

Matching Science and Practice to Improve Nutrition, Efficiency and Sustainability in Aquaculture Production

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Leading an independent research program on basic and applied fish nutrition at
University of Guelph since Sept. 1994

Supervisor of UG/OMNR Fish Nutrition Research Lab since 2001

Many students, post-docs, and international collaborators

Inundated Rice Paddy, Prov. Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand (1988)



Integrated Fish Farming in Asia



Rice fish integrated system



Horticulture fish integrated system



Duck-fish integrated system

The fish species I worked with during my MSc project in 1991!



Integrated Poultry – Catfish Farm, Northeastern Thailand (1991)



MSc Research Facilities – Northeast Thailand (1991)



Steam-Pelleted Feed



RESEARCHER AND FEED SPECIALIST WINS SECOND ANNUAL *HERB DHALIWAL SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE AWARD*



Research Contributions

C.Y. Cho and S.J. Slinger

1969-2001

- Feed formulations
 - open feed formulae concept
 - Low fish meal, economical, low pollution
- Research Equipment / infrastructure
 - Guelph fecal collection system
 - Self-cleaning fish tanks (CYAQ-5)
 - Flow-through respirometer
- Research Protocols
 - Digestibility – indirect protocol (70:30)
 - Bioenergetics protocols
 - Feed requirements and wastes outputs models



- Founded in 1969 by Prof. S.J. Slinger & C.Y. Cho

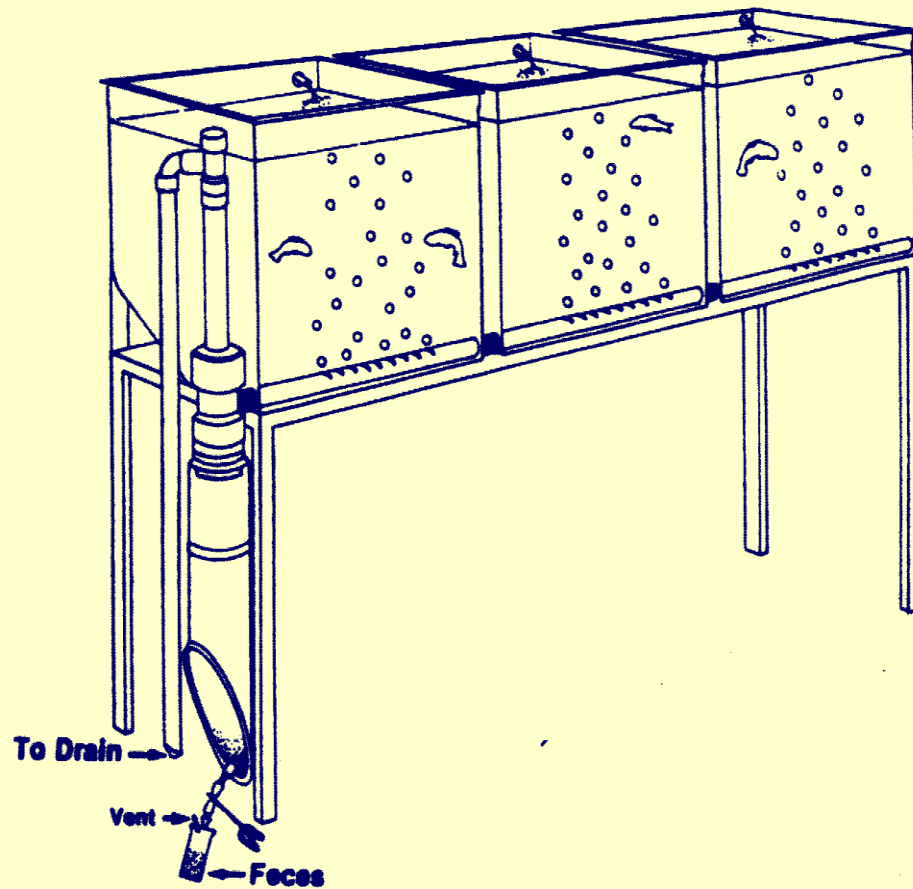
Joint venture with the University of Guelph and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR)

- OMNR operates 10 fish culture stations producing fish for stocking in lakes and rivers
- Back in late 1960's, needed good quality feeds to replace beef liver and poor quality dry feeds imported from USA

UG/OMNR FNRL historically regarded as a key fish nutrition lab

- First animal nutritionists to work on fish nutrition
- Focused on developing research equipment and methodology
- Feed formulation and ingredient quality
- Modeling feed requirement and waste outputs (early 1990's)

Guelph System (Cho and Slinger, 1979)





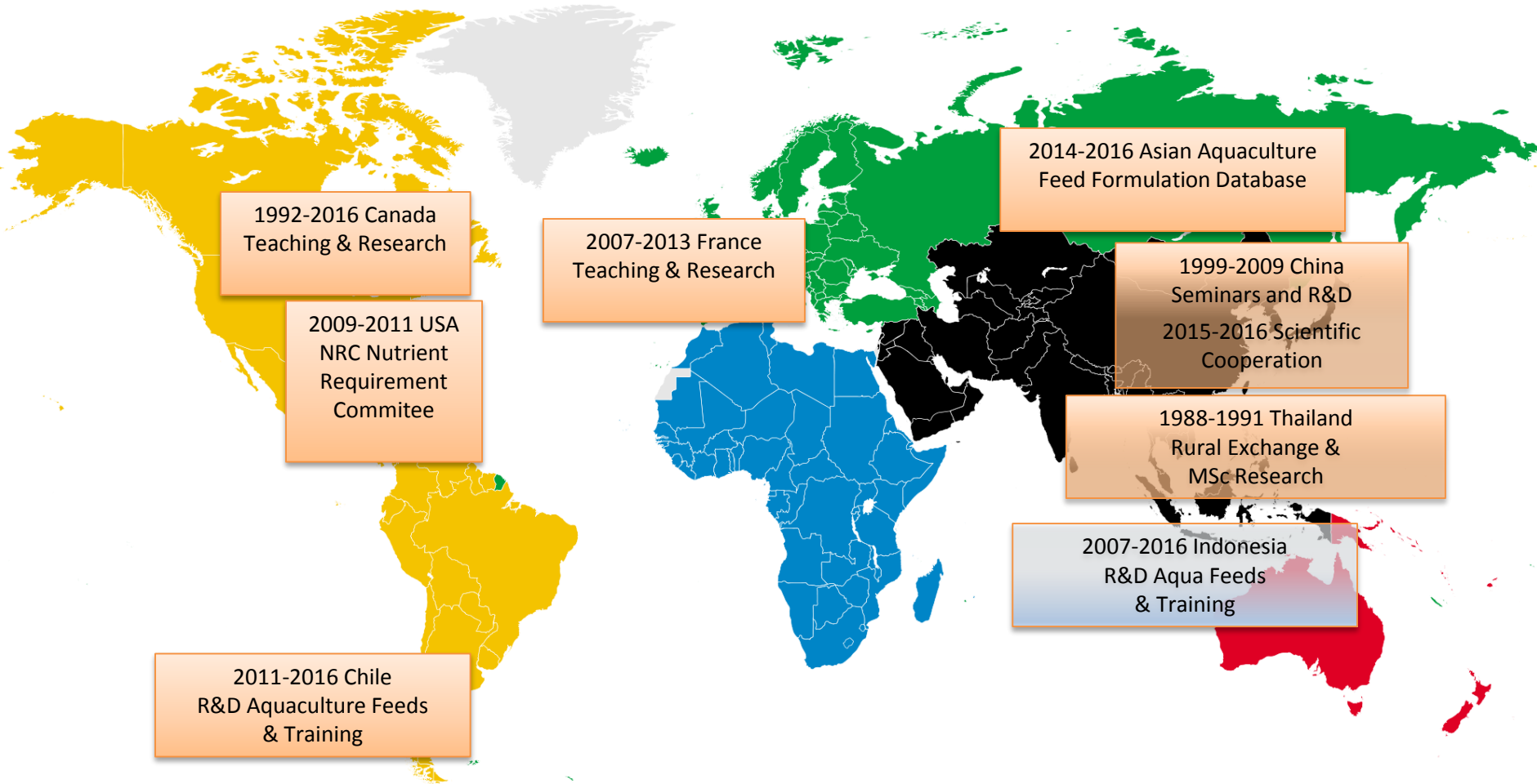


Fish Nutrition Research Lab

Dept. Animal and Poultry Science | Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
University of Guelph

UNIVERSITY of GUELPH

Major International Activities since 1988



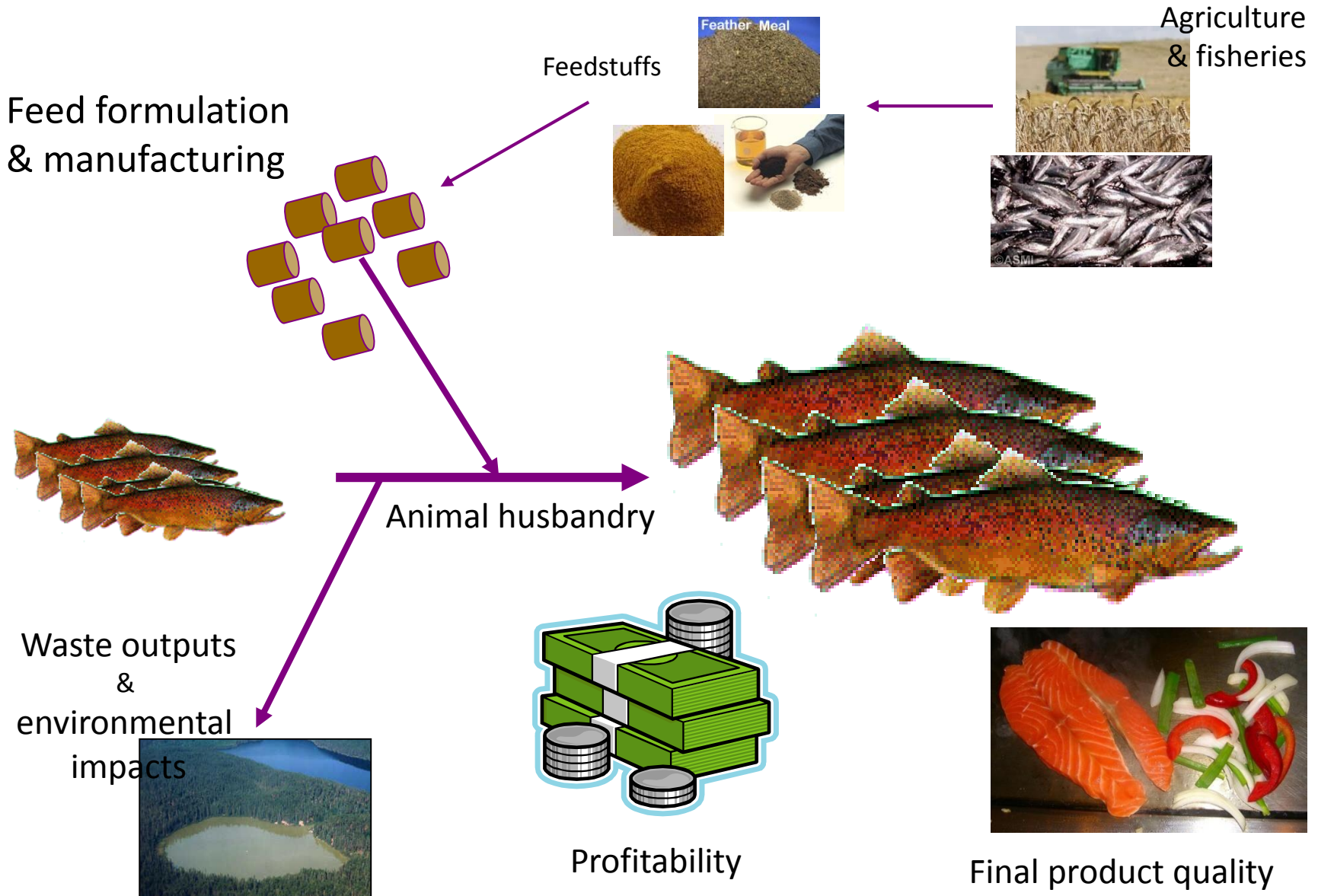
Marine Fish Cage Farm on Nanao Island, Guangdong, China



Agro Super, Chile



Intensive Aquaculture: Converting Exogenous Feed Resources into Products (for a Profit with Minimal Negative Impacts)



Wanted: Effective Production Management Tools

Aquaculture producers require tools to:

Manage and/or forecast production

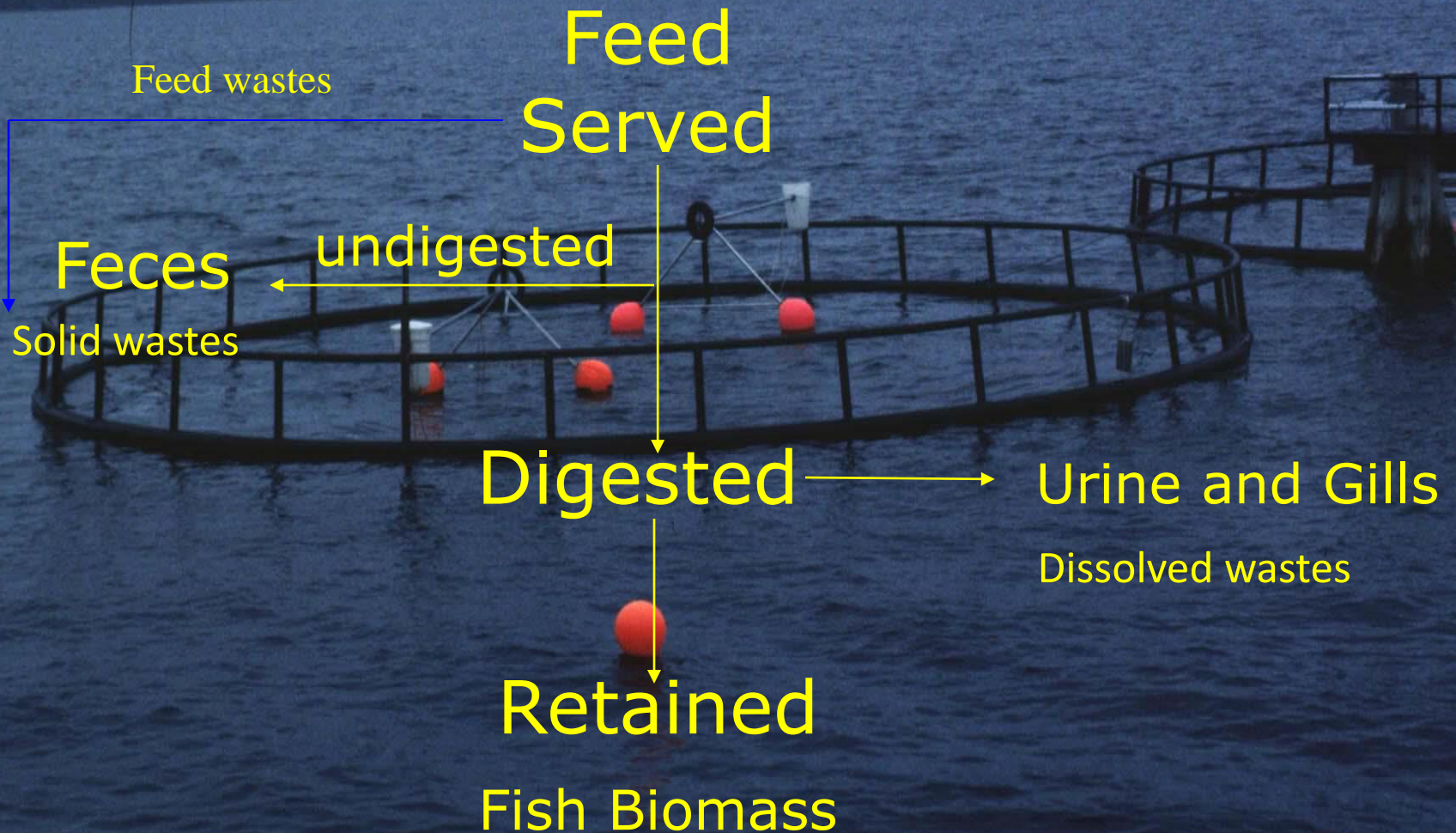
Estimate feed requirements

Audit feed conversion ratio (feed:gain) achieved

Estimate the amount of waste outputs from their facilities



The Nutritional Origins of Wastes



Making Better Use of Information

A lot of information is collected every day/week/month by aquaculture operations.

Much of the information is collected and analyzed in a “piece-meal” fashion (i.e. not very systematically or meaningfully)

How can we make best use of this information?

Systematic Data and Knowledge Integration Efforts Conducted by UG Fish Nutrition Research Laboratory

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

(e.g. Cho, 1992, Cho & Bureau, 1998, Bureau et al., 2003; Hua et al, 2010; Chowdhury et al., 2012)

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, 2012)

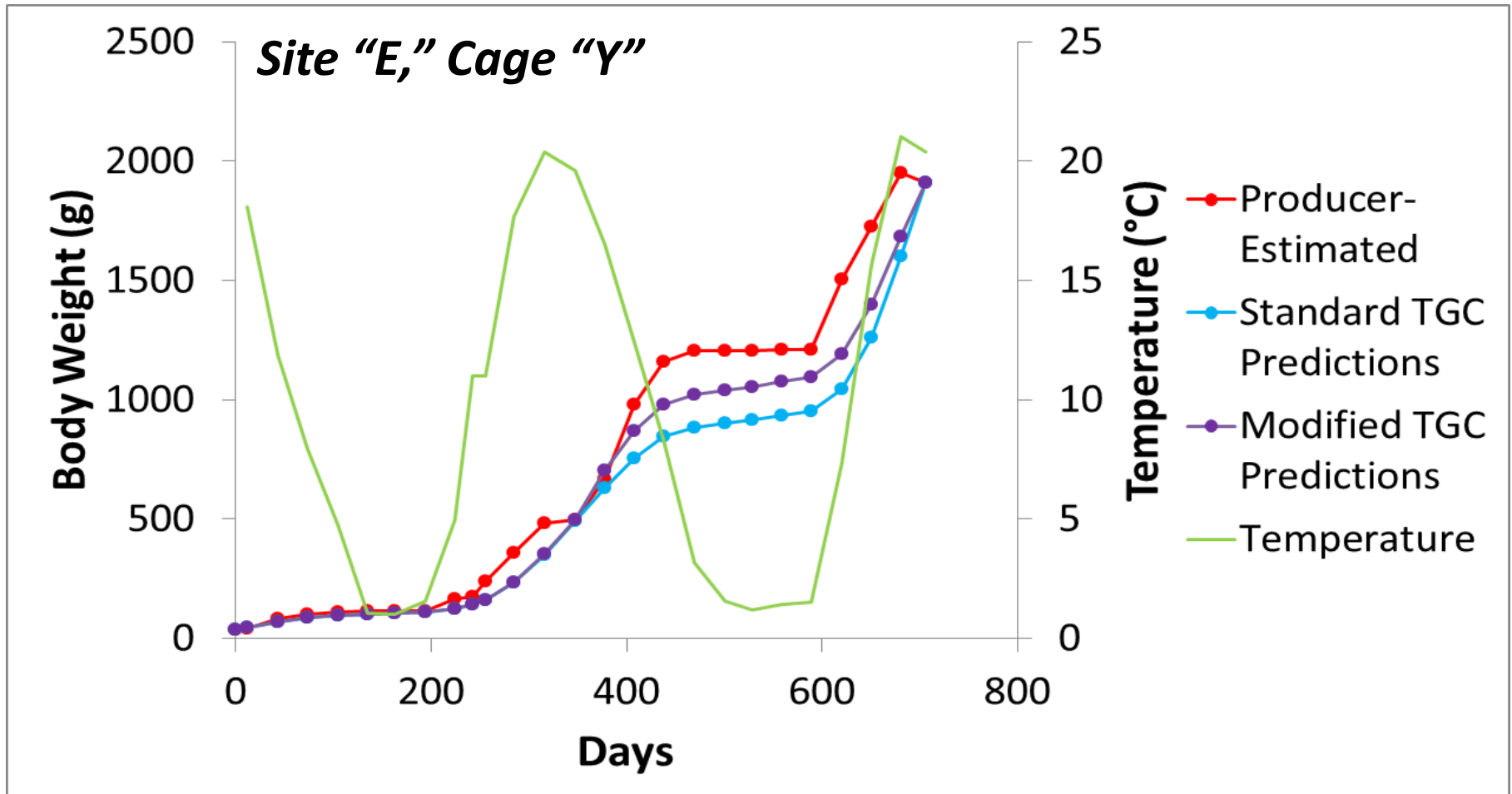
Meta-analysis of essential amino acids requirements of teleost fish

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

Factorial models of nutrient requirements

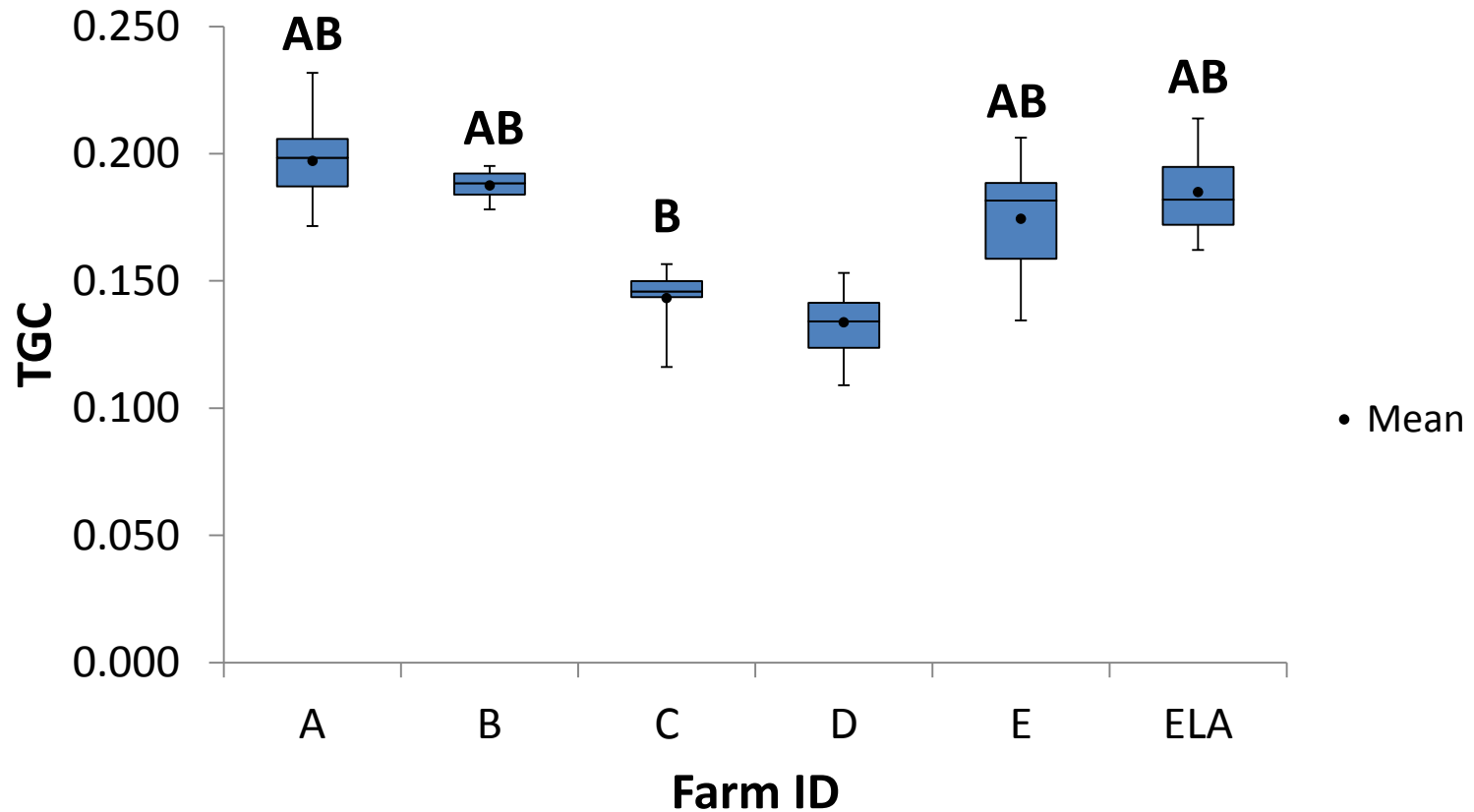
(e.g. Tables 5-20 & 5-21 in NRC (2011) Nutrient Requirements of Fish and Shrimp)

Farm Body Weight Estimates Relative to Model Predictions



- Benchmarking Farm Performances - Thermal Unit Growth Coefficients (TGC*)

* $TGC = (FBW^{1/3} - IBW^{1/3}) / \Sigma (\text{temp} * \text{days})$



The Fish-PrFEQ Bioenergetics Approach (Cho, 1991)

1- Predict or describe growth

Need an appropriate growth model

2- Determine energy gains (RE)

