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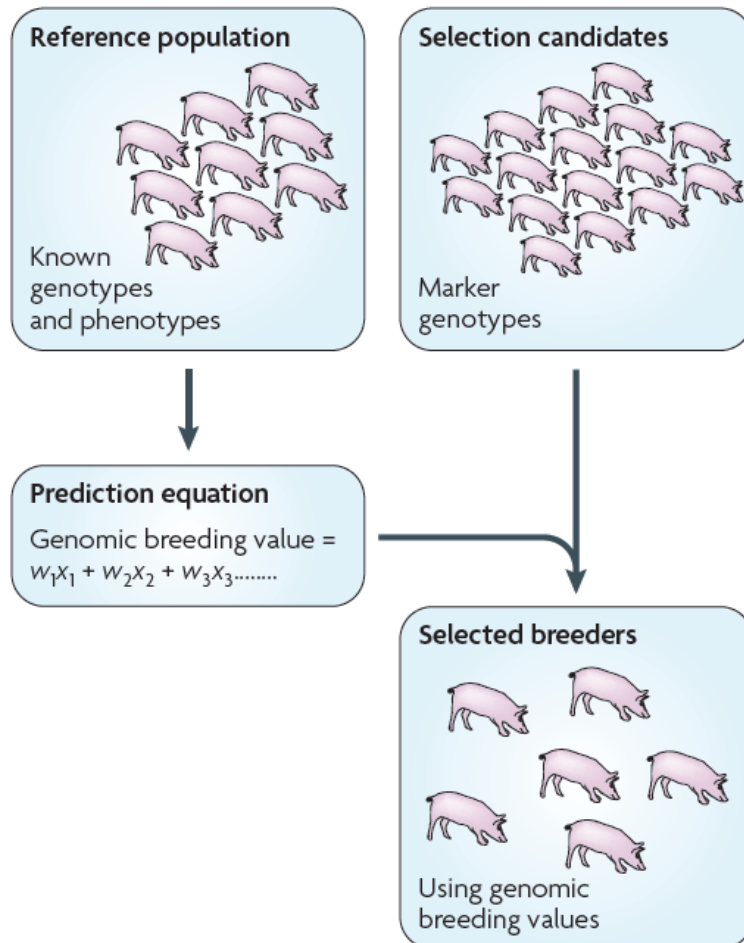
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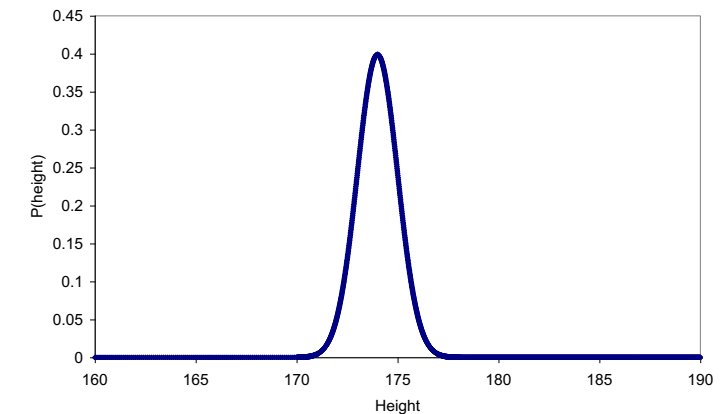
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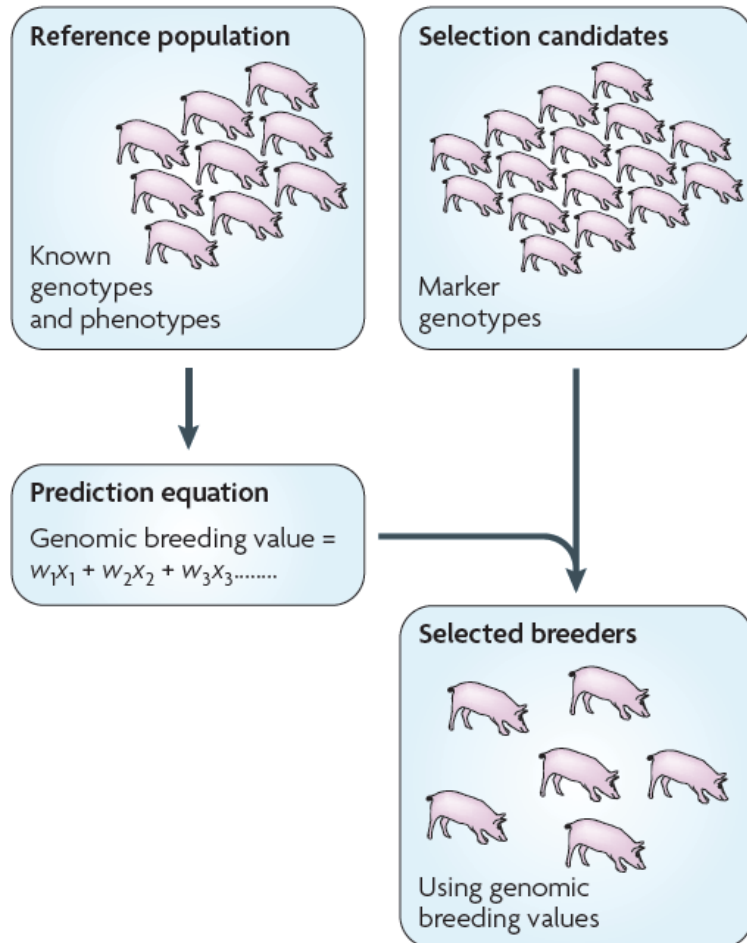
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- Best Linear Unbiased Prediction
 - GBLUP, SNPBLUP
- GREML
- Assumes SNP effects are:
 - all non-zero
 - very small
 - normally distributed



