

**Genetic structure and selection in the sheep examined
using the SNP50 BeadChip**

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"LD analyses in the ISGC sheep Hap-Map data set using a 50k SNP array"

- Open organisational structure (people come and go)


EVERYONE IS WELCOME



- Coordinate funding opportunities
- Avoid scientific redundancy, economy of scale
- Process: fortnightly phone conferences (secretary James.Kijas@csiro.au)

Next Meeting: 11:30 – 3:00 this Monday here at PAG, Sunset Room

*All data generated is public domain to
benefit the entire sheep genomics community*

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- **SNP discovery / chip development**
 - Three completed SNP discovery projects (2008) 
 - Release of the *ovine* SNP50 BeadChip at PAG 2009

- **HapMap and Breed Diversity Experiment**
 - Genetic diversity, breed relationships 
 - Linkage disequilibrium, implications for gene discovery and genomic selection
 - Impact of domestication and selection 

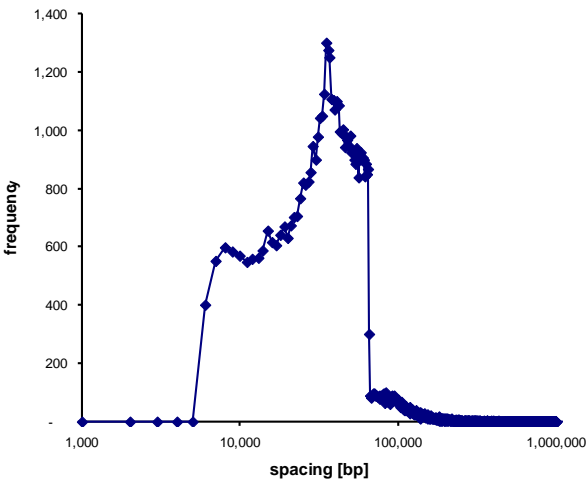
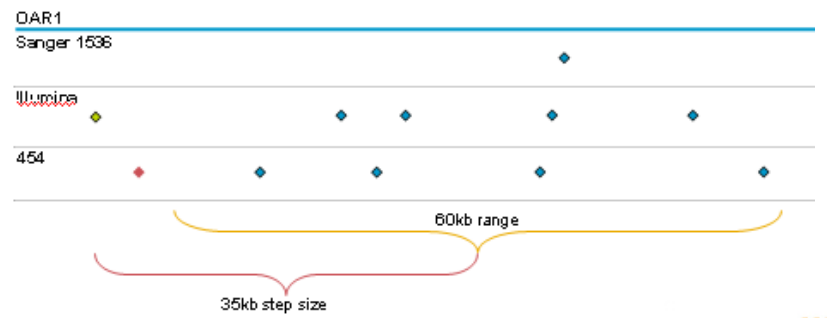
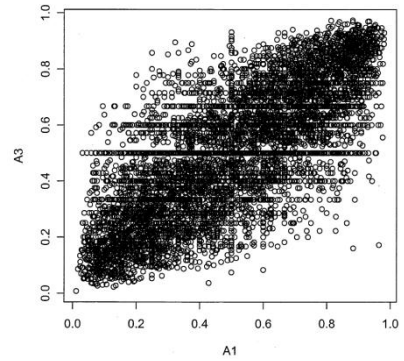
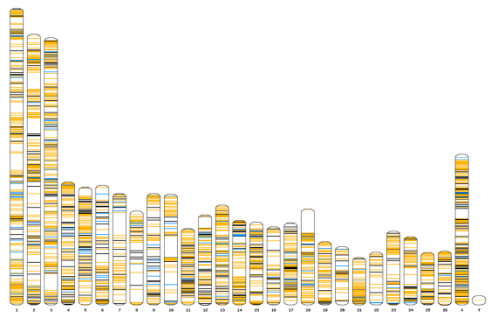
- **Reference Genome**
 - Illumina and 454 blend sequencing of a single Texel ram (ongoing)

Development of the *ovine* SNP50 BeadChip

Sanger resequencing
9 animals, 9 breeds
6,021 SNP

3x genome using 454
6 animals, 6 breeds
276,868 SNP

Illumina RRL
60 animals, 15 breeds
76,044 SNP



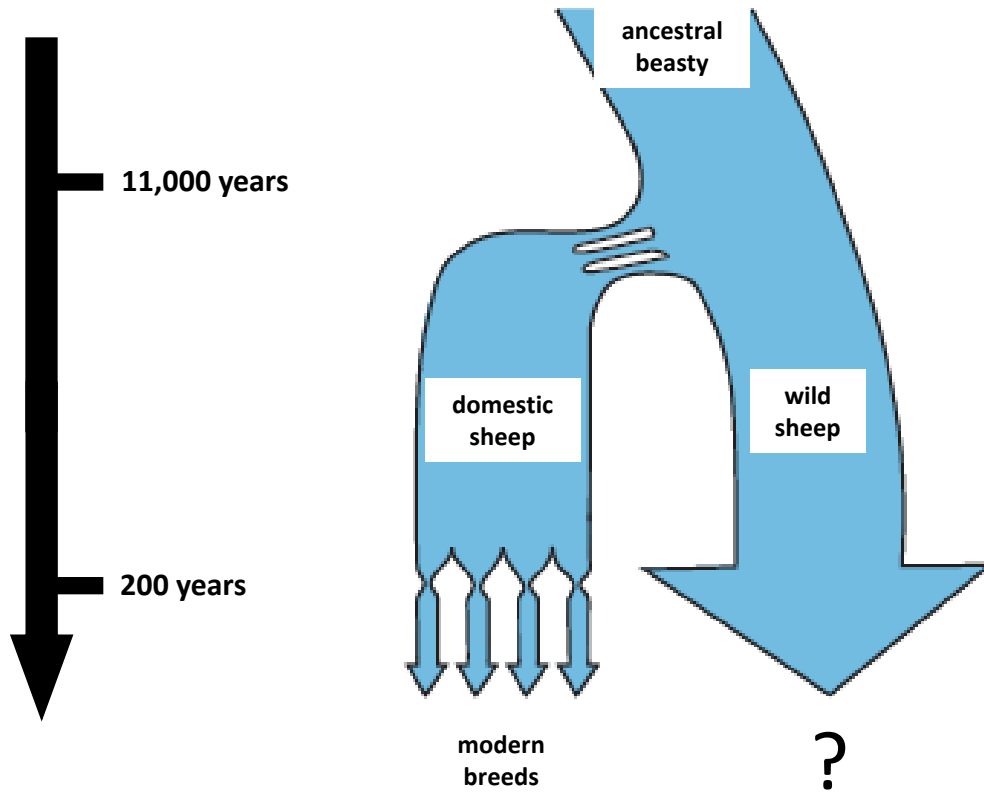
Illumina iSelect
***Ovine* SNP50BeadChip**
Launch Jan 2009

600	Sanger
40174	454
18669	Illumina GA
<u>11</u>	<u>mtDNA</u>
59454	Total SNP
49034	Passed manufacture and all QC



Aim: Understand the Genetic History of the Species

Adapted from Lindblad-Toh et al., 2005



- Process of domestication (when, where, from what?)
- Genes which influence traits under selection
- Diversity within and between breeds
 - PCA, distance based networks, Structure

