



imputation and  
genetic evaluation  
with sequence data  
...and a bit of AI for genomic prediction

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# NGS genomic prediction *where we seem to be headed*

sequence key individuals

impute lower density panels to sequence level

impute low pass data to sequence level

genomic selection at sequence level

← computationally intensive

Swine Imputation (SWIM) Server

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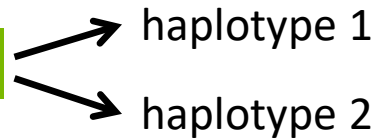


# phasing and imputation 101

## phasing – resolve haplotypes

unphased genotypes

SNP1	SNP2	SNP3	SNP4
AA	AB	AB	BB



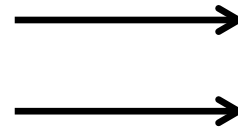
phased genotypes

SNP1	SNP2	SNP3	SNP4
A	A	B	B
A	B	A	B

## imputation – fill in the blanks

unimputed haplotypes

SNP1	SNP2	SNP3	SNP4
A	-	B	B
-	B	-	B



imputed haplotypes

SNP1	SNP2	SNP3	SNP4
A	A	B	B
A	B	A	B

### uses

- impute randomly missing genotypes
- impute genotypes to match different SNP arrays
- impute genotypes from low-density SNP array to high(er) density SNP array
- impute genotypic data from low pass sequencing



impute randomly missing genotypes

	sample1	sample2	sample3	sample4	sample5	sample6	sample7	sample8	sample9	sample10
snp1	"AB"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"AB"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"BB"	"AA"
snp2	"AB"	"AB"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"BB"	"AB"	"AA"	"AA"	"BB"
snp3	"AA"	"AA"	"AB"	"BB"	"AB"	"BB"	"--"	"--"	"AB"	"AA"
snp4	"--"	"BB"	"--"	"AB"	"AB"	"AA"	"AA"	"BB"	"AA"	"--"
snp5	"AA"	"AA"	"AB"	"BB"	"AB"	"AB"	"AB"	"AB"	"--"	"--"
snp6	"AB"	"AA"	"AA"	"AA"	"AA"	"AA"	"AB"	"BB"	"AB"	"BB"
snp7	"AA"	"AB"	"AB"	"BB"	"AA"	"BB"	"AA"	"AA"	"AB"	"BB"
snp8	"AA"	"BB"	"AB"	"--"	"AB"	"BB"	"AB"	"AB"	"AA"	"BB"
snp9	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"AA"	"--"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"--"	"BB"
snp10	"AB"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"AB"	"BB"	"AA"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"

impute genotypes to match different SNP arrays

	sample1	sample2	sample3	sample4	sample5	sample6	sample7	sample8	sample9	sample10
snp1	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"BB"	"AA"
snp2	"AB"	"AB"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"BB"	"AB"	"AA"	"AA"	"BB"
snp3	"AA"	"AA"	"AB"	"BB"	"AB"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"
snp4	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"AA"	"AA"	"BB"	"AA"	"AB"
snp5	"AA"	"AA"	"AB"	"BB"	"AB"	"AB"	"AB"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"
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snp8	"AA"	"BB"	"AB"	"AB"	"AB"	"BB"	"AB"	"AB"	"AA"	"BB"
snp9	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"BB"	"BB"
snp10	"AB"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"AB"	"BB"	"AA"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"

impute genotypes from low-density SNP array to high(er) density SNP array

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snp2	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"BB"	"AB"	"AA"	"AA"	"BB"
snp3	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"--"	"BB"	"AB"	"BB"	"AB"	"AA"
snp4	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"AB"	"AB"	"AA"	"AA"	"BB"	"AA"	"AB"
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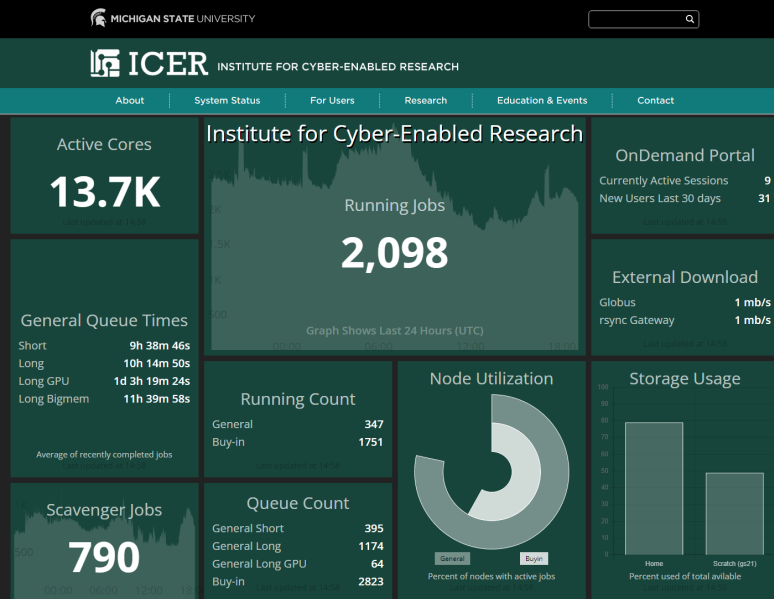


Imputed genotypic data

	sample1	sample2	sample3	sample4	sample5	sample6	sample7	sample8	sample9	sample10
snp1	"AB"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"AB"	"BB"	"BB"	"AA"	"BB"	"AA"
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phasing in chunks  
 split across HPC ~1000 chunks  
 (in batches of 50k samples)  
 16 per cores per chunk  
 160GB RAM per chunk  
 30 minutes per chunk  
 =  
 16000 cores + 160TB RAM  
 system: 55k cores + 317TB RAM  
 ~21 days on a single machine

computationally expensive  
 processing and storage

**raw data storage**

1000 samples (fastq)

2TB @ 1x

60TB @ 30x

**memory**

30 million variants X 100,000 samples

2-bits – 0.75TB

bytes – 3TB

float – 6TB

double – 12TB

Instance	vCPU(\$)	RAM	Temporary storage	Pay as you go	1 year savings plan	3 year savings plan
M416ms v2	416	11,400 GiB	8,192 GiB	\$72,379.5000/month	\$49,934.6134/month ~31% savings	\$25,325.5834/month ~65% savings

real example: 34 million variants and 62,000 thousand samples – 500GB (bed) / 8.5TB (vcf)

## considerations

- raw and ready-to-use data storage and what to store
- compute requirements and software
  - parallelization of I/O and processing
  - but still capped by system limits
- smarter programming, approximations (short cuts), dimensionality reduction...
- on the industry side – might only require storing and handling of vcf files, but
  - 70 – 120 million variants across species
  - 10 – 20 million variants within a breed
  - 5 – 10 million after some filtering
  - keep what?
  - how to match data across breeds / organizations?
  - how to revert back – e.g. new assembly?
  - strategy for historical data and seq data – impute up or subset down?
- how good is the imputation?
- how useful is the imputed sequence data?



how good is the imputation?

***pattern matching***

more patterns -> higher probability  
of having a match

***it's a numbers game***

the larger the reference population the better

***it's a relationship game***

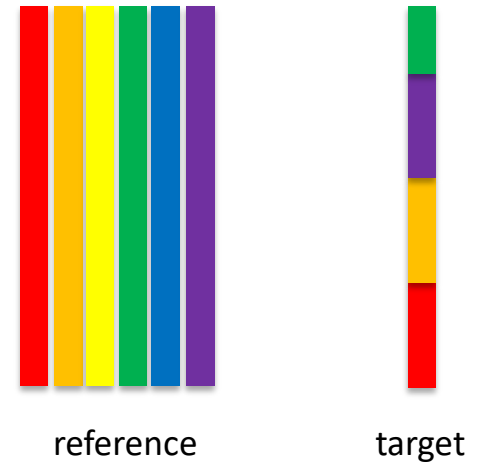
the more connected the reference and target are the better

***it's an allele frequency game***

the more common an allele is the better

***it's a density game***

the higher the marker coverage of the target is the better





**data**

9732 @ 50k  
 991 @ 700k  
 224 @ seq

6292 seq from other breeds  
 136 in common 50k/seq

**scenarios**

50k → 700k → seq  
 50k → seq  
 all seq  
 all seq minus breed of interest  
 only breed of interest  
 imputed for imputation

a bunch of ugly tables

honest

concordance for 136  
 samples with seq data

cheating

imputed 50k - 9596

	AA	AB	BB	other+interest
AA	76.03	18.97	5.01	6292+0
AB	12.29	56.95	30.76	
BB	0.71	8.09	91.2	

	AA	AB	BB	6292+88
AA	90.45	8.84	0.71	6292+88
AB	5.15	82.15	12.7	
BB	0.10	3.23	96.67	

	AA	AB	BB	0+88
AA	89.21	9.93	0.86	0+88
AB	4.63	85.82	9.54	
BB	0.18	4.14	95.68	

	AA	AB	BB	0+190
AA	93.69	5.91	0.40	0+190
AB	2.47	89.54	8.00	
BB	0.04	1.93	98.03	

	AA	AB	BB
AA	97.11	2.67	0.22
AB	1.11	94.79	4.10
BB	0.03	1.07	98.90

**mean concordance**

other breeds 0.882  
 other+interest 0.948  
 interest (88) 0.945  
 interest (190) 0.963  
 imputed 0.983

