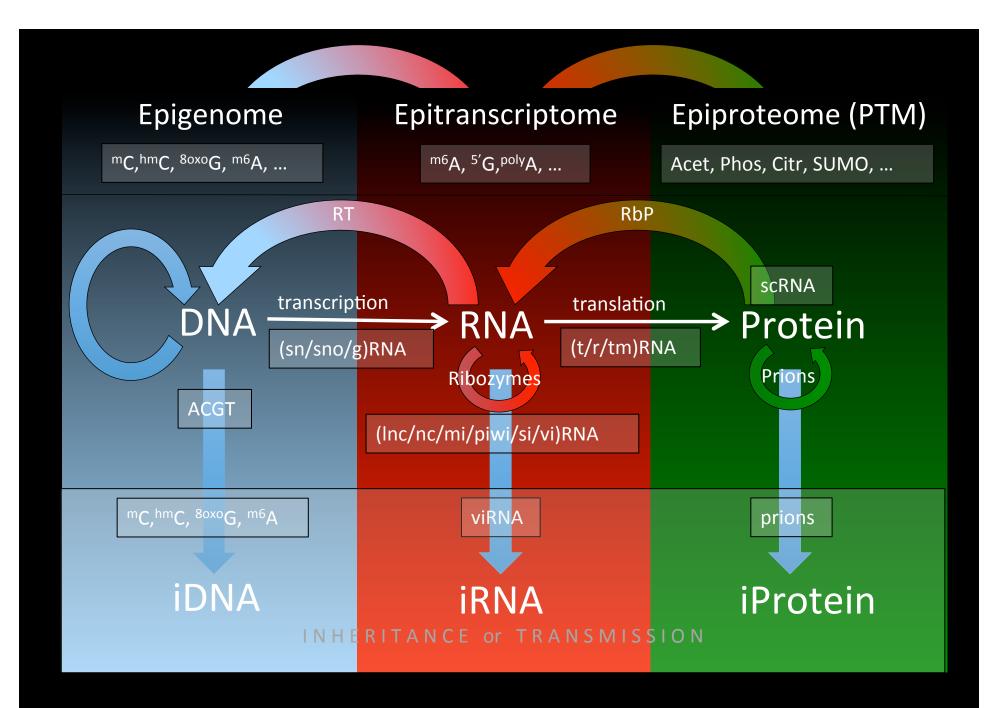


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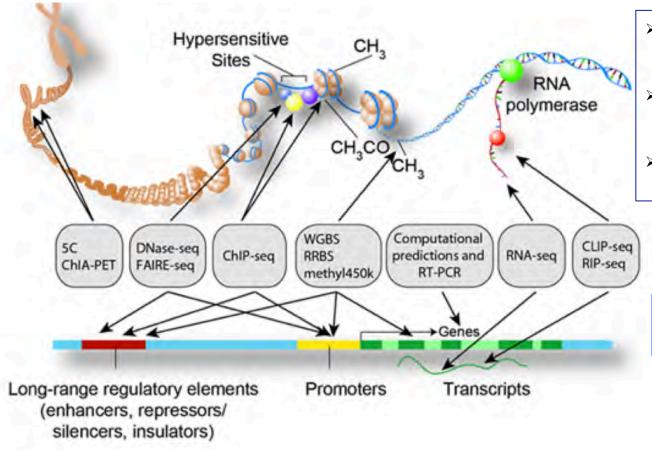
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ENCODE: Encyclopedia of DNA Elements

An integrated encyclopedia of DNA elements in the human genome MALINDA



- 5C ChIA-PET: Chromatin Interaction Analysis by Paired-End Tag Sequencing
- FAIRE: Formaldehyde-Assisted Isolation of Regulatory Elements
- CLIP: Cross-linking immunoprecipitation

The ENCODE Project Consortium, Nature, 2012

Image credits: Darryl Leja & Michael Pazin (NHGRI), Ian Dunham (EBI)

"To build a comprehensive parts list of functional elements in the human genome, including elements that act at the protein and RNA levels, and regulatory elements that control cells and circumstances in which a gene is active".

