

Adaptation of Feed Composition and Nutritional Specifications to Production Systems Types and Intensity in Aquaculture

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Optimal Nutritional Specifications

- Aquaculture species can perform equally well on feeds of different compositions
 - There are 1000s of different ways of producing 1 kg of fish
- “Optimal nutritional specifications” may vary as a function of several factors
 - Production system type
 - Intensity of production
 - Socio-economic conditions
- Finding this optimal composition is generally achieved through a “trial and error” process but can/should first be approached in a scientific manner
 - Step 1: Understand some of the basics / underlying issues and processes
 - Step 2: Adopt a systematic approach of adapting the composition

Feed Composition and Fish Performance

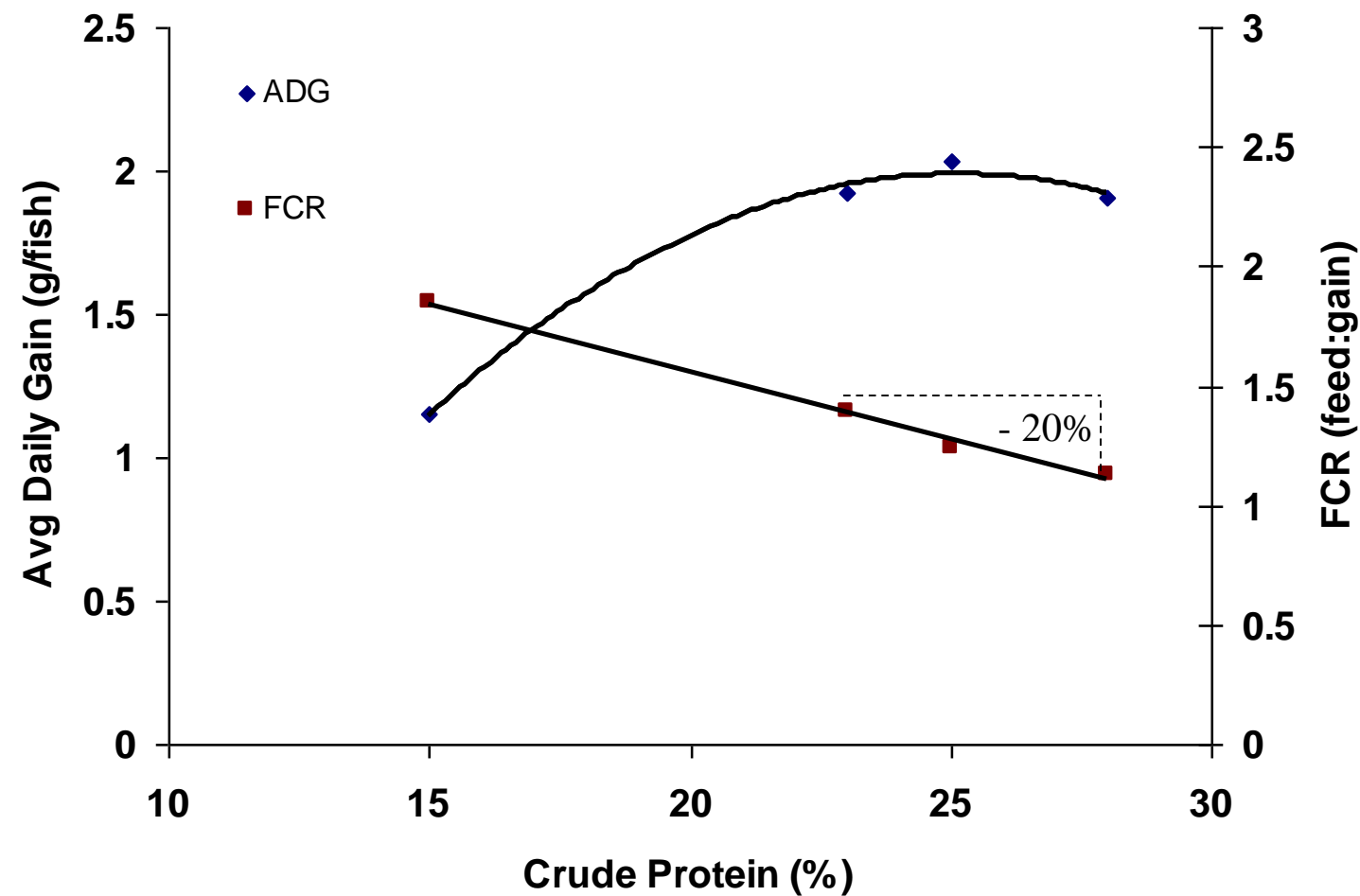
Atlantic salmon

(Azevedo, 1998)

	Regular	HND
DP, %	37	44
DE, MJ/kg	18	22
DP/DE, g/MJ	20	20
Weight gain, g/fish	33.4	33.6
Feed efficiency, G:F	1.09	1.33
FCR, F:G	0.92	0.75

Take home message: Different feeds can give the same growth, FCR will be what varies between feeds

Daily Weight Gain and Feed Conversion Ratio of Nile Tilapia Fed Commercial Feeds with Different Nutrient Densities



Data from a commercial cage culture operation in SE Asia

Production System Types

- Environment:
 - Fresh vs. brackish vs. marine water
 - Land-based vs. near-shore vs. offshore
 - Outdoor vs. indoor
 - Open vs. semi-closed vs. closed systems
- Pond (earthen, lined-earthen pond, concrete, PVC tarpaulin, concrete, etc.)
- Cage / netpen / hapas
- In-pond raceway (IPR)
- Tank or raceway
 - Flow-through
 - Semi-recirculated
 - Recirculation Aquaculture Systems (RAS)

Production Systems Intensity

- Extensive
 - Mostly relying on natural food with some feed inputs
 - Low intensity – Low stocking density – Target: Low to moderate growth rate and yield
- Integrated Agriculture – Aquaculture
 - Relying mostly on natural food but feed inputs depends on systems (rice:fish, crab:grass, duck:fish, etc.)
 - Low intensity – Low stocking density – Target: Low to moderate growth rate and yield
- Semi-Intensive
 - Relying mostly on feed inputs but some contributions of natural food
 - Moderate stocking density – Target: Moderate to high growth rate - Moderate yield
- Intensive
 - Relying almost exclusive on feed inputs – very small contribution of natural food (if outdoor)
 - High stocking density – Target: High growth and high yield
- Super-Intensive
 - Relying exclusively on feed inputs
 - Very high stocking density – Target: High growth and very high yield

Different Systems = Different Challenges

- Recirculation Aquaculture Systems
 - Waste Management
 - Need to minimize ammonia, solid organic matter outputs and suspended solids
 - Need to minimize CO₂ outputs and oxygen demand
- Indoor and High Intensity Systems
 - No contribution of natural food
 - Feed need to be nutritional complete
- Outdoor Systems
 - Environmental variations
 - Dramatic variation in water quality parameters (DO, NH₃-N, pH, etc.) and bacterial (incl. pathogen) load
 - Environmental Impacts
 - Need to manage solid, N and P waste outputs

Open FW System Beautiful Scenery, Clean Water, Potential conflicts with recreational use = Solid wastes (manure pile), dissolved phosphorus (eutrophication)



Close System, Muddy Water, Air-Breathing Species = Different sets of constraints (ammonia?)



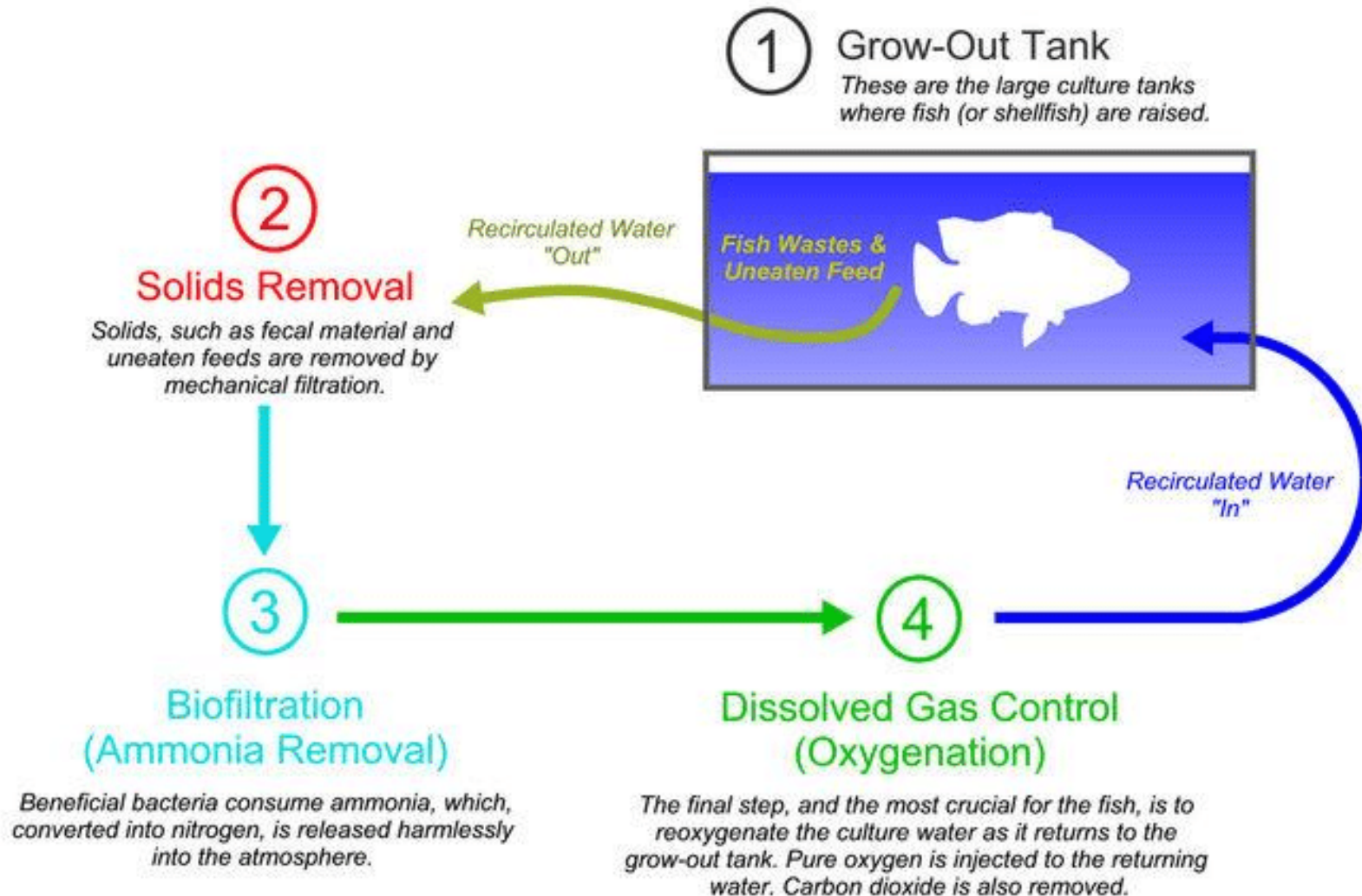
Semi-Closed SW System = Constraints = ammonia, DO, solid organic wastes, etc.



