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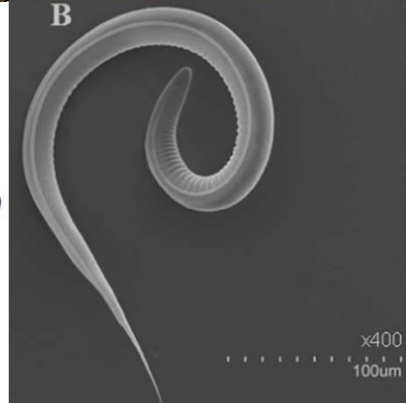
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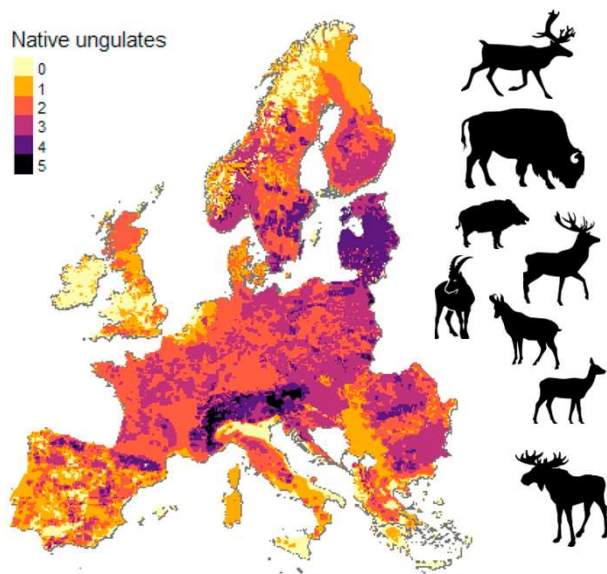
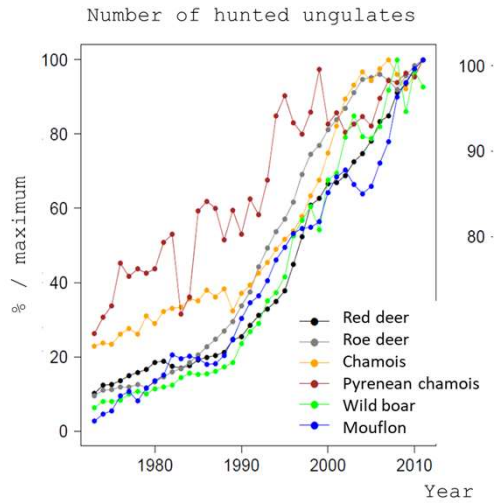
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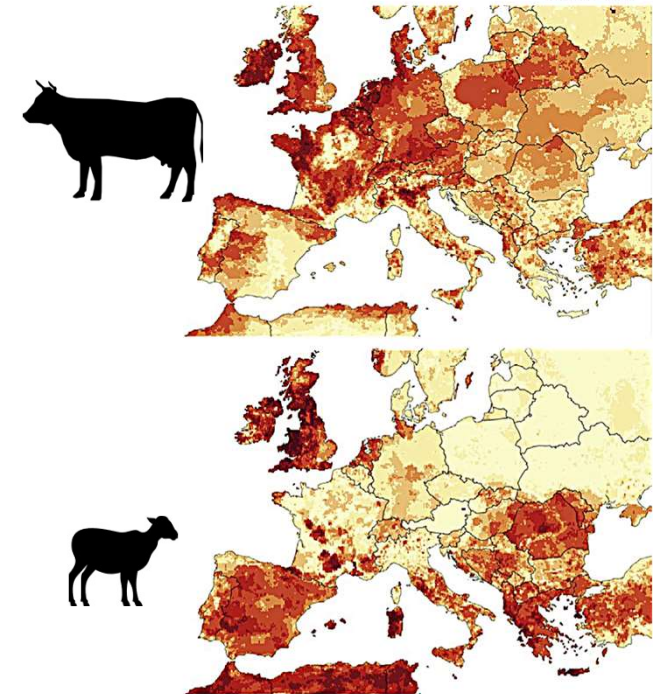
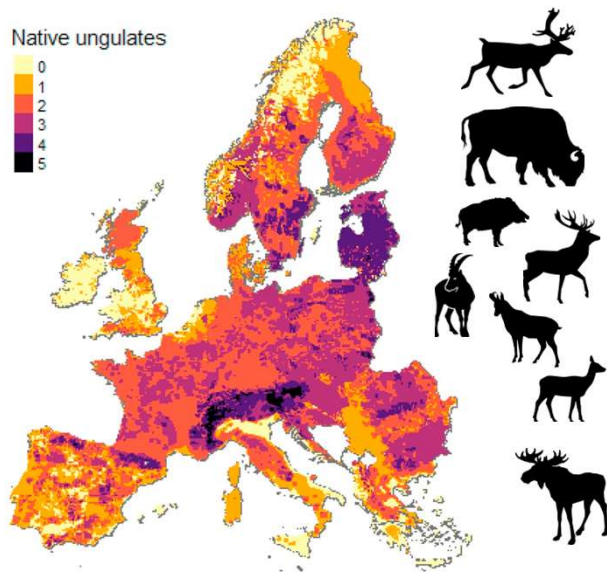
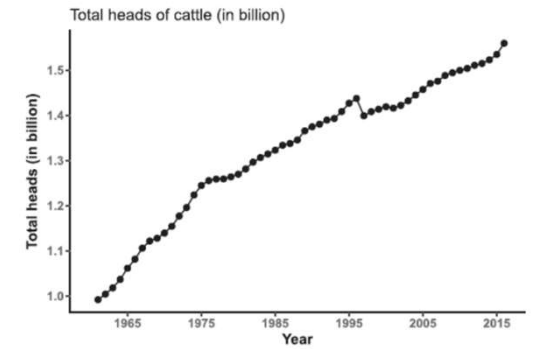
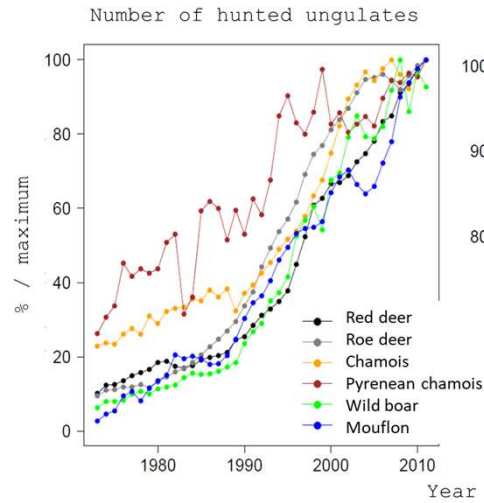
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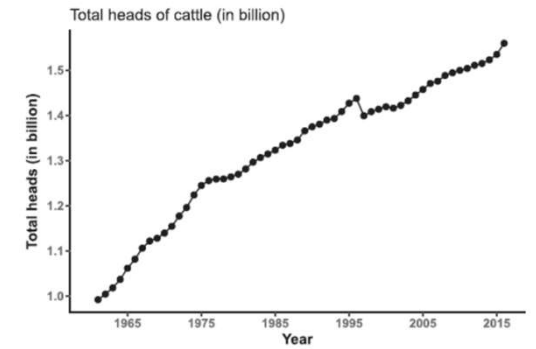
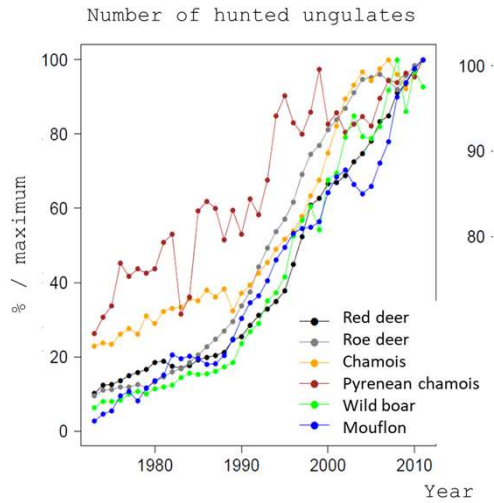
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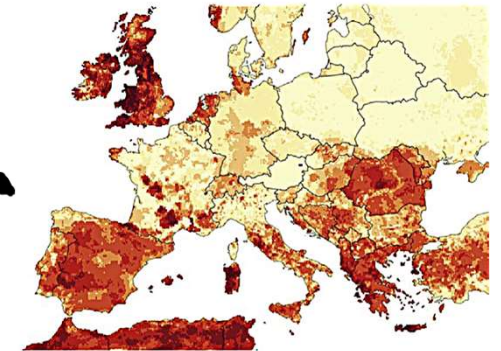
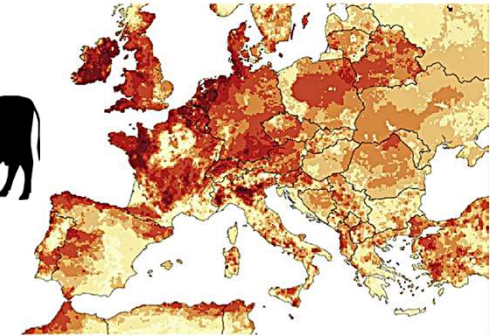
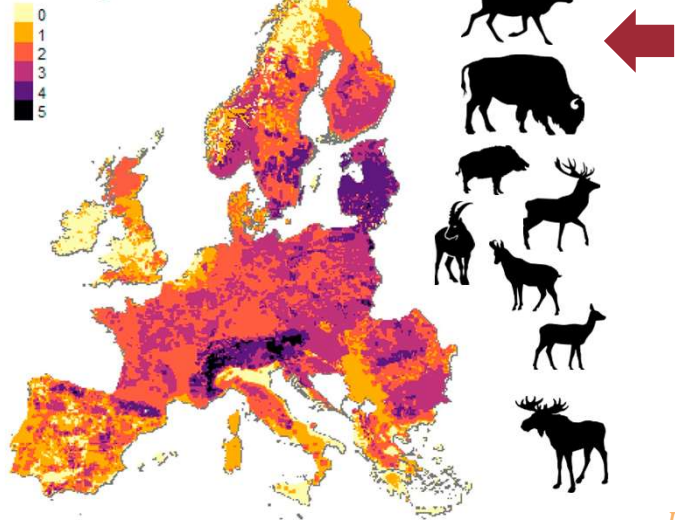
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Context

