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# Validation of methane measurements in dairy cows obtained from two non-invasive infrared analyzers

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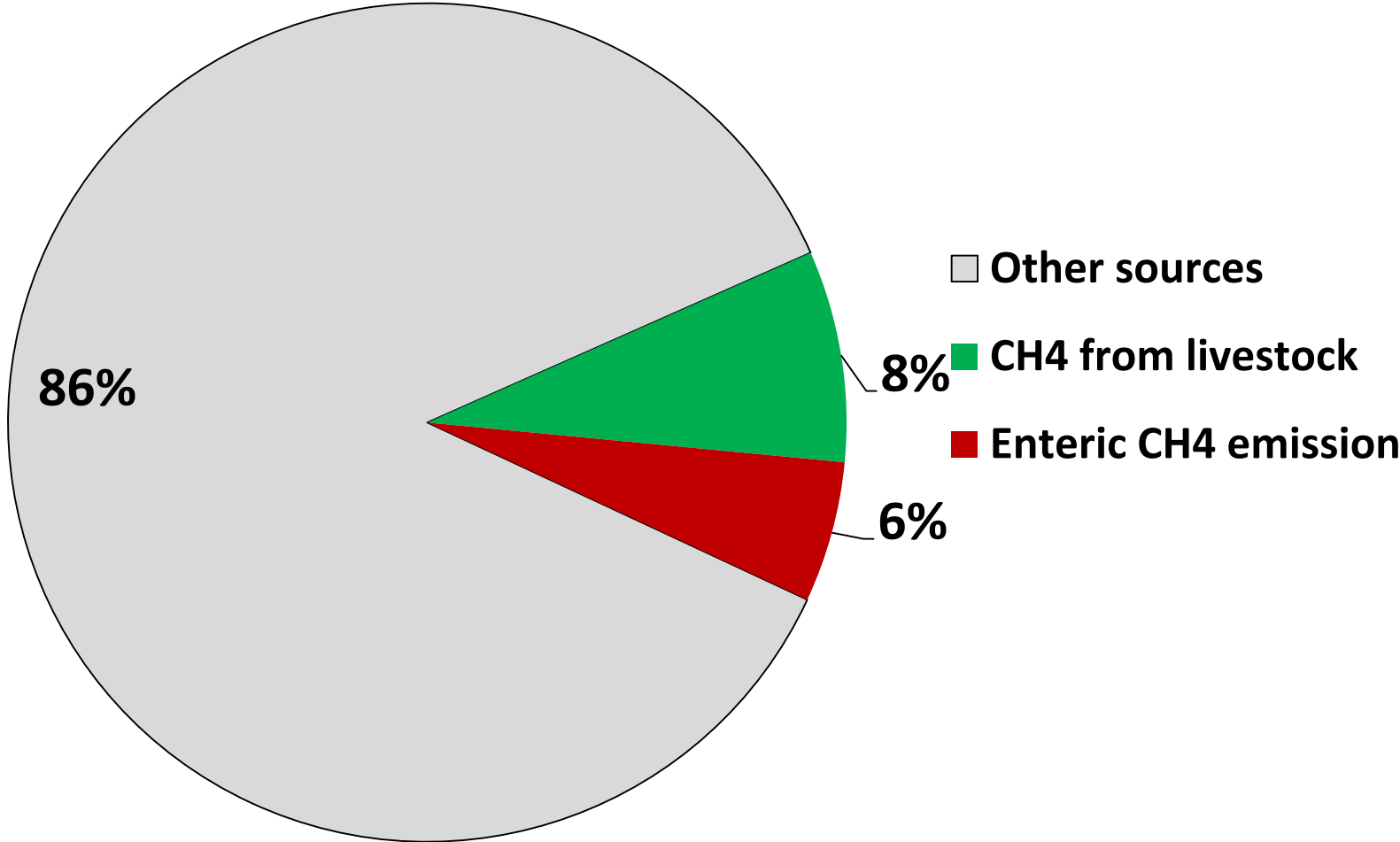


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# Ecology

**CH<sub>4</sub> = Greenhouse gas**

# 6% of the global temperature increase due to enteric CH<sub>4</sub>



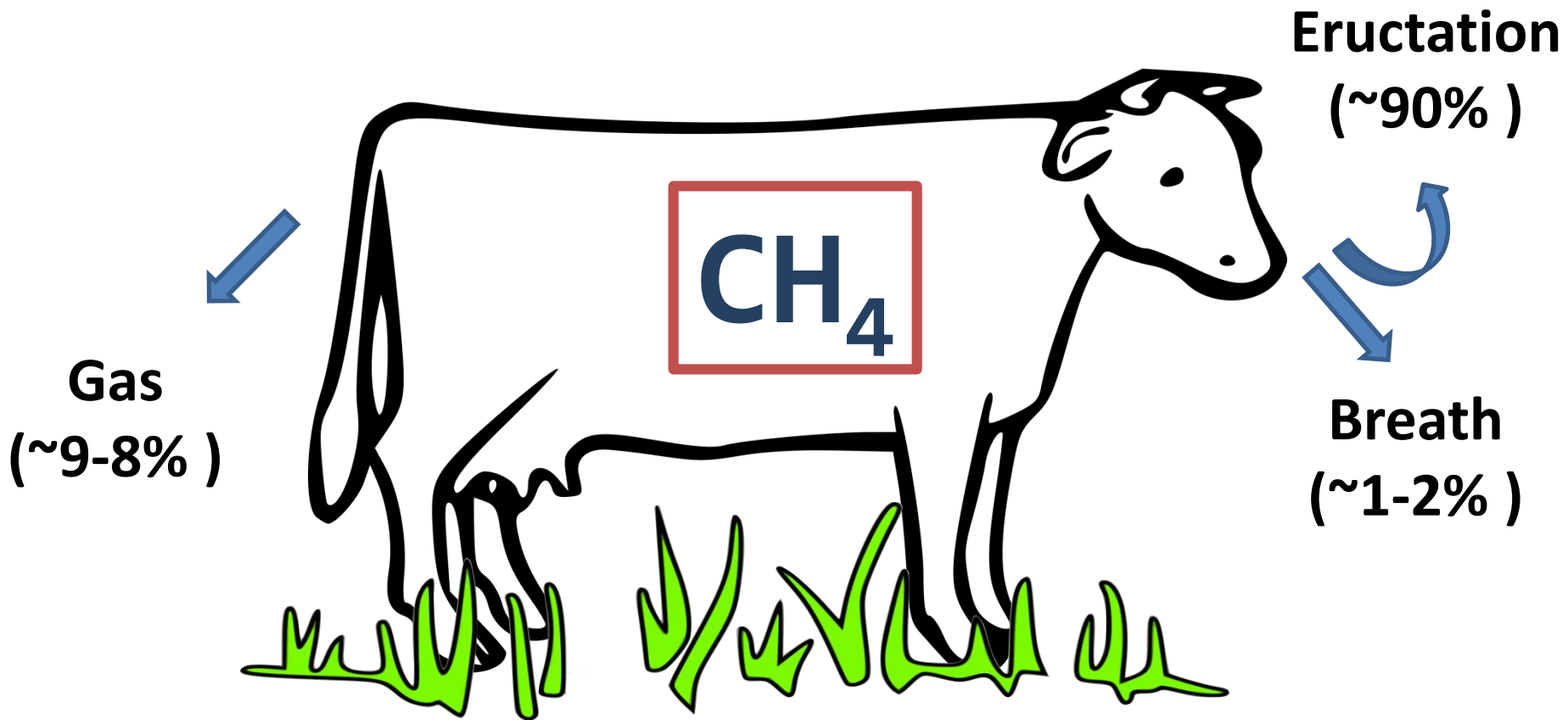
Reisinger and Clark, 2018  
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# €CONOMY



