



# Aggiornamento sui pattern di degradazione dei fitati nel tratto gastrointestinale dei polli da carne e sull'interazione tra i minerali e la degradazione dei fitati nel pollame: un problema per i test di digeribilità del fosforo

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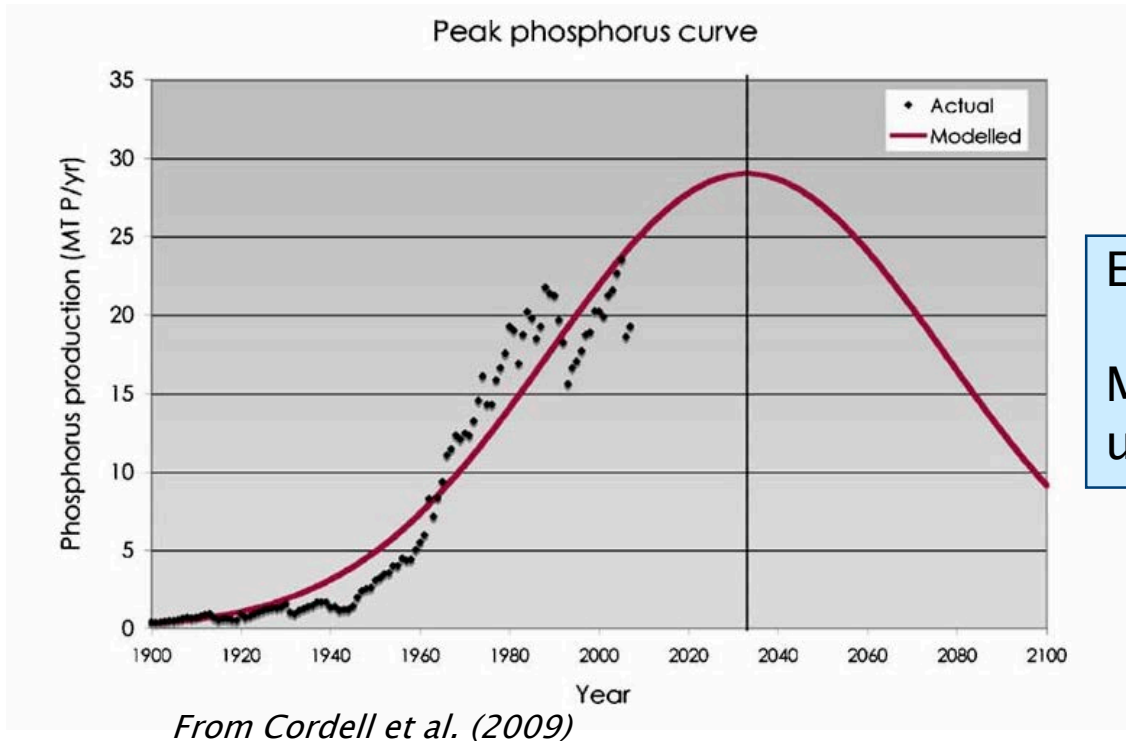
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- P digestibility of feed raw materials
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# Why phosphorus again?

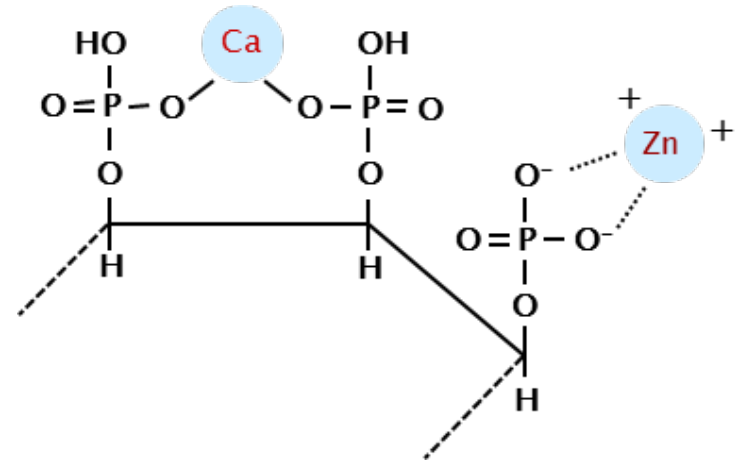
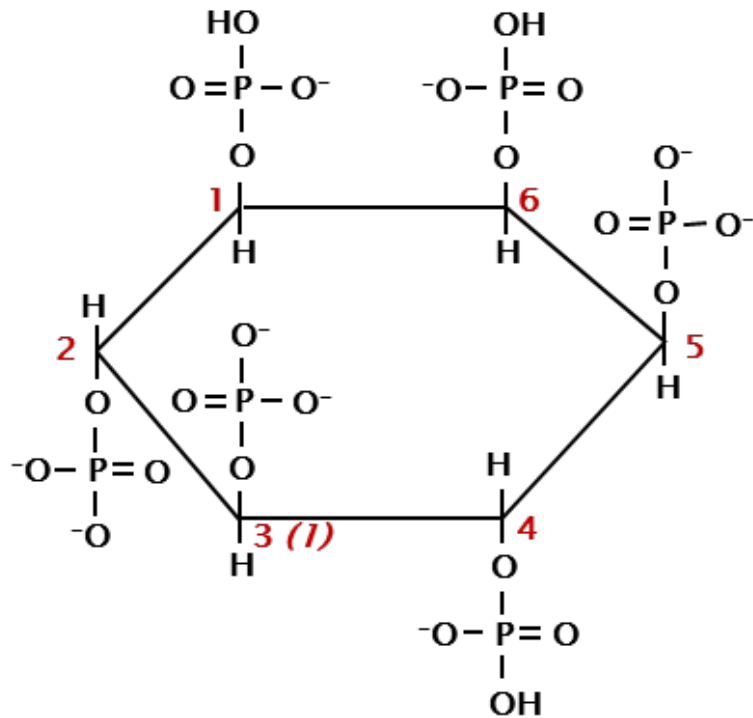


Environmental legislation:  
Manure fertilisation –  
upper N and P levels reduced

# In principle, the approaches are simple:

- Reduce safety margins for P in feed compounding
- Make more out of what is contained in plant feed raw materials

# Phytic acid – Phytate



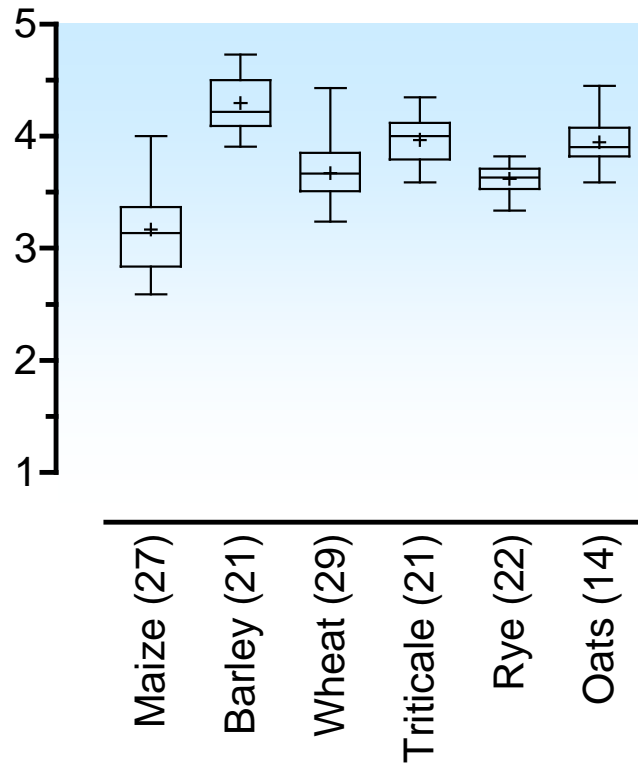
Main storage form of P in plant seeds and by-products from food and energy industries

**InsP<sub>6</sub>** *Myo*-Inositol-1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexakis-Dihydrogenphosphat

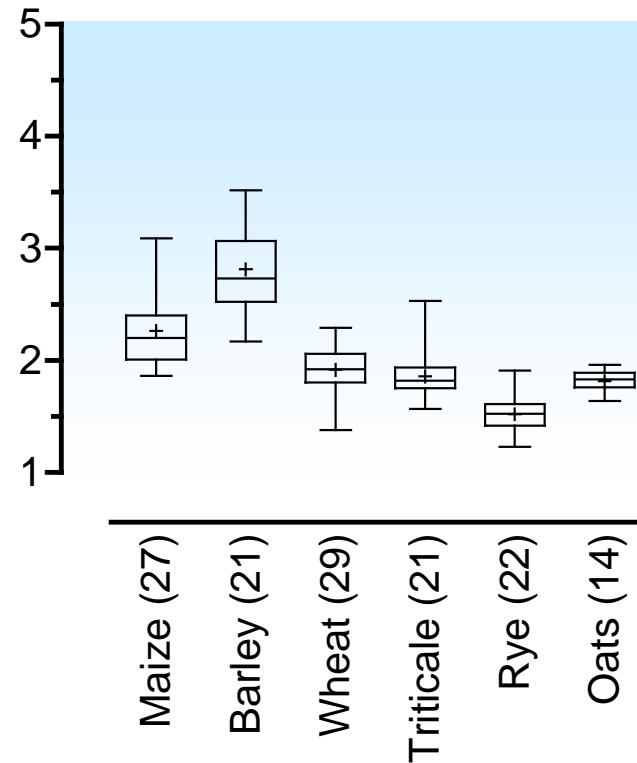
*Erdman et al. 1979, Scheuermann et al. 1988*

# Cereal grains

Total P, g/kg dry matter

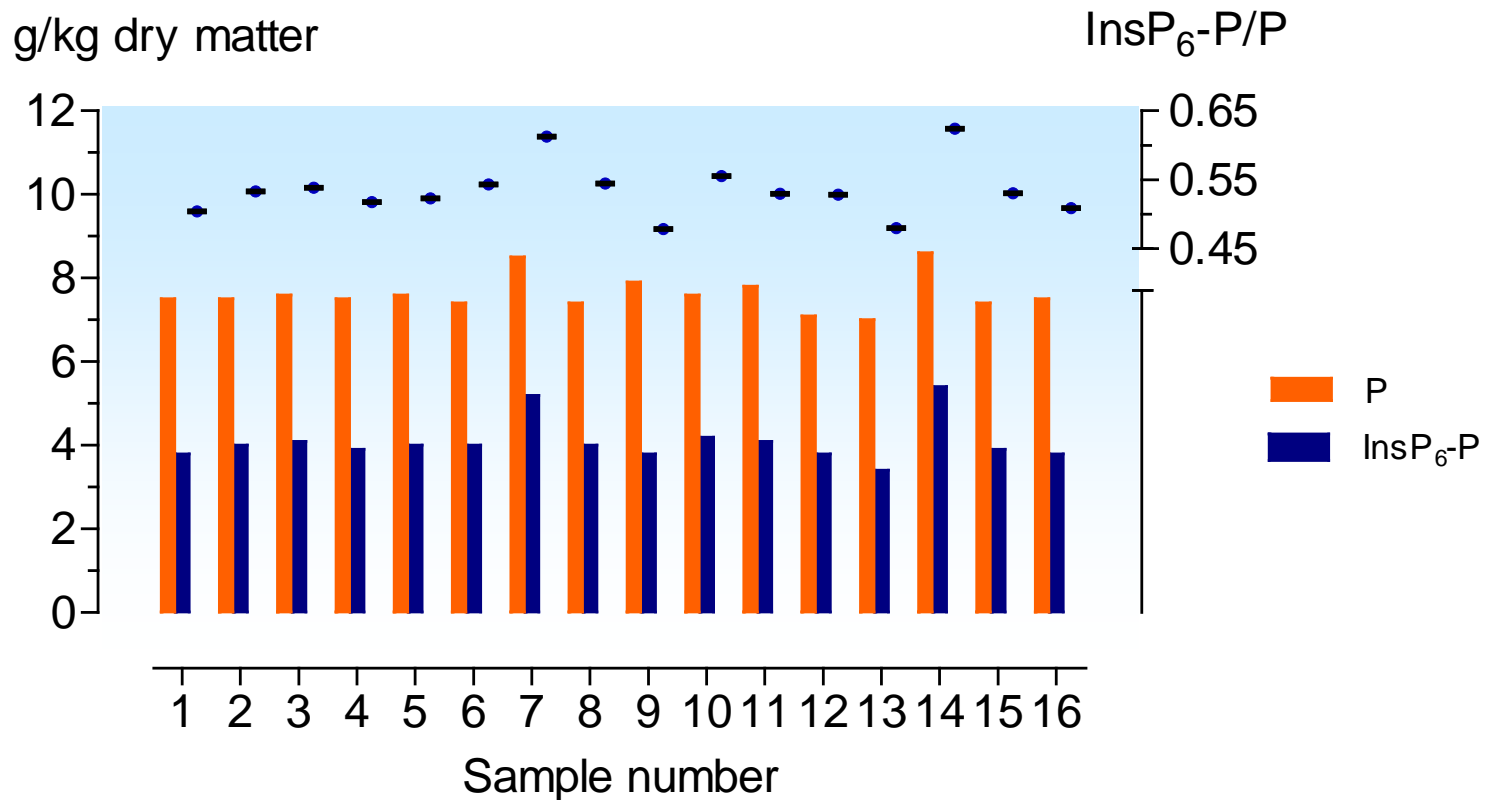


InsP<sub>6</sub>-P, g/kg dry matter

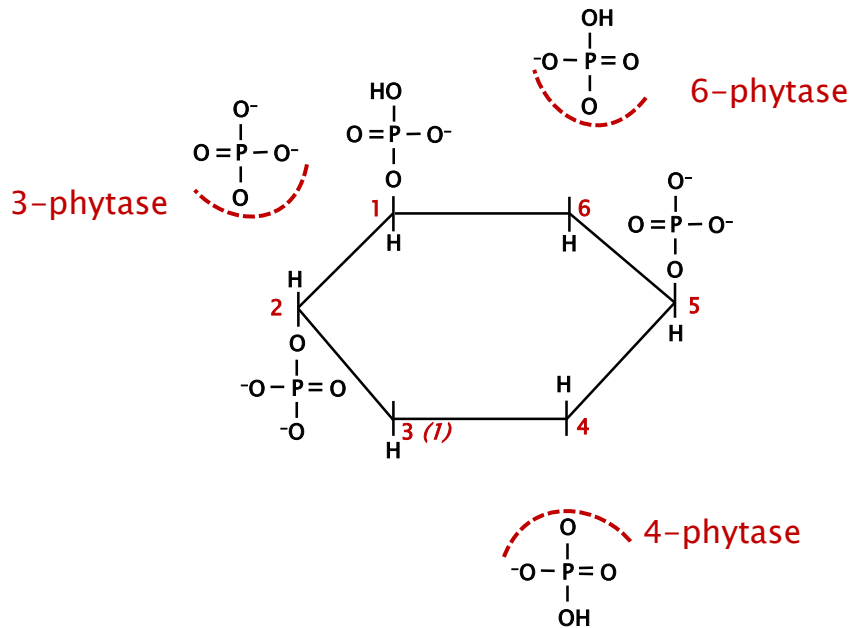


*Rodehutscord et al. (2016)*

# Soybean meal (commercial qualities, 2016)



# Phytic acid – Dephosphorylation

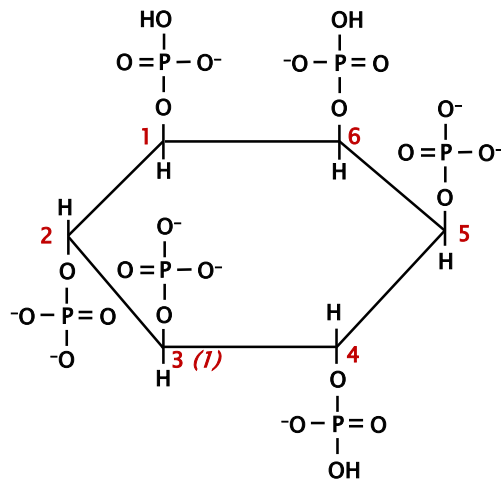


Nomenclature based on  
D-numbering

Major starting position of phytases  
different



# Phytic acid – Dephosphorylation



Nomenclature based on  
D-numbering

Major starting position of phytases  
different

Dephosphorylation is not complete

Better understand the bottlenecks  
in the degradation pathways!

