



Blood BHB determination by mid infrared spectroscopy for the monitoring of the cows metabolic activity and detection of subclinical ketosis – a new approach

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Presentation outline

- Why testing for Blood BHB?
- Understanding the limitations of current analytical methods
- Protocol & theory for the development of a Blood BHB PLS MIR calibration
- Identification of the factors influencing the Milk & Blood BHB content
- Identification of the milk components correlated to Blood BHB
- Field implementations and interpretation of the results (OXYGEN and FIDOCL/INRA/VetAgroSup research programs)
- A new probabilistic approach
- Conclusions

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Why testing for ketosis?

■ Subclinical ketosis → Blood BHB > 1.2 mmol/L (= 12,5 mg/dl)

- Decrease in milk production (-300 to -450 kg/lactation) (Duffield, 2000)
- Modification of the milk composition (fat↑, protein↓, fatty acids profile...)
- Impaired reproduction with conception rate at AI1 down -3 to 35% (Fourichon et al, 2000)
- Increased risk for other metabolic disorder (clinical ketosis, displaced abomasum, metritis...)
- Increased severity and duration of mastitis cases with depletion of the immune system
- Indirectly increases culling rate
- **Cost per case 250-600 EUR depending of the conditions**

→ Ketosis can significantly impact farm profitability and animal welfare

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Why predicting Blood BHB instead of Milk Ketone bodies(Acetone/BHB)?

- **Blood BHB = Gold Standard** but invasive and not systematic
- **Milk Acetone** is very volatile and in very low concentration in milk
- **Milk BHB** is more stable than acetone but levels are also very low, close to the IR detection limit

$\text{mg/dL} = (\text{mmol/L})/0.097$: (0.10 – 0,60 mmol/L) = (1,04–6,24 mg/dl!!) << urea (10-100 mg/dl)

- **Milk BHB** content decreases also rapidly if the milk not stored at 4°C right after milking
- Correlation (r) between milk and blood BHB very variable (0,00-0,87) (*Enjalbert et al. 2001*)

Cc: Milk Acetone & BHB determination by IR present some major drawbacks because of their volatility, very low concentration levels, and very variable correlation with blood BHB

A NEW GLOBAL METABOLIC SPECTRAL APPROACH (proprietary):

Prediction of the Blood BHB content by identifying and modeling the milk composition overall variations induced directly or indirectly by the metabolic disorder under consideration

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Study Protocol:

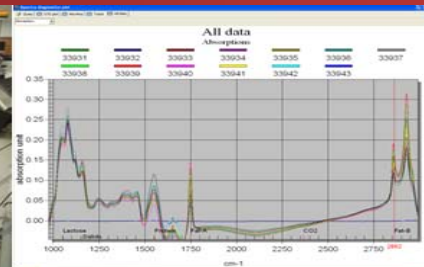
- 696 Holstein individual cows tested for blood BHB (Optium Xceed) over a 6 months period (DIM<100)
- Blood taken from the coccygeal vein
- Samples cooled down immediately at 4°C after milking
- Milk samples tested on Bentley FTS analyzer at Oxygen laboratory within 12 hours to collect MIR spectra
- Identification of the interfering factors
- Development of a PLS model to predict Blood BHB based on the Milk spectra



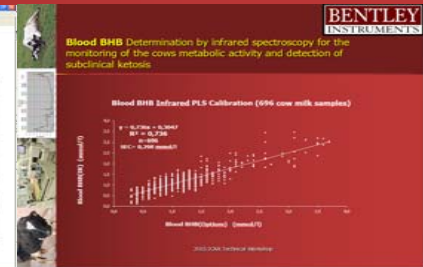
Optium Xceed reader



Bentley Ilaas Combi 600



MIR spectra



Blood BHB PLS Calibration

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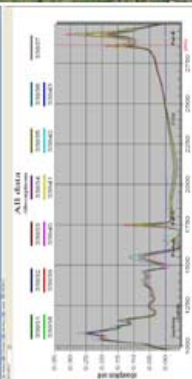
Influence of samples temperature on Milk BHB content

	Milk BHB temperature Stability	Milk BHB temperature Stability
Milking time	0,108 mmol/l	1,12 mg/dl
Analysis time	0,008 mmol/l	0,08 mg/dl << DL!!
Wi	↓0,10 (92% loss!)	↓1,04 (92% loss!)

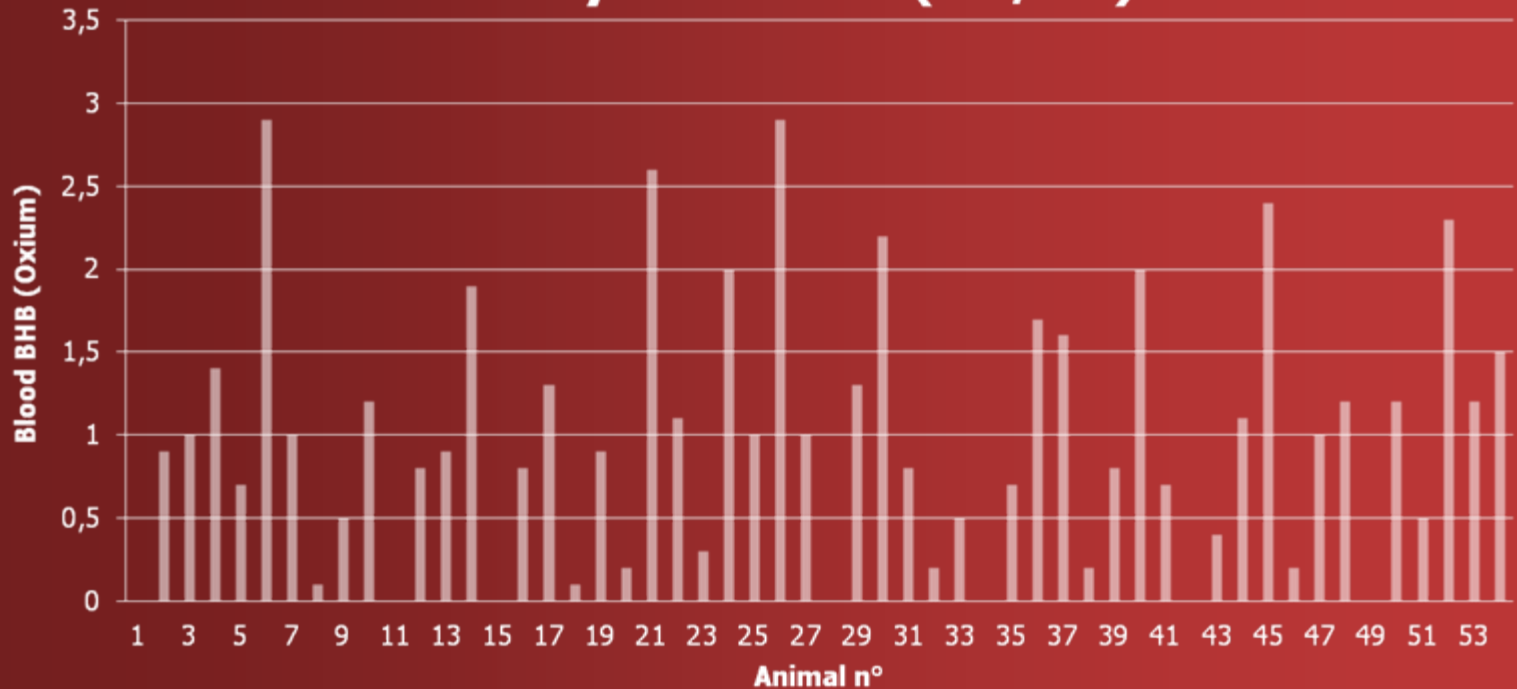
Cooling of the samples at 4°C right after milking slows down the BHB loss

