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# **Action of different phytase types & doses in different segments of the broiler digestive tract**

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# Ingredients of this talk about phytase

- Introduction and a brief history
- Efficacy and economy
- ANF effect of phytate
- Interaction Ca, P and N
- DuPont SFR experiment
- Conclusions
- Take Home Messages





# Introduction

Phytase has become an indispensable ingredient in feeds for poultry and pigs:

- To diminish P-excretion and improve P-utilisation
- To improve animal performance
- To make extra money



## Brief history phytase development

Started in the eighties in The Netherlands by:

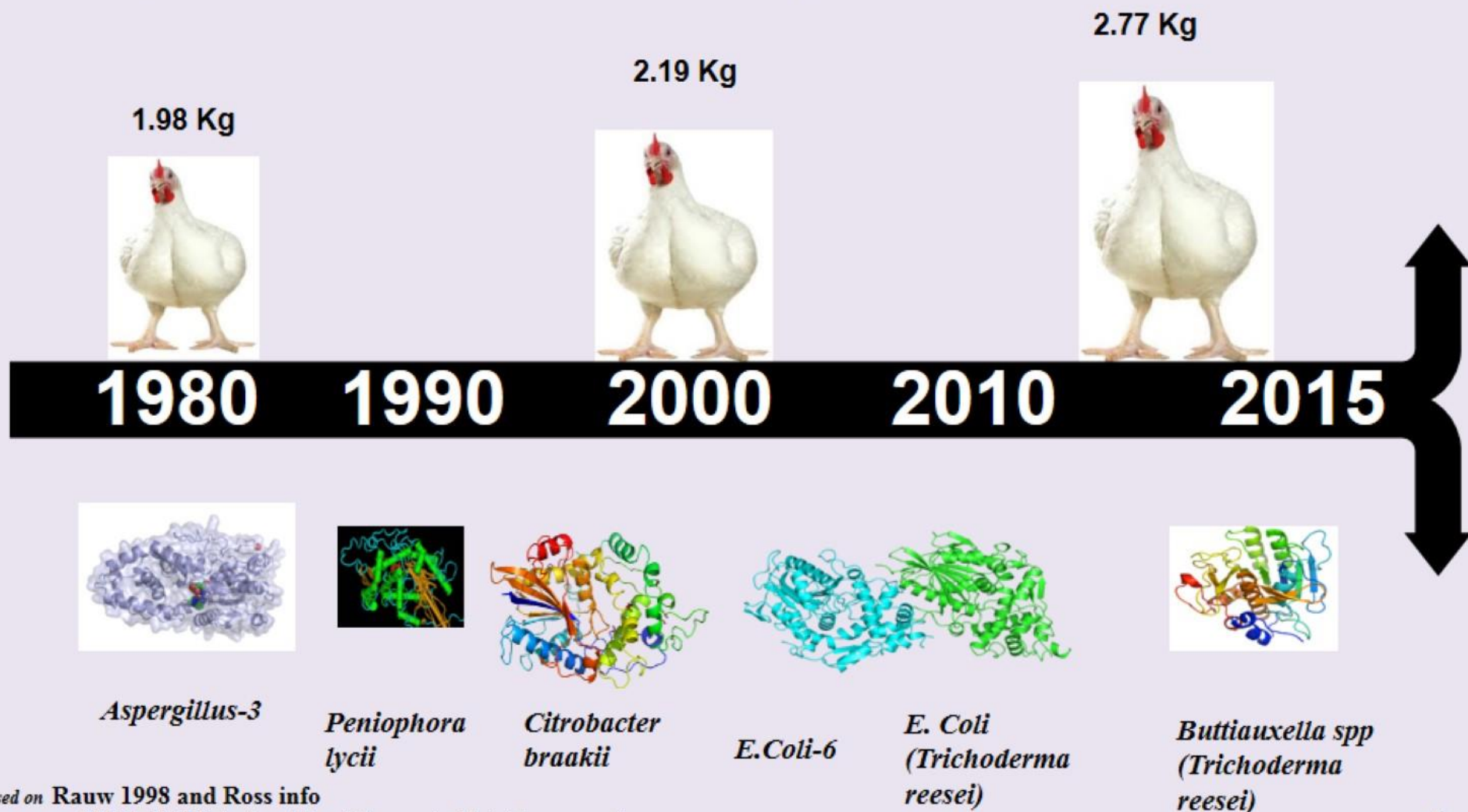
- Gist Brocades
- Dutch Board for Animal Feeds

Because of excessive emission of phosphorous (P) to the environment

- First generation: Aspergillus 3-phytase, Natuphos
- Second generation: E.Coli 6-phytases
- Third generation: Buttiauxella, Axtra® PHY



# Improvement in efficacy



Based on Rauw 1998 and Ross info

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## Economic benefits of phytase above animal performance and environmental benefits

	1991	2014
Price of a 5,000 FTU phytase product	~ 25 USD/kg	~ 9 USD/kg
Cost of using 500 FTU	2.50 USD/ton	0.90 USD/ton
Price of inorganic phosphorus (as MCP)	~ 200 USD/ton	~ 650 USD/ton
Typical phytase “P contribution” at 500 FTU dose	0.10% av.P	0.13% av.P
MCP replacement in the formulation	4.42 kg	5.75 kg
Savings from MCP replacement in feed	0.88 USD/tonne	3.74 USD/tonne
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>- 1.62 USD/ton</b>	<b>+ 2.84 USD/ton</b>



## Phytate: Anti-Nutritional Factor (ANF)

- Contains P and binds minerals as Ca, Mg, Fe, Cu and Zn
- More endogenous losses of amino acids
- Reduces sodium pump activity (Ha)
- Suggested to form complexes with proteins
- More protein and energy used to compensate for endogenous losses
- ANF-effect mostly related to IP-6 and IP-5, but impact from IP-3 and IP-4 also important



