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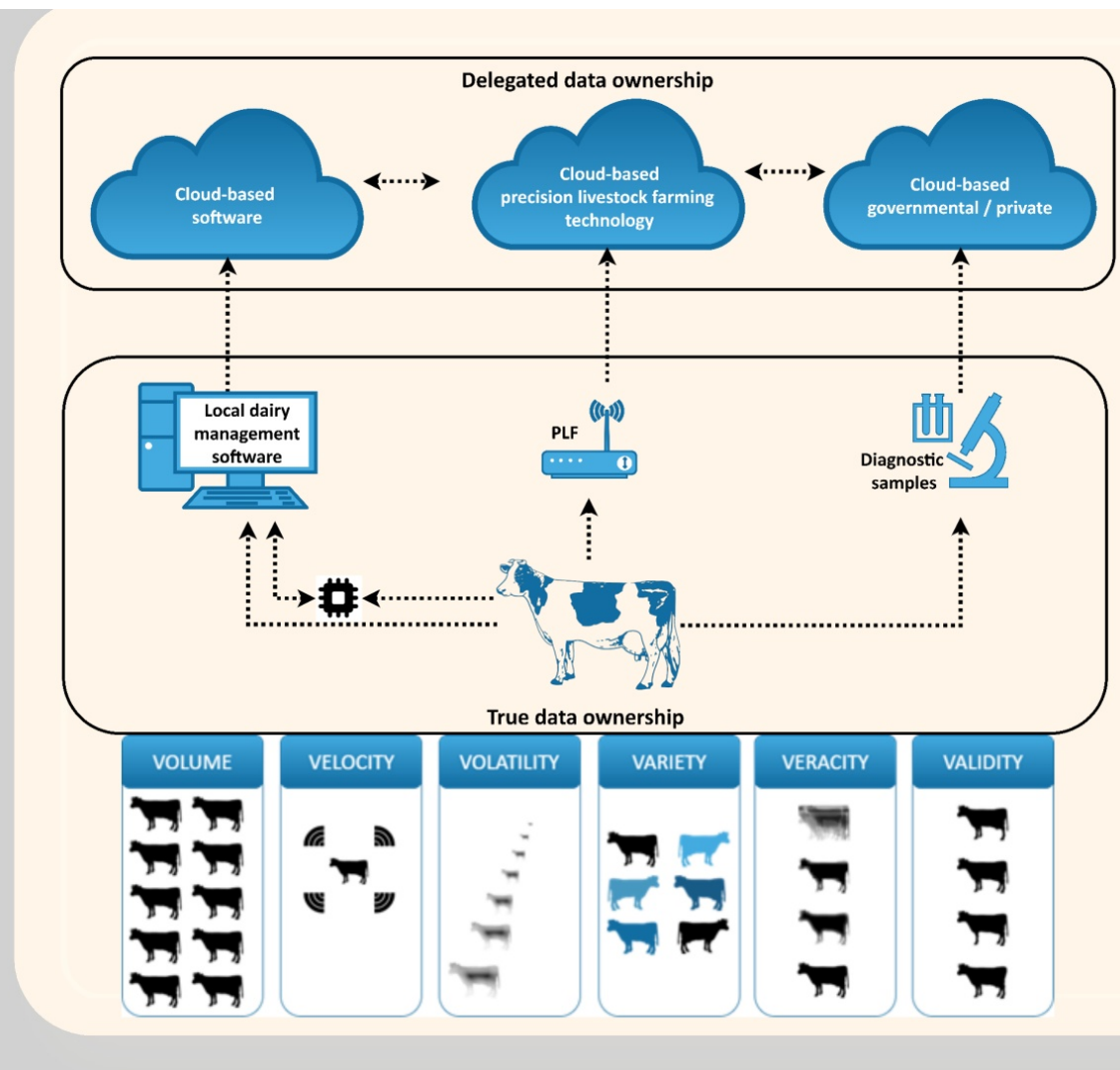
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Genotype and Environment contributing to the sustainability of dairy cow production systems through the optimal integration of genomic selection and novel management protocols based on the development and exploitation of genomic data and supporting novel phenotyping approaches.

