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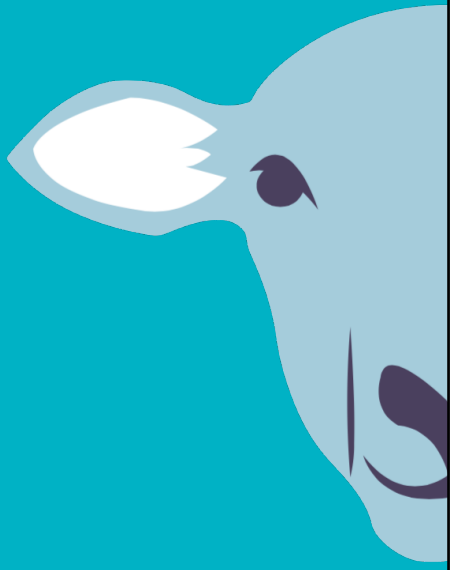

Genetic groups

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Background

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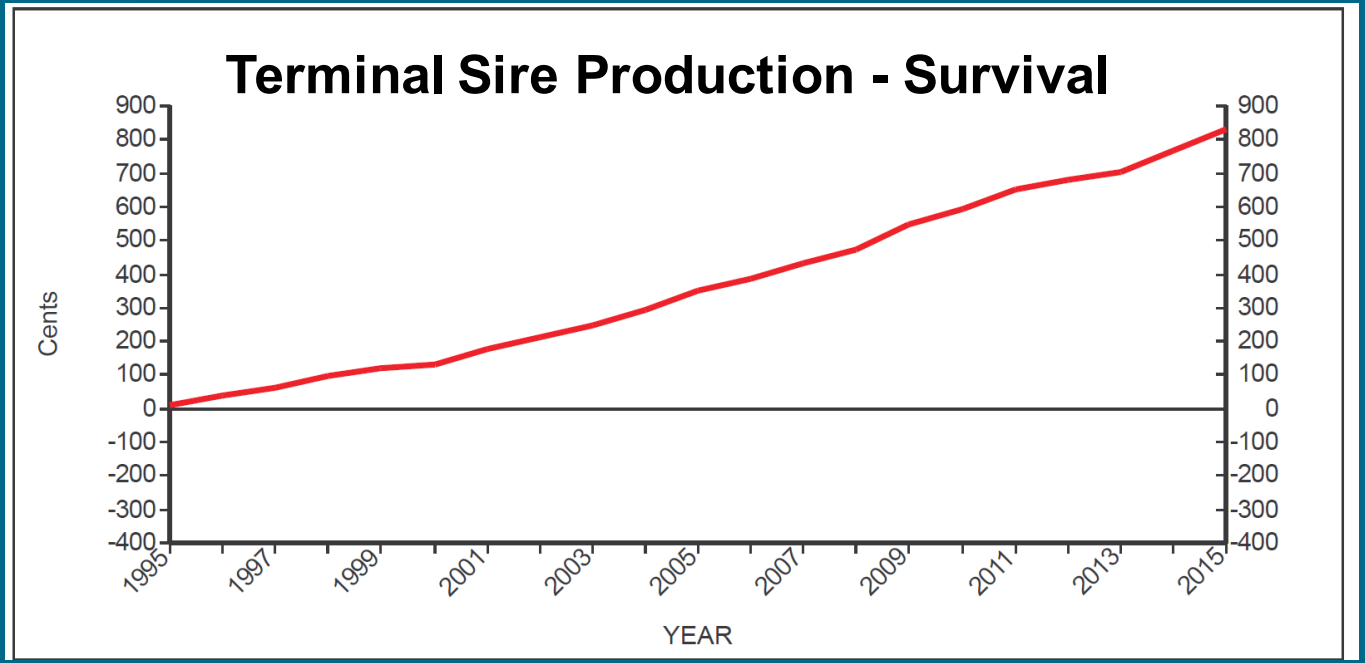
