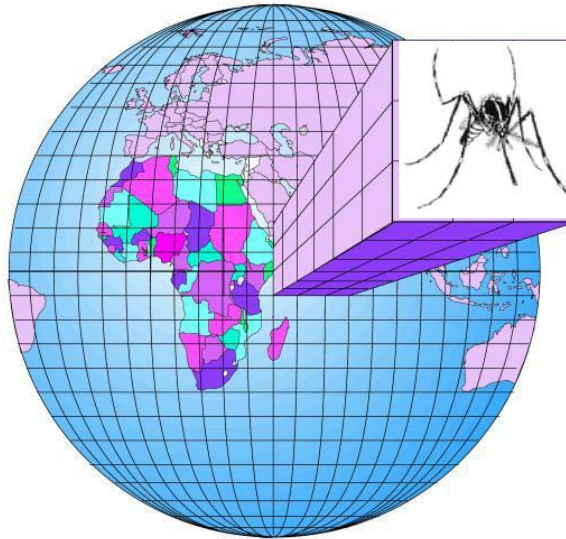


Modéliser l'impact du réchauffement climatique sur les maladies infectieuses vectorielles



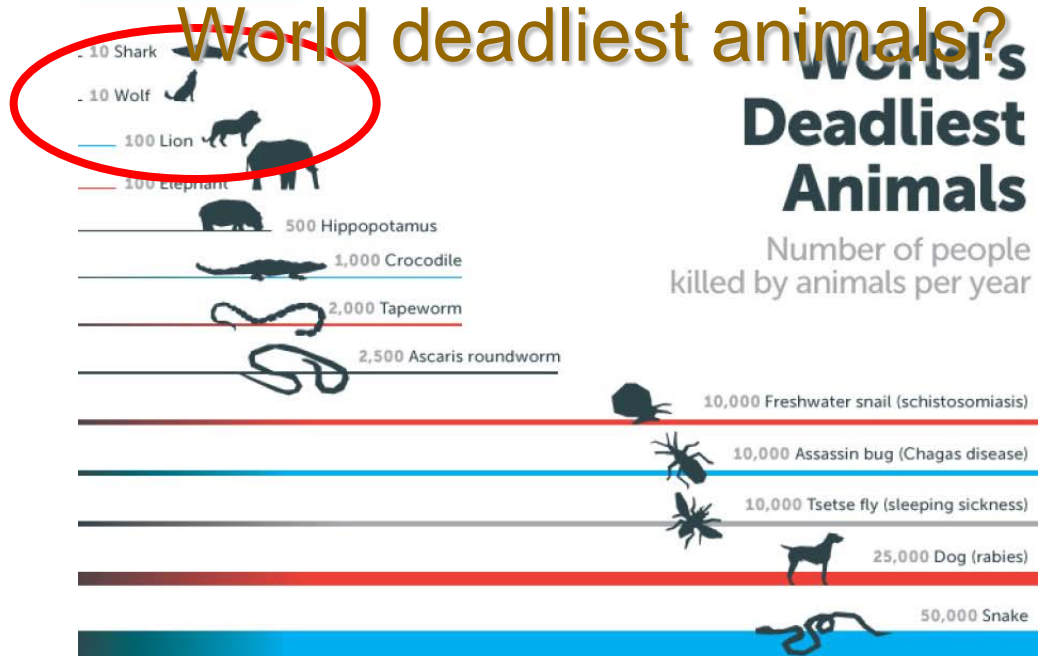
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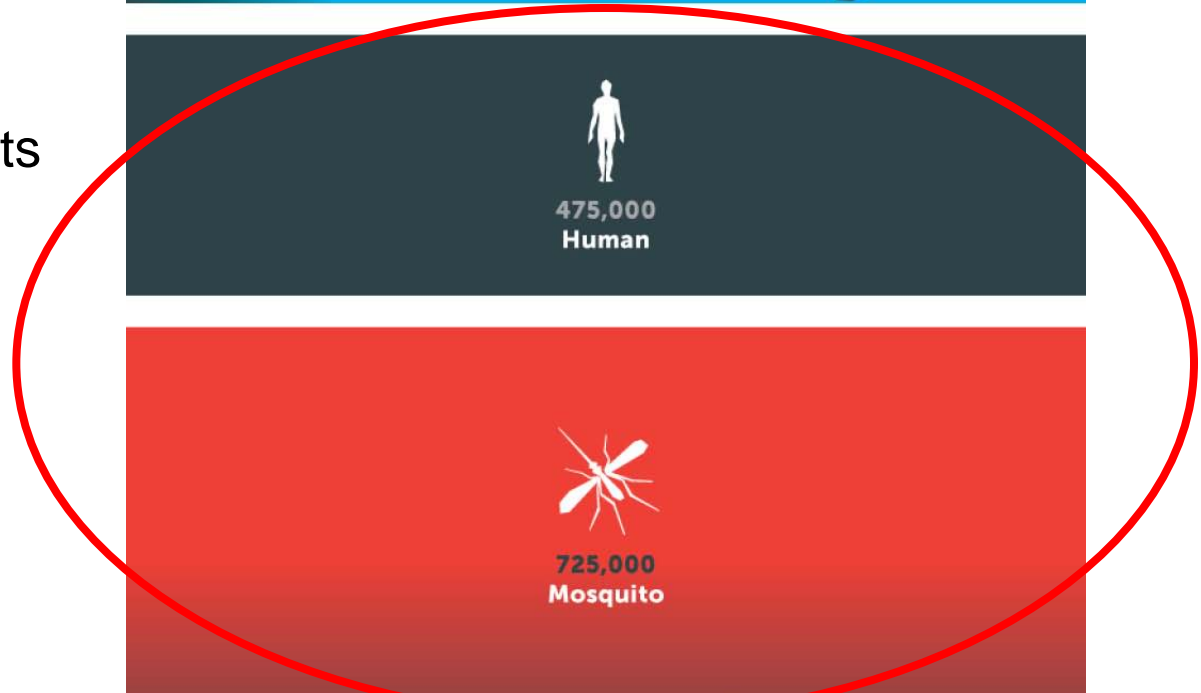
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Irrational fear

World deadliest animals?



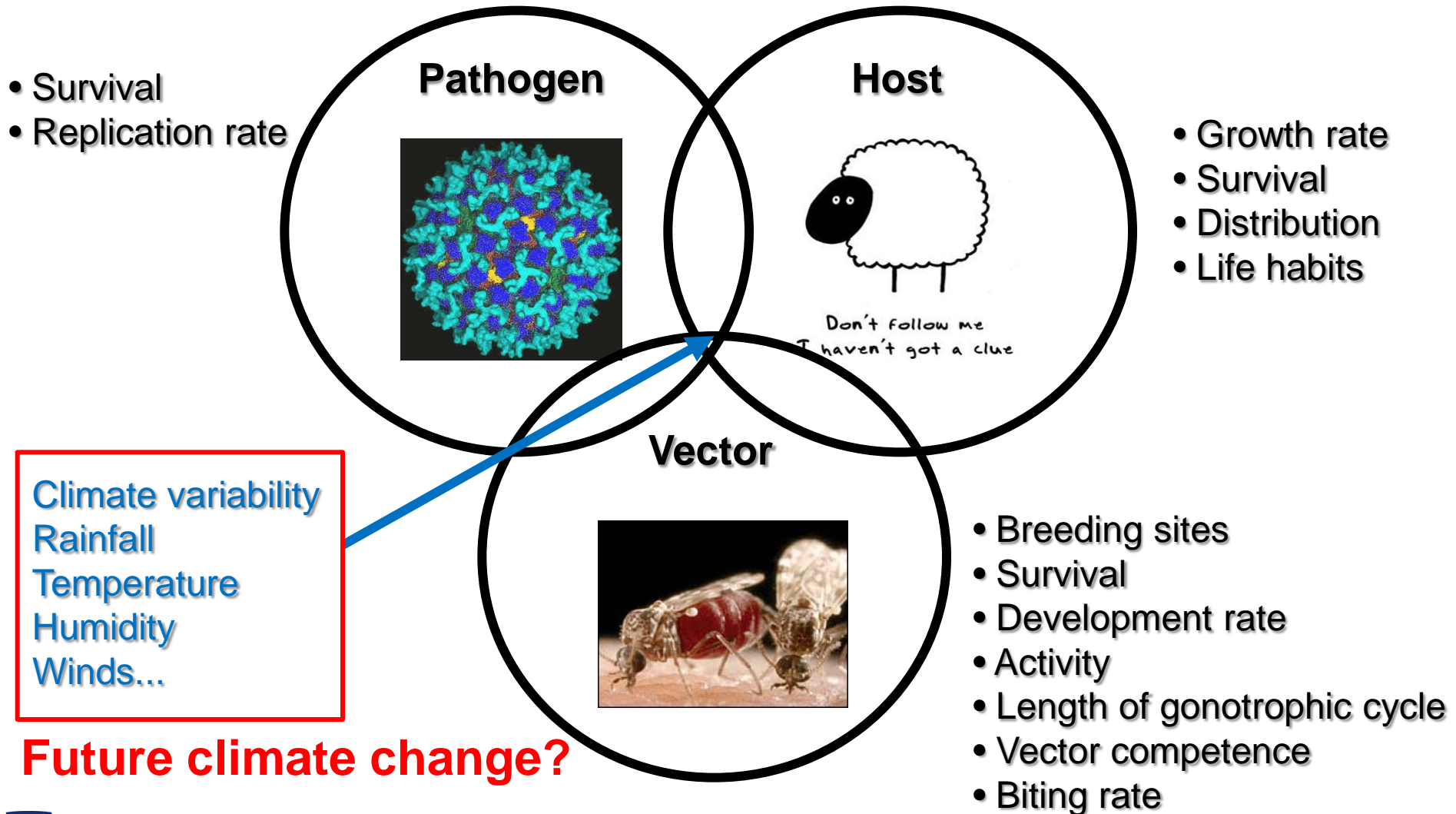
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Vector Borne diseases

Diseases transmitted by blood sucking arthropods, worms...

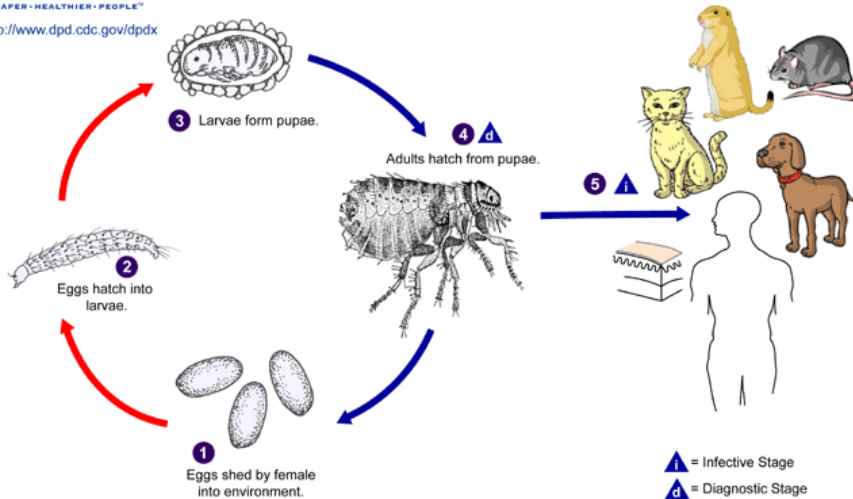


Vector Borne diseases: a few examples

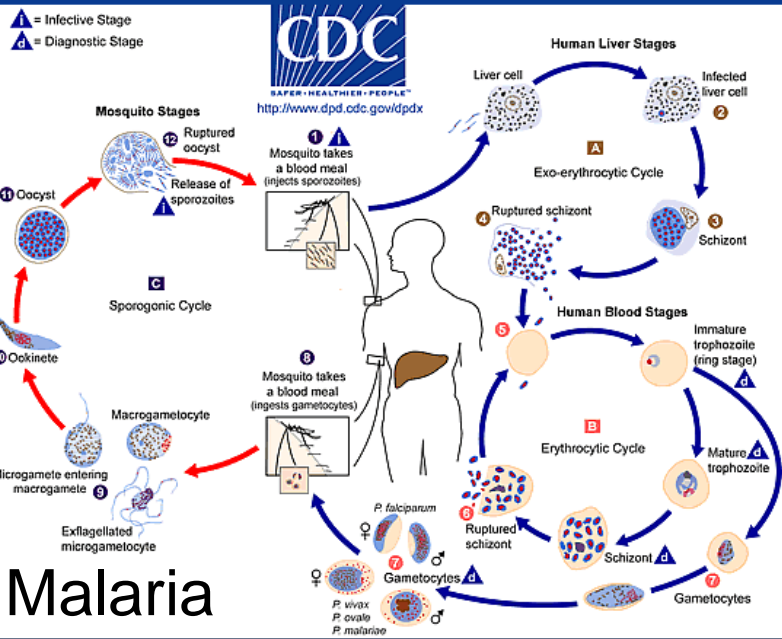
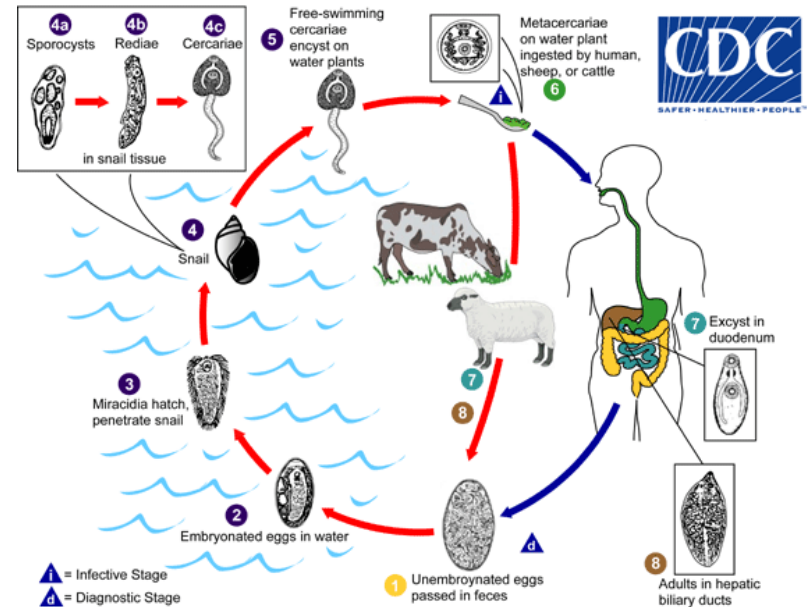


Plague

<http://www.dpd.cdc.gov/dpdx>



Fasciolosis



VBDs are complex systems including different forms of pathogens, different vectors and various intermediate / final hosts
-> Surveillance and need for modelling (early warning systems, scenarios)

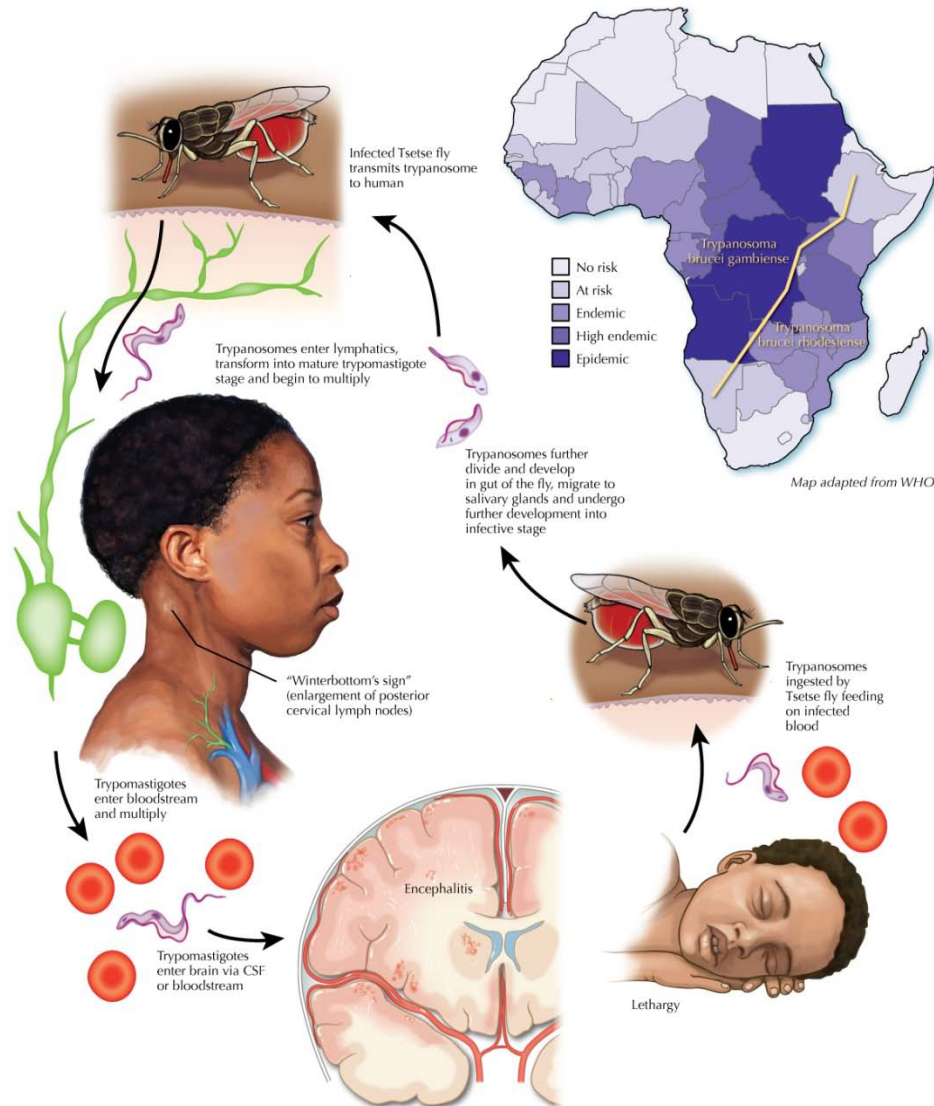
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Vector Borne diseases: Impacts



Black death epidemic in Europe in 1340s-1350s wiped out about a third of the European population

TRYPANOSOMIASIS (AFRICAN SLEEPING SICKNESS)



Before I start (disclaimer)

Observations & surveillance:

Partial representation of real disease burden (due to the quality and quantity of contemporary disease data), especially in the developing world, but this is getting better.

