

From linear regression to artificial intelligence: the study case of milk mid-infrared spectra.

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1883-1887: First dairy companies in Belgium

1903: First international congress of dairy industry in Belgium → Common approach

1903: Creation of International Dairy Federation (IDF)
Starting research to standardize and to discover new analytical, simple, reliable and reproducible methods

1953: Belgian law : label A and AA

1957: Milk recording on individual cows

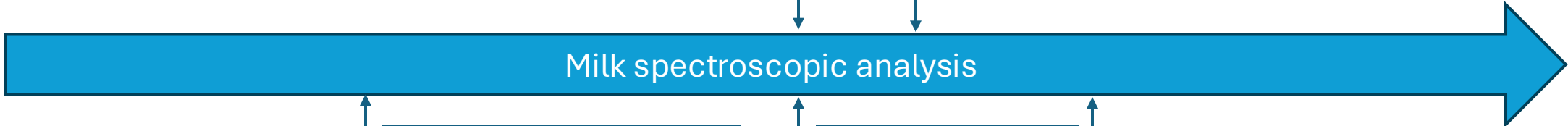
1964: Routine milk analysis for quality and composition for the milk payment



1897: First national congress of dairy industry
Need for solid content quantification to fix milk price

60's: IRMA : InfraRed Milk Analyzer : 3 MIR Filters
%Fat,%PROT,%Lactose + water absorption

1970: First MilkoScan : one cell measurement



1927:
First spectroscopic analysis
Filtered UV analysis on milk

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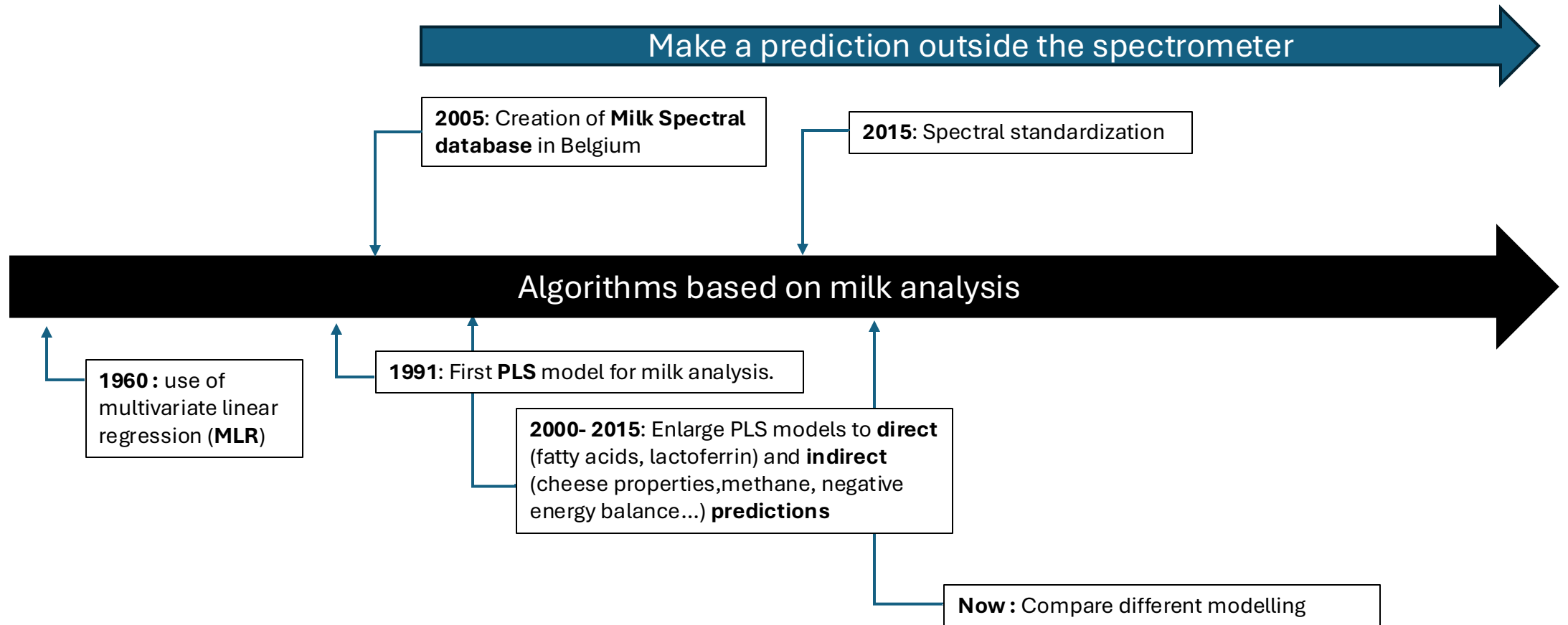
1990: FT-MIR : Anadys

2005: First Fatty acids equations
2005: Creation of Milk Spectral
database in Belgium

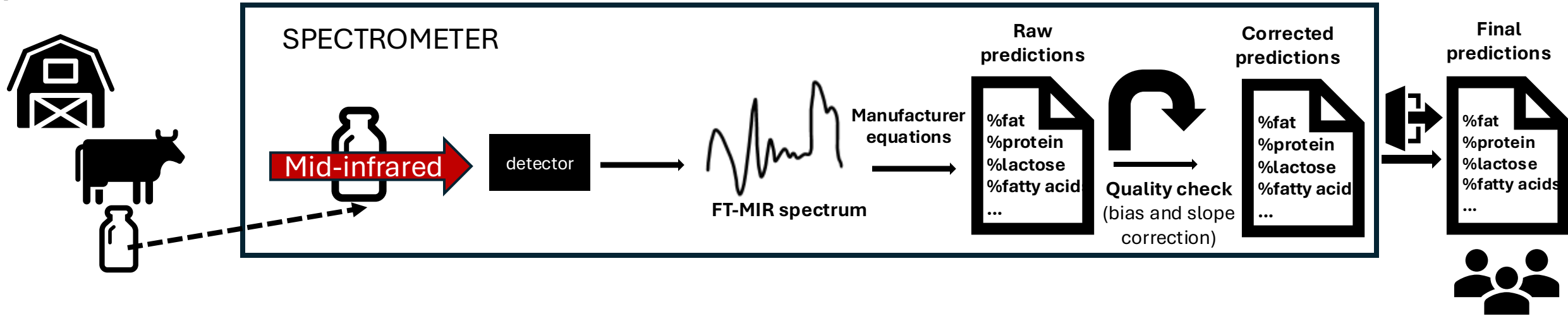


1960: use of
multivariate linear
regression

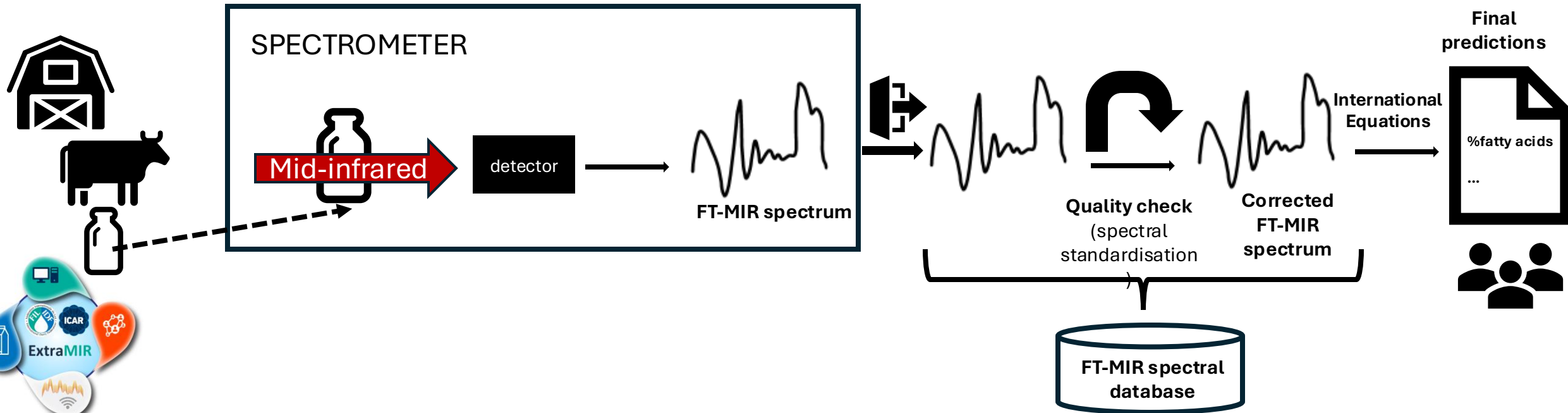
1991: First PLS model for milk analysis.

