

Edificações para a redução do impacto ambiental na produção animal



Animal facilities that reduce the environmental impact of animal production

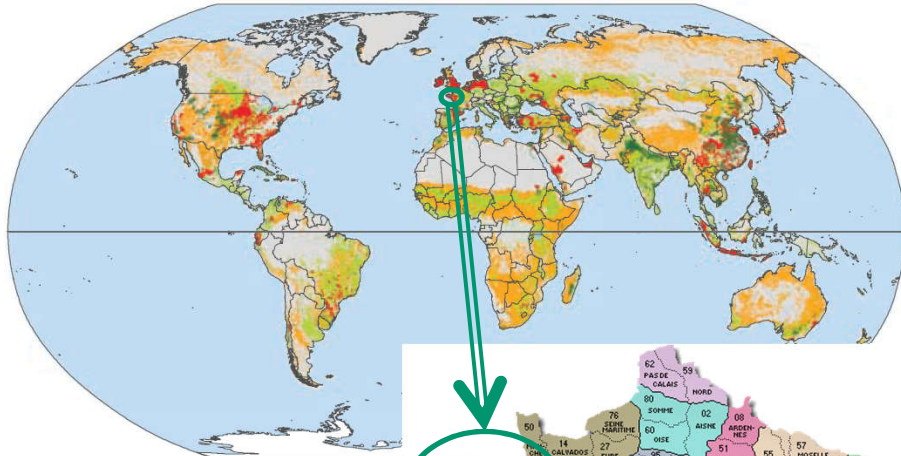
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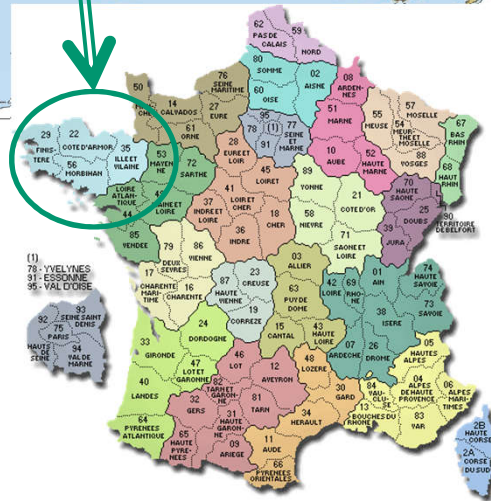


Where?



Livestock production systems

- Mixed, irrigated
- Mixed, rangeland
- Grazing
- Other type



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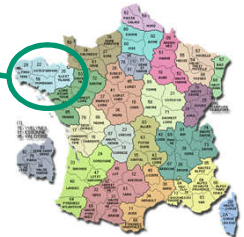
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What?

INRA research centre, Rennes
Brittany - Lower Normandy



260 researchers within 23 units

880 ha for crop and animal research (mainly cow, swine, fish)

Promotes sustainable agriculture in 4 subject areas:

- **Quality of dairy produce and food industry innovation**
- **Water quality and quality of aquatic ecosystems**
- **Overall assessment of animal industries**
- **Plant resistance to bioaggressors and environment**
(and also animal housing...)

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Outlines

- **Introduction:** definitions, problem statement
- **Material & methods:** factors, interactions
- **Results:** techniques, systems
- **Discussion:** efficiency, strategy, trajectories of change
- **Conclusion:** plan-do-check-act = tool development

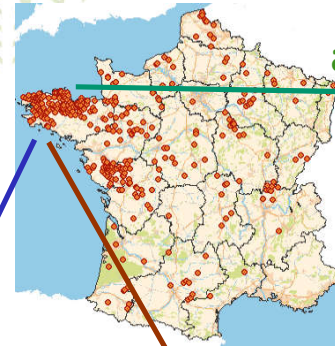


Définitions

- environmental impact?
- animal facility?
- problem statement

❖ Definitions: “environmental impact” of animal facilities

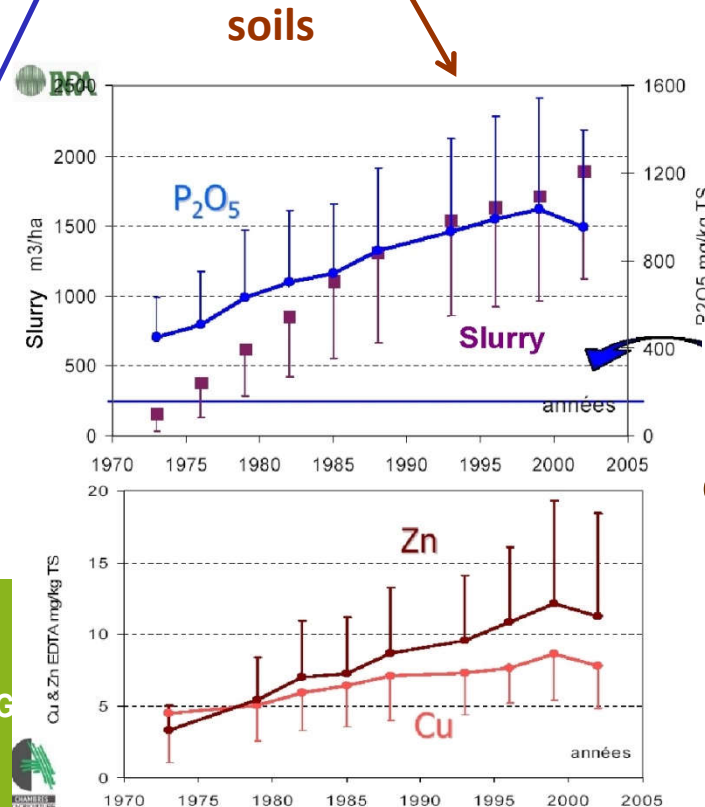
- ❑ Pollution of air, water, soils
- ❑ Resource depletion (energy, phosphorus, forests, erosion)
- ❑ Loss of biodiversity (continental, oceans)



animal farms, France



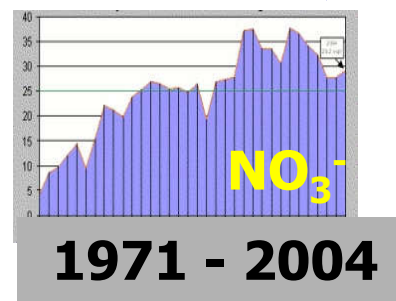
Kyoto Protocol



30 years monitoring on 180 plots with pig slurry inputs



Green tides



water

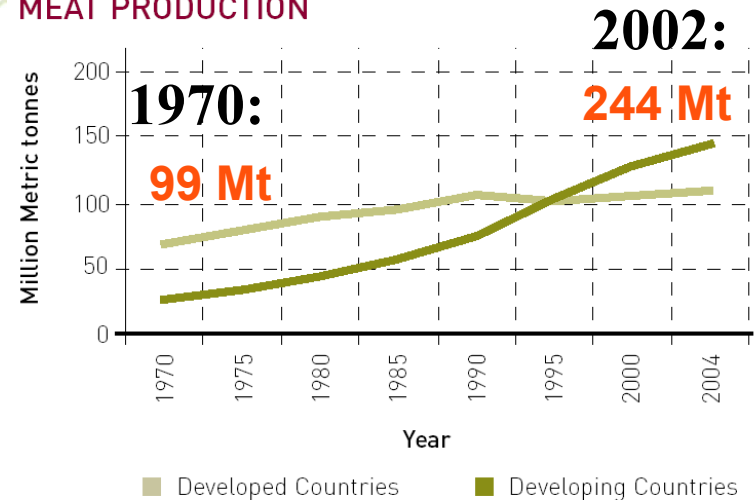
❖ Definitions: “impact” = services of animal facilities

- ❑ Production of meat, eggs, leather
- ❑ Recycling of byproducts of agroindustry
- ❑ Employment, traditional dishes & activities, farm tourism
- ❑ Production of renewable energy, fertilizers

$$\frac{kg \times alloc (< 1)}{year}$$



MEAT PRODUCTION



Source: FAO (2005)



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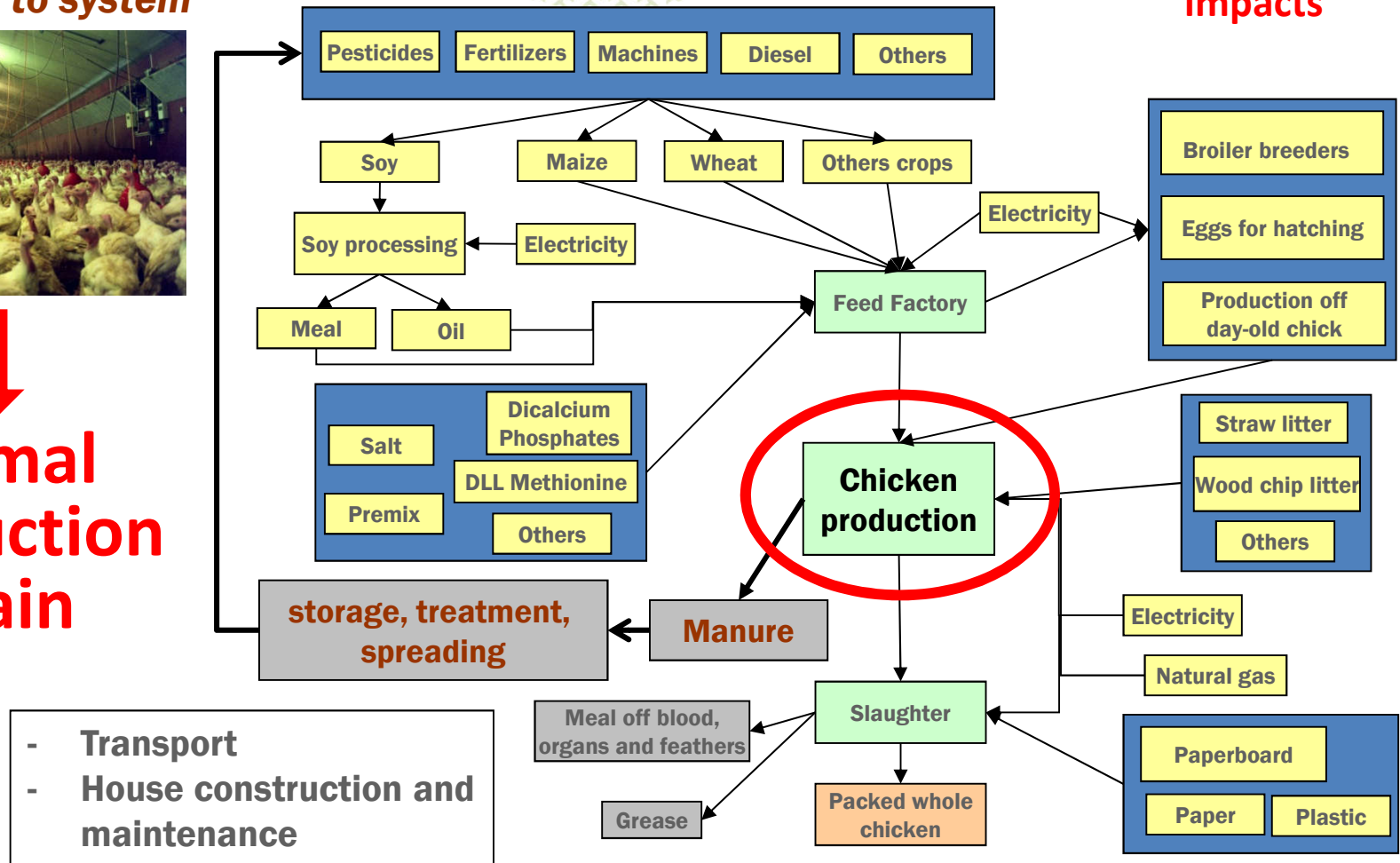
❖ Definitions: “animal facilities”

from house to system



animal production chain

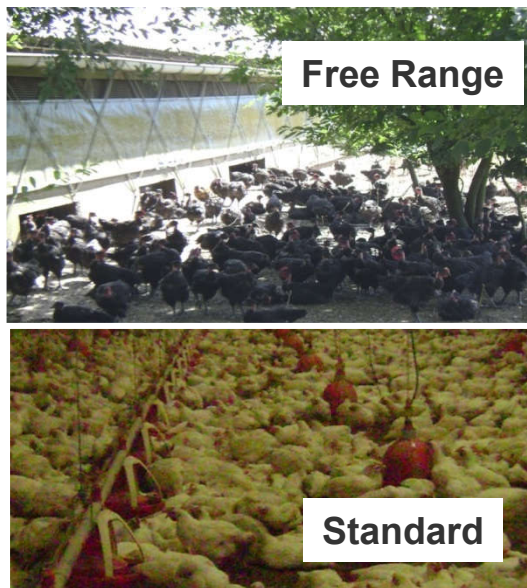
direct & indirect impacts



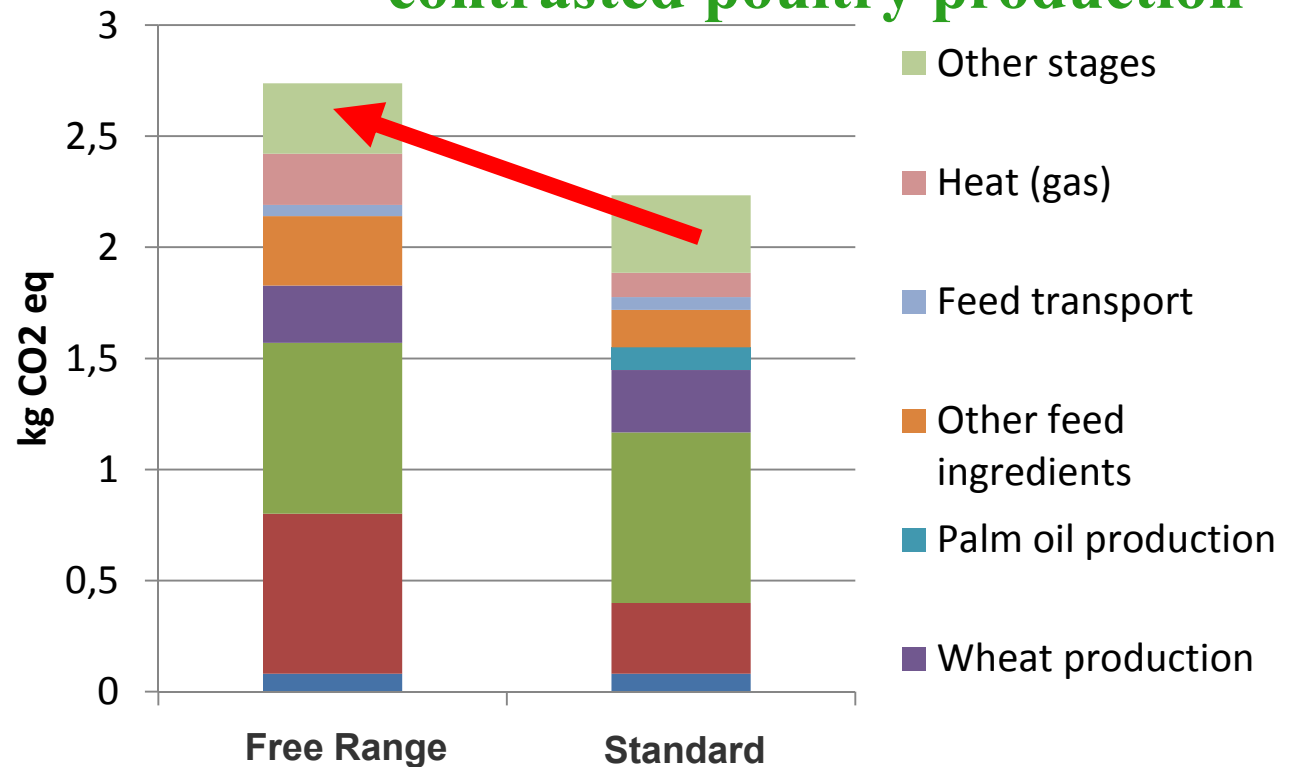
❖ Definitions: expression of impact with the choice of a “functional unit”