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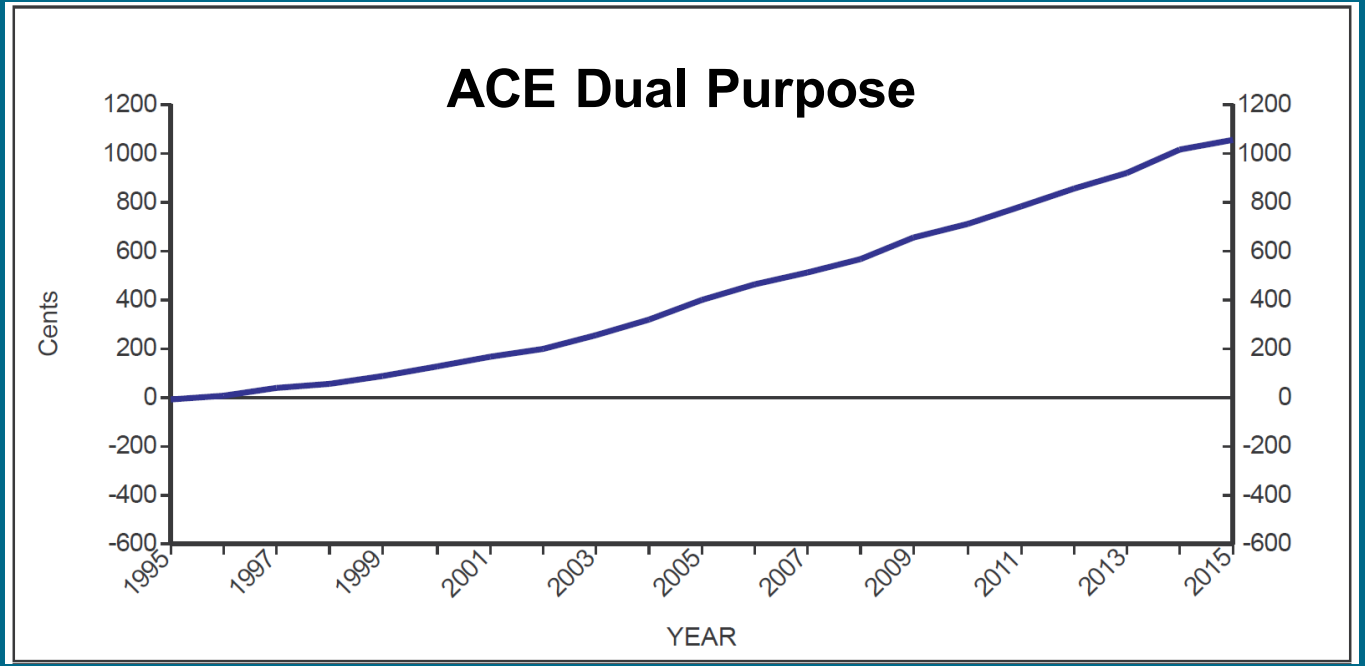
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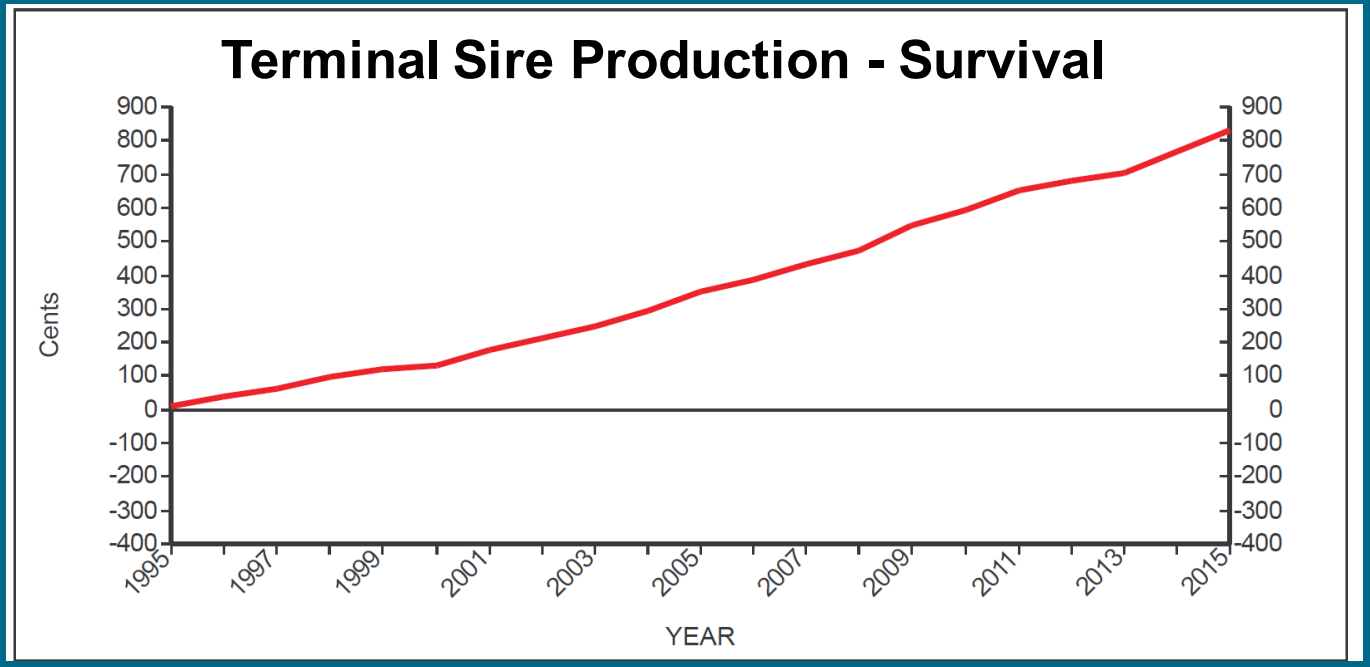
- Currently animals which have no pedigree links are grouped with base animals

