Applying energy balance modelling to assess the limits of efficiency of broiler chicken

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Background: Assessing environmental sustainability of broiler broduction

Predicting the environmental impacts of chicken systems in the United Kingdom through a life cycle assessment: Broiler production systems

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GENETICS AND GENOMICS

Potential environmental benefits of prospective genetic changes in broiler traits

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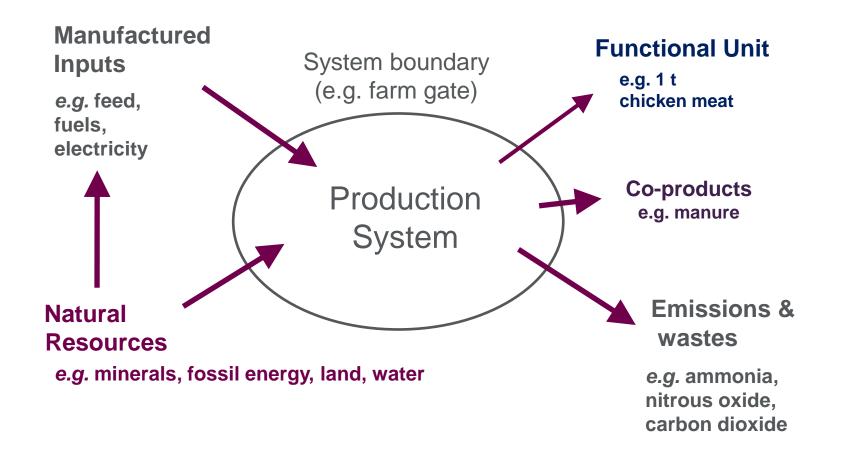


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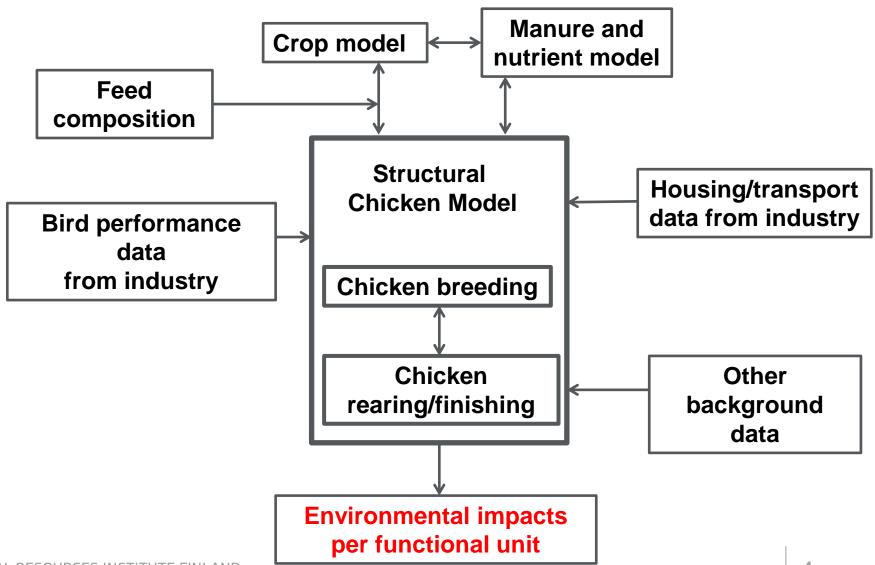
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Environmental life cycle assessment (LCA)

