

New phenotypes from milk MIR spectra: **challenges to obtain reliable predictions**

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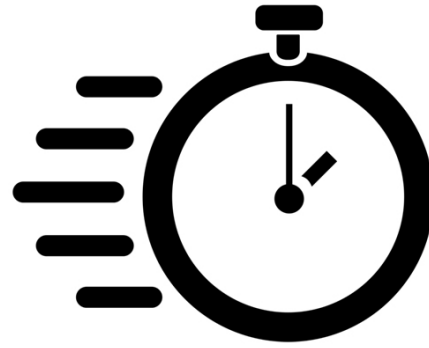
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Context

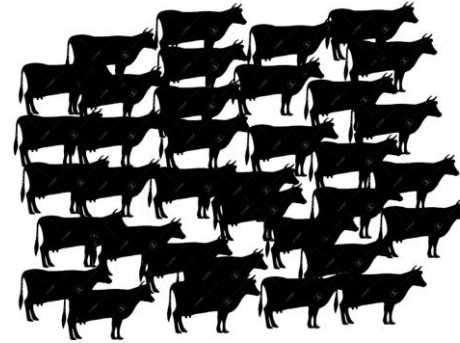
Prediction of phenotypes by MIR

- Fast
- Cost effective
- Easy to use in routine



Potentially usable for large scale applications

- Management of cows
- Genetic studies



→ Exponential researches to create MIR models

Context

Milk quality



Estimating Fatty Acid Content in Cow Milk Using Mid-Infrared Spectrometry

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Potential estimation of major mineral contents in cow milk using mid-infrared spectrometry

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Prediction of individual milk proteins including free amino acids in bovine milk using mid-infrared spectroscopy and their correlations with milk processing characteristics

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Technological properties



Prediction of coagulation properties, titratable acidity, and pH of bovine milk using mid-infrared spectroscopy

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Cow phenotype



Potential use of milk mid-infrared spectra to predict individual methane emission of dairy cows

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Mid-infrared prediction of lactoferrin content in bovine milk: potential indicator of mastitis

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The potential of Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy of milk samples to predict energy intake and efficiency in dairy cows¹

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Development of Fourier transform mid-infrared calibrations to predict acetone, β -hydroxybutyrate, and citrate contents in bovine milk through a European dairy network

C. Grelet,¹ C. F. G. Colinet,¹

Prediction and validation of residual feed intake and dry matter intake in Danish lactating dairy cows using mid-infrared spectroscopy of milk

N. Shetty,¹ P. L.

Assessing the effect of pregnancy stage on milk composition of dairy cows using mid-infrared spectra

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Outliers, detection of contaminants



Use of a multivariate moving window PCA for the untargeted detection of contaminants in agro-food products, as exemplified by the detection of melamine levels in milk using vibrational spectroscopy

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Milk origin determination



PDO



PGI

Building of prediction models by using Mid-Infrared spectroscopy and fatty acid profile to discriminate the geographical origin of sheep milk

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However...

Huge difference between

**Developing a model in a
research context**

**Using a model to generate
predictions at a large scale**

However...

Huge difference between

Developing a model in a research context

- Objective:
 - Evaluate a potential
 - Publication
- Development
 - Research herds
 - **With one or few herds, diets, breeds, countries, MIR instruments**
- Evaluation
 - **Performances** (highest R^2 , RMSE)

Using a model to generate predictions at a large scale

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Using a model to generate predictions at a large scale

- Objective:
 - Generate correct predictions in all cases
- Evaluation:
 - **Robustness**: capacity to be “all terrain” and provide good results in various conditions



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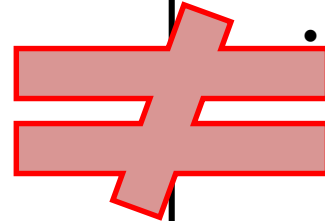
Developing a model in a research context

- Optimized performances (highest R^2 , RMSE)
- Limited variability



Using a model to generate predictions at a large scale

- Objective:
 - Generate correct predictions in all cases
- Evaluation:
 - **Robustness**: capacity to be “all terrain” and provide good results in various conditions



Potential issue when
using research models



Objective...

Evaluate the impact of different factors on Robustness :

- Inclusion of variability in the model (breeds, days in milk...)
- Sampling scheme (oriented vs. random)
- Model development (spectral areas, PLS factors)
- Spectral standardization

Evaluated by :

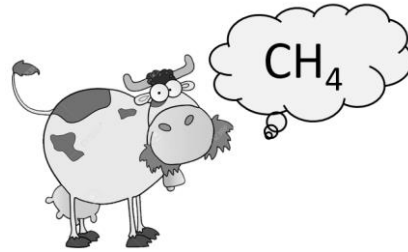
- Error in external validation (RMSEP)

Inclusion of Variability

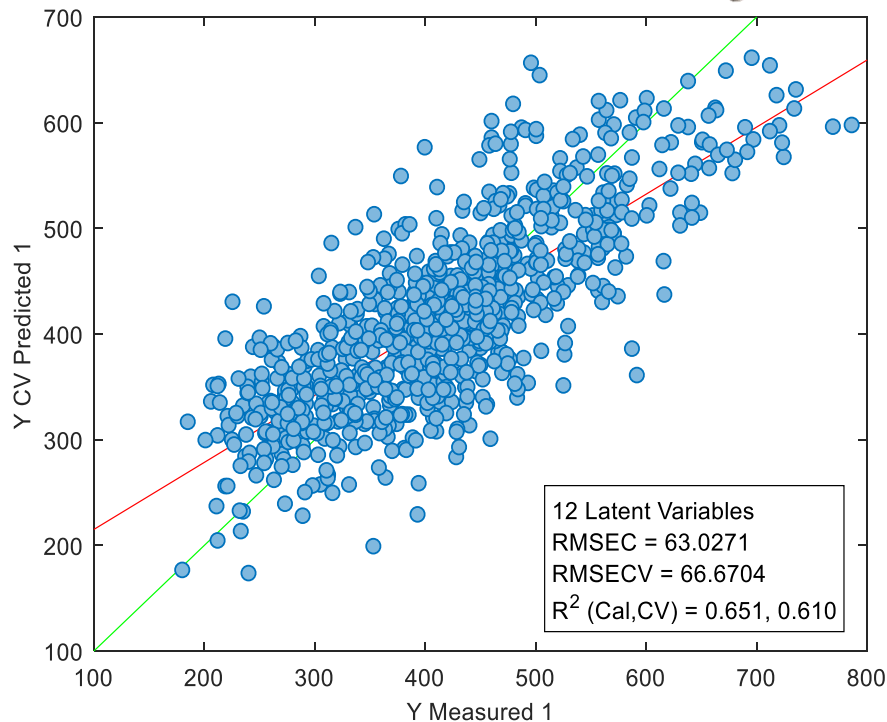
Effect of breeds in the model

Dataset used: CH₄ by dairy cows

- 225 Holsteins



Step 1 : calibration with 225



RMSEcv = 67 g/d

External validation with 20

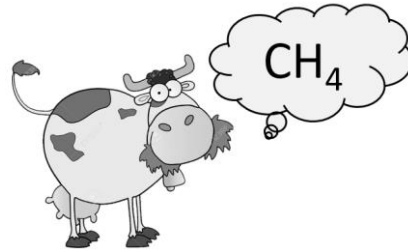


RMSEP = 85 g/d

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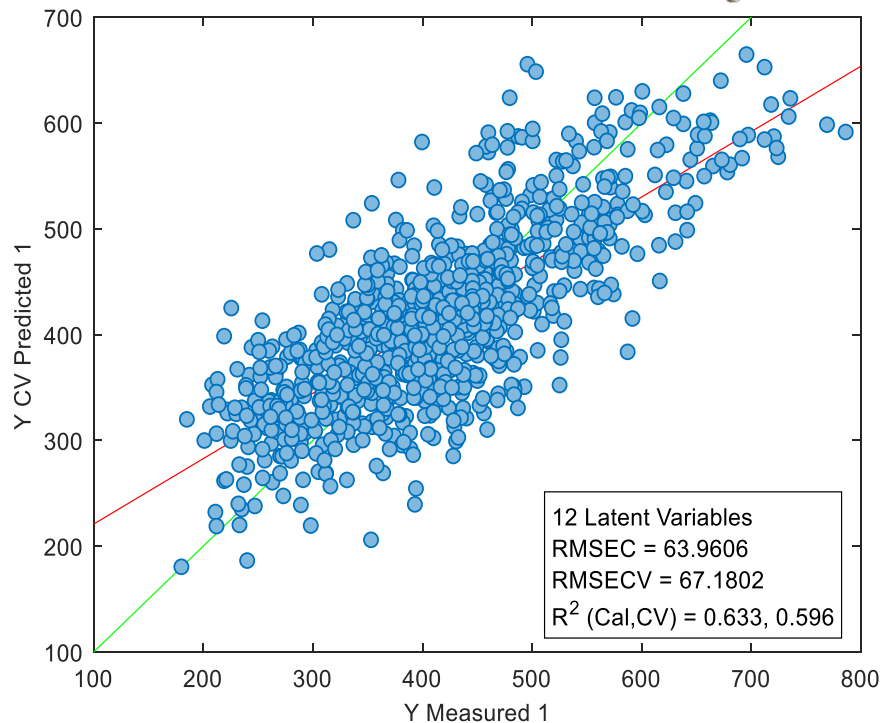
- 225 Holsteins



