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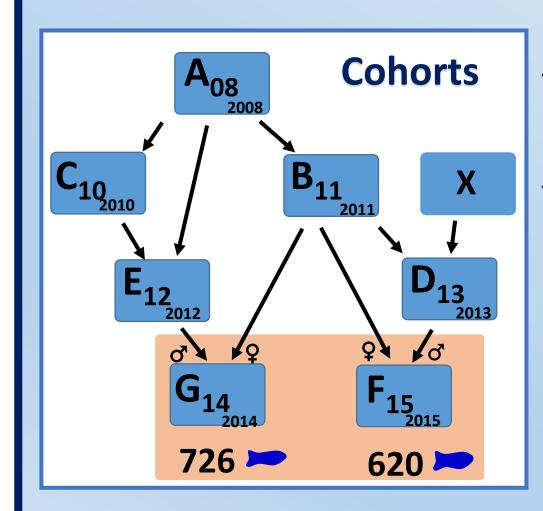


# Aims of the study

- Assessing the efficiency (accuracy and bias/inflation) of genomic GBLUP selection compared to pedigree-based BLUP selection for female reproduction traits in rainbow trout
- Investigating the impact of the training population size on GEBV accuracy for ready-to-spawn female body weight (FW), egg number in the spawn (SN<sub>FW</sub>), spawn weight (SW<sub>FW</sub>), individual egg weight (EW) and diameter (ED).

## Material & methods

- Reference population: 1346 phenotyped fish (G<sub>14</sub> and F<sub>15</sub> cohorts), genotyped with Axiom<sup>TM</sup> Trout Genotyping array (57K SNP)
- ❖ 155 parents 57K-genotyped out of 87 dams and 72 sires in the pedigree



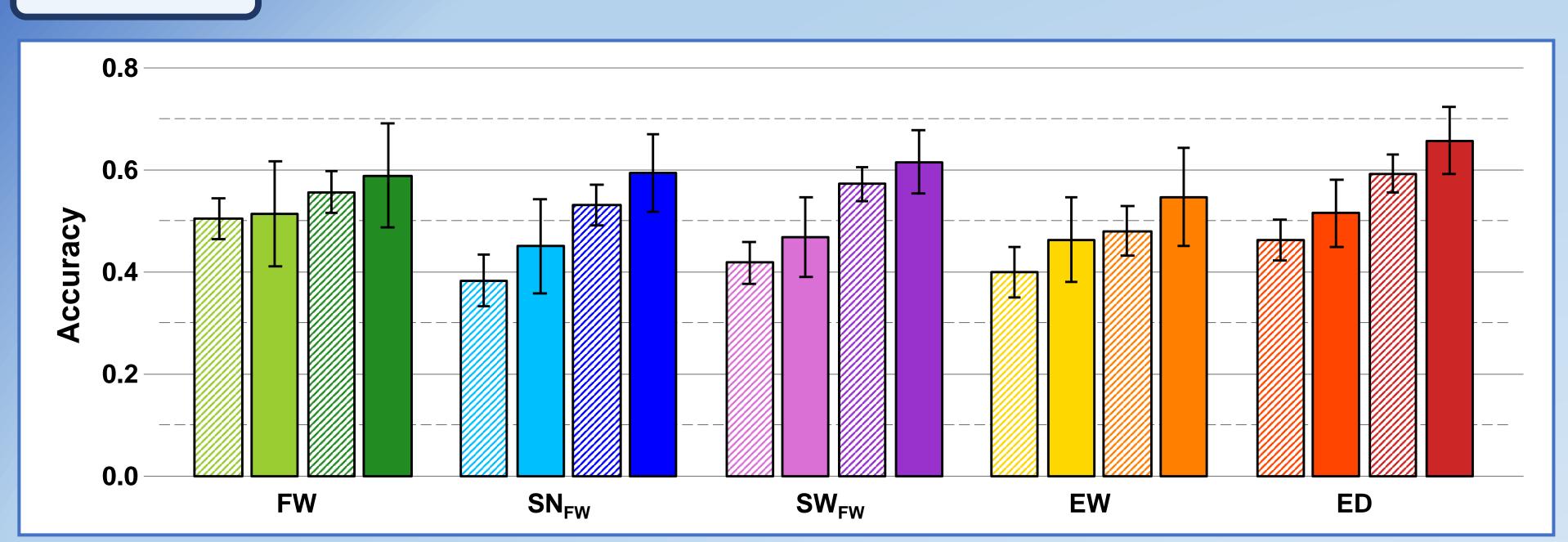
- After QC: 29,799 SNP analysed
- Using BLUPf90 software for (G)EBV estimation, 40 replicates of Monte-Carlo 'leave-one group-out' Cross Validation for each BLUP or GBLUP scenario for small (673 individuals) or large (1078 individuals) training set.