Fully Closed RAS, high density, high cost
Constraints = solid wastes, ammonia, DO, CO2

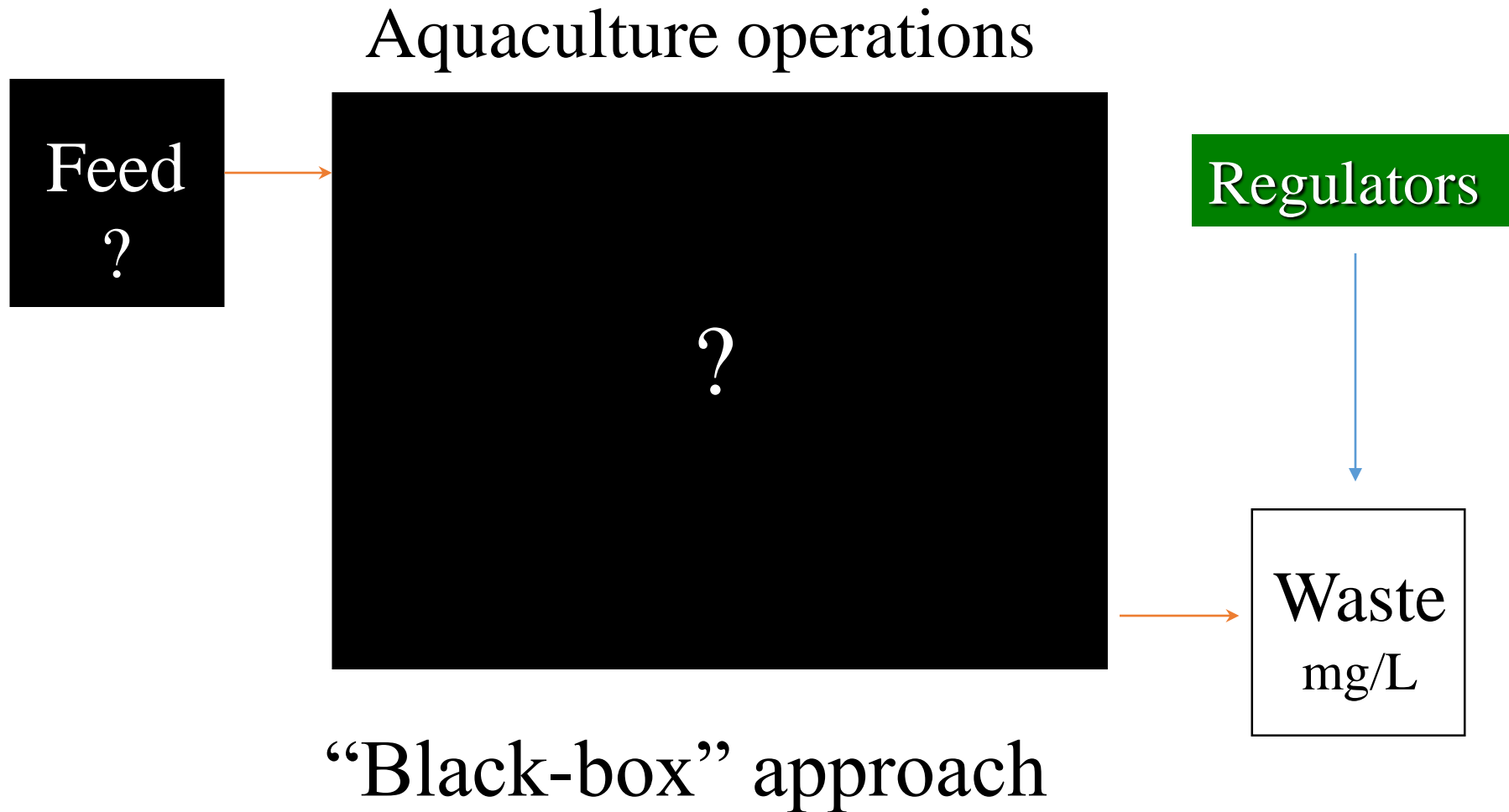


Simplified Process Flow Diagram for Recirculating Aquaculture Systems (RAS)

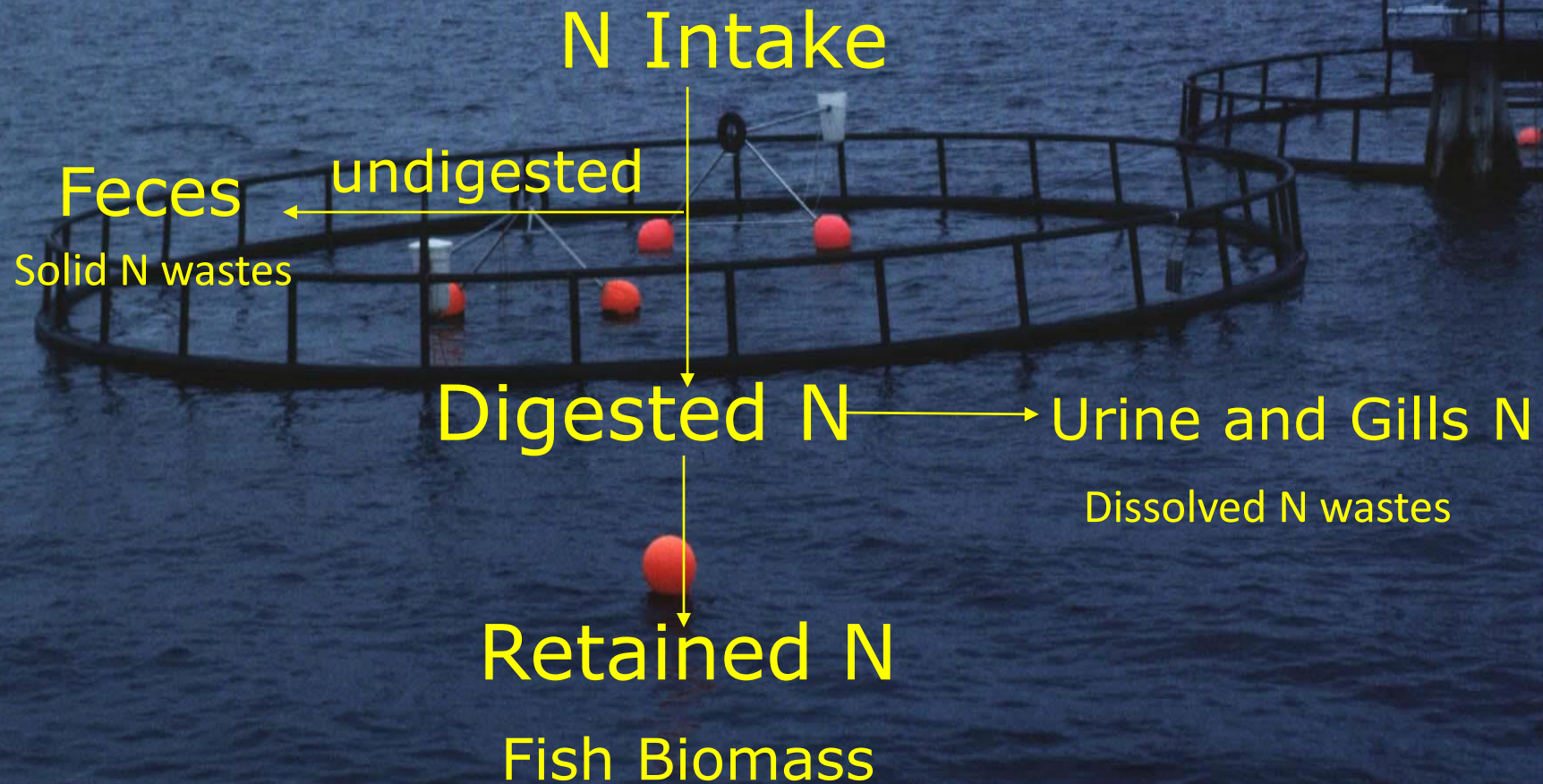


Principles of Nutritional Waste Management

Estimating Waste Outputs - Chemical Approach



Estimating Waste Output - Nutritional Approach



Some Nutritional Principles

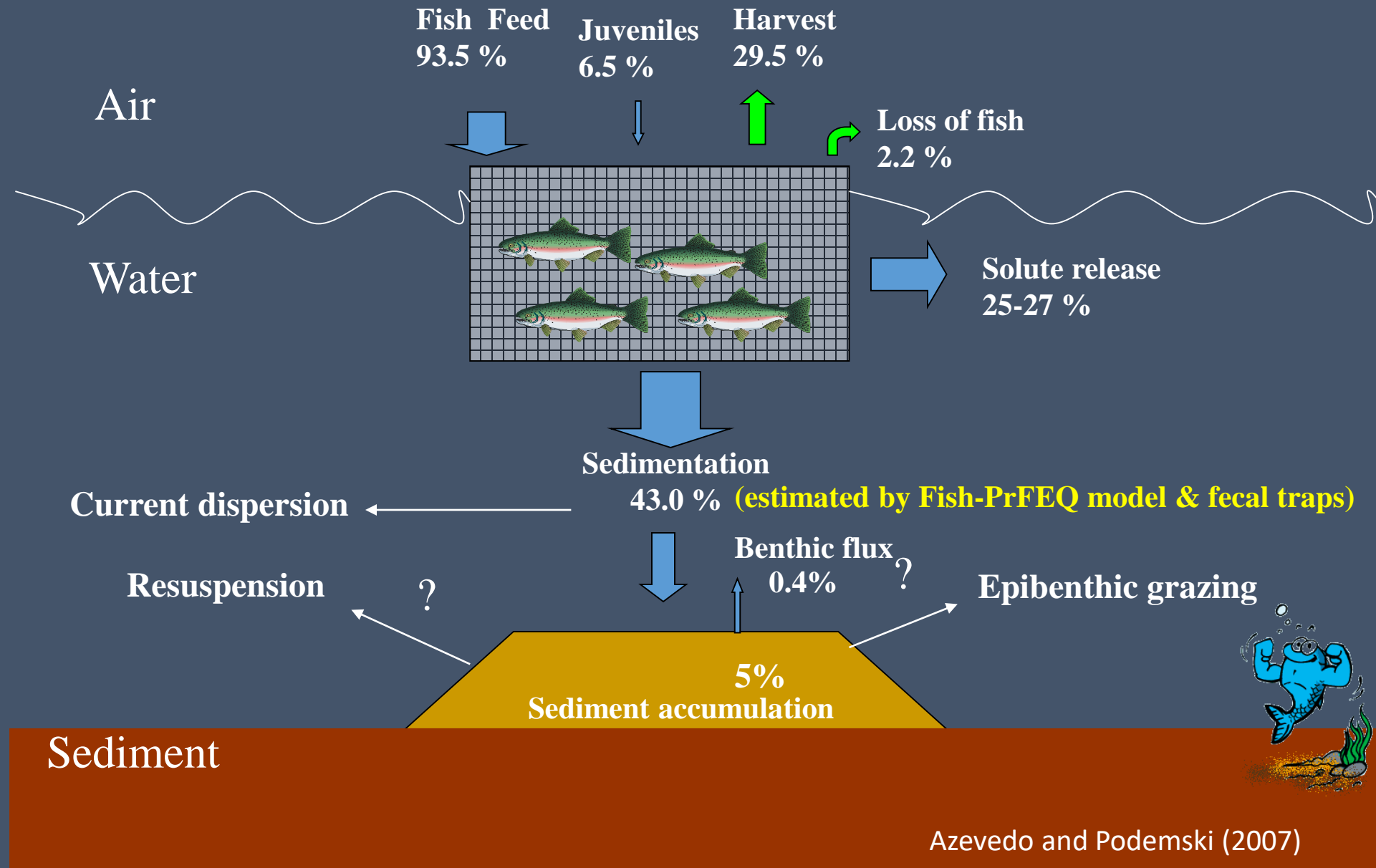
- Wastes originate from feed and metabolism
- Feed composition and digestibility and feed requirement (i.e. FCR, feed:gain) determine solid waste (organic, N, P) outputs
- Digestible nutrient intakes, metabolism (efficiency of nutrient/energy utilization) and environmental processes (e.g. biodegradation) affect dissolved N oxygen requirements and CO₂ outputs

Different types of wastes matter to different aquaculture operations

Wastes	Cage		Pond		RAS
	Fresh	Marine	Fresh	Marine	
Solid	FW	SW	FW	SW	
Total	++	++	+	+	++
Organic	+++	+	+++	+++	+++
Nitrogen		+			++
Phosphorus	+				
Dissolved					
Nitrogen		+++	+++	+++	+++
Phosphorus	+++				
CO2					+++

+ moderately important, ++ important, +++ highly important

Phosphorus Mass Balance for Lake 375 in 2005



Parameters	1980's Feed	2000's Feed
Chemical Composition		
Crude Protein, %	36	44
Lipid (Fat), %	10	24
Digestible Energy, MJ/kg	14	19
Phosphorus (P), %	2.5	1.1
Apparent Digestibility Coefficient (%)¹		
Dry matter (DM)	65	78
Crude protein (CP)	85	88
Gross energy (GE)	70	80
Phosphorus (P)	50	60
Theoretical FCR² , feed:gain	1.5	1.1
Total Solid Wastes		
kg / tonne of feed fed	350	220
kg / tonne of fish produced	540	250
Solid Nitrogen Wastes		
kg / tonne fish produced	13	9
Solid Phosphorus Wastes		
kg / tonne fish produced	19	5
Dissolved Nitrogen Wastes		
kg / tonne fish produced	48	43
Dissolved Phosphorus Wastes		
kg / tonne fish produced	16	4

Progress achieved

**Digestible nutrient
density greatly
increased**

**Reduced to less
than half**

Reduced to a fourth

Reduced to a fourth

Solid Wastes



Ingredients	Apparent digestibility coefficients (%)			
	Dry Matter	Crude Protein	Lipid	Energy
Alfalfa meal	39	87	71	43
Blood meal				
ring-dried	87	85	-	86
spray-dried	91	96	-	92
flame-dried	55	16	-	50
Brewer's dried yeast	76	91	-	77
Corn yellow	23	95	-	39
Corn gluten feed	23	92		29
Corn gluten meal	80	96	-	83
Corn distiller dried soluble	46	85	71	51
Feather meal	77	77	-	77
Fish meal, herring	85	92	97	91
Meat and bone meal	70	85	-	80
Poultry by-products meal	76	89	-	82
Rapeseed meal	35	77	-	45
Soybean, full-fat, cook.	78	96	94	85
Soybean meal, dehulled	74	96	-	75
Wheat middlings	35	92	-	46
Whey, dehydrated	97	96	-	94
Fish protein concentrate	90	95	-	94
Soy protein concentrate	77	97	-	84

