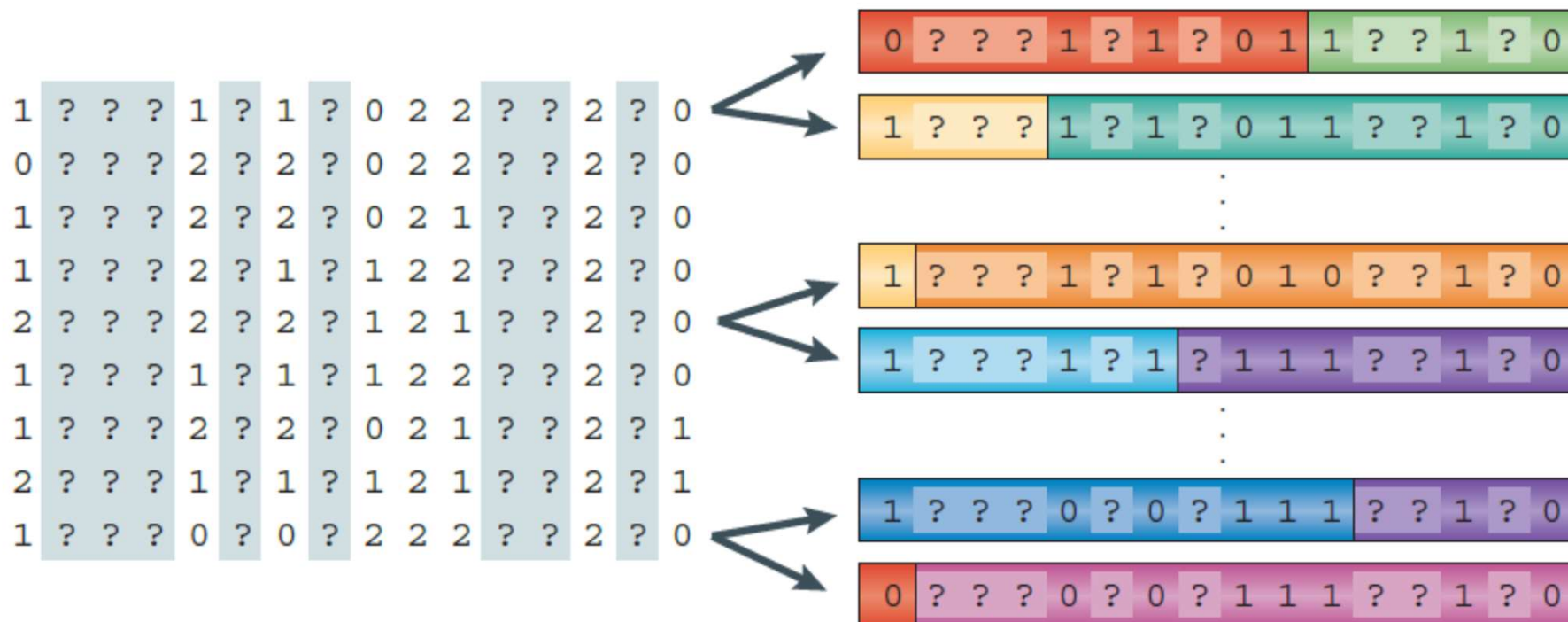
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Step 1. Genotype data with missing data at untyped SNPs (grey question marks)

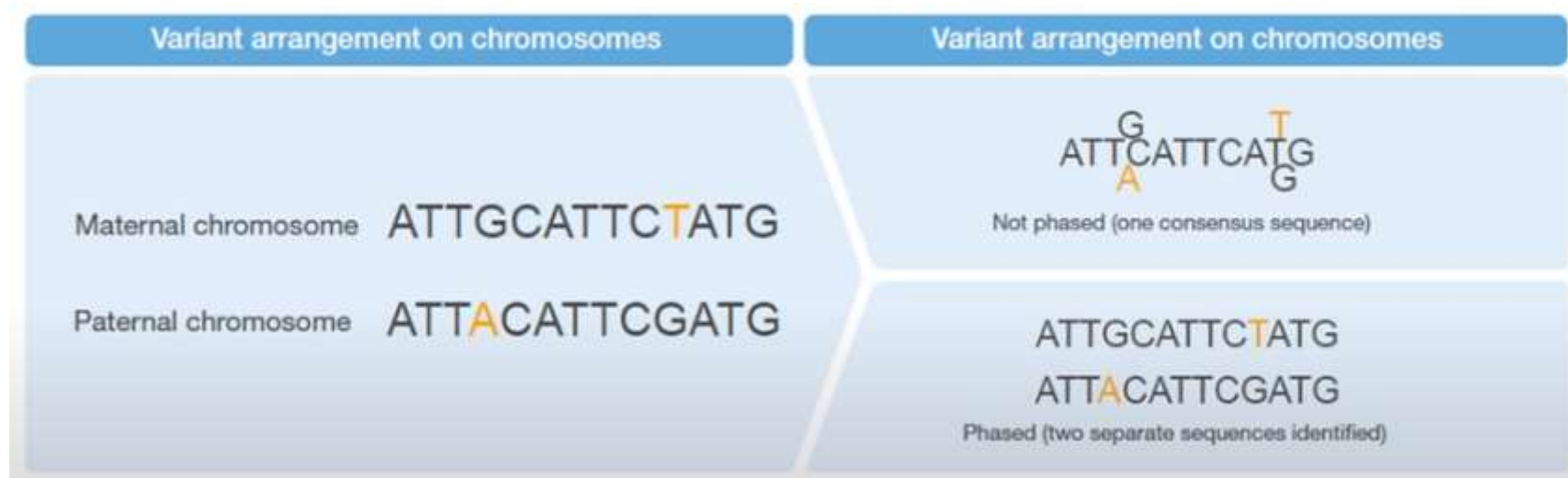
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2	?	?	?	1	?	1	?	1	2	1	?	?	2	?	1
1	?	?	?	0	?	0	?	2	2	2	?	?	2	?	0

# Intuitive example

Step 2. Each sample is phased and the haplotypes are modelled as a mosaic of those in the haplotype reference panel



# What does “phasing” mean?



Phasing refers to the separation of a consensus sequence into individual sequence strands to identify which variants occur together or in phase.

Phasing separate the consensus strand into two separate identifiable sequences and we can see how the non-reference alleles in the two loci are organized.



# Intuitive example

Step 3. These haplotypes are compared to the dense haplotypes in the reference panel

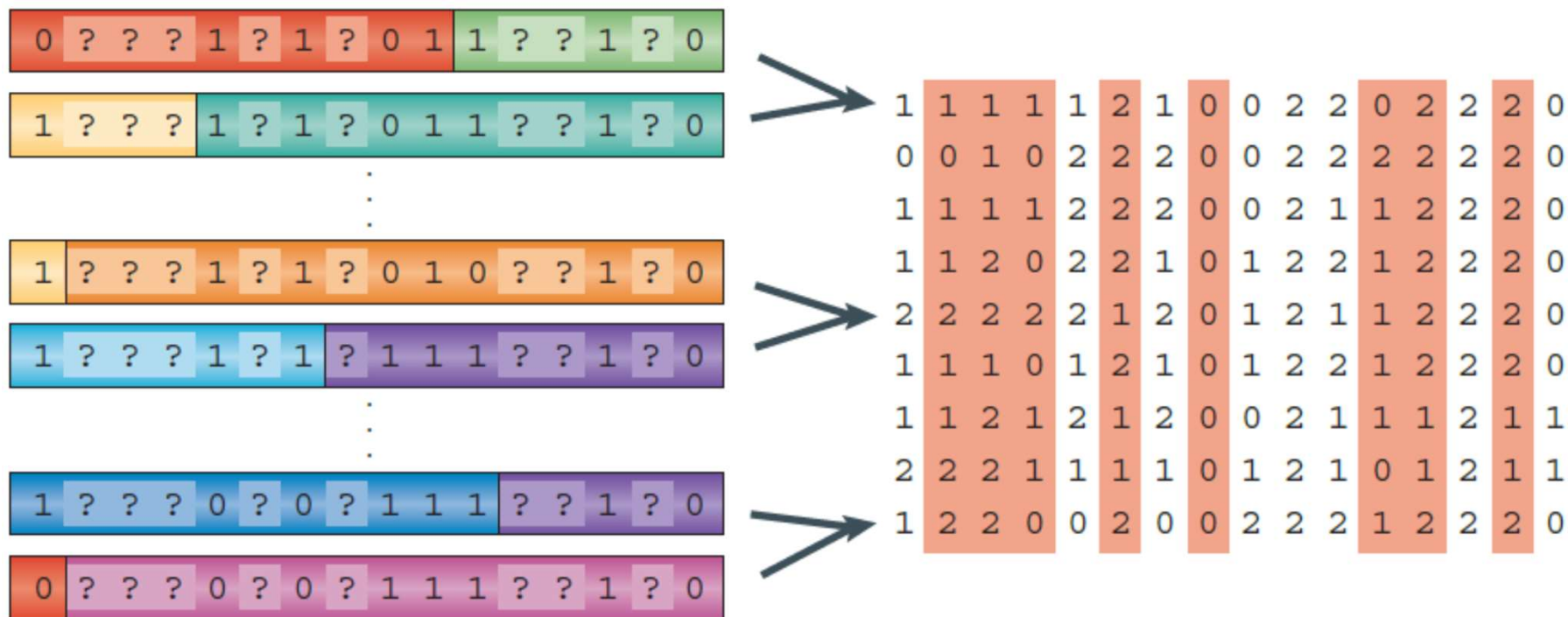
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Reference set of haplotypes, e.g., HapMap

0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
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# Intuitive example

Step 4. Missing genotypes in the study sample are then imputed using those matching haplotypes in the reference set



In real examples, the genotypes are imputed with uncertainty and a probability distribution over all three possible genotypes is produced.

# Factors affecting genotype imputation

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The performance of genotype imputation is affected by many factors, such as software, reference selection, SNP density (see respective section in “Methods”), sample size, and sequencing coverage.

## Steps

- **Quality control of genotypes**
- **Make sure to use the same version of reference genome**
- **Choose the reference panel**
- Quality control in post-imputation

# Methods

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Software	URL	Platform	Function
Beagle4.1	<a href="https://faculty.washington.edu/browning/beagle/beagle.html">https://faculty.washington.edu/browning/beagle/beagle.html</a>	Linux, Mac, Windows	phasing, imputation
IMPUTE2	<a href="http://mathgen.stats.ox.ac.uk/impute/impute_v2.html">http://mathgen.stats.ox.ac.uk/impute/impute_v2.html</a>	Linux, Mac	phasing, imputation
MACH	<a href="http://csg.sph.umich.edu/abecasis/mach/">http://csg.sph.umich.edu/abecasis/mach/</a>	Linux, Mac, Windows	phasing, imputation
Minimac3	<a href="http://genome.sph.umich.edu/wiki/Minimac3">http://genome.sph.umich.edu/wiki/Minimac3</a>	Linux	imputation
SHAPEIT2	<a href="https://mathgen.stats.ox.ac.uk/genetics_software/shapeit/shapeit.html">https://mathgen.stats.ox.ac.uk/genetics_software/shapeit/shapeit.html</a>	Linux, Mac	phasing

# Uses of imputation

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## **Boosting power**

- Imputation can lead to a boost in power of up to 10% over testing only genotyped SNPs in GWAS.

## **Fine-mapping**

- Imputation provides a high-resolution view of an associated region and increases the chance that a causal SNP can be directly identified.

## **Meta-analysis**

- If different cohorts have used different genotyping chips, imputation can be used to equate the set of SNPs in each study.



# Uses of imputation

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## **Imputation of untyped variation**

- Imputation of SNPs which have not been typed in the haplotype reference panel or the study sample is also possible.

## **Imputation of non-SNP variation**

- The general idea of imputation is readily extended to other types of genetic variation such as copy number variants and classical human leukocyte antigen alleles

## **Sporadic missing data imputation and correction of genotyping errors**

- Many of the widely used imputation programs allow imputation of sporadic missing genotypes that can occur when calling genotypes from genotyping chips



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Genotype imputation

## **Quantitative Trait Locus (QTL)**

- **QTL introduction**
- **Integration of GWAS Variants and xQTLs**

Regulatory roles of genetic variants

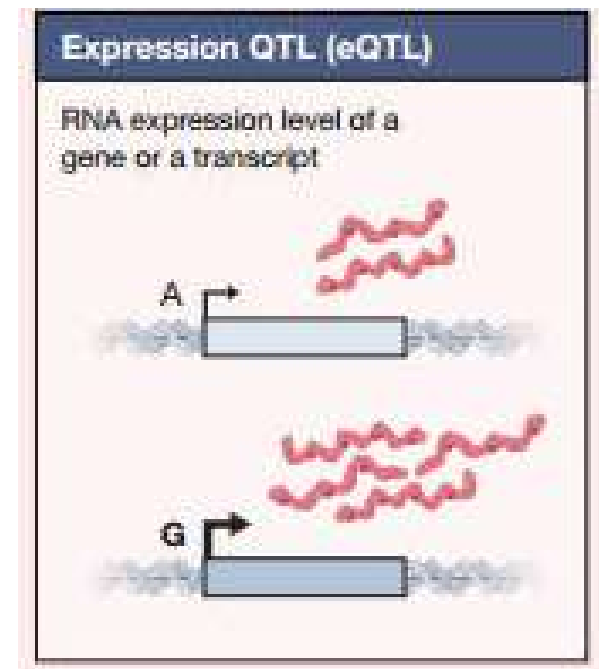
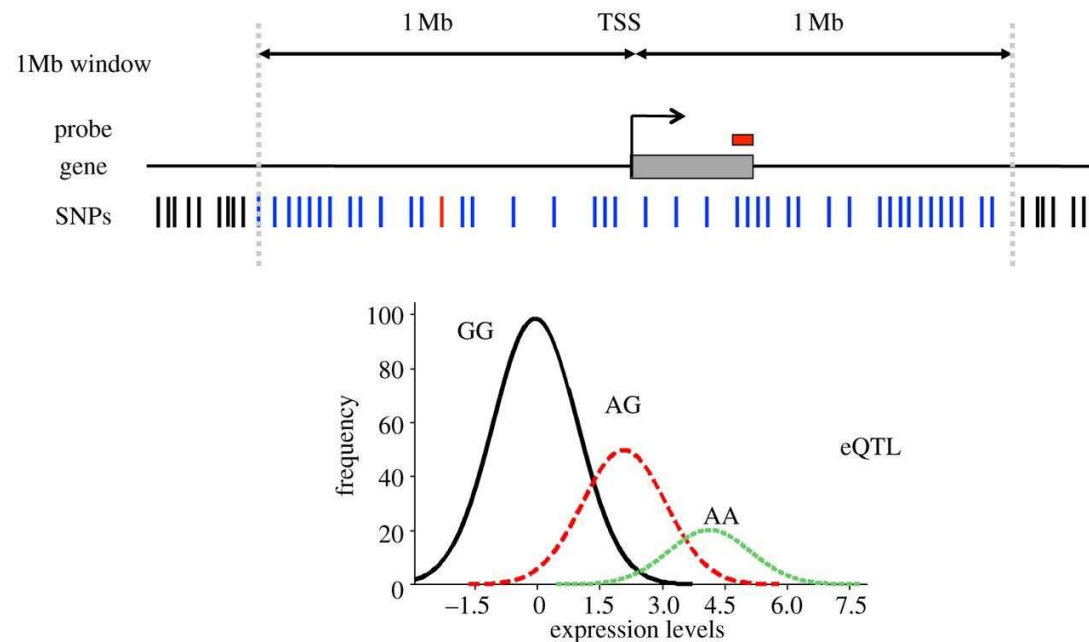
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# Quantitative Trait Locus (QTL)

A quantitative trait locus (QTL) is a locus that correlates with variation of a quantitative trait of a population of organisms.

Expression QTL (eQTL) are QTL that modulate transcript abundance in pedigrees or crosses.





