

# Effects of genetics of wheat and broilers on digestive efficiency

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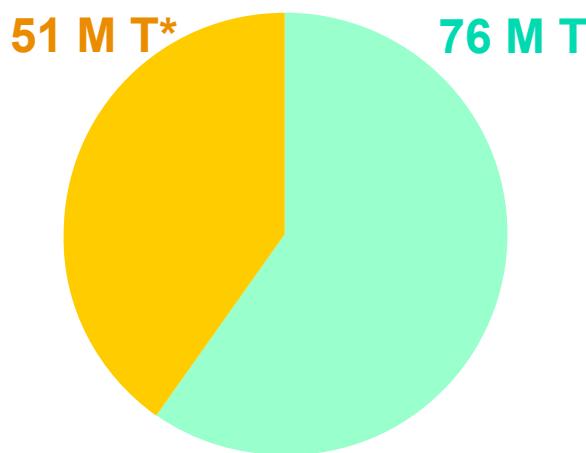


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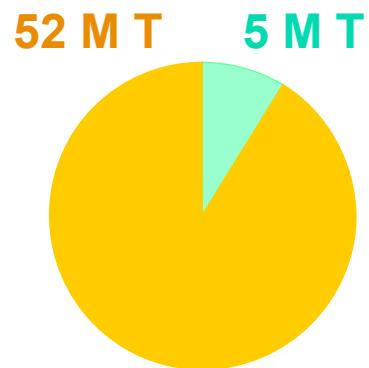
# Cereal productions and utilizations in EU



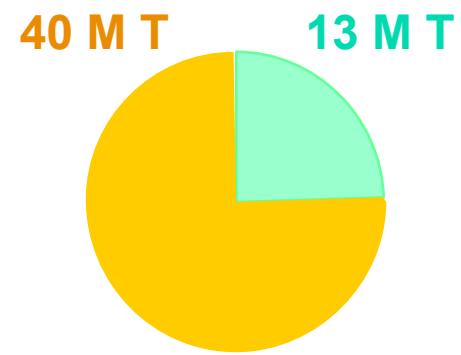
**Wheat**



**Maize**



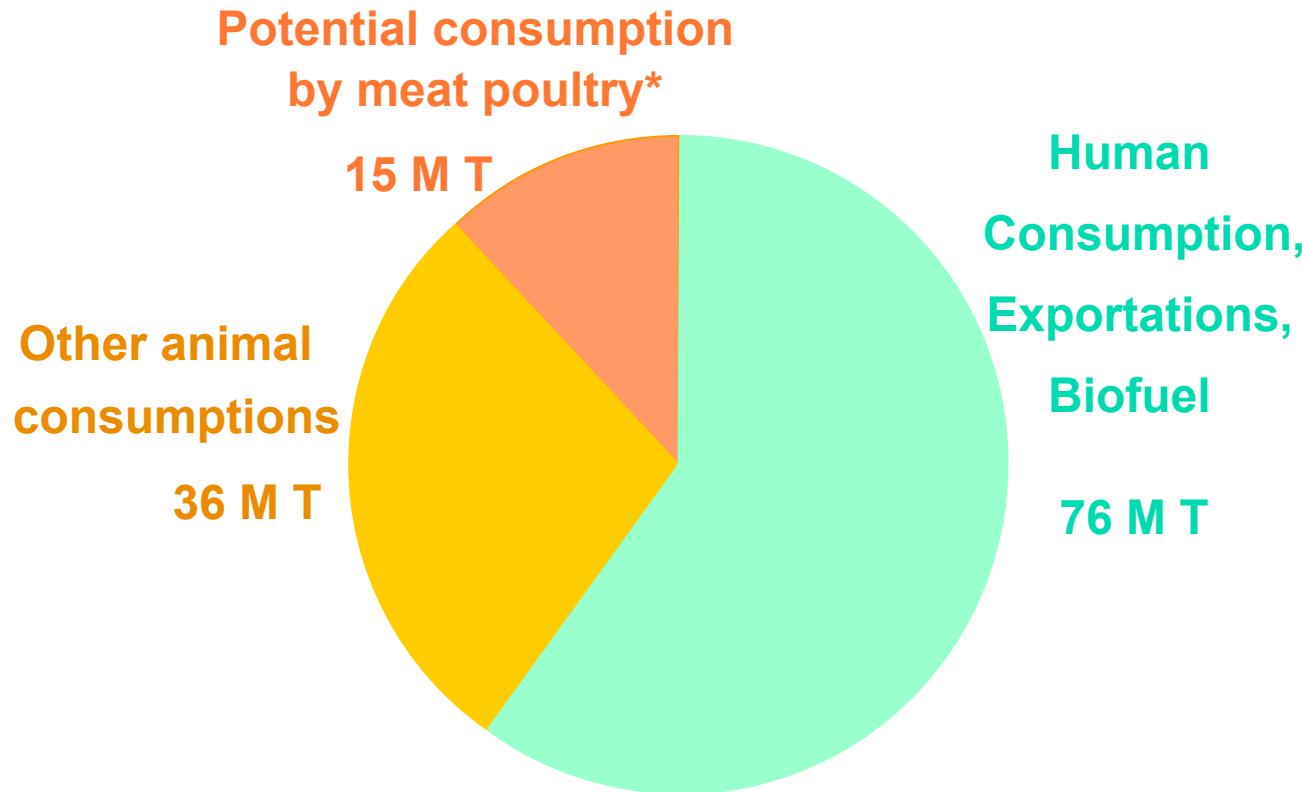
**Barley**



\*Millions tons per year, 2010/2011

Source : AGPB, France

# Distribution of the utilization of wheat produced in Europe

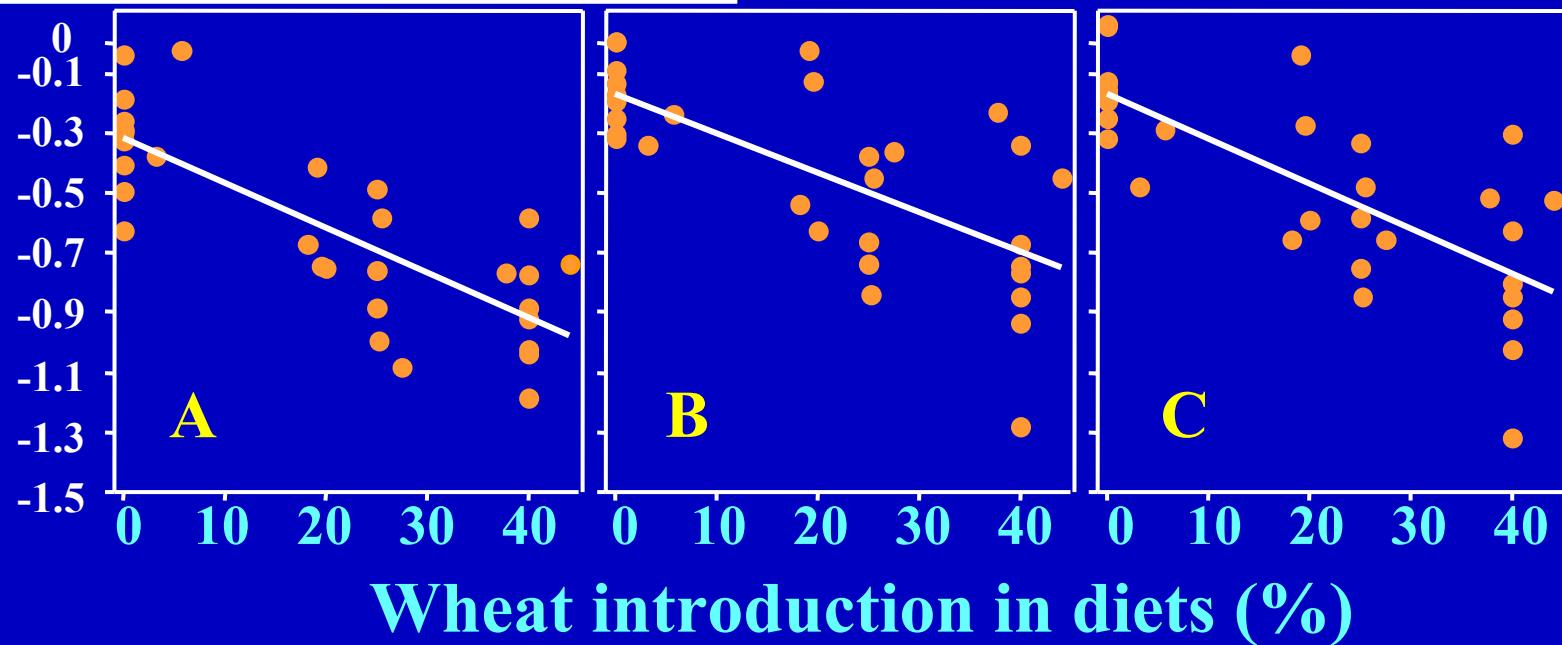


\*Deduced from the european production of meat poultry : 15 M Tons (source : ITAVI, France)

**Wheat is often  
a major ingredient  
of broiler diets  
in Europe**

# Differences between mean measured and calculated AMEn values of 30 diets in 4w broilers

Measured AMEn –  
calculated AMEn (MJ / kg DM)

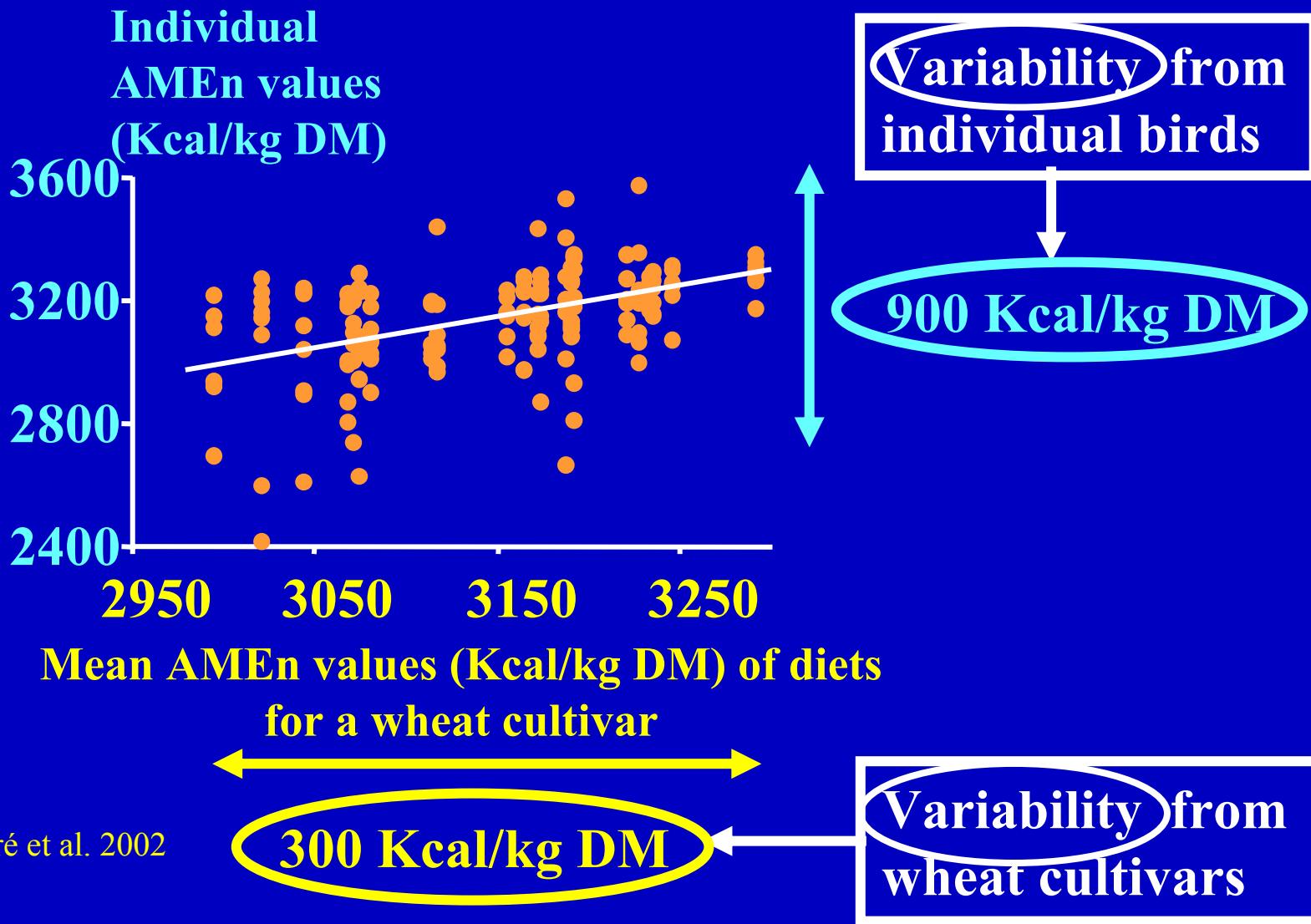


Calculated  
AMEn  
(MJ/kg DM)

- A**  $0.155 \text{ Nx6.25} + 0.343 \text{ Lip.} + 0.167 \text{ Sta.} + 0.130 \text{ Sug.}$
- B**  $0.9362 \text{ GE} - 0.0644 \text{ Nx6.25} - 0.105 \text{ WICW}^{1.2}$
- C**  $16.68 + 0.197 \text{ Lip.} - 0.222 \text{ Ash} - 0.187 \text{ WICW}$

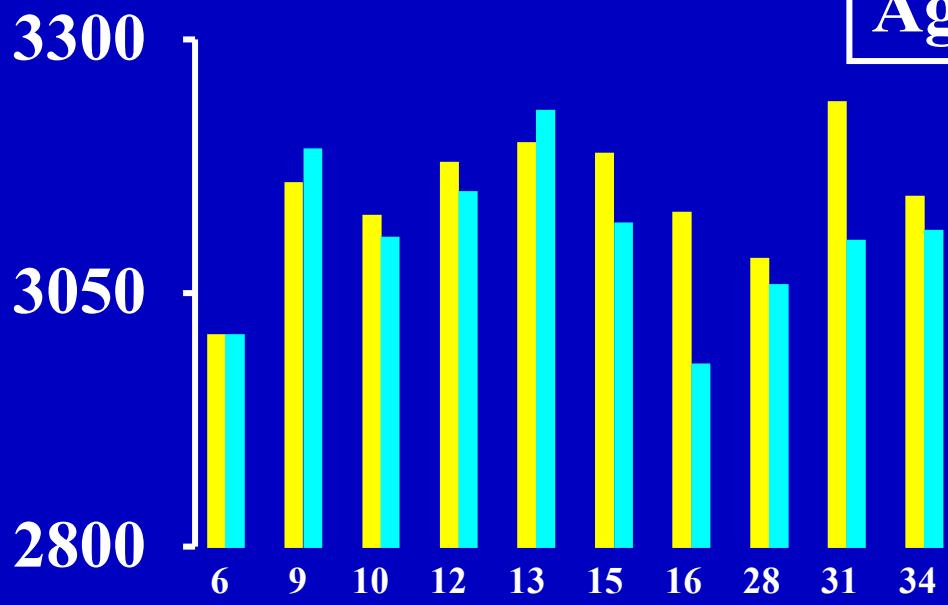
**Unexpected low energy values  
can be observed  
with wheat introduced  
in broiler diets**

# Variations of AMEn values of 22 wheat diets differing only by the wheat cultivar, in 3w broilers.



**Wheat in broiler diets  
induce a great variation  
in AMEn value of diets,  
coming both from  
wheat cultivar  
and  
individual birds (900 Kcal/kg)**

