

LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS IN BOVINE AND WILDLIFE

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ANTE MORTEM DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS FOR TB

Detection of *M. bovis*-infected cattle

Tests based on cellular immunity



Official test

In vivo

- Intradermal Tuberculin test (IDTB) (TB/TA)



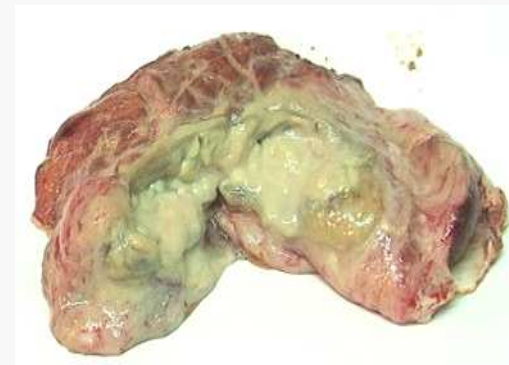
Complementary test

In vitro

- Interferon-gamma test (Bovigam)

POST MORTEM OBSERVATION OF SUSPECTED LESIONS

Samples collection at
the abattoir from
seropositive animals



Samples collection at
the abattoir from
unsuspected
animals with
tuberculous lesions

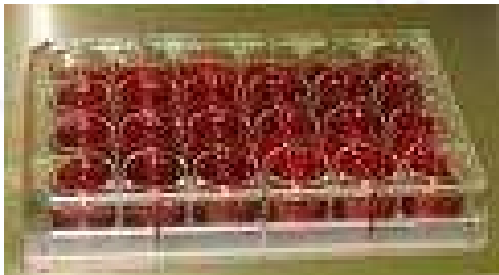


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Ante mortem

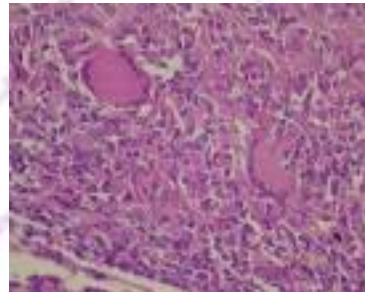
Serological

γ - IFN test



Post mortem

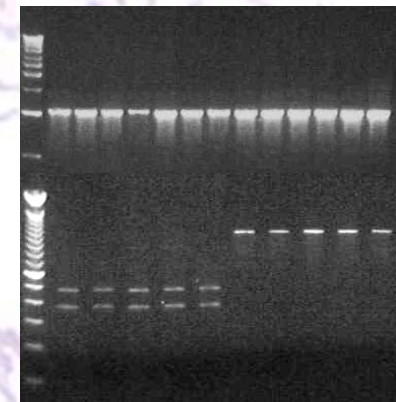
Histological



Bacteriological

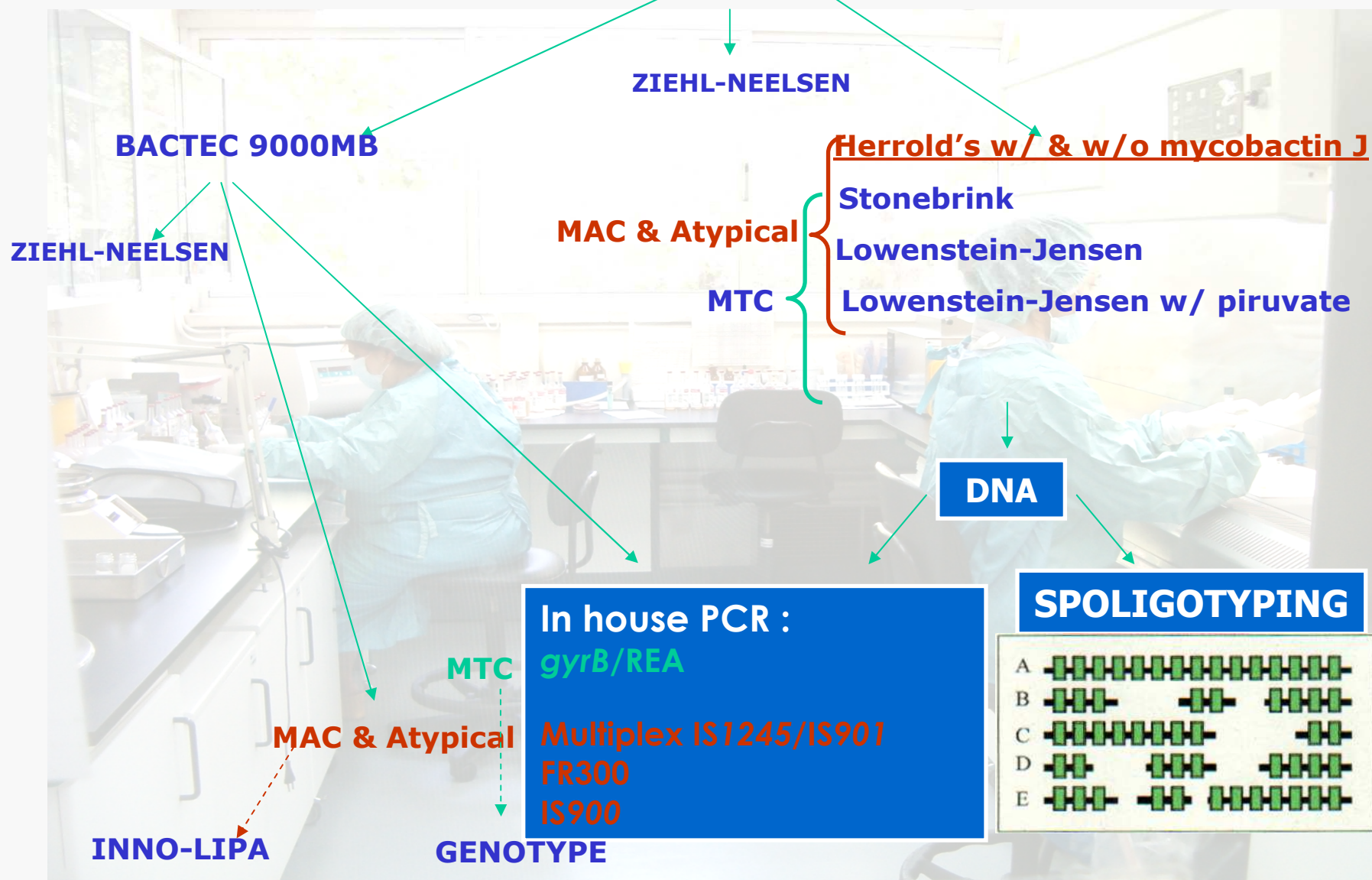


Molecular



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DECONTAMINATED SAMPLE



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Molecular identification

INNO-LIPA Mycobacteria (Innogenetics):

ITS- Internal Transcriber Spacer (16S-23S) : 16 species
(including MTC)

Genotype MTBC (Hain Lifescience), multiplex PCR:

