

Using additional SNPs selected from **whole genome sequence (WGS)** data for genomic prediction in Danish Jersey

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Introductio n

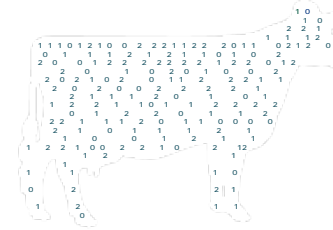
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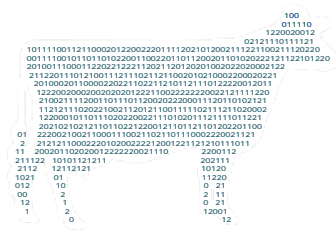
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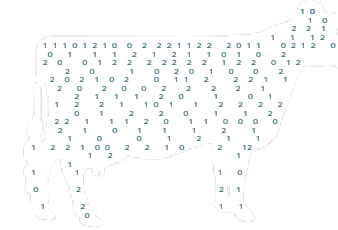
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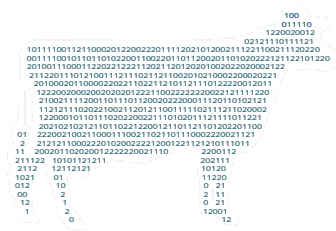
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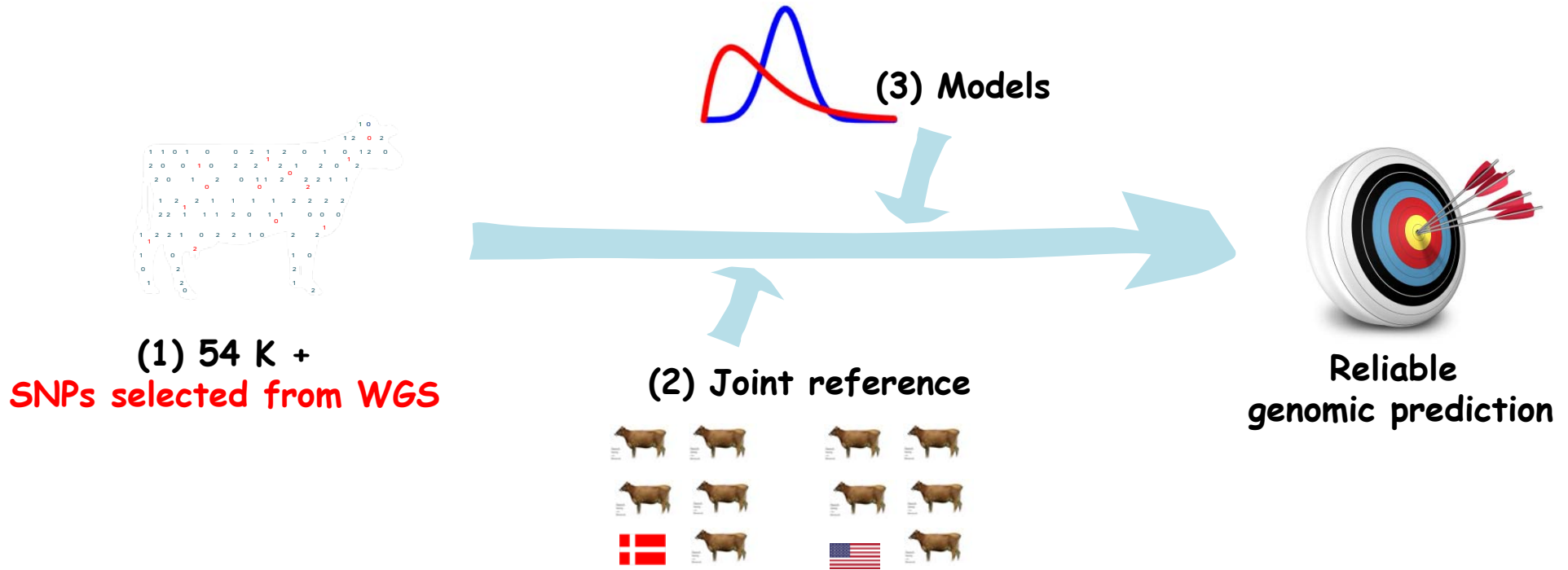
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Real data: HD \approx 54K (Su et al., 2012) & Imputed WGS \approx HD (Van Binsbergen et al., 2015)

➤ Only causative mutations or variants very close to causative mutations can improve reliability

(van den Berg et al., 2016)

