

# Qualité des protéines et sécurité nutritionnelle

UMR Physiologie de la Nutrition et du Comportement alimentaire  
Team “Protein Intake and metabolic regulations” (APReM)

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# General scientific objectives

## UMR PNCA

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To produce knowledge on the impact of **protein and amino acids as well as food sources of proteins on physiology, metabolism and dietary behavior**, in order:

- to ensure nutritional security,
- to prevent dysfunctions and nutritional pathologies
- to contribute to improve health

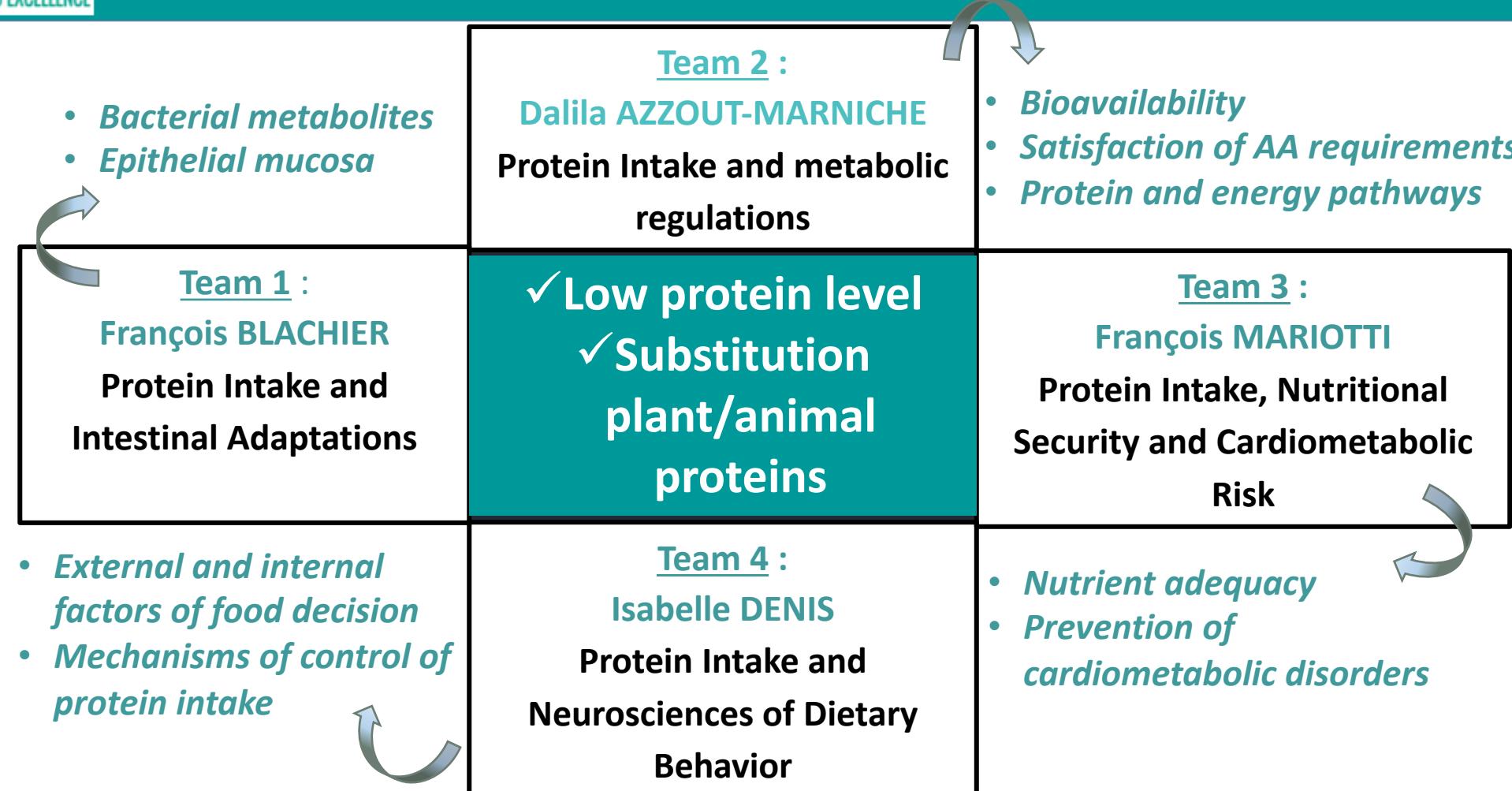
while considering **societal and environmental** questions (ethics, sustainability of foods, ...).



## Elaboration of nutritional strategies

- ✓ To orientate public policies in the establishment of recommandations
- ✓ To help industries in their product developpment strategies





## Transversal Group:

Clinicians (Robert Benamouzig)

CHAIRE ANCA: Mediation to general public



APReM

Assessing the consequences of variations in protein-energy intake on metabolism and physiology, in different physiological and pathological situations

to establish criteria and reference data on the satisfaction of protein, amino acid and energy requirements, taking into account individual characteristics of metabolic sensitivity to diets

- The bioavailability of proteins and amino acids.
- Protein and energy metabolic orientations and regulations.
- The search for biomarkers of protein and amino acid requirements.