  - Outside sires
  - Screened in ewes
  - Animals with no pedigree
  - New flocks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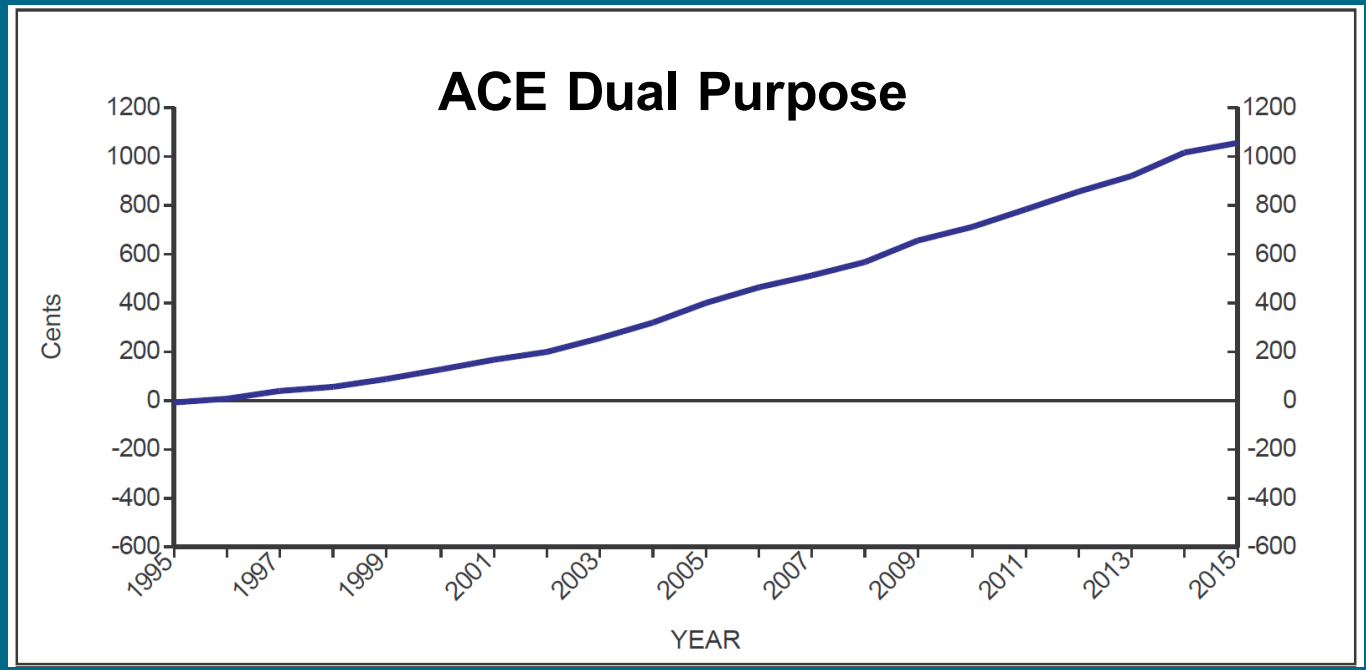
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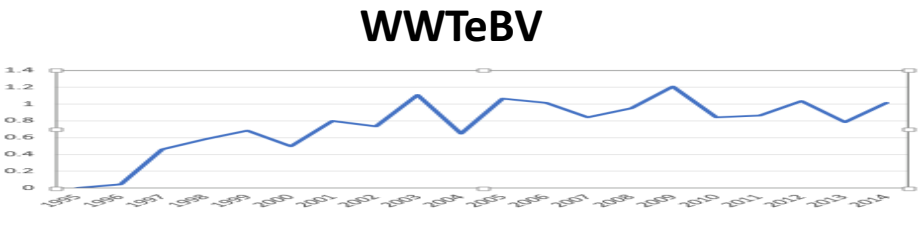
Formation of genetic groups

