



## Populations research of *Hylurgus ligniperda* and *Hylurgus micklitzii* in Eurasia (mainly in South of France)

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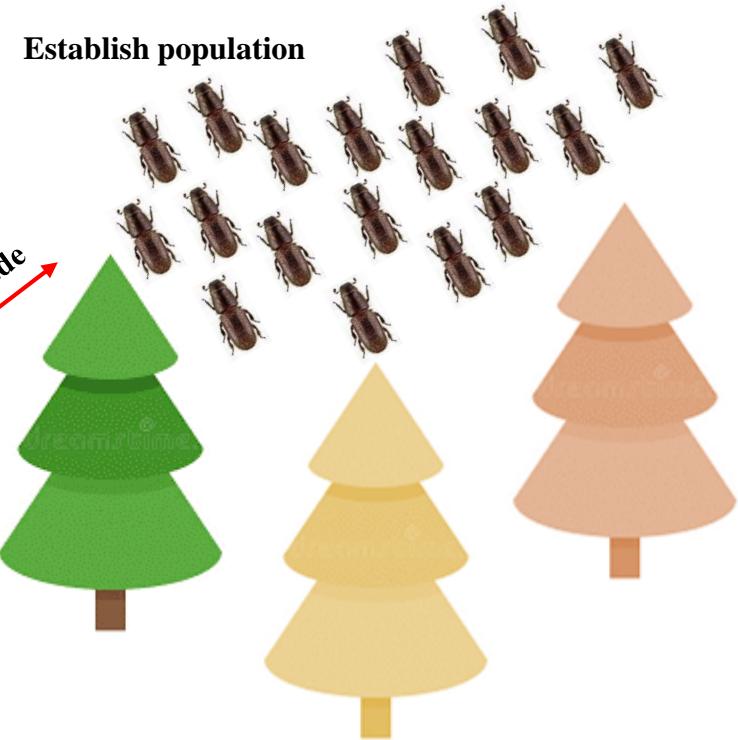


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### Biological invasions



Native range



Non-Native range

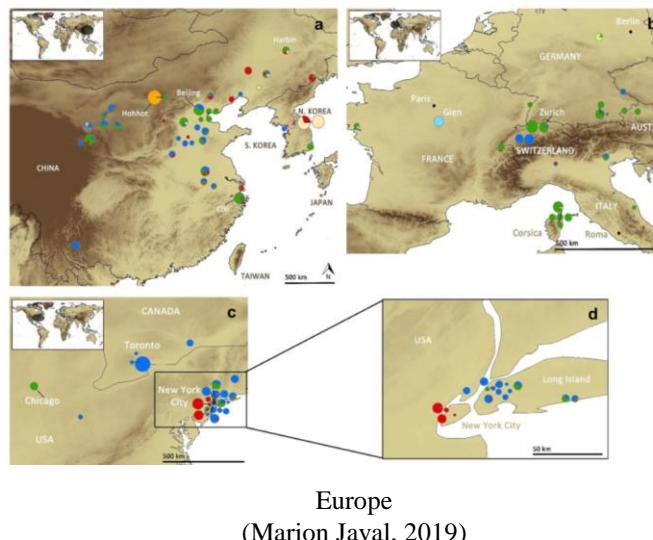
where dose it come from?

# Methods for reconstructing routes of invasion

- ◆ *Direct methods*
  - ◆ Based on *historical and observational data* which are often sparse, incomplete and, sometimes, misleading
- ◆ *Genetic methods*
  - ◆ **Population genetics** has proved a useful approach for reconstructing routes of introduction, highlighting the complexity and the often counterintuitive nature of the true story

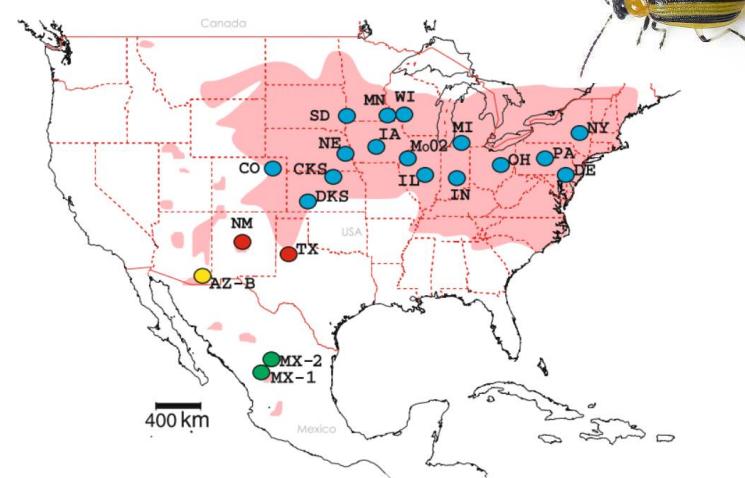
## Published global invasion routes of beetle species

*Anoplophora glabripennis*



# Background

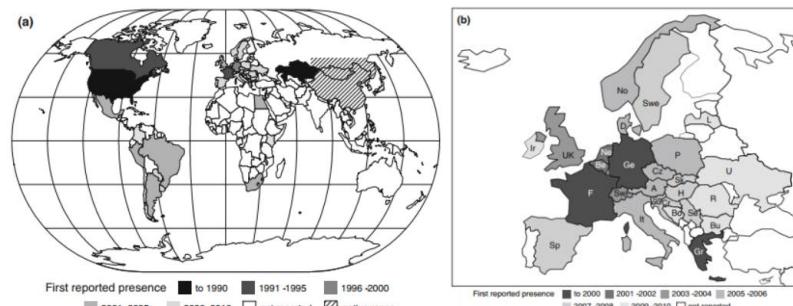
## *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera*



