



Selection for Reduced Methane Emissions: A Global Update

Sélection en vue de la réduction des émissions de méthane: une mise à jour internationale

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Nos outils génétiques

Our Genetic Toolbox



Feed Efficiency
 Efficience alimentaire



Body Maintenance Requirements
 Besoins de maintenance corporelle



Methane Efficiency
 Efficience du méthane

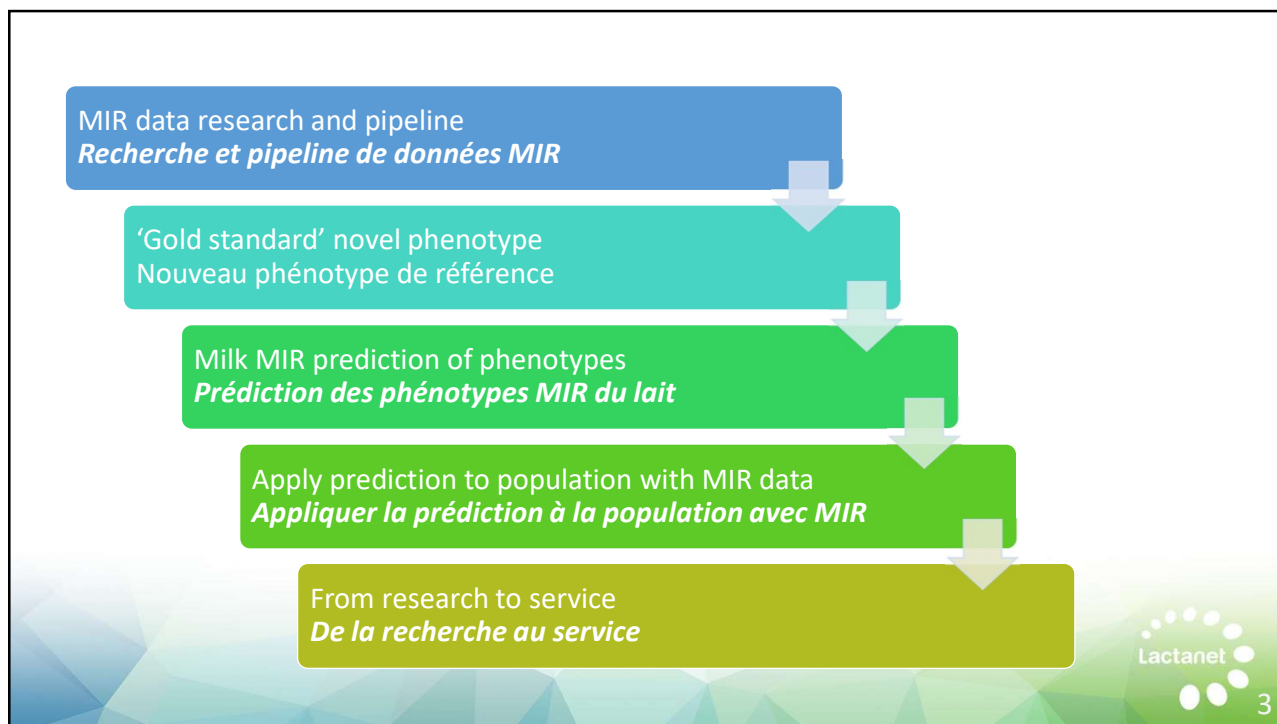


Reduce feed costs
 Réduire les coûts d'alimentation

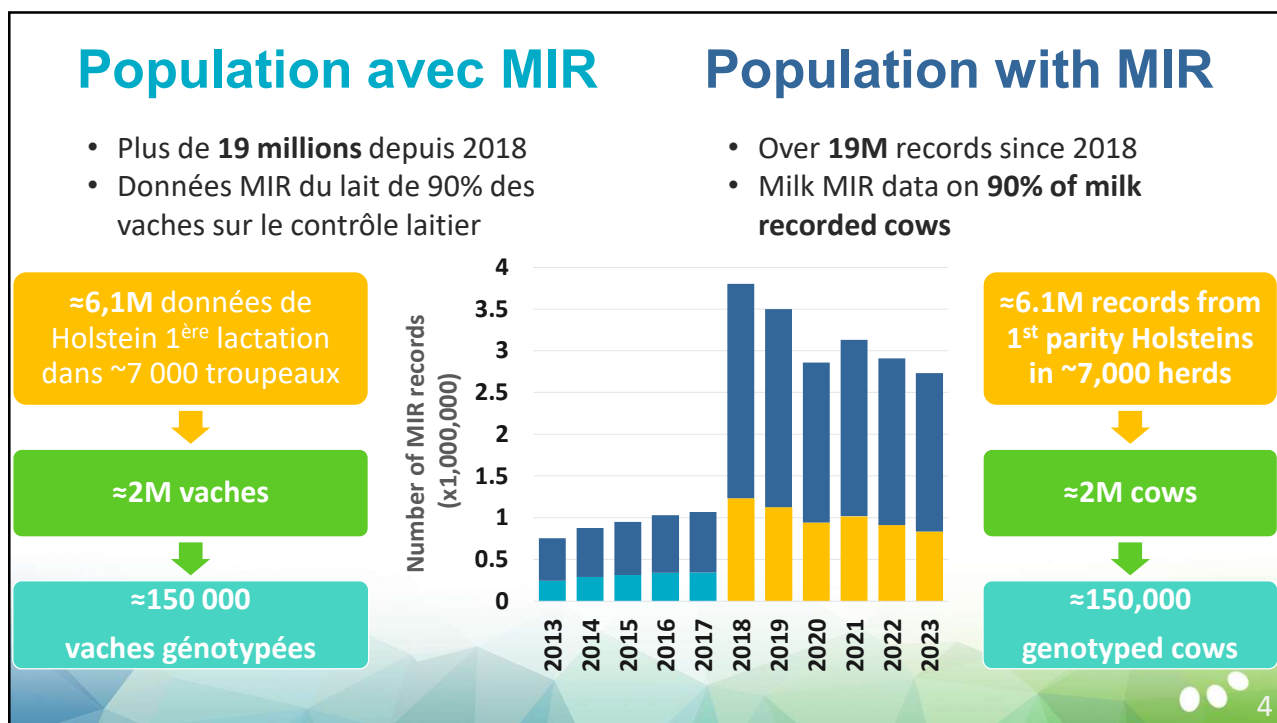


