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# ddRADseq for European whitefish (*Coregonus lavaretus*): Genome wide markers for genomic selection and studies of genome and population evolution

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# Objective: A method to generate genomic data for whitefish genomic selection

## Motivation:

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> most valuable farmed fish species in Finland.

## Objective:

- Genotyping by Sequencing method
  1. Laboratory protocol
  2. Bioinformatic protocol

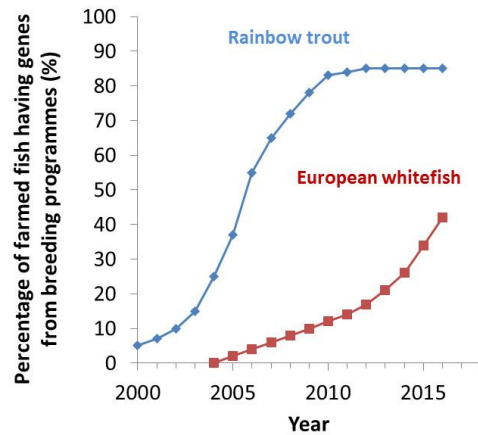
## Impact:

- Enable genomic selection.



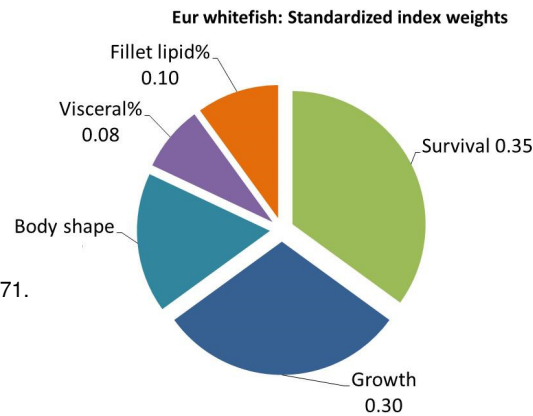
# European whitefish *Coregonus lavaretus* breeding programme

Luke's breeding programme has major impact on industry



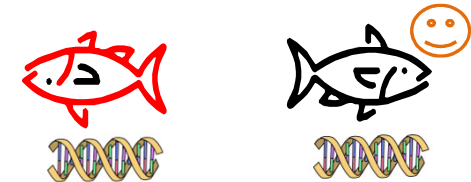
Started in 2002  
4th generation now  
Around 70 families every year

Janhunen et al. (2017). *Aquaculture* 481: 229-238.  
Kause et al. (2011). *Journal of Animal Science* 89: 959-971.  
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**Genomic selection:** DNA variation of individuals is used to predict the genetic superiority of parents for improved product quality, disease resistance and production efficiency

- More accurate selection, new traits

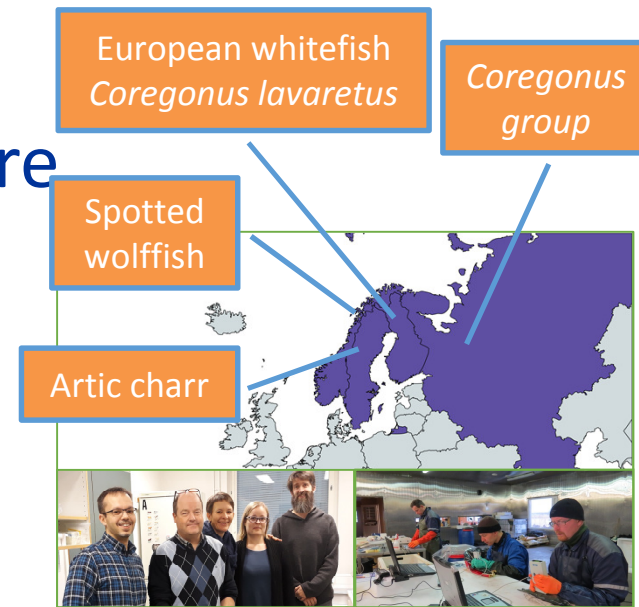


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# ArctAqua – Cross-border innovations in Arctic aquaculture