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Invited review: overview of new traits and phenotyping strategies in dairy cattle with a focus on functional traits

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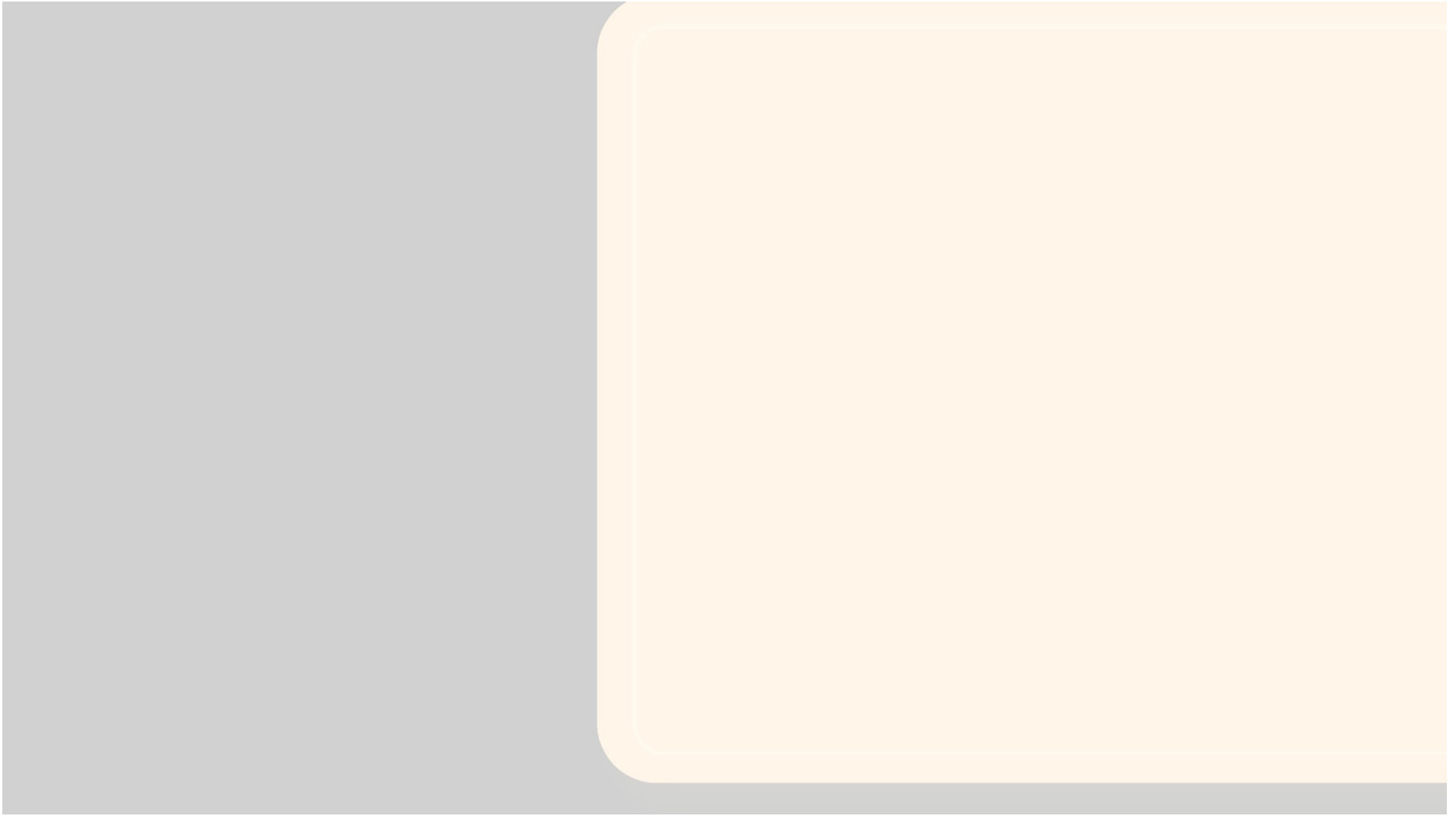
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Map Animals



