



Schothorst Feed Research

Phytase in poultry diets

The latest on phytase enzyme technology and use?

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Phytase

the feed additive studied the most,
what's there still to be known?



Contents

- ▲ Use of phytase in animal diets
- ▲ Requirements for effective commercial use
- ▲ Phytase efficacy in the GI tract, potential and limitations
 - ✓ Phytate solubility, feedstuff choice
 - ✓ Feed(stuff) particle size
 - ✓ Dietary calcium source and level
 - ✓ Digestibilities of amino acids and other nutrients
- ▲ Potential of using high phytase dose levels
- ▲ Phytase ranking on efficacy



Phytase use

“Phytase is used in 60% of swine and 80% of poultry diets”

“Global feed enzyme market values 725 million US\$“

“Growth trend of roughly 5-7% year-on-year”



Richard Cooper, 29/01/2013



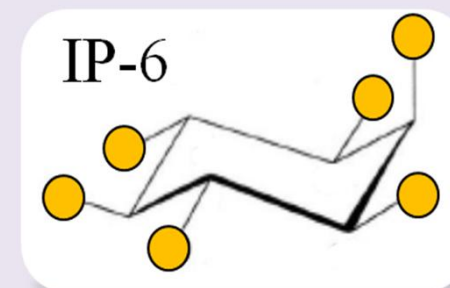
Phytase

Hydrolyses phytate-P to

- increase availability of vegetable P
- degrade anti-nutritional effects of phytate

Main classification of commercial phytases

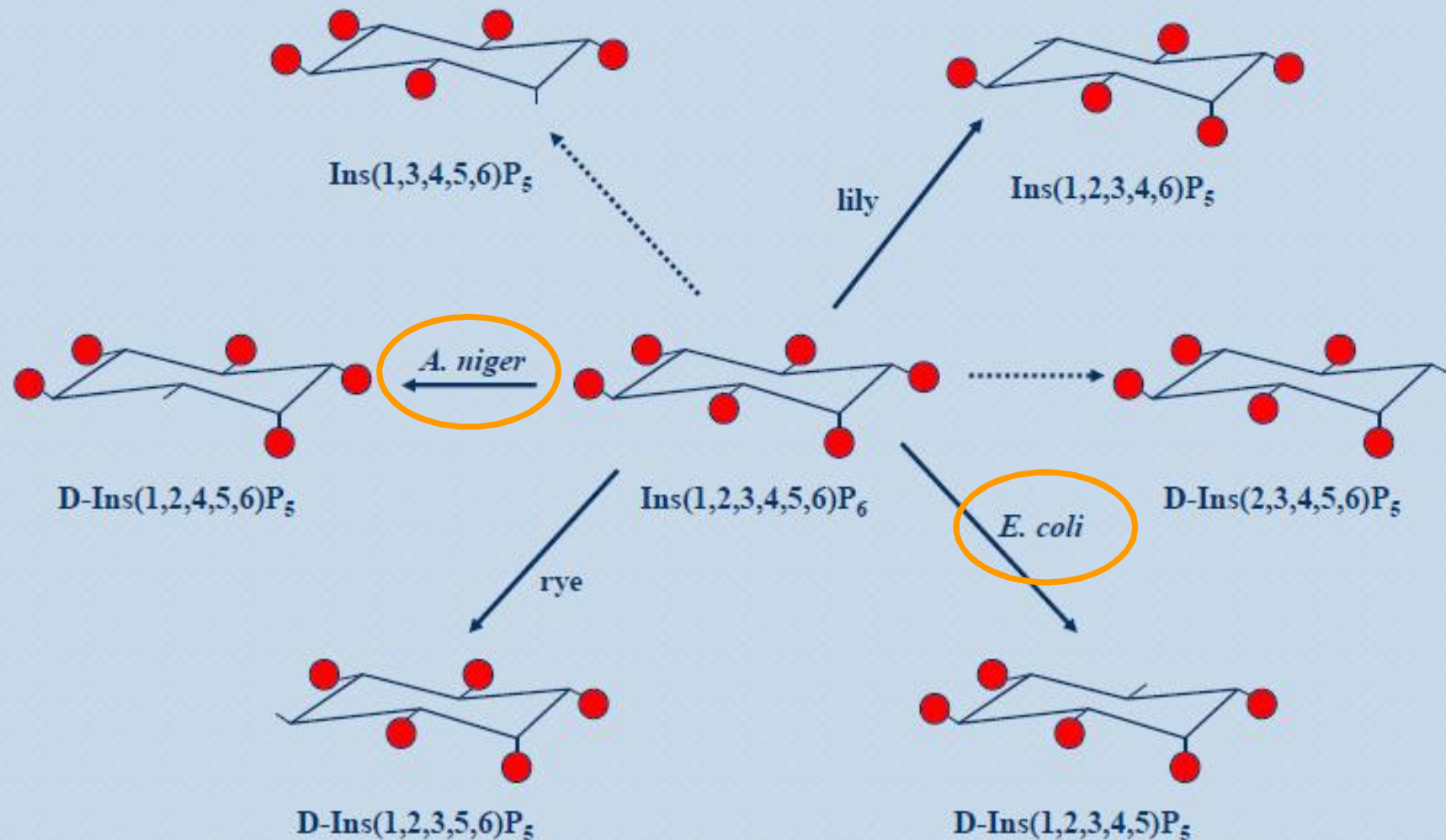
- 3- or 6-phytase
- Fungal or bacterial phytase



Location of phytin:

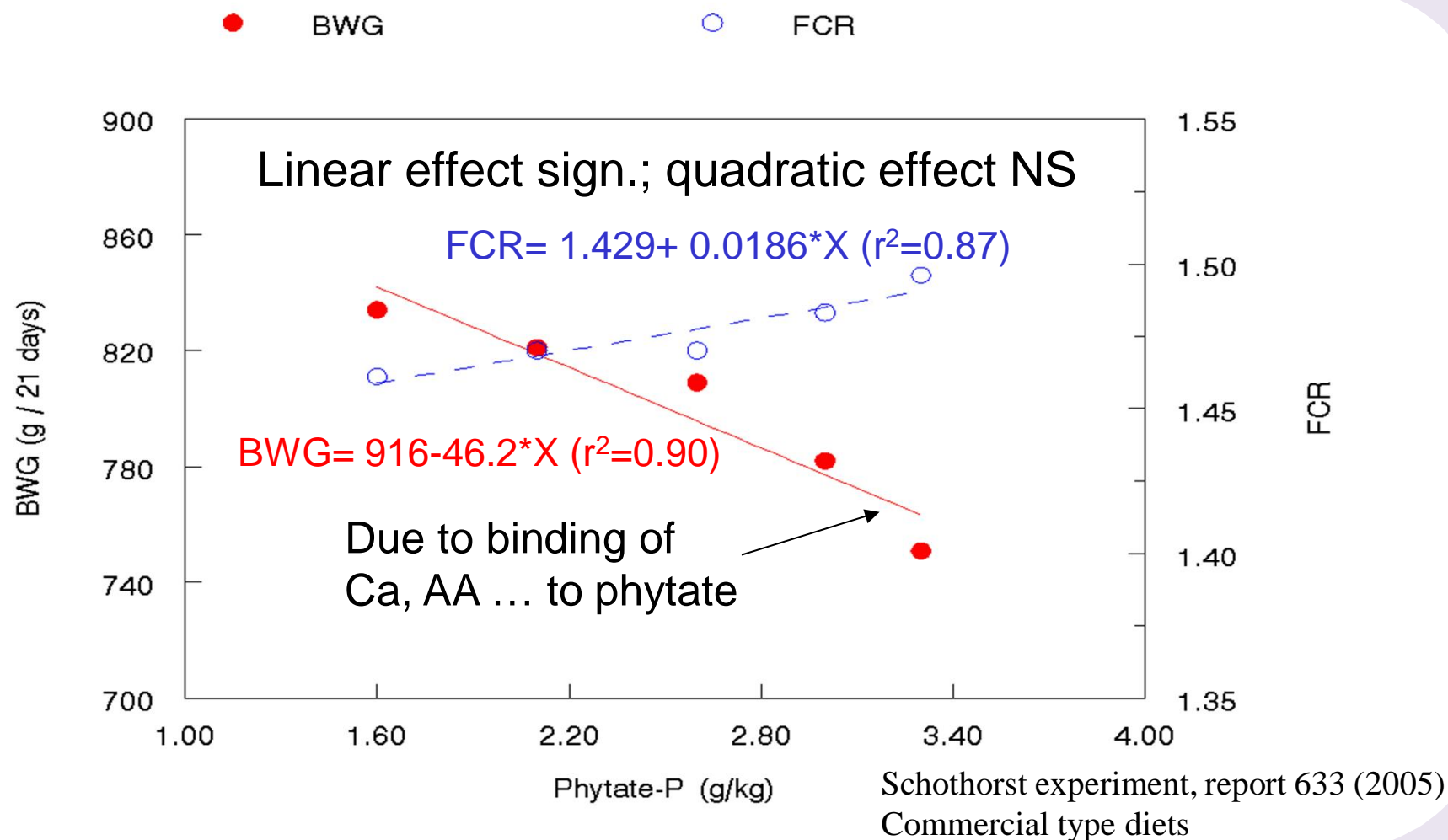
In cereals: in aleurone layer
In oil seeds: associated with storage proteins throughout the seed

Enzymatic Phytate Degradation





Anti-nutritional effects of phytate





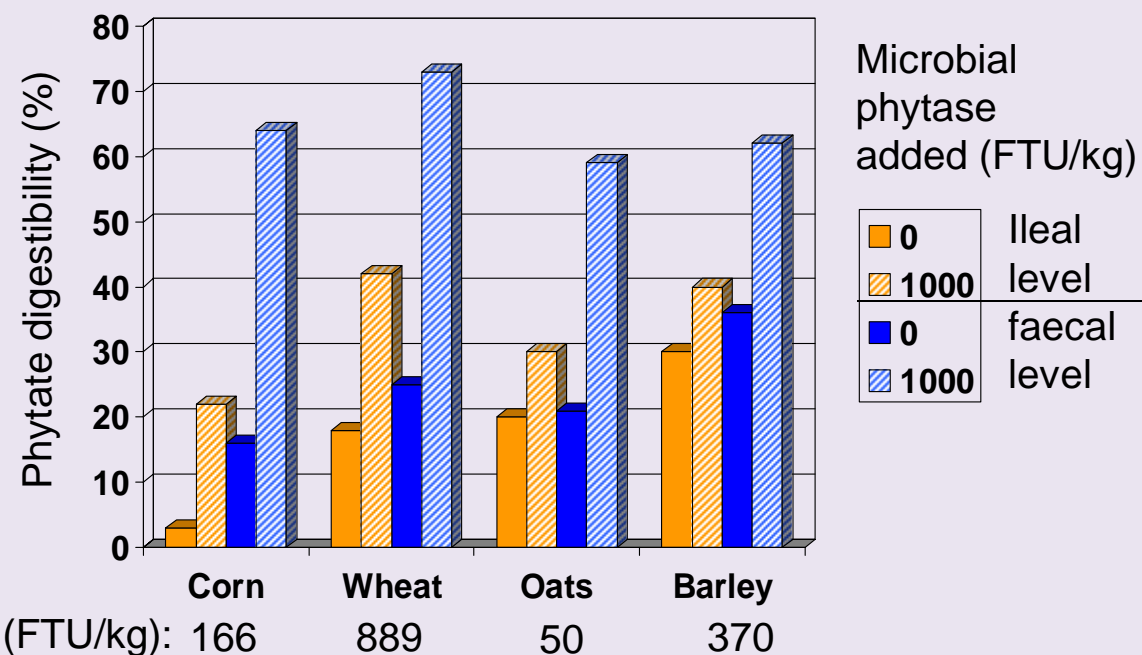
Phytase effects in cereal-based diets

Set up:

- Phytate hydrolyses measured at ileal and faecal level in 3-wk old broilers
- Diets with 57% test cereal with intrinsic phytase
- 0.30% NPP, Ca 0.72-0.87% in diets
- 3-Phytase added
- Diets fed as mash

Result:

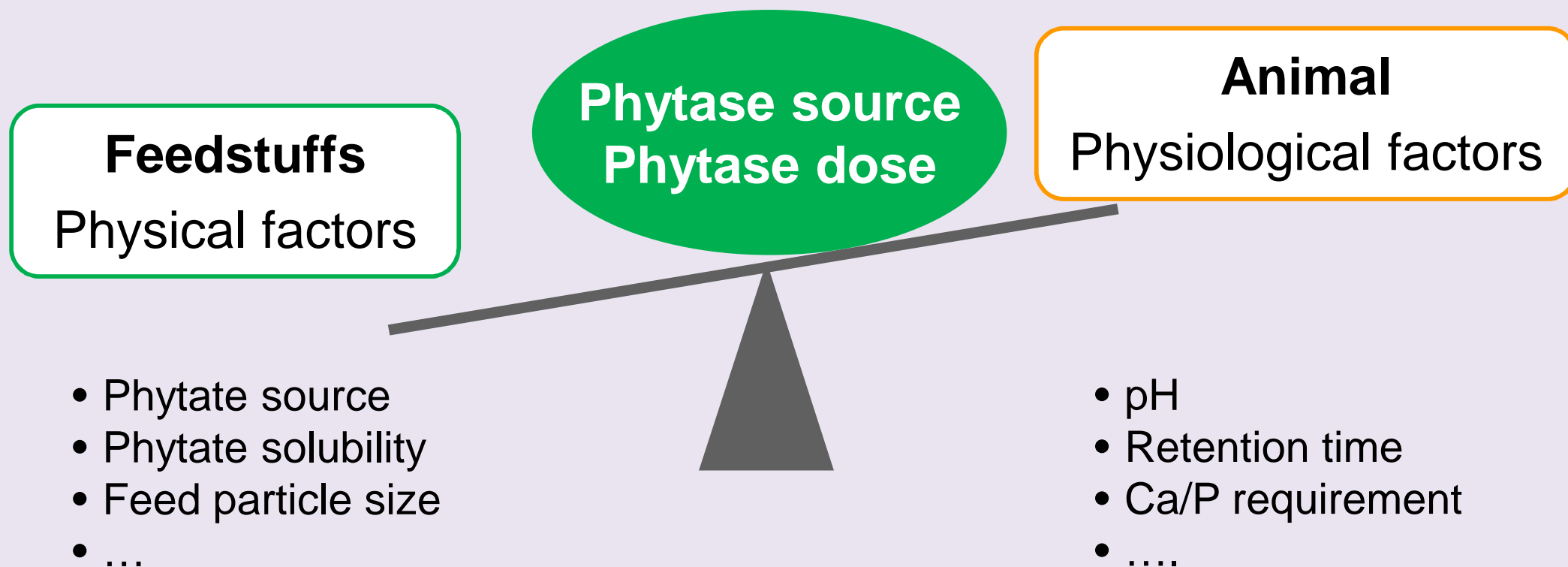
- Ileal P contains 70-88% and excreta P contains 26-76% phytate P
- **Phytate degradation not completed**





Dealing with phytate ...

Phytate utilization by 3-phytase *in vivo* is on average max. 50% (Selle *et al.* 2006)





New phytases are developed:

- More effective release of phytate P in the GI-tract
(irrespective of diet composition)
- More effective elimination of phytate as anti-nutritional factor?
- Improved processing stability
(conditioning and pelleting)
- Improved storage stability
- Reduced phytase production costs



More effective release of phytate P

▲ Phytase product:

- pH optimum and pH profile
- Substrate affinity and rate of degradation under acidic conditions in proximal GI tract
- Resistance against endogenous proteases

▲ Other measures:

- Increased phytase dose level – “super dosing”?
- Lowering dietary Ca contents
- Increasing phytate solubility/accessibility
- Application in combination with other additives