# AMEn value of wheat in 3w broilers (Kcal/kg DM)



## Agronomic conditions

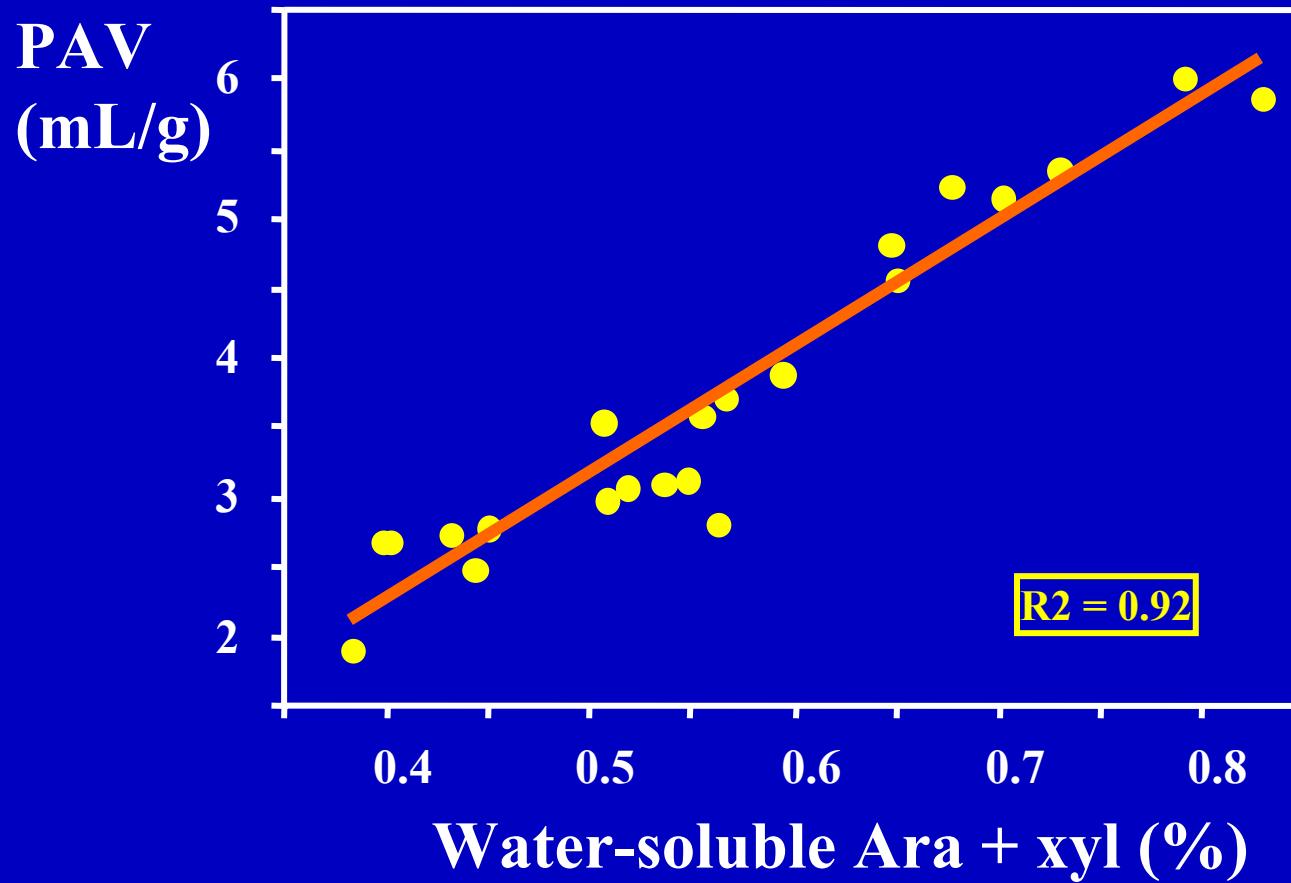
- Low nitrogen
- High nitrogen

Effects	P
Cultivar	0.0001
Agronomy	0.0354

wheat cultivars

Carré *et al.*, FSOV, 2011

# Relationship between viscosity of wheat water-extract [potential applied viscosity (PAV)] and water-soluble arabinoxylan content of wheat among 22 wheat cultivars



Carré et al., 2002

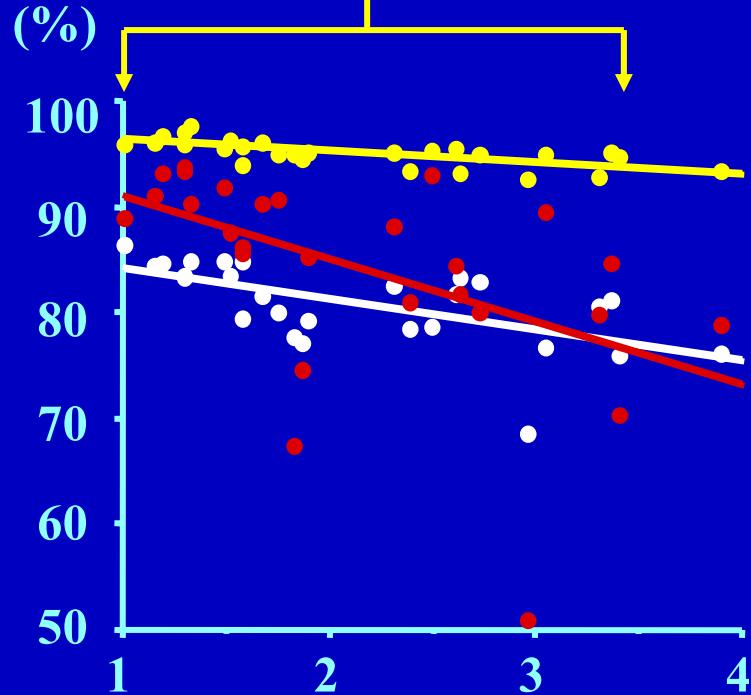


# Digestibility variations due to intestinal viscosity , in broilers fed with maize diets added with graded levels of guar gum (0, 0.1 and 0.3 %)

Individual digestibilities

(%)

Range of intestinal viscosity values  
for wheat diets

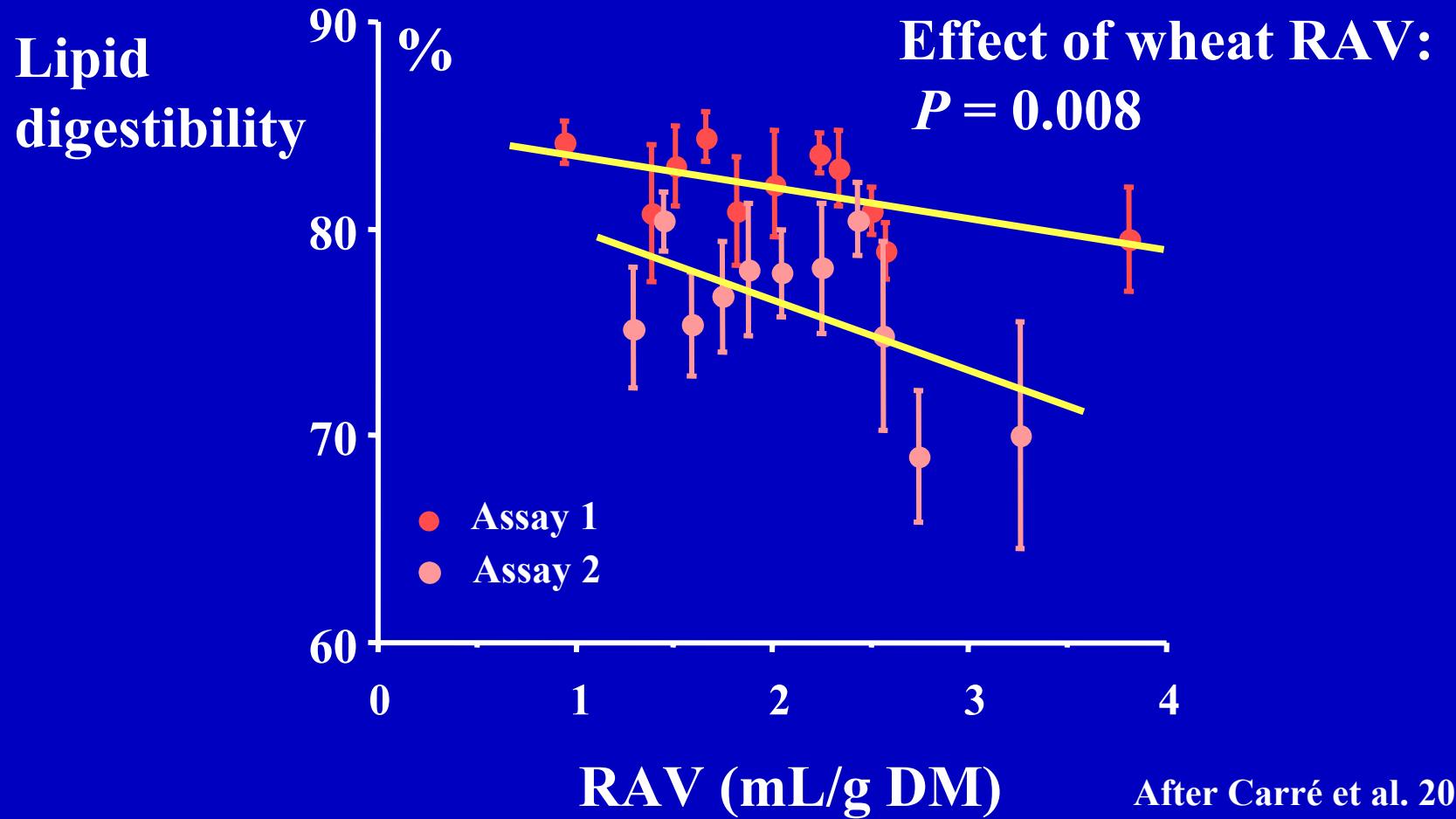


- Starch  $y = -1.1x + 97.5$  ;  $R^2 = 0.49$
- Lipids  $y = -6.0x + 97.0$  ;  $R^2 = 0.23$
- Proteins  $y = -3.0x + 87.1$  ;  $R^2 = 0.35$

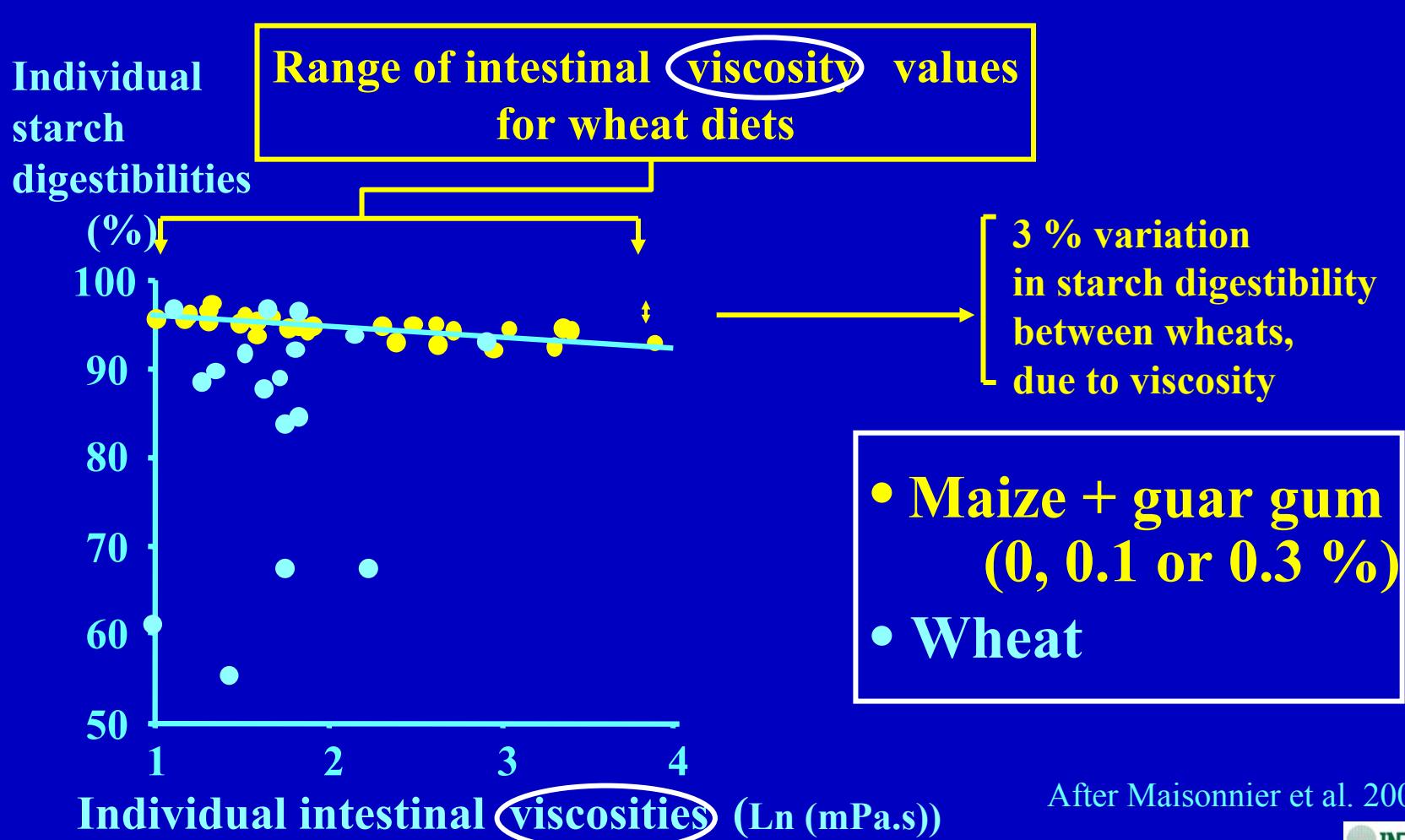
After Maisonnier et al. 2001

Individual intestinal viscosity (Ln (mPa.s))

# Effect of viscosity (RAV) of wheats (55% in diets) on lipid digestibility in 3 w. broiler chickens.

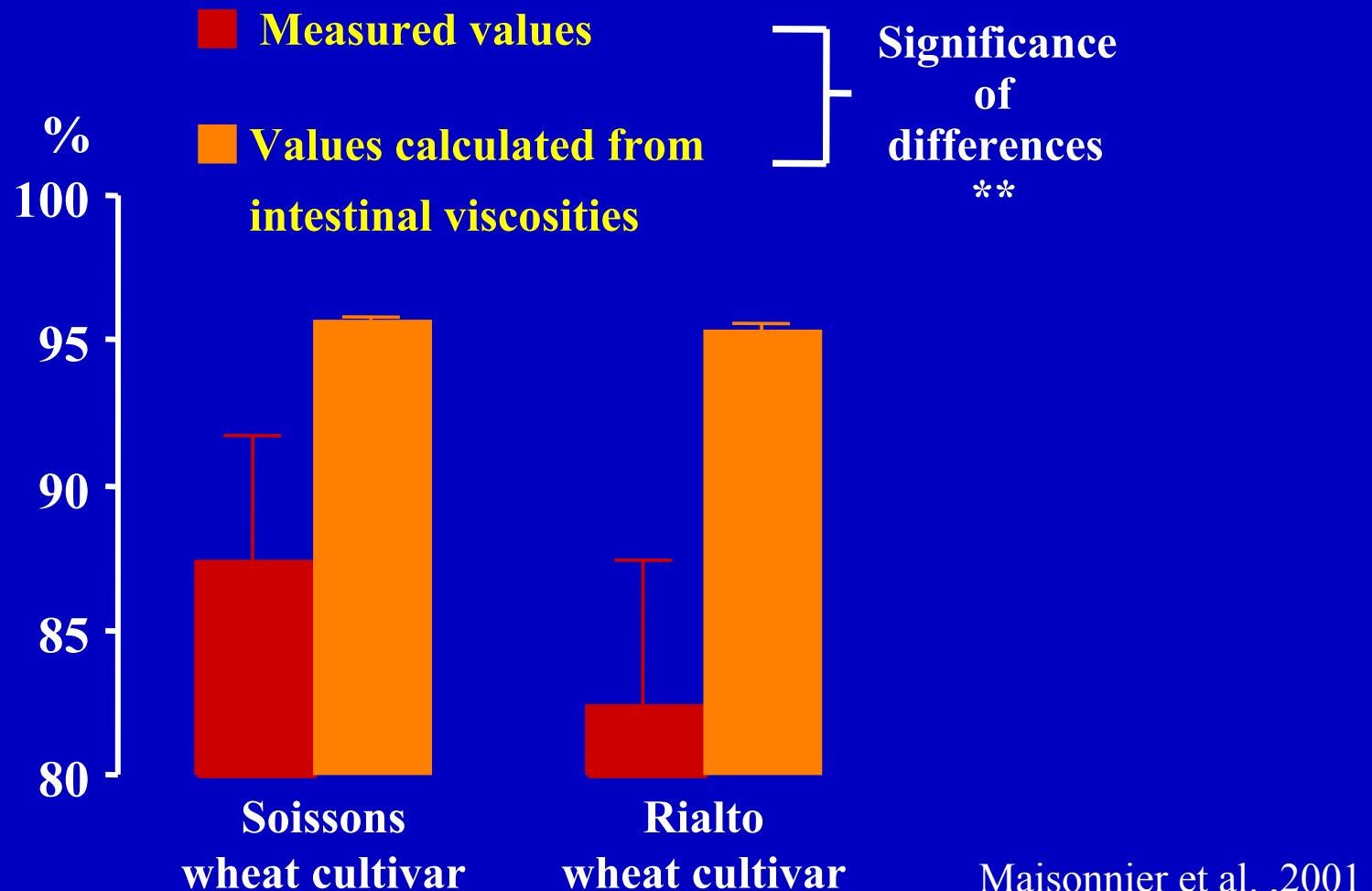


# Starch digestibility variations due to intestinal viscosity , in broilers fed with guar gum (0, 0.1 and 0.3 %) maize diets or with wheat diets



