

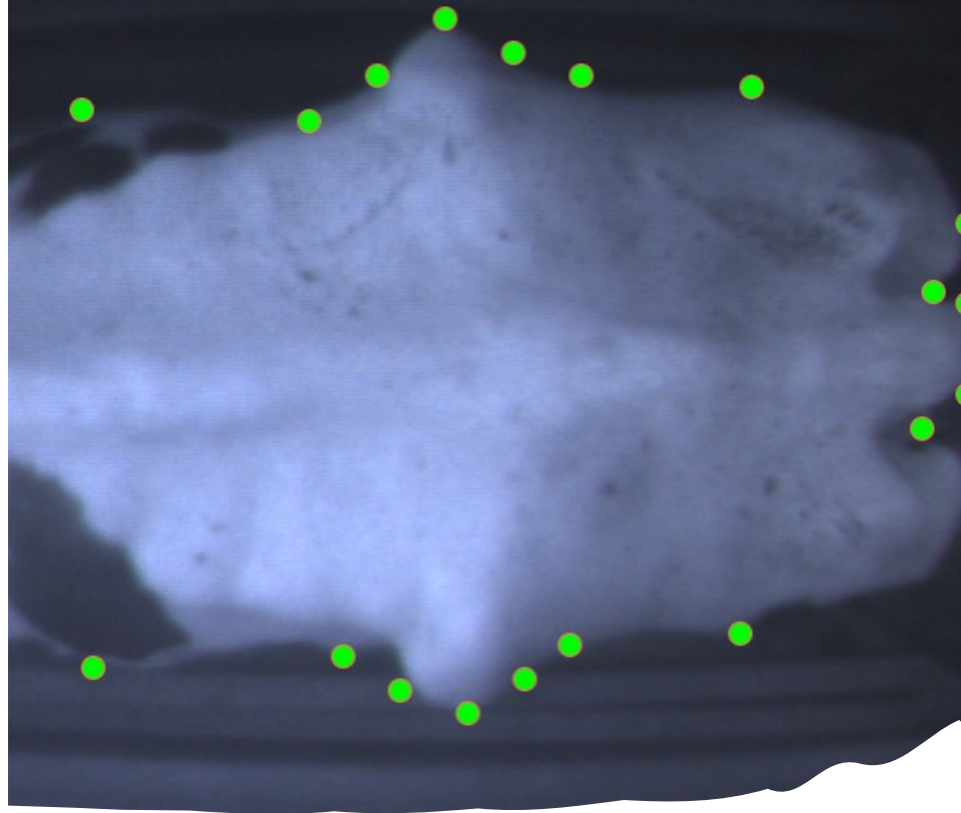
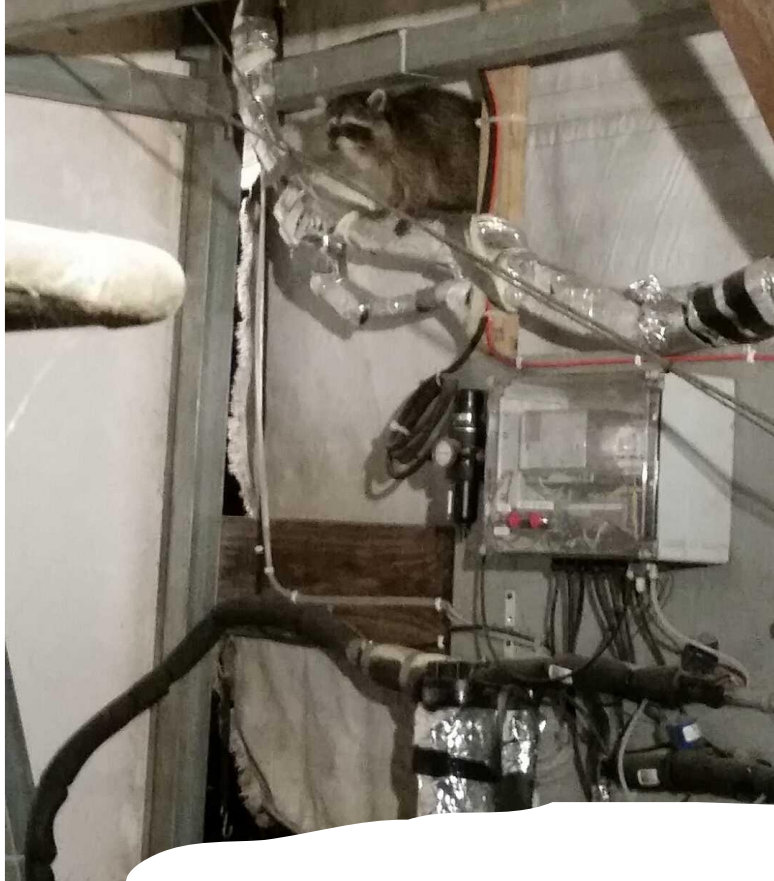
# New Types of Sensors

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18 Years of Technology Work







# Dairy Farm Tech 1.3

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**SMALL** Small companies are defined as technology start-ups whose innovation is touching fewer than 100,000 cows.



**MEDIUM** Medium companies are defined as early adoption companies who are touching between 100,000 and 1,000,000 cows.



**LARGE** Large companies are defined as those working with technology (research, development or acquisition) whose products touch more than 1,000,000 cows.

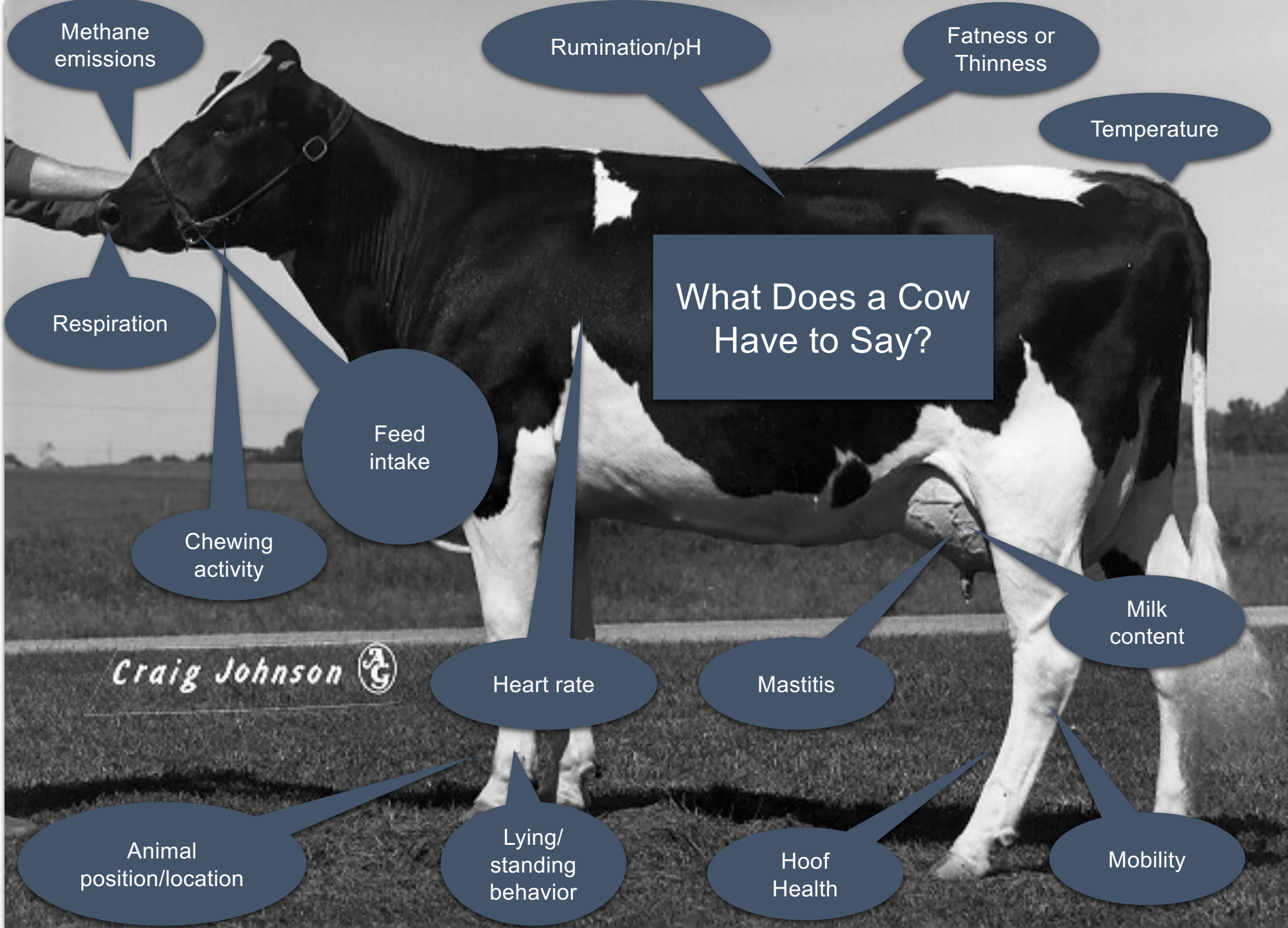


This poster tracks companies developing and deploying 21st Century technology advancements for use in handling, milking or managing cows or youngstock on dairy farms globally. Technologies that offer solutions for use in farming applications or in the dairy supply chain are not included. Manure-handling technologies are not part of the scope of this project. However, technologies for the management of enteric methane and a farm's carbon footprint are included.

Companies displayed on the map are startups or may be partially / fully owned by other companies. Companies owning or investing in these new technology brands may also be included. Companies that solely distribute technology owned by others are not included.

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Methane emissions

Ruminations/pH

Fatness or Thinness

Temperature

Respiration

What Does a Cow Have to Say?

