



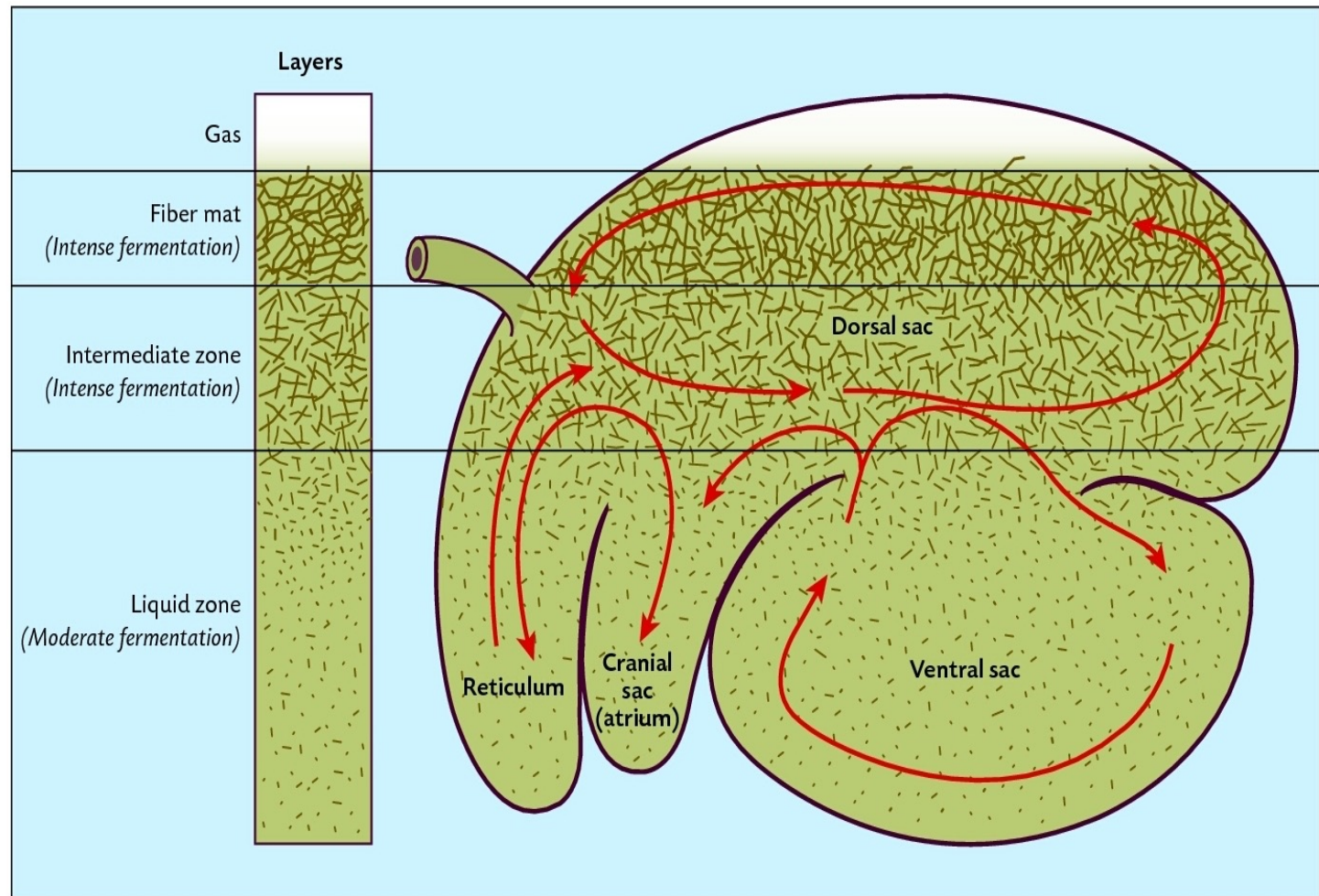
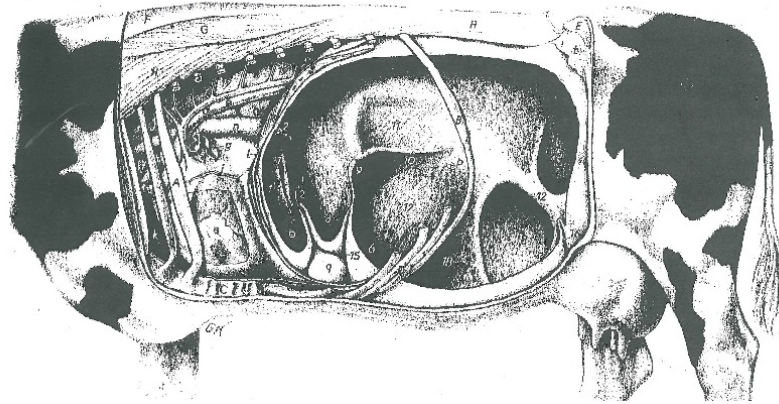
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Non-Invasive Sound Technology for Monitoring Rumen
Contractions

