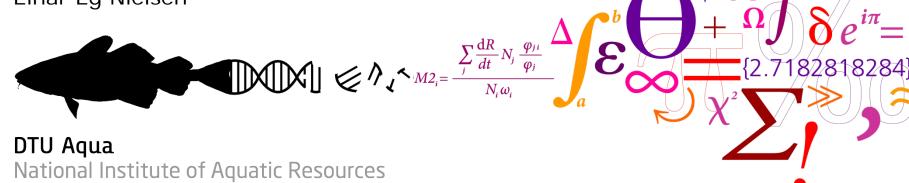


What DNA can do for you! Genetic methods and the landing obligation

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Making discards count!

- Catching low value species and sizes is unavoidable
- One way of optimizing utilization of low value is to store and land them as bulk products
- Fish blocks
 - Export
- Silage (on board)
 - Fishmeal or fishoil
- Difficult to control what is being landed if there are no/few signs to identify species
- COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1224/2009
- Can DNA help identify and quantify what species are in these products?

Fish blocks



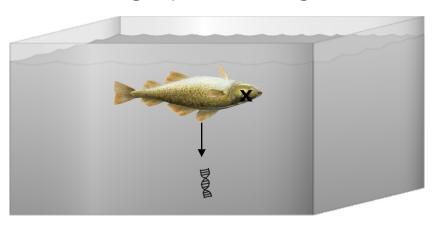
Silage





DNA as a tool in fisheries

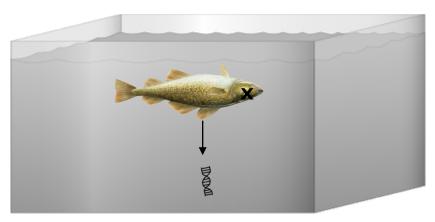
Silage processing tank

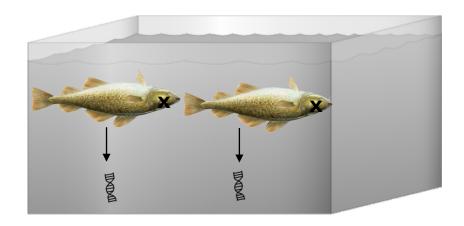




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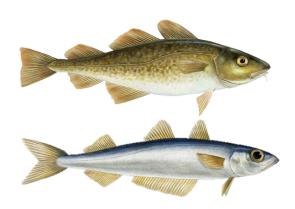
DNA quantity ≈ biomass



Study species

• Atlantic cod (Gadus morhua - Torsk)

• Whiting (Merlangius merlangus - Hvilling)



• Haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus - Kuller)



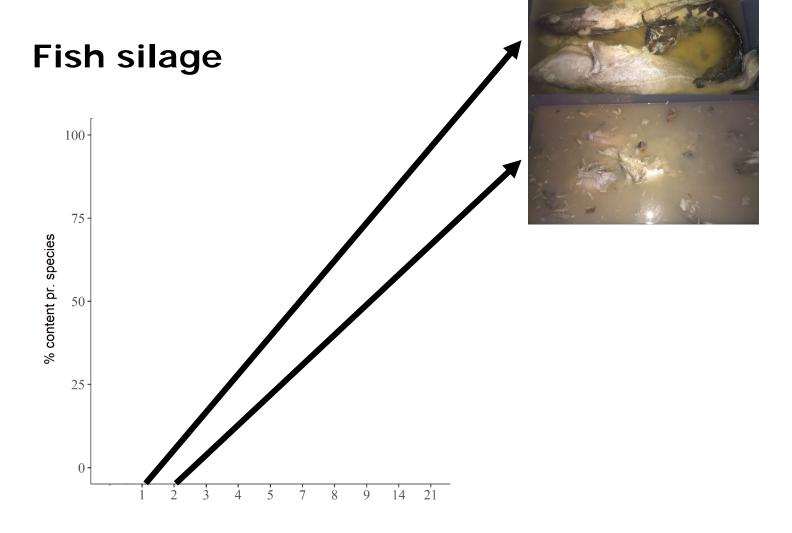
• Atlantic wolffish (Anarhichas lupus - Havkat)