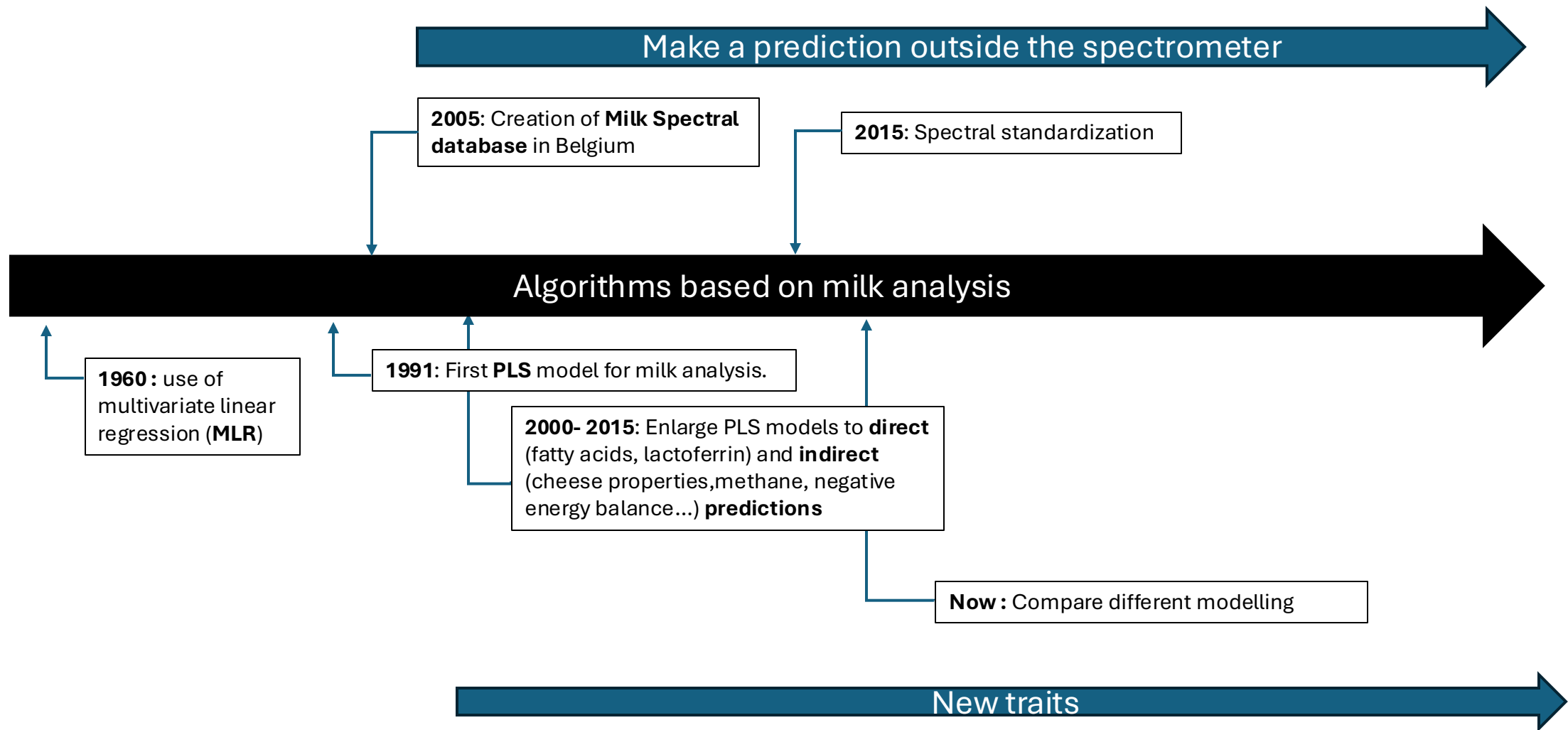


Existing Milk analysis process



ExtraMIR proposal





Open other possibilities



Consumption index, nitrogen efficiency ...

Sustainability

Nutritional quality

Fat, protein, lactose, fatty acids, Ca, lactoferrin,...

Technological properties

Cheese yield, yoghurt yield, butter yield, spreadability ...



Methane, P, urea ...

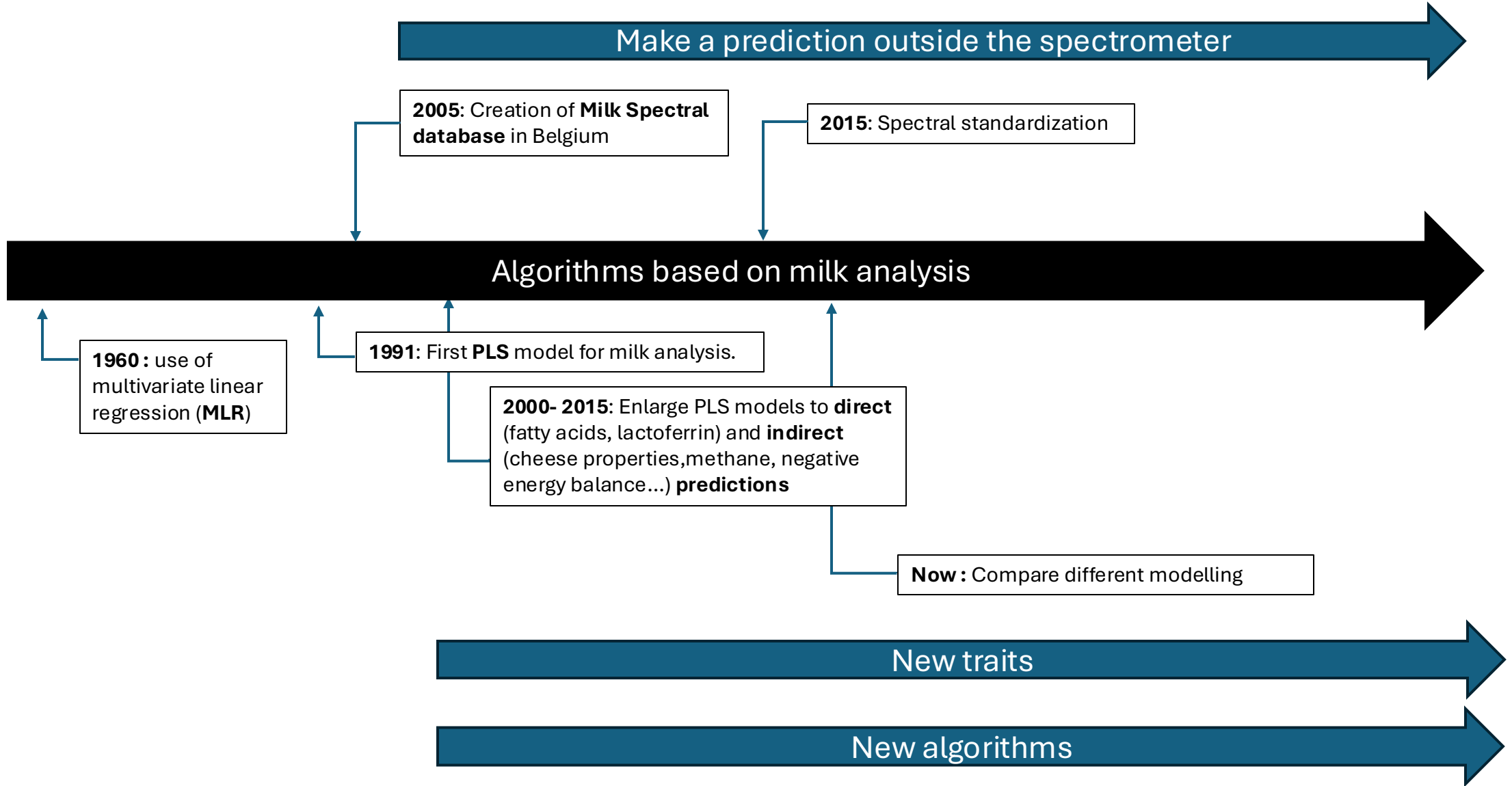
Environmental fingerprint

Animal Health

Na, lactoferrin, Energy balance, body weight, dry matter intake, acetone, BHB, citrate ...

Abnormal milk samples, color ...

