

climate change and arboviruses



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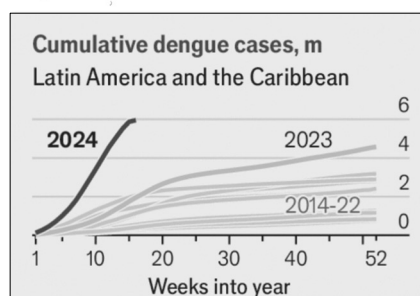
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- Valneva sponsored speaker's bureau

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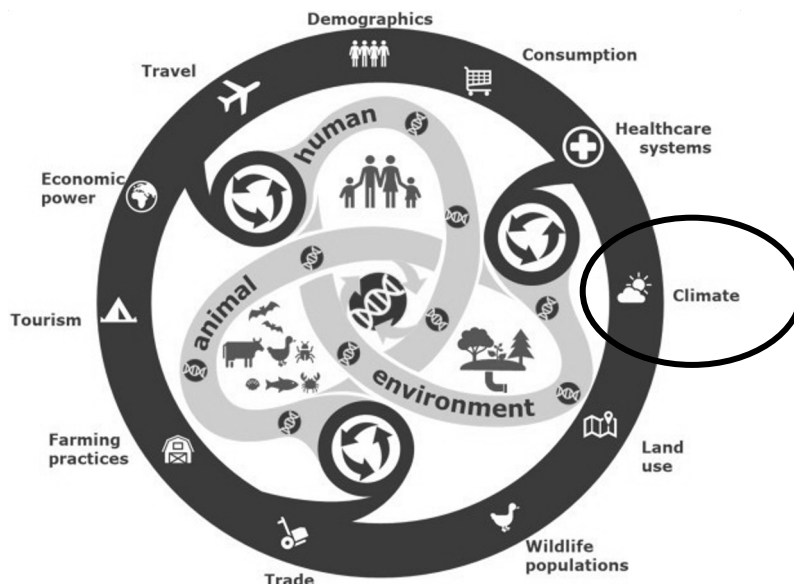
Outline

- Climate change
- Effects on arbovirus transmission
 - the Mosquitome
 - Mechanistic views
 - Pattern matching
- Climate science and epidemiology



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Drivers of arbovirus expansion



Sikkema, Encyclopedia of Virology, 2021

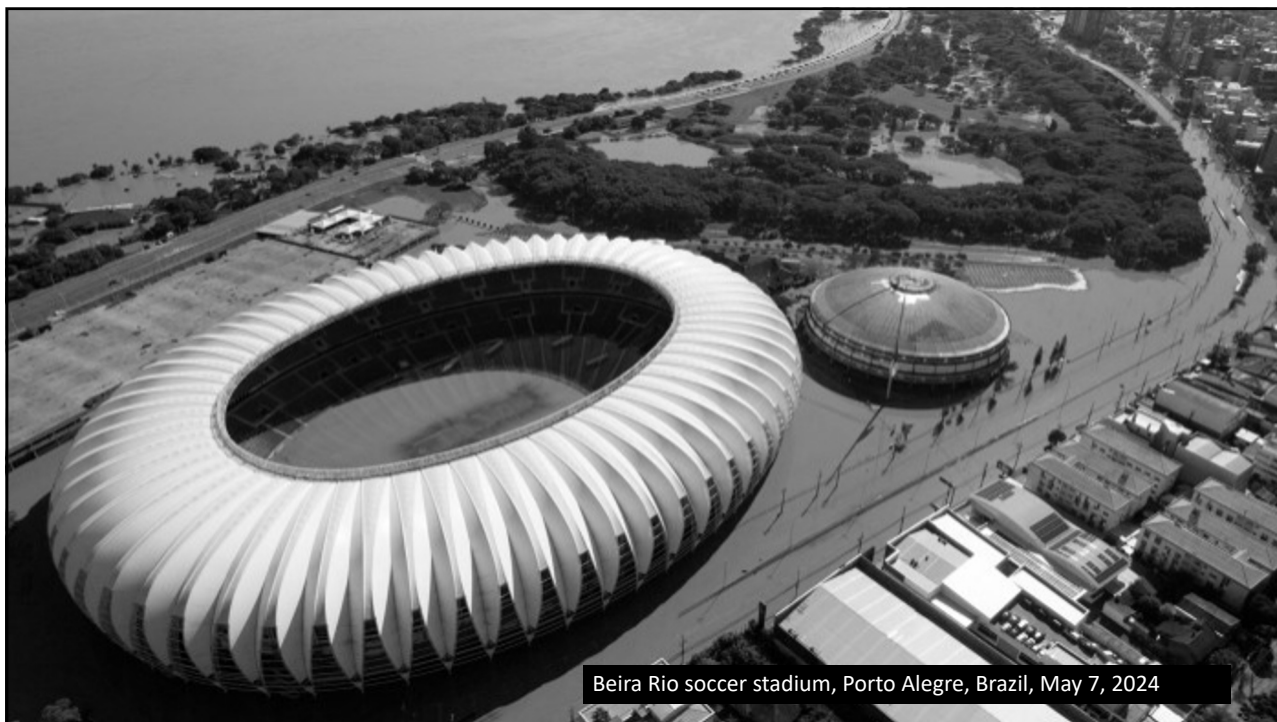
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Beira Rio soccer stadium, Porto Alegre, Brazil, May 7, 2024

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 PROGRAMME OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION

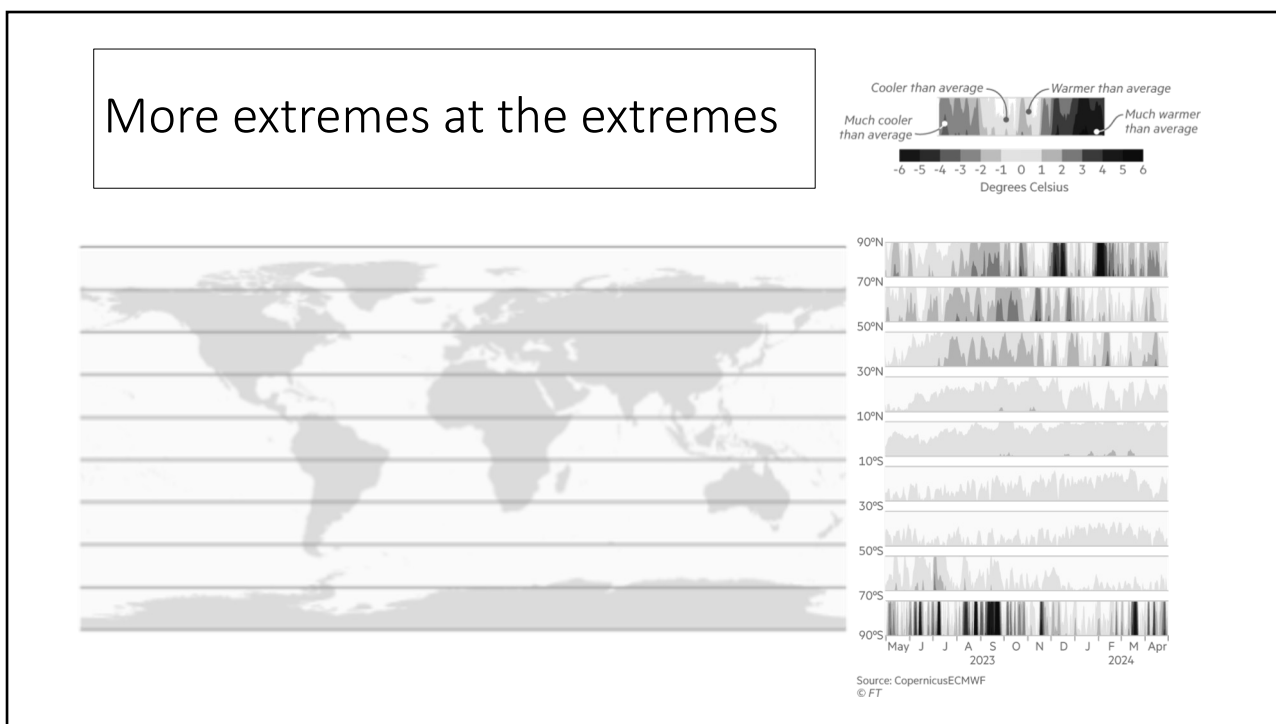
 Copernicus
Europe's eyes on Earth

Karachi, Pakistan August 27, 2020

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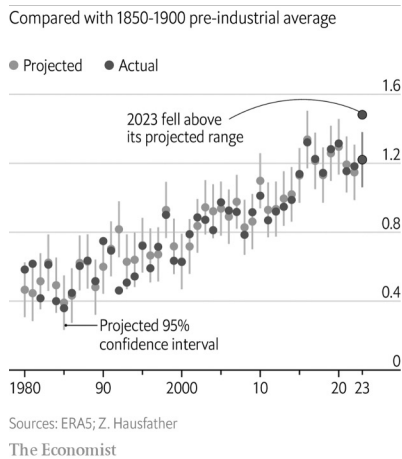