Need information on carcass composition

Carcass gross energy (GE) x Weight gain

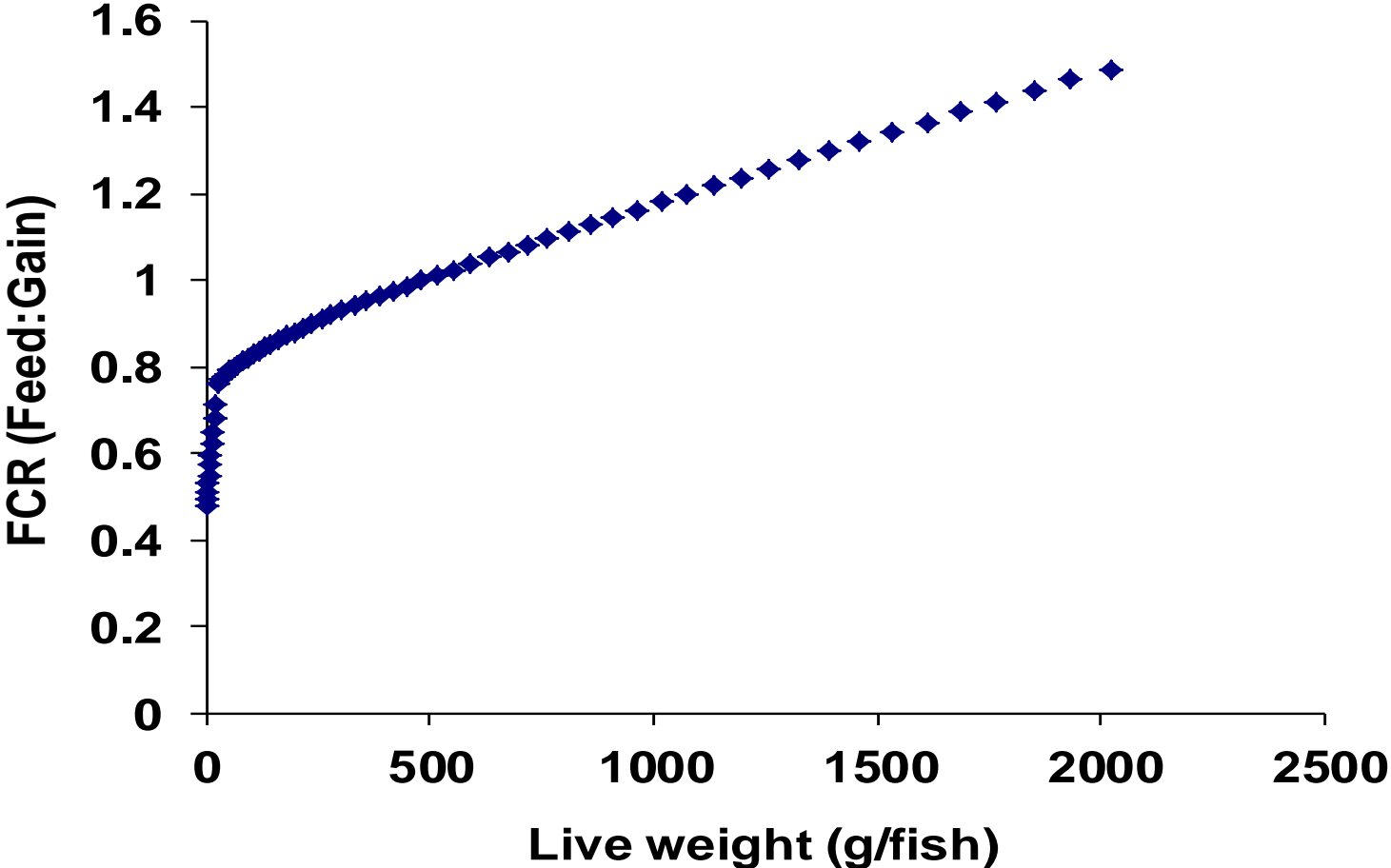
3- Estimate heat and metabolic losses

Maintenance (HeE) + Heat increment (HiE) + Non-fecal losses (UE+ZE)

4- Digestible energy requirement = sum

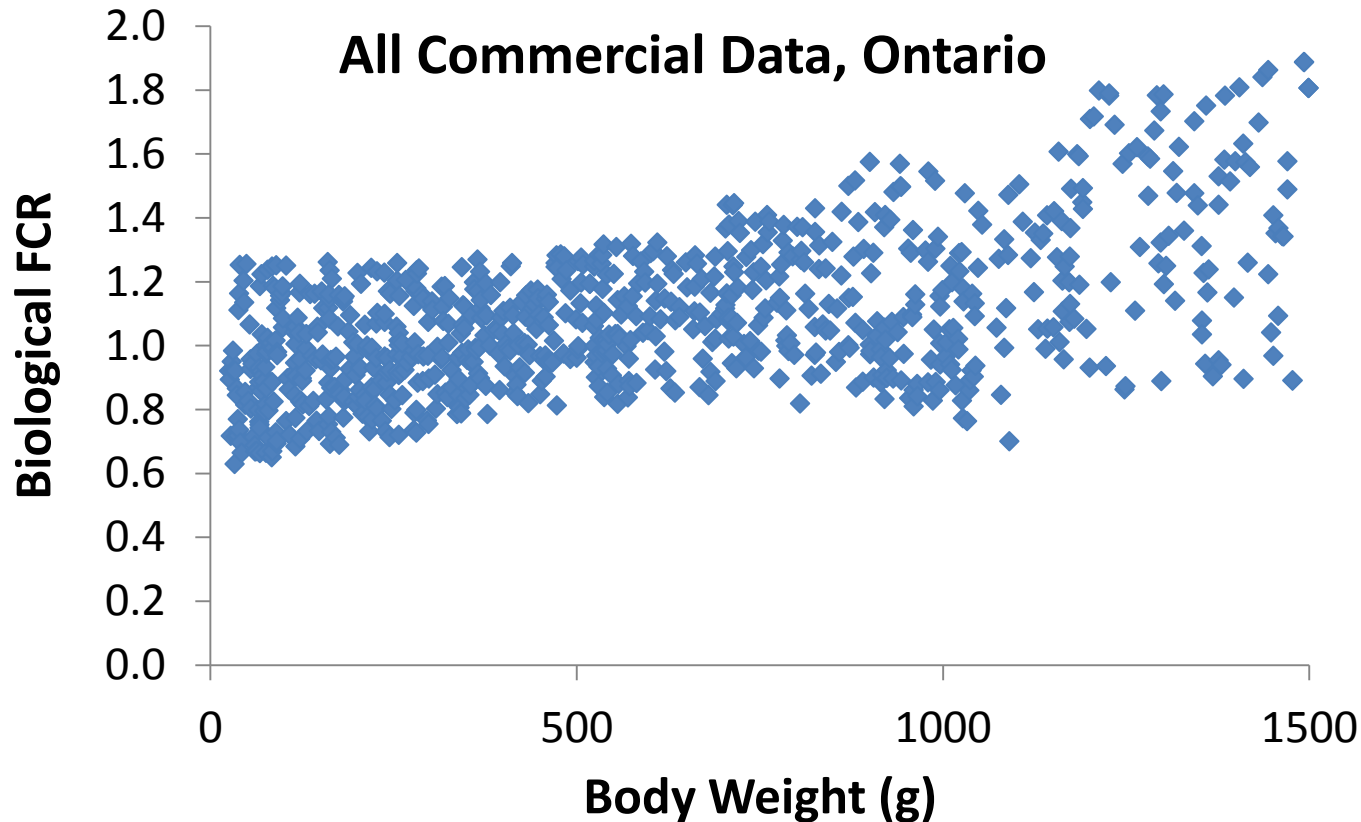
$$DE = RE + HeE + HiE + (UE+ZE)$$

Prediction of FCR of rainbow trout of increasing weight using a model developed by the UG/OMNR Fish Nutrition Research Laboratory



– Results –

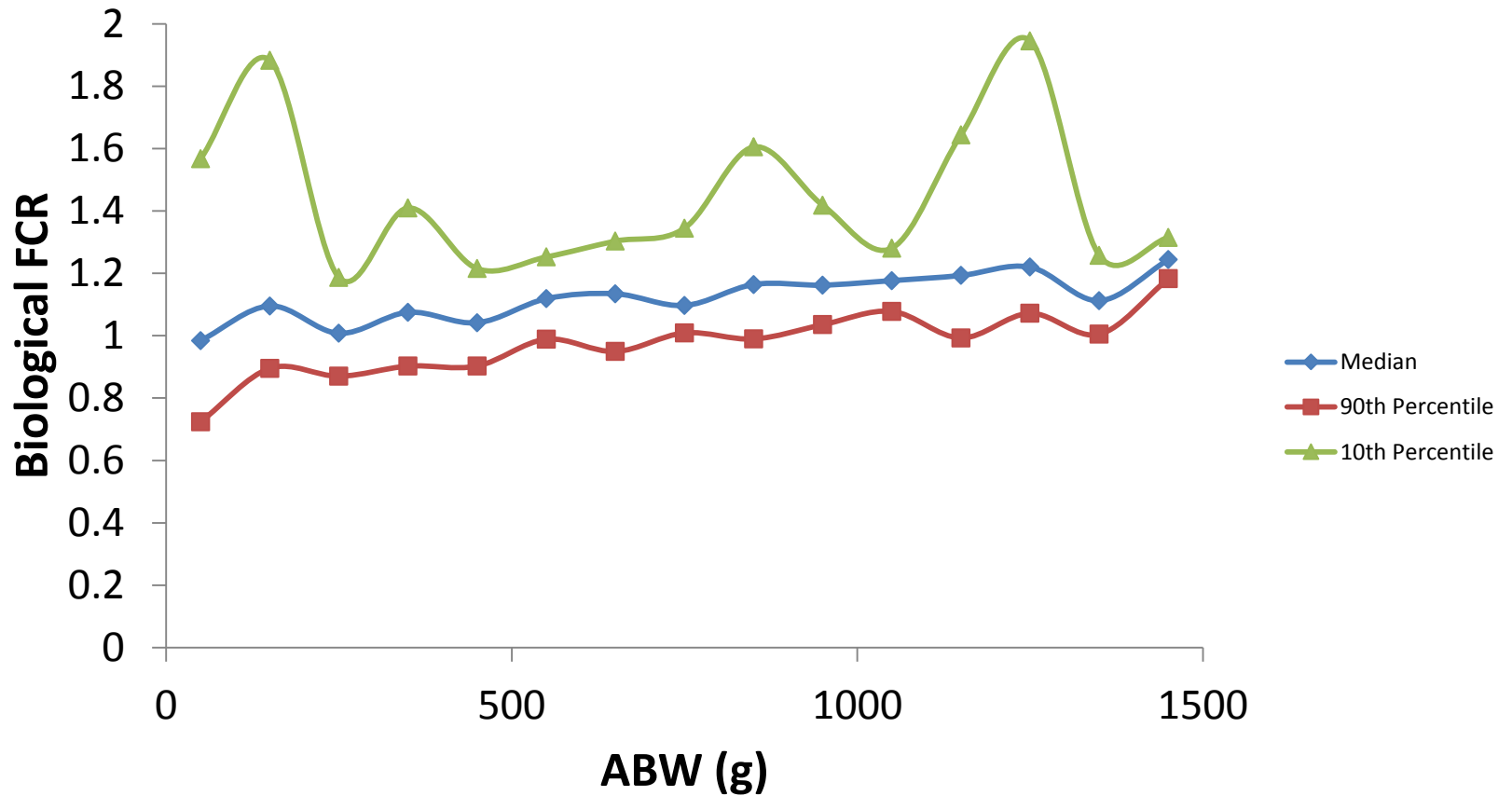
FCR vs. BW



- Data suggests increase in feed conversion ratio as fish weight increases
- Consistent with results from controlled research trials and model predictions

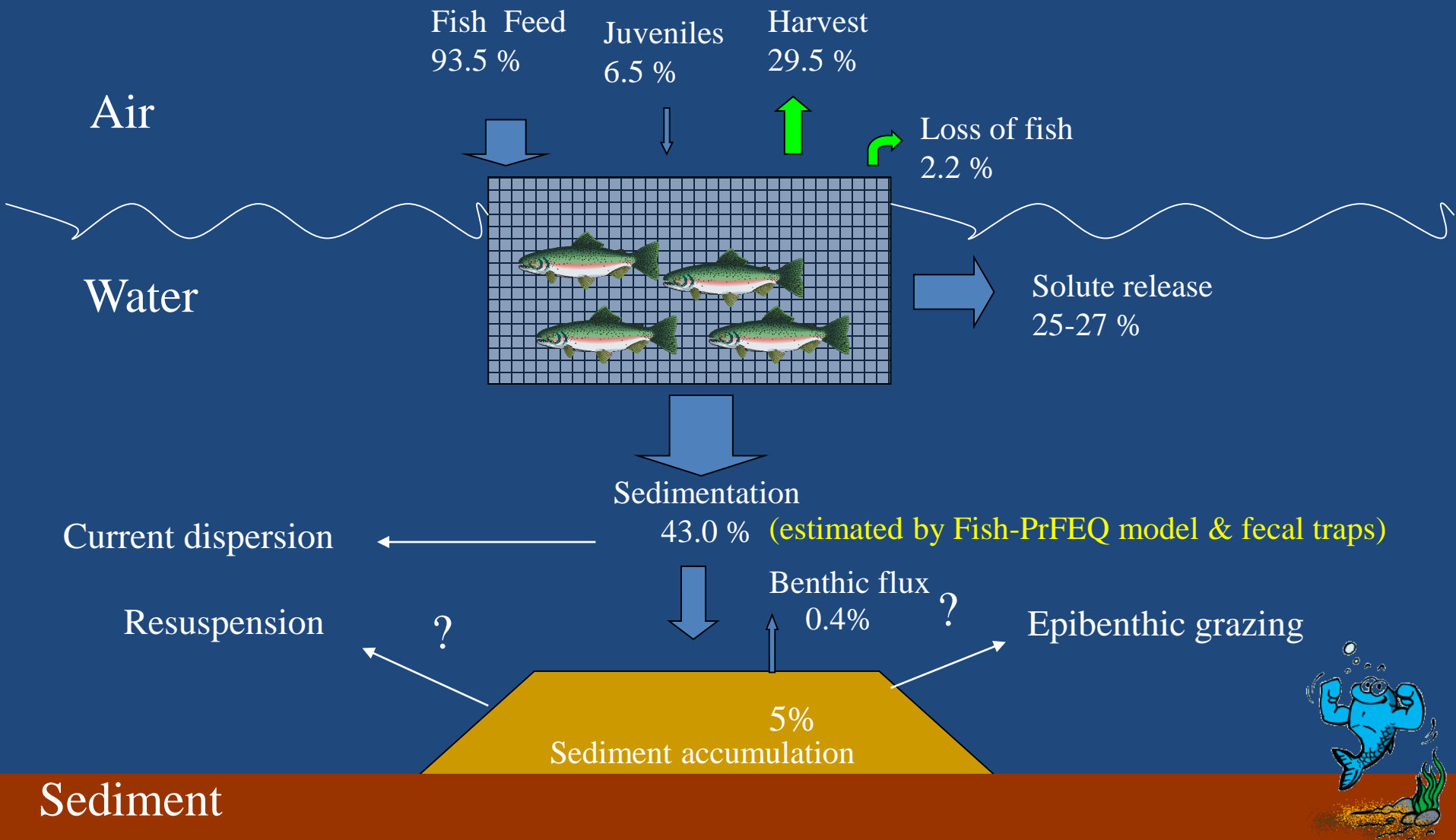
The Power of Combining Real Production Data and Model Simulations

