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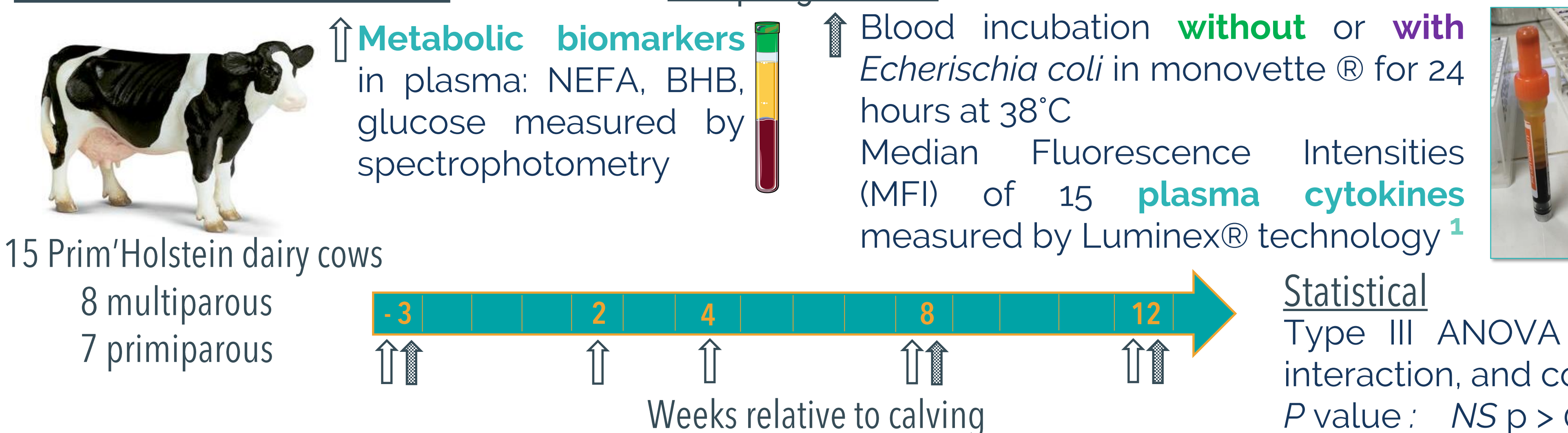
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Introduction

- The peripartum period, before calving and the first month of lactation, is a critical period for dairy cows
- The onset of lactation : Increased milk production and decreased immune capacity due to inflammation
- Objective of this study : Investigate the influence of parity during this period of risk on metabolic and immune biomarkers (chemokines, pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory cytokines) in the dairy cows

