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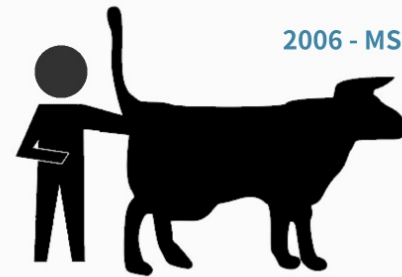


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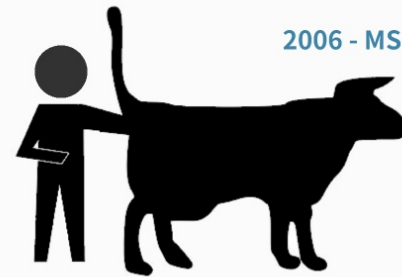


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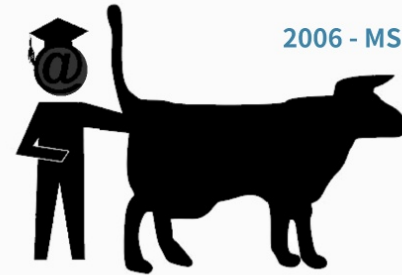


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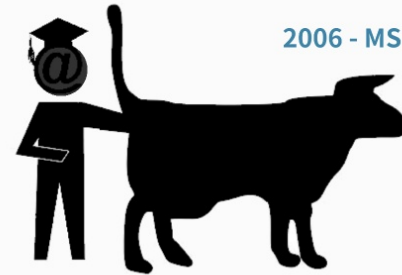


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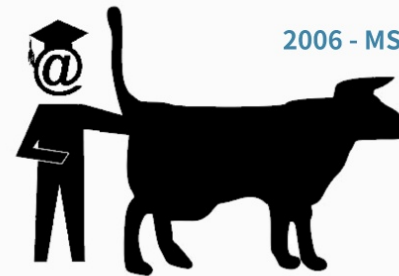
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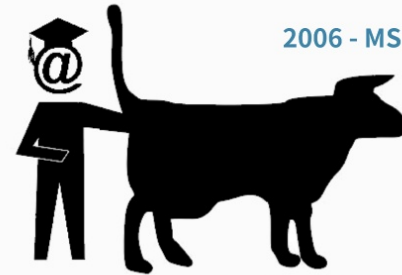
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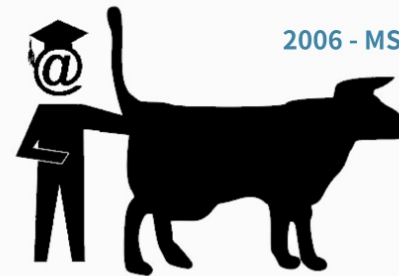
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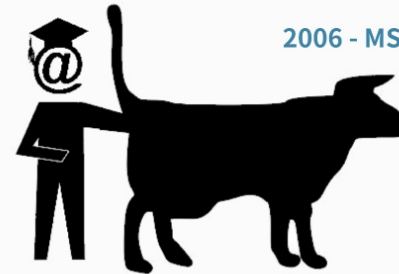
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# The PageRank Citation Ranking: Bringing Order to the Web

January 29, 1998

## Abstract

The importance of a Web page is an inherently subjective matter, which depends on the readers interests, knowledge and attitudes. But there is still much that can be said objectively about the relative importance of Web pages. This paper describes PageRank, a method for rating Web pages objectively and mechanically, effectively measuring the human interest and attention devoted to them.

We compare PageRank to an idealized random Web surfer. We show how to efficiently compute PageRank for large numbers of pages. And, we show how to apply PageRank to search and to user navigation.

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In early 1998, Page submitted his first paper, an overview of the PageRank algorithm, to the Special Interest Group on Information Retrieval of the Association for Computing Machinery (SIGIR-ACM).

But the paper was rejected.

One peer reviewer wrote of the paper, "I found the overall presentation disjointed.... This needs to focus more on the IR issues and less on web analysis."

## **What kind of people are needed in the digital revolution for animal production**

- Academia
- Research institutes
- SMEs
- Multinationals
- Global innovators



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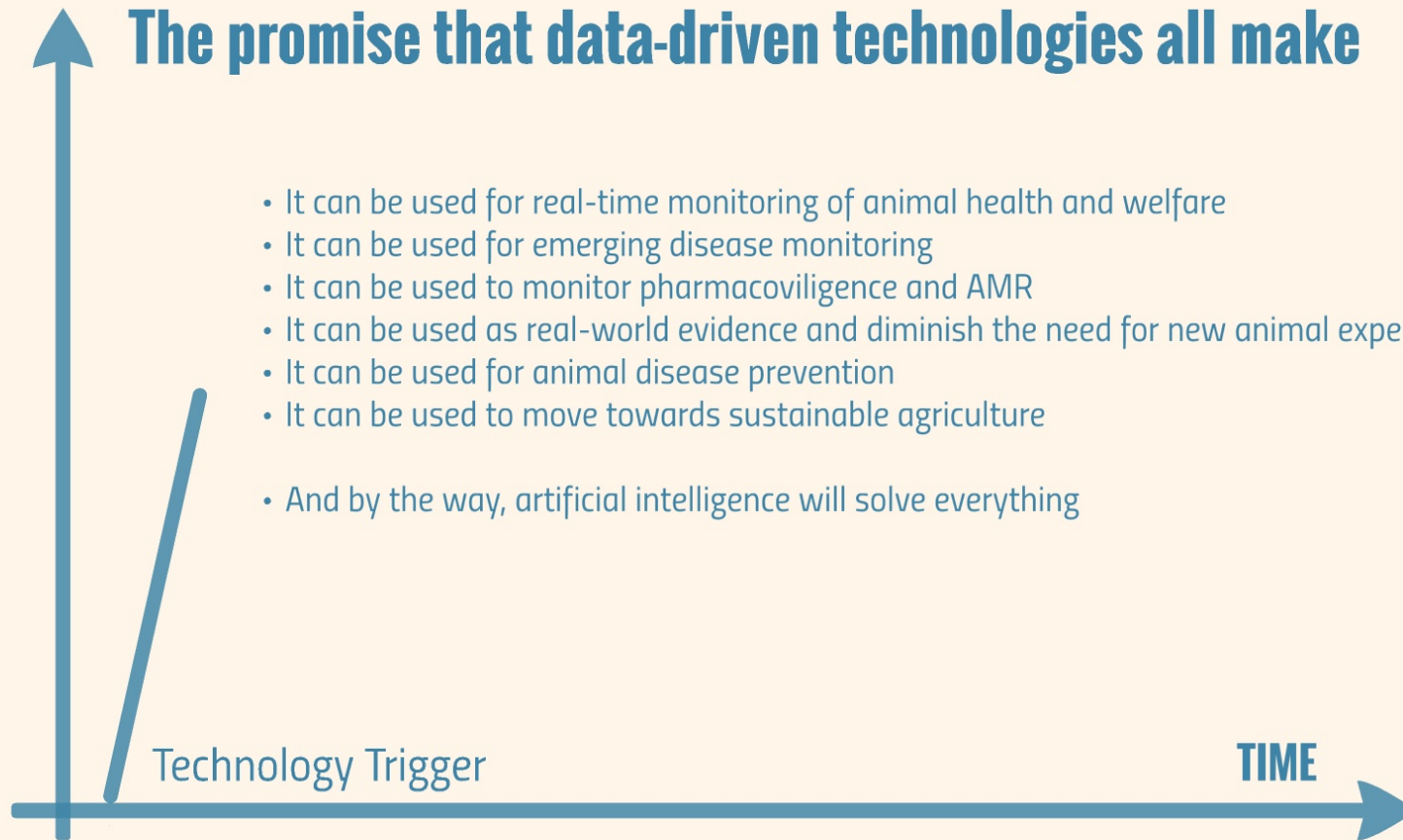


