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Mineral precision feeding for gestating sows

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Parity, BW at insemination: P1, 150 kg



P2, 210 kg



P1, 170 kg

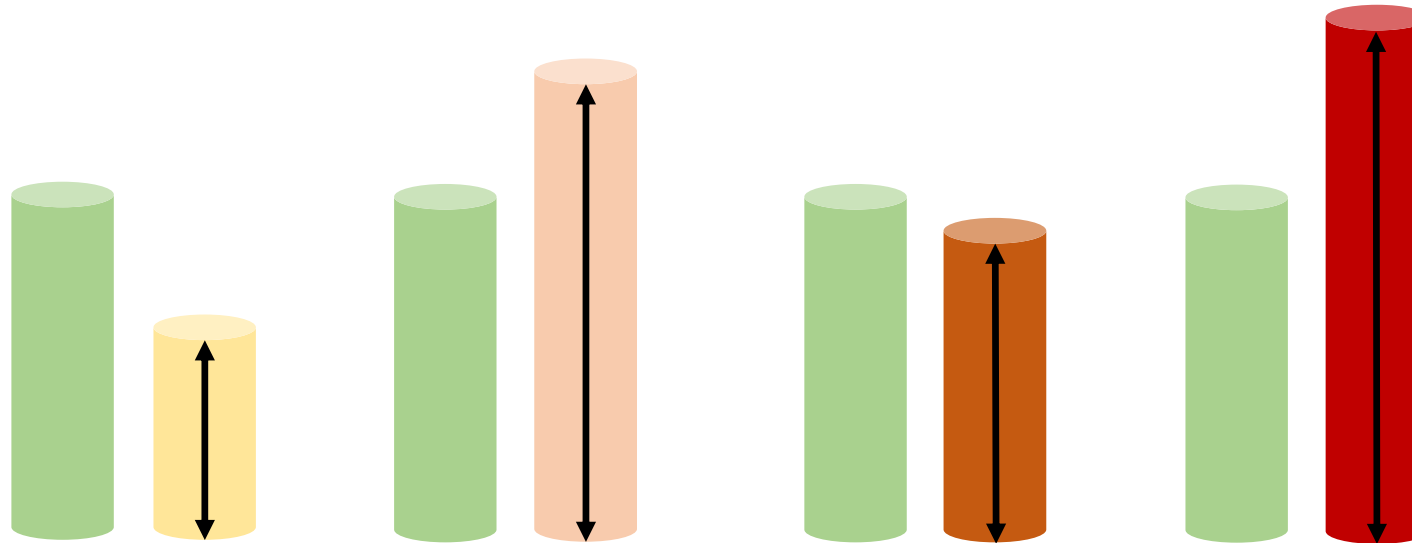


P4, 250 kg

Gestating sows

In practice :

- Restricted feed allowance
- 1 diet for all the sows during the gestation
- Fixed amount of energy and nutrients in diet



New technologies (feeders, sensors) characterize in real-time sows & environment
=> Use in real time the prediction model of nutrient requirements

Perspective : to improve feed efficiency, reduce production costs and decrease environmental impacts

BW: Body Weight

- Precision Feeding : **daily** mixing of 2 diets with different lysine content

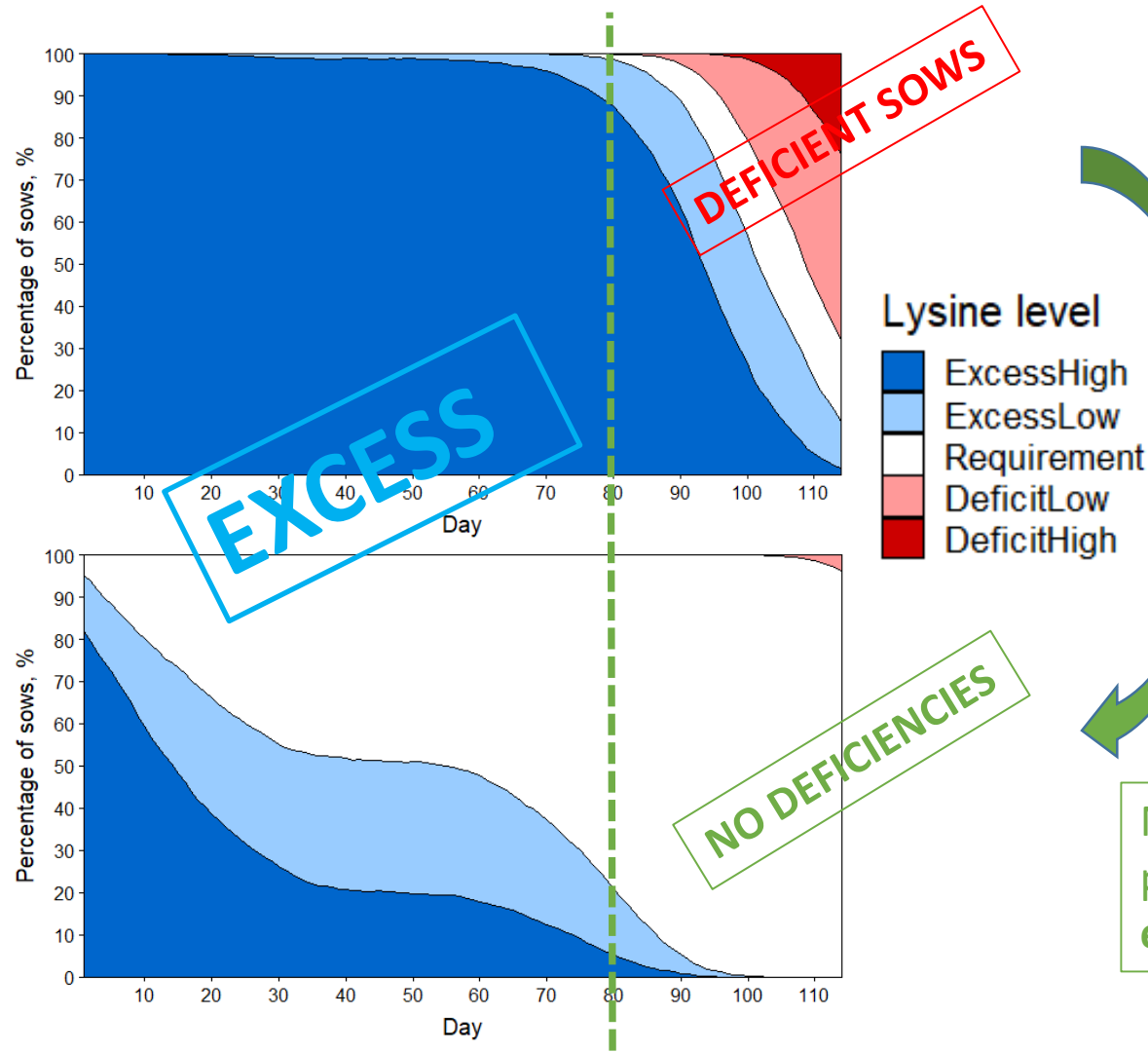
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[Group housed sows at 20°C]