5 EC/CR et ingénieurs, 2 IR, 1 post-doctorant, 1 AI, 1 TR et 2 PhD students



# Evaluation of protein quality

- **Amino acid score** :comparison of the content of the limiting amino acid in the protein or diet with its content in the reference protein:

Amino acid score = mg of amino acid in 1 g test protein/ mg of amino acid in requirement pattern

- le **PD-CAAS (Protein Digestibility Corrected Amino Acid Score)** . Amino acid score corrected by the protein digestibility

PDCAAS = protein digestibility × amino acid score

- le **DIAAS (Digestible Indispensable Amino Acid Score)** : digestibility of each IAA for a test protein in comparison to reference protein

DIAAS % =  $100 \times [(\text{mg of digestible dietary indispensable amino acid in 1 g of the dietary protein}) / (\text{mg of the same dietary indispensable amino acid in 1 g of the reference protein})]$ .

Score < 100% at least 1 IAA is limiting  
Score > 100% No limiting IAA .

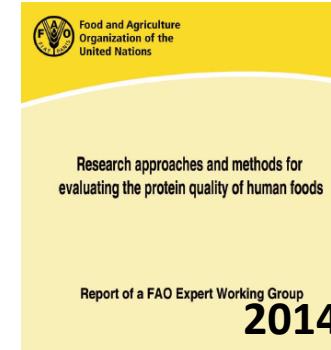


## IAA concentration, Profile of the protein reference and PD-CAAS

$$\text{PD-CAAS} = \frac{\text{AA protéine (mg/g)}}{\text{AA profil de référence (mg/g)}} \times \text{Digestibilité \%}$$

mg/g Protein	Reference profile	Wheat Digestibility of 85%	PD-CAAS %	Milk Digestibility of 95%	PD-CAAS %
Histidine	15	21	>100	28	>100
Isoleucine	30	34	>100	64	>100
Leucine	59	69	>100	93	>100
<b>Lysine</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>23</b>	$(23/45) \times 85 = 43$	<b>83</b>	<b>&gt;100</b>
Met+Cys	22	36	>100	32	>100
Phe+Tyr	38	77	>100	105	>100
Thréonine	23	28	>100	<b>51</b>	>100
Tryptophane	6	10	>100	14	>100
Valine	39	38	>100	68	>100
<b>PD-CAAS = 43%</b>				<b>PD-CAAS = 100%</b>	





# Bioavailability and nutritional quality of protein

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**No validated method**



**PD-CAAS**

Protein digestibility

is a proxy



**DIAAS**

Amino acid digestibility

is not relevant

Ileal digestibility



Ileal canula

**Intestinal tube**

- Standard method
- Very invasive

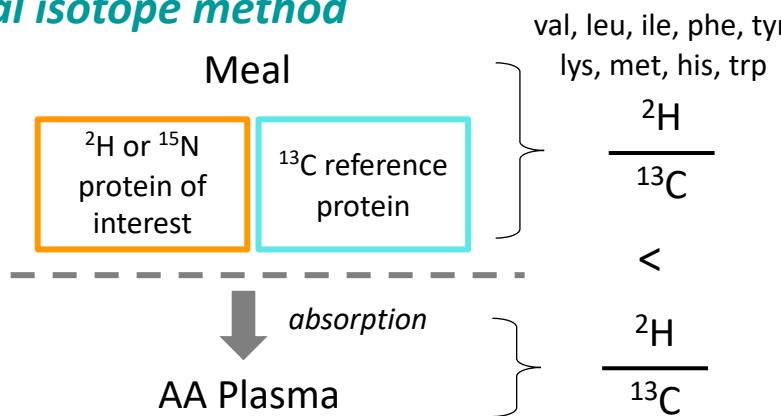


**Dual isotope method**

- New method to develop
- Minimally invasive



## The dual isotope method



$\Rightarrow ^2\text{H}$  leu is more bioavailable than  $^{13}\text{C}$  leu

**Objective:** to develop multiple isotope methods( $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{15}\text{N}$ ,  $^2\text{H}$ ).

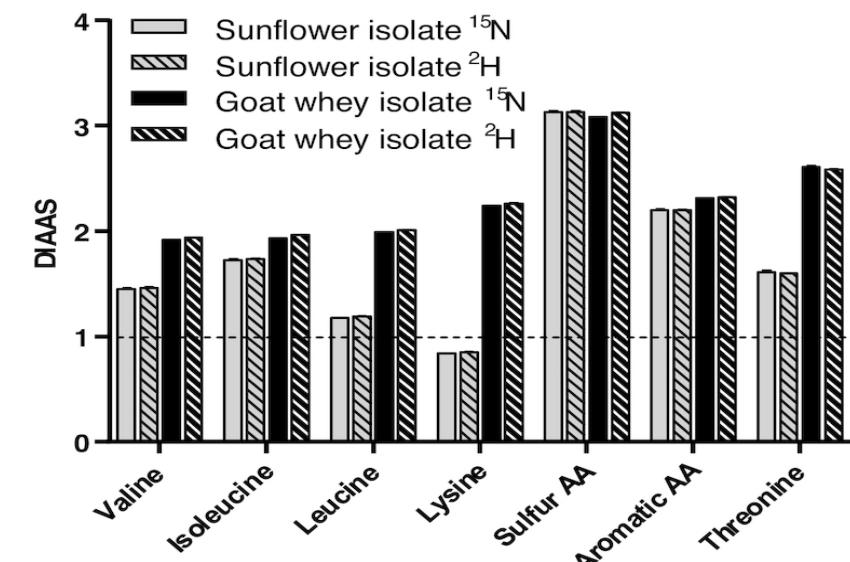
**FIGURE 2** DIAAS of sunflower protein isolate and goat whey protein using  $^{15}\text{N}$  and  $^2\text{H}$  labeling.