$$\frac{\text{kg} \times \text{alloc} (< 1)}{\text{year} \times \text{UF}}$$

Impact on climate change of **1 kg of chicken live weight**



contrasted poultry production



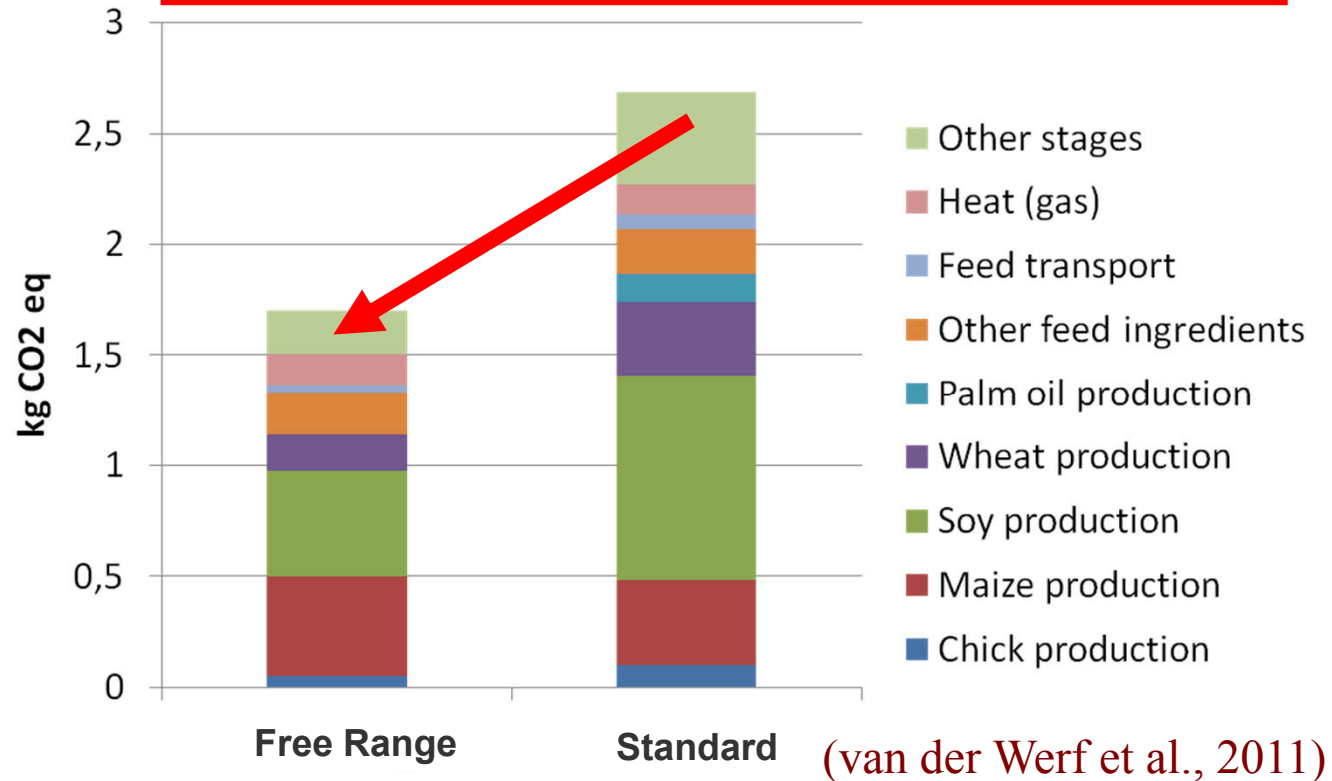
(van der Werf et al., 2011)

❖ Definitions: expression of impact with the choice of a “functional unit”

Impact on **climate change** of **1 euro** of chicken **live weight**



Free range production produces less impact at constant meat budget (1 euro meat)



❖ Definitions: “animal facilities”



**animal
production
chain**

$$\left(\frac{kg \times alloc(<1)}{year \times UF} \right) \times risk$$

- ❑ Various productions = allocation of impacts
(decrease of impacts/kg meat or /ha or /€)
- ❑ Recycling of byproducts, energy production = decrease in resource use
- ❑ Variability of production chains (typologies of production systems: soil & climate, size, changing socio-economical environment, various local/global society's expectations)

❖ Definitions: problem statement



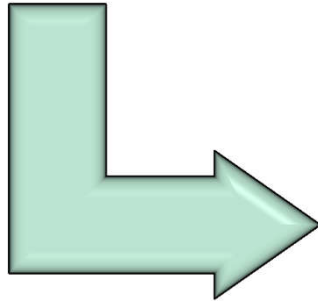
**animal
production
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territory

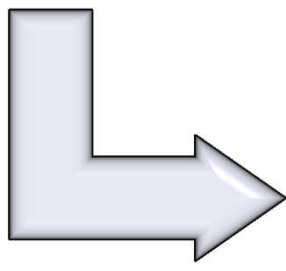
$$\left(\frac{kg \times alloc(< 1)}{year \times UF} \right) \times risk$$

- ❑ **How to take advantage of farm plasticity and territory opportunities to**
 - **improve recycling (risk),**
 - **decrease pollutant emissions (kg),**
 - **increase multifunctionality (alloc, UF)**

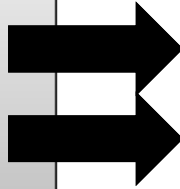
influencing factors



levers for action



strategies



technical solutions

animal production chain

territory





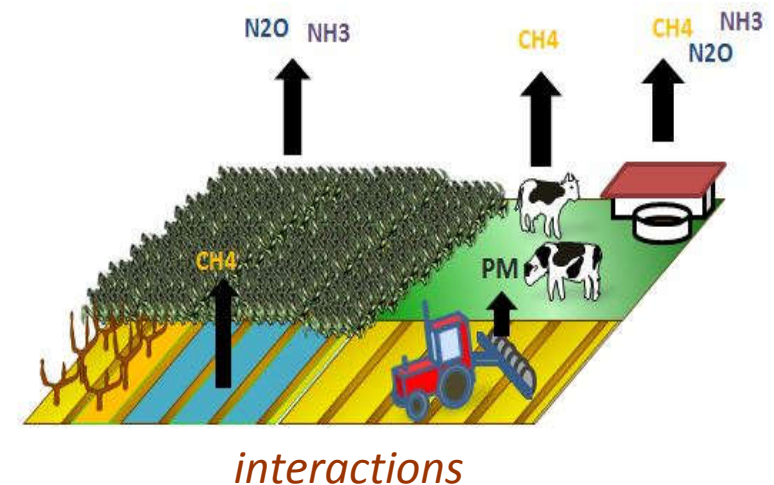
Material & methods

- identifying factors that decrease the impacts
- analyze the interactions that can affect the result

❖ M&M: factors that decrease the impacts

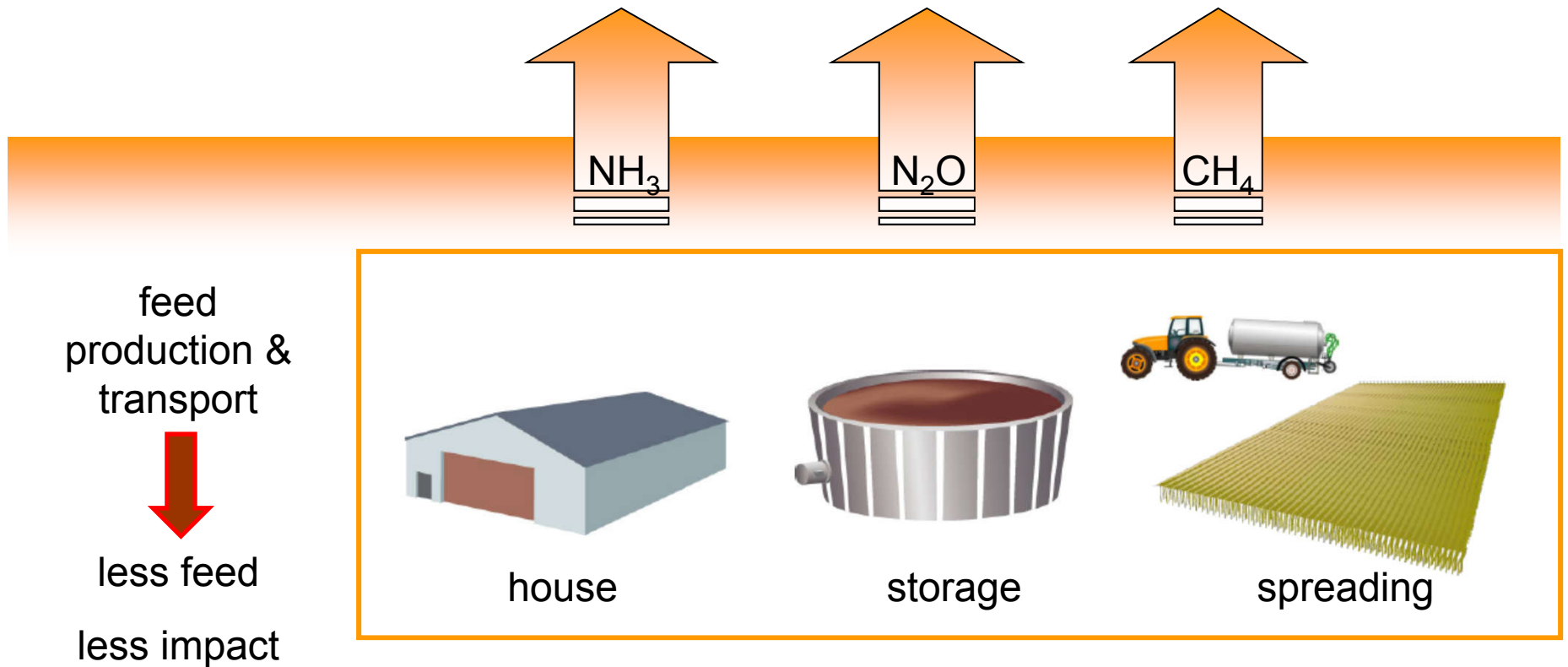
1. Knowledge development: process understanding

- ❖ Scientific research: understanding the emitting processes, kinetics, influencing parameters
- ❖ Validate models with observations in commercial farms



❖ M&M: factors that decrease the impacts

1. Knowledge development: characterize existing farms



manure management => increase in fertilizers, less in emissions

❖ M&M: factors that decrease the impacts

1. Knowledge development: process understanding

factors
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feed efficiency

- ✓ feed fitted to animal requirements (e.g. -17% NH₃/pig)
- ✓ feed digestibility (energy, proteins, phosphorus, etc.)
 - feed additives
 - feed designed to improve manure processing (e.g. fiber for biogas production)
 - optimal climate control

❖ M&M: factors that decrease the impacts

1. Knowledge development: process understanding

factors
influencing
the

conservation &
transformation
of excreted
molecules

- ✓ Characteristics of manure: pH, porosity, nitrogen content, oxygen availability, moisture...
- ✓ Climate variables: air temperature and humidity, air speed, area of manure,
 - Farming practices: manure additives, frequency of manure removal, emitting area
 - Hazards (e.g. health, climate, costs)

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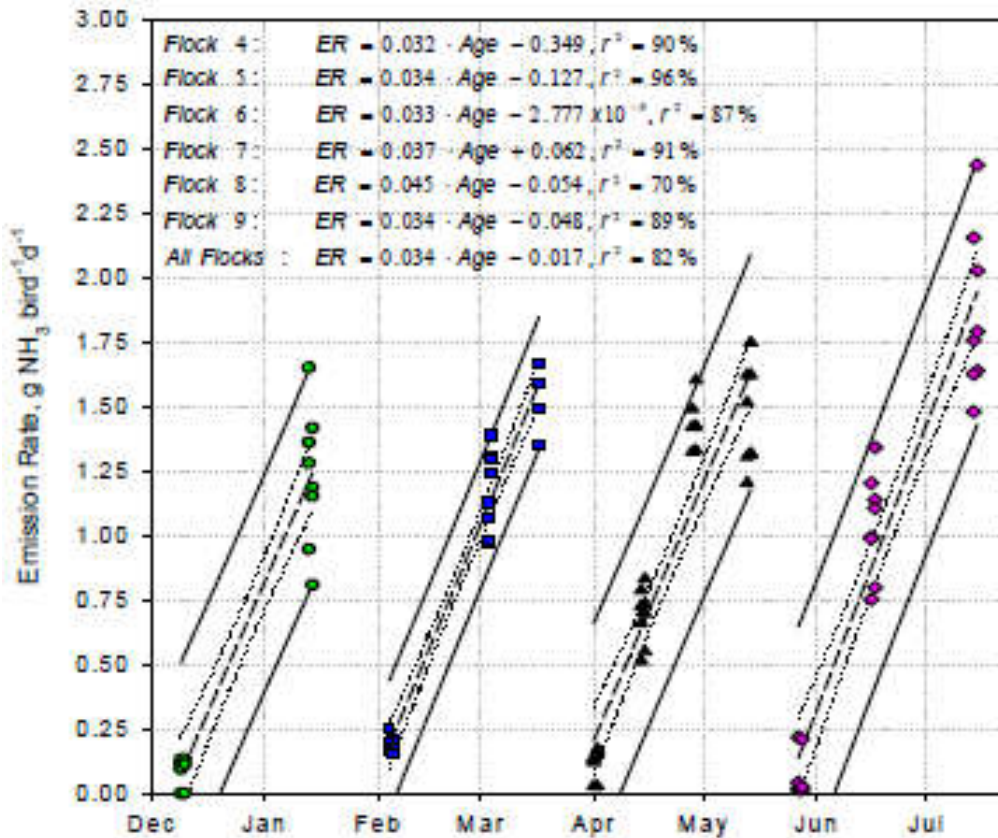
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exhaust air

- ✓ air circulation
- ✓ air treatment
 - heat recovery (energy saving)

❖ M&M: modeling equations

Ammonia emission: function of age, excretion, moisture



Casey et al., 2005

Broiler houses

- +litter temperature
- +heat production
- +animal species

Check the representativeness of literature values with direct observations or farmer data!

❖ M&M: interactions

1. *Gaseous losses at various scales*

- ❖ Animal: CO₂, H₂O, CH₄ are released (50% C, H₂O intake)
- ❖ House: CO₂, H₂O, NH₃, N₂O, N₂, CH₄ are released from manure, sometimes after air treatment (20-60% of excreted nitrogen)
- ❖ Farm: gases are also released but fields also collect rainfall and dry deposition => net emissions can be negative (e.g. C storage in forests increased by N_{gas} deposition; CH₄ sink by agricultural soils)
- ❖ Region: farm interacts with other activities; recycling or organic byproducts/biomass production can contribute to emission decrease

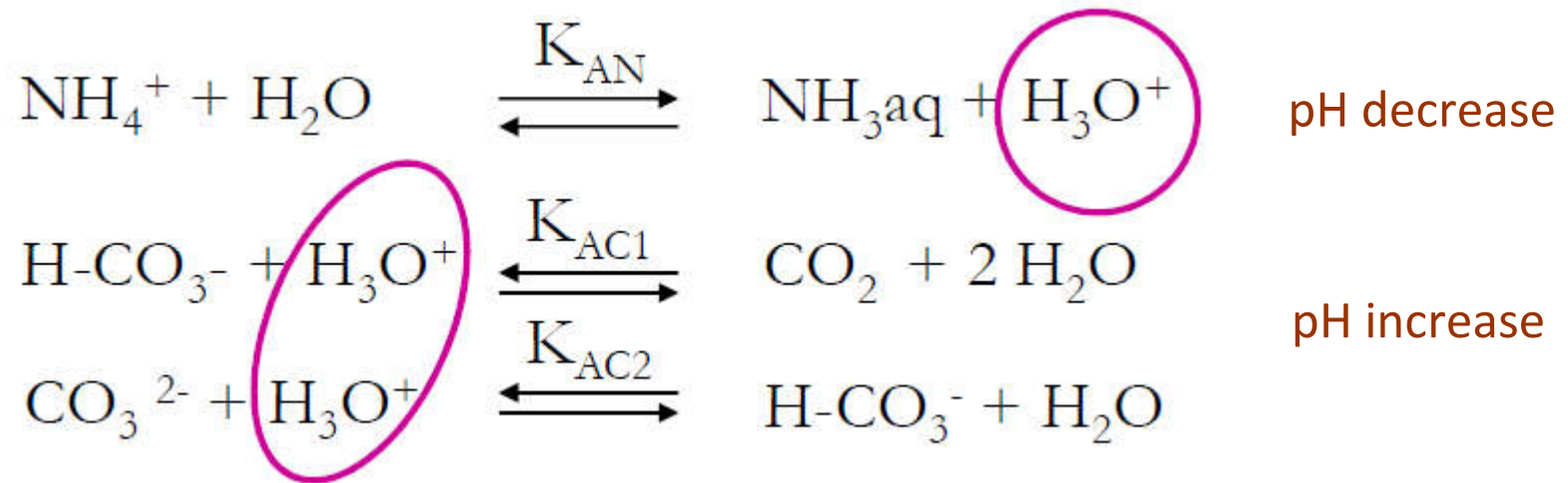
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1. C-N-H₂O-O₂ are necessary but not sufficient to explain emission variability (to manage emission reductions)

- ❖ Climate influence => temperature, rainfall
- ❖ Biological activity => toxicities, synergies explain limiting or accelerating factors
- ❖ Non linearity of biology: feedbacks can be positive then negative around a threshold
- ❖ Scale effects => analysis of biological & social functions (e.g. food chain)

❖ M&M: interactions

2.example: pH control in manure (CO₂ and NH₃ are both emitted from manure)



❖ pH influences emissions and biological processes and is affected by C-N emission ratio

❖ M&M: interactions

2. Example at house scale: consequences on composition of manure and emissions of NH_3 , GHG, H_2O



Factors influencing the manure composition

- ventilation
- animal density
- soil (concrete, earth), the litter
- drinking equipment
- health of the livestock
- feed
- animal species
- storage
- treatment or spreading equipments