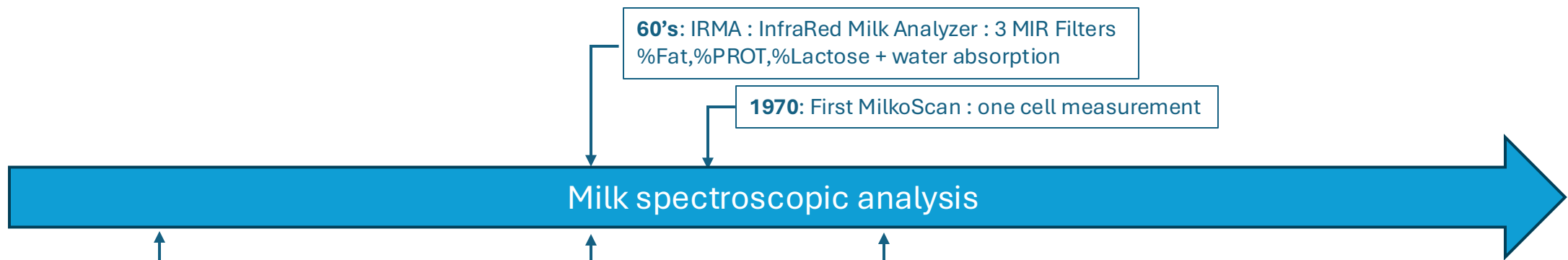
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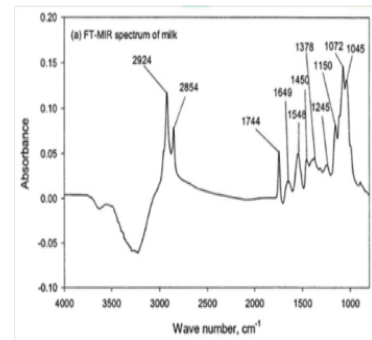
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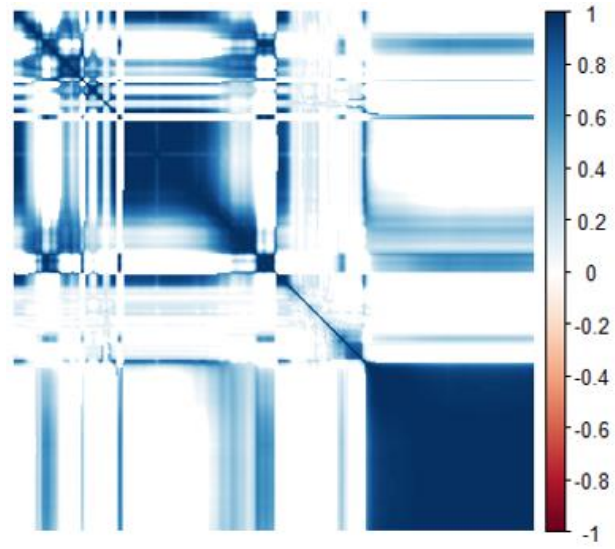
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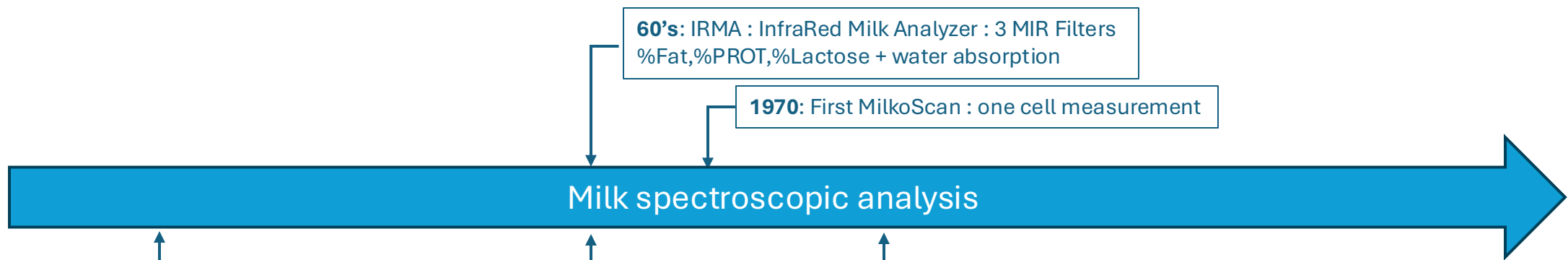


↑ Higher dimensionality

Linear regression
 $Y = \mu + b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + b_3 x_3$

- Low computational resources
- Need a number of samples higher than the number of features in the regression
- Features cannot be highly correlated

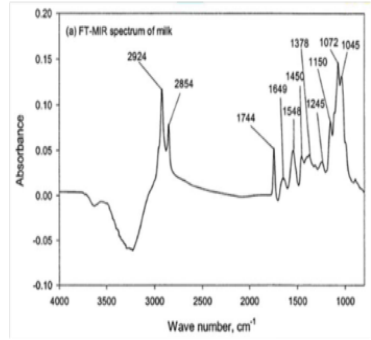




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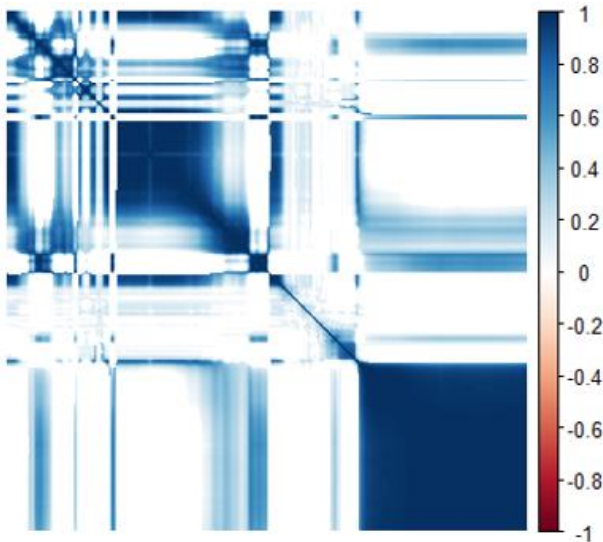
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PLS regression
 $Y = \mu + b_1 f_1 + b_2 f_2 + \dots + b_n x_n$

- Ok for colinearity
 - Create a new space where the correlations between features are minimized
- Ok if low number of samples
- Take information between spectral points

Conflict





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New models with AI ?



Artificial intelligence



You

Give me a definition of artificial intelligence and machine learning



ChatGPT

Definition of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the branch of computer science that is concerned with building smart machines capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence. AI integrates a variety of techniques and technologies, including computer science, cognitive science, linguistics, psychology, and more, to enable machines to sense, comprehend, act, and learn. AI systems are designed to handle tasks such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation.

Definition of Machine Learning (ML)

Machine Learning (ML) is a subset of AI focused on the development of algorithms and statistical models that allow computers to perform specific tasks without explicit instructions, relying instead on patterns and inference. It is fundamentally about building programs with the ability to access data and use it to learn for themselves. ML enables systems to improve their performance on tasks over time without being directly programmed to do so, through exposure to new data.

Machine learning is an artificial intelligence

Arthur Lee Samuel

Machine Learning includes methods given the **ability to the computers to learn without being explicitly programmed** to achieve this objective.

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When have we started to use it ?

→ When we have started to estimate regression coefficients using iterative procedure.

The background features a dark blue and red color scheme. It is filled with various data visualization elements: binary code (0s and 1s) in light blue and white, several bar charts with red bars, and line graphs with white and red lines. The overall aesthetic is that of a data-driven or technological environment.

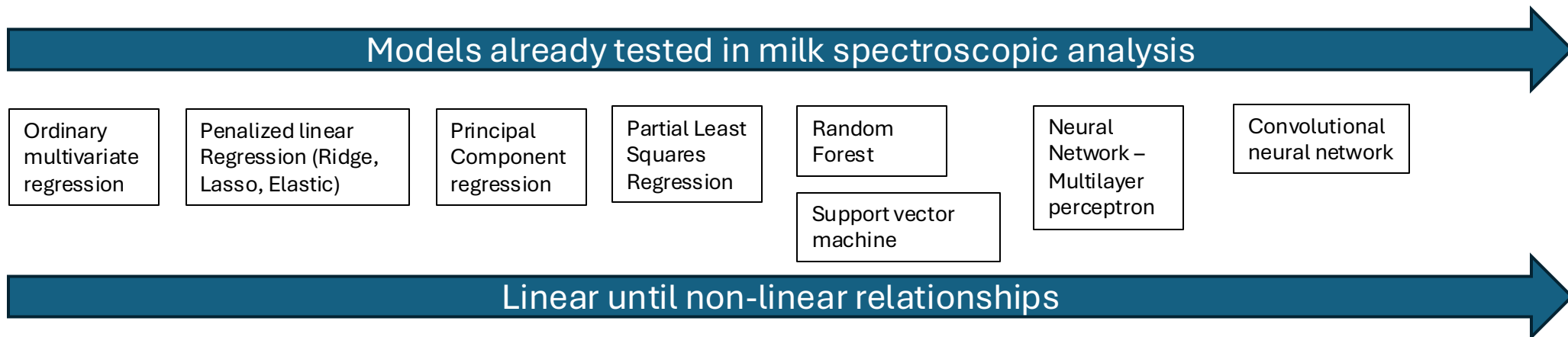
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It is just for marketing!