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- ↗ area covered
- ↗ species overlap

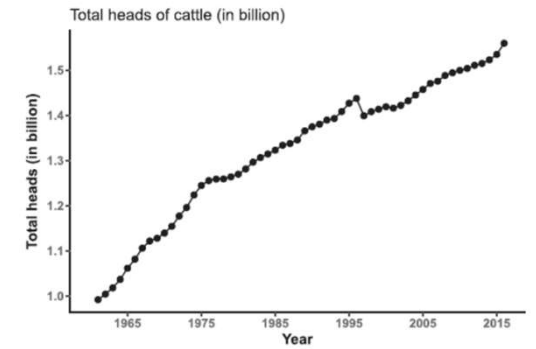
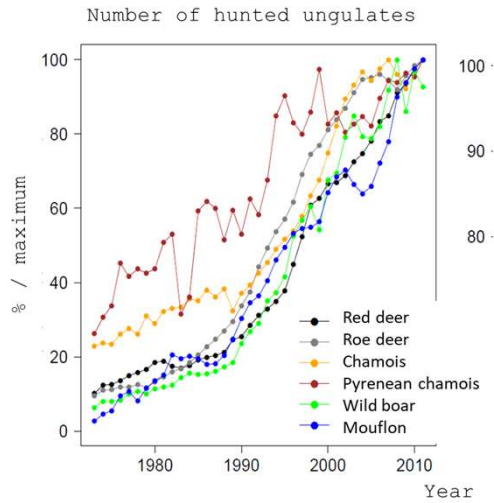


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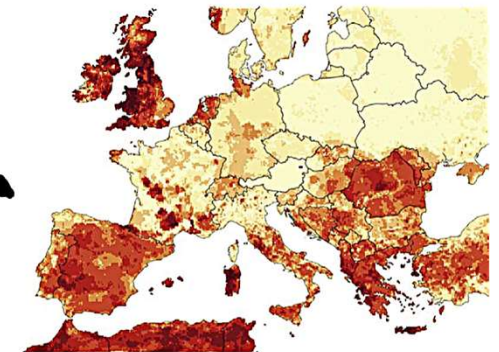
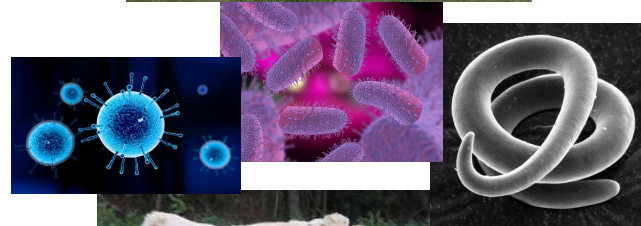
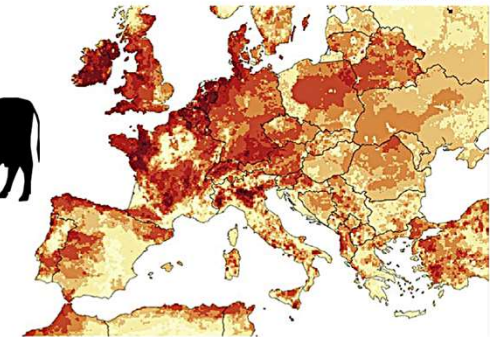
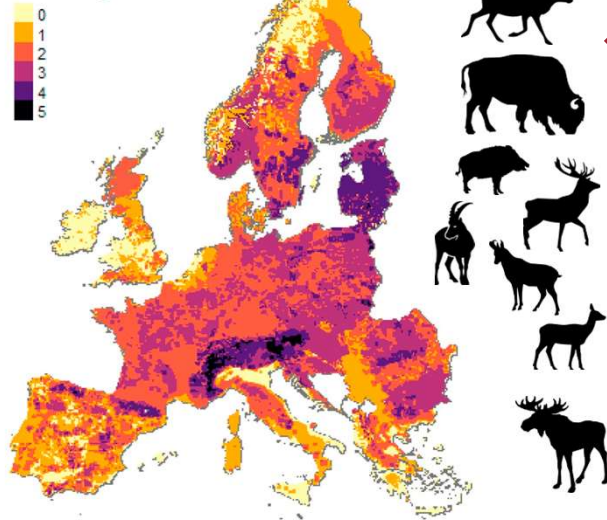


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- ↗ area covered
- ↗ species overlap



Native ungulates



↗ risk of pathogen transmission

Context

- Resistance to anthelmintics in wild populations in contact with livestock

Detection of GIN resistant to benzimidazoles in wild roe deer and feral goats in contact with livestock

Wild deer as potential vectors of anthelmintic-resistant abomasal nematodes between cattle and sheep farms

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Benzimidazole resistance within red deer, roe deer and sheep populations within a joint habitat in Hungary