23S, RD1, *gyrB* : differentiation of MTC species

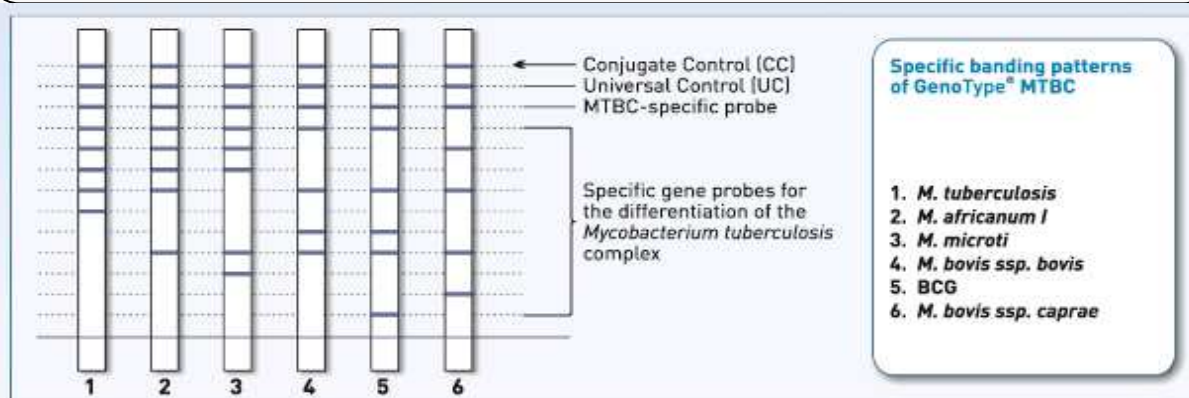
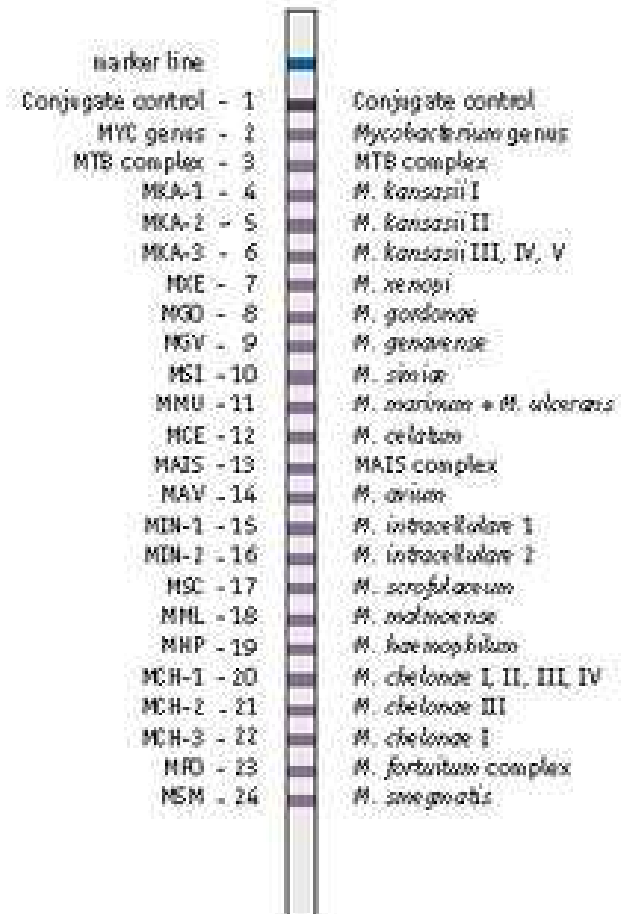
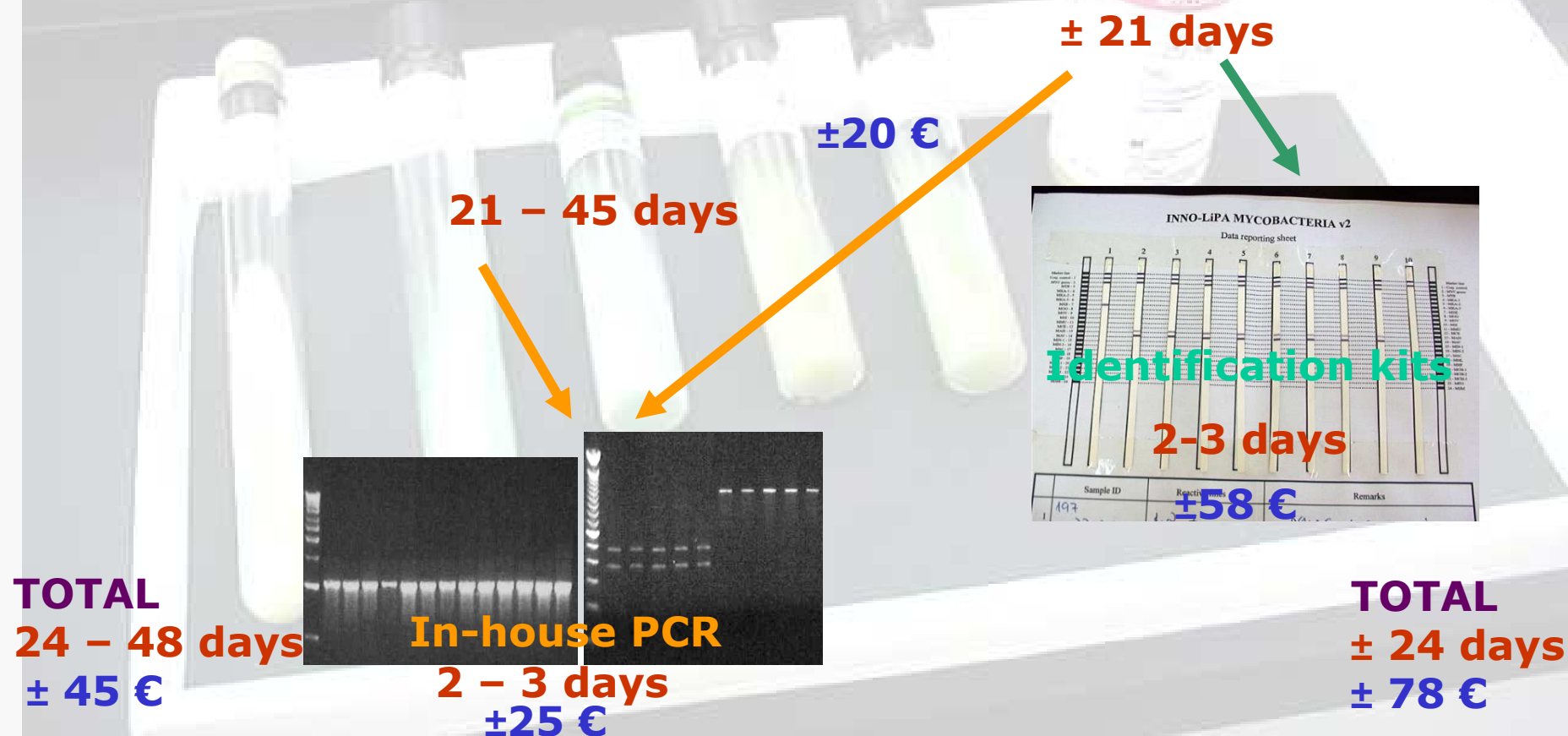