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Evaluation of the Blood BHB daily variation (Optium)



Blood BHB daily Differential (AM/PM) on 54 cows

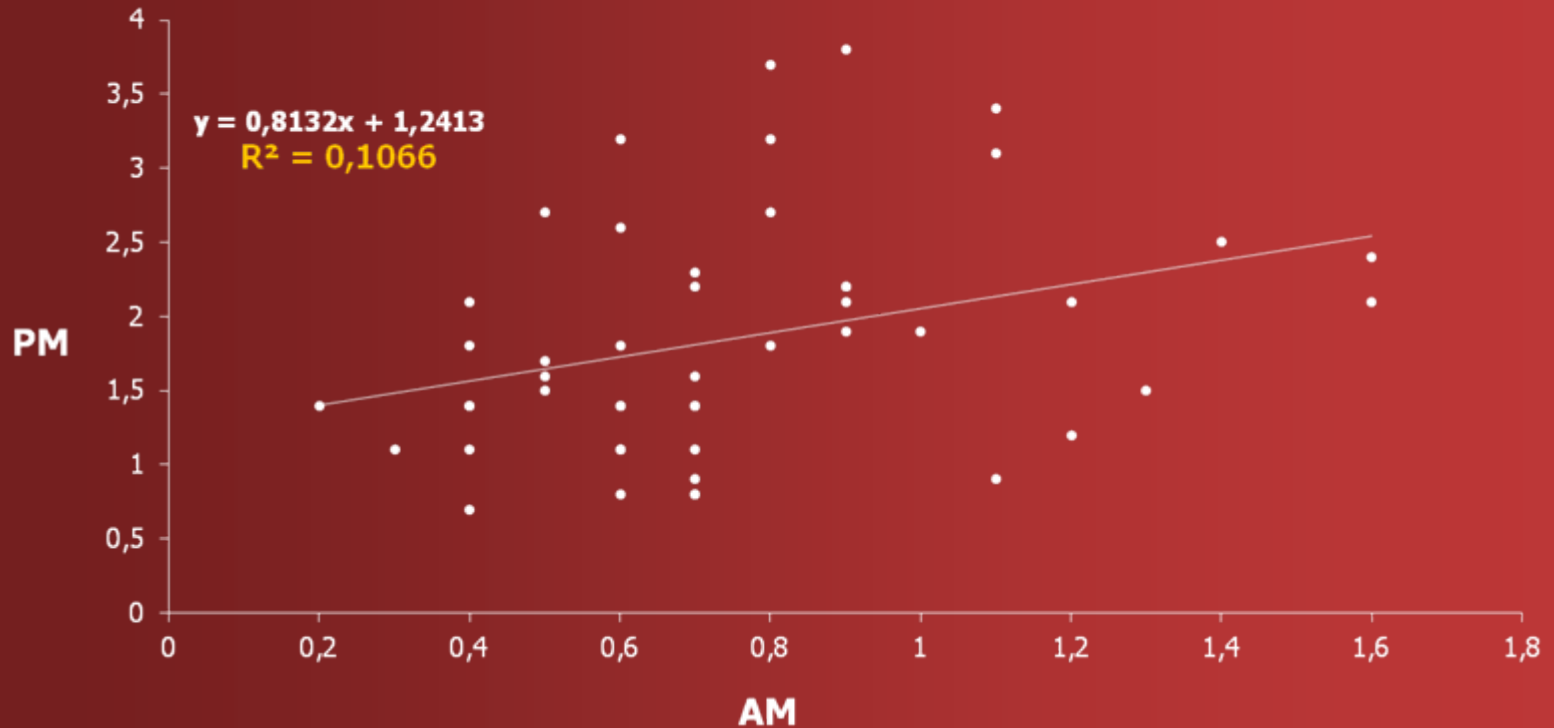


High potential variations between AM and PM Blood BHB

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- no correlation between AM and PM Blood BHB
- Blood BHB PM >> Blood BHB AM

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Blood BHB Daily Variations: 3 Cases

Cow	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	Mean BHB (mmol/l)
n°1	2,6	2,1	2,1	2,2	3,3	3,0	2,6
n°2	0,9	0,7	0,7	0,6	0,9	0,8	0,8
n°3	2,6	0,7	1,4	0,7	2	0,6	1,3

→ Blood BHB PM >> Blood BHB AM

→ Poor correlation ($r^2=0,11$) between Blood BHB AM and PM

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Relation between Blood and Milk BHB

n=280 (individual cows)

Mean Blood BHB = 1,043 mmol/L = 10,41 mg/dl

Mean Milk BHB = 0,058 mmol/l = 0,6 mg/dl < DL

Blood BHB > 13,6 x Milk BHB

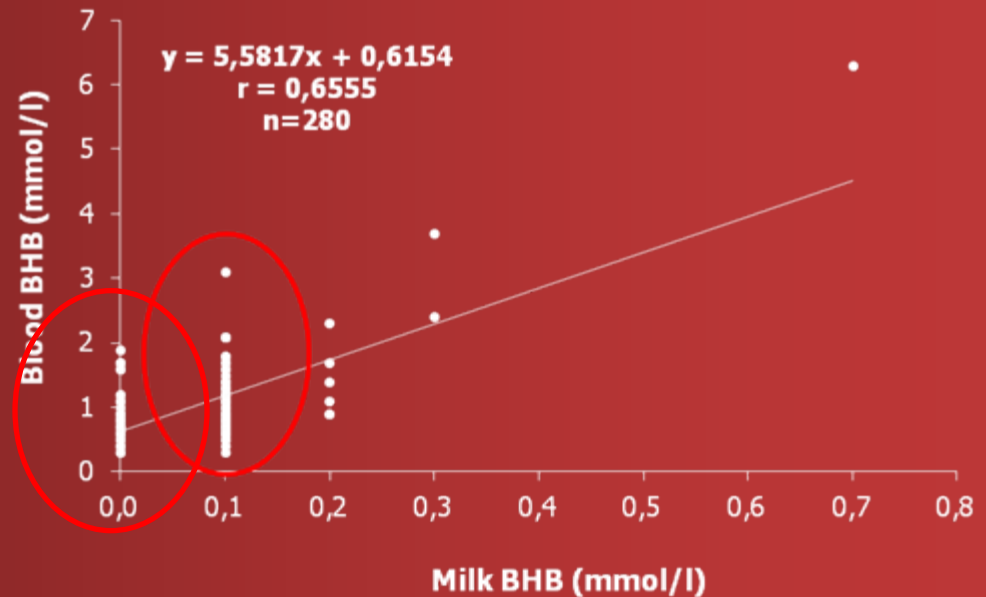
r=0,6555 (r=0,66* but can vary from 0 to 0,87)

Correlation between Milk and Blood BHB is very variable (0 to 0,87)

Enjalbert et al.

