



Metabarcoding for the detection and identification of invasive Cerambycides

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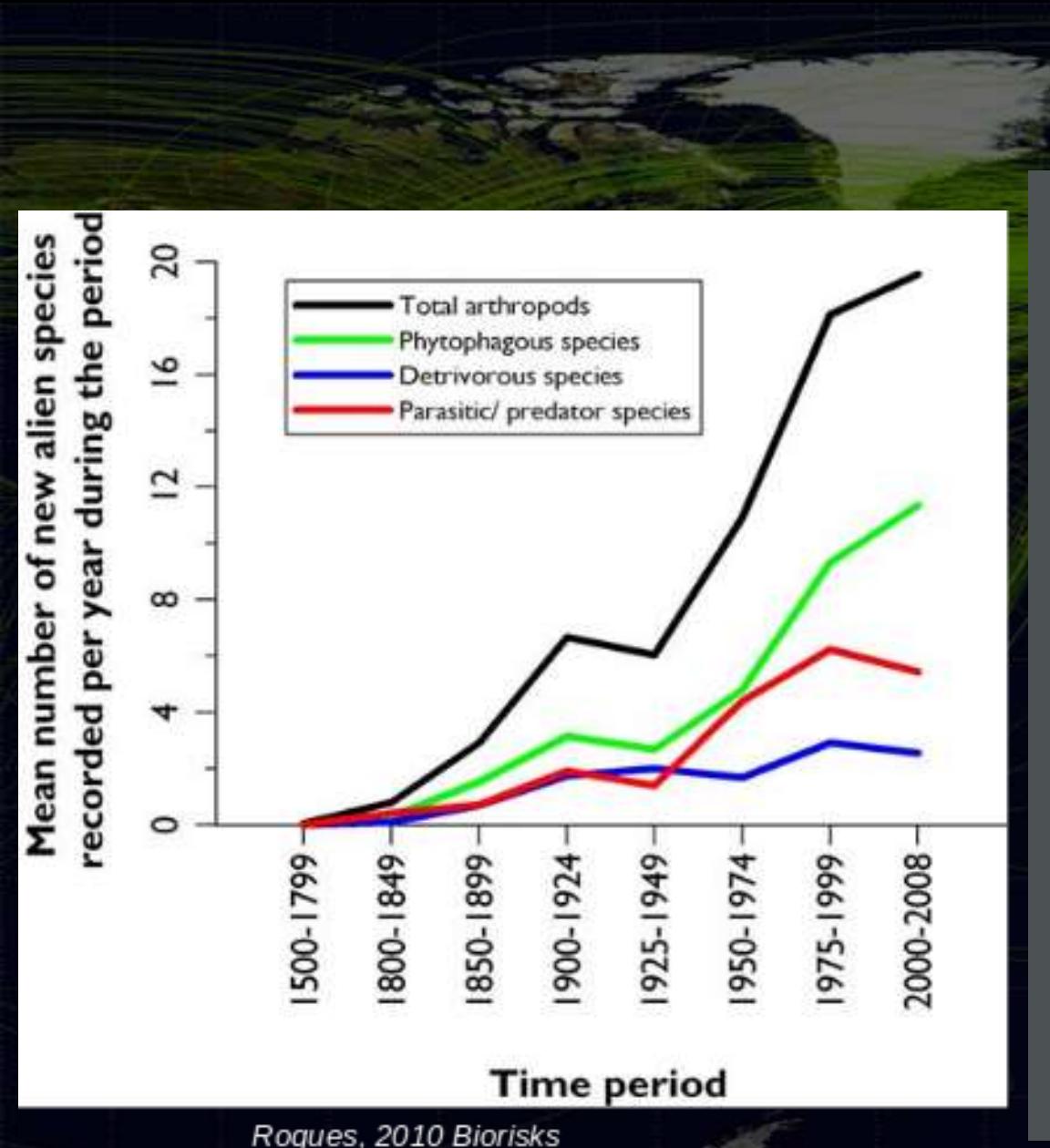
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Increasing biological invasions
over the years, without saturation
Can cause environmental, health
and economic damage



Interception of insects on arrival using pheromone traps



Morphological identification :

- Time consuming
- Requires a high level of taxonomic expertise
- Delay between sample collection and identification

Complementary approaches to detection and identification ?