diet lysine content ↓ of 27%

NB/ Higher benefit for primiparous sows : ↓ excess in early gestation

OBJECTIVES

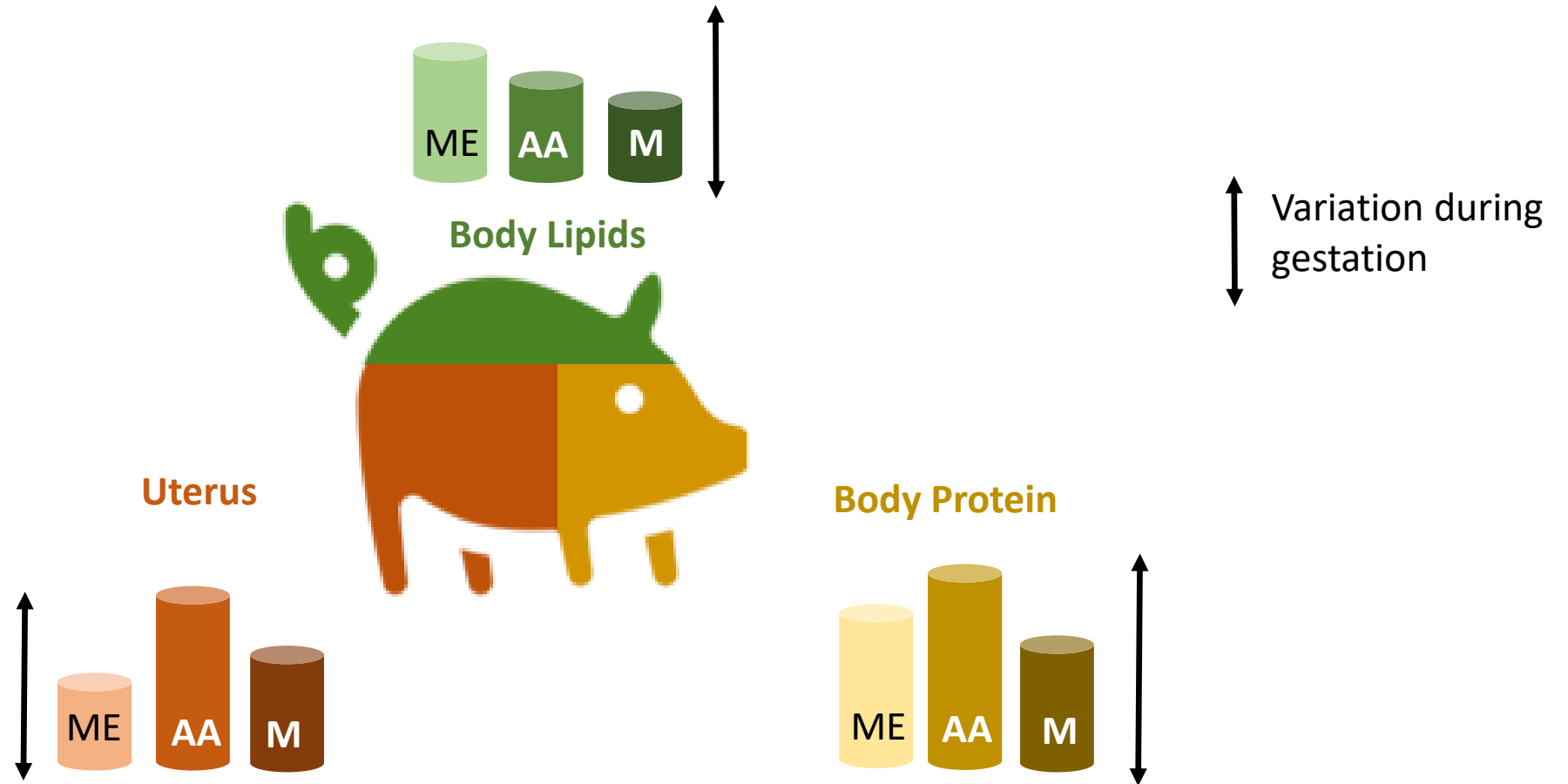
- to report the variations of mineral requirements (e.g. Standardized total tract digestible phosphorus **STTD-P**) among sows and during gestation
- to test if a precision feeding strategy based on lysine requirement could also be relevant for STTD-P