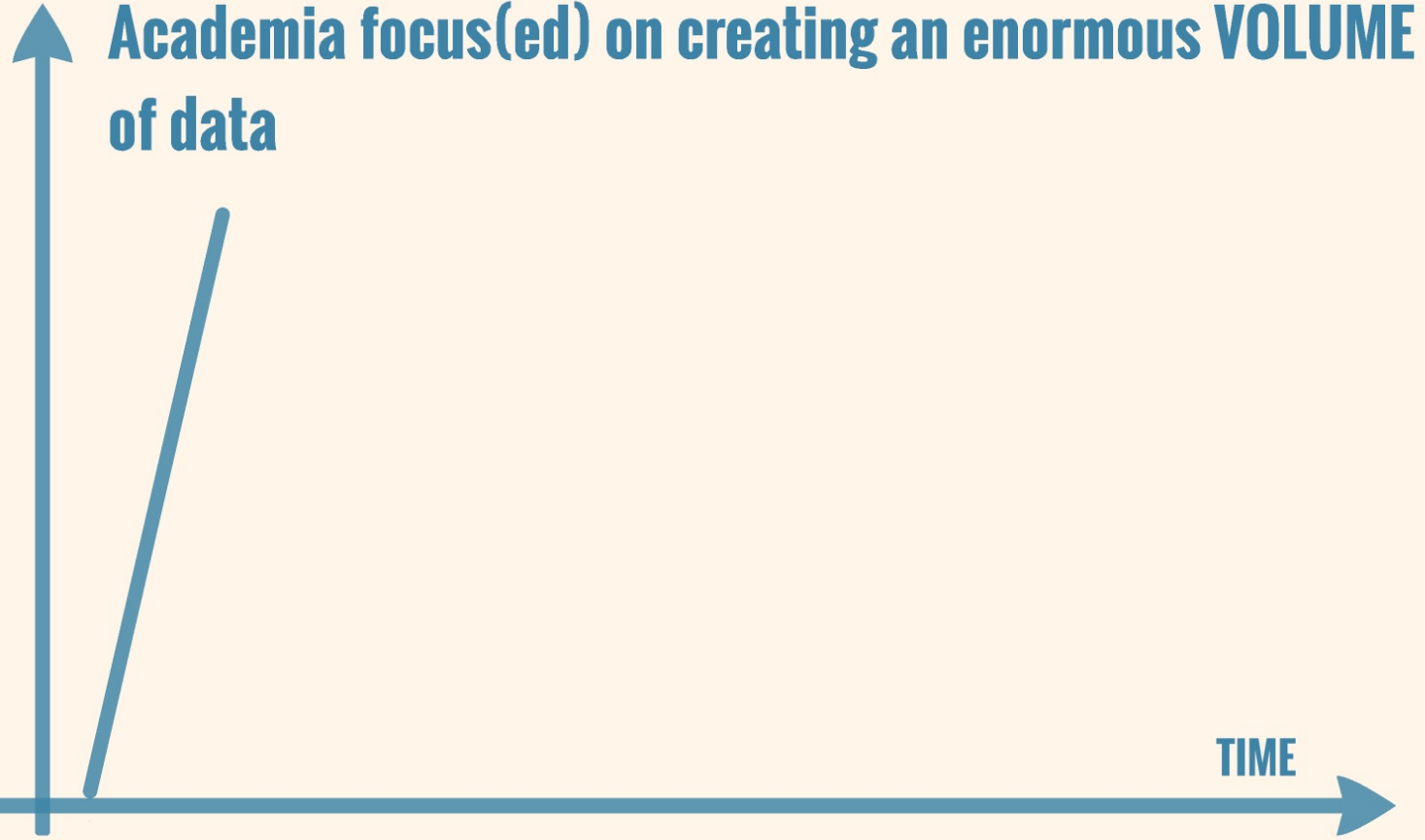
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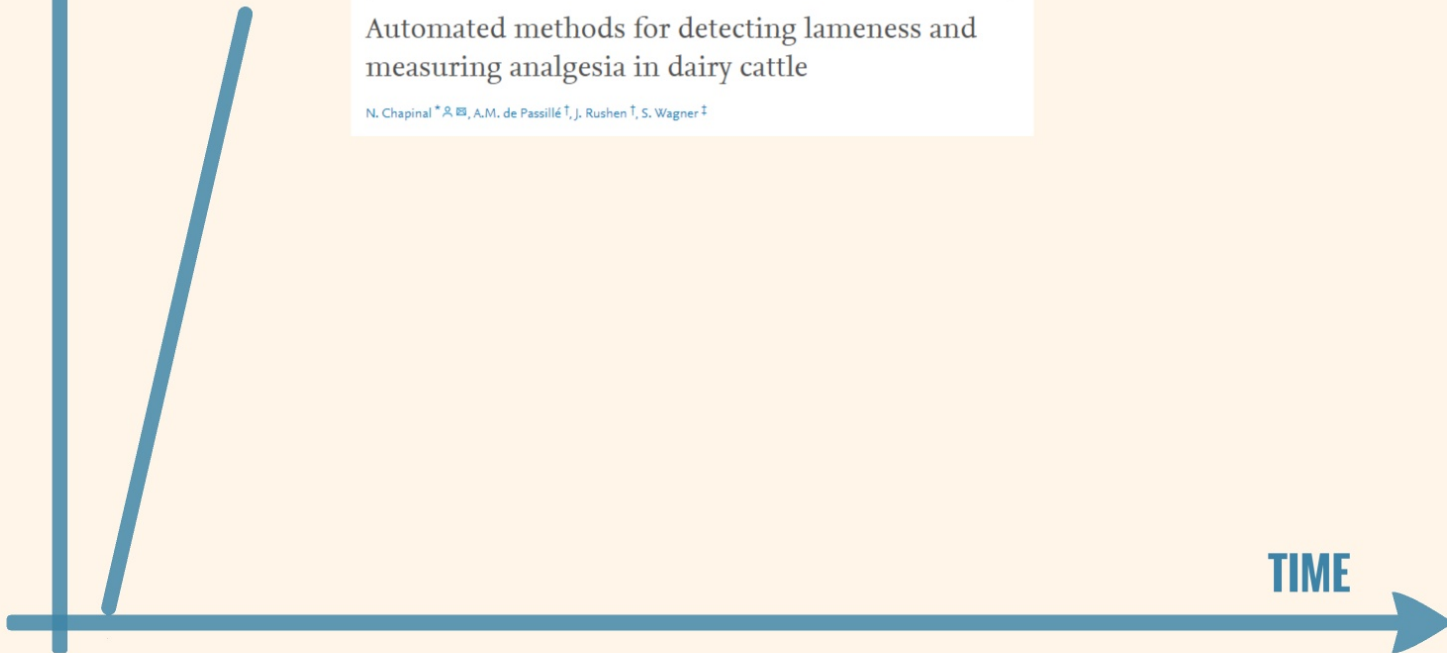
## The promise that data-driven technologies all make

