



# Prediction of complex traits

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# **0. DEFINITION OF PREDICTION**

A prediction is as a statement based on some type of information (input data) made about something (a single or a set of response variables) that has not been observed yet, but that is potentially observable or will be eventually observed. A prediction may be one of a future event (forecast) or of some “missing” collateral (imputation) or past (postdiction) variable. Upon observing the outcome or realization of the target variable, one can evaluate whether the prediction was accurate or not, e.g., “success” or “failure” in the case of binary events. Accuracy, the degree of closeness of a prediction with respect to the outcome, can be measured using error rates (false negatives, false positives, etc.) in classification problems, or by correlations between predictions and predictands or mean-squared error in regression applications.

# 1. UNDERLYING PHILOSOPHY OF THE COURSE

Predictive inference (Geisser 1993)

*"Clearly hypothesis testing and estimation as stressed in almost all statistics books involve parameters...this presumes the truth of the model and imparts an inappropriate existential meaning to an index or parameter...inferring about observables is more pertinent since they can occur and be validated to a degree that is not possible for parameters".*

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- Bayesian methods: important role in machine learning.
  - Bayes theorem: provides predictive distribution automatically.
  - Has not been appreciated in full yet in whole-genome prediction literature.
  - This distribution, however, is based on a model. There is model uncertainty
  - Impossible to arrive at a model that can be taken seriously, at least mechanistically, for any complex trait...
  - We will argue later why this is the case, at least partially!

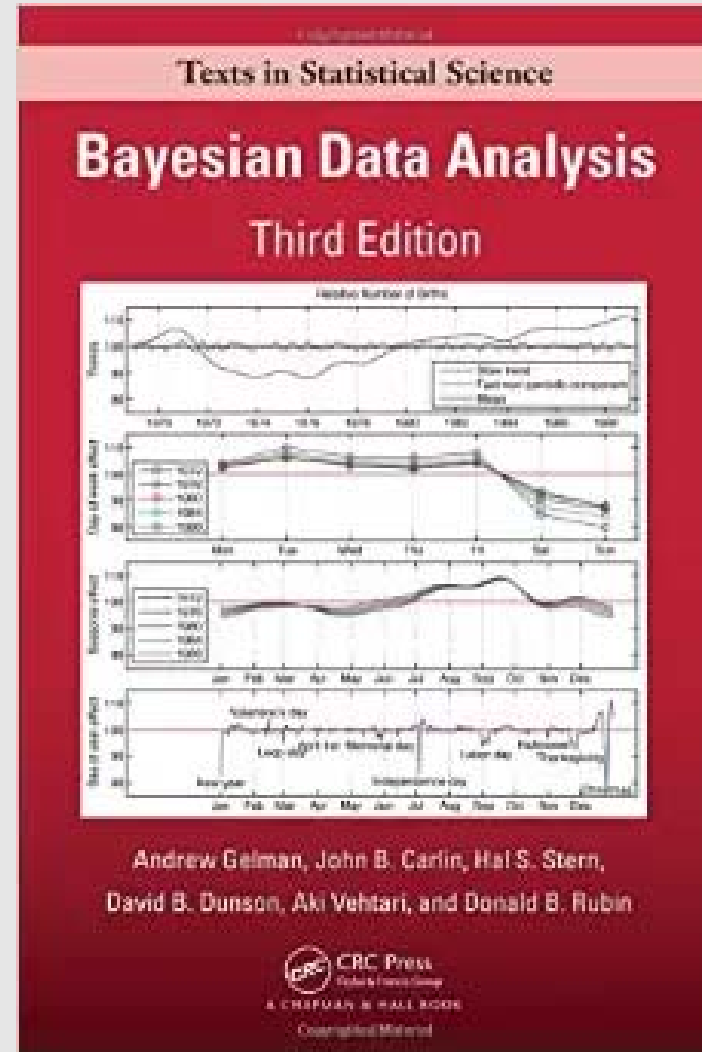
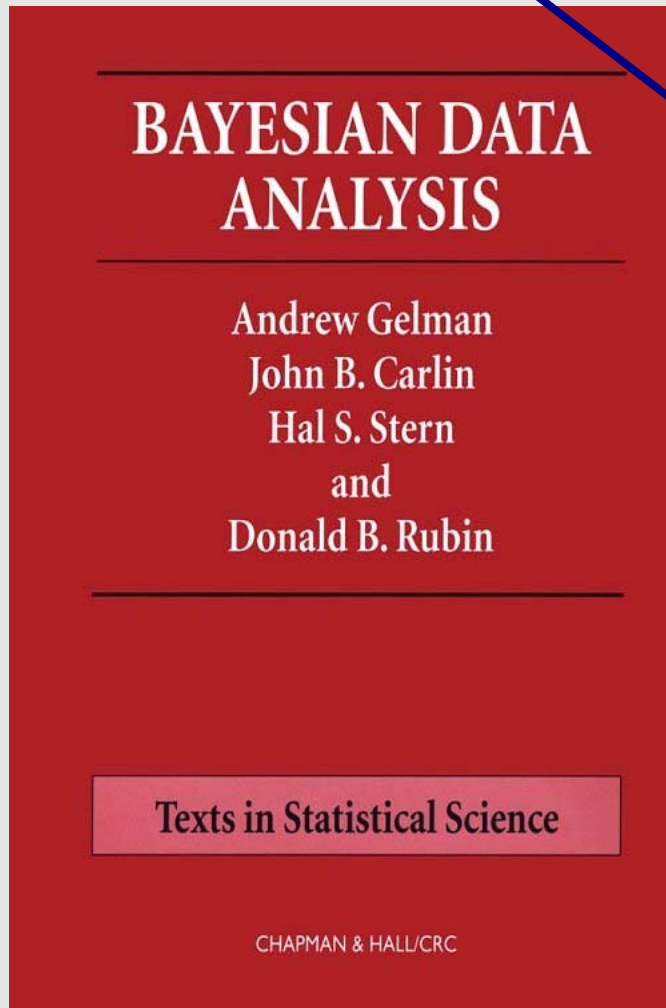
## **2. TOPICS COVERED (ORDER MAY VARY)**

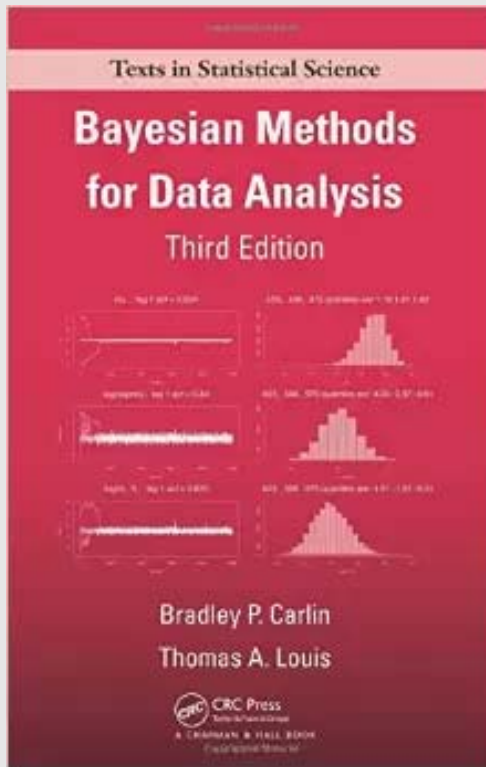
- 1. Introduction. Molecular markers and prediction. Predictive inference. Cross-validation. Overview of some penalized methods.
- 2. Review of least-squares, maximum likelihood and best linear unbiased prediction.
- 3. GWAS (genome-wide association study) and pitfalls.
- 4. Review of Bayesian inference, MCMC and Bayesian regression. Bayesian predictive distributions
- 5. Challenges from complexity: over-parameterization, instrumental models, errors in gene action specification.
- 6. Genomic BLUP and genomic studentized prediction (GSTUP). The Bayesian alphabet (Bayes A, B, C, Bayesian Lasso, Bayes R)
- 7. The problem of dealing with gene-gene-gene-....-gene interactions.
- 8. Introduction to non-parametric regression: kernel methods and neural networks.
- 9. Estimating distributions of prediction errors via re-sampling.

**TEXTS THAT MAY BE**  
**USEFUL AS SUPPORTING**  
**MATERIALS**  
**FOR THIS COURSE**

**Gelman A., Carlin, J. B., Stern, H. and Rubin, D. B. 1995. Chapman&Hall/CRC**

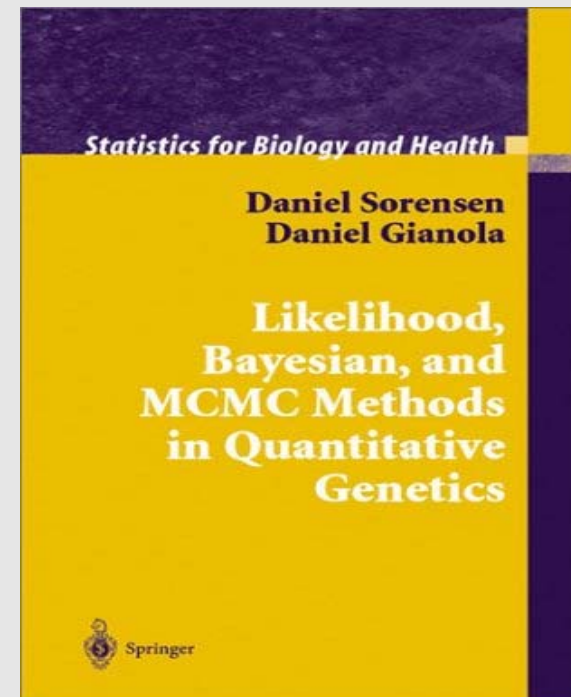
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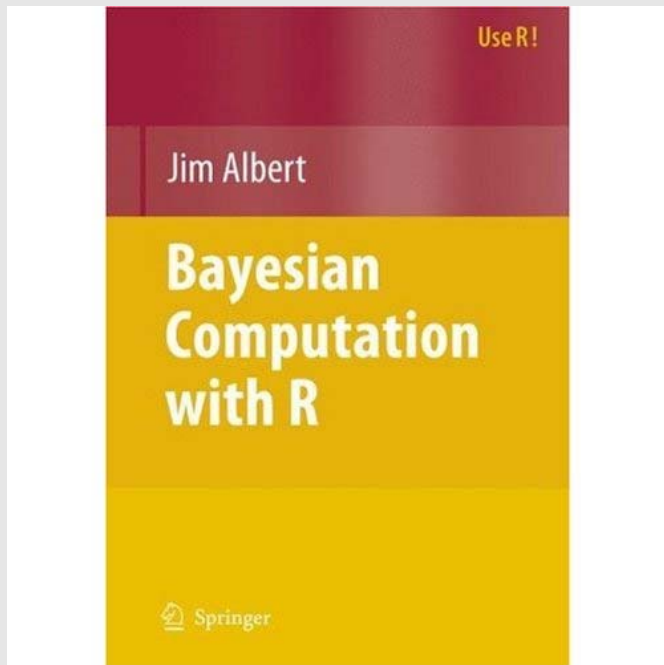