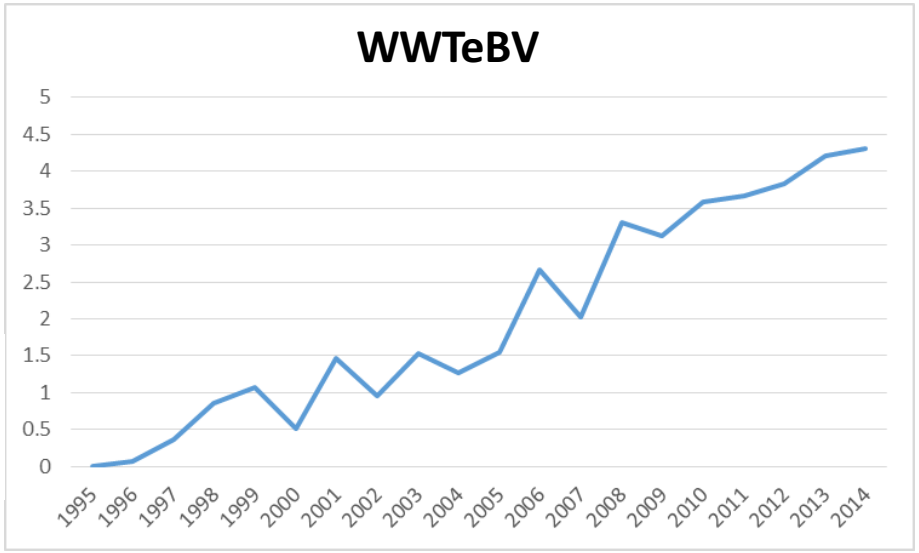
- Need large enough to enable accurate estimation of genetic group effects
- Want groups to be composed of similar animals
- Need information to be able benchmark the production level of that genetic group

Genetic groups

- Flock – year(s)
- Breed

Genetic gains for WWTeBV including for genetic groups





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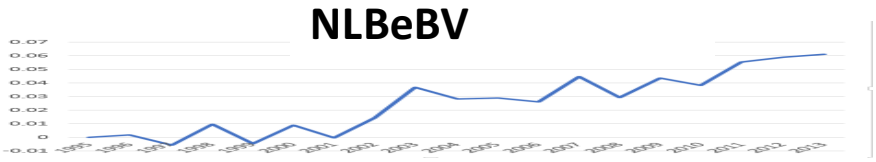