- It can be used for real-time monitoring of animal health and welfare
- It can be used for emerging disease monitoring
- It can be used to monitor pharmacovigilance and AMR
- It can be used as real-world evidence and diminish the need for new animal experiments
- It can be used for animal disease prevention
- It can be used to move towards sustainable agriculture
  
- And by the way, artificial intelligence will solve everything





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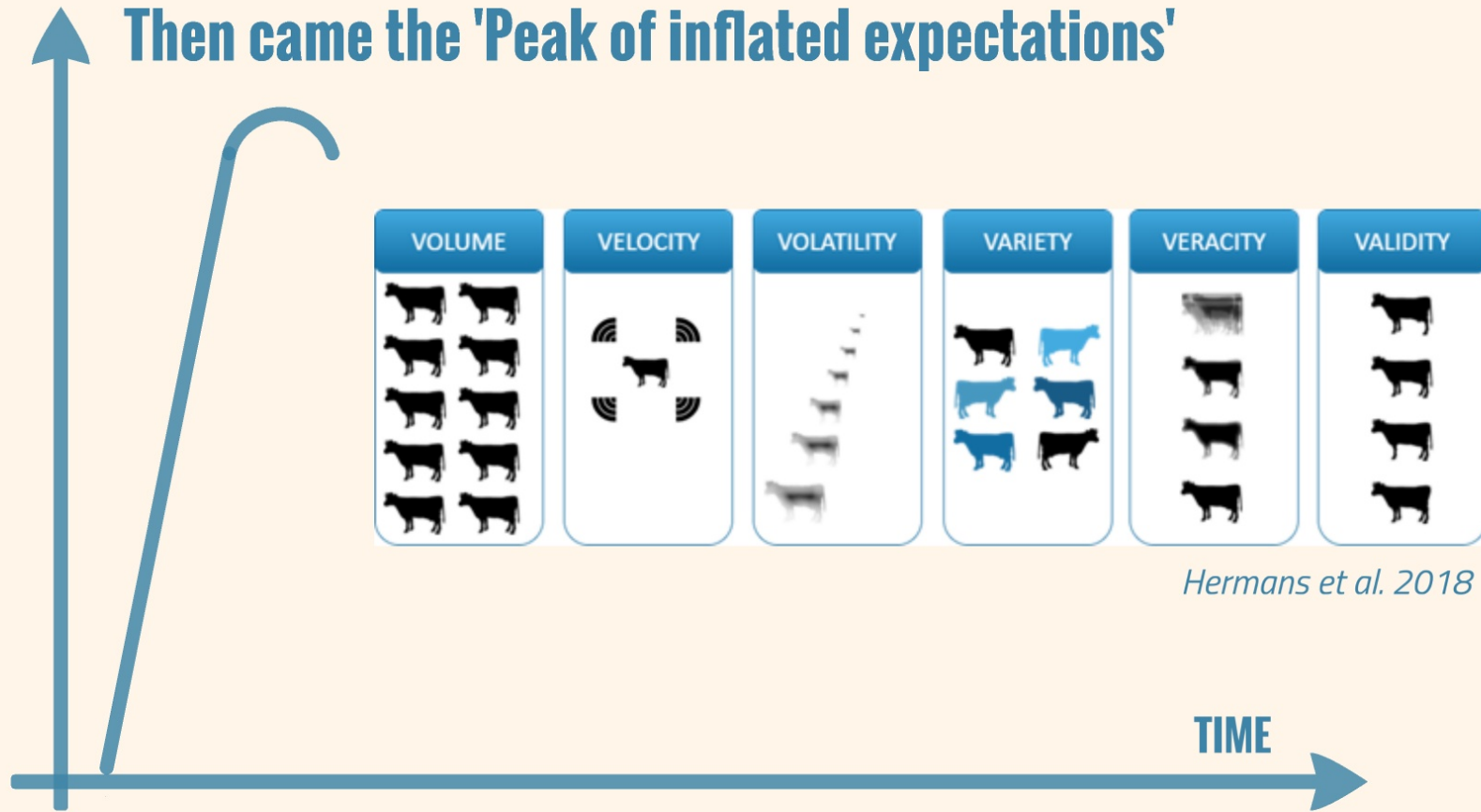
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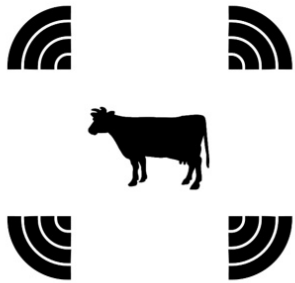


# Then came the 'Peak of inflated expectations'



*Hermans et al. 2018*

## VELOCITY



*'Hey Miel, here is another update of the data'*

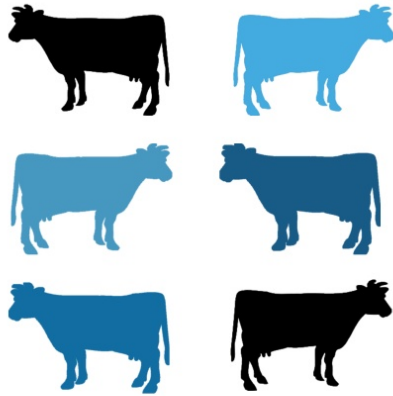
*'In general, data is believed to exist for 5 year, before it starts vanishing'*

*'who will pay the bill to keep all that data alive?'*

## VOLATILITY

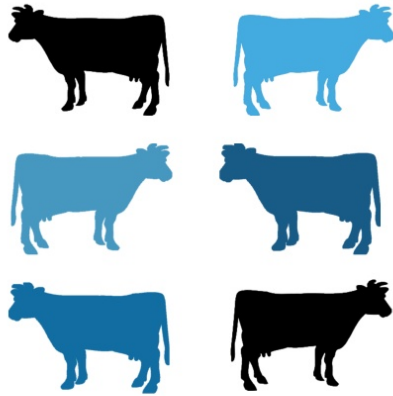


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- In datasources
- In data dimensions
- In people
- In budgets
- In statistical-programming languages
- In spoken languages

## VALIDITY



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# VALIDITY



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## Novel approaches to assess the quality of fertility data stored in dairy herd management software

