

# Whiteleg shrimp RAS technology optimization

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## RAS technology development

- Shrimp cultivation technology
- Geothermal resources in RAS
- Aquaponics

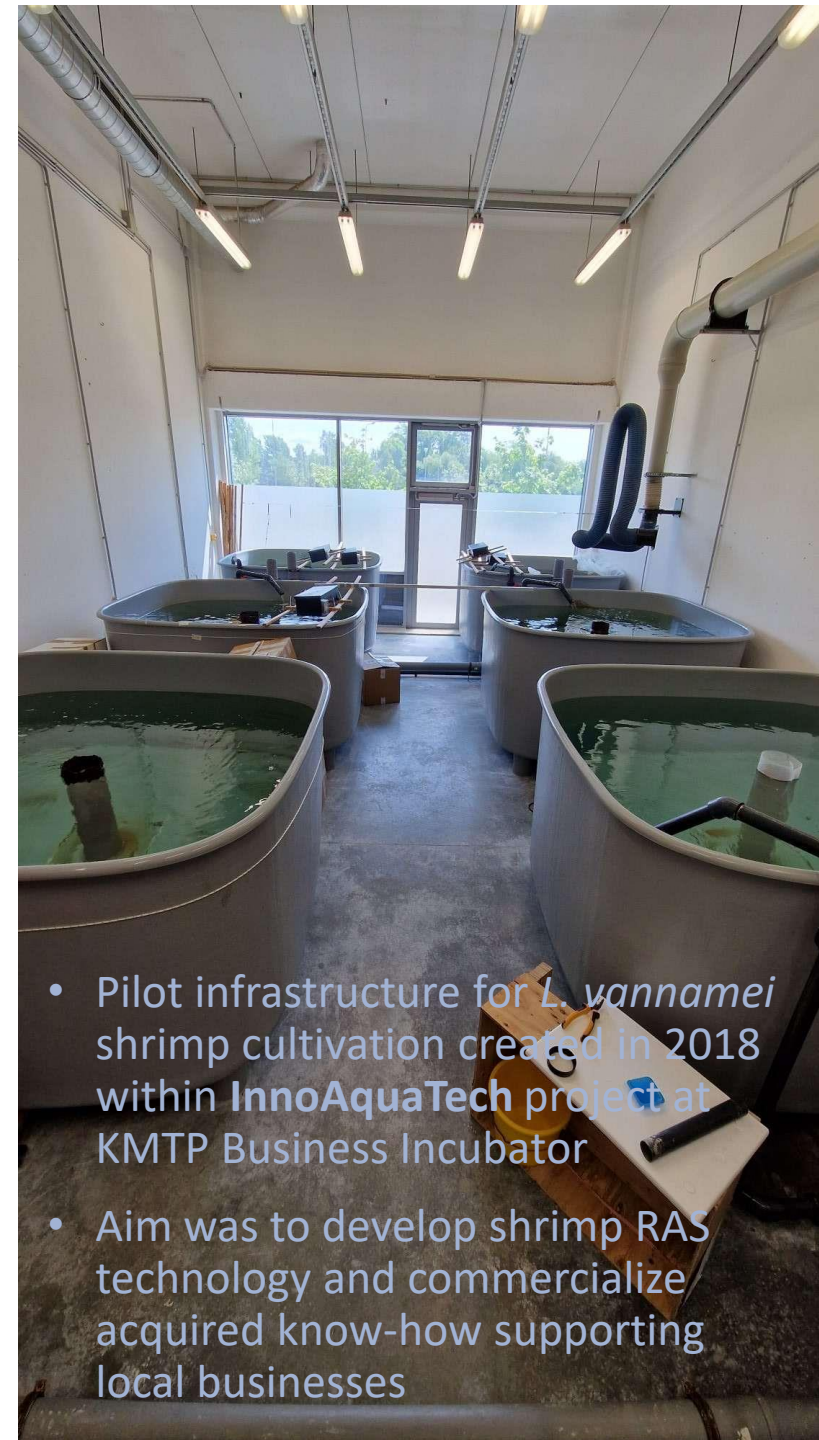




# Pilot shrimp RAS in Lithuania




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- Pilot infrastructure for *L. vannamei* shrimp cultivation created in 2018 within InnoAquaTech project at KMTP Business Incubator
- Aim was to develop shrimp RAS technology and commercialize acquired know-how supporting local businesses



