

# Whole Genome Sequencing Studies

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A/C

Predicted Genotype

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# Ingredients That Go Into Prior

- Most sites don't vary
  - $P(\text{non-reference base}) \sim 0.001$
- When a site does vary, it is usually heterozygous
  - $P(\text{non-reference heterozygote}) \sim 0.001 * 2/3$
  - $P(\text{non-reference homozygote}) \sim 0.001 * 1/3$
- Mutation model
  - Transitions account for most variants ( $C \leftrightarrow T$  or  $A \leftrightarrow G$ )
  - Transversions account for minority of variants

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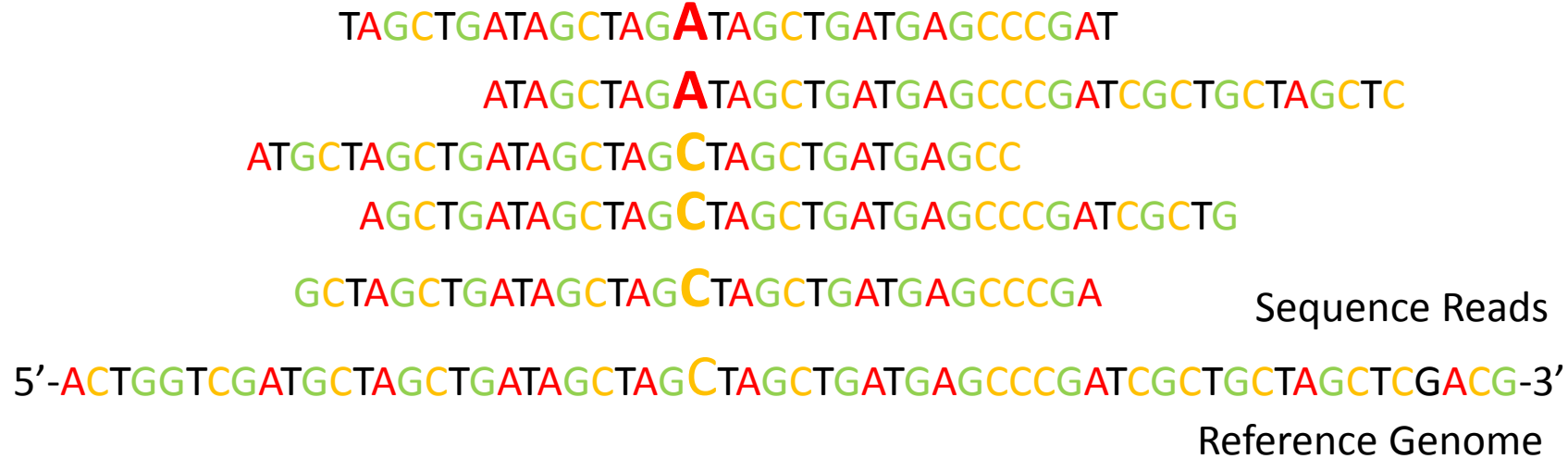
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- **Haplotype Based Prior or Imputation Based Analysis**

- Compares individuals with similar flanking haplotypes
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- Can make accurate genotype calls with 2-4x coverage of the genome
- Accuracy improves as more individuals are sequenced

# The Challenge

- Whole genome sequence data will greatly increase our understanding of complex traits
- Variants of large effect are typically extremely rare
- Common variants typically have extremely small effects
- Dissecting complex traits will require whole genome sequencing of 1,000s of individuals
- **How to sequence 1,000s of individuals cost-effectively?**

# Current Genome Scale Approaches

- Deep whole genome sequencing
  - Can only be applied to limited numbers of samples
  - Most complete ascertainment of variation
- Exome capture and targeted sequencing
  - Can be applied to moderate numbers of samples
  - SNPs and indels in the most interesting 1% of the genome
- Low coverage whole genome sequencing
  - Can be applied to moderate numbers of samples
  - Very complete ascertainment of shared variation
  - Less complete ascertainment of rare variants

# Simulation Results: Common Sites

- Detection and genotyping of Sites with MAF >5% (2116 simulated sites/Mb)
  - **Detected Polymorphic Sites: 2x coverage**
    - 100 people            2102 sites/Mb detected
    - 200 people            2115 sites/Mb detected
    - 400 people            2116 sites/Mb detected
  - **Error Rates at Detected Sites: 2x coverage**
    - 100 people            98.5% accurate, 90.6% at hets
    - 200 people            99.6% accurate, 99.4% at hets
    - 400 people            99.8% accurate, 99.7% at hets