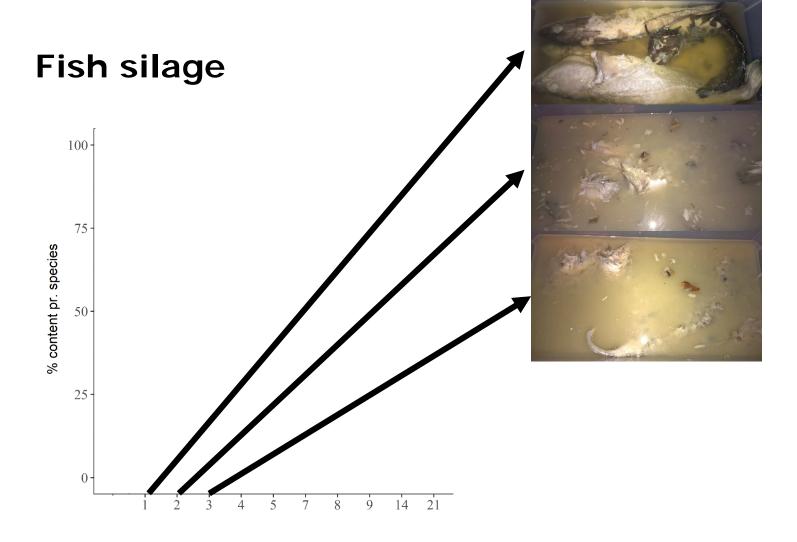






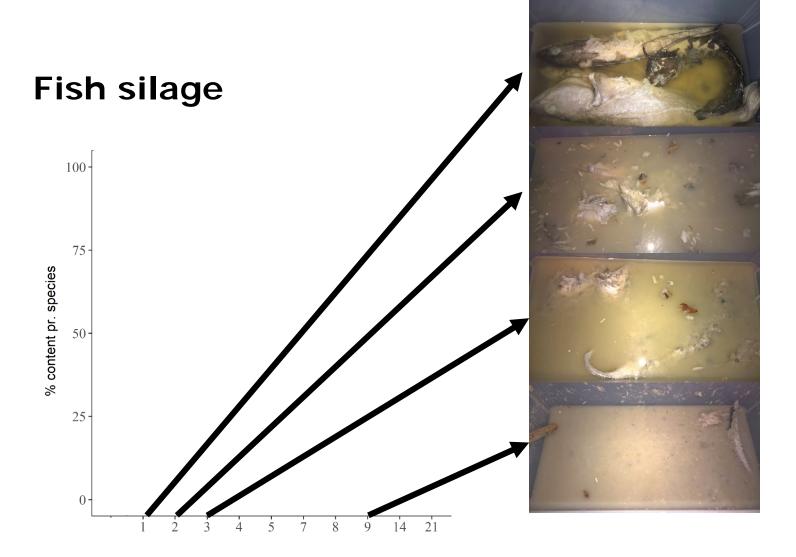






Days since start of silage production



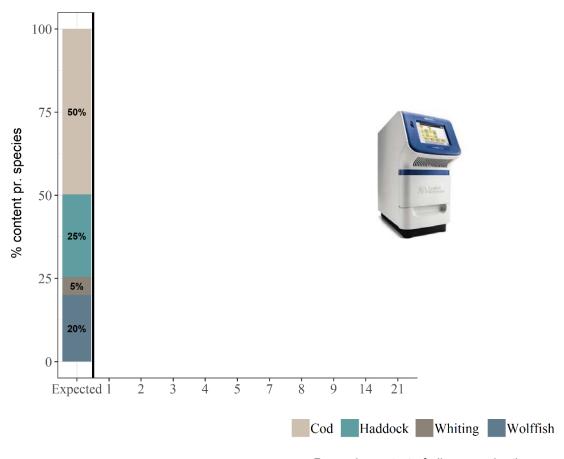


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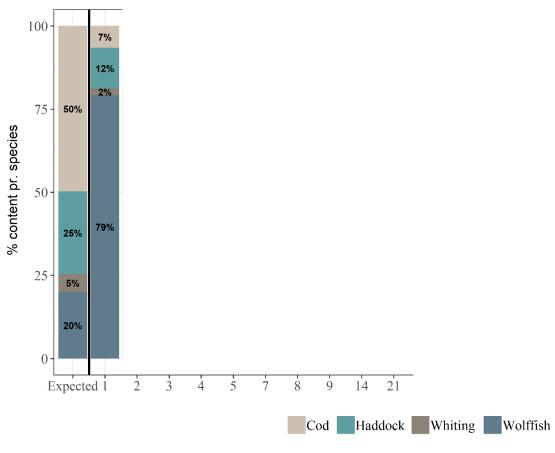




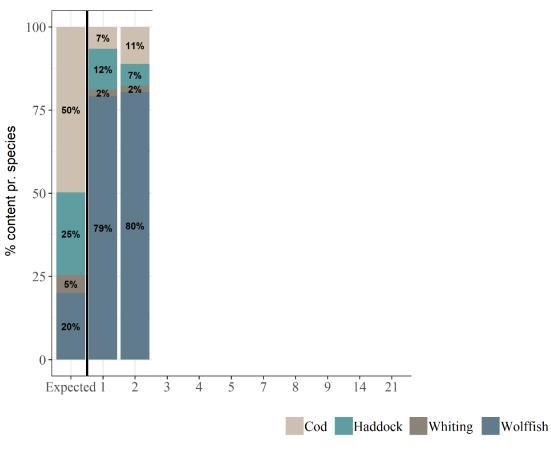