# Regression models for QTL

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Quantitative traits

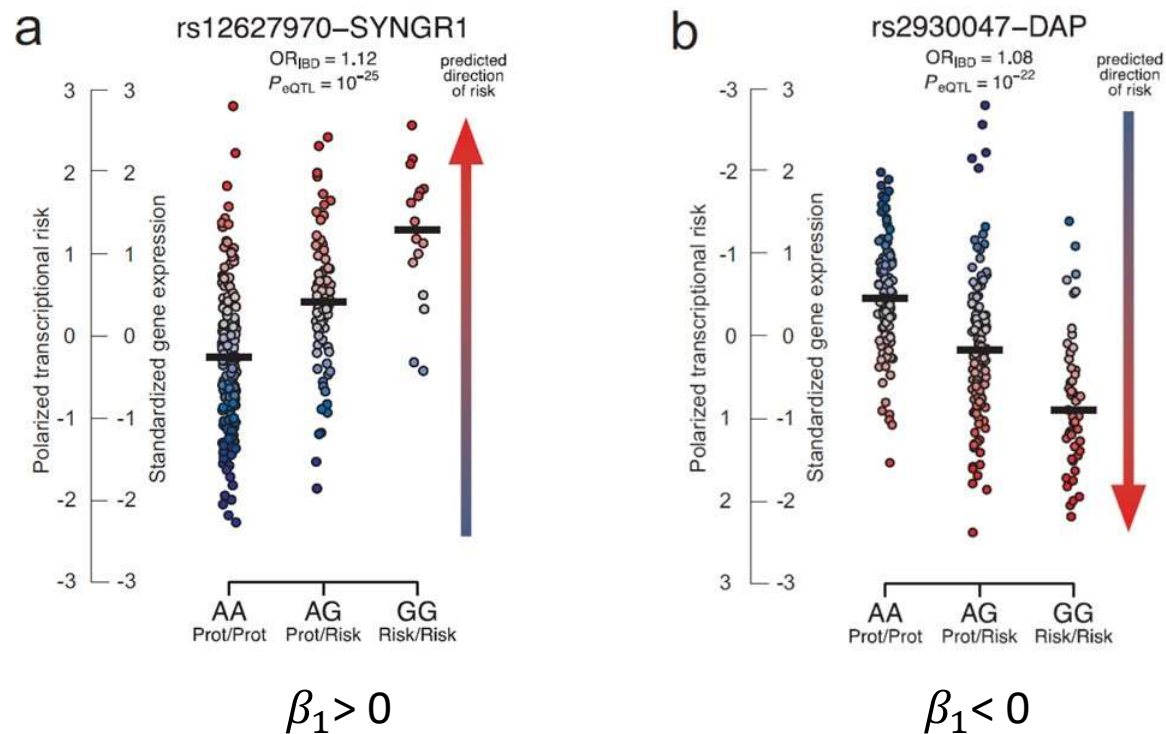
Simple linear regression

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times SNP$$

$Y$  can be any quantitative traits, e.g., gene expression, protein expression, and so on.

# A couple of eSNPs

$\beta_1$ : effect size

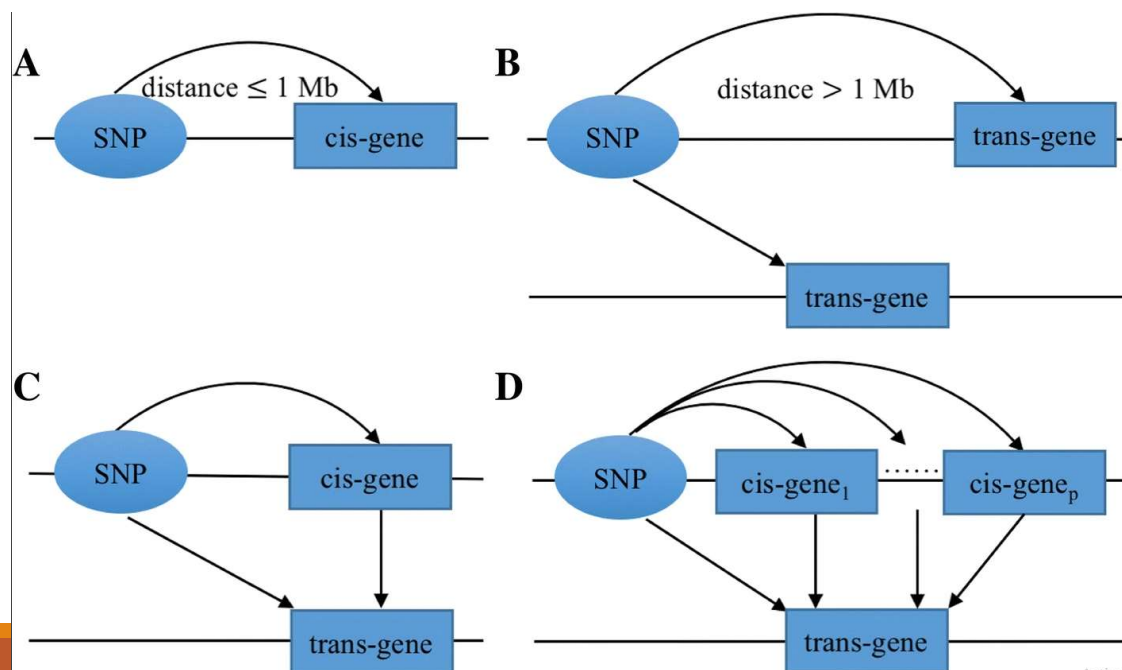


# Expression QTL analysis

Expression SNP (eSNP) are SNPs that associate with transcript abundance in cohort studies. The target gene is called eGene

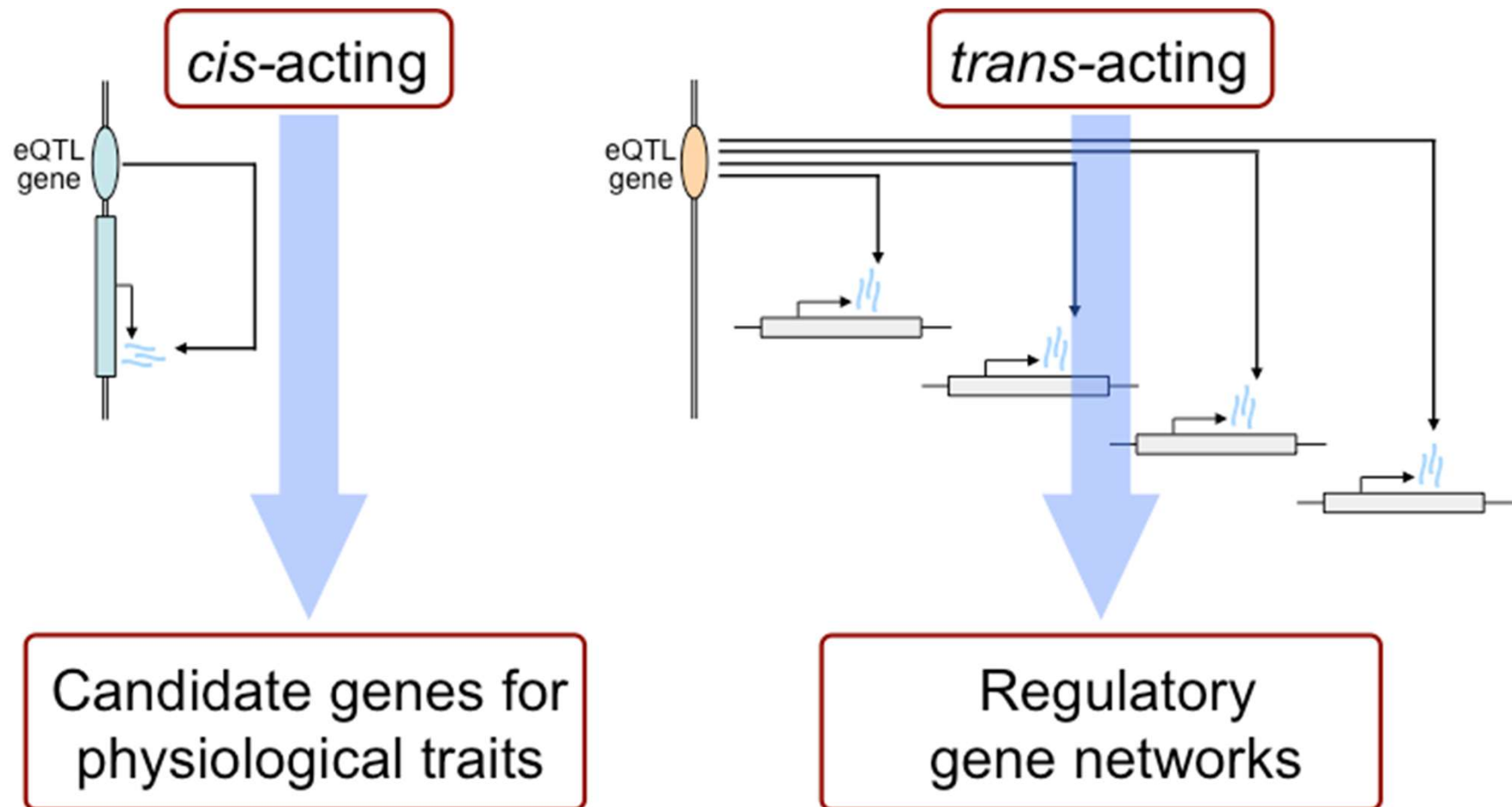
*cis*-eQTL: genetic variations act on local genes

*trans*-eQTL: genetic variations act on distant genes and genes residing on different chromosomes

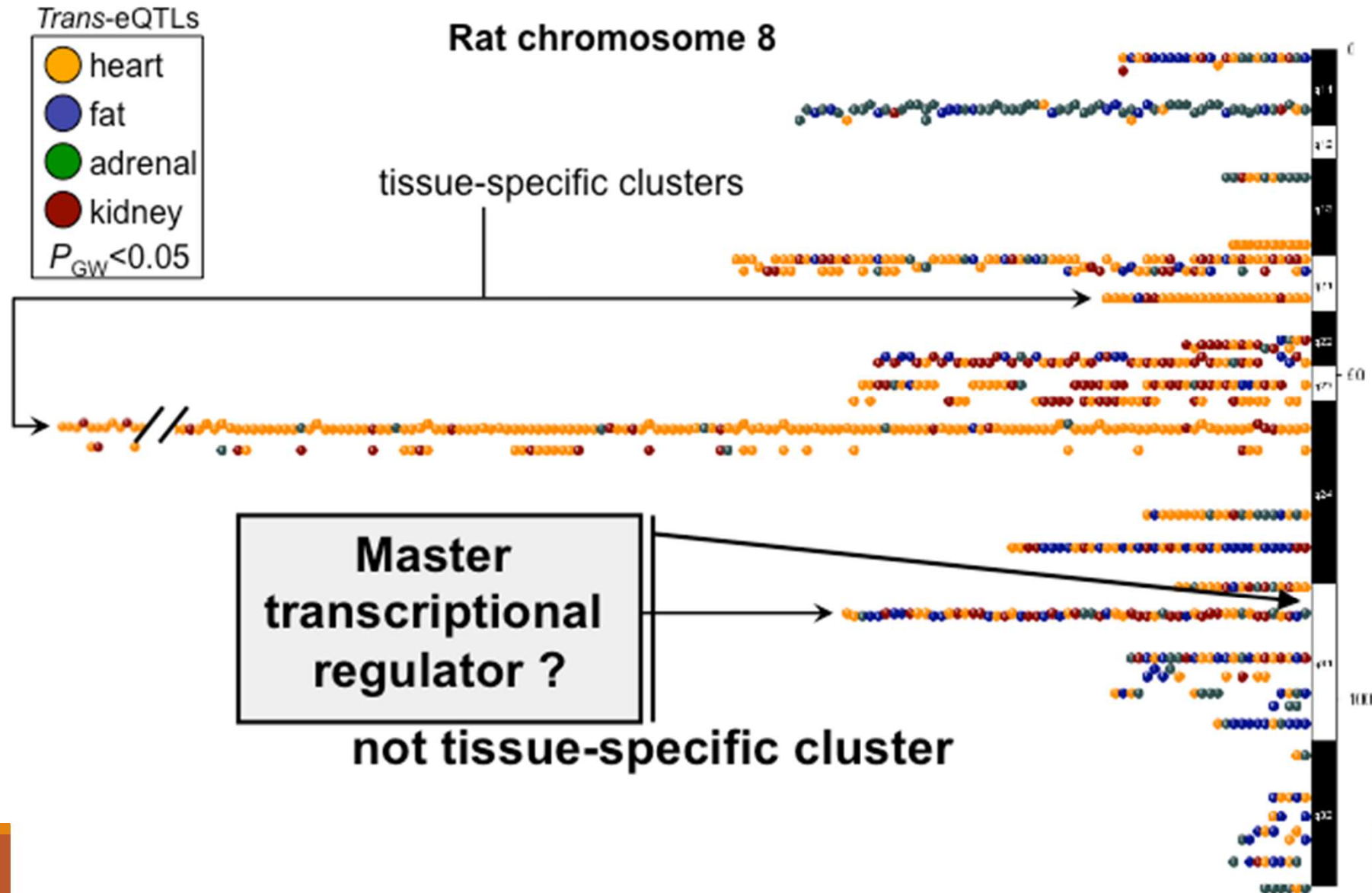


The prefixes “cis” and “trans” are from Latin: *cis*: “this side of”, and *trans*: “the other side of”

