



# Prediction of polyunsaturated fatty acid content in the bovine muscle

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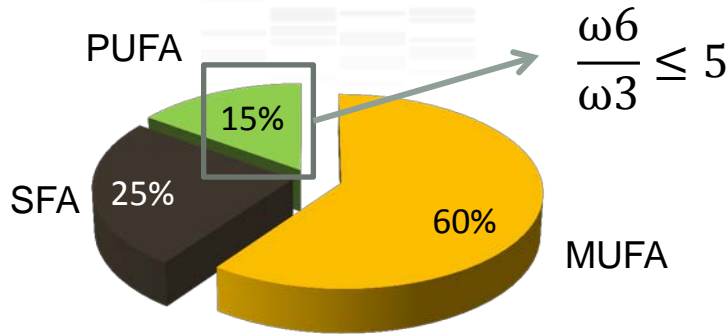
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# Dietary fatty acids (FA) in human nutrition

## FA requirement

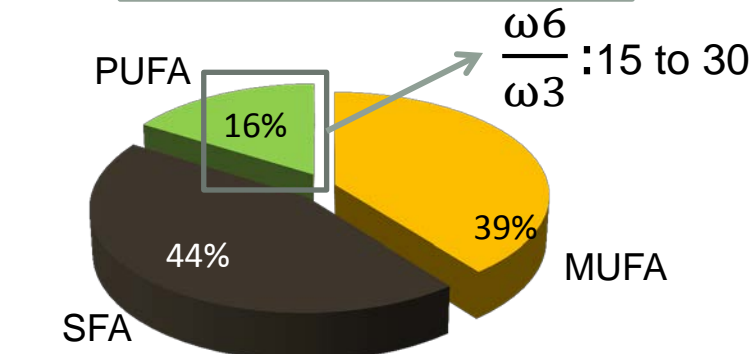


(Anses, 2010)

*Important PUFA needs*

PUFA: polyunsaturated fatty acid

## Mean FA consumption



(Afssa, INCA2, 2007)

*Unbalanced  $\omega 6 / \omega 3$  ratio*



**We don't consume enough  $\omega 3$**

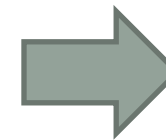
**Human can't synthesized  $\omega 3$  PUFA**



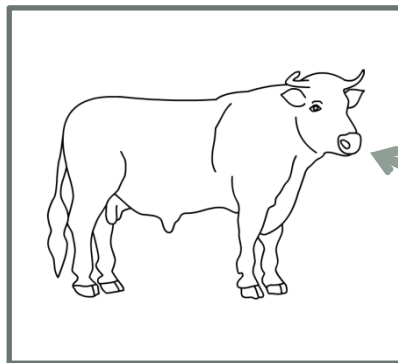
Only in plants



in animals



# Food industries issues



**Feeding strategy** to increase  $\omega$ 3 PUFA content in animal products:  
fresh grass,  
linseed,...



We must be able to measure the content of  $\omega$ 3 PUFA in the beef slaughter chain

Results control for labels

Nutritional quality information for consumer

**Positive economic impact on beef industry**

# Glossary of fatty acids (FA)

		DENOMINATION	ABBREVIATION
<b>Major FA</b>	<b>Saturated FA</b>		<b>SFA</b>
		Palmitic acid	-
		Stearic acid	-
	<b>Mono-unsaturated FA</b>		<b>MUFA</b>
		Oleic acid	-
<b>Minor FA</b>	<b>Poly-unsaturated FA</b>		<b>PUFA</b>
	$\omega 6$	Linoleic acid	LA
		Arachidonic acid	ARA
	$\omega 3$	$\alpha$ -linolenic acid	ALA
		Eicosapentaenoic acid	EPA
Docosahexaenoic acid		DHA	

# Method of fatty acids measurement

## Gas-Liquid Chromatography

Time-consuming

Costly

Tissue sampling

Laboratory material

Not adapted  
for systematic  
daily controls

## Near-Infra Red Spectroscopy








Short analysis time  
(1 to 2 min)

Cheaper  
(than reference method)

No depreciation

Slaughter chain adapted  
(portable)

# Original work

		GLC	NIRS
Major FA	SFA	  	          
	Palmitic Acid		
	Stearic Acid		
	MUFA		
	Oleic Acid		
Minor FA	PUFA		
	( $\omega$ 6) LA		
	( $\omega$ 6) ARA		
	( $\omega$ 3) ALA		
	( $\omega$ 3) EPA		

PUFA are more interesting for beef industry **BUT** NIRS cannot measure them

Is there a link between major FA and PUFA?

NIRS can't measured PUFA. We need to establish an alternative method to measure PUFA

## OBJECTIVES:

To develop  
**prediction equations**  
in order to predict PUFA  
indirectly from major FA

# Materials and methods

- **Prediction database:**

W3Meat in the data-warehouse Nutriflux<sup>INRA</sup>) from published beef FA composition (182 references, H32000 values, >2000)

Muscles	Diets	Breeds	Types
<i>Longissimus Thoracis</i>	Concentrate	65 breeds and crossbreeds	Steer
<i>Rectus Abdominis</i>	Pasture		Cull cow
<i>Semimembranosus</i>	Silage		Heifer
...	...		...