Ex: FCR vs. Average Body Weight (ABW)



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Phosphorus mass balance for 2005





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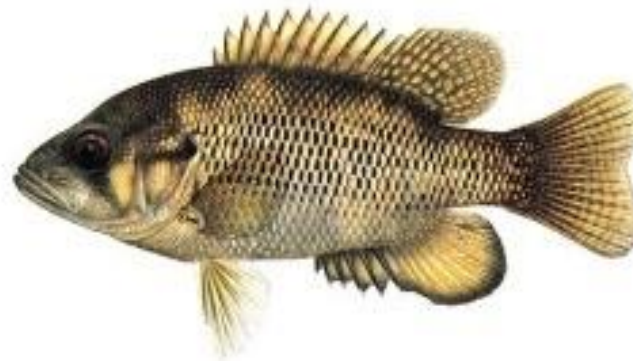
Bioenergetics-Based Factorial Model to Determine Feed Requirement and Waste Output of Tilapia Produced under Commercial Conditions

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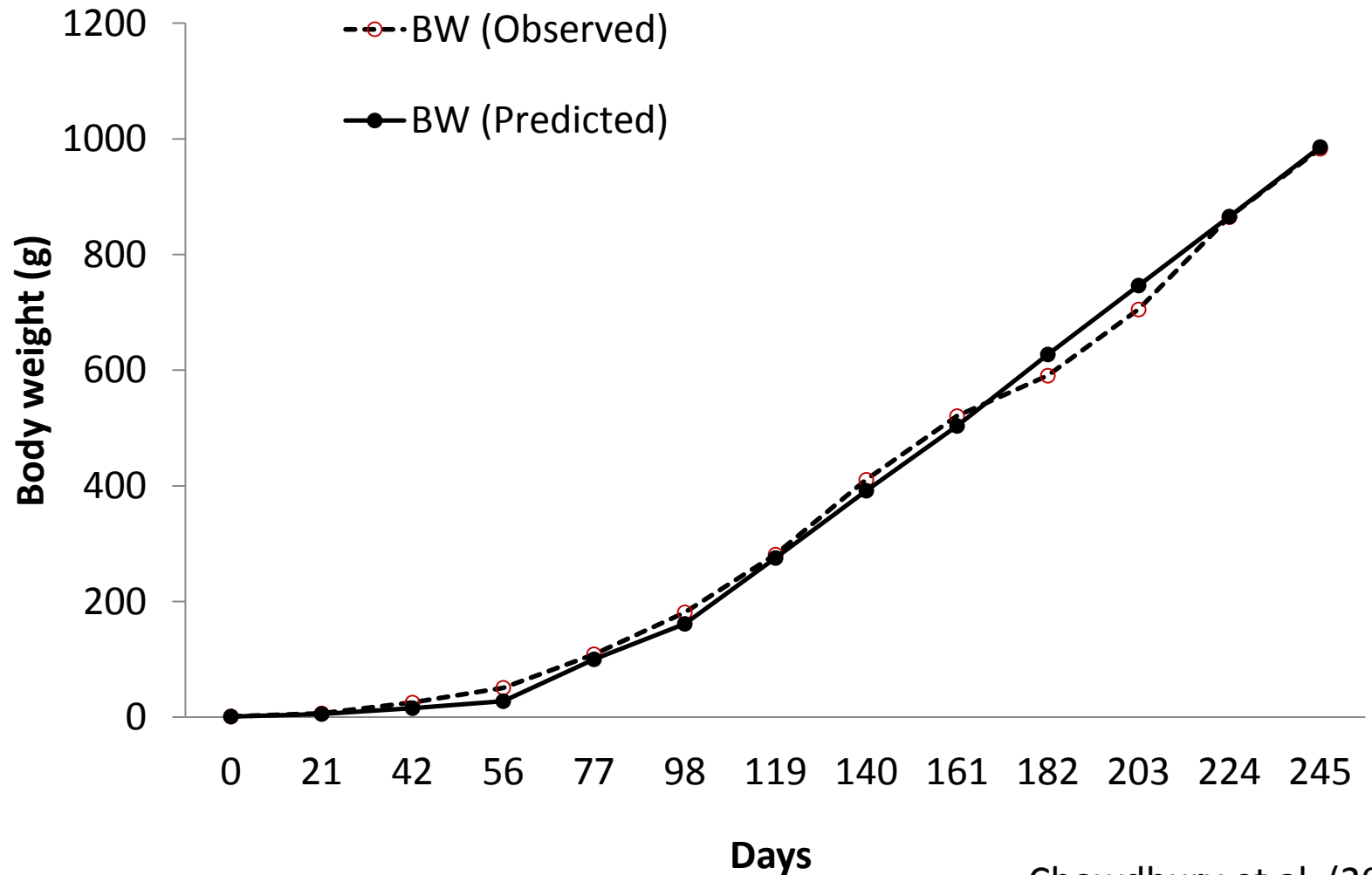
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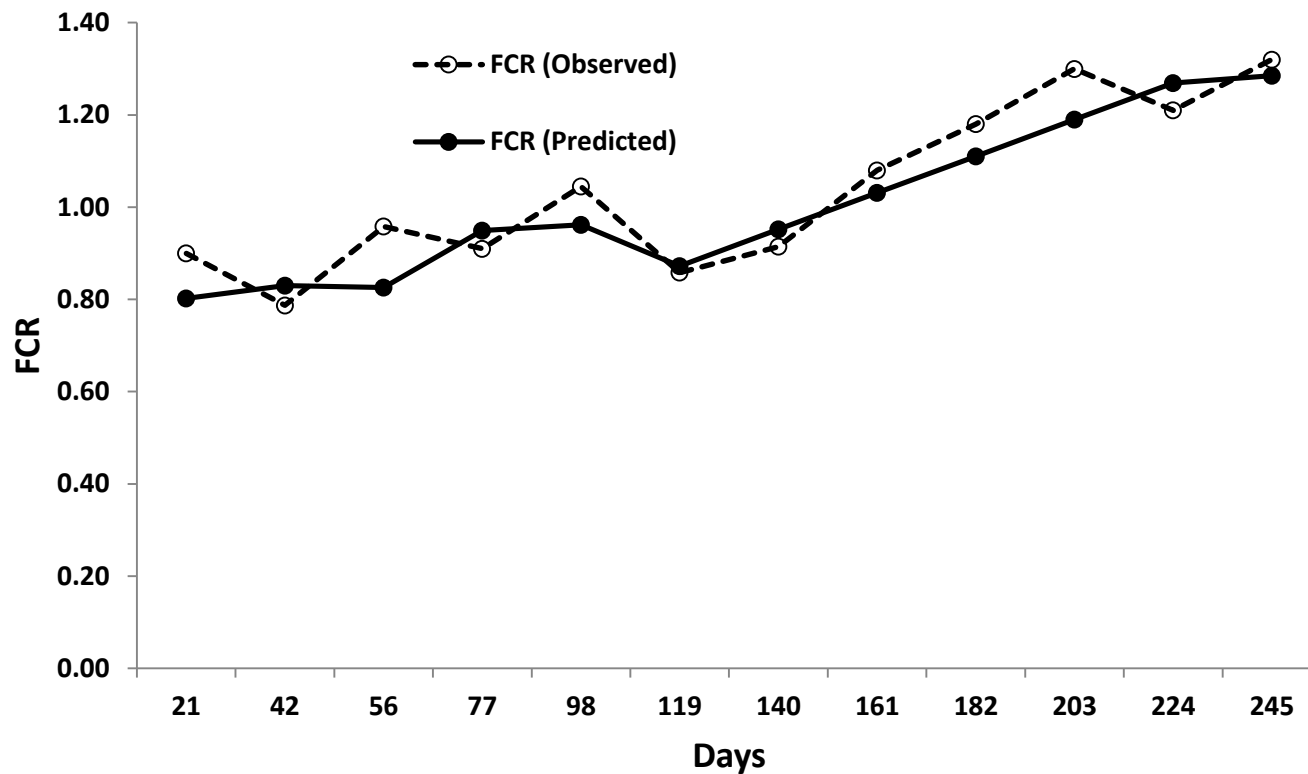


Observed and predicted growth trajectory of Nile tilapia using a modified TGC model

(data from a pilot-scale trial at the Alma Aquaculture Research Station)



Observed and predicted evolution of feed conversion ratio (feed:gain) of Nile tilapia during a pilot-scale trial

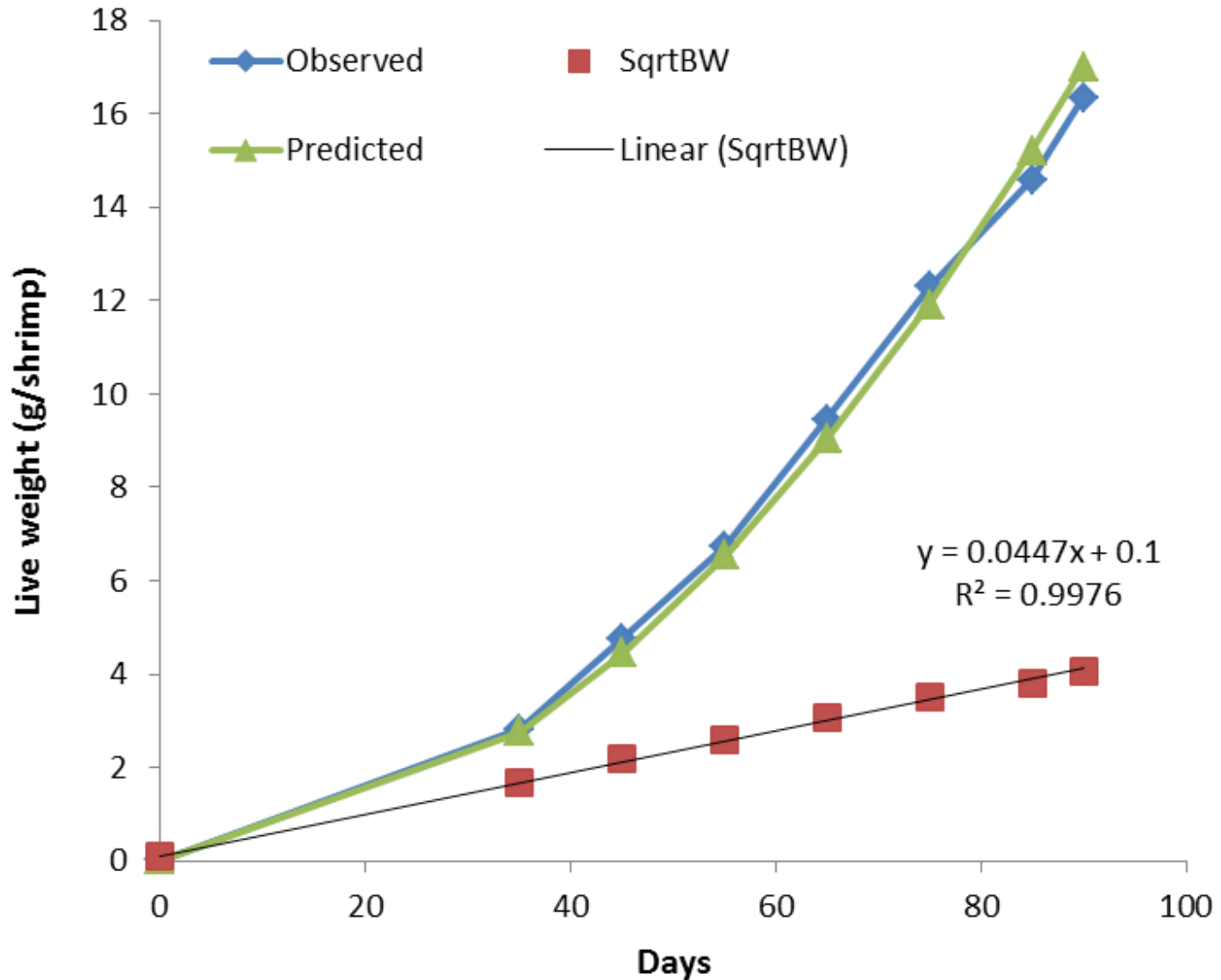


What about Shrimp Models?