Journal Dairy Science, 2001 84:583-589

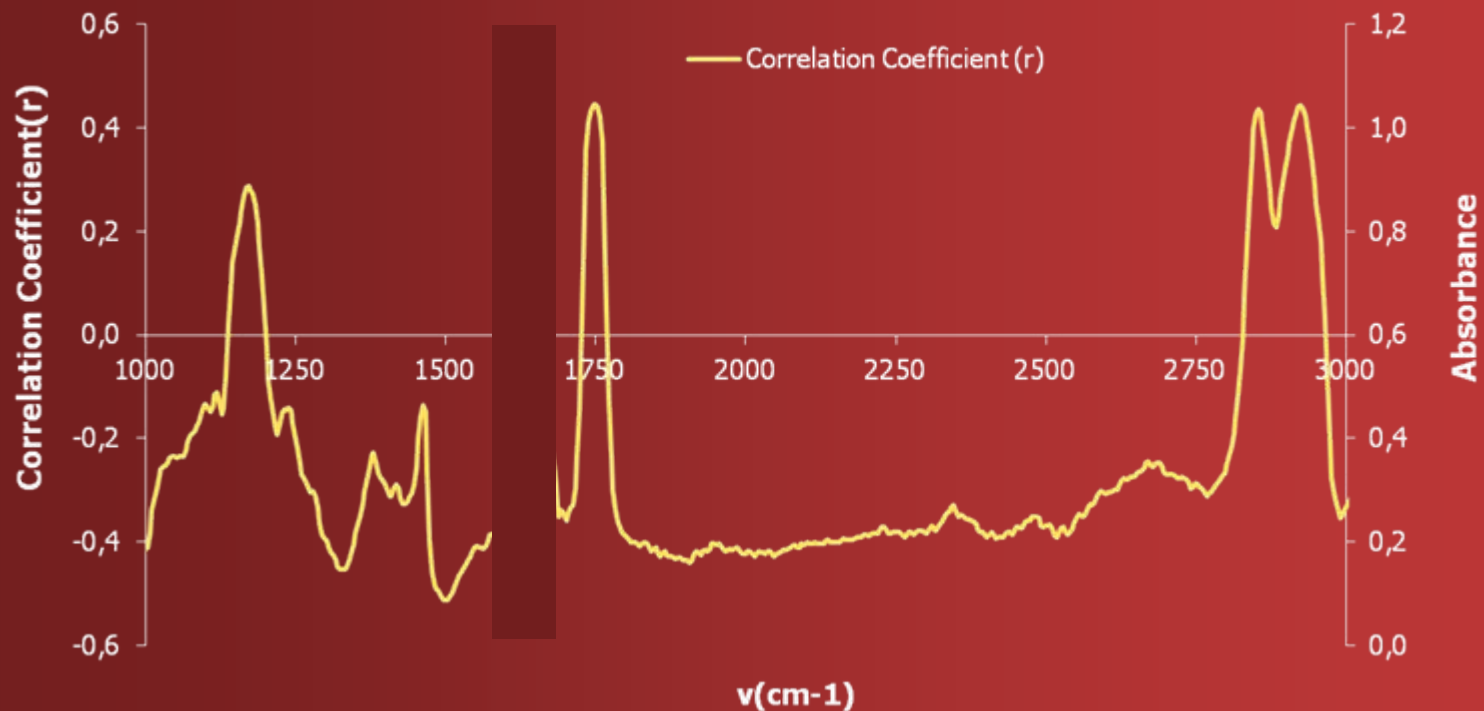
Blood BHB vs Milk BHB Concentration (Optium)



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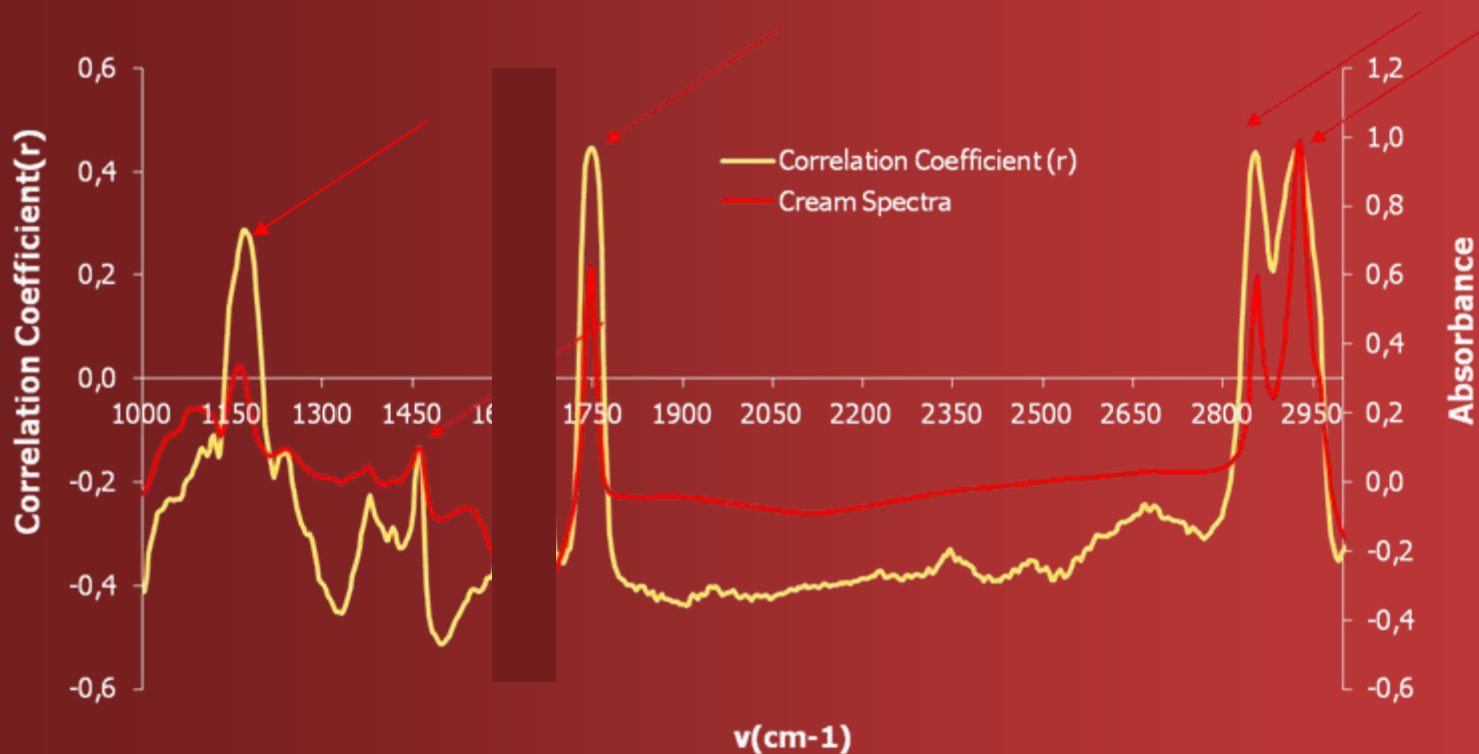
Correlation spectrum between Blood BHB Content and Milk Composition (696 samples)



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Comparison of Blood BHB/Milk Correlation spectrum and cream(fat) spectrum