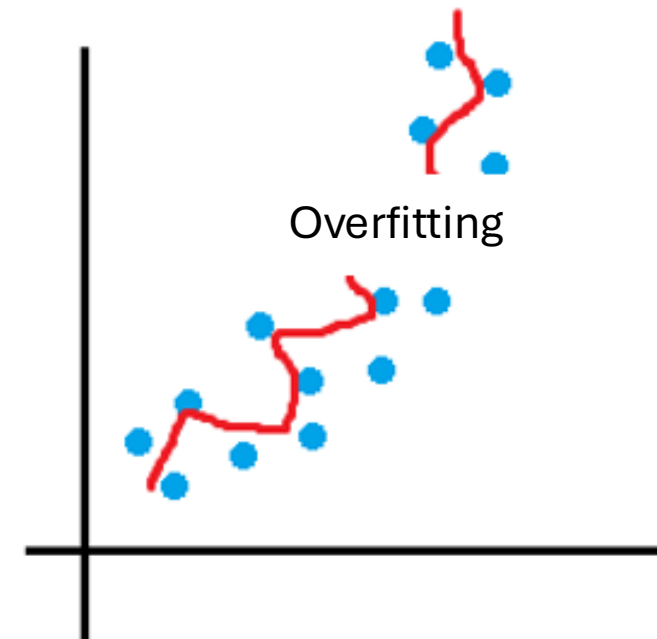
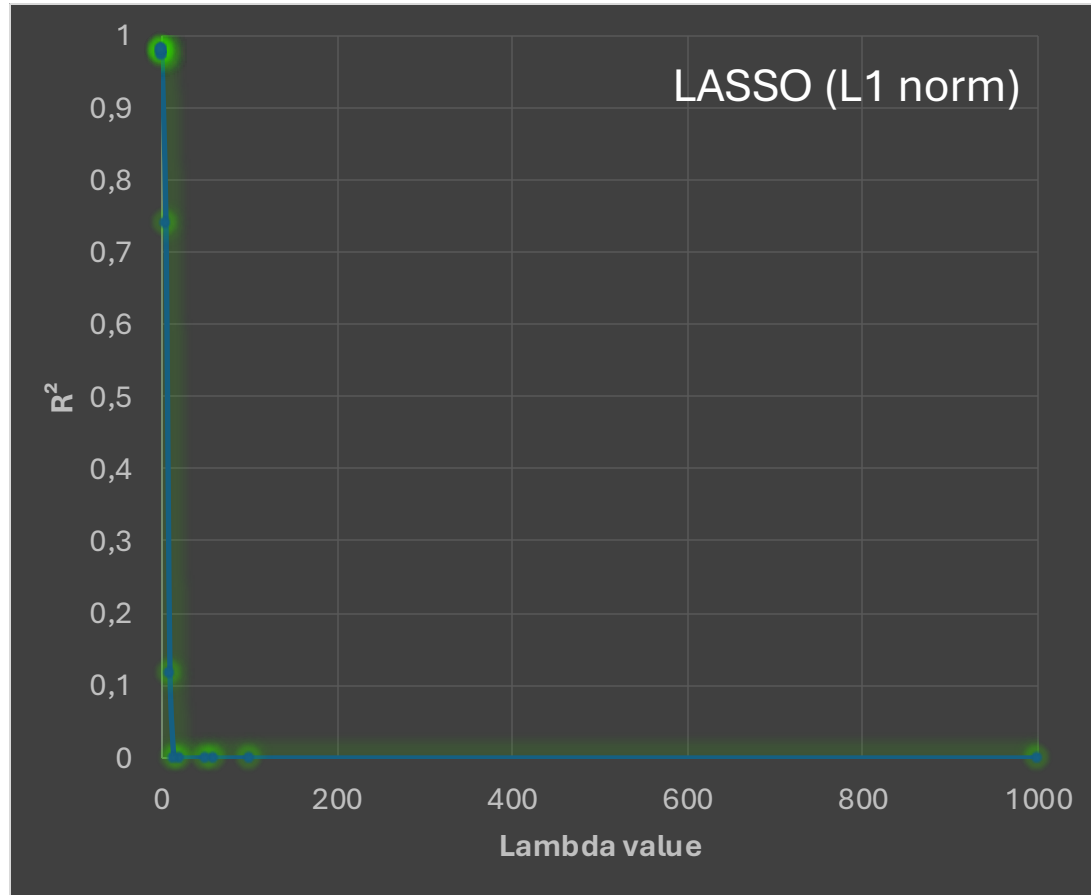
But, the complexity of models changes



- Structure
- Number of parameters



But the complexity of models changes



Higher features, higher train R^2

Impact of validation

- External validation:
 - Independent datasets
 - Take care to the hidden dependencies
- Internal validation:
 - Simple: Random splitting of the dataset
 - 2/3 calibration and 1/3 validation
 - Cross-validation
 - Bootstrapping ...

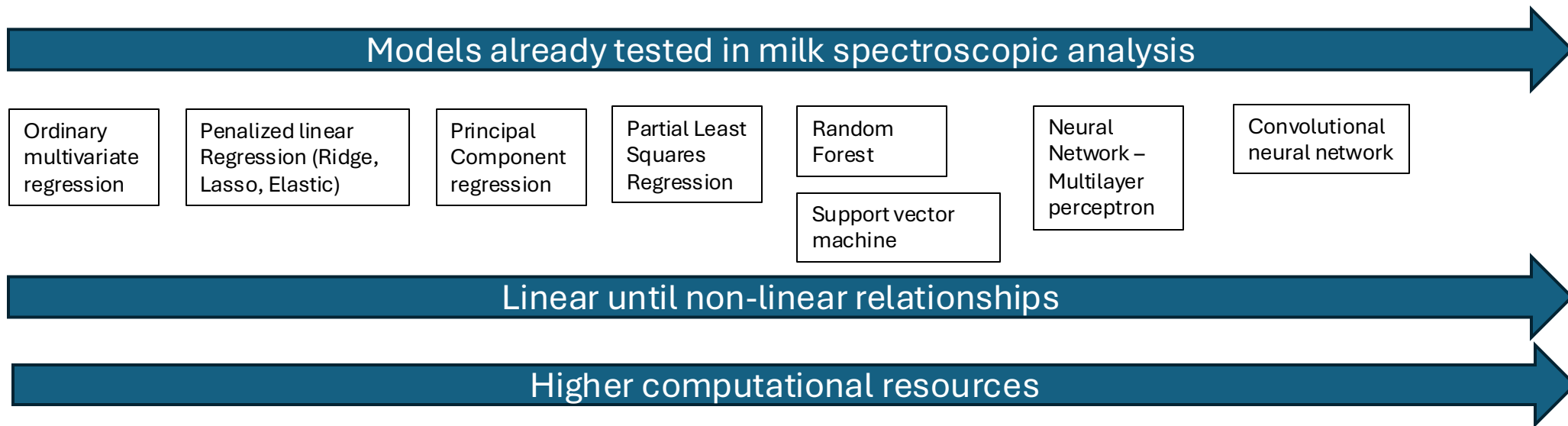


Following the validation, the results will be different

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Research

A comparison of 4 different machine learning algorithms to predict lactoferrin content in bovine milk from mid-infrared spectra



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Table 1. The 10-fold cross-validation and external-validation performances for predicting lactoferrin content in milk using 4 different machine learning algorithms¹

Selection function		PLSR	PLS + Linear SVR	PLS + Polynomial SVR	PLS + ANN
		oneSE	oneSE	best	best = oneSE ²
Calibration (n = 5,541)	Parameters	nLV ³ = 23	C ⁴ = 5	degree = 3; scale = 0.01; C = 1	size = 4; decay = 0.5
	R ² c	0.53	0.53	0.64	0.60
	RMSEc	140.94	144.32	125.89	130.59
Cross-validation	R ² cv	0.51	0.53	0.56	0.55
	R ² cv SD	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
	RMSEcv	144.31	144.60	138.40	139.01
	RMSEcv SD	5.77	5.61	8.08	5.05
	RPD	1.43	1.42	1.49	1.48
External validation (n = 836)	R ² v	0.61	0.63	0.62	0.60
	RMSEv	163.76	174.92	166.75	162.17

Example : Lactoferrin

Mean : 260 mg/L

|Difference|_{PLS vs ANN} : 1.59 mg/L → 0.61%

|Difference|_{PLS vs LSVM} : 11.16 mg/L → 4.29%

|Difference|_{PLS vs PSVM} : 2.99 mg/L → 1.15%

|Difference|_{ANN vs LSVM} : 12.75 mg/L → 4.90%

|Difference|_{ANN vs PSVM} : 4.58 mg/L → 1.76%

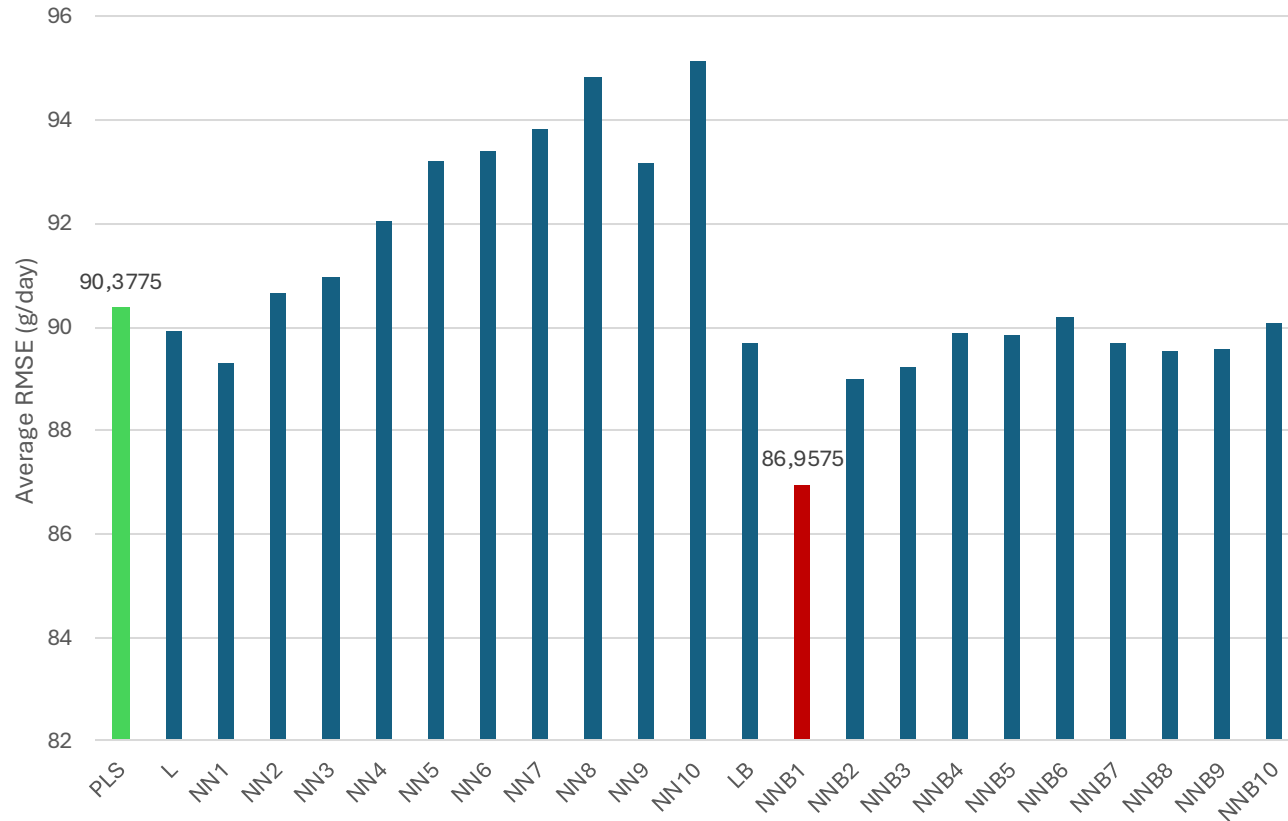
|Difference|_{PSVM vs LSVM} : 8.17 mg/L → 3.14%

Small differences !

