

Systool Web: a new on-line application for the French INRA "Systali" project

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Outline of the presentation

- The French INRA "Systali" project
- Organization of Systool Web
 - Objectives of Systool Web
 - Pedagogical aspects
 - Calculation aspects
- Some illustrations
- Conclusions





The Systali project



The INRA "Systali" project

- To predict more precisely:

➤ The NE, PDI, AADI supplies & the flows of other nutrients
(VFA + Gas + Glucose + Fatty acids ...)

Already published

➤ The animal requirements
& their responses to NE, PDI & other nutrients

(2013 & 2014)

Still in progress

- To enlarge the fields of application of the INRA feed unit systems (→ hot countries, intensive diets...)



The INRA "Systali" nutrient supply model

- Prediction of the flows of diet nutrients
- More precise description of Digestive Interactions:

$$Value(diet) = \sum_j p_j \times Table_value(feed)_j \pm DI$$

- Empirical modelling of DI:

Major impact on OM digestibility

3 Causes: Feeding level (DMI % BW)

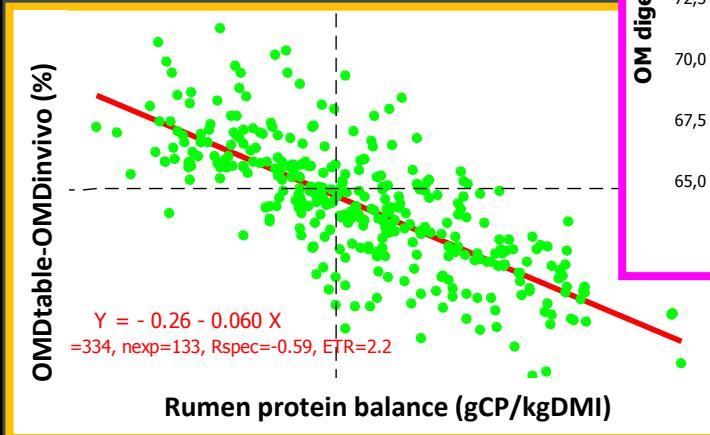
Propⁿ of concentrate (0 < n < 1)

Rumen Protein Balance (=CP intake – CP duodenum)

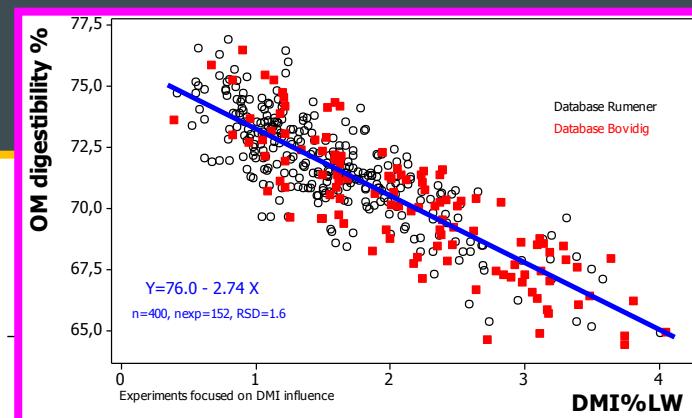


Major causes of Digestive Interactions modifying OM digestibility

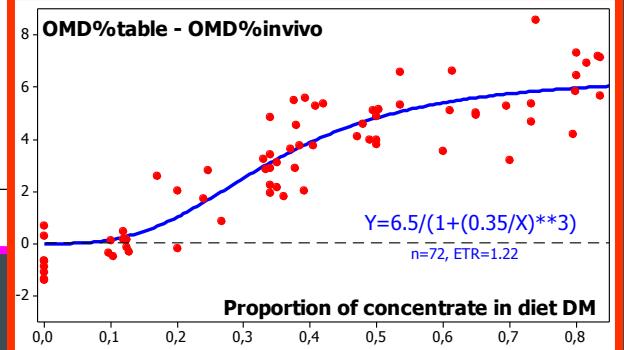
Rumen
Protein
Balance
(RPB)
 $=CPintake - CPduodenum$



Feeding
Level
(*DMI%LW*)



Proportion
of Concentrate
(*PCO*)





In addition...

- Other processes impacted by the 3 factors of DI:
 - NDF digestibility & Rumen Fermented OM (FOM)
 - Protein and Starch digestive partition (*through transit rate*)
 - CH₄ production
 - Urinary E & N production

- Rumen Protein Balance (ration) $\left[\begin{array}{l} = \text{Output data} \\ = \text{Input data} (\rightarrow \text{DI}) \end{array} \right]$
 $\text{RPB} = f(\text{PDIME}, \text{PDIMN})$

=> Iterative process of calculation

→ More and more complex calculations
→ Computer calculations needed



Organisation of Systool Web

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Objectives of Systool Web





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Due to strong demand from professionals

- ✓ To obtain further explanations about the new concepts
- ✓ To practice the use of the new calculation models
- ✓ To integrate all the new equations in their own tools

→ A simple & powerful tool, quickly implemented (3 months) & funded by AFZ, with 2 main objectives:

- A pleasant e-learning tool for the nutrient supply model
- An efficient tool to compute feed & ration values



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Pedagogical aspects





- Area
- Neighboring
- Predecessor
- Successor
- Equation
- Graphic

- KuProBalrefj
- Delta_OMd_Anij
- Delta_OMd_RPBj
- Delta_OMd_FLi
- Delta_OMd_PCOj
- OMdj
- FLrefj
- Intercept_RPB
- Intercept_FL
- Intercept_PCO
- Slope_RPB
- Slope_FL
- Slope_PCO
- Urea

- **2 sub-models : the "Feed model" & the "Ration model"**

- **Variables gathered in different areas**
→ energy, nitrogen, cell-wall, starch, fatty acids...