North America  
(Eric Lombaert, 2018)



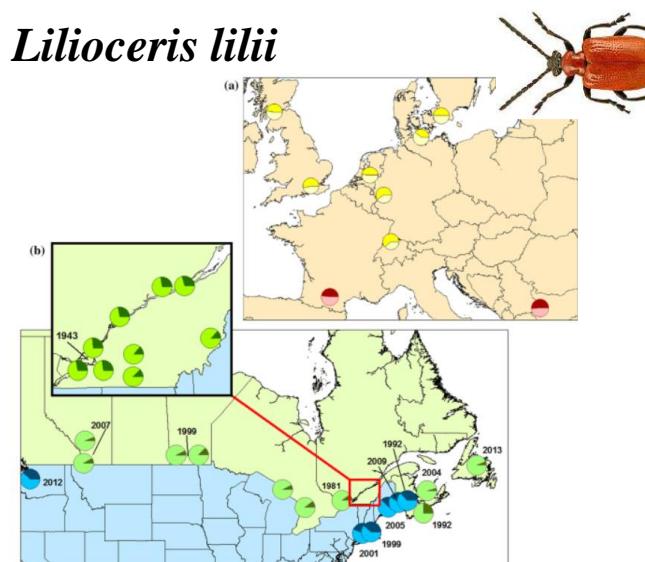
## *Harmonia axyridis*



Asia, North America, South America, Europe, Africa  
(Peter M. J. Brown, 2011)



## *Lilioceris lilii*



## *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*



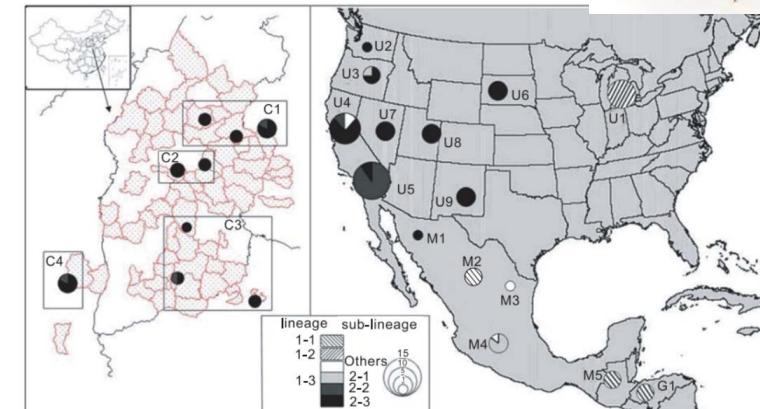
## *Aethina tumida*



Australia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, North America, South Africa,  
Zimbabwe  
(Zachary Lounsberry, 2010)



## *Dendroctonus valens*



China, USA, Mexico  
(Yan-Wen Cai, 2008)



## Background

# Object: *Hylurgus ligniperda* (invasive pest) and *Hylurgus micklitzii*

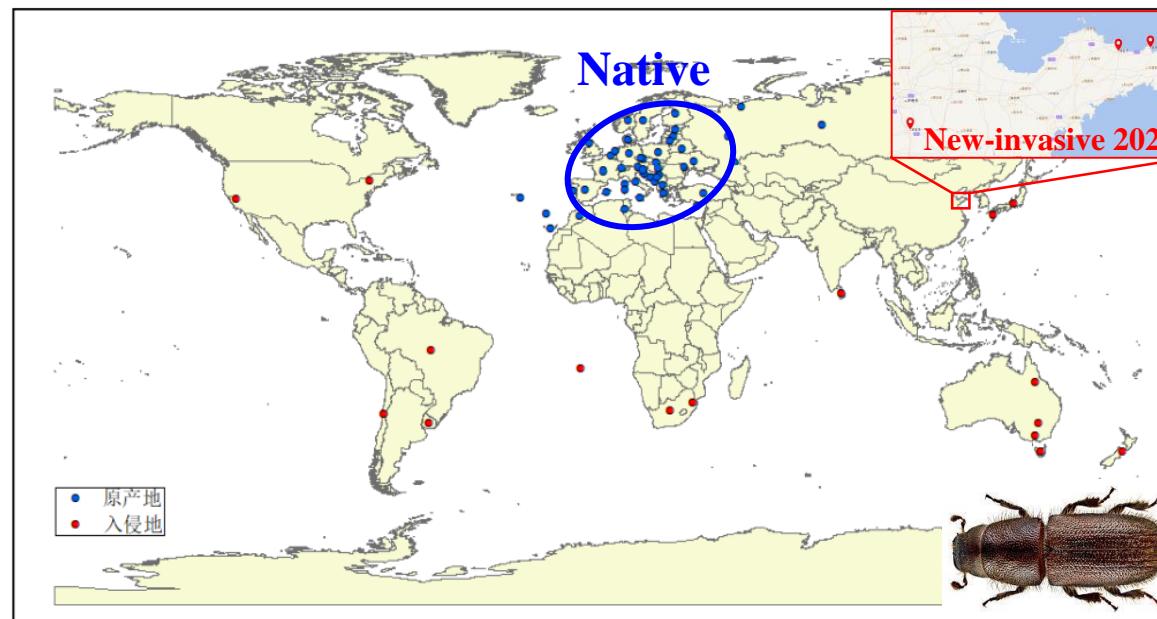
**Taxonomy:** Order: Coleoptera Family: Curculionidae Subfamily: Scolytinae Tribe: Tomicini Genus: *Hylurgus*