Material & Methods



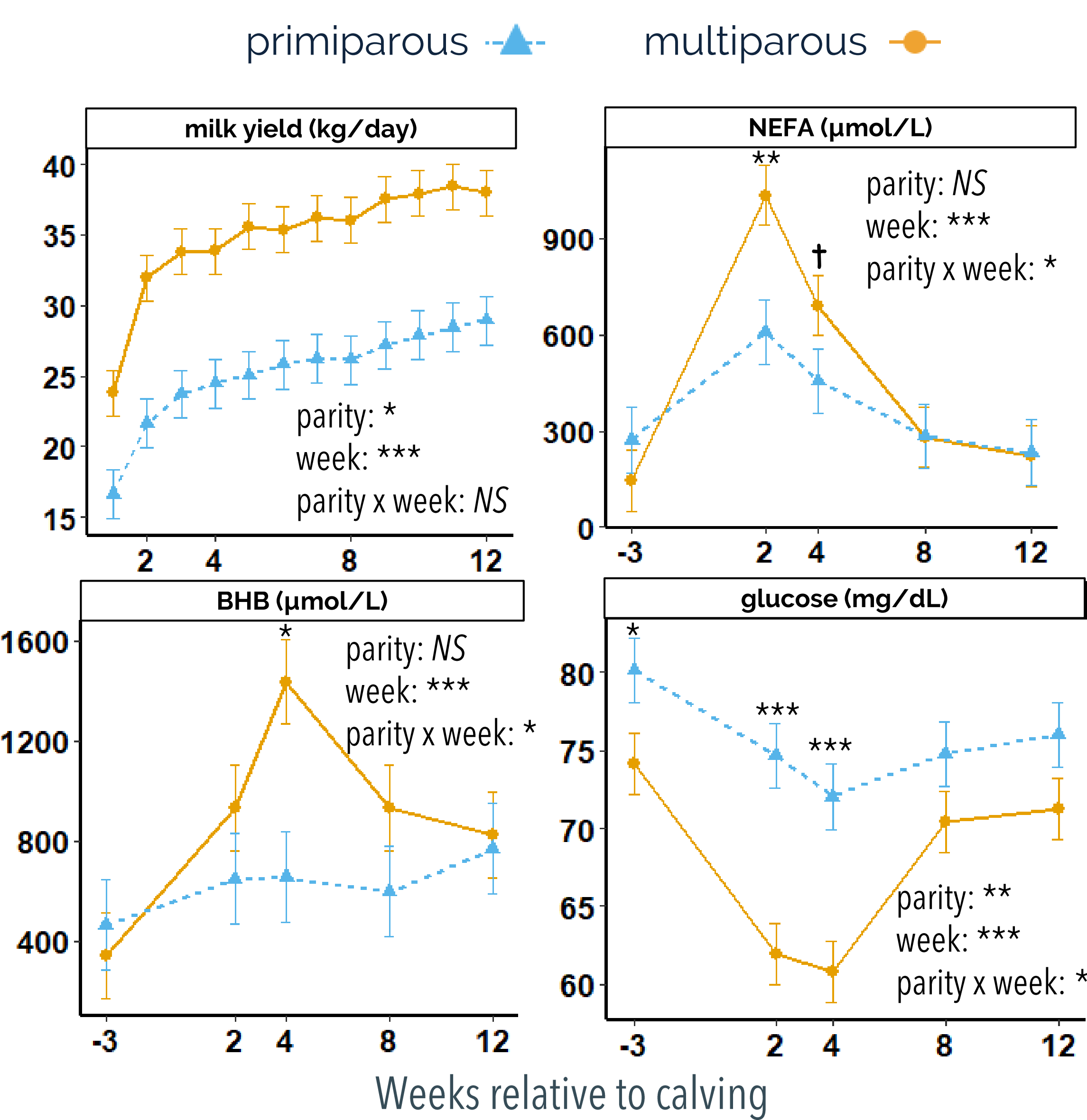
Functions of the 15 cytokines:

- 4 chemokines or chemoattractant cytokines: CCL2, CCL3, CCL4, CXCL10
- 8 pro-inflammatory cytokines: IFN γ , IL17A, IL1 α , IL1b, IL2, IL6, IL8, TNF α
- 3 anti-inflammatory cytokines: IL10, IL1R α , IL4

Results

Metabolic biomarkers

As described in the literature², at the beginning of lactation multiparous dairy cows produce more milk and their metabolism is more solicited.