- KOLARTIC EU CBC Cross Border Cooperation project
- November 2019 – November 2022
- Coordinator: Jose Beirão (Nord Uni, Norway)
- 8 industry and research partners
- To intensify SMART SPECIALISATION of aquaculture in arctic areas
- Species of national interest

**Luke's main research task:** Develop reproduction technologies and genomic tools for genomic selection in European whitefish (siika) national breeding programme



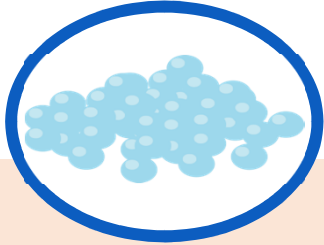
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# Blue bioeconomy

## Genomics and breeding

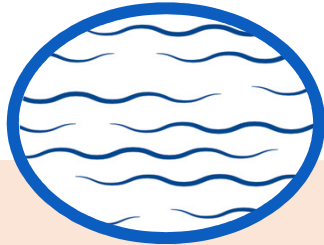


Breeding and genetics of aquaculture species

Broodstock management concepts

Genome based tools for breeding

## Sustainable use of aquatic ecosystems



Sustainable and profitable fisheries

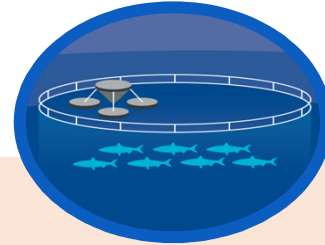
Rebuilding migratory fish populations

Viable fish for releases

Conservation and management of threatened species

Spatial planning in waters

## Blue Production



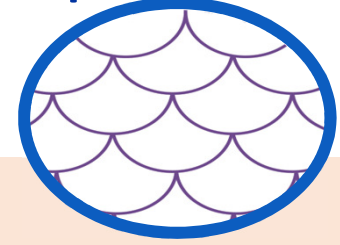
Sustainable production of aquatic organisms