Feed intake

Chewing activity

Heart rate

Mastitis


Milk content

Animal position/location

Lying/standing behavior

Hoof Health

Mobility

Craig Johnson 





# Automated Milking Systems





# Automated Calf Feeding





# Precision Dairy Monitoring



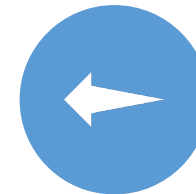
Milk



Behavior



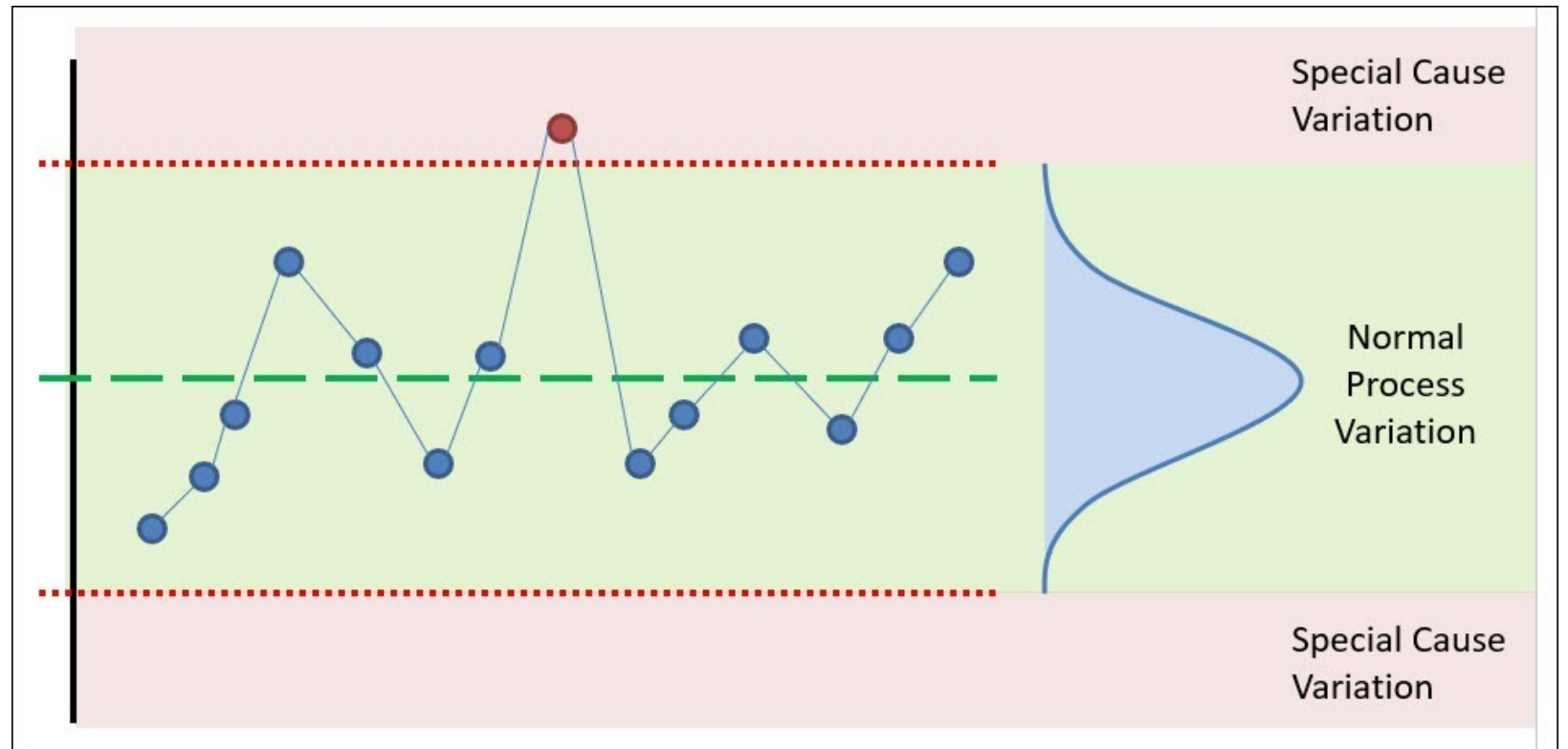
Physiology



Conformation



# Management by Exception







# Precision Dairy Monitoring Applications

- Estrus Detection
- Mastitis Detection
- Fresh Cow Disease Detection
- Lameness Detection
- Calving Detection
- Genetic Traits
- Management Monitoring

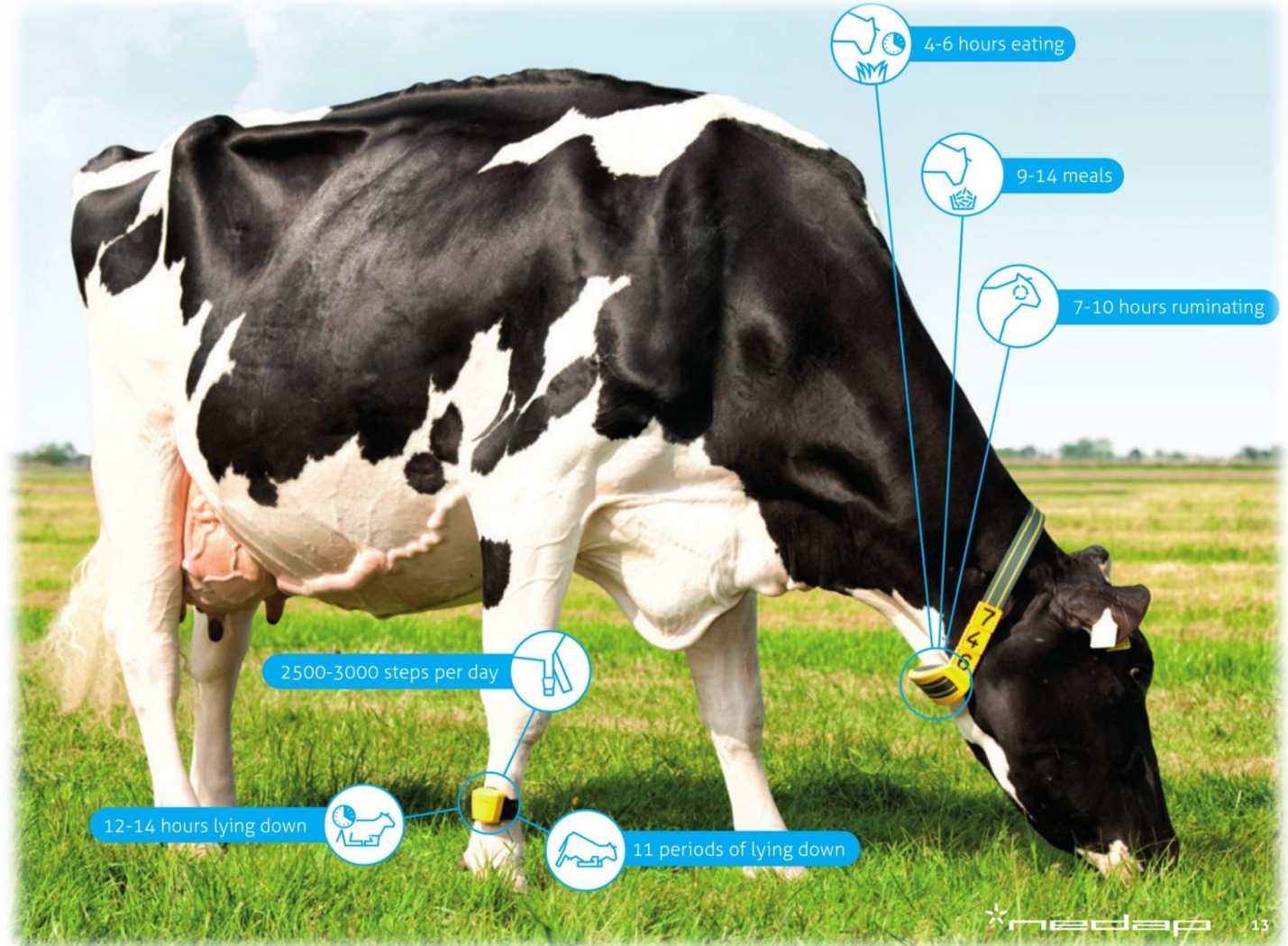


# Wearables, Machine Vision, and Milk Analyses





# Wearable Technologies







**WiCow:** vaginal temperature, calving detection, estrus detection

**AfiAct 11 Leg Tags:** ID for parlor, lying, steps, activity



**smaXtec Classic Bolus:** temperature, drinking, rumination, activity



**Nedap CowControl™ Neck Tags:** location, activity, rumination, eating



**Nedap CowControl™ Leg Tags:** lying, steps, activity



**CowManager Ear Sensor:** temperature, activity, rumination, eating



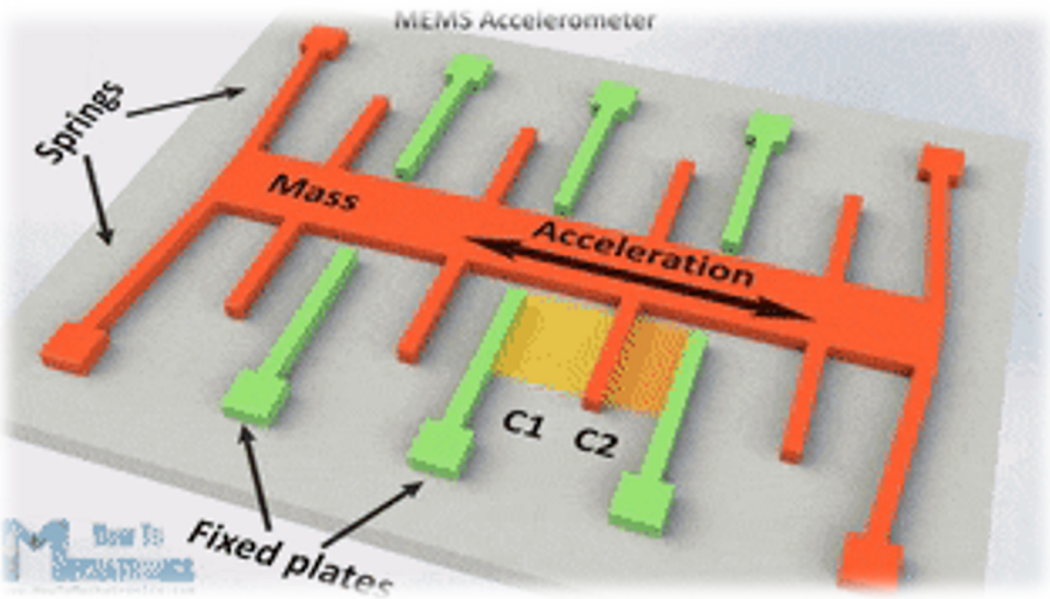
**Herddogg HealthTag™:** activity, temperature

At the SmartHolstein Lab, each cow wears multiple technologies to monitor behavior, health, and fertility. These technologies, similar to human Fitbits, use accelerometers. They ensure cows get enough rest and feed, and detect health issues early for prompt intervention.





# Accelerometers and Behaviors











Does Dairy Cow Sleep Matter?





