

Tissue-specific profiling reveals distinctive regulatory architectures at germline-active and somatic genes

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Supplemental methods

Transgenic strains

C. elegans strains were maintained using standard procedures at 25°C and fed OP50 *E. coli*.

Targeting of the GFP to the nuclear envelope was achieved in two different ways: 1) by fusing a StrepTag (WSHPQFEK) to the N-terminal extremity of GFP (from pPD95.02, Fire lab Vector Kit) and UNC-83 (aa 1-290) to its C-terminal extremity, or 2) fusing the full-length NPP-9 coding sequence to the C-terminal extremity of GFP (Steiner et al. 2012). The first approach was used to target GFP to the nuclear envelope in germline, muscle, hypodermis and intestine cells. The second approach was used to target GFP to the nuclear envelope in neurons. The promoter used to express the reporter in individual tissues are the *mex-5* promoter (for germline expression, chrIV:13,353,242-13,353,729), the *egl-21* promoter (for neuron expression, chrIV:10,481,768-10,481,932), the *myo-3* promoter (from muscle expression, chrV:12,234,302-12,236,686), the *dpy-7* promoter (for hypodermis expression, chrX:7,537,794-7,538,688) and the *npa-1* promoter (for intestinal expression, chrV:7,075,526-7,075,947) (coordinates are in ce11). Three-way Gateway cloning was used to clone each tissue-specific promoter (in slot 1) upstream of the reporter coding sequence (in slot 2). *tbb-2* 3'UTR was used in slot 3 (Merritt et al. 2008). The destination vector was pCFJ150 (Frøkjær-Jensen et al. 2008). Reporter constructs were integrated in a single copy at the ttTi5605 Mos1 site located on chr II (Frøkjær-Jensen et al. 2008). Strain genotypes and staining patterns are in Supplemental Figure S1.

Data processing

Reads were trimmed using fastx_trimmer 0.0.14 and aligned to the reference genome WBcel235/ce11 obtained from Ensembl release 92 (<ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-92/>) using bwa-backtrack 0.7.17-r1188 (Li and Durbin 2009) in single-end (ATAC-seq) or paired-end mode (ATAC-seq, long

nuclear RNA-seq). Low-quality ($q < 10$), mitochondrial and modENCODE-blacklisted (Consortium 2013) reads were discarded.

Normalized genome-wide accessibility tracks were computed with MACS2 (Feng et al. 2012) using parameters `--format BAM --bdg --SPMR --gsize ce --nolambda --nomodel --extsize 150 --shift -75 --keep-dup all` and the `bedGraphToBigWig` utility (Kent et al. 2010). ATAC-seq was also sequenced in paired-end mode; paired-end data were used for nucleosome occupancy and V-plots analyses (described below).

Long nuclear RNA-seq data were processed essentially as in (Chen et al. 2013). Following alignment and filtering, fragments-per-million-normalized strand-specific coverage tracks were computed by transforming the bam file into a bedGraph file using the `genomeCoverageBed v2.26.0` utility (Quinlan and Hall 2010) with the parameters `-bg -pc -scale 10e6/${NBFRAGS} -strand ${STRAND}` (where `${NBFRAGS}` is the number of mapped fragments and `${STRAND}` is + or -). Gene annotations used throughout this study are WBcel235/ce11 obtained from Ensembl release 92 (<ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-92/>).

Annotation of new accessible sites

In a previous study, we identified 42,245 accessible sites across development and aging and annotated them into functional classes (coding promoters, non-coding promoters, unassigned promoters, putative enhancers, inactive elements) based on nuclear RNA seq patterns (Jänes et al. 2018). The annotation pipeline of (Jänes et al. 2018) was run using the previously generated data together with the tissue-specific ATAC-seq and RNA-seq generated in this study. This resulted in the detection and annotation of 5,269 new accessible sites, bringing the total sites to 47,514. Supplemental Table S2 provides annotation of the new elements and updated annotations of the elements identified in (Jänes et al. 2018).

Classification of accessible sites

In each sample, accessibility at each site was calculated as Reads Per Million (RPM) values. RPMs of biological replicates were averaged to obtain a single accessibility score for each site in each tissue.

Sites with accessibility lower than 8 RPM in every tissue were not further studied.

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- *Restricted to a single tissue*: sites (i) significantly DA between the first and the second most accessible tissues and (ii) not significantly DA between the second and the third most accessible tissues.
- *Restricted to two tissues*: sites (i) significantly DA between the second and the third most accessible tissues and (ii) not significantly DA between the third and the fourth most accessible tissues.
- *Restricted to three tissues*: sites (i) significantly DA between the third and the fourth most accessible tissues and (ii) not significantly DA between the fourth and the fifth most accessible tissues.
- *Restricted to four tissues*: sites significantly DA between the fourth and the fifth most accessible tissues.
- *Ubiquitous-biased*: sites (i) significantly DA between any other pair of tissues (*e.g.* first and fourth most accessible tissue) and (ii) detected across all tissues (RPM > 8 in all replicates).
- *Ubiquitous-uniform* (also referred to as simply “uniform”): sites (i) not significantly DA between any pair of tissues and (ii) detected across all tissues (RPM > 8 in all replicates).

- *Unclassified*: sites with accessibility < 8 RPM in some tissues and not significantly DA could not be confidently classified.

Comparison with other datasets

Tissue-specific gene expression values from nuclear RNA-seq of sorted L4/YA nuclei were compared to those obtained by single-cell RNA-seq in L2 (Cao et al. 2017) by computing pairwise Euclidean distances between each dataset.

In Supplemental Figure 2, our gene expression classes were compared to those derived from single-cell RNA-seq in L2 (Cao et al. 2017), where genes were considered enriched in a given tissue if the expression fold-change between this tissue and the tissue with the second highest expression was higher than 5. Genes were considered detected if their expression was higher than 5 TPM in at least one tissue, and ubiquitous if (i) their expression was higher than 5 TPM across all tissues and (ii) they were not enriched in any tissue. Our gene expression classes were also compared to those obtained by tissue-specific cell sorting and RNA-seq in young adult somatic tissues (muscle, neurons, hypodermis and intestine) (Kaletsky et al. 2018).

