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## ICPD Review

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## Reproduktionsmedizin

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Barry Bradford (USA)



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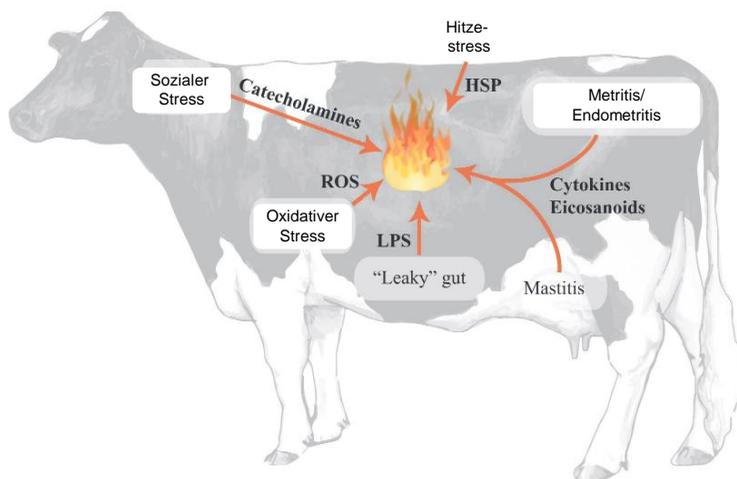
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**Toward a homeostatic view of inflammation:  
The transition dairy cow example**



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Kansas State University, USA



(Bradford, 2015) 3



J. Dairy Sci. 100:582–587  
<https://doi.org/10.3168/jds.2016-11747>  
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### The effects of periparturient administration of flunixin meglumine on the health and production of dairy cattle

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#### • Zu Studienbeginn:

- Behandlungsgruppe (n=38) Flunixin Behandlung 24h vor der Abkalbung
- Kontrollgruppe (n=34) Placebo
  - → Totgeburtenrate ↑↑↑↑ (PGF<sub>2α</sub> Reduktion)
    - 27% Behandlungsgruppe vs 5% Kontrollgruppe

#### • Protokolländerung:

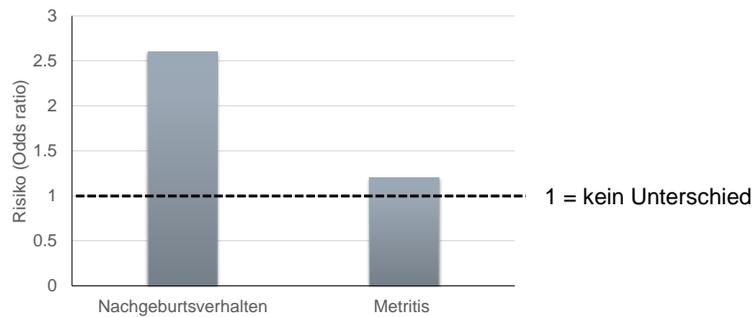
- Behandlungsgruppe (n=660) Flunixin Behandlung 1h und 24h post partum
- Kontrollgruppe (n=661) Placebo

(Newby, 2017)

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## Die Behandlung mit NSAID wirkt sich negativ auf das Erkrankungsrisiko aus

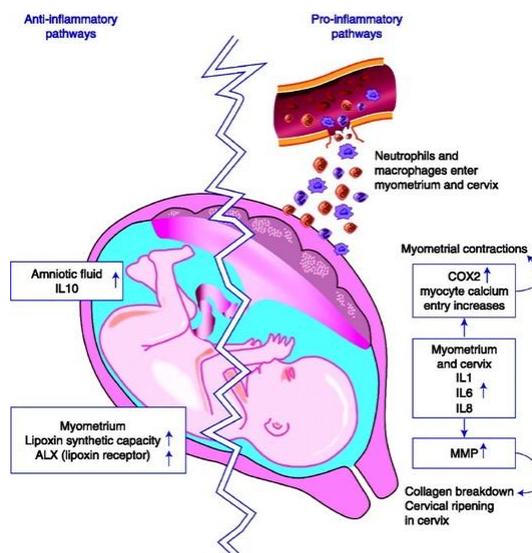
Risiko für das Auftreten von Nachgeburtsverhalten und Metritis in der Behandlungsgruppe war gegenüber der Kontrollgruppe erhöht



(Newby, 2017)

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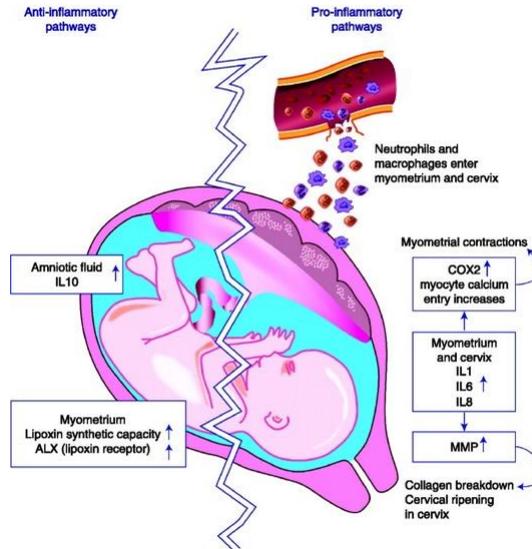
## Entzündung ist wichtig für die Geburt



(Jabour, 2009)

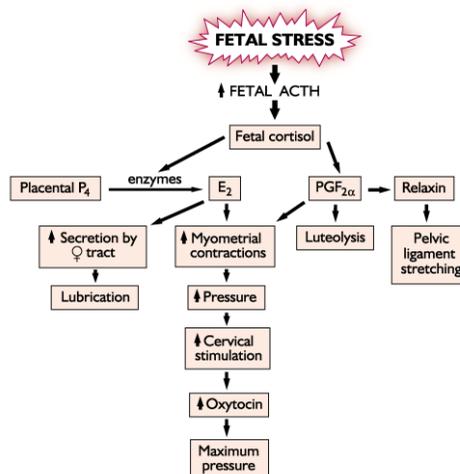
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# Entzündung ist wichtig für die Geburt



(Jabour, 2009)

# Einleitung der Geburt



Metabolism and host-pathogen interactions shape the development of uterine disease in dairy cows



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Entstehung von Gebärmutterentzündungen

Einleitung

Bakterien, die Gebärmutterentzündung verursachen

- Pathogene/bedingt-pathogene Keime
  - *E. coli*, *T. pyogenes* (Westermann et al. 2010)
  - *F. necrophorum*, *Bacteroides*