Fig. 1: Reaction zones of the GenoType® MTBC



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TIME & COSTS

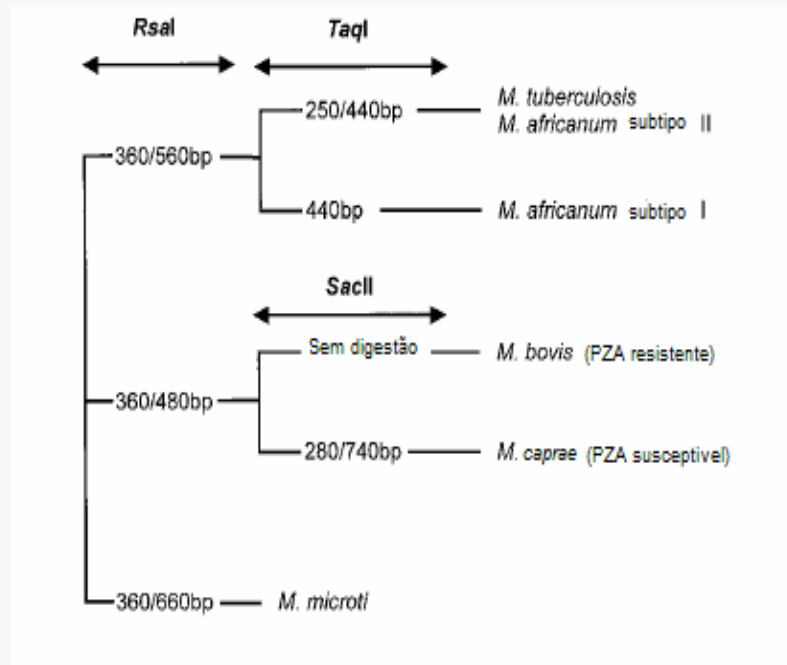


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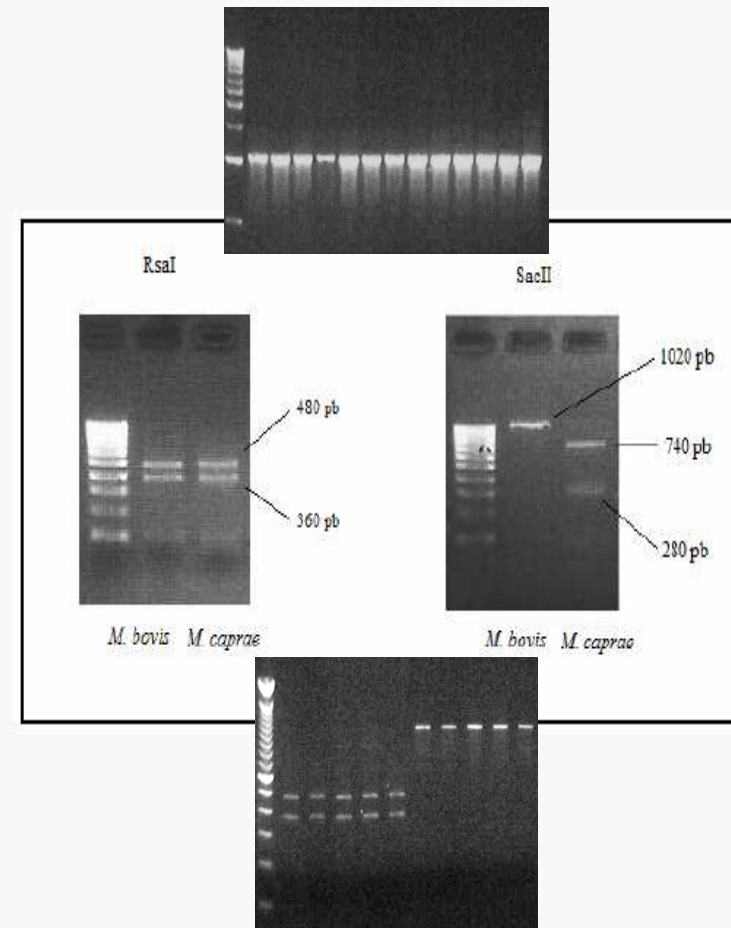
Molecular identification by *in-house* PCR

PCR *gyrB*/REA for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex (MTC)

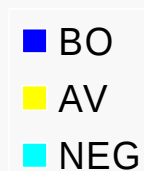
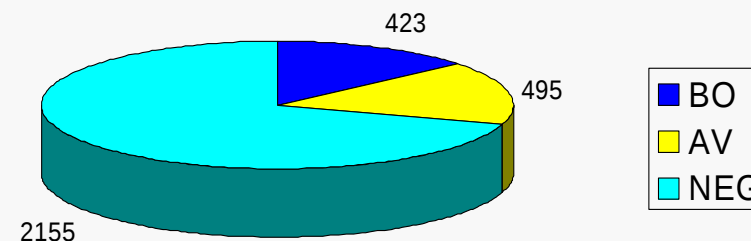
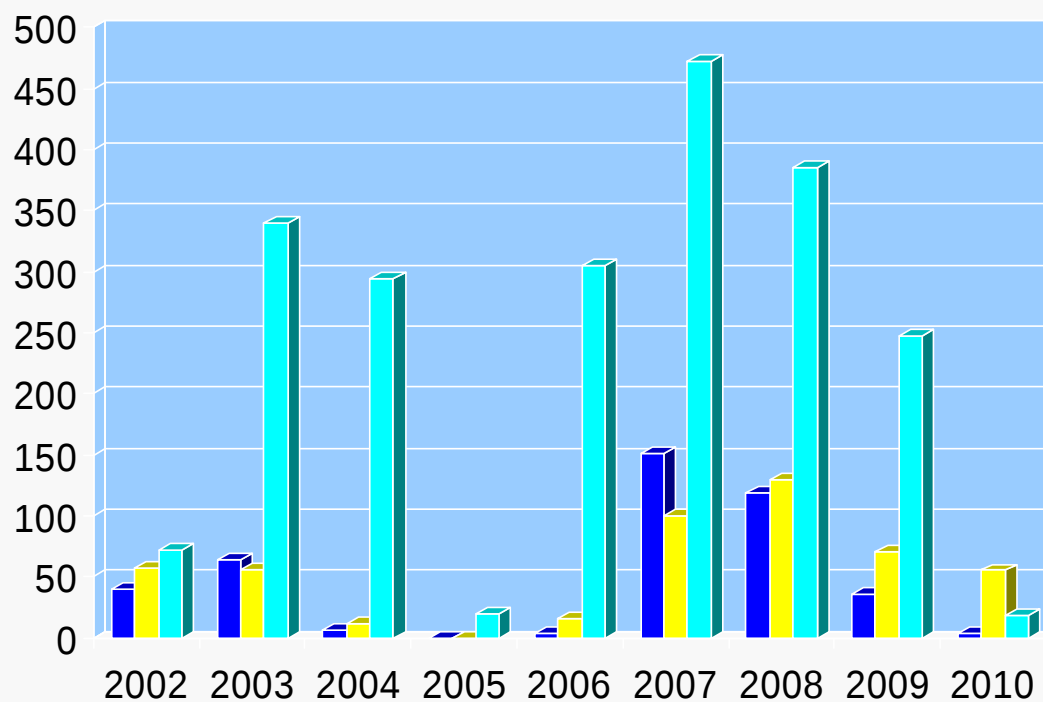
Based on *gyrB* gene polymorphisms



