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Phosphorus in effluent from nutrient removal treatment facilities are like coconuts and bananas

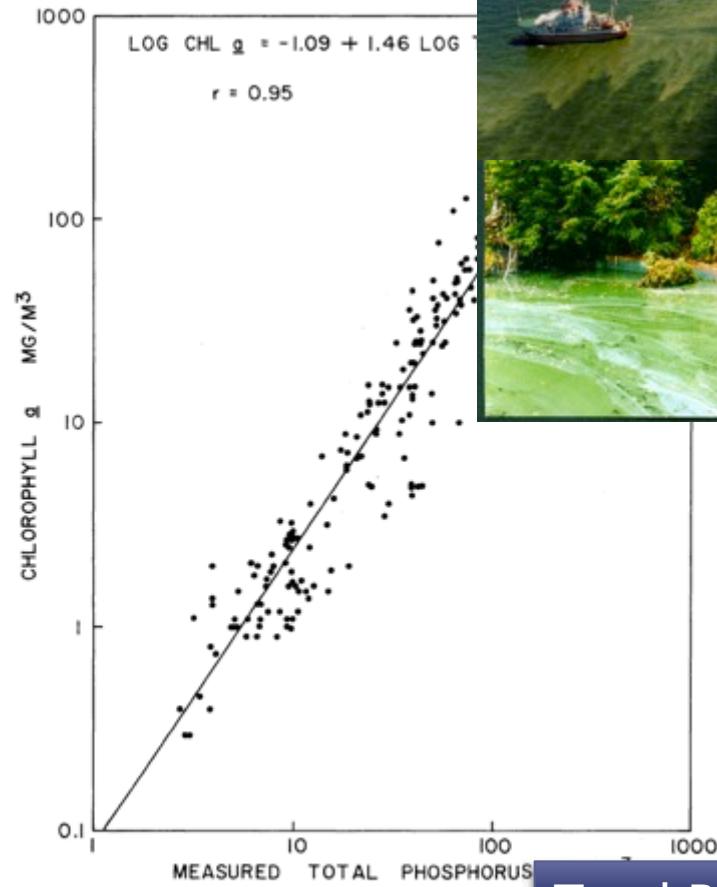
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Phosph



chlorophyll

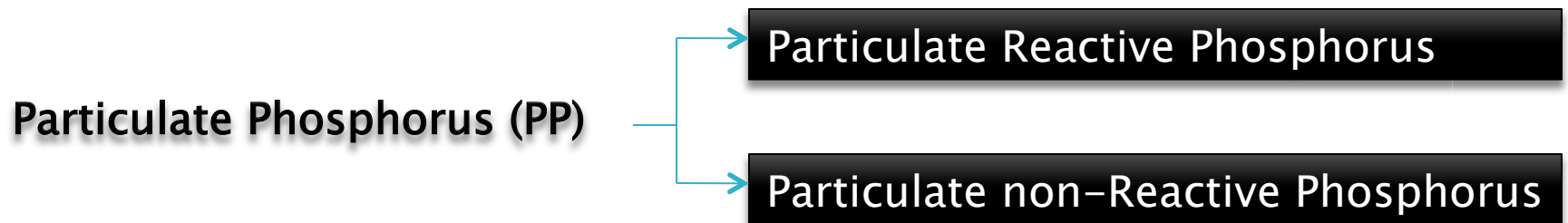
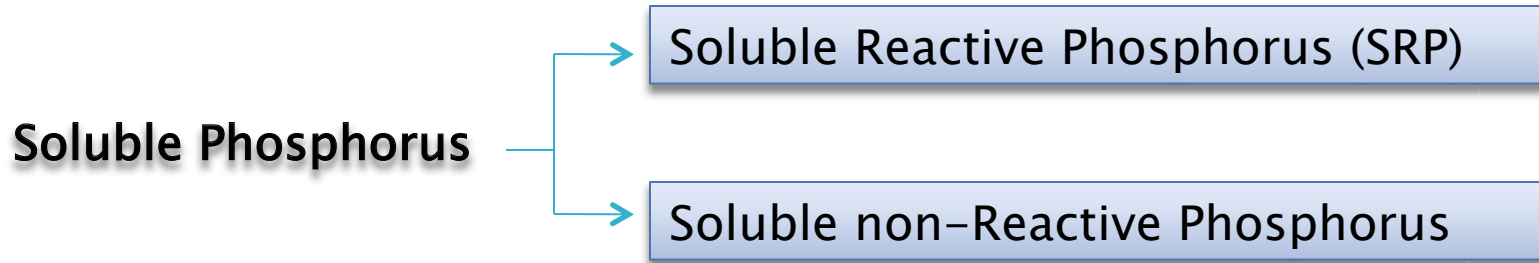


Total P

FIGURE 1.—Relationship between summer chlorophyll a and measured total phosphorus concentration for 149 lakes.

Phosphorus

Operational Categories



Phosphorus

Operational Categories

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Bioavailability

SRP ~~≠~~ phosphate = 100% bioavailable ?

BAP

- ▶ Bio-available Phosphorus
- ▶ phosphorus that can be utilized by plants and bacteria

BAP

- ▶ Bioavailable P
- ▶ Phosphate (PO_4^{-3})
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Recalcitrant P

Inorganic P

- Apatite
- ($\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$)
- AlPO_4
- FePO_4

Organic P

- Polyphosphate
- Inositol hexakisphosphate
- L- α -phosphatidyl choline
- phosphoenol pyruvate
- glycerophosphate



