## **ASHBi SEMINAR**

## Role of chromatin structure in determining the targets of regulatory elements

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## Abstract

The three-dimensional (3D) structure of human chromatin plays a crucial role in determining cell behavior and function by impacting various biological processes such as transcription, DNA replication, recombination, and DNA damage repair. In my research, I combine Hi-C chromatin conformation data with CAGE transcriptome profiling data, a technique that detects and quantifies transcription initiation at single-nucleotide resolution, to tackle fundamental genomics and biomedical problems. This integration allows us to link enhancers with their corresponding promoters and to assign functions to non-coding RNAs based on their physical association with coding genes. Recently, I have applied my genomic expertise to understand the biomedical problems, including cellular responses to SARS-CoV-2 infection. Also, I will discuss results from an ongoing project where we use electron microscope tomography (EMT) imaging of the cell nucleus to understand genome function at the biophysical level in 3D genomics.

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