Examples: under-reporting of dengue cases at global scale, under-reporting of malaria cases in India, spatio-temporal biases (hospital locations, late-outbreak intervention, differences in health services and health data quality across countries...) – Analogy with Met station data available for central Africa

Models:

George E.P. Box (statistician):

“Essentially, all models are wrong, but some are useful”

Modelling VBDs: statistical & dynamical approaches

Statistical-dynamical modelling

Statistical modelling

Empirical relationship between disease and sets of covariates:

$$\text{Disease}(X,t)=F(\text{predictors}(X,t))$$

F can be based on different methods:

- Bayesian modelling
- Maxent
- Logistic / Poisson regression
- BioMod...

Pros: powerful in terms of model skill (fit) at small spatial and temporal scales, multiple predictors included (climatic factors, socio-economics, urbanisation...).

Cons: relationships between outcome and predictors are assumed to be stationary for the recent context and the future, difficult to extract mechanisms and extrapolate, link between climate model scenarios and disease outcome generally poorly represented (using static seasonal averages, only one climate model...).

Dynamical modelling

Explicit mechanical modelling of disease dynamics, generally derived from lab/field data (vector –pathogen dynamics, host-vector interactions, SEIR approach).

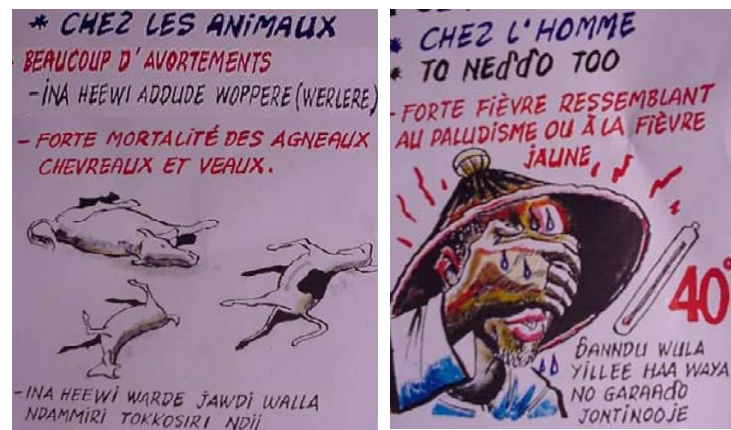
It can be based on different methods:

- SEIR Model (differential equations)
- R_0 (spread of an outbreak)
- Dynamical climate suitability estimates...

Pros: Ideally the best approach IF all mechanisms were known (far to be the case) and all drivers were perfect. Easy to integrate in the past and the future. Takes into account changes in climate variability.

Cons: Too climate-centric. Difficulty to obtain long time series for socio-economic data, demographics as inputs to drive the dynamical model (but this is improving). Large model differences can be obtained by changing model parameterization.

Rift Valley Fever



Zoonosis generally transmitted by *Aedes* and *Culex* mosquitoes.

RVF virus is a member of the genus *Phlebovirus* (family *Bunyaviridae*).

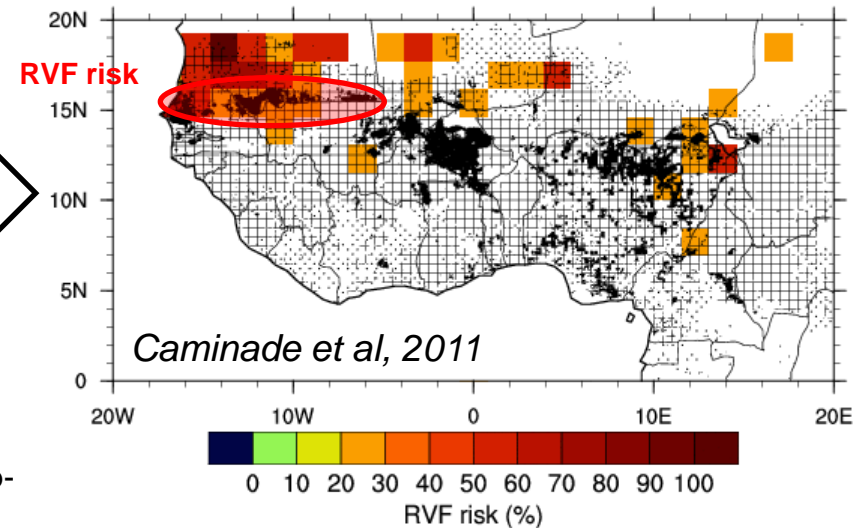
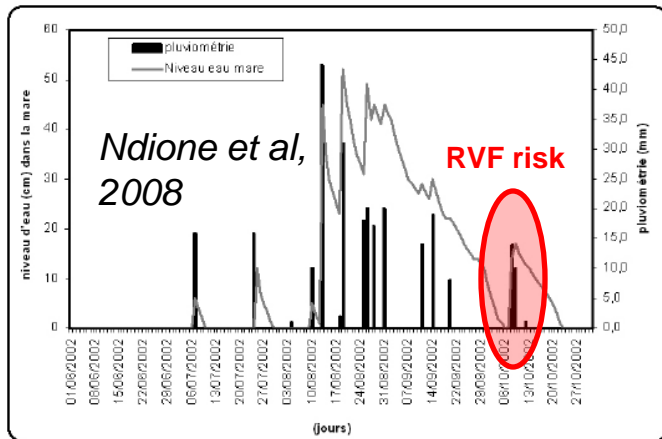
Symptoms

Animal symptoms: high level of abortion in pregnant females, vomiting and diarrhoea, respiratory disease, fever, lethargy, anorexia and sudden death in young animals.
High mortality rate (especially in lamb, calf, sheep and goat).

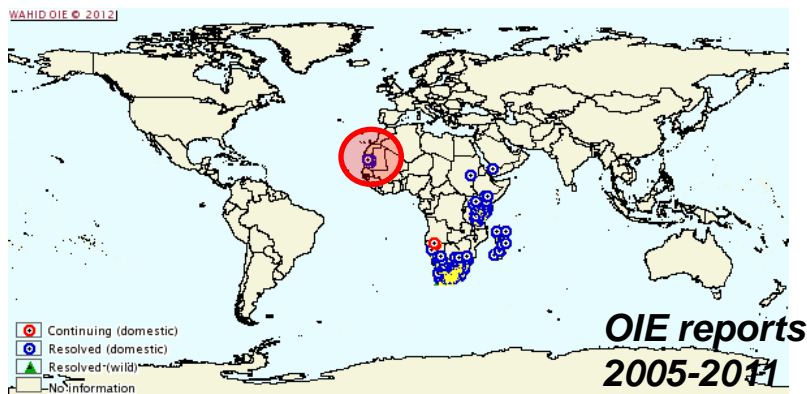
Human symptoms: large fever, headache, myalgia
Can lead to hemorrhagic fever meningitis and death (<2%).
Low mortality rate.



Rift Valley Fever & climate



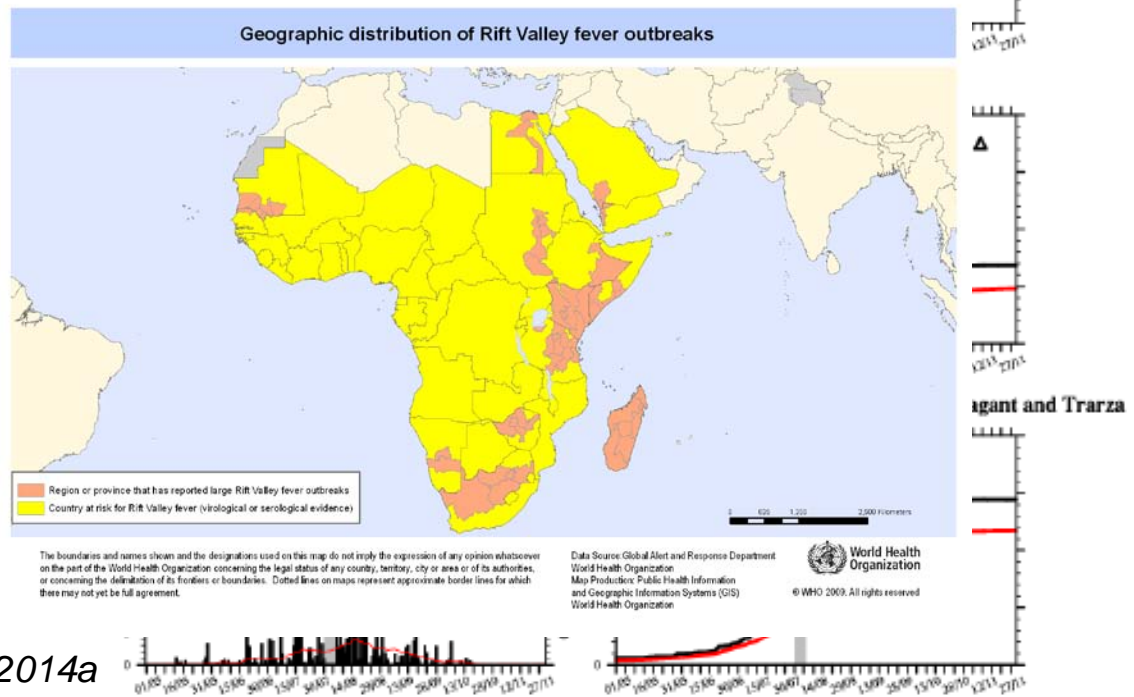
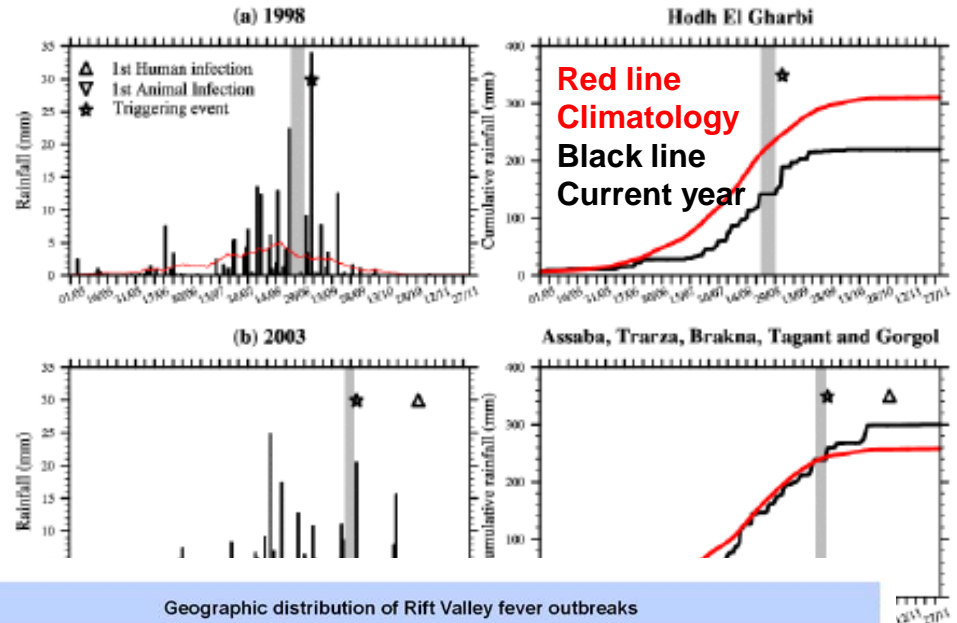
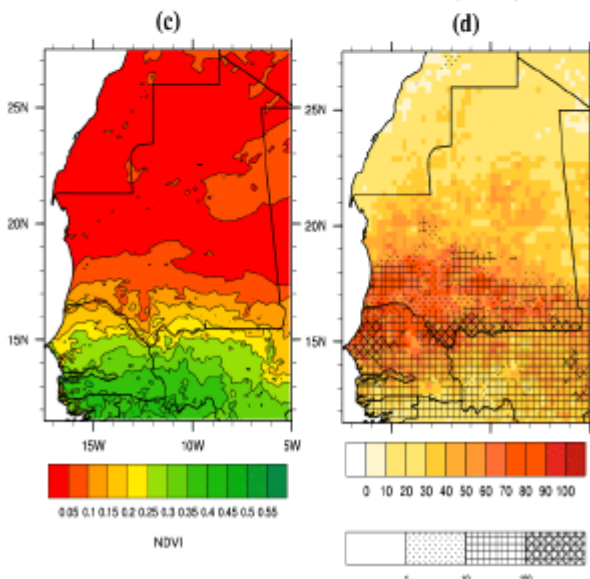
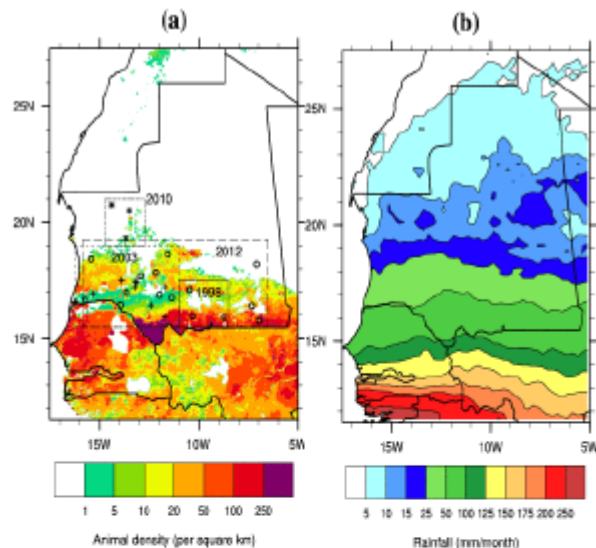
- Dry spell followed by a rainfall peak during the late rainy season (Sep-Oct) over Northern Senegal (Ngao pond, Barkedji in 2002)
- Rehydrating ponds
 - Culex and Aedes mosquitoes hatching + host promiscuity
 - **high RVF risk**



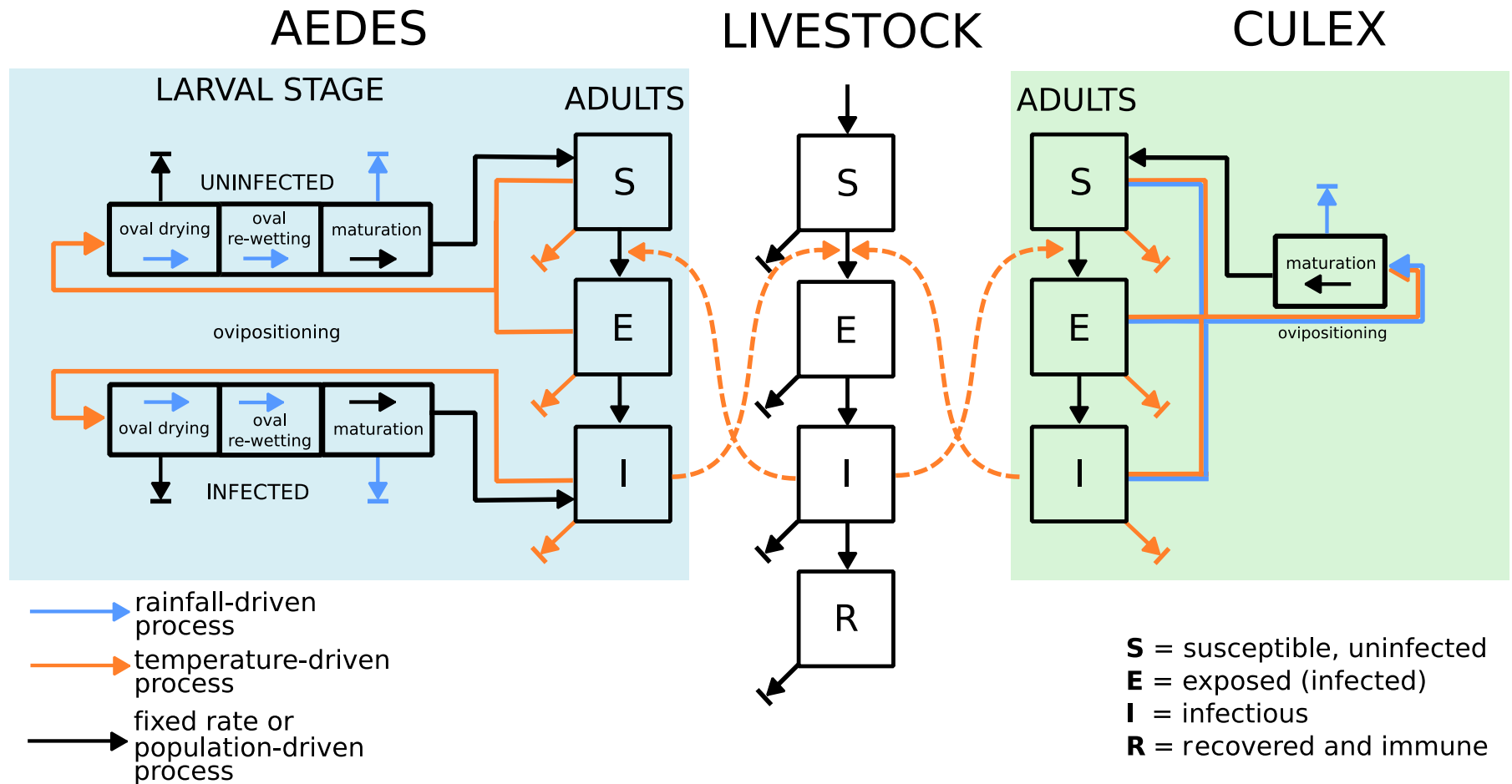
■ Countries with endemic disease and substantial outbreaks of RVF

■ Countries known to have some cases, periodic isolation of virus, or serologic evidence of RVF

Rift Valley Fever outbreaks in Mauritania



Next step: building a dynamical RVF model...