(Drillich et al. 2001; Werner et al. 2012)



*E. coli*



*T. pyogenes*



Endometritis

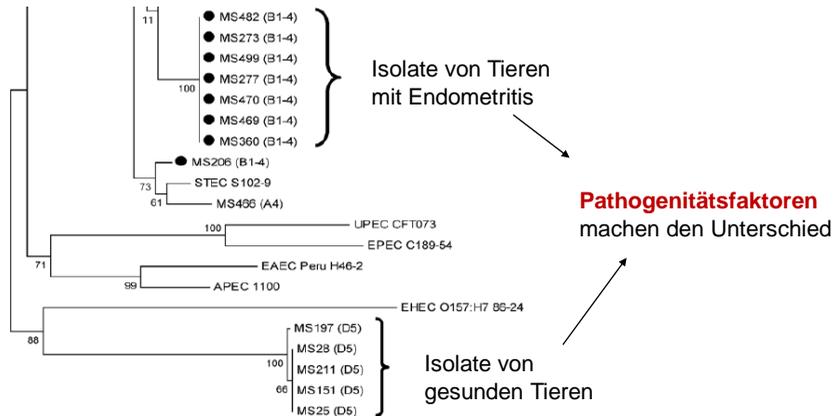
## Wovon hängt die Pathogenität der Bakterien ab?



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### *E. coli* ist nicht *E. coli*



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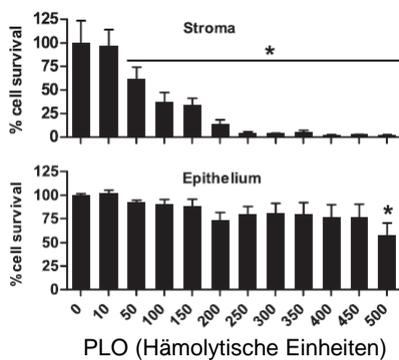


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### *T. pyogenes*

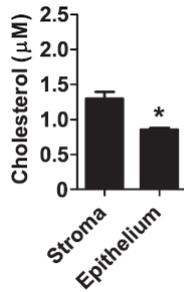
- Pathogenitätsfaktor ist das PLO = Poren-formendes Toxin
- **ABER:** alle *T. pyogenes* Stämme besitzen das PLO



Die Integrität des Endometriums  
macht den Unterschied

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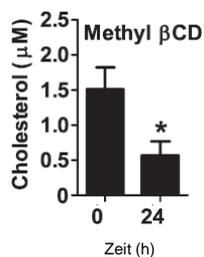
### PLO von *T. pyogenes* ist Cholesterin abhängig



- Stromazellen beinhalten mehr Cholesterin
- Cyclodextrin als Behandlungsmethode?
  - Humanforschung: Atherosklerose Therapie (bisher nicht zugelassen)
    - Wirkung: Reduzieren Cholesterin in Plasmamembranen

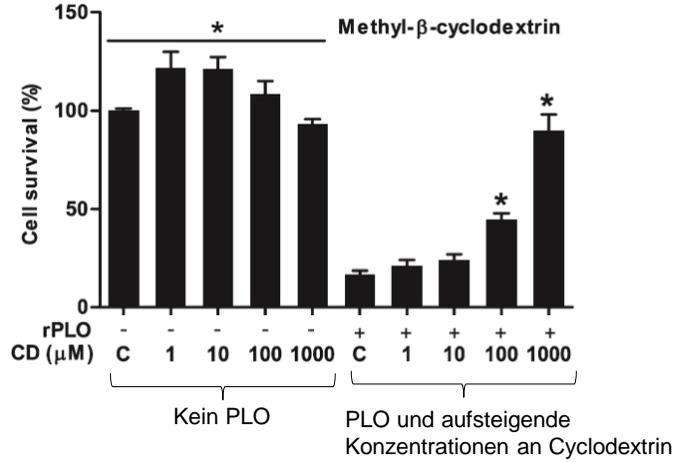
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### Cyclodextrin reduziert Cholesterin in Stroma Zellen des Endometriums



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## Cyclodextrin verhindert Zelltod von Stromazellen nach PLO Stimulation



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## Geert Opsomer (BE)

## Innovative insights in the interaction between metabolic stress and reproduction in high yielding dairy cows



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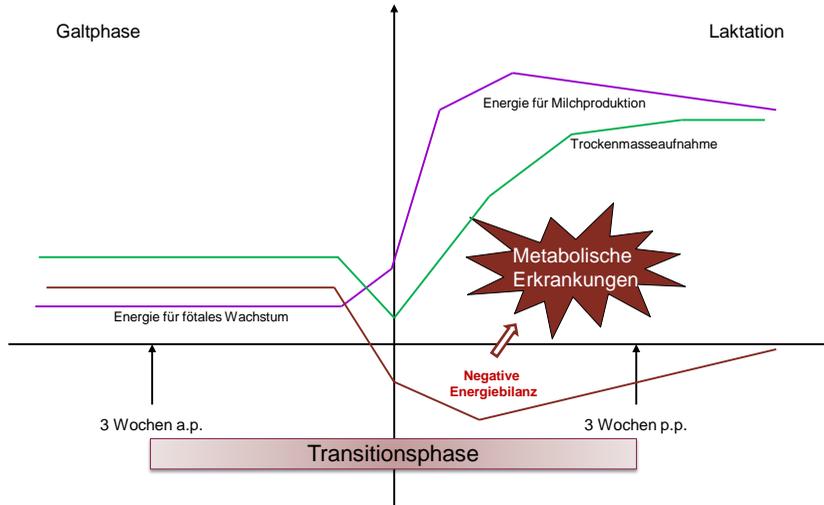
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# Transitionsphase