Recirculating and offshore aquaculture production, methods and technologies

Aquatic feed solutions

Symbiosis concepts

## Value-added food and aquabiomass products

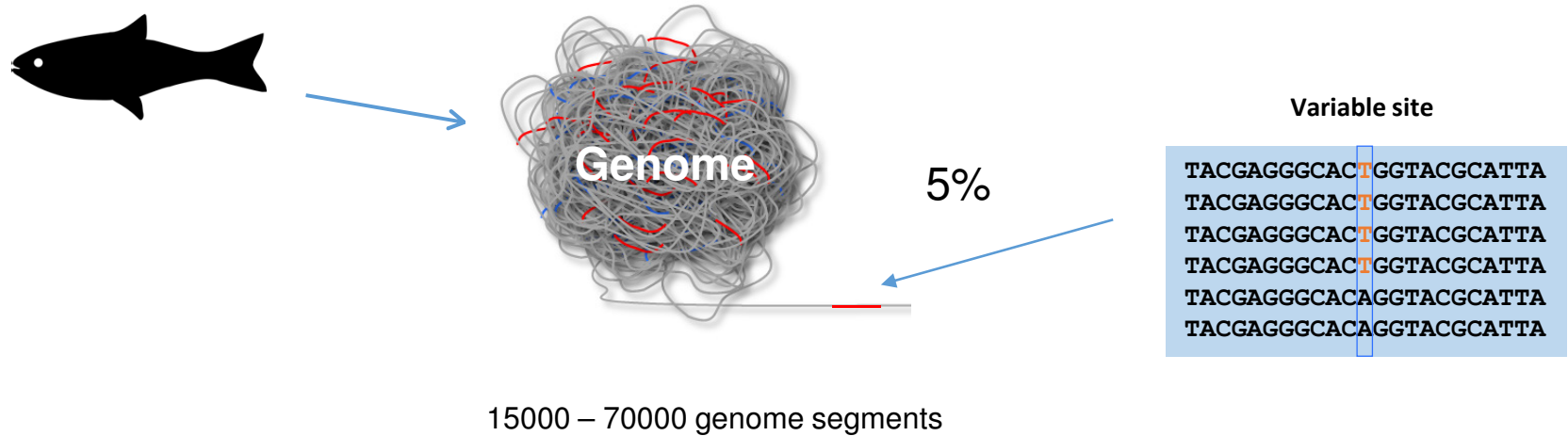


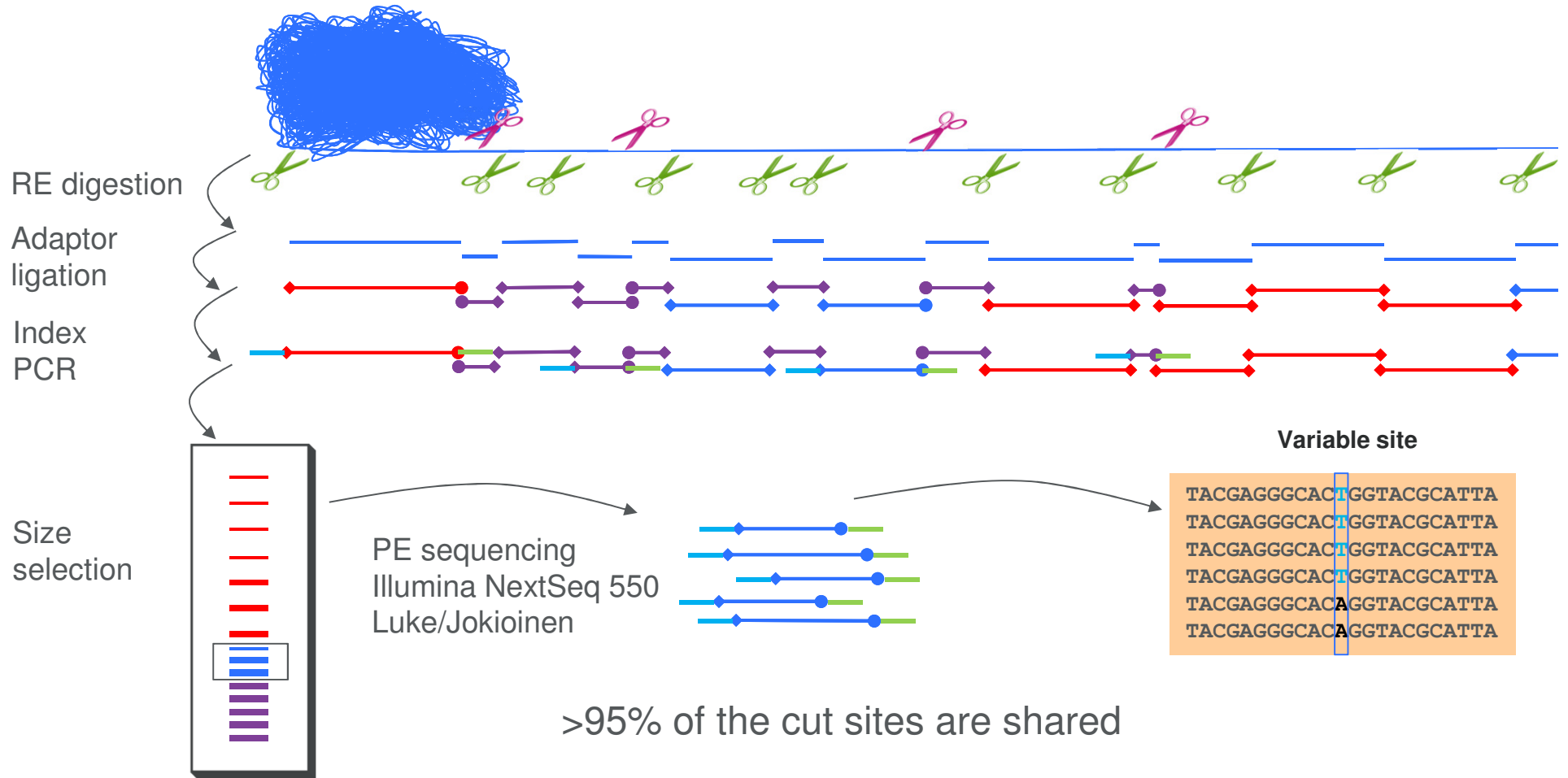
Fractionation and valorisation of aquatic biomass to added value products

