

Large-scale phenotyping from milk MIR spectra: **challenges to obtain reliable predictions**

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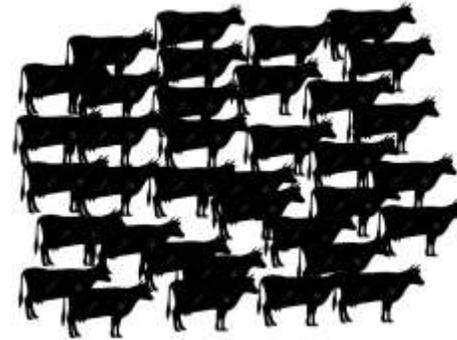
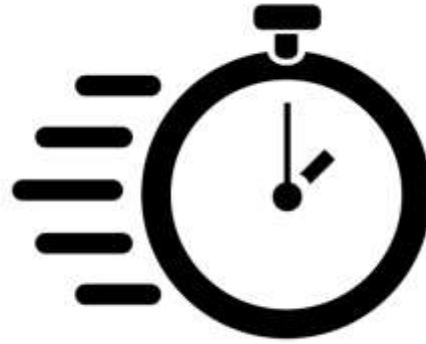
Prediction of phenotypes by MIR

- Fast
- Cost effective
- Easy to use in routine

Potentially usable for large scale applications

- Management of cows
- Genetic studies

→ Exponential researches to create MIR models



Context

Milk quality



Estimating Fatty Acid Content in Cow Milk Using Mid-Infrared Spectrometry

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Potential estimation of major mineral contents in cow milk using mid-infrared spectrometry

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Prediction of individual milk proteins including free amino acids in bovine milk using mid-infrared spectroscopy and their correlations with milk processing characteristics

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Technological properties



Prediction of coagulation properties, titratable acidity, and pH of bovine milk using mid-infrared spectroscopy

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Potential use of milk mid-infrared spectra to predict individual methane emission of dairy cows

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Mid-infrared prediction of lactoferrin content in bovine milk: potential indicator of mastitis

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The potential of Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy of milk samples to predict energy intake and efficiency in dairy cows¹

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Development of Fourier transform mid-infrared calibrations to predict acetone, β -hydroxybutyrate, and citrate contents in bovine milk through a European dairy network

C. Grelet,¹ C.
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Prediction and validation of residual feed intake and dry matter intake in Danish lactating dairy cows using mid-infrared spectroscopy of milk

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Assessing the effect of pregnancy stage on milk composition of dairy cows using mid-infrared spectra

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Outliers, detection of contaminants



Use of a multivariate moving window PCA for the untargeted detection of contaminants in agro-food products, as exemplified by the detection of melamine levels in milk using vibrational spectroscopy

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Milk origin determination



Building of prediction models by using Mid-Infrared spectroscopy and fatty acid profile to discriminate the geographical origin of sheep milk

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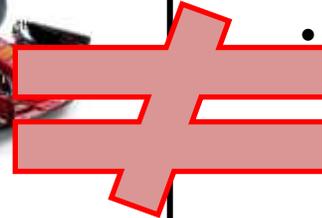


However...

Huge difference between

Developing a model in a research context

- Objective:
 - Evaluate a potential
 - Publication
- Development
 - Research herds
 - **With one or few herds, diets, breeds, countries, MIR instruments**
- Evaluation
 - **Performances** (highest R^2 , I



Using a model to generate predictions at a large scale

- Objective:
 - Generate correct predictions in all cases
- Evaluation:
 - **Robustness: capacity to be “all terrain” and provide good results in various conditions**

Potential issue when using research models



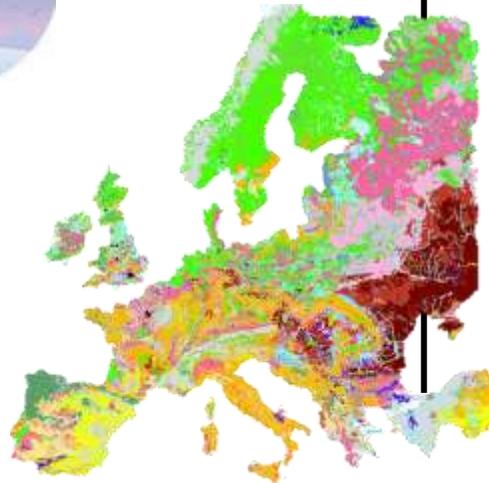
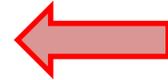
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Objective...

Evaluate the impact of different factors on Robustness :

- Inclusion of variability in the model (breeds, days in milk...)
- Extrapolation (& sampling scheme)
- Model development (spectral areas)
- Spectral standardization

Evaluated by :

- Error in external validation (RMSEP)



Inclusion of Variability



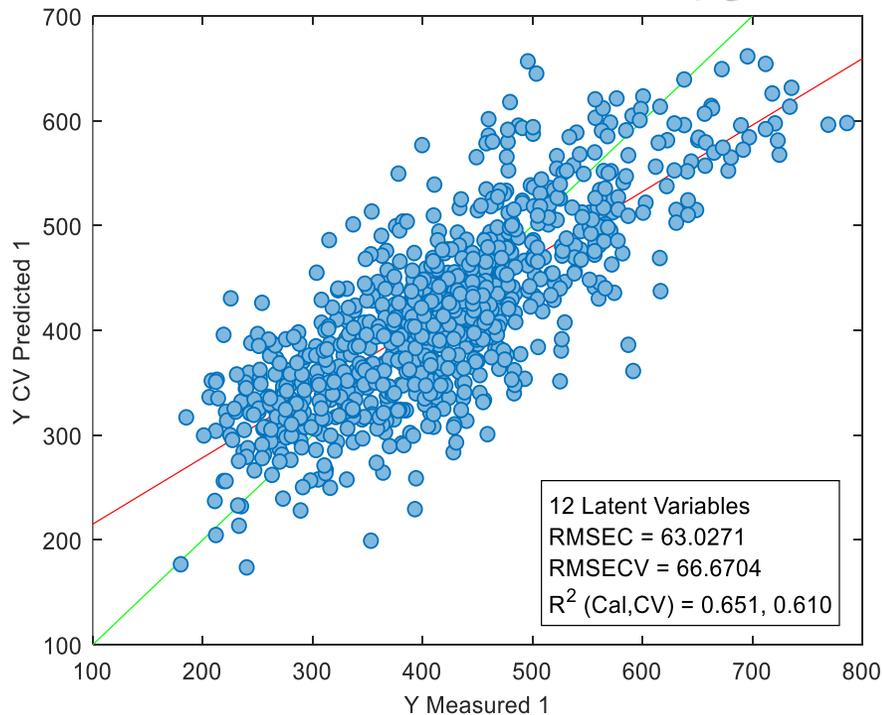
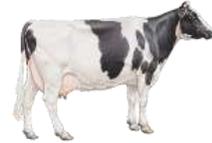
Effect of breeds in the model

Dataset used: CH₄ by dairy cows

- 225 Holsteins



Step 1 : calibration with 225



RMSEcv = 67 g/d

External validation with 20



RMSEP = 85 g/d



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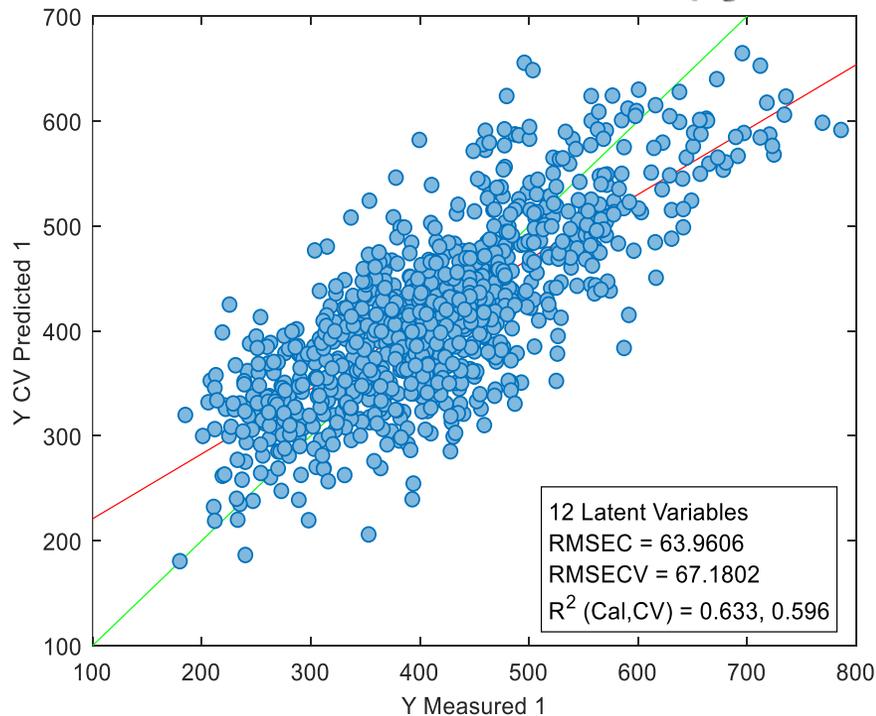
- 225 Holsteins