Step 2 : calibration with 225



+ 19



RMSEcv = 67 g/d

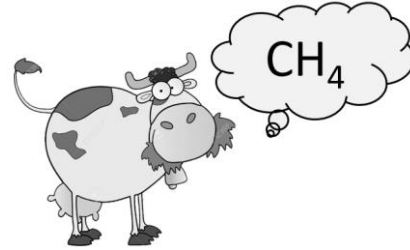
External validation with 20



RMSEP = 69 g/d

-19%

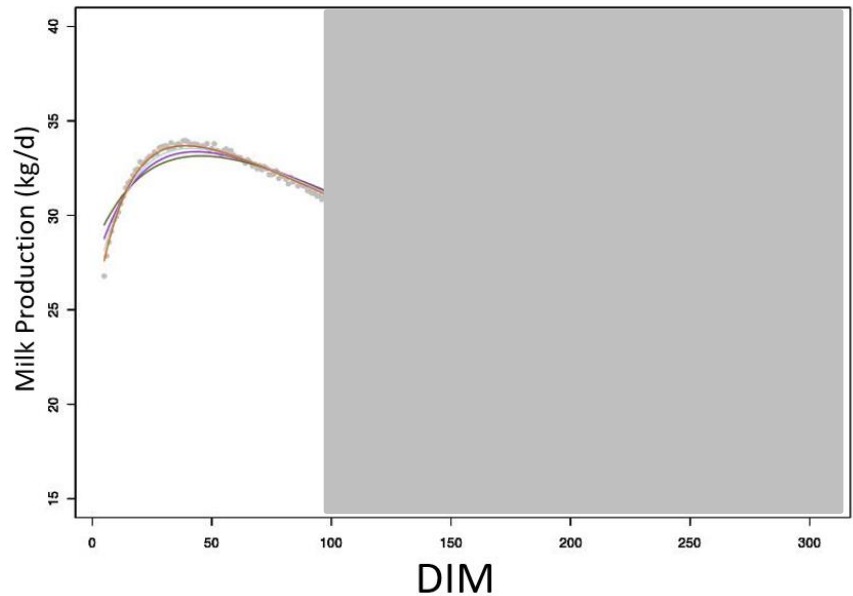
Effect of DIM in the model



Dataset used: CH₄ by dairy cows

- 350 records from DIM 0 to DIM 100

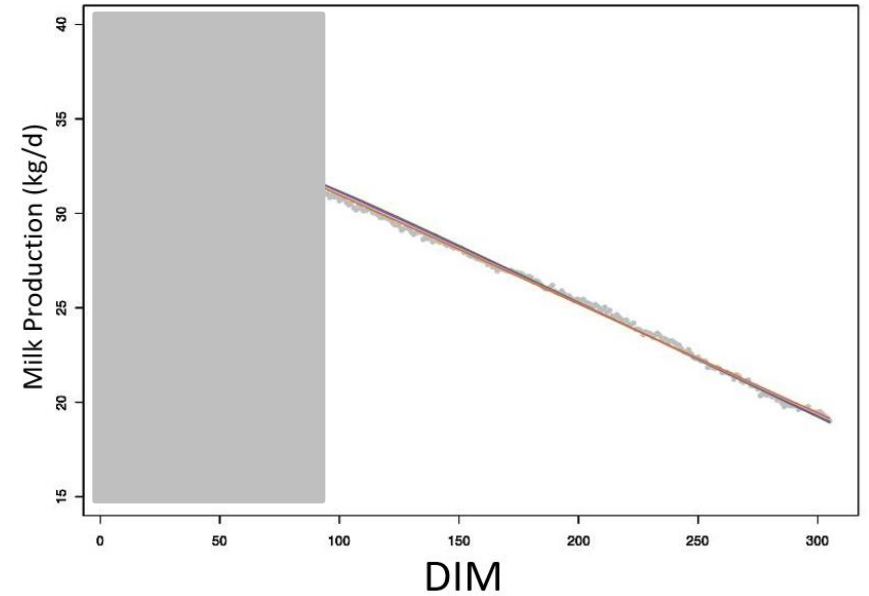
Step 1 : calibration with beginning of lactation



RMSEcv = 58 g/d

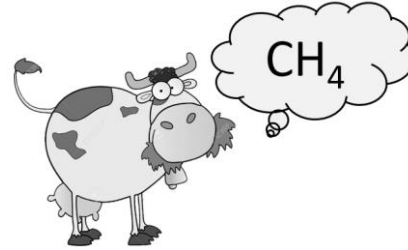
External validation with late lactation

- 689 samples from DIM 100 to 320



RMSEP = 90 g/d

Effect of DIM in the model

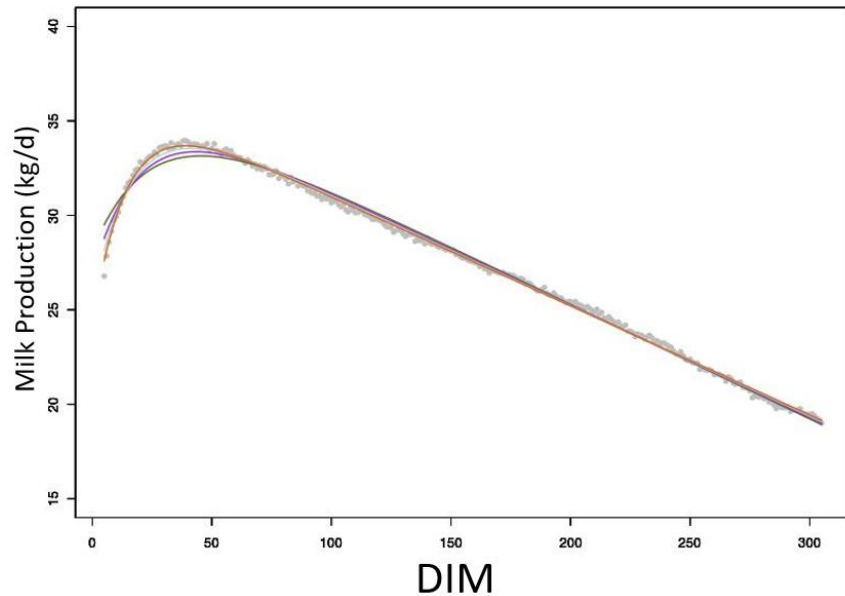


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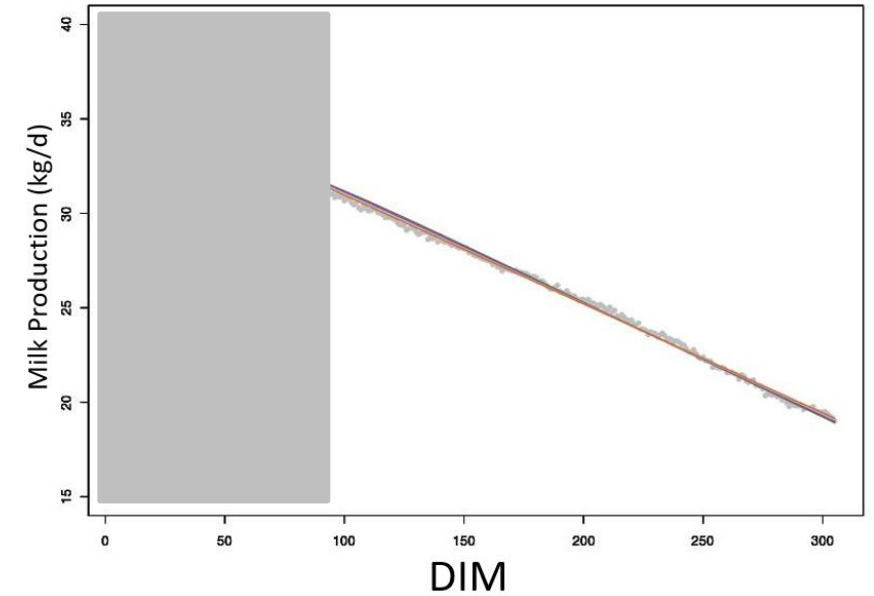
+ 50 records randomly selected between DIM 100 to 320



RMSEcv = 62 g/d

External validation with late lactation

- 689 samples from DIM 100 to 320



RMSEP = 78 g/d

-13%

“IR models can only predict what they know”

Pierre Dardenne

“Extrapolation is dangerous!”

IR maxim

Sampling method

Effect of sampling method

Dataset used: Lactoferrin



- 3506 as a global calibration population

→ Selection of 200 samples to develop a model

Random selection

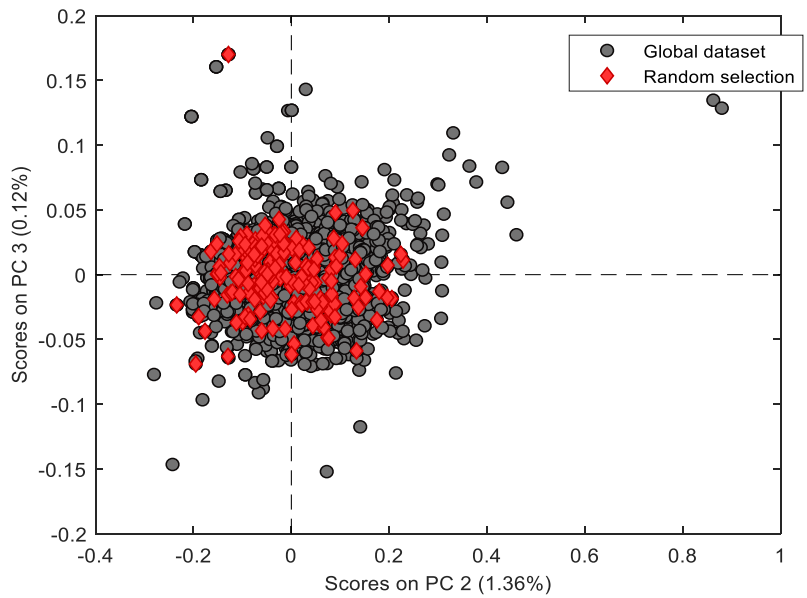
Oriented selection, to cover the spectral variability

External validation with 400 samples



Random selection

Selection



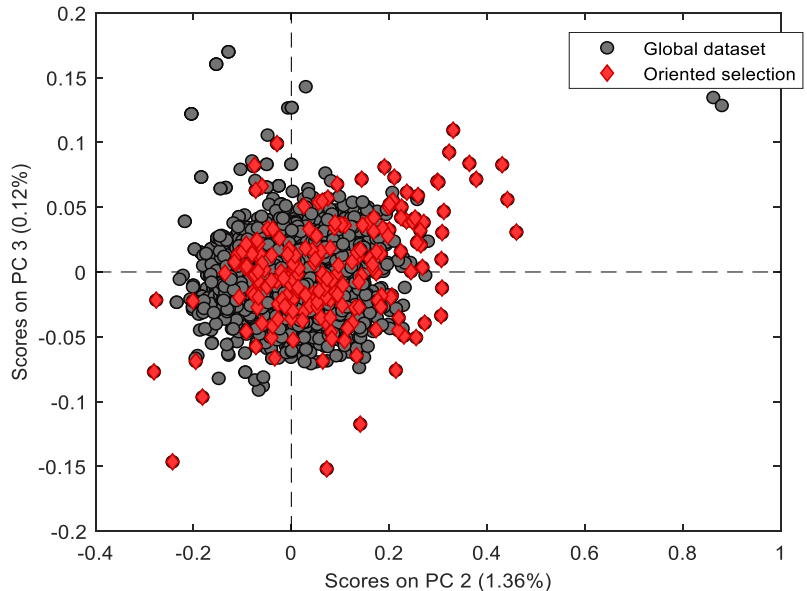
Cross-validation

RMSEcv = 126 g/L

External-validation
(400 external samples)

- **RMSEP = 170 g/L**
- 94.4% samples with GH<3

Oriented selection

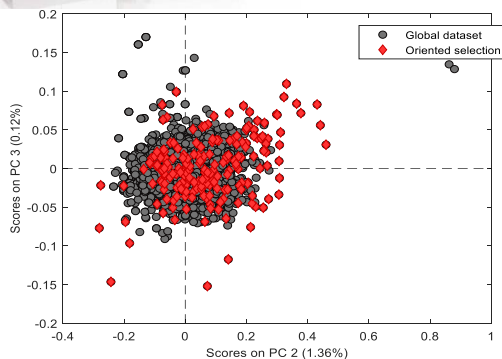
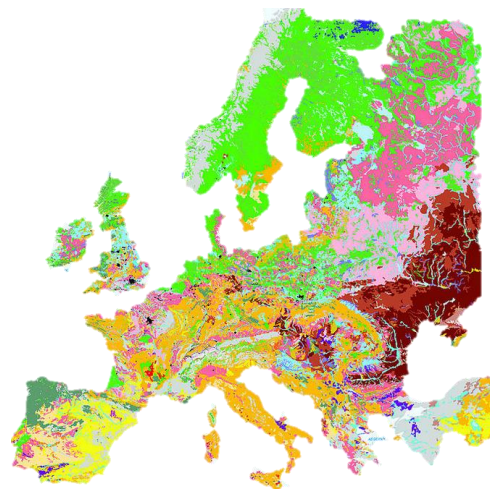