- **Validation database:**

from industrial individual beef samples

(595 animals H10000 values)

- **Selected statistical method:**

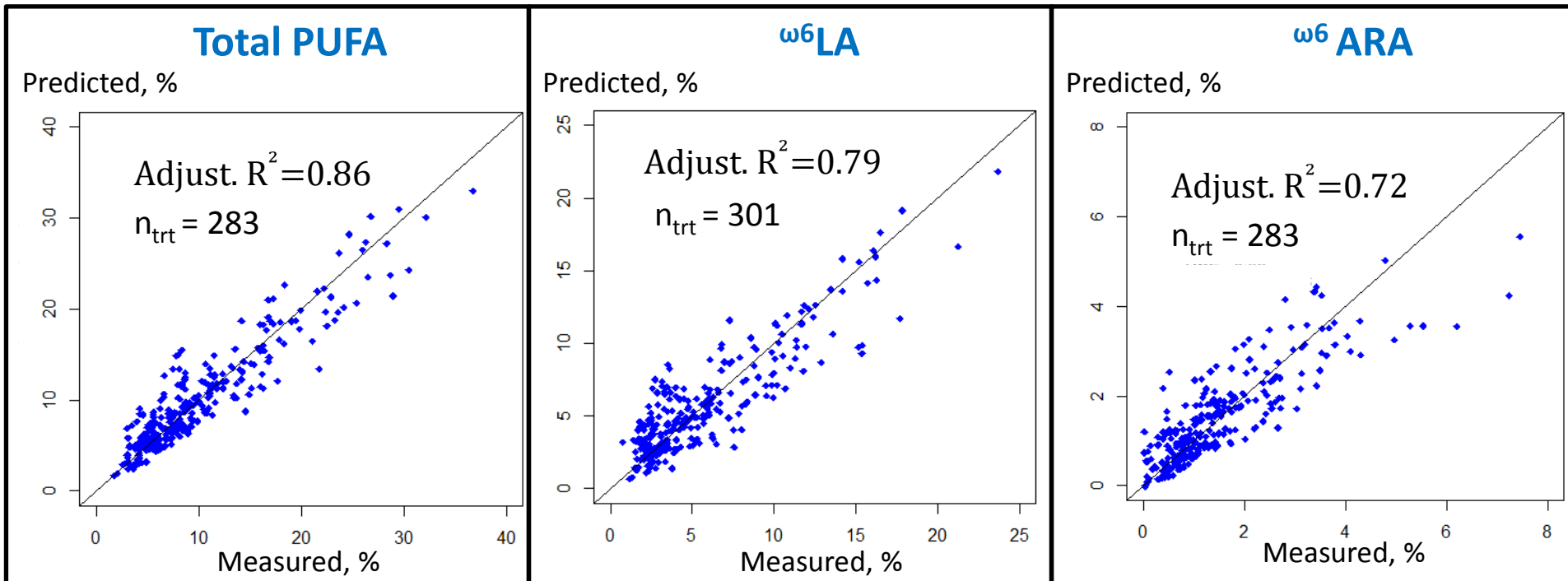
Multiple linear regression (  software)

Prediction equations were performed by using a bibliographic database and linear regression



