

Recap:

□ Problem of correcting systematic environment with

- regression

- selection index

→ Solution: Use BLUP together with a mixed linear effect model to estimate systematic environments (herd, sex, season) effects and to predict breeding values as random effects simultaneously from the same data set.

→ Model:  $y = X\beta + \underbrace{Zu}_{1. \text{ part}} + \underbrace{e}_{2. \text{ part}}$   $\rightarrow \begin{cases} E(u) = \\ E(e) = \\ E(y) = \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{var}(u) = \dots \\ \text{var}(e) = \dots \\ \text{var}(y) = \dots \end{matrix}$

with  $\beta$ ,  $u$  and  $e$  being unknown

Fit data, obtain  $\hat{\beta}$  as estimates for fixed effects and  $\hat{u}$  as predictions of breeding values

□ Problem with  $\hat{u}$  and  $\hat{\beta}$ : depend on  $V^{-1}$  where  $V = \text{var}(y)$  { Practical evaluations,  $y$  can have the length of  $10^4$  }

□ Solution: Mixed model equations