

# Research status (prediction) and a view (peek) into the future

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# How to increase genomic reliabilities

- **Increase reference population**

- Join populations of same breed
- Cows in reference population
- Across breeds predictions

- **Increase LD information**

- Haplotype models
- Sequence information

- **Statistical models**

- GBLUP/SNP-BLUP
- Bayesian VSM
- Single step BLUP

# Reference populations

- **Jersey**

- Jersey agreement VG America
- Cows in reference

- **RDC**

- NRF
- HF

# G-BLUP and Bayesian mixture models

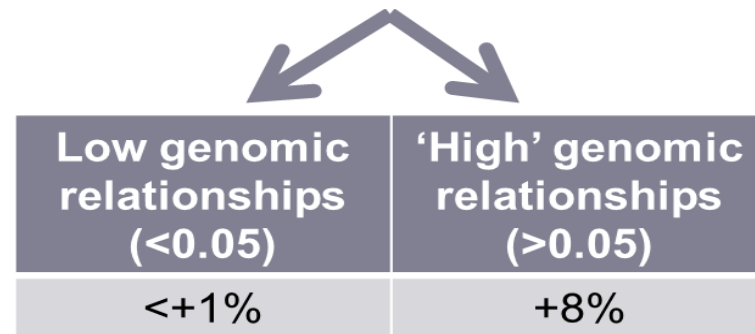
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# Joining reference populations

	<b>Nordic HF + Euro HF</b>
	Lund et al. GSE 2011
REF	3035
Joint REF	10762
Reliability increase	



# SNP-chip vs. WGS

- SNP chip
  - Sample of SNP (higher minor allele frequency)
  - Limited linkage disequilibrium depending on number of SNP
  - High informativity for imputation
  - Opportunity for custom made chip
- Sequence
  - Contains most variants (>20 mio SNP, indels, CNVs, etc)
  - Causative variants included (no bias in selection of SNP)
  - High linkage disequilibrium between markers and causative variants
  - Sequence GWAS improve associations substantially (Goutam)