RMSEcv = 176 g/L

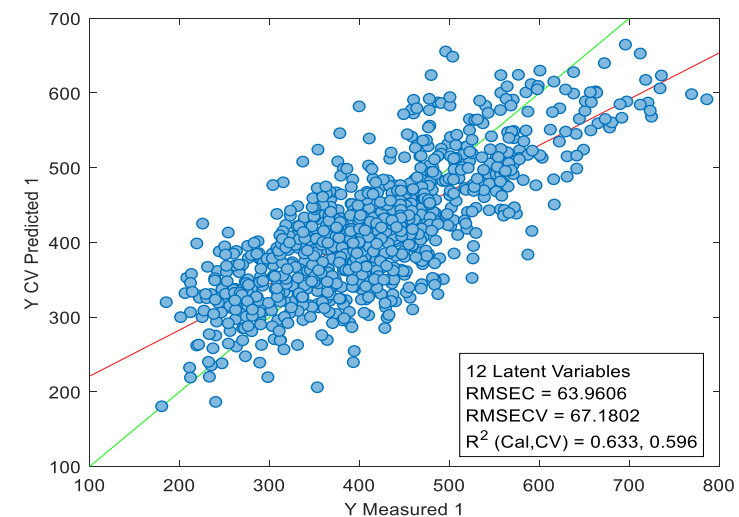
- **RMSEP = 146 g/L**
- 98.4% samples with GH<3

-14%

IR models can only predict what they know



Robust models

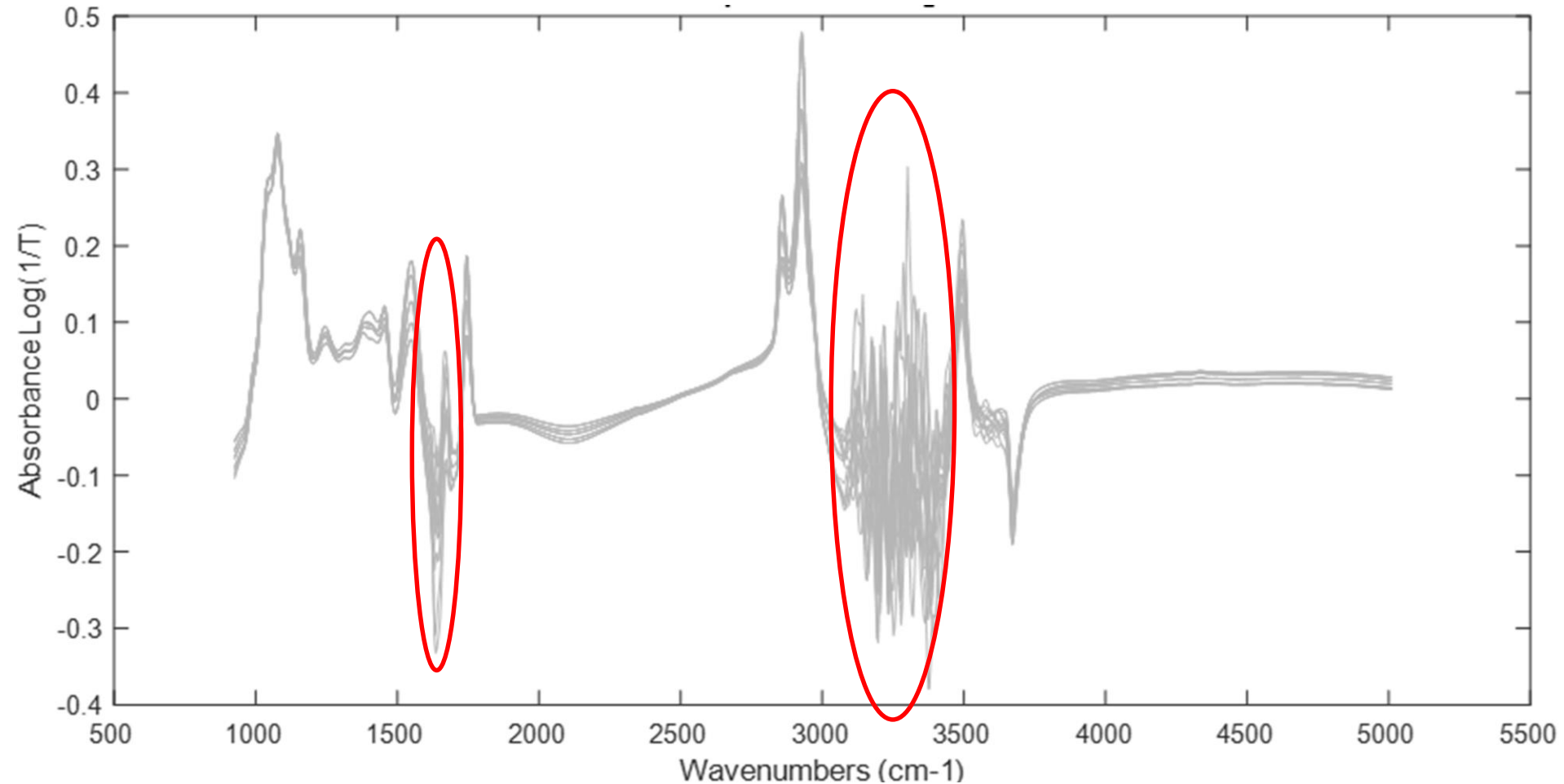


Model development

Effect of model development: Wavenumber selection

Noisy areas induced by water absorption

→ usually considered without valuable information and not used



Effect of model development: Wavenumber selection



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Research


Genome-wide association study for milk infrared wavenumbers

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Genetic and environmental variation in bovine milk infrared spectra

Qiuyu Wang  , Alex Hulzebosch, Henk Bovenhuis



Genetic analysis of the Fourier-transform infrared spectra of bovine milk with emphasis on individual wavelengths related to specific chemical bonds

G. Bittante, A. Cecchinato  



Diagnosing pregnancy status using infrared spectra and milk composition in dairy cows

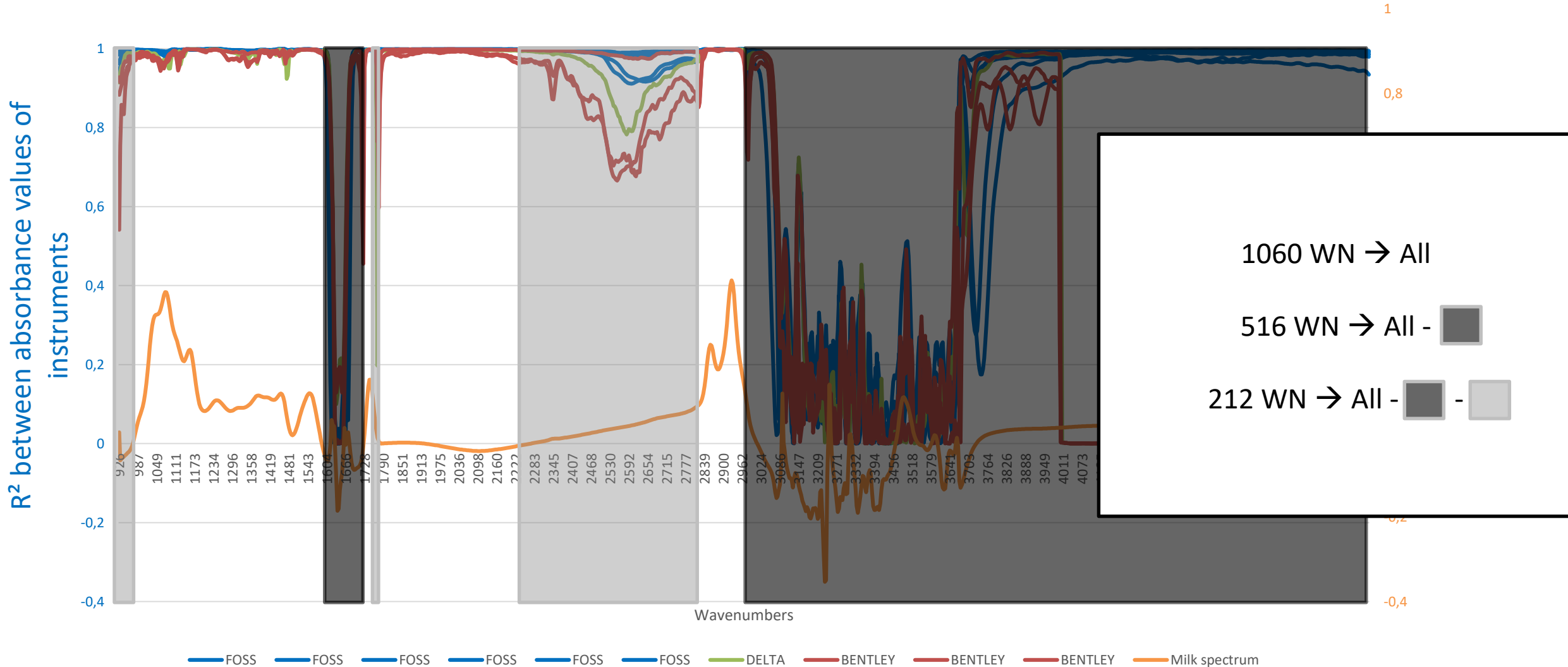
Hugo Toledo-Alvarado  , Ana I. Vazquez  , Gustavo de los Campos  , Robert J. Tempelman  , Giovanni Bittante  , Alessio Cecchinato  

But recent studies concluding with the presence of valuable information within those noisy regions

Effect of model development: Wavenumber selection

5 identical samples analyzed on 7 Foss instruments + 3 Bentley + 1 Delta

For each wavenumber, correlation between the absorbance values of a reference and the others instruments



Effect of model development: Wavenumber selection

Dataset used: C18_1 cis9 fatty acid

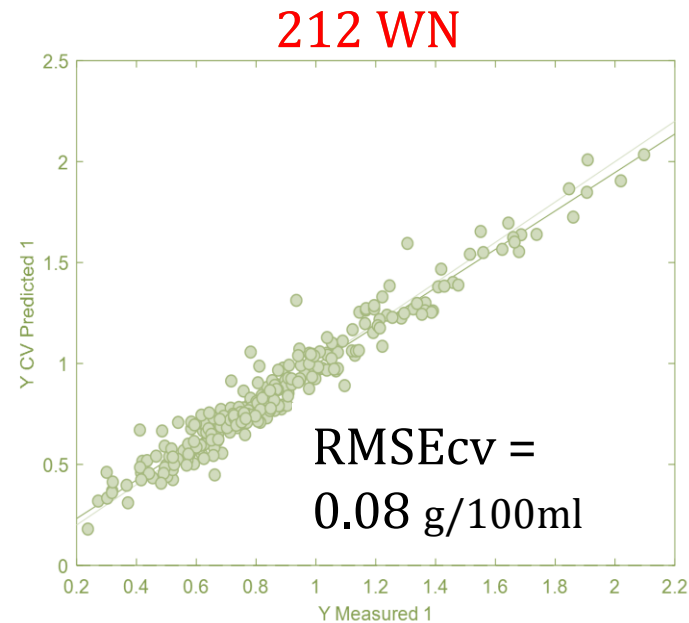
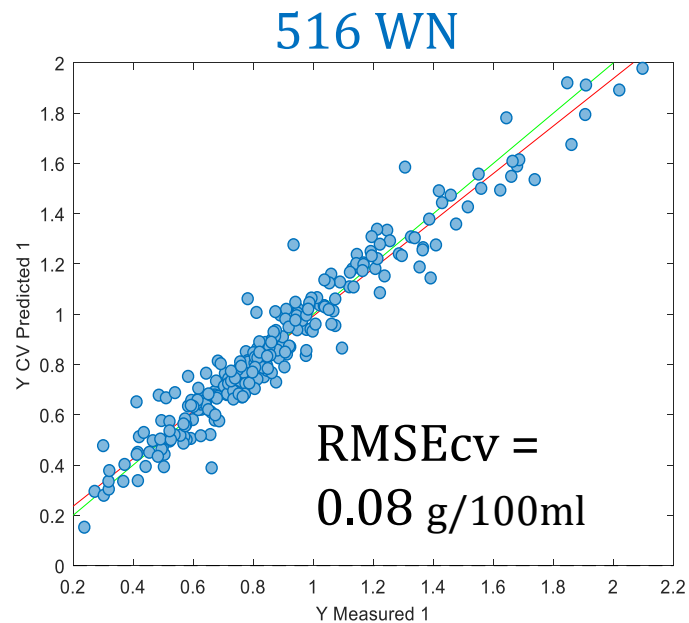
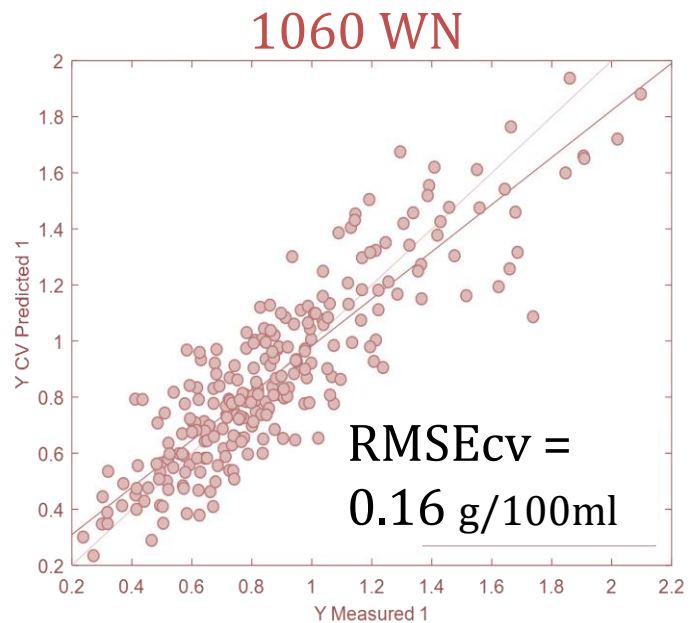