Tessier et al. 2020

- Intrinsic labeling of protein sources with  $^2\text{H}$  and  $^{15}\text{N}$
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- To develop the dual isotope method in rats
  - To Implement the method in Humans and challenge against the standard method



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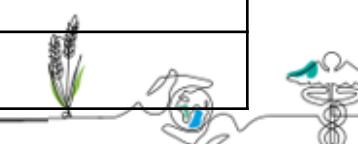
 Report of an  
FAO Expert Consultation

**2011**


Explore new approaches for determining amino acid requirements satisfaction, including the use of gene expression studies (including nutrigenomics), metabolomics and/or specific biomarkers.

### Amino acid requirements in adults (mg/Kg/d)

	Nitrogen balance	isotope method	Mean Requirements WHO/FAO/UNU report
Histidine	8-12		10
Isoleucine	10	55	20
Leucine	14	24.5; 38; 40 - 55	39
Valine	10	19-55	26
<b>Lysine</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27 - 35; 37; 38; 45</b>	<b>30</b>
Sulfur amino acid	13	13	15
Aromatic amino acids	14	39 - 15	25
Threonine	7	13.5 - 19	15
Tryptophane	3,5	4	4



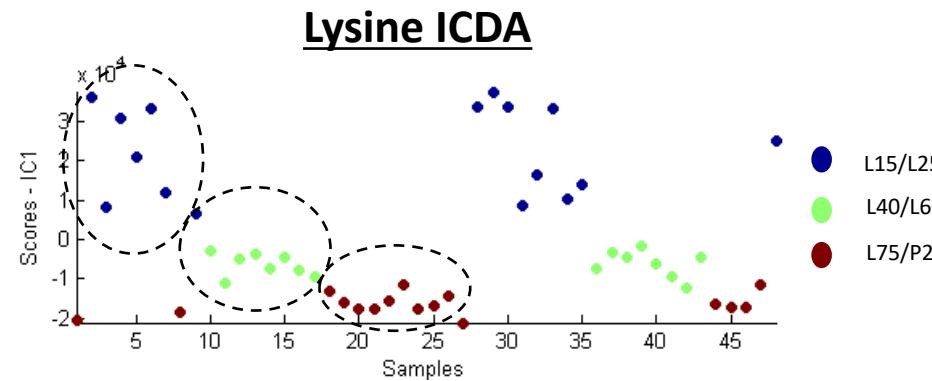
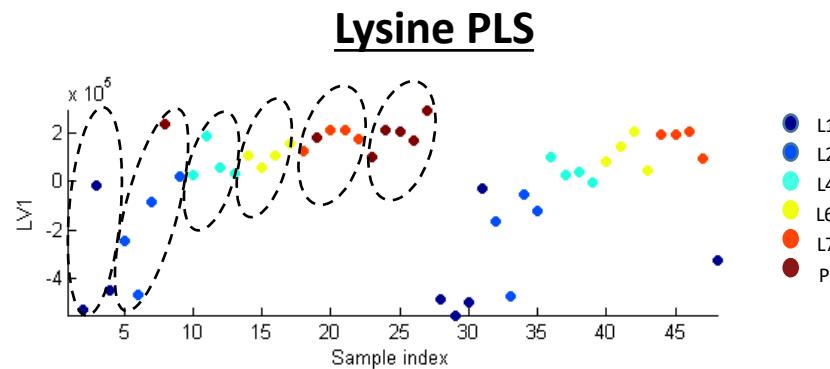
## Hypothesis

Physiologic, metabolic and cellular signals could provide suitable biomarkers of AA requirement satisfaction



