

# Innovative Management of Animal Genetic Resources (IMAGE): investigating local adaptation in European sheep through landscape genomics

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# IMAGE project

IMAGE  
European Project n° 677353



**Innovative Management of Animal Genetic Resources**  
**‘IMAGE’ project ([imageh2020.eu](http://imageh2020.eu))**



Michèle  
Tixier Boichard

**selected under the H2020 call :**

**SFS-7-2014/2015: Genetic resources and agricultural diversity for food security, productivity and resilience**

**topic B. [2015]**

**Management and sustainable use of genetic resources**





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# IMAGE project



## Objectives of IMAGE



- to enhance the use of genetic collections
- to upgrade animal gene bank management
- to demonstrate the benefits brought by gene banks:
  - To minimise genetic accidents
  - To allow the livestock sector to respond to new environmental constraints and market needs

through genomics, bio-informatics, reproductive biotechnologies

**28 partners, March 2016 to February 2020 ; 7 M€**



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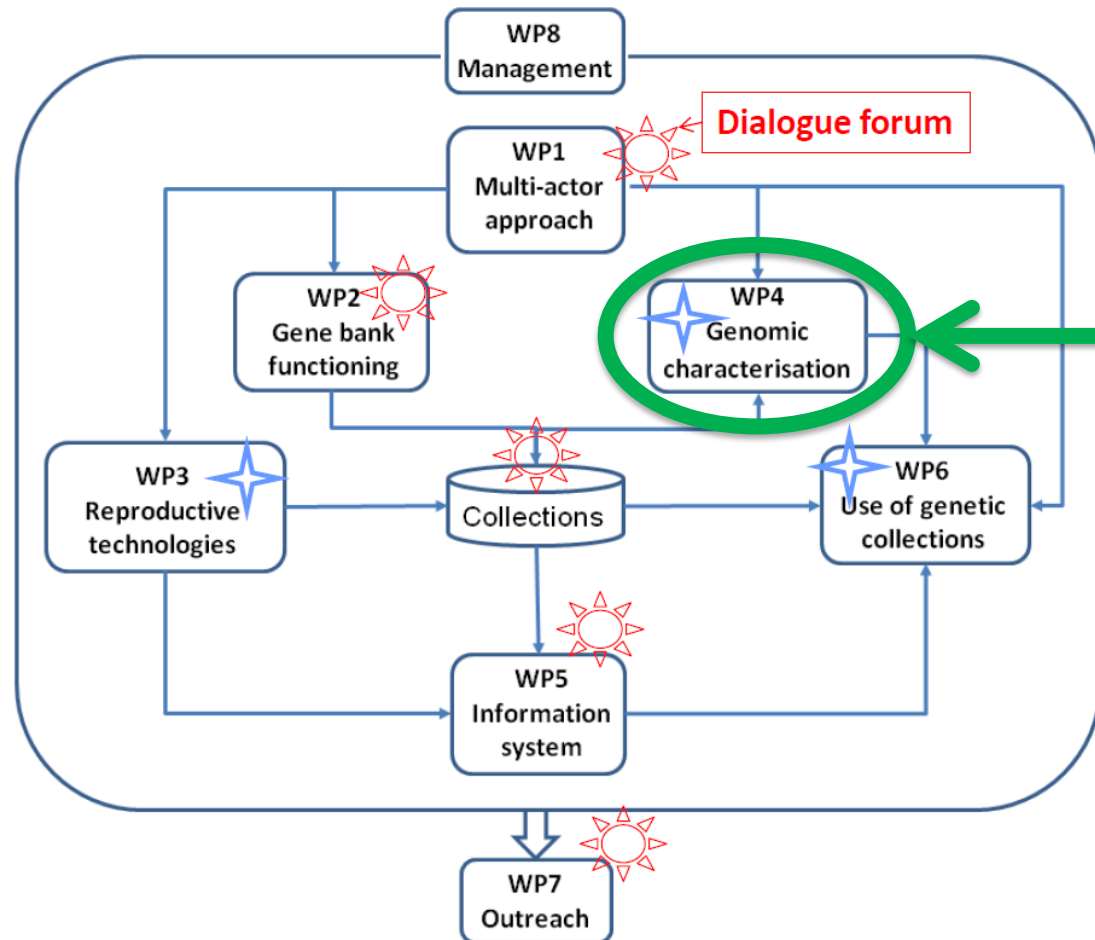
# IMAGE project



## WP structure

  
All species

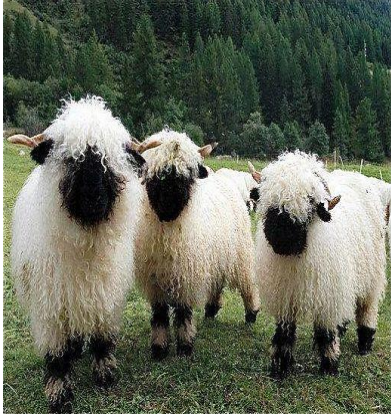
Selected  
species  
for case  
studies 



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Adaptation  
in sheep



# Adaptation



Following domestication sheep breeds have adapted to very different and harsh environments, spanning mountain to desert areas and extreme conditions in terms of humidity, temperature and elevation (FAO, 2015)

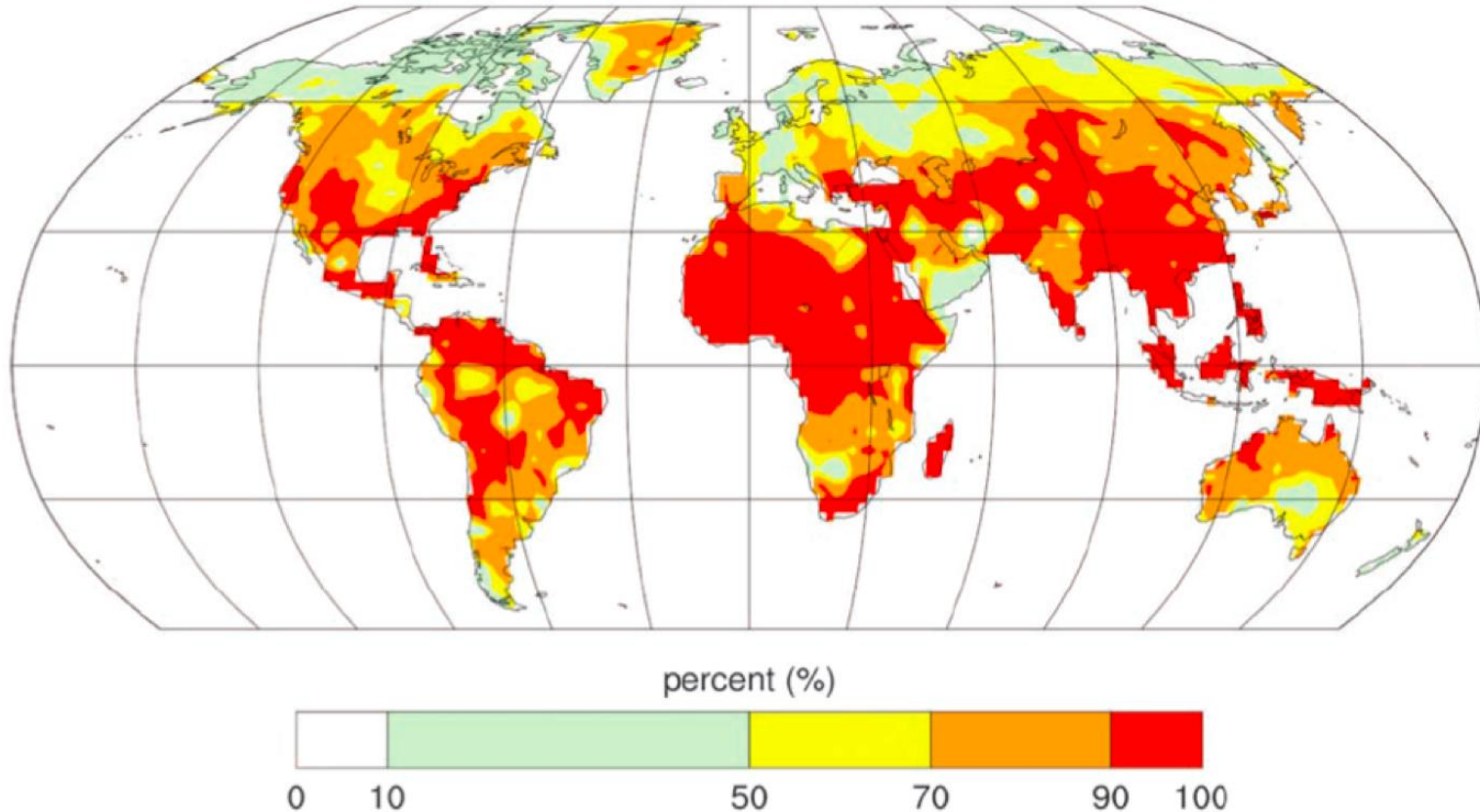




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# Why adaptation?