# *cis-* and *trans*-acting eQTLs



# *trans*-eQTLs hot-spots

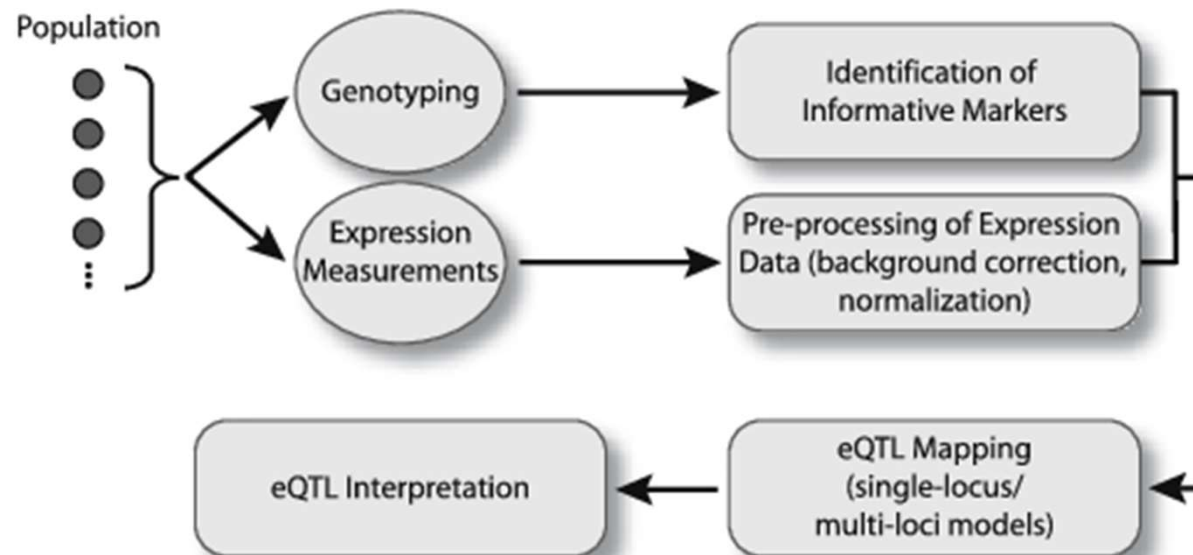


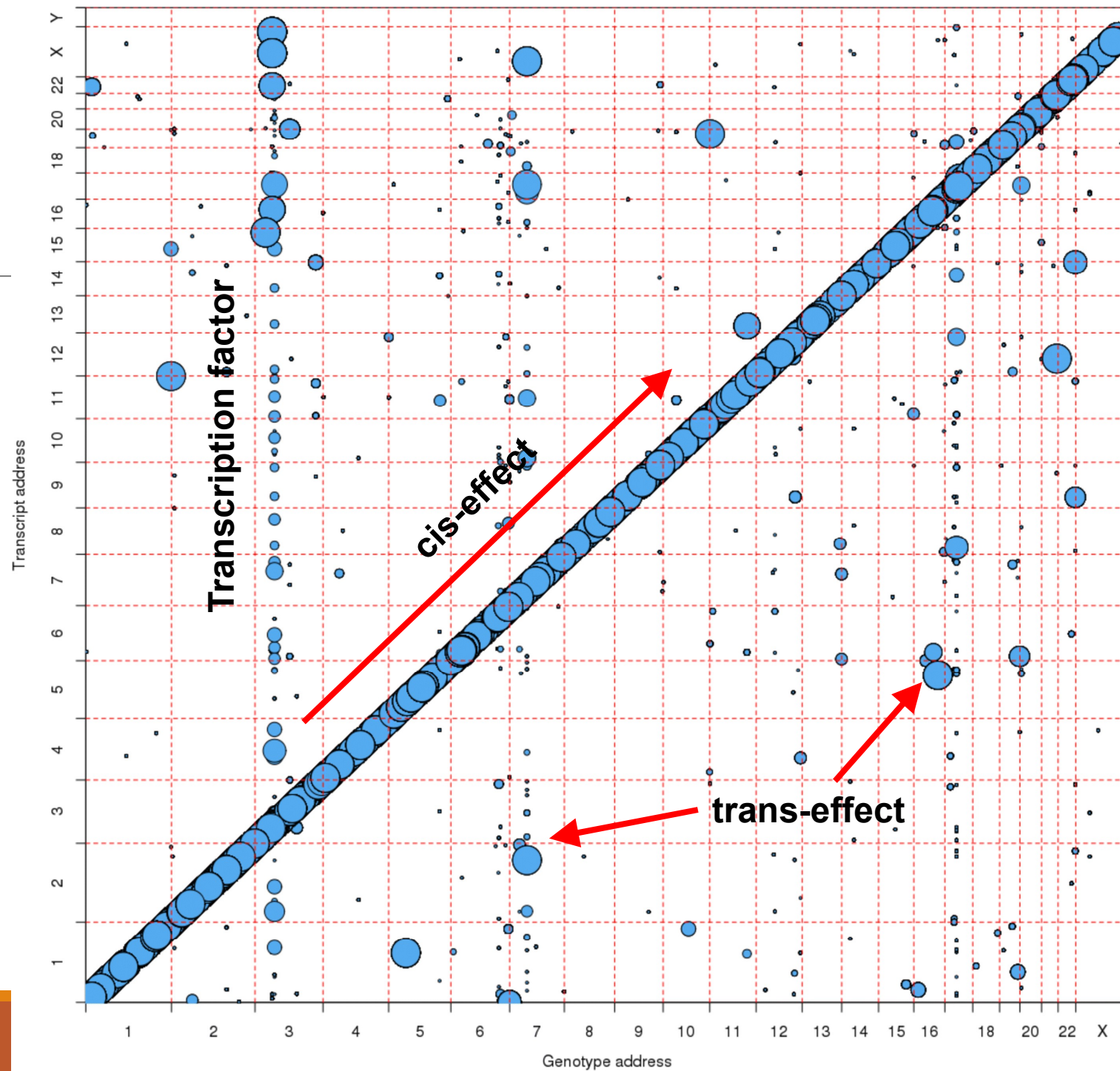
# Pipeline for eQTL analyses

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Data: genotyping data and (tissue) expression data

Method: linear regression models

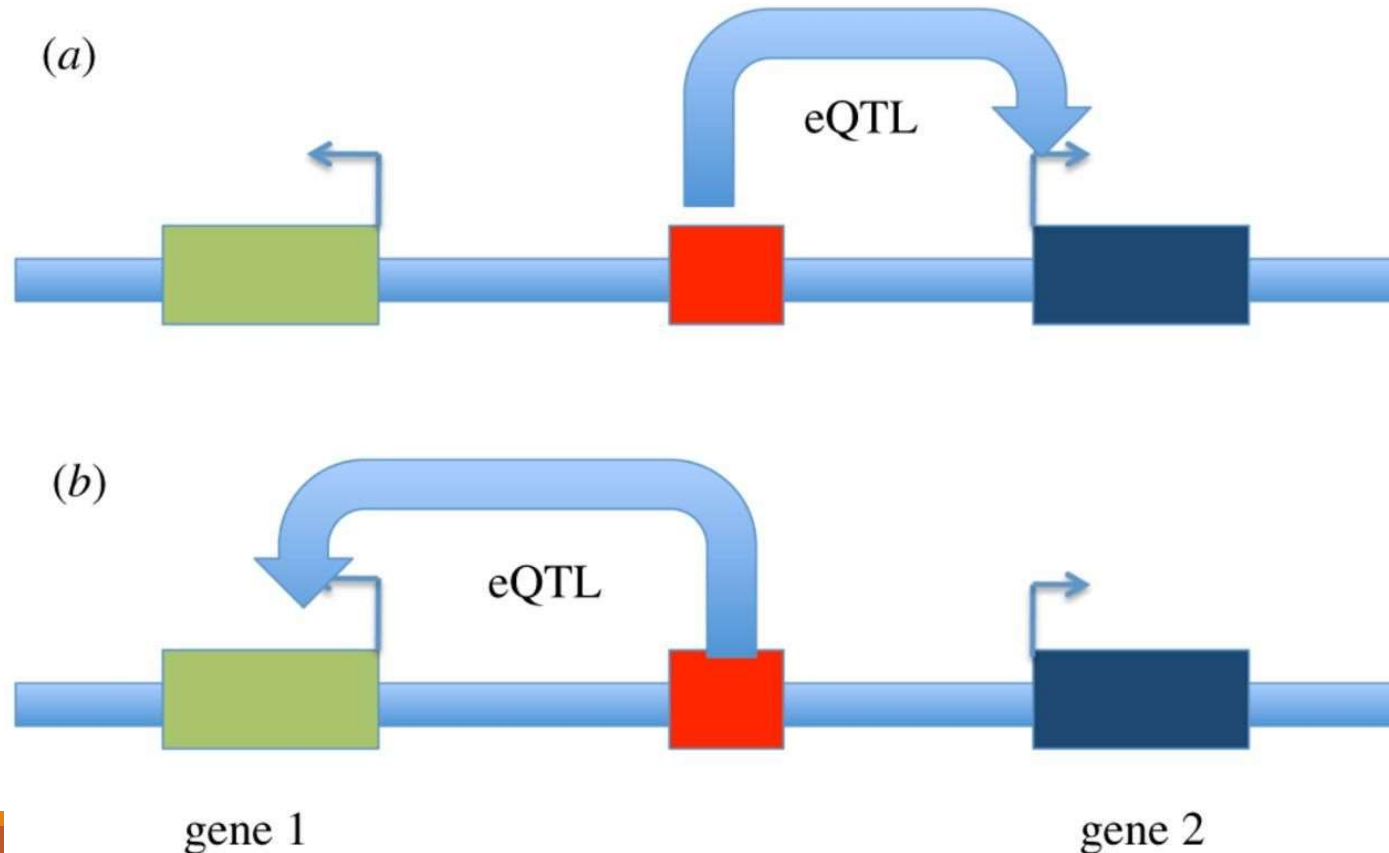






# Tissue eQTL

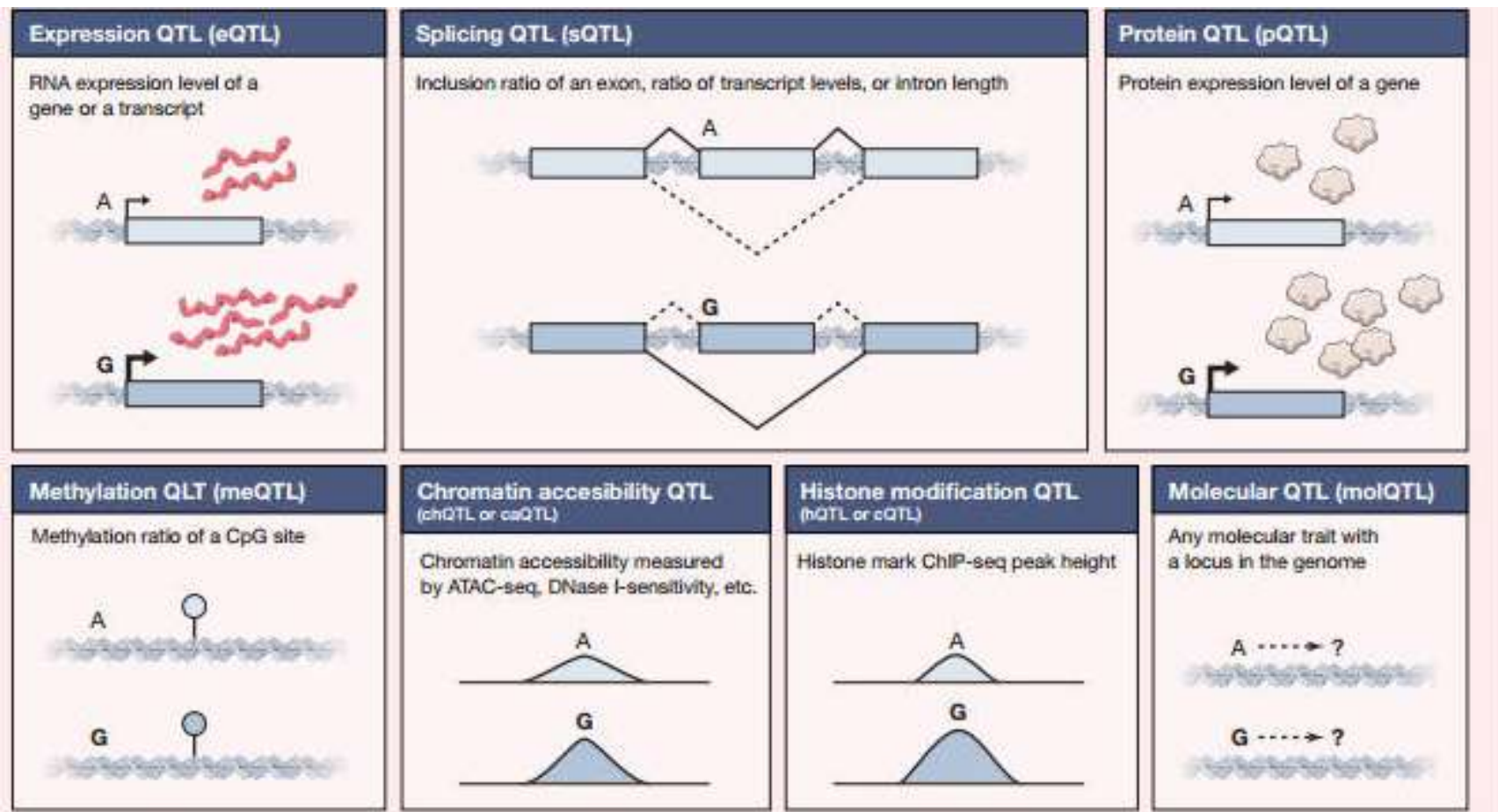
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# Forms of QTLs

- ▶ Quantitative traits
- ▶  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times SNP$
- ▶ Y can be any quantitative traits, e.g., gene expression, protein expression, and so on.



# Software tools for QTL

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PLINK: The basic tool for GWAS

<http://pngu.mgh.harvard.edu/~purcell/plink/tutorial.shtml>

Matrix eQTL: Ultra-fast eQTL analysis,

[http://www.bios.unc.edu/research/genomic\\_software/Matrix\\_eQTL/](http://www.bios.unc.edu/research/genomic_software/Matrix_eQTL/)

GEMMA: Genome-wide Efficient Mixed Model Association (GEMMA),

<http://stephenslab.uchicago.edu/software.html#gemma>

FMeQTL: Bayesian Joint mapping, <https://github.com/xqwen/fmeqtl>

DAP: Deterministic Approximation of Posteriors (Fast Bayesian),

<https://github.com/xqwen/dap>

CAVIAR: Bayesian Fine Mapping, <http://genetics.cs.ucla.edu/caviar/>

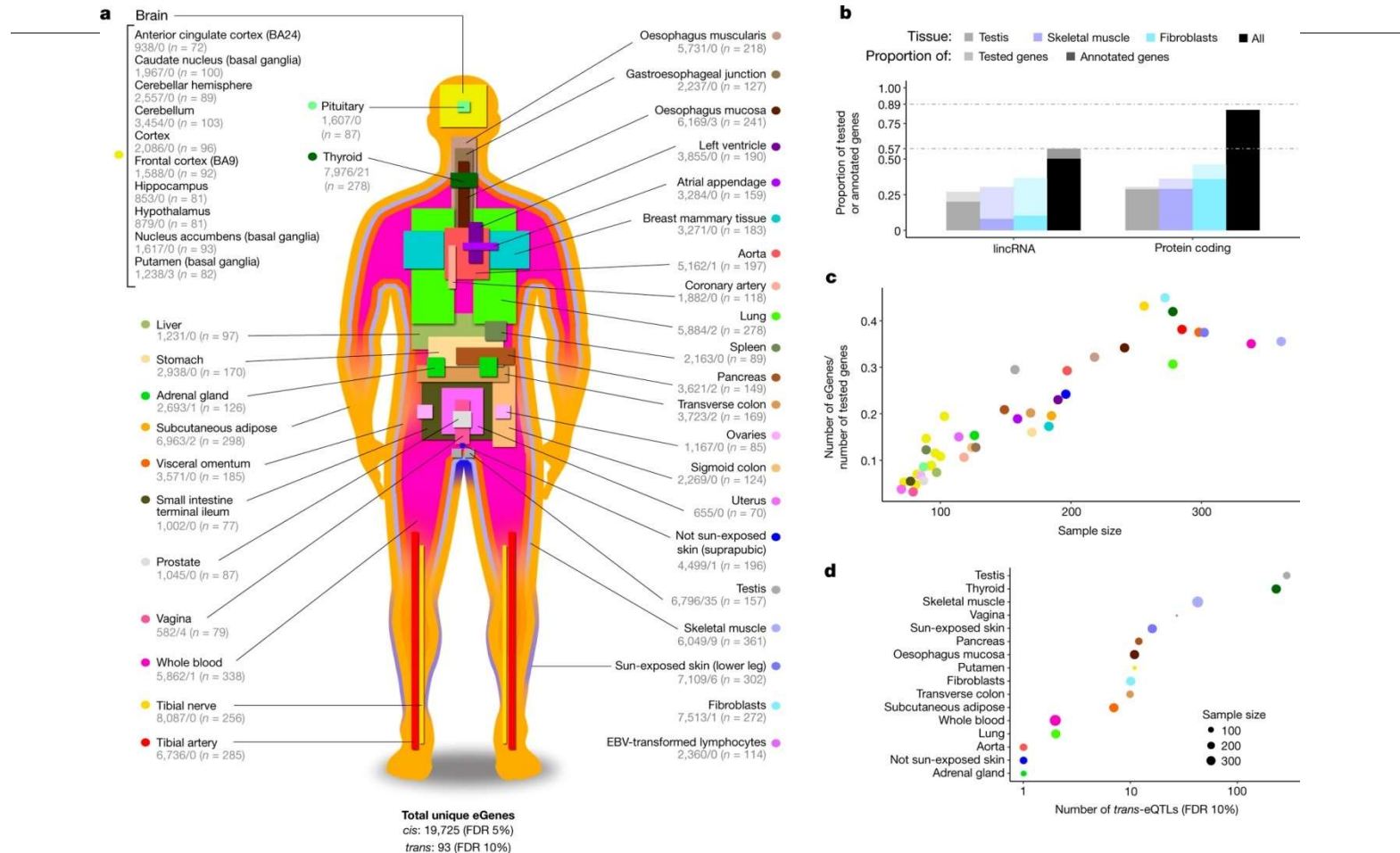
# Sources of eQTL databases

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Tool	Features	URL	PMID
NCBI eQTL browser	cis-eQTL from liver, lymphoblastoid, brain	<a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/gap/eqtl/index.cgi">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/gap/eqtl/index.cgi</a>	
seeQTL	browser for cis-eQTL and trans-eQTL from lymphoblastoid, brain, monocyte	<a href="http://www.bios.unc.edu/research/genomic_software/seeQTL/">http://www.bios.unc.edu/research/genomic_software/seeQTL/</a>	22171328
Chicago eQTL	QTL (eQTL, dsQTL, trQTL, exonQTL) from lymphoblastoid, brain, liver, fibroblast, T-cells	<a href="http://eqtl.uchicago.edu/cgi---bin/gbrowse/eqtl/">http://eqtl.uchicago.edu/cgi---bin/gbrowse/eqtl/</a>	
GTEx Portal	>60 tissues eQTL data and eQTL IGV browser	<a href="http://www.gtexportal.org/home/">http://www.gtexportal.org/home/</a>	25954001
GeneVar	>5 tissues eQTL, meQTL data and visualization	<a href="https://www.sanger.ac.uk/resources/software/genevar/">https://www.sanger.ac.uk/resources/software/genevar/</a>	20702402
Blood eQTL	Blood cis- and trans-eQTLs	<a href="http://genenetwork.nl/bloodeqtlbrowser/">http://genenetwork.nl/bloodeqtlbrowser/</a>	24013639
Geuvadis	QTL (eQTL, mirQTL, trQTL) from lymphoblastoid cell lines	<a href="http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/geuvadis---das/">http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/geuvadis---das/</a>	24037378