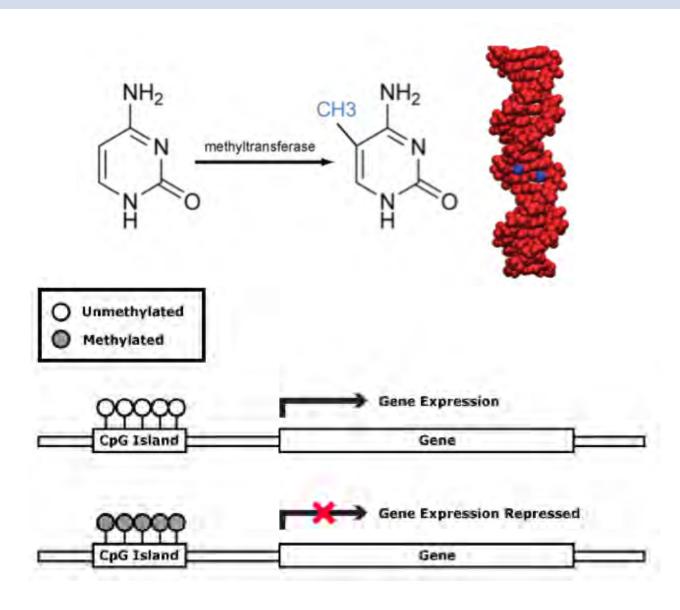
Genomics, Epigenetics & Epigenomics



- Genomics/Genetics vs. Epigenetics vs. Epigenomics
- Epigenetics is the study of changes in gene function that are mitotically and/or meiotically heritable and that do not entail a change in DNA sequence, i.e., no change on DNA sequence.
- Epigenomics is the <u>genome-wide</u> study of epigenetic elements and it deals with genomic maps of stable yet reprogrammable nuclear changes that control gene expression, <u>but not involved in DNA sequence alteration</u>.
- Transcriptomics: genome-wide/global study of mRNAs

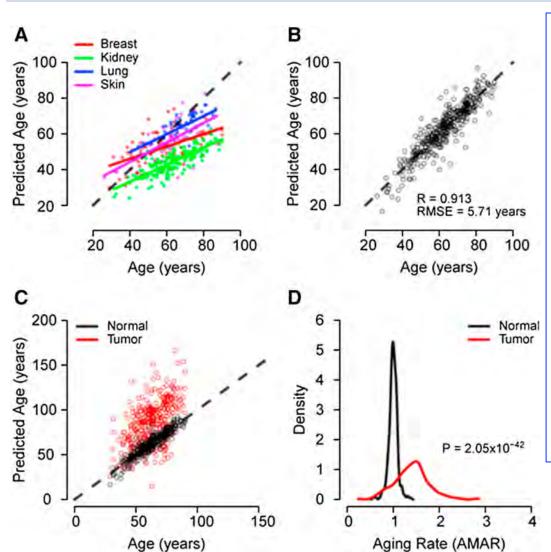
DNA methylation, a small step of the DNA modification, but a giant step in the epigenommic reprogramming