Cerambycids

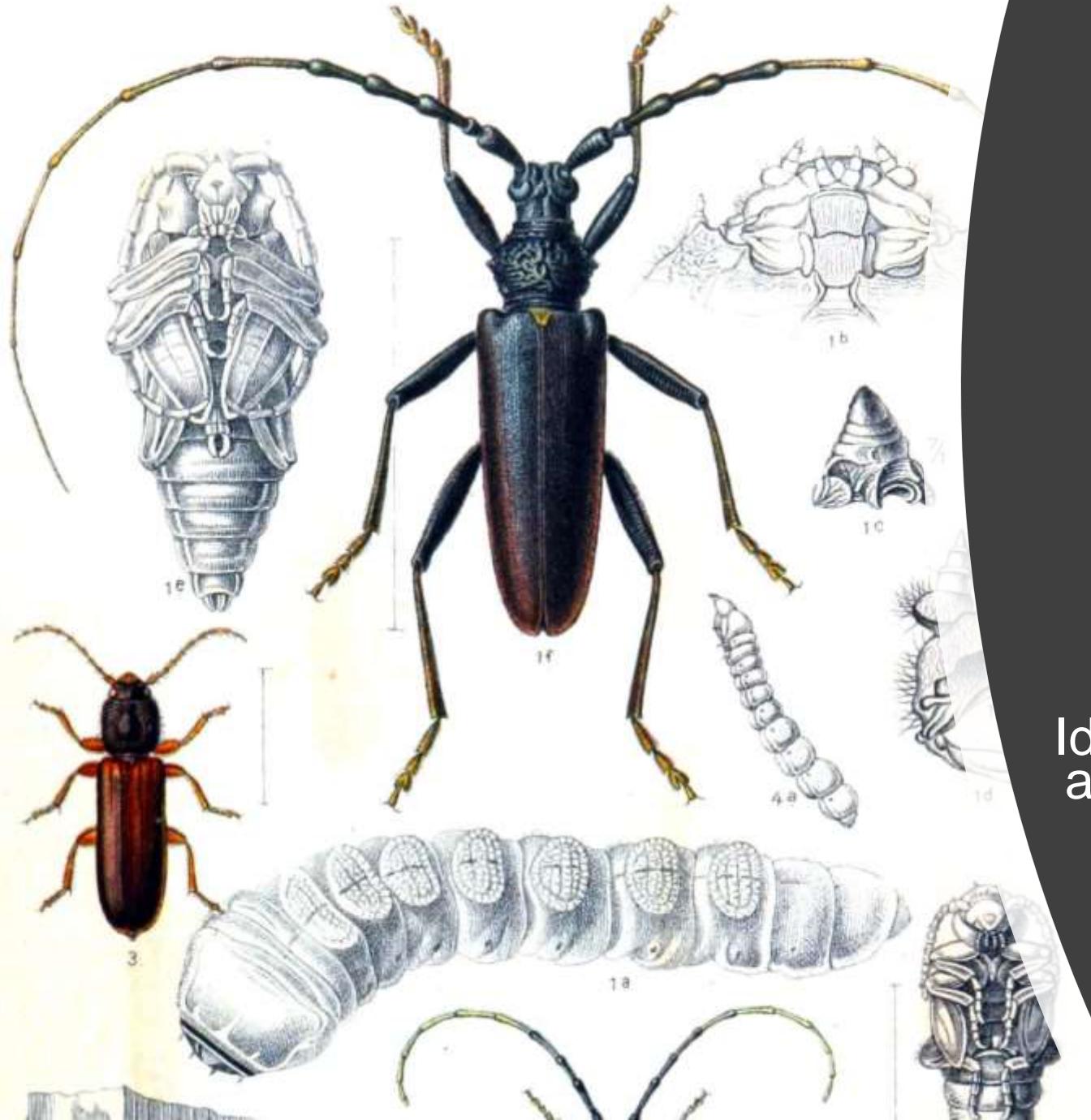
+35 000 species described

Important for ecosystems

Long life cycle (month / years)