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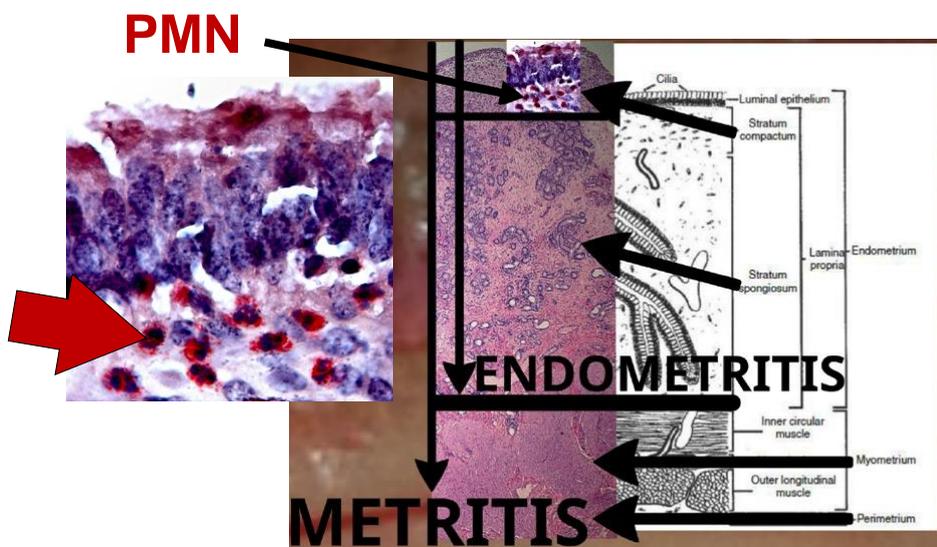
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# Subklinische Endometritis

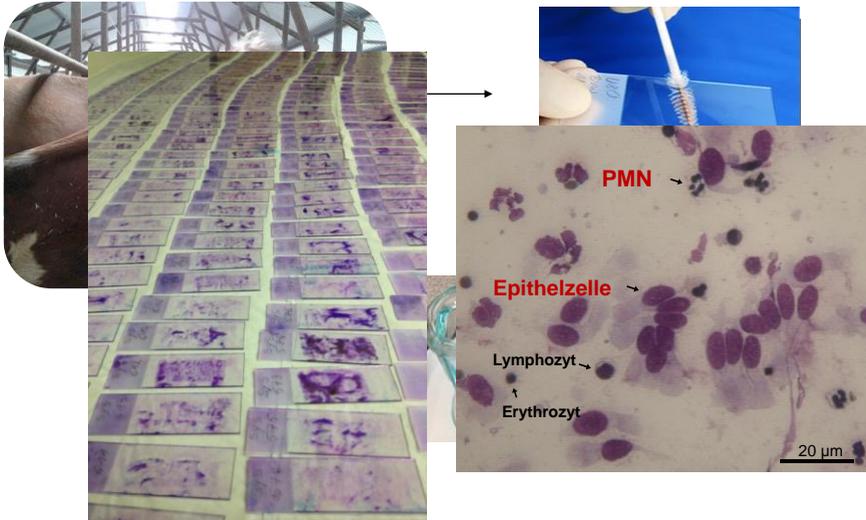


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## Offene Fragen

- Wie viele Zellen zählen?
- PMN Schwellenwert in Abhängigkeit der Tage in Milch?
- Wiederholbarkeit und Reproduzierbarkeit?
- Zyklusstand bei der Probenentnahme?
- Wo die Probe nehmen (Uteruskörper, -horn)?

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## PMN Schwellenwerte



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Thresholds for the diagnosis of subclinical endometritis and referring prevalence in dairy cows (selected references).

Reference	PMN threshold	Days postpartum	Prevalence
Barlund et al. [15]	8%	28–41	11.1%
Baranski et al. [18]	18%	21–28	18.9–75.4%
Cheong et al. [11]	10%	40–60	4.8–52.6% <sup>a</sup>
Galvão et al. [38]	6.5%	35	37.9–38.4% <sup>a</sup>
Gilbert et al. [12]	5%	40–60	37–74% <sup>a</sup>
Kasimanickam et al. [1]	18%	20–33	35.1%
	10%	34–47	34.0%
Kaufmann et al. [49]	18%	28–35	12.4%
Madoz et al. [9]	5%	21–62	17%
Plöntzke et al. [10]	5%	18–38	38%
Ribeiro et al. [46]	5%	46–52	13.4%
Sens and Heuwieser [17]	18%	21–27	13.4%

<sup>a</sup> Authors did not exclude cows with clinical endometritis.

(Wagener, 2017)

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## PMN Probenentnahme während der KB



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(Pascottini, 2015)

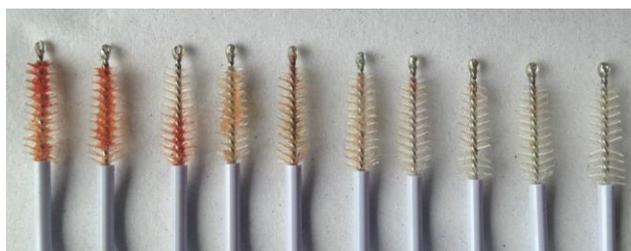
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(Pascottini, 2015) Seite 23

## Cytotape vs. Cytobrush

- PMN% ähnlich
- Keine Unterschiede in der Zellularität
- Cytobrush ist blutiger
- Cytotape zeigt Proben besserer Qualität



(Pascottini, 2015)

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- 1625 KBs bei 873 Kühen (Parität  $\geq 1$ )
- Während KB Cytotape Beprobung
- ROC Analyse: PMN%  $\rightarrow$  1%
- SE Prävalenz: 27.9%
- Konzeptionsraten: SE positiv: 32.7%; SE negativ: 47.1%
- Wahrscheinlichkeit einer Trächtigkeit war 1.79 mal höher bei SE negativen Tieren

(Pascottini, 2015) 25

- Risiko an SE zu erkranken
  
- Erhöht
  - bei Parität  $\geq 2$
  - Warme Jahreszeit (Juli, August, September)
  
- Erniedrigt
  - Spätere KB ( $\geq 124$  DIM)

(Pascottini, 2015) 26

- 496 KBs bei 359 Rindern
- Während KB Cytotape Beprobung
- ROC Analyse: PMN% → 1%
- SE Prävalenz: 7.9%
- Konzeptionsraten: SE positiv: 38.5%; SE negativ: 62.8%
- Risikofaktoren für SE: vorhergehende erfolglose KB

(Pascottini, 2015) 27

## Andere diagnostische Methoden für SE

- Biomarker (Cytokine)  
(Gabler, 2009; Fischer, 2010)
- Biopsie, Ultraschall  
(Lenz, 2007; Rodenbusch, 2007; Chapwanya, 2010)
- Urinteststreifen  
(Cheong, 2012; Couto, 2013; Pascottini, 2018)
- Optische Dichte nach Lavage  
(Machado, 2012)

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## Einheitliche Aussagen in der Endometritisforschung...