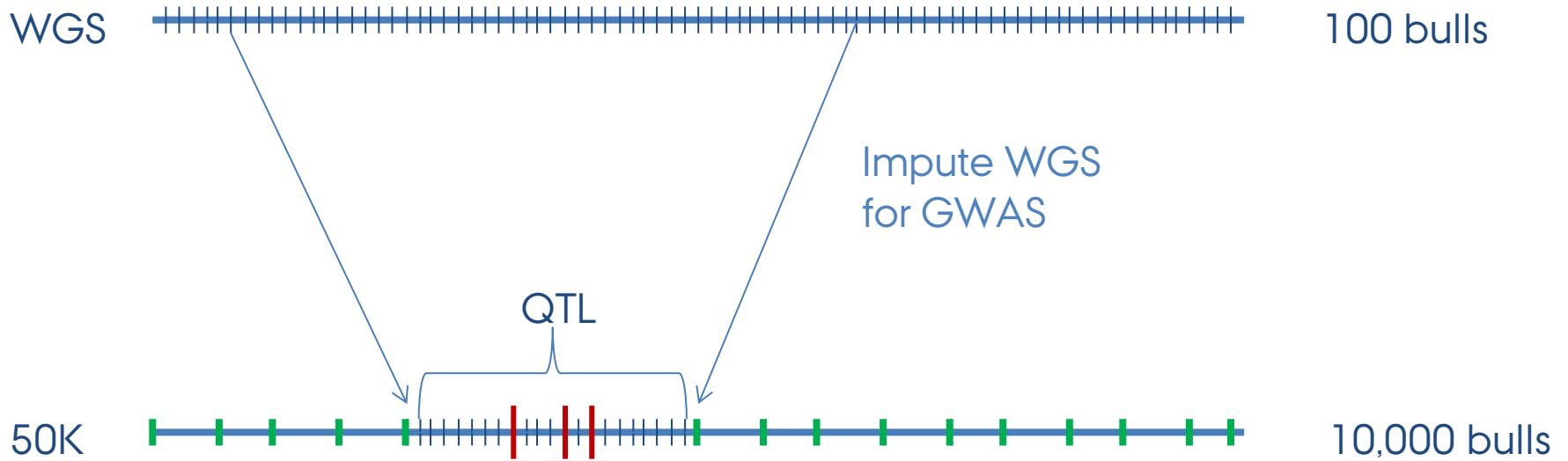
# Bull reference

50K



10,000 bulls





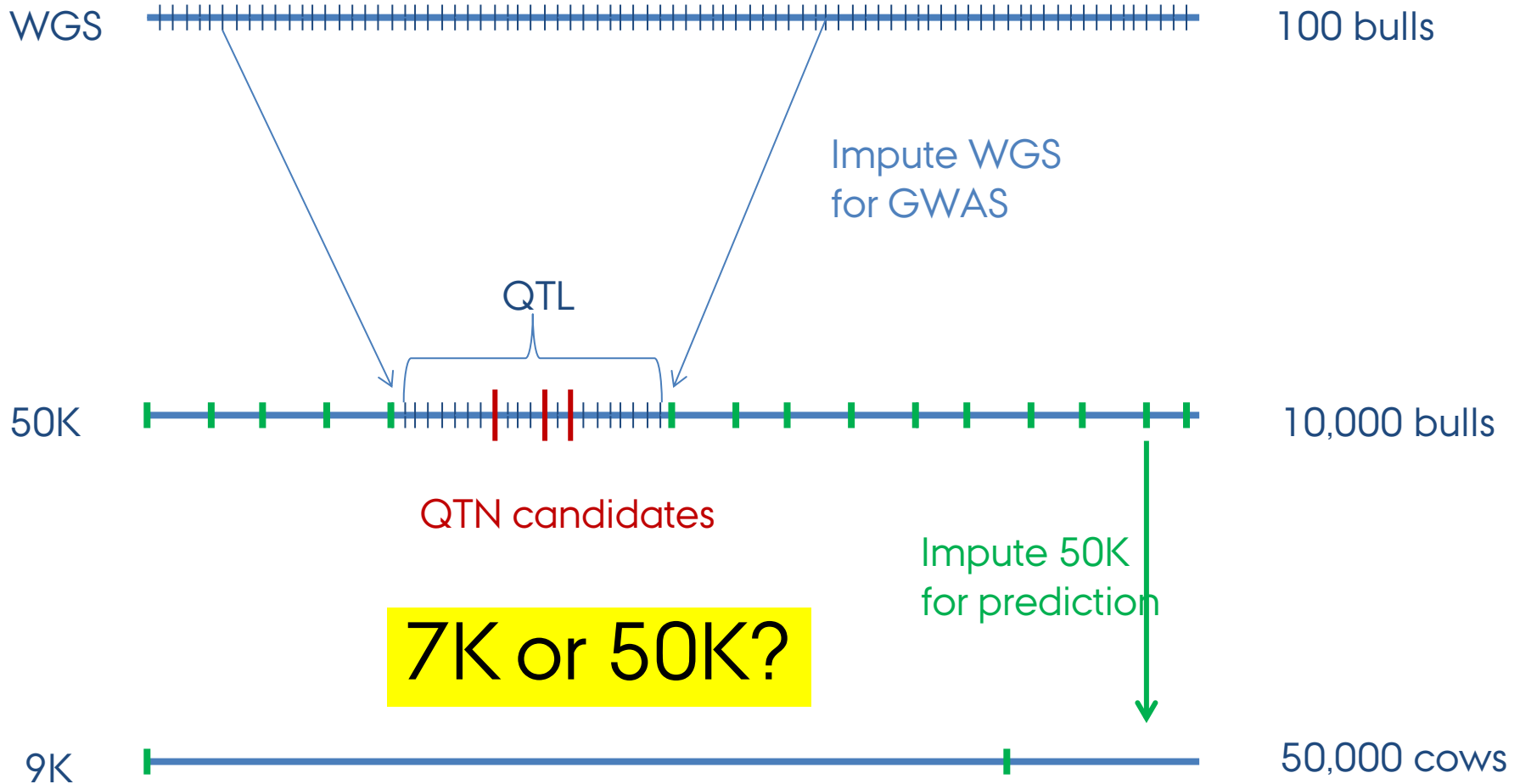
Include sequence SNPs (QTL regions, general)