# P digestibility: Pigs *versus* broilers

## Maize-based diets, no added P, no added phytase

Pig BW (kg)	P dig. (%)	Reference
6–8	25–28	Lei et al. (1993 a,b)
11	36	Eeckhout und De Paepe (1992)
9–25	29	Pallauf et al. (1992)
13–35	13	Cromwell et al. (1993)
35–62	31	Tossenberger und Kakuk (1992)
37–70	13–28	Jongbloed et al. (1992)
46–66	20–34	Simons et al. (1990)
98	16	Nasi (1990)

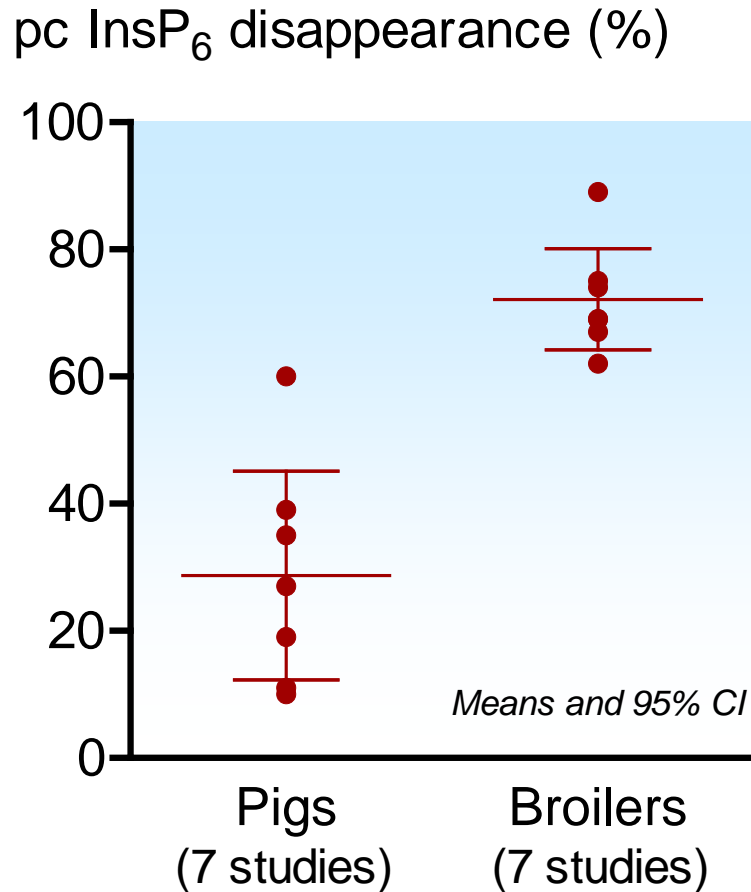
*from Dünghoef u. Rodehutscord (1995)*

## Literature data on P availability in broilers (%)

	Mean	Min.–Max.
Maize ( $n=7$ )	42	27 – 73
Soybean meal ( $n=20$ )	56	27 – 71

n = number of studies    *WPSA Working Group (unpublished)*

# Precaecal InsP<sub>6</sub> disappearance: Literature values



Origin of the enzymes involved?

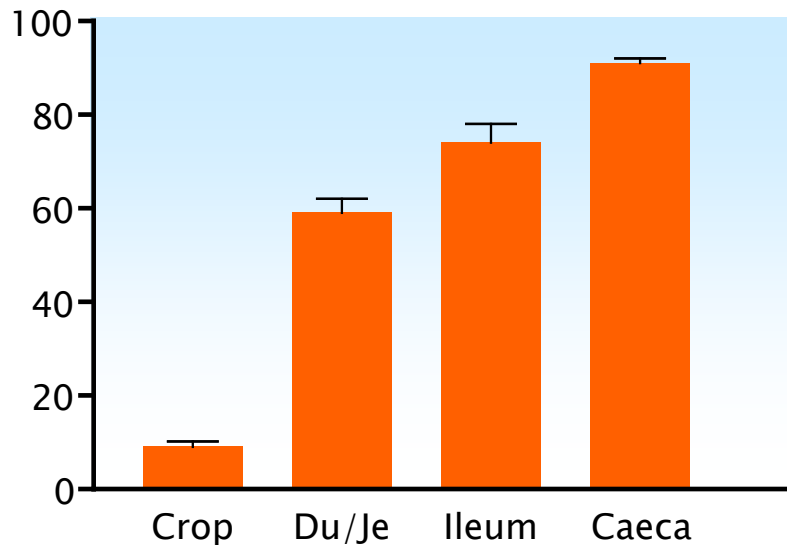
Measurements at the end/in the lower ileum  
Maize-*soybean meal*-based diets  
Low-P, low-Ca diets  
No phytase supplements

*Reviewed by Rodehutschord & Rosenfelder (2016)*

# InsP<sub>6</sub> disappearance in different GIT sections

Broilers

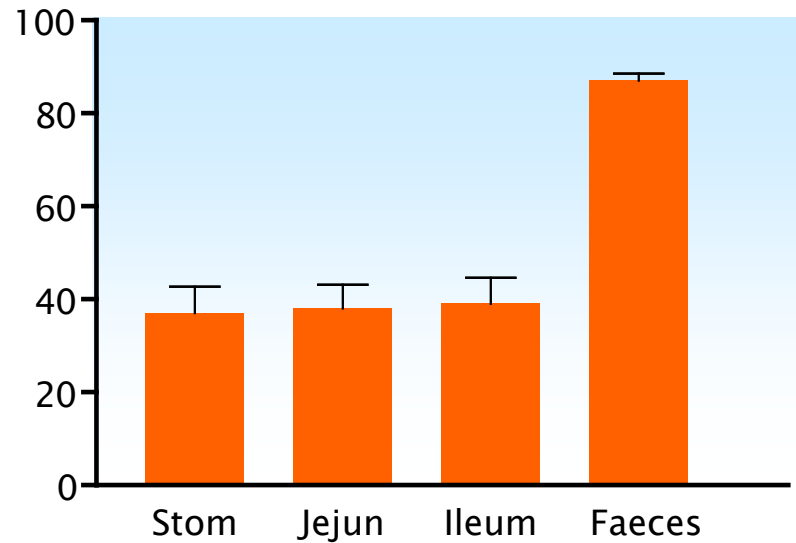
InsP<sub>6</sub> disapp. (%)



*Zeller et al. (2015b)*

Pigs

InsP<sub>6</sub> disapp. (%)

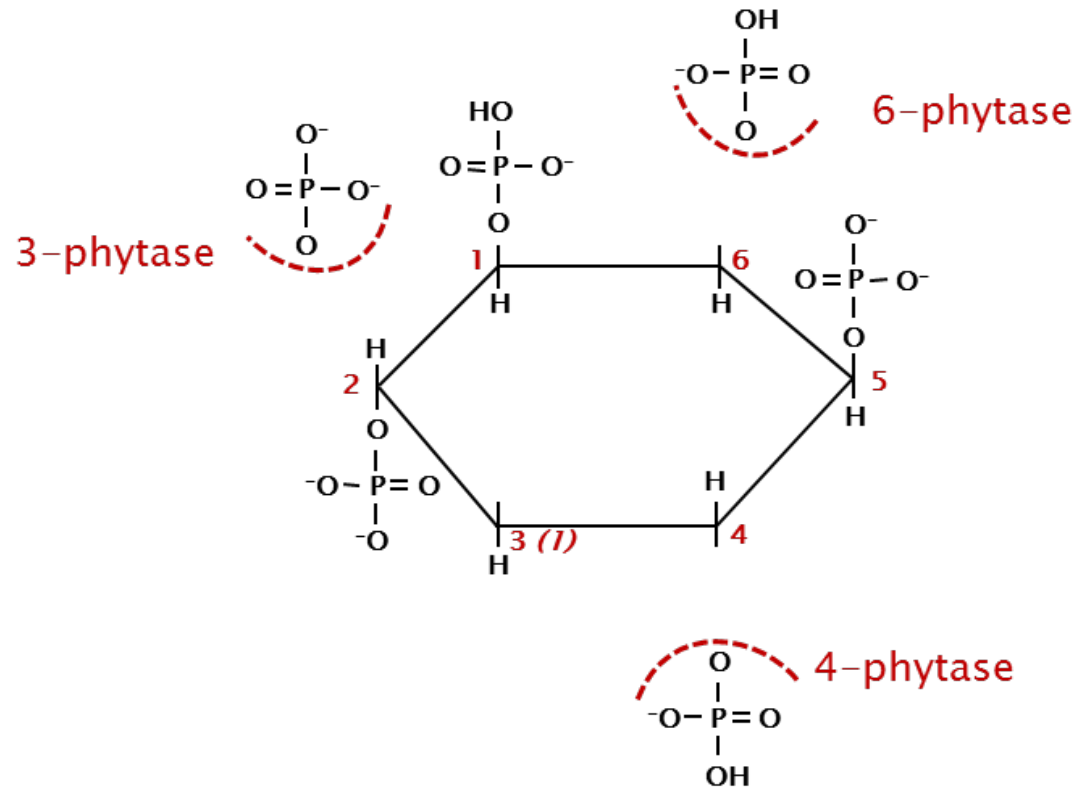


*Rutherford et al. (2014)*

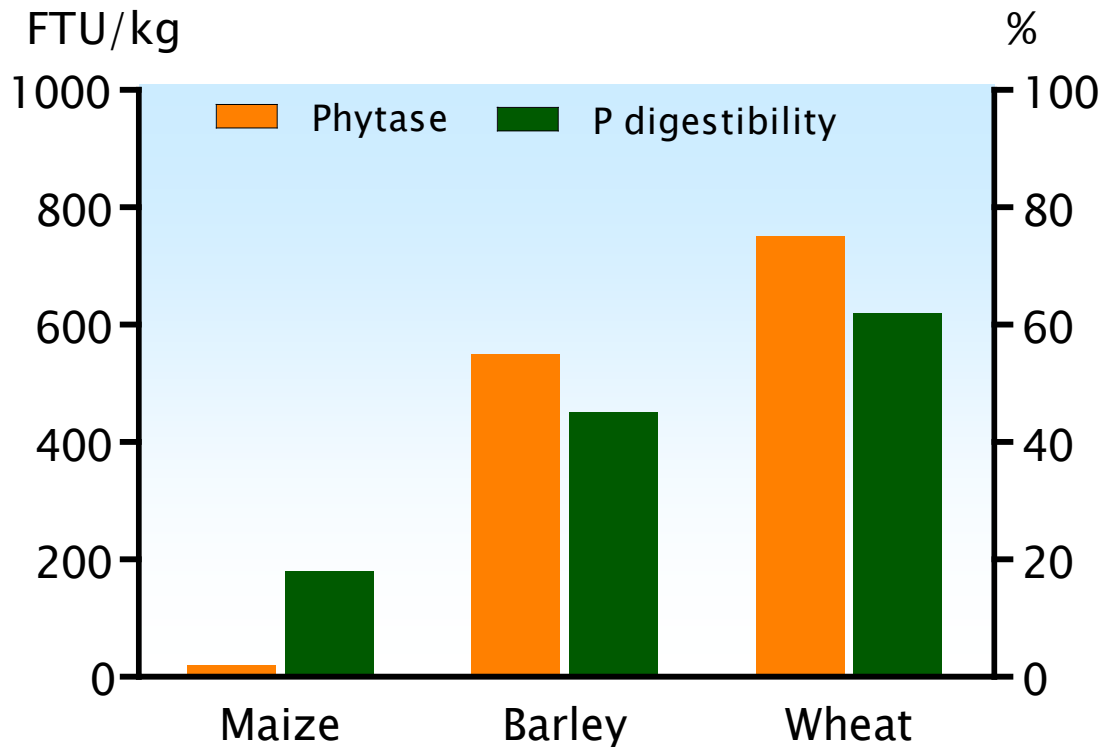
Maize-soybean meal-based diets, no mineral P, no added phytase

# Origin of phytases acting in the digestive tract

- Plant intrinsic
- Endogenous
  - mucosal
  - microbial
- Added exogenous



# Plant intrinsic phytase is effective in pigs



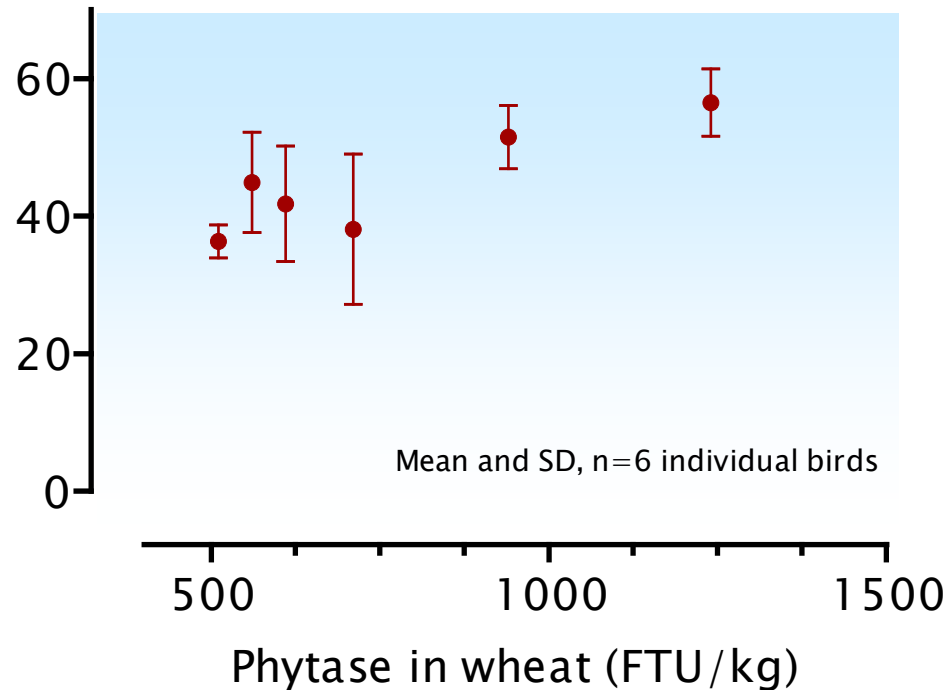
Phytase inactivation through extrusion resulted in strong reduction of lower InsPs in the stomach of pigs (Schlemmer et al. 2001)

