

# AqKIMAS: A Data Compilation, Integration, Standardization, Modeling and Analysis Effort for Aquaculture Nutrition Studies

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# Aquaculture nutrition: a very dynamic research field

- > 1000s studies on nutrient requirements of fish and crustaceans
- > 300 scientific papers and technical documents on essential amino acid requirements
- > 500 studies or papers on the nutritive value of soybean products (soybean meal, oil, protein concentrates)
- > 500 papers on nutritive value of animal proteins and fats for aquatic species
- > 500 documents on “fish meal and fish oil replacement” over the past two or three decades.

Interest in the field, effort invested, talent pool, and money are not lacking and these represent terrific resources/driving forces.

## NRC Committee of Nutrient Requirements of Fish and Shrimp (2009-2011)

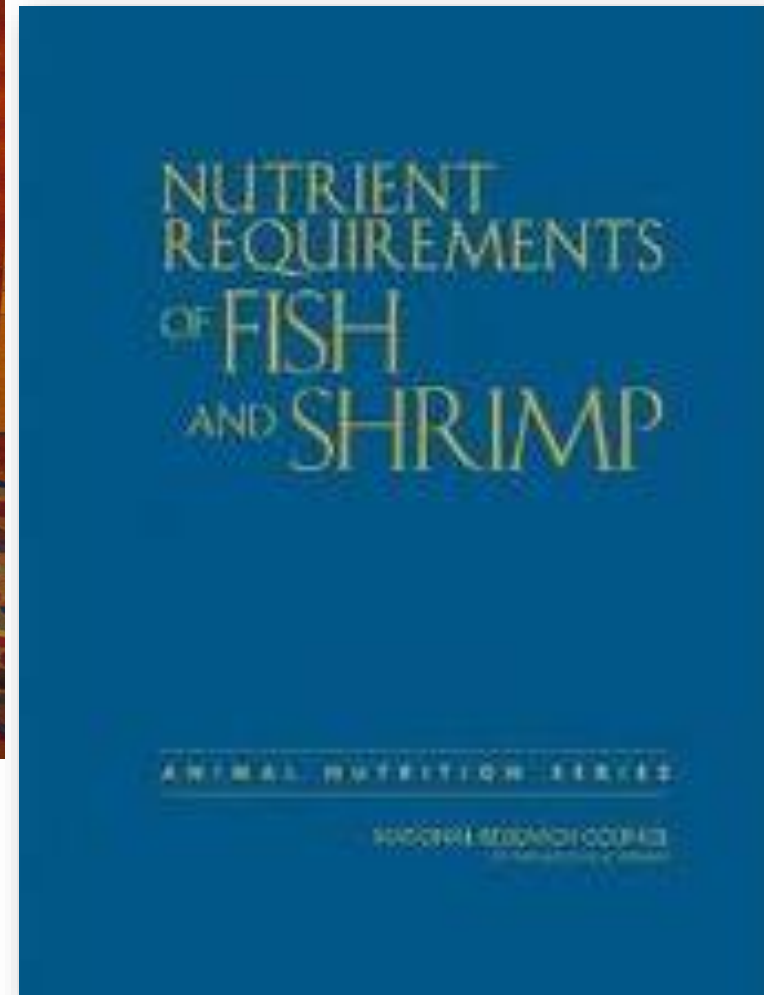


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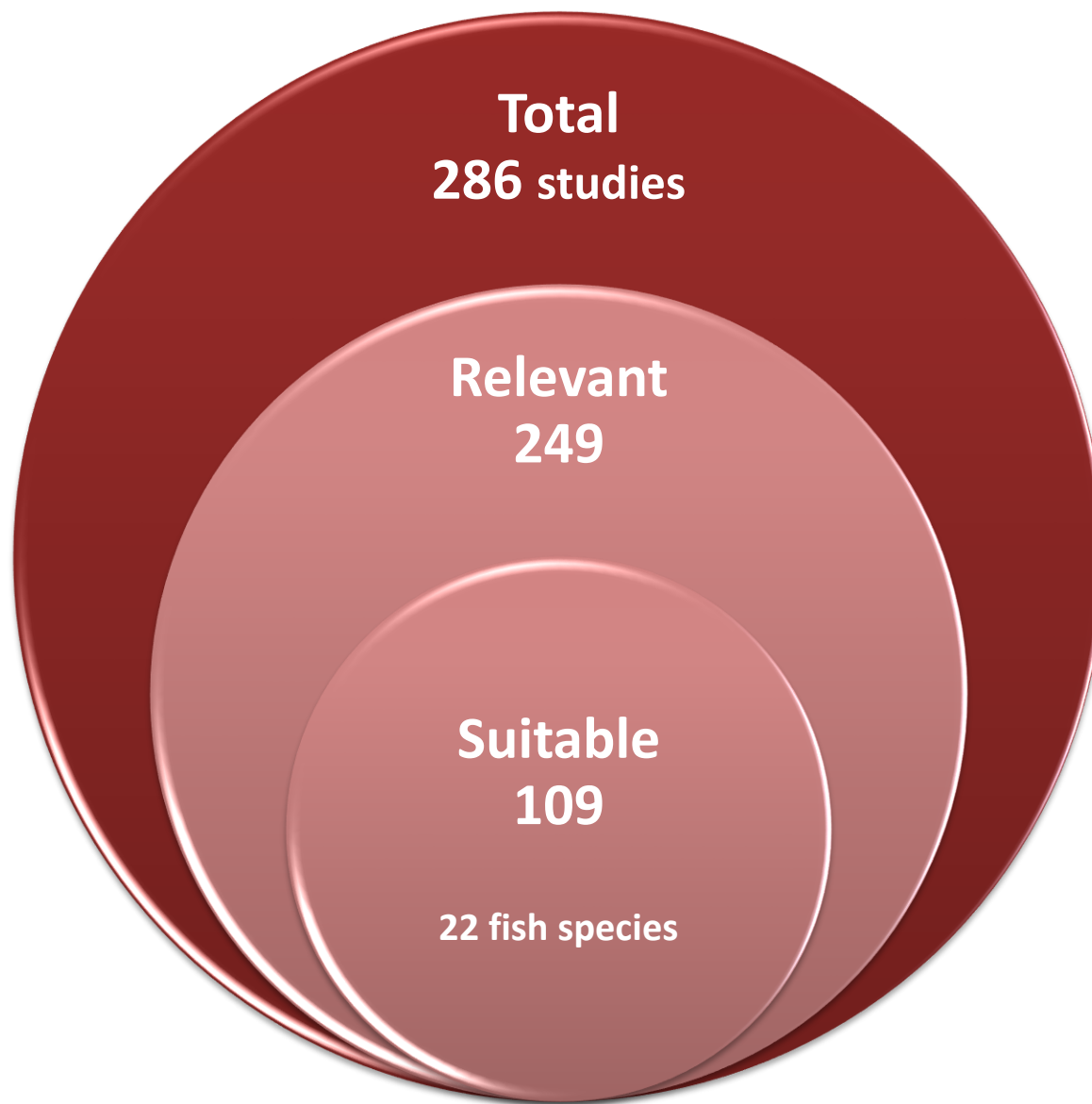
**Review of state-of-the-art**