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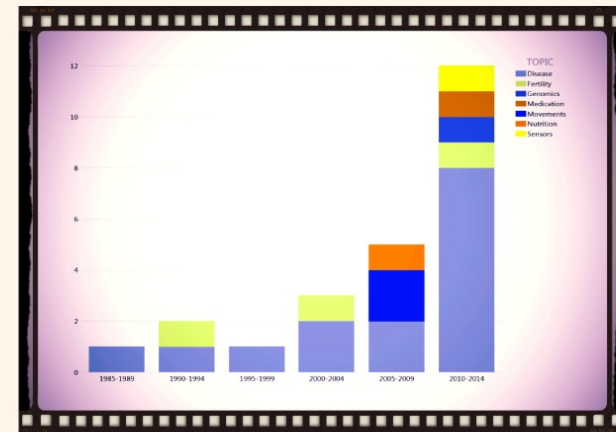


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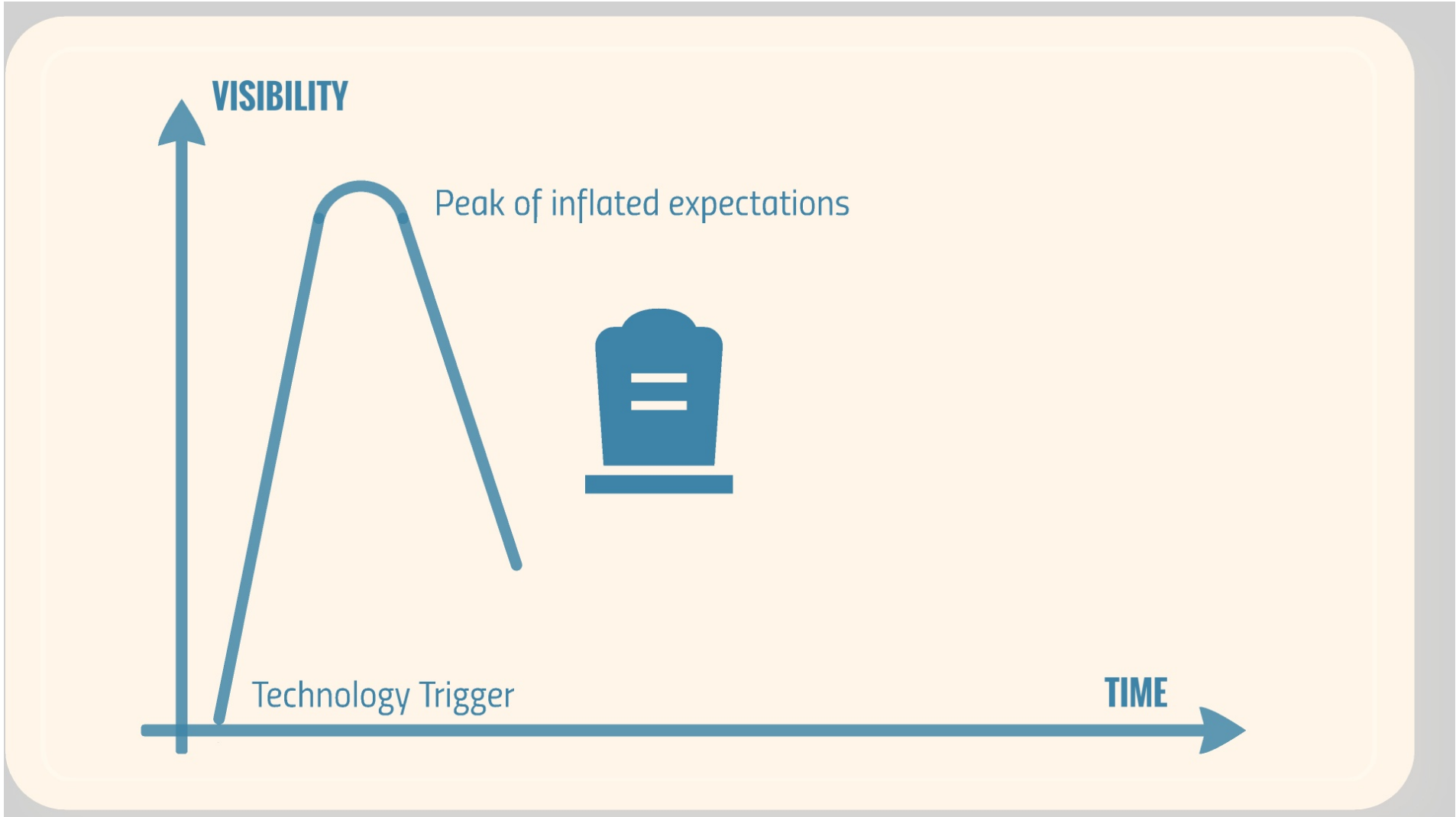
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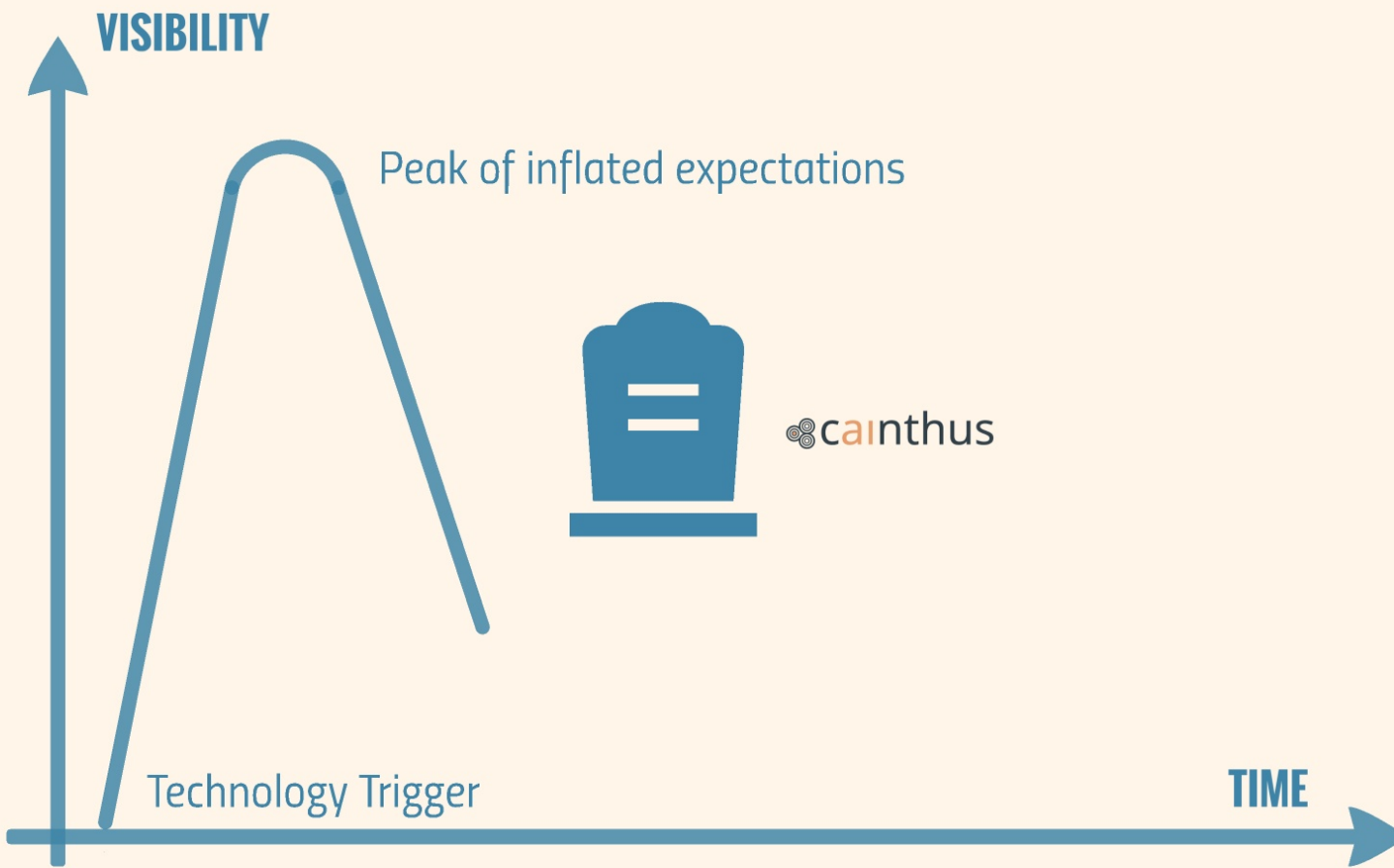