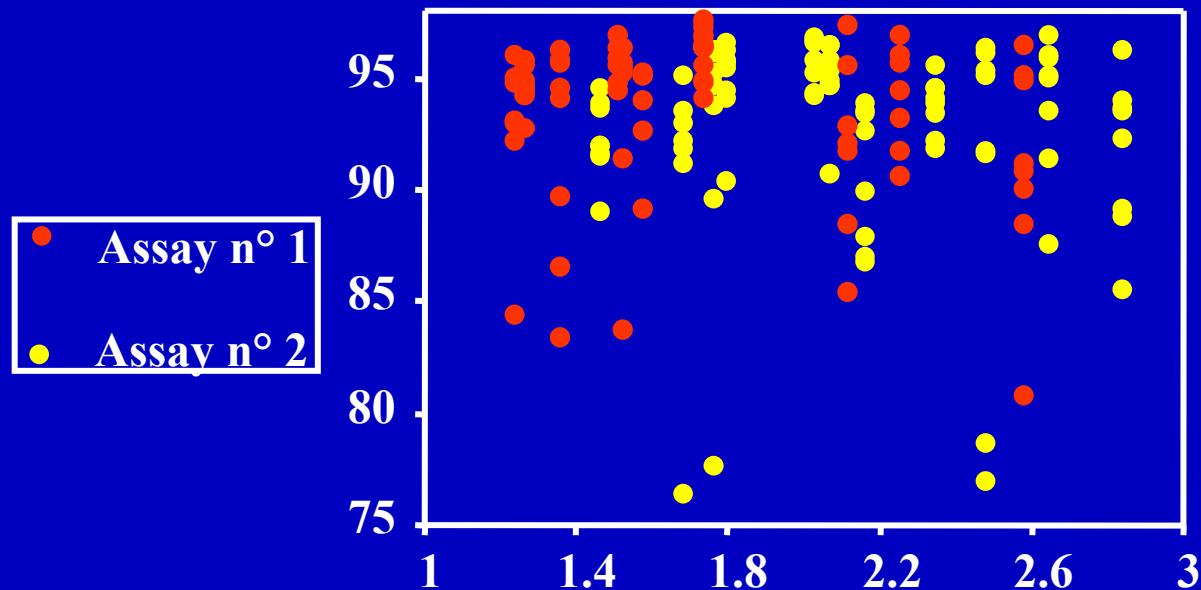
After Maisonnier et al. 2001

# Digestibility of starch in 3 w. broiler chickens fed on pelleted wheat diets



# Starch digestibility in broiler chickens fed with pelleted diets containing 55% wheat

Individual starch  
digestibilities (%)



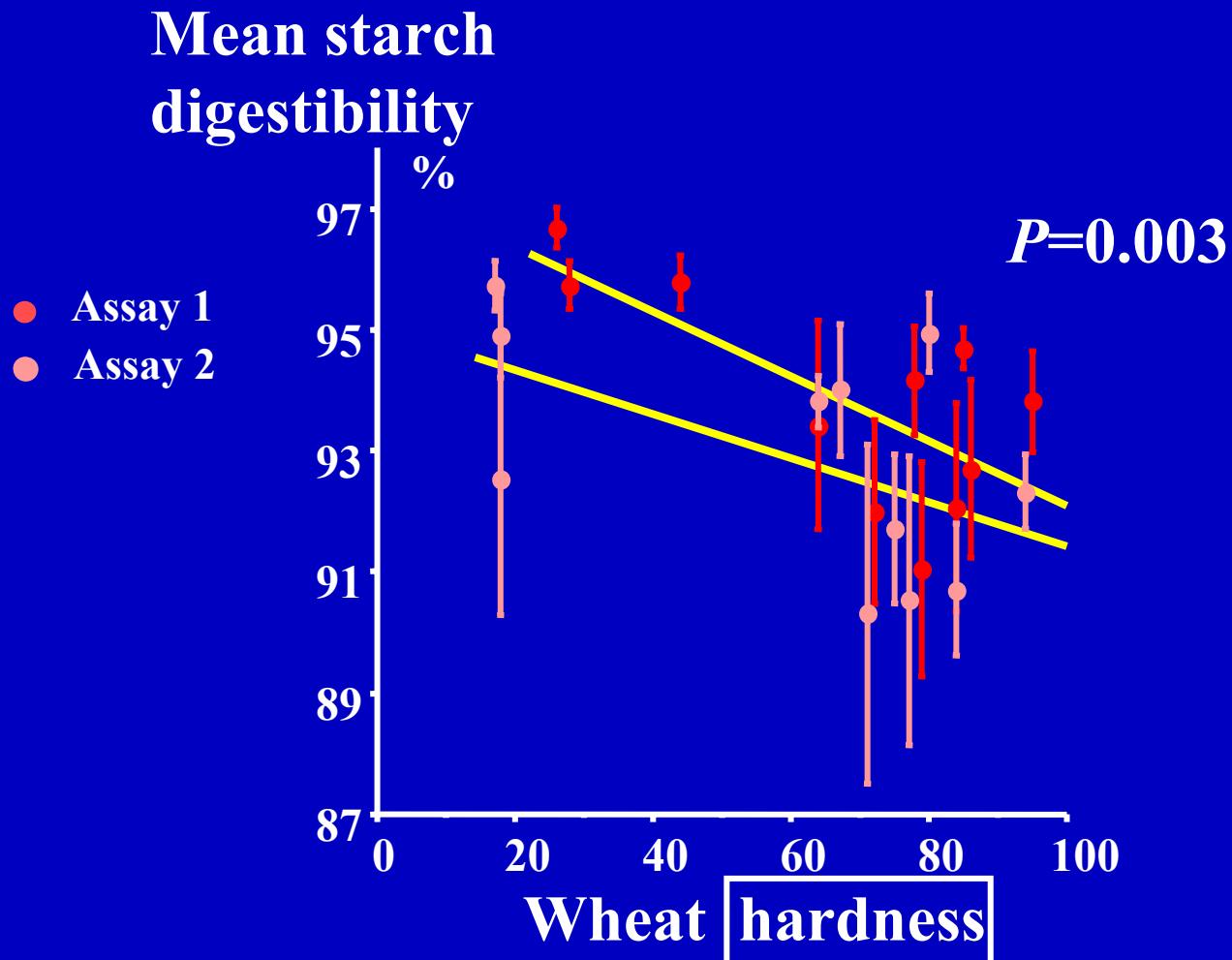
No significant  
effect  
of *in vitro*  
viscosity

In vitro viscosity value (RAV)  
of wheat diets (mL/g DM)

After Carré et al. 2002



# Relationship between starch digestibility and hardness of wheat, in 3 w. broiler chickens fed on pelleted wheat diets

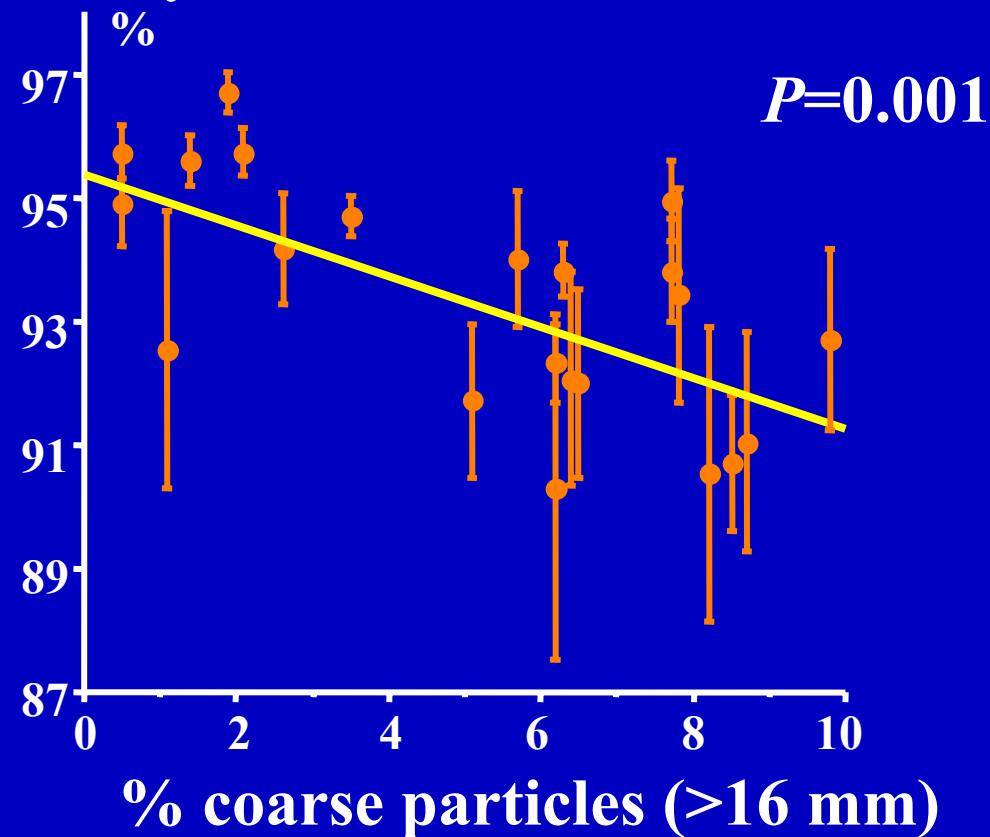


After Carré et al. 2002



# Relationship between starch digestibility and particle size of wheat flours before pelleting, in 3 w. broiler chickens fed on pelleted wheat diets

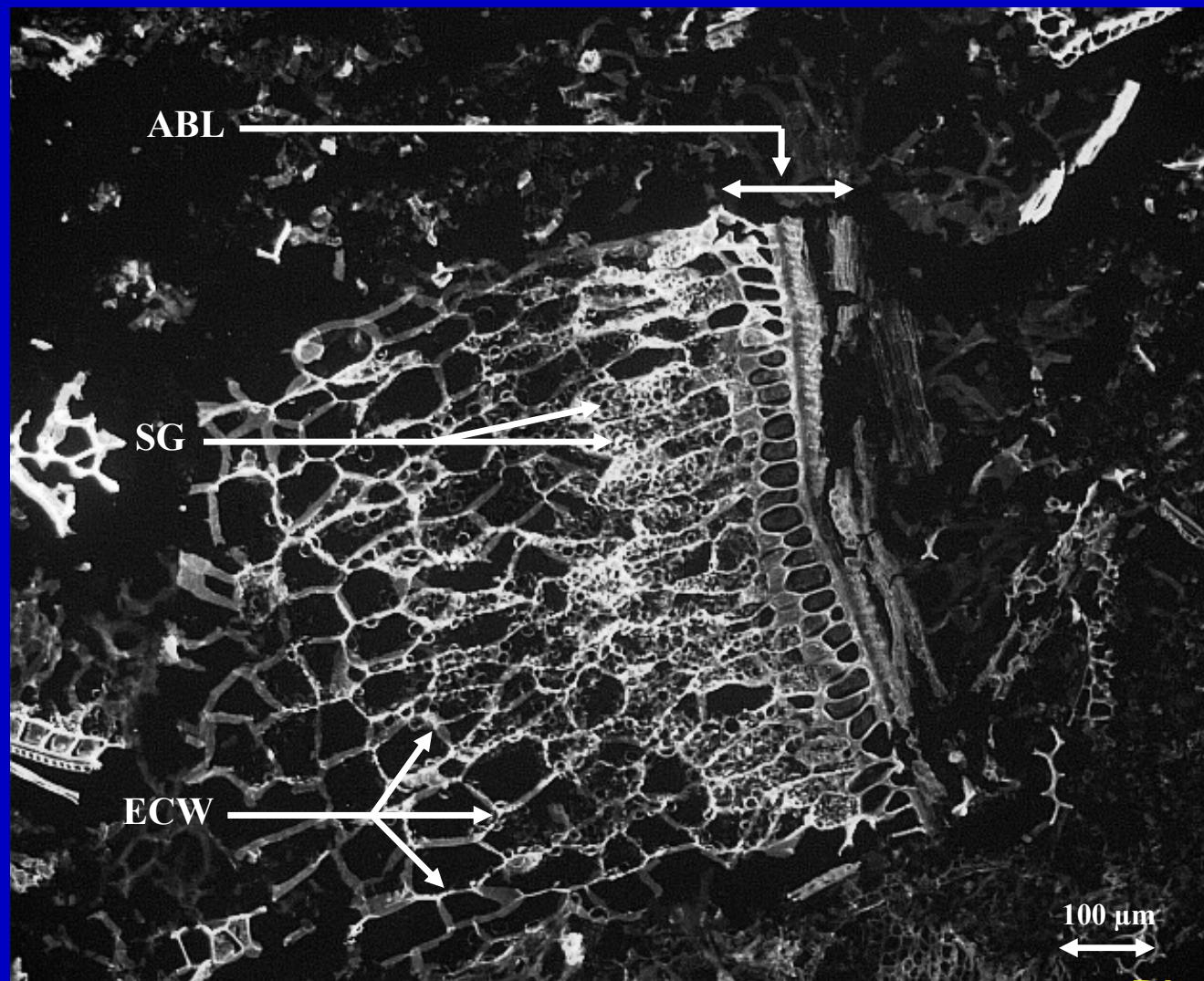
Mean starch digestibility



After Carré et al. 2002



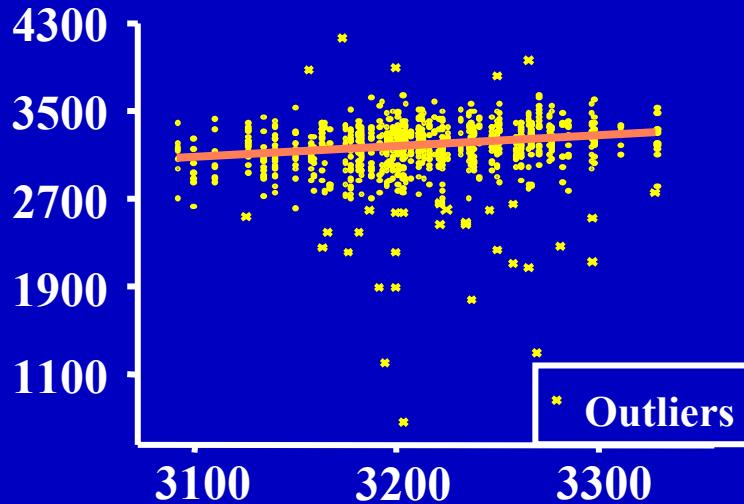
**Photomicrograph of a wheat particle in chicken ileum content :  
undigested starch granules (SG), endosperm cell walls (ECW),  
aleurone+bran layer (ABL).**



# Regression using 9 assays (Carré *et al.* (2002, 2005, 2010)), combining 77 different wheat samples and 893 3w broilers

