

Evolving Epidemiology of Arboviruses



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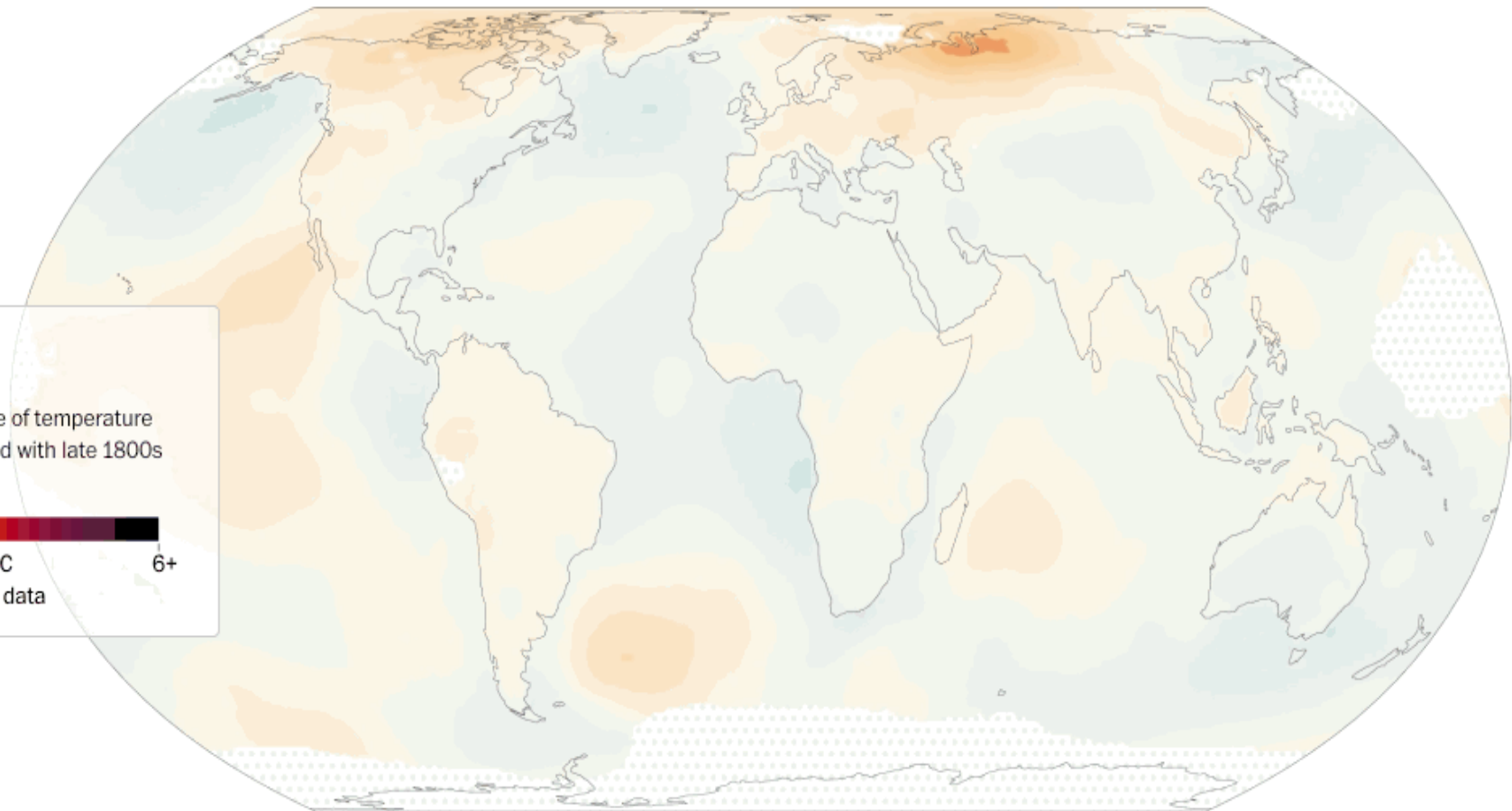
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- Advisory boards:
 - Takeda (dengue vaccine)
 - Valneva (chikungunya vaccine)
- Speaker:
 - Valneva (JE vaccine)
 - Bavarian Nordic (rabies vaccine)

Presentation Objectives

- Review global warming data
- Analyze potential impact on major arboviral vectors (*Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*)
- Changing epidemiology of dengue
- Brief review recent major arboviral epidemics

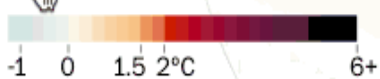
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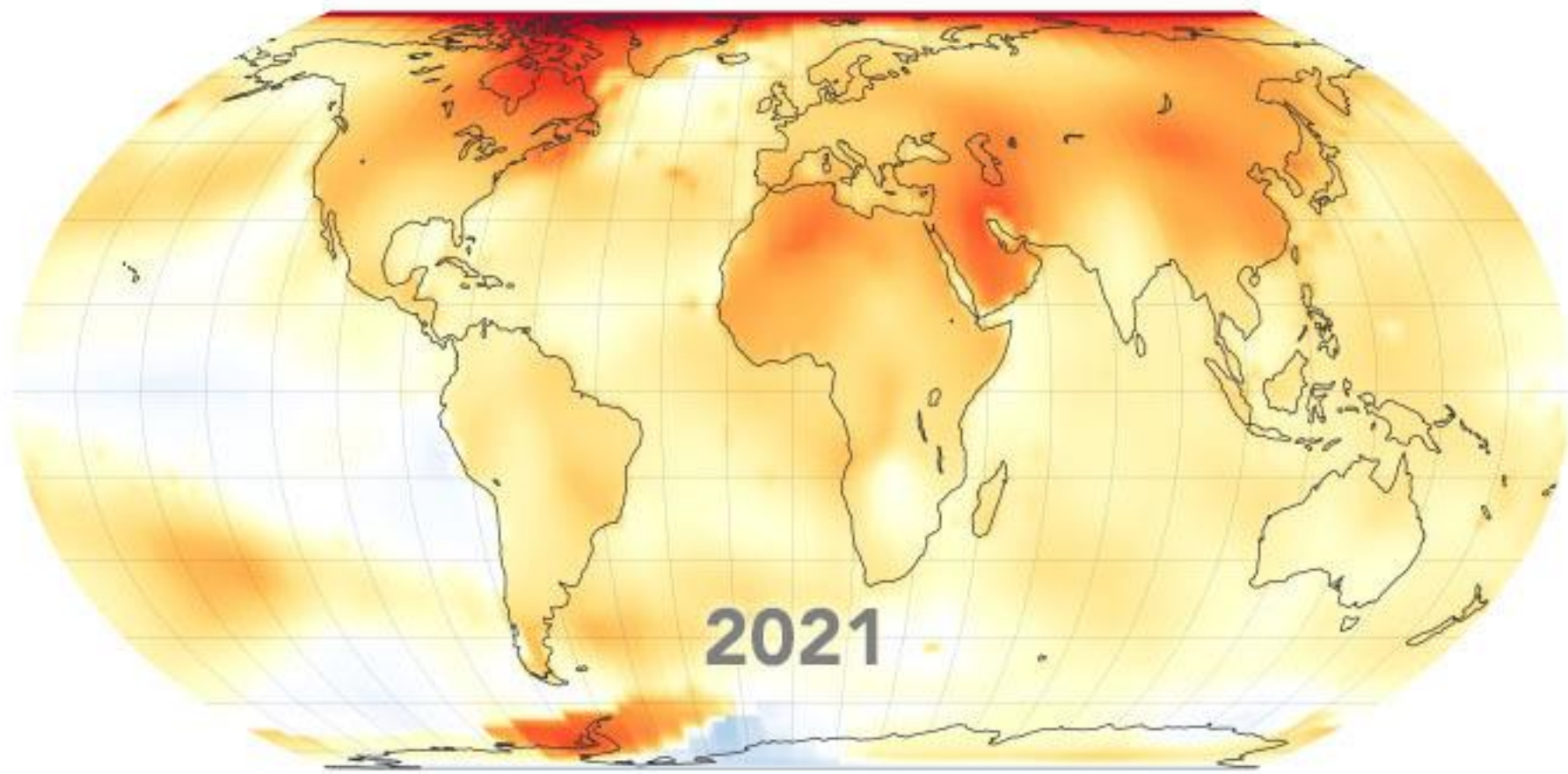
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Five-year average of temperature change compared with late 1800s