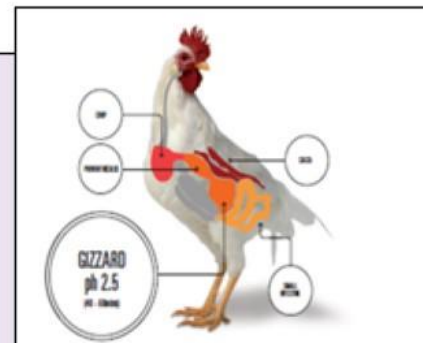
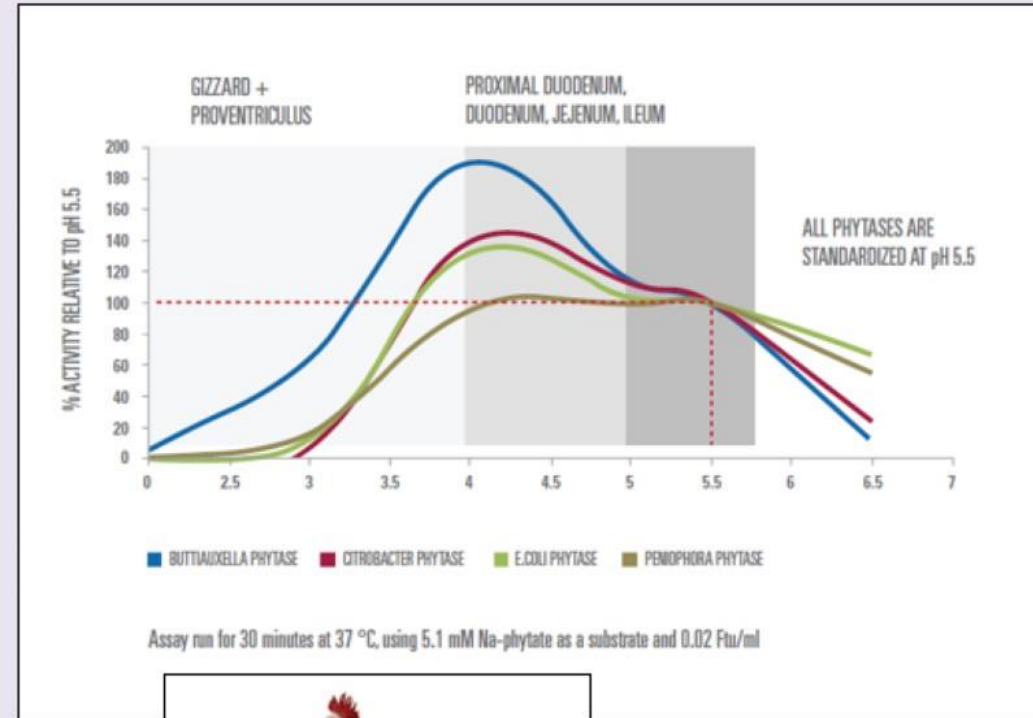
# Criteria for a “highly effective” phytase

Need to hydrolyze phytate (IP6) in the stomach and upper part of the small intestine:

- As completely as possible
- As quickly as possible

A good phytase needs to have the following attributes:

- Highly active in low and wide pH range
- Resistance to protease
- High affinity for and fast degradation of IP6
- Heat stable



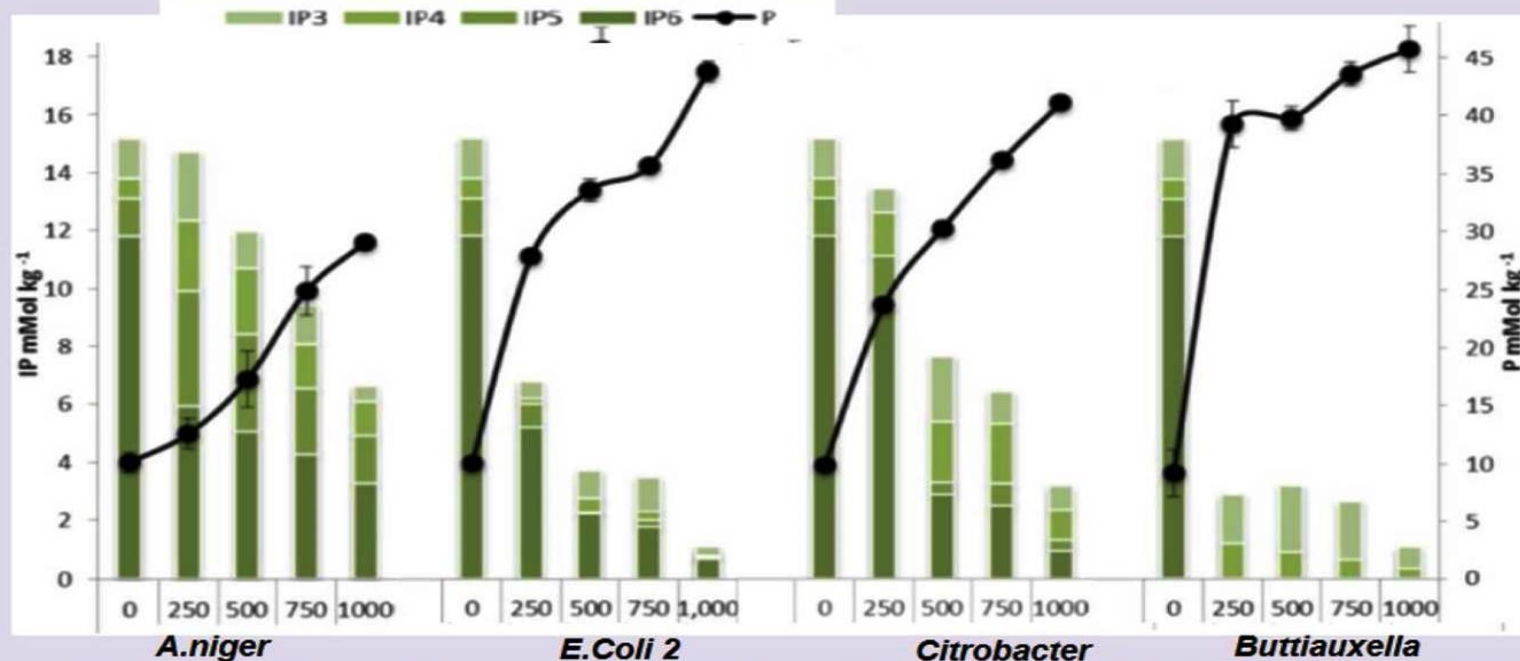




# Differences in enzyme kinetics and pH optima of phytases result in very different phytate dephosphorylation patterns and phosphate release during *in vitro* simulation of digestion

