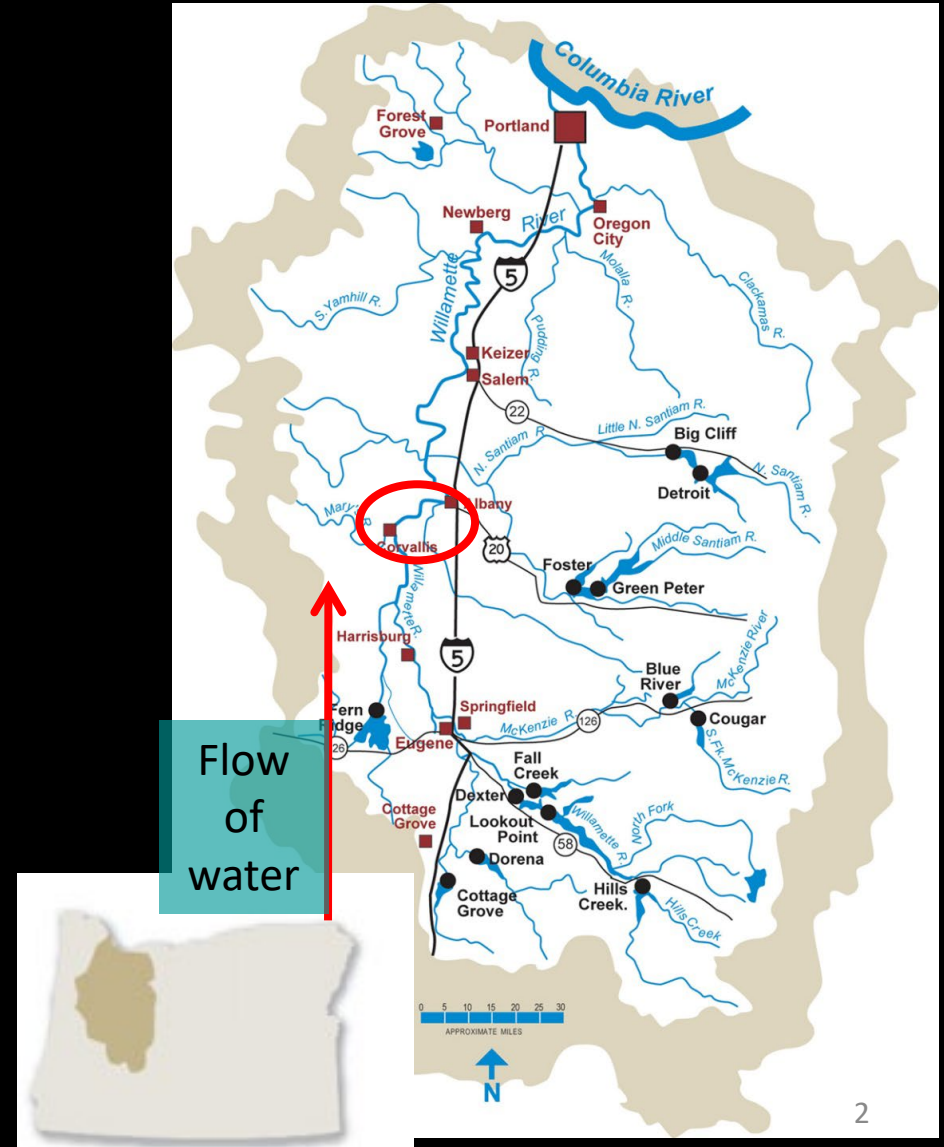


# Reviewing the Wild Fishes Surrogate Project's Impact on Juvenile Salmonid Studies in the Willamette River Basin in 2023-2024

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# Willamette Valley Project Dams (Oregon USA)

- Halt salmon passage
  - Adults transported upstream
  - Juvenile passage problematic



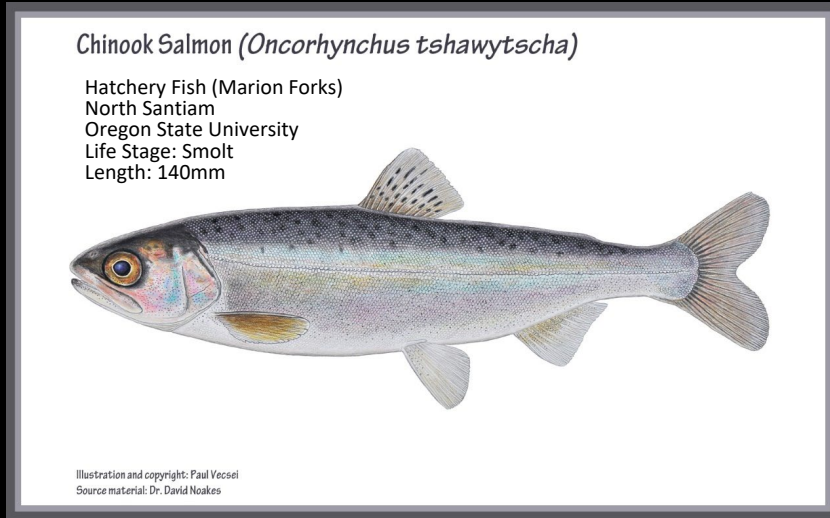
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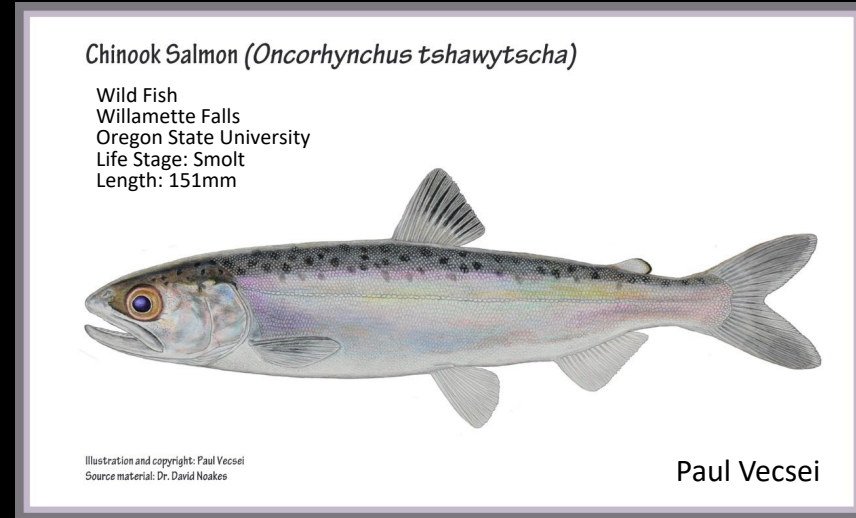
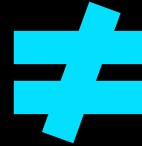
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# Wild Fishes Surrogate Project

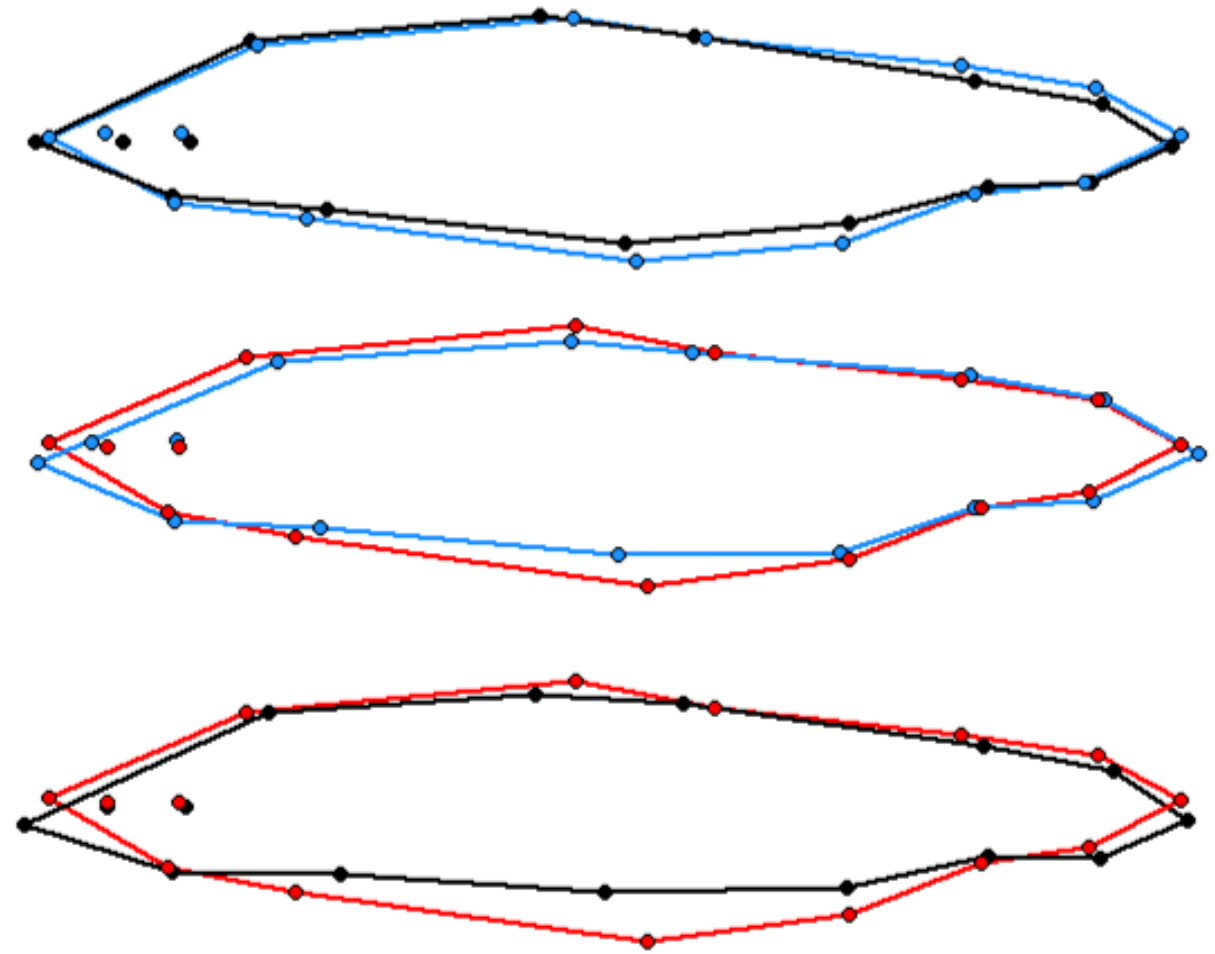


Hatchery origin



Natural origin





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Black = Wild  
 $n = 30$   
 $127 \pm 10$  mm