Organisms easily
morphologically identifiable

Ideal for developing the method and then
applying it to more "complex" organisms



Molecular Barcoding

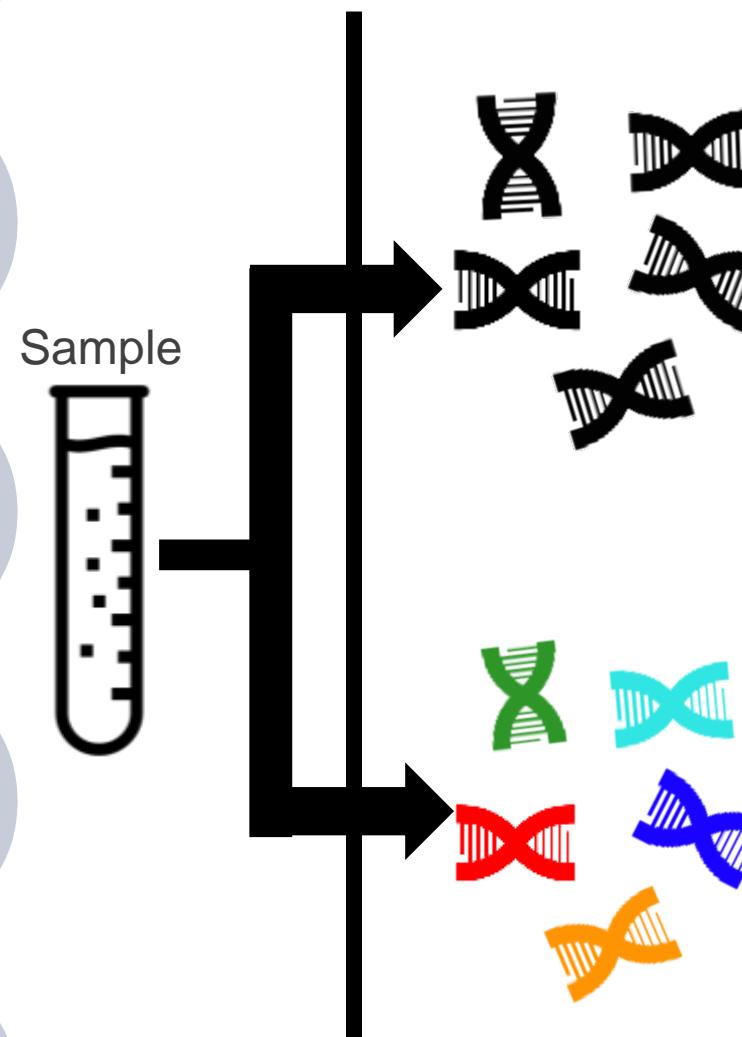
Identification of a unique individual through a short DNA fragment

Metabarcoding

Identification of all species present in a sample using a short DNA fragment

Barcoding

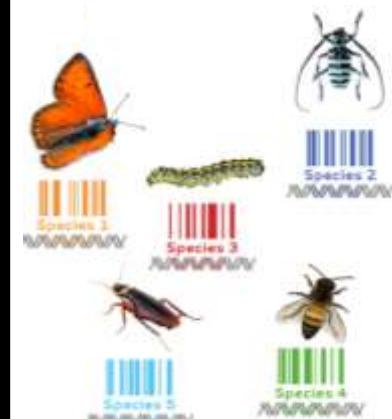
DNA amplification



Sanger sequencing



Species identification



Species identification

Metabarcoding

Metabarcoding with Illumina MiSeq

- Expensive sequencing
- Often requires the involvement of external providers
- Limited read size
- Need for sophisticated laboratories for library construction

Limited accessibility



Illumina MiSeq Sequencer

Oxford Nanopore : MinION

Several advantages :

- Possibility of processing samples without the need for external service providers
- Small and lightweight sequencer
- Cheaper sequencing
- Allows sequencing of longer reads

BUT: Higher sequencing error rate

Can the MinION be used in the context of biomonitoring of invasive Cerambycides?



