Across breed QTL detection and genomic prediction in French and Danish dairy cattle breeds

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Introduction

- Across breed prediction in dairy cattle
- Low accuracy when using 50K/HD chips
- Sequence data: causative mutations
 - → improve across breed prediction?



Objectives

I) How many QTL are shared across breeds?

2) How close should prediction markers be to the causative mutations?



QTL detection

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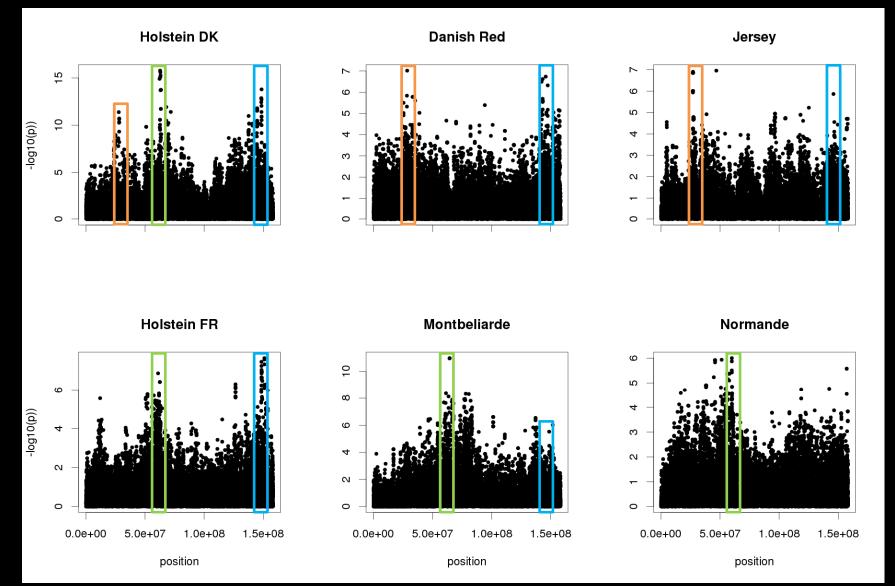


QTL detection — Material & Methods

- HD genotypes, imputed from 50K chip
- Deregressed proofs for protein yield
- 5642 Nordic Holstein, 3130 French Holstein, 1238 Jersey, 2236 Montbéliarde, 1970 Normande and 1019 Danish Red bulls
- Single marker sire model
- First QTL detection within breed: p-value ≤ 10-6
- QTL shared across breed if there is a marker with p-value ≤ 10⁻⁵ within 1 Mb in second breed

