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Software and code

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Data collection	Data was sequenced on a HiSeq 2500 and data was collected in FastQ format
Data analysis	Software used included: SAMtools 1.9, Hicup 0.5.9, Chicago 1.1.6, Bowtie2 2.3.0, picard 2.6.0, MACS2 version 2.1.1, DiffBind 2.16.0, STAR 2.5.3, LDSC 1.0.1. Gaussian process regression was used for filtering static time course profiles and clustering dynamic ATAC-seq patterns. Code to reproduce all the results shown in the paper are on github: https://github.com/ManchesterBioInference/IntegratingATAC-RNA-HiC

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Raw sequencing data and processed counts data for ATAC-seq, RNA-seq, Chi-C and Hi-C that support the findings of this study have been deposited in National Center for Biotechnology Information's Gene Expression Omnibus and are accessible through GEO Series accession number GSE138767 (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE138767>). Data for Fig. 2-4, 5b, 6b, 7 and Supplementary Fig. 1-8, 10-12 are openly available in repository zenodo, at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3899030>.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	The study was observational and not designed to test a specific hypothesis. No statistical methods were used to predetermine sample size. The final sample size was decided based on similar gene expression and chromatin QTL mapping studies performed previously.
Data exclusions	Following common pipeline for quality check in sequencing data, ATAC-seq duplicates and reads with mapping quality lower than 30 were filtered out. Duplicated reads and mitochondria reads were removed. For RNA-seq genes with the sum of counts data across the six time points less than 10 were removed in each replicate and only genes that show expressions in both replicates were retained. For Hi-C/Capture Hi-C the maximum and minimum di-tag lengths were set to 800 and 150, respectively, after comparing Hi-C results from different di-tag lengths. Interactions with at least one time point having CHICAGO score over 5 were kept were 5 is the default recommended threshold in the CHICAGO package.
Replication	RNA-seq data have two replicated measurements at time 0 mins, 20 mins, 1 hr, 2 hrs, 4 hrs and 24 hrs. ATAC-seq data have three replicated measurements at time 0 mins, 20 mins, 1 hr, 2 hrs, 4 hrs and 24 hrs. CHI-C and HiC both have two replicated measurements at time 0 mins, 20 mins, 1 hr, 4 hrs and one measurement at time 24 hr. CRISPR was performed in triplicate. Reproducibility was assessed by comparison to the largest, most comparable published data. All assessments of replication and reproducibility demonstrated consistent data as described in the manuscript
Randomization	The experiments were not randomized because we were not comparing groups of different samples. No covariates were collected for this study because they were not relevant to the outcome.
Blinding	Not applicable. Human blood used from healthy samples, donors are not identifiable. All T-cells time course was used in all the analysis.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	SYTOX™ Red Dead Cell Stain (ThermoFisher Scientific Cat # S34859) was used to discriminate against dead cells. Human TruStain FcX™ (Fc Receptor Blocking Solution)(Biolegend Cat # 422302) was used to block non-specific binding. Monoclonal antibodies were used to establish T-cell purity: purified anti-human CD3 antibody, clone OKT3 (Biolegend Cat # 317301); anti-human CD4, Clone OKT4 (Biolegend Cat # 317410). Dynabeads™ Human T-Activator CD3/CD28 for T Cell Expansion and Activation (ThermoFisher Scientific Cat no 11131D) were used to stimulate CD4+ T-cells.
Validation	CD3/CD28 Dynabeads, SYTOX red stain and TruStain FcX were validated by the manufacturer. No further validation was carried out. Purified anti-human CD3 Antibody, anti-human CD4 antibody (Biolegend) - each lot of these antibodies are quality control tested by immunofluorescent staining with flow cytometric analysis. The OKT3 monoclonal antibody reacts with an epitope on the epsilon-subunit within the human CD3 complex. The OKT4 antibody binds to the D3 domain of CD4.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	HEK293T cells (clontech)
Authentication	Cell line was purchased and not re-validated
Mycoplasma contamination	Cells were tested for mycoplasma monthly with all all tests being negative
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	None

Human research participants

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Population characteristics	British Caucasian healthy subjects. All T cells were obtained from anonymous healthy blood donors. No phenotypic was used in selection.
Recruitment	All participants are blood donors from NHS Blood and Transplantation; as such they are subject to a 'healthy donor effect'.
Ethics oversight	All healthy samples were collected with informed consent under ethics agreement North West Multi-centre for Research Ethics Committee (MREC:99/8/84)

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Flow Cytometry

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Methodology

Sample preparation	Isolation of PBMCs from a buffy coat via Ficoll-Paque Plus density separation, followed by EasySep CD4+ T-cell isolation. Cells were washed, stained and run using PBS, supplemented with 1% bovine serum albumin and 0.1% sodium azide.
Instrument	BD LSRFortessa X-20
Software	FlowJo 10.6.1
Cell population abundance	CD4+ T-cells were isolated using a magnetic bead based kit and the purity confirmed by flow cytometry (97.2%, 95% CI = 95.81 - 98.59, N = 5). Included in Supplementary Fig 2a.
Gating strategy	Debris was excluded based on low FSC-A and SSC-A, gating was then performed on single cells (FSC-H vs. FSC-A), followed by exclusion of dead cell stained using Sytox Red. Gating boundaries were determined based on staining in PBMCs, see Supplementary Fig 2b.

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