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Are we near  
recommendations for  
individual amino acids to  
dairy cows?

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AA: Amino Acid

CP: Crude Protein

EAA: essential AA

FPCM: Fat and Protein Corrected Milk

MP: Metabolizable Protein

MPY: Milk Protein Yield

Rqt: Requirements

# Balancing dairy rations for AA

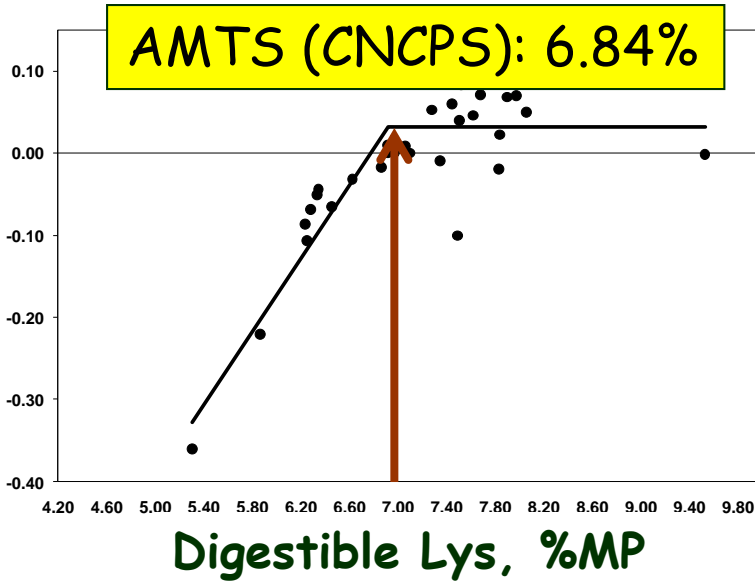
## ■ Proportional:

- simple: fixed number
- initiated the implementation of AA balance

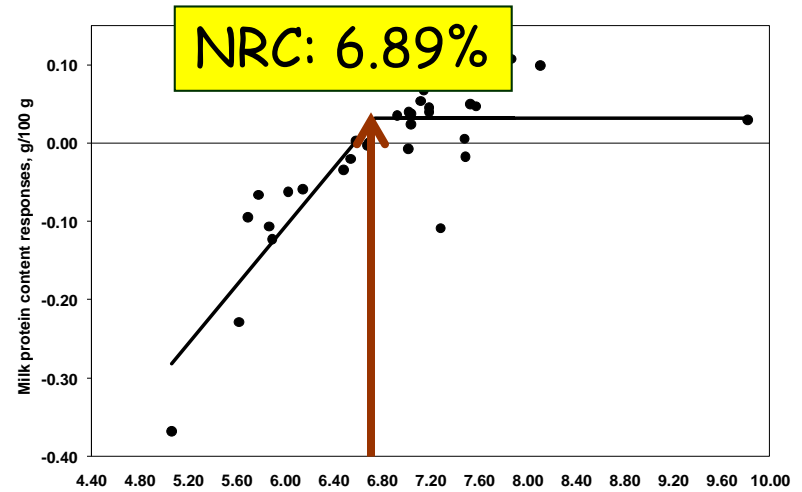


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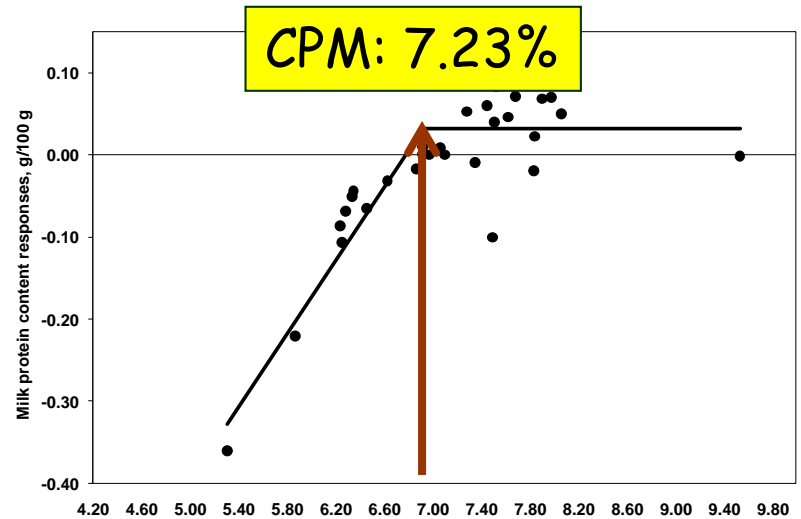
Milk protein content response, %



CNCPS v.6.5: 6.77%  
vanAmburgh et al. 2015



Digestible Lys, %MP  
New data, book version



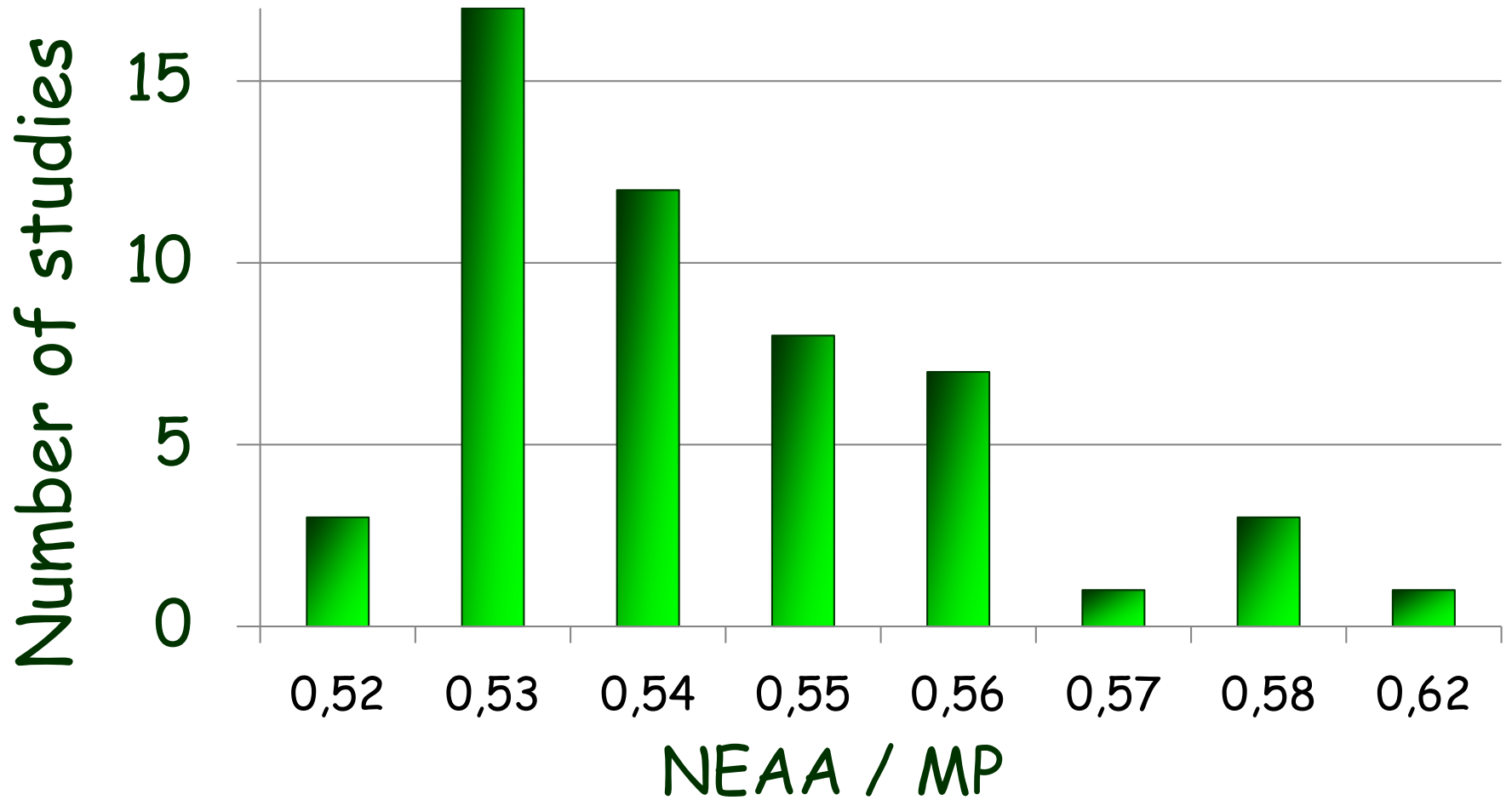
Whitehouse, Schwab et al. 2010

# Balancing dairy rations for AA

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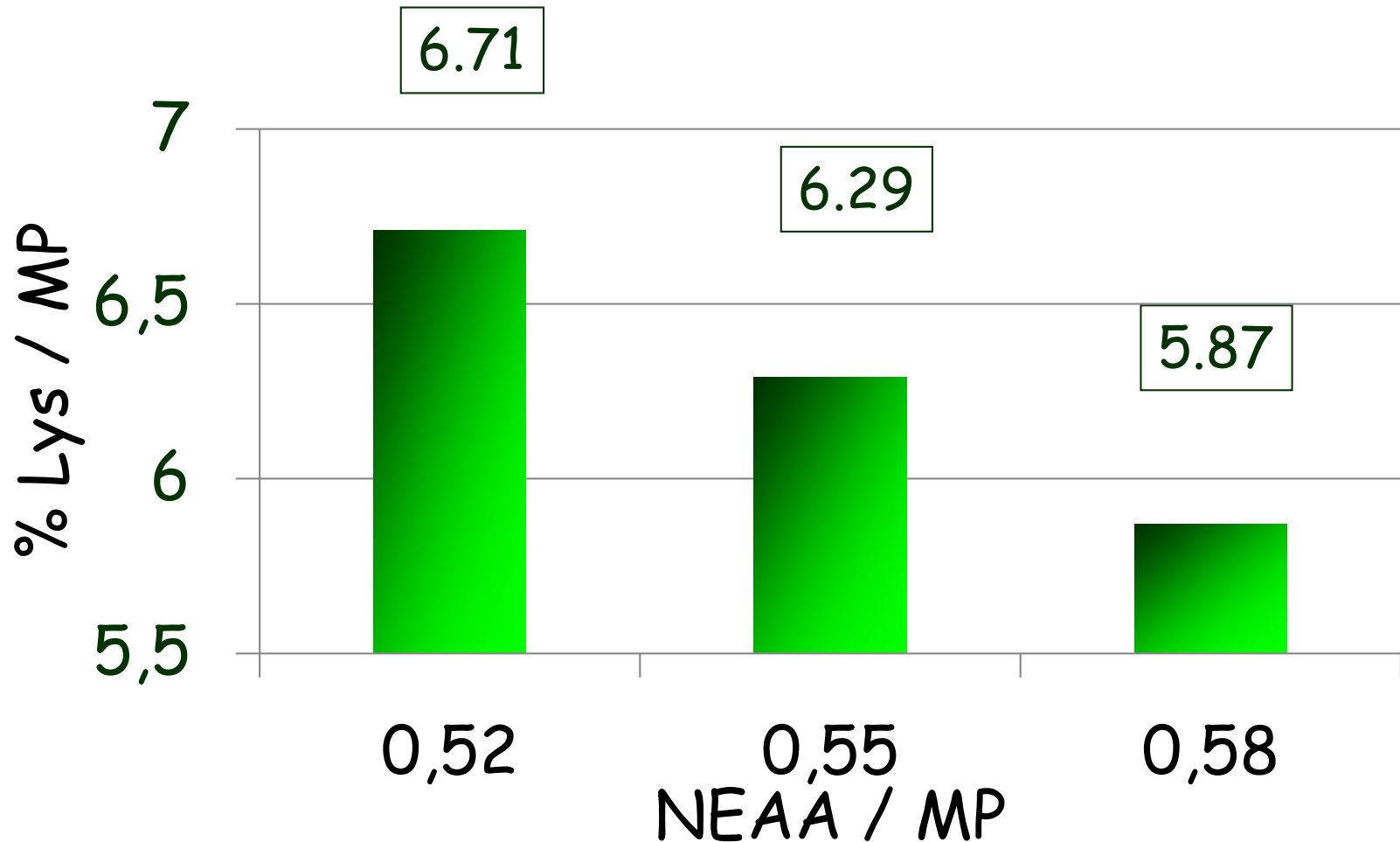
- Does not take into account that the proportion of non essential AA (NEAA) relative to MP varies.
- Recommendations are fixed, independent of milk yield.