Pig studies, faecal collection  
According to standard protocol of GfE (1994)

*Düngelhoef et al. 1994*  
*Rodehutscord et al. 1996*

# Plant intrinsic phytase effective in broilers?

P utilisation (%)

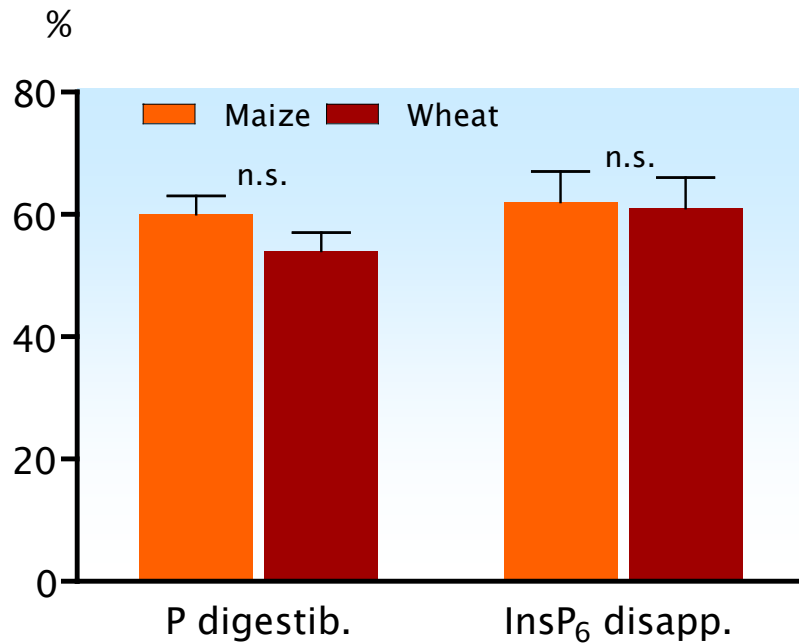


## Here: Wheat

- Broiler balance study  
excreta collection d 16–20 of age
- Wheat (almost) only-diet
- Wheat: 3 varieties, 2 locations

*Oloffs et al. (2000)*

# Plant intrinsic phytase effective in broilers?



Broiler study  
prececal measurements

2 diets based on:  
**Maize:** <100 FTU/kg  
**Wheat:** 702 FTU/kg

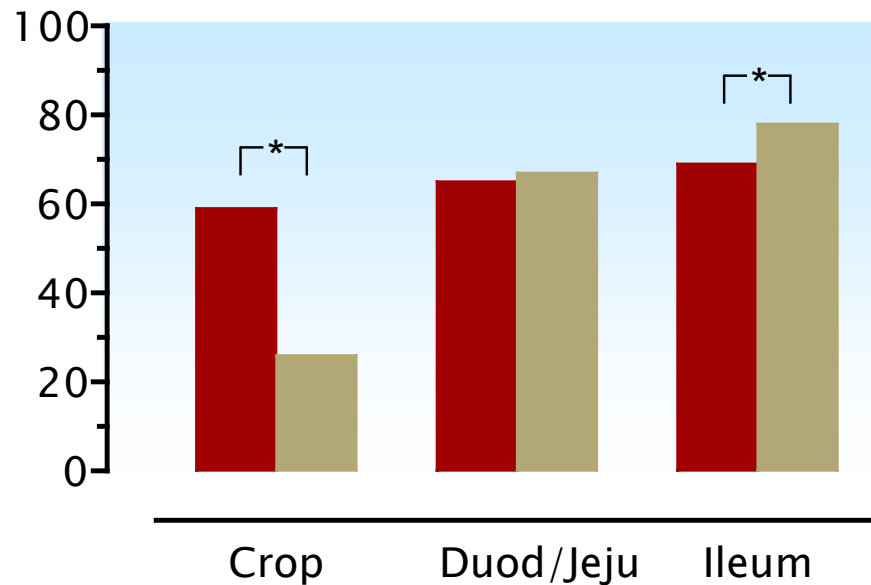
No mineral P supplementation

*Shastak et al. (2014)*



# Plant intrinsic phytase effective in broilers?

InsP<sub>6</sub> disapp. (%)



Broiler study

2 diets based on wheat:

**Wheat untreated:** 632 U/kg

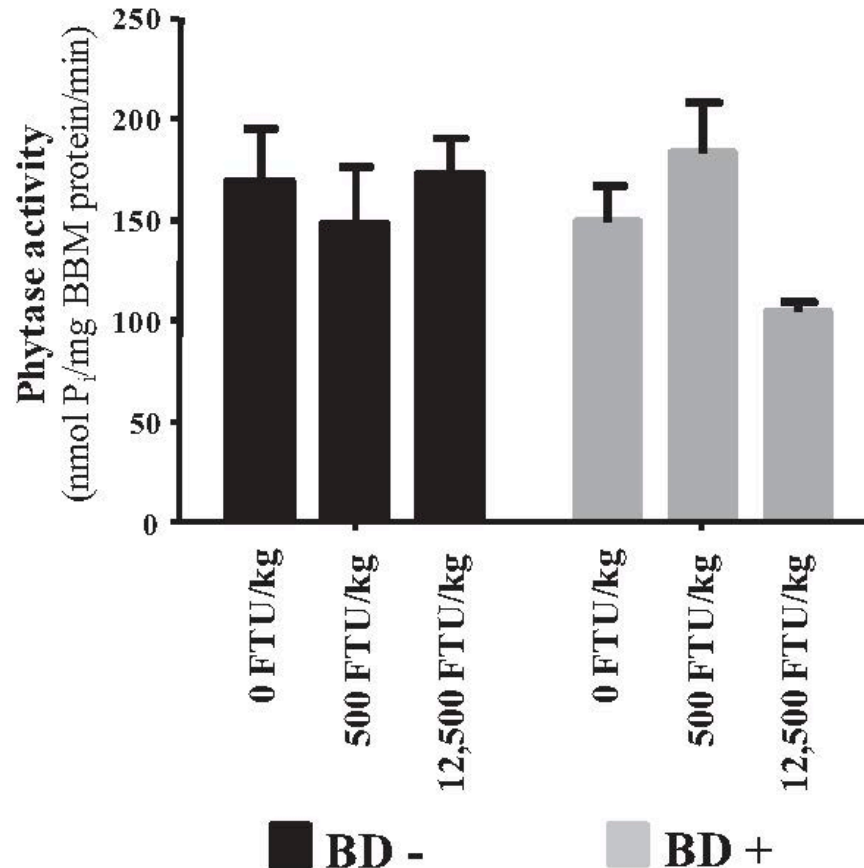
**Wheat microwave-treated:** 121 U/kg

No mineral P supplementation

*Zeller et al. (2015b, 2016)*

- Intrinsic plant phytase acts primarily in the crop
- If not present, enzymes of other origin are able to compensate

# Phytase activity in jejunal mucosa of broilers



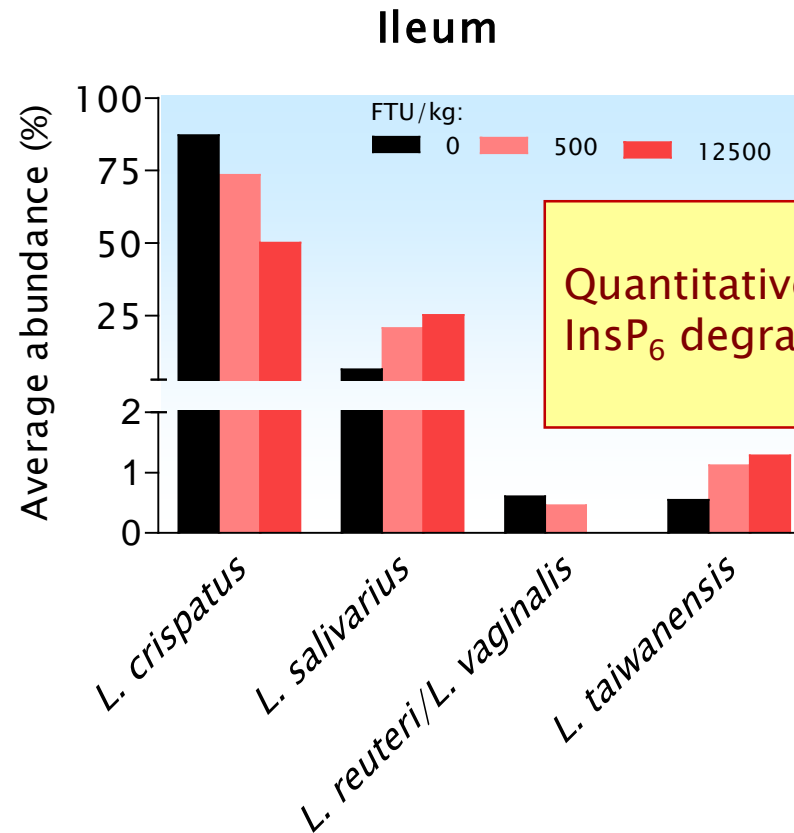
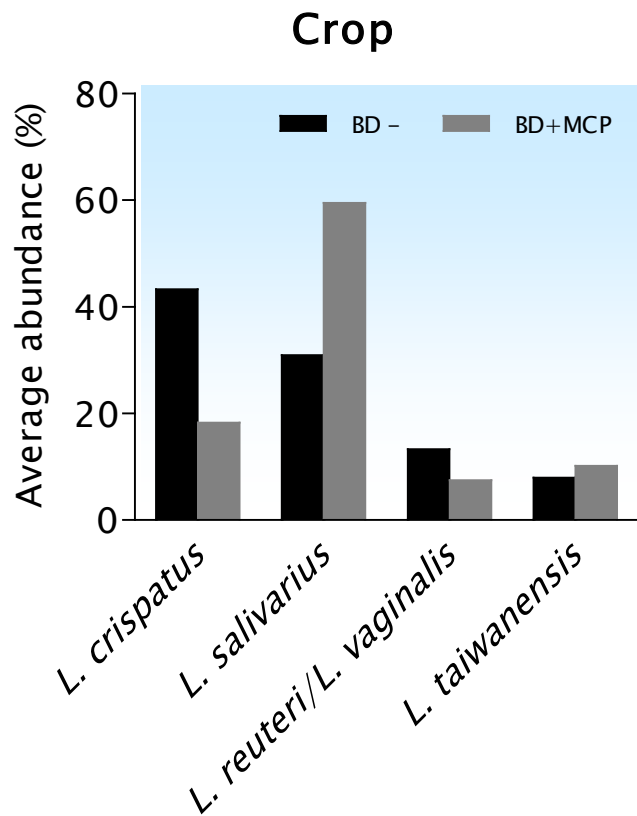
3 week-old broilers  
Purified brush border membrane vesicles  
from the jejunum

Maize-soybean meal-based basal diet  
without (BD-) and with MCP (BD+)

Quantitative relevance for  
InsP<sub>6</sub> degradation?

*Huber et al. (2015)*

# Contribution of microbiota?

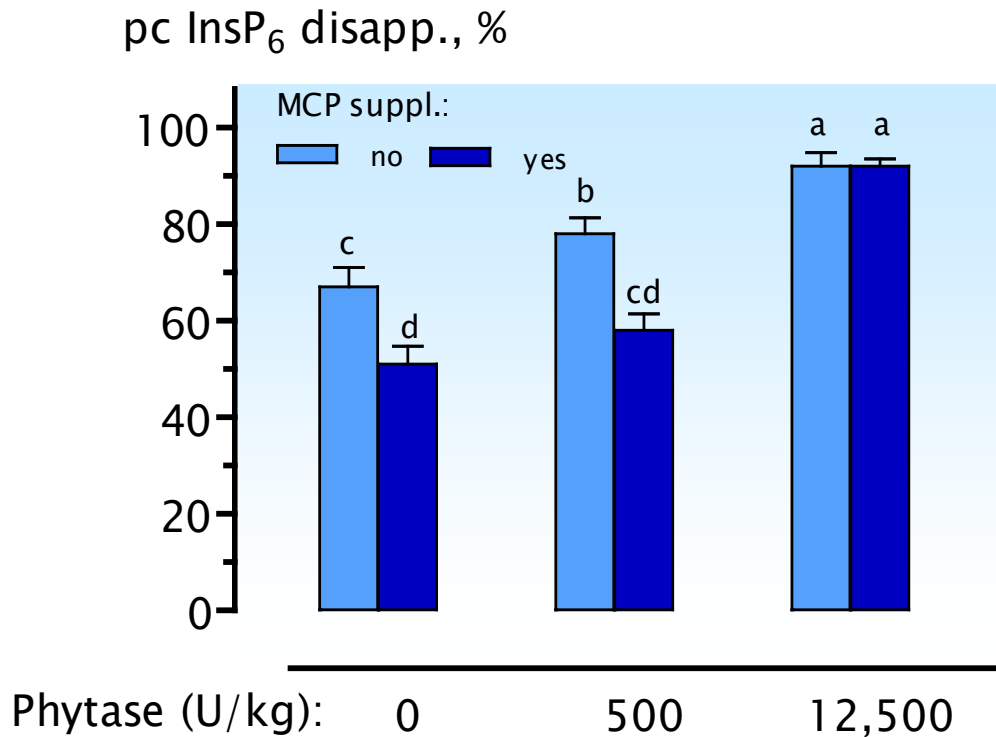


Quantitative relevance for  $\text{InsP}_6$  degradation?