Reduce methane emissions
 Réduire les émissions de méthane

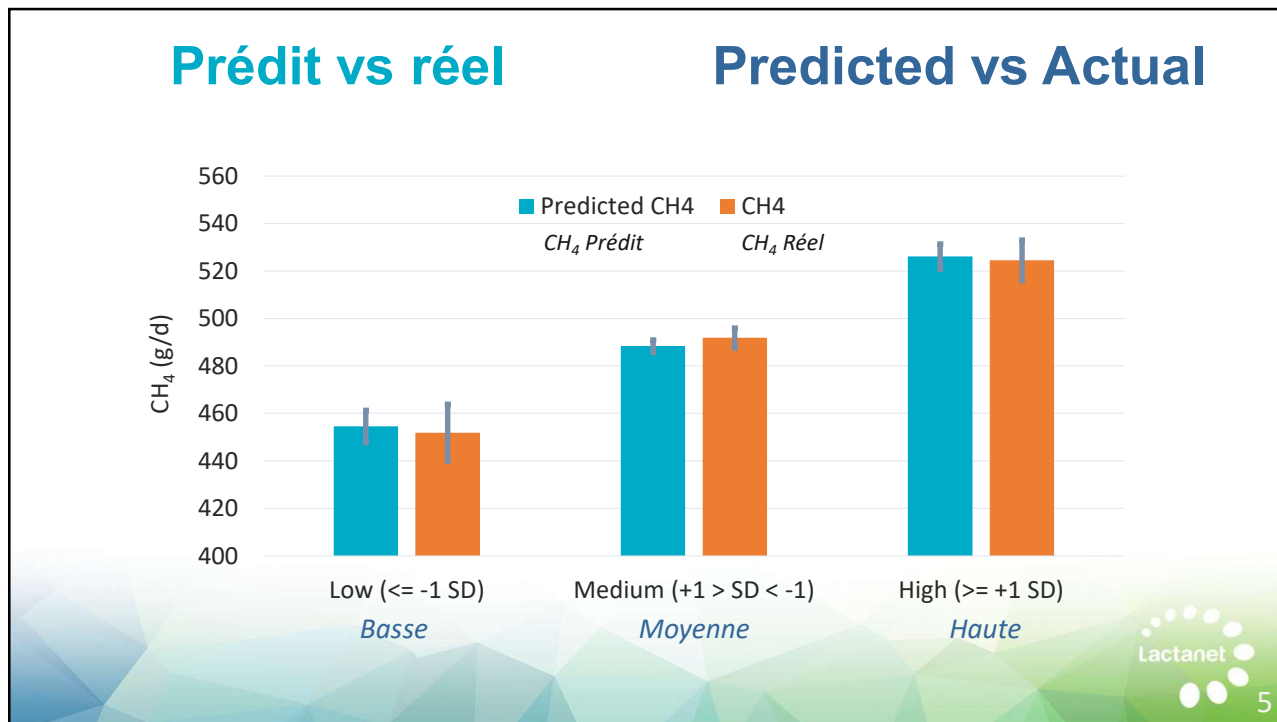
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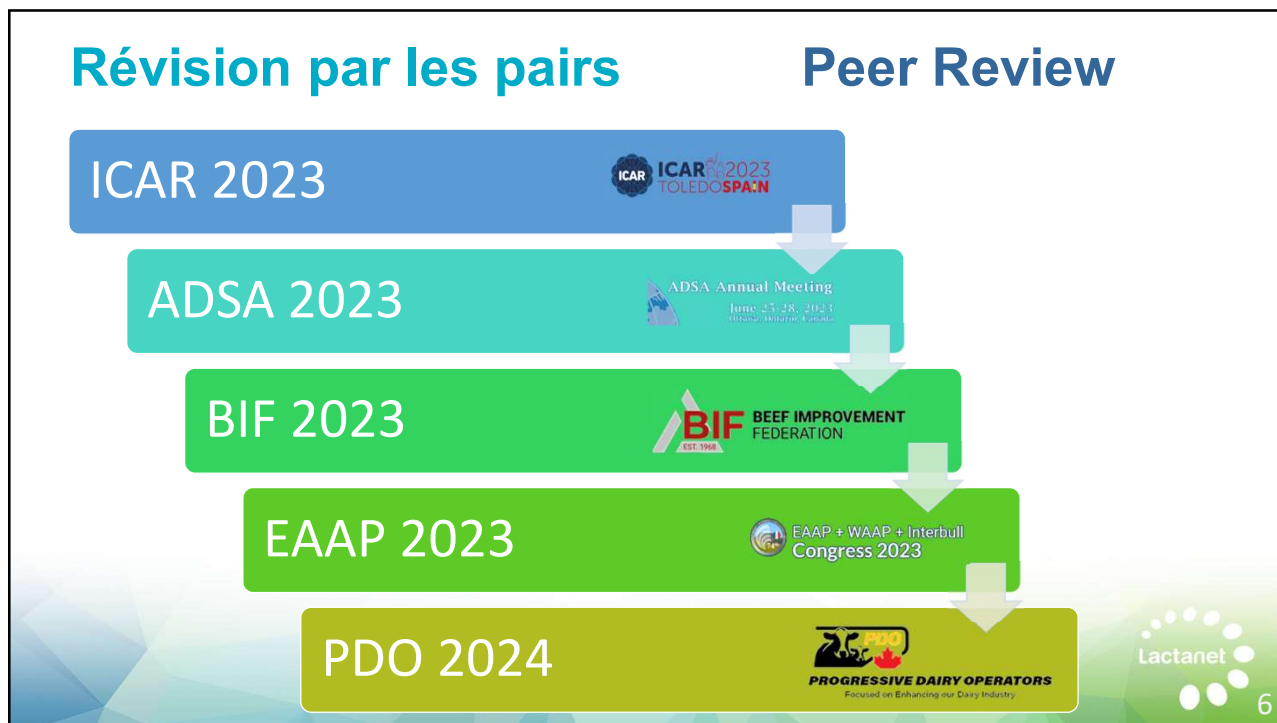
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Révision par les pairs