## Native and invasive ranges:

### *Hylurgus ligniperda*

Native region: Mediterranean coast of southern Europe and northern Africa

Invasive region: On almost every continent

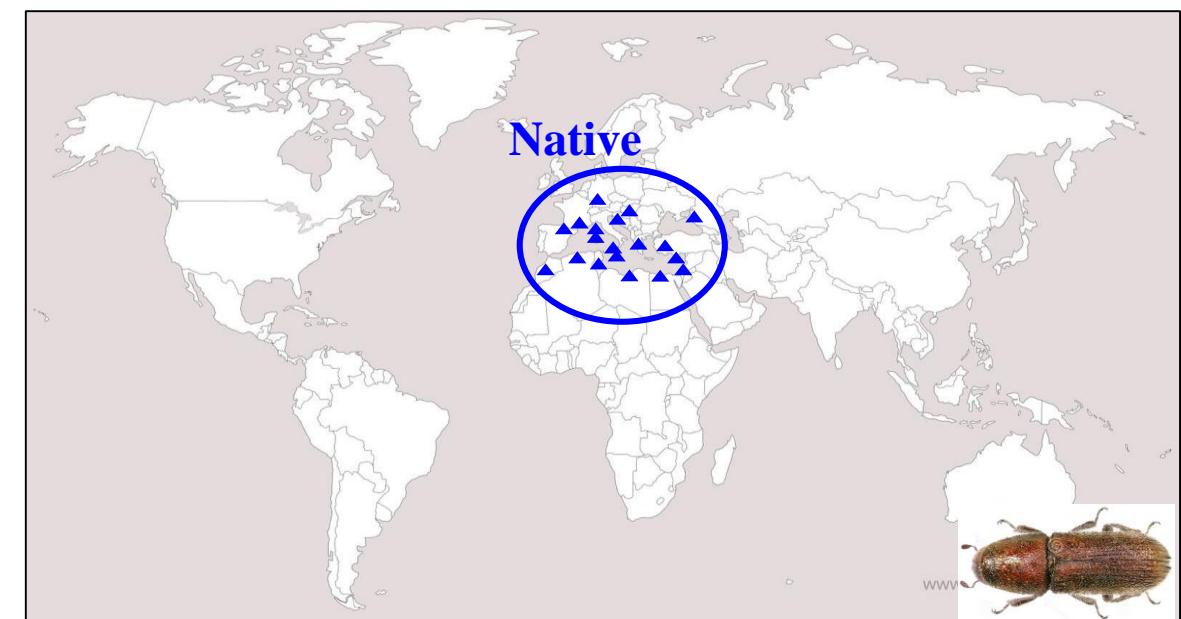


Native and invasive ranges of *Hylurgus ligniperda* (Team of Prof. LUO, 2021)

### *Hylurgus micklitzii*

Native region: Mediterranean coast of southern Europe and northern Africa

Invasive region: Not reported until now



Native and invasive ranges of *Hylurgus micklitzii* (El Khoury Y et al., 2019)

# Background

## Biology

### *Hylurgus ligniperda*

**Couple:** monogamous

**Generation:** 2(France) or 3(Chile) /year with sister generation

**Host:** **weak(sub-health pine)**, dying or newly dead trees  
(Ren *et al.*, 2021)

**Polyphagous**

**Pinus spp.** : *P. sylvestris*, *P. brutia*, *P. halepensis*, *P. halepensis* var. *brutia*, *P. nigra*, *P. nigra* subsp. *pallasiana*, *P. nigra* var. *austriaca*, *P. nigra* var. *caramanica*, *P. pinaster*, *P. thunbergii*, *P. densiflora*, *P. elliottii*, *P. canariensis*, *P. patula*, *P. radiata*, *P. montezumae*, *P. pinea*, *P. strobus*, ***Abies spp.***, ***Larix spp.***, ***Picea spp.***, ***Pseudotsuga spp.***

**Ecological niche:** prefer the lower section of the tree tending to infest the main root system and wood in contact with the ground