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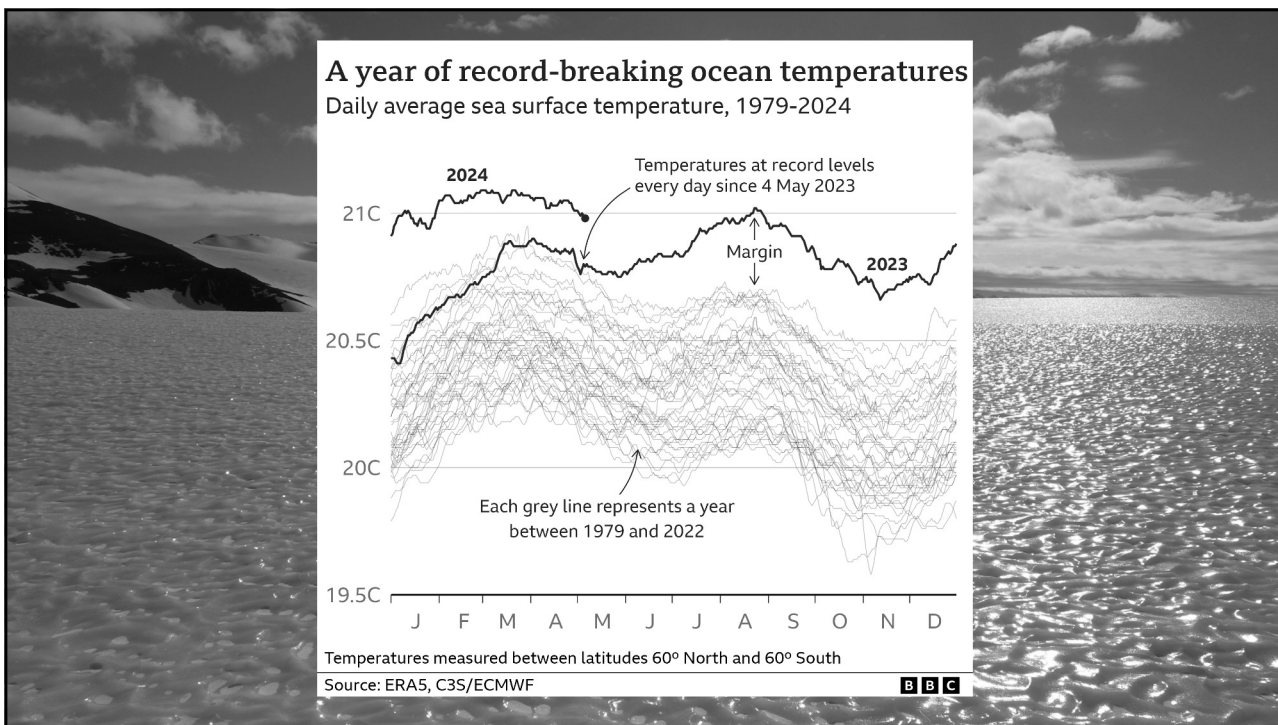


Temperatures in Europe increase more than twice global average

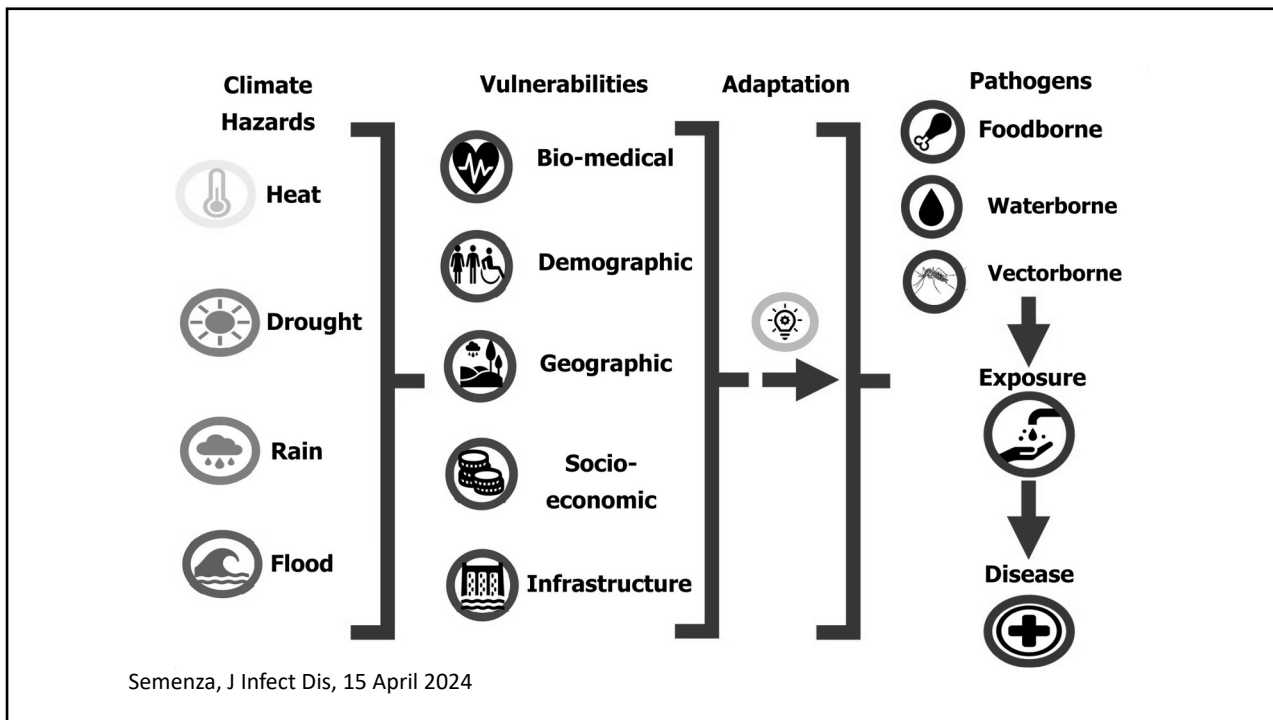
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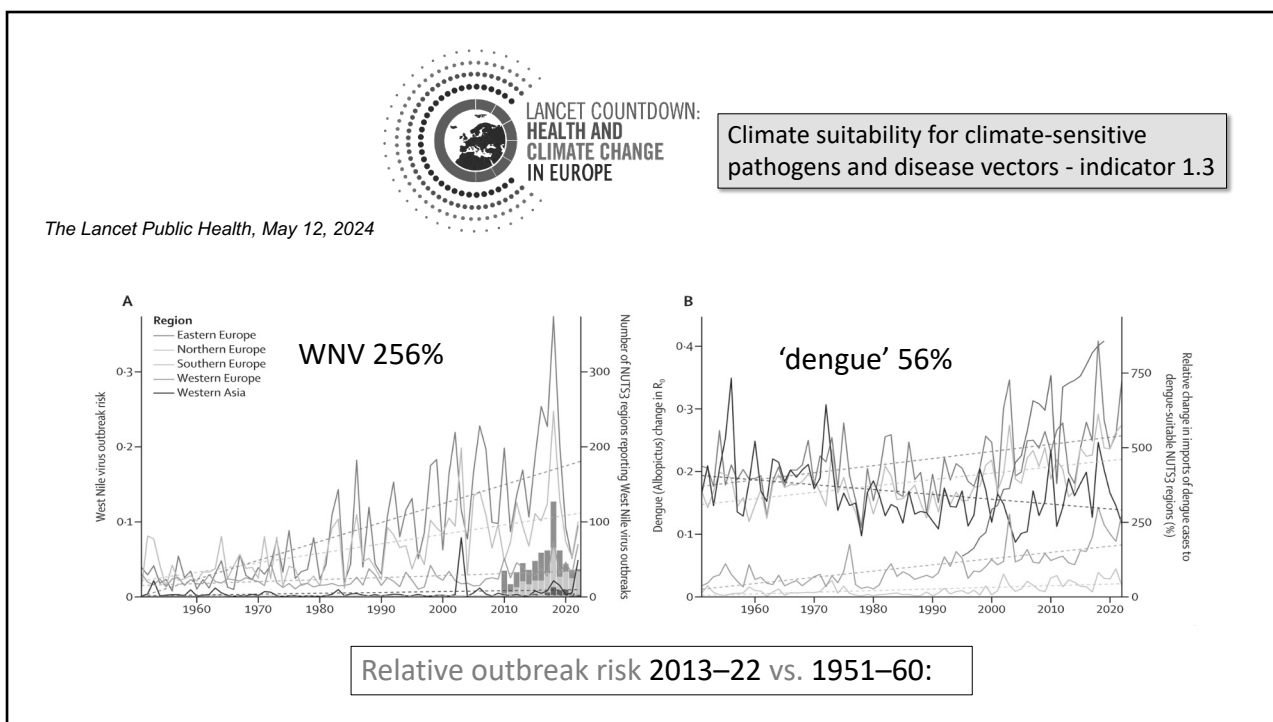
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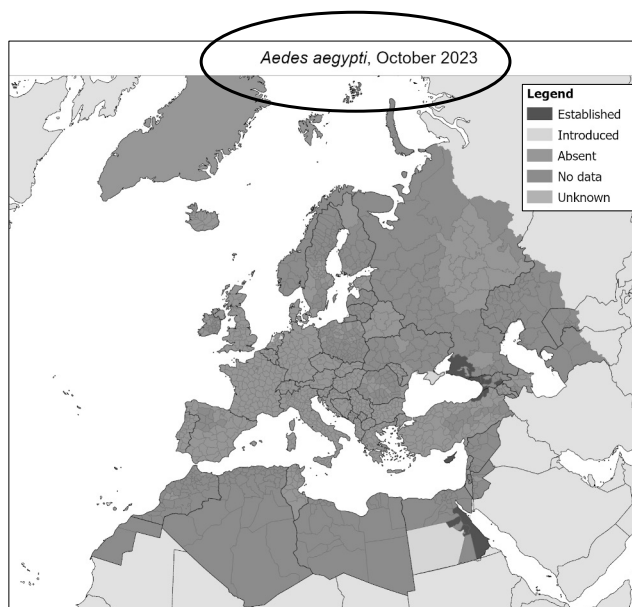
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“The stark **reality** is that **longer hot seasons** will enlarge the **seasonal window** for the spread of **mosquito-borne** diseases and favour increasingly **frequent outbreaks** that are increasingly **complex to deal with.**”