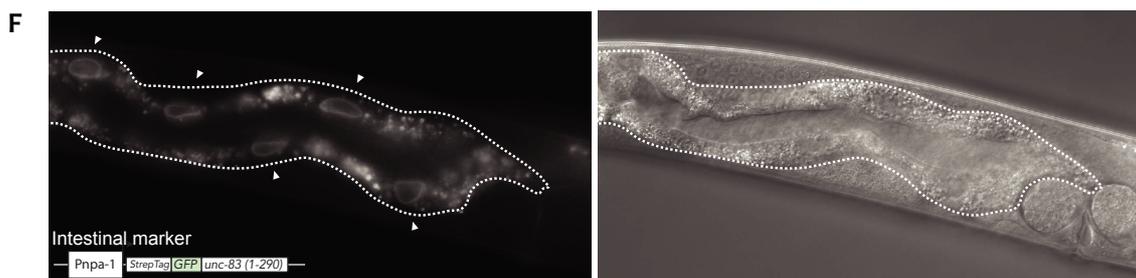
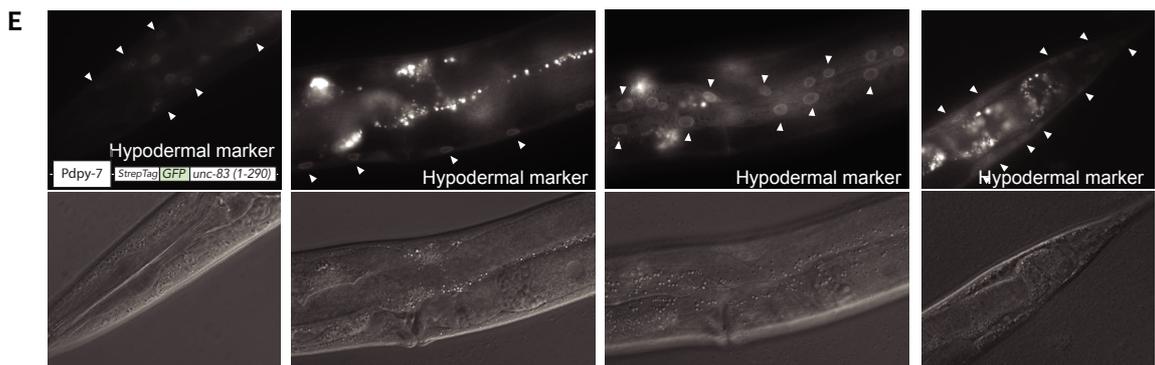
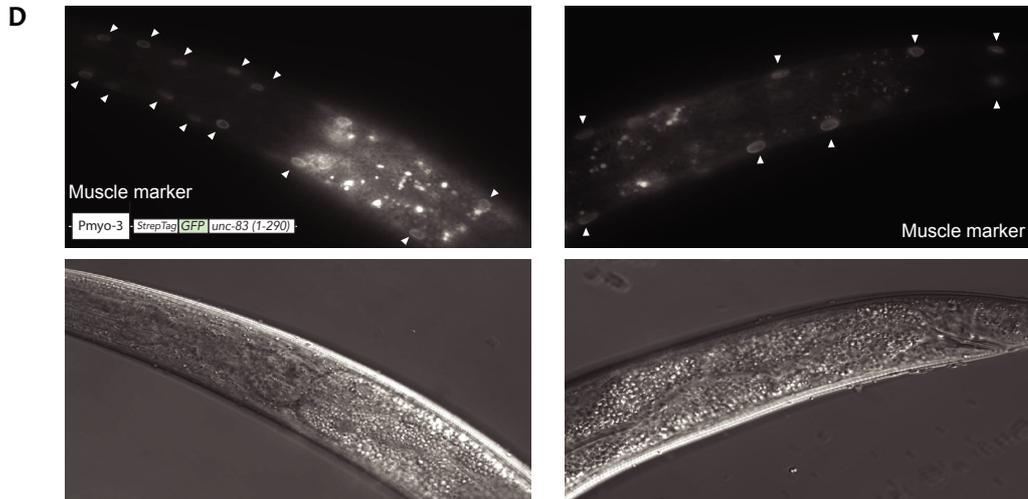
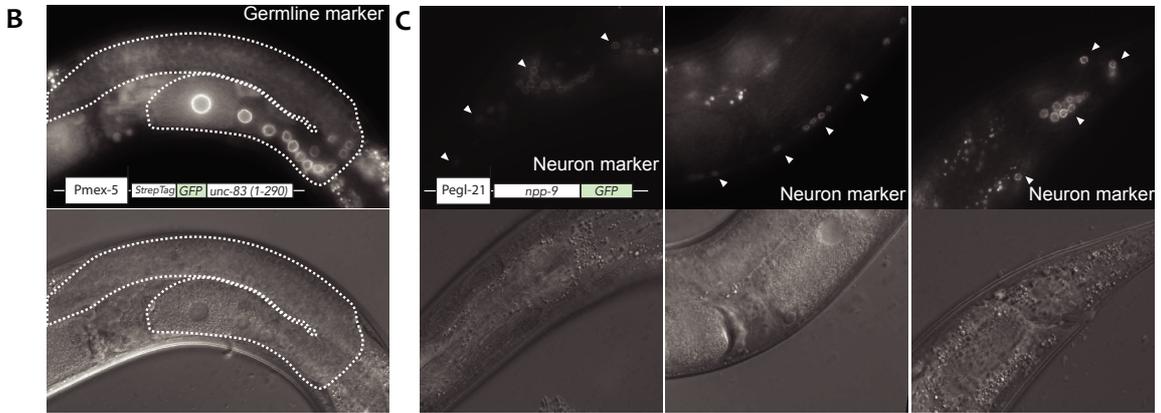
Other visualization tools

Figures were generated in R 3.5.2 (R Core Team 2019), using either base or ggplot2 3.1.1 (Wickham 2016) plotting functions. Genome browser screenshots were obtained from IGV 2.4.8 (Robinson et al. 2011). Genome tracks in the bigWig format were imported in R using the rtracklayer 1.42.2 package (Lawrence et al. 2009).

