

# **Exploring genomic selection with the BovineHD**

# What is the BovineHD?

- Illumina BovineHD Beadchip  
>777,000 SNP  
~3,500 bases between SNP

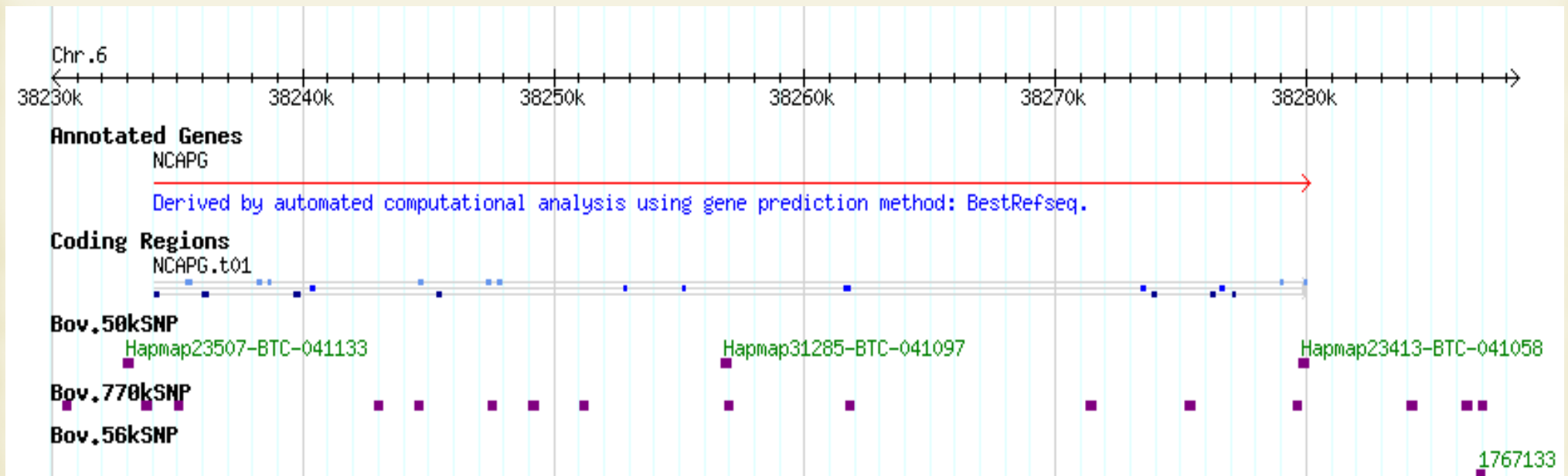


- Affymetrix Axiom Genome-wide BOS-1 Array Plate  
>640,000 SNP  
~4,200 bases between SNP



# How do the HD and 50K compare?

- BovineSNP50 v1 – 54,001
- BovineSNP50 v2 – 54,609
  - 52,340 common
  - 1,661 removed
  - 2,269 added



# What can we expect from HD genotypes?

- whole-genome QTL “fine-mapping”
  - dense genotypes eliminate some SNP discovery and re-genotyping to refine QTL identified from microsatellite and 50K scans
    - re-genotyping might focus on SNP likely to have functional effects
      - SNP mined from public databases and next-generation sequence
        - 9.5 million *Bos taurus* in dbSNP
        - millions more in NGS data sets

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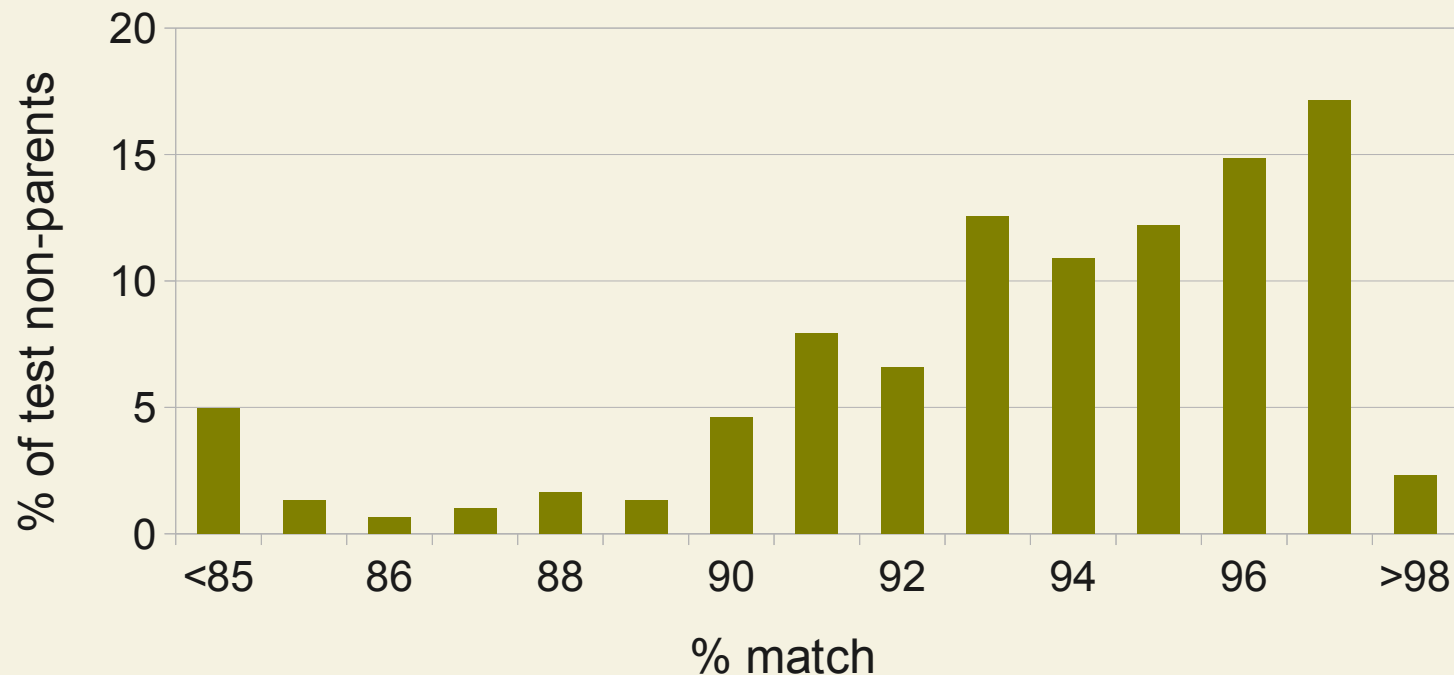
- higher accuracy genomic evaluations
  - genomic selection accuracy affected by linkage disequilibrium between markers and QTL, and accuracy of marker effect estimates
    - HD SNP in higher LD with unknown causative mutations
    - complicated by more SNP in LD with unknown causatives

# Do we need HD on everyone?

- 50K and lower density can be imputed to HD using HD genotypes of reference animals
- 50K->HD imputation for USMARC GPE
  - 18,182 animal pedigree
    - 9,644 genotyped - 950 HD, 8,694 50K
      - 2,418 sires – 482 HD, 358 50K
      - 8,029 dams – 143 HD, 924 50K
      - 7,739 non-parents – 325 HD, 7,411 50K
    - 9,777 imputed HD (findhap.f90, Van Raden)
      - 133 ungenotyped dams imputed from genotyped progeny & mates