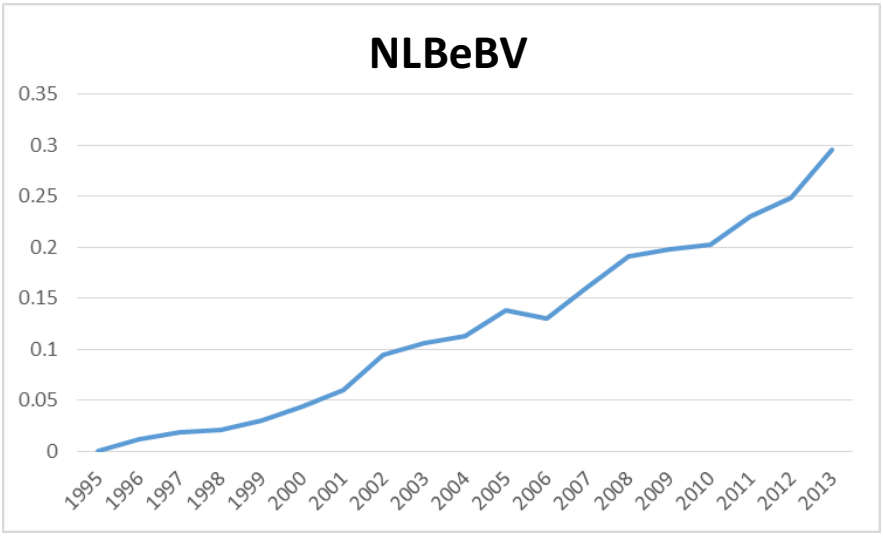

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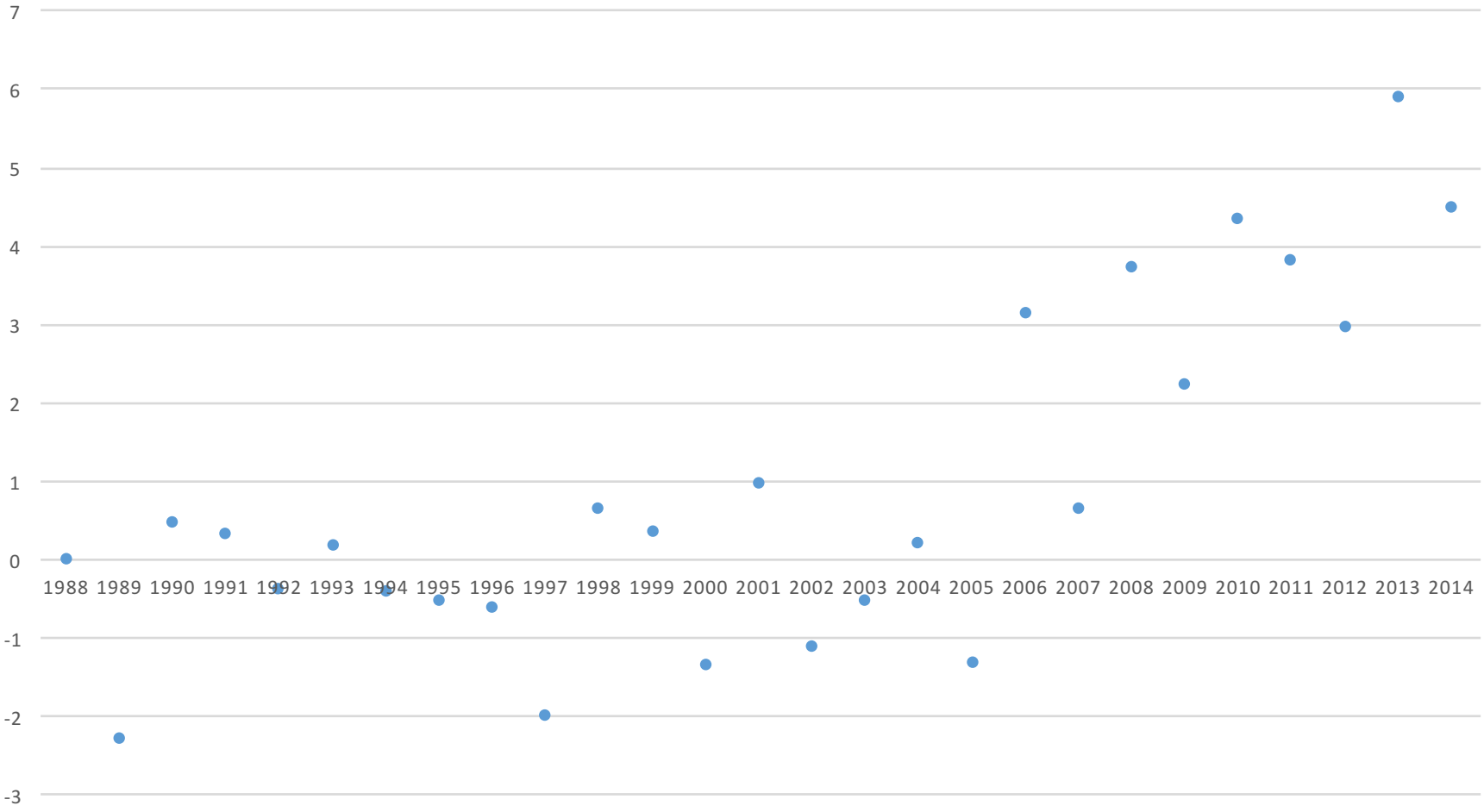