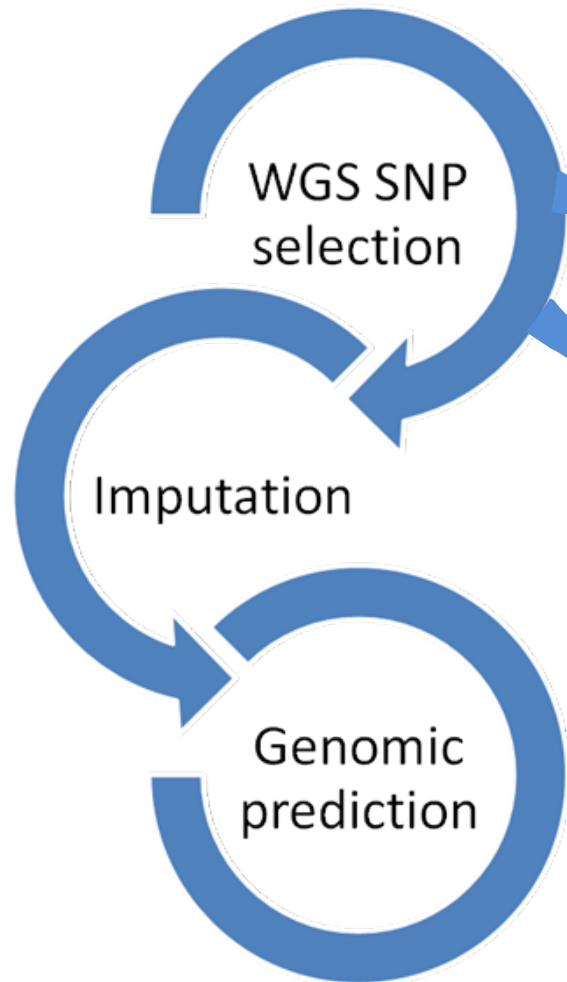
➤ non-causative mutations bring noise



- Investigate effects of additional WGS SNPs on genomic prediction
- Effects of using additional WGS SNPs in a joint reference
- Assessed models on their efficiency to use information of additional WGS SNPs

Material and methods

*Experience from large scale use of the **EuroGenomics custom SNP chip in cattle** (Boichard et al., WCGALP, 2018)*



NOR SNPs (Brondum et al., 2015)

- peaks of QTL from Nordic Holsteins, Nordic Red and Danish Jersey

FR SNPs

- literature
- a strong variant effect predictor annotation (e.g. non-synonymous substitution)
- regulatory regions of genes
- peaks of QTL
- breakpoints of structural SNPs

Imputation



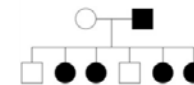
Animal

- DK bulls: ~1,300
- US bulls: ~1,200
- DK cows: ~31,000

Genotype



- 54K chip
- standard LD chip
- customized LD chip
 - standard LD chip
 - NOR SNPs
 - FRA SNP



Pedigree

- 6,100 males
- 66,000 females

Two-step imputation
(Fimpute)

(1)

54K

(2)

54K

+ NOR SNPs + FRA SNPs

Quality control

- Minor allele frequency > 0.01
- Imputation accuracy
 - correlation > 0.8
 - concordance rate > 0.8

SNPs	No. of SNPs	
	before	after
54K	40,452	33,166
NOR SNPs	1,754	1,270
FRA SNPs	4,325	2,427

➤ One-component model

$$y = \mathbf{1}\mu + X\mathbf{g} + e$$



54K/ 54K+selected WGS SNPs

Scenarios	Component_One
54K	54K
54K_NOR	54K+NOR
54K_FRA	54K+FRA
54K_NOR_FRA	54K+NOR+FRA

➤ Two-component model

$$y = \mathbf{1}\mu + X_{54K}\mathbf{g}_{54K} + X_{WGS}\mathbf{g}_{WGS} + e$$



54K





Selected WGS SNPs

Scenarios	Component_One	Component_Two
54K_NOR	54K	NOR
54K_FRA	54K	FRA
54K_NOR_FRA	54K	NOR+FRA

➤ Reference

■  **DK:** ~1,000 DK bulls born before 2005

■   **Joint DK-US:** ~1,000 DK bulls born before 2005
~1,200 US bulls

➤ Validation

■  ~300 DK bulls born after 2005

Compare reliabilities from different models/ scenarios:

