

# Deep learning – an alternative for genomic prediction?

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# Lots of people starting to use them!



## Can Deep Learning Improve Genomic Prediction of Complex Human Traits?

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## Approximate Bayesian neural networks in genomic prediction

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## Benchmarking algorithms for genomic prediction of complex traits

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## New Deep Learning Genomic-Based Prediction Model for Multiple Traits with Binary, Ordinal, and Continuous Phenotypes

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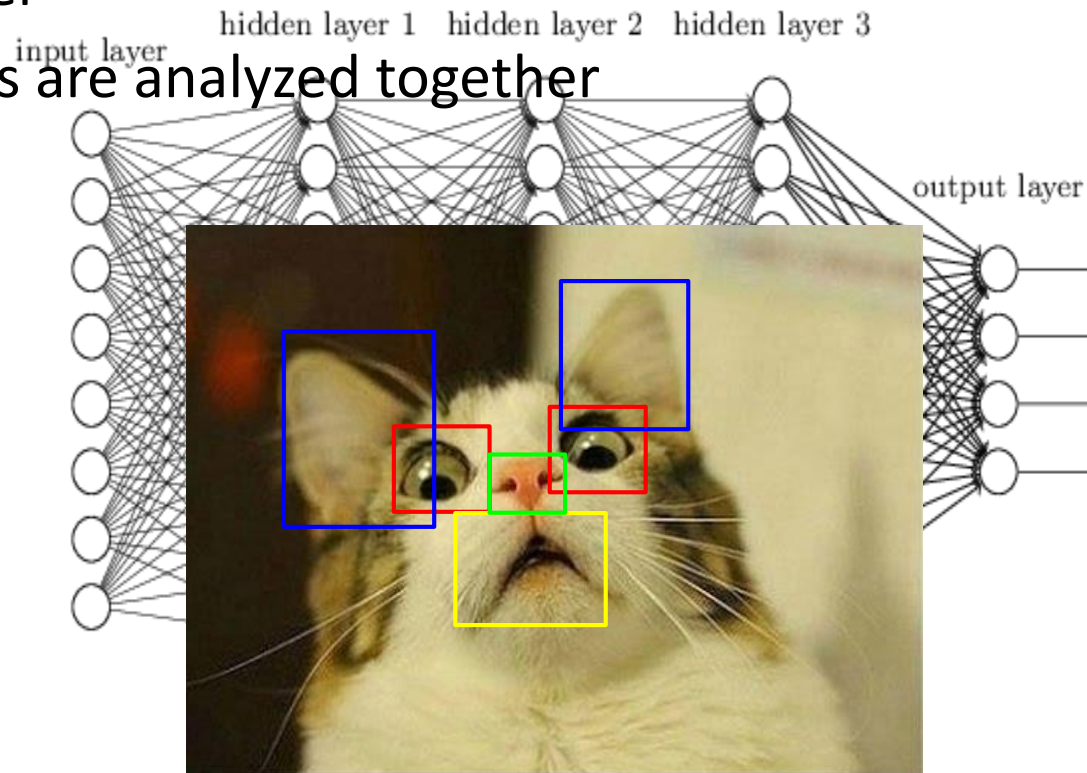
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- Convolutional neural networks (CNN) do not work in this context!
- Other fields: CNN are the biggest reason for the rise of neural networks!



# Neural networks are no black-box

- Fully-connected-layer
  - Nodes are connected to all nodes of the previous layer
- Convolutional-layer
  - Adjacent nodes are analyzed together