**CH<sub>4</sub> emission means  
2% - 12% feed energy loses**

**How to measure CH<sub>4</sub>?**







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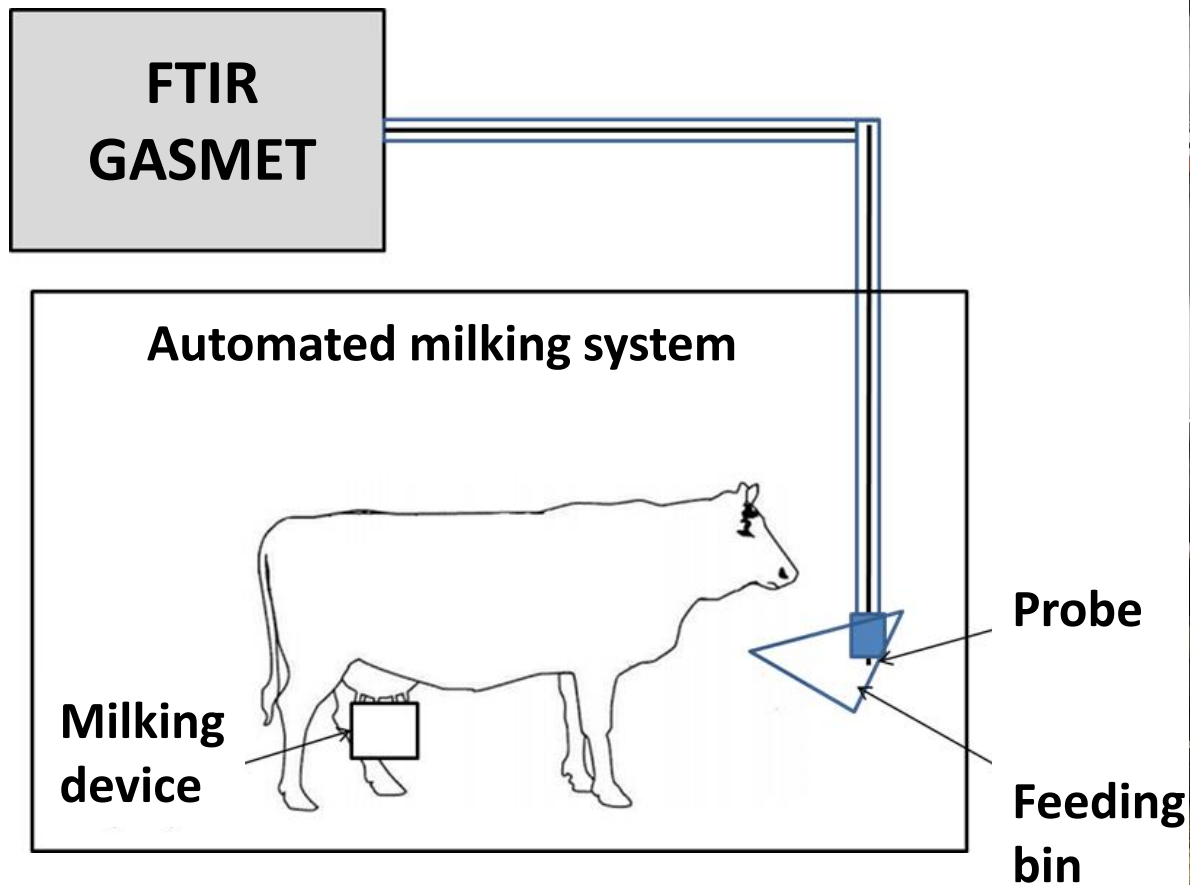
# FTIR (Gasmeter dx4000)



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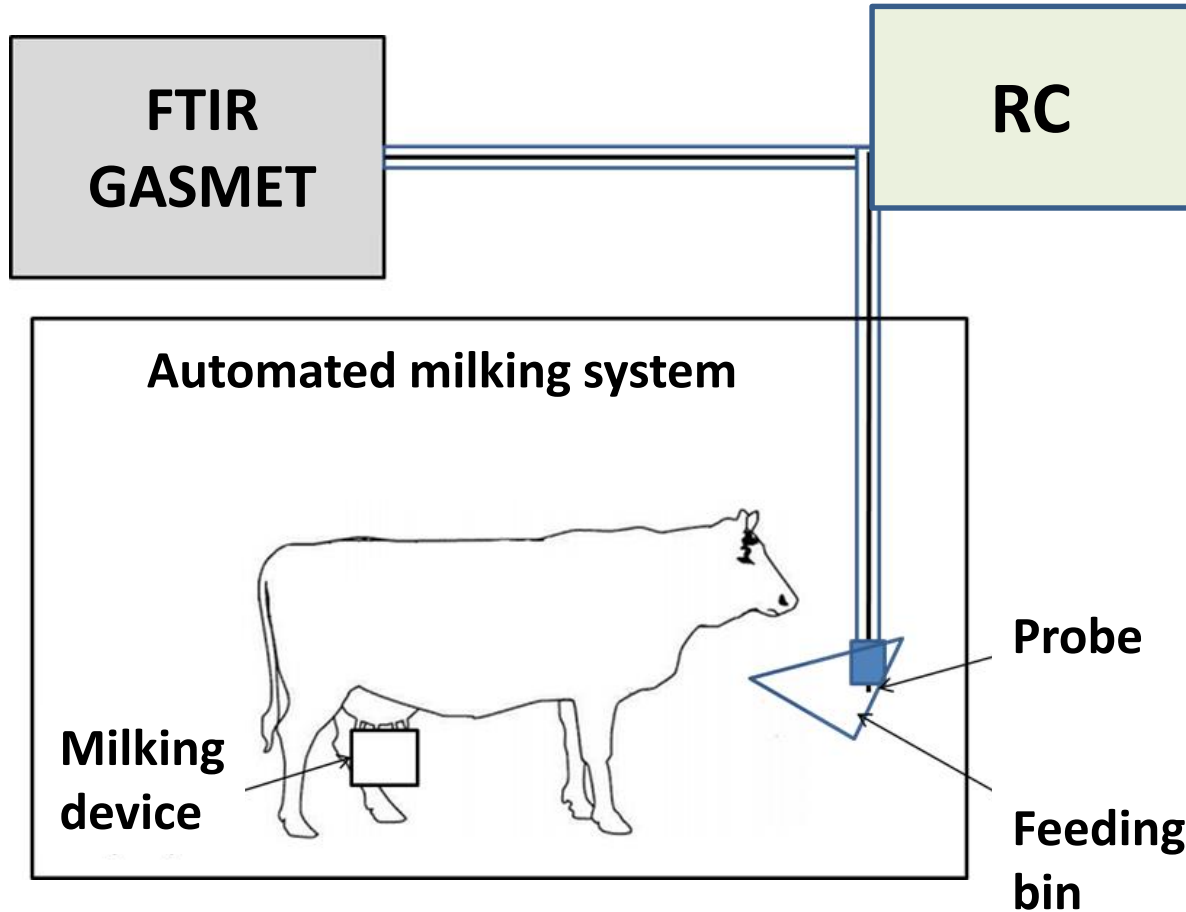
# Sniffer method