**Carlin, B. P. and Louis, T. A. 2008.  
Bayesian Methods for Data Analysis,  
Third Edition Chapman & Hall/CRC**

**Sorensen, D. and Gianola, D. 2002. Springer**



# Albert, J. 2009. Bayesian Computation with R. Second Edition

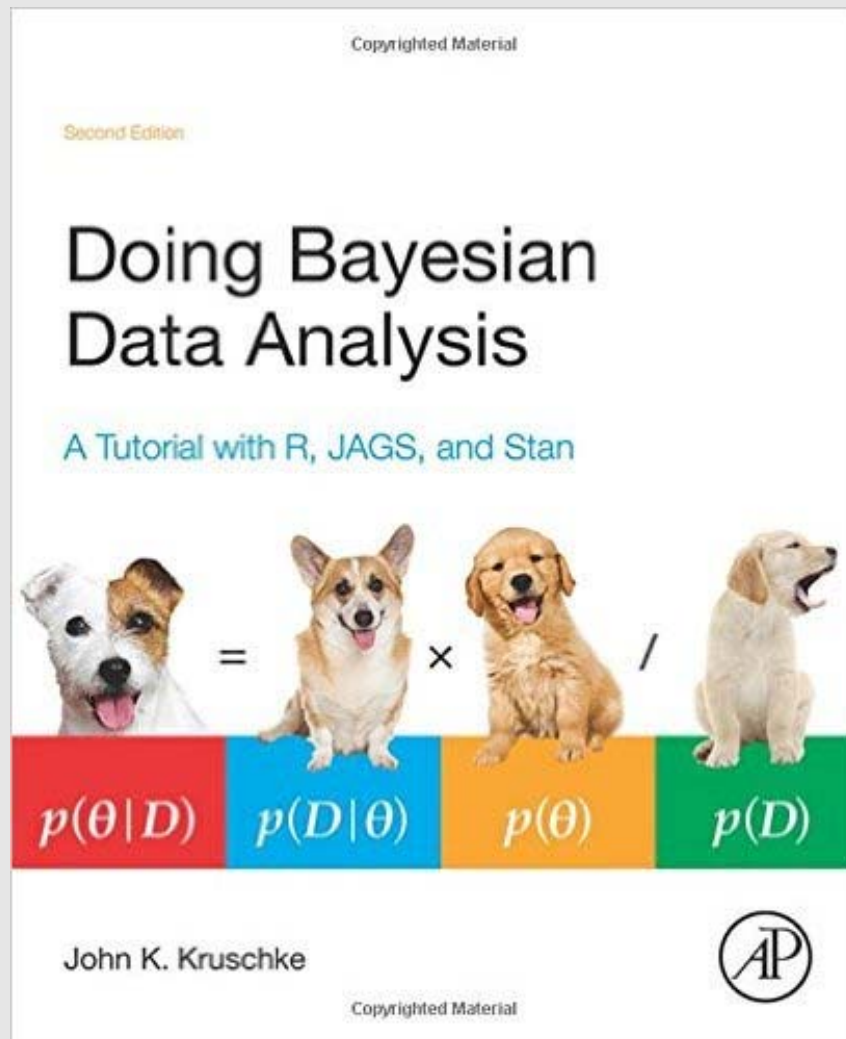


**Robert C. P; Casella G. 2010.  
Introducing Monte Carlo Methods with R.  
Springer.**

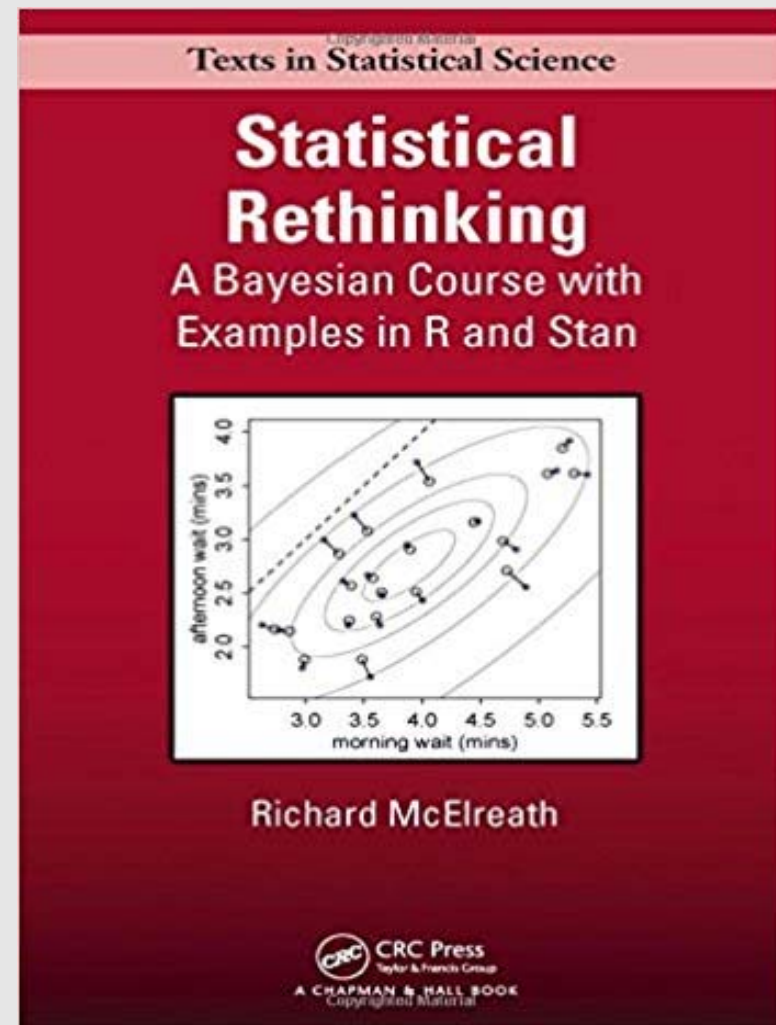




# SOME NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TEXTBOOKS WITH APPLICATIONS AND SOFTWARE

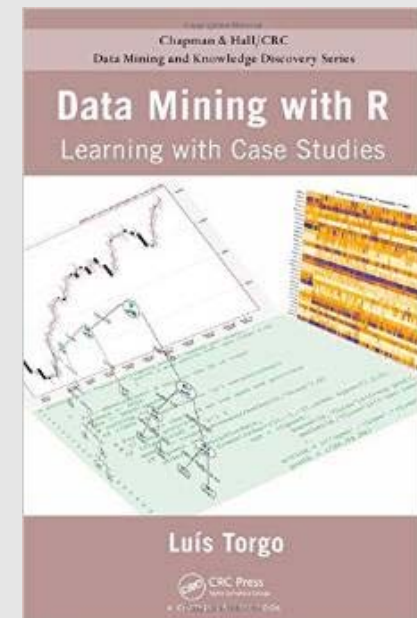
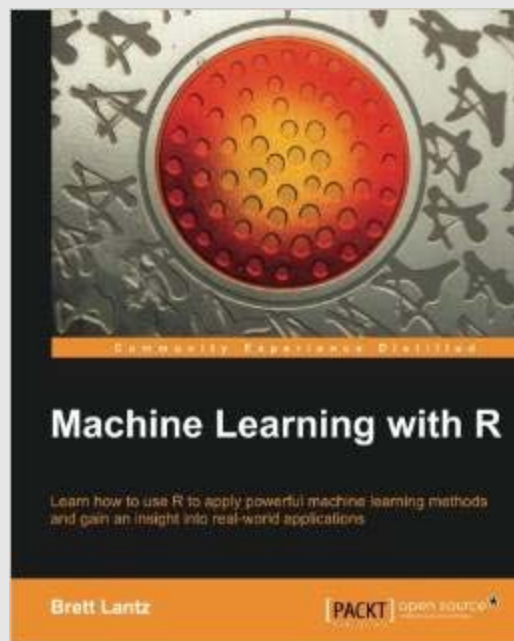
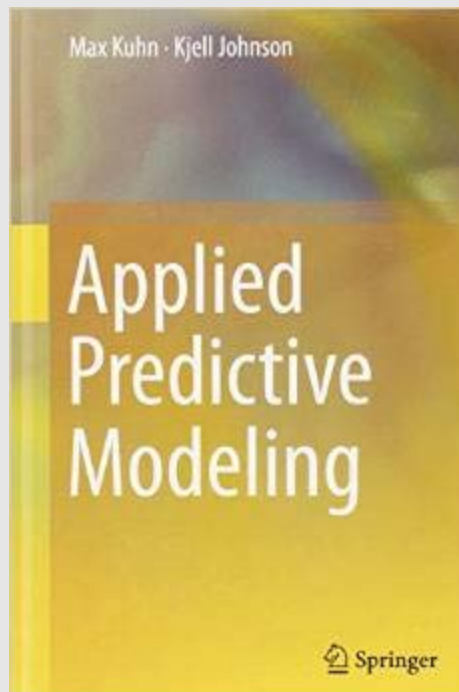
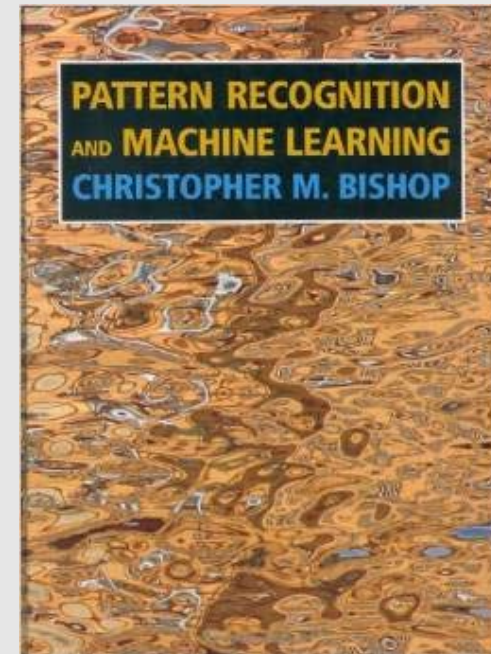
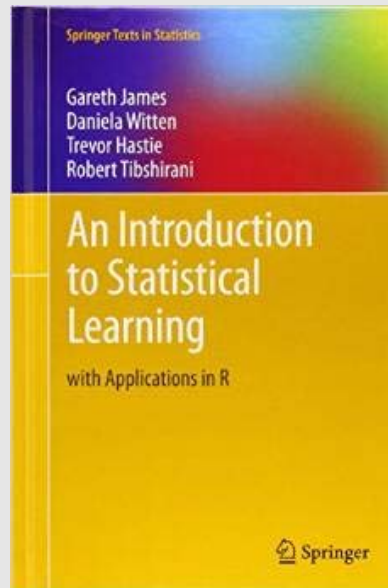
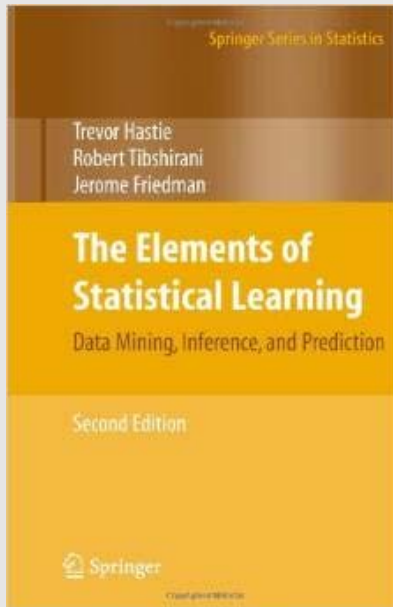


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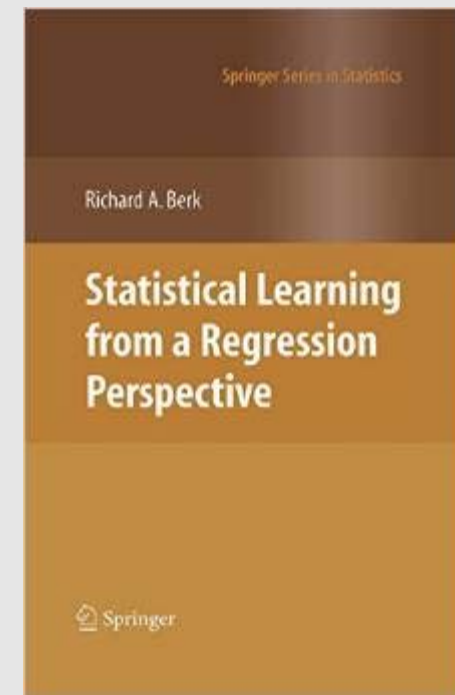
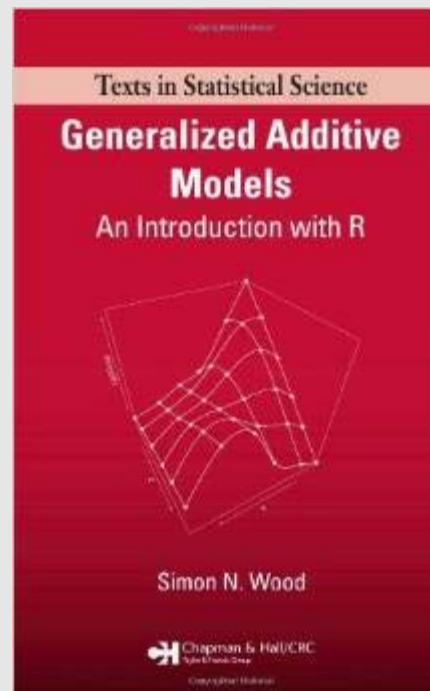
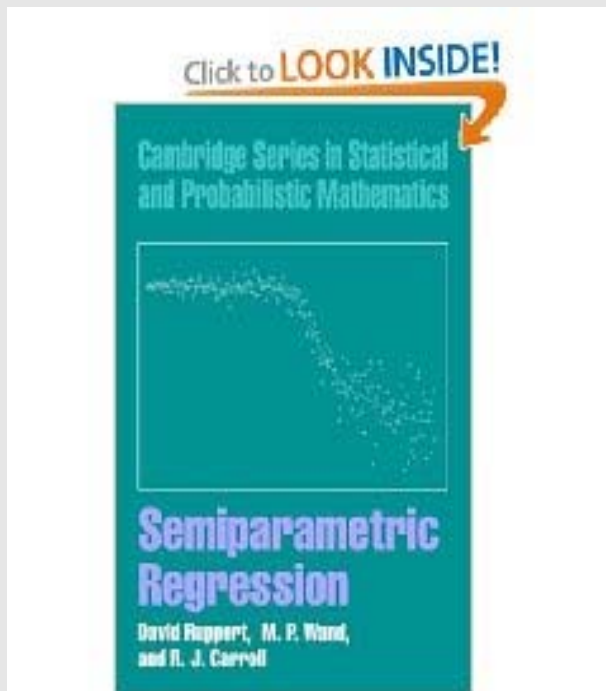


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# Statistical and machine learning