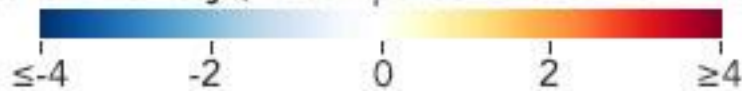
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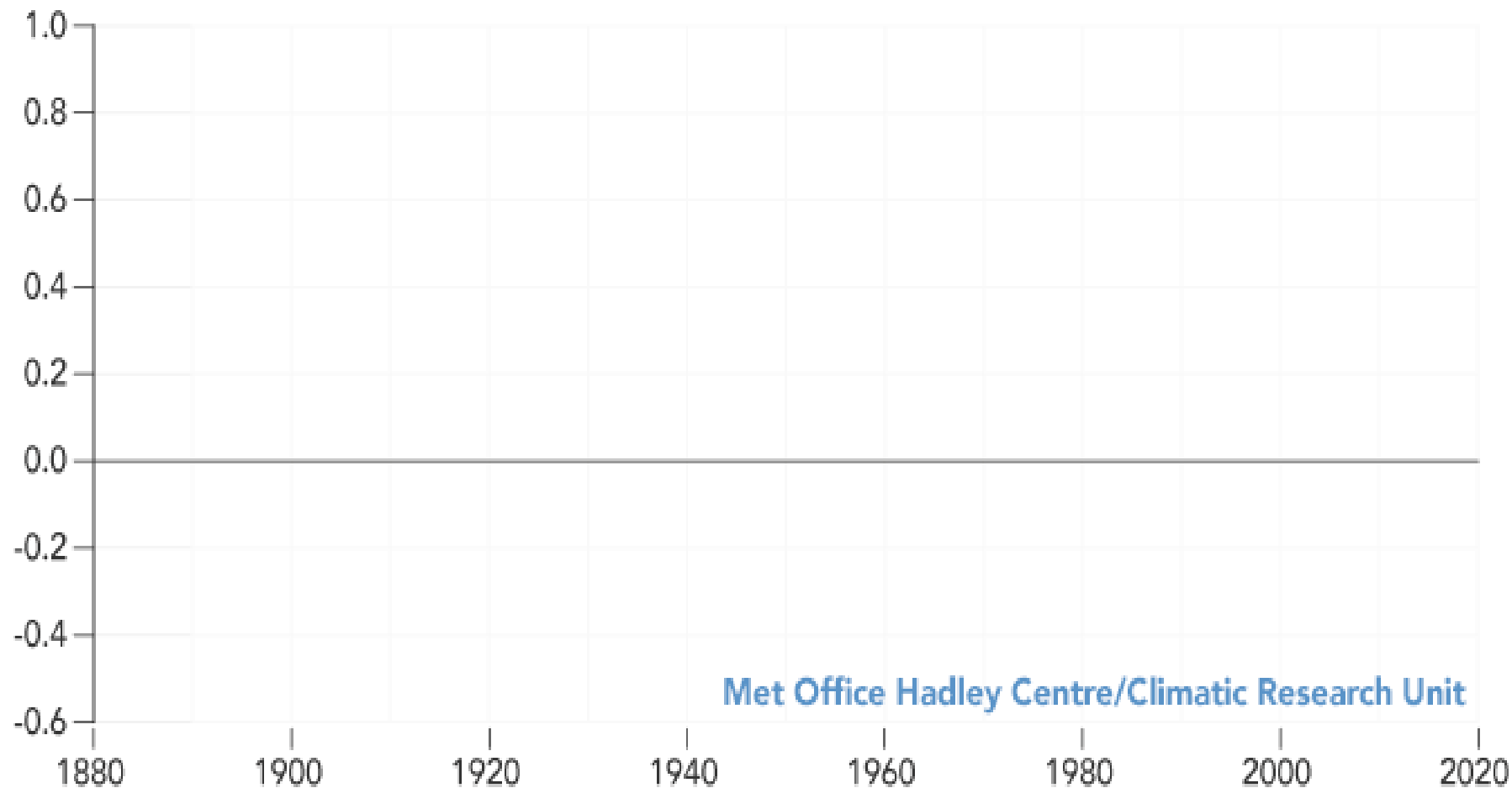


Temperature Anomaly (°C compared to the 1951-1980 average)



A World of Agreement: Temperatures are Rising

Global Temperature Anomaly (relative to 1951-1980, °C)



<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/world-of-change/global-temperatures>

Aedes aegypti

**Humans preferred
mammalian host**

Day time biting

**Thrives in densely
populated urban areas**



**Intolerant of winter temperatures (high egg
mortality with frost)**

**Feed multiple times during one gonotrophic
cycle (feeding, egg-producing cycle)**

- <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/disease-vectors/facts/mosquito-factsheets/aedes-aegypti>

Aedes albopictus

Asian tiger mosquito
Less common vector
of dengue
Feeds on humans and
other mammals
Increasing global
distribution



Drought-resistant eggs
Can over winter (eggs laid in late summer
undergo diapause until spring)
Higher temps accelerate larval development

Changing Global Distribution of *Ae. aegypti* & *Ae. albopictus*

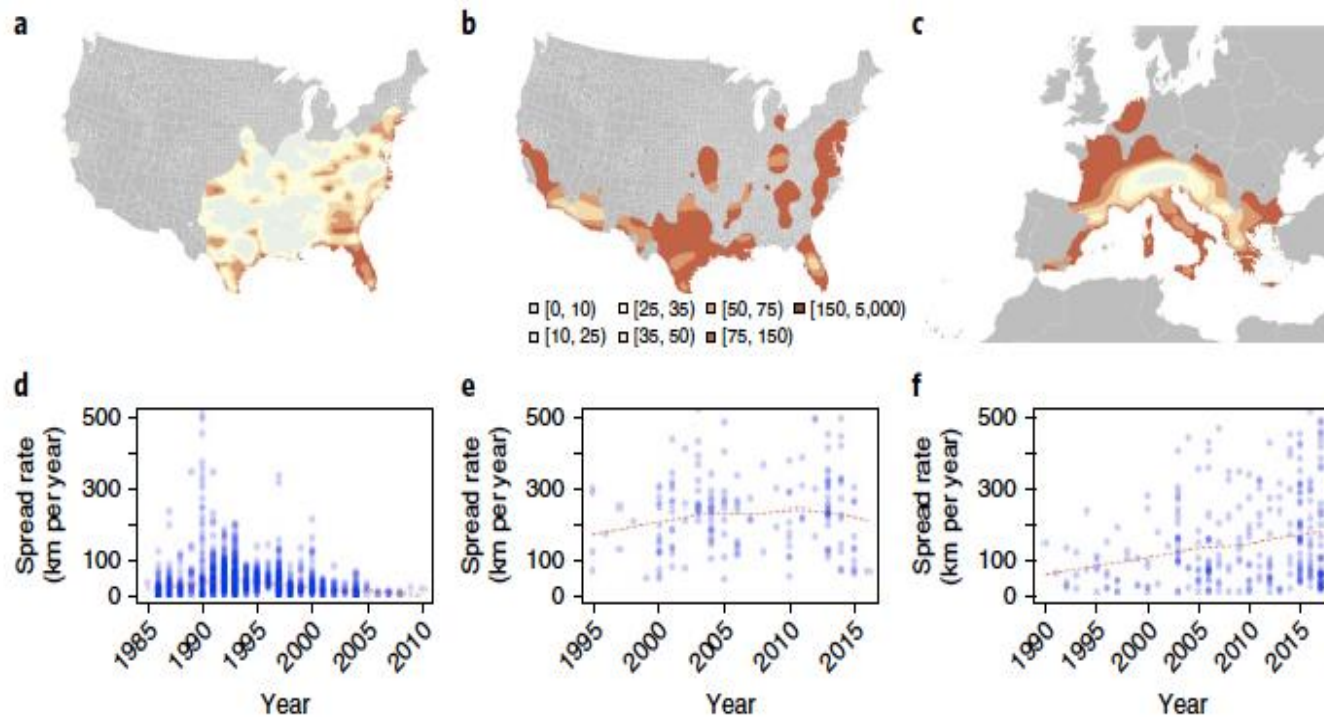
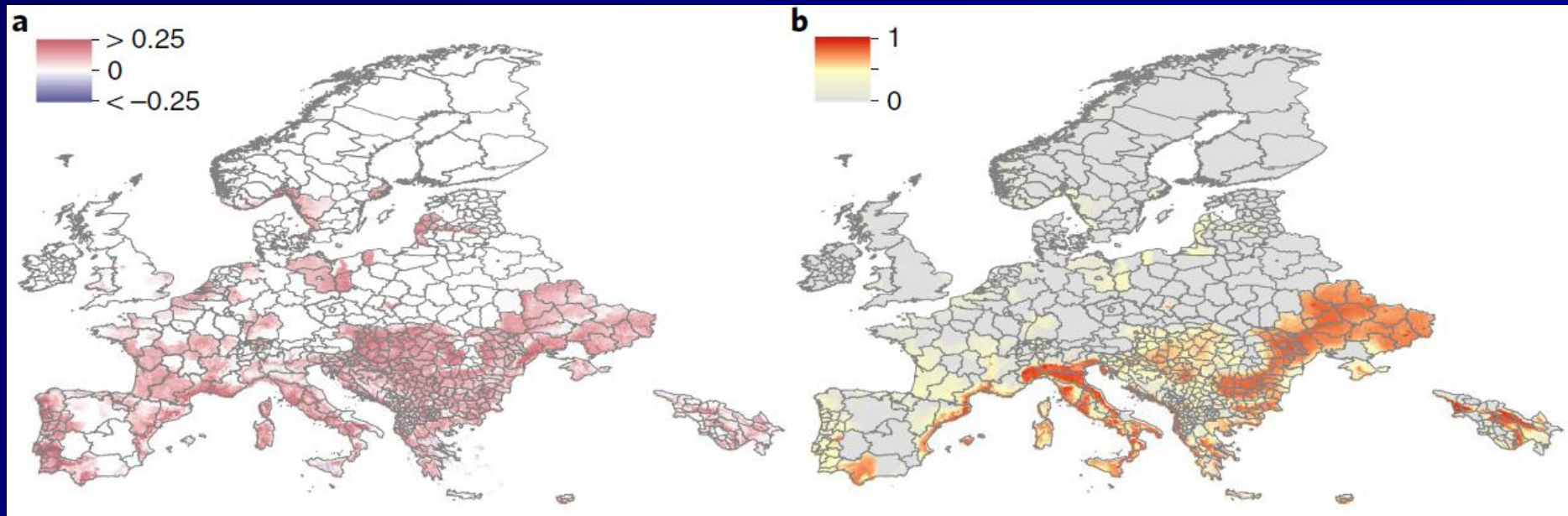