**Sleep**



**Rest Quality**

# First health microchip optimized for dairy

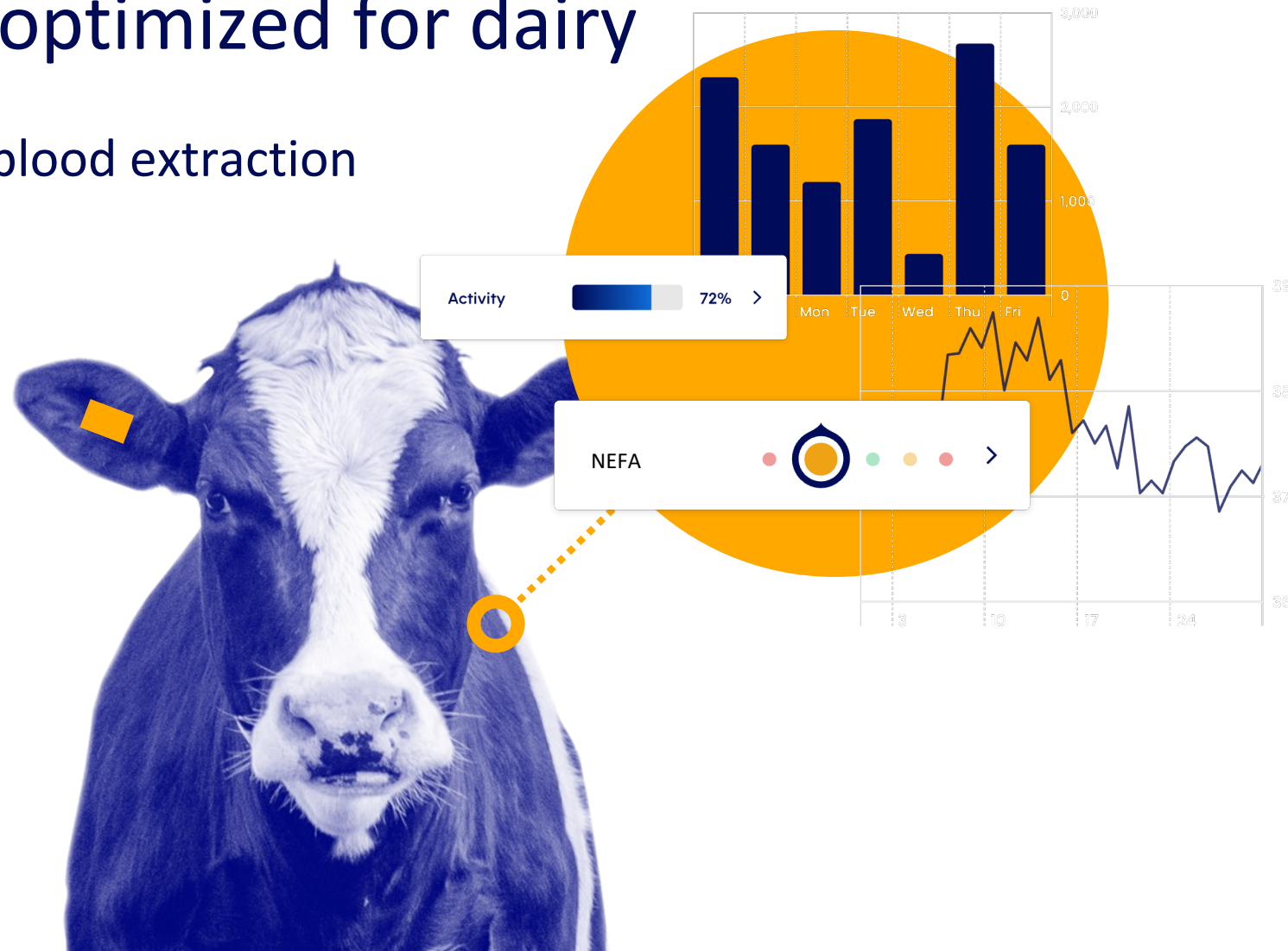
Real-time measurement without blood extraction

- ✓ Progesterone for Fertility
- ✓ BUN, BHB and NEFA for energy status
- ✓ Body temperature

With a smart ear tag monitoring


- ✓ Lameness
- ✓ Movement
- ✓ Behaviour

And API data integration  
from other technologies

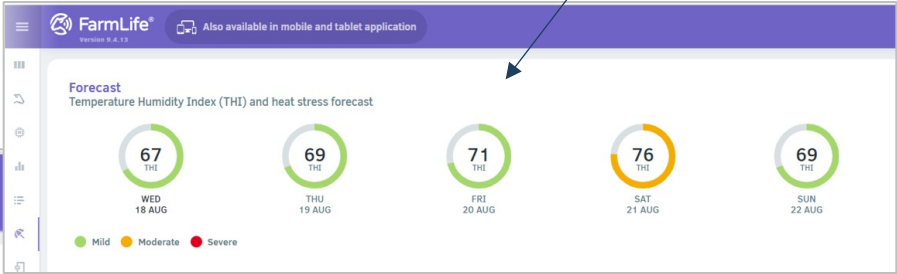




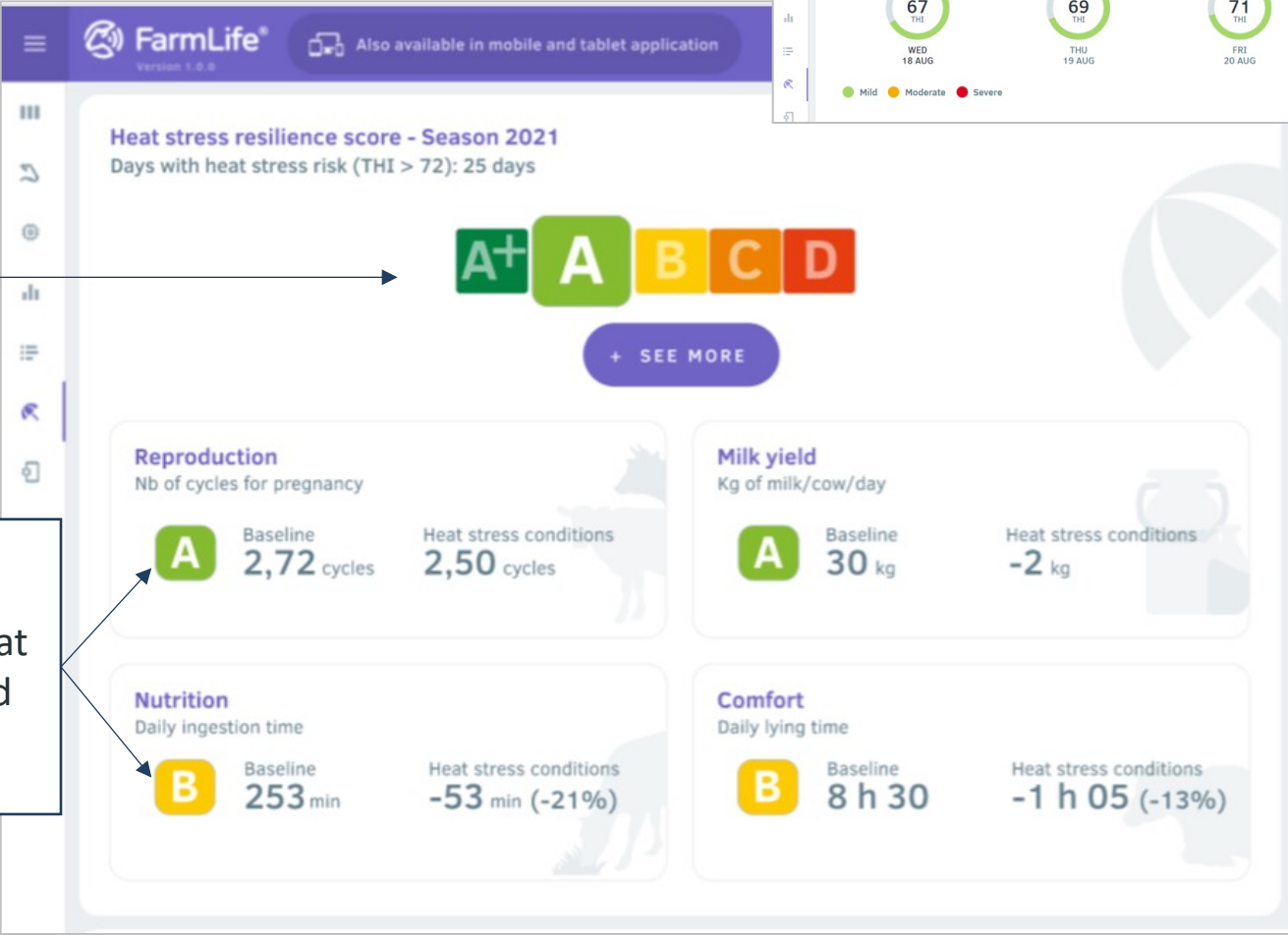
# Heat'Adapt<sup>®</sup>

Heat stress services  
within 

Local Temperature Humidity Index (THI)  
forecast from virtual weather stations

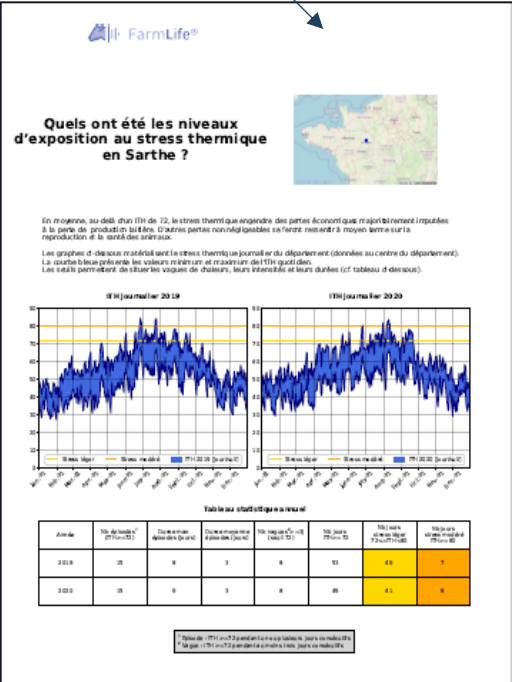


Resilience score



THI and loss estimation for  
average farm in the same  
region

Performance indicators  
Baseline vs days with risk of heat  
stress due to temperature and  
humidity conditions