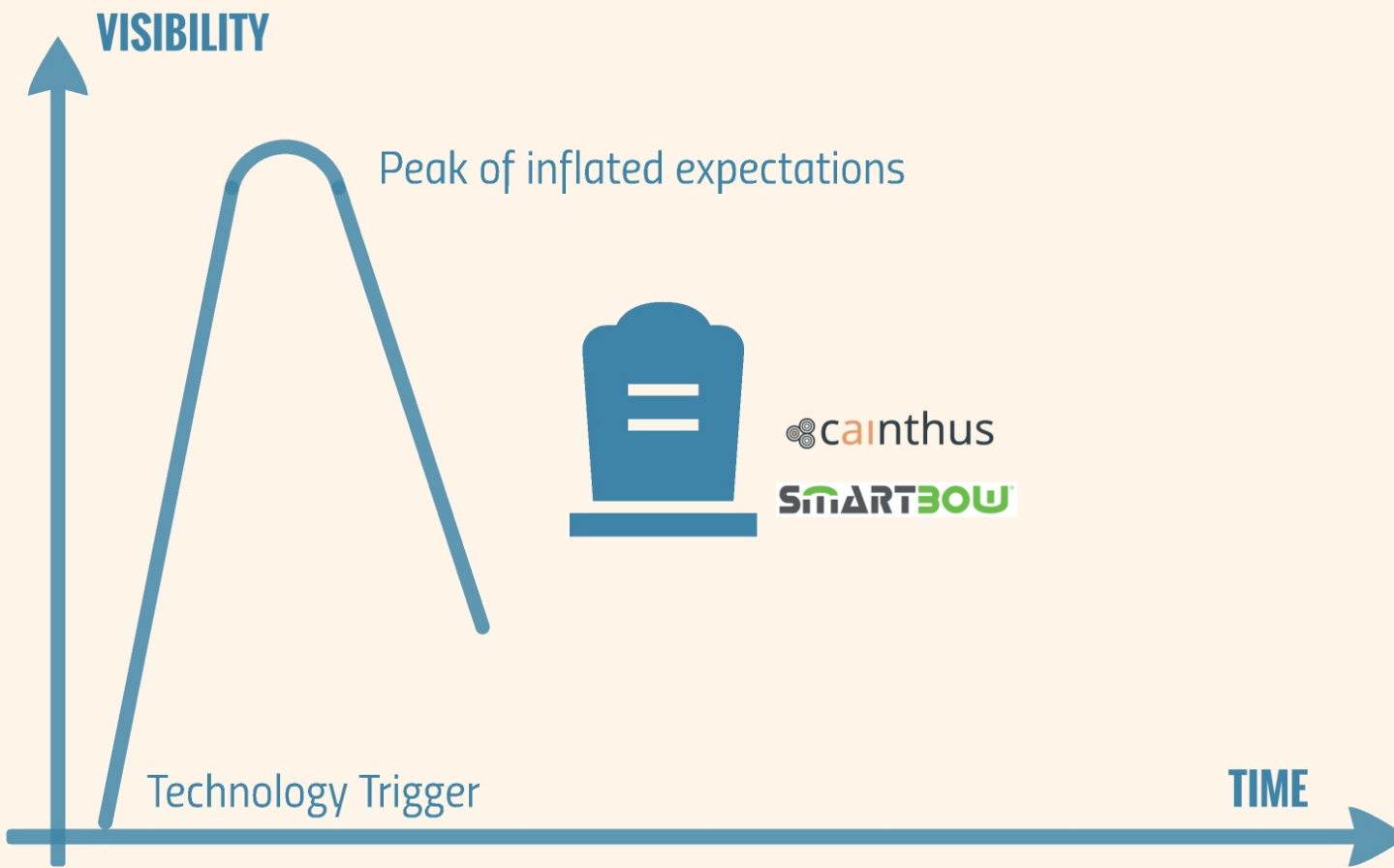
- Which refers to the biases, noise and abnormality in data.
- Rarely seen in animal & veterinary science to report data quality!
- Be honest about what you report, and especially not report
- Focus on QUALITY not QUANTITY of output

