#### 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?





## I) How many QTL are shared across breeds?

## 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  $\leq 10^{-6}$
- QTL shared across breed if there is a marker with p-value  $\leq 10^{-5}$  within I Mb in second breed



#### QTL detection – Results – Chromosome I

Holstein DK



Danish Red

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Holstein FR





Montbeliarde



Normande





## QTL detection – Results

	Holstein DK	Holstein FR	Montbéliarde	Normande	Jersey	Danish Red
n QTL	609	139	161	82	62	43



#### QTL detection – Results







#### QTL detection – Conclusion

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

#### $\rightarrow$ 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):





- 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
  - Two I Kb intervals on both sides of the causative mutations, distance between causative mutations and intervals between Ib and IMb

Intervals with prediction markers

Causative mutation



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  - 50K / HD closest: for each causative mutation, the closest 50K / HD marker
  - Two I Kb intervals on both sides of the causative mutations, distance between causative mutations and intervals between Ib and IMb
- Sequences, chromosome I:
  - 122 Holstein, 27 Jersey, 28 Montbéliarde, 23 Normande and 45 Danish Red
  - Chromosome I,~I,5 million polymorphisms
- Each scenario was repeated 50 times



#### Across breed prediction - Results





 $\rightarrow$  I-(I-b)<sup>2</sup> decreases when distance between prediction markers and causative mutations increases, faster decrease across breed





#### Across breed prediction - Results



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→ Using all 50K/HD markers → 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)<sup>2</sup> 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)<sup>2</sup> when only the markers closest to the causative mutations are used

 $\rightarrow$  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