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# Genetic analysis of predicted negative energy balance and its biomarkers of first-parity

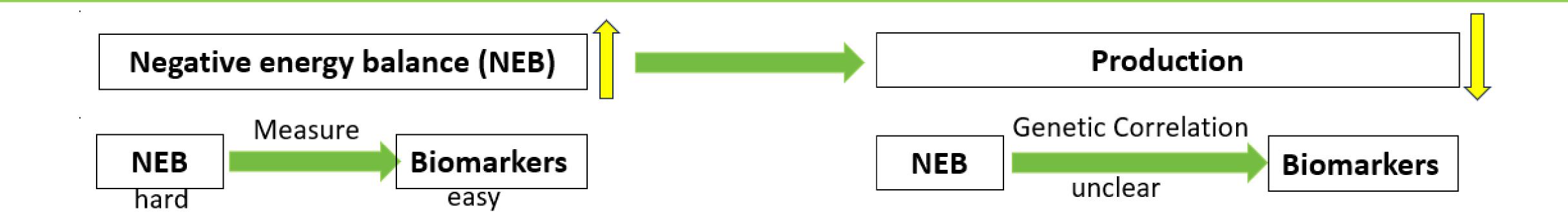
Holstein cows in early lactation

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## Objective

- Estimate variance components for predicted NEB (PNEB) and its biomarkers
- Calculate the genetic correlations among them

#### Data & Method

20 traits				
Prediction	Reference	Prediction	Reference	
Energy balance (EB)	Grelet et al., 2017	Cluster4 (CL4)	Franceschini et al., 2022	
Multiple Biomarkers (15) + 3 production traits				
B_BHB	Grelet et al., 2019	SCFA	Soyeurt et al., 2011	
NEFA		MCFA		
IGF-1		LCFA		
Glucose		C18:1 cis-9	Grelet et al., 2014	
M_BHB	Grelet et al., 2015	Fat %	Foss	
Citrate		Protein %		
Acetone				
C10:0	Soyeurt et al., 2006			
C14:0		Milk yield	Milk recording	
C16:0				
C18:0				

