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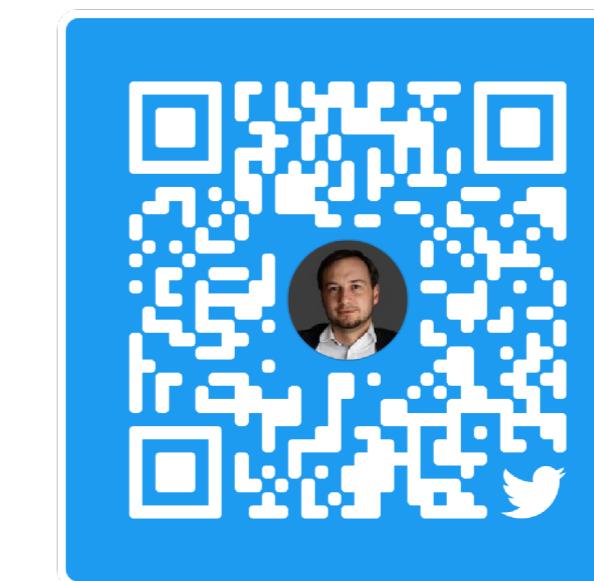
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# Selecting environmentally friendly cows – are we there yet?

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# ARE WE THERE YET?

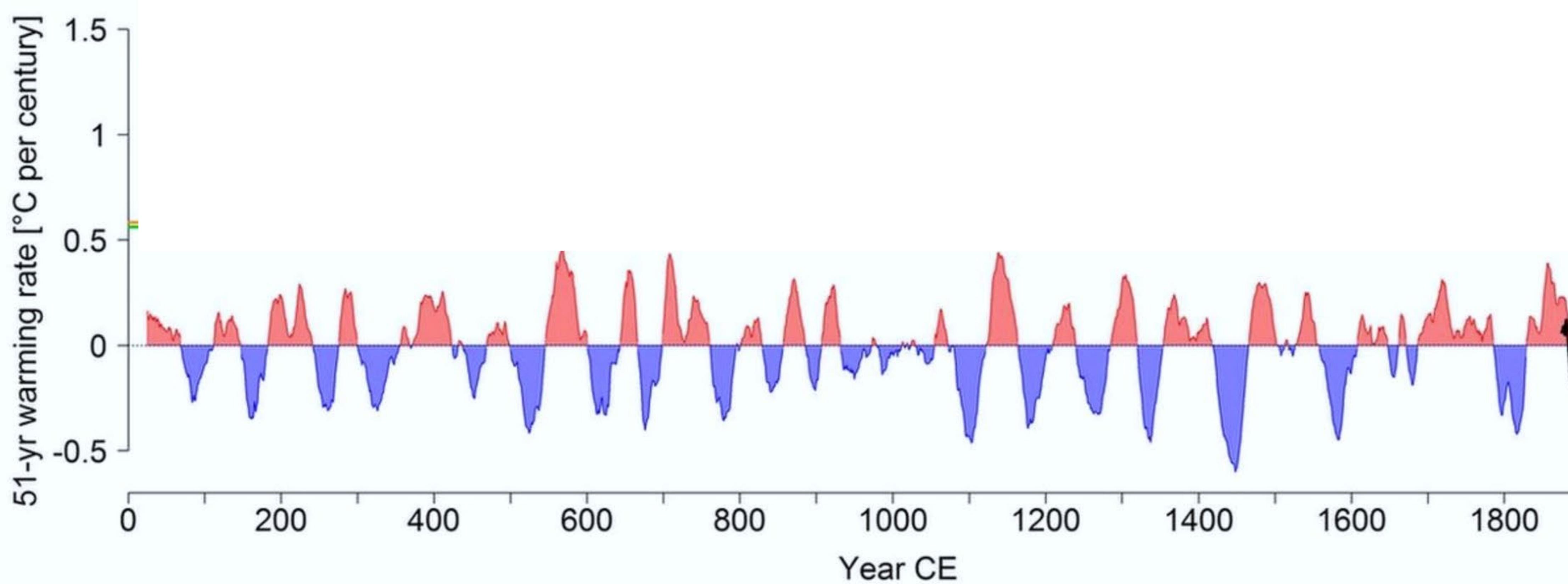




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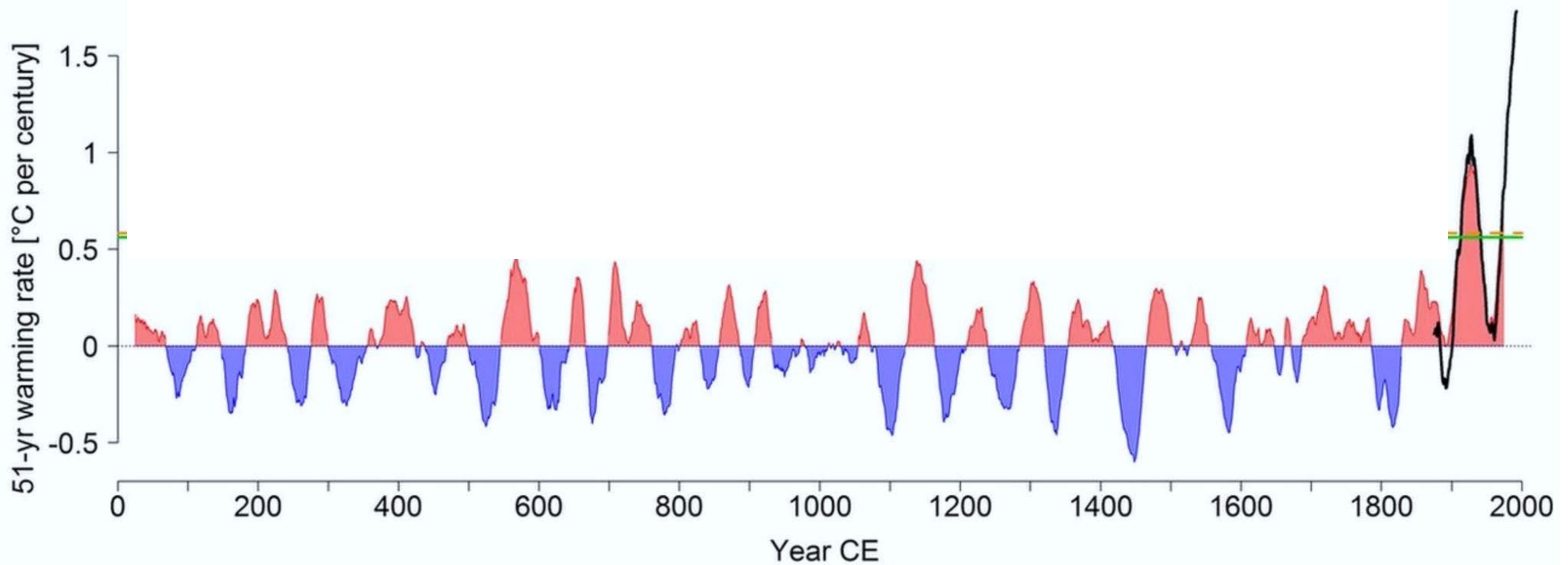
Why CH<sub>4</sub> is  
important?

# Global temperature changes over last 2000 years



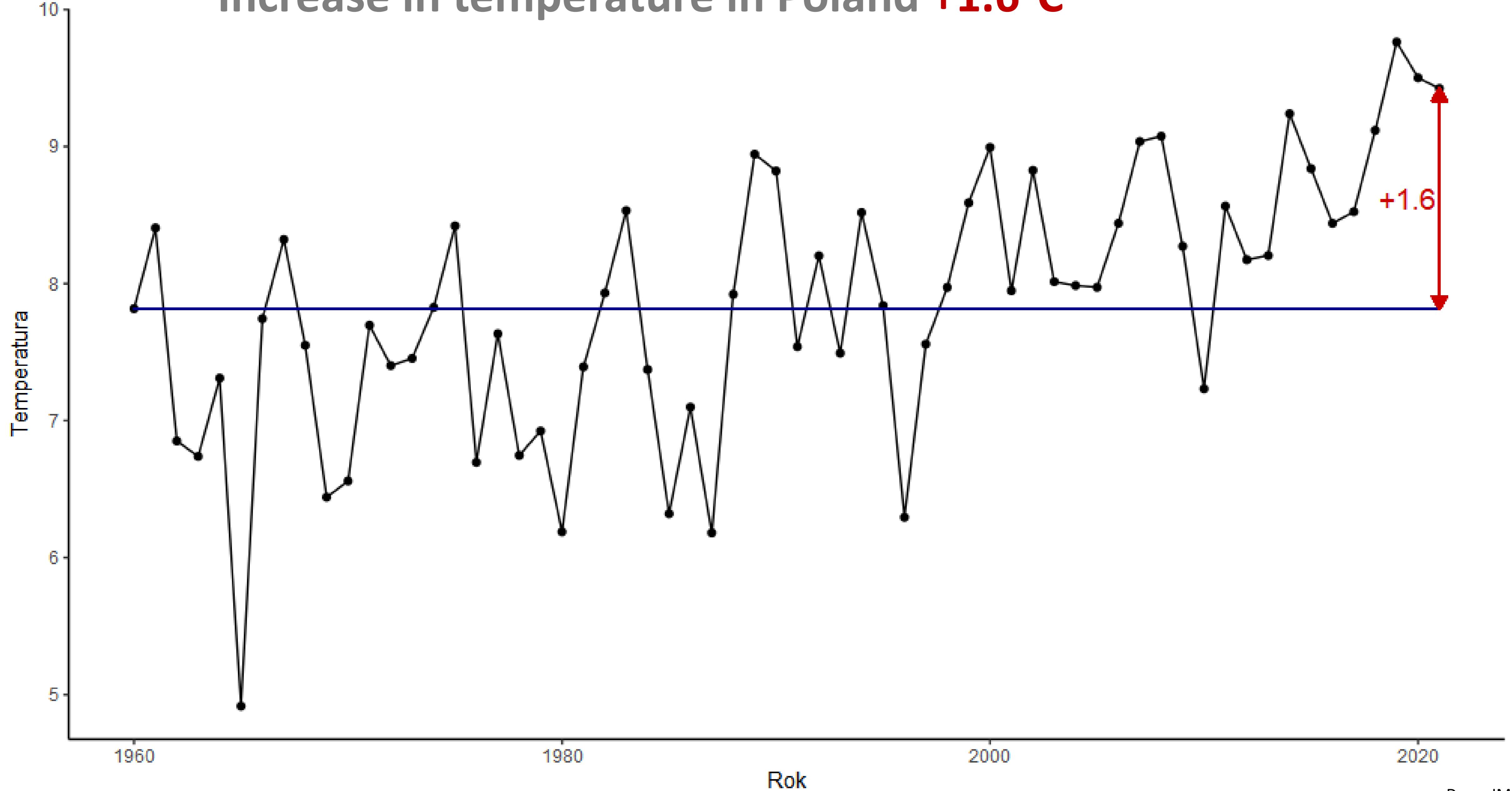
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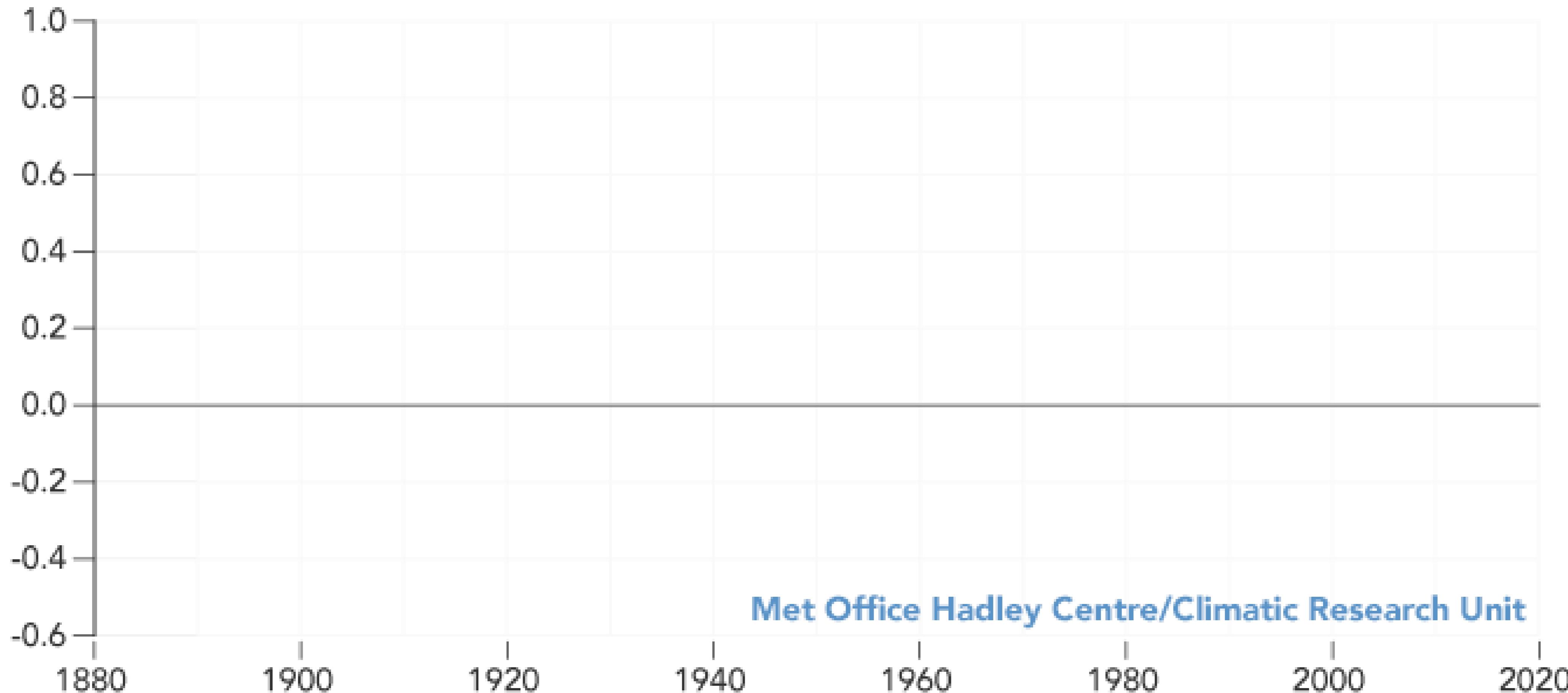
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# Increase in temperature in Poland +1.6°C