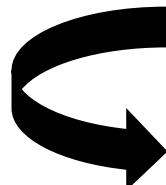
Can the MinION differentiate between genetically related species?



Monochamus sartor and *sutor*



Xylotrechus smei and *stebbingi*



Construction of fictitious traps composed of closely related species

Construction of two sample bulks of closely related species

Bioinformatic steps

(2 legs per individual)

Bulk 1
<i>Arhopalus rusticus</i>
<i>Arhopalus ferus</i>
<i>Arhopalus syriacus</i>
<i>Xylotrechus chinensis</i>
<i>Xylotrechus stebbingi</i>
<i>Xylotrechus arvicola</i>
<i>Xylotrechus undulatus</i>

Bulk 2
<i>Monochamus galloprovincialis</i>
<i>Monochamus sutor</i>
<i>Monochamus scutellatus</i>
<i>Monochamus carolinensis</i>
<i>Phymatodes amoenus</i>
<i>Phymatodes testaceus</i>
<i>Phymatodes varius</i>
<i>Phymatodes aereus</i>
<i>Phymatodes dimidiatus</i>

MinION sequencing

Primers used
HCOdegen / LCOdegen 658 pb
LVMN6F / LVMN11R 395 pb
BF3 / BR2 458 pb
FwhF2 / fwR2n 254 pb

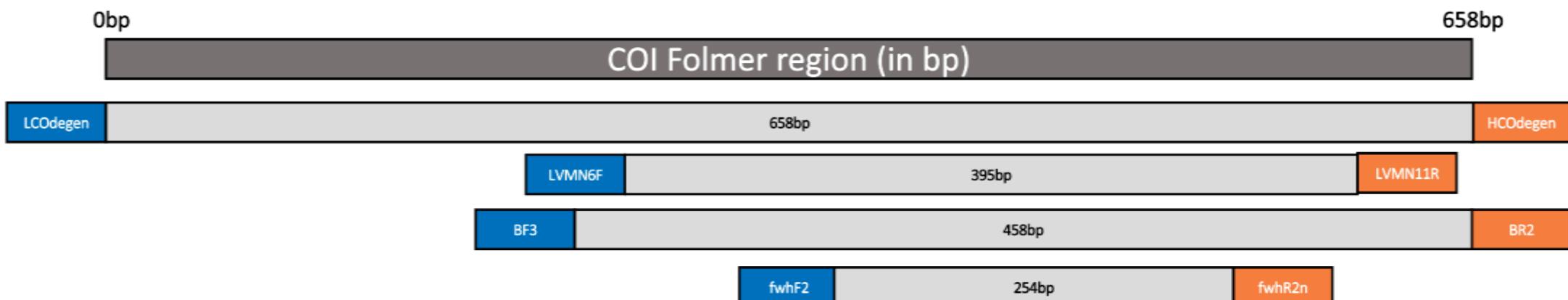
Egeter et al., 2022

Preprocess

Polish

Cluster

Classification



Results for bulk 1

Bulk 1 - Detection ?							
Species	<i>Arhopalus rusticus</i>	<i>Arhopalus ferus</i>	<i>Arhopalus syriacus</i>	<i>Xylotrechus stebbingi</i>	<i>Xylotrechus chinensis</i>	<i>Xylotrechus arvicola</i>	<i>Xylotrechus undulatus</i>