Multi-research site study with
horizontally partitioned data

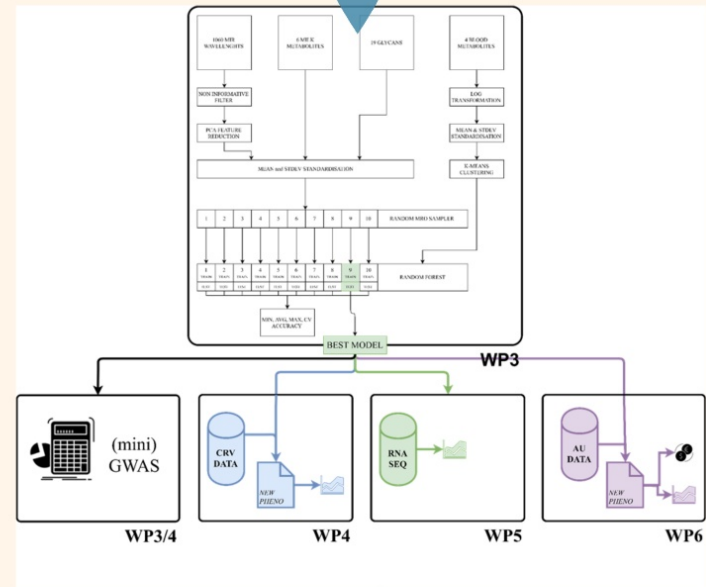
Multiple industrial partners

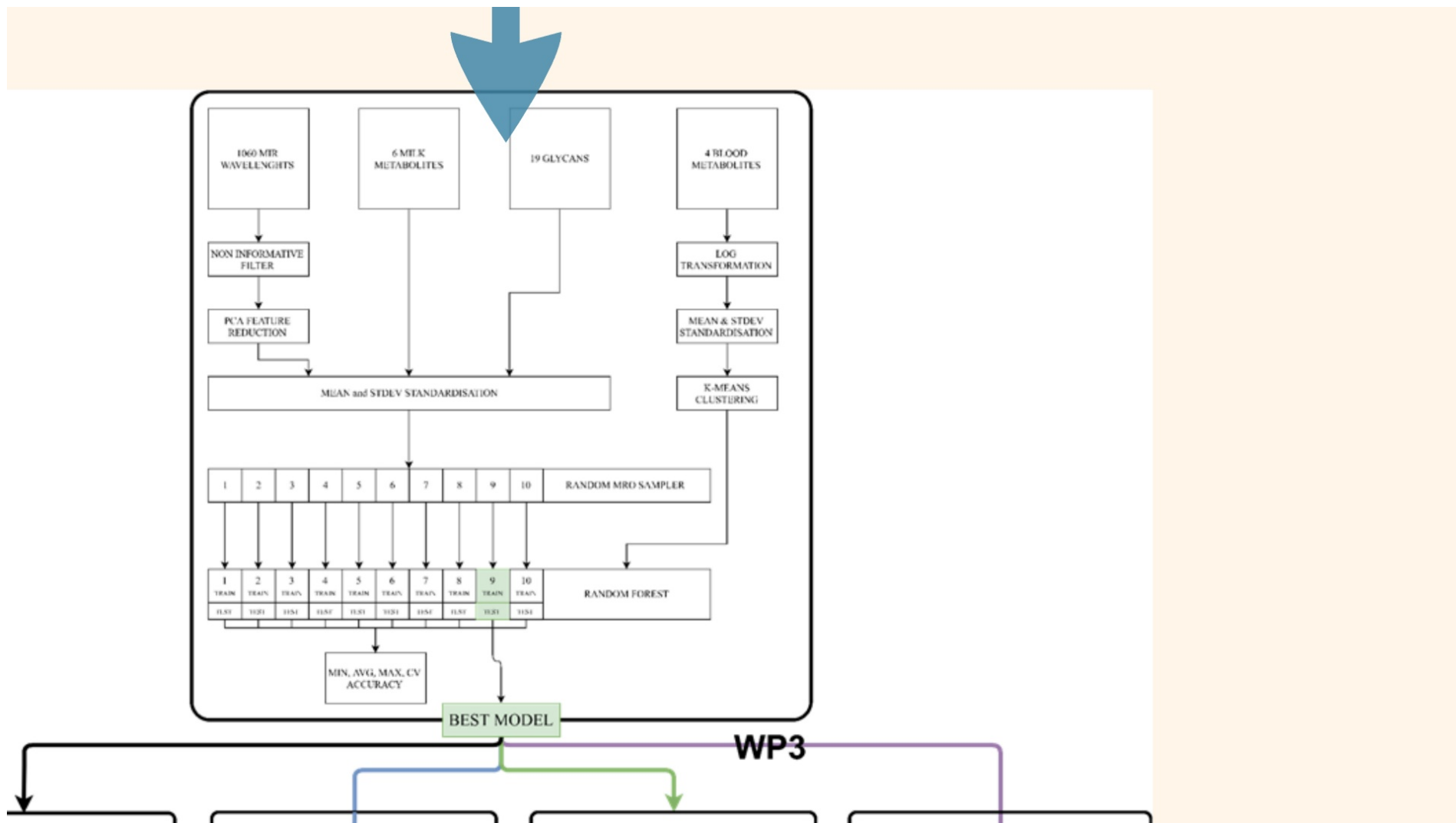


Can we create novel indicators of metabolic imbalance during the transition period and their association with production parameters
ACROSS European research farms