Supplemental Figures and legends

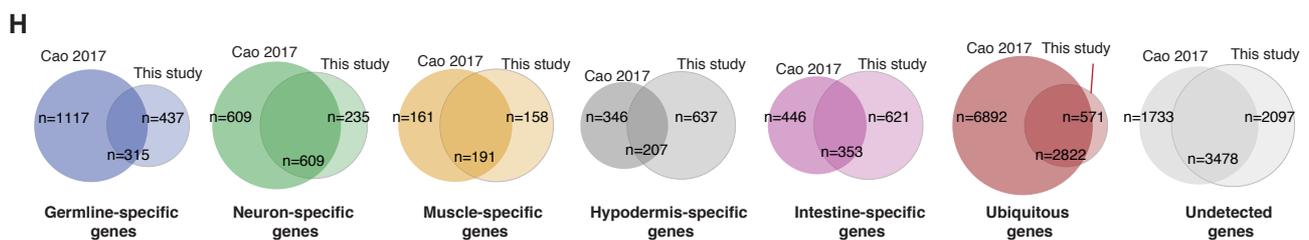
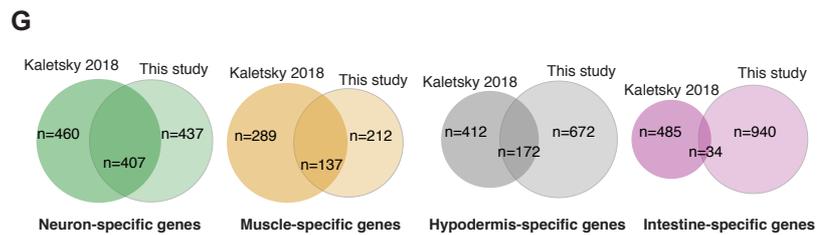
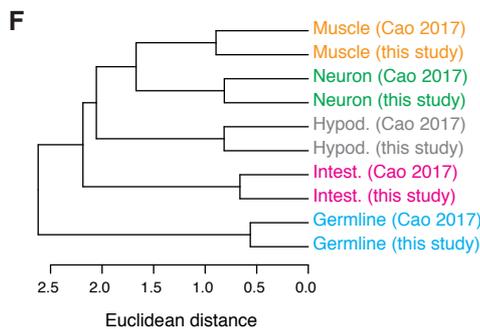
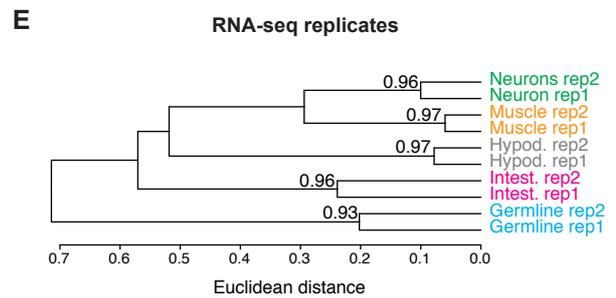
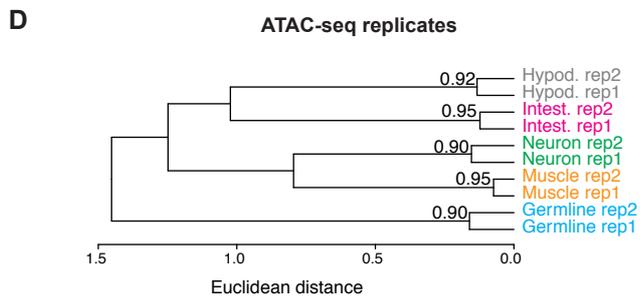
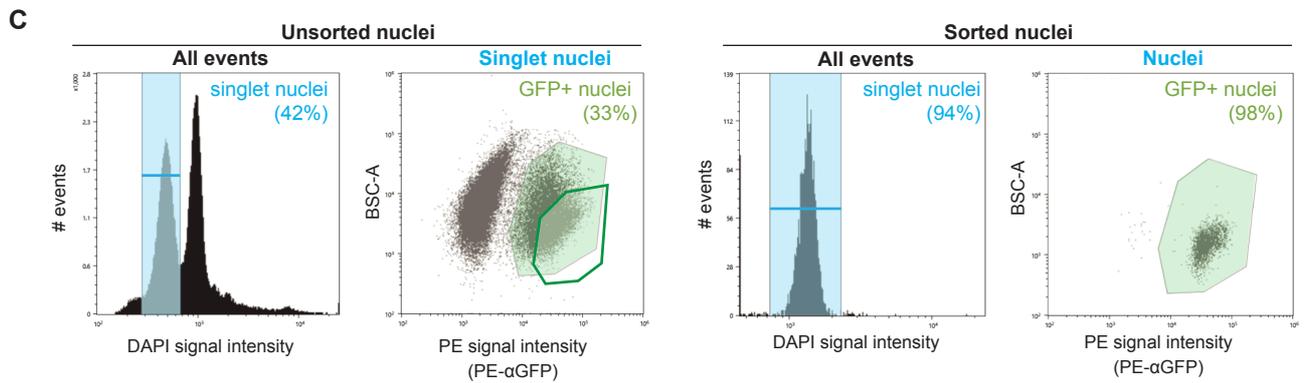
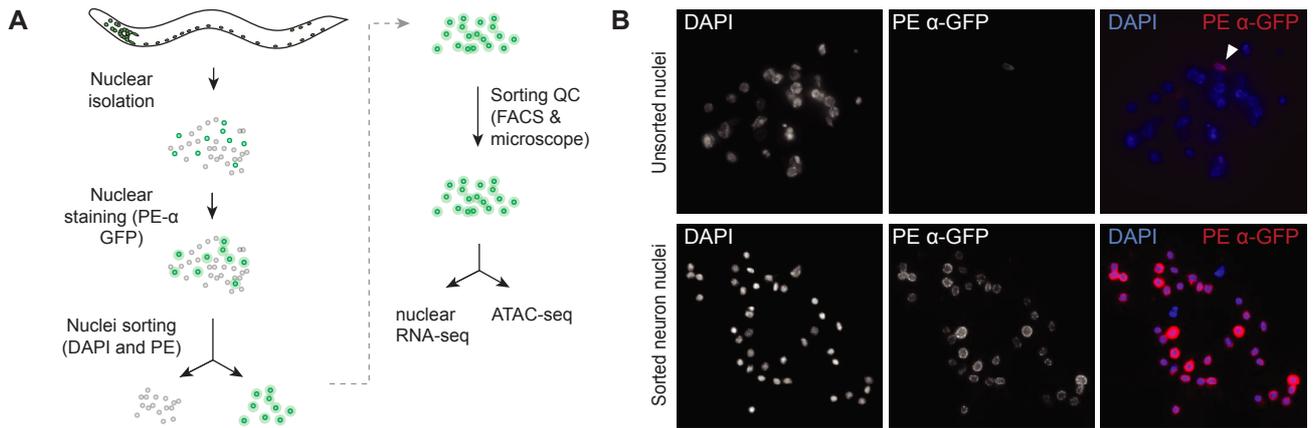
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Strain	Tissue	Genotype
JA1585	muscle	<i>unc-119(ed3); weSi52 [Pmyo-3::StrepTag::GFP::unc-83(ct290aa)::tbb-2 3'UTR; unc-119(+)]</i> II
JA1616	germ line	<i>unc-119(ed3); weSi74 [Pmex-5::StrepTag::GFP::unc-83(ct290aa)::tbb-2 3'UTR; unc-119(+)]</i> II
JA1815	hypodermis	<i>unc-119(ed3); weSi148 [Pdpy-7::StrepTag::GFP::unc-83(ct290aa)::tbb-2 3'UTR; unc-119(+)]</i> II
JA1816	neurons	<i>unc-119(ed3); weSi149 [Pegl-21::npp-9::GFP::tbb-2 3' UTR; unc-119(+)]</i> II
JA1817	intestine	<i>unc-119(ed3); weSi150 [Pnpa-1::StrepTag::GFP::unc-83(ct290aa)::tbb-2 3'UTR; unc-119(+)]</i> II



Supplemental Figure S1. Reporter strains created for this study.

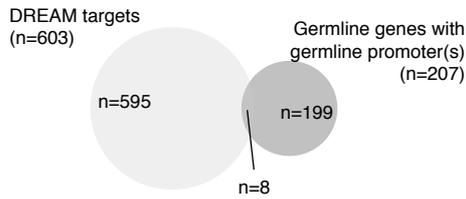
(A) Strain names and genotypes. *(B-F)* Reporter strains labelling nuclear envelope of *(B)* JA1616 - germline nuclei, *(C)* JA1816 - neuronal nuclei (photos of head neurons, ventral nerve cord and tail neurons), *(D)* JA1585 -muscle nuclei (photos of anterior and posterior sides), *(E)* JA1815 - hypodermal nuclei (photos of head, ventral hypodermal ridge, seam and tail), and *(F)* JA1817 - intestinal nuclei (photos of anterior intestine). For each reporter, the construct used to drive expression of the marker is depicted. DIC images are also shown for reference (bottom).