# Prediction equations of total PUFA and $\omega 6$ PUFA

predictors : SFA , Palmitic Acid , Stearic Acid  
MUFA , Oleic acid

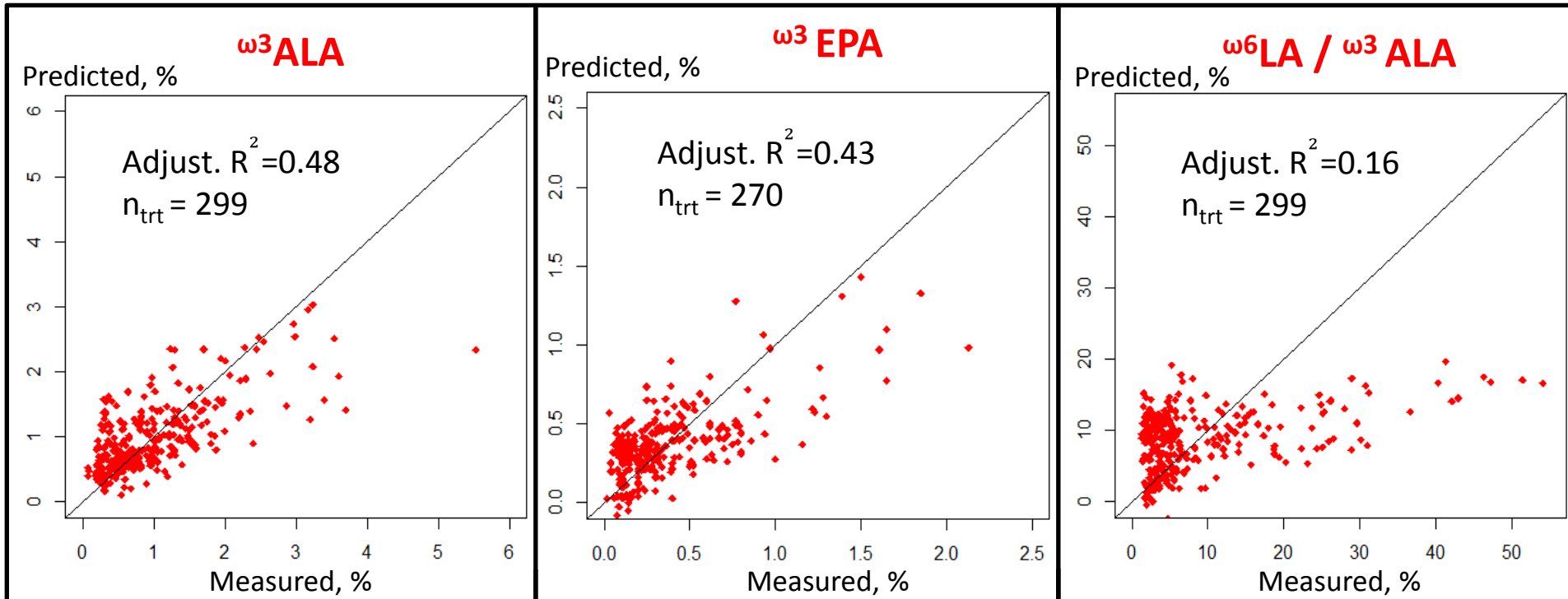


Each prediction equation has been tested and validated with the validation dataset

Total PUFA and  $\omega 6$  PUFA class are correctly predicted

# Prediction equations of $\omega$ 3 PUFA

predictors : SFA , Palmitic Acid , Stearic Acid  
MUFA , Oleic acid



$\omega$ 3 PUFA predictions are not satisfactory

# Strategy to improve the prediction of beef $\omega$ 3 PUFA

## prediction equations

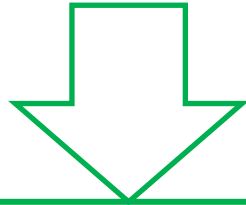
- To update the database with recent data (from bibliography and own laboratory data).
- To incorporate more variable data (extreme data)

## NIRS calibrations

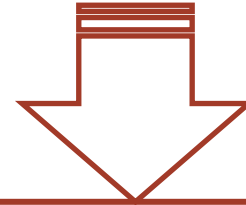
- To find new tissue samples more variable in  $\omega$ 3 PUFA
- To refine FA spectra treatments

# Conclusion

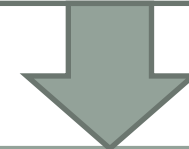
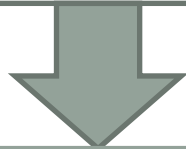
NIRS data used with prediction equations of PUFA