ground



Ecological niche

### *Hylurgus micklitzii*

**Couple:** monogamous

**Generation:** 1(Israel) /year with sister generation

**Host:** dying or newly dead trees  
**Oligophagous**

**Pinus spp.** : *P. halepensis*, *P. pinaster*, *P. pinea*, *P. nigra* subsp. *pallasiana*

**Ecological niche:** it's similar to that of *H. ligniperda*  
(Z. Mendel *et al.*, 1985)

Ground

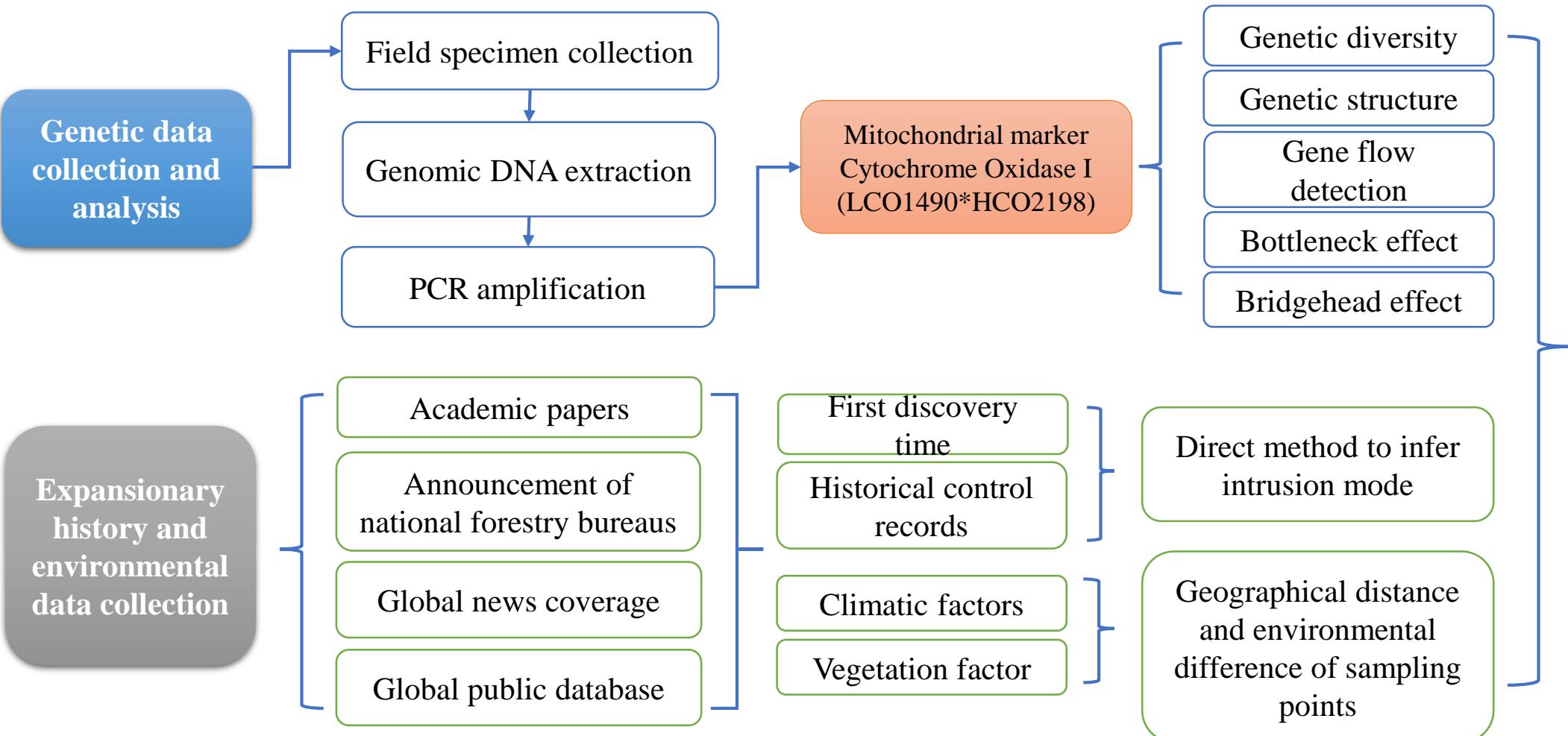


Ecological niche

## Objectives

- ① Define population genetic variability and phylogeographic structure of the two species *Hylurgus ligniperda* and *Hylurgus micklitzi* in sympatry in South of France
- ② Reconstruct invasion routes by using genetic data
- ③ Advise about developing effective management strategies and sustainable science based policies and prevent new accidental disseminations of alien organisms

# Method



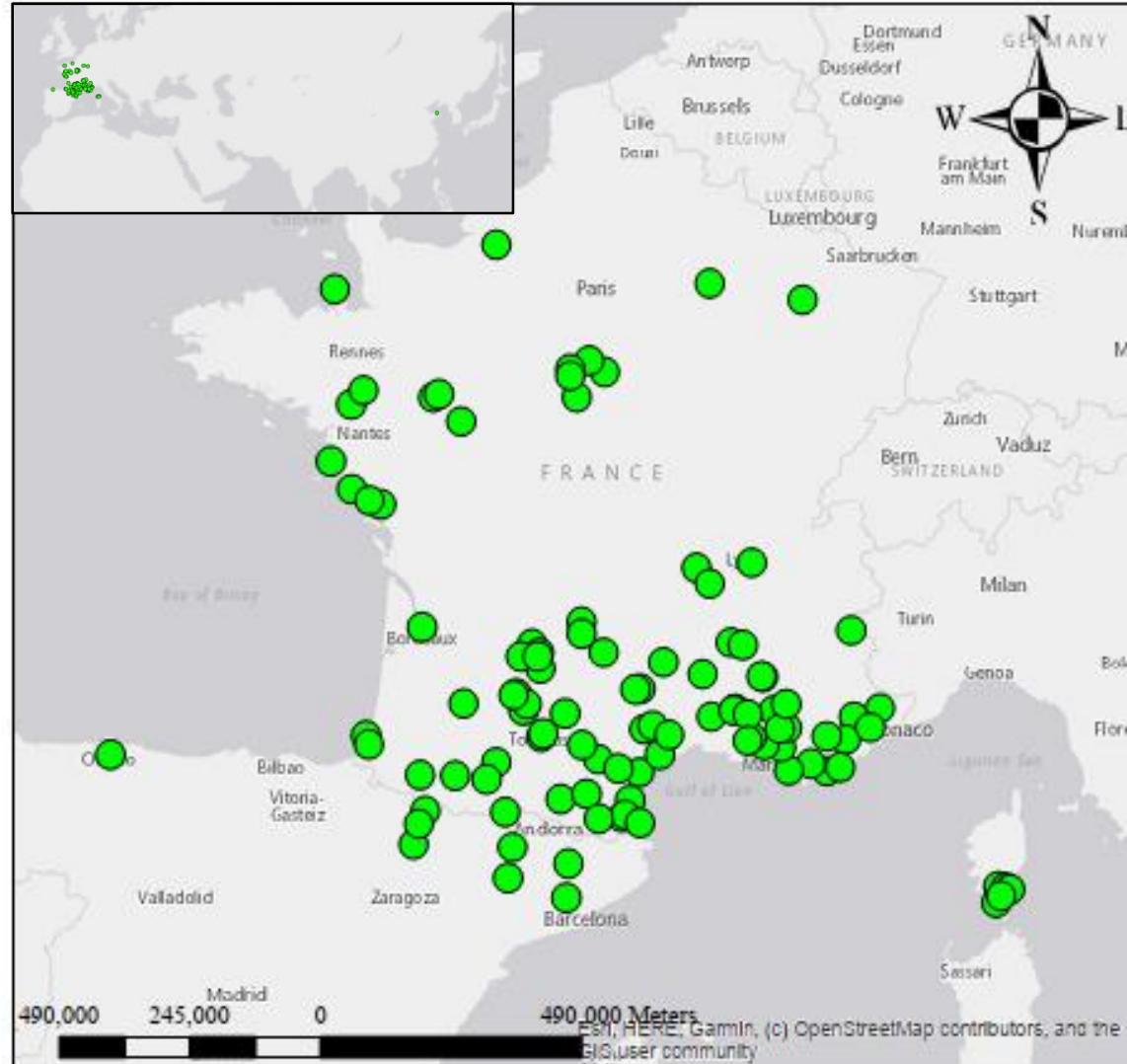
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# Method Beetle Sampling