*prediction
not possible*



*farm
observations*



Results

- example of techniques
- example of systems

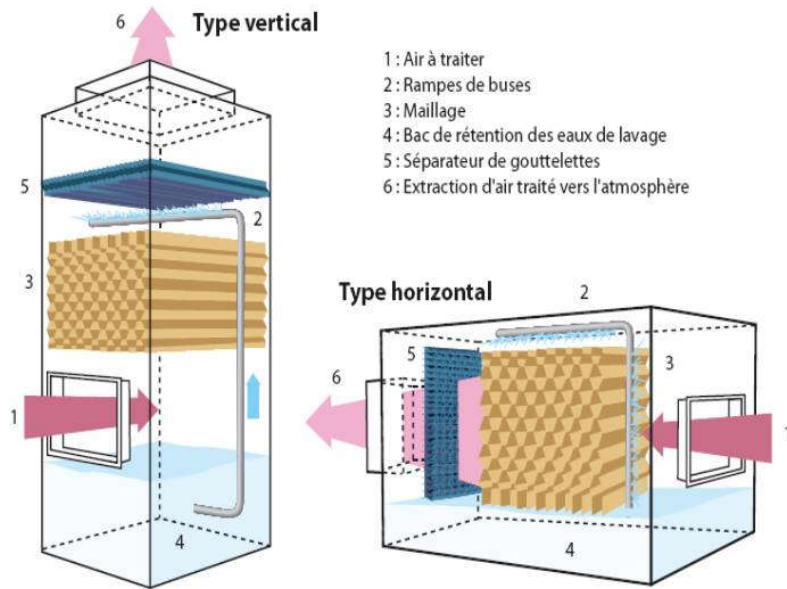
From process understanding to technology development



(Guingand, 2011)

From process understanding to technology development

1.1. Air treatment



Decrease ammonia
Decrease particles
Decrease odors



pros

ammonia: 50 - 90 % with acid
odors: 40 - 70%
particles: 70 - 90%

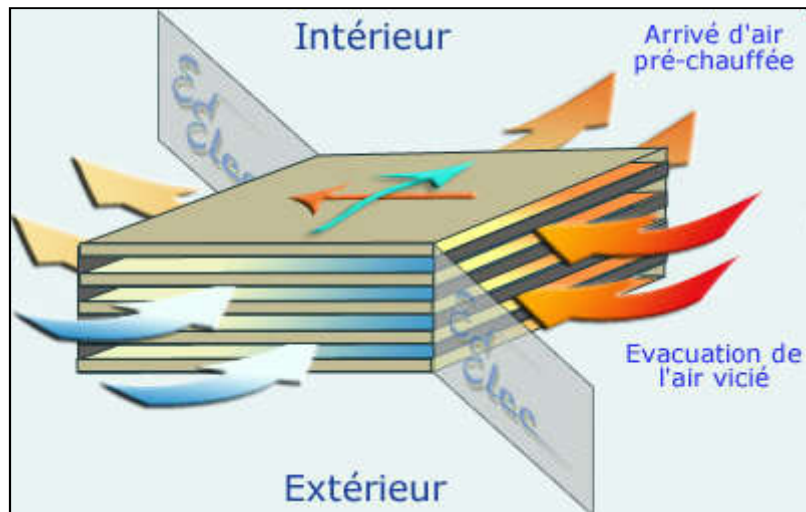
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Centralized air extraction
Water consumption and spreading
Cost

From process understanding to technology development

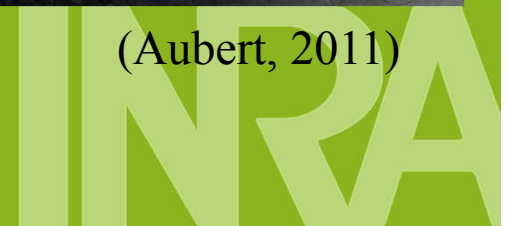
1.2. Air treatment: heat recovery

- optimizing recover of heat
 - 2 managements of the heat exchanger of heat (heat deficit or heat excess)
 - **Cyclic proportioning (walk/stop)**
 - **Variator of frequency (progressive increase in air flows during time)**



(Aubert, 2011)

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From process understanding to technology development

2.1. increase in feed efficiency in Brasil

YEAR	PV* (g)	ADG** (g)	Slaughter Age (Days)	Feed Conversion	Mortality (%)
1930	1500	13,9	108	3,55	20,0
1940	1550	15,4	101	3,04	17,2
1950	1580	22,0	72	2,58	15,2
1960	1600	27,9	57	2,25	13,1
1970	1700	33,9	50	2,15	11,2
1980	1800	36,0	50	2,10	9,5
1985	1890	38,7	49	2,08	8,8
1990	2061	45,1	46	2,06	5,9
1995	2187	47,9	46	2,02	5,5
2000	2426	53,1	46	1,94	4,5
2005	2481	54,7	45	1,86	4,3
2010	2643	58,6	45	1,80	3,9
2015 [#]	2788	64,8	43	1,70	3,7

* PV-Weight Live. ** ADG-Average daily gain. [#] Estimate.

(Oliveira et al., 2015)

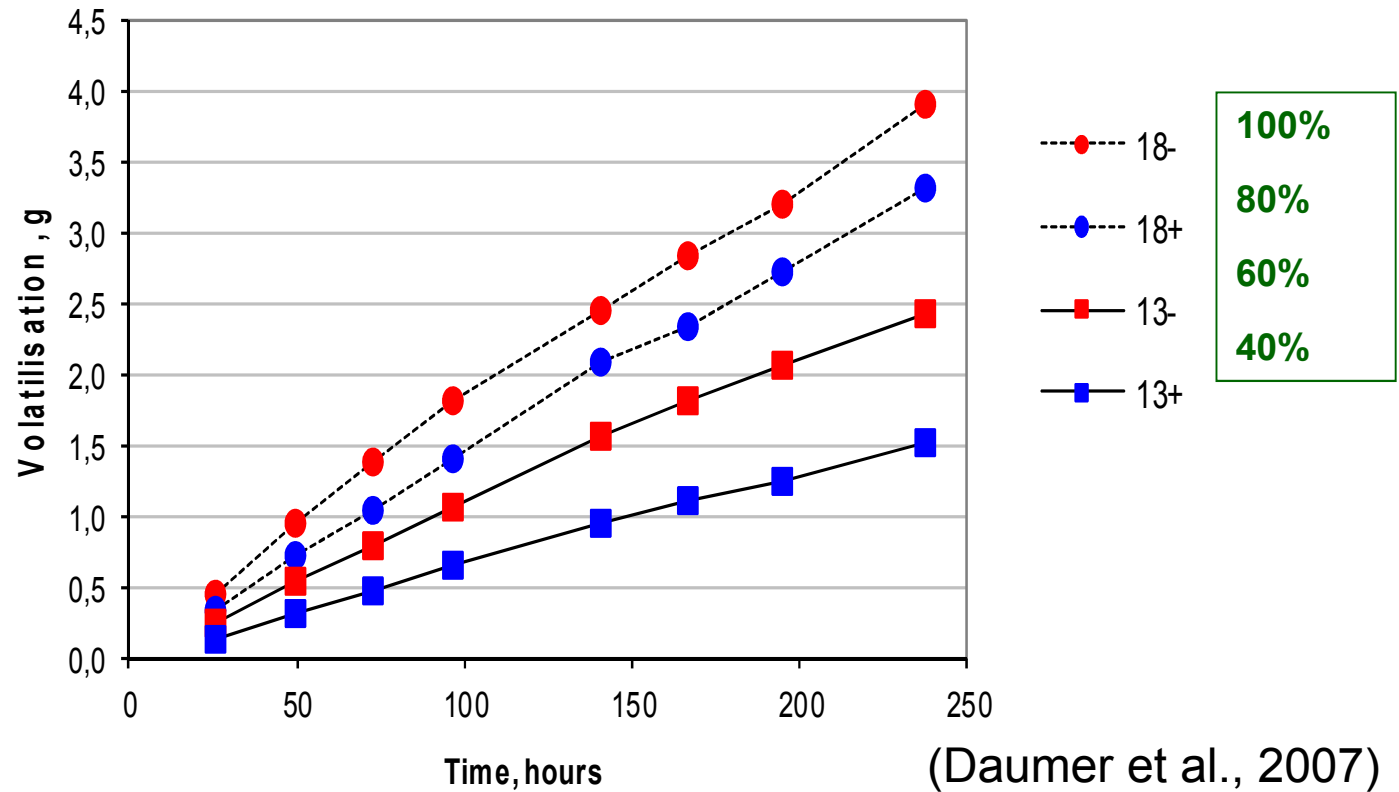
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2.2. decrease source with feed

Decrease protein content and add benzoic acid in feed to reduce ammonia emission



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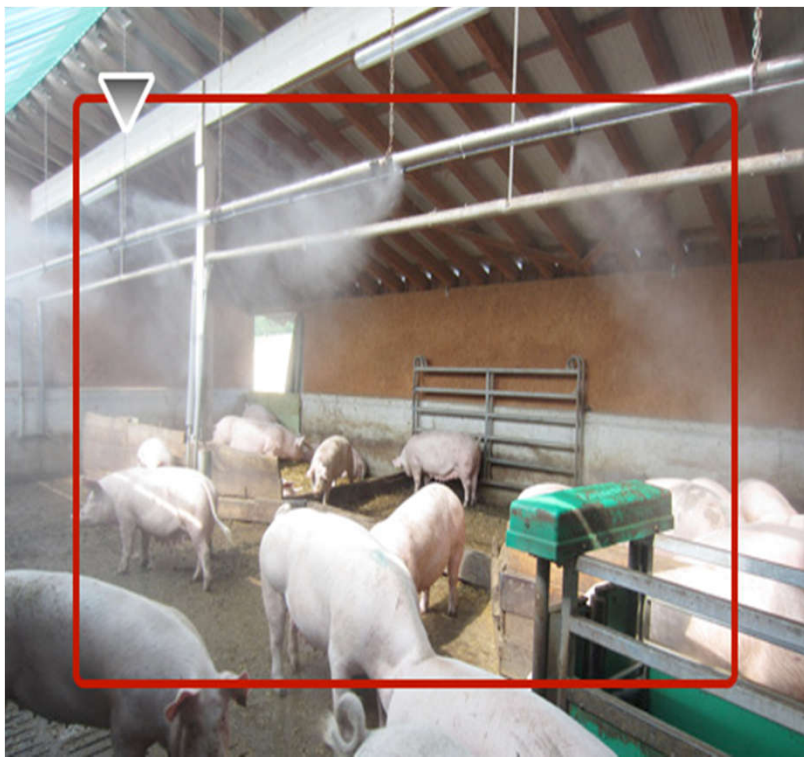
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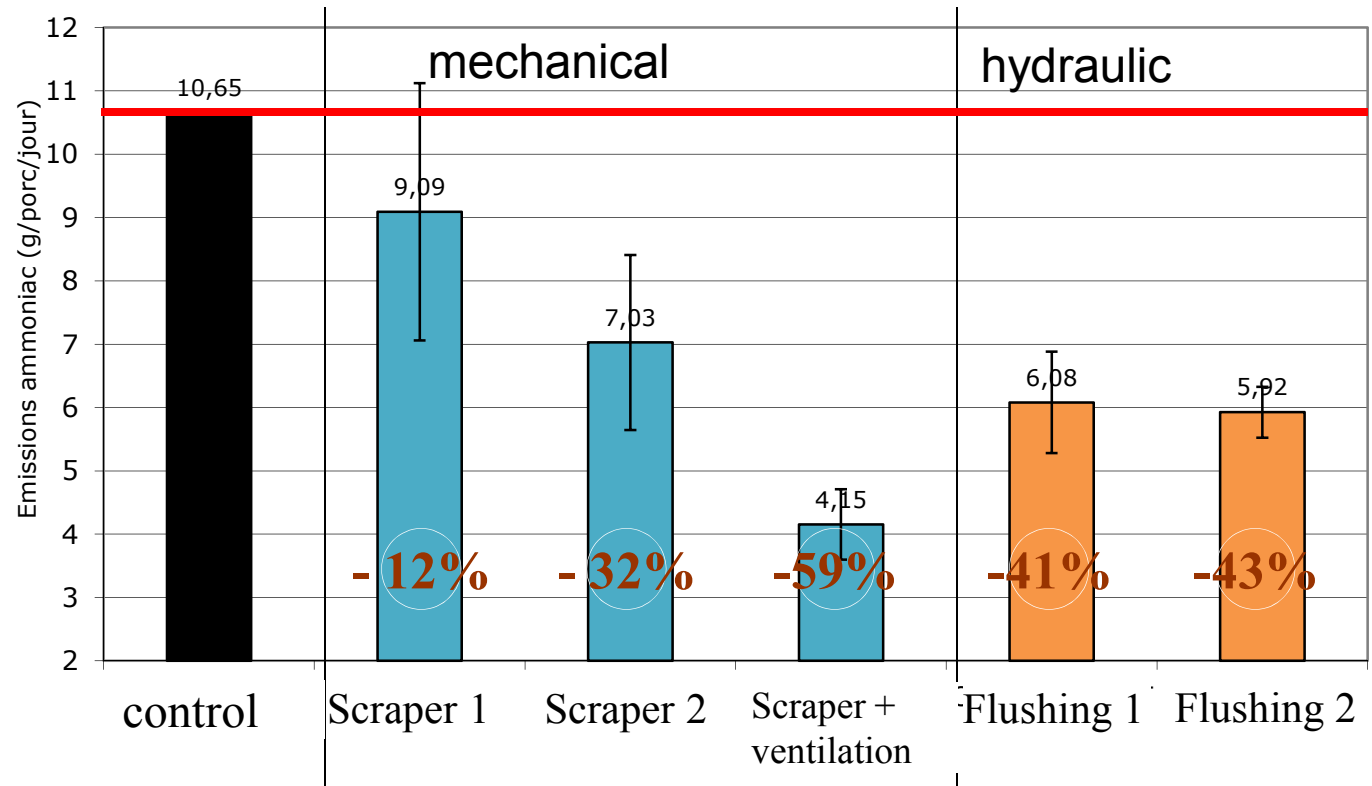
2.3. increase feed efficiency with fogging systems



Fogging also decrease NH_3 by 20-30% in growing-finishing pigs

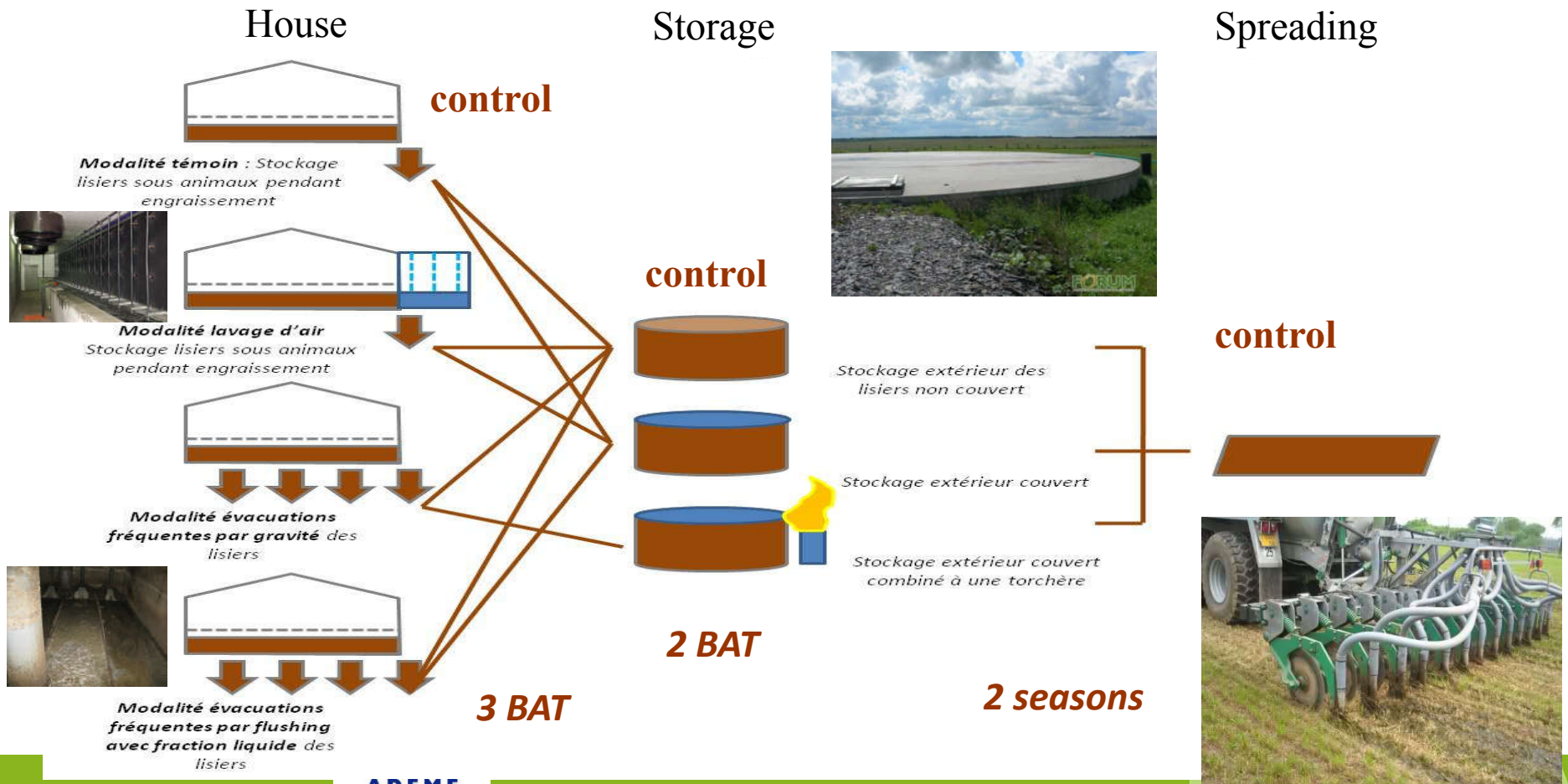
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3.1. Technology development: frequency of manure removal