NEFA = Non Esterified Fatty Acid
BHB = β -hydroxybutyrate

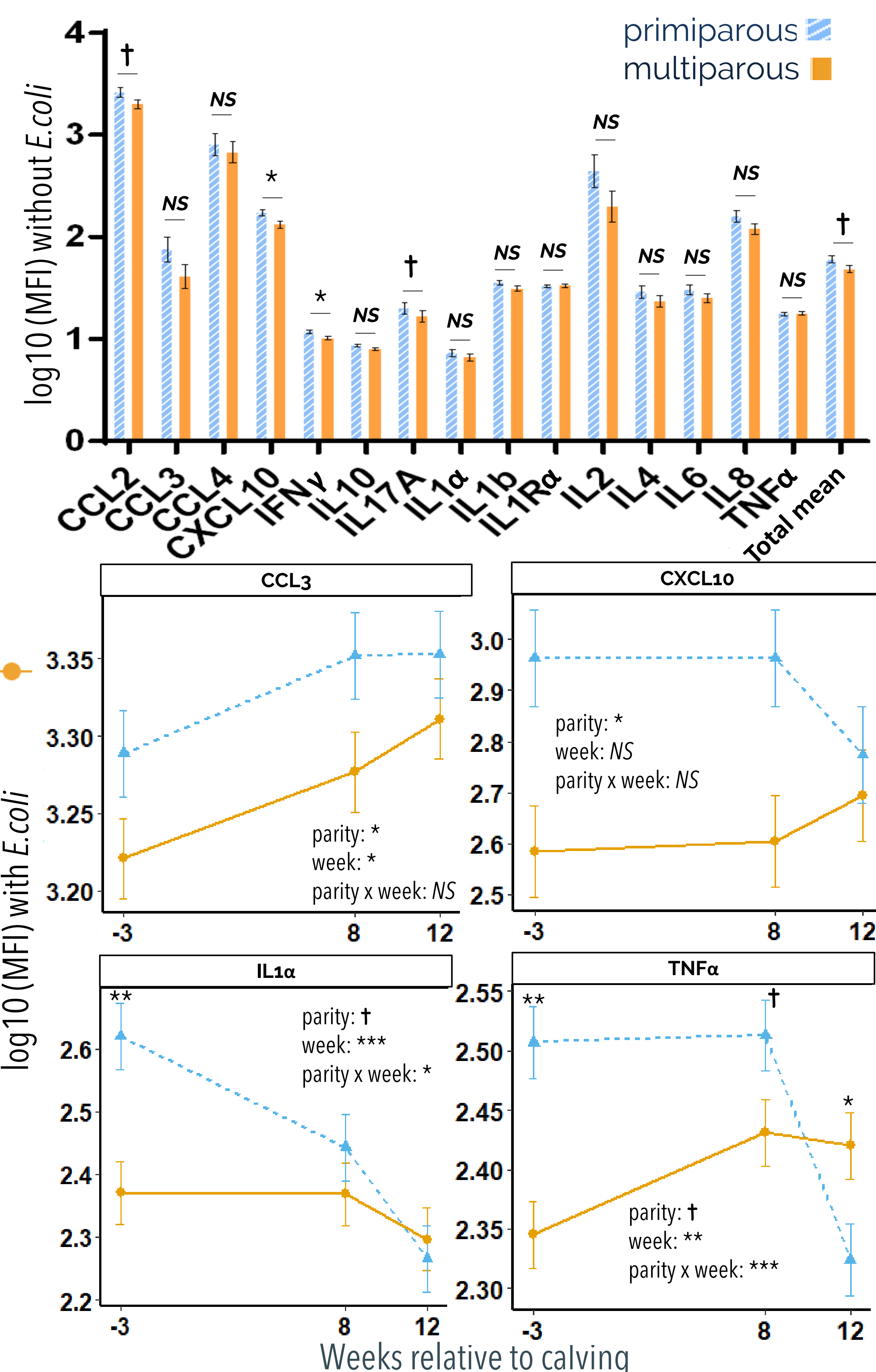
Plasma cytokines

Without *E. Coli* stimulation:

- chemoattractant & pro-inflammatory cytokines primiparous > multiparous
- anti-inflammatory cytokines =
- total average of the 15 cytokines tend to have primiparous > multiparous
- differences independent of week of lactation

With *E. Coli* stimulation:

- chemoattractant & pro-inflammatory cytokines primiparous > multiparous
- anti-inflammatory cytokines = (not showed)
- total average of the 15 cytokines tend to have primiparous > multiparous in week -3 and 8 (not showed)



Conclusion

Our study shows that compared with primiparous, multiparous cows have:

- a greater metabolic solicitation

- less excessive inflammation

These results suggests that multiparous cows may have acquired a better regulation of inflammation by decreasing the pro-inflammatory cytokine production compared with primiparous cows.

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