Slide: Anne Jones

Asian tiger mosquito: an invasive species



Pathogens

Dengue fever

A few autochtoneous cases in France in 2010, 2013, 2015...

Chikungunya fever

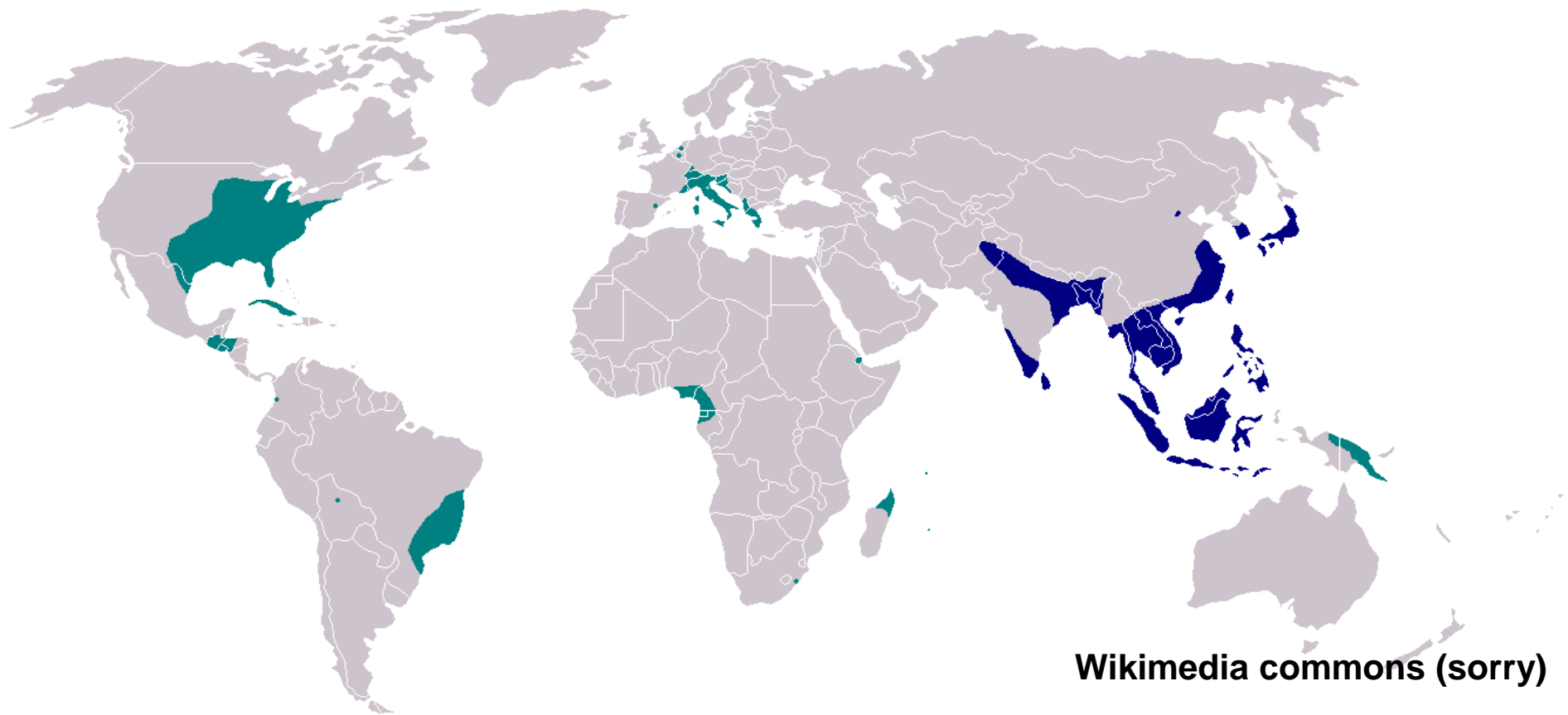
Ravenna outbreak in Italy in 2007

Biting nuisances / allergic reaction!

Methods

- 1) Model its **climatic suitability** using different distribution models.
- 2) Using an ensemble of Regional Climate Model scenario to design future projections
- 3) Differences and similarities before addressing recommendations

Asian tiger mosquito: distribution



blue: original distribution, cyan: areas where introduced in the last 30 years.

Asian tiger mosquito: Introduction routes

Scholte & Schaffner, 2007



Figure 2. Main *Aedes albopictus* introduction routes: (A) Used tyres. (B), (C) Lucky Bamboo (*Dracaena* spp.).



Asian tiger mosquito spread in Europe

Scholte & Schaffner, 2007

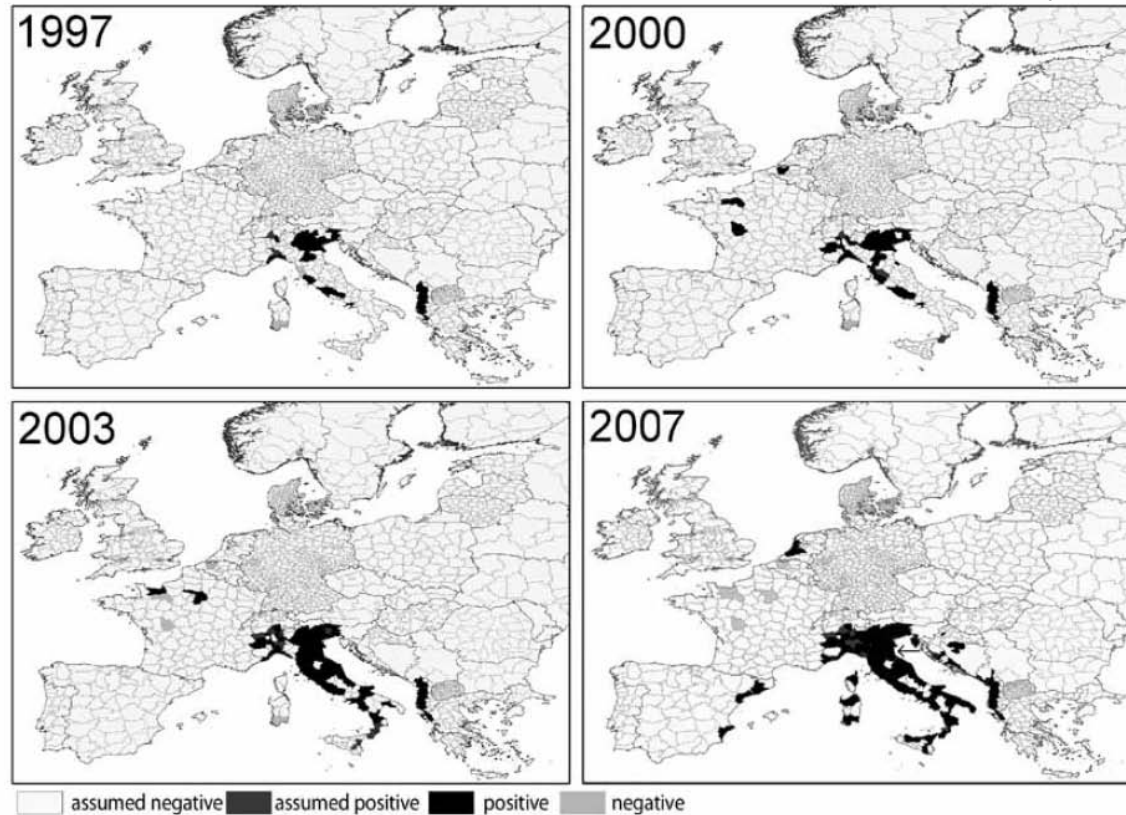
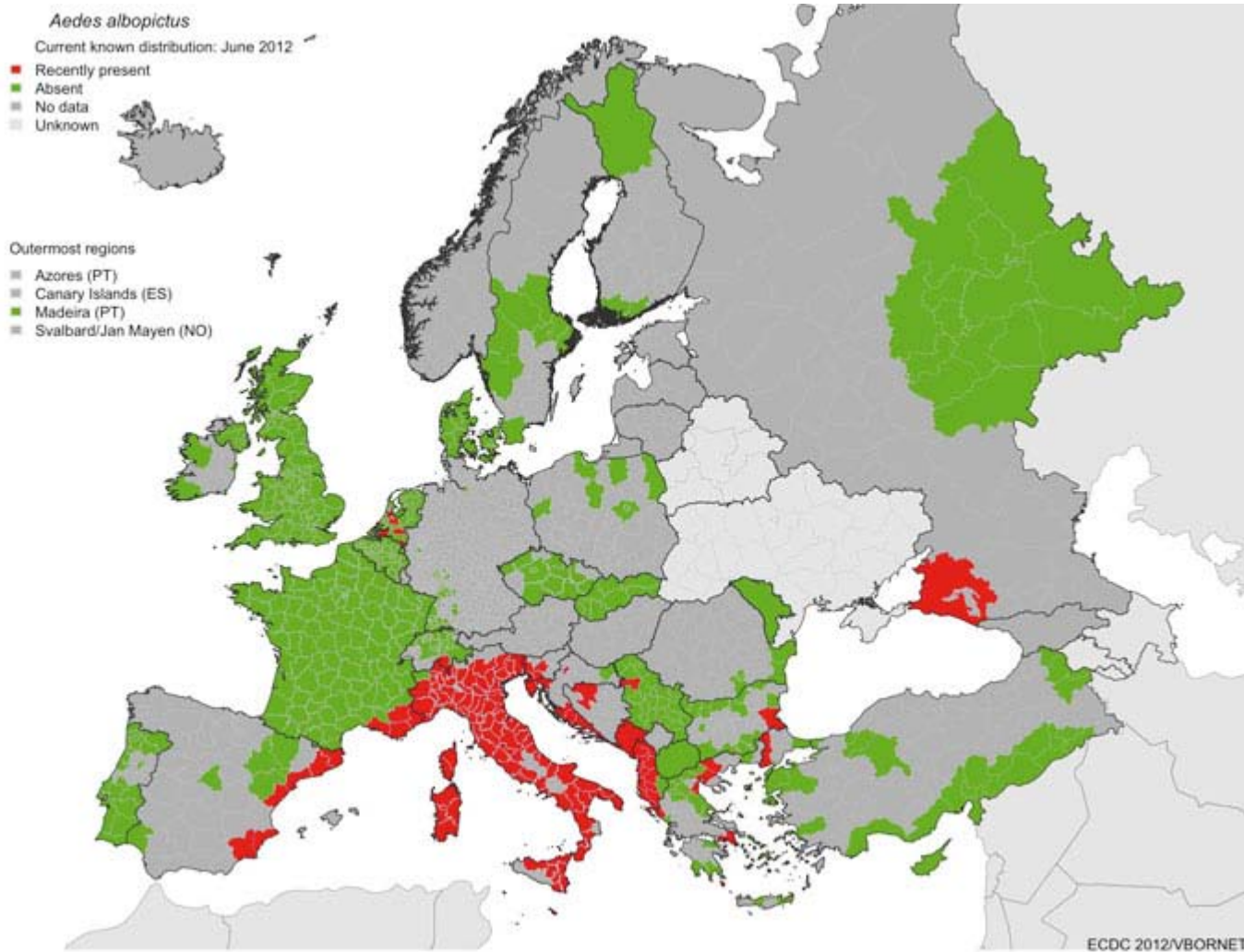


Figure 3. Presence of *Aedes albopictus* in Europe per province for the years 1997-2007. Data to complete this figure were kindly made available by Roberto Romi (Italy), Roger Eritja and David Roiz (Spain), Eleonora Flacio (Switzerland), Charles Jeannin (France), Anna Klobučar (Croatia), Zoran Lukac (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Igor Pajovic and Dusan Petrić (Serbia and Montenegro), Bjoern Pluskota (Germany), Anna Samanidou-Voyadjoglou (Greece). The map was made by Patrizia Scarpulla. The 2007 outbreak of Chikungunya virus in Italy is indicated with an arrow in the 2007 box.



Asian tiger mosquito: distribution in Europe: ECDC/VBORNET framework Jan 2012



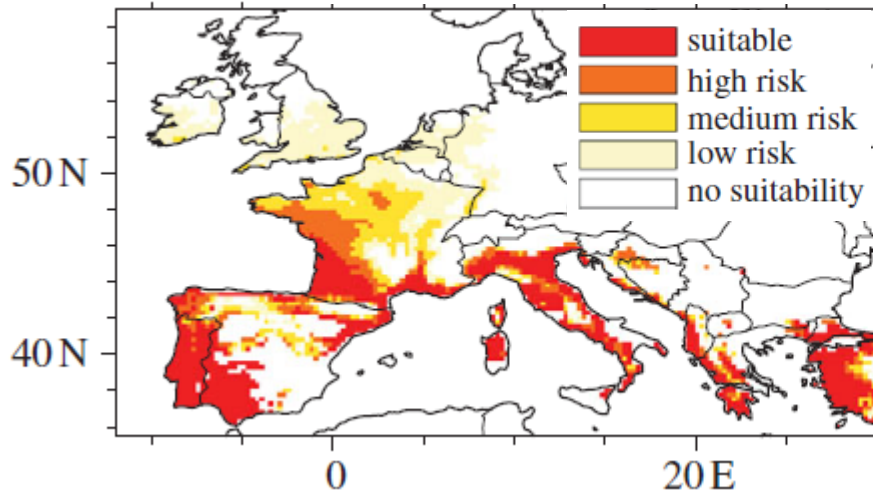
Hot spots:

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- Sardinia
- Sicily
- Eastern coast of Spain
- Southern France
- Adriatic coast
- Greece

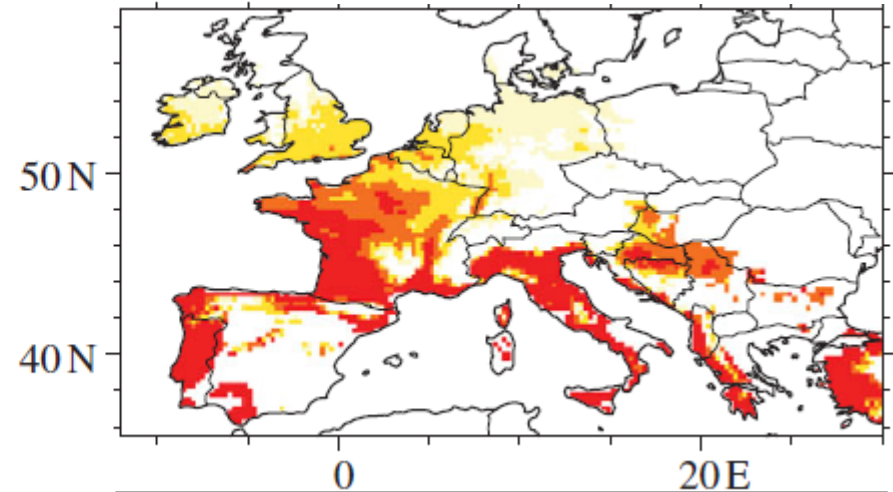


Simulated climate suitability for *A. albopictus*

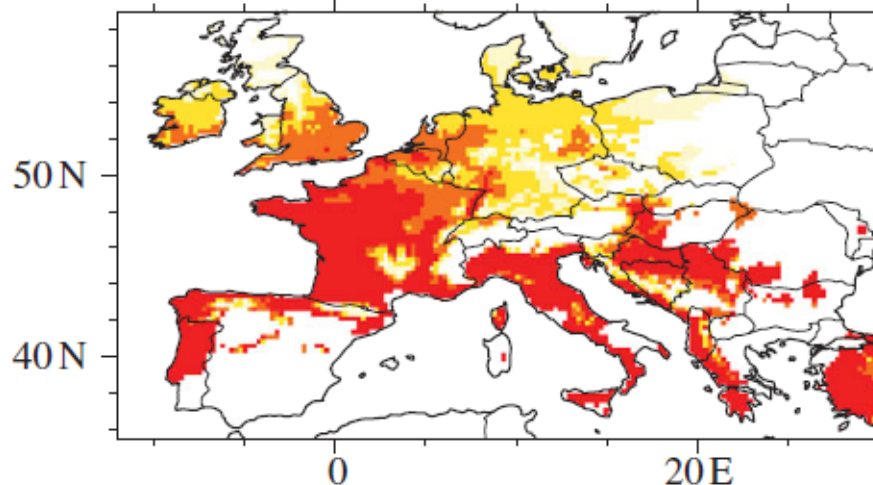
Climate obs 1960-1989



Climate obs 1990-2009



Climate Models 2030-2050



Caminade et al., 2012

Model based on an overwintering criterion ($T_{\text{January}} > 0^{\circ}\text{C}$, $\text{Rain}_{\text{annual}} > 500\text{mm}$) and different thresholds in annual Temperature:

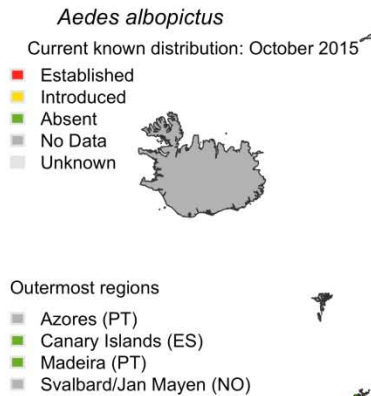
suitable	$12^{\circ}\text{C} < T_{\text{annual}}$
high risk	$11^{\circ}\text{C} < T_{\text{annual}} < 12^{\circ}\text{C}$
medium risk:	$10^{\circ}\text{C} < T_{\text{annual}} < 11^{\circ}\text{C}$
low risk:	$9^{\circ}\text{C} < T_{\text{annual}} < 10^{\circ}\text{C}$
no suitability:	$T_{\text{annual}} < 9^{\circ}\text{C}$

Future risk increase: Benelux, Balkans, western Germany, the southern UK

Future risk decrease: Spain and Mediterranean islands



Asian tiger mosquito: distribution in Europe: ECDC/VBORNET October 2015



Countries at risk - recent context and future scenario

Cyprus, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Hungary, Macedonia, Portugal, Turkey, the Benelux, Germany and the UK.



