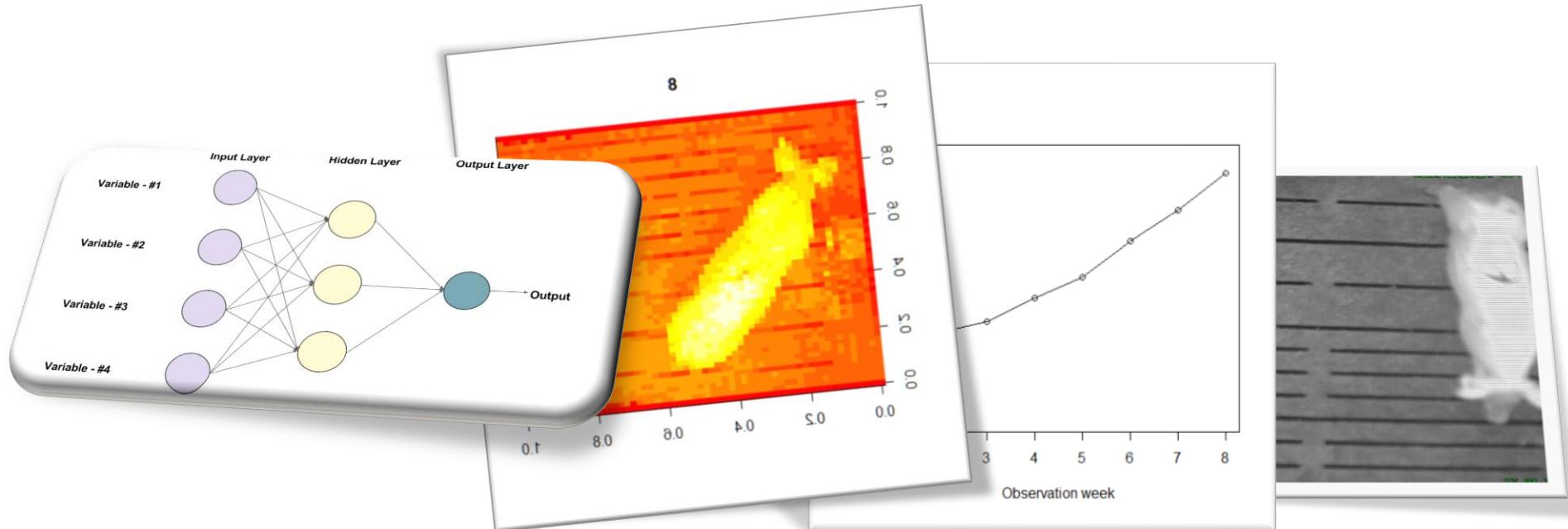


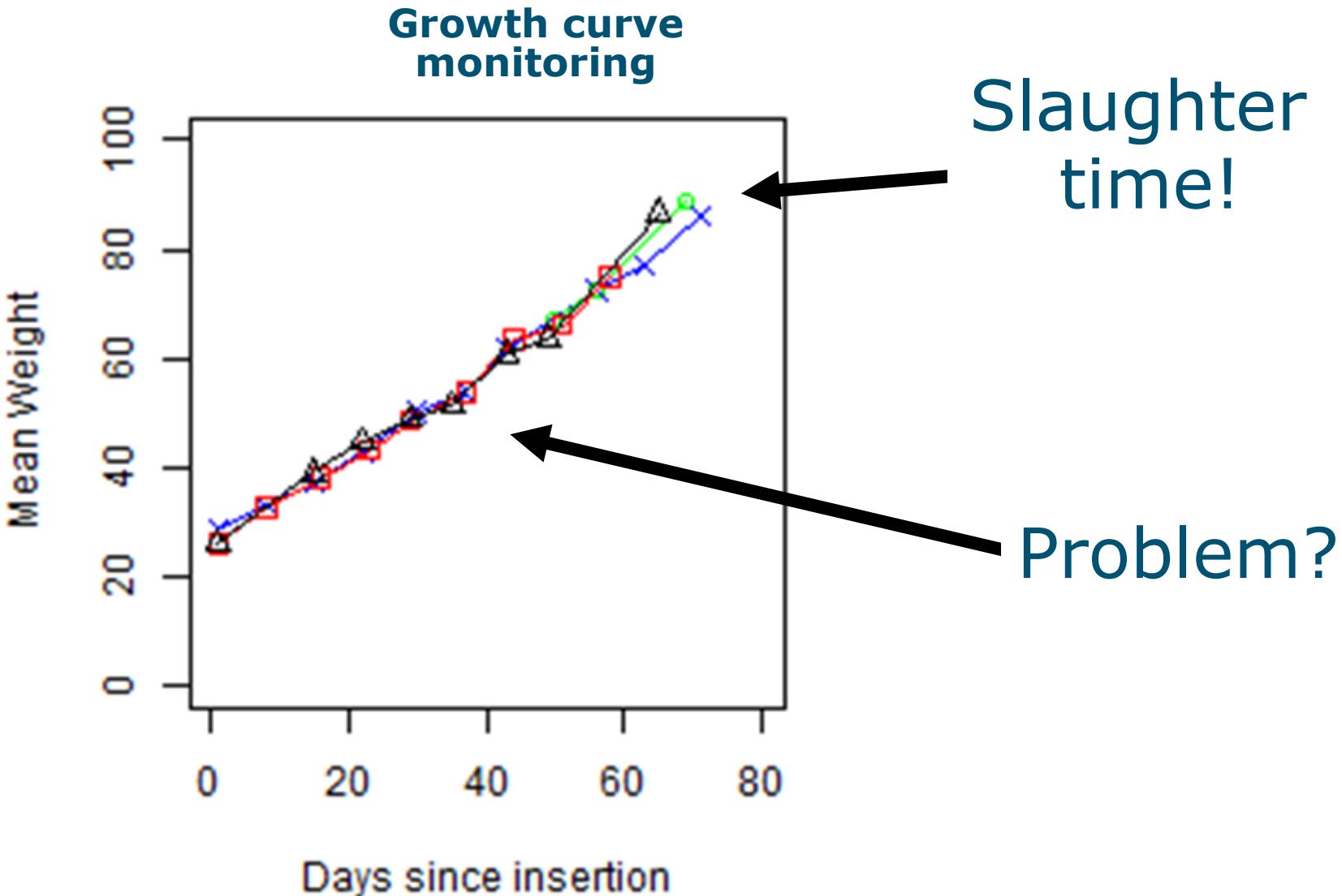
# Automatic estimation of slaughter pig live weight using convolutional neural networks