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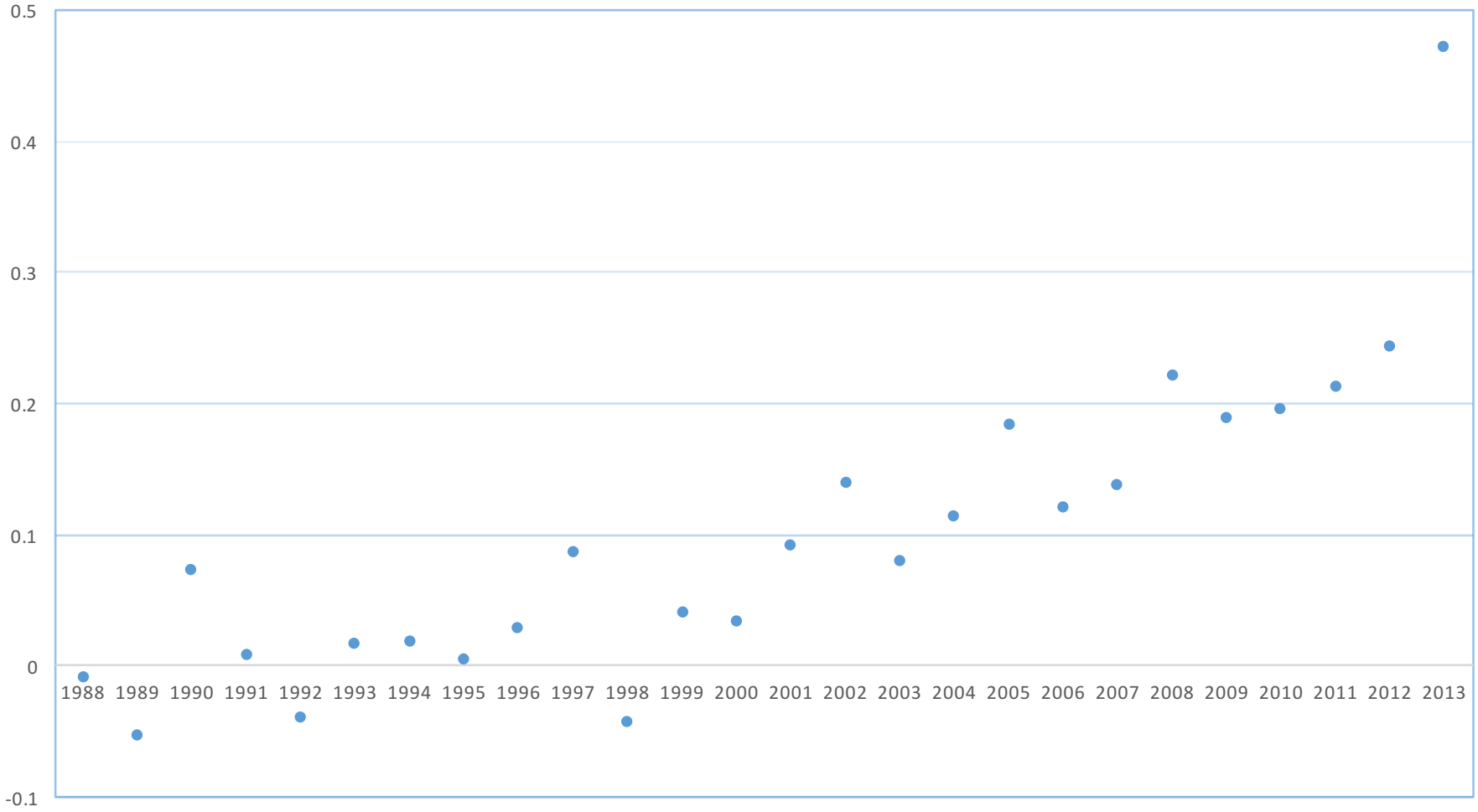