Research

Predicting methane emission in Canadian Holstein dairy cattle using milk mid-infrared reflectance spectroscopy and other commonly available predictors via artificial neural networks

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Example : **Methane**

Mean : +/- 400g/jour

|Difference|_{PLS vs NN} : 3g/day → 0.75%

Research

Predicting methane emissions of individual grazing dairy cows from spectral analyses of their milk samples

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Method	Predictor	Statistic					Method	Predictor	Bias	RMSE	r	b	RPIQ
		Bias	RMSE	r	b	RPIQ							
Partial least squares	Previous a.m.	-0.23 (8.97)	43.04 (2.36)	0.64 (0.03)	0.94 (0.11)	1.76 (0.16)	Neural networks	Previous a.m.	0.12 (8.66)	42.50 (1.64)	0.64 (0.02)	0.90 (0.11)	1.76 (0.16)
	p.m.	0.03 (9.49)	43.73 (2.48)	0.63 (0.03)	0.93 (0.11)	1.74 (0.16)		p.m.	-0.11 (10.00)	43.15 (2.04)	0.64 (0.03)	0.87 (0.10)	1.73 (0.18)
	a.m. and p.m.	-0.01 (8.89)	42.15 (1.52)	0.65 (0.03)	0.94 (0.10)	1.77 (0.17)		a.m. and p.m.	-0.42 (8.26)	41.14 (1.86)	0.67 (0.02)	0.90 (0.09)	1.81 (0.16)
	Average a.m. and p.m.	-0.09 (8.81)	41.76 (1.98)	0.66 (0.03)	0.95 (0.11)	1.79 (0.18)		Average a.m. and p.m.	-0.42 (7.96)	41.45 (1.45)	0.66 (0.03)	0.91 (0.12)	1.80 (0.15)
	Following a.m.	-0.49 (9.34)	44.62 (1.46)	0.61 (0.02)	0.95 (0.09)	1.71 (0.11)		Following a.m.	-0.73 (8.93)	43.59 (1.42)	0.64 (0.02)	0.92 (0.11)	1.75 (0.11)
	p.m.	-0.06 (9.93)	45.23 (0.90)	0.60 (0.04)	0.93 (0.12)	1.69 (0.12)		p.m.	-0.36 (9.08)	44.36 (0.37)	0.62 (0.03)	0.89 (0.07)	1.72 (0.11)
	a.m. and p.m.	-0.20 (9.14)	44.14 (0.76)	0.62 (0.03)	0.94 (0.10)	1.73 (0.11)		a.m. and p.m.	-0.96 (8.84)	42.48 (1.02)	0.66 (0.03)	0.89 (0.08)	1.80 (0.13)
	Average a.m. and p.m.	-0.56 (9.43)	44.00 (1.40)	0.63 (0.03)	0.95 (0.10)	1.74 (0.11)		Average a.m. and p.m.	-0.46 (8.23)	42.33 (1.38)	0.66 (0.03)	0.92 (0.09)	1.81 (0.13)
	Flanking a.m.	-0.42 (9.08)	38.09 (1.87)	0.68 (0.03)	0.95 (0.11)	1.87 (0.17)		Flanking a.m.	0.16 (8.97)	38.23 (1.50)	0.68 (0.03)	0.92 (0.12)	1.86 (0.17)
	p.m.	-0.11 (9.71)	39.25 (1.57)	0.66 (0.03)	0.93 (0.12)	1.81 (0.15)		p.m.	-0.46 (9.27)	39.16 (0.94)	0.66 (0.02)	0.87 (0.07)	1.82 (0.14)
	a.m. and p.m.	-0.10 (8.83)	37.98 (1.36)	0.68 (0.03)	0.95 (0.11)	1.87 (0.16)		a.m. and p.m.	-0.77 (8.43)	37.17 (1.53)	0.70 (0.02)	0.91 (0.09)	1.91 (0.15)
	Average a.m. and p.m.	-0.25 (8.92)	37.56 (2.00)	0.69 (0.03)	0.96 (0.11)	1.90 (0.16)		Average a.m. and p.m.	-0.33 (7.95)	37.46 (4.01)	0.71 (0.03)	0.92 (0.11)	1.95 (0.16)

Example : Methane

Also low differences

Identifying Health Status in Grazing Dairy Cows from Milk Mid-Infrared Spectroscopy by Using Machine Learning Methods

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More nuanced in classification

Table 2. Performance of classification models obtained in 10 Monte Carlo cross-validation for classifying any health problem and healthy cows during lactation (early, mid and lactation) at two dairy farms during the 2016 production season ¹.

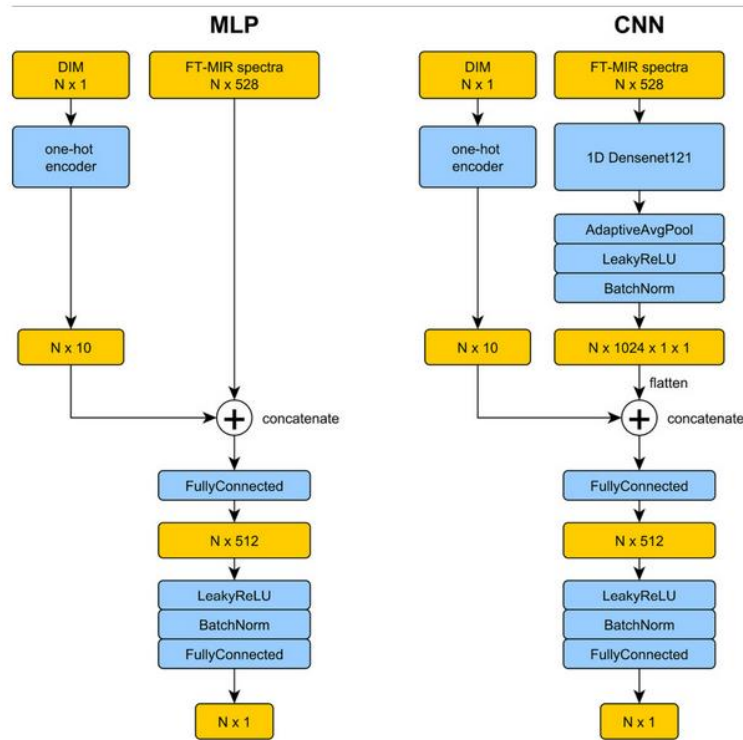
Models ²	Sensitivity	Specificity	Accuracy	PPV	NPV	AUC	MCC
PLS-DA	65.60 ± 5.97	79.59 ± 2.36	78.85 ± 2.23	15.25 ± 3.07	97.66 ± 0.5	72.59 ± 3.27	0.24 ± 0.04
RF	46.22 ± 8.62	79.26 ± 2.15	77.51 ± 1.75	10.94 ± 1.88	96.38 ± 0.73	62.74 ± 3.78	0.14 ± 0.04
SVM	66.39 ± 6.80	76.39 ± 2.92	75.84 ± 2.42	13.48 ± 1.62	97.61 ± 0.61	71.39 ± 2.37	0.22 ± 0.02
NN	61.74 ± 15.99	97.00 ± 2.85	95.16 ± 3.26	59.99 ± 26.20	97.87 ± 0.87	79.37 ± 9.16	0.58 ± 0.22
CNN	57.02 ± 12.70	92.5 ± 5.27	90.63 ± 4.98	33.82 ± 13.41	97.5 ± 0.75	74.76 ± 6.88	0.39 ± 0.13
ESA	57.15 ± 12.38	87.61 ± 6.19	86.02 ± 6.21	24.06 ± 13.07	97.36 ± 0.77	72.38 ± 8.48	0.31 ± 0.16
ESMJ	60.75 ± 5.98	83.57 ± 2.56	82.36 ± 2.27	17.18 ± 3.21	97.46 ± 0.55	72.16 ± 2.9	0.25 ± 0.04
ESWA	56.43 ± 14.56	85.13 ± 7.41	83.61 ± 7.36	21.33 ± 14.18	97.22 ± 0.97	70.78 ± 9.71	0.27 ± 0.17

¹ These values correspond to the mean ± SD obtained by 10-fold Monte Carlo cross-validation for classifying any health problem (lameness, mastitis, reproductive disorder, etc.). From the cows' records, the positive cases were cows that had any illness (lameness, mastitis, reproductive disorder, etc.) and negative cases were cows who were healthy (no diagnosed disease); SD = Standard deviation; PPV = positive predicted value; NPV = negative predicted value; AUC = area under the receiver operating characteristic curve; MCC = Matthews correlation coefficient. ² Models used to perform the classification: PLS-DA = partial least squares discriminant analysis, RF = random forest, SVM = support vector machine, NN = neural network, CNN = convolutional neural network, ESA = ensemble stacking average, ESMJ = ensemble stacking major voting and ESWA = ensemble stacking weighted average.