Step 2 : calibration with 225



+ 19



RMSEcv = 67 g/d

External validation with 20



RMSEP = 69 g/d

-19%



“IR models can only predict what they know”

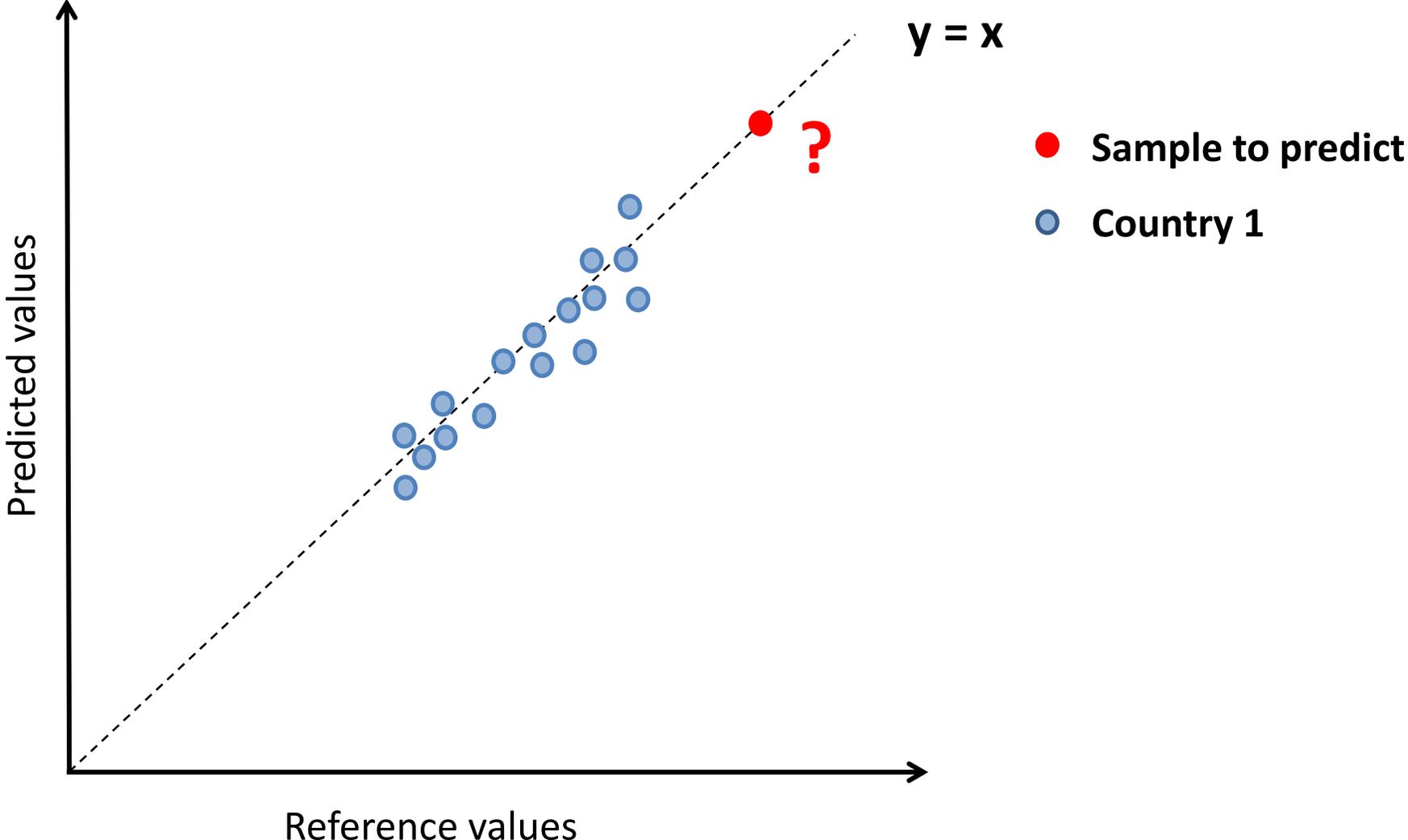
Pierre Dardenne

“Extrapolation is dangerous!”