Summers in 2080-2100 Warmer than Warmest on Record



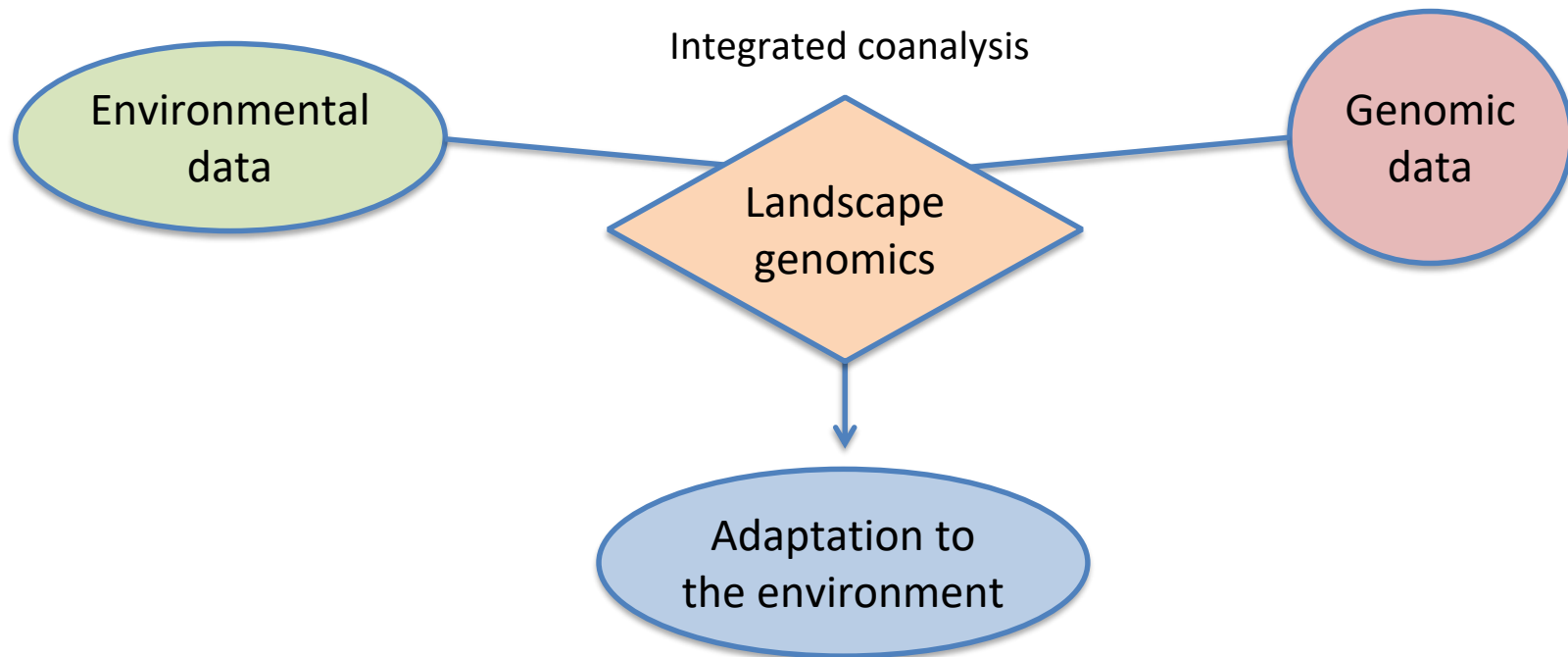
Likelihood (in percent) that future average summer temperatures will exceed the highest summer temperature observed on record for 2090. From Science, 2009, 323: 240.



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# Landscape genomics

Goal: understanding **molecular mechanisms underlying livestock adaptation to environmental challenges**



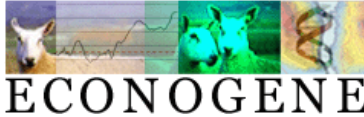


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# The Landscape genomics approach



Stephane Joost

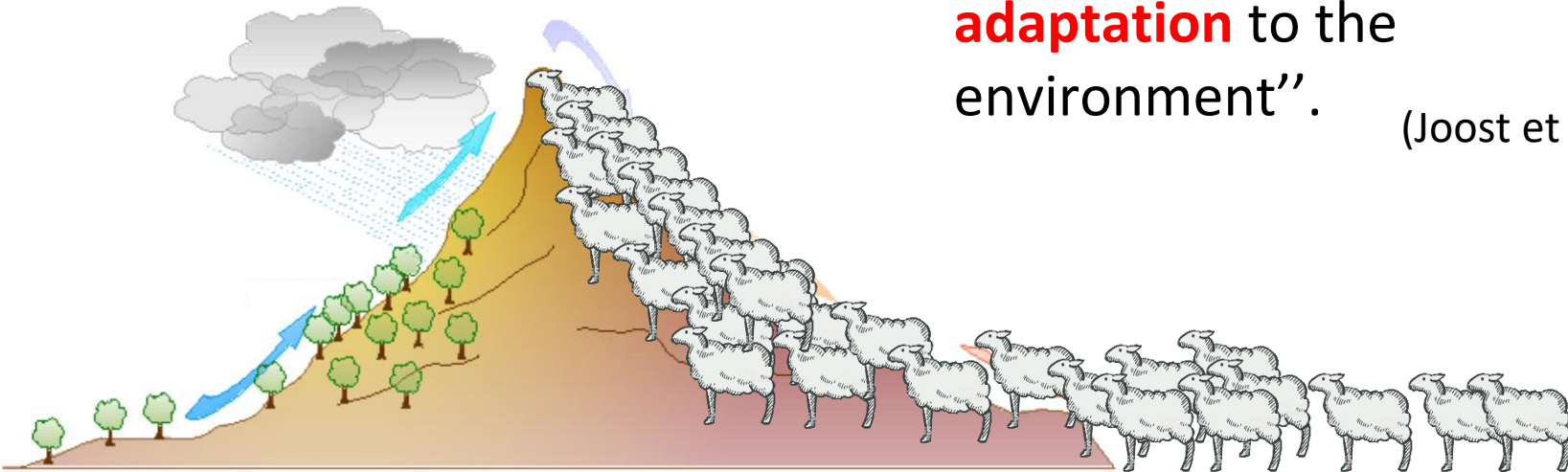


Mike Bruford

## Landscape genomics

“attempts to explain the pattern of spatial genetic variation in relation to **local adaptation** to the environment”.