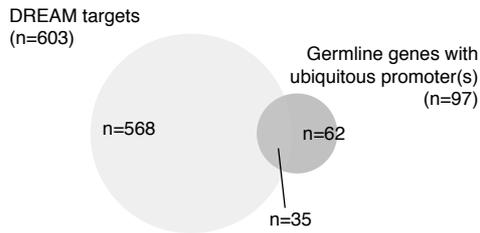
Supplemental Figure S2. Sorting strategy and dataset quality control.

(A) Detailed procedure used to isolate tissue-specific nuclei. (B) Nuclei from neuronal reporter strain (Pegl-21::*npp-9::GFP::tbb2-3'UTR*) immuno-stained with a PE α -GFP antibody, before (top) and after (bottom) nuclei sorting. The arrow points to a single PE+ nucleus. (C) Left: gating strategy to isolate PE+ (*i.e.* GFP+) nuclei from a nuclear preparation. Single nuclei are gated (shaded blue area) and GFP+ nuclei (green shaded area) are readily separated from GFP- nuclei. Here, the gate used to sort GFP+ nuclei is the thick-lined green gate (no shading). Right: flow cytometry recording of sorted nuclei to estimate the purity of GFP+ nuclei. (D-F) Euclidean distances and Pearson correlation scores between ATAC-seq biological duplicates (D), RNA-seq biological duplicates (E), and between RNA-seq (this study) and single-cell RNA-seq from the L2 stage (Cao et al. 2017) (F). (G-H) Intersection between gene expression annotations (this study) and those from RNA-seq in YA (Kaletsky et al. 2018) or single-cell RNA-seq in L2 (Cao et al. 2017).

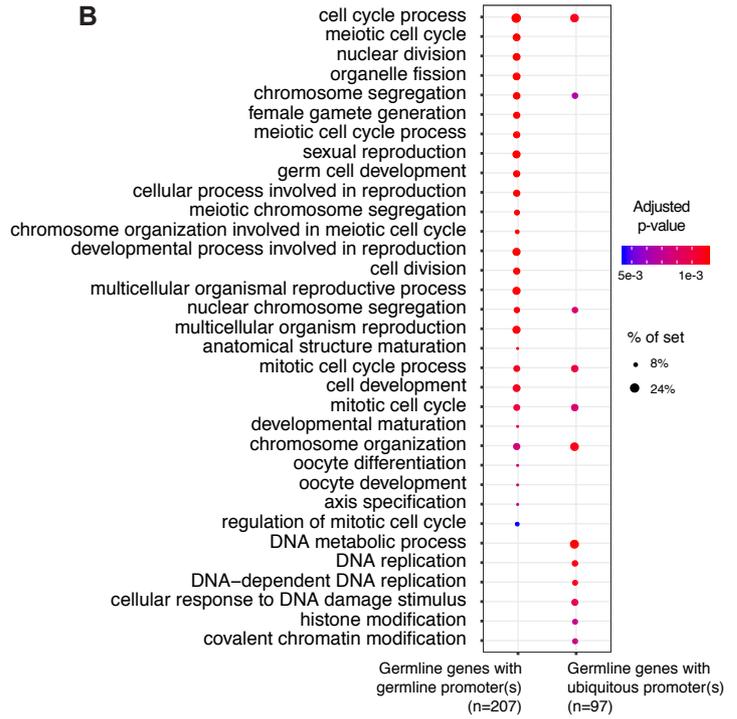
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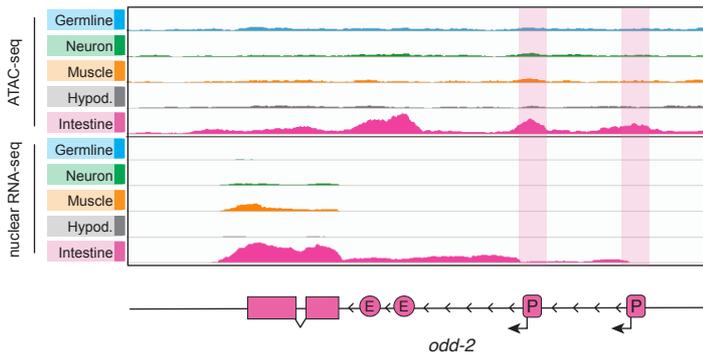
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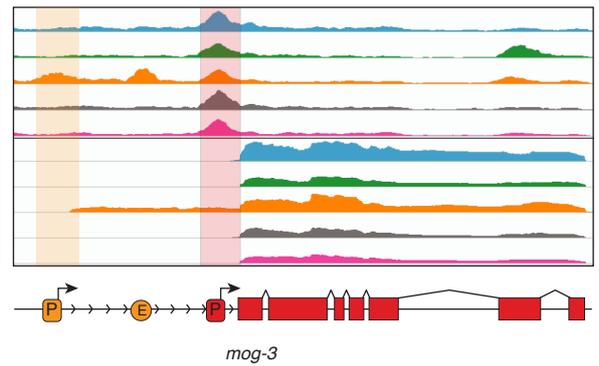
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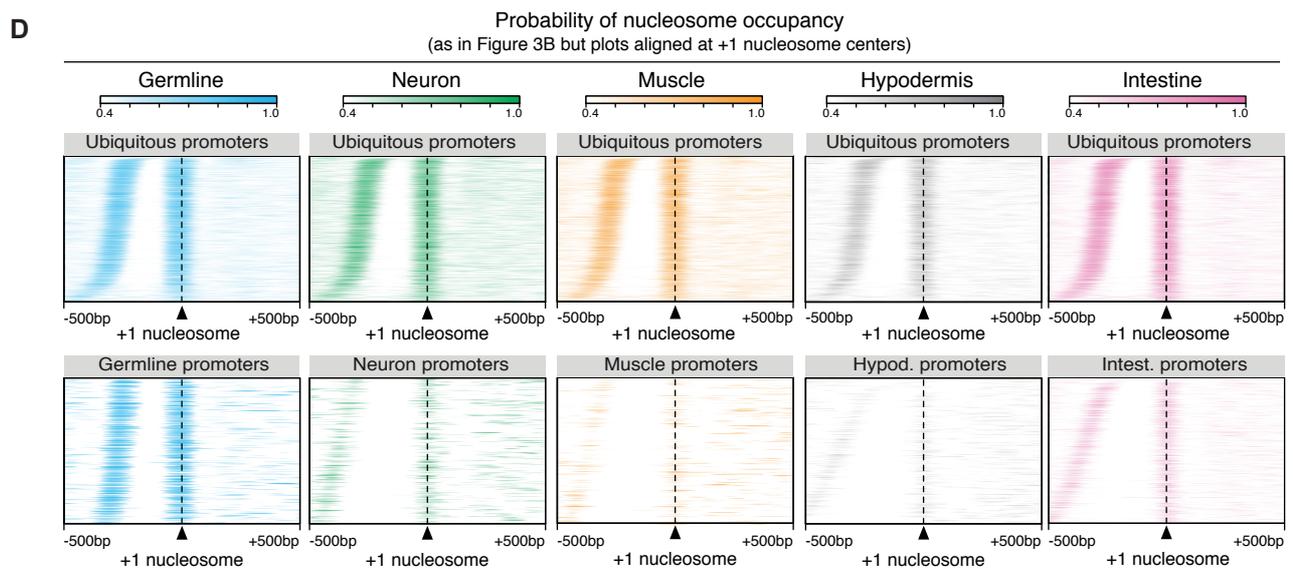
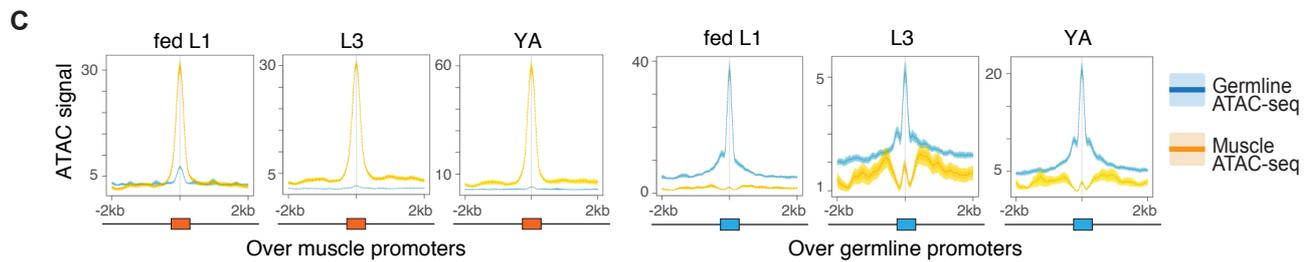
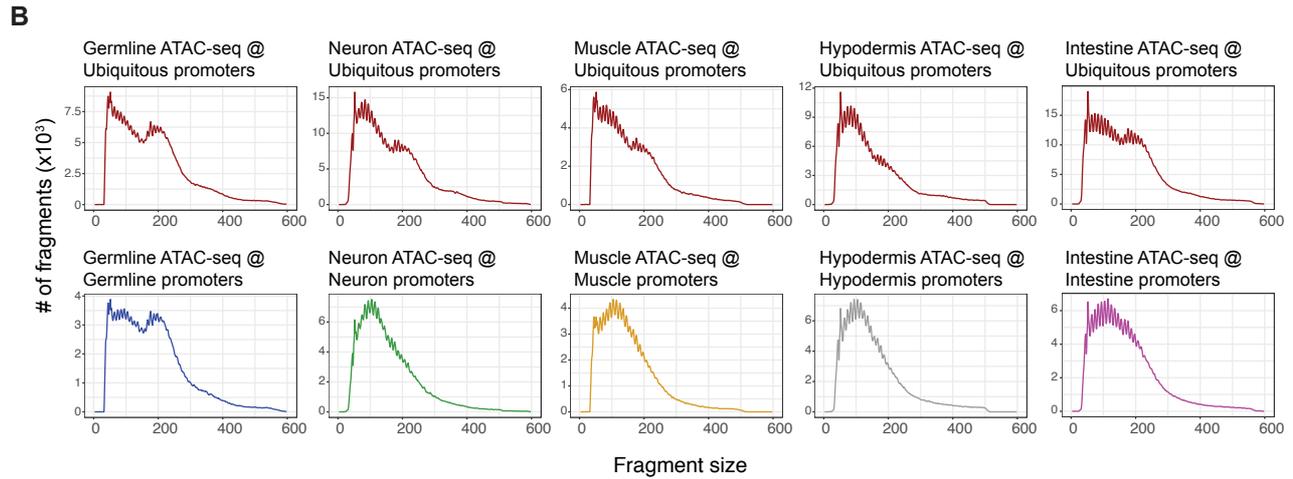
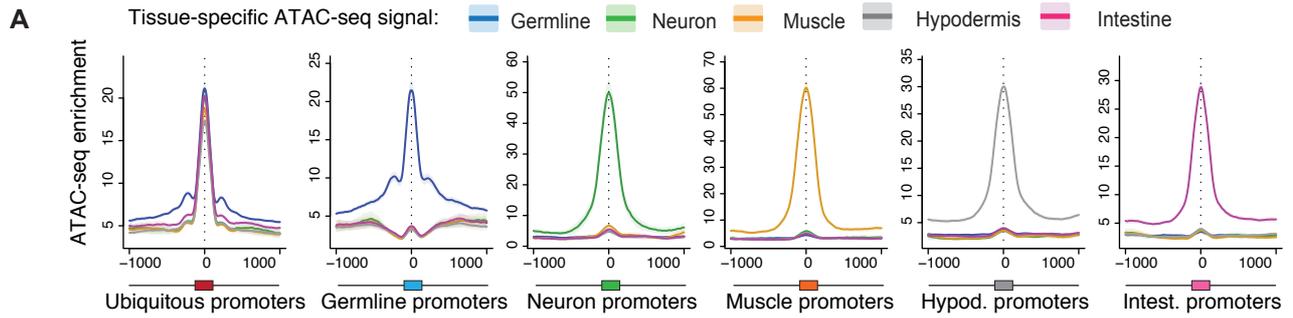