## *Hylurgus ligniperda*

2012~2021:

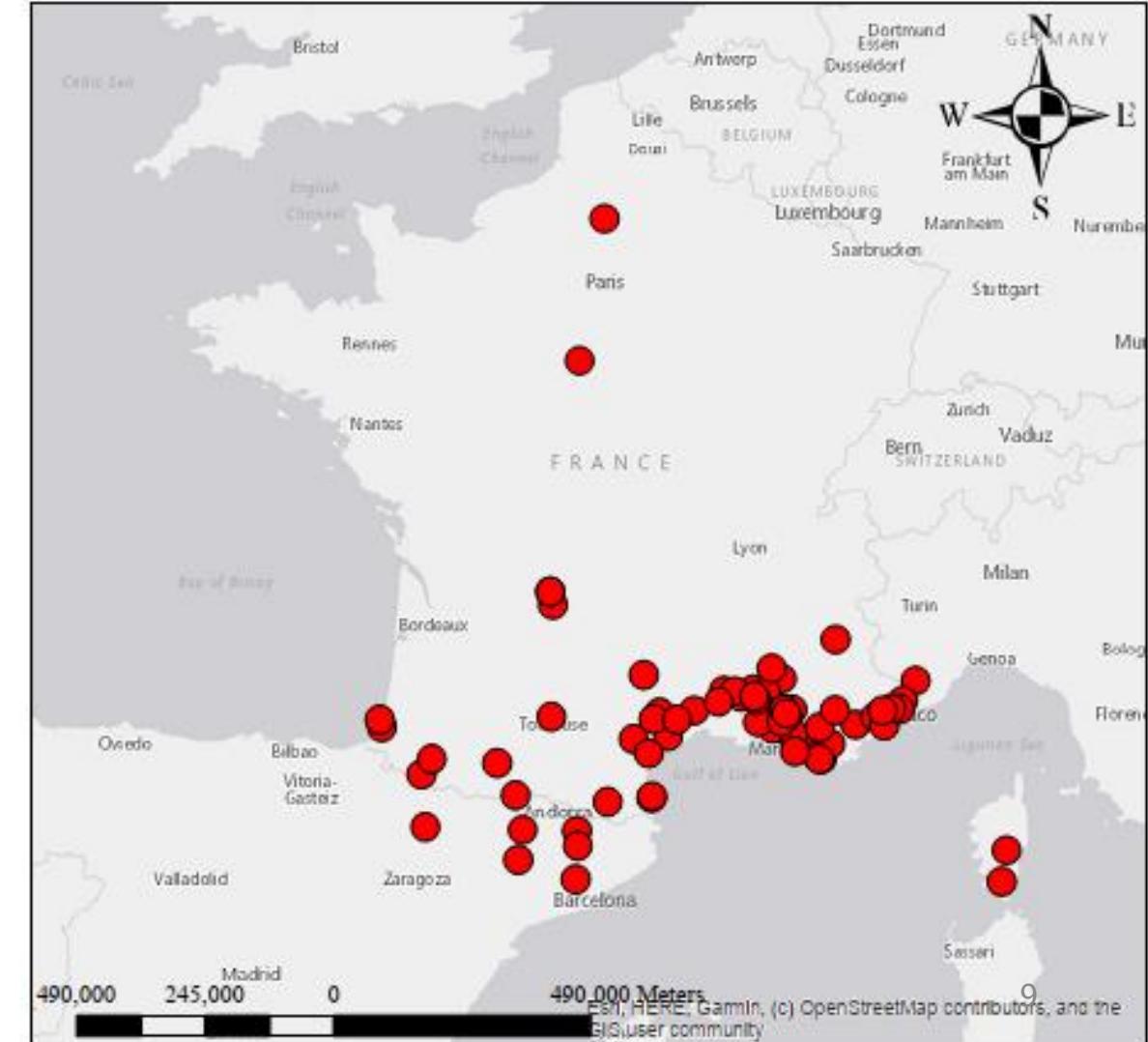
France: 88sites; France Corse: 6sites; Spain: 9sites;  
China: 1site



## *Hylurgus micklitzii*

2012~2021:

France: 52sites; France Corse: 2sites; Spain: 7sites;  
Italy: 1site



## Results Sequence alignment

### *Hylurgus ligniperda*

Obtain a final alignment of **76** individuals;

Sequences were **578bp** long;

A total of **15** mitochondrial haplotypes were identified with  
**48** polymorphic sites