# Porportion of NEAA / MP



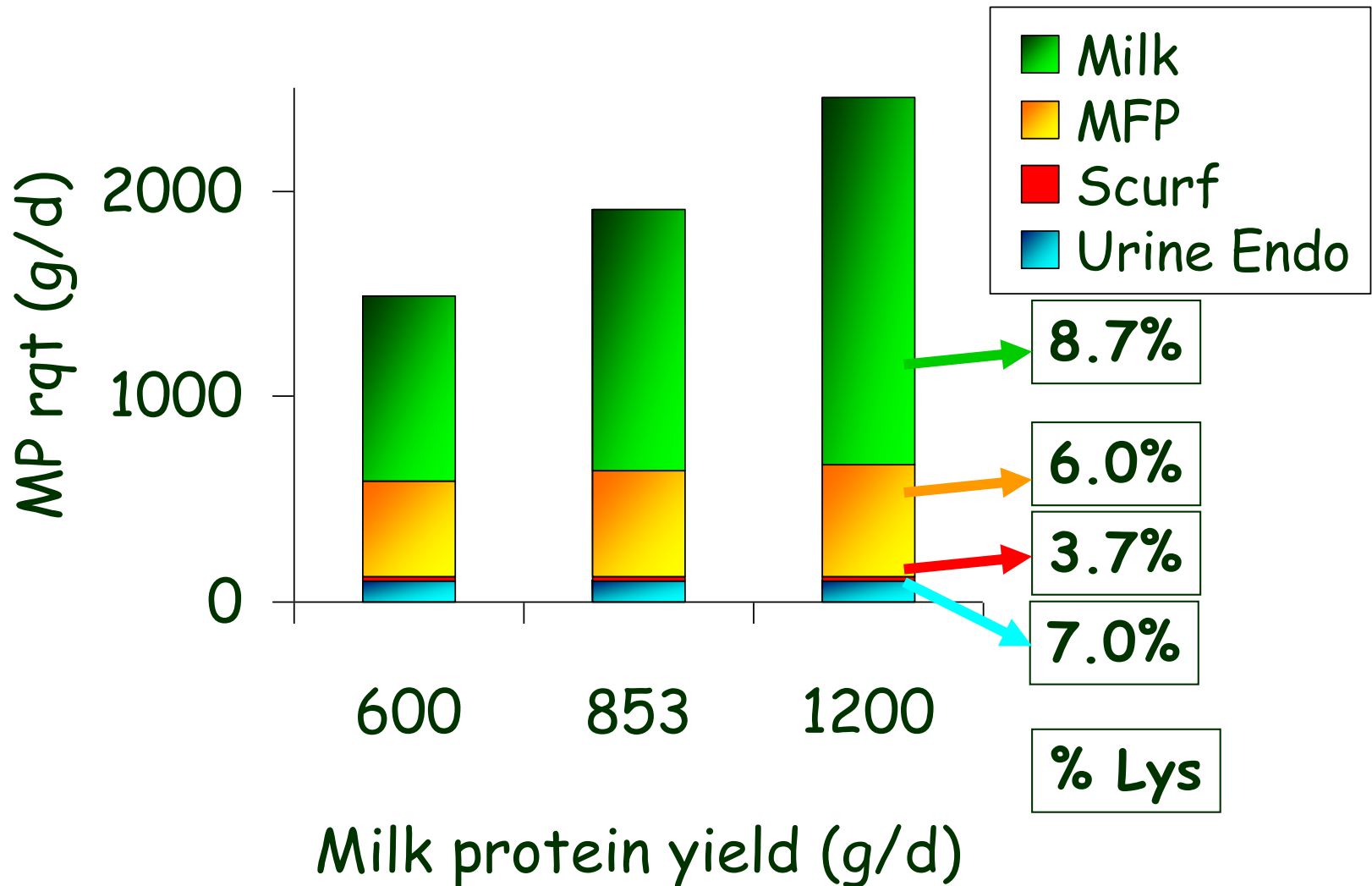
(CTL trts in Doepel et al. 2004 JDS)

# Supply of 105 g of Lys with same EAA supply but different NEAA/MP

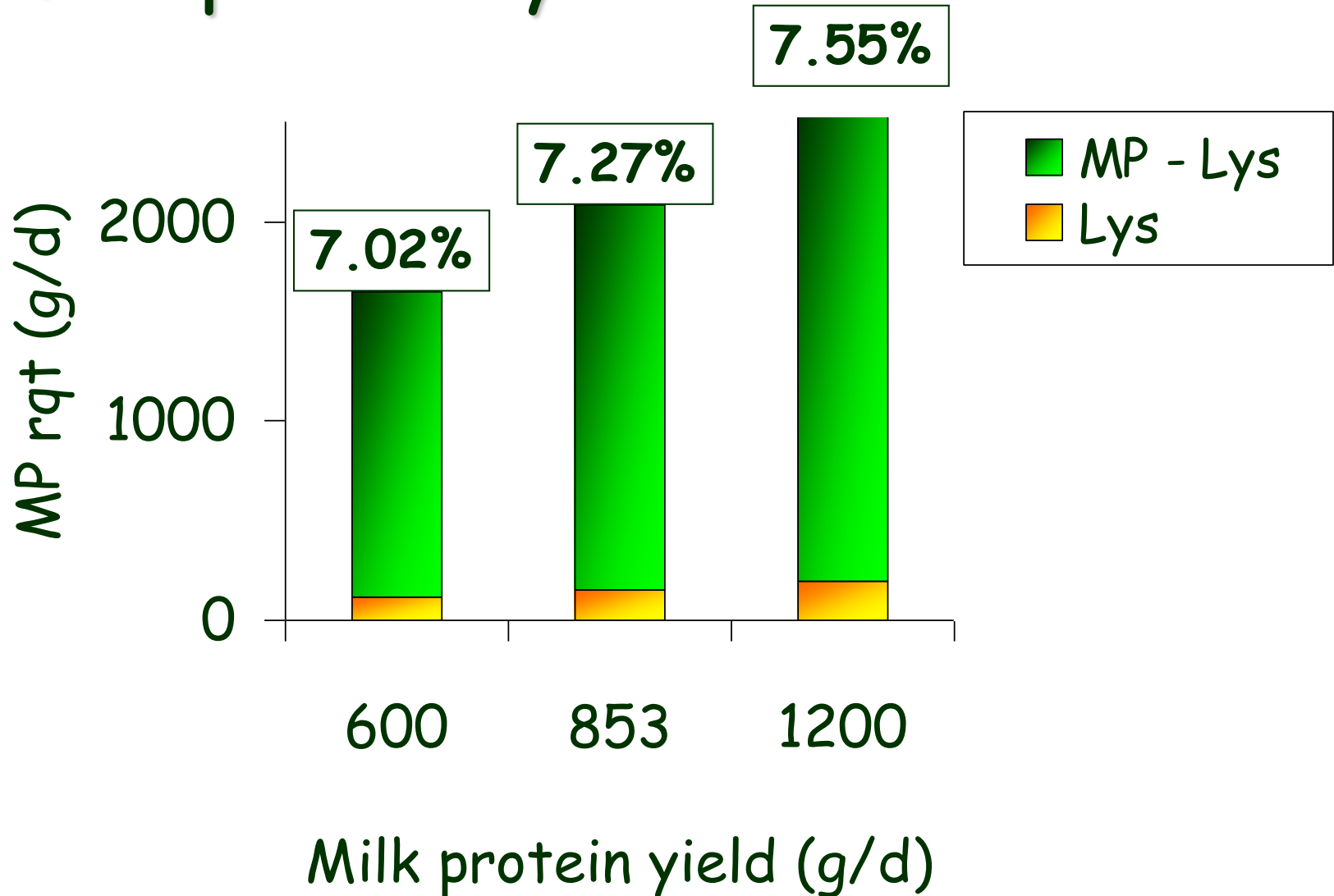




# MP requirement with different milk protein yields



# Lys requirement with different milk protein yields



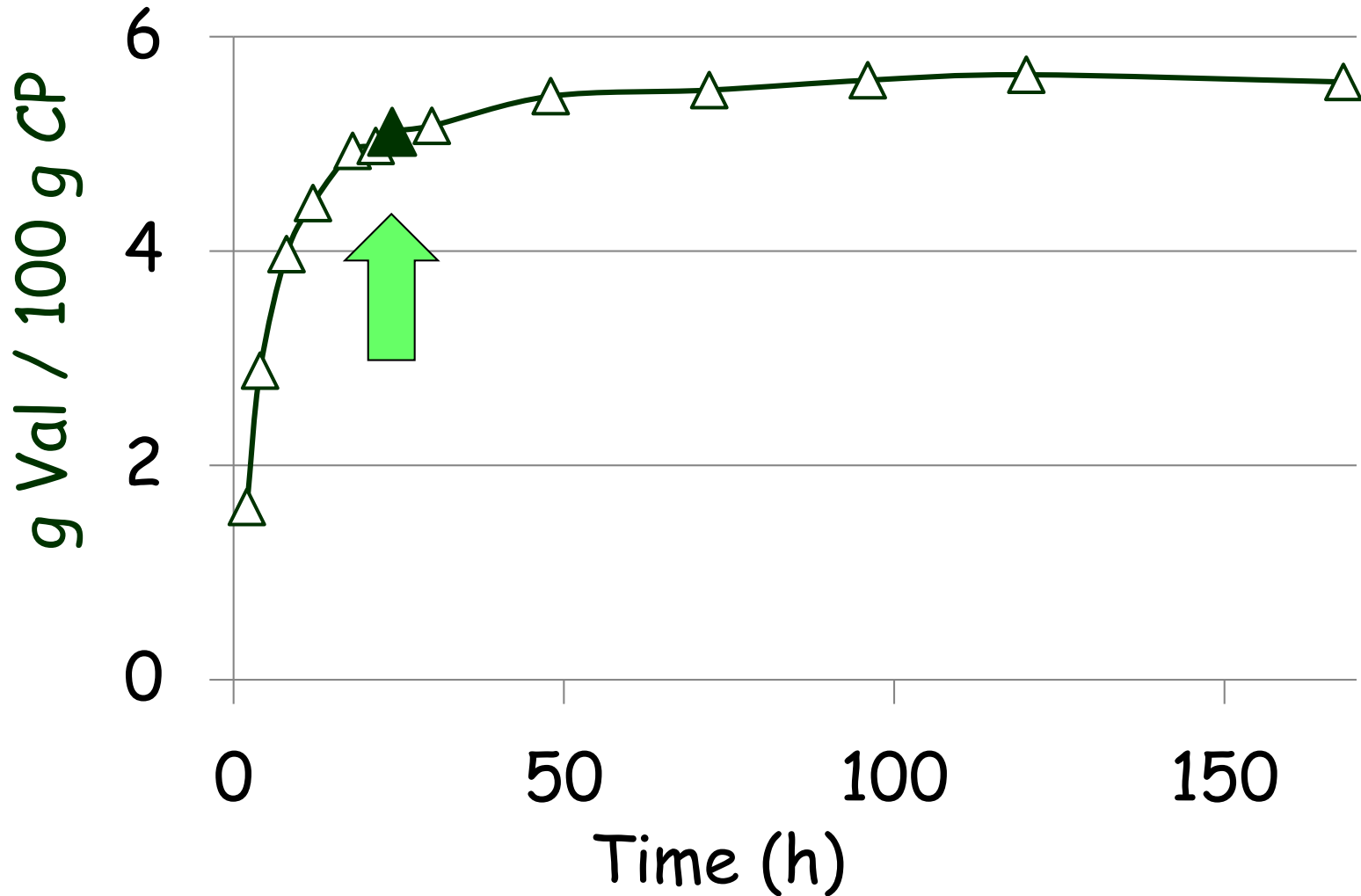
# Factorial approach requires:

1. AA composition of proteins
2. AA supply
3. AA requirement
  - a. *Export proteins - in previous talk*
  - b. *[AA] in export proteins*
  - c. *Efficiency of utilization of AA*
4. Impact of balancing for His, Lys & Met

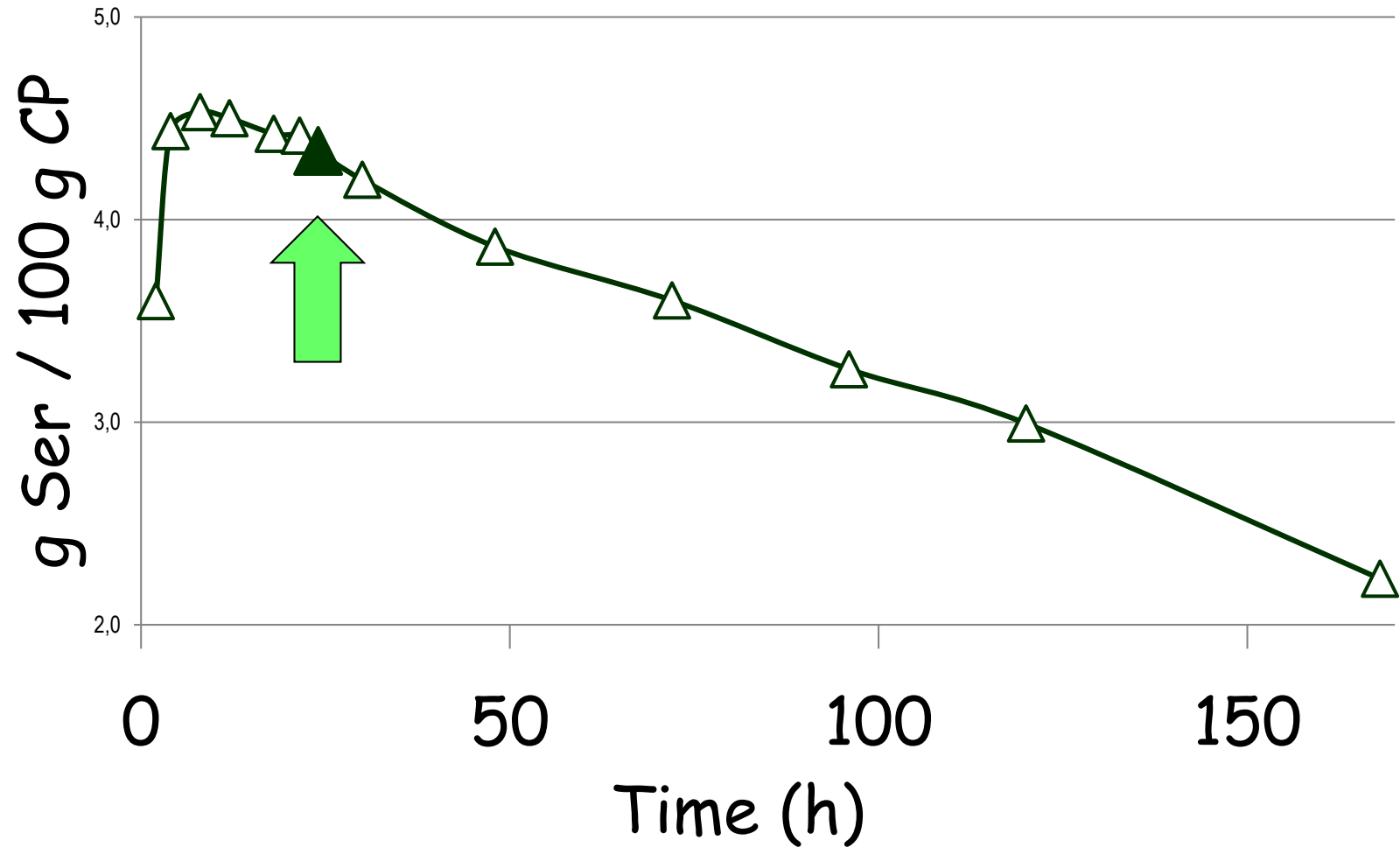
# 1. AA composition of proteins

- [AA] obtained from hydrolysis
- Correction factors need to be used for 24-h measurements
- 1 kg of protein  
     $\approx 1.15-1.17$  kg of AA

