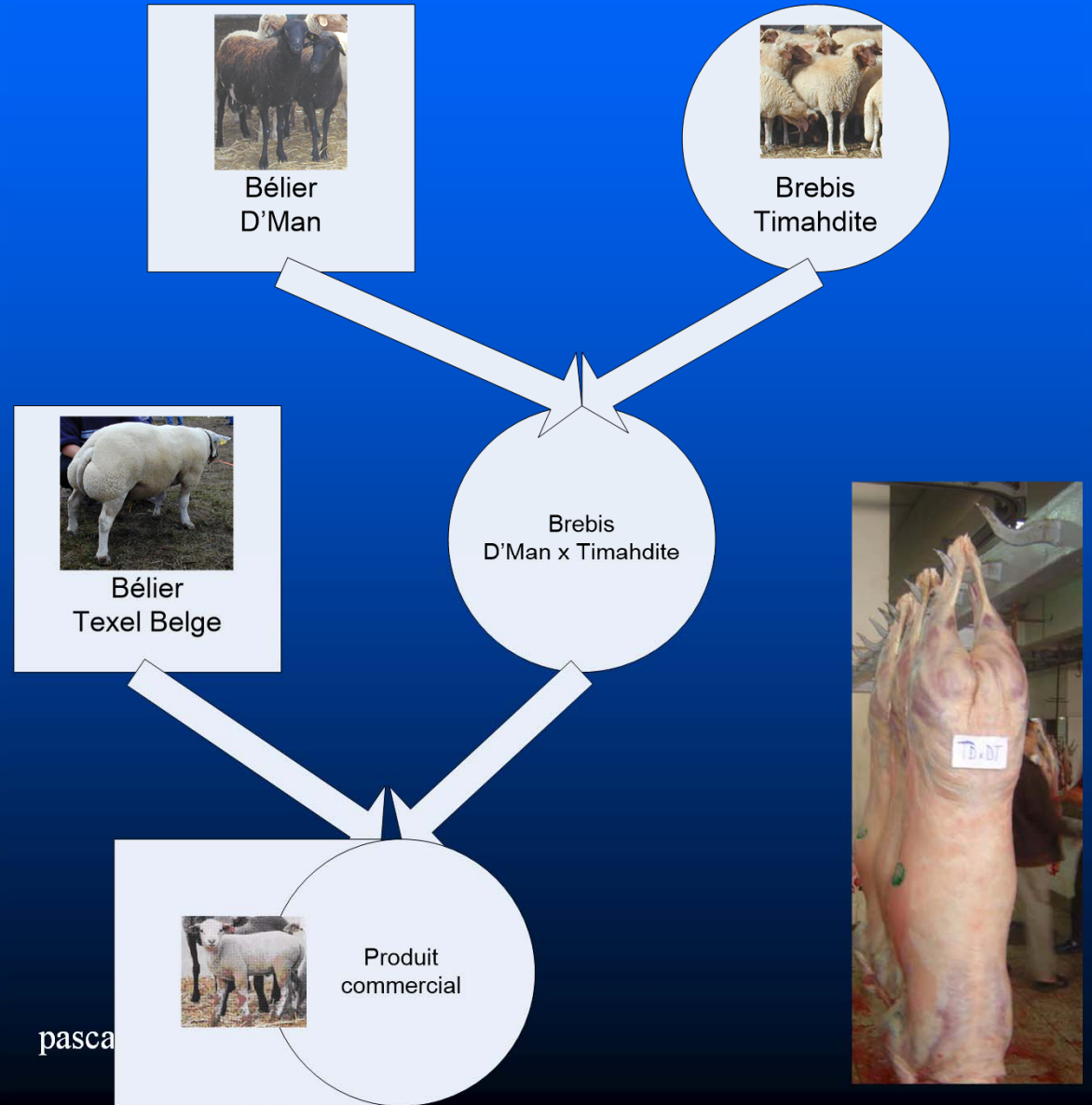


# Morocco DMan x Timahdit



# Morocco 3-way cross

## Texel x (DMan x Timahdit)



<b>Traits</b>	<b>D'man</b>	<b>Timahdite</b>	<b>Texel x T</b>	<b>Texel x DT</b>
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<b>Litter size at weaning (lambs)</b>	2.22 <sup>a</sup>	1.11 <sup>b</sup>	1.19 <sup>b</sup>	1.74 <sup>c</sup>
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<b>Survival to 90 days (%)</b>	65 <sup>a</sup>	89 <sup>b</sup>	88 <sup>b</sup>	85 <sup>b</sup>
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<b>ADG 10-30 (g/day)</b>	131 <sup>a</sup>	144 <sup>a</sup>	165 <sup>b</sup>	183 <sup>b</sup>
<b>ADG 30-90 (g/day)</b>	142 <sup>a</sup>	149 <sup>a</sup>	173 <sup>b</sup>	187 <sup>b</sup>
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## Reproductive, survival and growth traits of the crossbreeding Belgian Texel x Moroccan local breeds of sheep

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### Introduction

Local Moroccan breeds are characterized by their low growth rate, poor conformation and had a tendency to deposit more fat under intensive management conditions. In terminal crossing the utilization of improved meat sires which promotes rapid lamb growth, delayed fat development and improved carcass conformation can enhance quantitative and qualitative meat sheep production and meet the preference of consumers. The Belgian Texel breed which is known for its ability to produce higher meat quality can be considered in crossbreeding to improve sheep meat quality in Morocco.

### Animals

An experiment was carried by INRA Morocco in order to evaluate the performances of Belgian Texel (BT) rams and their progeny when mated to Moroccan local breed ewes. Three BT rams were mated to Timahdite (T=30) and D'man x Timahdite (DT=30) ewes and compared to purebred ewes D'man (D=22) and (T=30) for ewe and lamb pre-weaning and fattening traits.



### Results:

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