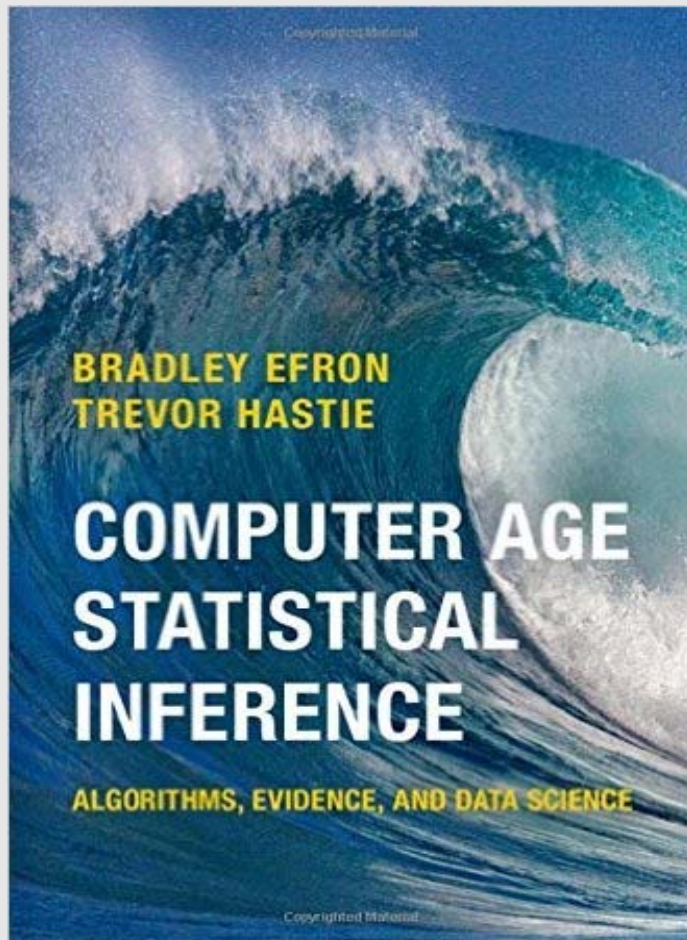


# Non-parametric regression

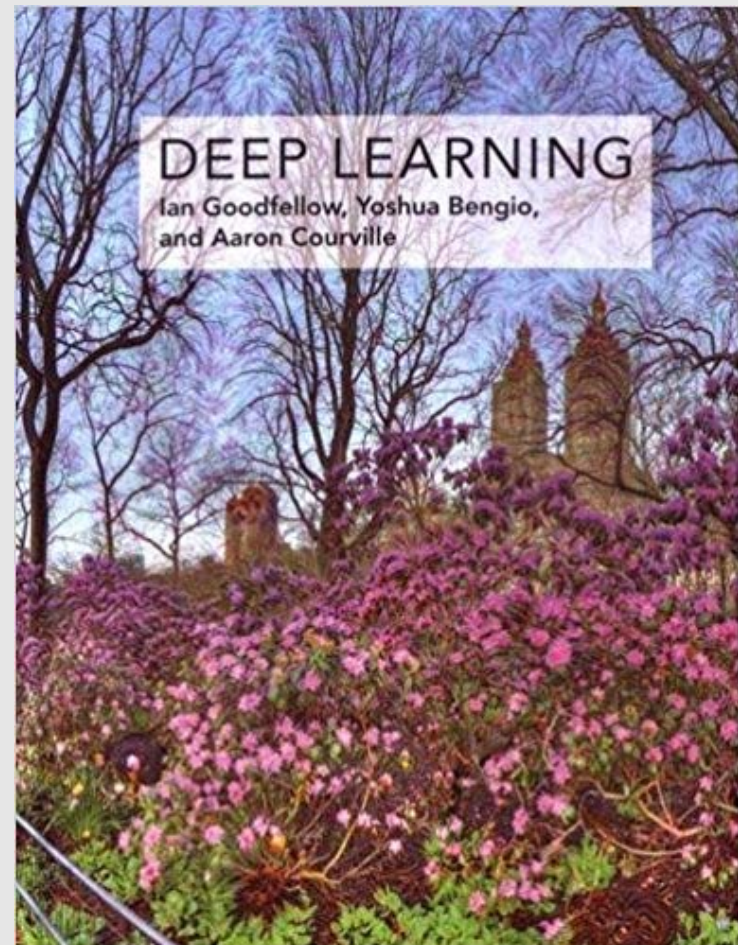


# THE END OF HISTORY?

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**I am not a robot...or am I?**

**3. EVOLUTION OF STATISTICAL  
METHODS  
IN ANIMAL BREEDING  
AND QUANTITATIVE GENETICS**

Balding et al. (2007)  
“Handbook of Statistical Genetics”. Wiley

Chapter 20

D. Gianola

*“Inferences from Mixed Models in  
Quantitative Genetics”*

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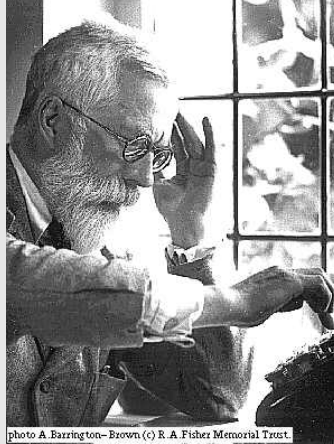
Gianola and Rosa (2015)

*“One hundred years of statistical developments  
in animal breeding”*

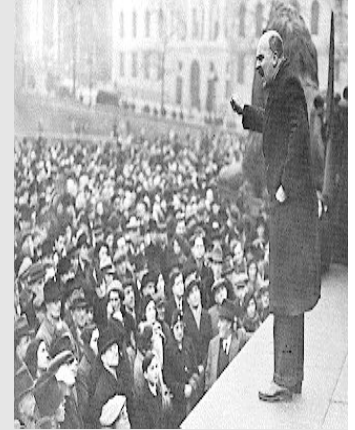
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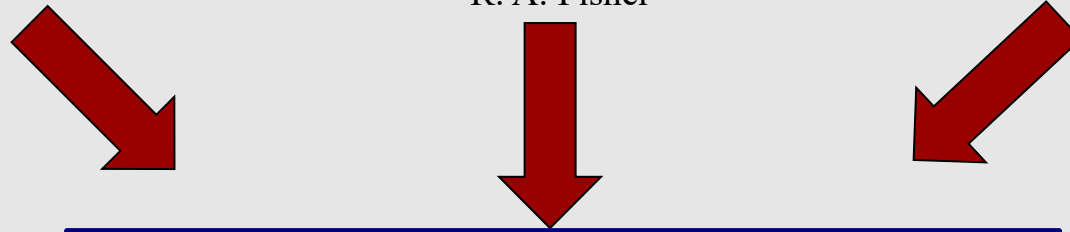
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R. A. Fisher



J. B. S. Haldane



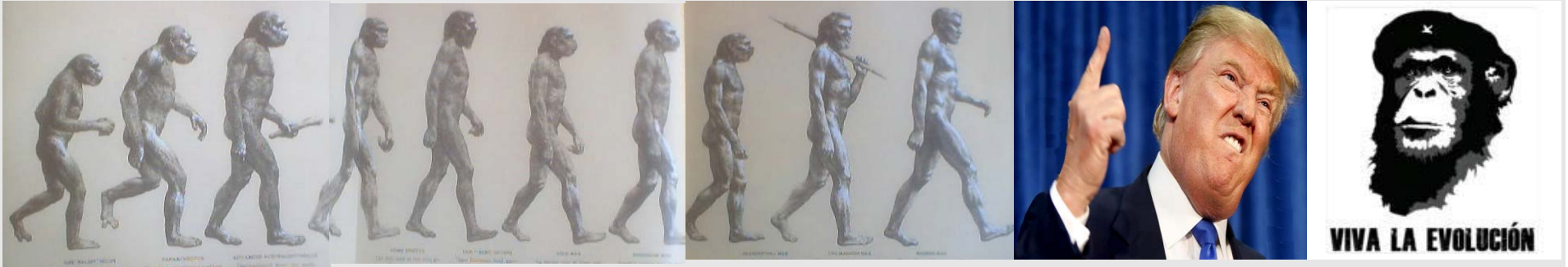
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# HISTORICAL PROGRESSION



Archaen

Galton's regression; Pearson: density estimation

[Early 20<sup>th</sup> century]

Pathozoic

Fisher's 1918, Path analysis, "Animal Breeding Plans" [1918-1945]

Anovian

Least-squares, (CO) Variance components: Henderson's Method 1, Selection index [1936-1943]

Post-anovian

Henderson's 2+3, Rao's MINQUE and MIVQUE [1953-1973]

Blupassic

Mixed models, BLUP, animal model, multi-traits, random regression [1948-2009]

Remlian

Maximum likelihood: VCE, ASREML, DMU, WOMBAT [1971-2009]

Posteriozoic

Threshold models, Survival, MCMC [1982-2008]

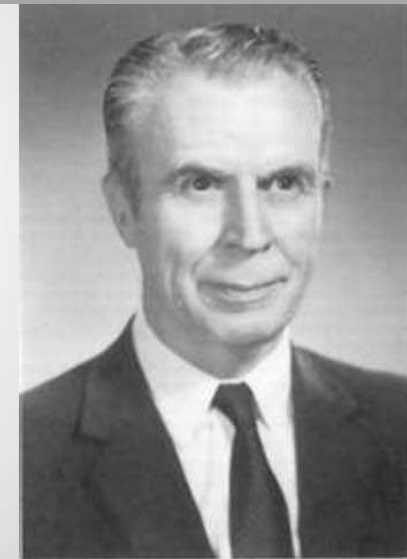
Genomacic

QTLs, GWAS, whole-genome prediction, machine learning, networks, "causal variants" [2001-present]



## TOME 1: FROM FISHER TO HENDERSON

- Fisher's mean became a mean vector
- Fisher's additive variance became a covariance matrix
- BLUP and the mixed model equations were developed
- Wright's NRM matrix found to have an easy inverse
- BLUP extended to cross-sectional, longitudinal and multivariate data
- BLUP even for non-existing individuals...
- Good estimates of dispersion parameters needed! ML and REML (Thompson)
- More efficient production of milk, meat, eggs and fiber!
- **No genes, no MAF, no LD, no "causal variants". No Nature Genetics or NIH, no glamour!!**



Fisher RA. 1918. The correlation between relatives on the supposition of Mendelian inheritance. *Trans. R. Soc. Edinb.* 52:399–433

Henderson CR. 1948. *Estimation of general, specific and maternal combining ability in crosses among inbred lines of swine.* PhD Thesis, Iowa State Univ.

# THE $n \ll p$ ERA

(in animal breeding, began in 1948-1973: C. R. HENDERSON)

$$y = X\beta + Zu + e$$

↑     ↗  
Fixed Random

$$y | \beta, u, R \sim N(X\beta + Zu, R)$$

$$u \sim N(0, G)$$

BLUP=Best linear unbiased predictor

$$\begin{bmatrix} X'R^{-1}X & X'R^{-1}Z \\ Z'R^{-1}X & Z'R^{-1}Z + G^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta} \\ \hat{u} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X'R^{-1}y \\ Z'R^{-1}y \end{bmatrix}$$

BLUP= Conditional posterior mean in Bayes Gaussian linear hierarchical model

BLUP=penalized (L2) maximum likelihood

BLUP=Similar to kriging in geostatistics

BLUP=special case of RKHS regression

BLUP=Exactly like the Holy Roman Empire (Gelman)

# BAYESIAN INFERENCE AND THE NEO-BAYES-LAPLACE REVOLUTION (Savage, James-Stein, Lindley, Box, Zellner...)

Rev. Thomas Bayes

1702 London, England

1761 Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England

1763. "An essay towards solving a problem in the doctrine of chances".  
*Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London* **53**, 370-418.



Pierre-Simon Laplace

1749 Beaumont-en-Auge, France

1827 Paris, France

1774. "Mémoire sur la probabilité des causes par les événements".  
*Savants étrangers* **6**, 621-656. *Oeuvres* **8**, 27-65

# TOME 2: FROM HENDERSON TO BAYES

*Ann. Génét. Sél. anim.*, 1977, 9 (1), 27-32.

**Relation entre BLUP (Best Linear Unbiased Prediction)  
et estimateurs bayésiens <sup>(1)</sup>**

L. DEMPFLÉ

## PRE-MCMC

**BAYESIAN METHODS IN ANIMAL BREEDING THEORY<sup>1,2</sup>**

Daniel Gianola and Rohan L. Fernando

*J. Anim. Sci.* 1986. 63:217–244

Gianola, D., Foulley, J.L. Non-linear prediction of latent genetic liability with binary expression: an empirical Bayes approach. in: Proc. 2nd World Congr. Genet. Appl. Livest. Prod. VII. ; 1982: 293–303.