#### Haplotypes found in each population and population parameters

Population	Parameter of genetic diversity				
	N	S	H	Hd	$\pi$
South Korea	1	0	1	0	0
China	4	0	1	0	0
America	4	15	4	1	0.01326
France Corse	5	16	3	0.7	0.01349
France06	3	0	1	0	0
France11	5	7	2	0.4	0.00484
France12	2	10	2	1	0.01730
France13	14	14	4	0.39560	0.00451
France30	5	11	2	0.4	0.00761
France31	5	1	2	0.4	0.00069
France32	2	13	2	1	0.02249
France34	5	8	5	1	0.00761
France46	4	11	2	0.5	0.00952
France83	9	12	3	0.41667	0.00634
France84	5	0	1	0	0
France85	1	0	1	0	0

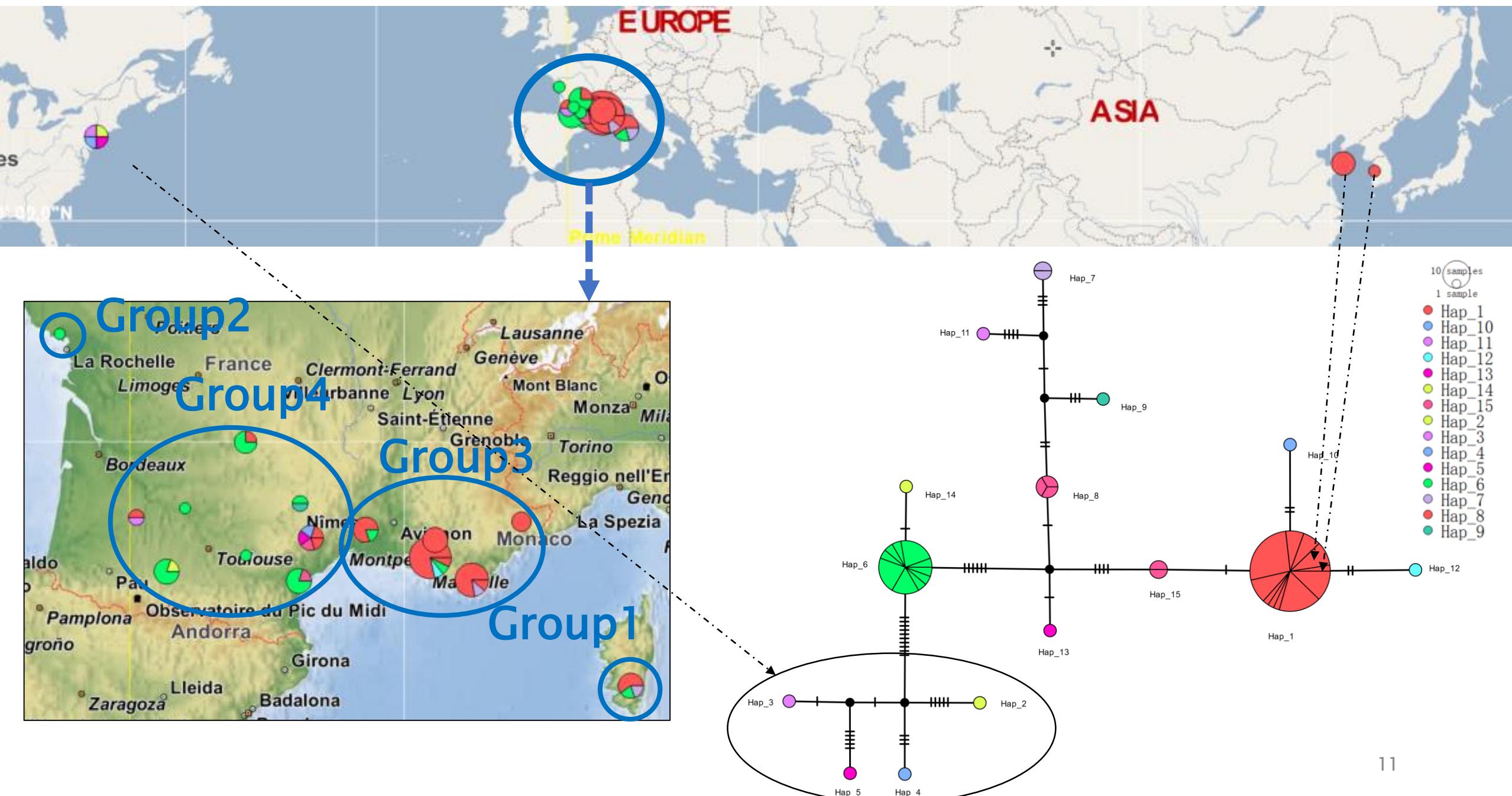
N, number of specimen; S, number of variable sites; H, number of haplotypes;

Hd, haplotype diversity;  $\pi$ , nucleotide diversity (per site)

	10	20	30	40
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Hap_1	GCTAATTCTCCACAATTTGTCGATCACAGTTGGAAAATCTCCTACCC			
Hap_2	AAATGAATATT.T...C.AC.A....G..CA.....TCGTCGT..			
Hap_3	AAATGAATATT.T.G..AC.A.....CA.....T...CGTT..			
Hap_4	AAATGAATATT.TG...AC.A.....CA....GG.T...CGT..			
Hap_5	AAATGAATATT.T..C..AC.A..T.....CA..T...C....CGTT..			
Hap_6	A.....T.....AC.A.....CA.....T...CGT..			
Hap_7	.....T.T..AC.A.C....A..A.....T...C.T.T			
Hap_8	.....T...AC.....A.....T...C....			
Hap_9	A.....ACT..C....A..A.....T...C....			
Hap_10	A.....A.....			
Hap_11	.....CAC.AGC....AC..A..C...T...C.T..			
Hap_12	.....T.....A.....			
Hap_13	.....T...AC....G.....T...C....			
Hap_14	A.....GT...AC.A.....CA.....T...CGT..			
Hap_15	.....A.....			