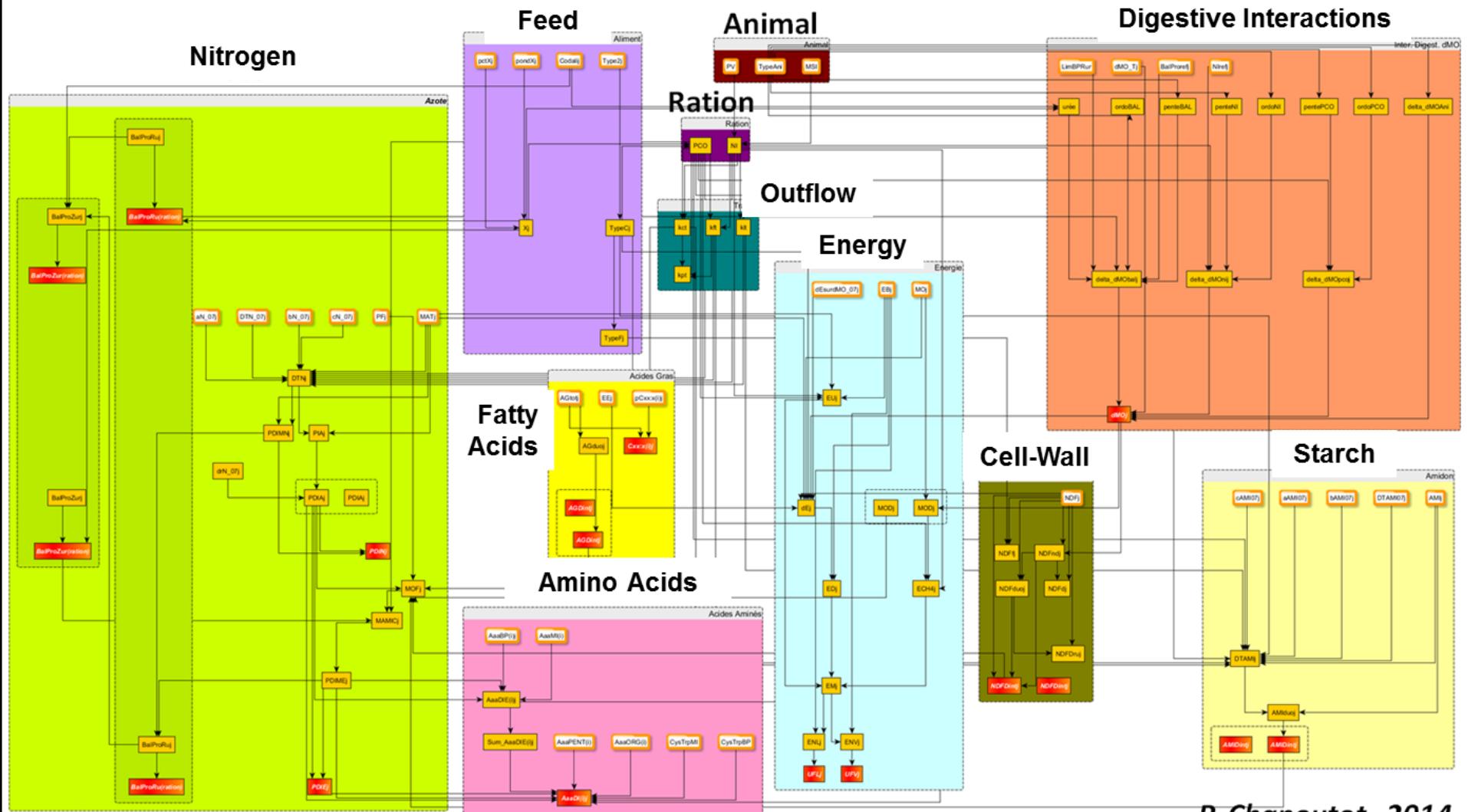
- **Representation of the chaining variables according to the equations of the models:**
→ Neighboring-, predecessor-, or successor-diagrams

- **Detailed description of all the equations of the models**

- **Graphs of the main relationships between variables**



Different variable areas of the "Feed model"