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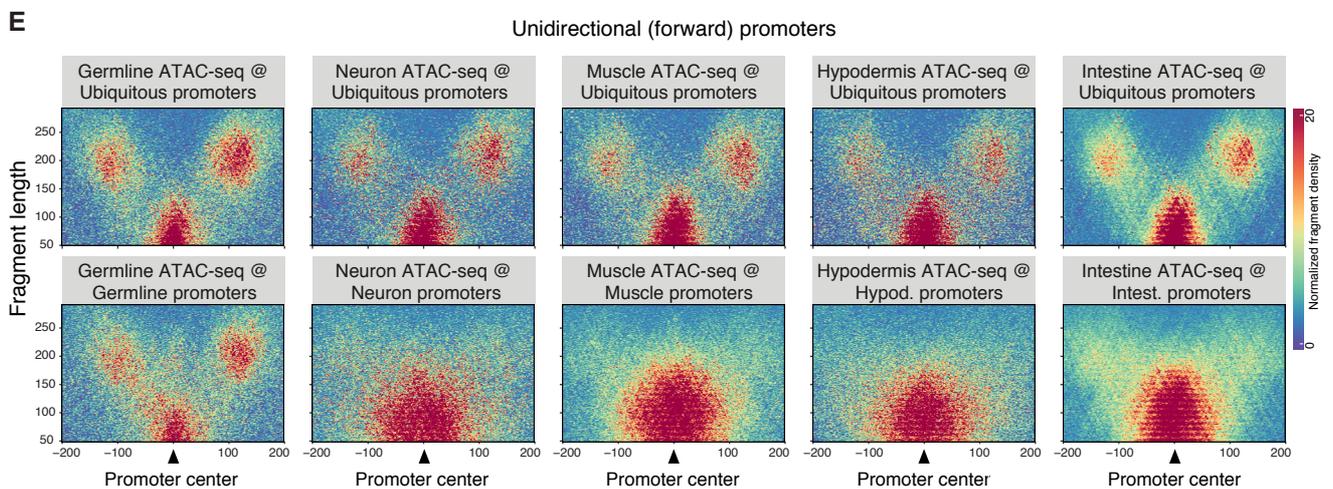
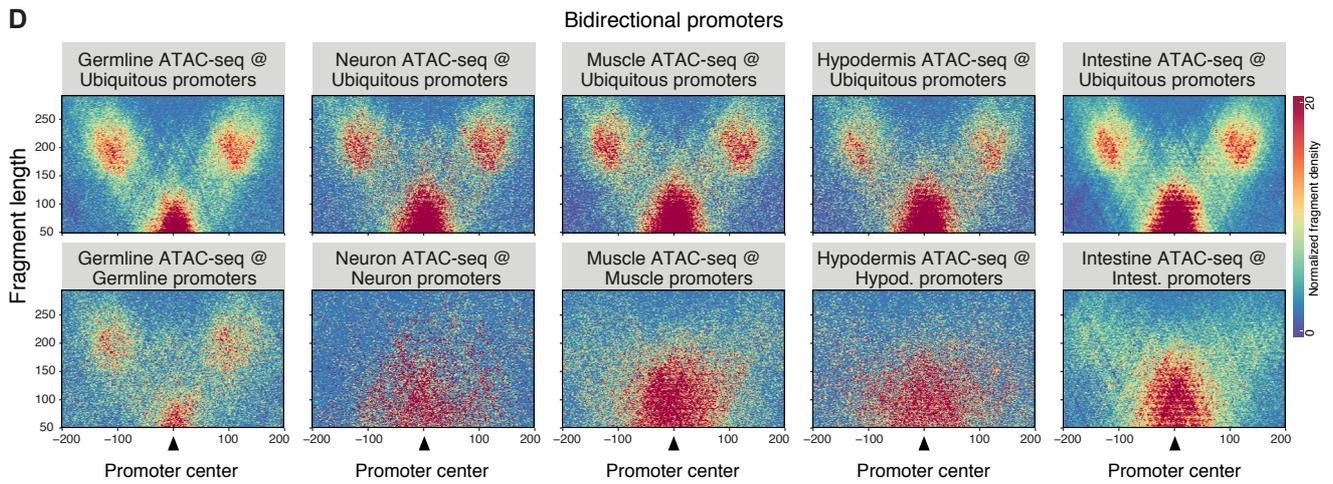
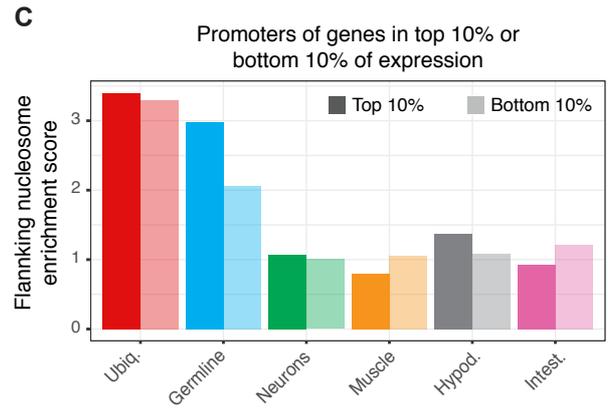
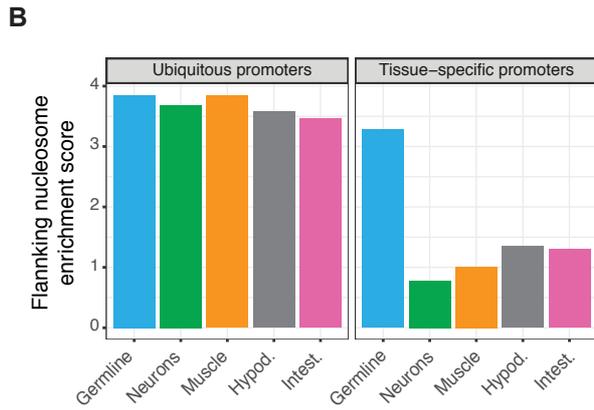
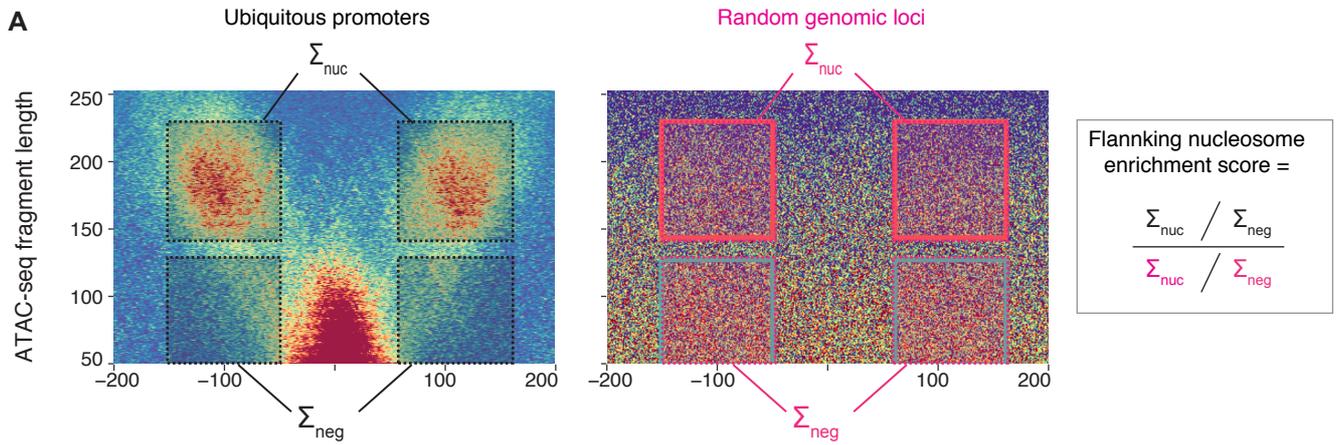
Supplemental Figure S3. Promoter classes associated with different gene types.