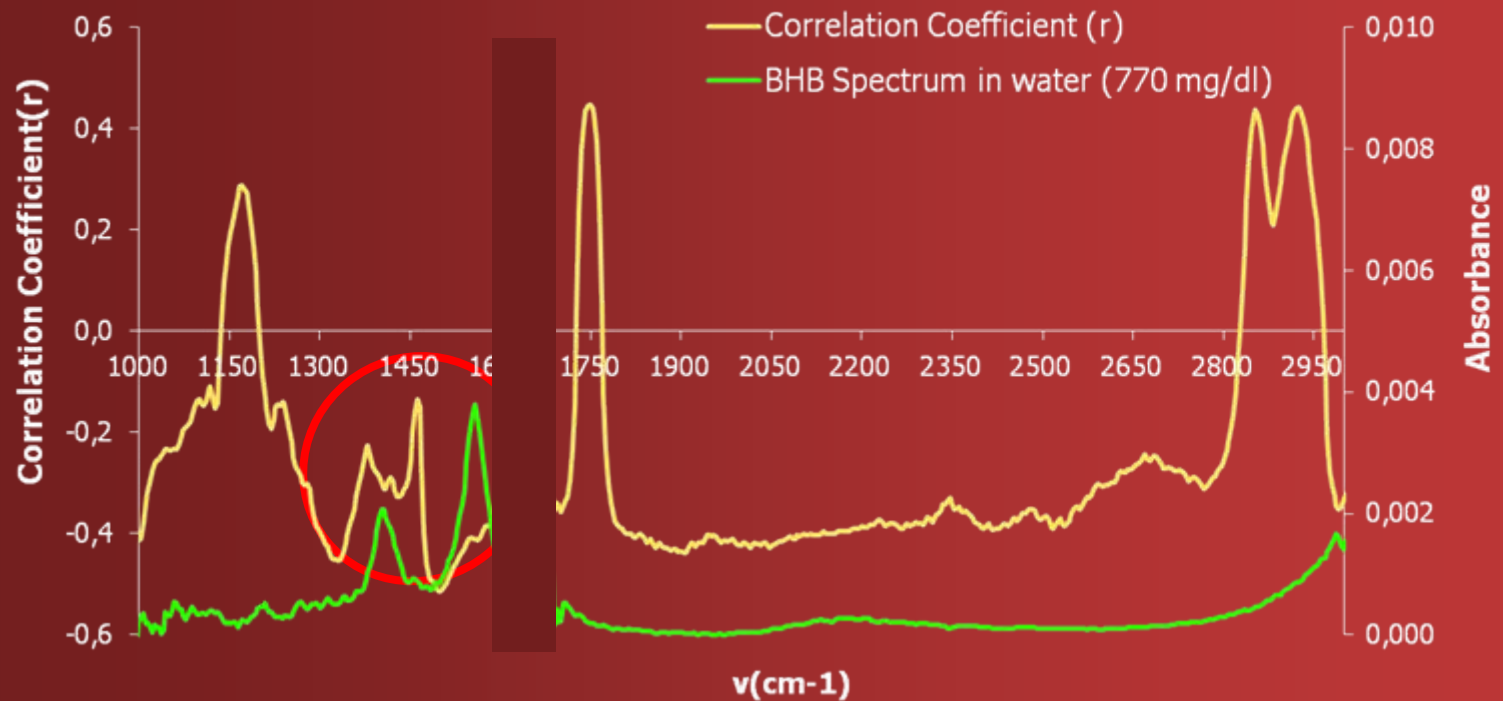


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Blood BHB/Milk Correlation spectrum and BHB spectrum



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Milk components most correlated with Blood BHB (696 samples)?