Aquatic value chains

Valorisation of algae production

# Genotyping By Sequencing (GBS)

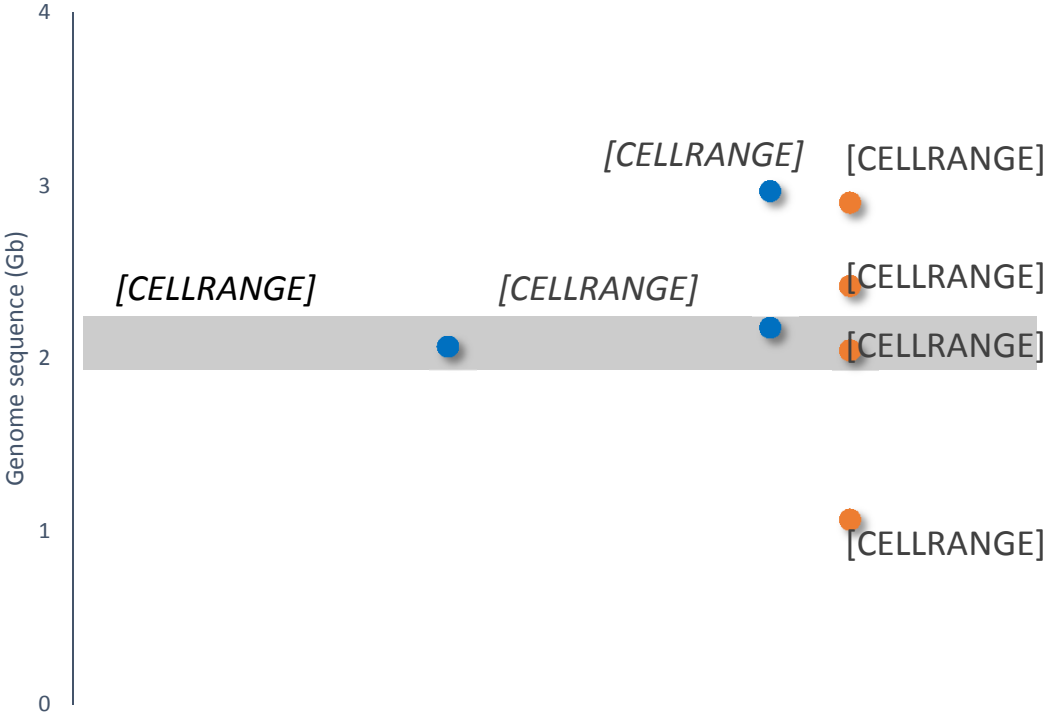






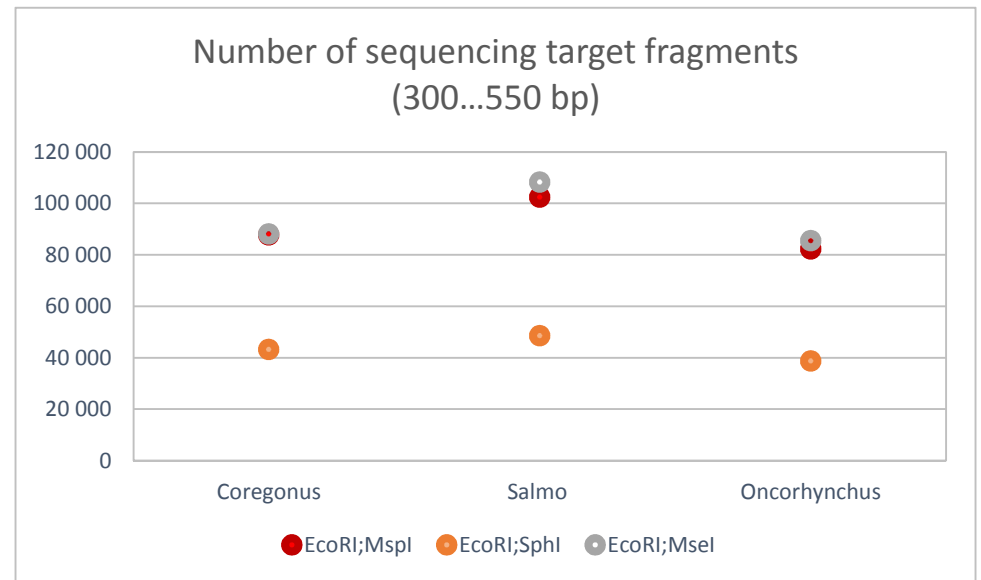


# Whitefish genome



# Enzyme choice

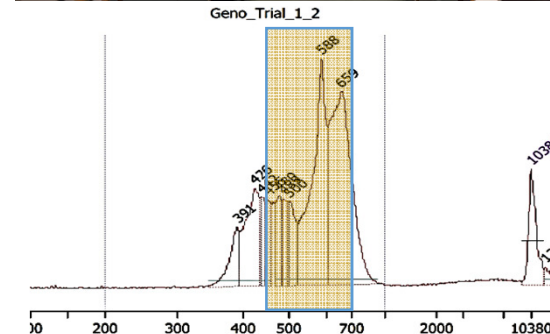
- Optimal target length and number
  - Length 2xRL... 500 bp
  - 10...100x sequencing coverage
- Combining iteratively:
  1. Enzymes
    - Short enough (300...550bp)
    - Optimal number (50...100k)