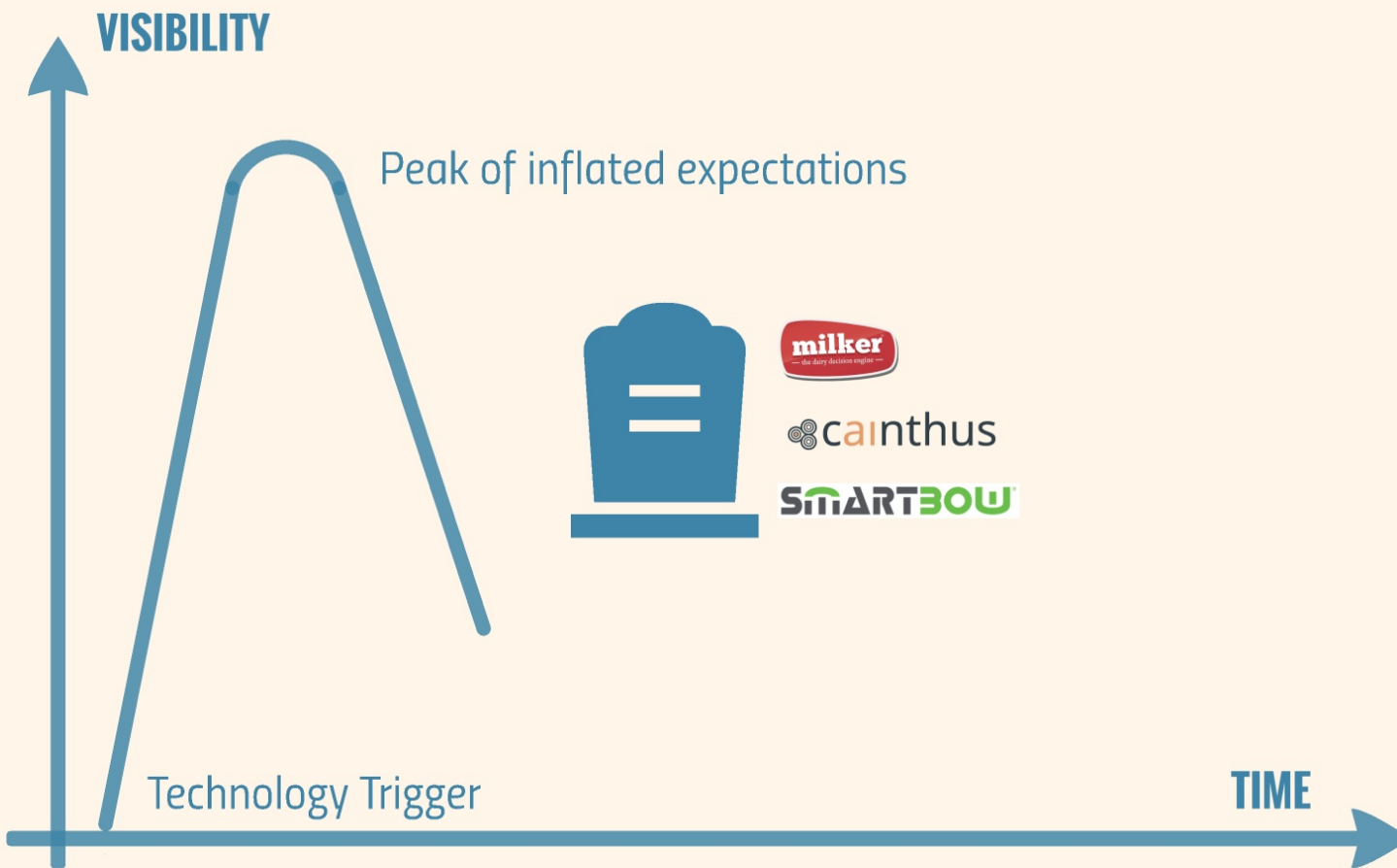












# Industry reality



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Is the industry ready?

Is the industry really willing to share valuable assets?

Does agriculture ever gets anything back?

# Scientific reality



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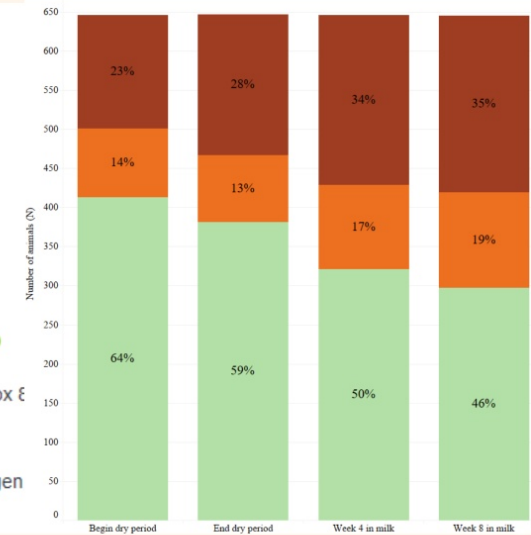
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## ZuivelNL secretly passes on data to CBS and RIVM

Today 12:00 pm - Klaas van der Horst -

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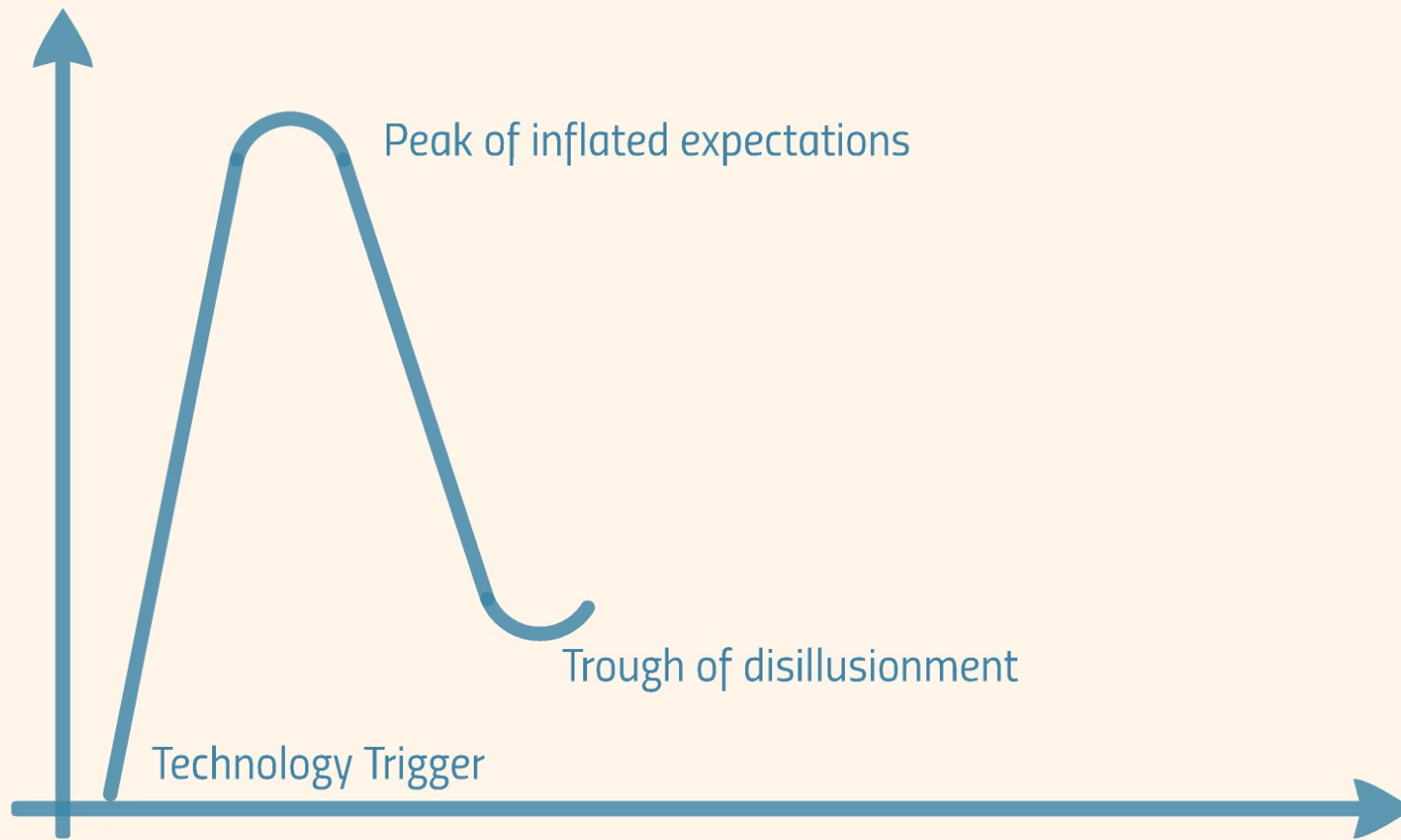
Since 2019, the ZuivelNL sector organization has been supplying all company data from individual dairy farms in a traceable form to CBS and thus also to RIVM. This is done without asking for the necessary permission or informing those involved. This is apparent from documents in the hands of Boerenbusiness.