# [Val] in canola meal



# [Ser] in canola meal

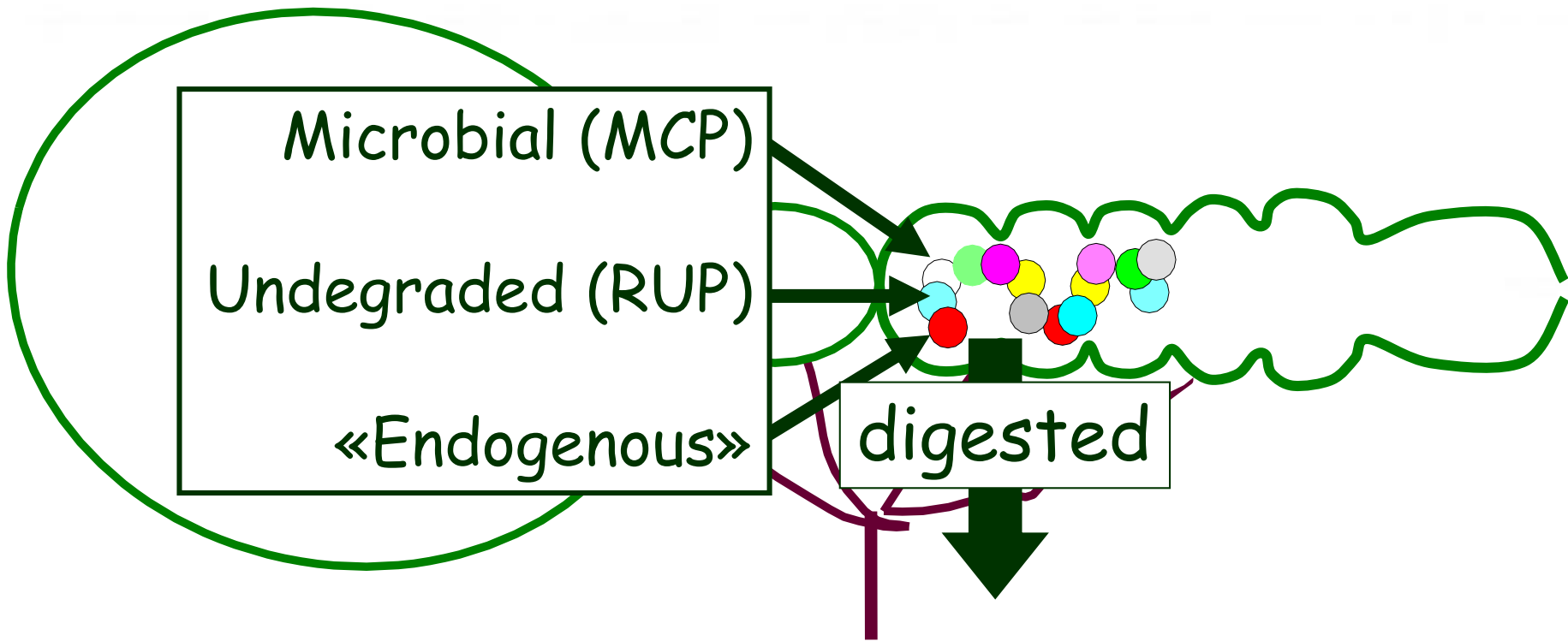


# Correction factors for [AA] from hydrolysis

AA	Missing in 24-h hydrolysis
His	1.02
Lys	1.06
Met	1.05
Val	1.11
$\Delta$	1.02 - 1.23

(Lapierre et al. 2016 CNC and submitted)

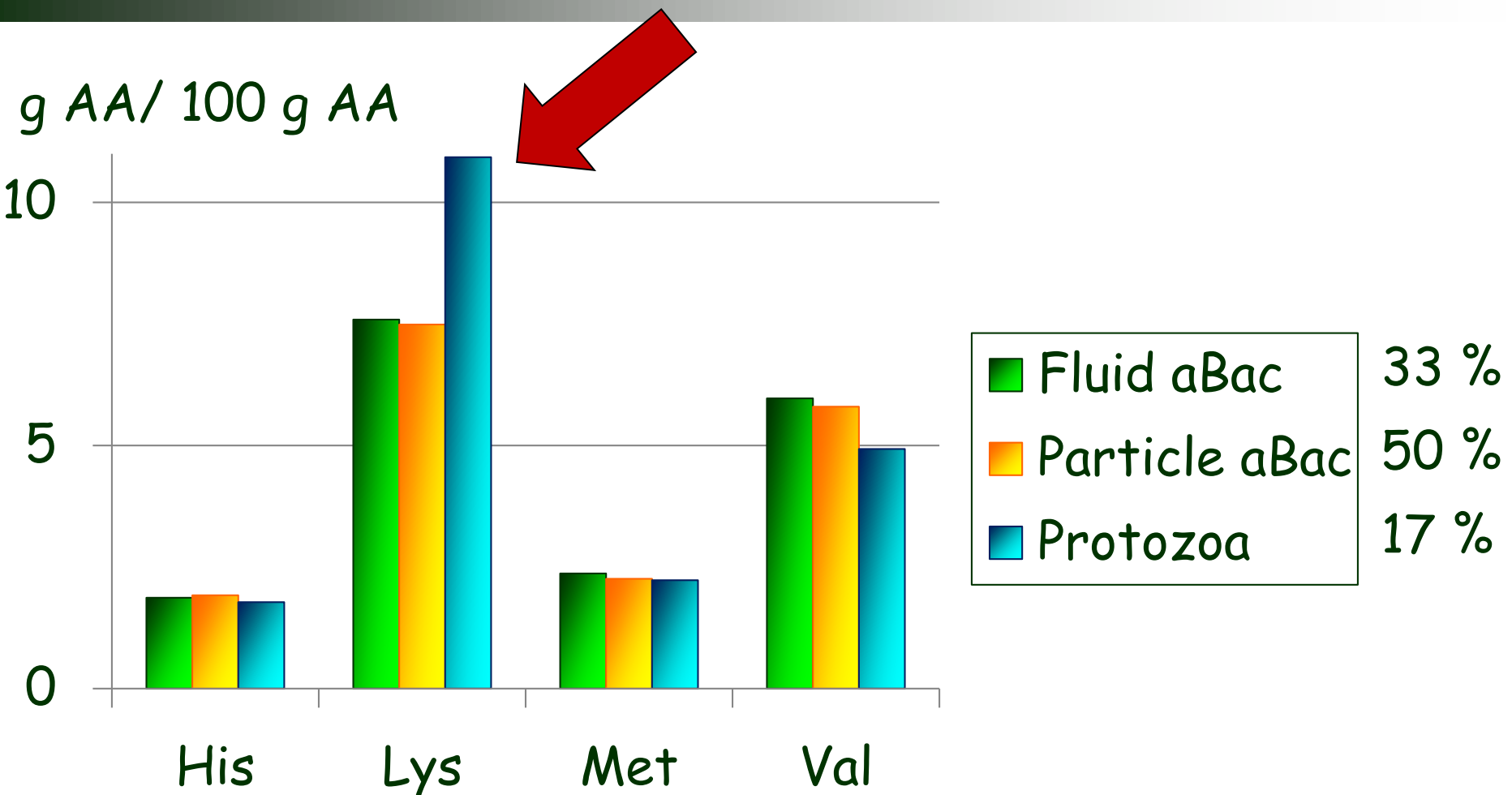
## 2. AA supply



Metabolizable protein -> AA digestible flow



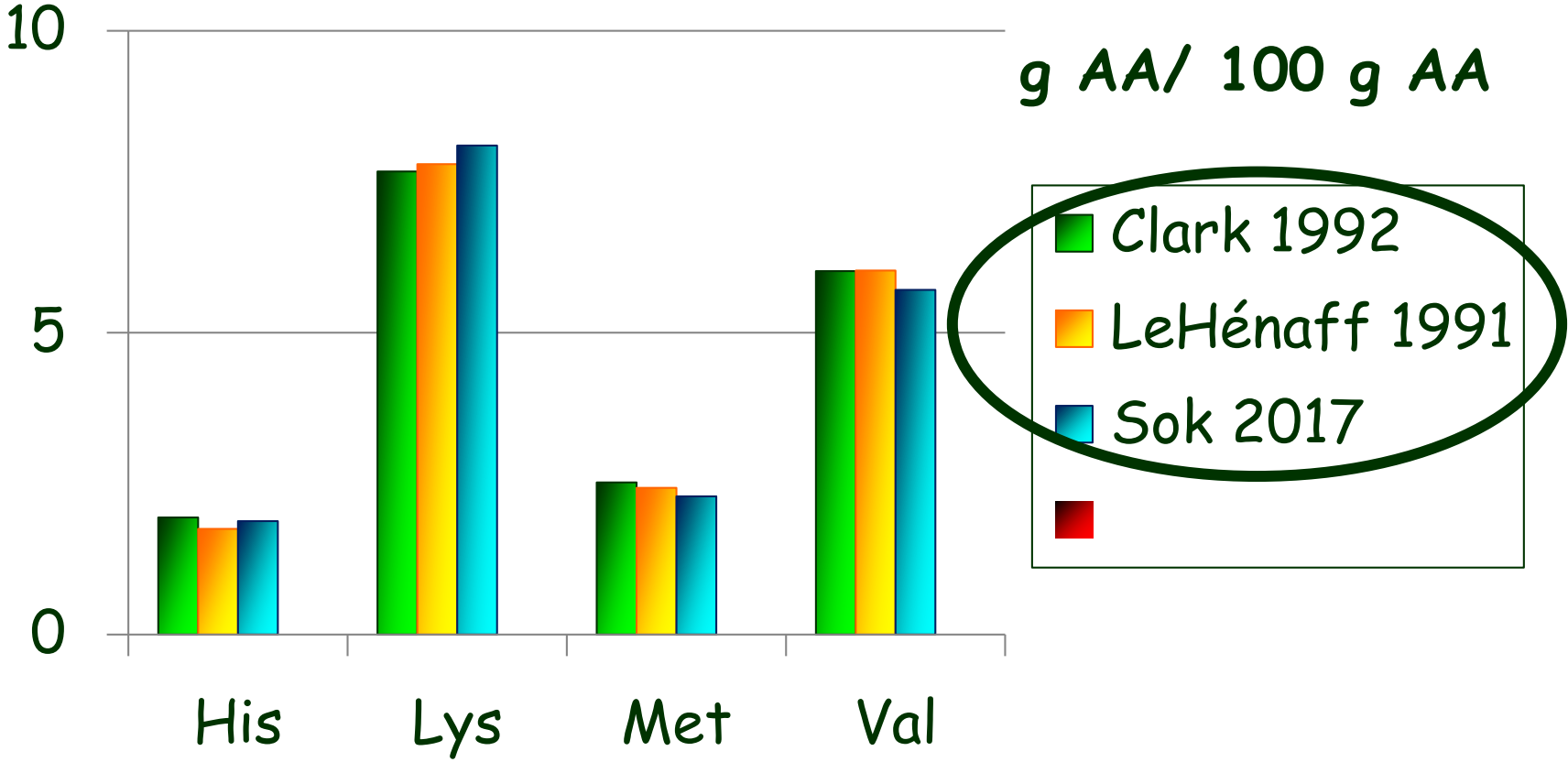
# AA composition of rumen microbial population



Fluid aBac 33 %  
Particle aBac 50 %  
Protozoa 17 %

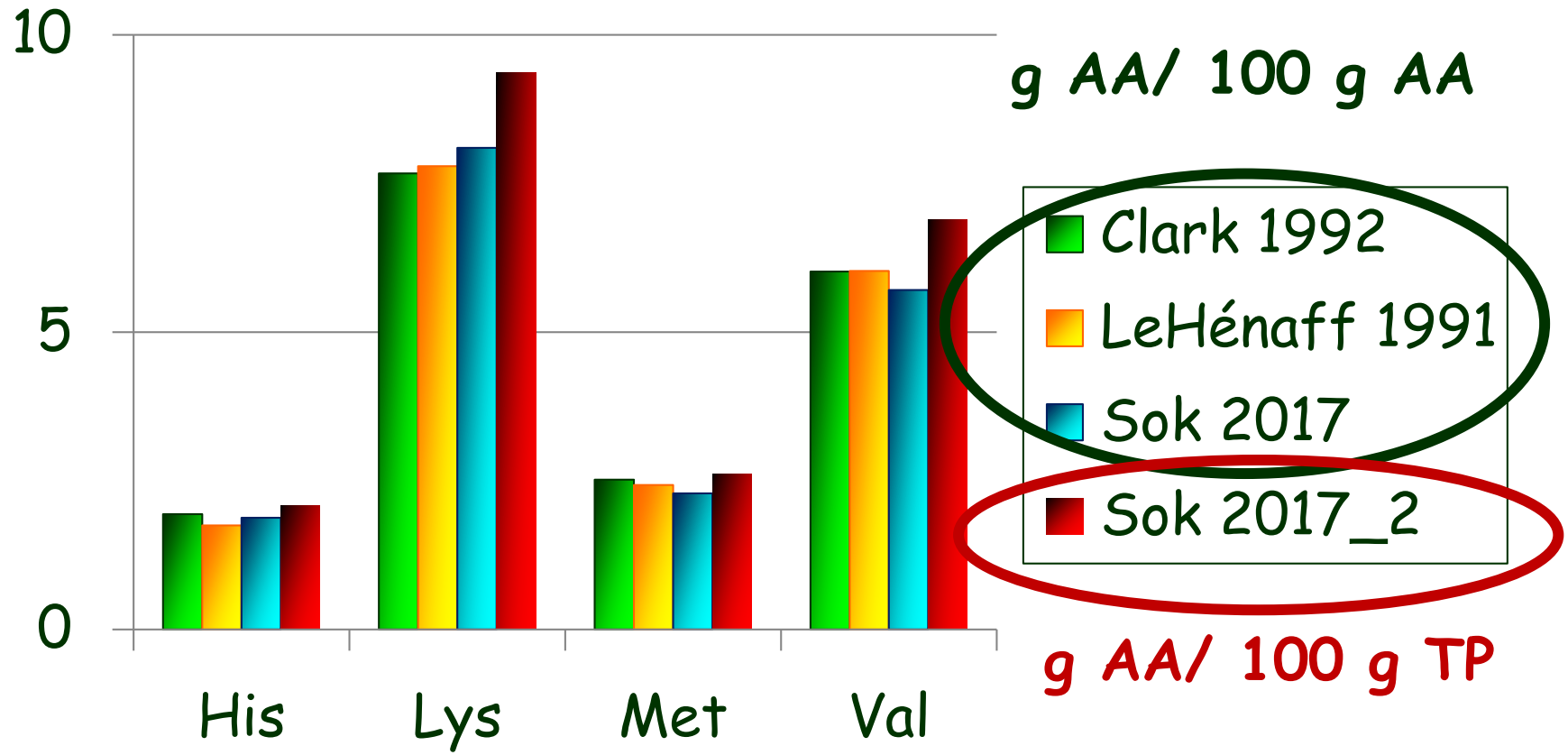
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# AA composition of MCP