Horizon 2020 EU Feed-a-Gene program (grant agreement n°633531)

- Description of the gestating sow model (Adapted from InraPorc*)

ME: Metabolizable Energy
AA: Amino Acid
M: Minerals



* Dourmad et al. / Animal Feed Science and Technology 143 (2008) 372-386

- Model inputs

Sow

Parity
Litter size
Litter BW
BW at AI and objective at farrowing
BT at AI and objective at farrowing



Feed

AA content
Mineral content
Energy content



Environment

Housing
Temperature



Calculate **total ME** requirement per sow, regarding BW and BT at AI

Calculate **feed supply** per sow, from total ME

For each sow, prediction of the **daily nutrient requirements** based on simulated BW from previous day



BW: Body Weight, BT: Backfat Thickness, AI: Artificial Insemination, ME: Metabolizable Energy

- Data set and analysis

2511 gestations



Python model



Statistical analysis : linear mixed model

Variables:

- requirements in SID Lys
- requirements in STTD-P

Fixed factors:

- week of gestation
- parity (1, 2, 3+)
- litter size (S, M, L)

Random factor : sow

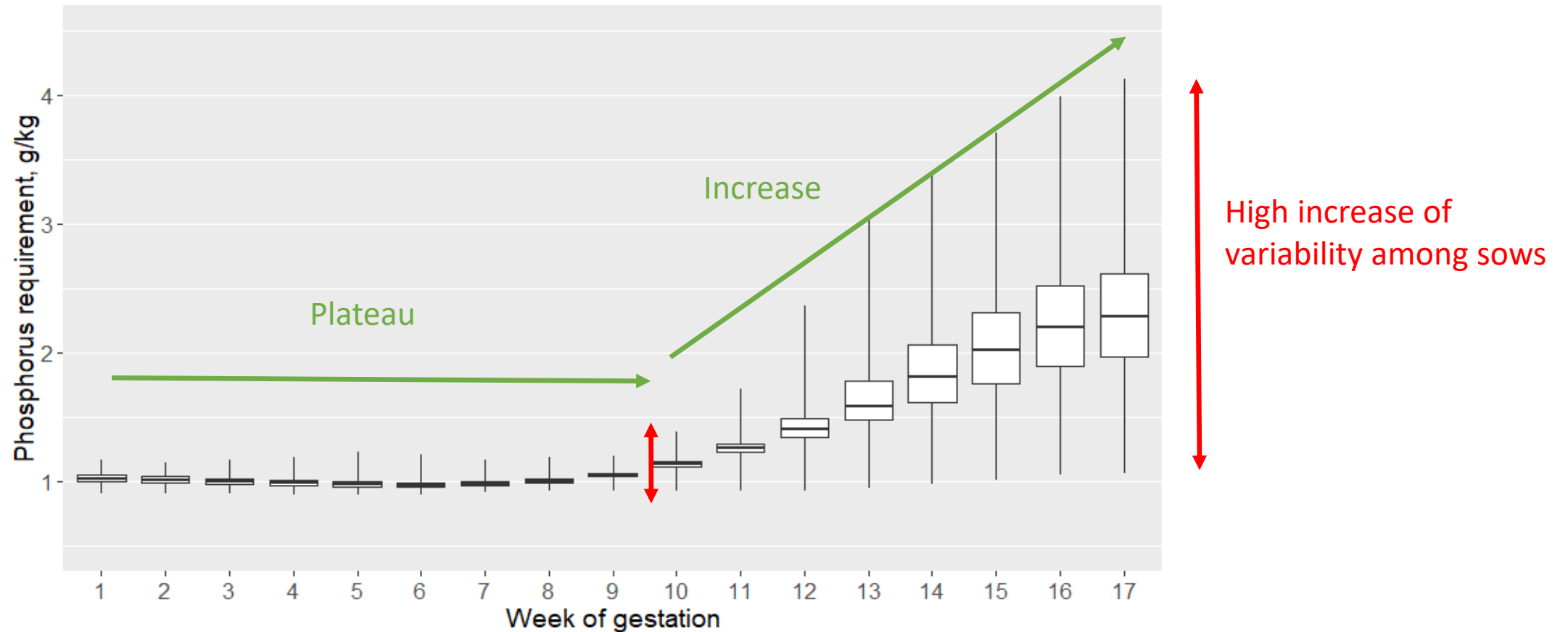
S: < 12 piglets

M: ≥ 12 & < 16 piglets

L: ≥ 16 piglets

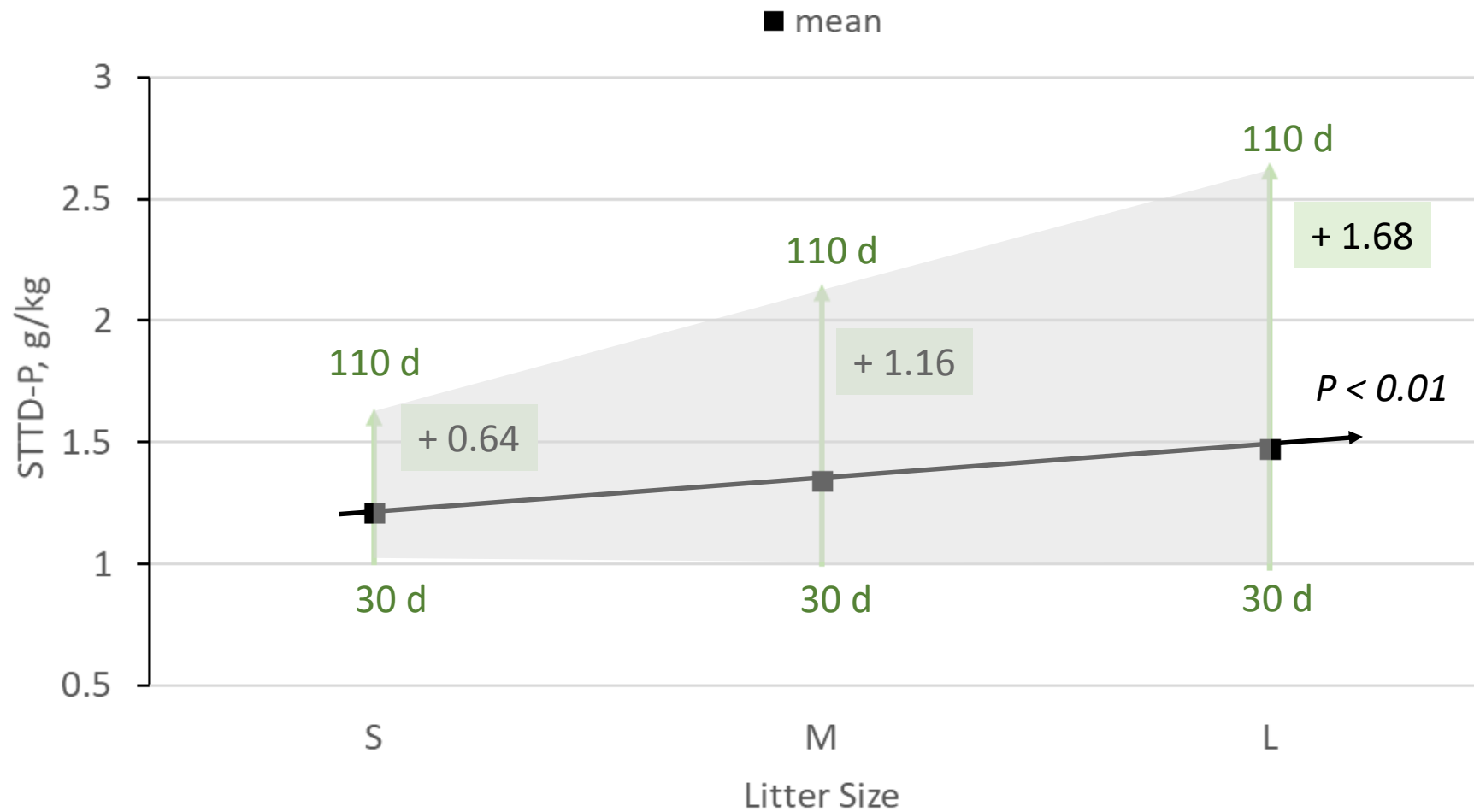
SID Lys: Standardized ileal digestible lysine, STTD-P: Standardized total tract digestible phosphorus