**Is FTIR sniffer  
comparable to RC?**



# Sniffer method vs RC





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20% FTIR is better

60% RC is better

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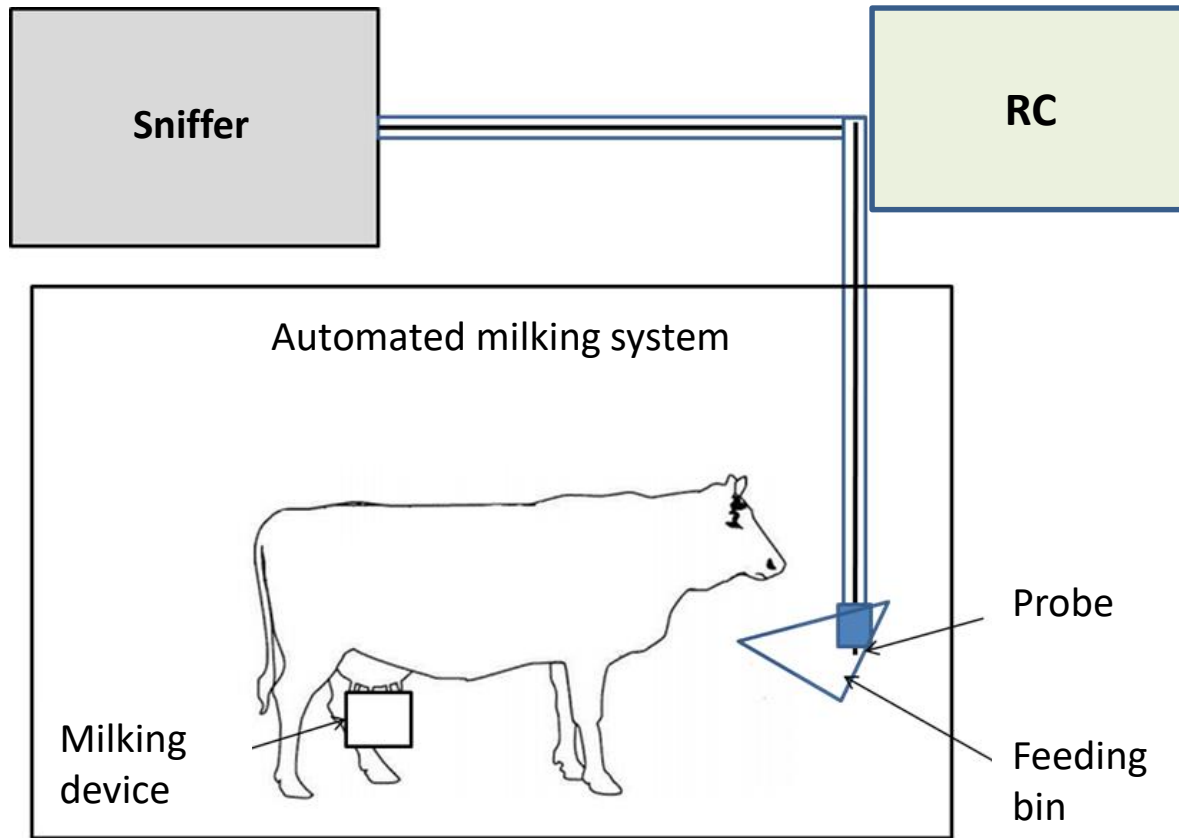
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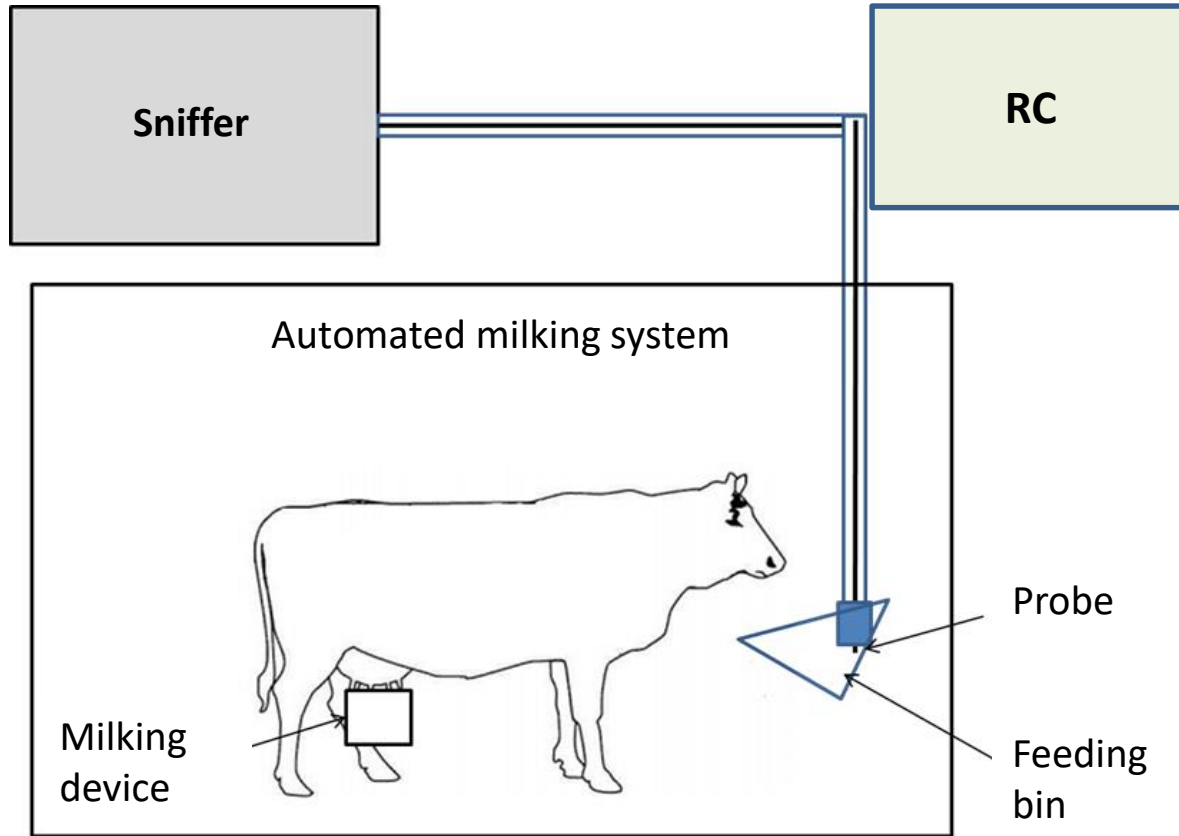
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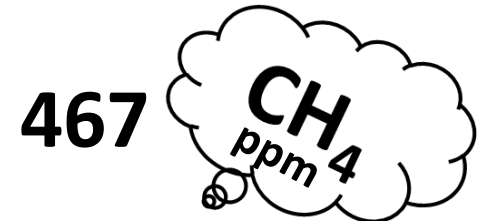
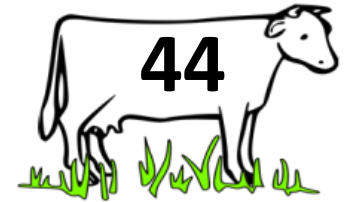
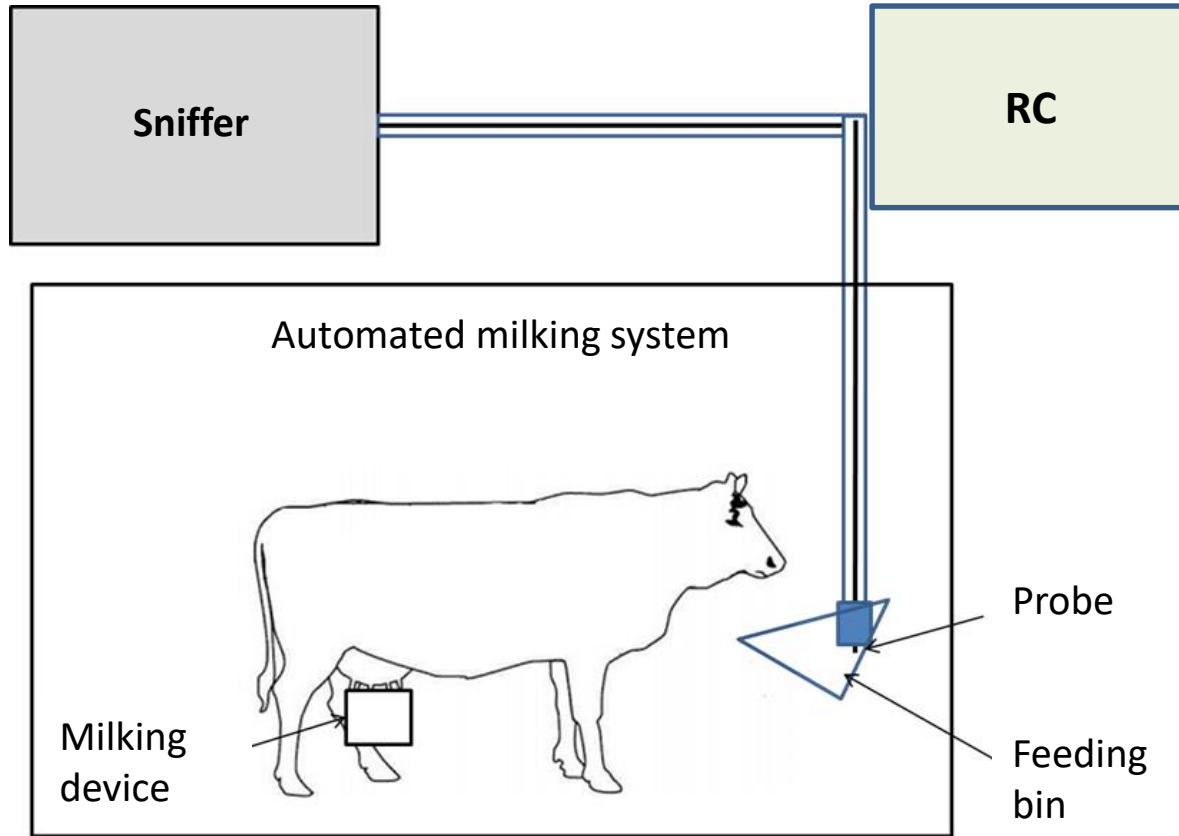




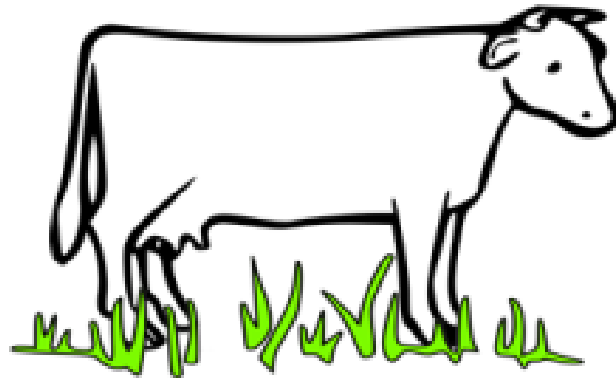
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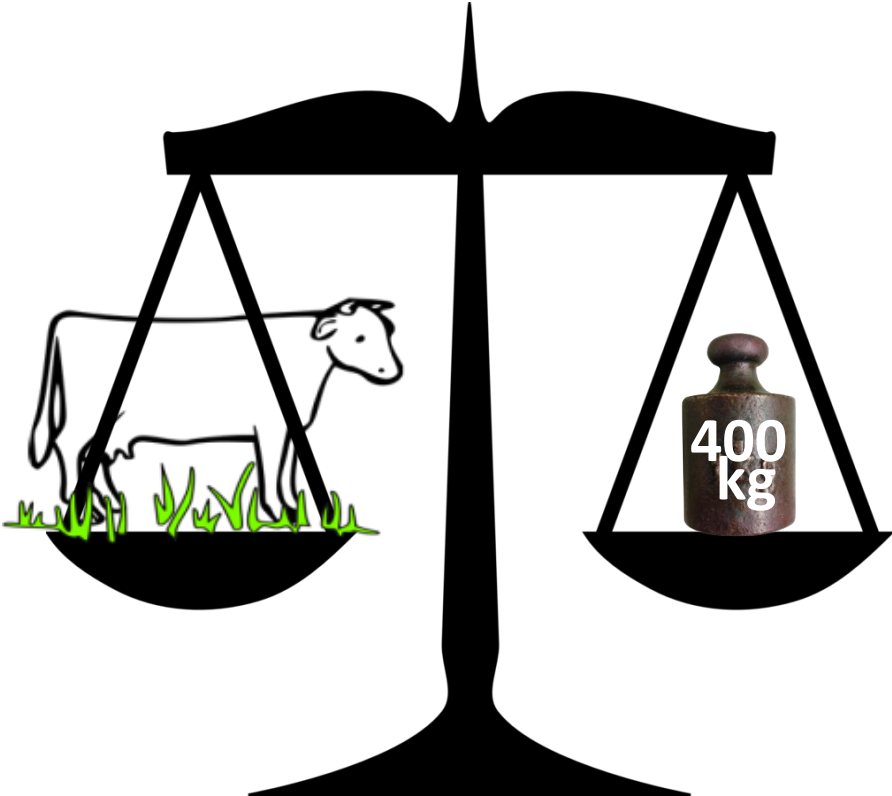


