

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

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# Context

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

H. Soyeurt,<sup>1,2</sup> D. Bruwiler,<sup>3</sup> J. L.

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

M. De Marchi,<sup>1</sup> C. C. Fagan,<sup>2</sup> C. P. O'Donnell,<sup>3</sup> A. Cecchinato,<sup>4</sup> R. Dal Zotto,<sup>5</sup> M. Cassandro,<sup>6</sup> M. Penasa,<sup>7</sup> and G. Bittante<sup>8</sup>

Cow phenotype



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

H. Soyeurt,<sup>1,2</sup> F. Dehareng,<sup>3</sup> M. Coffey,<sup>4</sup> L.

The potential of Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy of milk samples to predict energy intake and efficiency in dairy cows<sup>1</sup>

S. McParland

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

C. Grelet,<sup>1</sup> C. F. G. Colinet,<sup>2</sup>

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

N. Shetty,<sup>1</sup> P. L.

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 instrument**
- Evaluation
  - **Performances** (highest  $R^2$ , ...)



## 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





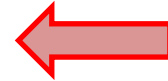
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## Objective...

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



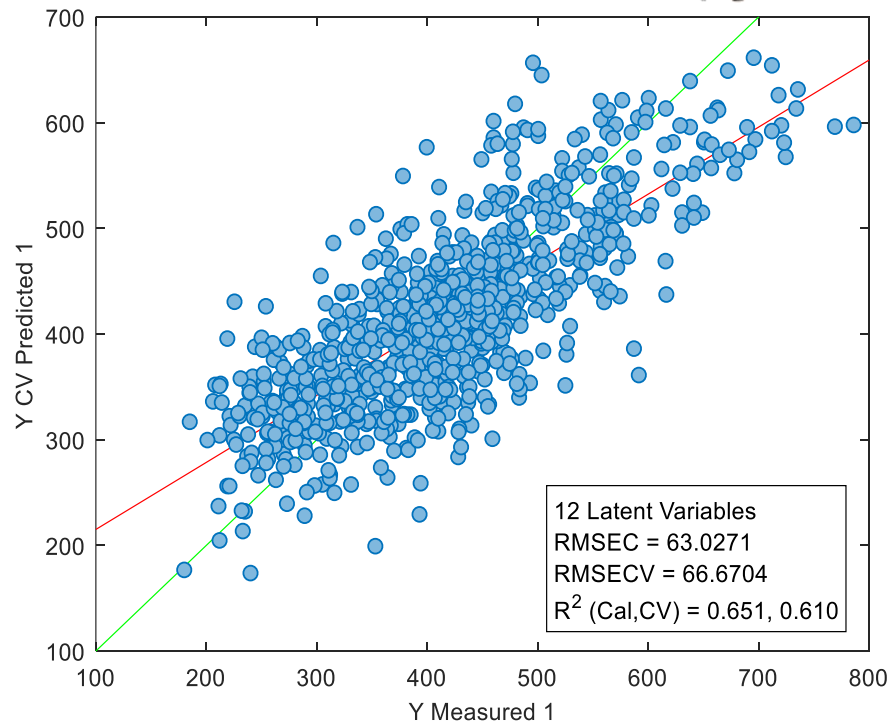
# Effect of breeds in the model

Dataset used: CH<sub>4</sub> 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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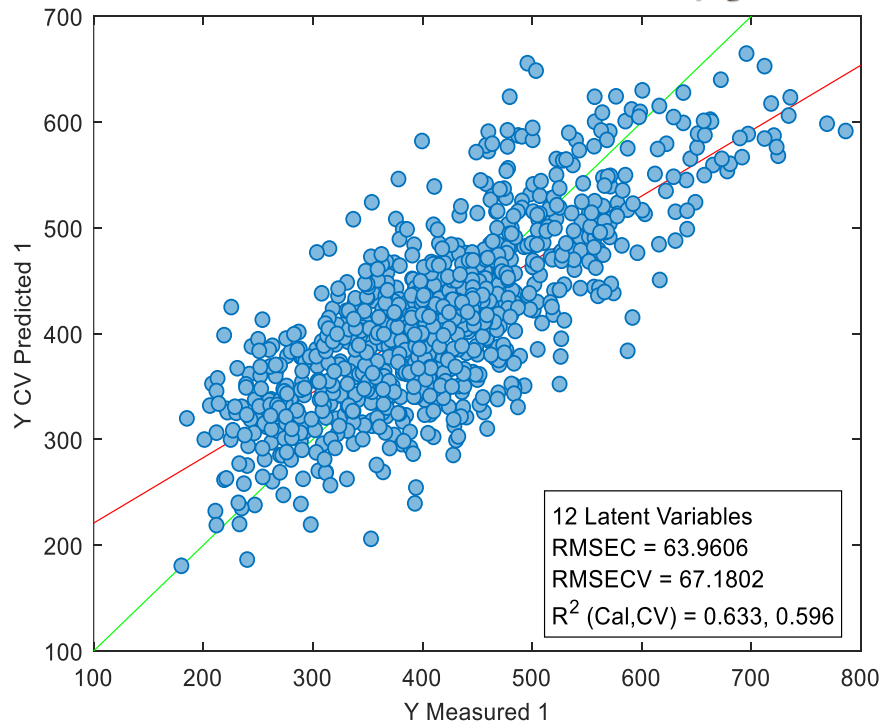
- 225 Holsteins