- Variability of STTD-P over gestation



STTD-P: Standardized total tract digestible phosphorus

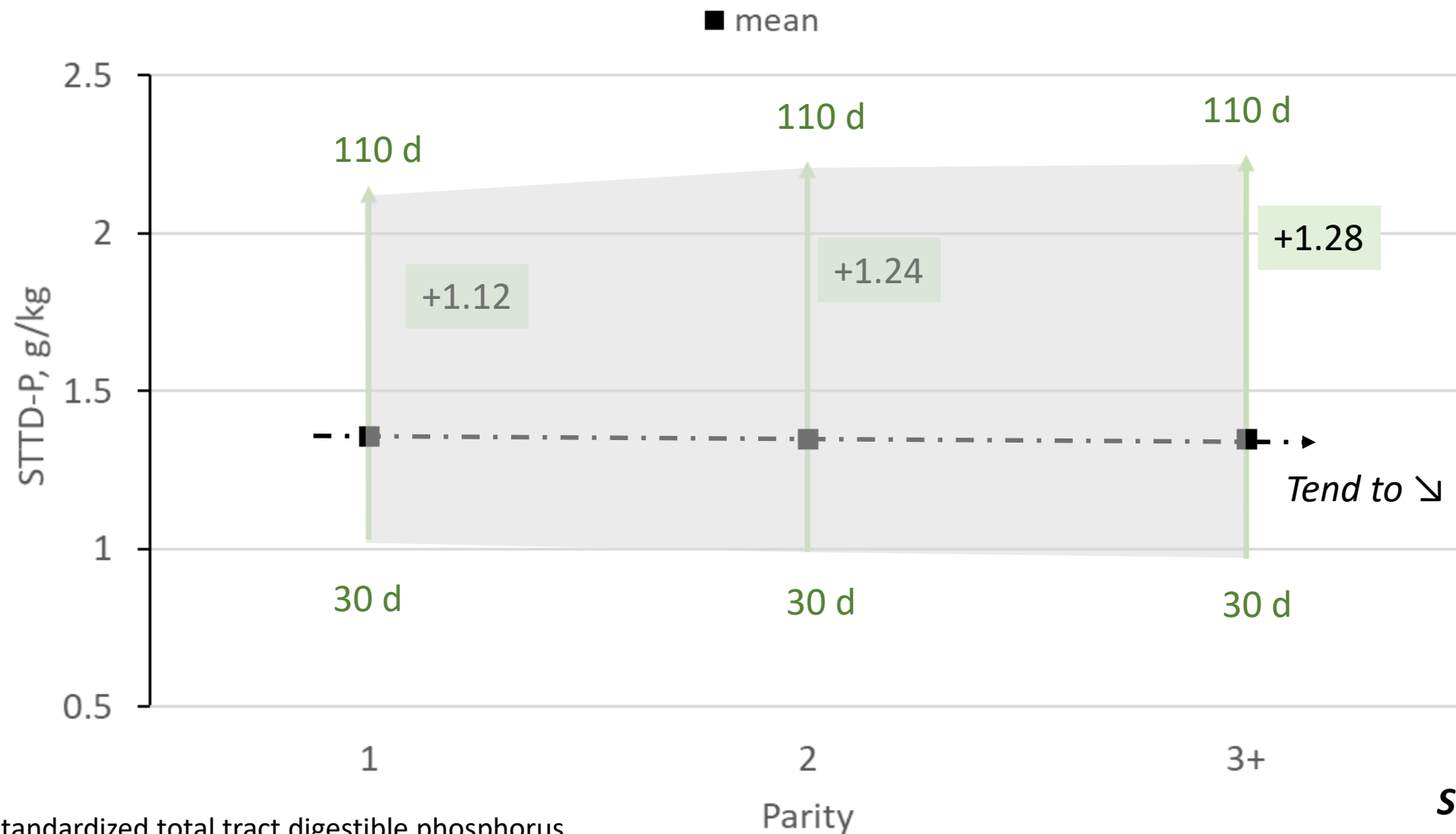
- Variability of STTD-P with litter size



Variation of STTD-P
from 30 to 110 d, g/kg

STTD-P: Standardized total tract digestible phosphorus

- Variability of STTD-P with parity



Variation of STTD-P from 30 to 110 d, g/kg

Similar results for STTD-Ca

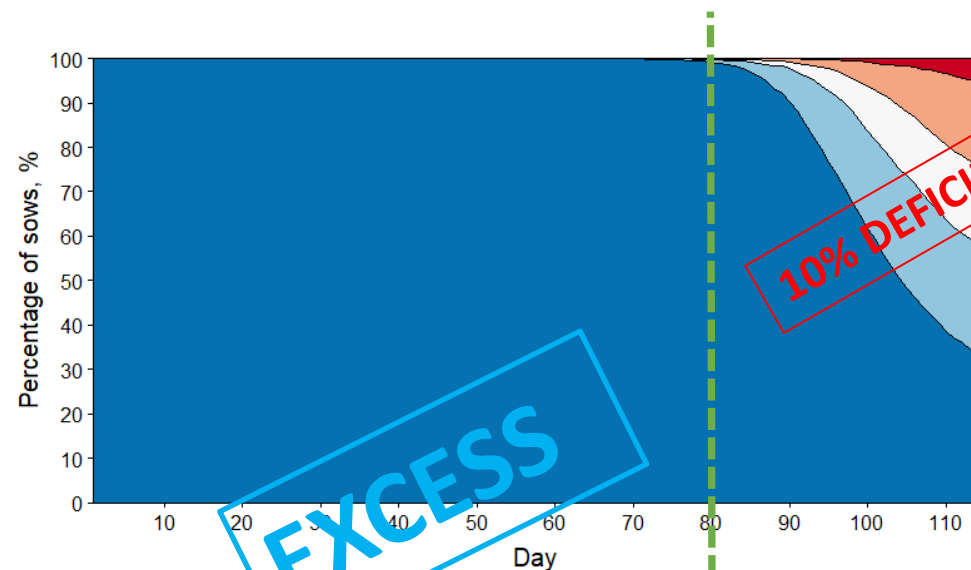
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Parity

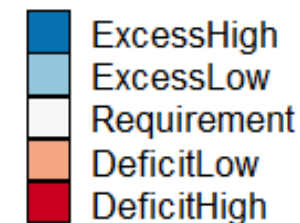
- ALL SOWS** - Mineral precision feeding – based on lysine requirement

Conventional feeding [CF]