# Temperature increase over time

**A World of Agreement: Temperatures are Rising**  
Global Temperature Anomaly (relative to 1951-1980, °C)



Met Office Hadley Centre/Climatic Research Unit

**Why is it getting  
warmer?**

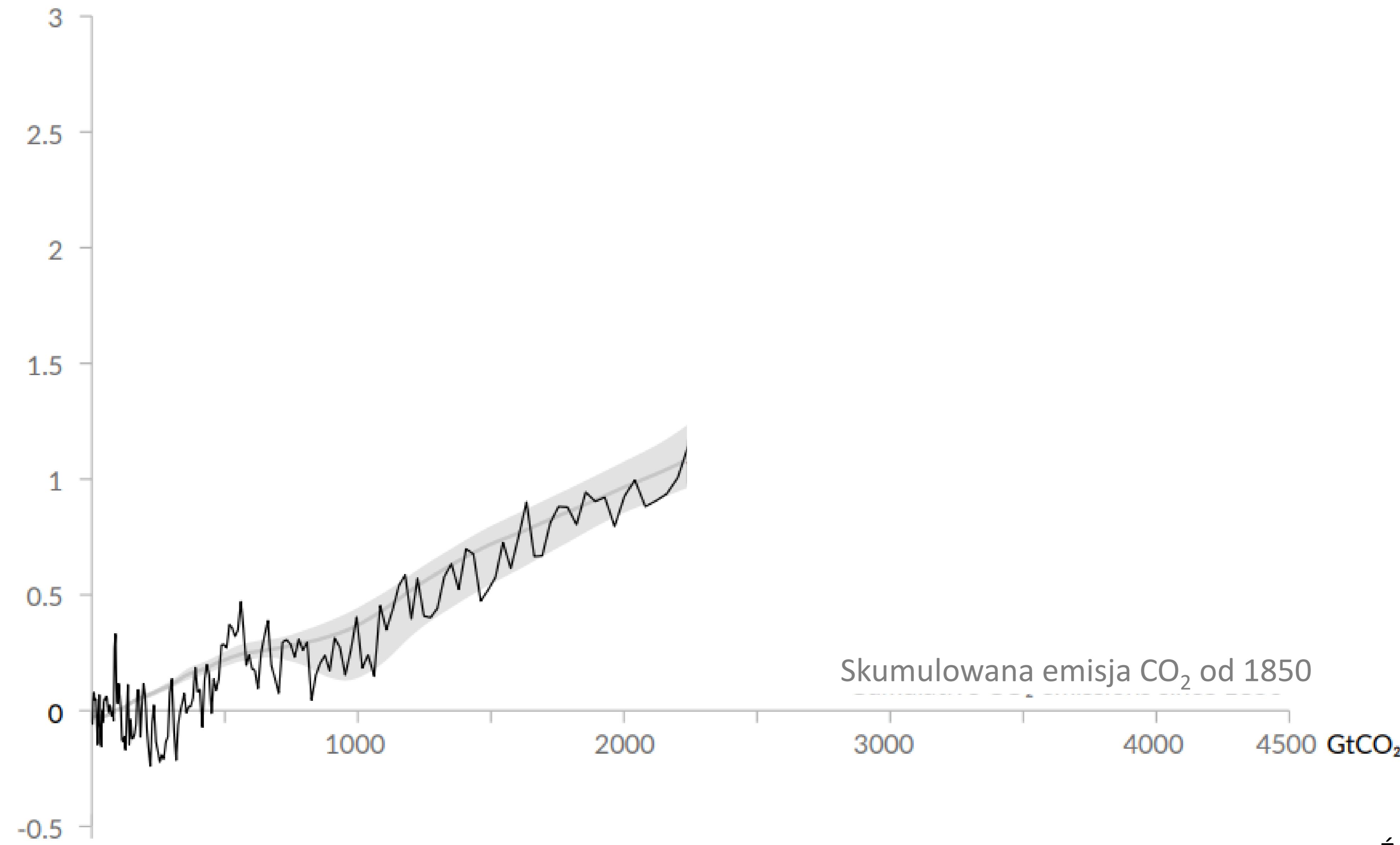
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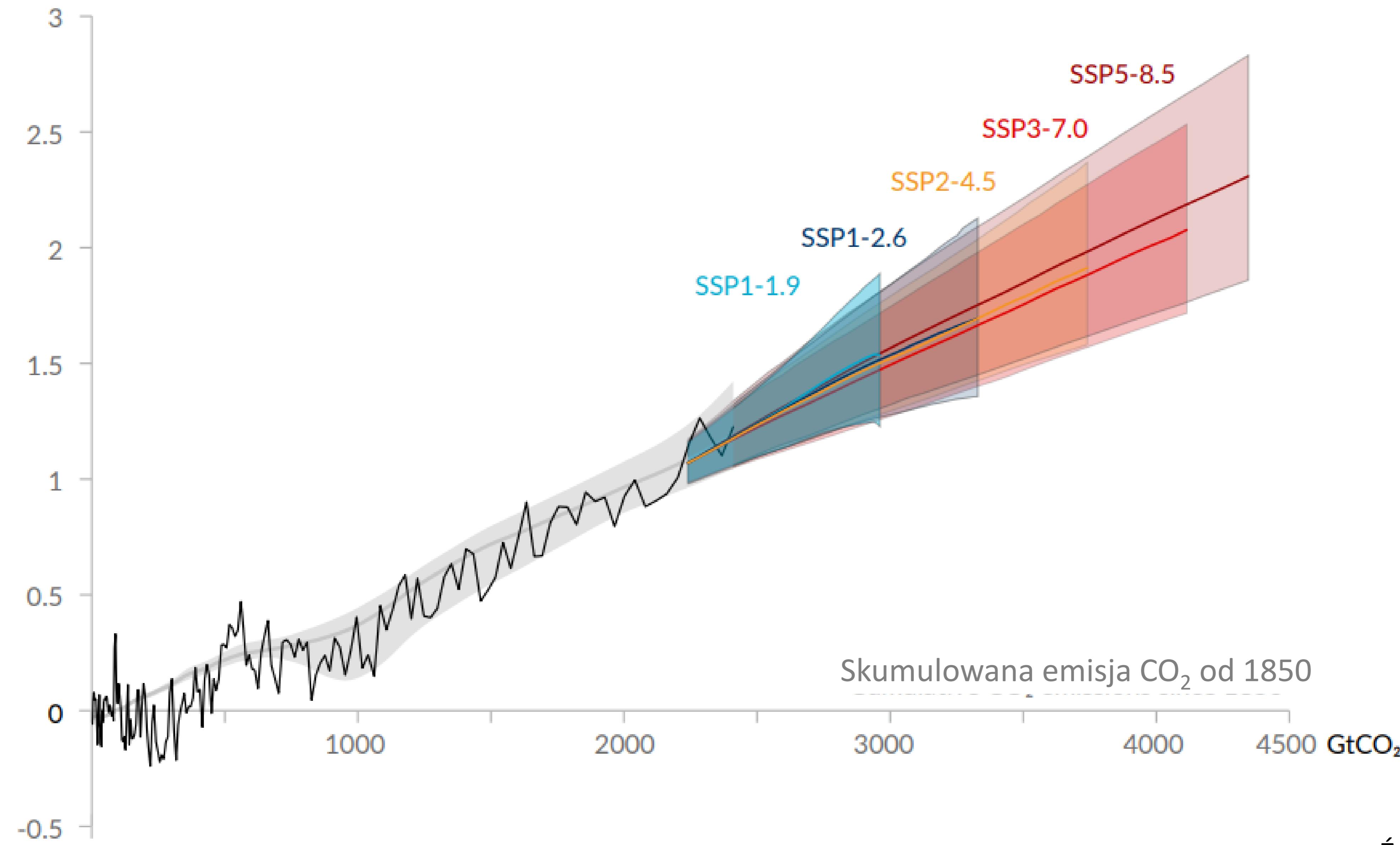


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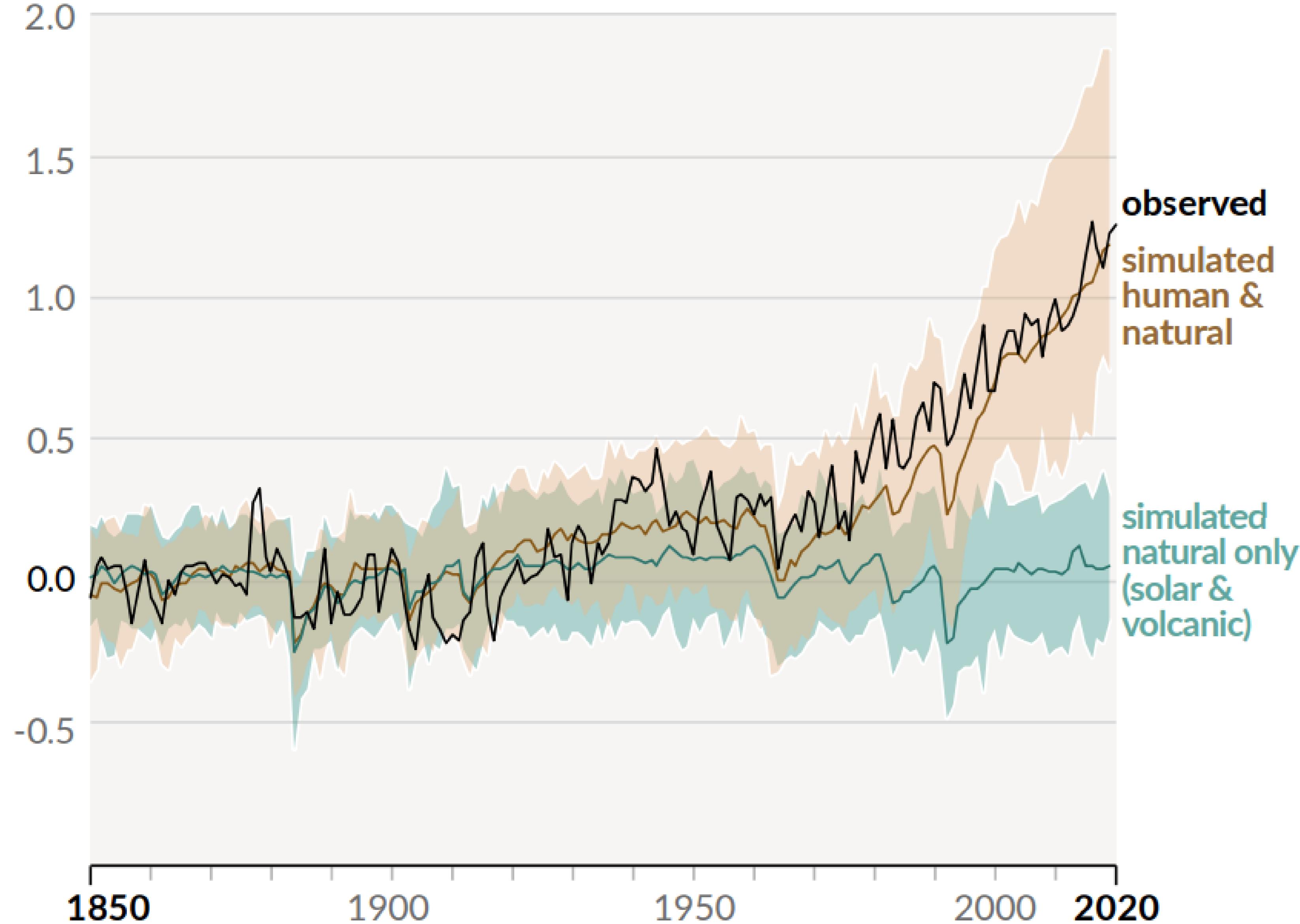