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- Mechanical (drum) filter
  - Biological filter
  - Sump
  - Protein skimmer
  - Denitrification filter
  - Oxygenation cone
  - Heater
  - UV
  - Monitoring and control system
  - Artificial seawater preparation system

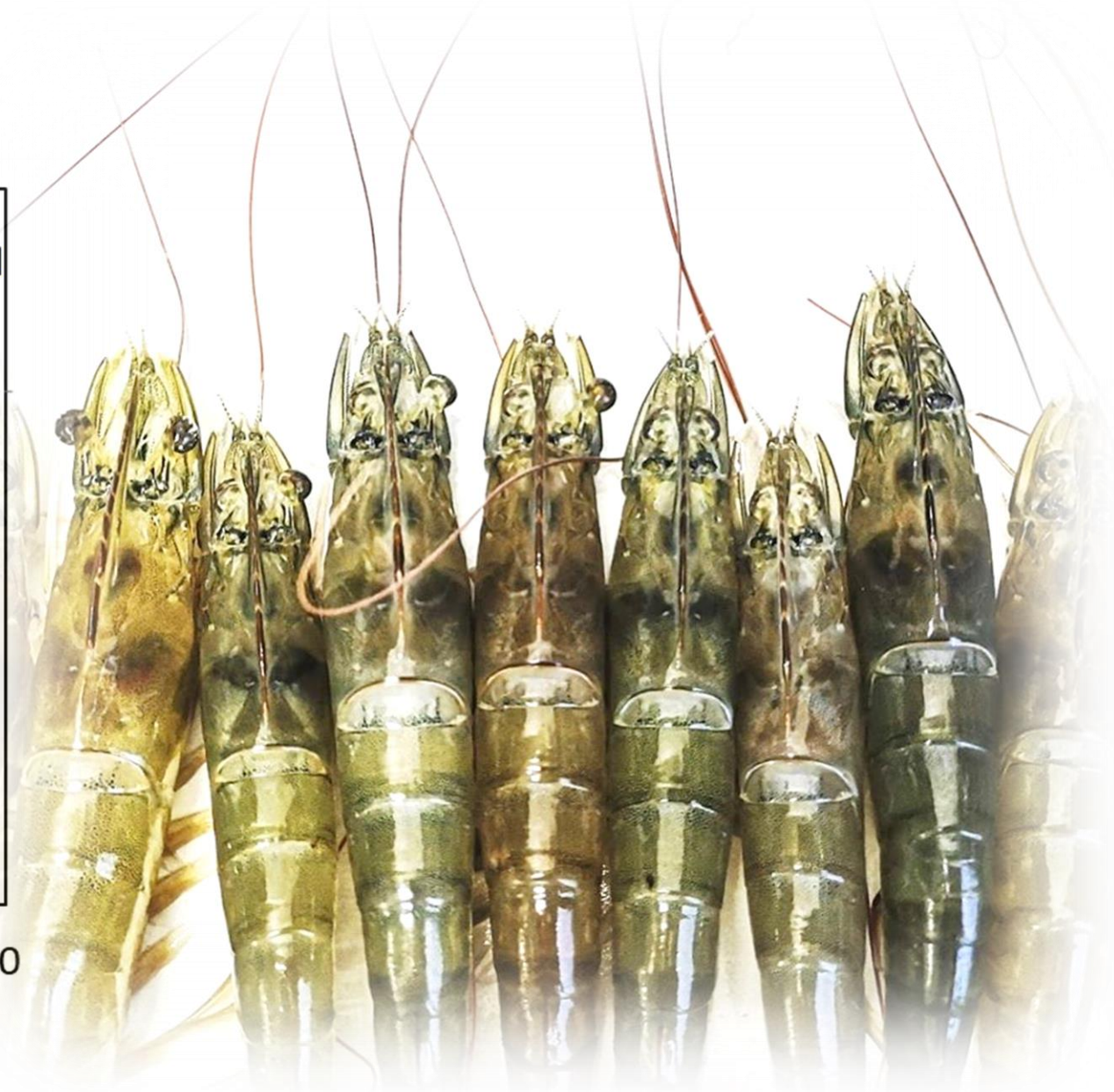
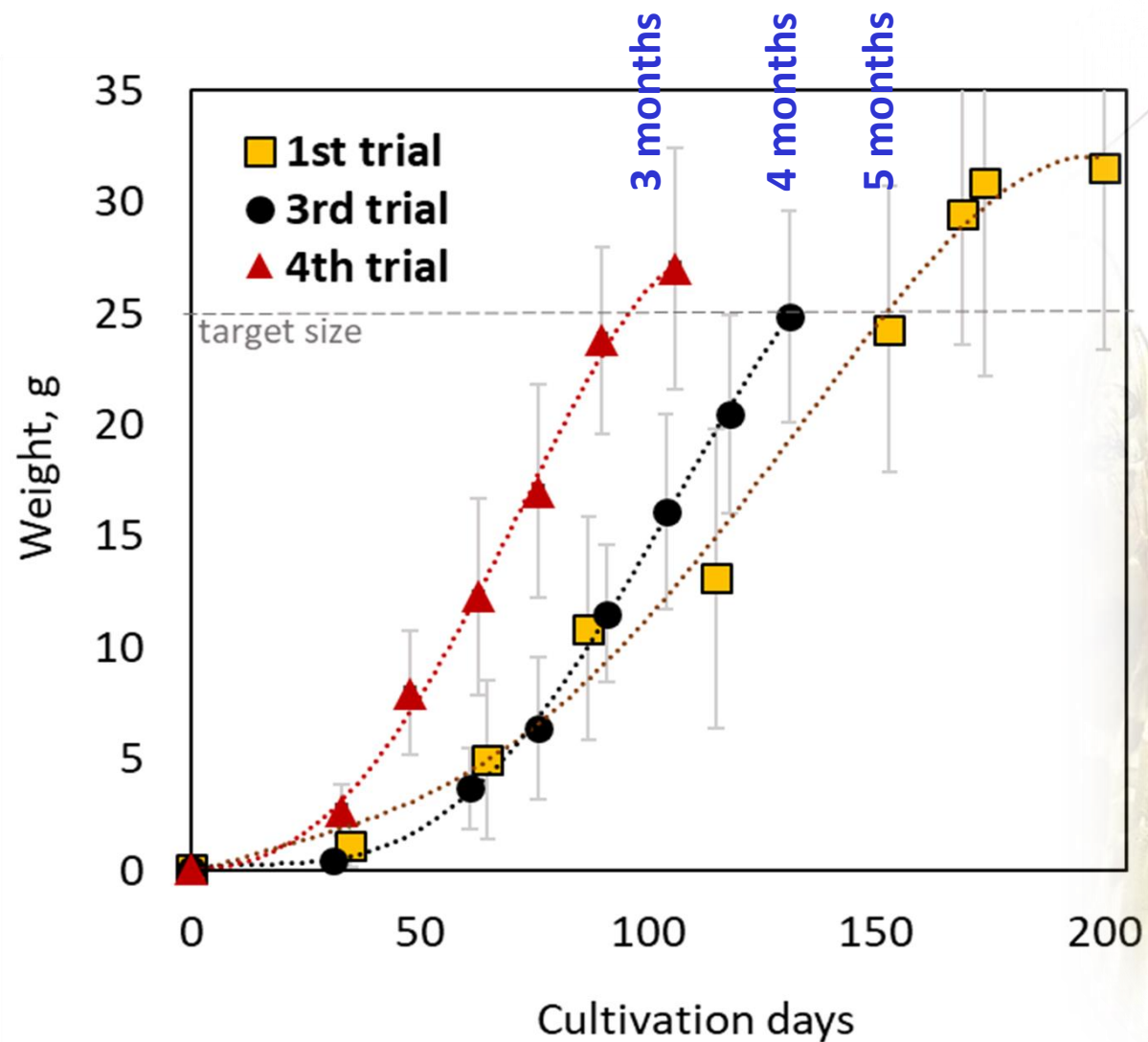