Solid Waste Outputs

Total solid waste output (TSW)=

$$\text{(Feed consumed} \times (1 - \text{ADC}_{\text{D.M.}})) + \text{wasted feed}$$

The higher the digestibility (ADC), the lower the solid waste (SW)

Feed A with ADC dry matter = 75%

produce 25 kg SW per 100 kg DM consumed

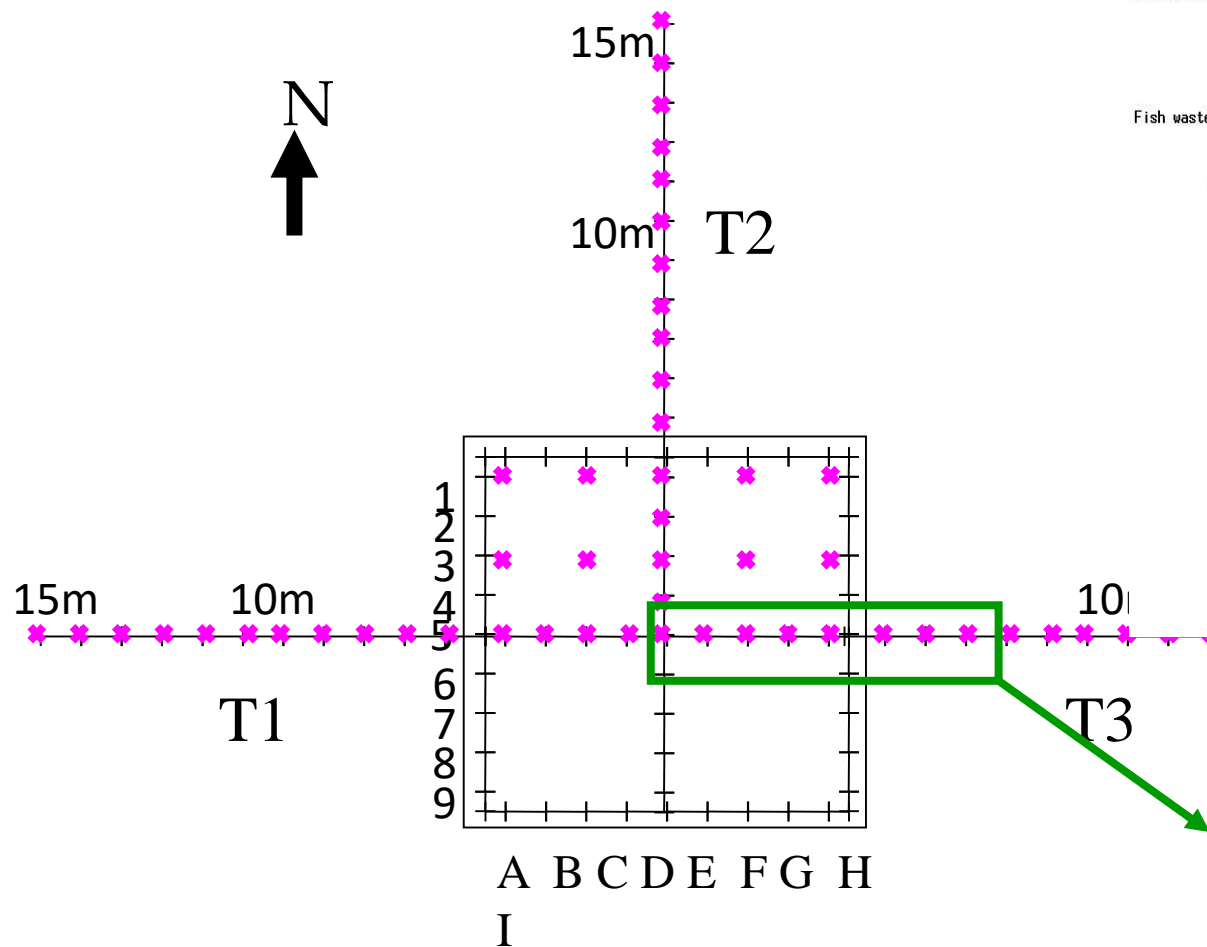
Feed B with ADC dry matter = 80%

produce 20 kg SW per 100 kg DM consumed

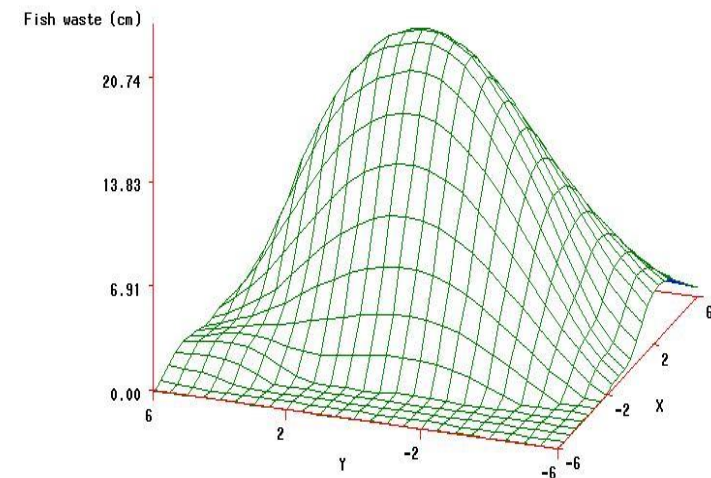
Crude protein (CP), total dietary fiber (TDF) and Fiber-associated solid waste of TDF of various practical feed ingredients

Ingredients	CP	TDF	Fiber-Derived Solid Waste
	%	%	kg/t feed
Cottonseed meal	28	60	700
Wheat bran	17	42	370
Corn gluten feed	21	38	340
Canola meal	35	28	260
Soybean meal	48	21	190
Corn	8	10	88
Corn gluten meal	60	6	5

Assessing the Footprint of an Open Water Cage Culture Operation

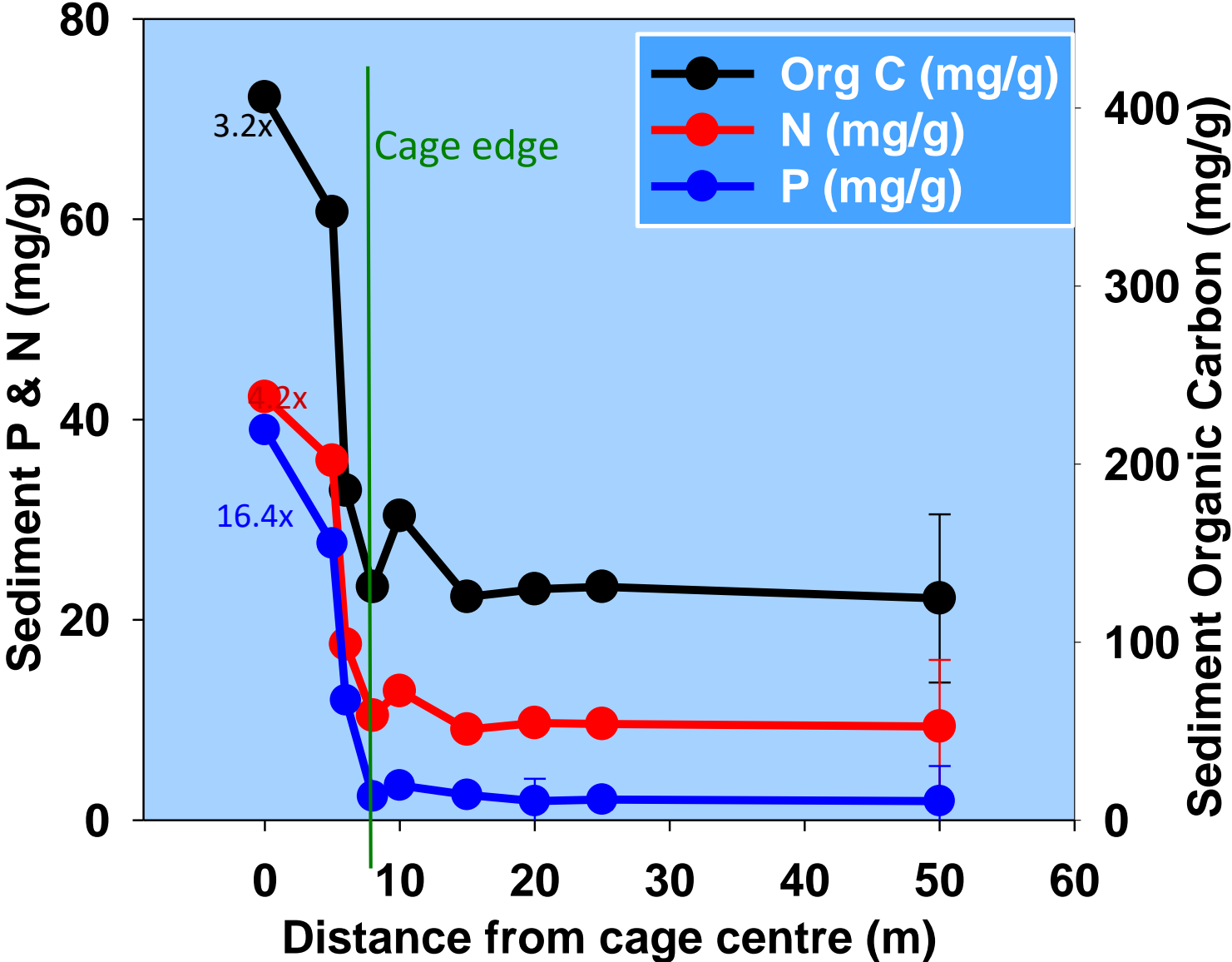


Surface plot of Fish Waste Depth after smoothed spline interpolation



Podemski and Azevedo (2007)

Sept 2004



C. Podemski

Feces Physico-chemical Characteristics?

Settling velocity, Stability, Leaching, BOD, Signature



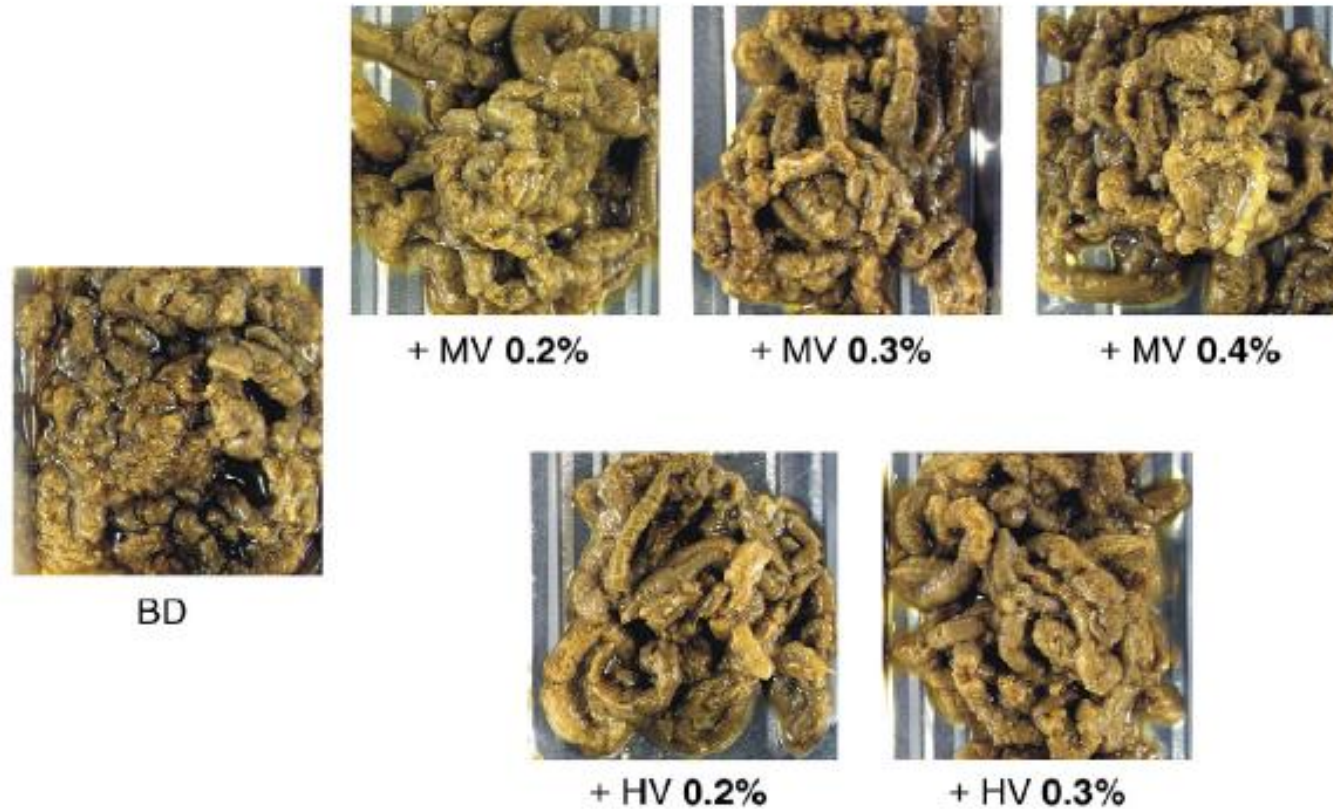
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Guar gum in rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) feed: The influence of quality and dose on stabilisation of faecal solids