DNA methylome and human aging Model Predictions: Multi-tissue Support



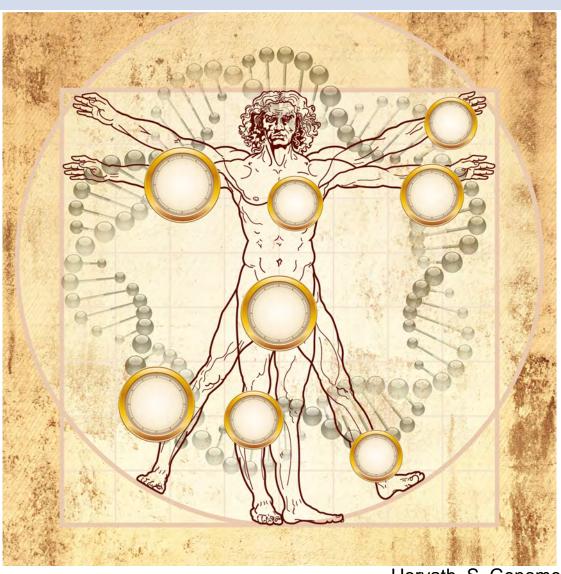


- ((A) Predictions of age made by the full aging model on the TCGA control samples. There is a high correlation between chronological and predicted age, but each tissue has a different linear intercept and slope.
- (B) After adjusting the intercept and slope of each tissue, the error of the model is similar to that of the original whole-blood data.
- (C) Age predictions made on matched normal and tumor samples from TCGA. Predictions are adjusted for the linear offset of the parent tissue (breast, kidney, lung, or skin).
- (D) Tumor samples show a significant increase in AMAR.

Hannum, G et al. Molecular Cell 49(2): 359-67, 2012

DNA methylome and epigenetic clock Horvath Clock

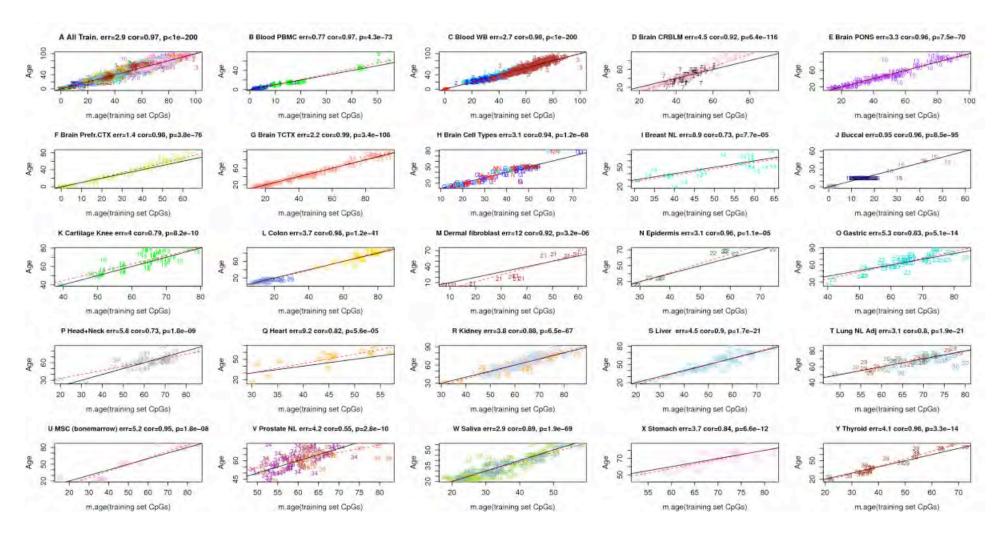




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DNAm age increases in all tissues as time passes; is accelerated in cancer