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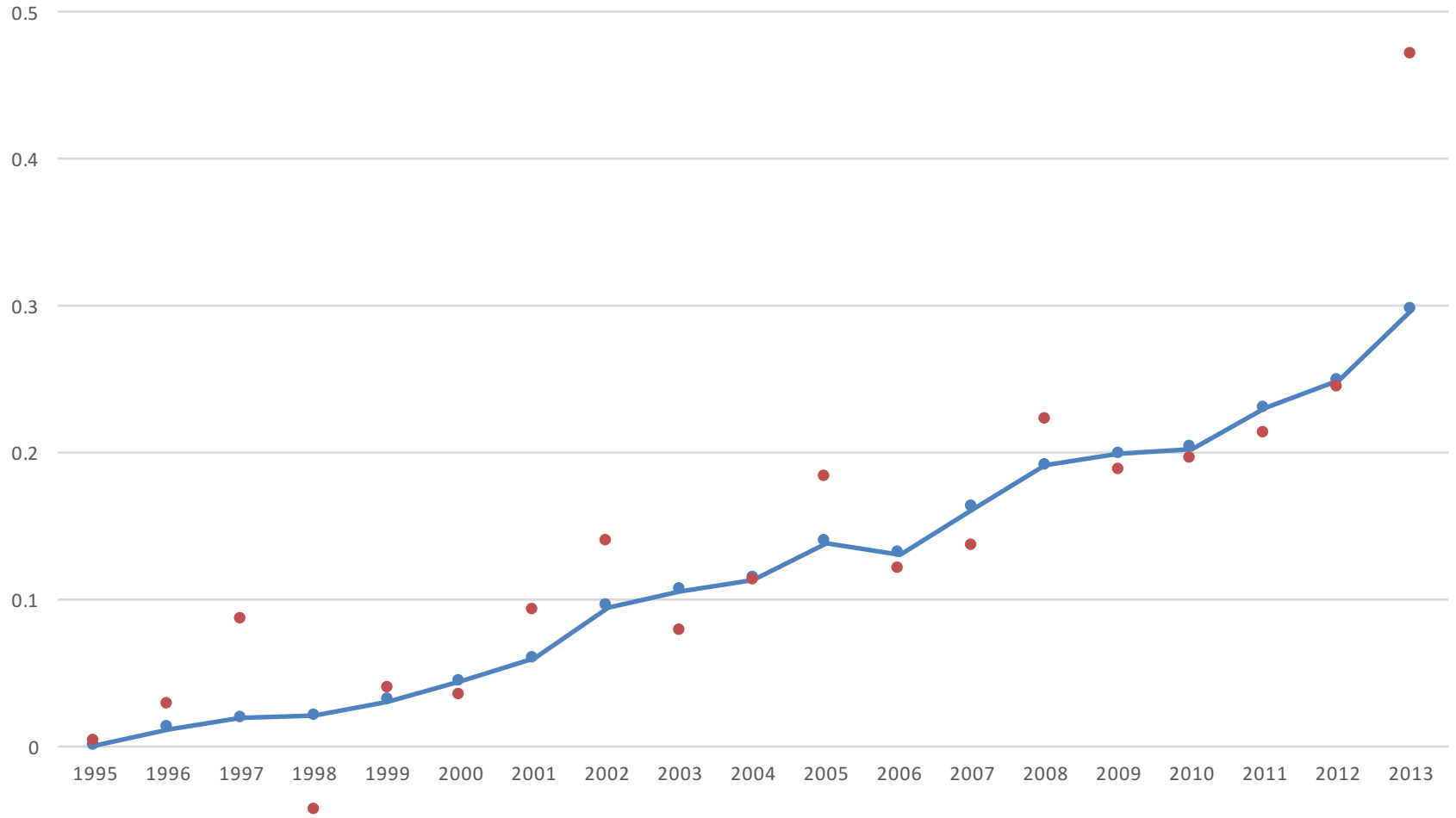