The sheep HapMap and Breed Diversity Experiment



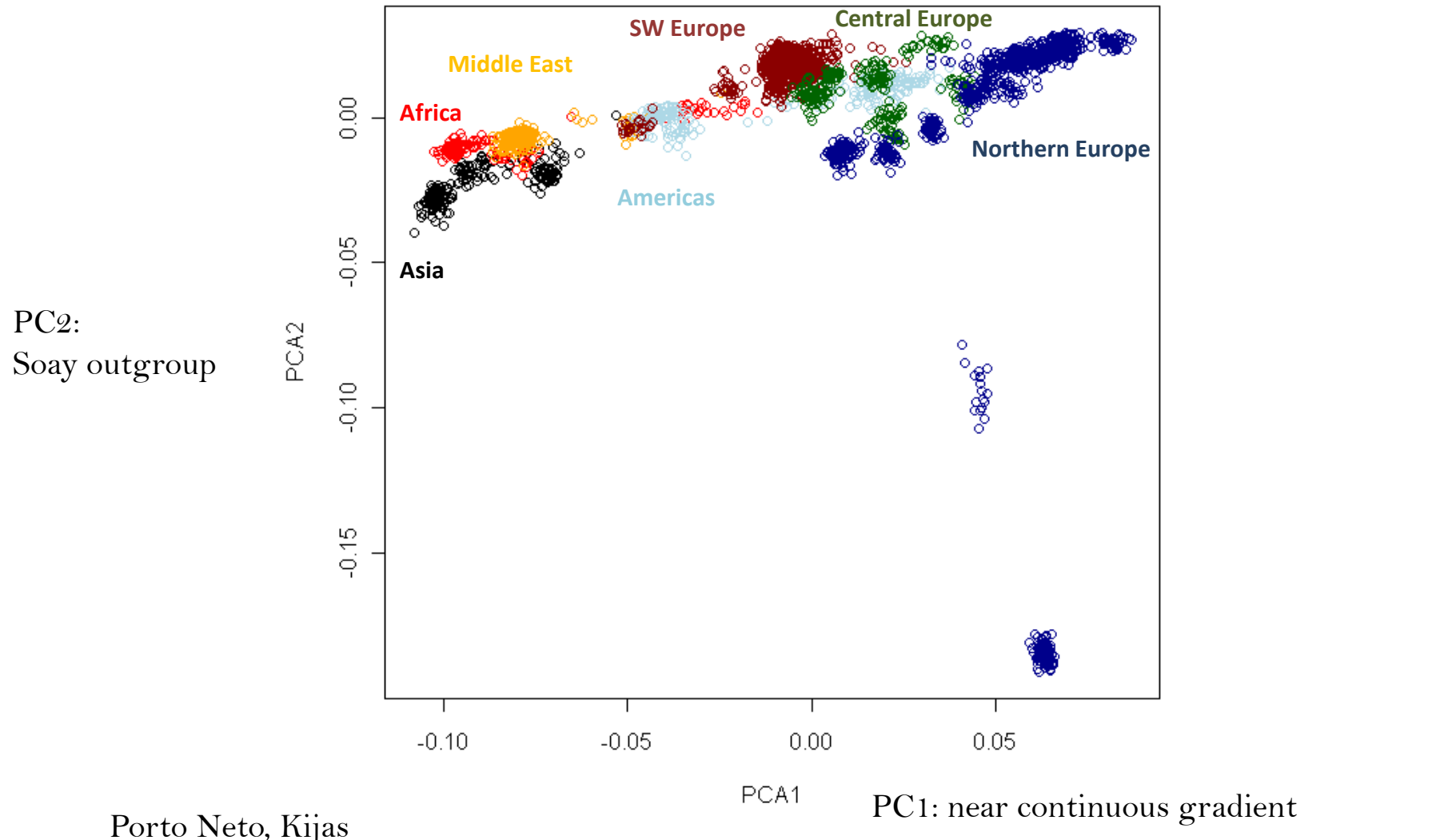
Total of 3400 animals genotyped using the SNP50 BeadChip

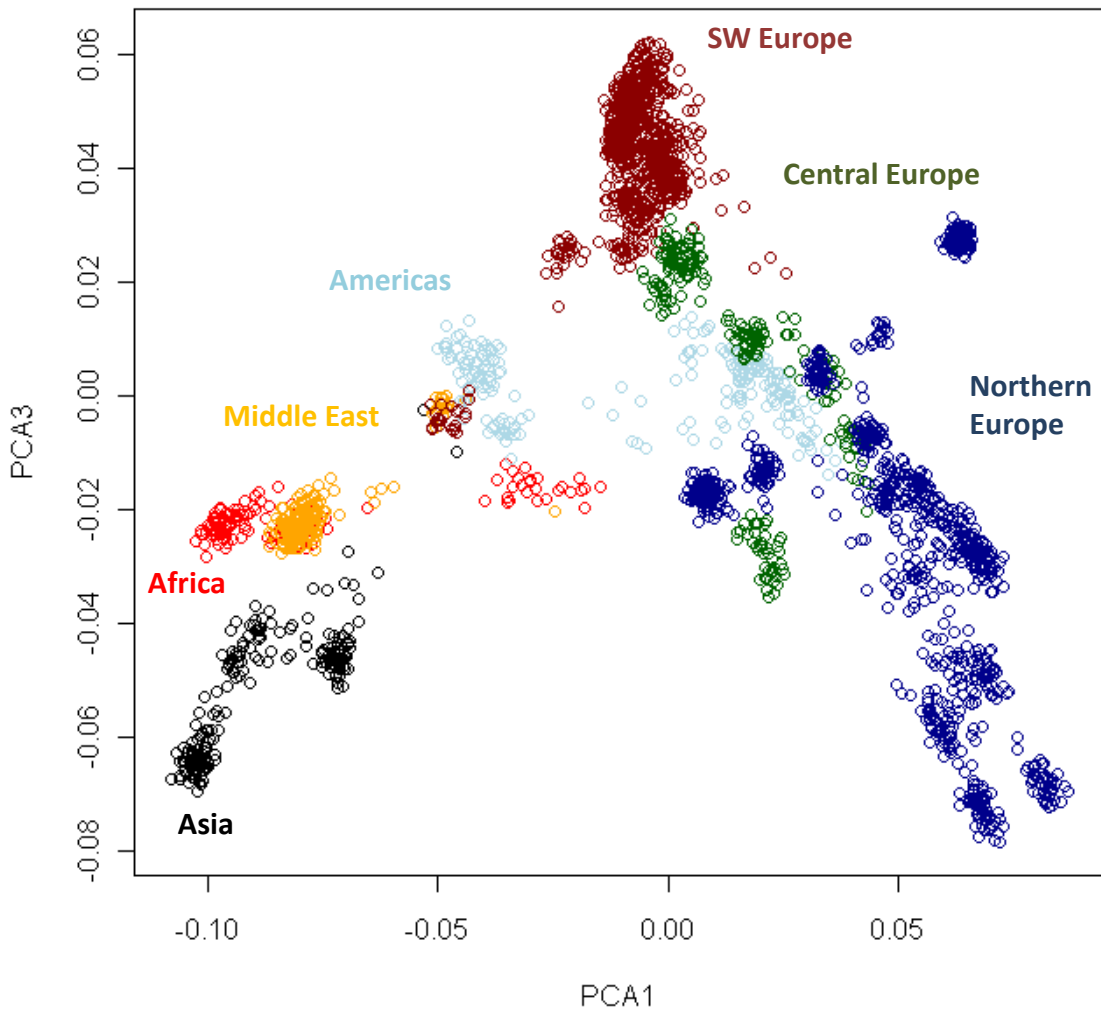
-74 breeds from Africa, Asia, Sth America, Nth America, Caribbean, Middle East, SW Europe, Central Europe, Northern Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

- selection of wild sheep (argali, urial, mouflon, bighorn, thinhorn)
- out group species (barbary, goat, thar, cattle..)