# Best Place to Put a Device?



Ear

- + Easy to put on
- + Small size
- Easily caught and torn out



Leg

- + Stays on well
- Harder to put on
- May collect manure



Neck

- + Logical location for behavior
- + Stays on well
- Neck growth



Tail

- + Good location for calving behavior
- Falls off
- May cut off blood flow

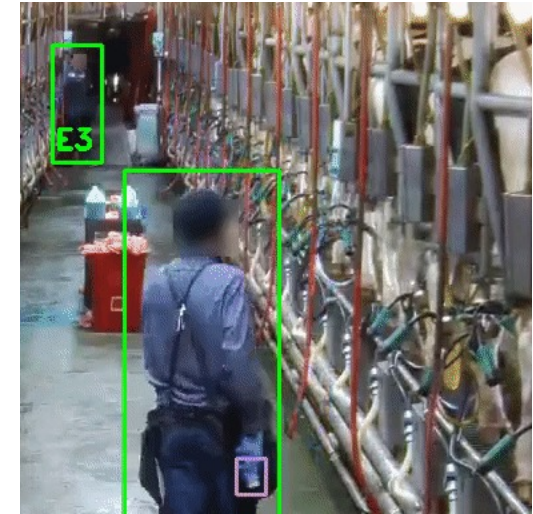
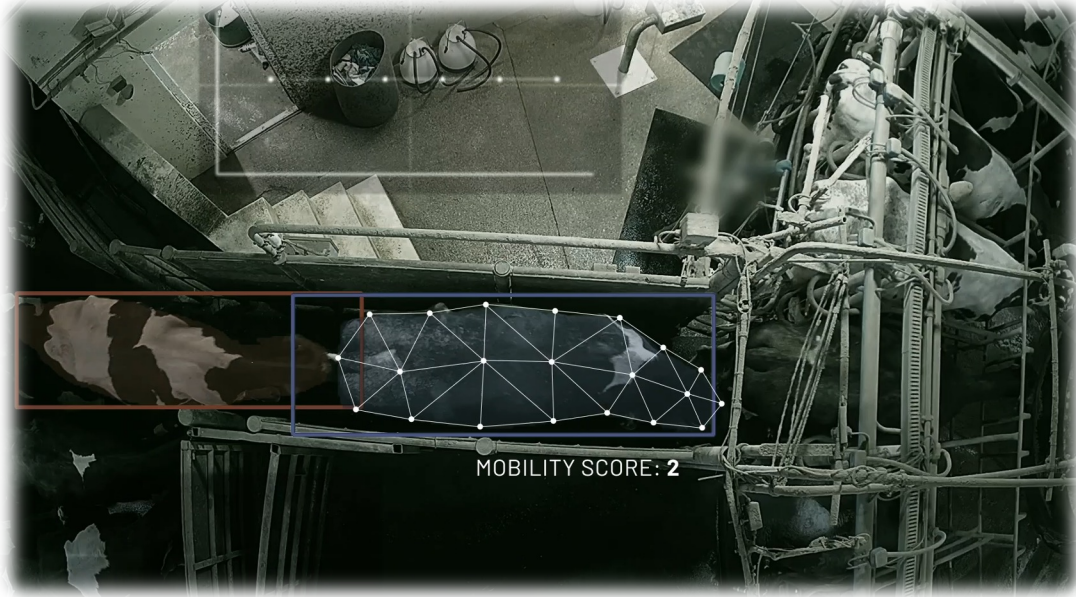


Reticulorumen

- + No exterior device
- + Multiple measures simultaneously
- Can't reuse devices



# Future Opportunities In Machine Vision



Cattle Care







DeLaval  
Body Condition  
Scoring





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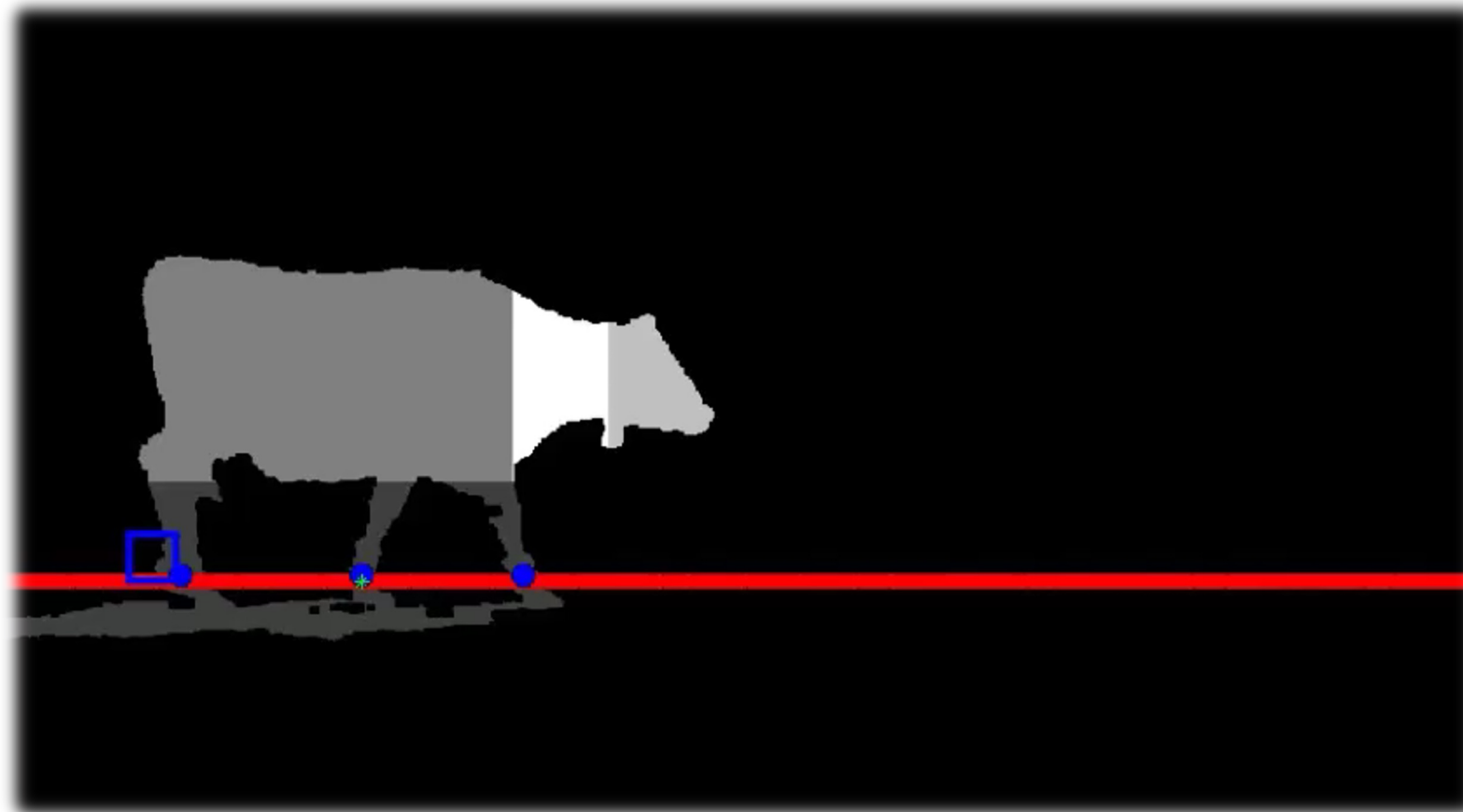
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Original papers