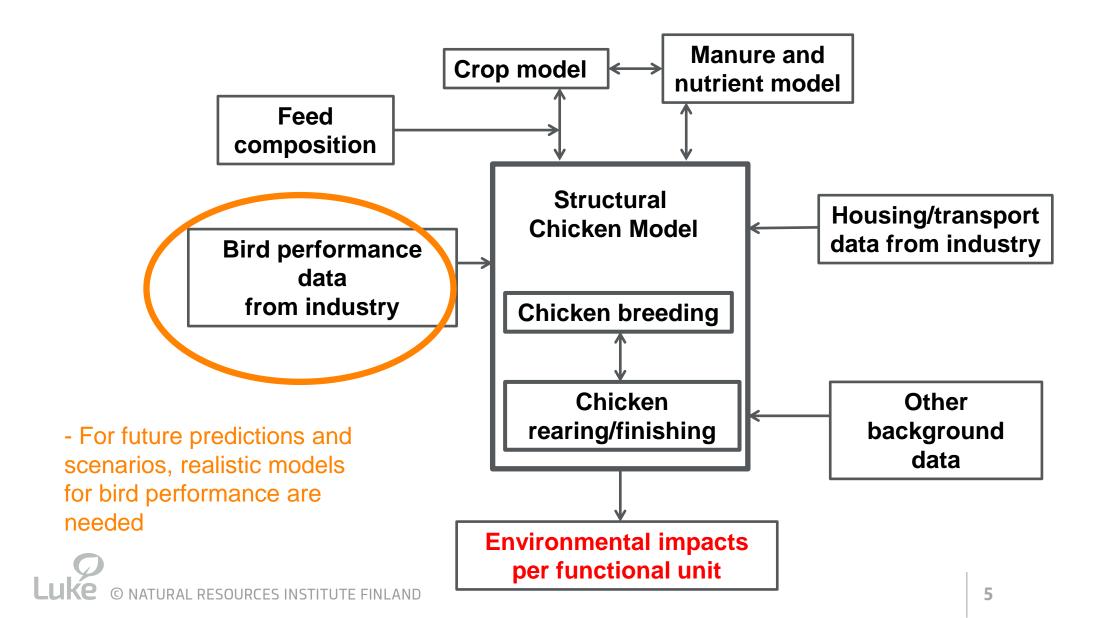




Application of systems models in LCA



Using systems models for predictions



Continuos trend of increasing efficiency

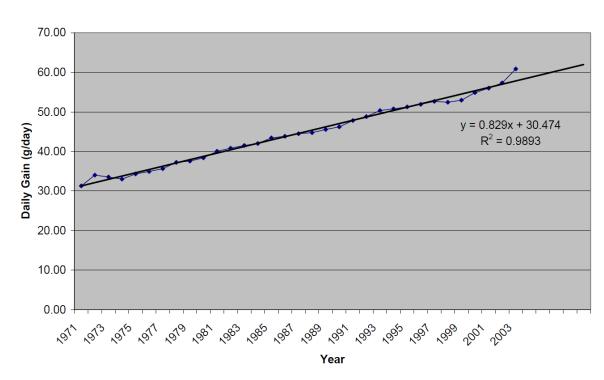


Fig. 9 Long term trend broiler daily gain (g/day) from UK industry data set (NFU Broiler Bulletins)

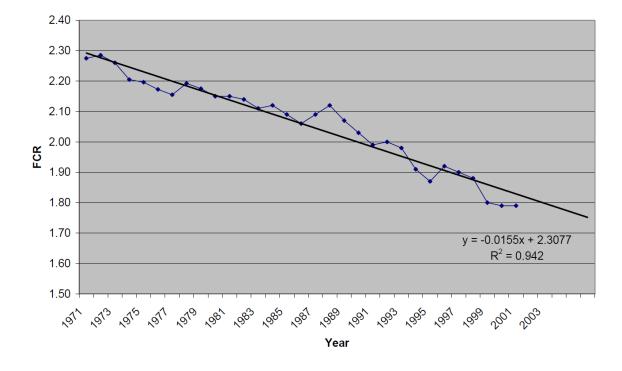


Fig. 10 Long term trend in FCR (kg feed per kg liveweight) from UK industry data set (NFU Broiler Bulletins)

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Energy balance model for chicken feed efficiency needed

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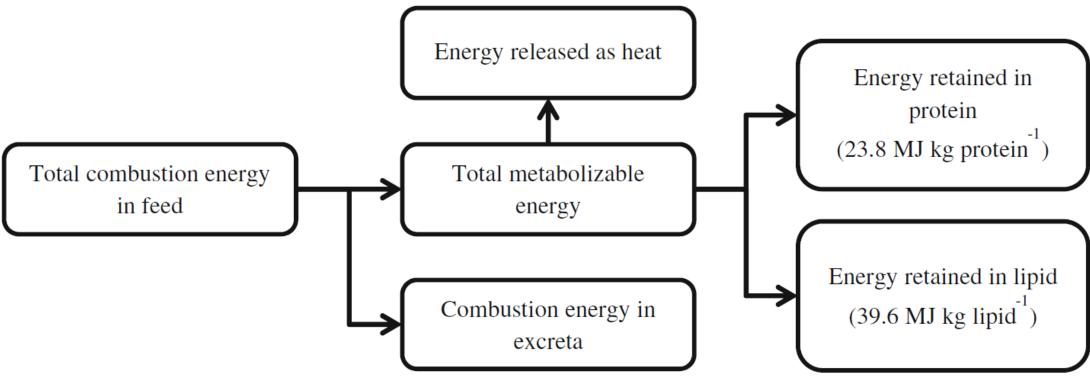
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Modern broiler chickens are a major animal husbandry success story, both in terms of efficient resource utilisation and environmental sustainability. However, continuing artificial selection for both efficiency