Fig. 1 | Reconstruction of *Ae. albopictus* and *Ae. aegypti* spread. a-c, Spread of *Ae. albopictus* (a) and *Ae. aegypti* (b) in the United States, and spread of *Ae. albopictus* in Europe (c). Estimates of speed of spread in km per year are based on thin spline regression on mosquito observations since their earliest

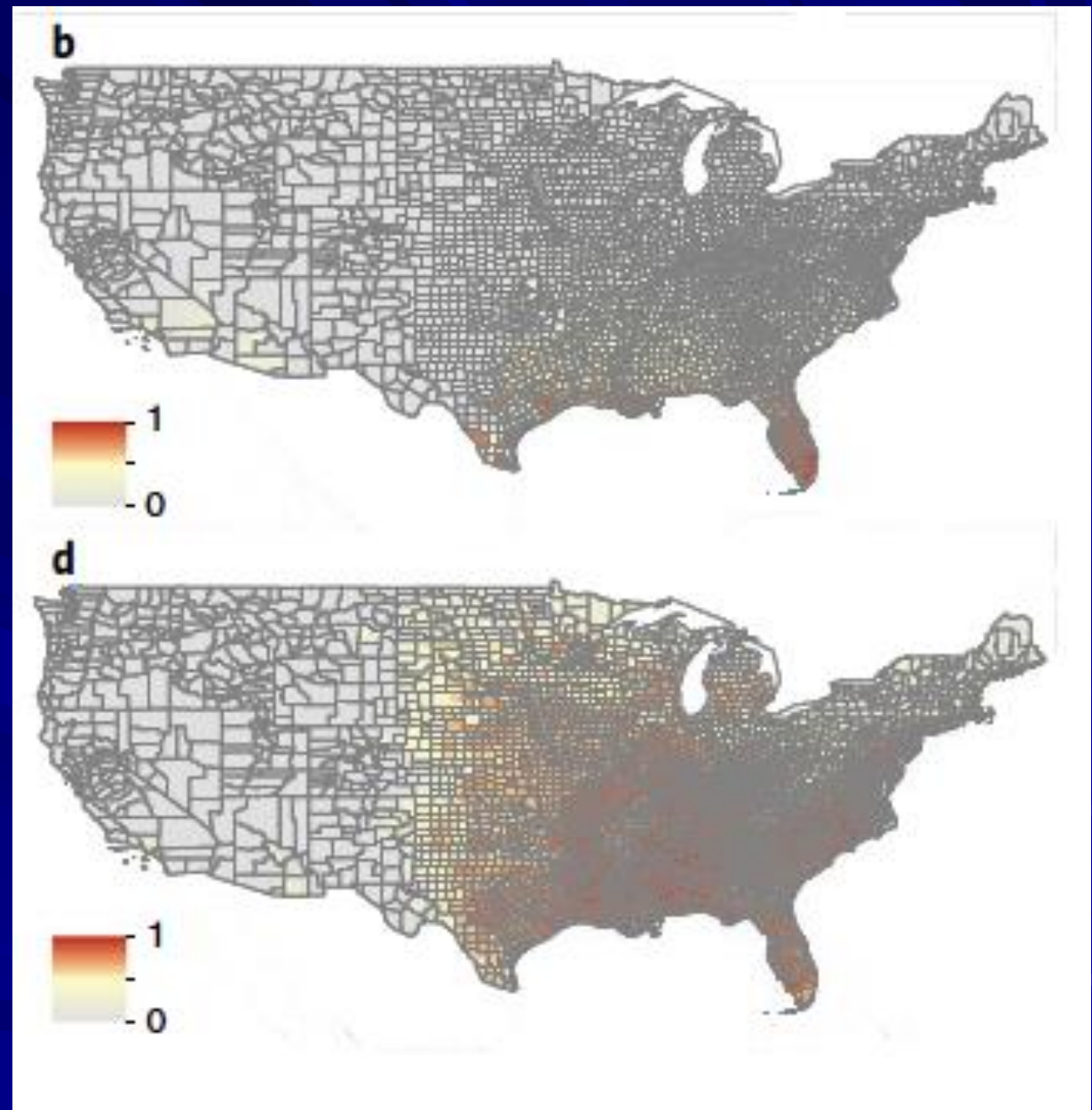
Predicted spread of *Ae. albopictus* throughout southern Europe

Expansion (red) and contraction (blue) of *Ae. albopictus* between 2020 and 2050 under the medium climate scenario RCP 6.0, with emissions peaking in 2080

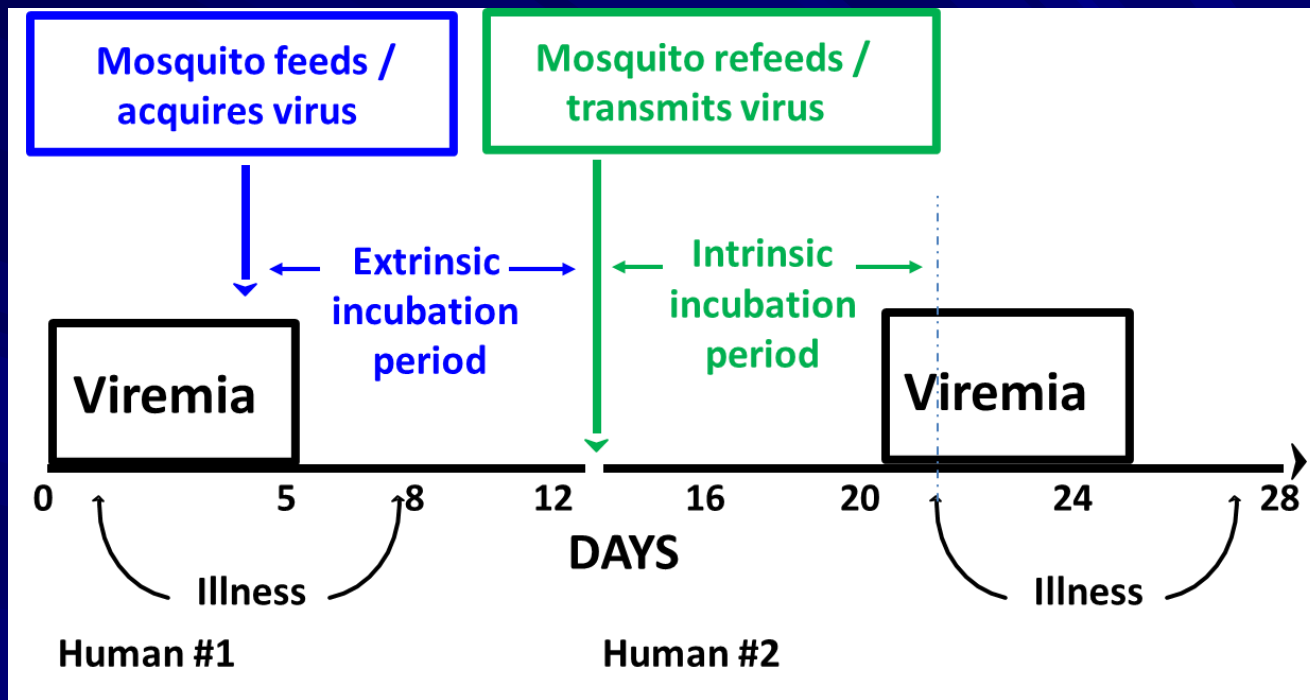
Predicted distribution of *Ae. albopictus* and predicted habitat suitability for the presence of *Ae. albopictus* in 2050