Luis Peña, 2000

Modeling the growth trajectory of *P. vannamei* reared in ponds in East Java (Indonesia)



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

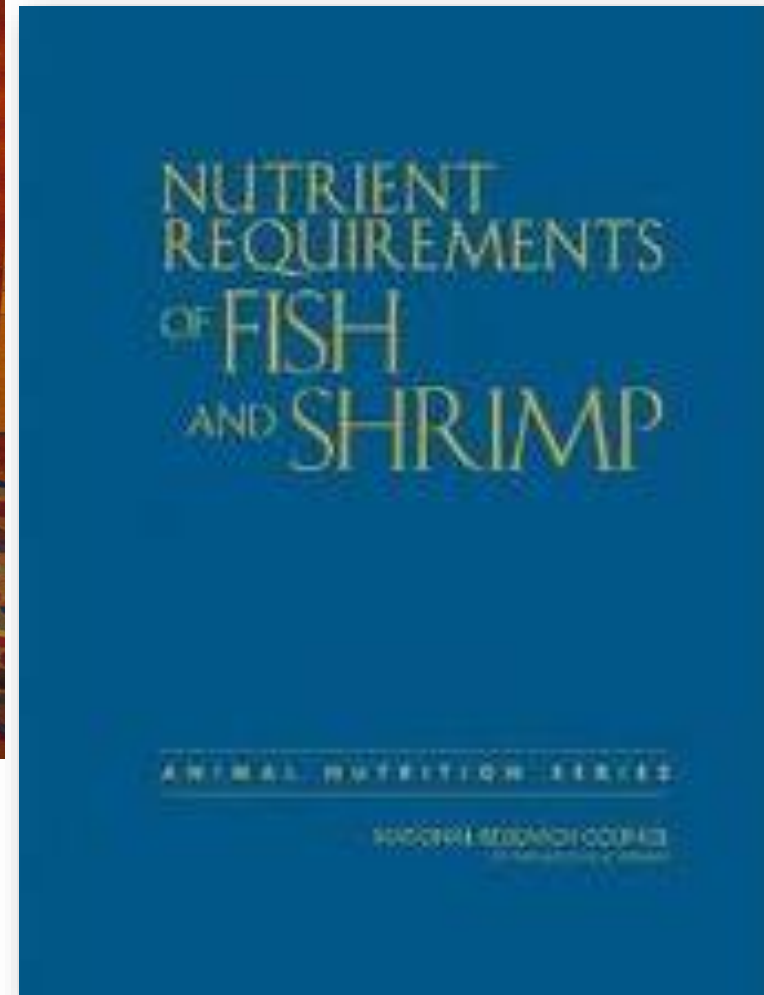


NRC 2011

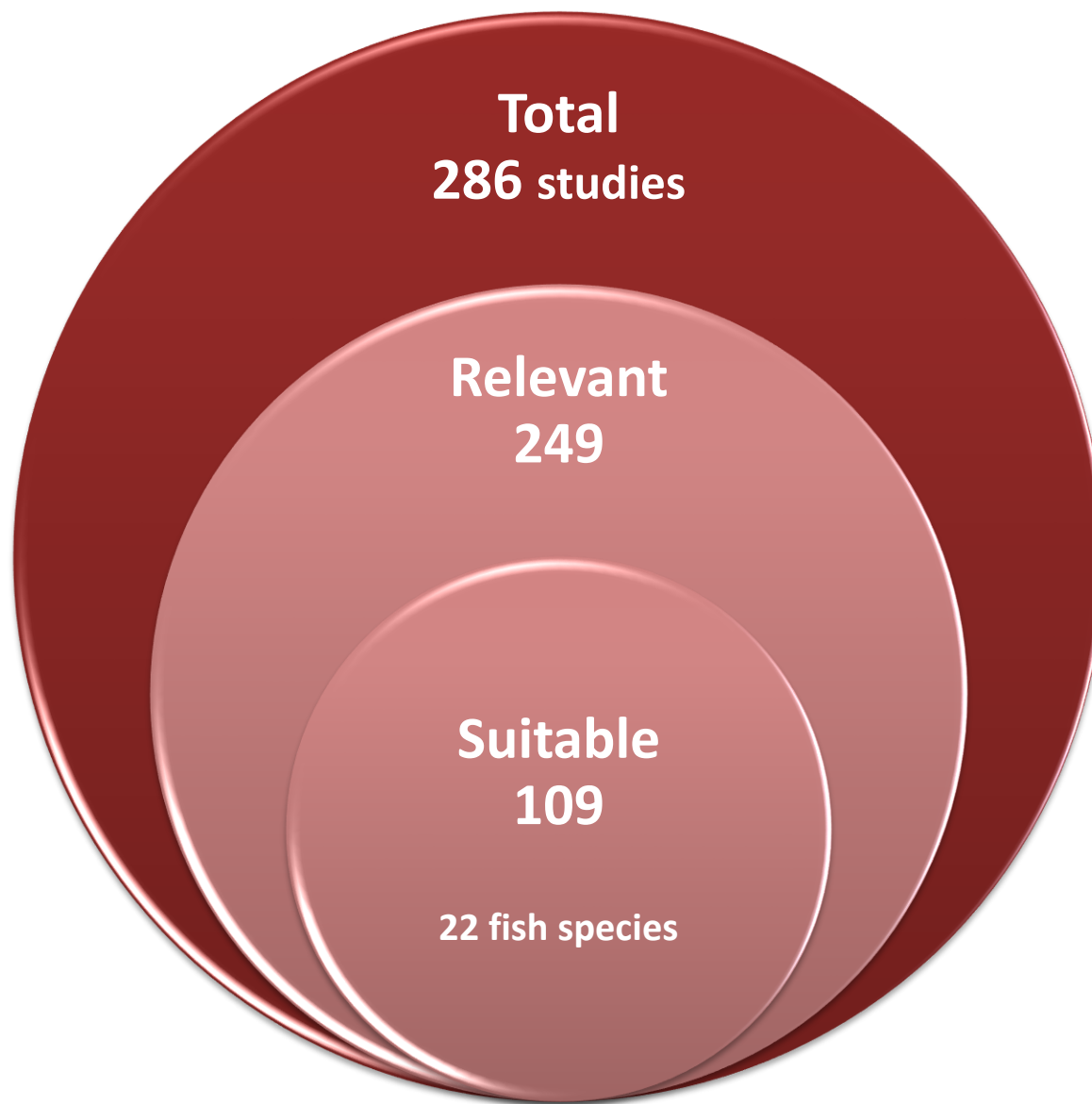
Review of state-of-the-art

Committee reviewed 1000s of papers

**Imperfect document and recommendations
represent best effort**



Meta-Analysis of Essential Amino Acid Requirements of Fish



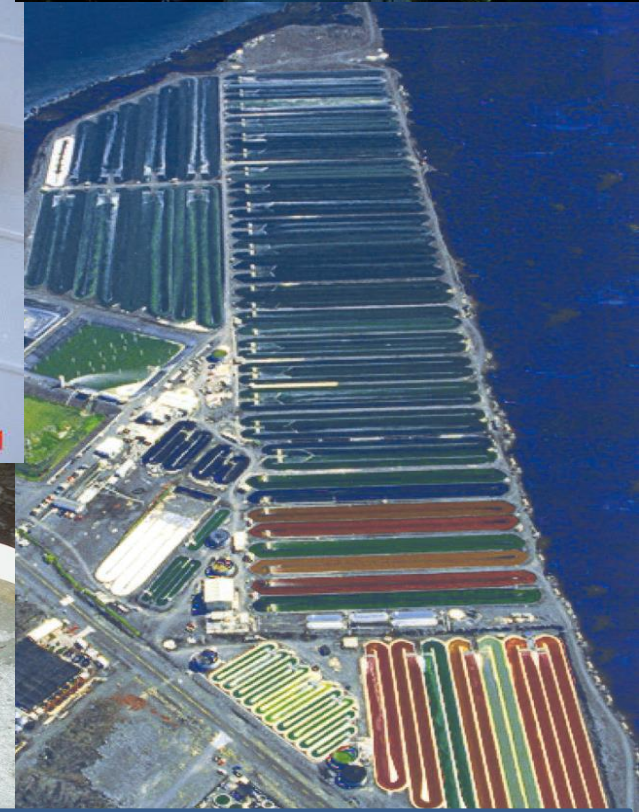
Main causes of rejection:

- 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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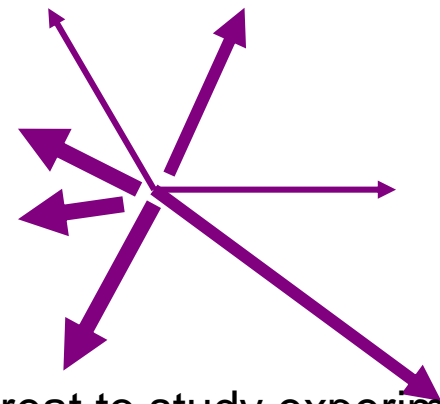
Current Challenges:

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

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. The objective of this study was to determine the effect of dietary P on phosphate transporter expression, phosphatase activity, and effluent P partitioning in rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) fed diets containing 0.1, 0.2, or 0.3% available P. The results showed that dietary P significantly affected the expression of the phosphate transporter *Slc12a10* and the activity of the phosphatase *Alp*. The results also showed that dietary P significantly affected the partitioning of effluent P between the water column and the sediment. The results suggest that dietary P is an important factor in regulating phosphate utilization and effluent P partitioning in rainbow trout culture.

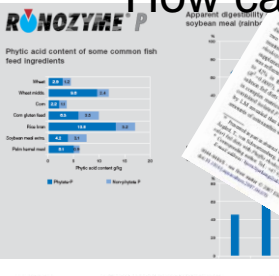
Effluent profile of commercially used low-phosphorus fish feeds

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Abstract Commercially used low-phosphorus fish feeds were analyzed for their effluent profiles. The results showed that the effluent profiles of these feeds were highly variable, with some feeds having high concentrations of phosphorus and others having low concentrations. The results suggest that the effluent profiles of these feeds are an important factor in determining the phosphorus requirements of the fish and the environmental impact of the feeds.

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Lois de réponses Les données relatives au sésaminin in vivo ont été comparées avec les données obtenues in vitro. Les résultats ont montré que les données in vivo étaient plus précises que les données in vitro. Les résultats suggèrent que les données in vivo sont plus utiles pour évaluer l'efficacité des médicaments.



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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

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1. Introduction Currently, aquaculture is the major source of fish meal, a protein-dense feedstuff that approximates 80% of the protein requirements of most farmed fish species.

1. y acid profile of fish following a change in dietary fatty acid source: model of fatty acid composition with a dilution hypothesis
J.H. Robin^a, C. Regout^a, J. Arzel^a, S.J. Kaushik^b

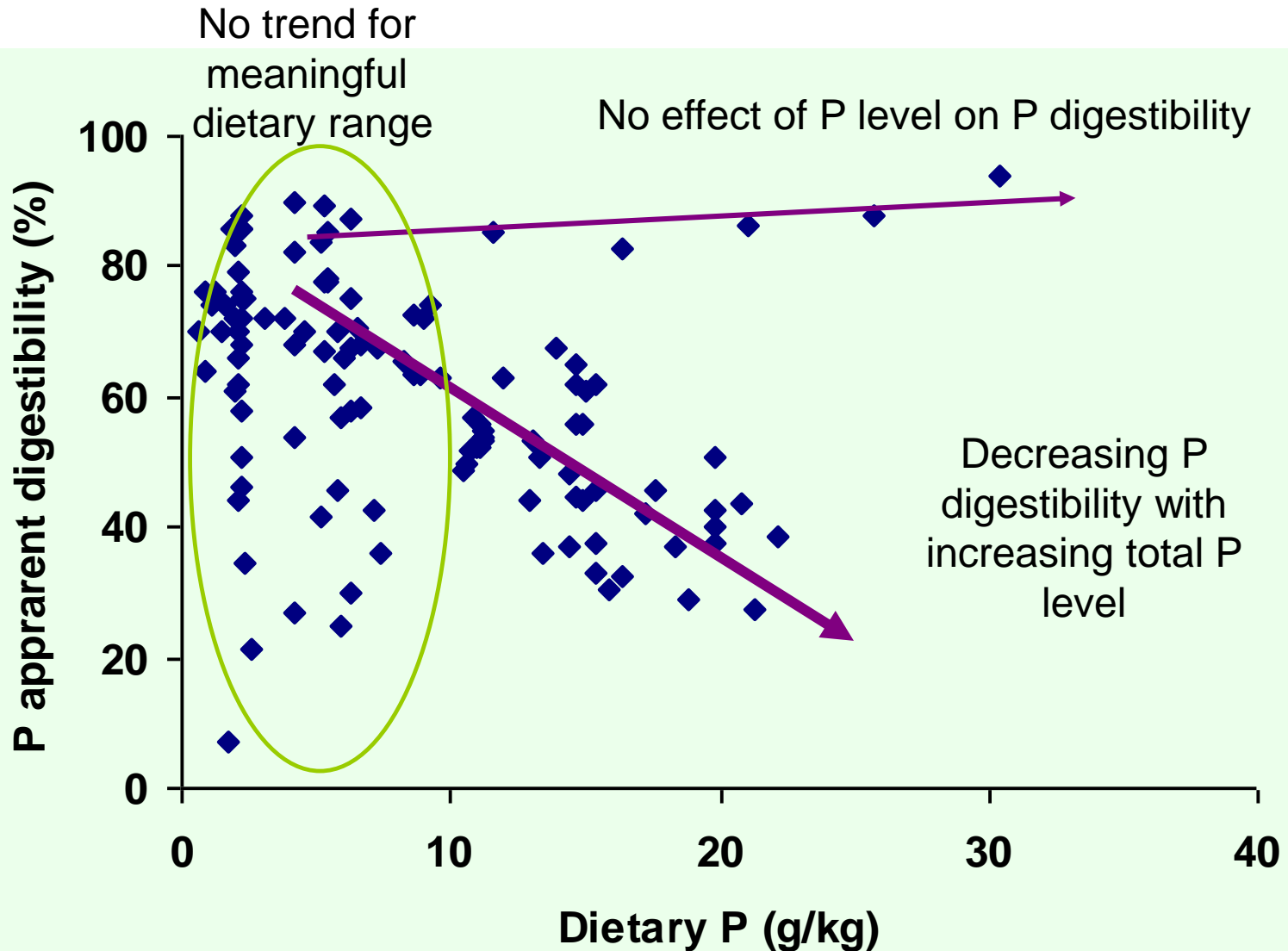
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It is not sufficient to know different factors have effects. You also need to be able to quantify the combined effects of these different factors

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.