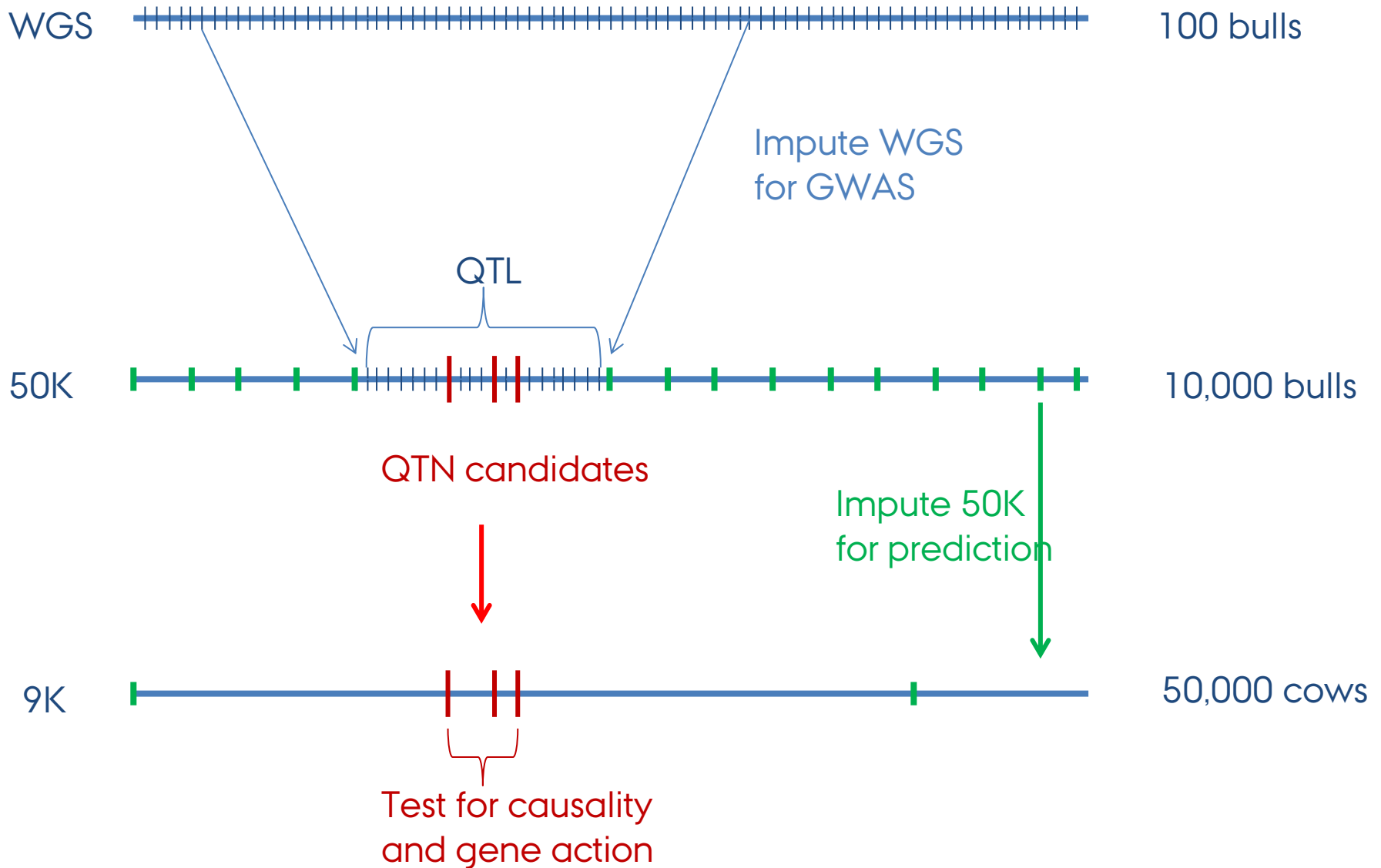
Or few potential QTN

Bayesian models are needed

Haplotype models

# Cow reference





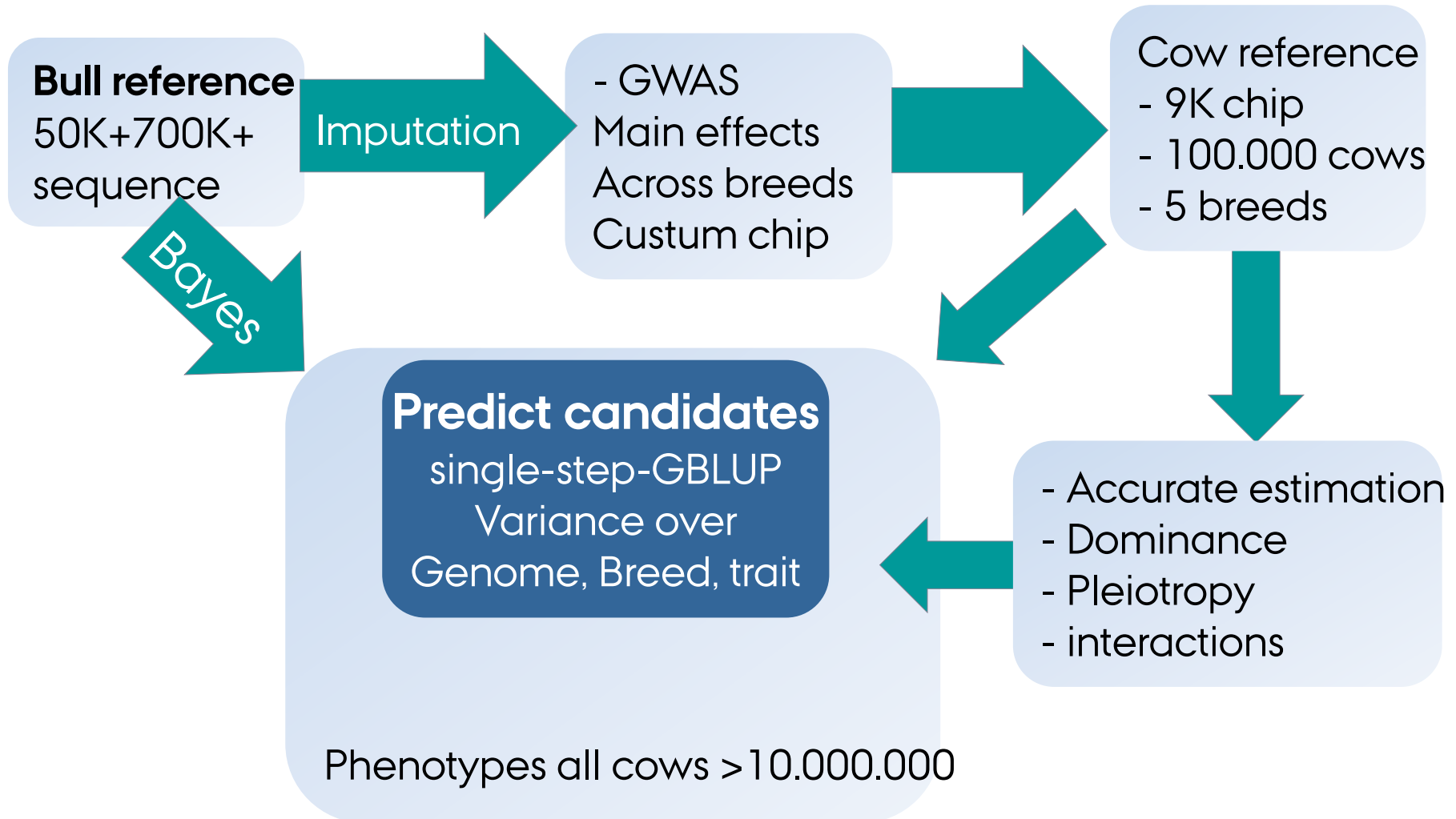
# LD-chip

- **Imputation of all genotyped bulls to WGS level**
- **GWAS with 10 mill SNP with  $R^2 > 0.9$**
- **Selection of 5-15 QTL for each index**
- **Selection 3-5 SNP**
  - P-values
  - Functional annotations

## Number of QTL in the LD-chip

Chr	Trait	HF	RDC	JER
1	Birth	10	15	10
2	Body-confirmation	6	8	5
3	Calving	13	12	15
4	Fat	15	14	14
5	Fertility	19	15	15
6	Growth	8	9	5
7	Leg	17	18	10
8	Longevity	8	11	14
9	Mastitis	16	17	25
10	Milk	13	18	16
11	Milking-speed	5	7	5
12	NTM	6	8	9
13	Other-diseases	23	21	13
14	Protein	22	10	14
15	Temperament	6	7	0
16	Udder	8	8	8
17	Yield	16	8	13

# Combining genotyping and modeling



# Where are we?

- **Strong strategy to integrate WGS and prediction in practice**
- **New traits on research farm level**
- **Bring to large scale is needed**
  - FE, metabolic diseases, Reproduction, milk spectra
  - Registration herds
  - Focus in new initiative
- **Breeding plans**

# Bull reference

- **50K**
  - Capture most genetic variance within breed
- **700K**
  - Haplotype models
  - Prediction over generations (and breeds)
- **Sequence data**
  - Causative variants
  - Prediction over generations and breeds



# 9K for reference cows

- **More cows in reference (cheaper)**
- **High imputation accuracy**
- **Add many potential causative variants**
  - Non-additive effects
  - Testing for causative variants
- **Better predictions across breeds**

# Models

- **GBLUP → infinitesimal model**
  - No improvement from sequence data
  - Needed for large scale predictions
  - Can be modified to prioritise specific SNPs
  
- **BayesianVS models → causality model**
  - Select causal SNP or few SNP in high LD
  - Needed to extract prior knowledge for GBLUP/SNP-BLUP

# Examples

Product quality

Fertility/ Energy balance



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**Predicting bovine milk protein composition based on Fourier transform infrared spectra**

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**Predicting early lactation energy balance in primiparous Red Dairy Cattle using milk and body traits**

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Health

Emission



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**Short communication: Ketone body concentration in milk determined by Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy: Value for the detection of hyperketonemia in dairy cows**

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**Potential use of milk mid-infrared spectra to predict individual methane emission of dairy cows**

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# Increased LD