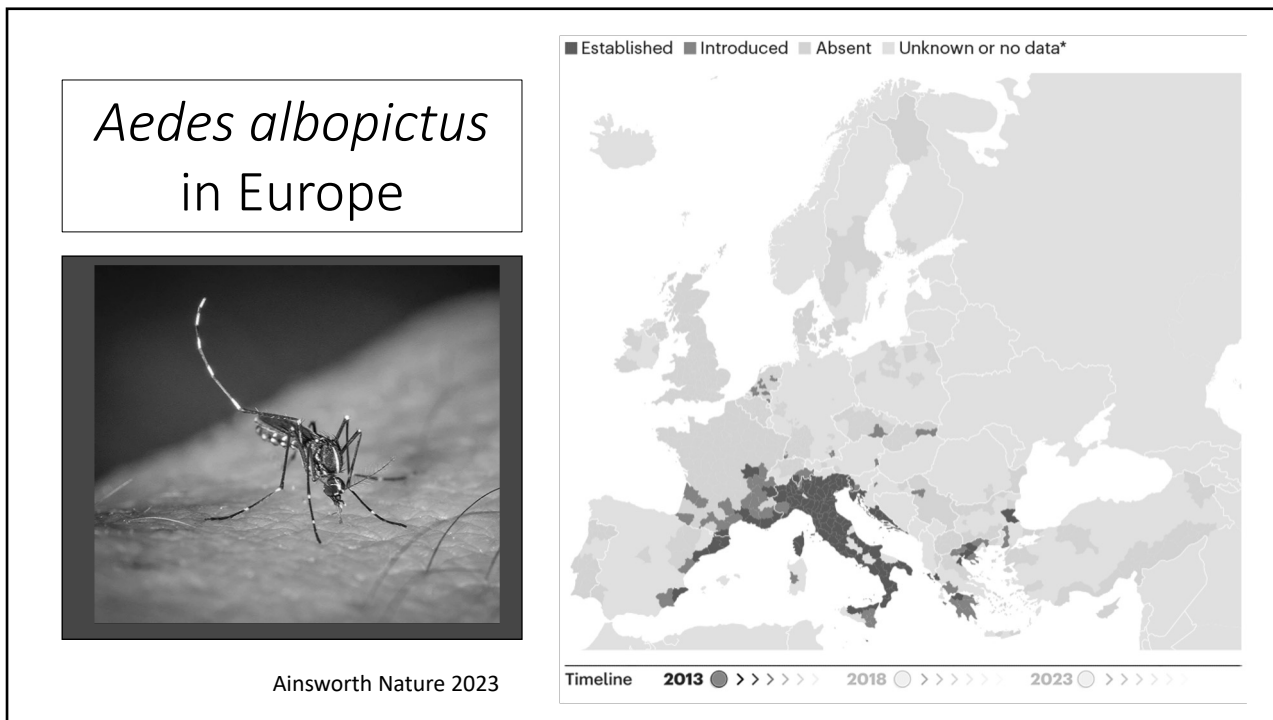
The Guardian -Rachel Lowe-
Thu 25 Apr 2024

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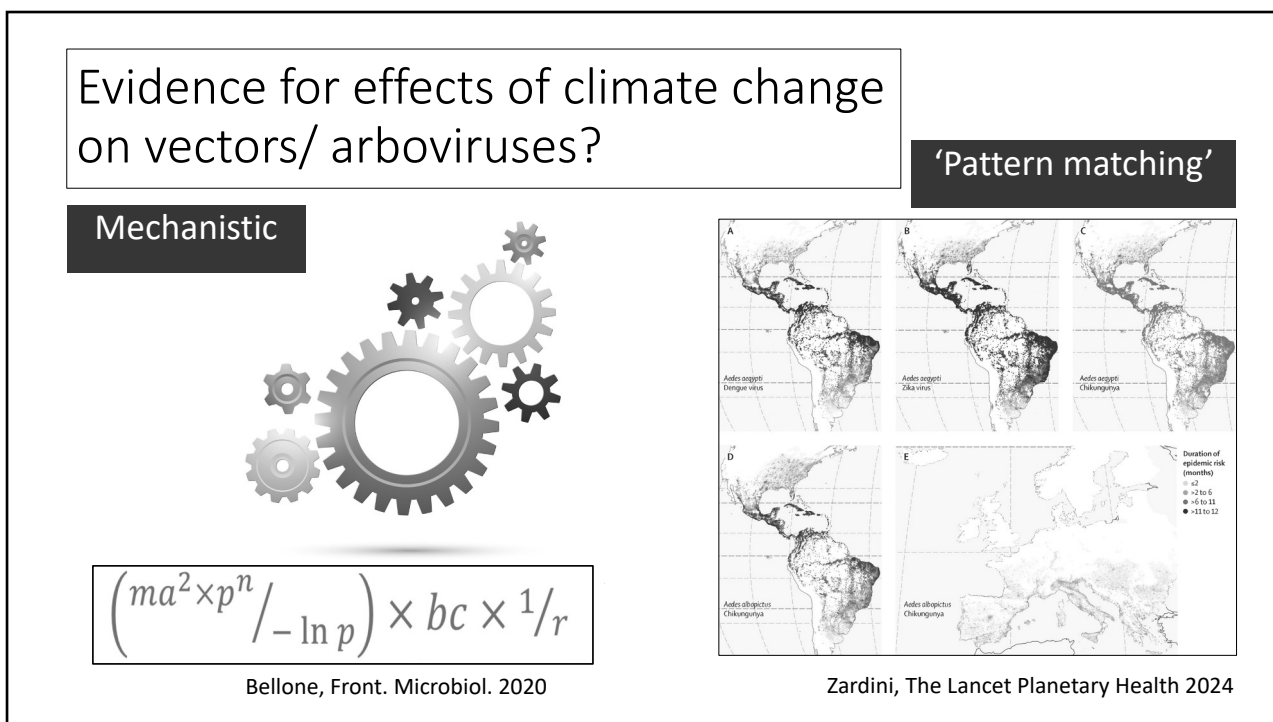
Aedes aegypti in Europe



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MOSQUITOPIA
The Place of Pests
in a Healthy World

Routledge Environmental Humanities earthson
from Routledge

A WORLD WITHOUT MOSQUITOES


Save 'em or Swat 'em?

Nature 2010 (466), p.432

"<2% of insectivore gut content is mosquitoes"
Janet McAllister

"I would eat raw onions and celery for the rest of my life
if I could do away with the little bastards"

"Don't let our inability to destroy these little bastards take
anything away from the dream of mass mosquito murder"
Joe Conlon



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There are more than 3,500 different mosquito species here are just a few