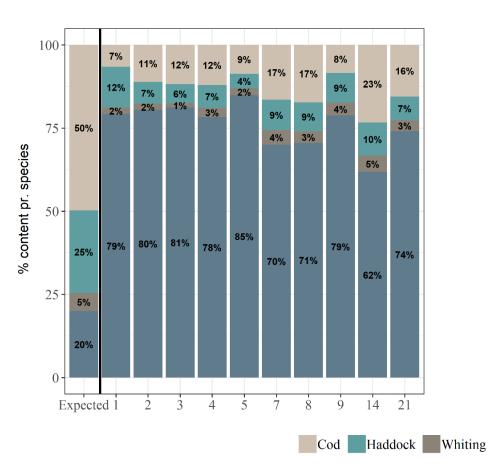












Identifikation of all 4 species

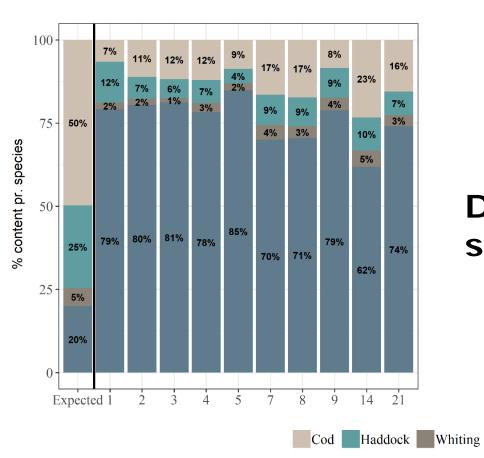
DNA detectable for 21 days

Biomass proportions are inaccurate

Days since start of silage production

Wolffish



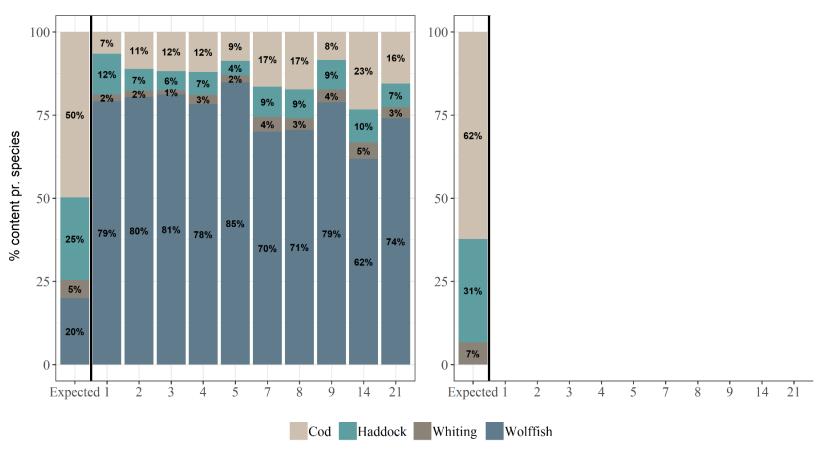


Do all fish contain the same amount of DNA?