**Committee reviewed 1000s of papers**

**Imperfect document and recommendations  
represent best effort**



# Meta-Analysis of Essential Amino Acid Requirements of Fish



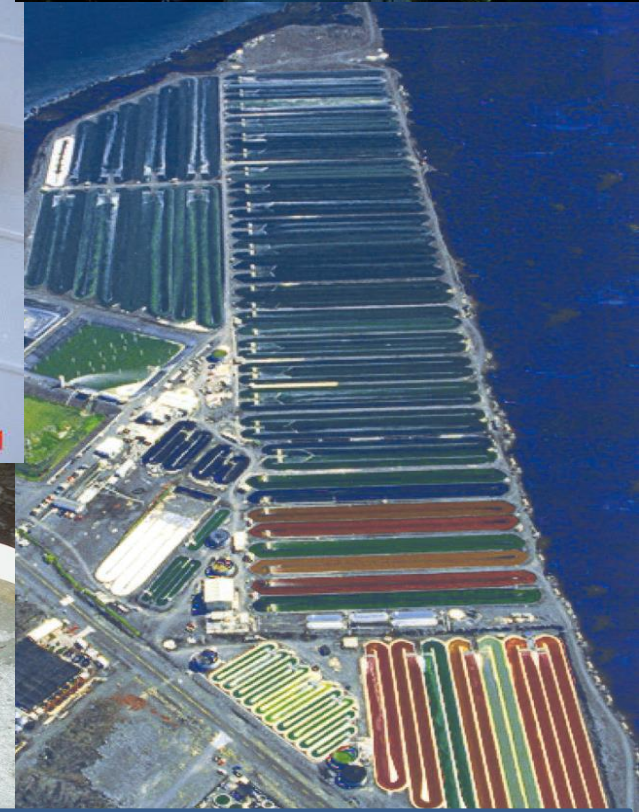
## Main causes of rejection:

- 1) Key piece(s) of information missing in paper and preventing calculation of parameter(s) deemed important
- 2) Insufficient graded EAA levels (or inappropriate design for goal of meta-analysis)
- 3) Poor growth or feed efficiency achieved in study

# AQUACULTURE = Diversity of Species



>340 SPECIES



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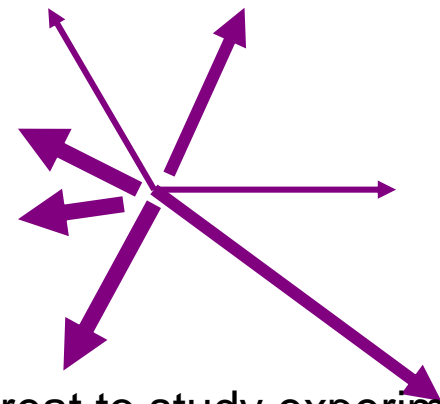
# Current Challenges:

**Developing Nutritional Specifications for Different Species, Life Stages, Weight Ranges and Feed Types**

**Predicting the content in bio-available nutrients in diets composed of an increasing wide variety of feed ingredients**



# Challenge: Meeting the nutrient requirements of a diversity of species ranging greatly in weight, fed diets formulated with a wide variety of feed ingredients.



ORIGINAL PAPER

R. M. Colaco, K. King, J. W. Fowler, P. Wu, S. Warner, S. P. Crossin

**Dietary P regulates phosphate transporter expression, phosphatase activity, and effluent P partitioning in trout culture**

Abstract Phosphate utilization by fish is an important and variable process regulated by a variety of factors. In this study, we investigated the effect of dietary phosphate (P) on the expression of phosphate transporters and phosphatases in rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) fed diets containing 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000 mg P/kg diet.

Effluent profile of commercially used low-phosphorus fish feeds

Shoou H. Segawa<sup>a</sup>, Daniel D. Marchant<sup>a</sup>, Kevin Kelsey<sup>b</sup>, Elizabeth Wiggins<sup>a</sup>, Ronald P. Ferraro<sup>a\*</sup>

Abstract Commercially used low-phosphorus fish feeds are evaluated for their phosphorus (P) effluent profile. The P effluent profile of a feed is defined as the ratio of P in the feed to the P in the effluent. The P effluent profile of a feed is determined by the P content of the feed and the P content of the effluent. The P effluent profile of a feed is determined by the P content of the feed and the P content of the effluent. The P effluent profile of a feed is determined by the P content of the feed and the P content of the effluent.

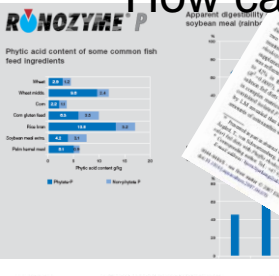
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comparaison with synthetic formulae

Abstract The response of rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) to dietary phosphorus (P) was studied. The fish were fed diets containing 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000 mg P/kg diet.

Number of combinations/permutations too great to study experimentally.

How can we derive the estimates we need from the literature?



Combined replacement of fish meal and oil in practical diets for fast growing juveniles of gilthead sea bream (*Sparus aurata* L.): Networking of systemic and local components of GH/IGF axis

Laura Benedito-Palos<sup>a</sup>, Alfonso Saura-Vila<sup>a</sup>, Josep-Aivar Calduch-Giner<sup>a</sup>, Sabuivan Kaushik<sup>b</sup>, Jaume Pérez-Sánchez<sup>a\*</sup>

γ acid profile of fish following a change in dietary fatty acid source: model of fatty acid composition with a dilution hypothesis

J.H. Robin<sup>a\*</sup>, C. Regout<sup>a</sup>, J. Arzel<sup>a</sup>, S.J. Kaushik<sup>b</sup>