Results for bulk 2

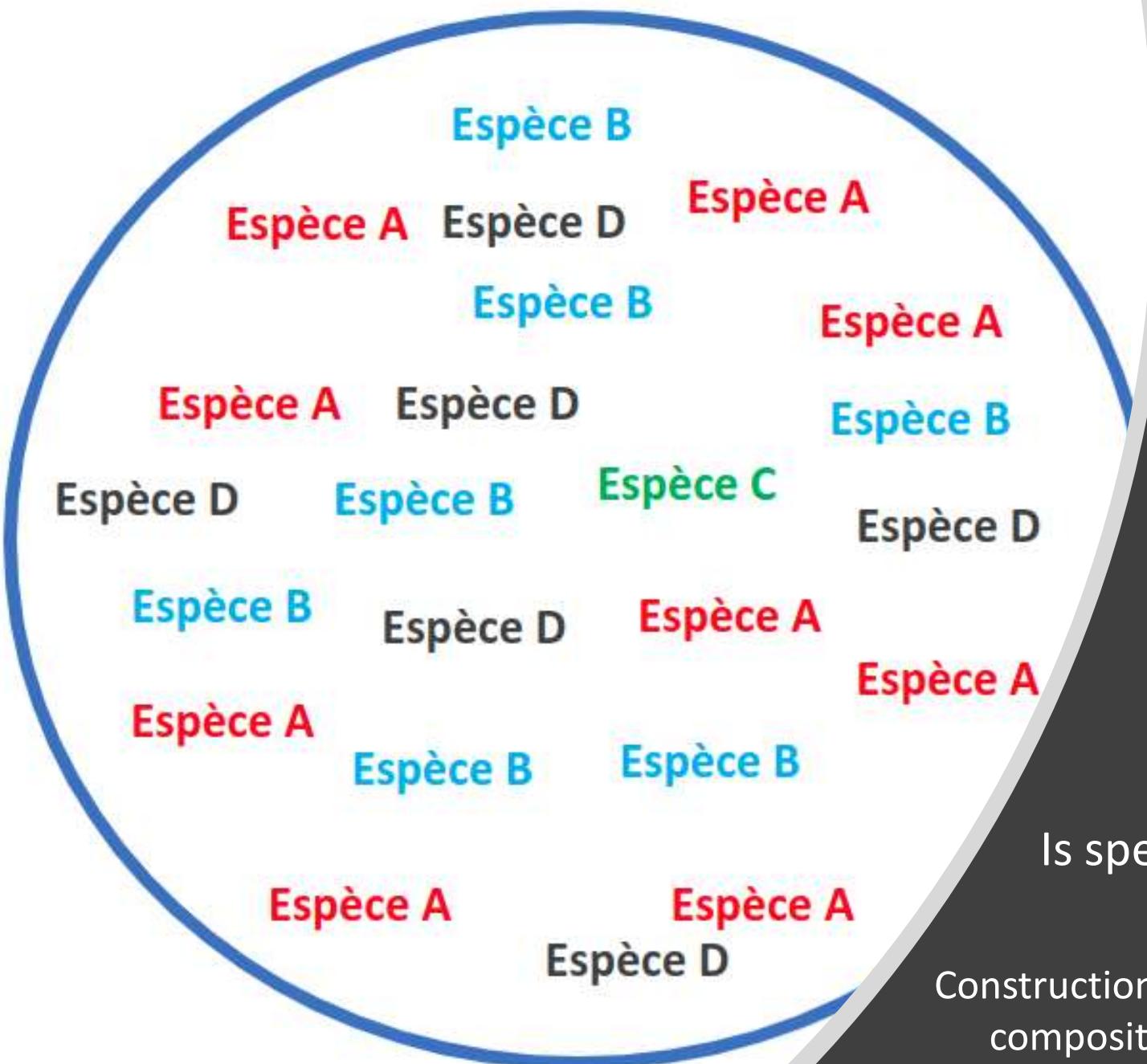
Bulk 2 - Detection ?									
Species	<i>Monochamus galloprovincialis</i>	<i>M. sutor</i>	<i>M. scutellatus</i>	<i>M. carolinensis</i>	<i>Phymatodes amoenus</i>	<i>P. testaceus</i>	<i>P. varius</i>	<i>P. aereus</i>	<i>P. dimidiatus</i>

 Species level detection

 No detection

→ Several species of the same genus have been detected, identified and differentiated

→ Bulk 2: Few species detected. Poor quality DNA ? Problems with laboratory handling ?