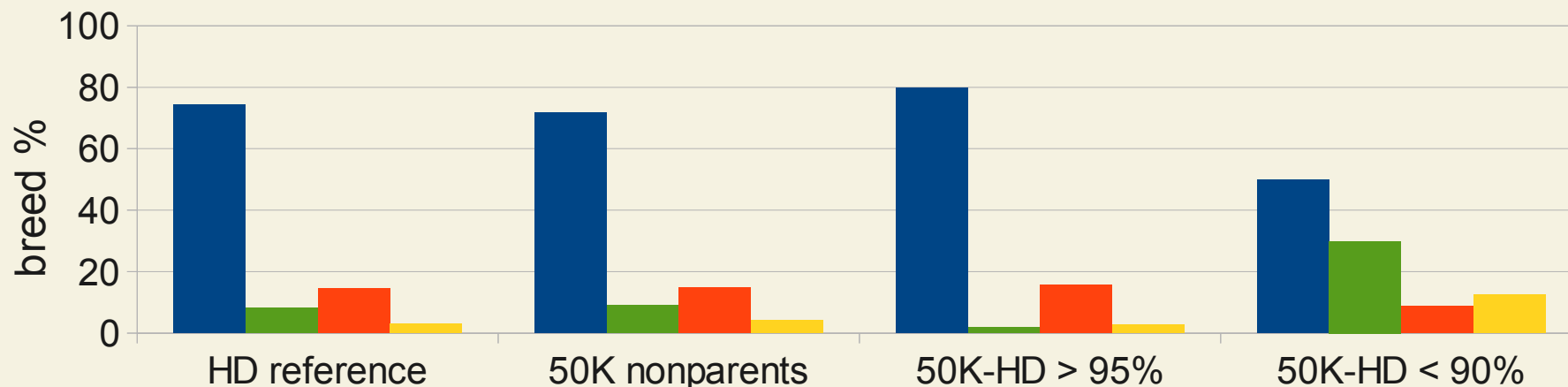
# How accurate are imputed genotypes?

- 50K->HD in USMARC GPE
  - test using 50K of non-parents having HD genotypes
  - compared HD calls to imputed HD
    - 93% of called and imputed genotypes agree
    - individual agreement 27.4 to 98.3 %
      - 89% of test animals have >90% agreement



# What influences imputation accuracy?

- breed composition of HD reference and 50K

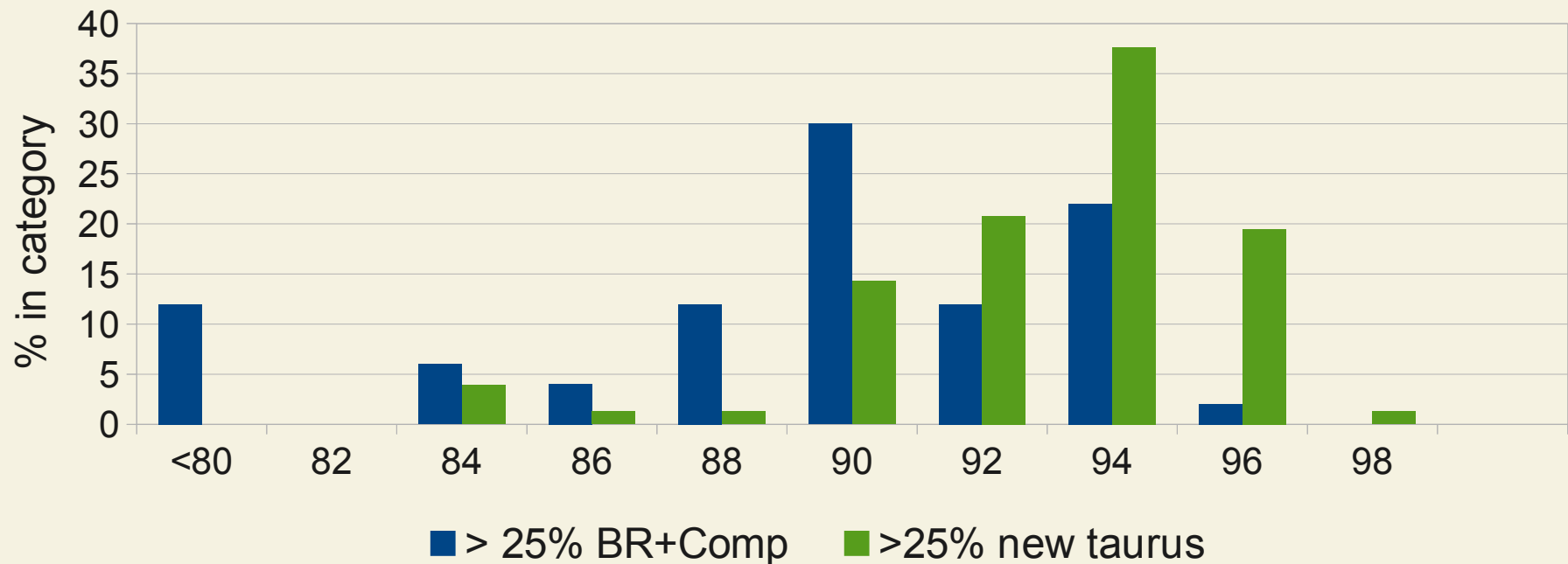


- Cycle VII (AN, AR, CH, GV, HH, LM, SM)
- BR+Composites (BM, BN, SG)
- new taurus breeds (BU, CG, MA, SA, SS)
- other (GPE & GPU remnants)



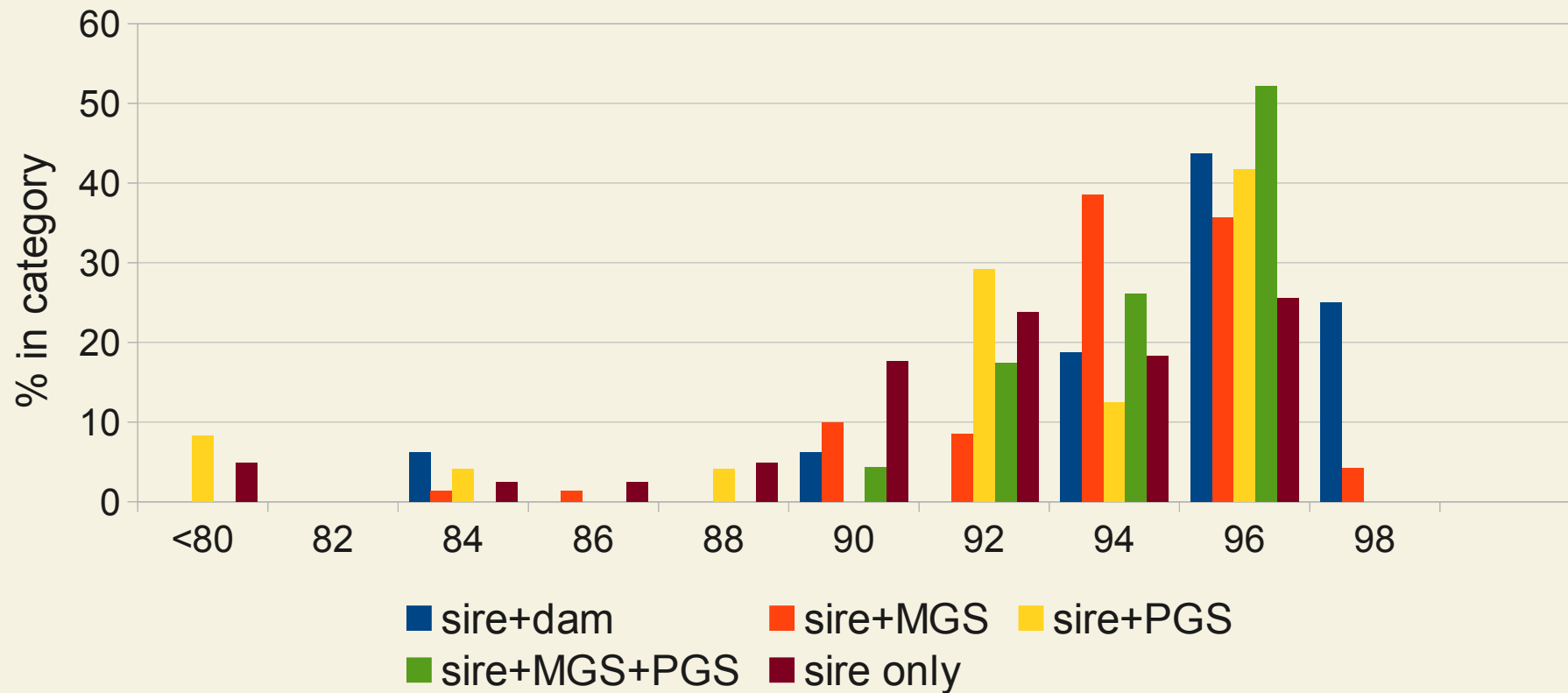
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# What influences imputation accuracy?