Intestine

Menezes-Blackburn *et al.*, 2015



Enzymatic phytate dephosphorylation of wheat during *in vitro* simulation of poultry digestive tract in a high buffer system

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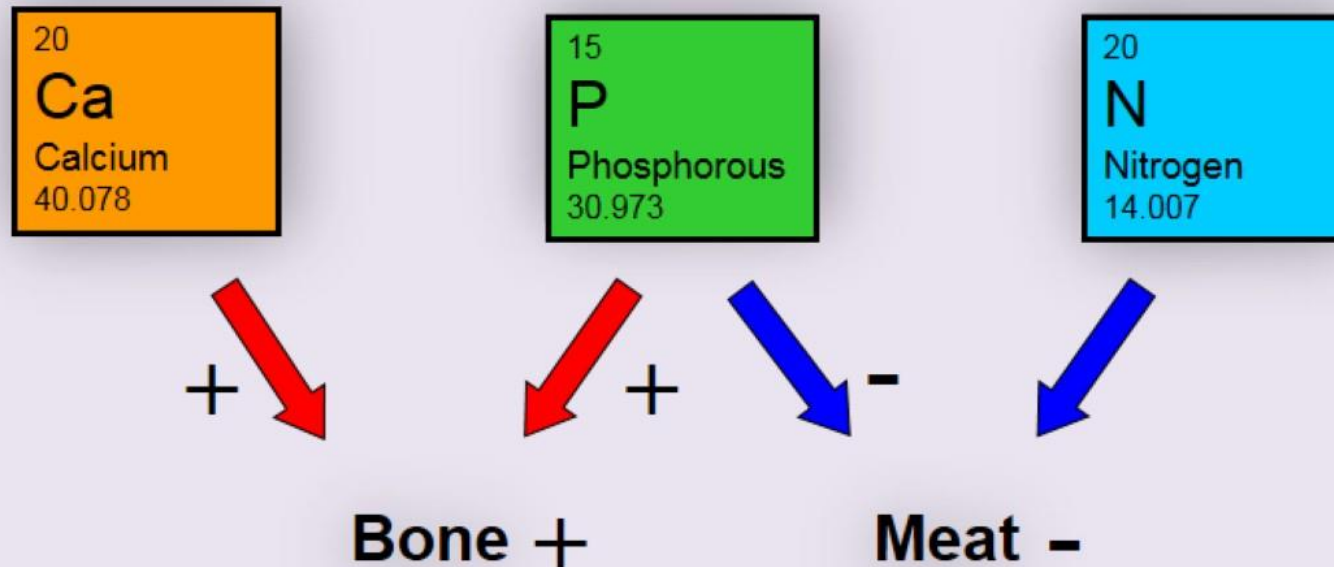
## Interaction between Ca, P and N

- Calcium: most abundant mineral in the body; 75 - 95% is found in the skeleton and also plays a major role in many enzyme systems, e.g. control of nerve impulses, muscle contractions.
- Phosphorus: predominantly present in the skeleton (50 - 80%) also occurs in soft tissues: phosphoproteins, nucleic acids, phospholipids in animal cell walls; plays a vital role in energy metabolism
- Ca & P stored in bone (mineral hydroxy-apatite) at constant ratio of 2.1 to 1.
- N is stored mainly in the soft tissues as meat





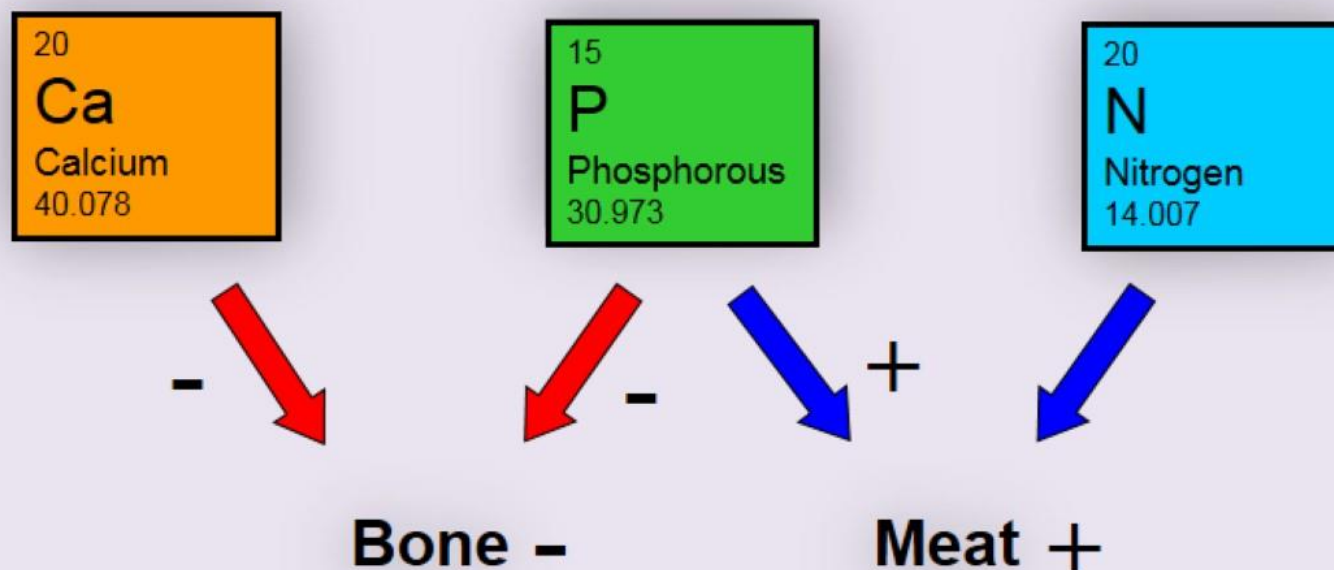
# Interaction of Ca and P with N/protein



