

Partitioning of genetic trends by flock in Istrian sheep breed

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AIM & CONCLUSION

Genetic trends play an important role in monitoring success of selection

Partition of breeding values is an effective tool for detecting main providers of selection gain

The aims of this study were:

1) estimate genetic trends for fat content (FC) and protein content (PC) from 2000 to 2019

2) partition genetic trends (BV) by flock

The obtained results implicate **absence of systematic selection** for PC and FC, regardless of regular provision of breeders with BVs for these traits

MATERIAL

- Istrian breed
- 38,293 test-day records
- 6,477 animals
- Traits
 - Fat content (FC)
 - Protein content (PC)

METHODS

- Estimation of BVs
A single-trait repeatability fixed regression test-day model
- Decomposition of the overall genetic trend
R package 'AlphaPart'



Picture 1. Flock of Istrian sheep

RESULTS

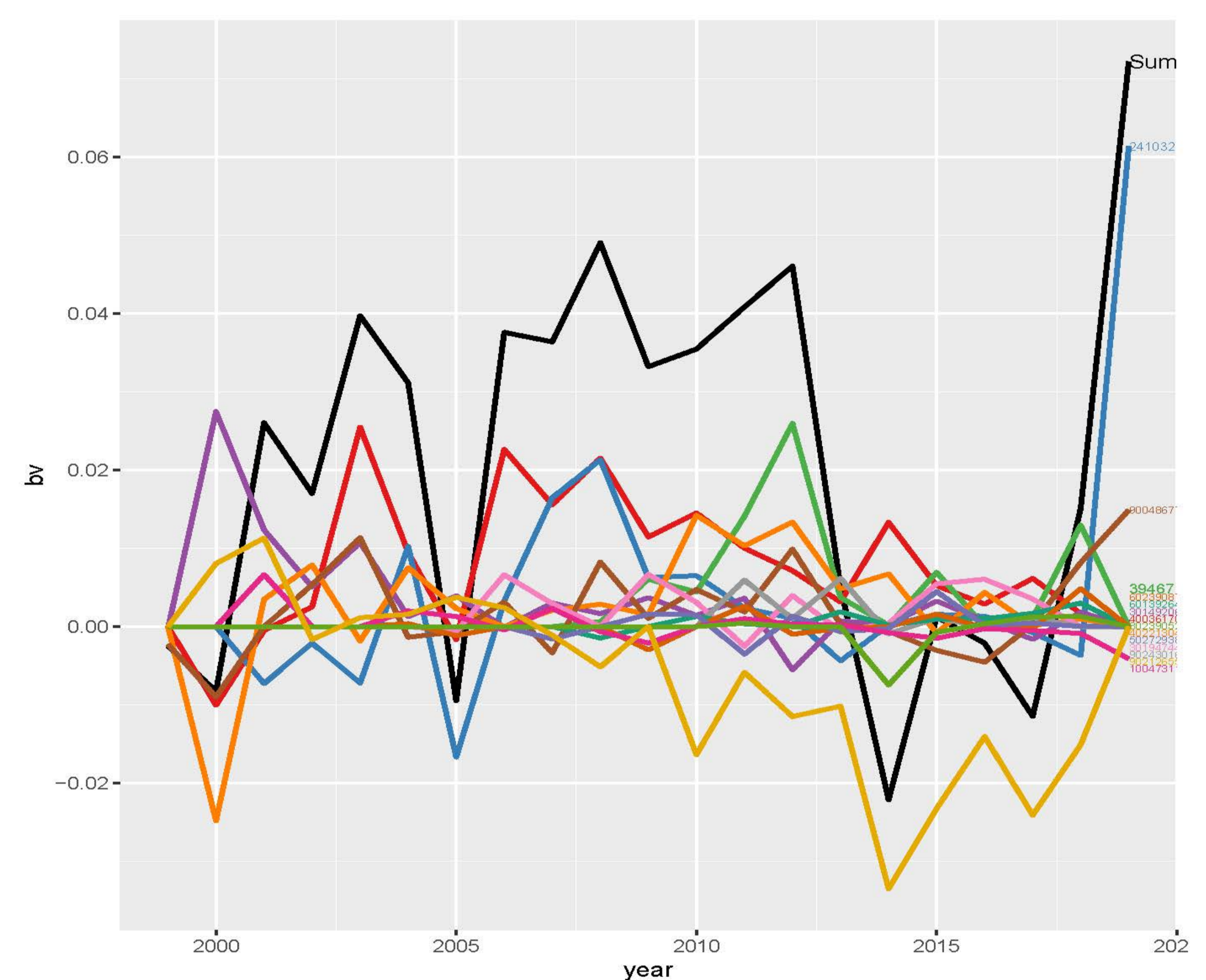


Figure 1. Decomposition of the overall genetic trend for FC by flock

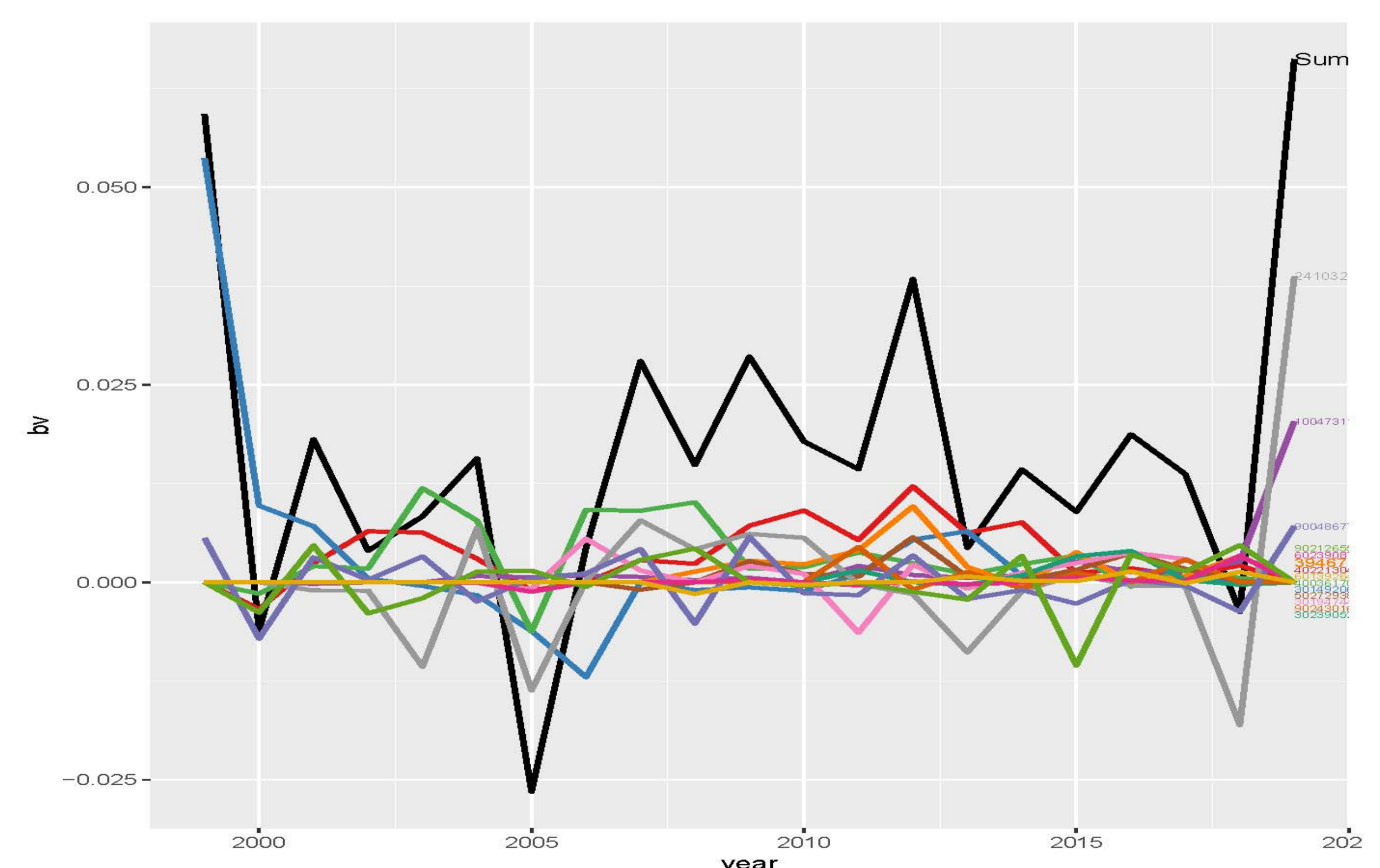


Figure 2. Decomposition of the overall genetic trend for PC by flock