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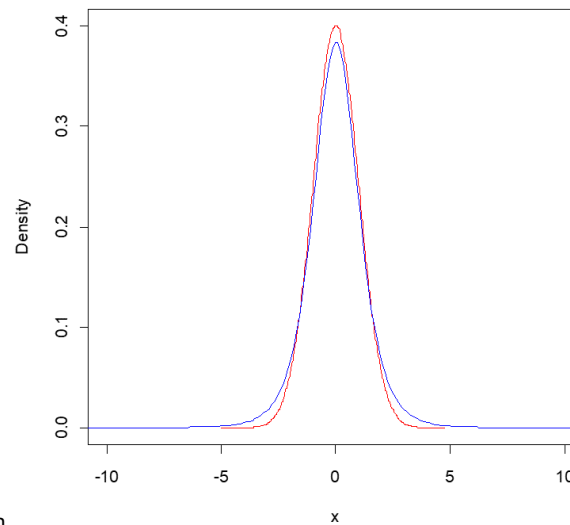


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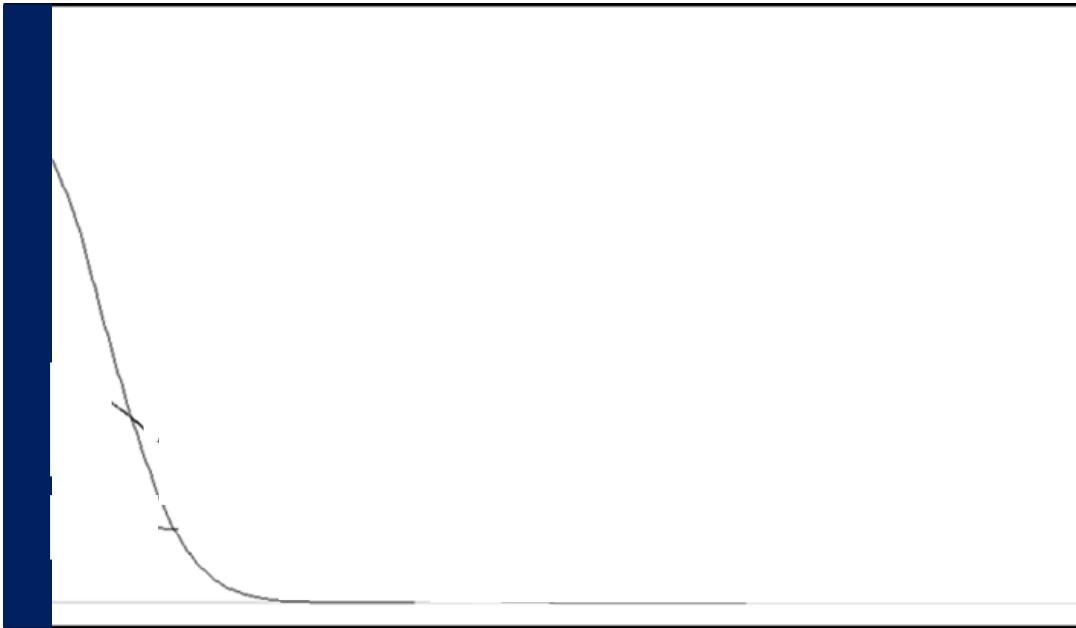
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Small number of moderate to large effects, many zero effects	Mixture, spike at zero, Students t	BayesB
Small number of small effects, many zero effects	Mixture, spike at zero, normal distribution	BayesC
Many zero effects, proportion of small effects, some moderate to large effects	Multi-variate normal	BayesR