**Predicted
Habitat
Suitability in
2050 of *Ae.
aegypti* (b)
and *Ae.
albopictus*
(d) in the
United
States**



Effects of Temperature on Vector-borne Pathogens

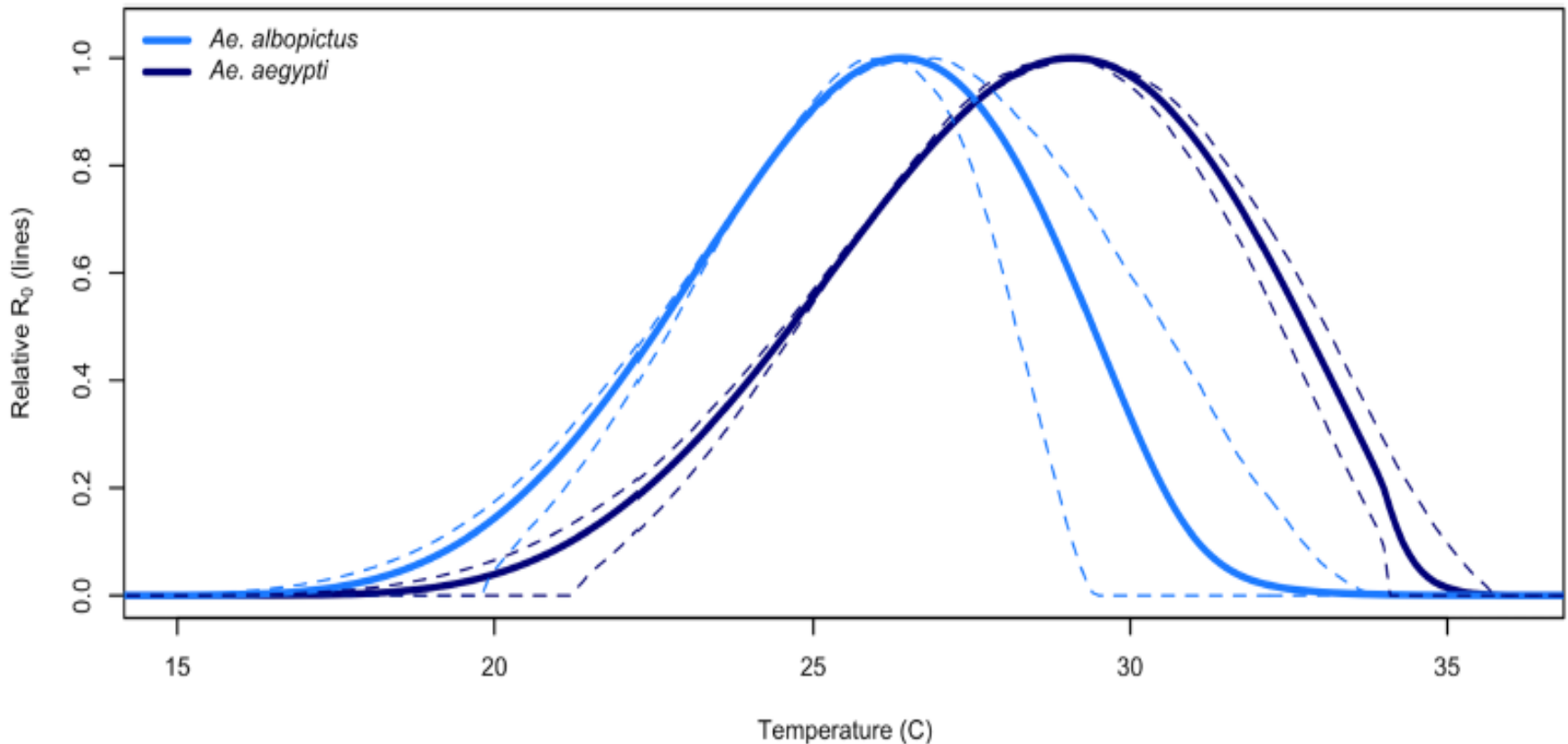


- Changes in temperature can alter:
 - Extrinsic incubation period of pathogens within vector
 - Transmission season
 - Pathogen distribution

Determinants of R_0 for Mosquito-borne Diseases

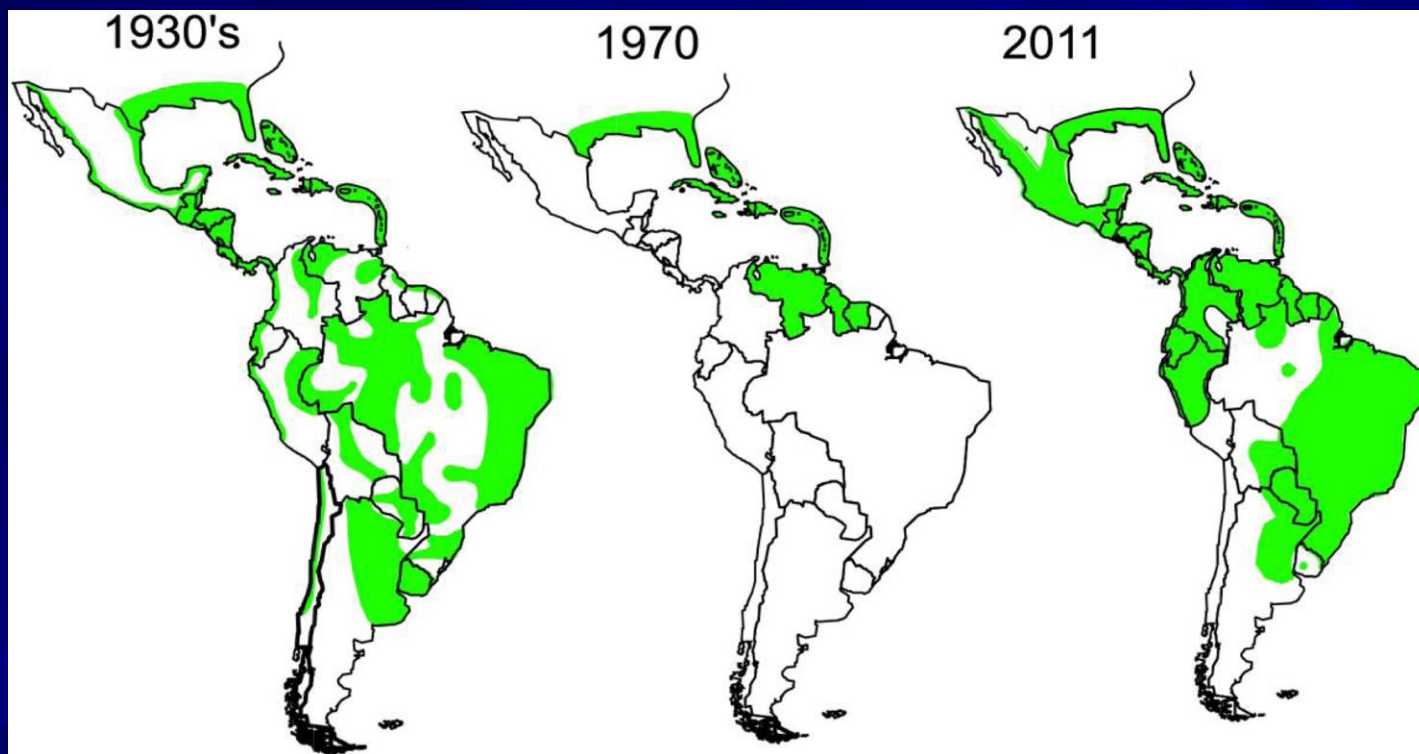
- **Vectorial capacity** - capacity of a mosquito population to transmit a VBD
 - **function of:**
 - vector density (temperature, precipitation)
 - vector survival (temperature, precipitation)
 - extrinsic incubation period (temperature)
 - biting behavior (temperature, precipitation)
- **Vector competence:**
 - **intrinsic ability of mosquito to amplify / transmit a pathogen (temperature)**
 - 1° genetically determined, result of vector and pathogen co-evolution

Relative R_0 across Temperatures for *Ae. albopictus* and *Ae. aegypti*



Factors Contributing to Arboviral Emergence

Distribution of *Aedes aegypti*



Limited mosquito vector control activities from
1970- 2000 Gubler DJ. Trop Med Health 2011

Factors Responsible for Spread of Arboviruses Transmitted by *Aedes* spp.