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Why, though ... ?

***What's the use of this?***



## AIMS

1. Demonstrate that a **CNN** can estimate **LW of individual pigs**
2. Compare the accuracy given the inclusion or exclusion of **reference images**
3. Compare the **robustness** against image brightness variation given the resolution of the input images

# The CNN (in simple terms)

# Machine vision

## ***What I DON'T do: Image classification***



Dog:

Cat:

Bird:

Boat:

NOT WHAT I DO  
(but close)

37%

Cat:

91%

Bird:

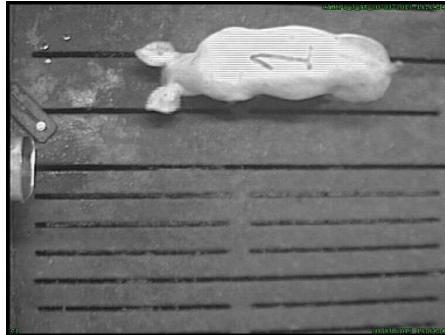
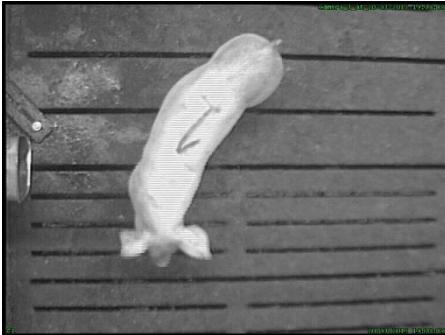
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Boat:

1%

# Machine vision

***What I ACTUALLY do: Image regression (is that a term?)***



28.8  
kg



56.0  
kg

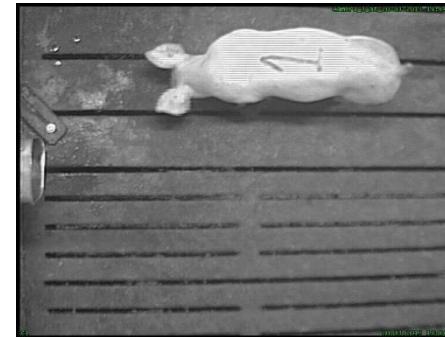
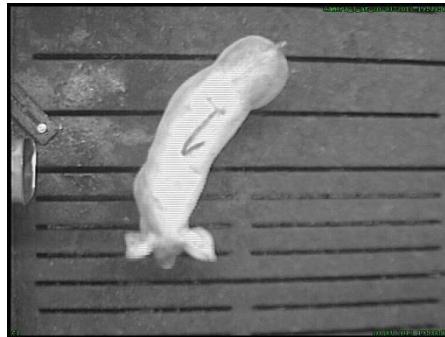