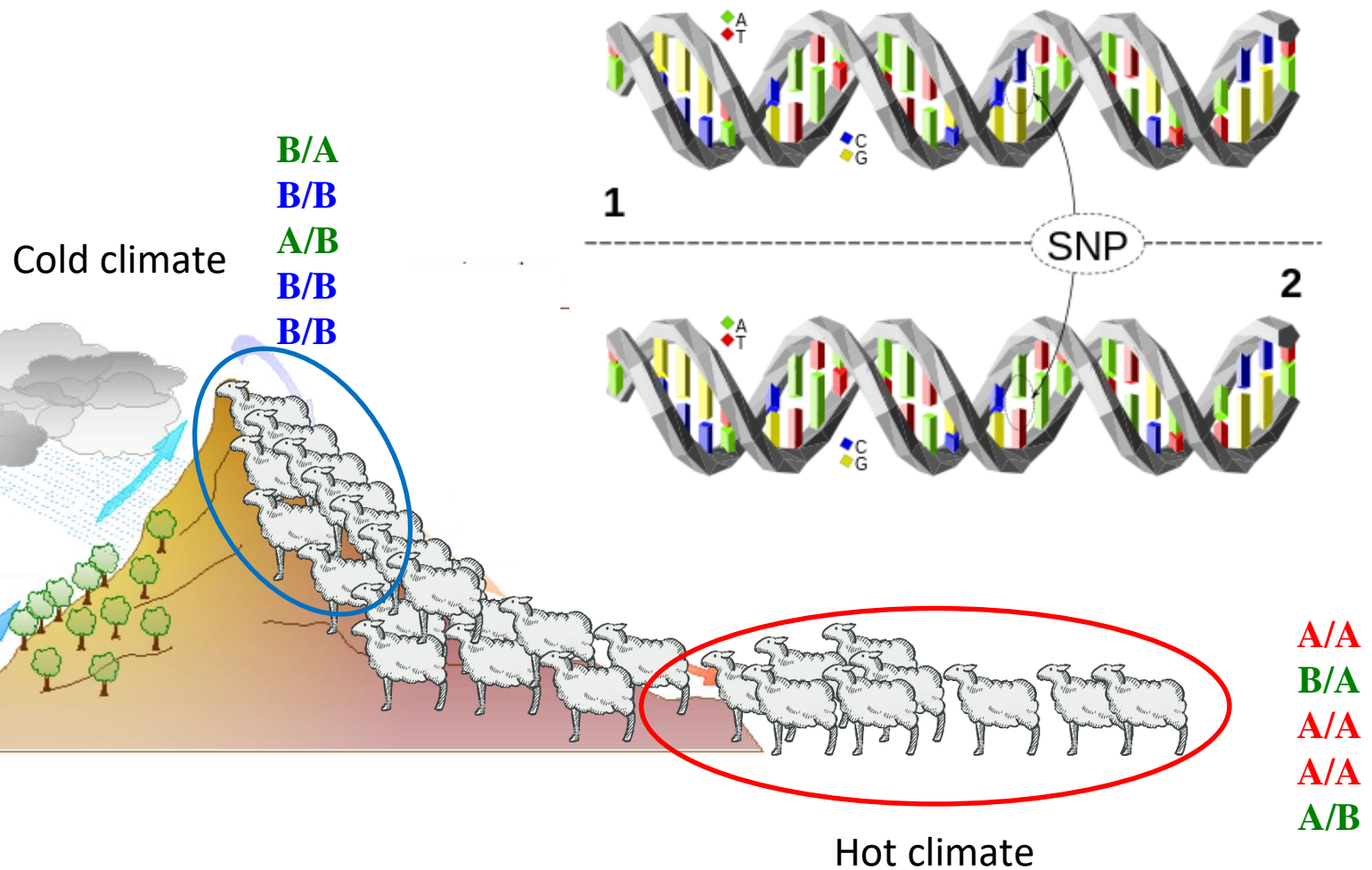
(Joost et al., 2013)





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# The Landscape genomics approach





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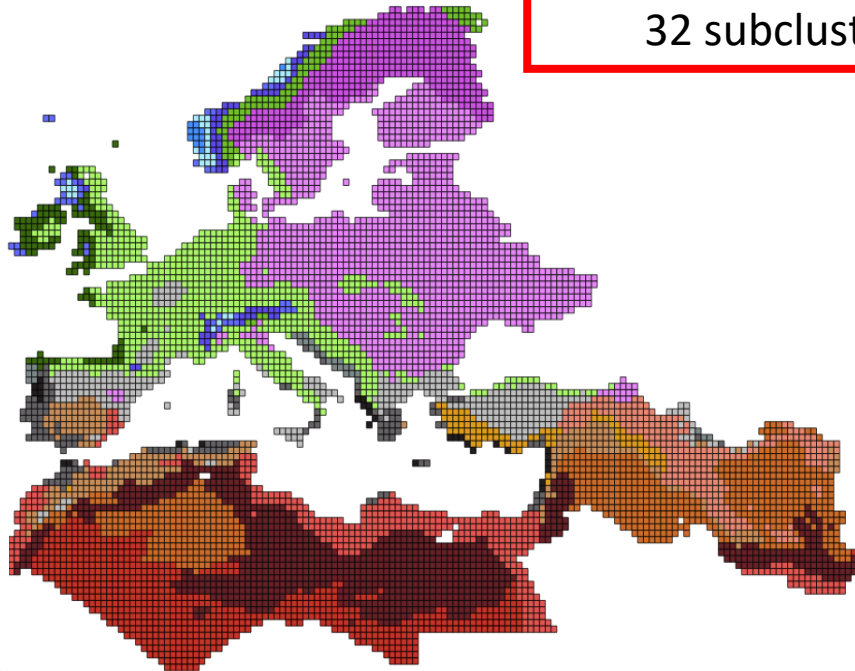
# IMAGE sheep landscape genomics study

50x50 Km grid

19 bioclimatic variables  
+ Elevation

Cluster analysis

8 Main clusters  
32 subclusters



BIO1 = Annual Mean Temperature  
BIO2 = Mean Diurnal Range (Mean of monthly (max temp - min temp))  
BIO3 = Isothermality (BIO2/BIO7) (\* 100)  
BIO4 = Temperature Seasonality (standard deviation \*100)  
BIO5 = Max Temperature of Warmest Month  
BIO6 = Min Temperature of Coldest Month  
BIO7 = Temperature Annual Range (BIO5-BIO6)  
BIO8 = Mean Temperature of Wettest Quarter  
BIO9 = Mean Temperature of Driest Quarter  
BIO10 = Mean Temperature of Warmest Quarter  
BIO11 = Mean Temperature of Coldest Quarter  
BIO12 = Annual Precipitation  
BIO13 = Precipitation of Wettest Month  
BIO14 = Precipitation of Driest Month  
BIO15 = Precipitation Seasonality (Coefficient of Variation)  
BIO16 = Precipitation of Wettest Quarter  
BIO17 = Precipitation of Driest Quarter  
BIO18 = Precipitation of Warmest Quarter  
BIO19 = Precipitation of Coldest Quarter



Oliver Selmoni (LASIG)



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# IMAGE landscape genomics study in sheep:

## Selection of sheep samples for HD genotyping and landscape genomics analysis (Task 4.4) and whole-genome sequencing (Task 4.2)

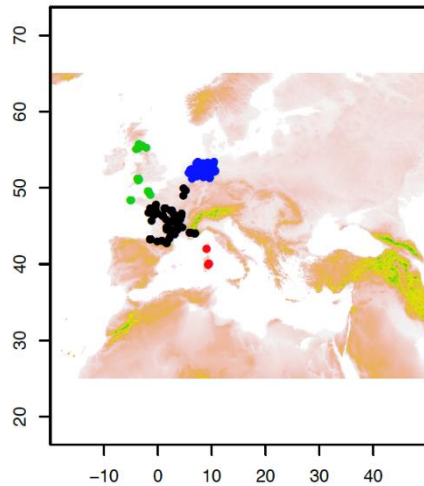
- 706 georeferenced sheep having HD SNP data were retrieved from previous projects of IMAGE Partners and assigned to the 8 environmental clusters and 32 subclusters;
- Additional 965 geo-referenced biological samples/DNA were made available by IMAGE partners;
- among them, 672 were selected for HD genotyping to ensure both the representativeness of the environmental sub-clusters and the within-breed variation.
- 57 animals (one per breed for all breeds having sufficient DNA quality/amount) have been fully sequenced 12X (other 43 will follow, chosen on the basis of landscape genomics results)



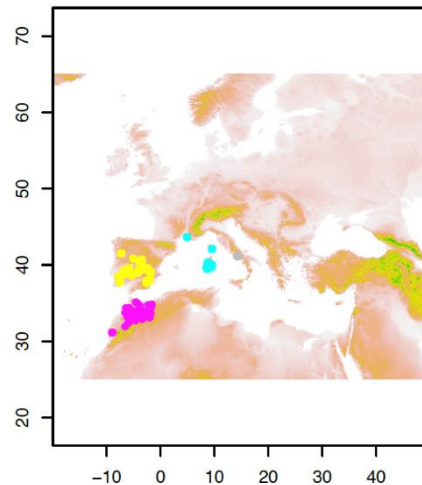
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# Samples distribution among environmental clusters/subclusters