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# AA composition of MCP



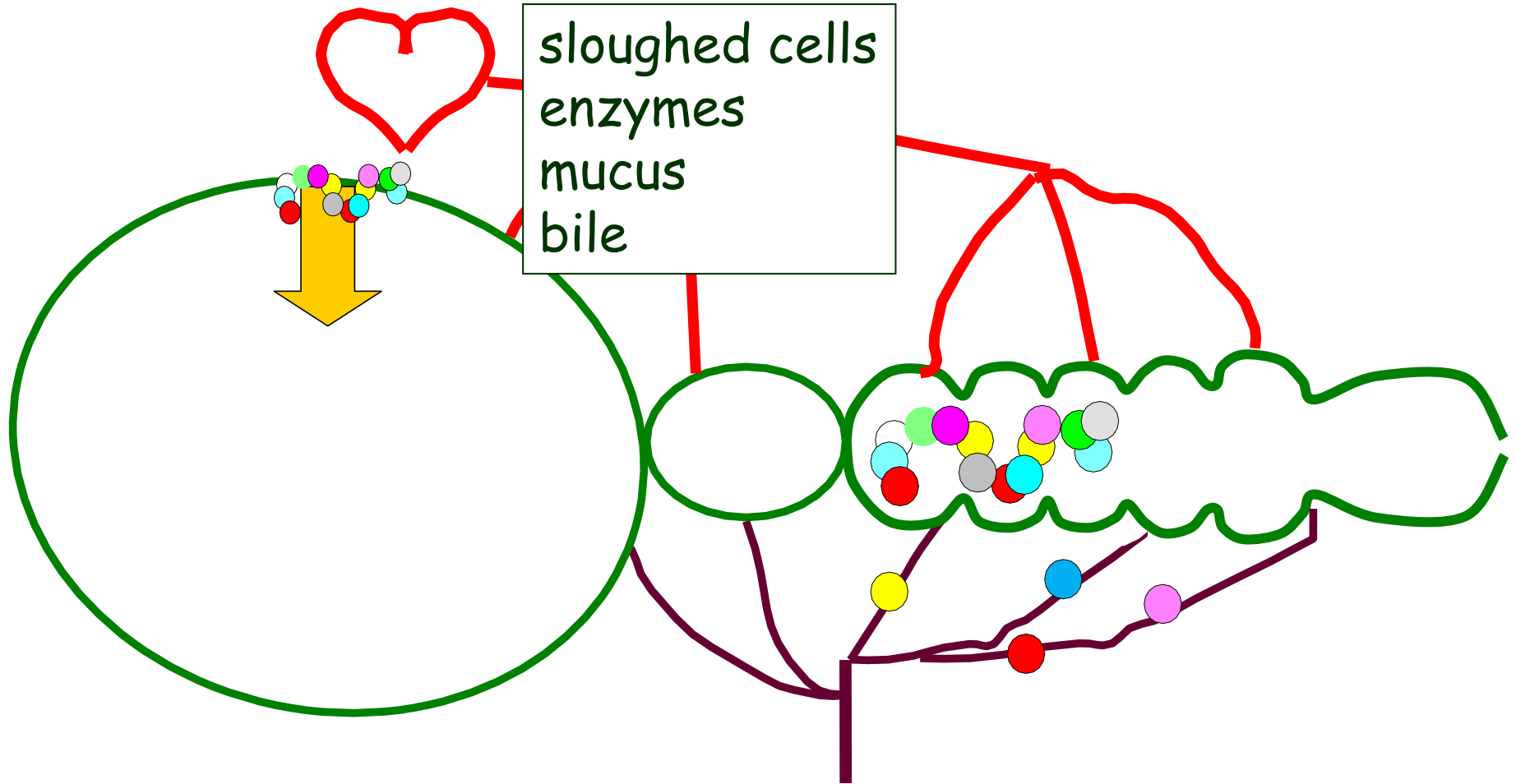
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# Correction factors for RUP

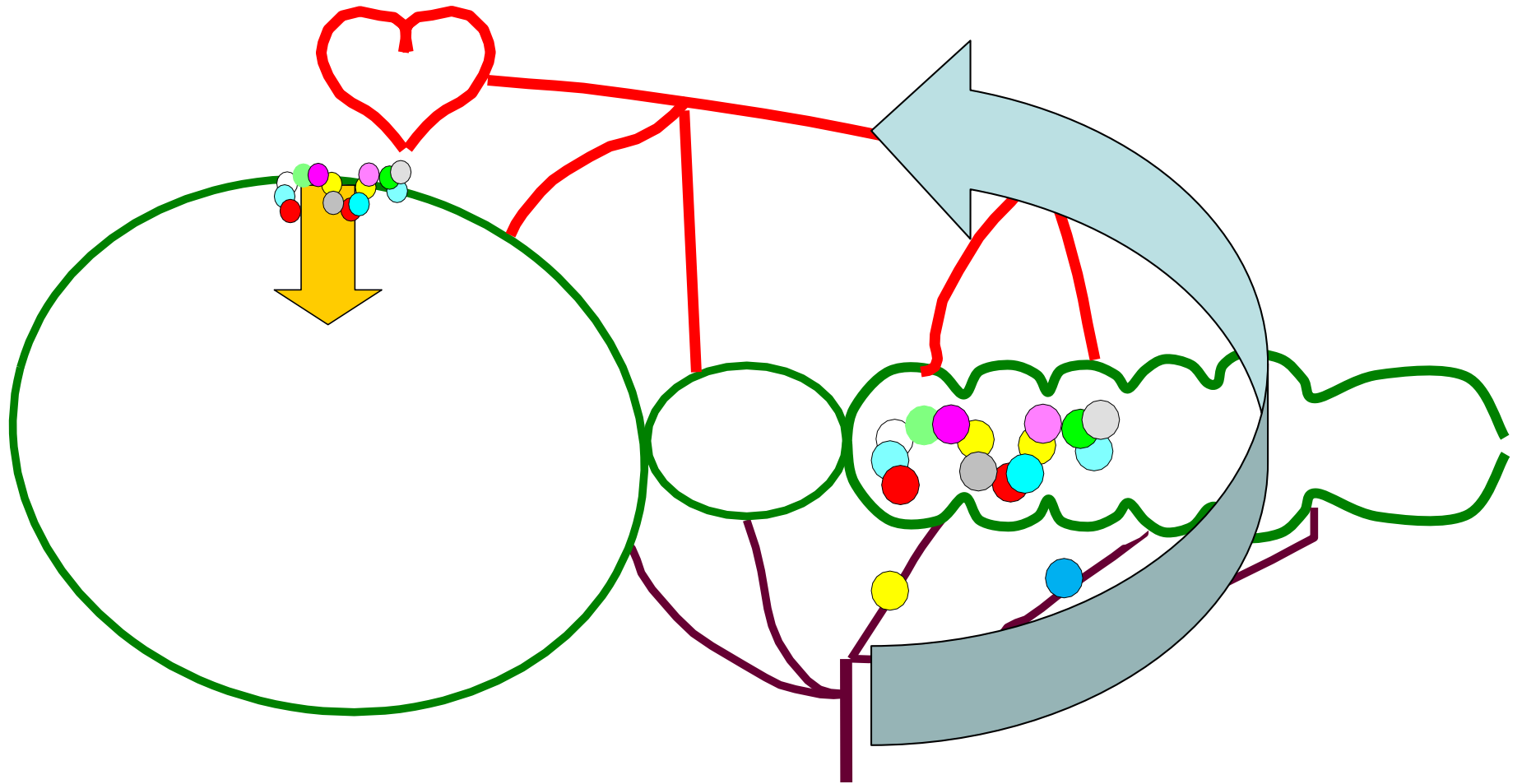
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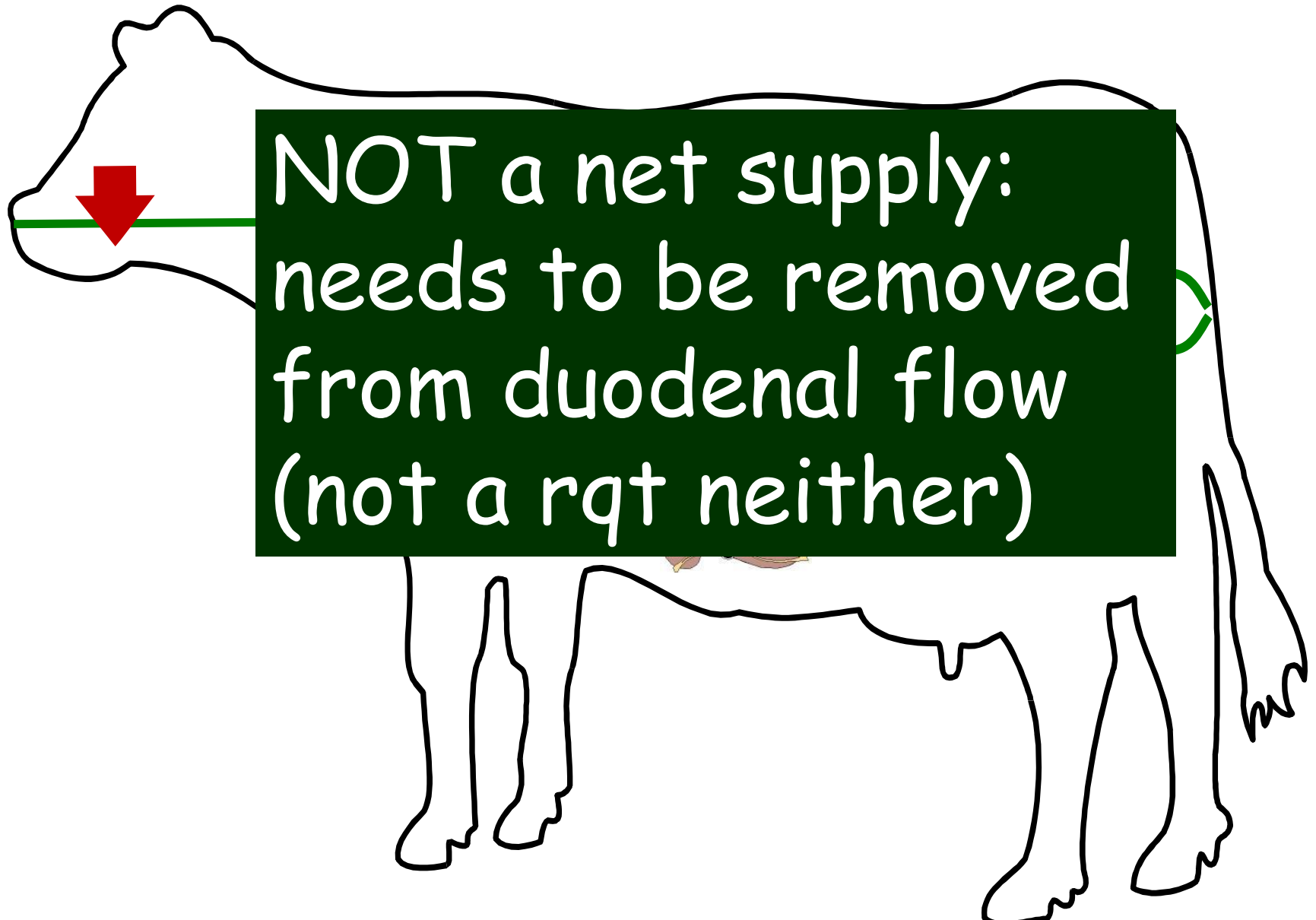