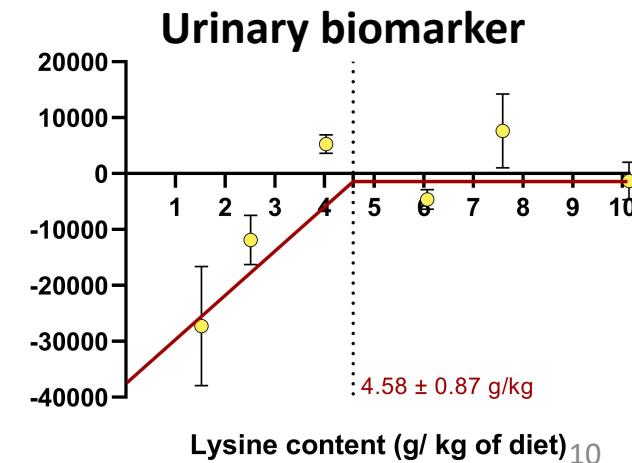
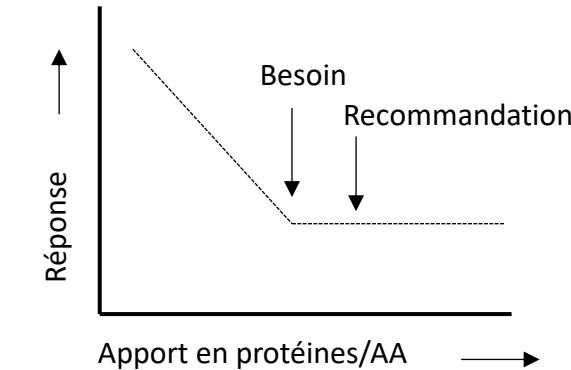
## Objectives:

- To develop new methods using metabolomics to identify **biomarkers of AA requirements**
- To identify signatures of adequate/inadequate intake of AA



PLS = Partial Least Square

ICDA = Independent Component Discriminant Analysis





## Projet VAMP

Analyses de la composition en acides  
aminés de différentes variétés d'arachides



# VAMP: Varietal selection based on nutritional quality of Peanuts

**Objectif :** Selection of the local varieties of peanuts with high quality protein to develop a high nutritional quality food

The novelty and the originality of the project is to select variety of peanuts based on protein quality. To our knowledge, this approach has not been used to characterise the nutritional quality of seed for developing high nutritional quality food. Thus, rather than adding free AAs in the food to reach a high protein quality, the ScreenPeanuts project will promote the wealth found in nature biodiversity to conserve and promote sustainable use of biological resources

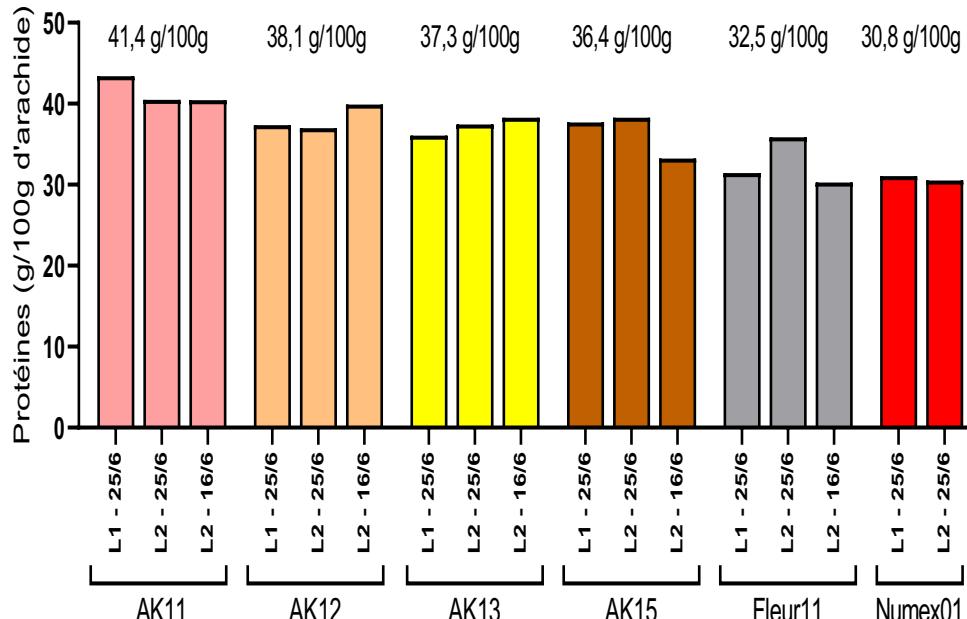
→ 6 varieties: Fleur AA, Numex 01, AK11, AK12, AK13, AK15

→ Sowing by IRAG (Institut de Recherche Agronomique de Guinée) (Guinea) on june 2021 and harvesting in september 2021 en Guinée

	Fleur 11			Numex 01	AK11			AK12			AK13			AK15		
<b>Number of seed lines</b>	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2
<b>Sowing date</b>	25/06	25/06	16 /06	25/06	25/06	25/06	25/06	16/06 6	25/06	25/06	16/06	25/06	25/06	16/06	25/06	25/06
<b>Harvesting date</b>	24/09	24/09	14/09	24/09	25/09	24/09	24/09	14/09 9	24/09	24/09	14/09	24/09	24/09	14/09	24/09	24/09