	AA	AB	BB
AA	97.14	2.65	0.22
AB	1.10	94.85	4.05
BB	0.03	1.07	98.91

	AA	AB	BB
AA	95.69	3.98	0.33
AB	1.40	91.82	6.78
BB	0.02	1.09	98.89

6292+224

a couple of pretty equations

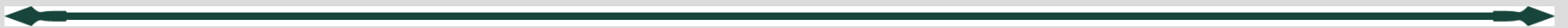
$$\begin{pmatrix} X'X & X'Z \\ Z'X & Z'Z + \lambda G^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{b} \\ \hat{u} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X'y \\ Z'y \end{pmatrix}$$

GRM

$$G = \frac{M'M}{\sum_{i=1}^m 2p_i(1 - p_i)}$$

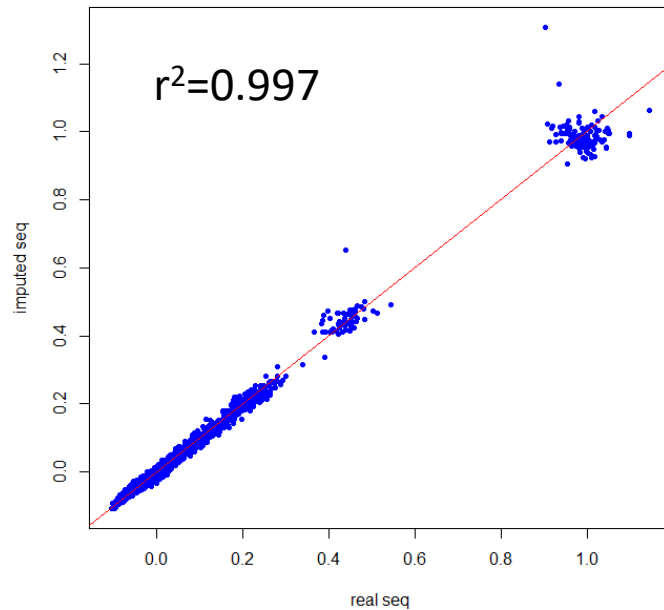
	1	2	3	4	5
1	0.987	-0.034	-0.055	-0.057	-0.041
2	-0.034	1.047	-0.035	-0.079	0.251
3	-0.055	-0.035	0.973	0.013	-0.029
4	-0.057	-0.079	0.013	0.955	-0.075
5	-0.041	0.251	-0.029	-0.075	1.018

*it's all in the genomic relationship matrix (GRM)*

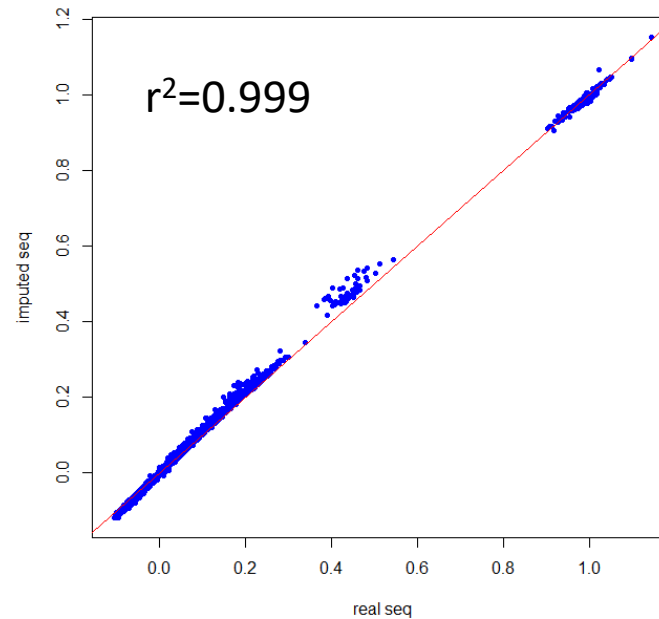


## comparing the GRMs

without the breed of interest



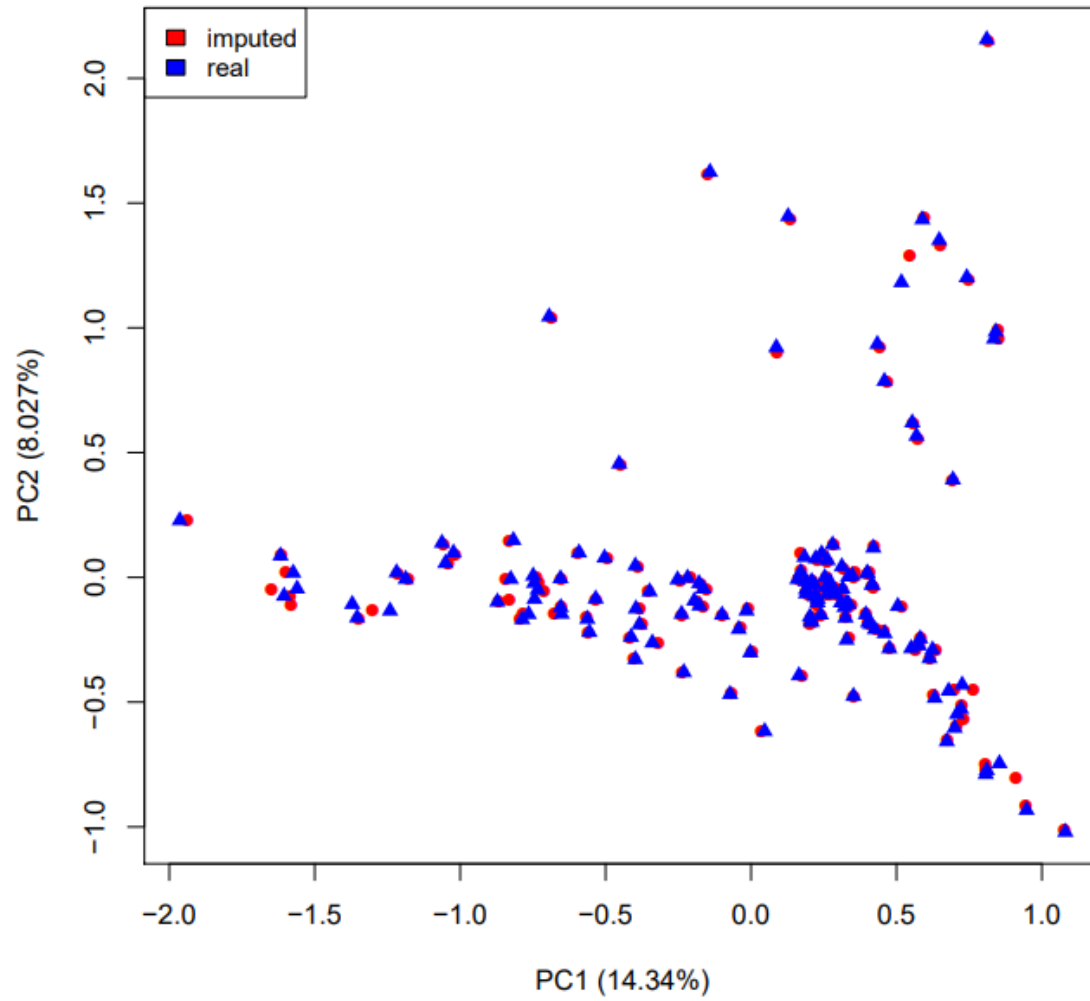
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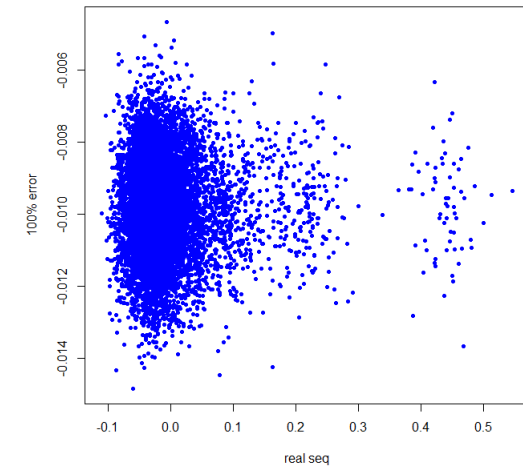
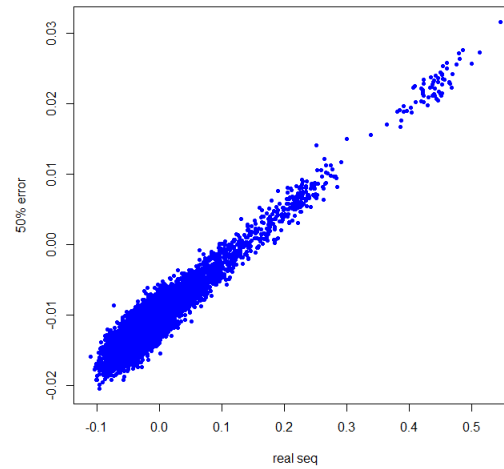
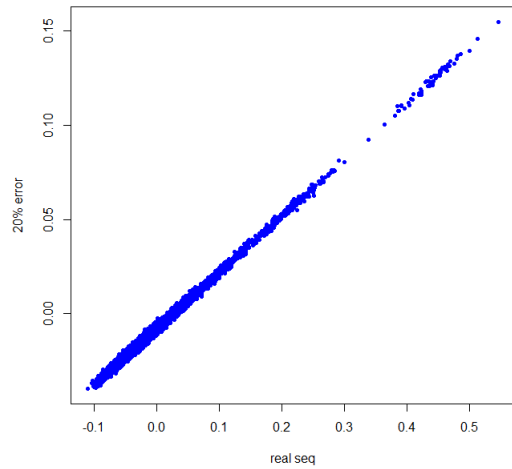
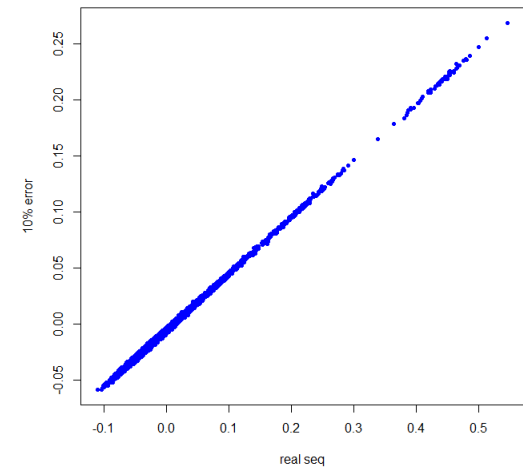
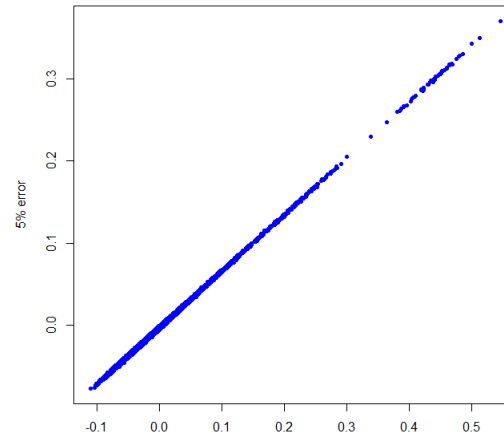
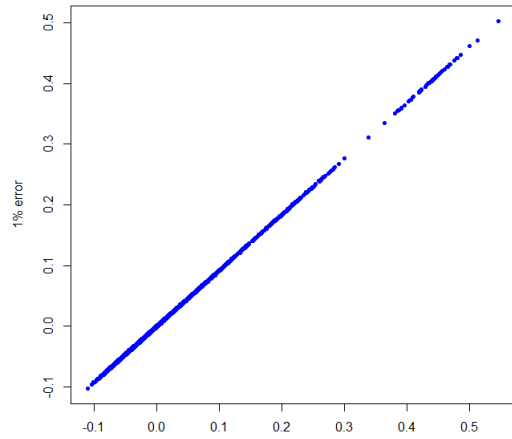
*if the GRM does not change the EBVs do not change*