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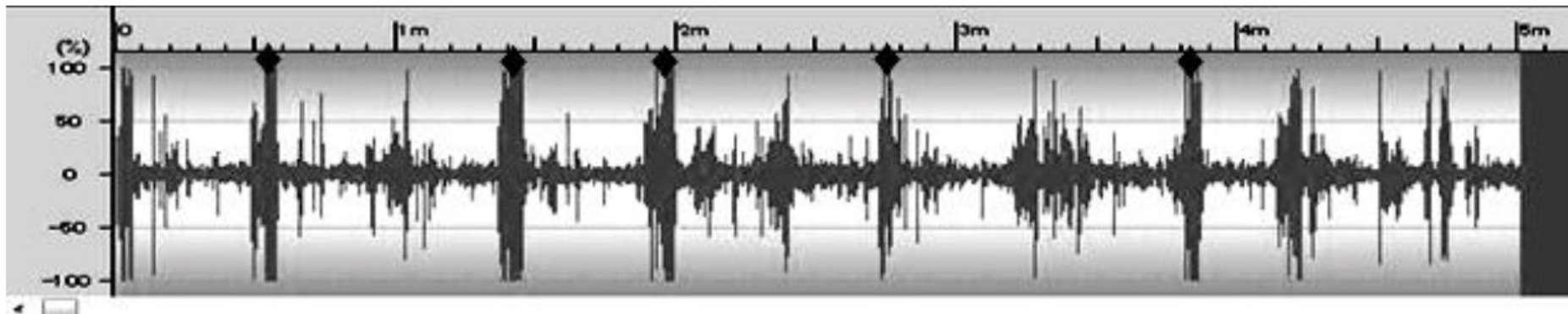
Types of ruminal contractions

- **Primary contraction**
 - Also called A-wave or backward movingMIXING
- **Secondary contraction**
 - Also called the B-wave or forward-moving contractionERUCTATION

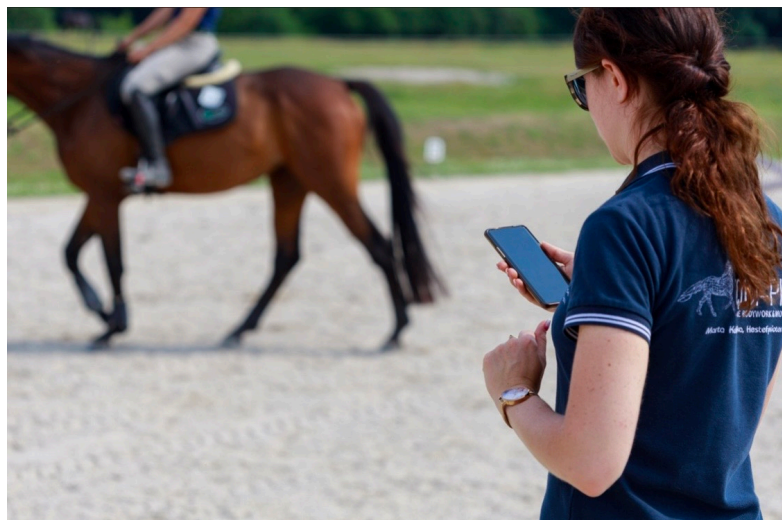


<u>Gas</u>	<u>%</u>
CO ₂	65.35
CH ₄ (variable)	27.76

- **Gas production**
 - Peak
 - Occurs 30 min to 2 hr post-feeding
 - 12-27 l/min