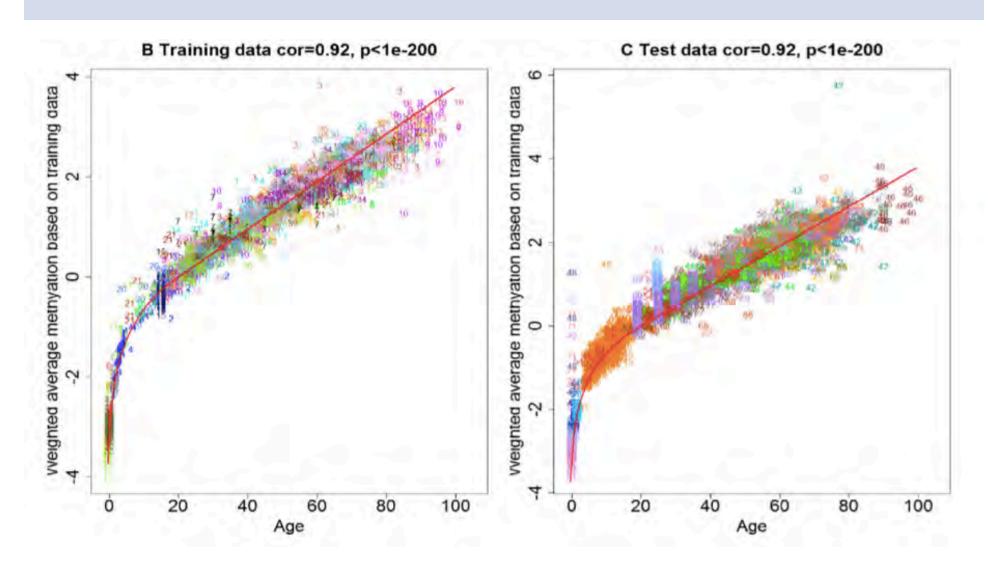




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DNAm Age and Chronological Age





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Longer Lifespan of the CA Loma Linda SDAs

Table 1. Life Expectancy of CA SDAs Compared to Others

Country/Population	Men		Women	
	At Birth	At 65 YO	At Birth	At 65 YO
Australia (1990)	73.9	15.2	80.0	19.0
Canada (1985-1987)	73.0	14.9	79.7	19.1
Denmark (1989-1990)	72.0	14.1	77.7	17.9
Finland (1989)	70.9	13.8	78.9	17.7
Iceland (1989-1990)	75.7	16.1	80.3	19.3
Japan (1990)	75.9	16.2	81.8	19.9
New Zealand (1987-89)	71.6	14.1	77.6	17.8
Norway (1990)	73.4	14.6	79.8	18.6
UK (1985-1987)	71.9	13.4	77.6	17.3
United States (1990)	73.0	14.9	79.7	19.1
CA SDAs (1980-1988)	78.5	19.1	82.3	21.6
Vegetarians	→80.2 [*]	20.3	→84.8 [*]	22.6

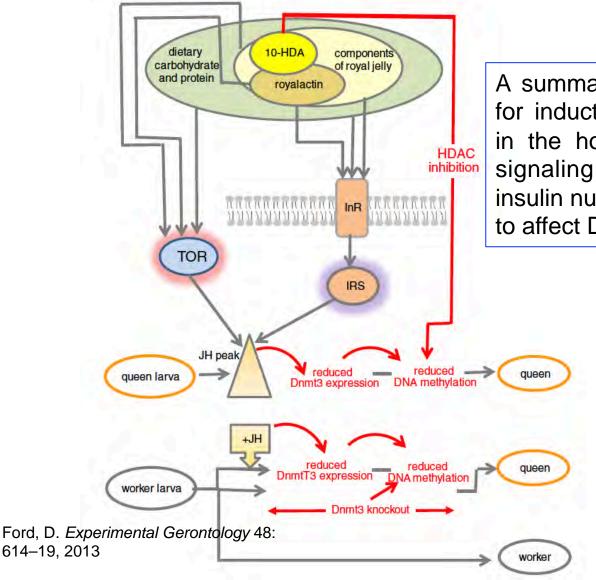
10 extra years?!

Fraser et al. JAMA Internal Medicine, 2001



Diet signaling through TOR and IGF1/insulin nutrient sensing pathways to affect DNA methylation





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A summary of experimental evidence for induction of the queen phenotype in the honeybee as a result of diet signaling through TOR and IGF1/ insulin nutrient sensing pathways to affect DNA methylation.

> **JH** — juvenile hormone; **TOR** — target of rapamycin; HDAC histone deacetylase; **10-HDA** — 10hydroxydecanoic acid.