# Duodenal Endo-N : supply / rqt?

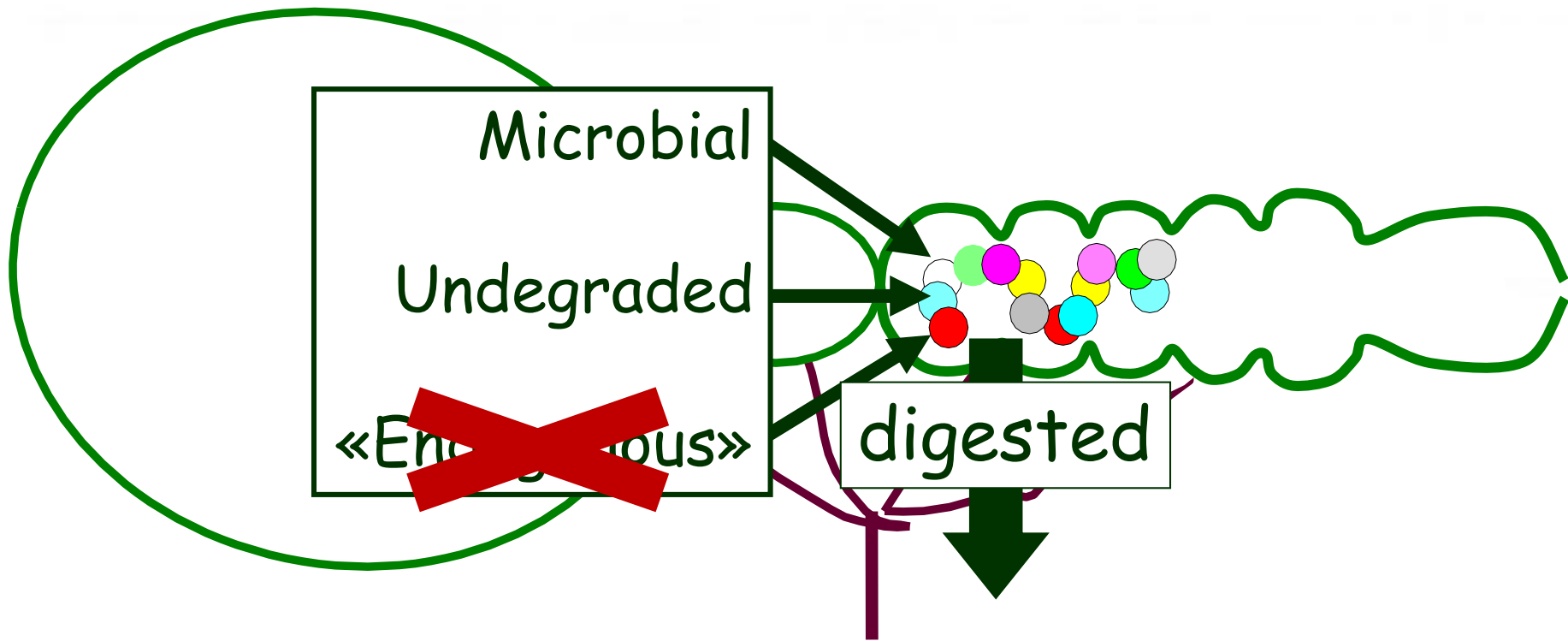


# Duodenal Endo-N : supply?

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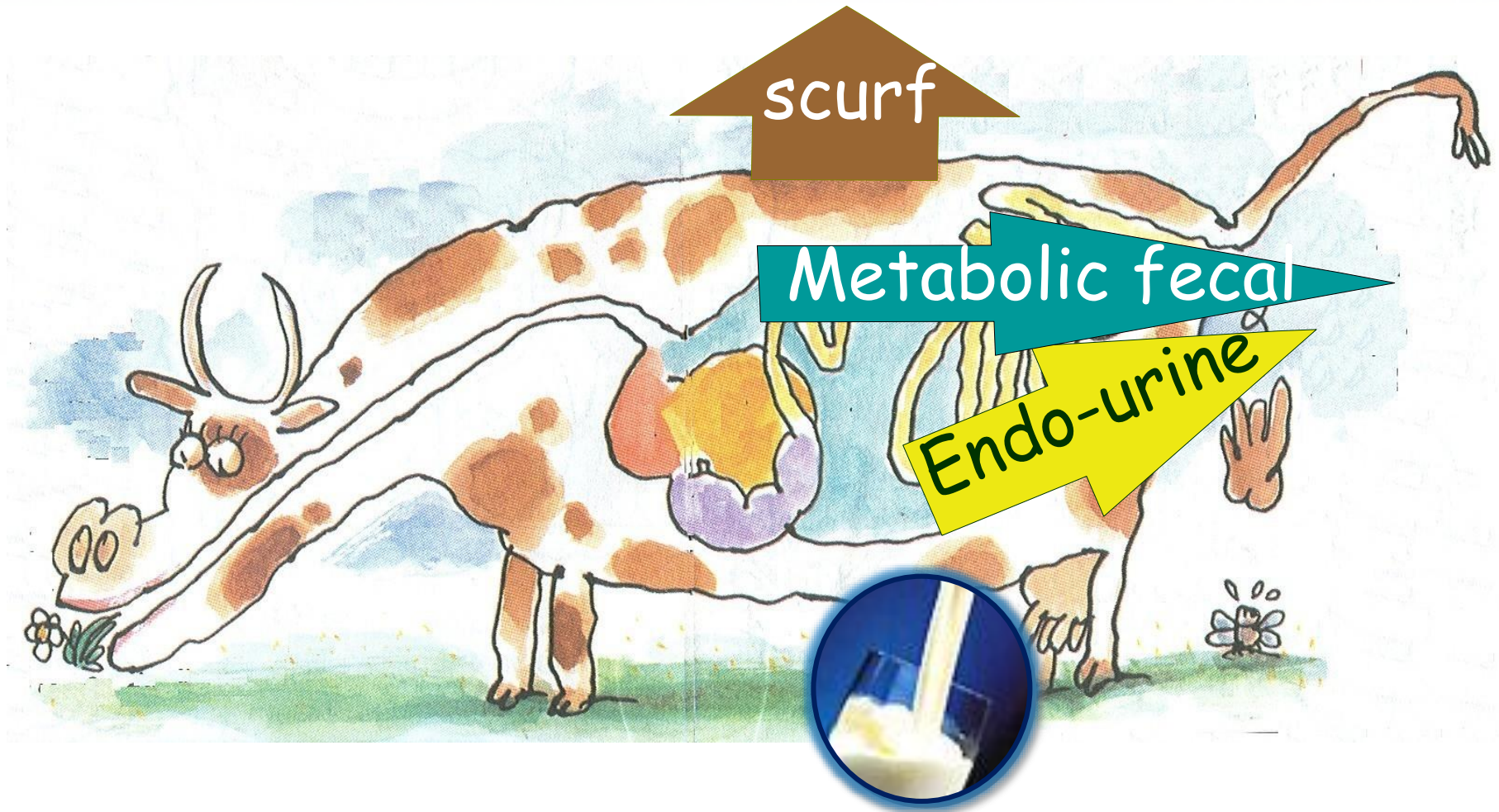


Metabolizable protein -> AA digestible flow



# 3. Requirement:

- a. Export « proteins »



## 3b. [AA] in export proteins

- MP rqt = true protein
- [AA] in export proteins  
-> [AA] in g AA / 100 g TP

## 3b.i [AA]: Scurf



- TP / CP = 0.85

- Head, hide, feet and tail

(Williams 1978 & Van Amburgh et al. 2015)



## 3b.ii [AA]: Endo Uri

- Endogenous urea ( $\pm 18\%$  of EndoUri):  
-> empty body composition
- Endogenous PD: Asp, Gln, Gly
- Creatinine / creatine: Arg, Gly
- 3-methyl His: His
- Hippuric acid: Gly



## 3b.iii [AA]: MFP

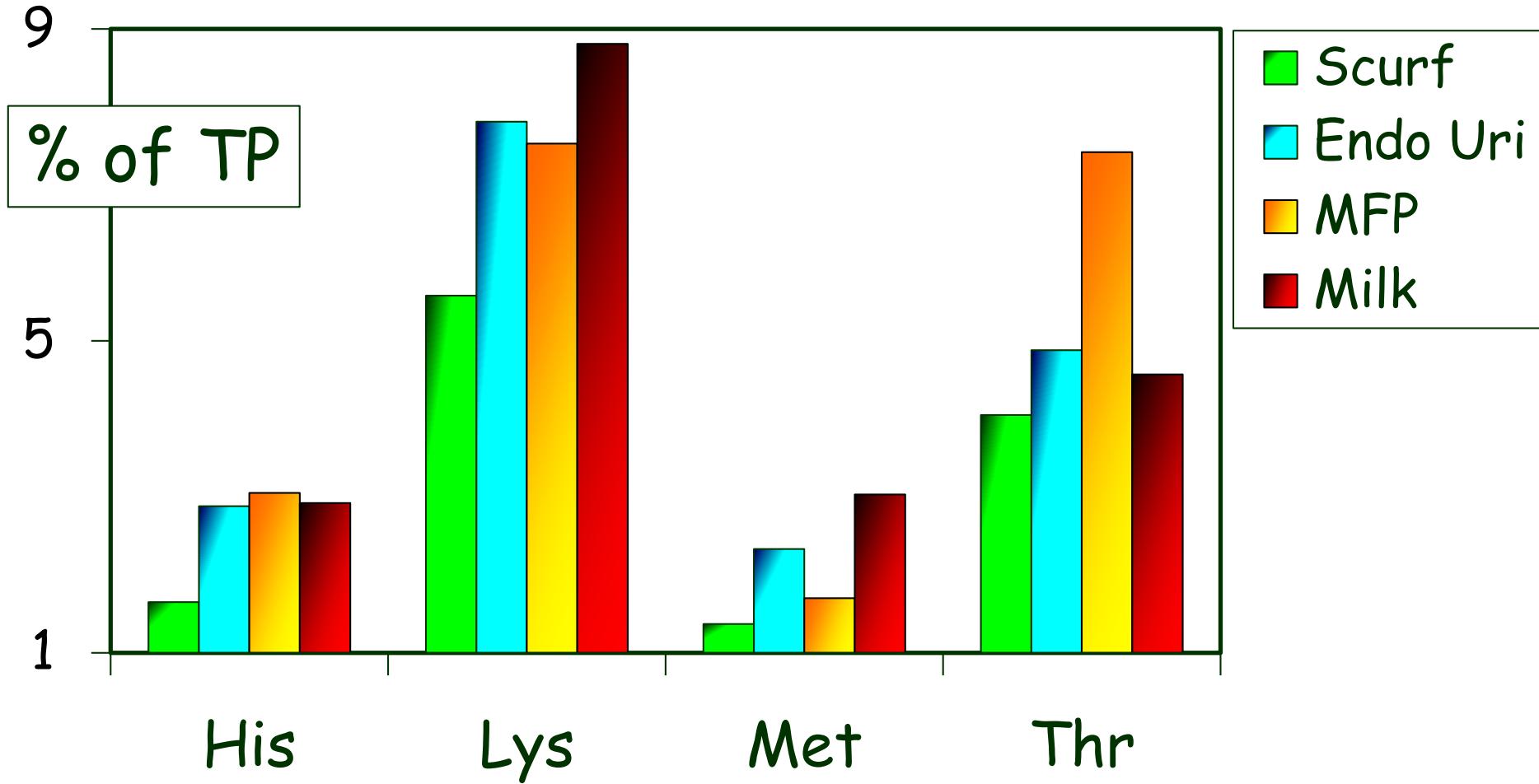
- 70% forestomach segment:  
Ørskov et al. 1986
- 30% small intestinal endogenous  
secretion in pigs: Jansman et al. 2002
- TP / CP = 0.73



## 3b.v [AA]: Milk

- from primary structures (DNA seq.) of protein fractions (*Farrell et al. 2004*)
- average contribution of protein fractions to milk protein (*15 studies*)
  - 82.4 % CN
  - 17.6 % whey

# 3b. [AA] in export TP



# 3c. Efficiency



- For AA (and MP), an efficiency for maintenance and an efficiency for lactation have been traditionally used

- $$RQT = \frac{\text{Export}_{\text{MAINT}}}{\text{Eff}_{\text{MAINT}}} + \frac{\text{Export}_{\text{MILK}}}{\text{Eff}_{\text{MILK}}}$$



