



Asparagopsis Science Update

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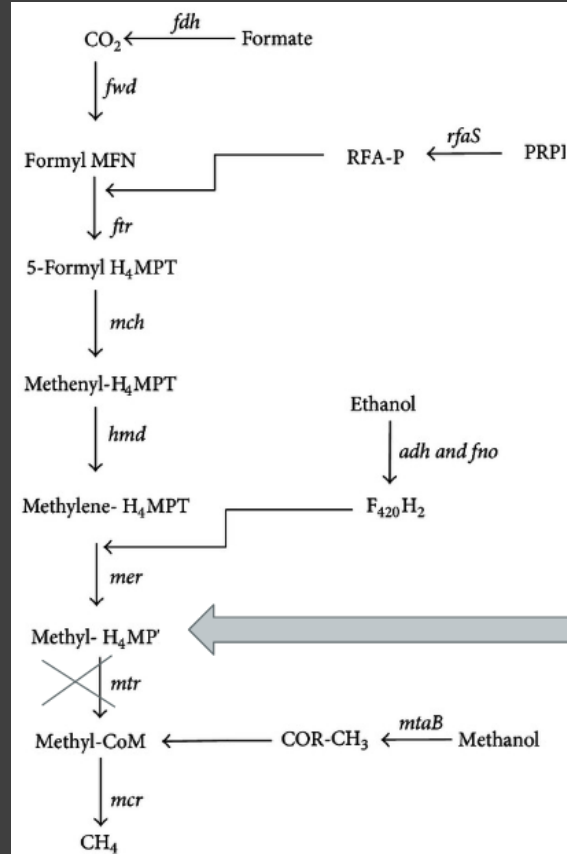
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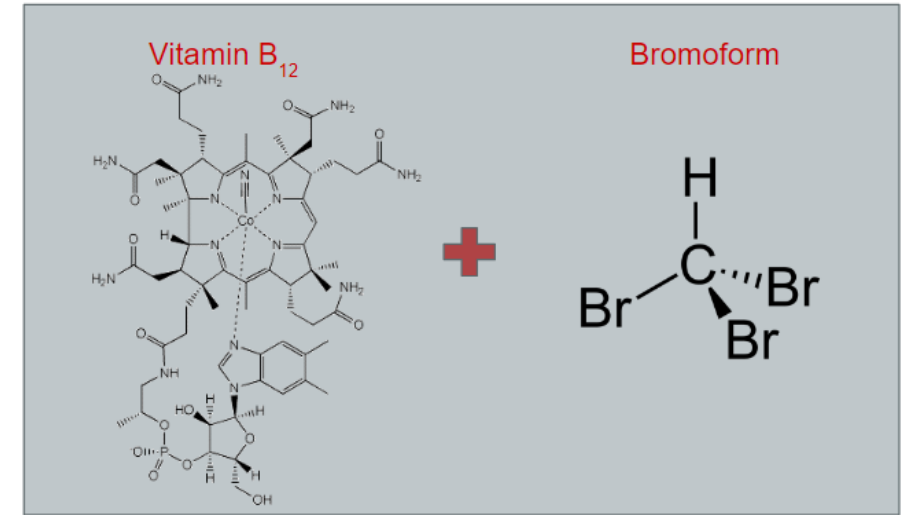
Recap 2021 presentation



Asparagopsis
reduces enteric
methane



Inhibited Methanogen Pathway



- Red seaweed, low inclusion rates, large methane reduction
- Brominated compounds inhibit methanogen metabolism