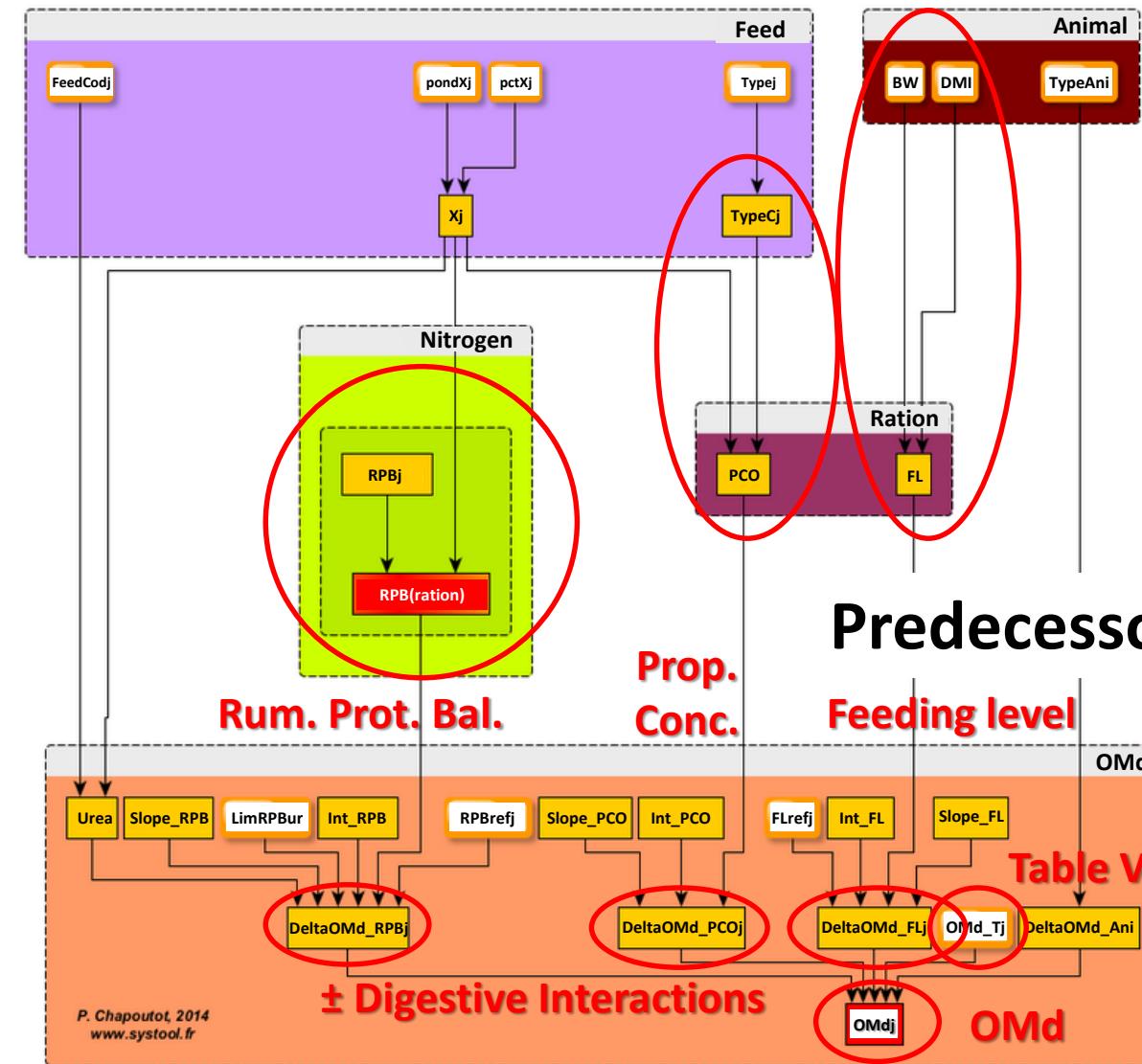




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Feed Model / Digest. Inter. / Predecessor / OMdj