# Technology optimization tasks

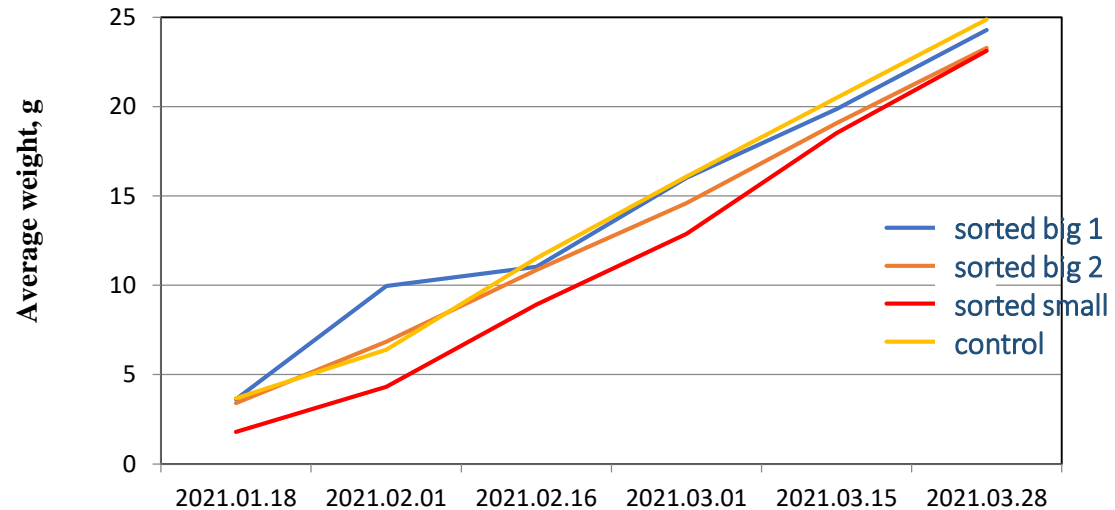
- Water quality optimization
  - Feeding management
  - Stress reduction
  - Diseases?
- Unequal growth rate during first months
  - Shrimp tank design – extra surface area
  - Reduce early stage mortality – improve production
  - Water preparation – alternative and sustainable salt source



# Growth performance



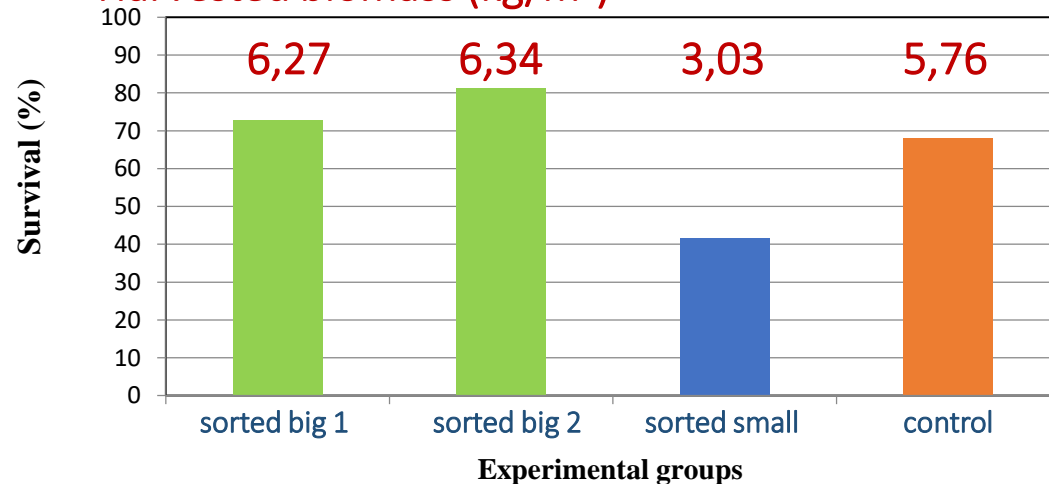
# Sorting by size – to much effort for nothing?