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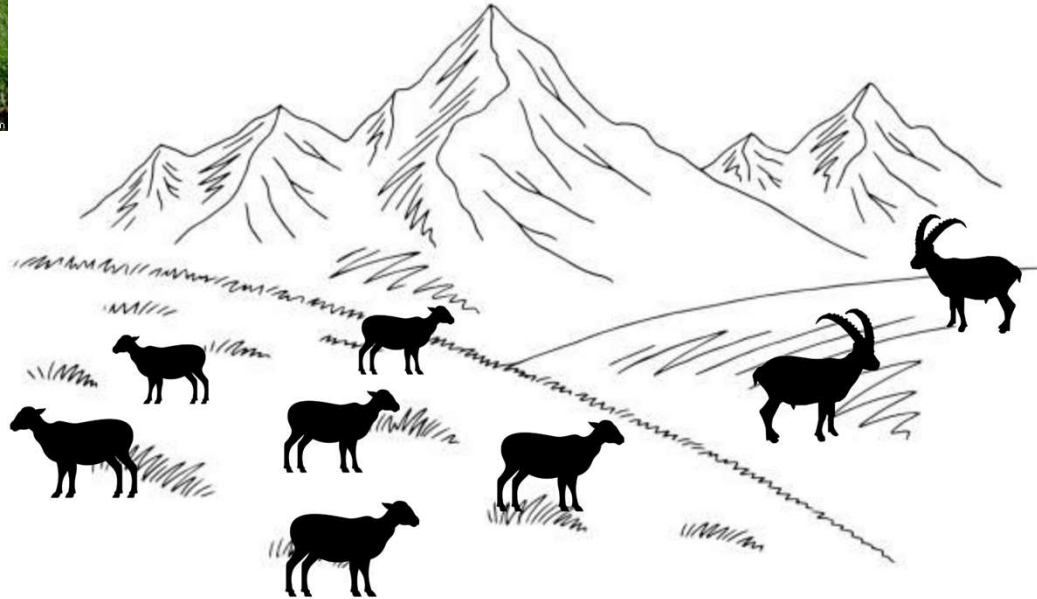
Refugia or reservoir? Feral goats and their role in the maintenance and circulation of benzimidazole-resistant gastrointestinal nematodes on shared pastures

Emily Kate Francis¹ and Jan Šlapeta^{1,2} 

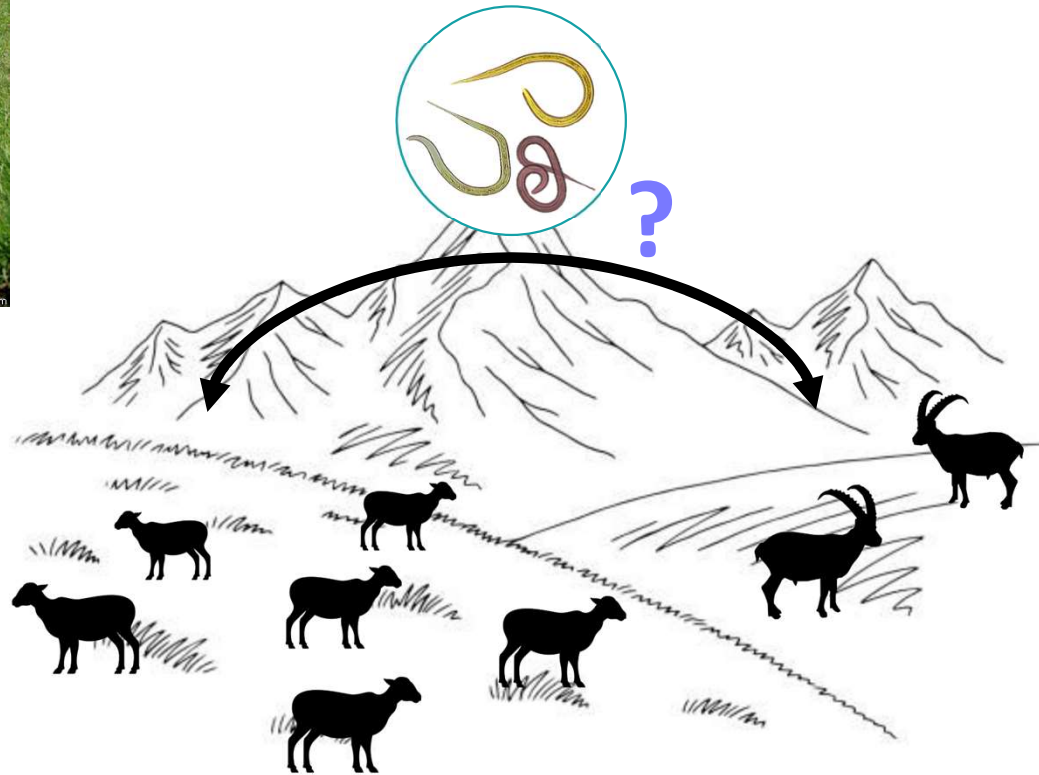


*Chintoan-Uta et al. 2014;
Cservincsik et al., 2017; Nagy et al. 2017
Francis & Šlapeta 2023*