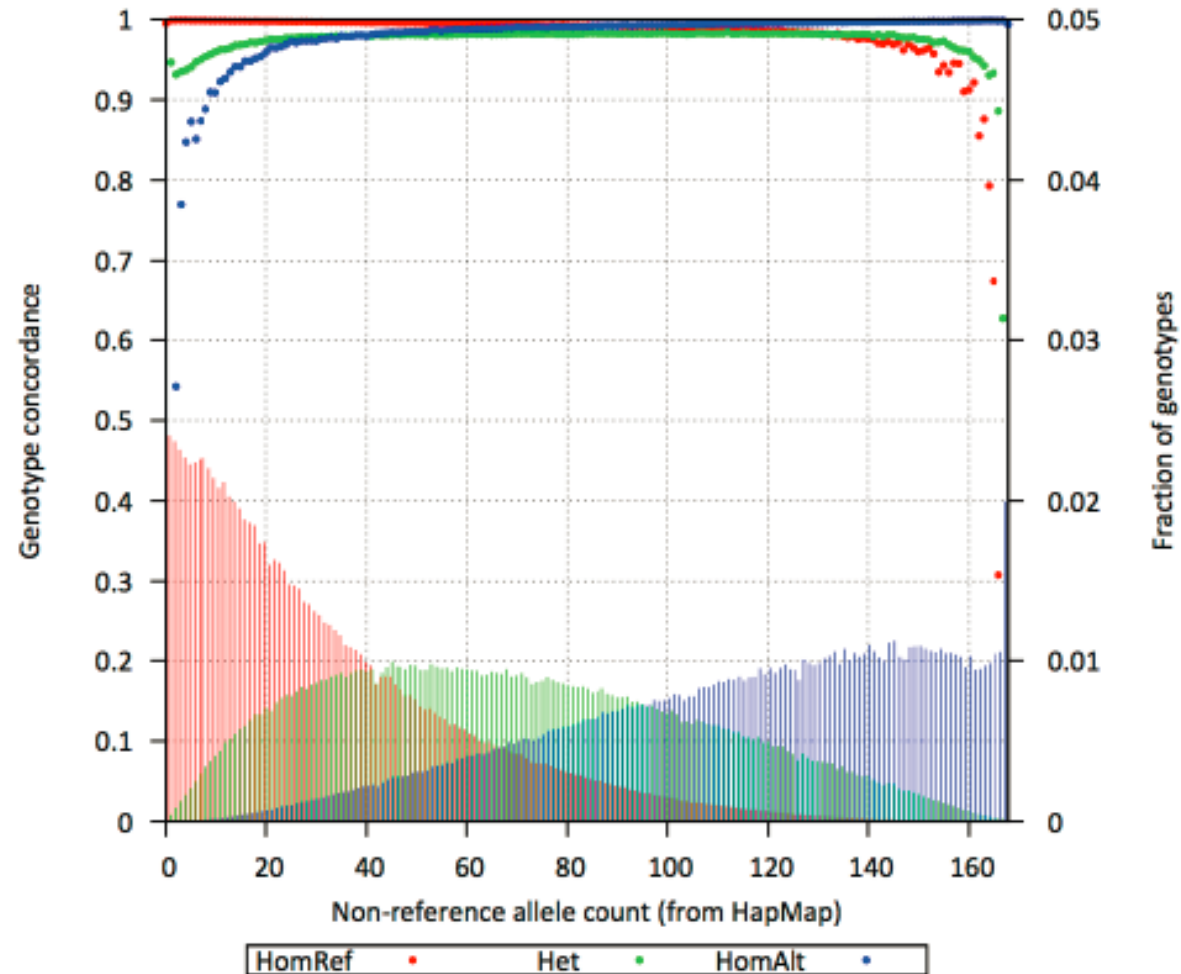
# That's The Theory ... Show Me The Data!

Results from 1000 Genomes Project

# Project Goals

- >95% of accessible genetic variants with a frequency of >1% in each of multiple continental regions
- Extend discovery effort to lower frequency variants in coding regions of the genome
- Define haplotype structure in the genome

# Accuracy of Low Pass Genotypes

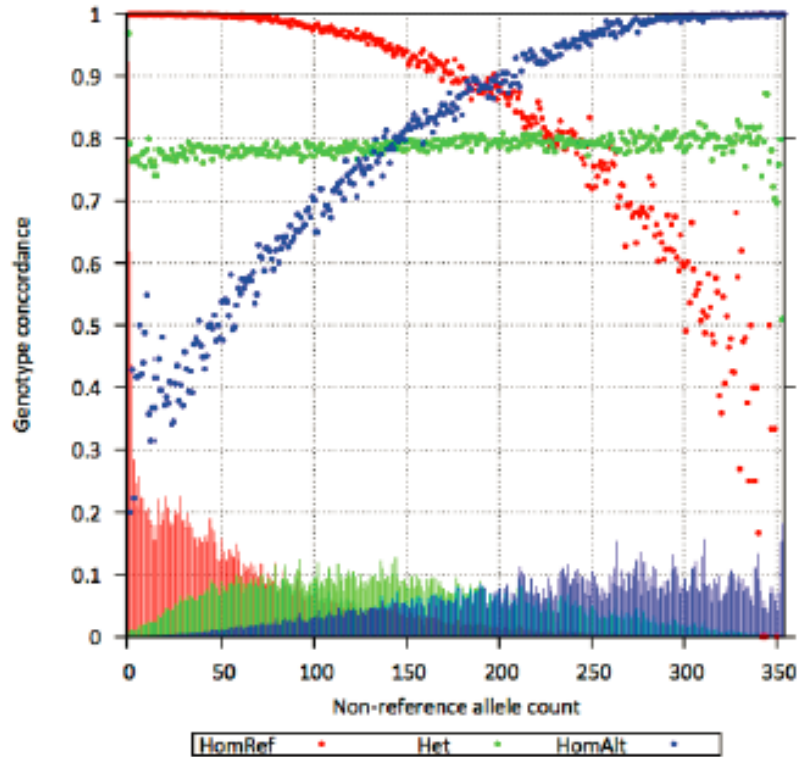


Genotype accuracy for rare genotypes is lowest, but definition of rare changes as more samples are sequenced.