IR maxim

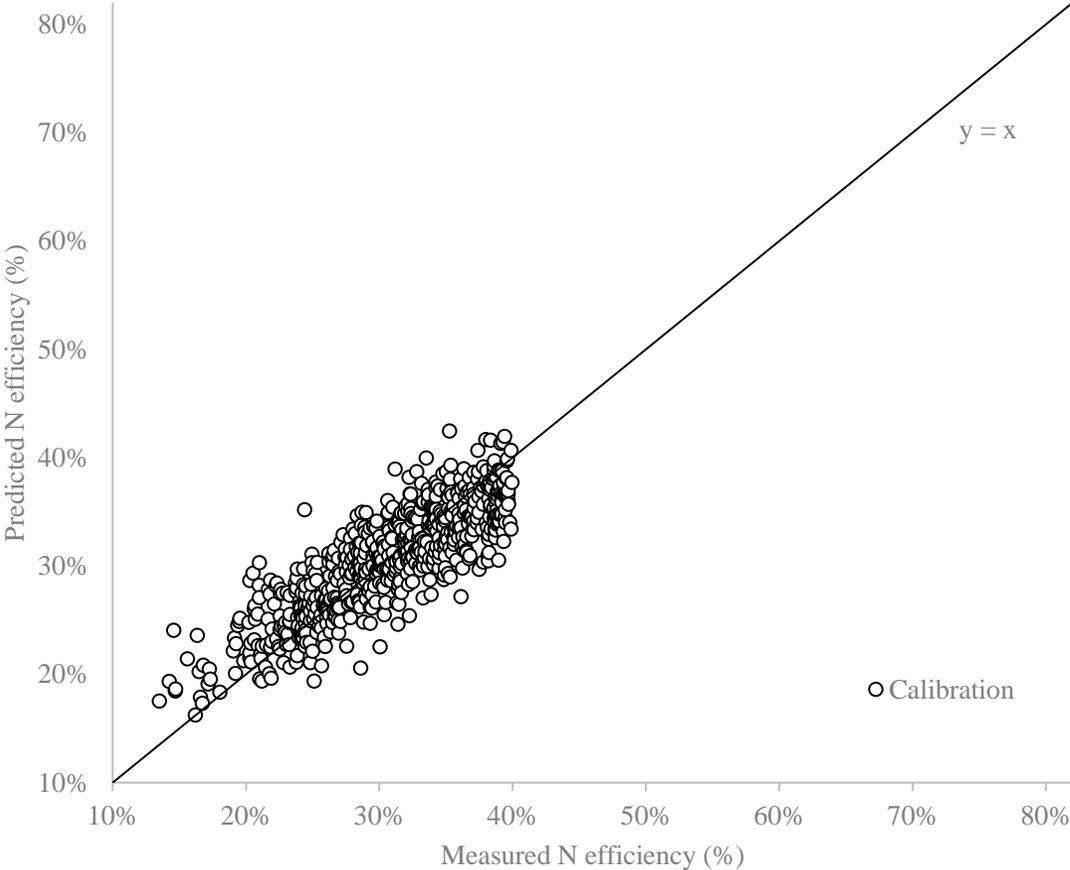


Cover the Y (reference data) range

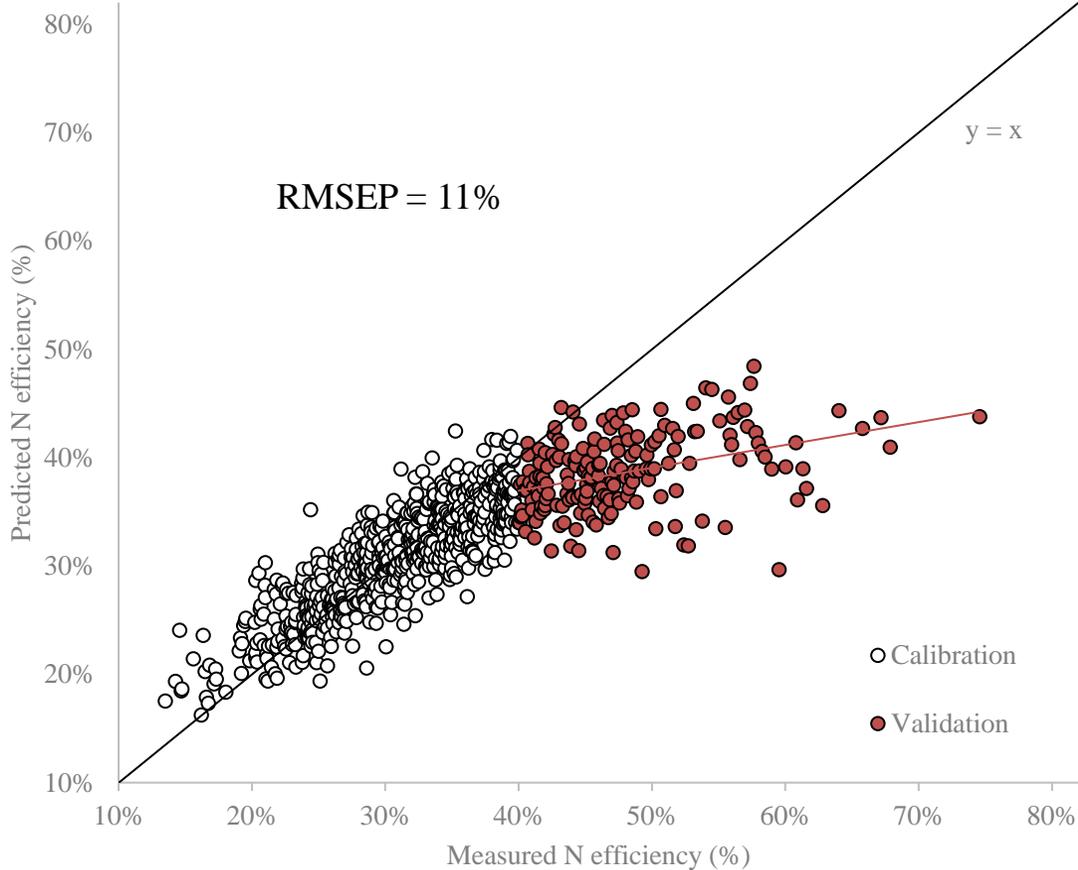


Cover the Y (reference data) range – test with N efficiency model

Calibration with expected values : 10 to 40%

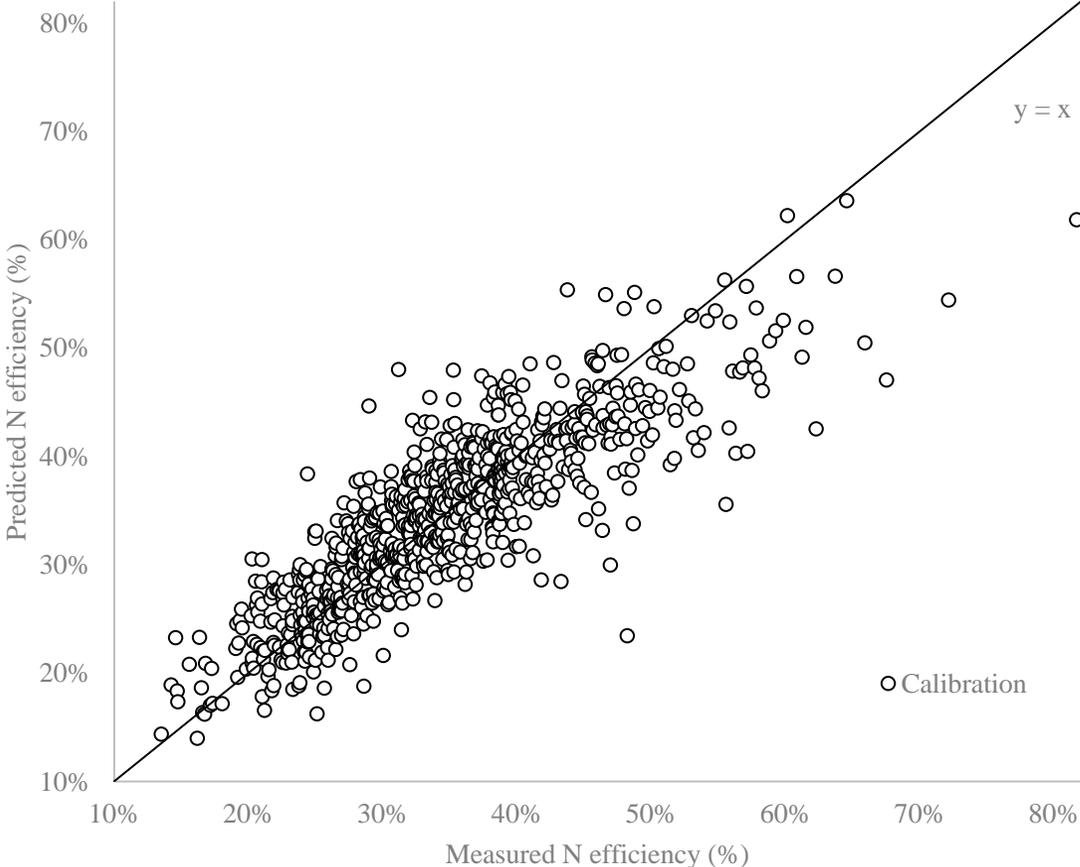


Test with extreme high values

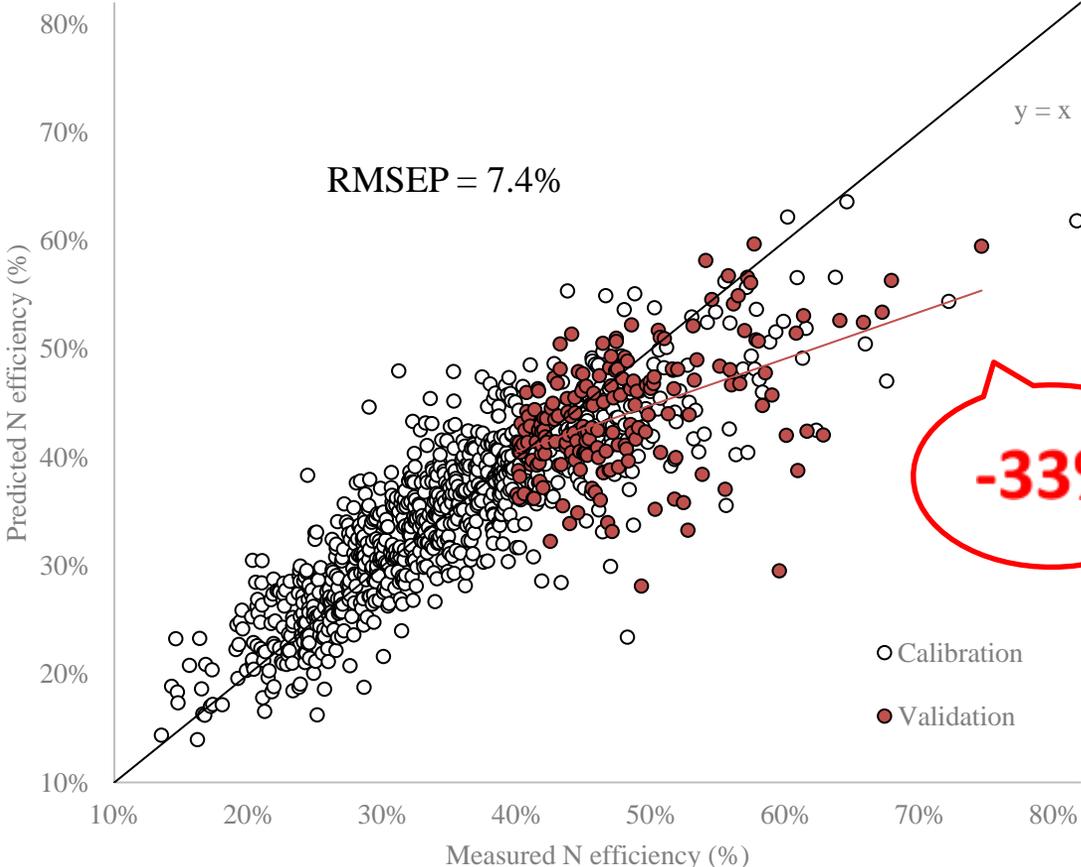


Cover the Y (reference data) range – test with N efficiency model

Calibration with expected and extreme high values : 10 to 80%



