

Reliability of genomic prediction for feed and residual feed intake in Holstein cows

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The EDGP database



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Pedigree

Calving

Production

DMI & CH₄

Genotypes

Milk MIR

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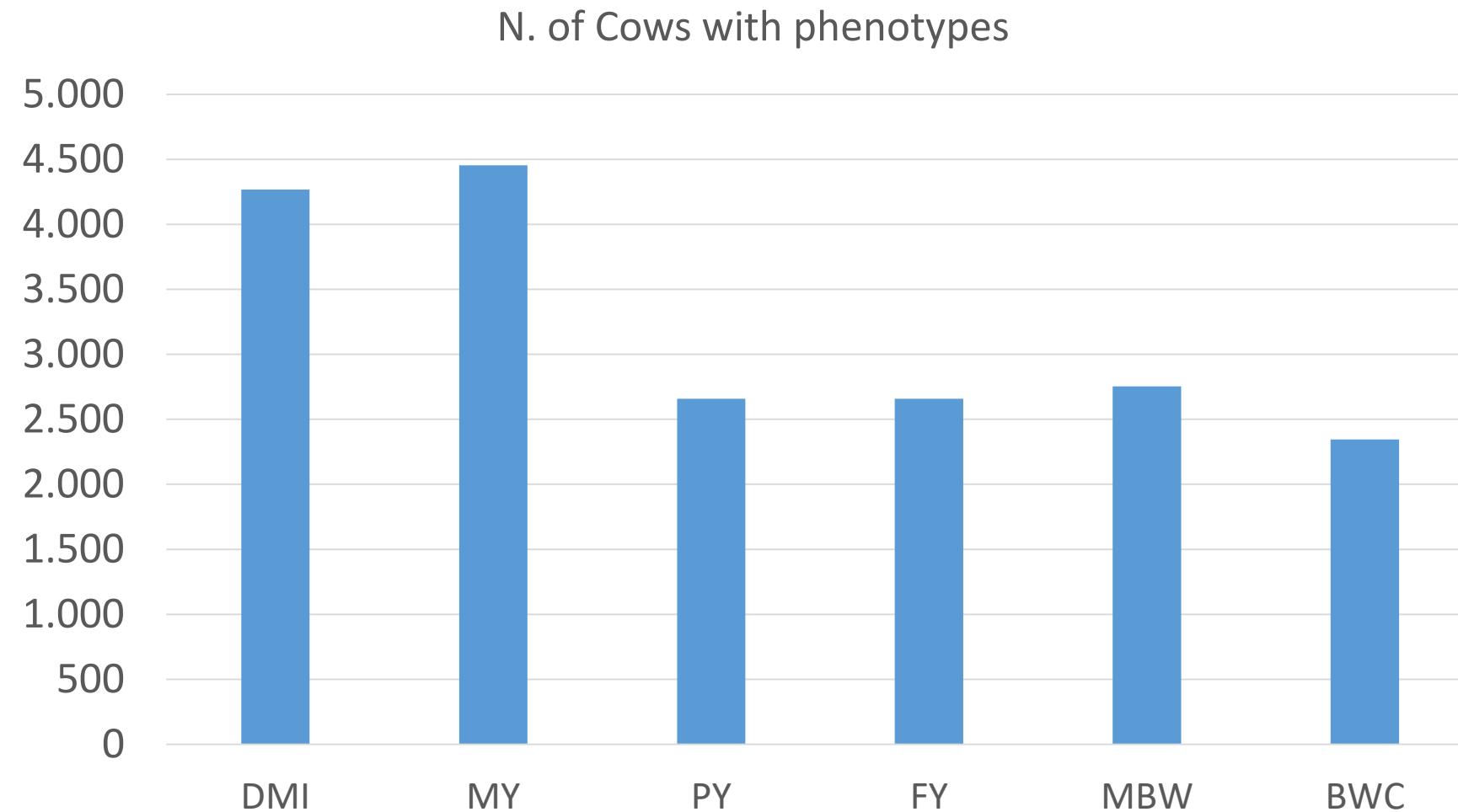
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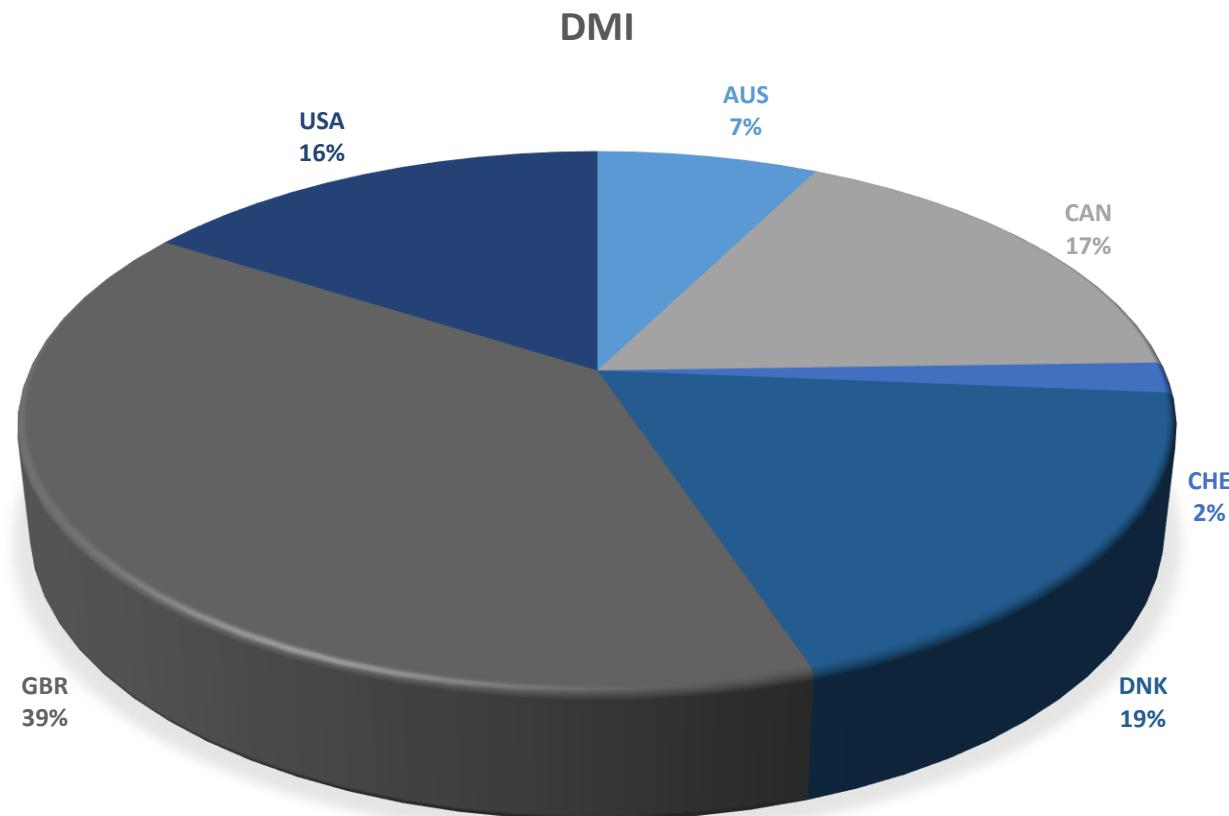
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Objectives