79.4  
kg

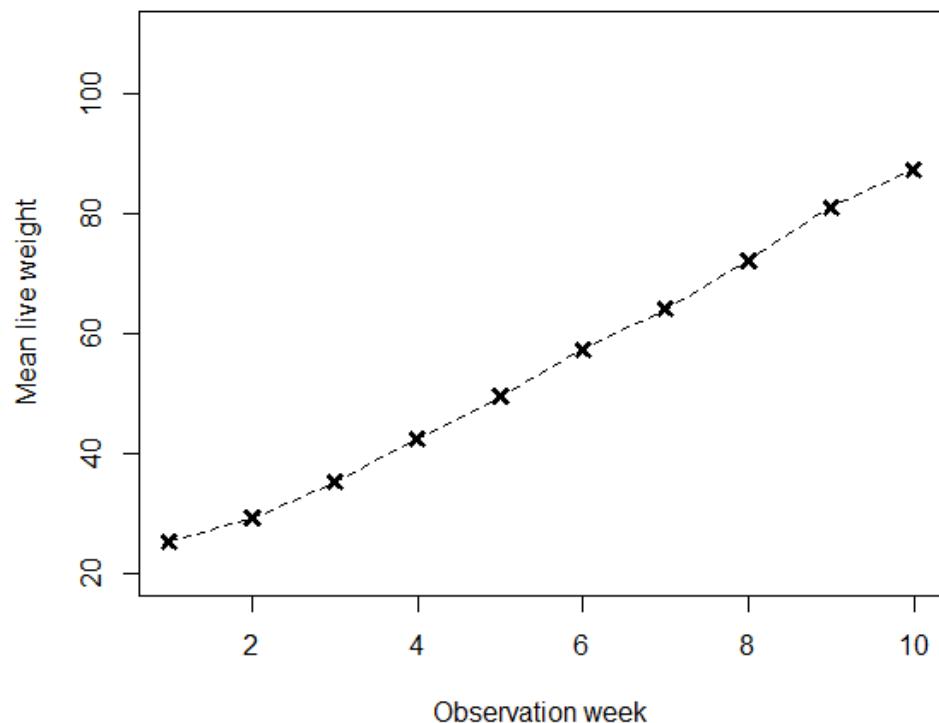
# Data Description

# Data

## *Images and Weight Measurements*

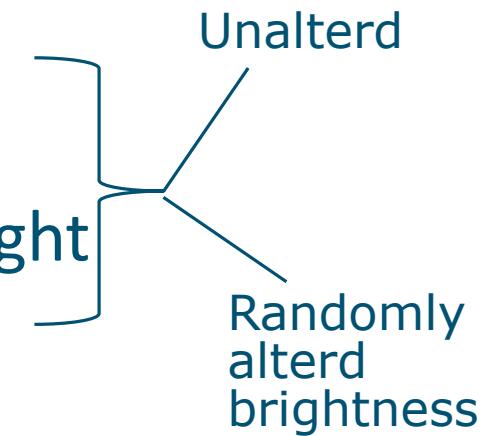


28.8  
kg



Training set:  
876 images  
54 unique pig weights

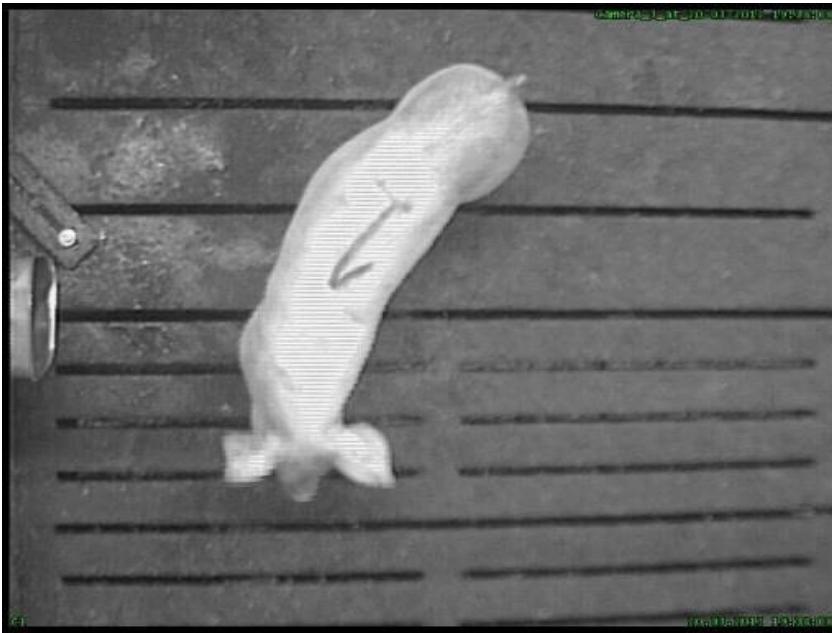
Test set:  
21 unique pig weights  
4-64 images per pig-weight



