

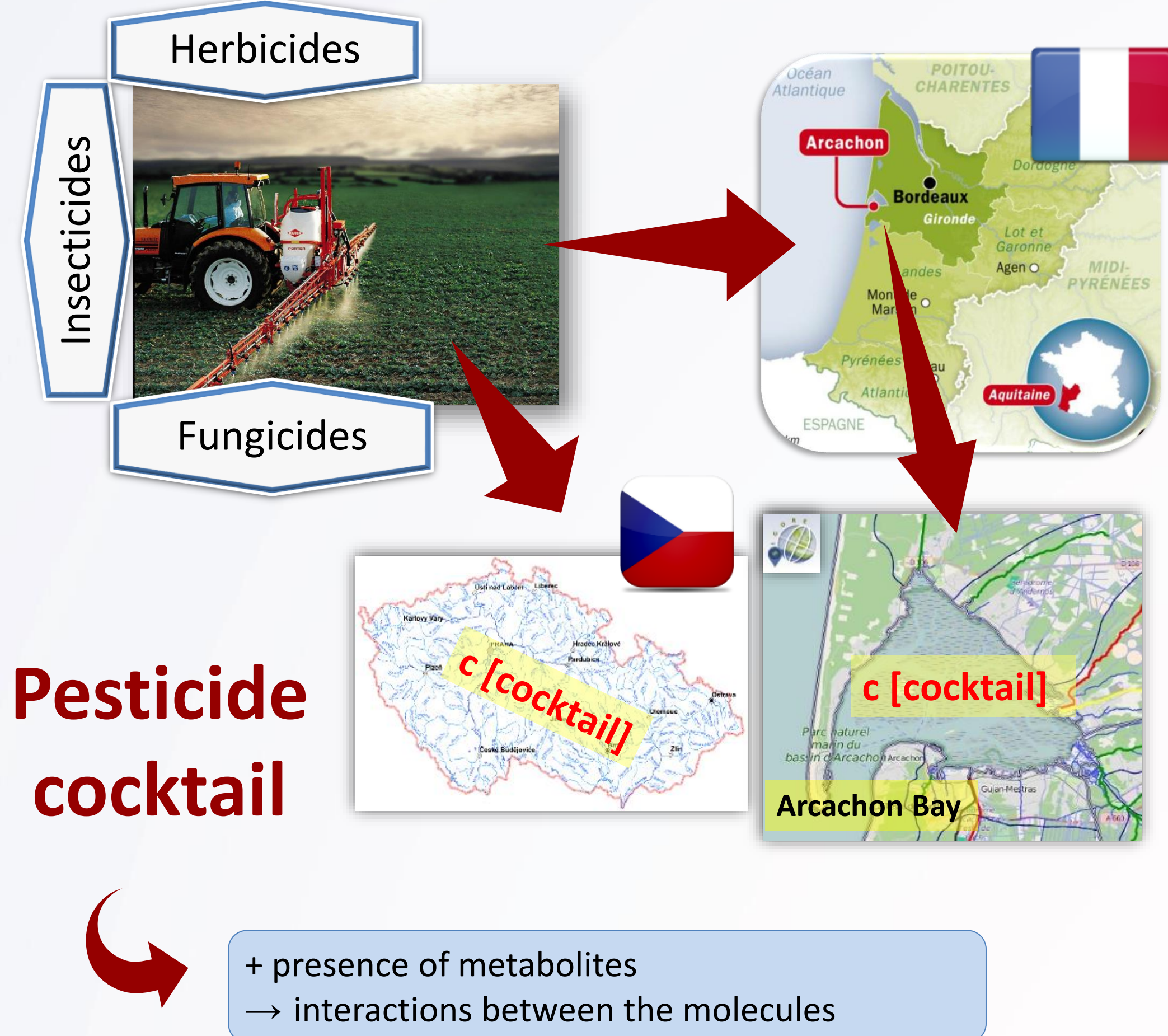
Environmentally relevant pesticide mixture: a risk for non-target aquatic organisms?