Can an invasive species present in a small proportion in a trap be detected with the MinION?

Exemple :

Species A : 9 individuals (39%)
Species B : 7 individuals (30%)
Species C (invasive) : 1 individual (5%)
Species D : 6 individuals (26%)

Is species C detectable and identifiable ?

Construction of fictitious traps with a known composition and proportion of insects



Construction of two bulks samples from DNA extractions

Bioinformatic steps

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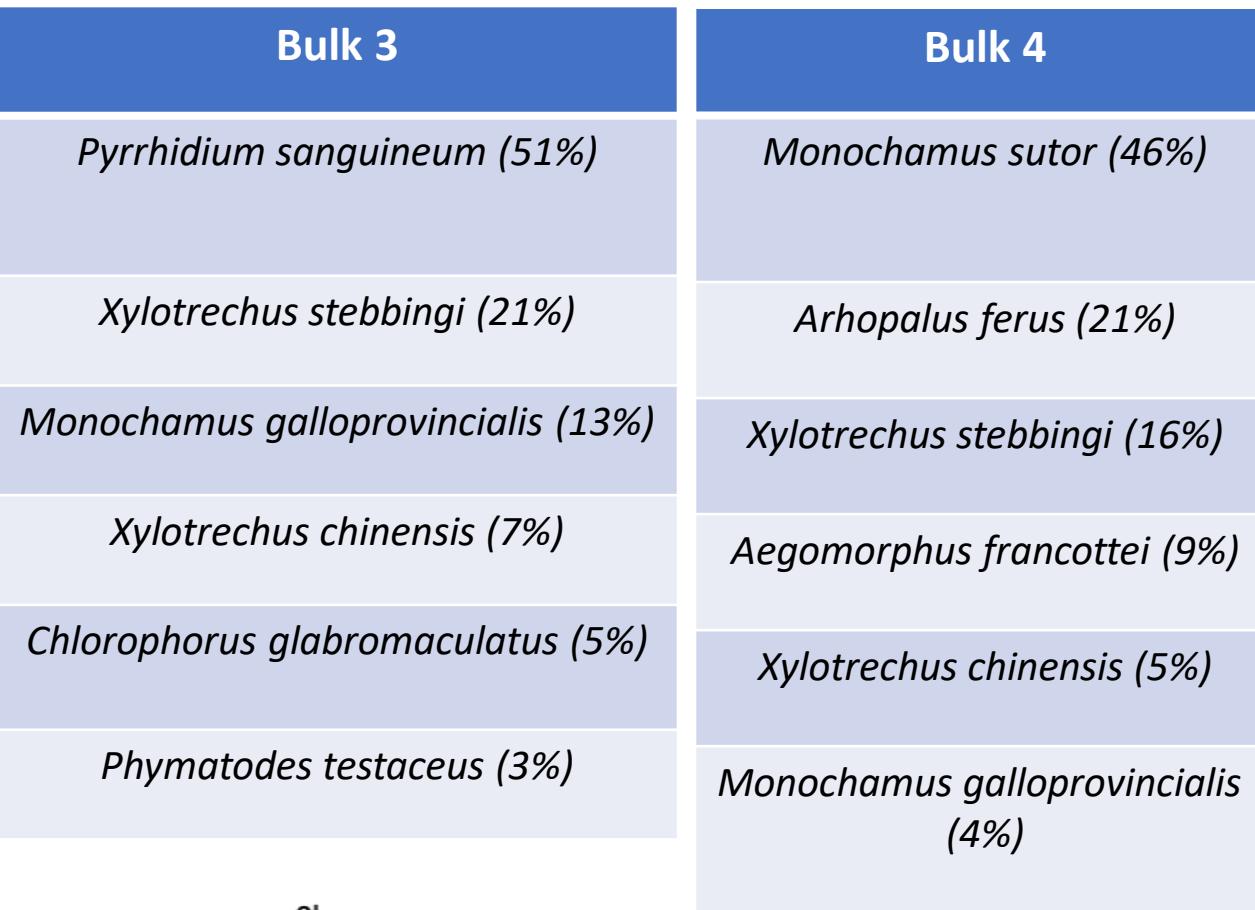
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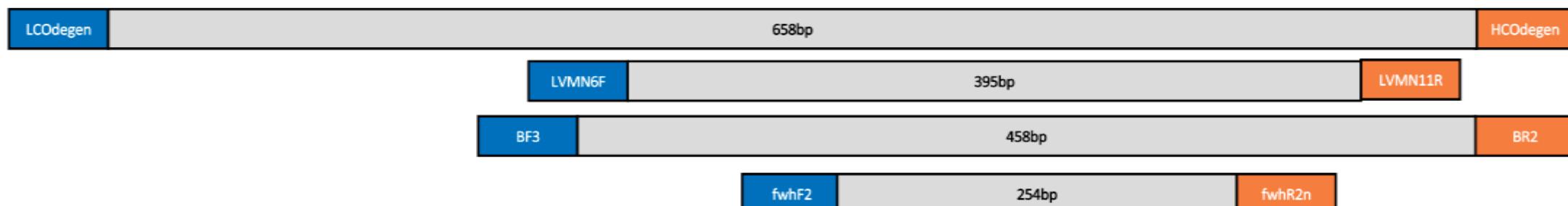
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658bp