*Genet Sel Evol* (1993) 25, 41-62  
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Original article

“Gibbs for pigs”

**Marginal inferences about variance  
components in a mixed linear model  
using Gibbs sampling**

CS Wang\*, JJ Rutledge, D Gianola

## MCMC

Monte Carlo Estimation of Mixed Models for Large Complex Pedigrees  
Author(s): Sun Wei Guo and Elizabeth A. Thompson  
Source: *Biometrics*, Vol. 50, No. 2 (Jun., 1994), pp. 417-432

## MCMC WITH MARKER DATA

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**Prediction of Total Genetic Value Using Genome-Wide Dense Marker Maps**

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**GENOMIC  
SELECTION**

# Bayesian methods in Genetics: today

- Classification of genotypes
- Molecular evolution
- Linkage mapping
- QTL cartography
- Genetic risk analysis
- Gaussian linear and non-linear models  
: cross-sectional+ longitudinal univariate+ multivariate
- Generalized linear models
- Survival analysis
- Thick-tailed processes
- Mixtures
- Semi-parametrics
- Transcriptional analysis
- ABC in population genetics
- Structural equation modeling
- Bayesian proteomics with wavelets
- Bayesian non-parametrics (Dirichlet process priors, RKHS)
- EPITOME: Methods for genomic selection**  
(the Bayesian Alphabet—A, B, C,C-pi, L,R... and more)
- Bayesian multi-omics (DNA+methylation, gene expression, environmentomics)

RED: animal breeders  
made strong contributions

## 4. BASIC QUANTITATIVE GENETICS: the additive genetic model

$$u_i = W_{i1}a_1 + W_{i2}a_2 + \dots + W_{iK}a_K$$

$$W_{ij}a_j = \begin{cases} -a_j & \text{if } W_{ij} = -1 (aa); \Pr(W_{ij} = -1) = (1 - p_j)^2 \\ 0 & \text{if } W_{ij} = 0 (Aa); \Pr(W_{ij} = 0) = 2p_j(1 - p_j) \\ a_j & \text{if } W_{ij} = 1 (AA); \Pr(W_{ij} = 1) = p_j^2 \end{cases}$$

Random genotypes ( $W$ 's) ; fixed effects of QTL ( $a$ 's)  $\rightarrow u$  is a random “genetic signal”



$$\begin{aligned}
 E(u) &= E(W_1 a_1 + \dots + W_K a_K) \\
 &= E(W_1) a_1 + \dots + E(W_K) a_K
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Var(u) &= a_1^2 Var(W_1) + \dots + a_K^2 Var(W_K) && \text{EQUILIBRIUM} \\
 &+ 2a_1 a_2 Cov(W_1, W_2) + \dots + 2a_{K-1} a_K Cov(W_{K-1}, W_K) && \text{DISEQUILIBRIUM}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Cov(W_1, W_2) = 2D_{12}$$

*D is the linkage disequilibrium statistic*

*If  $\Pr(W_1, W_2) = \Pr(W_1) \Pr(W_2)$ : "linkage equilibrium"*

**THERE IS ALWAYS LINKAGE DISEQUILIBRIUM!**

IN AN EQUILIBRIUM POPULATION

$$Var(u) = \sum_{k=1}^K a_k^2 Var(W_k) = \sum_{k=1}^K \tau_k^2$$

IF  $K \rightarrow \infty$

$u \rightarrow N(E(u), Var(u))$

"INFINITESIMAL MODEL"

## Effect of an allelic substitution

$$W(AA)=2$$

$$W(Aa)=1$$

$$W(aa)=0$$

$$u = W a$$

$$E(u) = aE(W) = a(2 \times p^2 + 1 \times 2pq + 0 \times q^2)$$

$$= a[2p^2 + 2p(1-p)]$$

$$= a(2p) ; \quad p = \Pr(B) \quad q = \Pr(b)$$

$$\frac{\partial E(u)}{\partial p} = 2a \Rightarrow \text{when all "b" alleles are replaced}$$

by "B" alleles, the mean increases

by  $2a$ . Average effect of substitution is  $a$

$$\text{Var}(W) = 2^2 p^2 + 1^2 2p(1-p) - (2p)^2$$

$$= 2p(1-p)$$



**Epistasis**: interaction between genotypes at different loci

$$u = W_1a_1 + W_2a_2 + W_1W_2a_{12} \implies \text{additive x additive epistasis}$$

$$E(u) = a_1E(W_1) + a_2E(W_2) + a_{12}E(W_1W_2)$$

$$= a_1E(W_1) + a_2E(W_2) + a_{12}E(W_1W_2) \begin{cases} E(W_1)E(W_2) & \text{if equilibrium} \\ E(W_1)E(W_2) + Cov(W_1W_2) & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

$$Cov(W_1W_2) = 2D_{12} \text{ [D here is the LD statistic (covariance between allelic codes)]}$$

**Epistasis**: substitution effect depends on allelic frequency distribution at other loci

$$\frac{\partial E(u)}{\partial p_1} = a_1 \frac{\partial E(W_1)}{\partial p_1} + a_{12} \frac{\partial E(W_1W_2)}{\partial p_1} \begin{cases} \frac{\partial E(W_1)}{\partial p_1} E(W_2) & \text{if equilibrium} \\ \frac{\partial E(W_1)}{\partial p_1} E(W_2) + \frac{\partial Cov(W_1W_2)}{\partial p_1} & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

## Genetic variance in two-locus model

$$u = W_1 a_1 + W_2 a_2 + W_1 W_2 a_{12}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(u) = & a_1^2 \text{Var}(W_1) + a_2^2 \text{Var}(W_2) + 2a_1 a_2 \text{Cov}(W_1 W_2) \\ & + a_{12}^2 \text{Var}(W_1 W_2) + 2a_1 a_{12} \text{Cov}(W_1, W_1 W_2) + 2a_2 a_{12} \text{Cov}(W_2, W_1 W_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(W_1 W_2) = E(W_1^2 W_2^2) - E^2(W_1 W_2)$$

$$\text{Cov}(W_1, W_1 W_2) = E(W_1^2 W_2) - E(W_1) E(W_1 W_2)$$

$$\text{Cov}(W_2, W_1 W_2) = E(W_1 W_2^2) - E(W_2) E(W_1 W_2)$$

Disequilibrium variance

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(u) &= a_1^2 \text{Var}(W_1) + a_2^2 \text{Var}(W_2) + 2a_1 a_2 \text{Cov}(W_1 W_2) \\ &\quad + a_{12}^2 \text{Var}(W_1 W_2) + 2a_1 a_{12} \text{Cov}(W_1, W_1 W_2) + 2a_2 a_{12} \text{Cov}(W_2, W_1 W_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(W_1 W_2) = E(W_1^2 W_2^2) - E^2(W_1 W_2)$$

$$\text{Cov}(W_1, W_1 W_2) = E(W_1^2 W_2) - E(W_1) E(W_1 W_2)$$

$$\text{If equilibrium} : \text{Var}(W_1 W_2) = E(W_1^2) E(W_2^2) - E^2(W_1) E^2(W_2)$$

$$\text{Cov}(W_1, W_1 W_2) = E(W_1^2) E(W_2) - E(W_1) E(W_1) E(W_2) = 0$$

$$\text{If equilibrium+centered codes} : \text{Var}(W_1 W_2) = \text{Var}(W_1) \text{Var}(W_2)$$

$$\text{Cov}(W_1, W_1 W_2) = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(u) = a_1^2 \text{Var}(W_1) + a_2^2 \text{Var}(W_2) + a_{12}^2 \text{Var}(W_1) \text{Var}(W_2)$$

## Equilibrium variance

## Genetic variance in three-locus model (assuming HW and linkage equilibrium)

$$u = W_1 a_1 + W_2 a_2 + W_3 a_3 + W_1 W_2 a_{12} + W_1 W_2 a_{13} + W_2 W_3 a_{13} + W_1 W_2 W_3 a_{123}$$

If equilibrium+centered :

$$\text{Var}(W_i W_j) = \text{Var}(W_i) \text{Var}(W_j)$$

$$\text{Var}(W_i W_j W_k) = \text{Var}(W_i) \text{Var}(W_j) \text{Var}(W_k)$$

$$\text{Cov}(W_i, W_j) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(W_i, W_i W_j) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(W_i, W_j W_k) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(W_i W_j, W_k W_l) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(W_i, W_j W_k W_l) = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(u) = \sum_{k=1}^3 2p_k q_k a_k^2 + \sum_{k < m} a_{kj}^2 4p_k q_k p_m q_m + a_{123}^2 8p_1 q_1 p_2 q_2 p_3 q_3$$

TO FULLY CHARACTERIZE STATISTICAL GENETIC ARCHITECTURE OF COMPLEX TRAITS, NEED KNOWING MORE THAN NUMBER OF LOCI, SUBSTITUTION EFFECTS AND ALLELIC FREQUENCIES .

NEED TO KNOW HIGHLY-DIMENSIONAL GENOTYPE DISTRIBUTIONS!

FOR EXAMPLE

$$E(W_1W_2W_3) = \sum \sum \sum w_1w_2w_3 \Pr(W_1 = w_j, W_2 = w_k, W_3 = w_l)$$

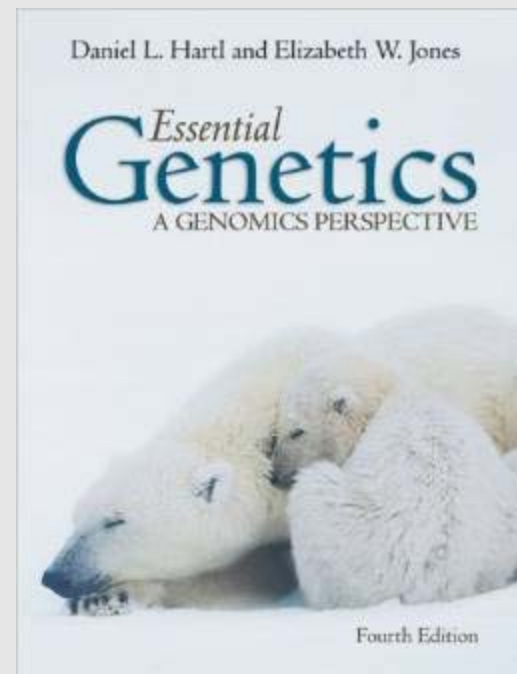
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(W_1W_2W_3) &= \sum \sum \sum (w_1w_2w_3)^2 \Pr(W_1 = w_j, W_2 = w_k, W_3 = w_l) \\ &\quad - \left[ \sum \sum \sum w_1w_2w_3 \Pr(W_1 = w_j, W_2 = w_k, W_3 = w_l) \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Cov}(W_l^n, W_j^{n'} W_k^{n''} W_l^{n'''} W_m^{n''''}) = E\left(W_j^{n'} W_k^{n''} W_l^{n+n'''} W_m^{n''''}\right) - E(W_l^n) E\left(W_j^{n'} W_k^{n''} W_l^{n'''} W_m^{n''''}\right)$$

ARGUABLY HIGH LEVEL DISEQUILIBRIUM MAY MATTER

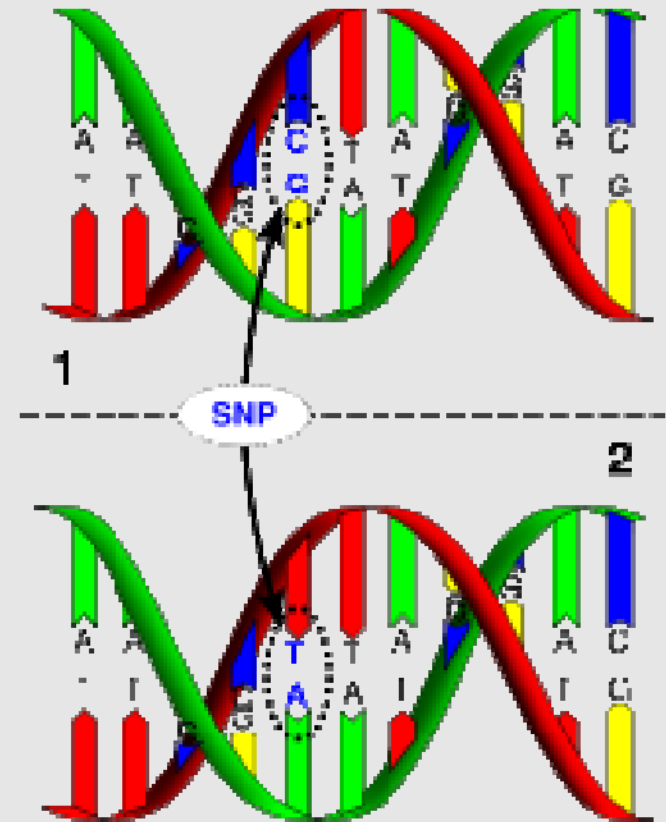
# 5. DATA TYPICALLY USED AS INPUTS (COVARIATES) IN PREDICTION MODELS

Primer on genomic data



**GENOMIC DATA:** Single nucleotide polymorphisms

All you wanted to know about SNPs  
but were afraid to ask...



**SNP**= DNA sequence variation occurring when a single nucleotide - A, T, C, or G in the genome differs between members of a species (or between paired chromosomes)

**ABOVE:** two sequenced DNA fragments  
AAGCCTA to AAGCTTA, contain a difference in a single nucleotide.

we say that there are two alleles : C and T

# SEQUENCES FOR THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS (WITHIN SPECIES) AVAILABLE OR COMING SOON!

Schnable P, Ware D, Fulton RS, et al. (22 November 2009). "The B73 Maize Genome: Complexity, Diversity, and Dynamics". *Science*. **326** (5956): 1112–1115.

2,300Mbp

39,656 genes predicted

nature  
genetics

2014

## Whole-genome sequencing of 234 bulls facilitates mapping of monogenic and complex traits in cattle

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The 1000 bull genomes project supports the goal of accelerating the rates of genetic gain in domestic cattle while at the same time considering animal health and welfare by providing the annotated sequence variants and genotypes of key ancestor bulls. In the first phase of the 1000 bull genomes project, we sequenced the whole genomes of 234 cattle to an average of 8.3-fold coverage. This sequencing includes data for 129 individuals from the global Holstein-Friesian population, 43 individuals from the Fleckvieh breed and 15 individuals from the Jersey breed. We identified a total of 28.3 million variants, with an average of 1.44 heterozygous sites per kilobase for each individual. We demonstrate the use of this database in identifying a recessive mutation underlying embryonic death and a dominant mutation underlying lethal chondrodysplasia. We also performed genome-wide association studies for milk production and curly coat, using imputed sequence variants, and identified variants associated with these traits in cattle.