Blue = Surrogate  
 $n = 49$   
 $155 \pm 23$  mm

Red = Hatchery  
 $n = 47$   
 $149 \pm 23$  mm

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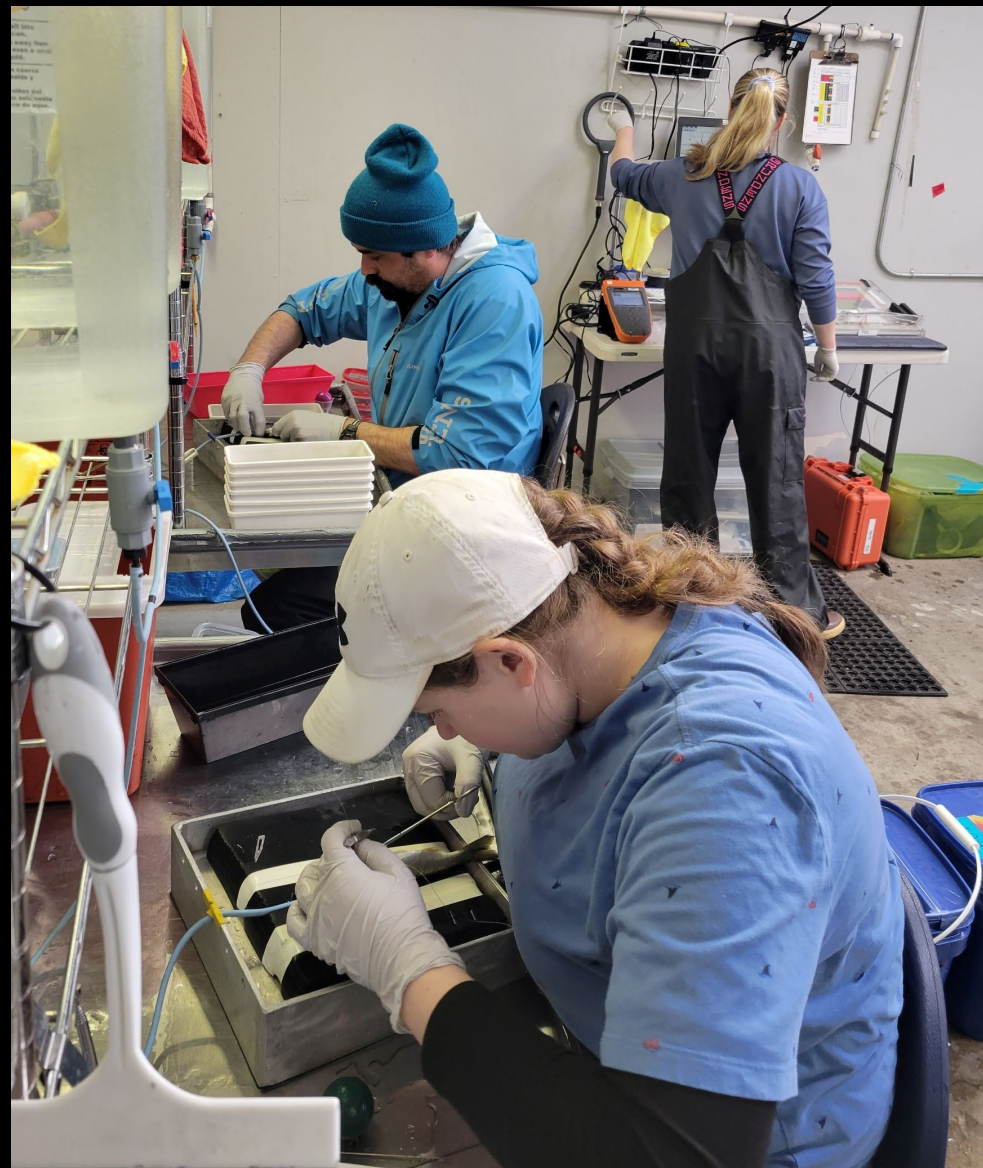
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# 2023 Delivered Fish (rolling number)

## **Chinook**

~3,600 PNNL  
2,000 USGS

## **Steelhead**

4,000 PNNL

Currently have ~20,000 on site





# The Oregon Hatchery Research Center

- Partnership between Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and Oregon State University
- Understand differences between hatchery and wild salmon
- Support hatchery management that protects native fish
- Education and outreach to students, managers, and public



*Relocated to John L. Fryer Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL), Corvallis, Oregon*





# Rearrange the Furniture



Fish Performance and Genetics Laboratory



# Continuing to improve

- Steelhead stress test
  - Steelhead fin damage onset
  - Chinook intermittent fasting
  - Chinook surrogate diet gut microbiome
- } Density & Structure



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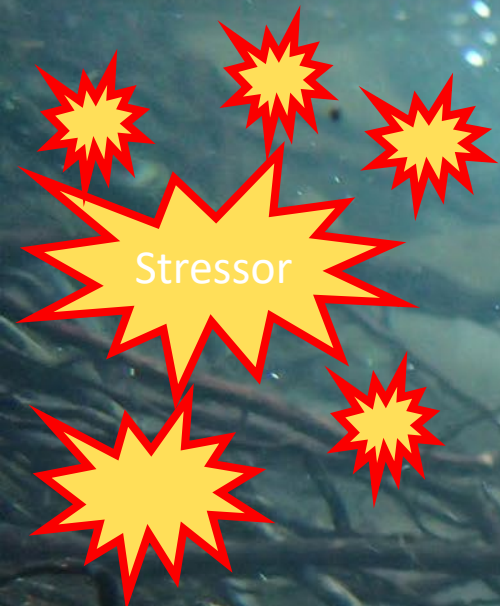


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Can Chinook salmon be prepared for this period of not eating?



# Rearing

Satiation before

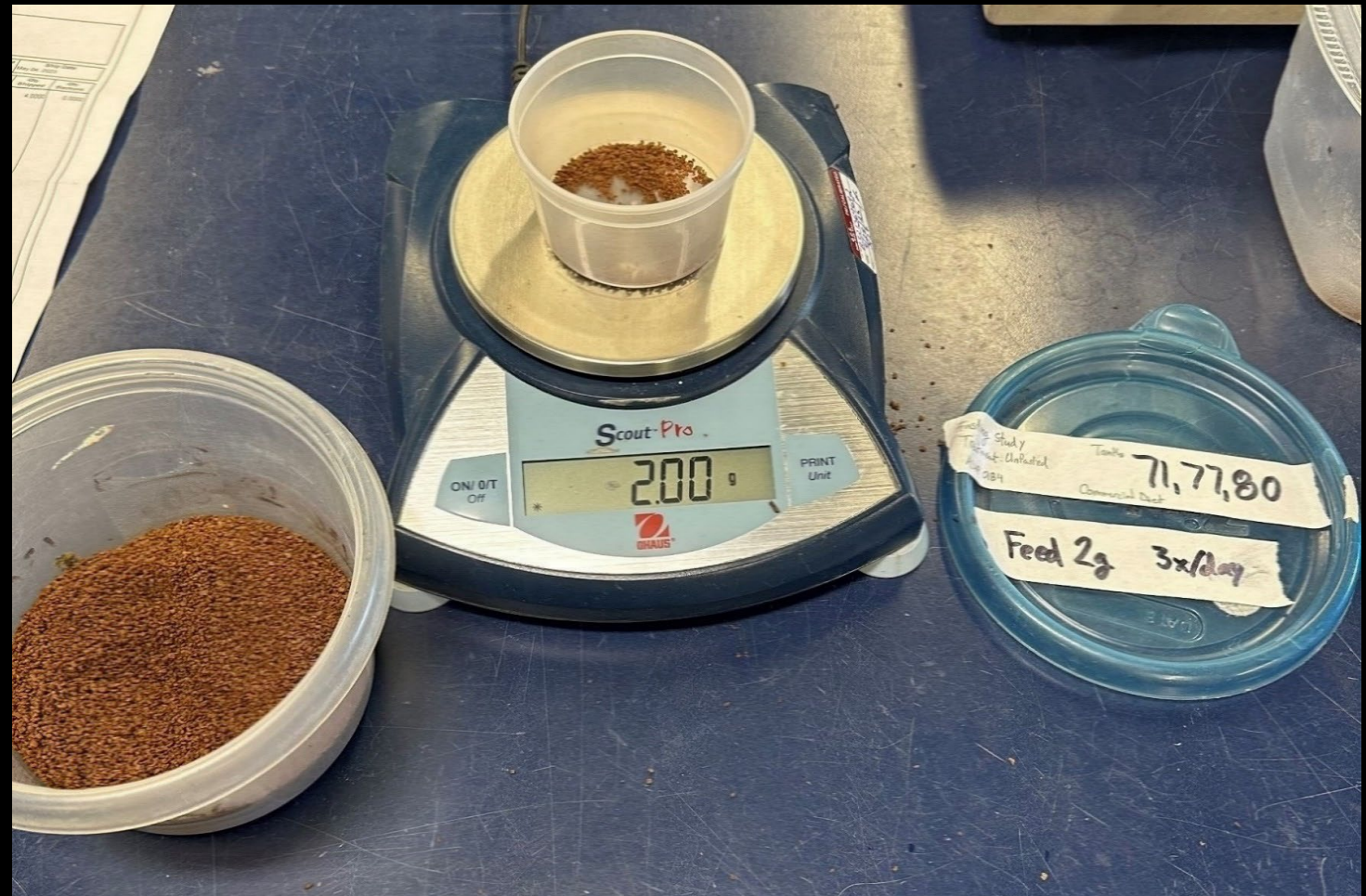
Oregon BioVita

1.2% BW

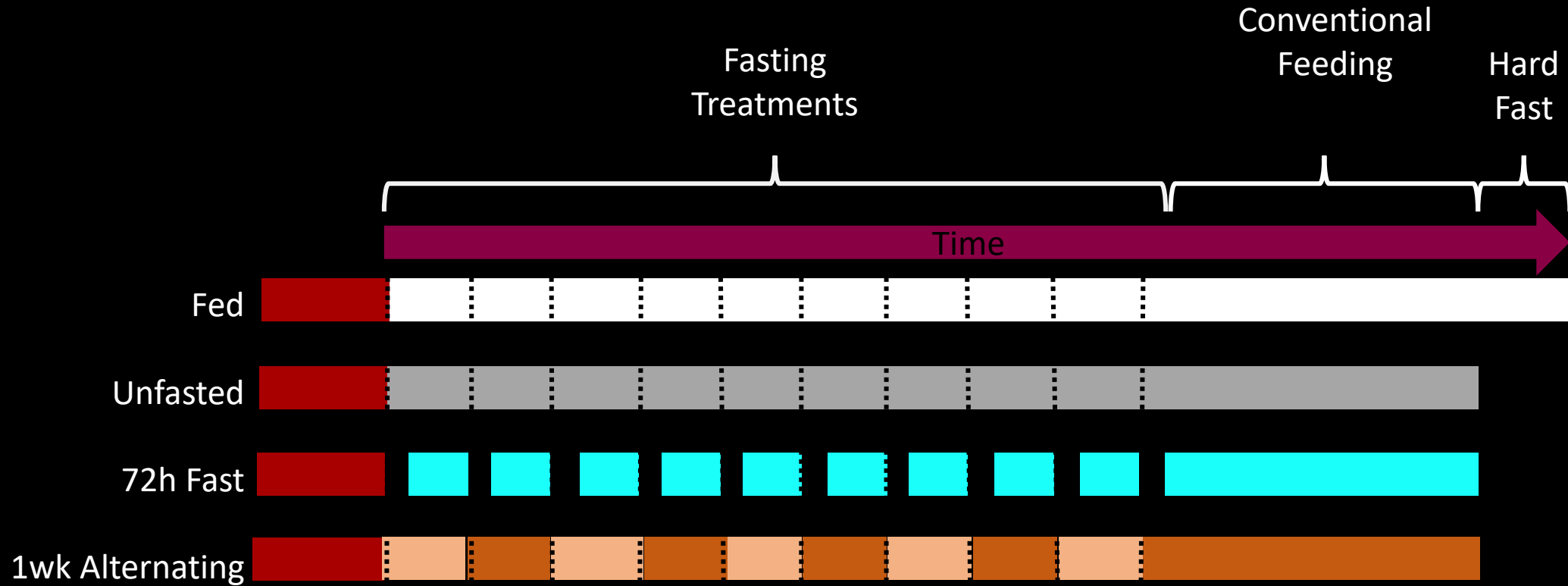
3x daily (weekends 2x)