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- Genereller Schwellenwert von 5% PMN zwischen Tag 21 und 62 pp
- Genauigkeit und Wiederholbarkeit bei der mikroskopischen Untersuchung ist hoch (300 Zellen zählen)
- Hohe Prävalenz (20-40%)
- Negativer Effekt auf Fruchtbarkeit (niedrigere Konzeptionsrate, verlängerte Rast- und Service Periode)
- Wahrscheinlich keine pathogenen Keime beteiligt

(Wagener, 2017) 29

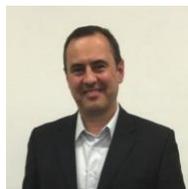
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### Mechanisms and impact of inflammatory diseases on reproduction in dairy cows



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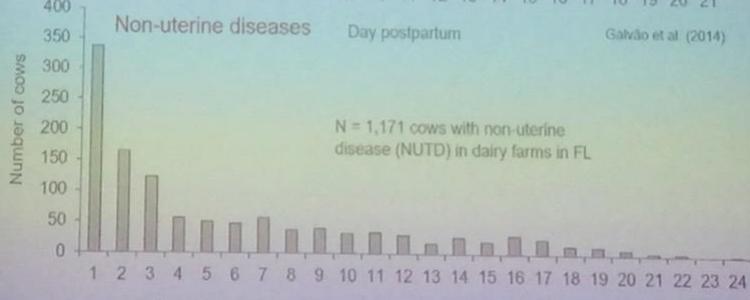
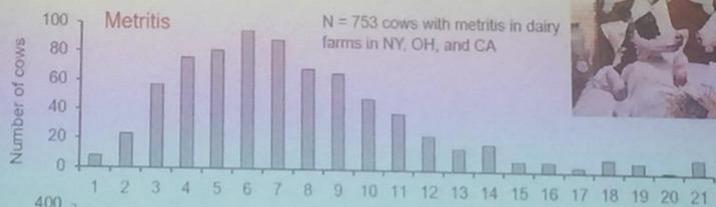
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- ausgeprägte negative Energiebilanz
- gestörte Immunfunktion
- hohe Inzidenz von Produktionskrankheiten

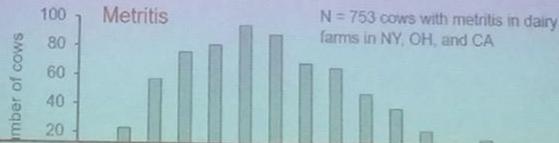


### Morbidity is a Problem of Early Lactation Cows



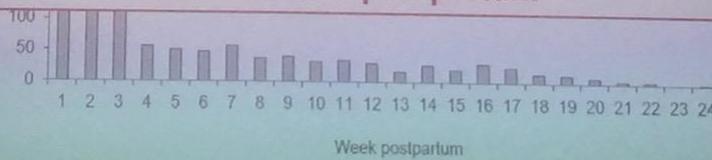
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## Morbidity is a Problem of Early Lactation Cows



30 to 35% of cows are affected by disease in the first 3 weeks of lactation

78% the first disease diagnosis occurs within the first 3 weeks postpartum



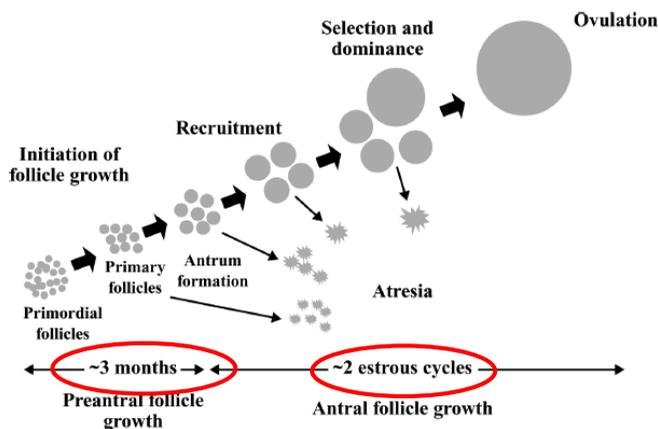
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## Langzeiteffekte auf die Follikel



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(Webb et al., 2003)

## Timing of Diagnosis of Diseases and Fertiity

78% of the cows distressed by diseases had the first diagnosis in the first 3 wks postpartum.  
100% of UTD  
53% of NUTD

Preantral follicle development  
138 days

Antral follicle development  
42 days

Post-AI  
28 days

Calving

First AI

Pregnancy diagnosis

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15  
Week postpartum

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## Timing of Diagnosis of Diseases and Fertiity

Incidence of NUTD

11.8%  
n = 497

5.1%  
n = 213

5.6%  
n = 236

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Antral follicle development  
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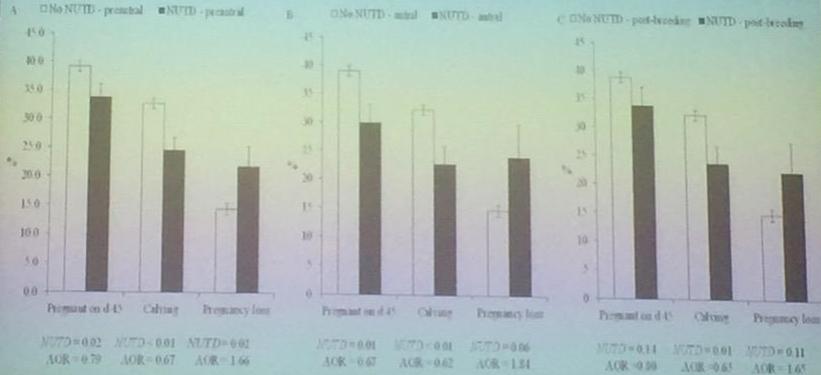
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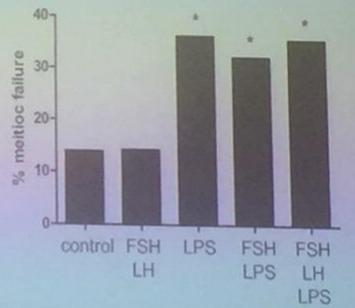
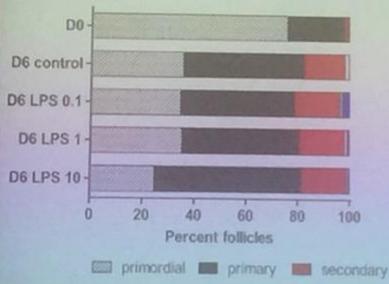
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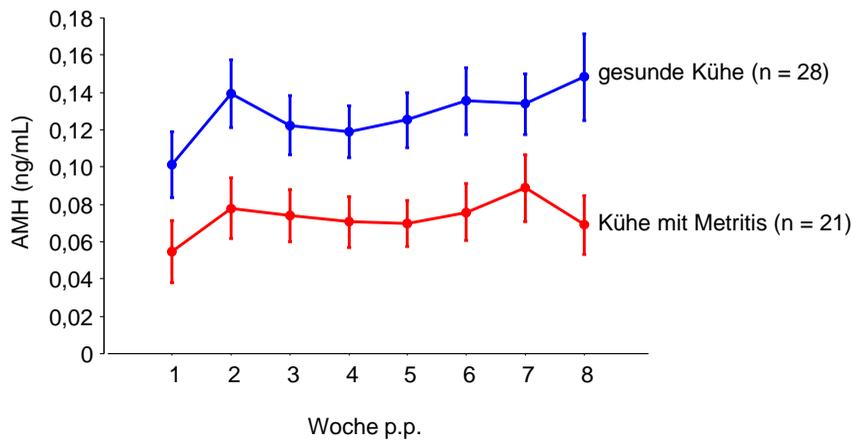
## LPS increases primordial follicle activation and failure of meiotic division in oocytes