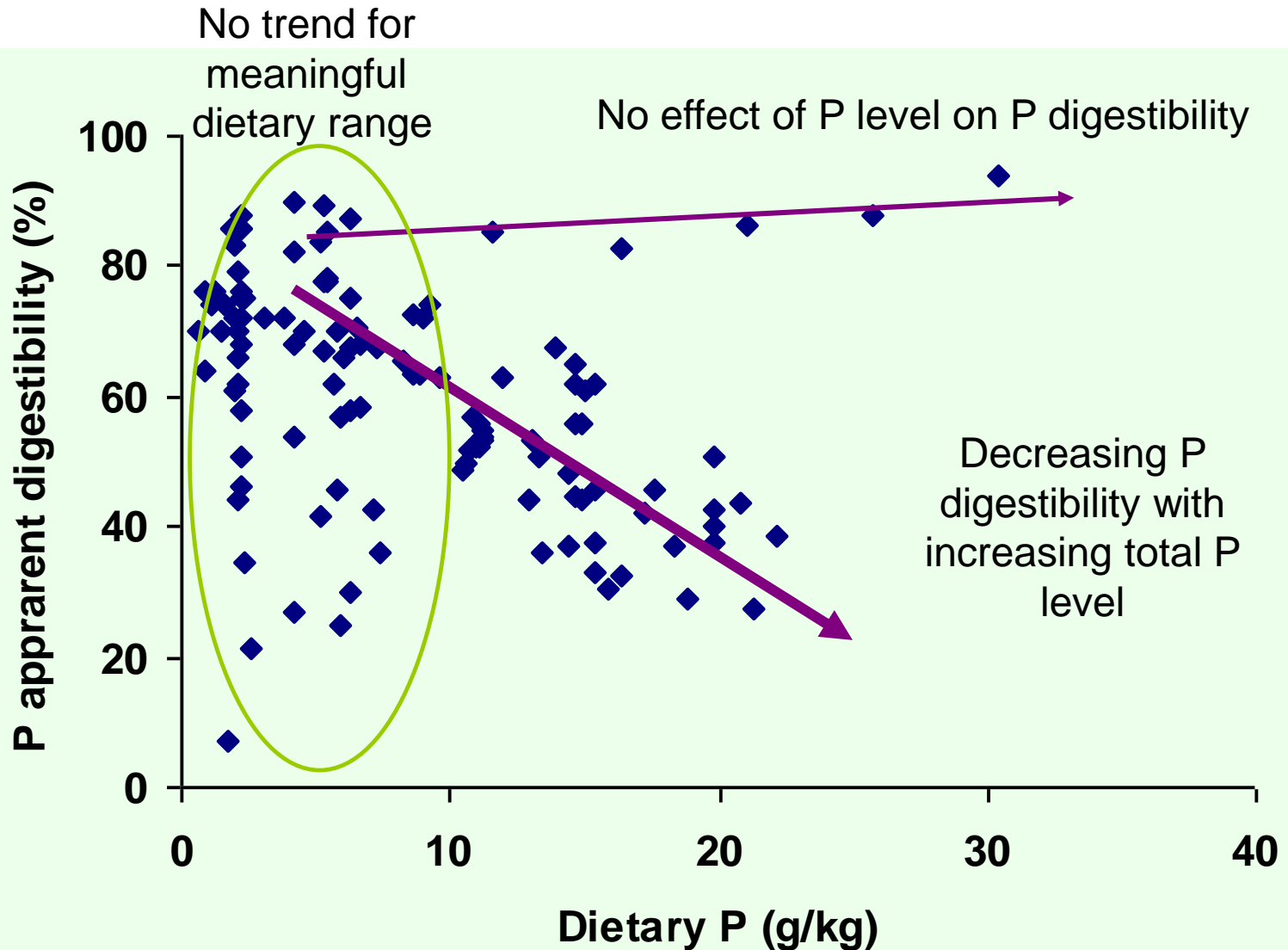


It is not sufficient to know different factors have effects. You also need to be able to quantify the combined effects of these different factors

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# Example: Dietary Phosphorus Digestibility



Dataset: 137 treatments from 22 studies with rainbow trout



We often have everything we need – the issue is finding it!



No need to reinvent the wheel



**The answer is organizing the information at hand in a sensible way!**

**Systematic integration of data and mathematical modelling to analyze this information can be a very effective way of achieving this.**



Before



After

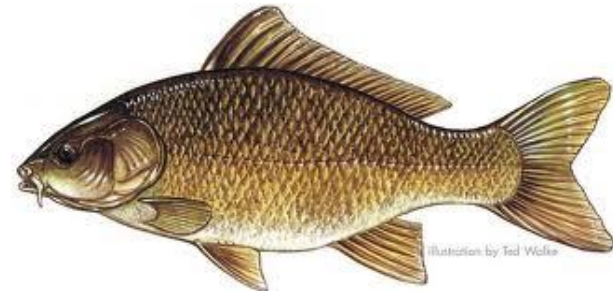
## Quantification of differences in digestibility of phosphorus among cyprinids, cichlids, and salmonids through a mathematical modelling approach

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Digestible P} = & 0.75 \text{ bone-P} \\ & + 0.27 \text{ phytate-P} \\ & + 0.95 \text{ organic P} \\ & + 0.93 \text{ Ca monobasic /Na/ K Pi supplement} \\ & + 0.62 \text{ Ca dibasic Pi supplement} \\ & + 0.25 \text{ phytase/phytate} \\ & - 0.02 (\text{phytase/phytate})^2 \\ & - 0.03 (\text{bone-P})^2 \\ & - 0.09 \text{ bone-P} \\ & \times \text{*Ca monobasic /Na/ K Pi supplement} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Digestible P} = & 0 \text{ bone - P} + 0 \text{ phytate - P} + 0.72 \text{ organic P} \\ & + 0.86 \text{ Ca monobasic /Na/ K Pi supplement} \\ & + 0.30 \text{ Ca dibasic Pi supplement} \\ & + 0.48 \text{ phytase/phytate} - 0.04 (\text{phytase/phytate})^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Knowledge Translation and Transfer (KTT) Efforts by UG/OMNR Fish Nutrition Research Laboratory

Models (bioenergetics, nutrient-flow, mechanistic) for estimating feed requirement, FCR, and waste outputs of fish culture operations

*(e.g. Cho, 1992, Cho & Bureau, 1998, Bureau et al., 2003; Azevedo et al., 2011)*

Models of phosphorus, lipids and starch digestibility for different fish species

*(e.g. Hua and Bureau, 2006, 2009a&b, 2010)*

Modeling growth trajectory, body composition and nutrient deposition

*(e.g. Dumas et al., 2007a&b)*

Meta-analysis of studies on fish meal replacement by plant protein ingredients

*(e.g. Hua and Bureau, submitted for publication)*

Meta-analysis of essential amino acids requirements of teleost fish

*(e.g. Salze et al., 2011)*

Factorial models of nutrient requirements

*(e.g. Tables 5-20 & 5-21 in NRC (2011) Nutrient Requirements of Fish and Shrimp)*

Asian Aquaculture Feed Formulation Database

**These efforts all involved gathering, compiling, auditing (verifying), integrating and analyzing data from wide variety of sources**

# FISH MEAL REPLACEMENT BY PLANT PROTEIN INGREDIENTS IN SALMONID FEEDS:

TOWARD A META-ANALYSIS OF PUBLISHED STUDIES TAKING INTO ACCOUNT  
NUTRITIONAL ADEQUACY, GROWTH PERFORMANCE, AND NUTRIENT  
UTILIZATION