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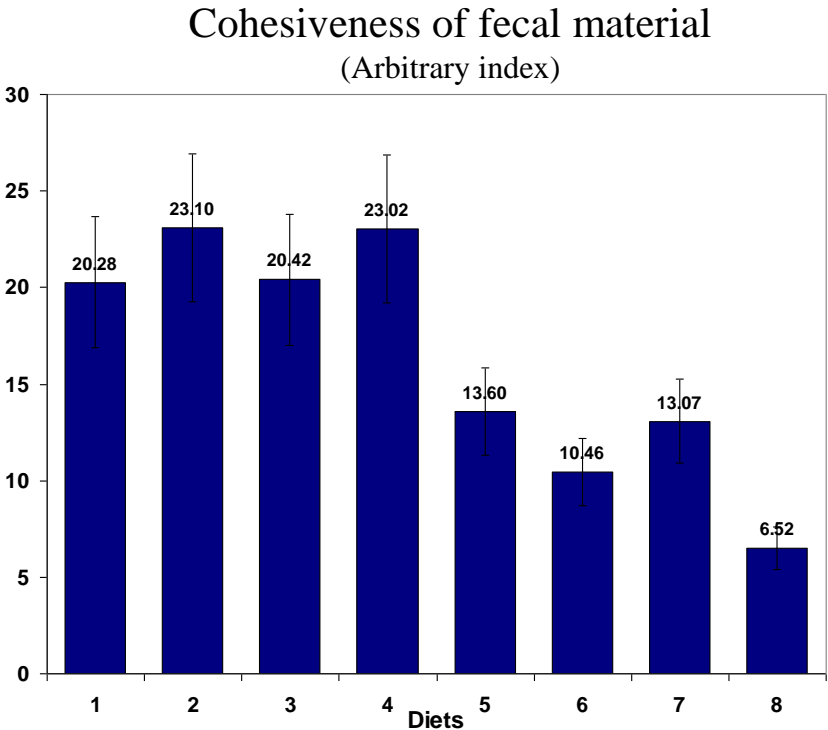
Goal:

Making the fecal material more cohesive and easier to recover by settling and filtration

Fig. 1. Faeces from rainbow trout fed a basic diet (BD) and from trout fed the same diet but with the inclusion of various concentrations of two types of guar gum as binders (MV=mid-viscosity guar gum, HV=high-viscosity guar gum). Faeces were obtained by intestinal dissection. Note that the faeces containing binder are more structured and less pulpy than those resulting from the basic diet (BD).

Source: Ogunkoya, A.E., G.I. Page, M. A. Adewolu, and D.P. Bureau. 2006. Dietary incorporation of soybean meal and exogenous enzyme cocktail can affect physical characteristics of faecal material egested by rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). Aquaculture 254: 466-475.

Diet	Description
1	Diet with 0% soybean meal
2	Diet with 10% soybean meal
3	Diet with 20% soybean meal
4	Diet 1 suppl. with 1 g Superzyme CS/kg
5	Diet 2 suppl. with 1 g Superzyme CS/kg
6	Diet 3 suppl. with 1 g Superzyme CS/kg
7	Diet 2 suppl. with 2.5 g Superzyme CS/kg
8	Diet 3 suppl. with 2.5 g Superzyme CS/kg

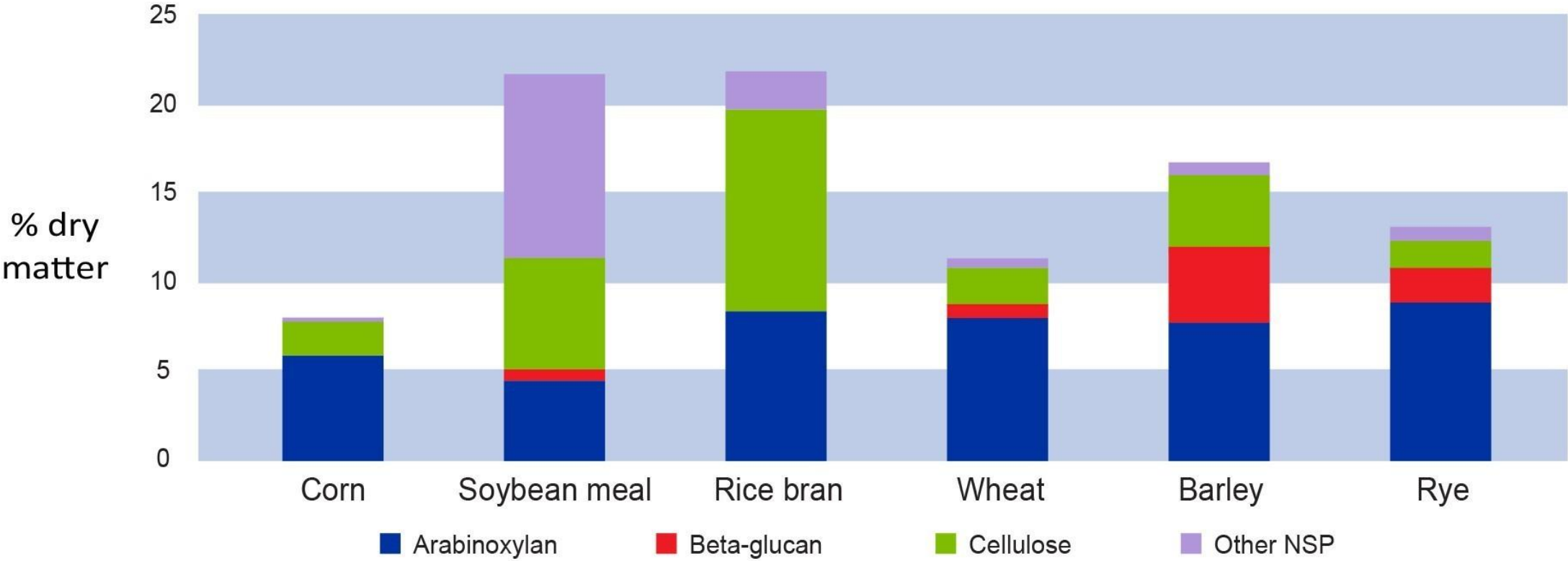


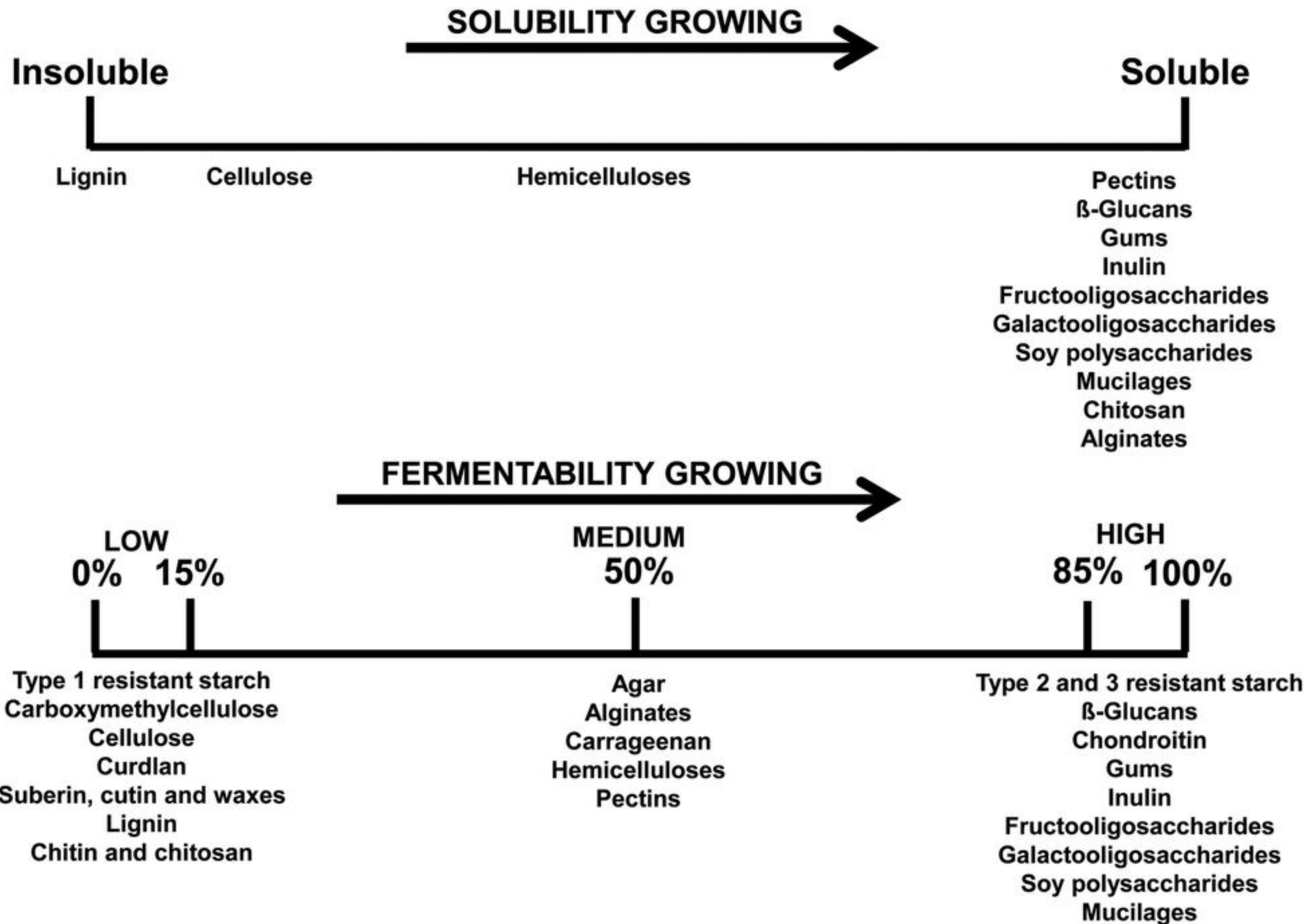
Diet composition and enzyme supplementation can affect physico-chemical characteristics of fecal material egested by fish

Goal:

Making the fecal material less cohesive and easier to breakdown and disperse

Percentage of NSPs in Feed Grains¹





Feed Composition and Incidence of Disease in Shrimp Culture

- Higher quality feeds (e.g. higher protein) anecdotally associated with better survival
- Are these feeds making the animal more resistant?
- Could the amount and types of solid wastes associated with different feeds play a role?
 - Lower quality / nutritional density feeds = more solid waste outputs
 - Higher quality / nutrient density feeds = less solid waste outputs

Bacterial Abundance and Community Composition in Pond Water From Shrimp Aquaculture Systems With Different Stocking Densities

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Vibrio, a potential opportunistic pathogen for *L. vannamei* has been found in higher proportions in the particulate fractions.

This might indicate that marine aggregates, can accumulate potentially pathogenic bacteria.

Vibrio can convert from non-virulent to virulent under certain cell density threshold or if dramatic environmental changes occur.

TABLE 2 | Total bacterial cell numbers in the free-living (FL) and the particle attached (PA) fractions.

Day	Fractions			
	FL [$\times 10^7$ cells mL ⁻¹]		PA [$\times 10^5$ cells mL ⁻¹]	
	S	T	S	T
10	0.06 ± 0.01^a	0.09 ± 0.02^a	0.62 ± 0.08^a	0.50 ± 0.05^a
40	1.83 ± 0.13^b	3.09 ± 2.34^b	6.77 ± 0.50^b	6.40 ± 0.24^b
50	2.94 ± 1.04^b	2.13 ± 0.11^b	6.51 ± 0.79^b	6.55 ± 0.31^b
60	3.79 ± 0.89^c	5.01 ± 0.85^c	6.16 ± 0.67^b	6.09 ± 0.37^b
70	3.47 ± 0.94^{bc}	3.64 ± 1.22^{bc}	7.68 ± 0.36^c	7.42 ± 0.21^c

S = Semi-intensive

40 PL/M²

T = Intensive

90 PL/M²

Should maintain low suspended particulate matter and aggregate abundance and to avoid massive *Vibrio* growth.