## Automatic lameness detection in dairy cattle based on leg swing analysis with an image processing technique

K. Zhao<sup>a,b</sup>, J.M. Bewley<sup>c</sup>, D. He<sup>a,d,e,\*</sup>, X. Jin<sup>b</sup>



# Digital Dermatitis Detection (Dopfer)



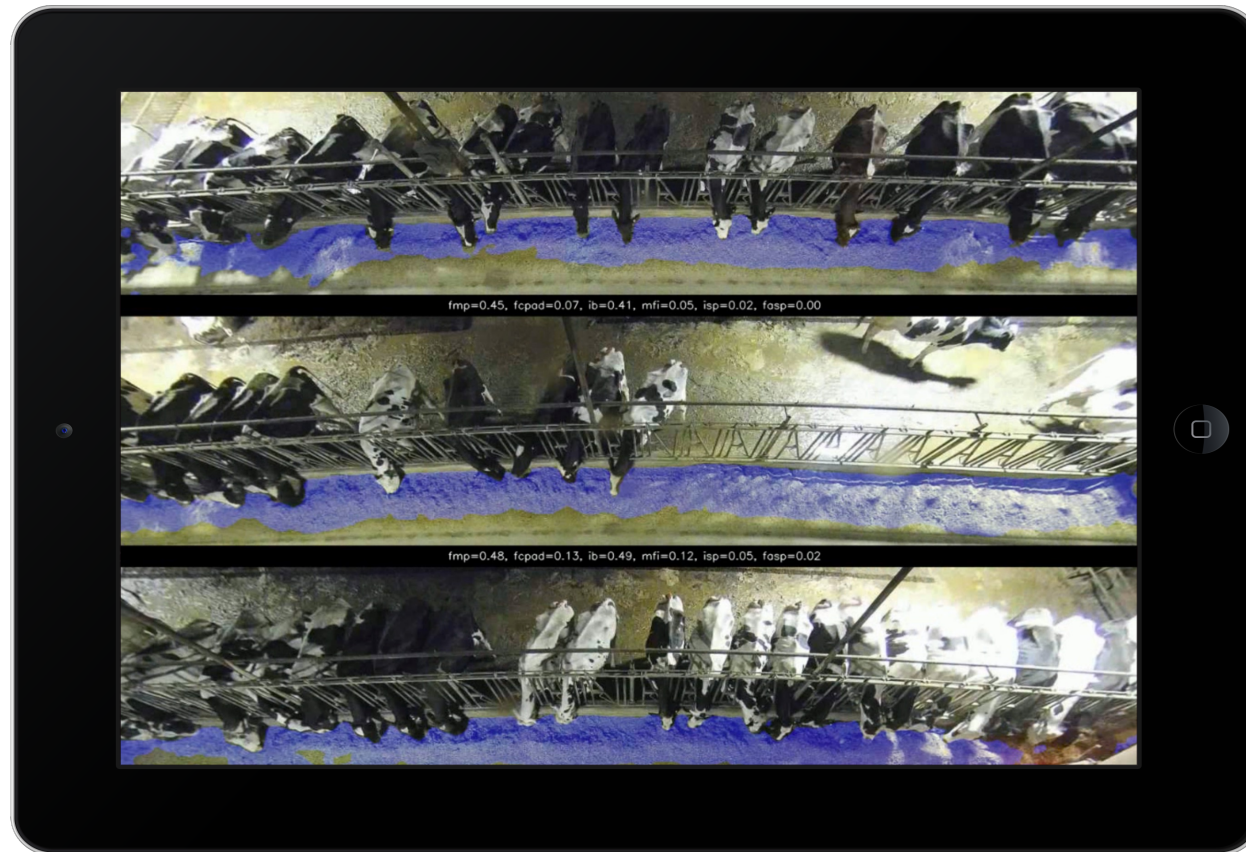


# Monitoring cow behavior by pen 24/7



# Monitoring feed availability and determining when feed events happen

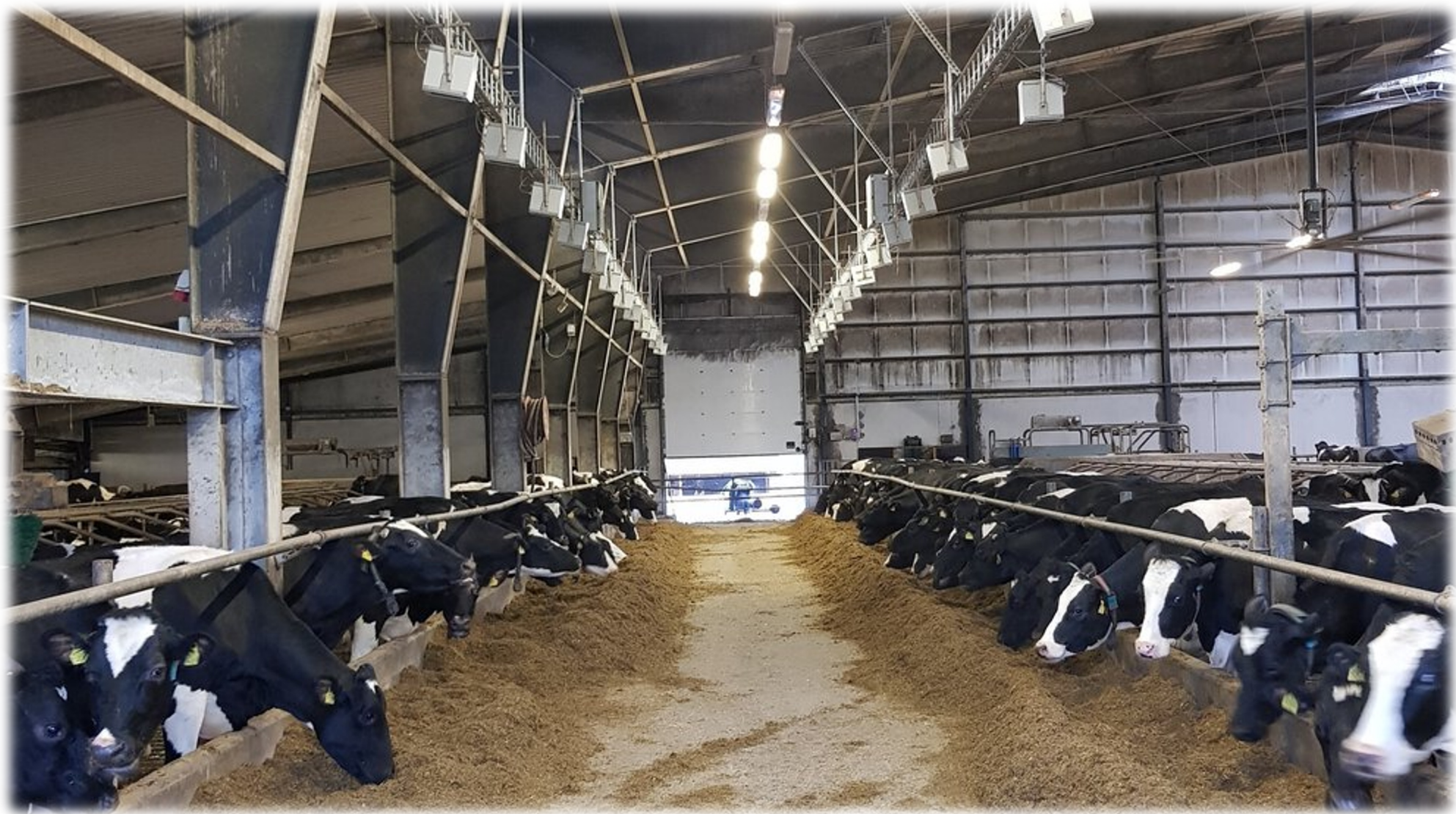
Before  
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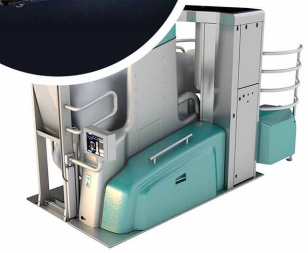
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# Cattle Feed Intake System (CFIT)







# Inline Somatic Cell Count



# Spectroscopy

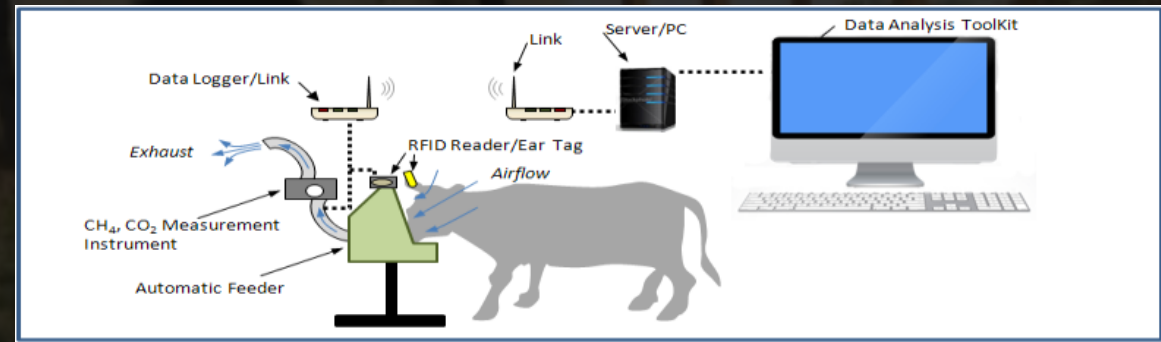
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- Visible, near-infrared, mid-infrared, or radio frequency
- Indirect identification through changes in milk composition
- AfiLab uses near infrared
  - Fat, protein, lactose



# Methane Emissions

C-LOCK INC.





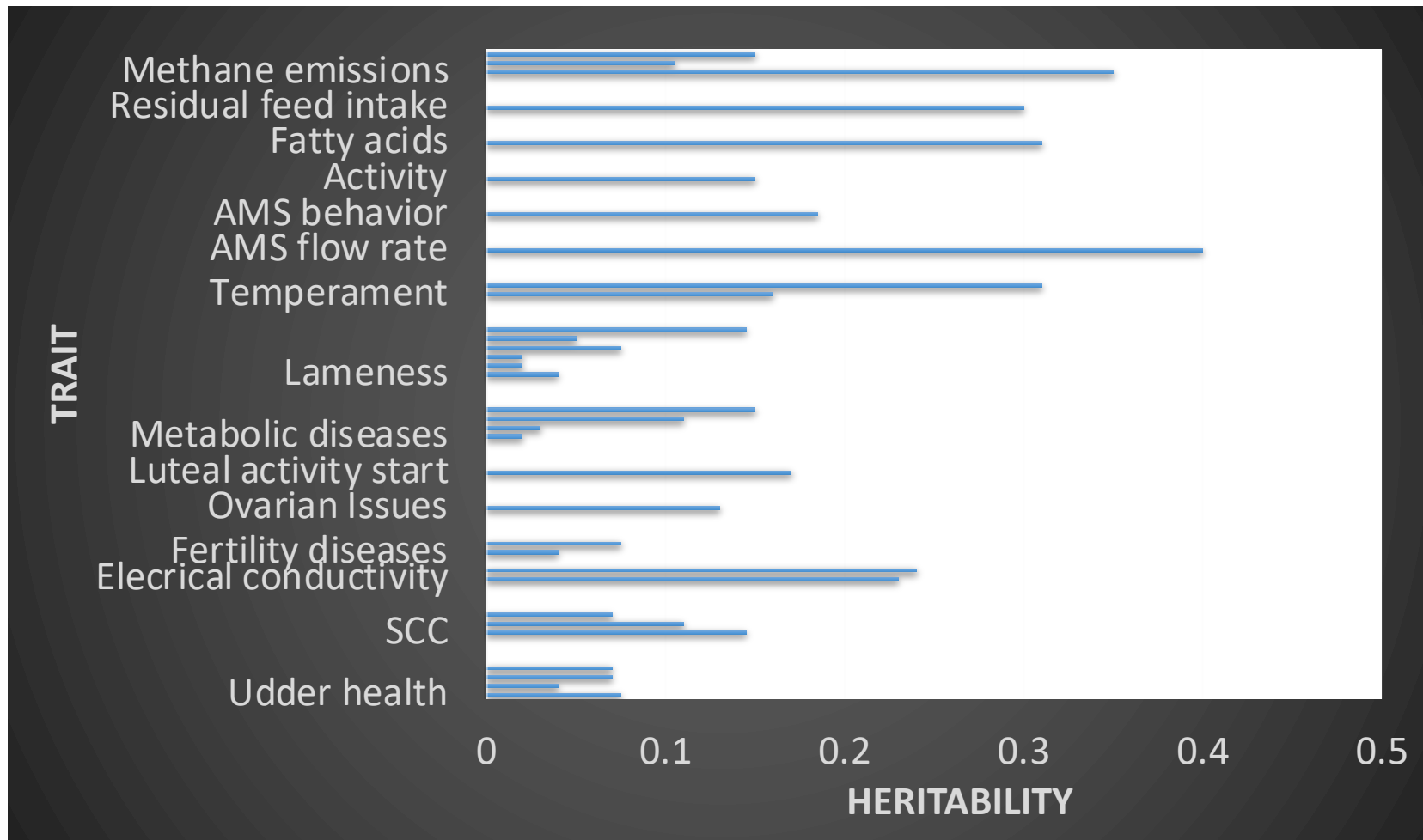
# The Opportunity

A photograph of a black and white cow grazing in a green field at sunset. A glowing blue DNA double helix is superimposed over the cow's body, extending from its head towards the background. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light from the setting sun, creating a soft glow and long shadows.

- Previously unavailable, consistent, objective measures
- New or improved traits
- Traits may be incorporated into robustness assessments
- Improved data accuracy