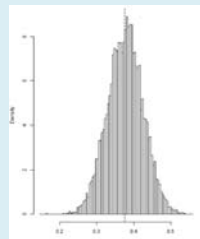
➤ **SE of reliability:**

Non-parametric Bootstrap with 10,000 samples

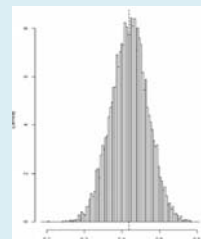
➤ **Significant test**

Two-tailed paired t-test with p-value = 0.05

10,000 bootstrap samples of reliabilities



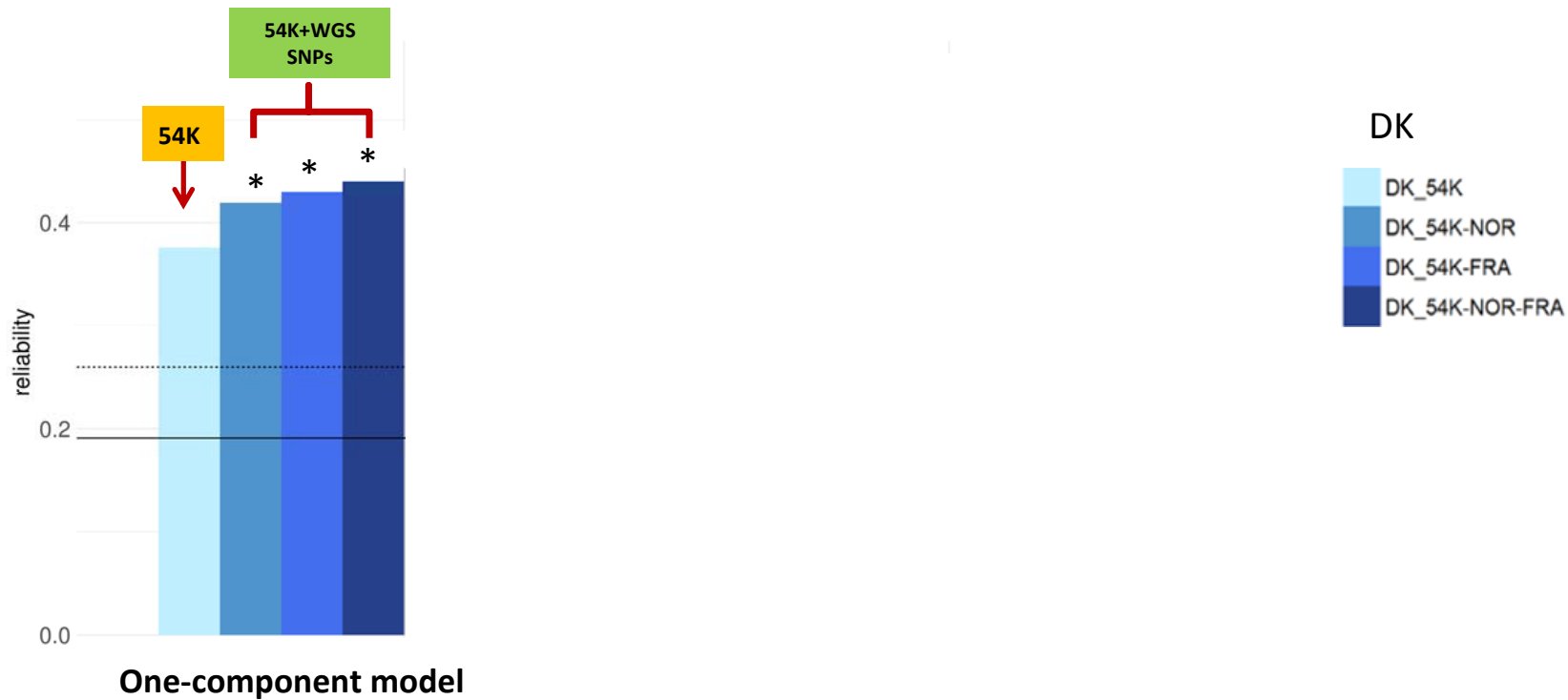