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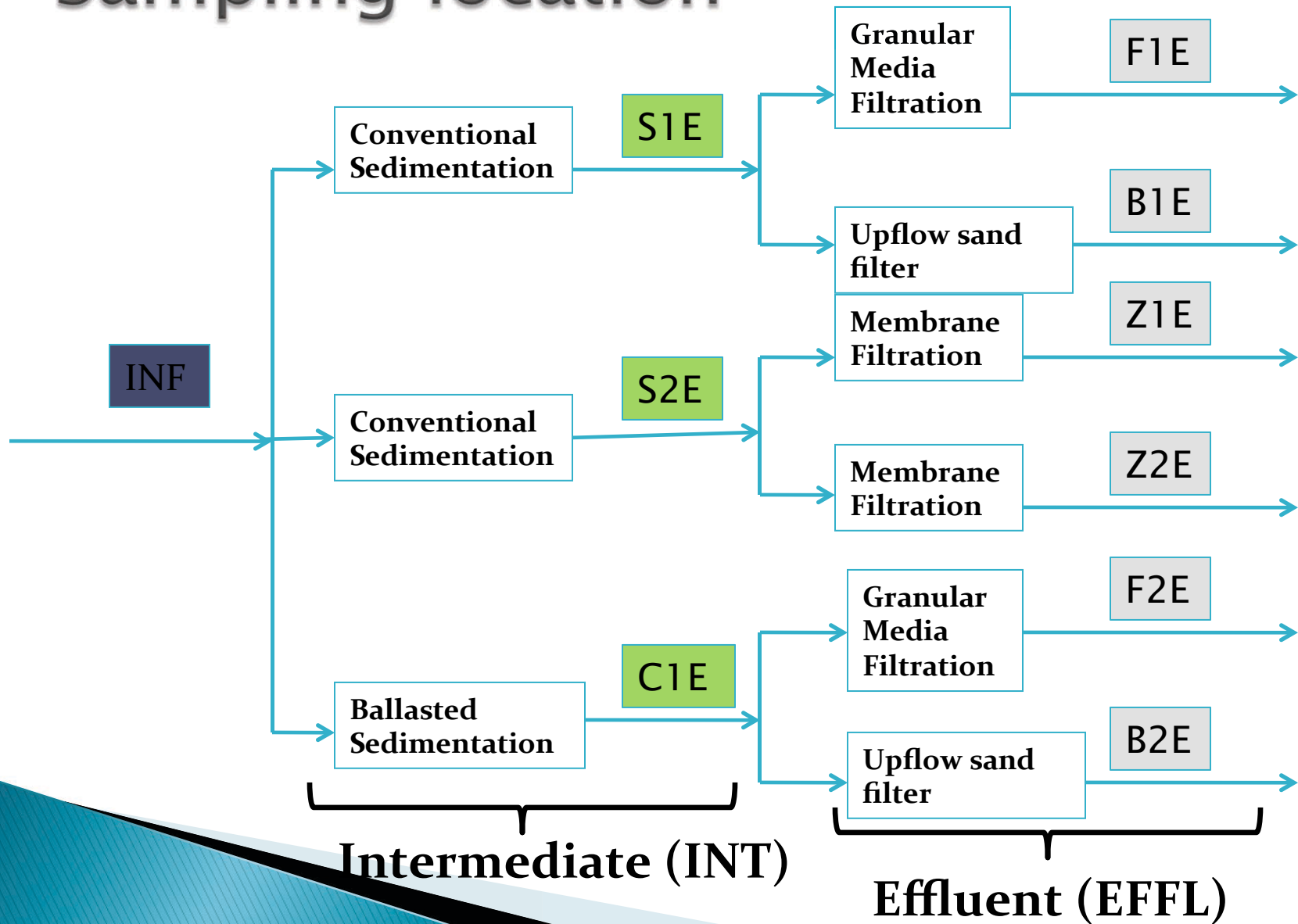
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Which species of banana will be more tasty?

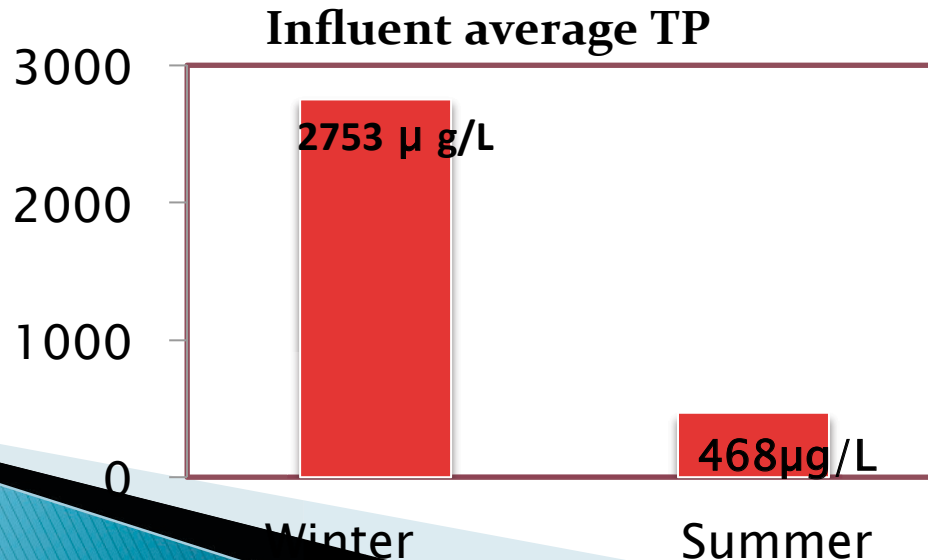
City of Spokane Pilot plant

Sampling location

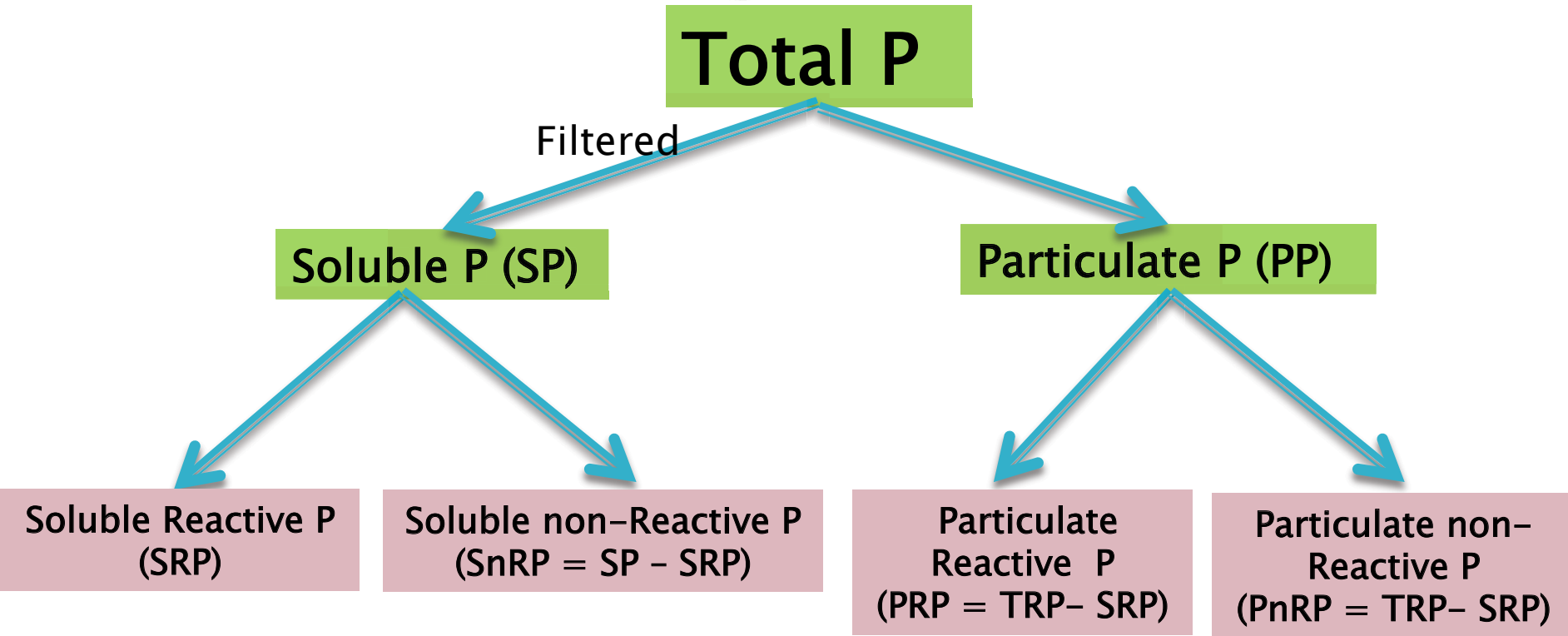


Sampling (from August 2009 to April 2010)