  2. Included size range of fragments
  3. Sequencing protocol
    - Single end / paired end
    - Read length (RL)



SimRAD (Lepais & Weir (2014))

# Data generation protocol

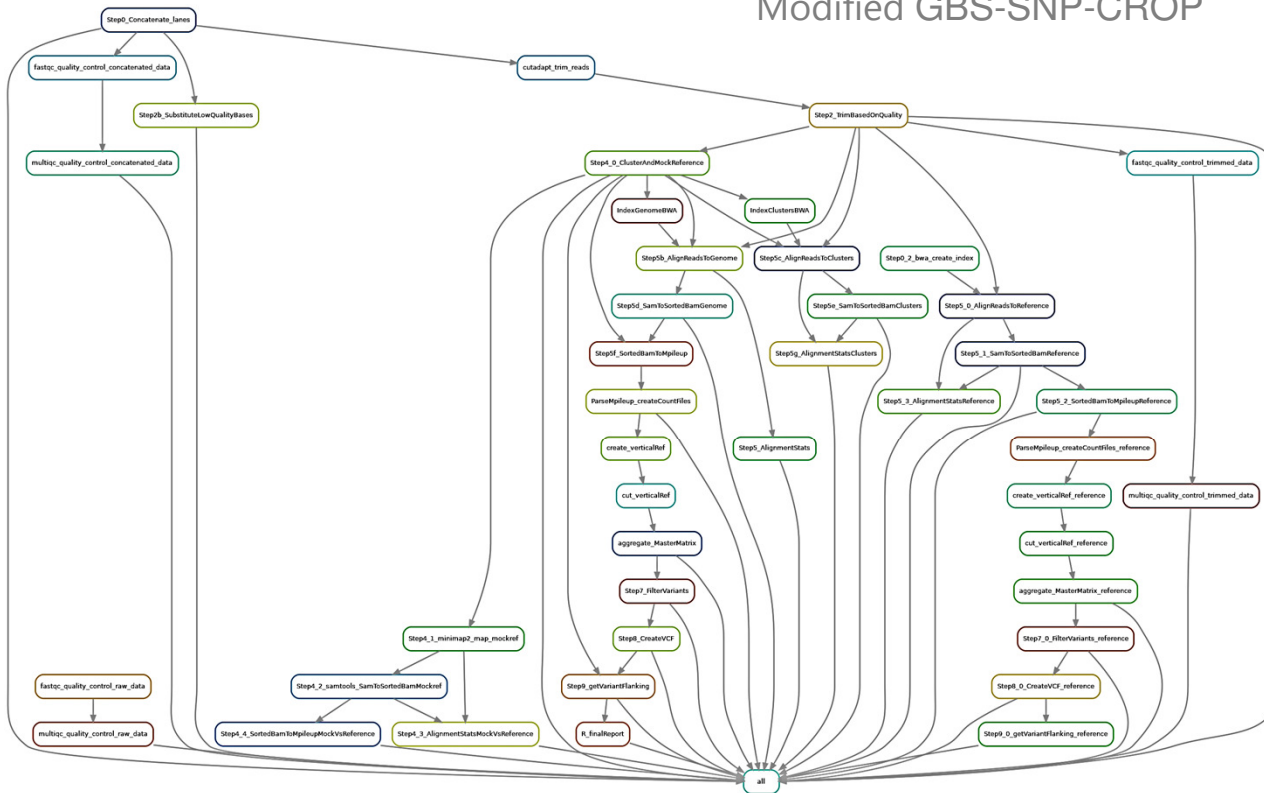
- Double Digestion with EcoRI and SphI
- Ligation with common adapters
- Library preparation using Phusion-polymerase and Nextera XT indices
- Size selection on a gel: 450–700 bp fragment length
- Sequencing on NextSeq550: Paired-end (2x150)



