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Accuracy and potential of in-line milk composition analysis with near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS)

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Near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS)

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Infrared region: The incident light is absorbed by functional groups and causes a change in the vibration state (molecular vibrations)

 \rightarrow NIR region: Detection of overtones and combinations of different vibrations occurring from the fundamental vibrations \rightarrow possibility to detect molecules that consist of these functional groups



Premises for accurate prediction results







Setup of the in-line analysis

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Influences on NIR milk composition analysis



Sampling in-line setup

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- Each measuring date representing four consecutive milking sessions
- Installation of the in-line measuring setup on one milking place
- Sampling of subsamples from total cow milking for reference analysis



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Potential in-line setup (random dataset)



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Robustness of calibration models



Summary & Conclusion

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NIRS has the potential to analyze milk contents during the milking process with a high temporary frequency

- measuring principle and in-line setup
 - •Measuring principle are useful for practical implementations
 - •In-line sample presentation can be used in different milking parlor types
- Potential (fully randomized calibration and validation sets)
 Excellent to good prediction results were achieved for fat (%), protein (%) and lactose (%) content with fully randomized calibrations
- Robustness of NIR calibration models

•Farm individual calibration models do not represent the variability of future milk spectra

•Compared with farm individual models, external calibration models achieve better accuracy results

•An individual cow scatter correction can additionally improve the accuracy results



Thank you for your attention



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