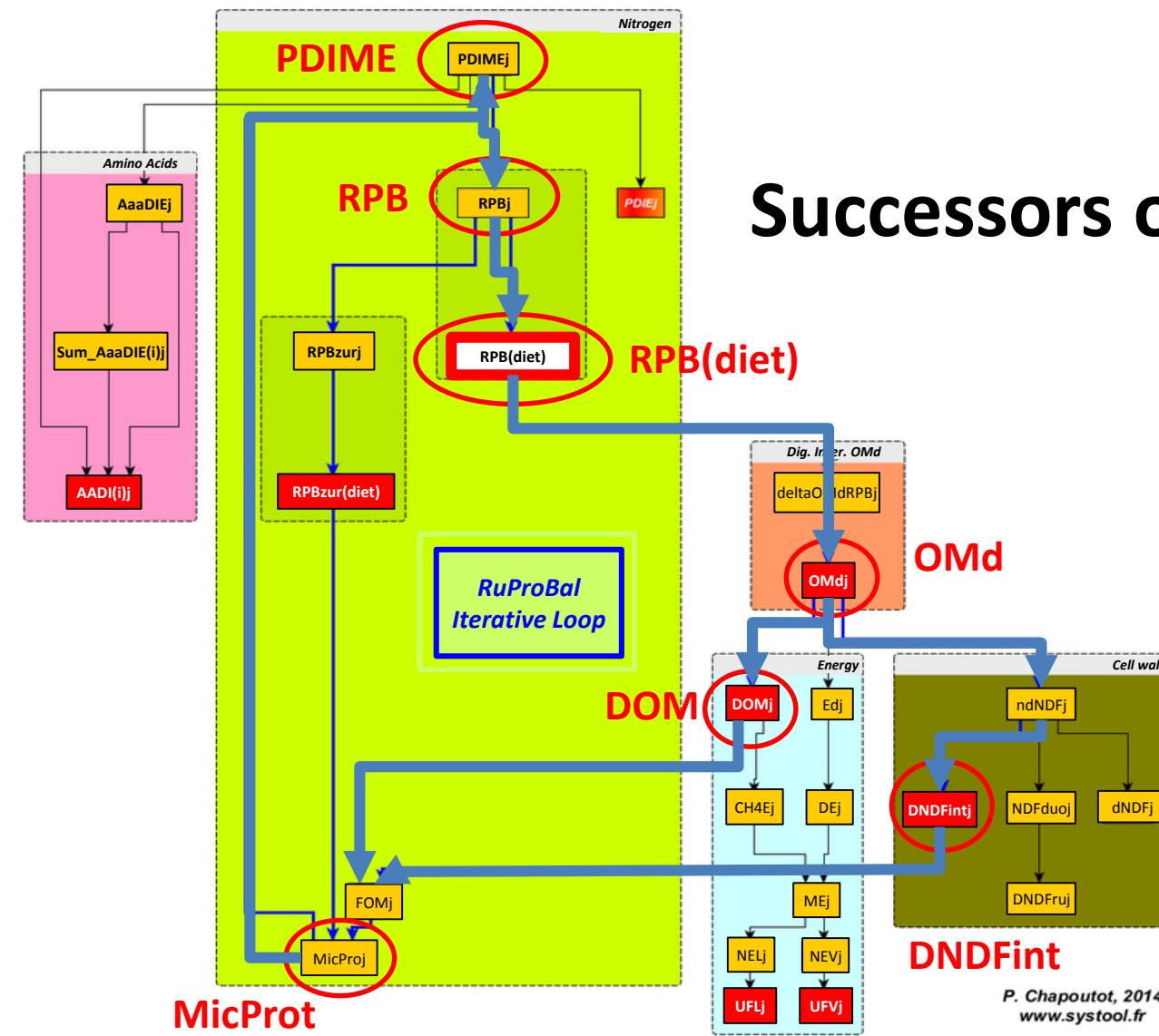




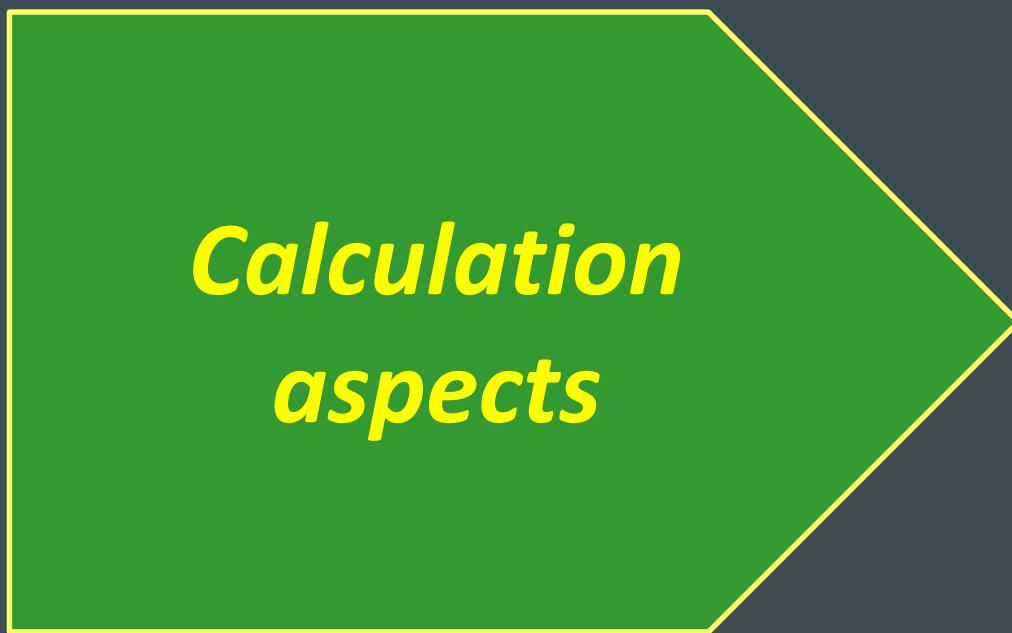
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- CPj
- FOMj
- MicProtj
- NED
- PDIAj
- PDIEj
- PDIMEj
- PDIMj
- PDINj
- RuProBal(diet)**
- RuProBalj**