*mirQTL* miRNA QTL, *trQTL* transcript ratio QTL, *dsQTL* Dnase I sensitivity QTL

# Sample size and eGene discovery in the GTEx v6p study



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## QTL

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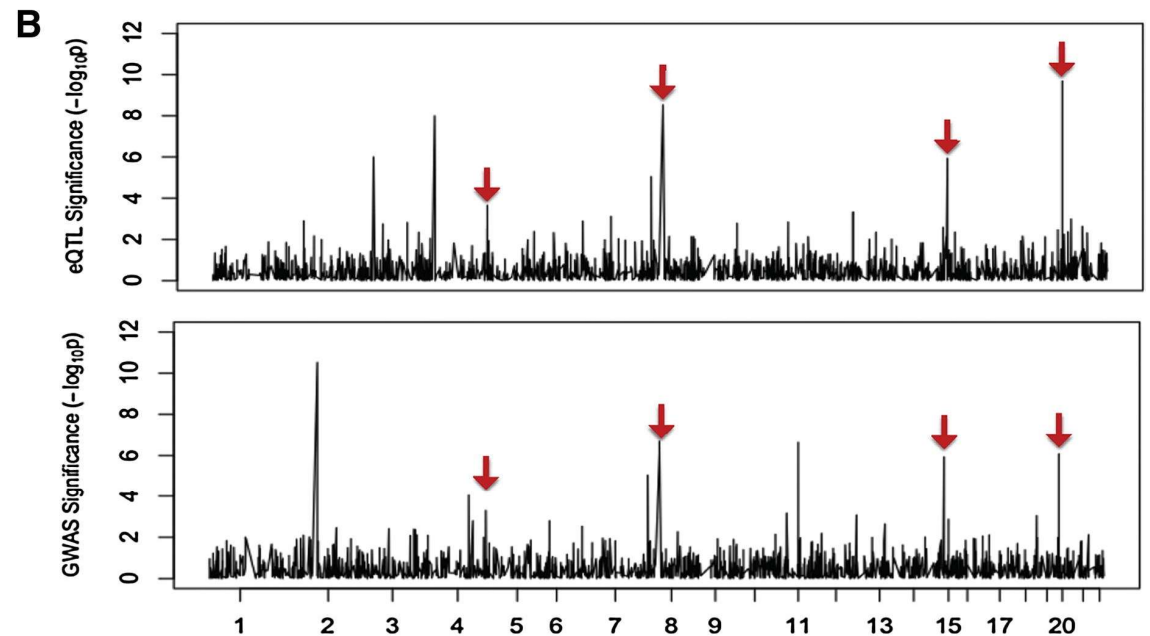
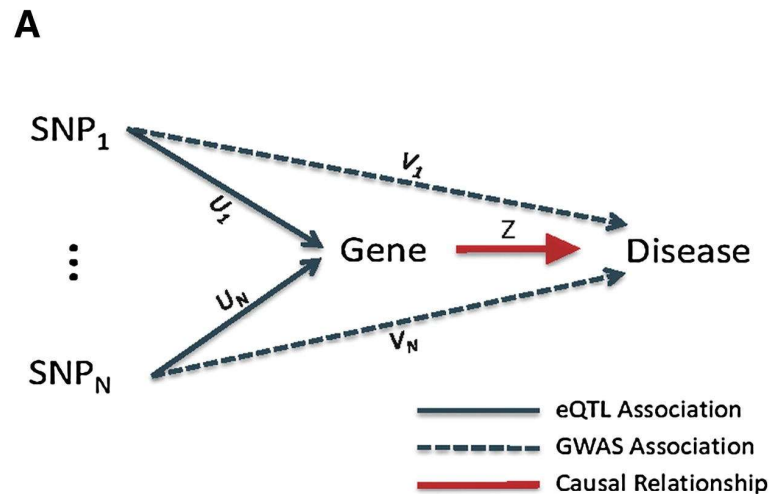


# Integration of GWAS variants and eQTLs

Level 1: overlap

Level 2: enrichment types of analyses

Level 3: colocalization

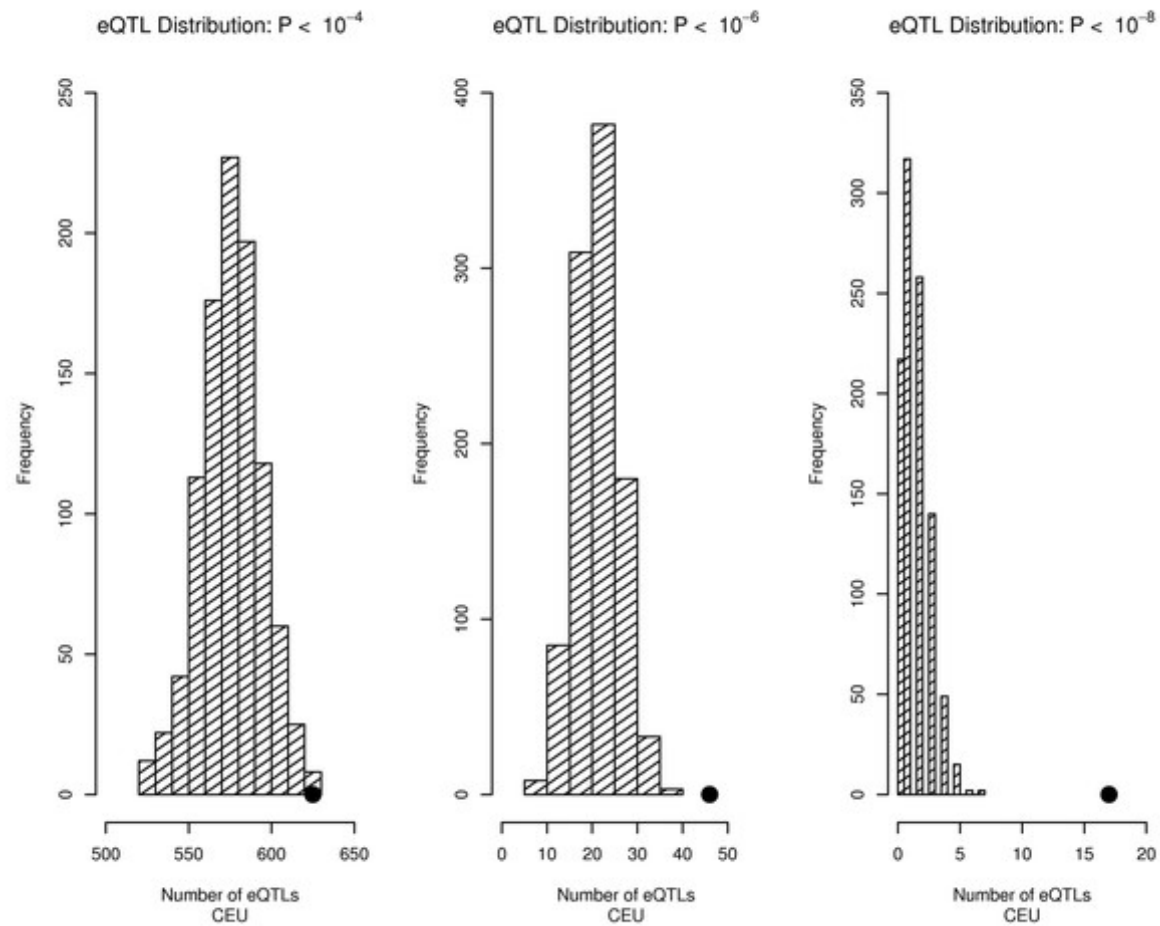




# eQTL can aid in identifying candidate genes for GWAS variants

Disease/trait study	Implicated eQTL genes	Expression source
Asthma	<i>ORMDL3</i>	EBV-transformed LCLs
Blood lipid levels	<i>SORT1, PPP1R3B, TTC39B</i>	Liver
Body mass index	<i>NEGR1, ZC3H4, TMEM160, MTCH2, NDUFS3, GTF3A, ADCY3, APOB48R, SH2B1, TUFM, GPRC5B, IQCK, SLC39A8, SULT1A1, SULT1A2</i>	Blood, brain, liver, lymphocytes, subcutaneous and visceral adipose tissue
Breast cancer	<i>RRP1B</i>	PyMT-induced primary tumours
Coeliac disease	<i>MMEL1, NSF, PARK7, PLEK, TAGAP, RRP1, UBE2L3, ZMIZ1</i>	Blood
Crohn's disease	<i>PTGER4, CARD9, ERAP2, TNFSF11</i>	EBV-transformed LCLs
Fat distribution	<i>GRB14, TBX15, PIGC, ZNRF3, STAB1, AA553656</i>	Blood, lymphocytes, omental fat, subcutaneous adipose tissue
Height	Multiple genes implicated	EBV-transformed LCLs, lymphocytes
Kidney-ageing	<i>MMP20</i>	Kidney
Migraine	<i>MTDH</i>	EBV-transformed LCLs
Multiple diseases	<i>CDKN2A, CDKN2B, CDKN2B-AS1</i>	Blood
Osteoporosis-related	<i>WLS, MEF2C, FOXC2, IBSP, TBC1D8, OSBPL1A, RAP1A, TNFRSF11B</i>	Liver, lymphocytes, primary osteoblasts
Parkinson's disease	<i>MAPT, LRRC37A, HLA-DRA, HLA-DQA2, HLA-DRB5</i>	EBV-transformed LCLs, frontal cortex
Psoriasis	<i>SDC4, SYS1, DBNDD2, PIGT, RPS26*</i>	Lesional psoriatic skin
QRS duration and cardiac ventricular conduction	<i>TKT, CDKN1A, C6orf204</i>	Blood
Type 2 diabetes	<i>FADS1, FADS2, KLF14, CCNE2, IRS1, JAZF1, CAMK1D</i>	Blood, EBV-transformed LCLs, liver, subcutaneous adipose tissue

## Trait-associated SNPs are more likely to be eQTLs



Nicolae DL, et al. (2010) Trait-Associated SNPs Are More Likely to Be eQTLs: Annotation to Enhance Discovery from GWAS. PLOS Genetics 6(4): e1000888.



# Integration of GWAS variants and eQTLs

## Level 3: colocalization of pairs of association signals

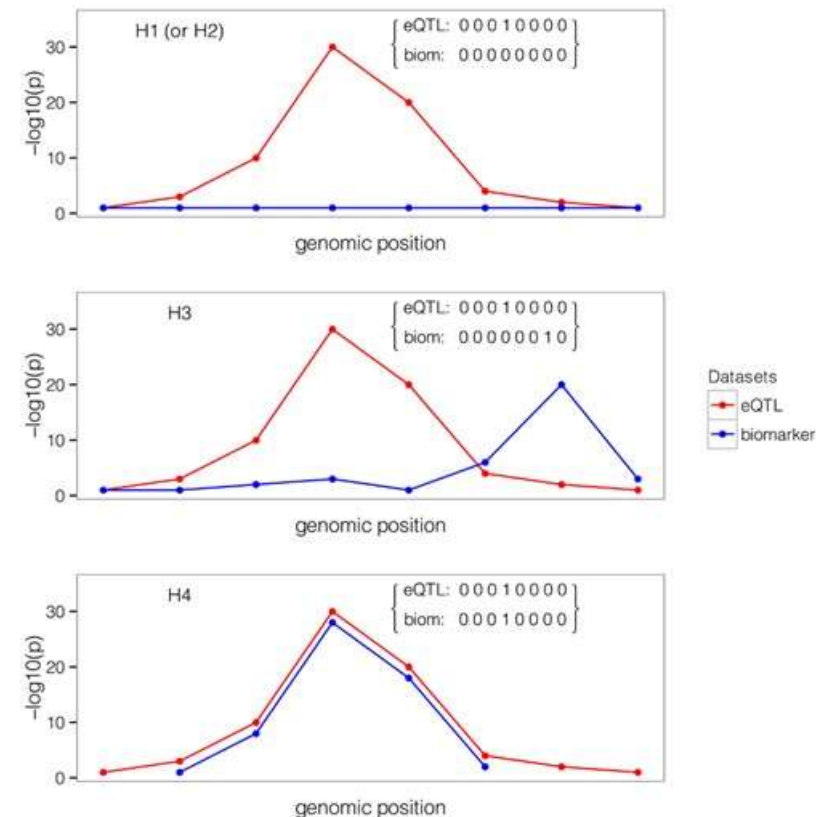
H1 is the hypothesis that there is only an eQTL signal at a locus

H2 is the hypothesis that there is only a GWAS signal at a locus.

H3 is the hypothesis that there are two independent eQTL and GWAS signals in linkage.

H4 is the strong hypothesis that the same SNP (not just the locus) is responsible for both the GWAS and eQTL.

Bayesian analysis evaluate each H relative to the other four and generates a confidence level for the most likely one.



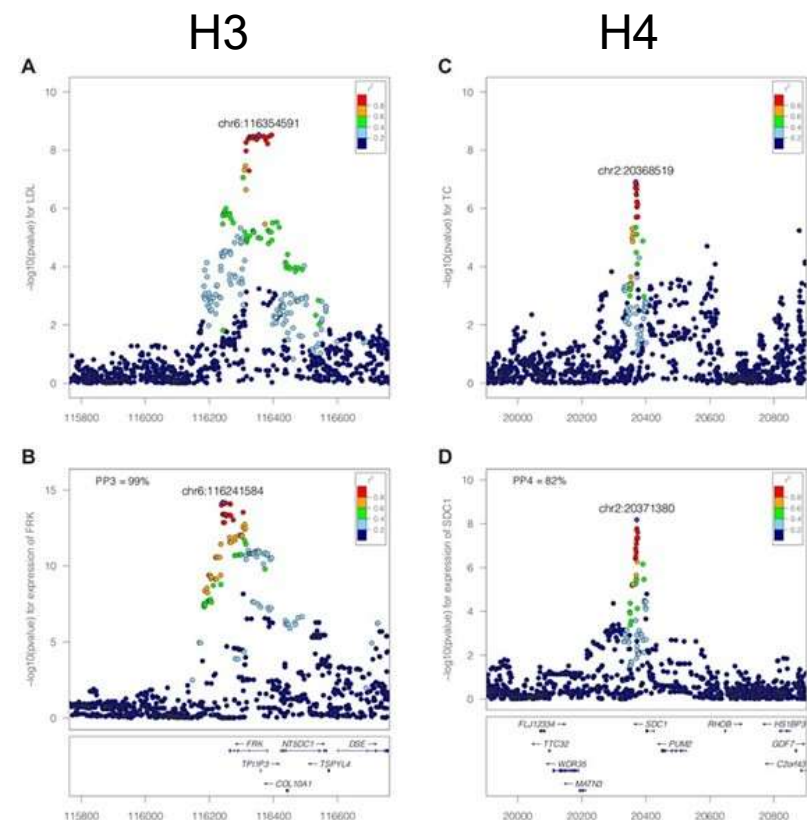
# Examples of H3 and H4

On the left, the profile of association at the *FRK* locus with LDL (top) is very different from that with *FRK* expression.