12 °C

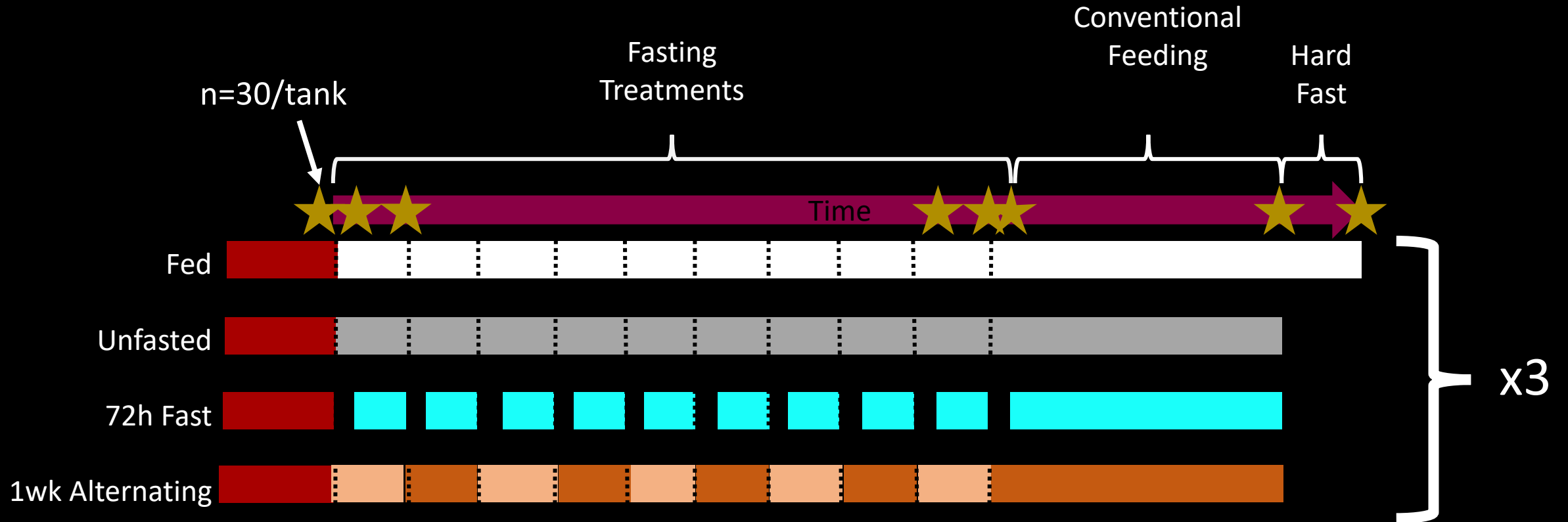
3' tanks indoors



# Experiment Design

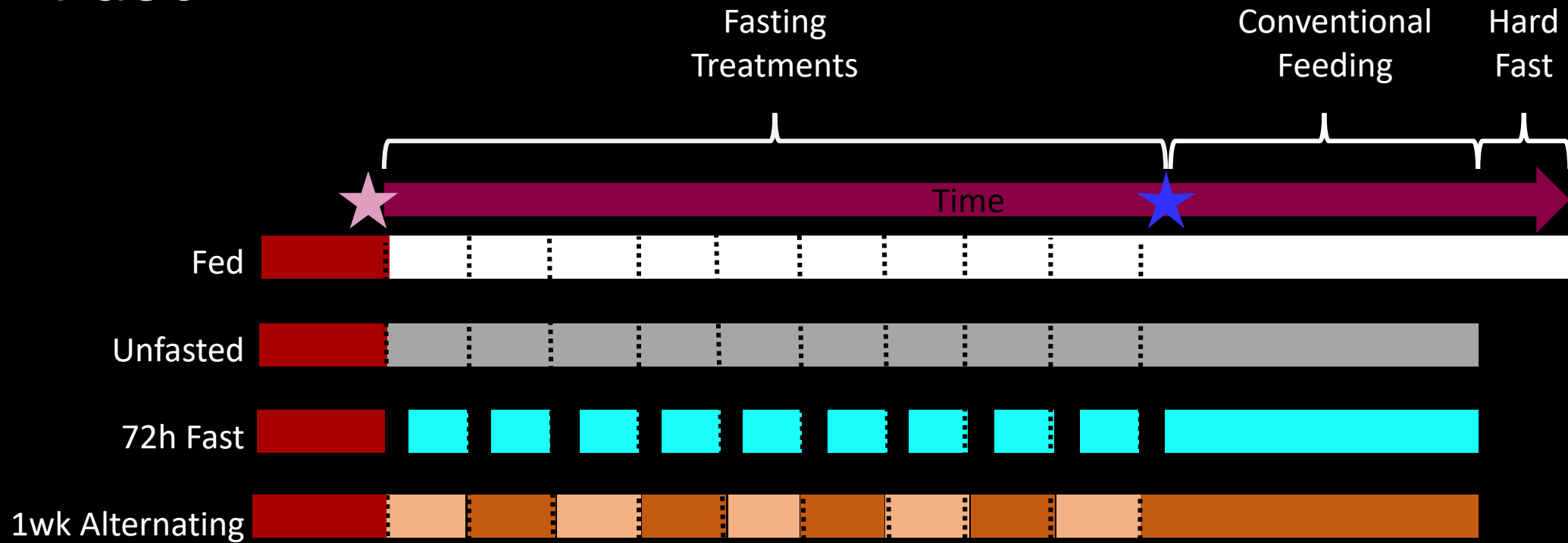


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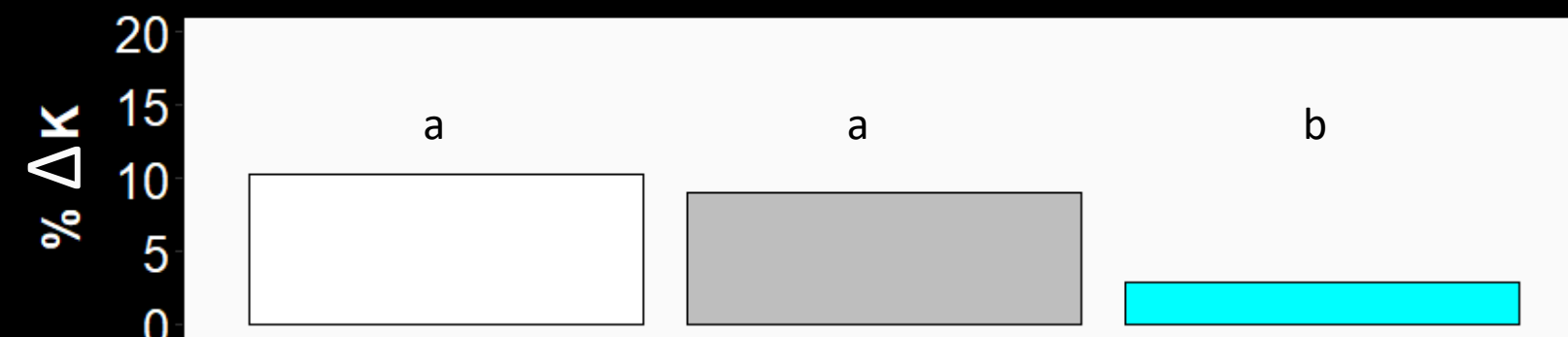
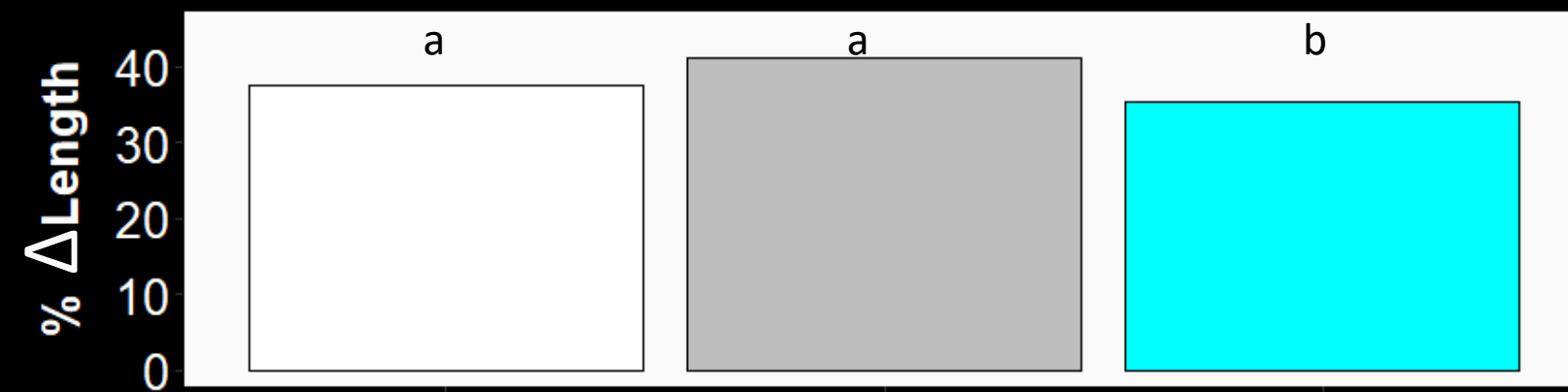
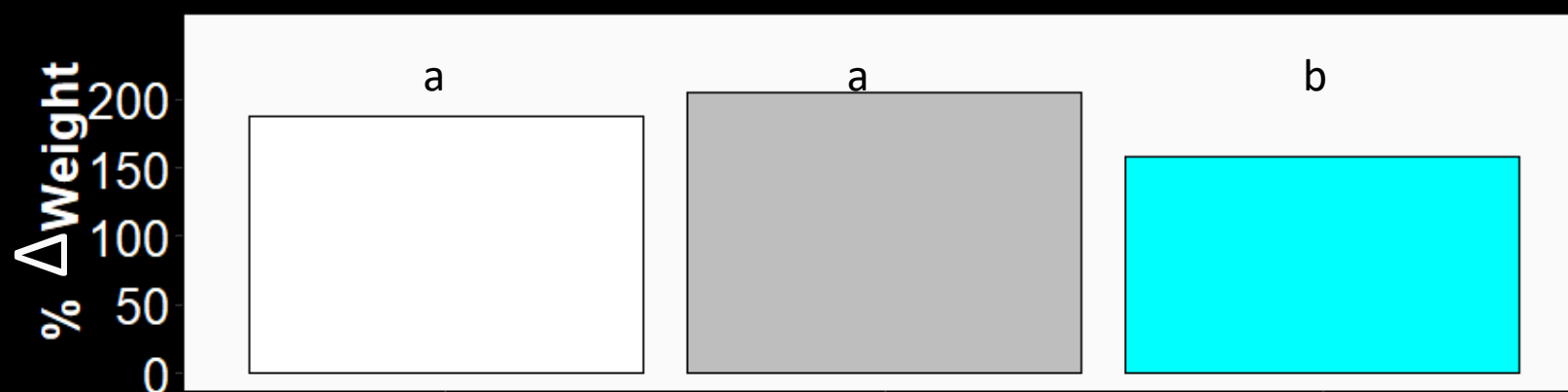




# Last 72h Fast



Last  
72h  
Fast



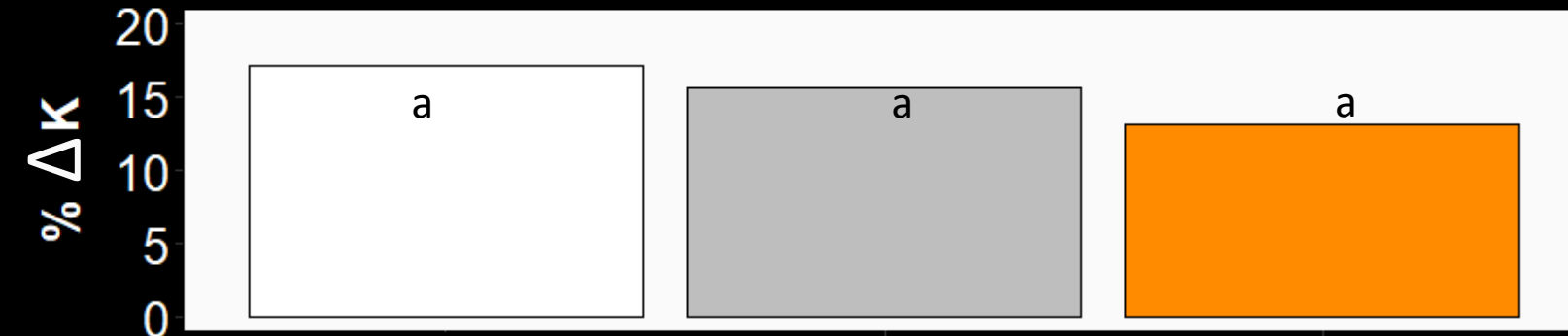
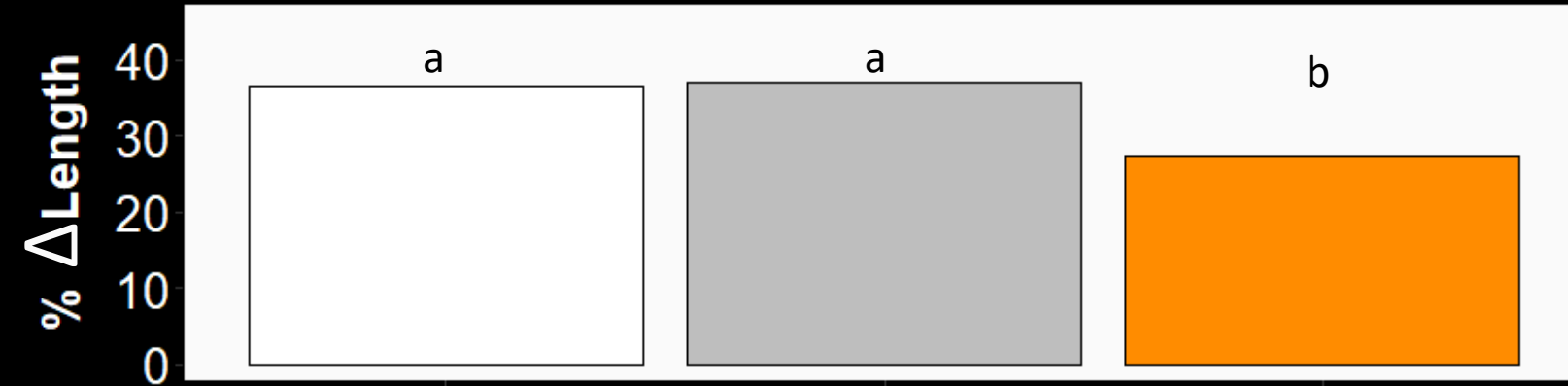
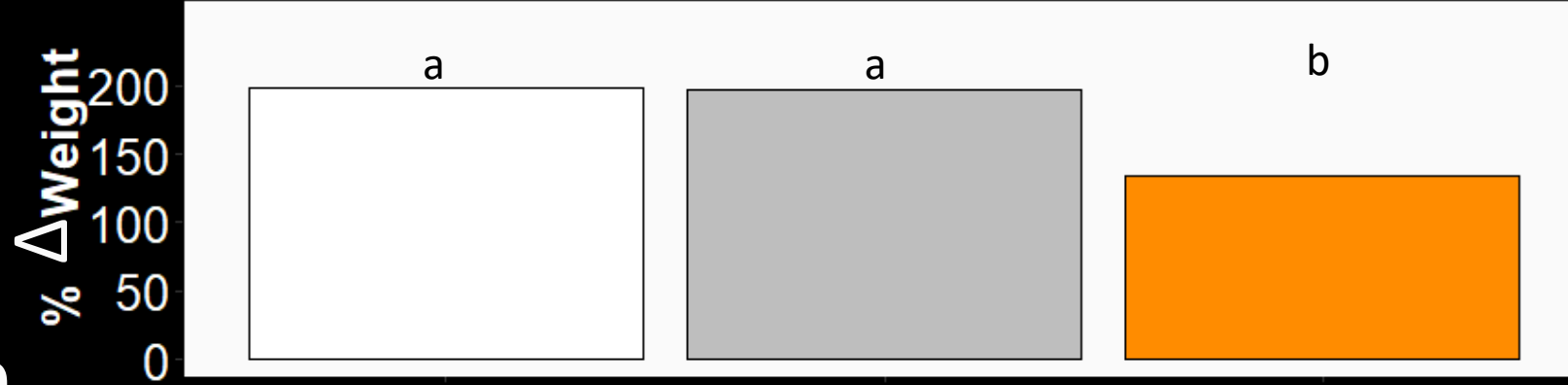
Fed