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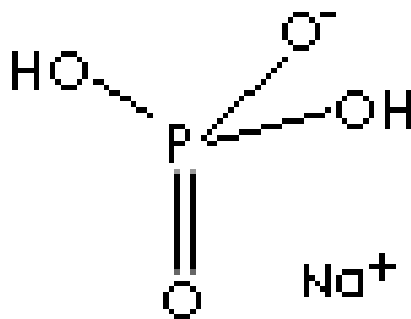
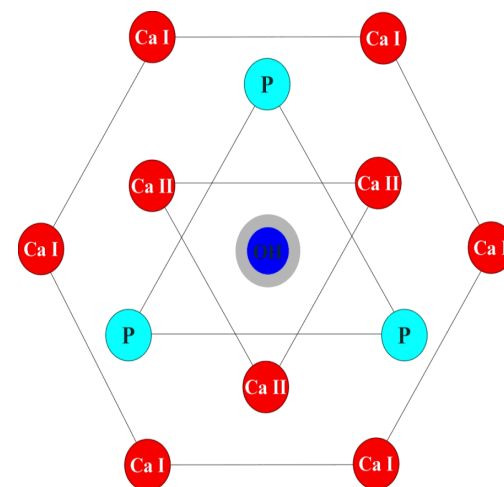


After

P Forms Present in Feed

1. Inorganic P

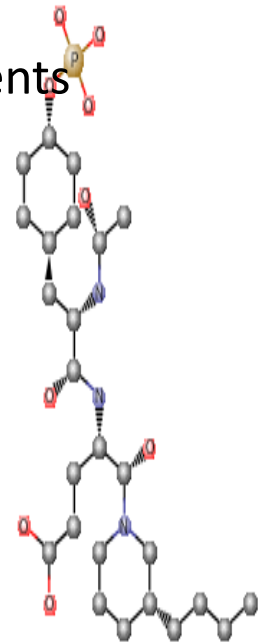
- Bone P: hydroxyapatite $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{OH})_2(\text{PO}_4)_6$
- Pi supplement:
 - Monobasic: NaH_2PO_4 , $\text{Ca}(\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4)_2$
 - Dibasic: CaHPO_4



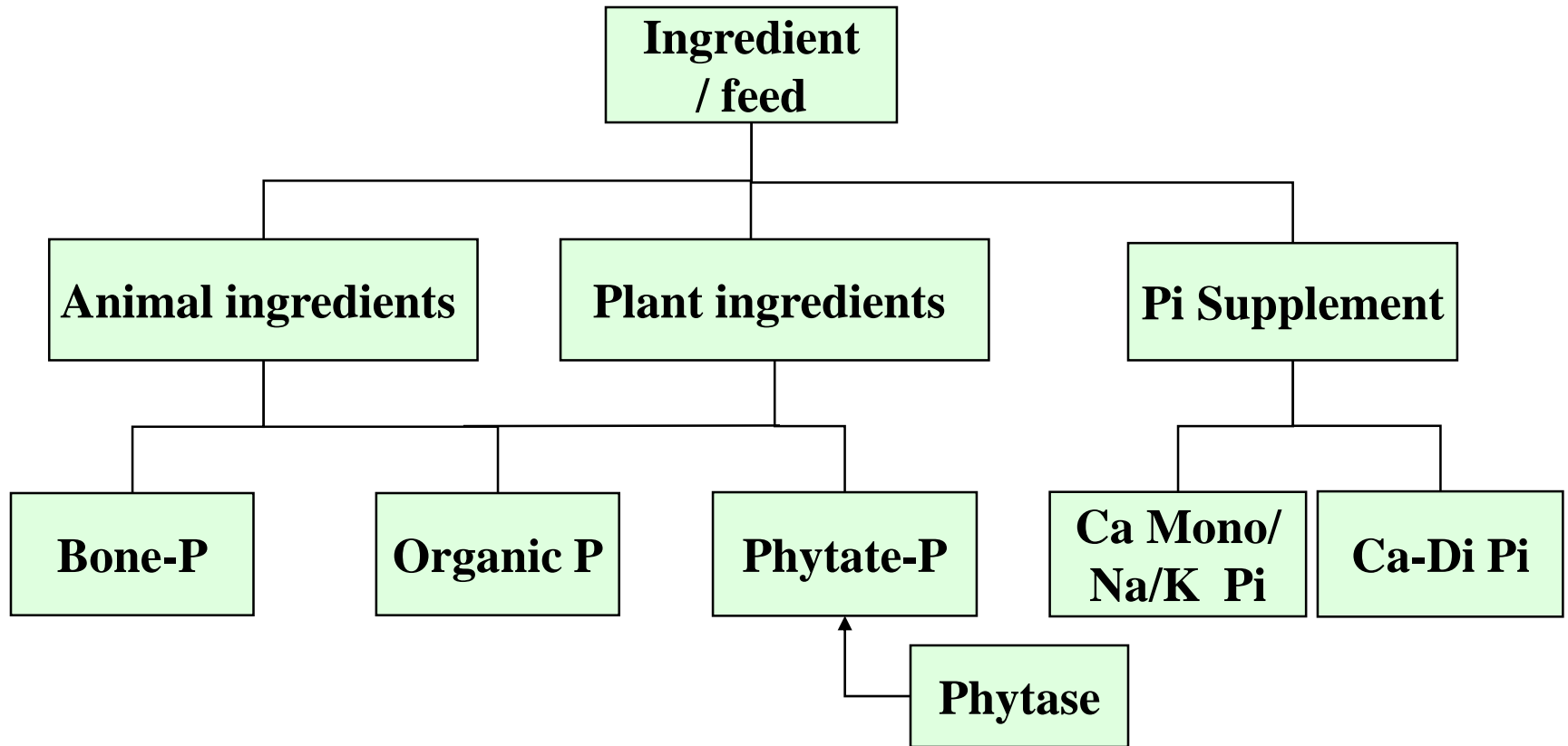
P Forms Present in Feed

2. Organic P

- Phospholipids, e.g. phosphatidyl choline
- Phosphoproteins, e.g. casein
- Phosphosugars, e.g. Glucose-6-P
- Phytate: account for 60 – 80% of total P in plant ingredients



Classification According to Type of P Compounds



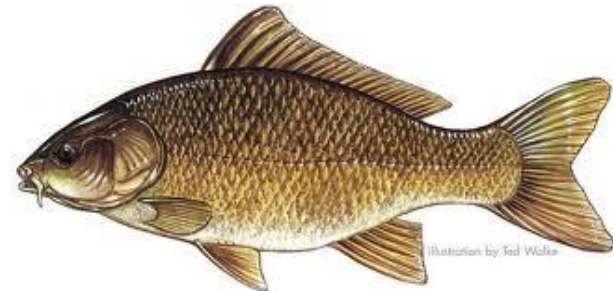
Quantification of differences in digestibility of phosphorus among cyprinids, cichlids, and salmonids through a mathematical modelling approach

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



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

Proposed Approach

- 1-) Read and understand the literature
- 2-) Find or devise a rational classification for independent variables
 - Based on sound nutritional principles
 - Don't always think of reinventing the wheel!
 - More complicated is not always better
- 3-) Compile independent and dependent variable from studies
 - Weed out poor studies - the studies that don't add up!
- 4-) Identify and use robust statistical / mathematical approaches
- 5-) Validate / compare model predictions
 - Initial observations (database modeled)
 - Independent observations
 - Carry out validation trial or find independent data
- 6-) Identify discrepancies and limits of the model
- 7-) Design studies or go back to drawing board to improve models
 - Deal with discrepancies or expand limits of model
 - Study the effect of specific factors

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

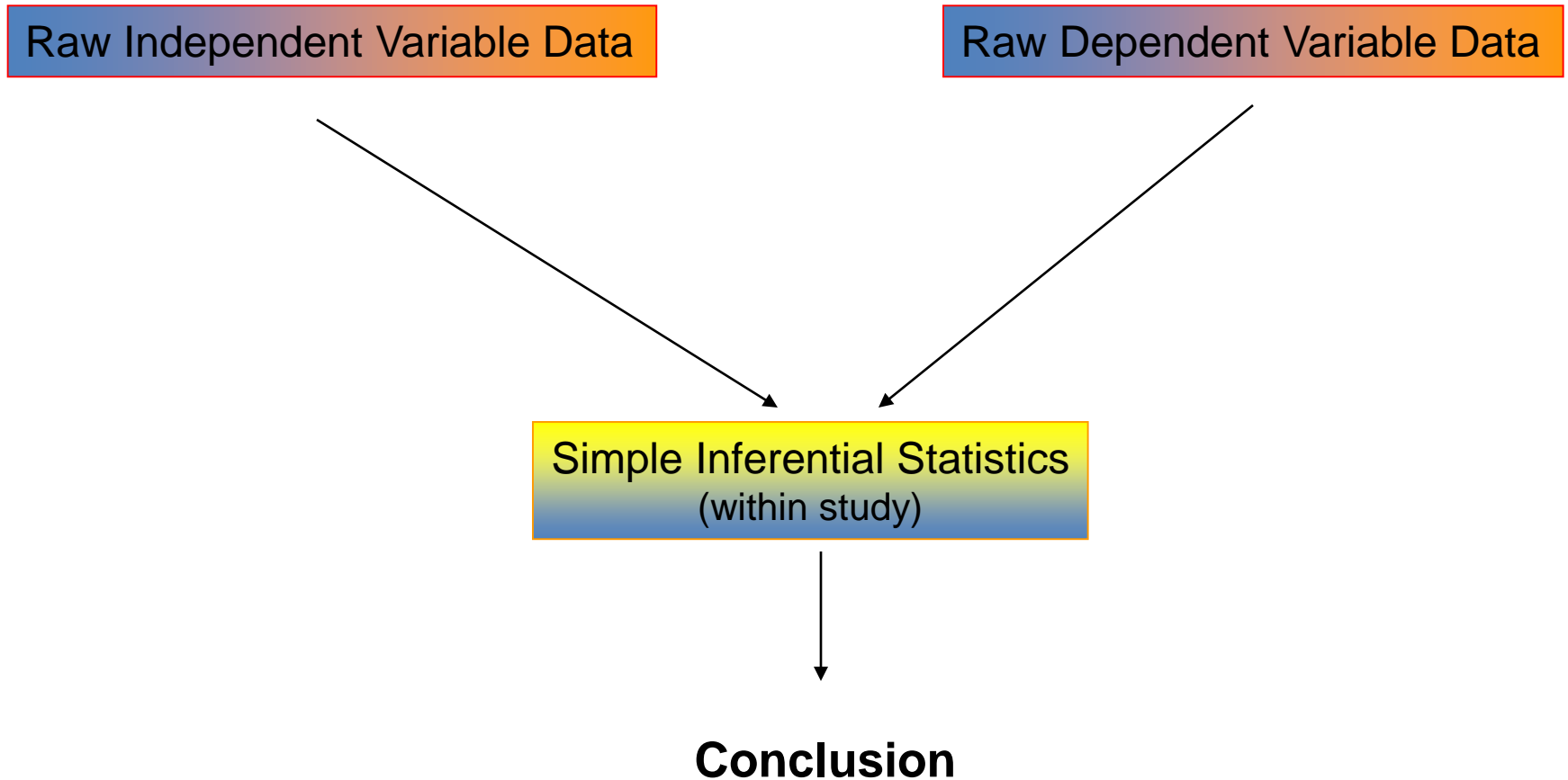
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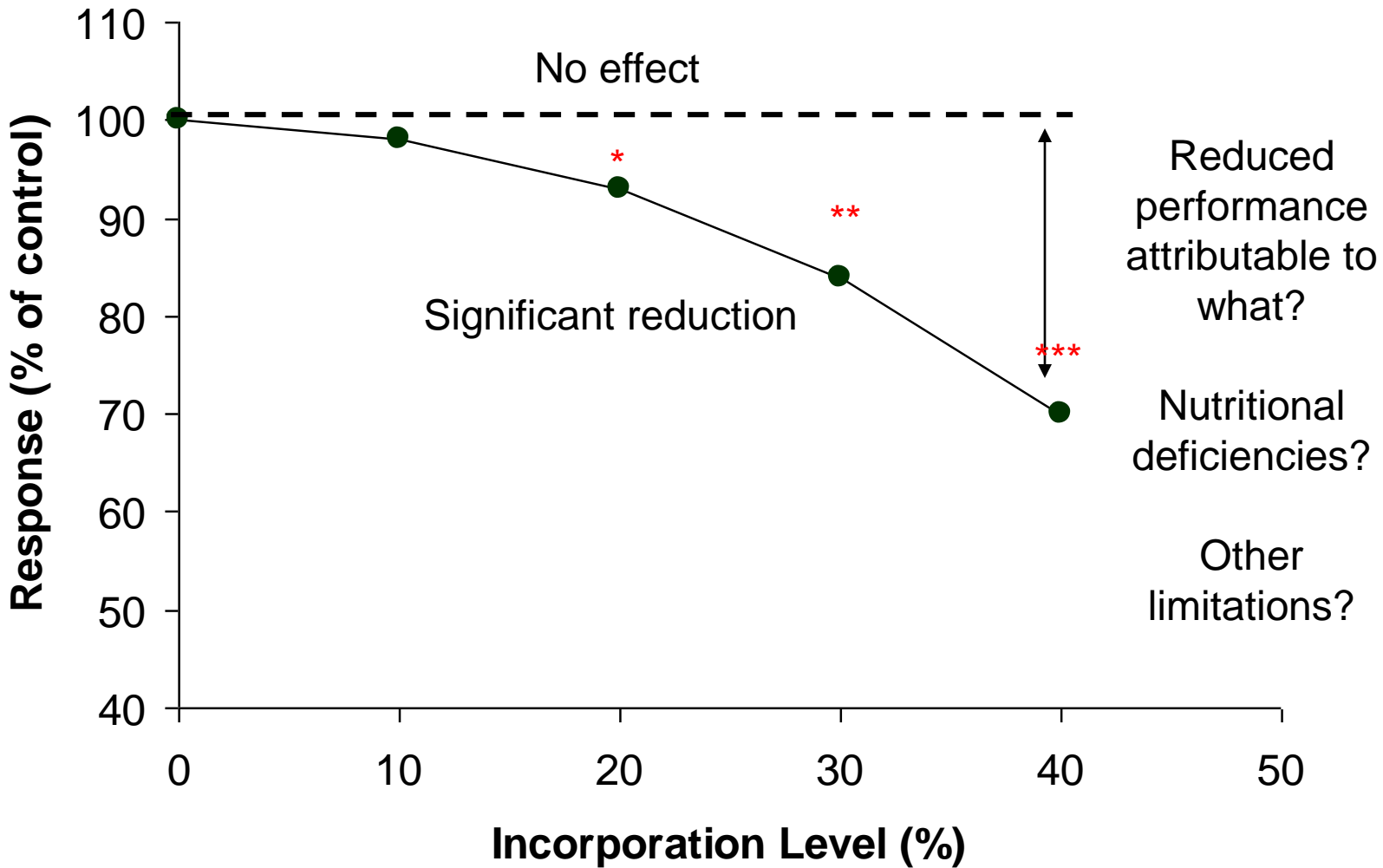
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Traditional Approach for Analysis of Data from Trials