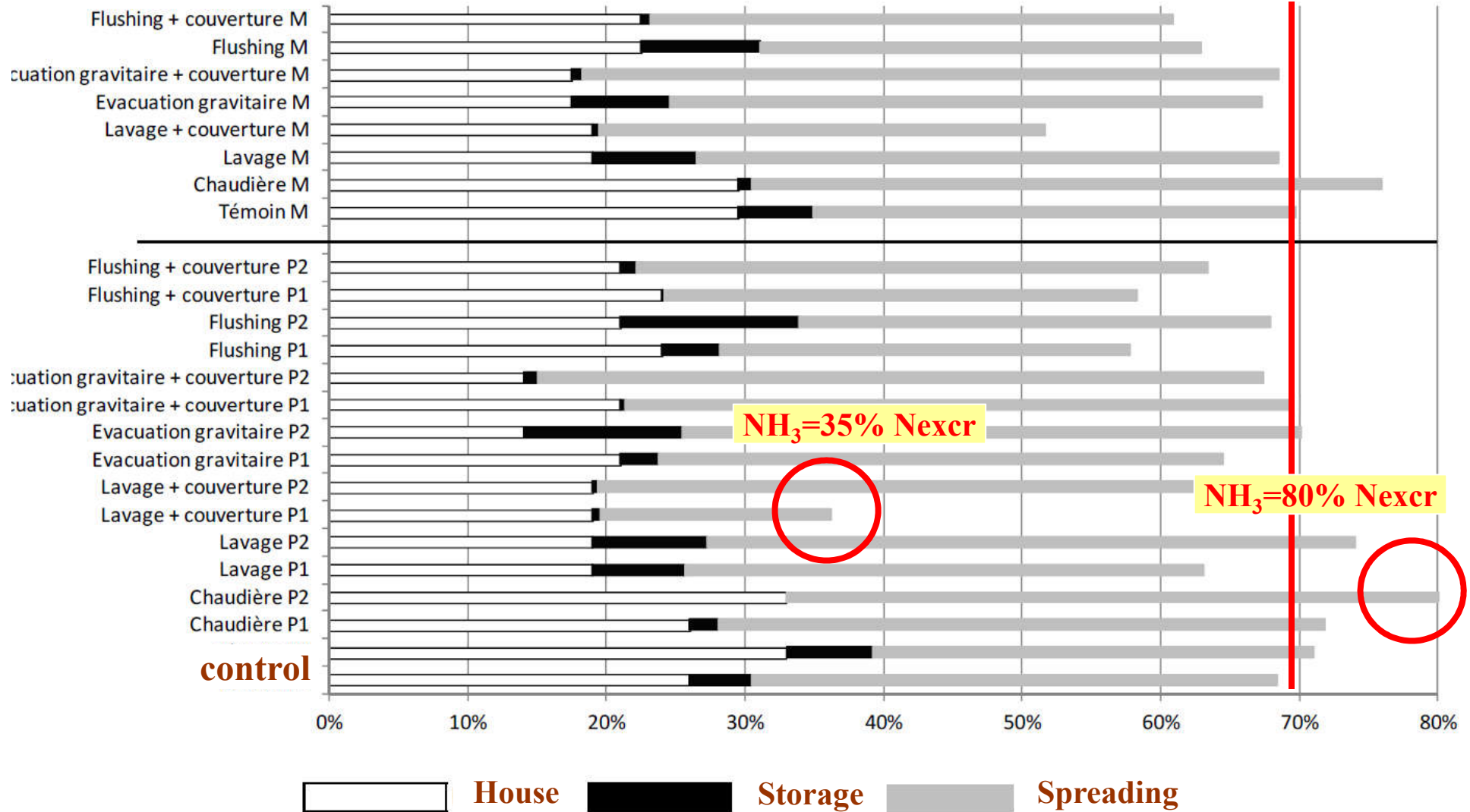


Integrating processes: 1. check pollution transfer

EMITEC project: evaluate the effect of various combinations of BAT (best available technique) applied at house, storage, spreading



Integrating processes: 1. check pollution transfer



(Espagnol et al., 2015)

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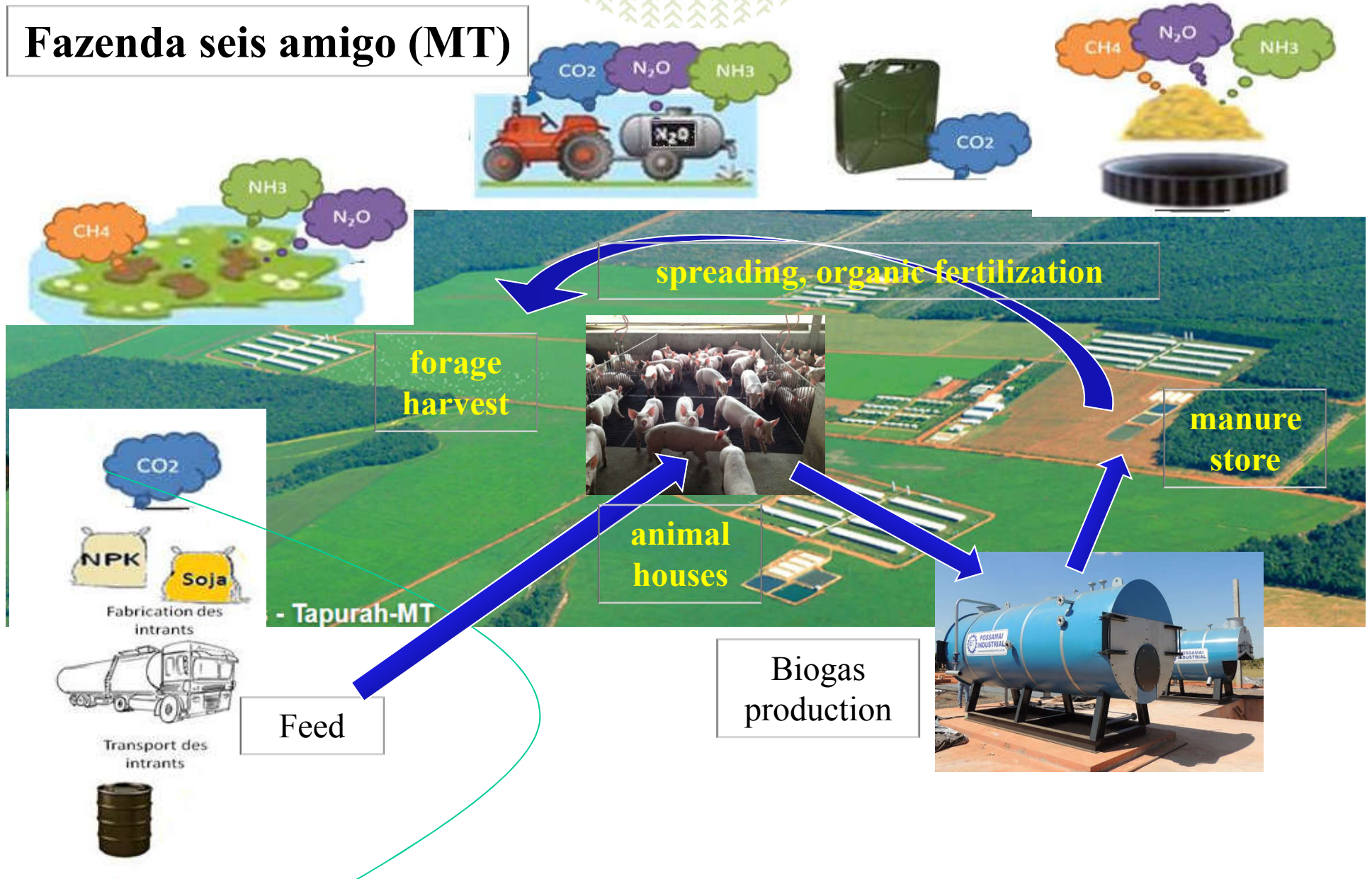
Integrating processes: 1.check pollution transfer

- Effect of BAT implemented in building or during the storage can be reduced by the lack of BAT on the following stages (storage, spreading) => BAT should be used at each stages
- Conservation favorable to recycling
N conservation (% N excreted) :
 - At the end of the storage: 61 - 85%
 - At the end of the spreading : 20 - 64%.
- Cost of observations => models!

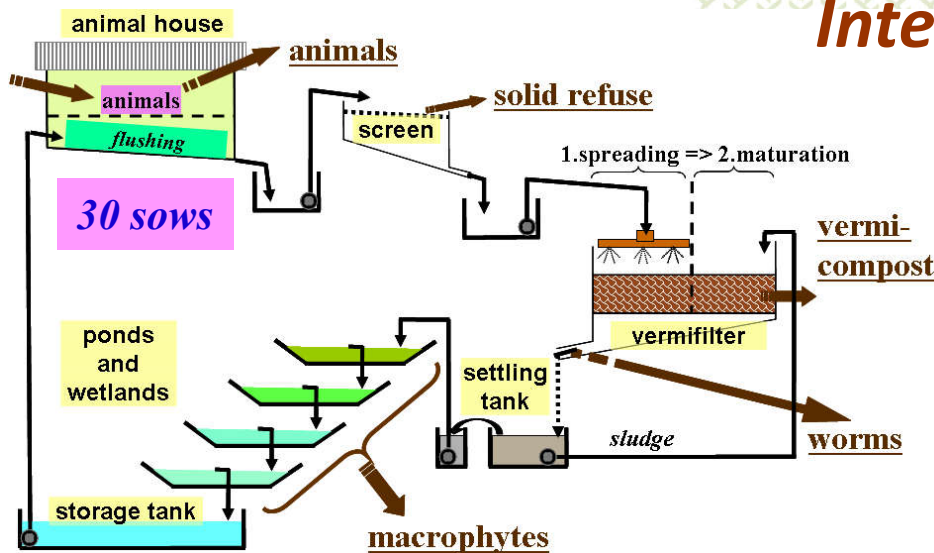
(Espagnol et al., 2015)

Integrating processes: 2.reduce both inputs and losses

Fazenda seis amigo (MT)



Integrating processes: 3. recycling experiment (since 2007)



→ Principles:

- For liquid manure, combination of agricultural productions to recycle the hygienized water for flushing
- (For solid manure, increased storage of elements and water evaporation through carbon and porosity management)

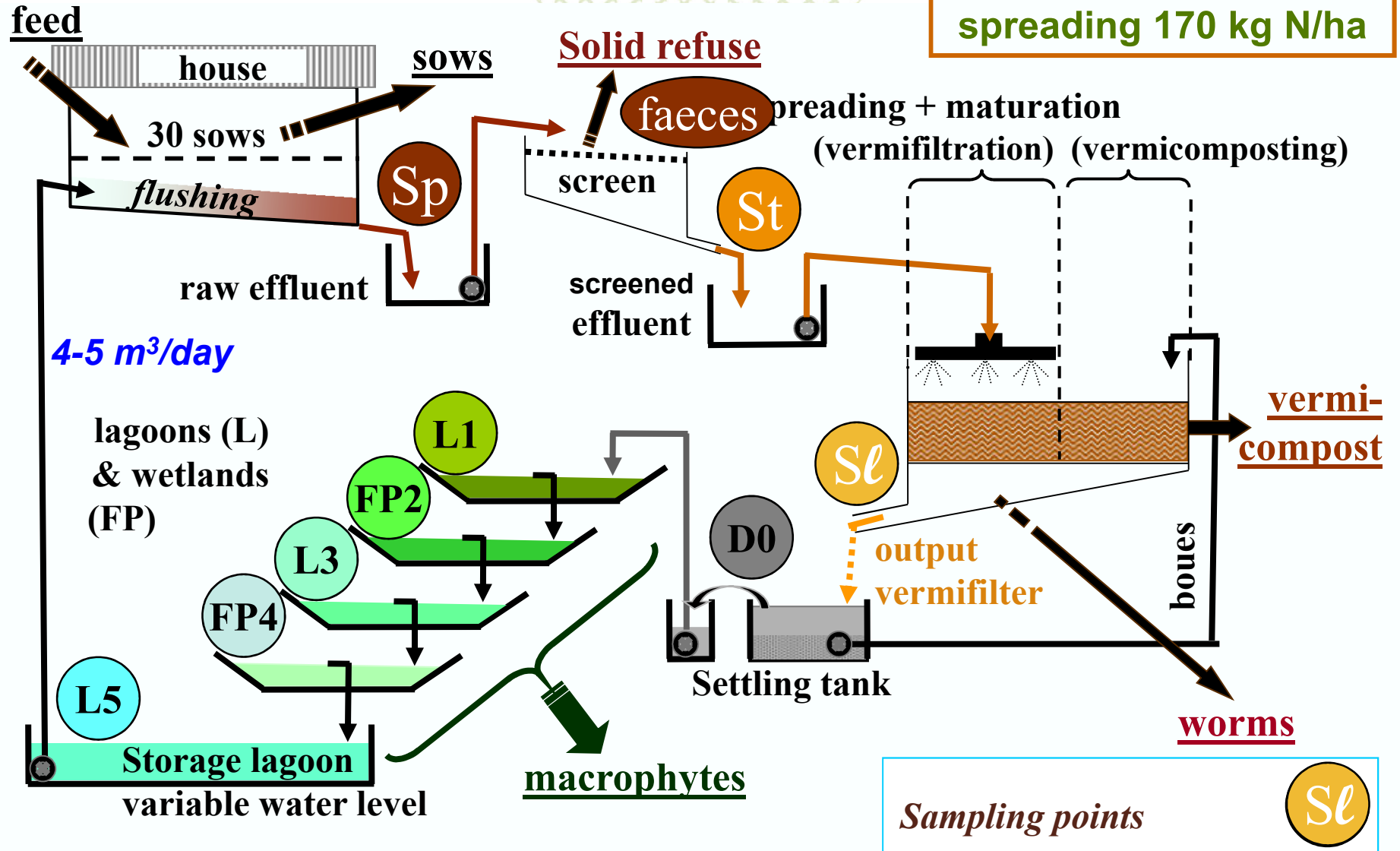
→ Features:

- Workers on animal farms can use the saprophytes or macrophytes as **bio-monitors** to adapt the management
- The solid products can be either **reused** to reduce inputs of the farm (fertilization, feed), or **exported** to balance the inputs; crop yields are increased
- Efficiency** is 50 higher than spreading (600=>12 m²/pig)