Transhumant sheep and wild ibex

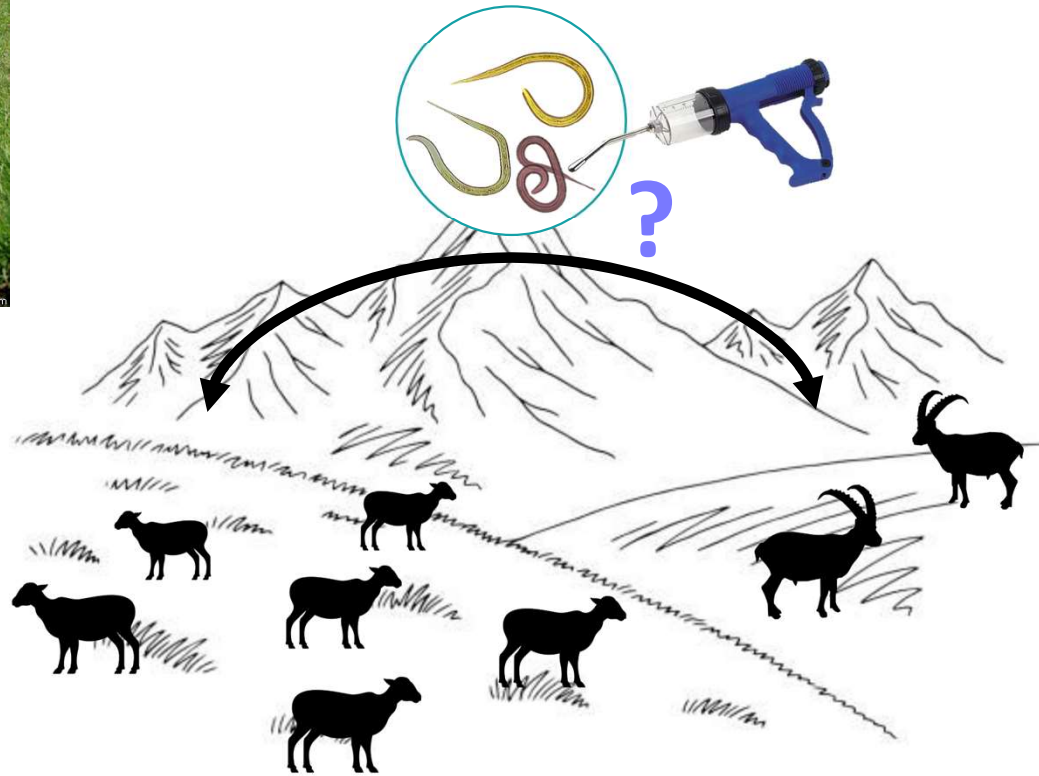


Transhumant sheep and wild ibex



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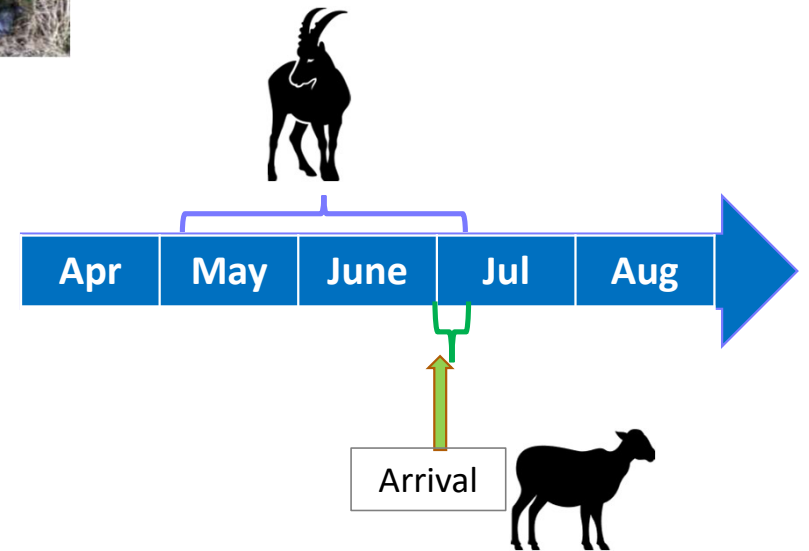
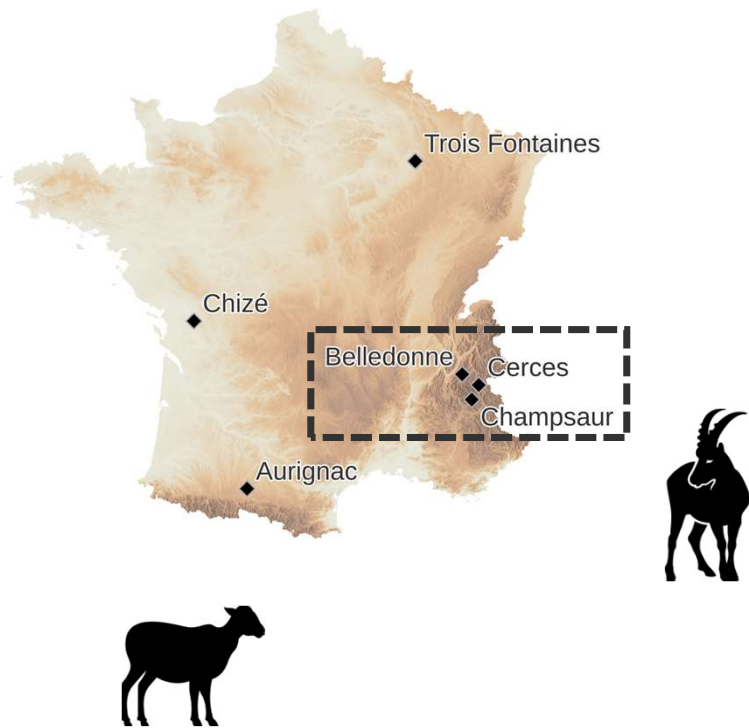
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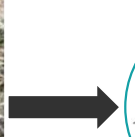
Are ibex contaminated by parasites resistant to anthelmintic?

Can ibex maintain these resistant parasites when sheep are absent from alpine pastures ?

Material & Methods



sampling up to 10 days after arrival



Coproculture



**DNA extraction
of a pool of L3
(10 – 1000 L3)**

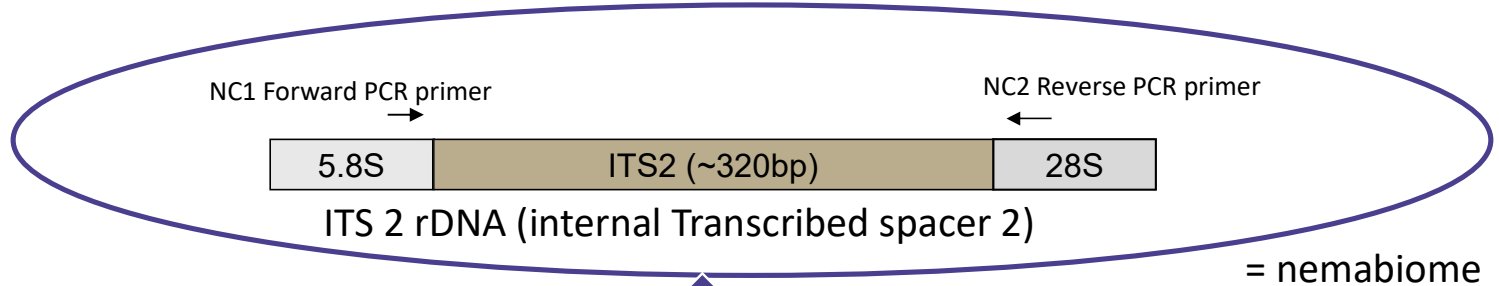


1) Species diversity

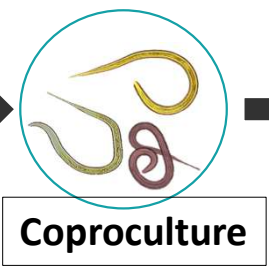
PCR



2) Resistance to BZ



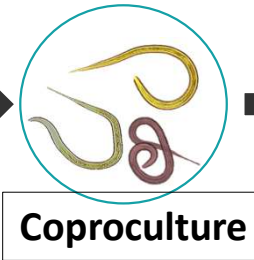
= nemabiome



- 1) Species diversity
- 2) Resistance to BZ

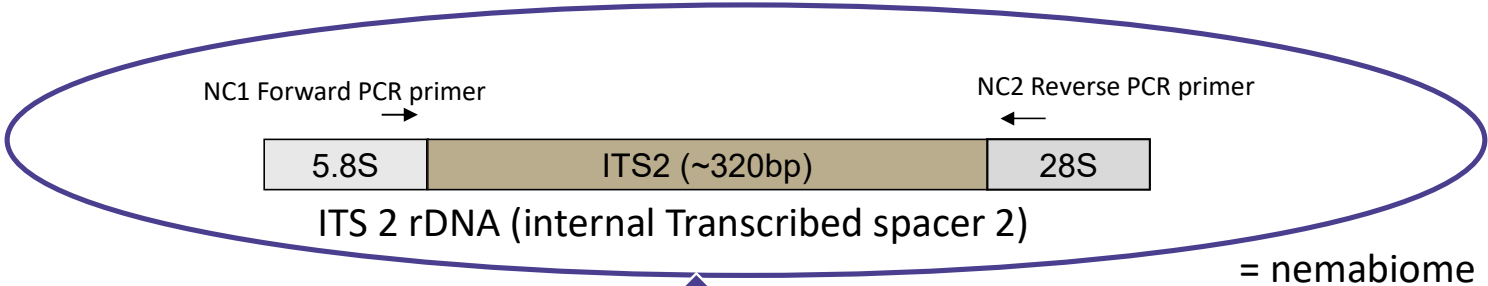
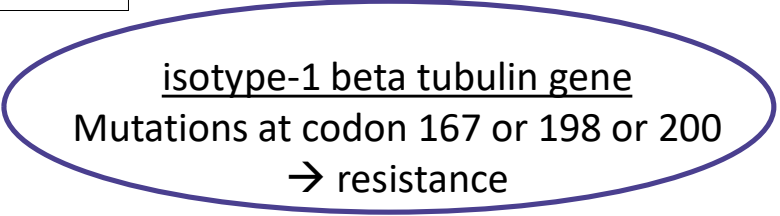
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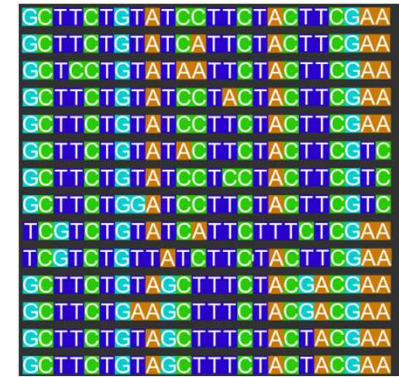
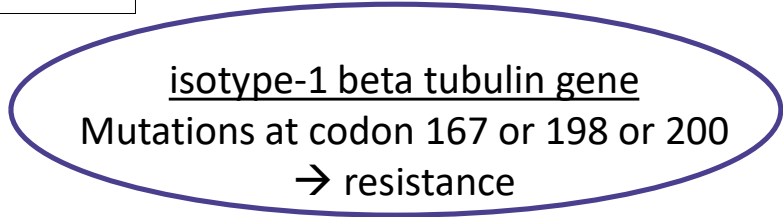
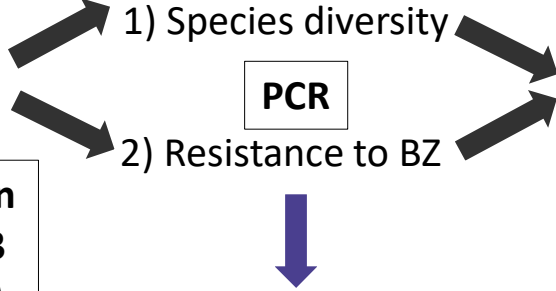
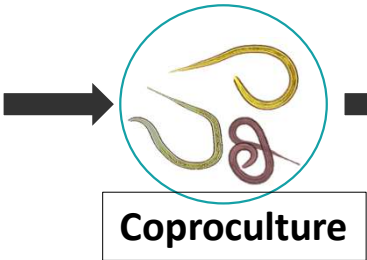
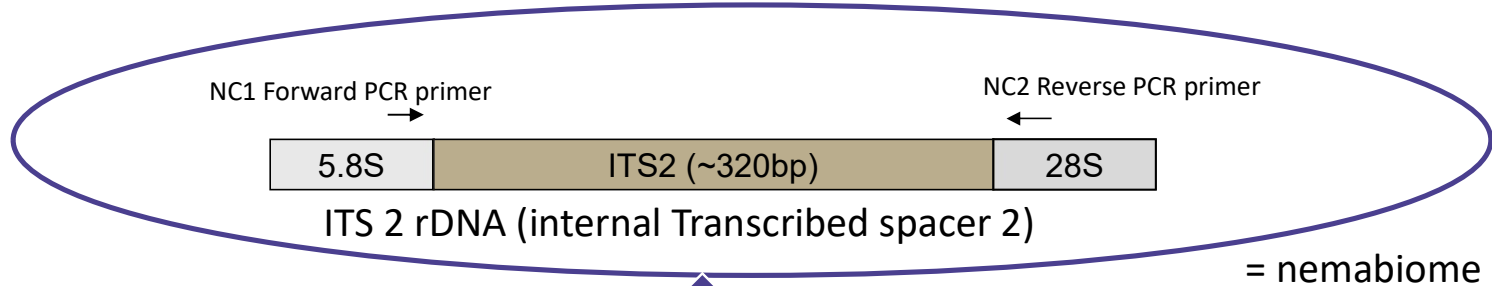