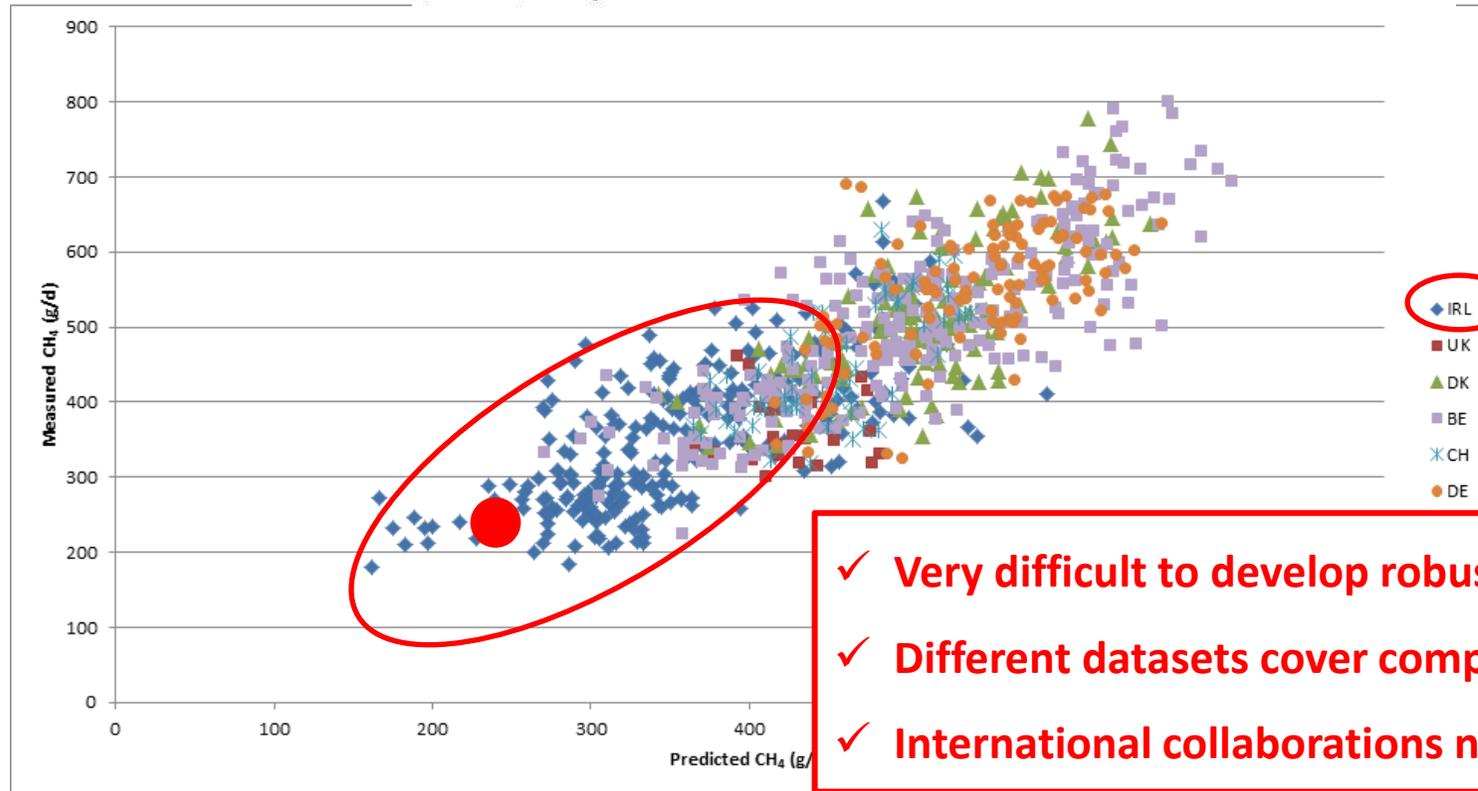
Test with extreme high values



Methane model :

Hot topic: Innovative lactation-stage-dependent prediction of methane emissions from milk mid-infrared spectra

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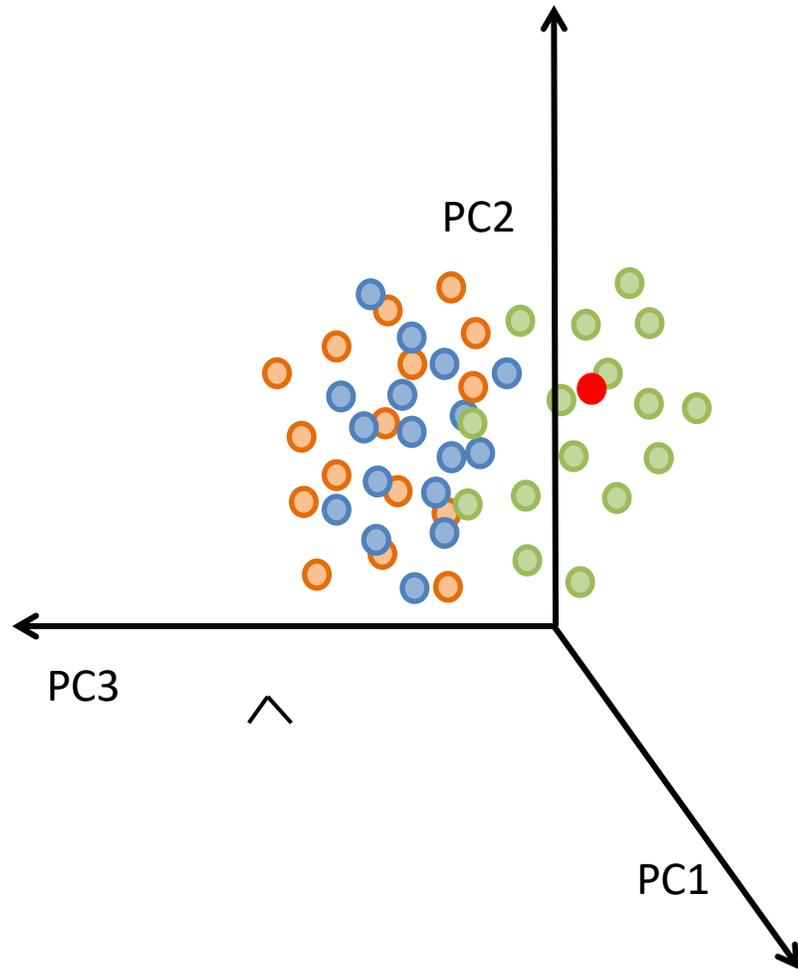


✓ Very difficult to develop robust model in only one country!
 ✓ Different datasets cover complementary variability
 ✓ International collaborations needed!