Unfasted  
Treatment

72h

Preliminary data

# Last Half Ration



Fed      Unfasted      1wk  
**Treatment**

Preliminary data



# Proximate Analysis

Dry content



Lipid content

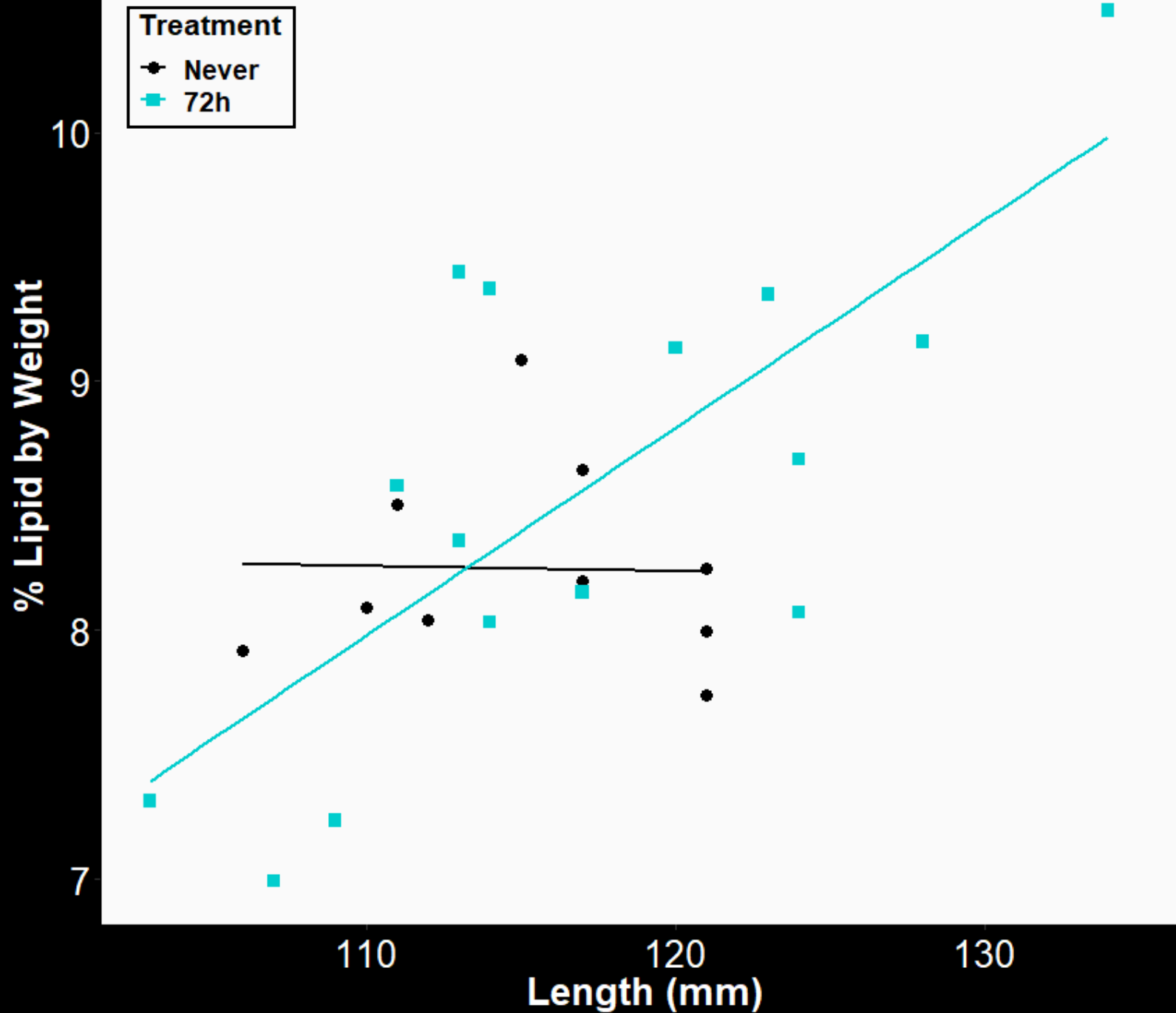


Ash content



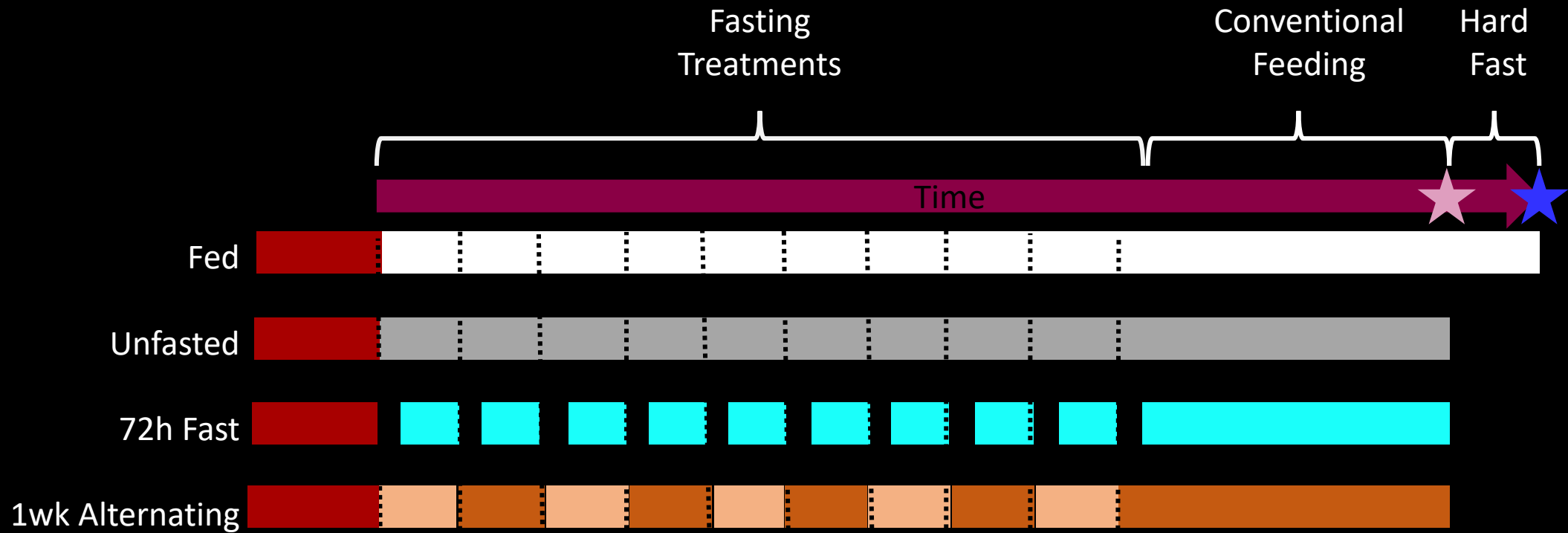
Protein content estimate

Last  
72h  
Fast



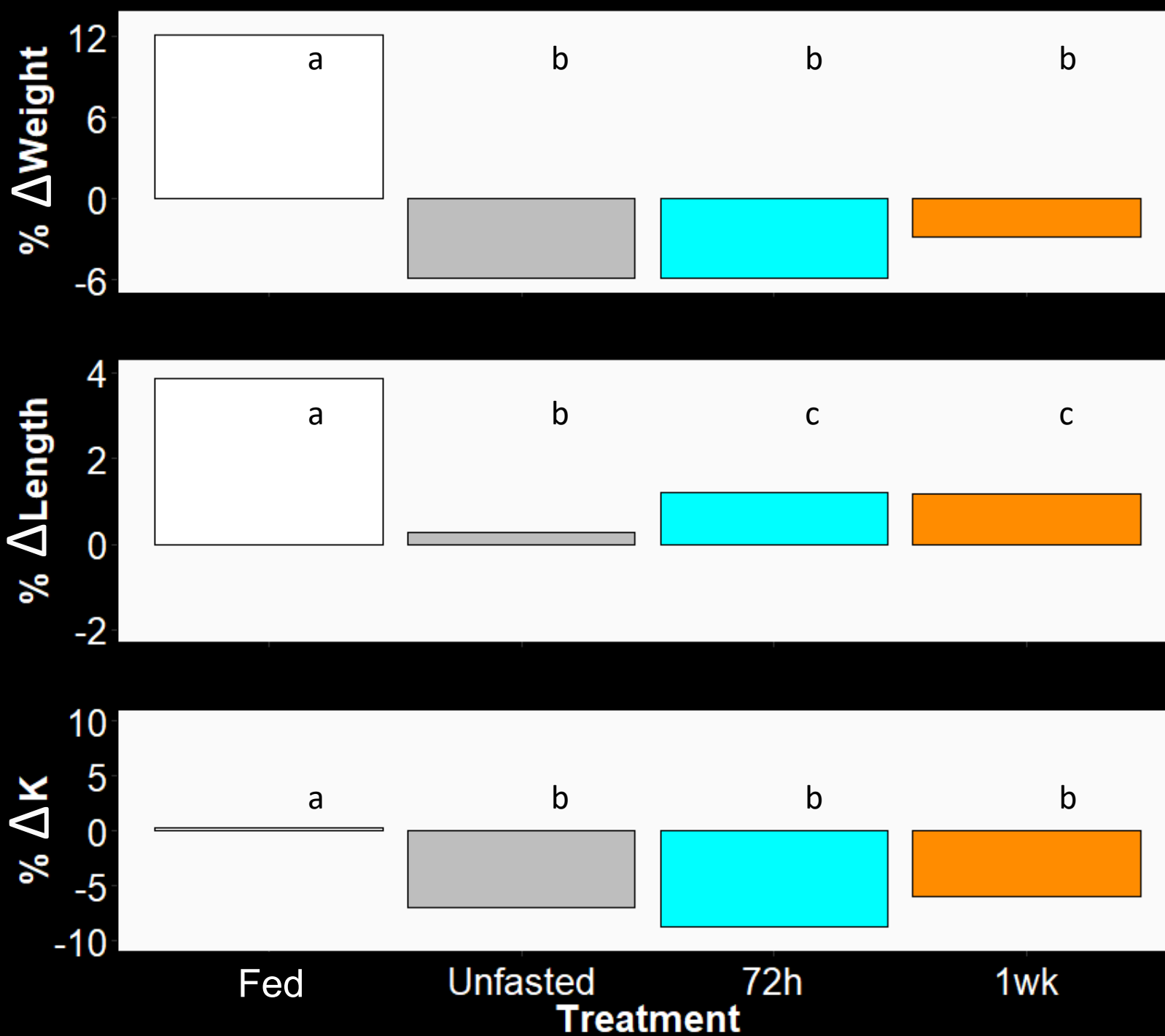
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# Hard Fast