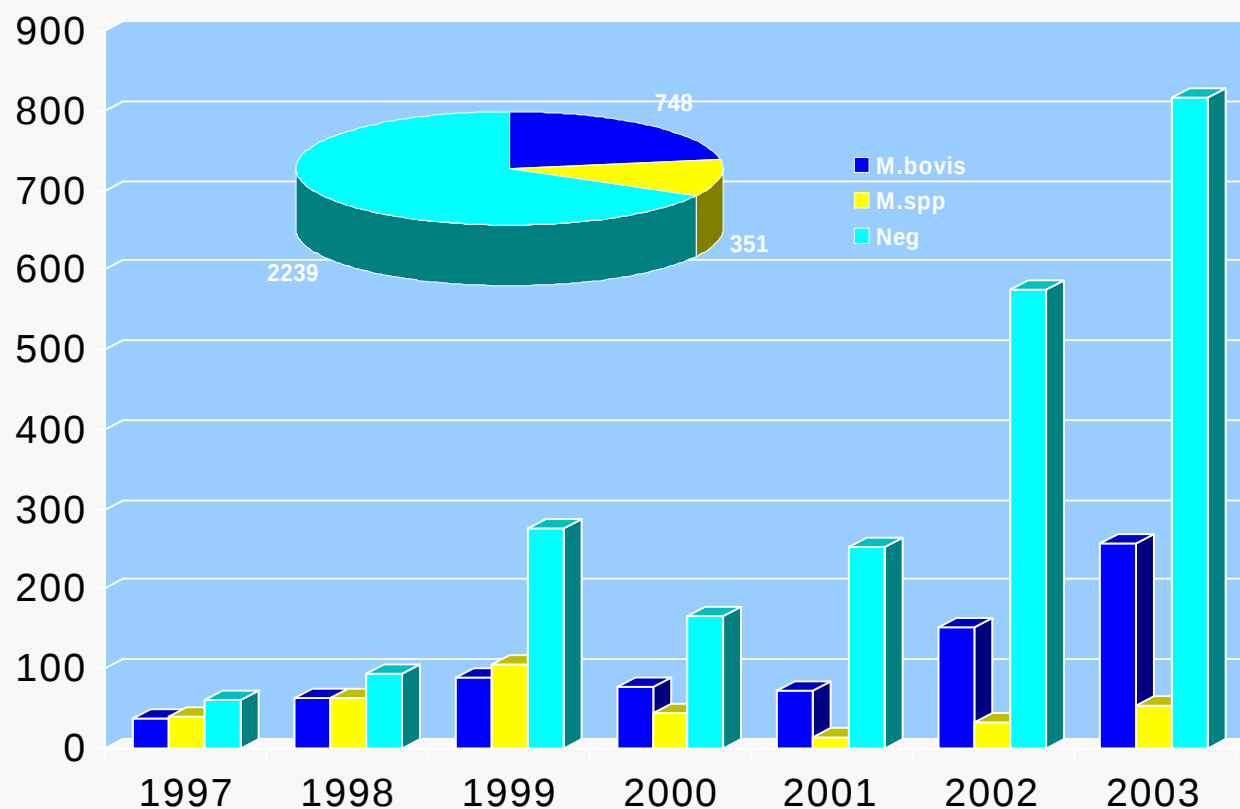
Niemann *et al.*, 2000



IFN- gamma assays 2002-2010

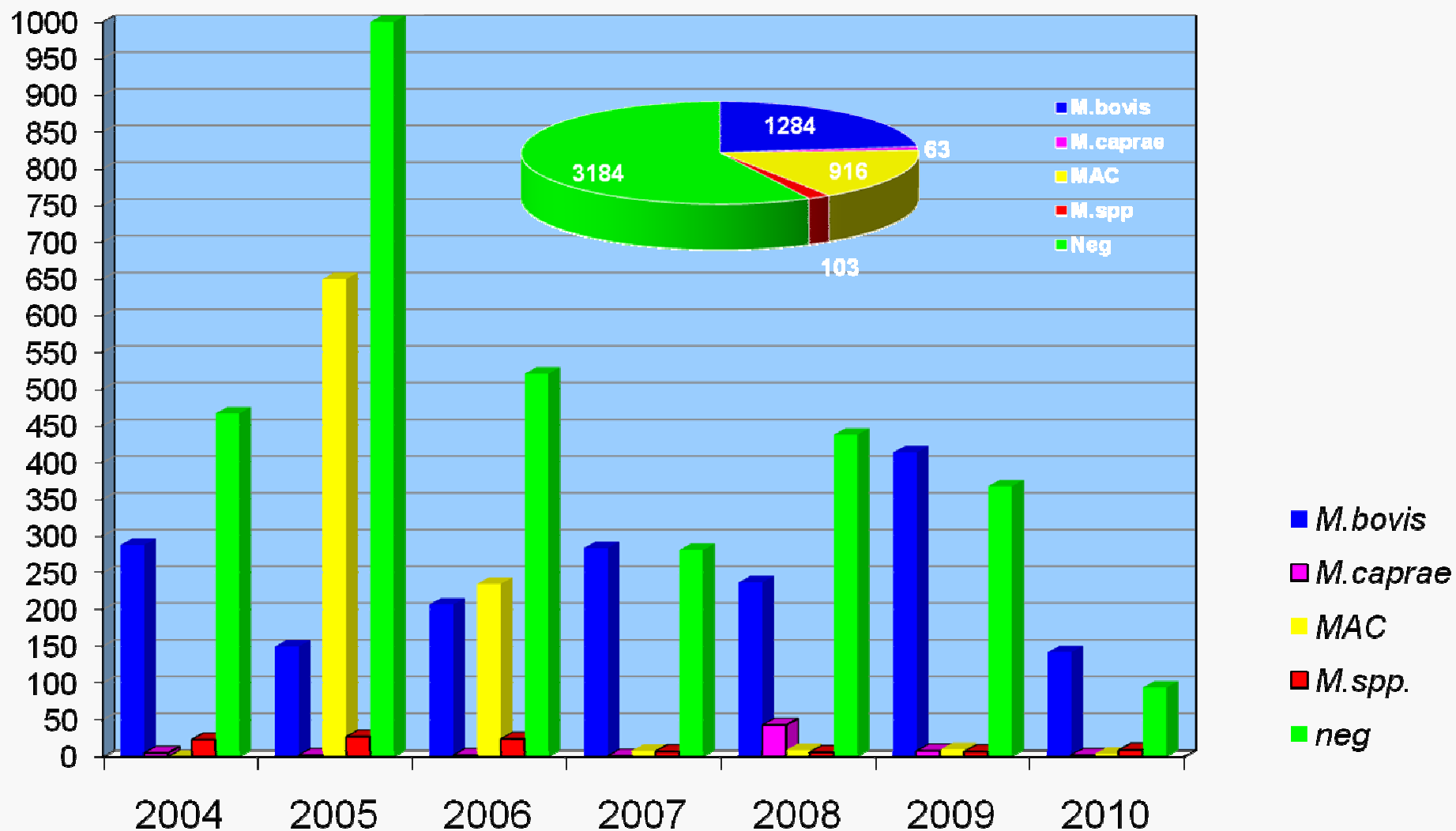


Bacteriological isolation and identification (1997-2003)

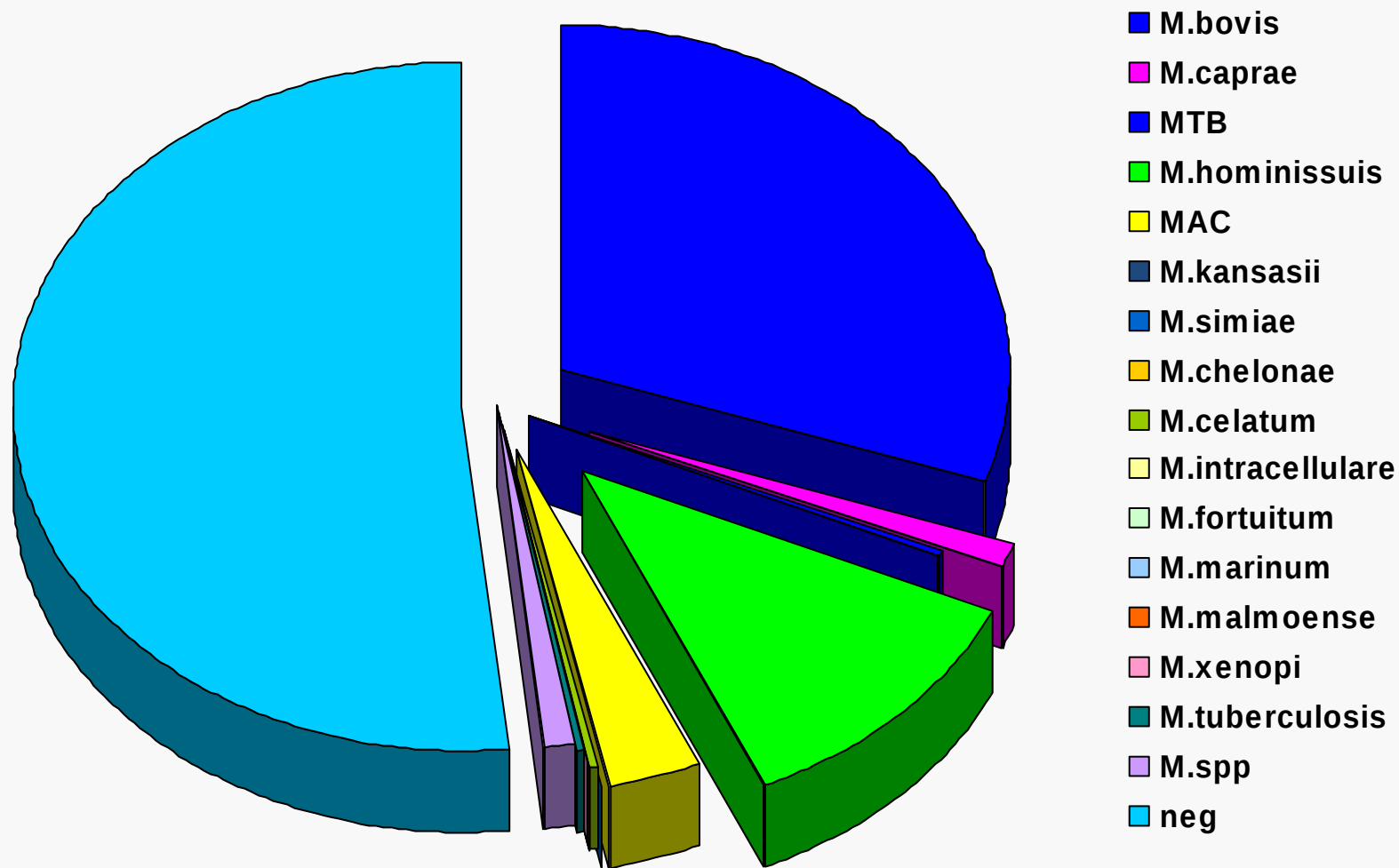


■ *M.bovis*
■ *M.spp.*
■ *neg*

Bacteriological isolation and identification of Mycobacteria in domestic and wild life (2004-2010)



Bacteriological isolation and identification of Mycobacteria in domestic and wild life (2004-2010)