## Sorting experiment (+feeding management)

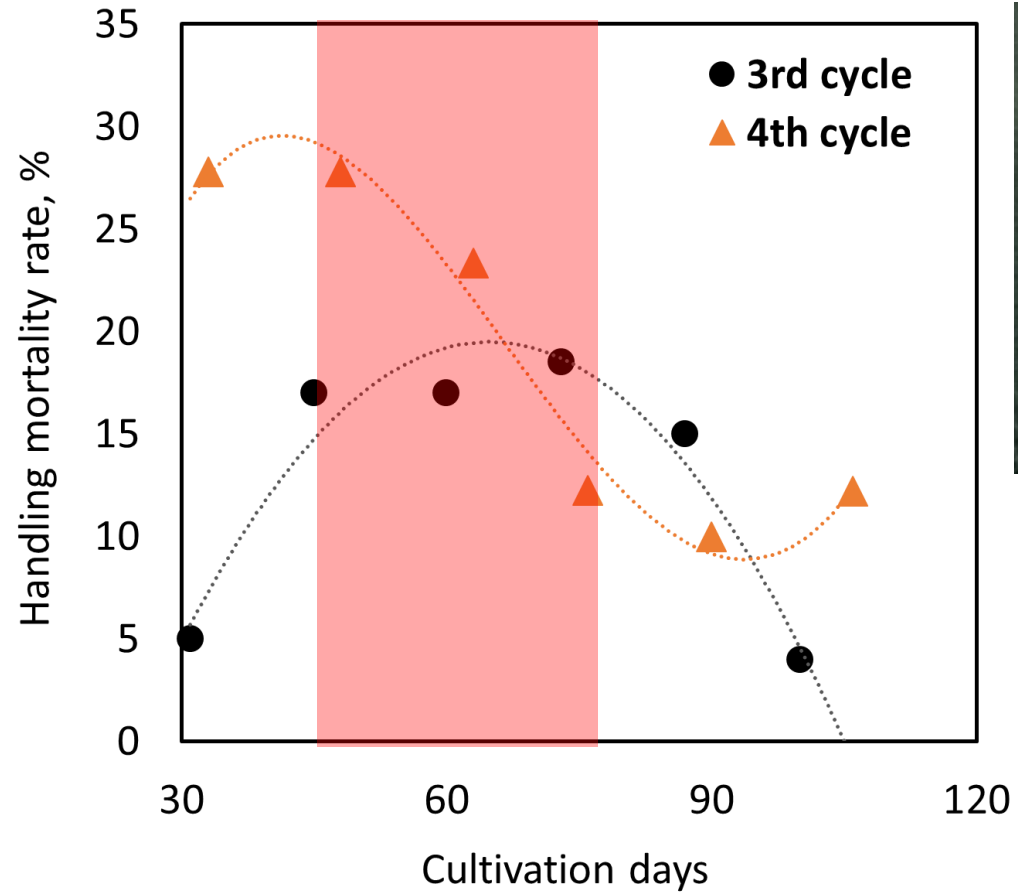
- High growth rate sustained in all groups – market size in 4 months
- High mortality and compensatory growth in a group of small ones

## Harvested biomass (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)





# Handling mortality



**Handling stress related mortality** rate was related to the age of animals, when the highest procedural mortality rate was recorded during the second-third month or at 5-15 g of individual weight.



# Artificial marine water

- High operational costs for professional sea salt ~10 Eur/1m<sup>3</sup> 16PSU water
- Cheaper solution – Low cost salt mixture LCSM: (Na, Mg, Ca, K chloride, Mg sulfate)
- Geothermal brine of 110 g L<sup>-1</sup> mineralization – sustainable source of salt for artificial marine water?



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**Analysenergebnisse:**  
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Kationen	Parameter	Ken.	Verfahren	Einheit	Ergebnis	s	sici [%]
Na	Na	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	mg/l	24700	1290.9	5.2	
K	K	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	mg/l	632	35.76	5.7	
Ca	Ca	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	mg/l	7950	416.61	5.5	
Mg	Mg	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	mg/l	2330	119.65	5.1	
B	B	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	mg/l	18.8	0.968	5.1	
Si	Si	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	mg/l	1.00	0.064	6.4	
Fe	Fe	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	mg/l	0.019	0.001	5.4	
Al	Al	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	mg/l				

Spurenelemente	Parameter	Ken.	Verfahren	Einheit	Ergebnis	s	sici [%]
Li	Li	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	4450	285	6.4	
Al	Al	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	13000	673	5.2	
Ba	Ba	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	7.08	0.369	5.2	
Si	Si	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	1.43	0.1	7.3	
Cl	Cl	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	3.51	0.49	13.6	
Br	Br	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	<0.200			
Cr	Cr	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	<0.600			
Cd	Cd	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	<1.00			
Ni	Ni	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	17.8	1	5.8	
Cu	Cu	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	<1.00			
Pb	Pb	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	160000	8846	5.5	
As	As	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	<1.00			
Sr	Sr	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	1.43	0.25	16.9	
Ag	Ag	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	256	13	5.1	
Cs	Cs	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	1.70	0.41	23.9	
Th	Th	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	0.081	0.0089	10.9	
U	U	DIN EN ISO 17294-2 (E 29)	µg/l	2.25	0.13	5.8	