# Results Haplotype parsimony network

*Hylurgus ligniperda*



#Group1 FranceCorse

#Group2 France85

#Group3 France6

France13

France30

France83

France84

#Group4 France11

France12

France31

France32

France34

France46

France81

France82

**Analysis of molecular variance(AMOVA)  
among populations**

Source of variation		d.f.	Sum of squares	Variance components	Percentage of variation
Grouping by region	Among groups	3	65.562	1.46156 Va	40.59***
	Among pops within groups	11	37.821	0.39018 Vb	10.84*
	Within populations	52	90.945	1.74895 Vc	48.57**

\*P<0.05 \*\*P<0.01 \*\*\*P<0.001

## Results Sequence alignment

### *Hylurgus micklitzii*

Obtain a final alignment of **53** individuals

Sequences were **578bp** long

A total of **14** mitochondrial haplotypes were identified with  
**12** polymorphic sites

#### Haplotypes found in each population and population parameters

Population	Parameter of genetic diversity				
	N	S	H	Hd	$\pi$
Spain	3	2	3	1	0.00231
Italy	1	0	1	0	0
France06	2	0	1	0	0
France11	3	2	3	1	0.00231
France13	12	3	4	0.45455	0.00087
France30	4	2	3	0.83333	0.00173
France31	4	1	2	0.50000	0.00087
France34	11	4	5	0.76364	0.00189
France45	1	0	1	0	0
France66	1	0	1	0	0
France83	7	3	4	0.71429	0.00148
France84	4	1	2	0.50000	0.00087

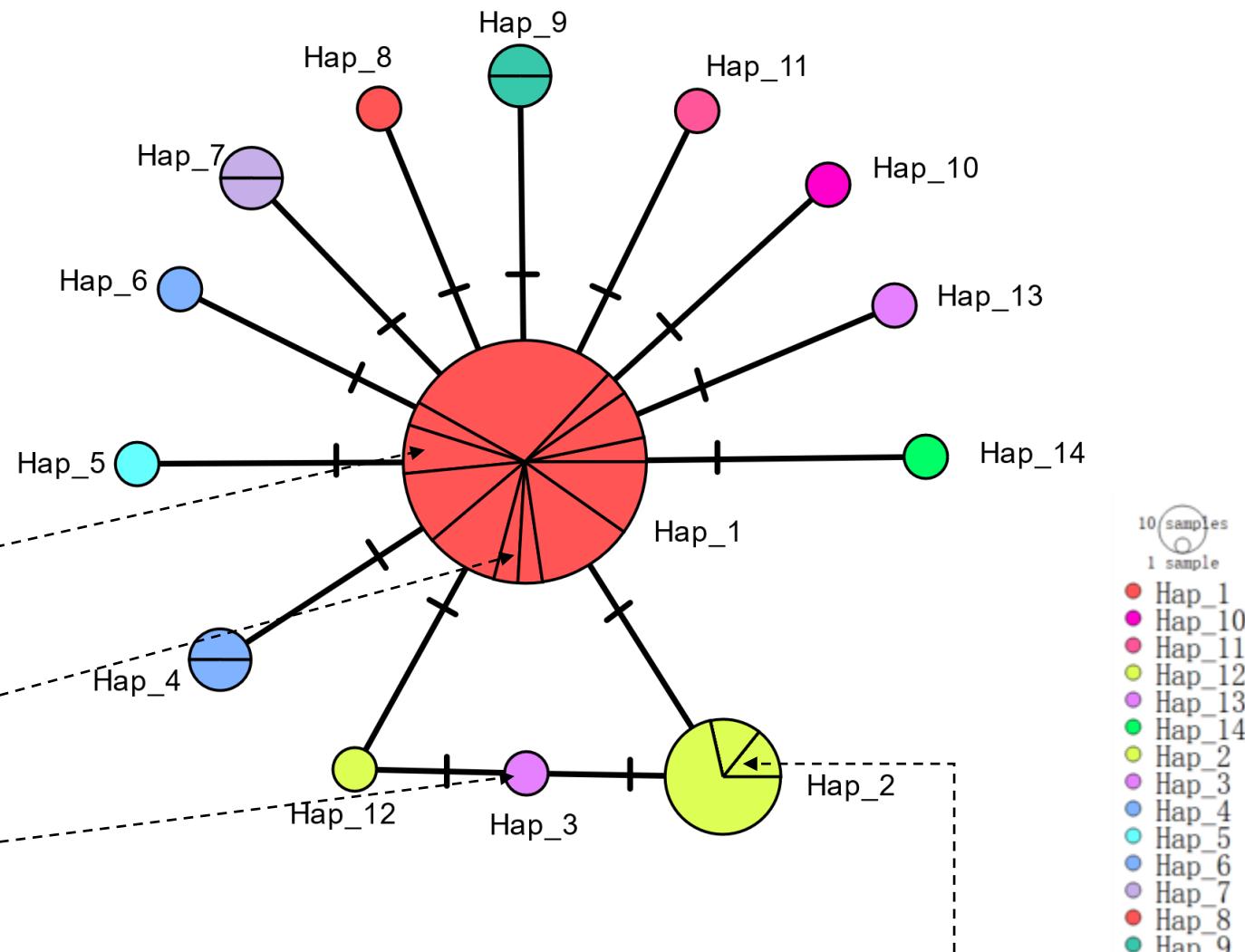
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Hd, Haplotype diversity;  $\pi$ , Nucleotide diversity (per site)

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Hap_1	AGATGAAGTATA	
Hap_2	.....A....	
Hap_3	...C...A....	
Hap_4	..G.....	
Hap_5	.....G..	
Hap_6	G.....	
Hap_7	....A.....	
Hap_8	....G.....	
Hap_9	....G..	
Hap_10	.A.....	
Hap_11	.....G	
Hap_12	...C.....	
Hap_13	.....C...	
Hap_14	.....C.	