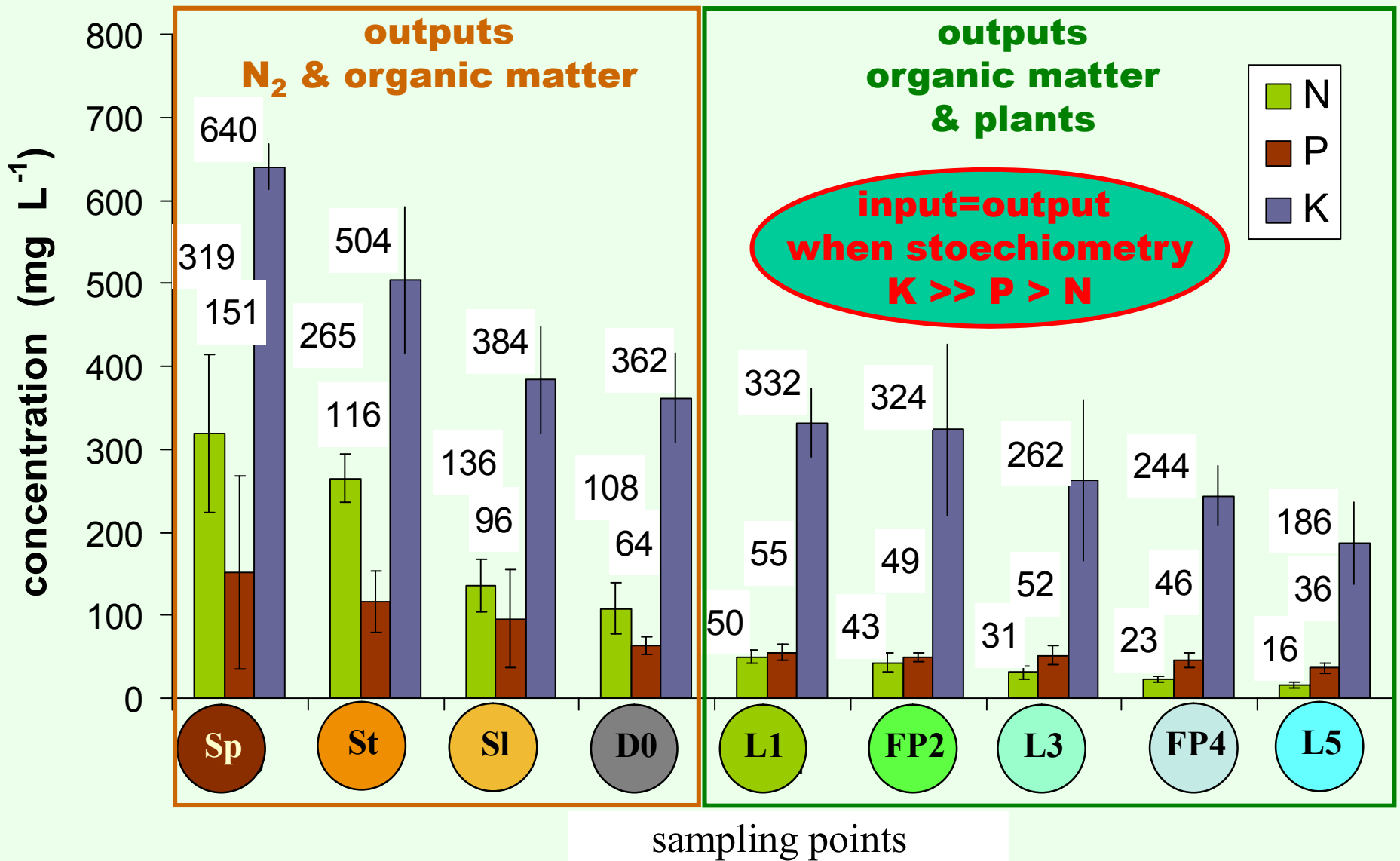


Experimental setup

50 times less area than spreading 170 kg N/ha



Recycling elements

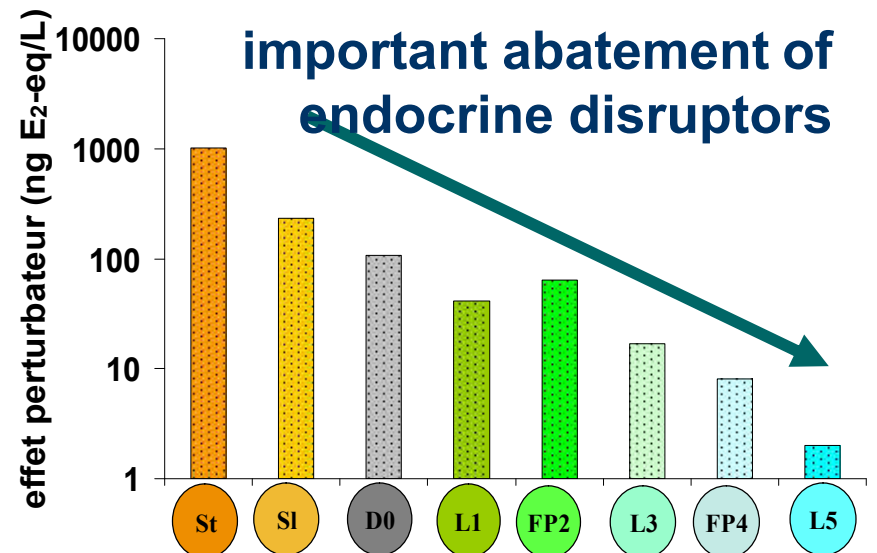
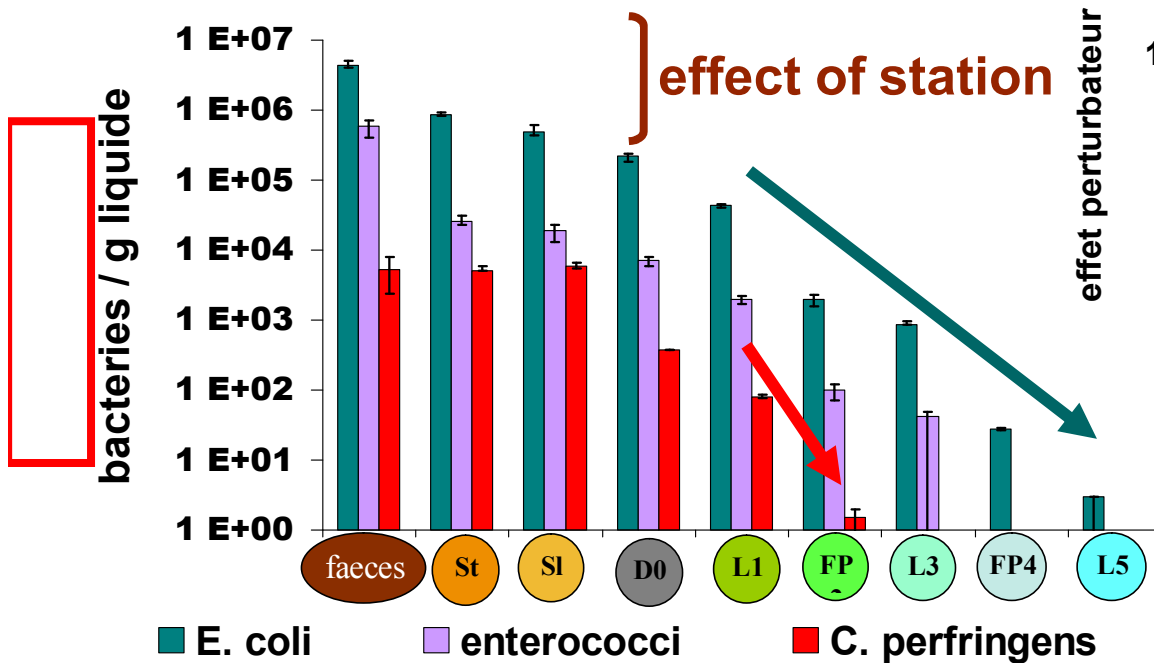


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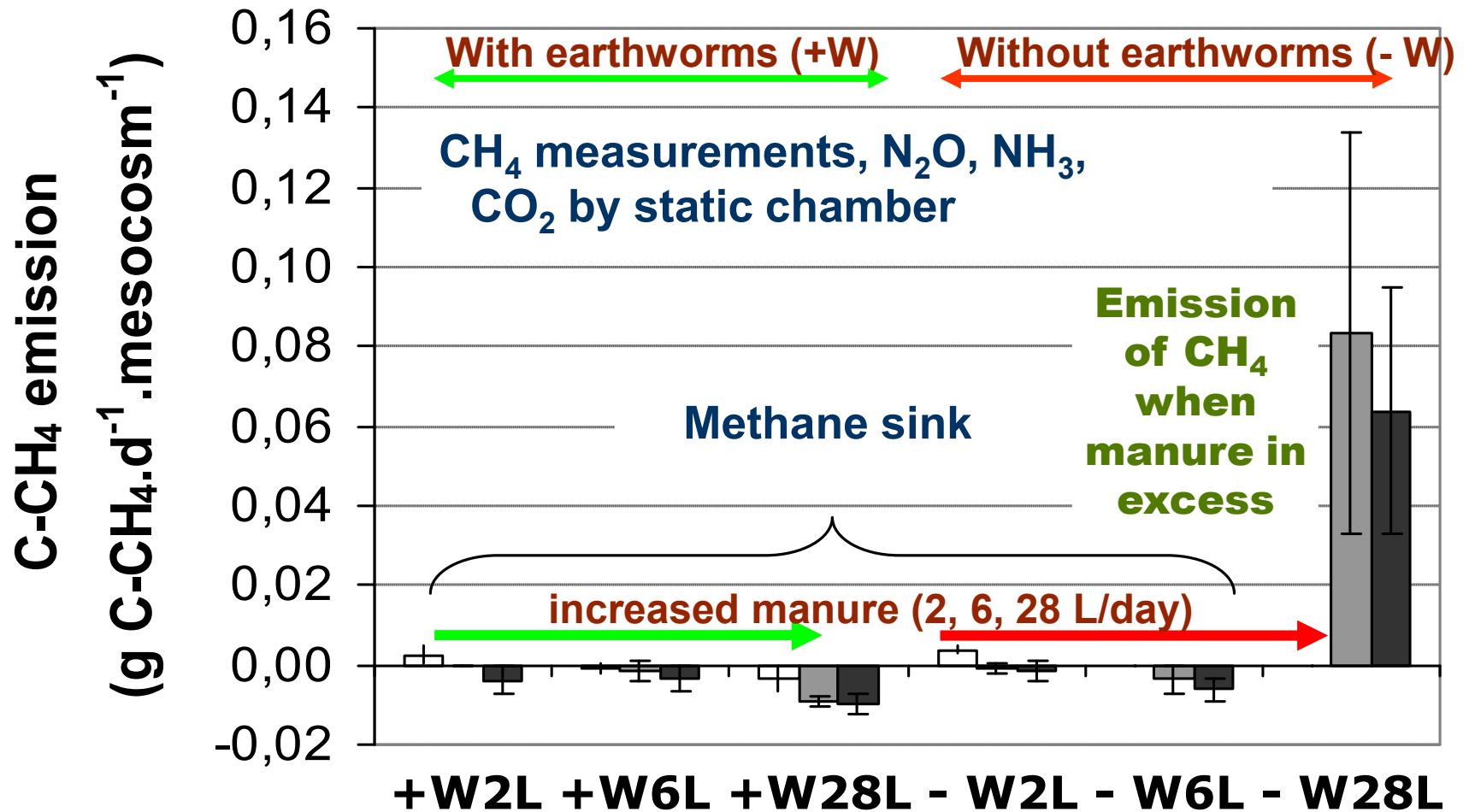
Pathogenes and micropolluants

- thorough hygienisation
- essential vigilance (recycling)



- important abatement of lagooning
- effect different from lagoons and of the wetlands depending on indicators considered

CH₄ emission of the vermifiltre



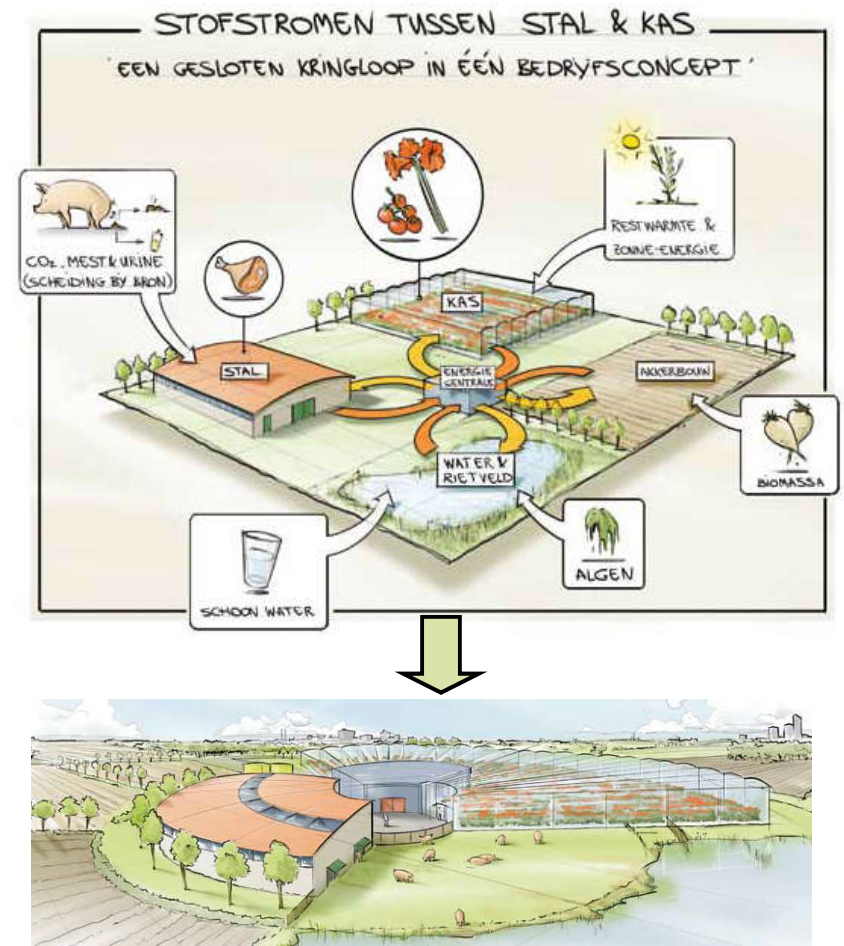
The methane sink is explained by the porosity of the vermifilter and the wormcasts (*Moon et al., 2010*); An emission of CH₄ was observed only with an excess of manure and the absence of worms

Integrating processes: 3.increase multifunctionality

New designs to produce energy, fiber, food, feed

Explore new technologies into new farming concepts:

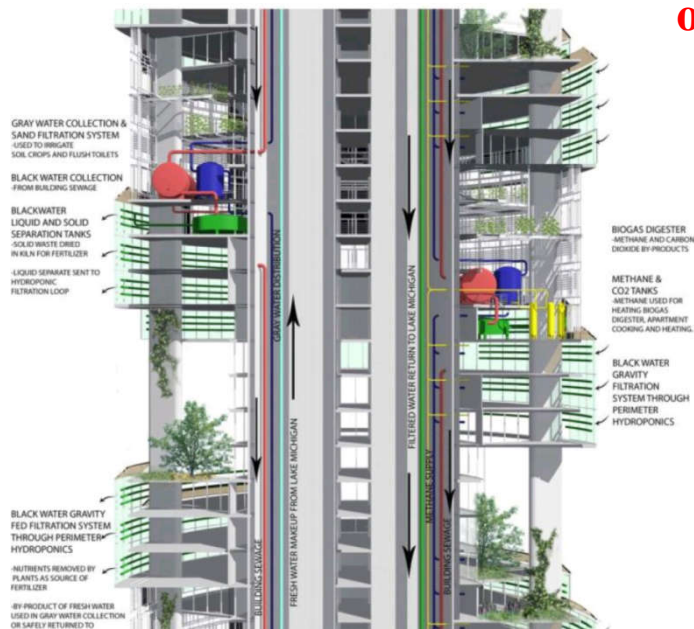
- Which scale is optimal?
- Which part of byproducts that can be reused on farm?
- Synchronism between productions?
- Coupling heating/drying to reduce transport costs?
- Health issues associated to increased reuse of byproducts?
- Specific knowledge needed?



Integrating processes: 3.increase multifunctionality

New designs to produce energy, fiber, food, feed (increase in cost & services)

horizontal
or vertical?



Vertical farm / vertical farming concept

Time for solutions: vertical farming

Vertical farming (III)

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DeustoTech Research Center - Vertical farming: how could we take advantage of our vertical and dense growth in Spain?