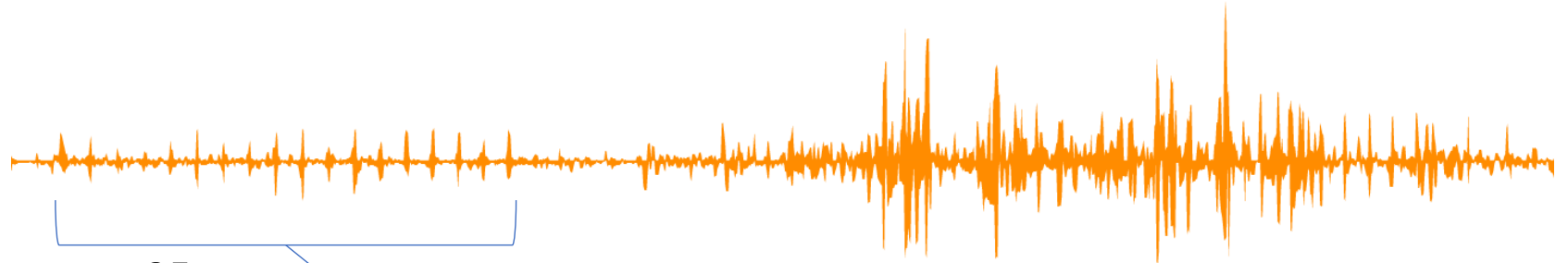


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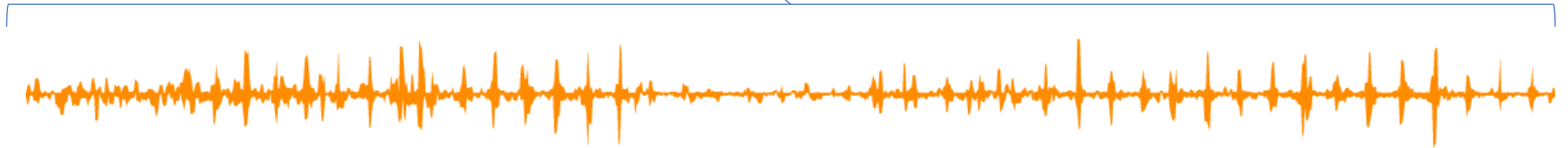




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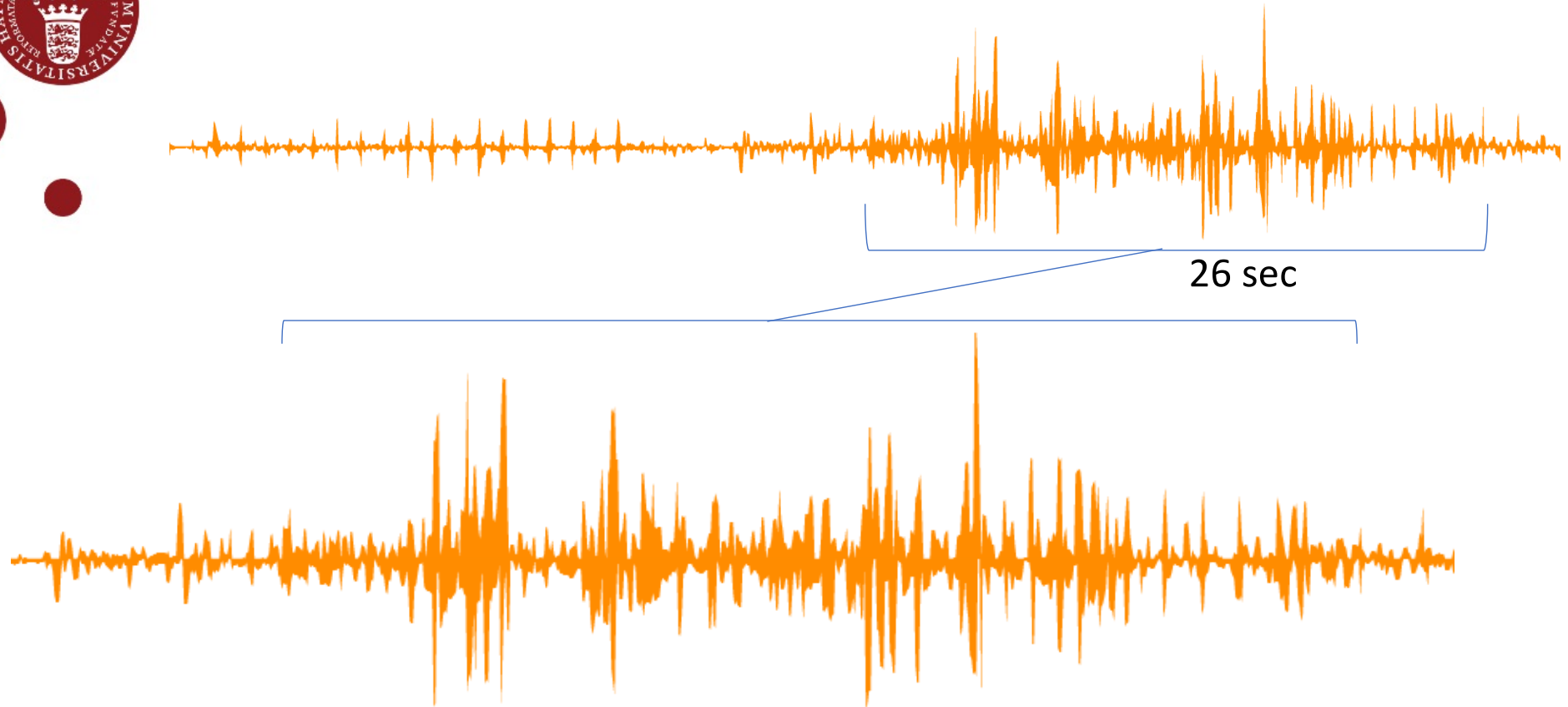
35 sec