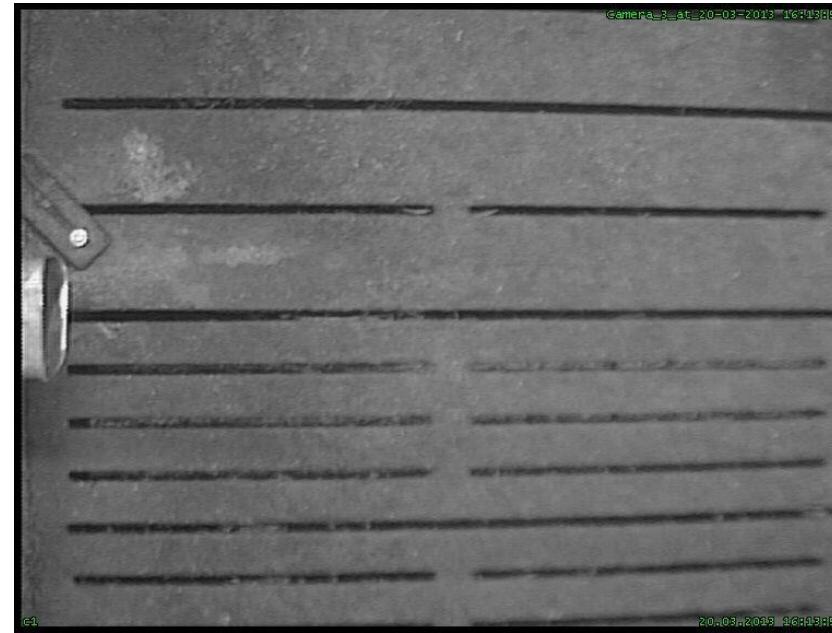
# Data

## ***Inclusion and omission of reference images***

Image

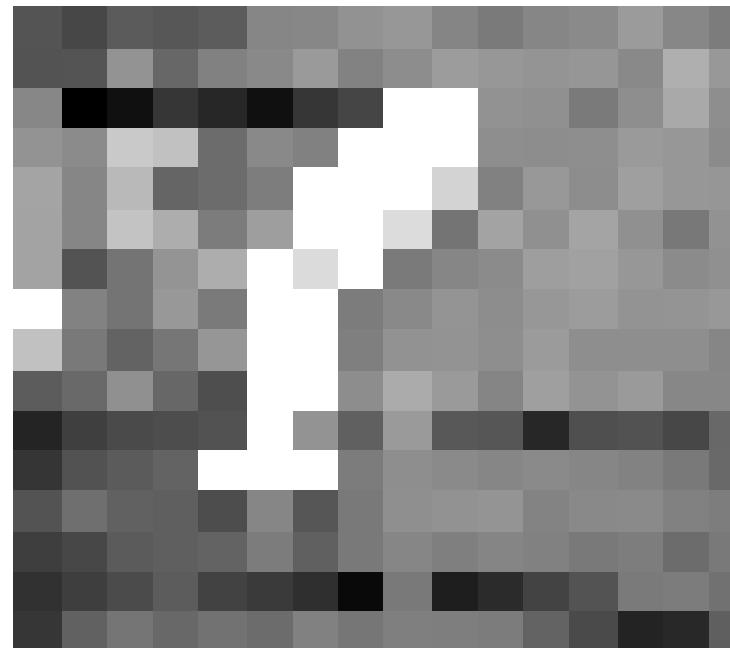


Reference Image



# Data

***Resolution reduction (original: 768x576 pixels) and brightness alteration***



# Machine vision

## ***Performance evaluation***

$$\eta = \frac{Y - \hat{Y}}{Y + 1}$$

Relative Error

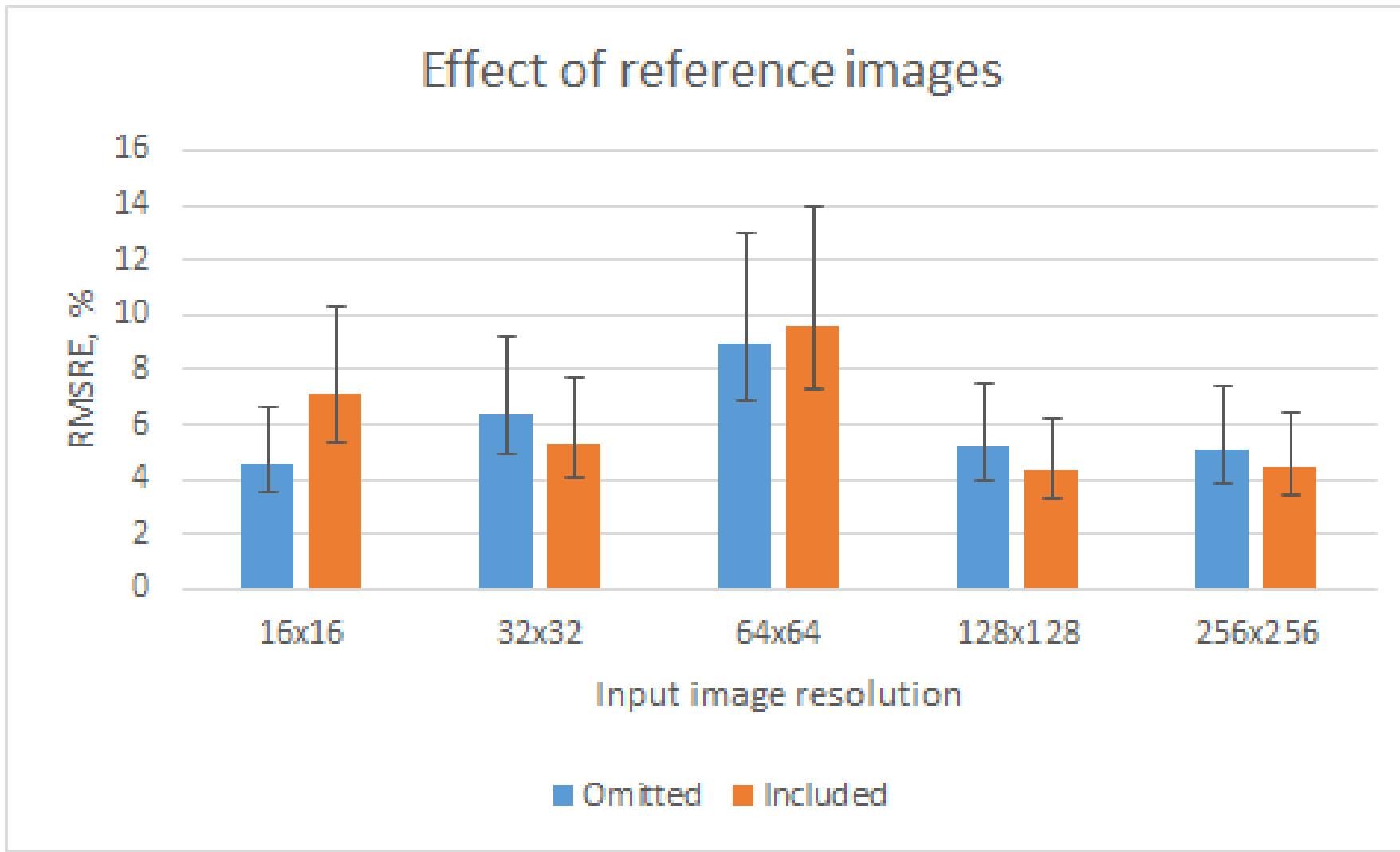
$$RMSRE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i^n \eta^2$$