**8.3-fold ave., 28.3 million variants, 1.44 heterozygous sites/kilobase**



# MULTI-OMICS OR “OTHER” OMICS

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## Increased Proportion of Variance Explained and Prediction Accuracy of Survival of Breast Cancer Patients with Use of Whole-Genome Multiomic Profiles

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**ABSTRACT** Whole-genome multiomic profiles hold valuable information for the analysis and prediction of disease risk and progression. However, integrating high-dimensional multilayer omic data into risk-assessment models is statistically and computationally challenging. We describe a statistical framework, the Bayesian generalized additive model (BGAM), and present software for integrating multilayer high-dimensional inputs into risk-assessment models. We used BGAM and data from The Cancer Genome Atlas for the analysis and prediction of survival after diagnosis of breast cancer. We developed a sequence of studies to (1) compare predictions based on single omics with those based on clinical covariates commonly used for the assessment of breast cancer patients (COV), (2) evaluate the benefits of combining COV and omics, (3) compare models based on (a) COV and gene expression profiles from oncogenes with (b) COV and whole-genome gene expression (WGGE) profiles, and (4) evaluate the impacts of combining multiple omics and their interactions. We report that (1) WGGE profiles and whole-genome methylation (METH) profiles offer more predictive power than any of the COV commonly used in clinical practice (e.g., subtype and stage), (2) adding WGGE or METH profiles to COV increases prediction accuracy, (3) the predictive power of WGGE profiles is considerably higher than that based on expression from large-effect oncogenes, and (4) the gain in prediction accuracy when combining multiple omics is consistent. Our results show the feasibility of omic integration and highlight the importance of WGGE and METH profiles in breast cancer, achieving gains of up to 7 points area under the curve (AUC) over the COV in some cases.

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## Prediction of Plant Height in *Arabidopsis thaliana* Using DNA Methylation Data

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# **6. GENOME-ENABLED PREDICTION**

# EXAMPLE 1: MEDICINE

## Prediction of clinical outcomes

Clinical and molecular predictors of disease severity and survival in chronic lymphocytic leukemia

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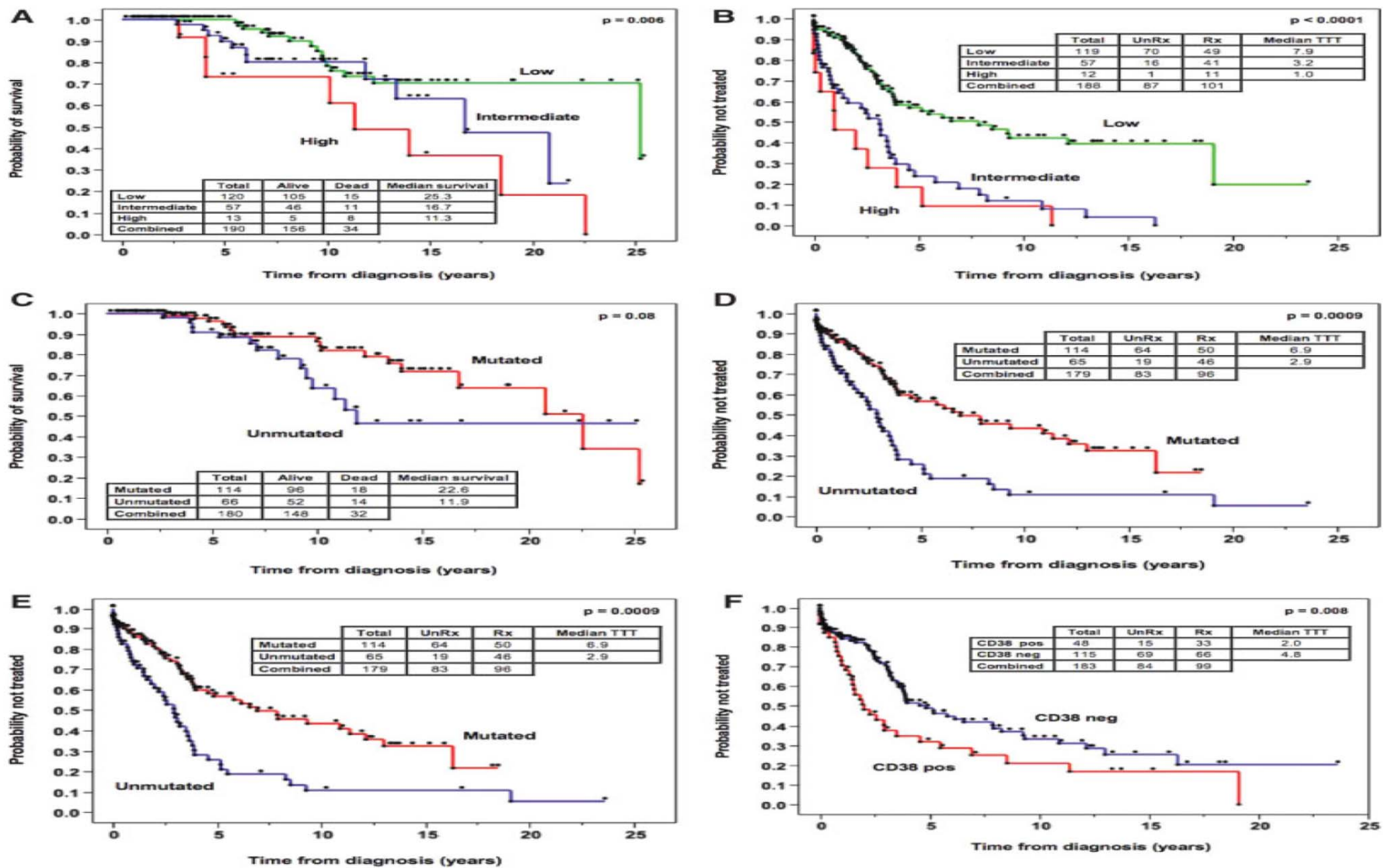


Figure 2. Survival and time-to-treatment (TTT) according to modified Rai stage (A,B), IgV<sub>H</sub> gene mutation status (C,D), and CD38 positivity (E,F). Kaplan-Meier plots of survival (A,C,E) and TTT (B,D,F) by modified Rai stage. [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at [www.interscience.wiley.com](http://www.interscience.wiley.com).]

## PROBLEMS?

APART FROM THE ERROR IN GRAPH E,  
MODEL WAS NOT CROSS-VALIDATED

# WHOLE-GENOME ASSISTED PREDICTION STARTED IN ANIMAL BREEDING.

USE ALL SNP MARKERS IN MODELS PREDICTION OF “BREEDING VALUE”

Meuwissen, Hayes and Goddard (Genetics,2001),  
“Genomic selection”  
Better terms:  
“Genome-enabled selection”  
“Genome-assisted selection”

Prototypical linear regression model (no nuisance parameters)

$$y = \mu \mathbf{1}_n + \sum_i X_i g_i + \mathbf{e},$$

SNP effects combined additively

Effect of chromosomal segment alleles, haplotypes

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial g_i} = x'_i$$

QUESTIONS:

Linear model in parameters

ABANDON QTLS, PEDIGREES, KNOWN GENES?

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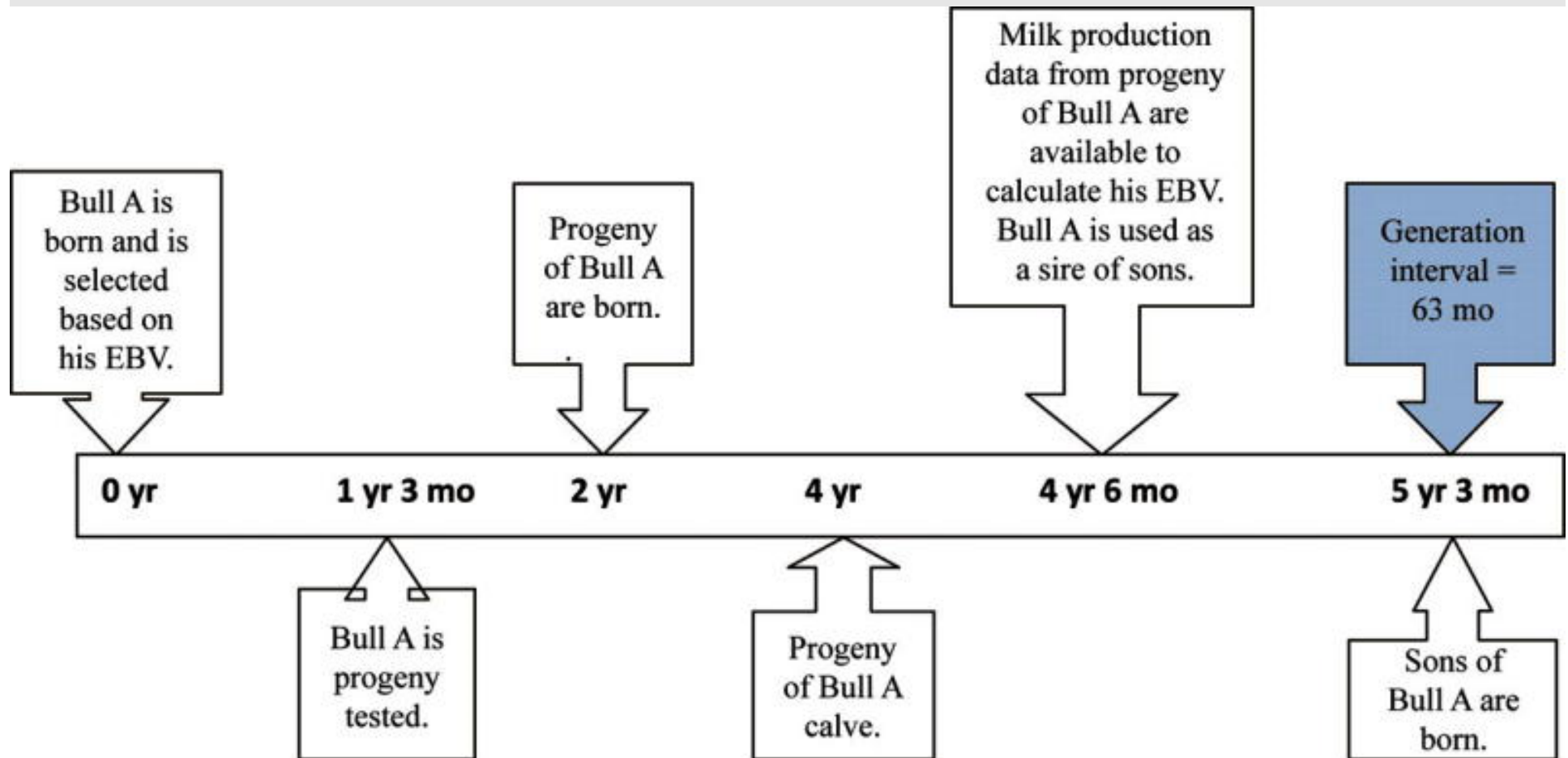
“Whole-genome prediction” (whole or part? Variable selection?)

# Essentials of genome-enabled prediction (and selection in breeding)

- Fit (train) some regression model to data set with markers and phenotypes
- Estimate marker substitution effects or marked genetic signal, or omic-captured signal
- Predict signal or phenotype in a new sample (testing or validation sample) for which input information is available
- Once phenotype (or pseudo-phenotype) is observed, assess quality of prediction. For example, calculate predictive correlation or mean squared error of prediction (**choice of metric?**)
- Objective: gain reliability over pedigree or covariate-based prediction. If new sample is of juveniles, plan medical strategy or reduce generation interval in breeding. Dispense with progeny testing? Reduce frequency of phenotyping in some programs?