Step 2 : calibration with 225



+ 19



RMSEcv = 67 g/d

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RMSEP = 69 g/d

**-19%**



*“IR models can only predict what they know”*

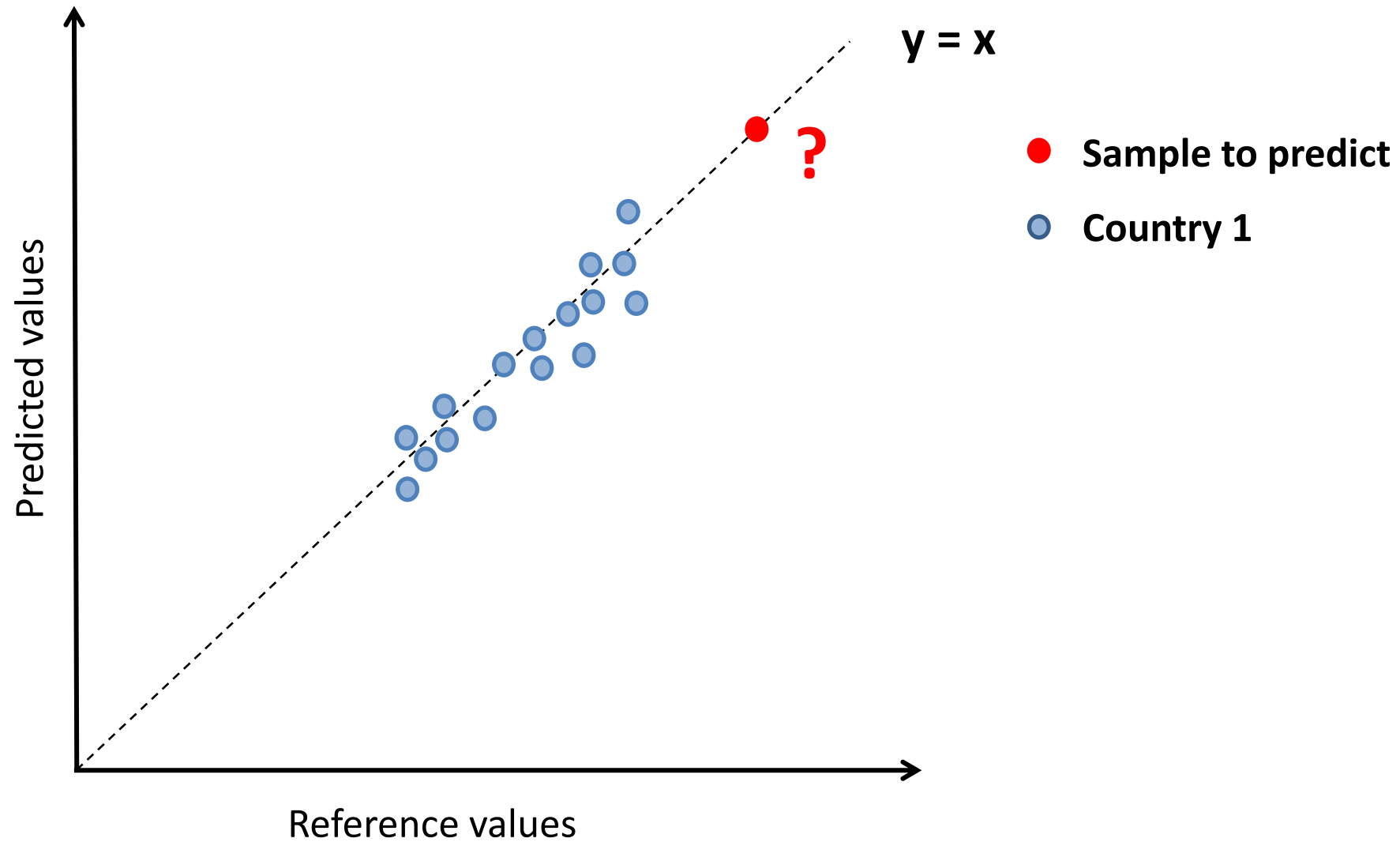
Pierre Dardenne

*“Extrapolation is dangerous!”*

IR maxim

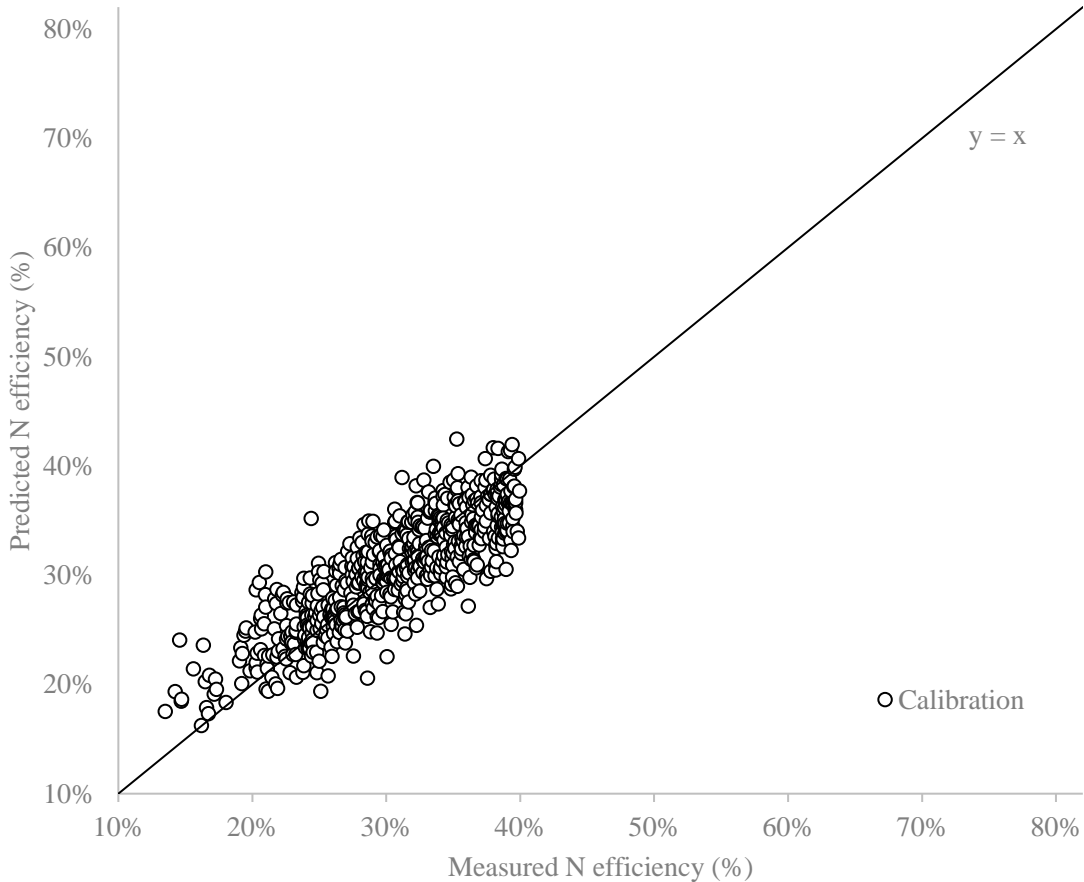


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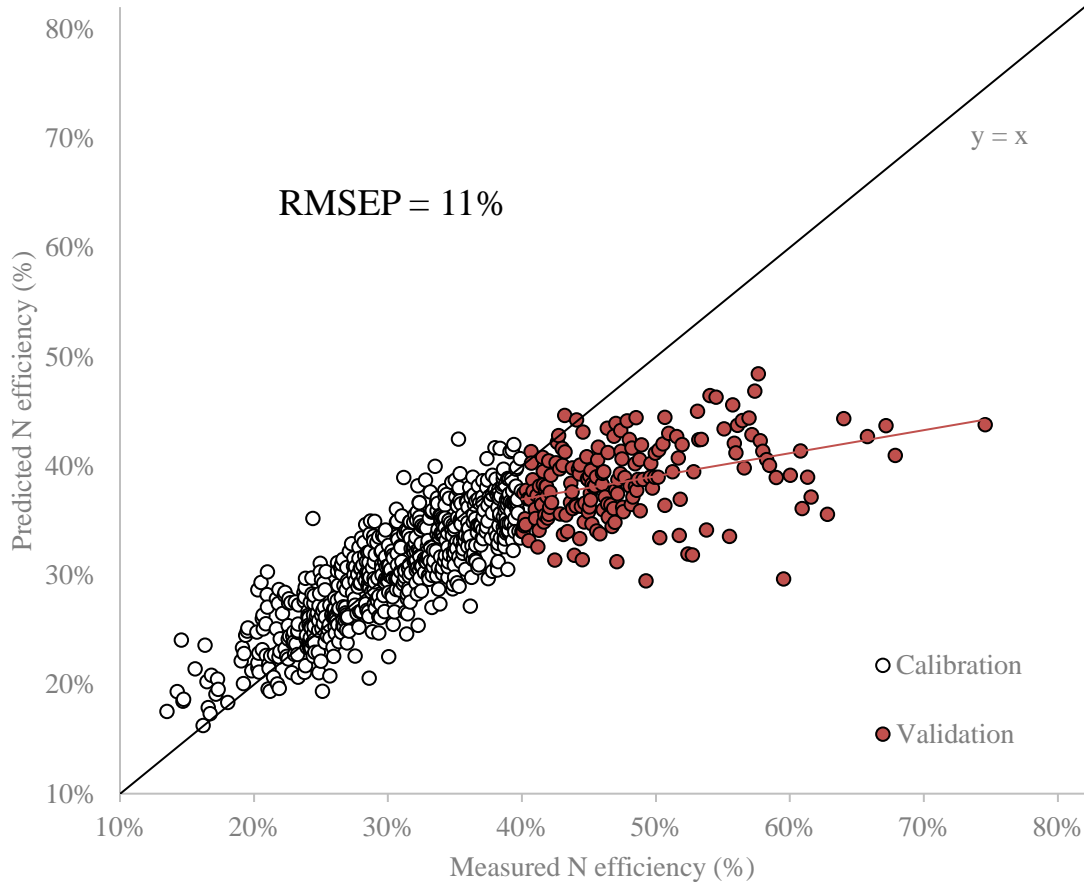