- RPBZur(diet)
- RPBzurj

Feed Model / Nitrogen / Successor / RuProBal(diet)



Successors of RPB?

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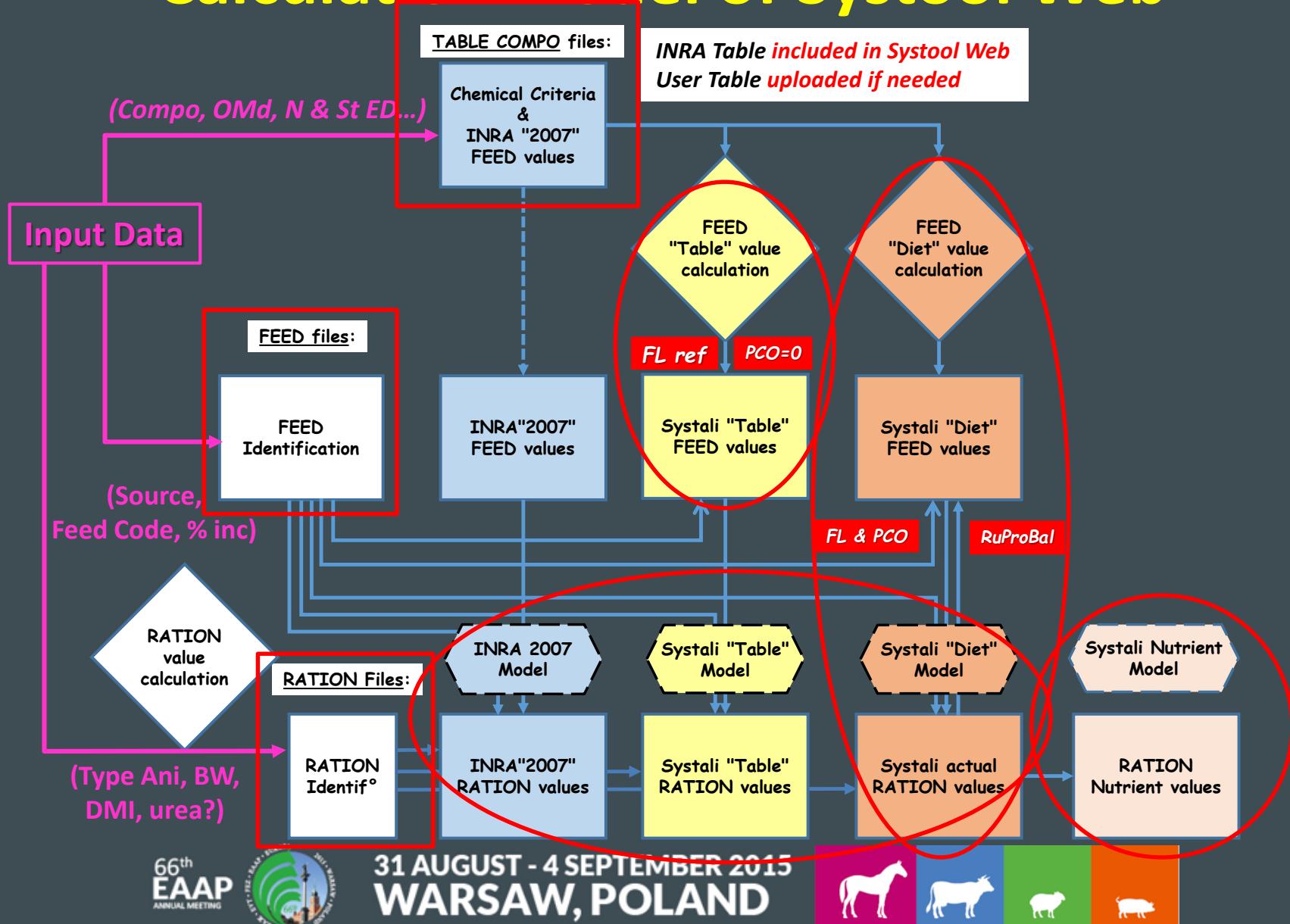
Approach & Organisation of calculations