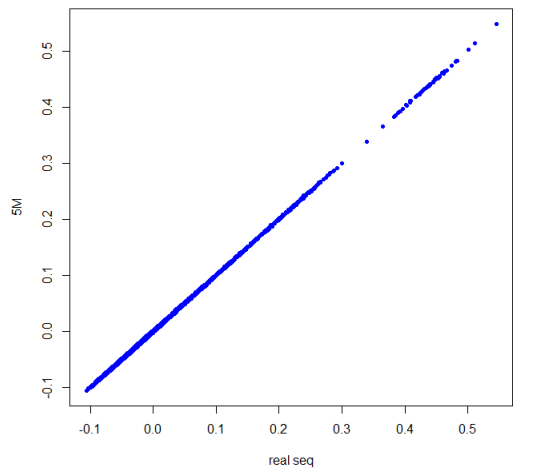
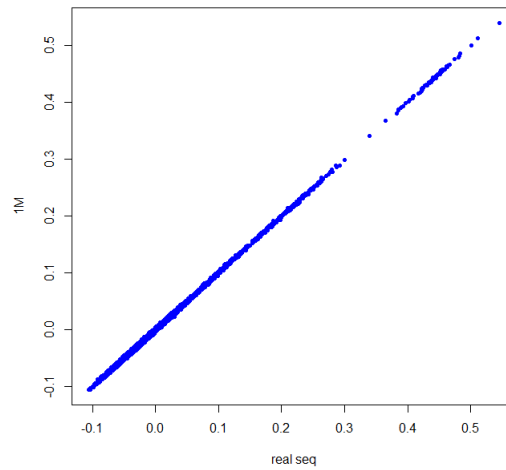
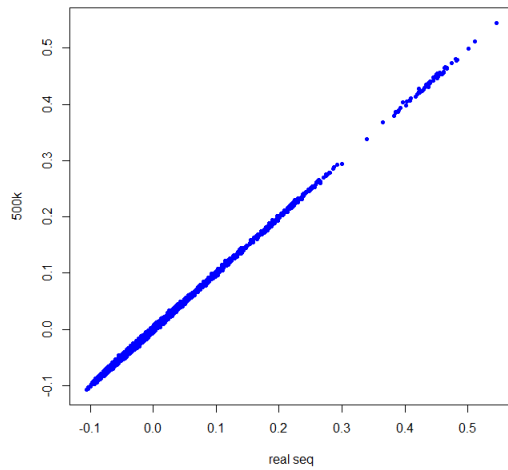
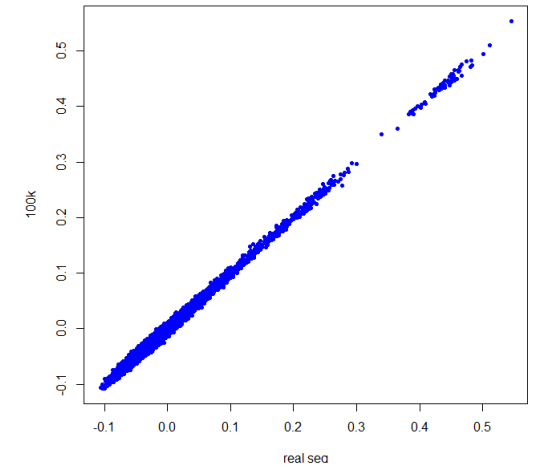
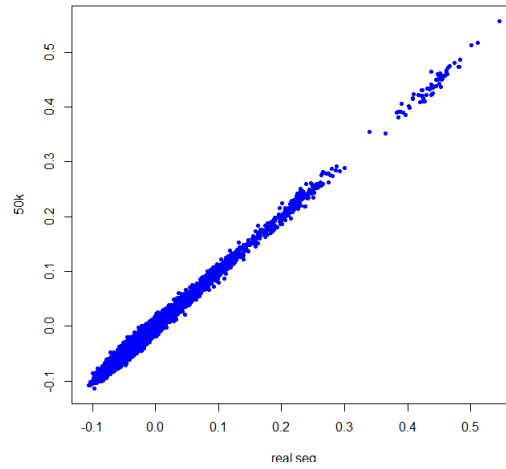
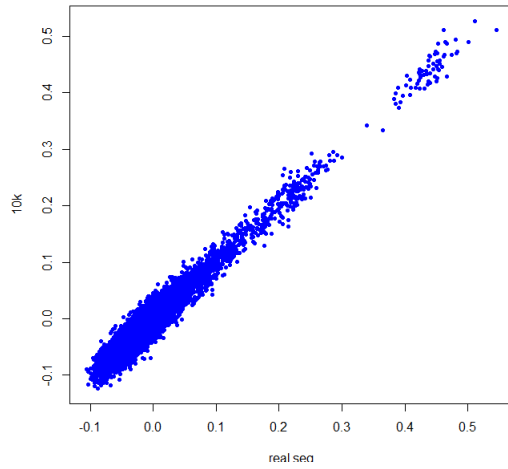
singular value decomposition