Well adapted for  
Total PUFA and  
 $\omega 6$  PUFA determinations



More studies are in  
progress for  $\omega 3$  PUFA  
determinations



**Information on nutritional quality of beef**

**Could have a positive impact for  
producers, industries, and consumers**

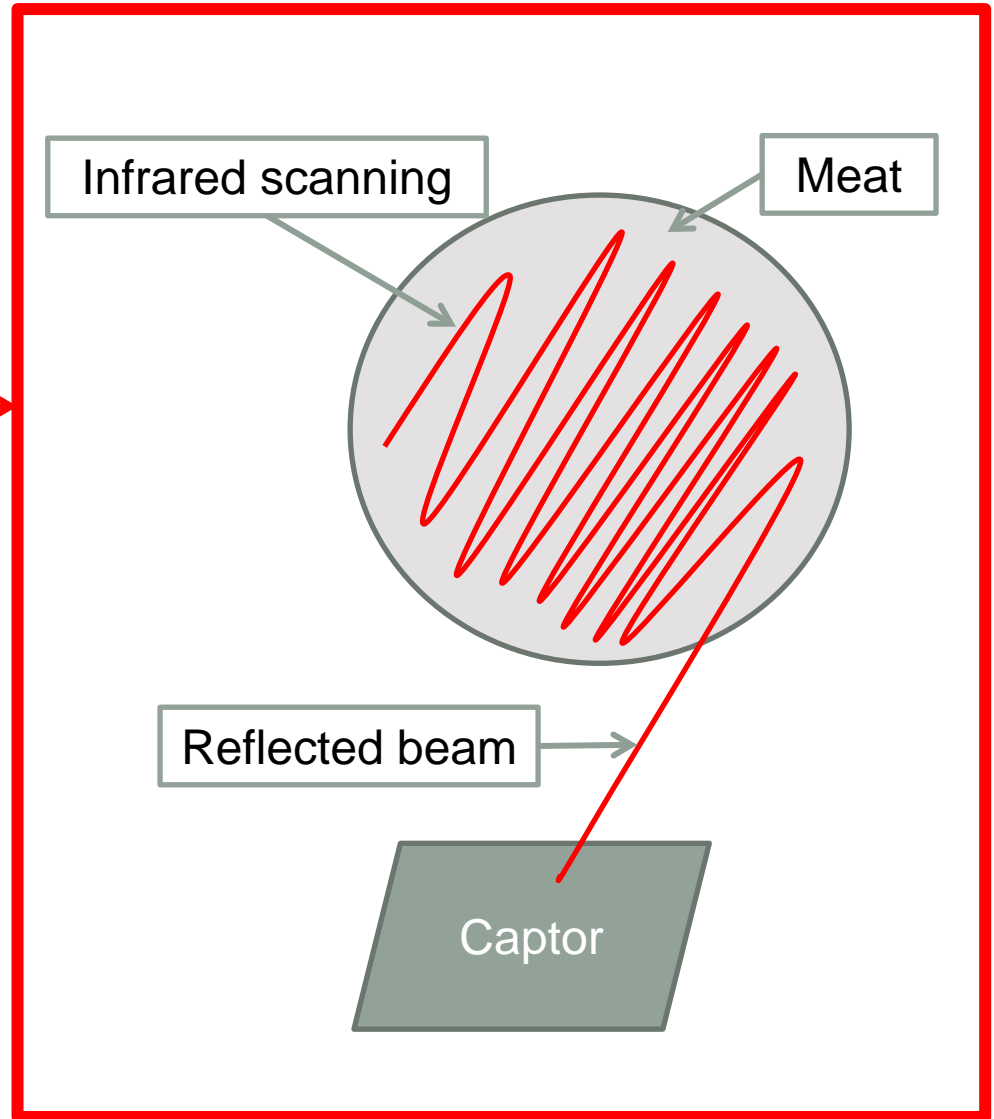
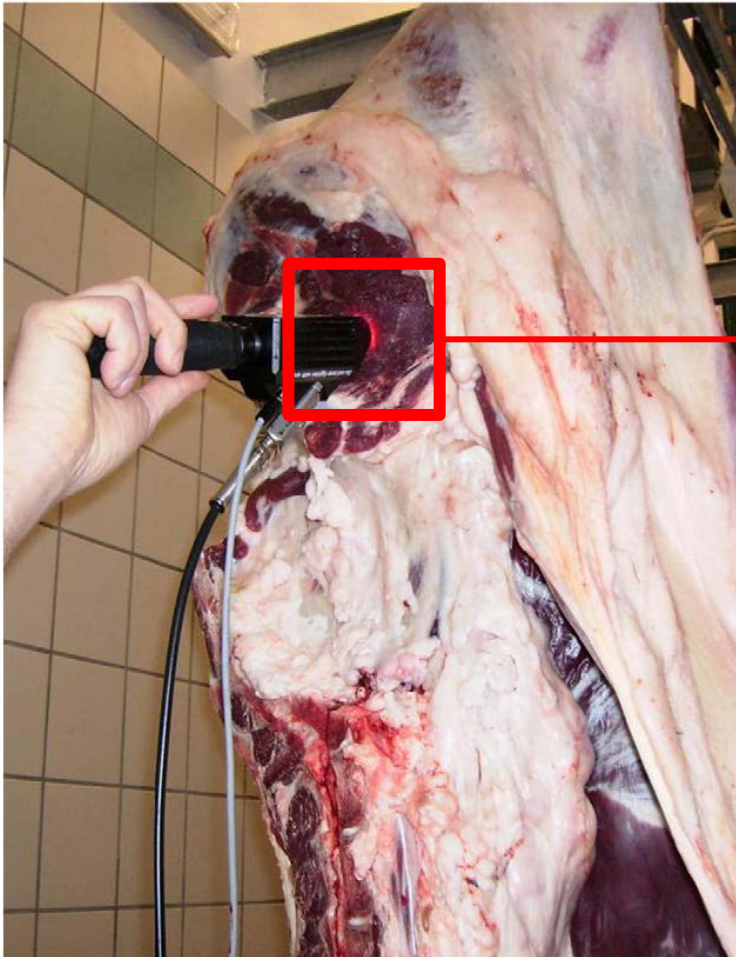