Salas-Lizana, R., & Oono, R. (2018).

# Bioinformatic pipe

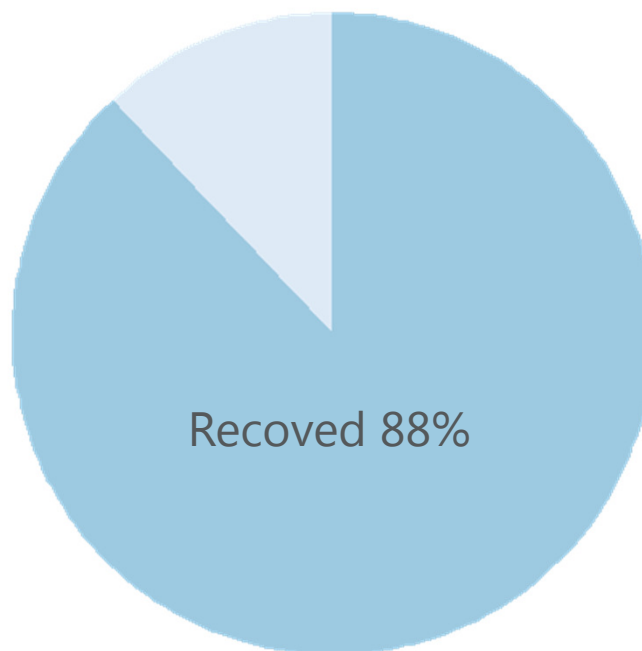
## Modified GBS-SNP-CROP



- Tools in each stage
1. FastQC, MultiQC
  2. PEAR, vsearch
  3. bwa
  4. samtools
  5. R