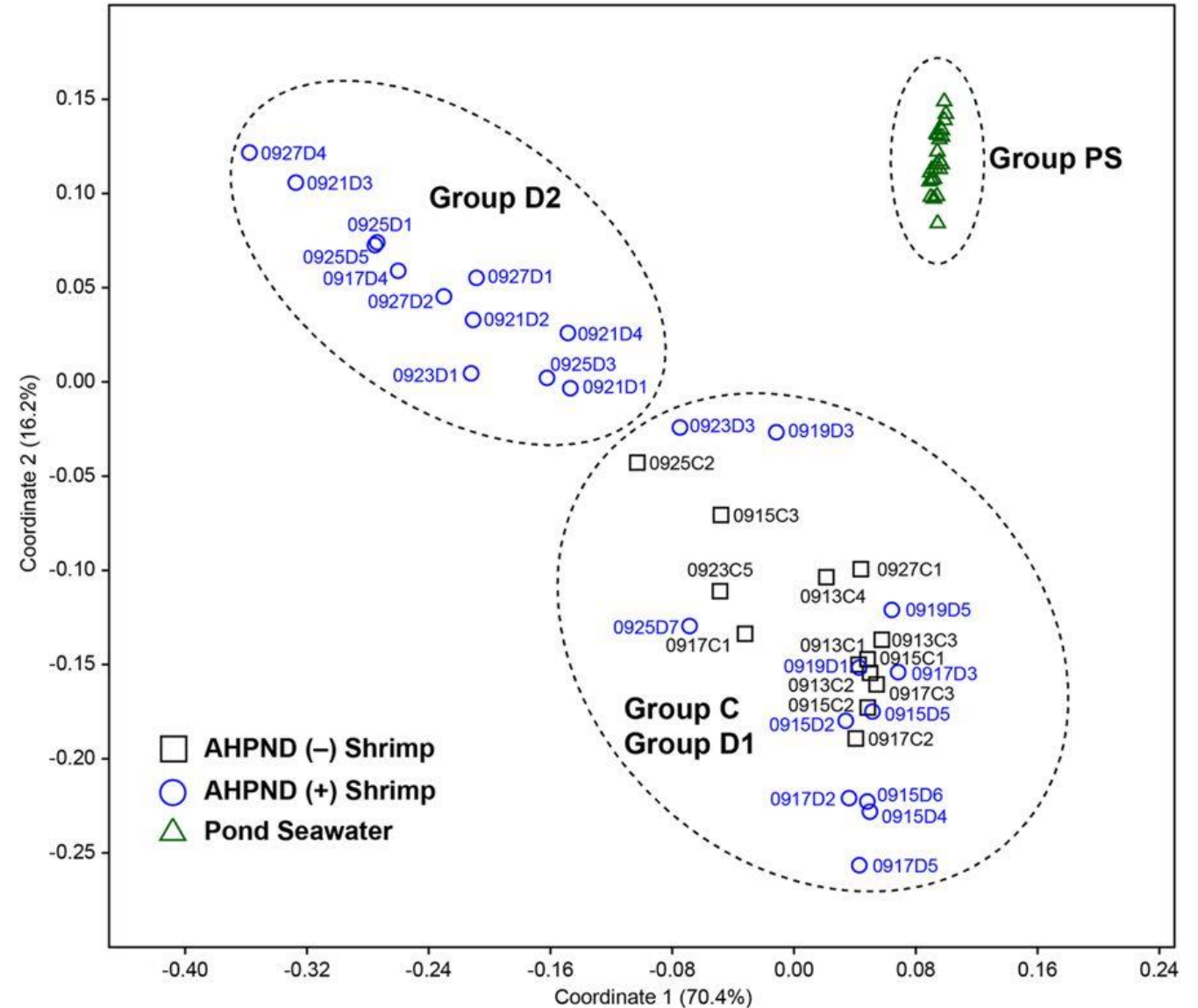
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Microbiome Dynamics in a Shrimp Grow-out Pond with Possible Outbreak of Acute Hepatopancreatic Necrosis Disease

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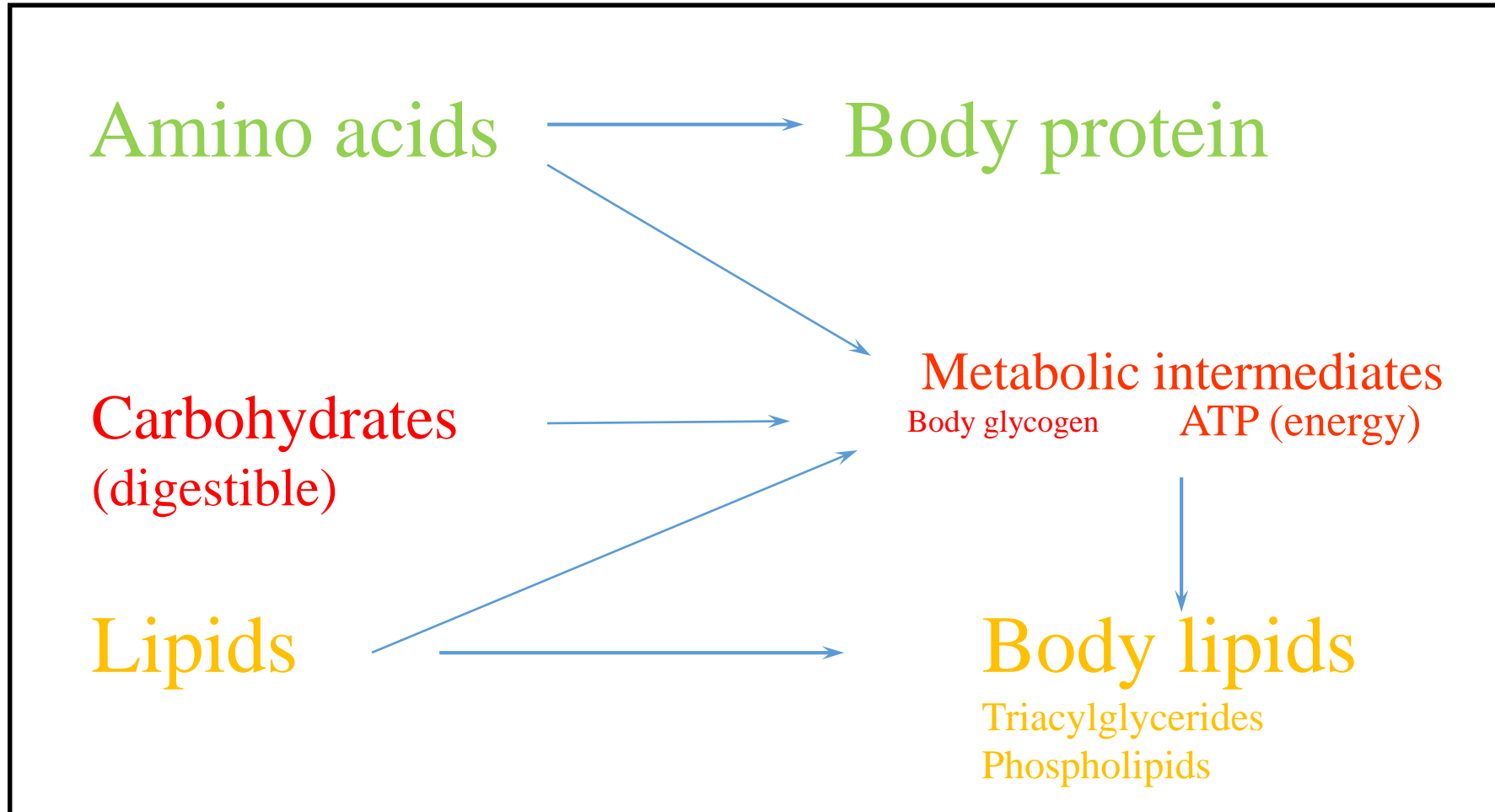
Principal co-ordinates analysis of bacterial community structures of the samples collected from the pond seawater (Group PS), healthy shrimp stomach (Group C), and shrimp stomach affected by AHPND (Groups D1 and D2).



Nitrogenous Wastes

Dissolved N wastes

- Impacted by efficiency of N retention of the animal
- Digestible protein to digestible energy ratio
- Amino acid composition of the digestible protein
- Species, life stage or body weight
- Stressors, disease, management practice



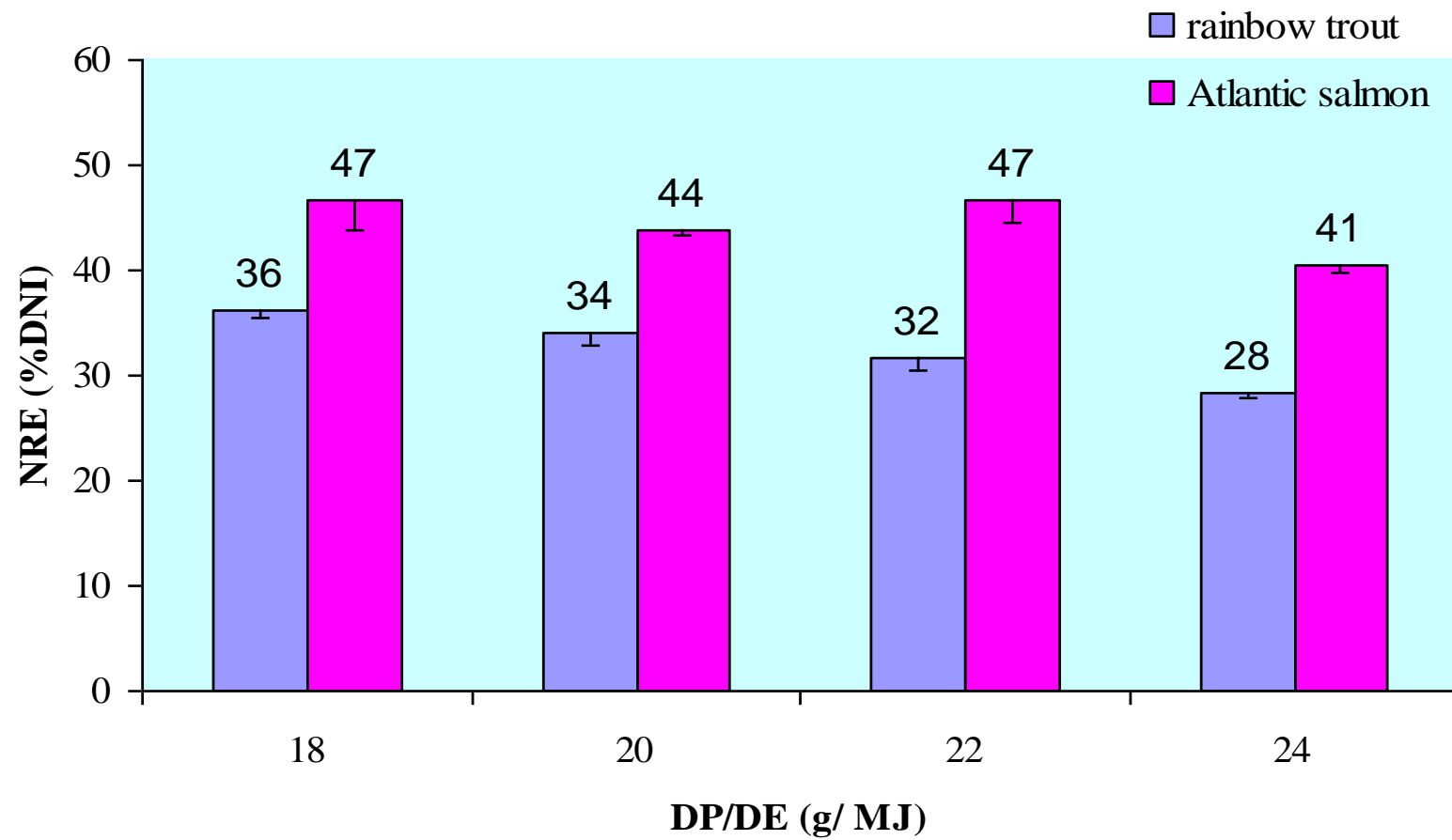
Optimizing Digestible Protein to Digestible Energy Ratio

	Diet			
	1	2	3	4
Diet formulation (g/100g feed)				
Fish meal, herring, 68% CP	34	29	25	22
Corn gluten meal, 60% CP	34	29	25	22
Blood meal, spray-dried	10	10	10	10
Wheat middlings, 17% CP		6.1	9.2	11
Whey, 10% CP	4.8	5.5	7.5	8.9
CaHPO₄			0.3	0.5
Lysine.HCl	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6
Vitamins + minerals	3	3	3	3
Fish oil, herring	14	17	19.5	22
Calculated DP, DE and DP/DE				
DP (%)	49	45	41	37
Lipid (%)	19	21	23	26
DE (MJ, kg)	20	20	20	20
DP/DE (g, MJ)	24	22	20	18

Performance of Atlantic salmon (IBW = 460g) fed the four experimental diets for 44 weeks at 8.5°C.