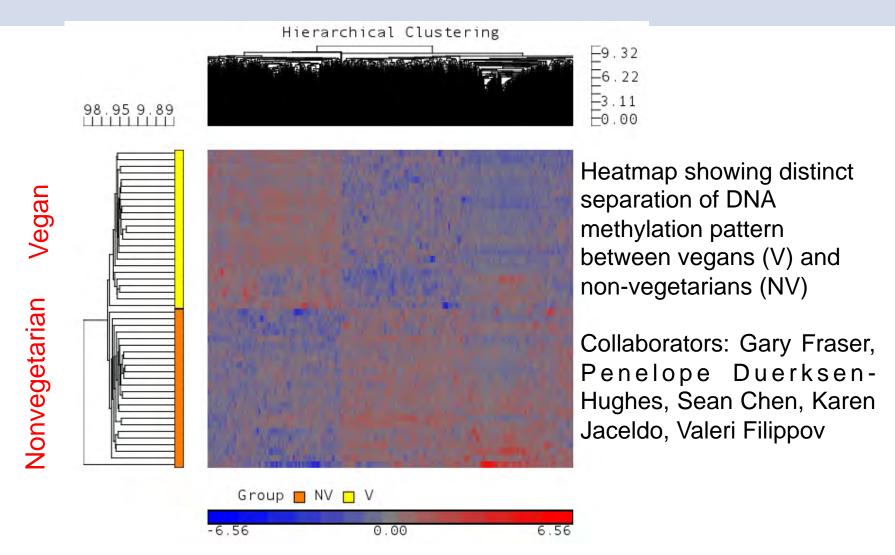
Characteristics of Selected Lifestyle of AHS2 Participants



Selected Lifestyle				
Characteristics of Participants				
Smoking Status	%			
Never smoked	80.06			
Past smoker	18.79			
Current smoker	1.15			
Alcohol Use				
Never	59.43			
Past use	33.82			
Current use	6.75			
Dietary Status				
Vegan 1	8.05			
Lacto-ovo-veget. 2	28.14			
Pesco-vegetarian 3	9.87			
Semi-vegetarian4	5.64			
Non-vegetarian 5	48.31			
Meat Consumption				
Never6	39.11			
<1 time/week	10.02			
1-4 times/week	31.00			
5+ times/week	19.87			
Coffee Consumption				
Never	69.03			
≤1 cup/day	22.48			
2+ cups/day	8.49			

1	Selected Lifestyle					
Characteristics of Part	Characteristics of Participants					
Soy Milk Consumption						
Never	45.64					
<1 time/week	5.52					
1-4 times/week	22.95					
5+ times/week	25.89					
	Mean					
	(Svgs/wk)					
Cruciferous vegetables	4.27					
(zeroes = 4.5%)						
Fish	0.84					
(zeroes = 50.7%)						
Citrus fruits	4.20					
(zeroes = 11.2%)						
Berries	1.75					
(zeroes = 13.8%)						
All fruits	20.44					
Legumes	4.69					
Tomatoes/tomato prods	6.16					

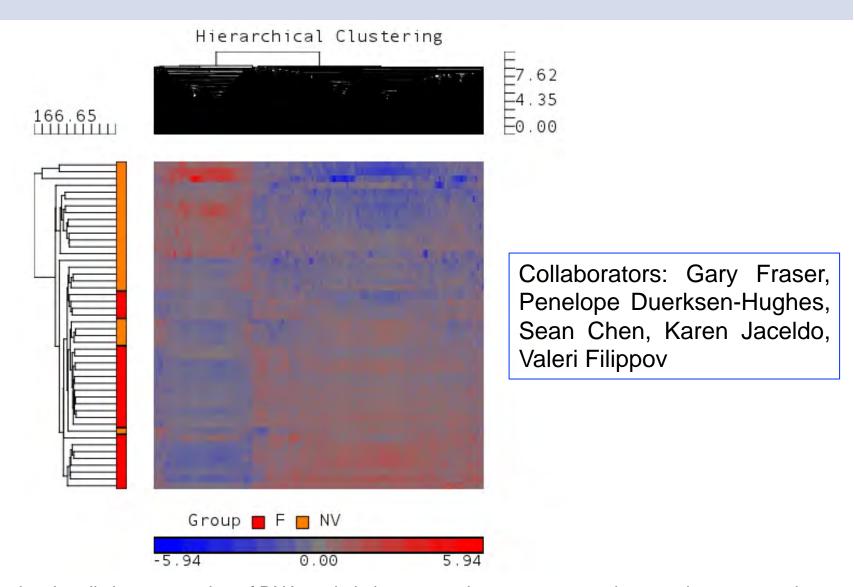
LLU AHS2: Diet-modulated Epigenomic Reprogramming in SDAs