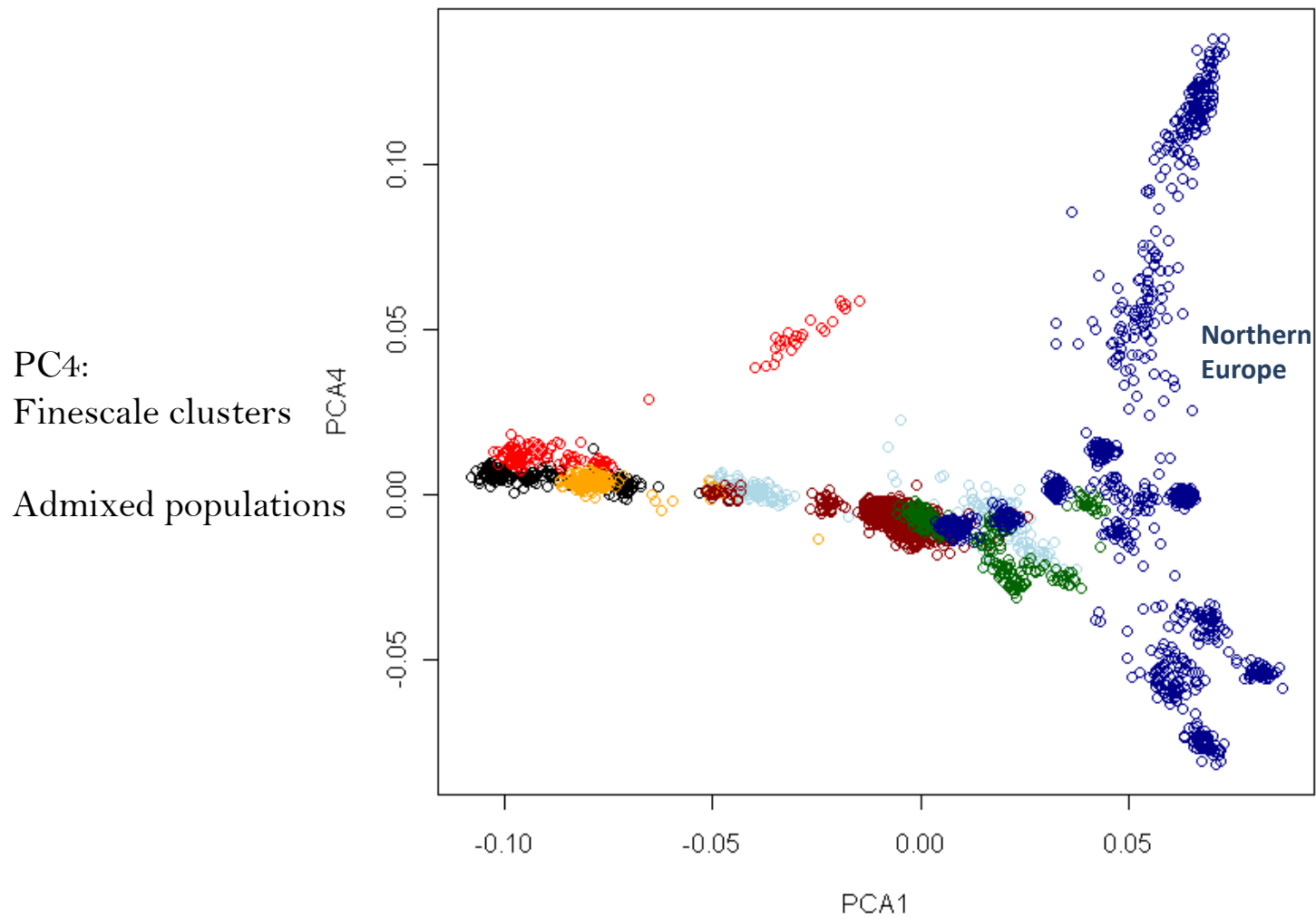
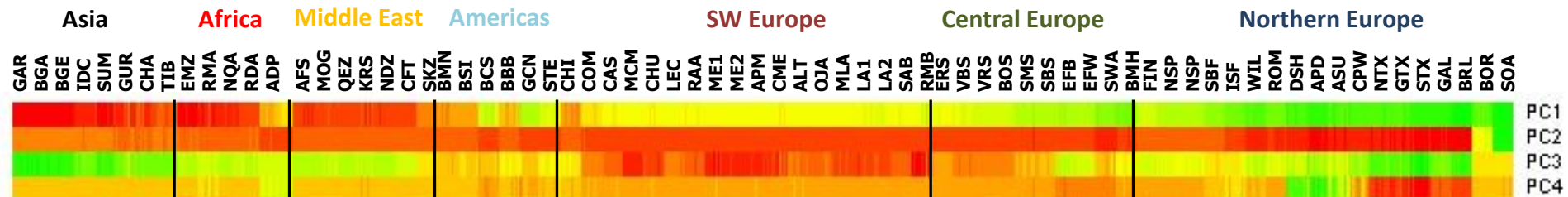
Lenstra and Kijas (workteam leaders for diversity)

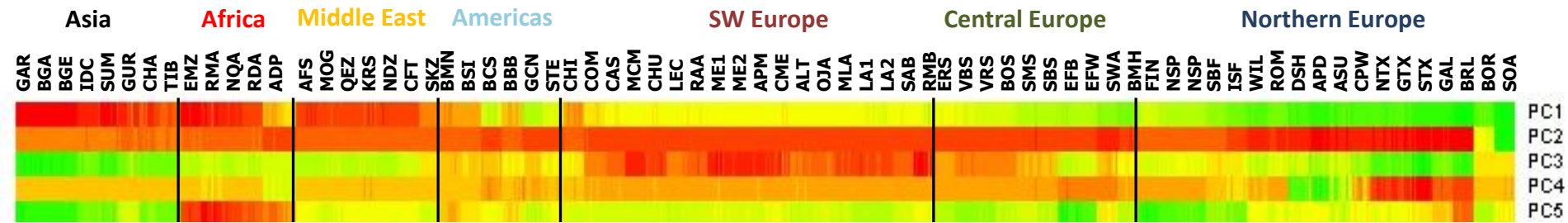
Porto Neto, Boitard, Paiva, San-Cristobal..