**Wheat AMEn\***  
in 3w broilers  
(Kcal/kg DM)

\*Values  
are  
corrected  
for assay  
effect



$R^2 = 0.072$   
 $RSD = 172$   
 $P = 0.0001$   
 $n = 858$   
broilers

8% variation  
in wheat AMEn

$$AMEn = 3708 - 34.5 \text{ WICW} - 1.12 \text{ H} - 33.4 \text{ RAV}$$

**WICW** : Water-insoluble cell-wall (% DM)

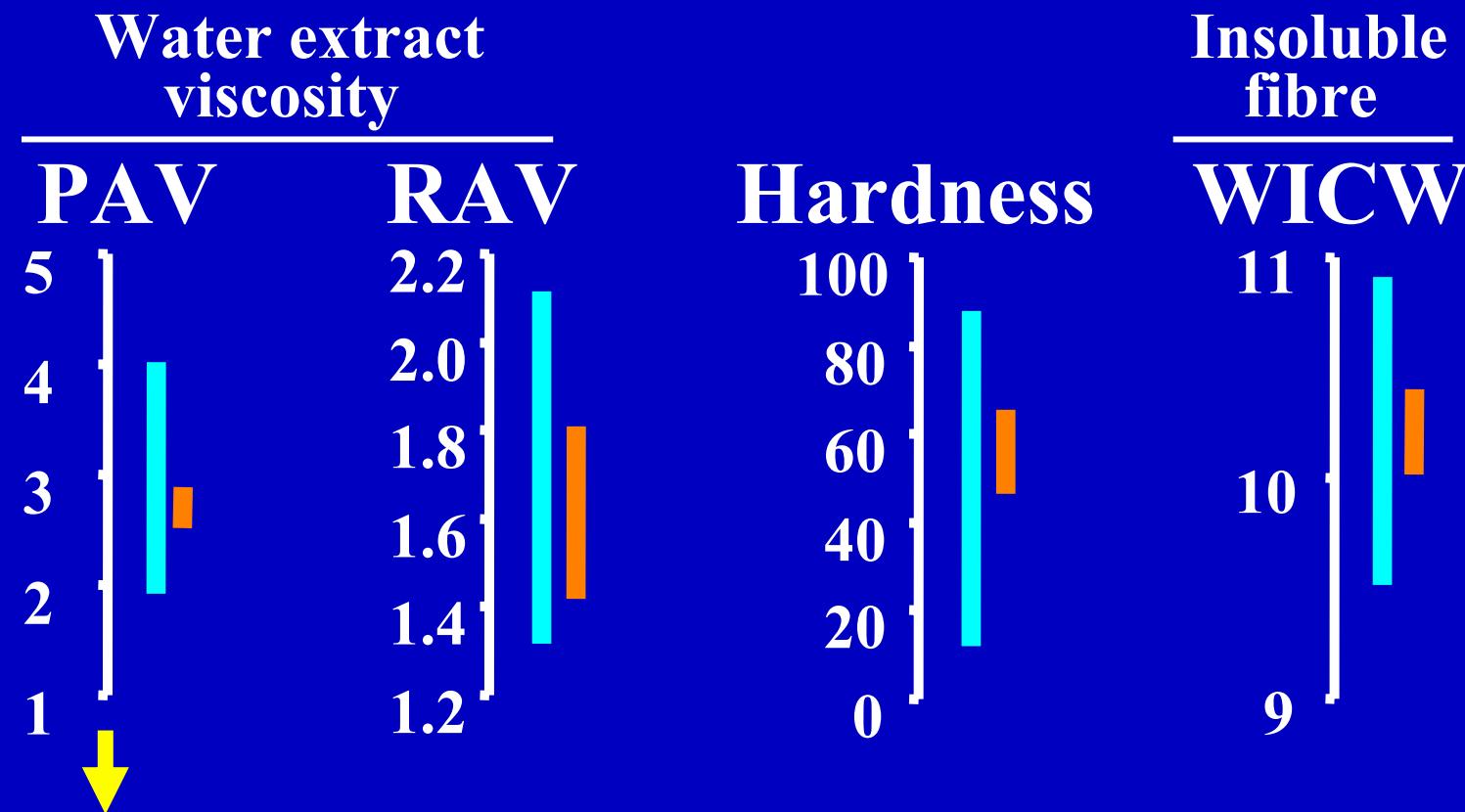
**H** : Hardness (from de 1 à 100)

**RAV**: Real Applied Viscosity (ml /g DM)

Carré *et al.*, 2010.  
13th EPC, Tours

# Wheat variations from cultivars and environments

Maxi : | Cultivars (12) | Environments (6)  
Mini :



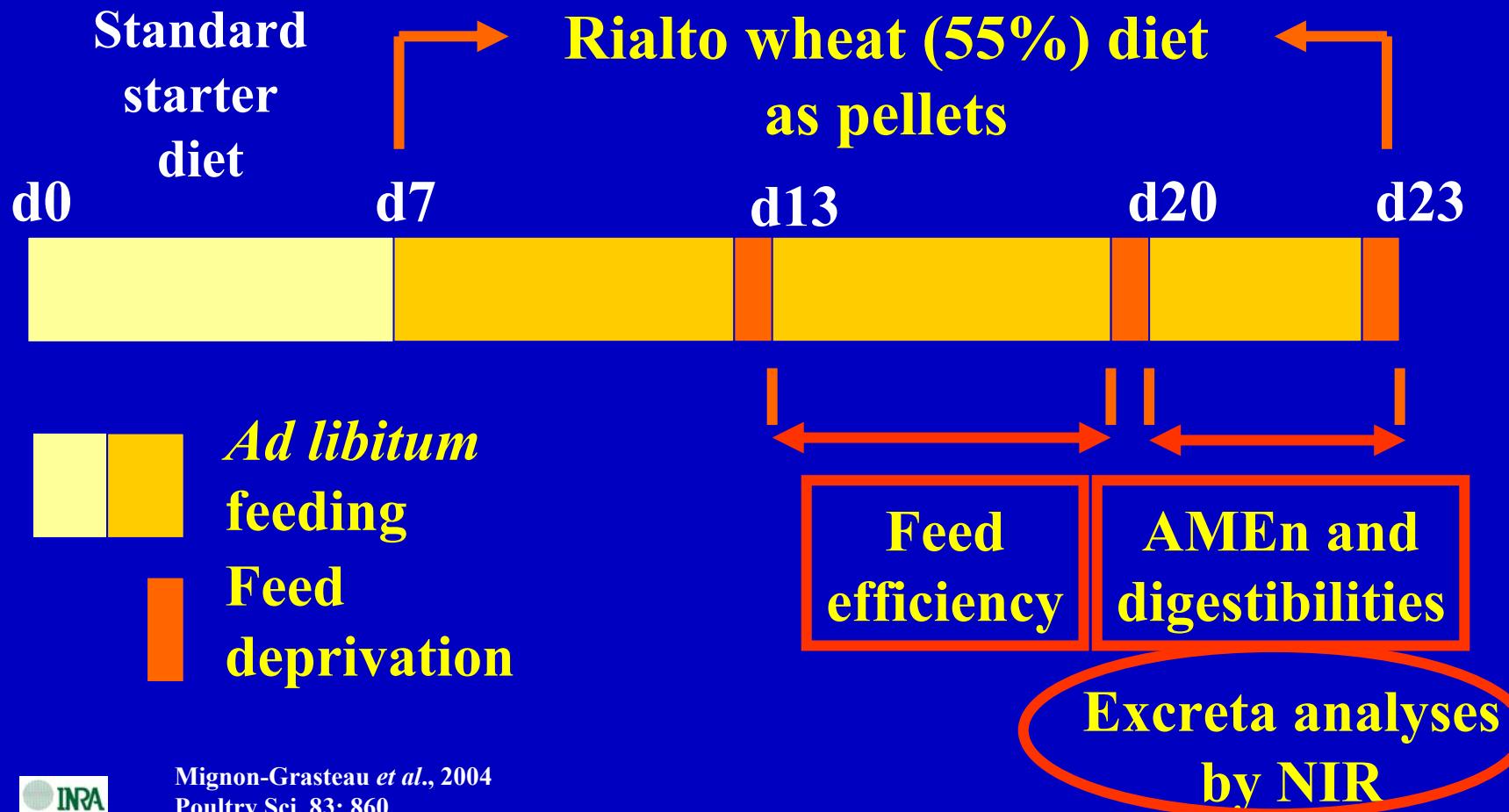
Candidate genes on wheat chromosome 1B (Quraishi *et al.*, 2011)

After  
Oury  
*et al.* 1998



**The energy value of wheat for broilers  
can be improved using cultivars with  
low hardness,  
low viscosity  
low insoluble fibre**

# Determination of metabolisable energy (AMEn) for the selection of divergent **Digestion lines**



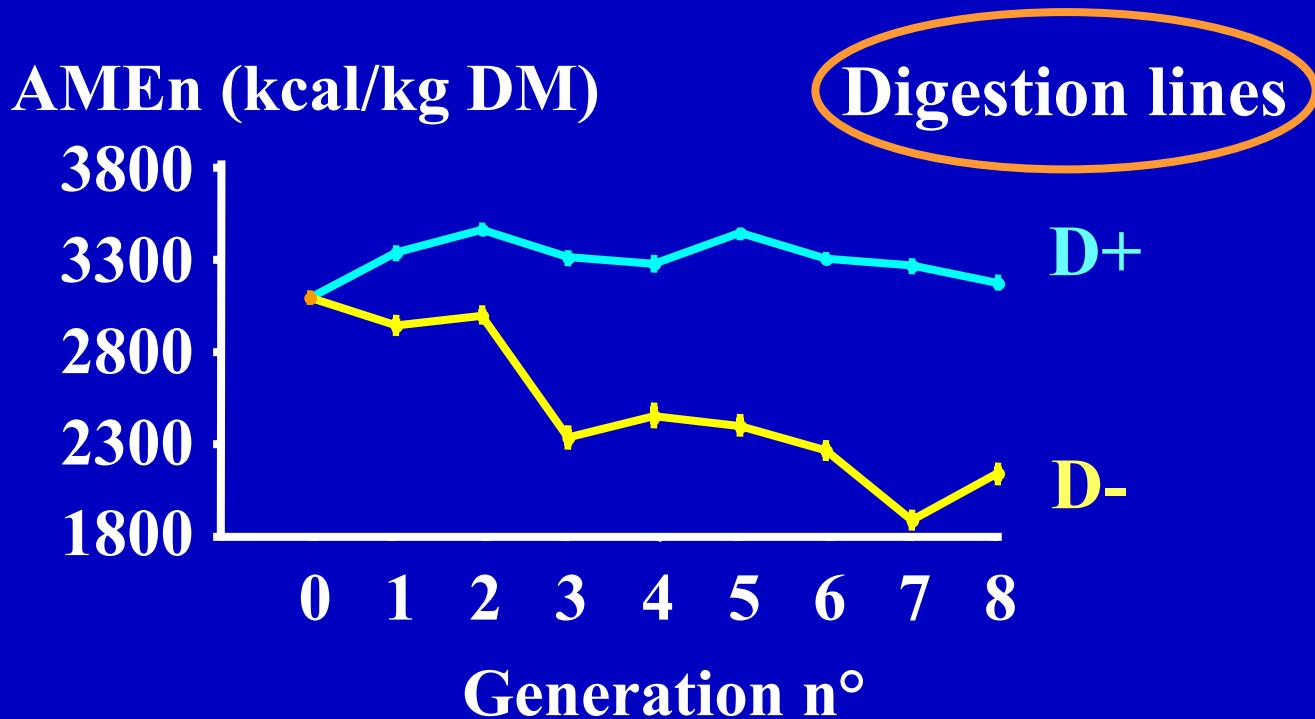
# Heritabilities and genetic correlations in **Digestion lines** (G0 + G1) (n=864)

	Dig. of Lipids	Dig. of Starch	Dig. of Prot.	Feed conv. d13-d20	AMEn d21
DL	<b><i>0.47±0.04</i></b>	<b><i>0.54</i></b>	<b><i>0.70</i></b>	<b><i>-0.89</i></b>	<b><i>0.91</i></b>
DS		<b><i>0.37±0.03</i></b>	<b><i>0.74</i></b>	<b><i>-0.51</i></b>	<b><i>0.83</i></b>
DP			<b><i>0.33±0.03</i></b>	<b><i>-0.55</i></b>	<b><i>0.86</i></b>
FC				<b><i>0.30 ±0.03</i></b>	<b><i>-0.82</i></b>
AMEn					<b><i>0.37±0.03</i></b>

Diet : 55% wheat from the Rialto cultivar



A genetic divergent selection on AMEn  
measured at 3 weeks using a Rialto wheat diet\*  
(Mean and SE, n= 210)



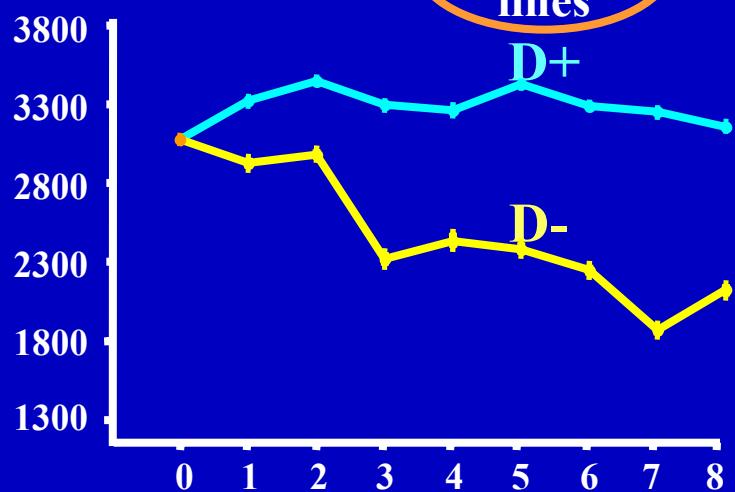
Origine : commercial pure sire broiler line

Selection : 12♂, 36♀ per line

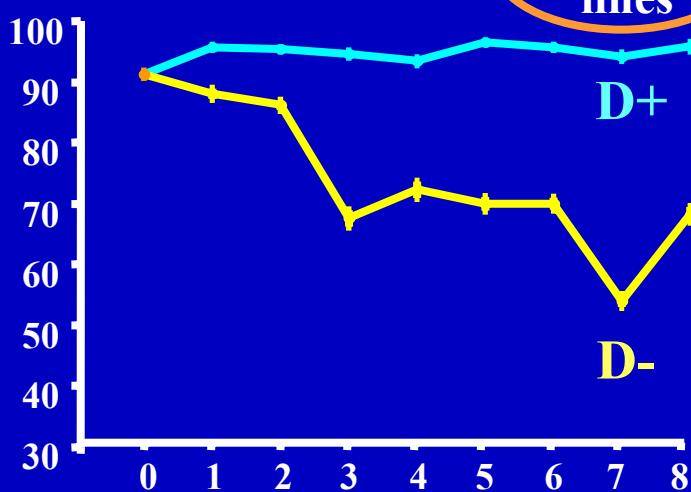
\*Mignon-Grasteau  
*et al.*, 2004.  
Poultry Sci.,  
83: 860.



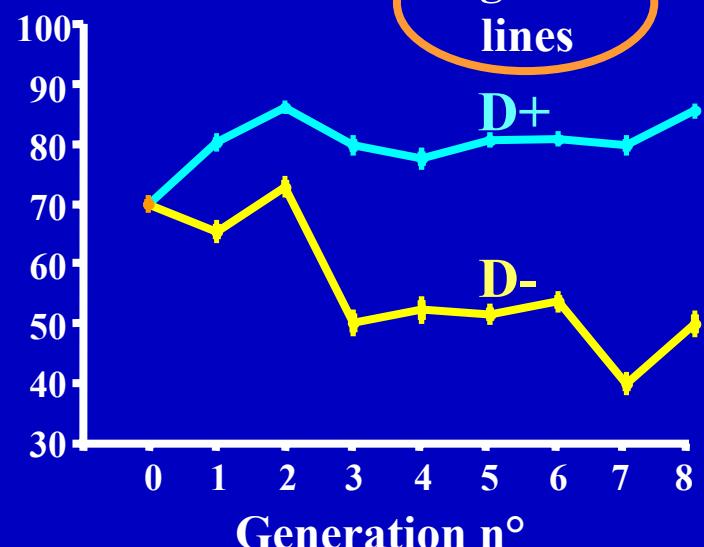
AMEn (kcal/kg DM)



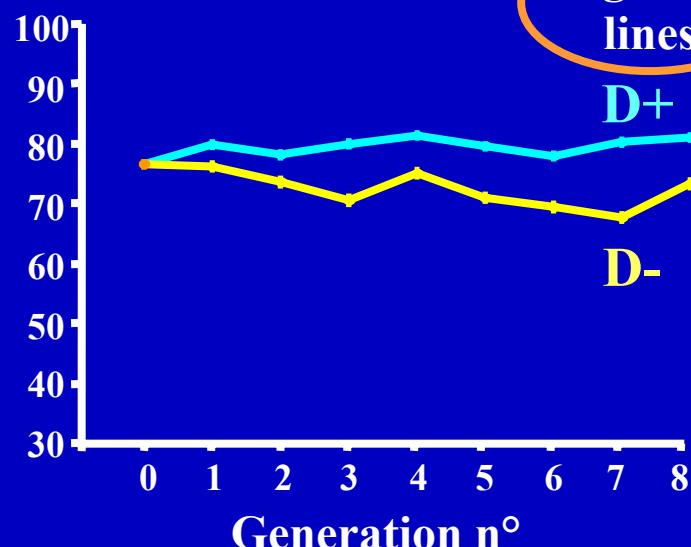
Starch digestibility (%)