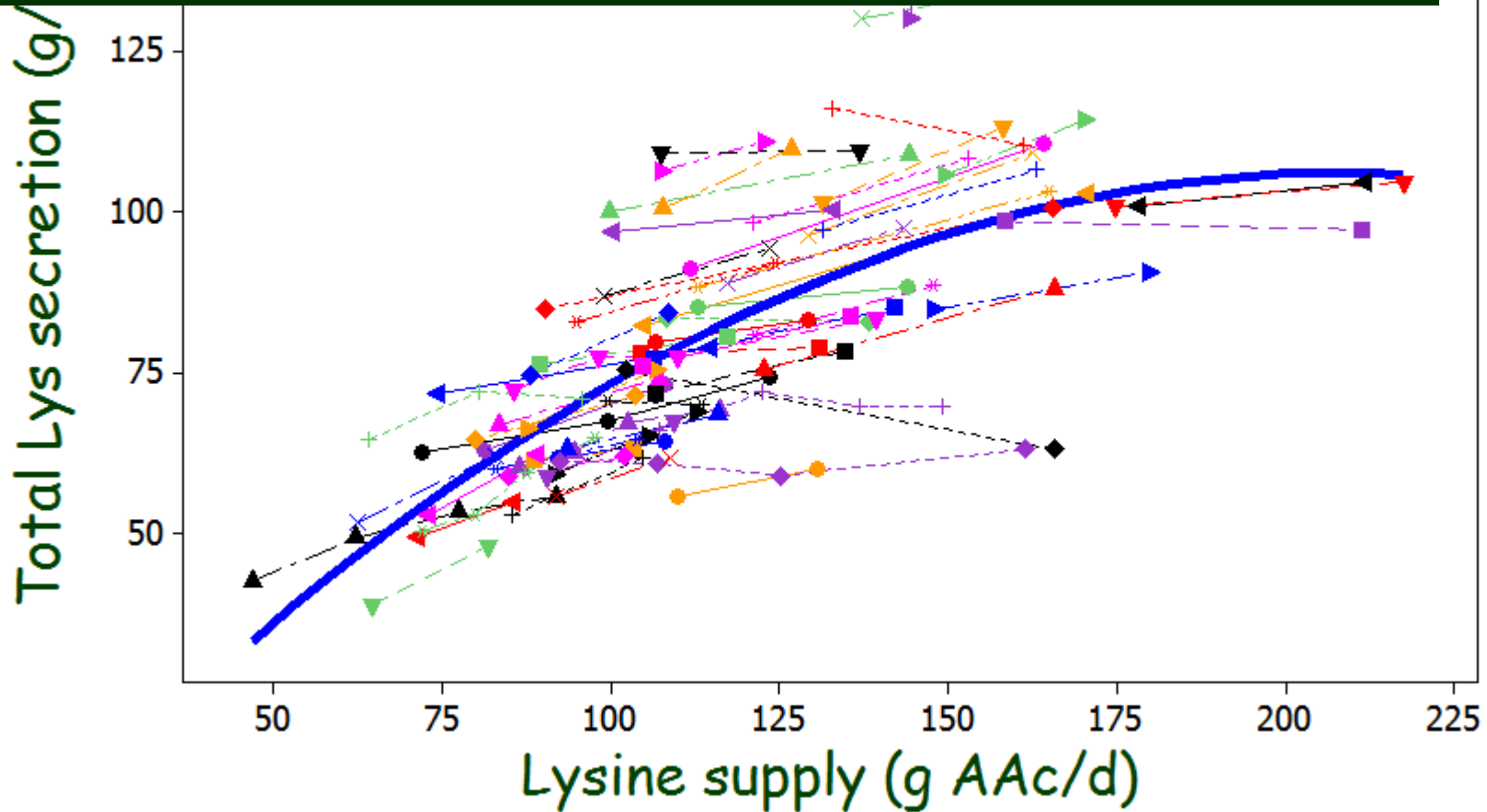


# Combined efficiency

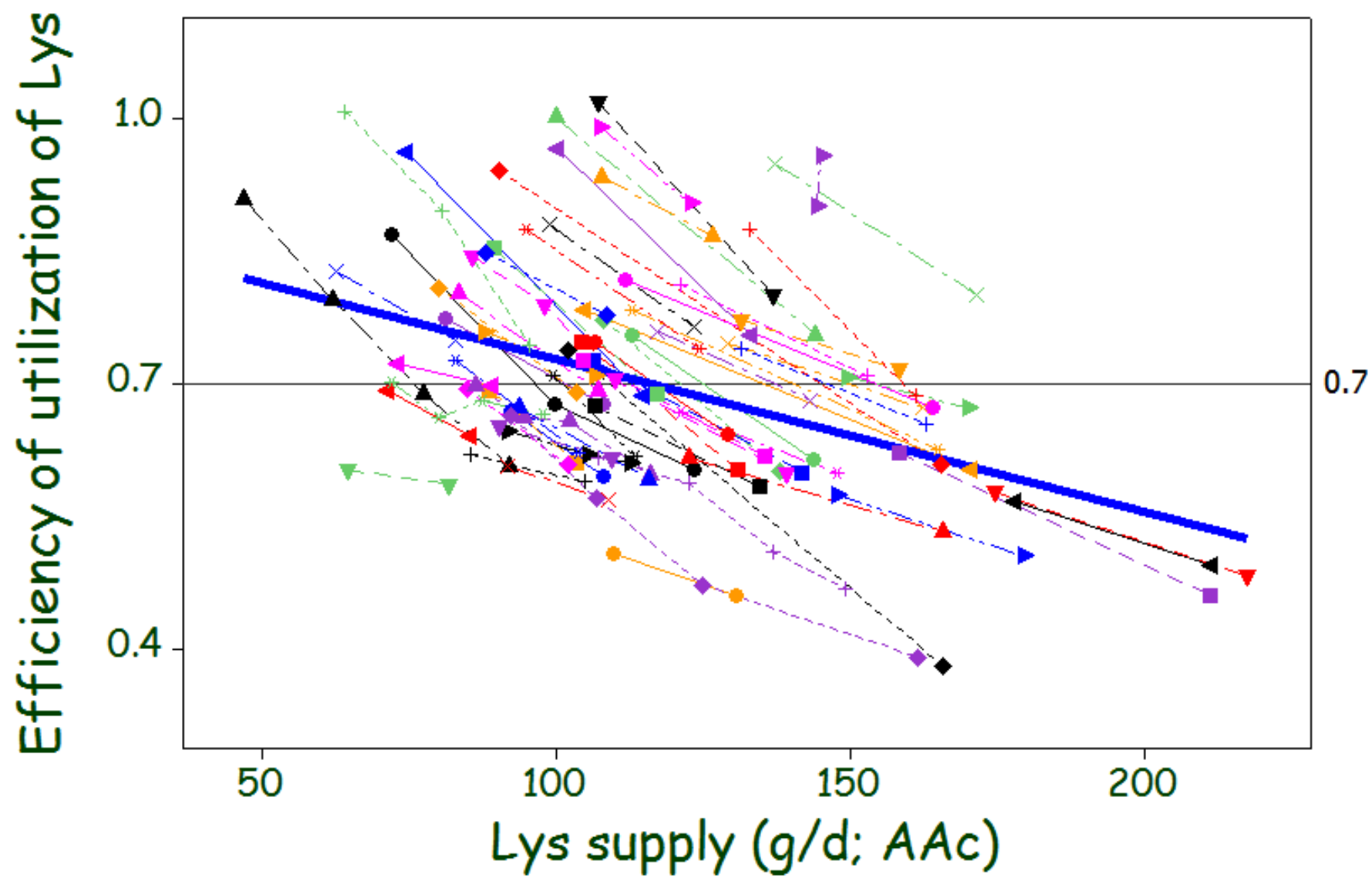
$$= \frac{\sum[\text{Export} + \text{Accretion}]}{\text{Supply}}$$

- Export = Milk + metabolic fecal protein (MFP) + scurf
- Accretion = growth + gestation
- Endogenous urinary = end-products  
-> efficiency of 1

# 3c. Variable efficiency



Studies from Martineau et al. 2016;  
*Export and supply exclude Endo Uri for  
which efficiency has been set at 100%*



# Variable efficiency of utilization of AAc

AA	Mean	Min	Max
His	0.79	0.41	1.28
Lys	0.70	0.38	1.02
Met	0.77	0.39	1.21
Val	0.65	0.38	0.97

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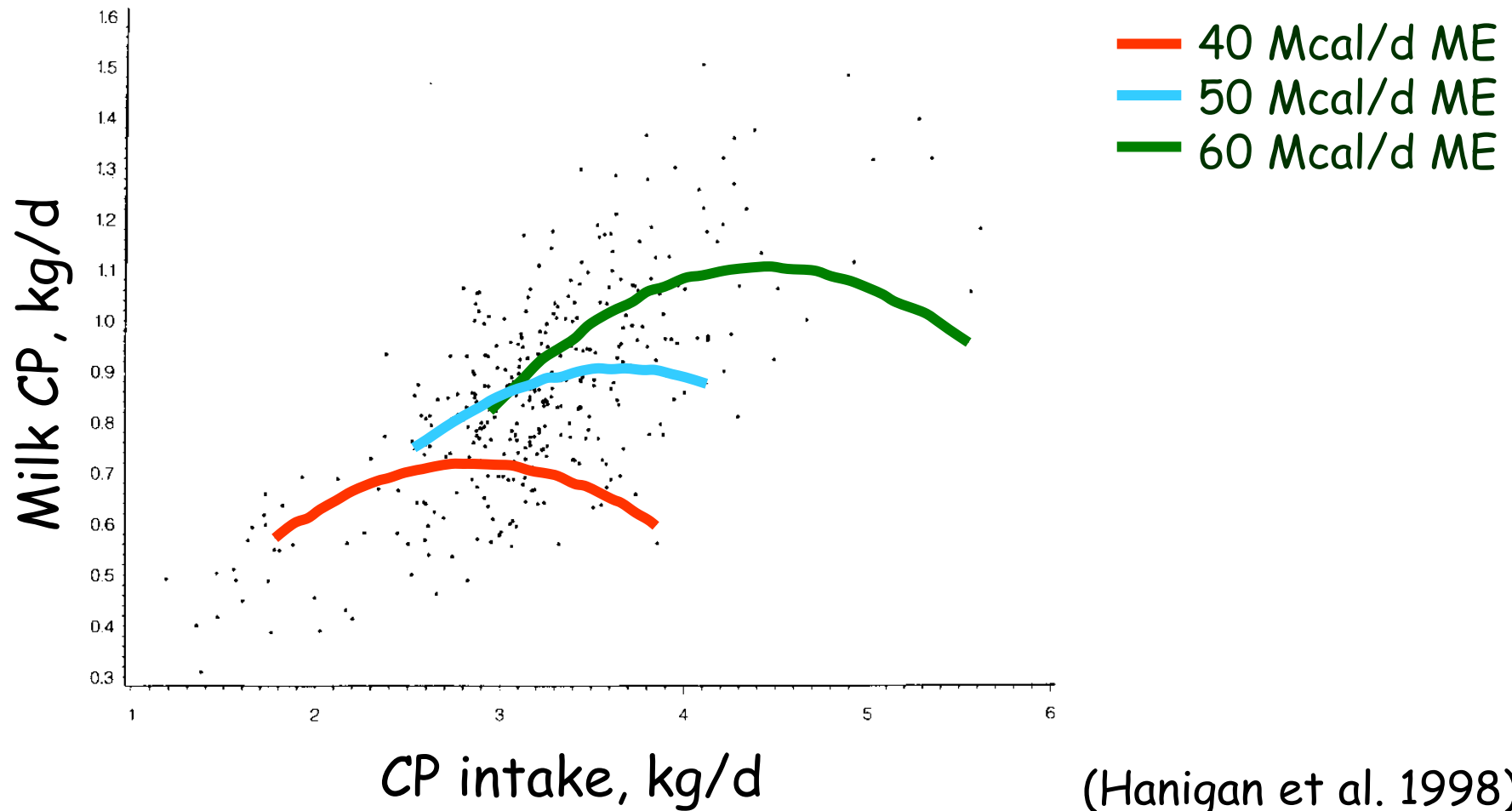


## 3c. Efficiency of AA use

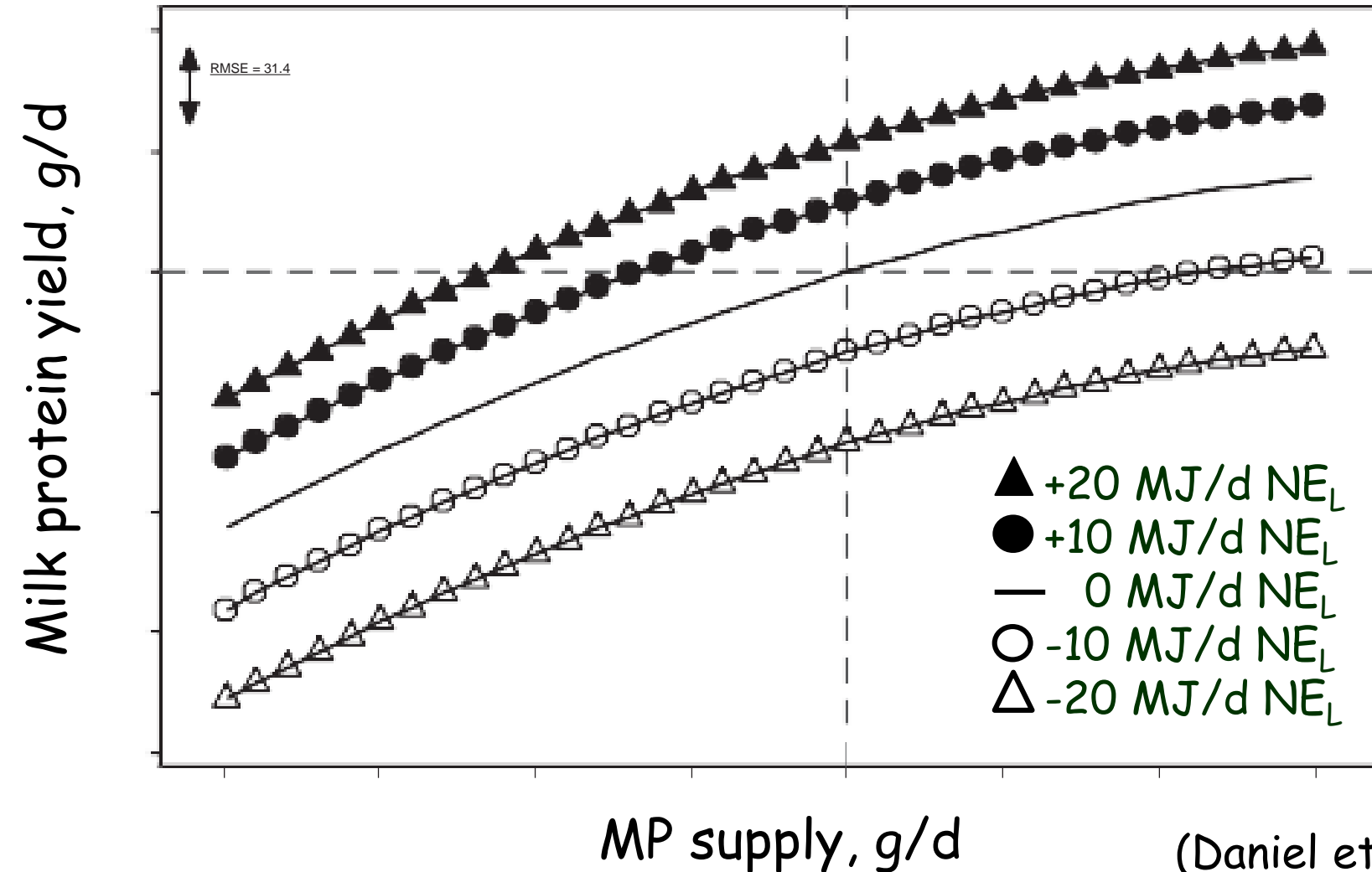
- Variable
- Decreases with increased supply  
→  $\alpha$  increased [AA]