- **Winter Scenario:**
 - *without* alum addition in secondary WWTP
- ▶ **Summer Scenario:**
 - ▶ *with* alum addition in secondary WWTP



Chemical Analysis

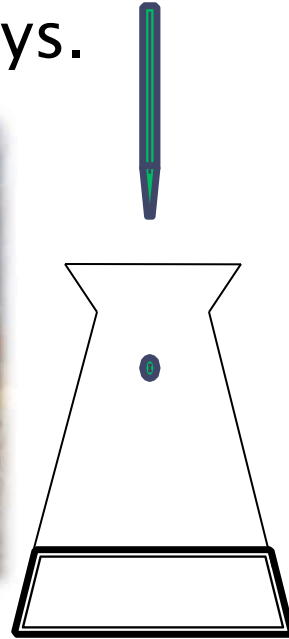


Bioassay Method

Selenastrum capricornutum

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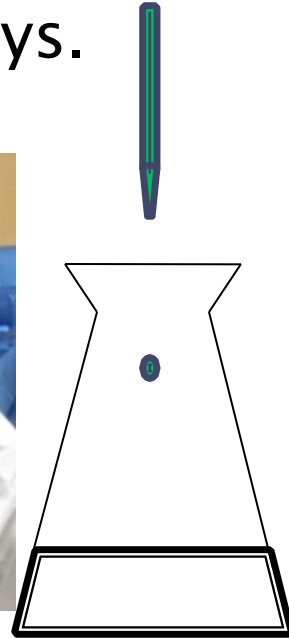
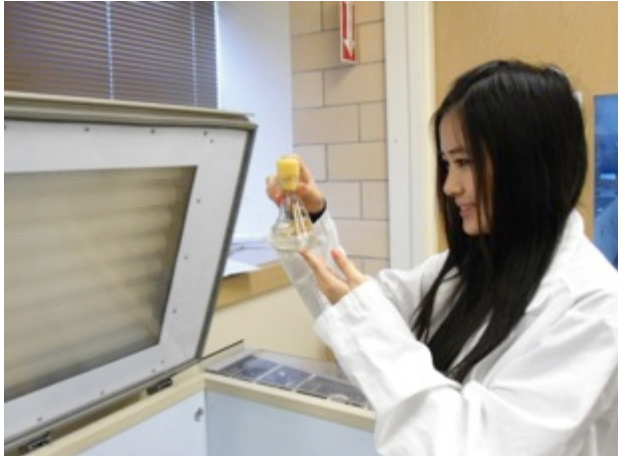
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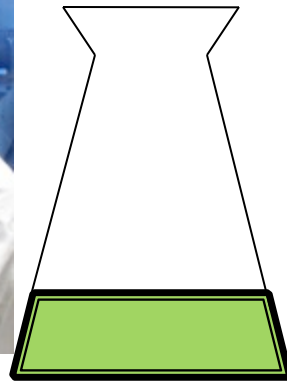
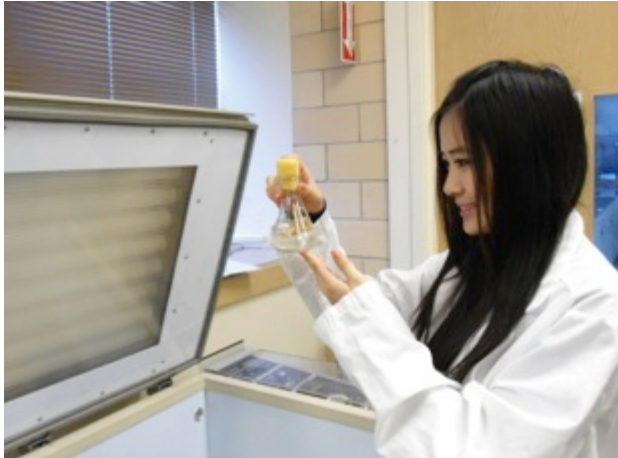
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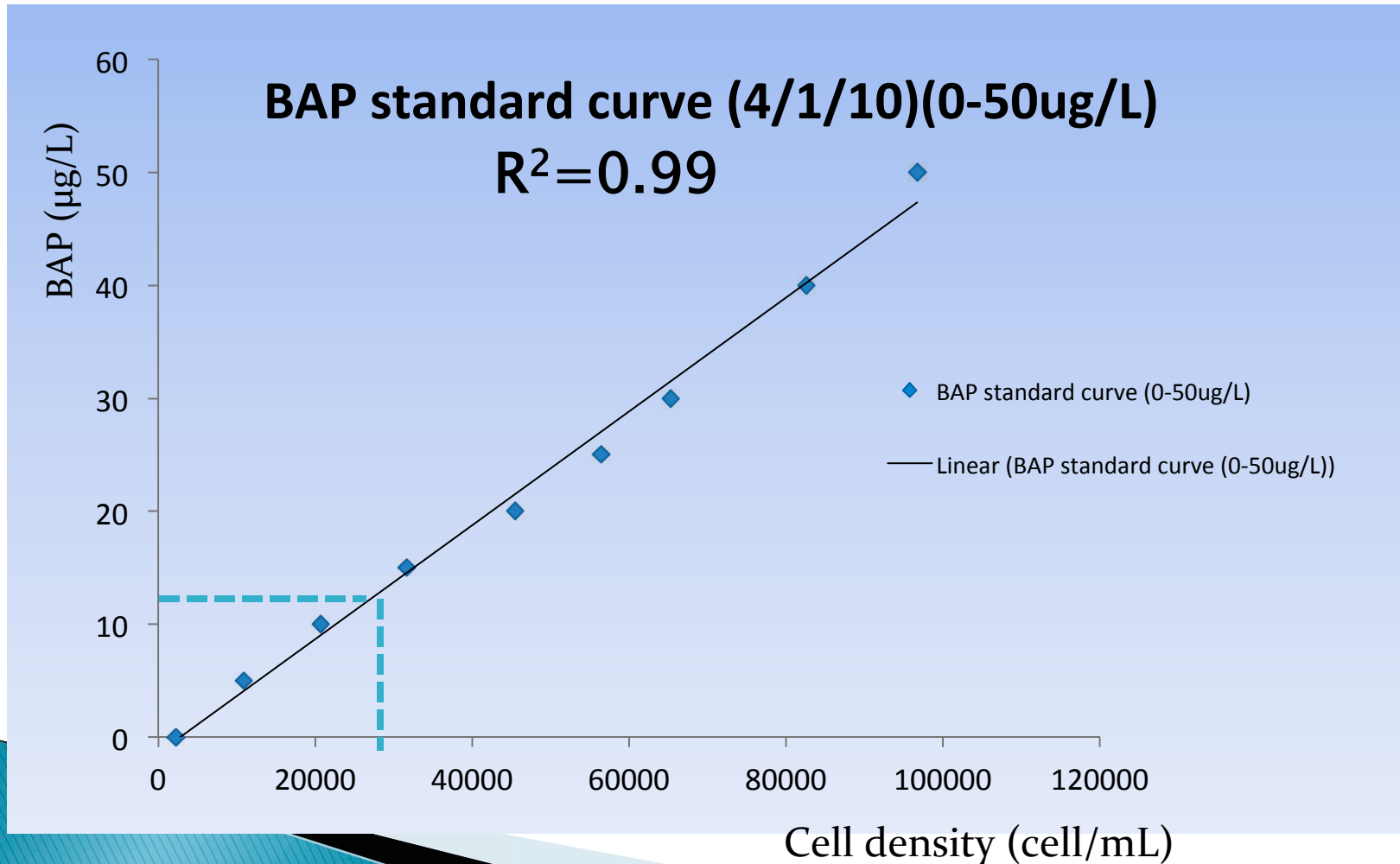
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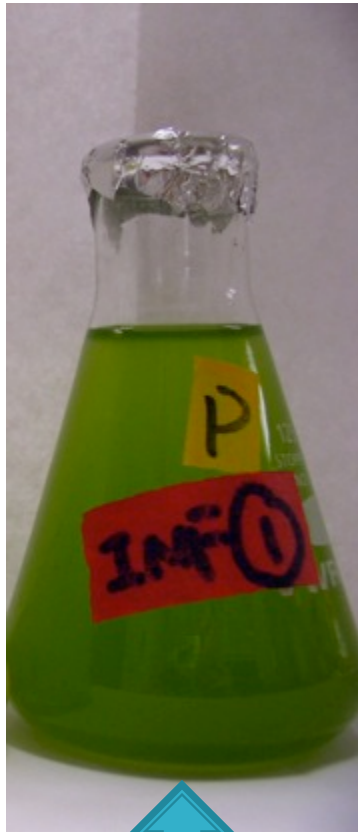
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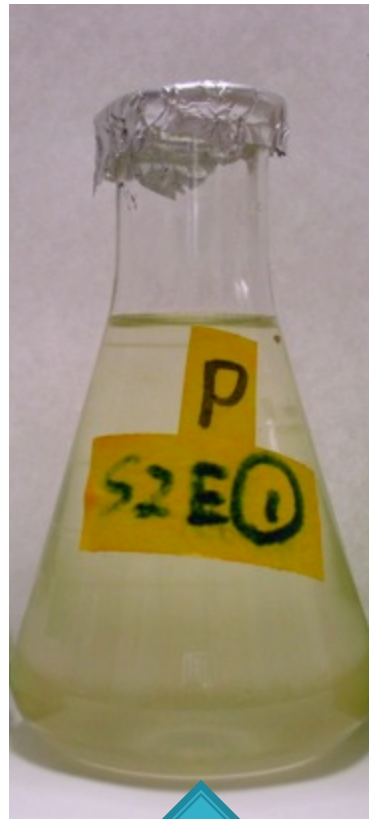
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Results