- Investigate the reliability of GEBV for DMI and RFI in Holstein cows using a joint international reference population

- Examining the use of the EDGP to improve the reliability of GEBV in DNK.

Genotypes

3,901 genotypes
50k

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Lower density
imputed to 50k

Within country definition of RFI

$$\textbf{DMI} = \textit{HYS} + \textit{PARITY} + \textit{LACP} + b_1 \cdot \textit{aoc} + b_2 \cdot \textit{aoc}^2 + b_3 \cdot \textit{MY} + b_4 \cdot \textit{MBW} + \textcolor{red}{\text{RFI}_1}$$

$$\textbf{DMI} = \textit{HYS} + \textit{PARITY} + \textit{LACP} + b_1 \cdot \textit{aoc} + b_2 \cdot \textit{aoc}^2 + b_3 \cdot \textit{ECM} + b_4 \cdot \textit{MBW} + \textcolor{red}{\text{RFI}_2}$$

$$\textbf{DMI} = \textit{HYS} + \textit{PARITY} + \textit{LACP} + b_1 \cdot \textit{aoc} + b_2 \cdot \textit{aoc}^2 + b_3 \cdot \textit{ECM} + b_4 \cdot \textit{MBW} + b_5 \cdot \Delta \textit{BW} + \textcolor{red}{\text{RFI}_3}$$