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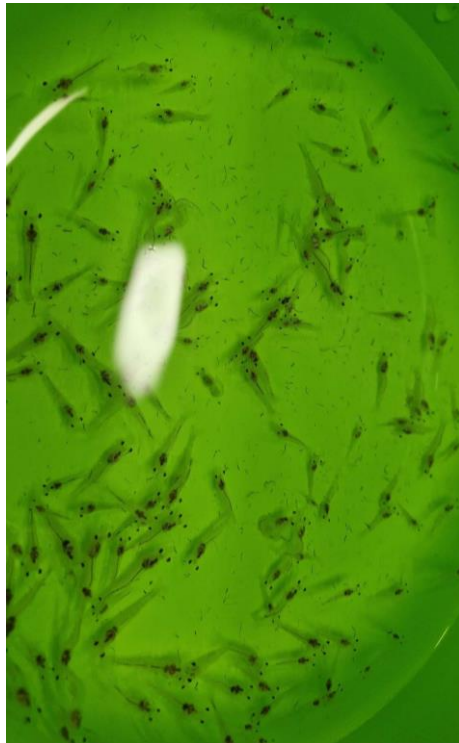
Chemical element		
Chlorine (Cl)	mg L <sup>-1</sup>	55192
Sodium (Na)		25989
Potassium (K)		570
Calcium (Ca)		7106
Magnesium (Mg)		2440
Iron (Fe)		<0,01
Boron (B)		9,87
Silicates (SiO <sub>2</sub> )		4,7
Lithium (Li)		3420
Aluminium (Al)		1100
Barium (Ba)	µg L <sup>-1</sup>	300
Cadmium (Cd)		<0,3
Chrome (Cr)		<1
Manganese (Mn)		530
Lead (Pb)		<1
Zinc (Zn)		<40
Strontium (Sr)		170000



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# Geothermal brine experiment

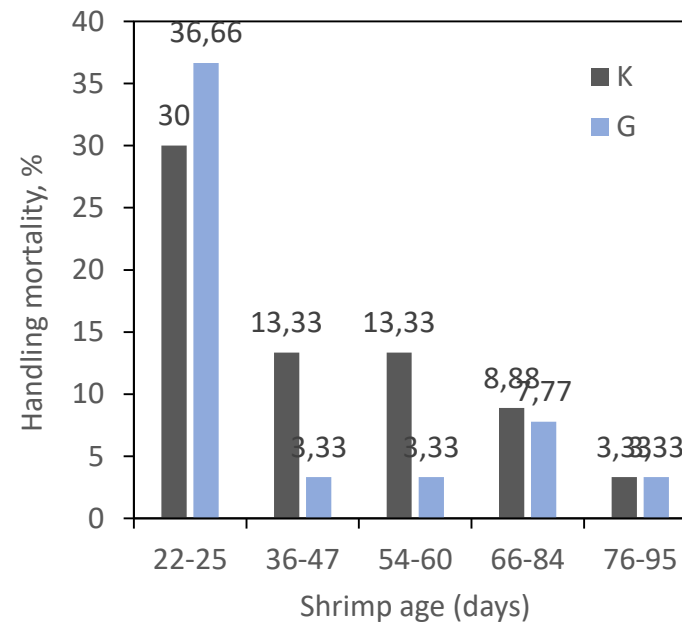
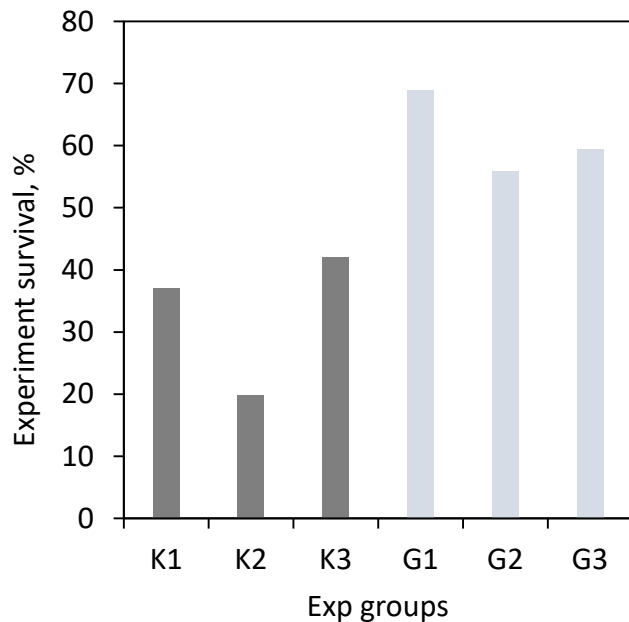
- Control group – with LCSM salting (16 PSU)
- Experimental group – with geothermal brine-based artificial marine water (16 PSU)