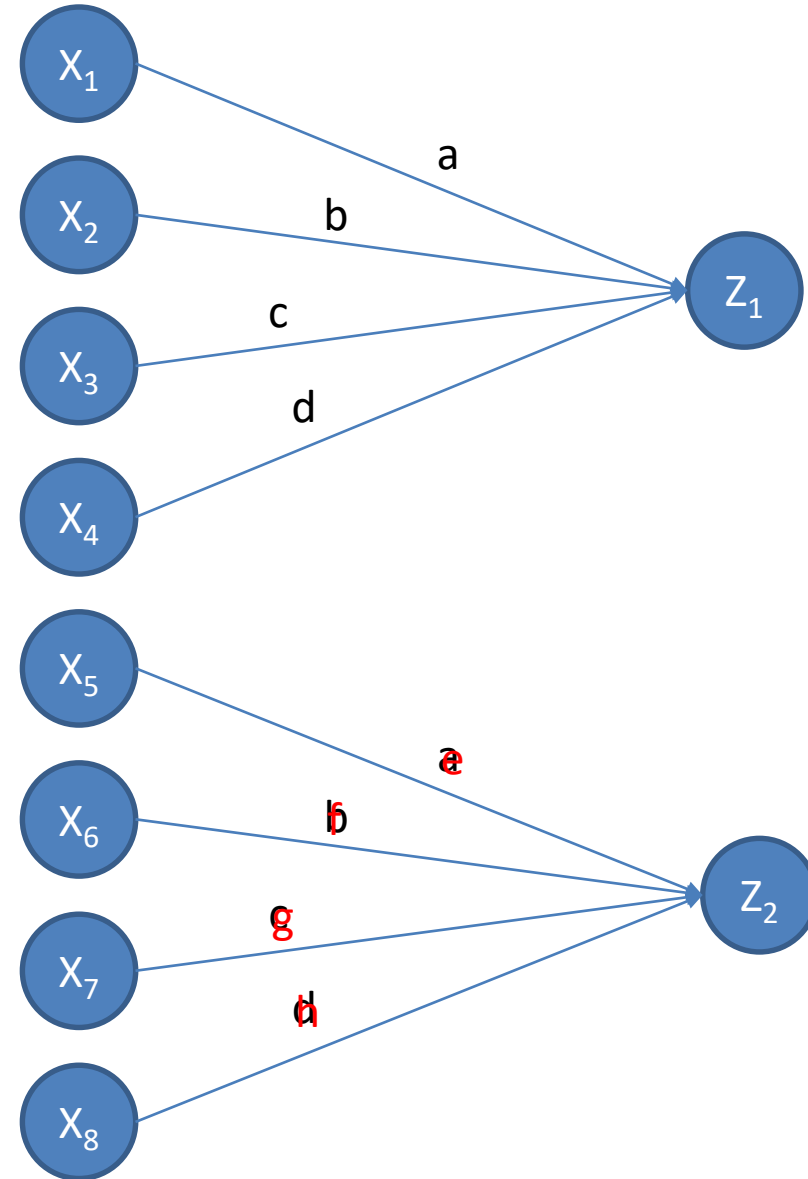
# Problem with CNN

- Effects are assigned to specific sequences
  - e.g. for SNP-datasets 2201220
- BUT
  - Same sequences in different regions have different effects
  - Sequence is coding dependent (ancestral allele? / frequency based?)
  - What is between markers?



# Our solution: Local convolutional layer

- Instead of using the same filter everywhere use local weightings
- For 50'000 SNPs and 32 Nodes of a fully-connected-layer (FCL)
  - No CNN:
    - 1'600'000 parameters in the FCL
  - CNN (10 SNPs):
    - 10 parameters in the CNN
    - 160'000 parameters in the FCL
  - Local CNN (10 SNPs):
    - 50'000 parameters in the CNN
    - 160'000 parameters in the FCL