Diet	Gain (g/fish)	TGC ¹	Feed intake (g/fish)	FE (gain:feed)
DP/DE = 24	1200	0.161	1238	0.97
DP/DE = 22	1272	0.169	1325	0.96
DP/DE = 20	1214	0.163	1298	0.93
DP/DE = 18	1250	0.168	1310	0.95
Significance²				
Linear	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.
Quadratic	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.

¹Thermal-unit growth coefficient (TGC) = $100 \text{ (FBW}^{1/3} - \text{IBW}^{1/3}) / \Sigma (\text{°C} \times \text{days})$;
 IBW = initial body weight (g/fish) ²Significance of linear or quadratic regression models
 using DP: DE as the independent variable.



Azevedo et al. (2004)

Optimal Dietary Protein to Digestible Energy Ratio for Pacu

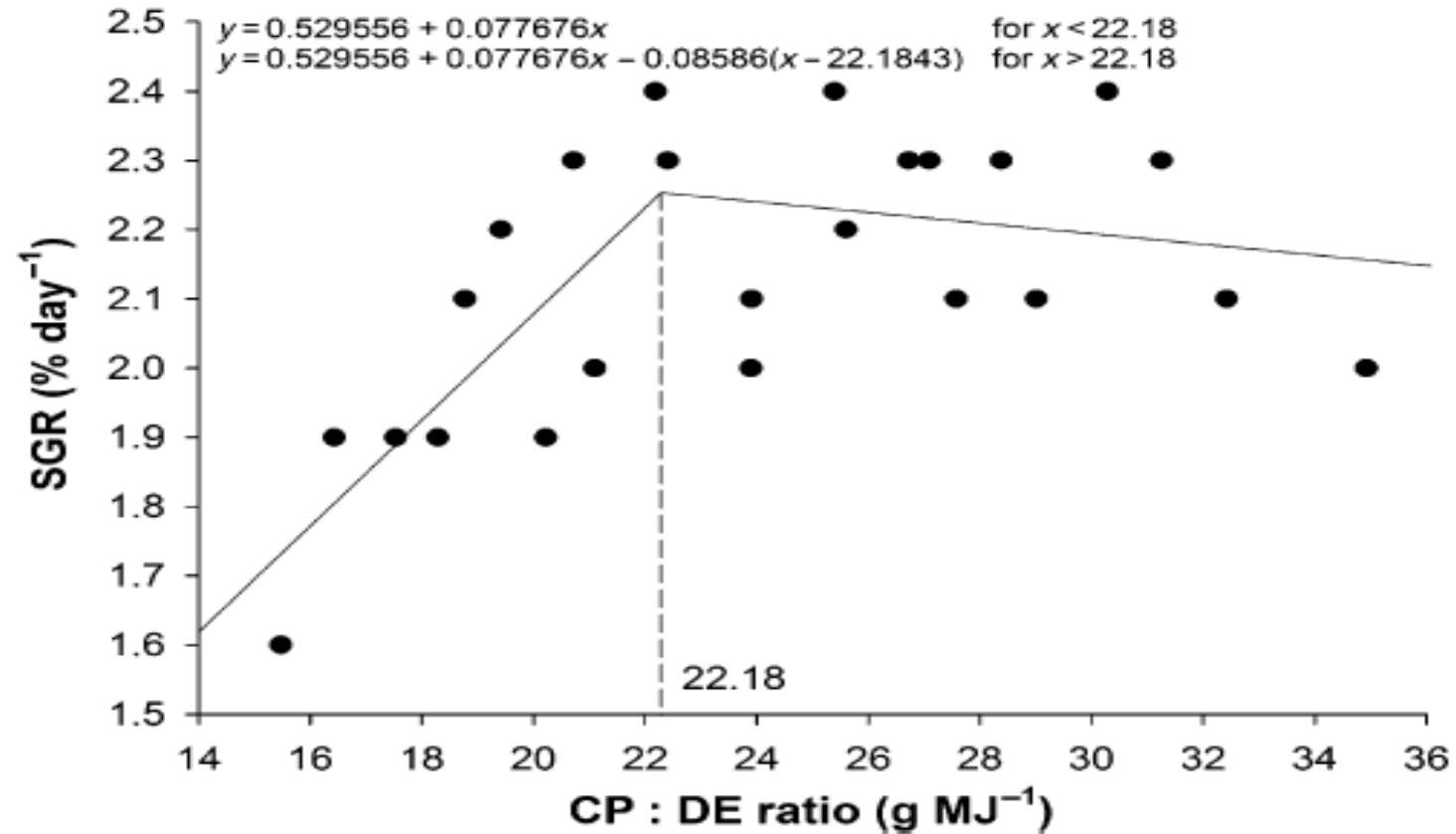
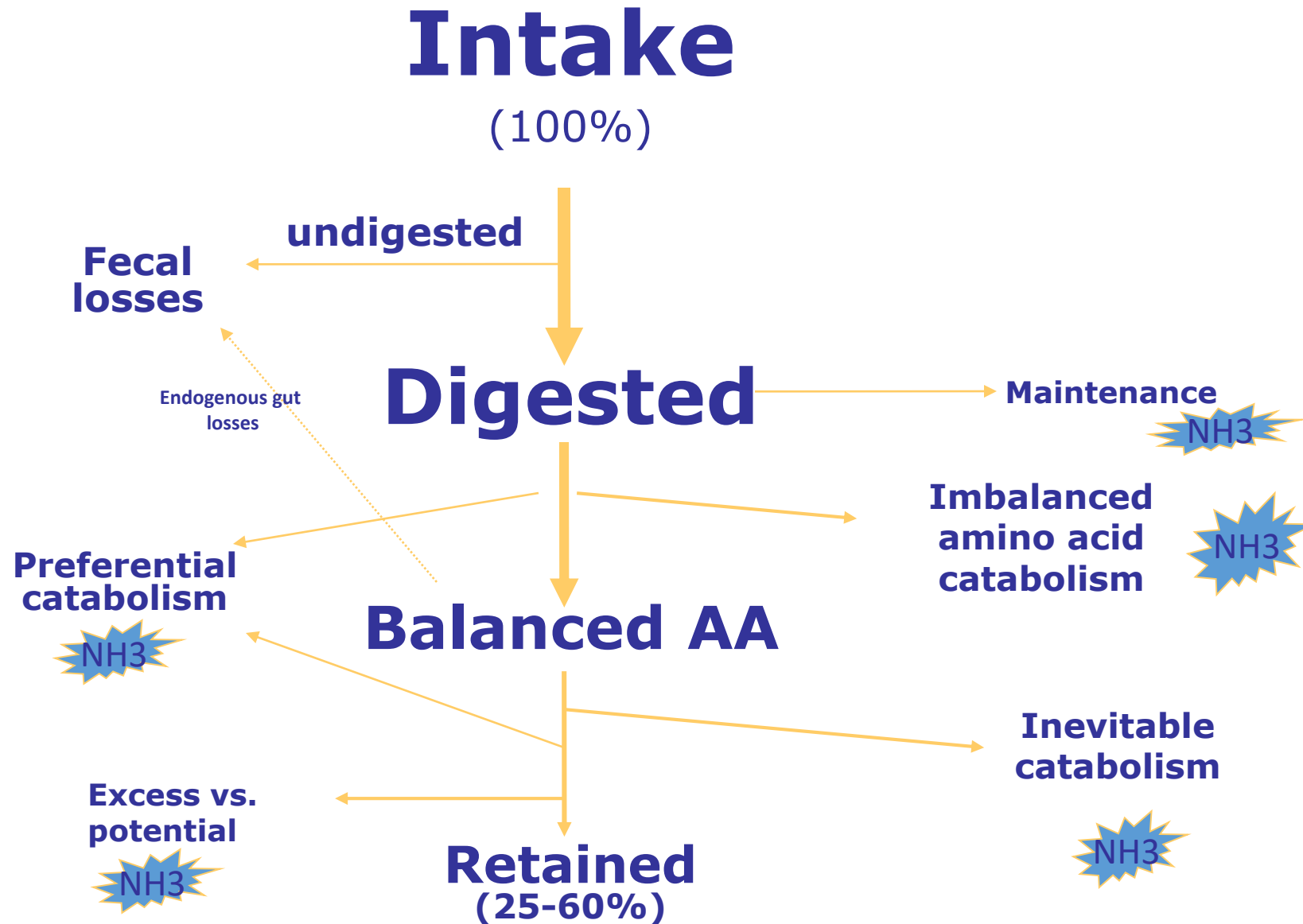
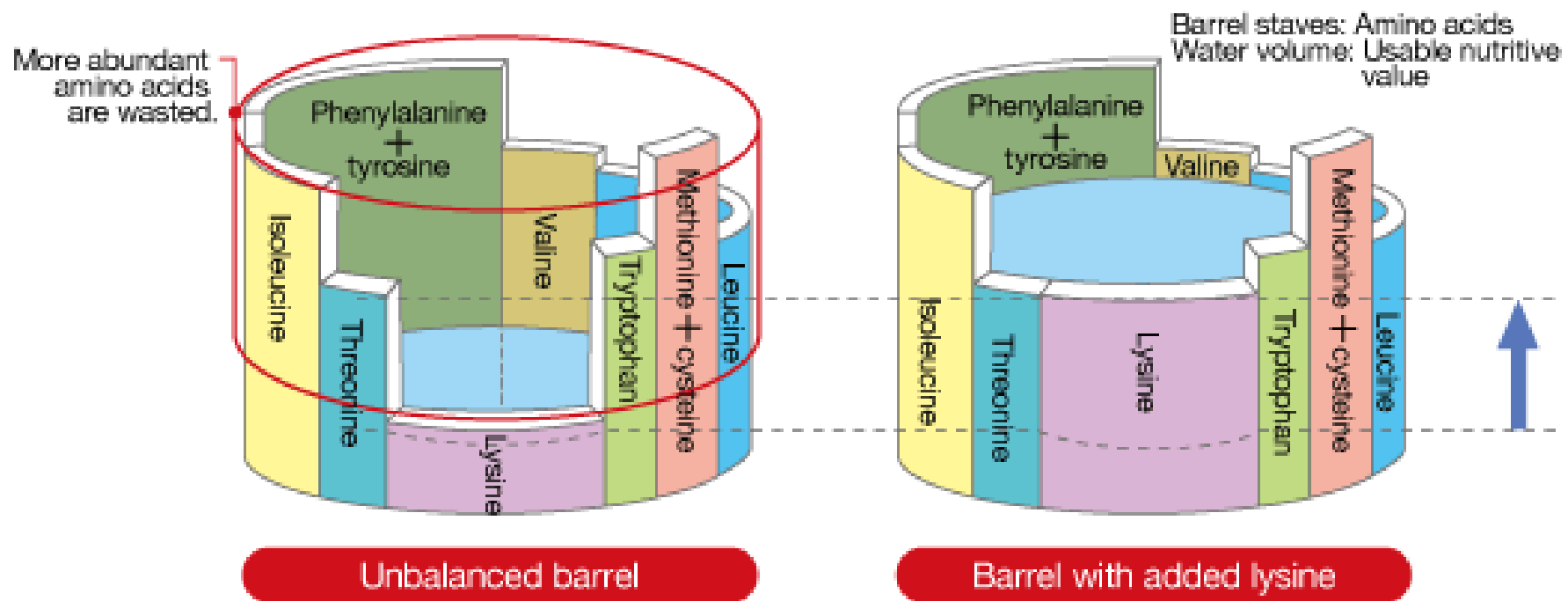