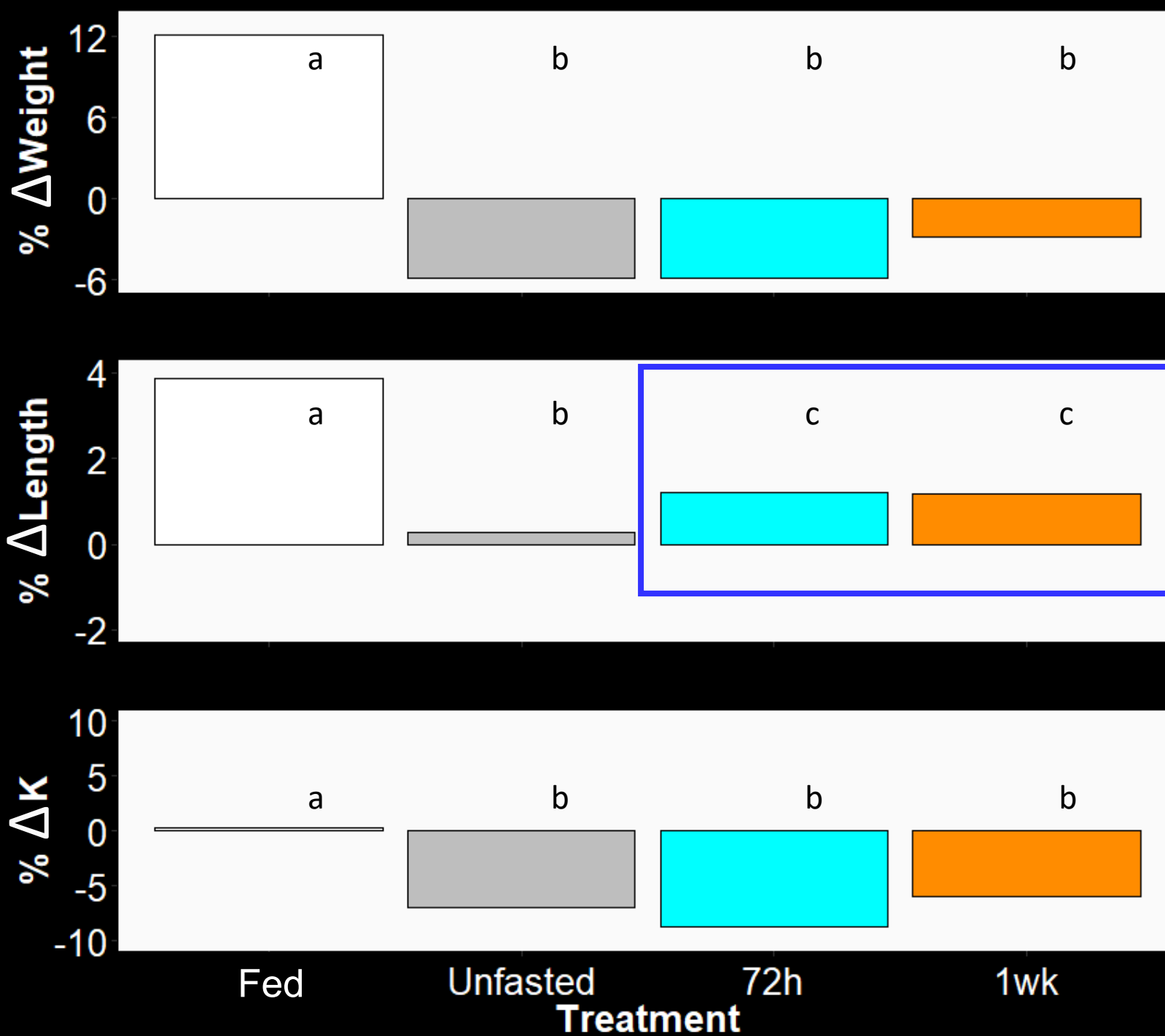


Hard  
Fast



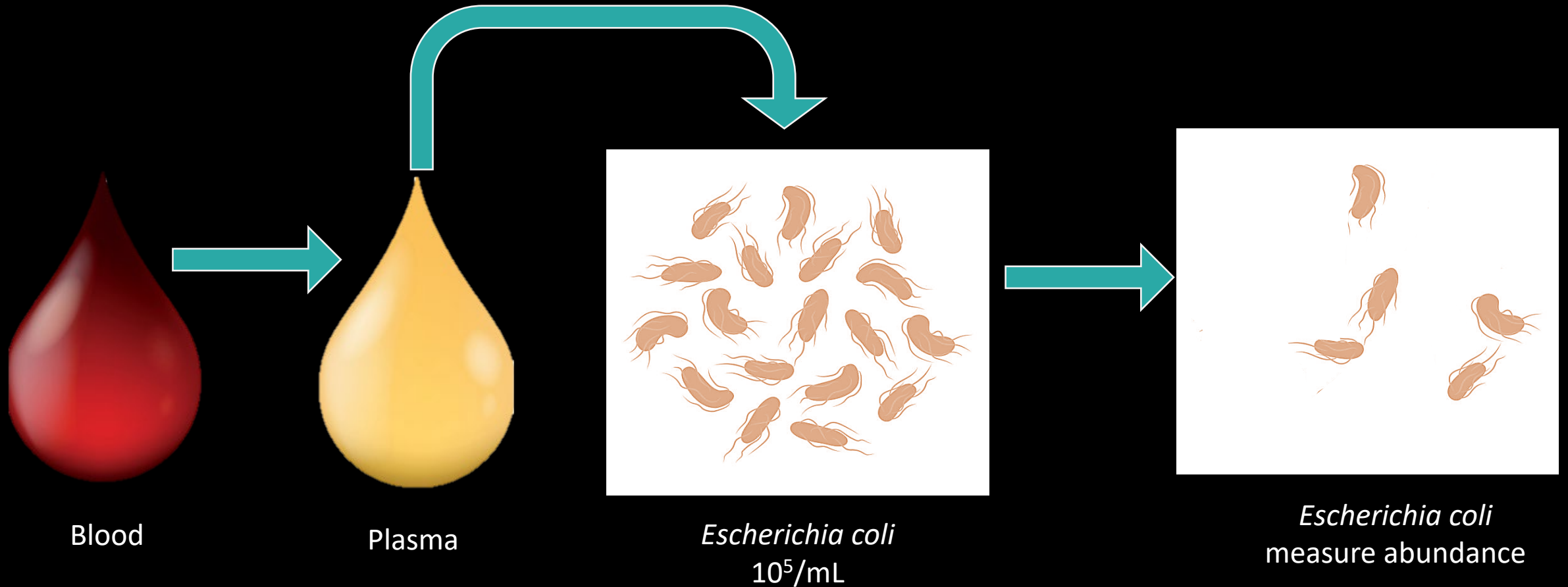
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Hard  
Fast