Days since start of silage production

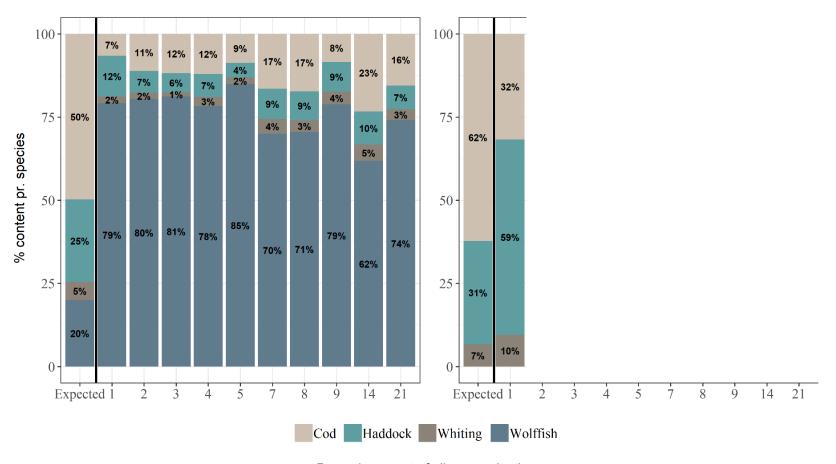
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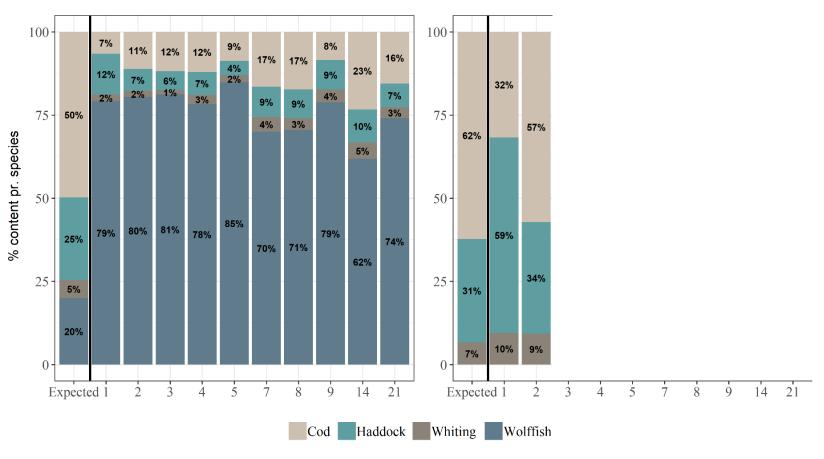
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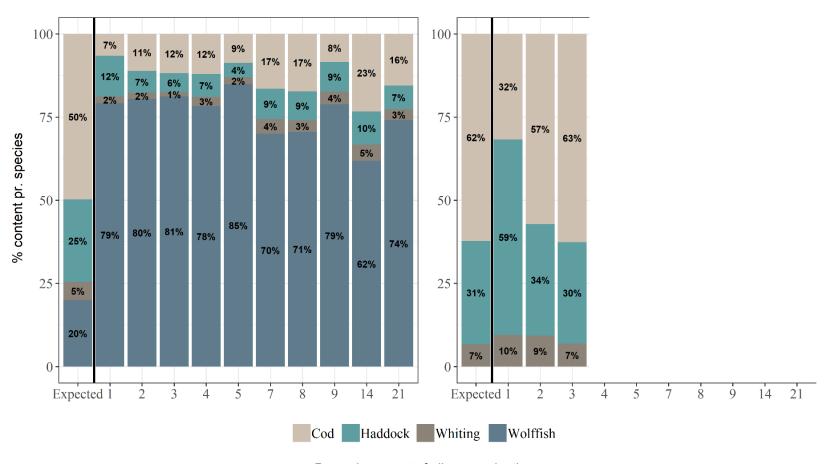
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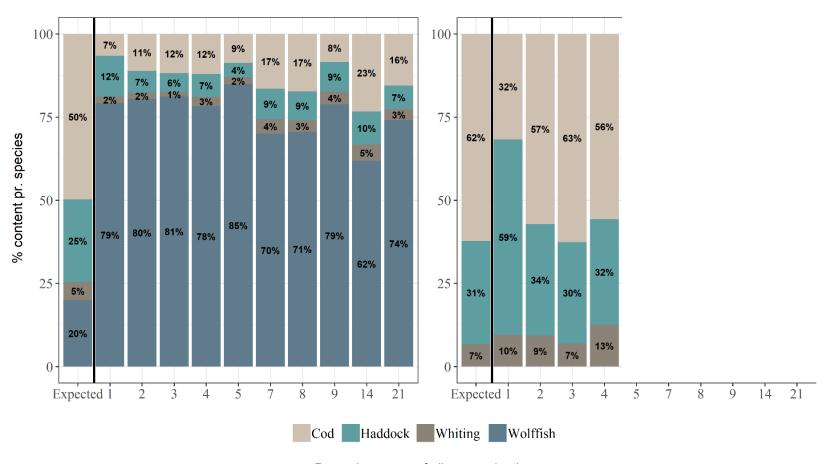