- Equations are used to estimate Feed values:
 - Feed "Table" values (with FL=ref, PCO=0, without RuProBal)
 - Feed "Diet" values (with FL, PCO & RuProBal of the actual ration)
- Additivity calculation used to obtain Ration values:
 - "Systali" values of the diets
- Calculation of the Nutrient flows from the ration values
- Deliberately light structure of data:
 - Simple organization of the Input variables (Rations, Feeds, User Table)
 - No interpretation/transformation of the output variables (self-interpretation by users)



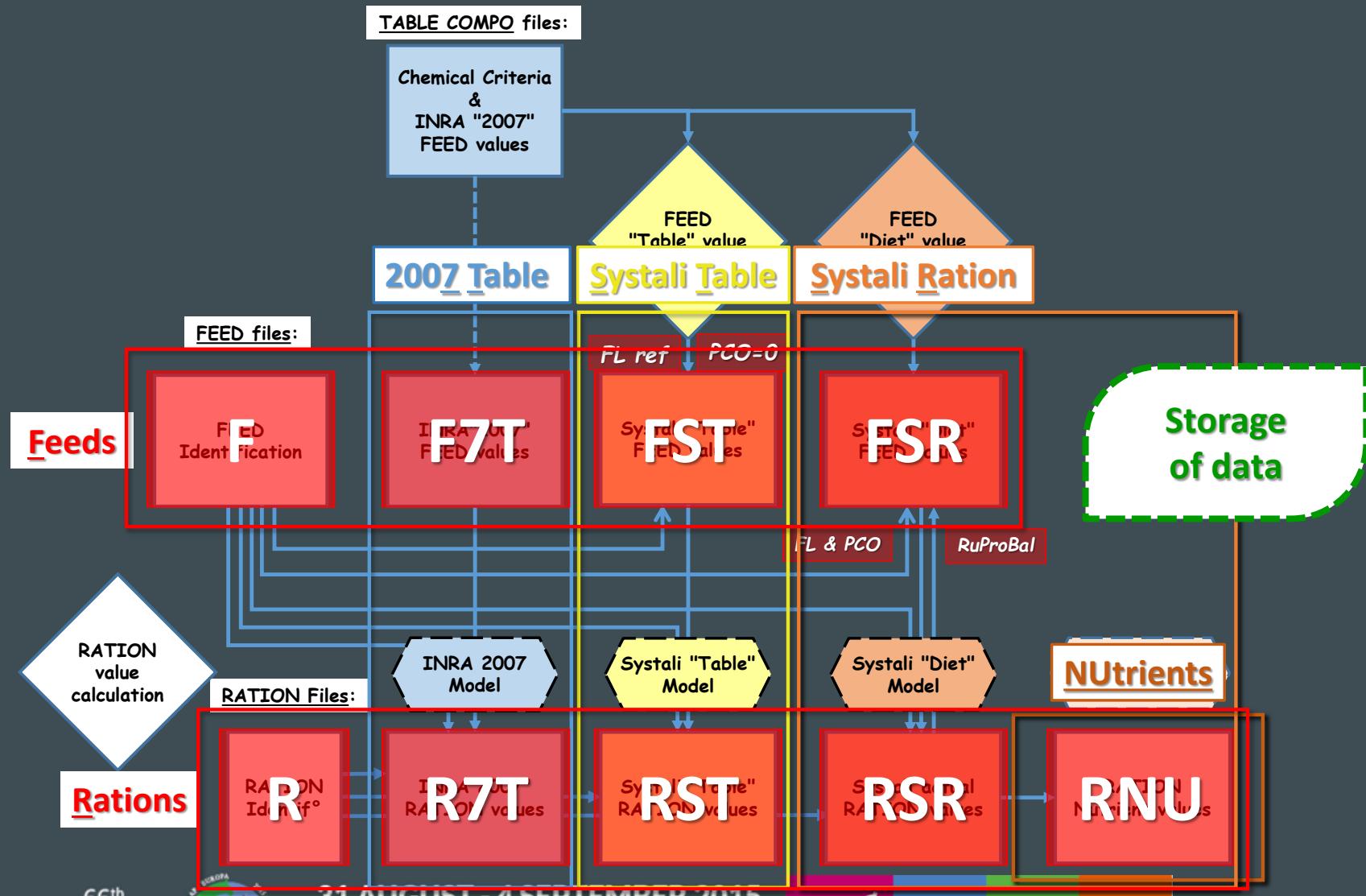


Calculation model of Systool Web





File structure of Systool Web





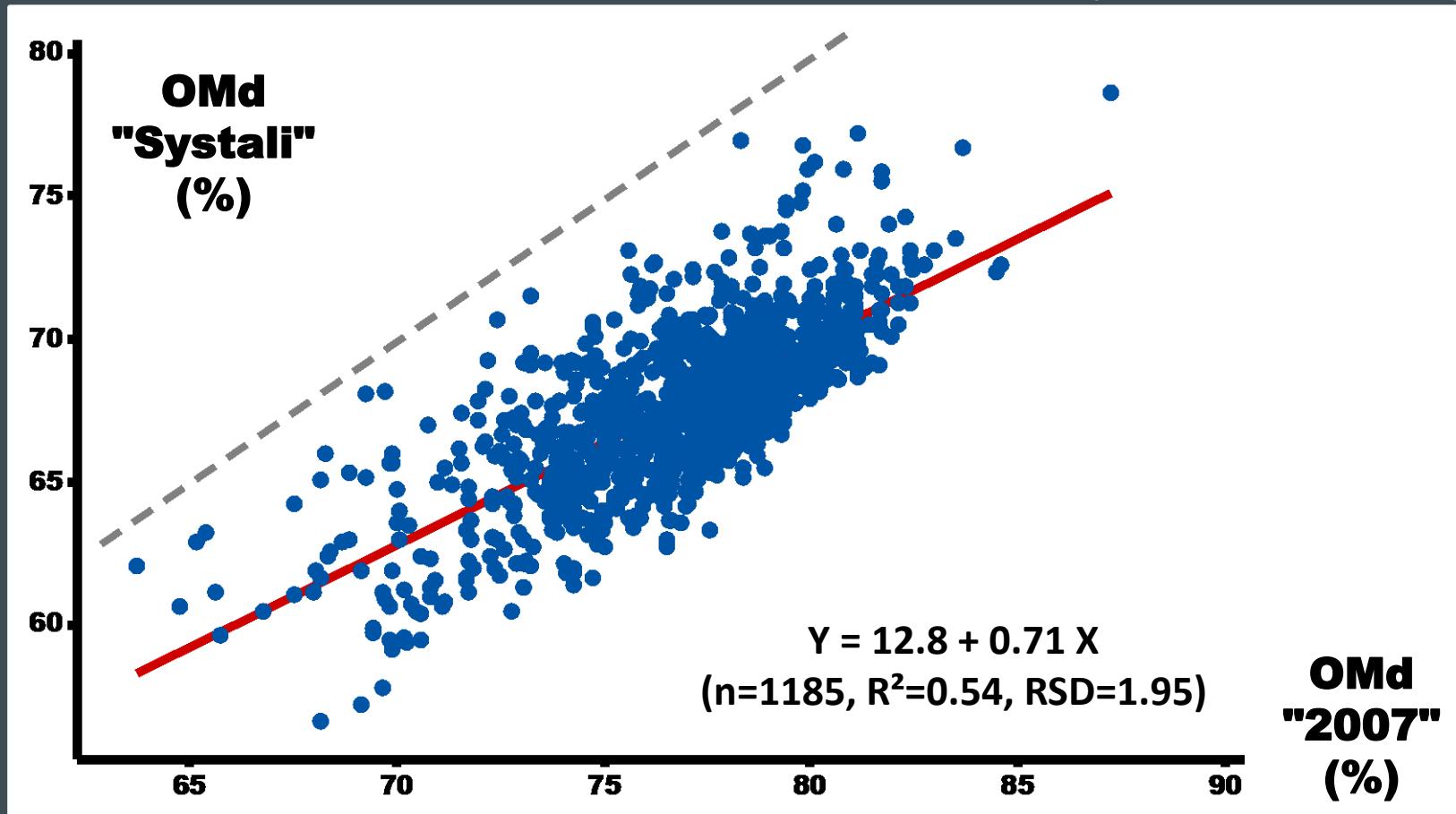
*What can you do
with all these
data?*

*Just use your brain...
...and add your own touch!*



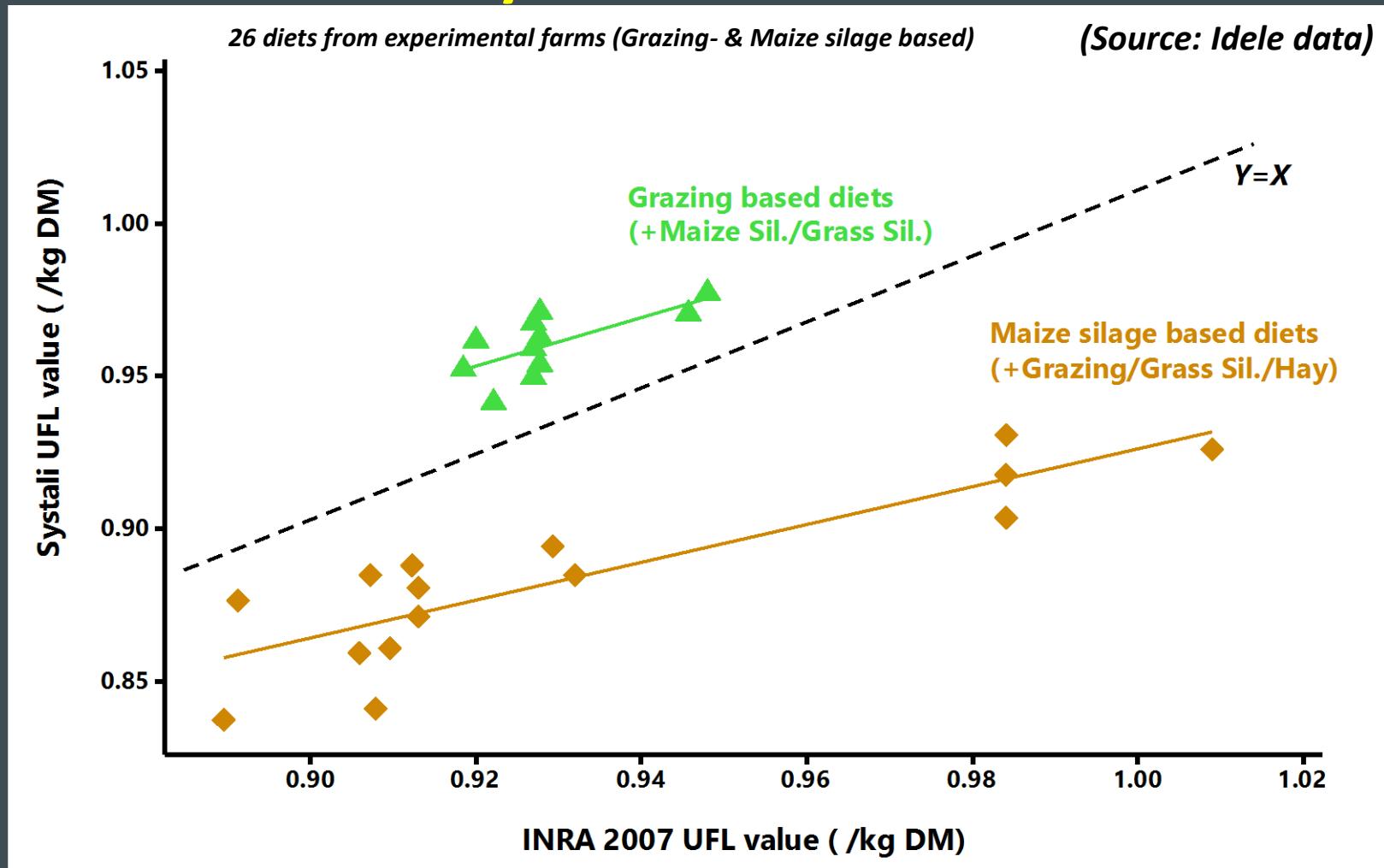
Comparison of OM digestibility of rations "Systali" vs "2007"

Source: J-B. Daniel
(MosarCo Data base)