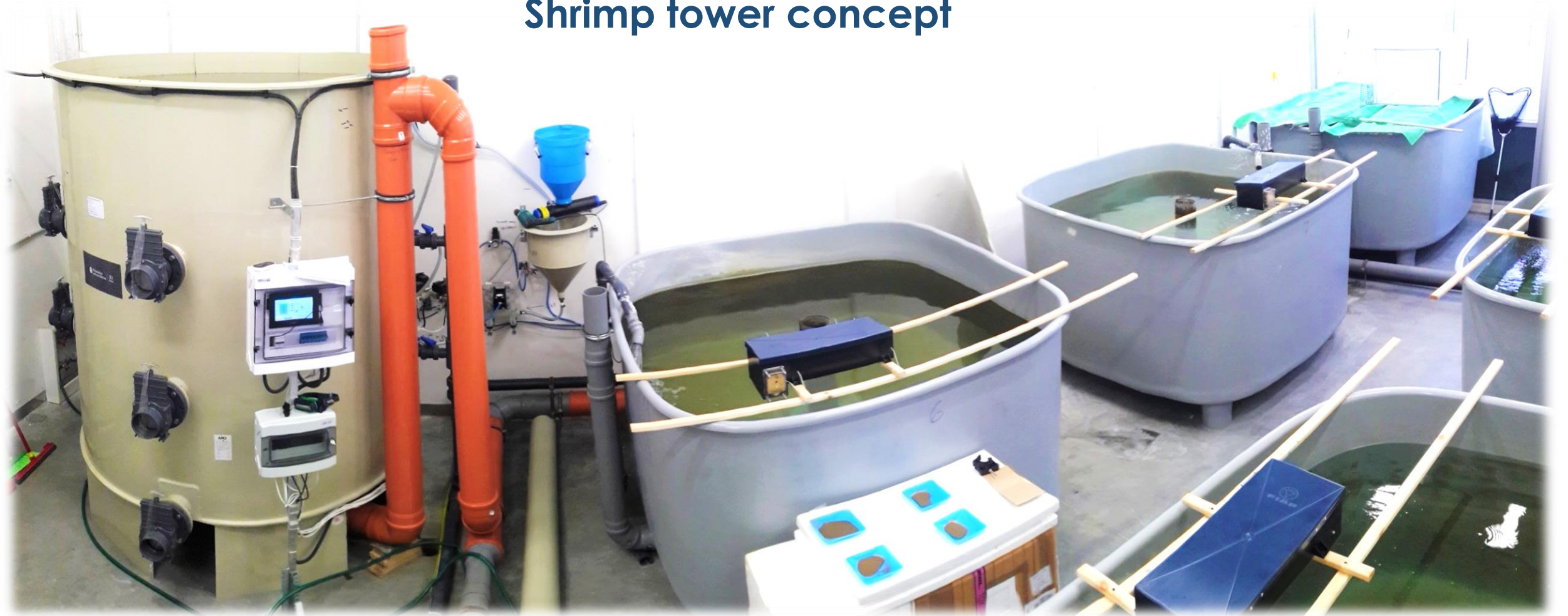
# Geothermal brine experiment

- For the first time we **achieved close to 100% initial acclimation survival** (2 weeks)!
- Significant increase in total survival – higher then any previous cycle
- Control group (K) vs. geothermal group (G):  **$33\pm 12\%$  vs.  $63\pm 6\%$**
- Lower handling mortality in most sensitive period (5-15g)