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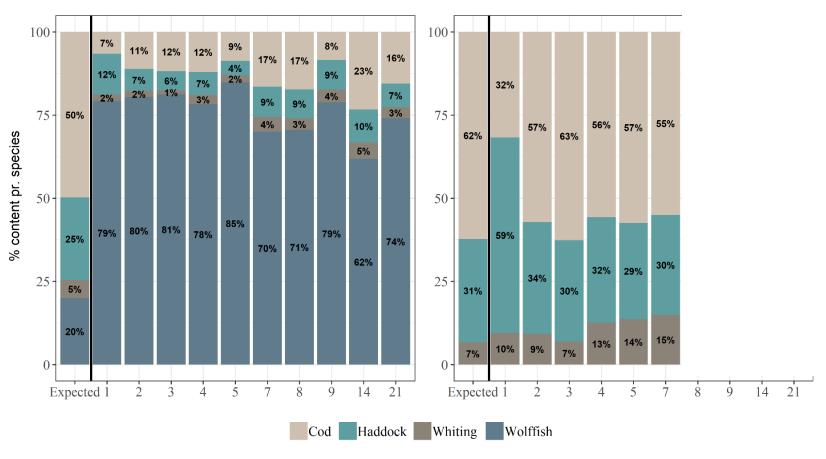
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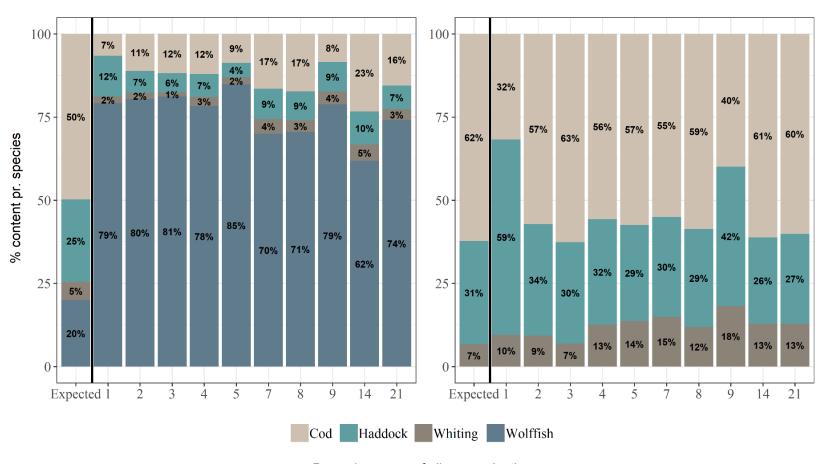
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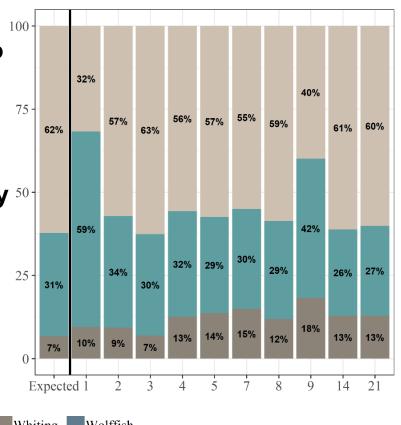
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Likely explanation: relationship between biomass and DNA content are similar among codfishes