Characteristics of Commercial Phytases

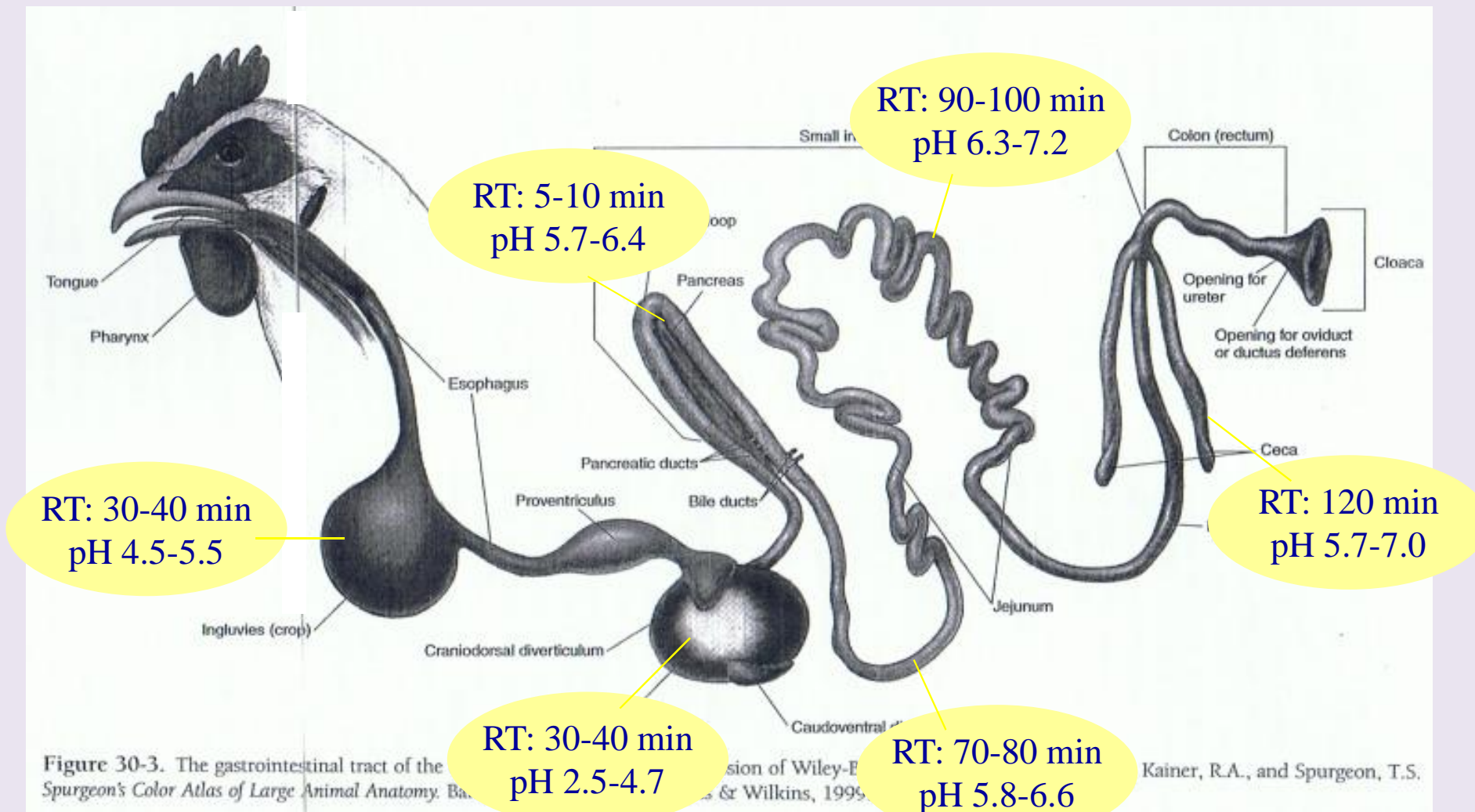
pH optimum, pH profile, kinetic constants

in vitro determinations

characteristics	<i>P. lycii</i>	<i>A. niger</i>	<i>E. coli</i>
pH optimum	4.0 - 5.0	2.2 + 5.5	3.5 - 4.5
pH profile - activity at pH 3.0 (activity at pH 5.5 = 100%)	18 - 25%	38 - 50%	86 - 149%
kinetic constants at pH 3.0:			
K_M [μM]	73 - 81	113 - 135	174 - 386
k_{cat} [s^{-1}]	1216 - 1325	166 - 198	823 - 1076
k_{cat}/K_M [$10^6 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1}$]	15 - 18	1.3 - 1.7	3.5 - 6.2
pH stability			
pH 2.0, 37°C, 1 hr	42 - 49%	69 - 83%	88 - 93%
protease resistance			
pH 2.0, 37°C, 1 hr, 2000 U pepsin	14 - 25%	40 - 50%	92 - 98%
37°C, 1 hr			
+ stomach digesta	53 - 60%	60 - 70%	83 - 93%
+ crop digesta	92 - 97%	93 - 98%	93 - 96%