# Cover the Y (reference data) range – *test with N efficiency model*

Calibration with expected values : 10 to 40%

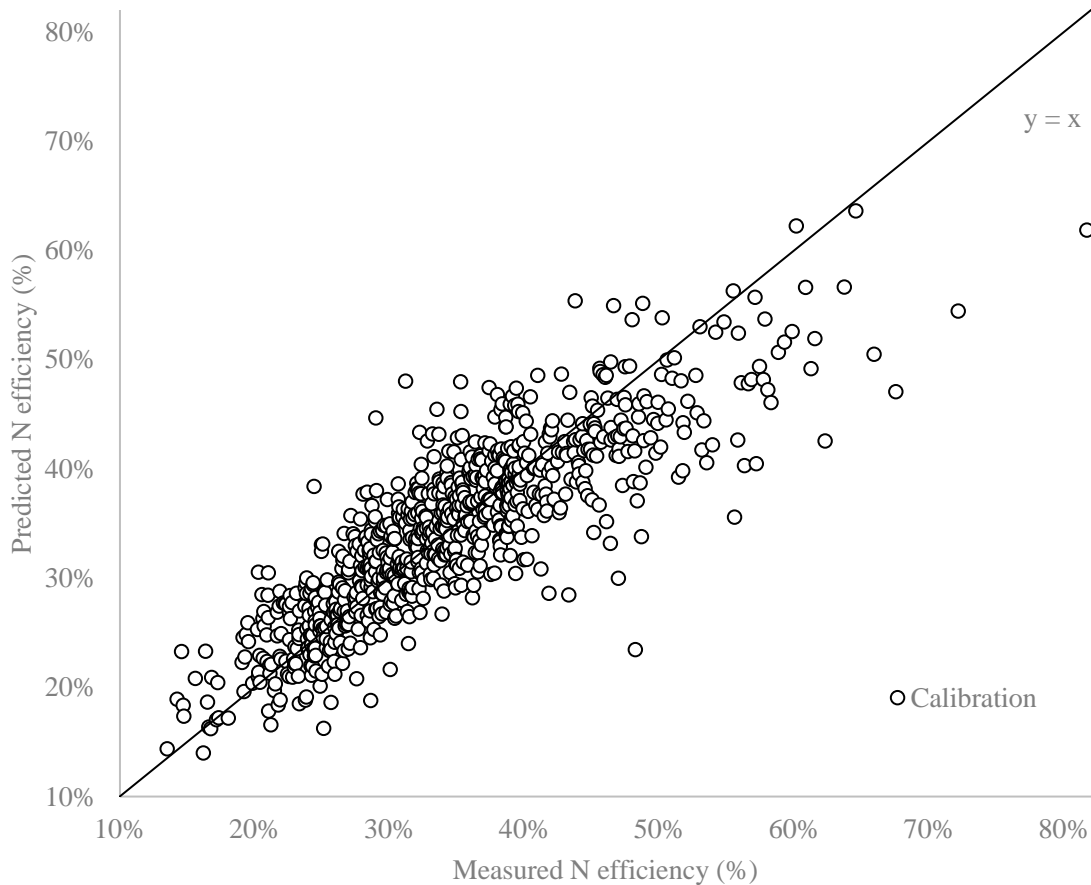


Test with extreme high values

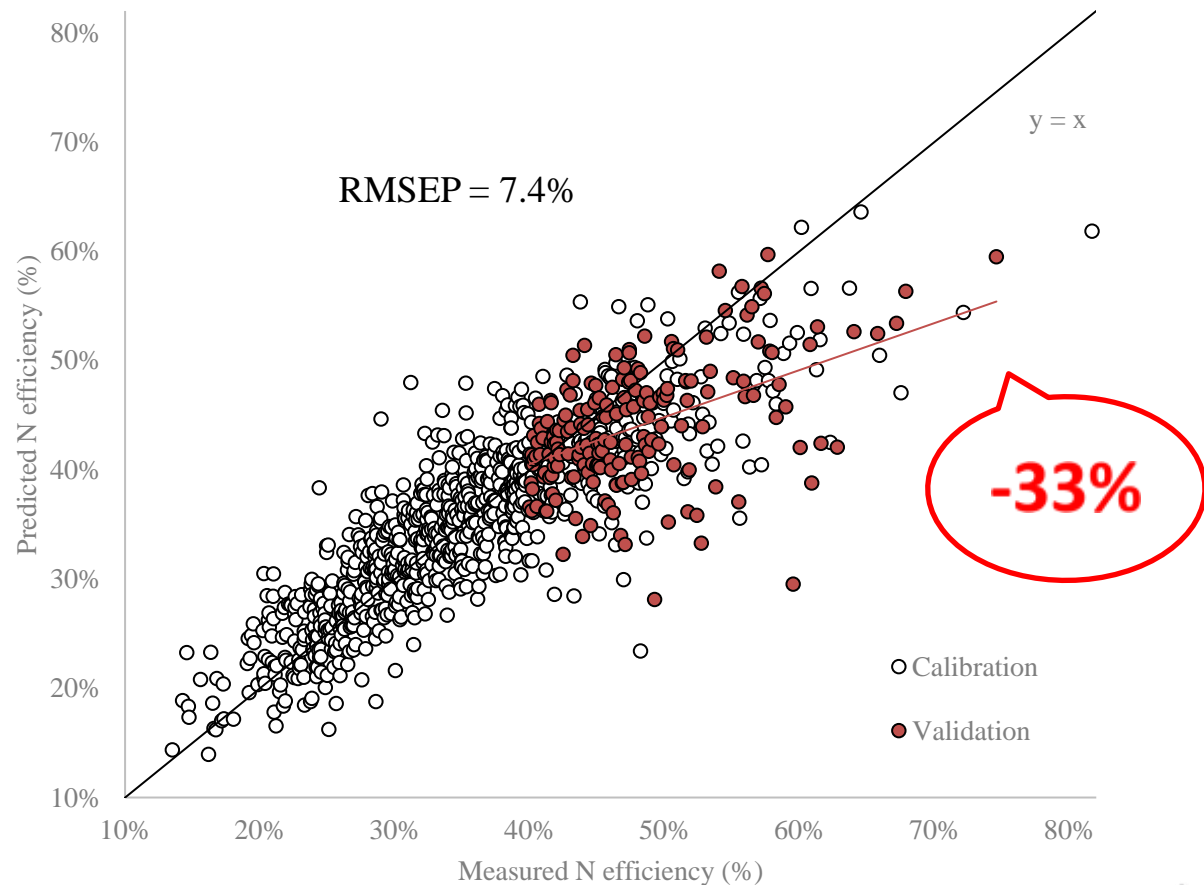


# Cover the Y (reference data) range – test with N efficiency model

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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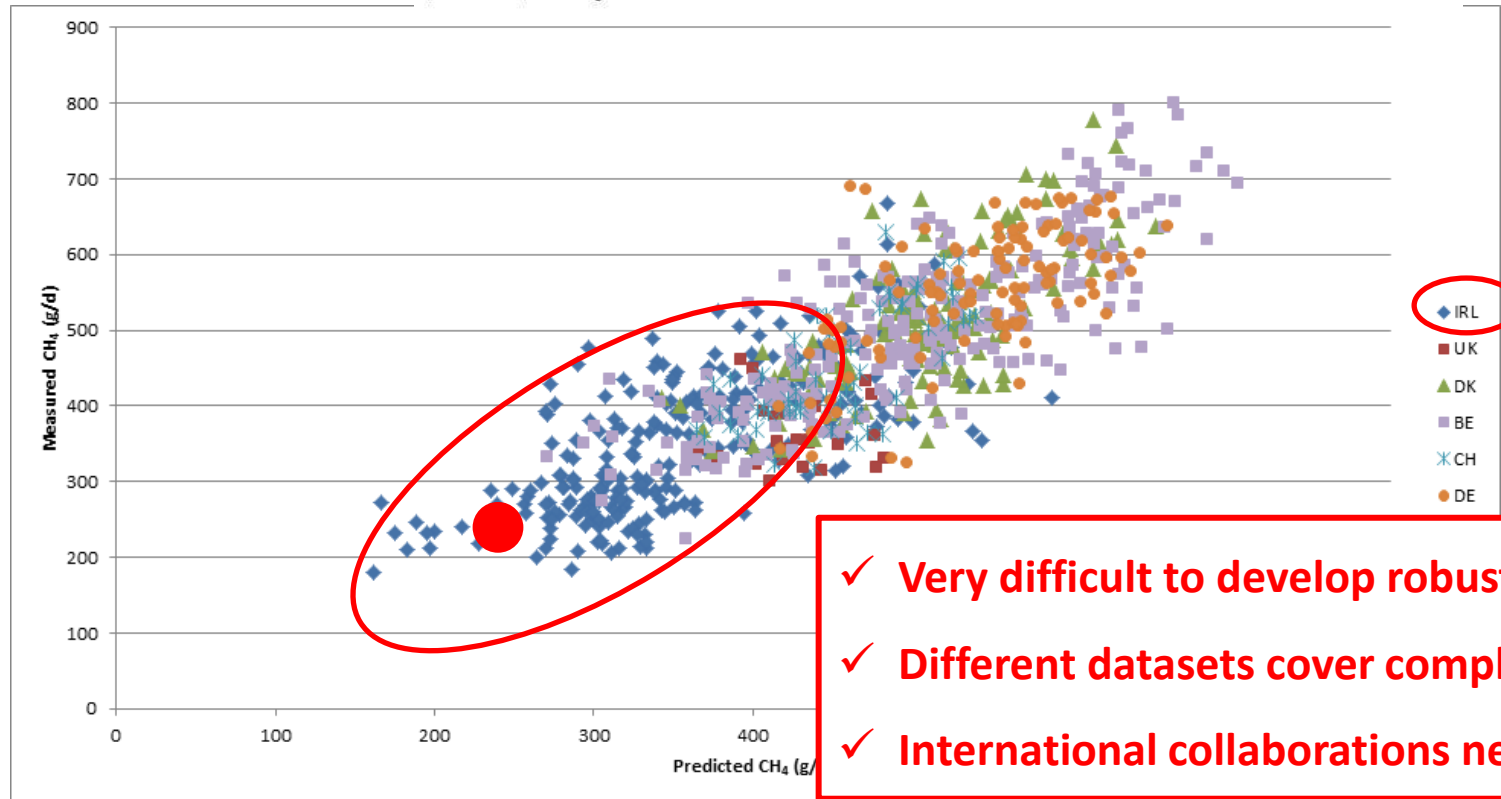
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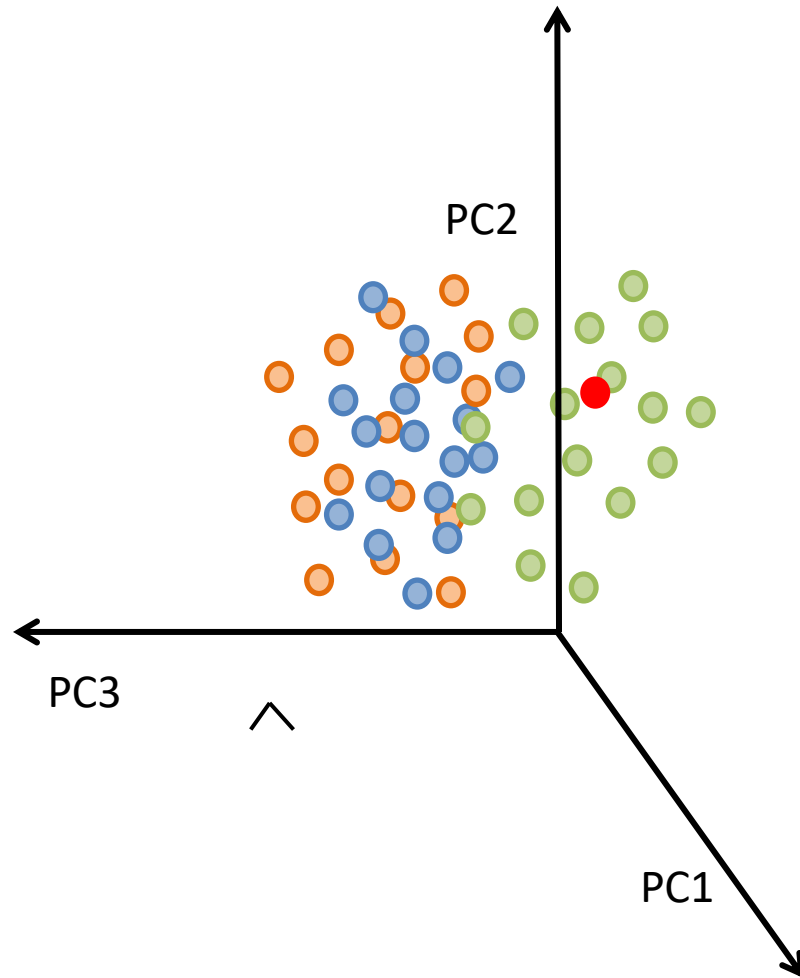