Huge Asian 'tiger' mosquitoes poised to invade UK - and could bring deadly tropical diseases such as dengue fever with them

By ROB WAUGH

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A mosquito that spreads tropical diseases including dengue fever may be poised to invade the UK because of climate change, experts have warned.

The Asian tiger mosquito, *Aedes albopictus*, has already been reported in France and Belgium and could be migrating north as winters become warmer and wetter.

Scientists urged 'wide surveillance' for the biting insect across countries of central and northern Europe, including the UK.



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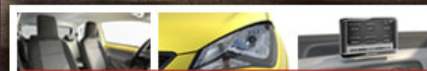


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Gare aux allergies et aux moustiques

Profitant de la chaleur, les plantes allergisantes et les insectes vecteurs de maladies exotiques vont conquérir l'Hexagone.

VAGUES DE CHALEUR, allergies et maladies exotiques risquent d'être notre lot commun dans les décennies à venir, comme l'a établi la conférence internationale du GIS* en octobre 2014. « Les vagues de chaleur vont s'accroître en fréquence, durée et amplitude », assure Robert Vautard, directeur du Laboratoire des sciences du climat et de l'environnement (LSCE) au CEA, à Saclay.

Une vague de chaleur se définit comme une période de plusieurs jours durant laquelle les (hautes) températures ne redescendent pas durant la nuit. En 2003, la canicule avait provoqué le décès de 15 000 personnes en France. « Une dizaine de modèles informatiques prédisent des zones touchées plus ou moins étendues selon les paramètres de calcul », poursuit Robert Vautard. Quel que soit le modèle, c'est le Sud-Est qui va le plus souffrir ainsi que les régions continentales. Les sols secs de l'intérieur des terres renverront l'énergie solaire sous forme de chaleur, amplifiant le phénomène. Les grands gagnants de cette élévation thermique seront certains végétaux. C'est ainsi qu'on prévoit

la forte expansion d'*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*, espèce invasive d'Amérique du Nord dont les pollens très allergisants provoquent rhinites, conjonctivites, trachéites et crises d'asthme. « La période végétative débutera plus tôt et, en raison d'un effet fertilisant du CO₂, les pollens seront plus abondants », souligne Nicolas Viovy, chercheur au LSCE.

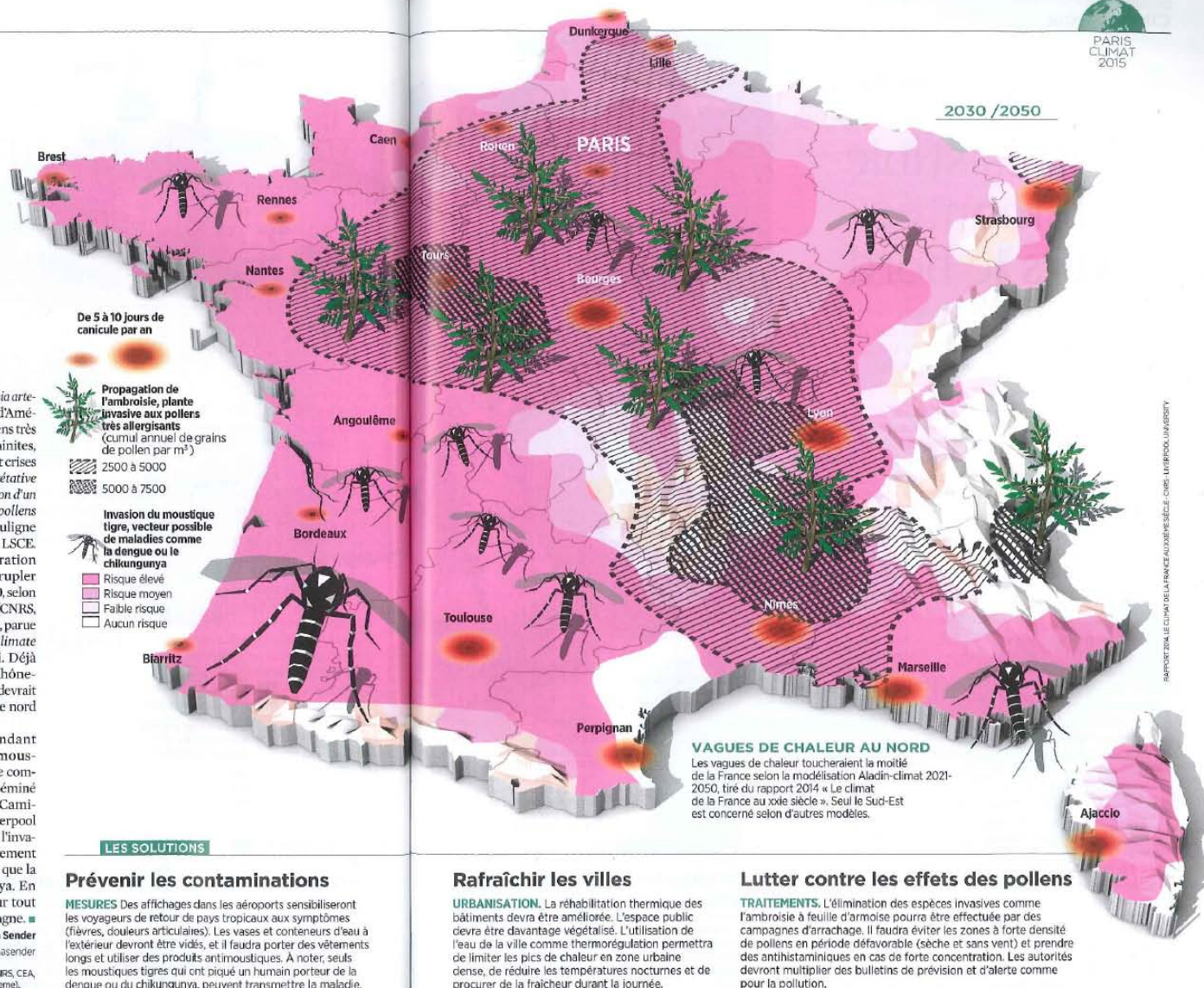
Lambroisie, qui provoque rhinites et crises d'asthme, sera en forte expansion

Leur concentration pourrait quadrupler à l'horizon 2050, selon l'étude Atopica (CNRS, Ineris et RNSA), parue dans *Nature Climate Change* en mai. Déjà présente en Rhône-Alpes, la plante devrait s'étendre vers le nord de la France.

Son avancée sera cependant moindre que celle du moustique tigre, introduit par le commerce international et disséminé par les transports. Cyril Caminade, de l'université de Liverpool (Royaume-Uni) a modélisé l'invasion de l'insecte potentiellement porteur de maladies telles que la dengue ou le chikungunya. En 2050, il bourdonnerait sur tout le territoire, sauf en montagne. ■

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Prévenir les contaminations

MESURES Des affichages dans les aéroports sensibiliseront les voyageurs de retour de pays tropicaux aux symptômes (fièvres, douleurs articulaires). Les vases et contenants d'eau à l'extérieur devront être vidés, et il faudra porter des vêtements longs et utiliser des produits antimoustiques. À noter, seuls les moustiques tigres qui ont piqué un humain porteur de la dengue ou du chikungunya, peuvent transmettre la maladie.

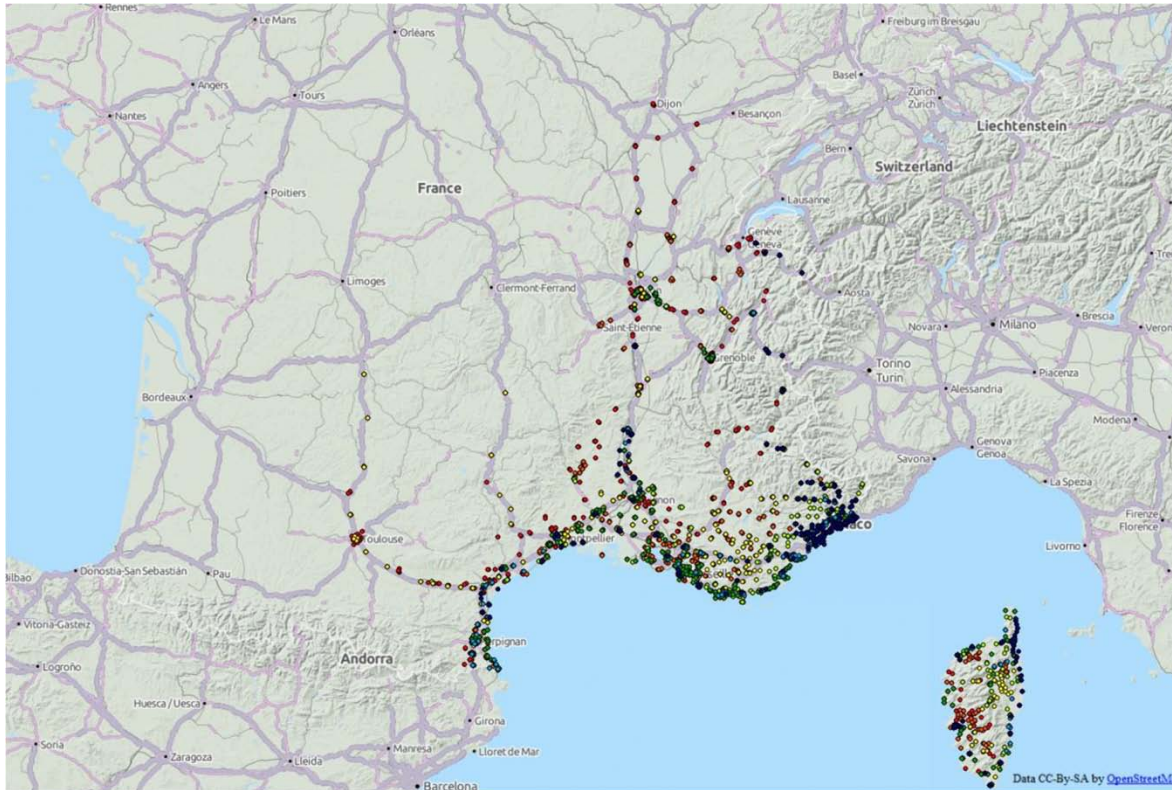
Rafrâchir les villes

URBANISATION. La réhabilitation thermique des bâtiments devra être améliorée. L'espace public devra être davantage végétalisé. L'utilisation de l'eau de la ville comme thermorégulation permettra de limiter les pics de chaleur en zone urbaine dense, de réduire les températures nocturnes et de procurer de la fraîcheur durant la journée.

Lutter contre les effets des pollens

TRAITEMENTS. L'élimination des espèces invasives comme l'ambrosie à feuille d'armoise pourra être effectuée par des campagnes d'arrachage. Il faudra éviter les zones à forte densité de pollens en période défavorable (sèche et sans vent) et prendre des antihistaminiques en cas de forte concentration. Les autorités devront multiplier des bulletins de prévision et d'alerte comme pour la pollution.

Spread in France? Hitchhiker mosquitoes?



Roche et al., 2015

Green, yellow, blue, red, orange are the traps collected in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 respectively

We transport them, convenient given the quality of our highways!

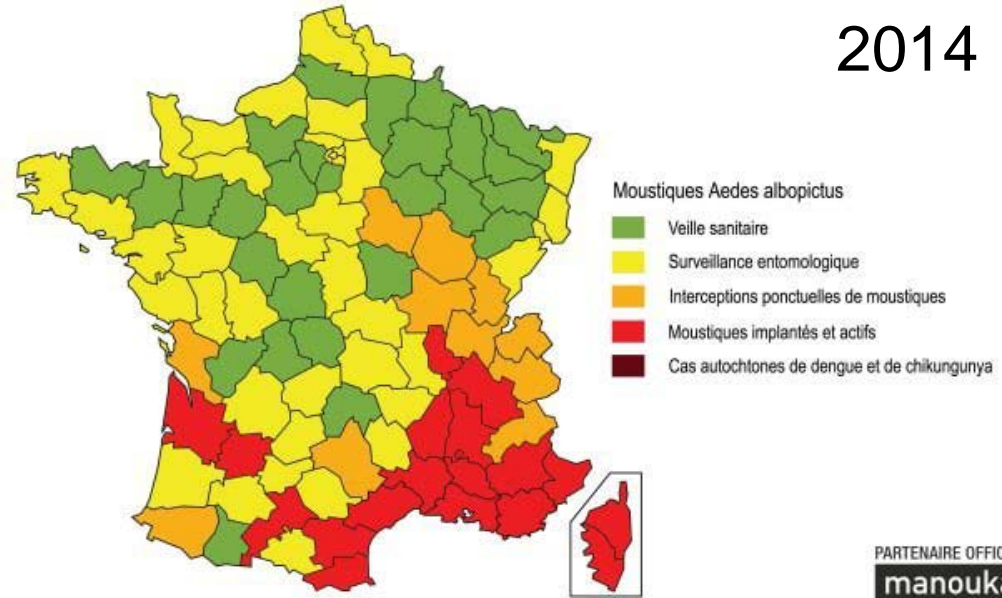
Human activities are especially important for mosquito dispersion while land use is a major factor for mosquito establishment.

Ae. albopictus invasion is accelerating through time in this area, resulting in a geographic range extending further and further year after year.

Sporadic “jump” of *Ae. albopictus* in a new location far from the colonized area did not succeed in starting a new invasion front so far.

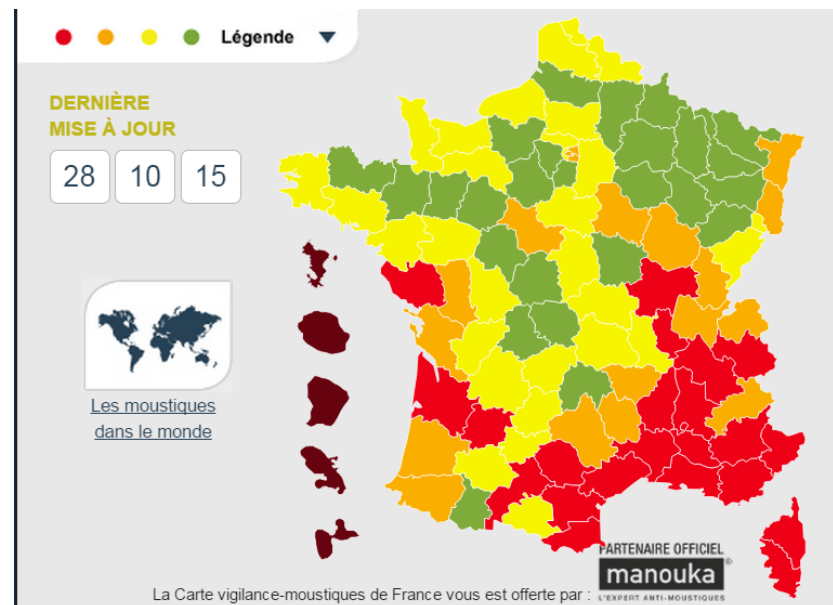
Recent distribution in France

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La Carte vigilance-moustiques de France vous est offerte par : L'EXPERT ANTI-MOUSTIQUES

Carcassonnes airport, summer 2014

Risk of autochthonous transmission of chikungunya and dengue viruses posed by infected travellers returning home !

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Le moustique tigre est dans le Tarn

Publié le 07/09/2015 à 03:50. Mis à jour le 07/09/2015 à 07:58

Moustique tigre - Santé



Le moustique tigre est officiellement implanté dans le chikungunya./Photo DDM.

Un arrêté ministériel vient d'ajouter le Tarn à la liste des départements où le moustique tigre, un insecte potentiellement porteur de maladies, est présent.

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Trois nouveaux cas de dengue à Nîmes

Publié le 08/09/2015 à 20:25

Actu Santé



Le dengue, qui se transmet à l'homme uniquement par une piqûre du moustique tigre (Aedes en métropole, est une maladie généralement bénigne qui entraîne des complications dans des cas. RelaxNews / PASCAL GUYOT / AFP

(AFP) - Trois nouveaux cas autochtones de dengue, une maladie transmise par le moustique tigre, ont été diagnostiqués dans un quartier du sud-est de Nîmes, où deux malades

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Alerte rouge au moustique tigre en Haute-Garonne

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Moustique tigre - Le fait du jour



Alerte rouge au moustique tigre en Haute-Garonne

La Haute-Garonne est placée en «surveillance renforcée», alerte rouge, concernant la prolifération du moustique tigre, vecteur de maladies virales.

Originaire d'Asie, le moustique tigre empoisonne le département de la Haute-Garonne depuis presque trois ans.