# how much do errors actually change the GRM?



# changes to the GRM at different SNP panel densities





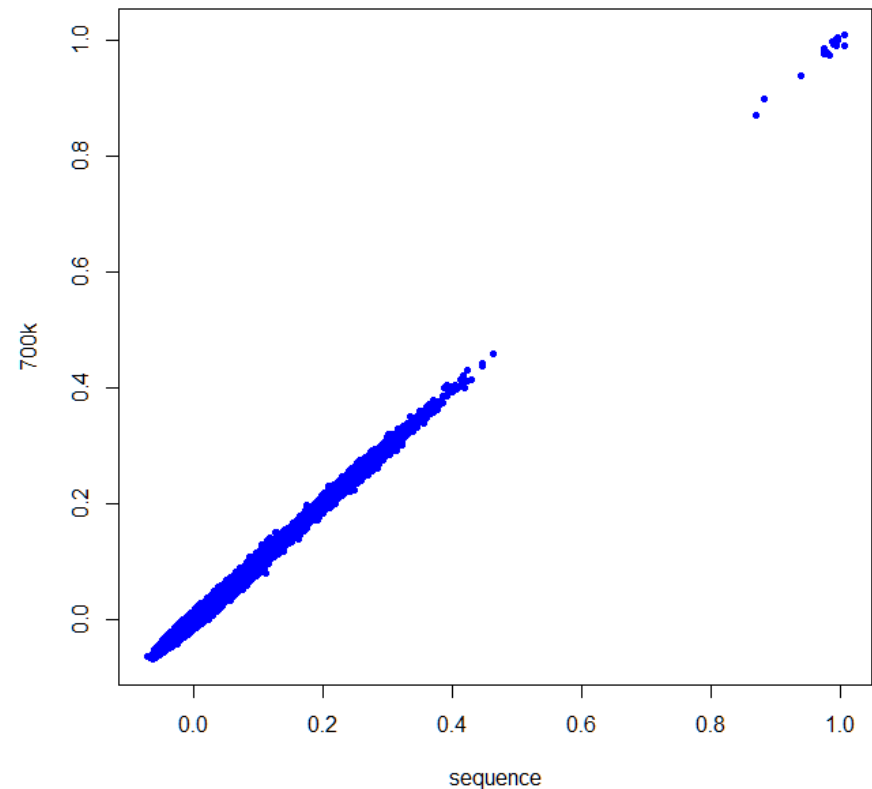
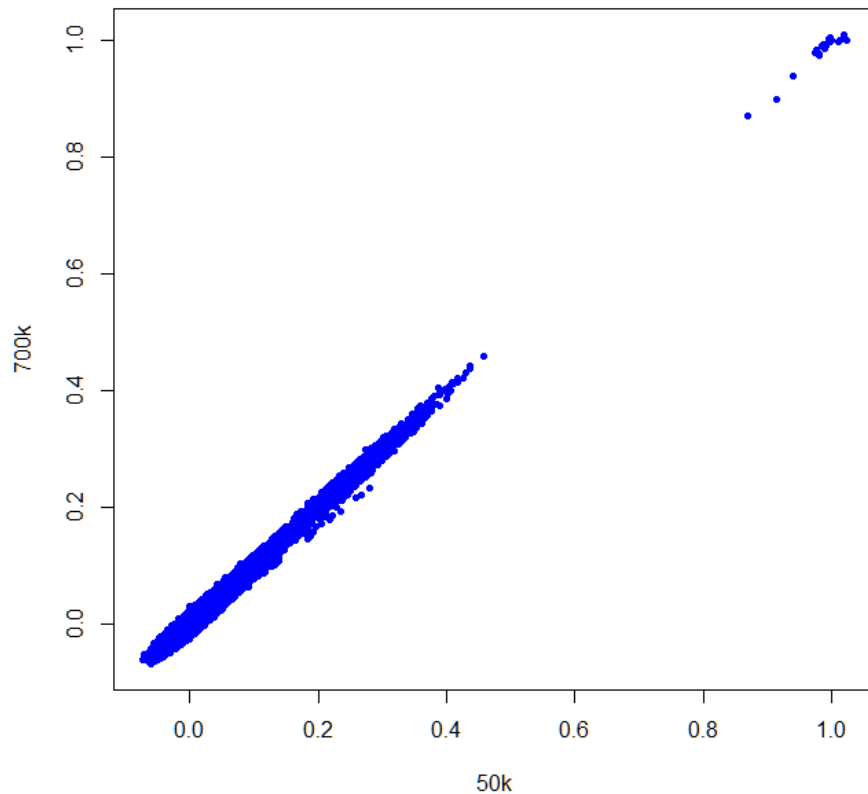
what has changed in the imputed data?

*it is the change in G that will change the predictions*

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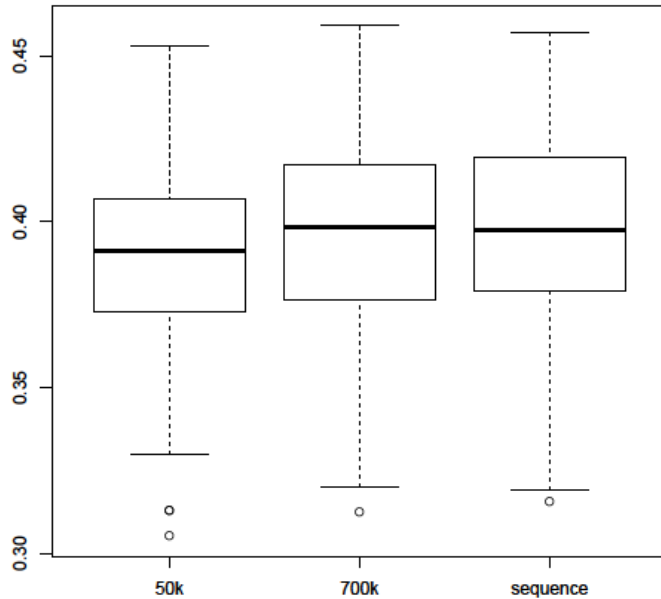
$$G_{700k} \times G_{seq} = 0.9950$$

$$G_{50k} \times G_{seq} = 0.9839$$

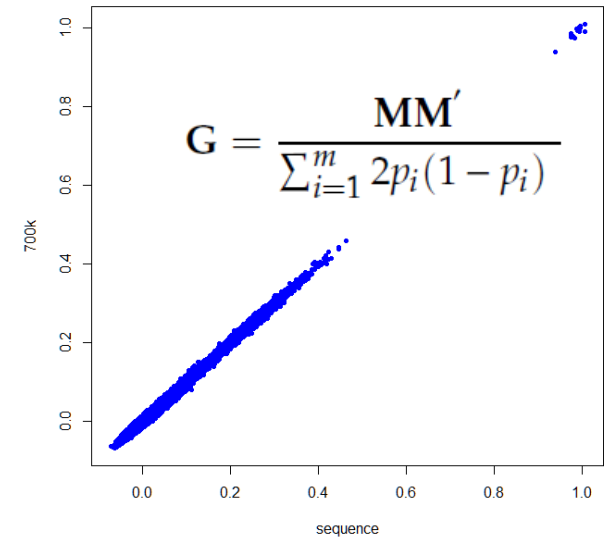


# gEBVs from sequence data

*limited benefits if business as usual*



changes in GRM after 100k are minimal



50k → 700k (+1.5%) → sequence (+0.6%)  
very small improvement in accuracy

accuracy of prediction	0.389	0.395	0.398
% increase accuracy		1.52	0.63

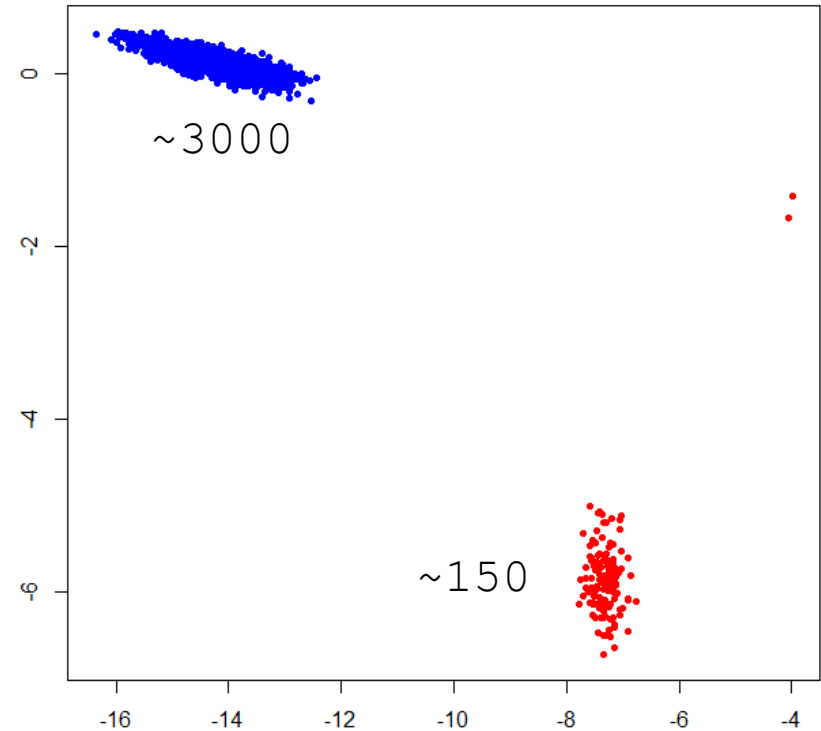
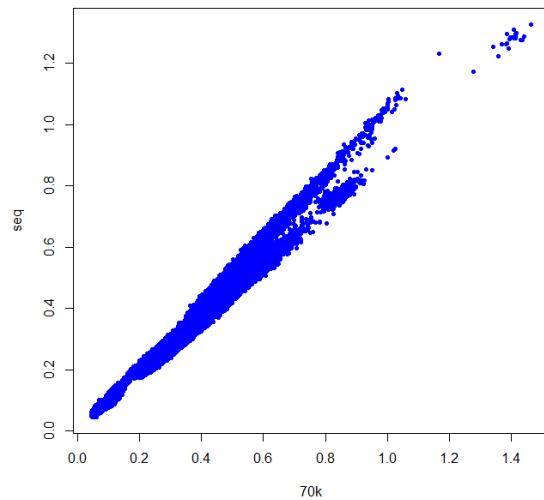
average of 100-fold cross validation | 1800 training | 518 validation