# Does Haplotype Information Really Help?

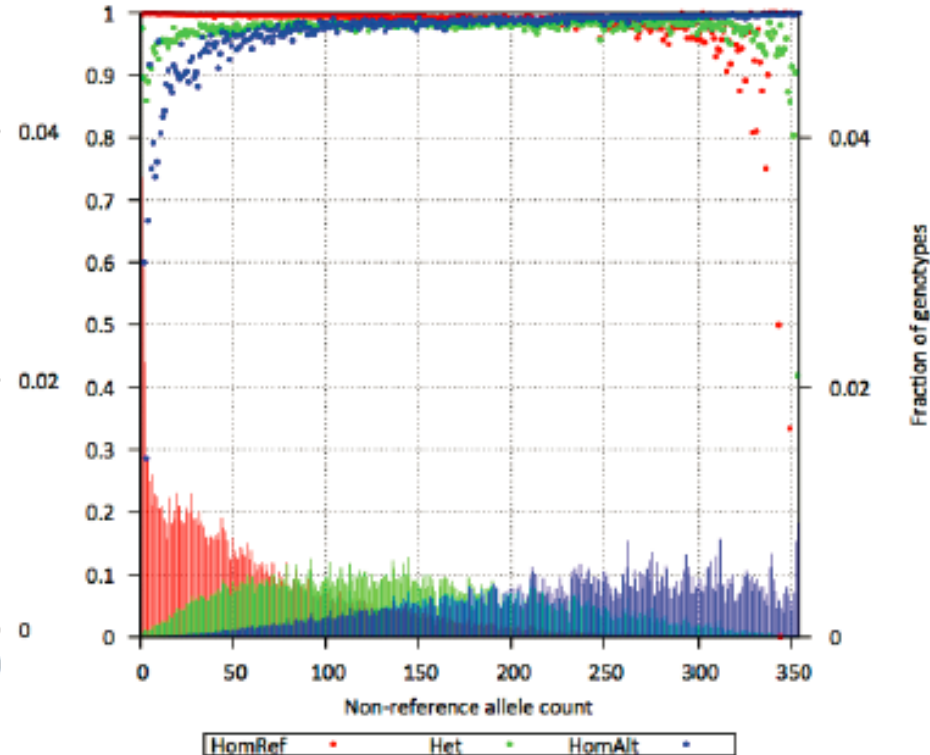
## Single Site Analysis

– 21.4% HET errors



## Haplotype Aware Analysis

– 2.0% HET errors



# As More Samples Are Sequenced, Low Pass Genotypes Improve

Analysis	#SNPs	dbSNP%	Missing HapMap %	Ts/Tv	Accuracy at Hets*
March 2010 Michigan/EUR 60	9,158,226	63.5	7.0	1.91	96.74
August 2010 Michigan/EUR 186	10,537,718	52.5	5.6	2.04	97.56
October 2010 Michigan/EUR 280	13,276,643	50.1	1.8	2.20	97.91**

Accuracy of Low Pass Genotypes Generated by 1000 Genomes Project,  
When Analyzed Here At the University of Michigan

# What Was Optimal Model for Analyzing Pilot Data?

1000 Genomes Call Set (CEU)	Homozygous Reference Error	Heterozygote Error	Homozygous Non-Reference Error
Broad	0.66	4.29	3.80
Michigan	0.68	3.26	3.06
Sanger	1.27	3.43	2.60
Majority Consensus	0.45	2.05	2.21

- Pilot analyzed with different haplotype sharing models
  - Sanger (QCALL), Michigan (MaCH/Thunder), Broad (BEAGLE)
  - Consensus of the three callers clearly bested single callers

# Implications for Whole Genome Sequencing Studies

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## Sequencing of 67 individuals at 30x depth

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Minor Allele Frequency	0.5 – 1.0%	1.0 – 2.0%	2.0 – 5.0%	>5%
Proportion of Detected Sites	59.3%	90.1%	96.9%	100.0%
Genotyping Accuracy	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
.... Heterozygous Sites Only	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Correlation with Truth ( $r^2$ )	99.8%	99.9%	99.9%	100.0%
Effective Sample Size ( $n \cdot r^2$ )	67	67	67	67

# Implications for Whole Genome Sequencing Studies

- Suppose we could afford 2,000x data (6,000 GB)
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# Given Fixed Capacity, Should We Sequence Deep or Shallow?

	.5 – 1%	1 – 2%	2-5%
<b>400 Deep Genomes (30x)</b>			
Discovery Rate	100%	100%	100%
Het. Accuracy	100%	100%	100%
Effective N	400	400	400
<b>3000 Shallow Genomes (4x)</b>			
Discovery Rate	100%	100%	100%
Het. Accuracy	90.4%	97.3%	98.8%
Effective N	2406	2758	2873

# Design A Whole Genome Sequencing Study in Sardinia

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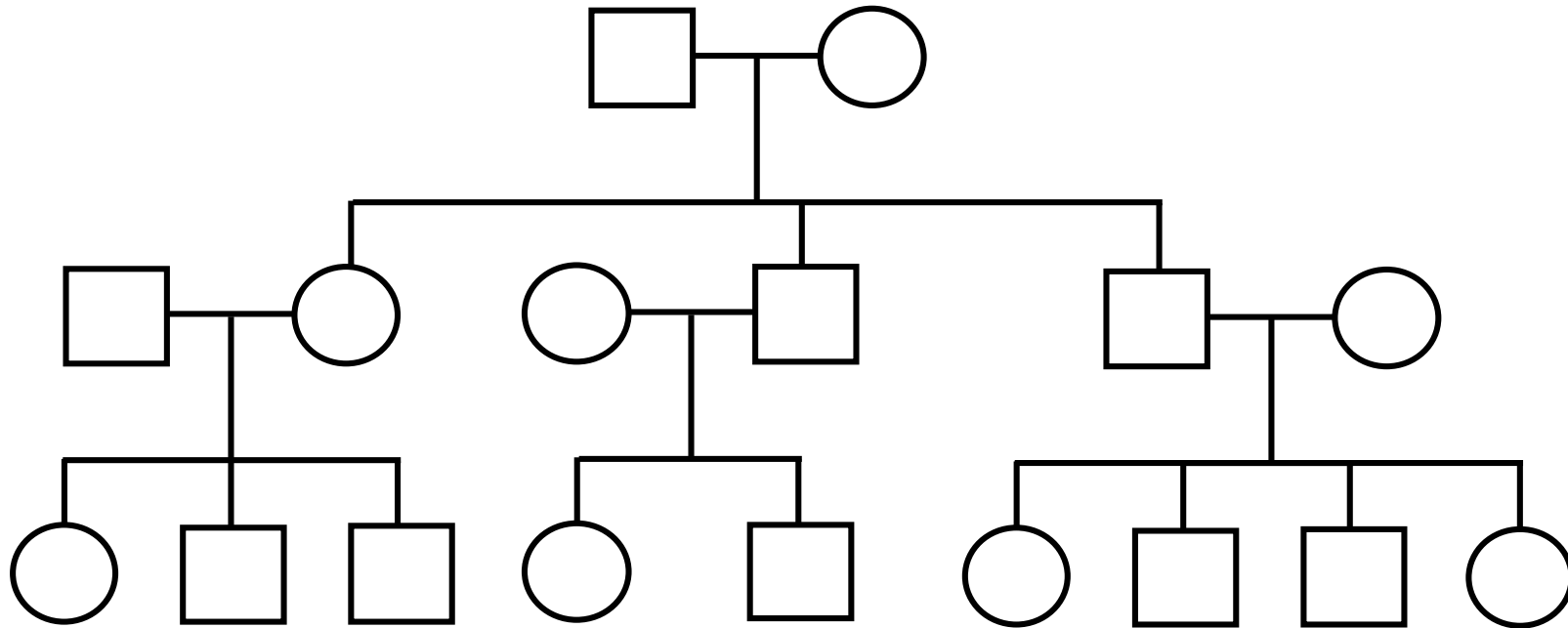
Francesco Cucca