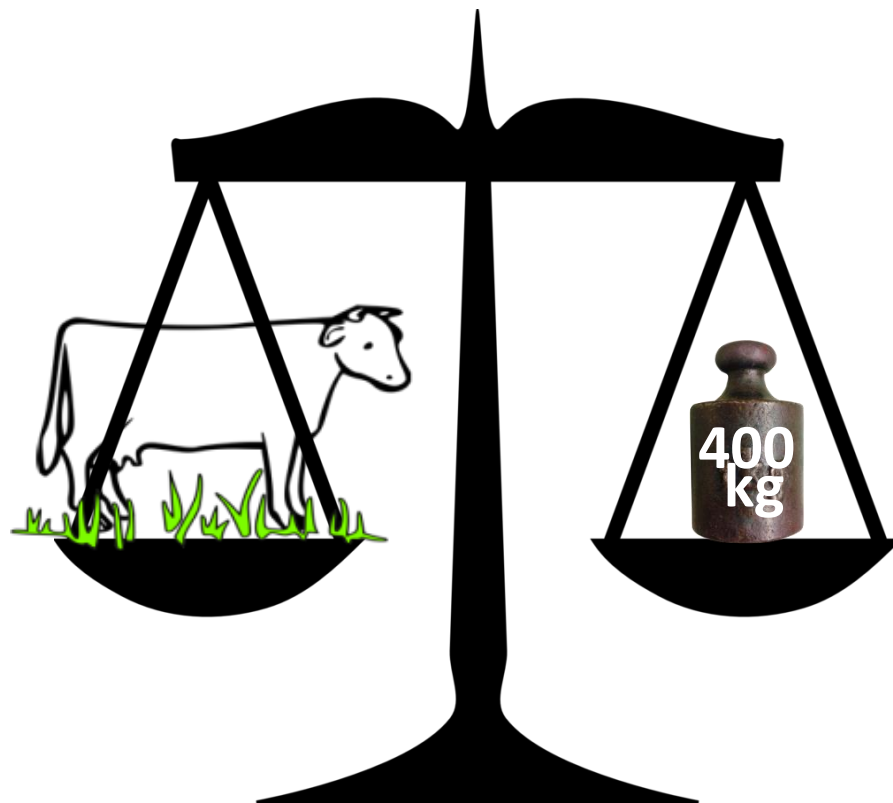
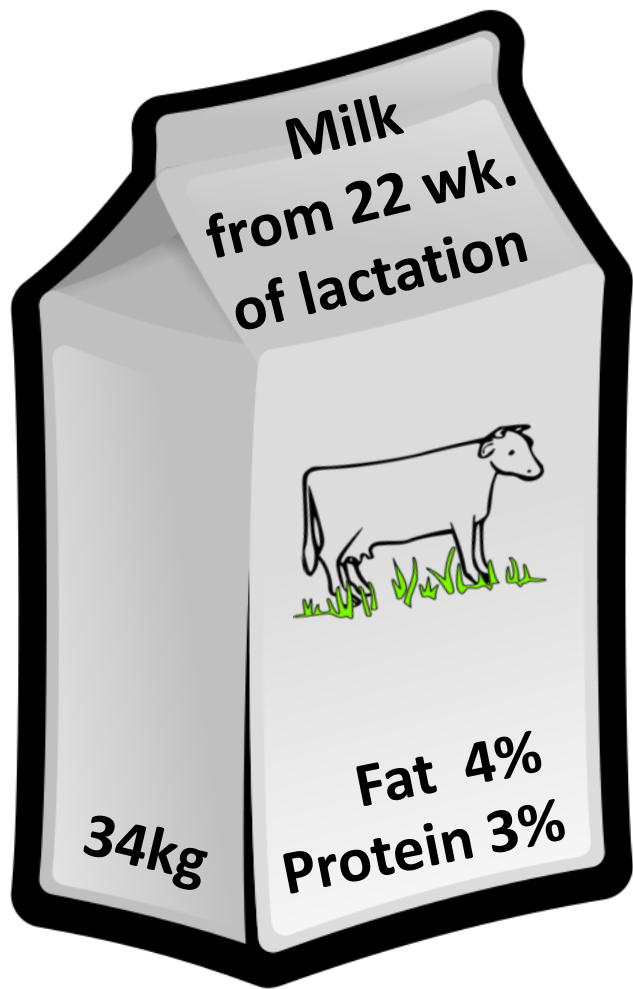
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# The average analyzed cow