P-requirements are also related to protein-requirements



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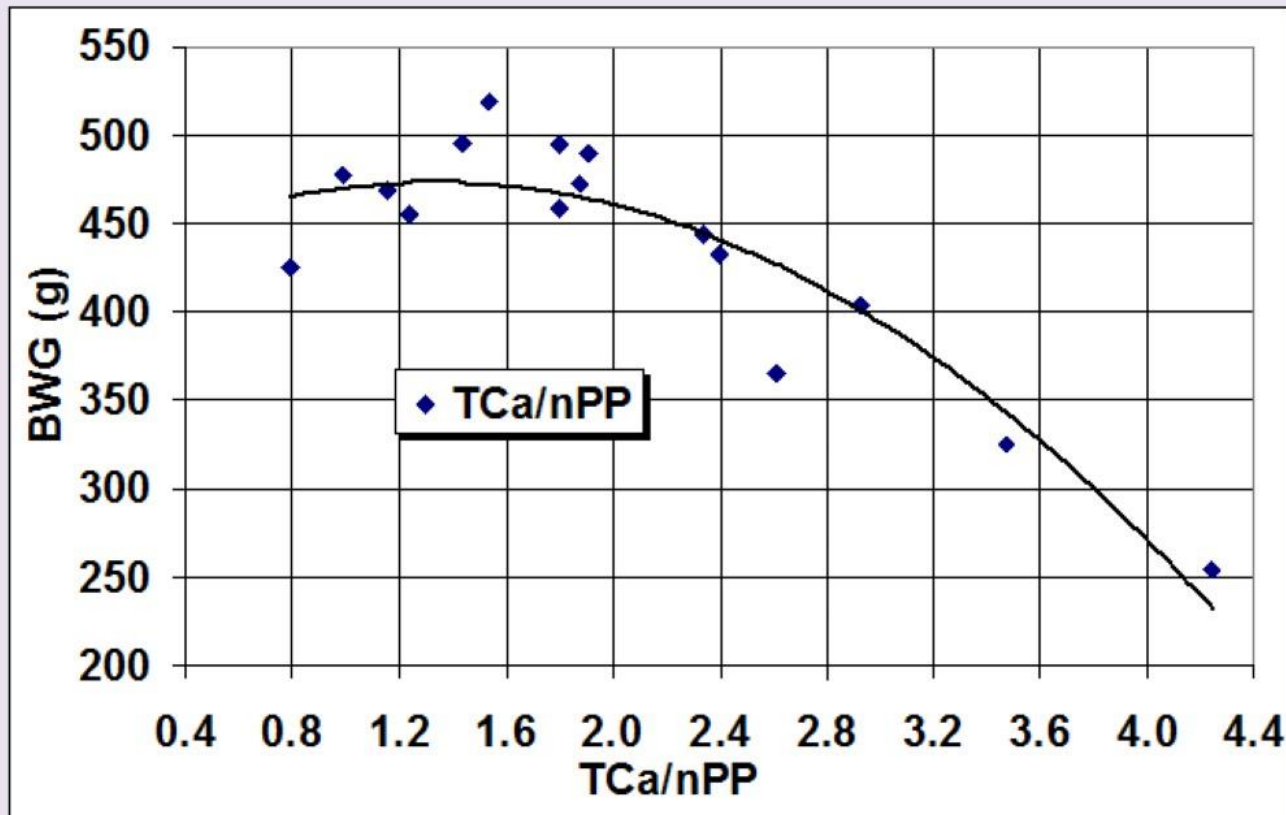


Less calcium can result in more meat and changed P-deposition



# Interaction between Ca and P

## Effect of Ca/nPP ratio on BWG day 1-16 in broilers



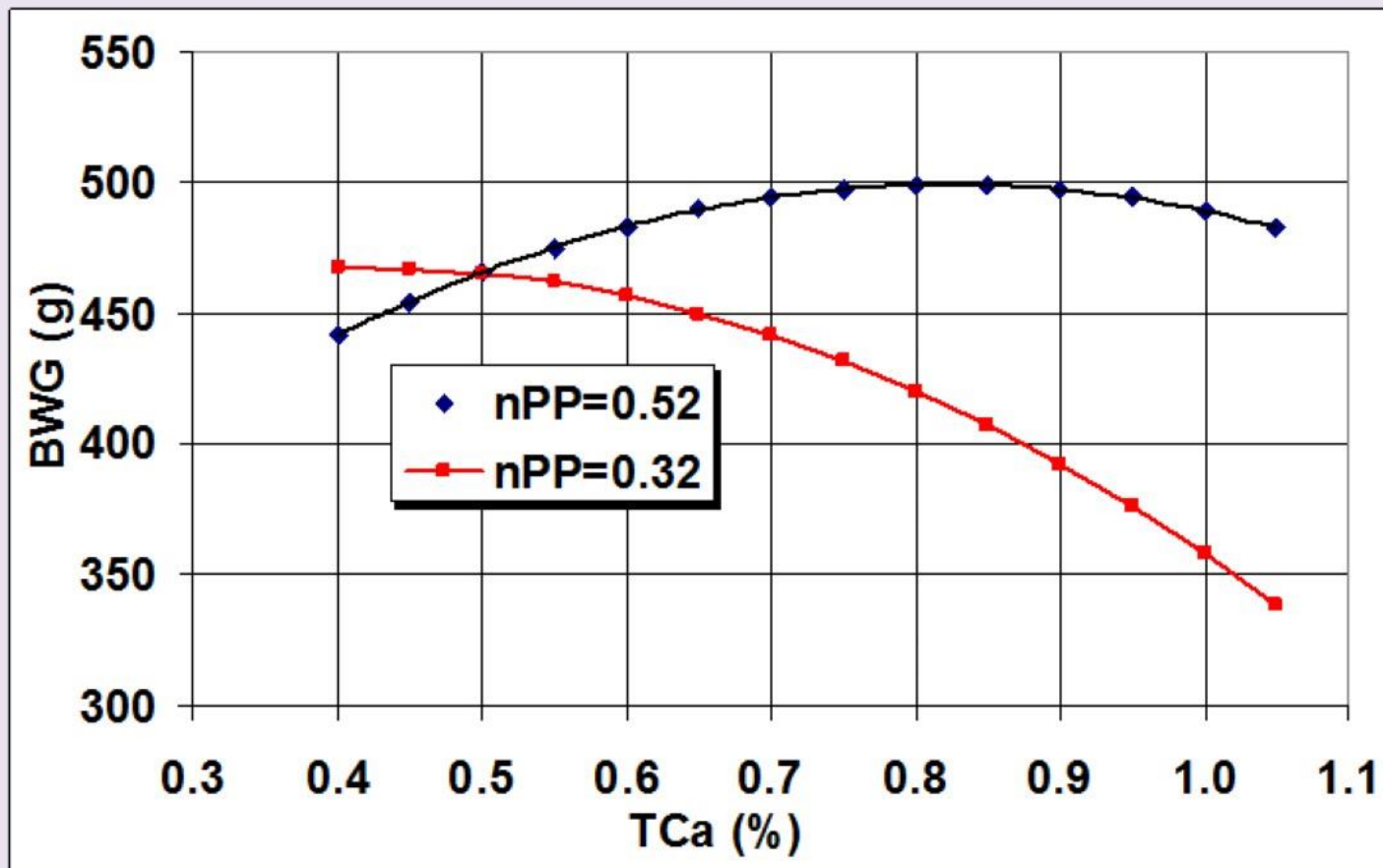
➤ A high ratio Ca/nPP has a negative effect on BWG