- parents & grandsires in HD reference



# Does the HD give different answers?

- Cycle VII and new GPE

## Phenotypes

<b>Data set</b>	<b>Birth weight</b>	<b>Ribeye area</b>
Cycle VII	2940	1738
Cycle VII + new GPE	6752	2667

## Marker sets

HD	630,571	BovineHD SNP on BTA 1-29, MAF > 0.05
50K	39,366	HD subset on both BovineSNP50 versions

# Does the HD give different answers?

- Birth weight heritability

<b>Data Set</b>	<b>Marker Set</b>	<b><math>h^2</math></b>
Cycle VII	HD	.64 (.03)
	50K	.63 (.03)
	none	.60 (.04)
VII + new	HD	.64 (.02)
	50K	.58 (.02)
	none	.60 (.03)

# Does the HD give different answers?

- Ribeye area heritability – ribeye area

<b>Data Set</b>	<b>Marker Set</b>	<b><math>h^2</math></b>
Cycle VII	HD	.50 (.05)
	50K	.47 (.05)
	none	.54 (.07)
VII + new	HD	.50 (.04)
	50K	.47 (.04)
	none	.53 (.06)

# Does the HD give different answers?

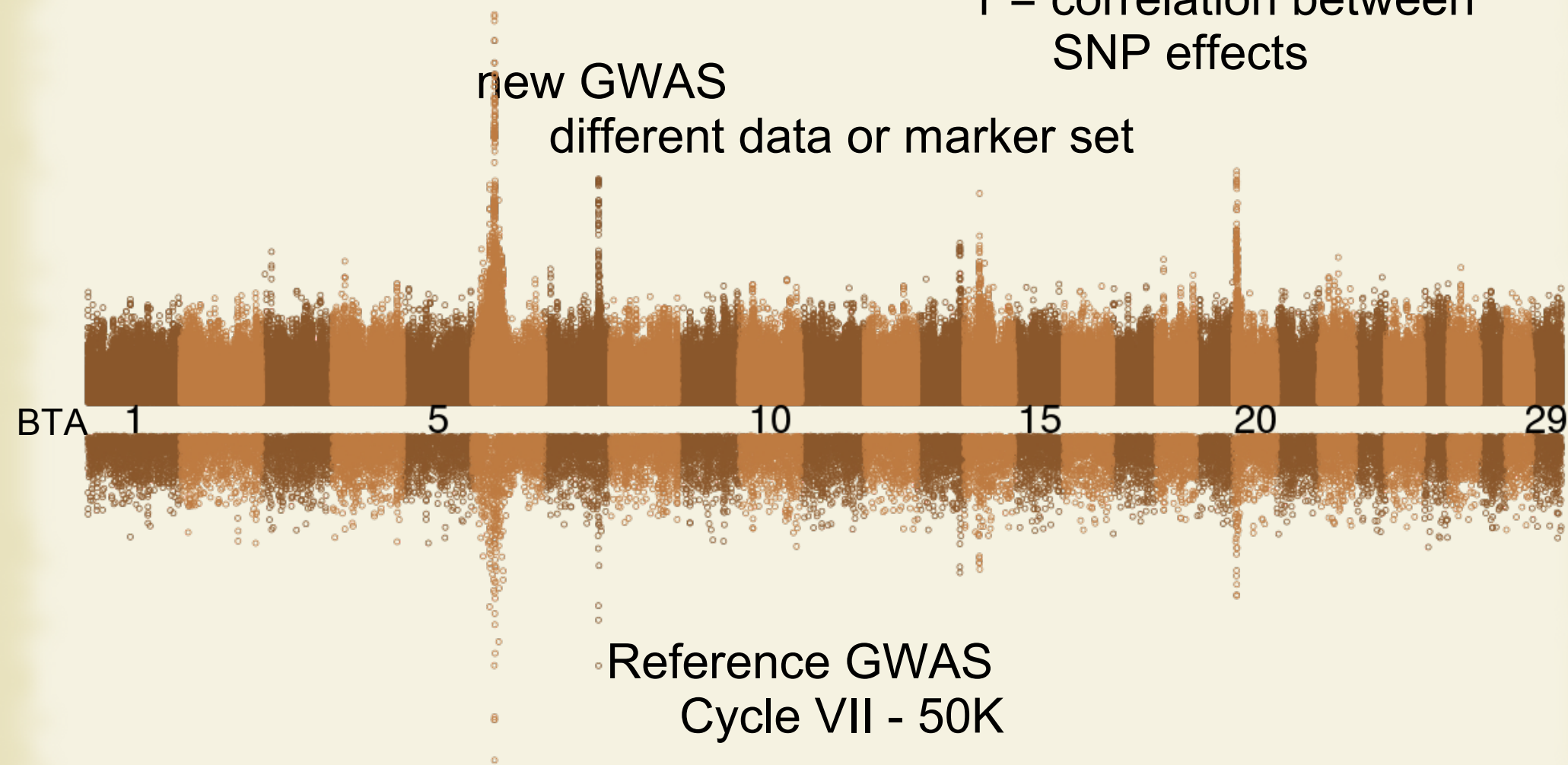
- Trait

$r$  = correlation between  
SNP effects

new GWAS

different data or marker set

Reference GWAS  
Cycle VII - 50K

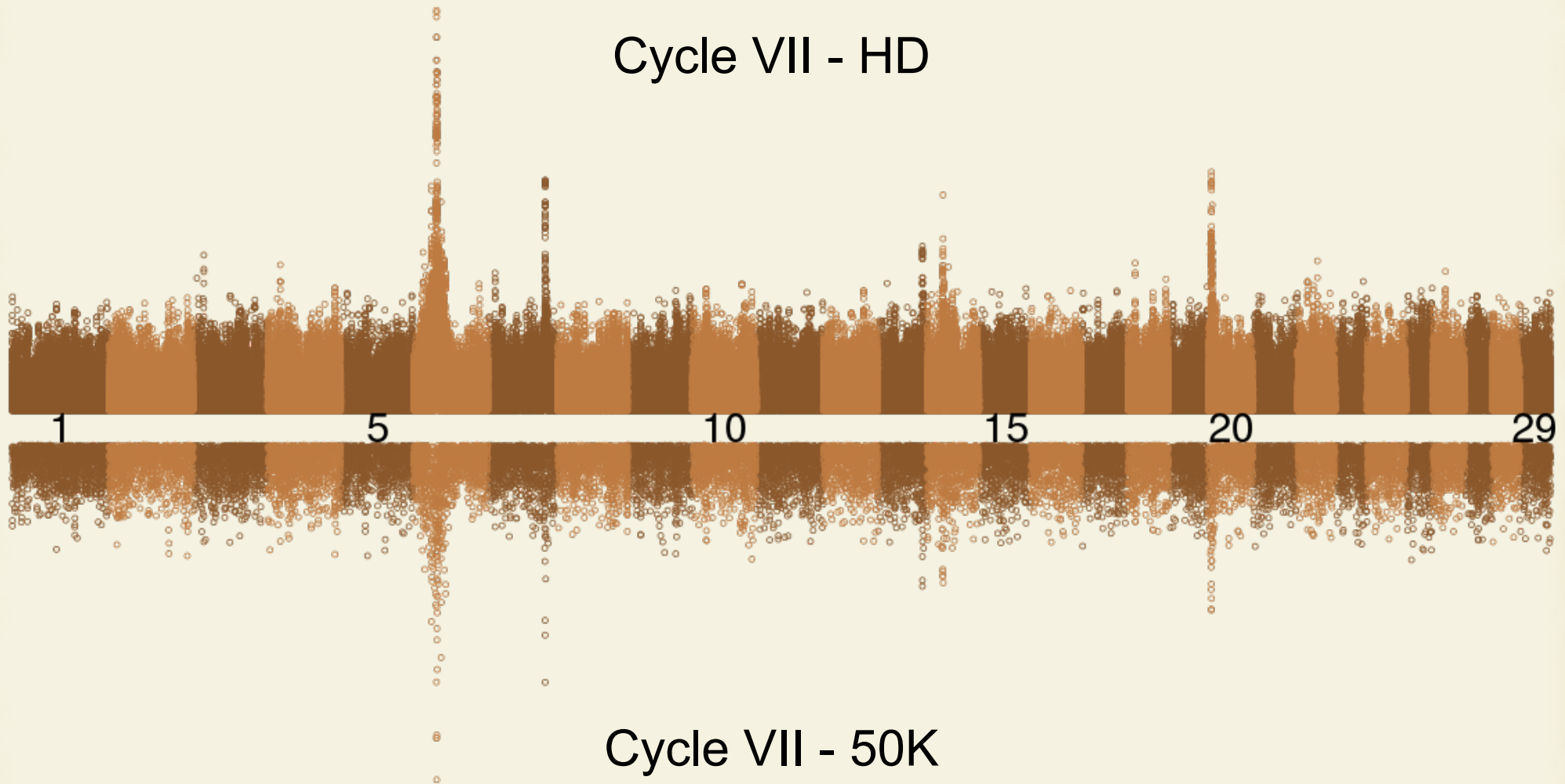


# Does the HD give different answers?

- Birth weight

$r = .989$

Cycle VII - HD



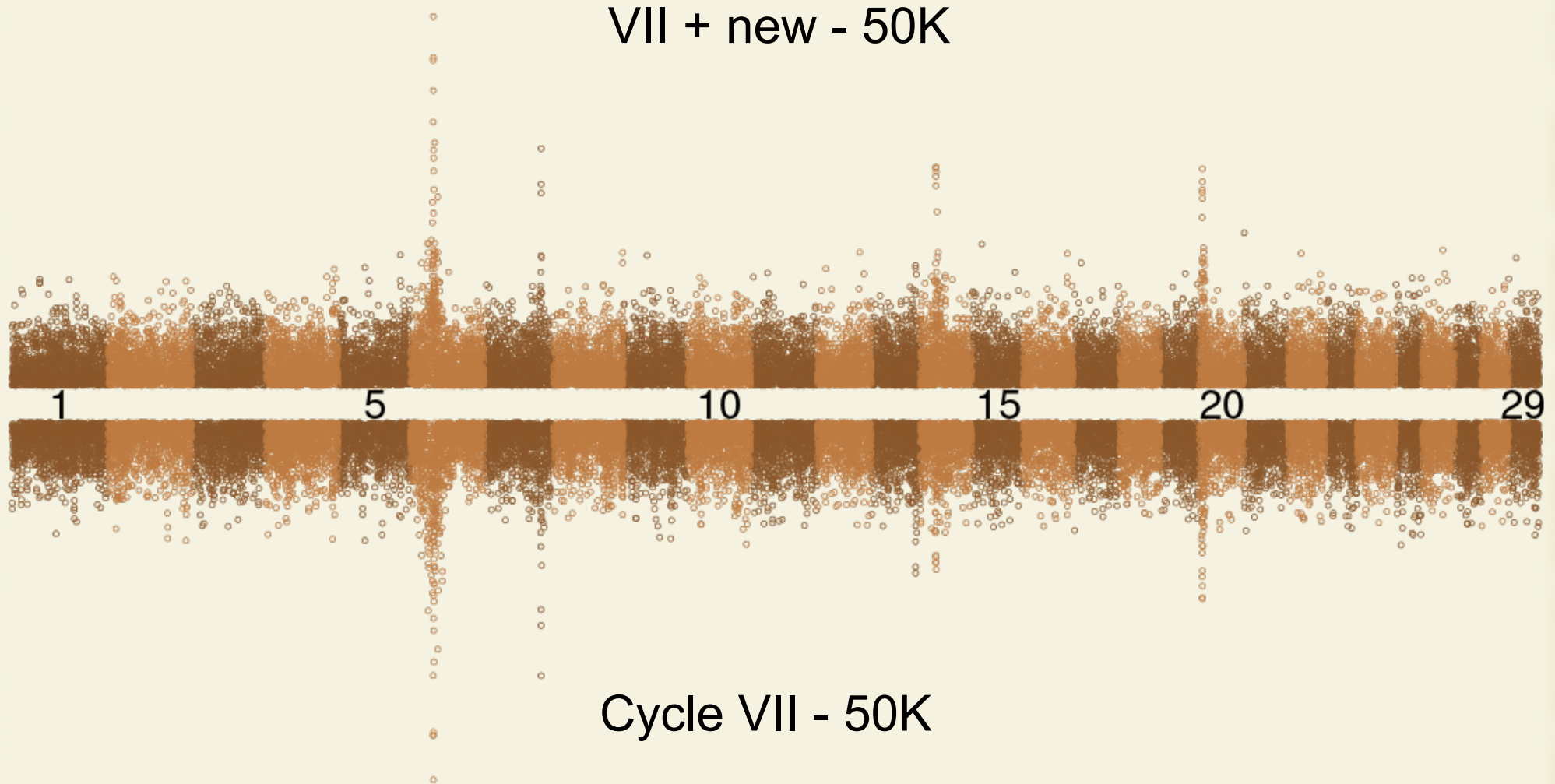


# Does the HD give different answers?

- Birth weight

$r = .664$