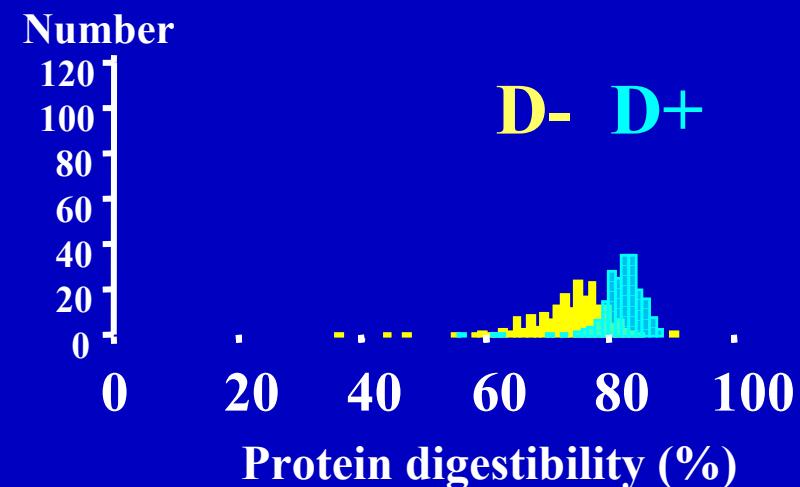
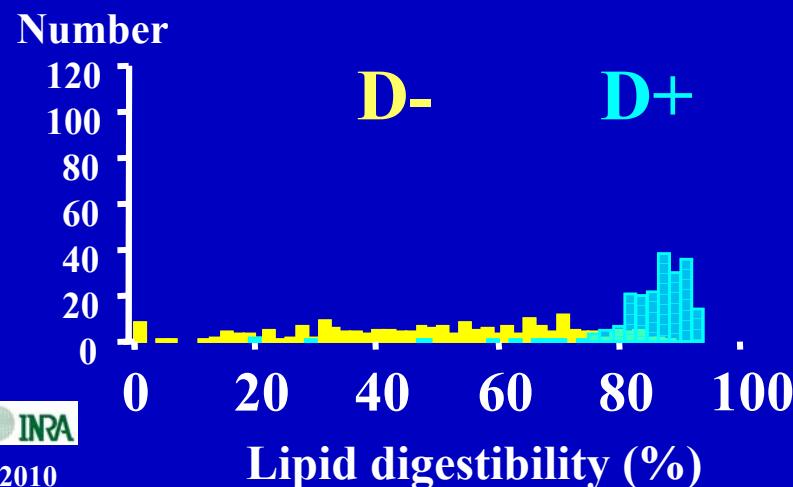
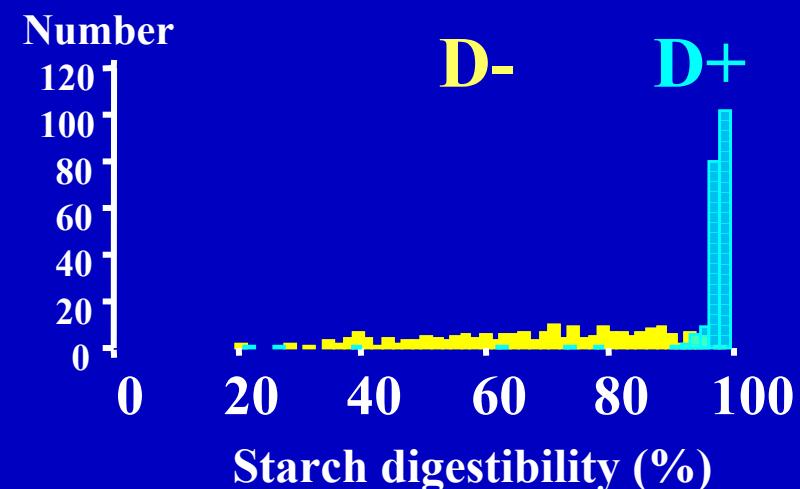
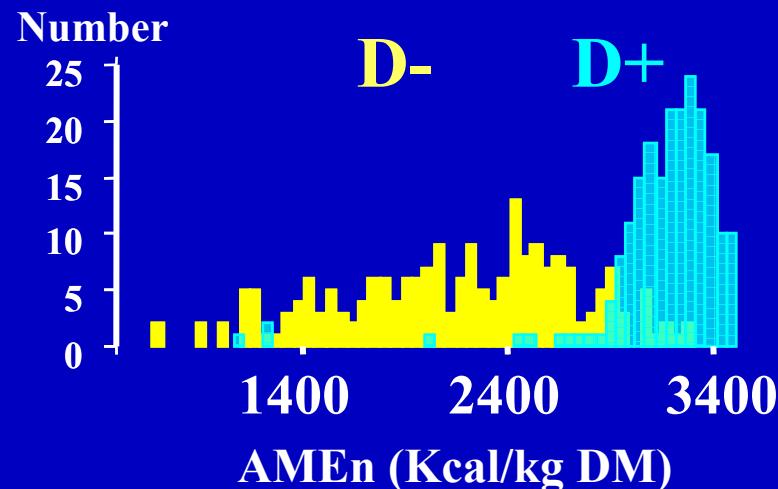
Lipid digestibility (%)



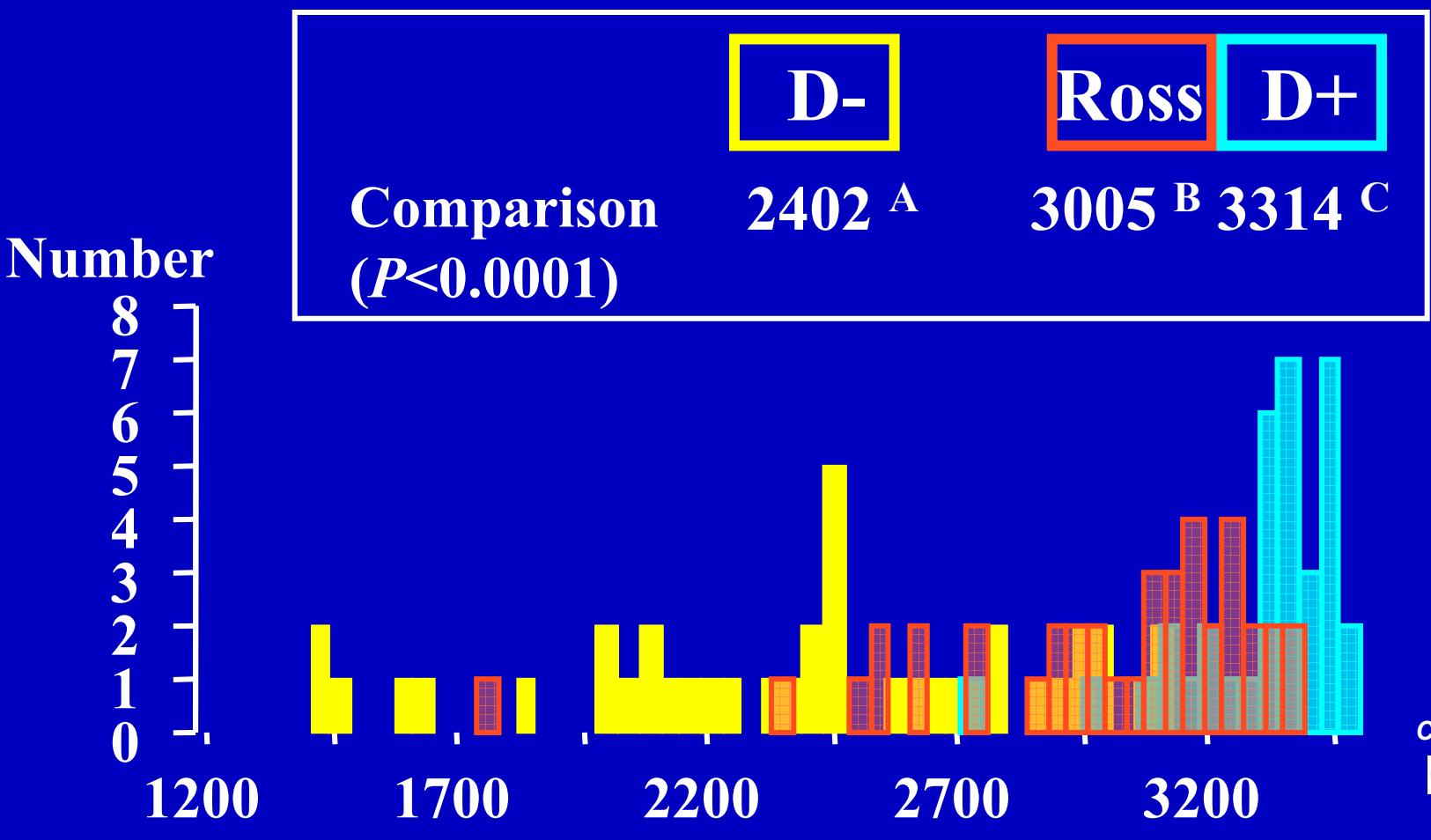
Protein digestibility (%)



# Distribution of AMEn and digestibility values in **Digestion lines** (G8) on a Rialto wheat diet



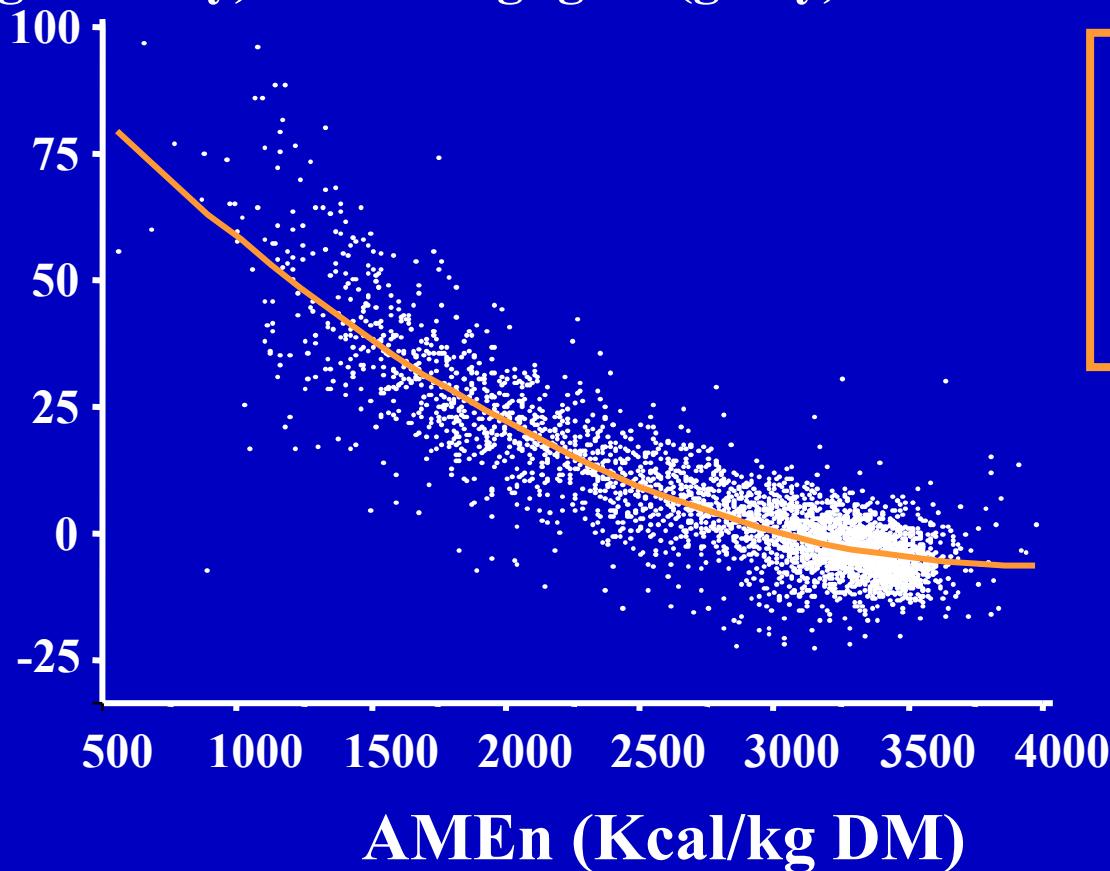
# Distribution of AMEn values (Kcal/kg DM) of a Rialto wheat diet measured at 3w in chickens from Digestion lines (G7) and Ross (PM3) strain



## Digestion lines (G0 – G8) from 20d to 23d (n=3780)

Residual feed intake (equation from G0) :

$$\text{Feed int.(g DM/day)} - 0.768 \text{ Wgt gain (g/day)} - 28.5$$

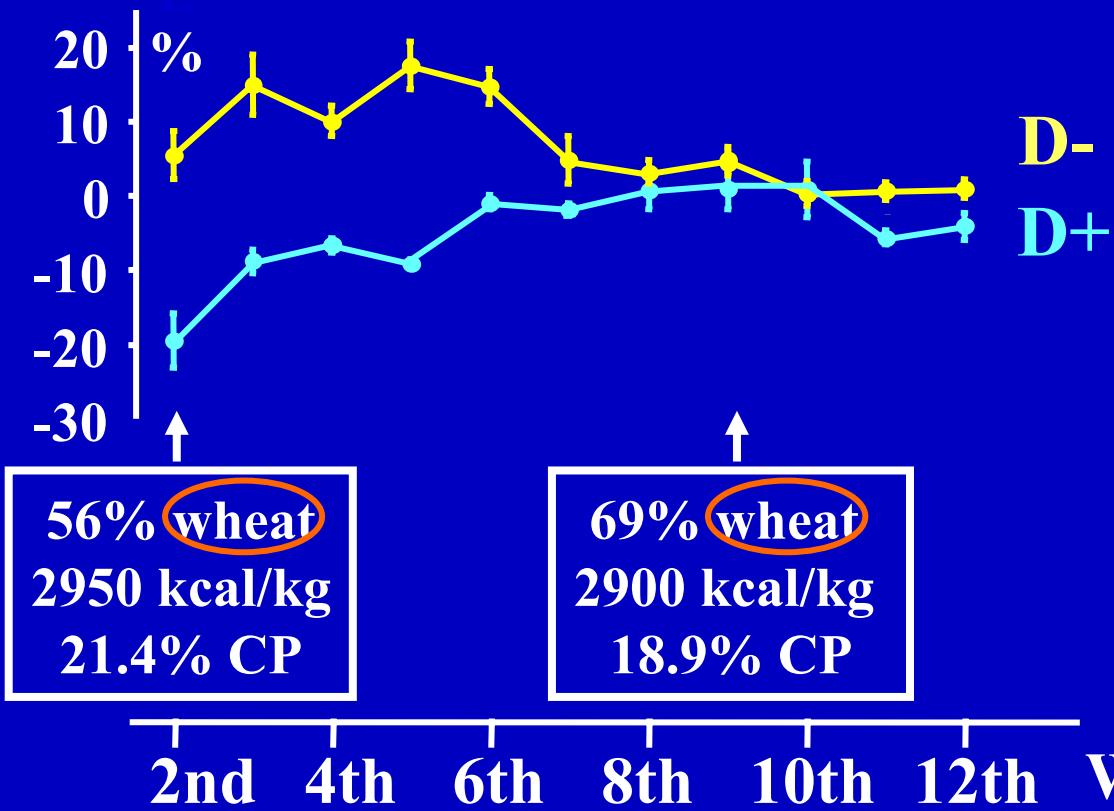


Rialto  
wheat  
diet

**Residual feed intake** from the multiple regression line giving  
*feed intake as a function of metabolic weight and growth.*

Data are expressed as per cent of the mean feed intake

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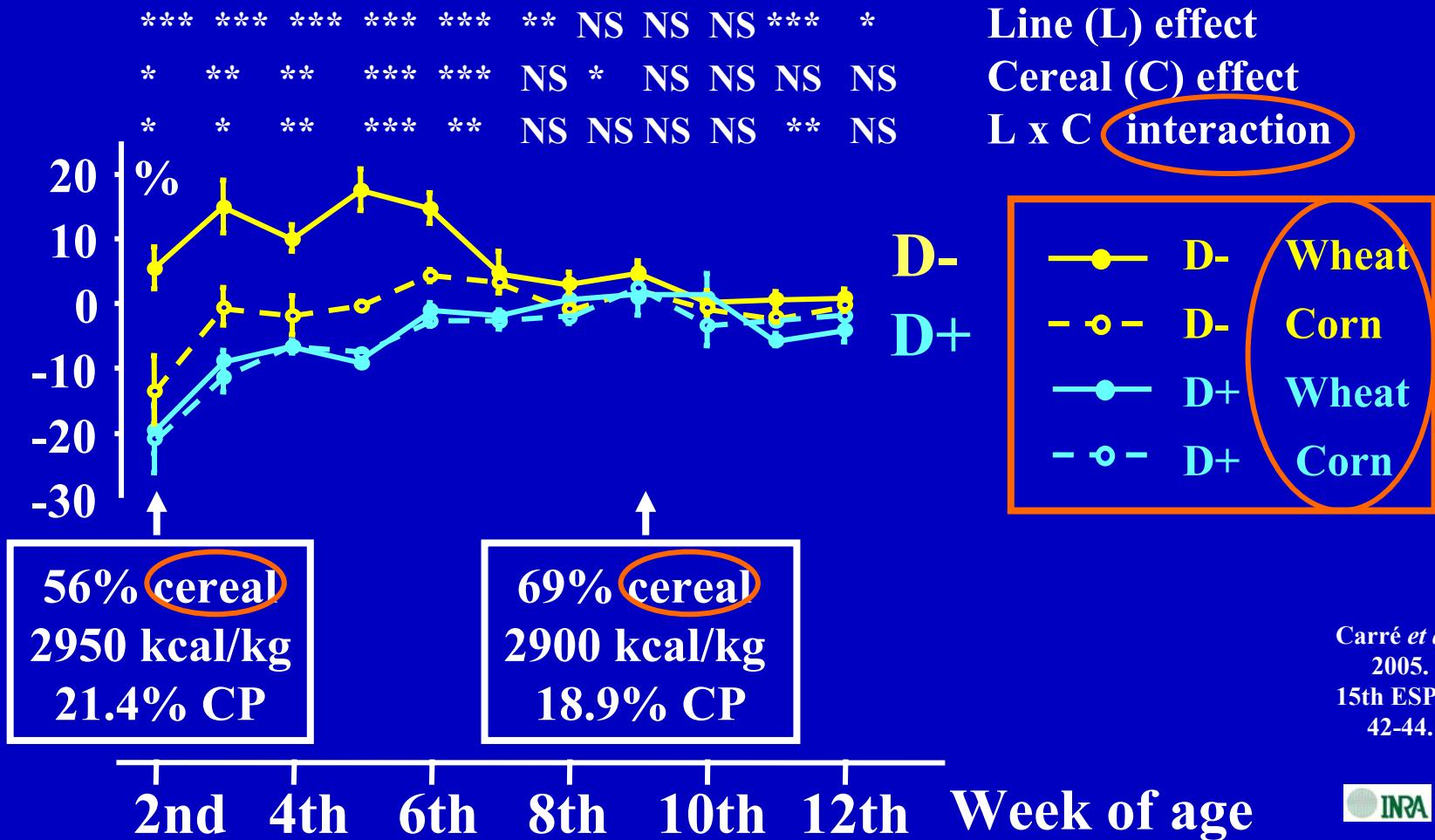


4<sup>th</sup> generation.  
Rialto wheat diets.  
Means and SE.  
n= 8 floor pens.  
10 birds / pen.