3. Other factors related to variable efficiency?

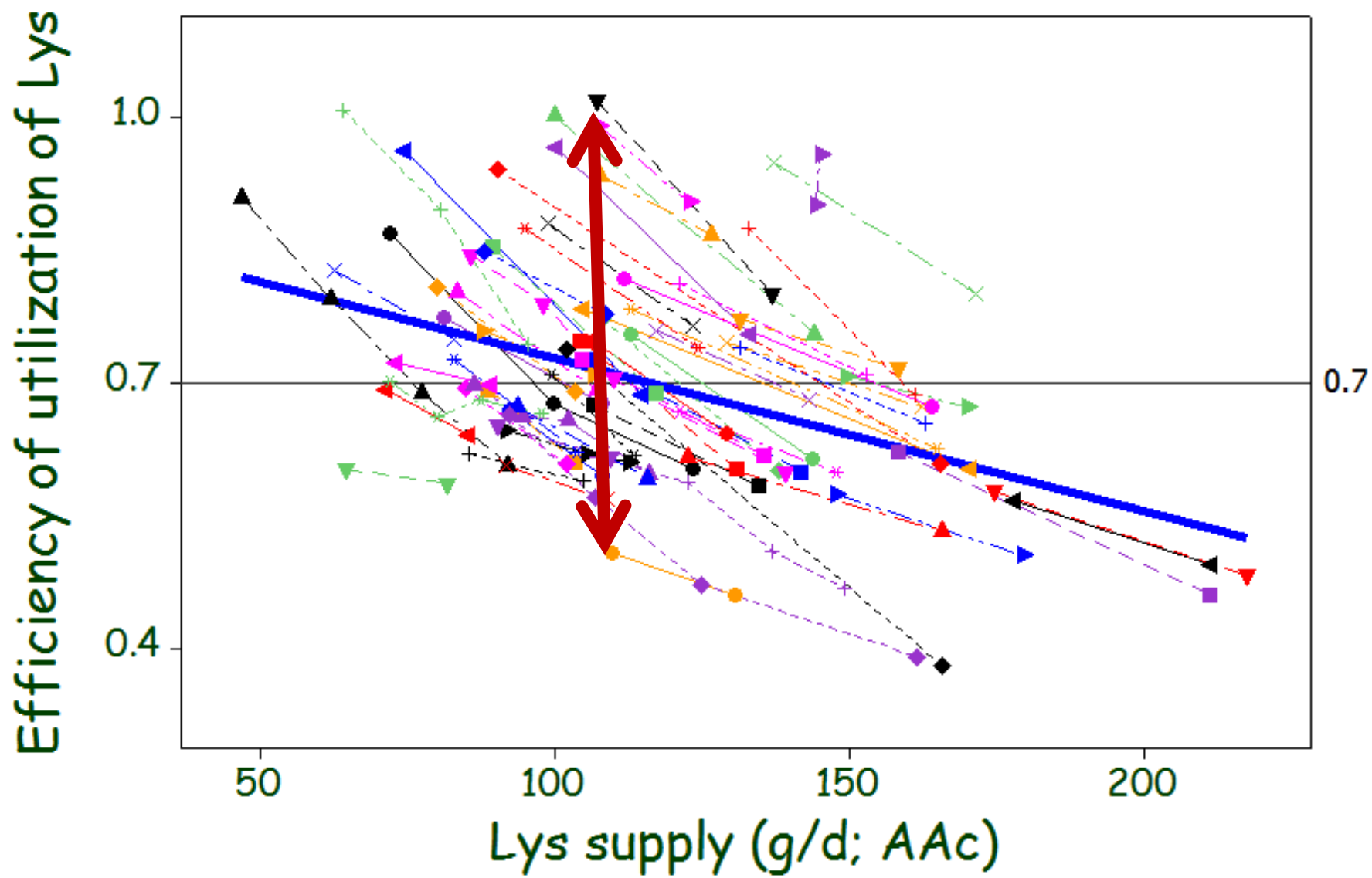
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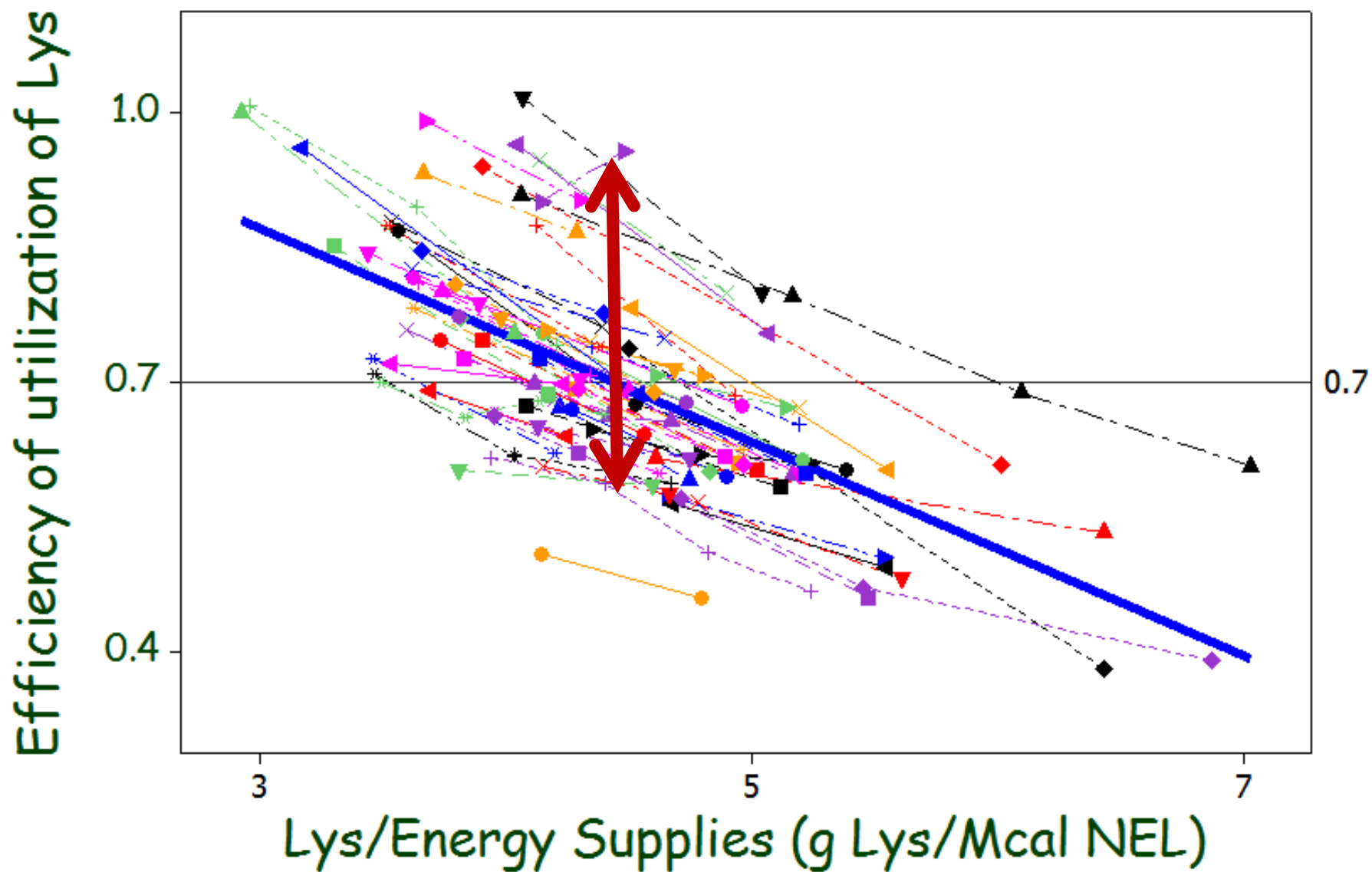
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(Daniel et al. 2016)







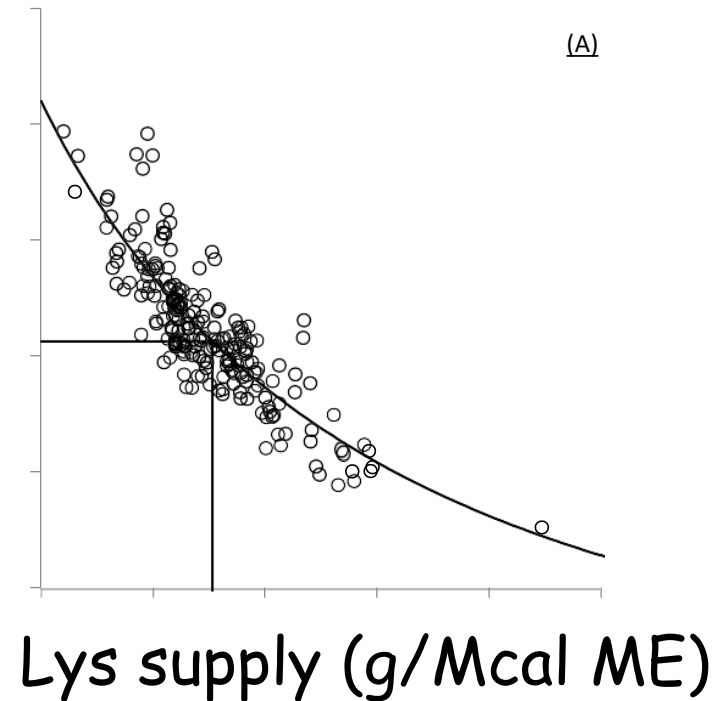
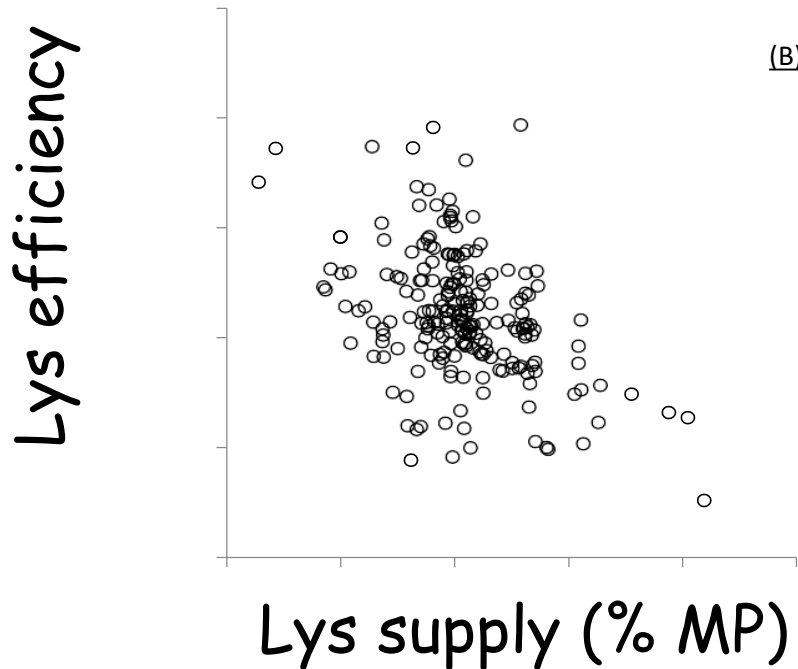
# Inclusion of energy in the estimation of efficiency of MP

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- NorFor  $\rightarrow$   $MP/NE_L$  (Volden et al. 2011)
- DVE/EOB<sub>2011</sub>  $\rightarrow$   $MP/NE_L$  (Van Duinkerken et al. 2011)
- INRA (2018) : Export protein  
= fct (MP,  $NE_L$ , %Lys, %Met)

# Ratio of AA/energy used to make recommendations

- Pigs
- CNCPS (van Amburgh, 2018)



A photograph of a cow in a field, partially obscured by a dark green banner at the top of the slide.

## 3c. Efficiency of AA use

### ■ Variable

- Decreases with increased supply
- Increases with energy supply



## 4. Impact of balancing for His, Lys & Met

### **N-CyCLES** (Pellerin et al. 2017):

- Excel-based linear whole-farm model simulator
- Using initially NRC (2001) MP model (**MP 2001**)
- Adapted with MP and AA revised recommendations (**AA\_Rev**) including variable efficiency of AA
- Assumes no change in MTPY
- Based on 2010-2014 records

### Comparison made with 3 production systems/regions:

- Maritimes: 8608 kg milk /year, 63 cows
- Central Canada: 9102 kg milk /year, 71 cows
- Prairies: 9198 kg milk /year, 144 cows

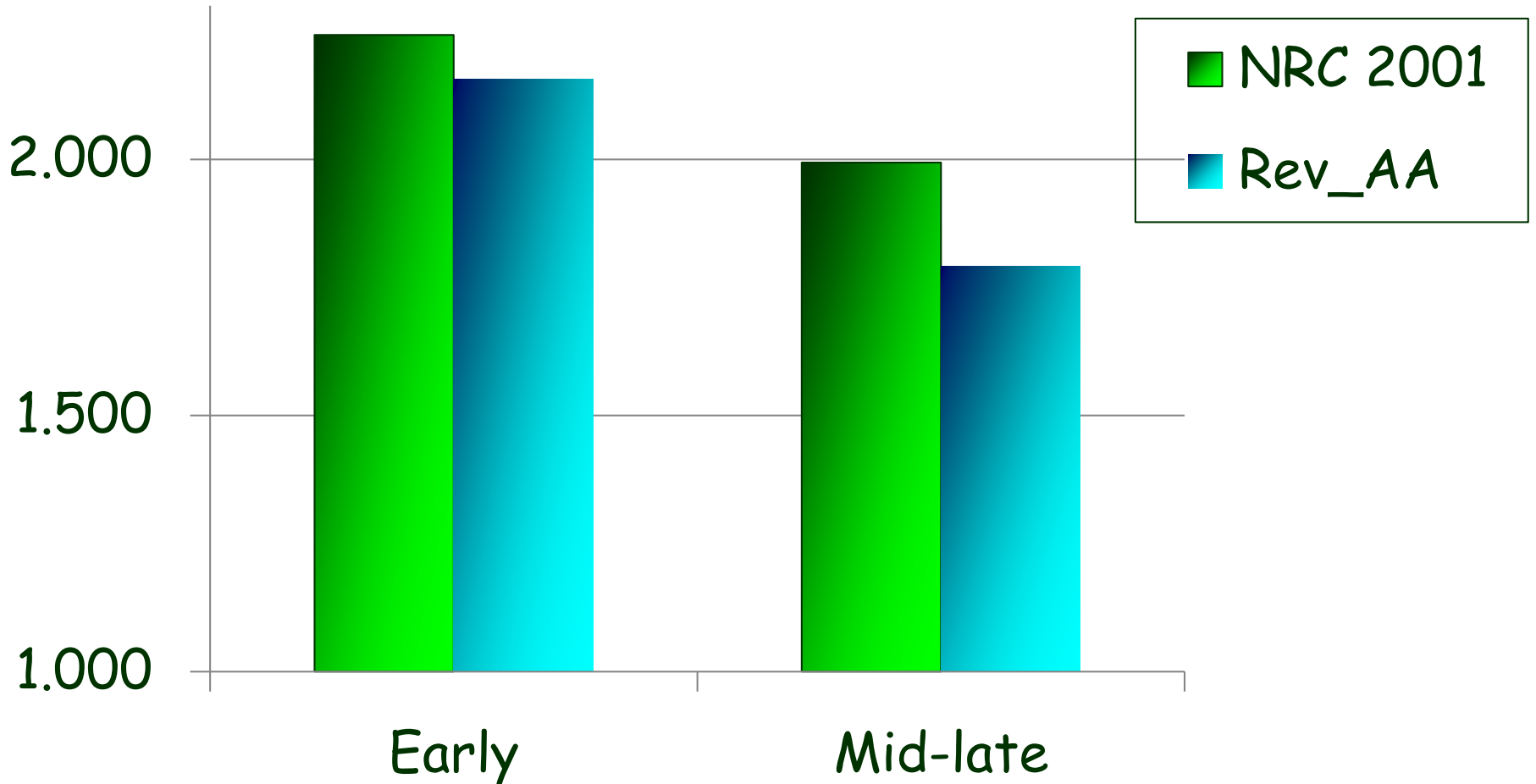
# Feed ingredients used

Forage	Energy	Protein
Alfalfa silage	Corn grain	Canola meal
Mix silage	Wheat grain	Soybean meal
Corn silage	Barley grain	Corn gluten meal
Grass hay	Ca soap fatty acids	Corn distillers
Straw		
Legume-haylage		Wheat distillers
Barley silage		Pea