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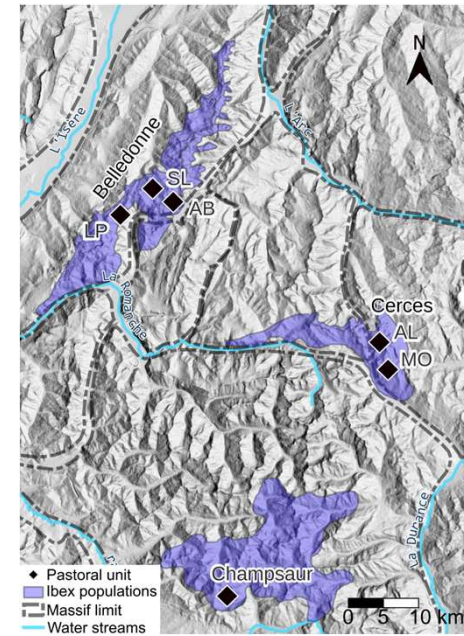
Shared species? Nemabiome ibex ≠ nemabiome sheep?



n=144

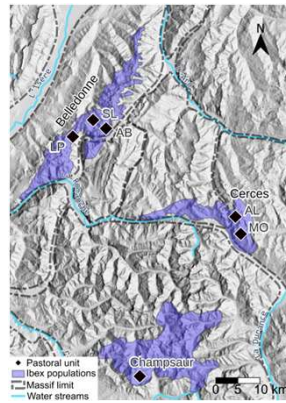
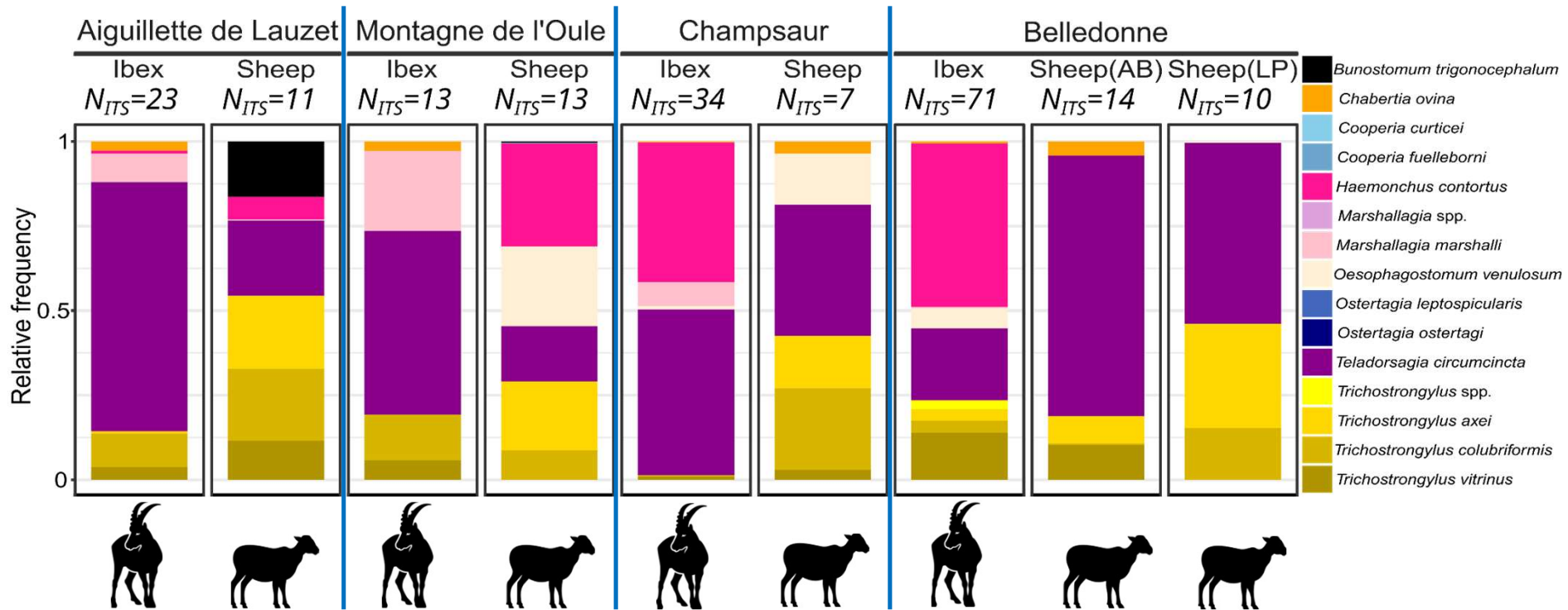


n= 55 (5)