*so, what's the point?*

# larger benefits in multi-breed systems

<i>seq</i>	<i>red</i>	<i>blue</i>
<i>red</i>	0.13	0.07
<i>blue</i>	0.13	0.19

<i>70k</i>	<i>red</i>	<i>blue</i>
<i>red</i>	0.09	0.07
<i>blue</i>	0.05	0.19



seq helps with small sample sizes  
 seq helps with crossbreed prediction





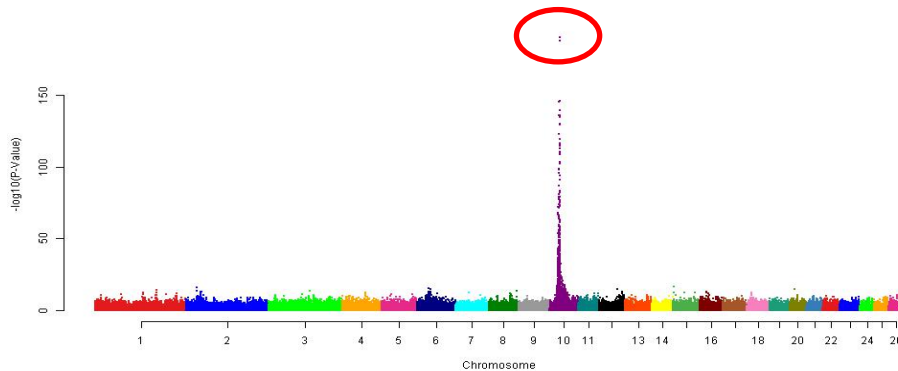
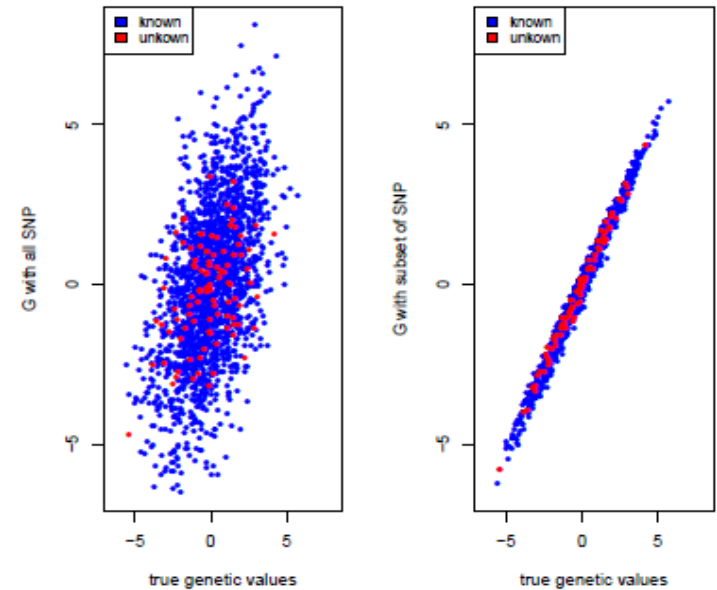
...and a bit of AI for genomic prediction



AI-generated image with DALL-E

ideally...

- in a perfect world we would know the true SNP associated to a trait or even better, the functional causal variants
- we would know the variants of large effect but also all the ones with small effects
- and we would use only them for making predictions...

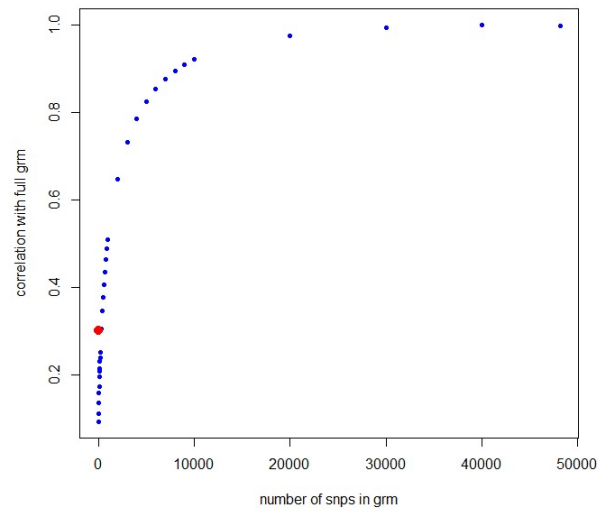
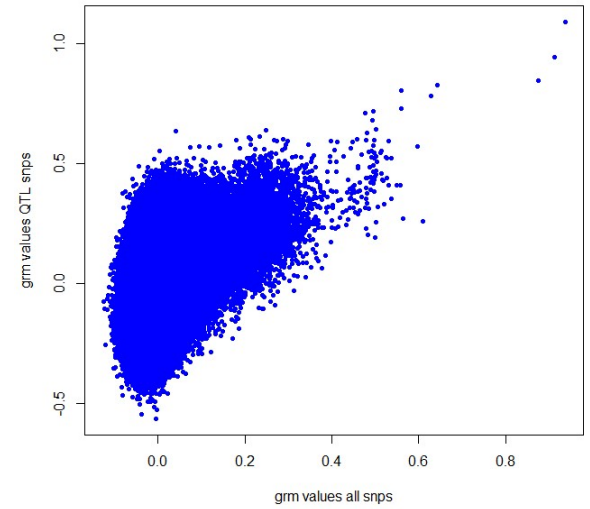
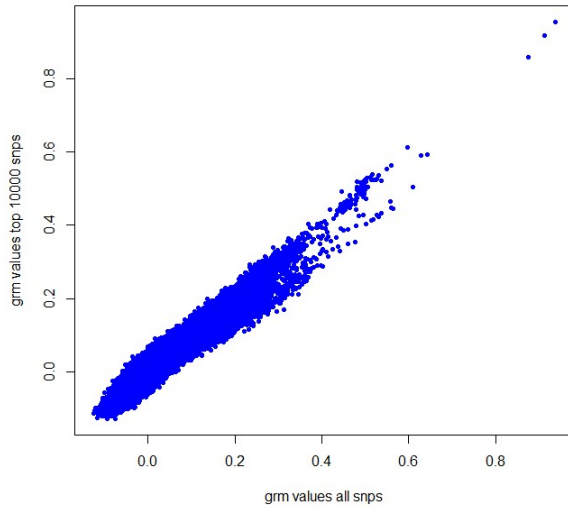


Use *trait G* instead of *G trait relationship matrix*

*g*BLUP using only *functional* markers

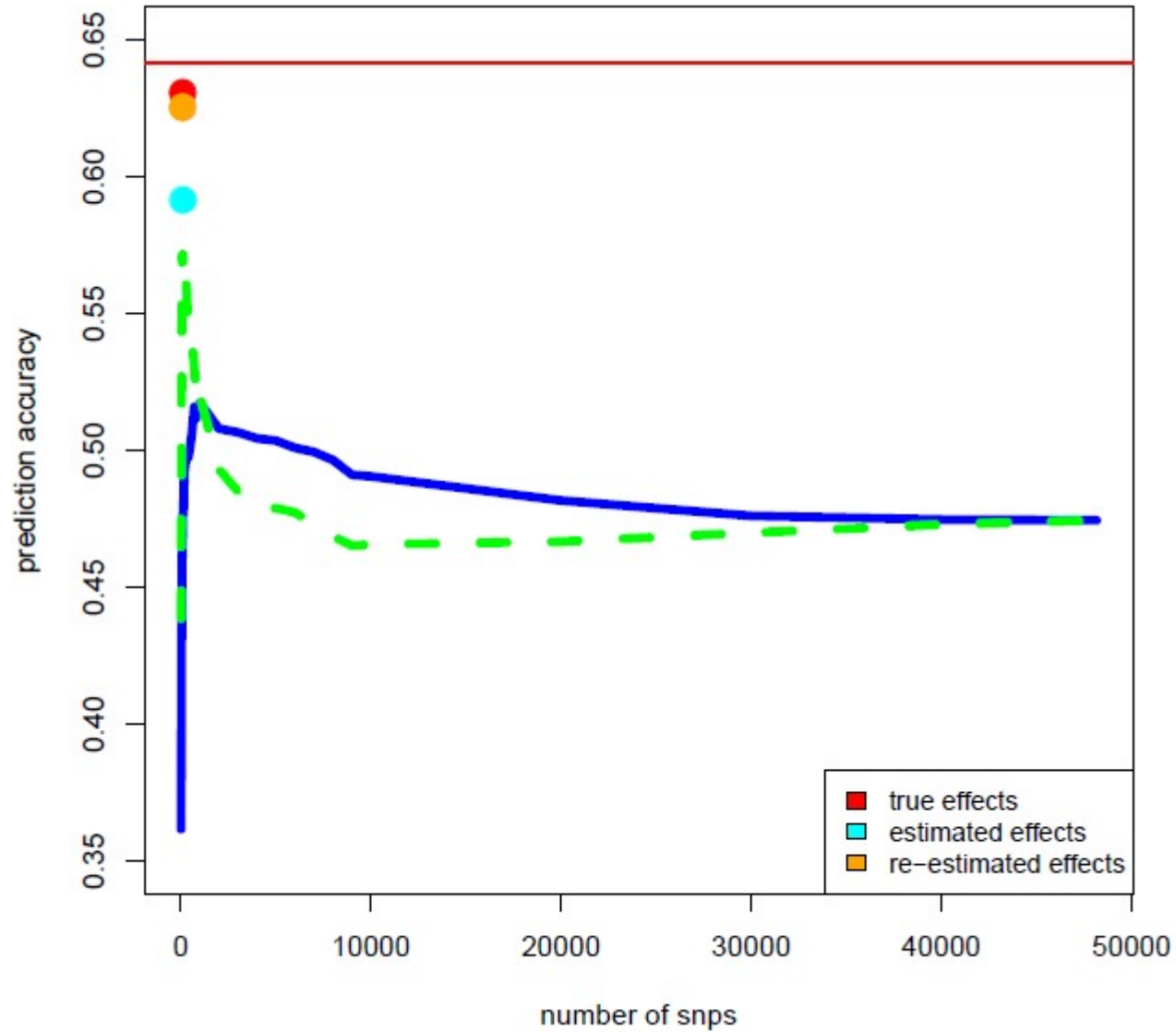
*genomic prediction as a feature selection problem*