# Results Haplotype parsimony network

*Hylurgus micklitzii*



#Group1 France45

#Group2 Spain

#Group3 Italy  
France6  
France13  
France83#Group4 France30  
France31  
France84#Group5 France11  
France34  
France66

**Analysis of molecular variance(AMOVA)  
among populations**

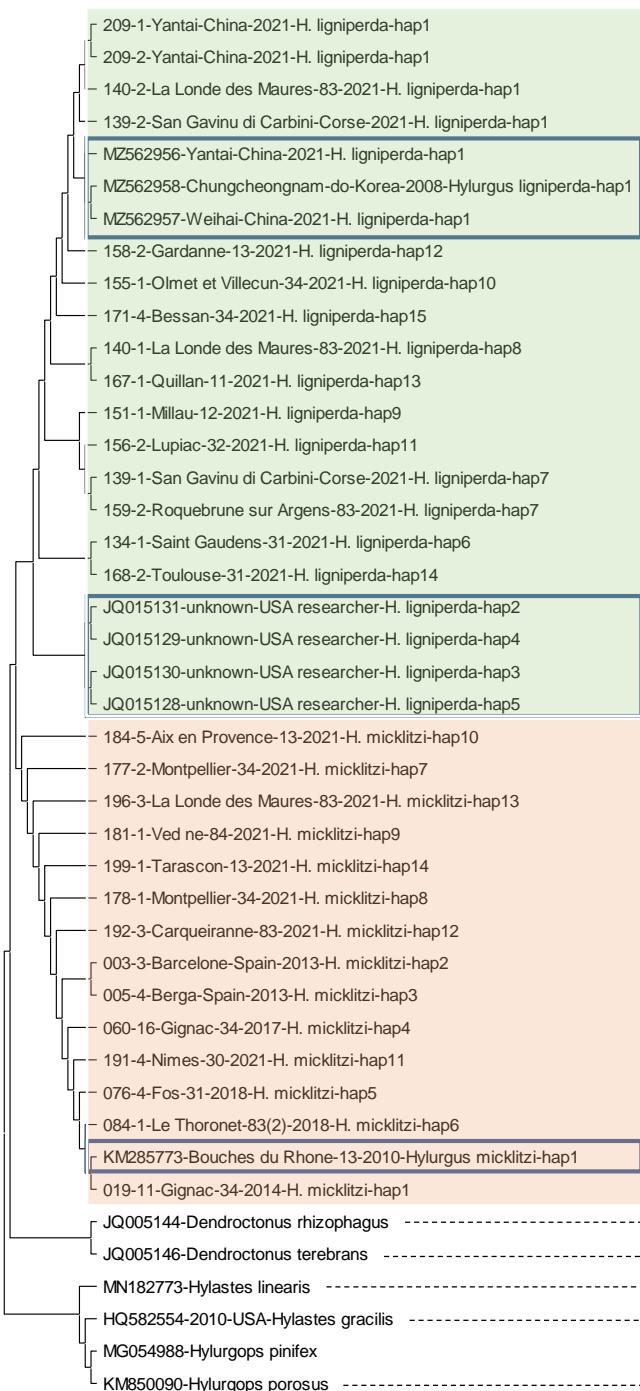
Source of variation		d.f.	Sum of squares	Variance components	Percentage of variation
Grouping by region	Among groups	4	3.598	0.08172Va	19.09
	Among pops within groups	7	1.318	-0.05462Vb	-12.76
	Within populations	41	16.443	0.40104Vc	93.67*

\*P<0.05 \*\*P<0.01 \*\*\*P<0.001

# Results Phylogenetic Tree and genetic distances

Maximum Likelihood Tree  
Find Best DNA Models: GTR+G+I

Pairwise distance	<i>Hylurgus ligniperda</i>	<i>Hylurgus micklitzi</i>
<i>Hylurgus ligniperda</i>	0.17%~4.48%	
<i>Hylurgus micklitzi</i>	16.09%~17.47%	0.17%~0.52%
<i>Dendroctonus rhizophagus</i>	17.65%~19.90%	19.03%~19.38%
<i>Dendroctonus terebrans</i>	16.61%~17.82%	17.47%~17.82%
<i>Hylastes gracilis</i>	20.59%~21.80	19.20%~19.72%
<i>Hylastes linearis</i>	16.61%~17.99%	18.69%~19.20%
<i>Hylurgops pinifex</i>	19.72%~20.93%	21.28%~21.63%
<i>Hylurgops porosus</i>	19.55%~20.93%	19.72%~20.24%



( Lin W. et al., 2021)

*Hylurgus ligniperda*



Shuk le J .T. et al., 2011)



*Hylurgus micklitz*



Rougerie R., 2014)



*Dendroctonus* sp.



*Hylastes* sp.

*Hylurgops* sp.



## Conclusion

- Contrasted genetic structure between the two species
- *Hylurgus ligniperda* : high genetic variability with two main structured haplotypes and several distantly related haplotypes.
- *Hylurgus micklitzi* : One main haplotype present in all sites sampled, no phylogeographic structure.

- Seek cooperation to collect more populations in other continents.
- Exclude the effects of mitochondrial fragments in the nuclear genome (Numts)

A photograph of a dense forest with tall, thin trees. Sunlight streams through the canopy in bright rays, illuminating the scene. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Thanks for your listening!