Scenario 1



Scenario 2

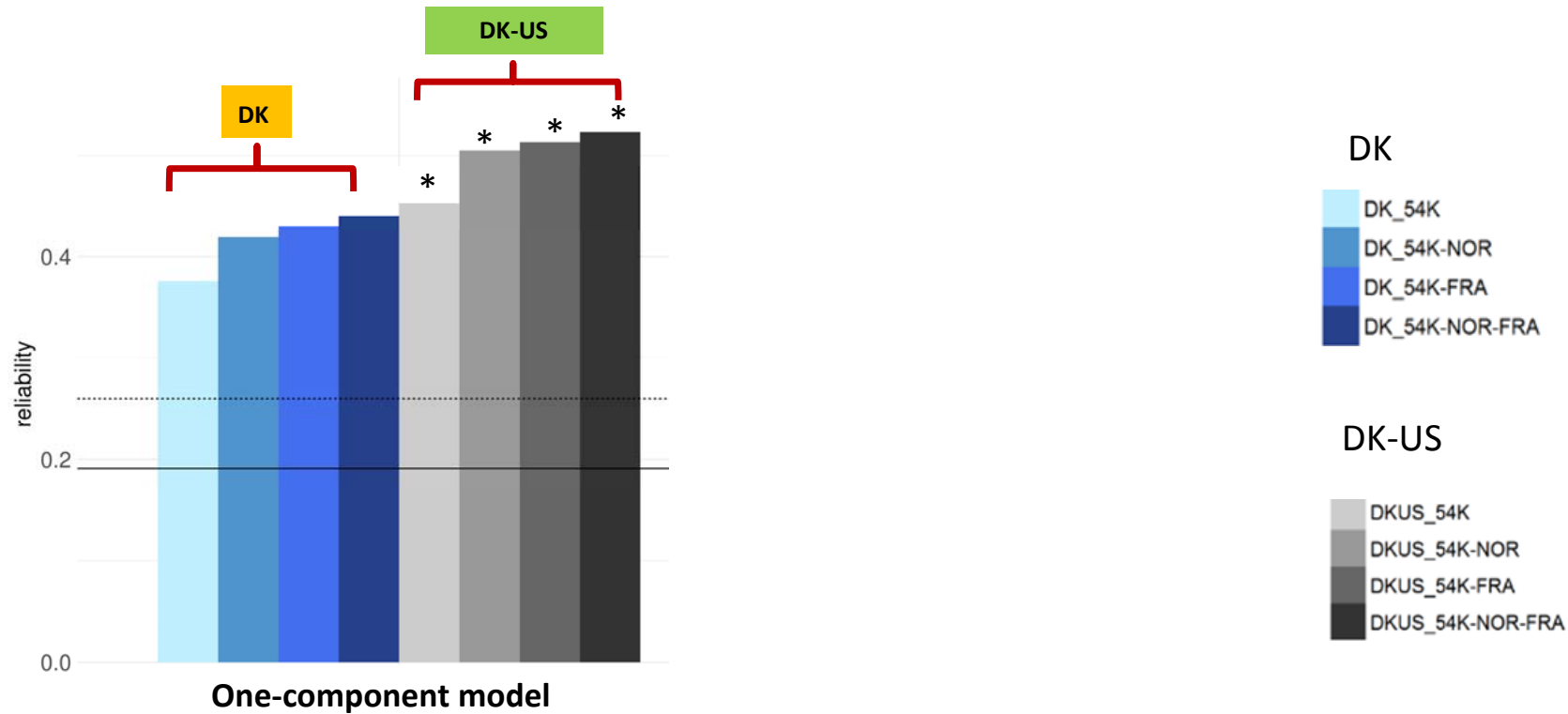
Results and discussion

Results-Reliability of milk



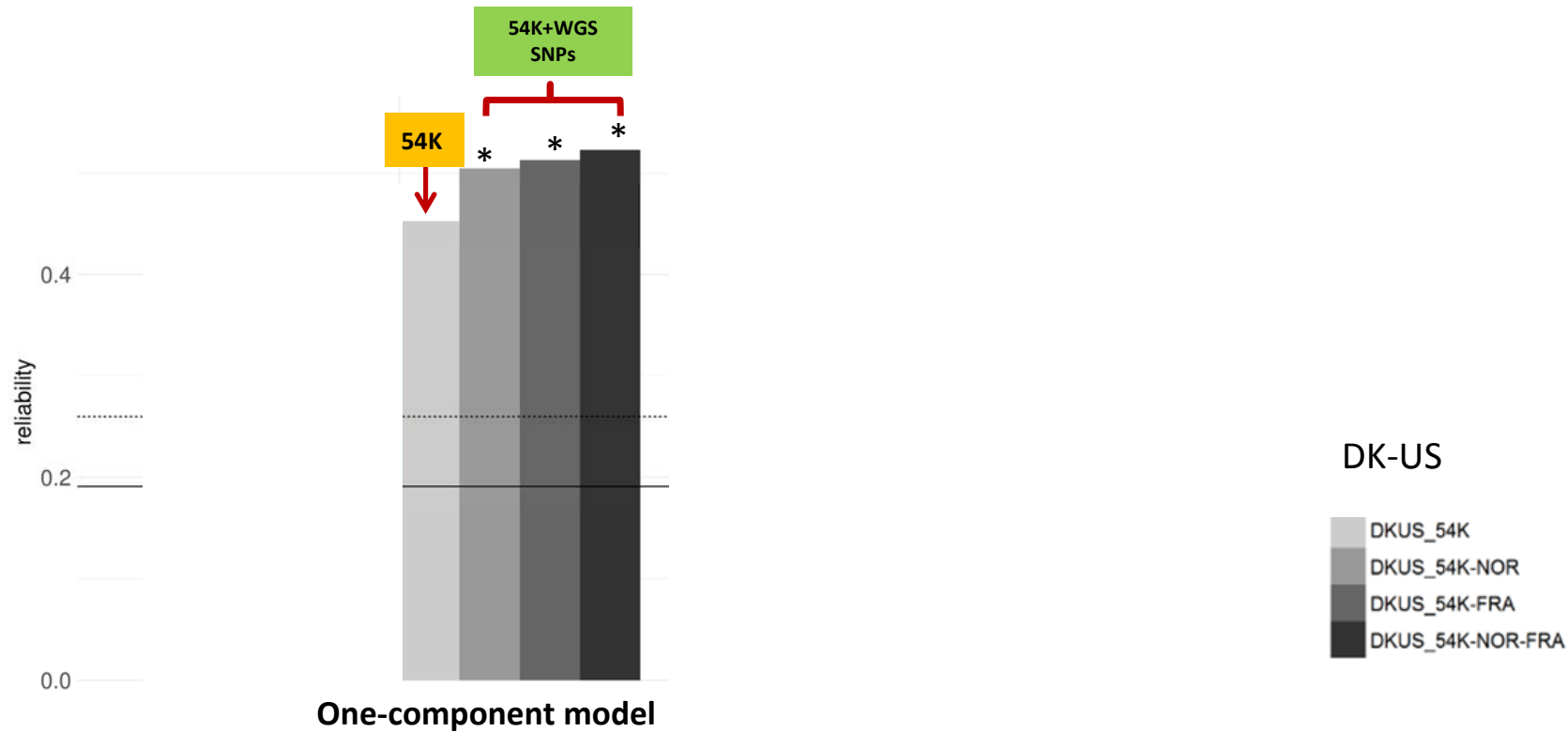
- Inclusion of additional WGS SNPs significantly improved reliability (11.4-17.0%)
- Inclusion of all additional WGS SNPs achieved highest reliabilities

