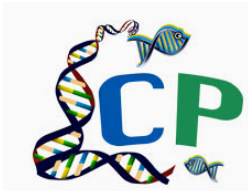


# Using **deep learning** for unifying **genomic data** and **traits** in species delimitation

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# Introduction

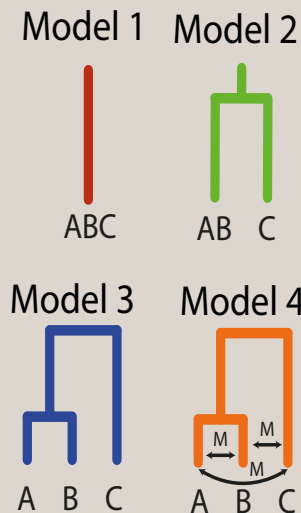
The presence of distinct **species concepts** leads to different strategies to **identify species boundaries** (de Queiroz 2007). It is important to adopt a **multidisciplinary approach**, by **integrating** different **sources of evidence** (Carstens et al. 2013).

Most approaches consist in analyzing **genetic and phenotypical/geographical information separately**, followed by **visual/qualitative comparison**. Methods that actually **integrate** different data are **limited** to up to a **few hundreds of loci** and **simple models** of evolution (Solís-Lemus et al. 2015).

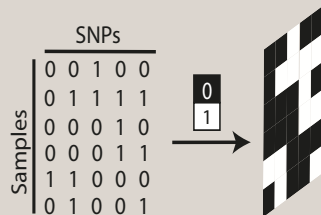
We present a method based on **simulated data and machine learning**, that **combines** both **genomic and trait** information in a unified framework.

# Methods

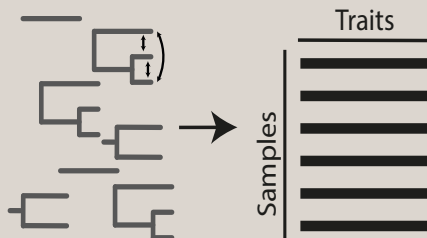
**Simulate SNPs & trees  
with ms (Hudson 2002)**



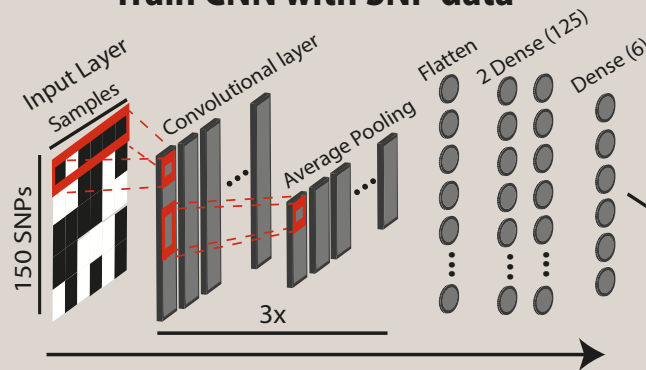
**Transform SNPs  
to image**



**Simulate traits  
(discrete, BM and OU)  
from trees**



**Train CNN with SNP data**



**Combine the Dense  
layers from  
both networks**

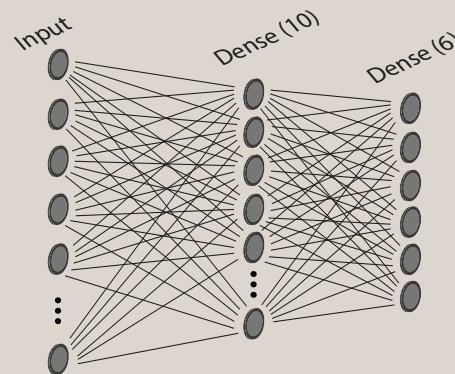
ReLU

Dense (6)

Softmax

Models

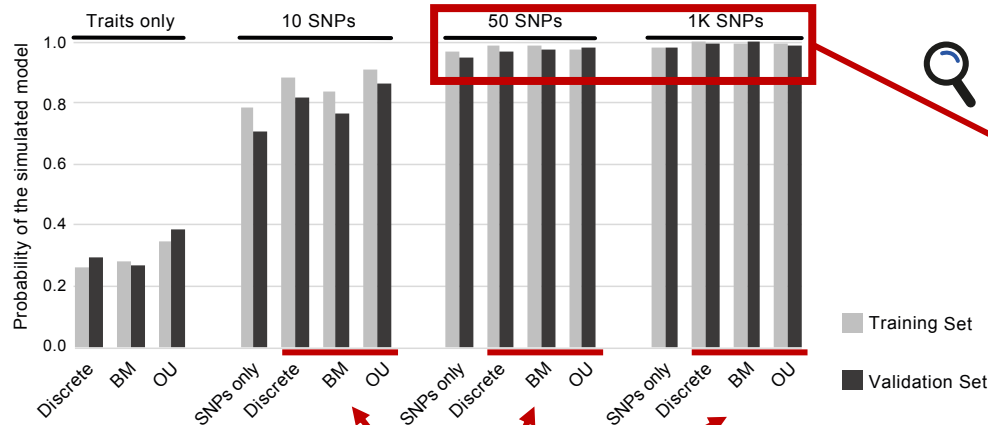
**Train MLP with trait data**



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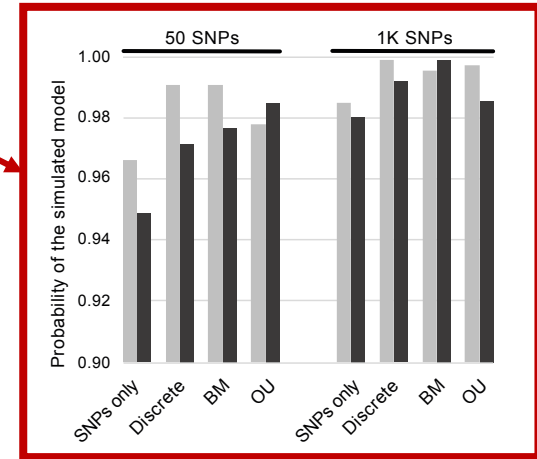
# Results

Probabilities are low when using only traits.



Increased n° of SNPs also led to a higher probability of recovering the right model.

- little improvement with > 50 SNPs.



Using both genomic and trait data recovered slightly better results than using only SNPs.

# Conclusions

The accuracy of our approach was **very high** (confusion matrix with the test set). **Lowest accuracy** between model 4 (migration) with model 1 (one species).

**Incorporating traits** resulted in **similar accuracy** to using only SNPs.

**Traits** incorporate information **complementary** to genomic data.

The method is **flexible**, allowing **complex scenarios** and the use of both types of data.