H3 is the supported hypothesis.

On the right, even though there are two different peak SNPs, they are in the same strong LD region and the profiles are almost the same for Total Cholesterol and *Soc1* expression.

H4 is the supported hypothesis.



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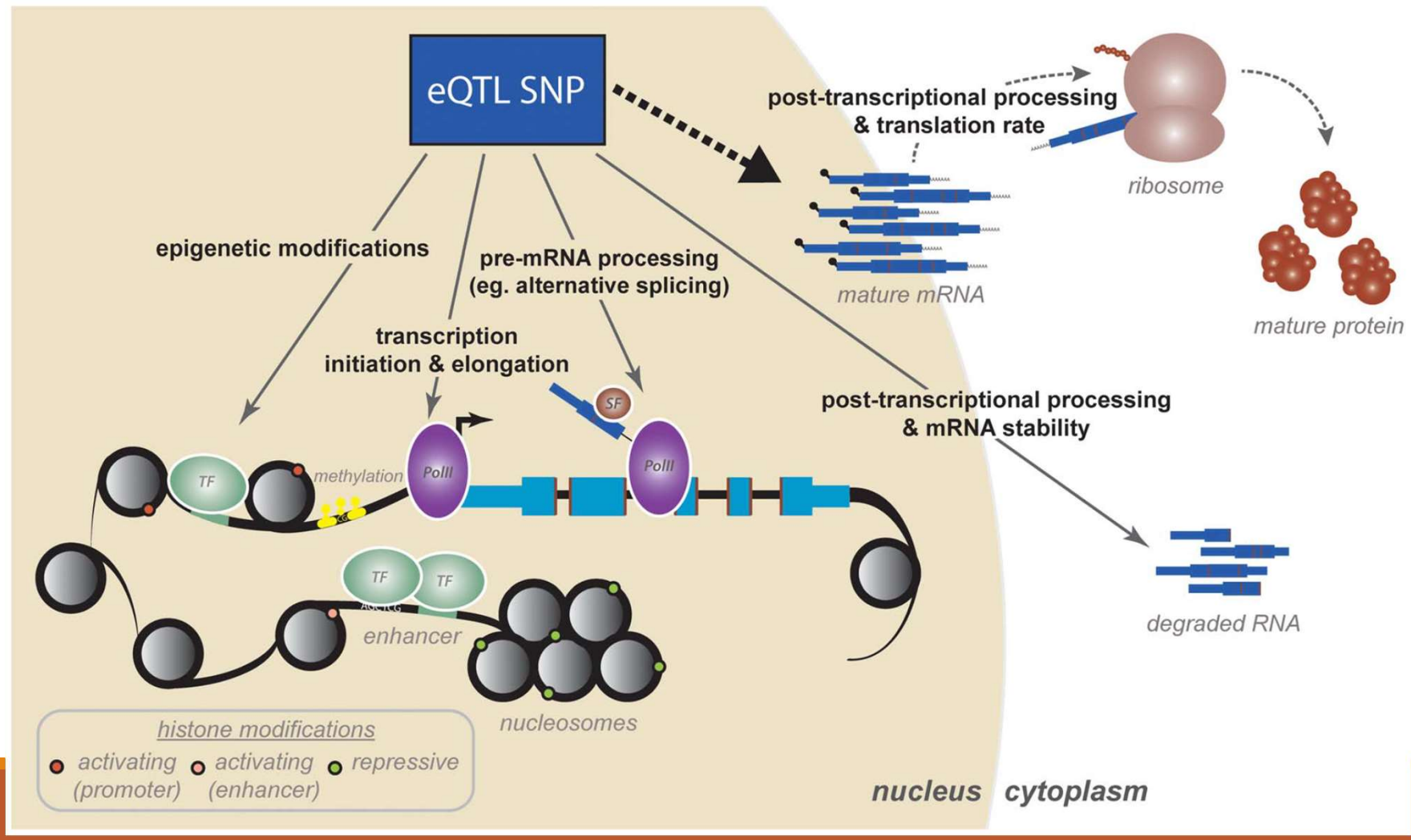
## **Regulatory roles of genetic variants**

- **Types of regulatory roles**
- **Technologies to detect regulatory regions**
- **Regulation is context-specific**

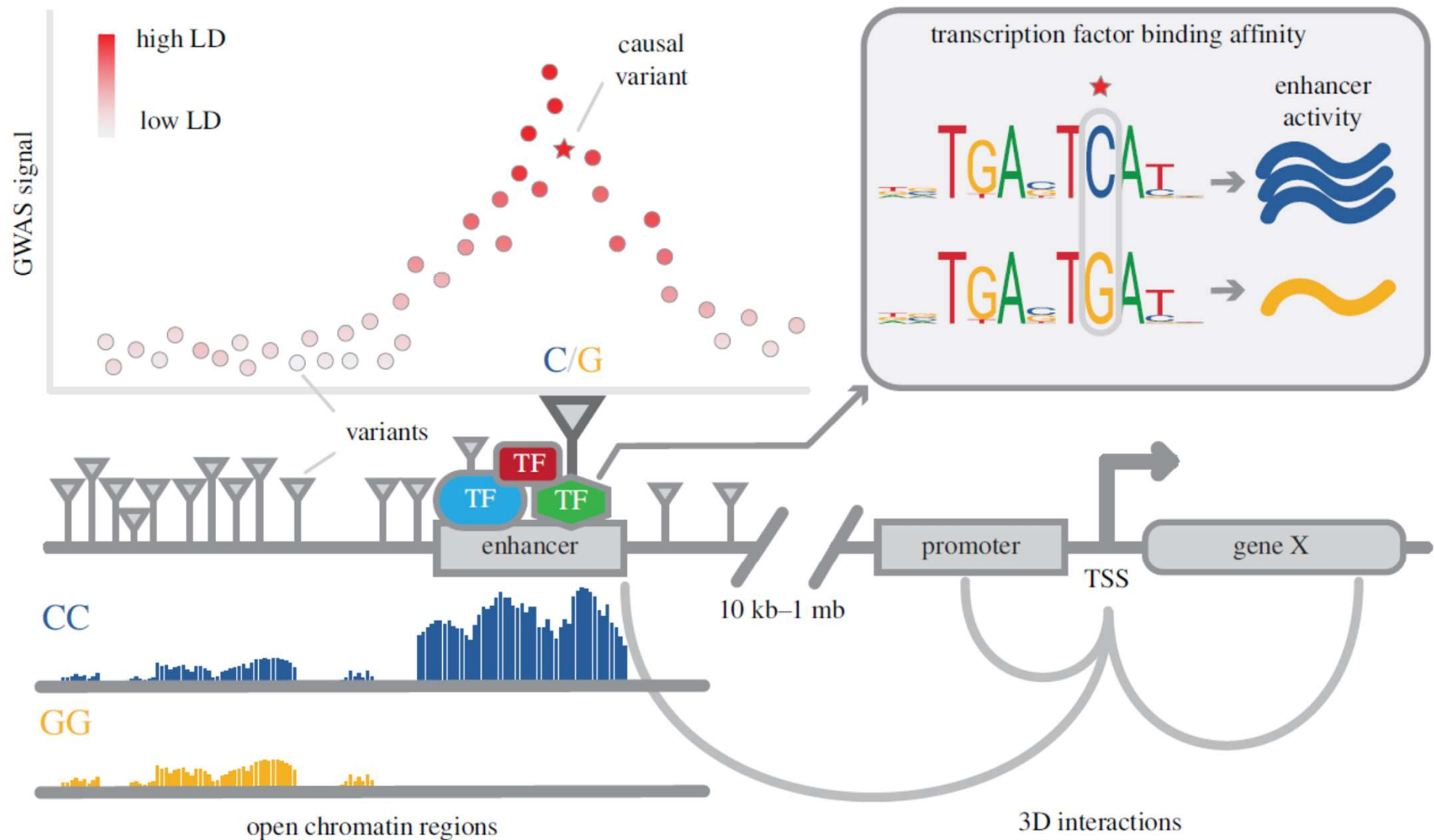
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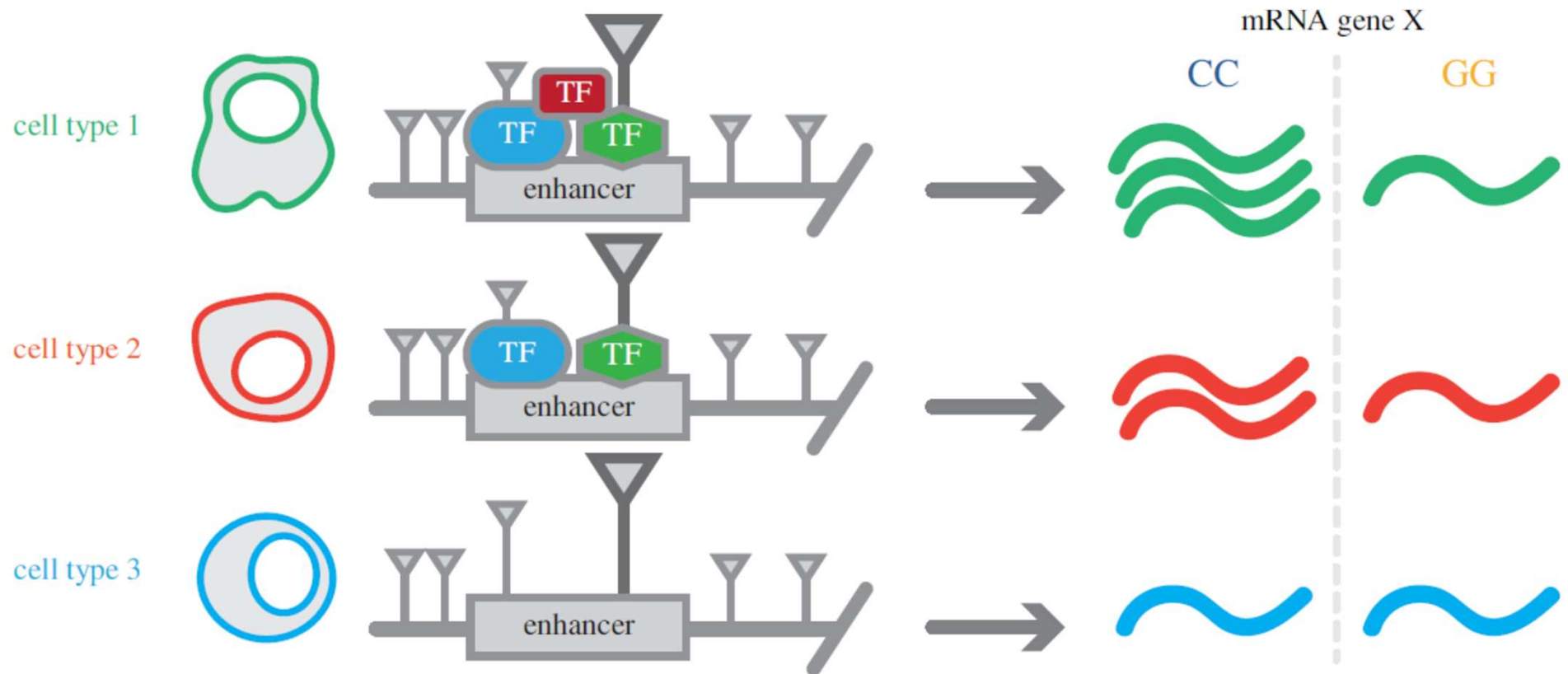


# Mechanisms by which SNPs can influence enhancer activity



# Cell-type-specific gene-expression differences

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RESEARCH ARTICLE



# Systematic Localization of Common Disease-Associated Variation in Regulatory DNA

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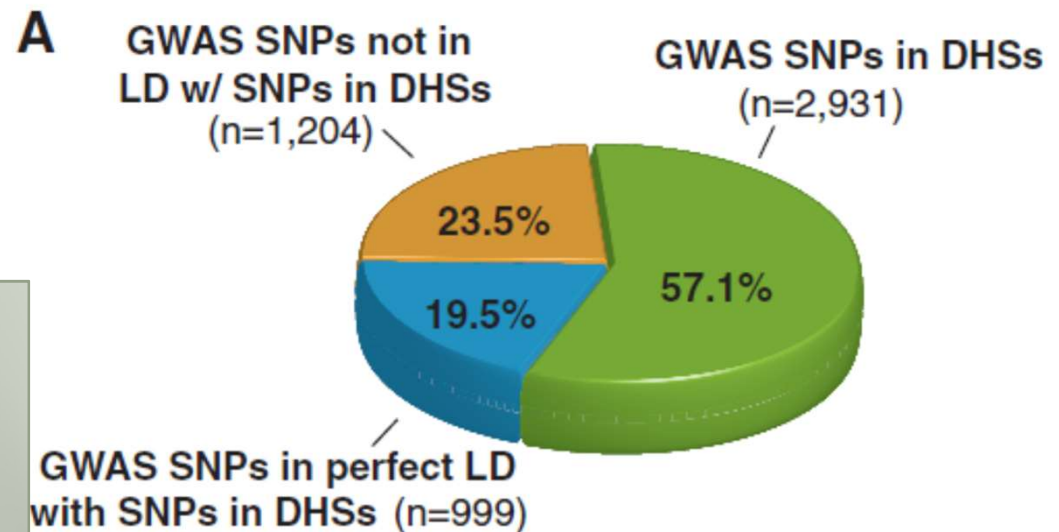
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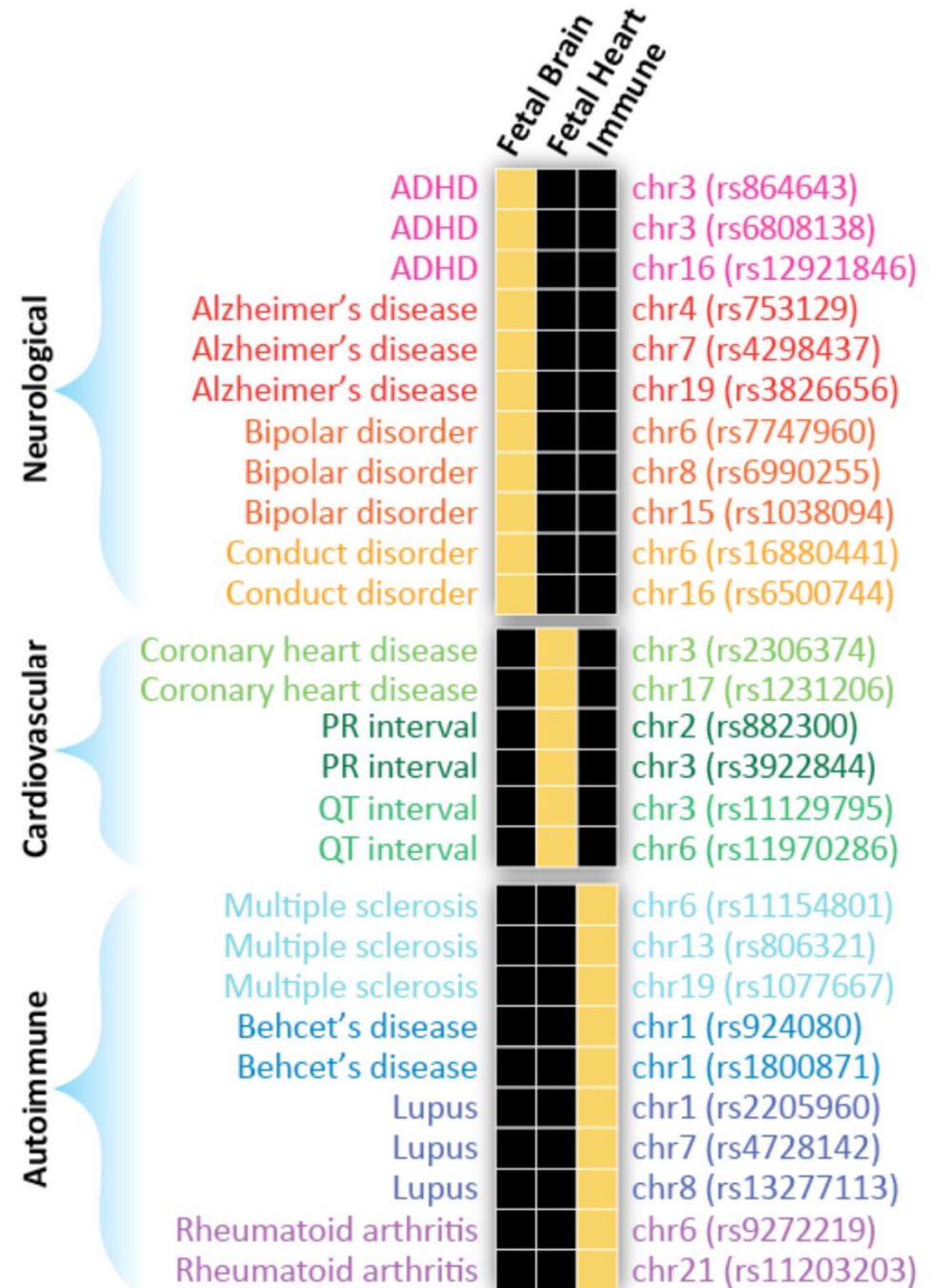
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Enriched in regulatory sequences (promoters and enhancers) that are identified through histone mark ChIP-seq or DNase-seq



Multiple distinct genomic disease associations repeatedly localize within **relevant cell-selective DHSs**.