GBR

CAN

DNK + USA

Variance components estimation

$$DMI = HYS + PARITY + LACP + b_1 \cdot aoc + b_2 \cdot aoc^2 + a + pe + e$$

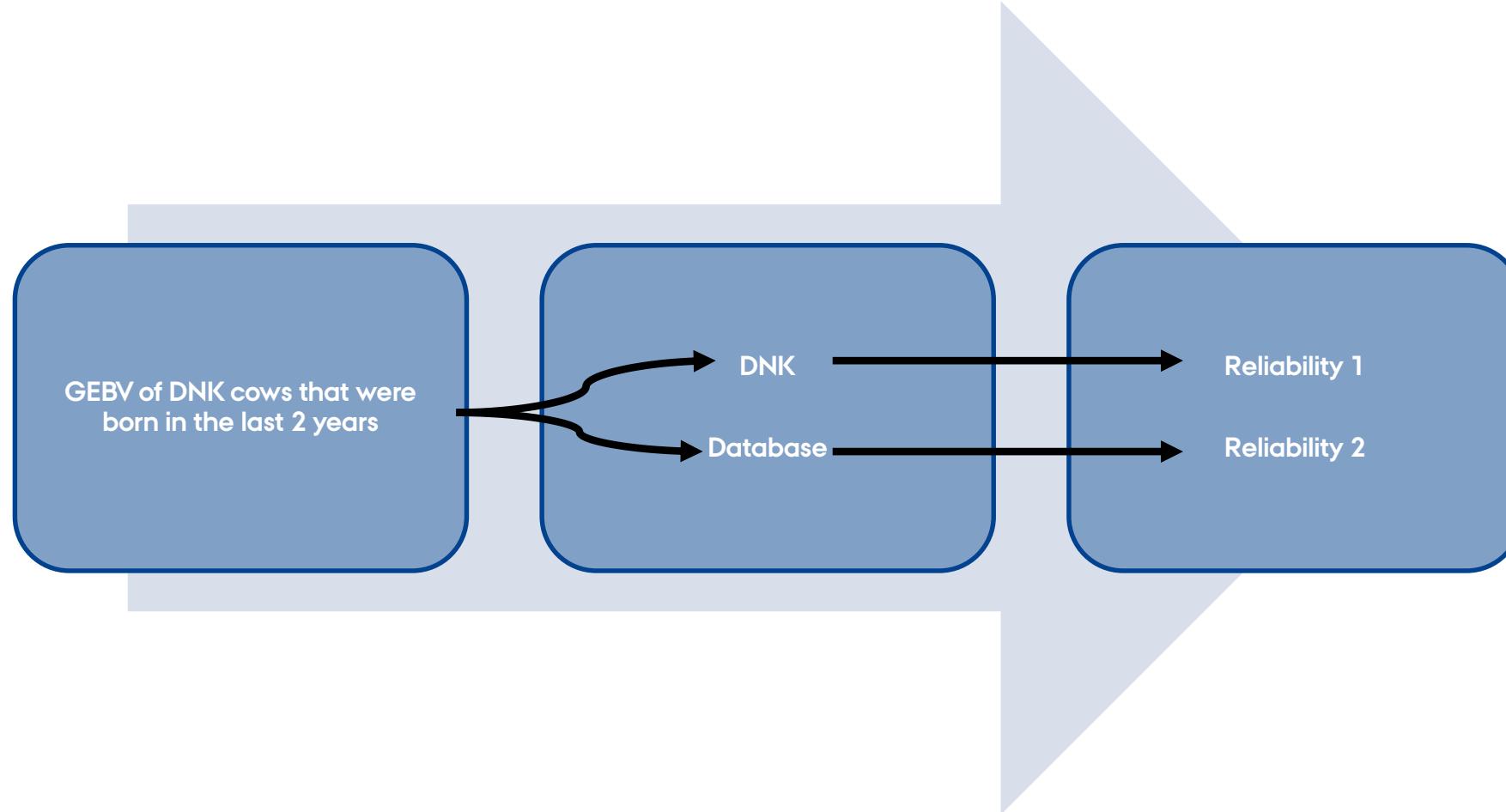
$$RFI_i = \mu + a + pe + e$$

Where: HYS = herd.year.season; LACP = lactation period (every 4 wk is a class); aoc = age of cow at calving.