\*  $P < 0.05$

Bromfield and Sheldon (2013) Biol Reprod 88: 98

Bromfield e Sheldon (2011) Endocrinology 152: 5029



(Bollwein et al. unveröff.)

## Post-insemination intrauterine treatment with cephapirin in dairy cows with mild endometritis

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# Introduction

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- CE persisting beyond the end of the puerperal period (50 DIM)
  - Cows with an impaired immune function
  - No treatment during the puerperal period
  - Therapy resistant animals
- Mild CE at the time of artificial insemination
  - Prevalence up to 59% (Dubuc et al. 2010; Lambertz et al. 2014)



# Introduction

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- Possible strategies to manage cows with mild CE at AI
  - Postpone AI to next estrus with or without treatment
    - Days open ↑↑
  - Inseminate cow despite of mild CE
    - Pregnancy rate: ~17-30% (Pascottini et al. 2016)
  - Inseminate cow and perform Åström treatment
    - Original: intrauterine infusion of iodine-potassium solution 2 to 4 days after AI (Åström, 1935)
      - Detrimental effect of disinfectants on fertility (Heuwieser et al. 2000)



# Introduction

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- Modified Åström treatment: intrauterine treatment with cephalosporin
  - Poor scientific evidence of the benefit of this treatment strategy

➤ Objective of the study:

- To evaluate the effect of this modified Åström treatment in cows with mild CE at AI on pregnancy rates

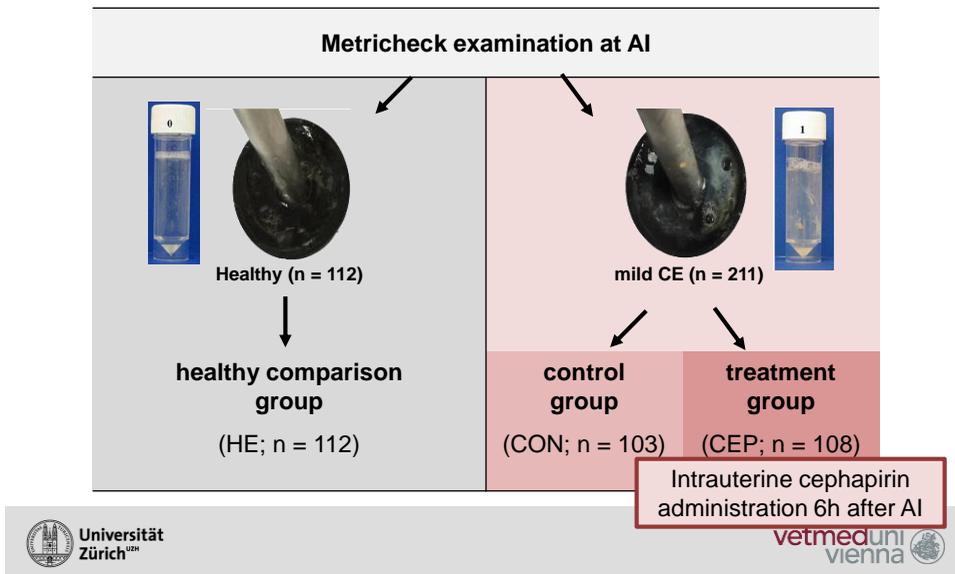
# Materials & Methods

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- Study animals
  - 341 dairy cows previously enrolled in an Ovsynch program
- Metricek examination at AI
  - Assessment of uterine discharge



## Materials & Methods



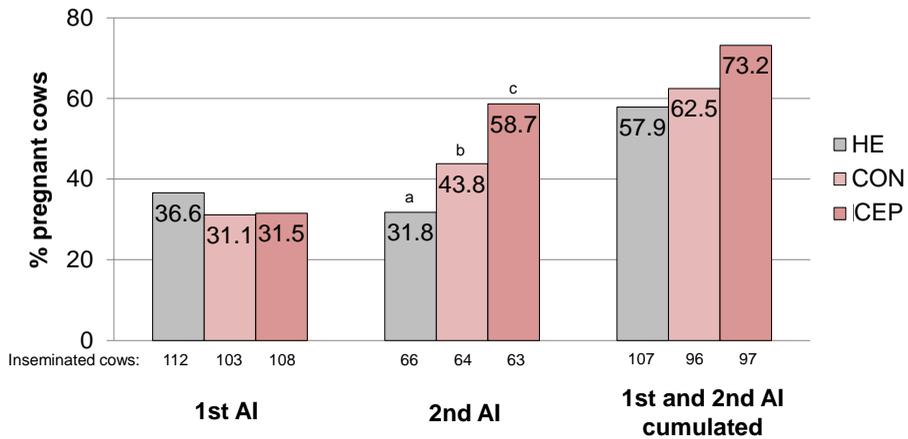
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- Bacteriological examination
  - Uterine sampling with the Cytobrush technique (n = 62)