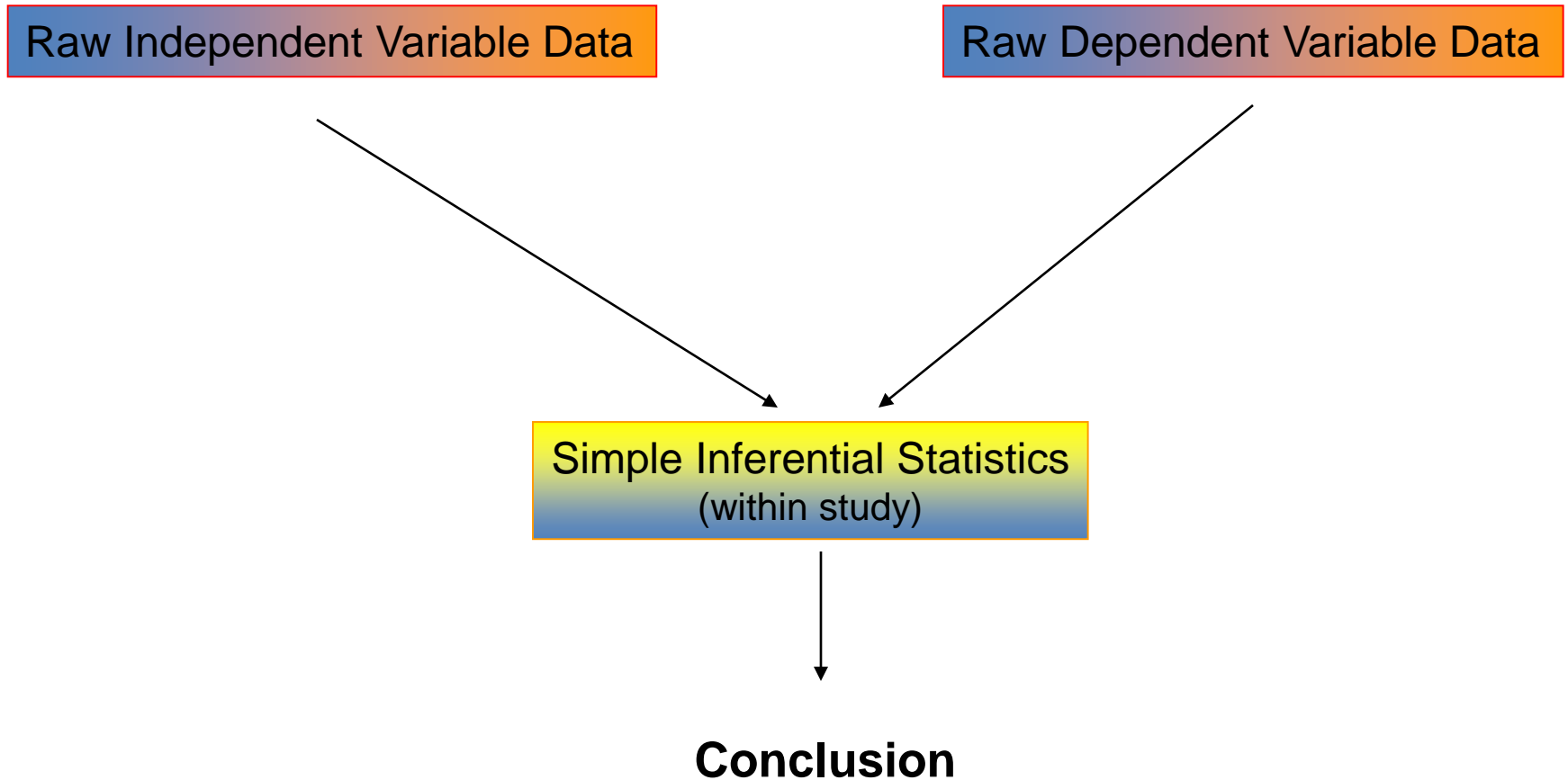
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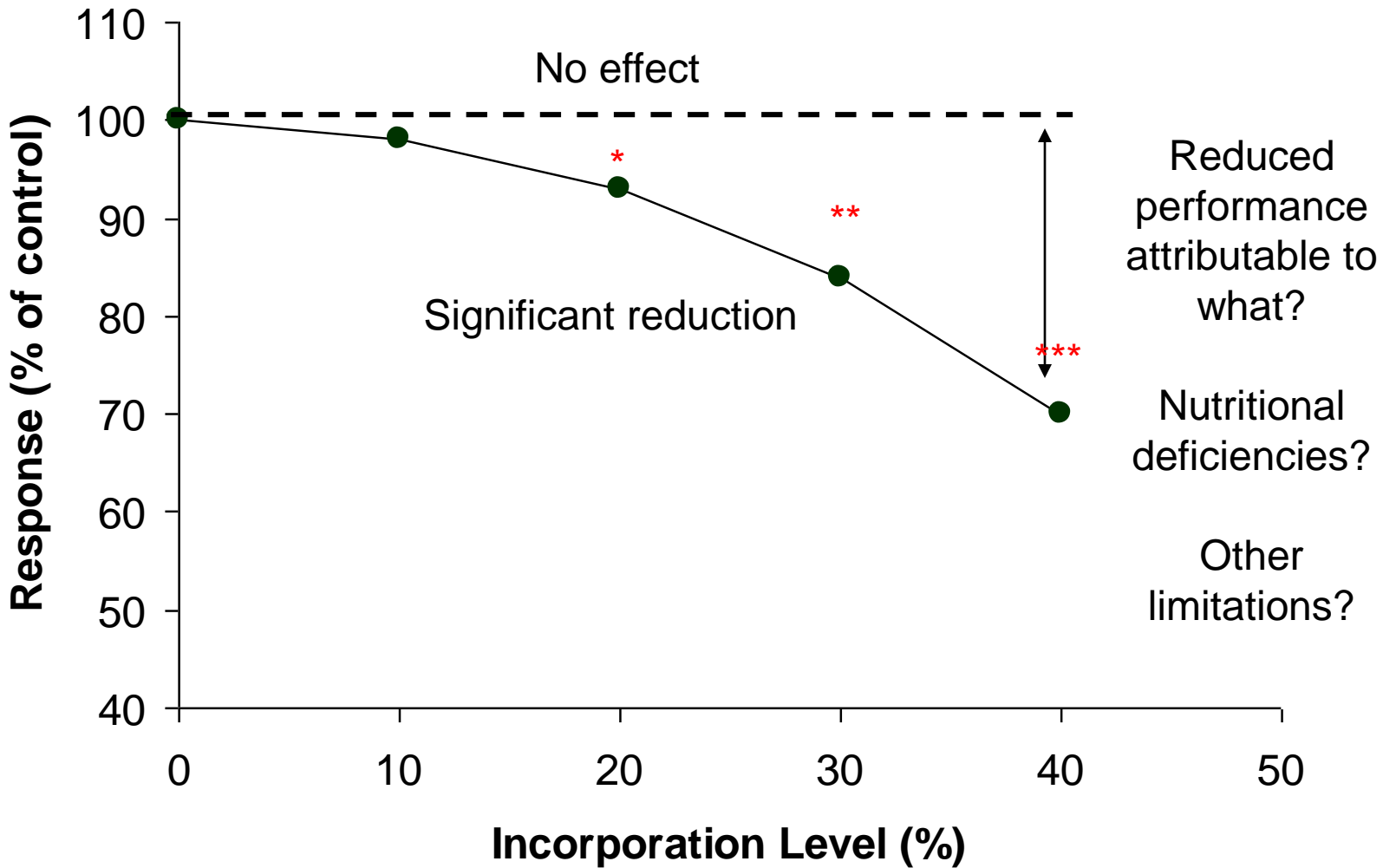
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# Traditional Approach for Analysis of Data from Trials



# Example: Response of Fish to Increasing Levels of a Plant Protein Ingredient (e.g. SBM) Replacing Fish Meal in the Diet of Rainbow Trout



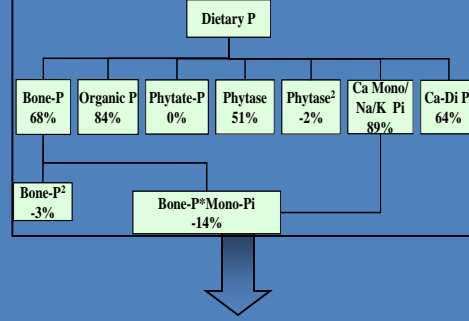
# Upgrade – Standardization of Independent Parameters

## Feed Evaluation Model (Digestible Nutrients – Nutritional Adequacy)

### Feed Formulation

Name	Diet 1	Diet 2	Diet 3	Diet 4	Diet 5	Diet 6	Diet 7	Diet 8	Diet 9	Diet 10	Diet 11	Diet 12
Fish meal, LT	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
Fish meal, anchovy												
Fish meal, anchovy												
Fish meal, herring												
Fish meal, menhaden												
Fish meal, menhaden												
Fish meal, sandline												
Fish meal, white												
Fish protein concentrate(CPS9)												
Fish solubles, condensed												
Fish solubles, dehydrated												
Mean-bone meal 61% CP												
Mean-bone meal 56% CP												
Mean-bone meal 45% CP												
Poultry by-product meal (low ash)												
Poultry by-product meal(regular)												
Feather meal												
Blood meal, whole, spray-dry	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Blood cell meal, flash dried												
Casain	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Celufax												
Skim milk powder												
Whey												
Brewer's dried yeast	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
Brewer's grains, dehydrated												
Canola meal, solvent extracted												
Canola protein concentrate												
Corn												
Corn gluten meal												
Corn gluten feed												
Soybean meal												
Soybean meal, 22%CP												
Soybean meal, solvent												
Soybean, full fat												
Starch, raw												
Sorghum, full												
Southwest meal, solvent extrac												
Wheat, grain												
Wheat flour												
Wheat, grain Canada												
Lentil, green Canada												
Wheat gluten												
Wheat middlings												