The gastrointestinal tract

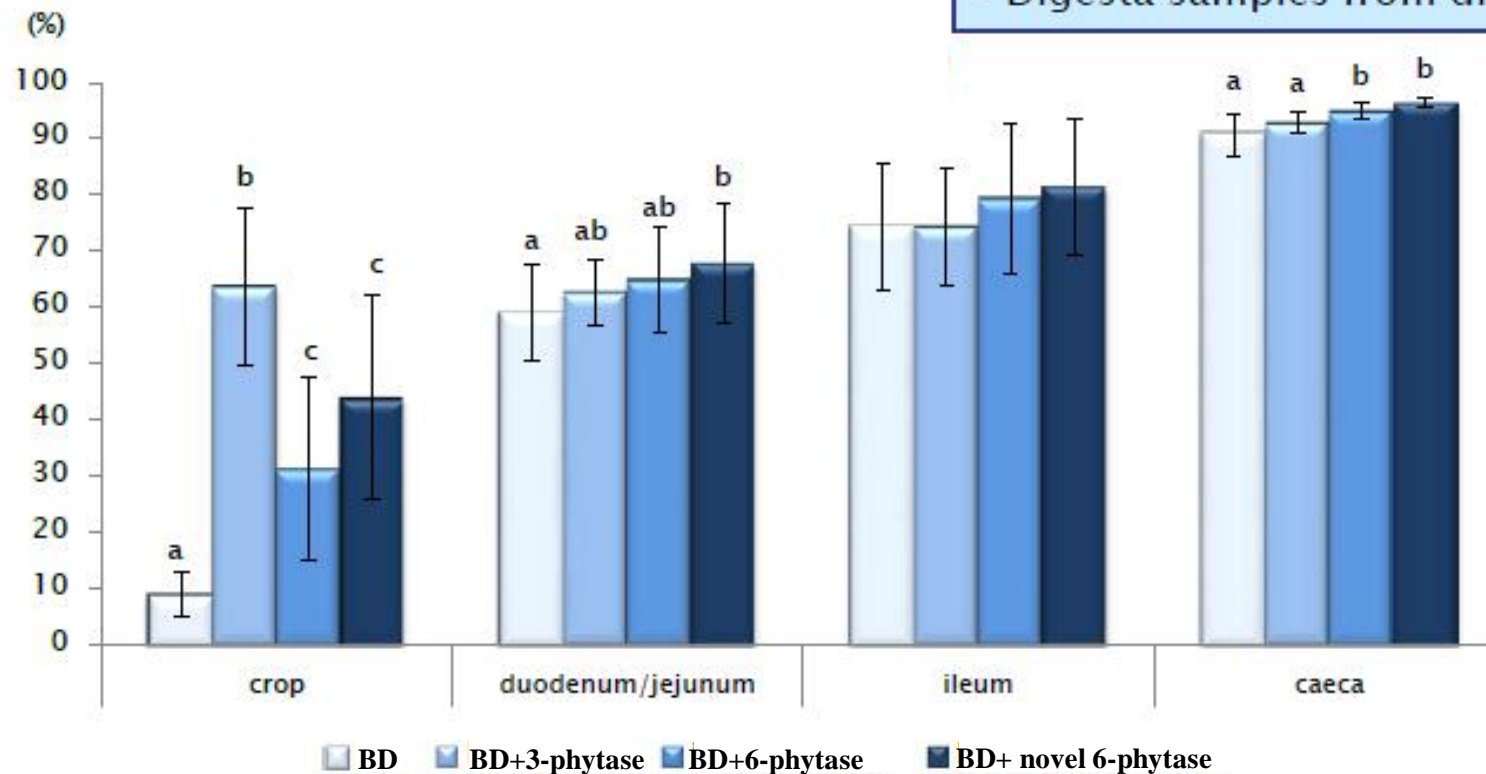


Retention time (RT) can be increased by antiperistalsis!

nimals, 2009

InsP₆ hydrolysis in segments of the digestive tract of broilers (% , means and SD)

- Maize-soybean meal based diet
- 10 pens per treatment from d16 to d25
- Three different phytase supplements
- Digesta samples from different segments



⚭-c Values without a common superscript within a segment are significantly different according to t-test (p ≤ 0.05); BD=basal diet.

Zeller et al. (2012)

(Adapted from Rodehutsord)

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More effective elimination of phytate as anti-nutritional factor

▲ Phytase product:

- Bacterial 6-phytases preferentially hydrolyse higher molecular weight IPs (see Cowieson *et al.* 2011), i.e. those with highest ANF effects



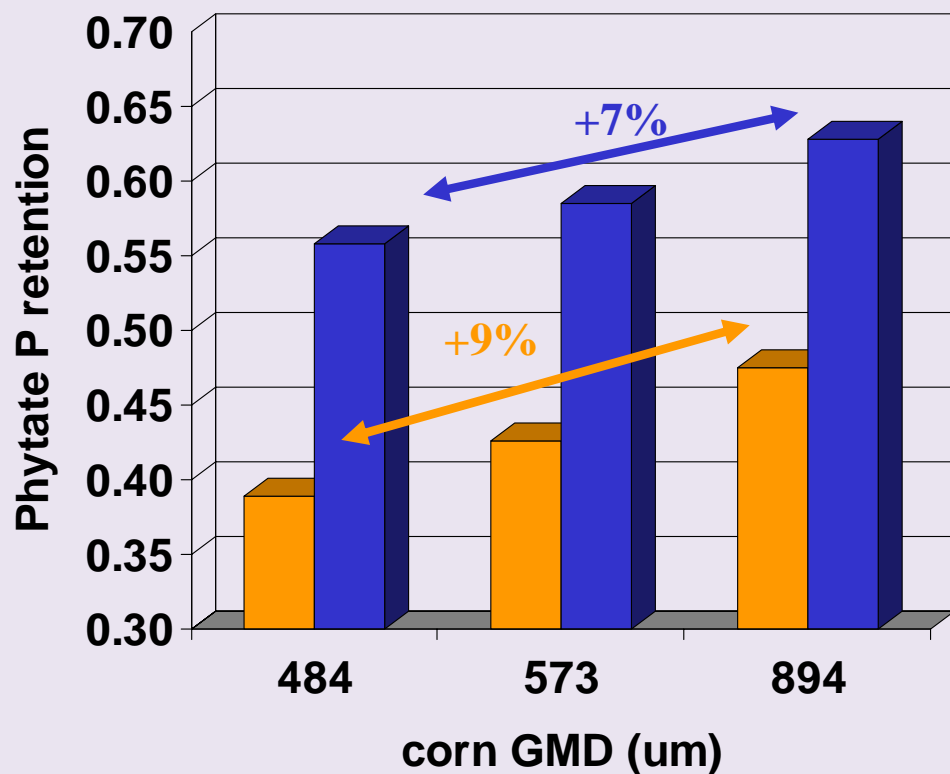
eliminating more IP6 and IP5 per unit of P-release

▲ Phytase dose:

- Increased phytase dose level to increase rate and amount of phytate degradation



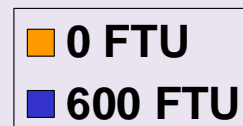
Grinding: coarse particles increase phytate-P degradation in young broilers



Set-up:

- 1-day-old broiler chicks
- Mixed sex
- Mash diets: 10 g Ca; 5 g tP
- Fecal collection: 14 days

3-Phytase:



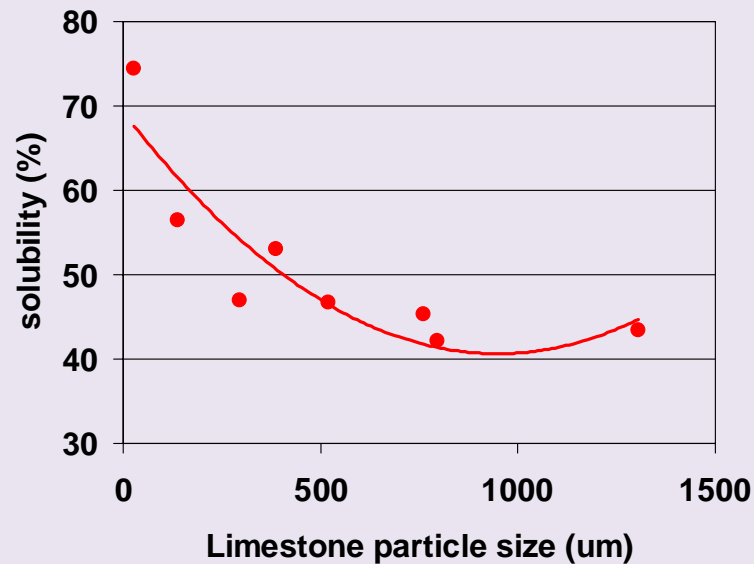
Caused by:

- Longer retention time in the crop and gizzard?
- Larger gizzard with lowered pH?