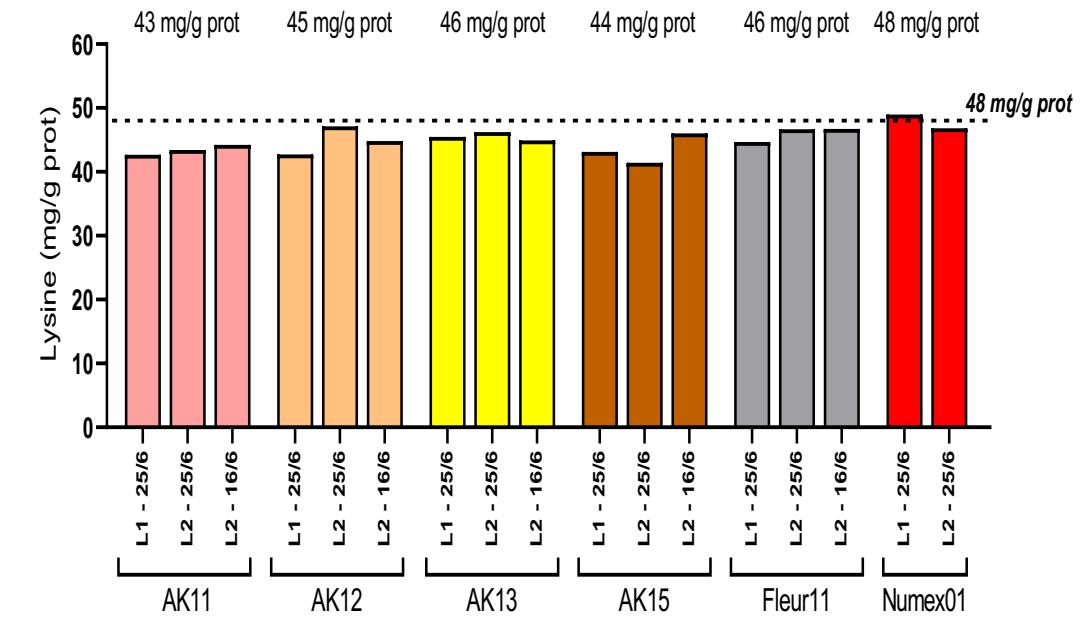


## Protein content



- Between 30,8 et 41,4 g of proteins/100 g of Peanuts
- No effect of sowing date and number of seed lines

## Lysine content



- Between 43 et 48 mg of lysine per g proteins
- Low variability



## Amino acid score and PDCAAS for Peanuts varieties

	AK11			AK12			AK13			AK15			Fleur 11			Numex 01	
	25-juin 1	25-juin 2	16-juin 2	25-juin 1	25-juin 2												
His	1,32	1,47	1,31	1,21	1,22	1,24	1,22	1,20	1,43	1,25	1,23	1,73	1,52	1,20	1,45	1,25	1,50
Ile	1,16	1,25	1,23	1,25	1,25	1,23	1,24	1,25	1,26	1,21	1,21	1,18	1,21	1,20	1,23	1,25	1,22
Leu	1,12	1,14	1,13	1,13	1,15	1,13	1,14	1,13	1,13	1,10	1,10	1,12	1,11	1,11	1,12	1,13	1,10
<b>Lys</b>	<b>0,89</b>	<b>0,91</b>	<b>0,92</b>	<b>0,89</b>	<b>0,98</b>	<b>0,93</b>	<b>0,95</b>	<b>0,96</b>	<b>0,94</b>	<b>0,90</b>	<b>0,86</b>	<b>0,96</b>	<b>0,93</b>	<b>0,97</b>	<b>0,97</b>	<b>1,02</b>	<b>0,98</b>
SAA	2,25	1,85	1,68	1,31	1,25	1,35	1,25	1,10	1,33	2,26	2,07	2,04	2,30	1,91	1,64	1,68	1,69
AAA	2,44	2,49	2,39	2,46	2,46	2,42	2,43	2,42	2,41	2,32	2,38	2,32	2,34	2,28	2,30	2,35	2,48
Thr	1,22	1,23	1,19	1,22	1,24	1,22	1,25	1,21	1,25	1,21	1,21	1,22	1,26	1,25	1,29	1,29	1,06
Trp	1,05	1,02	1,10	1,17	1,14	1,09	0,95	1,36	1,04	1,22	1,06	1,04	1,09	1,23	1,14	1,19	1,29
Val	0,99	1,15	1,13	1,15	1,13	1,13	1,14	1,14	1,16	1,09	1,09	1,05	1,12	1,12	1,16	1,15	1,10
<b>SC</b>	<b>0,89</b>	<b>0,91</b>	<b>0,92</b>	<b>0,89</b>	<b>0,98</b>	<b>0,93</b>	<b>0,95</b>	<b>0,96</b>	<b>0,94</b>	<b>0,90</b>	<b>0,86</b>	<b>0,96</b>	<b>0,93</b>	<b>0,97</b>	<b>0,97</b>	<b>1,02</b>	<b>0,98</b>
<b>moy</b>	<b>0,91</b>			<b>0,93</b>			<b>0,95</b>			<b>0,91</b>			<b>0,96</b>			<b>1,00</b>	
<b>PDCAAS</b>	<b>0,84</b>	<b>0,86</b>	<b>0,88</b>	<b>0,85</b>	<b>0,93</b>	<b>0,89</b>	<b>0,90</b>	<b>0,92</b>	<b>0,89</b>	<b>0,85</b>	<b>0,82</b>	<b>0,91</b>	<b>0,88</b>	<b>0,92</b>	<b>0,92</b>	<b>0,97</b>	<b>0,93</b>
<b>moy</b>	<b>0,86</b>			<b>0,89</b>			<b>0,90</b>			<b>0,86</b>			<b>0,91</b>			<b>0,95</b>	