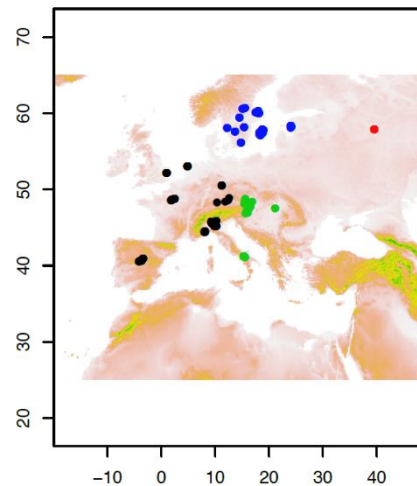
1 Continental - humid



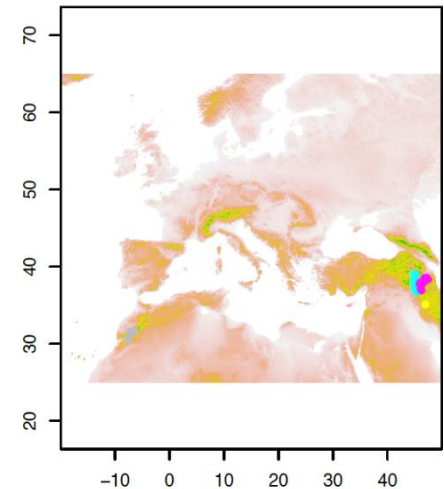
2: Mediterranean - dry



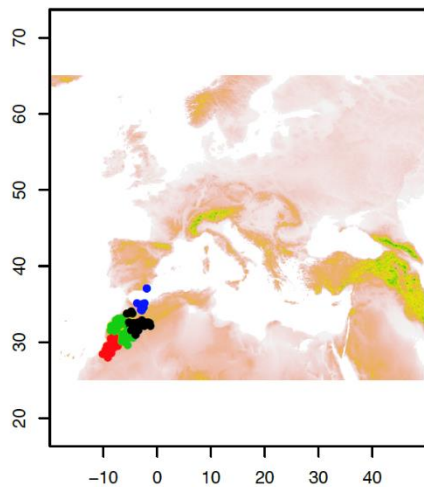
3: Continental - cold



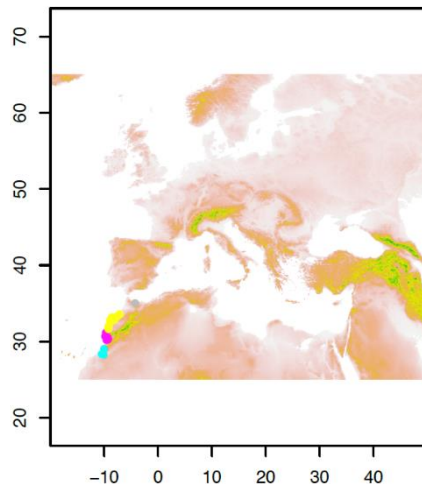
4: Continental - arid



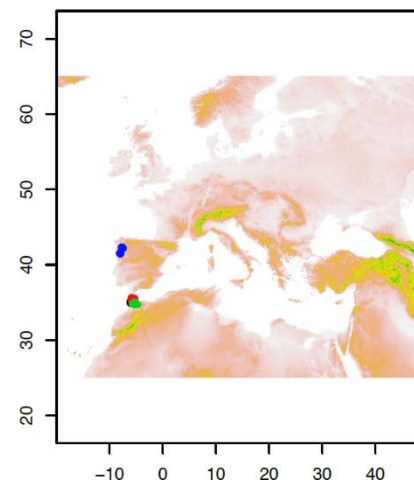
5: Desert



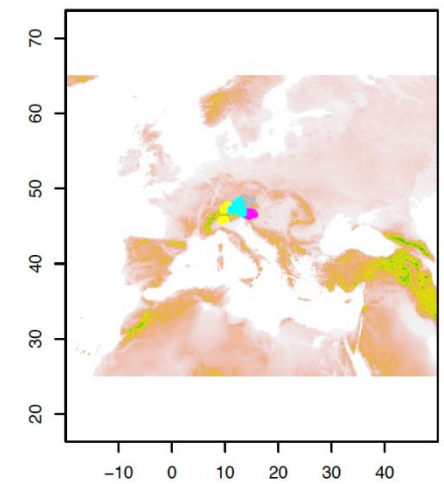
6: Atlantic - dry



7: Atlantic - wet



8: Alpine

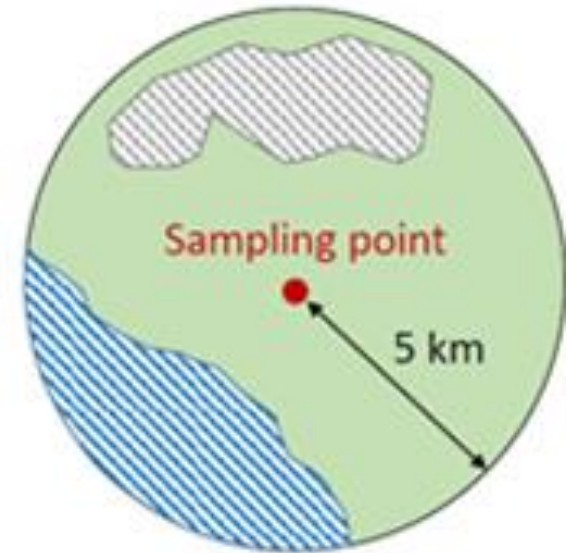




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# Environmental pressure on animals

- Considered a **buffer area** with a **radius of 5 km** centered on the sampling point.
- Land cover discrimination was applied to **remove artificial surfaces** (urban land cover) **and water bodies** from the buffer area.



 Artificial/Urban Area

 Water Area

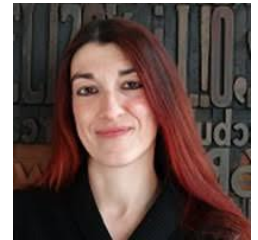
 Area from which we retrieved the environmental variables and computed the statistics



# Summary genomic data

## HD SNP genotypes

- 71 domestic breeds from 12 Countries (Austria, Germany, Estonia, France, Iran, Italy, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom)



Licia Colli

## WGS

- Newly produced (N=57 → 1 animal per domestic breed with enough good quality DNA available)
- Additional N=43 to be produced on animals chosen following the first round of landscape genomics analyses



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# Dataset and QC

## Raw dataset

1431 animals (74  
breeds)  
600,000 SNPs

## Quality Check

Step 1: SNPs with  $>2\%$  missing data removed  
Step 2: Animals with  $>2\%$  missing data removed  
Step 3: SNPs with  $MAF < 1\%$  removed

**PCA: pruned for  $LD > 0.2$  and N**  
166,004 SNPs, 1,216 individuals

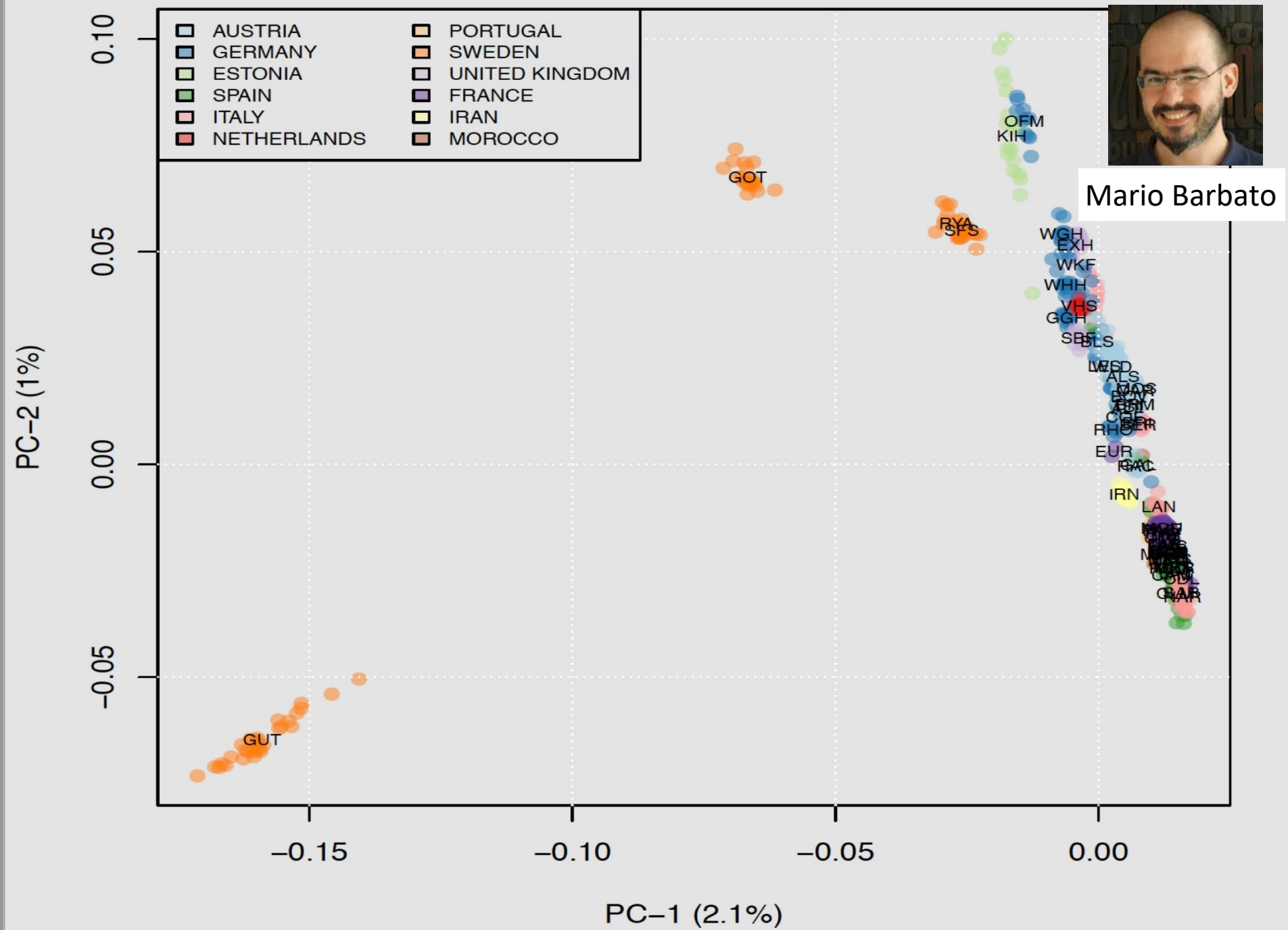
**SamBada: pruned for  $IBD > 0.18$**   
428,463 SNPs, 821 individuals