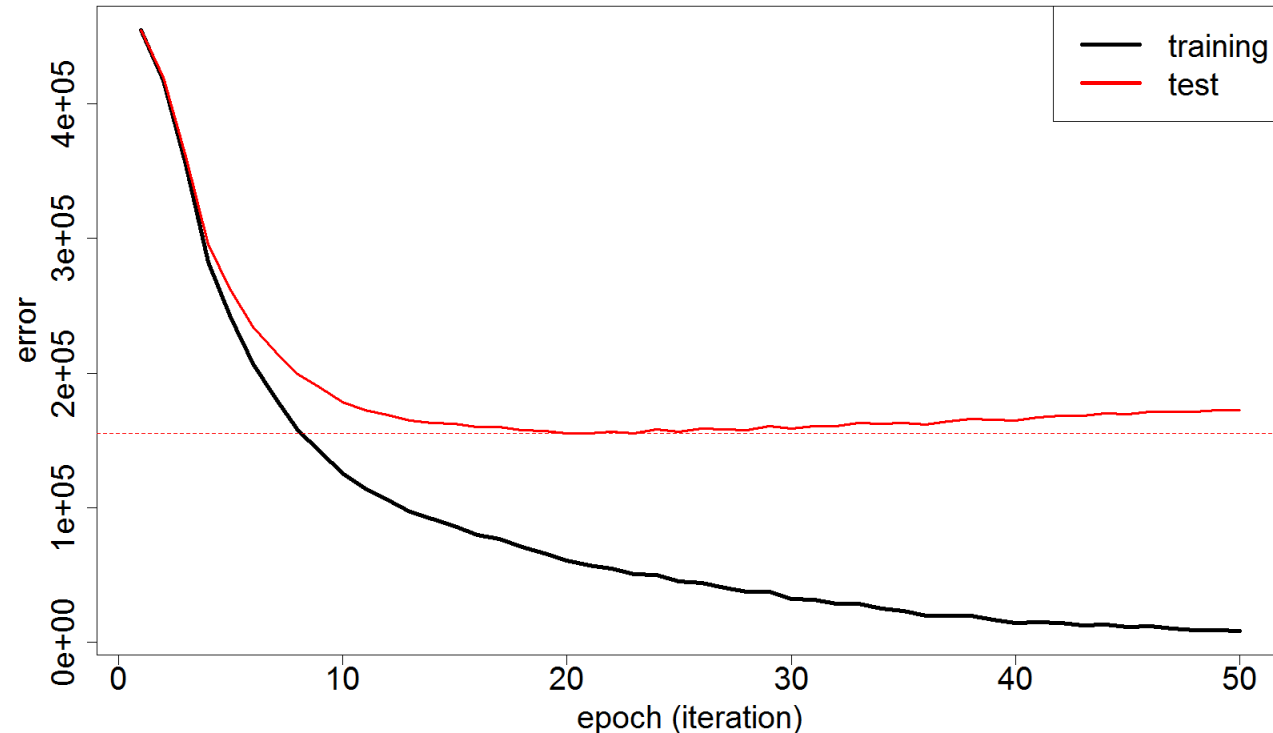
# Data

- 10'501 bulls genotyped using a 50k chip
- Deregressed breeding values:
  - Milk yield ( $h^2 = 0.49$ )
  - Fat-kg ( $h^2 = 0.48$ )
  - Protein-kg ( $h^2 = 0.48$ )
  - Somatic cell score ( $h^2 = 0.23$ )
  - Non-Return-Rate ( $h^2 = 0.015$ )



# Our model

- Local convolutional layer (15 SNPs, stride length = 10)
- Fully connecte
- Fully connecte



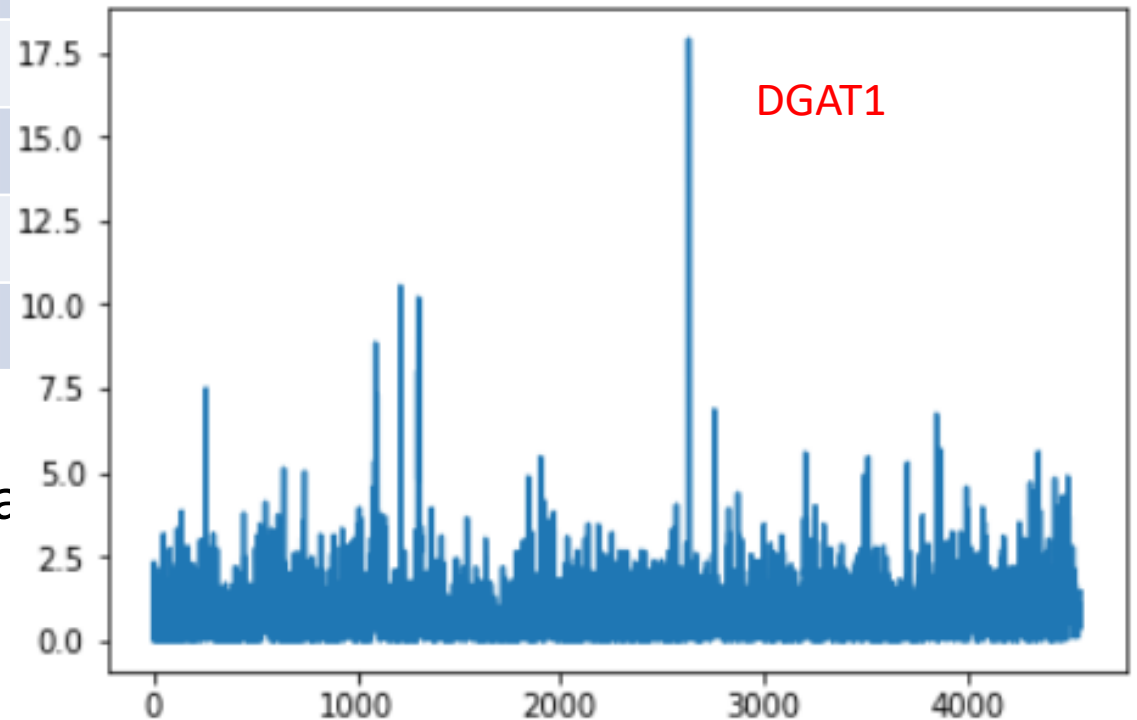
- Use validation
  - How man
  - How many layers / nodes should be used
  - Target/optimization-function



# Comparison to GBLUP

	GBLUP	Deep Learning	Change
Milk yield	0.830	0.834	+ 0.4 %
Fat-kg	0.809		
Protein-kg	0.822		
Somatic cell score	0.770		
Non-Return-Rate	0.658		

- Correlation of estimated breeding values at the test set
- DL is much worse for smaller training sets