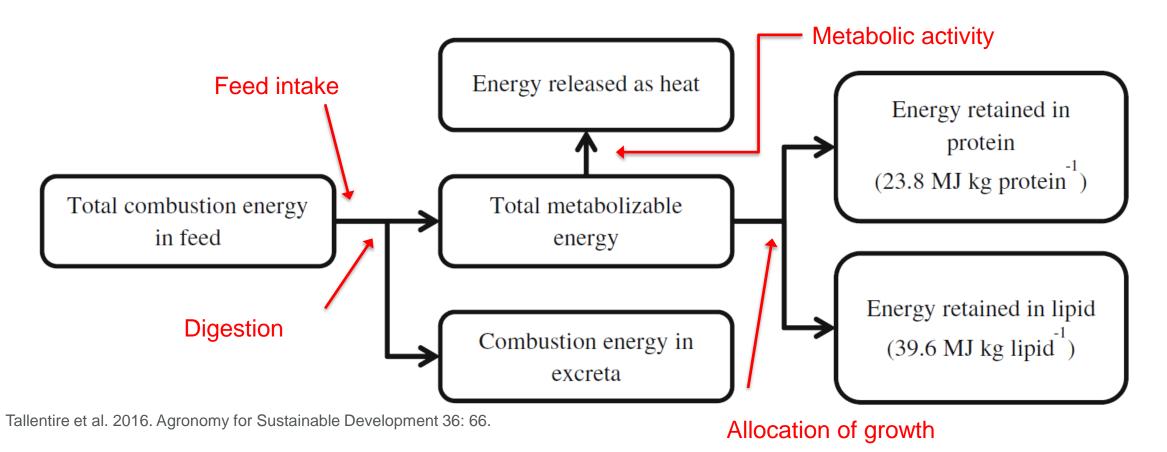
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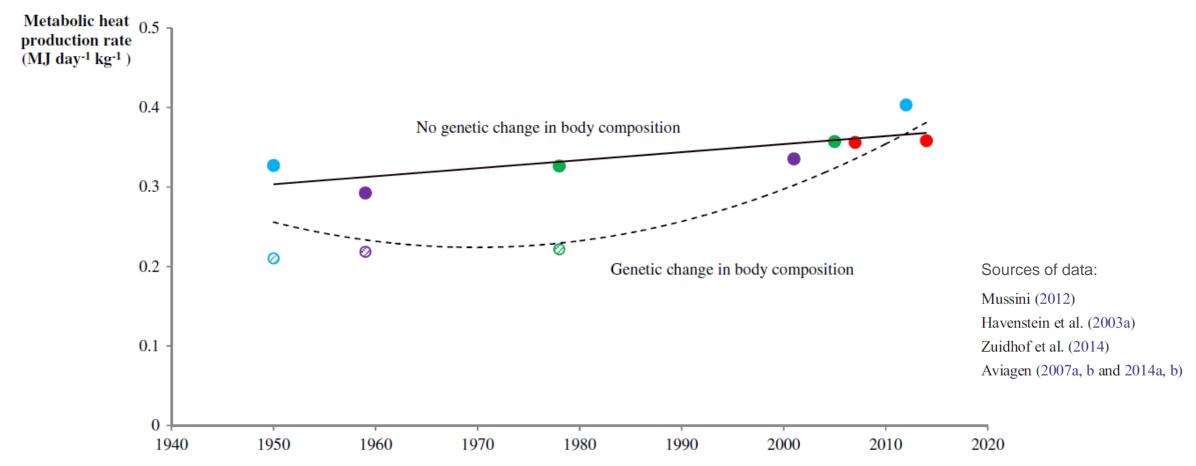
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Broiler energy balance model



Trend of metabolic activity



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What are the key processes of increased efficiency?

- what are their limits?