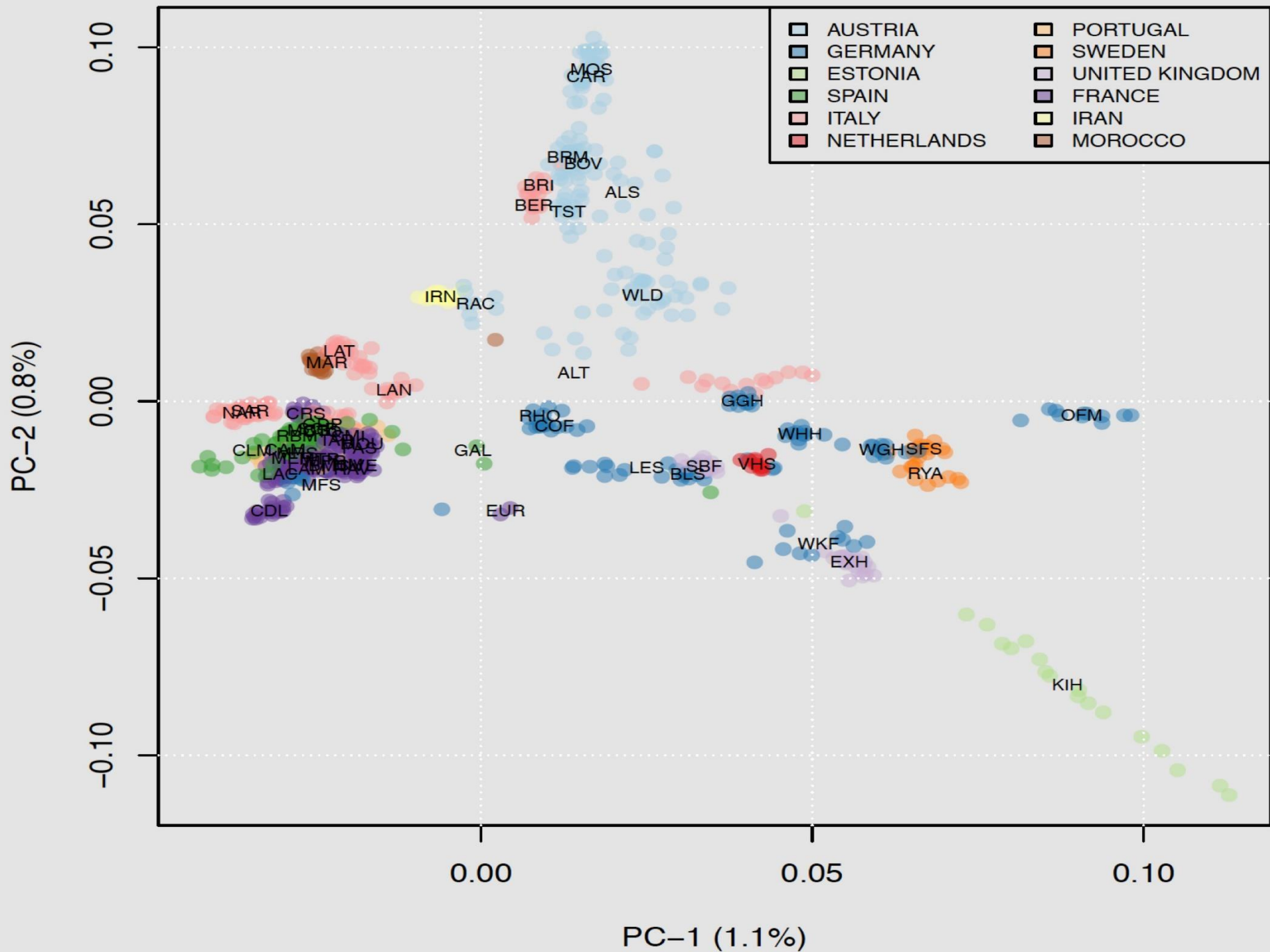
**Fst: pruned for  $LD > 0.5$**   
322,732 SNPs, 1,216 individuals

**PCAdapt: pruned for  $LD > 0.2$**   
511,623 SNPs, 1,399 individuals

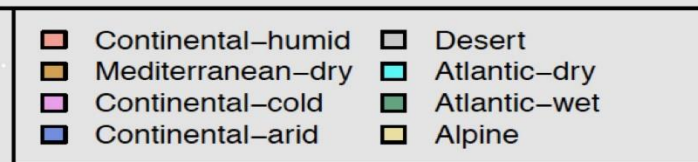
## Cleaned dataset

519,169 SNPs  
1,399 individuals  
Call rate 0,9992





PC-2 (0.8%)



-0.05

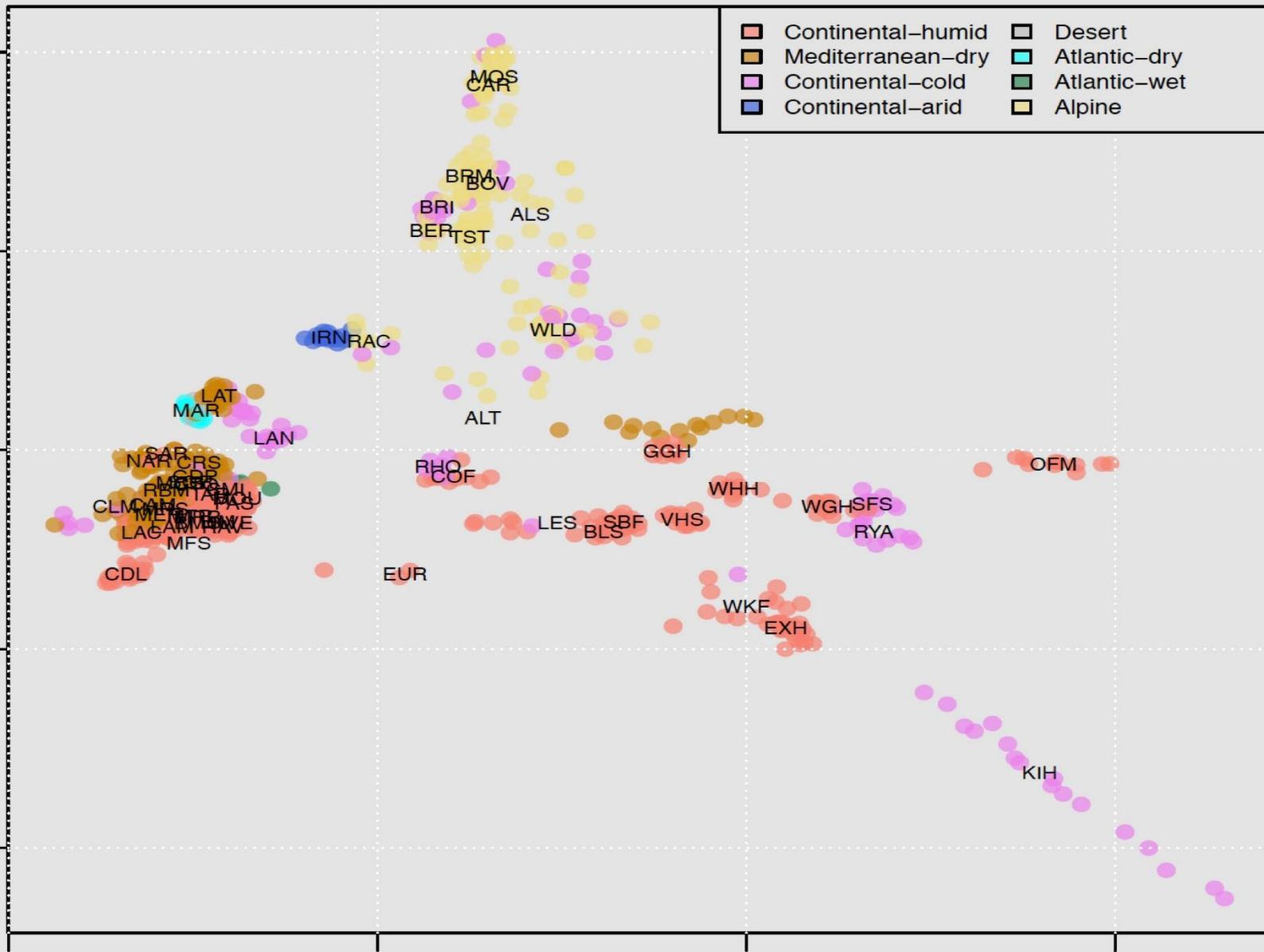
0.00

0.05

0.10

PC-1 (1.1%)