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Malaria Background

- Caused by *Plasmodium spp* parasite which is transmitted by bites of the *Anopheles spp* mosquito.
- WHO Global elimination program in mid-20th C was successful in Europe and USA
- Now mainly sub-Saharan Africa (*P. Falciparum*) (91%) and Asia (*P. Falciparum* and *P. Vivax*)
- Mainly affects children, pregnant women and elders (low immunity e.g. susceptible population)
- Estimated 660,000 deaths worldwide in 2010
- Fallen 33% in sub-Saharan Africa since 2000 -> Roll Back Malaria Programme, Bill & Melinda Gates foundation, World Bank Malaria Booster programme...
- ISI-MIP – QWeCI - Healthy Futures projects: Using an ensemble of malaria models to simulate the risk in malaria transmission for the recent context and the future

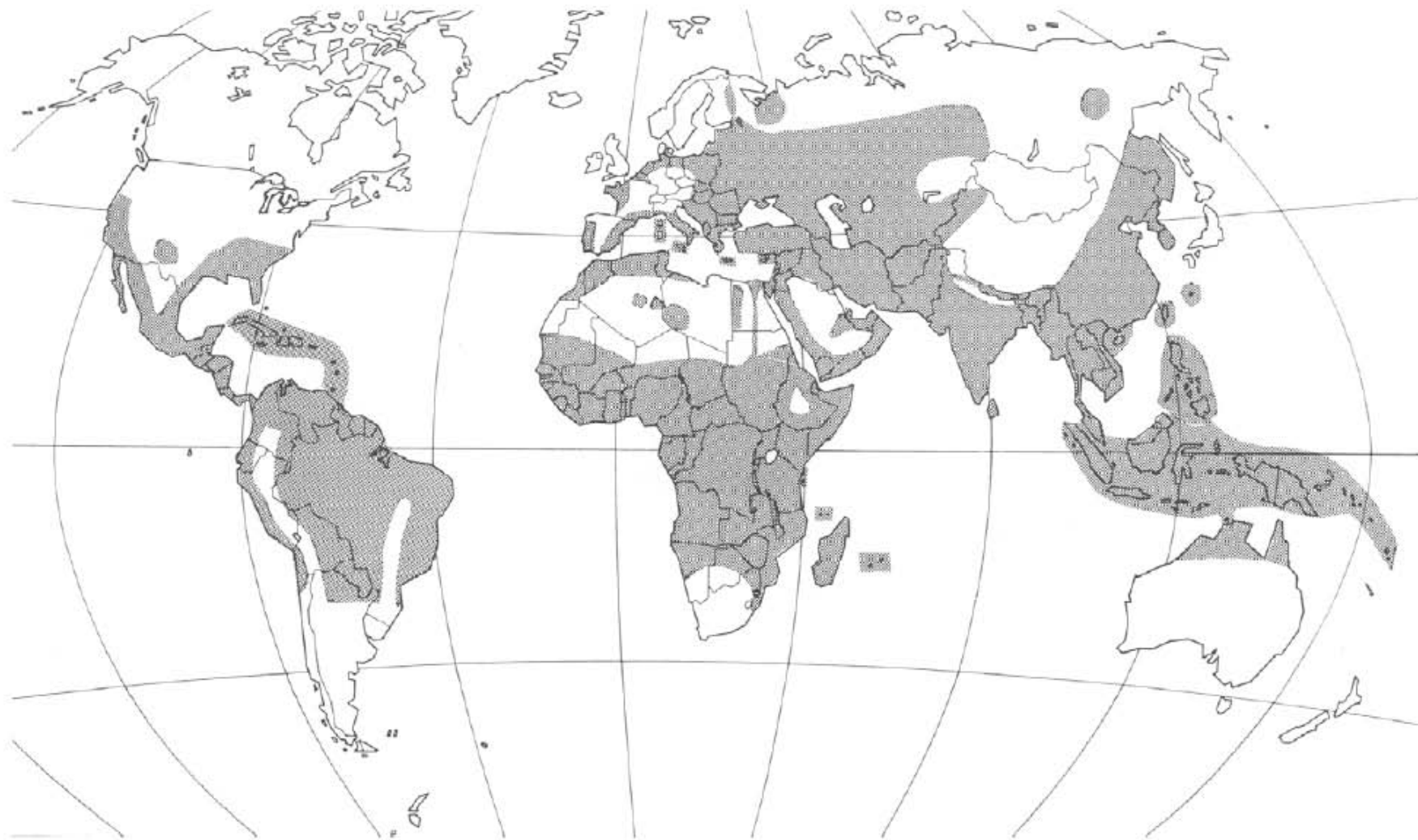


A bit of history

- Sir Ronald Ross, Nobel Prize 1902 working in Liverpool, created the first malaria model.
- 1916 Ross published his theory of “*A priori Pathometry*” – mathematical approach to study of disease dynamics – general approach (not just malaria) -> First Ro Model formulation
- In contrast to the *a posteriori* method – fitting analytics to observed data (i.e. statistical modelling).
- Subsequently refined and extended (Lotka, 1923, Macdonald, 1957, Dietz, 1975, Aron and May 1982, Smith and McKenzie, 2004, see Smith et al., 2012 for a review)
- First multi-malaria model inter-comparison exercise -> ISI-MIP / QWeCI / Healthy Futures

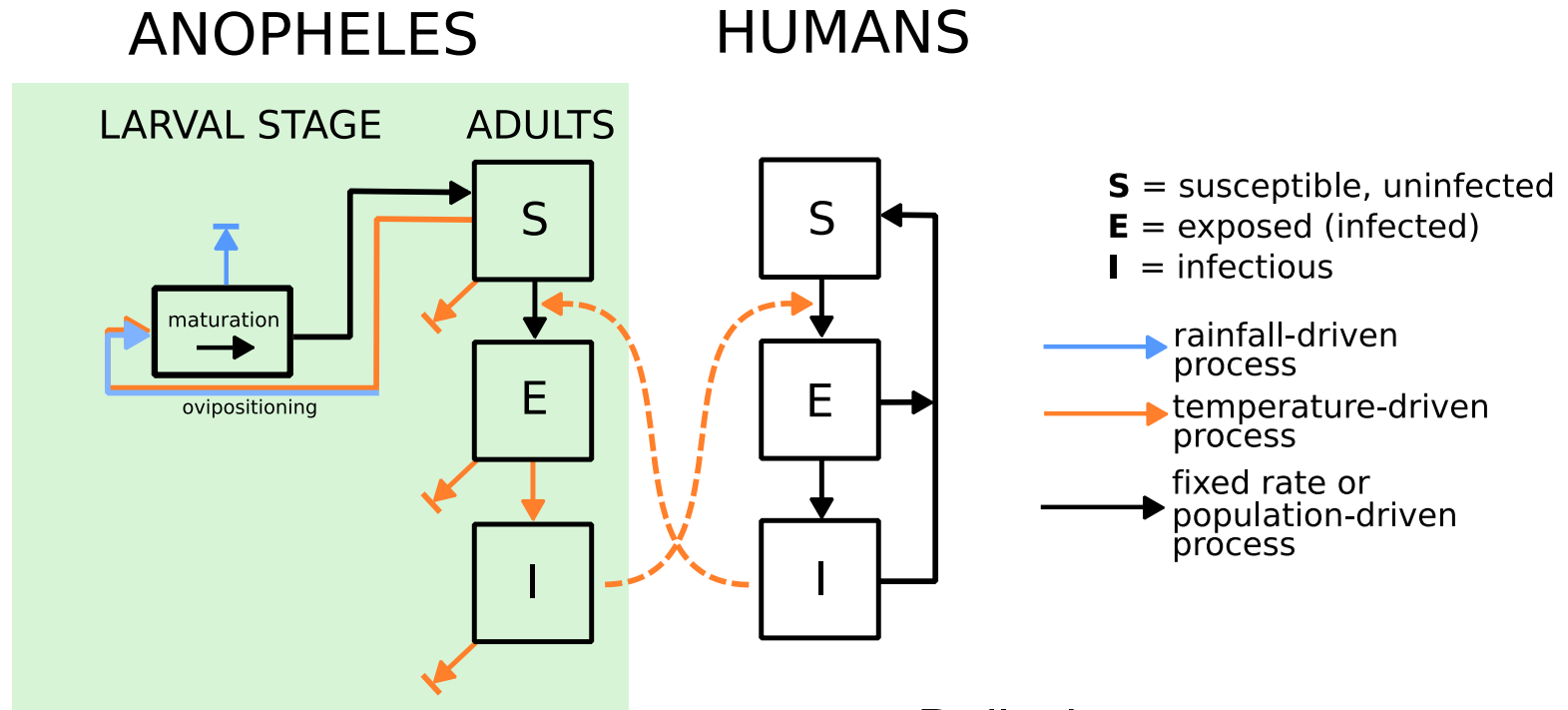


Malaria Distribution 1948



Source: WHO

The Liverpool Malaria Model



Hoshen and Morse, 2004

Key difference from Aron & May basic model is temperature-dependent latent period in mosquito (sporogonic cycle) which requires $T > 18^{\circ}\text{C}$

Daily time step

Climate drivers:

- 10 day accumulations of rainfall
- Temperature

ISI-MIP framework (methodology)

ISI-MIP Inter-Sectoral Impact Model Inter-comparison.

*Aim: Using an ensemble of climate model simulations, scenarios and an ensemble of impact models to assess simulated future impact changes and the related uncertainties (**health**, agriculture, water resources)*

Five malaria models investigated: MARA, LMM_ro, Vectri, Umea & MIASMA

Output Variables:

Length of the malaria transmission season e.g. LTS (in months)

Malaria climatic suitability (binary 0-1). Defined if LTS ≥ 3 months

Additional person/month at risk for the future.

Bias corrected climate scenarios were available for **5 emission scenarios** [2.6, 4.5, 6, 8.5] emission scenarios and the historical simulations for **5 climate models. One Population scenario SSP2 (IAASA)**

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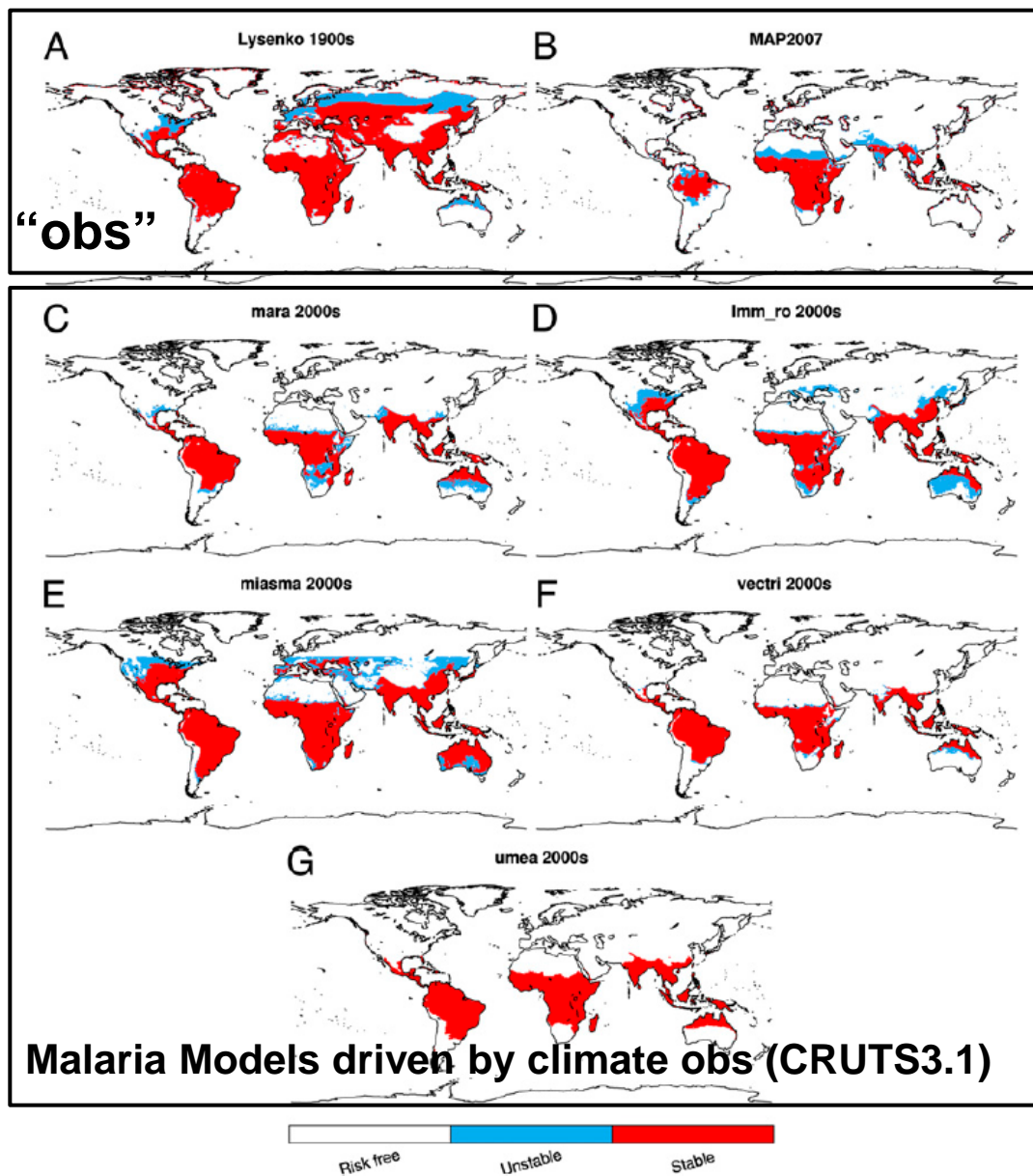
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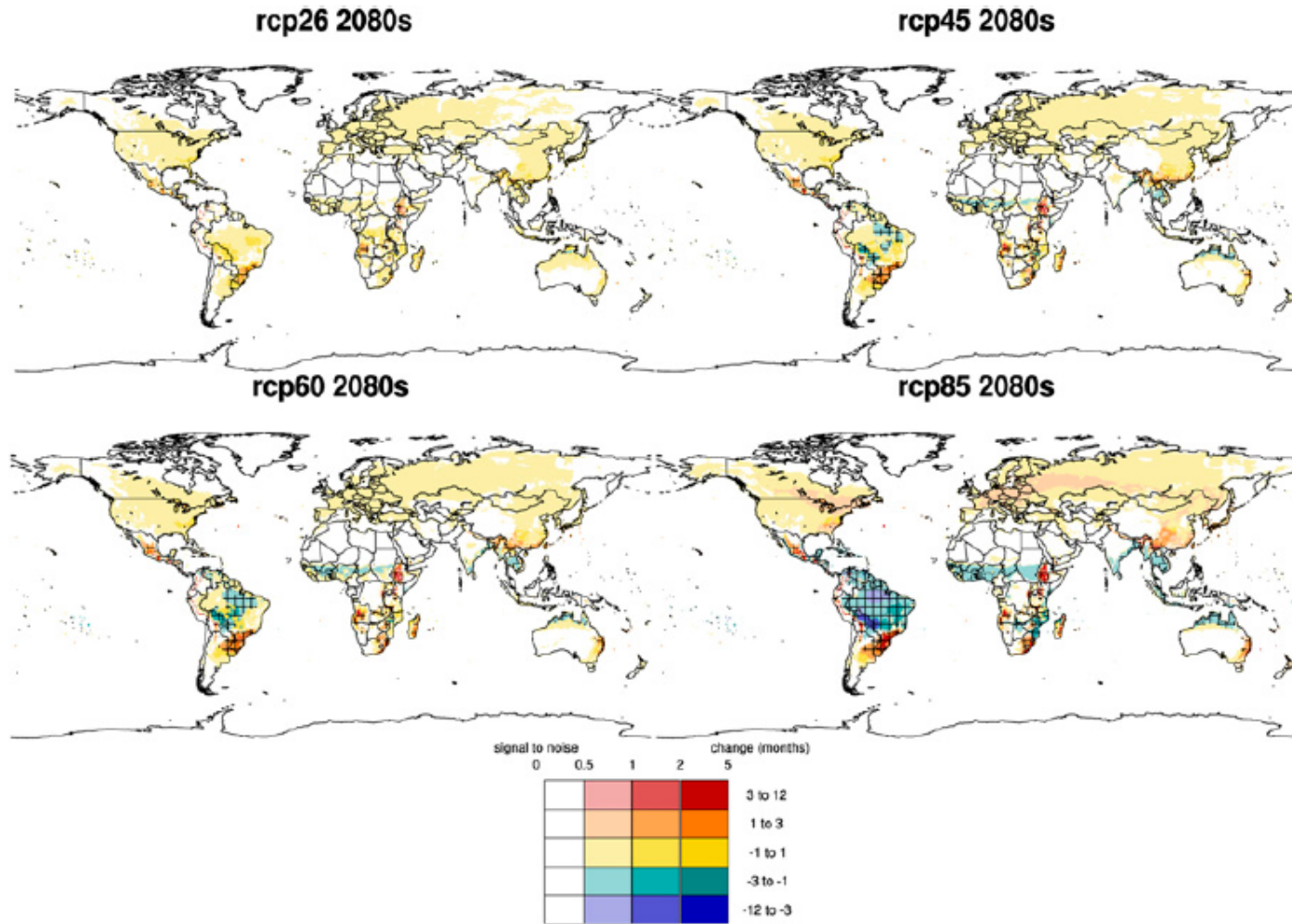
Malaria Background 1900s vs 2000s



Malaria endemicity decreased worldwide
Mainly due to intervention (bed nets, early diagnostic tests, vector control...)