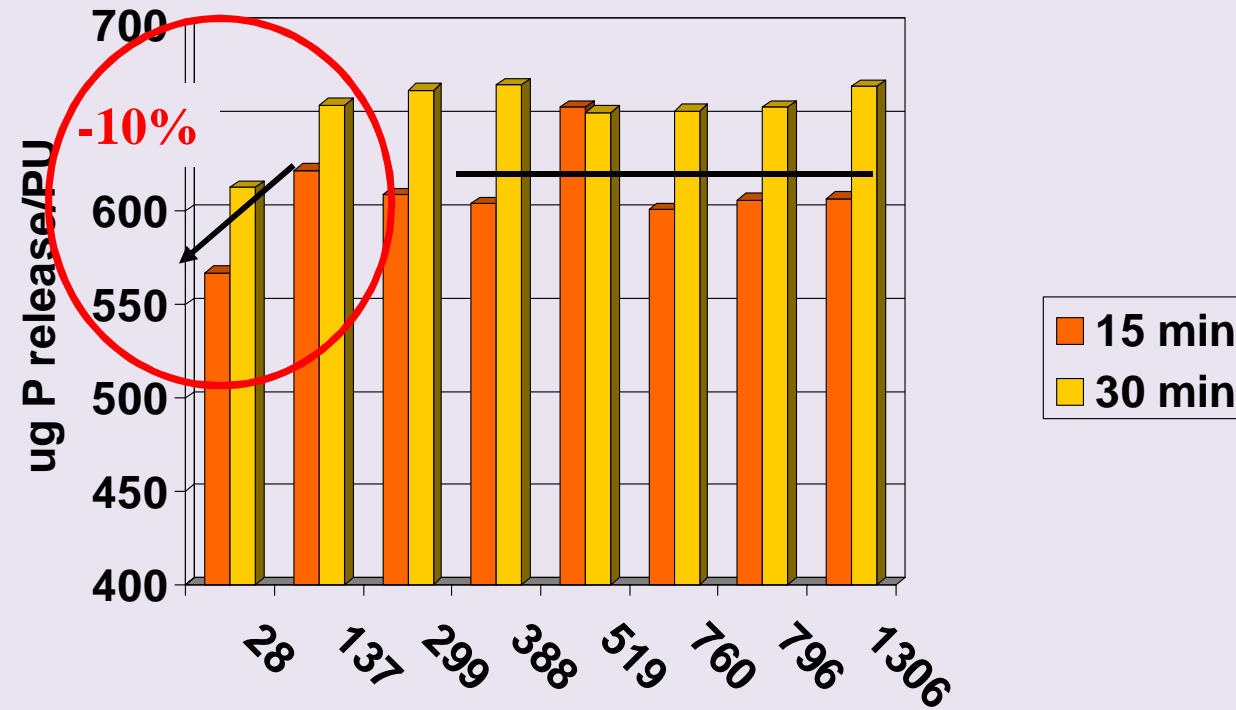
No sign. interaction effect; Similar effects on Ca retention and tibia ash