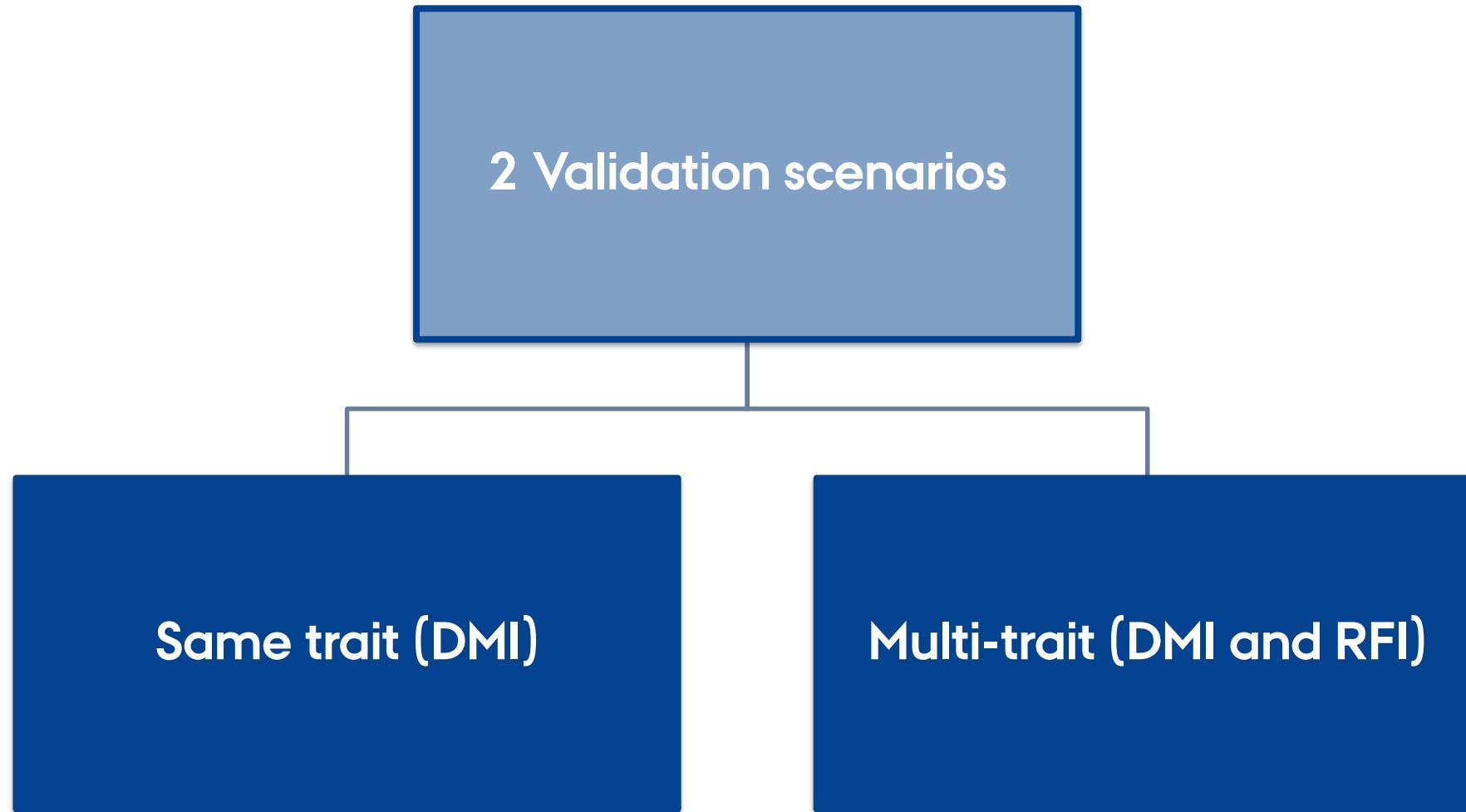
Half sib scenario



Straightforward scenario



Trait definition



Reliability

- **Reliability**

$$r^2 = \frac{r(GEBV, Y_{adj})^2}{r_p^2}$$

➤where:

$$r_p^2 = \frac{n * h^2}{1 + (1 - n) * rep}$$

➤ssGBLUP (DMU, Madsen & Jensen 2013)