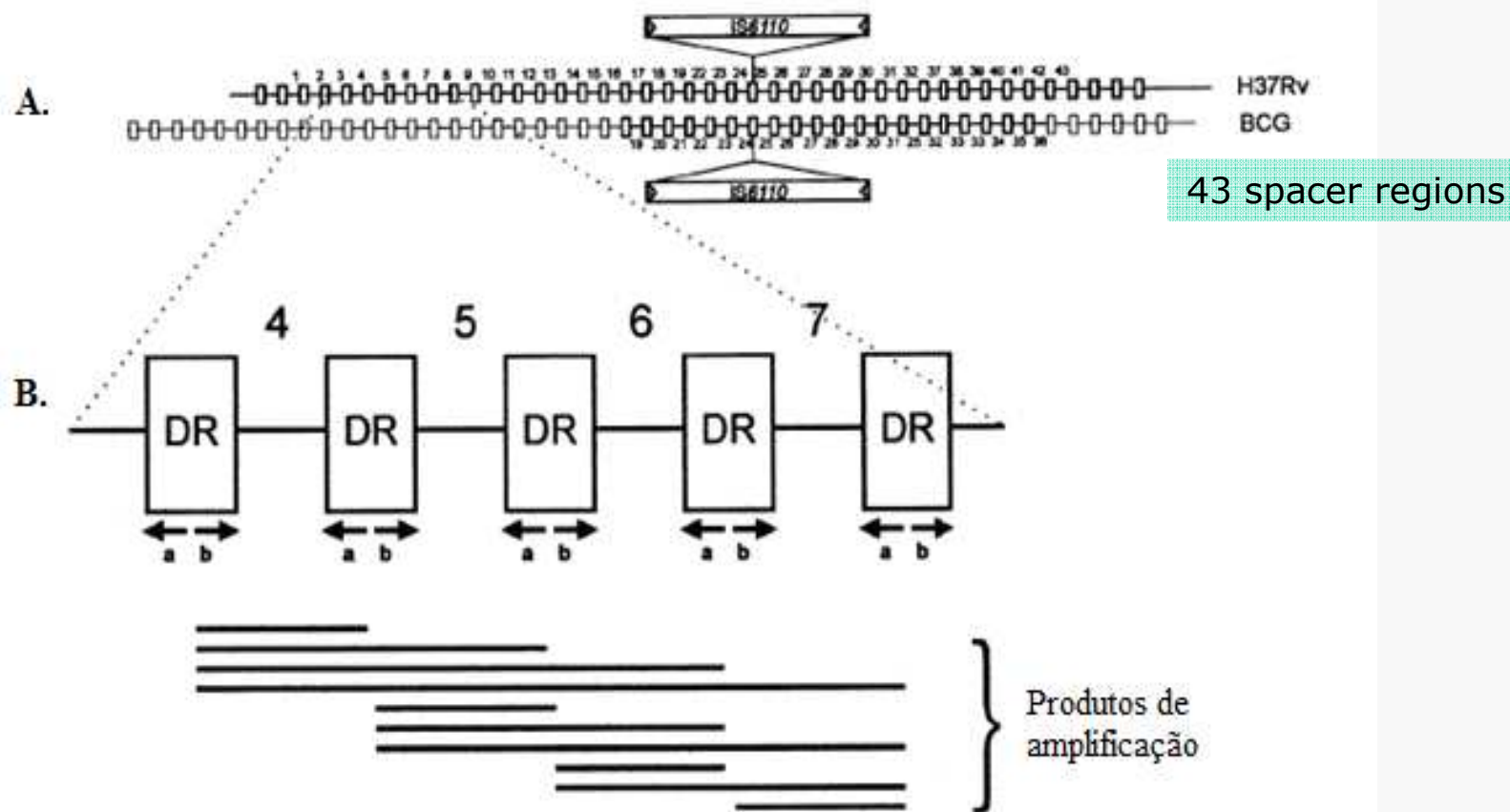
Species	bovine	wild boar/suine	deer	others
M. bovis	800	165	400	10
M. caprae	20	10	10	40
MTB	20	35	10	10
M. hominissuis	10	695	10	10
MAC	20	175	10	10
M. intracellulare	10	10	10	10
M. kansasii	10	10	10	10
M. simiae	10	10	10	10
M. chelonae	10	10	10	10
M. celatum	10	10	10	10
M. marinum	10	10	10	10
M. fortuitum	10	10	10	10
M. malmoense	10	10	10	10
M. xenopi	10	10	10	10
M. tuberculosis	10	10	10	10
M. spp	10	10	10	10
neg.	800	800	800	270

Molecular Typing of *M. bovis* and *M. caprae* isolates

- Compare the Portuguese genotypes with other identified in Europe (www.Mbovis.org)
- Determine the frequency and temporal and geographic distribution of *M. bovis* and *M. caprae* genotypes (structure of *M. bovis* and *M. caprae* population in Portugal)
- Evaluate the epidemiological link between domestic and wild life isolates
- Evaluate the existence and type of bTB reservoirs
- Assess the source of infection and routes of transmission of bTB

SPOLIGOTYPING (*Spacer Oligonucleotide Typing*)

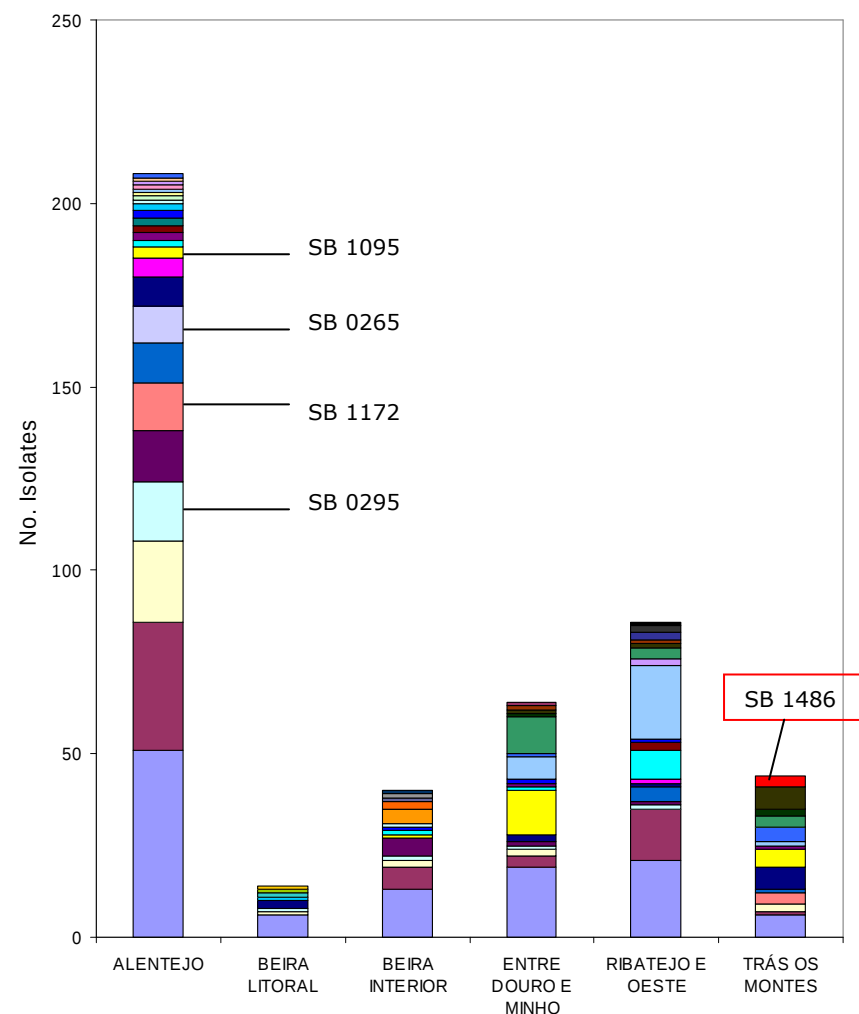
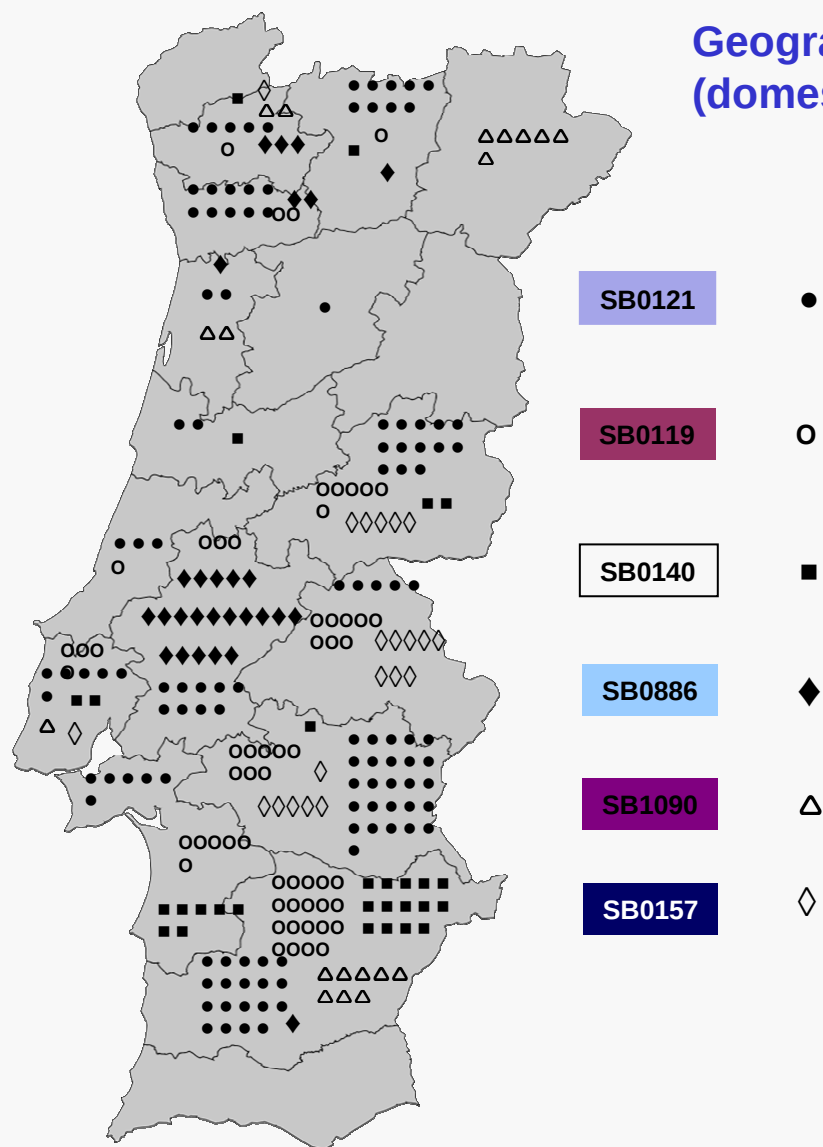
Polimorphisms in *locus* DR (*Direct Repeat*), of MTC species.