# Technologies to detect regulatory regions

# NGS Technologies for Epigenome Regulators

## DNA methylation

- Whole genome bisulfite sequencing

## DNA-protein interaction

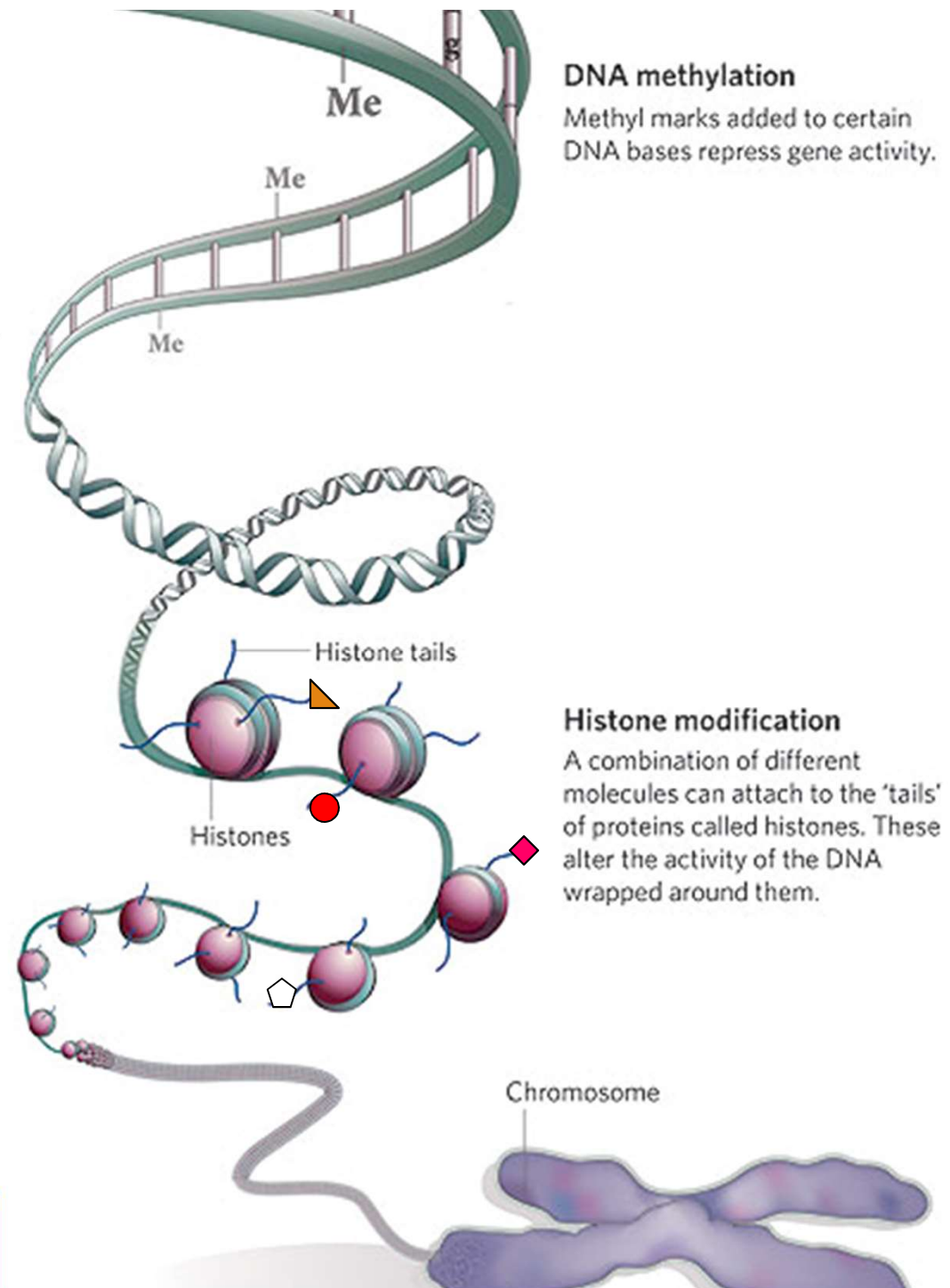
- ChIP-seq TF
- ChIP-seq histone marks

## Chromatin accessibility

- ATAC-seq
- DNase-seq
- FAIRE-seq
- MNase-seq

## Chromosomal interaction

- Hi-C
- ChIA-PET



# ChIP-seq

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Regular TF ChIP-seq: sonication, antibody against TF

Histone mark ChIP-seq: sonication or MNase, antibody against the histone modification

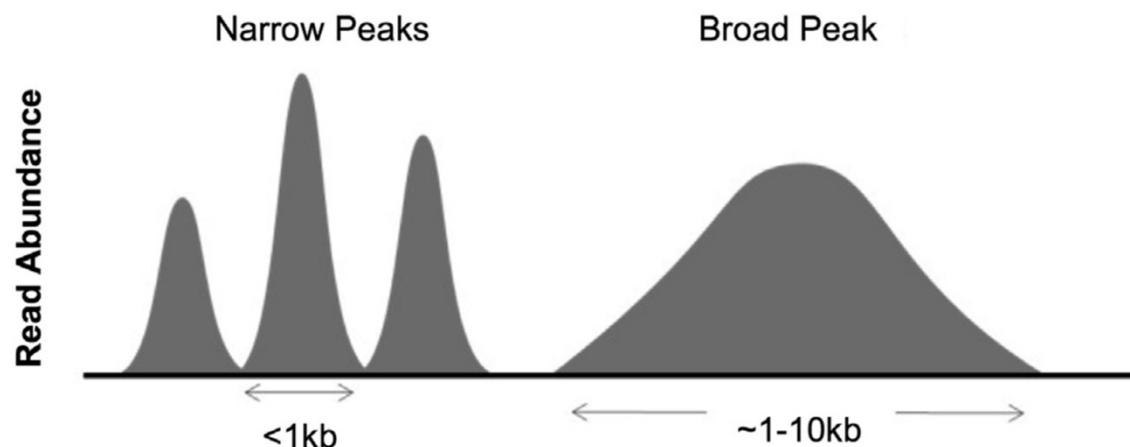


Illustration of two types of peaks in the ChIP-seq datasets. Narrow peaks are generally associated with TF binding, and broad peaks indicate regions with histone modification marks.

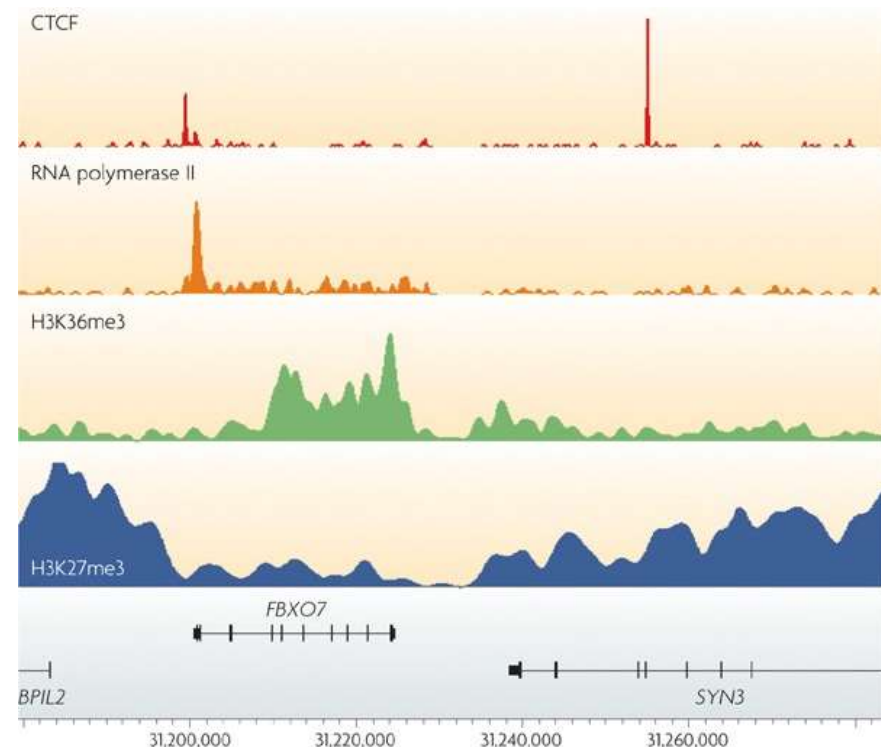
# Example of peaks

Insulator binding protein CTCF: sharp binding sites

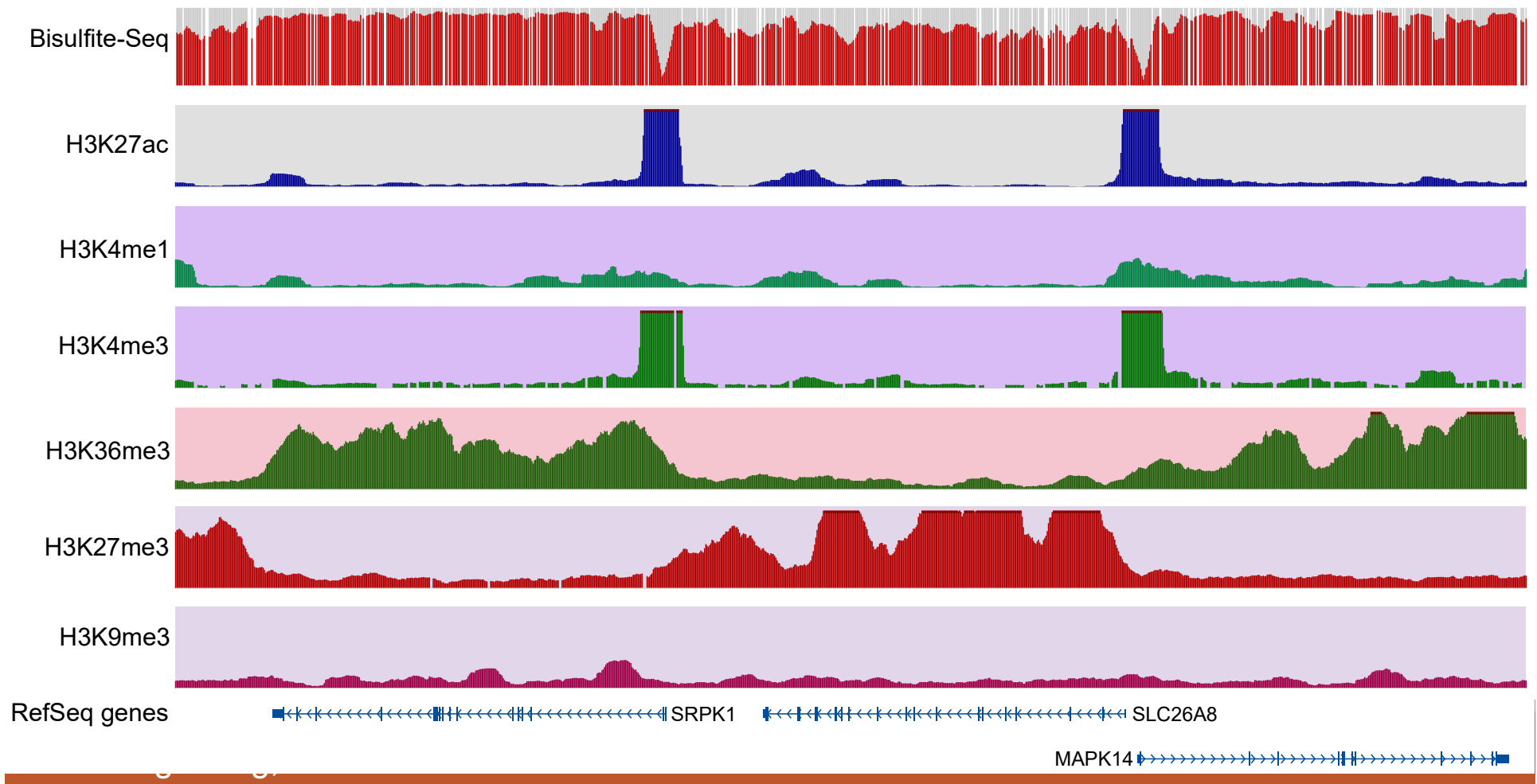
A mixture of shapes, such as RNA polymerase II (orange), which has a sharp peak followed by a broad region of enrichment;

Medium size broad peaks, such as histone H3 trimethylated at lysine 36 (H3K36me3; green), which is associated with transcription elongation over the gene;

Large domains, as shown for histone H3 trimethylated at lysine 27 (H3K27me3; blue), which is a repressive mark that is indicative of Polycomb-mediated silencing



# Histone Modifications in Relation to Gene Transcription



# Histone Modifications

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Gene body mark: H3K36me3, H3K79me3

Active promoter (TSS) mark: H3K4me3

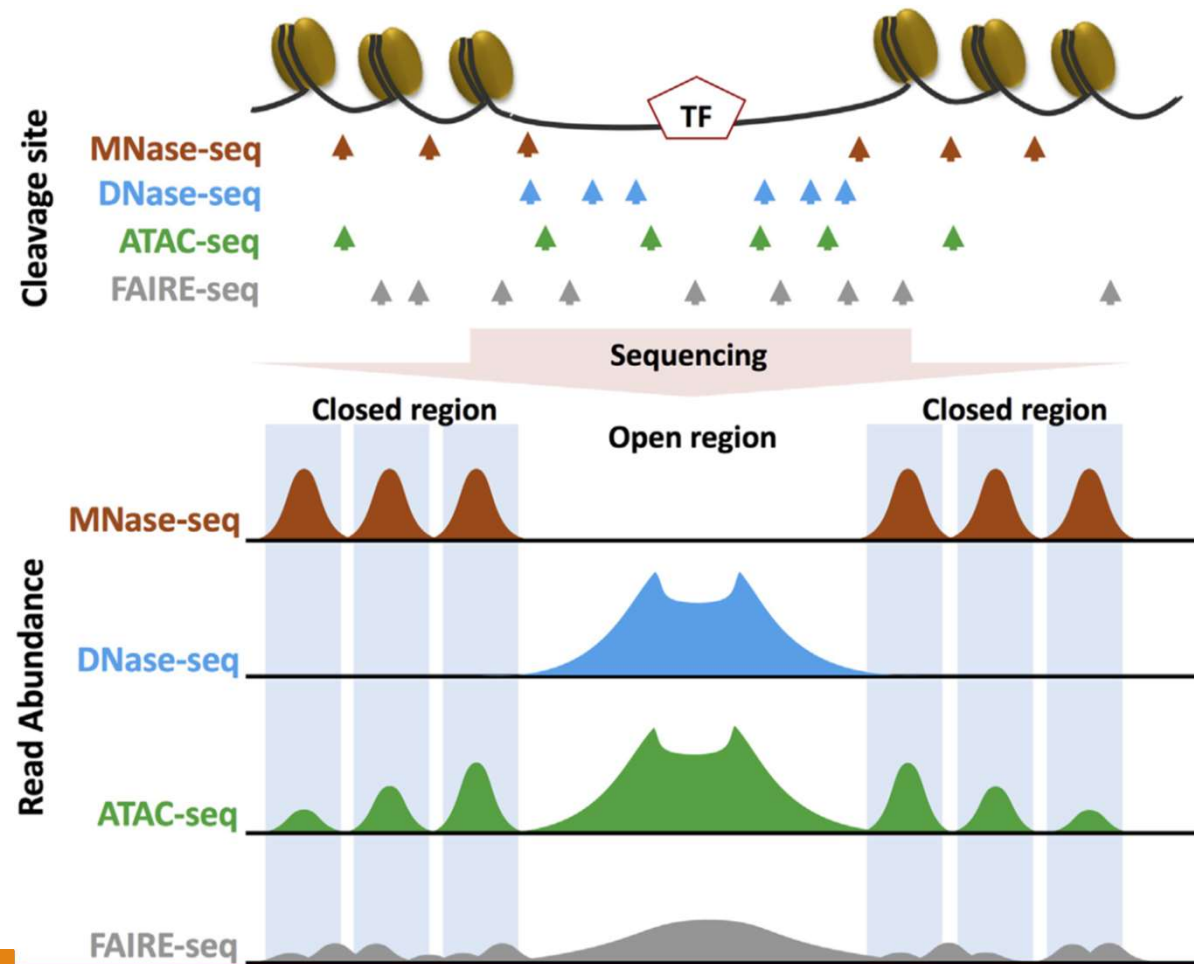
Active enhancer (TF binding) mark: H3K4me1, H3K27ac