Peer Review

ICAR 2023



<https://doi.org/10.3168/jds.2023-0431>
Symposium Review
Genetics

ADSA 2023



Symposium Review: Development of genomic evaluation for methane efficiency in Canadian Holsteins

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BIF 2023



Interbull Bulletin



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ICAR FEED AND GAS WG WEBINAR

"USING MIR TO PREDICT METHANE EMISSIONS"

IN COLLABORATION WITH ICAR/IDF EXTRAMIR PROJECT

6 MARCH, 2024 (Fri, 14.00-16.00)

BACKGROUND OF THE SPEAKERS

Per Waaben Hansen (Fellow Data Scientist at FOSS and Affiliated Associate Professor at Univ. of Copenhagen)

Per Waaben Hansen has worked within the field of chemometrics and spectroscopy for more than 30 years with particular focus on the analysis of milk and dairy products using NIR and MIR spectroscopy. He has been involved in the development of the algorithms and mathematical models used in routine dairy spectroscopy equipment, such as MilkoScan and ProScan.

Hélène Soyeurt (Full Professor at the University of Liège)

Hélène Soyeurt is a Full Professor at the University of Liège in the Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech campus located in Belgium. She teaches the courses related to algorithmics and machine learning. Since 2005, she is working on the developments of new tools to extend the use of the milk mid-infrared spectrometry in dairy farming. She was the first to develop equations to predict fatty acids from the milk mid-infrared spectra. Due to her expertise, she is the chair of the joined IDF and ICAR project called Extramir.

Amelie Vanierde (Researcher at the Walloon Agricultural Research Center, Belgium)

She worked for ten years in the milk laboratory team to develop models based on milk MIR spectra to predict phenotypes of interest and in 2019 she achieved a PhD thesis focusing on the development of proxies to estimate enteric CH₄ emissions from milk mid-infrared spectra. She is now part of the Animal production Unit of CRA-W.

Maria Frizzarin (post-doc in Teagasc, Ireland)

Maria Frizzarin is a post-doc in Teagasc (Ireland). She has a bachelor and master degree in animal science and a PhD in mathematics and statistics. During her PhD she worked on developing prediction equations for milk and animal phenotypes.

Filippo Miglior (Senior Advisor and Adjunct Professor, Lactanet and Univ of Guelph)

Expériences in the field over 10y's experience in leading large research projects that included use of milk MIR to predict new phenotypes for dairy cattle breeding, recently been awarded for University of Guelph Innovation Award, together with four University colleagues.

Global Methane Genetics: accelerating genetic progress to reduce methane in ruminants

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Prix prestigieux

International Dairy Federation
Award 2023
Innovation in Climate Action



UNIVERSITY
of GUELPH

Prestigious Awards

University of Guelph
Award 2023
Innovation of the Year



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External Validation

SCIENCE ADVANCES | RESEARCH ARTICLE

ORGANISMAL BIOLOGY

A heritable subset of the core rumen microbiome dictates dairy cow productivity and emissions