Influent



Intermediate

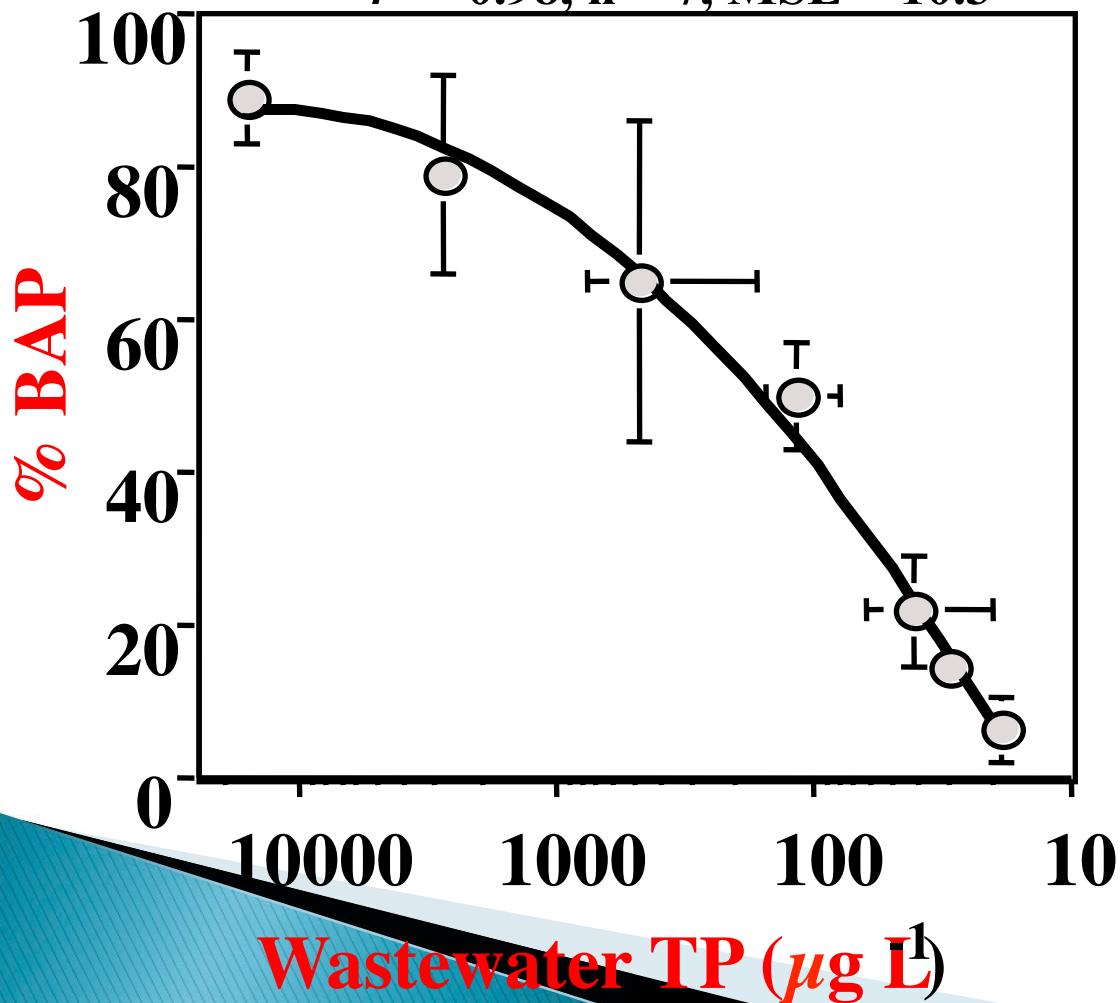


Effluent

BAP% vs. TP in alum treatment process

$$\%BAP = -12.19 \cdot \log(\text{TP})^2 + 92.03 \cdot \log(\text{TP}) + 94.17;$$