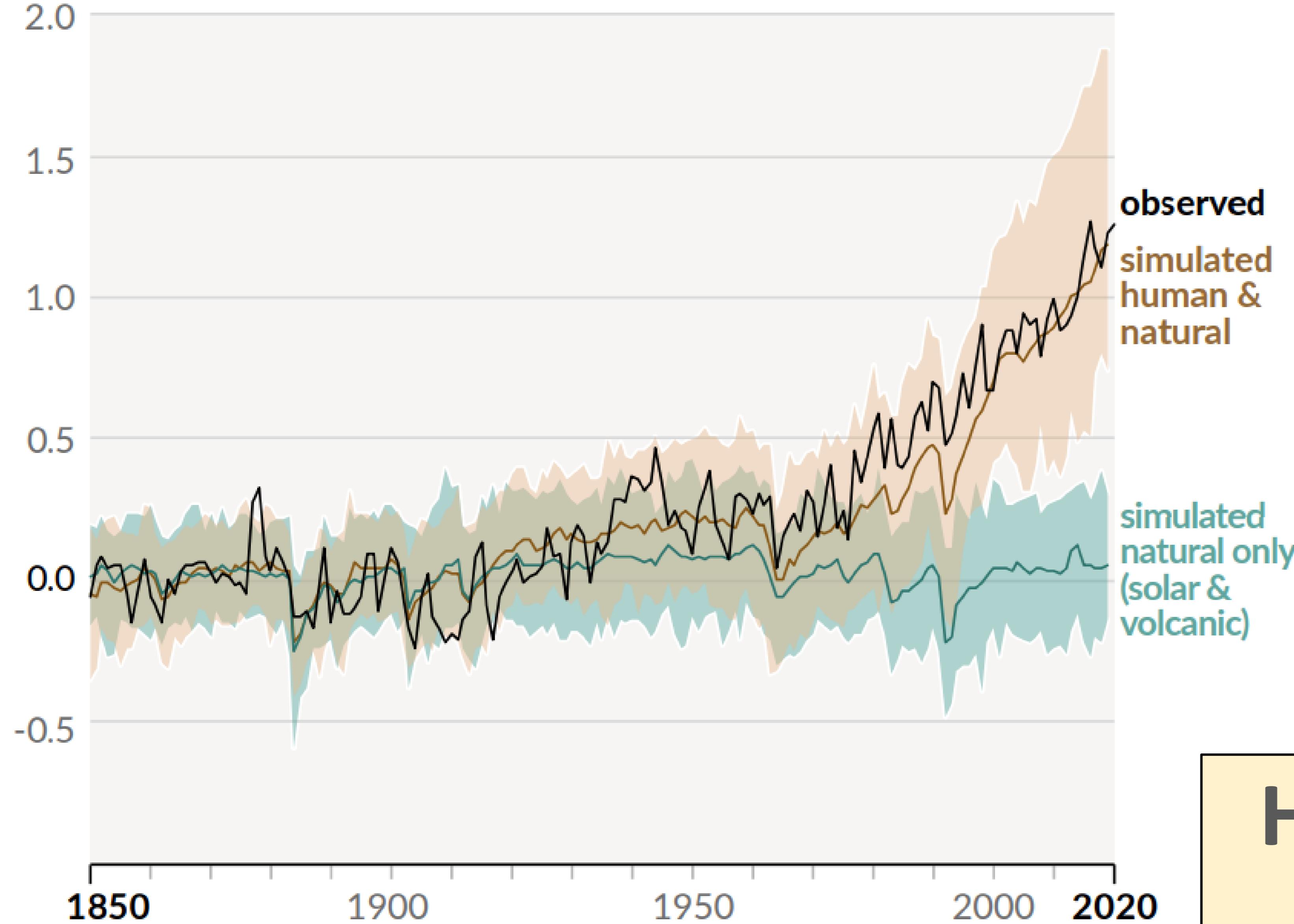
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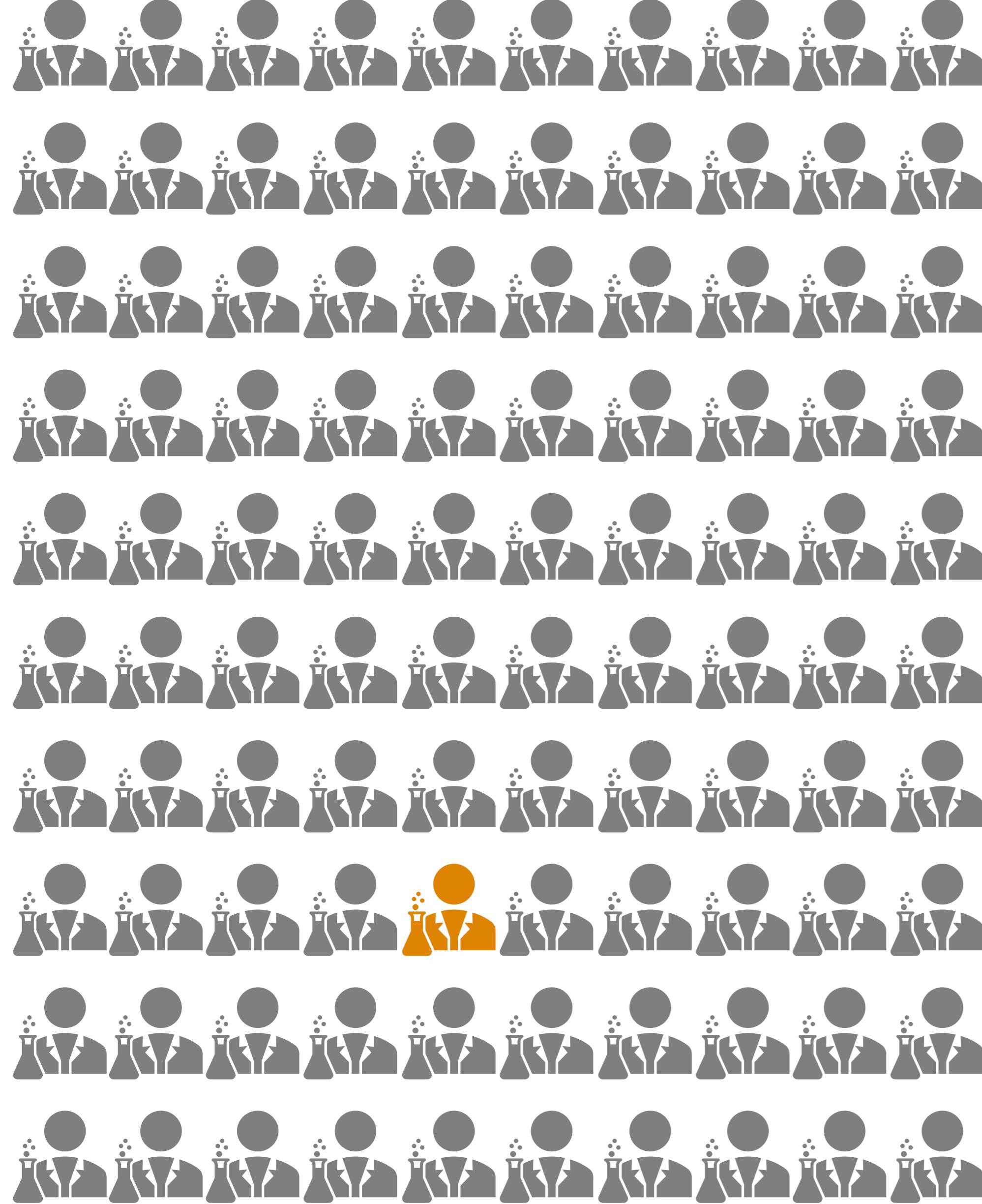


Are we source of  
these changes?





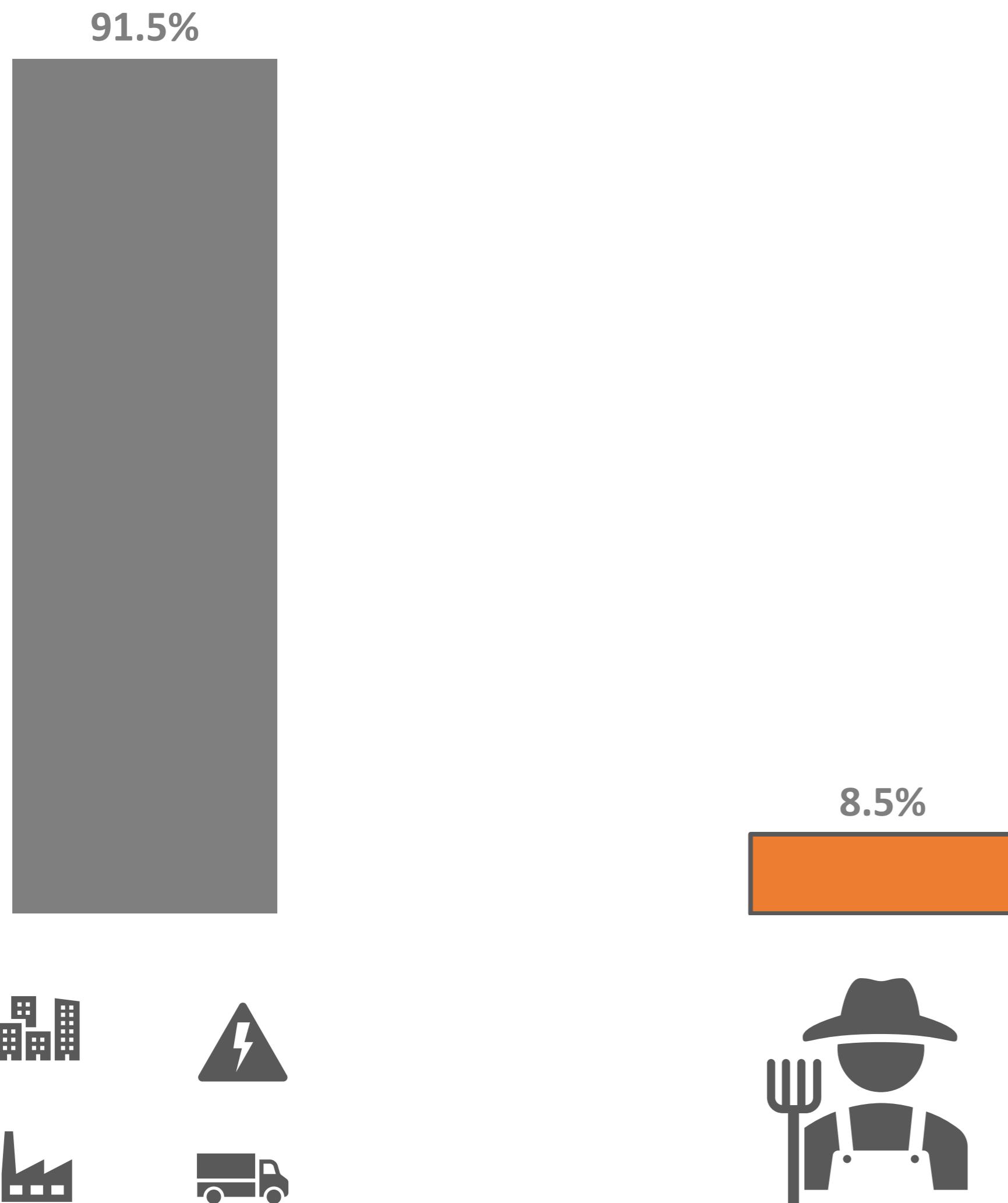
Humans impact  
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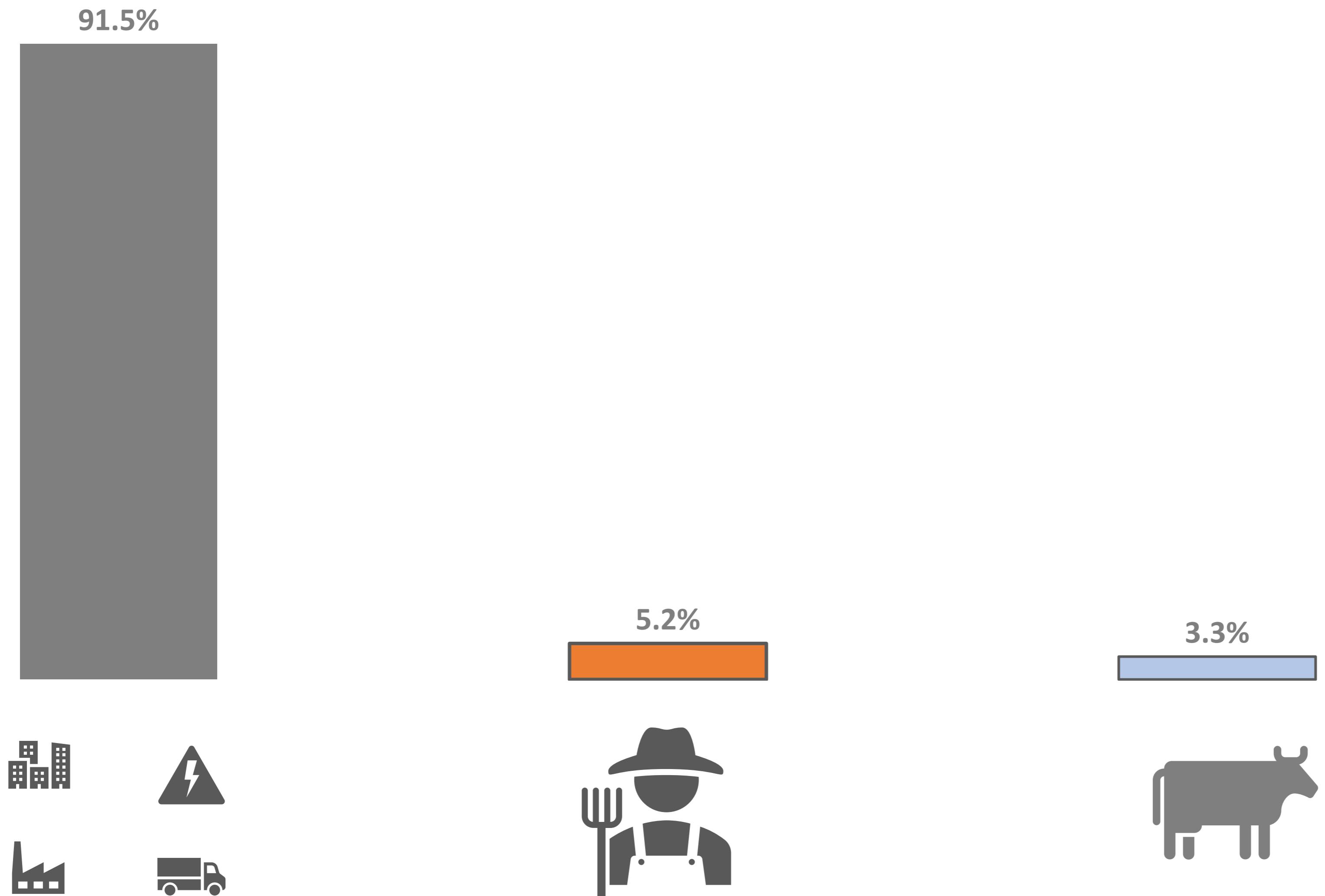
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scientific publications confirm  
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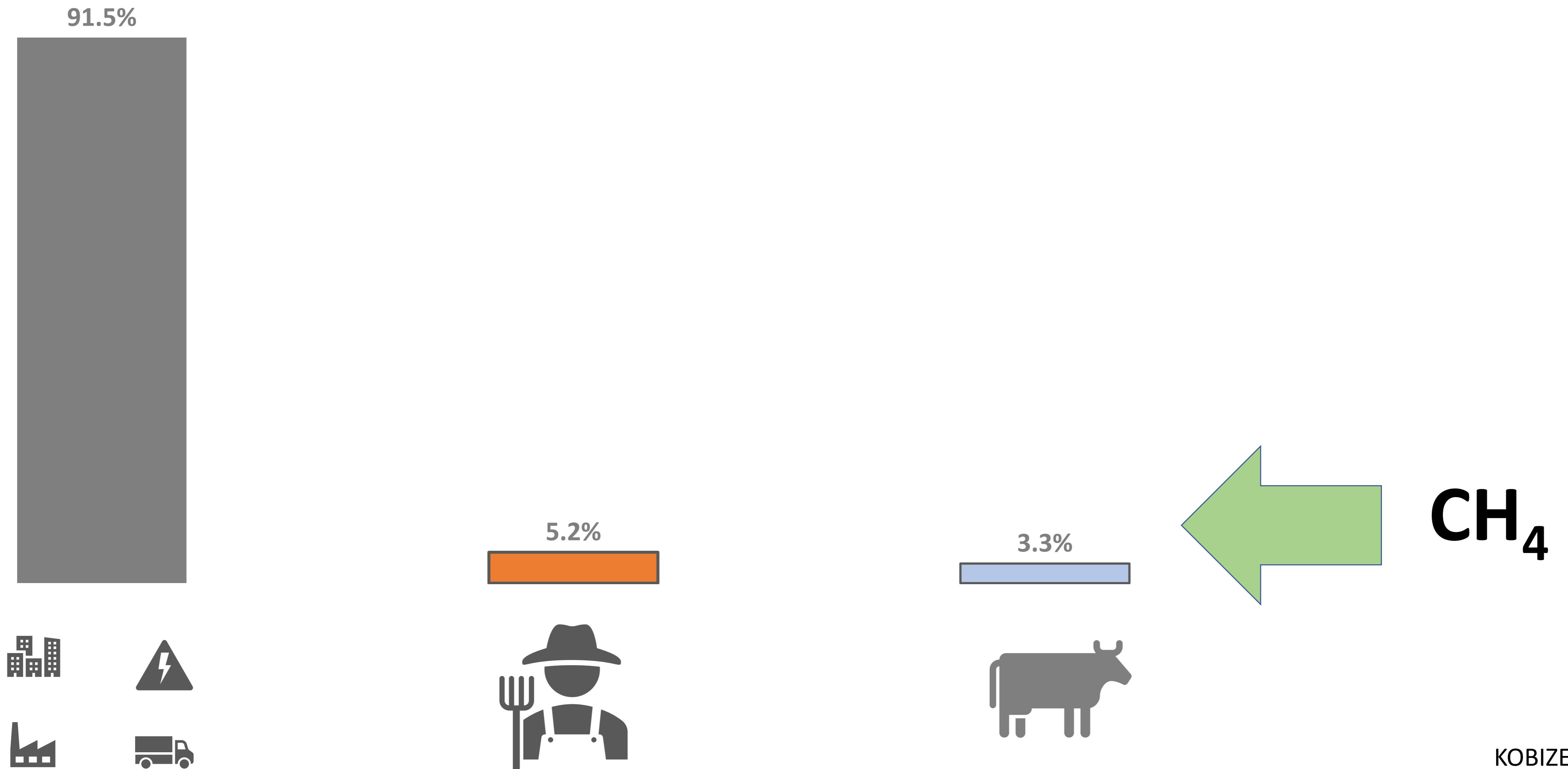
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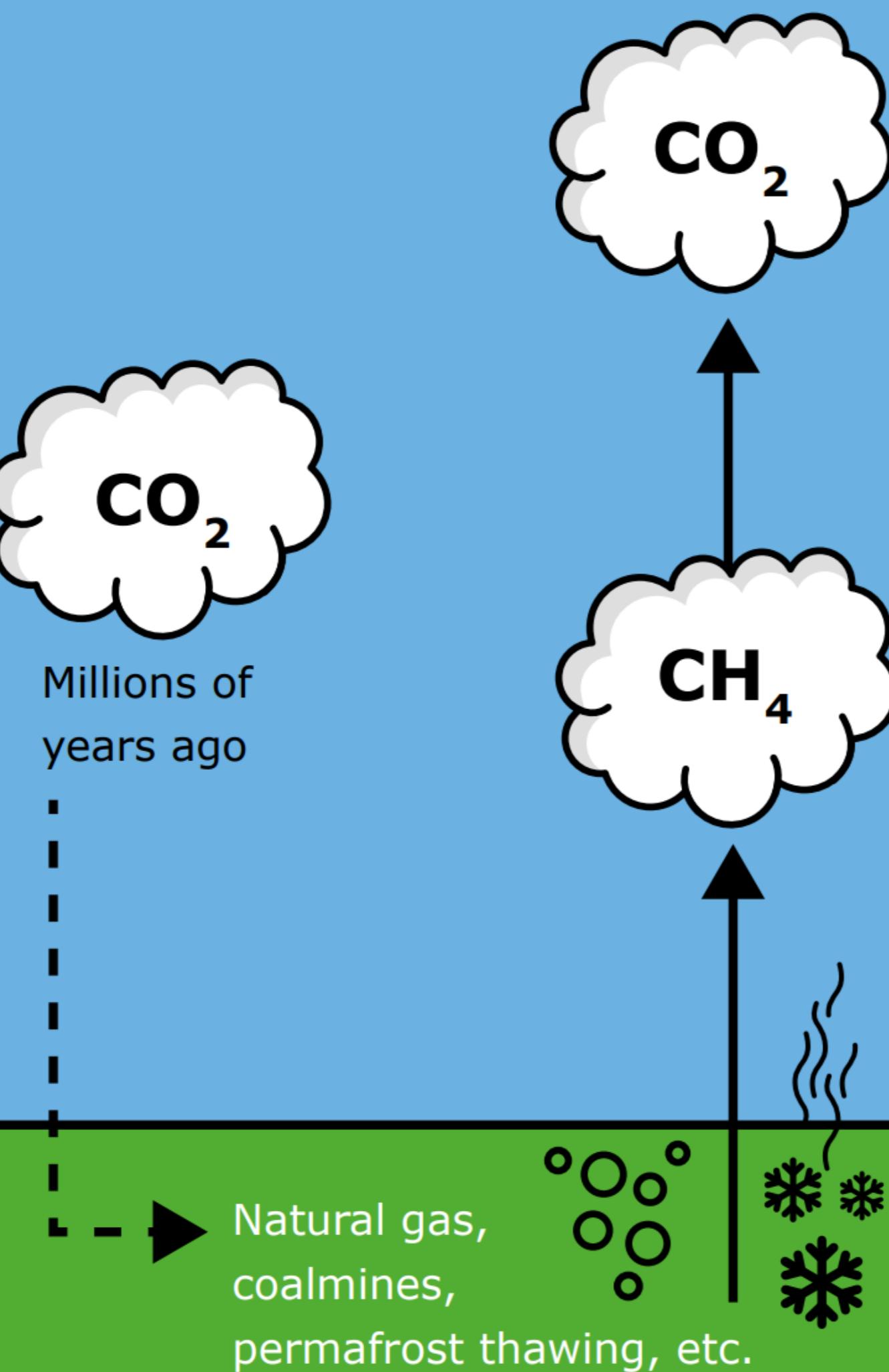