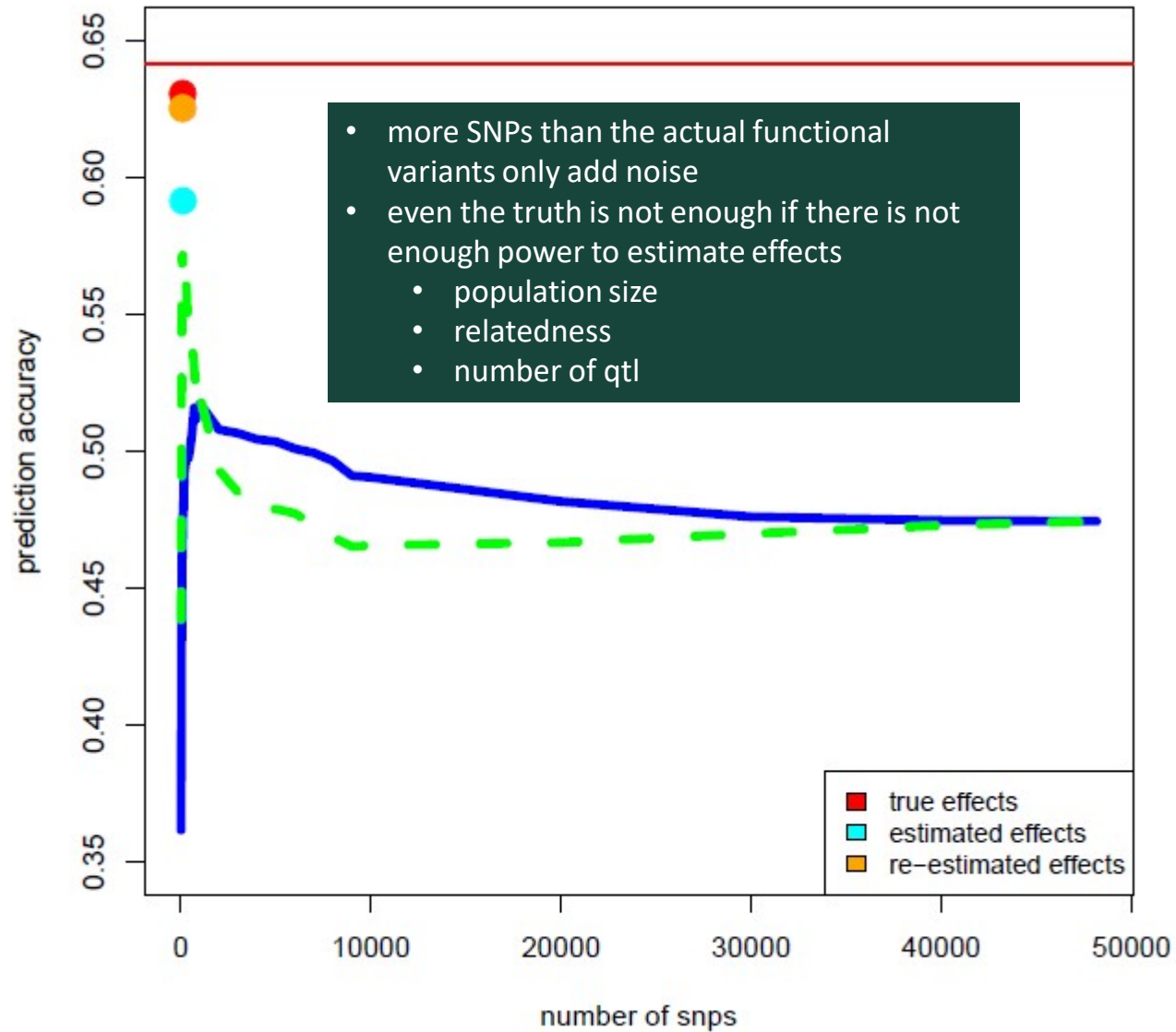


*the 'real' (unknown) grm is very different from the full grm*





*spurious SNPs just add noise to the prediction*



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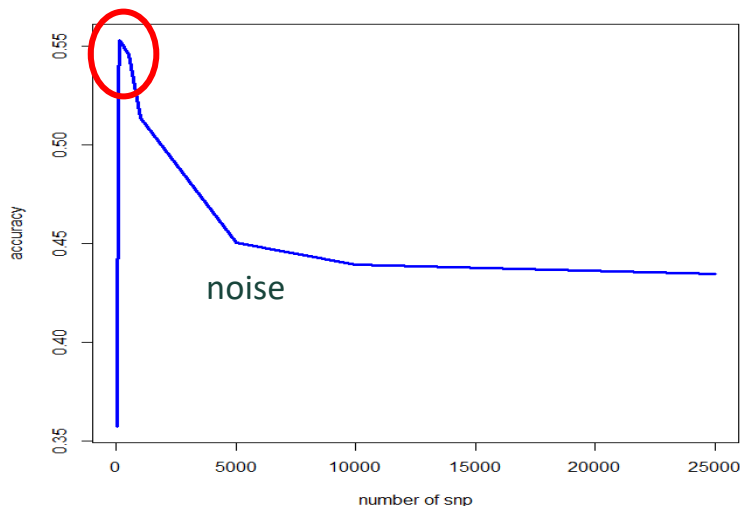
# iterative weighted gblup with local search

- split population into 3 parts – training, internal testing and external testing
- perform weighted gBLUP and iterate until the weights converge
- find a rough number of SNP to use based on accuracy of sorted SNP
- test every SNP and check if it improves/worsens prediction accuracy in internal testing set – remove non-informative SNP
- refit final SNP set with gBLUP
- evaluate on external testing data

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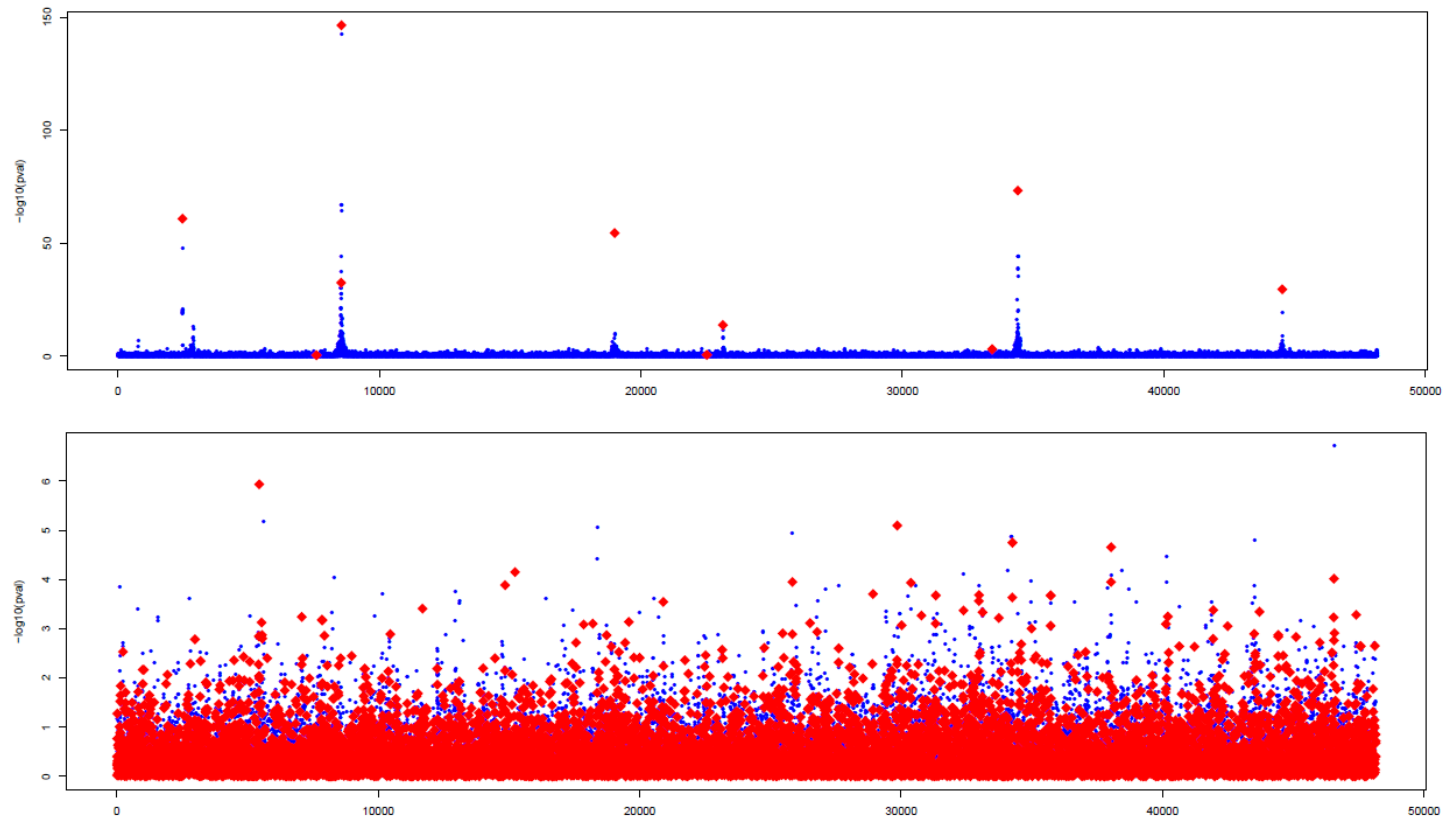
$$G = \frac{MM'}{\sum_{i=1}^m 2p_i(1-p_i)}$$