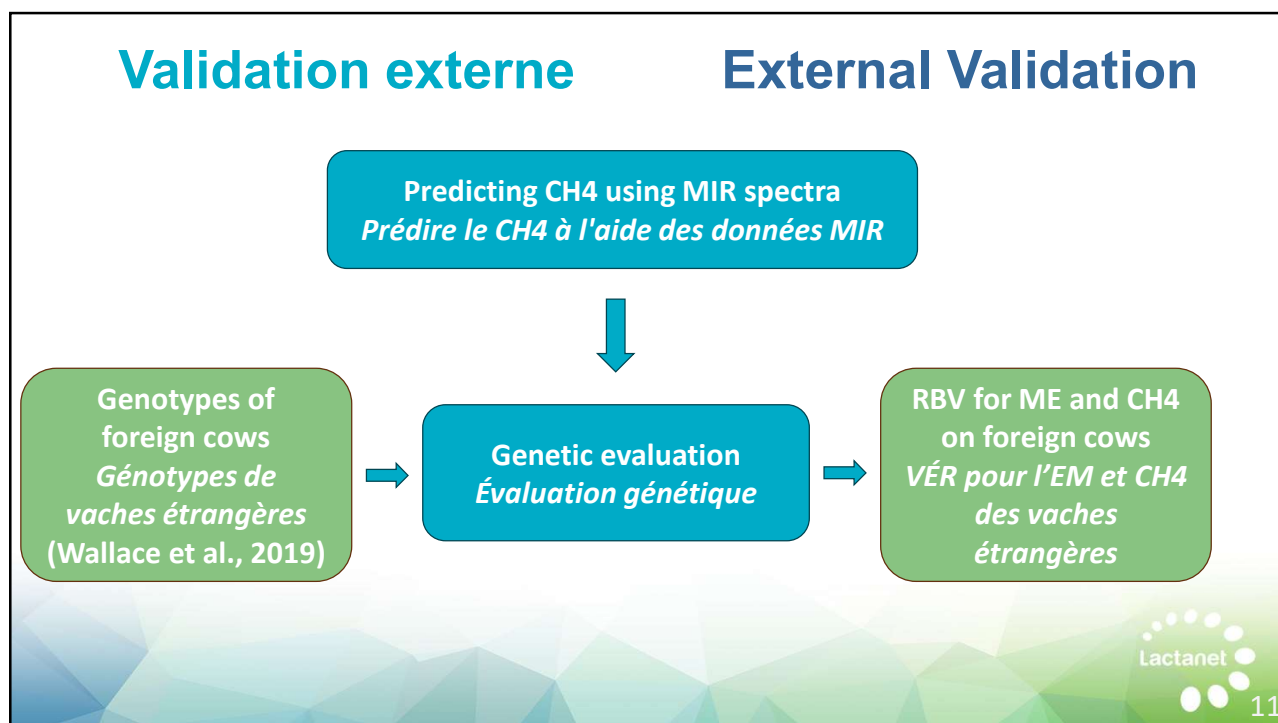
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A 1000-cow study across four European countries was undertaken to understand to what extent ruminant microbiomes can be controlled by the host animal and to identify characteristics of the host rumen microbiome axis that determine productivity and methane emissions. A core rumen microbiome, phylogenetically linked and with a preserved hierarchical structure, was identified. A 39-member subset of the core formed hubs in co-occurrence networks linking microbiome structure to host genetics and phenotype (methane emissions, rumen and blood metabolites, and milk production efficiency). These phenotypes can be predicted from the core microbiome using machine learning algorithms. The heritable core microbes, therefore, present primary targets for rumen manipulation toward sustainable and environmentally friendly agriculture.

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Résumé des données **Summary of Data**

Wallace et al., 2019

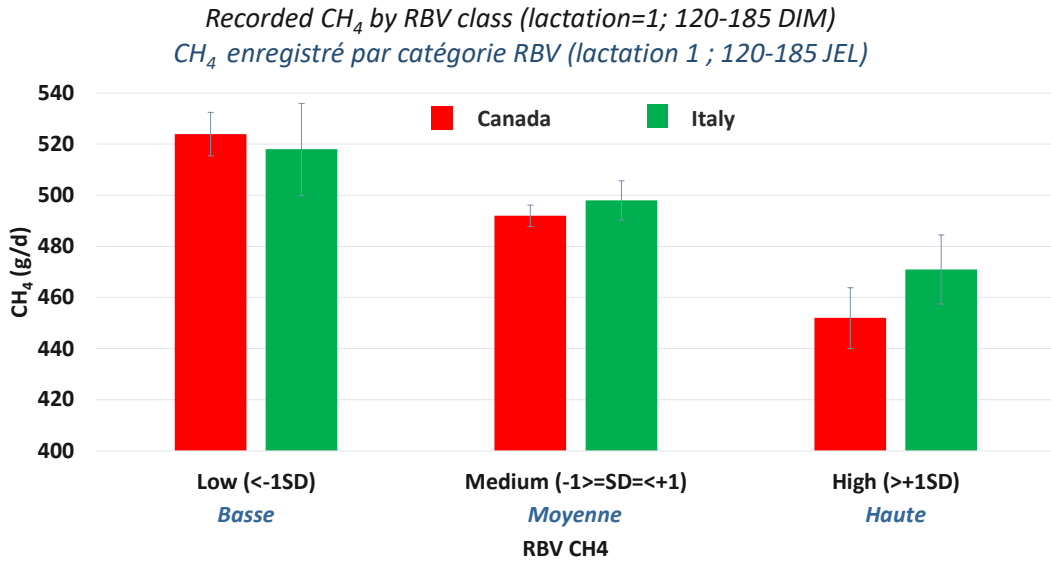
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Chambers / <i>Chambre</i>	100 (1)	FI	Nordic Red	100
Green Feed <i>Boîte alimentation</i>	405 (3)	IT	Holstein	398
	100 (1)	SE	Nordic Red	99
Sniffers in robots <i>Renifleurs au robot</i>	407 (2)	UK	Holstein	398