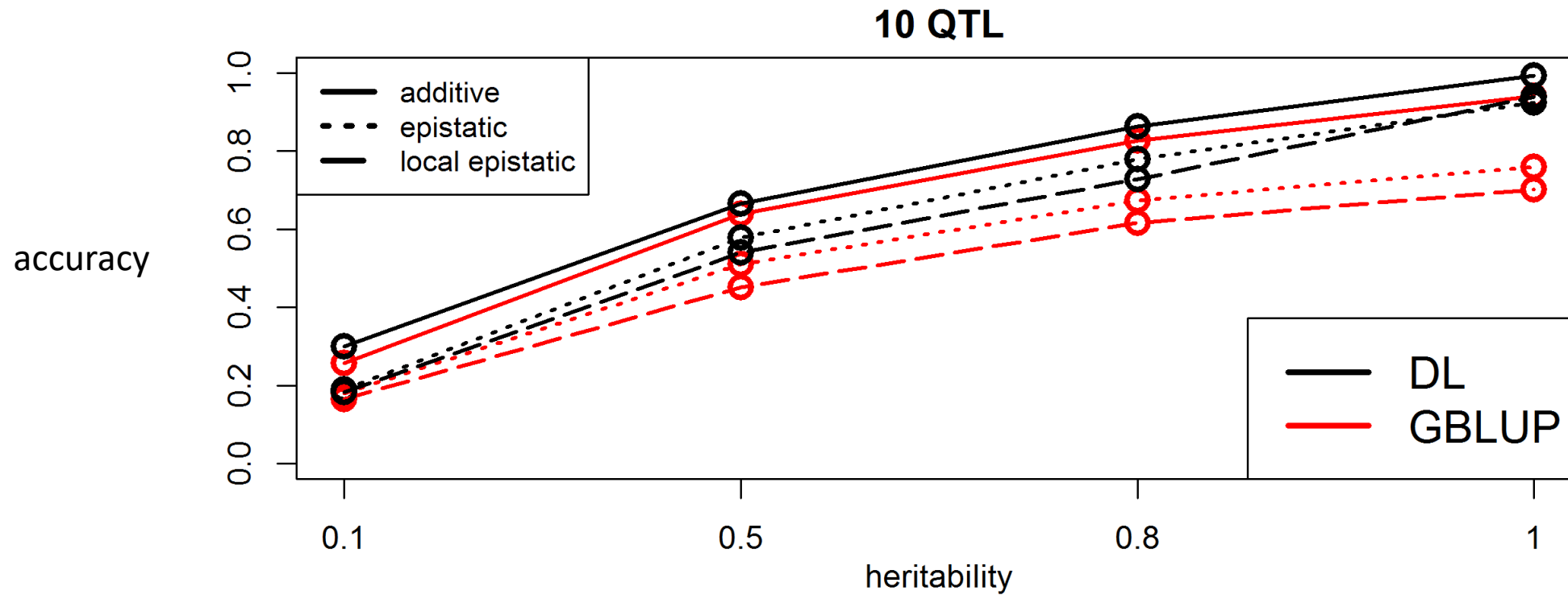
# Simulation study

- On what type of effect structures does Deep Learning work?
- Simulation of 10'000 animals
- 17 Traits of different complexity
  - 10 additive single marker QTL
  - 1'000 gamma distributed QTL caused by multiple physically linked QTL



# Low number of QTL

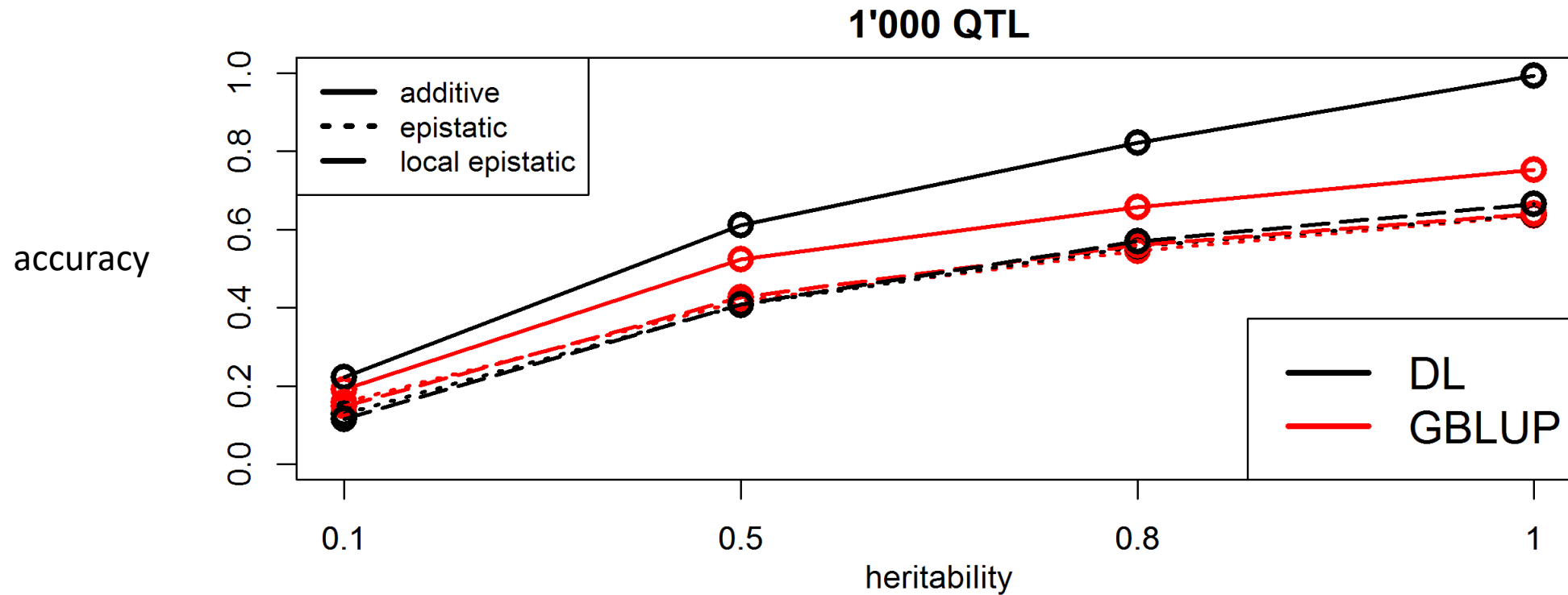
- Best performance for high heritability