Carré *et al.*,  
2005.  
15th ESPN:  
42-44.

**Residual feed intake from the multiple regression line giving  
feed intake as a function of metabolic weight and growth.**

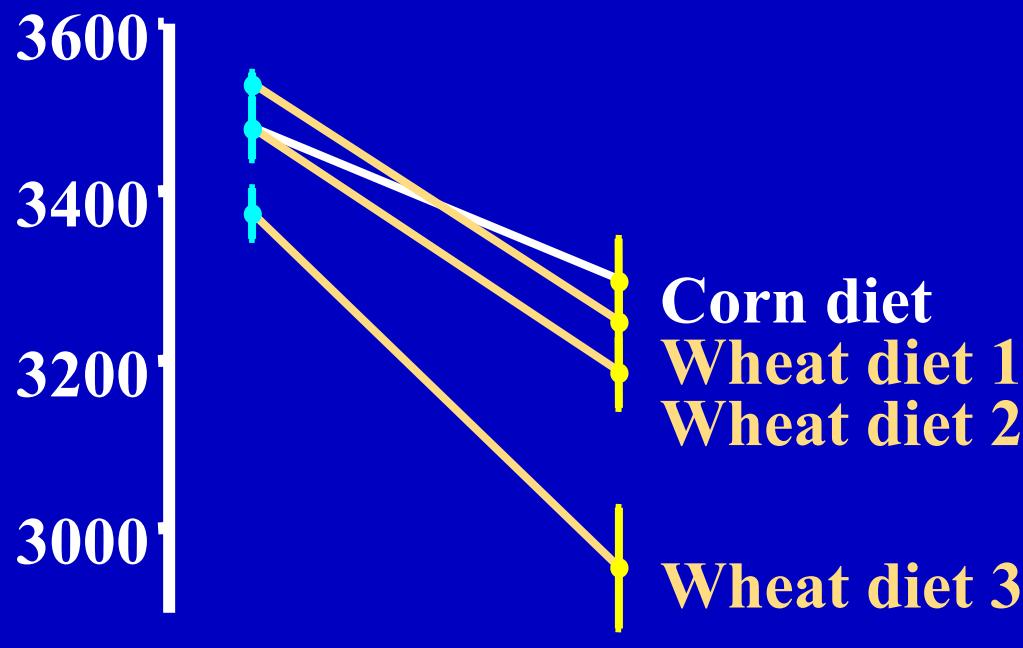
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# Effects

## AMEn (3 weeks) (Means and SE)

Kcal/kg DM



D+      D-  
Digestion lines  
(4<sup>th</sup> generation)

Line	***
Cereal	*
Line x cereal	*

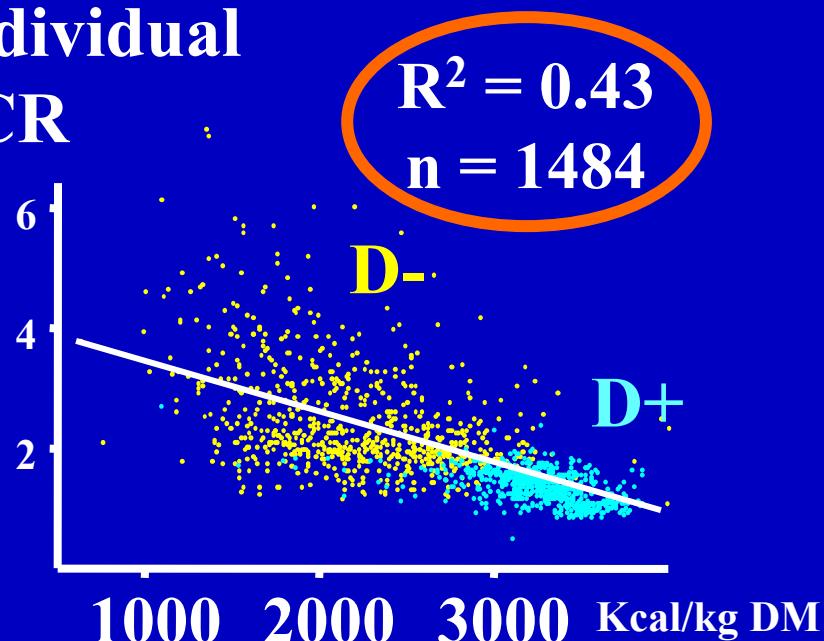
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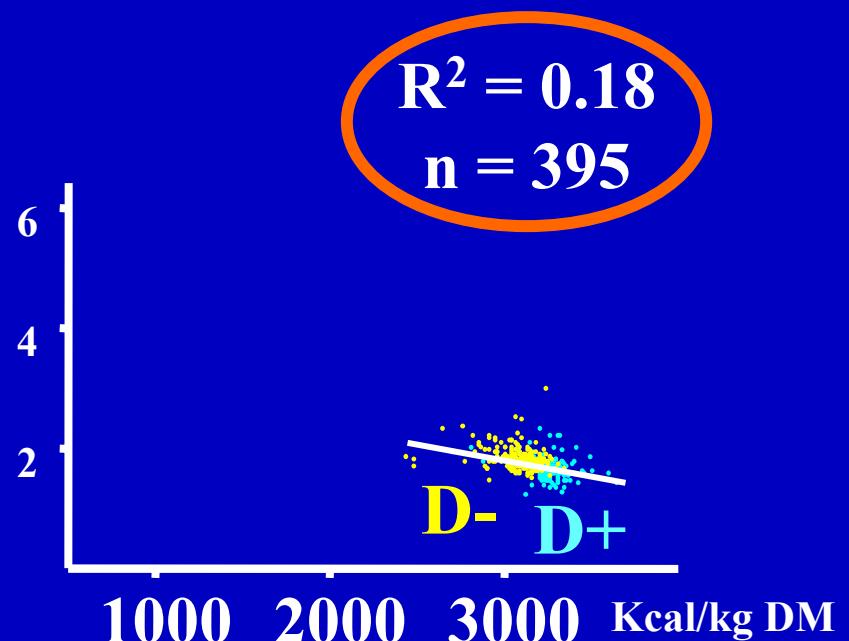
**Relationships between FCR (3<sup>rd</sup> week of life) and AMEn.**  
**D+ and D- chickens are from 4, 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> generation.**  
**Data are corrected for assay effect.**

### Rialto wheat diets

Individual  
FCR



### Corn diets



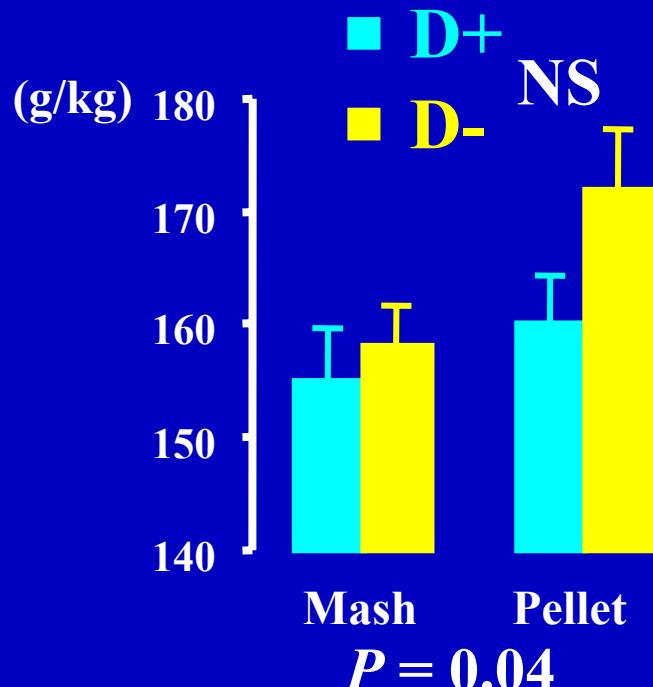
Individual AMEn at 3 weeks

# Heritabilities and genetic correlations in **Digestion lines** (G0 – G8)

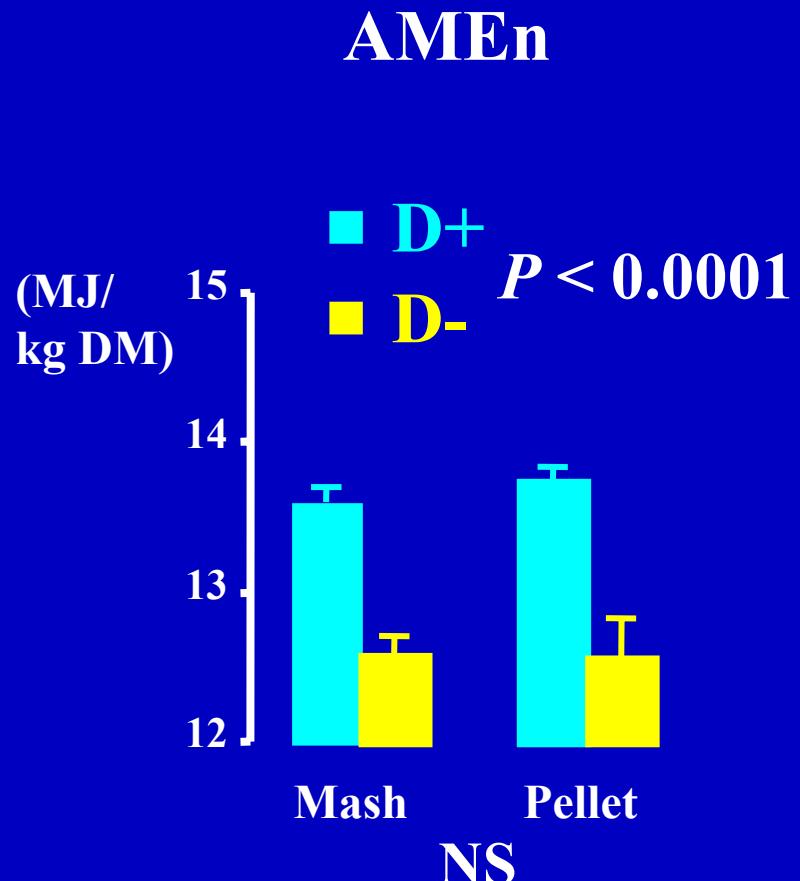
		AMEn		Dig. of starch		Dig. of lipids		Dig. of proteins	
		Wheat	Corn	Wheat	Corn	Wheat	Corn	Wheat	Corn
AMEn	Wheat	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.73</b>	0.84	0.35	0.82	0.92	0.80	0.66
	Corn		<b>0.15</b>	0.84	0.77	0.31	0.61	0.81	0.58
DS	Wheat			<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.63</b>	0.57	0.59	0.66	0.54
	Corn				<b>0.26</b>	0.04	0.20	0.47	0.48
DL	Wheat					<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.84</b>	0.65	0.76
	Corn						<b>0.04</b>	0.86	0.75
DP	Wheat							<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.88</b>
	Corn								<b>0.09</b>

# AMEn values and relative daily feed intakes at 3 w in **Digestion lines** (G3) fed a wheat (Rialto cultivar) diet given as mash or pellet

## Daily feed intake / body weight

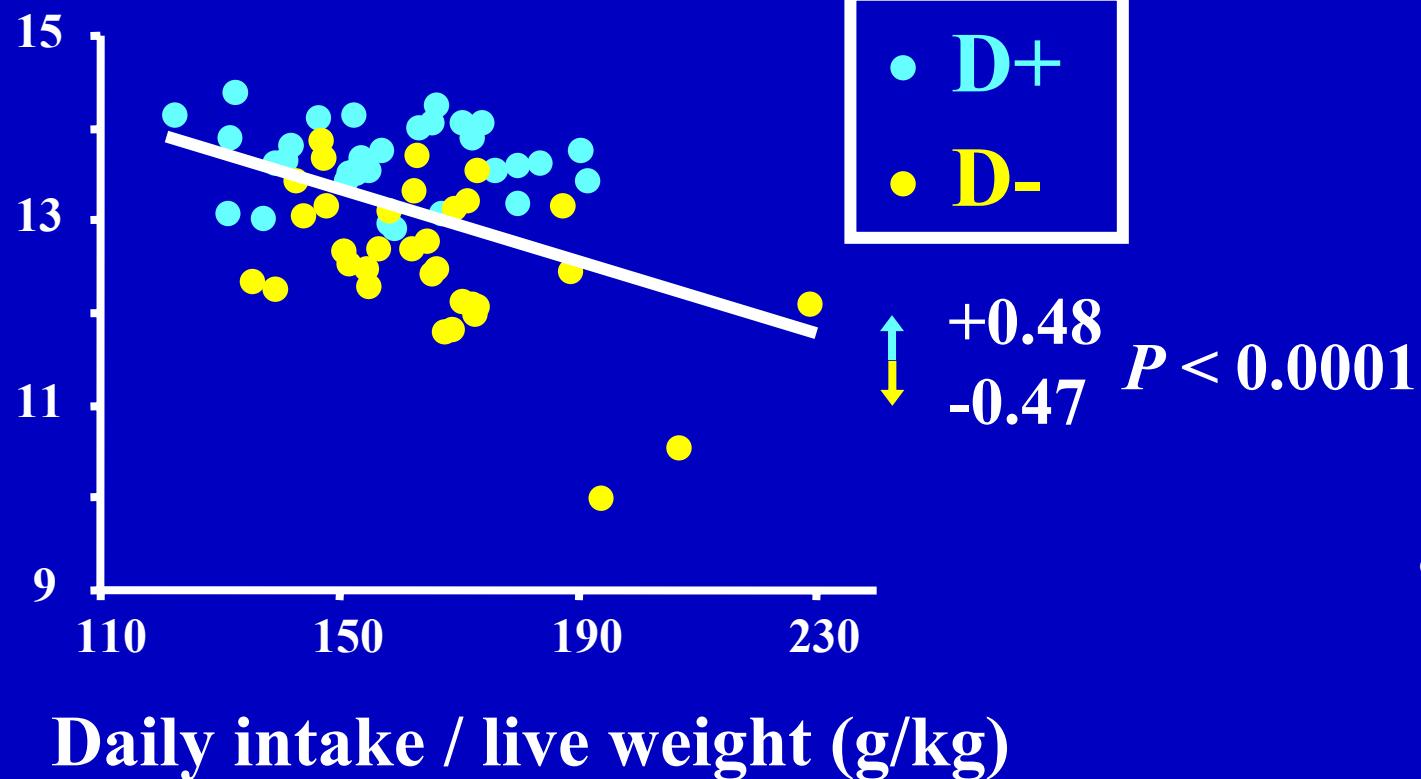


(M ± SE; n=17 individuals)