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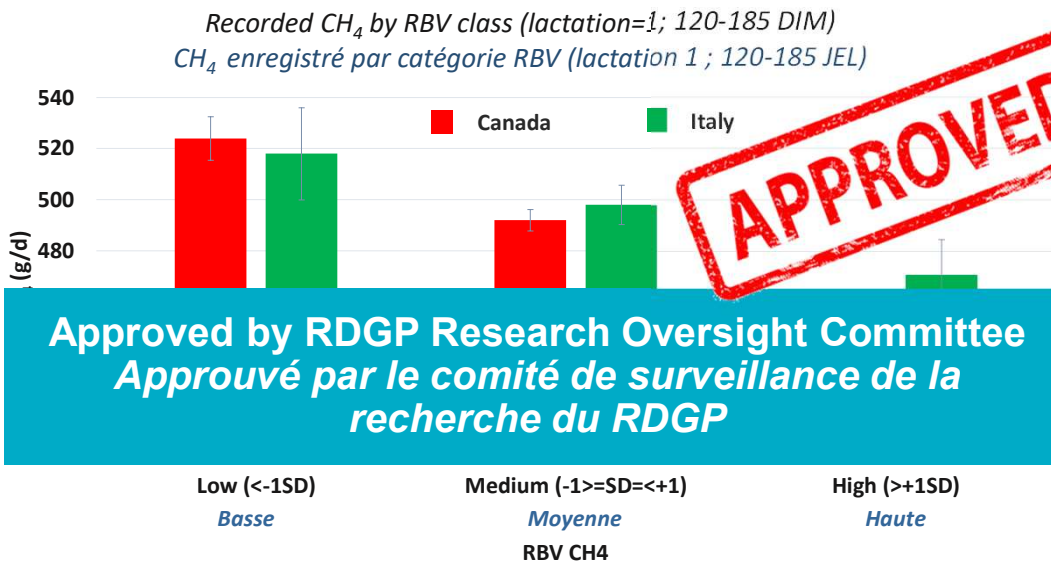
External Validation



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Stratégie actuelle

- Améliorer la prédiction MIR pour CH4
 - Augmenter le nombre de données CH4 avec GreenFeed
- Collecter le CH4 dans les fermes commerciales
 - 66 MooLoggers dans ~30 fermes équipées de robots de traite à travers le Canada
 - Races Holstein, Jersey et Ayrshire
 - Parités multiples et lactations complètes
 - Différents systèmes d'alimentation et de gestion
- Relier le CH4 prédit du lait individuel MIR au test de lait du réservoir