0.10  
0.05  
0.00  
-0.05  
-0.10





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# Landscape genomics model

Given a specific genotype, NM was specified as:

$$\ln\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \sum_{s=1}^s \beta_s x_{si}$$

Likelihood of having the genotype at sampling site considering 6 variables accounting for population structure

where  $\beta_0$  represents the model intercept,  $\beta_s$  the regression coefficient related to the  $s$ -th population structure predictor, and  $x_{si}$  the  $i$ -th observation of the  $s$ -th population structure predictor.

AM was specified as:

$$\ln\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_Z z_i + \sum_{s=1}^s \beta_s x_{si}$$

Likelihood of having the genotype at sampling site considering 6 variables accounting for population structure + environmental variable

where  $\beta_Z$  is the regression coefficient for the environmental variable  $Z$ , and  $z_i$  is the  $i$ -th observation of  $Z$ .

This way, NM is nested within AM (i.e. NM=AM when  $\beta_Z=0$ ). Then, a LR test was performed for each genotype to test if the inclusion of  $Z$  (i.e. in turn  $\psi_R$  or  $\gamma$ ) led to a significantly improved explanation of the genotype spatial distribution. Particularly, as SAMβADA returns log-likelihood (LogL) values, the LR test was specified as:

$$D = -2(\text{LogL NM} - \text{LogL AM})$$

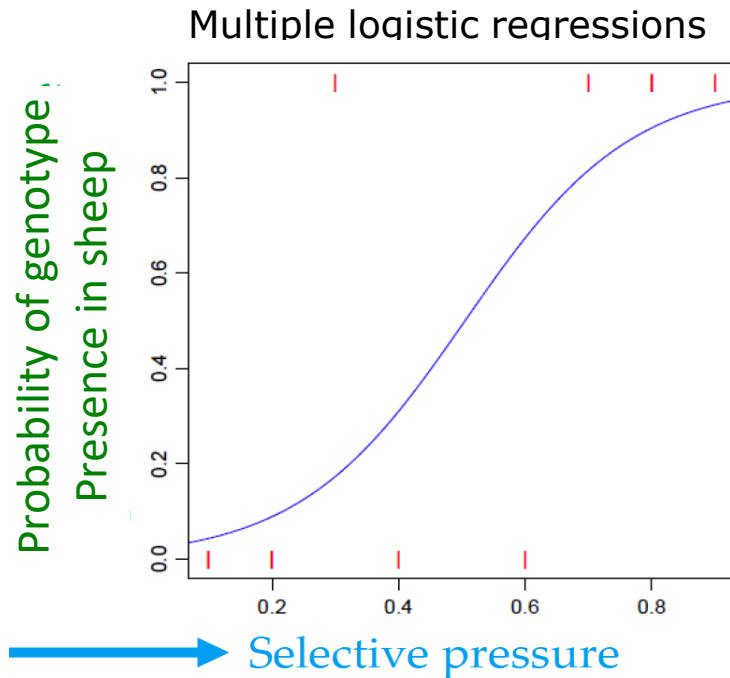
Likelihood ratio test



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# IMAGE sheep landscape genomics study

- Software Samβada (Stucki et al., 2016);



## MOLECULAR ECOLOGY RESOURCES

Molecular Ecology Resources (2016)

doi: 10.1111/1755-0998.12629

### High performance computation of landscape genomic models including local indicators of spatial association

S. STUCKI,\* P. OROZCO-TERWENGEL,† B. R. FORESTER,‡ S. DURUZ,\* L. COLLI,§ C. MASEMBE,¶  
R. NEGRINI,§,\*\* E. LANDGUTH,†† M. R. JONES,†† THE NEXTGEN CONSORTIUM,‡‡  
M. W. BRUFORD,† P. TABERLET§§,¶¶ and S. JOOST\*

Received: 20 March 2019 | Revised: 10 May 2019 | Accepted: 13 May 2019

DOI: 10.1111/1755-0998.13044

#### RESOURCE ARTICLE

MOLECULAR ECOLOGY  
RESOURCES WILEY

### Rapid identification and interpretation of gene–environment associations using the new R.SamBada landscape genomics pipeline

Solange Duruz<sup>1</sup> | Natalia Sevane<sup>2</sup> | Oliver Selmoni<sup>1</sup> | Elia Vajana<sup>1</sup> |  
Kevin Leempoel<sup>3</sup> | Sylvie Stucki<sup>1</sup> | Pablo Orozco-terWengel<sup>4</sup> |  
Estelle Rochat<sup>1</sup> | Susana Dunner<sup>2</sup> | The NEXTGEN Consortium | The CLIMGEN  
Consortium | Michael W. Bruford<sup>4</sup> | Stéphane Joost<sup>1</sup>

Almost 130 million models  
to be considered



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# Landscape genomics



Stephane Joost



Oliver Selmoni



Elia Vajana



Parallelization..... LD pruning..... Analysis by chromosome.....

## In the meantime.....

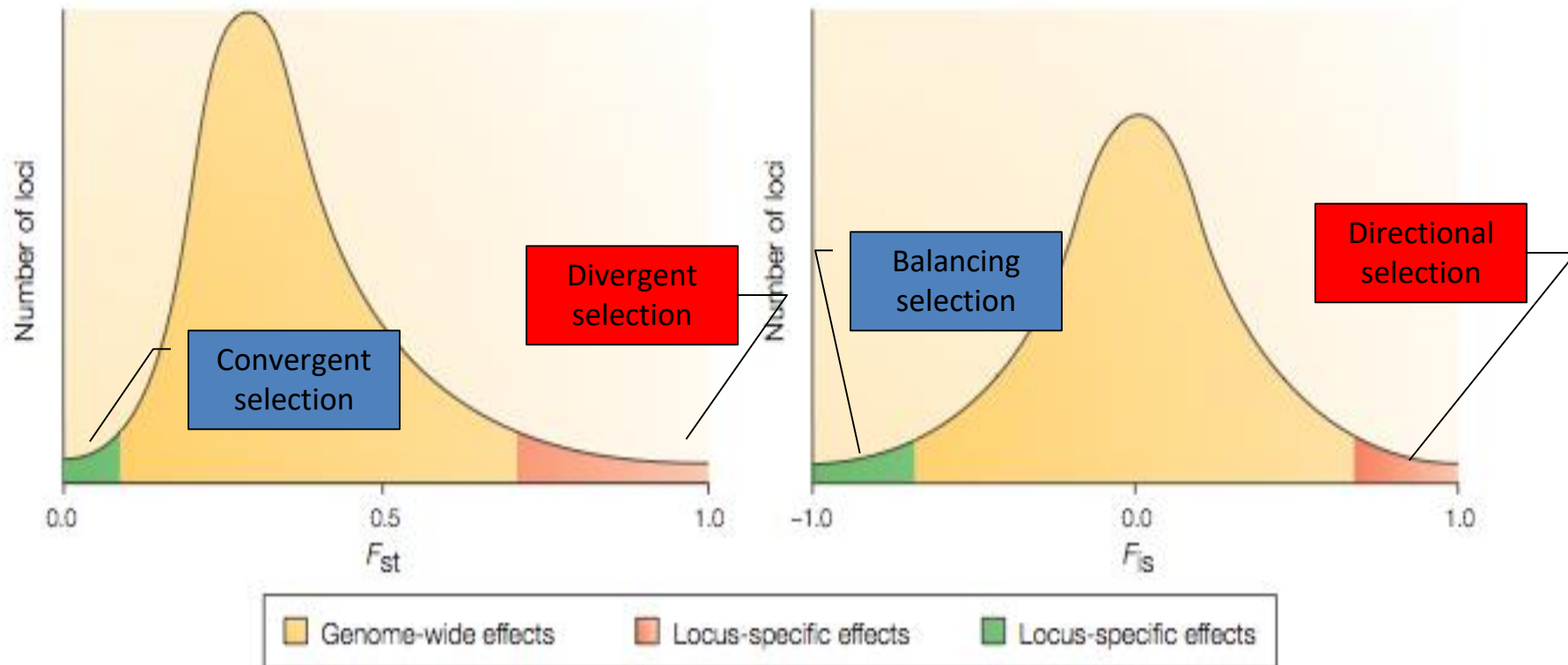


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# Used other selection signature approaches

## (outlier) $F_{st}$ (across populations)

Lukart et al, 2003 Net Rev Genet





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# PCAdapt

## MOLECULAR ECOLOGY RESOURCES

Molecular Ecology Resources (2017) 17, 67–77

doi: 10.1111/1755-0998.12592

### SPECIAL ISSUE: POPULATION GENOMICS WITH R *pcadapt*: an R package to perform genome scans for selection based on principal component analysis

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Markers outliers with respect to how they are related to population structure ascertained with principal component analysis, are candidate to be under selection



# PCAdapt

- Computed a vector containing K z-scores measures to what extent a SNP is related to the first K principal components.
- Mahalanobis distance computed for each SNP to detect outliers for which the vector of z-scores does not follow the distribution of the main bulk of points.