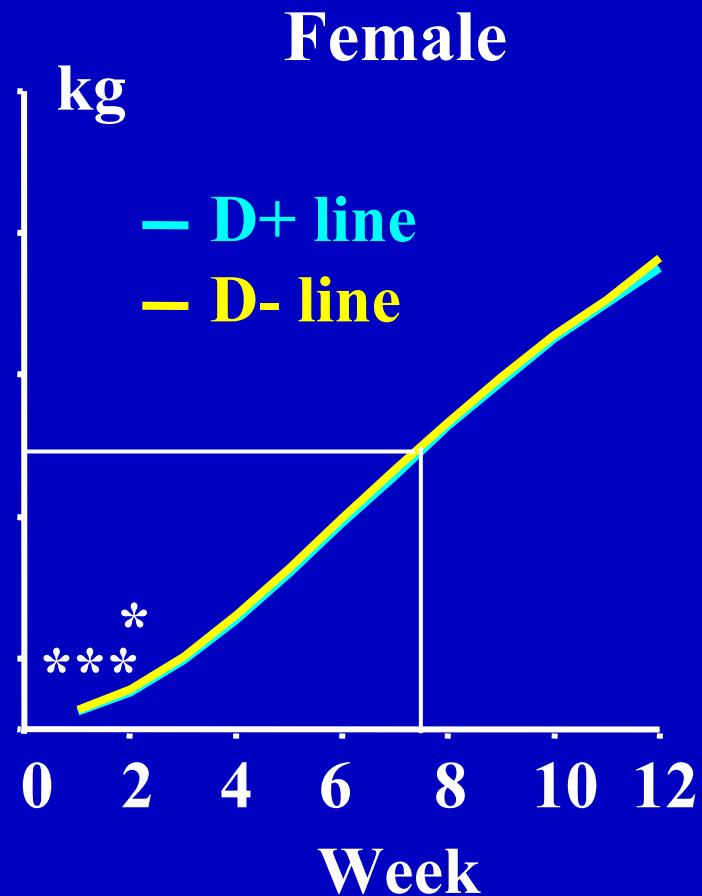
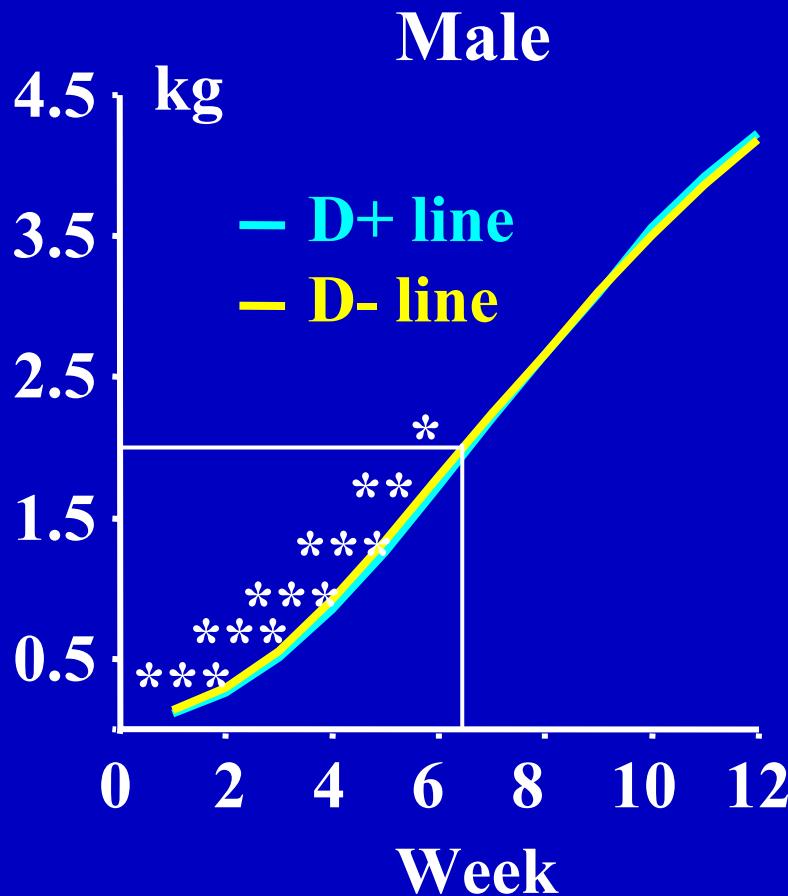


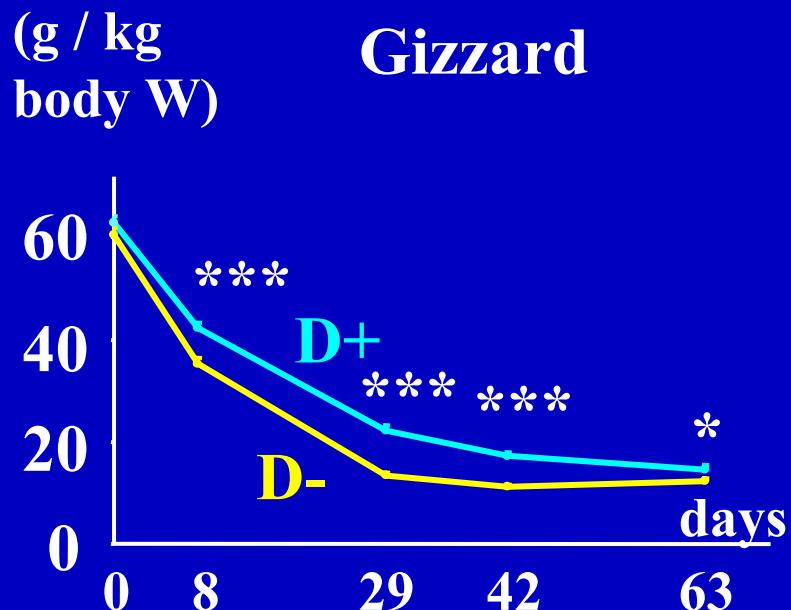
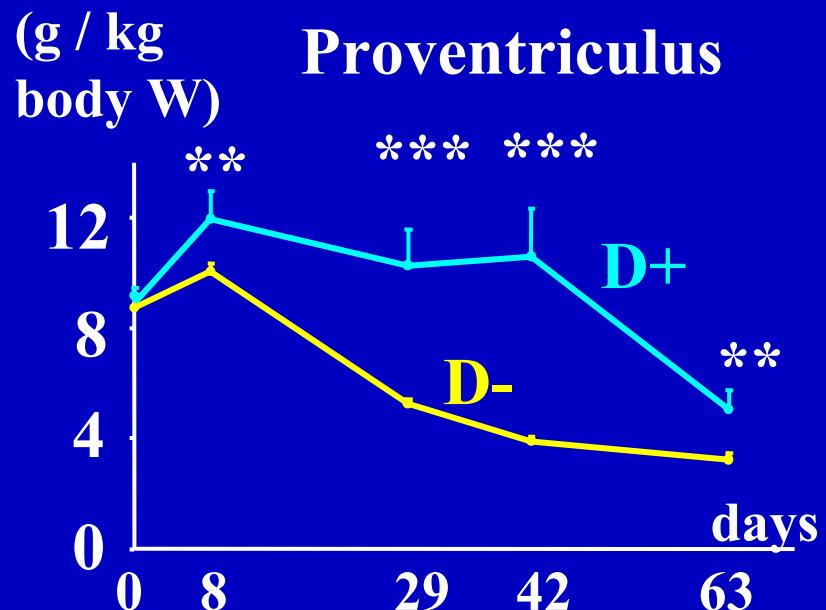
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AMEn  
(MJ/Kg)

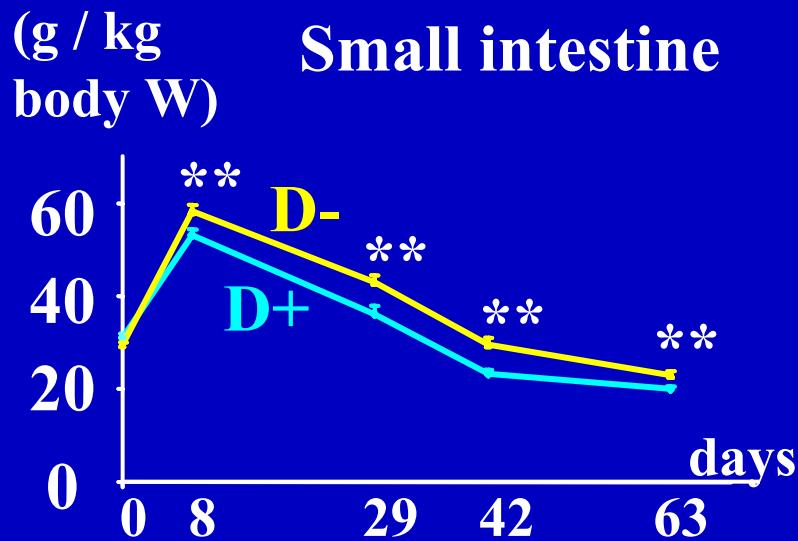


# Growth curves of **Digestion lines** ( 4<sup>th</sup> generation ) fed a corn diet.



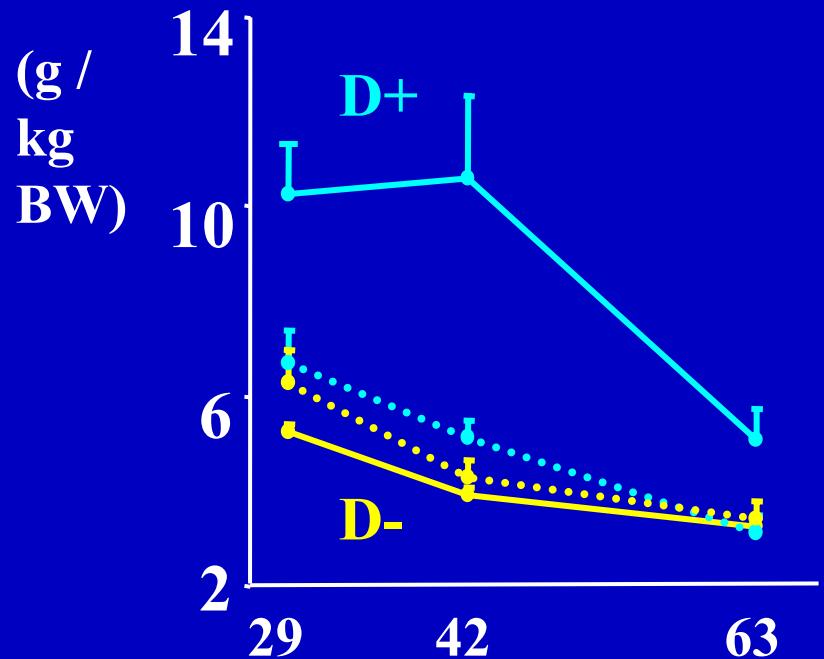
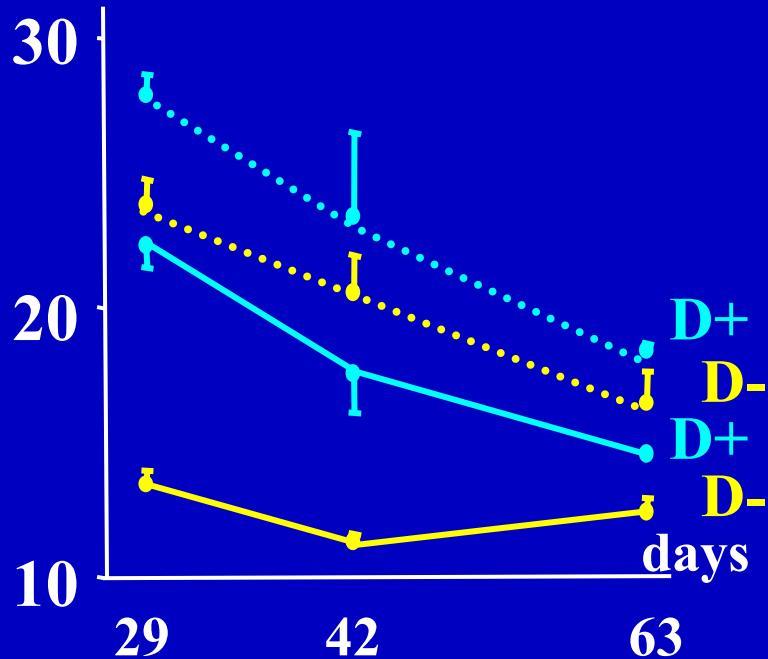


**G8**  
**Standard**  
**pelleted**  
**corn diet**



**Effects**

	Proventriculus		
Line	***	***	*
Diet	0.07	**	**
Line x Diet	**	**	**

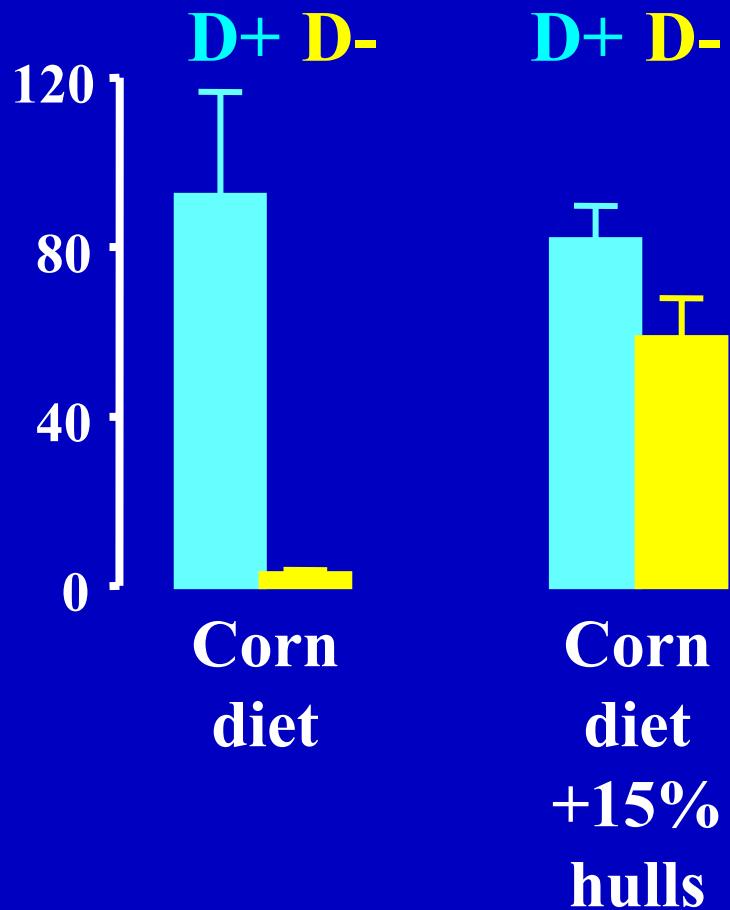
**Gizzard**

— Standard corn diet, pelleted

..... Standard corn diet diluted with 15% sunflower hull, pelleted

G8

# Mean retention times (min) of fine particles in gizzard + proventriculus of **4 w** old chickens from D+ and D- lines (G8).



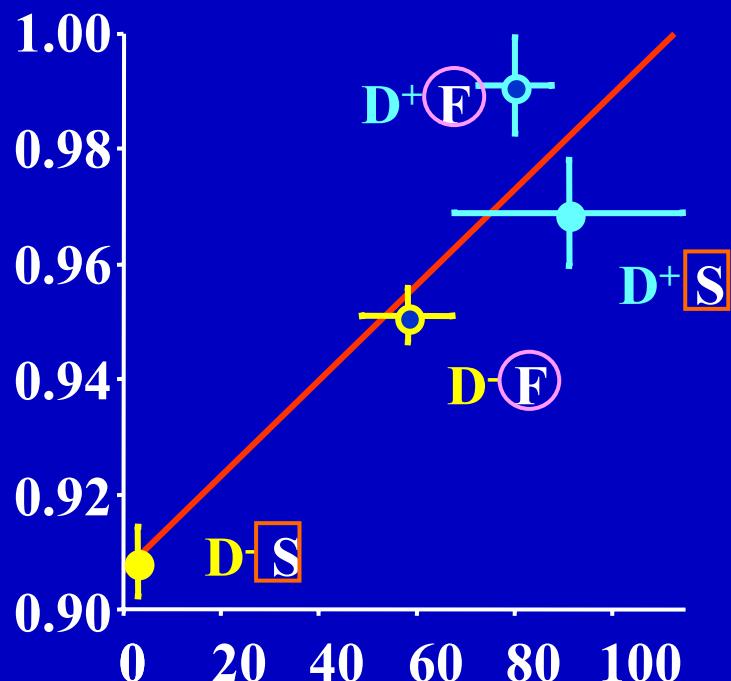
<u>effects</u>	<u>P</u>
Line	: 0.0003
Diet	: NS
Line x Diet :	0.02

Rougière and Carré, 2010.  
Animal, 4: 1861.