Current Strategy

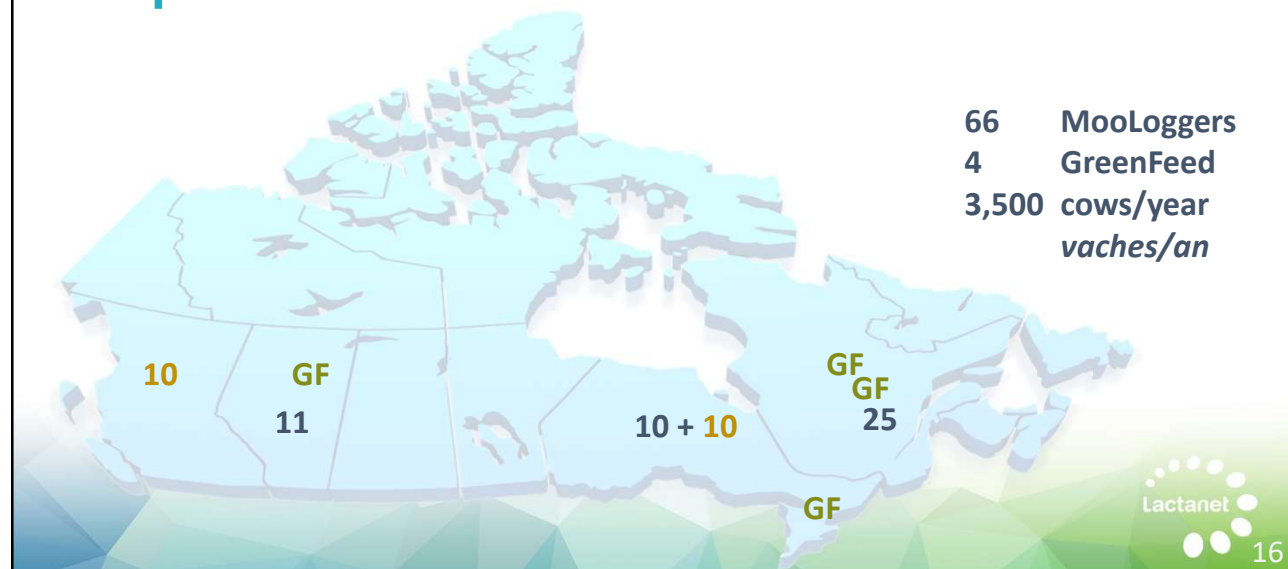
- Enhance MIR prediction for CH4
 - Increase # CH4 records with GreenFeed
- Collect CH4 in commercial farms
 - 66 MooLoggers in ~30 farms equipped with milking robots across Canada
 - Target Holstein, Jersey and Ayrshire herds
 - Multiple parities and full lactation
 - Different feeding and management systems
- Link up individual milk MIR predicted CH4 to bulk milk test



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Distribution of CH4 collection across Canada Répartition de la collecte de CH4 au Canada



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Renifleur MooLogger

Sniffer MooLogger

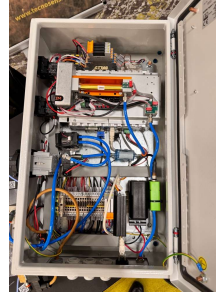
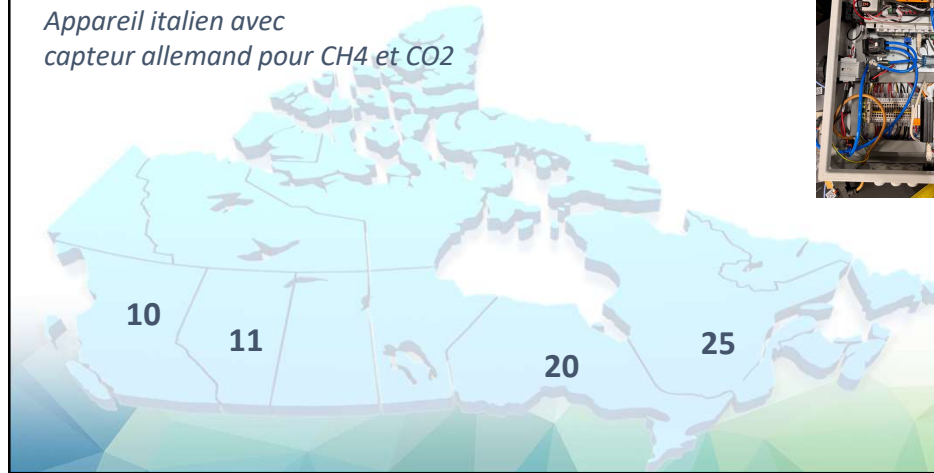
MooLogger