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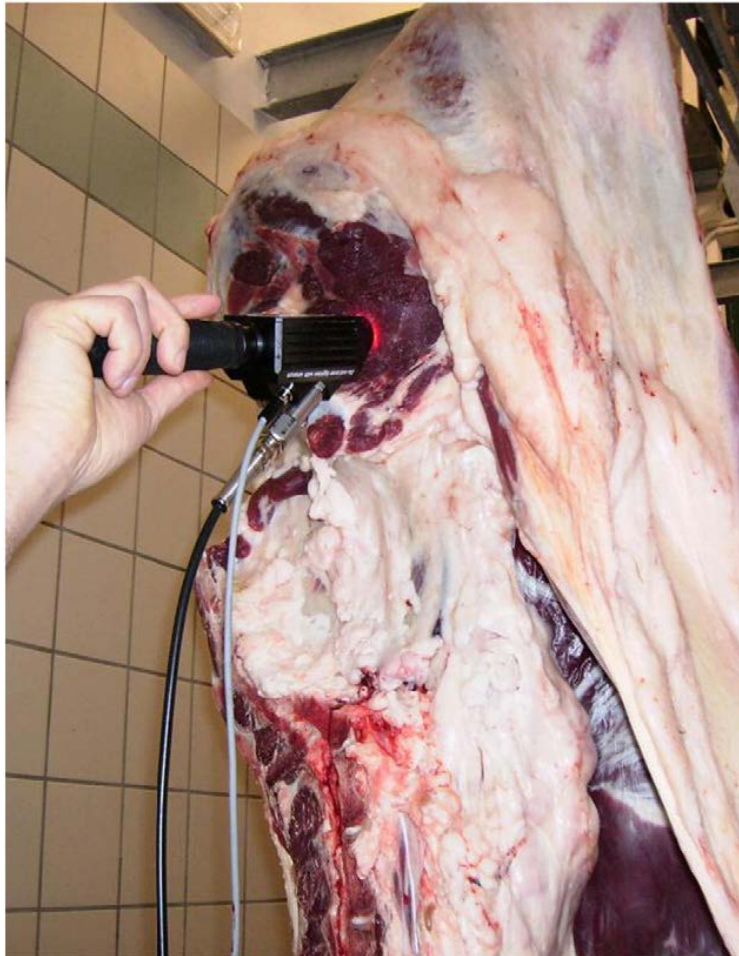
# NIRS – method (1)

(De Marchi *et al.*, 2013)



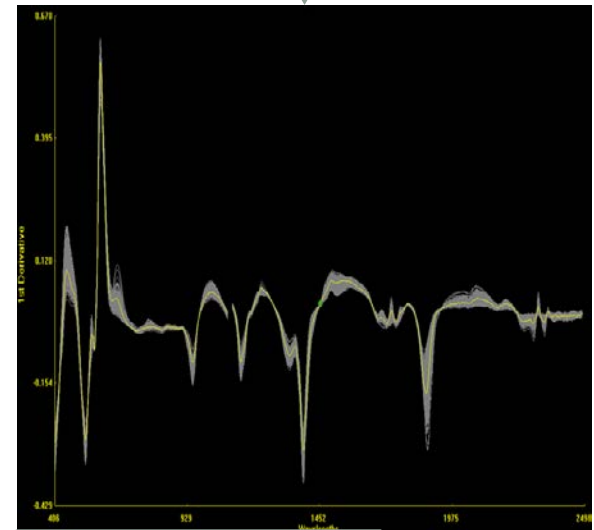
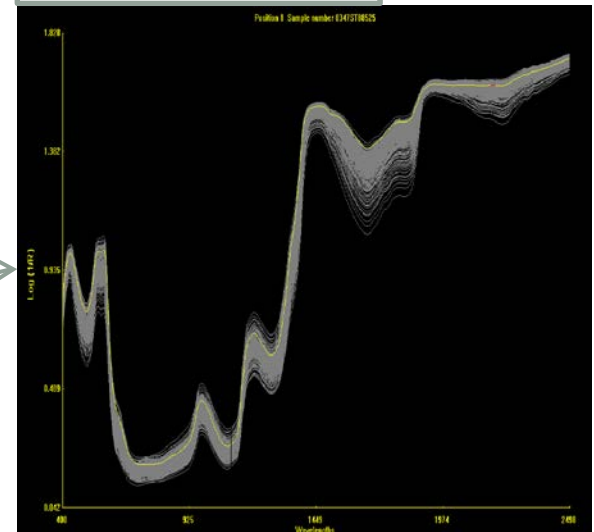
# NIRS – method (2)

(De Marchi *et al.*, 2013)