(A) Intersection of DREAM targets defined in (Latorre et al. 2015) with germline genes with only germline-specific promoter(s) (top) or only ubiquitous promoter(s) (bottom). (B) GO terms enriched in germline genes with only germline-specific or only ubiquitous promoter(s). (C) Example of a tissue-specific gene with multiple tissue-specific promoters (here *odd-2*, an intestine gene with two intestine-specific promoters). (D) Example of a ubiquitous gene with a ubiquitous promoter and a tissue-specific promoter (here *mog-3*, with one ubiquitous and one muscle-specific promoter).



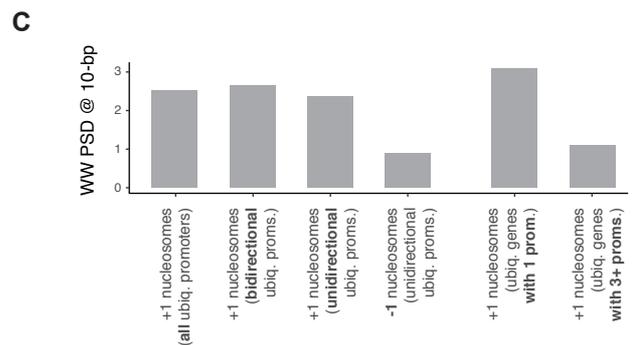
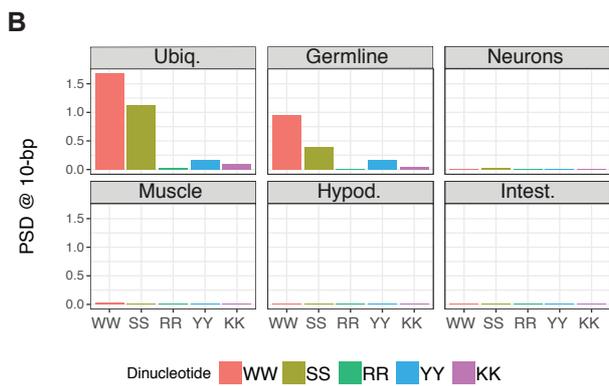
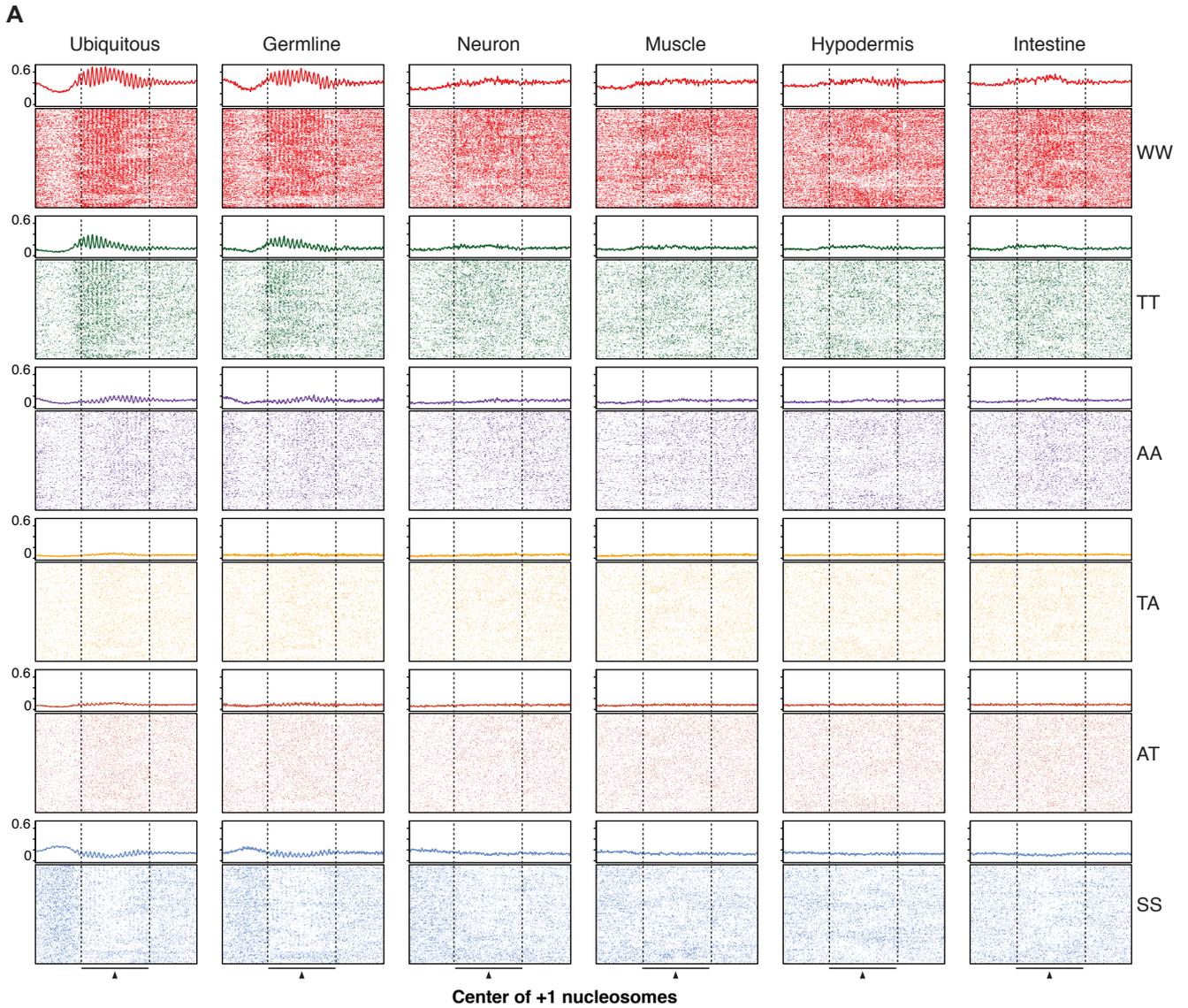
Supplemental Figure S4. Nucleosome signatures at different types of promoters.

(A) Metaplots of tissue-specific ATAC-seq tracks over different classes of promoters. (B) Size distribution of ATAC-seq fragments from different tissue-specific datasets, mapping over ubiquitous or tissue-specific promoters. (C) Metaplots of germline and muscle-specific ATAC-seq tracks obtained at multiple developmental stages (L1, L3 and L4/YA) over germline or muscle-specific promoters. (D) Same figure as in Fig. 3B, but with nucleosome occupancy signals centered at +1 nucleosome summits rather than at TSSs. Rows are ordered by NDR widths.



Supplemental Figure S5. Fragment density plots and flanking nucleosome enrichment scores.

(A) Method to compute flanking nucleosome enrichment scores from ATAC-seq fragment density plots. (B) Flanking nucleosome enrichment scores at ubiquitous or tissue-specific promoters in different tissues. (C) Flanking nucleosome enrichment scores at promoters associated with either the 10% most highly expressed tissue-specific genes (dark bars) or the 10% most lowly expressed tissue-specific genes (light bars). Note that promoters of both highly and lowly expressed ubiquitous and germline-specific genes have an enriched +1 nucleosome whereas promoters of soma-restricted genes do not, irrespective of their expression level. (D-E) V-plots over (D) bidirectional promoters or (E) unidirectional (forward) promoters.



Supplemental Figure S6. 10-bp dinucleotide periodicities at different classes of promoters.

(A) WW, TT, AA, TA, AT and SS dinucleotide occurrences observed at +1 nucleosomes of ubiquitous or tissue-specific promoters (400 bp window centered at nucleosome dyads). Rows were shifted up to 5 bp to highlight the phased 10-bp periodic patterns. Summed dinucleotide occurrences are represented on top of each heatmap by a line plot. (B) Power spectral density (PSD) values at a 10-bp period for different dinucleotides in +1 nucleosome sequences of ubiquitous and tissue-specific promoters. (C) WW PSD values at a 10-bp period at +1 nucleosomes of different sets of ubiquitous promoters and at -1 nucleosomes of unidirectional ubiquitous promoters.