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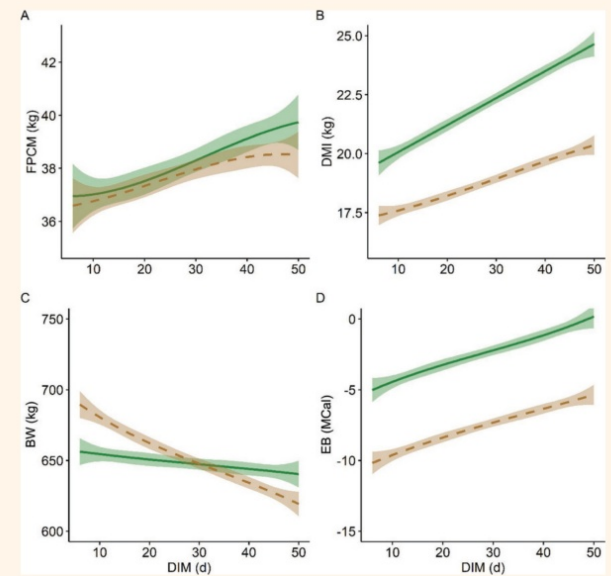
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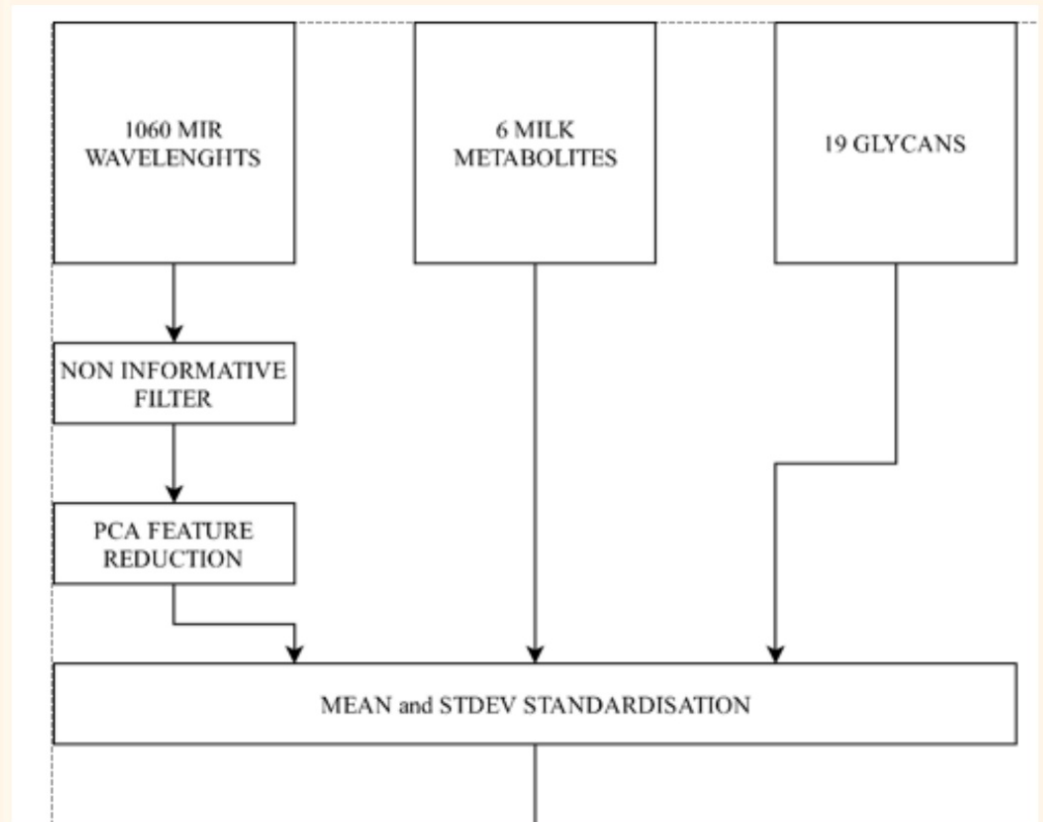