Fig. 1. Observed (A and B) and simulated malaria distribution (three categories: risk-free in white, unstable/epidemic in blue, and stable/endemic in red) for five malaria models (C, D, E, F and G). For the observation (A and B) all endemic subcategories (hypoendemic, mesoendemic, hyperendemic, and holoendemic) have been included in the stable category. The 1900s data (A) are based on ref. 38 (considers all plasmodium infections), and the 2000s data (B) are based on ref. 14 (considers only *P. falciparum* infections). For the simulations, unstable malaria is defined for a length of the transmission season (LTS) ranging between 1 and 3 mo, and suitable is defined for LTS above 3 mo (based on TRMMERAI control runs for the period 1999–2010; [SI Appendix, Fig. S11](#) shows the CRUTS3.1 control runs). The TRMMERAI runs are constrained to span 50°N–50°S owing to the TRMM satellite data availability. For the UMEA malaria model only estimates of stable malaria were available.

Impact of climate change on malaria distribution



Climatic suitability simulated to increase for all malaria models over the Tropical highland regions and to decrease over low altitude regions for the 2080s (extreme emission scenario).

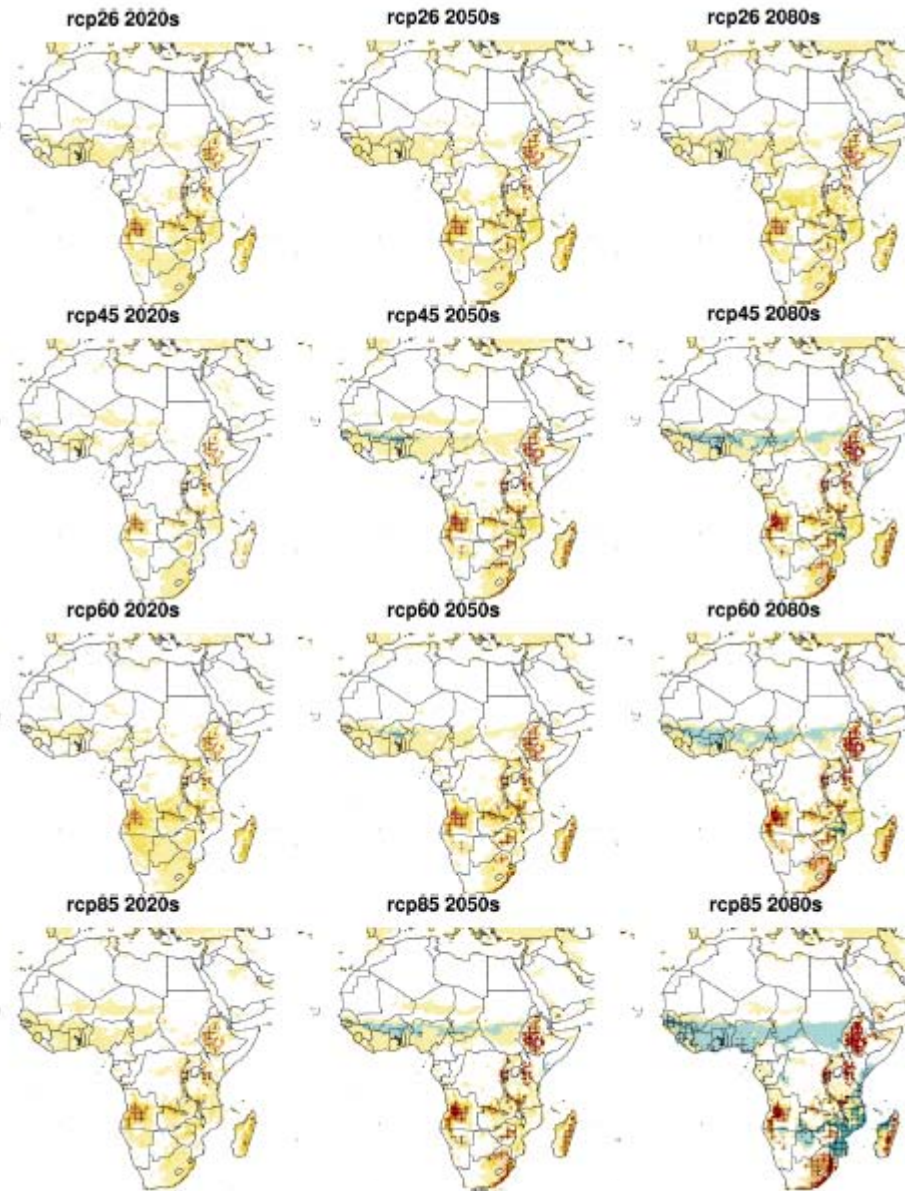
Malaria 21st century scenario

Emissions scenario (extreme ← moderate)

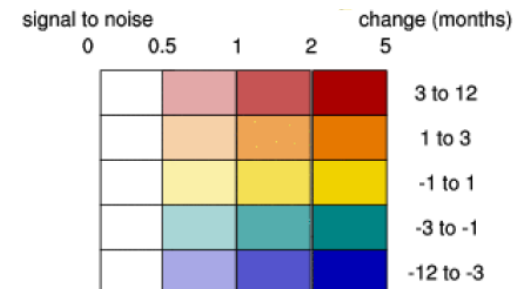
The effect of climate scenarios on future malaria distribution: changes in length of the malaria season.

Each map shows the results for a different emissions scenario (RCP). The different hues represent changes in the length of the transmission season for the mean of CMIP5 sub-ensemble (with respect to the 1980-2010 historical mean). The different saturations represent signal-to-noise (μ/Sigma) across the super ensemble (noise is defined as one standard deviation within the multi-GCM and multi-malaria model ensemble). The stippled area shows the multi-malaria multi GCM agreement (60% of the models agree on the sign of changes if the simulated absolute changes are above one month of malaria transmission).

Simulated Increase in transmission over the highlands of Africa (east Africa, Madagascar, Angola, southern Africa) / decrease over the Sahel (extreme scenario / long term)



Time (2020s → 2080s)



Malaria scenarios for Eastern Africa: the HEALTHY FUTURES EU project

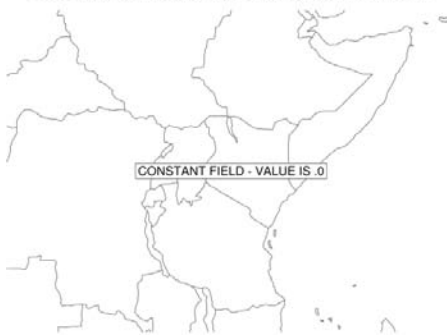
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CORDEX
8 RCMs

CMIP5
10 GCMs

LMM
malaria model

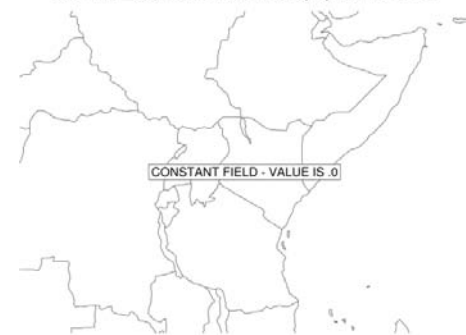
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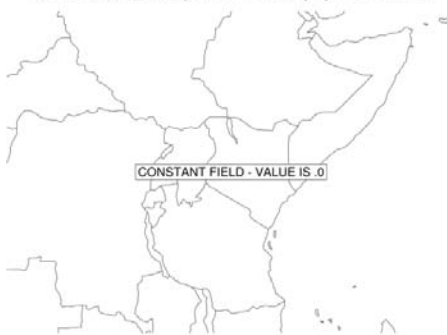


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malaria model

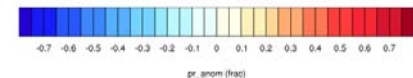
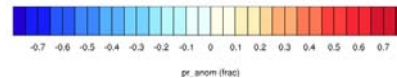
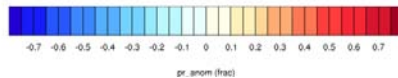
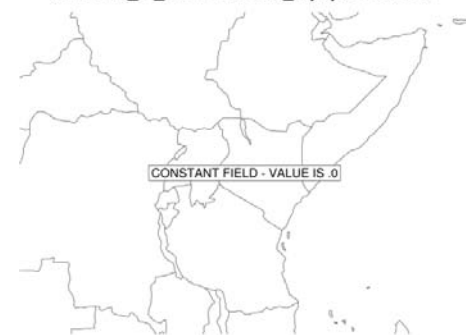
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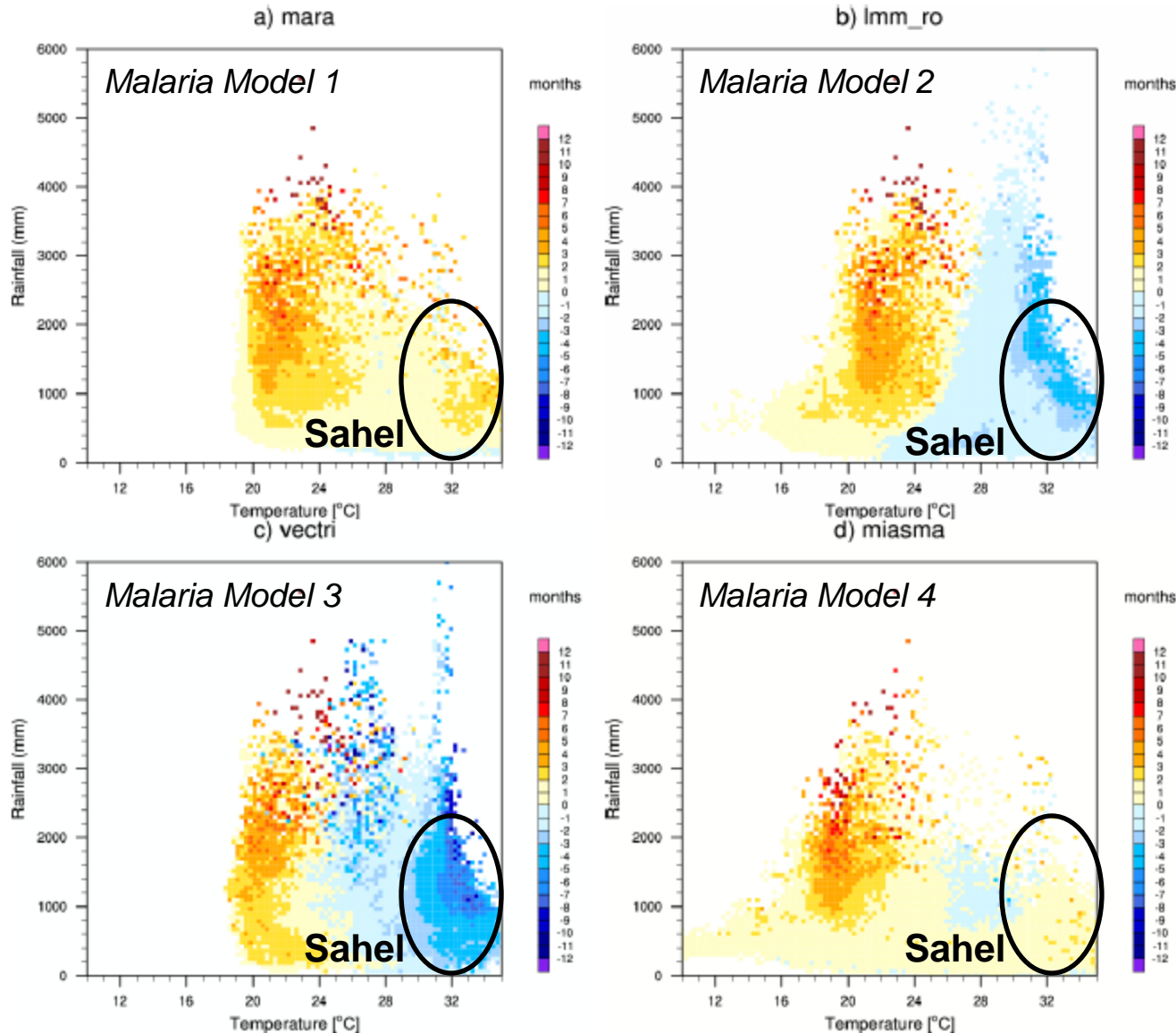


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Changes in simulated malaria prevalence based on two malaria models and different GCM/RCM ensembles (RCP8.5 from 1980-2005 to 2086-2095). Ensemble mean is shown
Leedale et al., 2015 (Geo. Sp. Health, in review)

Malaria models sensitivity in a warmer world



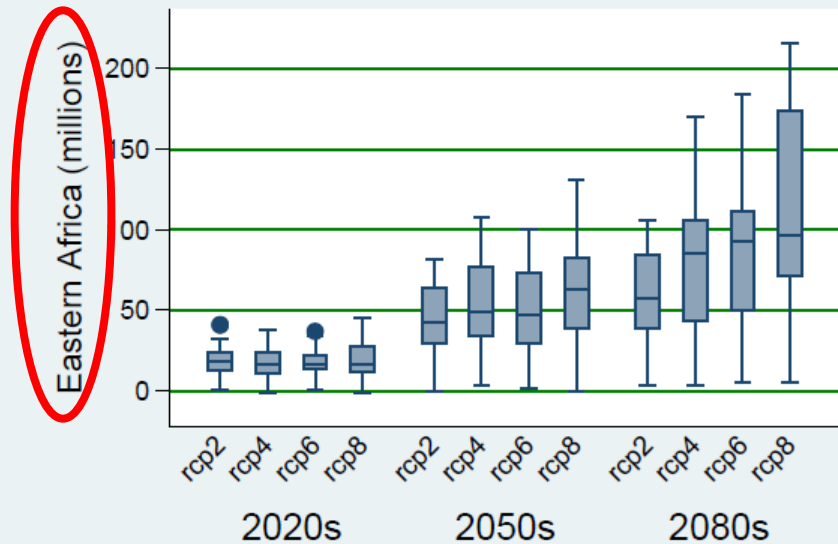
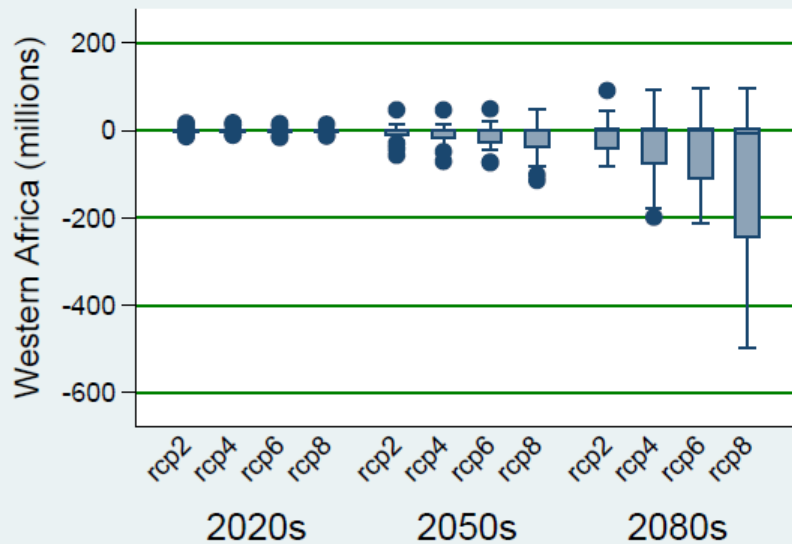
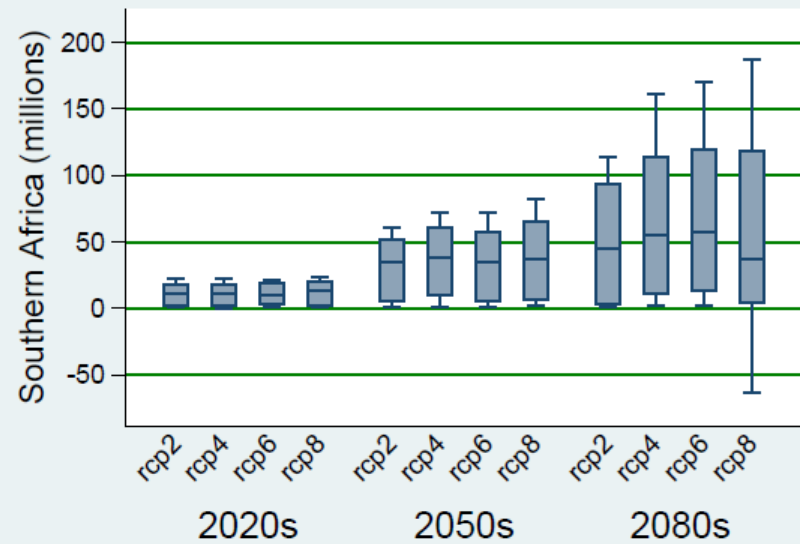
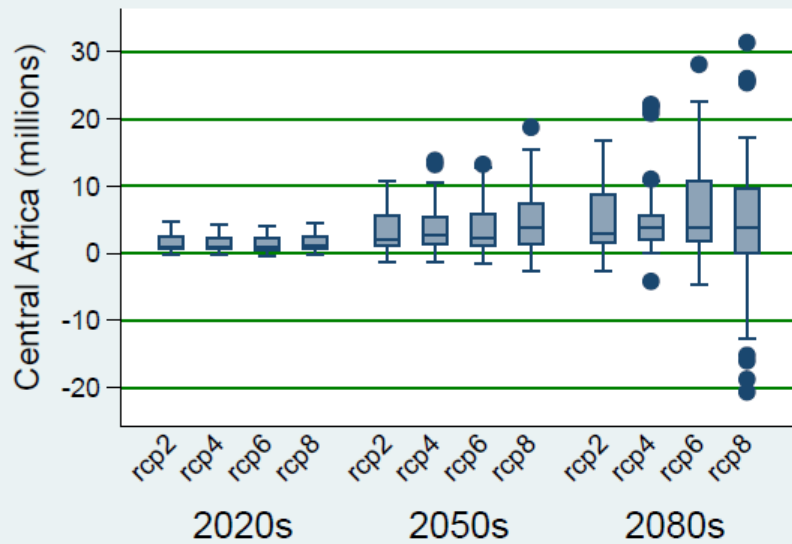
Sensitivity of the simulated changes in the length of the malaria transmission season (LTS) to mean annual rainfall and temperature for the ISI-MIP ensemble over Africa.