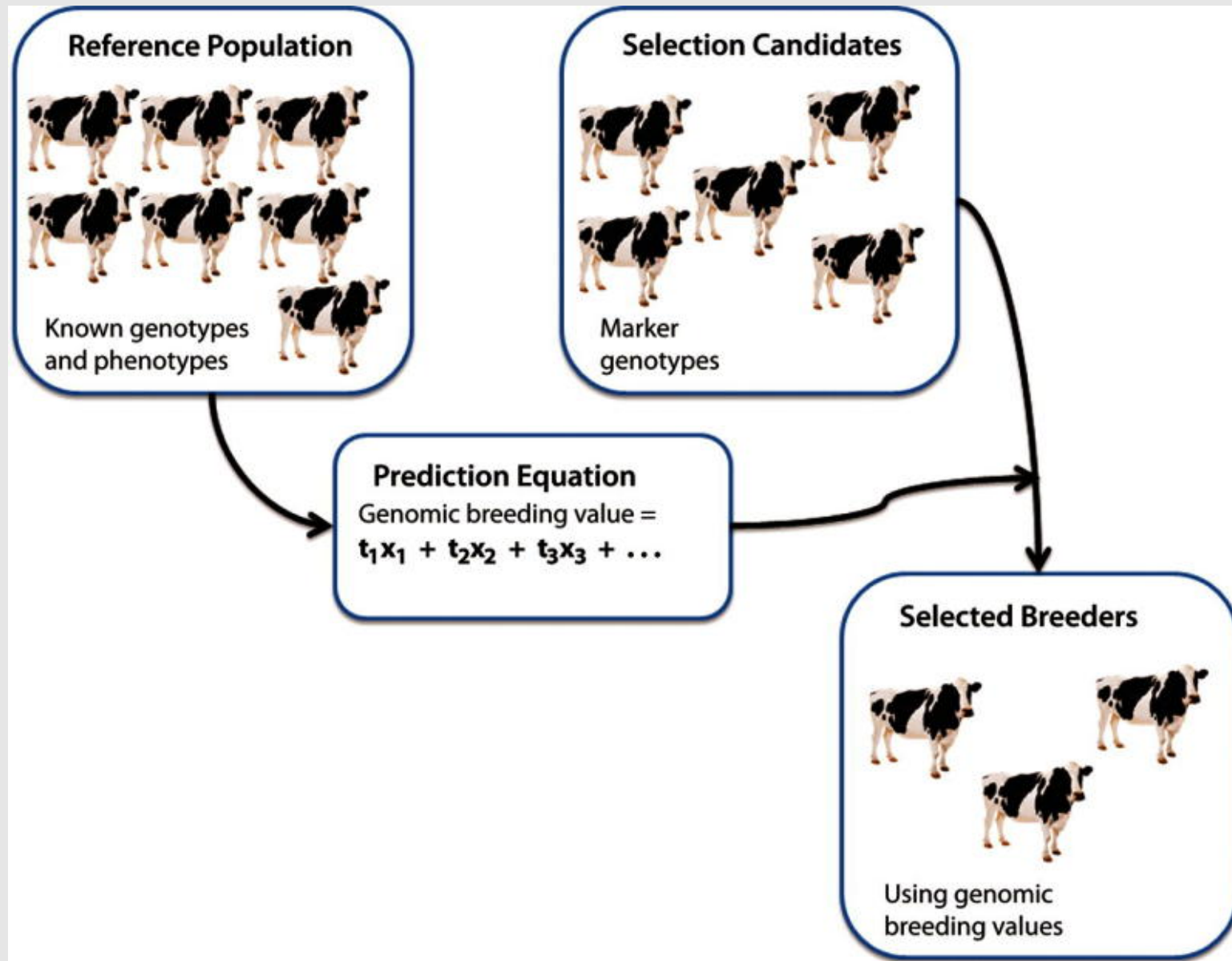
# EXAMPLE 2: DAIRY CATTLE BREEDING

## Prediction of progeny performance

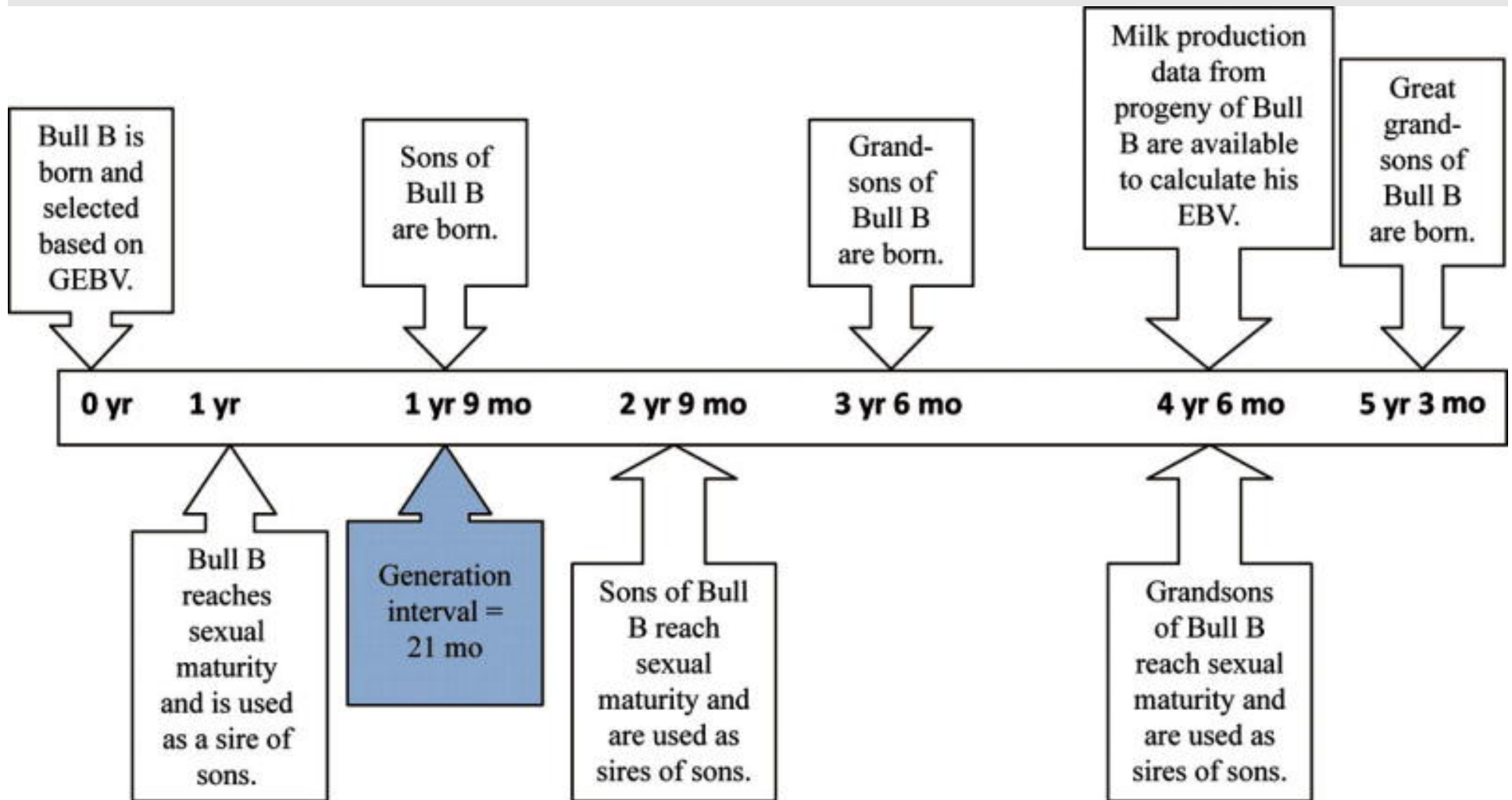


**Classical progeny testing scheme**

# Genome-enabled selection







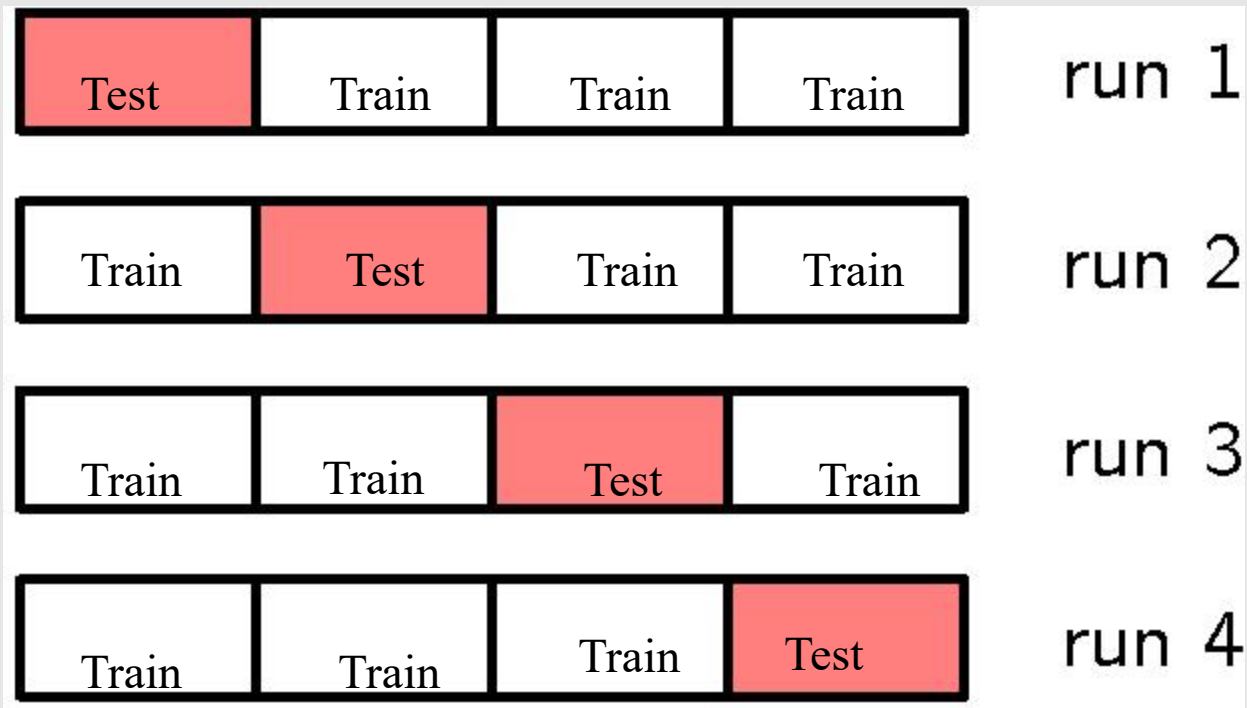
### TWO ISSUES:

- 1) Generation interval drastically reduced.
- 2) Genome-enabled predictions (GEBV) may be more accurate than EBV

# 7. CROSS-VALIDATION (CV)

- Data available (genomic, multiomic, phenotypes)
- Data generated by unknown process
- Split into training (fitting)- testing (predictand) sets
- How to split? Random not always possible...
- Fitting process describes current data (model is always wrong). Sample may be idiosyncratic
- Use training process to make statement about yet-to-be observed data (testing set)
- Prediction error (conditional and unconditional): point estimate is obtained
- Distribution of prediction errors (conditional or unconditional): interval estimate. For this, CV must be replicated or pseudo-replicated

ILLUSTRATION OF A 4-FOLD CROSS-VALIDATION (red: testing set; white: training set)



ALGORITHM:

- 1: Choose a loss function  $L$  (e.g., mean squared error between predicted and observed outcome)
- 2: Choose a set of training-testing splits ( $K=4$ )
- 3: Choose a set of regularization parameter values  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_A$
- 4: **for**  $a=1$  to  $A$  **do**
- 5:     **for**  $k=1$  to  $K$  **do**
- 6:         train model and find “best” parameter estimates corresponding to  $\tau_a$
- 7:     **end for**
- 8:      $L(\tau_a) = \frac{\sum_1^K L_k(\tau_a)}{K}$
- 9: **end for**
- 10:  $\tau_{opt} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\tau_A}(L(\tau_a))$

Important

This is a single-realization from the CV distribution. Repeat many times! (data structure issues here)

# CROSS-VALIDATION

*seldom done in animal breeding in the pre-genomic era. Often absent in GWAS and medical studies)*

→ A. Prediction and goodness of fit are different: a model that fits well to training data may predict badly. A mechanistically poor model can give better predictions than “fancier” models

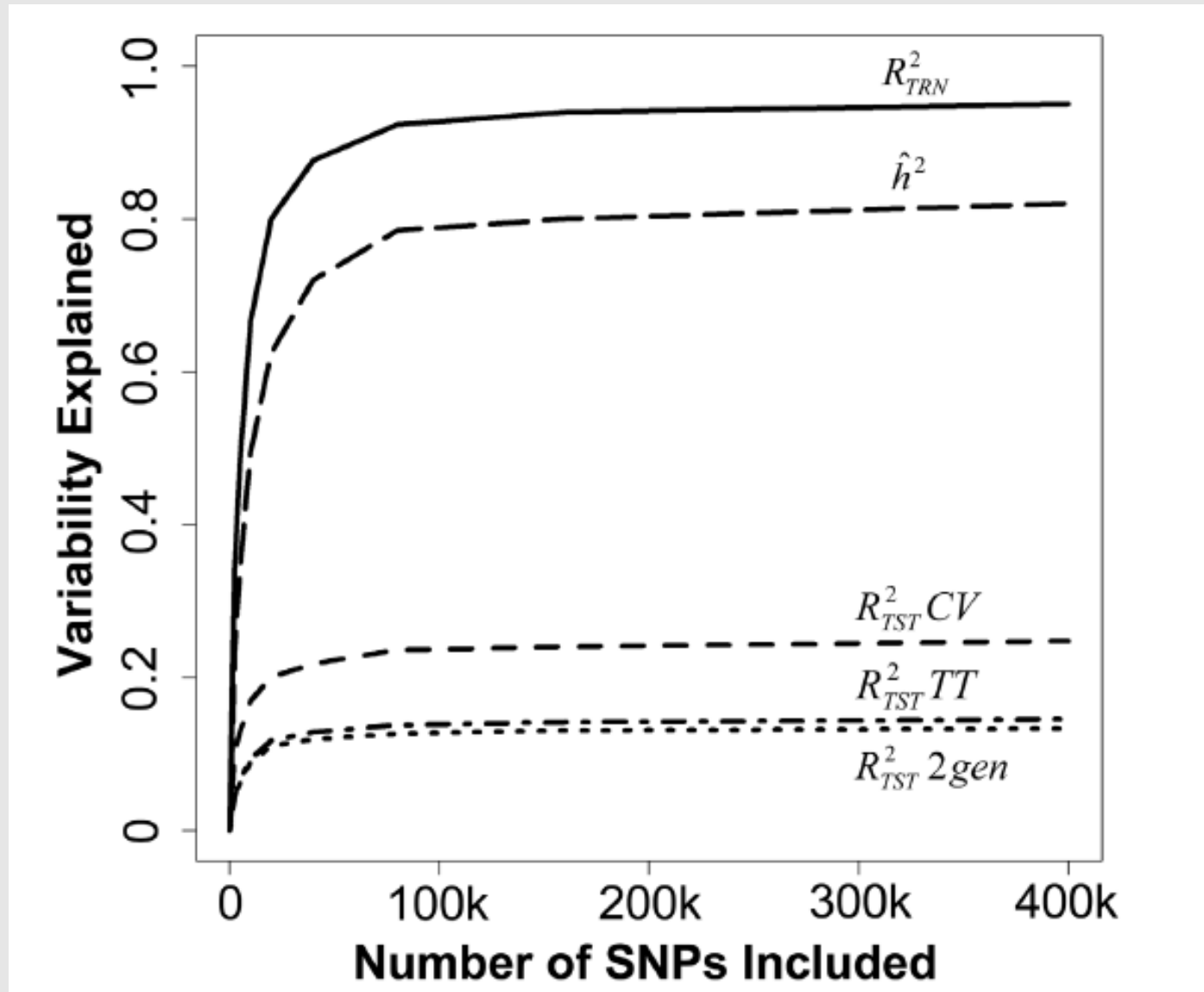
→ B. Any cross-validation scheme (e.g., k-folds) has a cross-validation distribution