Tecnosens SPA

Brescia, Italia

Appareil italien avec

capteur allemand pour CH4 et CO2



MooLogger

Tecnosens SPA

Brescia, Italia

Italian device with German

sensor for CH4 and CO2

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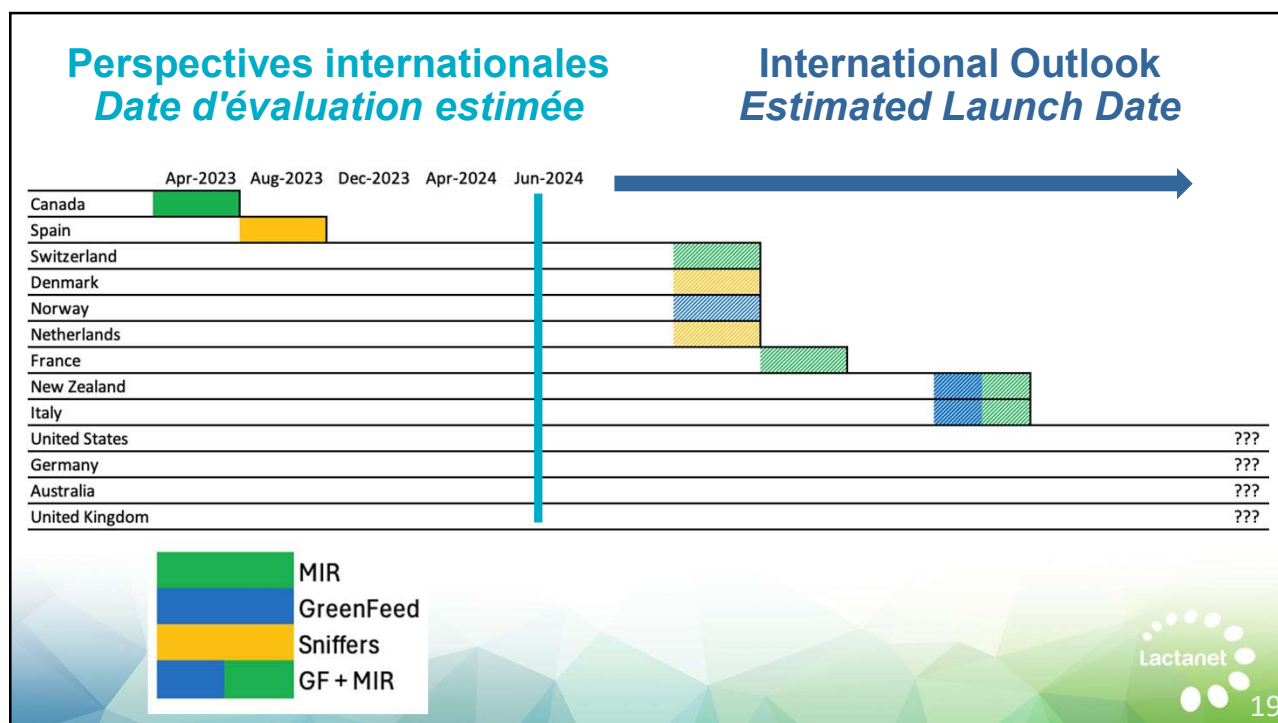


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Conclusion

- Plus d'un an après le lancement de l'EM:
 - Présenté à différentes occasion (réunions scientifiques et de producteurs)
 - Plusieurs publications évaluées par des pairs
 - Validation réussie avec les données externes
 - Approuvé par le comité de surveillance du RDGP
 - Lauréat de prix prestigieux
- La stratégie de renifleurs est en cours
- Plusieurs pays tentent de rattraper notre avance
- Plusieurs projets dans le monde utilisent MIR pour prédire le CH4

Summary

- Over one year since ME launch:
 - Presented at various forms (scientific and producers' meetings)
 - Multiple peer reviewed publications
 - Successful validation using external data
 - Approved by RDGP oversight committee
 - Winner of prestigious awards
- Sniffer strategy is in progress
- Multiple countries are trying to catch up to our early start
- Worldwide initiatives using MIR to predict CH4

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Thank You

Merci