VII + new - 50K



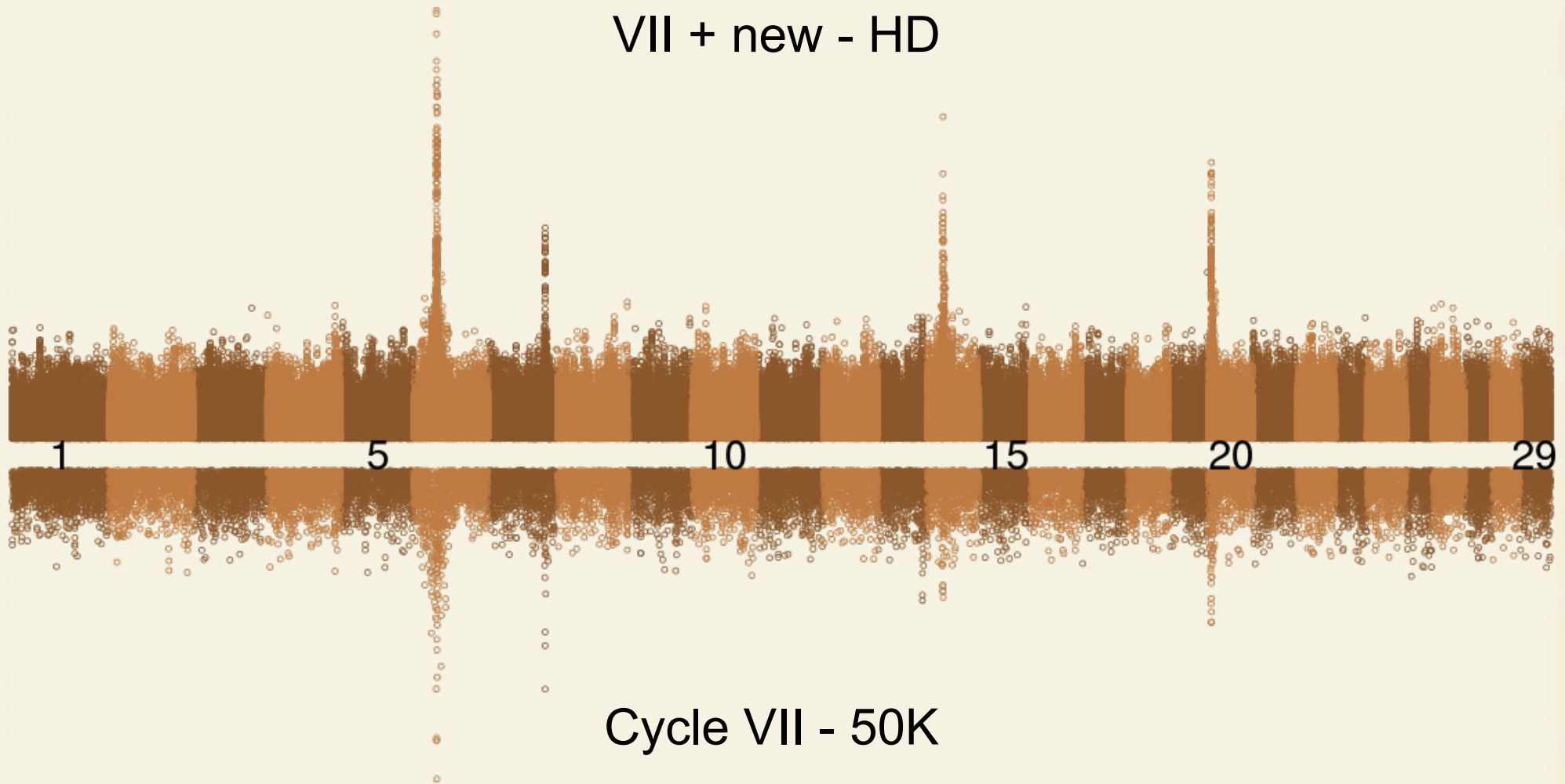


# Does the HD give different answers?

- Birth weight

$r = .658$

VII + new - HD

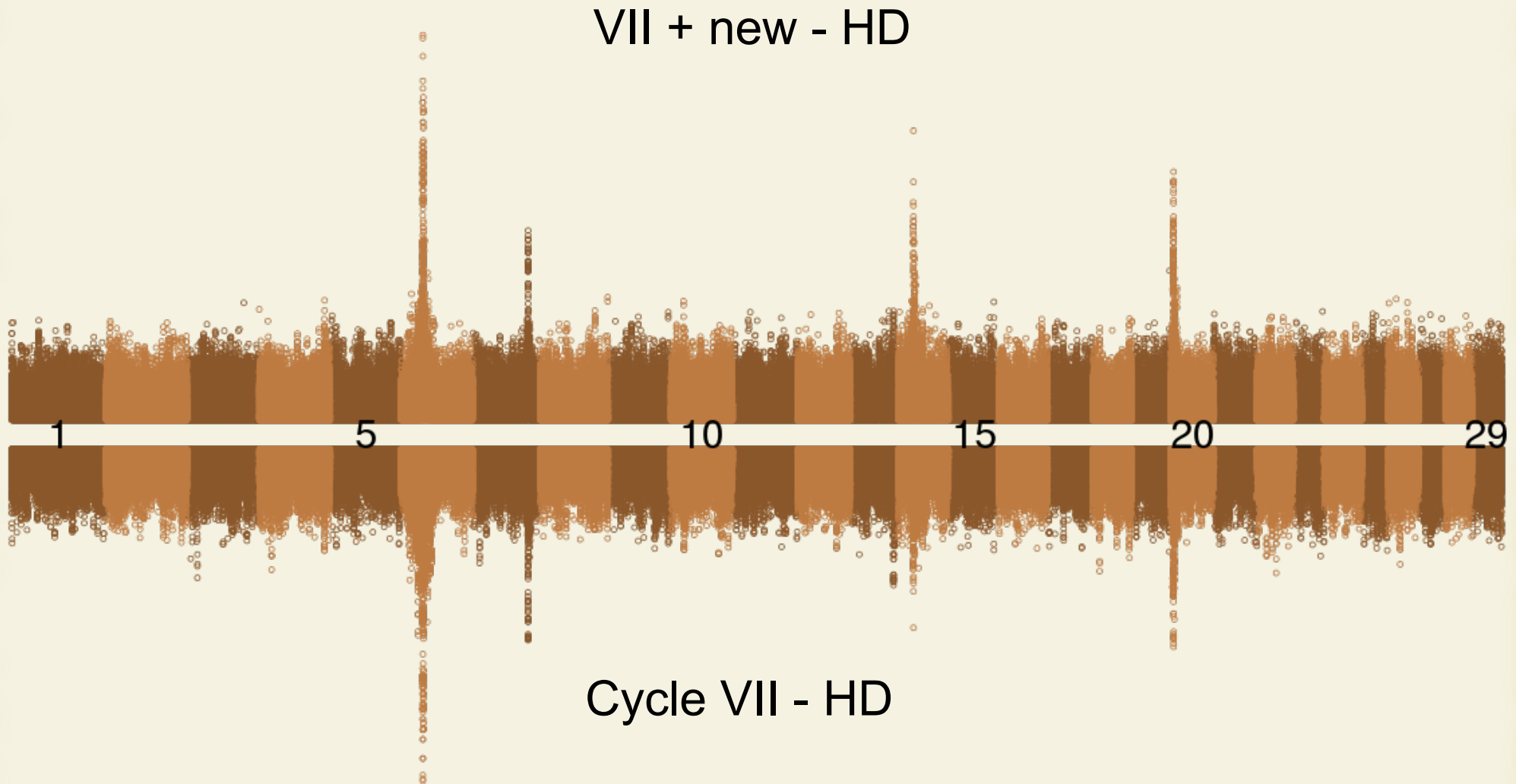


# Does the HD give different answers?

- Birth weight

$r = .617$

VII + new - HD

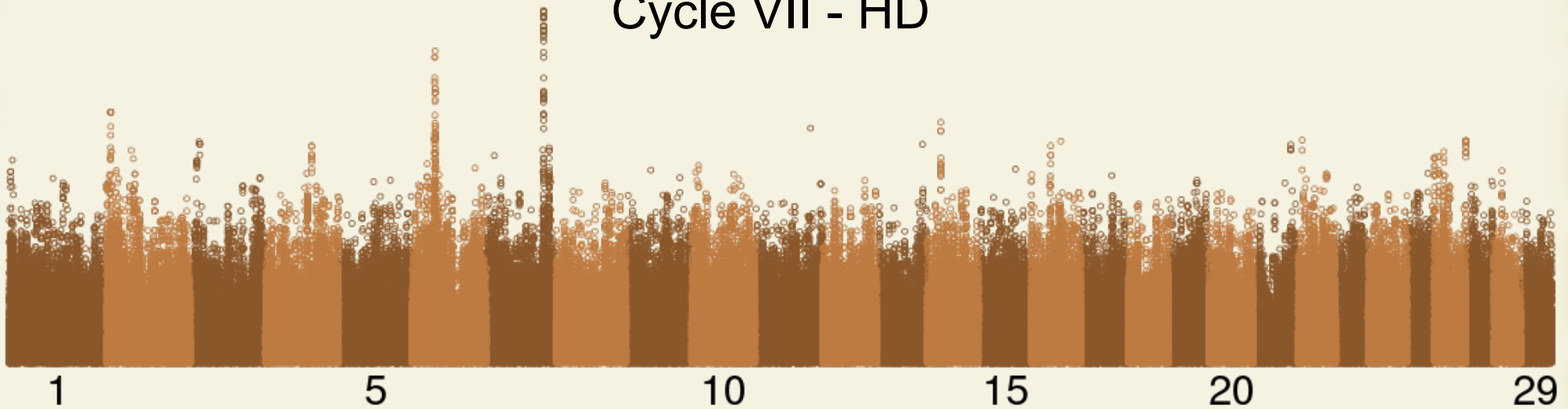


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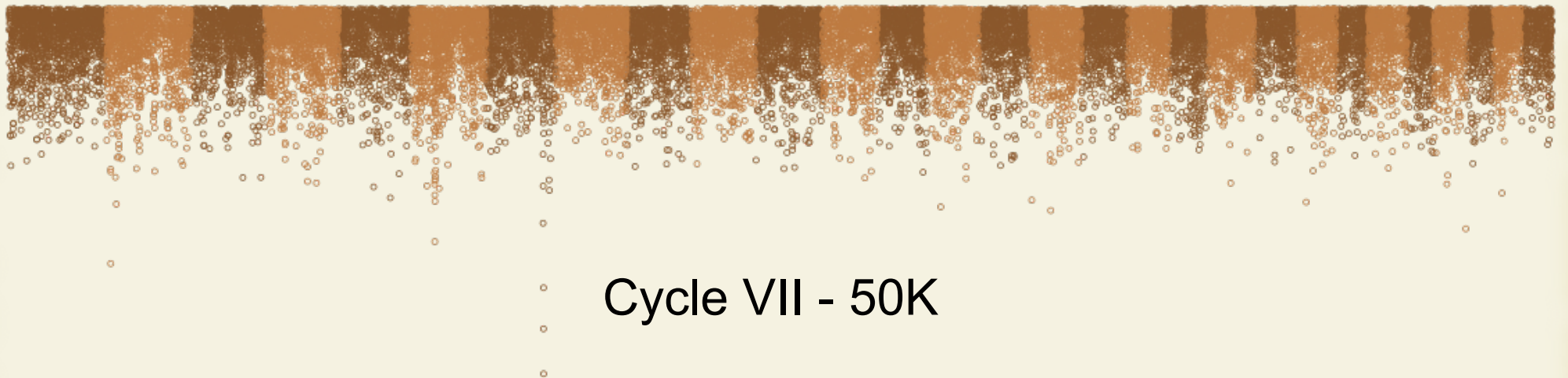
- Ribeye area