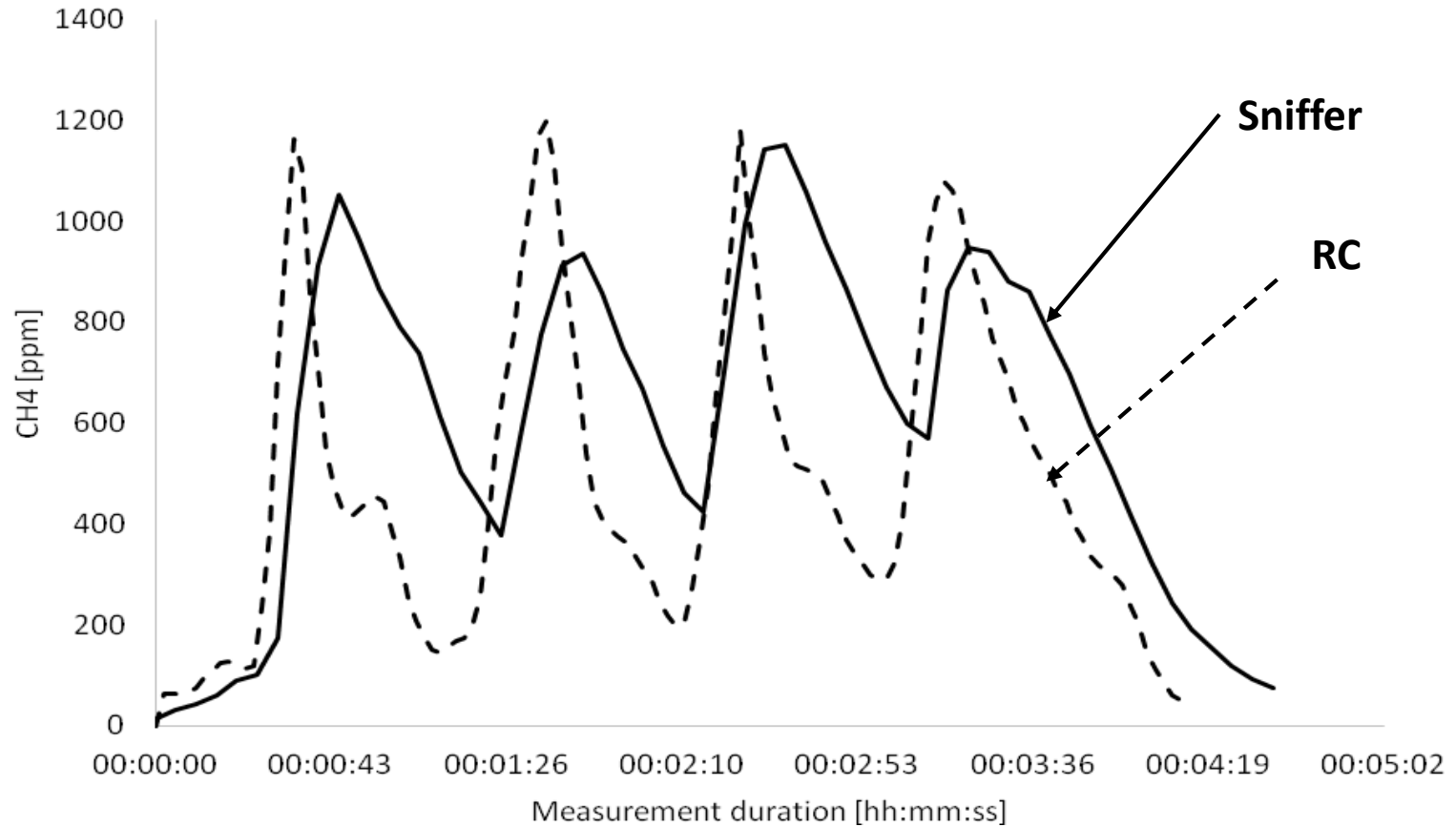




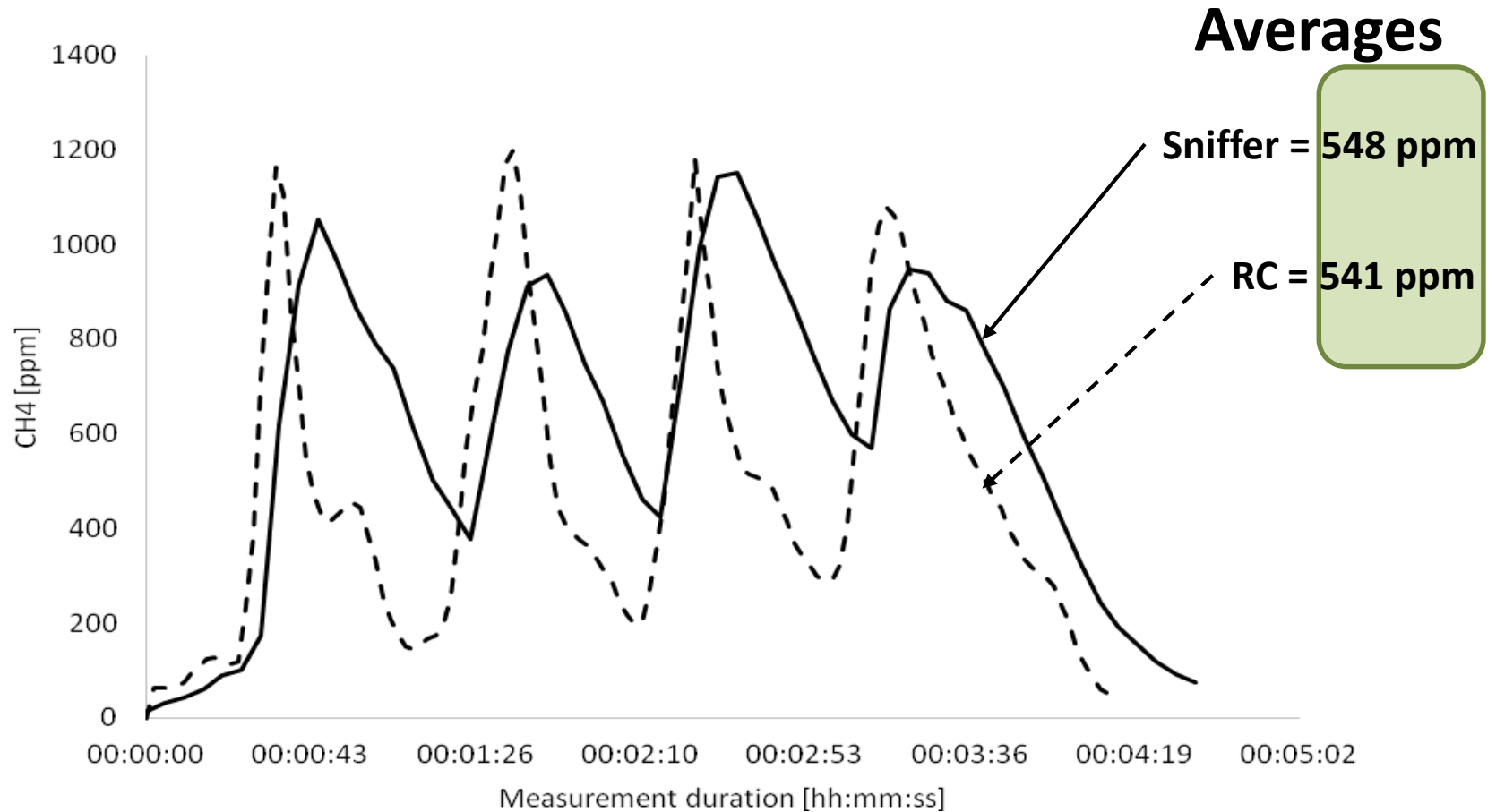


# **Comparison of single milking**

# CH<sub>4</sub> single milking

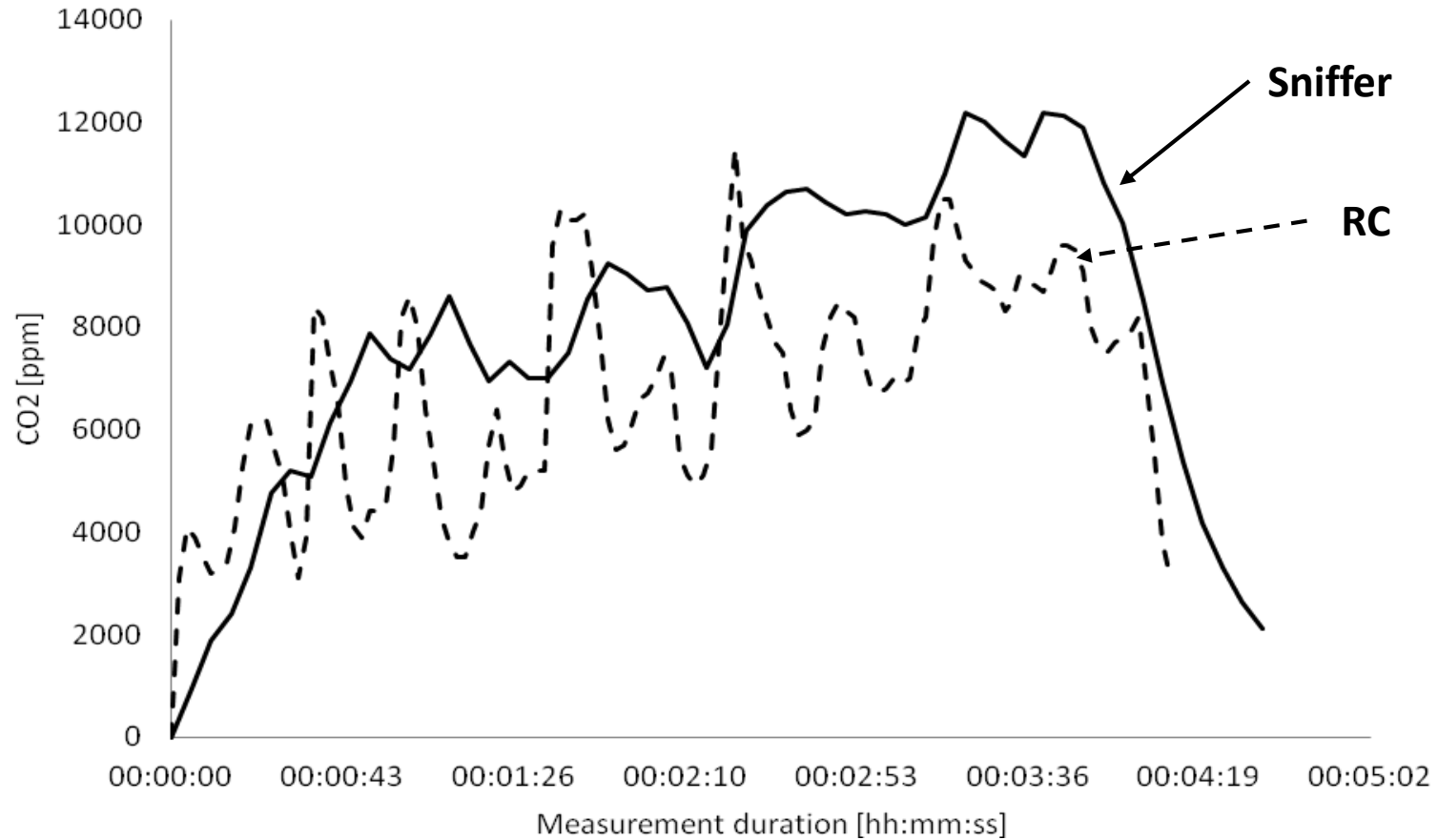


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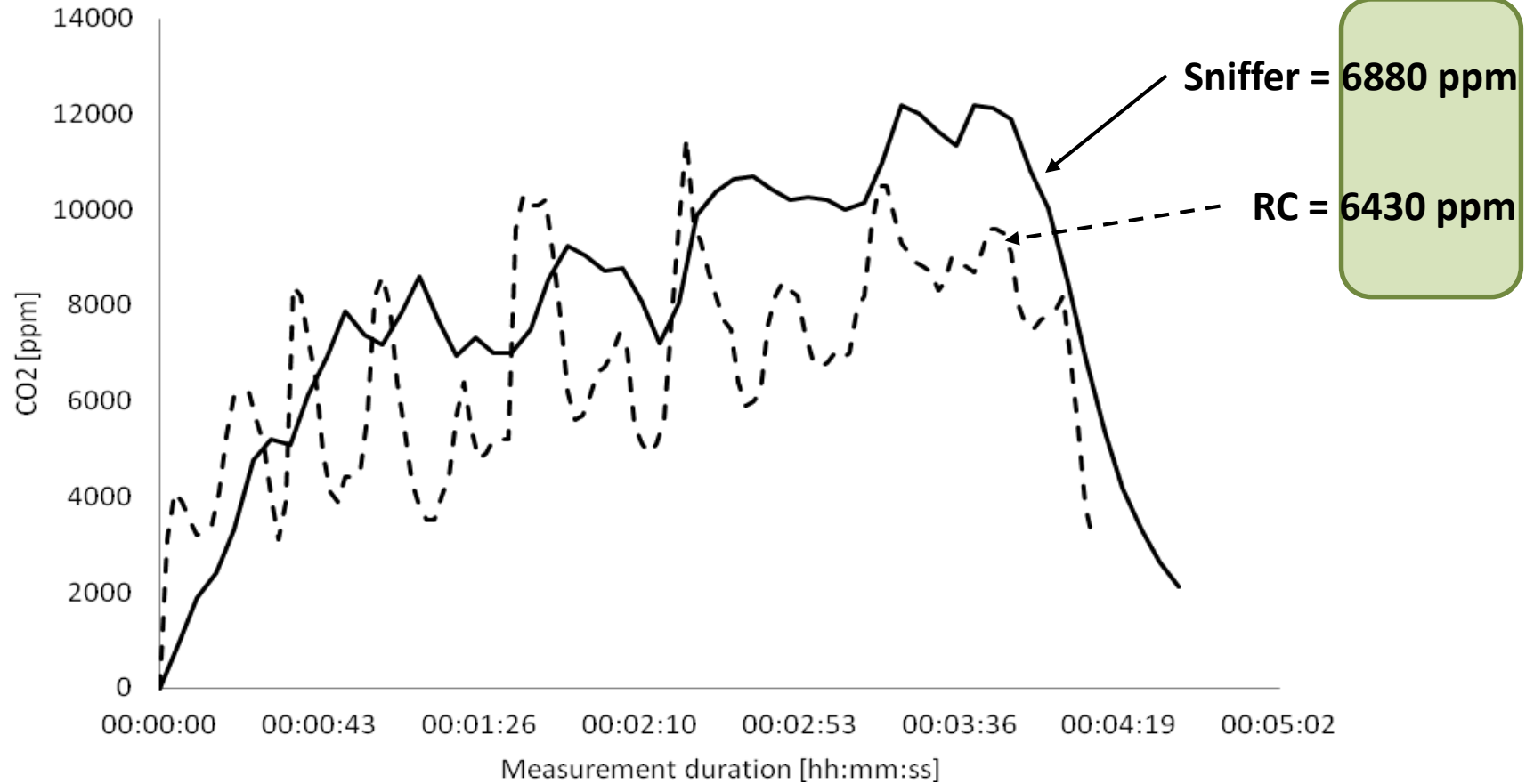