Research

Pregnancy status predicted using milk mid-infrared spectra from dairy cattle

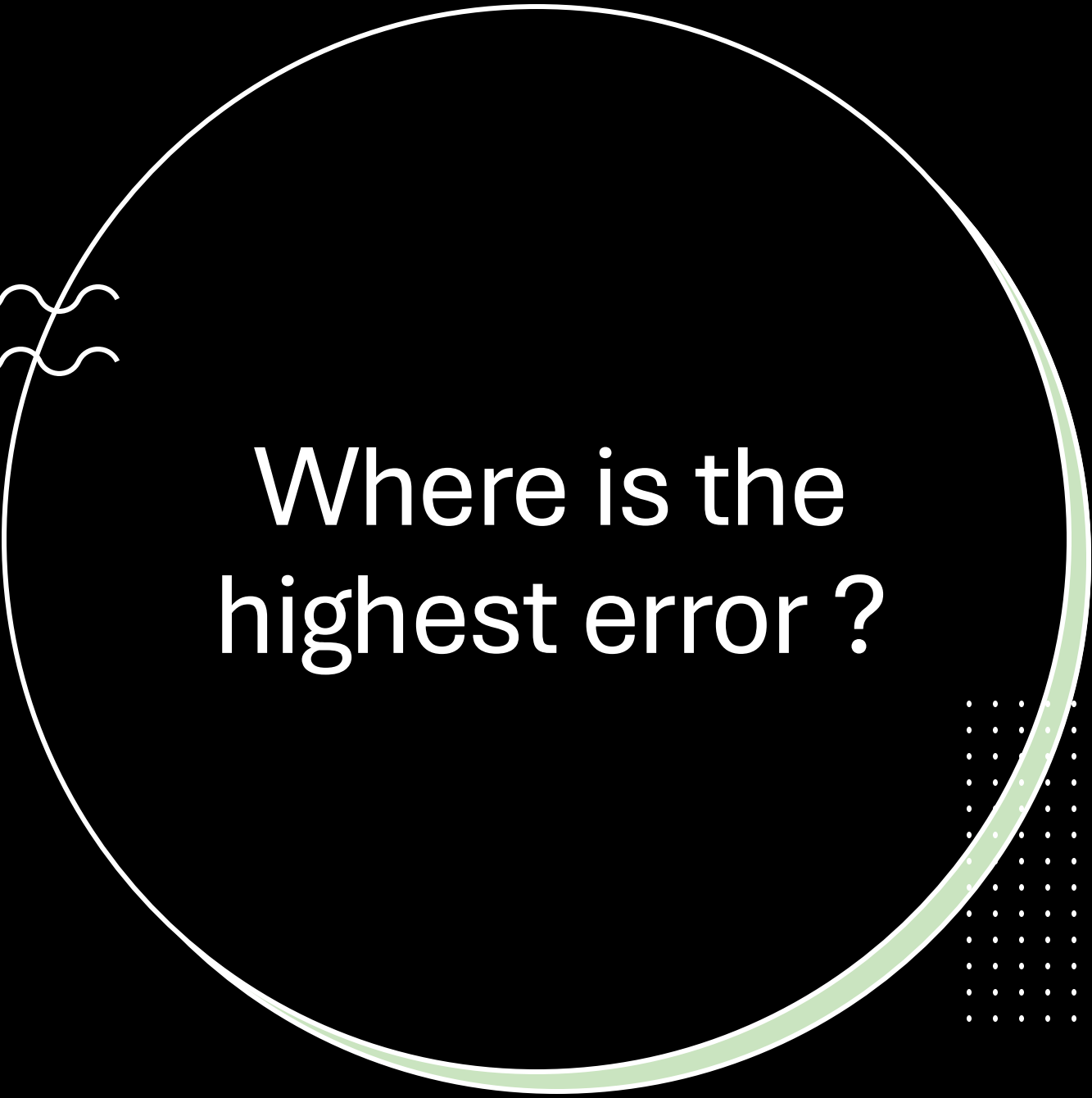
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Table 3. Model performance for multilayer perceptron (MLP) and convolutional neural network (CNN) approaches based on strategy 3 data¹: accuracy (Acc), sensitivity (Sens), specificity (Spec), and area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC) values within the training, herd-independent validation (VAL-Test) and pregnancy-associated glycoproteins validation (VAL-PAG) data sets

Deep learning approach ² and model ³	Training				Test validation (VAL-Test)				Glycoprotein-based validation (VAL-PAG)			
	Acc	Sens	Spec	AUC	Acc	Sens	Spec	AUC	Acc	Sens	Spec	AUC
MLP approach												
FT-MIR spectra	0.592	0.574	0.611	0.628	0.586	0.580	0.607	0.632	0.664	0.672	0.569	0.669
FT-MIR spectra + DIM	0.594	0.621	0.566	0.631	0.614	0.629	0.564	0.635	0.692	0.709	0.499	0.647
FT-MIR spectra (pre-adjusted for DIM)	0.559	0.554	0.564	0.583	0.562	0.567	0.547	0.581	0.554	0.547	0.636	0.636
CNN approach												
FT-MIR spectra	0.625	0.625	0.625	0.675	0.611	0.620	0.582	0.641	0.684	0.696	0.554	0.676
FT-MIR spectra + DIM	0.645	0.670	0.620	0.700	0.636	0.659	0.563	0.654	0.723	0.741	0.519	0.685
FT-MIR spectra (pre-adjusted for DIM)	0.982	0.975	0.988	0.998	0.668	0.790	0.273	0.551	0.759	0.805	0.266	0.564



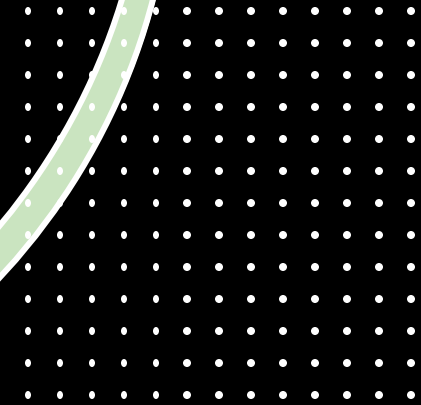
Where is the
highest error ?



Kind of model




Validation ?



Research

Predicting methane emission in Canadian Holstein dairy cattle using milk mid-infrared reflectance spectroscopy and other commonly available predictors via artificial neural networks

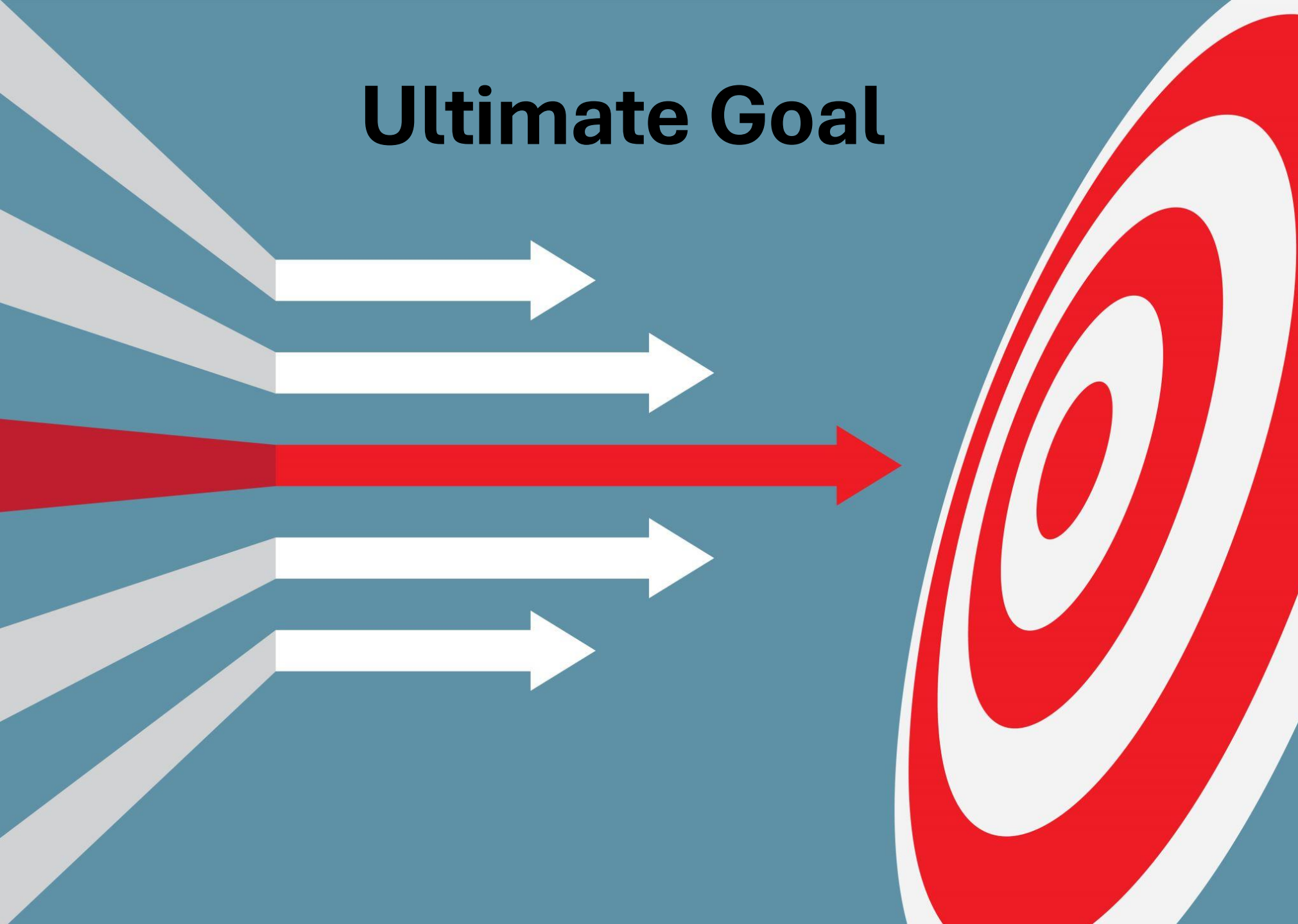
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The variability is bigger within the same model using different sets of features