Supplemental Figure S7. Location of motifs relative to ubiquitous or tissue-specific TSSs.

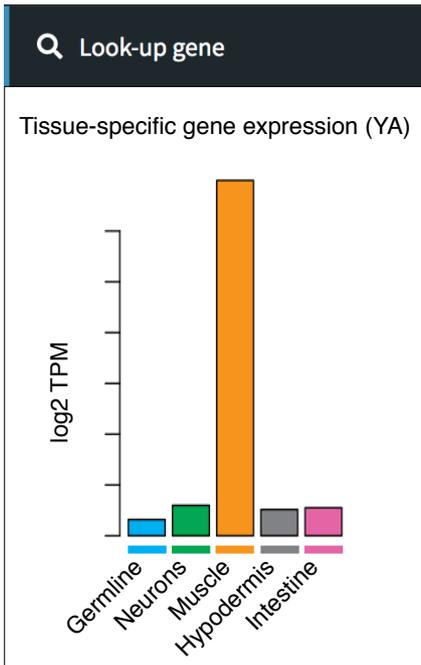
Motif PWMs are displayed on the right. Only promoters with experimentally defined TSSs were considered.



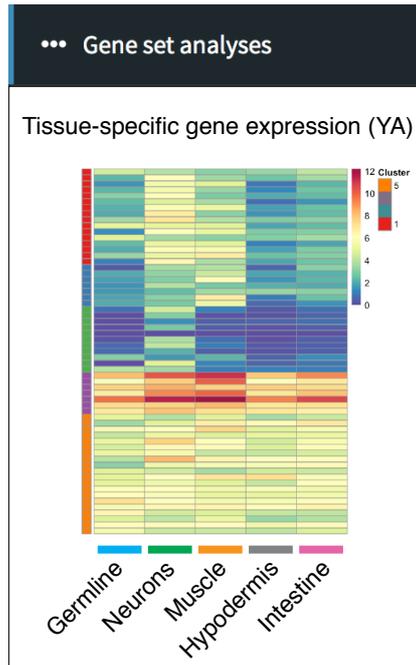
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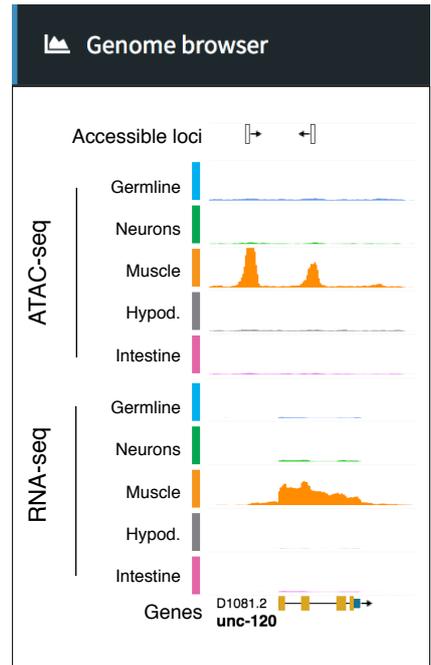
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V	1482042	1484015	+	C38C3.4	Muscle
V	1908855	1910692	+	srp-3	Muscle

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Information

Data availability

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Supplemental Figure S8. RegAtlas, a web interface to explore *C. elegans* gene expression and chromatin accessibility datasets.

Interface of RegAtlas, a web application developed to explore developmental and tissue-specific genomic datasets. RegAtlas is hosted at <https://ahringerlab.com>. Its use is entirely anonymous and performed queries are not saved. (A) Tab to query information on a single gene. (B) Tab to intersect a user-provided list of genes with tissue-specific and ubiquitous sets of genes defined in this study, visualize their expression across development or in adult tissues and perform GO enrichment analysis. (C) Tab to dynamically browse different types of genomic tracks (*e.g.* developmental or tissue-specific ATAC-seq and RNA-seq tracks) using an integrated JBrowse genome browser (Buels et al. 2016). (D) Tab to explore and download all processed datasets in tables. (E) An information tab is also available to get more details about the web portal.

Supplemental Tables and legends (files available separately)

Supplemental Table S1. Purity of sorted nuclei.

For each sample, the purity of the sorted nuclei was estimated by re-running the sample through a flow cytometer. The % values represent the proportion of PE+ nuclei in the sorted nuclei. Purity of samples indicated by a star was estimated by counting ~50 nuclei under the microscope.

	ATAC-seq rep1	ATAC-seq rep2	RNA-seq rep1	RNA-seq rep2
Germline	96%	97%	97%	98%
Neurons	97%	98%	95%	98%
Muscle	100%	98%*	97%*	98%*
Hypodermis	97%	96%	99%	95%*
Intestine	97%	98%	99%	98%

Supplemental Table S2. Tables of accessible sites and genes, with their tissue annotations.

Mapping and annotation of accessible sites was performed as described in (Jänes et al. 2018).

ATAC_metrics tab: (columns 1-3) cell chromosome, start and stop coordinates of accessible site.

(column 4) accessible site type, obtained by combining strand-specific annotations. (columns 5-6)

forward and reverse annotation of accessible sites. (columns 7-9) associated gene ID, locus ID and

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non-coding_RNA in column 5. (columns 10-12) associated gene ID, locus ID and gene biotype for

sites annotated as reverse coding_promoter, pseudogene_promoter or non-coding_RNA in column 6.

(columns 13-14) Associated gene ID and locus ID for sites annotated as unassigned_promoter,

putative_enhancer or other_element (in column 4) which overlap a gene body or outon. If a site

overlaps multiple genes, all overlaps are reported, separated by commas. (columns 15-16) cell

forward and reverse transcription initiation mode. (column 17) Newly annotated accessible sites. (columns 18-22) Average accessibility (RPM) in each tissue in L4/YAs. (columns 23-27) Tissues ranked by their expression. (columns 28-31) Ratios of gene expression between consecutive tissues. (column 32) Tissue annotation. RNA_metrics tab: (columns 1-4) ce11 chromosome, start and stop coordinates and strand of genes. (columns 5-6) Gene WormBase ID and locus ID (Ensembl release 92). (columns 7-8) Number of associated promoters and enhancers. (columns 9-13) Average expression (TPM) in each tissue in young adults. (columns 14-18) Tissues ranked by their expression. (columns 19-22) Ratios of gene expression between consecutive tissues. (column 23) Tissue annotation.

Supplemental Table S3. Motif enrichment in sets of ubiquitous or tissue-specific promoters

(column 1) Motif name from Supplemental Fig S7. (column 2) Promoter class. (column 3) Range around TSS in which the motif was counted. (column 4) Number of promoters harboring the motif in the range indicated in column 3. (column 5) Number of promoters without the motif. (column 6) Enrichment score of motif in the promoter class compared to other promoter classes (Odds ratio from Fisher's exact test). (column 7) multiple testing corrected p-values (FDR from one-sided Fisher's exact tests).

Source code

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VplotR release 0.4.0 has been used to perform analyses in this publication. It is available at

<https://github.com/js2264/VplotR/releases/tag/v0.4.0>.

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