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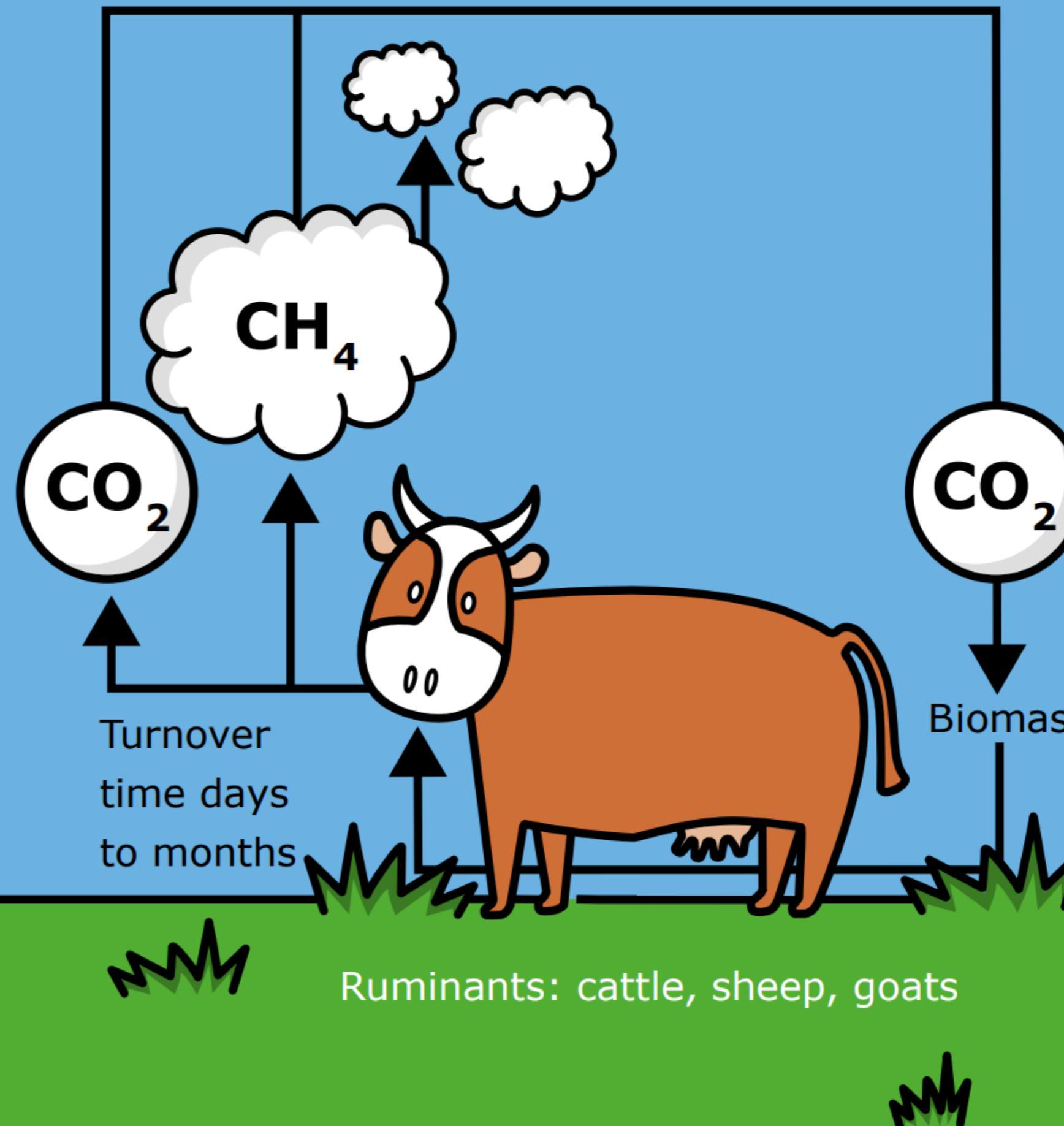
## Long carbon cycle

Fossil methane



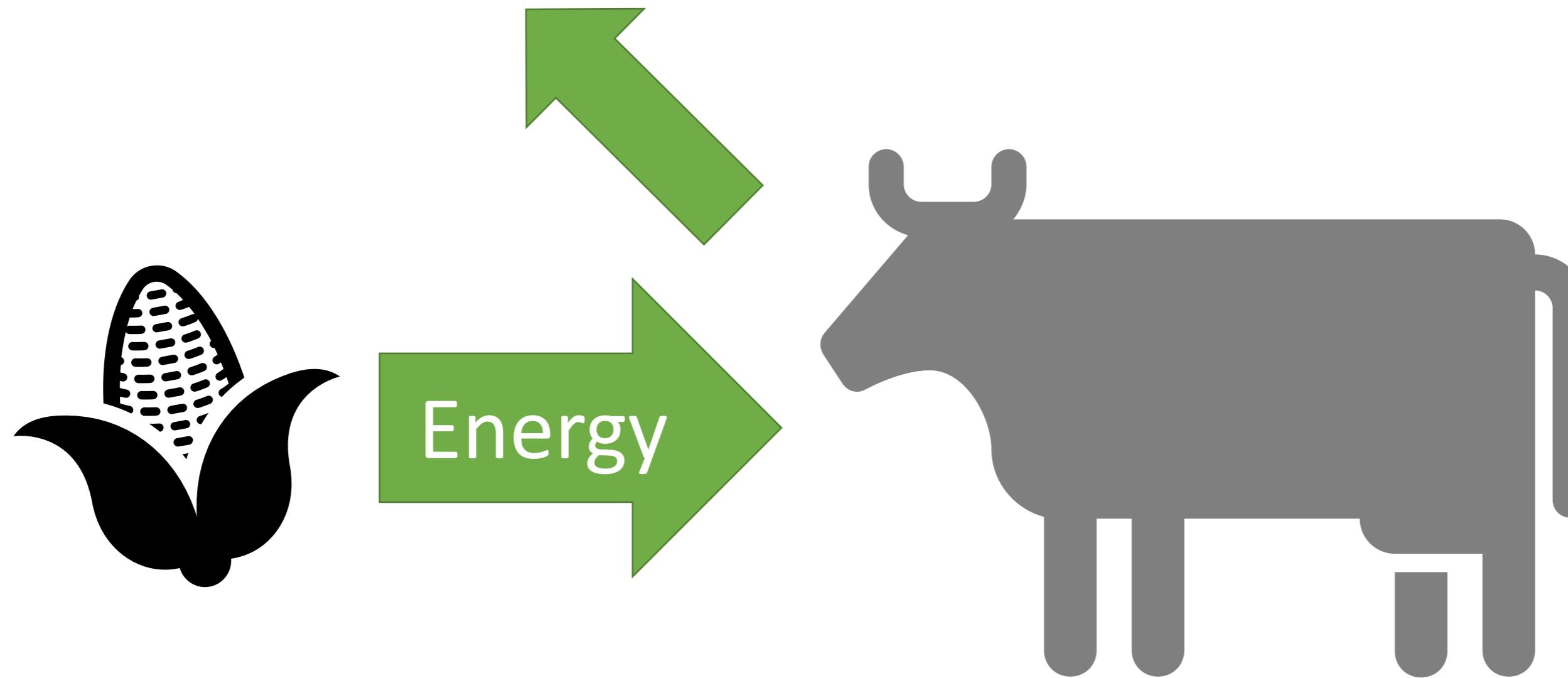
## Short carbon cycle

Biogenic methane



# ECONOMY

**CH<sub>4</sub> = 2% - 12% energy loses**



Blaxter, 1962; Johnson and Johnson, 1995

My journey with  
 $\text{CH}_4$

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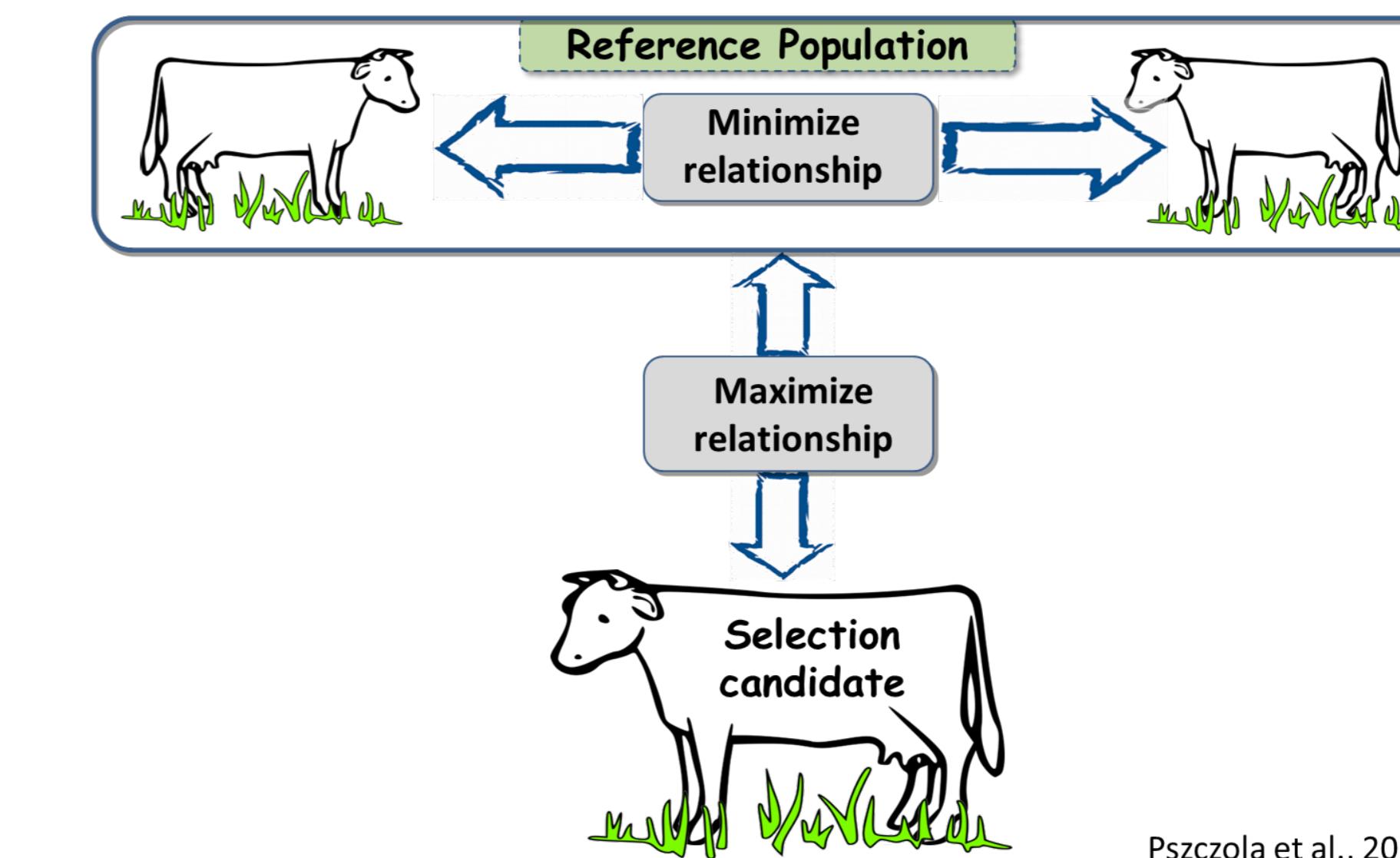