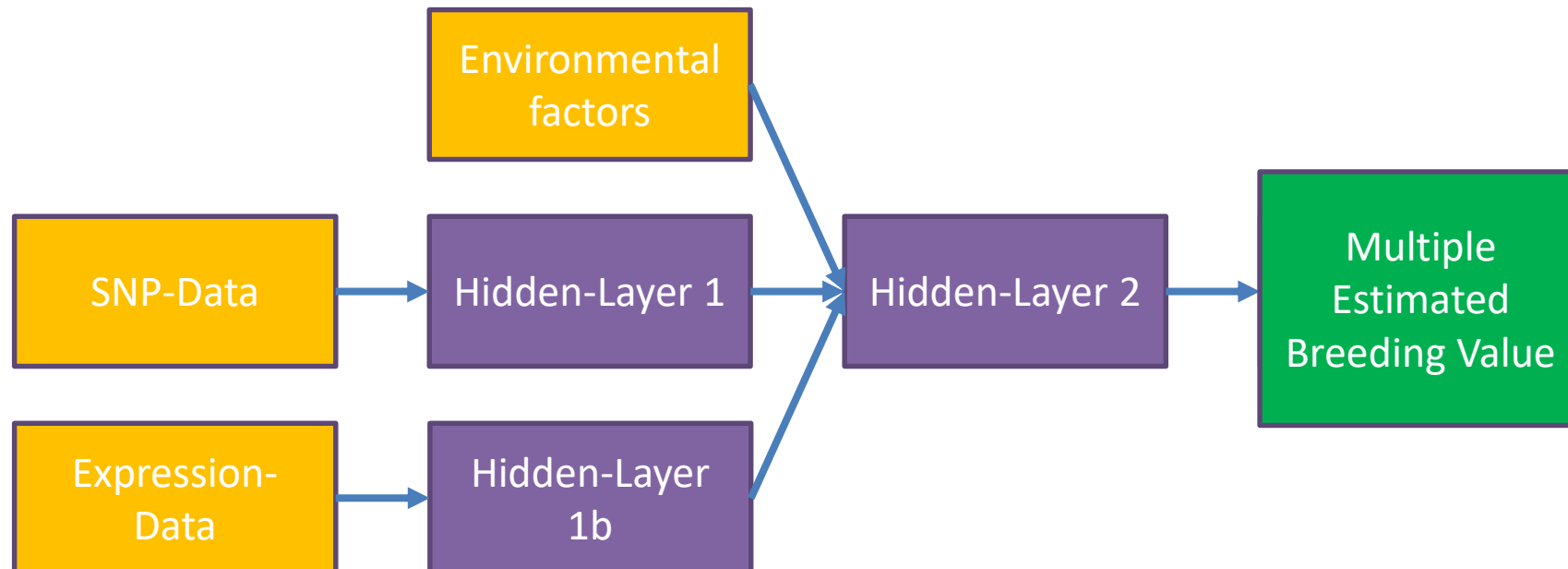
# High number of QTL

- Training set too small for highly complex traits?
- CNN do not excel in the local epistatic case



# Further potential in genomic prediction

- Breeding values are additive by design!
- Genotypes of all individuals are needed!
- Phenotype prediction
- Expression data so far of limited usefulness
- High flexibility of input and output structure
- Linear scaling in computing time!