Laboratory and *in situ* approaches

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Introduction



Objectives of the thesis

Evaluation of sublethal effects and mechanisms of action of the embryo-larval stages of non-target aquatic organisms exposed to environmental concentrations of pesticides alone or mixed:

- Fish *Danio rerio*
- Oyster *Magallana gigas*

+ *In situ* approach with encaged oysters in the Bay



Thesis outcomes

+ thesis defense December 2020

- *Danio rerio*
 - Herbicides → Environmentally relevant mixture of S-metolachlor and its two metabolites affects thyroid metabolism in zebrafish embryos (Aquatic Toxicology 221 (2020) 105444)
 - Pesticide mixture (5 pesticides) – lab work in progress
- *Magallana gigas* (presented in this poster)
 - Individual compounds + prospective nanopesticide comparison – ↑ manuscript finished ↑
 - Pesticide mixture (5 pest.) + *in situ* approach – manuscript in preparation
- Complementary cooperation studies
 - *Chironomus riparius* → Acute and (sub)chronic toxicity of the neonicotinoid imidacloprid on *Chironomus riparius* (Chemosphere 209 (2018) 568–577)
 - Fish cell line – pesticide mixture focus – lab work in progress with Marie Mlnarikova

Materials & methods

1. Laboratory approach

Focus: environmental concentrations of the most detected pesticides in the Bay

MIXTURE	PROPI	IMIDA	S-M	MOA	MESA	Total concentration
C1	10 ng/L	100 ng/L	10 ng/L	100 ng/L	100 ng/L	0.32 µg/L
C2	50 ng/L	500 ng/L	50 ng/L	500 ng/L	500 ng/L	1.6 µg/L
C3	0.25 µg/L	2.5 µg/L	0.25 µg/L	2.5 µg/L	2.5 µg/L	8 µg/L

Stimulation with heat shocks (18°C & 28°C) → Gametes → fecondation → Development 12h-40h at 24°C → D-larve (24 hpf)

normalized biotest (NF ISO 17244, 2015)