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Optimizing genomic  
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recorded traits



Optimal reference pop. design



Pszczola et al., 2012

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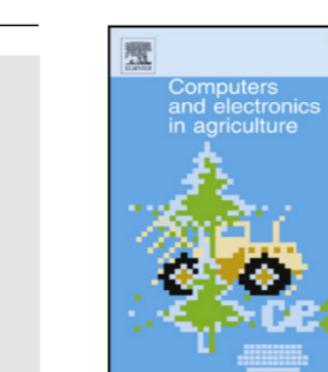


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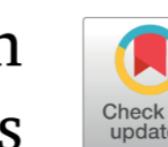


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Original papers

Comparison of a laser methane detector with the GreenFeed and two breath analysers for on-farm measurements of methane emissions from dairy cows



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## Integrating heterogeneous across-country data for proxy-based random forest prediction of enteric methane in dairy cattle

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**Invited review: Phenotypes to genetically reduce  
greenhouse gas emissions in dairying**

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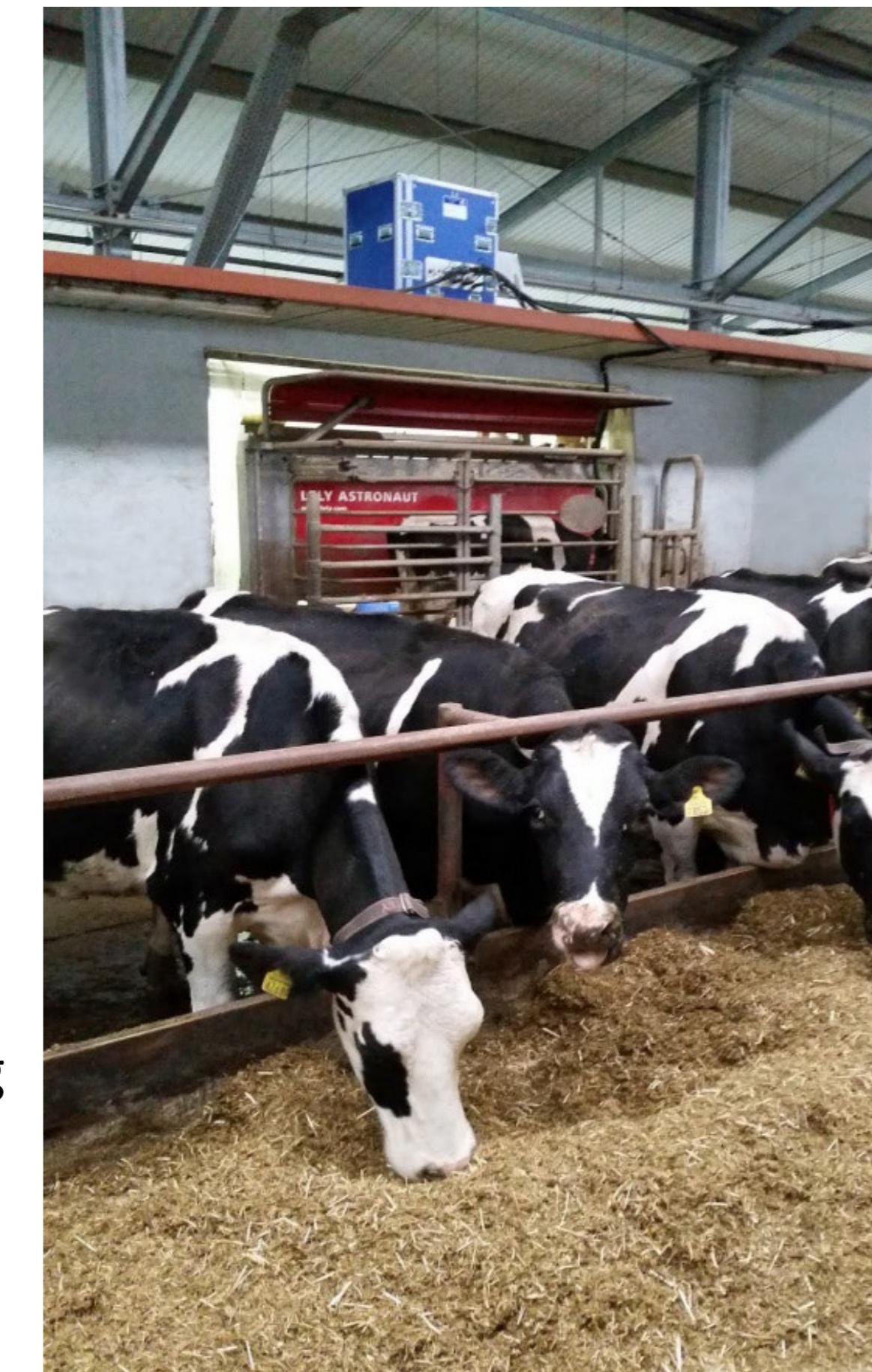
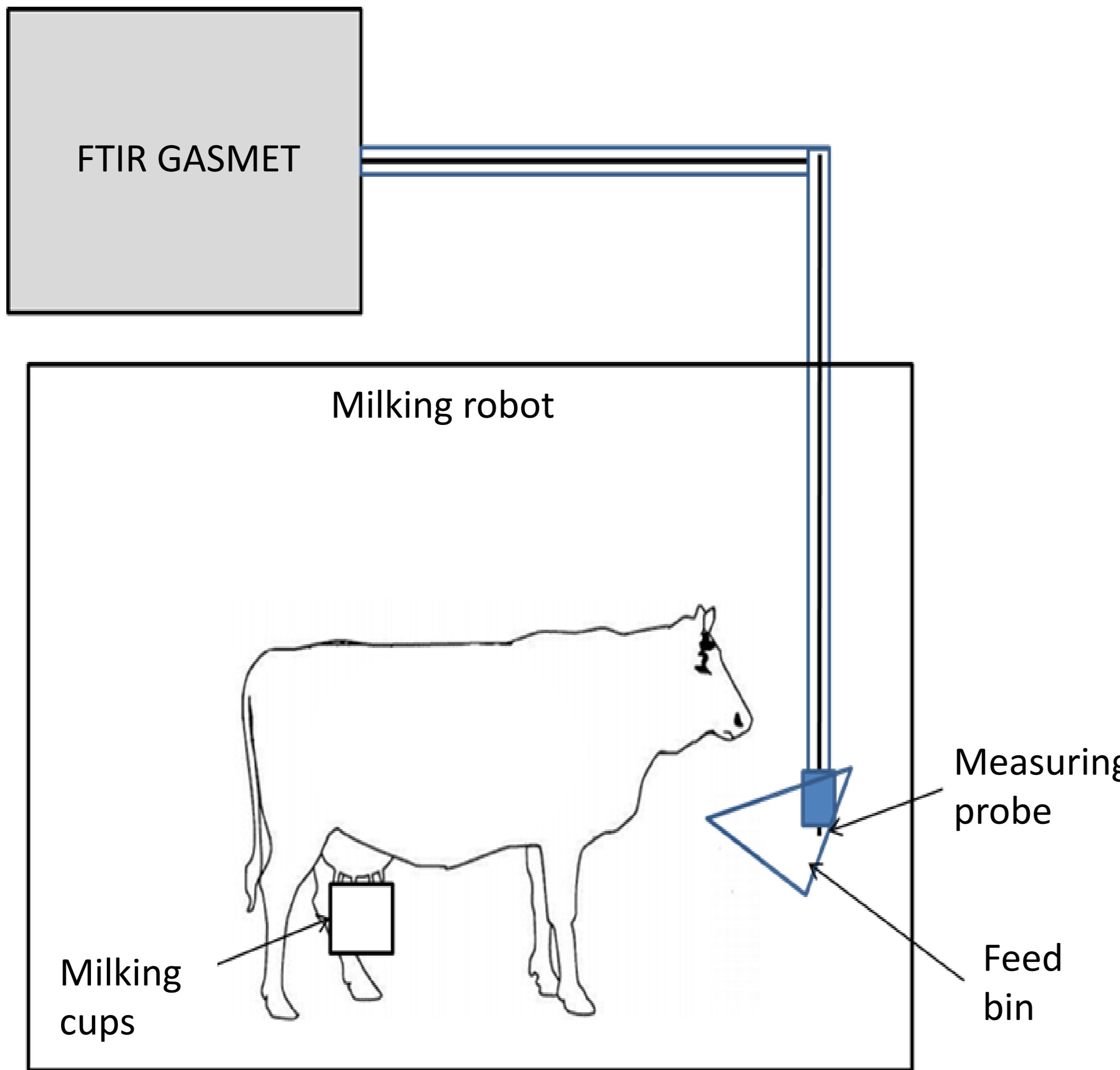
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Genetic and nongenetic factors affecting methane emissions from dairy cows

# Measuring CH<sub>4</sub>



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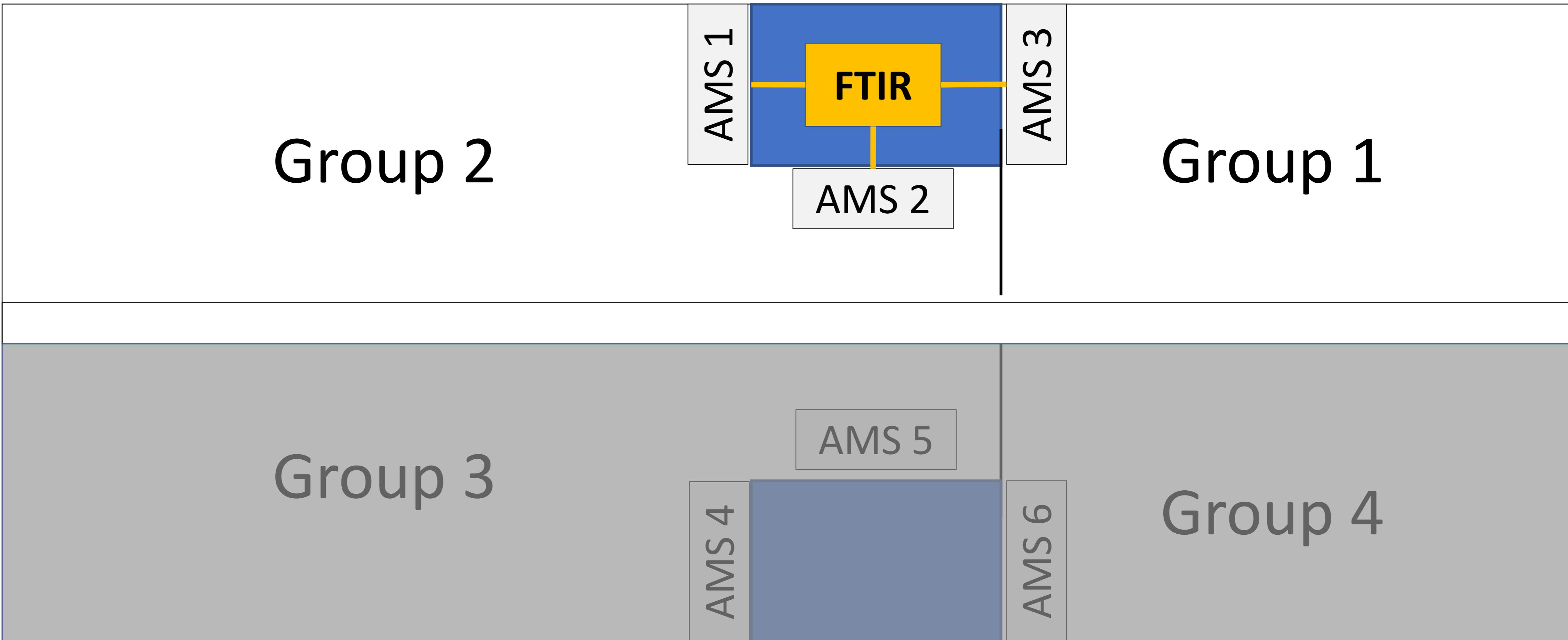