Captor

Raw spectra

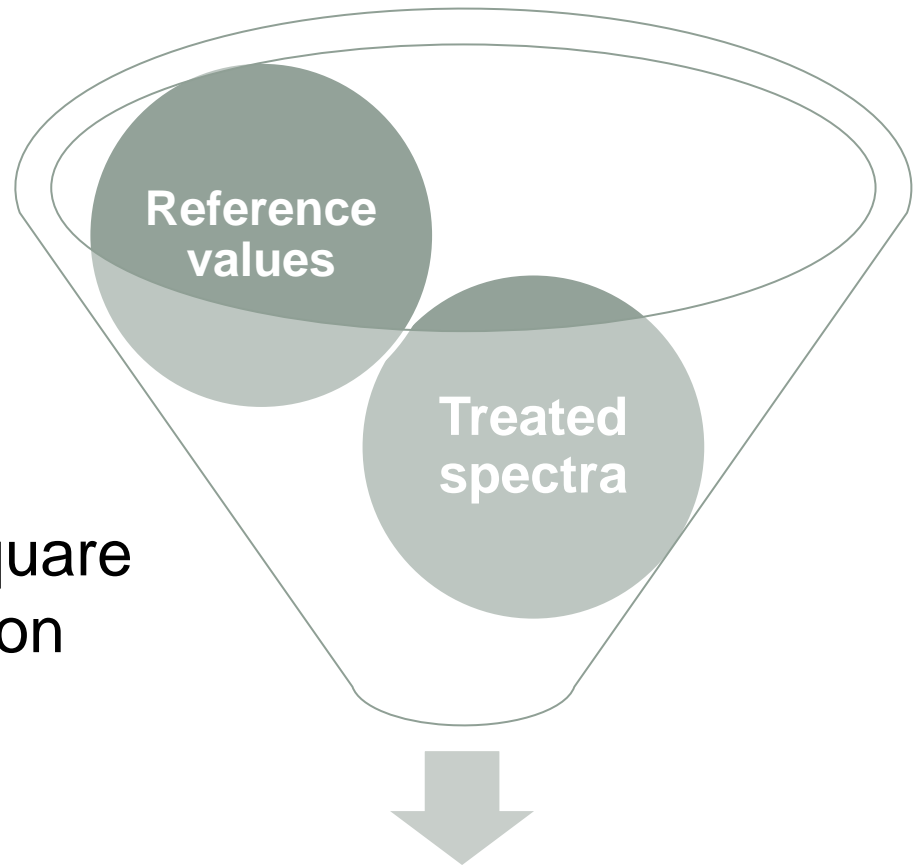


Treated spectra

# NIRS – calibration

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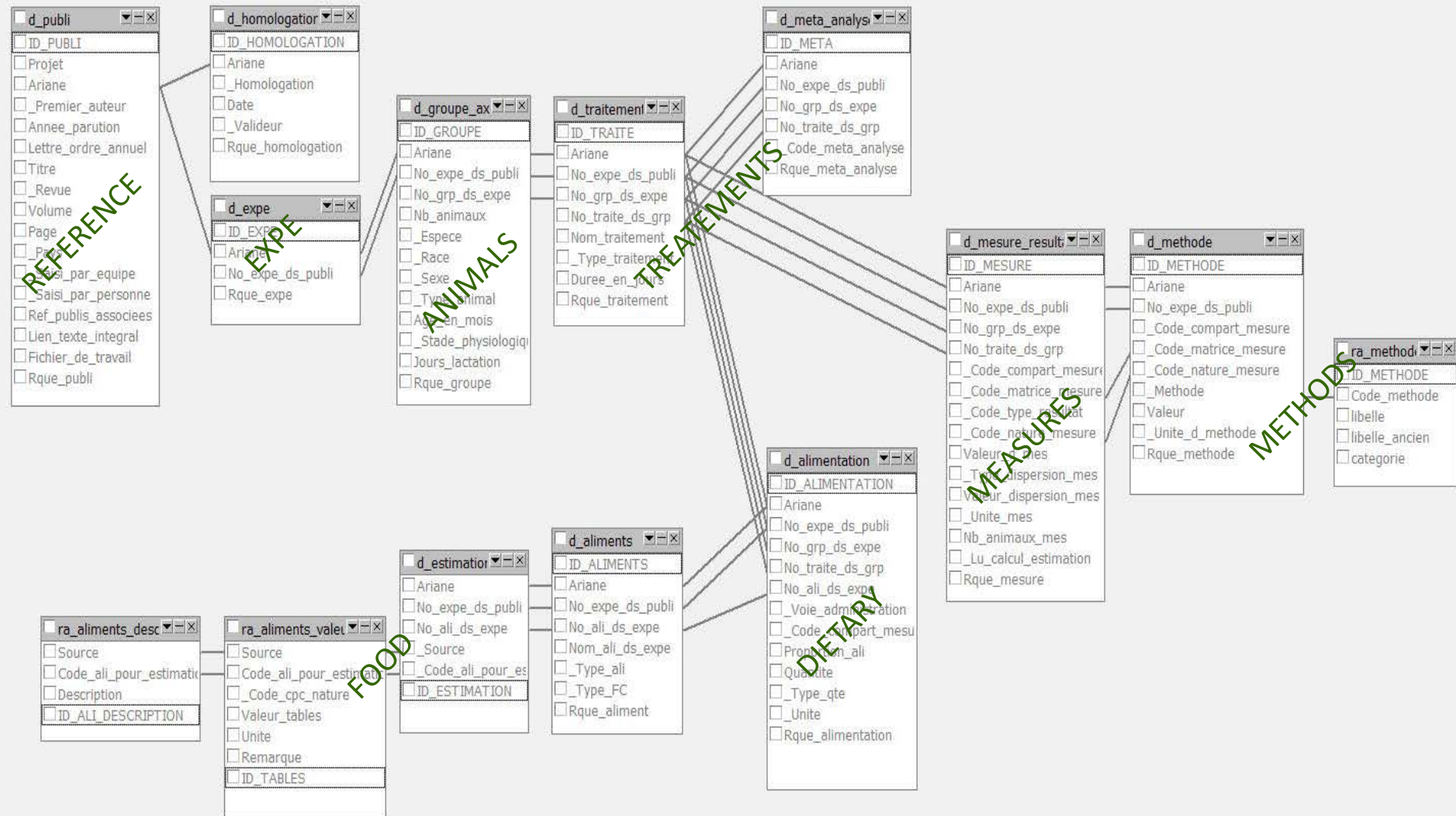
Method: Partial least square  
(PLS) regression