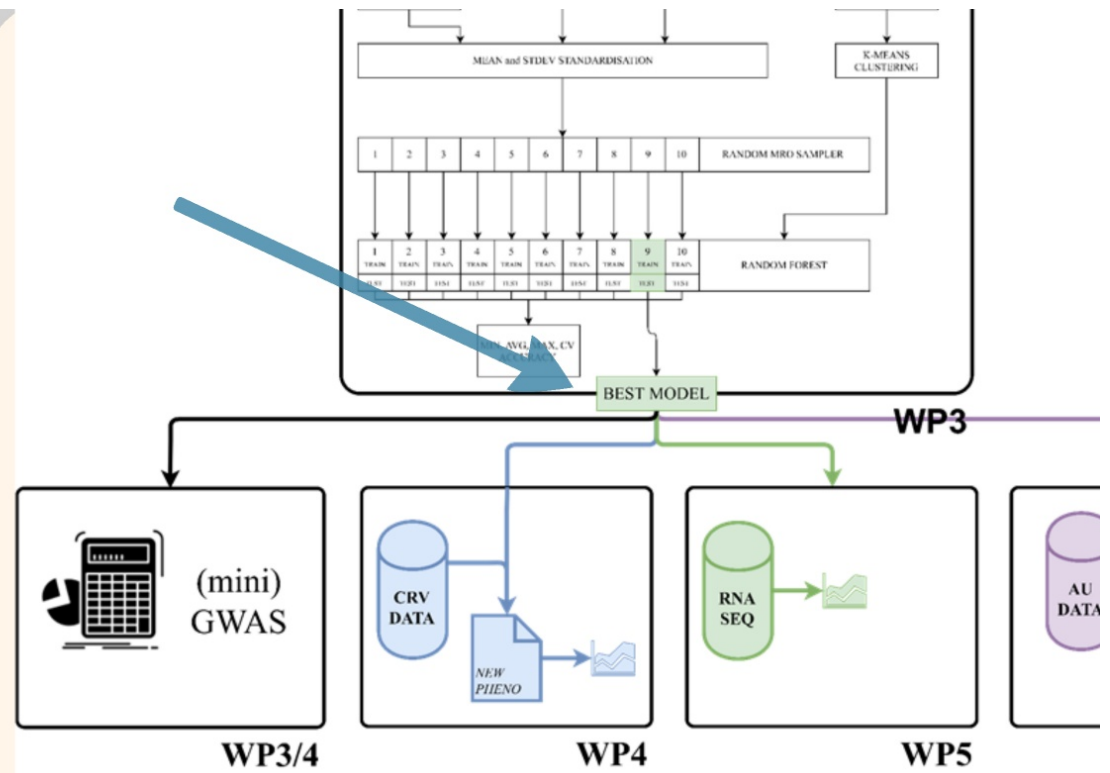
**So we have a new phenotype to identify
metabolically balanced cows, that are resilient
during the transition**

But what is next?

3 biomarkers in milk

- **Metabolites and enzymes**
 - glucose
 - glucose-6-phosphate
 - BHB
 - LDH
 - NABD-glucosaminidase
 - isocitrate
- **Glycans** (19 peaks)
- **FT-MIR spectra** (1060 peaks grouped into 15 principal components)





Can we predict "balanced cows" from milk?

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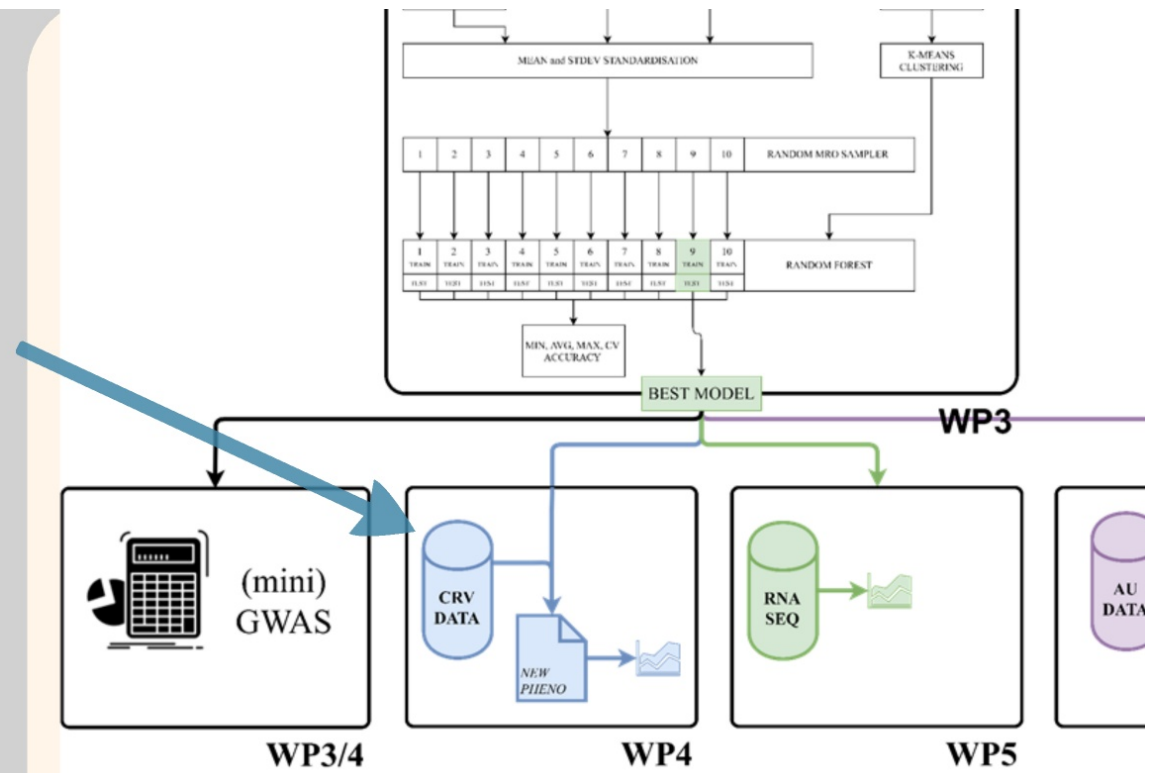
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Yes, using milk MIR!
or Milk Metabolites



Is being "metabolically balanced" heritable?