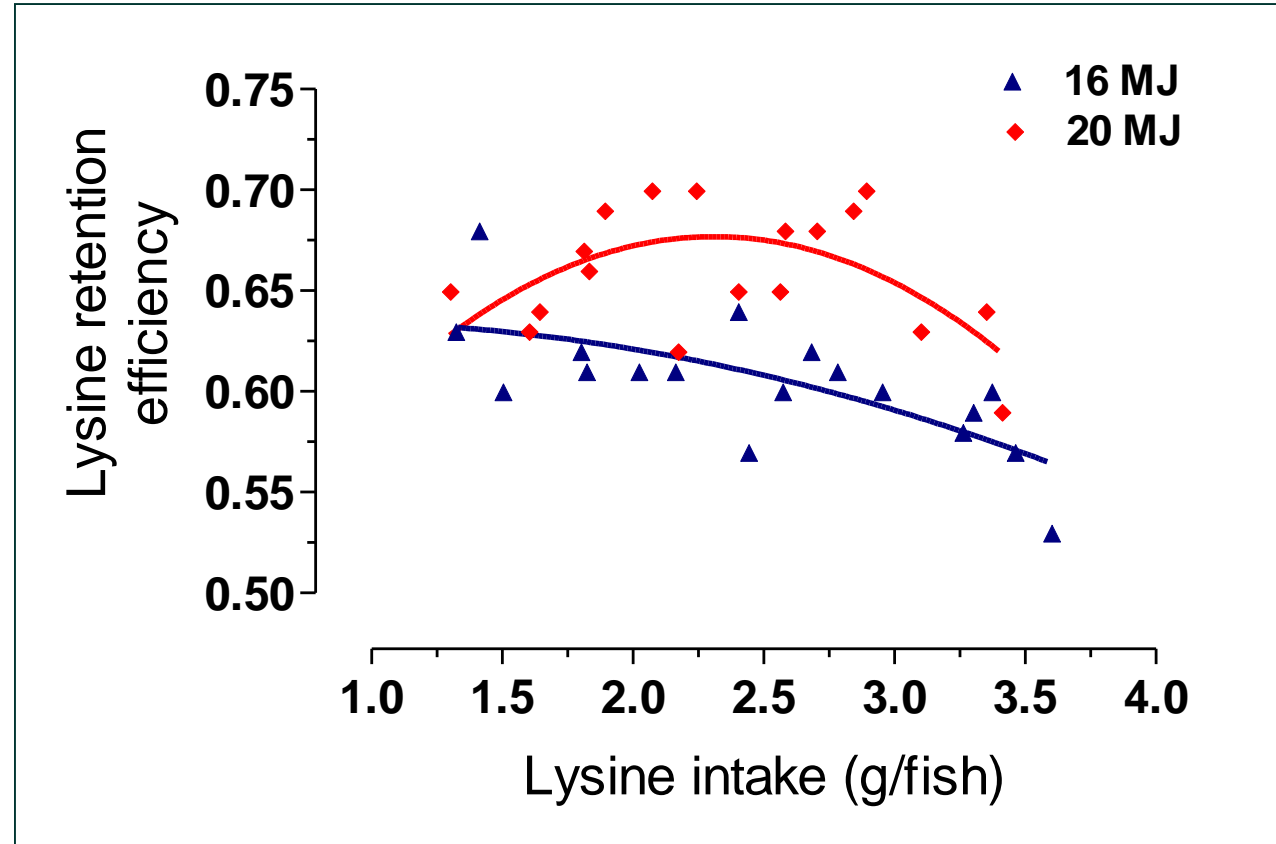
Figure 2 Optimal crude protein : digestible energy ratio (CP : DE) of juvenile pacu (*Piaractus mesopotamicus*) by two-slope broken line model as a function of specific growth rate (SGR).

Factorial Amino Acid Utilization Scheme





Efficiency of lysine utilization in response to the lysine intake



- ✓ Higher efficiency of lysine utilization at higher dietary DE levels.

Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide

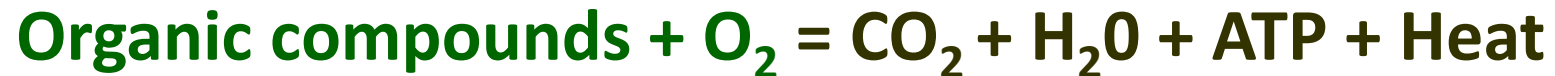
Indirect Calorimetry

Combustion:



(Wood, gas, paper)

Respiration:



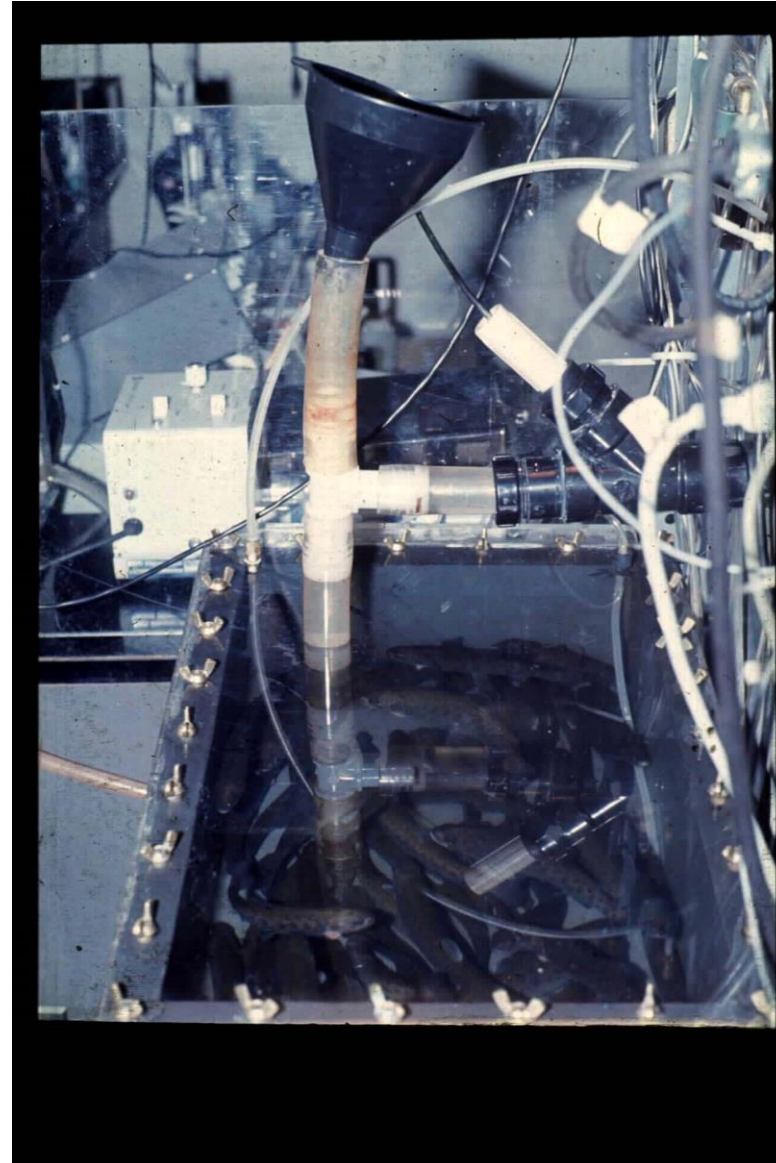
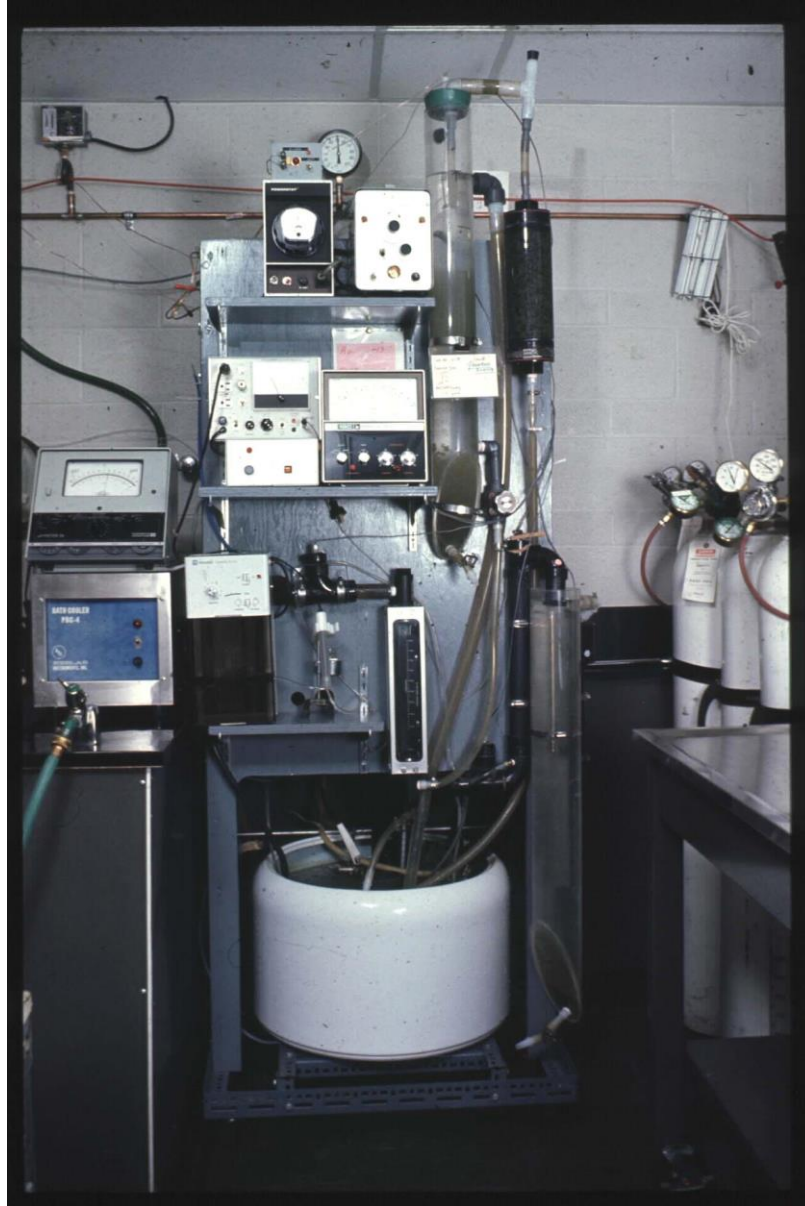
(AA, fatty acids, glucose)



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Fish Respirometry



Predicting Heat Losses from Oxygen Consumption (or vice a versa)

Oxycalorific coefficient (Q_{Ox}):

Coefficient used to estimate heat production from oxygen consumption

Q_{Ox} :	Lipids (mean value) =	13.72 J/ mg O_2
	Glucose =	14.76 J/ mg O_2
	Amino acids (to NH_3) =	13.36 J/ mg O_2

Q_{Ox}	mixed nutrients (fish feed) =	13.6 J/mg O_2 or kJ/g O_2
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Substance

**Respiratory Quotient
 O_2/CO_2**

Carbohydrates

1.0

Protein/Amino acids

0.8 – 0.9

Fat

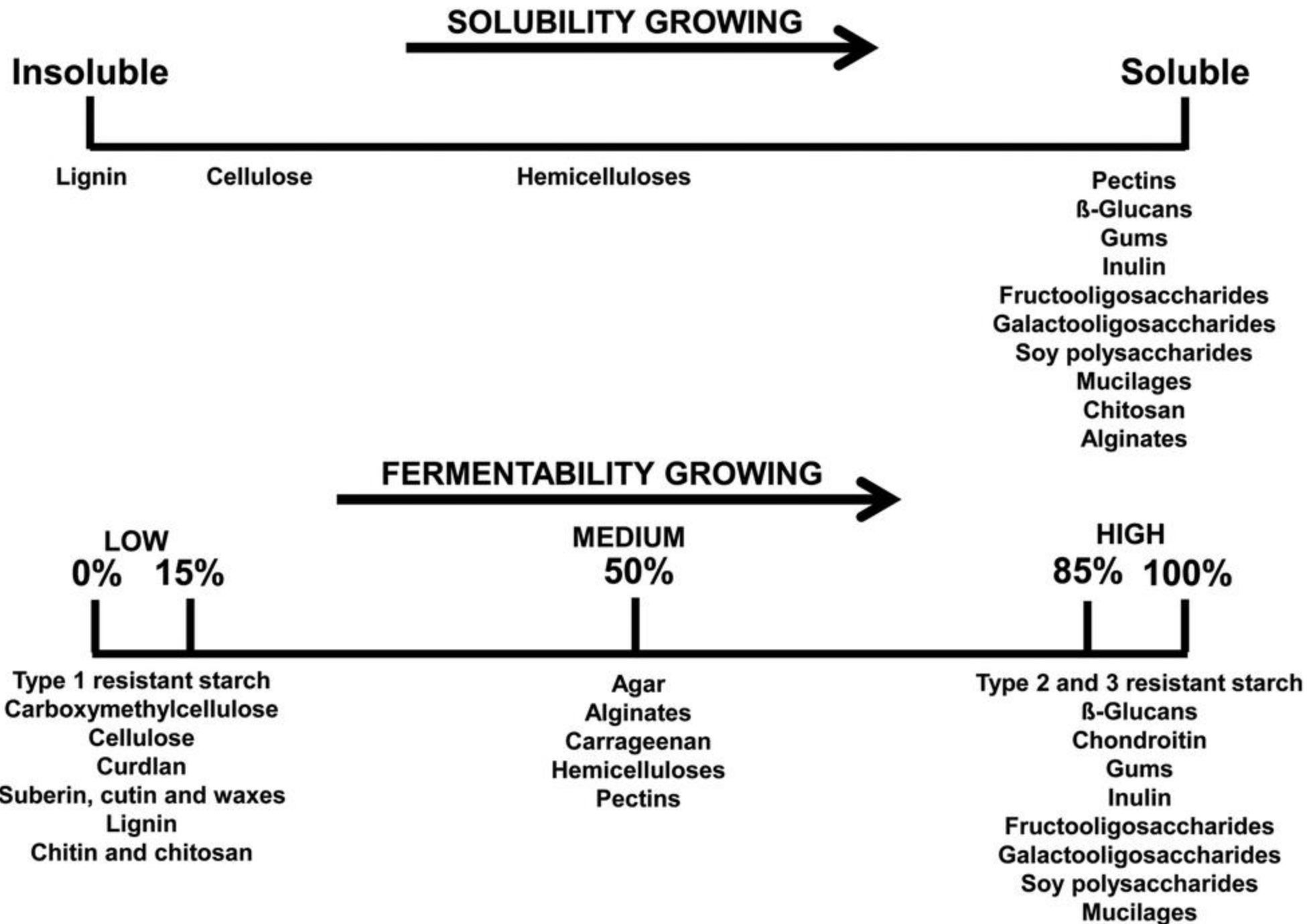
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Mixed Nutrients:

0.8

Energy and oxygen requirements and expected feed efficiency of Asian sea bass (*Lates calcarifer*)

Live weight	Growth rate ^c	RE ^d	H _e E ^e	H _i E + (UE + ZE) ^f	DE ^g	Oxygen ^h	Feed efficiency ⁱ
g/fish	g/fish per d		Mcal/kg (MJ/kg)	weight gain		g/kg weight gain	
10	1.1	1.08 (4.5)	0.29 (1.2)	0.74 (3.1)	2.13 (8.9)	319	2.6
50	2.2	1.36 (5.7)	0.55 (2.3)	0.93 (3.9)	2.84 (11.9)	454	1.9
100	3.0	1.51 (6.3)	0.69 (2.9)	1.03 (4.3)	3.25 (13.6)	533	1.7
250	4.4	1.72 (7.2)	0.98 (4.1)	1.17 (4.9)	3.90 (16.3)	666	1.4
500	5.9	1.91 (8.0)	1.29 (5.4)	1.29 (5.4)	4.49 (18.8)	794	1.2
1000	8.0	2.10 (8.8)	1.67 (7.0)	1.43 (6.0)	5.21 (21.8)	953	1.0
2000	10.7	2.32 (9.7)	2.15 (9.0)	1.58 (6.6)	6.07 (25.4)	1152	0.9
3000	12.7	2.46 (10.3)	2.51 (10.5)	1.67 (7.0)	6.64 (27.8)	1290	0.8



Natural Food Composition

- Natural food is highly variable in composition
- Highly condition-specific
- Can be stimulated with inputs (inorganic fertilizers, fermentable CHO)
- Can be a source of protein, EAA, lipids, EFA, vitamins, cholesterol, carotenoid pigments, etc.

Impacts of Grazing by Milkfish (*Chanos chanos* Forsskal) on Periphyton Growth and its Nutritional Quality in Inland Saline Ground Water : Fish Growth and Pond Ecology

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Composition of Periphyton

Treatment	Salinity	Dry Matter	Protein	Fat	Ash
	ppt	%	%	%	%
Grazed condition	10	28.7	19.4	1.9	35.3
	15	30.0	20.7	1.9	38.2
	20	28.0	18.5	1.8	34.1
Ungrazed condition	10	23.7	35.7	3.8	29.5
	15	24.3	37.9	4.2	30.4
	20	22.6	33.2	3.2	28.6

The effect of carbohydrate addition on water quality and the nitrogen budget in extensive shrimp culture systems

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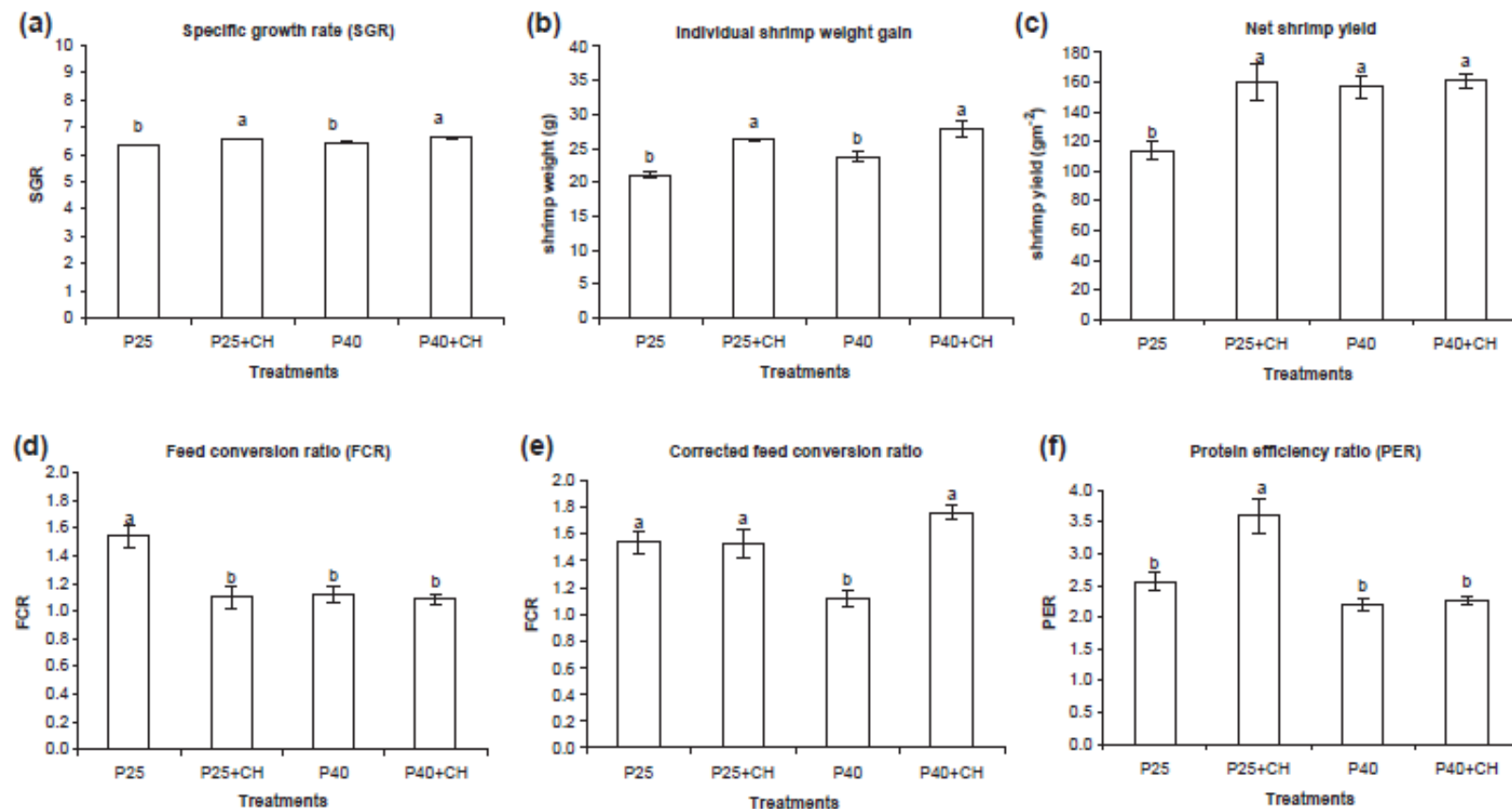


Fig. 4. Effect of carbohydrate addition and protein levels on weight, net shrimp yield, SGR, FCR and PER of *Penaeus monodon* reared in outdoor tanks. Mean values were presented with SE as error bars; means with different script differ significantly ($P < 0.05$). P25: 25% dietary protein; P25+CH: 25% dietary protein + carbohydrate addition; P40: 40% dietary protein; P40+CH: 40% dietary protein + carbohydrate addition.

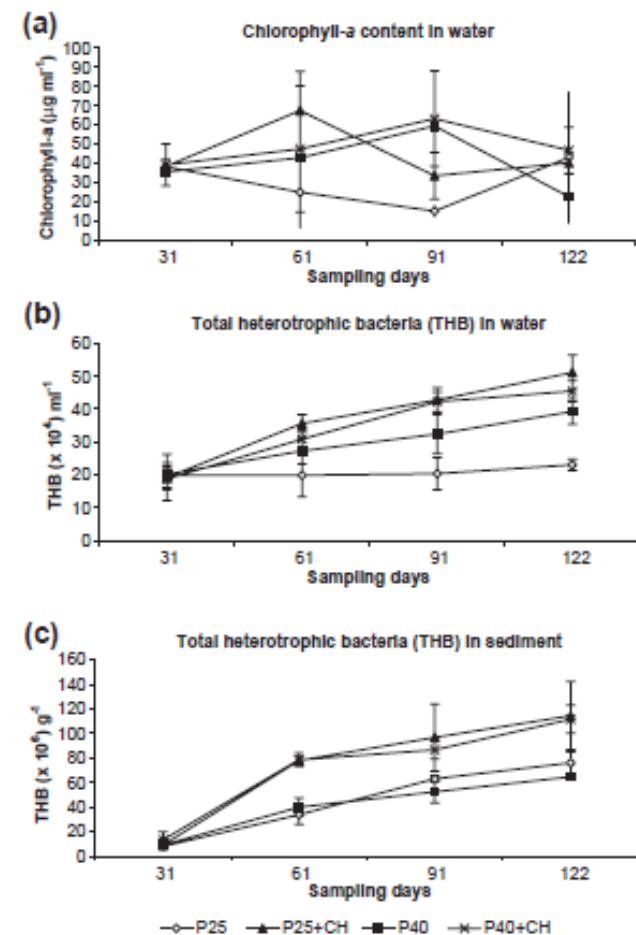


Fig. 2. Effect of carbohydrate addition and protein levels on the chlorophyll-a content in water and total heterotrophic bacteria (THB) (Mean \pm S.E.) of the outdoor tanks stocked with *Penaeus monodon*. P25: 25% dietary protein; P25+CH: 25% dietary protein + carbohydrate addition; P40: 40% dietary protein; P40+CH: 40% dietary protein + carbohydrate addition.

Cholesterol

Table 1. Proximate composition, fatty acid profile, and sterol profile of dried *Schizochytrium* sp produced by fermentation¹

Proximate composition ¹ , % weight	
Moisture	4.9 ± 0.7
Protein	25.3 ± 3.8
Crude Fiber	3.6 ± 0.7
Ash	13.0 ± 2.0
Crude Fat	48.3 ± 4.5
Carbohydrate	4.9 ± 2.8
Fatty acid composition ² , % total fatty acids	
C14:0 myristate	13.1
C16:0 palmitate	29.4
C16:1 palmitoleate	11.7
C18:0 stearate	1.1
C18:1 vaccenate	1.1
C18:2(ω6) linoleate	1.9
C18:3(ω3) linolenate	2.7
C20:3(ω6) homogammalinolenate	0.8
C20:5(ω3) eicosapentaenoate	0.8
C22:5(ω6) docosapentaenoate	12.0
C22:6(ω3) docosa-hexaenoate	25.3
Sterol content ² , mg/g	
Cholesterol	3.9
Brassicasterol	1.7
Stigmasterol	1.4
Other sterols	2.6
Nucleic acid content, % dry weight	0.5

Table 1 Cholesterol content of marine algae of the Caribbean

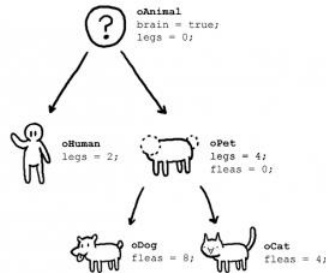
Order	Family	Genus and Species	Cholesterol (μg/mg of crude extract)
Red			
Ceramiales	Rhodomelaceae	<i>Acanthophora spicifera</i>	0.657
		<i>Laurencia papillosa</i>	1.219
Nemaliales	Chaetangiaceae	<i>Galaxaura oblongata</i>	0.396
	Helminthocladiaceae	<i>Liagora species</i>	0.425
Gigartinales	Gracilariaceae	<i>Gracilaria foliifera</i>	0.677
Green			
Caulerpales	Bryopsidaceae	<i>Bryopsis plumosa</i>	0.069
	Caulerpacaeae	<i>Caulerpa racemosa</i>	0.648
		<i>C sertularioides</i>	0.389
Ulvaes	Ulveaceae	<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	0.260
Brown			
Dictyotales	Dictyotaceae	<i>Lobophora variegata</i>	0.581
Fucales	Sargassaceae	<i>Sargassum polyceratum</i>	0.547

Composition of High DHA *Schizochytrium* Algae Biomass

Nutritional Specifications and Intensity of Production

Parameters	Semi-Intensive/Bioflock	Intensive	Super-Intensive/RAS
Dry matter digestibility	Condition-specific	Higher = Better	Higher = Better
Digestible Protein	Flexible	Higher = Better	Higher = Better
Digestible Protein: Digestible Energy	Flexible	Flexible	Optimize
Protein Quality	Flexible	Important	Very important
Essential Fatty Acids and Cholesterol	Condition-specific	Important	Very important
Vitamins and Micronutrients	Flexible	Important	Very important

What OOP users claim



What actually happens