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Herd

300 cows

3 AMS measured 24hrs each



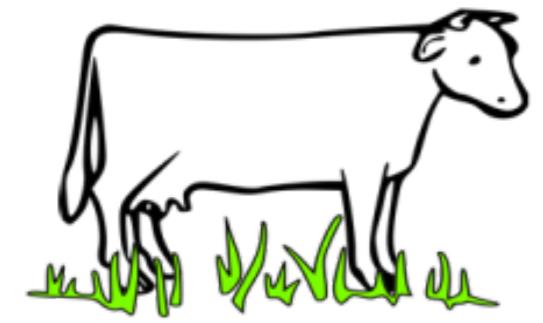
# Data

## Farm 1



2014-12-02 2016-02-03  
2016-06-01 2016-09-17

**356**



**437,888**

**CH<sub>4</sub>** / day

**31,239**

## Farm 2

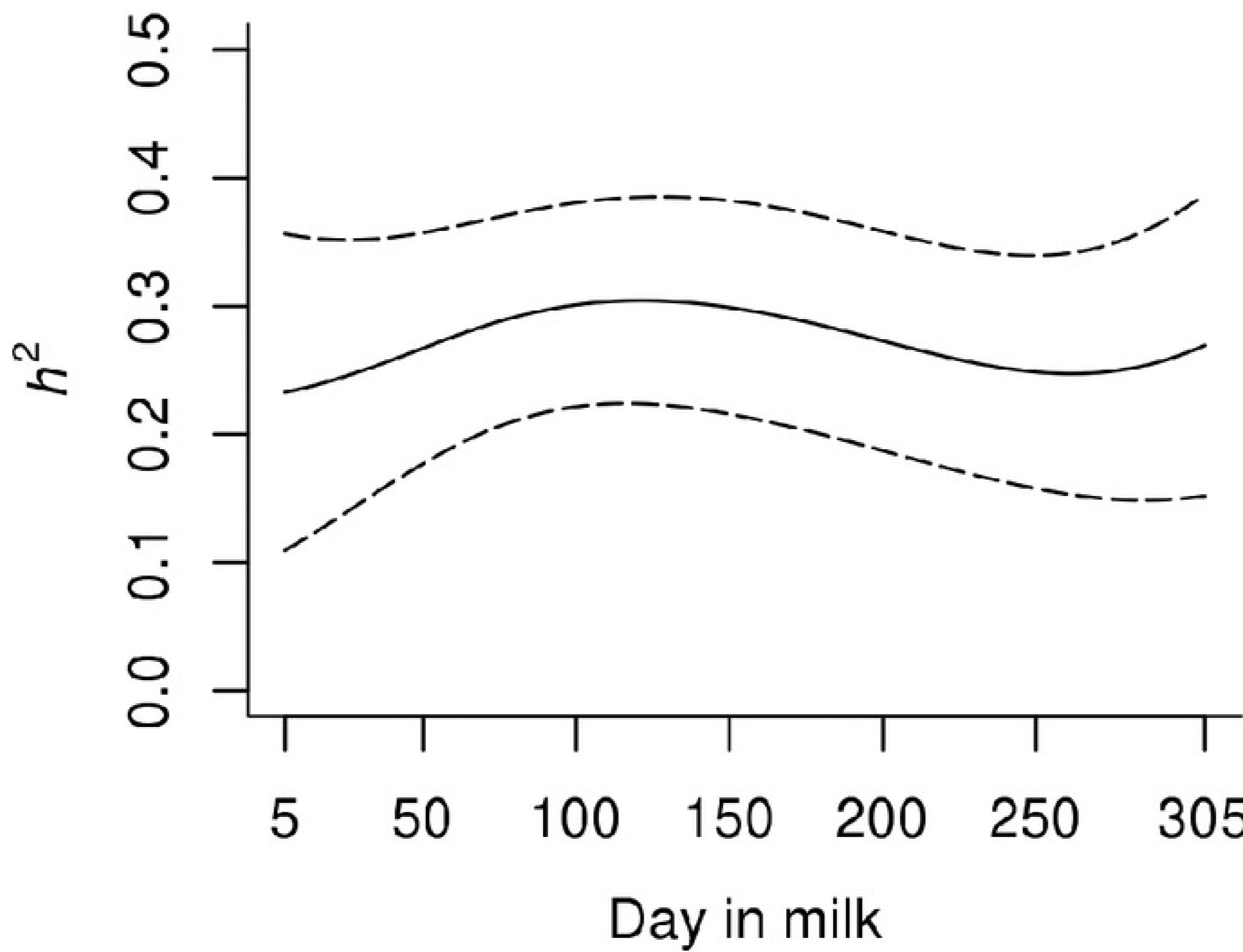
2016-02-05 2016-03-14

**127**

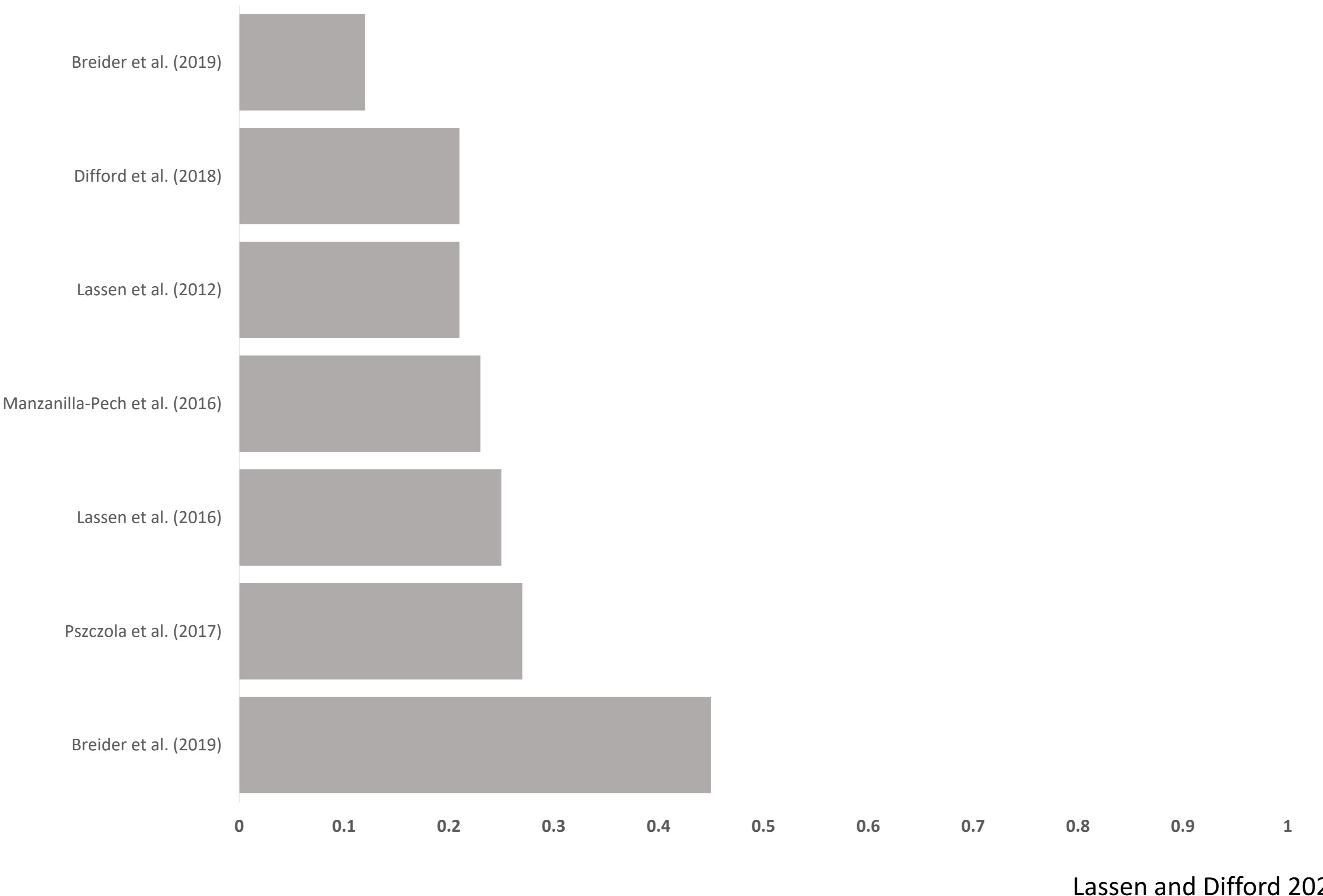
**5,645**

**3,190**

# **Heritability**

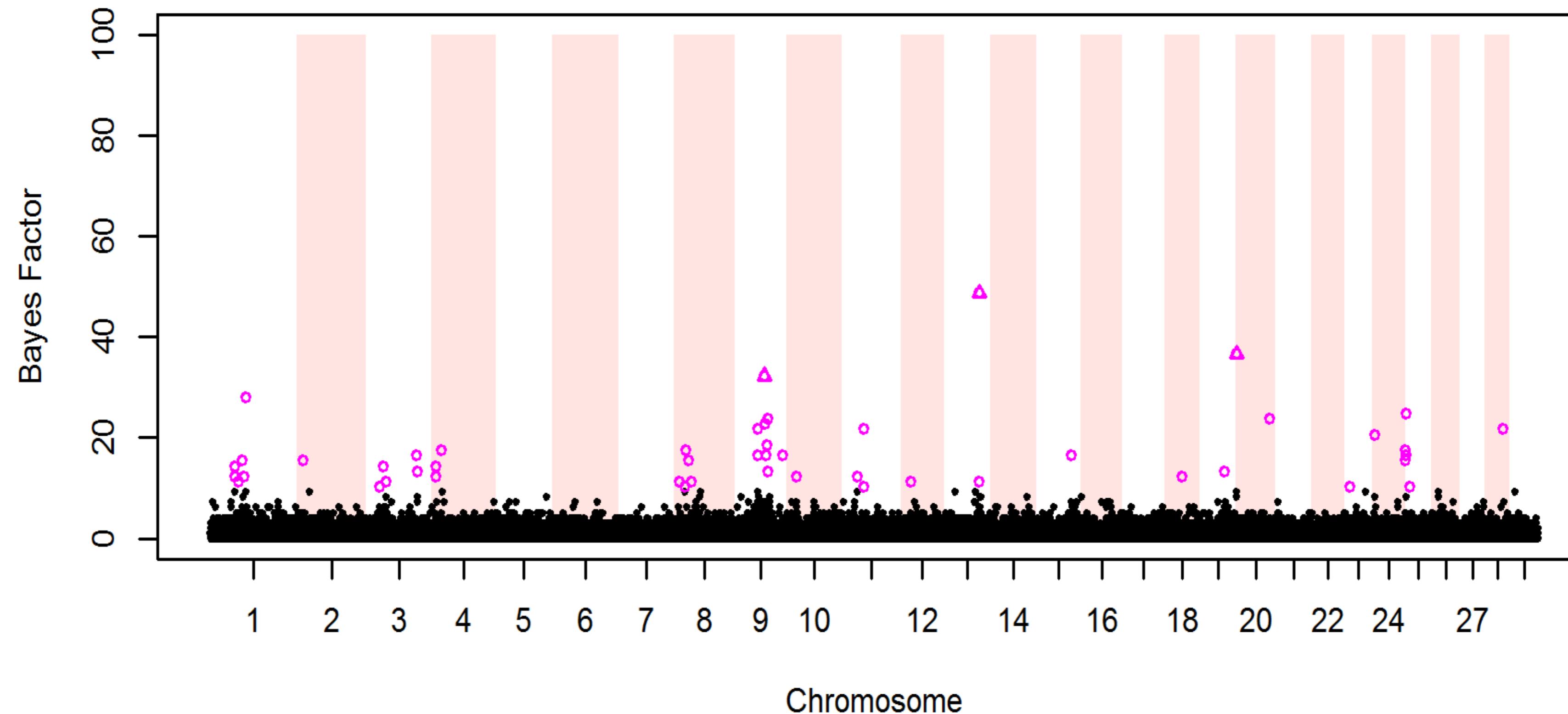


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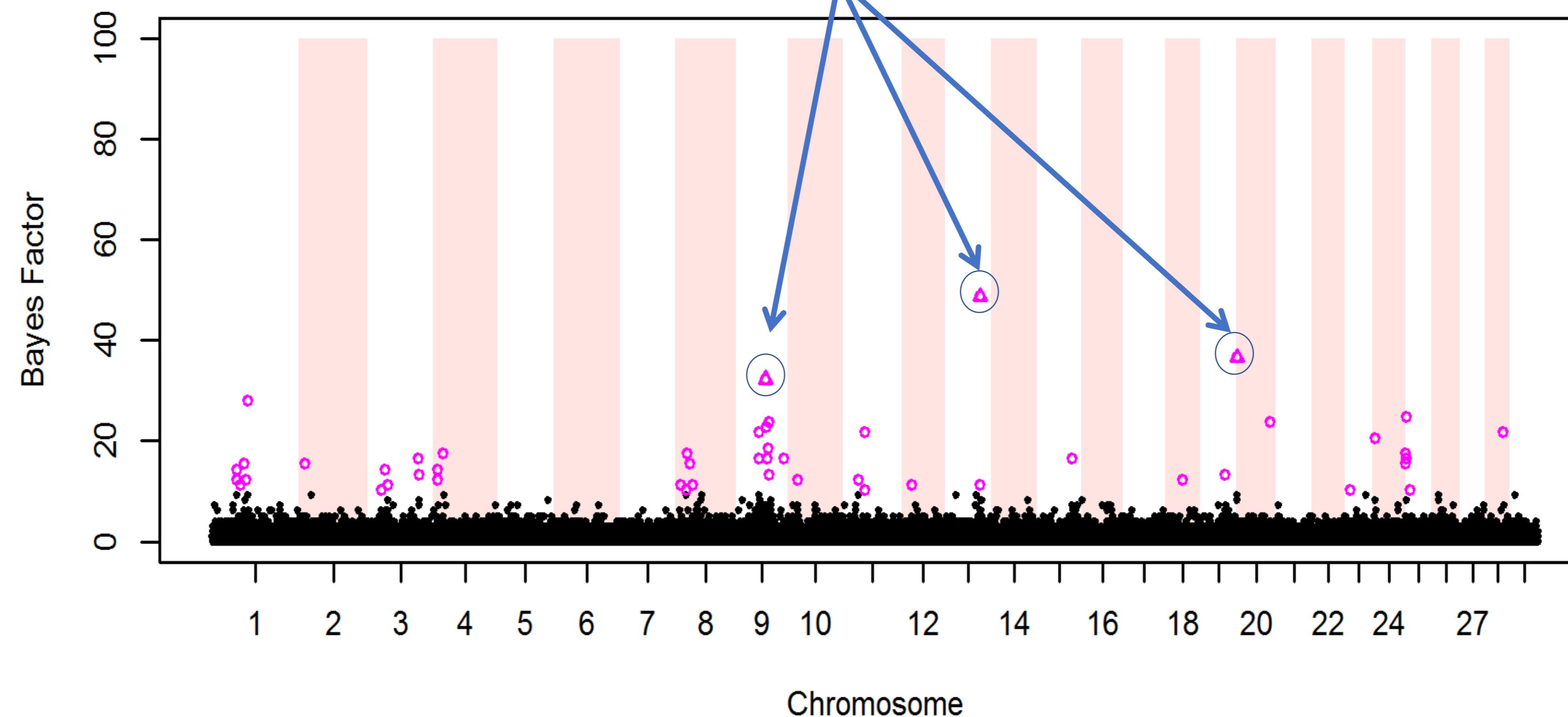