	r/BBHB(Optium)	BBHB <1,2	BBHB >1,2*	Wi	% Wi
Protein	-0,26	32,58	31,56↓	-1,02	-3,13%
Palmitic(C16:0)	-0,13	1,36	1,35=	-0,01	-0,81%
SCC	-0,12	165,00	114,00↓	-51,00	-30,91%
Saturated FA	-0,07	2,73	2,76	0,03	1,21%
Lactose	0,02	48,07	48,45↑	0,38	0,79%
Fat	0,15	41,73	43,34↑	1,61	3,86%
Poly Unsaturated FA	0,27	0,16	0,17	0,02	10,97%
Fat/Protein	0,39	1,279	1,379↑	0,100	7,82%
Unsaturated FA	0,47	1,20	1,35↑	0,15	12,50%↑
Mono Unsaturated FA	0,48	1,08	1,20↑	0,12	11,11%↑
Oleic (C18:1)	0,52	0,84	0,96↑	0,13	15,21%↑
Stearic (C18:0)	0,57	0,36	0,41↑	0,06	16,01%↑
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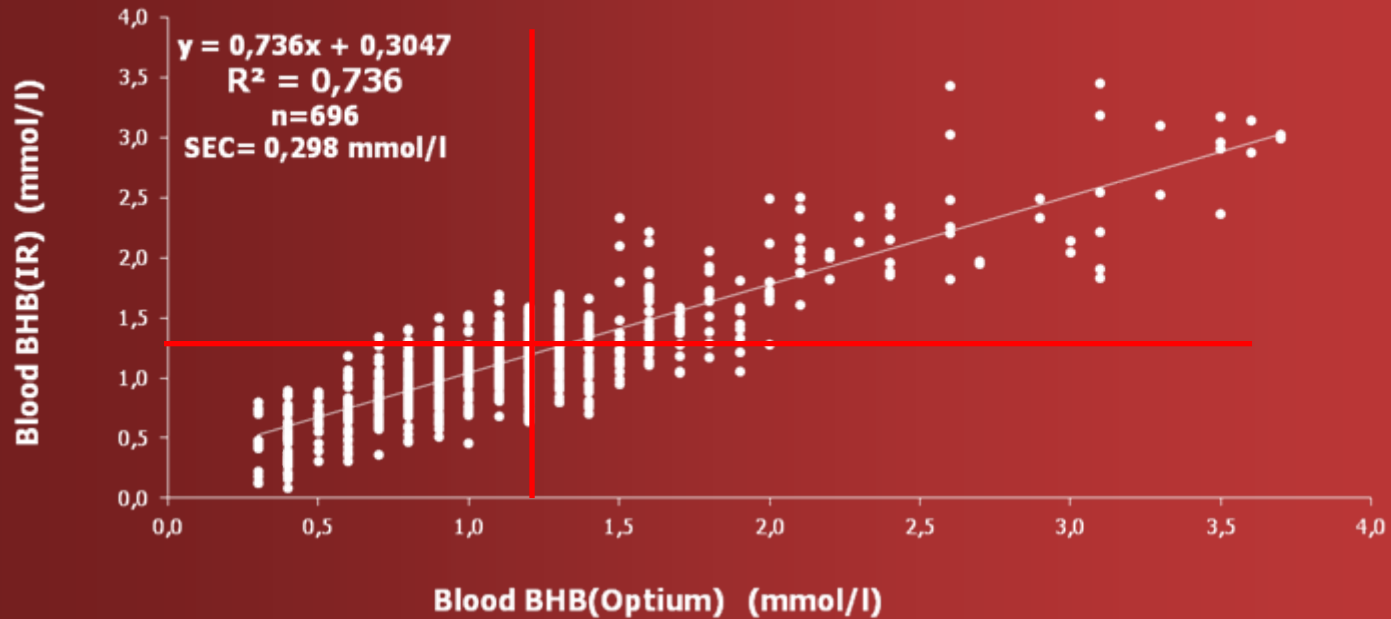
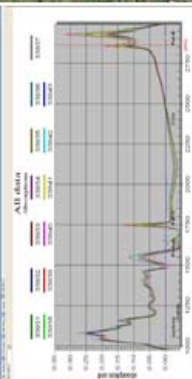
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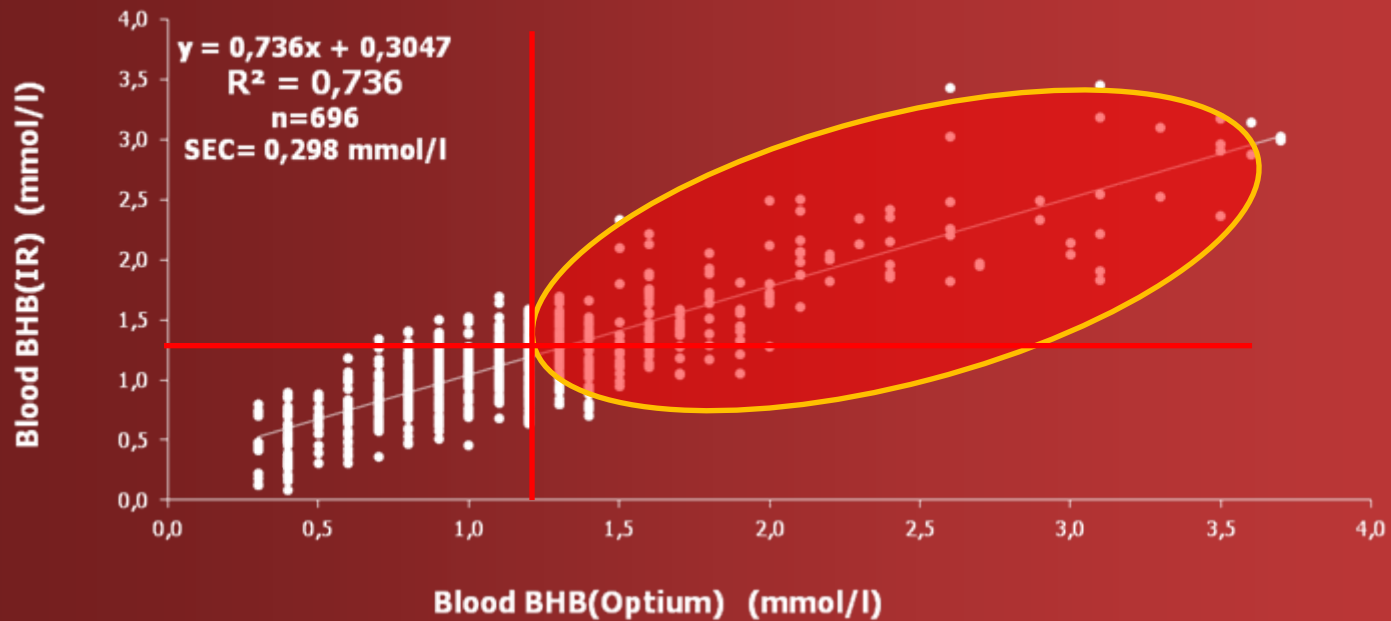
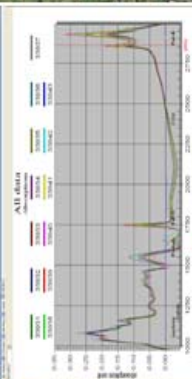
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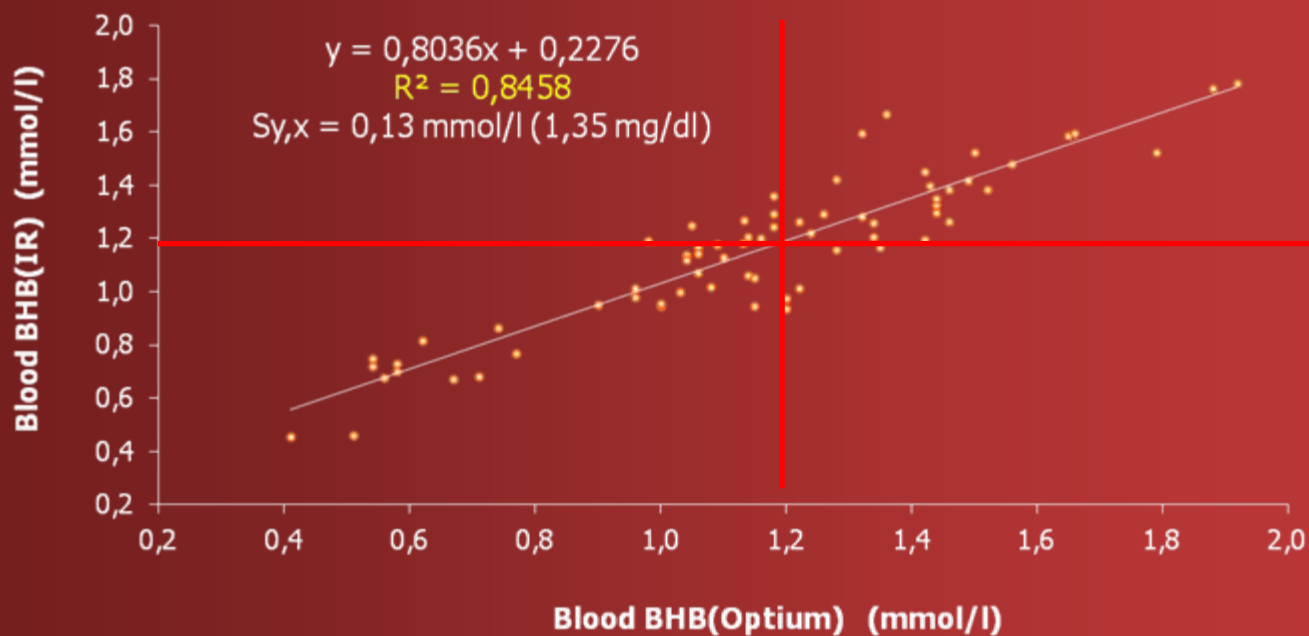
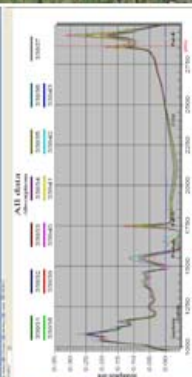
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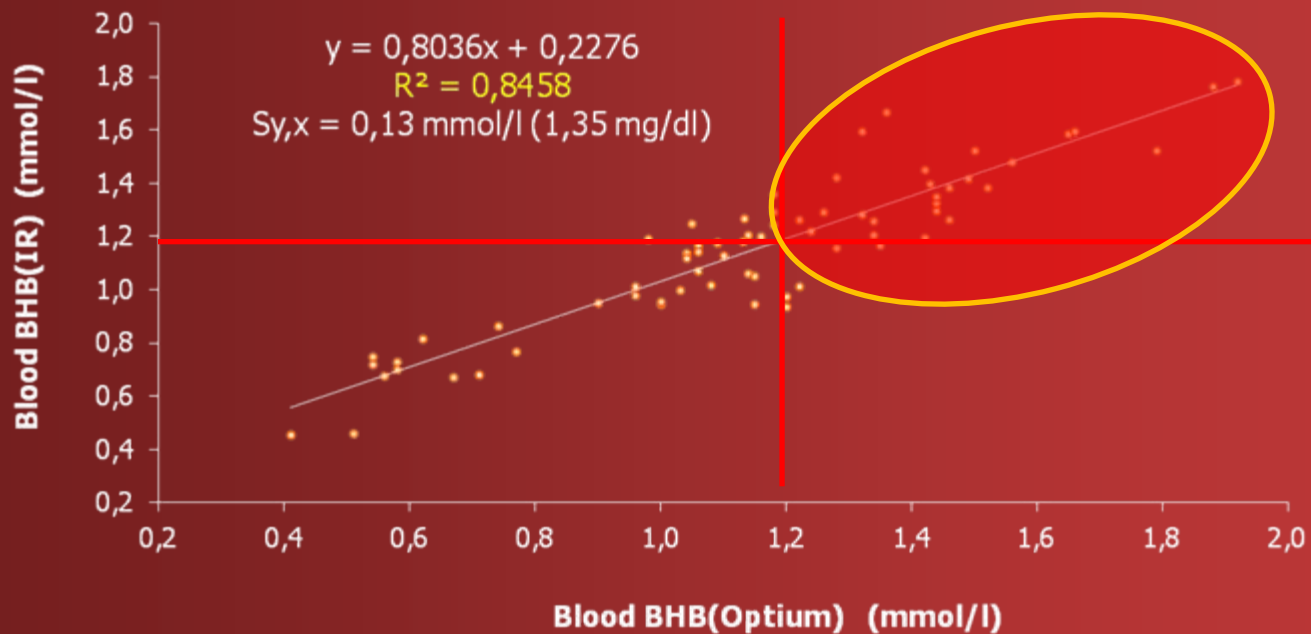
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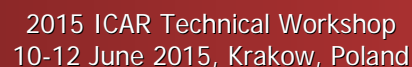
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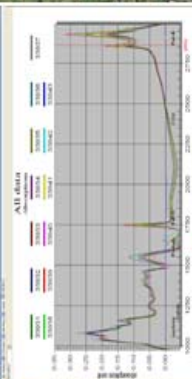