■ Physical environment:

- Climate change and perturbations of weather patterns
- Artificial vector breeding sites (household water stores, manholes, used tires)

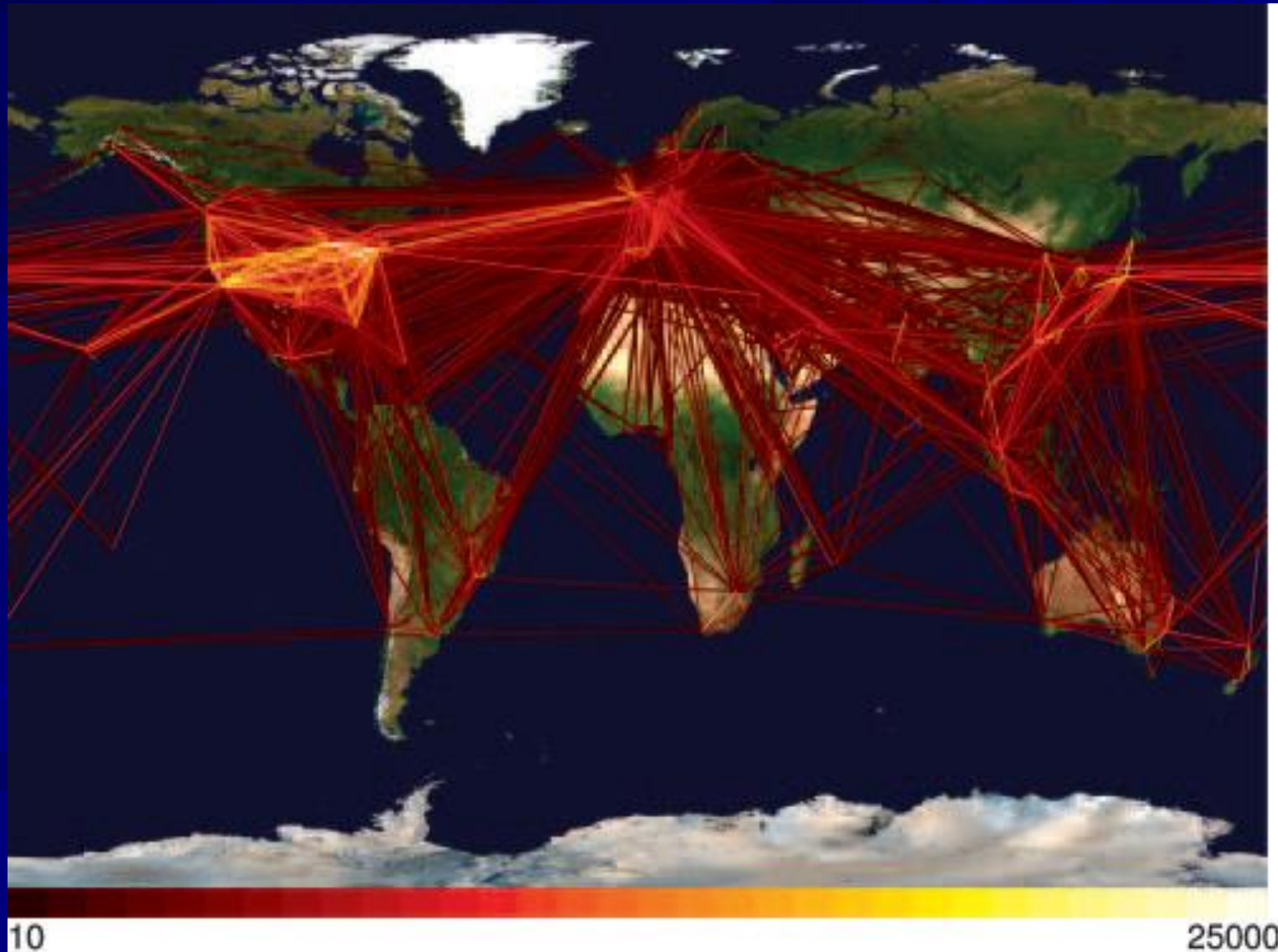


■ Social, political, and economic:

- Increased urbanization
- Human population migrations in the Indian Ocean region
- Delayed identification and control of initial outbreaks

Global Aviation Network

(Facilitates rapid spread of arboviruses via travelers)



WHO Dengue Estimates

**3.6 billion people at risk
worldwide for dengue infection**

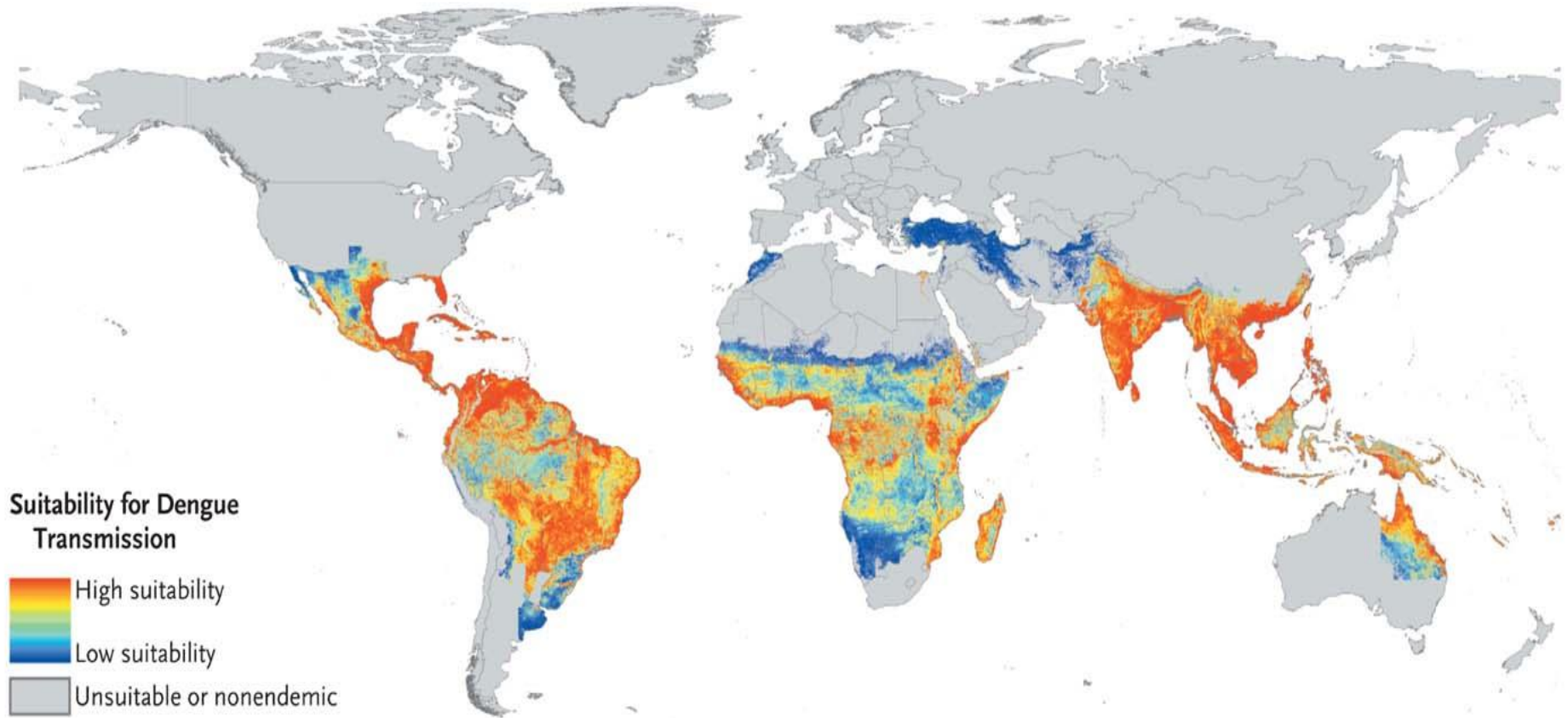
**Estimated 390 million infections per year
About 96 million symptomatic cases annually**

**~500,000 DHF/DSS cases per year
require hospitalization
~40,000 deaths (in 2017)**

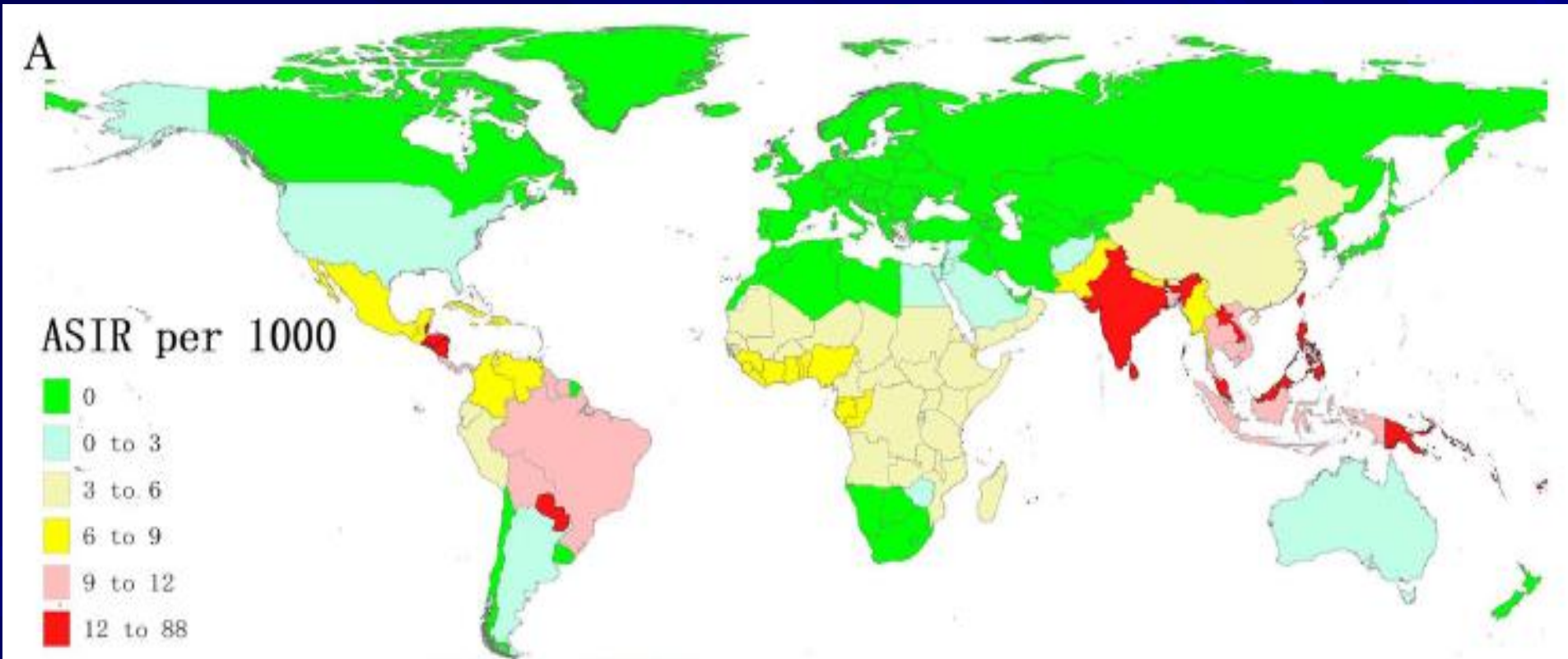
**Global Burden Disease study estimated 400%
increase between 2000 to 2013**