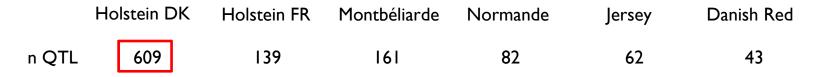


QTL detection - Results - Chromosome 1



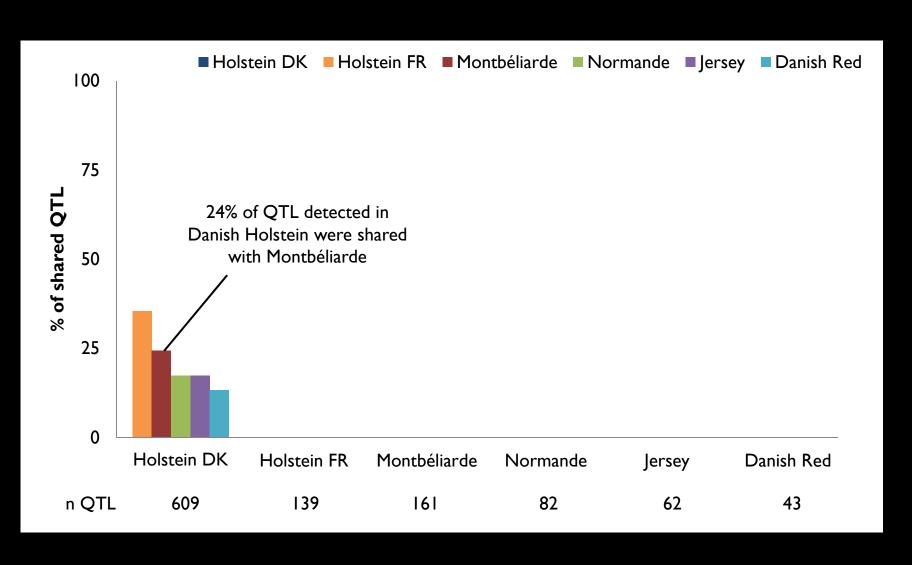


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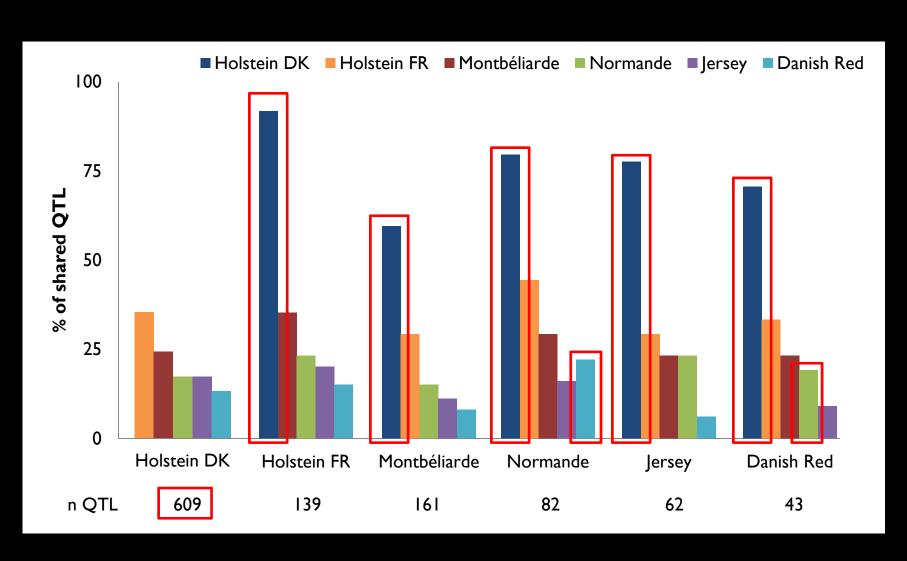


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QTL detection — Conclusion

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→ Can be targeted for across breed prediction



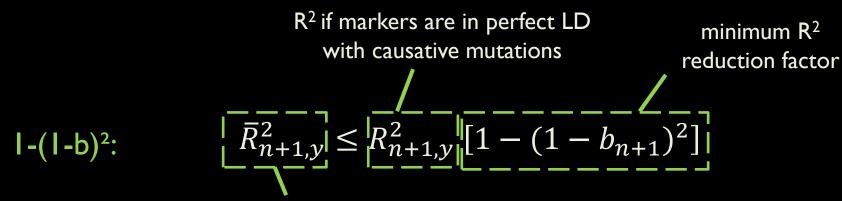
Across breed prediction

2) How close should prediction makers be to the causative mutations to enable across breed prediction?



Across breed prediction - Methods

Following de los Campos et al. (2013):



R² if markers are not in perfect LD with causative mutations

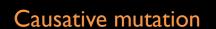
penomic relationship at causative mutations $|\bar{G}_{n+1,i}| = |b_{n+1}G_{n+1,i}| + |\xi_{n+1,i}| \qquad (i=1,\dots,n)$ genomic relationship at prediction markers between individual n+1 and individual i



Across breed prediction - Material & Methods

- Genomic relationship matrix at causative mutations:
 - 100 randomly sampled variants
- Genomic relationship matrix at prediction markers:
 - 50K / HD: SNP on 50K / HD chip
 - 50K / HD closest: for each causative mutation, the closest 50K / HD marker
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Intervals with prediction markers