Both enhancers and promoters: H3K4me2, H3/H4ac, H2AZ

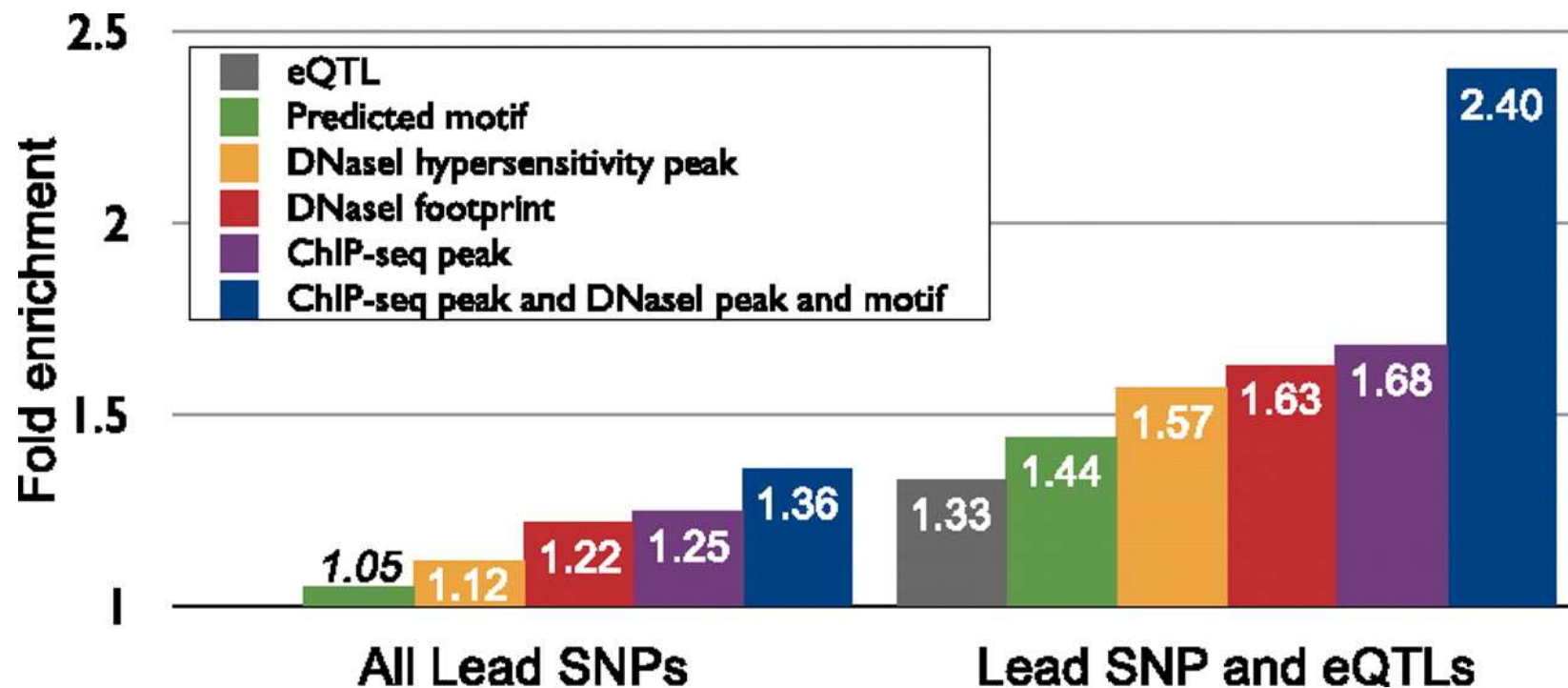
Repressive mark: H3K27me3, H3K9me3



# Assessing Chromatin Accessibility With Different NGS Techniques



# Overview of Enrichment for Different Combinations of Assays



Enrichments are reported for all lead SNPs associated with a phenotype and separately for lead SNPs that are also eQTLs or in strong linkage disequilibrium with an eQTL. The enrichment for predicted motifs alone (*italics*) is not significant. These results show that combining multiple types of experimental evidence increases the observed enrichment.



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## **Resources for secondary analyses**

- **GTEx: tissue transcriptomes**
- **Roadmap and ENCODE**
- **Biobank**

# Databases of GWAS summary statistics

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Database	Content
<a href="#">GWAS Catalog</a> <sup>110</sup>	GWAS summary statistics and GWAS lead SNPs reported in GWAS papers
<a href="#">GeneAtlas</a> <sup>8</sup>	UK Biobank GWAS summary statistics
<a href="#">Pan UKBB</a>	UK Biobank GWAS summary statistics
<a href="#">GWAS Atlas</a> <sup>273</sup>	Collection of publicly available GWAS summary statistics with follow-up in silico analysis
<a href="#">FinnGen results</a>	GWAS summary statistics released from FinnGen, a project that collected biological samples from many sources in Finland
<a href="#">dbGAP</a>	Public depository of National Institutes of Health-funded genomics data including GWAS summary statistics
<a href="#">OpenGWAS database</a>	GWAS summary data sets
<a href="#">Pheweb.jp</a>	GWAS summary statistics of Biobank Japan and cross-population meta-analyses

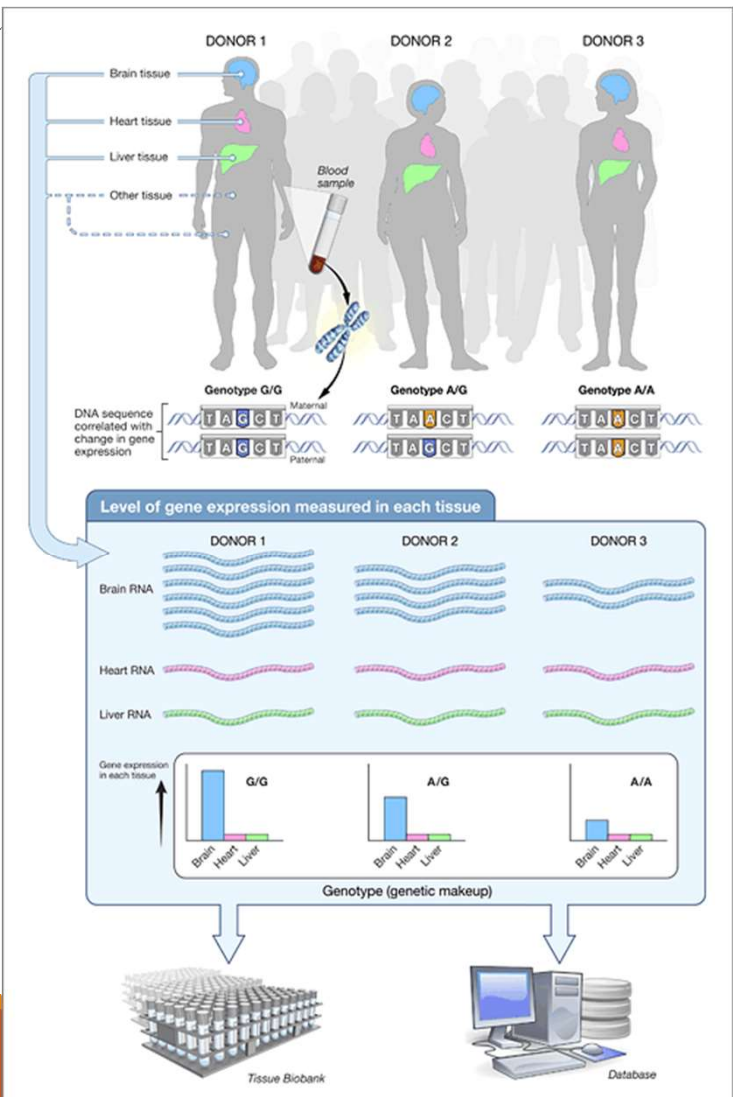
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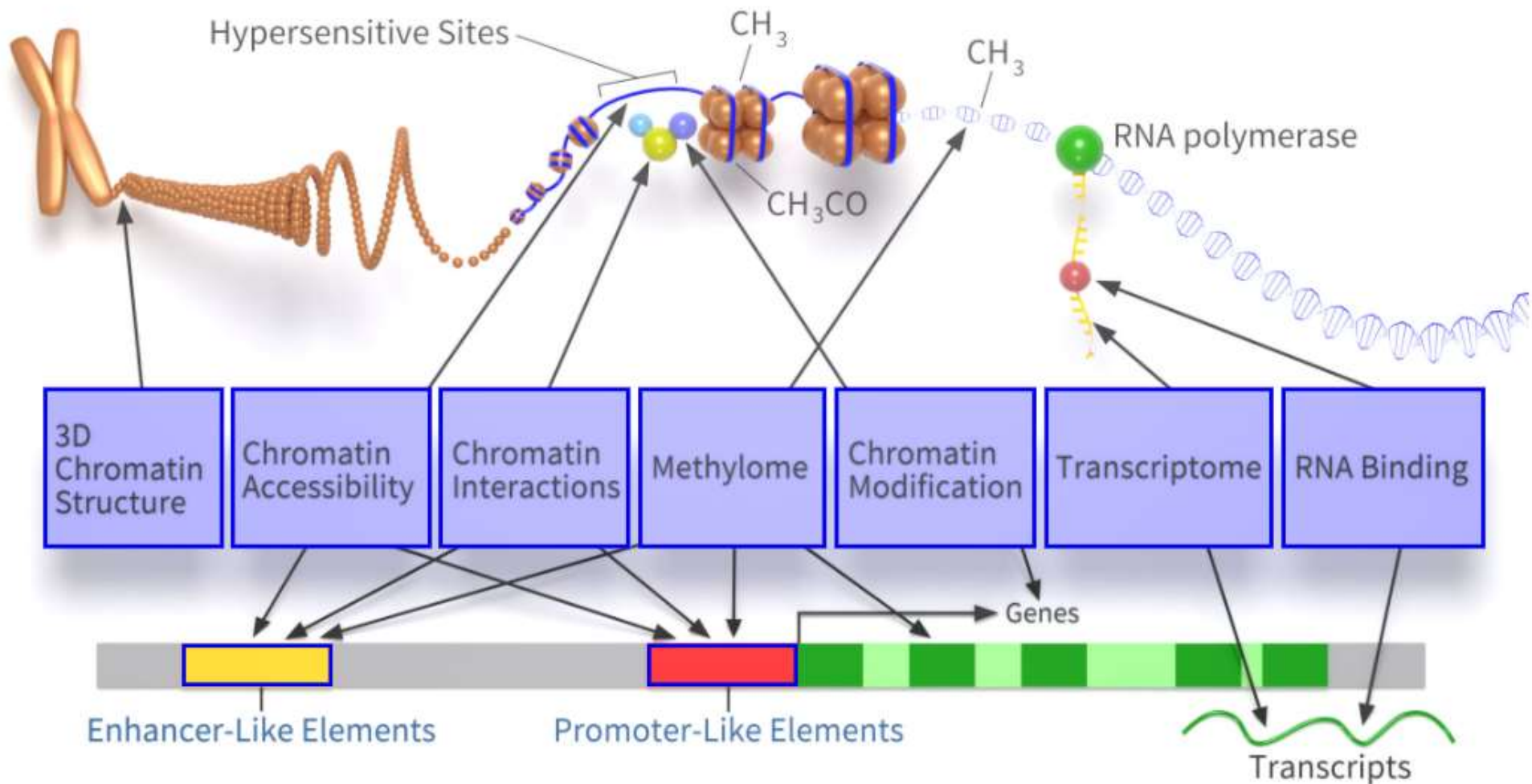
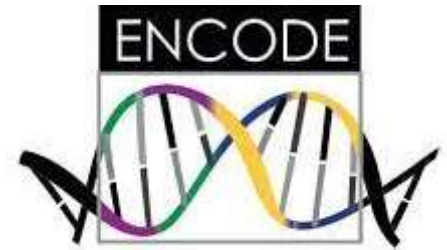
Correlations between genotype and tissue-specific gene expression levels

Tissue expression and eQTLs

GTEx Single Cell Data (ongoing)



# Roadmap/ENCODE



# Databases for annotations of regulatory elements

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Name	Regulatory elements	Database description
GTRD	TFBS	Stores TFBS information of ChIP-Seq experiments from different resources (including ENCODE)
TRANSFAC	TFBS	Contains experimental data of eukaryotic TFs, their binding sites, consensus sequences and regulated genes
JASPAR	TFBS	Includes curated and non-redundant experimentally determined TFBS in different eukaryote organisms
DENdb	Enhancers	Integrates predicted information of enhancers in different cell lines that overlap DNase I HS and TFBS
Enhancer Atlas	Enhancers	Contains annotations of human enhancers from experimental data sets, including histone modifications, TFBS, DNase I HS and additional information using the CAGE technique
dbSUPER	Super enhancers	Integrates ChIP-Seq signals of clusters of enhancers in different cell types of human and mouse
CTCFBSDB	Insulators	Contains information on CTCF binding sites, including experimentally determined and predicted
EPD	Promoters	Collects information on promoters recognized by the RNA polymerase II in eukaryotes
RNAcentral	ncRNAs	Integrates ncRNA information from high-quality resources
ncRNAdb	ncRNAs	Collects information on ncRNA sequences from various databases
NONCODE	lncRNAs	Contains a complete collection of lncRNA data from various resources (including lncRNAdb) for 16 different organisms

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# Annotation tools for non-coding DNA regions

Name	Uses	Main data sources	Advantages	Limitations
RegulomeDB	Prioritization of functional variants, using a score based on the number of elements with which the variant overlaps	ENCODE, Roadmap Epigenomics Project	Includes information from numerous functional annotation sources	The scoring system can be difficult to interpret
HaploReg	Annotation of variants in LD, located within or next to regulatory elements	ENCODE, GTEx, Roadmap Epigenomics Project	Allows the identification and mining of causal variants in LD that affect regulatory sites	Functional annotations are not updated periodically
FunciSNP	Identification and prioritization of putative regulatory SNPs	ENCODE, Roadmap Epigenomics Project	Large data queries are fast to perform	A minimum knowledge of R is needed for its use
rVarBase	Annotation of regulatory variants that are involved in transcriptional and post-transcriptional regulation	ENCODE, Roadmap Epigenomics Project	Uses annotations of numerous regulatory features, easy to use, intuitive website	Results summary can be initially confusing, i.e. a SNP can appear annotated with both strong and weak transcription
FunSeq2	Prioritization of cancer-associated SNVs in non-coding DNA	ENCODE	Can annotate and prioritize variants directly from BED or VCF files and the analysis can be customized	It is specifically designed to annotate cancer-associated variants but not for variants associated with other diseases
ENlight	Annotation of GWAS variants and analysing their putative effects through plot visualization	GWAS, ENCODE, GTEx	Plot system is useful to visually identify causal variants and the analysis can be customized	Functional annotations are not updated periodically
INFERNO	Characterization and prioritization of regulatory variants in different tissues	GTEx, FANTOM5, Roadmap Epigenomics Project	Prioritize variants by calculating an empirical p-value	Large Web queries take a long time to complete

# Biobanks

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A biobank is a type of biorepository that stores biological samples (usually human) for use in research.