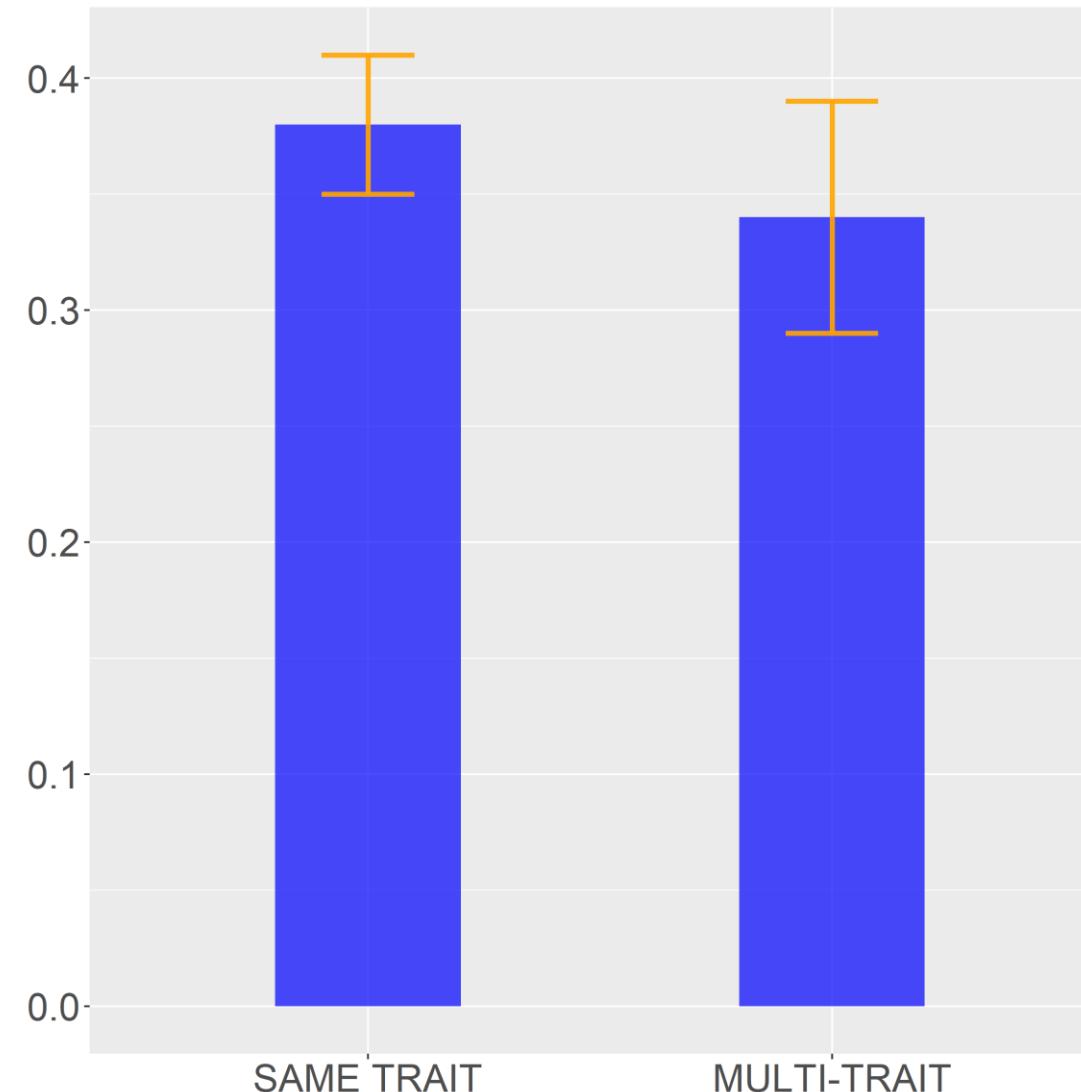
Genetic parameter estimates

	h^2 (SE)	rep
DMI	0.29 (0.02)	0.56
MY	0.37 (0.02)	0.63
ECM	0.34 (0.03)	0.58
MBW	0.51 (0.03)	0.85
RFI₁	0.15 (0.02)	0.35
RFI₂	0.14 (0.02)	0.30
RFI₃	0.15 (0.02)	0.31