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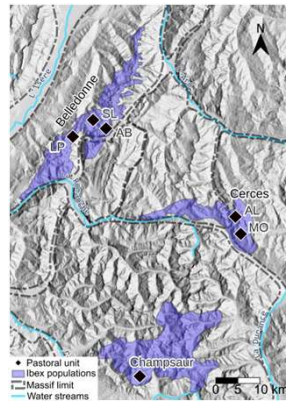
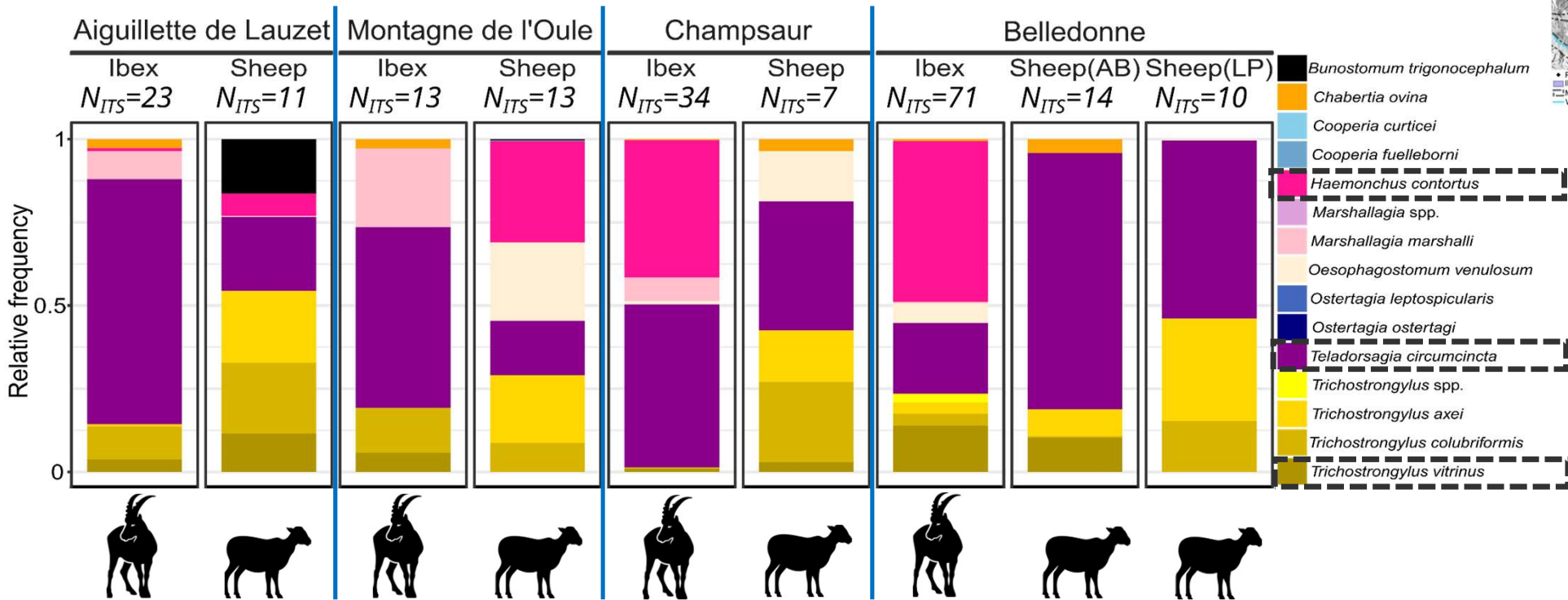
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→ 13 species
→ 2 genus

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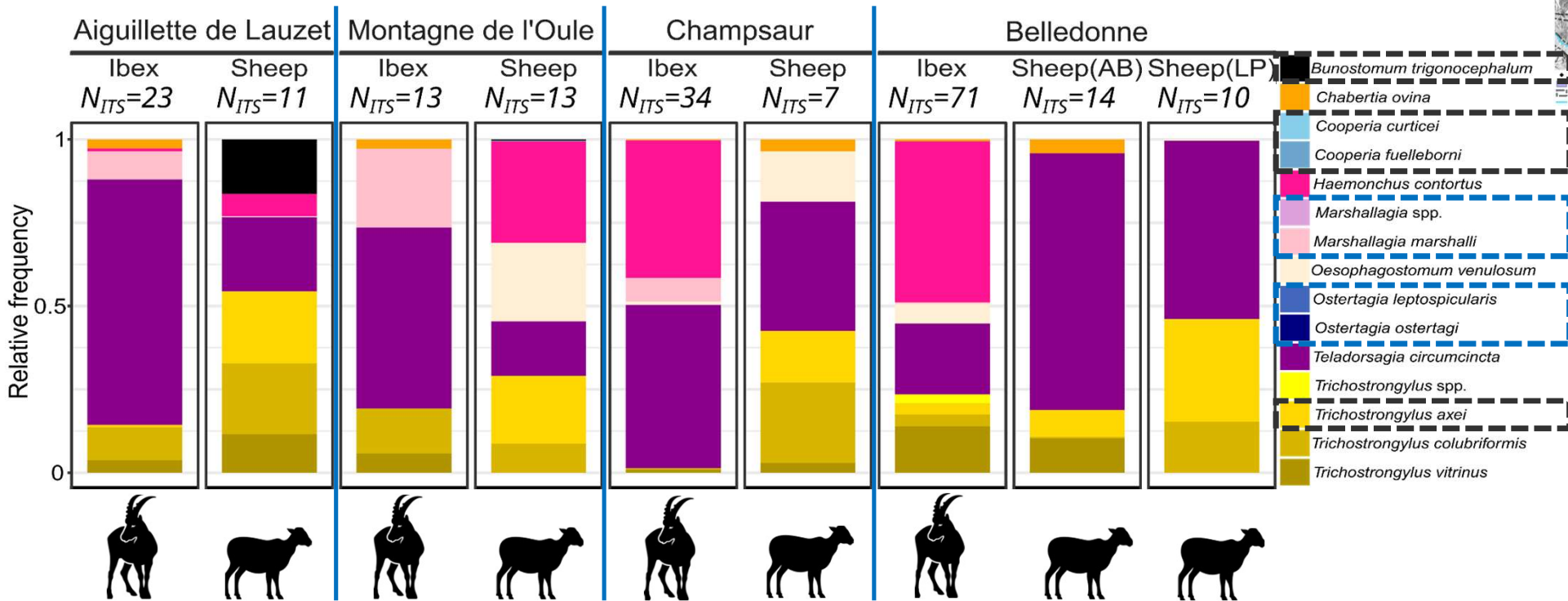


Most prevalent and in both sheep and ibex:

- *Teladorsagia circumcincta*: 85% of the samples
- *Trichostrongylus vitrinus*: 63%
- *Haemonchus contortus*: 56%

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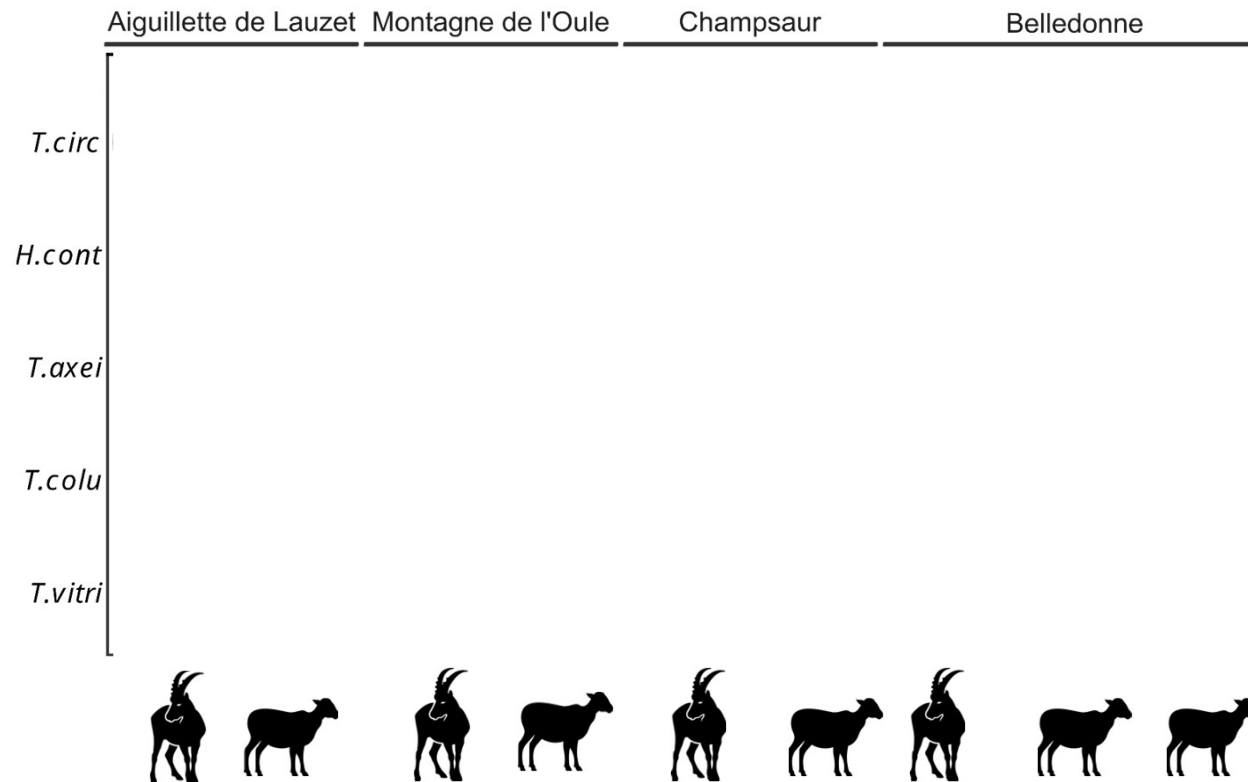
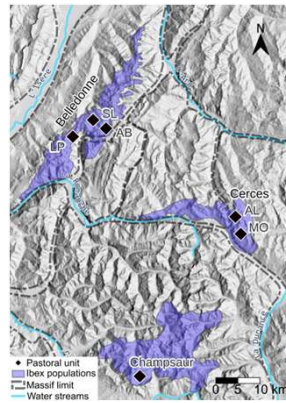
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- Higher species diversity in ibex vs sheep
- Mostly or only in sheep: *Trichostrongylus axei*, *Bunostomum trigonocephalum*, *Cooperia* spp.
- Only in ibex: *Marshallagia* spp., *Ostertagia* spp.