Culex

Anopheles

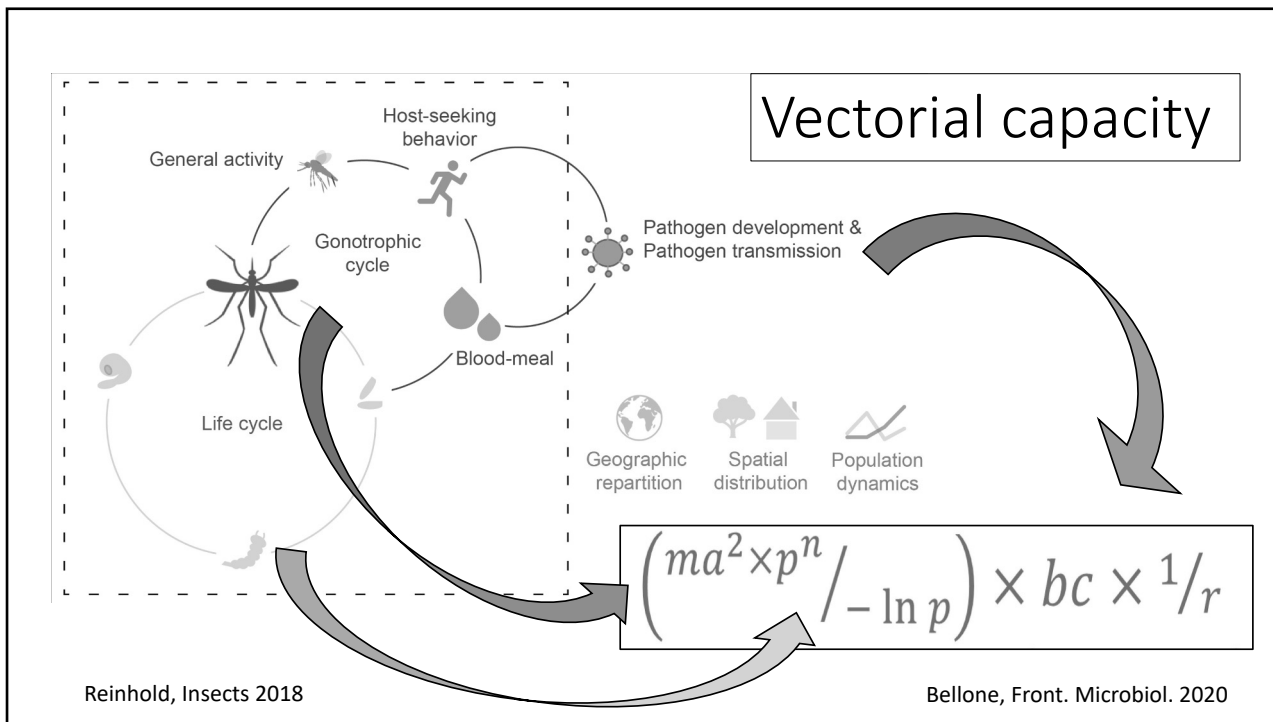
Aedes

"Mosquitome"
the group of mosquito species that have successfully adapted to humans and human-made environments.