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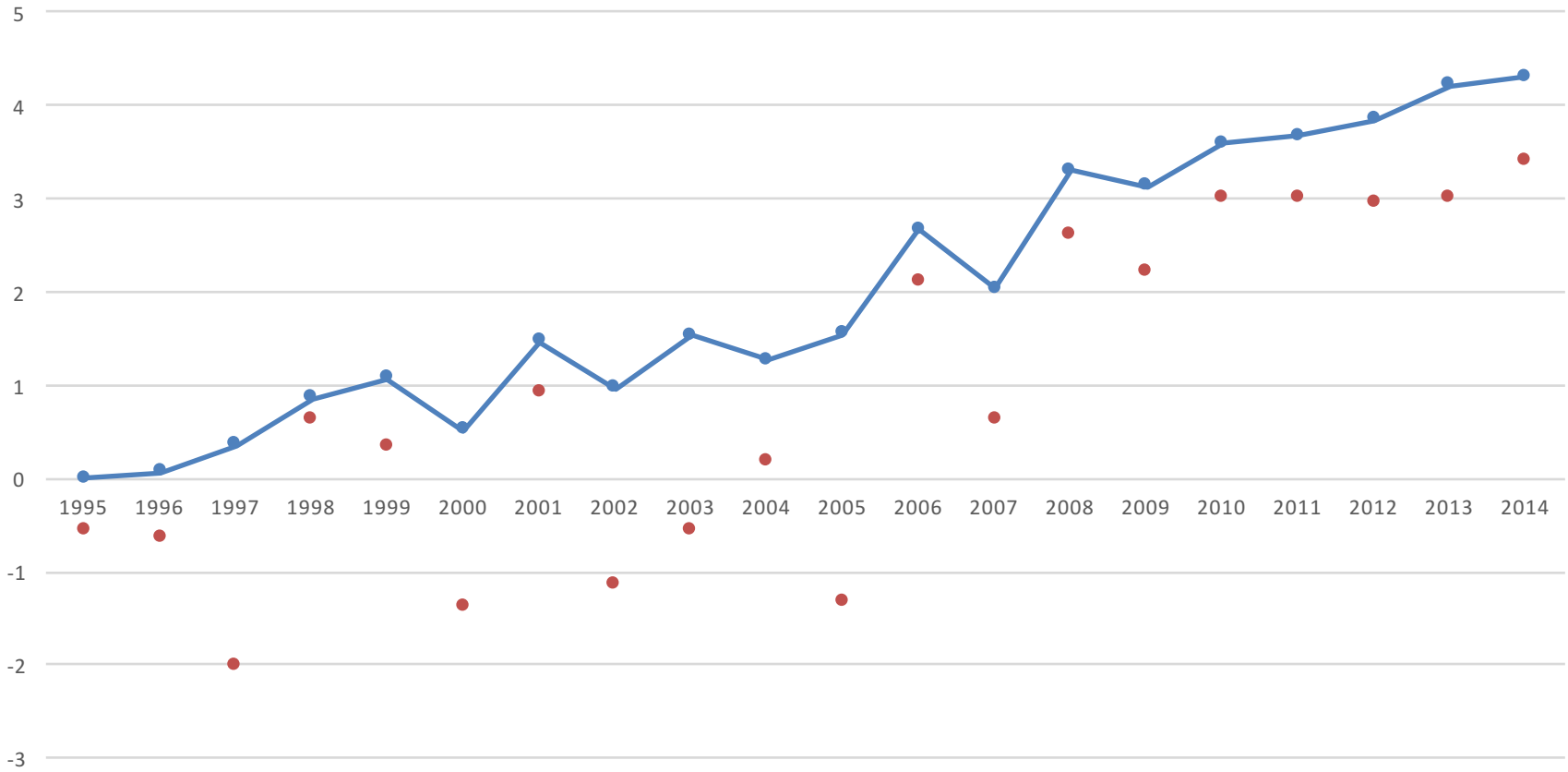
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Conclusions

- Fitting genetic groups improves the accuracy of estimated breeding values, especially for animals with no pedigree
- Specification of the genetic groups to be fitted is important

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