MinION
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Results – Bulk 3

	<i>Pyrrhidium sanguineum</i>	<i>Xylotrechus stebbingi</i>	<i>Monochamus galloprovincialis</i>	<i>Xylotrechus chinensis</i>	<i>Chlorophorus glabromaculatus</i>	<i>Phymatodes testaceus</i>
Detected ?						
Proportion of DNA	51%	21%	13%	7%	5%	3%

Results - Bulk 4

	<i>Monochamus sutor</i>	<i>Arhopalus ferus</i>	<i>Xylotrechus stebbingi</i>	<i>Aegomorphus francottei</i>	<i>Xylotrechus chinensis</i>	<i>Monochamus galloprovincialis</i>
Detected ?				Aegomorphus sp.		
Proportion of DNA	46%	23%	15%	8%	5%	4%

- All species were detected and identified to species level (except A.francottei which was identified to genus)
- Detection of *Phymatodes testaceus* and *Monochamus galloprovincialis* despite low representativity (3% and 4%)

Construction of two bulks samples mimicking
the composition of real traps with samples of
different provenance and dating

Results – Bulks 5 and 6

Bulk 5	<i>Cordylomera spinicornis</i>	<i>Cerambyx scopolii</i>	<i>Pachyta bicuneata</i>	<i>Batocera rubus</i>	<i>Pyrrhidium sanguineum</i>	<i>Stictoleptura cordigera</i>	<i>Leiopus femoratus</i>	<i>Leiopus linnei</i>				
Detected ?												