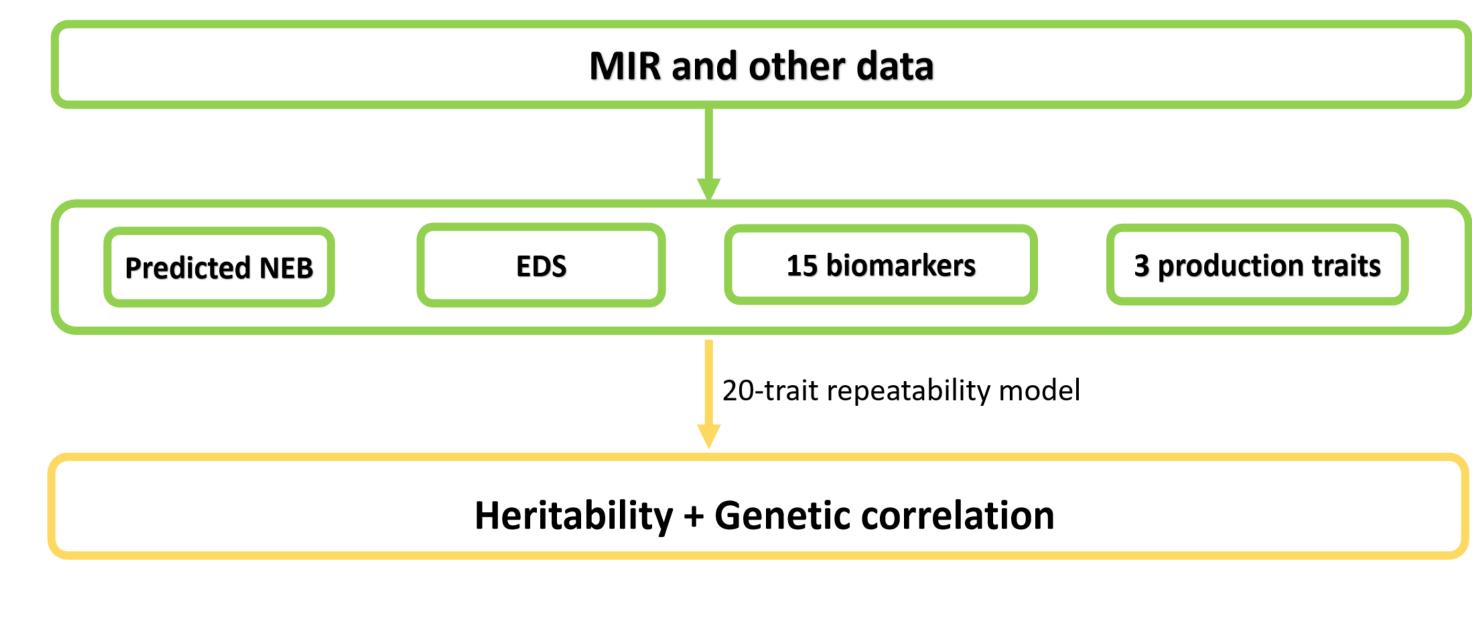


Fig 1. Workflow

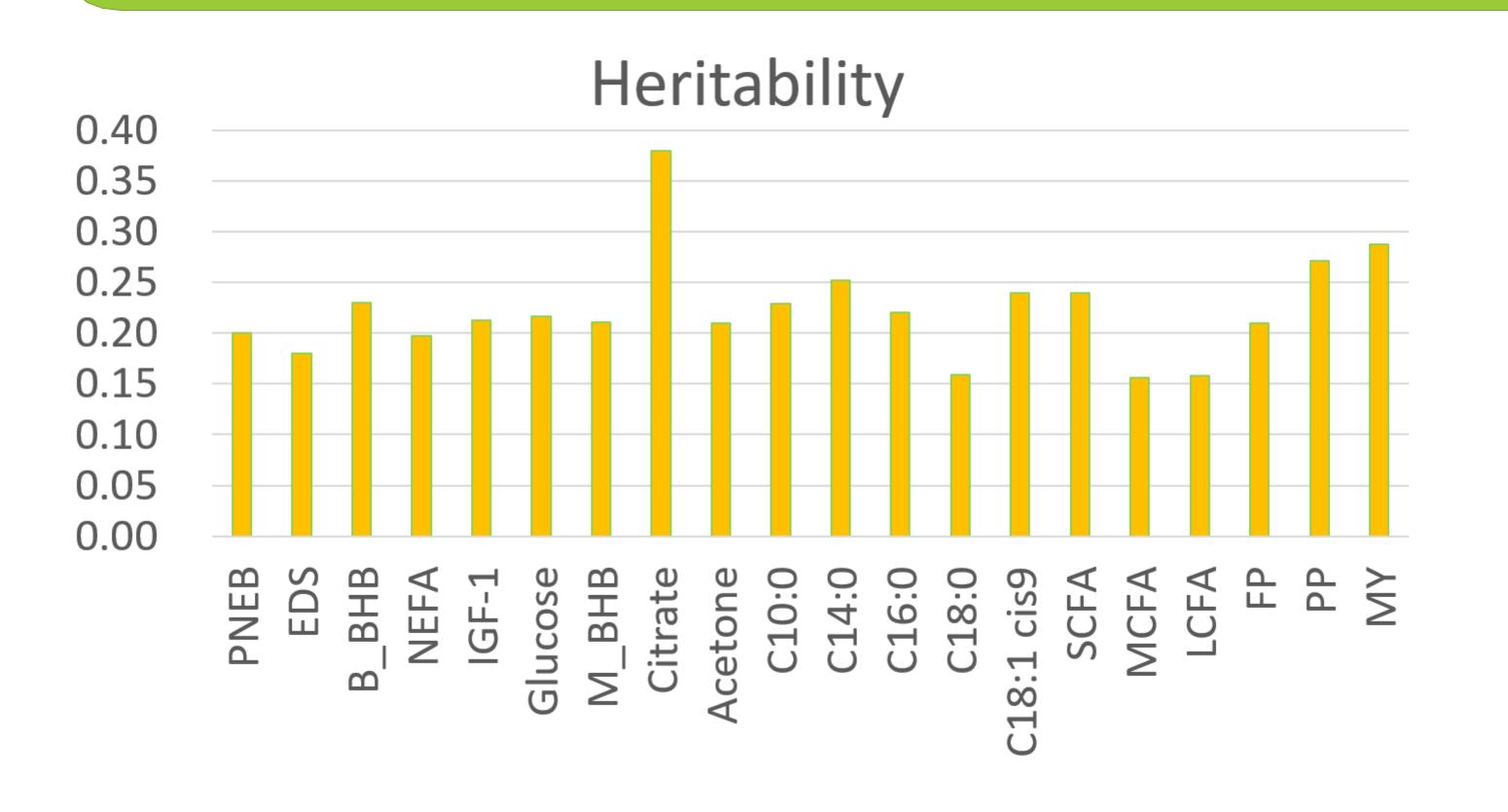
Cluster4: Franceschini et al. (2022) used unsupervised machine learning