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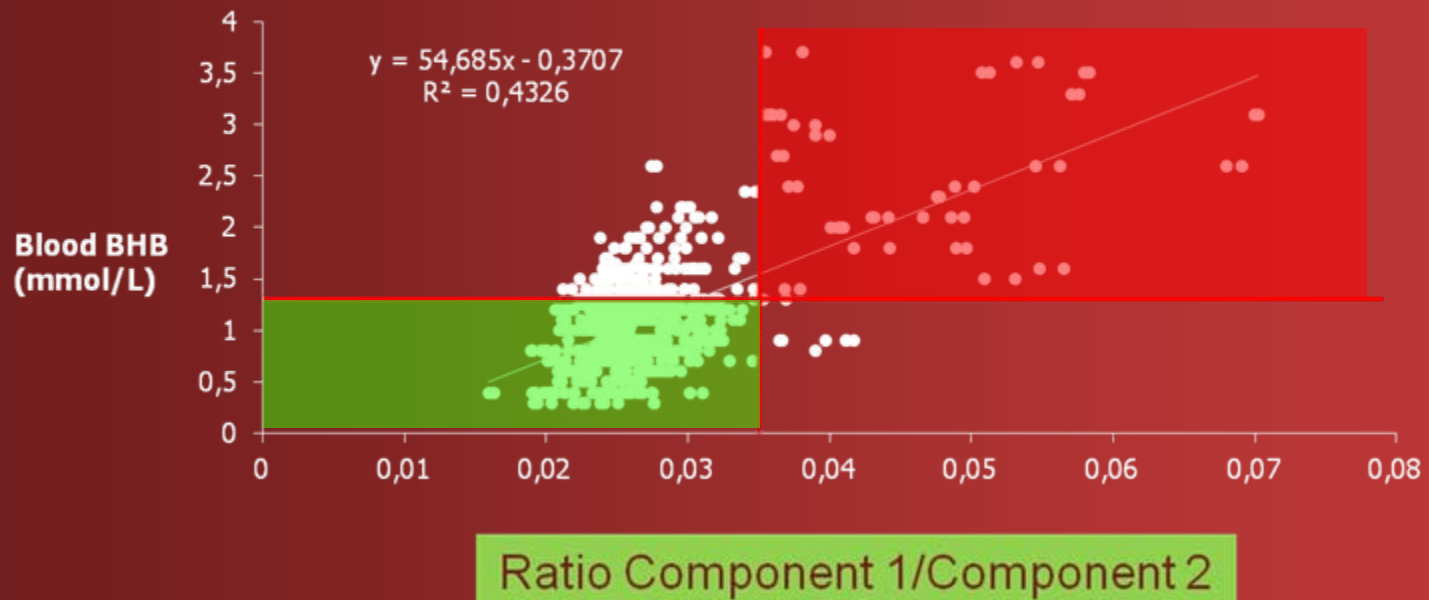


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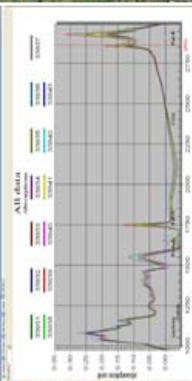


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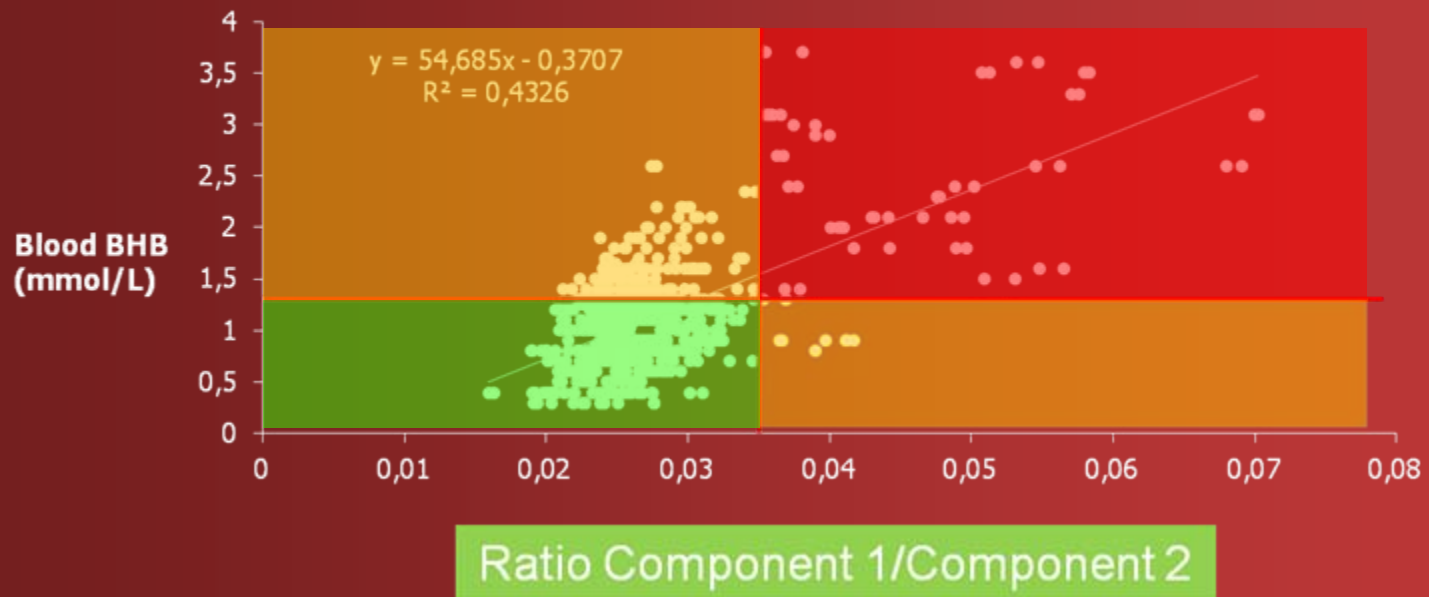