Kamerbeek *et al.*, 1997

M. BOVIS DIVERSITY REVEALED BY SPOLIGOTYPING

Geographic distribution of Spoligotypes in Portugal (domestic animals)



Spoligotypes	Pattern	C	G	S	Number of isolates (%)
SB0121		124			124 (25,94)
SB0119		67		1	68 (14,23)
SB0140		29			29 (6,07)
SB0886		28			28 (5,86)
SB1090		22			22 (4,60)
SB1095		21			21 (4,39)
SB0295		19	1		20 (4,18)
SB0157		7	12		19 (3,97)
SB0124		16			16 (3,35)
SB1172		16			16 (3,35)

Spoligotyping of 478 isolates
[cattle (n=463), goat (n=14), sheep (n=1)]

D=0.88

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TOP 10 Spoligotypes in wild life

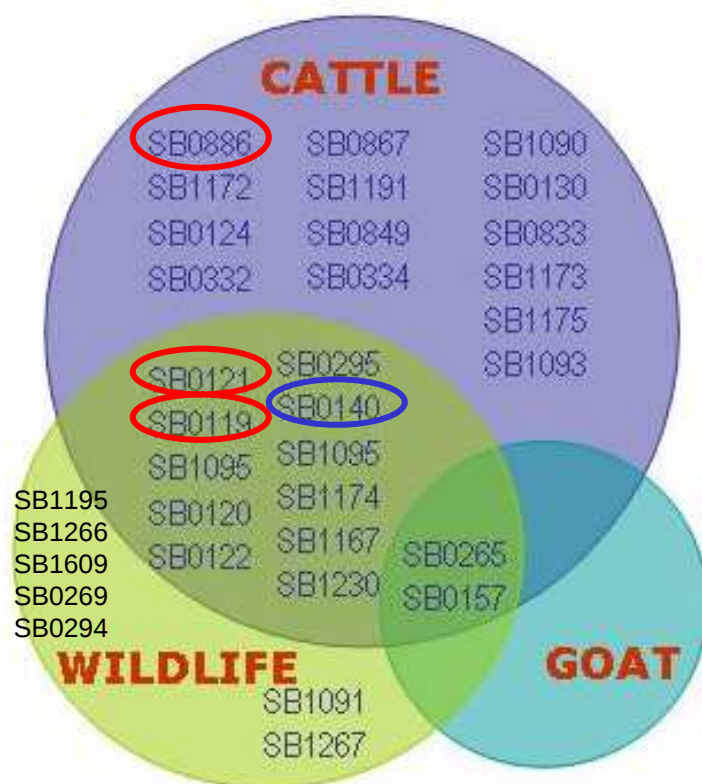
Spoligotyping of 110 isolates from wildlife [deer (n=74), wild boar (n=36)]

D=0.93

Spoligotypes	Pattern	D	B	Number of isolates (%)
SB0121		10	4	14 (12,73)
SB1264		8	6	14 (12,73)
SB0119		6	4	10 (9,09)
SB0122		10		10 (9,09)
SB0265		6	3	9 (8,18)
SB1195		4	4	8 (7,27)
SB1266		4	3	7 (6,36)
SB0120		5	1	6 (5,45)
SB0856		3	1	4 (3,64)
SB1174		3	1	4 (3,64)

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Host distribution of Spoligotypes



- High diversity of spoligotype patterns: 50 different in 588 isolates
- 8.4% of herds presented more than one pattern



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Spoligotype diversity of *Mycobacterium bovis* and
Mycobacterium caprae animal isolates

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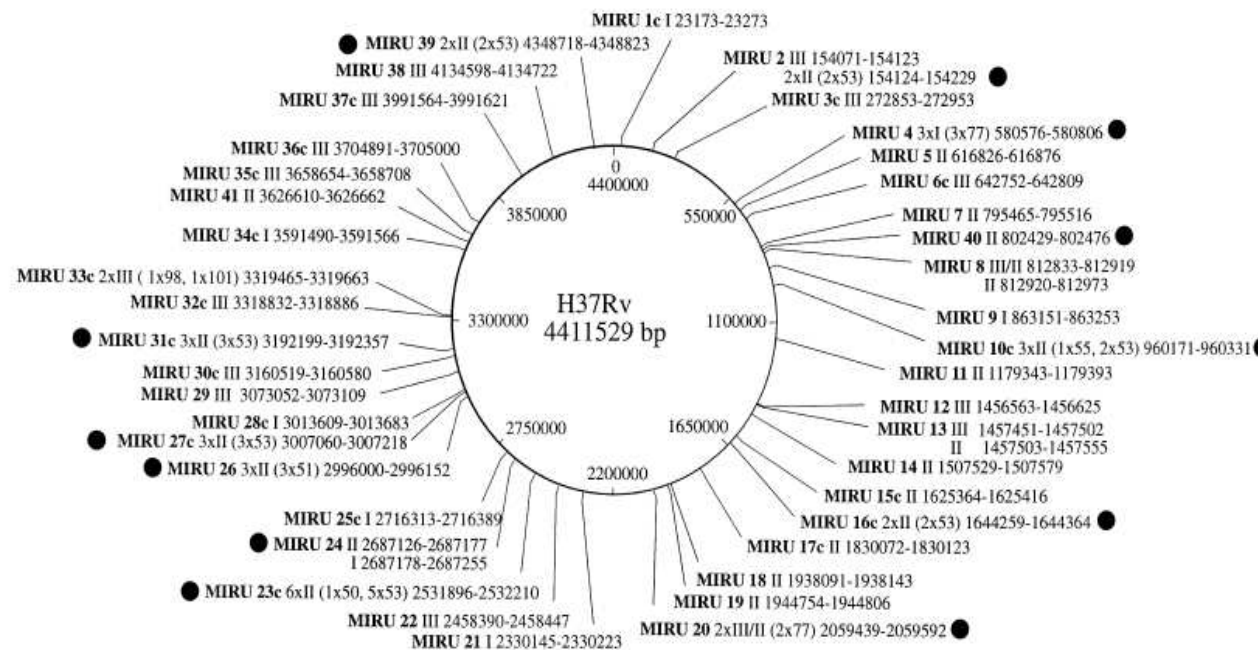
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MIRU-VNTR