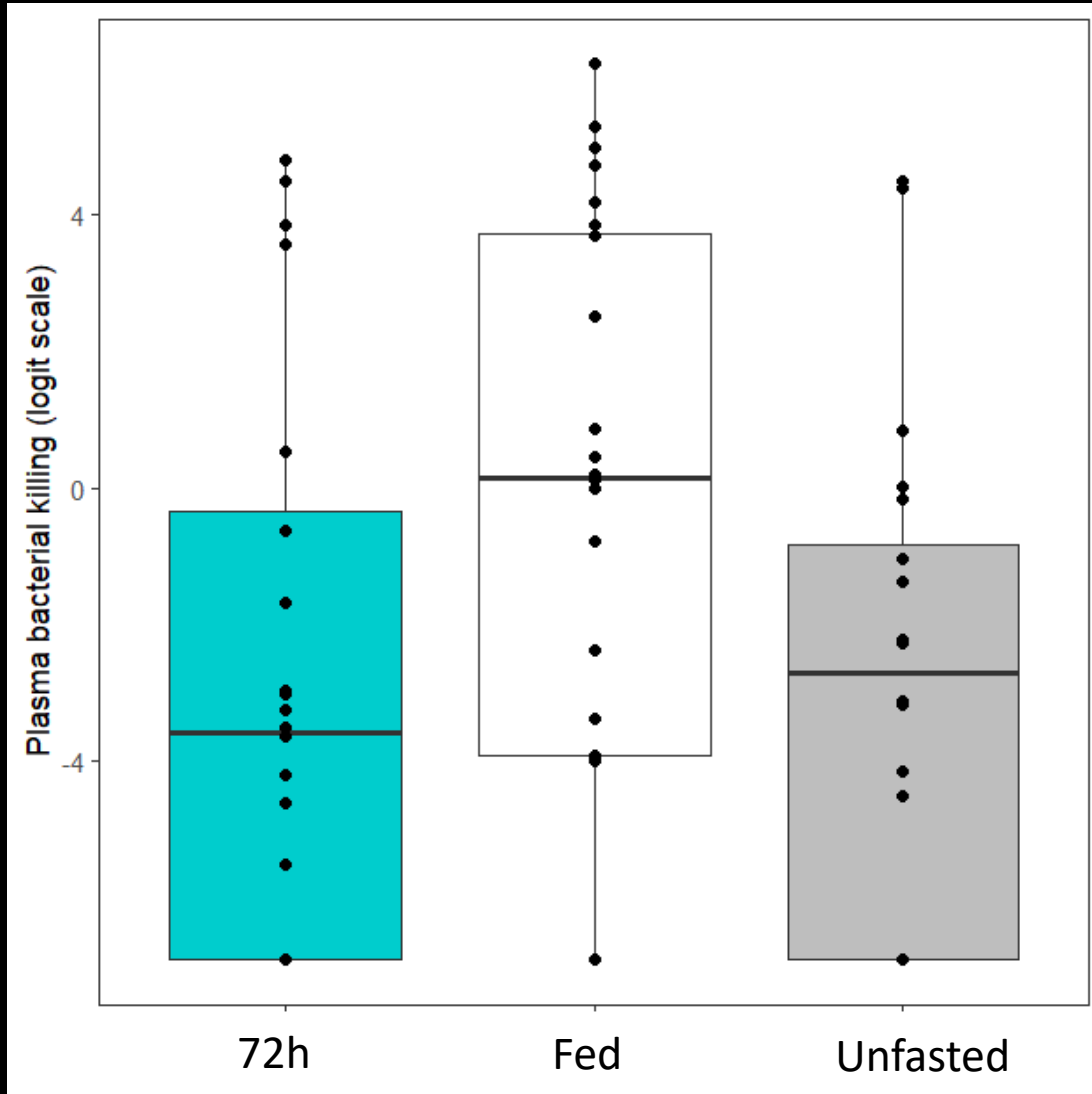
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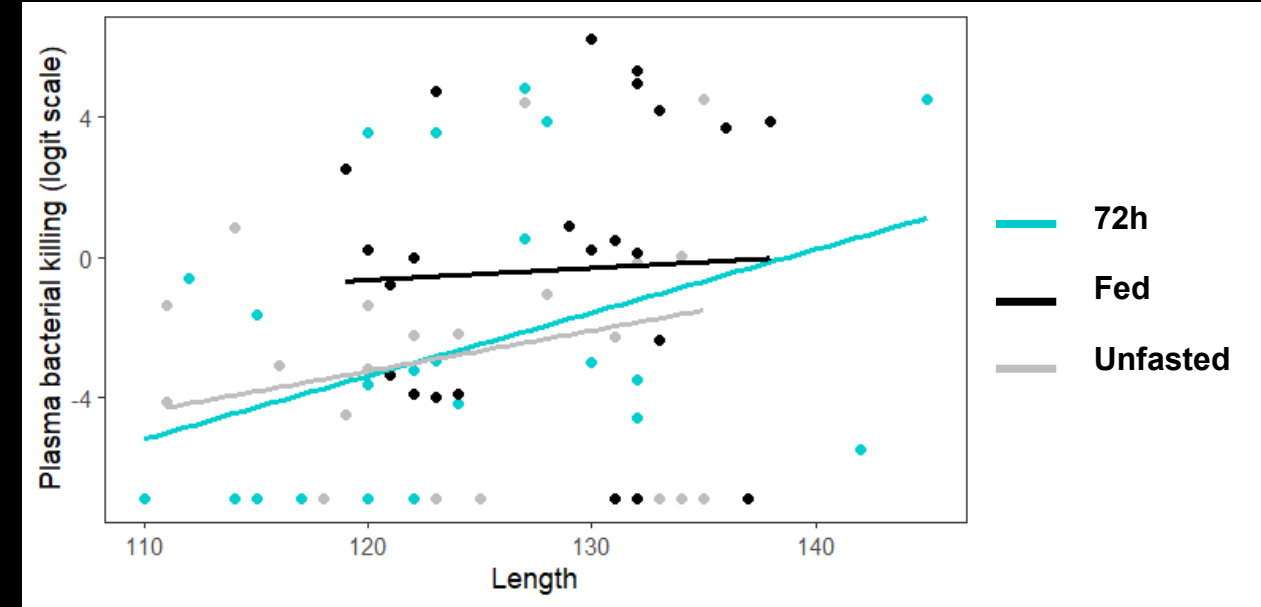
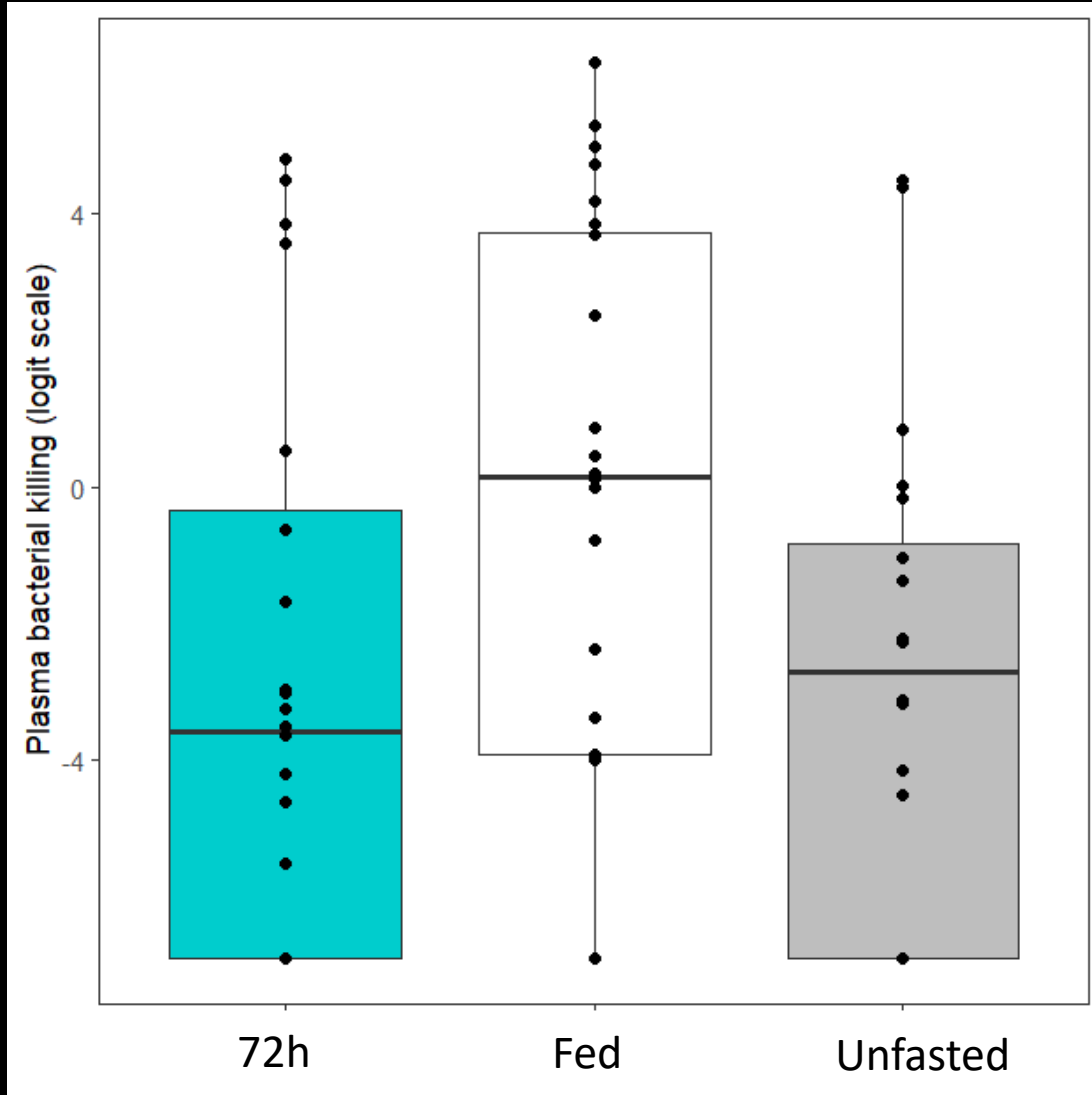




# Innate Immunity – After Hard Fast



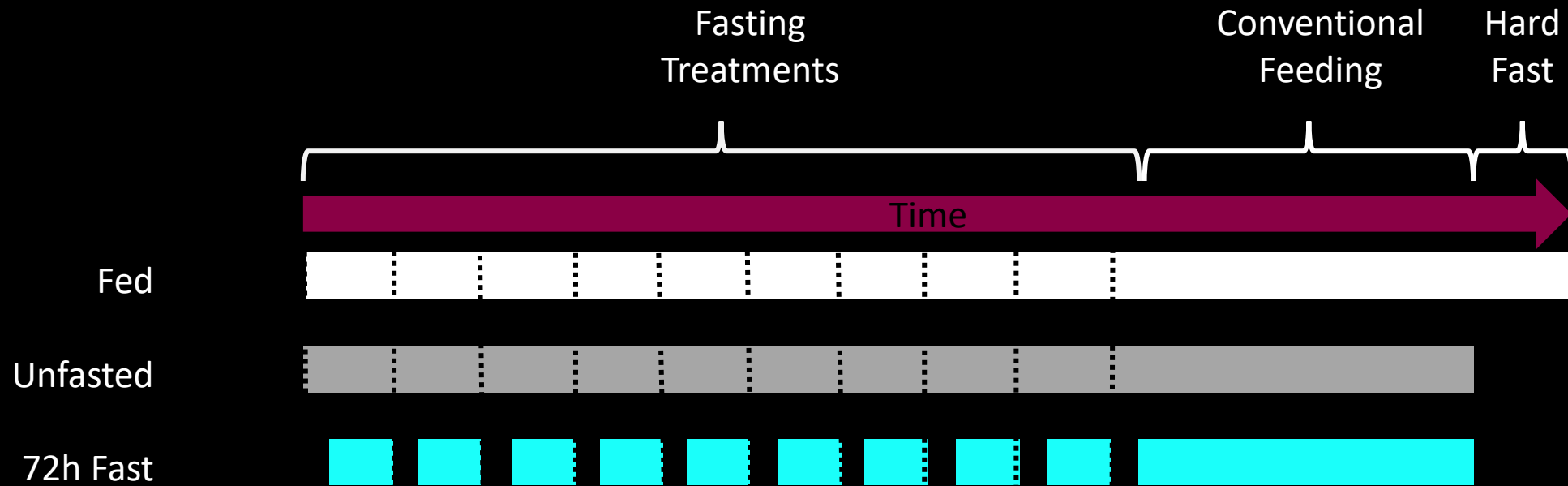
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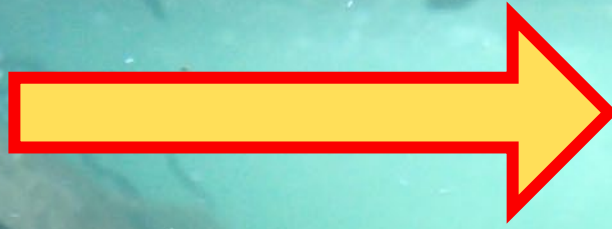
Length correlation