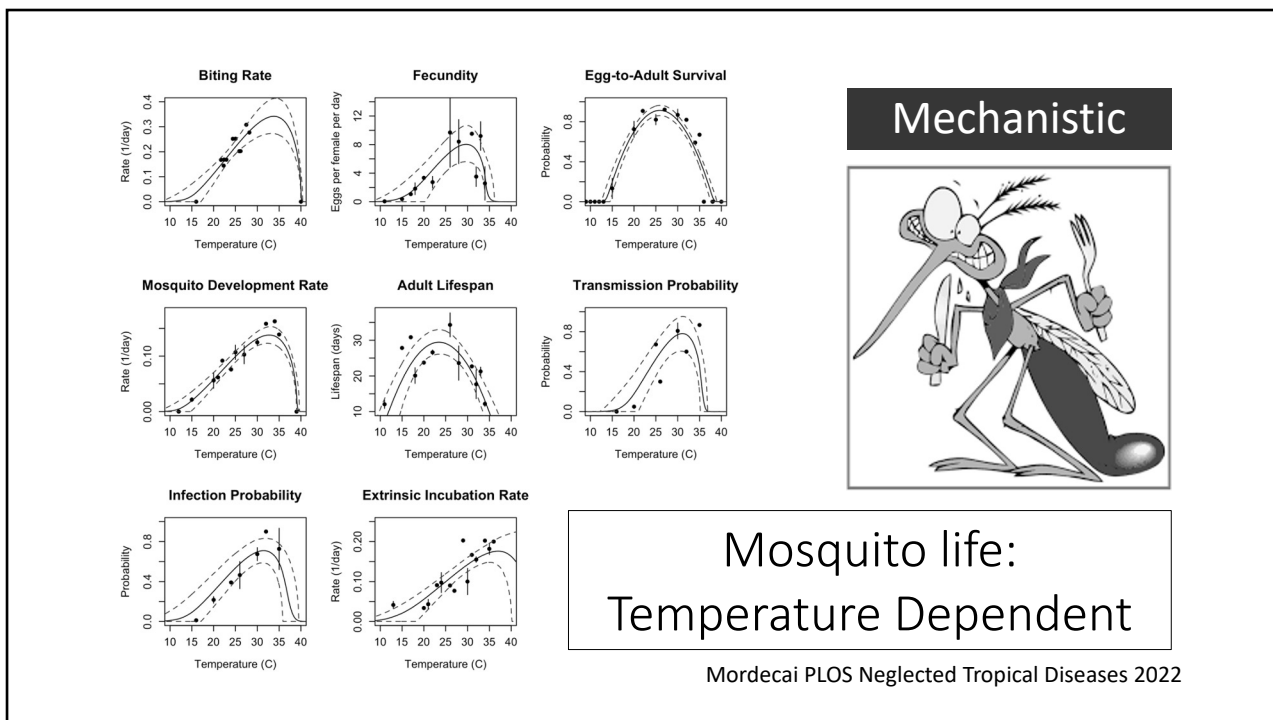
www.worldmosquitoprogram.org



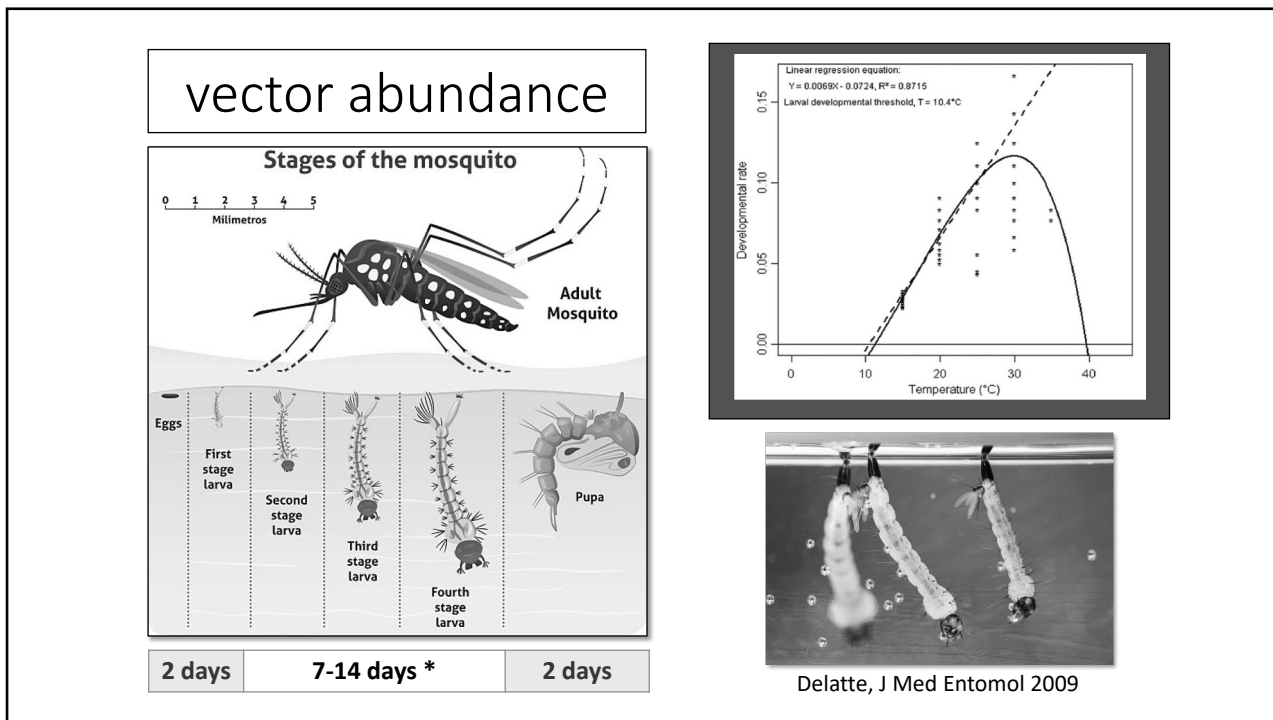
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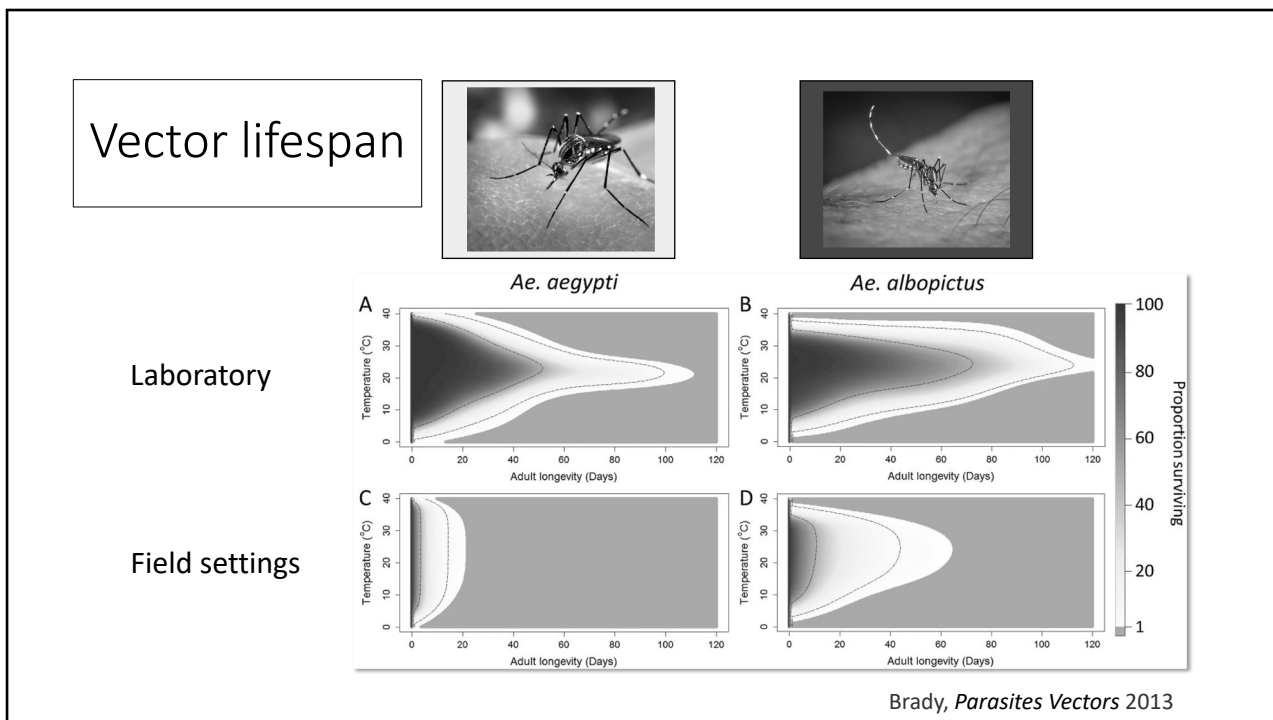
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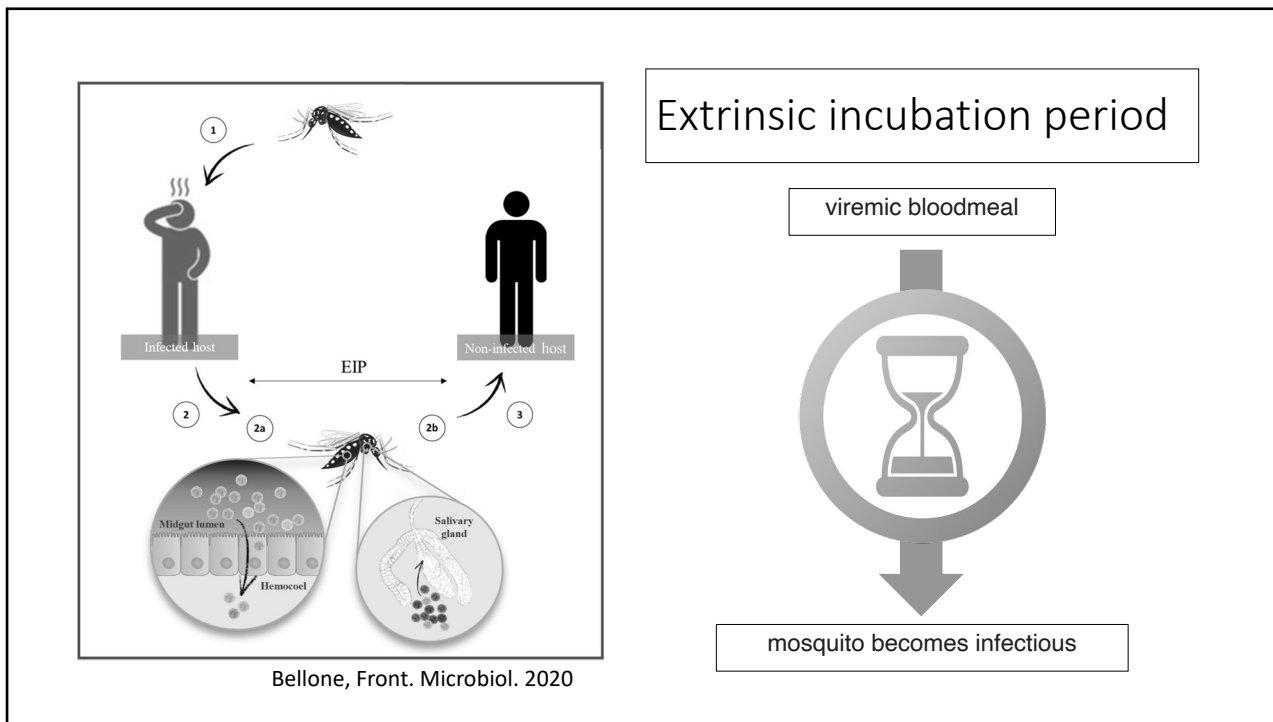
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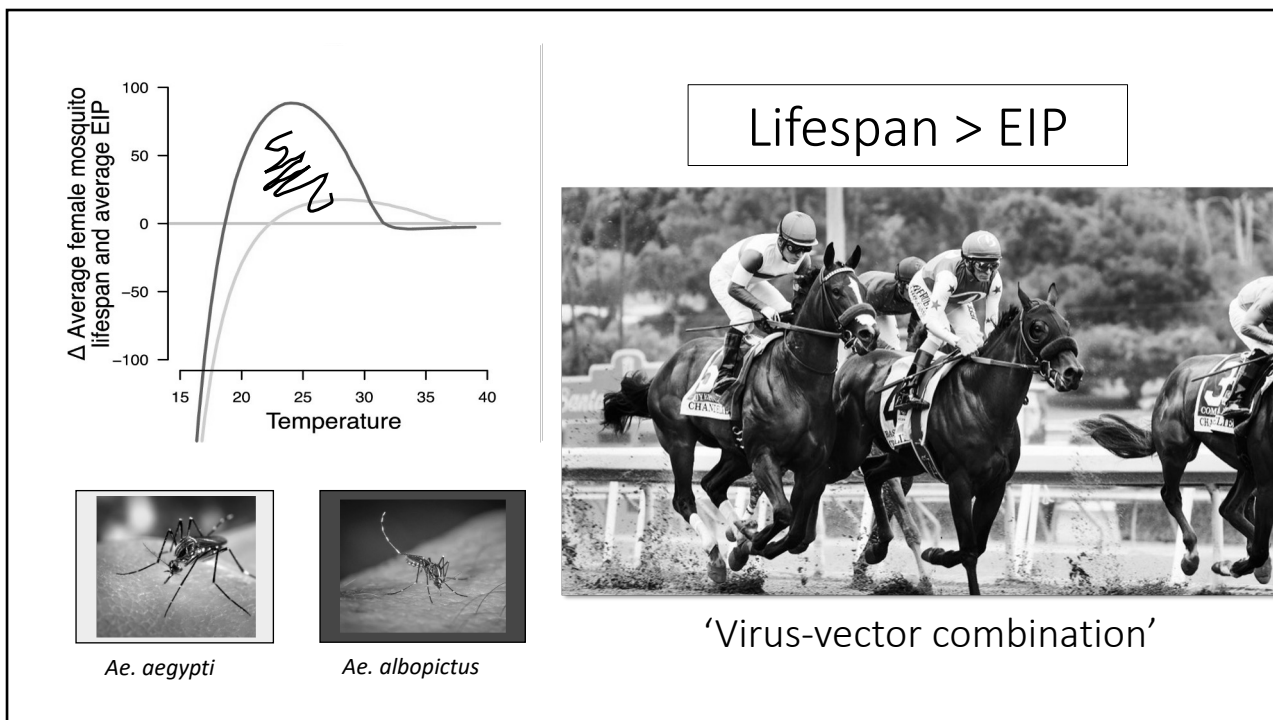