Driver *et al*, 2005



# Interaction between Ca and P

## Effect of Ca on BWG day 1-16 at low and high P-supply



Calculations from  
mathematical broiler  
model Driver, 2005

➤ At a low P-supply, the effect of extra Ca on BWG is negative



## Digestion and metabolism of Ca and P in broilers

- Uptake of Ca is regulated at intestinal level depending on supply / requirements

<u>Ca in feed</u>	<u>Ileal dig. Ca (%)</u>
Low	51.0
Standard	34.5
High	31.3

Krimpen *et al*, 2013

- Excess of P is mainly excreted via urine



# Dose and type: set up experiment DuPont at SFR (LPH-51)

Product	Phytase FTU/kg	Calc P	Calc Ca
NC	0	4.8	7.5
<i>Buxiauxella</i>	250	4.8	7.5
	500	4.8	7.5
	750	4.8	7.5
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<i>E.Coli</i> phytase	250	4.8	7.5
	500	4.8	7.5
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	1000	4.8	7.5
PC0.6	+0.6 g P	5.4	7.5
PC1.2	+1.2 g P	6.0	7.5
PC1.8	+1.8 g P	6.6	7.5

## Observations:

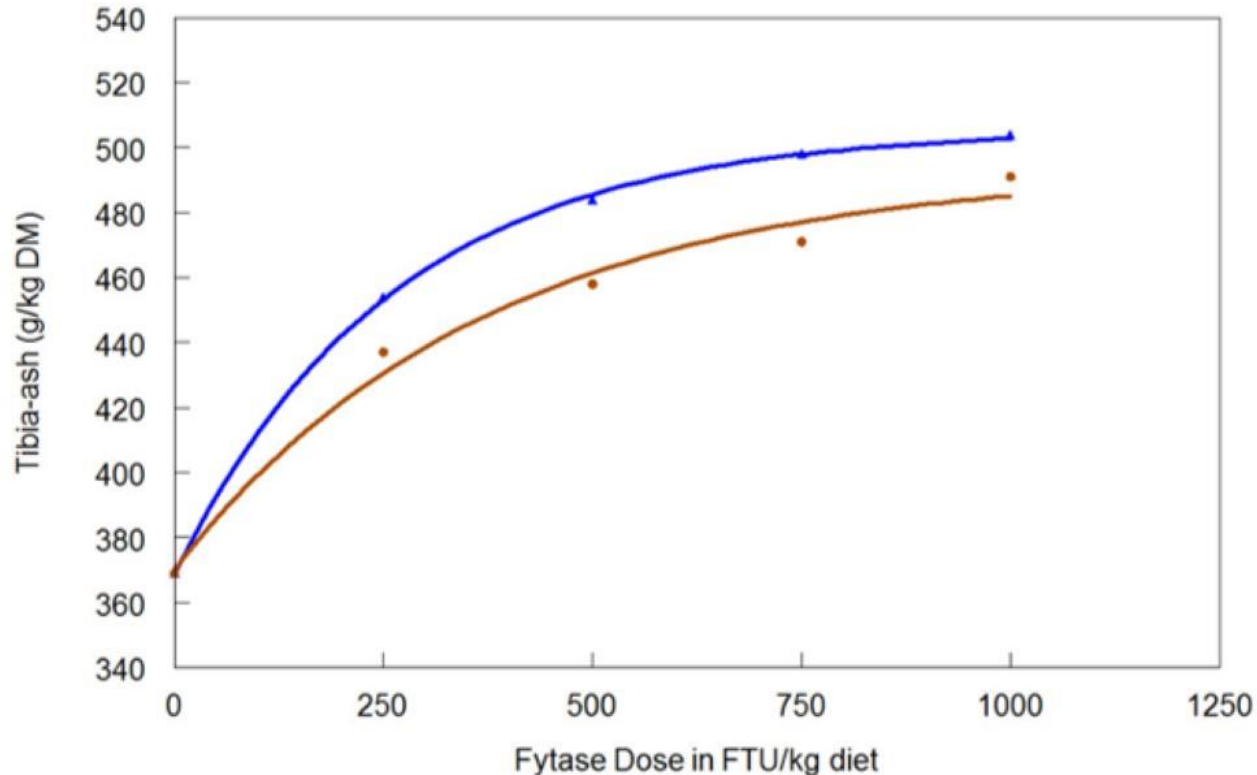
- FI, BWG and FCR from day 5 till day 20
- Retention of Ca and P at days 7/8, 13/14 and 18/20
- Ileal absorption of Ca and P at day 21
- Tibia ash at day 14 and day 21