(*Mycobacterial Interspersed Repetitive Units – Variable Number Tandem Repeats*)

Polimorphisms in the number of tandem repeats



• PCR - eight *loci*:

VNTR 3232
ETR-A
ETR-B
ETR-C
QUB 11a
QUB 11b
MIRU 4
MIRU 26

• N° tandem repeats

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MIRU-VNTR typing of 12 spoligotypes (181 strains) provided 107 different profiles
(discriminatory index $h = 0.98$)

		MIRU-VNTR allelic profile							Number of isolates	
		VNTR3232	ETR-A	ETR-B	ETR-C	QUB11a	QUB11b	MIRU 26	MIRU 4	
SB0121 n=70	44 MIRU profiles	7	6	4	1	11	2	5	3	6
		7	6	4	2	1	1	2	3	5
		7	6	4	4	10	2	5	3	4
SB0119 n=20	10 MIRU profiles	7	6	4	2	1	1	2	3	6
		7	6	4	4	11	2	5	2	4
SB0886 n=27	7 MIRU profiles	8	7	2	4	7	4	6	3	21
SB0140 n=26	8 MIRU profiles	10	7	5	4	11	4	5	8	18
		10	7	5	2	11	4	5	8	2

E. L. Duarte^{a, b}, M. Domingos^a, A. Amado^a, M. V. Cunha^a and A. Botelho^{a*} (2009). MIRU-VNTR typing adds discriminatory value to groups of *Mycobacterium bovis* and *Mycobacterium caprae* strains defined by spoligotyping. Vet. Microbiol doi:10.1016/j.vetmic.2009.11.027 (in press)

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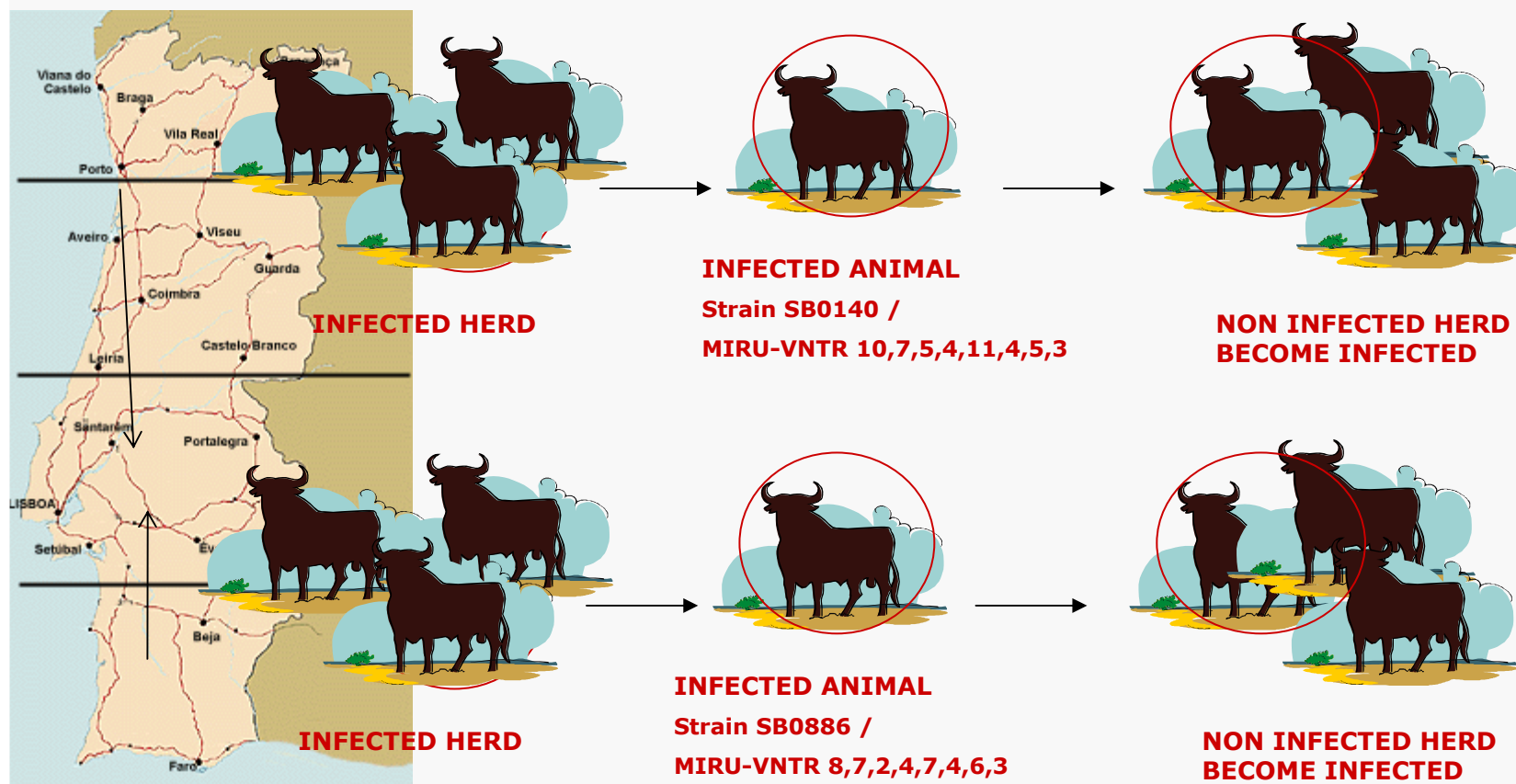
- High genotype diversity confirmed by MIRU-VNTR
- SB0121 represents a heterogenous group with genetically diverse strains
- *Locus* VNTR 3232 showed a very high diversity with 13 different alleles and several double alleles

INFORMATION FROM SPOLIGOTYPING-MIRU ASSOCIATION

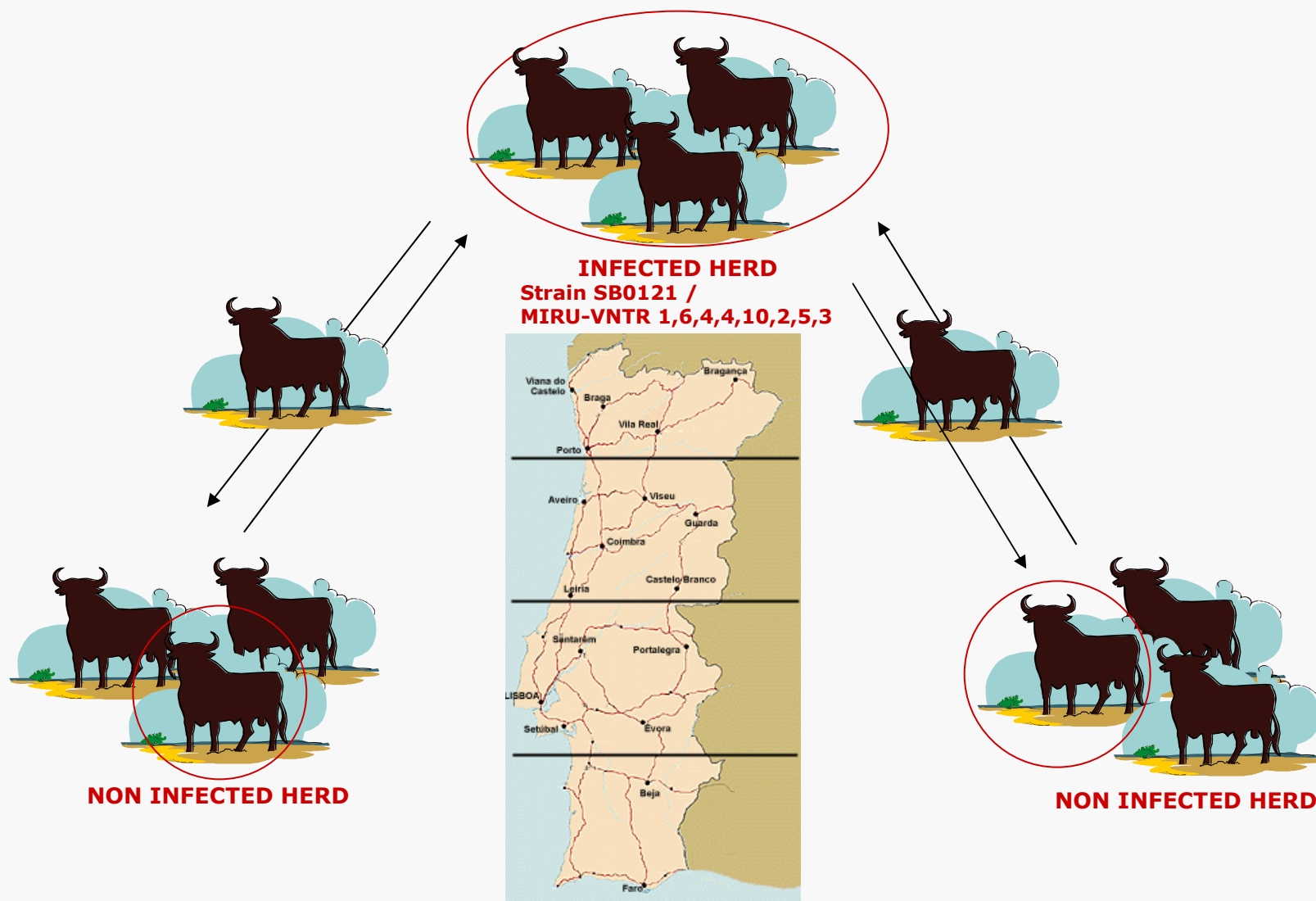
- Detection of multi-genotype infected herds in the same outbreak
- Cases of possible reactivation in five herds
- Introduction of one infected animal from another herd
- Movement of animals between herds
- Existence of wild animal reservoirs