$r = .995$

Cycle VII - HD



Cycle VII - 50K

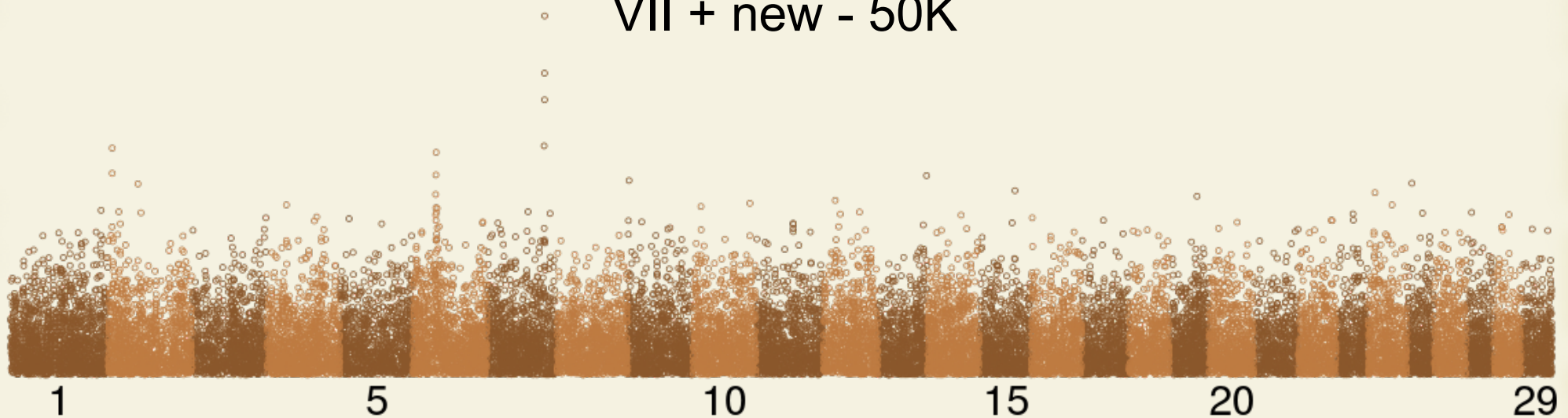


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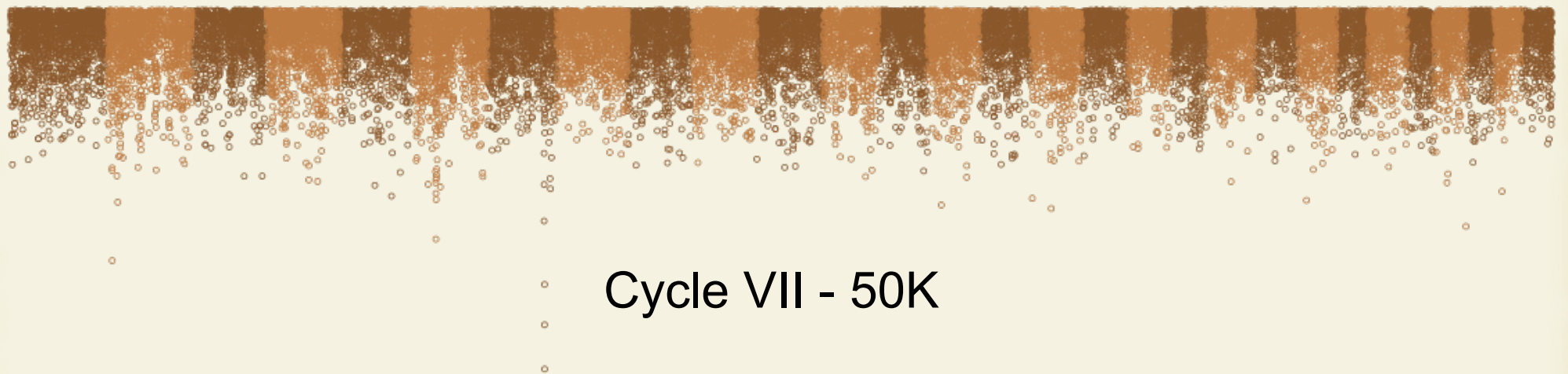
- Ribeye area

$r = .764$

VII + new - 50K



Cycle VII - 50K



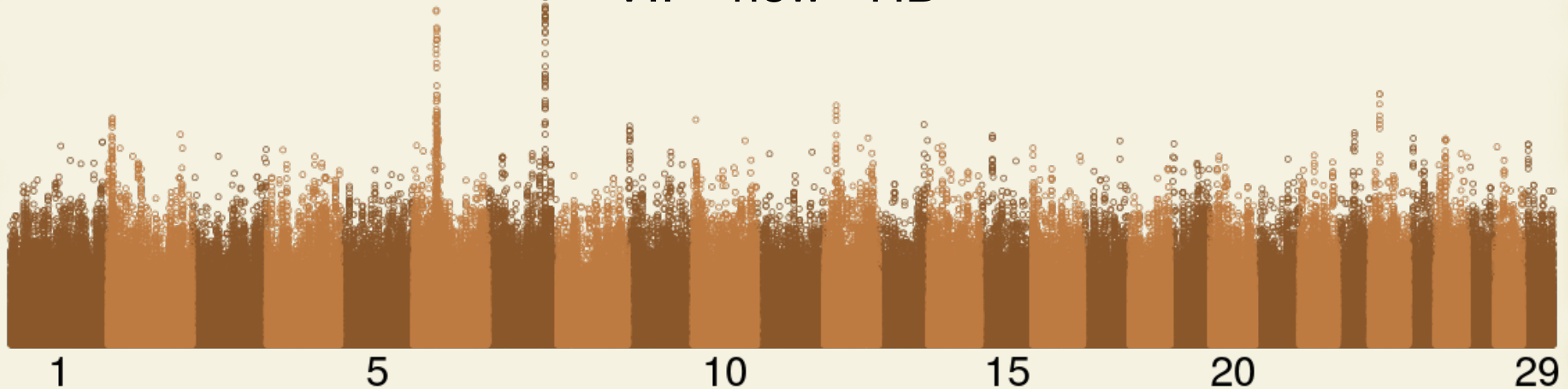


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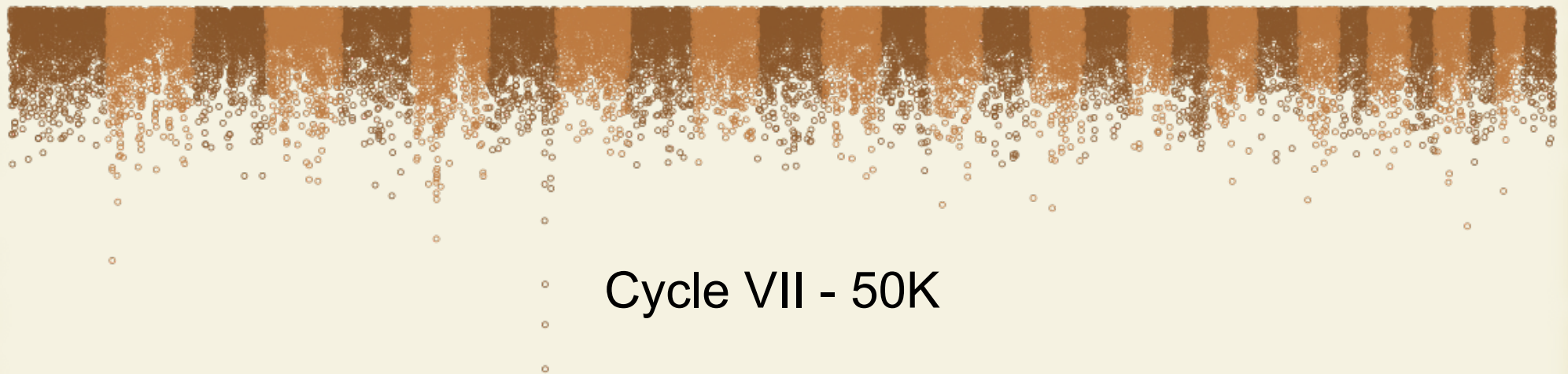
- Ribeye area