Follow-up with a more sensitive test

# Follow-up: Surrogate Diet

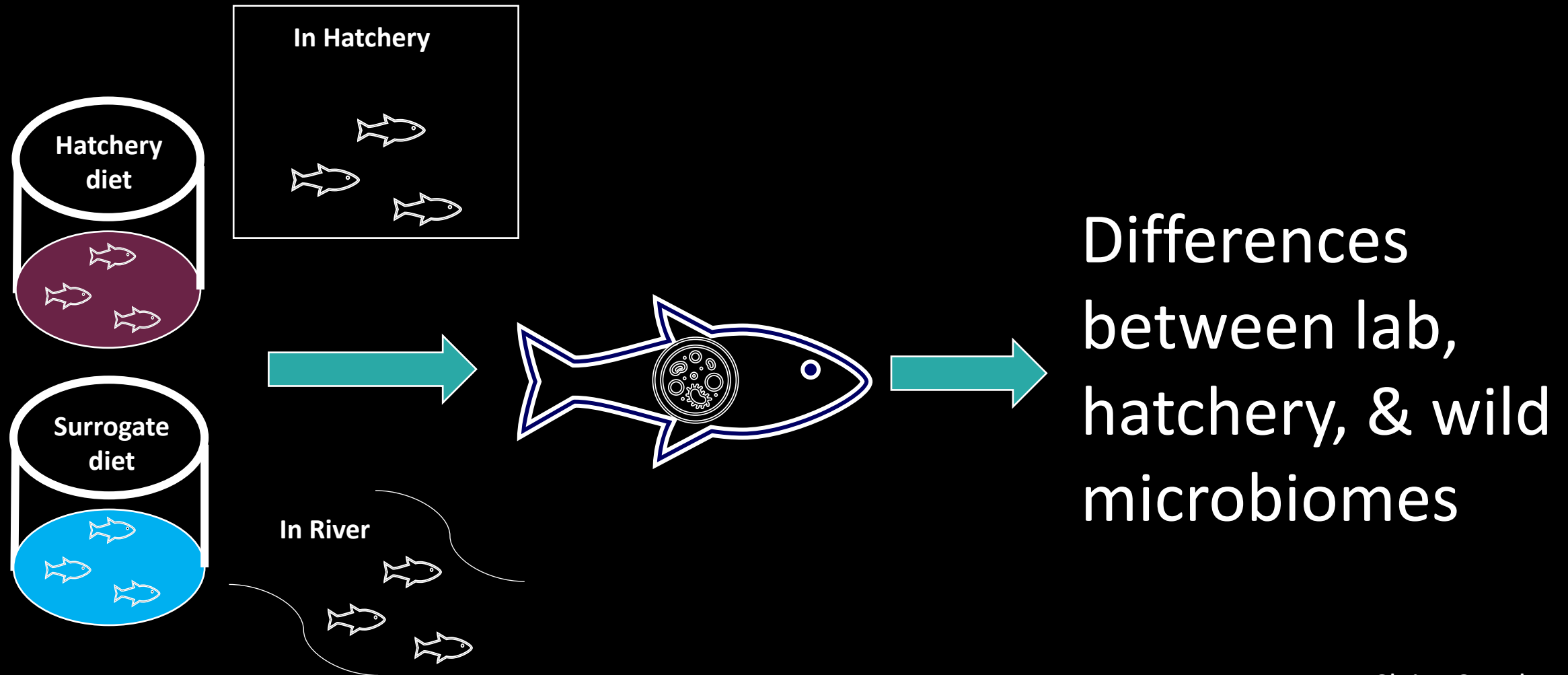




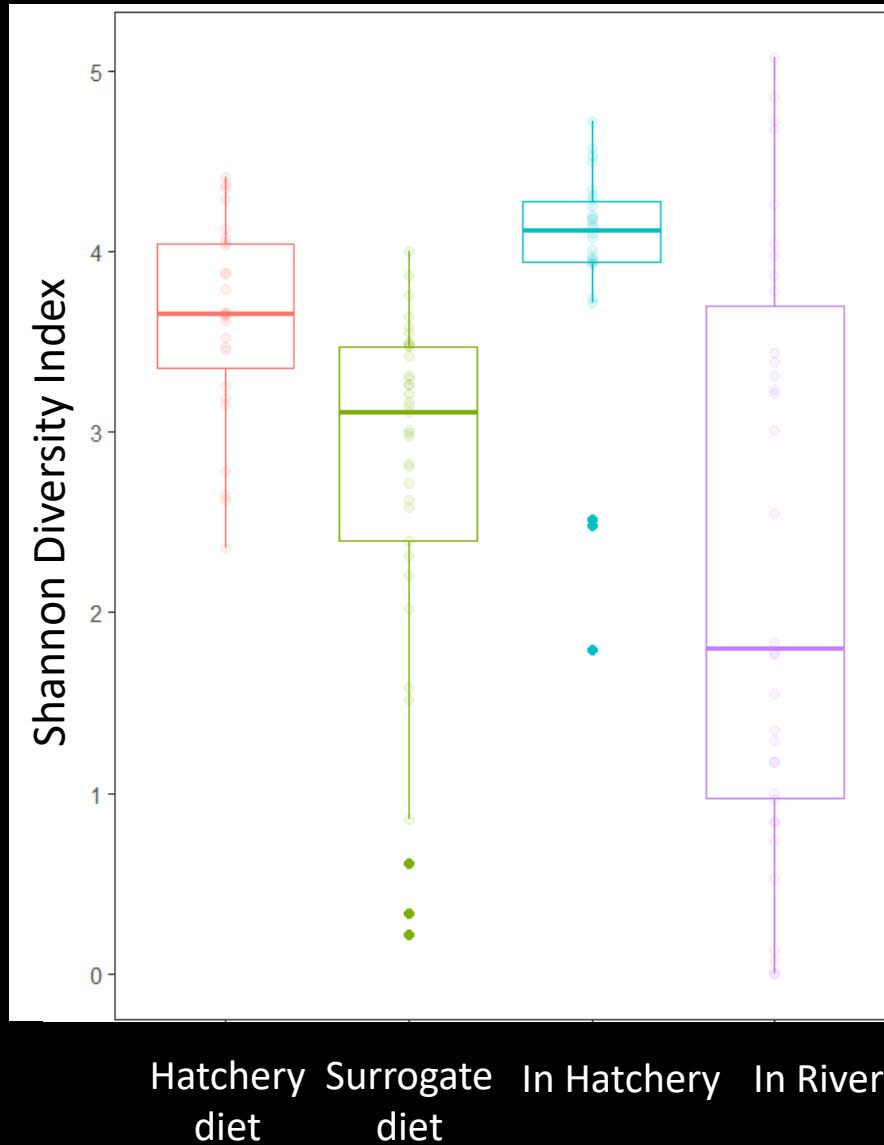


Can Chinook salmon be prepared for a wild-like diet?

# Gut Microbiome – a tool for adapting?

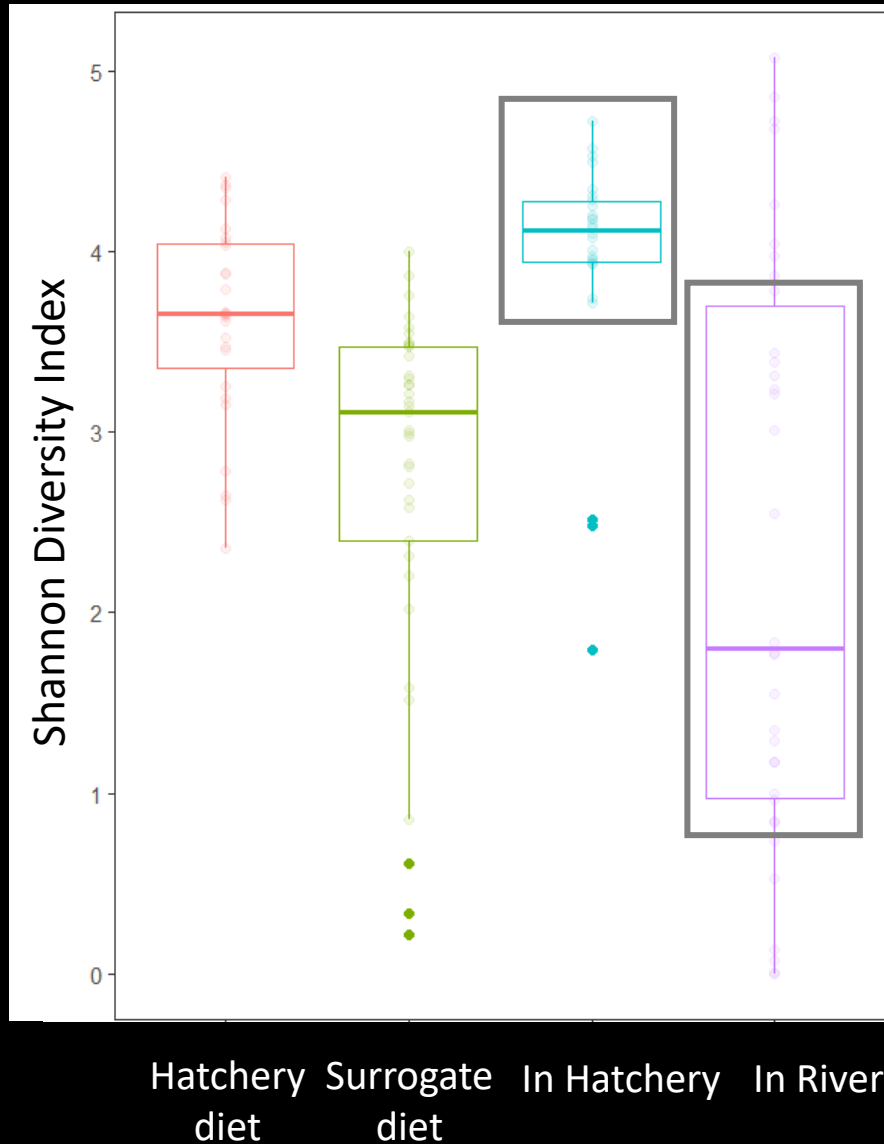


# Microbiome Diversity



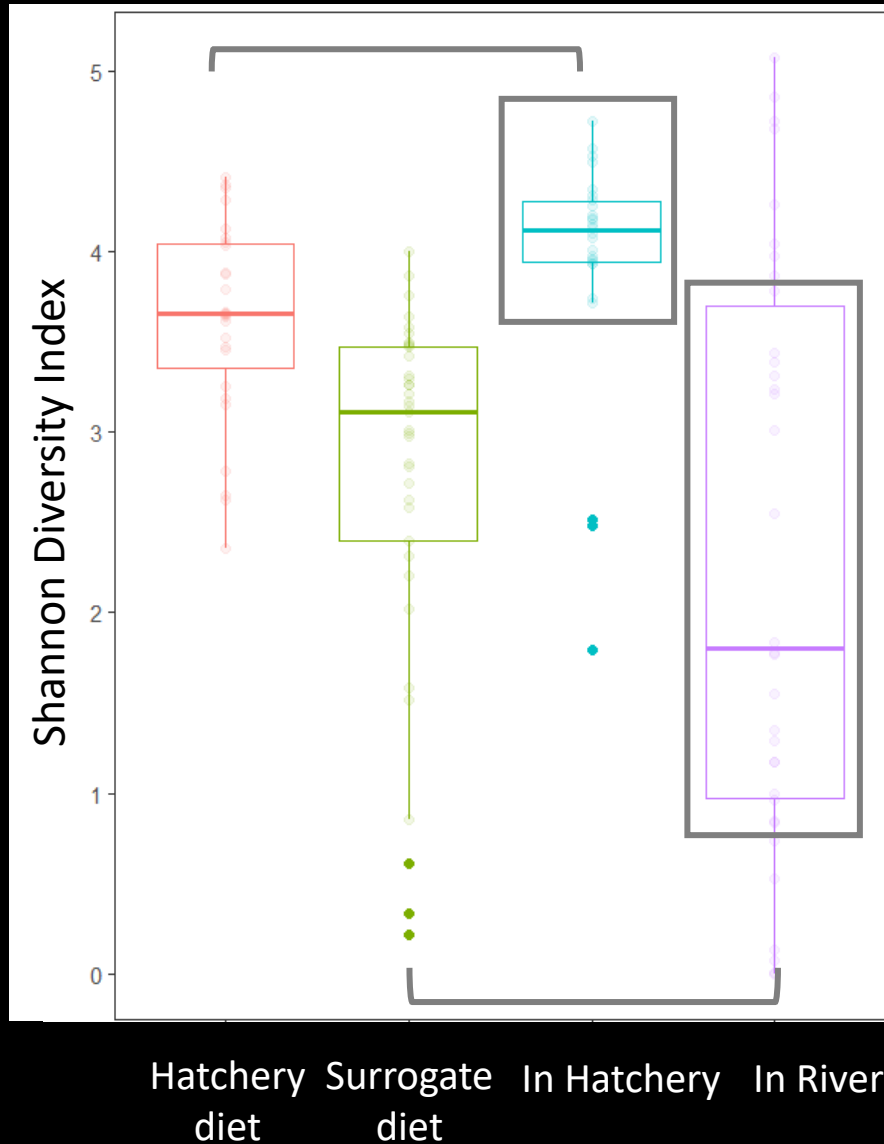


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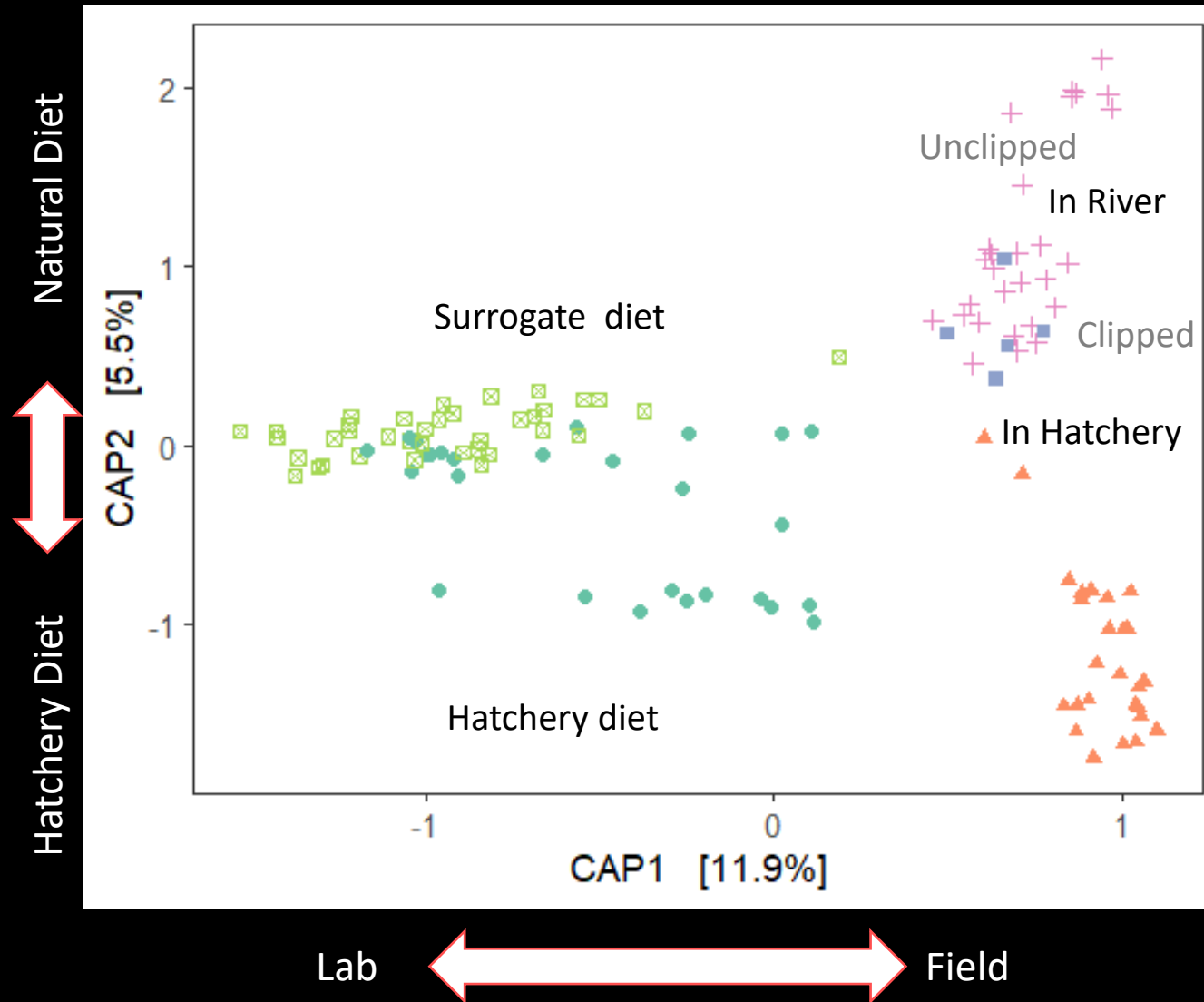
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# Microbiome Diversity