**Stanaway JD et al. Lancet Infect Dis 2016
Zeng Z et al. Global burden of dengue. EClinMed 2021**

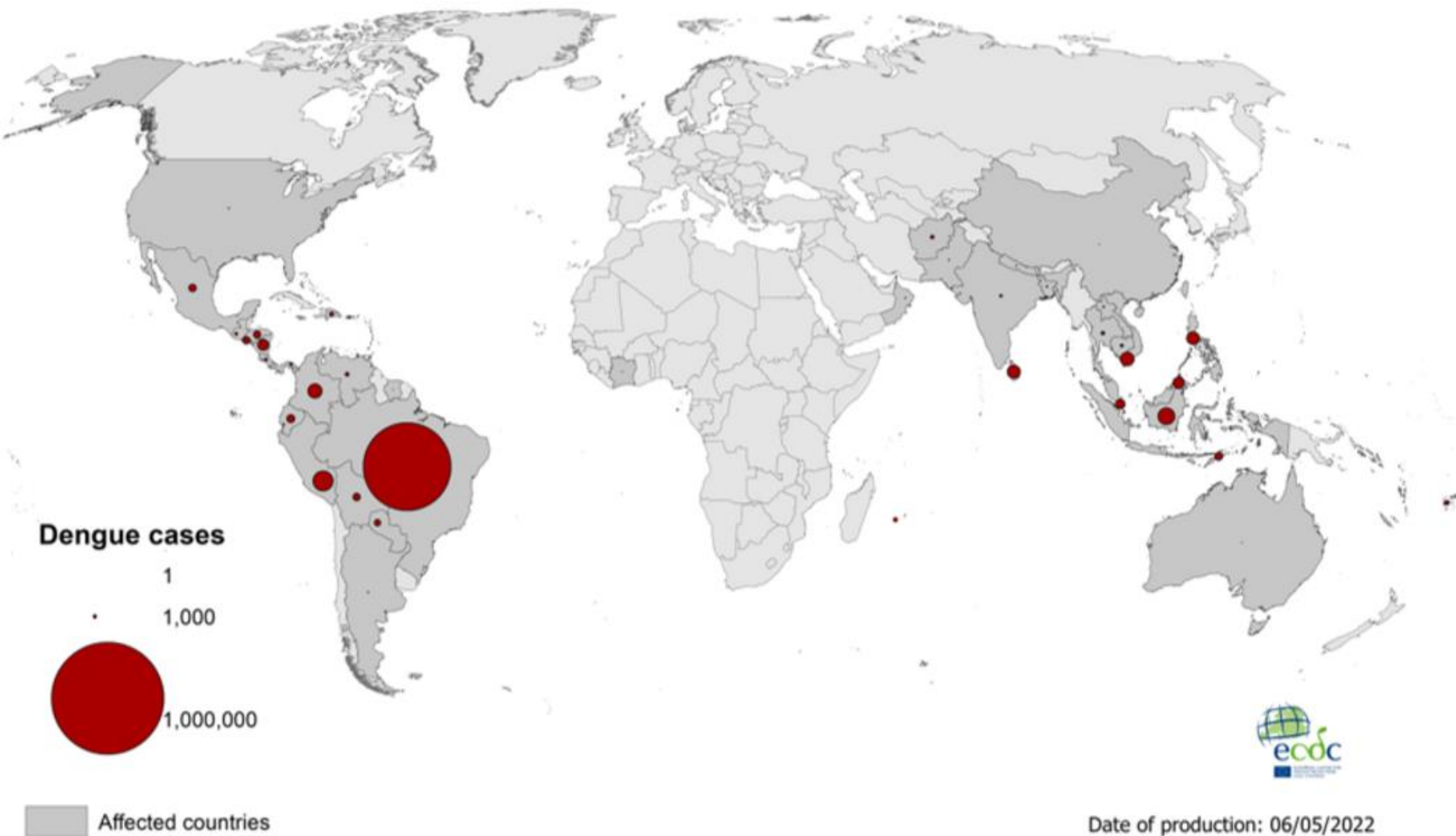
Global Dengue Risk



Age-Standardized Incidence Rate in 2019

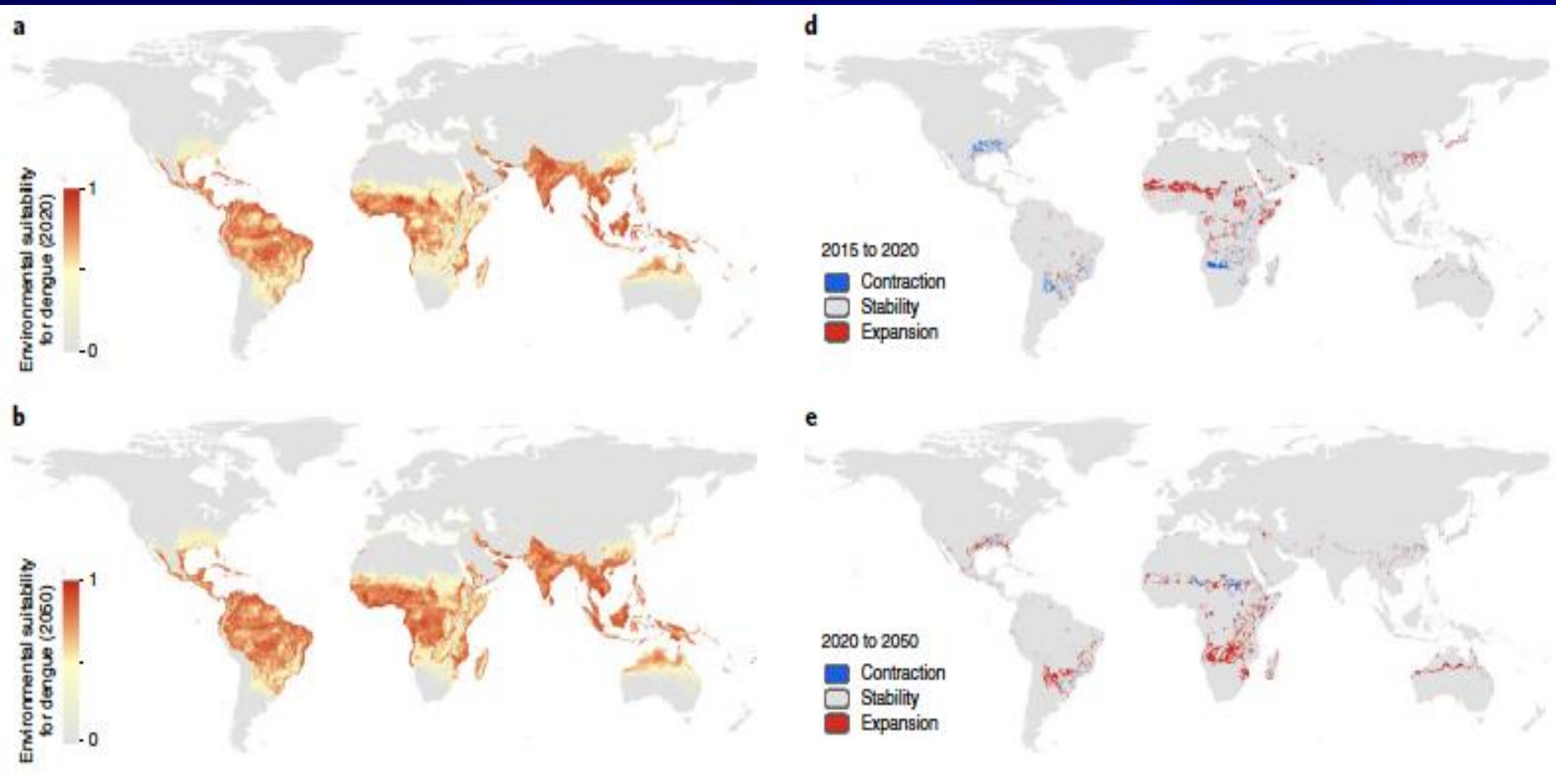


Yang X et al. Dengue and evolving pattern over 30 years JTM 2021



Geographical distribution of dengue cases reported worldwide in 2022, as of 5 May 2022 (ECDC)