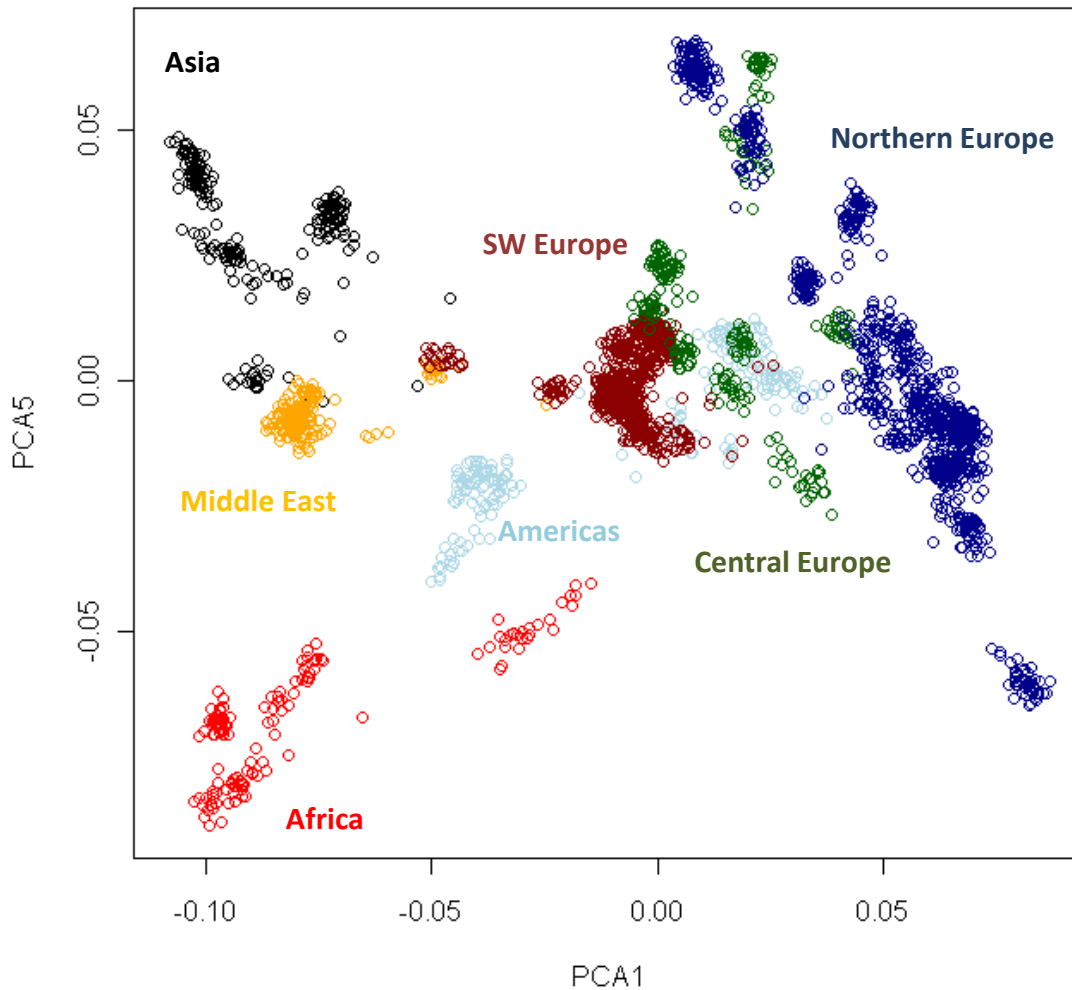


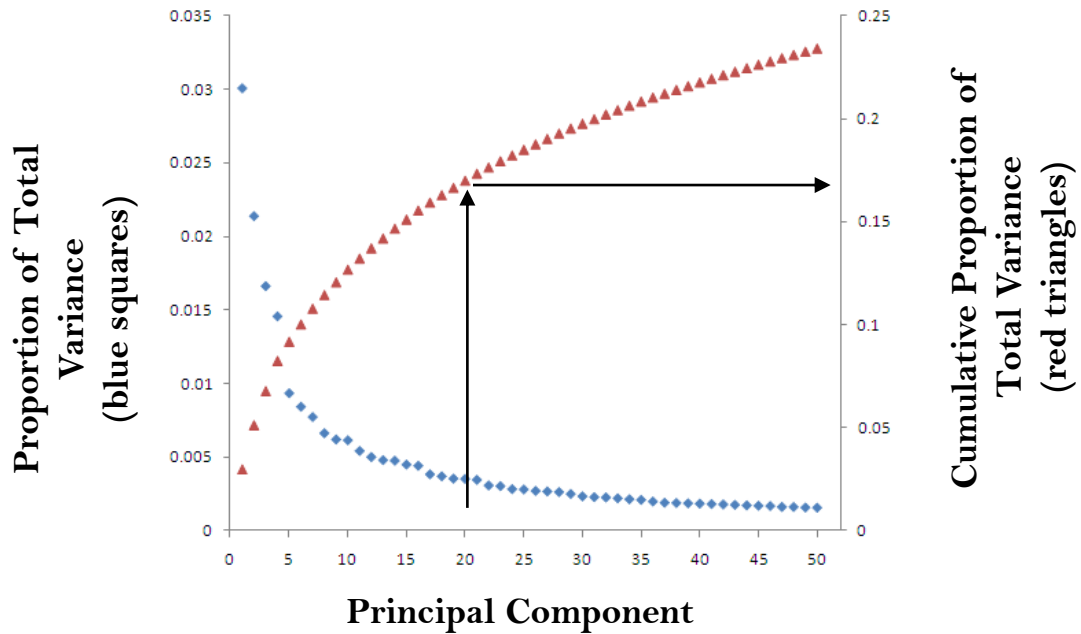
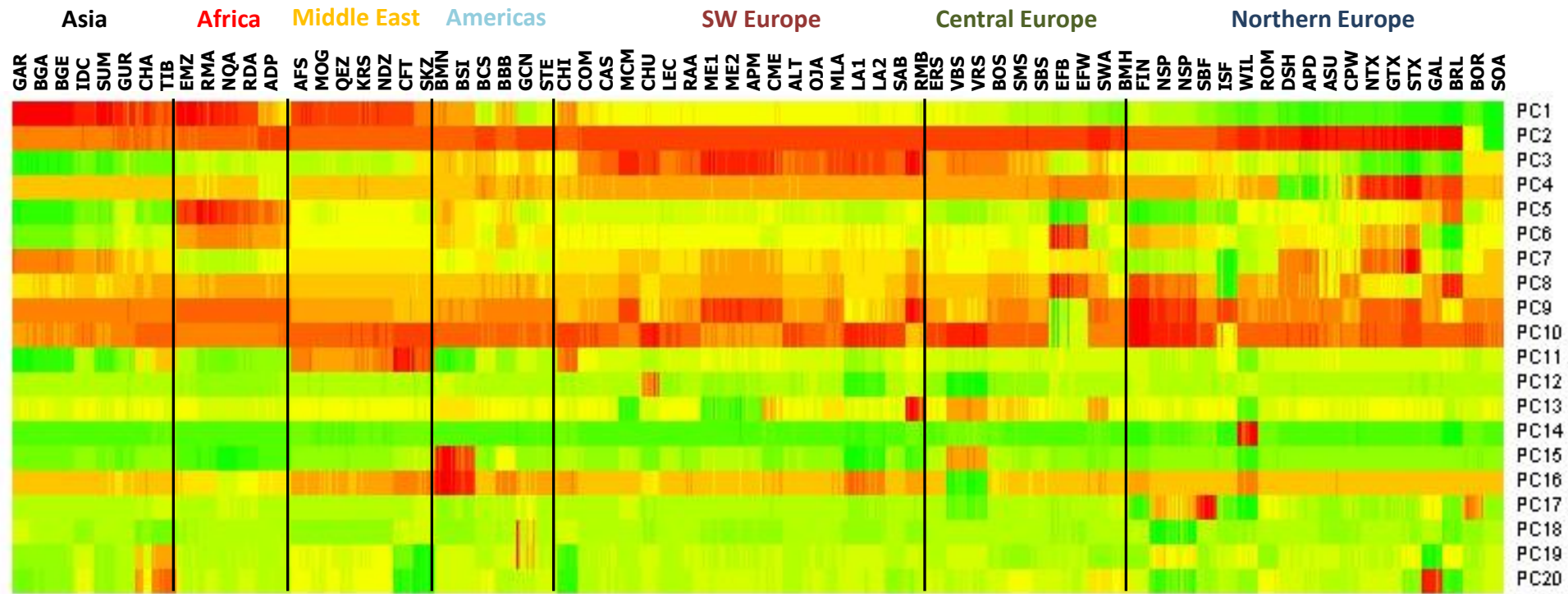
PC3:
Asian, African,
Middle Eastern
cluster out





PC5:
Strong
phylogeography



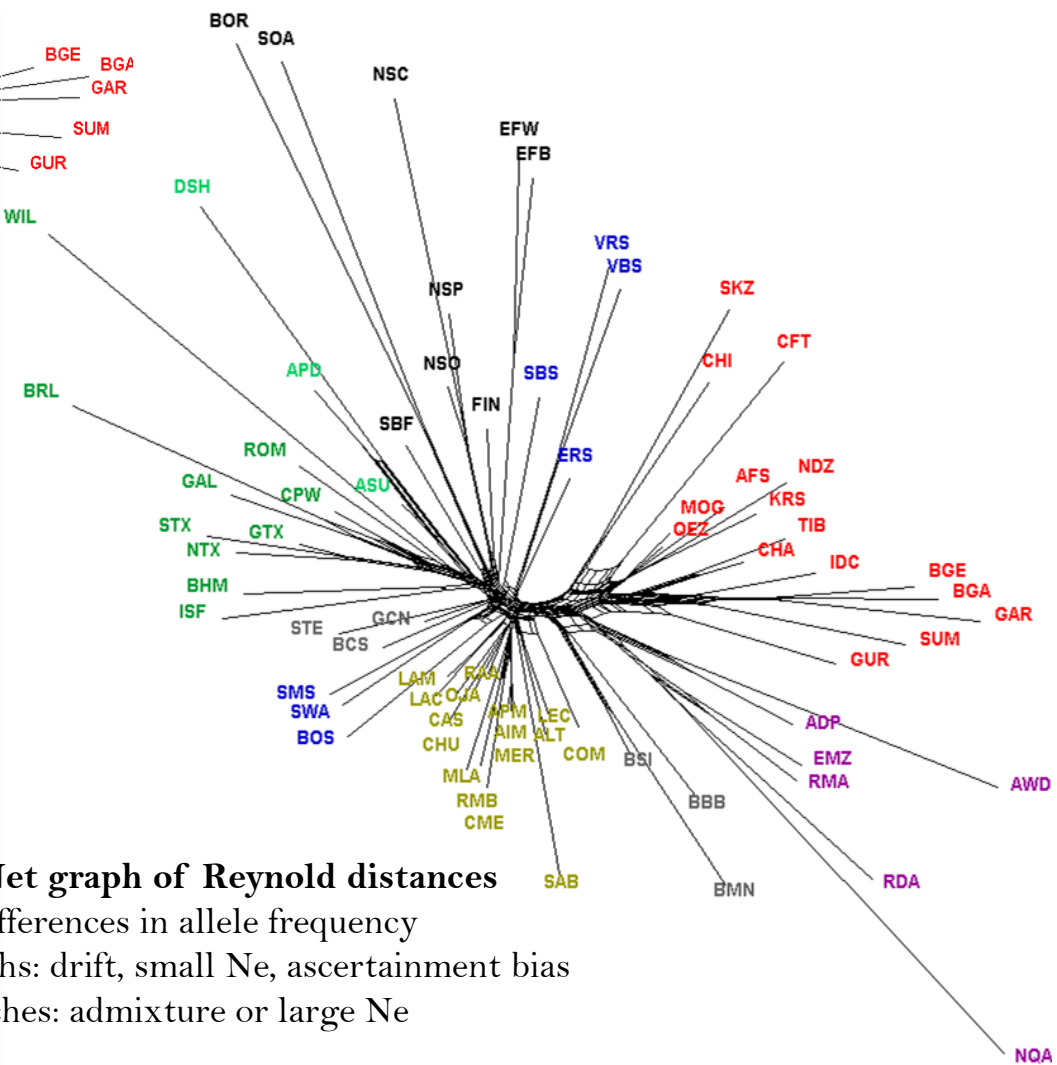
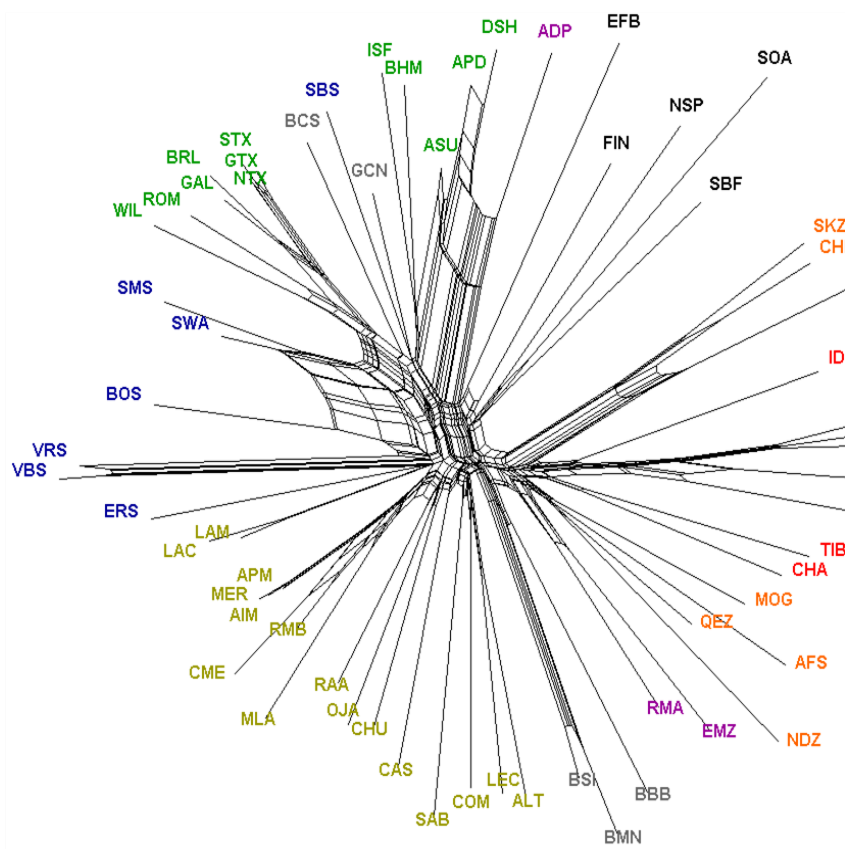