$$G^* = \frac{MDM'}{\sum_{i=1}^m 2p_i(1-p_i)}$$

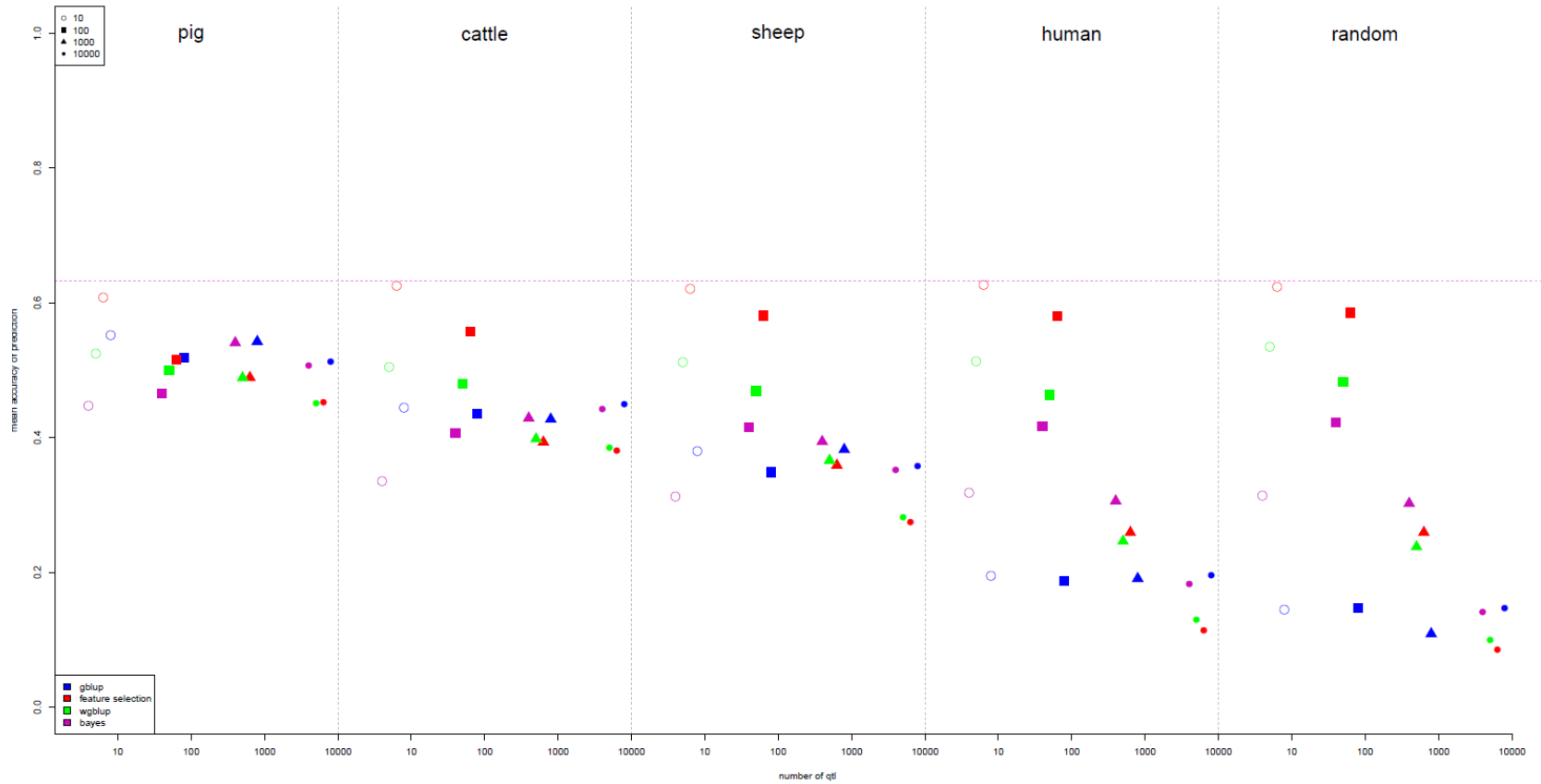


if we get this right:  
accuracies should hold across generations  
can combine multiple breeds and crosses  
costs can be reduced  
computational burden can be reduced

signal to noise ratio of a trait – *genetic architecture*



# methods comparison

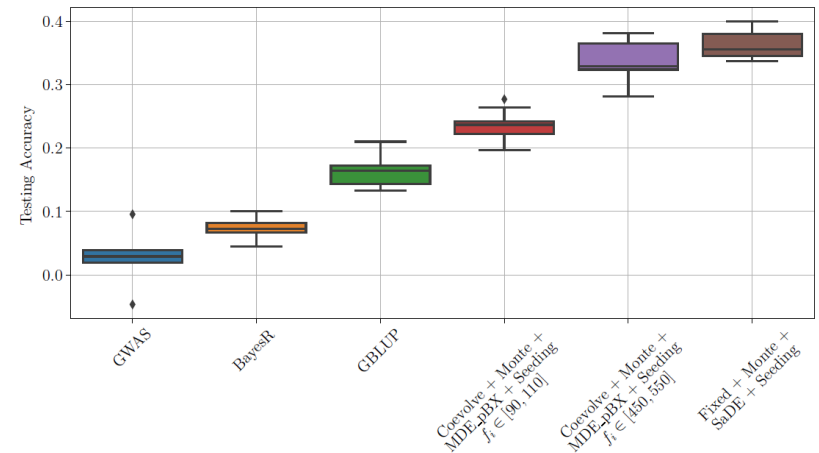
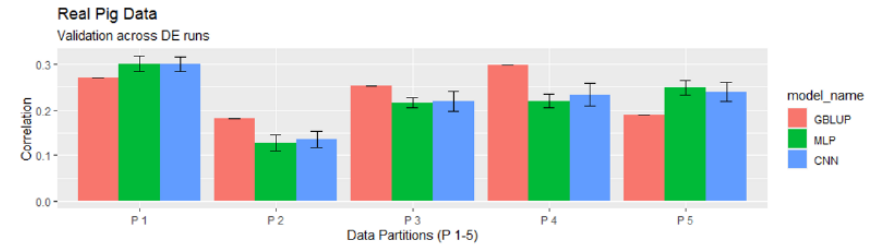
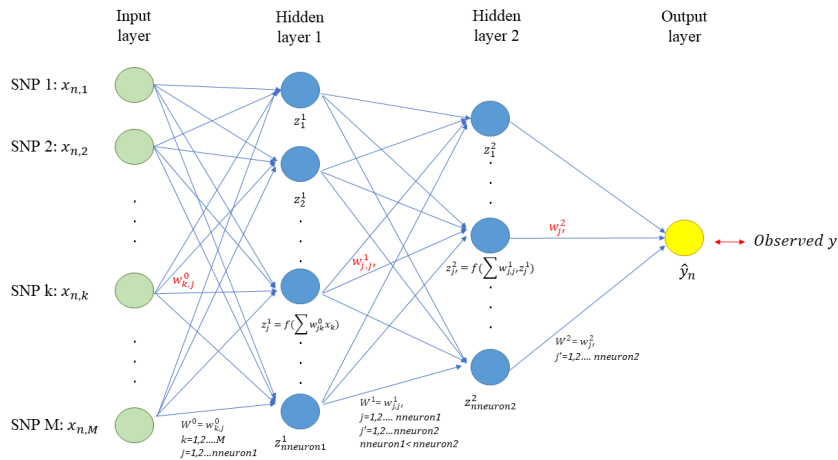