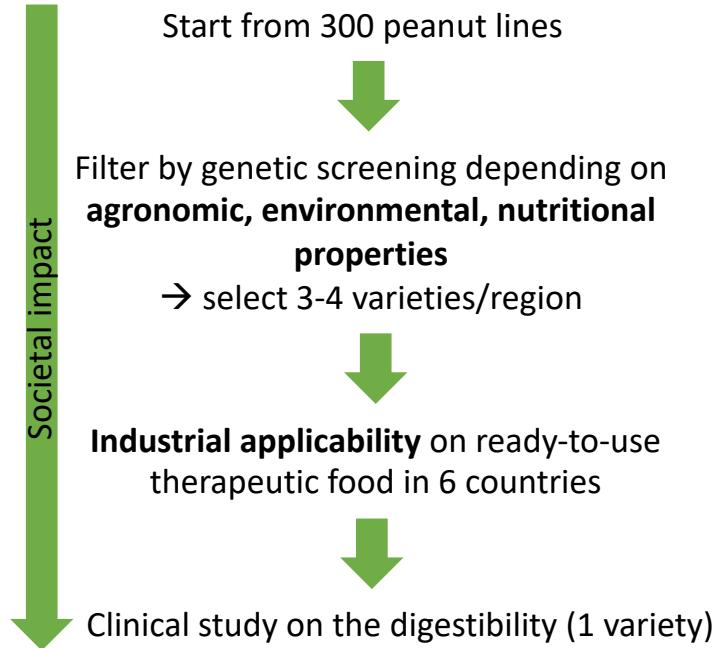
→ Amino acid score <1 for lysine for all the varieties except for Numex 01

→ Amino acid score = 1 for Numex 01

→ **PDCAAS <1 for all the varieties but >0,85**



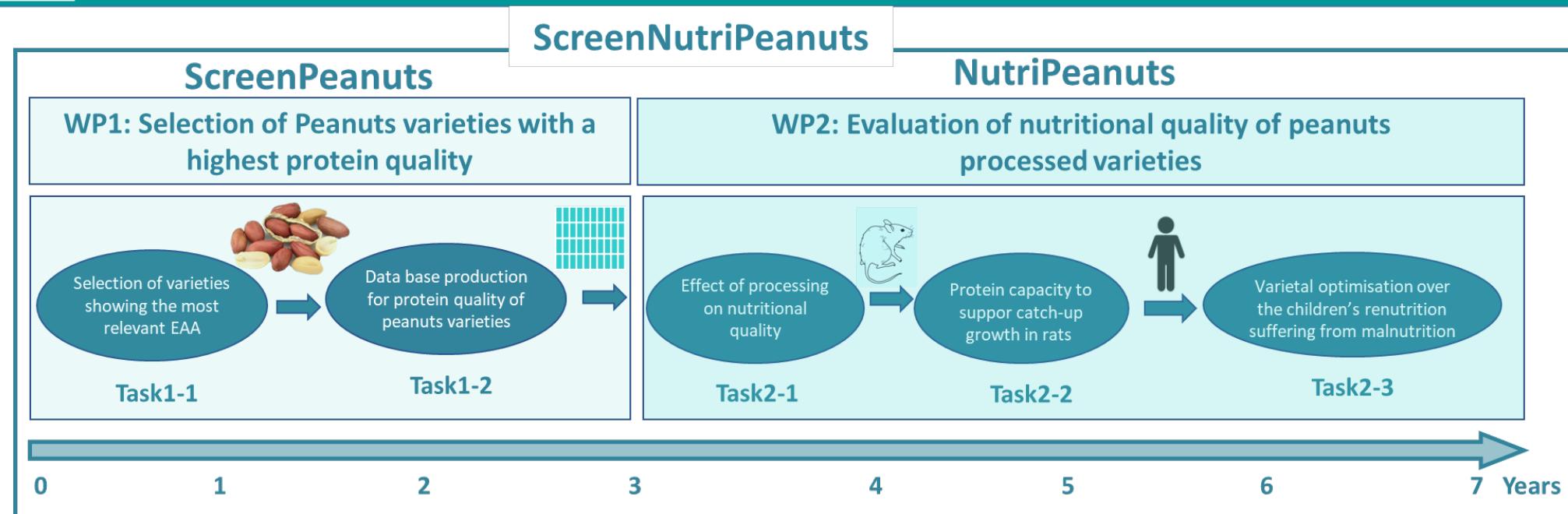
# Next steps: Varietal selection of nutritional quality peanuts