# SardiNIA Whole Genome Sequencing

- 6,148 Sardinians from 4 towns in the Lanusei Valley, Sardinia
  - Recruited among population of ~9,841 individuals
  - Sample includes >34,000 relative pairs
- Measured ~100 aging related quantitative traits
- Original plan:
  - Sequence >1,000 individuals at 2x to obtain draft sequences
  - Genotype all individuals, impute sequences into relatives

# Who To Sequence?

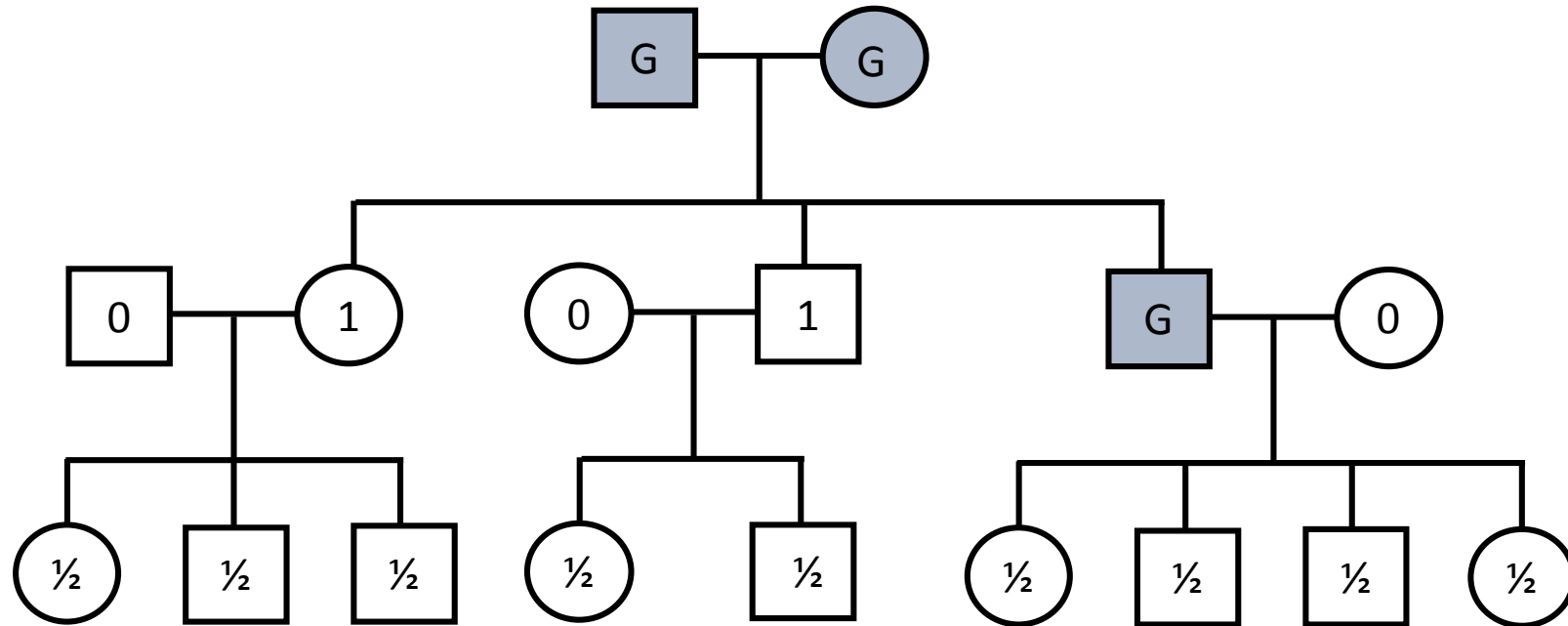
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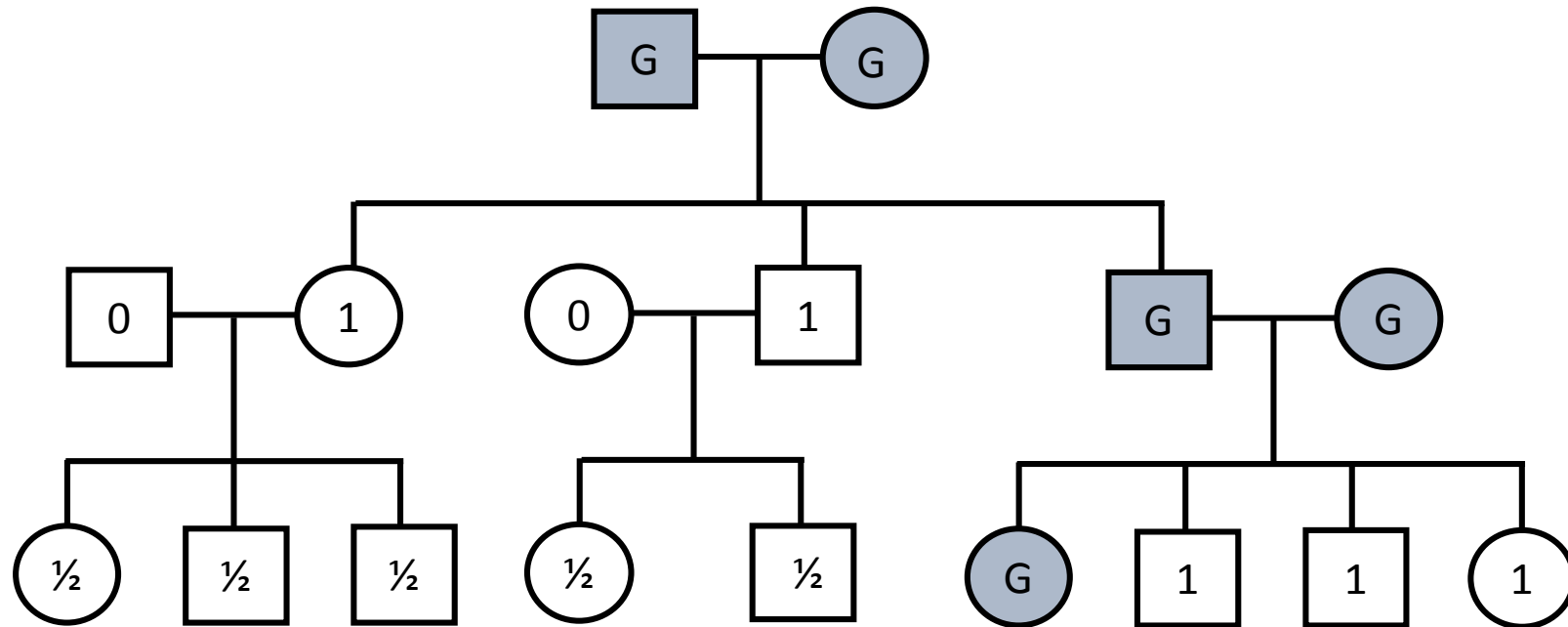
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3 Genomes Sequenced, 9.5 Genomes Analyzed