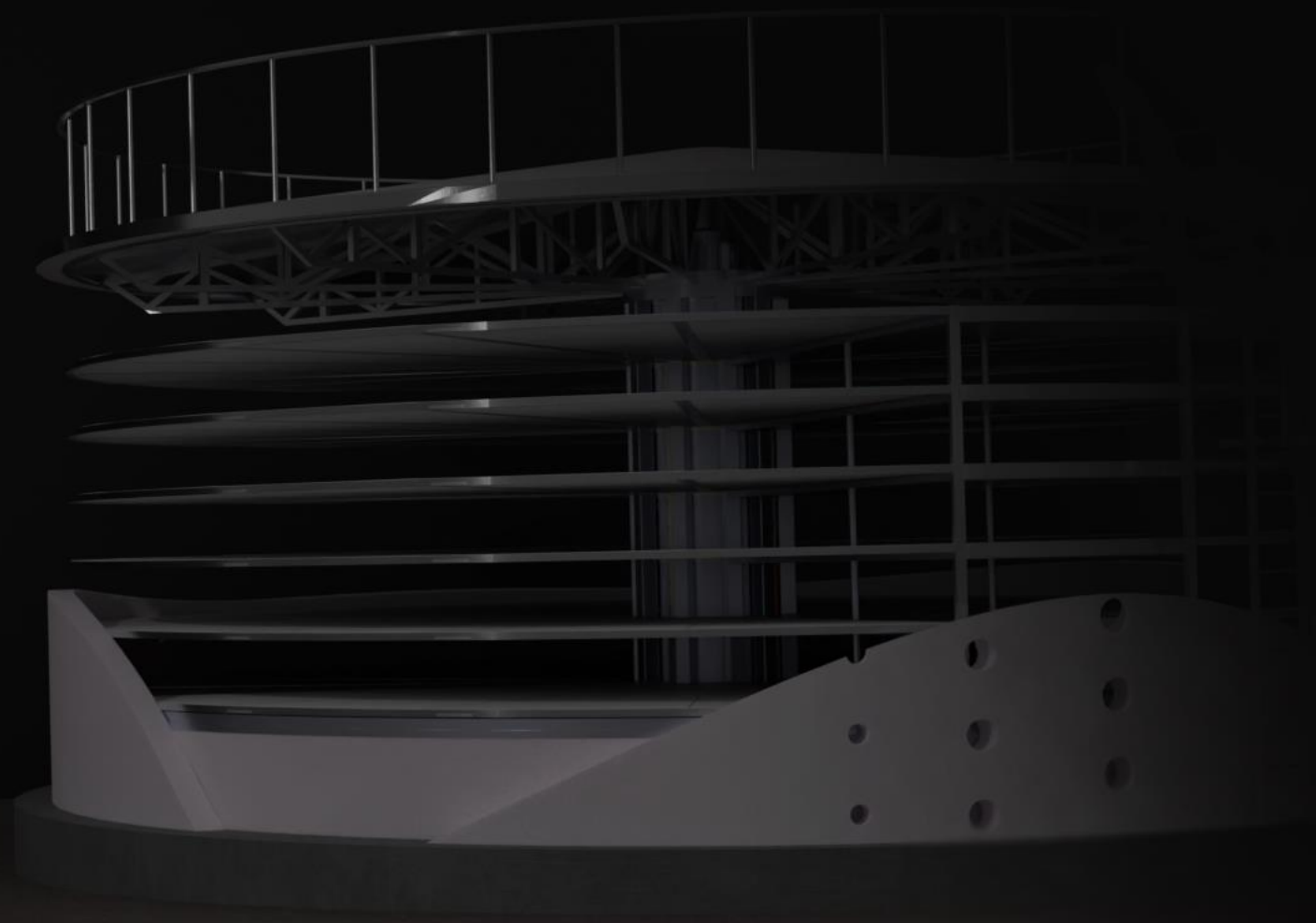
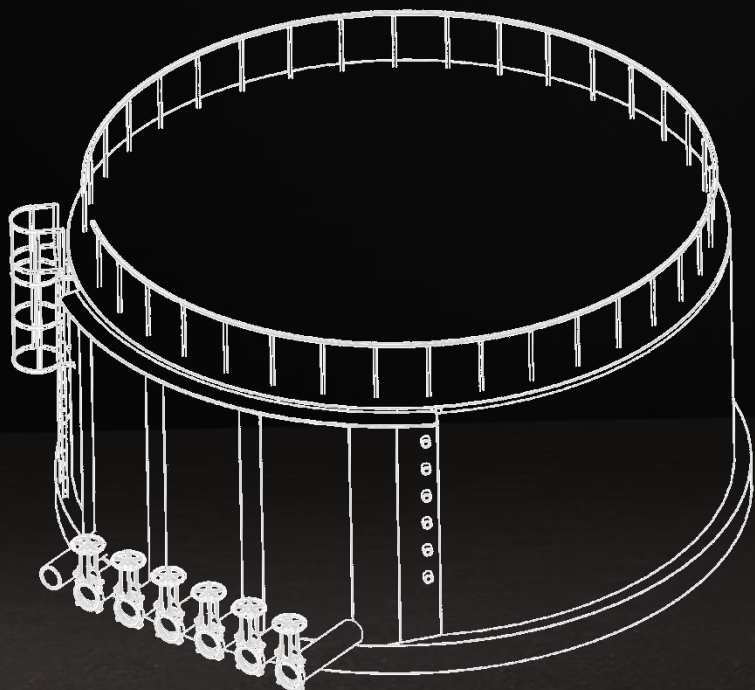
# Extra surface area

## Shrimp tower concept





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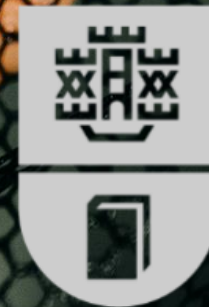


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