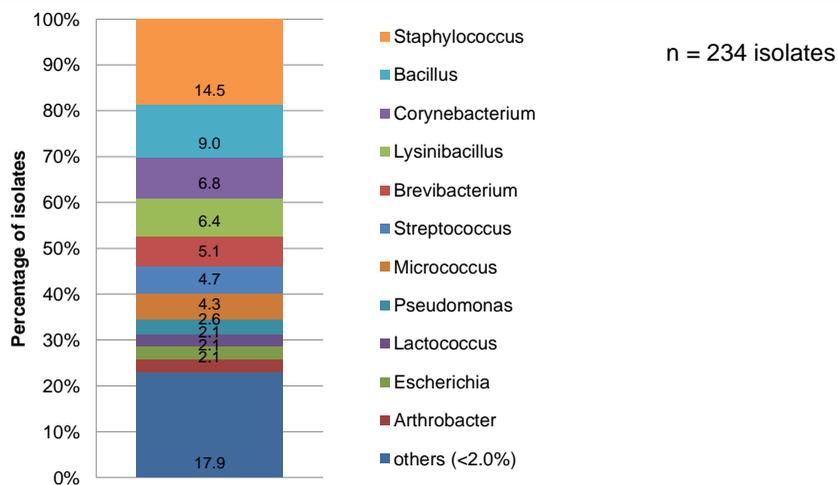


- Cultivation of bacteria
  - Identification by Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization-Time of Flight (MALDI-TOF)

## Results - pregnancy diagnosis



## Results – Bacteriological examination



## Discussion

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- No beneficial effects of cephalosporin treatment on fertility after first AI, but after the second AI after treatment
  - Hypothesis: Time between treatment and arrival of the fertilized oocyte was not sufficient to regenerate inflamed endometrium
- Pathogenic bacteria are not responsible for mild CE at AI
  - Future studies: Comparison of uterine bacterial flora between healthy cows and cows with mild CE at AI



## Timing of artificial insemination using fresh or frozen semen after automated activity monitoring of estrus in lactating dairy cows

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S Borchardt, C Tippenhauer, A Madureira, R Cerri, JL Plenio, W Heuwieser

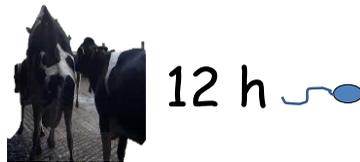
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# Foundation of the AM/PM rule

## Conception Rate in Dairy Cattle by Artificial Insemination at Various Stages of Estrus

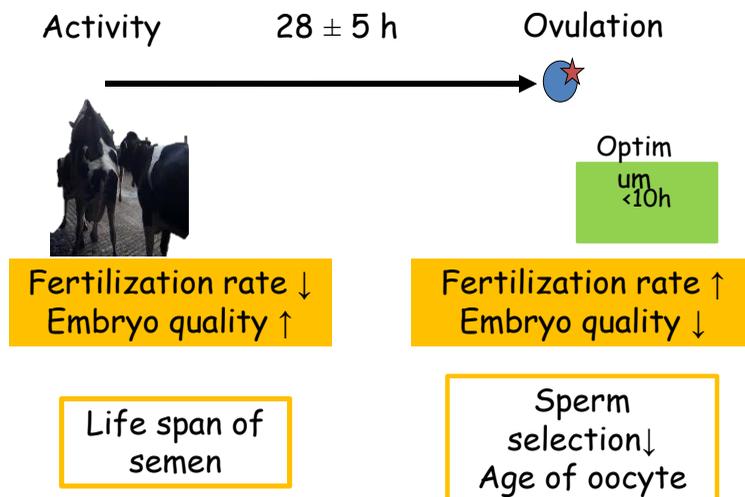
George W. Trimberger and H. P. Davis



## Trimberger and Davis (1943)

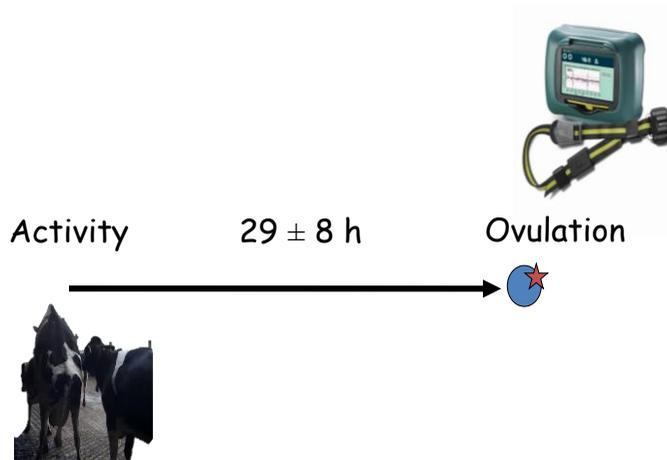
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA  
APRIL, 1943

### Timing of AI is a compromise



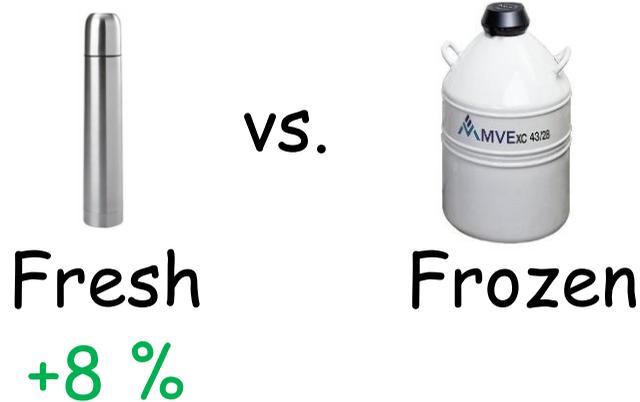
Dalton et al. (2001)

# Optimum timing of AI?



Valenza et al.  
(2012)

Difference between fresh and frozen semen using  
**timed AI**



Borchardt et al.  
(2017)

# Objective of this study



What is the optimum timing of AI using activity monitoring?