- The region of 36,258 to 36,295 kb on BTA27 was the most highly associated region for the predicted metabolic clusters.
- The heritability (0.17) of the predicted metabolic clusters indicates that its genetic variation is large enough for genetic selection.
- BUT ONLY VALIDATED IN ONE COUNTRY ALTHOUGH MORE PARTNERS

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Genome-wide association for metabolic clusters in early-lactation Holstein dairy cows

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Data driven lessons learned ...

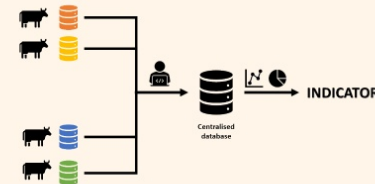
Data driven lessons learned ...

- People sometimes refused to share data, although agreed in "the project agreement"
- We lost over 3 years of the project debating about "the industry agreement" with new partners

Technical lessons learned ...

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- Don't use data warehouses in your research
- Create flexible data stores & pipelines
- Model & indicator development took 5 years









The future ?

- Is the industry really willing to share data?
- Are solutions such as Blockchain/JoinData/DjustConnect/IDDEN the solution if we even fail in the willingness to share data?
- Do we have profound knowledge of integrating 'Big Data' in the industry?
- Do farmers get any benefits yet?
- Is the VALUE ever flowing back to the farmers?

The future ?



But this is still reality,...



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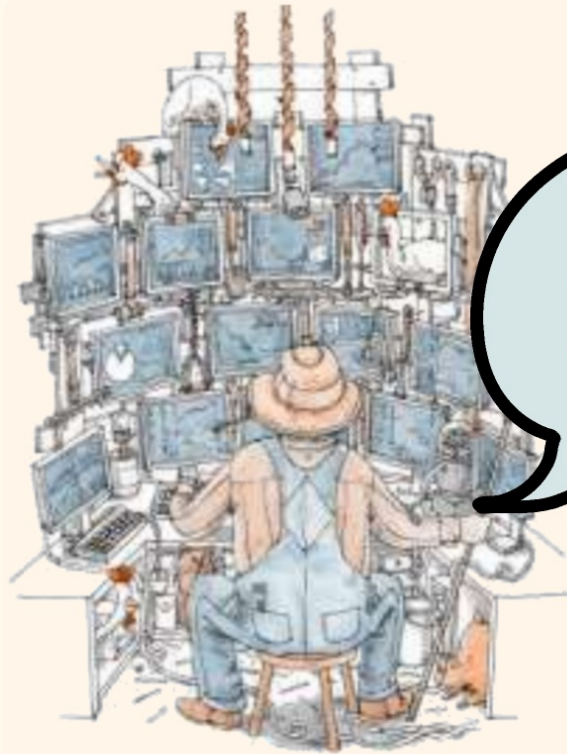
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*Which cow(s)
should I have my
focus on, right now,
GIVEN all my data?*

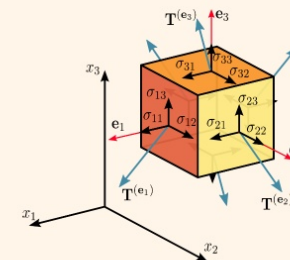


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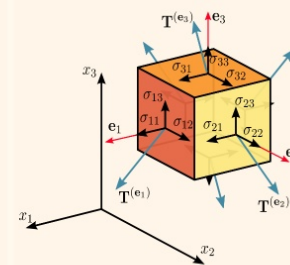


Table 1
Independent variables used in this study.

Variable Group	Dimension	Variable Name
Milk Yields	1×305	Milk Yield
Herd Statistics	10×1	Avg 21d Milk
		Avg 75d Milk
		Avg 305d Milk
		Avg Milk
		Avg Days Dry
		Avg Days Open
		Avg Days Pregnant
		Avg Days In Milk
		Avg Calving Interval
		Avg Sequence Quality
Events	1×305	Mastitis
		Abort
		Breeding
		Stop Breeding
		Pregnancy Negative
		Pregnancy Positive
		Calving
		Disease
		Died
		Heat
		Cull
		Dryoff
		PAD
		UNKNOWN
Parity	1×1	Lactation Number

In mathematics, a tensor is an algebraic object that describes a (multilinear) relationship between sets of algebraic objects related to a vector space.

