## GTEx project updates: intersecting epigenomes and eqtls

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#### Reference map of eQTLs across multiple human tissues

#### version 6 (in press) 7,051 samples from 449 donors

version 7 11,688 samples from 635 donors

version 8 (in QC) 17,382 samples from 838 donors

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# Nearly all known human genes have expression influenced by genetics





## **Bimodal pattern of eQTL sharing**



# Tissue-eQTLs enriched in matched tissue epigenomes



Enrichment (x-axis) of eVariants in cis-regulatory elements (CREs) across 128 Roadmap Epigenomics project cell types, for each GTEx discovery tissue (y-axis). Enrichment estimated by comparing to random MAF and distance-matched variants. Stronger enrichment was observed in matched tissues (coloured dots) than in unmatched tissues (box plots).

### **CRE sharing reflects eQTL sharing**



# Combining functional annotation with eQTL discovery



Wen, X., Lee, Y., Luca, F. & Pique-Regi, R. Efficient integrative multi-SNP association analysis via deterministic approximation of posteriors. *Am. J. Hum. Genet.* **98**, 1114–1129 (2016).

### Implications of GTEx for interpreting GWAS signals

### Lots of eQTL data means that seemingly significant associations are the norm



#### Co-localization of eQTLs and GWAS in GTEx



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### Interpreting personal variants using genetic and functional genomics data



Li, Kim, Tsang, Davis, in press

### eGTEx project



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#### Table 1 eGTEx study design

Molecular phenotype	Primary assay(s)	Targeted tissues	Targeted sample
		(phase II)	number
DNA accessibility	DNase I hypersensitivity	Brain regions, heart, lung muscle, esophagus, breast, prostate, skin	~1,135
Histone modifications	ChIP-seq	Brain regions, heart, lung, muscle	~600
DNA methylation	WGBS and capture bisulfite sequencing	Brain regions, heart, lung, muscle, thyroid	~2,000
Allele-specific expression	mmPCR-seq	All tissues	~2,000
Post-transcriptional RNA modifications	m <sup>6</sup> A methylation capture sequencing	Brain regions, heart, lung, muscle	~300
Proteomic variation	MS, targeted arrays for transcription factors and cell signaling proteins	Brain, heart, lung, muscle, thyroid, colon, liver, prostate, pancreas, ovary, testis, breast	~1,000 (MS) ~2,500 (arrays)
Somatic variation	Deep exome sequencing, RNA-seq, SNP arrays, probe-based telomere length assay	~20–25 tissues	~800
Telomere length	Luminex-based assay for telomere-repeat abundance	~20 tissues	~5,000

Molecular assays, targeted tissues, and sample number for eGTEx.

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