- Sommet France Afrique, Montpellier , Vendredi 8 Octobre 2022, séquence Enseignement supérieur, la recherche et l'innovation (ESRI) dans les champs interconnectés Nourrir-Soigner-Protéger (l'être humain et la planète), modératrice Amanda Harding
- Sommet France Afrique, Montpellier , Vendredi 8 Octobre 2022, séquence présidentielle
- Side-Event Salon International de l'Agriculture/ PROTEINES VÉGÉTALES DANS LE CADRE DE LA GRANDE MURAILLE VERTE : ENJEUX ET PERSPECTIVES, 2 mars 2022



# Next steps: Varietal selection of nutritional quality peanuts



## WP1: ScreenPeanuts

- select peanut variety with the best nutritional quality based on EAA profile from 300 lines already collected by the CIRAD in Senegal,
- produce a database for peanuts protein quality.

## WP2: NutriPeanuts

- Impact of technological treatments on peanut EAA profile and nutritional quality of selected peanut varieties
- Effect of high nutritional quality peanut variety in pre-clinical and clinical study in children.



# Database creation for amino acids profile in different protein sources



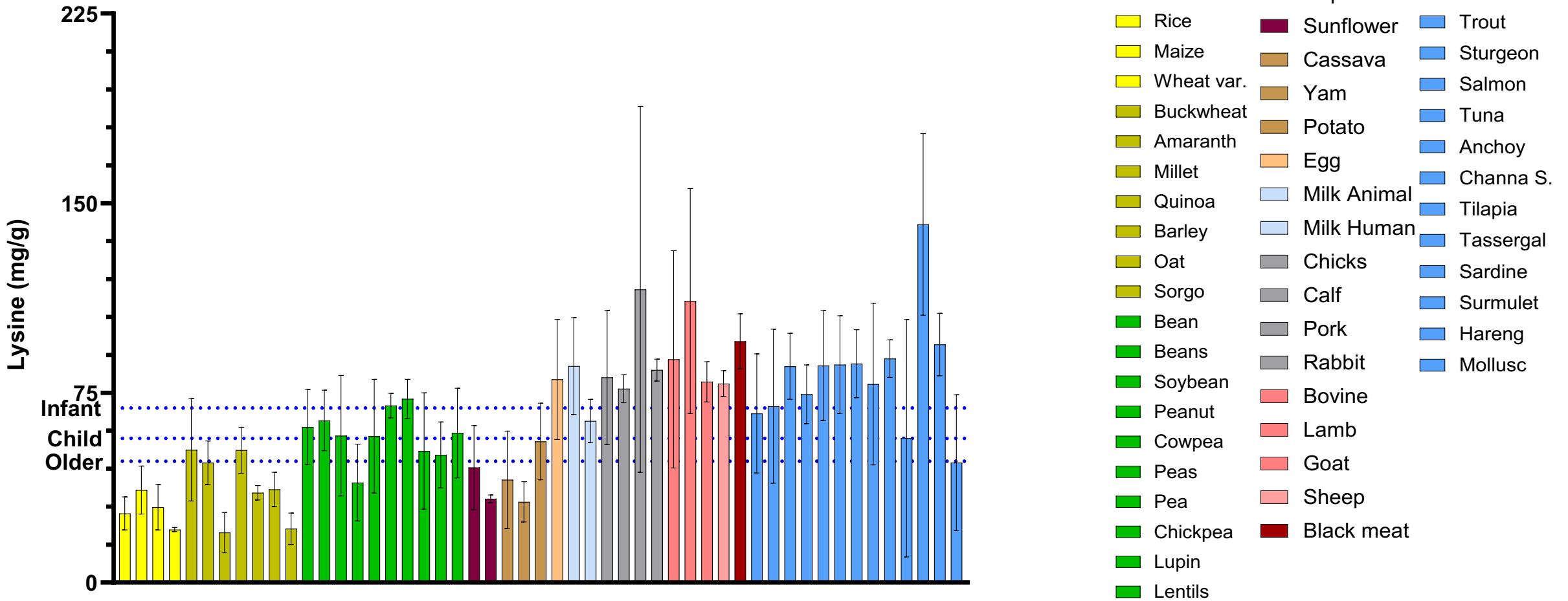
# Database creation for amino acids profile in different protein sources

Source	Wheat	Rice	Maize	Wheat var.	Buckwheat	Amaranth	Quinoa	Millet	Oat	Barley	Sorgo
N=	165	68	64	2	42	4	50	33	20	19	76
Source	Bean	Beans	Soybean	Peanut	Pea	Peas	Chickpea	Cowpea	Lupin	Lentils	Cassava
N=	41	95	77	108	31	12	36	38	40	33	56
Source	Yam	Potato	Rapeseed	Sunflower	Human milk	Animal Milk	Chicks	Calf	Pork	Rabbit	Egg
N=	4	16	34	3	3	28	77	11	14	7	37
Source	Bovin	Sheep	Lamb	Goat	Black meat	Fishs Oth.	Sturgeon	Salmon	Tuna	Anchovie	Channa s.
N=	50	3	17	4	8	175	11	10	8	11	30
Source	Tilapia	Tassergal	Sardines	Surmulet	Hareng	Mollus.	Trout			Total	Uncclas.
N=	11	8	3	8	6	9	18			1734	466