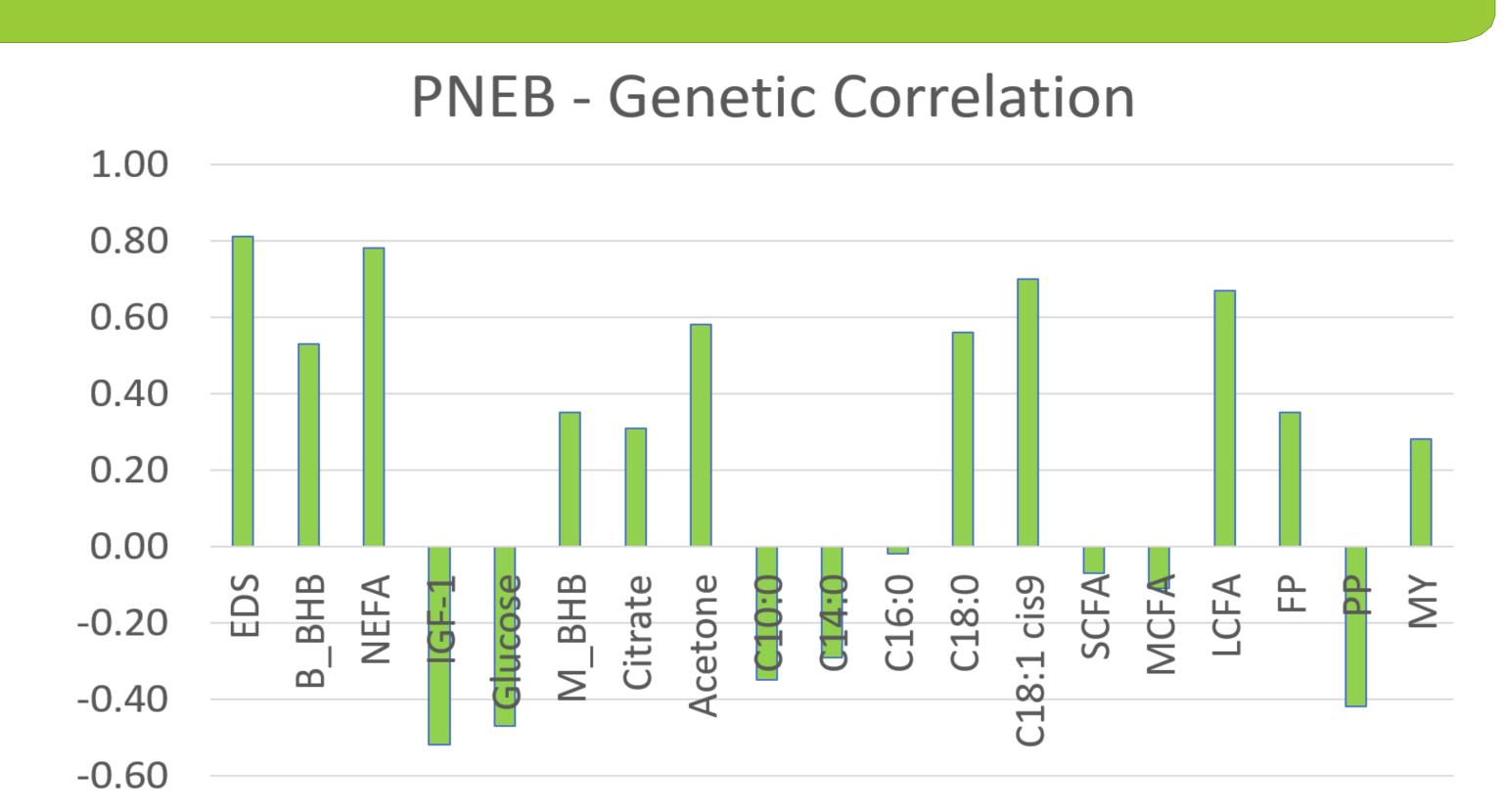
Records	Cows
30,364	25,287

➤ Time: 2012 — 2019
➤ DIM: 5 — 50

method to integrate multiple biomarkers, we will call this novel trait **Energy Deficit Score (EDS)** 

### Results





#### Conclusions

- > Moderate h2 (range 0.16 to 0.29) for all traits, except for citrate (0.38)
- > 8 traits were highly related to PNEB, especially EDS.