***THIS IS THE DISTRIBUTION THAT MATTERS AND NOT THAT BASED ON THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS FROM SOME MODEL***

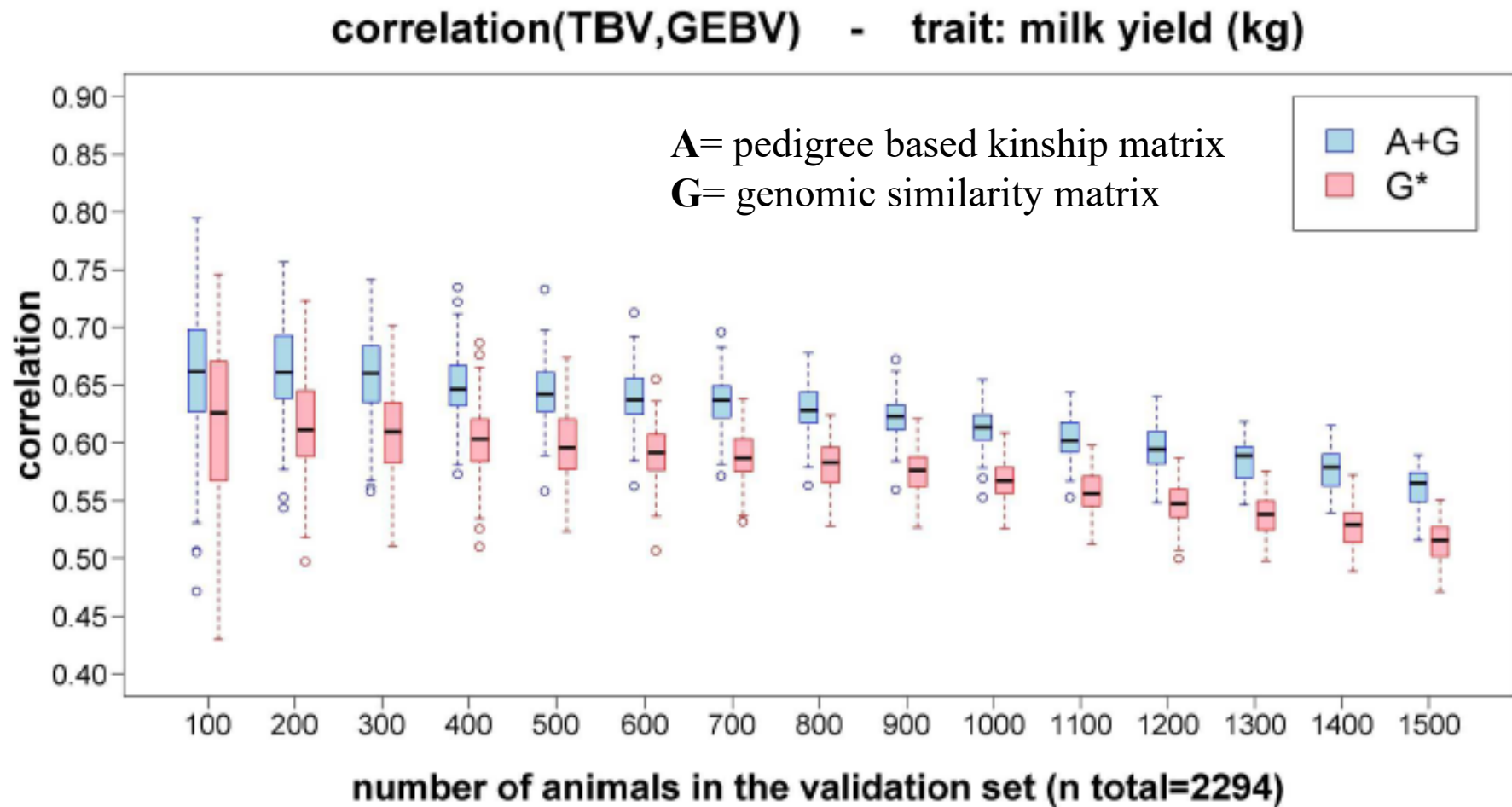


**GOODNESS OF FIT (TRAINING= TRN) vs. PREDICTIVE ABILITY (TESTING= TST)**



HUMAN STATURE: MAKOWSKY et al. , Plos Genetics 2011

# CROSS-VALIDATION UNCERTAINTY AND IMPACT OF LAYOUT: 2294 dairy bulls with progeny tests (“TBV”) (Erbe et al. 2010)



**7. METHODS FOR GENOME-  
ENABLED PREDICTION ARE  
SOMEWHAT “DIFFERENT”**

# Maximum Likelihood (parameters are fixed): General Linear Model with Known Dispersion Structure and $\text{rank}[X (n \times p)] = p$

↙ A matrix with marker genotype codes

$$\mathbf{y} \sim N(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{V}) \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} \text{ is unknown}$$

$$L(\boldsymbol{\beta}|\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{y}) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})' \mathbf{V}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})\right] \quad (\text{likelihood})$$

$$S(\boldsymbol{\beta}|\mathbf{y}) = \frac{\partial\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})' \mathbf{V}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})\right]}{\partial\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{V}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) \quad (\text{score})$$

Equations satisfying first-order condition

$$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{y}$$



$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{y}$$

ML estimator



Expected information matrix

$$\mathbf{I}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = E_{\mathbf{y}} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial l}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \right) \left( \frac{\partial l}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \right)' \right] = -E_{\mathbf{y}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'} \right)$$

$$(\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{X})$$

In the linear regression model

Variance-covariance matrix of the estimates = inverse of the **information** matrix:


$$(\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

## WHAT HAPPENS IF $n < p$ (AS WITH WHOLE-GENOME MARKER MODELS)

“generalized inverse”: one of an infinite number

$$\beta^0 = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{X})^{-}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{y}; \quad E(\beta^0|\beta) = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{X})^{-}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{X}\beta$$

-rank( $\mathbf{X}$ ) < min( $n, p$ ), there is an infinite number of solutions to the ml equations, all giving the same likelihood. This is called UNIDENTIFIABILITY

-Technically speaking, the likelihood contains information about at most rank( $\mathbf{X}$ ) linear combinations of the regression vector.



**MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD DOES NOT PROVIDE AN ANSWER.  
MUST DO SOMETHING ELSE!!!**

# ANSWER:

- Must reduce size of regression coefficients
- Such that the “effective” number of parameters  $< n$
- It is equivalent to rationing...
- Pizza analogy: there are 10 portions ( $n=10$ ), but more and more persons show up. Portion size is gradually reduced.
- Suppose  $n=1000$  Holstein sequences and fit sequence-model with 28.4 million variants. Not much pizza per variant!

# PENALIZED and BAYESIAN METHODS DO THIS!

- The idea of “penalty: typically ad-hoc
- It does not arise “naturally” in classical inference
- It appears “naturally” in Bayesian inference
  - $L_2$  penalty: equivalent to Gaussian prior
  - $L_1$  penalty: equivalent to double exponential prior
  - Penalties on covariance matrices equivalent to priors (e.g., inverse Wishart)



Bayesian methods lend themselves for predictive inference. The prior becomes part of a prediction machine which can ALWAYS be calibrated in some manner [contrary to inference]

## The concept of penalized likelihood (example: ridge regression viewed from this perspective)

$$y = X\beta + e; e \sim N(0, I\sigma_e^2)$$

$$SSR = (y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)$$

$$L(\beta|y) \sim \exp\left[-\frac{(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)}{2\sigma_e^2}\right]$$

$$\text{Penalty} \sim \exp\left[-\frac{\beta'\beta}{2\sigma_\beta^2}\right]$$

$$\text{Penalized likelihood} \sim \exp\left[-\frac{(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)}{2\sigma_e^2}\right] \exp\left[-\frac{\beta'\beta}{2\sigma_\beta^2}\right]$$

$$\text{Penalized sum of squares} = -2 \log[\text{Penalized likelihood}]$$

$$= \frac{(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)}{2\sigma_e^2} + \frac{\beta'\beta}{2\sigma_\beta^2}$$

Ridge regression estimator obtained by minimizing penalized SS over  $\beta$

$$\frac{\partial(\text{Penalized sum of squares})}{\partial\beta} = -X' \frac{(y - X\beta)}{\sigma_e^2} + \frac{\beta}{\sigma_\beta^2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Set to 0

$$\left( X'X + I \frac{\sigma_e^2}{\sigma_\beta^2} \right) \hat{\beta} = X'y$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X + I\lambda)^{-1} X'y; \quad \lambda = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{\sigma_\beta^2}$$

Looks like BLUP( $\beta$ )

Verify minimum:

$$\frac{\partial^2(\text{Penalized sum of squares})}{\partial\beta\partial\beta'} = \left( \frac{X'X}{\sigma_e^2} + \frac{I}{\sigma_\beta^2} \right) = \left( X'X + I \frac{\sigma_e^2}{\sigma_\beta^2} \right) \sigma_e^2$$

Positive-definite  $\rightarrow$  minimum

# The concept of penalized likelihood (example in the mixed linear model)

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{e}$$

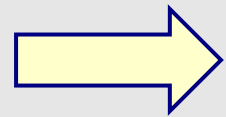
$$\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{R} \sim N(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{R})$$

$$\mathbf{u} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{G})$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{R}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{N}{2}} |\mathbf{R}|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u})' \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u})\right]$$

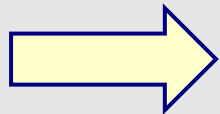
$$p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{G}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{q}{2}} |\mathbf{G}|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}' \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{u}\right]$$

Assuming known variance components, the log of the joint density of the data and random effects is termed “penalized likelihood



$$l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{u} | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{G}) = K - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u})' \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u}) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}' \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{u}$$

$$-2l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{u} | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{G}) = K + (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u})' (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u}' \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \quad \text{Penalized SS}$$



$$\frac{\partial l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{u} | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{G})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u})$$

$$\frac{\partial l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{u} | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{G})}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{u}$$

Setting the derivatives to 0 yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{X} & \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{Z} \\ \mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{X} & \mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{G}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The solution to these equations produces the “maximum penalized likelihood” estimates of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$
- These solutions are also the **BLUE**( $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ ) and **BLUP**( $\mathbf{u}$ )



## 8. COMPLICATIONS: EPISTASIS

Schaeffer (2006, Journal of Animal Breeding and Genetics),  
Wrote:

A potential drawback of genome-wide selection may be the existence of interactions or epistatic effects between QTL. If epistatic effects are large, then the accuracy of GEBV may never reach 0.75. A statistical model could be written to account for interactions, but this would likely be very difficult to compute.

**YES, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT!  
SEE NEXT...**

# Dealing with epistatic interactions and non-linearities

gene x gene

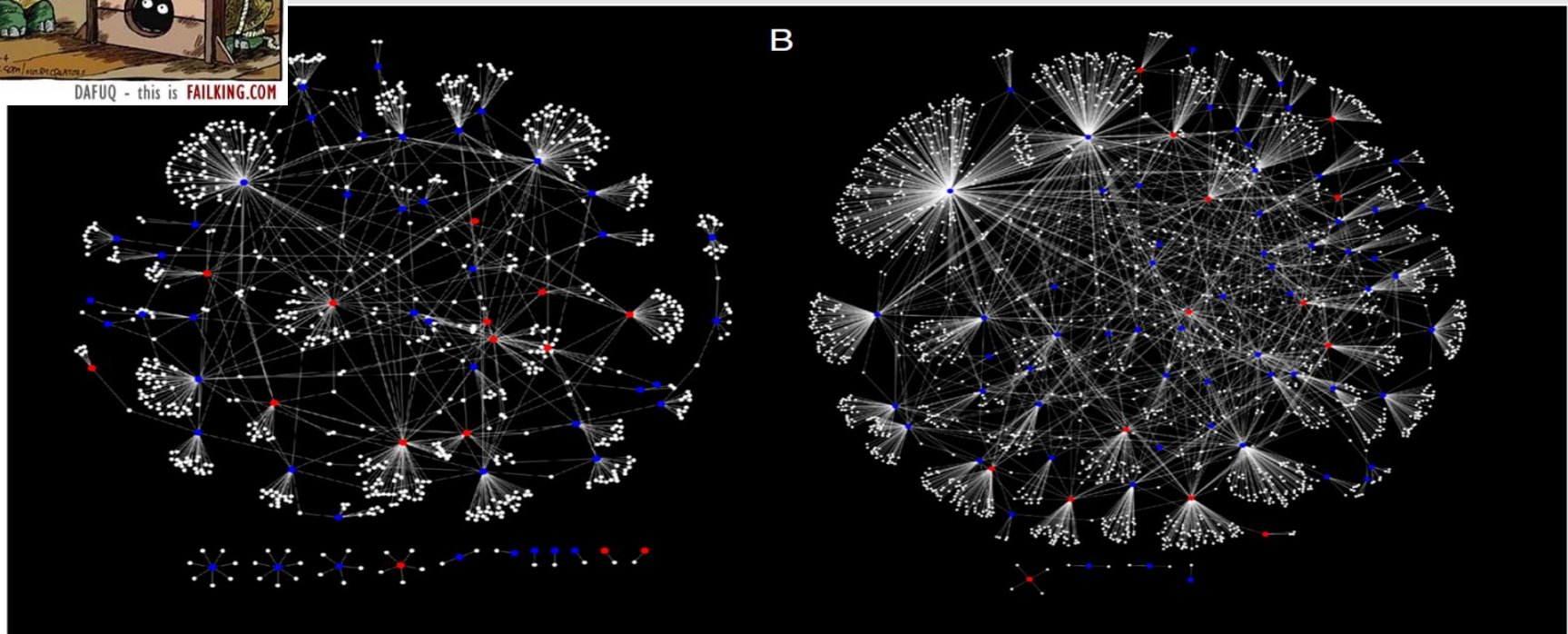
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# IS EPISTASIS AN ANOMALY?