Constituent	N	Mean	SD	R ² c	R ² cv	SEC	SECV
CH ₄	863	459	123	0.71	0.67	66	71



Cover the X (spectral data) range

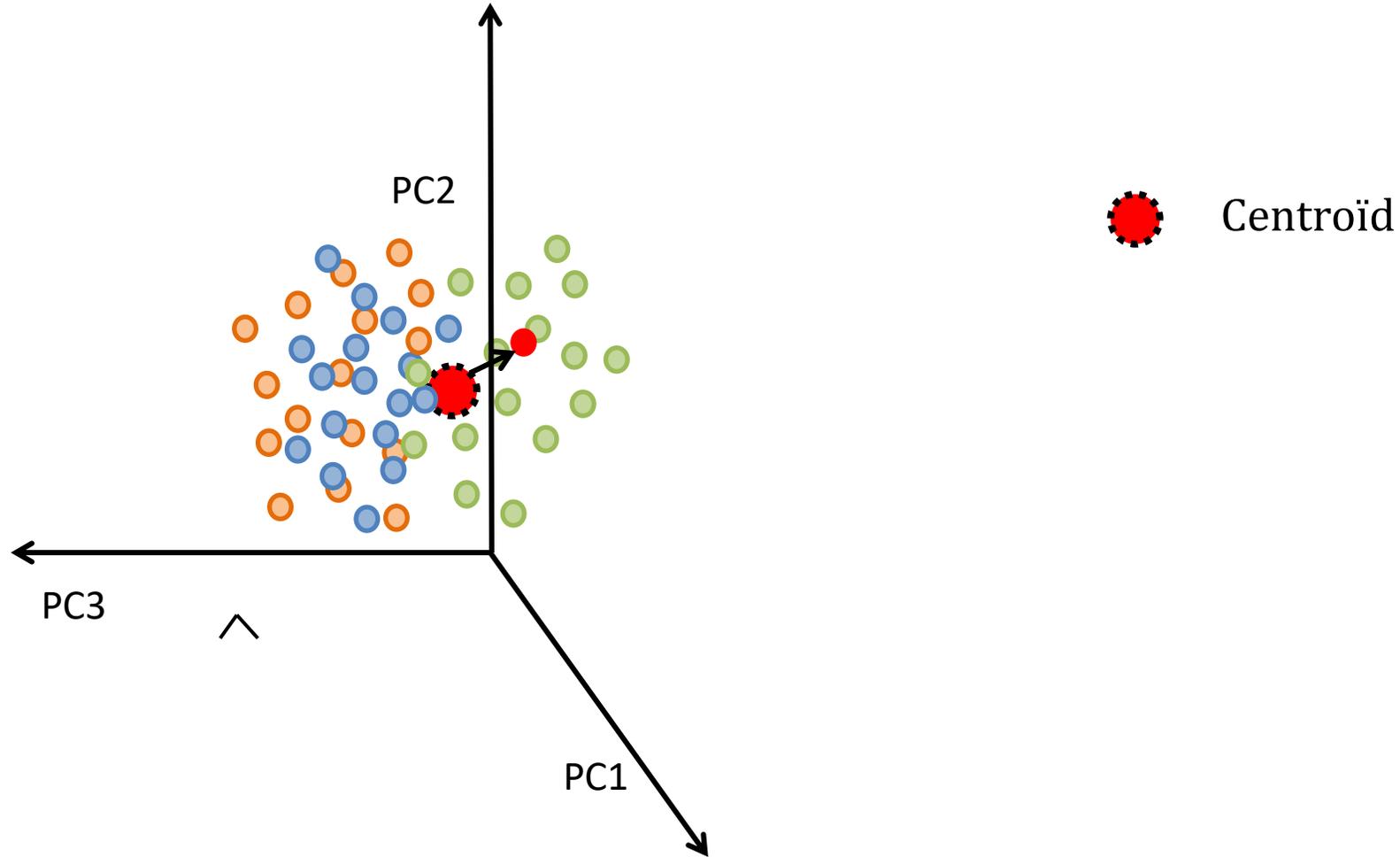


- Sample to predict
- Country 1
- Country 2
- Country 3



Mahalanobis distances (GH):

Distance of a sample to the centroid of the dataset



Effect of sampling method

Dataset used: Lactoferrin



- 3506 as a global calibration population

→ Selection of 200 samples to develop a model

Random selection

Oriented selection, to cover
the spectral variability
(extreme GH)

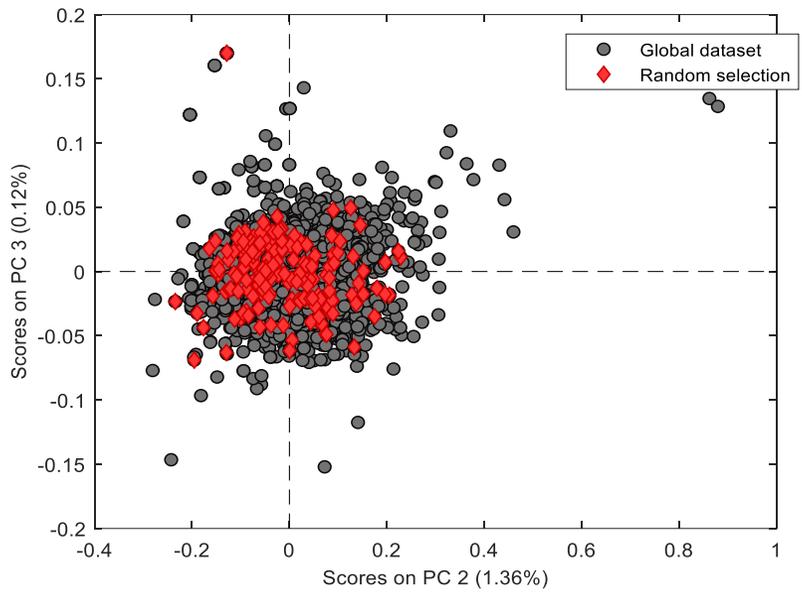
External validation with 400 samples





Random selection

Selection



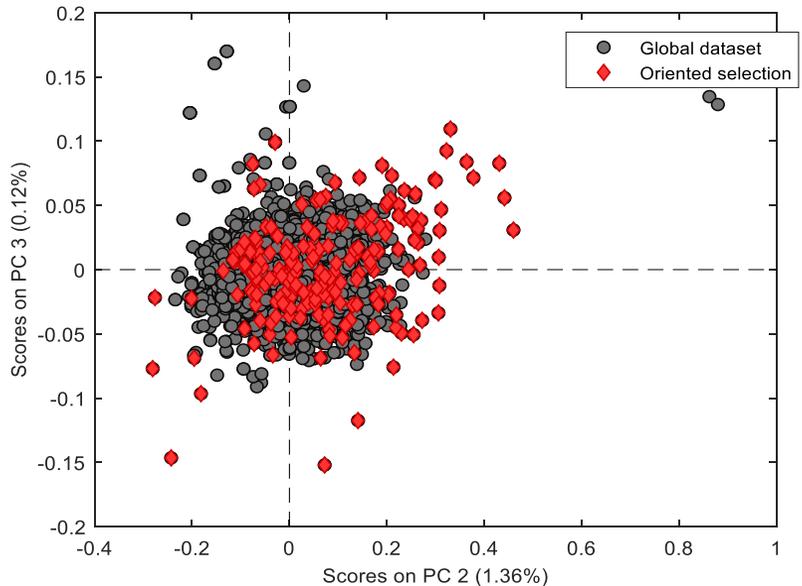
Cross-validation

RMSEcv = 126 g/L

External-validation
(400 external samples)

- **RMSEP = 170 g/L**
- 6.6% samples out of the range (GH>3)

Oriented selection

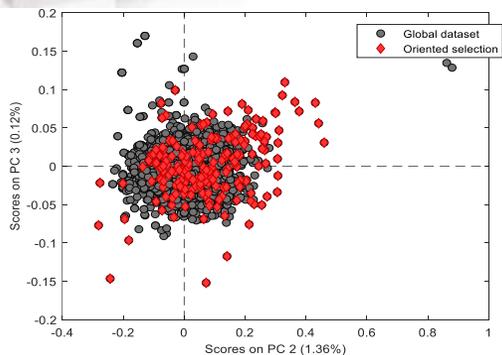


RMSEcv = 176 g/L

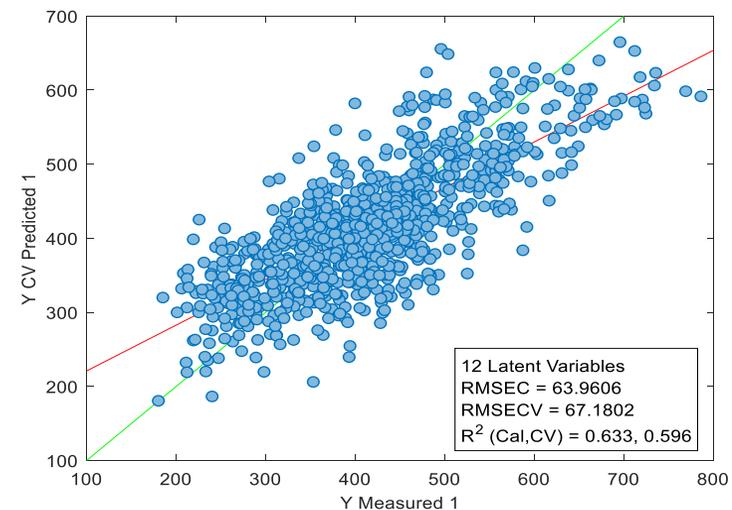
- **RMSEP = 146 g/L**
- 1.6% samples out of the range (GH<3)