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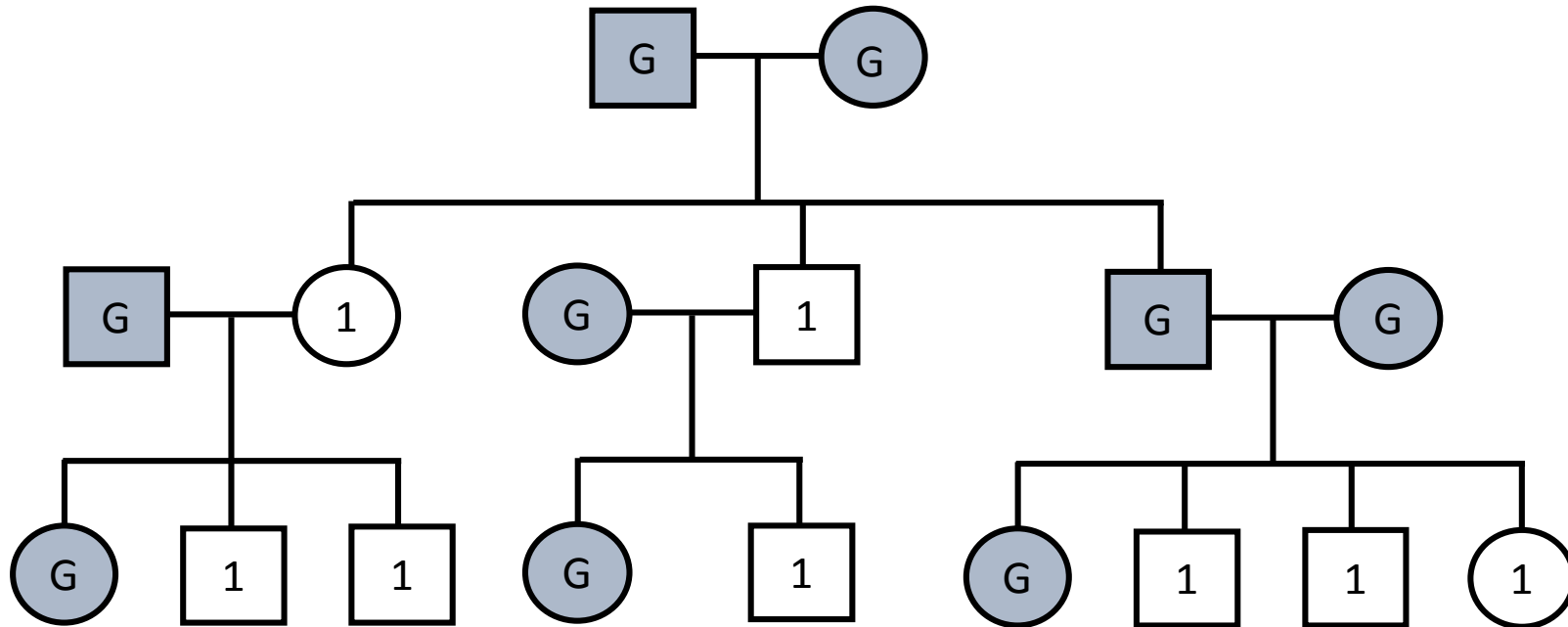
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5 Genomes Sequenced, 12.5 Genomes Analyzed