Model with  $R^2 > 0.82$   
= well calibrate (Guy *et al.*,2011)



# Nutriflux Database



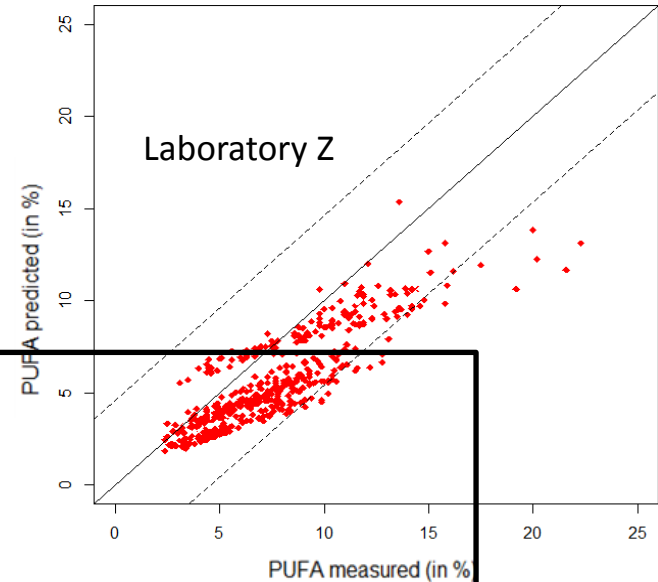
# Prediction equation – Validation

- New dataset
- $\approx 600$  FA composition from industrial animal production
- 3 different laboratories analysis

**VALIDATED**

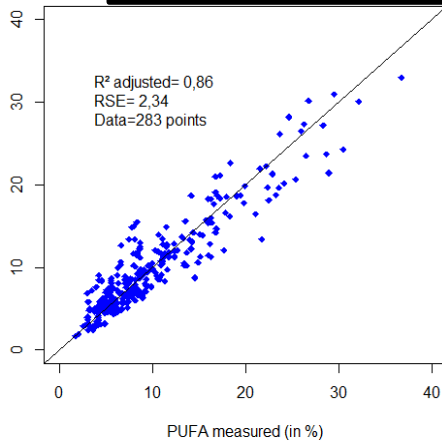
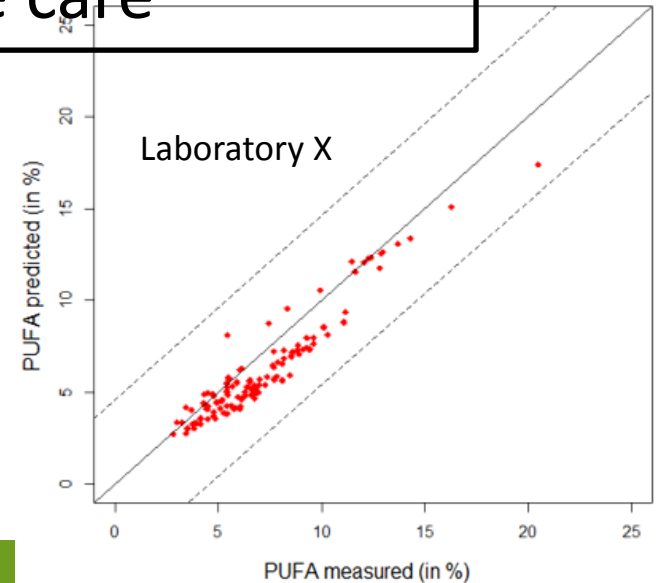
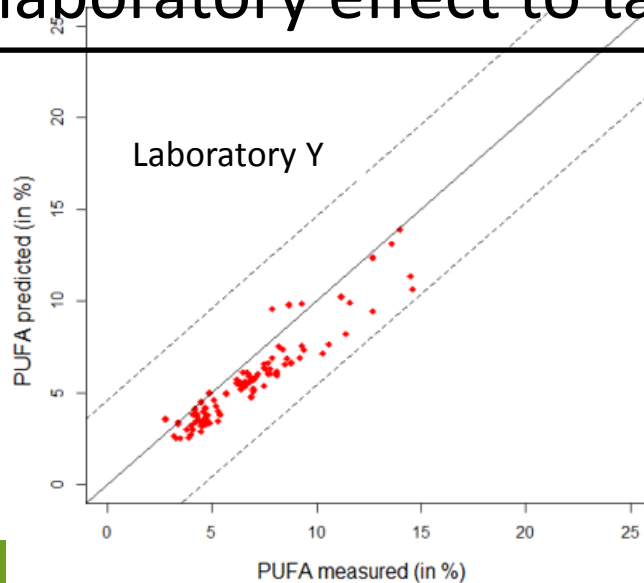
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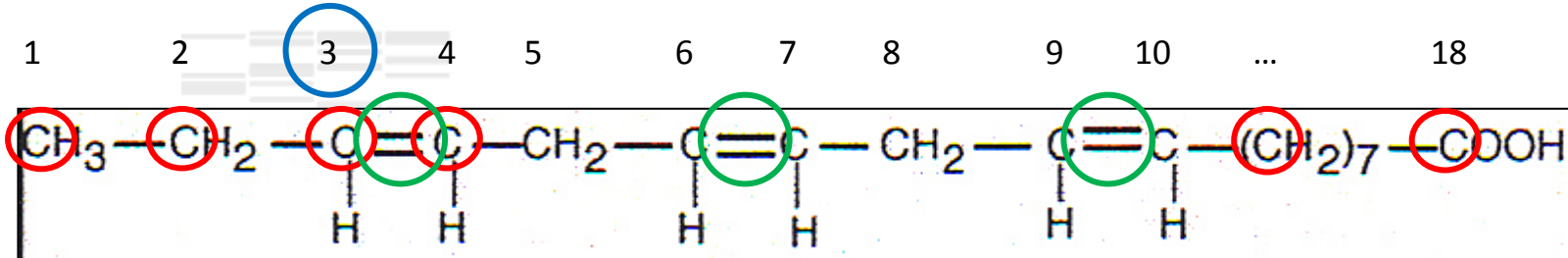