$$r^2 = 0.98, n = 7, \text{MSE} = 10.3$$

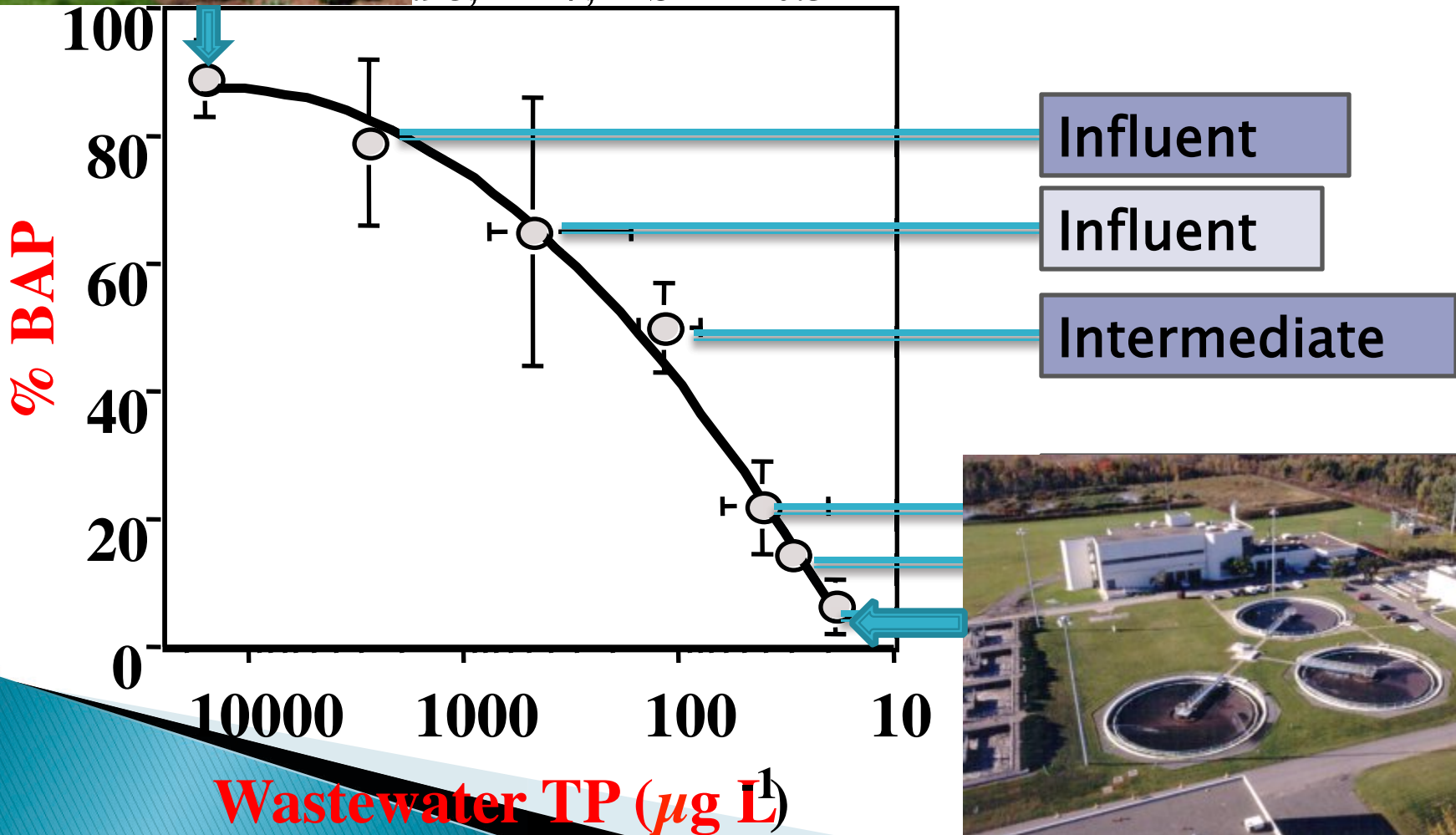




P in alum treatment process

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Bioavailability of P species

Category	Chemical Name	Molecular Formula
Inorganic P	Aluminum phosphate (Al-P)	AlPO_4
	Calcium Phosphate (Ca-P)	CaHPO_4
	Ferric Pyrophosphate (Pyro-P)	$\text{Fe}_4(\text{P}_2\text{O}_7)_3$
	sodium tripolyphosphate (Tripoly-P)	$\text{Na}_5\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$
	Phosphorus Pentoxide (P_4O_{10})	P_4O_{10}
	Apatite	$\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{OH}, \text{F}, \text{Cl})$
	Ca-hydroxyapatite	$\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{OH})$

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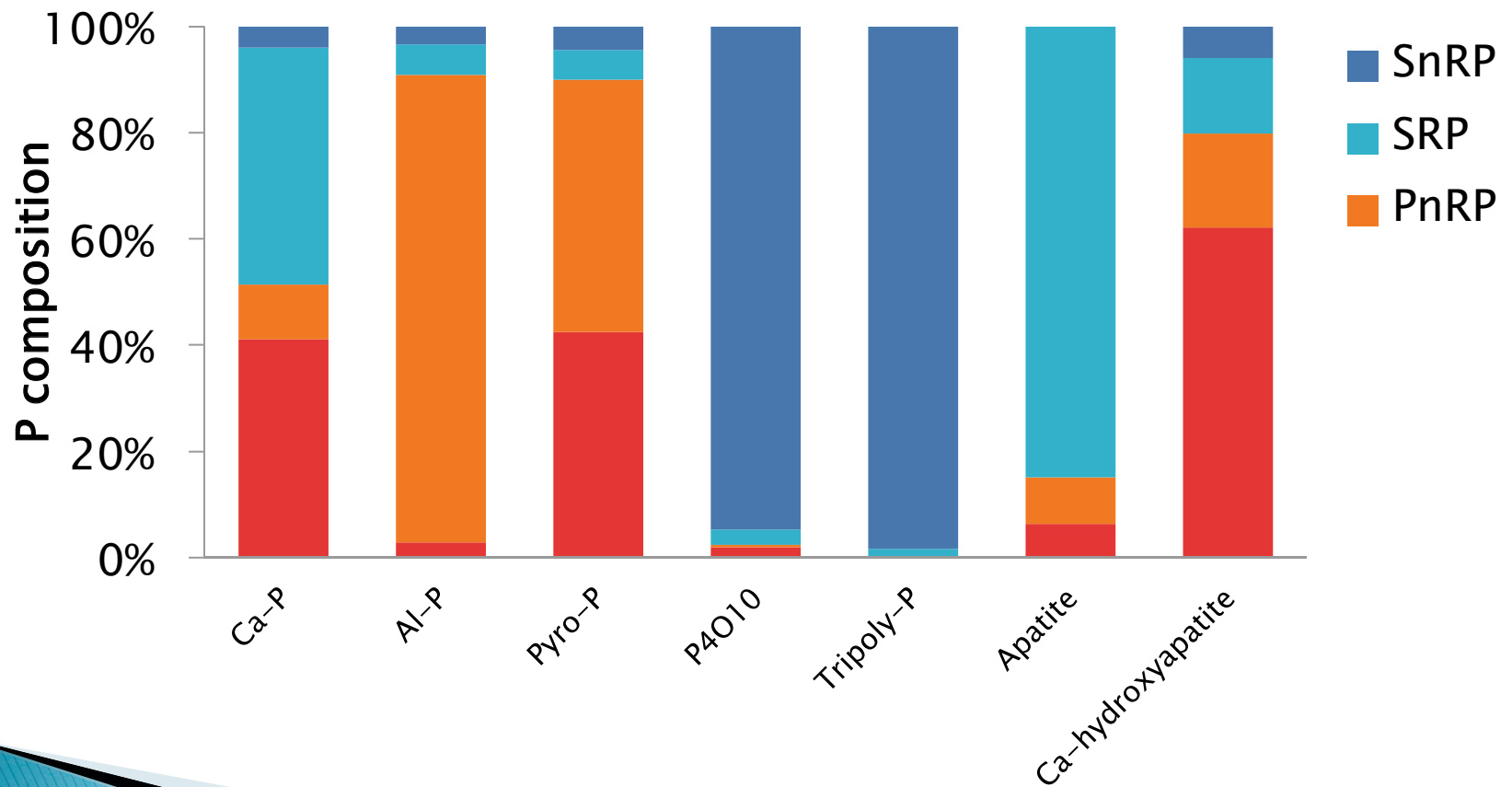
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Organophosphate	Adenosine 5'Monophosphate (AMP)	$C_{10}H_{14}N_5O_7P$
	guanosine diphosphate (GDP)	$C_{10}H_{15}N_5O_{11}P_2$
	uridine diphosphate (UDP)	$C_9H_{14}N_2O_{12}P_2$
	Adenosine-5'-triphosphate (ATP)	$C_{10}H_{14}N_5O_{13}P_3Na_2 \cdot 3H_2O$
	Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)	
	Ribonucleic acid (RNA)	
	Lecithin	
	Liposome	