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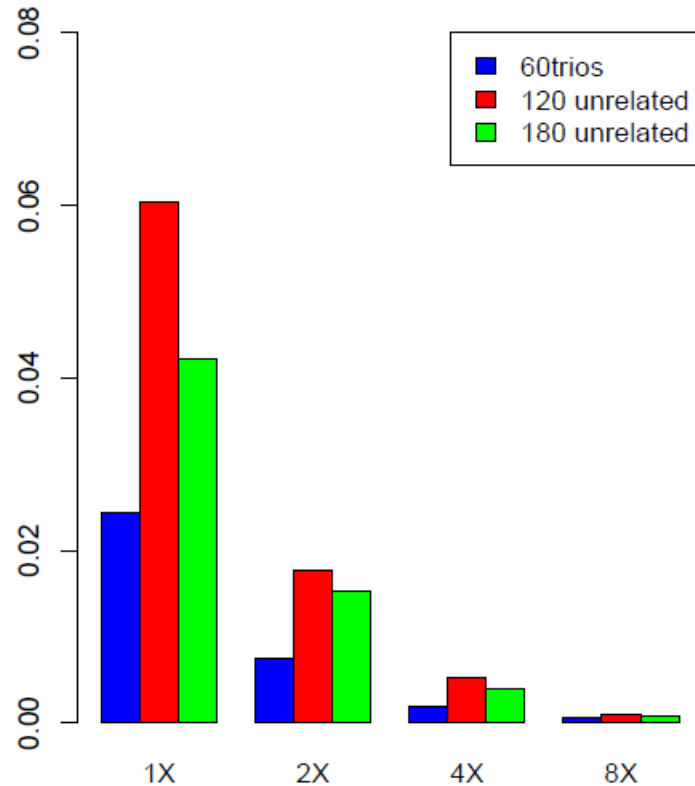
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9 Genomes Sequenced, 17 Genomes Analyzed

# Anything to Gain from Sequencing Trios?

## Improved Accuracy at Heterozygous Sites



- Sequencing trios improves genotype call accuracy
  - At low coverage ...
  - Smaller gain w/deep coverage
- Leads to similar numbers of detected variants
  - At low coverage ...
  - No gain w/deep coverage
- Improved haplotype accuracy



# How Did Sequencing Progress?

- NHGRI estimates of sequencing capacity and cost ...
  - Since 2006, for fixed cost ...
  - ... ~4x increase in sequencing output per year
- In our own hands...
  - Mapped high quality bases
  - March 2010: ~5.0 Gb/lane
  - May 2010: ~7.5 Gb/lane
  - September 2010: ~8.6 Gb/lane
  - January 2011: ~16 Gb/lane
  - Summer 2011: ~45 Gb/lane
- Other small improvements
  - No PCR libraries increase genome coverage, reduce duplicate rates