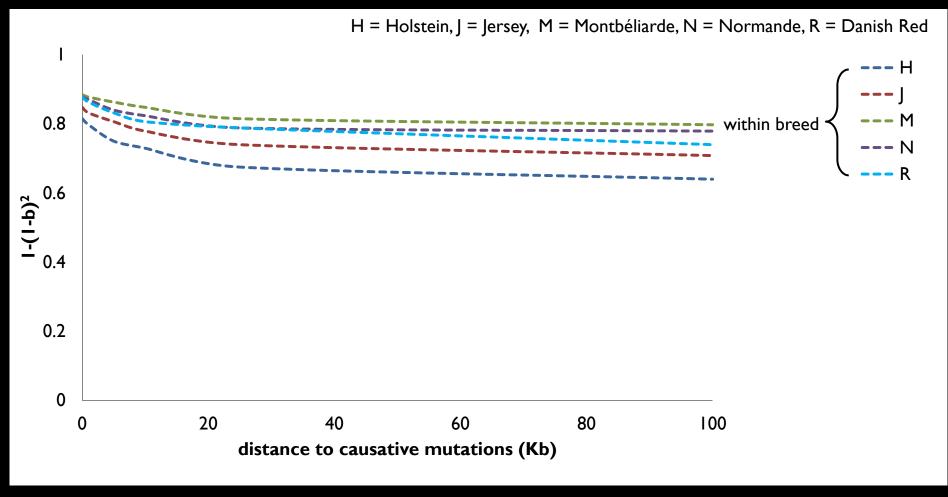




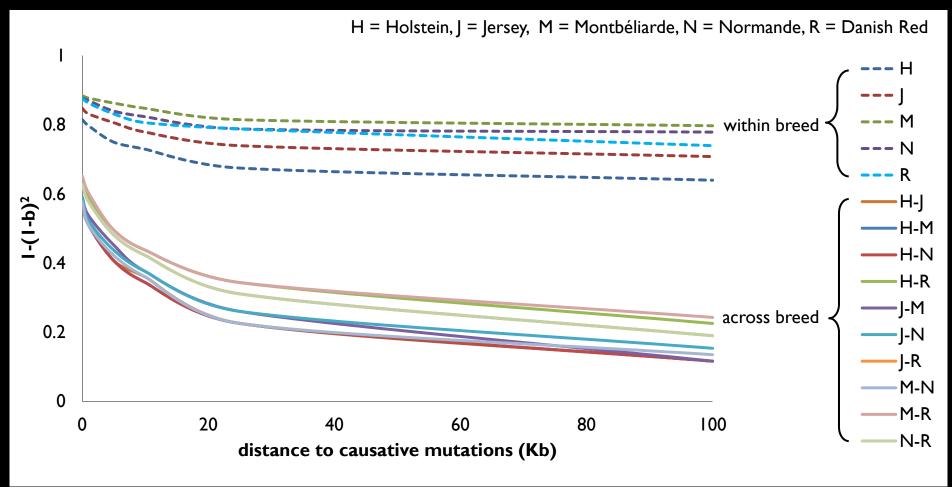
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- Sequences, chromosome 1:
 - 122 Holstein, 27 Jersey, 28 Montbéliarde, 23 Normande and 45 Danish Red
 - Chromosome I, ~I,5 million polymorphisms
- Each scenario was repeated 50 times