Bioavailability of P species

Category	Chemical Name	Molecular Formula
Humic Substance	Elliott Soil humic acid standard	
	Wackish Peat humic acid reference	
	Leonardite humic acid standard	
	Pahokee Peat humic acid standard	
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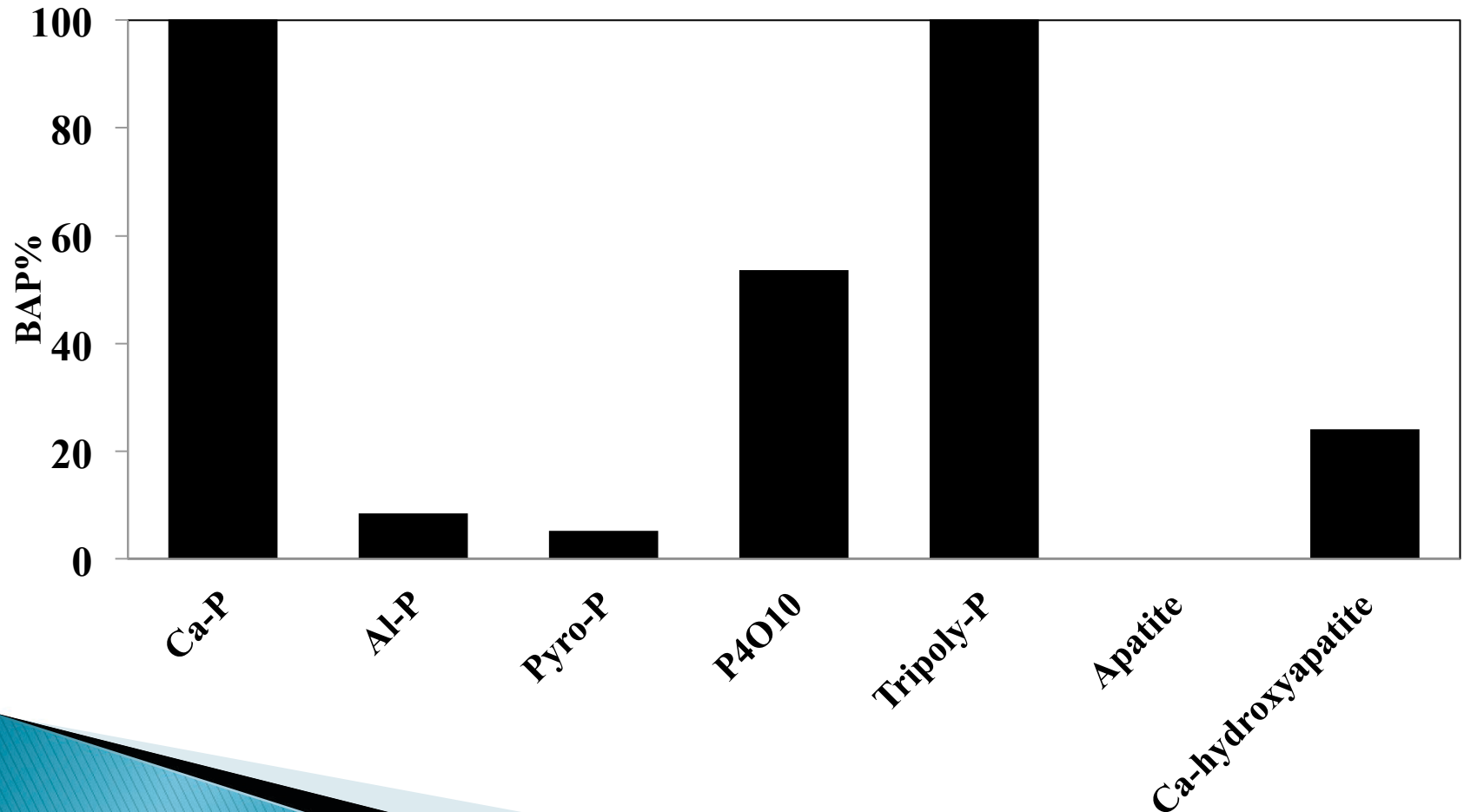