- 250 samples in calibration
- 1572 samples in external validation

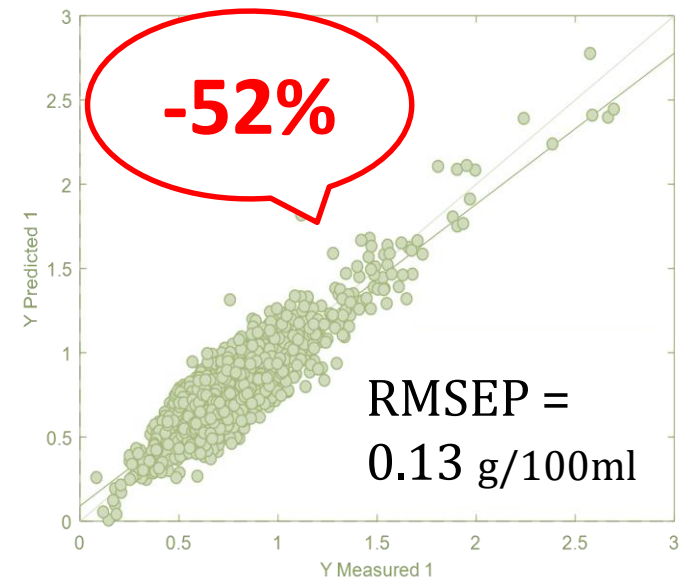
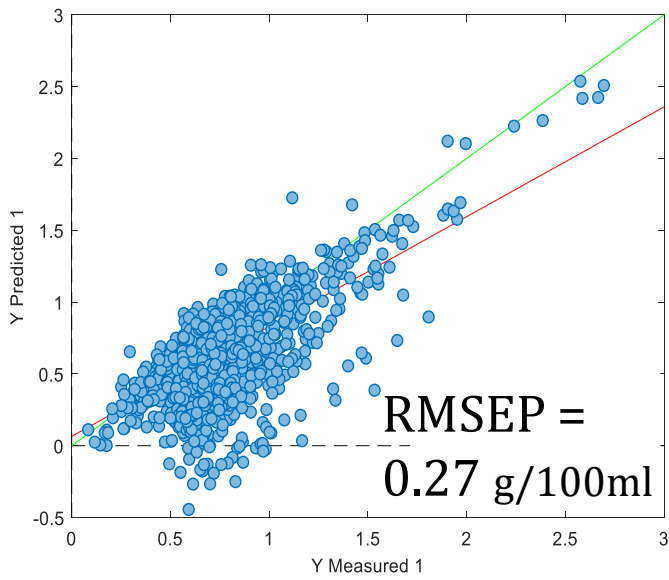
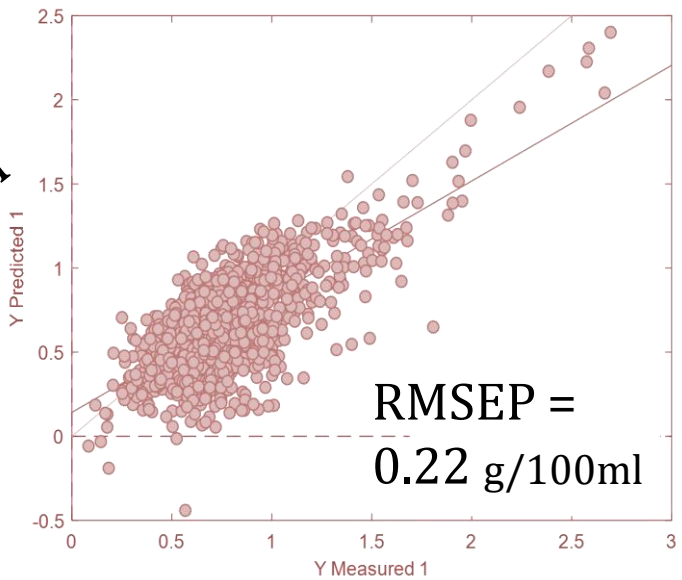
Same number of PLS factors



Calibration



External validation



Effect of model development: PLS factor selection

Dataset used: Weight of cows



1033 records from 241 cows

- 75% cows in calibration (781 records)
- 25% cows in validation (252 records)

Different ways to choose the PLS factor number

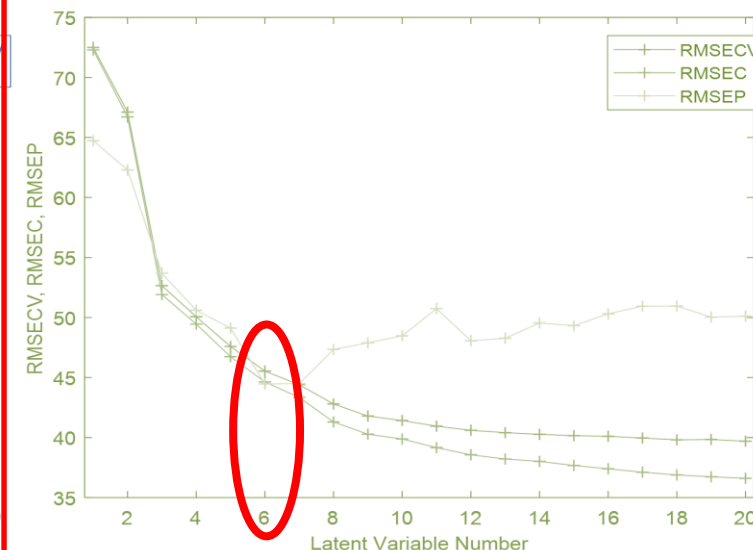
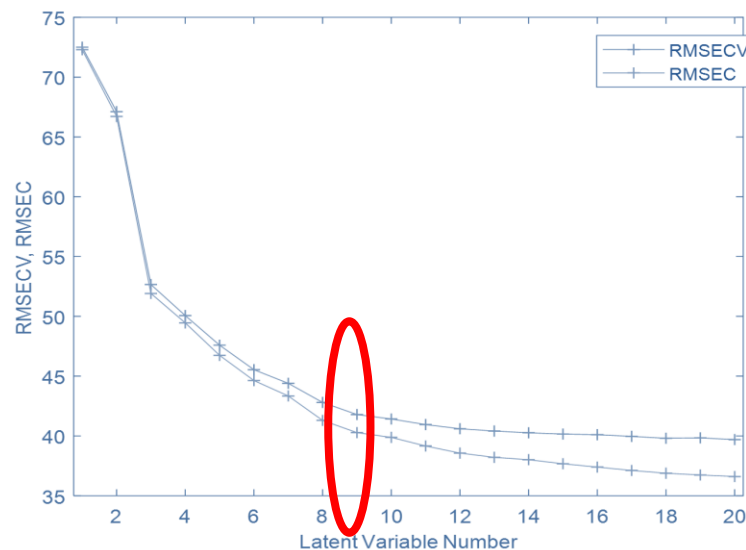
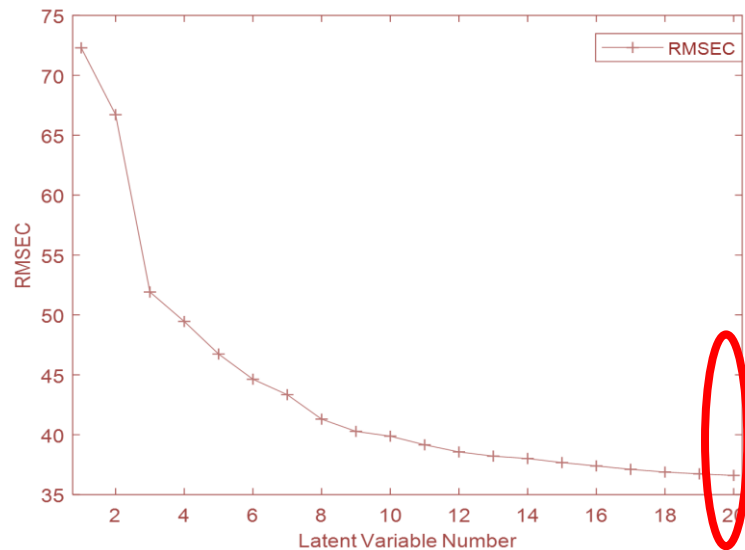