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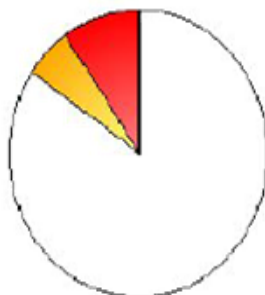
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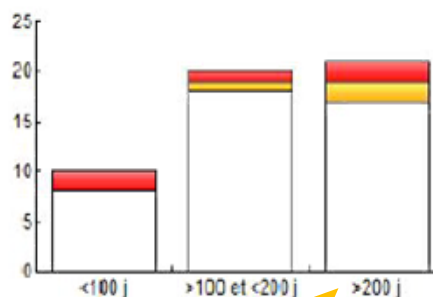
Intra-herd valorisation

Results interpretation for the entire herd

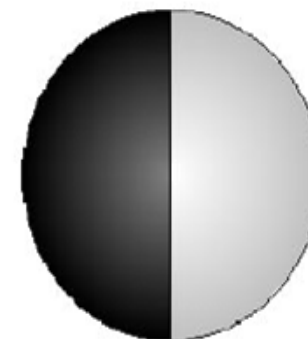
	Nb of LC	% of herd	Primipares		Multipares		Lactation stage	Milk	Fat	TP	SCC
			%	Nb.	%	Nb.					
LC without alert	44	85	48	21	52	23	6.3	32	34.3	32.2	443
LC at risk	3	6	67	2	33	1	9.5	32.3	37.7	33	228
LC on alert	5	10	40	2	60	3	6.7	38	35.9	29.7	100
	52		Moyenne troupeau				6.5	32.6	34.7	32	392



Fraction of the cows at risk within the herd



Repartition of LC at risk and on alert per stage of lactation



Proportion of primipares and multipares on alert

Valorisé Intra – Troupeau (2)

Interprétation des résultats du contrôle pour les lactations (<100 jours)

	Nombre de VL	% du troupeau	Primipares		Multipares		Jour de lactation	Lait	TB	TP	Leuco
			%	Effectif	%	Effectif					
VL sans alertes	8	15	50	4	50	4	59	36.3	31.9	30.2	1129
VL à risque	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VL en alerte	2	4	0	0	100	2	58	55	33.3	27.6	26
	10		Moyenne				58	40	32.3	29.5	826

Interprétation des résultats du contrôle pour les lactations (>100 et <200 jours)

	Nombre de VL	% du troupeau	Primipares		Multipares		Jour de lactation	Lait	TB	TP	Leuco
			%	Effectif	%	Effectif					
VL sans alertes	18	35	50	9	50	9	158	32.9	34.1	31.9	203
VL à risque	1	2	100	1	0	0	199	38	33.4	31	499
VL en alerte	1	2	100	1	0	0	197	30	42.1	32.4	35
	20		Moyenne				162	33	34.4	31.9	212

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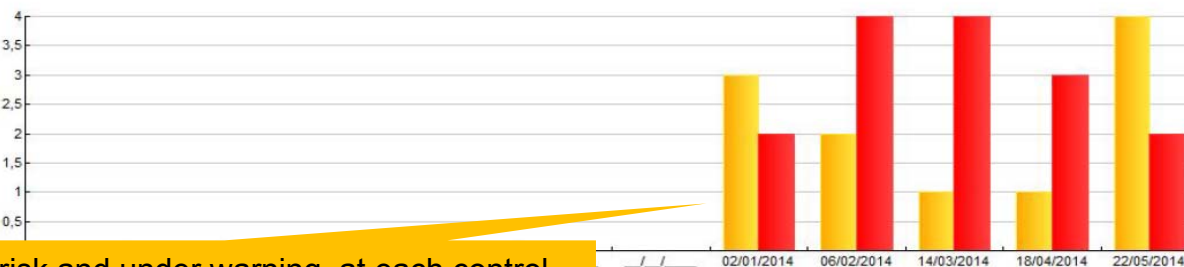
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VL sans alertes	17	33	41	7	59	10	287	28.8	35.7	33.7	345
VL à risque	2	4	50	1	50	1	334	29.5	40.4	34.2	54
VL en alerte	2	4	50	1	50	1	357	25	38	32.8	302
	21		Moyenne				298	28.5	36.4	33.7	313

Report over a period

N° animal								02/01/2014	06/02/2014	14/03/2014	18/04/2014	22/05/2014	Ratio
6206015405								303	338	374			1/3
6206015406								157	192	228	263	297	0/5
6206142155								399			18	52	2/3
6206142159								13	48	84	119	153	3/5
6206142162								291	326			22	1/3
6206142168								373	408		11	45	2/4
6206142169								201	236	272	307	341	0/5
6206142170								232	267	303	338	372	0/5
6206142172								352	387	423	458	492	0/5
6206142176								290					0/1
6206142178								160	195	231	266	300	0/5
6206142180								122	157	193	228	262	0/5
6206272184									29	65	100	134	1/4
6206272188								334	369				0/2
6206272189								26	61	97	132	166	0/5
6206272190									35	71	106	140	1/4
6206272197									23	59	94	128	1/4
6206272200								333	368	404	439	473	1/5

Days in lactation

Nombre de VL



Number of cows at risk and under warning at each control



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Experimental Protocol

- 120 herds from FIDOCL (40 from Savoie region)
- 700 cows in early lactation
- 4 breeds (THAM)



7 DIM < VL < 50 DIM

Milk : 3 vials (35 mL)

For : Fat + Protein + SCC + Urea + Milk BHB (Optium)

Blood test (Optium)

For : BHB + sugar

Animal Observations

RR, NEC, Locomotion, Minor signs

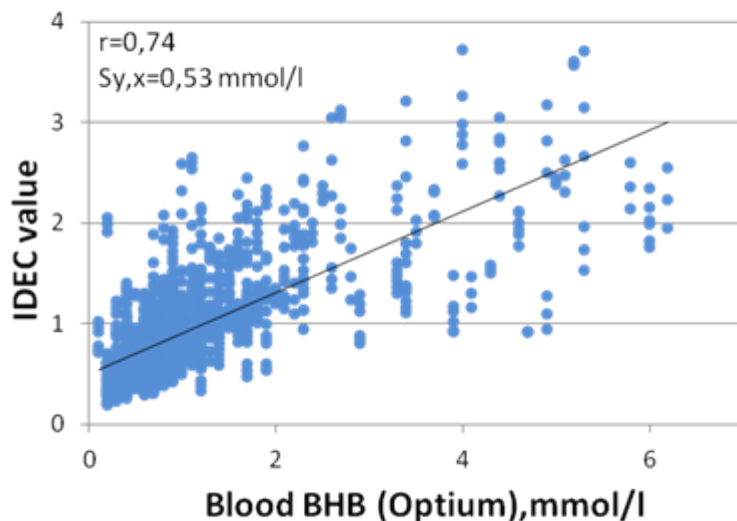


Results

MIR Analyses : Prediction of the energy deficit (ketosis)

- Prediction of ketosis directly from the Blood BHB calibration:
 - Correlation **IDEC** MIR /Blood BHB(Optium) on single cows
 - $r = 0,74$; $Sy,x = 0,53$ mmol/l
 - Correlation **IDEC** MIR /Blood BHB(Optium) at herd level better:
 - $r = 0,85$ but still need to be optimized

Correlation between Blood BHB(Optium)
and IDEC value (MIR)



Original and promising approach

- Using blood BHB as reference
- More stable
- Multi breeds
- Multi feeding program (pasture,...)