### Digestibility Sub-Models



### Ingredient Database

Category	Name	Parameter Composition														
		IPW	DM	Protein	Fat	Fiber	Ash	NFE	G.E.	GE (non)	D.P.	D.E.	D.L	CAN	5kg	DM
Fishery products	Fish meal	94.17	67.25	11.00	0.00	12.97	2.95	20.10	20.72	66.53	18.09	10.45				0.85
Fishery products	Fish meal, LT	92.00	79.00	10.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	20.55	20.47	68.70	18.00	9.00				0.90
Fishery products	Fish meal, anchovy	91.00	65.00	10.00	1.00	15.00	0.00		19.46	52.37	19.00	0.00				0.78
Fishery products	Fish meal, anchovy	39	91.00	65.00	10.00	1.00	15.00	0.00		20.19	52.25	19.00				0.85
Fishery products	Fish meal, herring	91.00	63.11	9.00	0.70	16.00	0.00		18.92	55.28	17.81	8.56				0.74
Fishery products	Fish meal, menhaden	92.00	66.00	10.30	0.00	16.30	0.00		19.74	60.00	0.00	0.00				0.80
Fishery products	Fish meal, menhaden	92.00	65.00	9.50	1.00	16.00	0.00		18.46	60.00	0.00	0.00				0.80
Fishery products	Fish meal, white	5-02-025	91.00	62.30	9.00	0.50	21.30	1.90		17.99	55.07	0.00	0.00			0.74
Fishery products	Fish protein concentrate(CPS9)	97.00	84.00	7.00	0.00	6.00	0.00		22.99	60.00	0.00	0.00				0.80
Fishery products	Fish solubles, condensed	5-01-069	50.00	31.30	6.10	0.50	9.60	2.30		10.33	0.00	0.00				0.00
Fishery products	Fish solubles, dehydrated	5-010751	93.00	64.30	8.20	1.30	2.30	16.70		21.51	0.00	0.00				0.00
Animal products	Mean-bone meal 61% CP	96.86	69.13	7.70	2.3	22.72	9.01	18.50	17.20	48.10	13.88	2.10				0.70
Animal products	Mean-bone meal 56% CP	96.16	63.87	10.00	0.00	22.00	0.00	18.90	20.36	48.70	13.50	1.10				0.70
Animal products	Mean-bone meal 45% CP	95.39	46.70	15.00	0.00	24.28	4.99	14.49	18.84	37.36	11.21	12.71				0.70
Animal products	Poultry by-product meal (low ash)	64.00	64.00	13.50	2.50	14.00	0.00	20.53	20.87	54.40	16.81	10.40				0.80
Animal products	Poultry by-product meal(regular)	96.28	69.25	11.00	2.50	19.00	0.00	20.02	19.60	51.21	16.42	10.70				0.70
Animal products	Feather meal	38	92.88	81.84	9.00	1.50	2.36	2.08	22.78	21.97	61.38	17.09	3.92			0.75
Animal products	Blood meal, whole, spray-dry	10	91.00	82.00	1.00	0.00	4.00	1.20	21.80	26.27	77.00	19.40	1.62			0.91
Animal products	Blood cell meal, flash dried	88.11	87.76	1.00	0.00	1.37	-2.02	21.69	20.76	74.60	18.44	0.85				0.91
Animal products	Casain	90	80.00	0.2	0.2	3.4	5.8	18.9	20.11	78.40	18.40	0.45				0.98
Animal products	Celufax	95	95.00	0.40	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.42	22.42	93.10	19.70	0.0				0.98
Animal products	Skim milk powder	89	91.60	33.00	0.40	0.00	0.00	50.10	16.60	61.35	15.27	0.43				0.90
Animal products	Whey	111	94.00	12.00	0.70	0.00	9.70	71.60	14.30	13.42	11.52	13.40	0.63			0.97
Plant products	Brewer's dried yeast	12	97.00	49.00	17.00	0.20	1.60	29.20	23.00	23.34	44.10	17.60	18.30			0.70
Plant products	Brewer's grains, dehydrated	5-02-181	92.00	23.10	6.40	18.70	3.70	45.10		18.09	60.00	0.00	0.00			0.80
Plant products	Canola meal, solvent extracted 5-00-145	93	38.00	9.8	1.11	0.9	9.8	33.50		18.11	30.02	0.00	0.00			0.60
Plant products	Canola protein concentrate	37	88.00	6.00	8	2.0	8.9	5.64		20.90	56.92	0.00	0.00			0.64
Plant products	Corn	4-02-935	88	8.90	3.6	2.3	1.3	72.30		16.26	10.90	0.00	0.00			0.80
Plant products	Corn gluten meal	37	88.00	60.63	3.00	2.60	1.60	29.67	20.29	19.00	49.01	16.86	2.70			0.80
Plant products	Peas meal, solvent extracted 5-01-650	92	49.00	1.3	9.9	3.9	25.90		18.24	0.00	0.00	0.00				0.80
Plant products	Rye	4-04-047	89.00	62.63	1.00	2.8	1.95	73.3		16.28	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.74
Plant products	Sorghum	4-04-444	89.00	9.90	2.8	2.3	1.8	72.2		16.26	8.81	0.00	0.00			0.74
Plant products	Soy protein concentrate 300	92.16	55.35	6.50	4.00	6.17	29.34	18.77		18.44	49.26	16.86	0.45			0.70
Plant products	Soy protein concentrate 340	88.00	55.73	0.50	4.00	5.91	21.61	18.48		17.80	49.60	16.60	0.45			0.60
Plant products	Soybean meal, dehydrated	90.70	48.00	1.00	3.00	6.00	29.70	18.00		17.35	42.24	15.50	0.00			0.74
Plant products	Soybean meal, 22%CP	92.00	52.00	1.50	3.50	6.00	28.50	18.4		18.37	49.92	14.00	1.15			0.70
Plant products	Soybean meal, solvent	90.00	44.00	1.00	4.00	6.00	32.00			17.28	39.15	0.00	0.00			0.80
Plant products	Starch, full fat	5-08-977	90.00	38	18.00	1.00	4.20	28.00		21.84	31.82	0.00	0.00			0.80
Plant products	Starch, raw	124	90.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	17.60	15.48	0.00	6.10	0.00			0.37
Plant products	Sorghum, full	90	90.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	89.00	17.00	15.40	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00			0.80
Plant products	Southwest meal, solvent extrac	5-04-739	93.00	45.50	2.9	11.7	25.4		18.28	40.50	0.00	0.00				0.60
Plant products	Wheat, grain	294	86.00	10.00	1.70	2.80	2.00	68.70	16.00	15.52	9.94	7.60	1.53			0.81
Plant products	Wheat flour	4-01-199	88.00	11.70	1.20	1.30	0.40	73.40		16.08	11.70	0.00	0.00			0.81
Plant products	Wheat, grain Canada	88.00	26.00	1.00	18.00	3.00	40.00		16.51	22.88	12.00	0.88				0.60
Plant products	Wheat gluten	88.00	78.86	3.00	0.50	0.60	-0.08	21.89	20.07	70.71	18.96	4.30				0.81
Plant products	Wheat middlings	88.27	12.00	3.60	7.00	2.41	99.70	16.94	16.99	14.81	10.10	3.24				0.52

### Digestible Nutrients Content Upgraded Independent Variables

### Nutrient Requirements

Vitamin	NRC req./kg	Ingredient name	Conc./g in
Vitamin A	2500 IU	Retinyl acetate	50000
Vit. D3	2000 IU	Cholecalciferol	50000
Vit.E	50 IU	dl- $\alpha$ -tocopherol-acetate	250
Vit.K	1 mg	Menadiolone Na-bisulfate	1000
Vit. B12	0.02 mg	Cyanocobalamin	1
Ascorbic acid	200	Ascorbic acid	
Ascorbic acid	50 mg	Ascorbic acid monophos.	250
dl-Biotin	0.14 mg	Biotin	1
Choline		(dihydrogen citrate)	435
Choline	1000 mg	(chloride, 50%)	435
Folic acid	0		1000
Inositol	1 mg		1000
Niacin	10		1000
Pant.acid	20	(Calcium-)	920
Pyridoxine	5	(HCl, B6)	1000
Riboflavin	6	(B2)	1000
Thiamin	6	(HCl, B1)	1000