- ✓ Very difficult to develop robust model in only one country!
- ✓ Different datasets cover complementary variability
- ✓ International collaborations needed!

Constituent	N	Mean	SD	R <sup>2</sup> c	R <sup>2</sup> cv	SEC	SECV
CH <sub>4</sub>	863	459	123	0.71	0.67	66	71



## Cover the X (spectral data) range

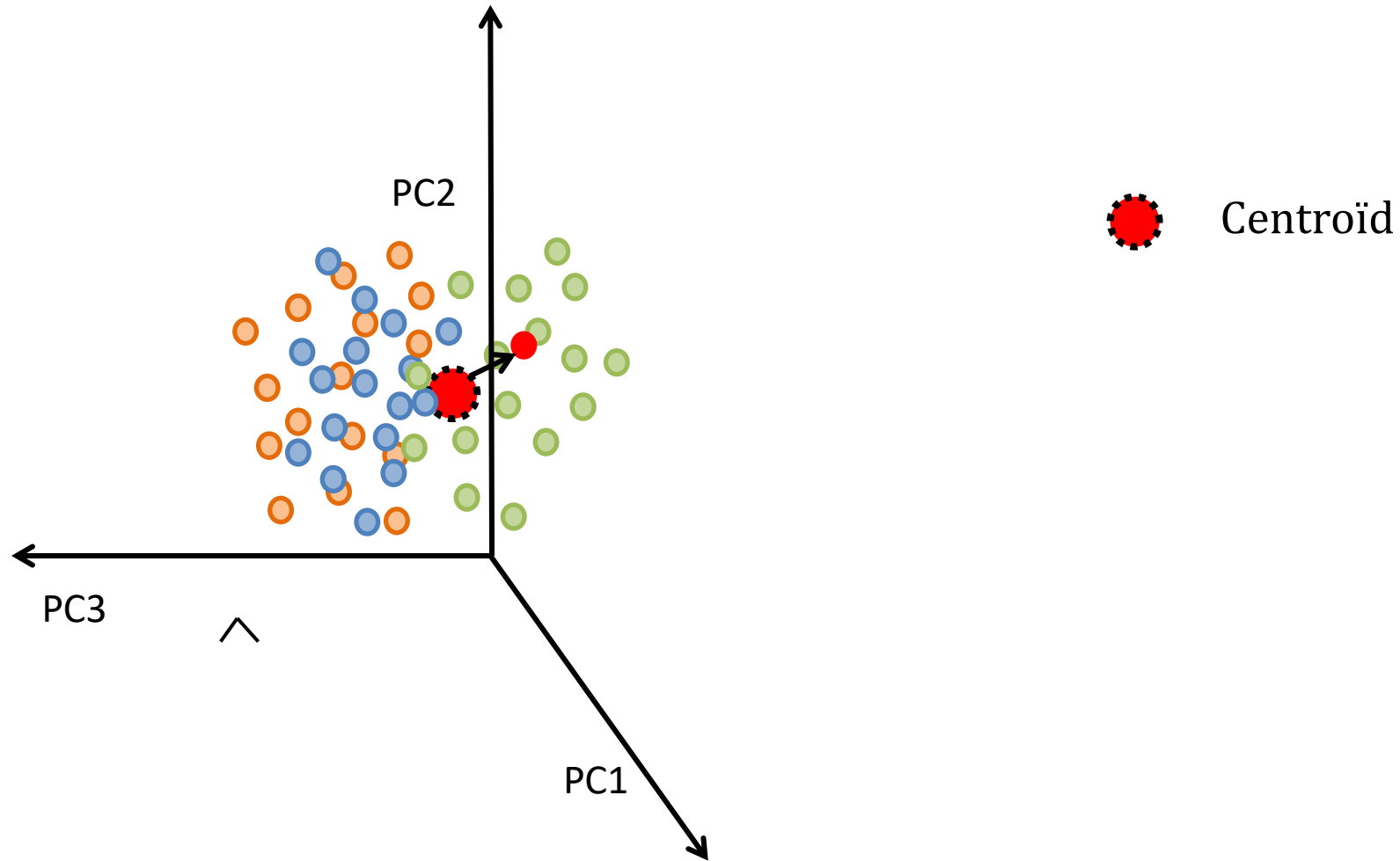


- Sample to predict
- Country 1
- Country 2
- Country 3

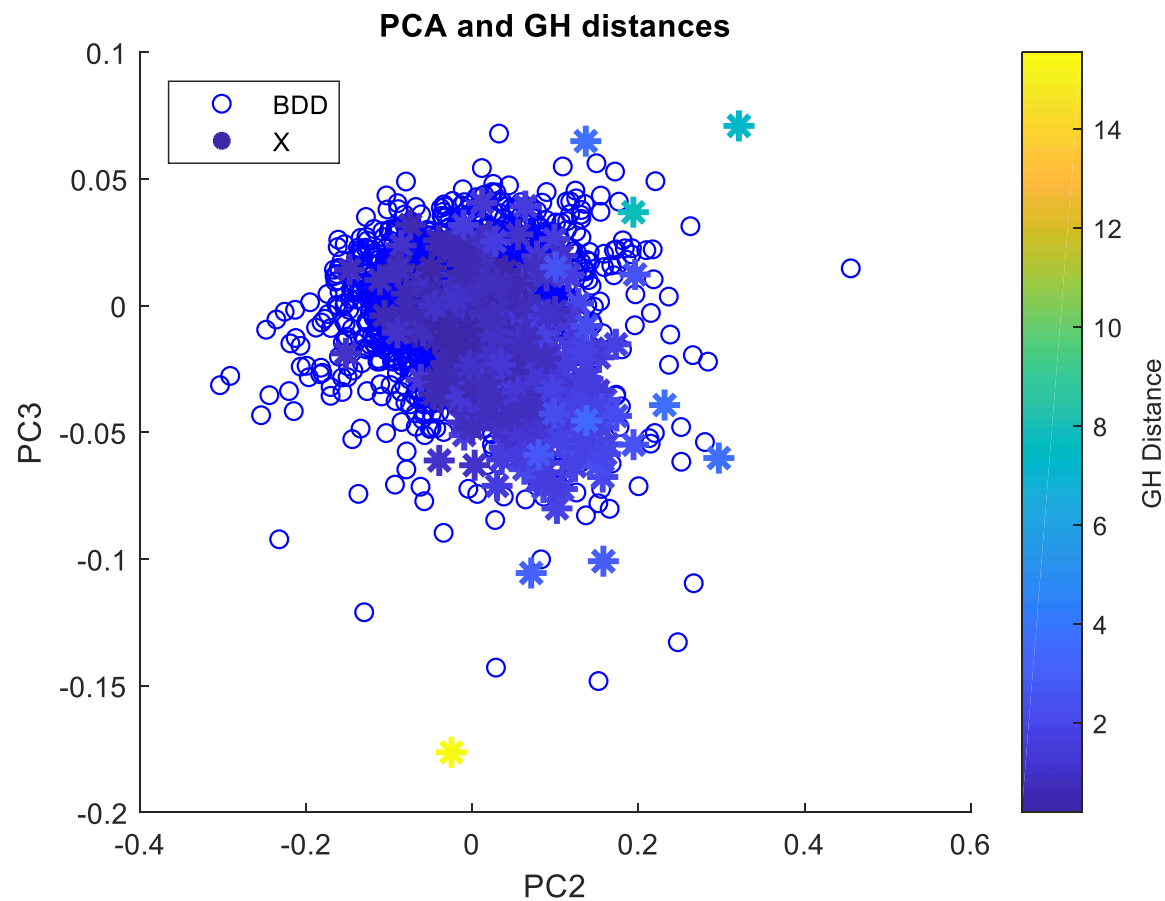


## Mahalanobis distances (GH):

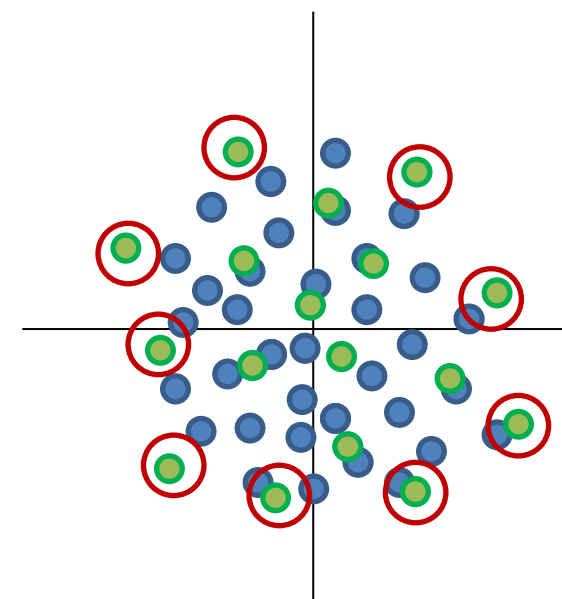
Distance of a sample to the centroid of the dataset



Do we want extreme samples (high GH) in the Calibration datasets??