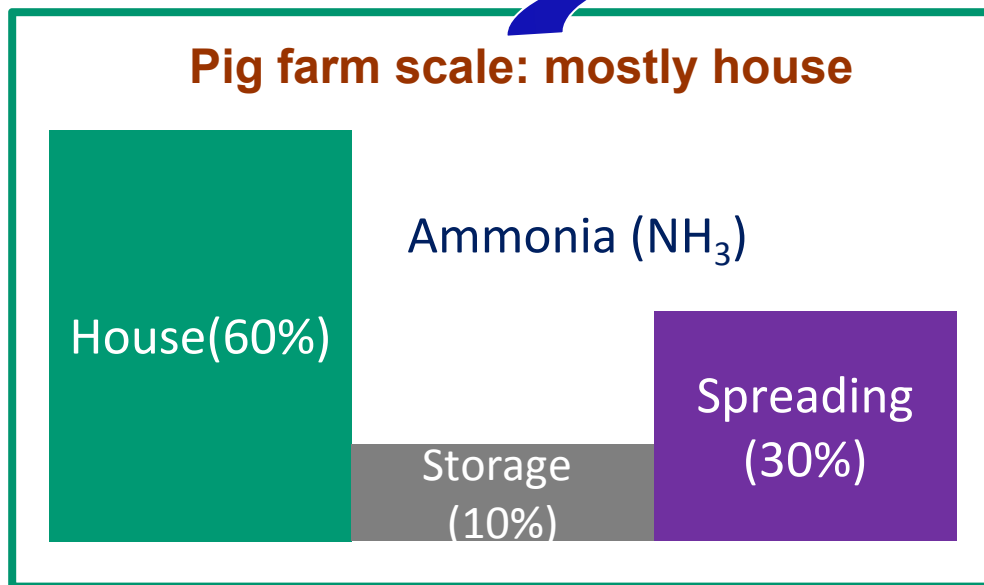
Discussion:

- efficiency at national scale
- modeling: cost/benefit analysis
- trajectories of change

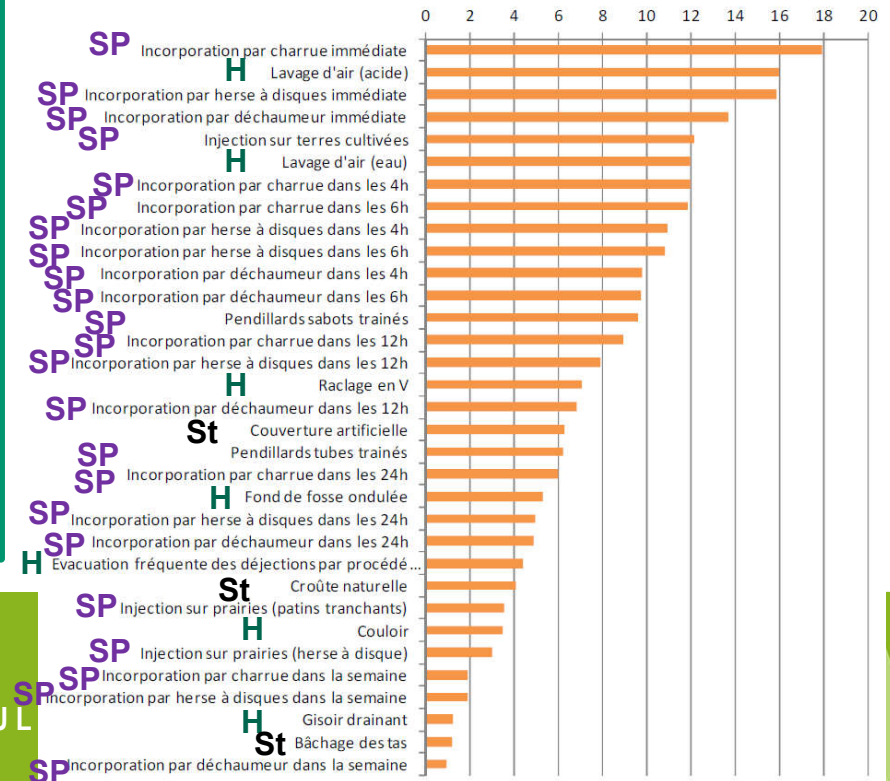
❖ efficiency of BAT at national scale?

Assessment of different technical solutions to reduce emissions:

- Social acceptability of techniques
- Maturity of techniques
- Efficacy of techniques
- Number of farms/animals or volume of manure concerned



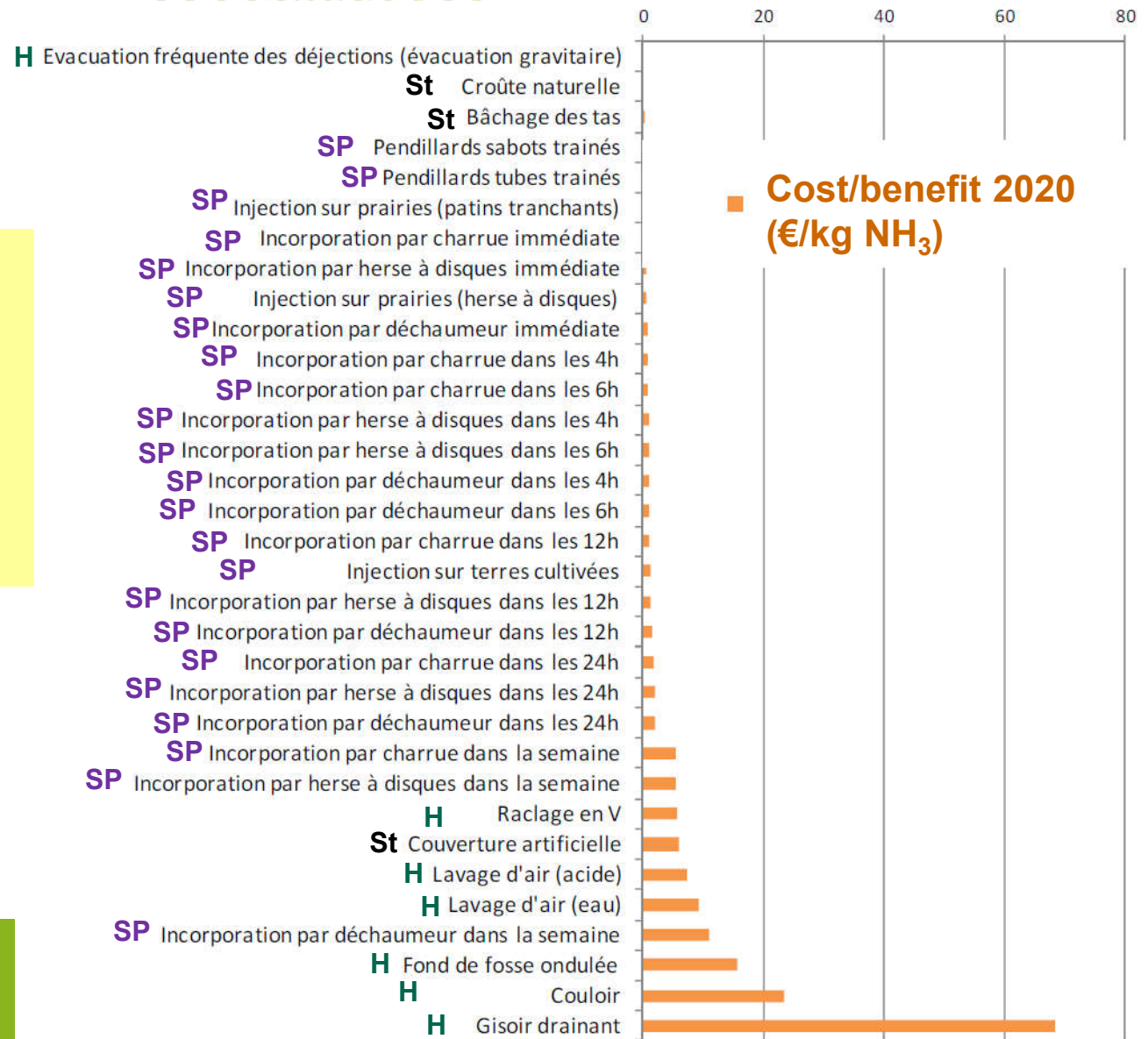
national scale: mostly spreading



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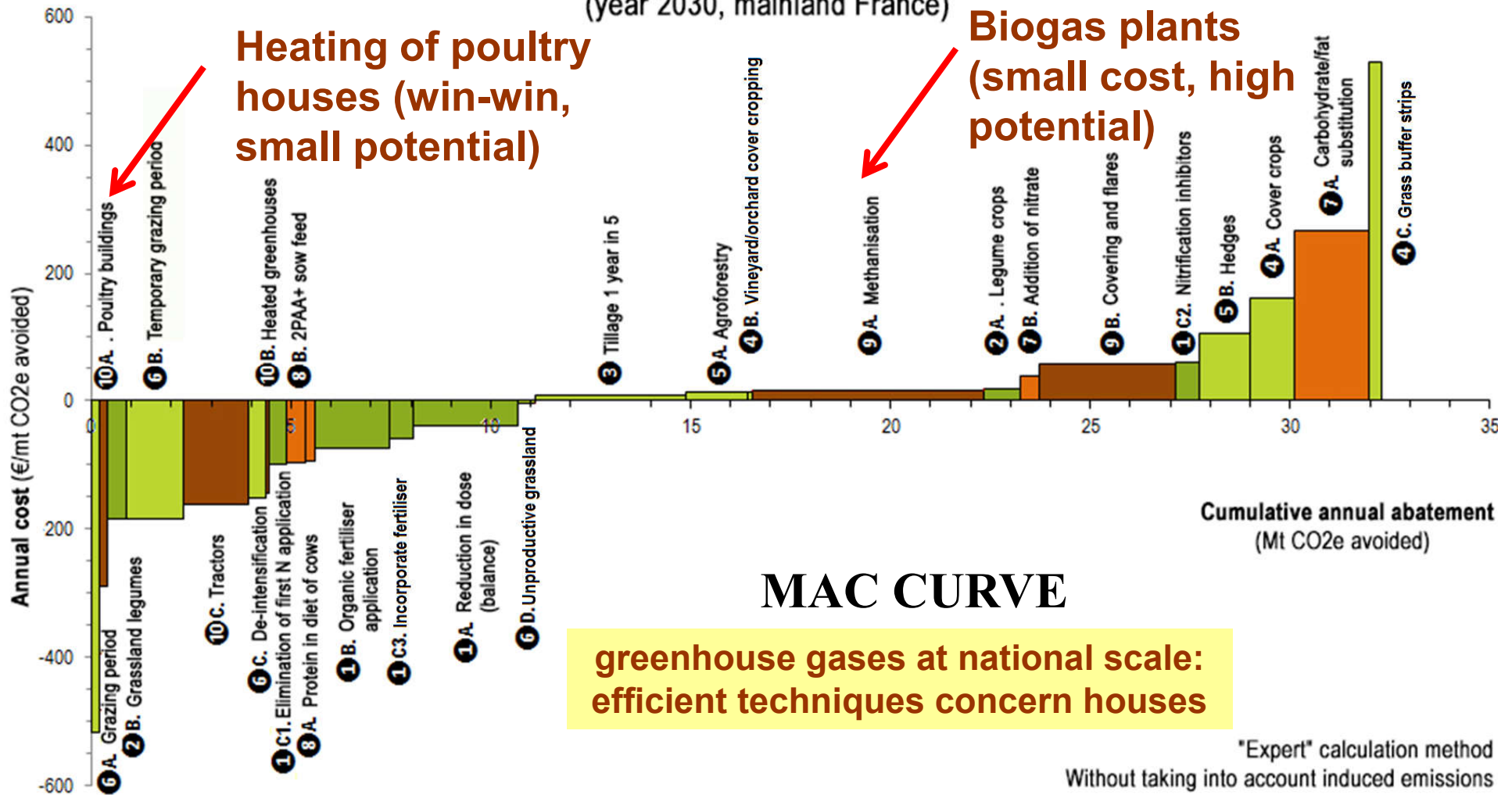
NH₃ reduction at national scale: efficient techniques of NH₃ reduction do not concern houses (high costs)





efficiency of BAT at national scale?

Cost per metric ton of CO2e avoided for the farmer and abatement potentials
(year 2030, mainland France)



❖ Trajectories of change

1. Market driven => rapid changes

- Context : « carbon credits (approved methodologies) », « green » products, brands, ...
- Limit : « green washing »

http://www.agcert.com/global/index?page=business_overview&&view=AGCERT&locale=en

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Respectful Eggs - Free range eggs which are good for the environment - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.respectful.co.uk/

egg respectful

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ON FARM WIND & SOLAR
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Below is a list of AgCert projects:

❖ Trajectories of change

1. Market driven: DQY ecological farm (10⁶ eggs per day)



**60 000 contracts
with farmers**

(Wenzhi Pan, 2010)

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❖ Trajectories of change

2. Regulation driven

- ❖ Pollution abatement : development of mitigation techniques, certification of the efficiency
- ❖ Policy-making : national inventories
- ❖ Certification of BAT (best available technique)



Costs or risks => oppositions, slow adaptation

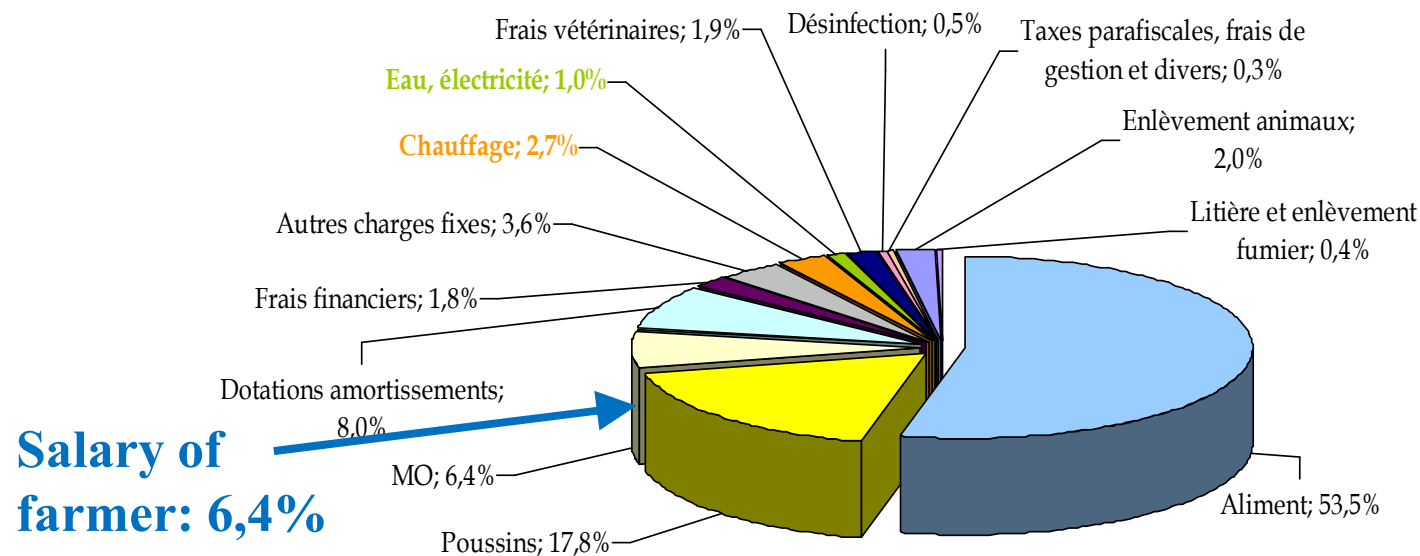
❖ Trajectories of change

3. Reducers (actors)

- ❖ Farm: what do they **win**?
- Who **controls** (scale? farm or farm group)?

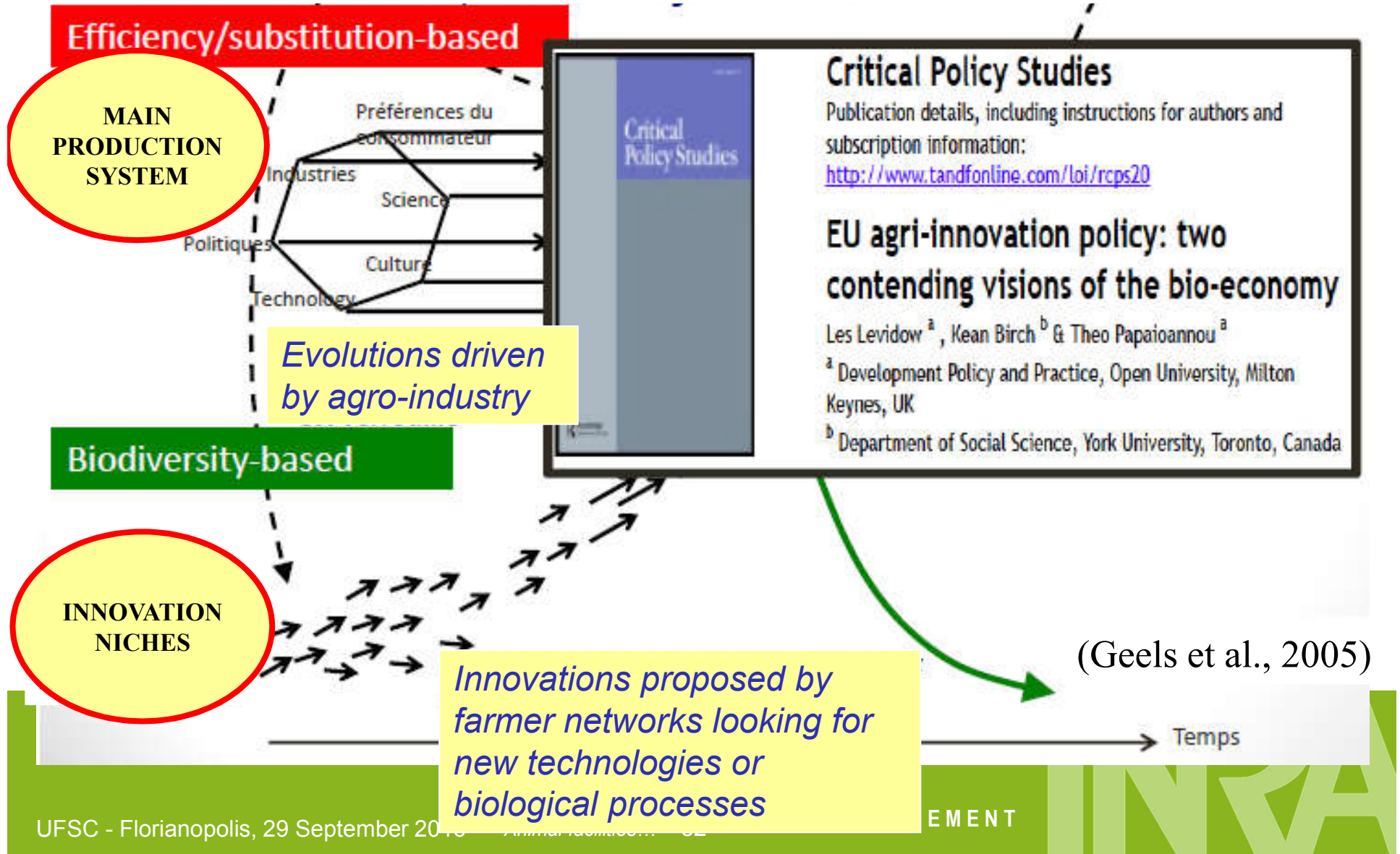
A small increase paid by the consumer can have a huge impact on the farmer salary

economical motivation => accelerated evolution



❖ Trajectories of change

Changes in the prices or regulations induce changes in production practices





Conclusion

- plan – do – check – act – plan – do ...