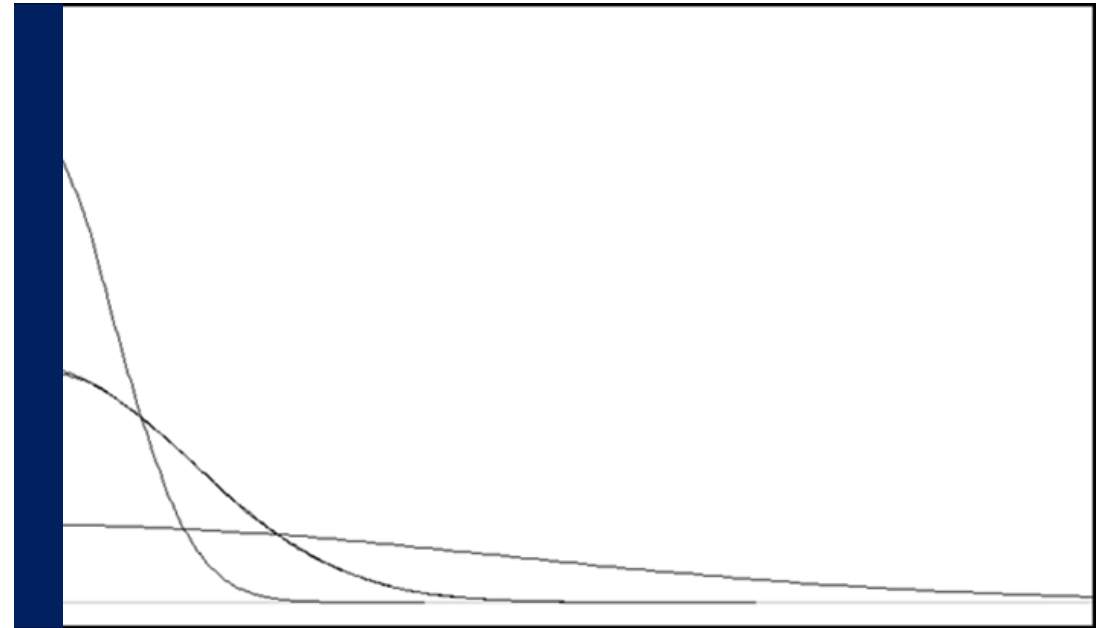
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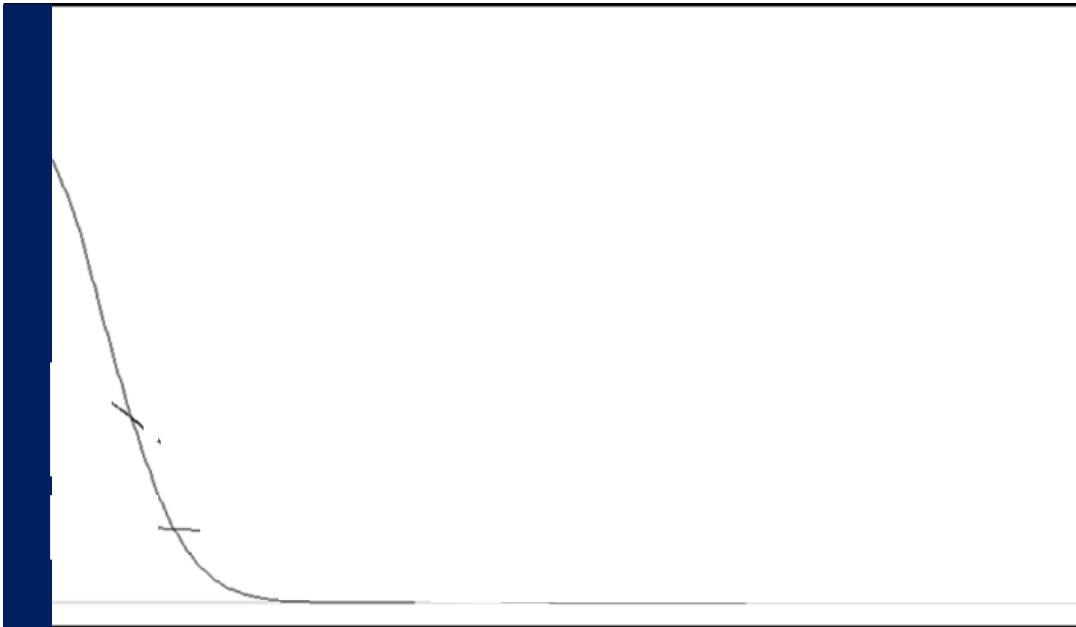
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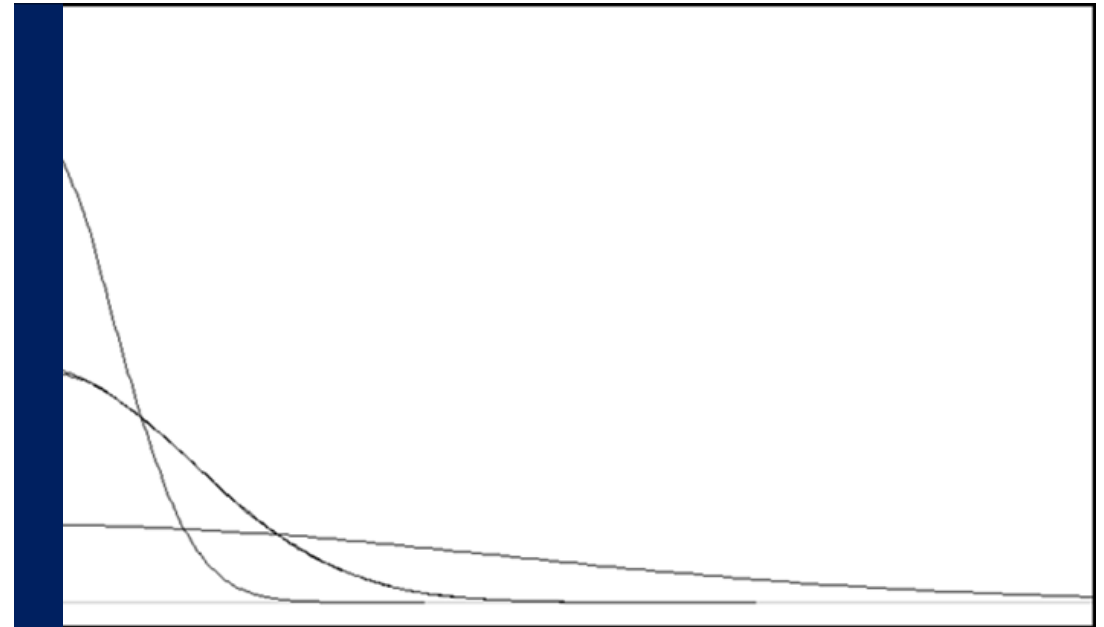
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Bayesian approach allows us to incorporate this prior knowledge in the prediction of SNP effects

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- Consider an experiment where we measure height of 10 people to estimate average height
- We want to use prior knowledge from many previous studies that average height is 174cm with standard error 5cm