Cereals, Pseudo-cereals, Legumes, Oilseed, Root, Egg, Milk, White milk, Red meet, Fish



## Amino acid profile (mg/g protein)



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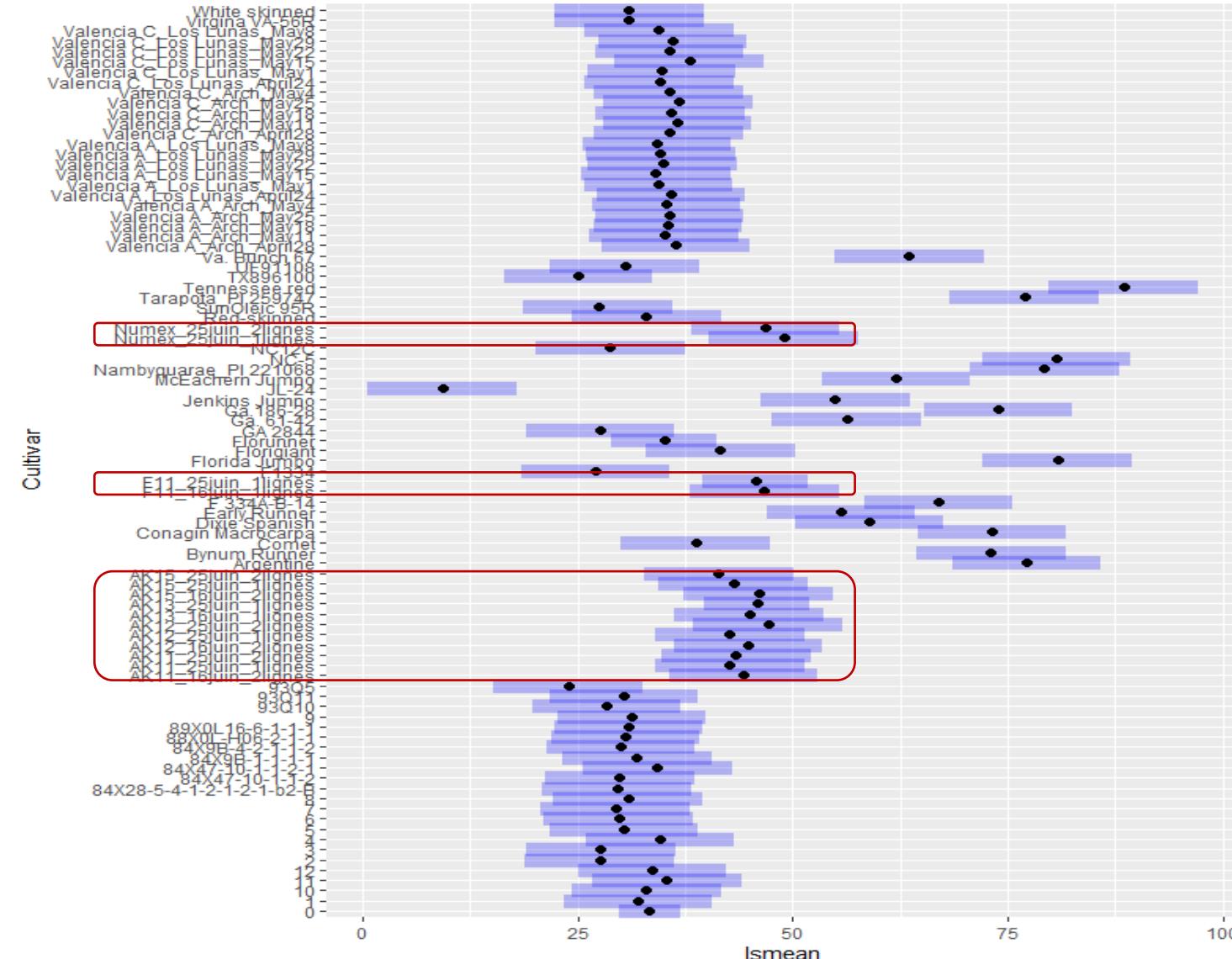


## Cultivar effect

Anova Table (Type II tests)

Response: Lys

	Sum Sq	Df	F value	Pr(>F)
Cultivar	15593	70	29.67	0.0022 **
MethodeAA	80	2	5.34	0.0743 .
Residuals	30	4		



## Conclusion

- There is not only one amino acid profile for one species, but many, depending of the variety
- Knowing indispensable amino acid profile of proteins allow to calculate amino acid score, first step to evaluate protein quality
- Selecting variety based on protein quality for developing high nutritional quality food will promote nature biodiversity to conserve and promote sustainable use of biological resources, adapted to local environmental conditions.
- Identification of non invasive biomarkers of amino acid requirement allow to measure the ability of protein to cover amino acid requirements
- The development of new methods to measure digestibility will allow to provide reference data for the bioavailability of amino acids for different protein sources