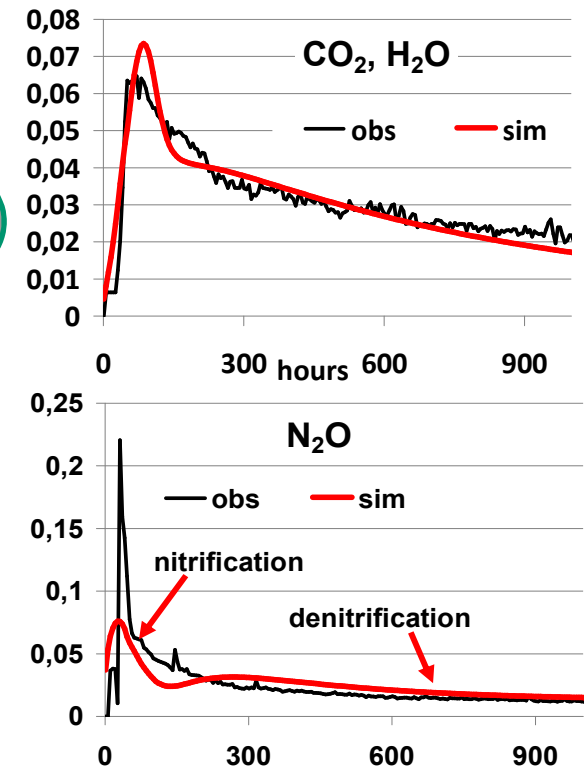
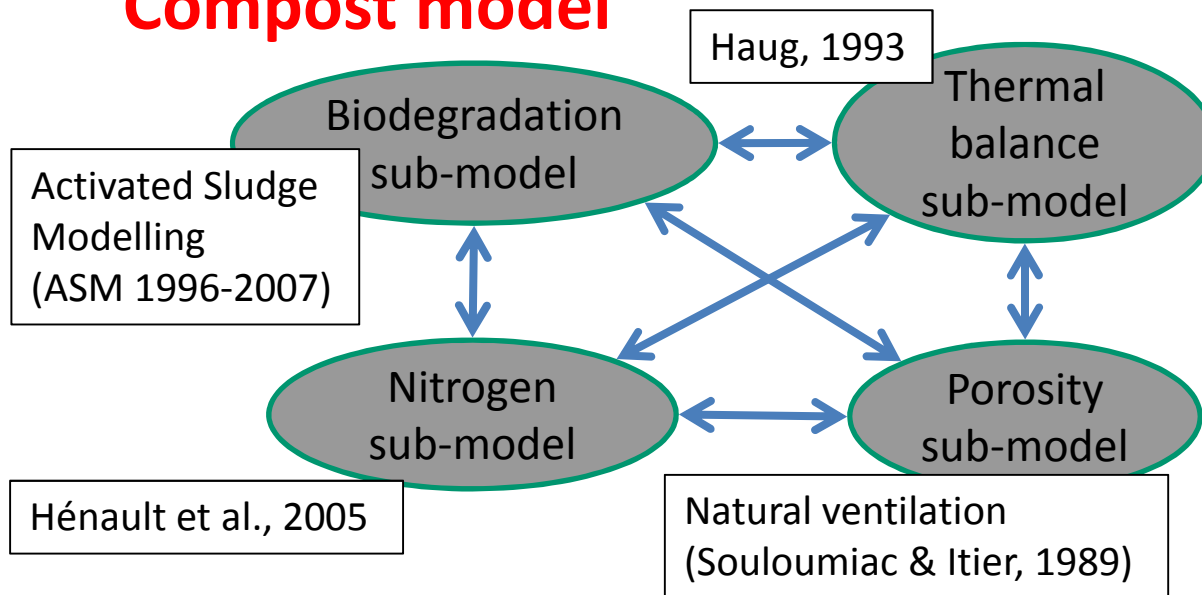
❖ Plan = Do

- ❖ Depend on farm categories => objectives, opportunities of change
- ❖ PLAN => evaluate with models the consequences of changes
- ❖ Choose (companies, farmers, administrations)
- ❖ DO...

➔ 4 types of modelling approaches are useful

❖ Coupling physical and biological processes with small input parameters

Compost model



- ➔ climate input at hourly time step
- ➔ 5 parameters specific of manure + 25 based on literature and experiments
- ➔ influence of C & N biodegradability, porosity and humidity

D. Oudart, 2012. Ph.D. thesis, Crête d'Or Entreprise, CIRAD, INSA Toulouse, INRA

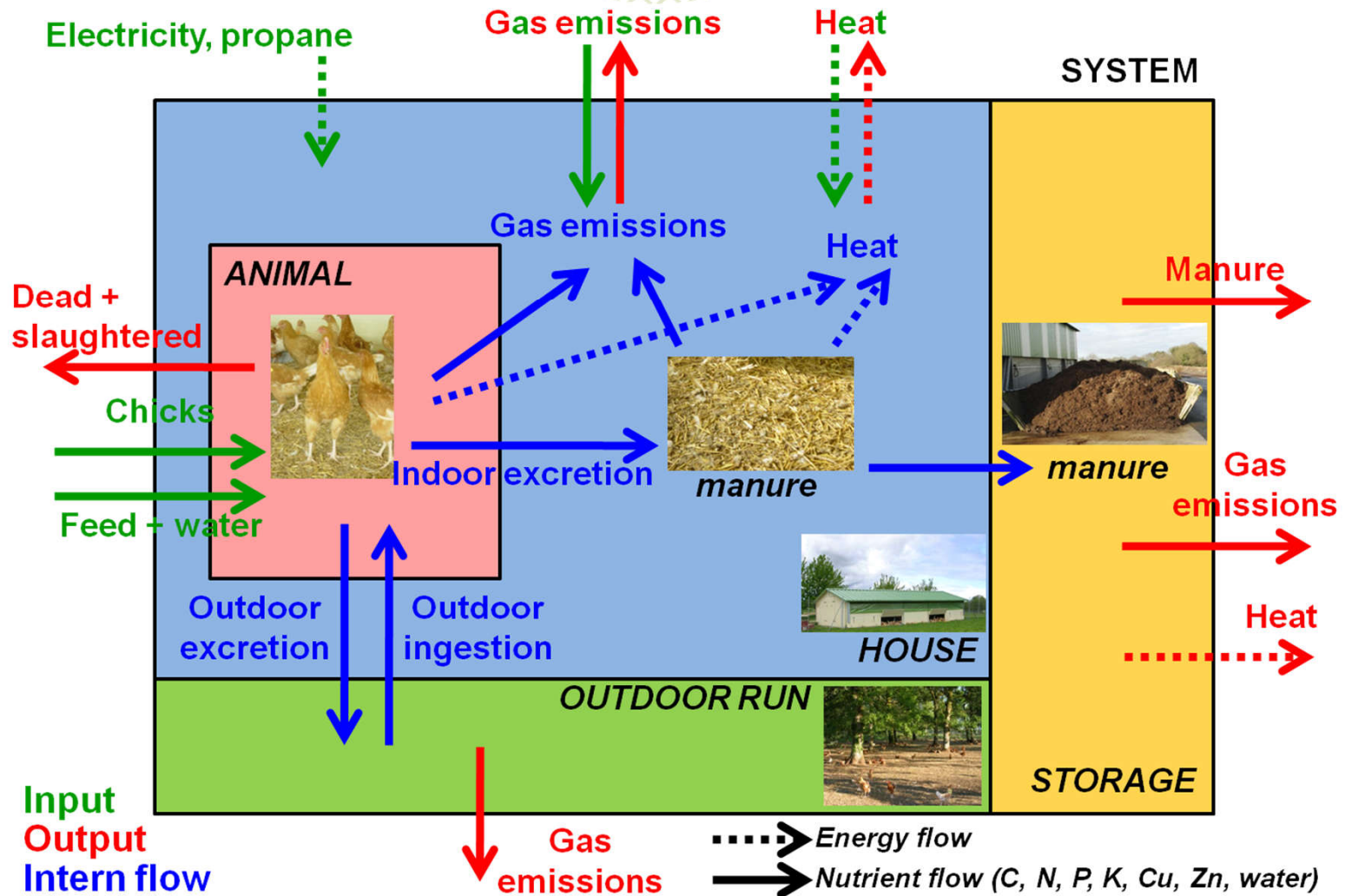
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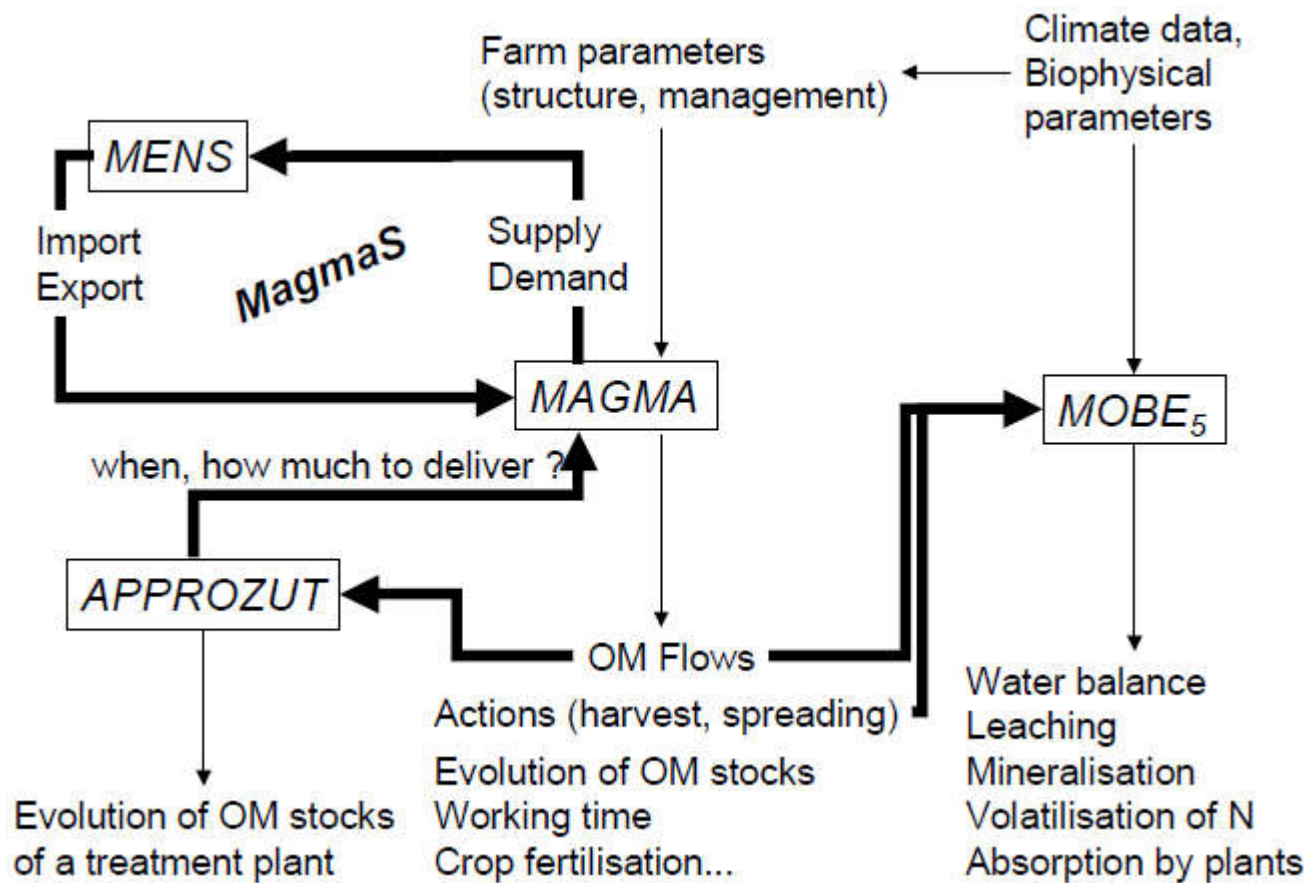


❖ Modeling animal production systems to check dynamical coherence of mass and energy fluxes



Méda, B., 2011. Ph.D. thesis, Agrocampus Ouest, Rennes. Retrieved from <http://tel.archives-ouvertes.fr/tel-00662627>

❖ Modeling actor behavior for biomass recycling to choose collective equipment



Multi-agent software

Outputs:

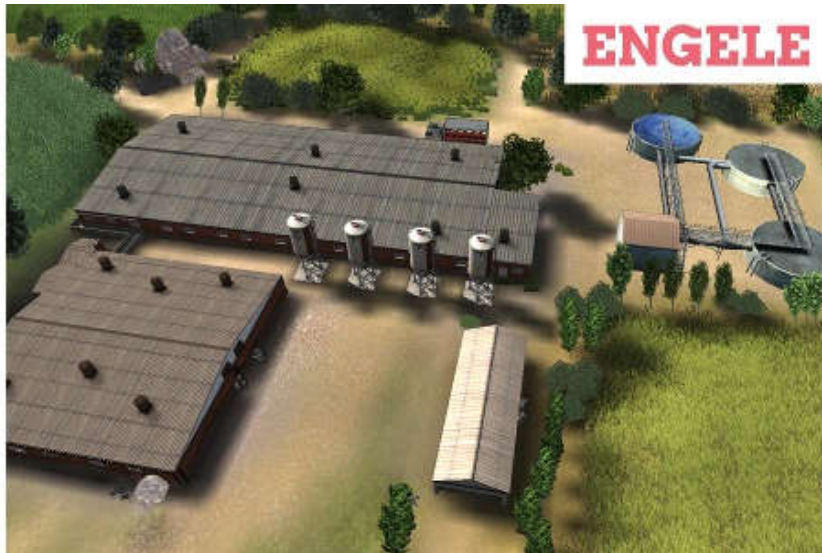
- emissions
- energy
- limiting equipment

Guérrin & Paillat, 2003

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❖ ENGELE: serious game for pig farm management & design to learn innovative systems



- Pig farm simulator for students & engineers to visualize the consequences of changing practices on performances & emissions

- environmental balance sheet and life cycle analysis allows users to measure their progress throughout the game



<http://www.rmtlevagesenvironnement.org/pdf/ficheoutils/14-ENGELE.pdf>

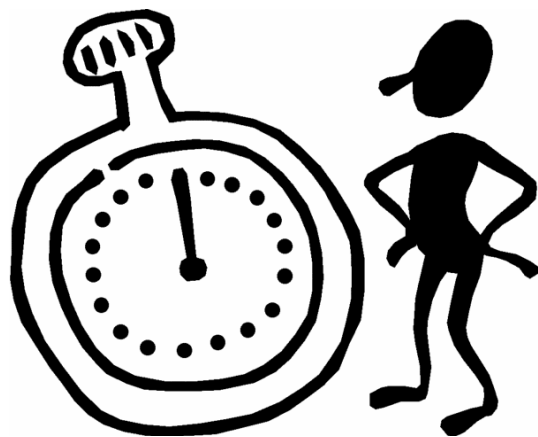
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❖ **Check = Act**

correct models, take changes into account

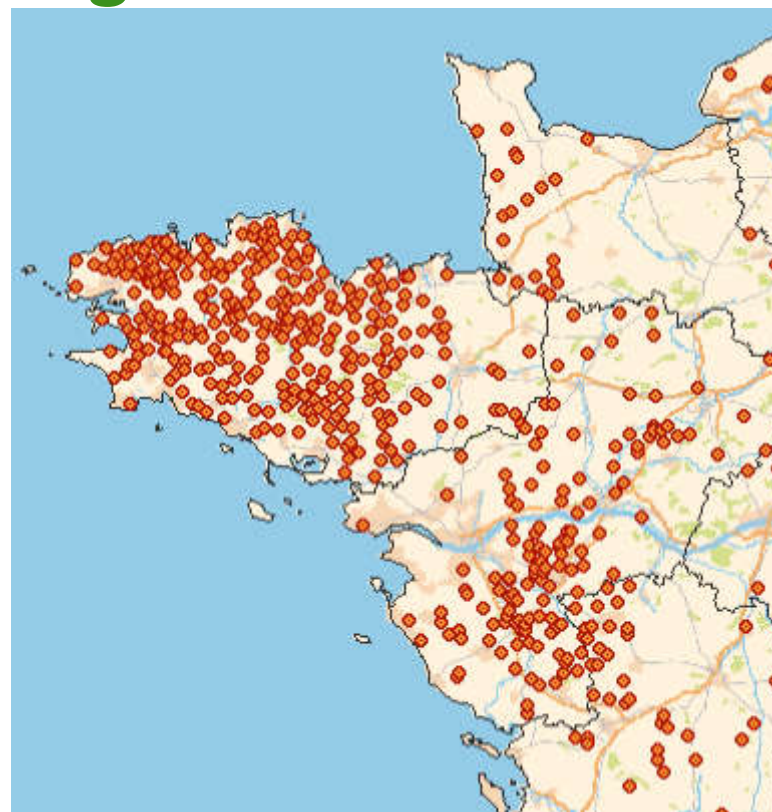
Surveys & network monitoring



A few data on lots of systems



Feedback on lots of BAT



IREP: public reporting on theoretical pollutant releases by animal farms

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Experiments on key-processes:

- ***choose scale***
- ***choose lab/field***
- ***define system where results will be extrapolated (definition variables & ranges)***

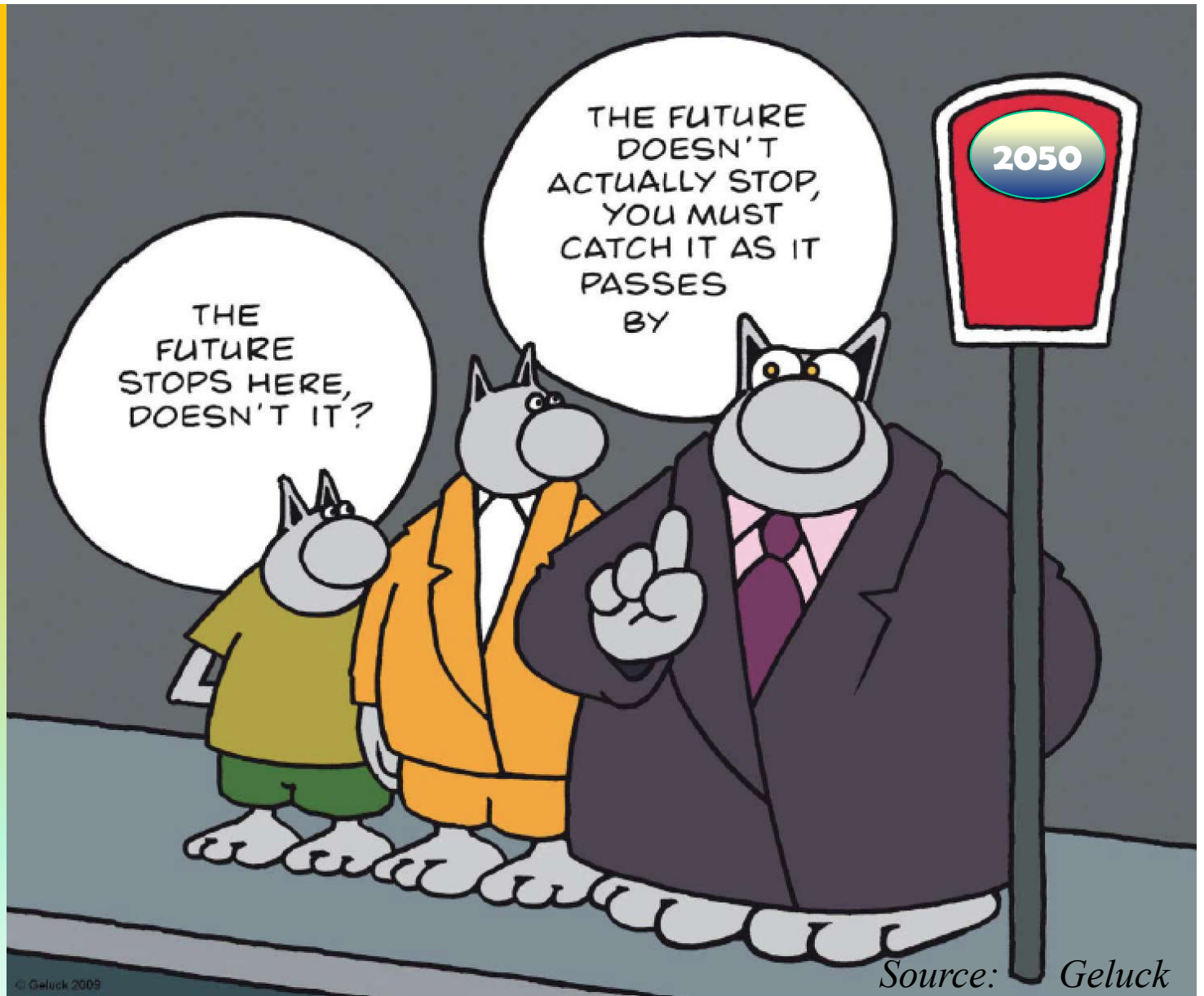
Take home messages

**the challenge
=
rapid & global
change**

- ❖ Impact depends on system definition and evaluation basis (functional unit, allocation)
- ❖ Impact of a given facility depends on environment (climate, feed, animals) and farmer practices
- ❖ A lot of “best available techniques (BAT)” have been defined, their efficiency depends on the farm and the territory
- ❖ Magnitude and speed of changes depend on socio-economic issues (trajectories)
- ❖ Models and monitoring are key issues to set up efficient R&D programs

Thanks
for
your
attention!

Any
question?



Think global, act local...

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Appendices

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THE FRENCH PARTNERSHIP NETWORK ON LIVESTOCK & ENVIRONMENT PRESENTS:

THE 3rd International Symposium on Emission of Gas and Dust from Livestock

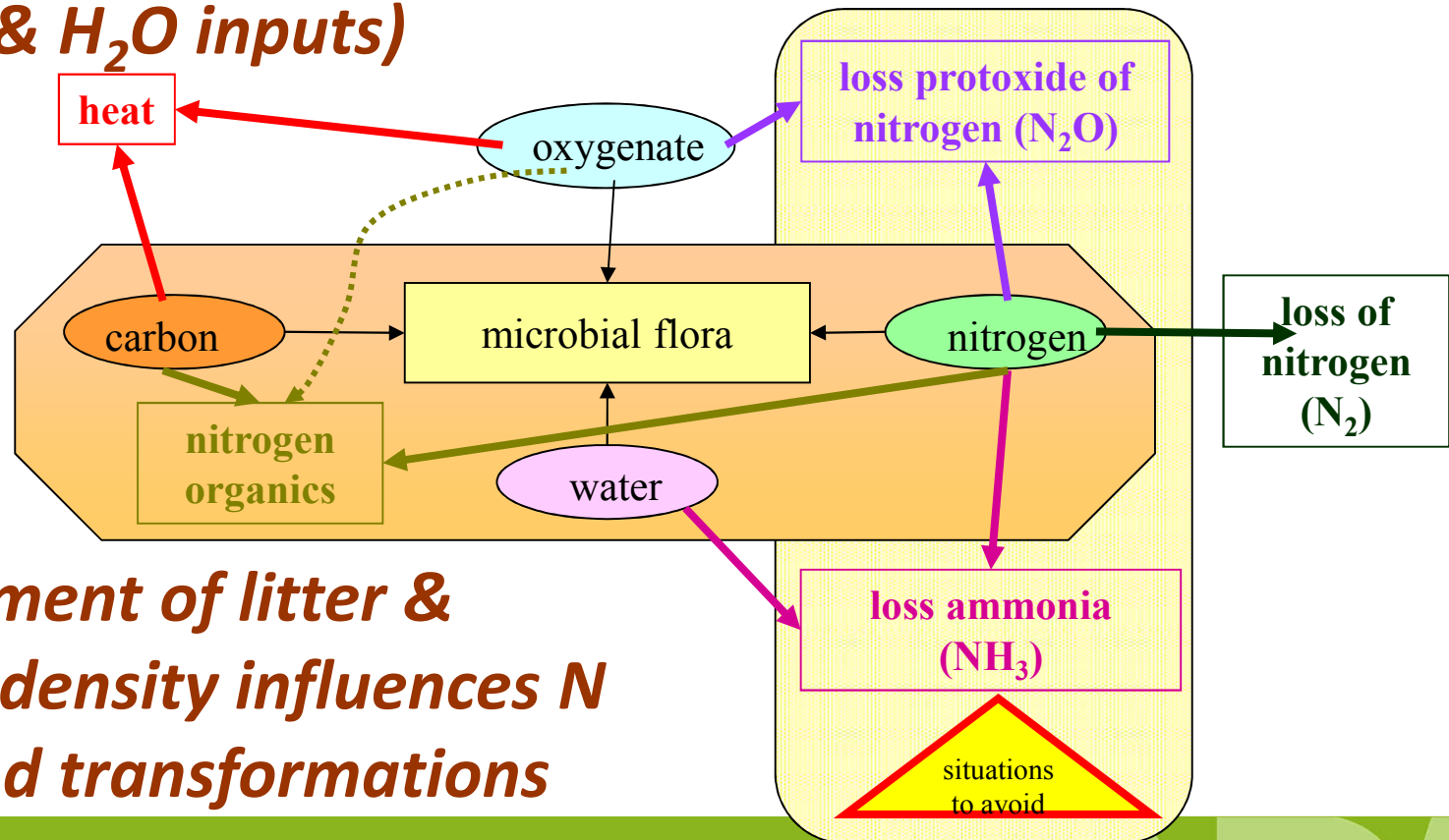


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❖ M&M: interactions

2. example: animal-manure interactions (animal behaviour determines place and amount of excretion: high N & H₂O inputs)



Management of litter & stocking density influences N losses and transformations

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❖ M&M: interactions

4. Interactions at territory scale: urban-agricultural recycling can improve nutrient efficiency at region scale

- ❖ Agricultural reuse of organic by-products
- ❖ Non-food/feed crops for contaminated OM
- ❖ Food/non food needs of urban populations and industries
- ❖ Heat & water availability for crop productions can increase productivity when they are limiting factors
- ❖ Wild animals & functions for non food requirements (recycling, hygienisation, recreation, etc.)

❖ M&M: Design of cooling/heating systems

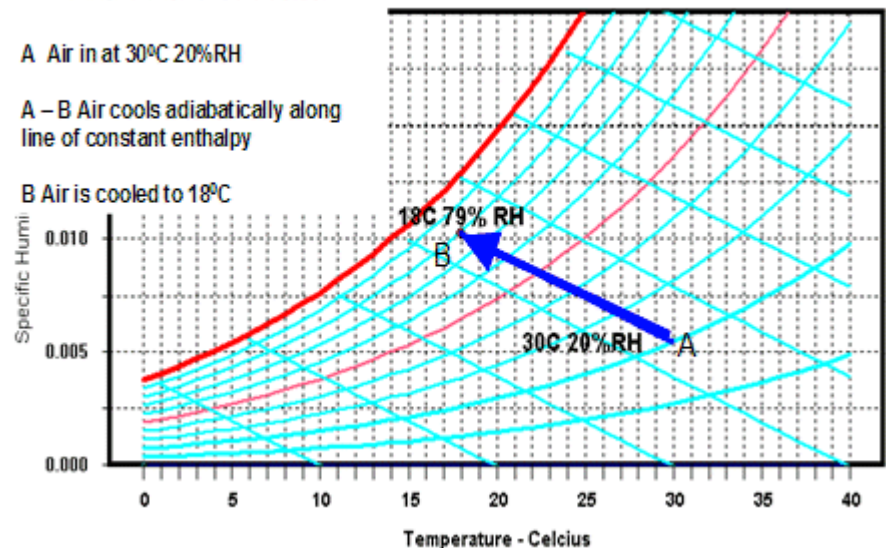
In hot climate cooling & air speed are used to reduce animal heat stress: optimize water flow rate & natural ventilation to improve feed efficiency?

How Evaporative Cooling Works



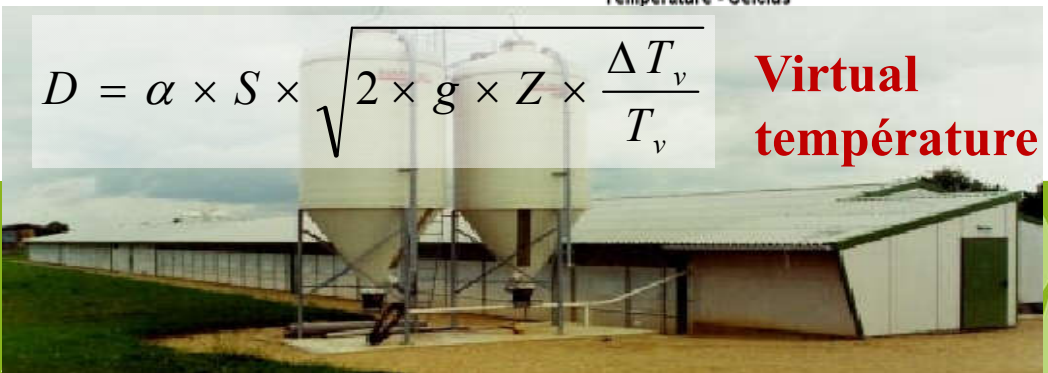
Conversion of sensible heat into latent heat

THE PRINCIPLE OF ADIABATIC COOLING



$$D = \alpha \times S \times \sqrt{2 \times g \times Z \times \frac{\Delta T_v}{T_v}}$$

**Virtual
température**



From process understanding to technology development

3.2. Technology development: slurry treatment

- ❖ Separation of phases
- ❖ Biological treatment
- ❖ Treatment on filter basins
- ❖ Aerobic treatment
- ❖ Methanisation
- ❖ Treatment by mycelium
- ❖ Lagooning

**Sustainability
of nitrogen
conservation or
loss?**

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3.3. Solid manure management: controlled forced ventilation modifies moisture and oxygen availability



System VALLEY' ID

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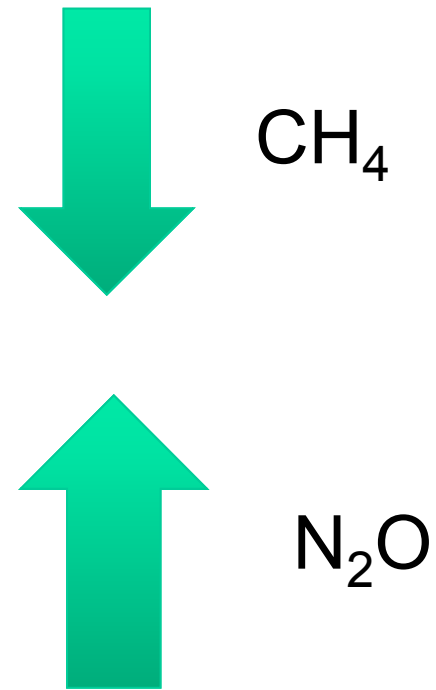
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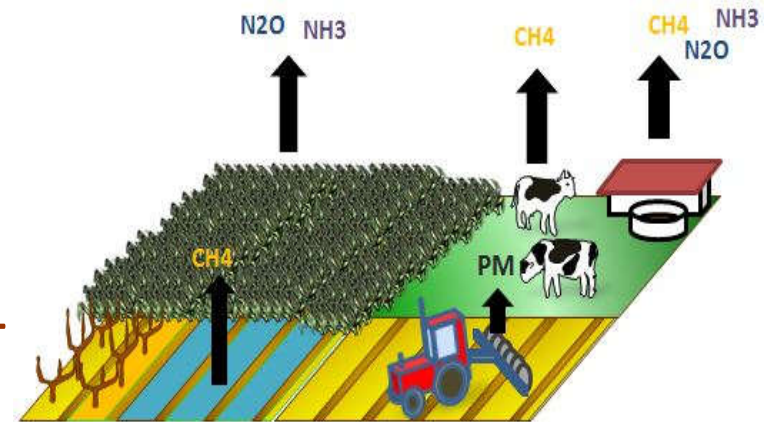
3.3. Avoid pollution transfer: compost aeration can decrease CH₄ but increase N₂O



❖ Trajectories of change

3. Reducers (actors)

- ❖ Group of farmers
- ❖ Company: impact of activity
=> LCA
- ❖ Region: emission reduction +
landscape monitoring +
urban areas



❖ Modelling challenges

- ❖ Models for understanding, discussing, management
- ❖ Models for data interpolation and data mining
- ❖ Management of model quality, model uses, knowledge integration: long term strategy for model and experimental data development is necessary to integrate various disciplines & scales