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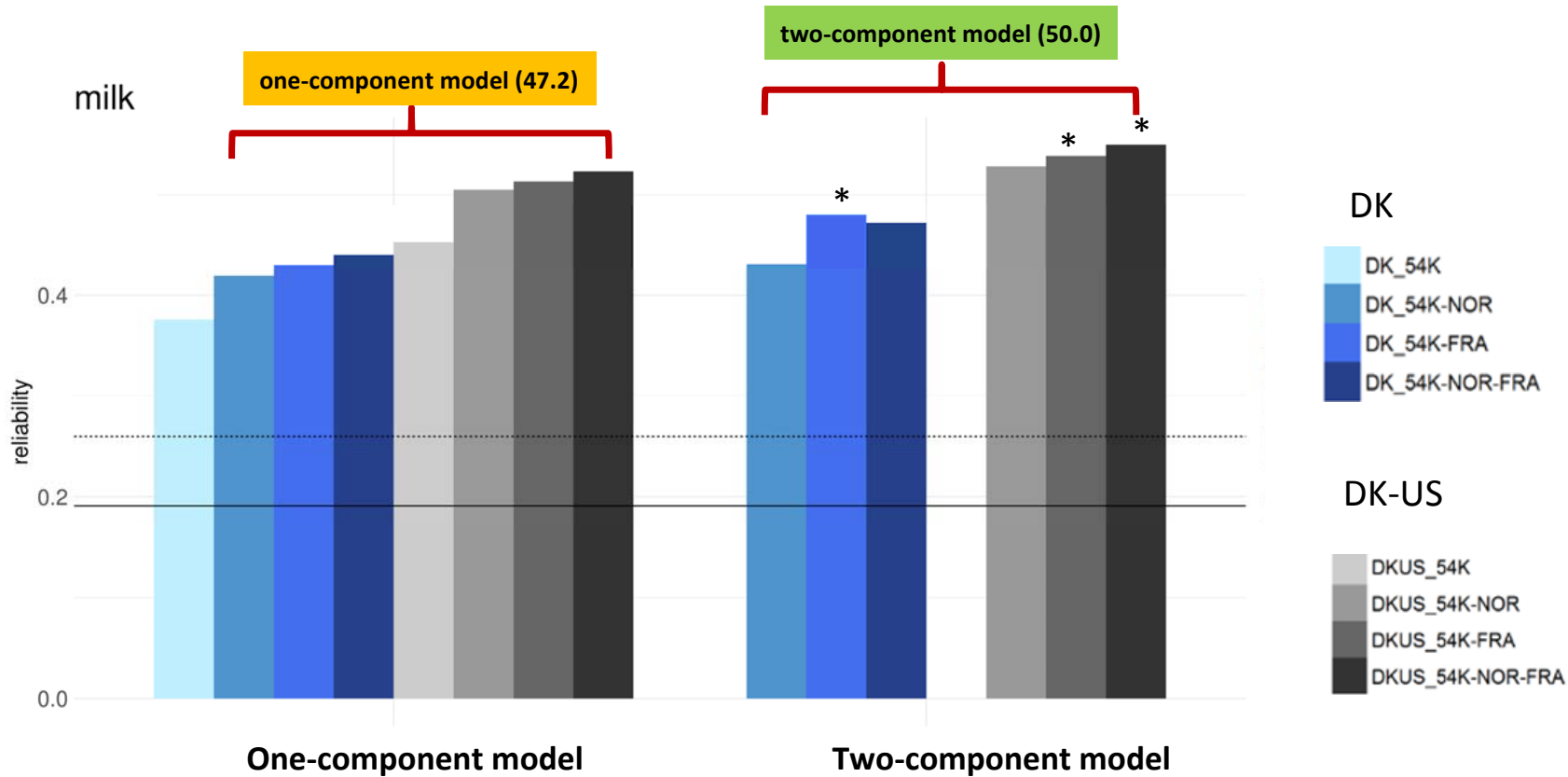
- A joint DK-US reference significant better than a DK reference (20%)