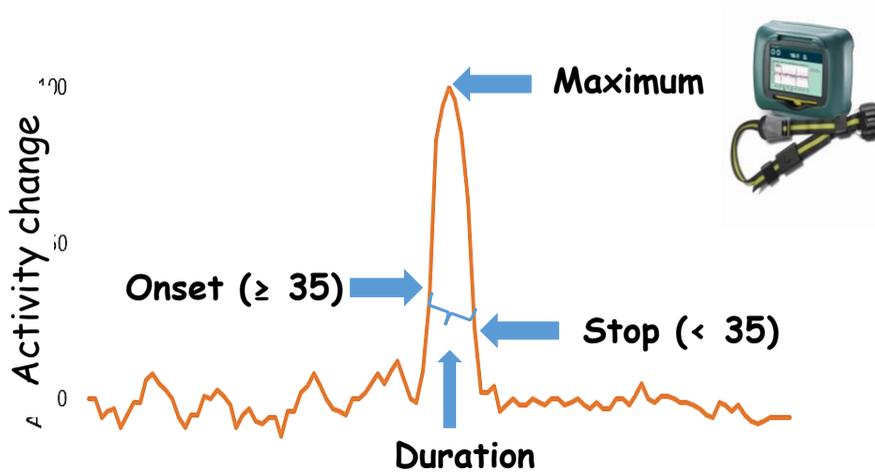


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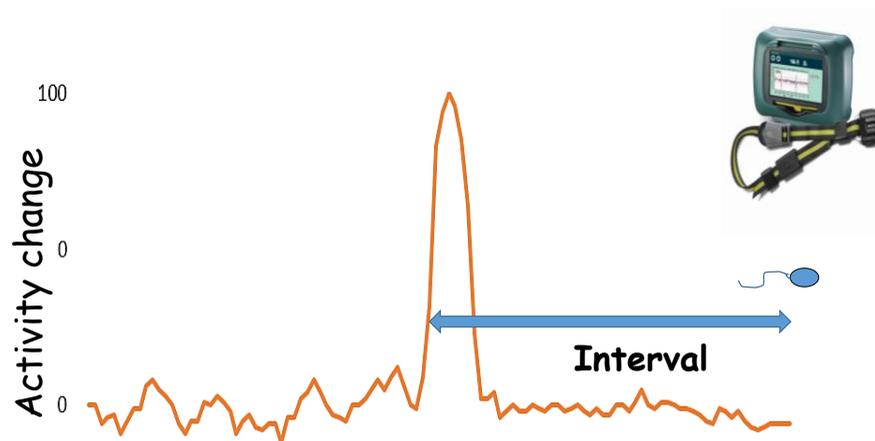


7 Farms  
avg. 700 cows (400 - 1,200)

We focused on activity change...



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# Statistical Analysis

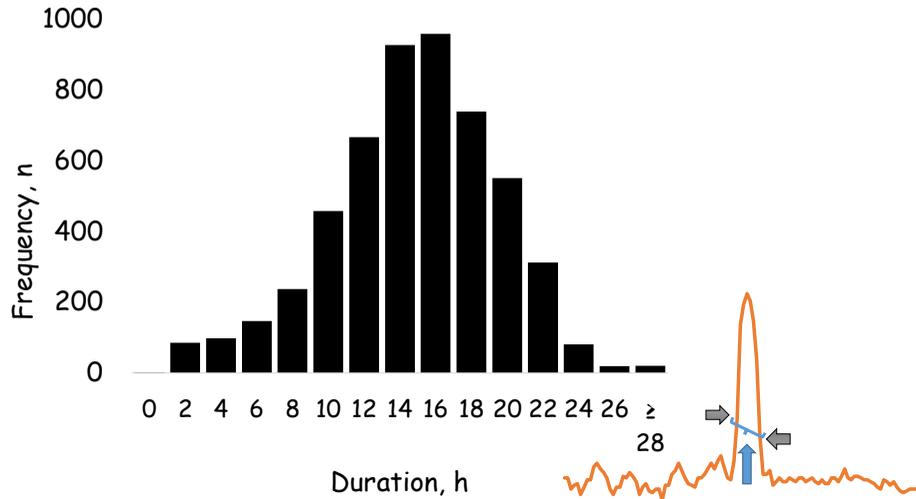
7 farms  
4,600 cows



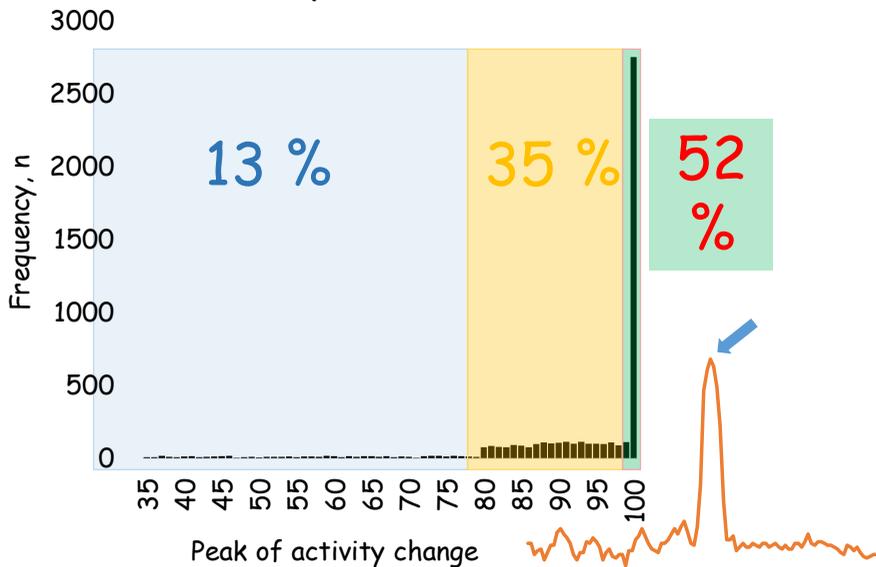
GENLINMIXED  
Primary outcome  
P/AI



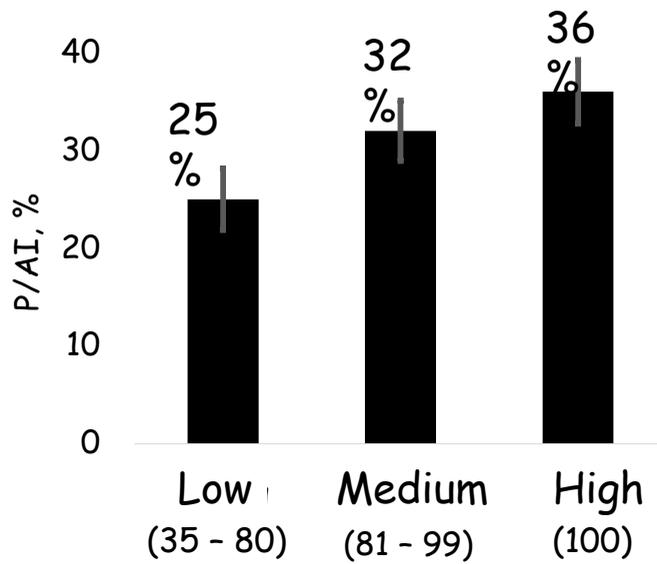
## Average duration of high Activity...15 h