**Fig. 5.** Networks of epistatic interactions. Interaction networks are depicted for (A) starvation resistance and (B) chill coma recovery. Nodes depict genes, and edges significant interactions. Red nodes are genes containing significant SNPs from the Flyland analysis. Blue nodes are genes containing significant SNPs from DGRP analysis.

## Epistasis dominates the genetic architecture of *Drosophila* quantitative traits

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**RANDOM EFFECTS MODELS  
FOR ASSESSING EPISTASIS REST ON:  
Cockerham (1954) and Kempthorne (1954)**

--Orthogonal partition of genetic variance into additive, dominance additive x additive, etc. **ONLY** if

- No selection
- No inbreeding
- No assortative mating
- No mutation
- No migration
- No linkage, Linkage equilibrium

Just consider  
Linkage disequilibrium

ALL  
ASSUMPTIONS  
VIOLATED!



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## Data and Theory Point to Mainly Additive Genetic Variance for Complex Traits

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### Abstract

The relative proportion of additive and non-additive variation for complex traits is important in evolutionary biology, medicine, and agriculture. We address a long-standing controversy and paradox about the contribution of non-additive genetic variation, namely that knowledge about biological pathways and gene networks imply that epistasis is important. Yet empirical data across a range of traits and species imply that most genetic variance is additive. We evaluate the evidence from empirical studies of genetic variance components and find that additive variance typically accounts for over half, and often close to 100%, of the total genetic variance. We present new theoretical results, based upon the distribution of allele frequencies under neutral and other population genetic models, that show why this is the case even if there are non-additive effects at the level of gene action. We conclude that interactions at the level of genes are not likely to generate much interaction at the level of variance.

# Influence of Gene Interaction on Complex Trait Variation with Multilocus Models

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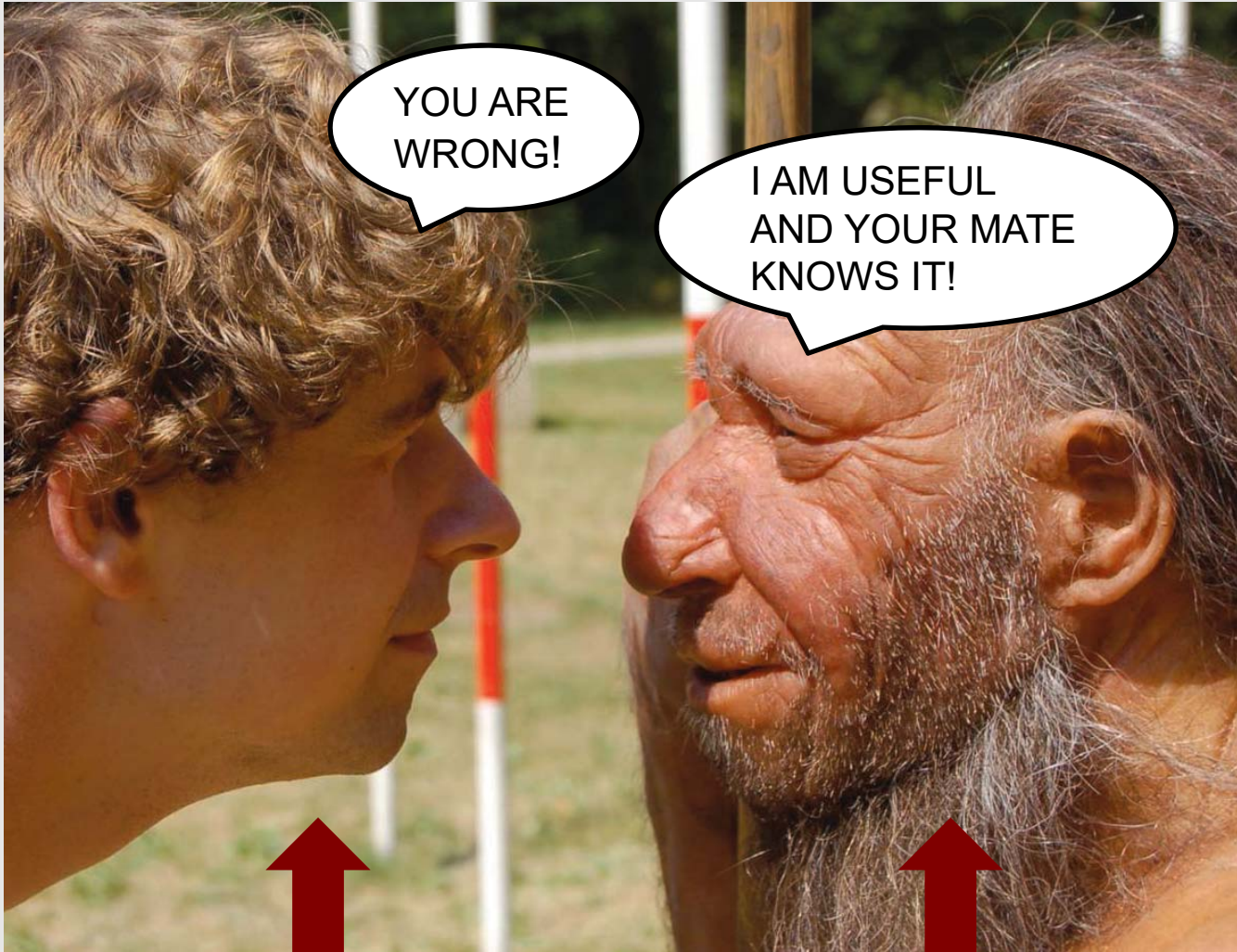
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A prevailing view, and for good reasons  
(Hill et al., 2008; Crow, 2010; Hill, 2010)

- Fisher's theorem of natural selection
- Interactions are second-order effects; likely tiny and hard to detect
- Epistasis probably arises with genes of large effects, unlikely to be observed in outbred populations
- Epistatic systems generate additive variance and "release" it, so why worry?

# CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE PREHISTORIC KIND

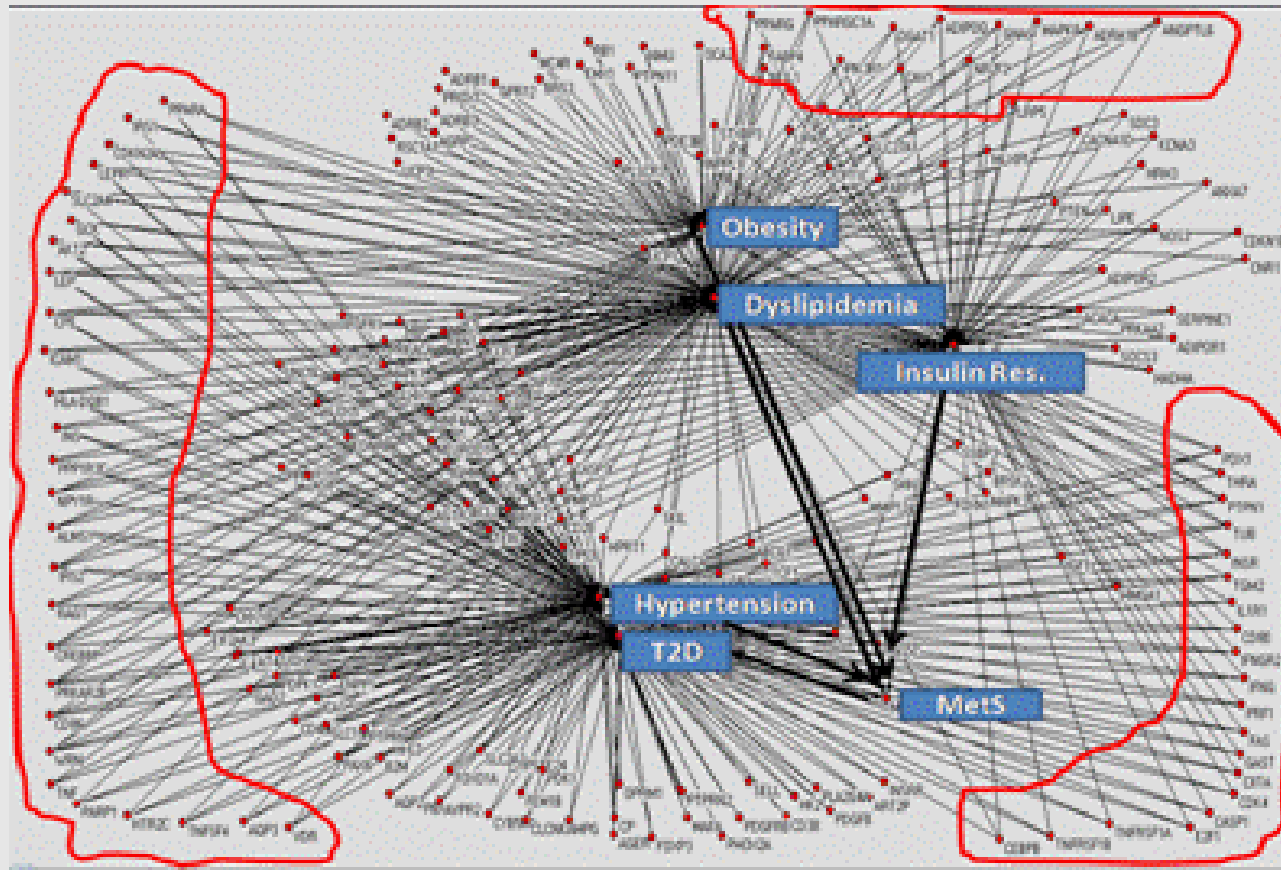
Homo sapiens



Neanderthal

GENOMICS AND  
COMPLEX BIOLOGY  
(networks)

THE ADDITIVE  
GENETIC MODEL  
(linear regressions)



*“We may have to confront the complexity of our networks and systems head on, from the beginning, or we may fail at both goals of discovery and characterization. One thing is clear. The current paradigm, as successful as it now is, will reach its limit all too quickly. We need to begin thinking about the problems of the future, not the ones of the present.”*

<https://dsgweb.wustl.edu/Mission.html>



A less popular view  
(Gianola and a few others)

- If everything behaves as additive, can additive models allow us to learn about “genetic architecture”?
- In areas where phenotypic prediction is crucial (medicine, precision mating) can exploiting interaction have added value?
- Is so, should we consider enriching our battery of tricks?

**The era of machine  
learning and artificial  
intelligence**

**(largely non-parametric)**

# Distinctive aspects of non-parametric fitting

- **I**nvestigate patterns free of strictures imposed by parametric models
- **R**egression coefficients appear but (typically) do not have an obvious interpretation
- **O**ften: very good predictive performance in cross-validation
- **T**uning methods and algorithms (maximization, MCMC) similar to those of parametric methods
- **O**ften produce surprising results

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Review

# Regularized Machine Learning in the Genetic Prediction of Complex Traits

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EDITORIAL

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## Animal Breeding learning from machine learning

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READ THE ANIMAL+ PLANT  
BREEDING LITERATURE!**

# A VIEW OF LINEAR MODELS (as employed in q. genetics)

Mathematically, can be viewed as a “local” approximation of a complex process

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n + \dots$$



Linear approximation

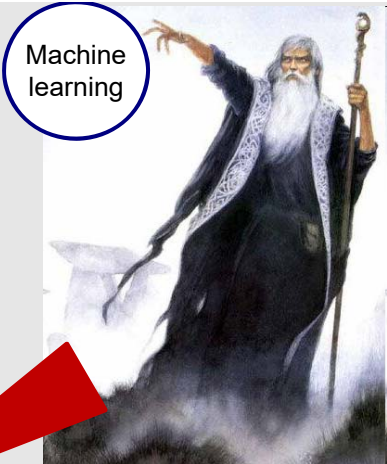


Quadratic approximation



n<sup>th</sup> order approximation

FELDMAN and LEWONTIN (1975)  
CHEVALET (1994)



BLUP is a linear UA

2011

Pattern recognition

Neural networks

Data mining

Universal approximators

2000

Cross-validation designs



Kernel methods

2006  
2008

2011

Random forest algorithms

Sampling methods

1991  
1993  
"Gibbs for pigs"

Support vector machines

Ensemble Methods: bagging

Ensemble Methods: boosting

Non-parametric prediction

Bayesian networks

2011

2014

2010

2006

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**WILL WE EVER GET THE ARCHITECTURE OF COMPLEX TRAITS RIGHT?**



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**RAFAEL VIÑOLY**



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**SORENSEN AND de los CAMPOS (2011) WROTE THE FOLLOWING  
(J. Animal Breeding and Genetics, 2017)**

The possibility of sequencing genomes together with the availability of massive volumes of phenotypic data may lead to the somehow naïve belief in the possibility of “decoding the black-box.” However, even with full-genome sequences, there are fundamental genetic and statistical problems that impose limits on how much can be learned about the mechanisms underlying quantitative characters from regression analyses. Daniel Gianola has been an important voice expressing scepticism concerning the use of genomic models as tools for unmasking the genetic architecture of complex traits. Instead, he has advocated that *models are better thought of as prediction machines*, and parameters as knobs that can be tuned to maximize prediction accuracy.

**THIS WILL BE THE VIEW ADVANCED IN THIS COURSE!!**