What samples to select/ to keep?



# 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)

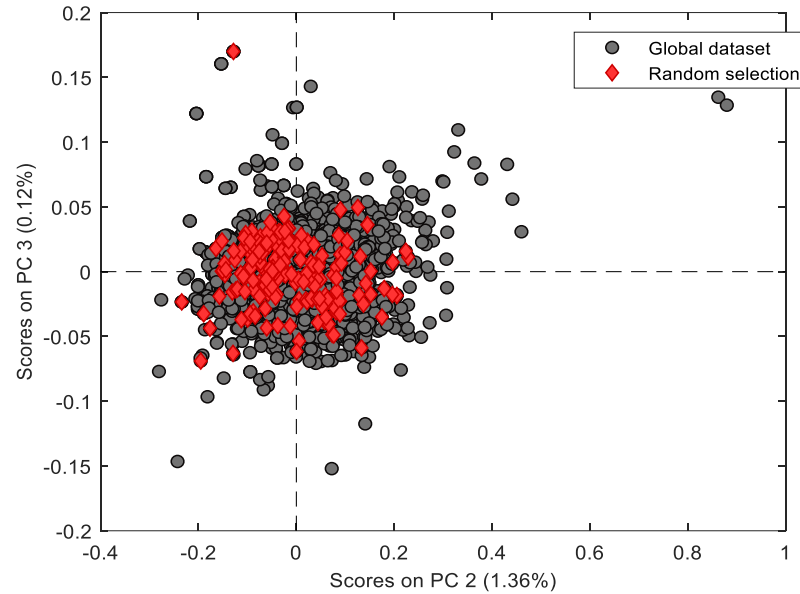
External validation with 400 samples





Random  
selection

## Selection



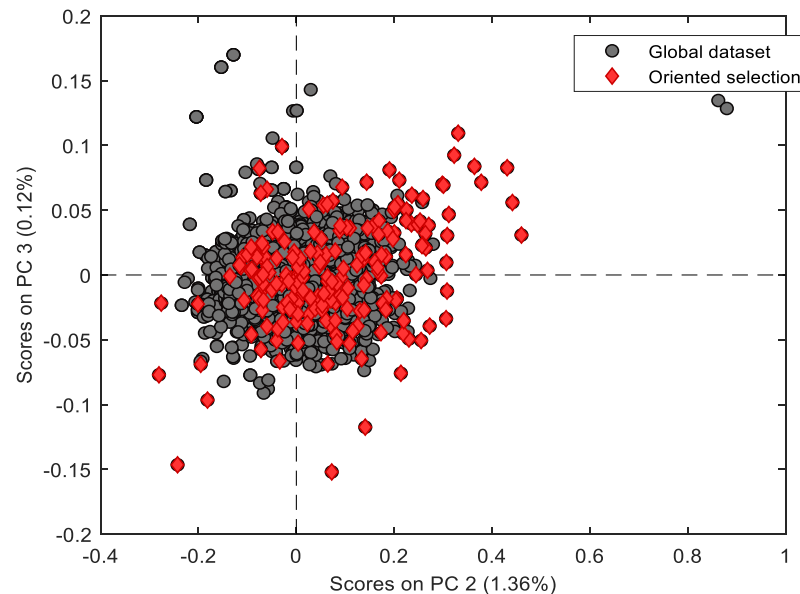
## Cross-validation

RMSEcv = 126 g/L

External-validation  
(400 external samples)

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

Oriented  
selection

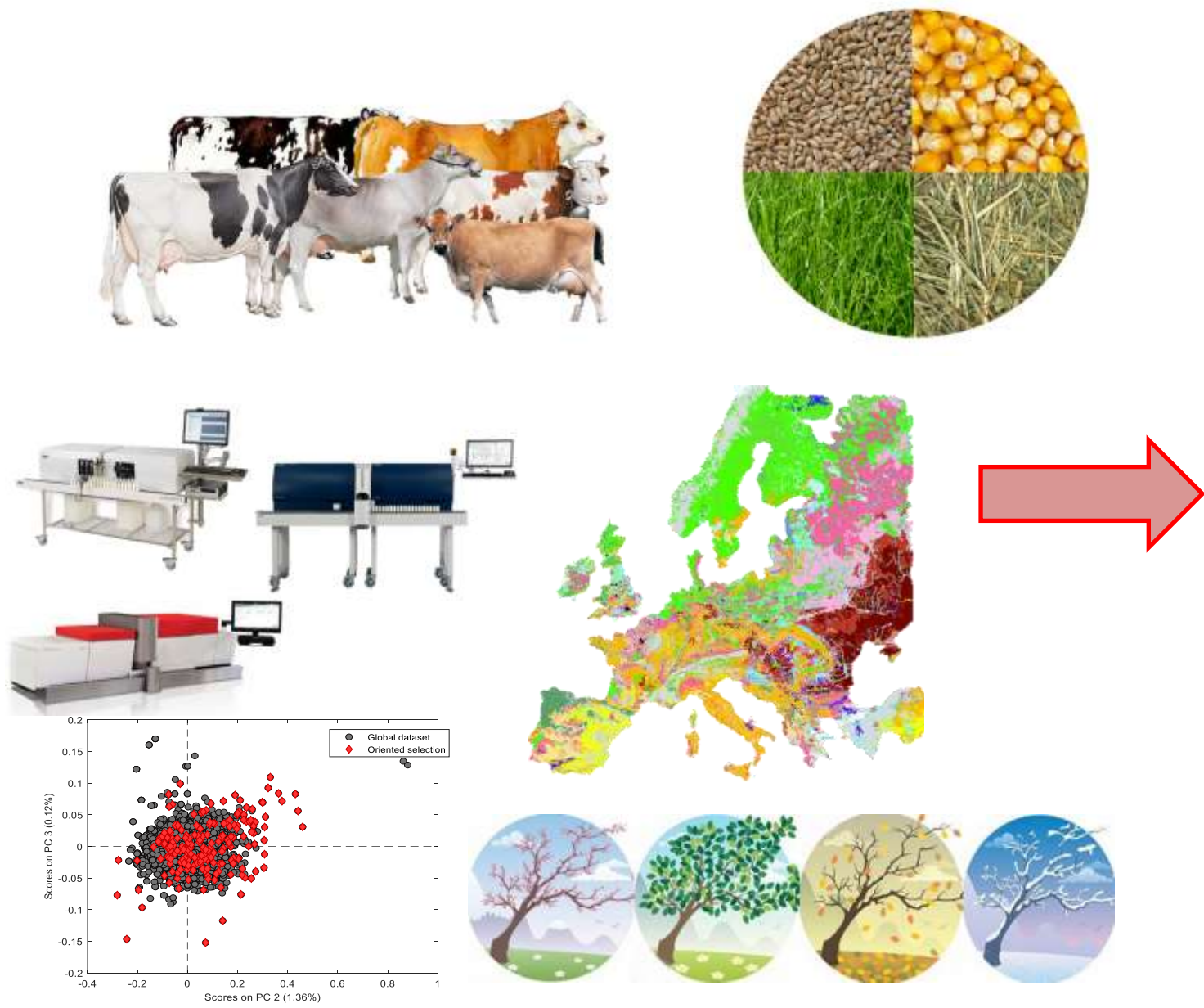


RMSEcv = 176 g/L

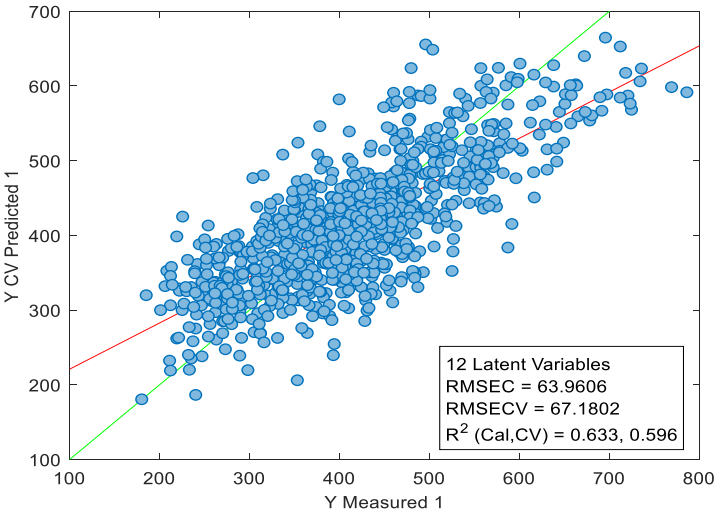
- **RMSEP = 146 g/L**
- 1.6% samples out of the range (GH<3)