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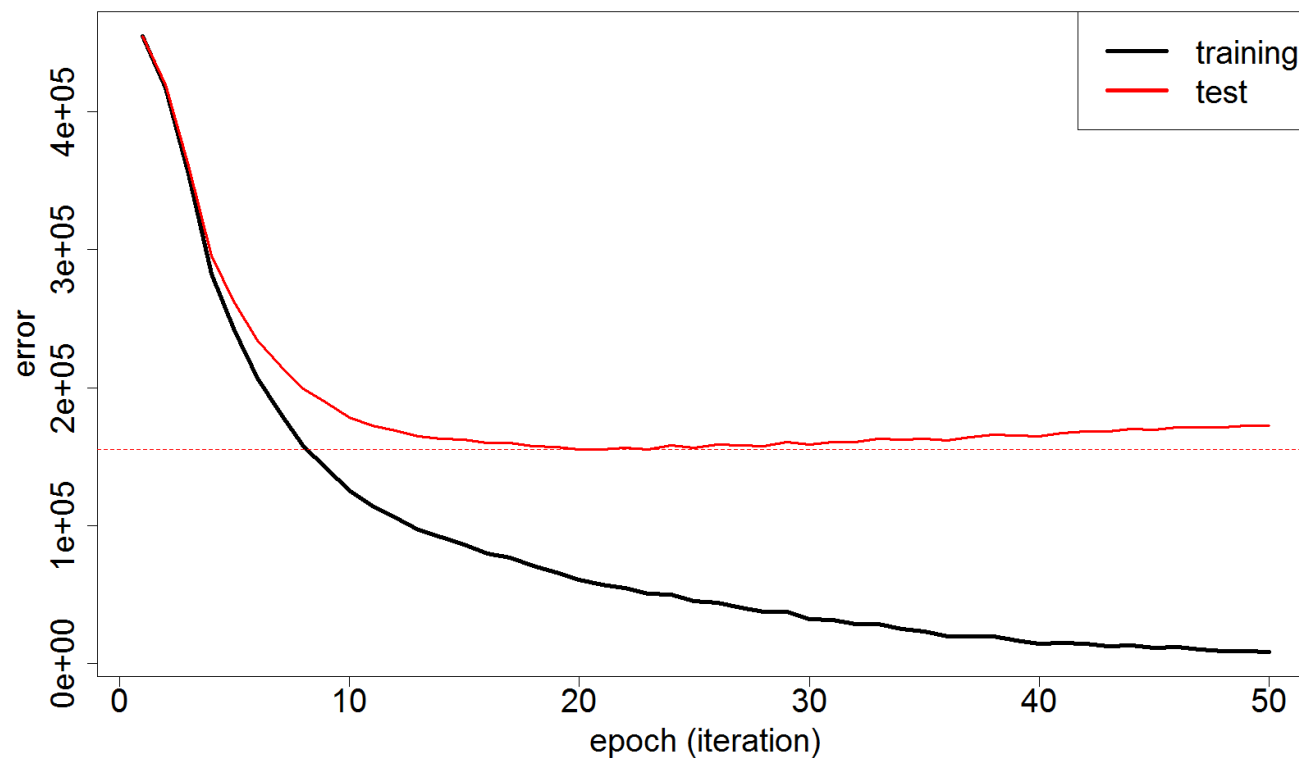


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# Results



- Our current model contains 240.000 parameters
- Tendency of overfitting
- How to reduce overfitting or figure out when to stop