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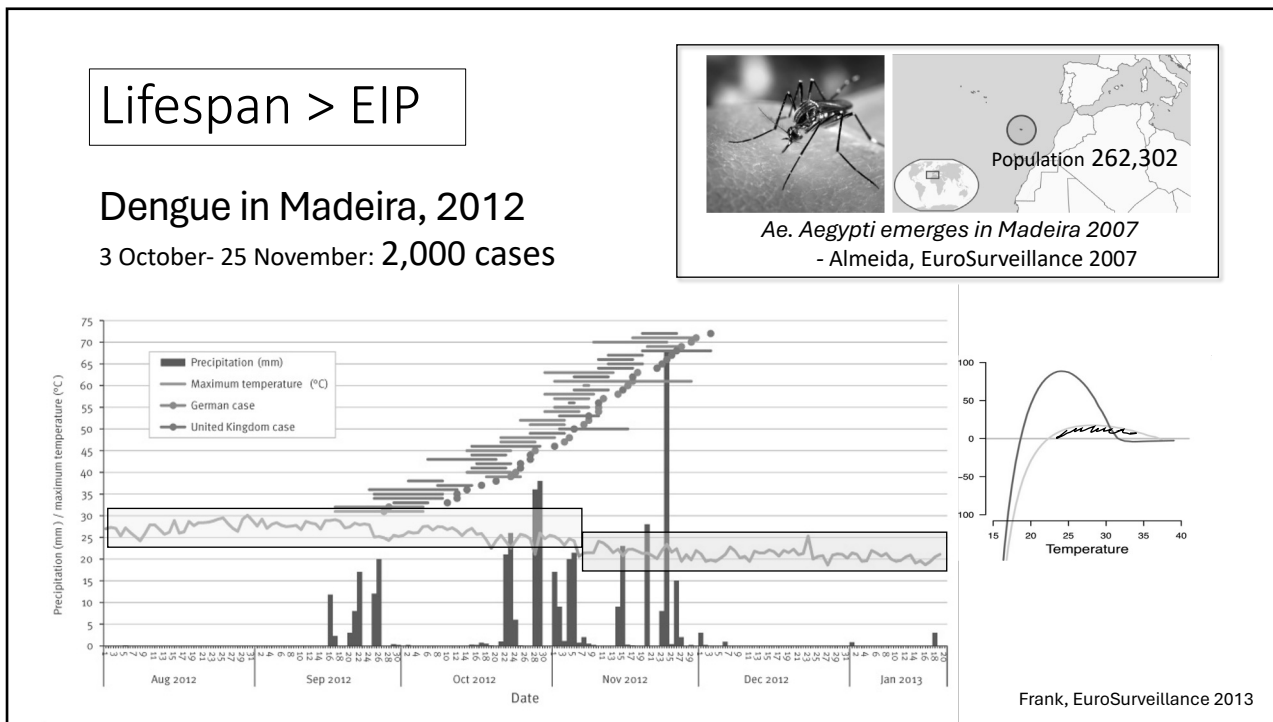
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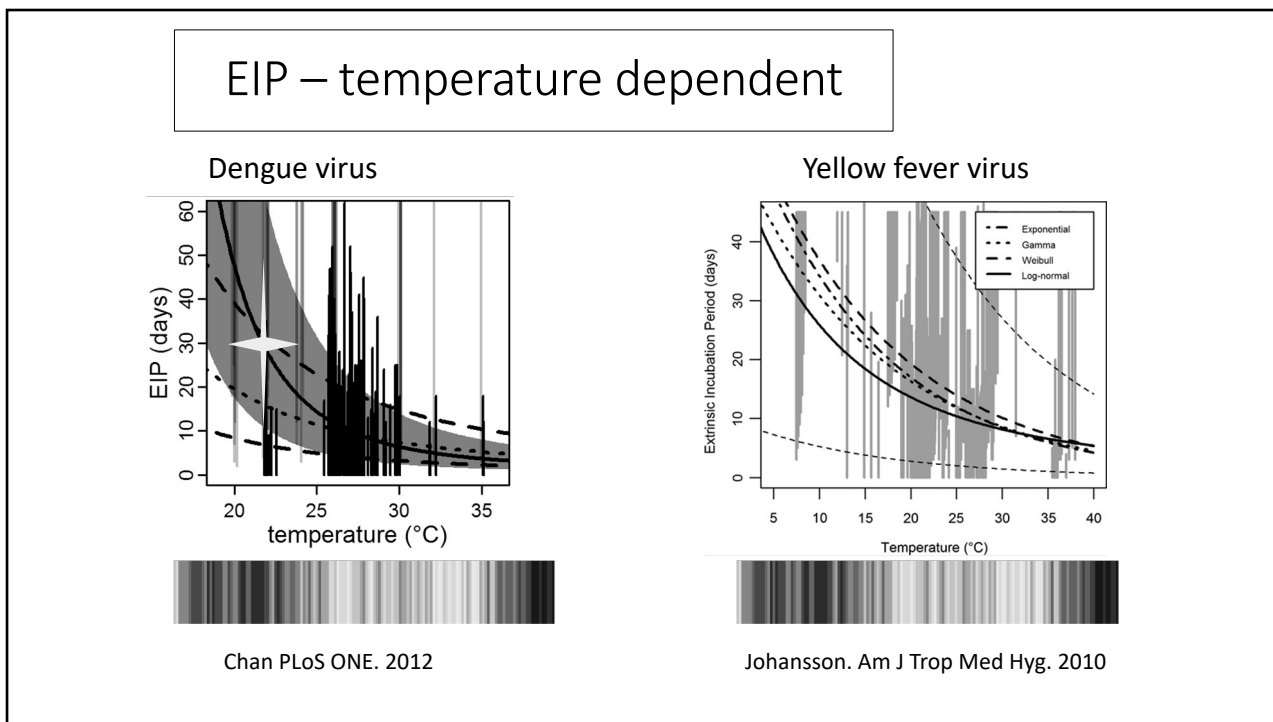
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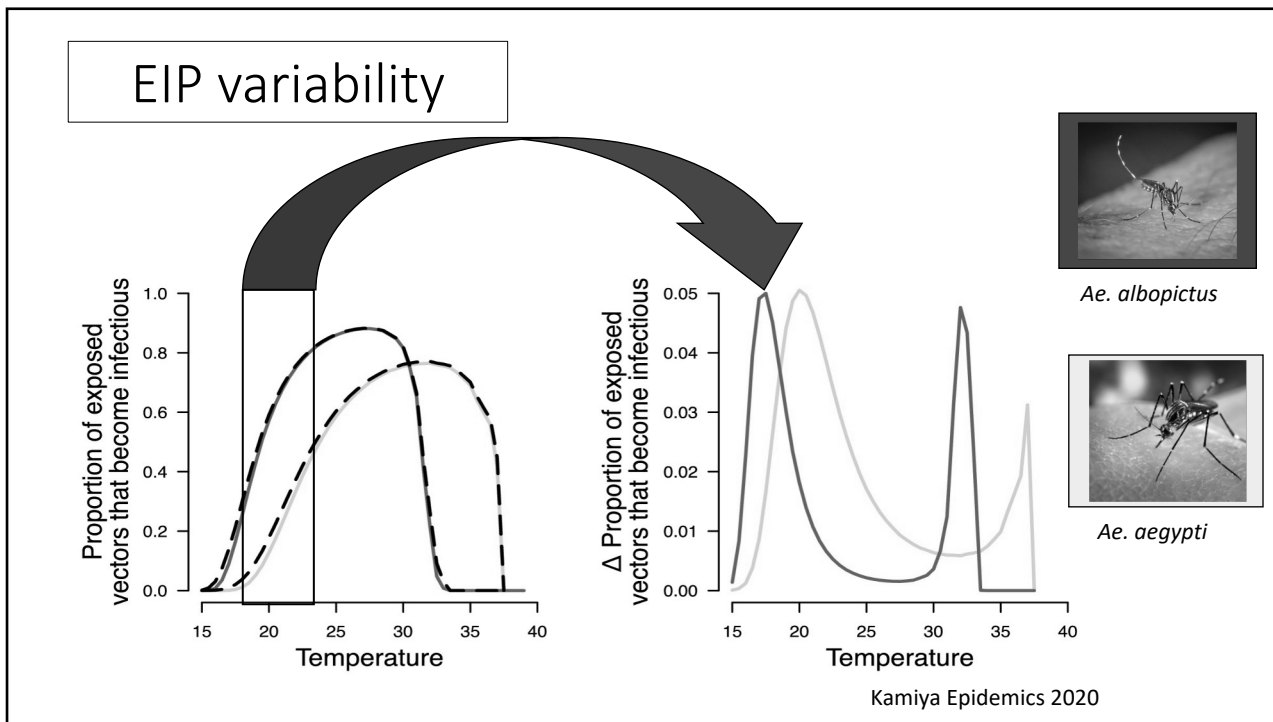
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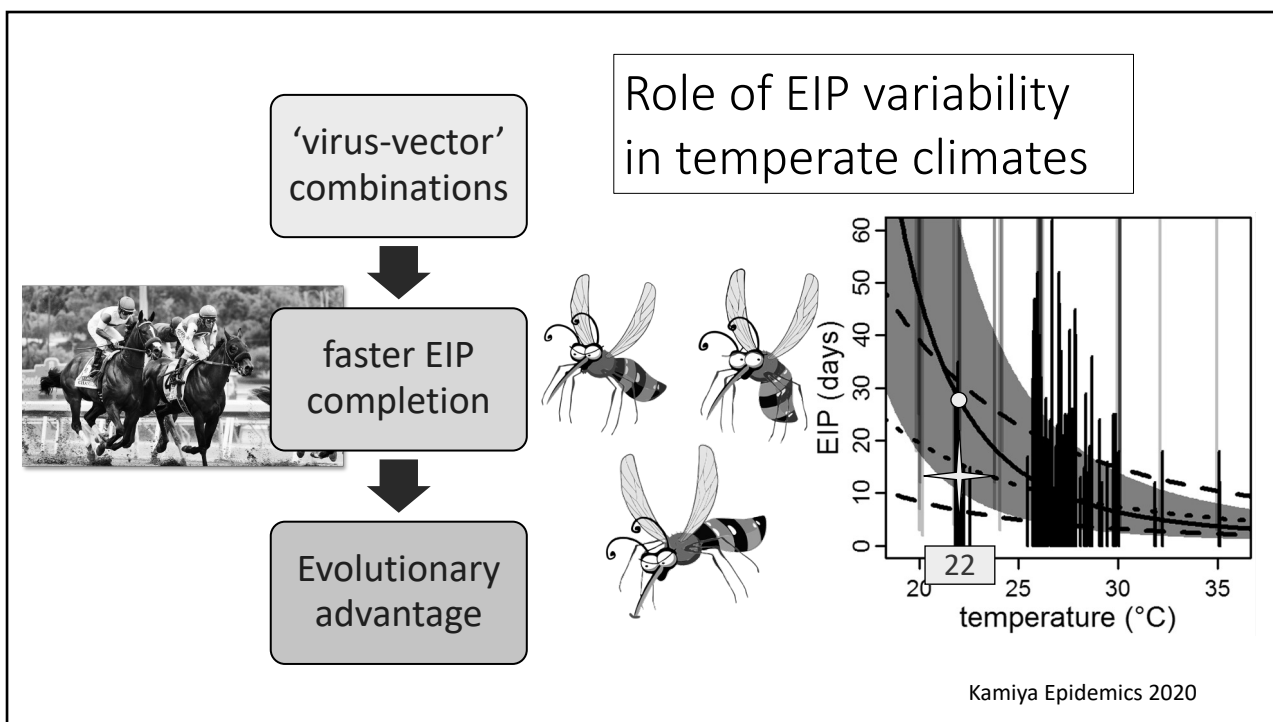