Maize-soybean meal-based basal diet, without (BD-) und with MCP (BD+) 16S rRNA gen-based T-RFLP fingerprinting and 454-pyrosequencing of the microbiome

Witzig et al. (2015)

# Phytase supplements: Combined effects of Ca/P

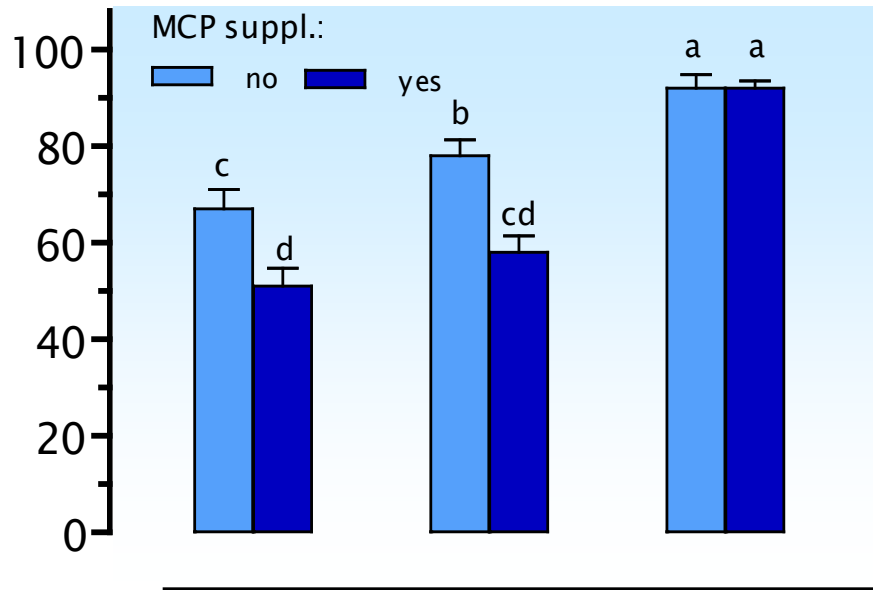


Broiler study  
Maize-based diet  
MCP and *E. coli* 6-phytase  
Measurements in the terminal ileum

*Zeller et al. (2015c)*

# Phytase supplements: Combined effects of Ca/P

pc InsP<sub>6</sub> disapp., %



**Key Challenge:**  
Find right balance between supplements of Ca, P and phytase

Broiler study

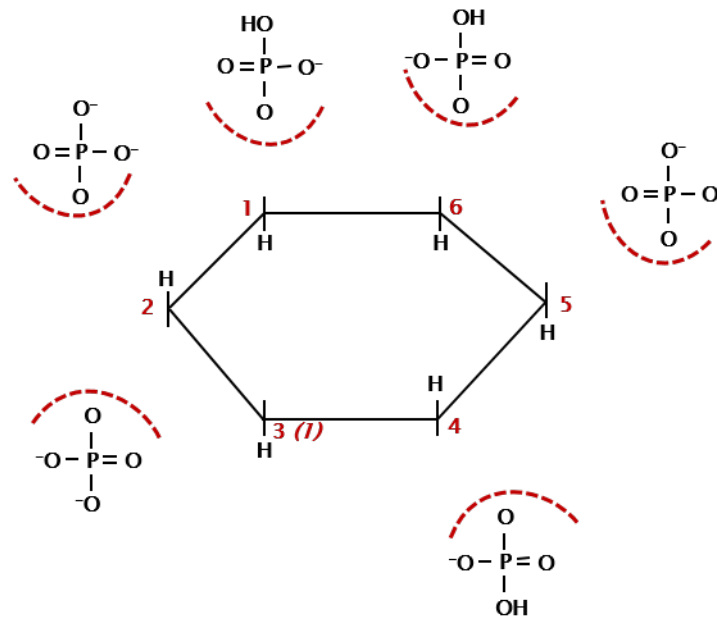
Maize-based diet

MCP and *E. coli* 6-phytase

Measurements in the terminal ileum

- Phytas
- InsP<sub>6</sub> breakdown is strongly reduced by Ca/P supplements
    - solubility
    - end product inhibition by phosphate (not myo-inositol)
  - The effect can be compensated by added phytase

# Connect $\text{InsP}_6$ degradation and P digestibility

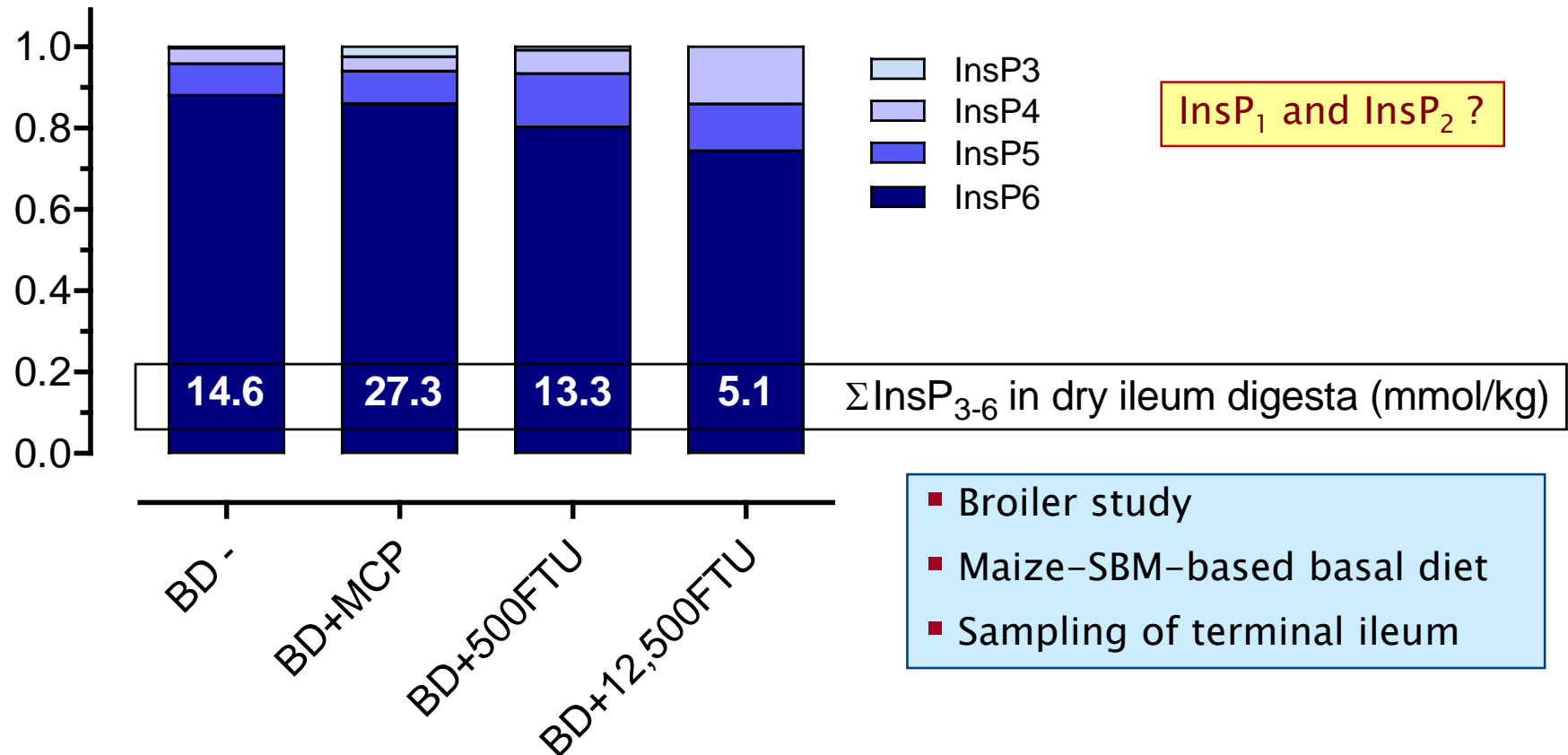


The vision

$\text{InsP}_6$  disappearance  $\neq$  Release of six P groups

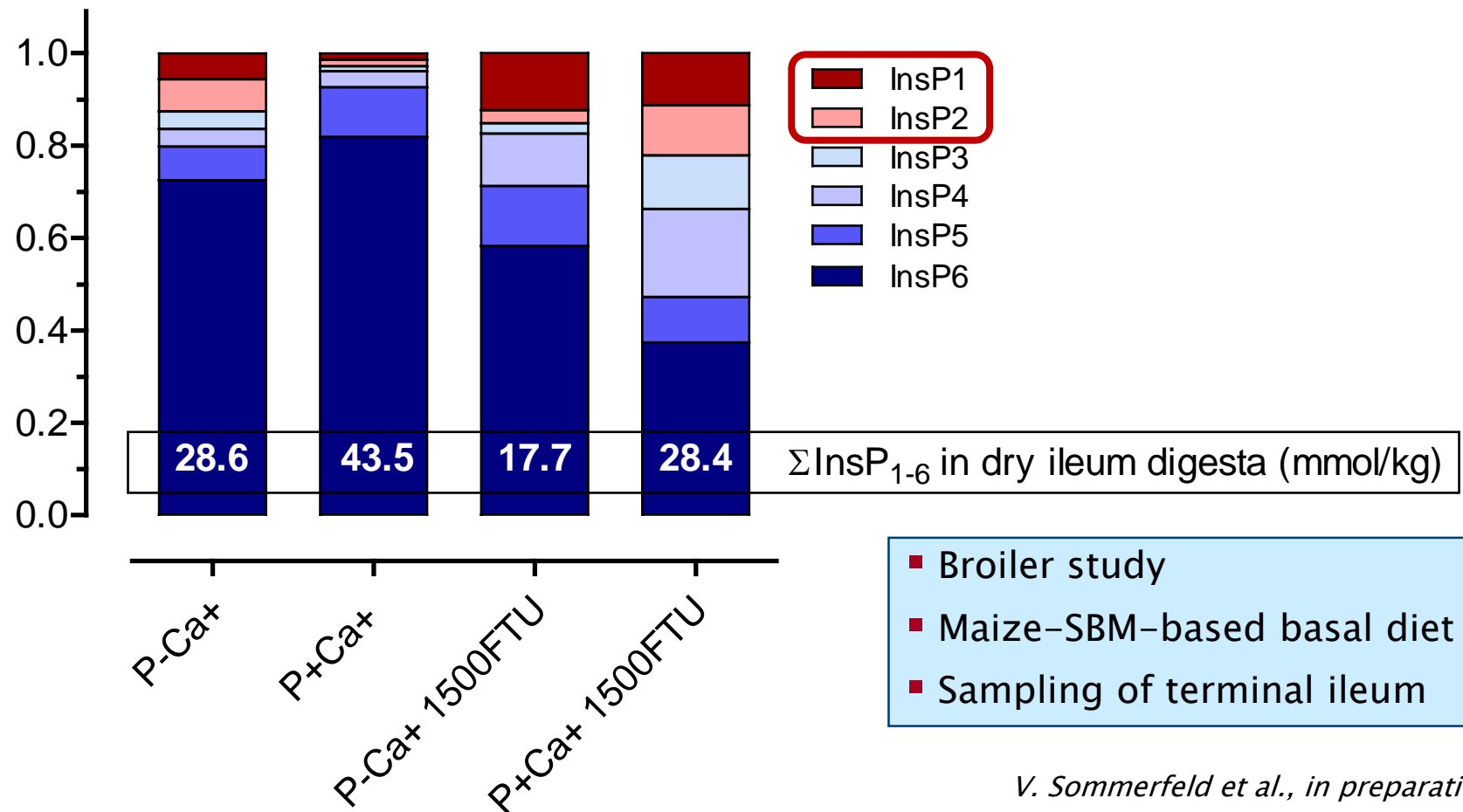
# InsP<sub>6</sub> disappearance ≠ Release of 6 phosphate groups

Relative proportions of  $\Sigma\text{InsP}_{3-6}$



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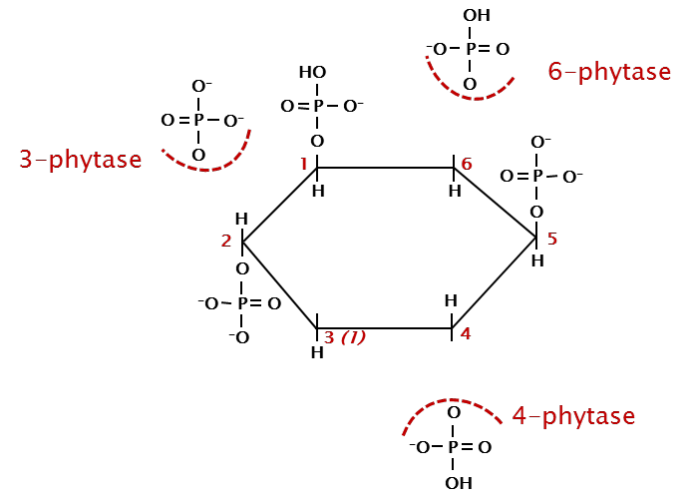
Relative proportions of  $\Sigma\text{InsP}_{1-6}$



*V. Sommerfeld et al., in preparation*



# InsP isomer differentiation

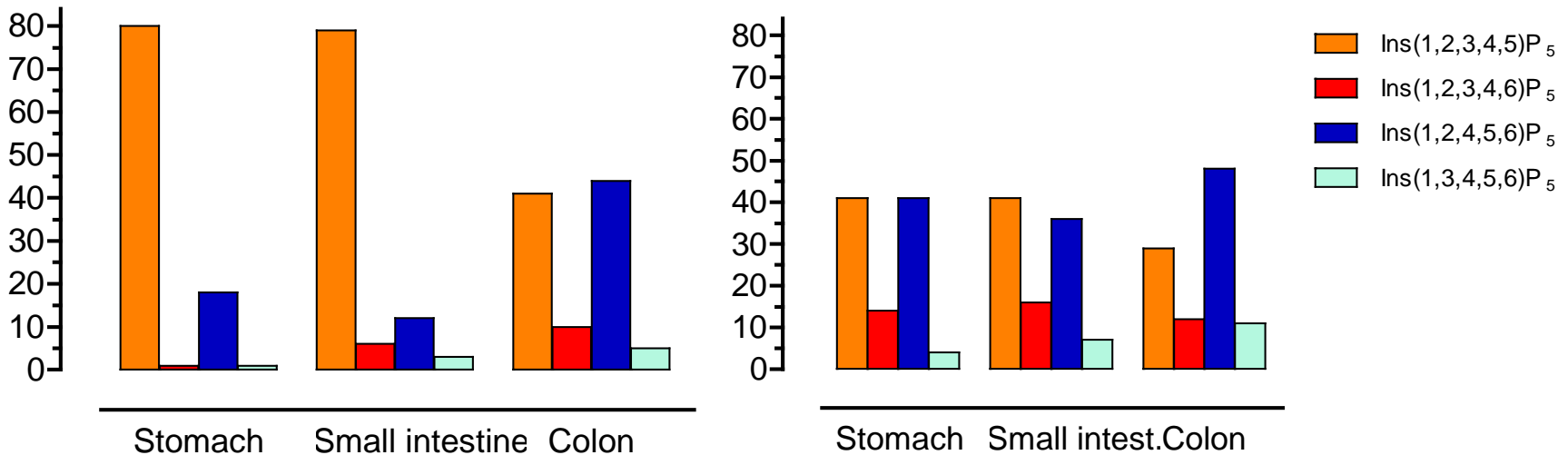


# InsP<sub>5</sub> pattern in the pig GIT change with diet extrusion

*Not extruded*

*Extruded*

Proportion of InsP<sub>5</sub> isomers (% of total InsP<sub>5</sub>)