Root Mean Squarred  
Relative Error

# **My Results**

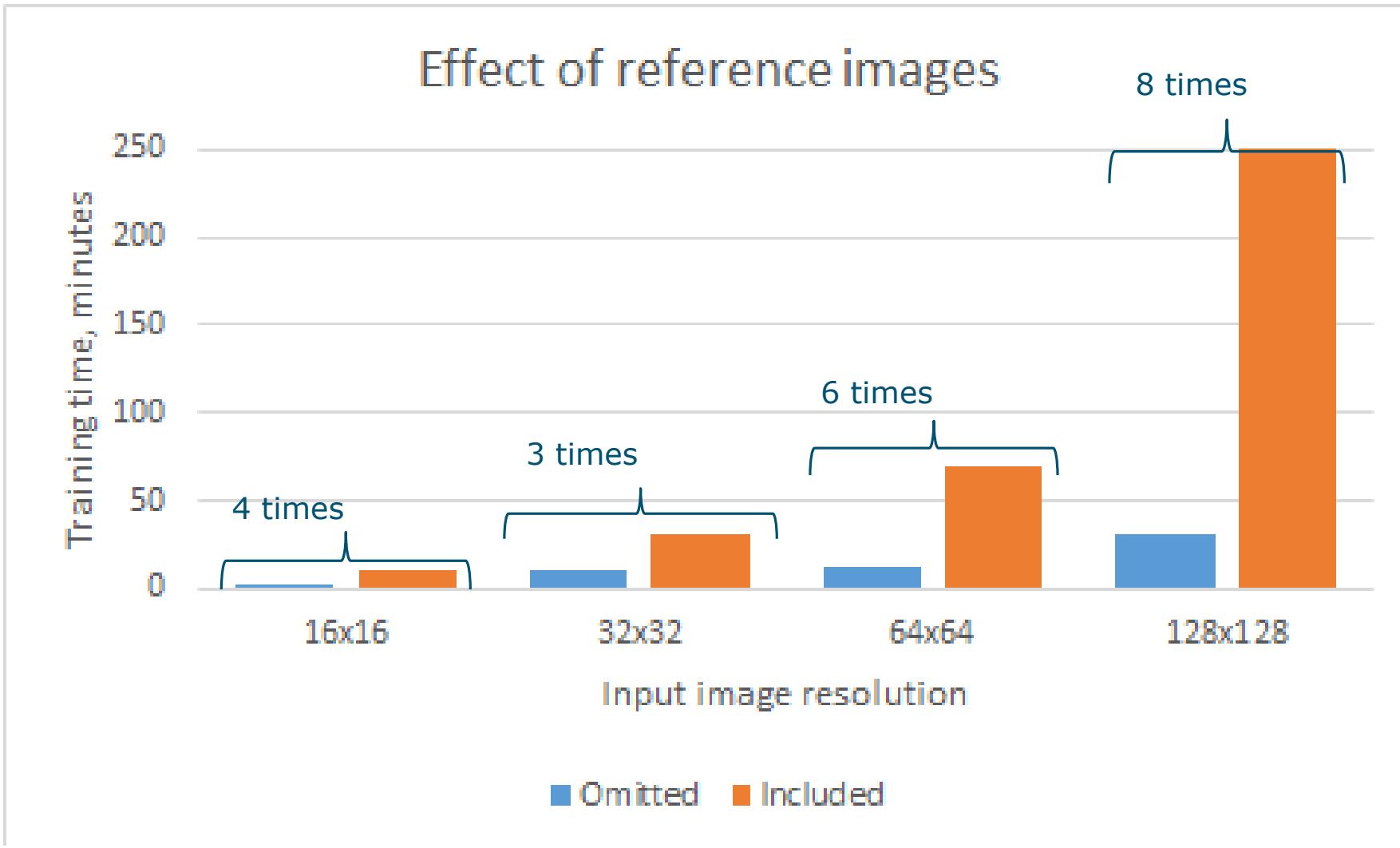
# Results

## *Unaltered test set*



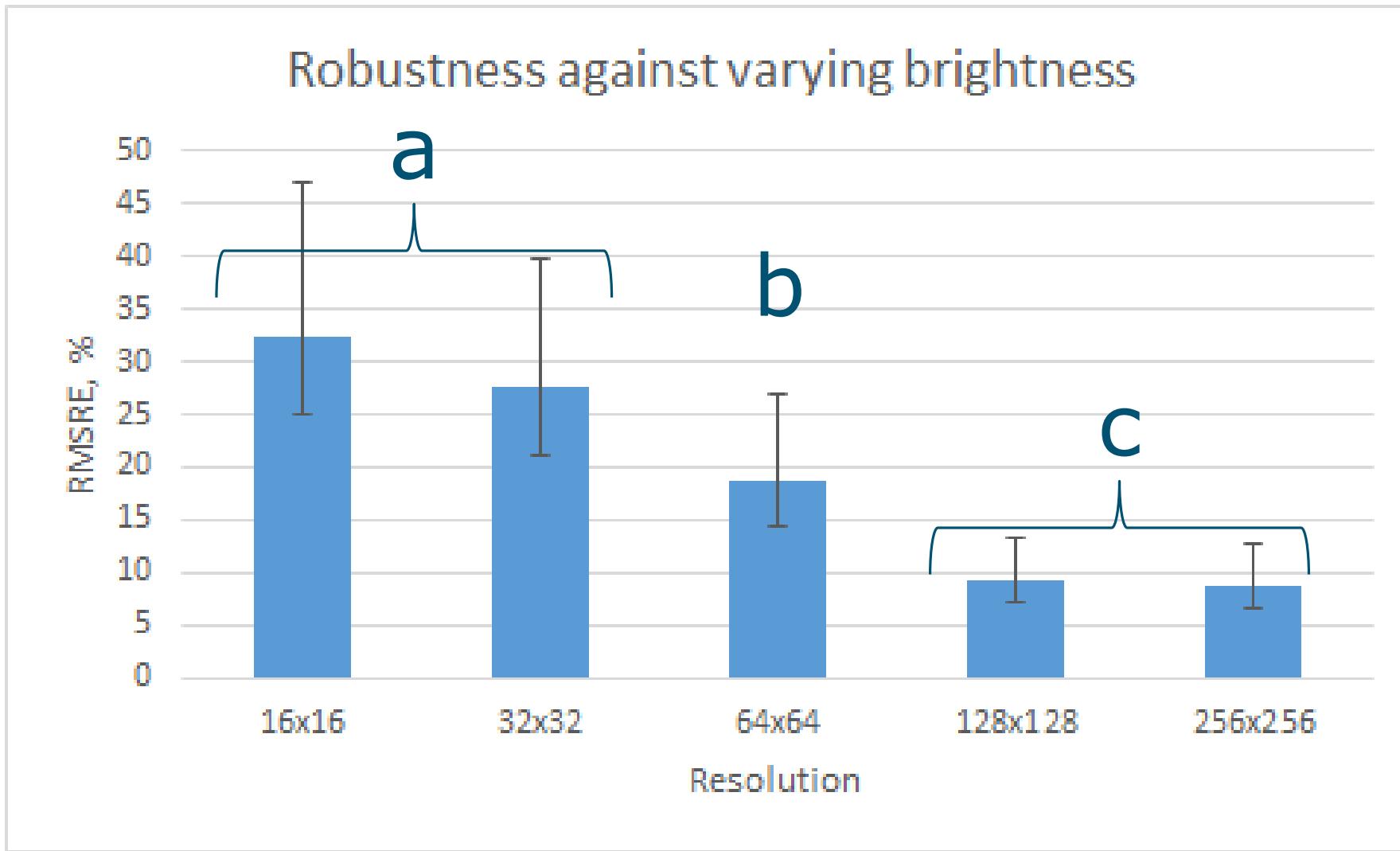
# Results

## *Unaltered test set*



# Results

## *Test set with randomly altered brightness*



# CONCLUSIONS

1. Demonstrate that a CNN can estimate LW of individual pigs
  - **It can!**  
**RMSRE: ~ 5-10 %**
2. Compare the accuracy given the inclusion or exclusion of reference images
  - **No effect!**
3. Compare the robustness against image brightness variation given the resolution of the input images
  - **Higher resolution → better!**  
**Optimal resolution: 128x128**



Want to hear more about our studies?