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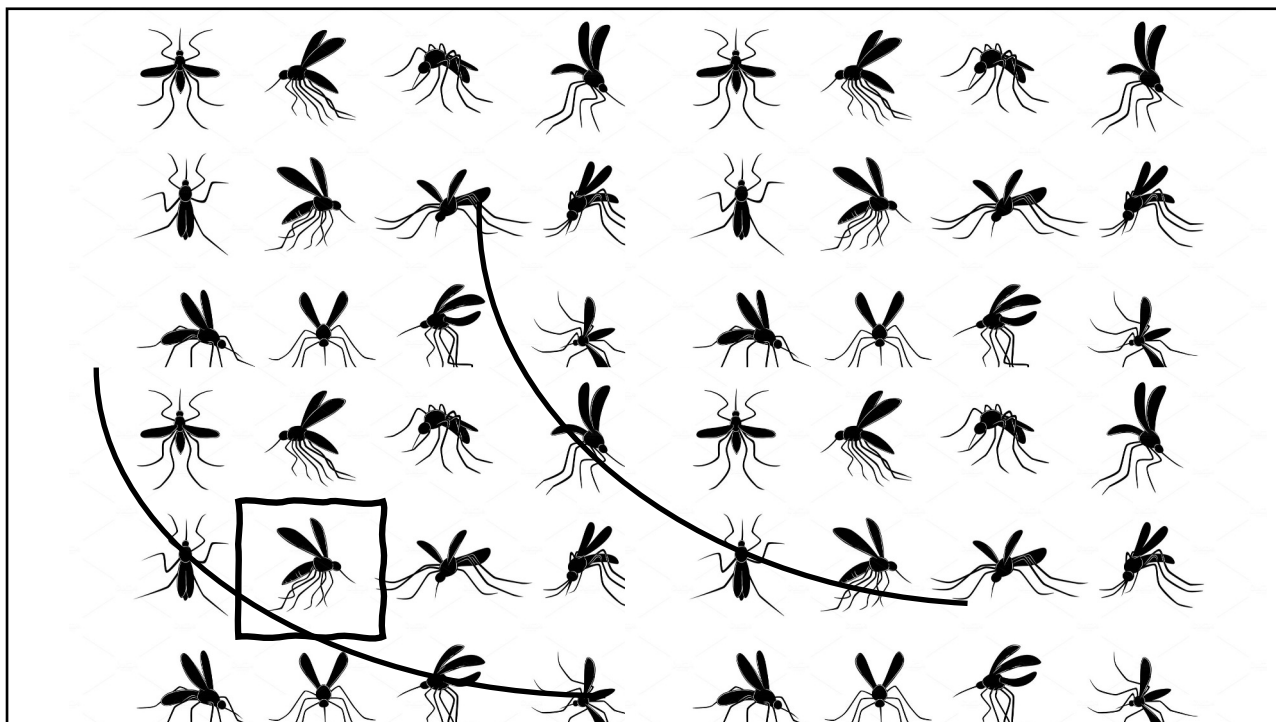
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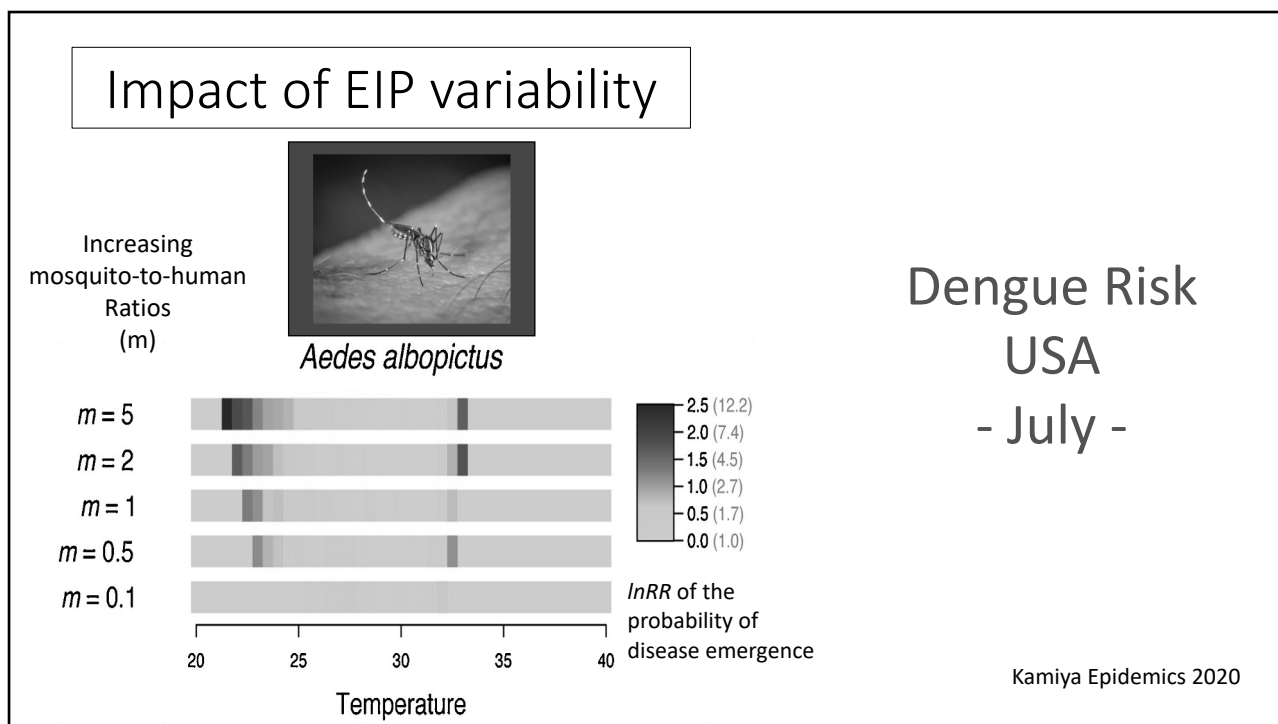
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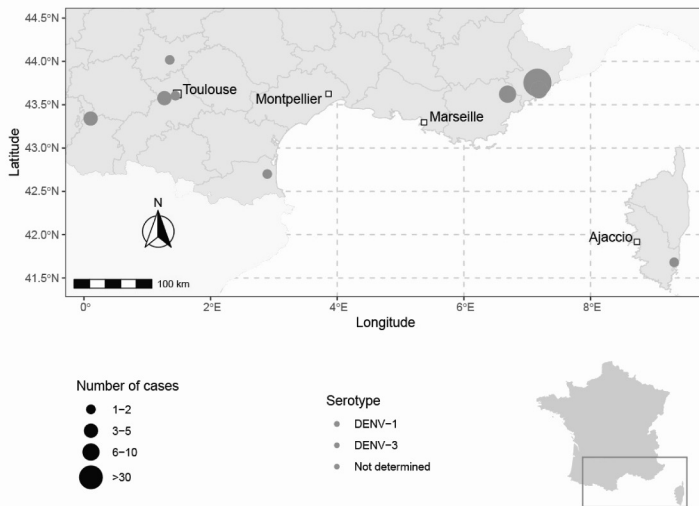
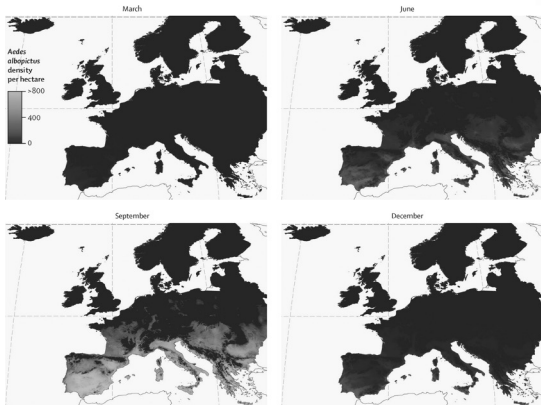
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Small-scale outbreaks ...