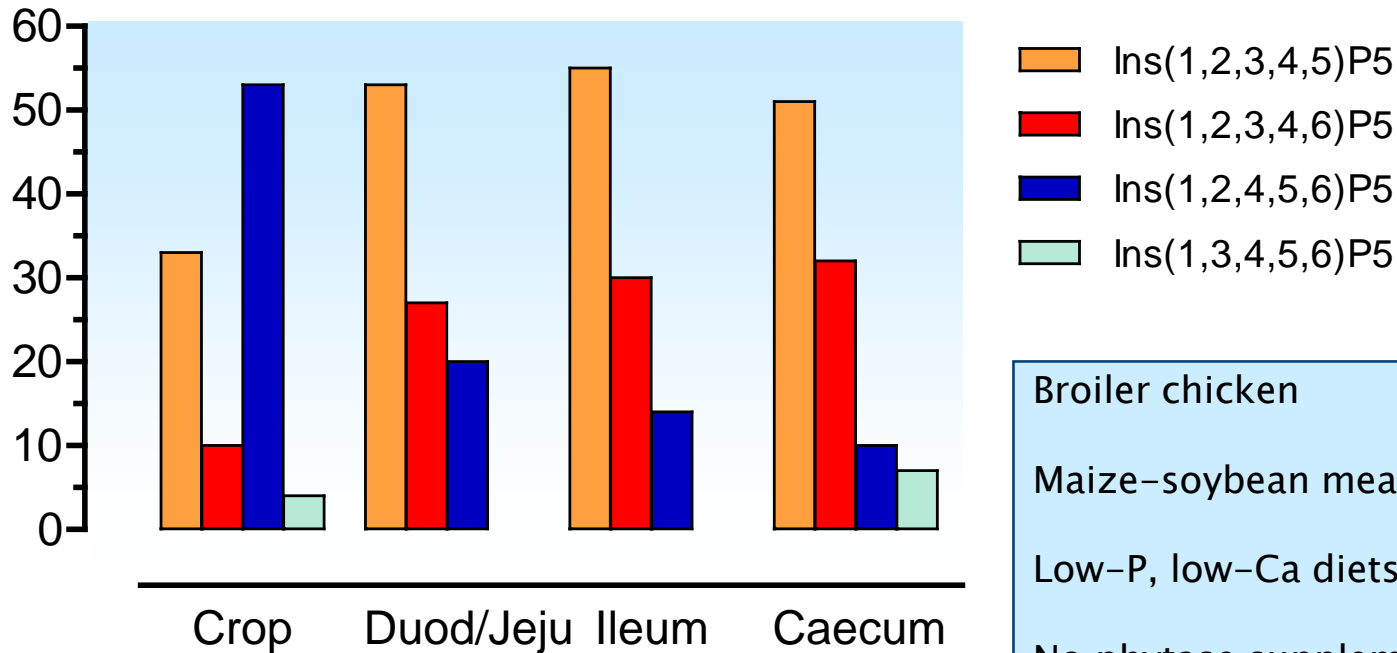


Pigs of approx. 100 kg BW at slaughter  
Cereal grain/SBM-based diet, cereals either extruded or not

*Schlemmer et al. (2001)*

# InsP<sub>5</sub> pattern in broiler GIT change with passage

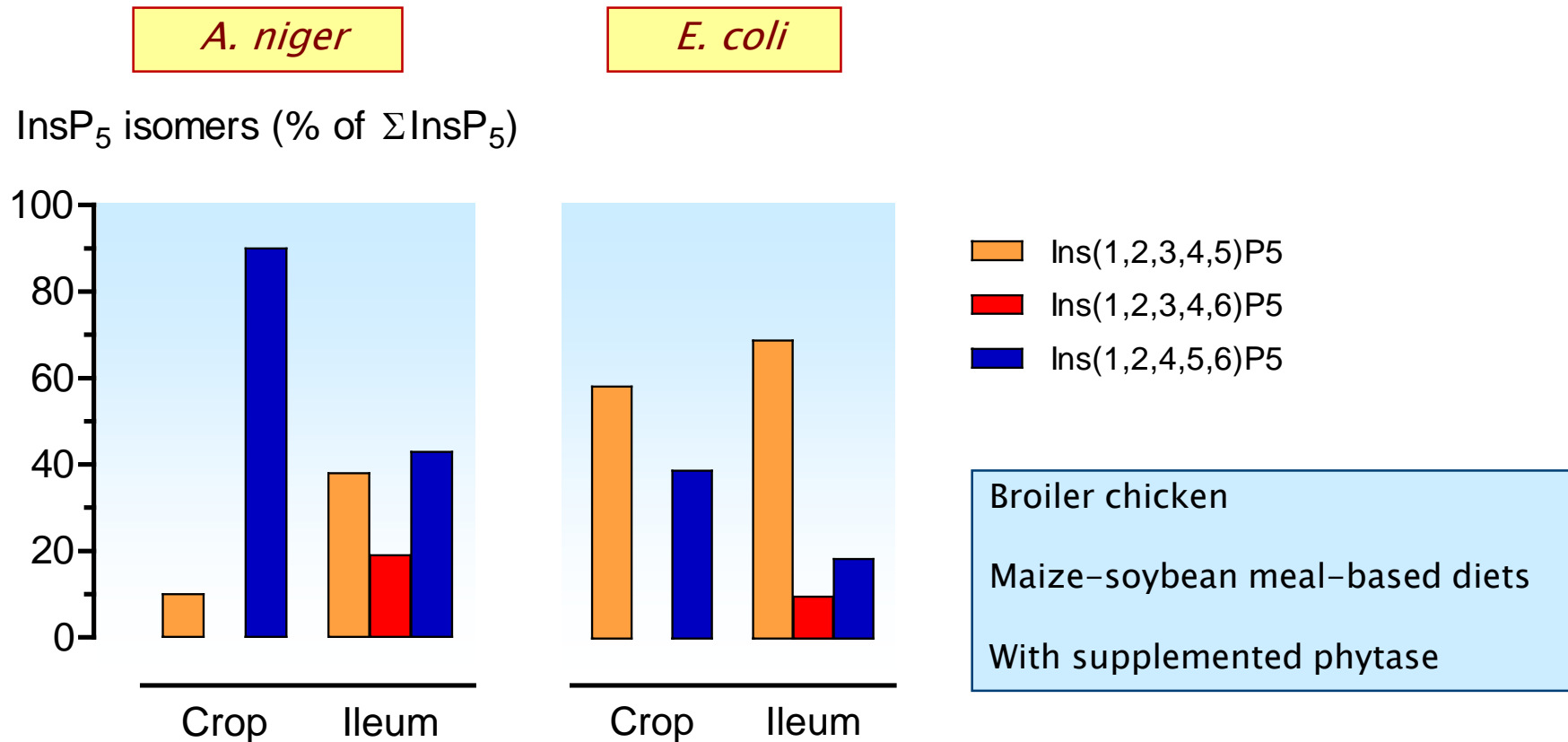
InsP<sub>5</sub> isomers (% of  $\Sigma$ InsP<sub>5</sub>)



Broiler chicken  
Maize-soybean meal-based diets  
Low-P, low-Ca diets  
No phytase supplements

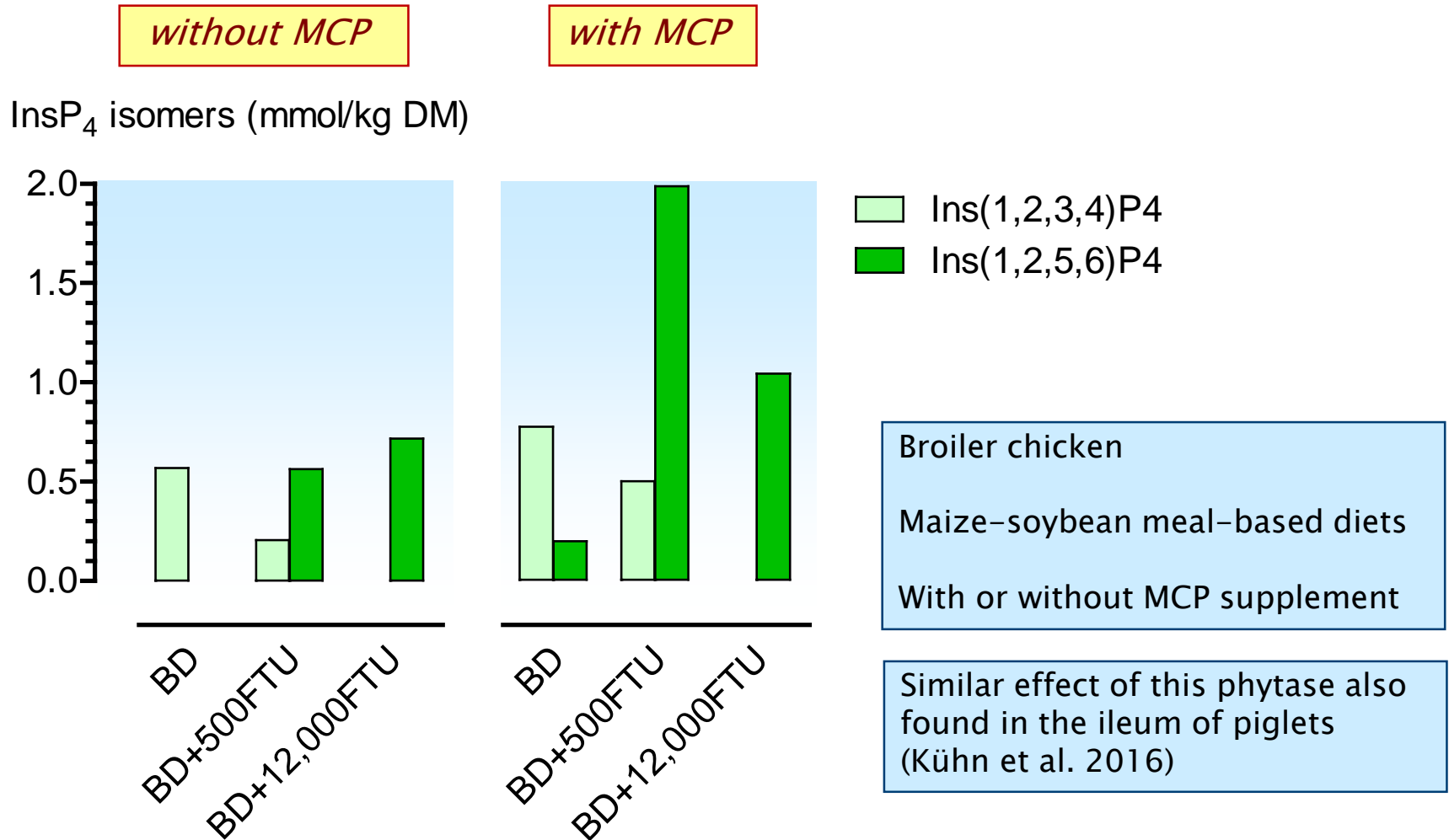
*Zeller et al. (2015b)*

# InsP<sub>5</sub> pattern differ with phytase products



*Zeller et al. (2015b)*

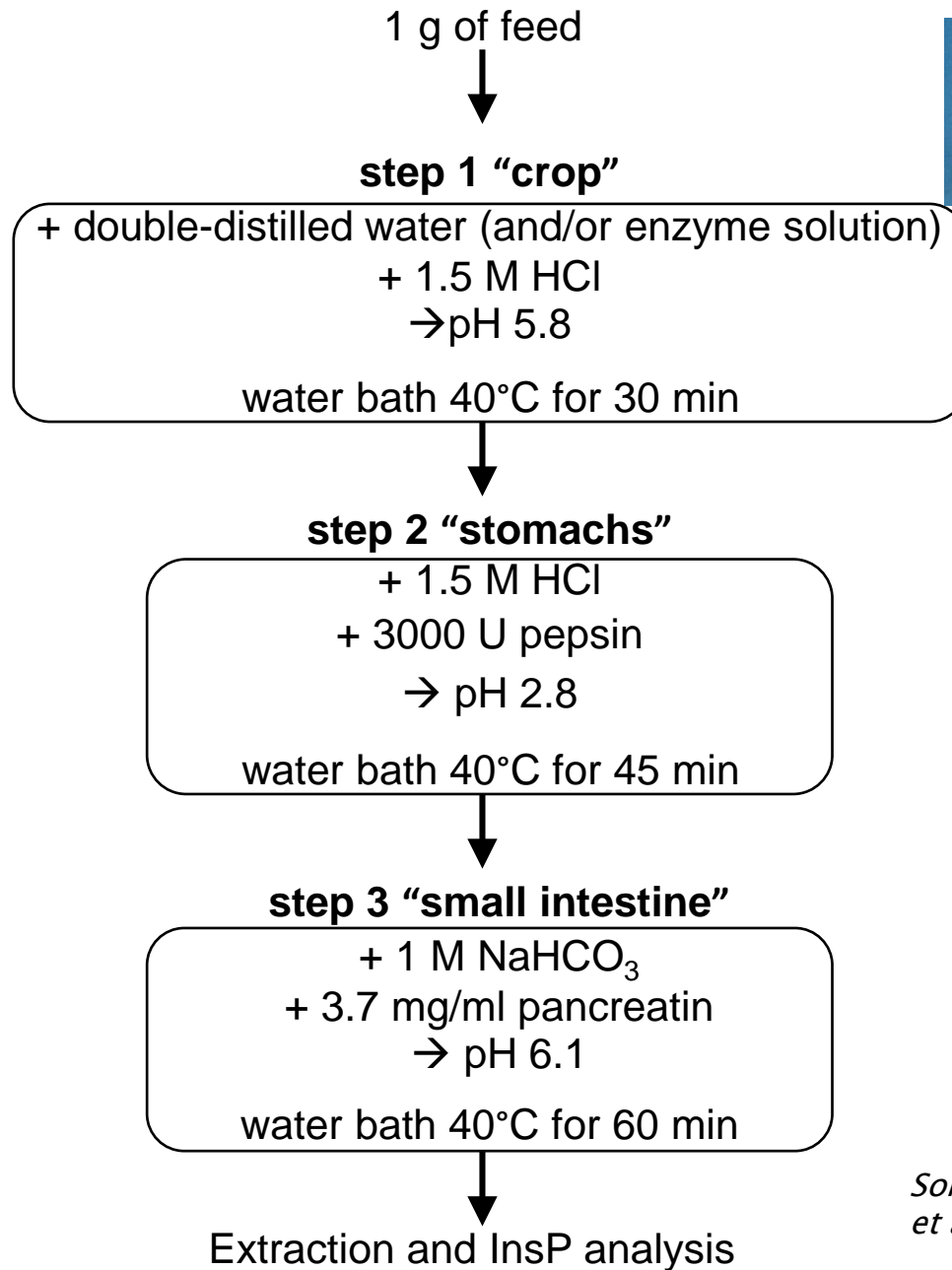
# InsP<sub>4</sub> pattern in the terminal ileum is affected by MCP