Total PUFA graph prediction

laboratory effect to take care



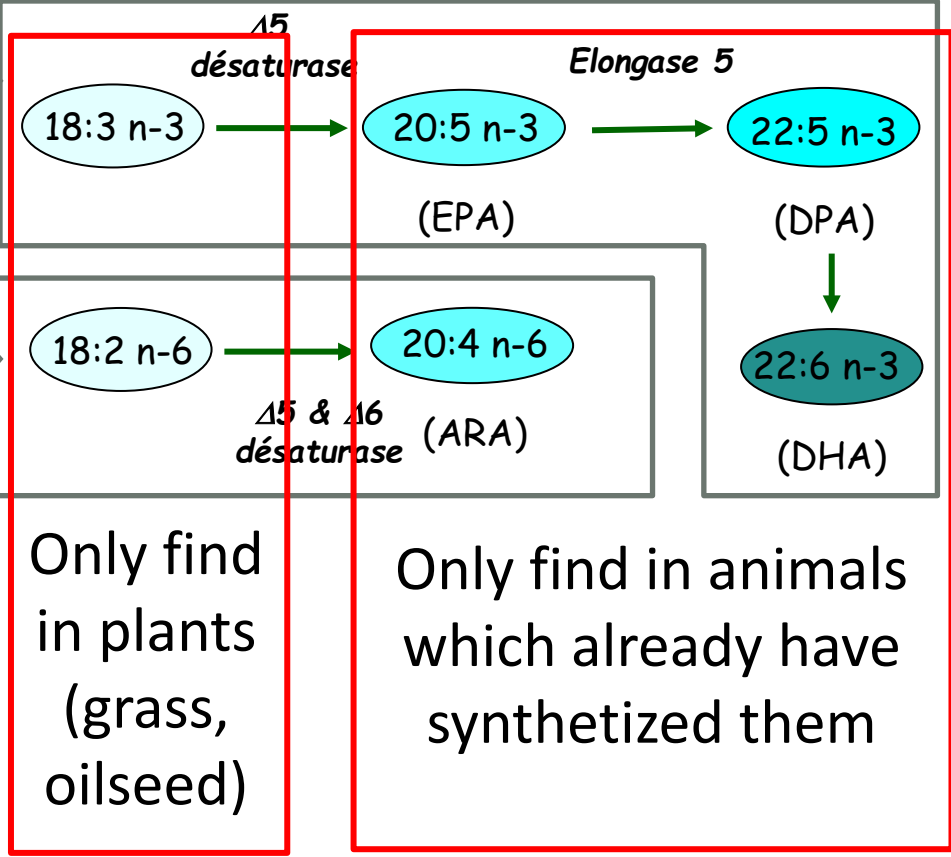
# What is a PUFA?



**18:3 n-3** α-linolenic acid (ALA)

**PRECURSOR**

18:2 n-6 Linoleic acid (LA)



Only find in plants (grass, oilseed)

Only find in animals which already have synthesized them

- Positive effects on health:**
- Reduces risk of heart diseases
  - Role in nervous system development

ω3 consumption : 0.8 g/d  
ω3 requirement : 2.2 g/d

ω3 PUFA class have a great health benefic but we don't enough consume them