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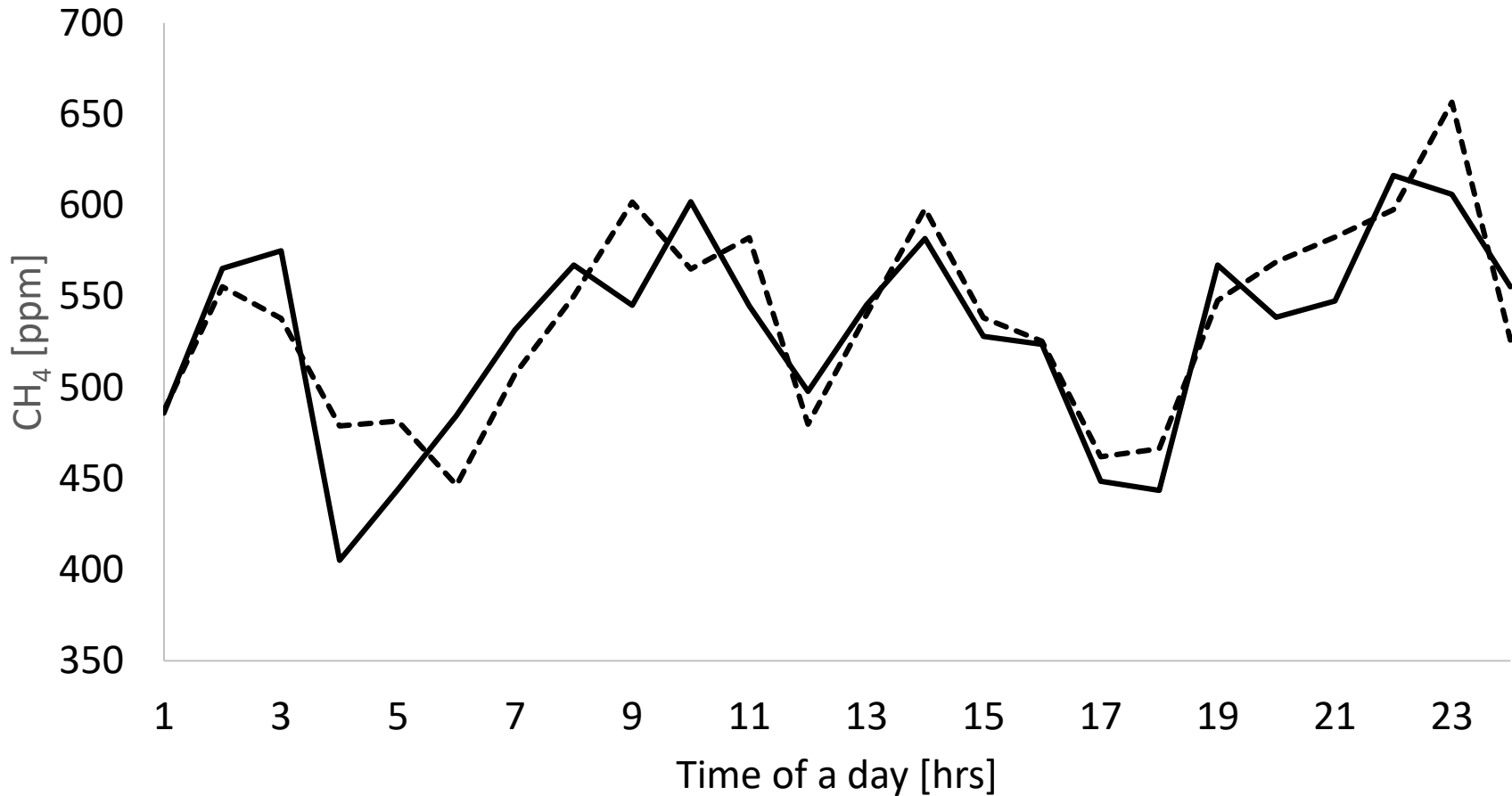
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## Averages



# **Comparison of hourly averages**

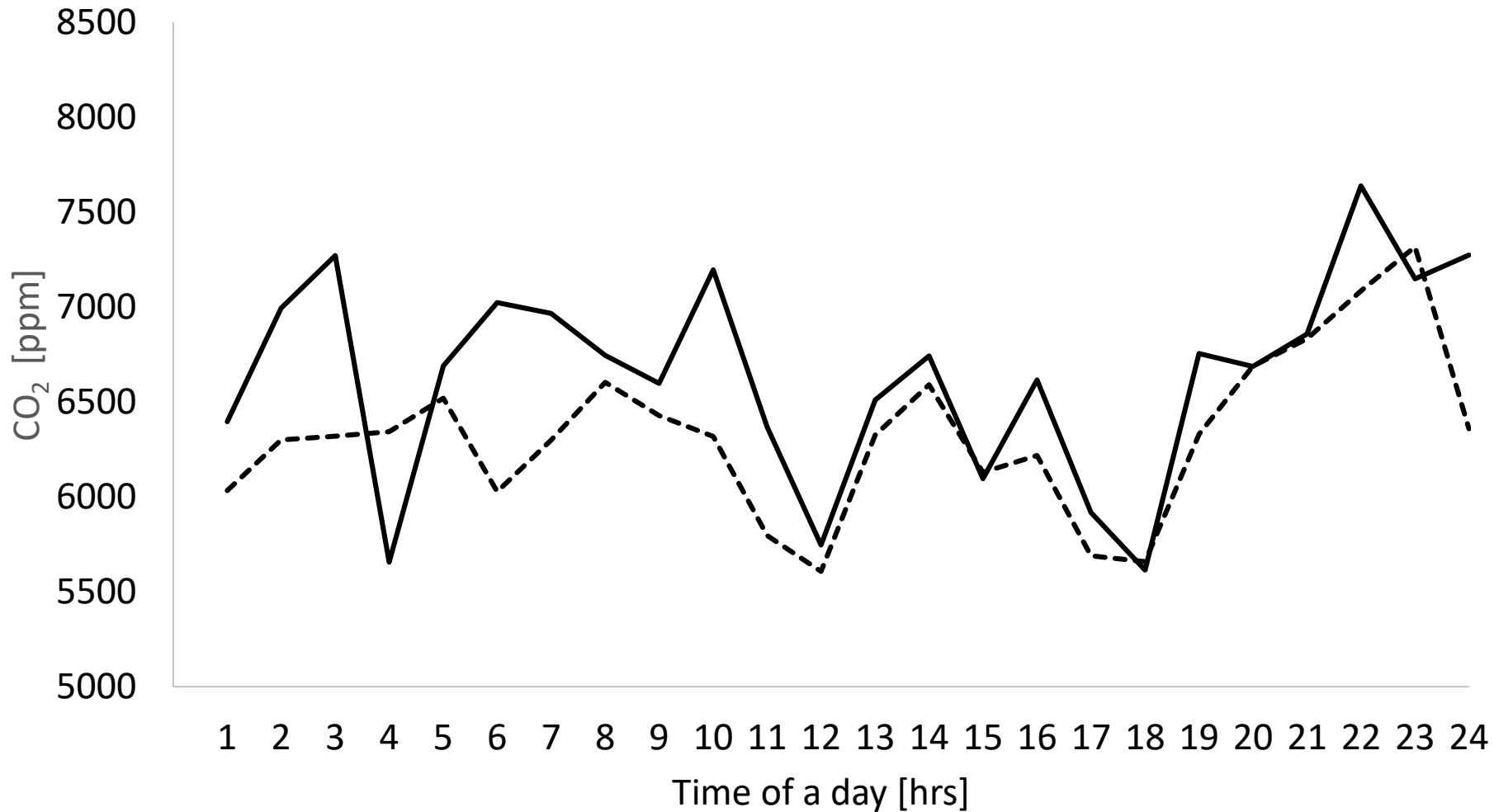
# CH<sub>4</sub> hourly averages of all cows