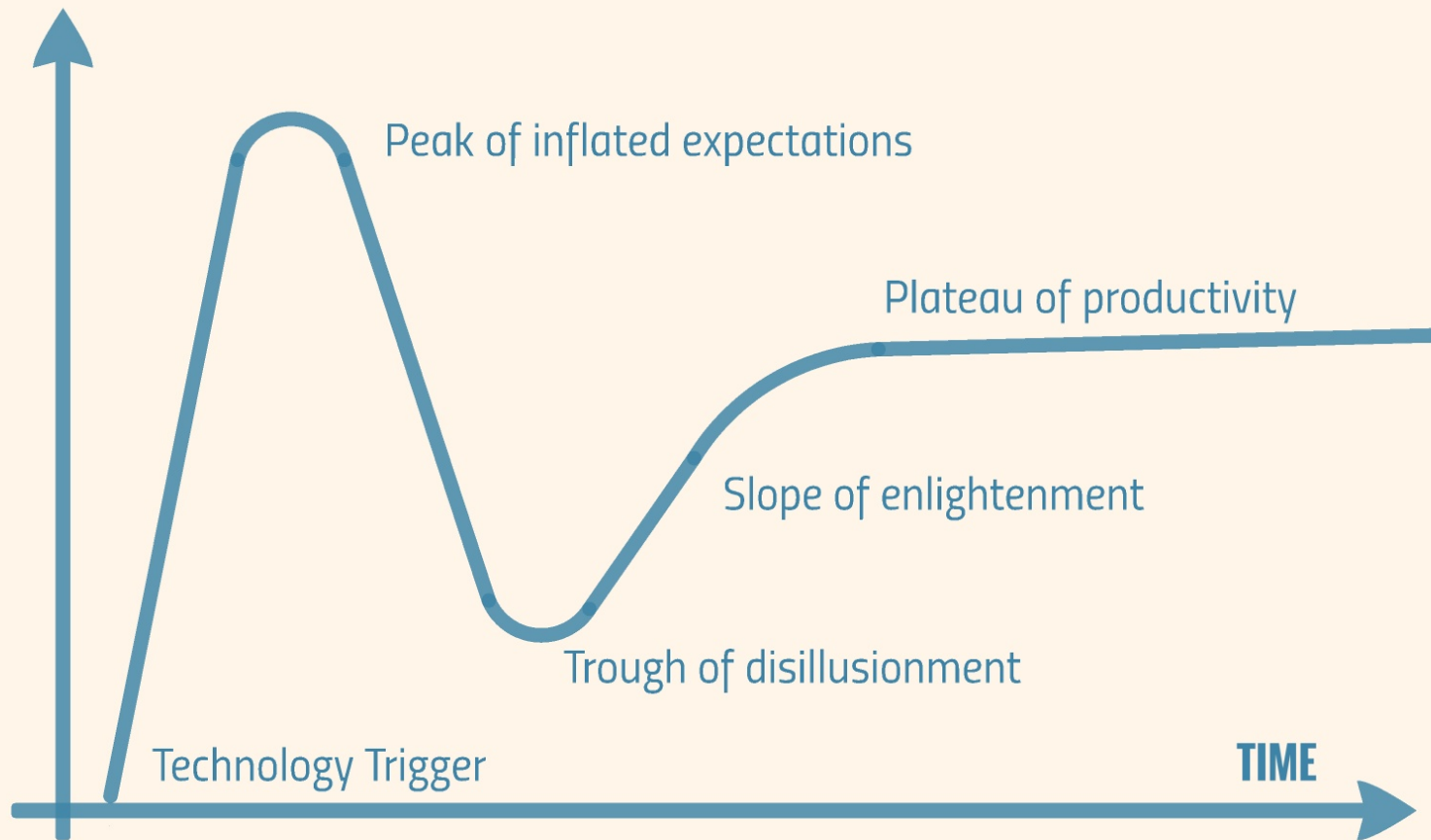
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# Academic - Veterinary reality

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- Most EU curricula mainly oriented towards veterinary clinicians
- Veterinarians will not be replaced by PLF and AI, but the one who is not making use of it will be replaced by the one who does







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FAIR Principles	Compliance
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*'What if all  
Journal of Animal  
Science, Veterinary  
Journal became FAIR?'*

*Full transparency in data  
and methods*



# Are we 'researchers' setting the correct example?

Conclusions:

- **None** of the datasets assessed in this study **met all the requirements** set by the FAIR principles.
- **Interoperability**, in particular, requires specific skills in data management which may **not yet be broadly available** in the epidemiology community.
- Overall, although **many initiatives to improve data access** have been started in the research community, their impact on the availability of datasets underlying published articles remains unclear to date

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RESEARCH

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Systematic review of the status of veterinary epidemiological research in two species regarding the FAIR guiding principles



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**How can you start  
yourself ...**

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Sensor based time budgets in commercial Dutch dairy herds vary over lactation cycles and within 24 hours

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### Abstract

Cows from 8 commercial Dutch dairy farms were equipped with 2 sensors to study their complete time budgets of eating, rumination, lying, standing and walking times as derived from a neck and a leg sensor. Daily sensor data of 1074 cows with 3201 lactations was used from 1 month prepartum until 10 months postpartum. Farms provided data over a 5 year period. The final models (lactational time budget and 24h time budget) showed significant effects of parity, farm and calving season. When primiparous cows were introduced in the lactational herd, they showed a decrease in lying time of 215 min (95% CI: 187–242) and an increase in standing time of 159 min (95% CI: 138–179), walking time of 23 min (95% CI: 20–26) and rumination time of 69 min (95% CI: 57–82). Eating time in primiparous cows increased from 1 month prepartum until 9 months in lactation with 88 min (95% CI: 76–101) and then remained stable until the end of lactation. Parity 2 and parity 3+ cows decreased in eating time by 30 min (95% CI: 20–40) and 26 min (95% CI: 18–33), respectively, from 1 month before to 1 month after calving. Until month 6, eating time increased 11 min (95% CI: 1–22) for parity 2, and 24 min (95% CI: 16–32) for parity 3+. From 1 month before calving to 1 month after calving, they showed an increase in ruminating of 17 min (95% CI: 6–28) and 28 min (95% CI: 21–35), an increase in standing time of 117 min (95% CI: 100–135) and 133 min (95% CI: 121–146), while lying time decreased with 113 min (95% CI: 91–136) and 130 min (95% CI: 114–146), for parity 2 and 3+, respectively. After month 1 in milk to the end of lactation, lying time increased 67 min (95% CI: 49–85) for parity 2, and 77 min (95% CI: 53–100) for parity 3+. Lactational time budget patterns are comparable between all 8 farms, but cows on conventional milking system (CMS) farms with pasture access appear to show higher standing and walking time, and spent less time lying compared to cows on automatic milking system (AMS) farms without pasture access. Every behavioral parameter presented a 24h pattern. Cows eat, stand and walk during the day and lie down and ruminate during the night. Daily patterns in time budgets on all farms are comparable except for walking time. During the day, cows on CMS farms with pasture access spent more time walking