1 diet 2.5 g STTD-P/kg



Phosphorus level

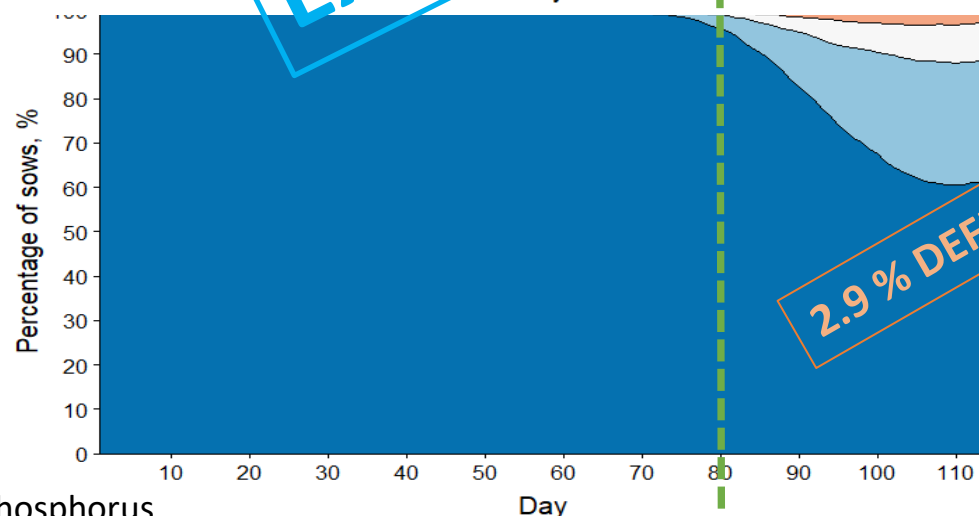


↘ % of P deficient sows, P intake & excretion

Precision feeding [PF]

Daily Mix of 2 diets:

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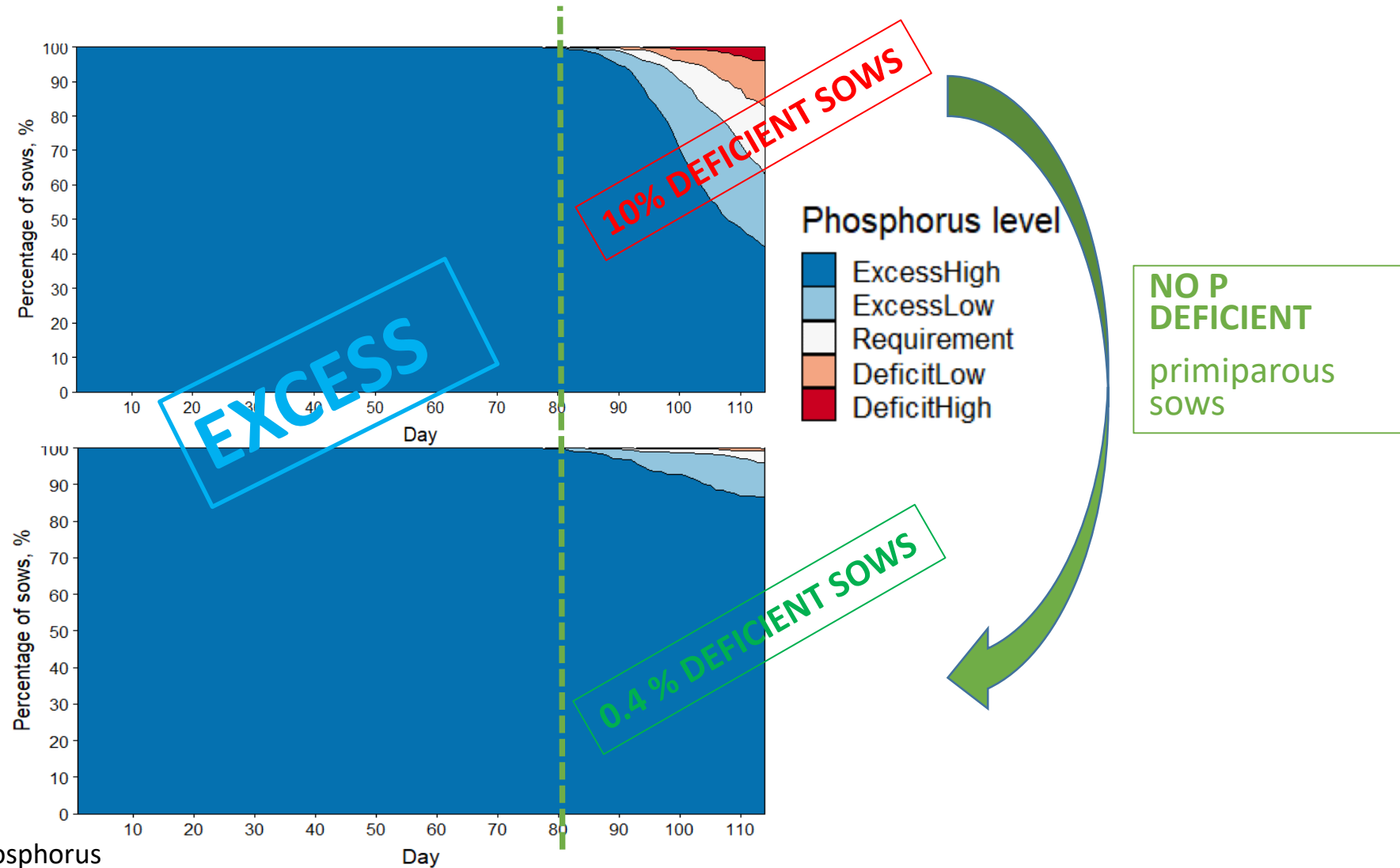
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- **PRIMIPAROUS** - Mineral precision feeding – *based on lysine requirement*