Comparison of the IDEC(MIR) value and standard indicators

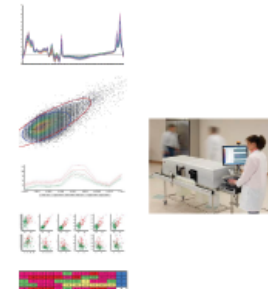
Test positive if	Sensitivity	Specificity
Fat/Protein > 1,4	53%	80%
Fat-Protein > 10	62%	72%
Fat > 45	30%	91%
Blood BHB (MIR) (IDEC > 1,3)	78 %	86%

IDEC_{MIR} : better test

Probabilistic prediction of ketosis.

(pat. pending)

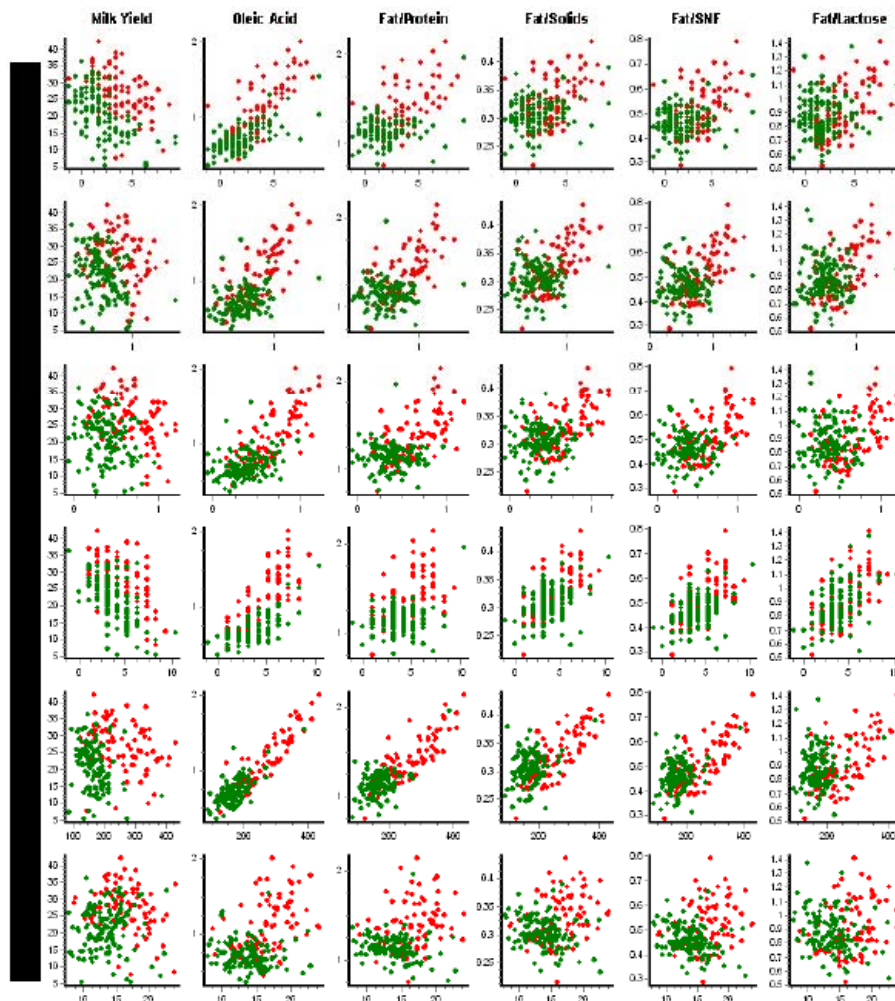
- ***Elimination of sampling, farm, season effect but also robustness***
 - ***Sophisticated prediction function***
- ***Calculated and high probability of ketosis detection***
 - ***Including calibrations limitations, limitations of parameters used for on-farm detection***
- ***Special data presentation method***
 - ***Easy-to-use farm report***
 - ***Historical overview***
 - ***Multidimensional data presentation***



Ketosis Detection
Calibration • Algorithms • System • Probabilistic Prediction • Detection • Data Presentation

System for complete solution using Bentley Instruments equipment

Examples - keton bodies vs. milk components



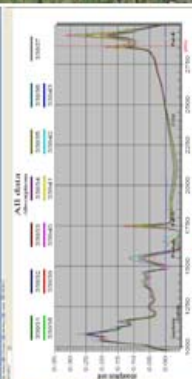
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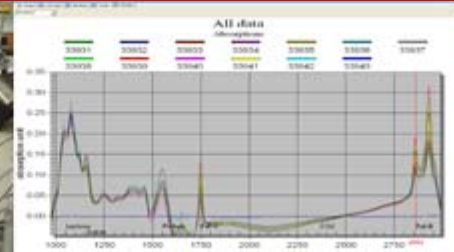
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	OA	F/P	F/S	F/SNF	F/L							Lact. Day
CZ000	0.87	1.32	0.32	0.48	0.84	2.90	13.58	10.03	3.12	208.20	17.67	46
CZ000	2.00	2.13	0.44	0.79	1.41	7.55	17.91	8.90	7.29	434.10	17.31	27
CZ000	0.82	1.26	0.29	0.43	0.72	1.16	8.16	3.77	3.12	234.23	18.35	54
CZ000	0.63	1.13	0.30	0.44	0.82	0.58	3.56	2.57	3.12	150.95	18.29	74
CZ000	1.08	1.51	0.34	0.53	0.91	2.32	5.30	3.68	7.29	295.64	24.08	38
CZ000	0.81	0.98	0.27	0.39	0.73	3.49	4.03	2.95	3.12	163.44	11.45	67
CZ000	1.54	1.63	0.38	0.64	1.18	4.07	13.21	8.94	7.29	342.49	20.12	13
CZ000	1.70	1.90	0.41	0.71	1.27	5.23	17.93	7.33	5.20	368.51	19.73	10
CZ000	1.35	1.69	0.37	0.59	1.02	4.07	6.31	3.62	6.25	339.37	18.05	30
CZ000	1.14	1.45	0.37	0.61	1.20	-1.16	4.26	3.21	3.12	195.71	14.31	8
CZ000	1.68	1.93	0.40	0.67	1.15	3.49	16.11	8.13	7.29	410.15	20.20	46

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Conclusions:

- Blood BHB determination by IR is a new and more exhaustive approach than current infrared methods. It takes into account all the parameters connected with ketosis and energy deficit, not only the ketone bodies
- Multi dimensional and probabilistic approaches combining Blood BHB and other parameters such Oleic Acid (or other FA), OA/Protein, citric acid, can improve the detection of ketosis
- The Blood BHB approach can be used:
 - to monitor individual cows Blood BHB variations over time
 - to compare individual cows at the Herd Level to develop a relative approach (intra-herd) – recommended approach
 - to detect ketosis prevalence at the herd level (inter-herds)
- More research being done to keep improving this proprietary method and extend its principle to the detection of other metabolic disorders





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