NeighborNet graph of LD distances

Based on haplotype sharing

Deeper reticulations

Branch lengths less susceptible to drift, Ne, bias



NeighborNet graph of Reynold distances

Based on differences in allele frequency

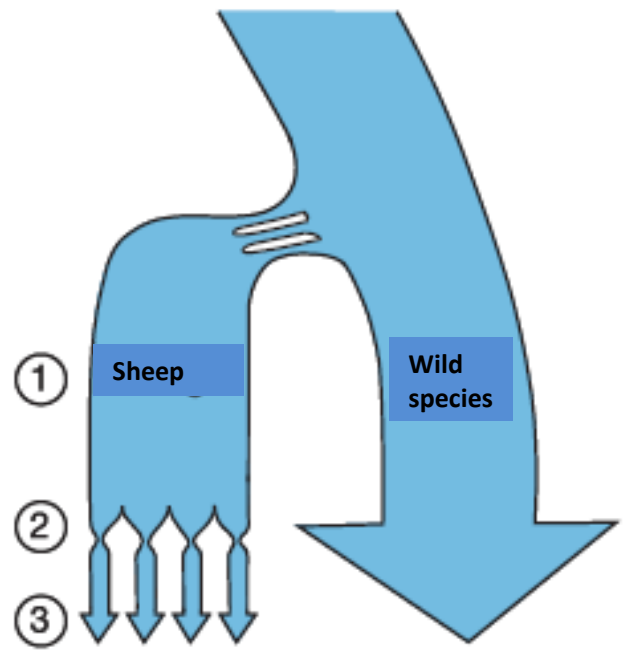
Long branches: drift, small Ne, ascertainment bias

Short branches: admixture or large Ne

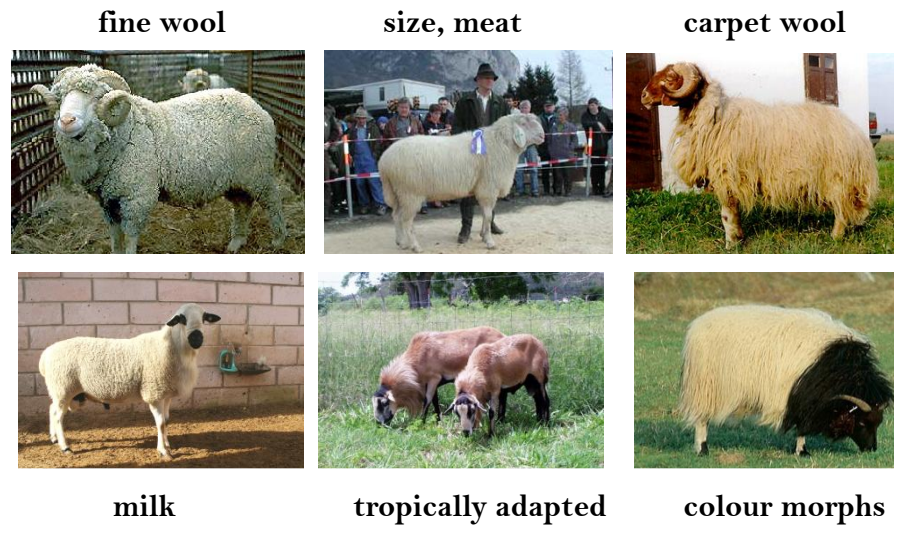
Lenstra

Genetic Diversity

- continuous gradient in genetic diversity
 - different from cattle, no evidence of *O. aries* subspecies
 - no clear signal of separate domestication events
 - additional mtDNA data required
- clear phylogeographic structure
 - mtDNA: not good at showing relatedness between breeds
 - 1536 SNP: detected high introgression, broad scale structure
 - 50K SNP: finescale structure
- identification of admixed populations
 - African Dorper, Gulf Coast Native, Merino derivatives

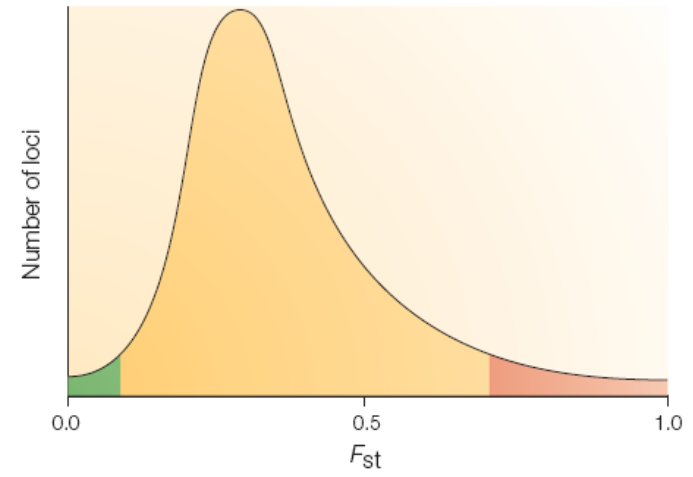


Selection



Distribution of F_{st}

F_{st} gives the degree of allele frequency difference



Neutral loci
Genome wide forces

Bottlenecks, drift,
Population diversity



Outlier loci
Locus specific forces

Selection following breed formation

Luikart, England, et al., 2003
Concept of "Population Genomics"

Barendse, Hayes and McEwan (workteam leaders)
Gill, Kijas, Porto Neto, Scheet, Raadsma

Case 1: Outlier Loci and the Detection of Selection

Growth differentiation factor 8 (*myostatin*)

- negative regulator of muscle mass
- naturally occurring *myostatin* mutants identified in various species
- located on sheep chromosome 2
- three distinct samplings of Texel in the experiment (German Texel, Scottish Texel and New Zealand Texel)
- Estimated population pairwise F_{st} between Texels and all others breeds for each of 49034 SNP. Looked for outliers.