prediction is a function of sample size, genetic architecture, relatedness



# machine learning for genomic prediction

## MLP, CNN, DE, XGboost



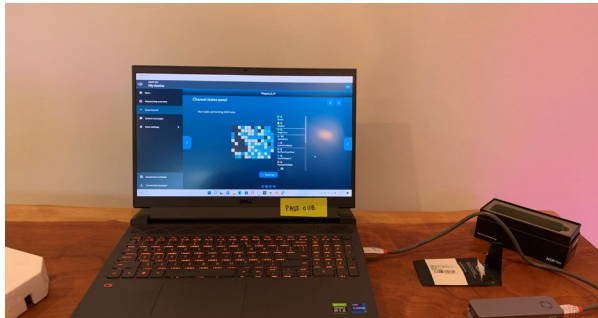
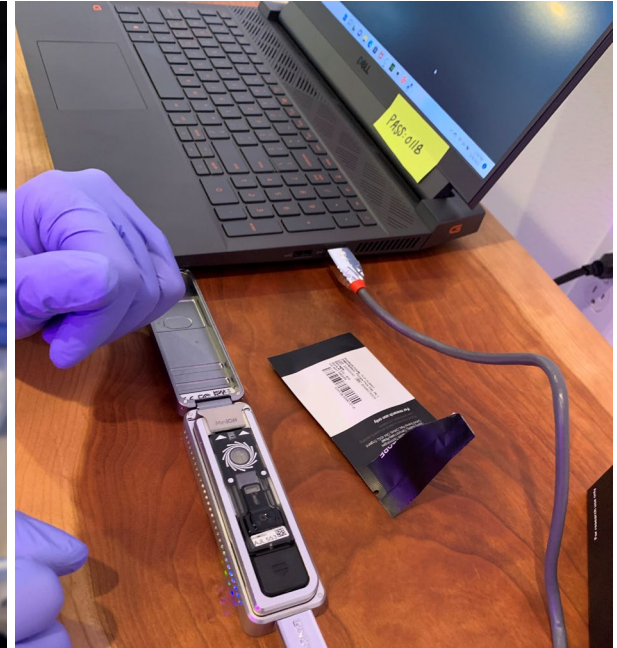
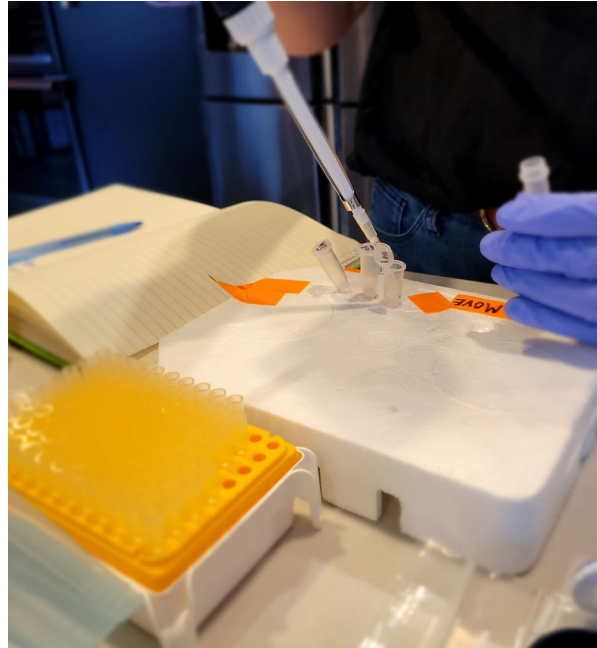
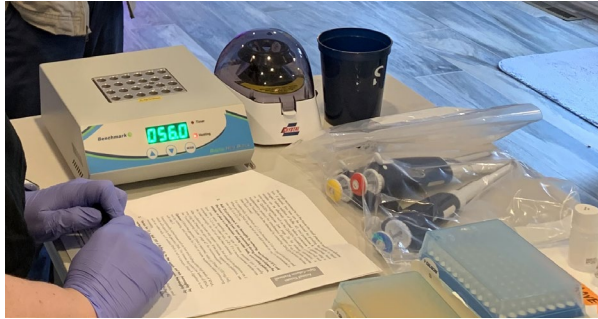




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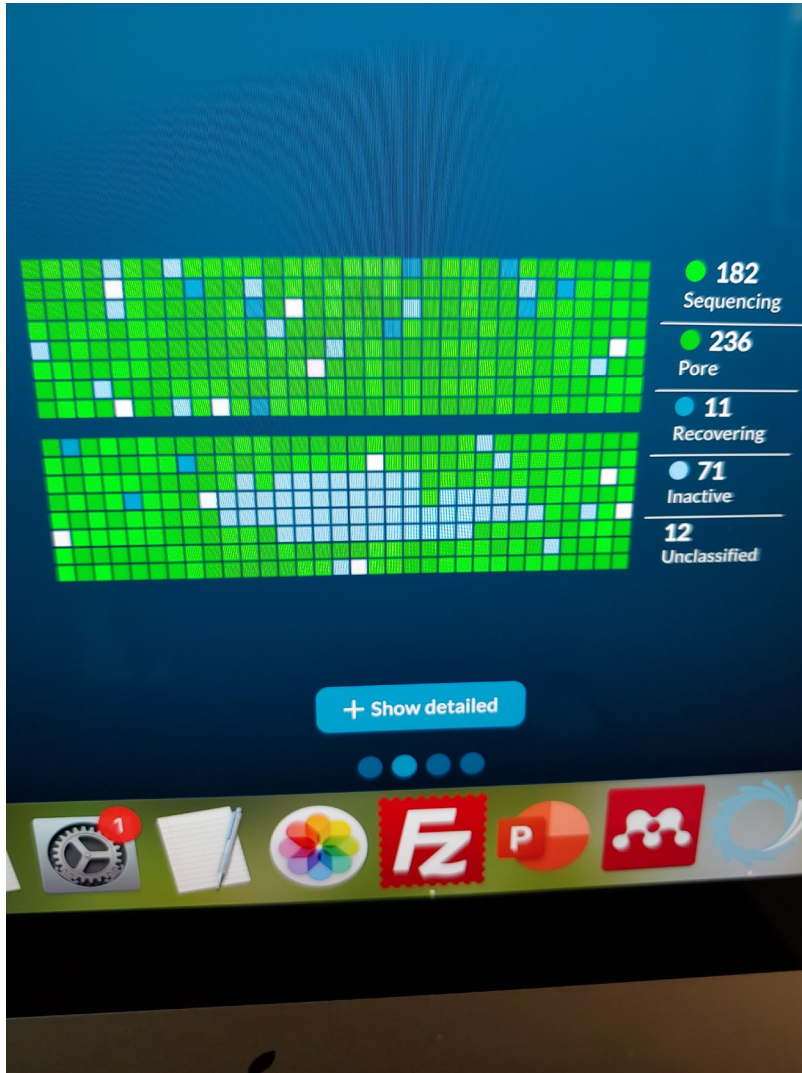




home sequencing

the future is kind of already here, just maybe a tad less glamorous





Ostrovski

don't need to send samples to a lab for genotyping anymore

- portable sequencer – pocket sized, USB connection, 87g
- can produce long and ultra-long reads



## applications and limitations

onsite sequencing without a lab or specialized personnel

### farm

determine parentage, **breed composition**, test for recessives and estimate breeding values

turnover time from sample to knowledge of less than four hours (?)

**disease testing**  
**positive/negative results in a couple of hours**

### supply chain

origin of product can be regulated/certified on site by DNA testing (breed, provenance...)

### food safety

rapidly traced back through the supply chain by matching the DNA signature of the contaminated product with sequences stored in databases



### cons

- takes some practice
- reagents not stable at room temperature, short shelf life
- still need to perform DNA extraction
- prices not yet competitive with lab genotyping
- data structures need to be in place for analyses
- great for a few samples but does not scale up

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### Nanopore sequencing at Mars, Europa, and microgravity conditions

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Nanopore sequencing, as represented by Oxford Nanopore Technologies' MinION, is a promising technology for in situ life detection and for microbial monitoring including in support of human space exploration, due to its small size, low mass (~100 g) and low power (~1 W). Now ubiquitous on Earth and previously demonstrated on the International Space Station (ISS), nanopore sequencing involves translocation of DNA through a biological nanopore on timescales of milliseconds per base. Nanopore sequencing is now being done in both controlled lab settings as well as in diverse environments that include ground, air, and space vehicles. Future space missions may also utilize nanopore sequencing in reduced gravity environments, such as in the search for life on Mars (Earth-relative gravito-inertial acceleration (GA)  $g = 0.378$ ), or at icy moons such as Europa ( $g = 0.134$ ) or Enceladus ( $g = 0.012$ ). We confirm the ability to sequence at Mars as well as near Europa or Lunar ( $g = 0.166$ ) and lower  $g$  levels, demonstrate the functionality of updated chemistry and sequencing protocols under parabolic flight, and reveal consistent performance across  $g$  level, during dynamic accelerations, and despite vibrations with significant power at translocation-relevant frequencies. Our work strengthens the use case for nanopore sequencing in dynamic environments on Earth and in space, including as part of the search for nucleic-acid based life beyond Earth.

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## DALL-E

For a more abstract representation of genomic prediction in beef cattle, I'll create an image that merges elements of bovine genetics with futuristic, abstract imagery. Imagine a stylized, digital silhouette of a cow composed of DNA strands and genetic sequences, set against a backdrop of abstract data visualizations and predictive models. This will convey the essence of genomic prediction in the context of cattle breeding and agriculture, emphasizing the futuristic and abstract nature of genetic science. Let's create this image.



DALL-E is currently experiencing high demand. Because of this, I was able to generate only one image based on your request for an abstract representation of genomic prediction in beef cattle. The image features a stylized, digital silhouette of a cow with elements representing genetic sequences and predictive models. You can view and download the image above.