2. *In situ* approach

20 µm mesh NITEX filters, Cut-open cap, Welded HDPE bottles, KG

4 devices per buoy ± 666,000 larvae per device

Endpoints: Developmental malformations, Swimming behavior, Gene expression

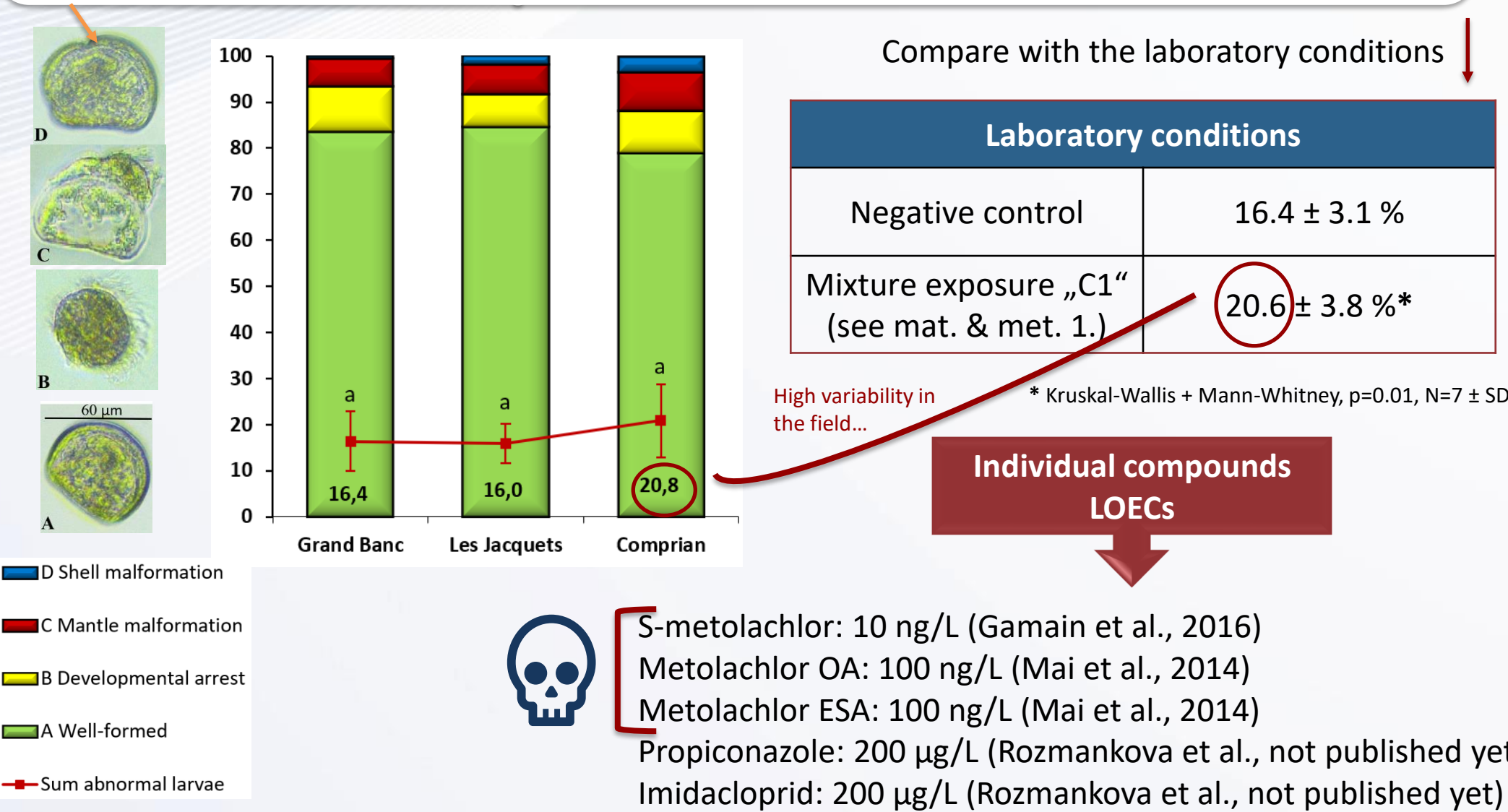
Sampling video

Pesticide concentrations at the beginning and at the end of the *in situ* experiment in the Arcachon Bay (LC-MS/MS (pesticides) and ICP-MS (copper))

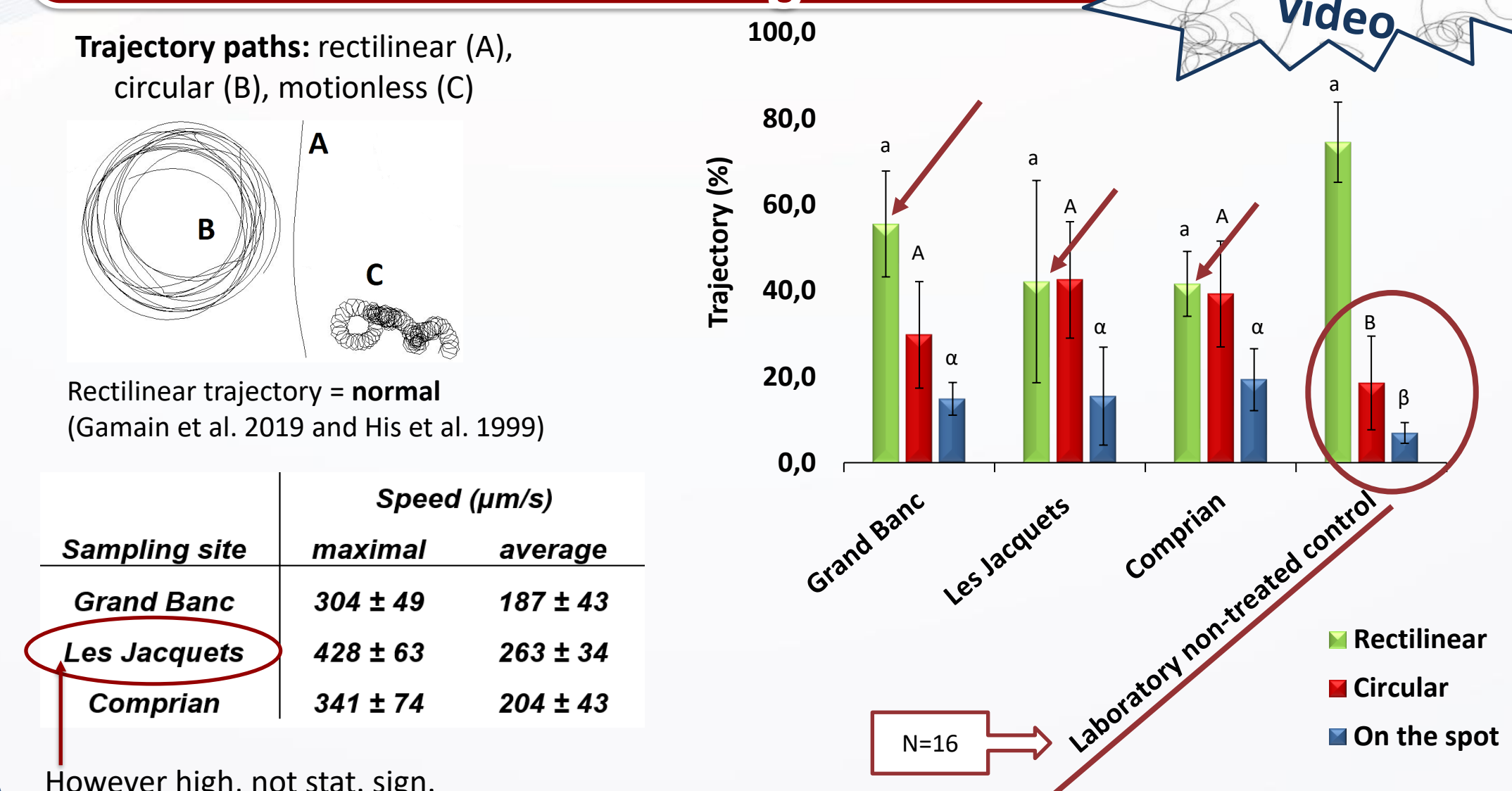
Sampling site	Sampling time h	Salinity psu	Propiconazole ng/L	Imidacloprid ng/L	S-metolachlor ng/L	Copper µg/L
Grand Banc	0	28.8	6.30	26.96	72.59	0.59
	48	34.6	5.67	9.14	72.54	0.54
Les Jacquets	0	22.4	12.69	14.63	97.20	0.42
	48	23.5	8.73	10.08	92.75	0.79
Comprian	0	17.1	9.27	10.89	119.79	0.65
	48	18.7	16.74	16.83	138.29	0.49