Small limestone particle size limits P release by phytase *in vitro*



Solubility method not described

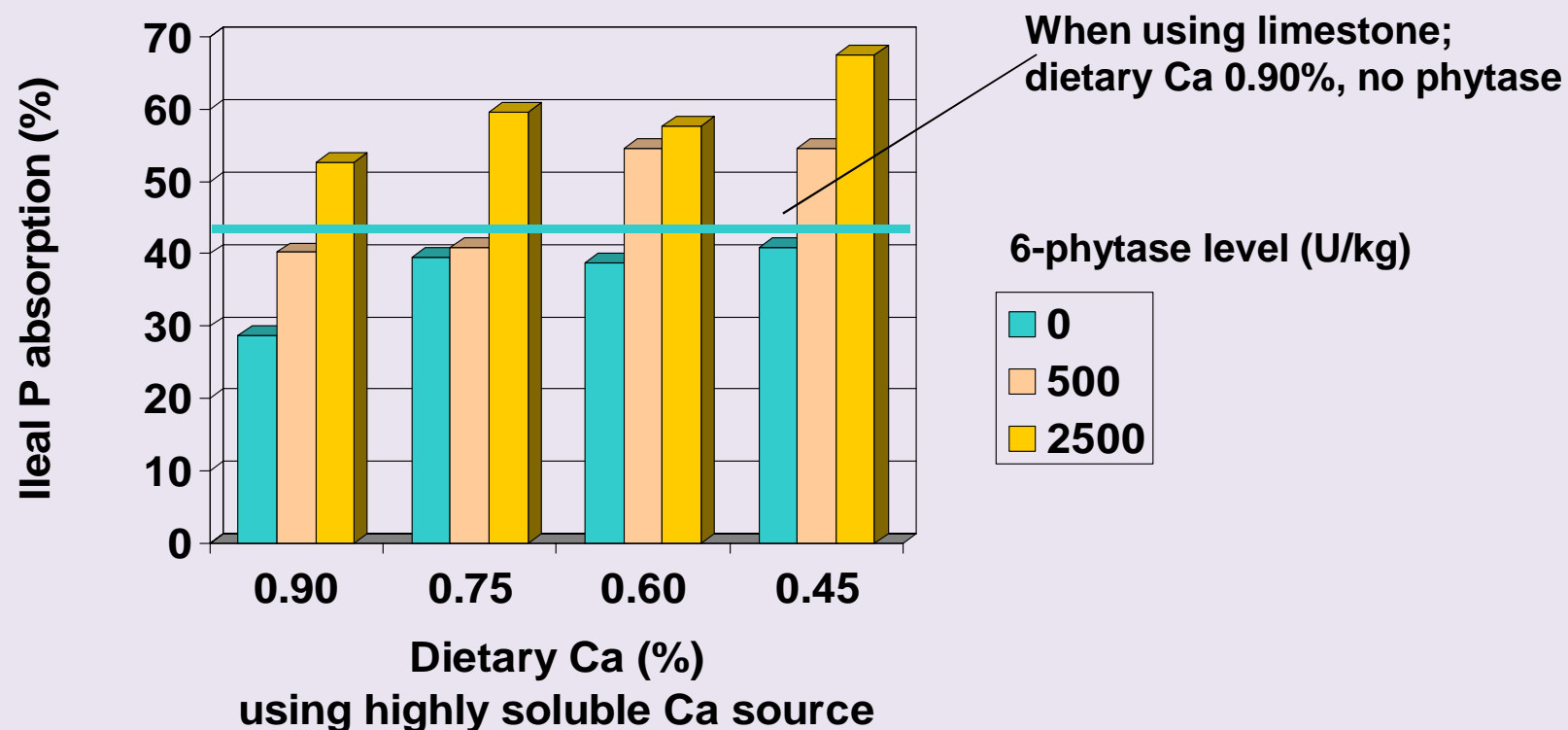


In vitro, Na phytate, 500 FTU 3-phytase pH 2.5. Data after 60 and 120 min quite variable

Very fine limestone reduces phytase efficacy
Manangi and Coon (2007)



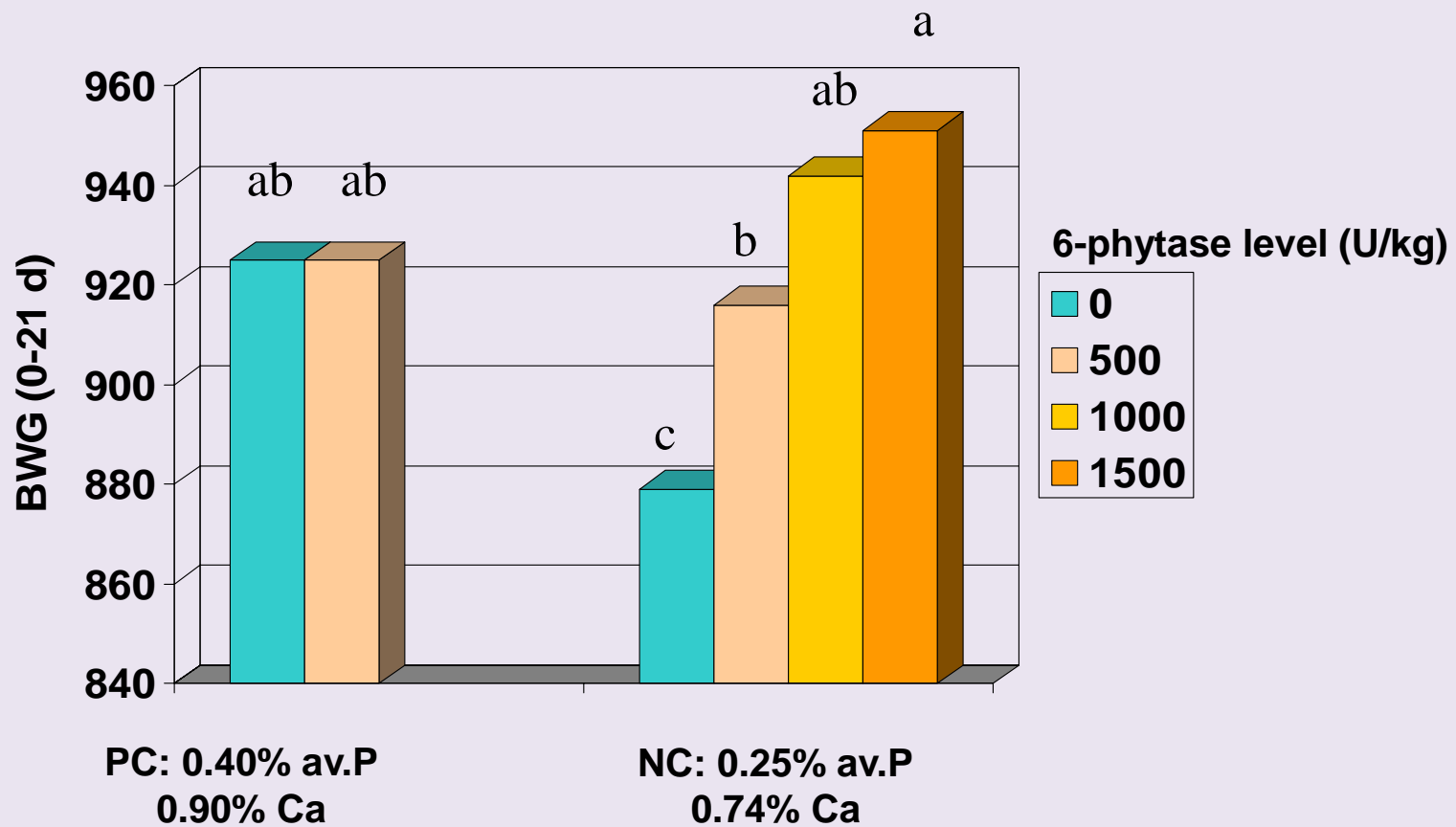
Formulation on available Ca rather than on total Ca to optimise phytase efficacy?