Environmental Suitability and Expansion of Dengue (2015-50)



Dengue and Travel



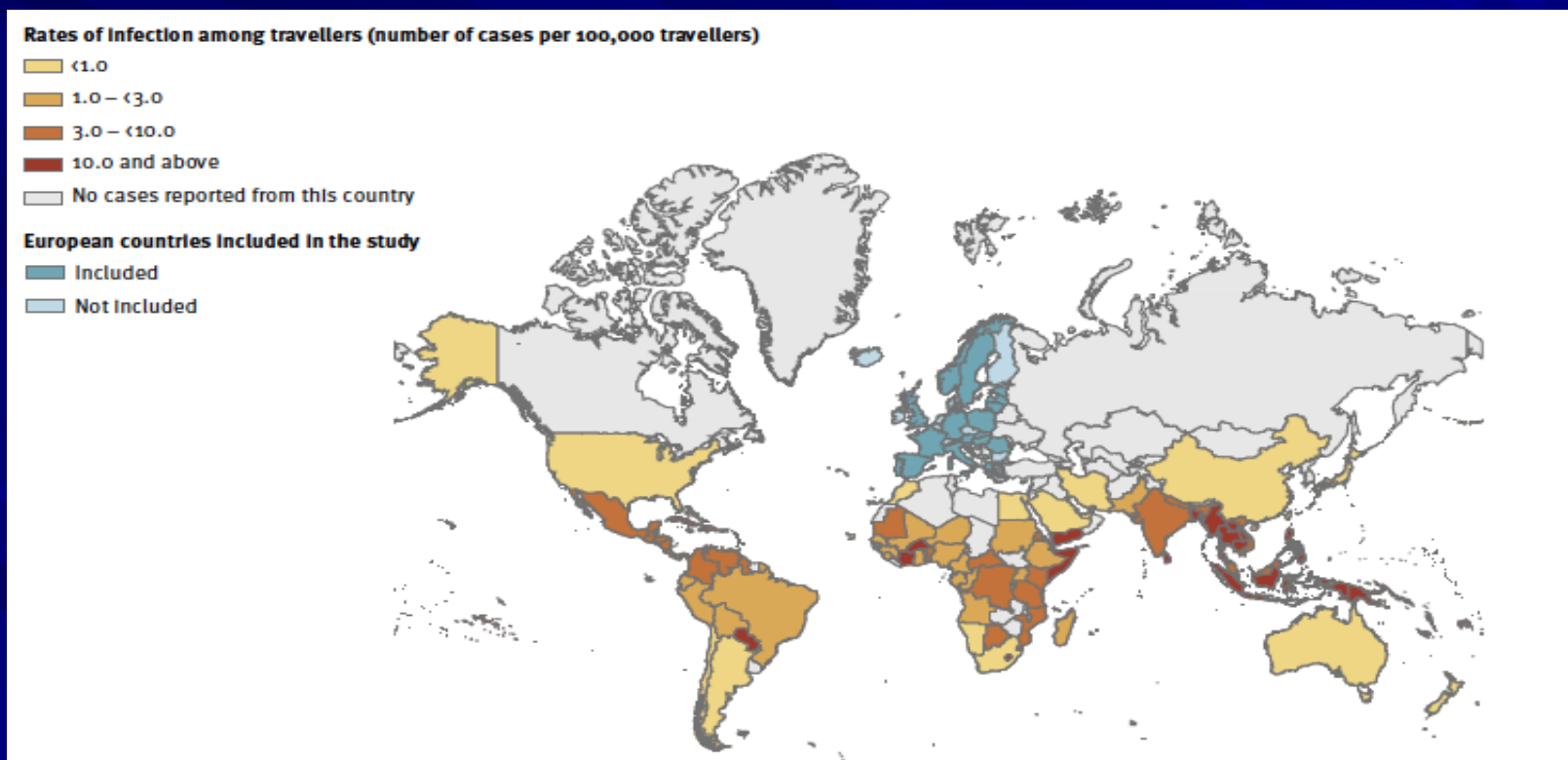
Sigiriya, Sri Lanka

Dengue Seroconversion in Travelers

Author, country	Study time period	Number of travelers	Median travel duration	Incidence rates (per 1,000 person-months)
Cobelens et al. Netherlands	1991-1992	447	28 d	11
Potasman et al. Israel	Pre-1999	104	6.1 mo	30
Ratnam et al. Australia	2006-2008	387	21 d	10.2
Baaten et al. Netherlands	2009-2010	1207	21 d	14.6
Hesse et al. US military	2008-2011	1000	7.1 mo	1.76
Olivero RM et al. USA	2009-2010	589	21 d	28.7

Dengue among European Travelers (2015-2019)

- 11,478 travel-related dengue cases reported to the ECDC European Surveillance System (71% acquired in Asia, 18% Latin America & Caribbean)
- 9 autochthonous outbreaks in Europe (6 France, 3 Spain) and several more in 2020-2021 (7 France; 1 Italy)



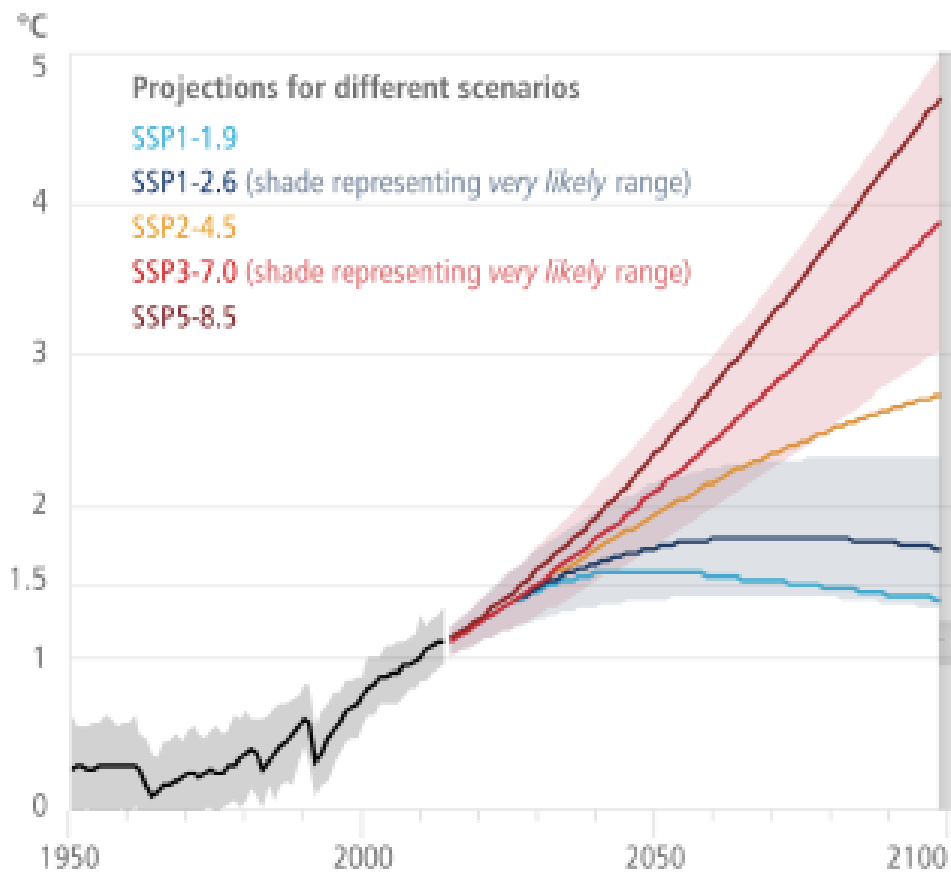
Probable local transmission in Miami, Florida



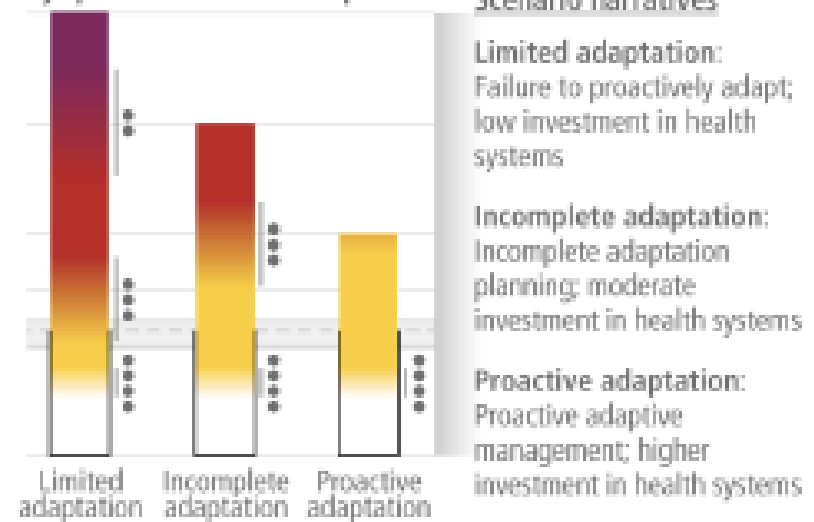
- Past travel to Honduras but no recent travel
- Locally acquired dengue in FL (phylogenetics suggested imported Cuban DENV strain)
- Fatal outcome for a missed diagnosis
 - Sharp et al, *NEJM*, 2021