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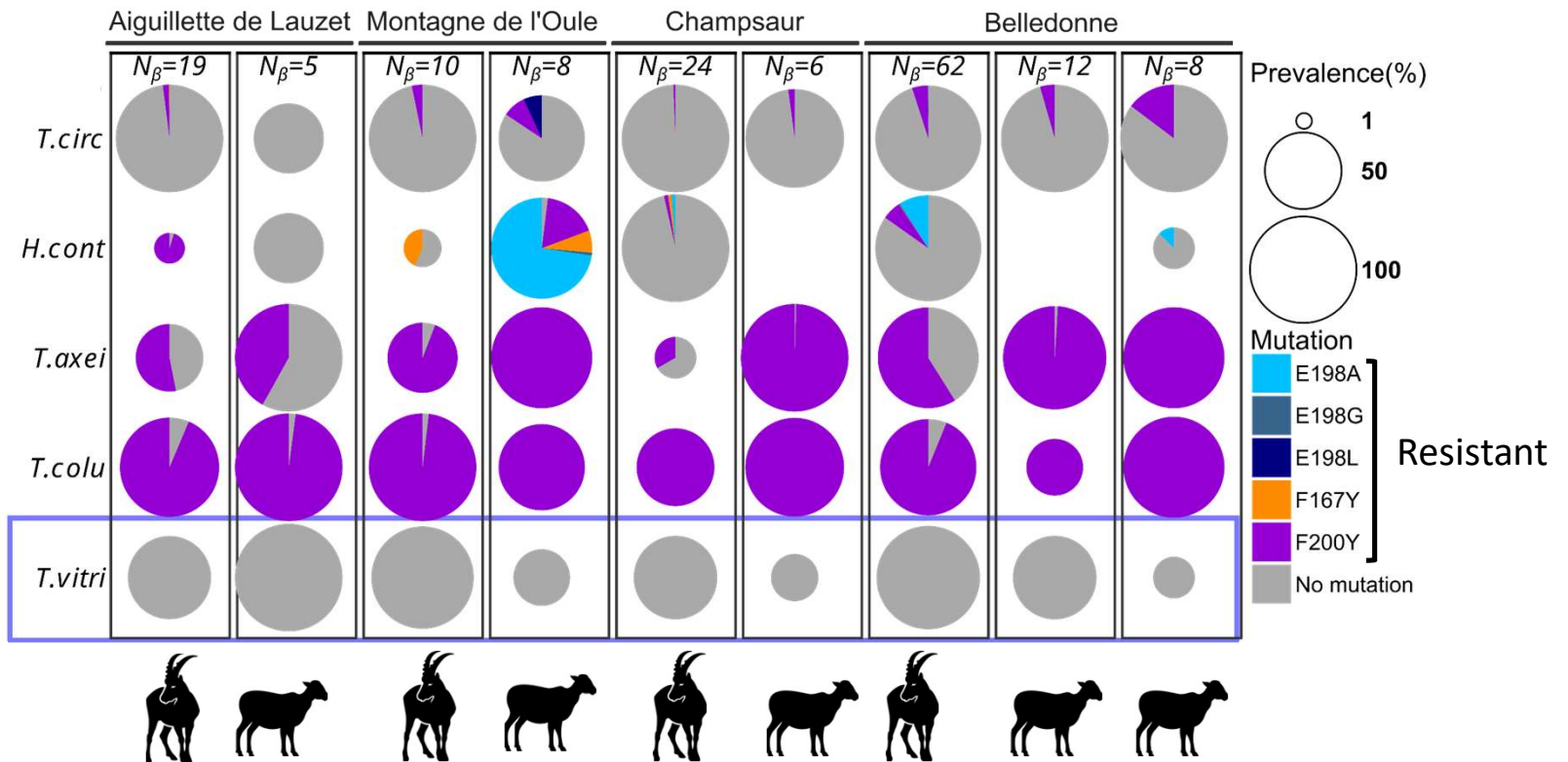
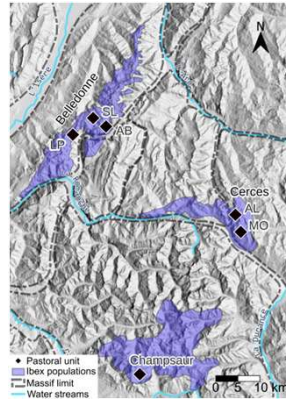
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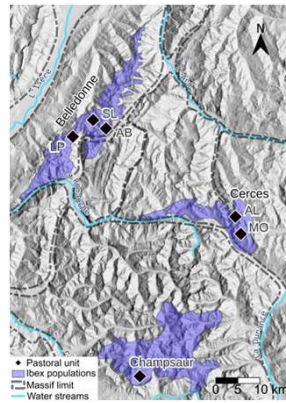
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Resistance mutations were highly frequent (93.5% of the samples; n=144/154)