### Digestible Nutrient Content / Nutritional Requirements Standardized / Relative Independent Variables



# Upgrade – Standardization of Dependent Parameters:

To Improve Compatibility of Observations from Various Studies and Extract more Objective and Relevant Information

Parameters (examples):

Initial weight: 20 g/fish

Final weight: 86 g/fish

Water temperature: 14.5°C (12.5-16.5°C)

Duration: 120 days

## Reliable Growth Model(s)

The TGC model now becomes:

$$W_n^{1/3} = W_0^{1/3} + \frac{C_{n-1}}{1000} \sum_{i=1}^n T_i$$

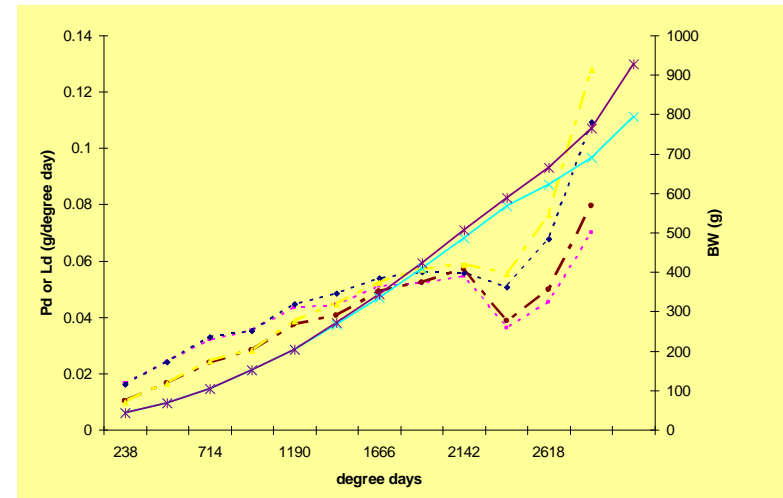
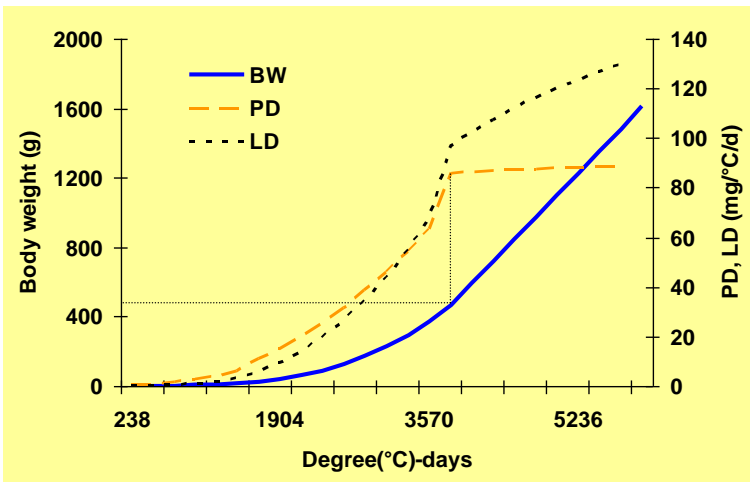
A more general statement of which is:

$$W_n^{1-b} = W_0^{1-b} + \frac{C_{n-1}}{1000} \sum_{i=1}^n T_i$$

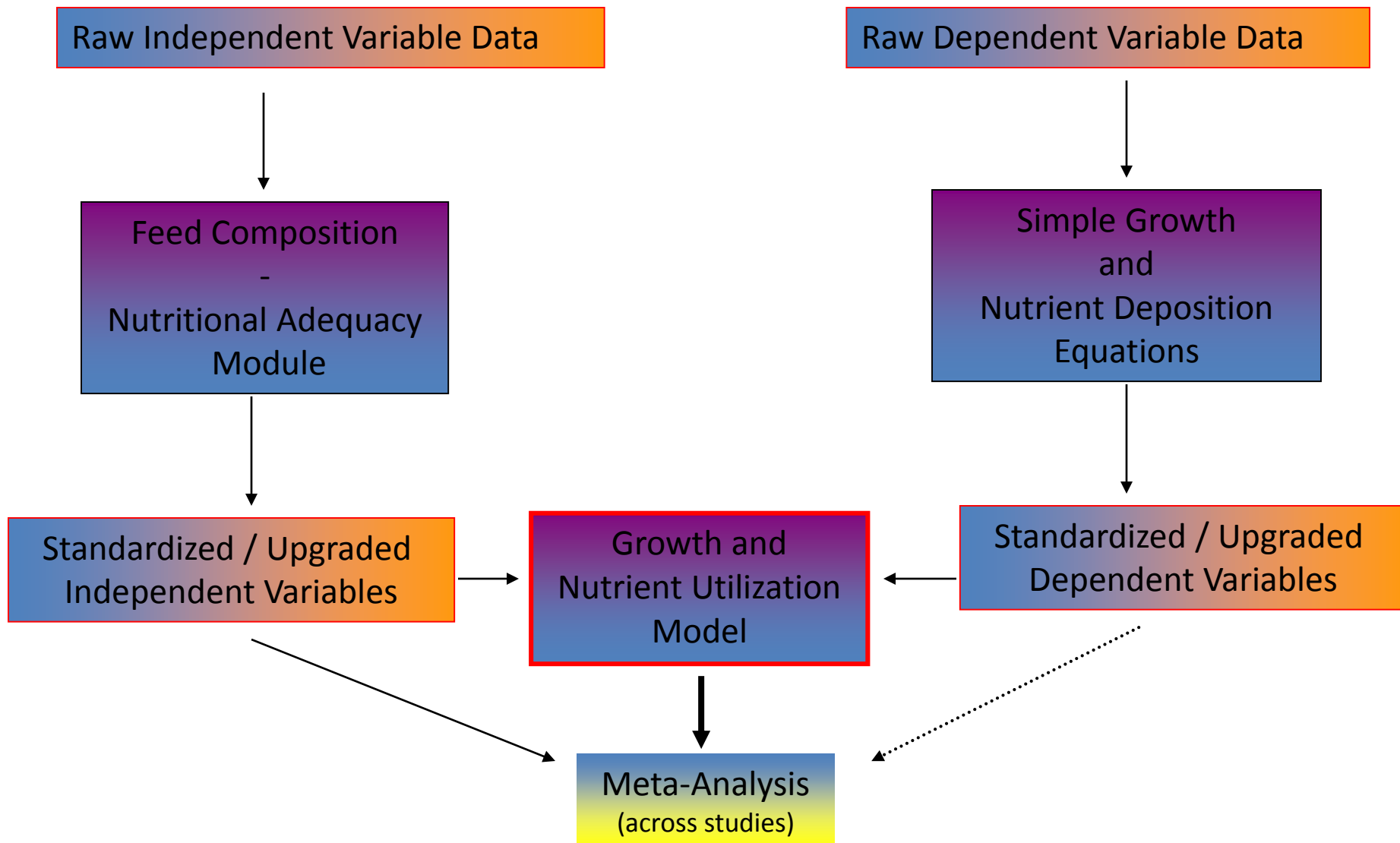
## Nutrient Depositions Dynamic

$$D_j = \frac{\text{Final content}_j - \text{Initial content}_j}{\sum_{i=1}^n (\text{Temperature}_i \times \text{time}_i)}$$