Methylation status at individual sites is shown in X-axis, and subjects are listed top-to-bottom (Y-axis).

LLU AHS2: Diet-modulated epigenomic reprogramming

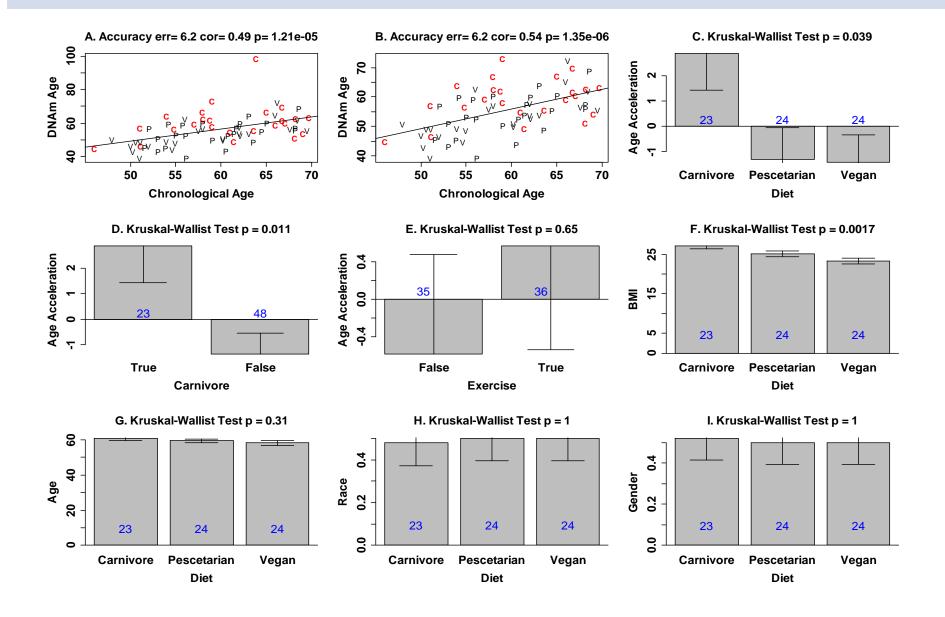




Heat map showing distinct separation of DNA methylation pattern between pescetarians and non-vegetarians

Lifestyle/Diet-modulated Epigenomic Reprogramming





LLU AHS2: Diet-modulated Epigenetic Clocks and Longevity in SDAs



	Vegan M ± SD (N= 24)	Pescetarian M ± SD (N= 24)	Carnivore (NV) M ± SD (N= 24)
Chronological age (years)	58.1 ± 6.6	59.3 ± 5.3	60.9 ± 6.5
Hannum DNAm age (years)	61.0 ± 8.0	60.9 ± 6.9	66.7 ± 8.7
Hannum Δ _{age} (years)	2.9 ± 4.3	1.6 ± 5.4	5.7 ± 7.0
Horvath DNAm age (years)	53.3 ± 7.5	54.1 ± 7.1	61.0 ± 10.7
Horvath Δ _{age} (years)	-4.9 ± 5.4 *	-5.2 ± 6.5*	0.1 ± 10.8

Δage: difference between DNAm predicted age and chronological age.

Study Design: A larger sample size is needed to validate the findings!