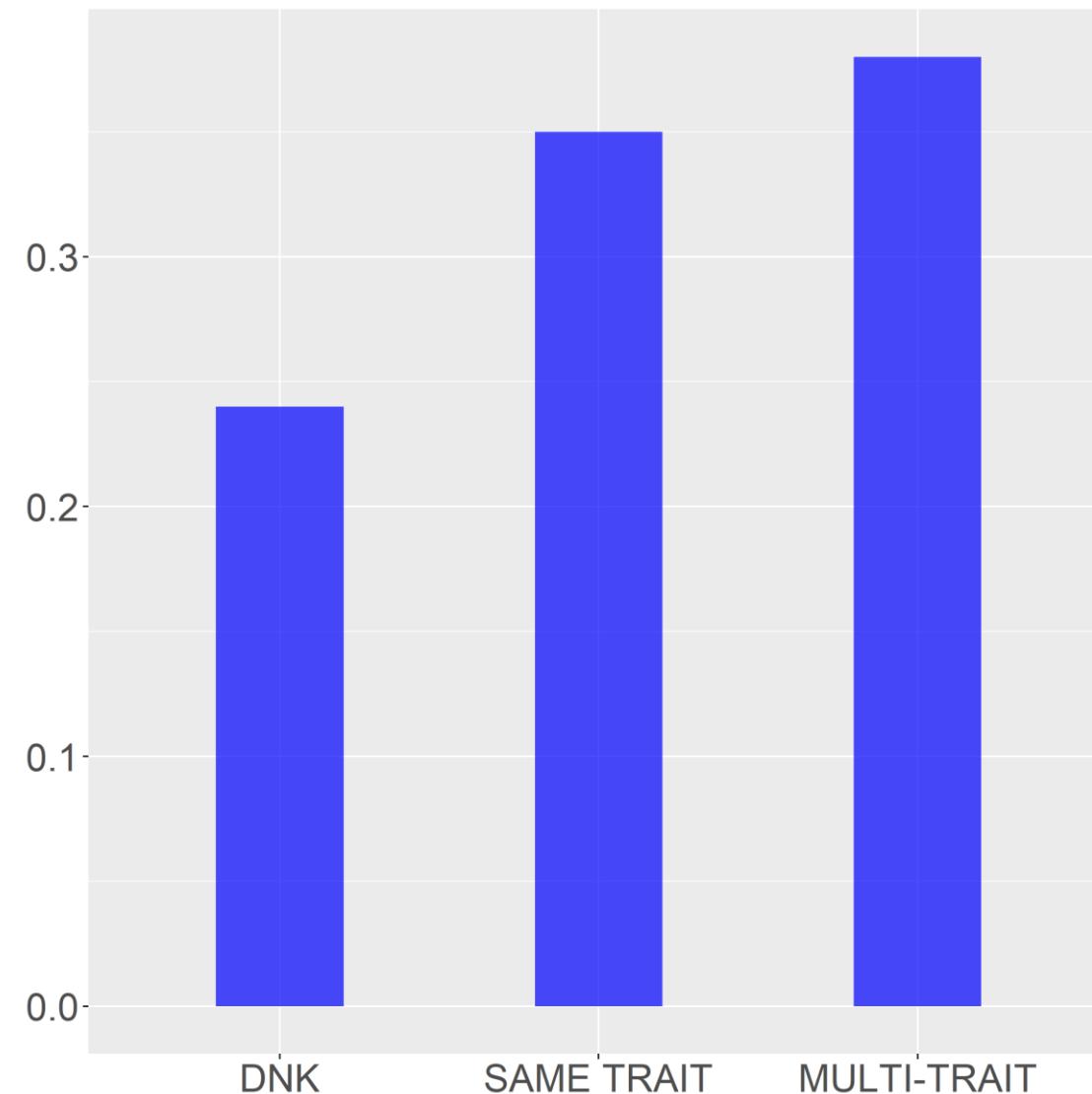
Genetic parameter estimates

		DMI		
		CAN	DNK	GBR
CAN	0.13 (0.03)	0.81 (0.53)	0.35 (0.69)	0.60 (0.66)
DNK		0.51 (0.04)	0.55 (0.45)	0.72 (0.54)
GBR			0.16 (0.03)	0.62 (0.63)
USA				0.40 (0.05)