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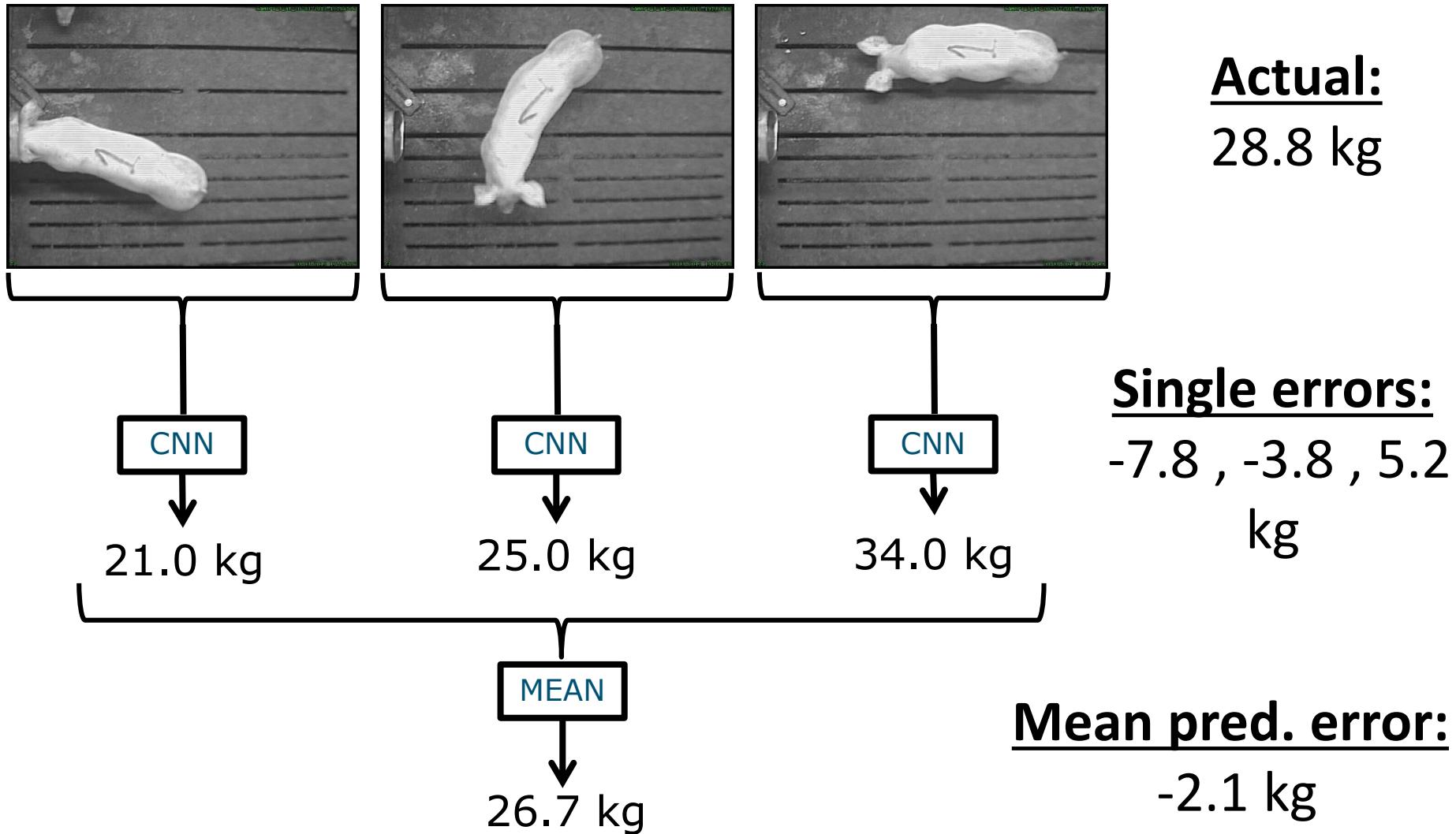
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# Extra

