Single Step GBLUP is based on a breeding-value based model. In single step, there is no reference population, but the complete population is split into four groups

Use a mixed linear effect model

Genomic breeding values g are random effects

$$y = Xb + Zg + e$$

with

I with obs. I without obs with SNP I old male I young animals without SNP I old female I production

## Solution Via Mixed Model Equations

All animals have genotypes and observations

$$\begin{bmatrix} X^T X & X^T Z \\ Z^T X & Z^T Z + \lambda * G^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{b} \\ \hat{g} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X^T y \\ Z^T y \end{bmatrix}$$
with  $\lambda = \sigma_e^2 / \sigma_g^2$ .

## Animals Without Observations

- Young animals do not have observations
- Partition ĝ into
  - $\hat{g}_1$  animals with observations and
  - $\hat{g}_2$  animals without observations

• Resulting Mixed Model Equations are (assume  $\lambda = 1$ )

$$\begin{bmatrix} X^T X & X^T Z & 0 \\ Z^T X & Z^T Z + G^{(11)} & G^{(12)} \\ 0 & G^{(21)} & G^{(22)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{b} \\ \hat{g}_1 \\ \hat{g}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X^T y \\ Z^T y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Predicted Genomic Breeding Values

Last line of Mixed model equations

$$G^{(21)} \cdot \hat{g}_1 + G^{(22)} \cdot \hat{g}_2 = 0$$

## Solutions



$$\hat{g}_2 = -(G^{(22)})^{-1} \cdot G^{(21)} \cdot \hat{g}_1$$