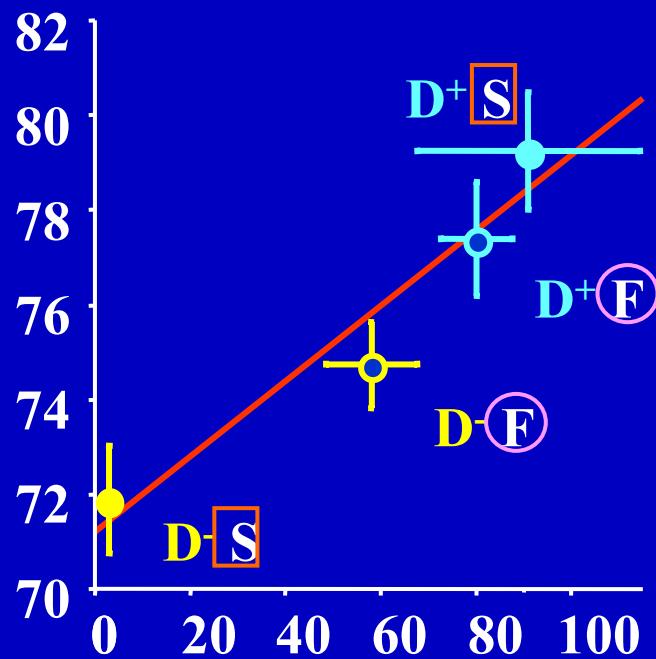
## 4 weeks old chickens from D+ and D- lines (G8)

■ D+ line ■ D - line

Measured AMEn /  
calculated AMEn



Protein  
digestibility (%)

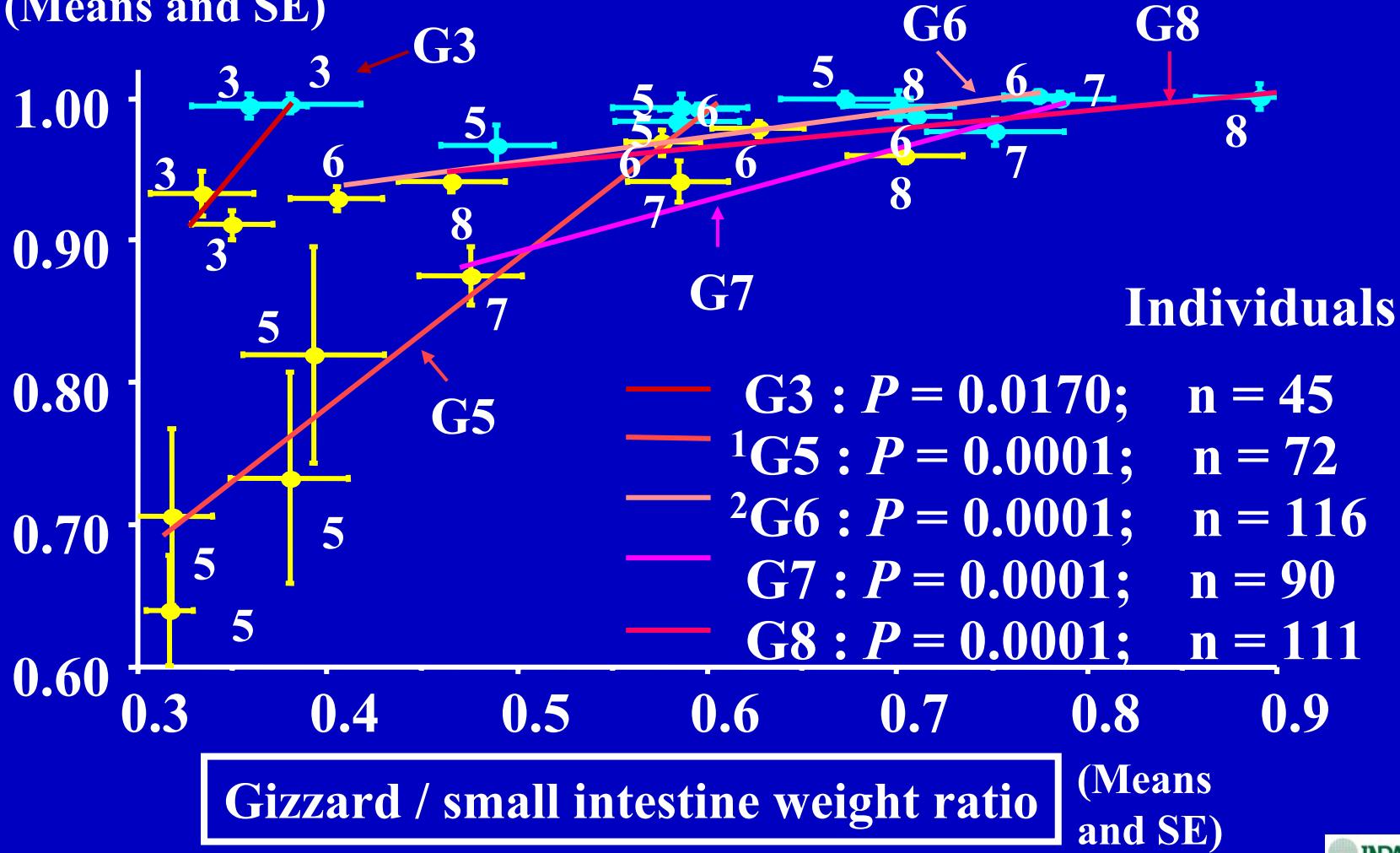


Mean retention time (min) of fine particles in gizzard-proventriculus system

# Measured AMEn (3 weeks) / Calculated AMEn

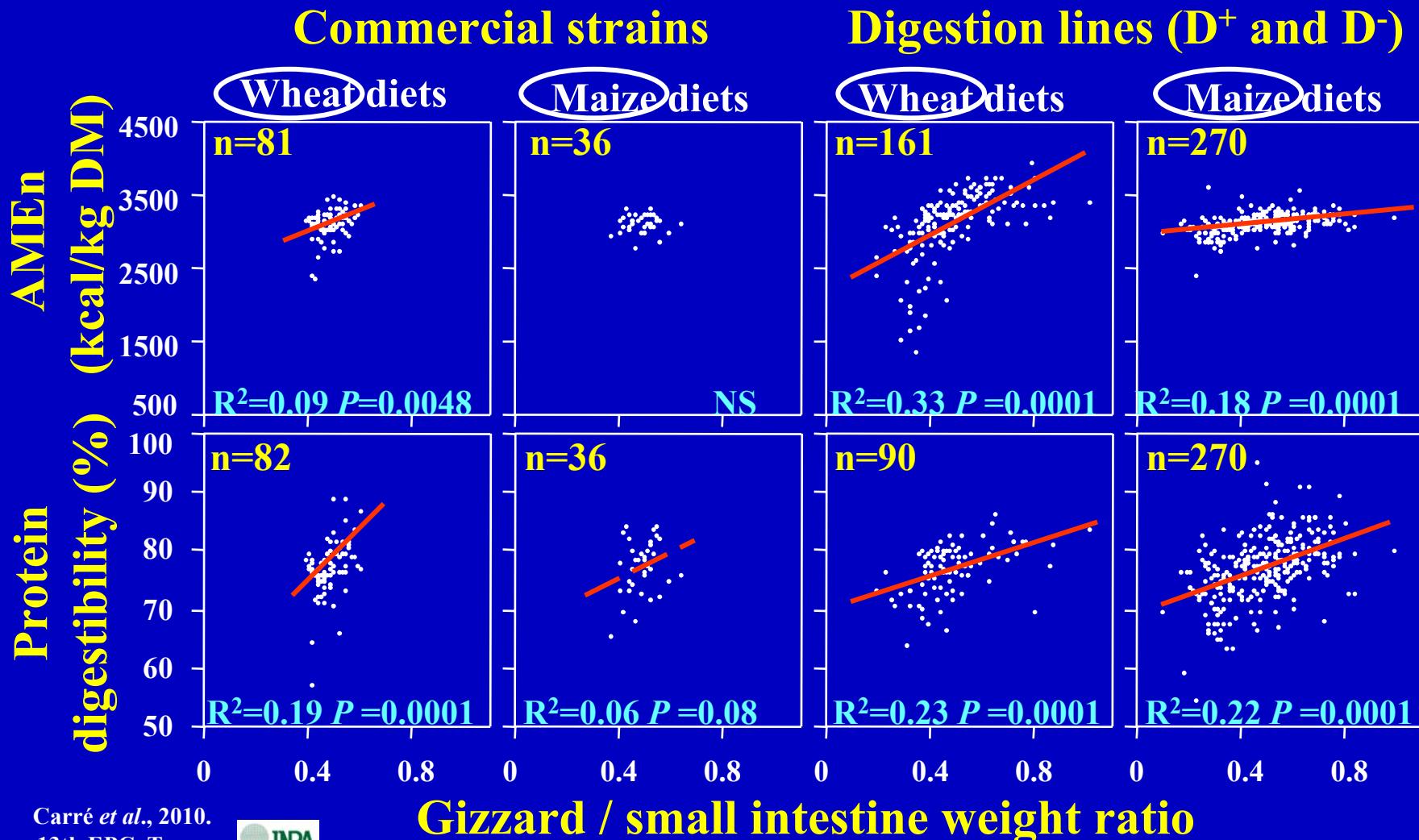
(Means and SE)

• D+ line • D - line

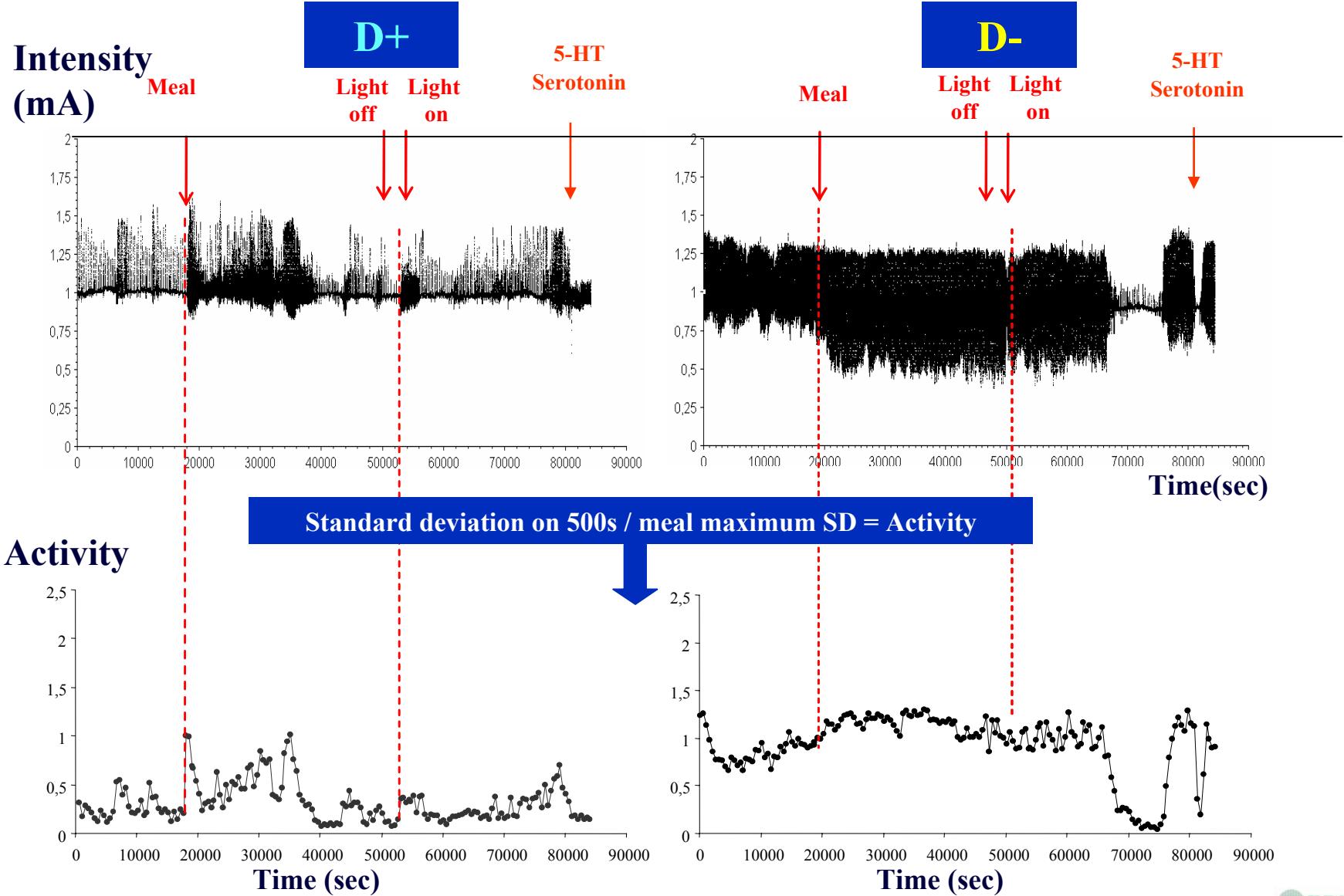


# RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL DIGESTION EFFICIENCIES AND INDIVIDUAL DIGESTIVE ANATOMY IN 3 WK BROILERS.

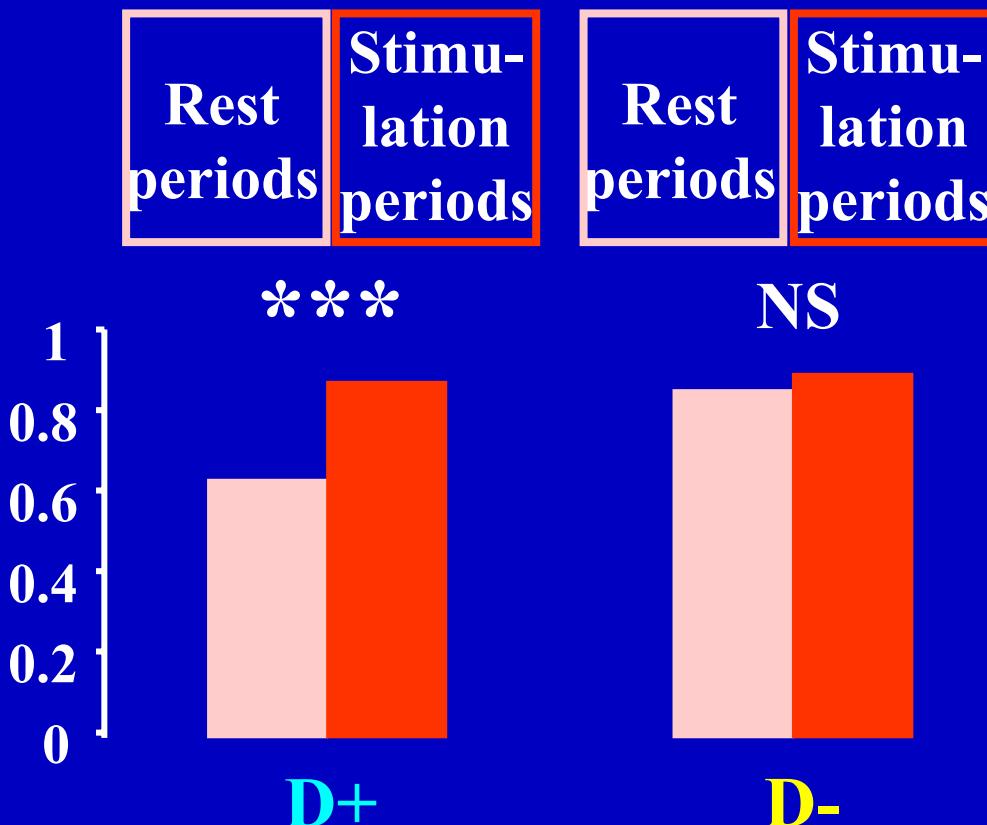
Database from 8 studies, corrected for diet and age effects.



# Motility responses of strain gauge transducers implanted on the outer surface of gizzard



**Effects of D+ and D– lines on  
gizzard activities observed for 500 s  
over various periods during a continuous 24-h recording  
(6 birds per line) (df = 1984).**



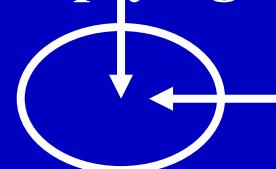
Effects ( <i>P</i> )		
Line	Period	L x P
0.0001	0.0001	0.0018

# Hypotheses for explaining differences between D+ and D- lines

Development of upper tract functions  
during early stage of growth

## Upper tract functions

Gizzard  
emptying



Pancreatic  
secretions

Mixture by  
duodenum  
motility

Efficiencies  
and  
coordination  
of upper tract  
functions

Coarse particles  
required  
for upper tract  
functions

D+      D -

+++      - - -

+      +++

Intestine growth

Adaptation  
to low efficiency  
of upper tract  
functions

+++

Digestive efficiency of broilers can be improved  
by a genetic selection on FCR  
during growth (2-5 weeks)  
with birds being fed on a wheat diet

A great part of differences in digestive efficiency  
between D+ and D- lines were due to differences in  
functions of upper digestive tract

Recent QTL analyses at INRA revealed  
at least 4 candidate genes  
associated with  
broiler digestive efficiency variations

# 15 publications on D+ and D- lines (2004-2012)

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