## Effect of dose and phytase source on tibia ash at day 21

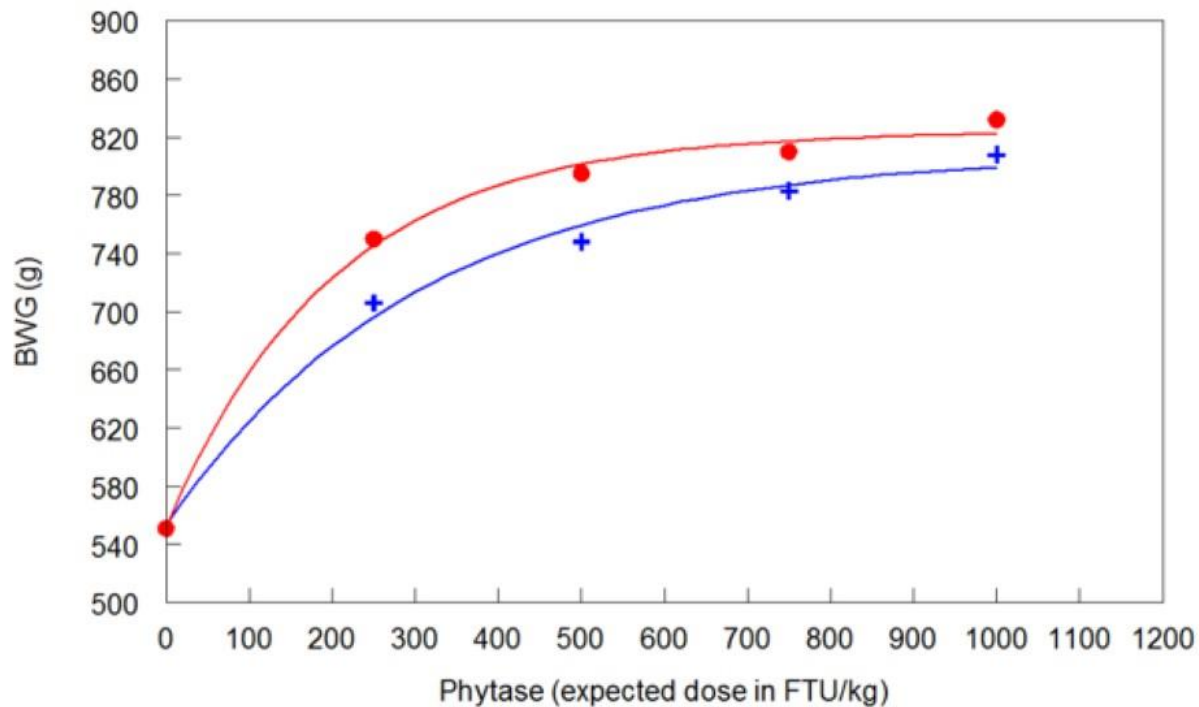
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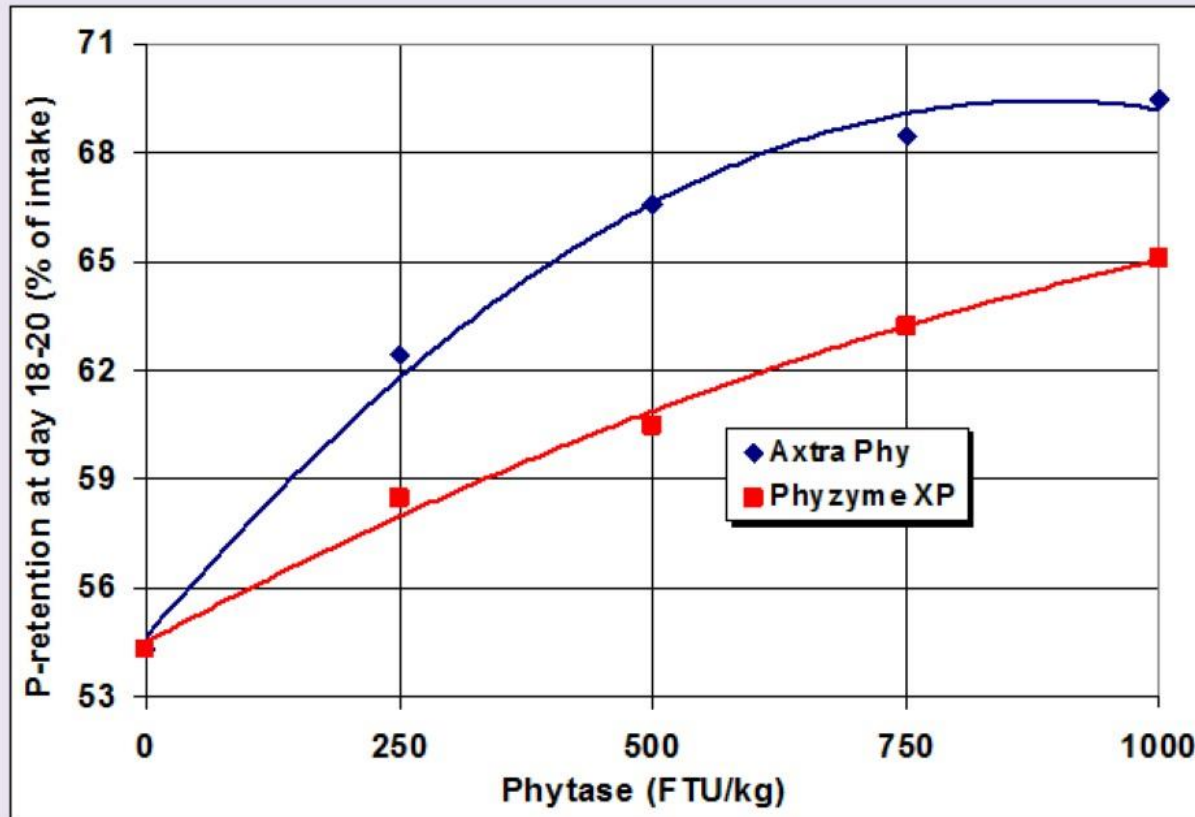
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# Effect of dose and phytases on P-retention