Features	PLS	L	NN1	NN2	NN3	NN4	NN5	NN6	NN7	NN8	NN9	NN10	LB	NNB1	NNB2	NNB3	NNB4	NNB5	NNB6	NNB7	NNB8	NNB9	NNB10	SD
1	96.47	96.55	93.08	93.16	93.33	94.74	93.98	94.36	97.65	97.65	96.54	99.39	96.26	91.67	93.01	92.59	92.07	92.41	92.2	92.2	92.22	92.08	92.45	2.26
2	95.68	95.29	91.4	93.47	94.64	94.05	95.54	96.11	95.44	98.04	97.66	96.16	95.61	91.93	92.55	93.26	92.89	93.12	93.07	93.06	92.97	92.92	93.1	1.78
3	96.32	96.36	93.58	94.44	93.96	94.55	94.71	97.27	97.69	97.39	95.15	98.47	95.99	92.49	93.19	91.46	91.91	92.35	92.45	92.3	92.31	92.46	92.59	2.13
4	95.84	95.73	93.4	94.18	96.15	93.58	96.82	94.14	96.05	97.44	96.65	96.57	95.59	91.8	93.41	93.14	93.35	92.84	92.66	92.81	93.17	93.22	92.79	1.67
5	96.5	96.72	95.23	94.89	93.41	97.01	98.35	98.94	97.31	99.91	100.94	100.9	96.11	92.6	93.87	93.05	92.82	93.08	92.66	92.98	92.83	92.8	92.83	2.84
6	96.75	96.07	94.41	95.86	96.8	97.44	97.89	101.16	100.12	100.65	98.93	101.93	95.66	92.55	93.46	93.87	93.33	93.07	93.4	93.45	93.34	93.35	93.62	2.94
7	73.7	72.44	77.56	81.19	81.51	85.42	84.69	82.72	84.49	82.27	80.79	84.57	71.61	71.75	76.2	78.96	79.48	81.59	82.58	78.65	80.36	79.33	81.66	4.15
8	71.76	70.31	75.75	77.95	78.08	79.72	83.64	82.61	81.85	85.36	78.72	83.08	70.83	70.87	76.12	77.5	83.09	80.28	82.42	82.1	79.16	80.56	81.71	4.44
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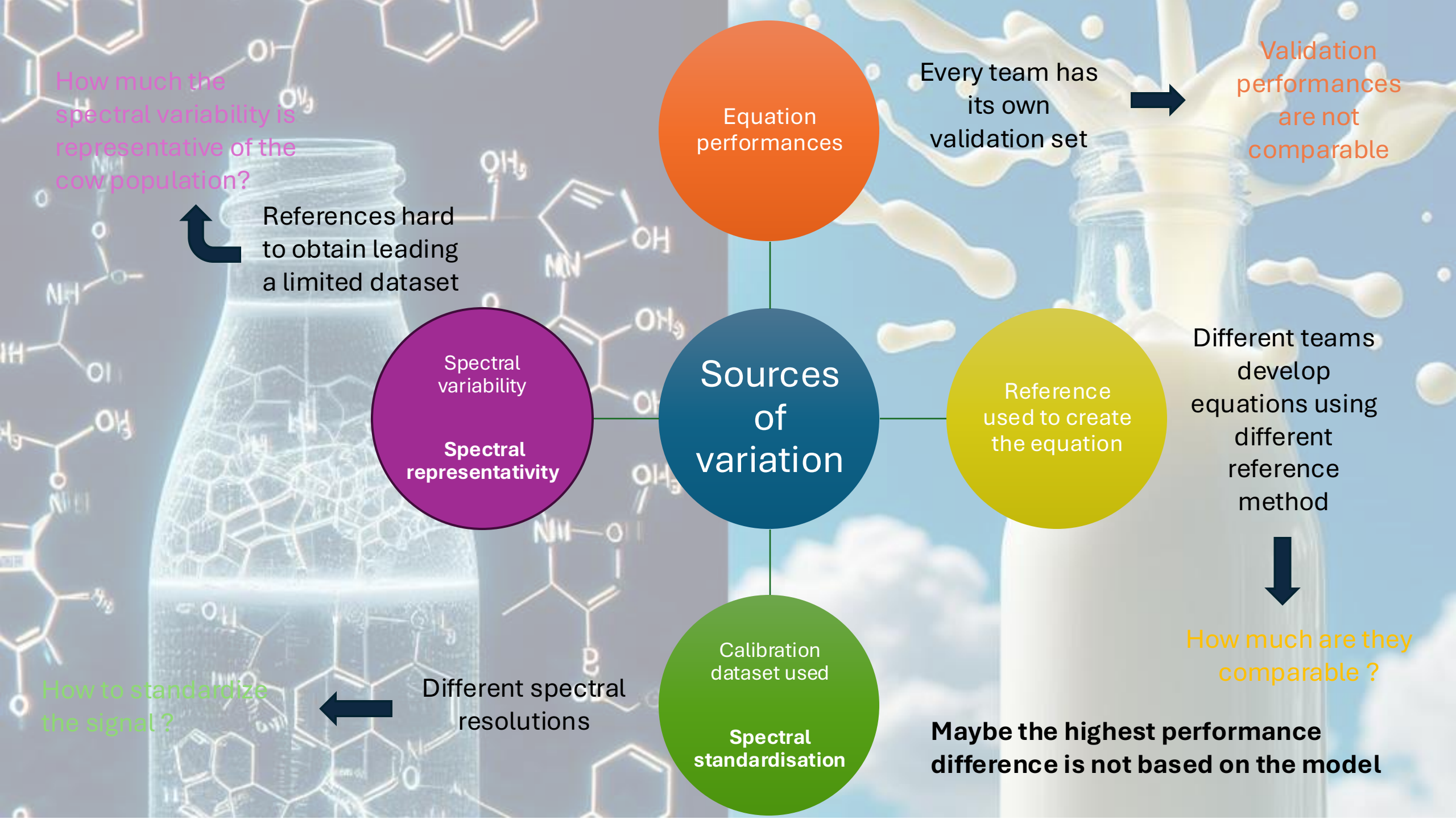
➔ Not only focus on the model type

Ultimate Goal



**Having the
same
prediction for
the same
spectrum if
you use a
prediction
model for the
same trait**

Not so simple ...



Equation performances

Every team has its own validation set

Validation performances are not comparable

Sources of variation

Reference used to create the equation

Different teams develop equations using different reference method

Calibration dataset used
Spectral standardisation

Maybe the highest performance difference is not based on the model

Spectral variability
Spectral representativity

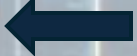
References hard to obtain leading a limited dataset

How much the spectral variability is representative of the cow population?

How to standardize the signal?










Different spectral resolutions

How much are they comparable?





Large-scale phenotyping in dairy sector using milk MIR spectra: Key factors affecting the quality of predictions

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For regression mainly ...

Highlights

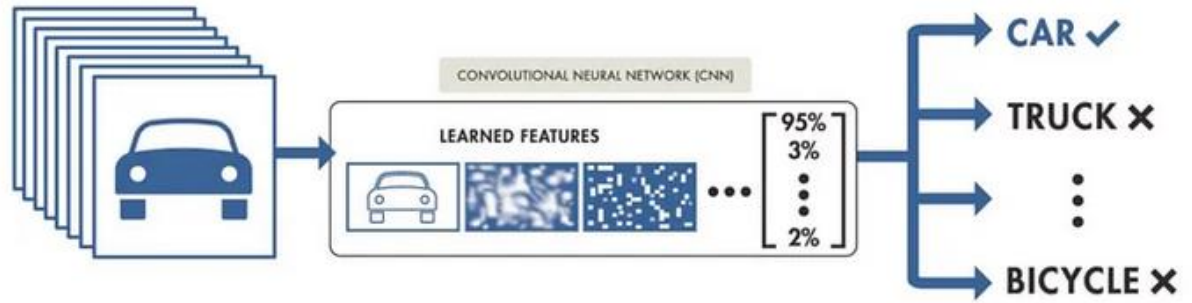
- Robustness of models is essential to generate accurate phenotypes at a large scale.
- Variability in the reference and spectral data is a key element of robustness.
- In most cases, complexity of models is in contradiction with robustness.
- Models development should consider absorbance reliability of spectral regions.
- Quality assurance methods are necessary to evaluate models and predictions.

More complex models ...