Results-Reliability of milk



- Additional WGS SNPs improved reliabilities of a joint reference (11.5-13.6%)

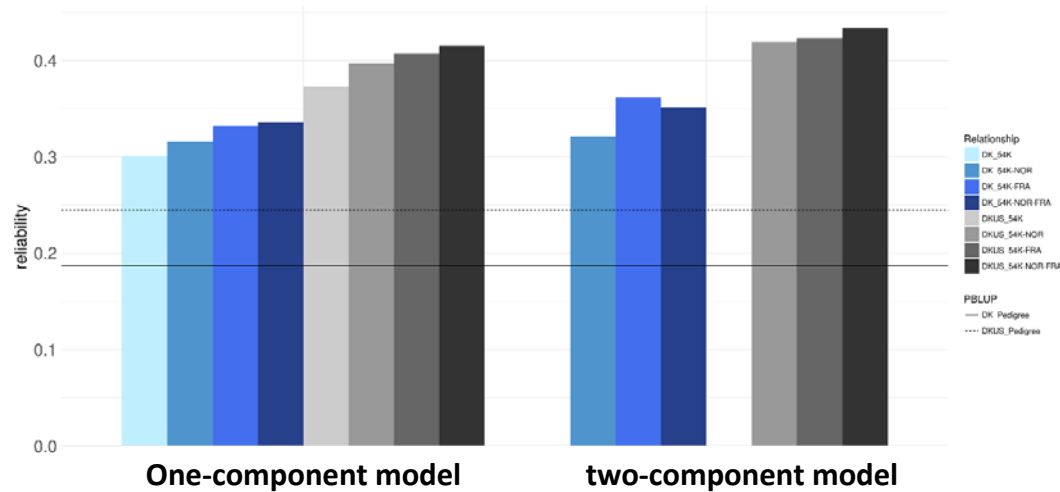
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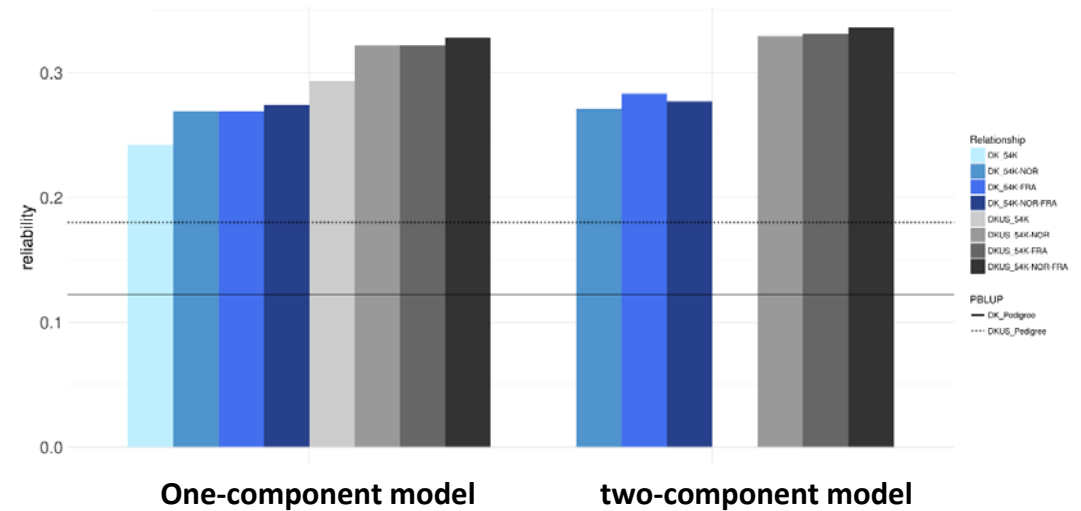
➤ A two-component model improved reliabilities (4.8%)