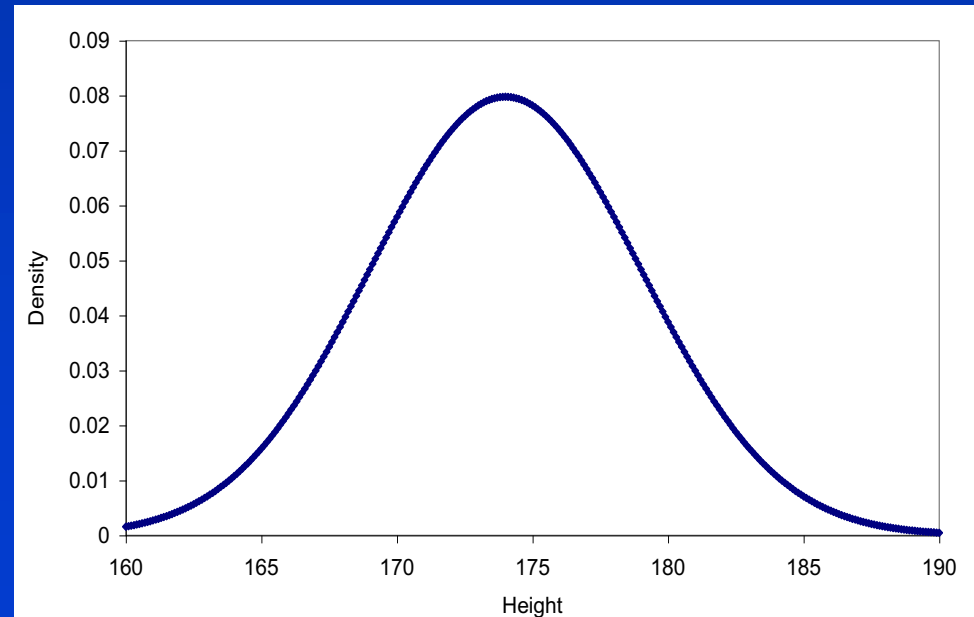
$$y = \text{average height} + e$$

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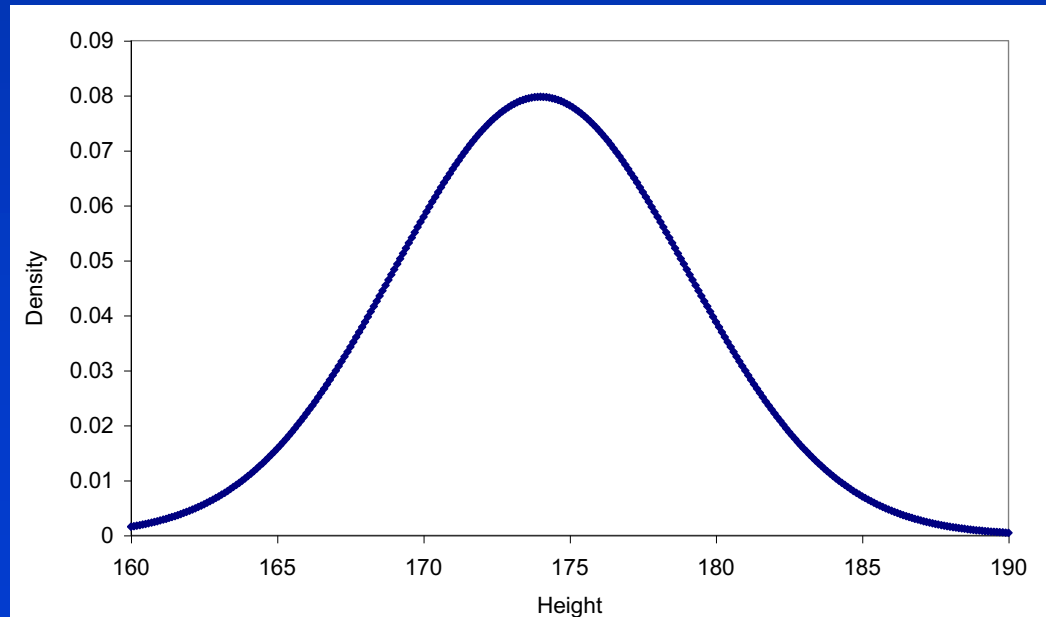
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From the data.....

$$\bar{x} = 178$$
$$s.e = 5$$



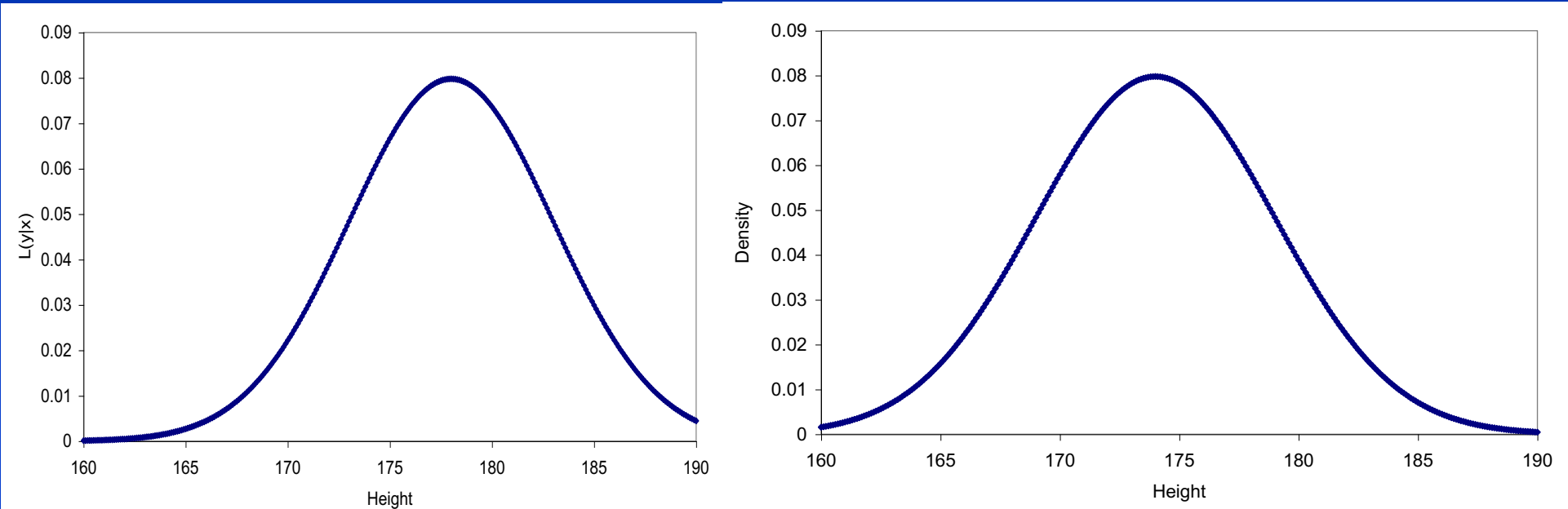
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Likelihood of data (y) given height x, most likely x = 178cm