Cattle: Belgian Blue

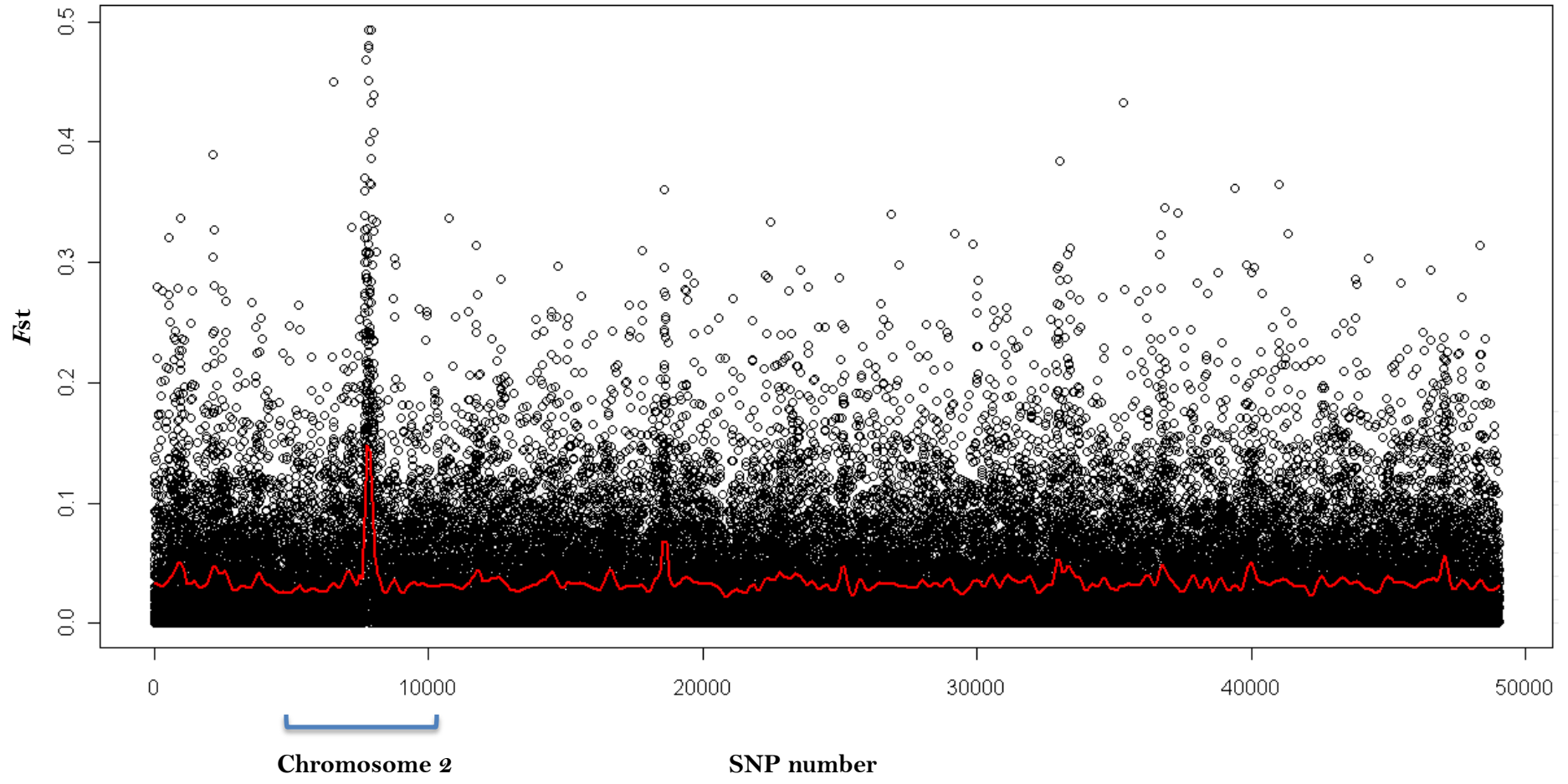


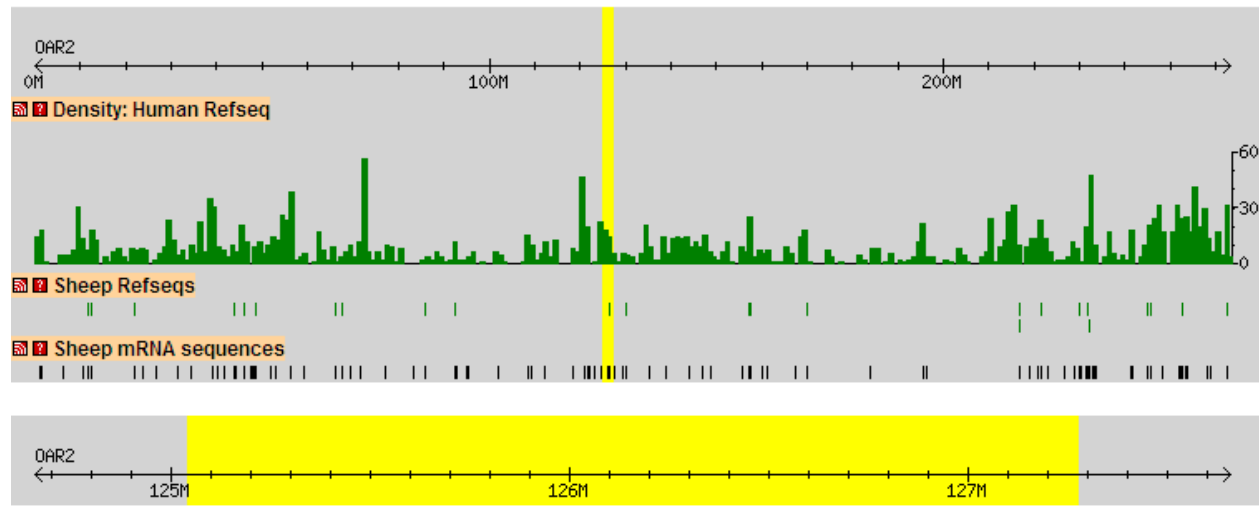
Dog: Whippet



Sheep: Texel
g+6723 G>A

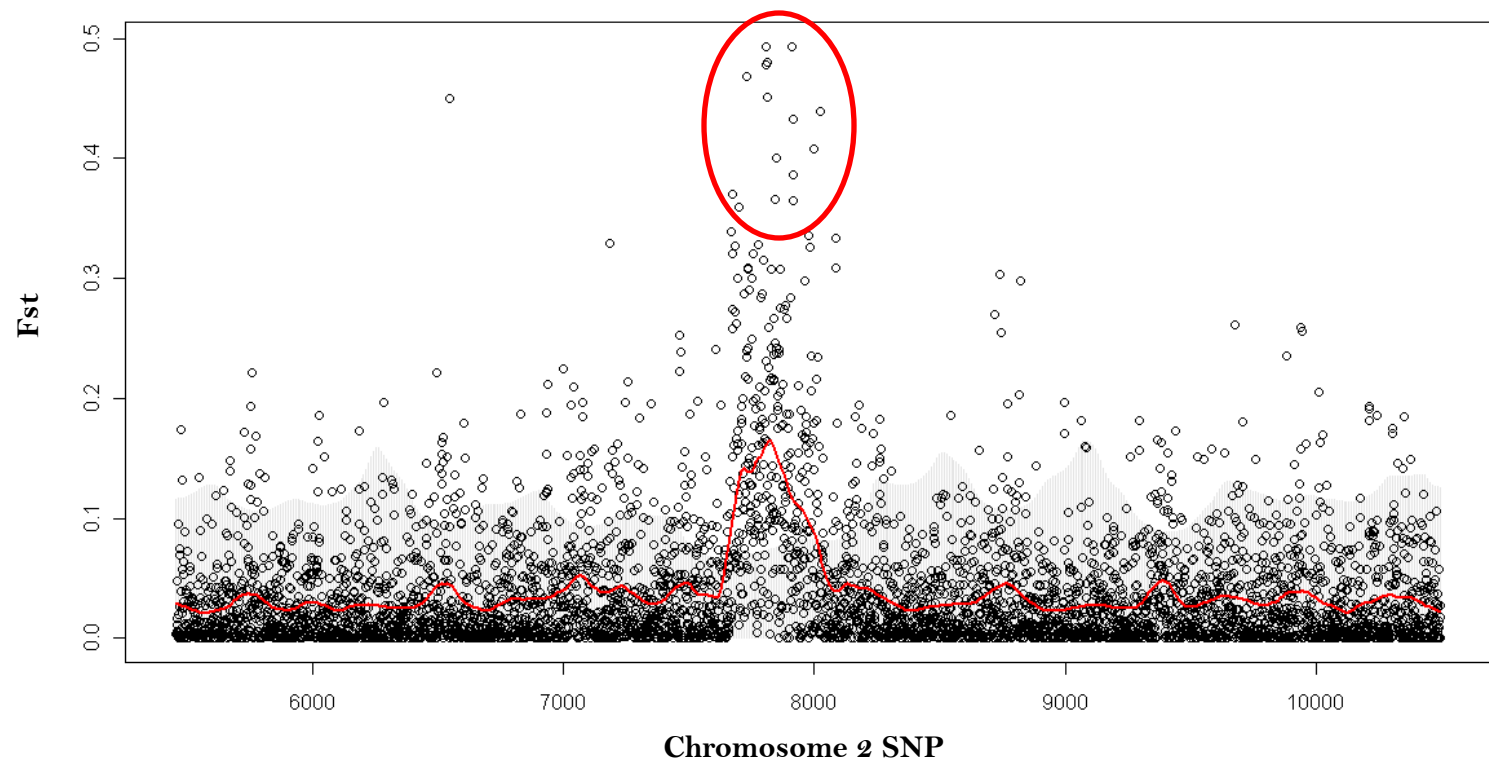
Genome Wide Scan for extreme F_{st} in Texel