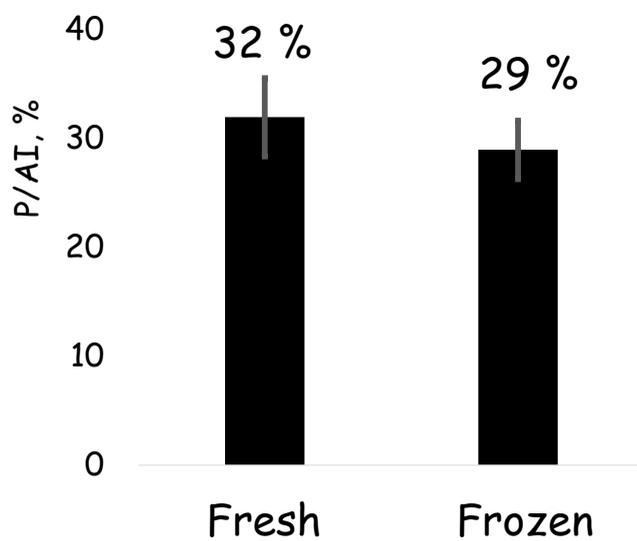
## Only Half of cows showed maximum estrus intensity



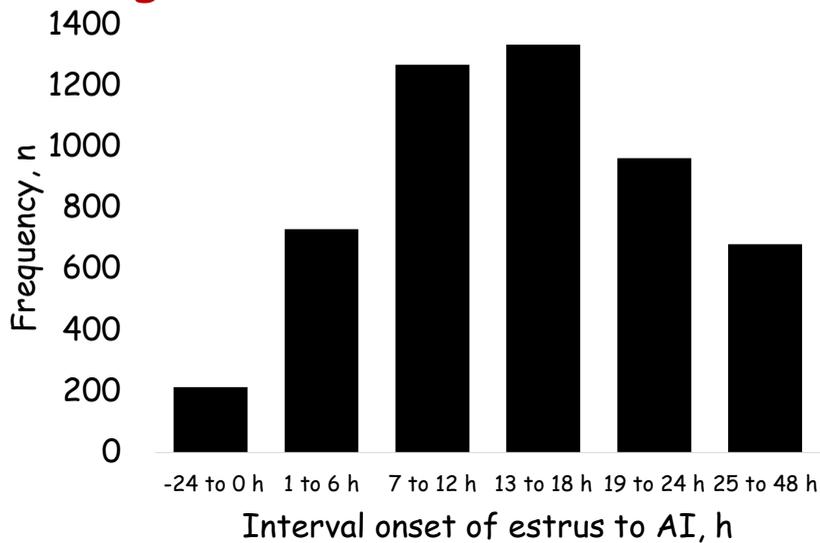
## Estrus intensity ~ Fertility



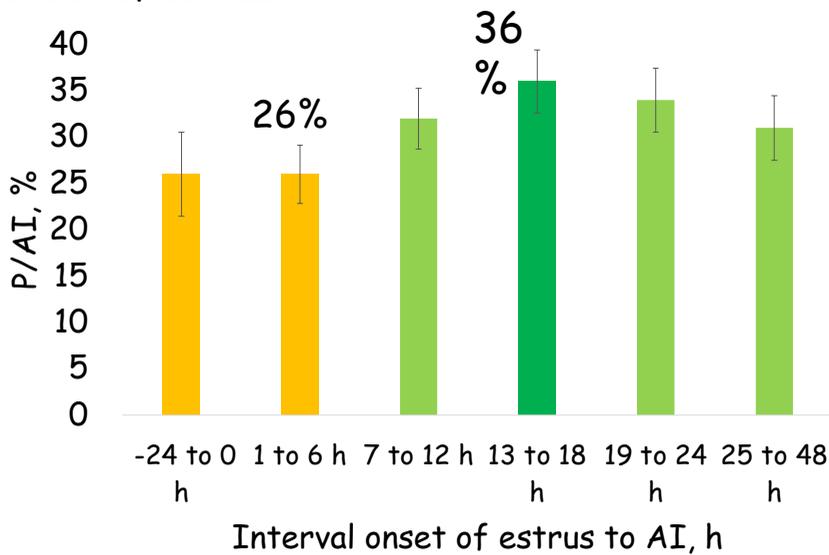
## Fresh semen = Frozen semen



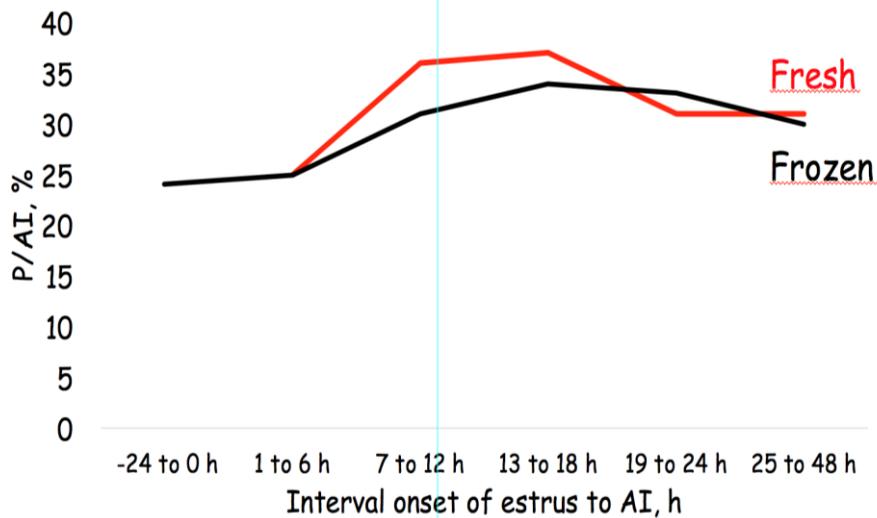
## Time between onset of estrus and AI...avg. 14h



## Optimum timing of AI...13 to 24 h after onset of estrus



## No interaction of timing of AI and Type of semen



## Conclusions

- No difference between fresh and frozen semen
- Optimum timing of AI...13 to 24 hours after passing the AT
- High intensity estrus was favorable for P/AI

**Danke für's Zuhören!**