For codfishes we can accurately 50identify species and quantify their biomass in silage

Finetuning with correction factors?







Fish blocks: sampling methods

Method I: Filter water -> Extract DNA -> Analyze

Method II: Swab -> Extract DNA -> Analyze

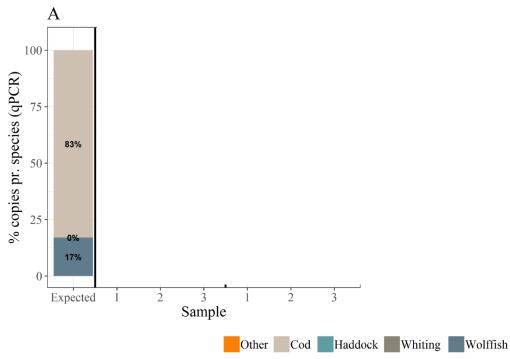






DNA results from frozen fish blocks

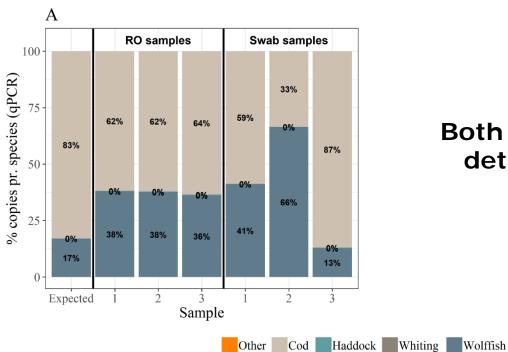






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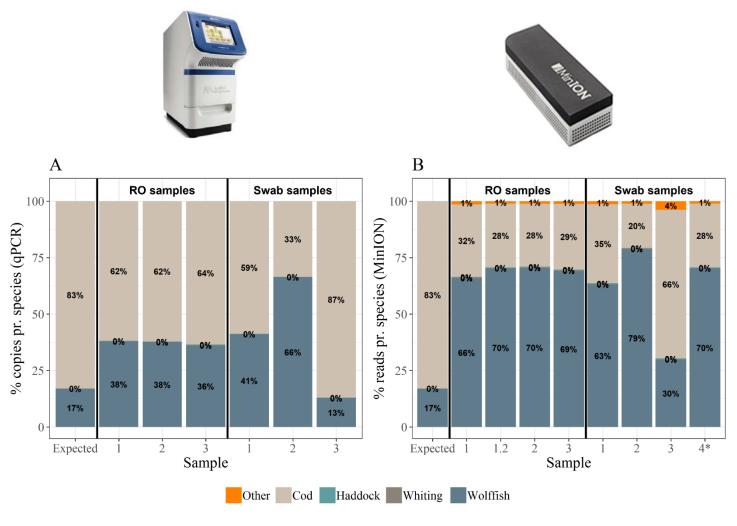




Both methods was able to detect the two species



DNA results from frozen fish blocks





What can DNA do for you!

- Identify the species present in silage and fish block
- Quantify biomass proportion of codfishes at high accuracy in silage
- Good potential for calibration among species in future pratical applications
- High potential for using and transferring applications to portable devices for fast onsite use by non-experts



Thank you for your attention

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