Results-Reliability of protein & fat

Protein



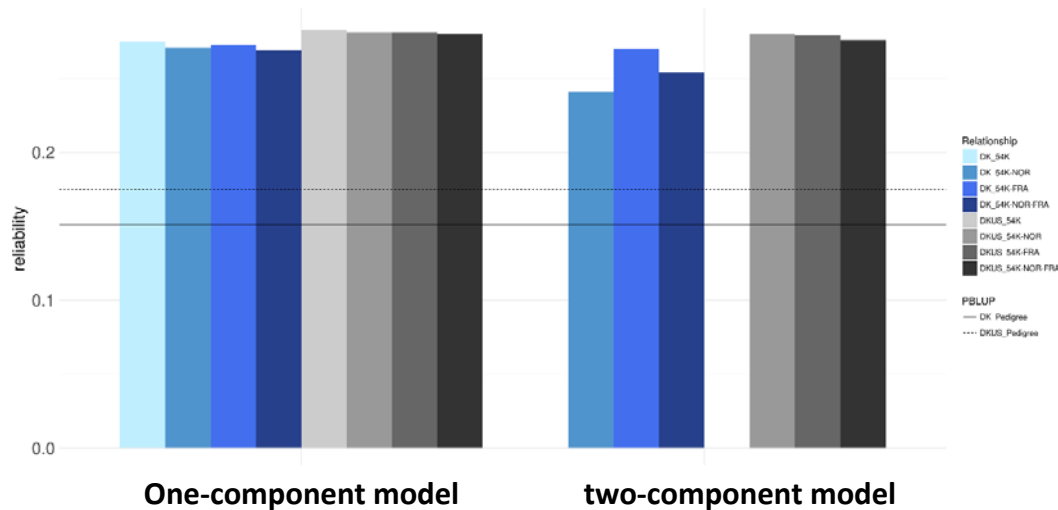
Fat



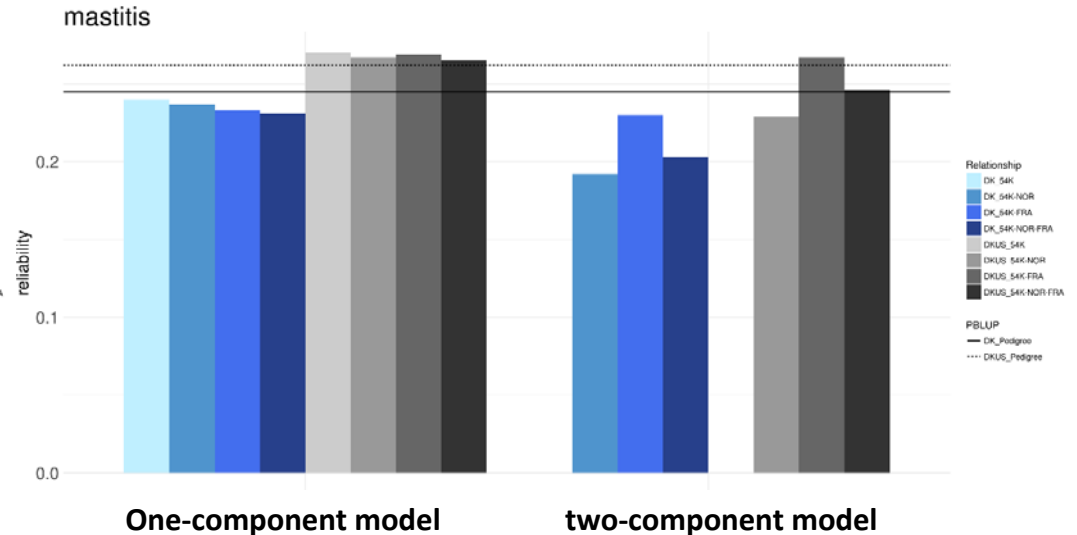
➤ Similar to milk

Results-Reliability of fertility & mastitis

Fertility

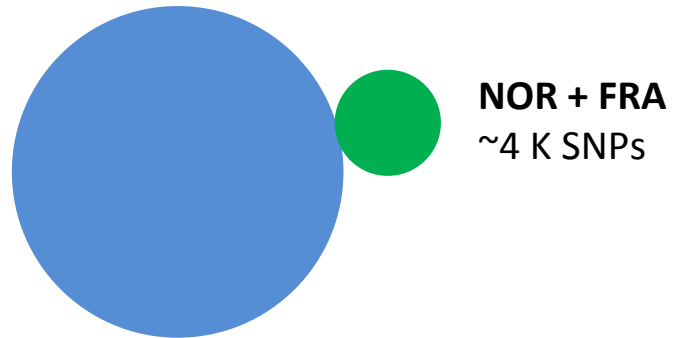


Mastitis



➤ No significant difference between 54K and 54K + selected WGS SNPs

Dose the improvement of reliabilities come from increase of SNP density ?