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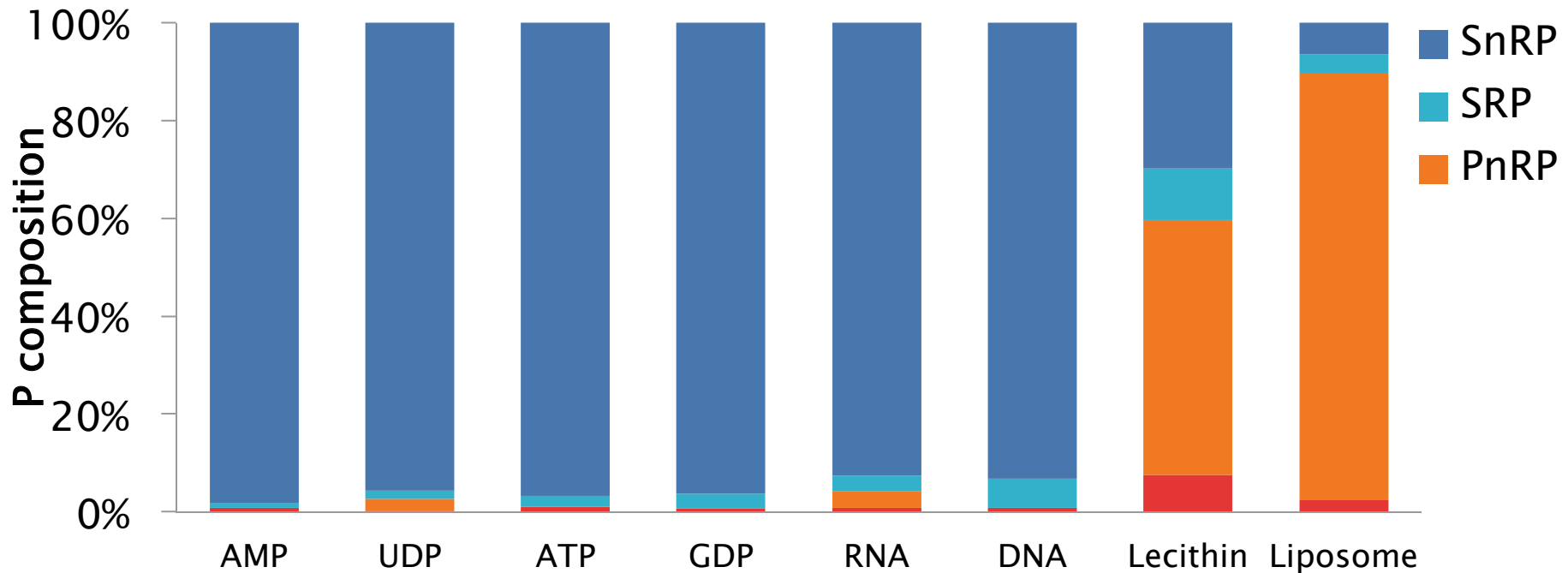
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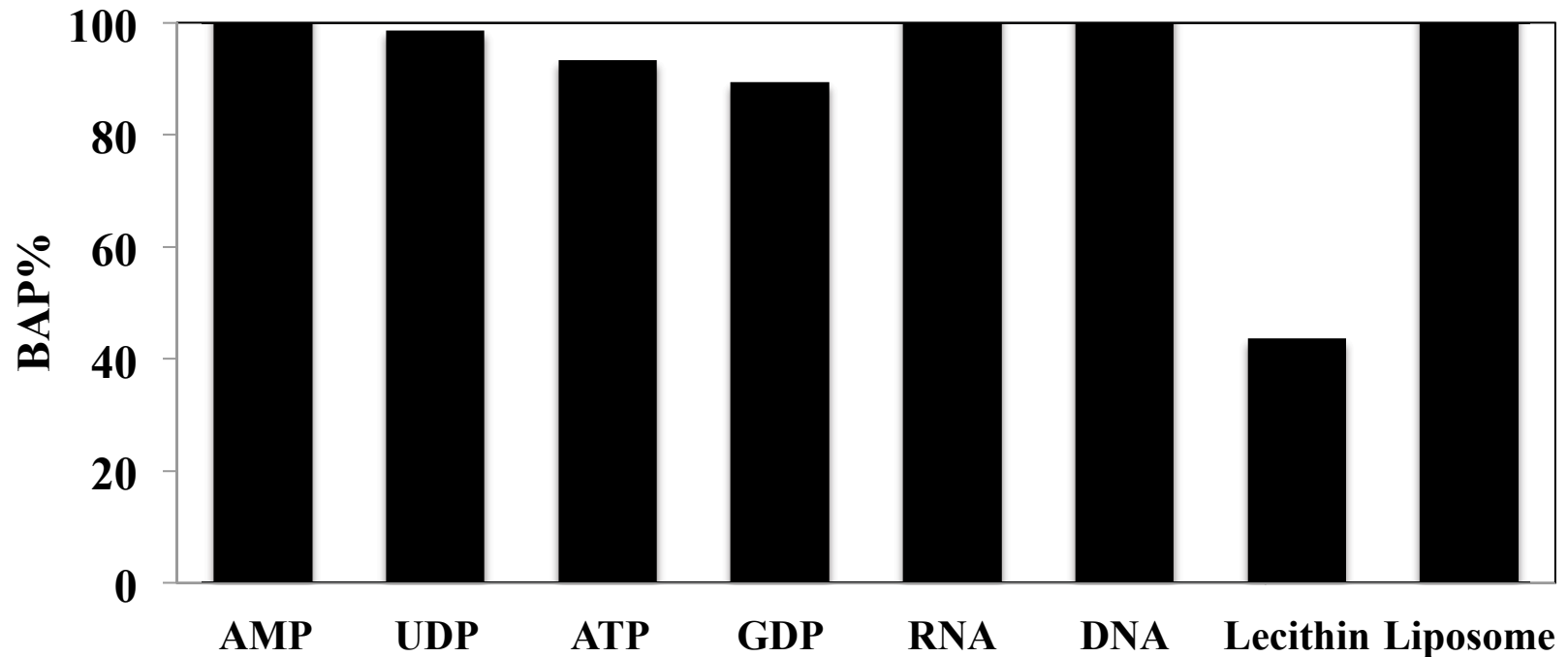
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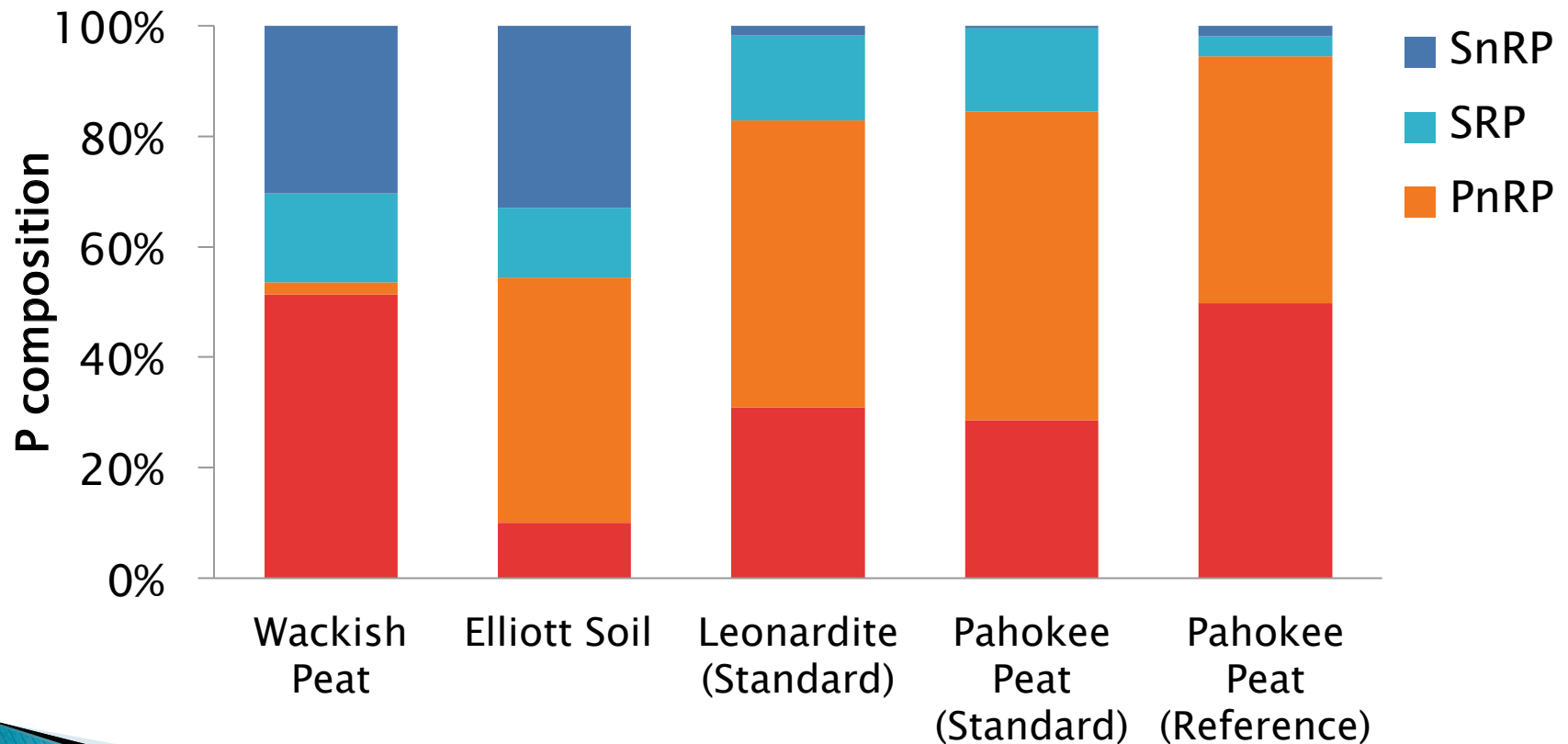