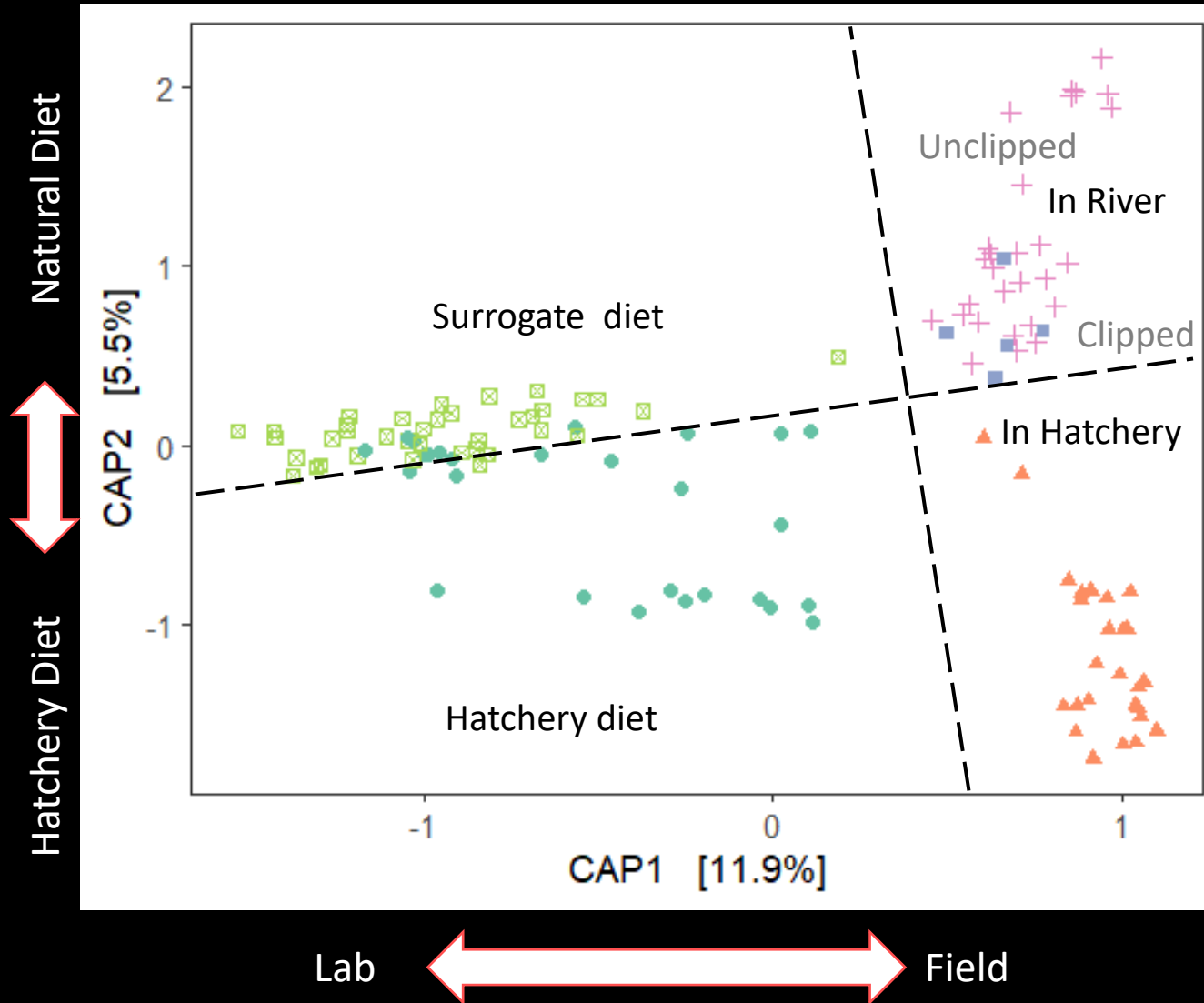


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# Microbiome Composition

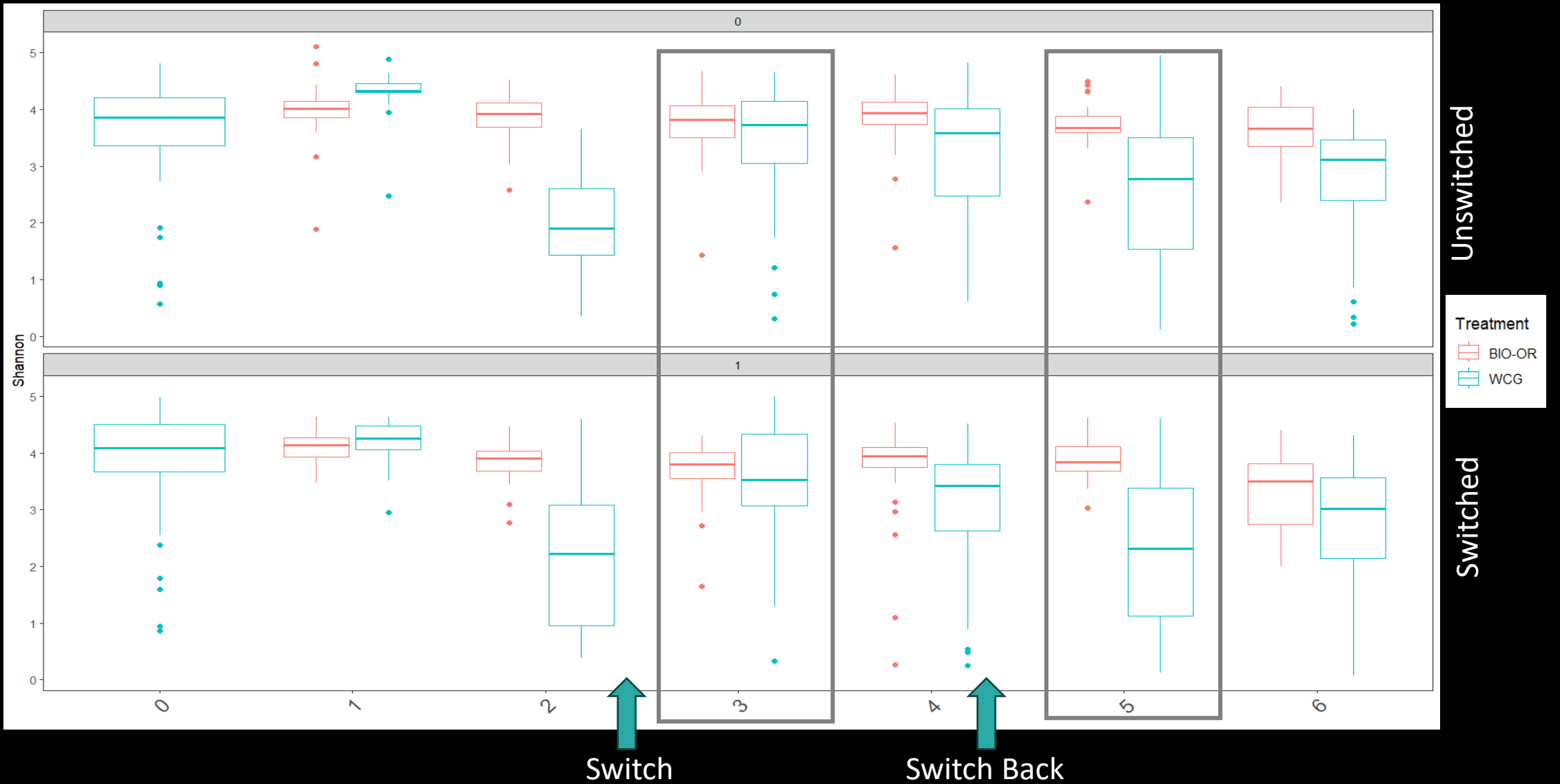


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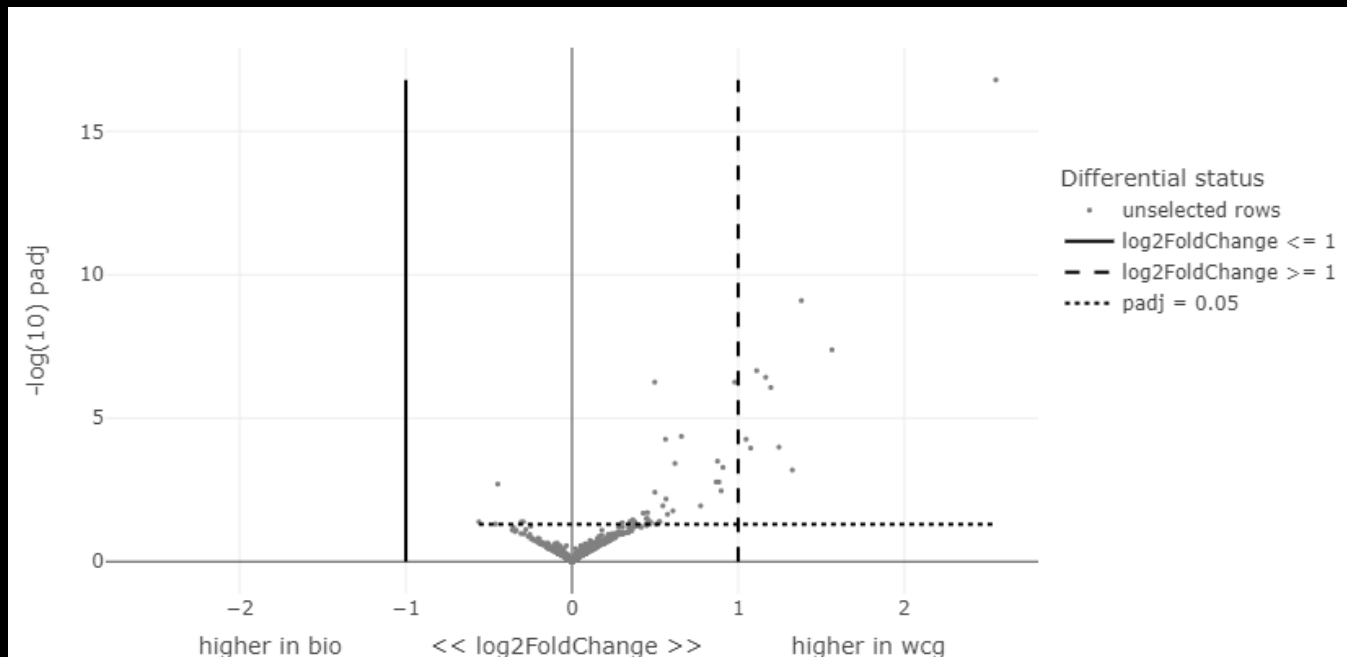
- Hatchery diet  $\approx$  hatchery fish
- Surrogate diet  $\approx$  fish in river
- How long does the microbiome change take?





Gut microbiome diversity changes quickly (<2 weeks) after diet change (similar results for composition)

# Upregulated Host Gene Expression



Lit search of salmonid gene expression

- -Smolting
- -Stress/+control over stress
- +Immune function
- -Inflammation

Largest differences in a set of 10 genes expressed ~2X higher on surrogate diet.

# Take Aways

- Surrogate Project provides wild-like phenotypic fish for scientific investigations.
- Intermittent cyclic fasting may be preparatory step prior to release.
- Surrogate diet fed gut microbiome  $\approx$  wild fed gut microbiome.

Questions?