- Repeating regular patterns of contraction
- Low amplitude (weak contractions)
- Intermittent pauses

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**Primary Contractions
in the Fed animal – 30
to 50 seconds duration**



- Bursts of contraction
- High amplitude (strong contractions)

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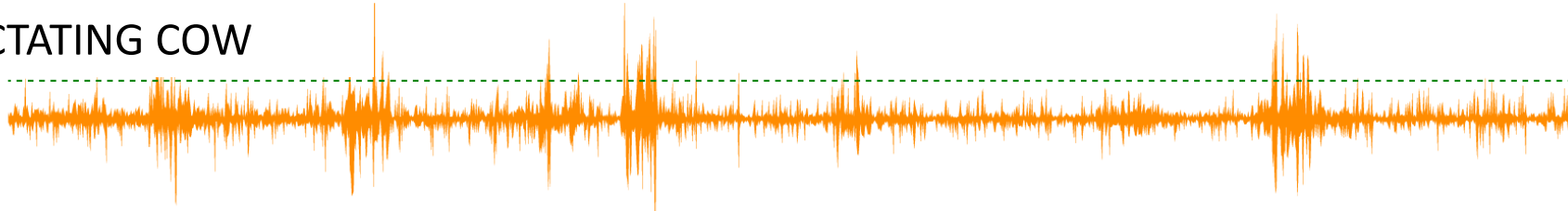
Secondary Contractions
– 30 seconds duration



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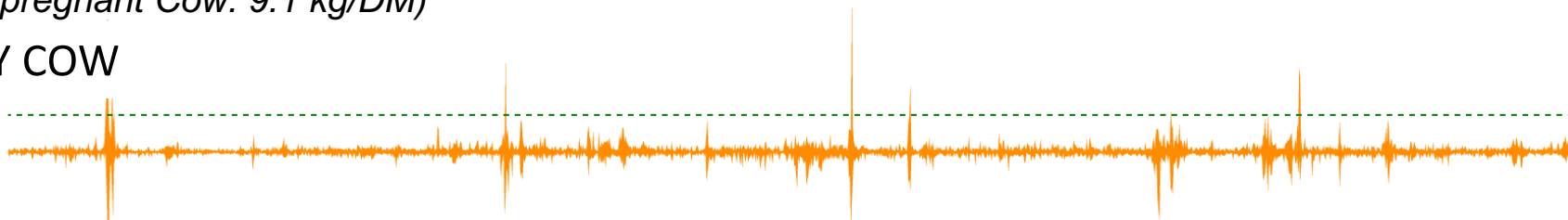
(High yielding Cow with 100 days of lactation: 21.4 kg/DM)

LACTATING COW



(Dry pregnant Cow: 9.1 kg/DM)

DRY COW



- Note – how easily these two cows/production levels can be identified based solely on their rumen sounds



LACTATING COW



DRY COW





CONCLUSIONS

- It is possible to record high-quality rumen sound waves that differentiate rumen contractions between cows of different production statuses (dry cow vs. lactating cow)
- We envision the use of rumen sound recordings to detect the onset of metabolic diseases, such as acidosis and hypocalcemia
- We envisage the combined use of these CURO units alongside measurements of ruminant gas production;
 - 1) as a means of identifying animals with a high gas production, and
 - 2) as a means of monitoring the efficacy of compounds aimed at reducing ruminant gas production globally.



Thank You for Listening