-14%

# IR models can only predict what they know



## Robust models

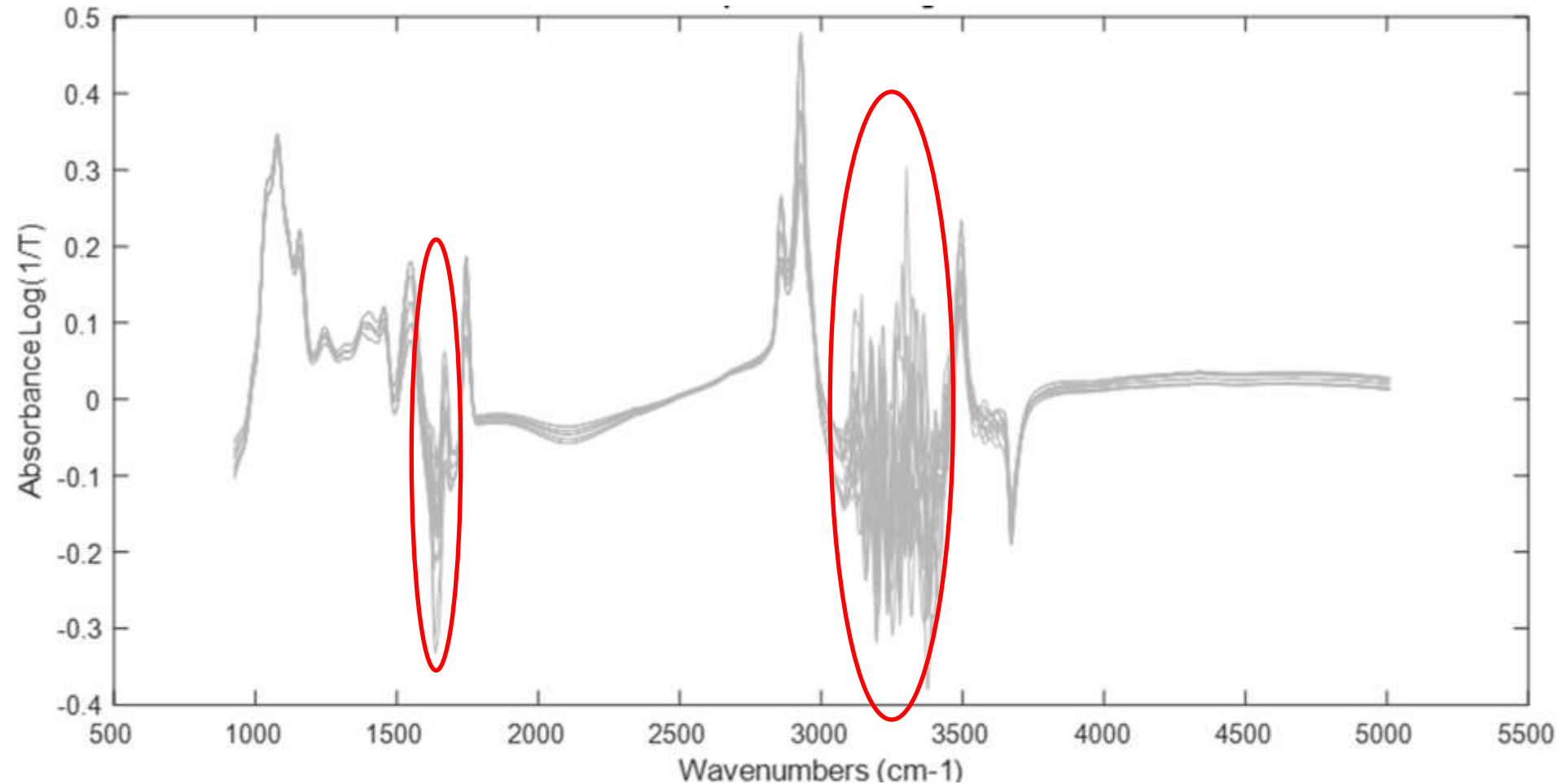




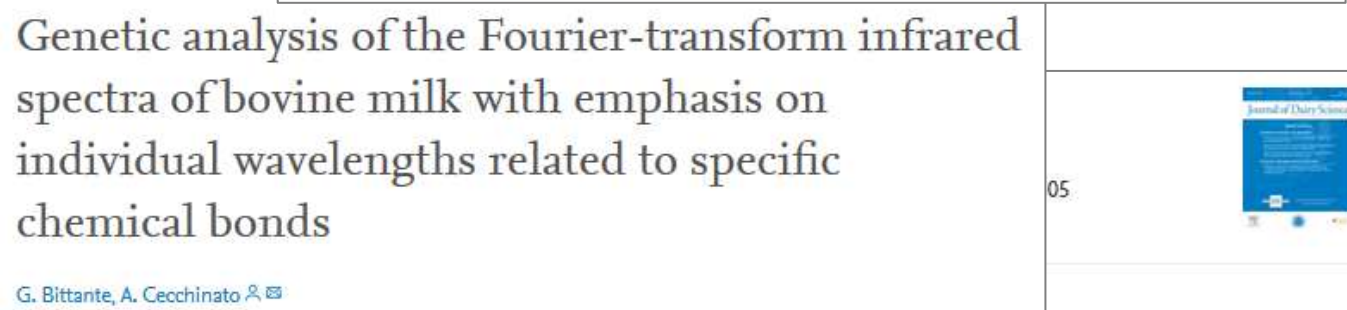
# Effect of model development: Wavenumber selection

Noisy areas induced by water absorption

→ usually considered without valuable information and not used



# Effect of model development: Wavenumber selection



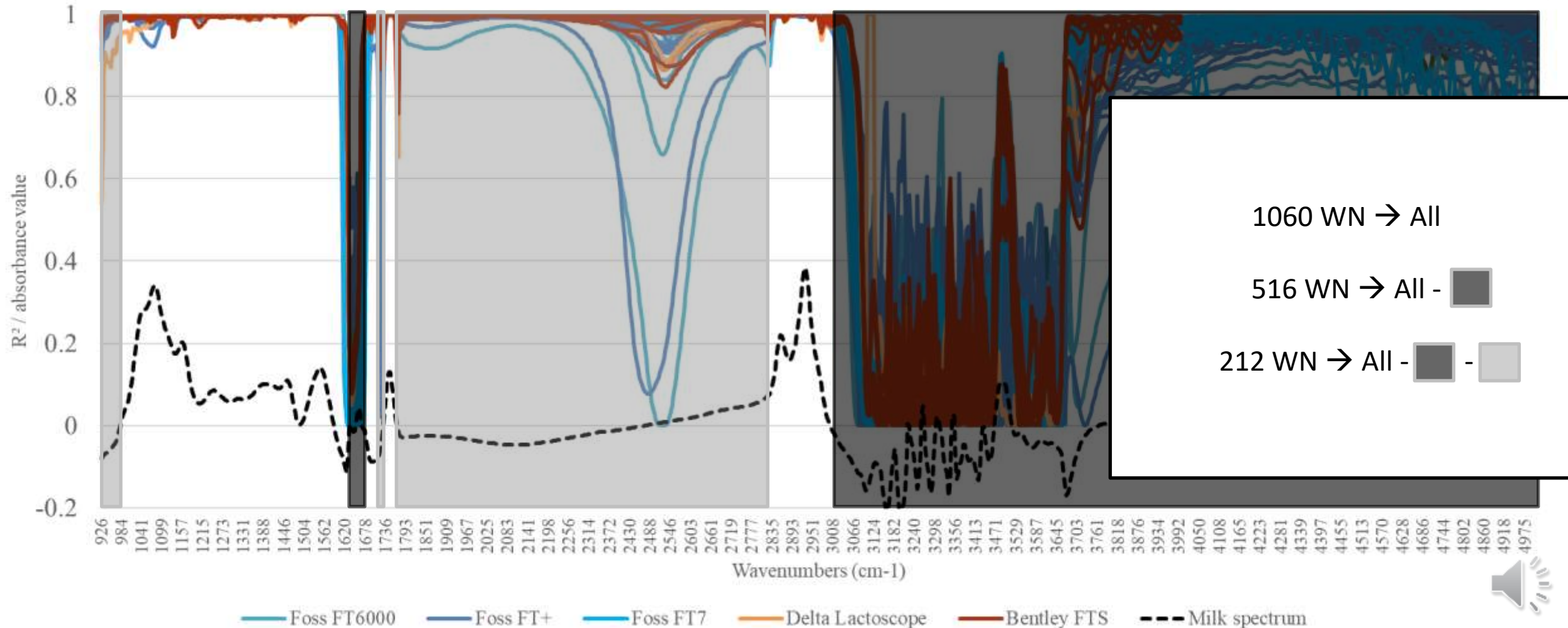
But recent studies concluding with the presence of valuable information within those noisy regions