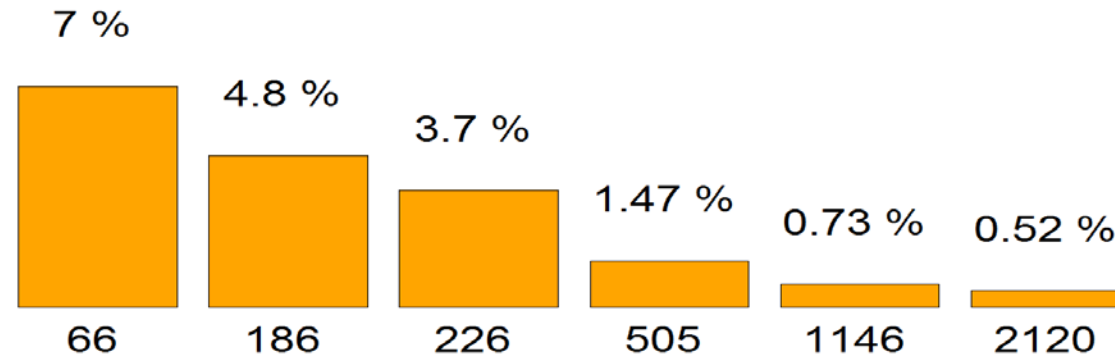
# Assembling Sequences In Sardinia



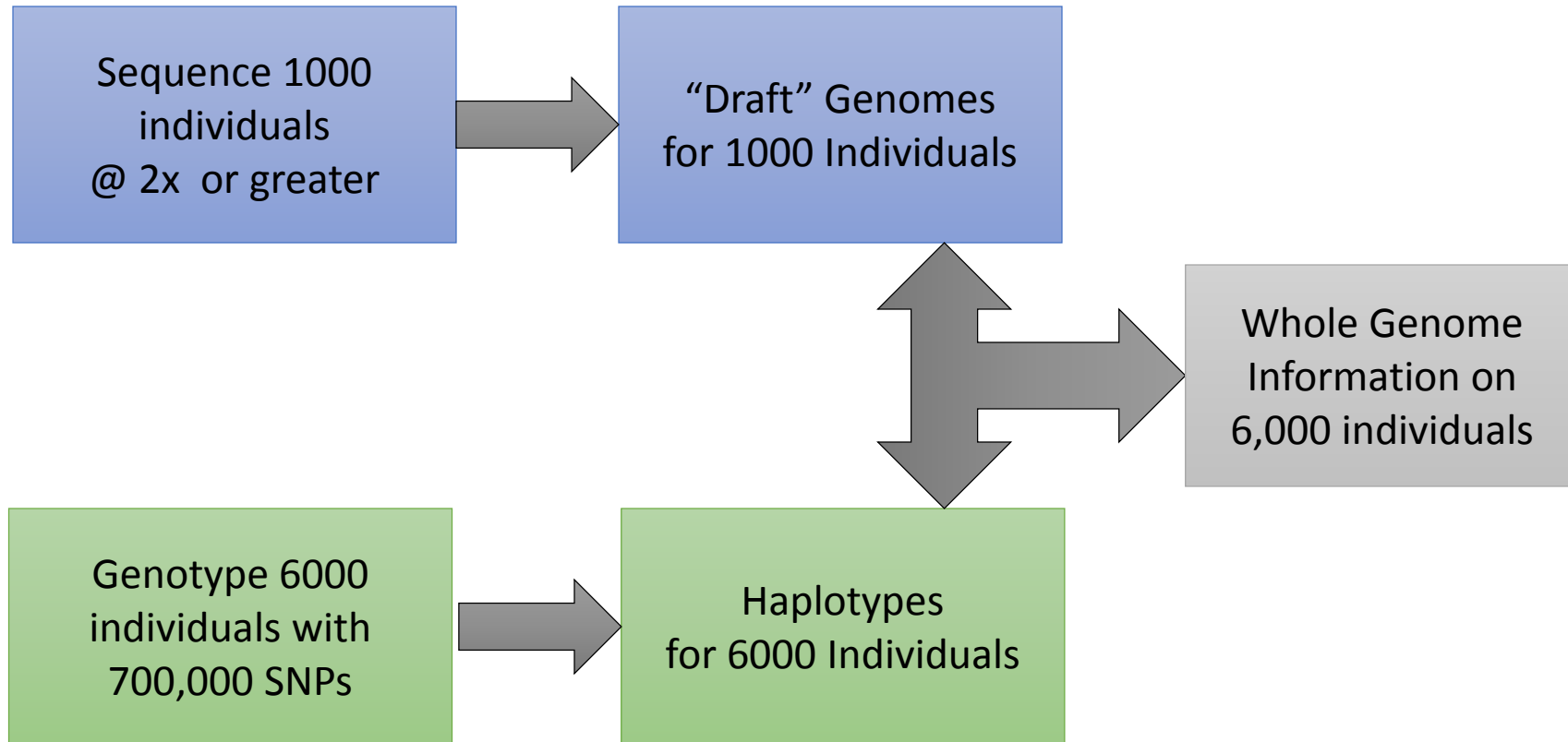
Sardinian team led by Francesco Cucca, Serena Sanna, Chris Jones

As more samples are sequenced,  
Accuracy increases

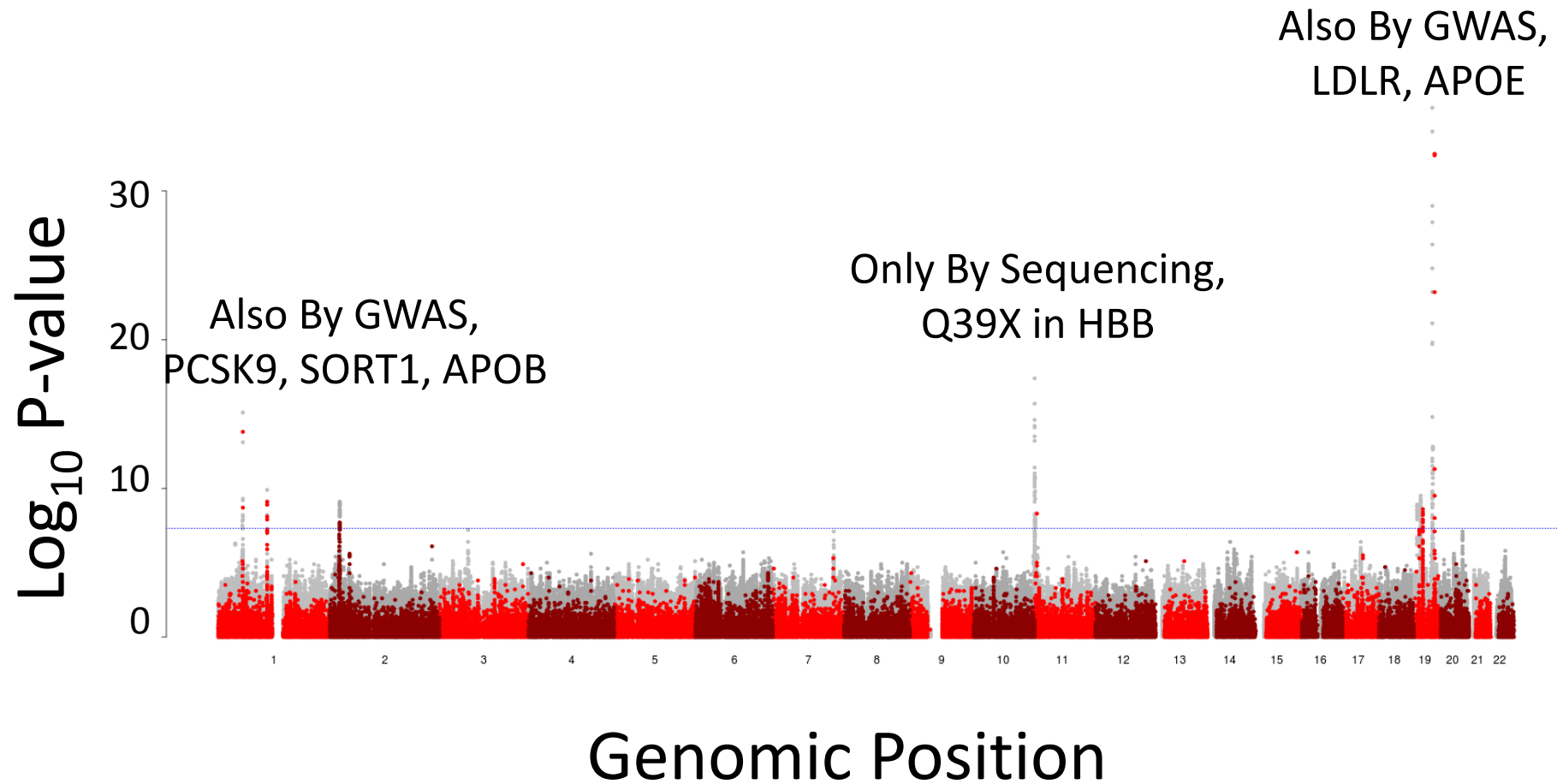
### Heterozygous Mismatch Rate (in %)