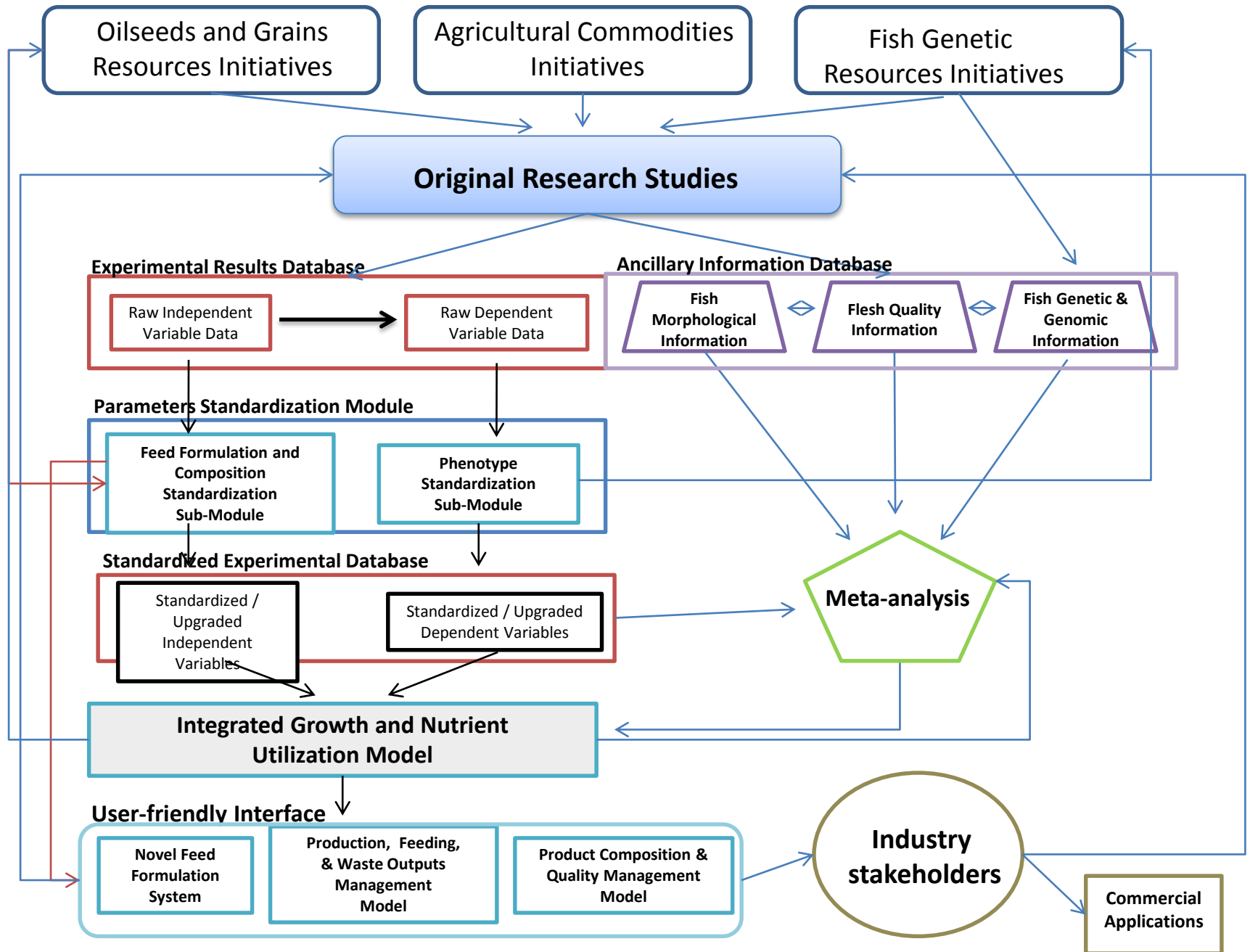
$$= \frac{\text{mg}}{^\circ\text{C} \cdot \text{day}}$$