Date	2020	2020	1987	2012	2021	2021	2020	2020				
Number of legs	1	1	1	1	6	6	5	1				
Origin	France	France	Chine	Chine	France	France	France	France				
Bulk 6	<i>Arhopalus rusticus</i>	<i>Xylotrechus chinensis</i>	<i>Plagionotus detritus</i>	<i>Plagionotus arcuatus</i>	<i>Xylotrechus stebbingi</i>	<i>Arhopalus syriacus</i>	<i>Arhopalus ferus</i>	<i>Xylotrechus colonus</i>	<i>Chlorophorus ruficornis</i>	<i>Phymatodes testaceus</i>	<i>Prionius coriarius</i>	<i>Phymatodes amoenus</i>
Detected ?												
Date	2020	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019	2021	2021	2020	2019
Number of legs	5	1	1	1	5	6	1	1	1	12	6	1
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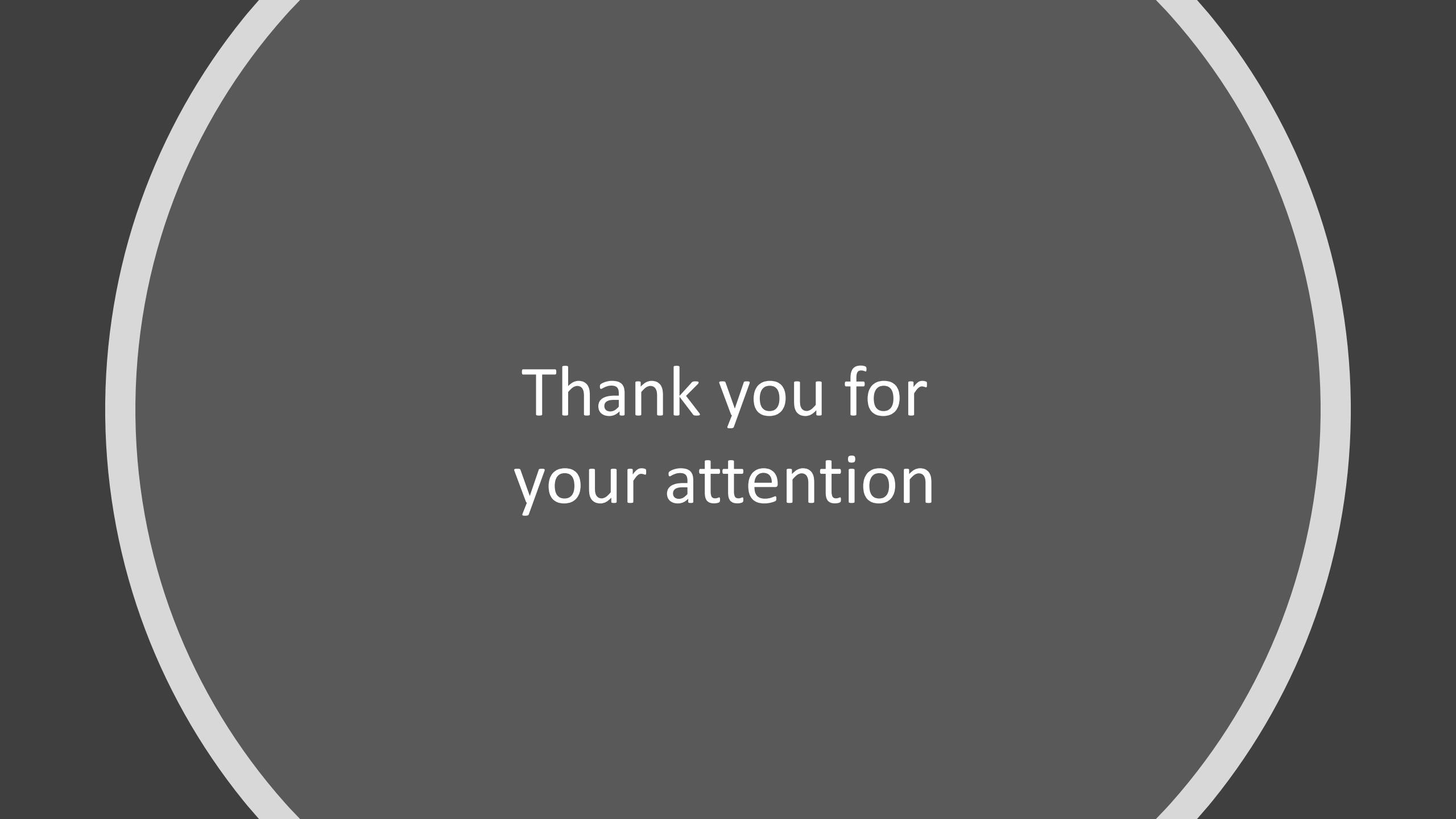
Portugal (2019)

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Conclusion - Use of the MinION

- Detection of species present in very low quantities in the traps
 - Distinguishing between closely related species
- Need to add data to databases to avoid false negatives
- Good quality DNA samples are essential (preservation of individuals)

Comparison of results with Illumina Miseq sequencing



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