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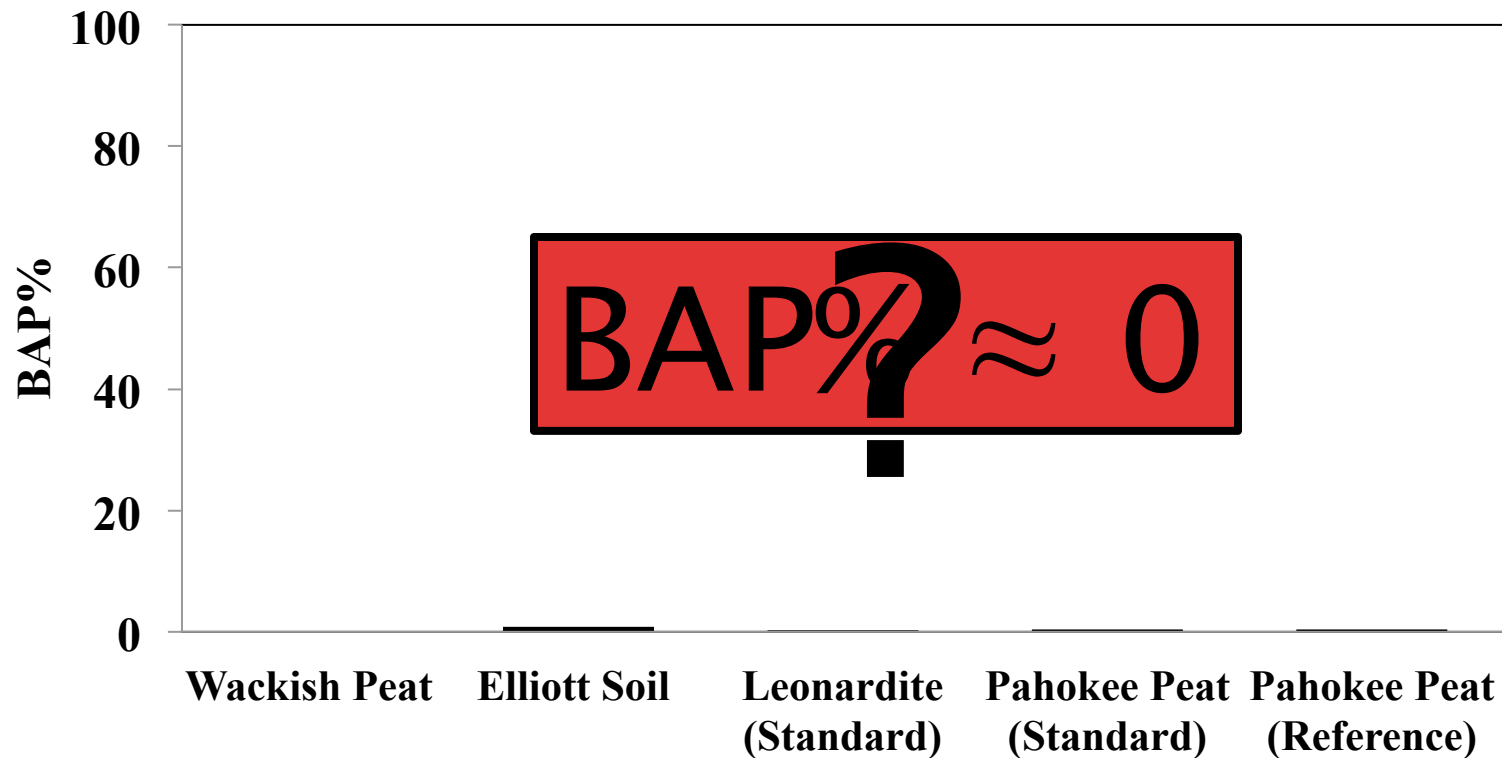
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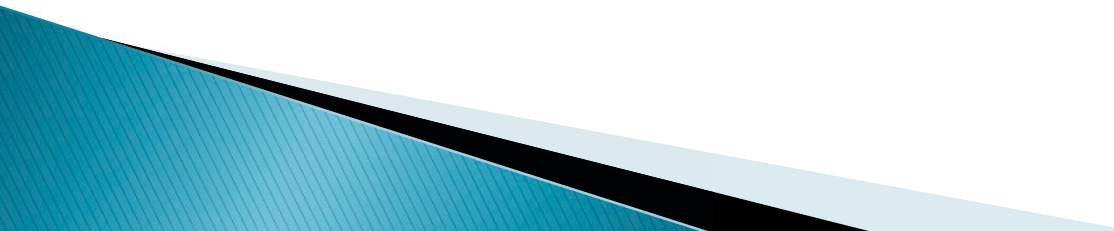


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QUESTIONS?