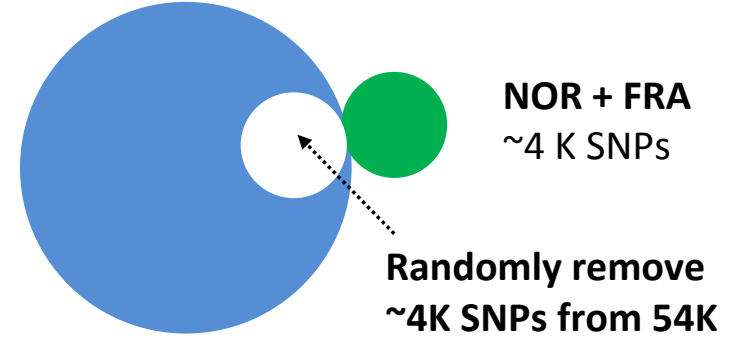
NOR + FRA
~4 K SNPs

54K

~33 K SNPs

✓ **54K + NOR + FRA**

VS.



NOR + FRA
~4 K SNPs

Randomly remove
~4K SNPs from 54K

54K

~33 K SNPs

✓ **54Kminus + NOR + FRA**

No. of SNPs is equal to 54K chip!

Reliability (54Kminus + NOR + FRA) – Reliability (54K + NOR + FRA)

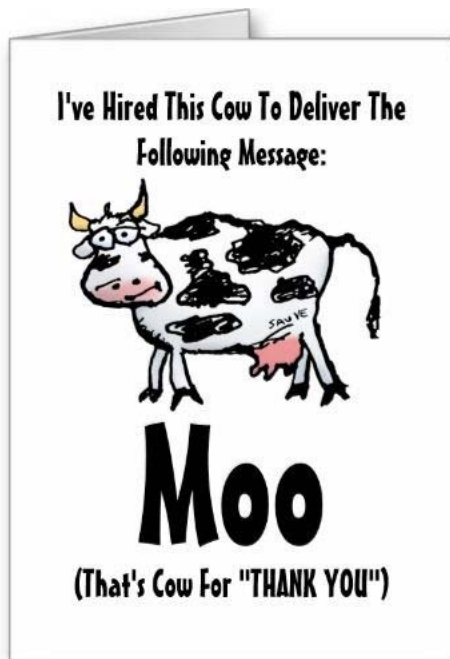
Trait	Reference	One-component	Two-Component
Milk	DK	0.003	0.002
	DKUS	0	-0.001
Protein	DK	0.001	0.001
	DKUS	-0.002	-0.003
Fat	DK	0.002	0
	DKUS	-0.001	-0.003

- **No difference between 54K + NOR + FRA and 54Kminus + NOR + FRA**
- **Improvement of reliabilities using additional WGS SNPs not from increase of SNP density**

Conclusion

- Additional WGS SNPs improved reliabilities for milk production, not for fertility and mastitis
- The inclusion of all additional WGS SNPs achieved highest reliabilities
- A joint DK-US reference better than a DK reference for all traits
- Additional WGS SNPs further improved reliabilities of a joint DK-US reference
- A two-component model improved reliabilities for milk production

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Imputation accuracy

➤ Correlation = COR (TRUE, IMPUTED)

➤ Concordance rate = $\frac{\text{No. of animals with correctly imputed genotypes}}{\text{No. of animals with imputed genotypes}}$

Non-parametric Bootstrap

- 1) Read data of 269 bulls in validation population
- 2) Randomly sample 269 rows with replacement
- 3) Calculate R2 for SCE1 and SCE2 for each bootstrap sample
- 4) Repeat this process 10,000 times
- 5) Differences between reliabilities among scenarios : CI and paired t-test

A general method for determining the SE of any estimator

1)

ID	DRP	R2_DRP	SCE1	SCE2
1	104.1	99	1.92	-7.13
2	88.9	93	-1.38	-11.89
...
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2)

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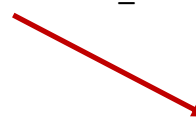
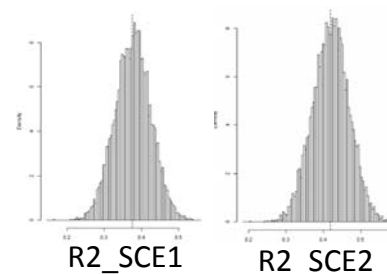
4)

Round	R2_SCE1	R2_DRP
1	0.38	0.42
...
10,000	0.39	0.41



3)

Round	R2_SCE1	R2_DRP
1	0.38	0.42



5) Two-tailed paired t-test with $df=10,000-1$

$$= \frac{\text{mean}(R2_SCE1) - \text{mean}(R2_SCE2)}{se}$$