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Introduction of an infected animal

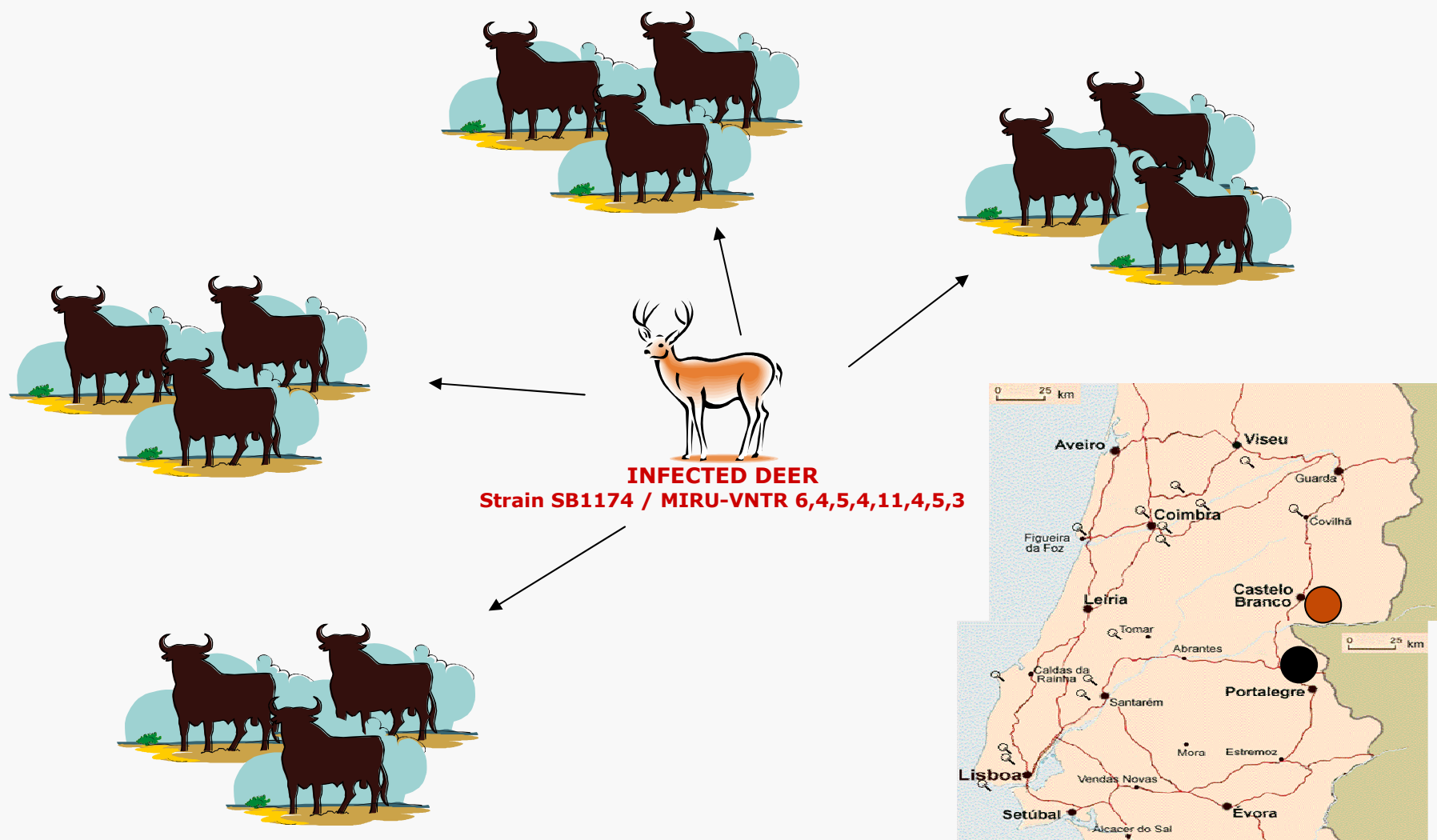


Movement of animals between herds

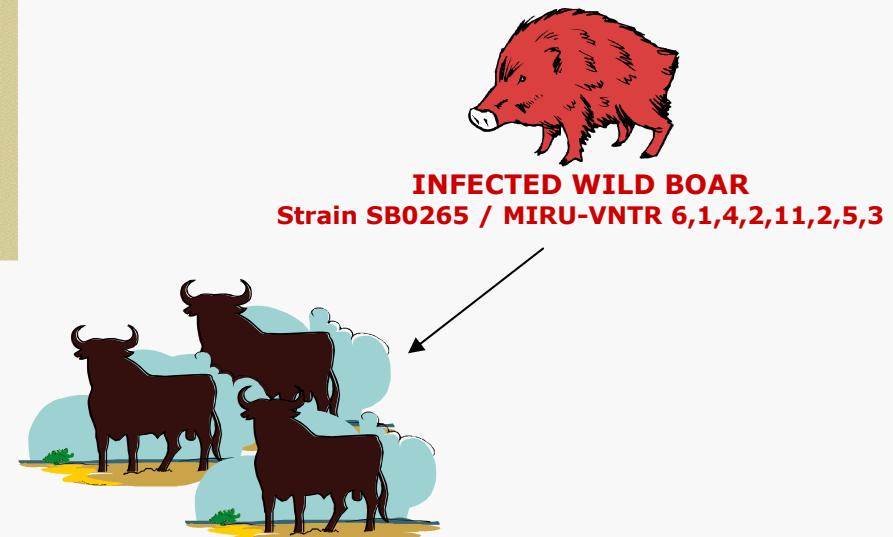


Cattle movements between herds occurred in 54.3% of the animals

Existence of wild animals reservoirs – *M. bovis* transmission between cattle and red deer



Existence of wild animals reservoirs – *M. bovis* transmission between cattle and wild boar



“Thought-provoking” aspects

- Interferon-gamma as a reliable screening method for bTB. Correspondence between this test and lesions, histopathology and bacteriological isolation.
- Analysis of the molecular epidemiology data in parallel with the traditional epidemiology (movement of animals, contact with different reservoirs)
- Importance of wild life reservoirs: control of movements, control of disease
- Animal reservoirs: wild boar and deer. Any others (badger, opossum..., pets in farms)?
- Coordination and integration of all the available information in a single data-base (Complementation of SNIRA/PISA)



Cooperation between different institutions



Epidemiovigilance



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