Zeller et al. (2015b)

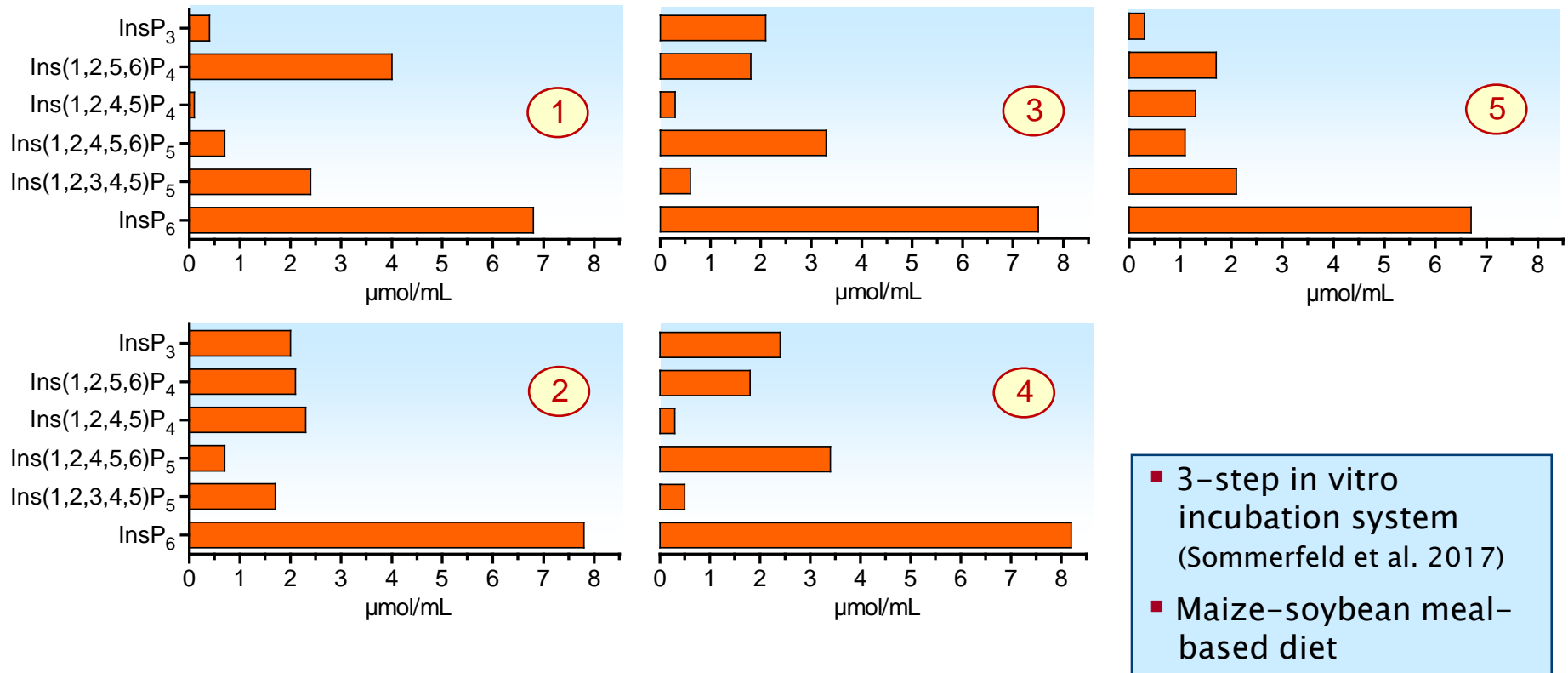
In vitro:

## Identification of potential bottlenecks



*Sommerfeld  
et al. (2017)*

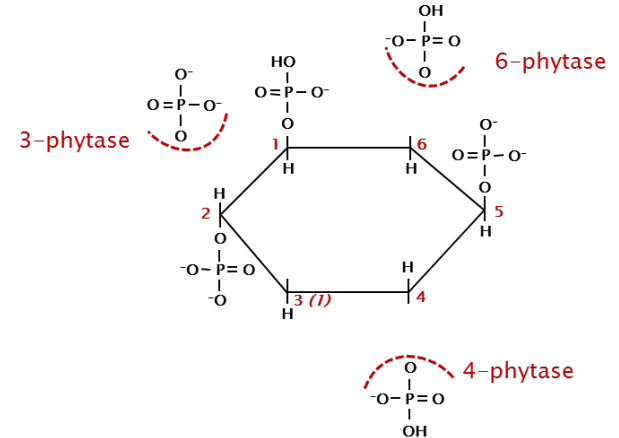
# In vitro: Identification of potential bottlenecks



- 5 different phytase products
- dosage equivalent to 300 FTU/kg of diet
- FTU defined according to the product-specific pH optimum of  $\text{InsP}_6$  degradation

- 3-step in vitro incubation system (Sommerfeld et al. 2017)
- Maize-soybean meal-based diet

# InsP<sub>6</sub> degradation process is multiple susceptible !



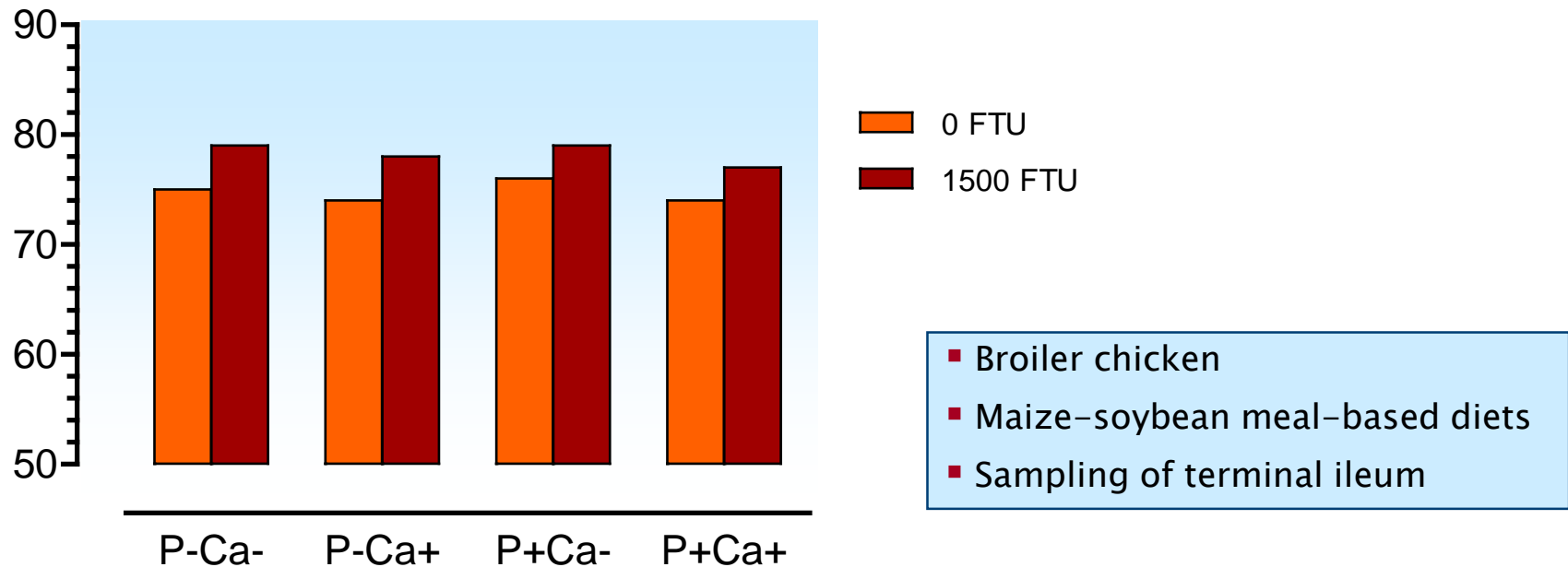
To conclude from this:

- (1) Characterise the degradation products
- (2) Identify specific bottlenecks of enzymes or enzyme combinations
- (3) Improve the degradation process



# Phytase and amino acid digestibility

precaecal dig. of Lys (%)

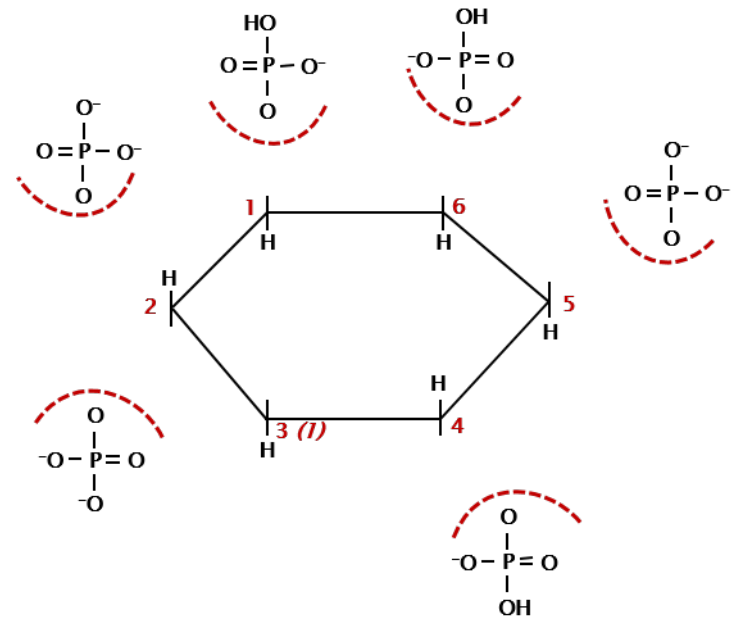


ANOVA *p* values:

P: n.s.; Ca: n.s.; phy: <0.001; No interaction

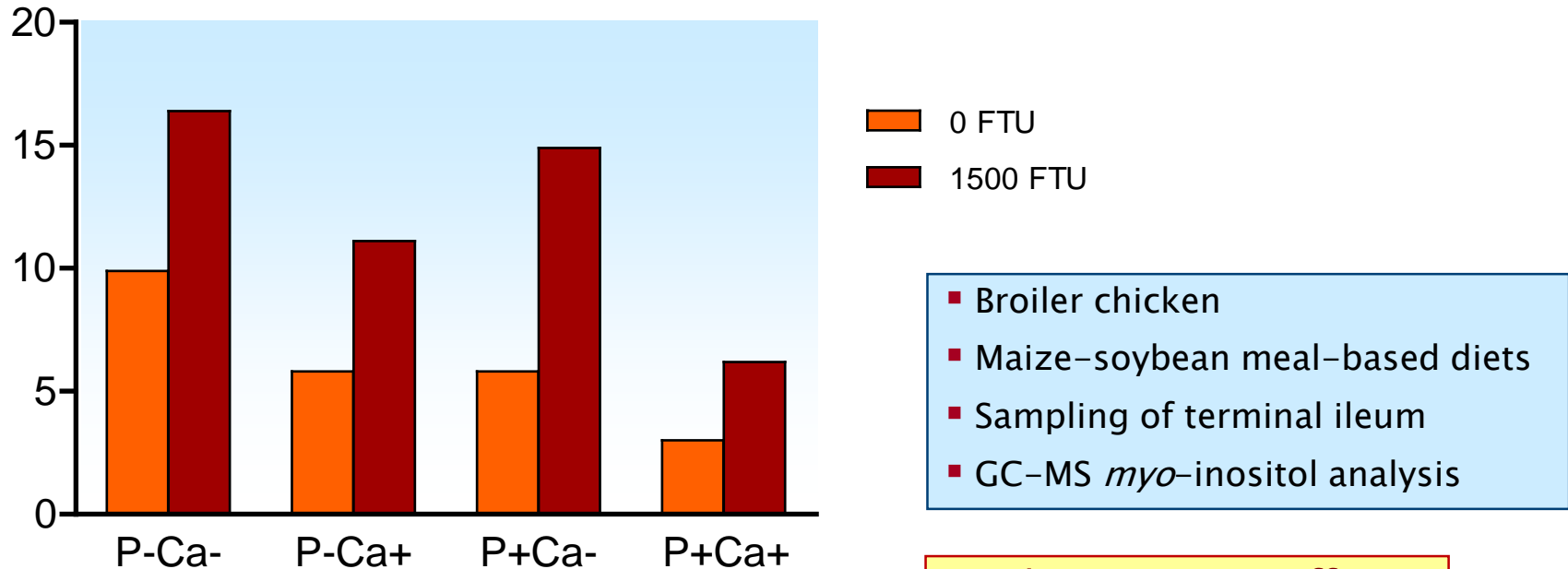
*Sommerfeld et al. 2017*

# Myo-inositol release



# Myo-inositol can be released

Myo-inositol (mmol/kg dry ileum digesta)



ANOVA *p* values:

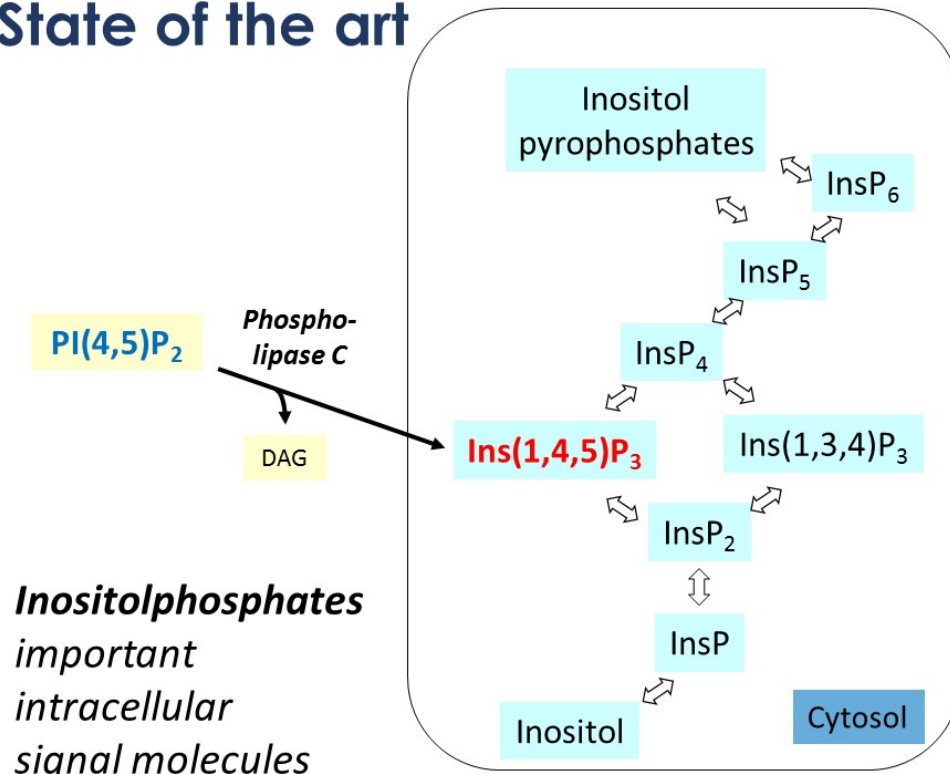
P: <0.001; Ca: <0.001; phy: <0.001; Ca×phy: 0.02

Similar treatment effects detected in the gizzard!