- Takes into account population structure
- No need to group animals into populations
  - Handles admixed individuals



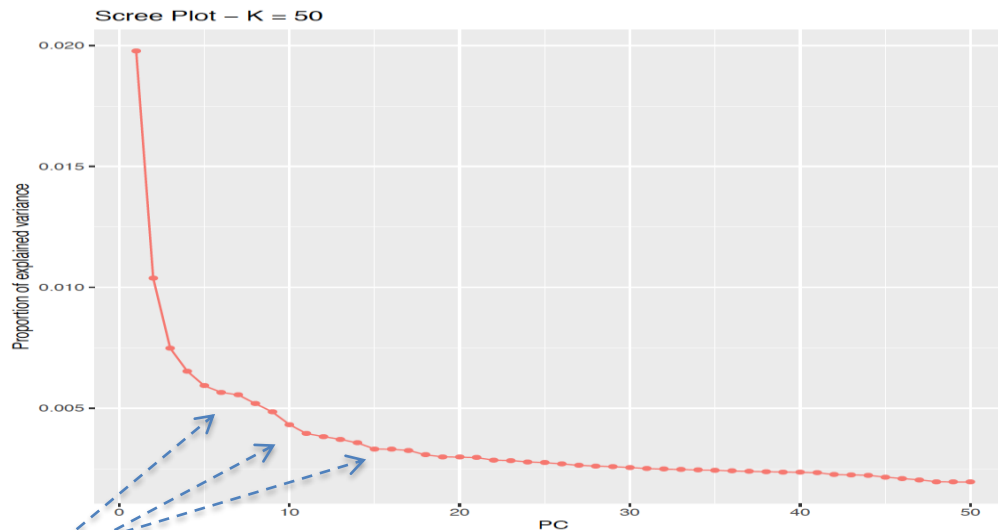
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# PCAdapt

The number of K is user selected on the basis of eigenvalue screeplot

Eigenvalues that correspond to random variation lie on a straight line whereas the ones corresponding to population structure depart from the line.

Recommended the use of Cattell's rule (Cattell 1966): keep eigenvalues to the left of the straight line



?? K=5, 10, 17?

Correction for population structure considering K=5, 10 and 17 and retained SNPs significant with all three corrections.....



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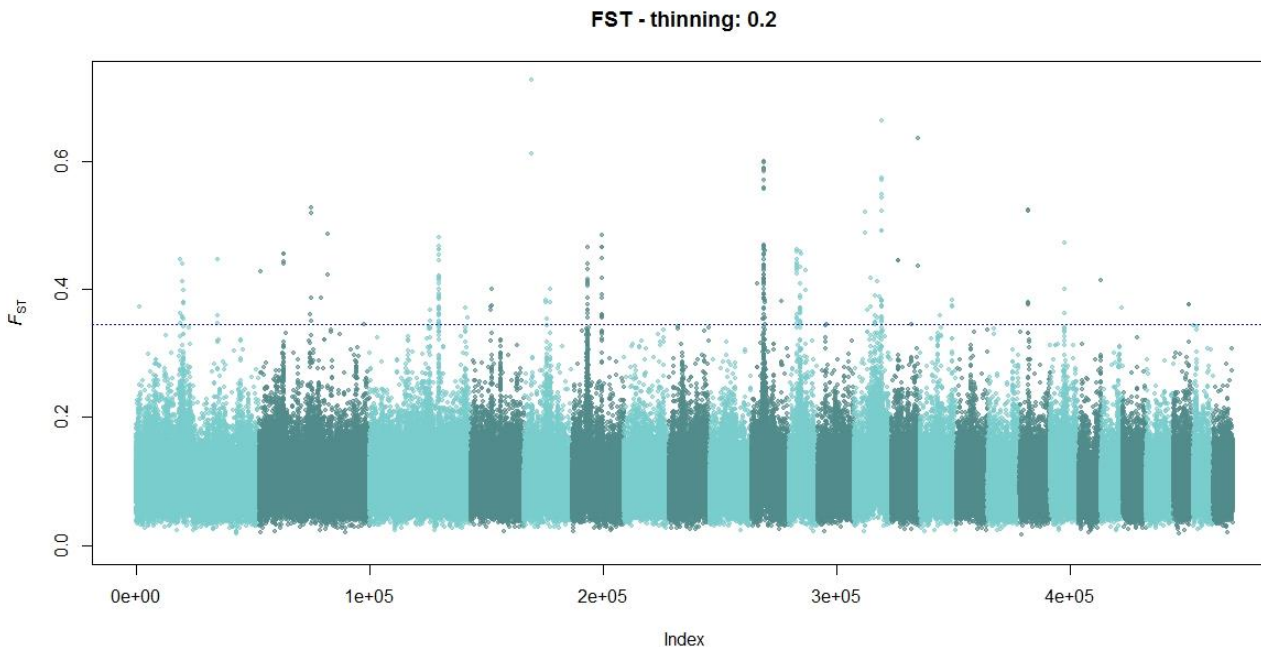
# (outlier) $F_{st}$ (across populations)

Locus under selection:

- within the top 0.1%  $F_{st}$  values (as in Kijas 2012);
- part of a positive sweep (single outliers not considered).



Mario Barbato



52 genes in  $\pm 2.5\text{Kb}^*$   
flanking the 155 SNPs  
candidate under  
selection

\* half of the average distance between adjacent SNPs



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# PCAdapt



Elia Vajana

- Bonferroni correction for multiple testing with  $\alpha=0.001$ ;
- 690 significant SNPs common to the three K corrections;
- 149 genes in the  $\pm 2.5\text{Kb}^*$  interval flanking significant SNPs

\*mean LD decay in sheep



Short Communication

Linkage disequilibrium over short physical distances measured in sheep using a high-density SNP chip