# 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



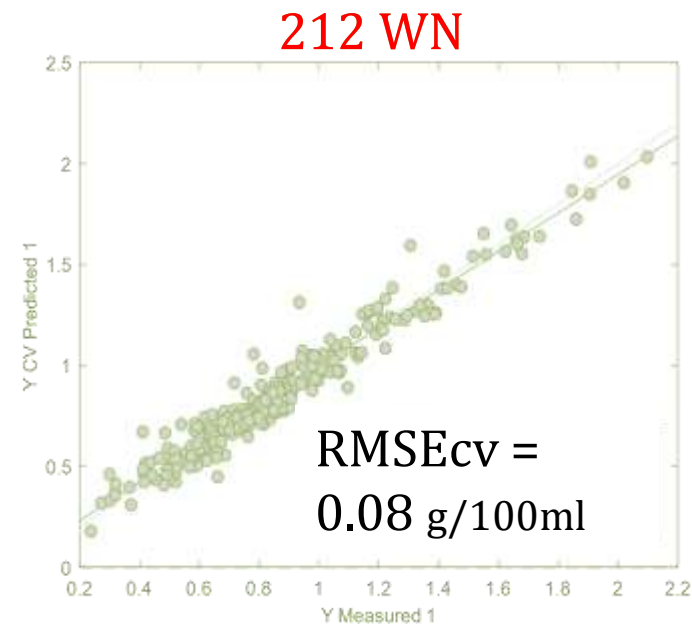
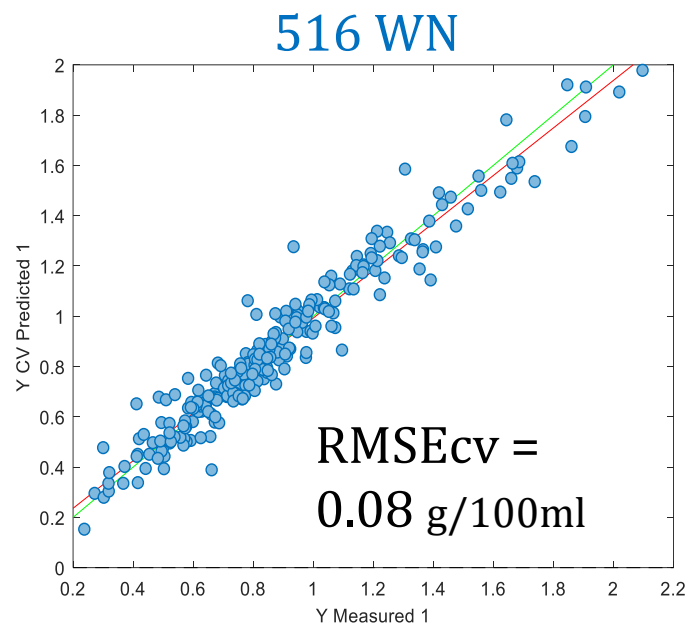
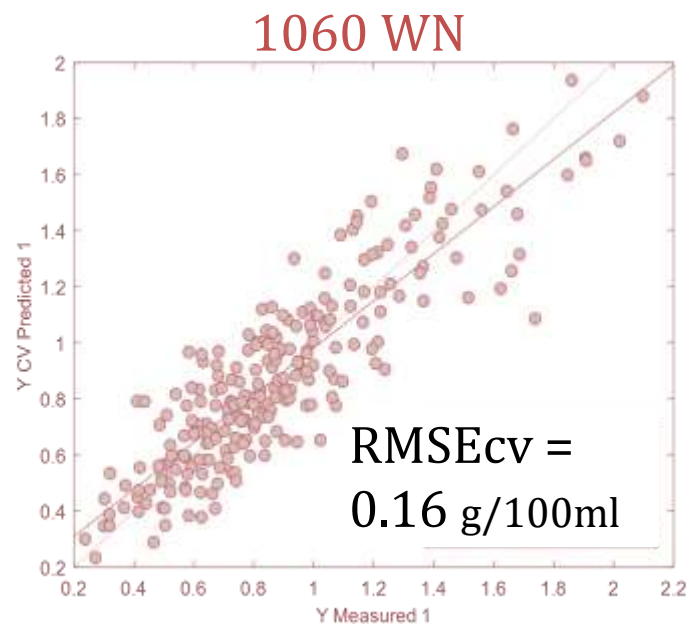
- 250 samples in calibration
- 1572 samples in external validation

Same number of PLS factors

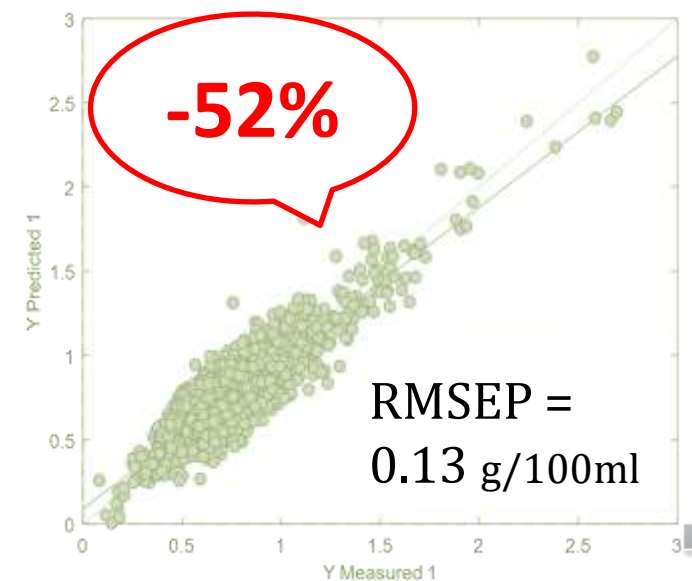
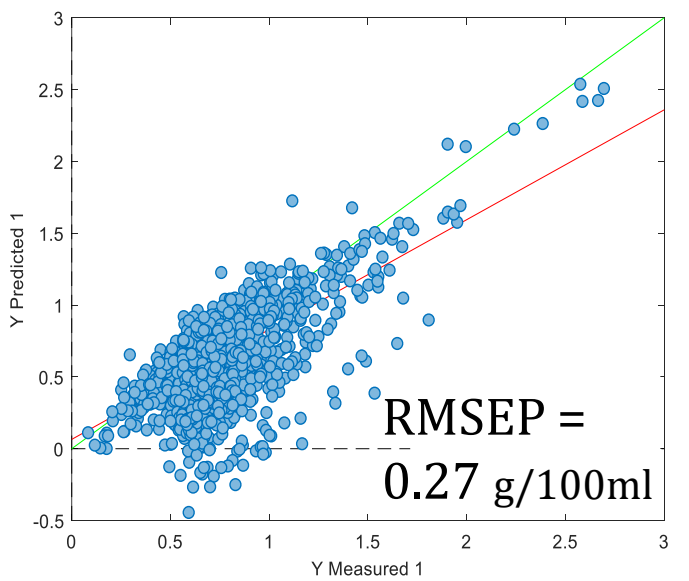
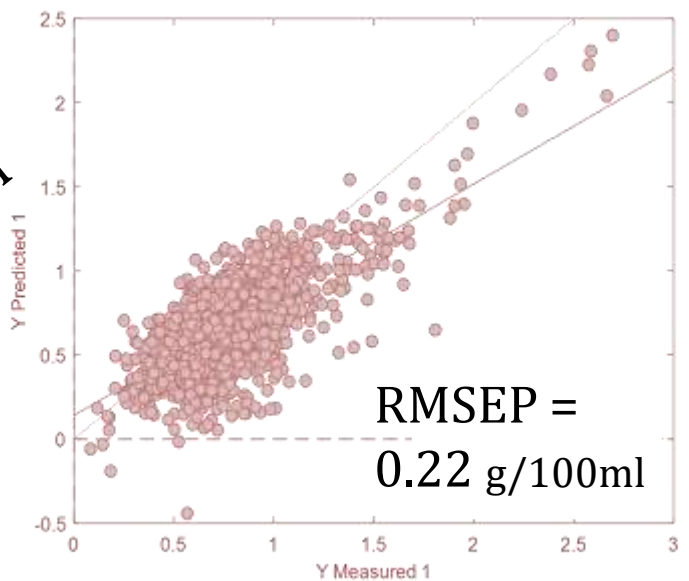