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## Statistical notebook for standing time MonthsInMilk

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### R loading

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## Accessible

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*What if the data is owned by multiple (industry) partners?*

*First of all  
Don't let AVG/GDPR  
limit your brain*

# Interoperable





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Typically data sets on antimicrobial transmission experiments move towards the researcher

Goal is to estimate basic (R)eproduction number for AMR

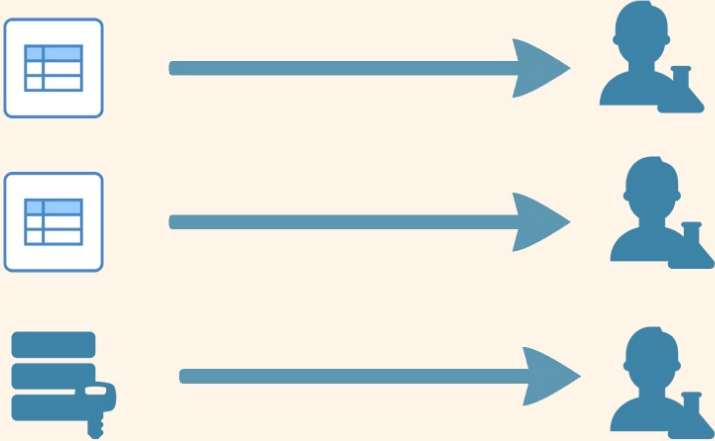
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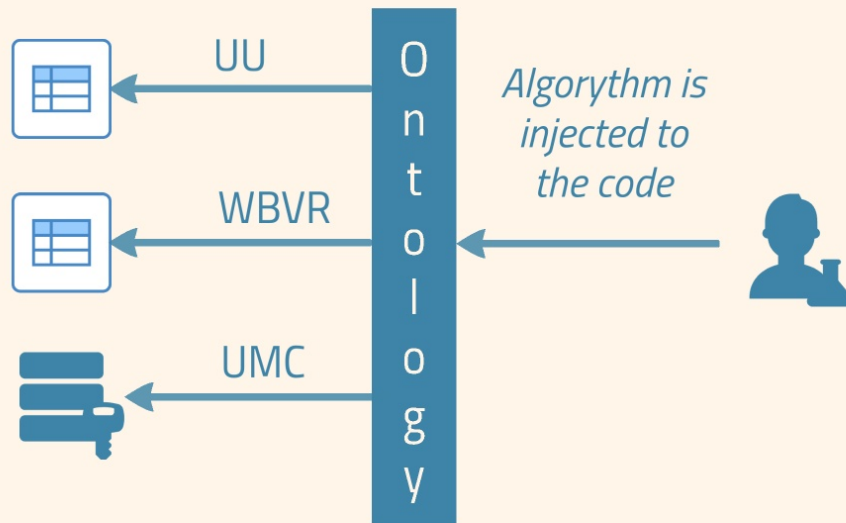
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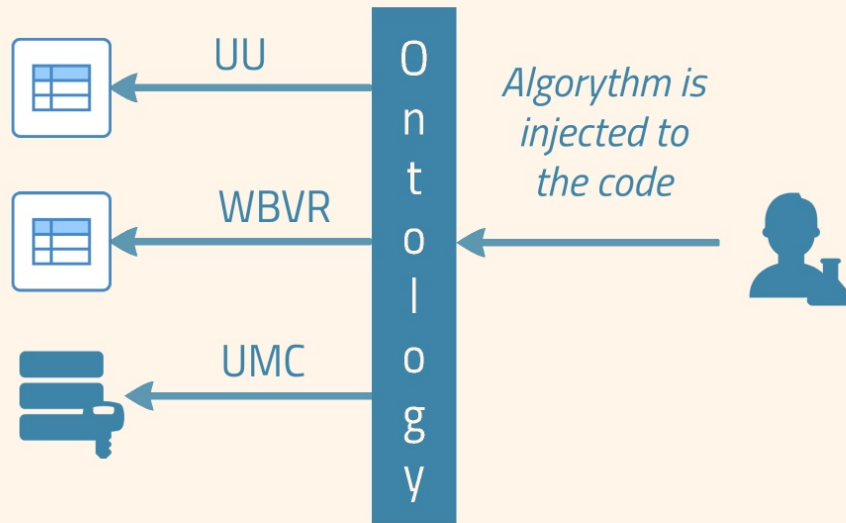
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<https://github.com/UtrechtUniversity/summer-fair/wiki>

### Infection Transmission Ontology: Standardization of Infection Transmission Data

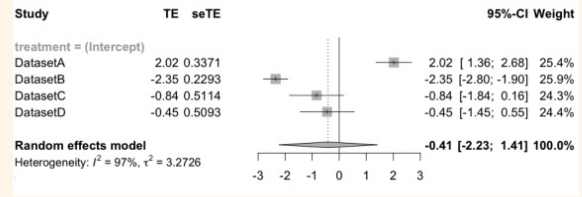
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**Re-usable**

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# REUSE existing data

Re-using existing data using new data science techniques

Effect of transition disease on

- Milk production (Hostens et al. 2010)
- Reproduction (Bogado et al., 2020)
- Culling (Probo et al., 2018)
- GWAS (Atashi et al., 2019)







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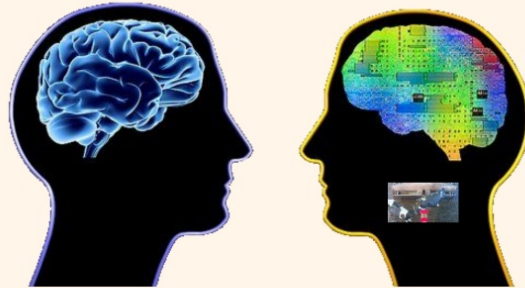


Future

**We need to integrate both worlds ...**



## We need to integrate both worlds ...



*Embrace technology, but keep using  
the human neural network called  
domain knowledge*



## In summary

We need methodological federated frameworks for heterogeneous FAIR data based on all potential data sources that can address

- (1) access to valuable data residing at different locations such as research institutes, commercial parties, governmental organisations,
- (2) the heterogeneous aspect of the data at different locations through federated definitions and ontology mapping, especially in the case where aggregation of data into a single database is infeasible or undesirable due to the scale or data privacy concerns



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