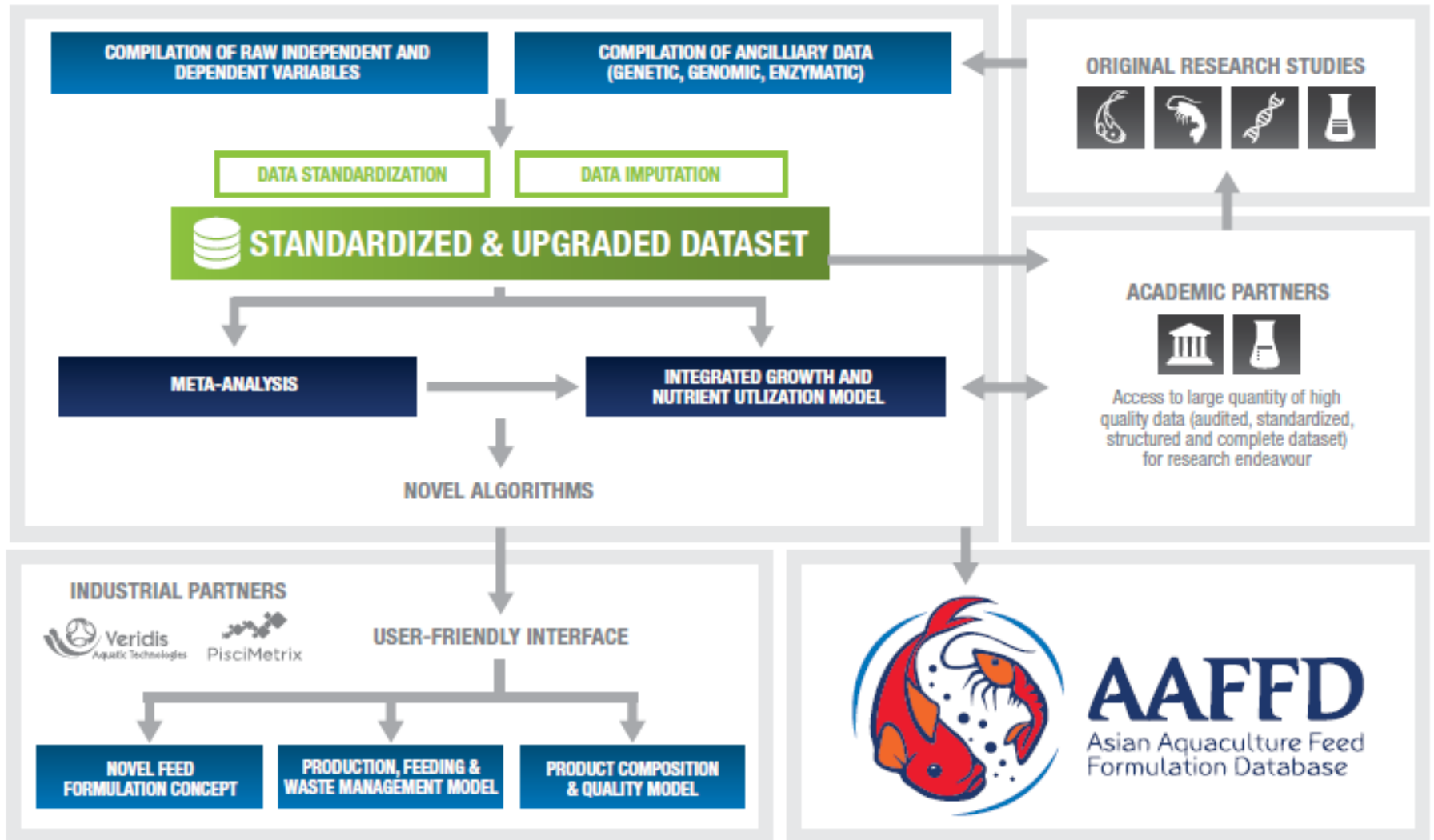


# Data Analysis Based on Simulation using Growth and Nutrient Utilization Model



# Phenotypic & Genomic Information Integration and Analysis System





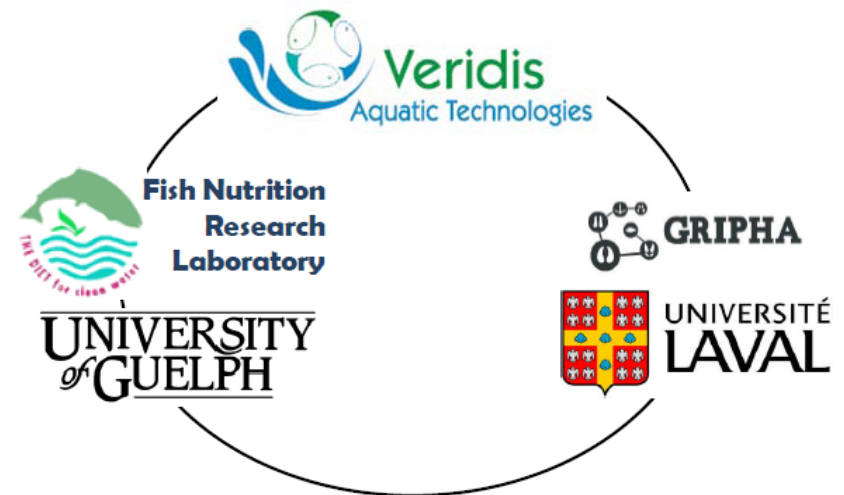


# AAFFD

Asian Aquaculture Feed  
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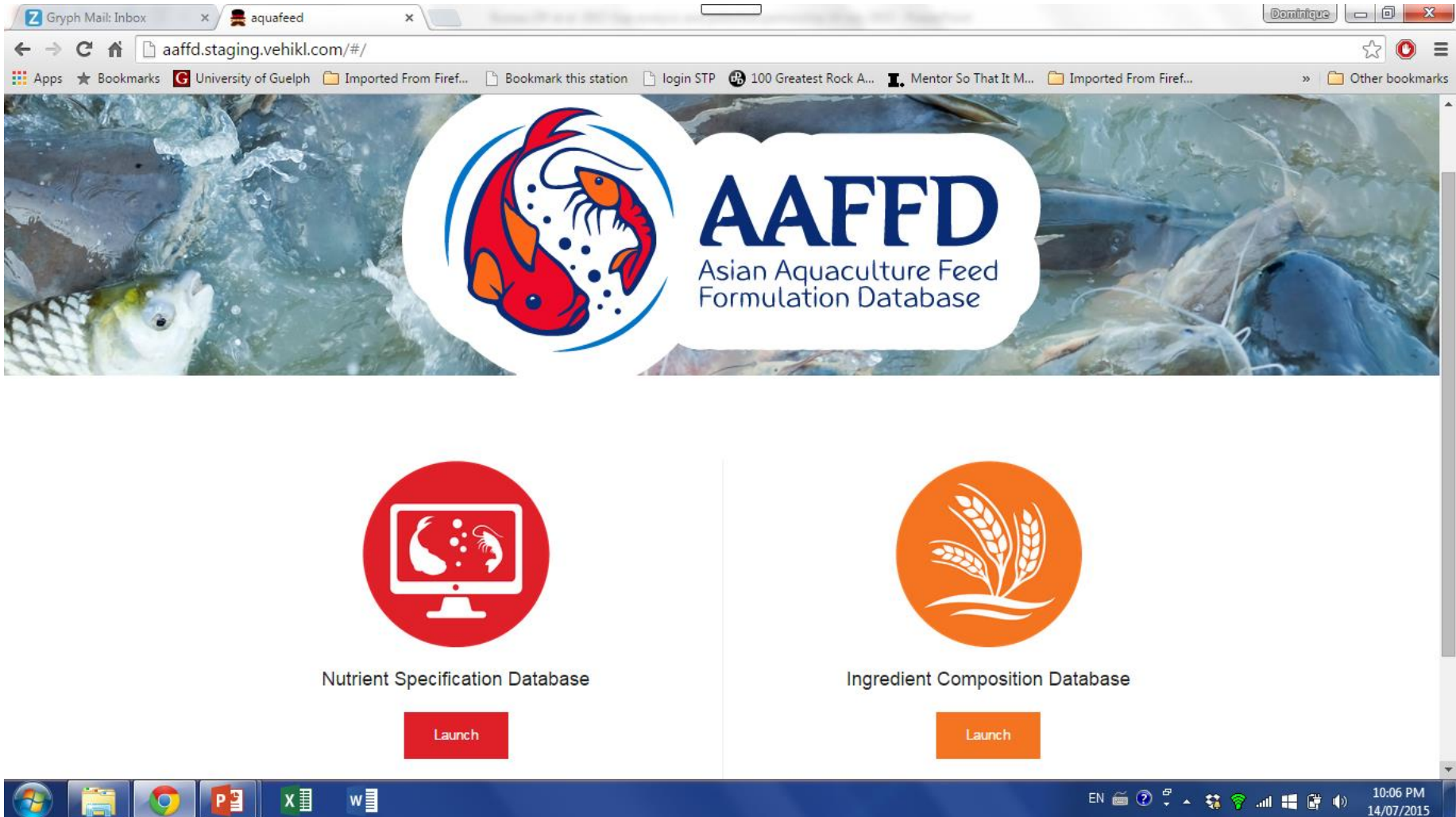


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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [aaffd.staging.vehikl.com/#/](http://aaffd.staging.vehikl.com/#/). The page features a large banner with the AAFFD logo, which consists of two stylized fish (one red, one white) in a circular frame, and the text "AAFFD Asian Aquaculture Feed Formulation Database". Below the banner, there are two main sections:

- Nutrient Specification Database:** Represented by a red circular icon containing a computer monitor with a fish and feed symbols. Below the icon is a red "Launch" button.
- Ingredient Composition Database:** Represented by an orange circular icon containing a stylized wheat stalk. Below the icon is an orange "Launch" button.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 10:06 PM on 14/07/2015, along with various system icons and application shortcuts.



**AAFFD**  
Asian Aquaculture Feed  
Formulation Database

## Scope : Species

- > 1. Tilapia
- > 2. Pangasius
- > 3. Milkfish
- > 4. Asian sea bass
- > 5. Grass Carp
- > 6. Common Carp
- > 7. Indian major carps (IMCs, 3 species)
- > 8. Clarias spp.
- > 9. Gourami
- > 10. Pompano
- > 11. Cobia
- > 12. Snappers
- > 13. Groupers
- > 14. Siganids - rabbitfish
- > 15. Snakehead
- > 16. L.vannamei
- > 17. P.monodon
- > 18. Macrobrachium
- 19. Abalone
- 20. Rainbow trout
- 21. Sturgeon
- 22. Pacu



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Nutritional  
Specifications

This part of the project involves compiling and generating information on nutrient requirements and recommended nutritional specifications for a large number of commercially important aquaculture species in Asia.

This was approached in three different, complementary ways:

- 1) Reviewing the scientific and technical literature = useful to lay ground-base but did not really work!
- 2) Surveying a large number of stakeholders in the Asian feed industry to define common nutritional specifications = Did not work! Sharing proprietary information = helping the competition! However, essential “reality check”
- 3) Advanced nutritional modeling = The only way that worked.



## Nutrient Specification Database

Fish Species:  Target Moisture Level of Feed (%):  Stage/Live Weight Range (g):  Get Specifications

- Abalone
- African-Walking Catfish
- Asian Sea Bass
- Black Tiger Shrimp
- Cobia
- Common Carp
- Freshwater Prawn
- Gourami
- Grass Carp
- Groupers
- IMC Catla
- IMC Mrigala
- IMC Rohita
- Milkfish
- Pacu
- Pangasius
- Pompano
- Rainbow Trout
- Siganids

	Short Name	Unit	Restriction Type	Value
	H2O	%	Standard	
	CP	%	Min.	
	LIPID	%	Min.	
	CF	%	Max.	
	ASH	%	Max.	
	NFE	%	Max.	
SPA06	Neutral Detergent Fiber	NDF	%	Max.
SPA07	Acid Detergent Fiber	ADF	%	Max.

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