Dengue in France, 12 June- 20 September, 2022



Zardini, The Lancet Planetary Health 2024

Cochet, Eurosurveillance 2022

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What about chikungunya?

pathogens

MDPI

Identifying Knowledge Gaps through the Systematic Review of Temperature-Driven Variability in the Competence of *Aedes aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus* for Chikungunya Virus 2023

Rebecca C. Christofferson¹, Erik A. Turner¹ and Victor Hugo Peña-García²

Current Research in Parasitology & Vector-Borne Diseases 2023

Temperature and transmission of chikungunya, dengue, and Zika viruses: A systematic review of experimental studies on *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* 2023

Méryl Delrieu¹, Jean-Philippe Martinet¹, Olivia O'Connor¹, Elvina Viennet¹, Christophe Menkes¹, Valerie Burtet-Sarramegna¹, Francesca D. Frentiu¹, Myrielle Dupont-Rouzeyrol¹

- dengue 2010-2022
- chikungunya 2007-2020
- >100
- >50
- 5-20
- <5

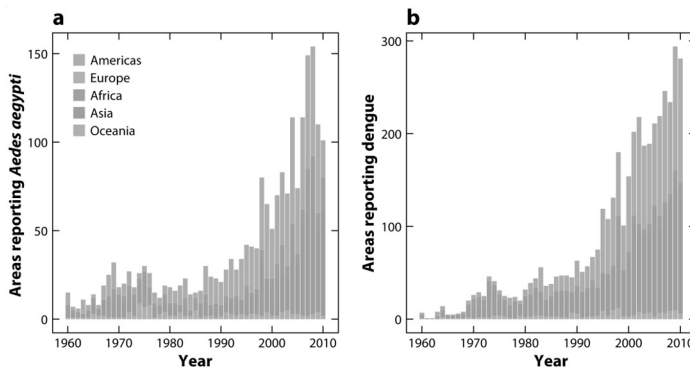


Sips et al. NTVG 2023

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What patterns to look for?

'Pattern matching'



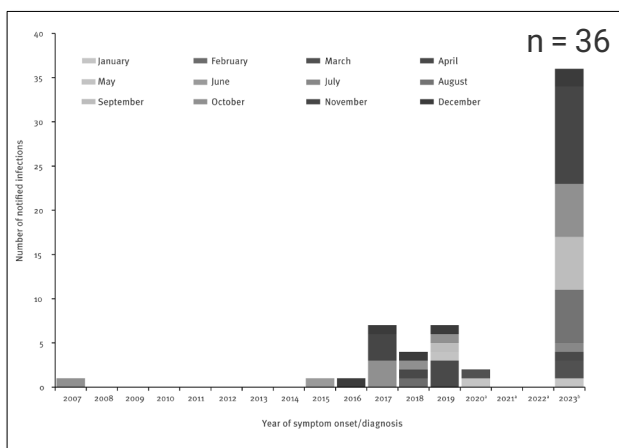
Brady OJ, Hay SI. 2020. Annu. Rev. Entomol. 65:191-208

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RAPID COMMUNICATION

Increase in dengue fever in travellers returning from Egypt, Germany 2023

Christina Frank¹, Raskit Lachmann¹, Hendrik Wilking¹, Klaus Stark¹
¹ Department for Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Robert Koch Institute, Berlin, Germany



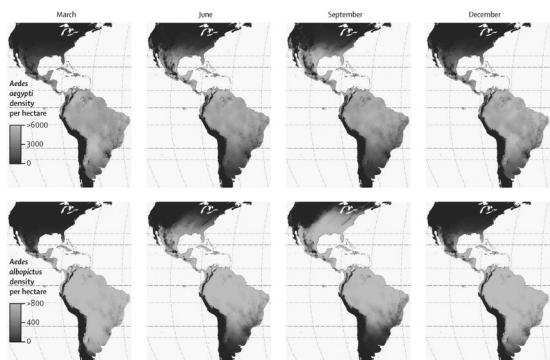
Frank et al., EuroSurveill. 2024

Re-emergence of *Ae. Aegypti* in Egypt, confirmed 2017
 Abozeid, Lancet Inf Dis 2018

May 17, 2024
 ProMED-mail post 8716533
 GeoSentinel Network alert
 3 travelers Sharm El Sheikh to Milan:
 RT-PCR DENV-2 positive

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Vector presence -seasonality



Zardini, The Lancet Planetary Health 2024

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Weather forecast 2050



CITY
Future city climate

+°C
Temp. increase coldest month

+°C
Temp. increase hottest month

Bastin et al. PLoS ONE 2019



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Use of meteorological databases

eg ERA-5 database

Hourly estimates of:

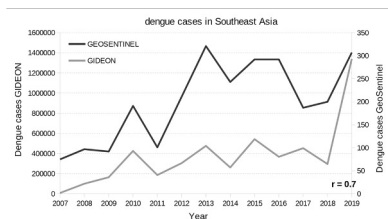
- Sea Surface Temperature (SST)
- Total Precipitation (TP)



spatial resolution:
0.25° x 0.25° (~27.5 km²)



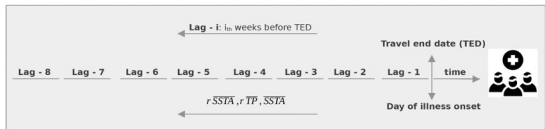
Coupling meteorological parameters to ... sentinel reporting of travel-related dengue



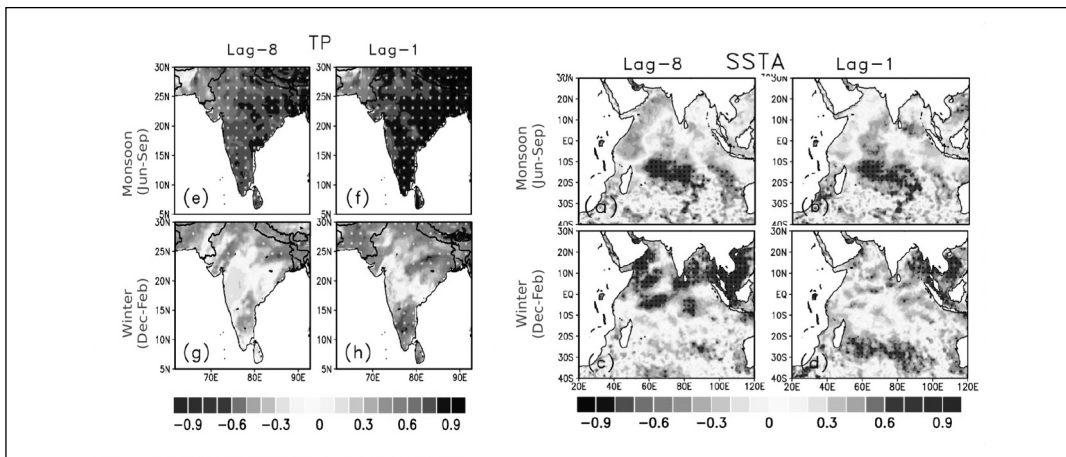
Travel-related dengue cases (%), by geographic subregion of dengue exposure



- Central America, Mexico - 278 (6.2%)
- Caribbean - 532 (11.9%)
- South America - 357 (8.0%)
- Sub-Saharan Africa - 281 (6.3%)
- Southcentral Asia - 694 (15.6%)
- Southeast Asia - 2.316 (52%)



(e.g.) total precipitation and sea surface temperature



Dafka et al., abstract presented at EGU24-General Assembly (manuscript in preparation)



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Potential SST drivers of the travel-related dengue cases per subregion and season

- summer: North Pacific and tropical Atlantic warm SSTA | winter: NAO-
- summer: Atlantic (warm) - Pacific (cool) SST Gradient
- monsoon, post-monsoon: Southern Pacific SSTs | boreal summer, pre-monsoon: Northern and Southern tropical Atlantic SSTs, Atlantic Niño pattern
- spring: SASD- | summer: IOD+
- pre-monsoon, monsoon, post-monsoon: IOD+ | pre-monsoon, winter: Southern Indian warm SSTA
- summer: IOD- | winter: warm equatorial tropical Indian SSTs and South China Sea SST gradient



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*... combining climate science with epidemiology
may be a promising strategy
to identify and combat disease outbreaks
in addition to timely interventions
such as vector control and vaccination campaigns*

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Conclusions

Climate change:

- Not driving arboviruses at a global scale
- Leading to expansion of vector habitats
- Affecting spread of arboviruses
- Empirical evidence scarce
- Knowledge base
 - ‘mechanistic’ approaches
 - ‘pattern matching’
- Promising developments by combining climate science with epidemiology

You don't need a weatherman
To know which way the wind blows



Subterranean Homesick Blues, Bob Dylan, 1965

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