Results & discussions

1. Developmental malformations



2. Swimming behavior



Conclusions

- ✓ Successful use of the designed caging device.
- High sensitivity of the early-life stages of oyster.
- Relatively good water quality in the Arcachon Bay. But was the reference site a reference one? Reference site just outside of the Bay in the ocean could be a better solution, however, that was logistically not feasible.
- 1st study assessing the locomotion of oyster larvae exposed *in situ*.
- Different impact on the molecular level of larvae in the field and in those exposed to the reconstituted mixture in the laboratory.
- The complexity of the environmental mixture (pesticides, metals, drugs, personal care products, hydrocarbons...) cannot be explained by the effect of the most abundant herbicides, insecticide, and fungicide in the Bay.
- Assessment of the quality of coastal waters.
- Could be used by environmental agencies, marine stations, ...
- For a live commentary, please see SETAC SciCon presentation 1.02.3.

3. Gene expression

Function	Gene	Mitochondrial metabolism		Apoptosis regulation		Regulation of the cell cycle/apoptosis		Biotransformation			Oxidative stress defense			Growth arrest and DNA damage	DNA reparation	Detoxification	
		12S	cox1	bax	casp3	p53	cyp1a	cat	sodCu	sodMn	gpx	gadd45	rad51	mt1	mt2		
<i>In situ</i> : compared to the reference site	Les Jacquets / Grand Banc	-	1.3 ± 0.3**	-	-	-	-	3.4 ± 1.1***	-	-	0.7 ± 0.1***	-	0.8 ± 0.2*	-	-	0.8 ± 0.5*	
	Comprian / Grand Banc	1.3 ± 0.2**	-	-	-	-	-	2.7 ± 1.2***	-	1.2 ± 0.2*	0.6 ± 0.1***	-	-	-	0.6 ± 0.5***	0.5 ± 0.3***	
	Laboratory exposure with the mixture (see mat. & met. 1.)	C1	0.74 ± 0.2**	-	-	-	-	0.70 ± 0.2***	-	-	-	-	-	0.75 ± 0.4*	-	-	-
	C2	0.95 ± 0.1*	-	-	-	-	0.78 ± 0.2***	-	-	-	-	-	0.68 ± 0.1***	-	-	-	
	C3	-	-	0.81 ± 0.01**	-	-	0.85 ± 0.1*	-	-	-	-	-	0.72 ± 0.2**	-	-	0.71 ± 0.3*	

Fold changes; induction emphasized in green, repression in red. *p < 0.05; **p < 0.01; ***p < 0.001