Mean changes in the length of the transmission season are calculated for all emission scenarios, GCMs and time slices. If the simulated absolute changes are above one month, then they are plotted versus mean future annual rainfall (mm – Y axis) and temperature (°C – X axis). Results are similar for the CORDEX ensemble (not shown).

Mara, miasma: General Increase in LTS

Imm_ro, vectri: Increase in the moderate temperature range, decrease for high temperatures (mosquito survival schemes)

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New certainty that malaria will 'head for the hills'

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The researchers found that the changing climate will allow malaria to move into higher altitudes during warmer seasons and become permanently resident in larger areas

Previously unaffected areas of Africa, Asia, and South America could be at risk from malaria as the infection moves into upland areas by the end of the century, a University of Liverpool study has shown.

For the first time, scientists have compared the latest predictions for global warming with a range of statistical models, commonly used to predict the spread of malaria. The models showed that in 2080, the climate at higher altitudes will become increasingly suitable for malaria, affecting millions of people: mainly in Africa, and to a lesser extent in Asia and South America.

Additional 100 million people exposed

In eastern Africa this could result in an additional 100 million people being exposed to malaria by the end of the 2080s.

[Dr Cyril Caminade](#), a population and epidemiology researcher who led the project, said: "There has been a lot of uncertainty about how malaria will spread as a result of climate change, but by using all of the models available to us we've been able to pin down a few highly likely

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More recent scientific evidences that malaria is moving to higher altitude & latitude

Altitudinal Changes in Malaria Incidence in Highlands of Ethiopia and Colombia

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The impact of global warming on insect-borne diseases and on highland malaria in particular remains controversial. Temperature is known to influence transmission intensity through its effects on the population growth of the mosquito vector and on pathogen development within the vector. Spatiotemporal data at a regional scale in highlands of Colombia and Ethiopia supplied an opportunity to examine how the spatial distribution of the disease changes with the interannual variability of temperature. We provide evidence for an increase in the altitude of malaria distribution in warmer years, which implies that climate change will, without mitigation, result in an increase of the malaria burden in the densely populated highlands of Africa and South America.

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Altitudinal shift of malaria vectors and malaria elimination in Nepal

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A first report of *Anopheles funestus* sibling species in western Kenya highlands

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RESEARCH

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Species composition, seasonal occurrence, habitat preference and altitudinal distribution of malaria and other disease vectors in eastern Nepal

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First Evidence and Predictions of *Plasmodium* Transmission in Alaskan Bird Populations

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More scientific evidences that climate becomes increasingly suitable for malaria in Tropical highland regions BUT other parameters will be critical:

Population movements, trade and urbanisation (expected to increase...)

Technological development (vector control, vaccine?)

Land surface changes (agriculture: fisheries, rice paddies... expected to change significantly in developing countries)

Adaptation and evolution (mosquitoes resistance to insecticide, pathogen resistance to drugs...). Drug resistance on the rise for many pathogens

Socio-economic development (changes in wealth and vulnerability)

Indirect effects of climate change...

EVOLUTION OF MALARIA IN AFRICA FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS: IMPACT OF CLIMATIC AND HUMAN FACTORS

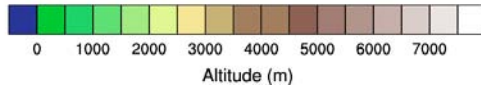
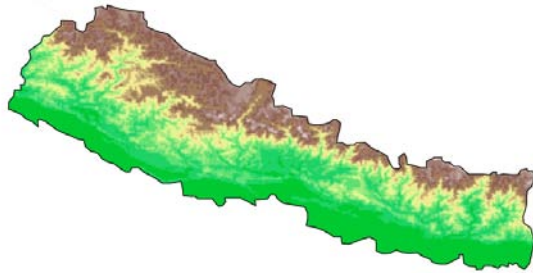
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ABSTRACT. Different malarial situations in Africa within the past 40 years are discussed in order to evaluate the impact of climatic and human factors on the disease. North of the equator, more droughts and lower rainfall have been recorded since 1972; and in eastern and southern Africa, there have been alternating dry and wet periods in relation to El Niño. Since 1955, the increase in human population from 125 to 450 million has resulted in both expansion of land cultivation and urbanization. In stable malaria areas of West and Central Africa and on the Madagascar coasts, the endemic situation has not changed since 1955. However, in unstable malaria areas such as the highlands and Sahel significant changes have occurred. In Madagascar, cessation of malaria control programs resulted in the deadly epidemic of 1987-88. The same situation was observed in Swaziland in 1984-85. In Uganda, malaria incidence has increased more than 30 times in the highlands (1,500-1,800 m), but its altitudinal limit has not overcome that of the beginning of the century. Cultivation of valley bottoms and extension of settlements are in large part responsible for this increase, along with abnormally heavy rainfall that favored the severe epidemic of 1994. A similar increase in malaria was observed in neighboring highlands of Rwanda and Burundi, and epidemics have been recorded in Ethiopia since 1958. In contrast, in the Sahel (Niayes region, Senegal), stricken by droughts since 1972, endemic malaria decreased drastically after the disappearance of the main vector, *Anopheles funestus*, due to the destruction of its larval sites by cultivation. Even during the very wet year of 1995, *An. funestus* did not reinvade the region and malaria did not increase. The same situation was observed in the Sahelian zone of Niger. Therefore, the temperature increase of 0.5°C during the last 2 decades cannot be incriminated as a major cause for these malaria changes, which are mainly due to the combination of climatic, human, and operational factors.

KEY WORDS Malaria, Africa, *Anopheles gambiae*, *Anopheles funestus*, climatic factors, human factors

Not only malaria moving to higher grounds...

Japanese encephalitis in Nepal 2004-2008



Increase of autochthonous disease transmission to non endemic regions (>2000m) in Nepal:

Japanese encephalitis

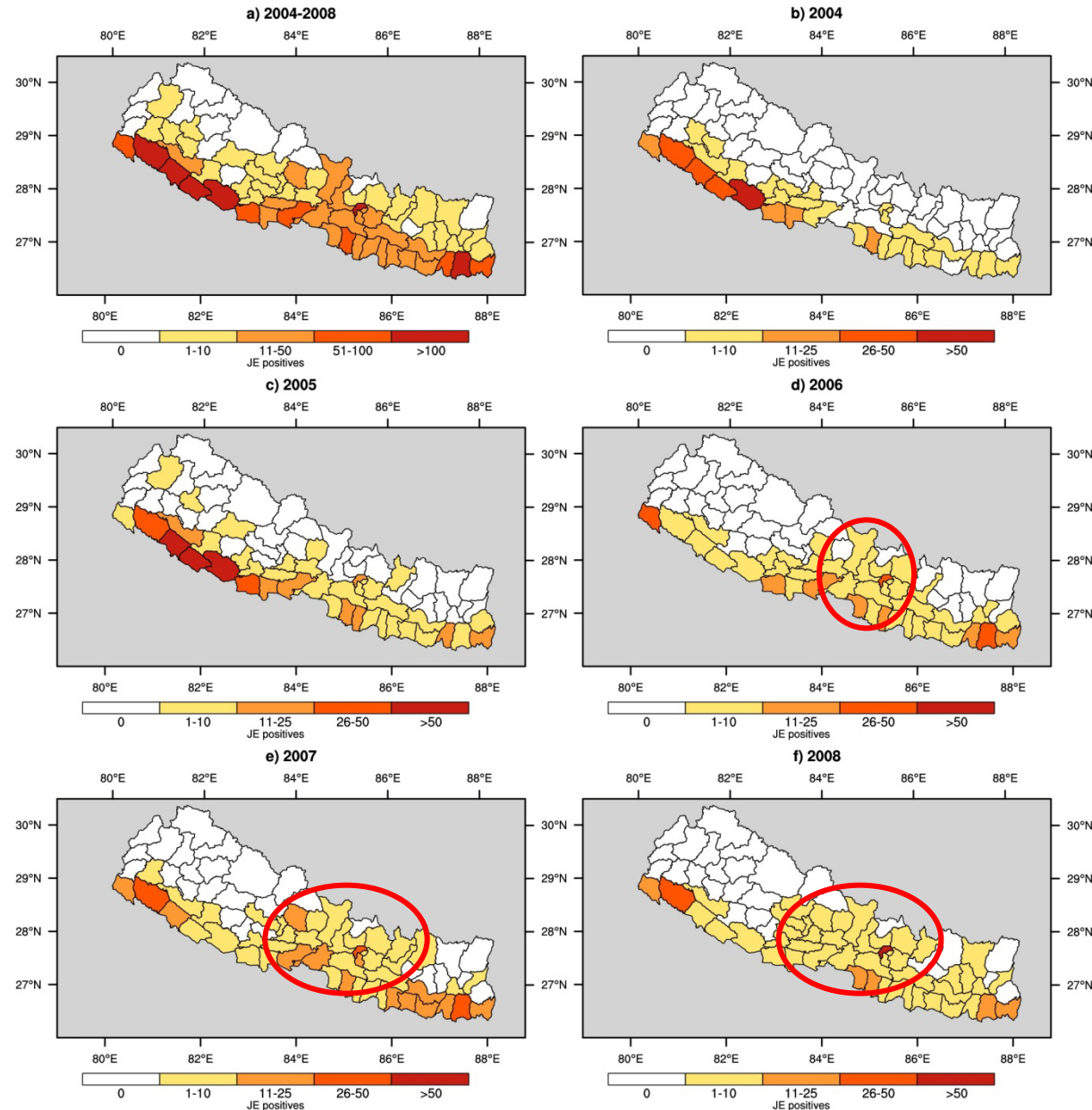
Malaria

Dengue fever

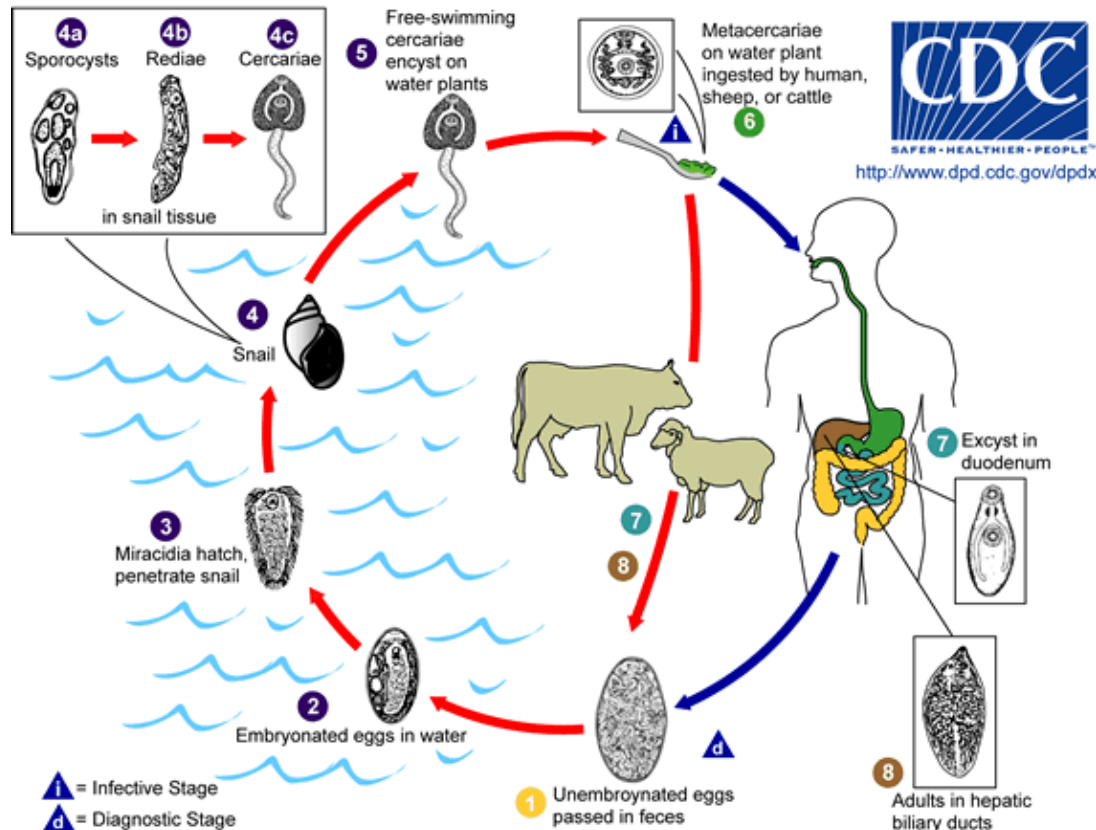
Lymphatic filiarisis

Visceral leishmaniasis

(Dhimall et al., 2015, PlosOne)



Fasciola hepatica and its impacts



Fasciola hepatica, also known as the **common liver fluke** or **sheep liver fluke** is a parasitic flatworm of the class Trematoda, infects liver of various mammals, including humans.

The disease caused by the fluke is called fascioliasis (also known as fasciolosis). Its life cycle requires a fresh water snail as intermediate host (wet grassland settings).

F. hepatica is world-wide distributed and causes great economic losses in sheep and cattle.

Increasing burden over the UK and other European countries over the past decades-> Gloworm EU project



Liver of a sheep
Infected by *Fasciola hepatica*

Fasciolosis Model (1/2)

Monthly *fasciola hepatica* risk (Mt) :

$$Mt = n \left(\frac{R}{25.4} - \frac{P}{25.4} + 5 \right)$$

R: Rainfall (mm/month)

P: Potential evapotranspiration (mm/month)

N: Number of rainy days per month

How wet
vs how warm
are the soils?

P was calculated using the Hargreaves equation:

$$P = 0.0023 * 0.408 * Ra \left(\frac{T_{\max} + T_{\min}}{2} + 17.8 \right) \sqrt{T_{\max} - T_{\min}}$$

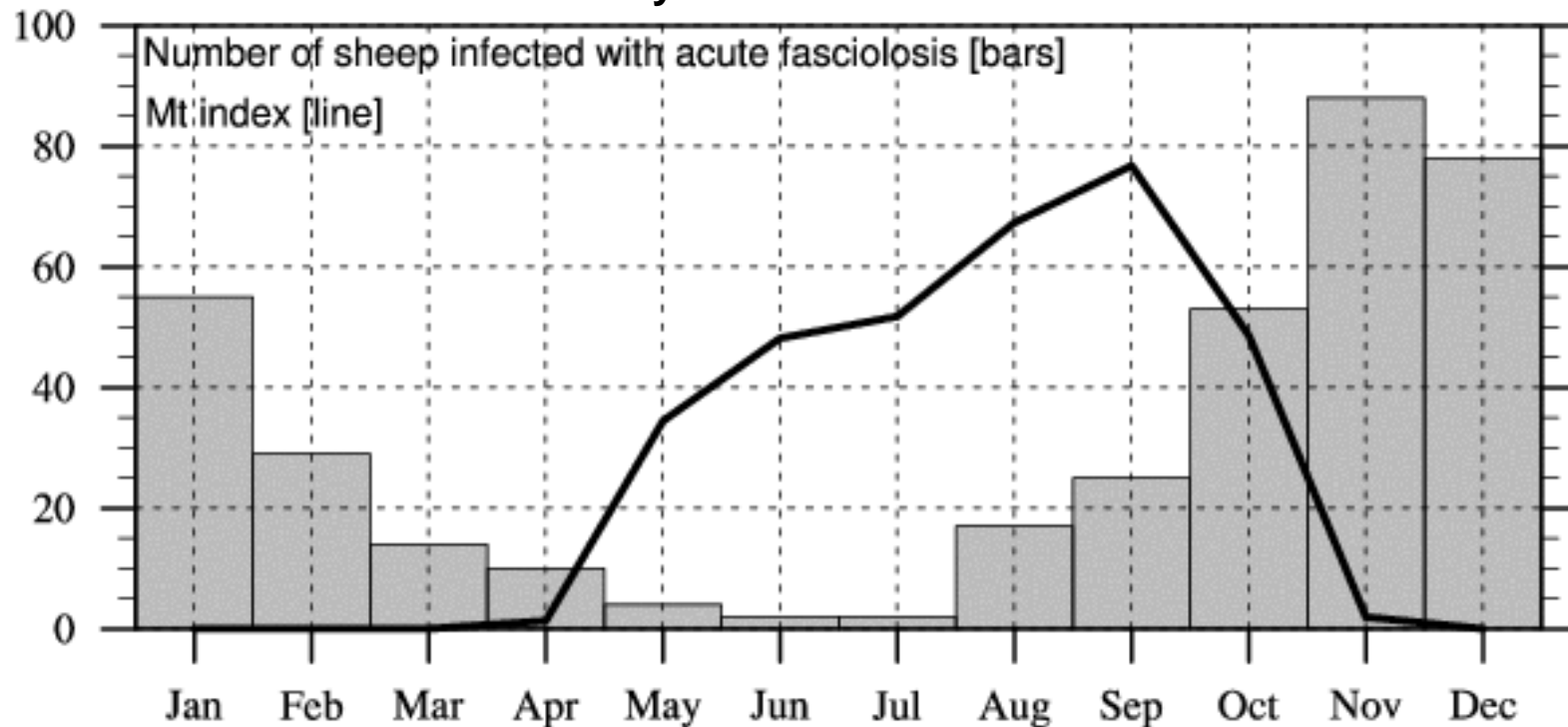
With Ra incoming extraterrestrial radiation in [MJm⁻²day⁻¹]

Ra=F(latitude, day of year)

Mt capped between 0 and 100; Mt =0 if T<10°C

Fasciolosis Model (2/2)