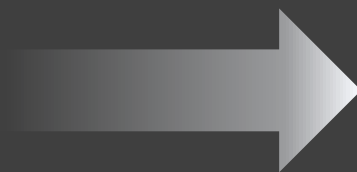


Effective and safe in multiple trials



Best practices

High quality seaweed
Low inclusion rates
Palatable supplement



Best results

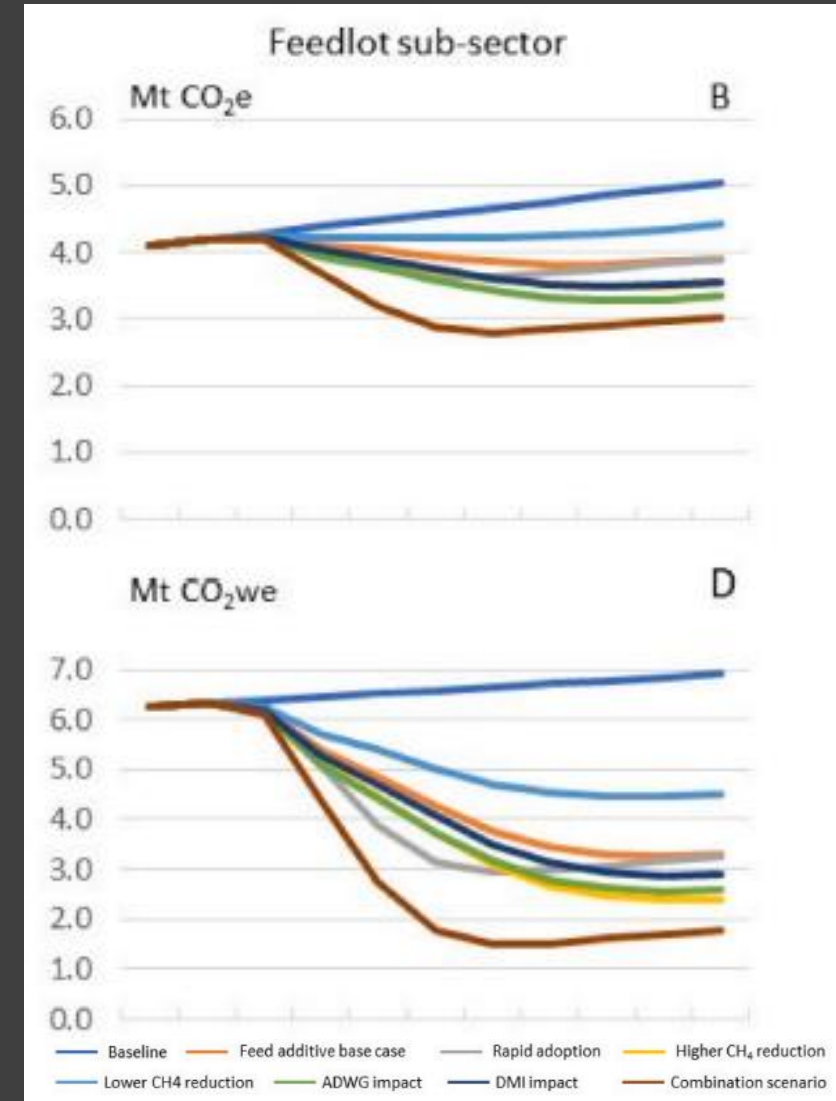
Strong methane reduction
Improved productivity
No safety/health issues

70+ Publications Since 2021

- 13 studies on composition/chemistry
- 12 reviews or meta-analyses
- 11 papers on production/aquaculture/processing
- 11 papers on ecology/natural history
- 9 studies on non-ruminant applications
- 8 feed trials
- 5 in vitro/in silico rumen studies
- 3 omics studies
- 2 modelling of impacts at large scale application
- Patents on varieties/culturing/formulation/delivery

Key conclusions of this science

- SAFE
 - No residues or animal health effects noted from seaweed supplementation (multiple studies)
 - No impact to ozone layer from mass-scale cultivation (Jia et al, Atmos.Chem.Phys. 22, 7631, 2022)
- EFFECTIVE
 - Consistent, strong methane reduction (multiple studies)
- BENEFICIAL
 - Addressing global dairy herd = \$5B in savings, - 50% methane (International Food Policy Research Institute
<https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.135065>)



Ridoutt et al. J. Clean Prod. 337, 130499, 2022

Pulsed Oil Supplementation

- Lactating dairy cows fed twice daily with oil-extracted Asparagopsis
- Pulsed supplementation reduced methane ~50%, but regime can be further optimized.
- Supports previous evidence that there's a broad-spectrum action from Asp.
- Elevated bromoform in milk, but still below levels of concern



Scalability

- Optimized tank-based production
- Exceptional productivity
 - 10% growth/d
 - 2-3x quality of research product
- Ecopark development underway
 - 15,000 cattle/d -> 60,000 cows/d
- Aggressive global scale plans
 - 10M by 2025/6, 150M by 2030



Conclusions

- Proven efficacy – 90% methane reduction for continuous feeding systems
- Proven safety – for animals, people and planet
- Large body of science, continually evolving
- Progressing a once-a-day solution for dairy
- Scalable – targeting 150,000,000 cows by 2030