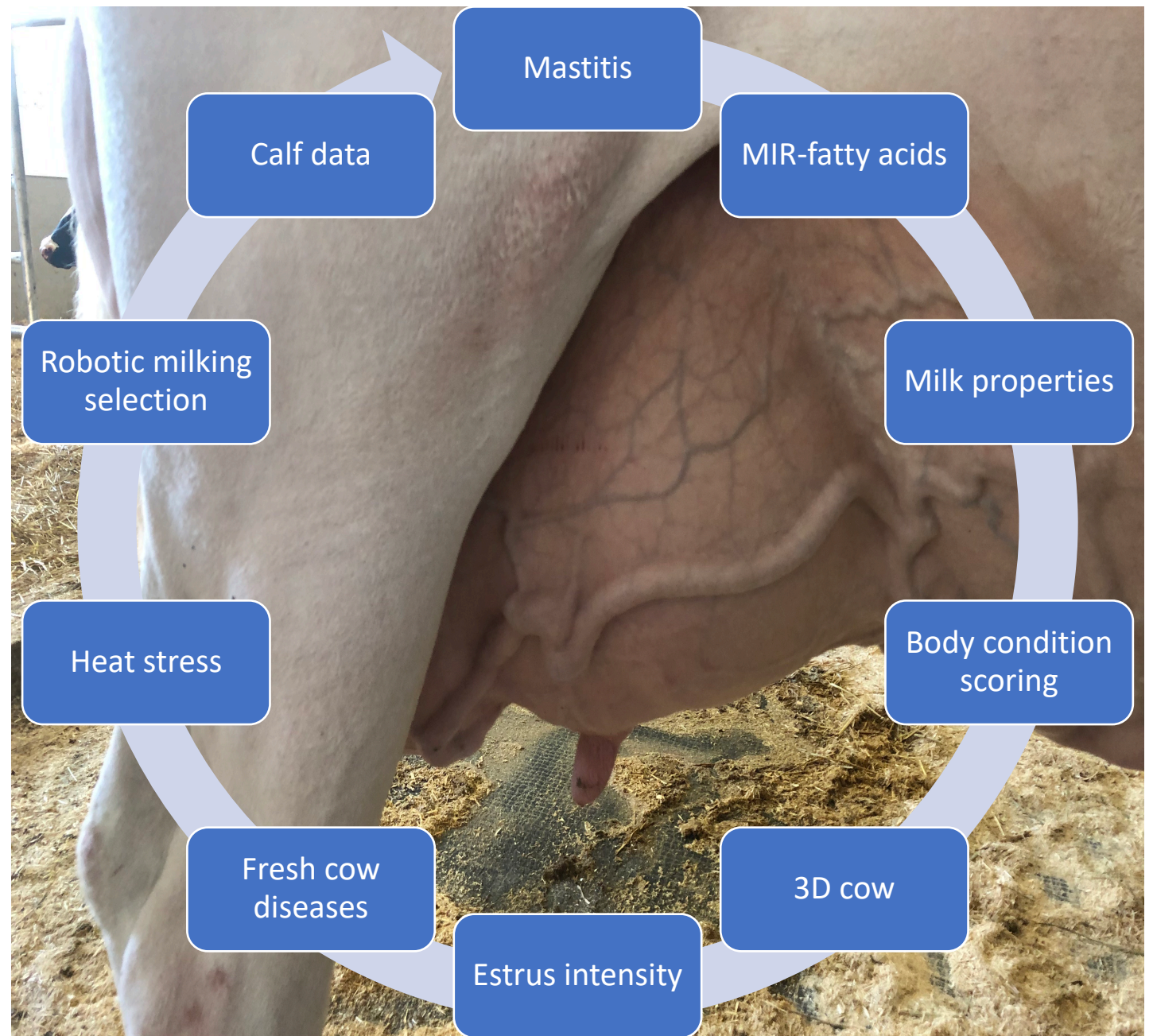
## Invited review: overview of new traits and phenotyping strategies in dairy cattle with a focus on functional traits

C. Egger-Danner<sup>1†</sup>, J. B. Cole<sup>2</sup>, J. E. Pryce<sup>3</sup>, N. Gengler<sup>4</sup>, B. Heringstad<sup>5</sup>, A. Bradley<sup>6,7</sup> and K. F. Stock<sup>8</sup>





# Novel Phenotypes

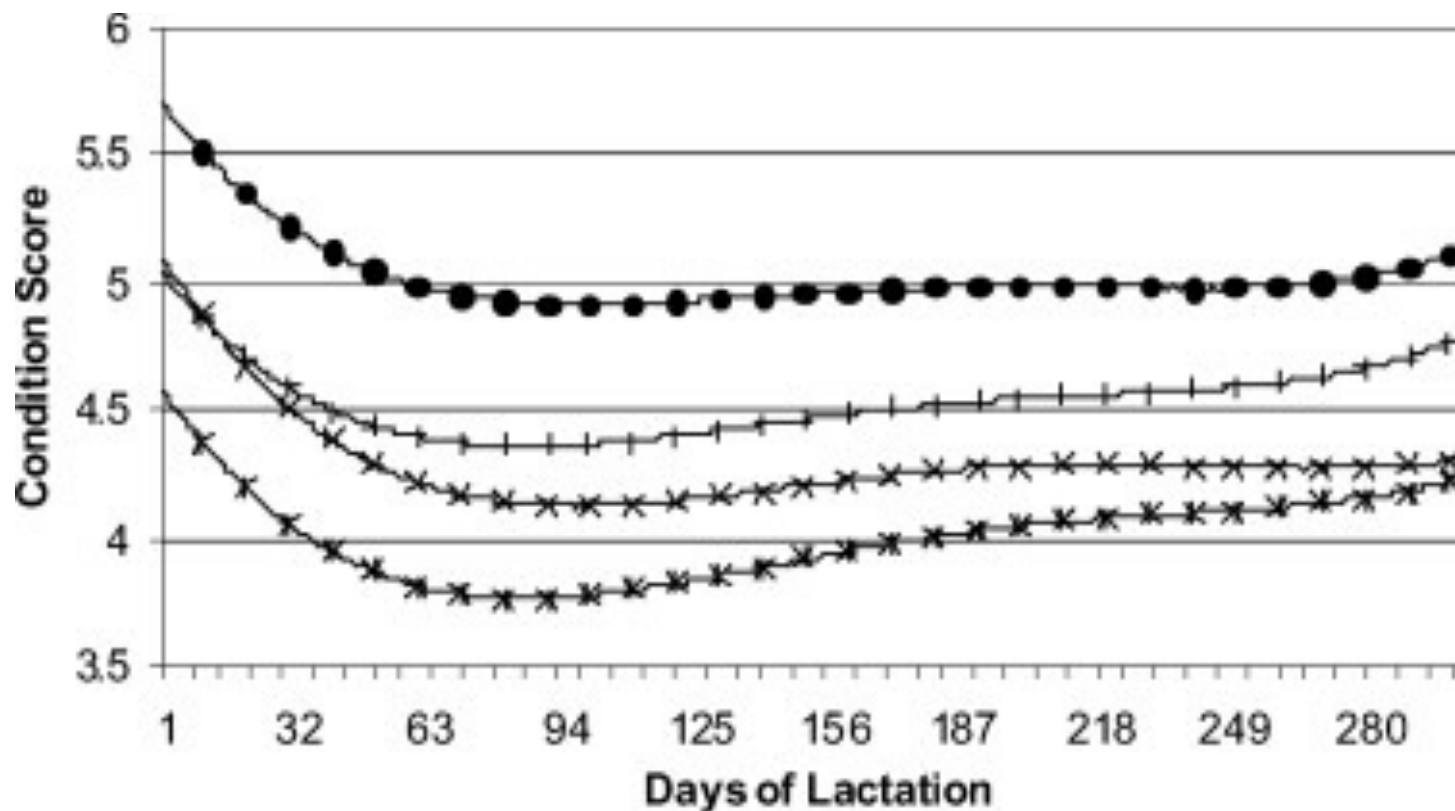


## Genetic Evaluations of Dairy Bulls for Daughter Energy Balance Profiles Using Linear Type Scores and Body Condition Score Analyzed Using Random Regression

M. P. Coffey,\* G. Simm,\* W. G. Hill,† and S. Brotherstone†

\*Animal Biology Division, Scottish Agricultural College,  
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BCS  
Heritability ~  
0.20

Body condition score for the top (× and \*) and bottom (+ and ●) two sires ranked on profit index (PIN)



# Holstein International

Record breaking donor with 71 embryos from 1 single IVF!

- p.15

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## Heat tolerance

Why heat tolerance should be in our genetic evaluations

'I honestly think there is too much emphasis on breeding with genomics' - p. 40

Interview Marc Comtois / The secret of AOT / All new sire proofs

# Heat Stress



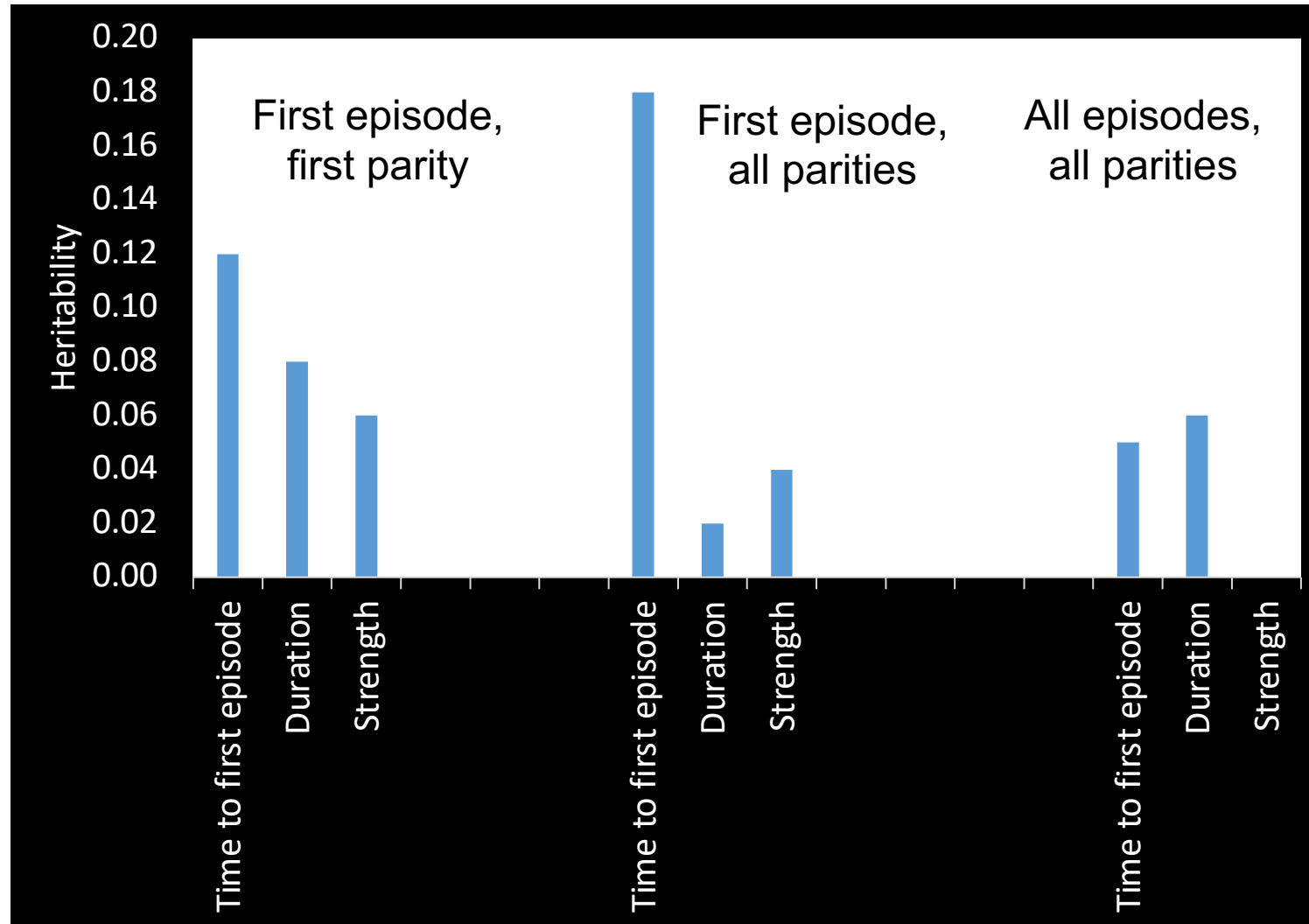
**Short communication: Genetic variation in estrus activity traits**

P. Løvendahl\*<sup>1</sup> and M. G. G. Chagunda†

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†Sustainable Livestock Systems Group, Scottish Agricultural College, Dairy Research Centre, Midpark House, Bankend Road, Dumfries, DG1 4SZ, United Kingdom

**High  
activity  
for  
cows  
and  
heifers**





# AMS Derived Udder Traits

Traits based on herd classification	h <sup>2</sup>	Traits based on AMS	h <sup>2</sup>
front udder attachment	0.25	udder depth 1	0.56
front teat placement	0.31	udder depth 2	0.56
teat length	0.38	udder depth 3	0.52
udder depth	0.39	distance front teats 1	0.60
rear udder height	0.26	distance front teats 2	0.53
udder support	0.22	distance front teats 3	0.45
rear teat placement	0.29	distance rear teats 1	0.45
		distance rear teats 2	0.38
		distance rear teats 3	0.33
		udder balance 1	0.45
		udder balance 2	0.42
		udder balance 3	0.43

# Challenges and Limitations



Brand differences in measures



Technology failures



Standardization



Calibration



Data ownership



Who pays for what?