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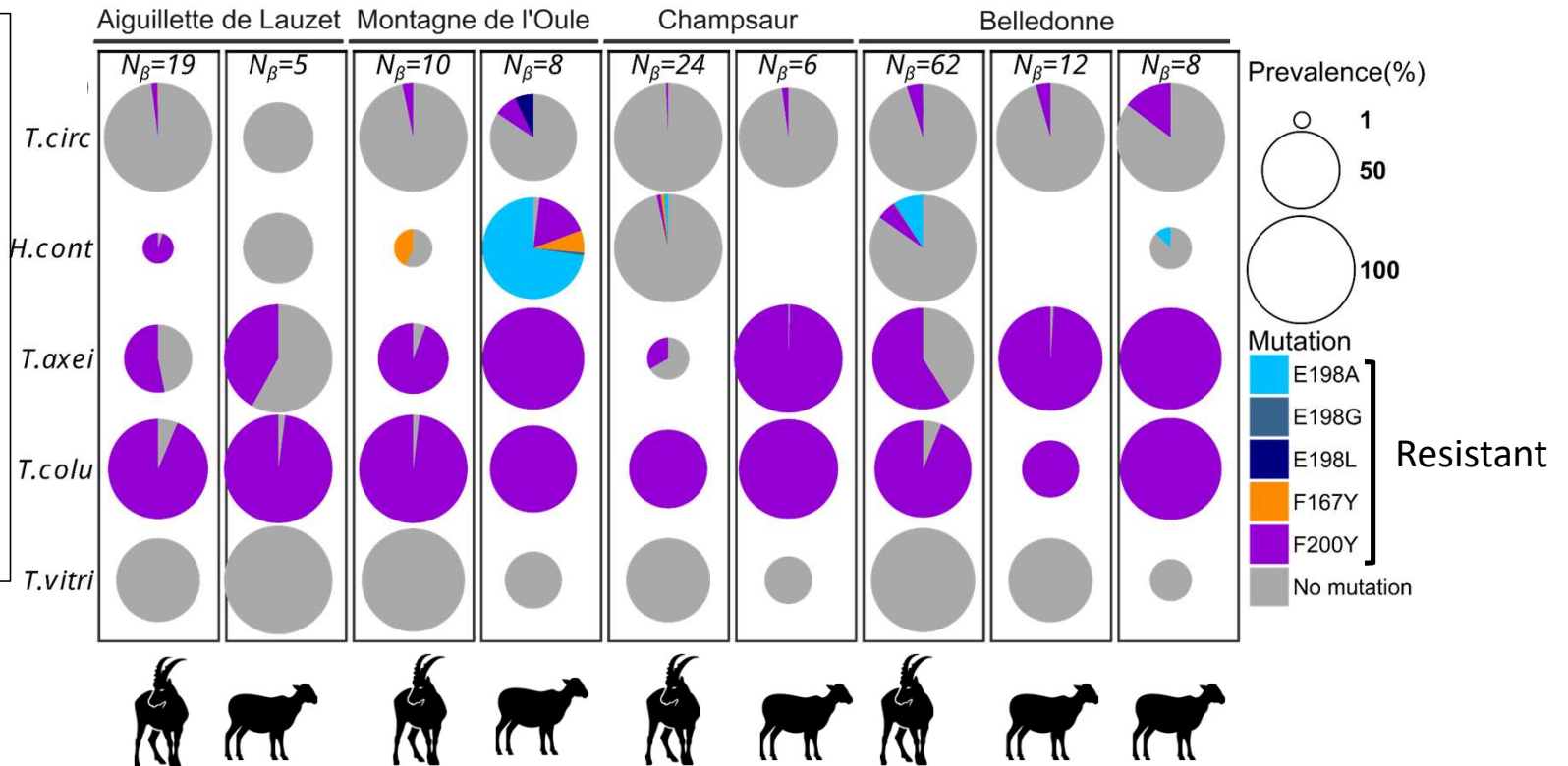
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→ *T. colubriformis* & *T. axei*:
highest proportion of resistance (96 & 70%)

→ F200Y = most frequent resistance mutation

→ Less resistance in ibex vs sheep

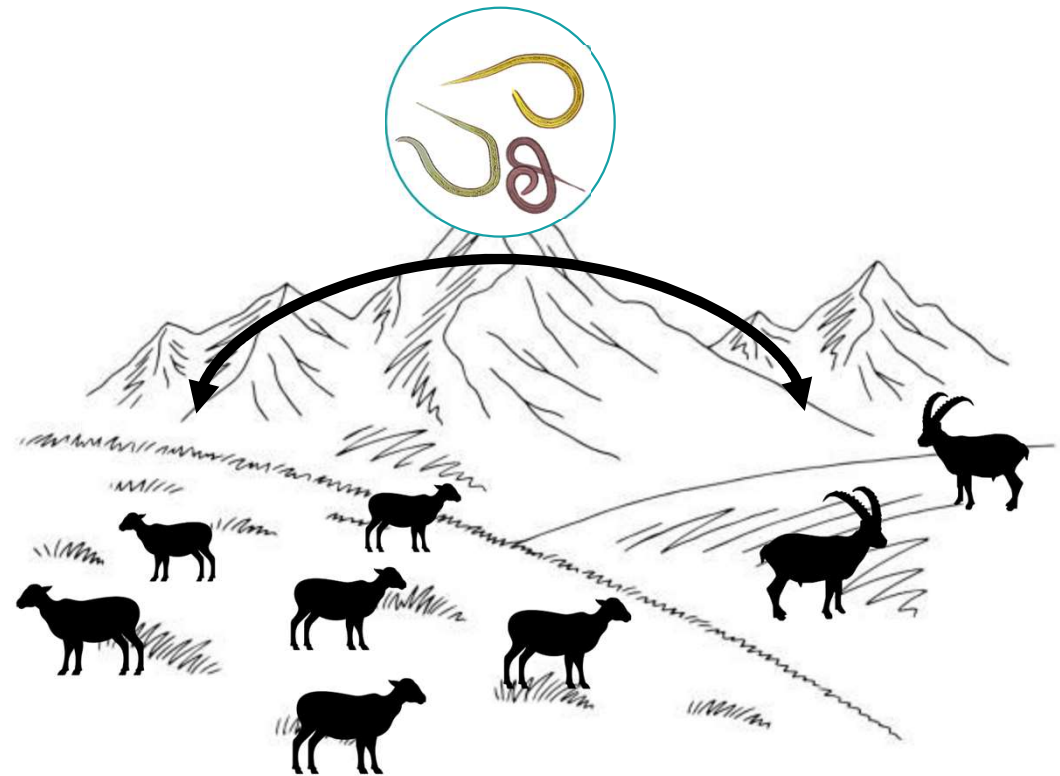


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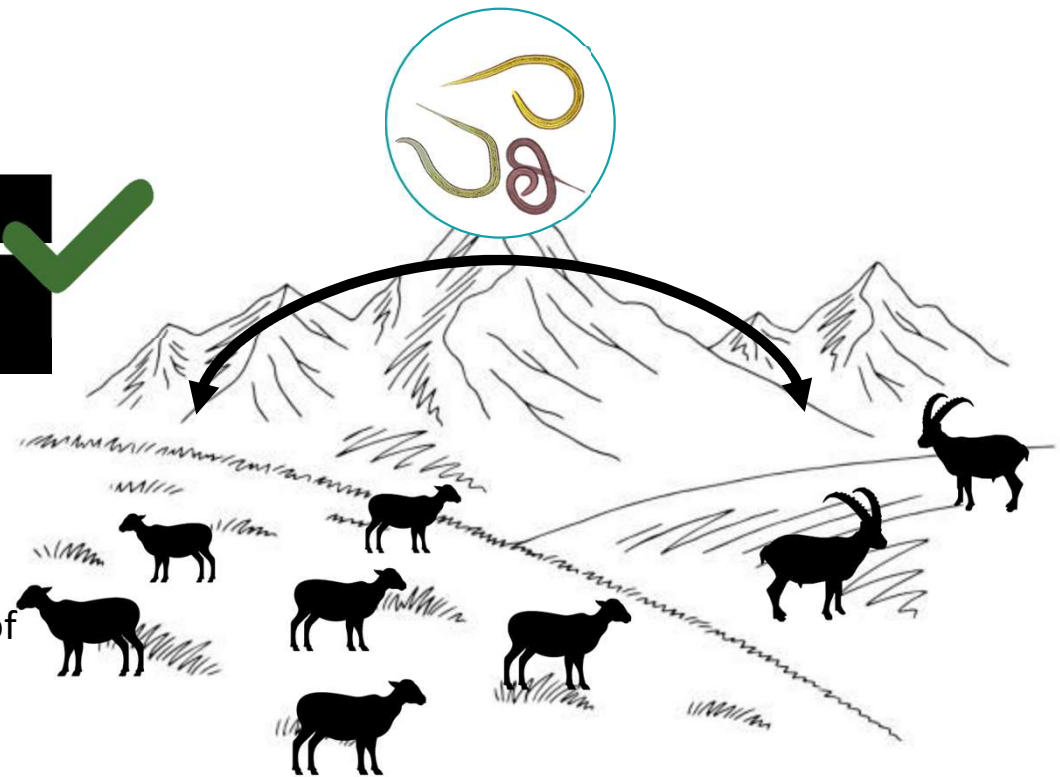
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- Ibex never treated → contaminated by sheep
- Ibex shed eggs of resistant nematodes despite no sheep >8-10 months
- Relative contribution of each species in the dynamic of parasites?





Thanks !