Calibration step: 20 LV

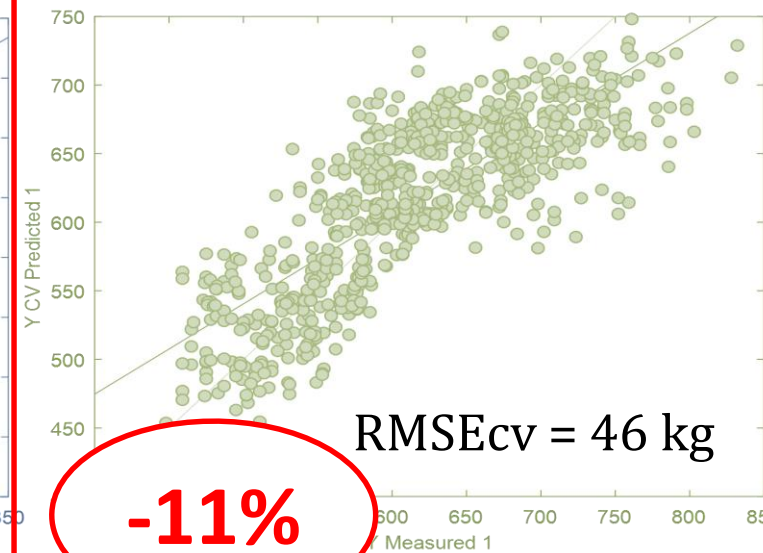
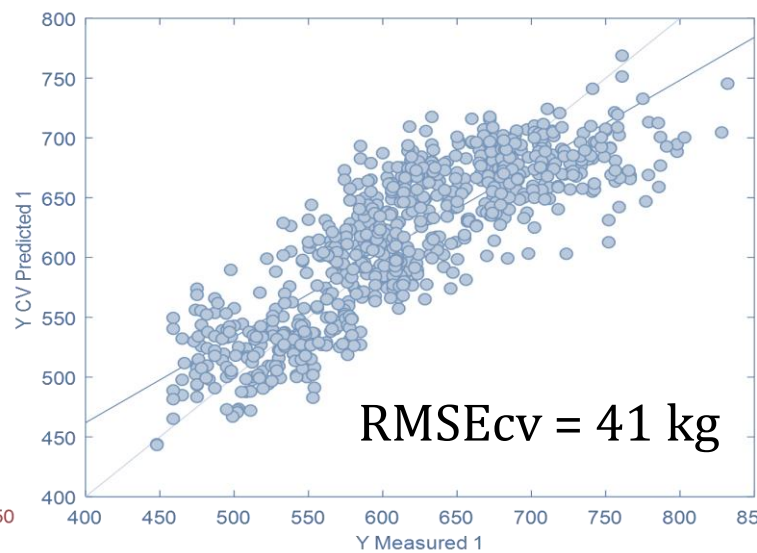
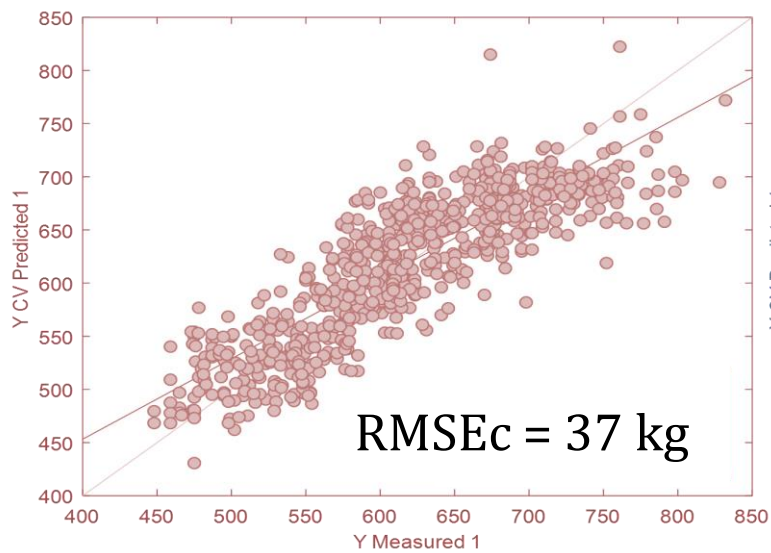
Cross-validation step: 9 LV

External validation : 6 LV

PLS factors selection



CV performances



Validation performances

RMSEP = 50 kg

RMSEP = 48 kg

RMSEP = 44 kg

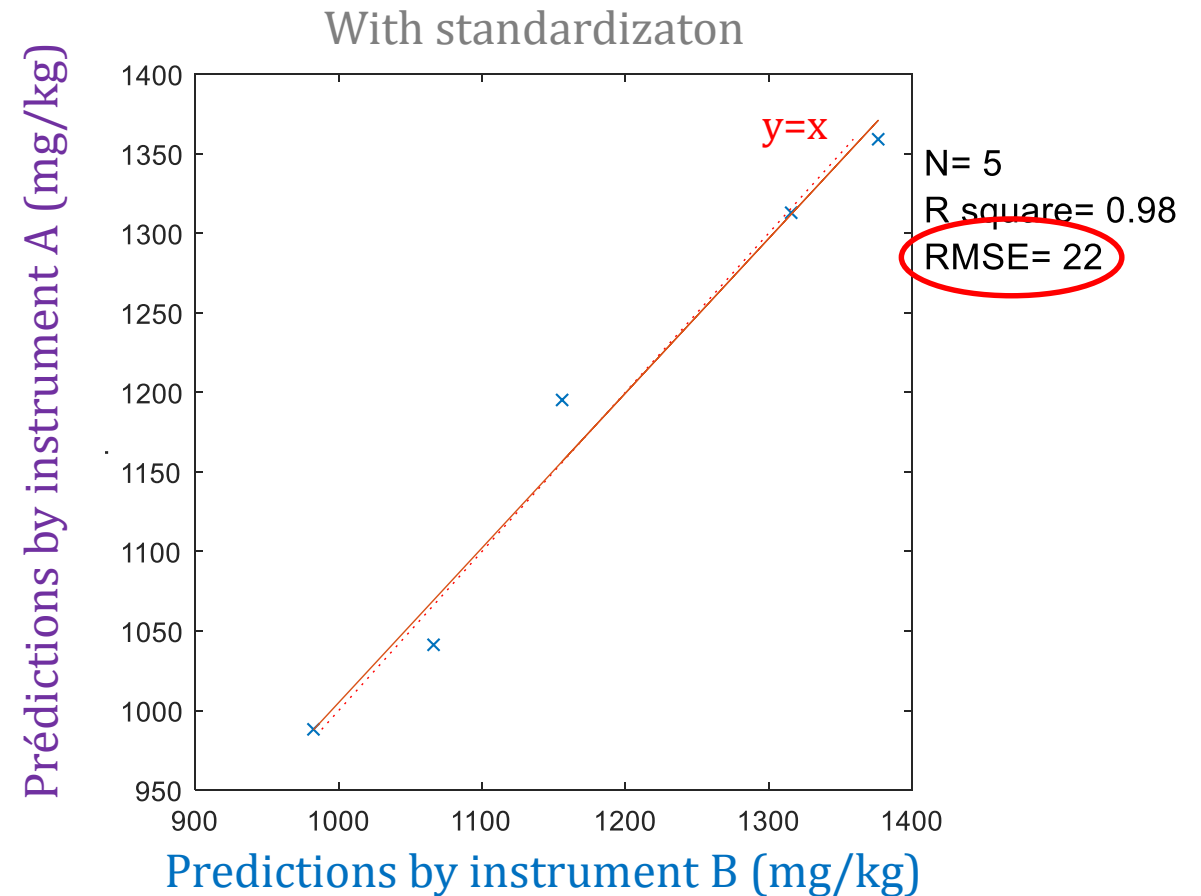
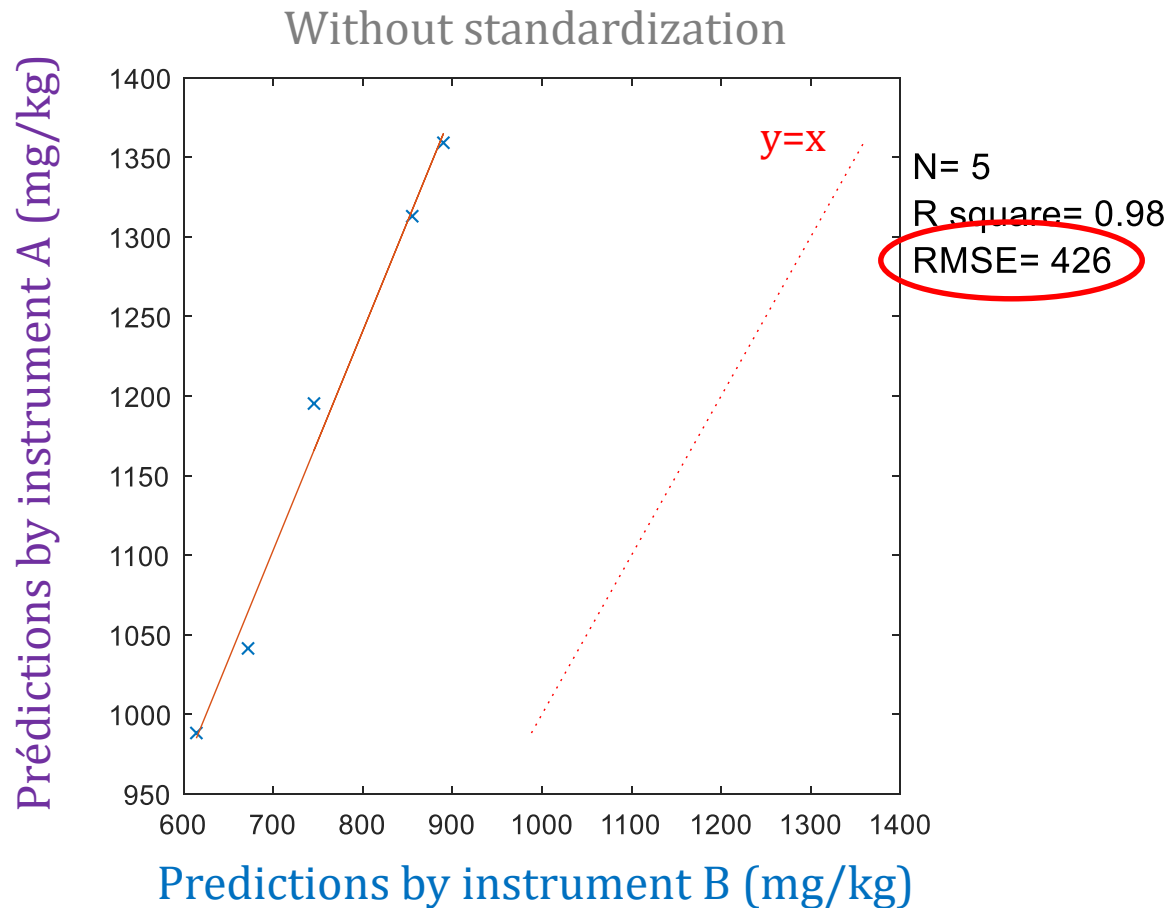
-11%

Spectral standardization

Spectral standardization



- Calcium model developed on **instrument A**
- Model applied on **instrument B** after analysis of common samples



Spectral standardization

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Bias when using a model into another instrument!!

→ Standardization needed to use models at a large scale



Take home message

This is only examples, with specific datasets...

...but highlight some elements to take into account

- ✓ Look for variability (reference and spectral data)
- ✓ **Collaboration to merge datasets!!!**
- ✓ Keep models as simple as possible (Wavenumbers and PLS factors)
- ✓ Think spectroscopy (not only mathematics)
- ✓ Standardization



Thank you for your attention!

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Experience from 30 years NIR in feed...



Extensive databases :
thousands of feed NIR spectra from years.

Global models ?