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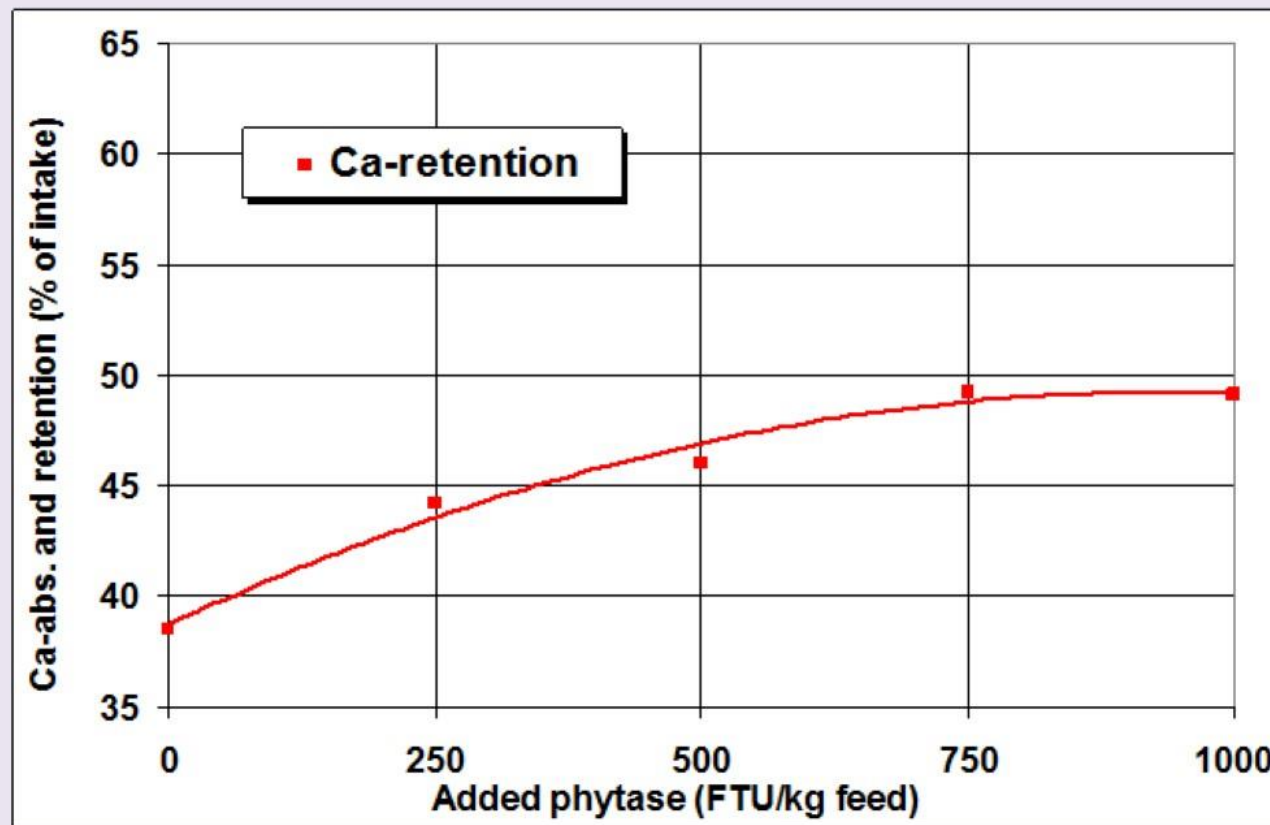


## Conclusions on dose and phytase source

- *Butiauxella* phytase is more effective than *E. Coli* phytase regarding bone formation, BWG and P-retention
- Optimal dose: 500 => 1000 FTU/kg ?!