*Sommerfeld et al. (2016)*

# Metabolic relevance of *myo*-inositol

## State of the art



**Inositol phosphates**  
important  
intracellular  
signal molecules

Abel et al. 2001

via InsP<sub>3</sub> receptors



Ca<sup>2+</sup> release

- Smooth muscle contraction

Deepak et al. 2005

- Exocytosis of neurotransmitters, hormones and enzymes

Williams 2014

*Courtesy of Korinna Huber, 2017*

# To conclude from this

- Biological potential of broilers for  $\text{InsP}_6$  degradation is high and higher than in pigs: Relevance of the crop?
- P and Ca supplements strongly reduce  $\text{InsP}_6$  degradation
- Phytase supplements can compensate in a dose-dependent manner
- $\text{InsP}$  isomers and *myo*-inositol help understand mode of action of enzymes and (perhaps) further improve enzyme efficiencies
- $\text{InsP}_6$  degradation has relevance also for amino acid digestibility and *myo*-inositol supply

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Relevance for feed raw material evaluation:

**P digestibility**

# Standard protocol for the determination of available P

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## ■ Published

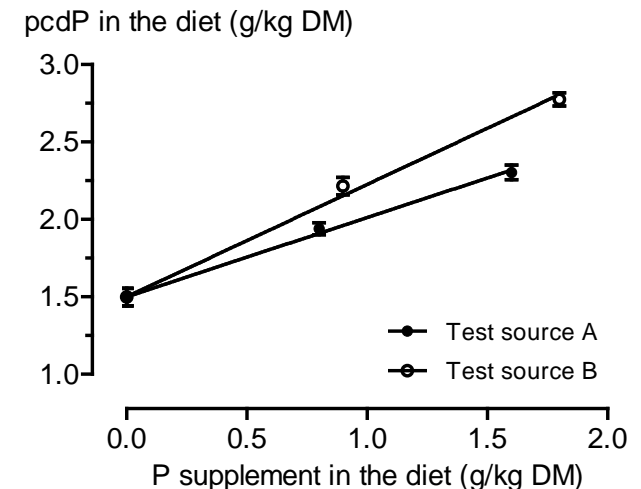
### Working Group Report

### Determination of phosphorus availability in poultry

Working Group No 2: Nutrition of the European Federation of Branches of WPSA



- Recommendation: determination of precaecal P digestibility (pcdP) as the measure of P availability
- Principle: pcdP of a given feedstuff tested by a linear regression approach



## ■ Intended: Differentiated P availability evaluation of

- Feed raw materials and diets
- Phytase products

## ■ Approaches:

- P digestibility until the end of ileum (precaecal digestible P, **pcdP**) (WPSA, 2013)
- P retention
- Relative bioavailability (bone criteria)

*Review by Shastak and Rodeh. (2013) in WPSJ*

## ■ Consensus:

- Animal studies needed
- In vitro-techniques not sufficiently accurate (yet)



- Relevance of Ca, P, and phytate interactions when evaluating raw materials of
  - mineral or animal origin
  - plant origin
  
- Insights to gain from the recently completed P digestibility ring test

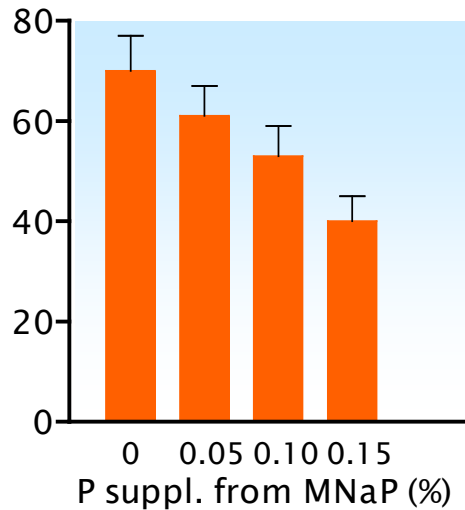
# General procedure of animal trials

- Use a basal diet with low P and Ca
  - „practical-type“ (contains InsP<sub>6</sub>)
  - purified or semi-purified (low or no InsP<sub>6</sub>)
- Use other diets that contain the **P source under test** at one (or more) levels
- Measure criterion of choice (e.g. P digestibility) of all diets
- Evaluate the **P source under test** (by regression, difference calculation, etc.)

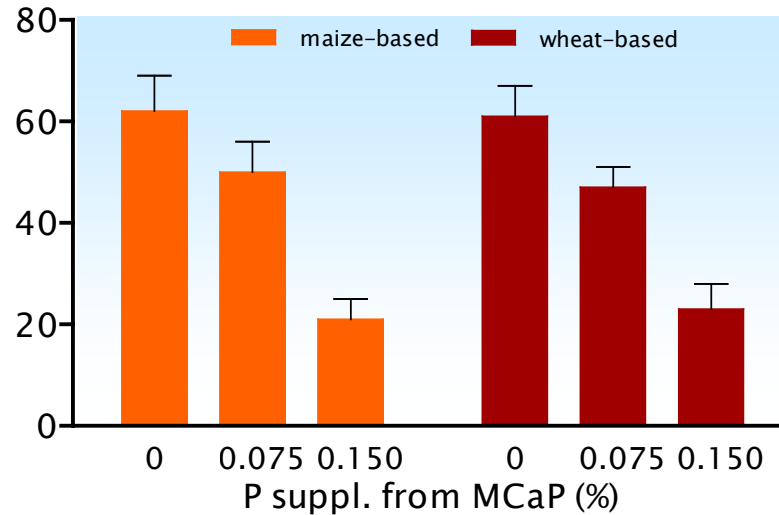
**Assumption implied:  
Added P source does not affect digestibility of the basal diet**

# InsP<sub>6</sub> disappearance in broilers: Effects of added Ca/P

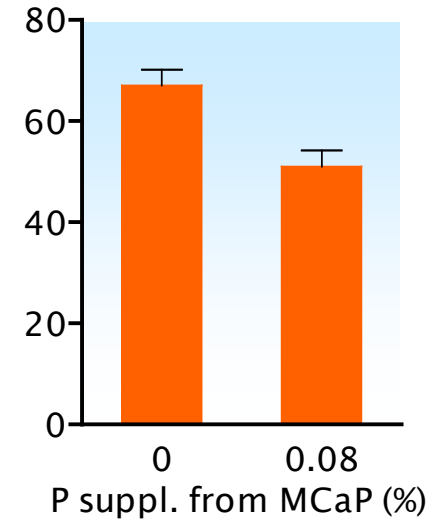
Excreta InsP<sub>6</sub> dissapp. (%)



pc InsP<sub>6</sub> disapp. (%)



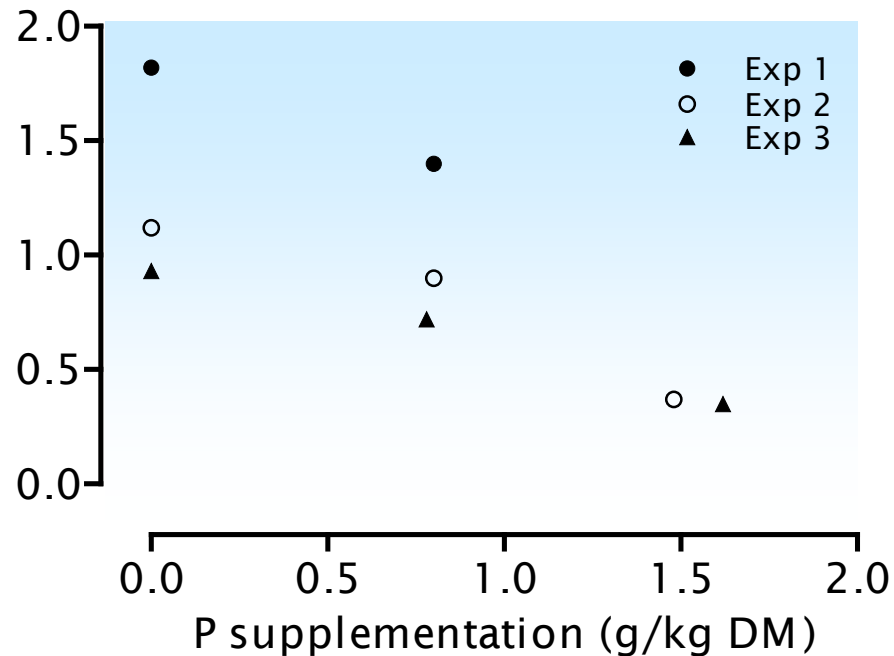
pc InsP<sub>6</sub> disapp. (%)



*Data from Shastak et al. (2014) and Zeller et al. (2015c)*

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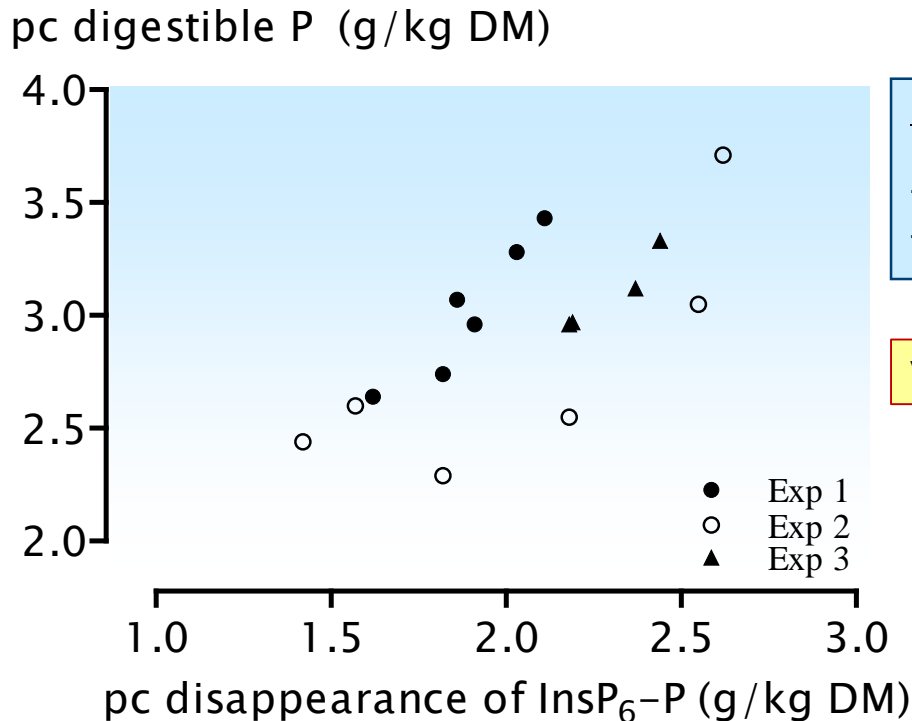
pc InsP<sub>6</sub>-P disapp. (g/kg DM)



Estimated slopes of linear regressions:  
-0.36 to -0.53

*Data from Shastak et al. (2014) and Zeller et al. (2015c)*

# How much of the P released from InsP<sub>6</sub> is digested?



Estimate:

from experiments that measured InsP<sub>6</sub> and total P at the terminal ileum of broilers

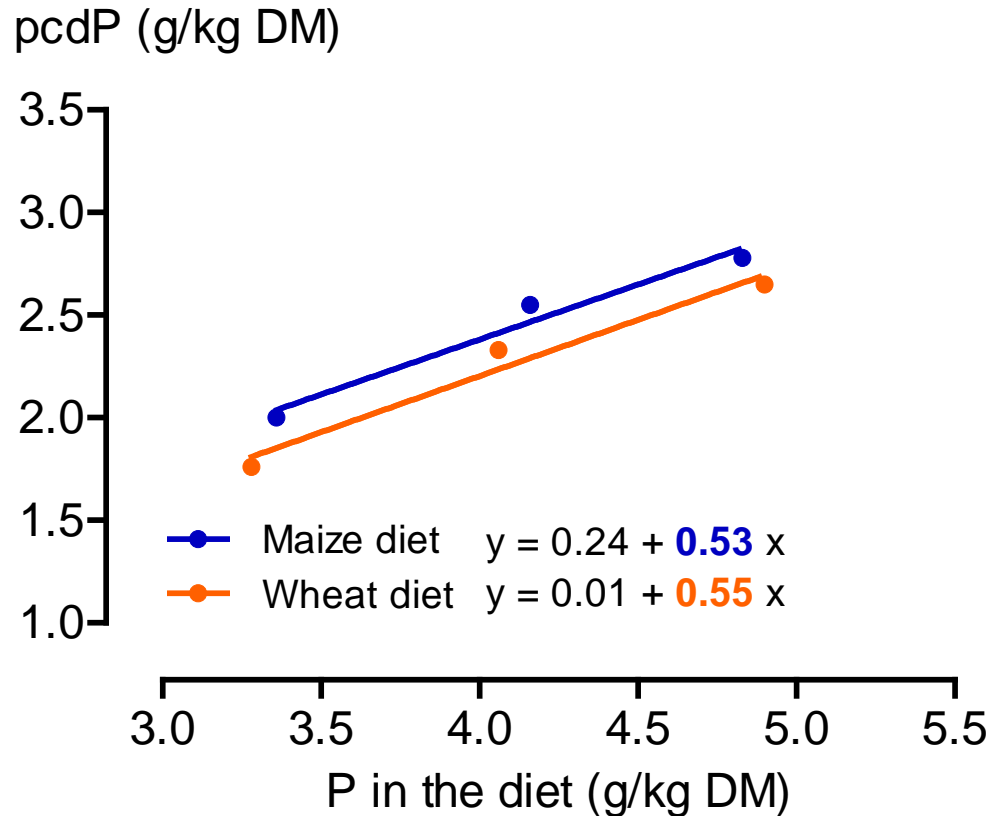
$$y = 1.3 (0.4) + 0.78 (0.21) x; r^2: 0.52 \quad s_{y,x}: 0.27$$

This calculation does not consider the lower InsP<sub>x</sub>

Digestibility of P released from InsP<sub>6</sub> is very high, probably close to 100%