Neural network pipeline

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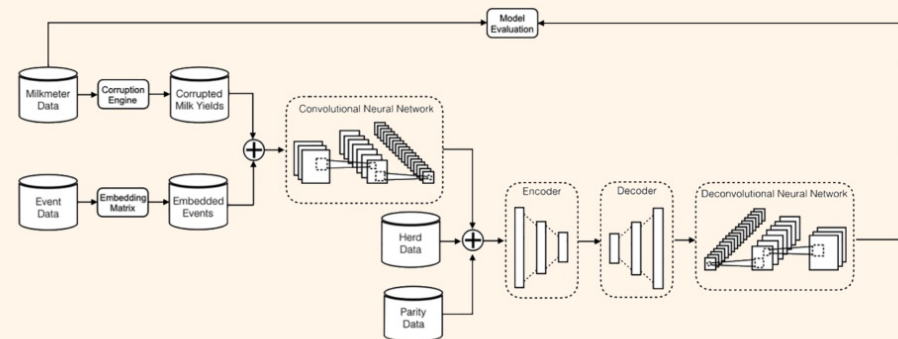
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Leveraging latent representations for milk yield prediction and interpolation using deep learning

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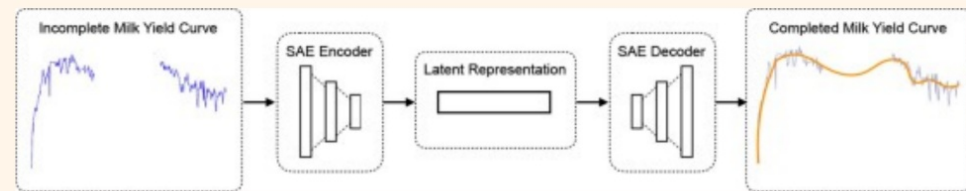
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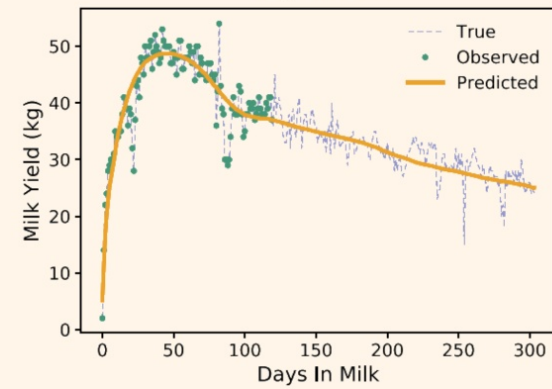
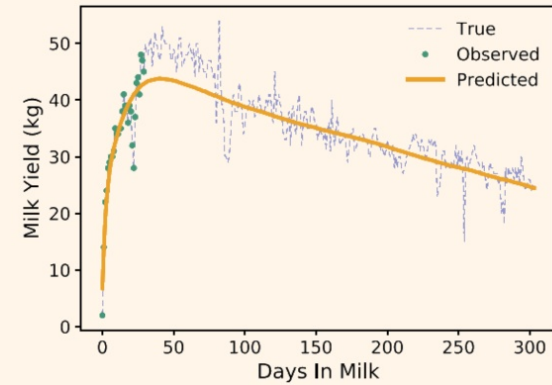
Use of Neural Networks

To ...

- Represent the lactation curve and see the effect of lifetime events
- Predict milk yield (interpolation, prediction)
- Predict subsequent life (disease) events



Prediction of milk yield in current lactation





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Previous milk yield
added in the TENSOR