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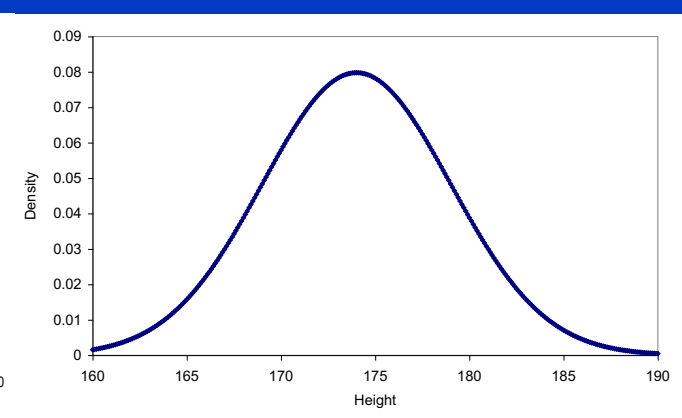
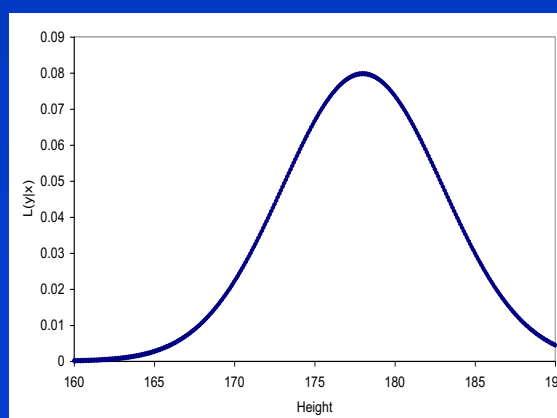
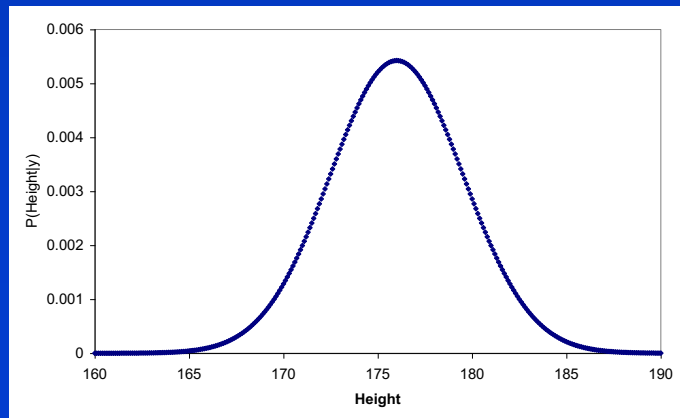
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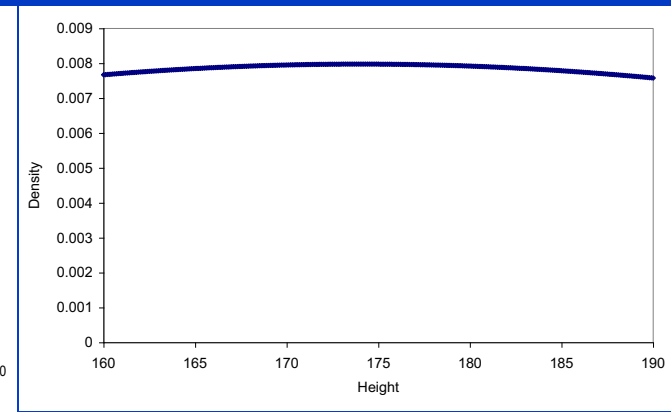
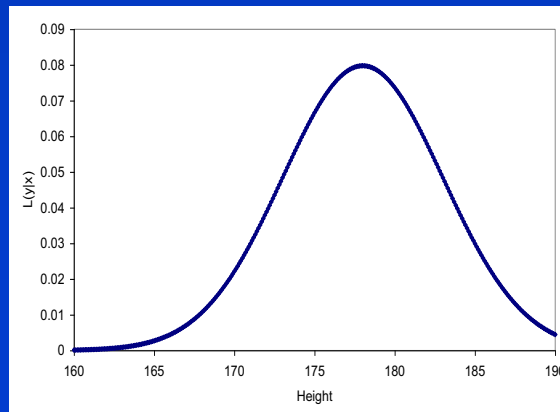
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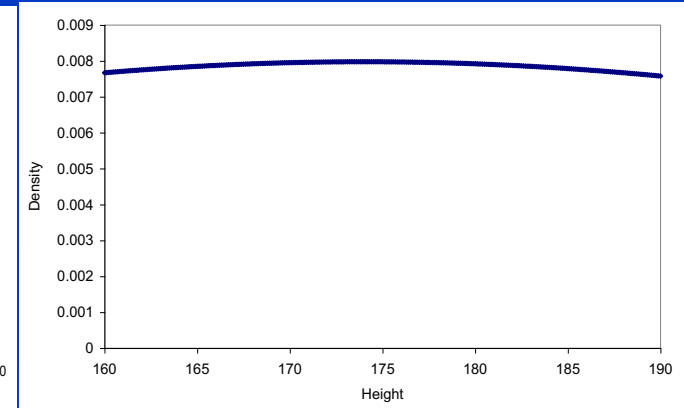
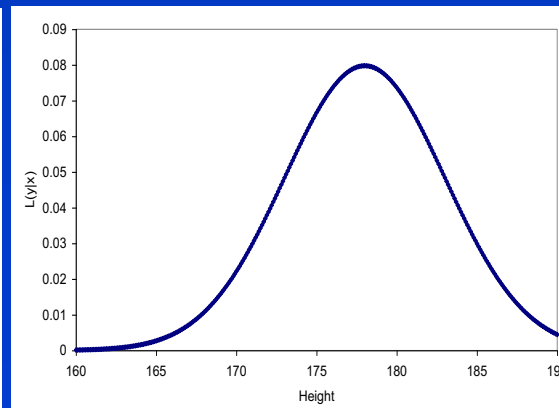
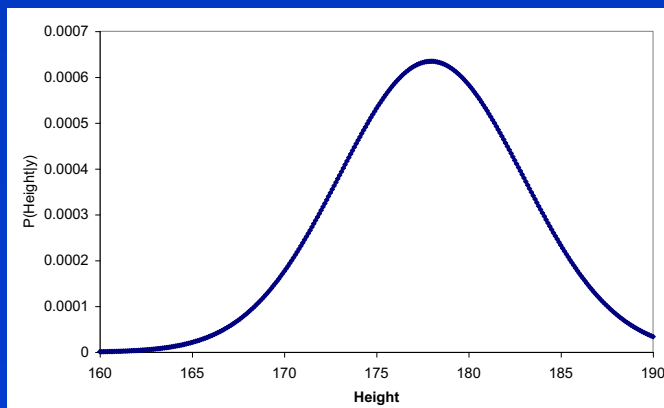