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 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:

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

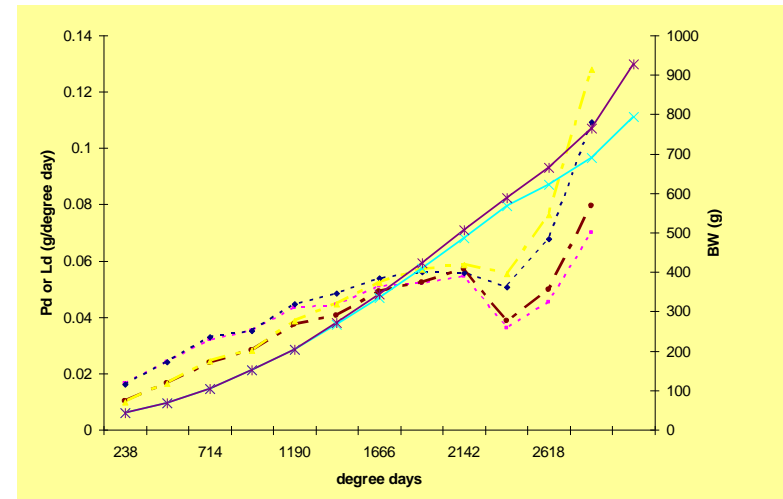
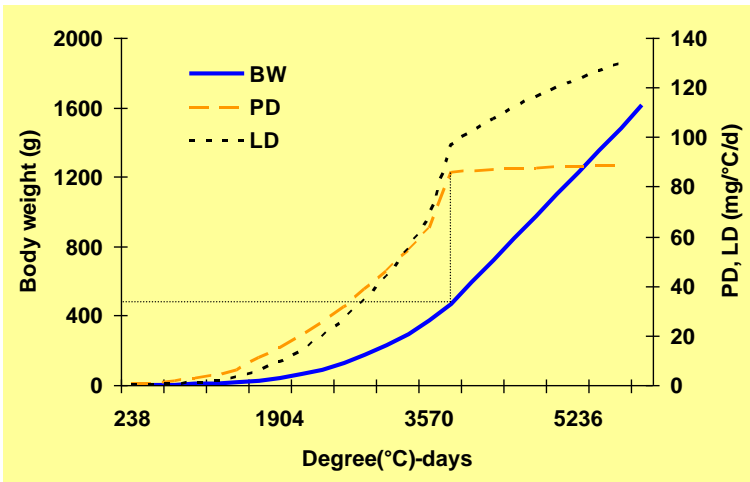
A more general statement of which is:

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

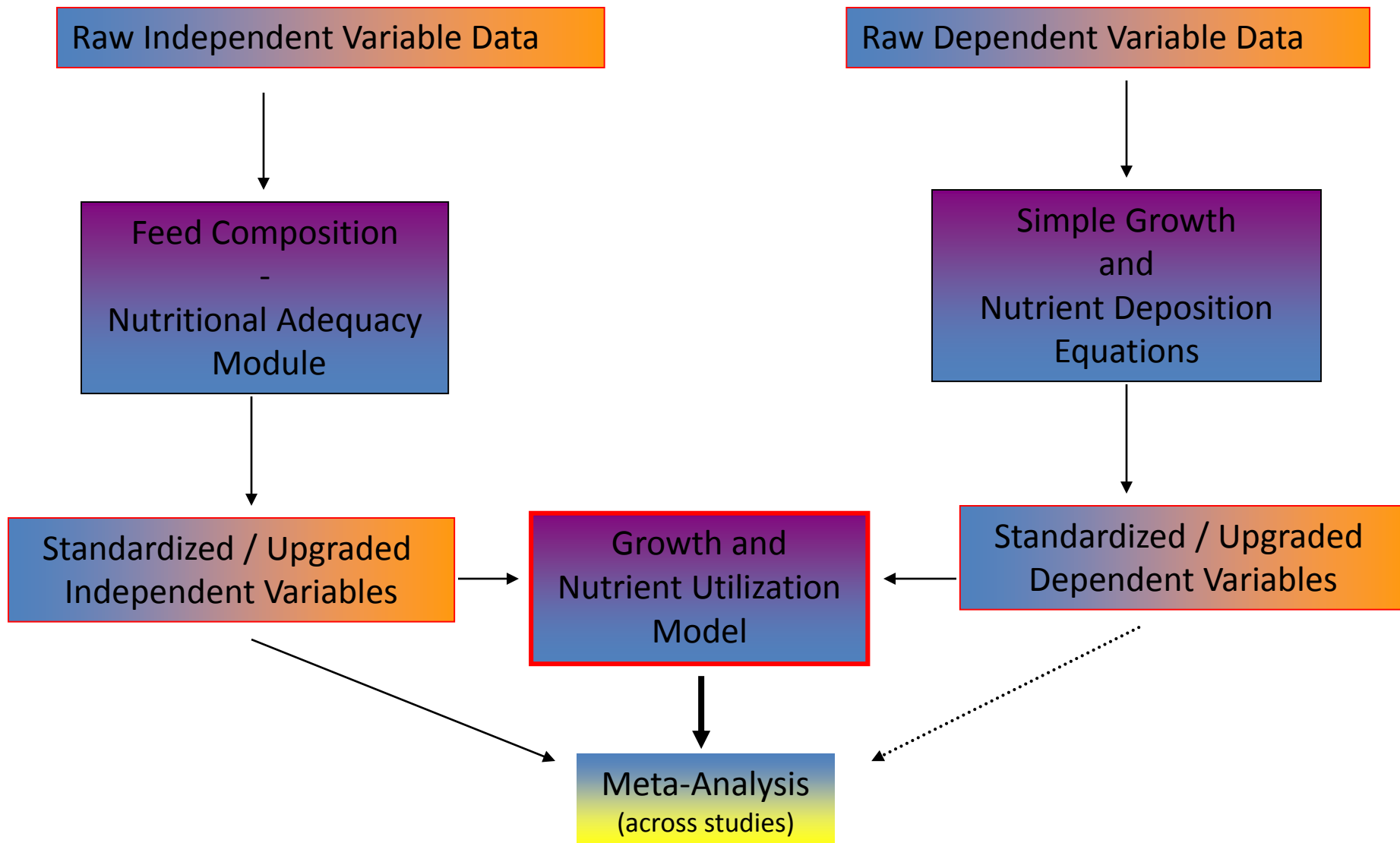
Nutrient Depositions Dynamic

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

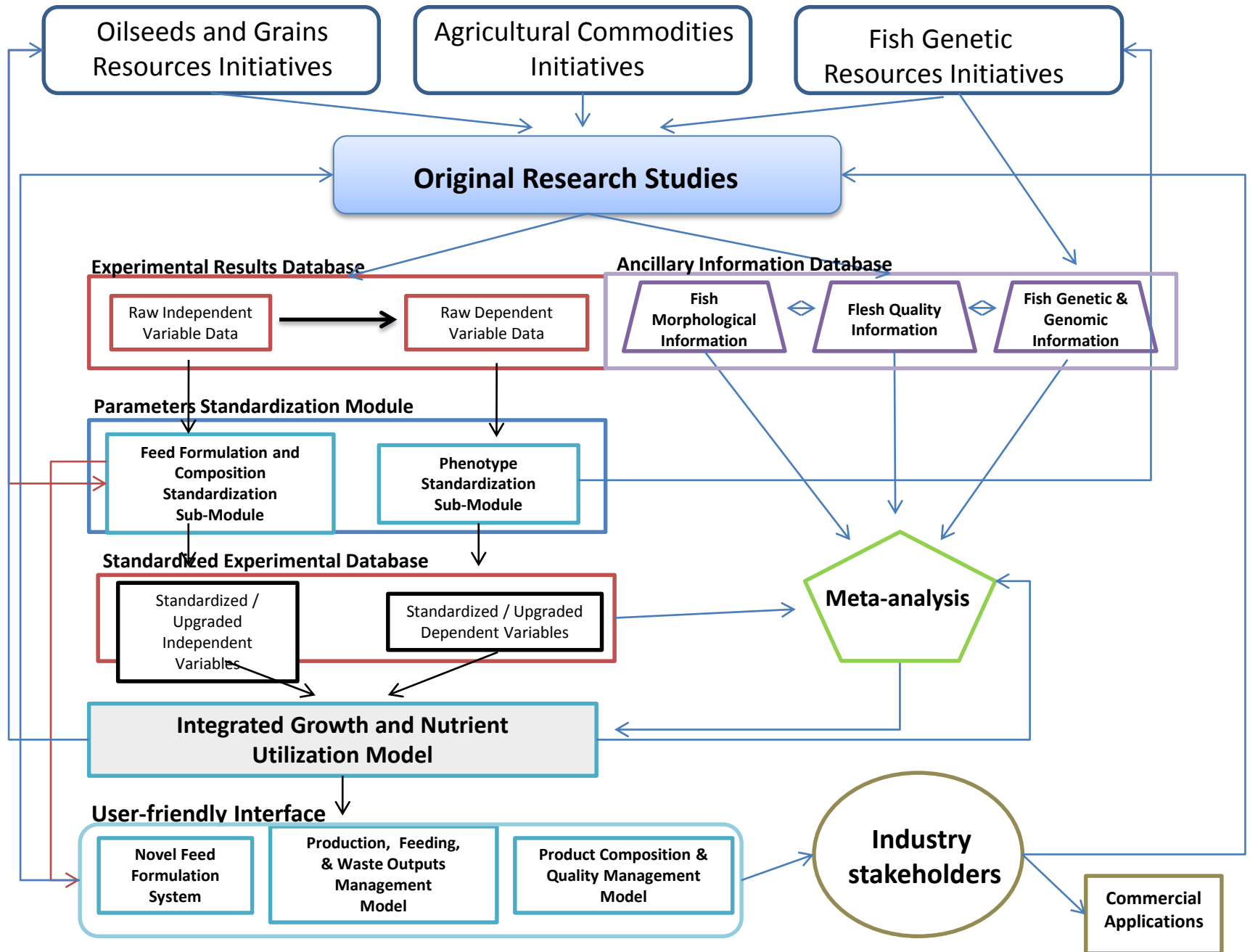
$$= \frac{\text{mg}}{^\circ\text{C} \cdot \text{day}}$$