# Design



# What Do We See Genomewide? LDL Cholesterol



# LDL Genetics In Lanusei Valley, Sardinia, Current Sequenced Based View

Locus	Variants	MAF	Effect Size (SD)	H <sup>2</sup>
HBB	<b>Q39X</b>	.04	0.90	8.0%??
APOE	R176C, C130R	.04, .07	0.56, 0.26	3.3%
PCSK9	R46L, rs2479415	.04, .41	0.38, 0.08	1.2%
LDLR	rs73015013, <b>V578R</b>	.14, .005	0.16, 0.62	1.2%
SORT1	rs583104	.18	0.15	0.6%
APOB	rs547235	.19	0.19	0.5%

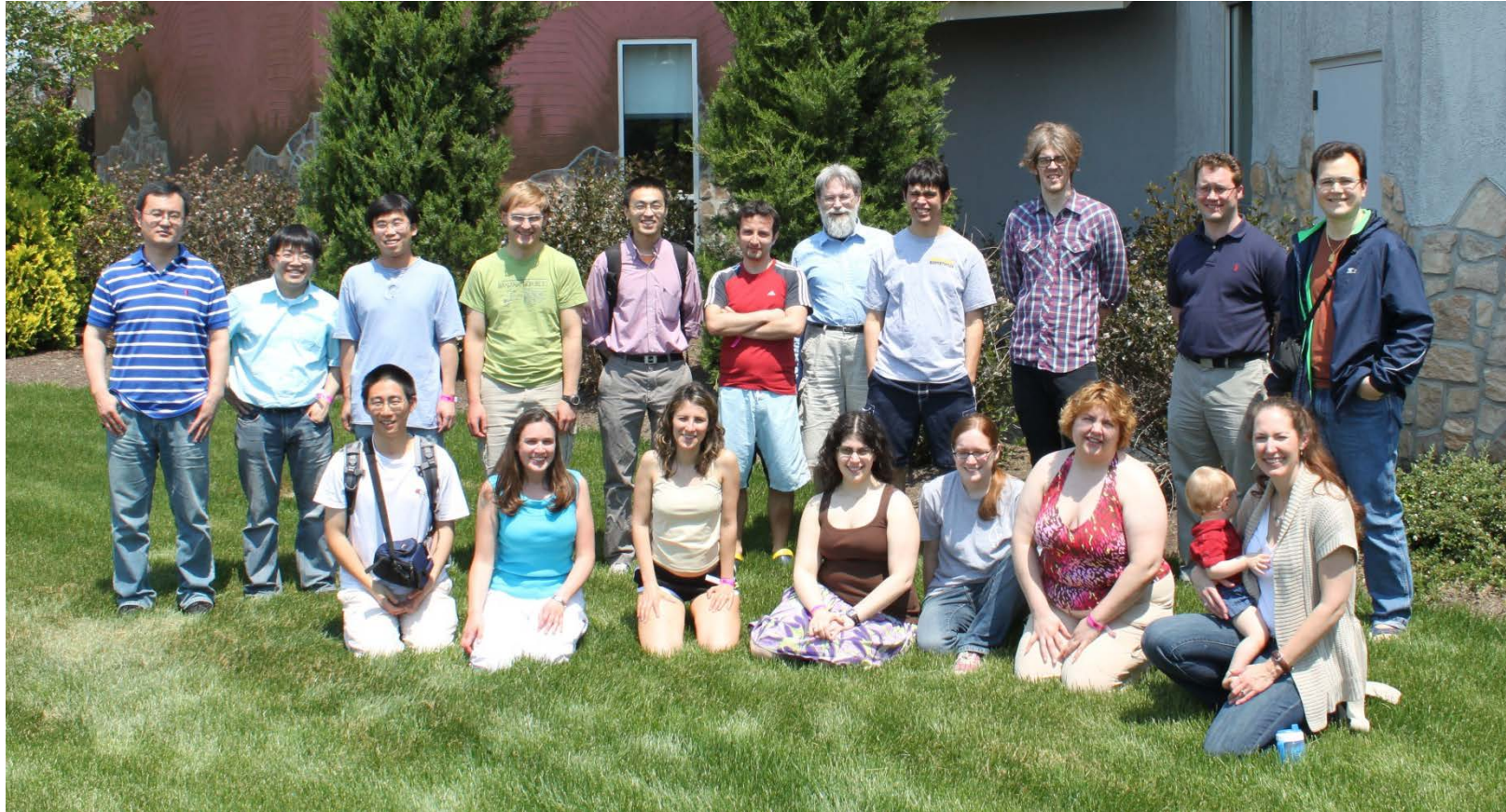
- Most of these variants are important across Europe, extensively studied.
- **Q39X** variant in HBB is especially enriched in Sardinia.
- **V578R** in LDLR is a Sardinia specific variant, particularly common in Lanusei.

# Summary

- Challenges and opportunities in genetic association studies.
- Great need for statistical and computational method development.
- In a specific examples, we ...
  - Designed method to combine sequence information across samples.
  - Applied the method to sequence an interesting population in Sardinia.
  - Designed method to infer ancestry from small amounts of sequence.
  - Applied the method to identify additional controls for sequencing study.



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