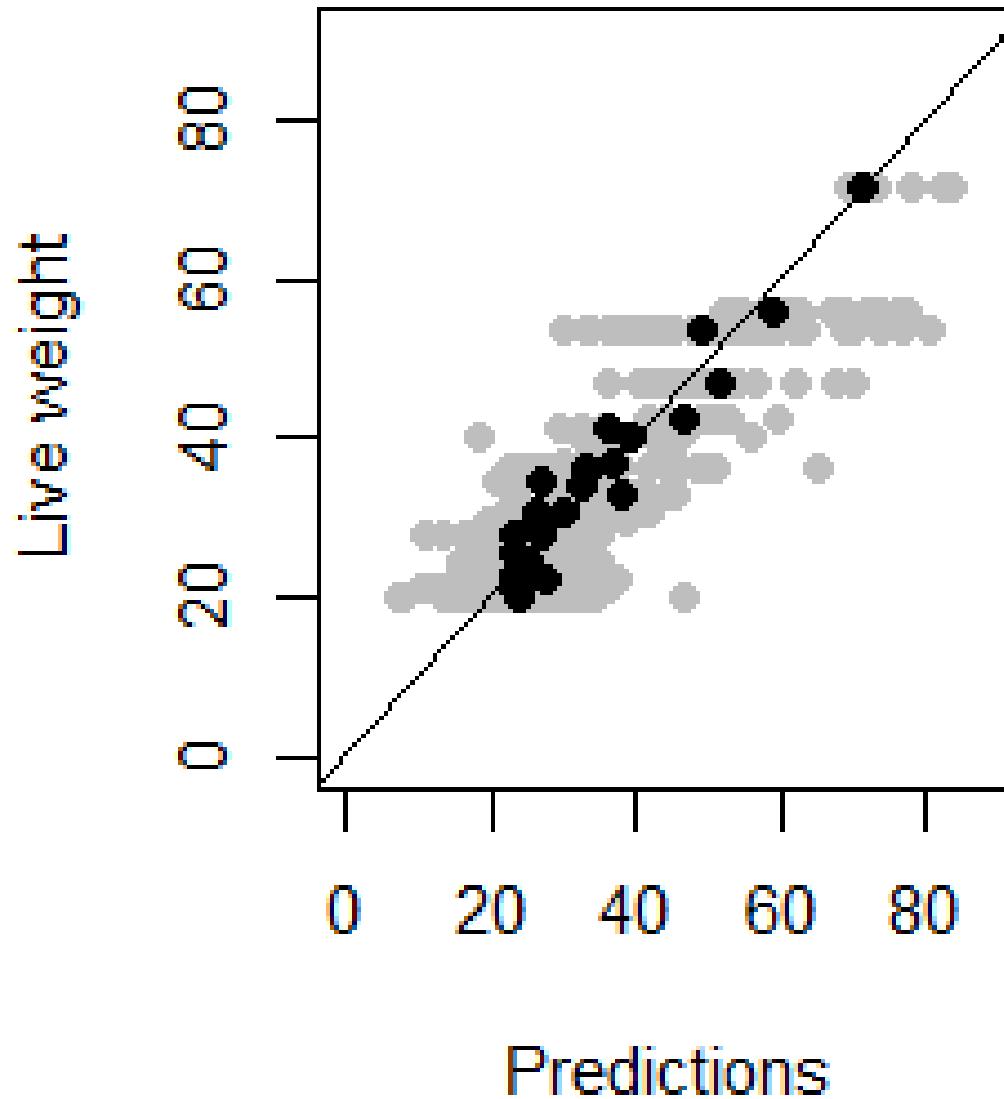
# Machine vision

***What I ACTUALLY do: Image regression – ensemble of predictions***



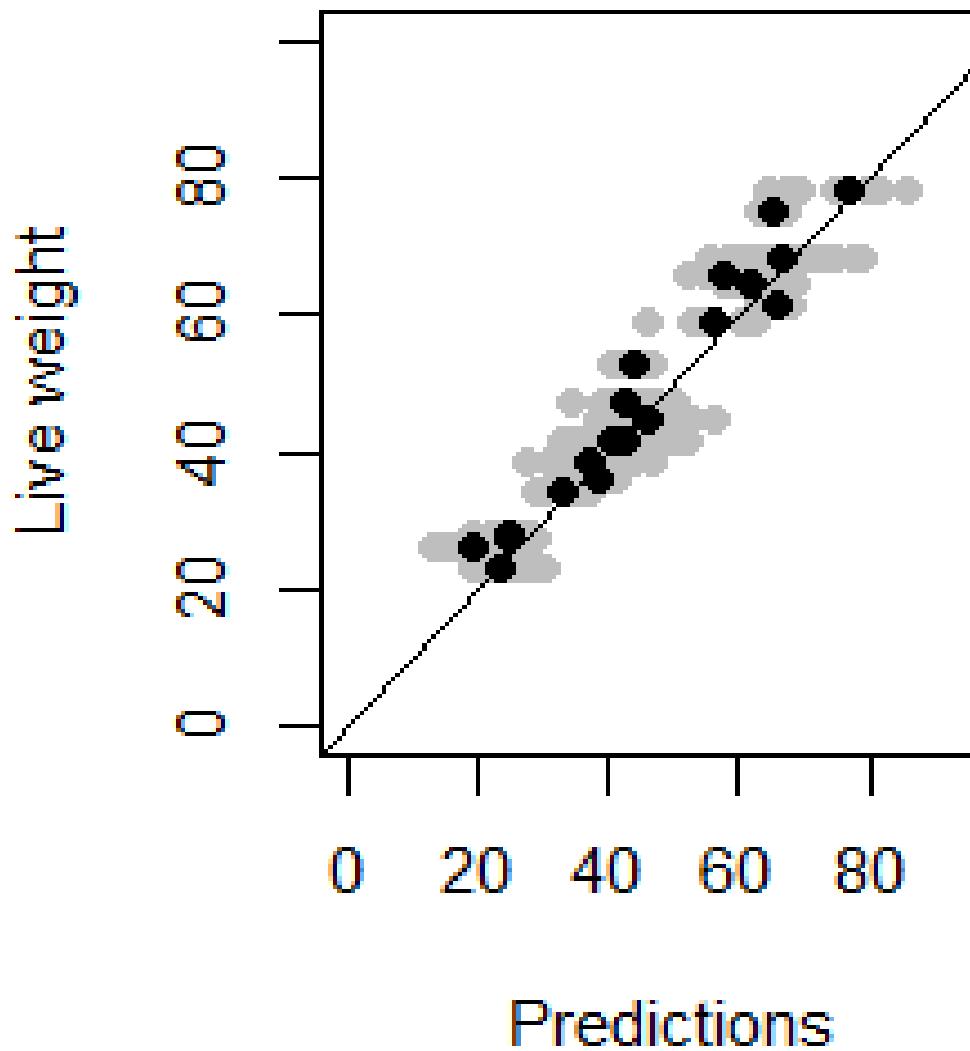
# Machine vision

***What I ACTUALLY do: Image regression – ensemble of predictions***



## Results

### *Ensemble effect*



**RMSRE**

Pig level  
~ 5 %

Single image  
12 % - 21 %

# Results