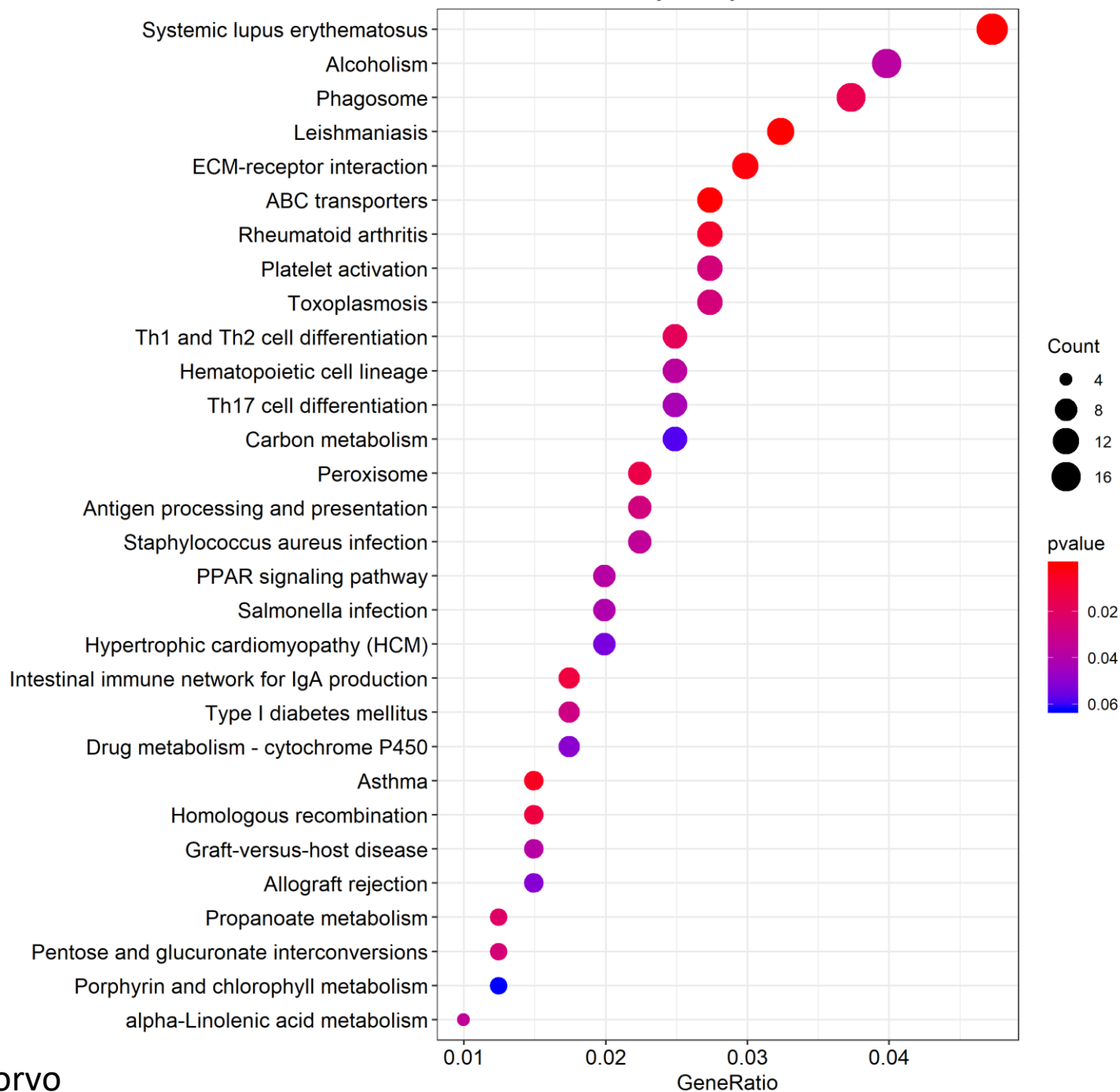
James W. Kijas , Laercio Porto-Neto, Sonja Dominik, Antonio Reverter ... [See all authors](#) 

First published: 17 July 2014 | <https://doi.org/10.1111/age.12197> | Cited by: 28



pcadapt

Kegg Enrichmen





# Genes common to Fst and PCAdapt

(10 + 2 different members of a same gene family)

OAR	ensembl_gene_id	Wiki-name	start	end	Trait
3	ENSOARG000000014852	<b>BBS10</b>	112151866	112154616	Senses
3	ENSOARG000000019622	<b>NELL2</b>	141536582	141928837	Brain development
3	ENSOARG000000002947	<b>MSRB3</b>	154219234	154397986	Reproduction
5	ENSOARG000000005541	<b>ARHGEF37</b>	58459873	58495649	Metabolism
6	ENSOARG000000002944	<b>IBSP</b>	36837847	36848482	Morphology
7	ENSOARG000000020323	<b>INO80</b>	33519925	33611601	Chromatin remodeling
10	ENSOARG000000011926	<b>KATNAL1</b>	30731527	30780628	Brain disease
13	ENSOARG000000003825	<b>GPR158</b>	25018952	25320219	Reproduction
13	ENSOARG000000008957	<b>RALY</b>	62852214	62901057	Pigmentation
19	ENSOARG000000004312	<b>TNNC1</b>	48403558	48406316	Hearth disease



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# CUBN (Fst only)

## Cubilin, intrinsic factor, cobalamine receptor

Fyfe et al. *BMC Veterinary Research* (2018) 14:418  
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12917-018-1752-1>

BMC Veterinary Research

### RESEARCH ARTICLE

Open Access

#### Inherited selective cobalamin malabsorption in Komondor dogs associated with a *CUBN* splice site variant

John C. Fyfe<sup>1,2</sup>, Shelby L. Hemker<sup>1,6†</sup>, Alycia Frampton<sup>3</sup>, Karthik Raj<sup>3</sup>, Peter L. Nagy<sup>4,7†</sup>, Kristi J. Gibbon<sup>5,8†</sup> and Urs Giger<sup>3\*</sup>



Jayasinghe et al. *BMC Nephrology* (2019) 20:330  
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12882-019-1474-z>

BMC Nephrology

### CASE REPORT

Open Access

#### Isolated proteinuria due to *CUBN* homozygous mutation – challenging the investigative paradigm

Kushani Jayasinghe<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Susan M. White<sup>4,5,6</sup>, Peter G. Kerr<sup>1,2</sup>, Duncan MacGregor<sup>7</sup>, Zornitza Stark<sup>3,4,5,6</sup>, Ella Wilkins<sup>3,4,6</sup>, Cas Simons<sup>3,4</sup>, Andrew Mallett<sup>3,4,8,9†</sup> and Catherine Quinlan<sup>3,4,10\*†</sup>



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Cobalamin supplementation during *in vitro* maturation improves developmental competence of sheep oocytes

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# MSRB3 (Fst and PCAdapt)

## Methionine-S-sulphoxide reductase 3

- Selection signature in sheep
- calving easy in cattle
- changes in gestational age at birth in humans

Gutiérrez-Gil et al. *Genet Sel Evol* (2017) 49:81  
DOI 10.1186/s12711-017-0354-x



### RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Open Access



High-resolution analysis of selection sweeps identified between fine-wool Merino and coarse-wool Churra sheep breeds

Beatriz Gutiérrez-Gil<sup>1\*</sup>, Cristina Esteban-Naranjo<sup>1,2</sup>, Daniel Moya<sup>1,3</sup>, Daniel Kiefer-Charrier<sup>1</sup>, Aroa Suarez-Vega<sup>1</sup> and Juan-José

Saatchi et al. *BMC Genomics* 2014, **15**:442  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2164/15/442>

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*International Journal of Epidemiology* 2012;**41**:188–199  
doi:10.1093/ije/dyr237

## DNA methylation shows genome-wide association of *NFIX*, *RAPGEF2* and *MSRB3* with gestational age at birth

Hwajin Lee,<sup>1,2†</sup> Andrew E Jaffe,<sup>1,3,4†</sup> Jason I Feinberg,<sup>1</sup> Rakel Tryggvadottir,<sup>1</sup> Shannon Brown,<sup>3</sup> Carolina Montano,<sup>1,2</sup> Martin J Aryee,<sup>1,5</sup> Rafael A Irizarry,<sup>1,4</sup> Julie Herbstman,<sup>3,6</sup> Frank R Witter,<sup>7</sup> Lynn R Goldman,<sup>8,9</sup> Andrew P Feinberg<sup>1,2,4,\*†</sup> and M Daniele Fallin<sup>1,2,3,4†</sup>



### RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Open Access

Large-effect pleiotropic or closely linked QTL segregate within and across ten US cattle breeds

Mahdi Saatchi<sup>1</sup>, Robert D Schnabel<sup>2</sup>, Jeremy F Taylor<sup>2</sup> and Dorian J Garrick<sup>1,3\*</sup>



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# IBSP (Fst and PCAdapt)

## Integrin- binding sialoprotein

- major structural component of the bone matrix
- involved in bone diseases
- affects skeletal development in mice
- Associated to sheep height and weight

Al-Mamun et al. *Genetics Selection Evolution* (2015) 47:66  
DOI 10.1186/s12711-015-0142-4



### RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Genome-wide association study of body weight in Australian Merino sheep reveals an orthologous region on OAR6 to human and bovine genomic regions affecting height and weight

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## Skeletal Development of Mice Lacking Bone Sialoprotein (BSP) - Impairment of Long Bone Growth and Progressive Establishment of High Trabecular Bone Mass

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# Conclusions

- Selection signatures can be searched in managed and natural populations without the need for phenotype recording;
- many methods available. Methods correcting for population structure are to be preferred;
- all produce a number of false positives but confirmation across methods, experiments and species helps in identifying reliable signals.



## Conclusions 2

- The identification of the feature (gene, promoter, enhancer, miRNA.....) and the variant under selection is very challenging;
- even more challenging is the detection of the selective pressure. It is most often done *ex-post* on the basis of (largely incomplete) knowledge of gene function or on the basis of GWAS results. Also, functional annotation of genes is presently biased towards traits of interest for the human species;



# Conclusions 3

- Landscape genomics needs no phenotype but precise georeferentiation of samples and partially bypasses the problem of selection pressure identification;
- both selection signatures and landscape genomics are still in the discovery phase. The use of results in practical breeding is still in its infancy;



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