West Wales and the Valleys 1975-2011



Summer infections
(acute or chronic)

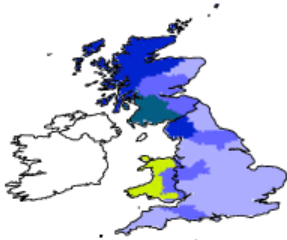
Climate “risk” e.g. Mt
(Met Office UK data)

Summer infections
(sheep acute)
(VLA/SAC data)

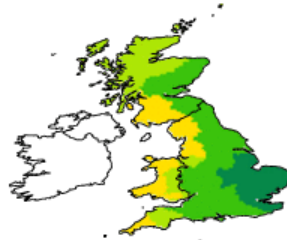
Mt in MJJASO compared with sheep acute cases occurring the following winter/spring e.g. ONDJFM (summer infections)

Recent context observation vs model (1/2)

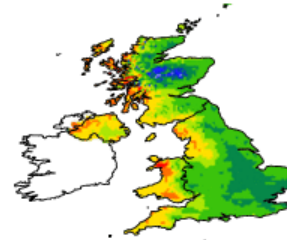
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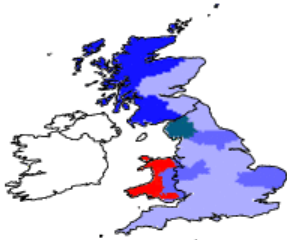
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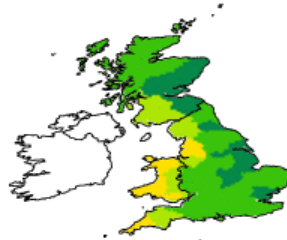
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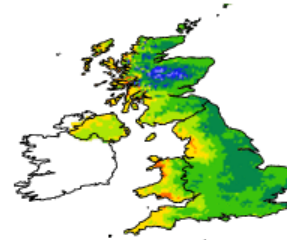
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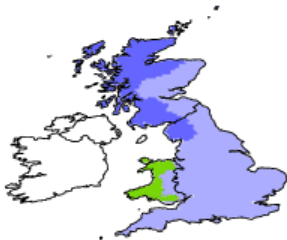
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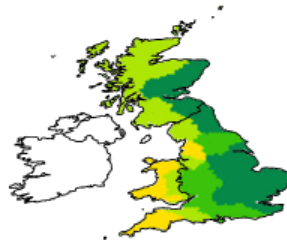
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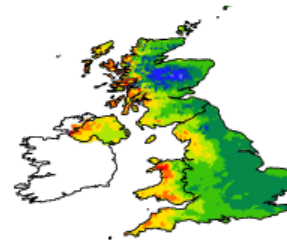
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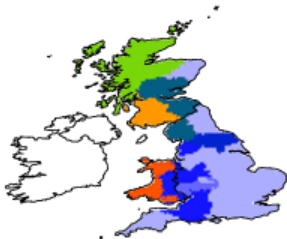
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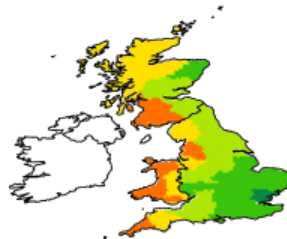
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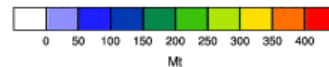
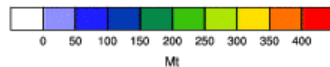
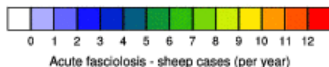
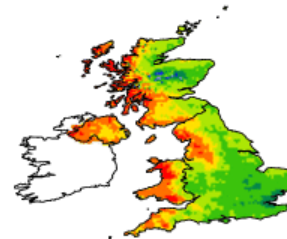
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l) Sim 2000-2009



**Summer infections Mt model
vs acute fasciolosis cases
(sheep)**

300<Mt<400 occasional losses

400<Mt<474 disease prevalent

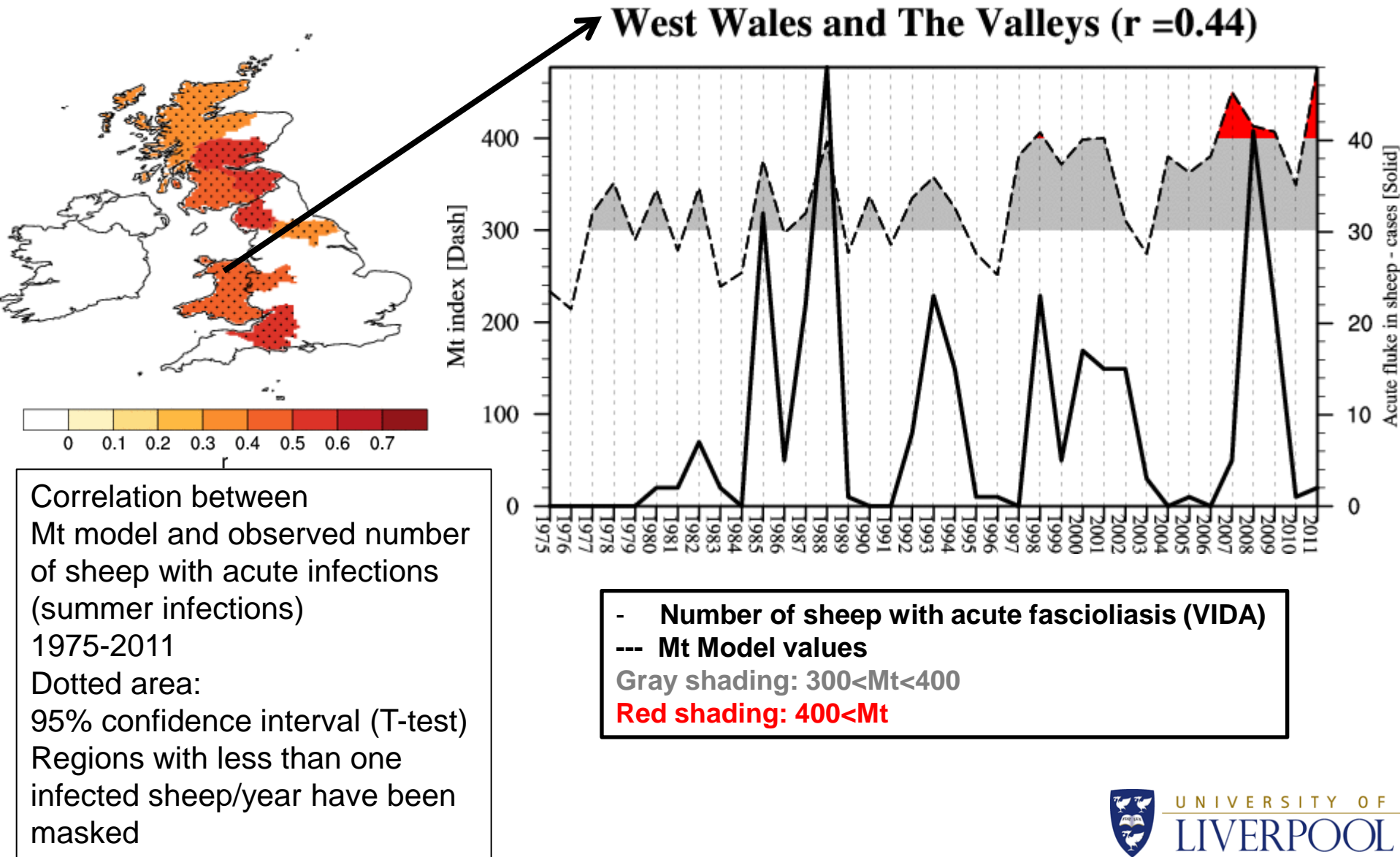
475<Mt severe epidemics

Observed acute infections
increased during the 2000s
over western UK consistently
with the climate-driven disease
model results

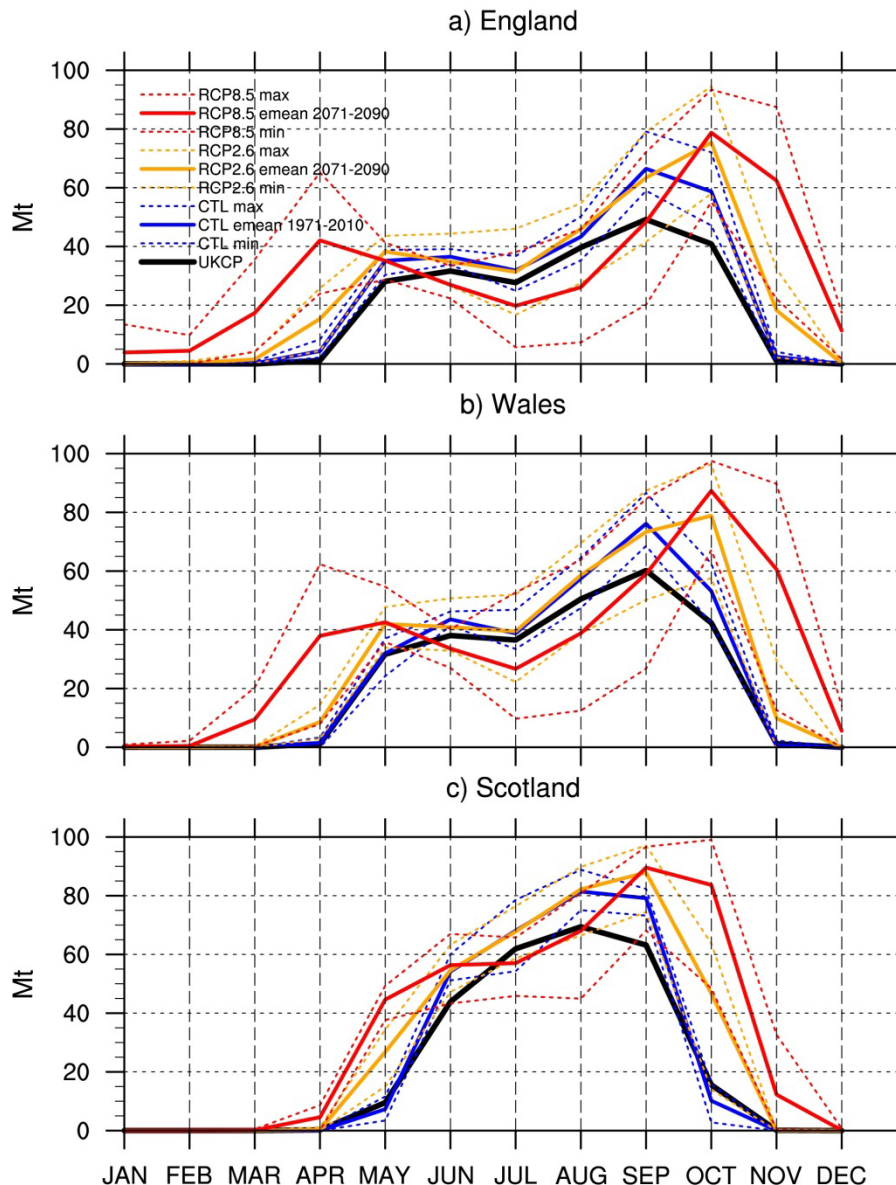
Model fails to reproduce the
1980s hot spot over western
Wales



Recent context observation vs model (2/2)



Fasciolosis over the UK future scenarios



Moderate emission scenario->
slight increase in transmission risk
in October for the 2080s

Extreme emission scenario->
decreased risk in summer,
increased risk in Apr-May and Oct-
Nov for England and Wales.

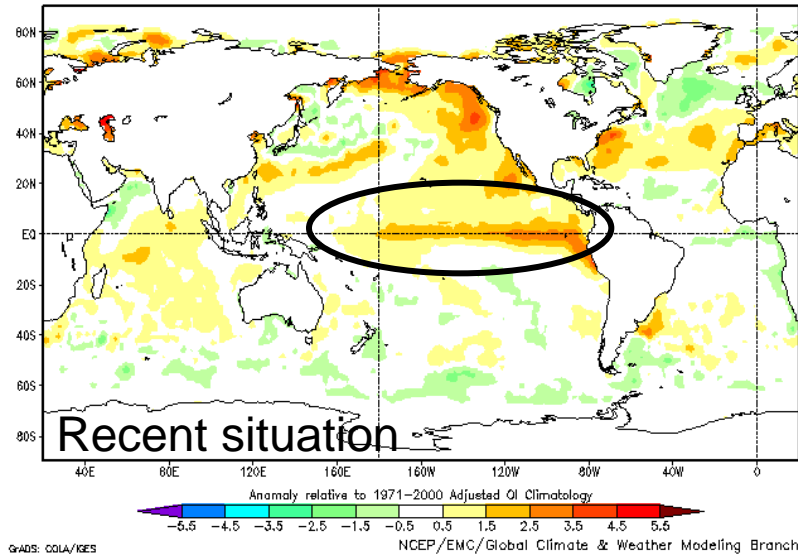
Future risk over Scotland looks
like past observations over
western Wales, and this is the
most endemic region according to
the observed VIDA-SAC clinical
data

Conclusions and Perspectives

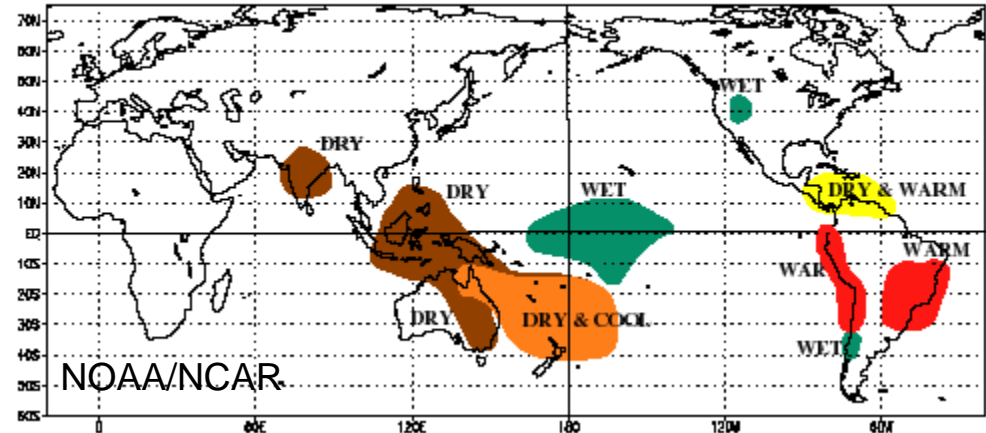
- More recent evidences that climate change favoured the rise of vector-borne diseases to higher latitudes and altitudes **but**: other factors to consider: **increased travel and trade, land use, vulnerability of populations, drug resistance, economic development...**
- Current dynamical disease models can be improved (mosquitoes experience weather instead of climate + need to consider vulnerability data e.g. Healthy Futures EU project)
- **Multi data source simulations useful and needed** (using ensembles of disease models, climate models, population and climate change scenarios, economic projections...) -> Work in progress ND-GAIN (Notre-Dame university, USA), World Bank...
- Stop the race for model skill: look at where things might occur instead to anticipate the risk – potential ecological niche
- Multi-disciplinary projects required (entomologists, epidemiologists, human and animal health specialists, climatologists-meteorologists, human scientists, interface scientists) e.g. **One Health approach**
- Operational risk models (seasonal forecasts or based on satellite data...) for climate sensitive diseases (agro-meteorology far ahead) and link with climate services in their infancy stages. This is work in progress...

Summer 2015: El Niño is already there...

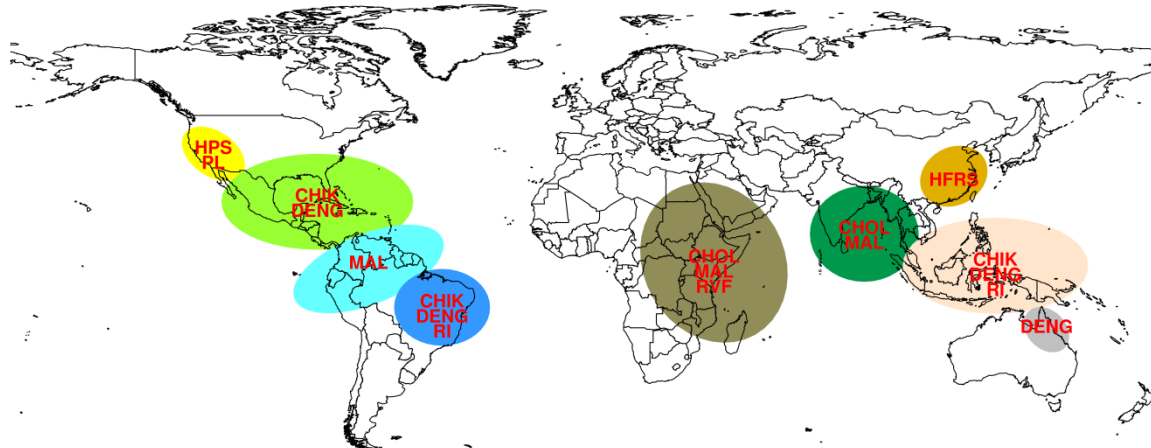
Olv2 Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (°C)
21 JUN 2015 to 27 JUN 2015



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Hotspots of Potential Elevated Risk for Disease Outbreaks: 2014-2015



CHIK Chikungunya
CHOL Cholera
DENG Dengue Fever

HFRS Hemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome
HPS Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome
MAL Malaria

PL Plague
RI Respiratory Illness
RVF Rift Valley Fever

June 2015 – ANSES Paris

Heatwave related deaths:
India, Pakistan (spring)

Chikungunya cases:
south-western USA (Texas)
Colombia, Peru, Mexico, Caribbeans

Dengue cases:
South east Asia, Sri Lanka, India

To be continued...

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