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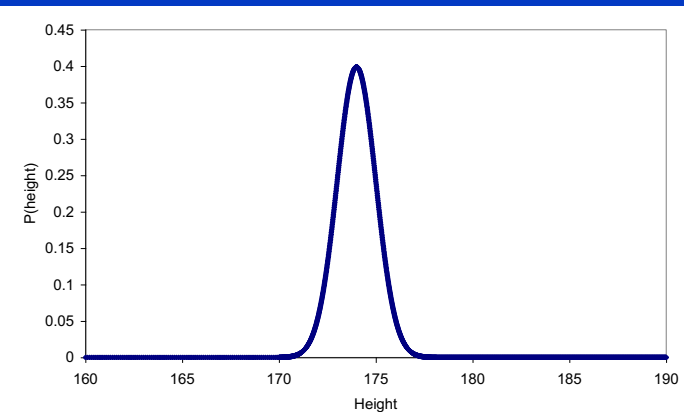
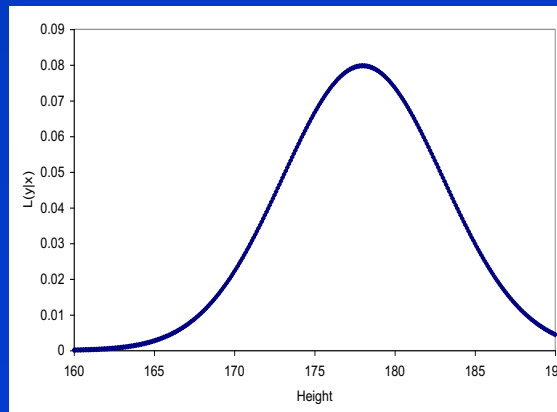
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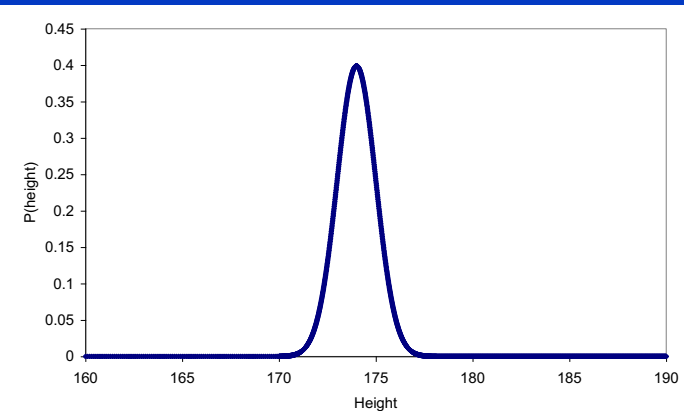
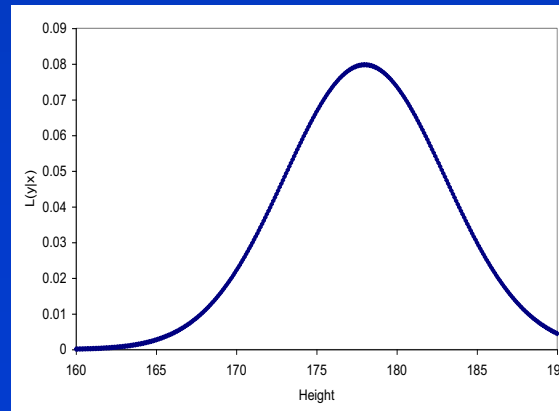
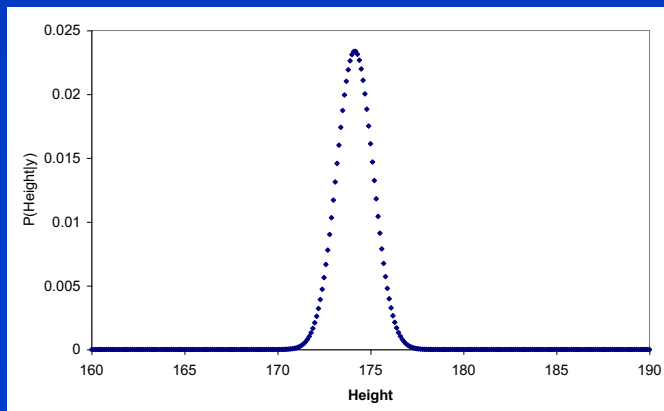
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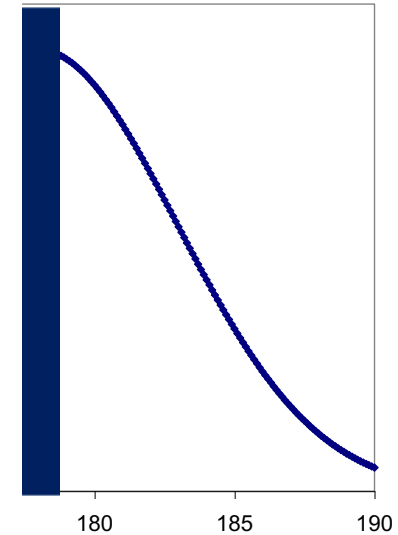
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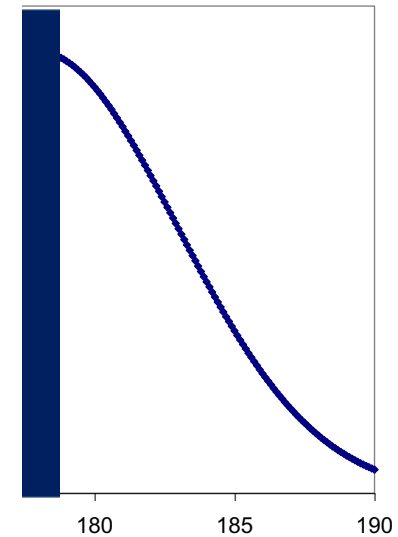