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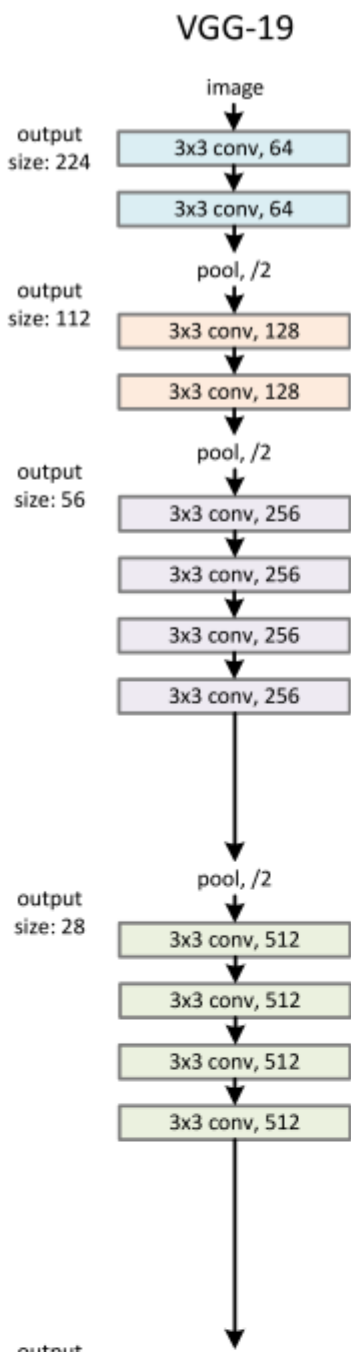
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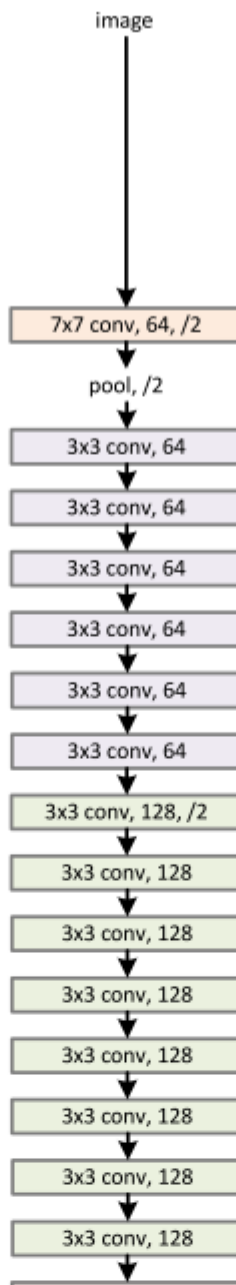
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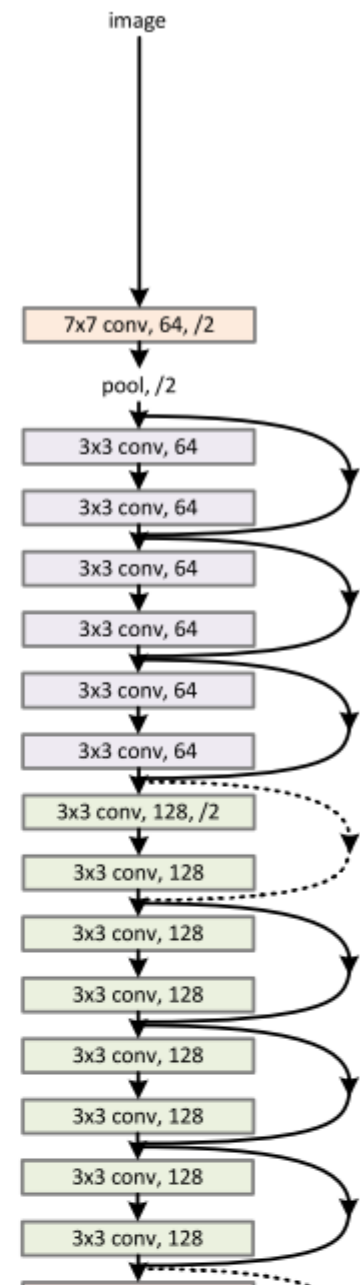
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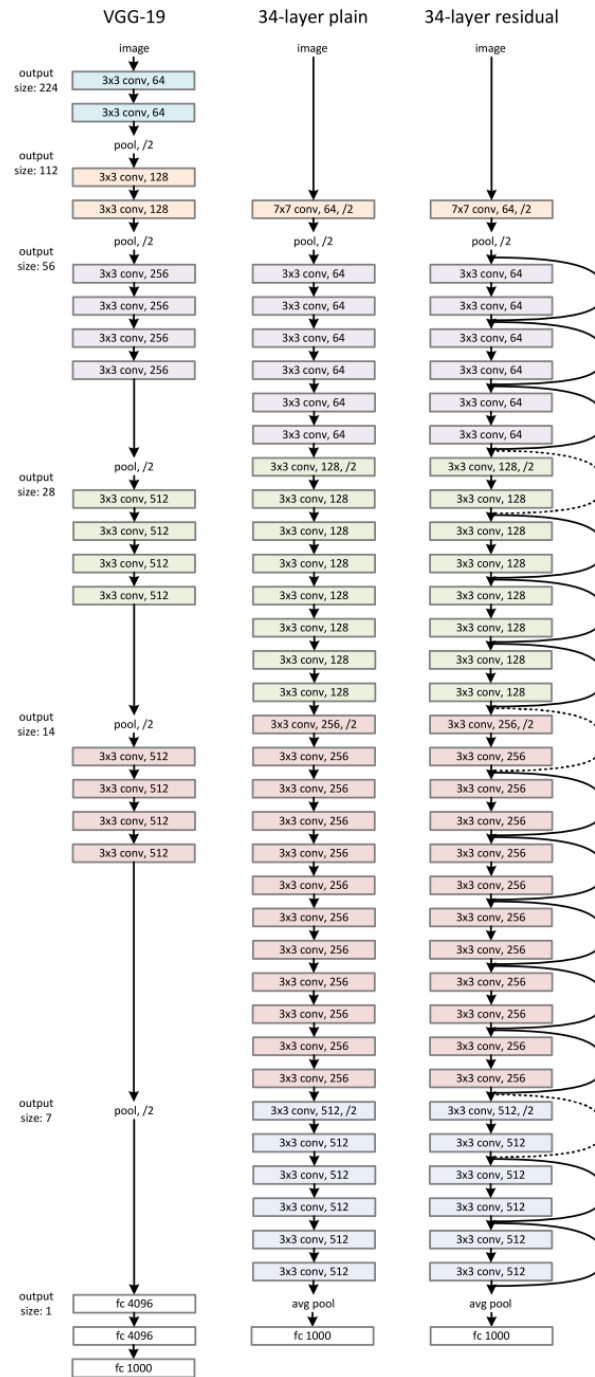
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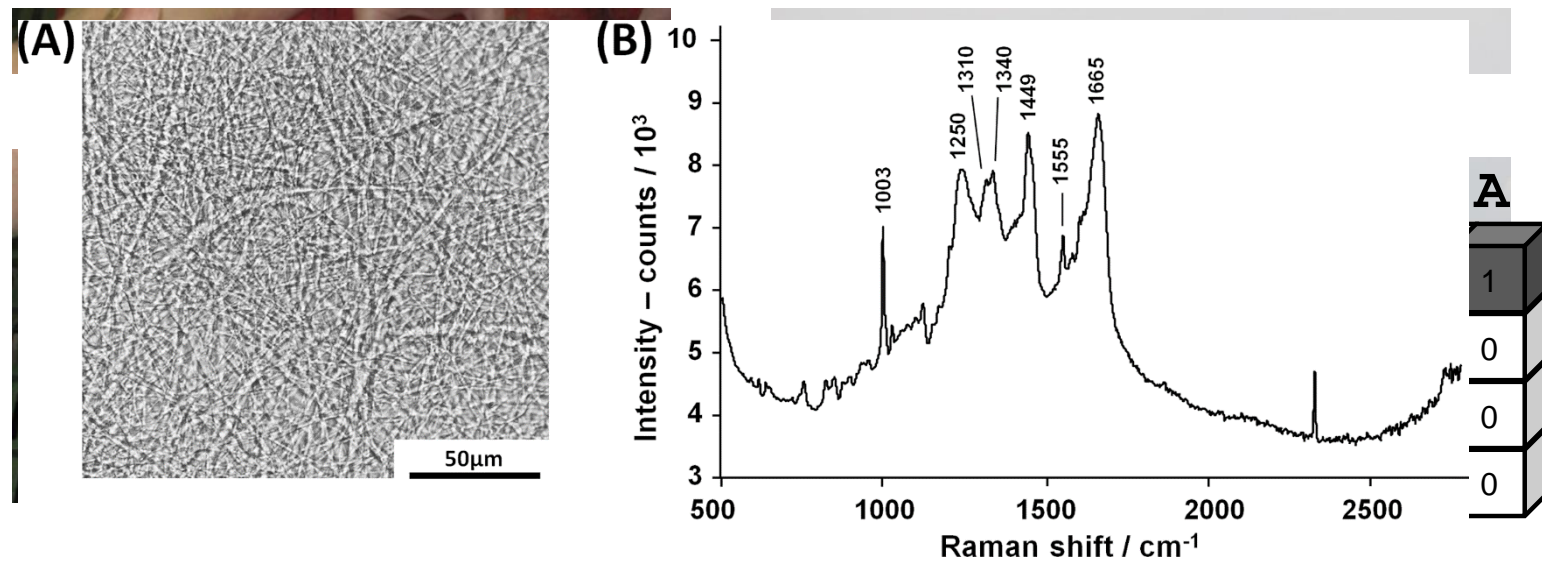