**What can we  
learn from those  
companies and  
technologies  
that didn't make  
it?**



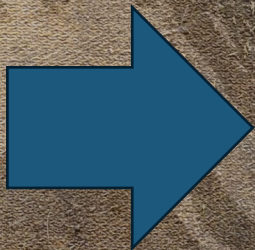


# Physical Form Problems

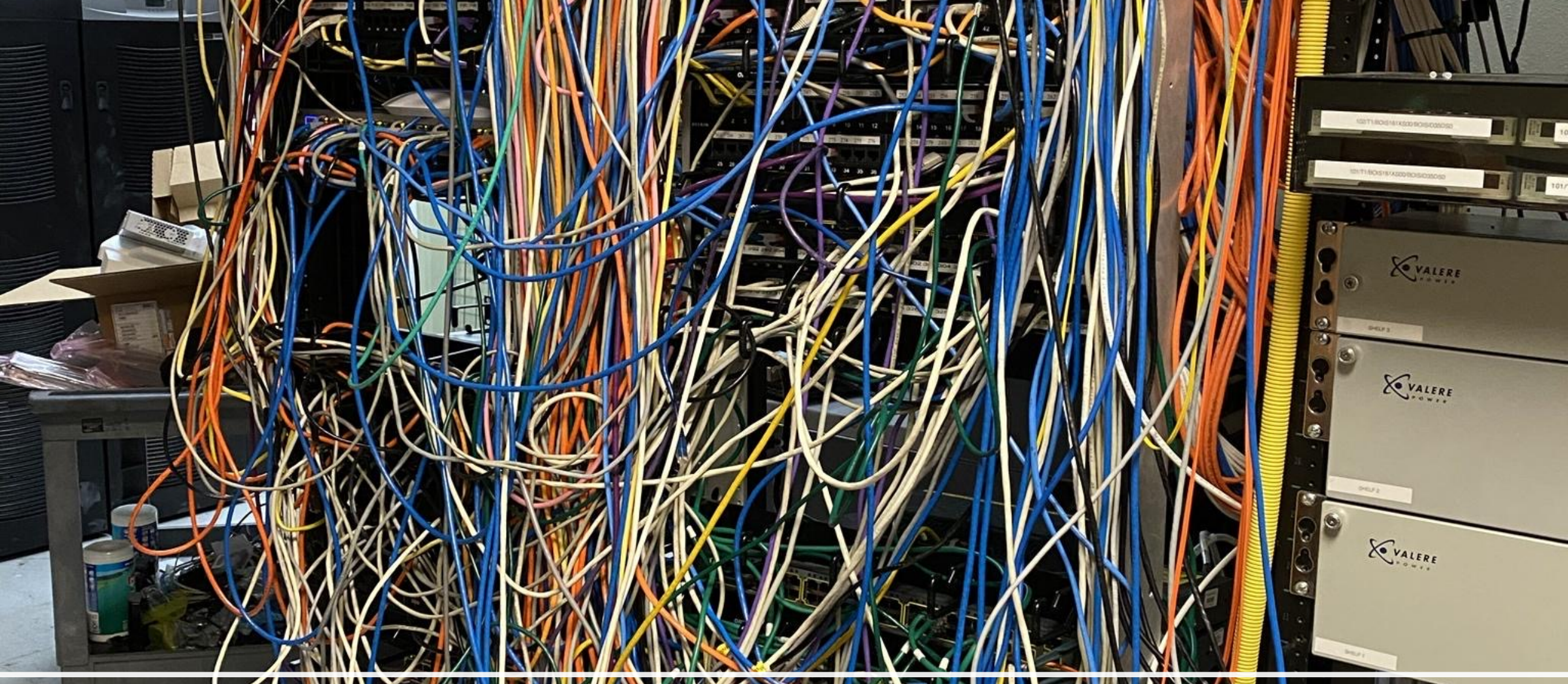




# Device Integrity







Too Much Infrastructure Needed



# Rodents and Other Farm Realities

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# Camera Cleaning

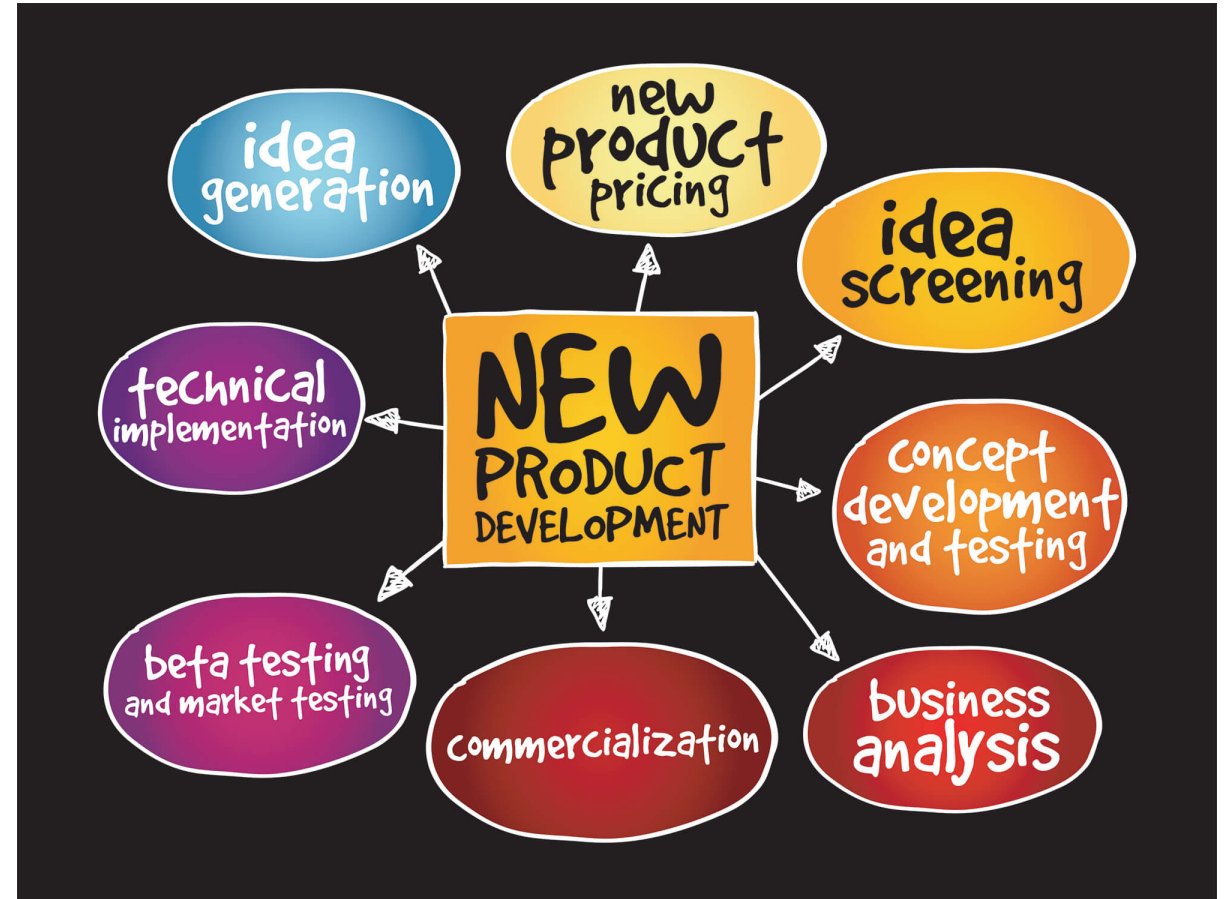






## Rural Connectivity Limits

# Miscommunication of Development Stage





overpromise

underdeliver

hype

launch

expect

information

teaser

product

marketing

expectations

success

slogan message

reminder

delivery

store

memo

target

warning failure

relations

goal

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technology

sticky

perspective

online

sell

company

planning

advertisement

idea internet

new

enthusiast

newspaper

quality symbol

audience

picture detail

writing

deliver short

advert promise under

public vintage design

workflow





Focus on Technology, Rather than Information