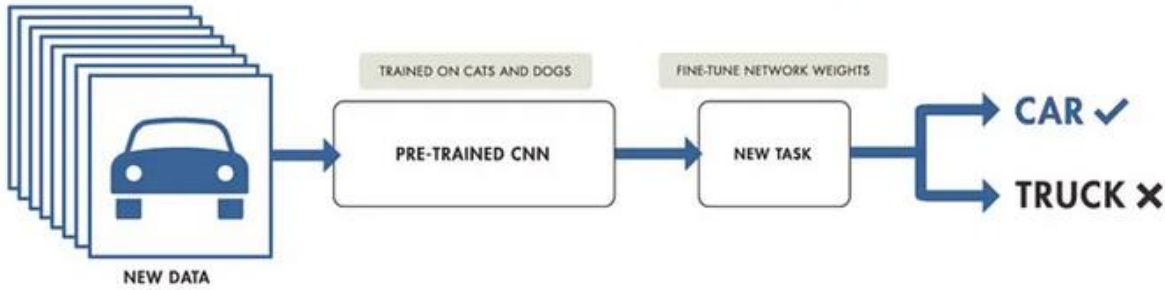
Transfer learning is interesting



TRAINING FROM SCRATCH



TRANSFER LEARNING



<https://iamamadsiddiqui.medium.com/unleashing-the-power-of-transfer-learning-in-artificial-intelligence-e8a9deee62f3>

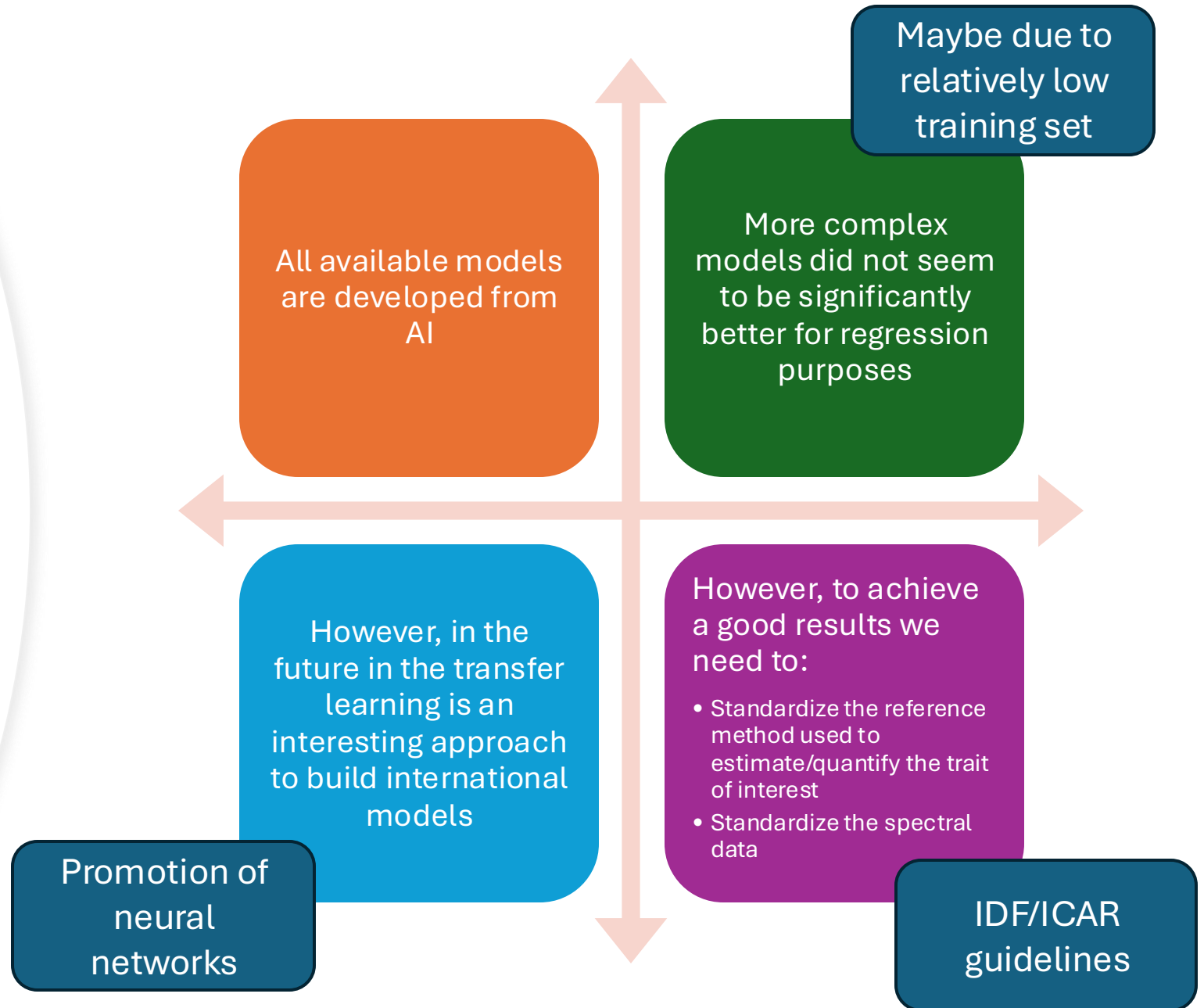
Deeply used with image and video data source

More complex models ...

- Transfer learning is interesting:
 - Large number of data is available
 - Difficulty to share data
 - Save computation time

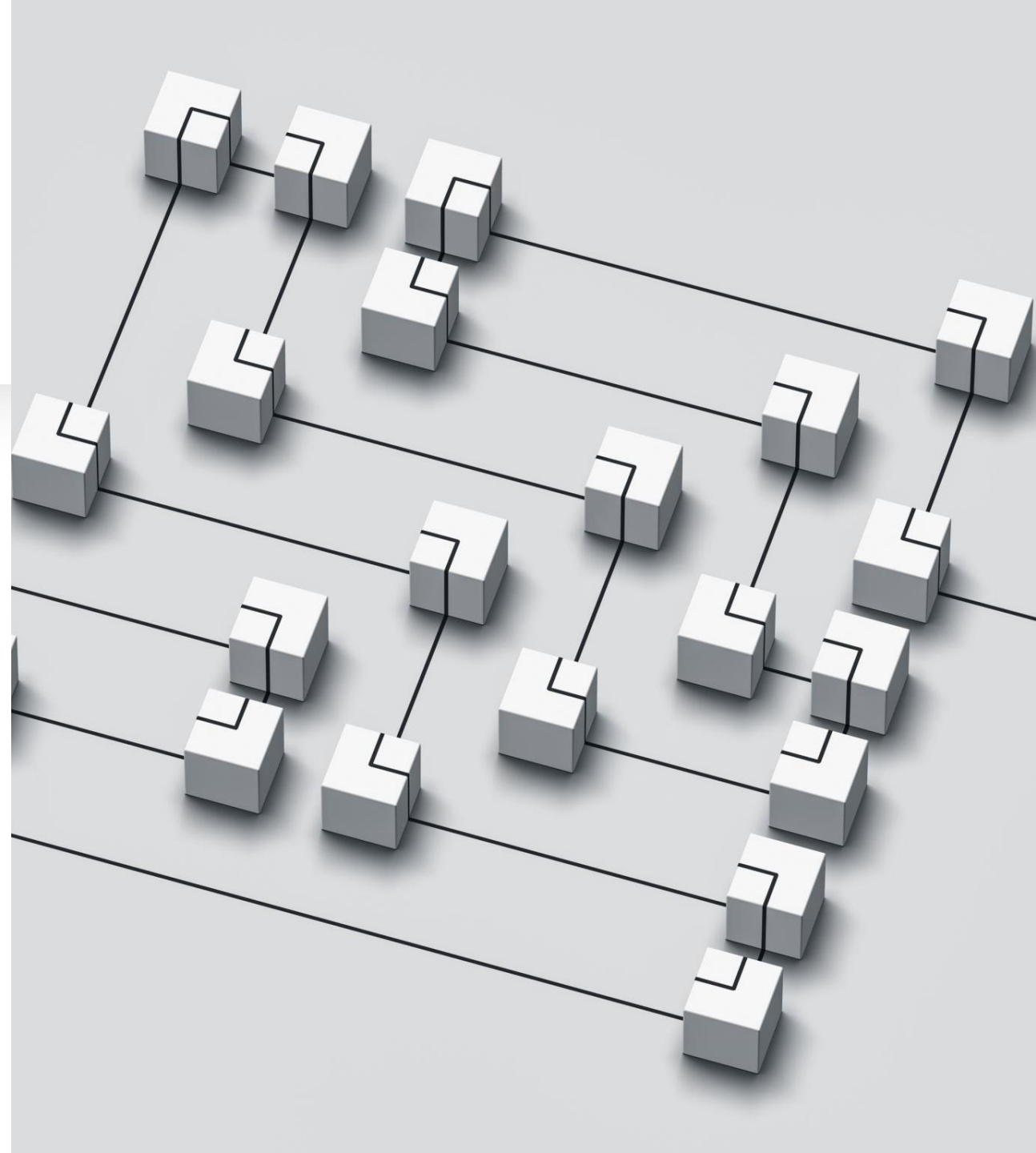


Take home message



New ideas

- Collect data routinely
 - Improvement of the prediction based on the repeated acquisition
- Collaborative learning
 - Improve the labelling of disease or useful information
- Consider the spectrum as an image
 - Use pre-trained neural network models



Environmental impact ?

Search the optimized situation. Not
always needed to perform something
complex and computationally
demanding





From linear regression to artificial intelligence: the study case of milk mid-infrared spectra.

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