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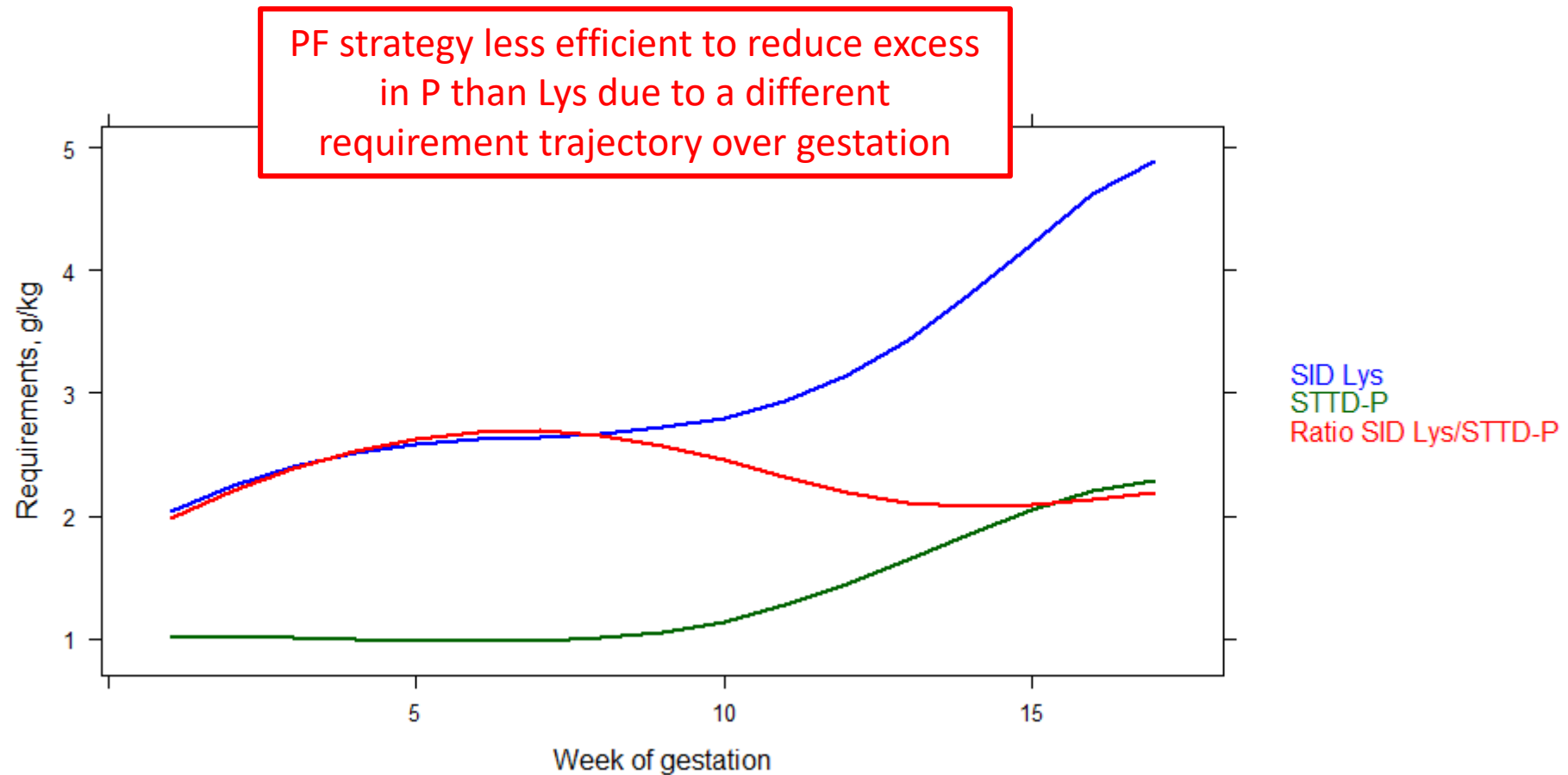


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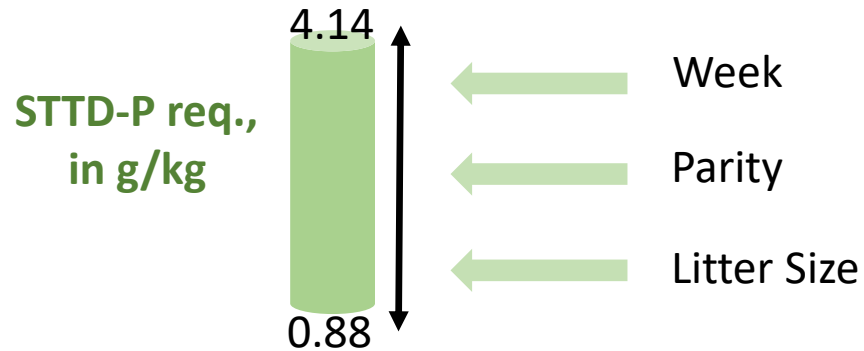


STTD-P: Standardized total tract digestible phosphorus

- Mineral precision feeding – based on lysine requirement



- To conclude ...