*Data from Zeller et al. (2015a,b,c)*

# Consequences for P digestibility estimates



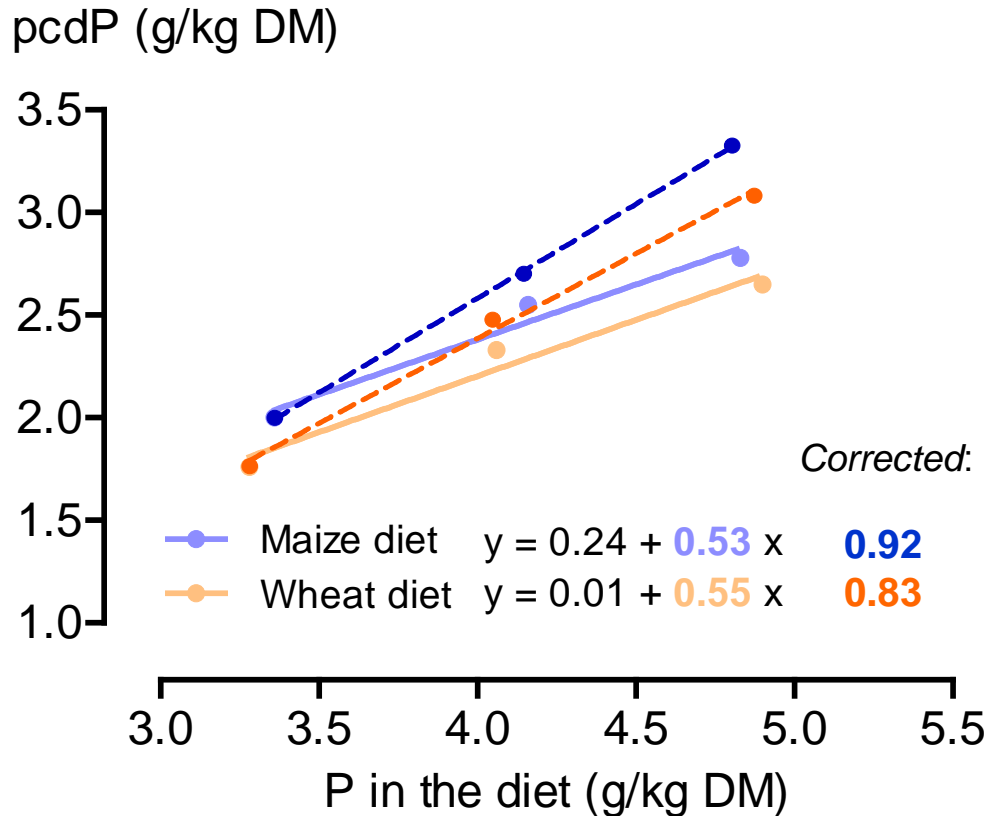
## Broiler study

Maize-based or wheat-based basal diets, supplements of monocalcium phosphate (MCP)

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Included: correction for changes in  $\text{InsP}_6$  disappearance

Data from Shastak et al. (2014)

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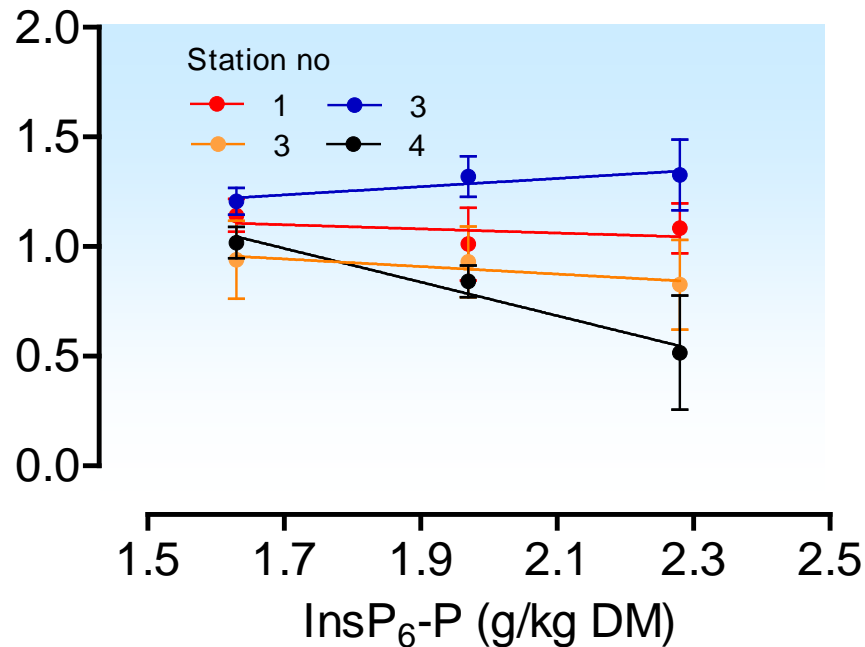
- Mineral and animal P sources are underestimated when studied using phytate-containing diets
- Plant P sources are overestimated when using low-P diets





# Upper limit of InsP<sub>6</sub> hydrolysis?

Prececal InsP<sub>6</sub>-P disappearance (g/kg DM)



4 broiler studies in different stations, but using the same diets

low-P basal diet

Increasing InsP<sub>6</sub> by soybean meal

*Rodehutscord et al. (2017)*

# How get out of the dilemma?

- Use purified diets?
- Analyse  $\text{InsP}_6$  along with total P and make corrections?

# P digestibility ring test

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Full report published in Poult. Sci. (2017)

# P digestibility ring test: Objectives

- To compare the results obtained for P digestibility of soybean meal (SBM) when the WPSA protocol is applied
  - The same diets in all 17 stations
  - All chemical analyses done in only one laboratory
- Hypothesis:  
High reproducibility of determined P digestibility

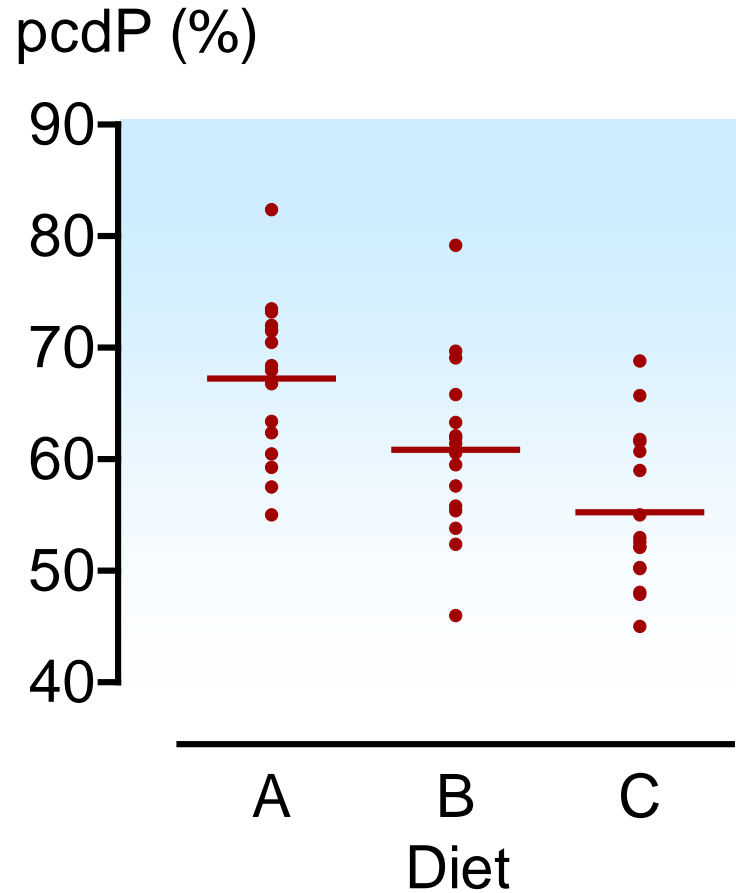
# P digestibility ring test: Diets

Diet	A	B	C
<i>Ingredients (g/kg)</i>			
Soybean meal	400	510	620
Corn starch	449	337	225
Limestone (finely ground)	7	9	11
Other	144	144	144
<i>Analysed (g/kg, on DM basis)</i>			
CP	231	288	339
Total P	3.0	3.8	4.6
Ca	4.6	5.7	6.8
InsP <sub>6</sub> -P	1.6	2.0	2.3
Ins(1,2,4,5,6)P <sub>5</sub> -P	0.24	0.27	0.32

# Procedures used in the collaborating stations

- Broiler chicks (different strains)
  - raised according to station-specific routine
  - pre-experimental starter diet not standardized
- Feeding of the experimental diets (ad libitum) for (a minimum of) 5 days
- Minimum of 6 replicated cages per diet
- Experiment terminated at the age of 21–28 days (CO<sub>2</sub> asphyxiation or cerv. dislocation or pentobarbital inj.)
- Content from the lower half of the ileum

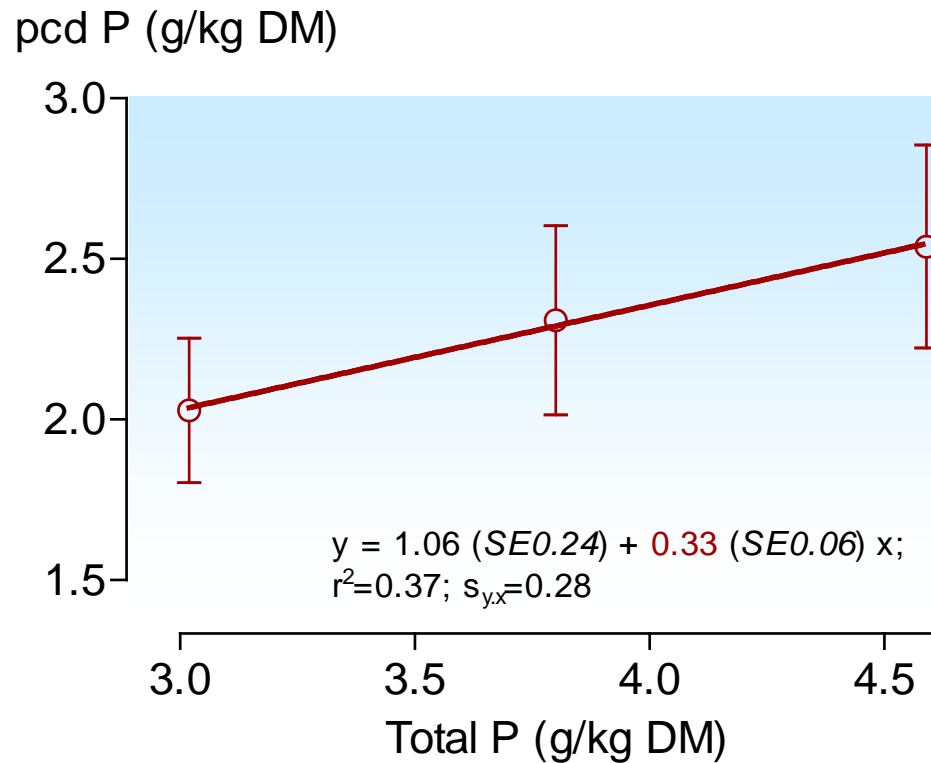
# Digestibility of the diets



Each dot is the mean of one station per diet



# Digestibility of the soybean meal

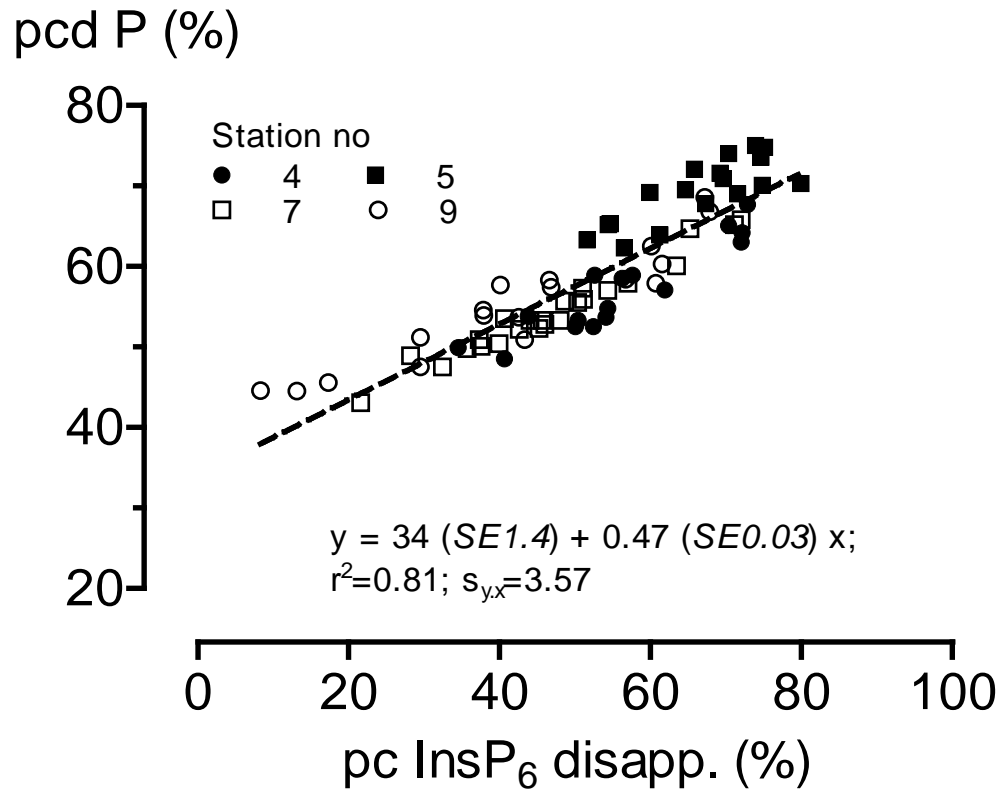


# Digestibility of the soybean meal – by station

No of station	Slope		SE	R <sup>2</sup>	Root MS error
1	0.31	abc	0.07	>0.99	0.01
2	0.22	bc	0.08	0.97	0.02
3	0.19	c	0.07	0.68	0.09
4	0.30	abc	0.07	0.98	0.03
5	0.51	a	0.08	>0.99	<0.01
6	0.38	abc	0.08	0.93	0.07
7	0.33	abc	0.08	>0.99	<0.01
8	0.43	ab	0.07	0.95	0.06
9	0.19	c	0.08	0.91	0.04
10	0.25	bc	0.07	0.94	0.04
11	0.27	bc	0.08	0.92	0.05
12	0.26	bc	0.07	>0.99	0.02
13	0.42	ab	0.07	0.95	0.07
15	0.38	abc	0.07	0.97	0.04
16	0.34	abc	0.08	>0.99	0.02
17	0.41	abc	0.08	0.91	0.08

Reject hypothesis!

# Relationship: P digestibility and $\text{InsP}_6$



# Possible explanations for high variation of P digestib.

- High relevance: factors related to  $\text{InsP}_6$  degradation
  - Endogenous mucosal phytase activity (animal genetic effect)?
  - Endogenous **microbial** phytase production
    - Housing in the pre-experimental period (contact with litter)?
    - Coccidiostat in the pre-experimental diet?
- P and Ca levels, and phytase in the pre-experimental diet:  
No clear relationships found
- Age at sampling, growth, feed intake, killing procedure, did not show any clear relationship with P digestibility

# Conclusions from the ring test

- Standardization of protocol details must go beyond the experimental period
- Revision of the protocol is needed:  
include pre-experimental starter period



Avoid comparison of data from different studies/labs

# Summary and conclusion

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The extremely high biological variation in  $\text{InsP}_6$  degradation  
–together with the hardly quantified reasons of variation–  
lets standardised P evaluation remain to be a  
big scientific and technical challenge.