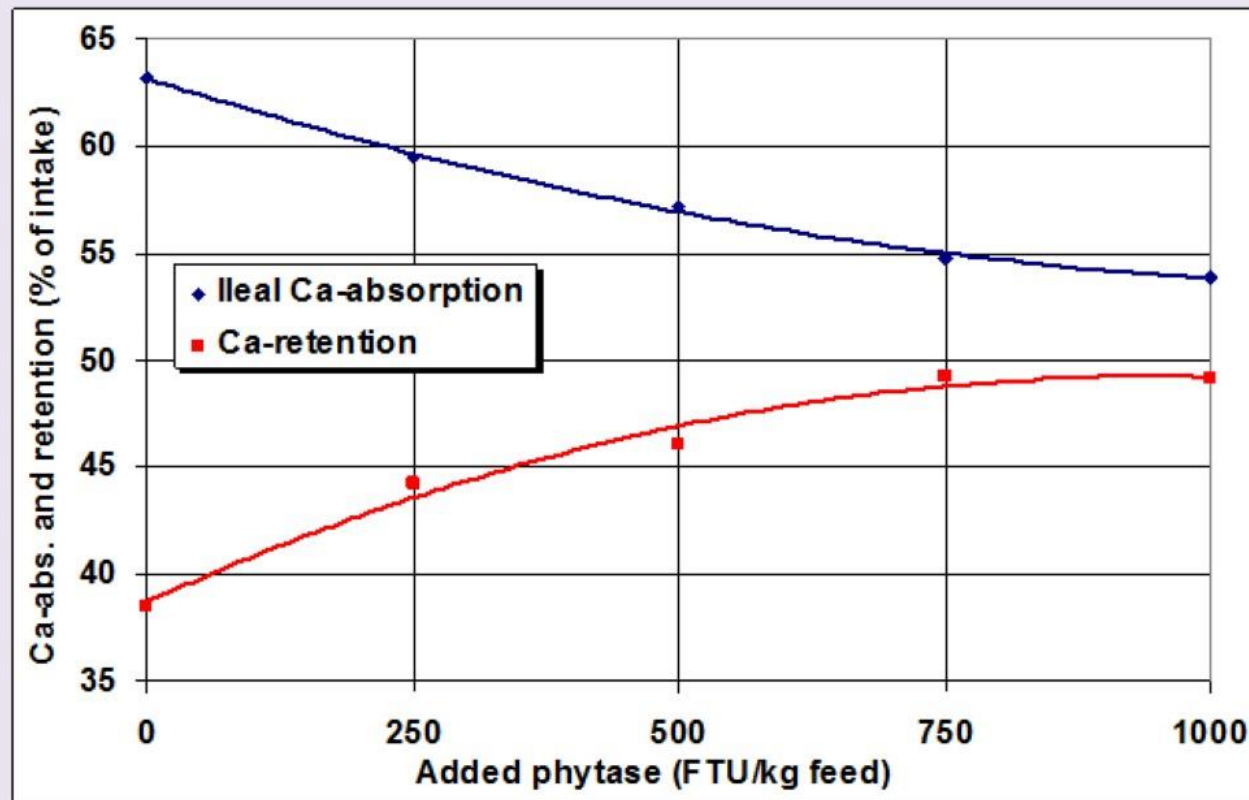
# Effect of phytase on Ca-retention



SFR LPH-51;  
All feeds: 7.5 g Ca  
per kg feed  
Retention: day 18-20



## Effect of phytase on ileal Ca-absorption and -retention

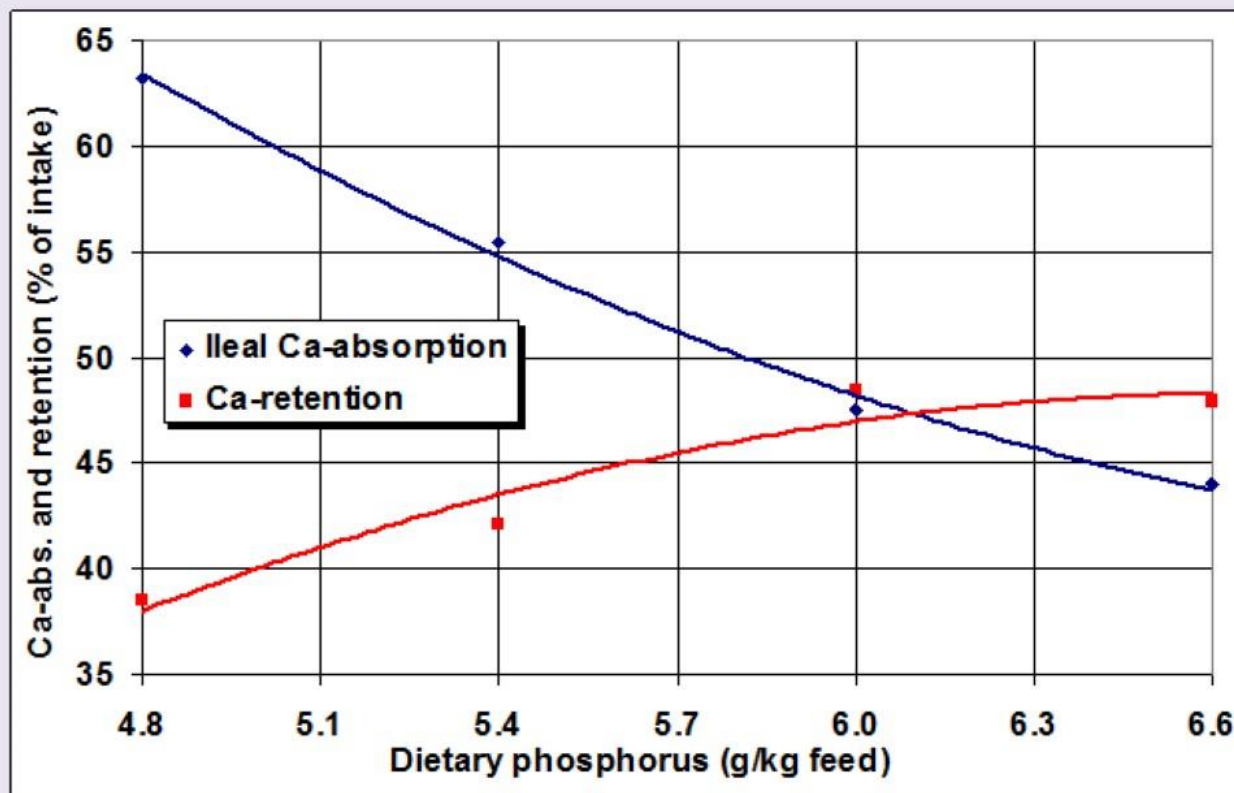


SFR LPH-51;  
All feeds: 7.5 g Ca  
per kg feed  
Retention: day 18-20  
Absorption: day 21

Phytase has ***not*** a positive effect on ileal Ca-absorption,  
but has a positive effect on Ca-retention!



## Effect of mineral P on ileal Ca-absorption and -retention



SFR LPH-51;  
All feeds: 7.5 g Ca  
per kg feed  
Retention: day 18-20  
Absorption: day 21

Also extra mineral phosphorus from MCP, partly replacing lime stone, has a negative effect on ileal Ca-absorption and a positive effect on Ca-retention!



## **Why decreases mineral P and phytase ileal Ca-absorption and increases Ca-retention?**

- Formation complexes of Ca and phosphates in intestinal tract. Ca-source???
- Increased P-supply below P-requirements increases bone formation and requirements for Ca, and so increase Ca-retention!!!



# Conclusions



- The third generation of phytases are more effective per FTU than the older ones, probably related to a high activity at a low and wide pH range
- To reduce the ANF effect, phytate needs to be degraded rapidly and thoroughly in the upper part of GIT
- The optimal phytase dose tends to increase depending on source, age, animal performance and economy
- Requirements for Ca, P and protein are related:
  - Extra Ca at low P-supply seems to reduce P-absorption and Body Weight Gain
  - Extra mineral P and phytase at a low P-supply do not increase ileal Ca-absorption, but increase retention of Ca



## Take Home Messages

- Use higher phytases doses than in the past depending on economy and age
- Try to develop a new standard phytase measurement *in vitro* at a pH that is better correlated with *in vivo* efficacy than the common standard at pH 5.5, but validation with *in vivo* trials is still necessary
- Try to reduce the Ca-supply and find out the effect of the phytase on Ca-absorption and -retention
- Always compare efficacy of phytases in animal trials with graded levels of mineral P from MCP