2.2 Mb region
Sheep chr 2

15 human Refseqs
including *myostatin*



Case 1: Growth differentiation factor 8 (*myostatin*)

- primary signal was both strong and wide
 - haplotypes in affected breeds long and near fixation
 - selection pressure likely to be recent
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- outlier scan alone would not have been sufficient to incriminate the gene

Case 2:

The Horn Locus (*Ho*)

- wild sheep and many domestic breeds have horns
- selection for hornless (polled) breeds documented from 15th century
- many breeds polled, others mixed

- *Ho* mapped to sheep chromosome 10 (Montgomery *et al.*, 1996)
- ongoing positional cloning effort to identify the casual variant(s)

- Estimated population *Fst* between:
 - group containing three European derived horned breeds
 - group containing eight European derived polled breeds



Mouflon



Australian Merino



Gulf Coast Native



Black Welsh

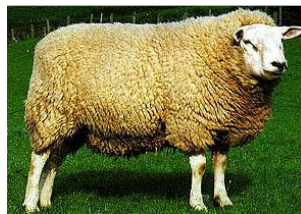
White Suffolk



Romney



Texel



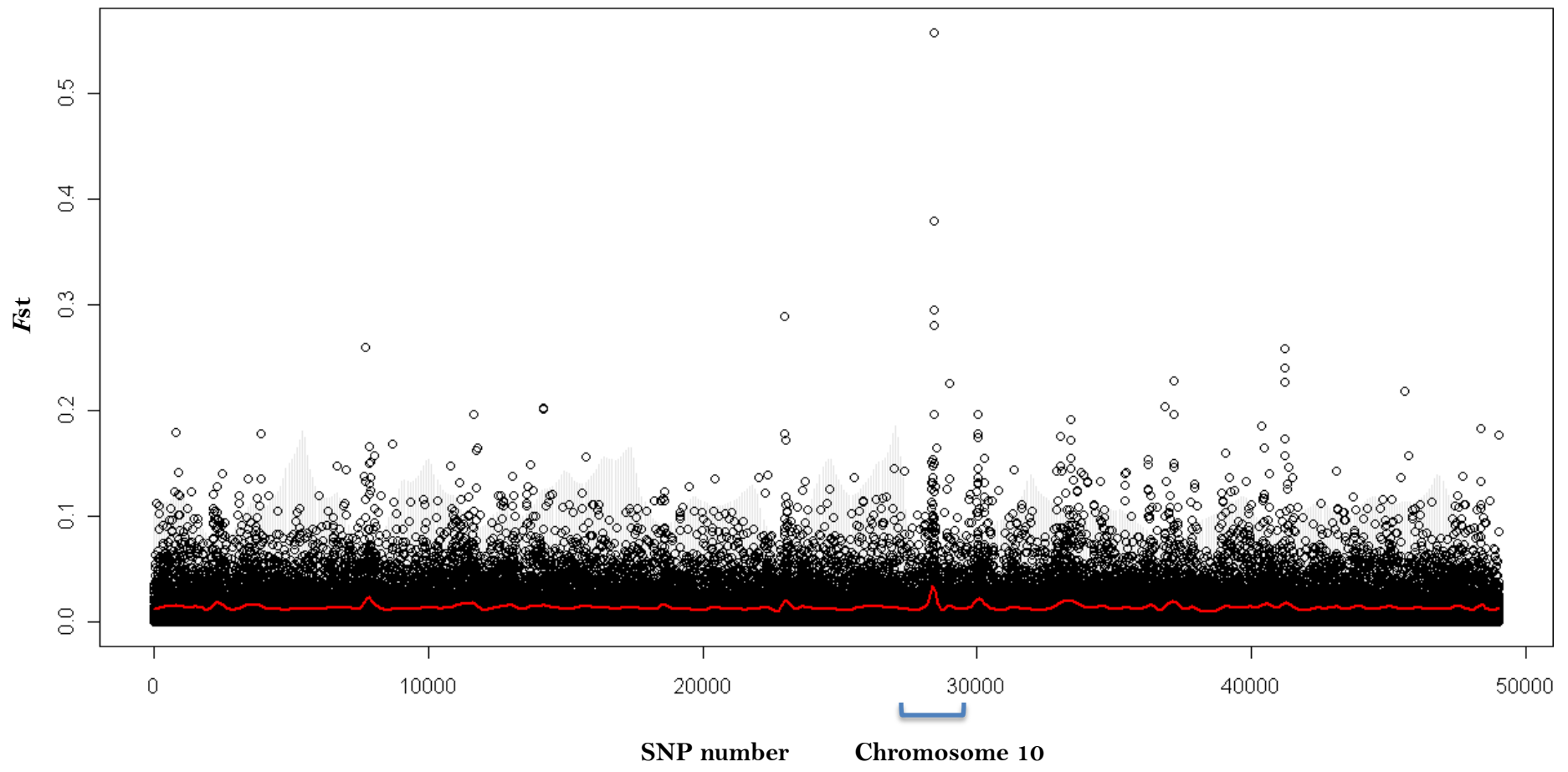
Poll Merino

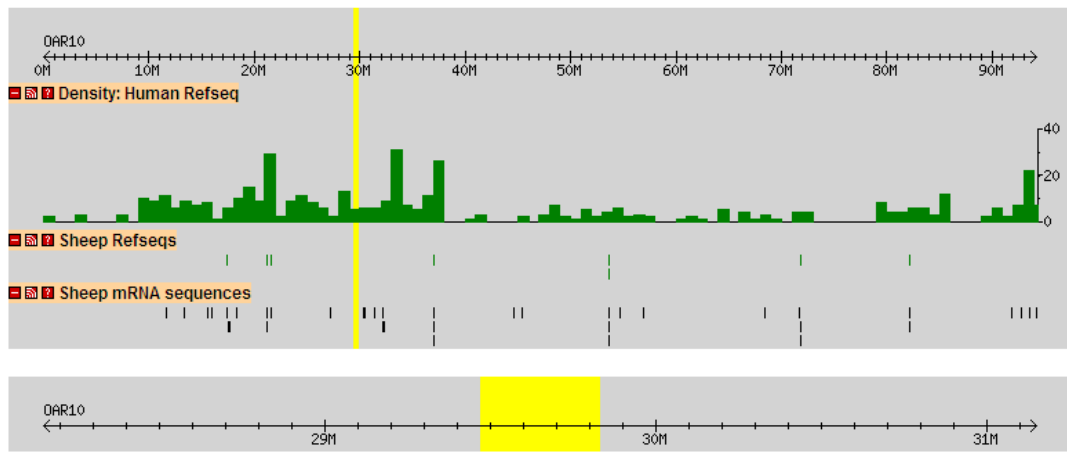


Australian Poll Dorset



Genome Wide Scan for extreme *Fst* in *Polled* animals

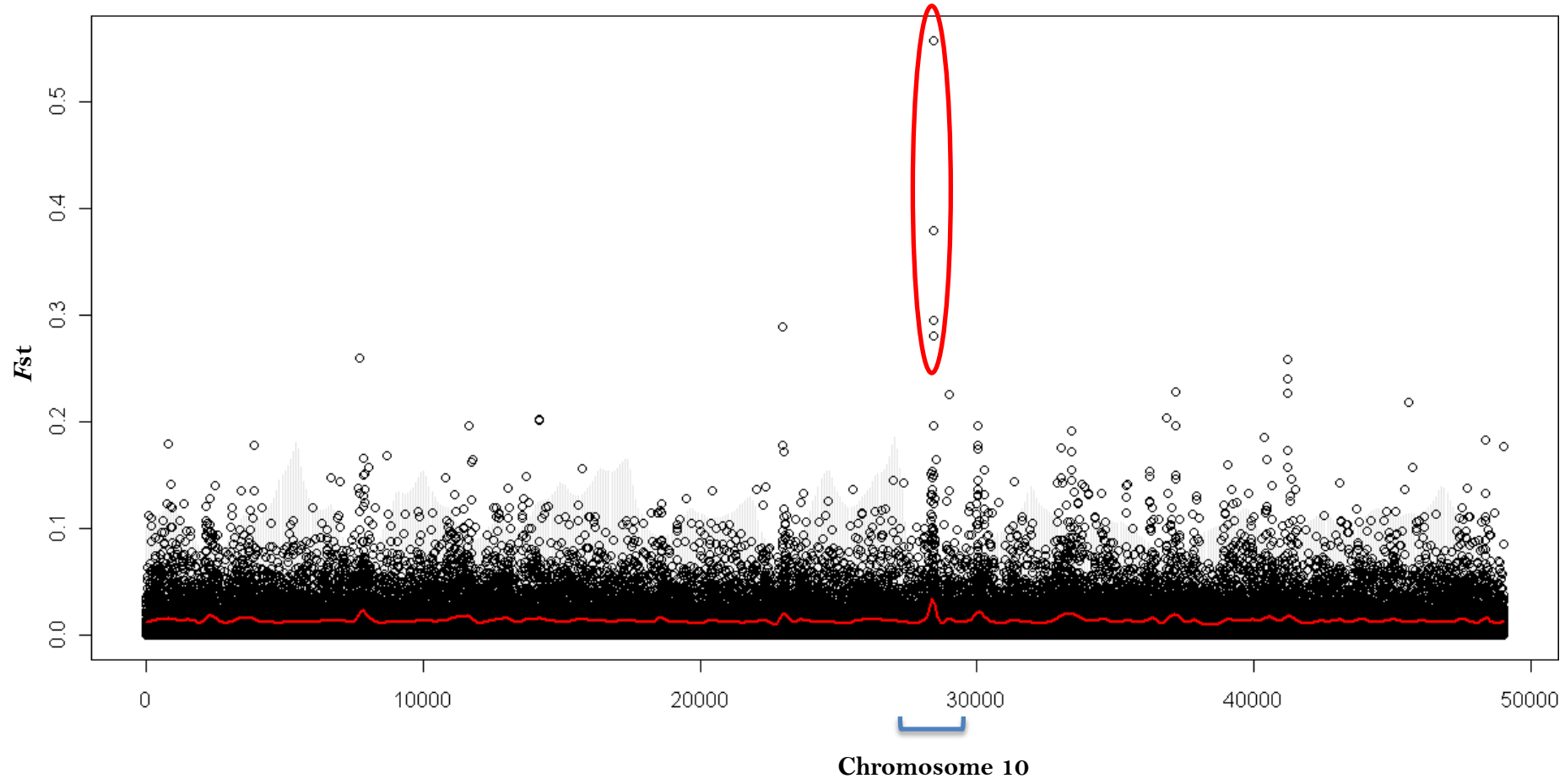




350 kB region
Sheep chr 10

1 gene within the interval

gene known to cause *Poll*
(McErwan et al., unpublished)



Ovine SNP50 BeadChip SNPs (Sheep)