## **Traits & statistical criteria**

Traits	Mean	Raw variance	Phenotypic variance	h <sup>2</sup>
Female spawner body weight (FW, g)	2,090	200,433	118,777	0.32
Egg number in spawn, adjusted for FW (SN <sub>FW</sub> )	4,801	1,771,891	1,746,357	0.33
Spawn weight, adjusted for FW (SW <sub>FW</sub> , g)	190	3,150	2,591	0.43
Egg weight (EW, mg)	40	40.0	35.8	0.27
Egg diameter (ED, mm)	0.4	0.035	0.032	0.46

- ❖ Accuracy r: correlation between adjusted phenotypes and (G)EBV divided by the square root of heritability
- ❖ Difference d in accuracy between GBLUP and BLUP for any replicate
- ❖ Inflation b of breeding value: regression coefficient of adjusted phenotypes on (G)EBV
- Mean and standard error of r, d and b across 40 replicates

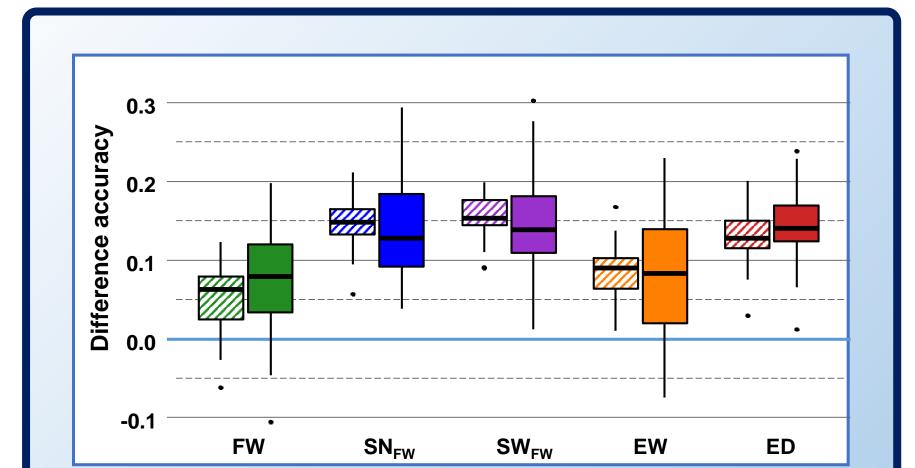
### Results



Mean and standard error of accuracy estimates across replicates for BLUP (light colors) and GBLUP (dark colors) according to the size of training set (hatched bars : small set; plain bars : large set)

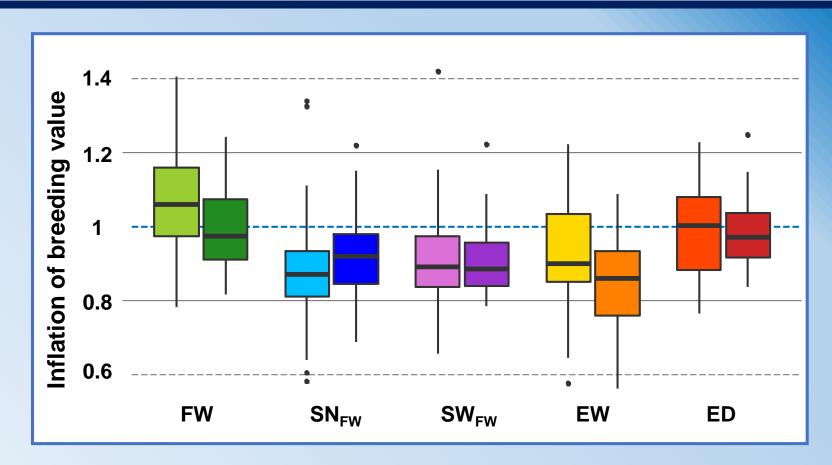


- **✓ GEBV** is more accurate than EBV for all traits
- ✓ Average gain in accuracy ranges from 11% (FW) to 40% (SN<sub>FW</sub>) with the same training population size between BLUP and GBLUP
- ✓ The gain is still ranging from 4% (EW) to 22% (SW<sub>FW</sub>) when comparing GBLUP at small training population size and BLUP for the larger training population size
- For a 60% increase in the training population size, the average gain in accuracy ranges from 6% (FW) to 14% (EW) for GBLUP
- > The accuracy of genomic selection varies from 0.55 (EW) to 0.66 (ED)



Boxplots of difference d in accuracy for the small (hatched boxplots) and large (colored boxplots) training set

➤ In a very few replicates and traits (FW and EW), GEBV were less accurate than EBV



Boxplots of breeding value inflation coefficients for BLUP (light colors) and GBLUP (dark colors) for the small training set

➤ In most replicates, (G)EBV are not strongly inflated and GBLUP tends to reduce the inflation of EBV

### Conclusion

- ➤ GBLUP increases by 0.08 to 0.15 points the accuracy of selection for any female reproduction trait, for about 1,100 individuals in the reference population.
- > GBLUP is less biased than BLUP in most scenarios (average inflation coefficients between 0.86 and 0.99)