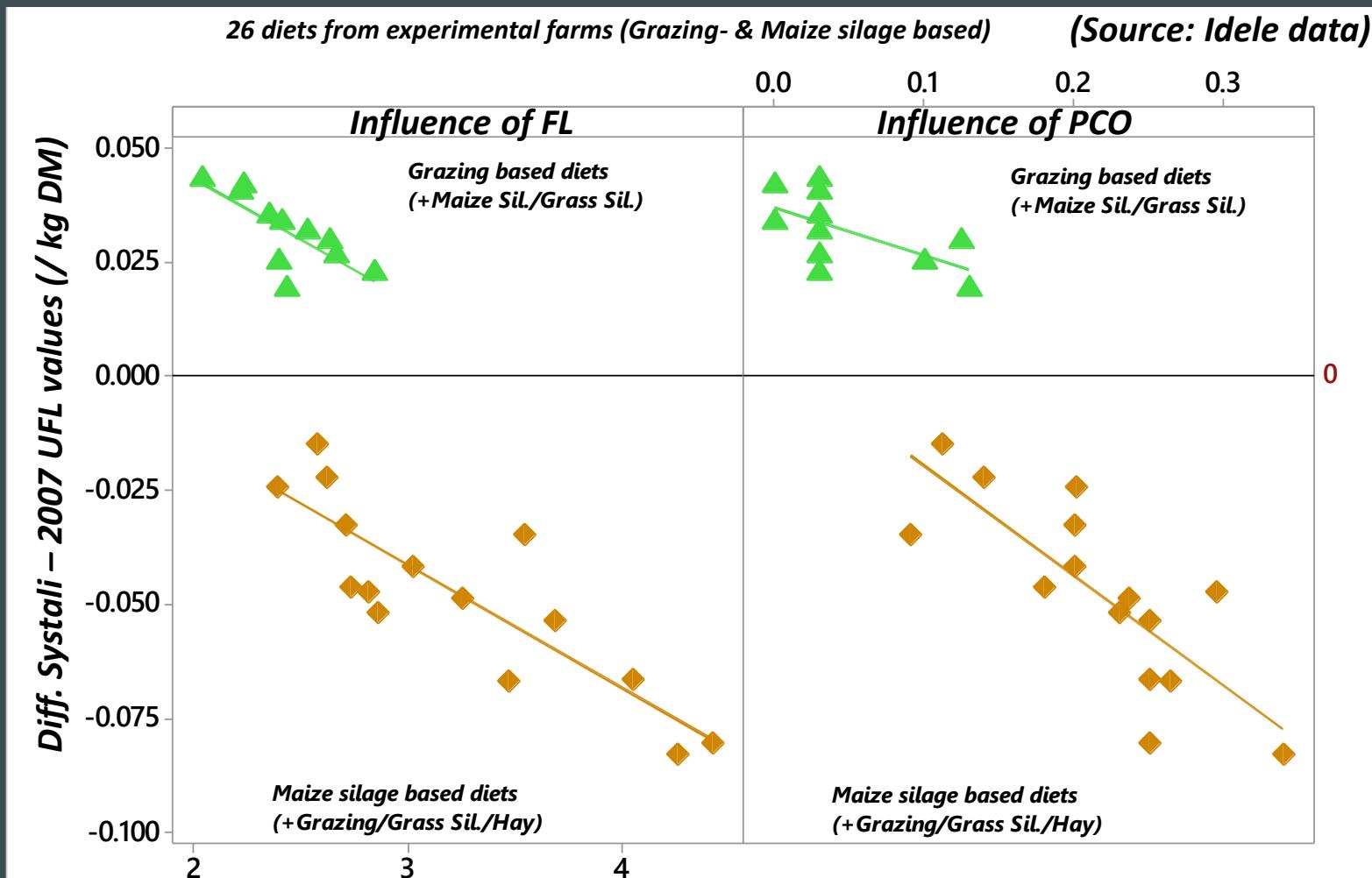


Comparison of the UFL values of rations "Systali" vs "2007"



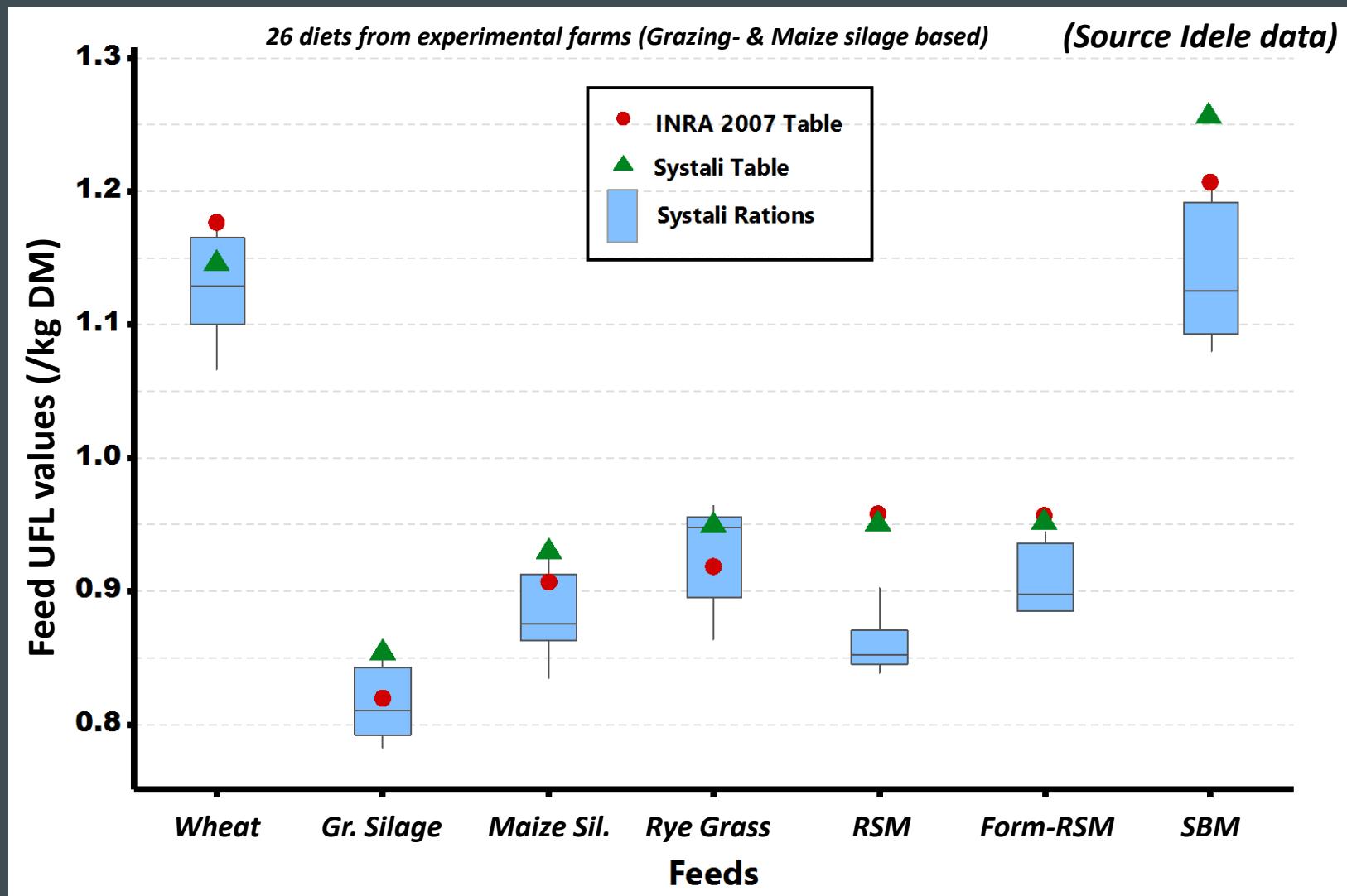


Influence of FL & PCO on the differences Systali - 2007 of UFL ration values





Comparison of "Table" & "Diet" UFL values of feeds





Conclusion



A user-friendly & powerful app

- A synthesis of all the equations of the Systali supply model
- A simple & illustrative representation of the chaining variables
- A very efficient tool → light-speed calculations:
only 15-20 sec. for 600 rations including 6000 feeds!
- Systool web currently in French...
...but an English version available very soon!
- Future evolutions:
 - Short-term: Update the evolutions of the Systali models
 - Later: Compare INRA Systali to other international systems...





Thank you
for your
attention!