- very robust to sample composition variation
- but prediction accuracy decreased

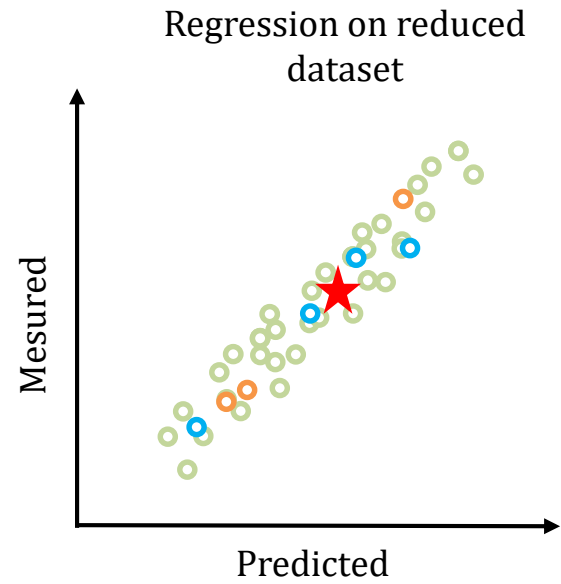
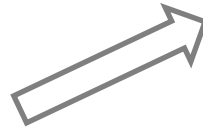
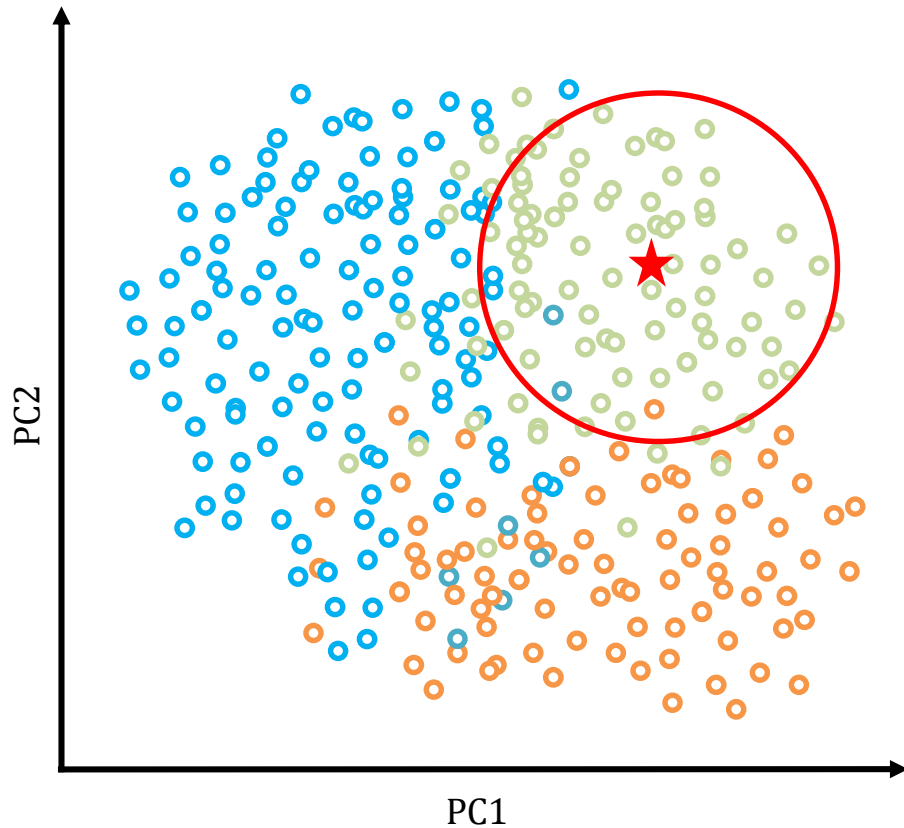
Specific models for small groups of similar samples ?

- difficult, time consuming, tedious in practice
- increased complexity

Local regression

for each sample, compute specific model using a reduced calibration data extracted from a large library

Local methods



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Regression models based on new local strategies for near infrared spectroscopic data



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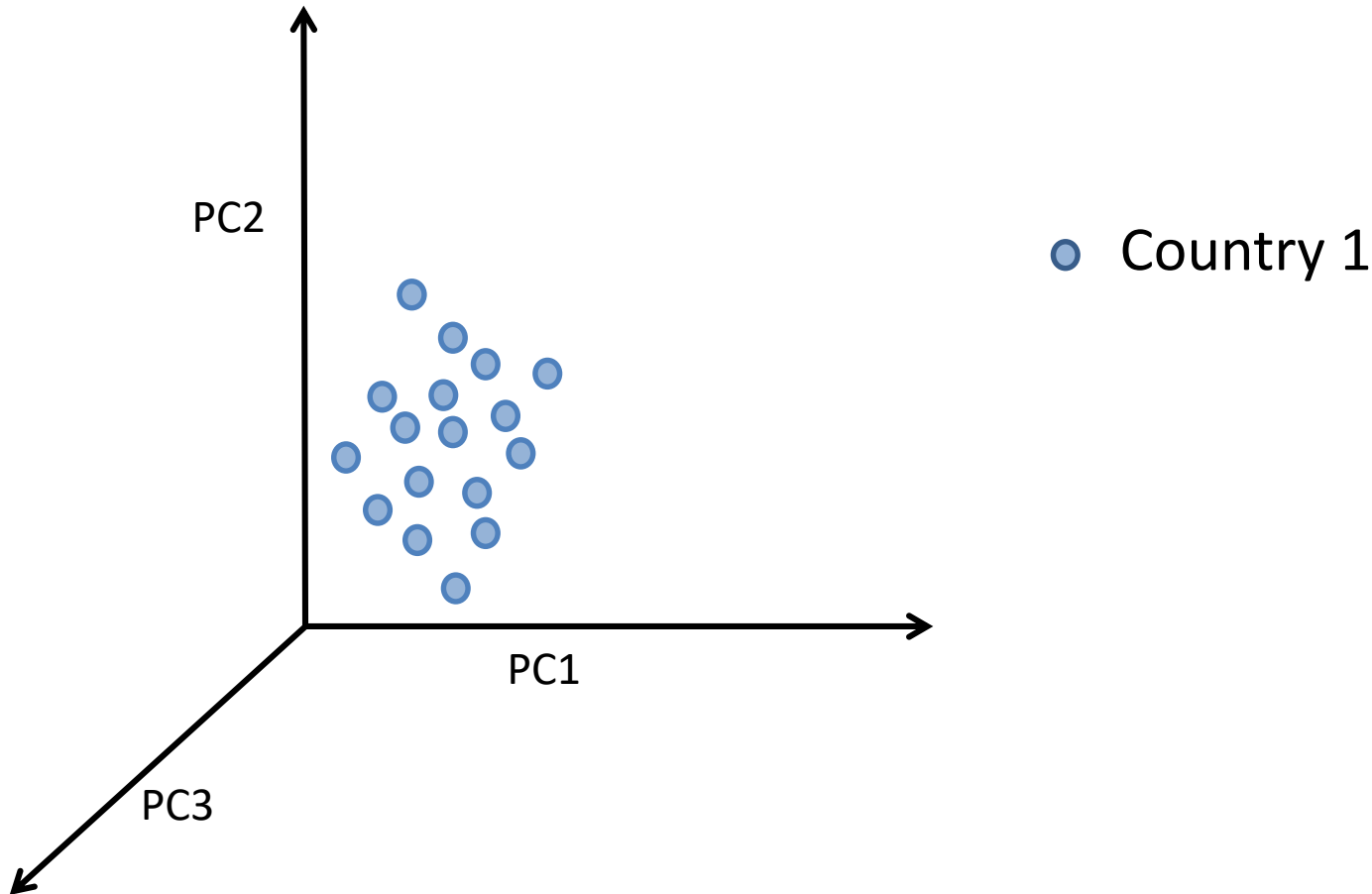
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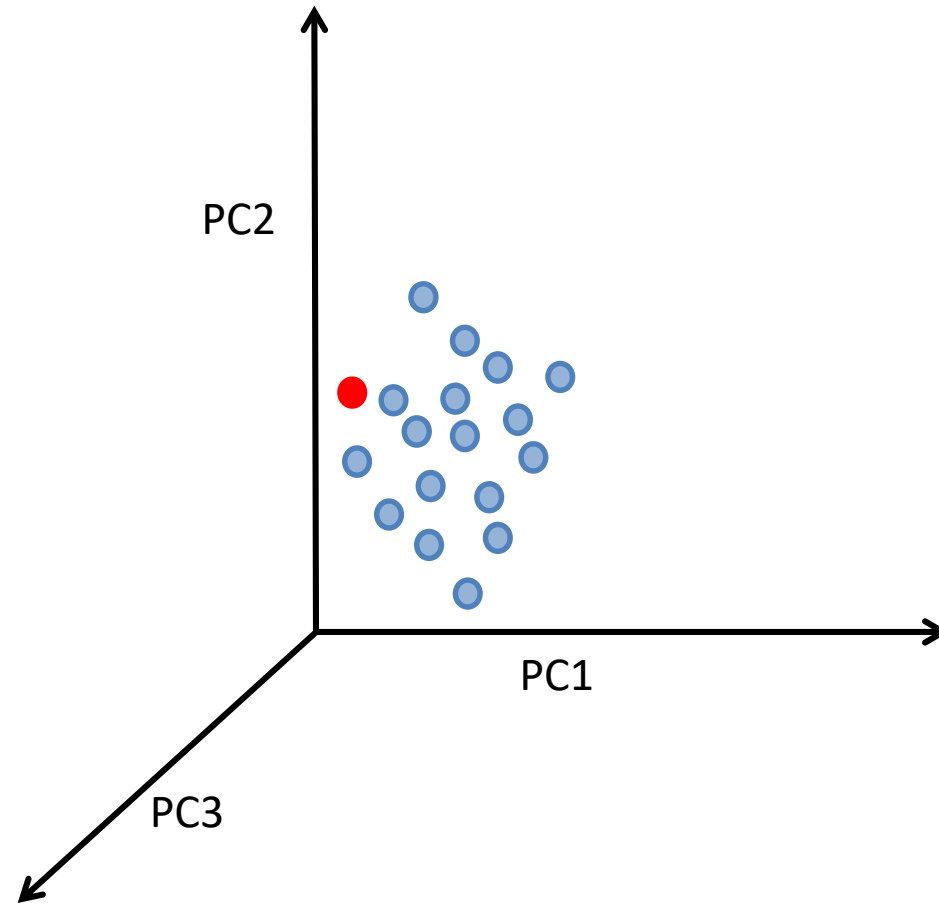
-12 to -15%
RMSEP

Robustness & Specific

However...