# Experimental fragment recovery

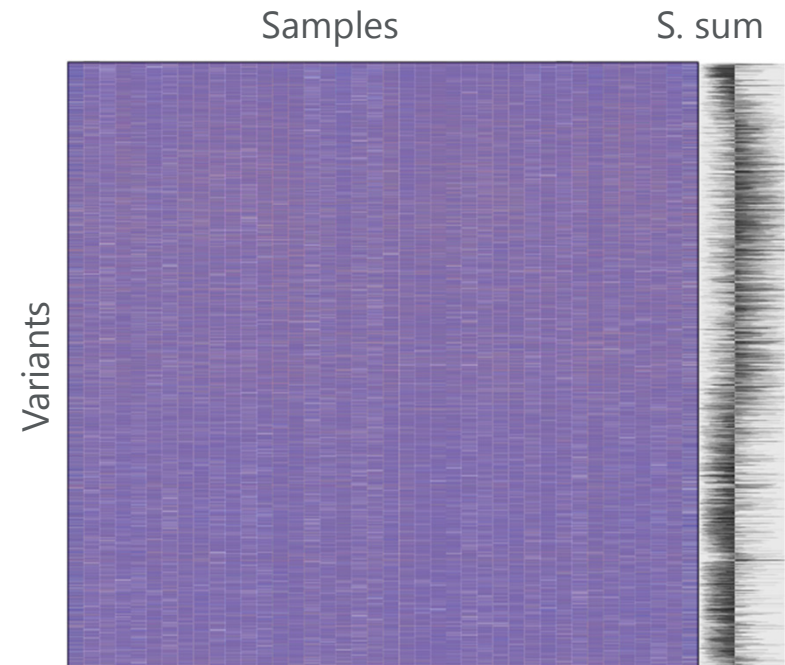
Expectation:  
43,241 fragments



## Data set pruning

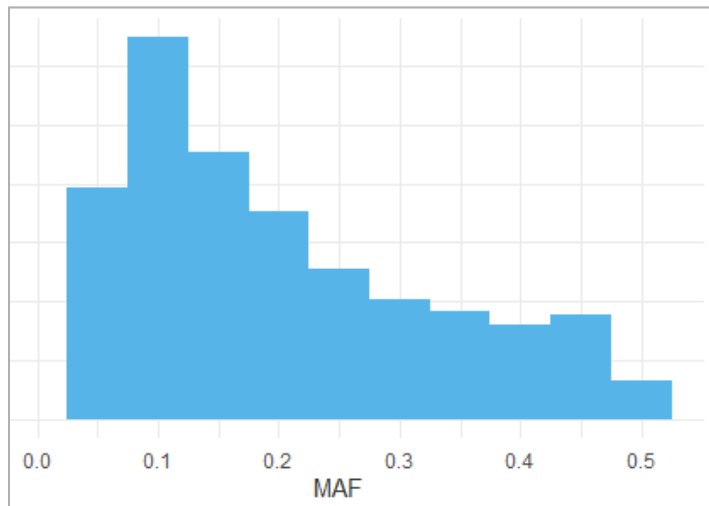
- Excluding samples with >10% missing
- Removing exceptionally low/high read count loci

-> 14 485 variable markers

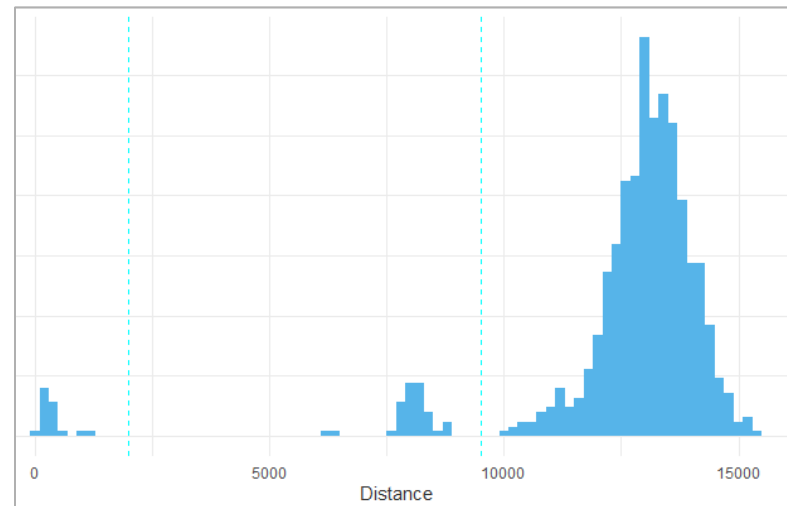


# Assessing marker patterns

Distribution of Minor Allele Frequencies



Distribution of Manhattan distances





# Summary

- Established 15 000 marker candidates
- Developed a method to score.
- These can be used as markers for breeding, identification and management purposes.
  - > Facilitates genomic breeding and research immediately.
  - > Enables generating other genotyping methods.
- Next steps
  - Further optimization to improve consistency and reduce the price.
  - Assigning to genome.
  - Generating genomic data for Finnish whitefish breeding program for genomic selection.

**Thank you!**