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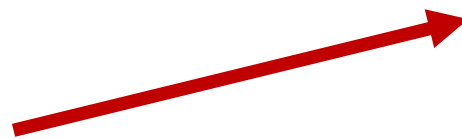
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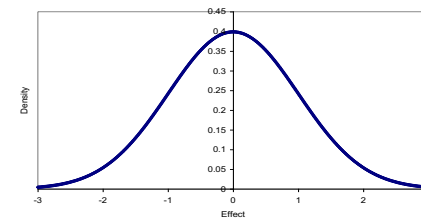
BayesC -> Gibbs Sampling

- Cannot solve directly, as estimates of parameters depend on other parameters -> no closed form solution
- For example, estimate of a SNP effect depends on whether or not the SNP is in the zero variance part of distribution or non-zero variance part of the distribution
- Use Gibbs sampling!
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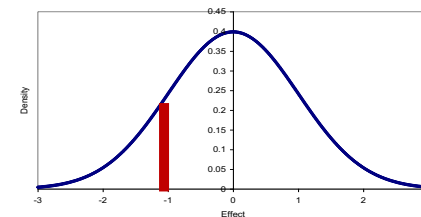
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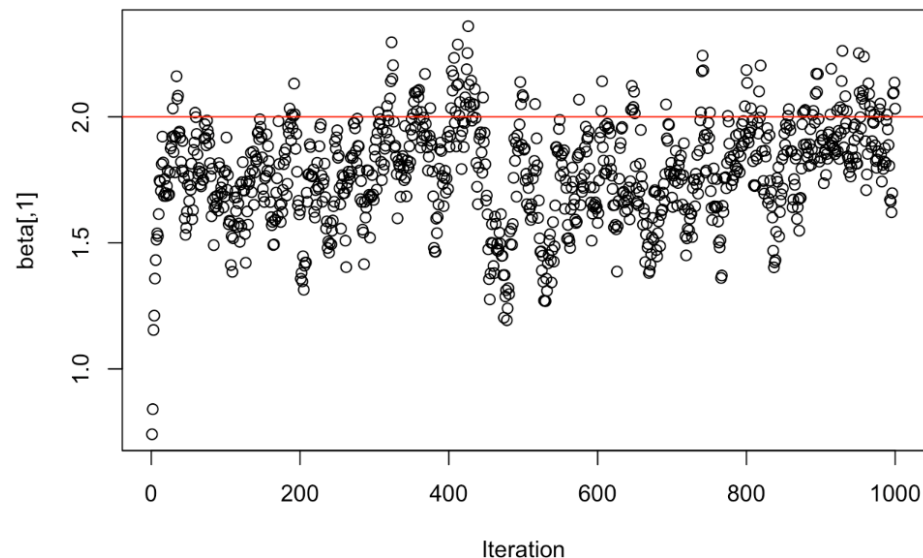


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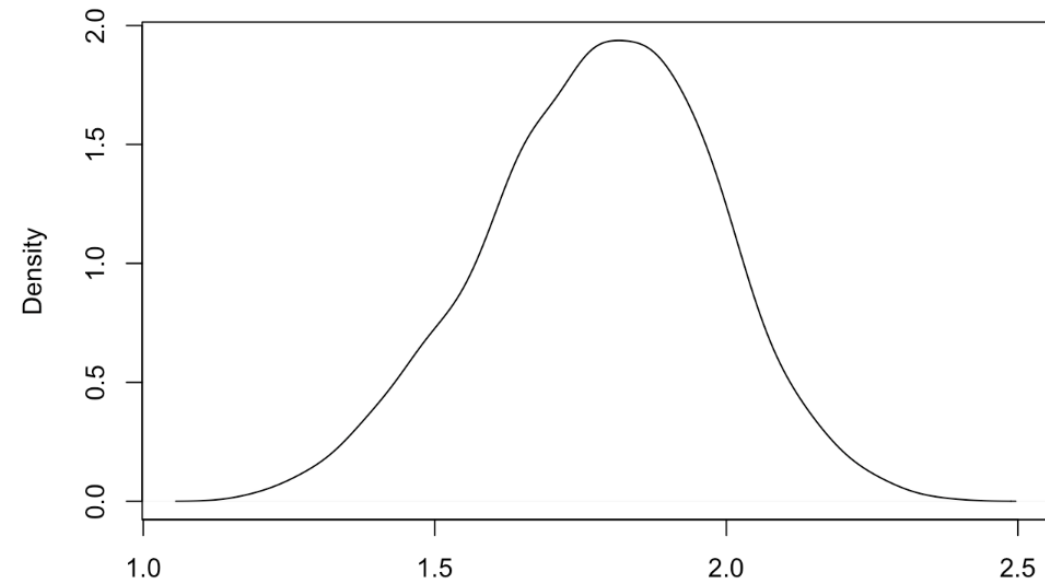
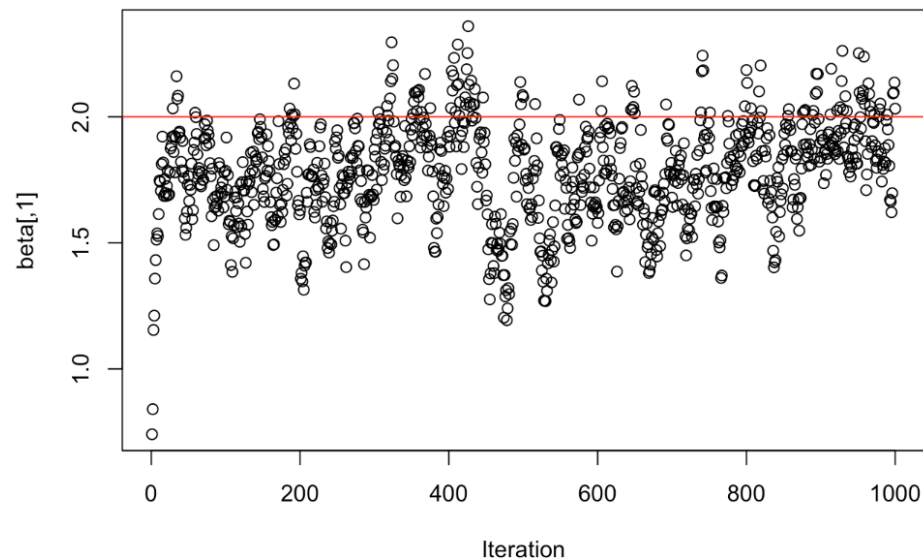
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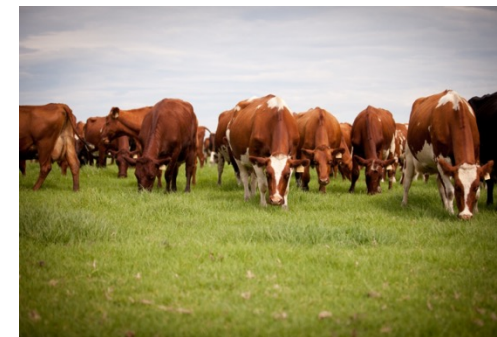


