Genomic Prediction Using Haplotype Blocks Built From High Density Marker Map

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 - The challenge: genomic prediction with HD maps, using popular methods applied to low-medium density maps, have not presented significant improvement so far.







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Figure: Toy example - LD map between all the markers



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Figure: Toy example - Outlined haplotype blocks for $D' \ge 0.75$



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Genomic Prediction using Haplotype Blocks

Table: Description of Haploblocks built based on the different D^\prime thresholds.

	D' threshold					
	0.25	0.35	0.45	0.55	0.65	0.75
Non-blocked SNPs	$3\ 513$	$5 \ 399$	7 744	$10\ 280$	$13\ 207$	$16\ 812$
# haploblocks	$55 \ 513$	62 309	$68 \ 318$	$73 \ 928$	$79\ 154$	$84\ 634$
Haploblocks var.	$338 \ 460$	$346\ 938$	$353\ 221$	$358 \ 461$	$362 \ 455$	$366\ 167$
Mean length	9	8	7	7	6	6
Max. length	80	74	78	78	78	70
Mean variants	6	6	5	5	5	4
Max. variants	18	18	16	15	13	12



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 - Work on different building methods of haploblock to use in prediction.



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