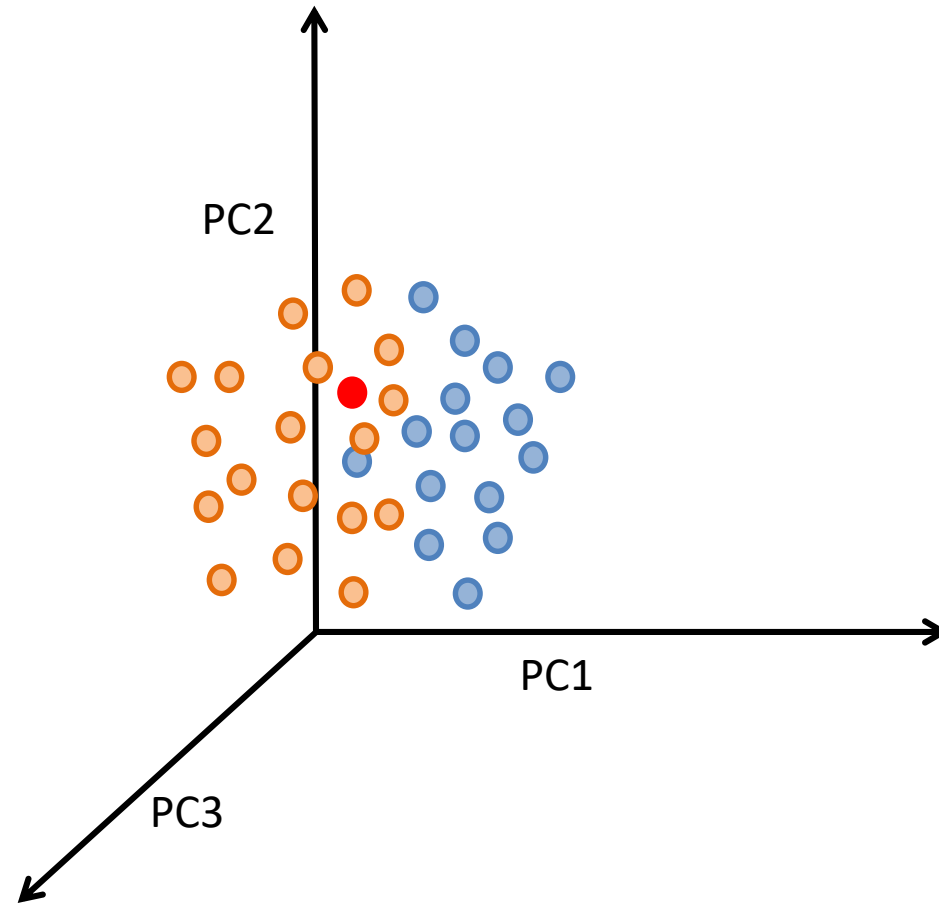
Cover the X (spectral data) range



● Sample to predict

● Country 1

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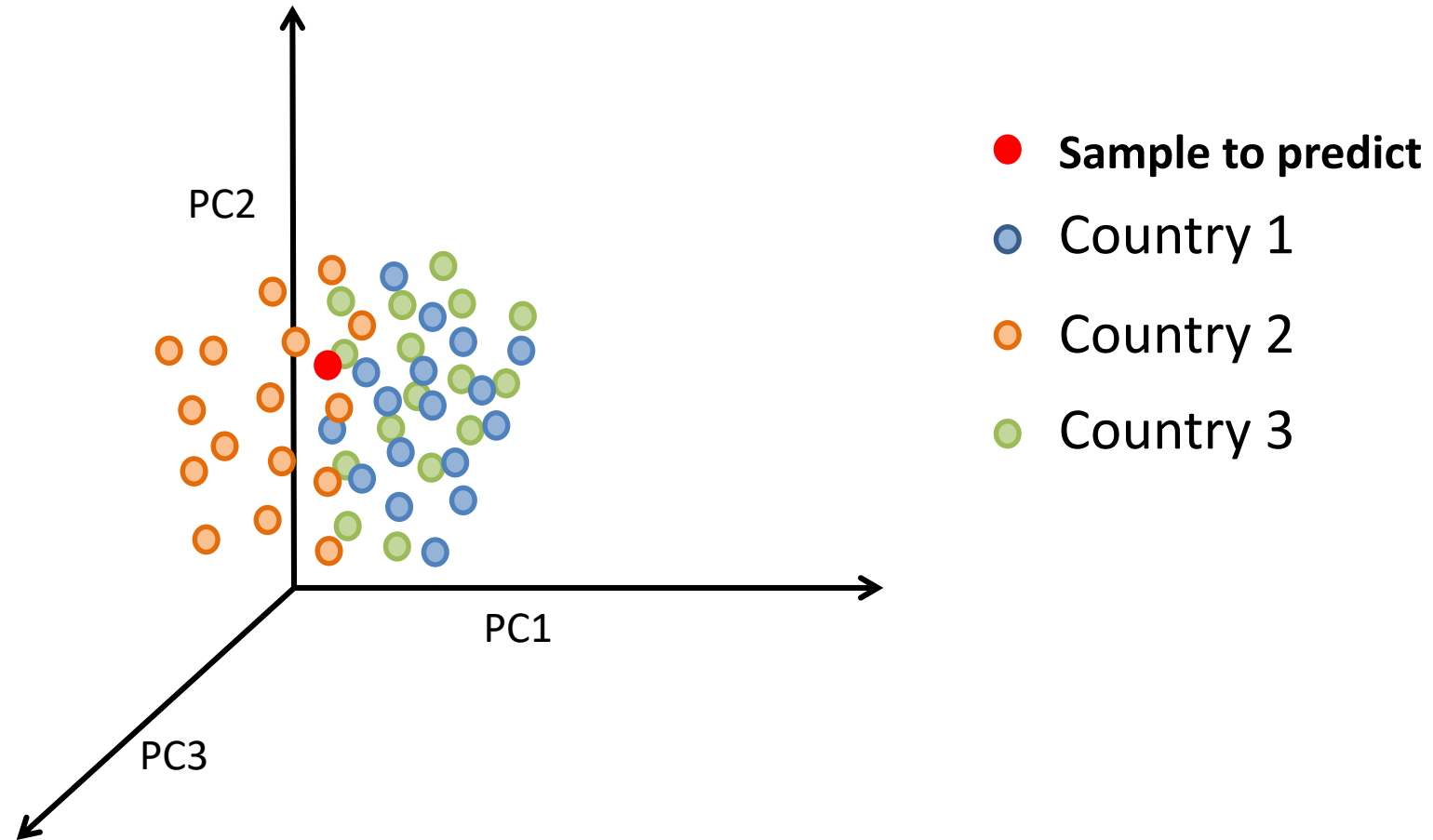


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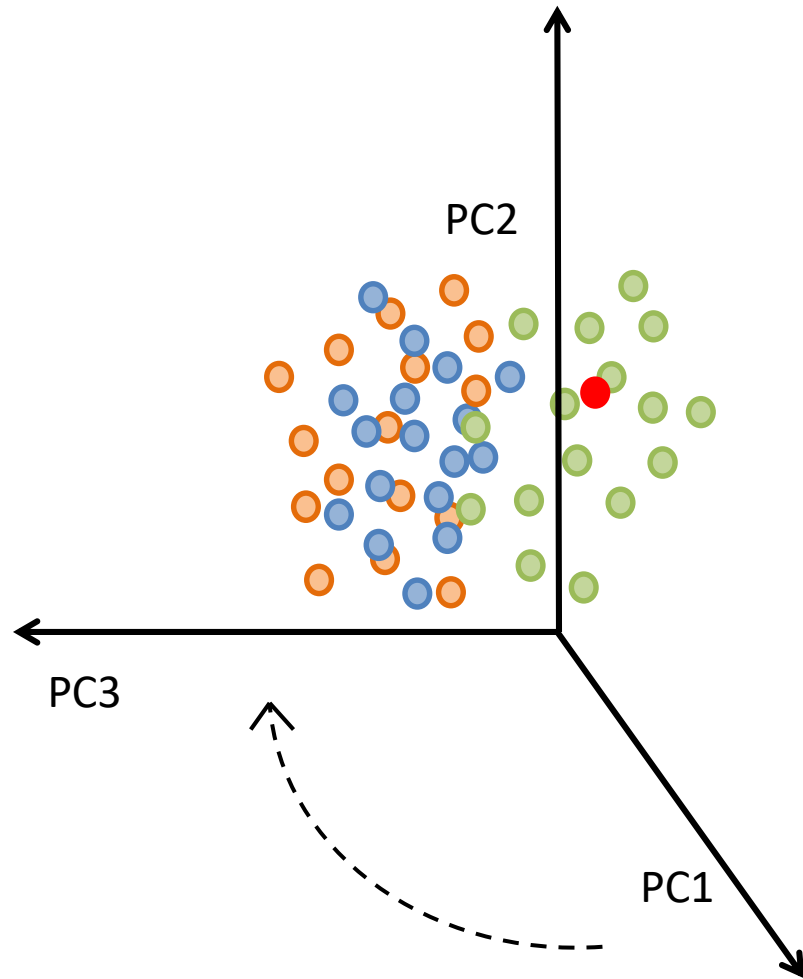
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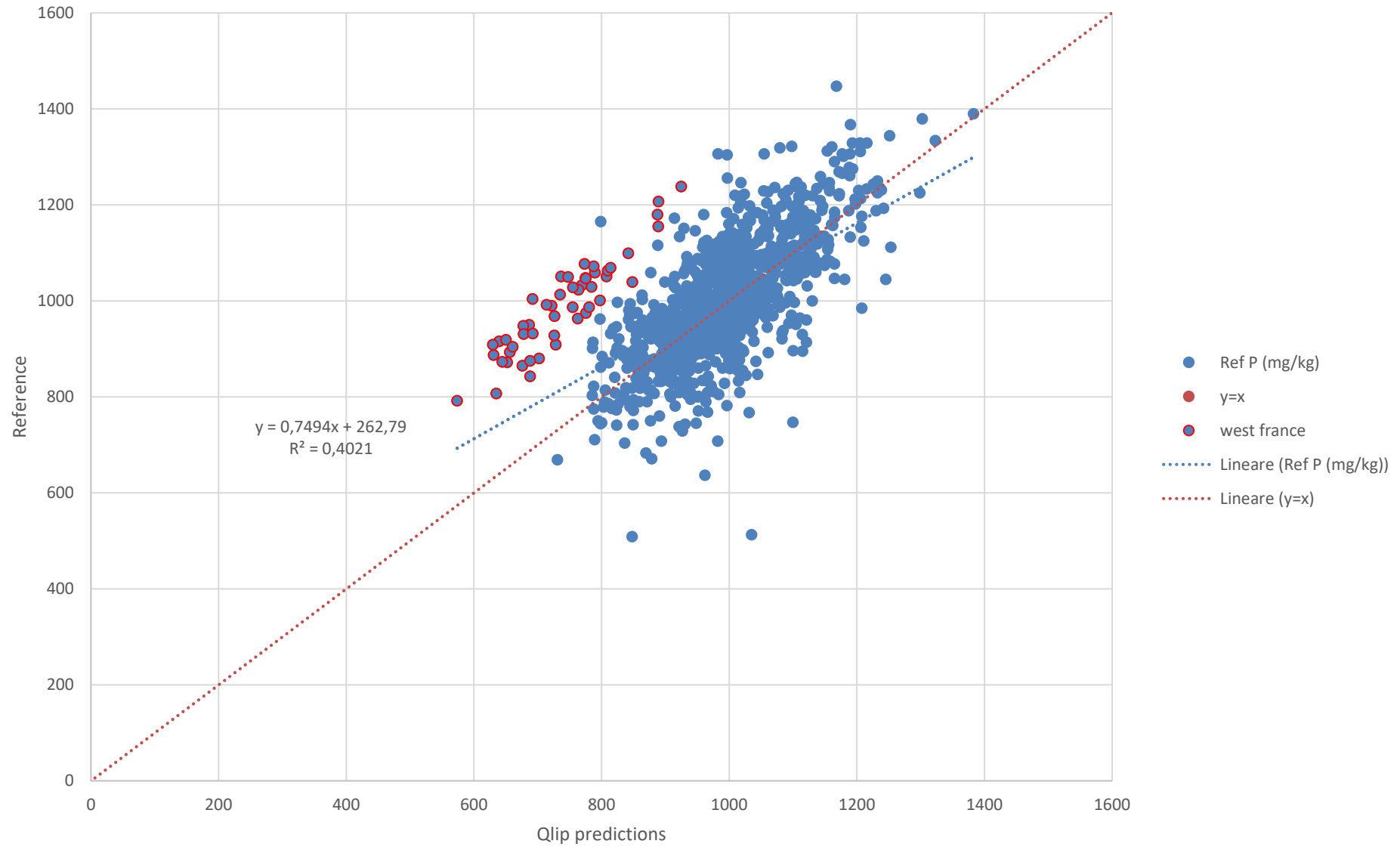