Sniffer ———

RC - - - - -

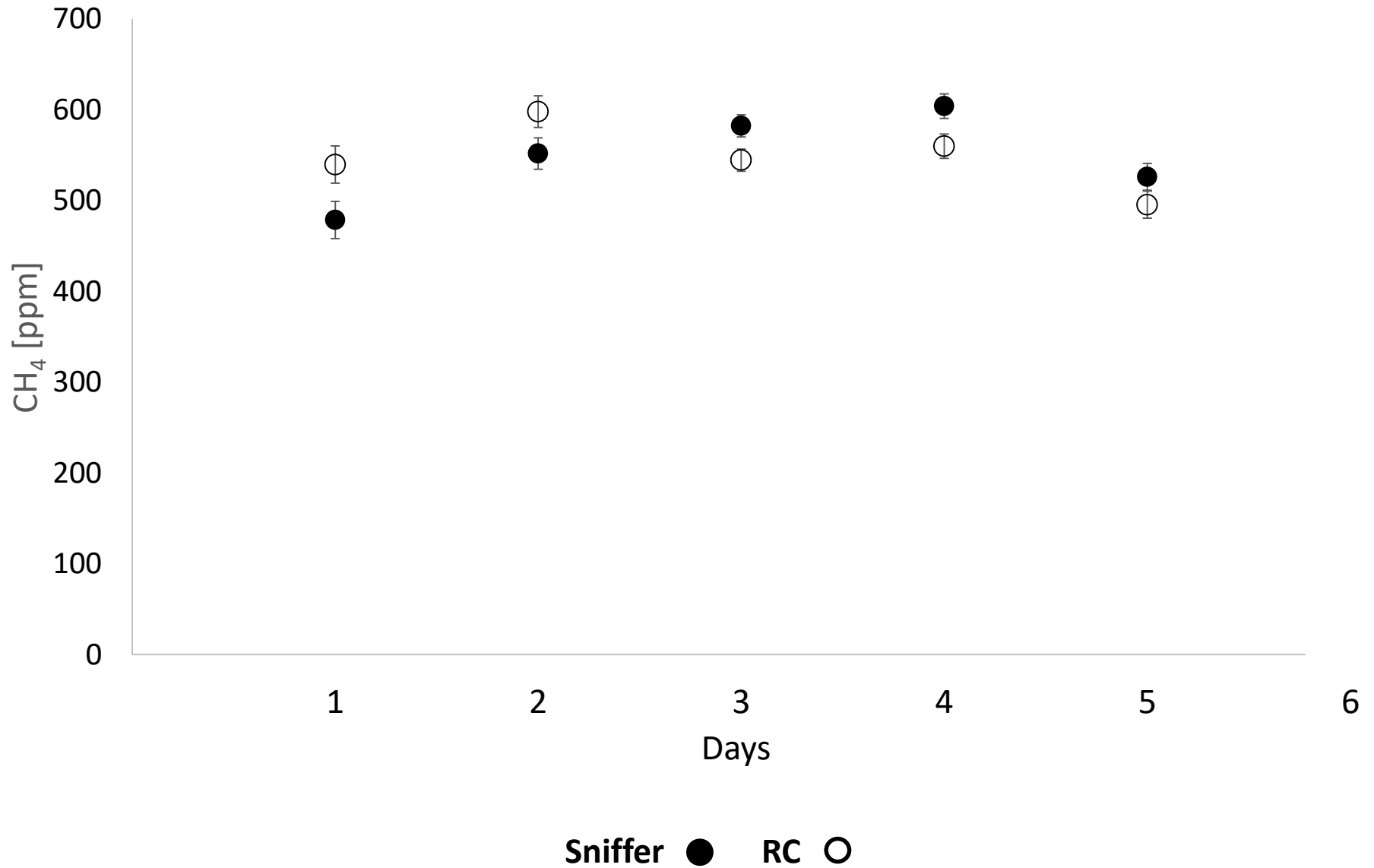
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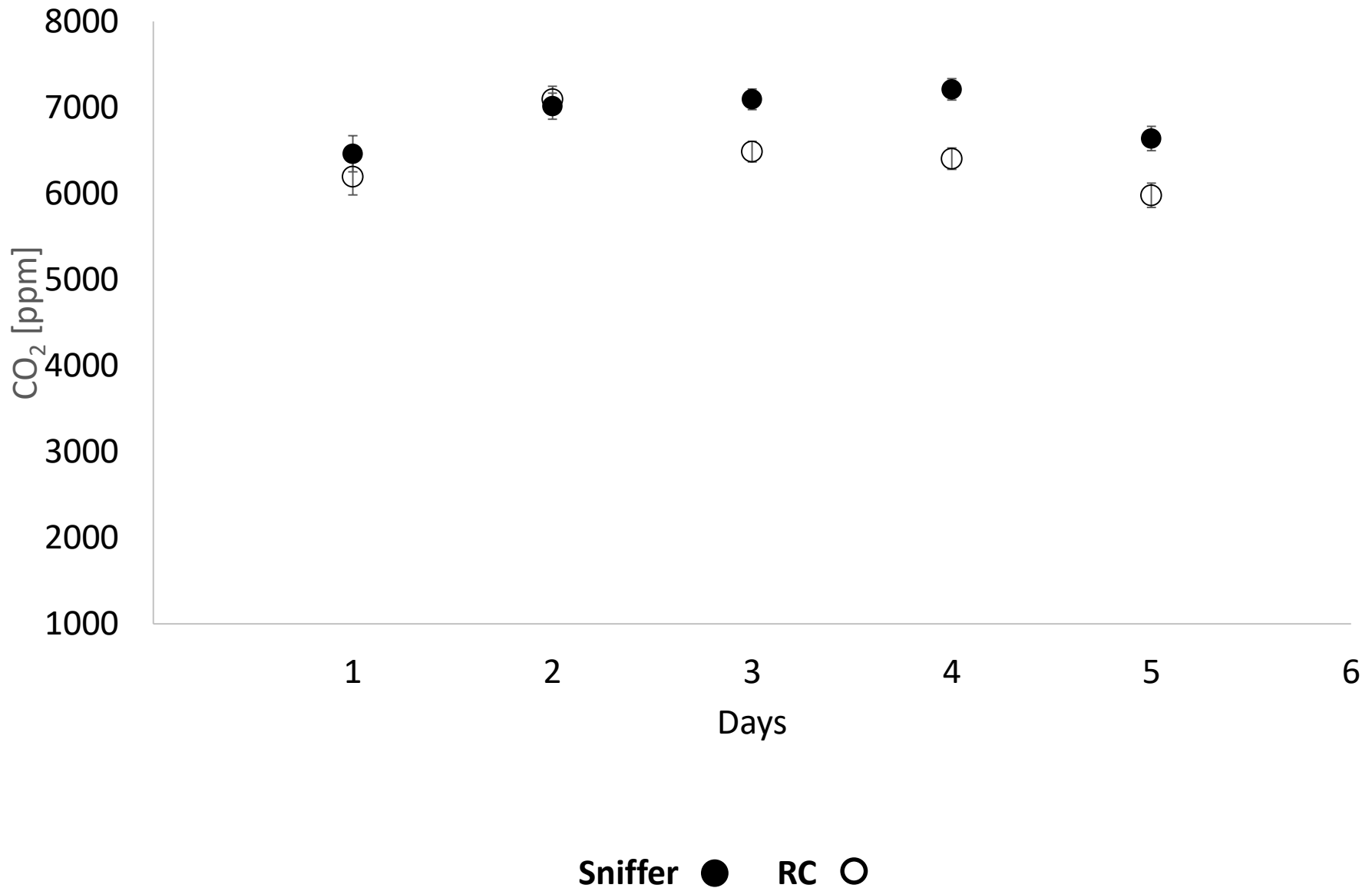
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# **Comparison of daily averages**

# CH<sub>4</sub> daily averages of all cows



# CO<sub>2</sub> daily averages of all cows





# Compatibility check – bivariate analyses

Traits:

Sniffer CH<sub>4</sub> and RC CH<sub>4</sub>

or

Sniffer CO<sub>2</sub> and RC CO<sub>2</sub>

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$$\sum_{n=1}^5 (f_{sjm} \sin \phi + f_{cjm} \cos \phi)$$

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Fixed effects:

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Random effects:

cow + error

# Compatibility check – outcomes

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	<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>
<b>Repeatability correlation</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.97</b>
<b>Coefficient of individual agreement (CIA)</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.89</b>

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# Conclusion:

**Sniffer (a non-invasive FTIR analyzer)**

**passed validation**

**using NDIR sensor from Respiration Chamber**

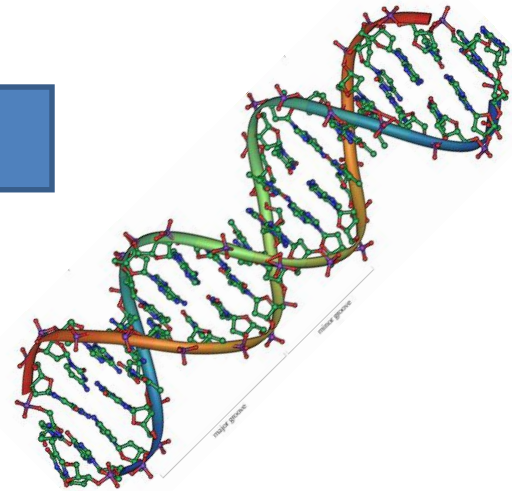
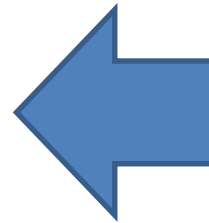
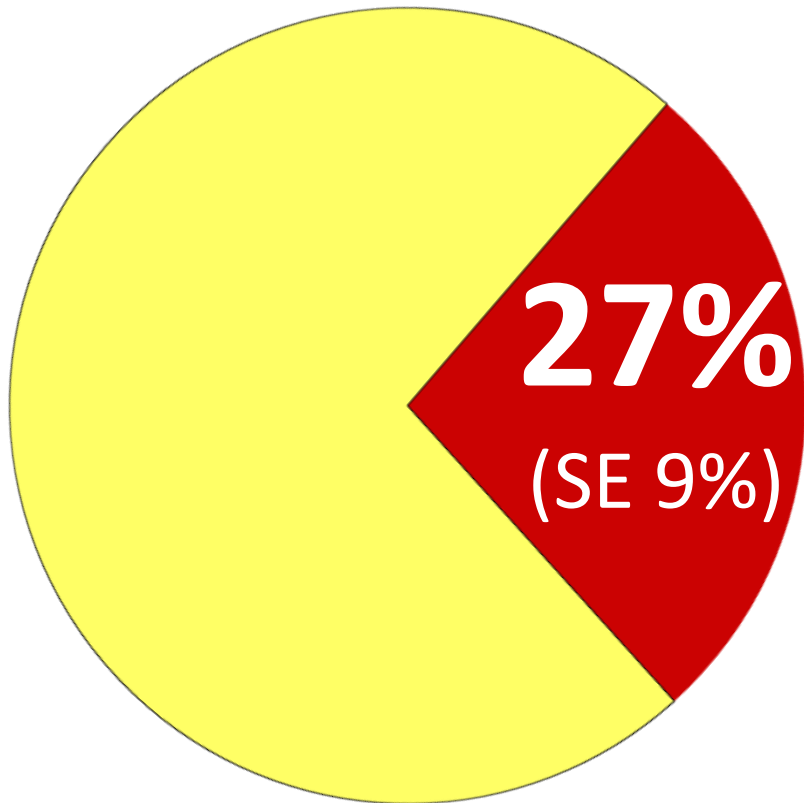
**for measuring CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>**

# Is sniffer useful for genetic studies/selection?



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# Over $\frac{1}{4}$ of variation in $\text{CH}_4$ is genetics

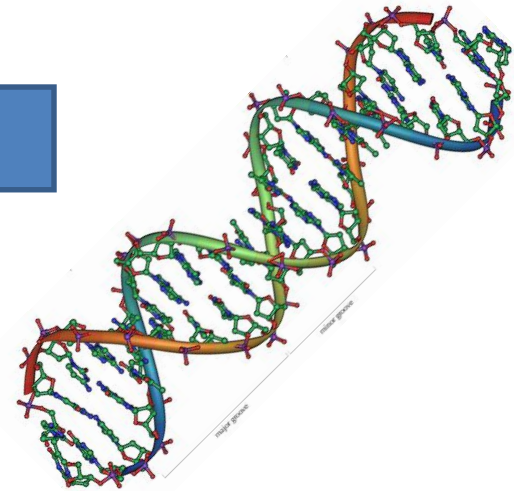
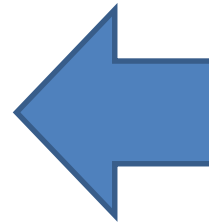
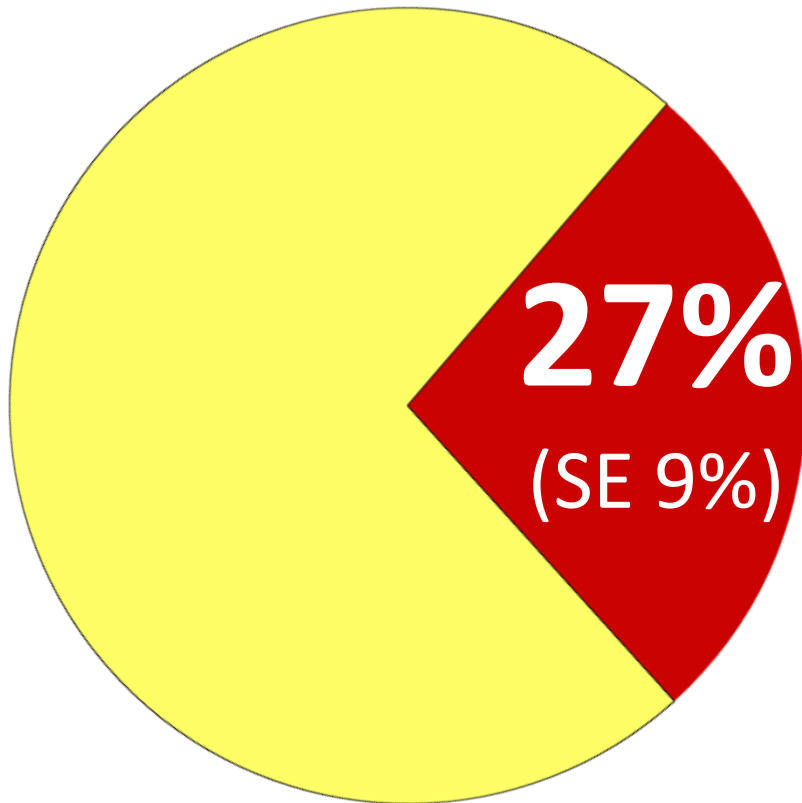


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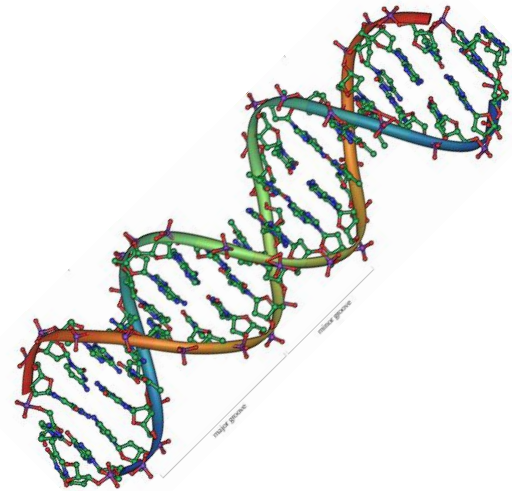
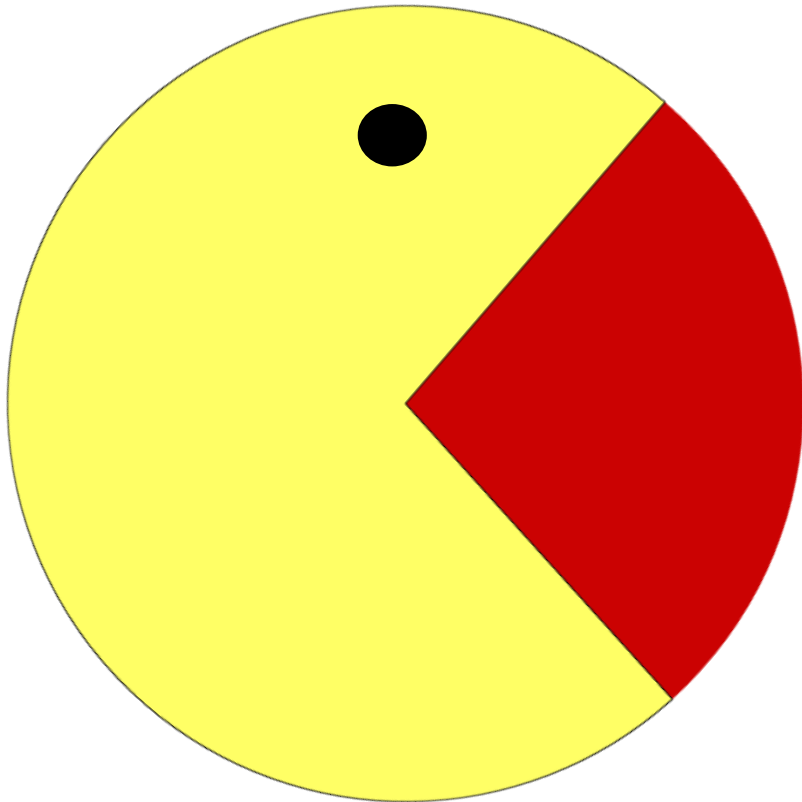
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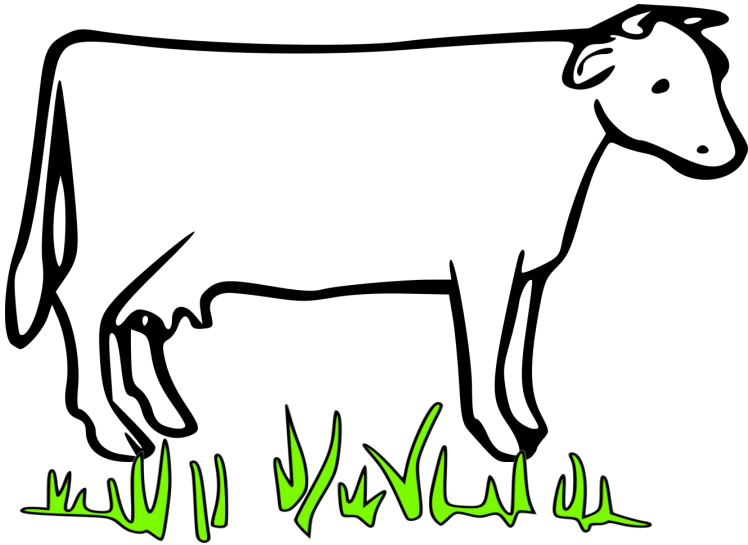


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**Sniffer validated against  
sensor from RC  
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