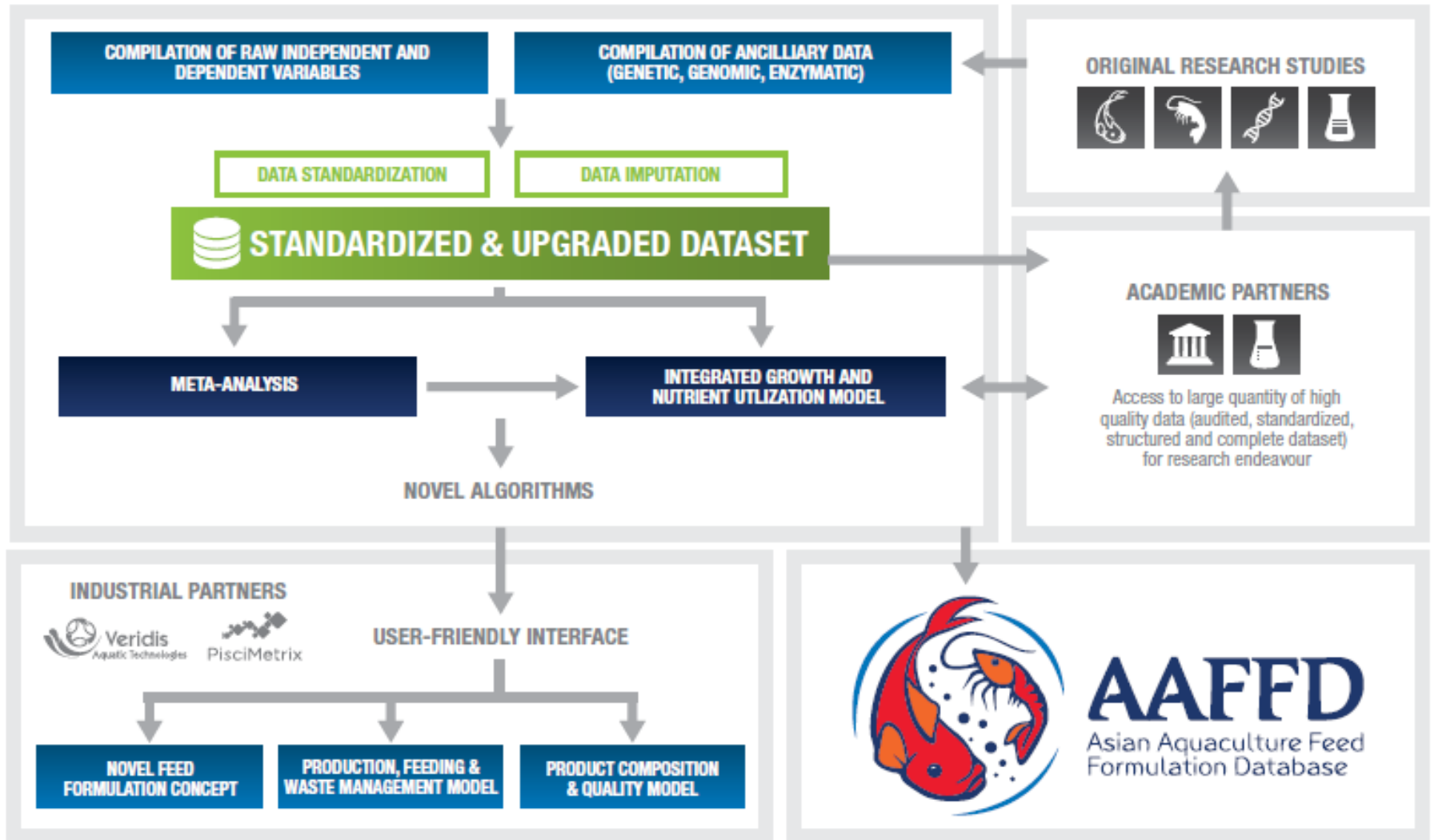


Data Analysis Based on Simulation using Growth and Nutrient Utilization Model



Phenotypic & Genomic Information Integration and Analysis System





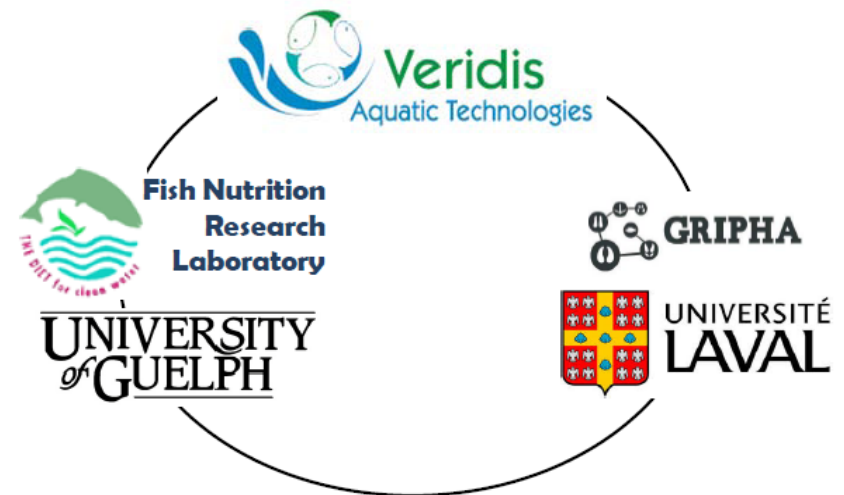


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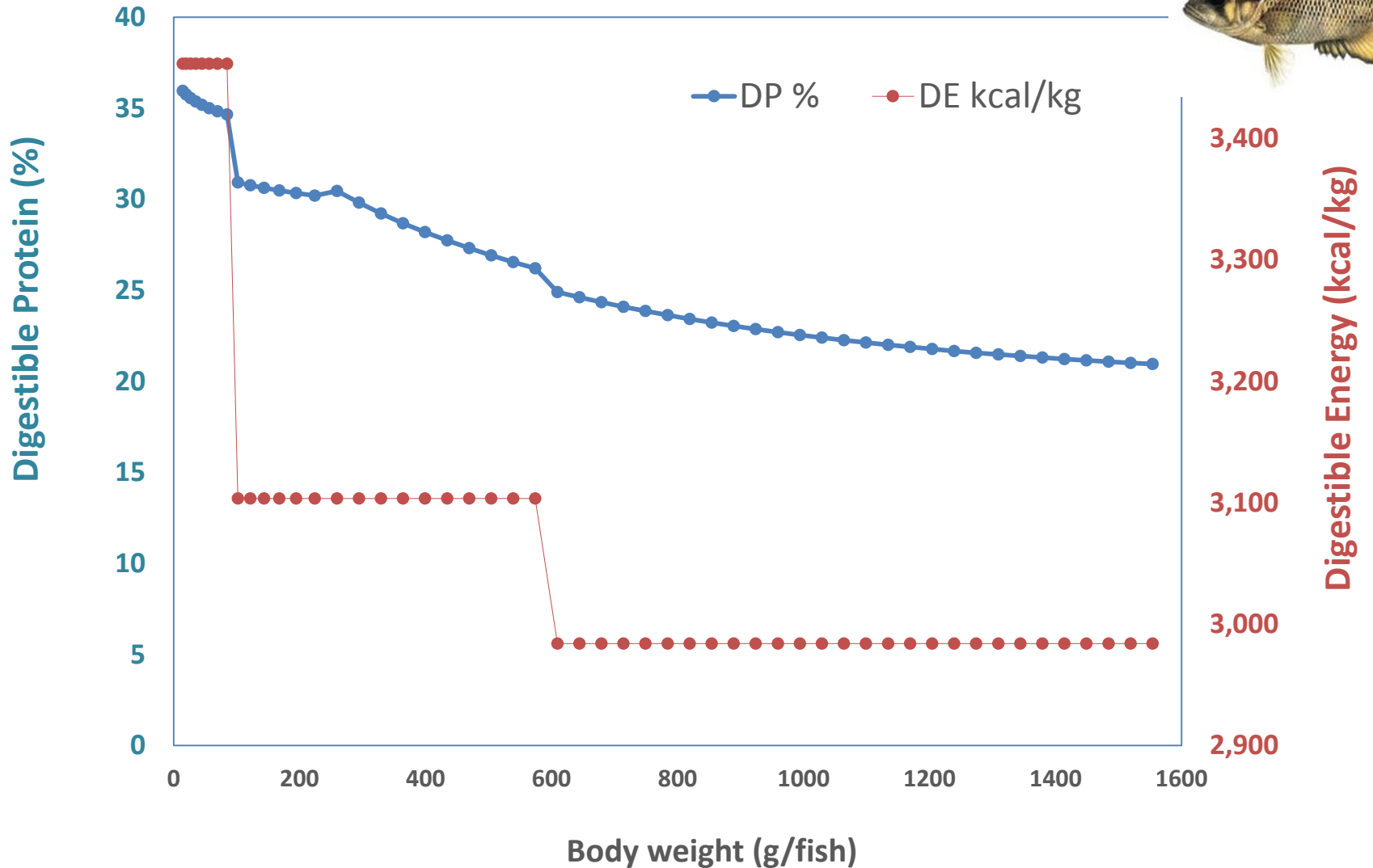


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Formulation Database

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

Predicted Optimal Digestible Protein and Digestible Energy Content of Nile Tilapia Feeds



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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Fish Species: African-Walking Catfish

Target Moisture Level of Feed (%): 10

Stage/Live Weight Range (g):

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Code	Specification	Unit	Restriction Type	Value
PA02	Moisture	%	Standard	
PA03	Crude protein	%	Minimum	
PA04	Crude Lipids	%	Minimum	
PA05	Crude fiber	%	Maximum	
PA06	Ash	%	Maximum	
PA07	NFE	NFE	Maximum	
PA08	NDF	NDF	Maximum	
PA09	ADF	ADF	Maximum	
PA11	Starch	STARC	Minimum	
ADPXF01	Dig CP - fish	DP	Minimum	
ADPXF03	Dig GE (DE) -fish	DE kcal	Minimum	
ED01	DE Fish Carni	kcal	Minimum	

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PA02	Moisture	H2O	%	Standard	
PA03	Crude protein	CP	%	Minimum	
PA04	Crude Lipids	LIPID	%	Minimum	
PA05	Crude fiber	CF	%	Maximum	
PA06	Ash	ASH	%	Maximum	
PA07	NFE	NFE	%	Maximum	
PA08	NDF	NDF	%	Maximum	
PA09	ADF	ADF	%	Maximum	
PA11	Starch	STARC	%	Minimum	
ADPXF01	Dig CP - fish	DP	%	Minimum	
ADPXF03	Dig GE (DE) -fish	DE kcal	kcal	Minimum	
ED01	DE Fish Carni		kcal	Minimum	

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PA02	Moisture	H2O	%	Standard	4.74
PA03	Crude protein	CP	%	Minimum	33.35
PA04	Crude Lipids	LIPID	%	Minimum	6.73
PA05	Crude fiber	CF	%	Maximum	
PA06	Ash	ASH	%	Maximum	
PA07	NFE	NFE	%	Maximum	41.40
PA08	NDF	NDF	%	Maximum	
PA09	ADF	ADF	%	Maximum	
PA11	Starch	STARC	%	Minimum	18.19
ADPXF01	Dig CP - fish	DP	%	Minimum	29.37

FA05	Linolenic 18:3 n-3	ALA	%	Minimum	
FA07	EPA 20:5 n-3	EPA	%	Minimum	
FA08	DHA 22:6 n-3	DHA	%	Minimum	0.09
FA12	Sum n-3	N3FA	%	Minimum	0.09
FA04	Linoleic acid 18:2 n-6	LA	%	Minimum	
FA06	Arachidonic 20:4 n-6	ARA	%	Minimum	
FA13	Sum n-6	N6FA	%	Minimum	
FA14	Phospholipids	PLS	%	Minimum	0.90
FA15	Cholesterol	CHOL	mg	Minimum	
M01	Calcium	Ca	%	Minimum	0.47
M02	Phosphorus	P	%	Minimum	1.00
M0281	Digestible P Carni	DPHCARNI	%	Minimum	0.55
M0282	Digestible P Omni	DPHOMNI	%	Minimum	
M0283	Digestible P Carp	DPHCARP	%	Minimum	
M0284	Digestible P Shrimp	DPHCRU	%	Minimum	
M03	Sodium	Na	%	Minimum	0.14
M04	Chlorine	Cl	%	Minimum	0.14