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- Country 2
- Country 3

Real test in external validation



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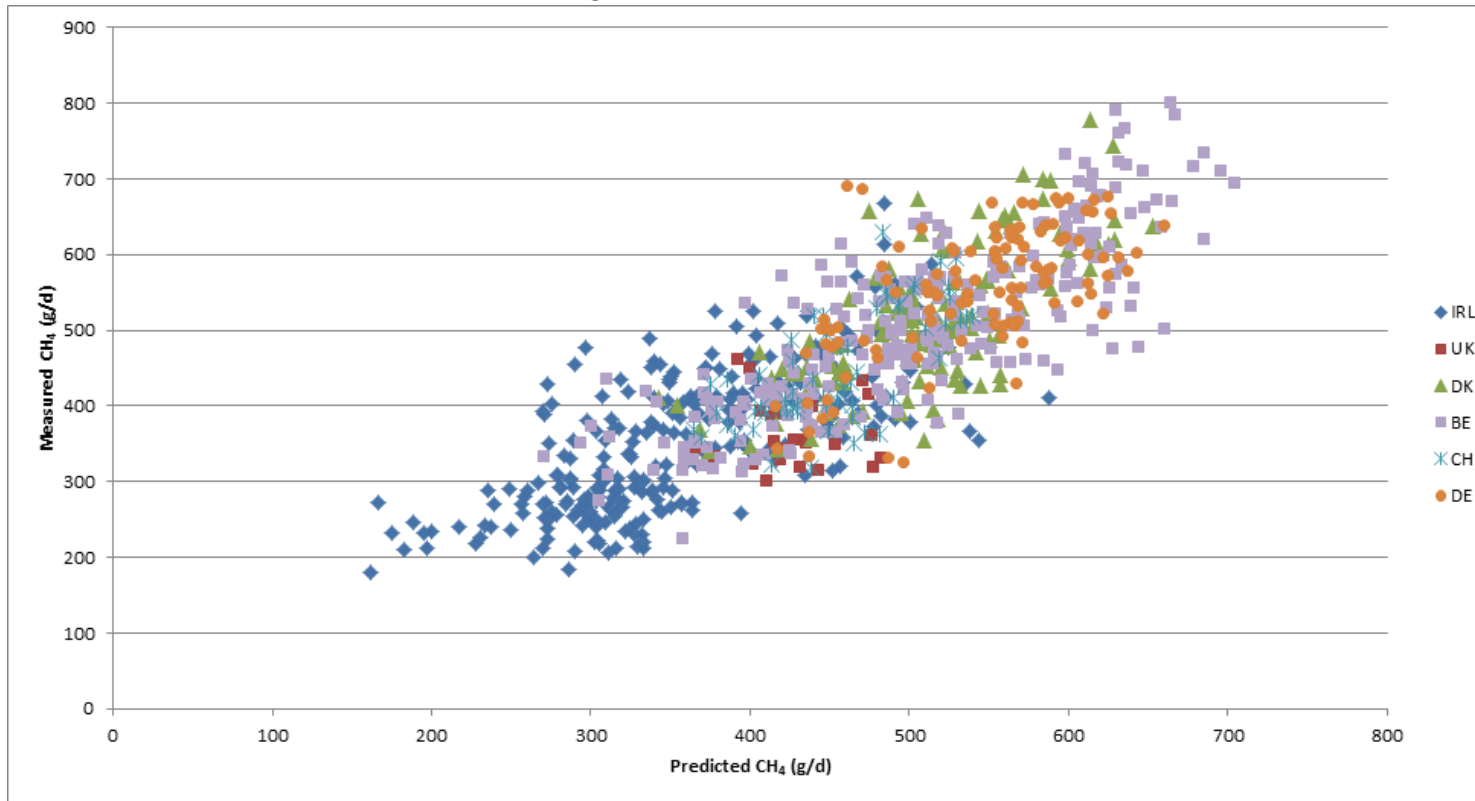


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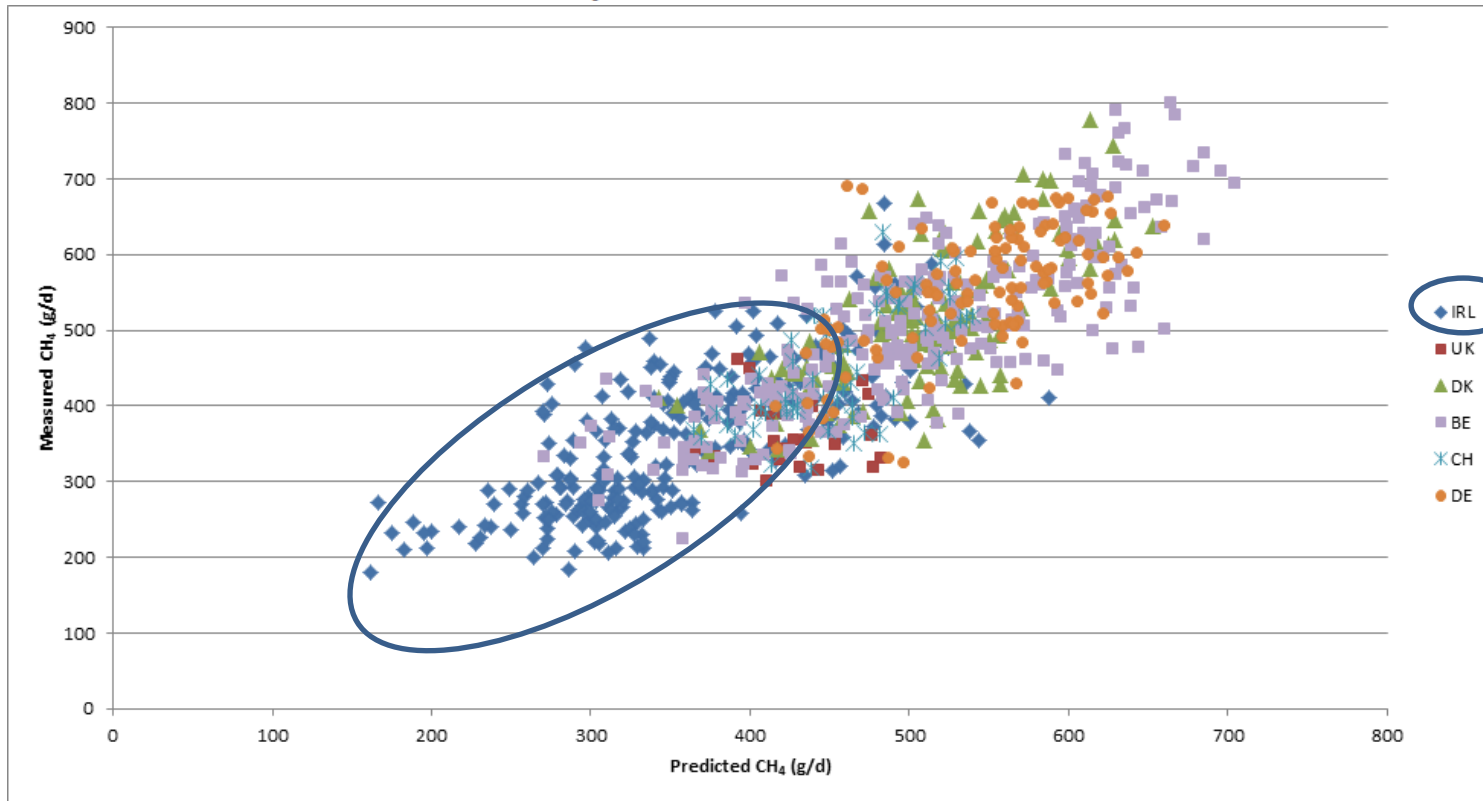


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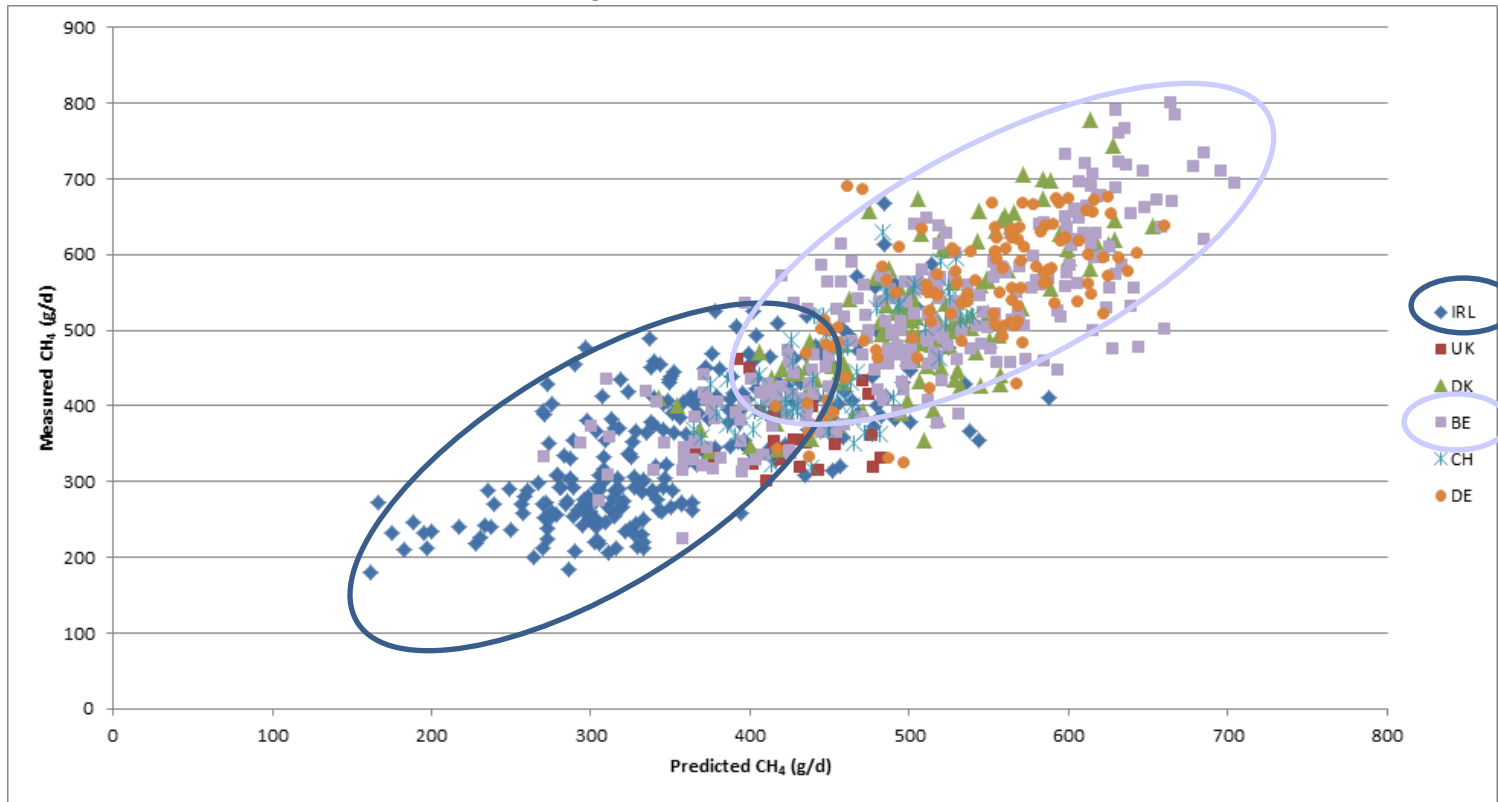


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Constituent	N	Mean	SD	R ² c	R ² cv	SEC	SECV
CH ₄	863	459	123	0.71	0.67	66	71

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Effect of model development: Wavenumber selection

5 identical samples analyzed on 7 Foss instruments

For each wavenumber, correlation between the absorbance values of a reference and the others instruments