-14%

IR models can only predict what they know



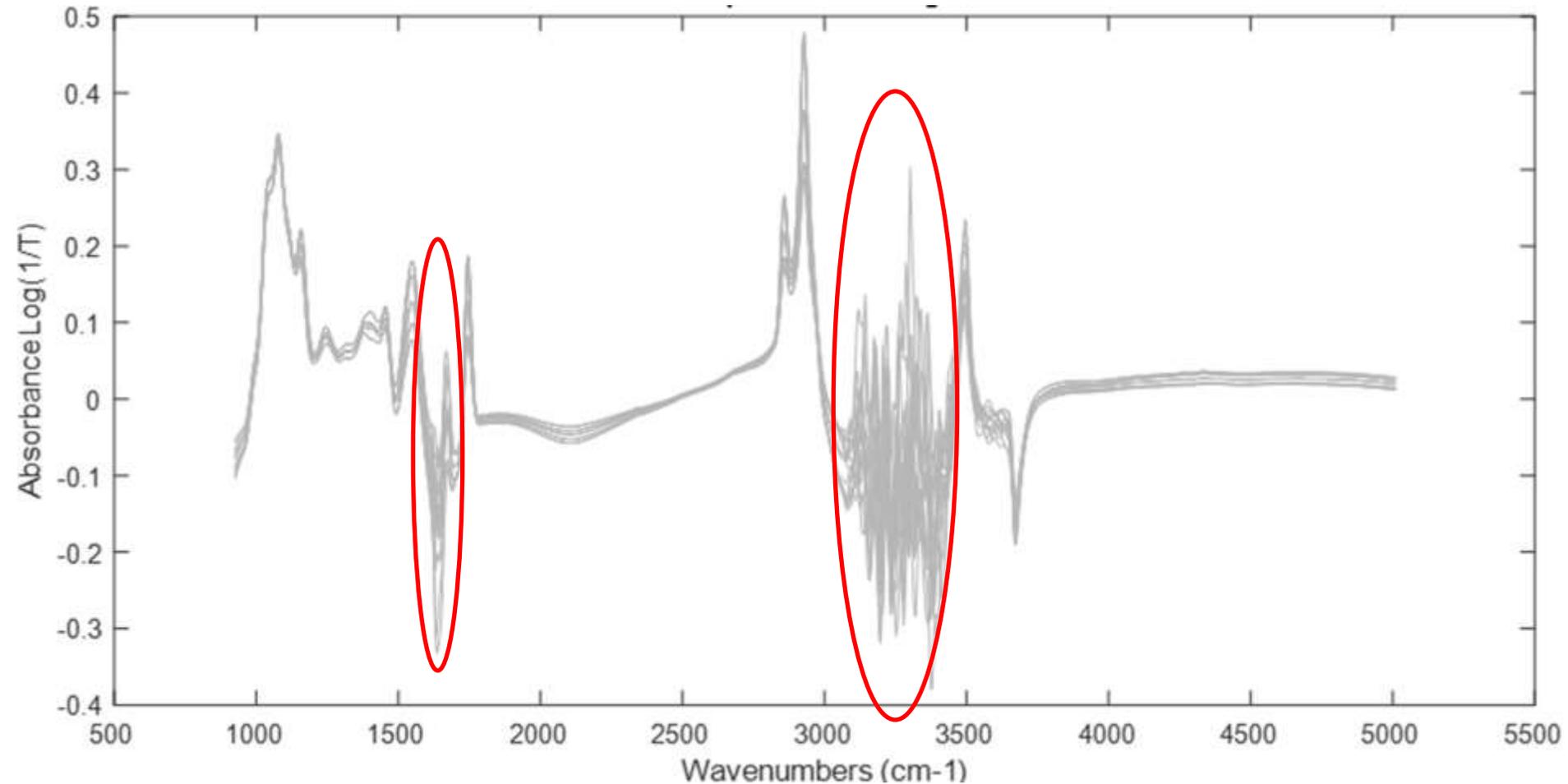
Robust models



Effect of model development: Wavenumber selection

Noisy areas induced by water absorption

→ usually considered without valuable information and not used



Effect of model development: Wavenumber selection



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Research

Genome-wide association study for milk infrared wavenumbers

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Genetic and environmental variation in bovine milk infrared spectra

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Genetic analysis of the Fourier-transform infrared spectra of bovine milk with emphasis on individual wavelengths related to specific chemical bonds

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Diagnosing pregnancy status using infrared spectra and milk composition in dairy cows

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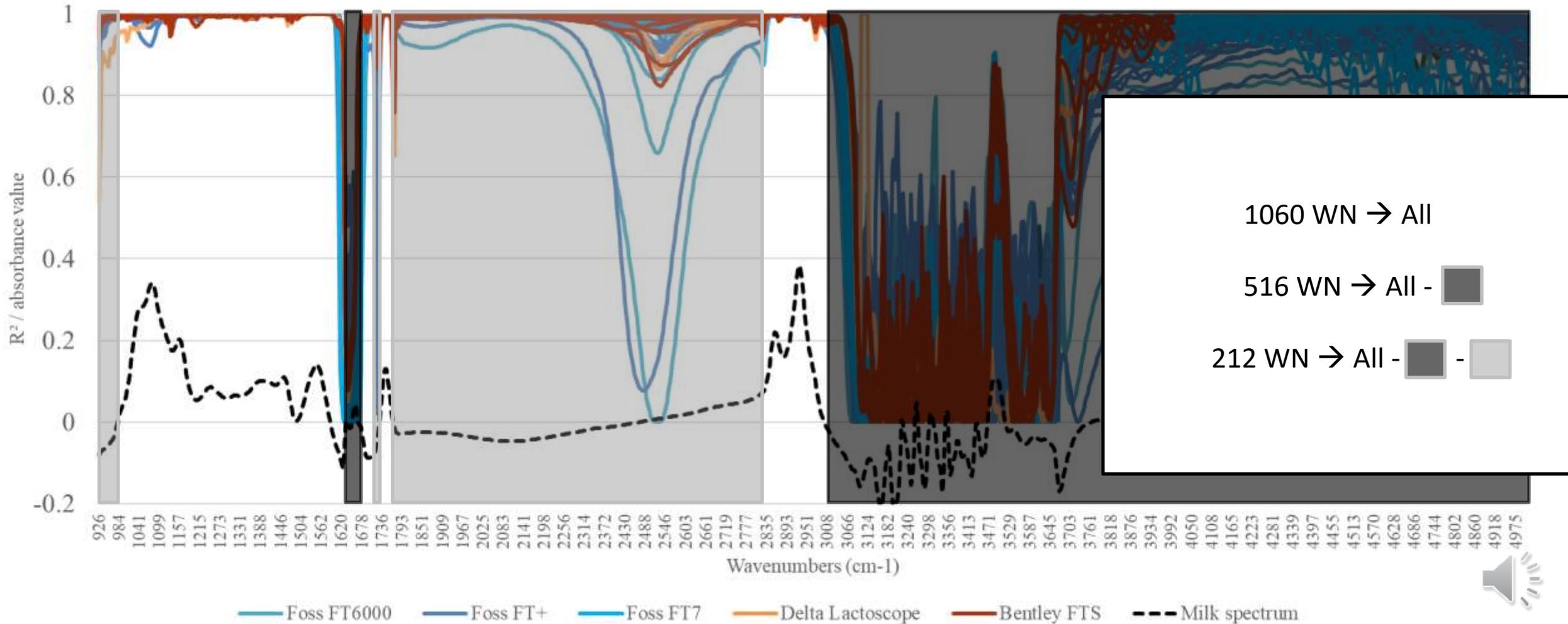
But recent studies concluding with the presence of valuable information within those noisy regions



Effect of model development: Wavenumber selection

5 identical samples analyzed on 83 instruments (72 Foss + 10 Bentley + 1 Delta)

For each wavenumber, correlation between the absorbance values of a reference and the others instruments