$r = .763$

VII + new - HD



Cycle VII - 50K

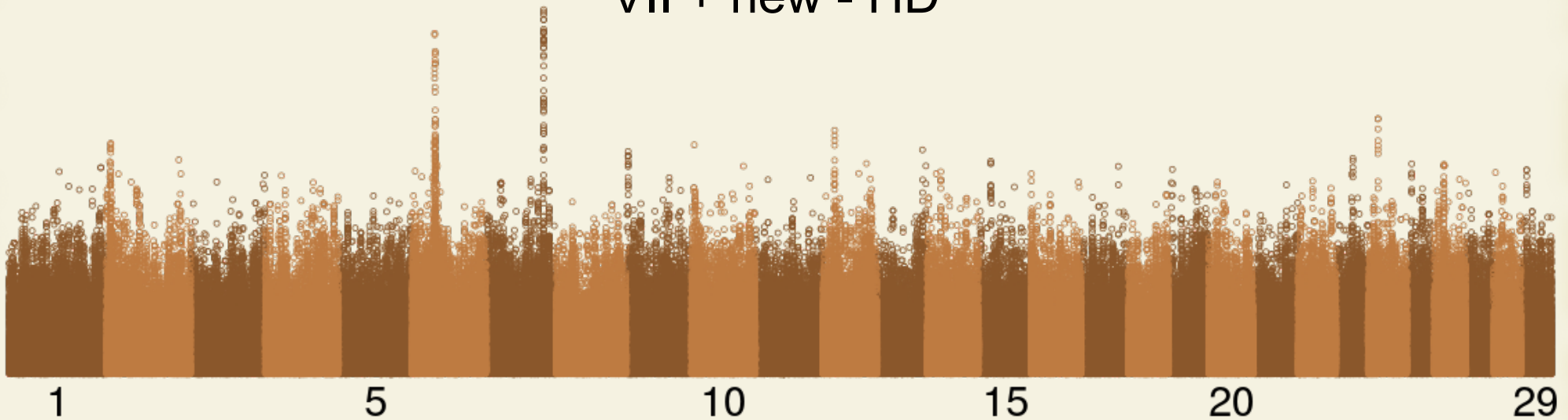


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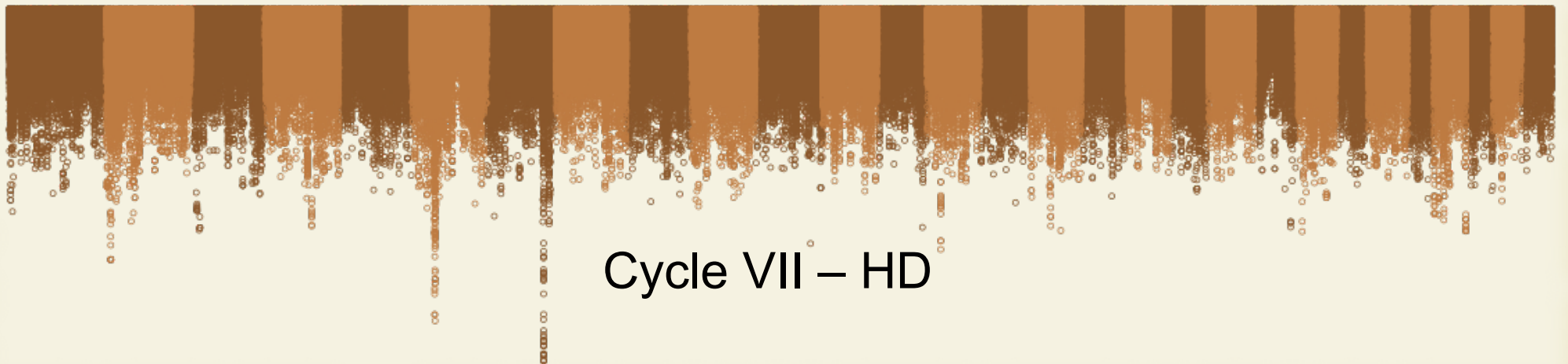
- Ribeye area

$r = .719$

VII + new - HD



Cycle VII - HD



# Does the HD give different answers?

- Cycle VII trained predictions of new GPE
  - Cycle VII + new GPE pedigree
  - new GPE phenotypes
  - corresponding MBV or EBV
    - $MBV = \text{CycleVII SNP effects} \times \text{newGPE genotypes}$
    - $EBV = \text{CycleVII pedigree estimates of newGPE}$

# Does the HD give different answers?

- Cycle VII trained predictions of new GPE
  - Birth weight – BW MBV genetic correlations

	$r_{\text{BW.MBV}}$	$r^2$
HD	.52 (.05)	.27
50K	.52 (.05)	.27
EBV (pedigree est)	.24 (.05)	.06

n=3812



# Does the HD give different answers?

- Cycle VII trained predictions of new GPE
  - Ribeye area – REA MBV genetic correlations

	$r_{\text{REA.MBV}}$	$r^2$
HD	.27 (.12)	.07
50K	.30 (.12)	.09
EBV (pedigree est)	.11 (.08)	.01

# Does the HD give different answers?

- Agreement between newGPE predictions
  - Birth weight

	$r_{gEBV.MBV}$	$r_{gEBV.maMBV}$
HD	.57	.95
50K	.56	.94
EBV (pedigree est)	.31	.89
EBV (VII + newGPE)		.90

gEBV – from HD VII+newGPE

MBV – VII effects x newGPE genotypes

maMBV – 2-trait newGPE phenotypes, MBV

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# Does the HD give different answers?

- Agreement between newGPE predictions  
– Ribeye area

	$r_{gEBV.MBV}$	$r_{gEBV.maMBV}$
HD	.40	.97
50K	.41	.96
EBV (pedigree est)	.22	.94
EBV (VII + newGPE)		.95

gEBV – from HD VII+newGPE

MBV – VII effects x newGPE genotypes

maMBV – 2-trait newGPE phenotypes, MBV

n=929

# Are all HD SNP needed for evaluation?

- focus on important genes and regions
- polygenic selection for loci with subtle effects
  - eliminate noise from whole-genome SNP

## Small HD sets evaluated in Cycle VII and new GPE

	<b>n SNP</b>	<b>Source</b>
GSA	4,795	HD subset in gene sets implicated by Cycle VII growth & carcass GWAS
LDa	105	HD subset spaced around Cycle VII growth and carcass GWAS peaks

# Are all HD SNP needed for evaluation?

- Heritability estimates

<b>Data Set</b>	<b>Marker Set</b>	<b>Birth Weight</b>	<b>Ribeye area</b>
Cycle VII	GSA	.25 (.03)	.20 (.03)
	LDa	.11 (.02)	.07 (.02)
	none	.60 (.04)	.54 (.07)
VII + new	GSA	.22 (.02)	.19 (.03)
	LDa	.09 (.02)	.05 (.01)
	none	.60 (.03)	.53 (.06)

# Are all HD SNP needed for evaluation?

- Cycle VII trained predictions of new GPE
  - Birth weight – BW MBV genetic correlations

	$r_{\text{BW.MBV}}$	$r^2$
GSA	.31 (.06)	.09
LDa	.38 (.05)	.14
EBV (pedigree est)	.24 (.05)	.06

n=3812

# Are all HD SNP needed for evaluation?

- Cycle VII trained predictions of new GPE
  - Ribeye area – REA MBV genetic correlations

	$r_{\text{REA.MBV}}$	$r^2$
GSA	.18 (.12)	.03
LDa	.19 (.11)	.04
EBV (pedigree est)	.11 (.08)	.01

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# Are all HD SNP needed for evaluation?

- Agreement between newGPE predictions
  - Birth weight

	$r_{gEBV.MBV}$	$r_{gEBV.maMBV}$
GSA	.30	.91
LDa	.36	.91
EBV (pedigree est)	.31	.89
EBV (VII + newGPE)		.90

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# Are all HD SNP needed for evaluation?

- Agreement between newGPE predictions
  - Ribeye area

	$r_{gEBV.MBV}$	$r_{gEBV.maMBV}$
GSA	.21	.94
LDa	.15	.94
EBV (pedigree est)	.22	.94
EBV (VII + newGPE)		.95

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# What's next?

- New developments that might increase portability of genomic predictions?
  - next-generation sequence, exon sequence, RNA-seq
    - identify and classify (likely) functional variants
    - reference to impute from panel genotypes (LD,50K,HD) to sequence
  - gene pathways and networks
    - integrate functional annotation, gene expression and other information to identify interacting genes likely to affect phenotype

# Summary

- HD genotyping panels offer opportunity for high-resolution GWAS and QTL fine-mapping
- Existing 50K genotypes can be imputed to HD
  - need suitable HD reference genotypes
    - paternal and maternal haplotypes in reference
- Genomic selection similar using 50K or HD
  - limited portability
  - causal variants needed?
- Resources and methodology to better identify causal variants being developed
  - incremental advances or quantum leap?