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Effect of temperature in the context of climate change on nutrient requirements of lactating sows

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Context

✓ Climate change

- Frequency and intensity of heat stress periods
- Pig production under hot climate (tropical, sub tropical regions)

✓ The lactating sow

- A low thermo-neutral zone (12-22°C)
 - high feed intake per kg BW^{0.75}
 - high heat production (high milk production)

=> very sensitive to heat stress









Objective and approach

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- Quantify physiological and performance responses of lactating sows and their litter to temperature
- Integrate these responses in an decision support tool for sow nutrition

Approach

- Meta-analyses of the literature
- Modeling of the effect of ambient temperature on sow and litter performance
- Simulation of the effect of different climatic series on sow performance and nutritional requirements









Meta-analysis – Mixed model







Effect of ambient temperature on sow feed intake































Modeling and simulations













Sensitivity analyses of the model to ambient temperature : ME balance and digestible lysine requirement







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Month







Conclusion

Quantification of adaptation mechanisms

➢ Respiratory frequency
➢ Feed intake
☆ Milk production
☆ heat production

✓ Modeling the effects of ambient temperature

- On sows and piglets performance
- On nutritional requirements

✓ Perspectives

- Integration into InraPorc® decision support tool (growing-finishing phase...)
- In practice :
 - Adaptation of feed composition according to season and localization
 - Precision feeding of lactating sows (mixing of two feeds)