Effect of model development: Wavenumber selection

Dataset used: C18_1 cis9 fatty acid



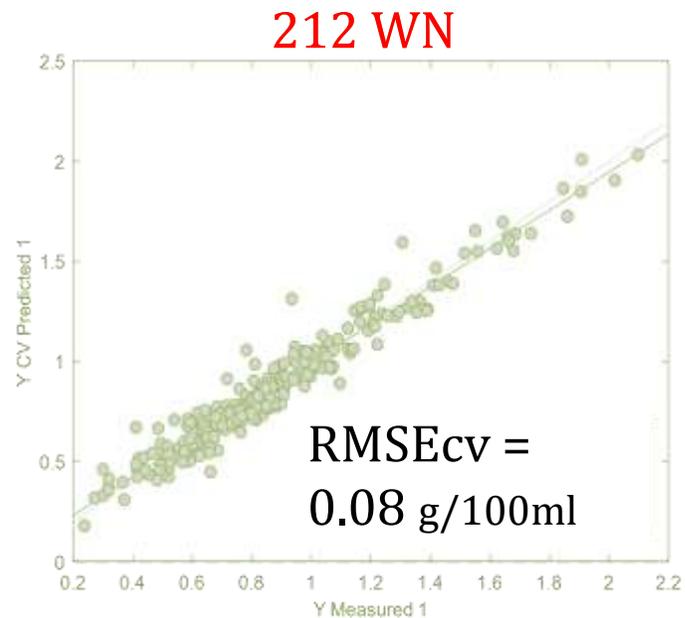
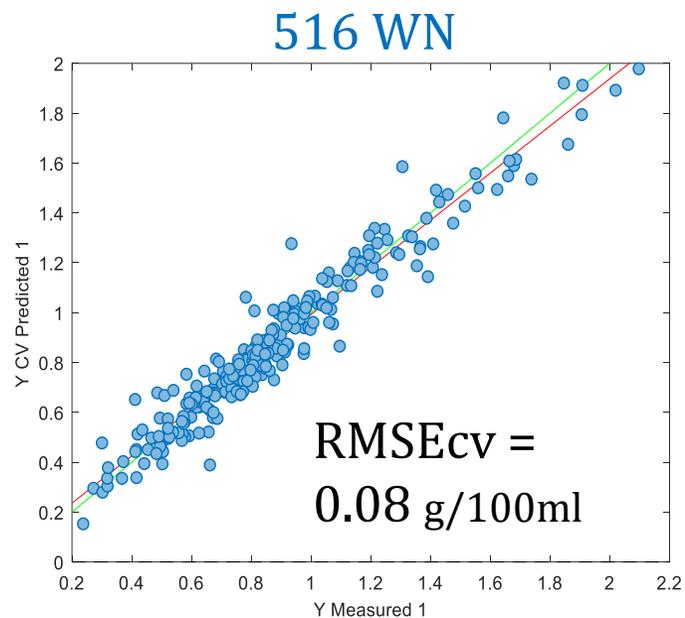
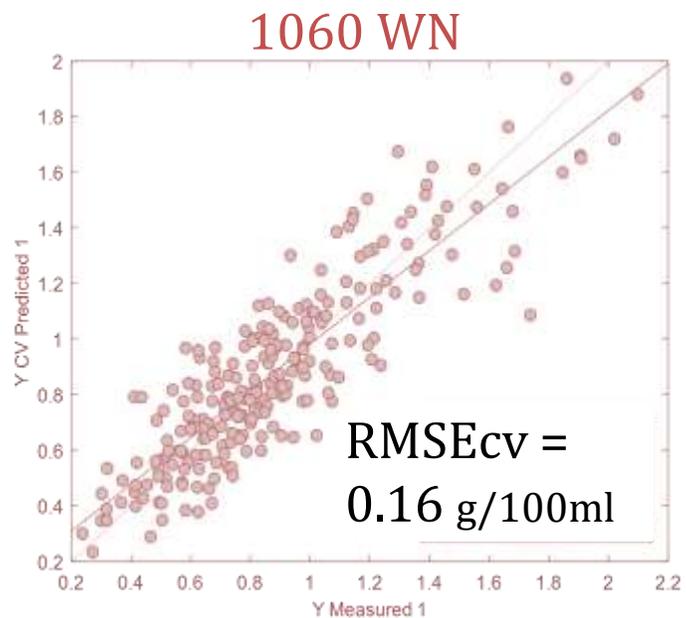
- 250 samples in calibration
- 1572 samples in external validation

Same number of PLS factors

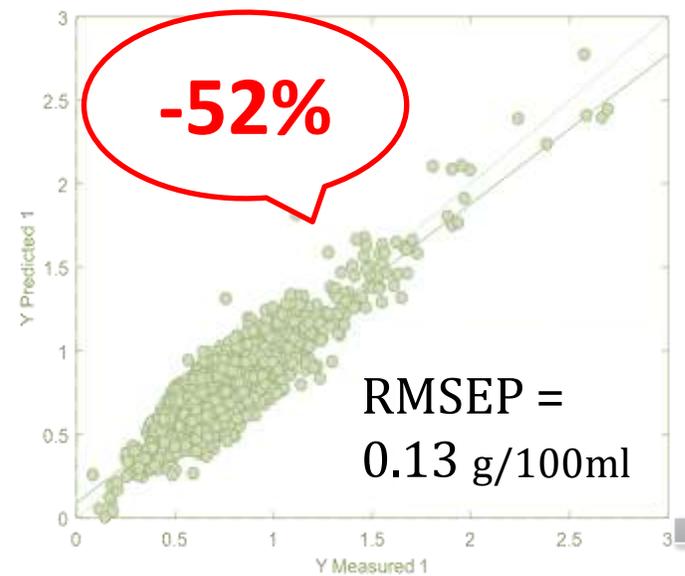
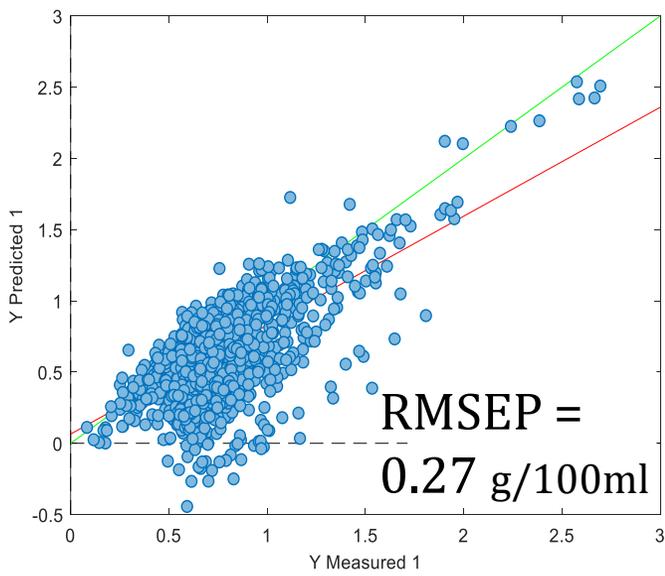
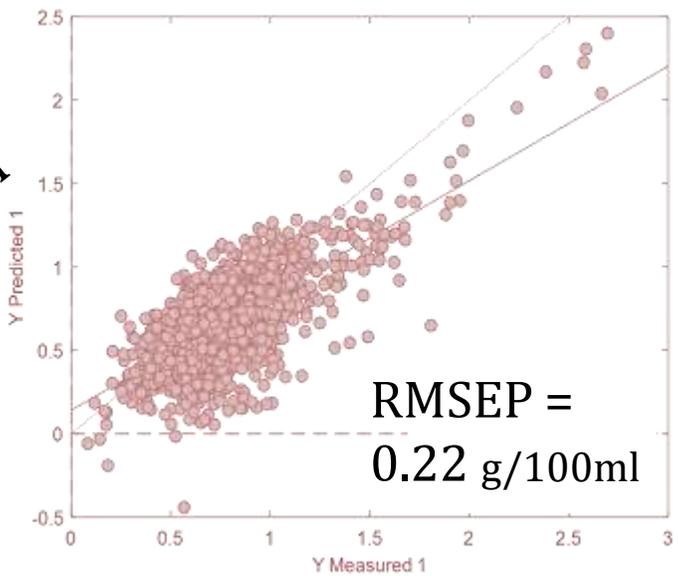