# Genetic architecture

# Identified SNP



## 3 SNP with BF>30



Milk production  
& Type traits

Body size

## 52 SNP & QTL

Health status

\*cow QTL DB

Feeding  
efficiency

Milk production  
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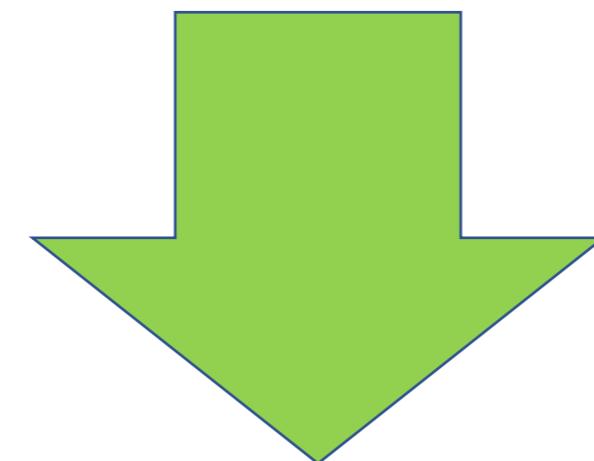
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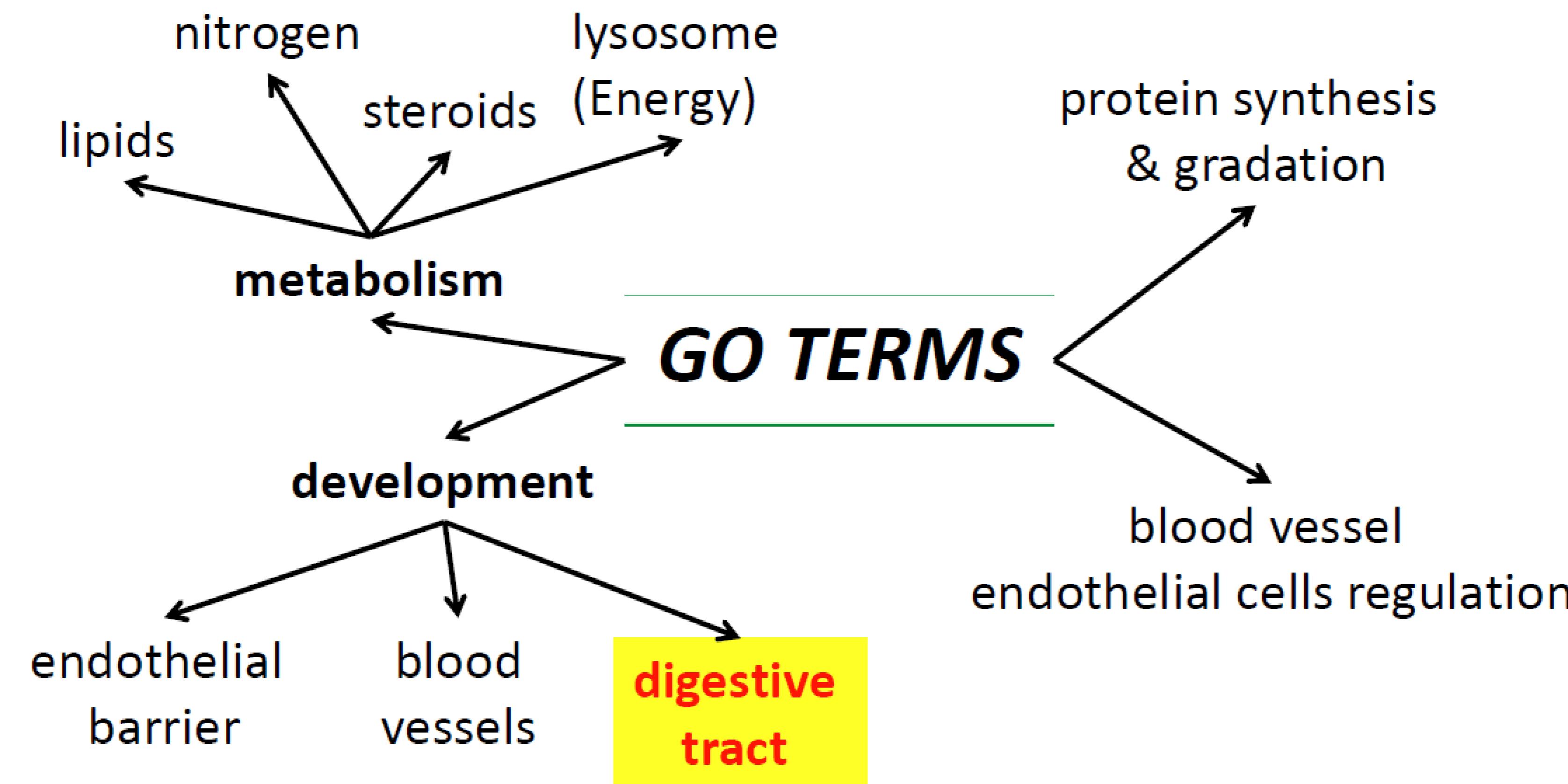
Feeding  
efficiency



***CYP51A1***  
BTA 4

***PPP1R16B***  
BTA 13

***NTHL1, TSC2, PKD1***  
BTA 25



# **Genetic correlations**

# Genetic correlations

Trait	Correlation	95% CI
Fat yield (kg)	0.21	0.09 0.33
Milk yield (kg)	0.15	0.03 0.27
Size	0.15	0.03 0.27
Chest width	0.15	0.03 0.27
Dairy character	0.11	-0.01 0.23

# Genetic correlations

Trait	Correlation	SE
BCS	-0.28	0.10
Chest width	-0.20	0.13
Dairy character	0.28	0.10
Health other	-0.32	0.16
Udder health	0.06	0.19
Insemination succes	0.28	0.21

# Genetic correlations

Trait	DK	NL
Feed intake	0.60 (0.13)	-0.09 (0.38)
FPCM	0.37 (0.15)	0.61 (0.32)
Body weight	0.34 (0.16)	0.16 (0.25)
Feed efficiency <sub>a</sub>	0.42 (0.23)	-0.55 (0.41)
Feed efficiency <sub>b</sub>	0.59 (0.19)	-0.69 (0.38)
Feed efficiency <sub>c</sub>	0.69 (0.15)	0.46 (0.36)

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# Introducing Methane Efficiency!

March 21, 2023

In April 2023, Lactanet Canada will make history by publishing the first official Methane Efficiency genetic evaluations for the Holstein breed. This collaborative initiative with Semex Alliance will make Canada the first country globally to deliver evaluations aimed at reducing methane emissions in dairy cattle.





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3	ESPM9204595970	HUNTER K&L SV ADRIAN SALVATIER	2017	1214	0,08	52	0,13	53	98	1,08	1,30	1,02	129	121	58,0	106	70	117	84	116	94	90	293	1267	99
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1	NLDM0965020507	WILLEM'S-HOEVE WOODY	2018	1242	0,23	69	0,18	59	97	1,59	1,43	1,73	123	125	60,0	90	74	100	87	95		296	1276	99	
2	ESPM9205063930	GIGABALL ET	2019	777	0,26	54	0,10	36	92	1,63	1,87	1,88	134	133	54,0	106	66	102	93	93	97	270	1268	99	
3	ESPM9204595970	HUNTER K&L SV ADRIAN SALVATIER	2017	1214	0,08	52	0,13	53	98	1,08	1,30	1,02	129	121	58,0	106	70	117	84	116	94	90	293	1267	99
4	ESPM9204695956	K&L OH ROSSI GUAY	2018	687	0,56	82	0,23	46	99	0,94	2,02	1,79	111	126	64,0	104	72	113	94		78	66	289	1263	99
5	NLDM0750760847	VEENHUIZER K L JT JAKE ET	2016	1201	0,17	62	0,14	54	97	1,31	1,71	1,73	121	121	65,0	98	76	107	65		100	82	284	1262	99
6	ESPM9204634816	SALVUS ET	2017	1594	-0,28	26	-0,08	43	99	0,62	1,74	1,21	134	124	60,0	113	80	109	88		76	100	259	1261	99
7	ESPM9204741024	PALMER ET	2018	1139	-0,09	31	0,13	50	99	1,19	2,11	1,90	116	128	61,0	116	70	109	94		106	99	281	1260	99
8	ESPM9204896316	CASTROMIL ET	2019	1467	0,19	74	0,02	49	95	0,93	1,37	1,38	117	122	58,0	103	69	112	76		116	110	299	1259	99
9	CANM0012773216	SILVERRIDGE V TIMBERLAKE ET	2017	2034	-0,08	63	0,02	68	99	-0,99	1,46	0,82	112	125	73,0	102	84	117	83		104	110	323	1256	99
10	ESPM9204862008	ADAWAY RIO 2183 ET	2018	2289	-0,21	58	-0,10	62	96	0,21	1,02	0,92	103	130	53,0	105	70	111	89		83	97	302	1256	99
11	ESPM9204829453	HOLMES ET	2018	739	0,47	75	0,42	67	84	0,25	1,26	1,23	116	117	56,0	103	68	106	60		109	98	295	1253	99
12	ESPM9204523525	NEMO G SANTI ET	2017	1356	0,23	74	0,12	57	97	1,19	0,79	1,24	126	116	62,0	91	71	118	75	111	101	100	284	1253	99
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15	CANM0012719303	PROGENESIS HITECH ET	2017	1211	0,16	60	0,04	44	98	0,18	1,79	1,13	122	121	67,0	119	78	115	71		97	89	274	1249	99
16	ESPM9204631170	K&L POPPE GOAL	2017	1007	0,18	55	0,07	40	99	1,24	1,86	1,63	121	116	80,0	111	87	96	94		113	103	259	1249	99
17	ESPM9204932288	GALON ALH IBIZIANA ET	2019	1996	-0,34	32	-0,17	44	93	0,89	1,31	1,06	116	131	56,0	114	68	116	82		98	104	277	1248	99
18	ESPM9204824755	BIDAL ALH GENUITY	2018	1703	0,06	68	0,03	58	93	-0,06	1,39	0,66	125	112	57,0	105	68	108	61		97	115	281	1246	99
19	ESPM9205063929	FAVORITE ET	2019	1440	-0,16	35	-0,02	44	82	1,38	1,07	1,35	122	128	55,0	114	67	111	81		76	98	245	1246	99
20	ESPM9204895627	GENUINE ET	2019	1339	-0,11	36	-0,01	43	97	1,46	1,82	1,85	122	123	55,0	108	67	123	90		80	94	251	1246	99
21	840M3138310311	REDROCK-VIEW KLUTCH ET	2016	844	0,11	42	0,15	43	99	-0,80	2,18	1,25	123	128	81,0	124	88	113	80		90	95	257	1244	99
22	ESPM9204896664	GIGI RED ET	2019	1523	-0,26	26	-0,07	41	83	1,08	1,47	1,26	116	134	55,0	113	67	120	82		88	95	266	1244	99
23	ESPM9204828913	TIRSVAD HOTSPOT HONDO ET	2019	558	0,03	23	0,17	35	98	1,25	1,61	1,53	128	130	57,0	128	70	121	91		105	107	251	1244	99
24	840M3128557570	ABS MEDLEY ET	2015	1279	0,25	73	0,13	55	98	0,51	0,58	0,48	112	125	80,0	106	85	120	81		106	106	297	1243	99
25	ESPM9204631171	VEKIS RISK	2017	1109	0,09	49	0,05	41	93	0,36	1,05	0,88	121	131	63,0	113	75	115	66	113	83	98	265	1243	99

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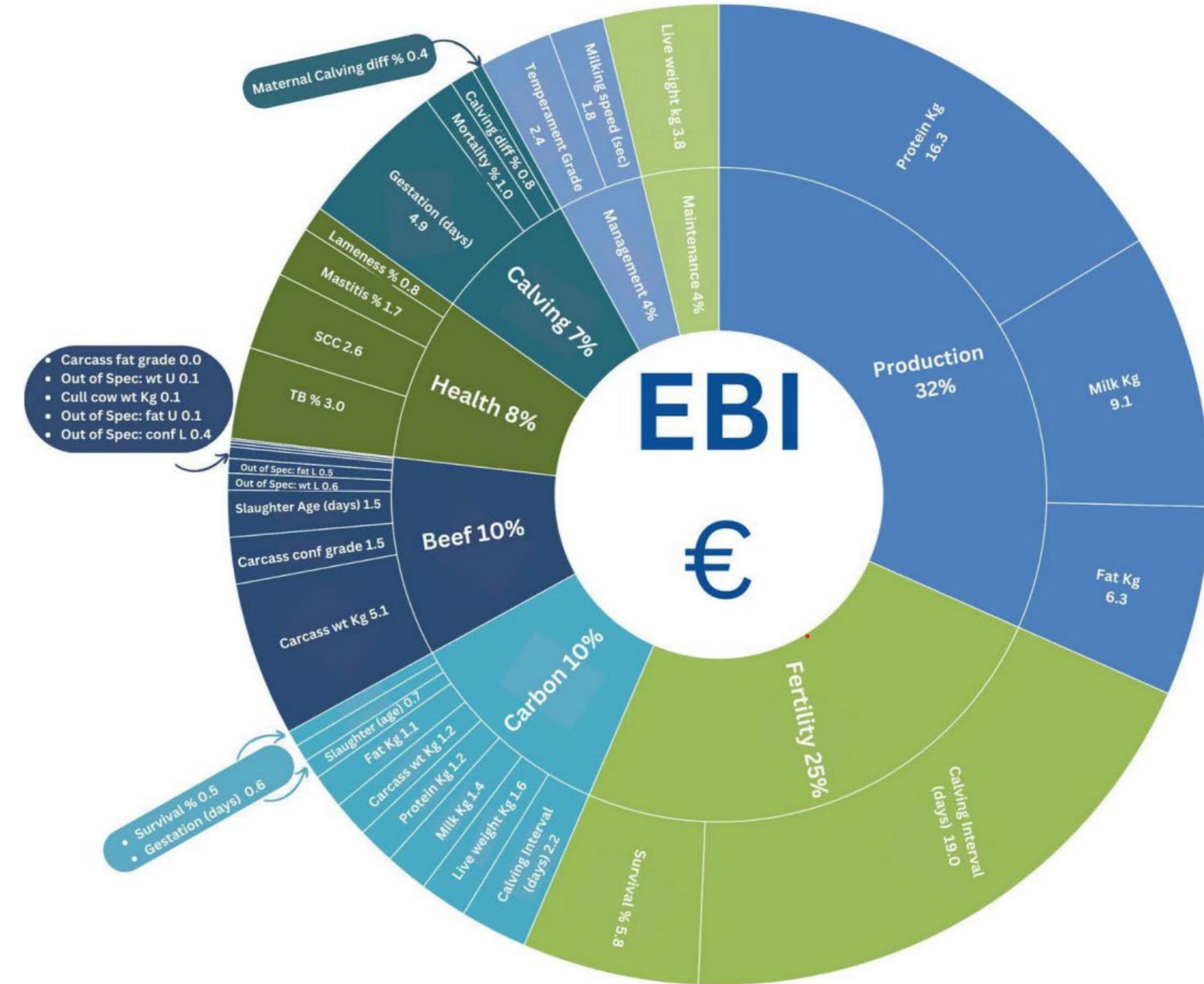


Previous research has shown that some cows naturally emit less methane. It is important to identify these animals and their underlying gene pool. Cattle emit methane primarily through their respiration. The researchers in the current study are analysing the breath of dairy cattle at 100 dairy farms. Their exhalations are sampled by a tube located in the concentrate feeder of the milking robot. By analysing the samples, the differences in methane emissions between individual cows can be determined. This information can also be linked to the genotype of the animal, thus providing more information about the genetic background of the methane emissions of each cow.