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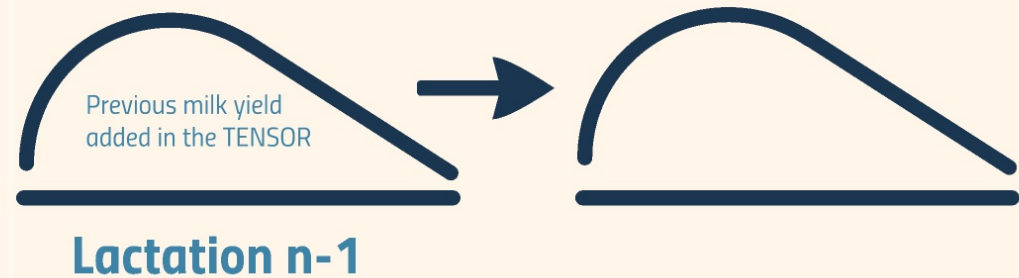
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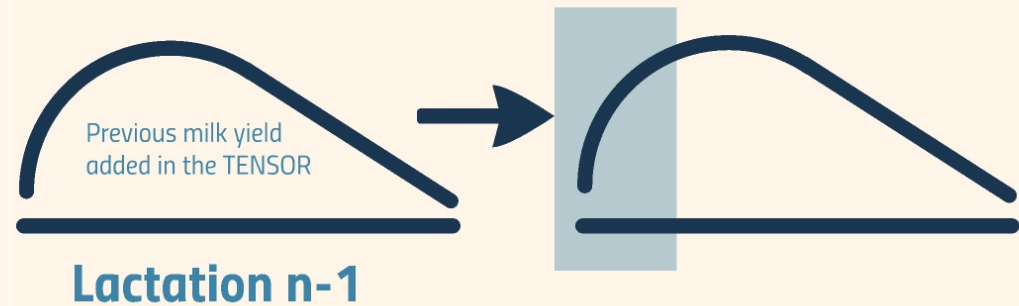
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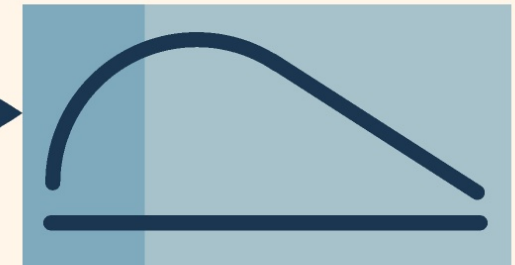
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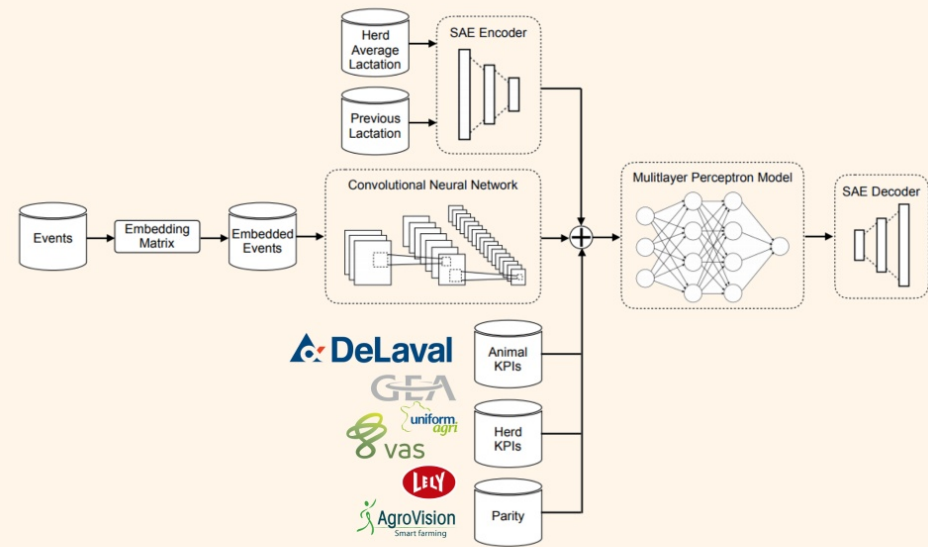


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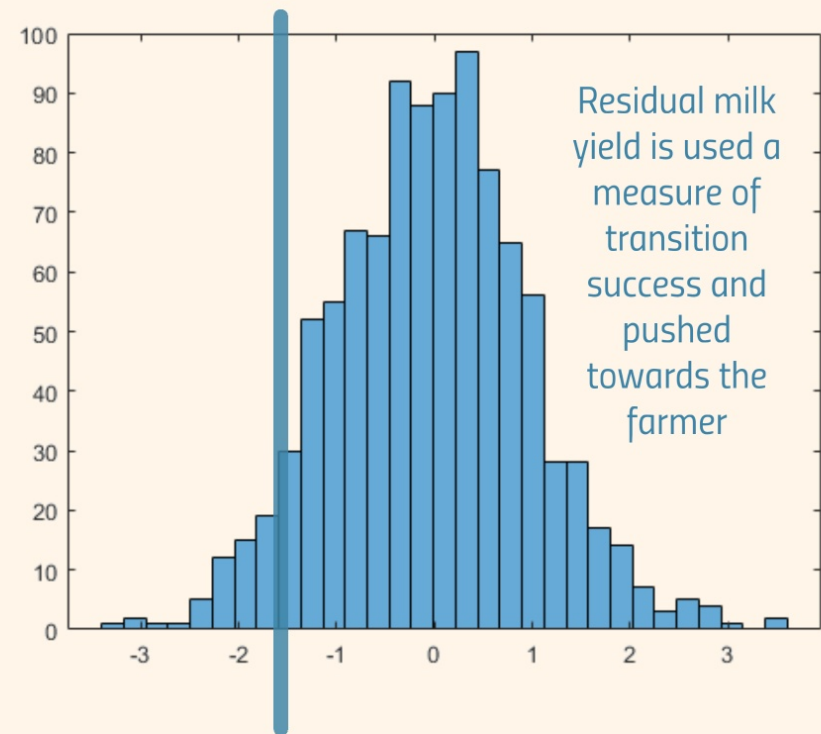
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Subsequent Lactation Milk Yield Predictor



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Further info

See sessions by

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