Calibration



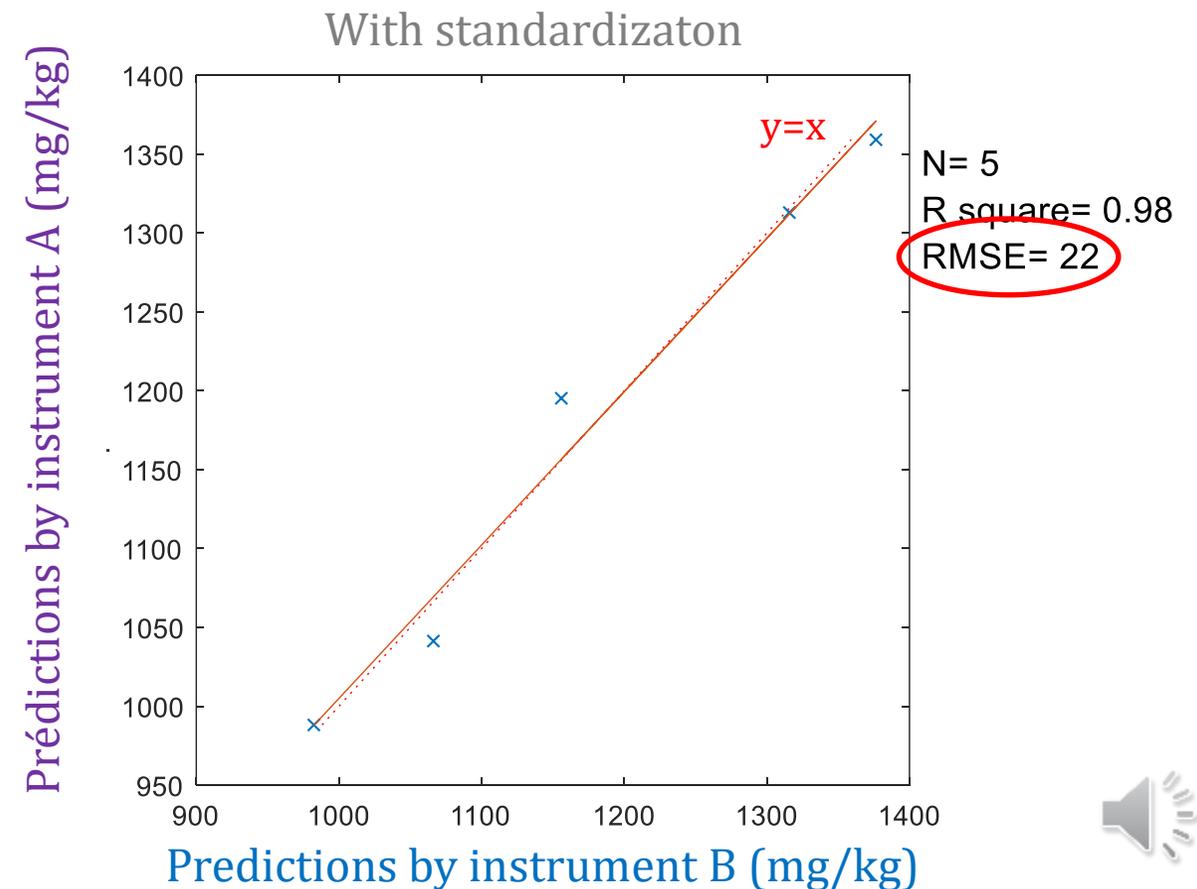
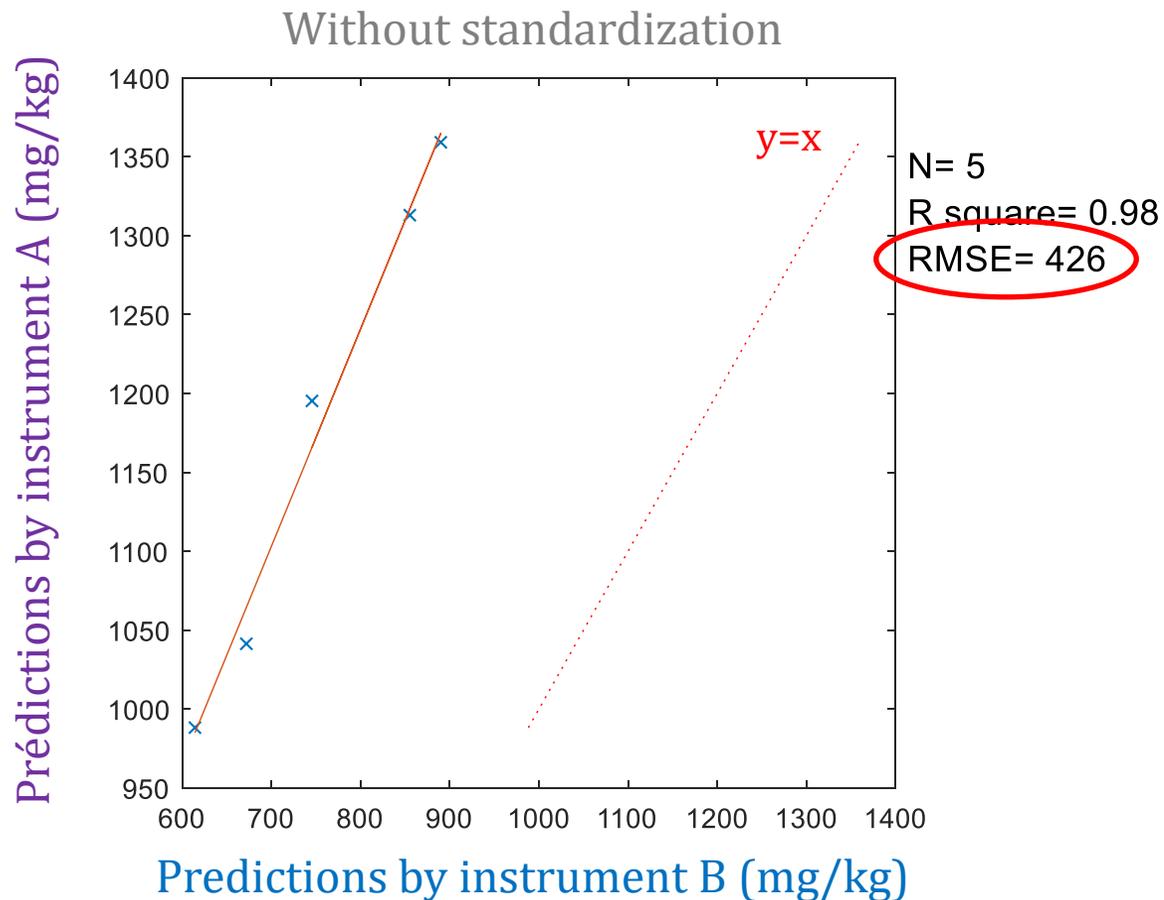
External validation



Spectral standardization

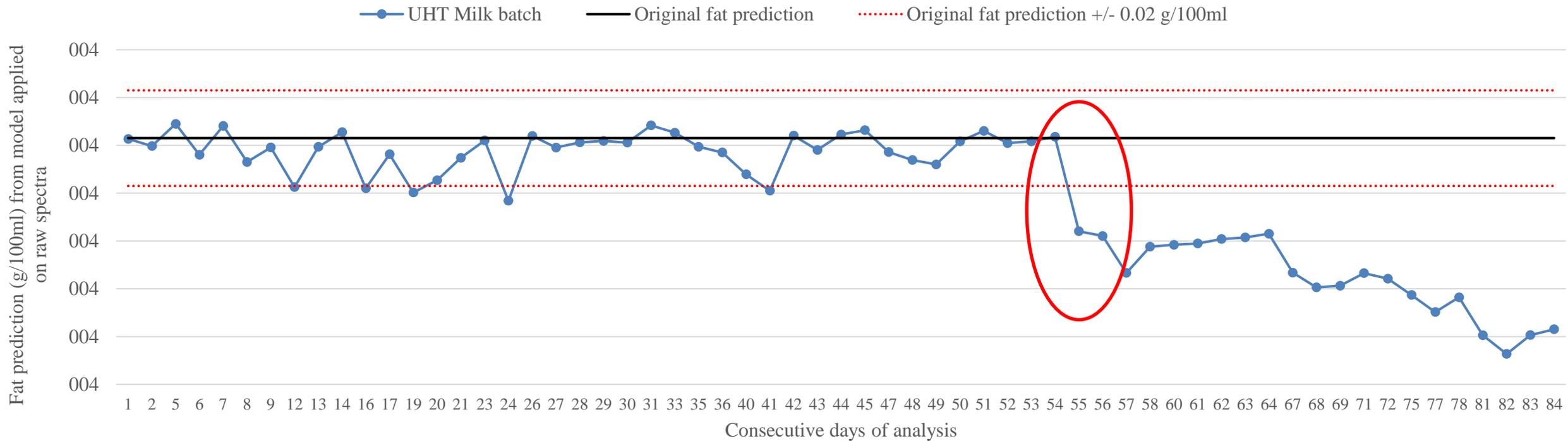


- Calcium model developed on instrument A
- Model applied on instrument B after analysis of common samples



Spectral Daily monitoring

- Monitoring of the daily spectral stability of each individual instrument in between two standardization



Take home message

This is only examples, with specific datasets...

...but highlight some elements to take into account

- ✓ Look for variability (reference and spectral data)
- ✓ **Collaboration to merge datasets!!!**
- ✓ Reliability of spectral areas
- ✓ Standardization & spectral monitoring



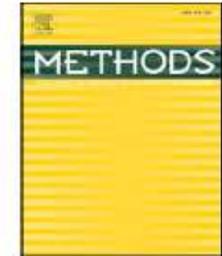
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