PC plus 0.10% DCP-P and 0.10% Ca did not improve BWG



High phytase dose levels improve performance beyond non P-deficient control



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Phytase evaluation and ranking (1)

Based on

- *In vivo* efficacy studies:
 - Production performance
 - Tibia ash contents
 - Phytate degradation, P absorption/retention
- *In vitro* efficacy studies



Phytase evaluation (2)

- ***In vivo* assay for phytase activity** (AOAC)

Definition: One unit phytase (FTU) is the amount of enzyme that hydrolyses 1 μmol P/min from Na-phytate at pH 5.5 at 37°C

- Measurement of ***in vivo* response per FTU** in target animals fed P-deficient diets



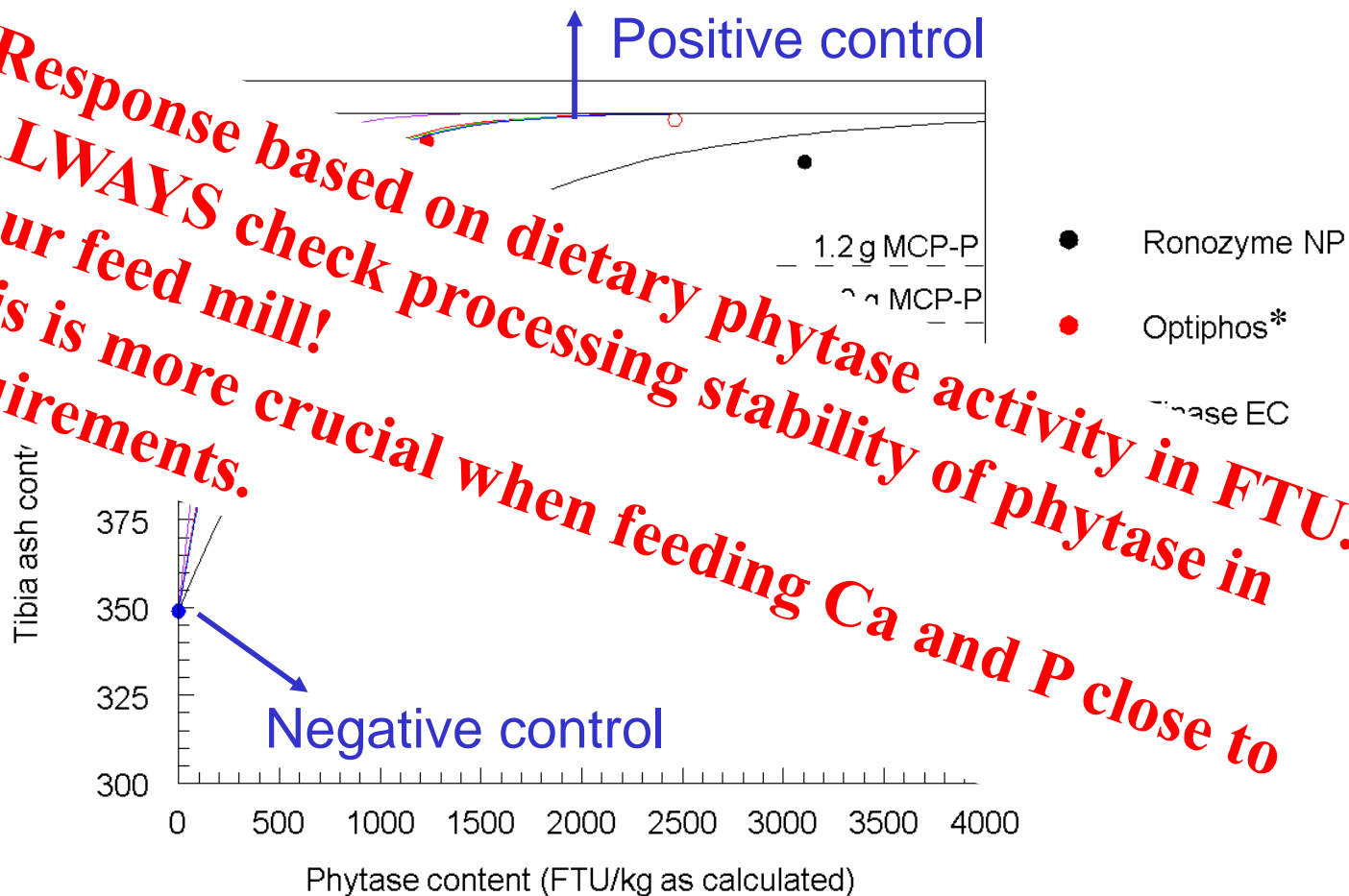
Phytase evaluation (set-up)

- Five commercial phytases (as liquid) tested by SFR:
Finase EC, Natuphos, Optiphos, Ronozyme NP, Quantum
- Test diets with 0.65% Ca, 0.26% IP
- Dose levels based on 1.0 g MCP-P equivalence (set as 100%): Used doses 50, 100 and 200%
- 9 replicates (3 exp. x 3 repl.)
- Measurements:
BWG 5-21 days, tibia ash 21 days



Efficacy of commercial phytases

- Response based on dietary phytase activity in FTU.
- ALWAYS check processing stability of phytase in your feed mill!
- This is more crucial when feeding Ca and P close to requirements.



* Optiphos marketed in OTU using FTU/2



Conclusions/ take home messages

- Conclusions on phytase research are not universal, but may vary from phytase to phytase
- Phytase efficacy varies among **feedstuffs** due to phytate solubility
- Increased **feedstuff particle size** can improve phytase efficacy
- Phytate is a potent anti nutrient and phytase value is beyond P release



Conclusions/ take home messages

- Optimum (i.e. lowering) **dietary Ca level** improves phytase efficacy
- When Ca and dP are close to requirements always verify phytase processing stability in your feedmill
- Recent phytase research will be more focused on its application



Thank you for your attention