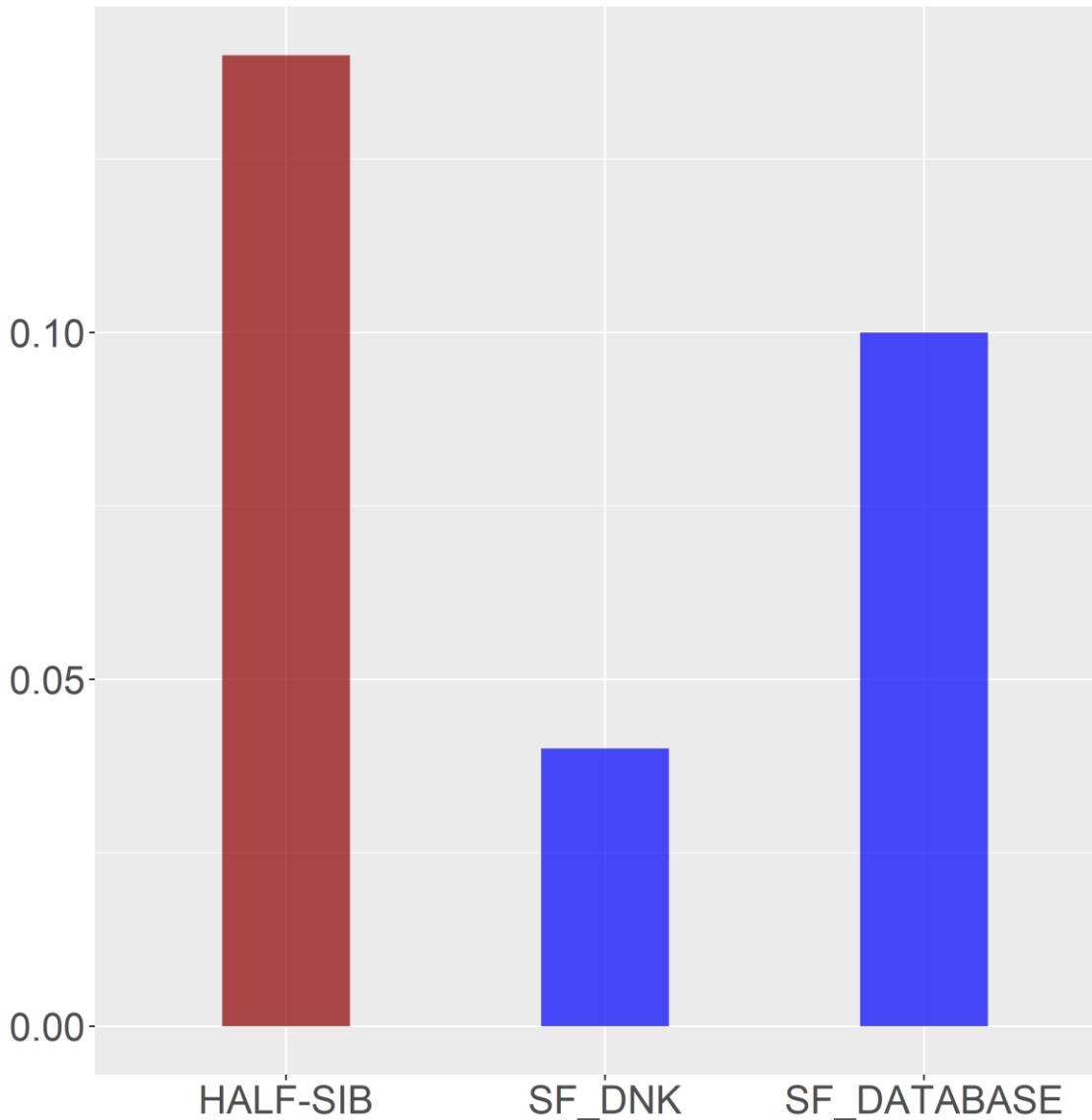
Prediction reliability for DMI – Half Sib Scenario



Prediction reliability for DMI – Straightforward Scenario



Prediction reliability (RFI)



Final Comments

- Low and moderated prediction reliability for RFI and DMI
- An international reference population can improve the prediction reliabilities for DMI and RFI in Danish Holstein