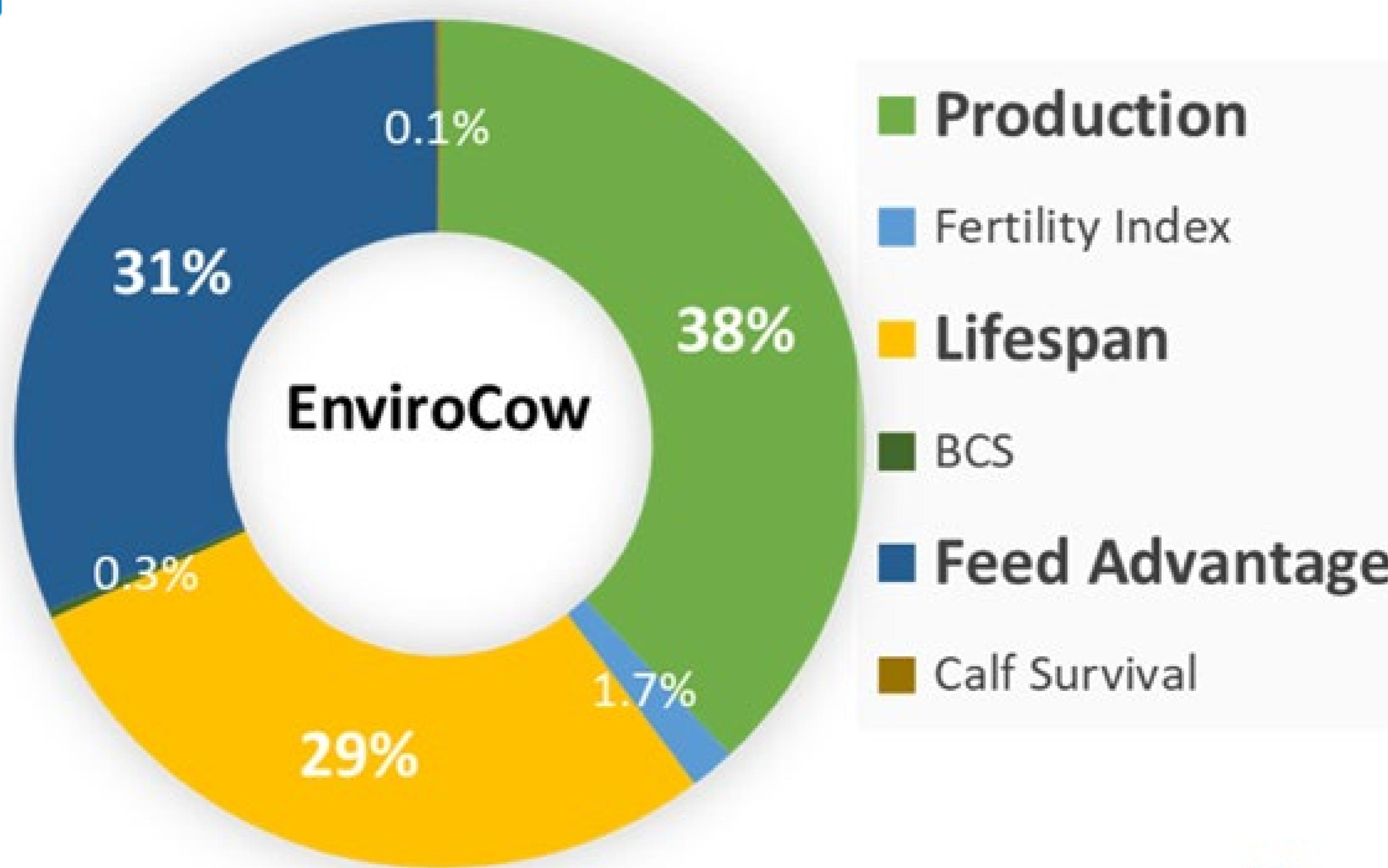
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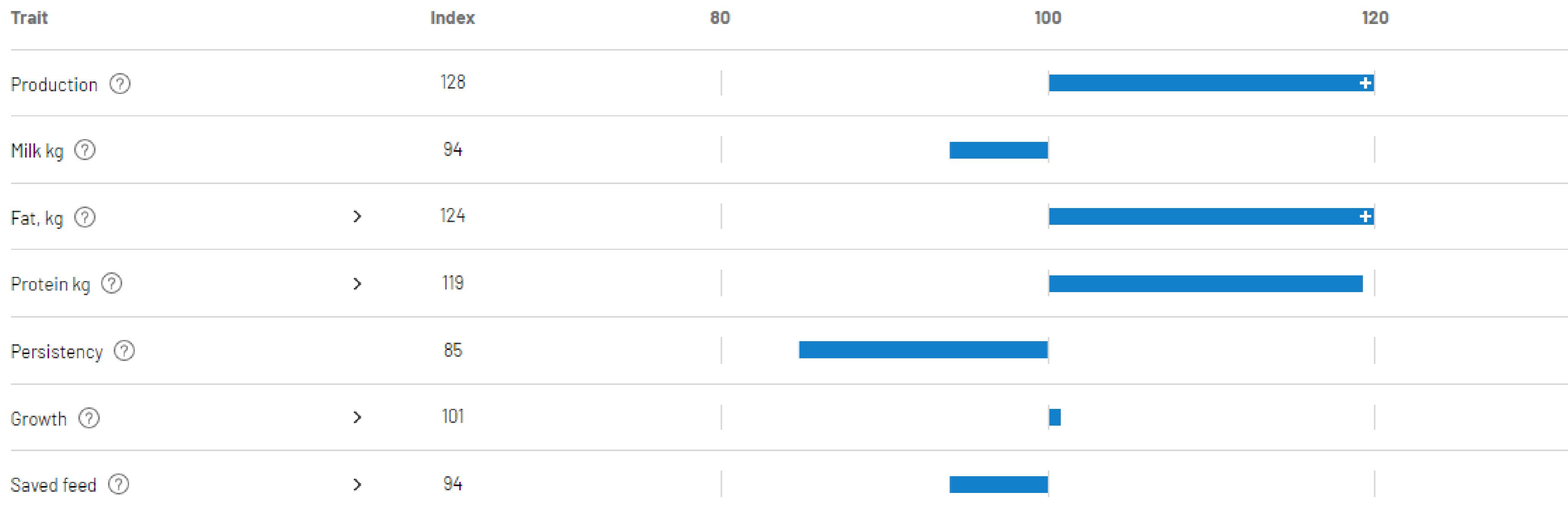


## Important building blocks of efficiency

The CRV indexes give a complete picture of health and efficiency, but it is also possible to target the main components in the breeding strategy. Important building blocks of CRV Efficiency are **production**, **feed efficiency** and **longevity**. The table below shows the effect of breeding for the efficiency\* building blocks.

 Production	 Longevity	 Feed Efficiency
↑ 65 – 195 higher net milk production income (more fat & protein, % and/or kg)	↑ 35 – 405 days longer in production	↑ 2– 6 kg milk more per kg dry matter feed intake
↑ 6500 – 19,500 euro higher profit**	↓ 3700 – 11,100 euro savings in replacement costs**	↑ 6000 – 18,000 euro higher profit**

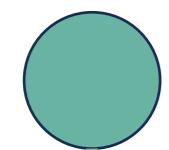
## Production & Efficiency



NAV proof run date: 07-03-2023

Reliability 81 %

Number of daughters: 0



2009 - 2013



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Optimizing reference population for novel traits



2011 - 2013



GREENHOUSEMILK

FP7-PEOPLE-ITN-2008

Genomic tools to help select for reduced GHG emissions



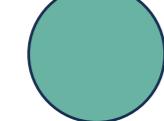
2013 - 2017



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protocols to harmonise large-scale methane measurements  
proxies for methane emissions  
incorporating methane emissions into national breeding strategies.



2013 - 2017



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Genetic and nongenetic factors affecting methane emissions from dairy cows

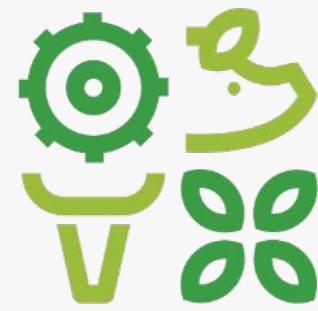


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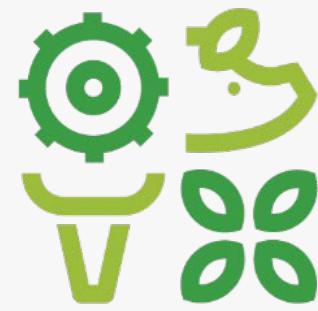
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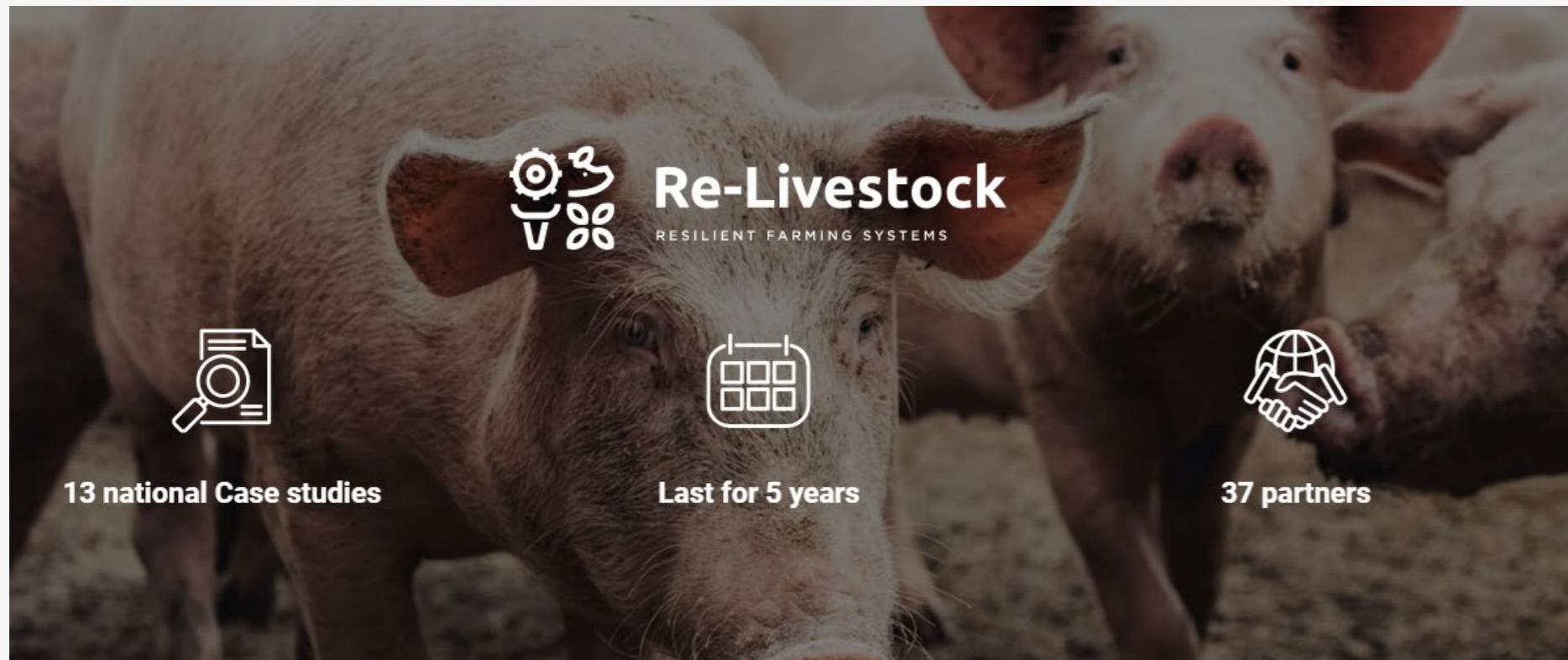


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Powerful data set  
~ 20,000 cows phenotyped for CH<sub>4</sub>  
~ 2,000 cattle with rumen metagenome data



**Global  
Methane  
Hub**

**Main Organization:** Italian Holstein, Brown and Jersey Breeders Association (**ANAFIBJ**)

**Partners in project:** Polish Federation of Cattle Breeders and Dairy Farmers (**PFHBiPM**)

**Re-Grants:** University of Florence (Italy); University of Bologna (Italy) and University of Milan (Italy)

**Project Title:** Accelerating data-collection for GHG emissions in two European dairy cattle countries

**Amount Requested:** 500,000 \$

**Amount of leverage funding:** 617,657 \$

**Overall Budget of Project:** 1,117,656.52 \$

**Proposed Grant Period (total years):** 3

## **1. OVERVIEW**

This three-year project aims to gather and consolidate methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) measurements from Holstein cows in Italy and Poland to enhance GHG emission data collection, create a breeding value estimation (EBV) database, and contribute to a global reference population for reducing cattle's environmental impact. A

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