Calibration



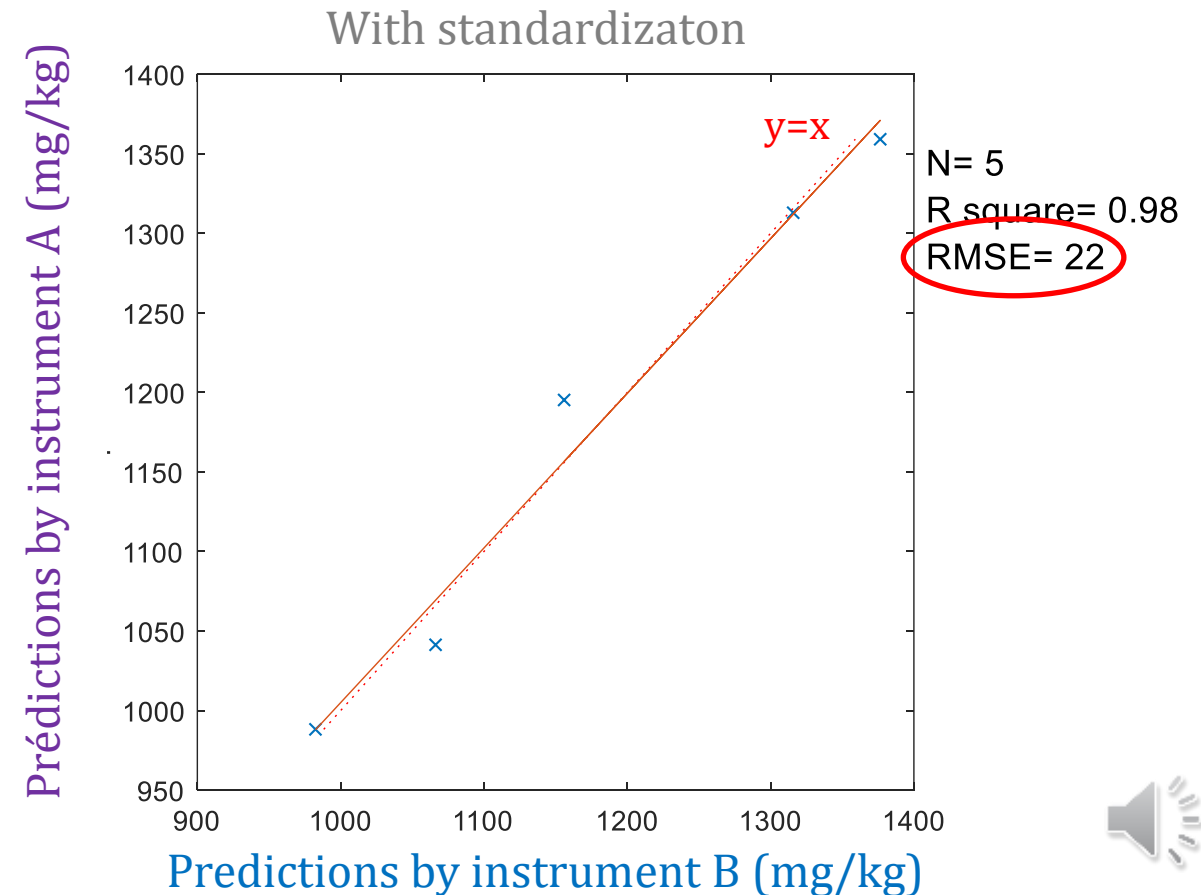
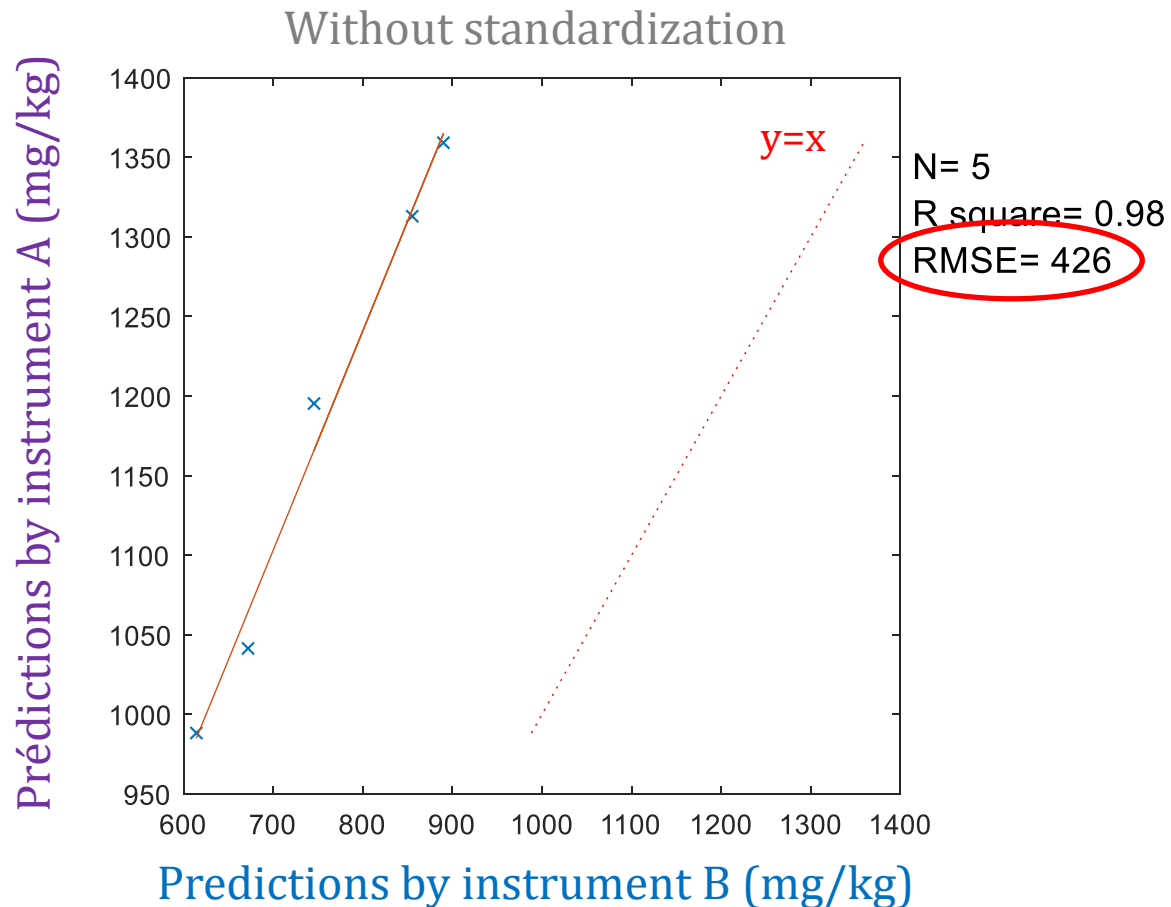
External  
validation



# Spectral standardization



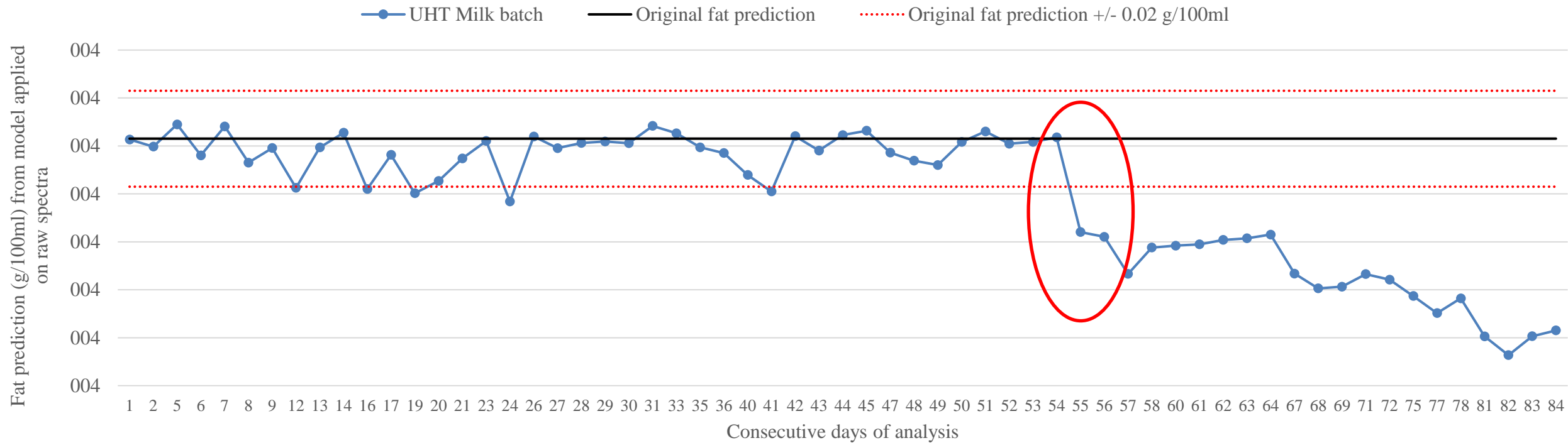
- Calcium model developed on instrument A
- Model applied on instrument B after analysis of common samples





# 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



# Complementary information



## Large-scale phenotyping in dairy sector using milk MIR spectra: Key factors affecting the quality of predictions

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