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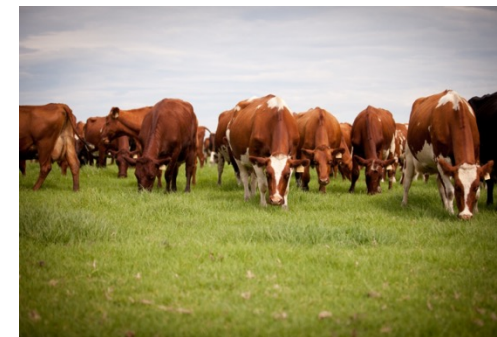
- Reference
 - Holstein = 3049 bulls, 8478 cows
 - Jersey = 770 bulls, 3917 cows
- Validation
 - Holstein = 262 bulls
 - Jersey = 105 bulls
 - *Australian Reds* = 114 bulls
- GEBV with GBLUP, BayesR
- (Kemper et al GSE, 2014)



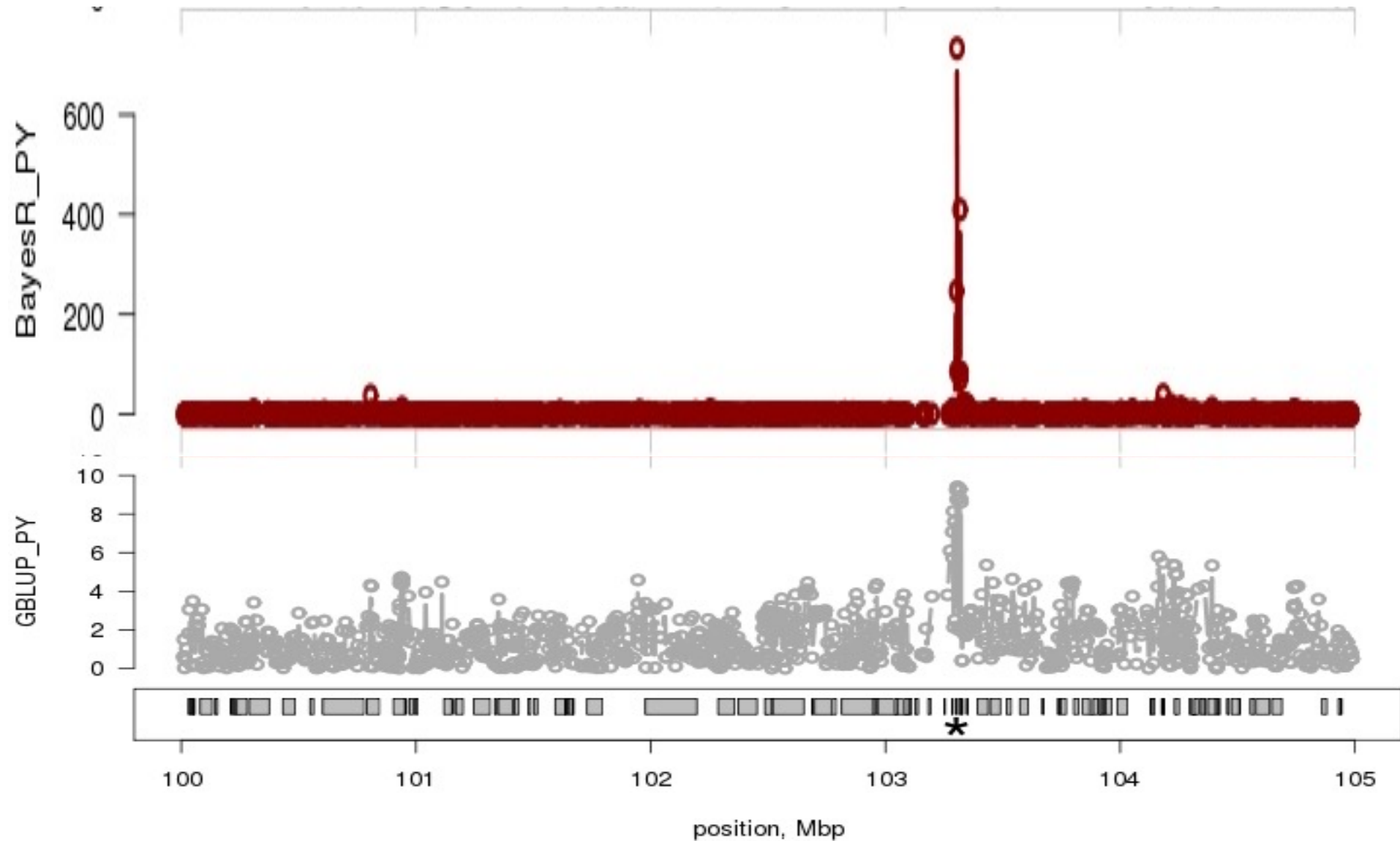
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- $r(\text{GEBV}, \text{DTD})$

	Fat	Milk	Protein	Fat%	Protein%	Average
<i>Holstein</i>						
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BAYESR	0.64	0.62	0.57	0.81	0.84	0.69
<i>Jersey</i>						
GBLUP	0.56	0.62	0.67	0.64	0.76	0.65
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<i>Australian Reds</i>						
GBLUP	0.20	0.16	0.11	0.32	0.34	0.22
BAYES	0.26	0.21	0.13	0.44	0.36	0.28



BayesR



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Bayesian approach allows us to incorporate prior knowledge in prediction of SNP effects

Bayesian methods can have an advantage when:

QTL of moderate to large effect on the trait (eg Fat%, DGAT1)

Very large numbers of SNP (800K, sequence) -> set some SNP effects to zero

Multi-breed, across population genomic predictions