[CF]
Conventional Feeding
(1 diet)

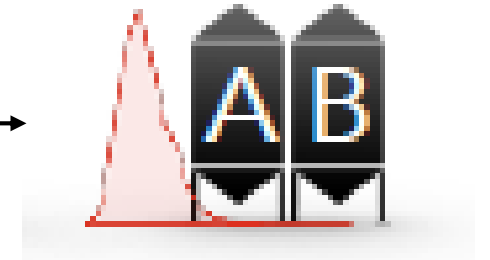


SID Lys diet content \searrow 27%

STTD-P diet content \searrow 12%

STTD-P deficient sows \searrow 7.1%

[PF]
Precision Feeding
(daily mix of 2 diets)



Mineral PF *based on lysine requirements* appear less efficient to reduce excessive supplies of STTD-P than for SID Lys due to different trajectories of requirements over gestation.

Nevertheless, the results clearly indicate that PF reduced phosphorus intake and excretion, as well as the risk of phosphorus deficient sows at the end of the gestation.

Perspective / Define a precision feeding strategy based on lysine & phosphorus simultaneously

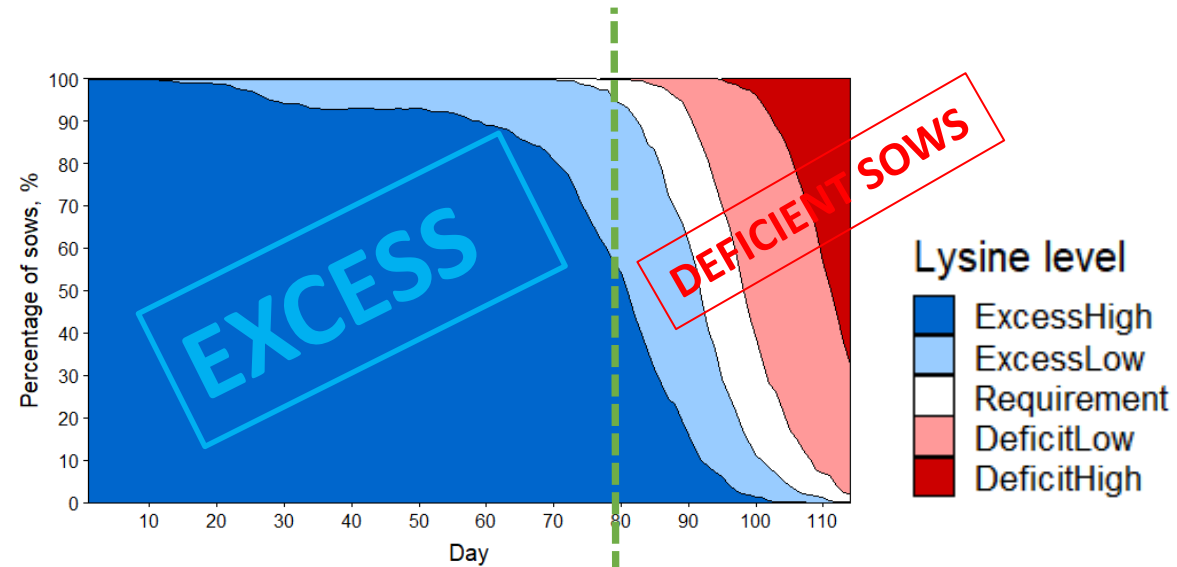
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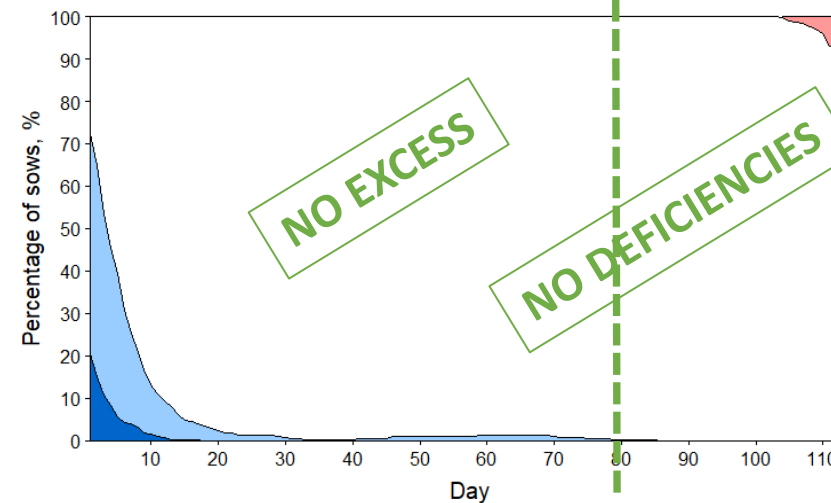
ANNEXES

• **SID Lys - PRIMIPAROUS sows (group housed, 20°C)**

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PF even has a higher benefit for primiparous sows : \searrow excess in early gestation