# Application in genetics in general



- Complex input and/or effect structure
- Spectral data (sexing of chicken, Galli et al. 2018)
- Phenotyping (Image and video analysis)
- Basically everything when working on sequence data
- Prediction of expression level (Washburn et al. 2019)

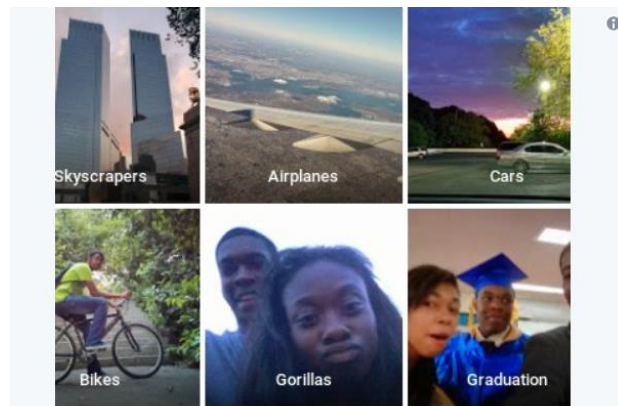


Expression levels?



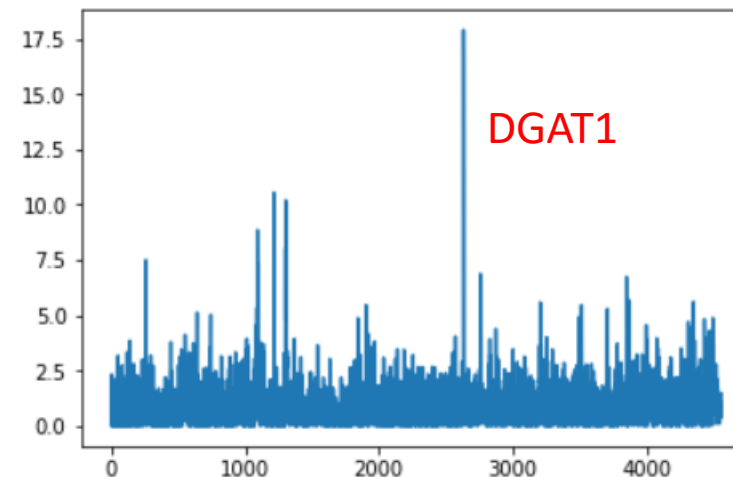
# Problem for genomic prediction

- No major gains when just using a SNP-dataset
- Old pipelines are already established
  - Model structure is far less understood // Black-Box
  - No reliabilities etc.
  - Goodness of fit outside of the training set
- Breeding for non-additive-effects in a random mating setting is not maximizing genetic gain



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## Increasing the sample size

- Models are extremely data hungry:
- Generate additional data based on the already existing
- “Simple” way here:
  - Use same phenotype and some random mutations
  - Simulate a mating, use mean as phenotype
- Data augmentation
- Generative adversarial network:
  - Generate new data
  - Let the network determine which observation are simulated/real
  - Generate new data that would not be classified as fake in the previous model