Biobanks have become an important resource in medical research, supporting many types of contemporary research like genomics and personalized medicine.

UK Biobank

Japan Biobank



**Enabling scientific discoveries that improve human health**

# Biobanks

## BIOBANK CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDY

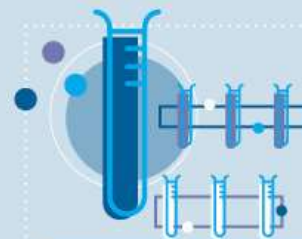
### 1 Read and Sign Consent

You can sign up for the Biobank on My Health Connection



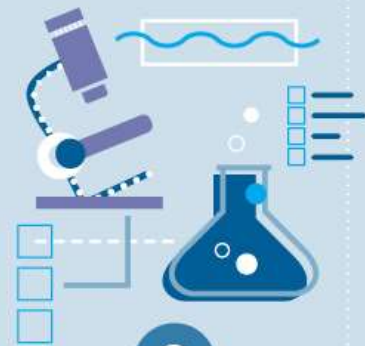
### 2 Blood Sample is Collected

The next time you have a routine blood draw at a UCHHealth clinic, a blood sample will be taken for the Biobank



### 3 DNA Extraction

Your sample will be sent to the Biobank where DNA is extracted, processed and stored in a secure location



### 4 Genetic Data is Generated

Your sample is analyzed to look at differences in your DNA. Your genetic data is linked with your medical record, de-identified and made available for approved research studies



### 5 Return of Genetic Results

If we learn something about you that may affect your health, we may be able to return this information to you. We will ask for your permission before returning any information

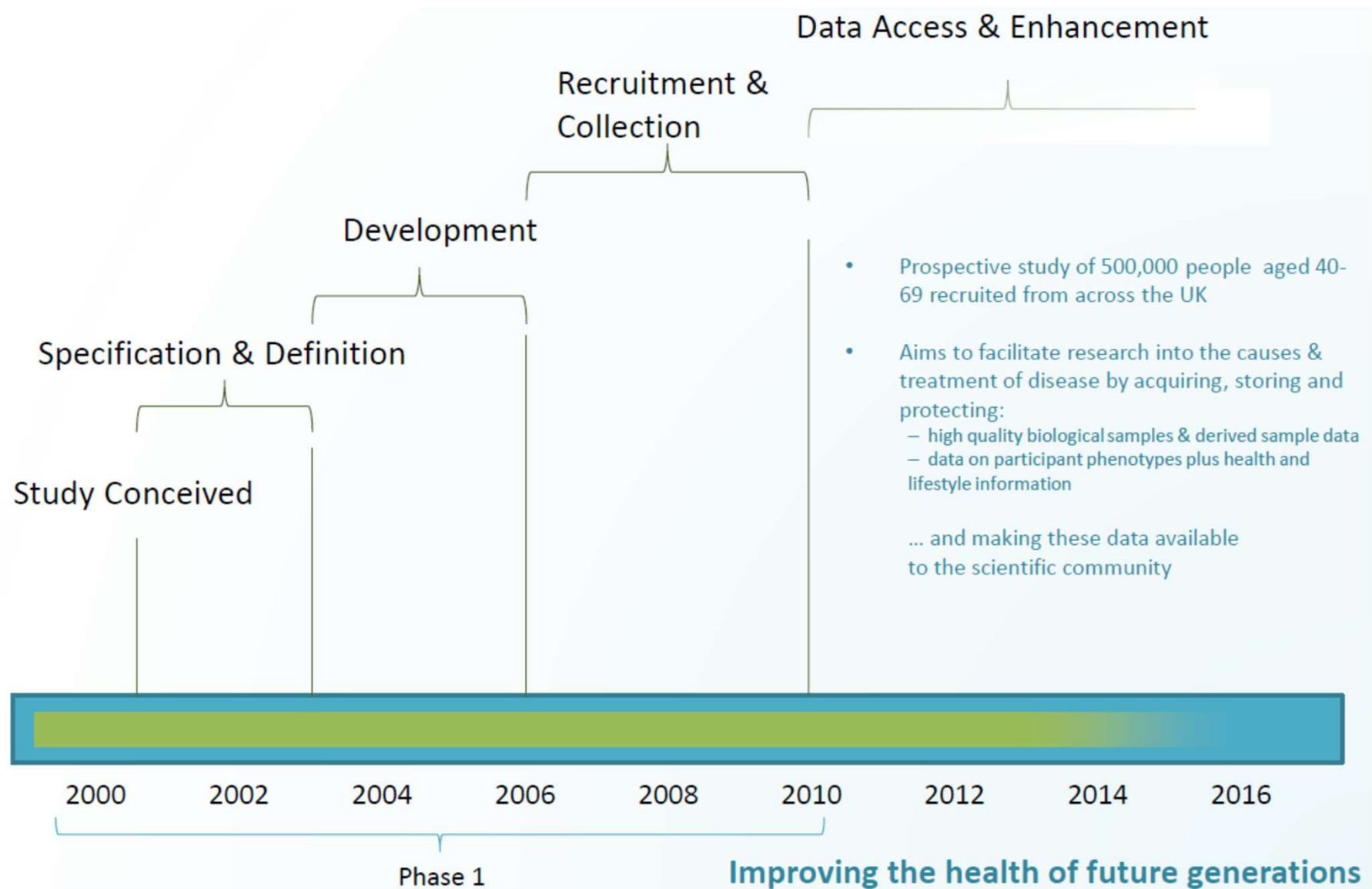




Biobank	Affiliation	Focus	Type	Location
All of Us		Population	non-profit	United States
BioBank Graz	<a href="#">Medical University of Graz</a>		non-profit	Austria
BioBank Japan	<a href="#">RIKEN</a> , <a href="#">University of Tokyo</a>	Population, personalized medicine	non-profit	Japan
Canadian Biosample Repository	<a href="#">University of Alberta</a>		non-profit	Canada
<a href="#">CARTaGENE biobank</a>	Centre hospitalier universitaire Sainte-Justine		non-profit	Quebec
FINBB		Population	non-profit	Finland
<a href="#">FinnGen</a>		Population, disease focused	public-private	Finland
Generation Scotland	NHS Scotland		government	Scotland
HUNT Biobank	Norwegian University of Science and Technology		non-profit	Norway
Plasma Services Group		Autoimmune, Infectious, Coagulation, Diagnostics	commercial	United States
The Malaysian Cohort	National University of Malaysia		non-profit	Malaysia
UK Biobank			non-profit	United Kingdom
Sapien Biosciences	<a href="#">Apollo Hospitals</a> & Saarum Innovations	Population, with special focus on tailoring treatment for <a href="#">Cancer</a>	private	India (headquartered in Hyderabad)
Lifelines	<a href="#">University of Groningen</a> & <a href="#">University Medical Centre Groningen</a>	Healthy aging	non-profit	Groningen, The Netherlands



# UK Biobank: a prospective cohort epidemiology study



# UK Biobank

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To understand the interplay of genes, lifestyle and the environment in health and disease

500,000 UK men and women aged 40-69 years when recruited and assessed during 2006-2010

General consent for all types of health research; no feedback of individual results to participants

Extensive baseline questions and measurements, with biological samples stored for future assays

Follow-up of health outcomes through linkage to health records and direct contact with participants

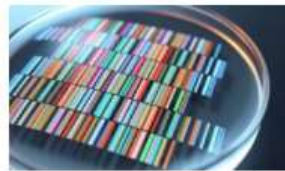


# Genetic data in UK Biobank

## Different types of genetic analyses using DNA material

### Genotyping

Genotyping uses a sequence to measure specific positions in the DNA chain where variations are commonly known.



[Whole Genome Sequencing data on 200,000 UK Biobank participants are made widely available for research](#)

November 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

### Sequencing

Sequencing involves reading the sequence of every one of the 3 billion pairs of the human genome.



[450,000 participant exomes made available today for approved researchers through Research Analysis Platform](#)

October 29<sup>th</sup> 2021



UKB has looked at around 800,000 SNPs across the genome.

From this (and based on the relationship between parent and child) it has been possible to identify around 92M base-pairs.

Data are now available for research.



[Innovative cloud-based Research Analysis Platform launched to increase scale and accessibility of resource](#)

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splitting the DNA into fragments, then fragment and put together (almost like a jigsaw).



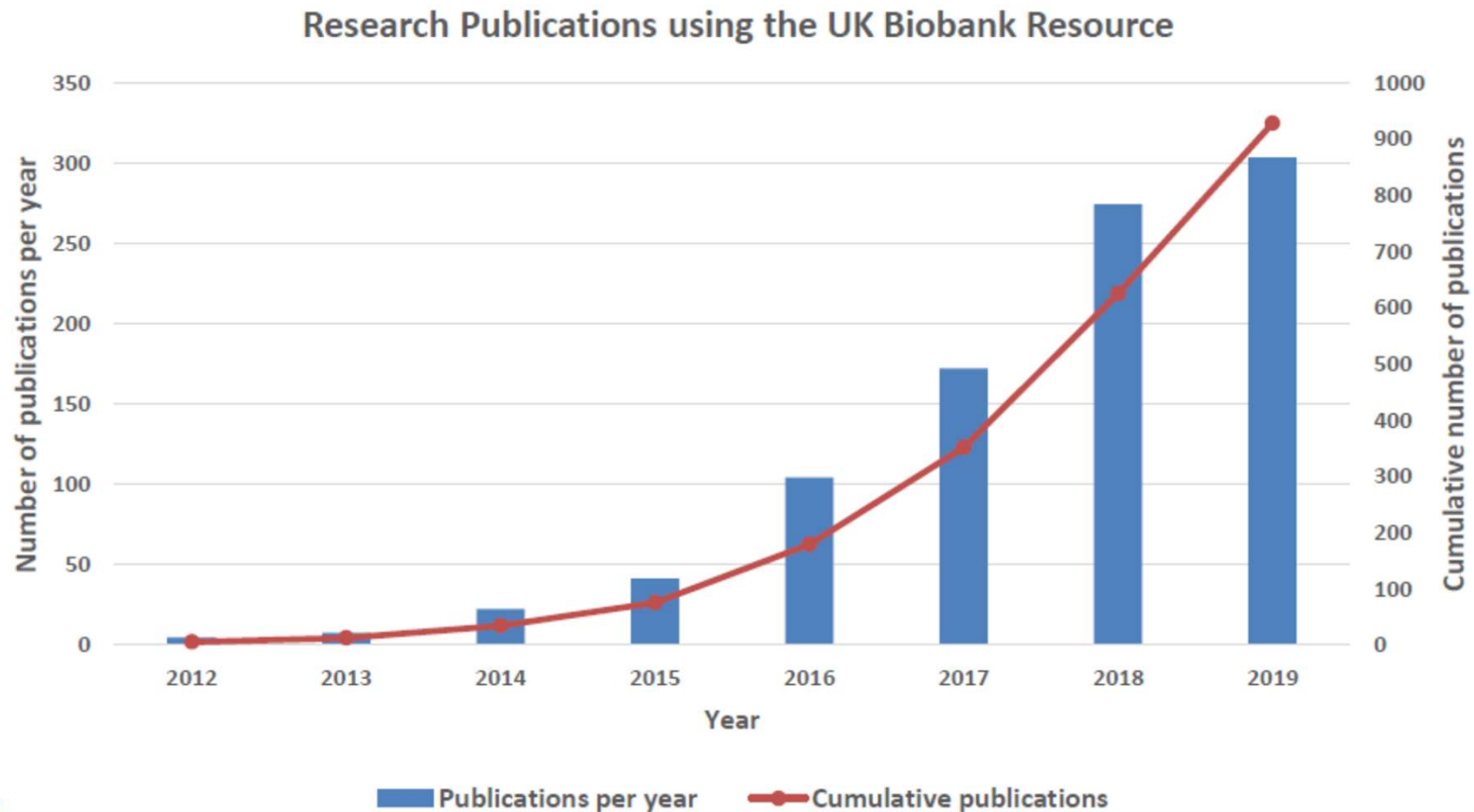
[300,000 participant exomes now accessible for approved researchers through Research Analysis Platform](#)

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to whole genome sequencing for 100 participants to the other 98%.

# What impact is UK Biobank making

There are now >930 published research papers using the UK Biobank Resource



# UK Biobank discoveries

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One-off genetic test to detect heart attack risk.

Authors devised the Genomic Risk Score (GRS) to predict risk of coronary heart disease (CHD) and explain why people with apparently no conventional risk factors, such as high cholesterol, can still go on to have a heart attack.

Participants with a GRS in the top 20% were more than four times more likely to develop coronary heart disease than those with scores in the bottom 20%.

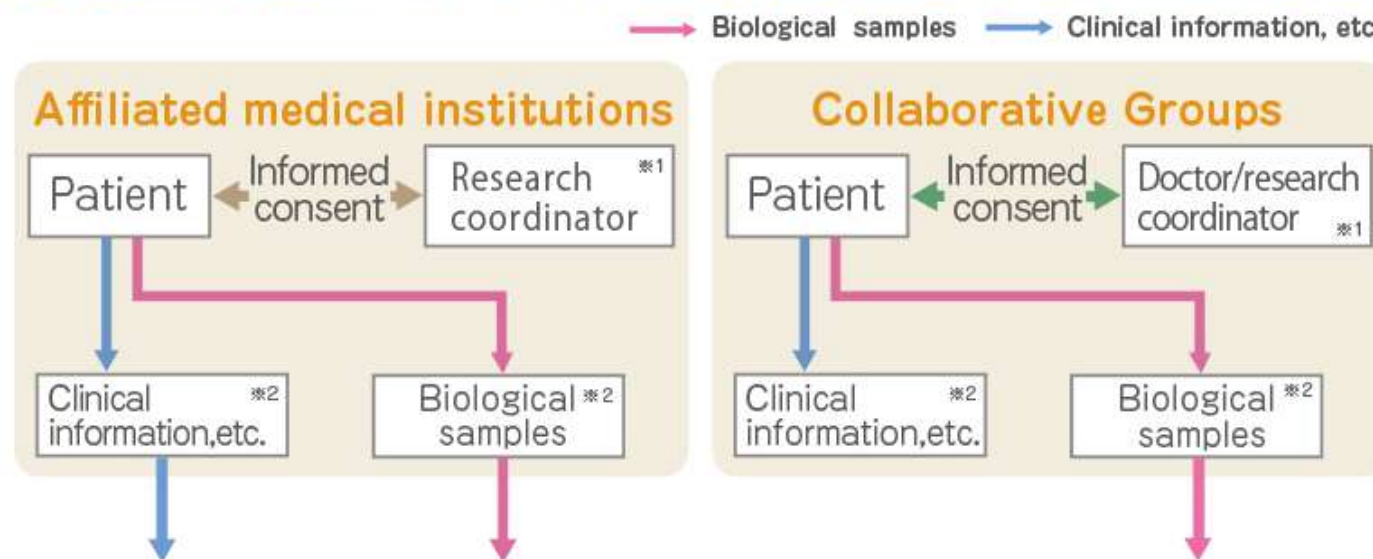




# BioBank Japan (BBJ)

260,000 patients representing 440,000 cases of 51 primarily multifactorial (common) diseases

## BioBank Japan : The flow of biological samples and information.



BioBank Japan (BBJ) was established in 2003 within the Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo. It is a repository where human biological samples and related information are systematically managed. In the robust building, DNA, serum/plasma and tissues\*, and other samples provided by patients are managed under strict security. These samples are provided to research projects that have been reviewed by the board in BBJ.

**BioBank Japan(BBJ)**