OAR10_29654158.1

OAR10_29546872.1

OAR10_29469450.1

OAR10_29389966_X.1

OAR10_293129

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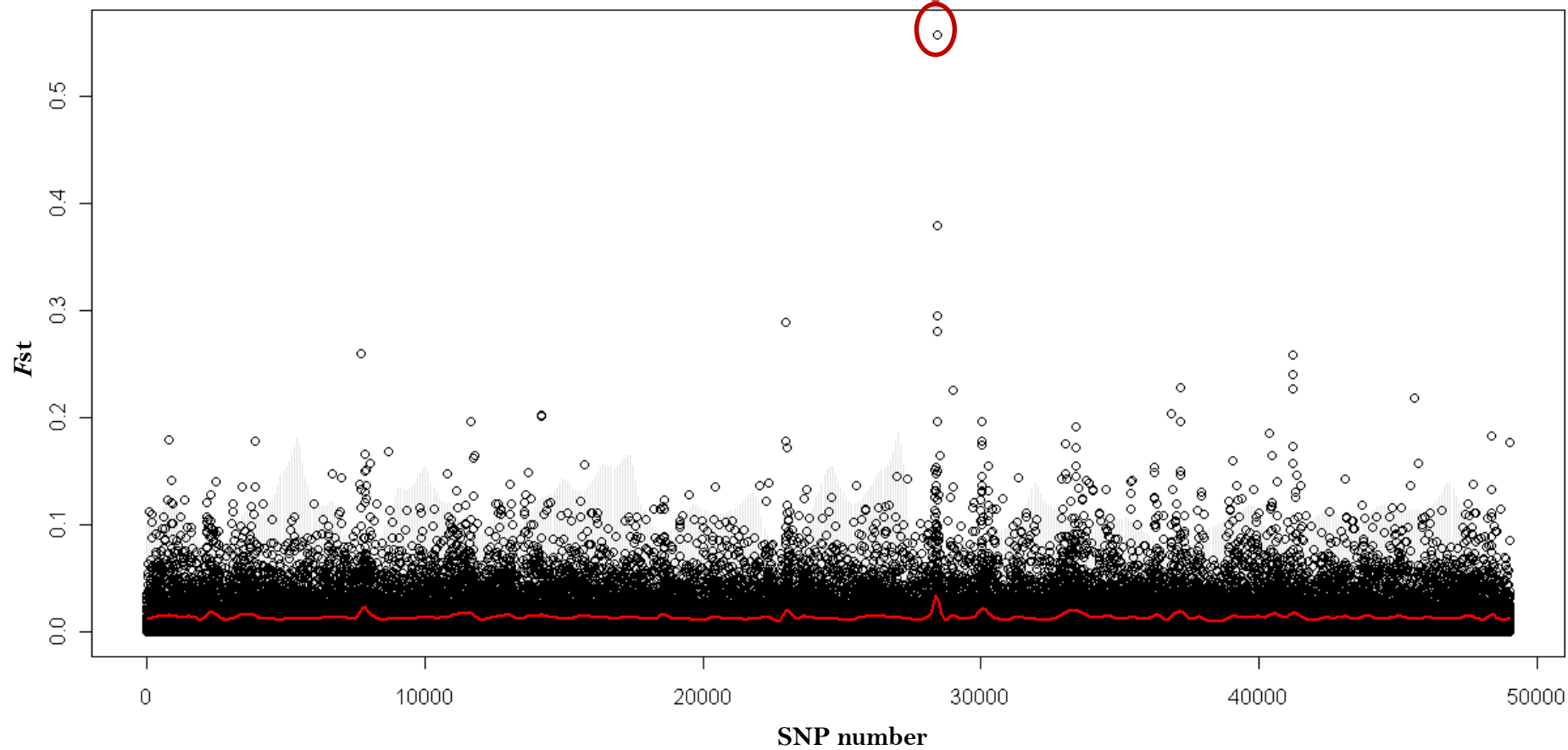
OAR10_29381795.1

OAR10_29341212.1

OAR10_29511510.1

Refseqs (Human)

NM_130806



Case 2: The Horn Locus (*Ho*)

- primary signal narrow
- multiple breeds
- likely reflects an older mutation under selection for longer compared to case 1
- outlier scan alone took us directly to the causal gene

Additional Traits under investigation

- resistance to intestinal parasites
- meat versus milk production
- thin versus fat tail sheep
- wool type
- pigmentation



Additional Approaches

- iHS
- ROH
- breed specific F_{st}
- browser for genome wide comparison of metrics

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Summary of SNP Pruning

Total SNP

59,454

- 5,322 failed the manufacture process

- 5,098 pruned during QC using HapMap animals

Filter	Criteria	SNP	Overlap Between SNP Sets				
			1	2	3	4	5
1	< 0.99 Call Rate	3612		3244 (89%)	433 (12%)	62 (2%)	4 (<1%)
2	Assay Abnormality	4101	3244 (79%)		433 (10%)	114 (3%)	4 (<1%)
3	MAF < 0.01	1165	433 (37%)	433 (37%)		0	0
4	Discordant Genotypes	125	62 (50%)	114 (91%)	0		0
5	Inheritance Problems	11	4 (37%)	4 (37%)	0	0	
All	Any filter	5098					

Total SNP remaining

49,034

Distribution of Pn within 74 Breeds