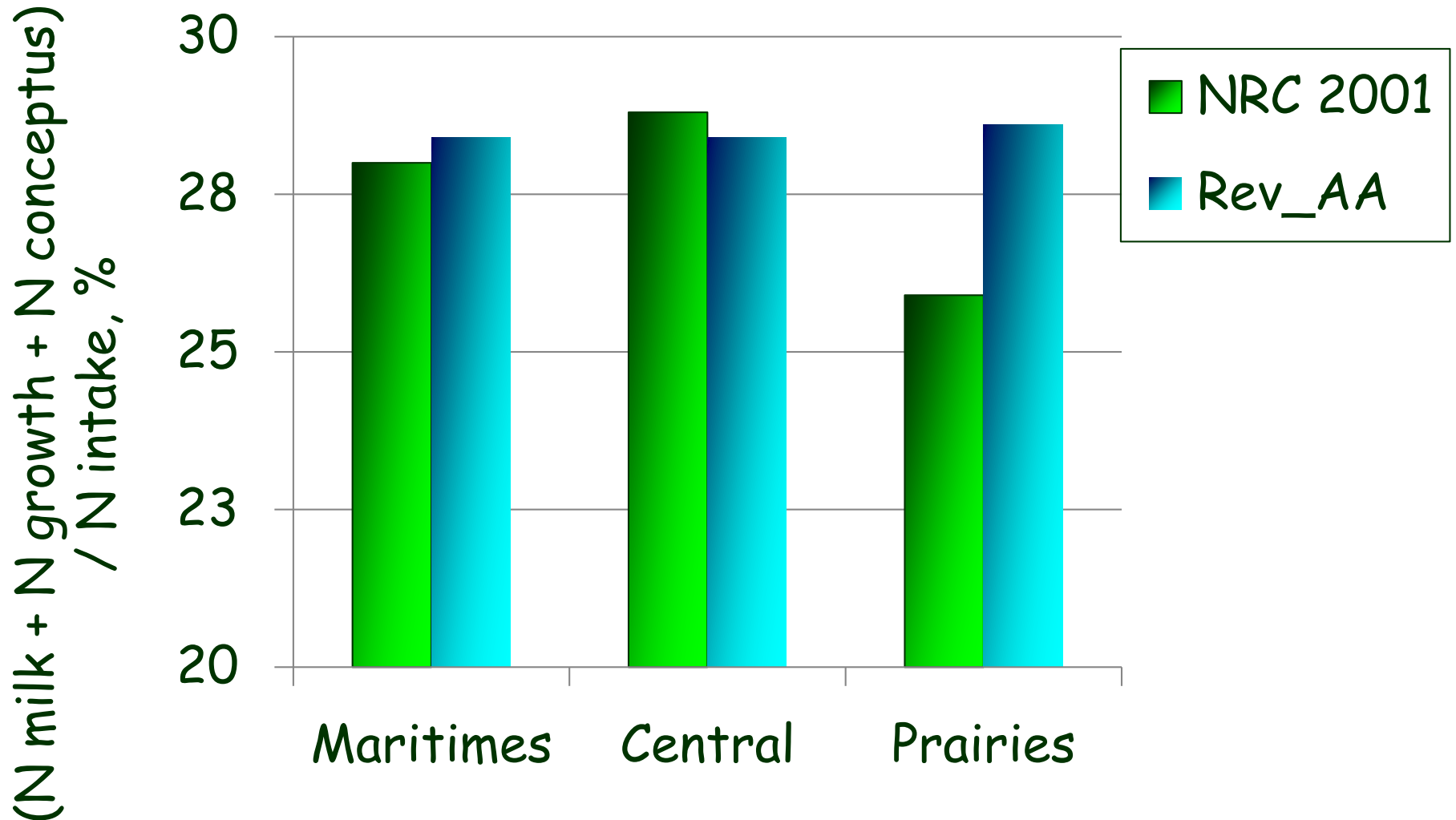
Not available in the Prairies system

Only available in the Prairies system

# MP supply, g/d

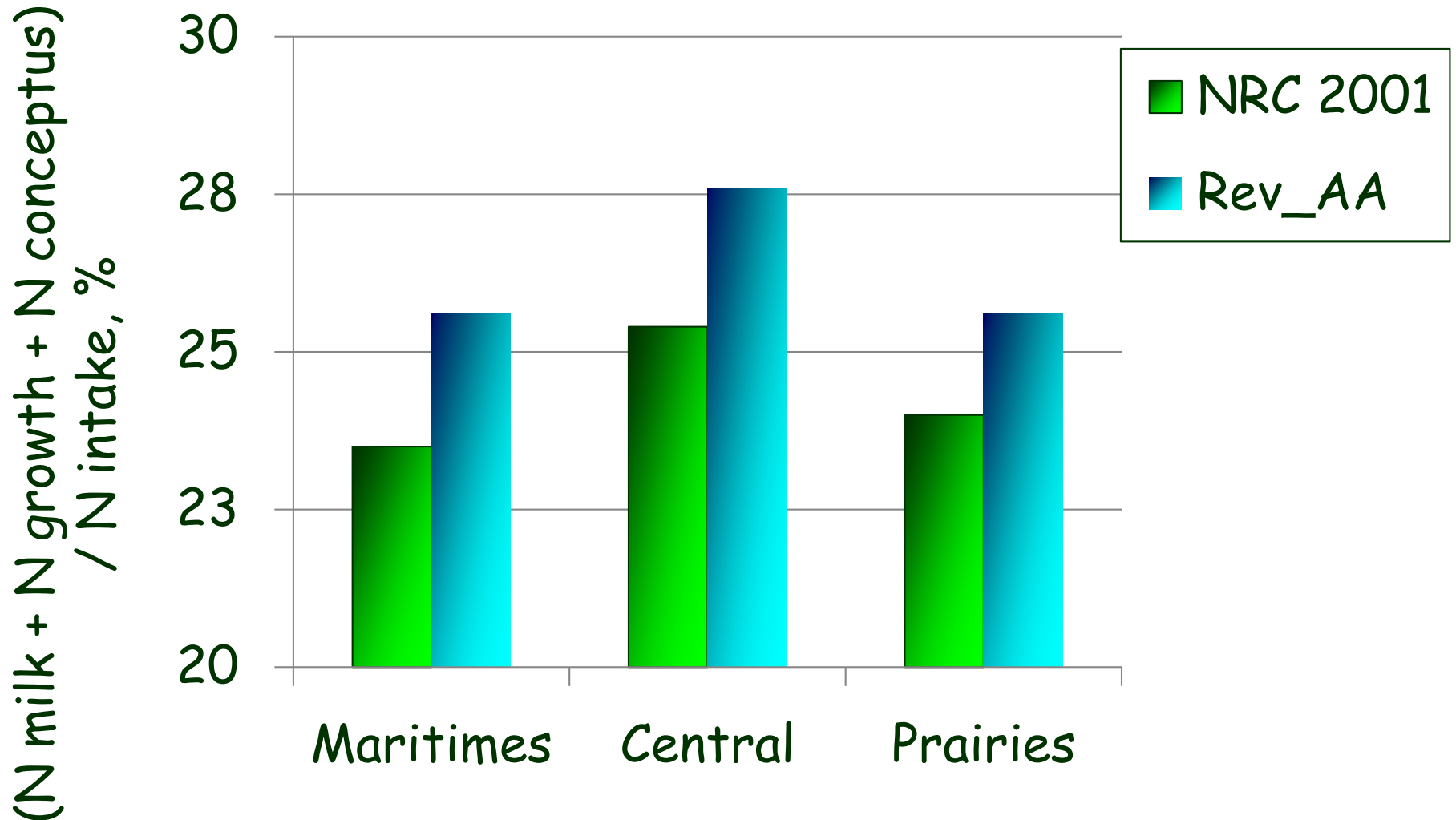


# N efficiency in early lactating cows





# N efficiency in mid-late dairy cows



# Net income, \$/kg FPCM

0,25

# cows

63

71

144

× 000 kg FPCM

514

614

1 213

/year

■ NRC 2001

■ Rev\_AA

0,15

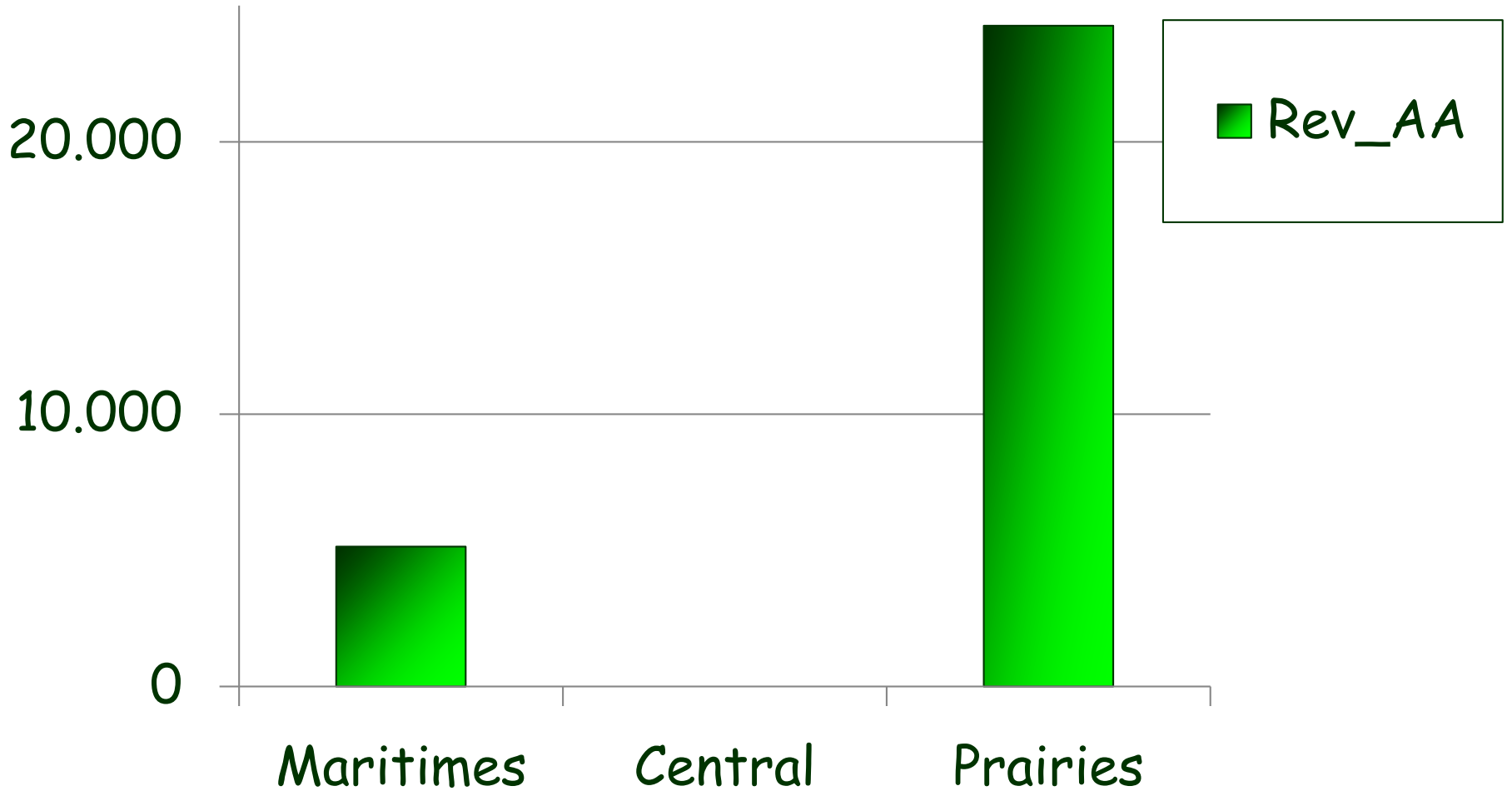
0,10

Maritimes

Central

Prairies

# Increased net income, CAN\$ per farm



# Conclusion



- ✓ Improved assesment of AA supply
  - ✓ Improved assesment of exported AA
  - ✓ Combined and variable efficiency
- > sufficient elements to improve the factorial method to balance dairy rations for EAA
- > should work for all EAA (not Arg)

# Conclusion



- Balancing for EAA rather than MP would generally increase:
  - > N efficiency
  - > dairy farm profitability
  - > but varies according to the production system
- Are we ready to forget about MP and balance only for EAA?

Questions?





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