Some Data Interesting but Not Useful





Too Costly to Justify Investment



# Are we measuring the targets we intend to?

## PRECISION VS ACCURACY



✓ Precision  
✗ Accuracy



✗ Precision  
✓ Accuracy



✗ Precision  
✗ Accuracy

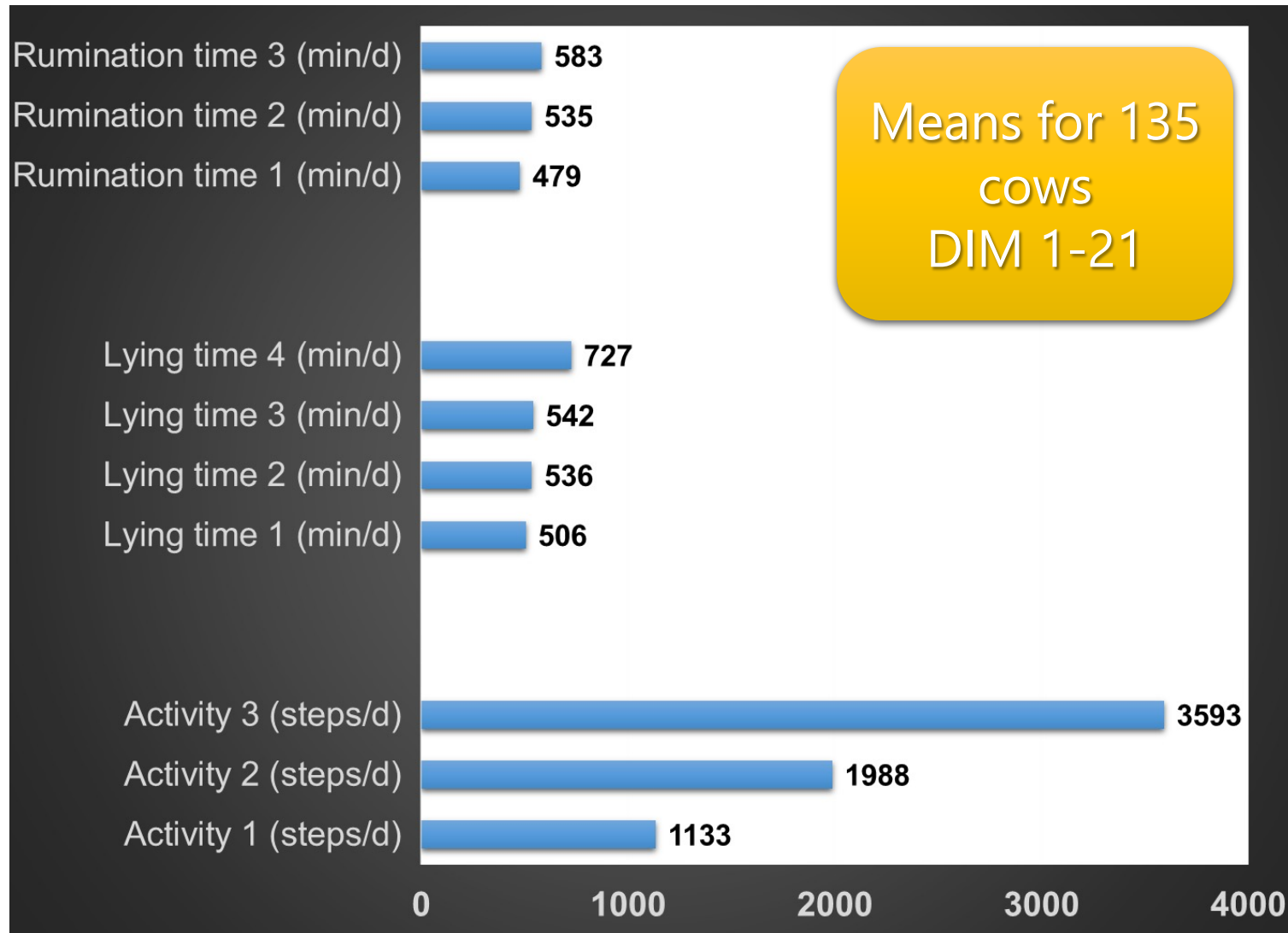


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✓ Accuracy

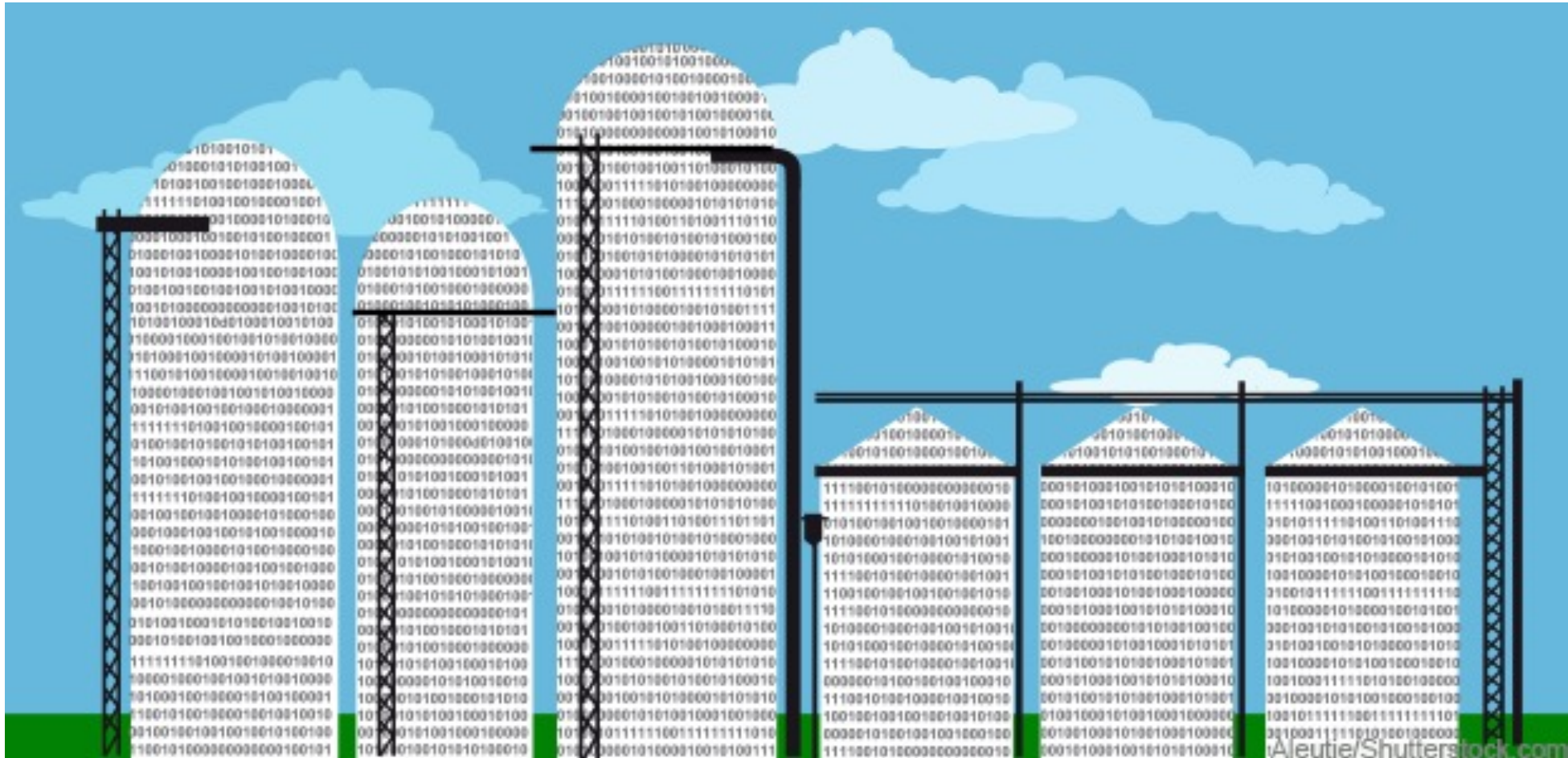




# X ≠ X and Y ≠ Y



# Data Silos



DHIA

Sensors

Genetics

Milk Buyer

Nutrition

Financial



# Data Integrators



A close-up portrait of Winston Churchill, wearing a dark bowler hat and a patterned suit jacket with a polka-dot bow tie. He is holding a cigar in his mouth and looking slightly to the left. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape.

**PERFECTION  
IS THE ENEMY OF  
PROGRESS**

*--Winston Churchill*



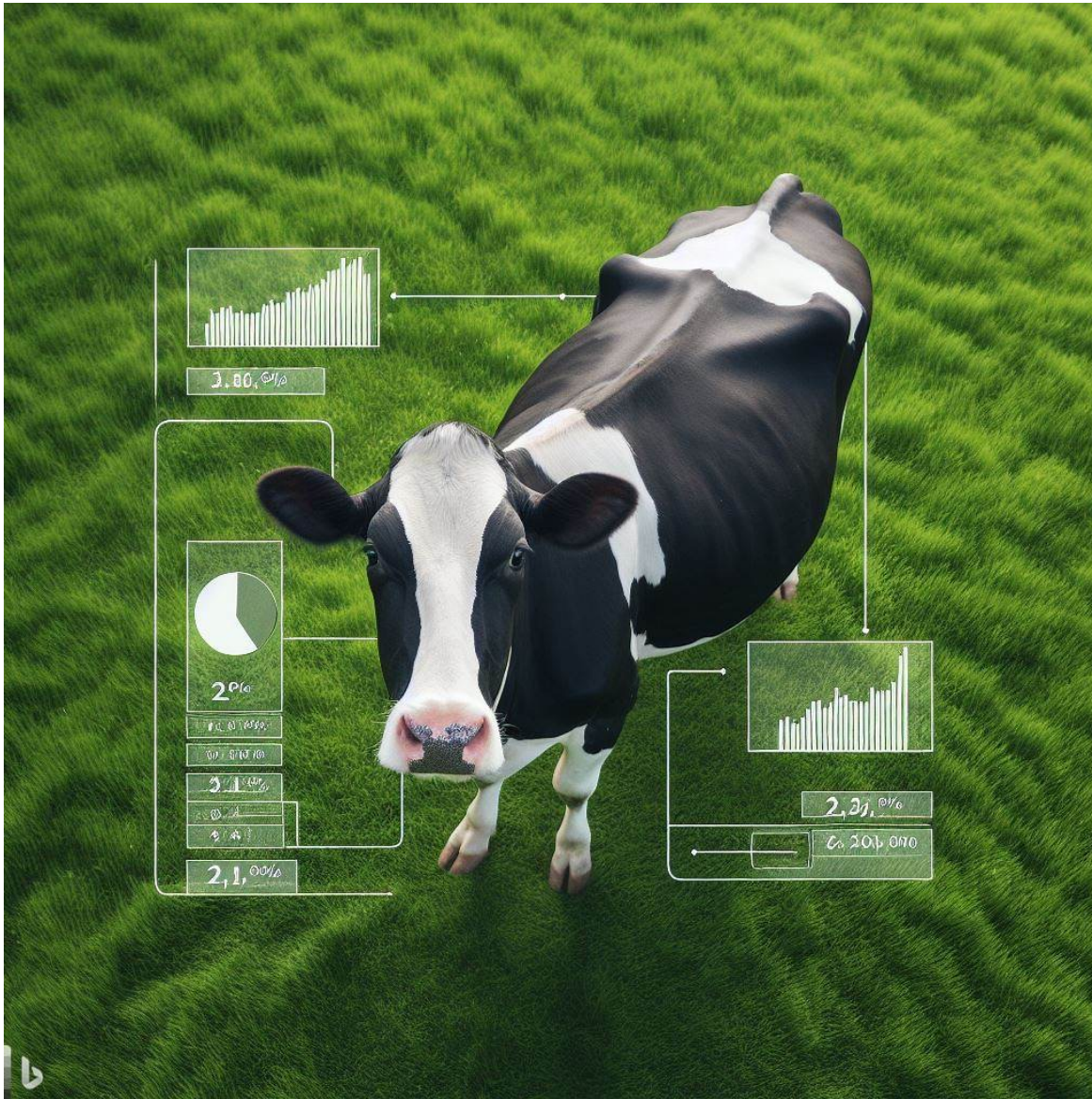


Tomorrow's technological innovations are beyond what we can imagine. Let's dream big.

Never Lose  
Sight Of Her:  
That  
Beautiful  
Creature We  
All Love







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