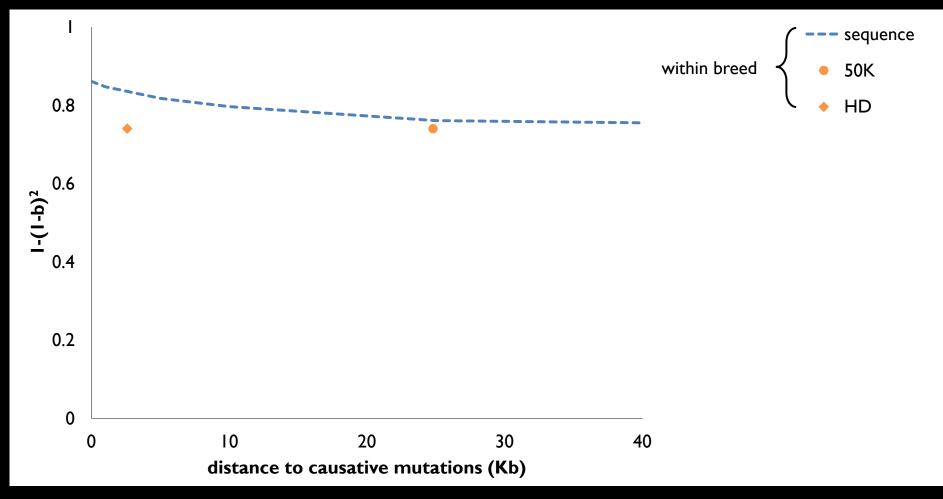




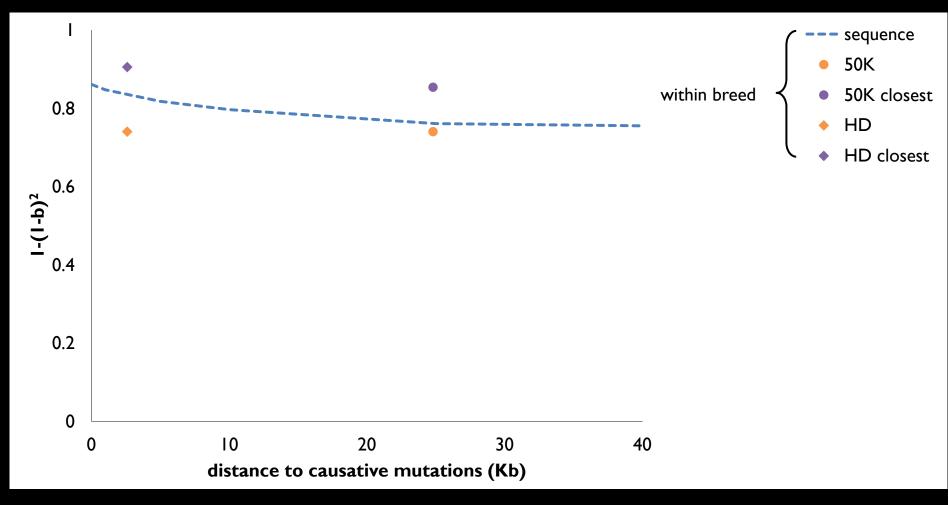


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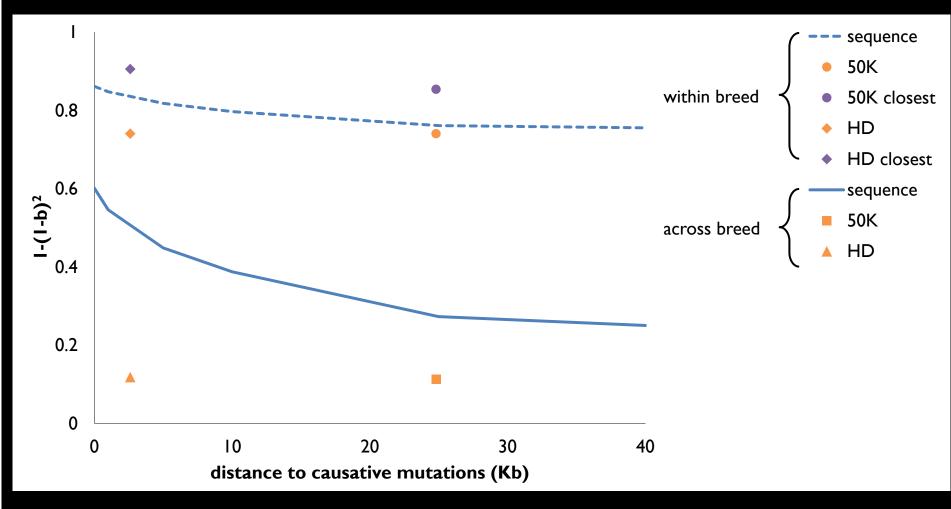




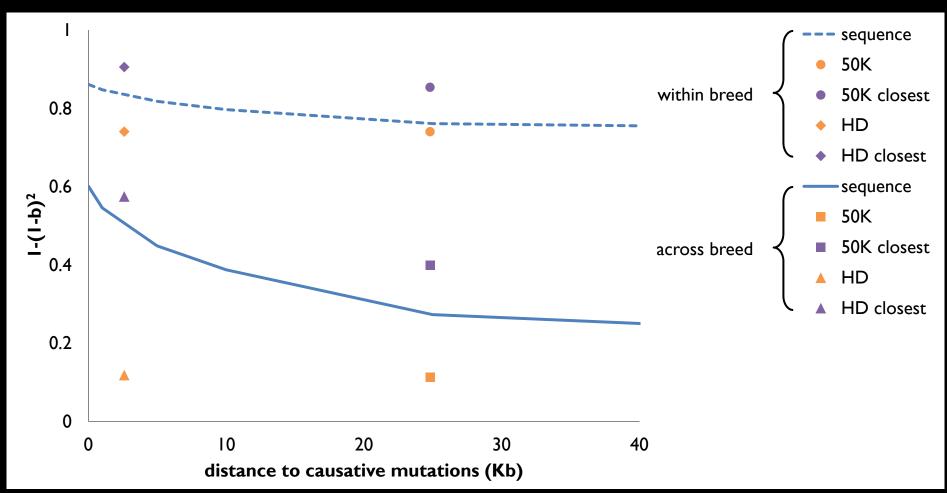












 \rightarrow Using all 50K/HD markers \rightarrow lower I-(I-b)² compared to sequence, but higher when only the markers closest to the causative mutations are used



Across breed prediction - Conclusions

- Prediction markers close to the causative mutations:
 - I-(I-b)² decreases when the distance between prediction markers and causative mutations increases
 - This decrease is faster across breed than within breed
- 50K/HD markers:
 - Lower $I-(I-b)^2$ when all markers are used
 - Highest $I-(I-b)^2$ when only the markers closest to the causative mutations are used
 - → Best prediction when a low number of markers close to the causative mutations is used



Conclusions

- A substantial part of QTL detected in one breed show a significant association in another breed

 This shared variance can be predicted across breed if prediction markers very close to the causative mutations are used

Sequence data → locate QTL → select prediction markers

→ Improve across breed prediction