Potential Future Scenarios Global Warming and Dengue

(a) Global surface temperature change
Increase relative to the period 1850–1900



Dengue and other diseases carried
by species of *Aedes* mosquitoes



Intergovernmental Panel
on Climate Change:
Climate Change 2022:
Impact, Adaptations, and
Vulnerability

Chikungunya Global Spread

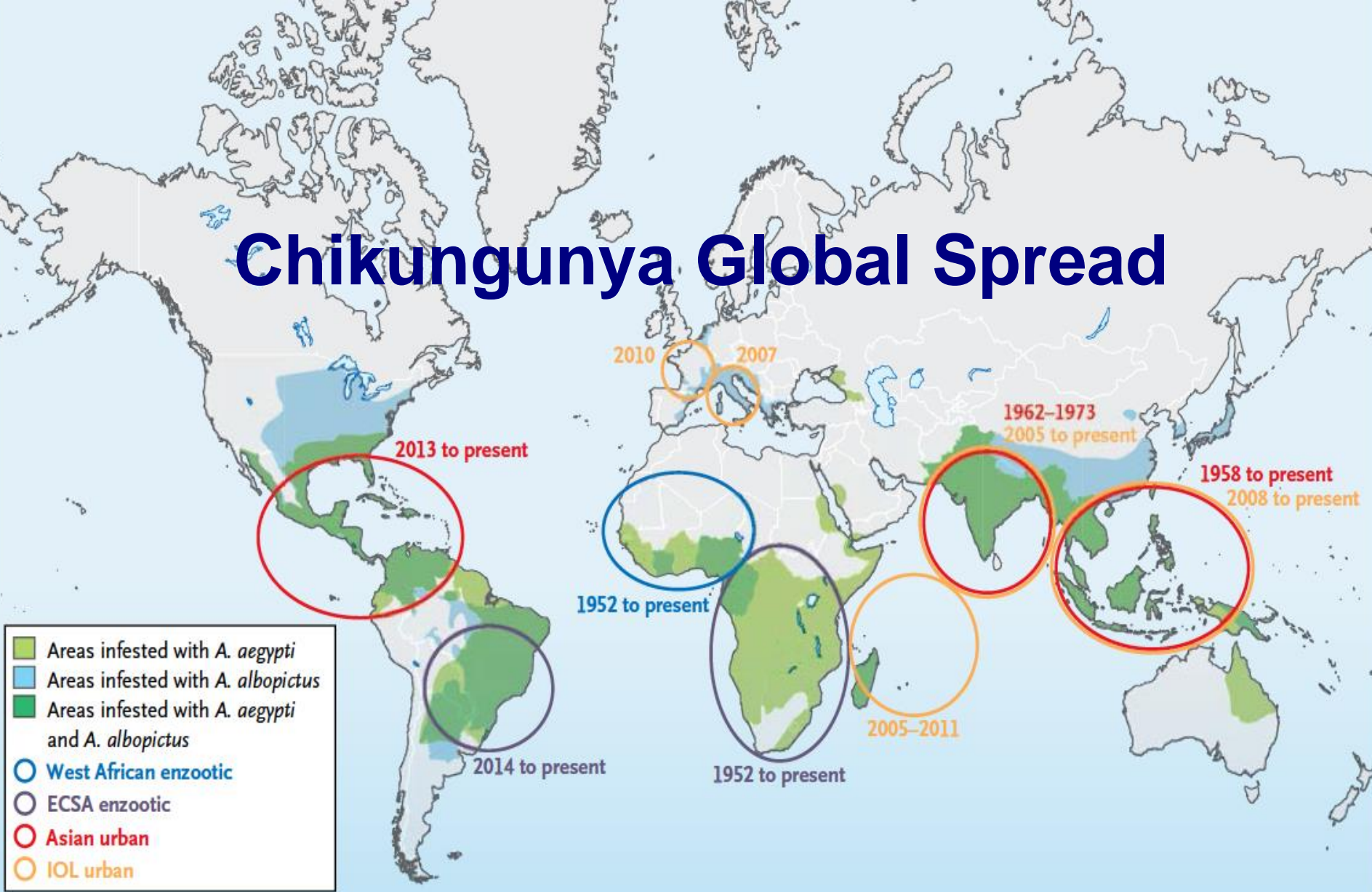


Figure 2. Origin, Spread, and Distribution of Chikungunya Virus and Its Vectors.

Chikungunya in the Americas

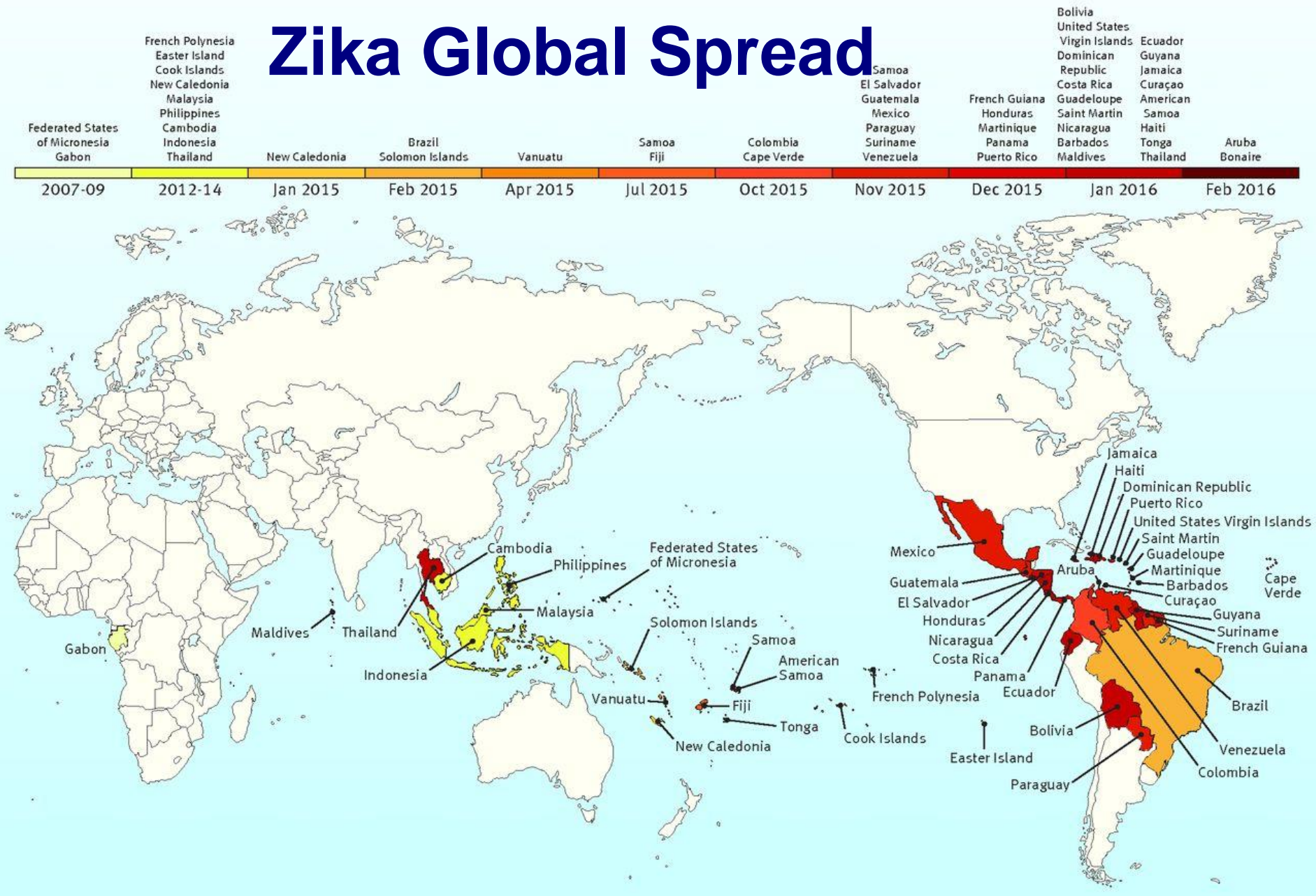
More than 1.7
million
estimated
cases
reported to
PAHO



Data source:
PAHO/WHO. Number of reported cases of Chikungunya Fever in the Americas
<http://www.paho.org/chikungunya>
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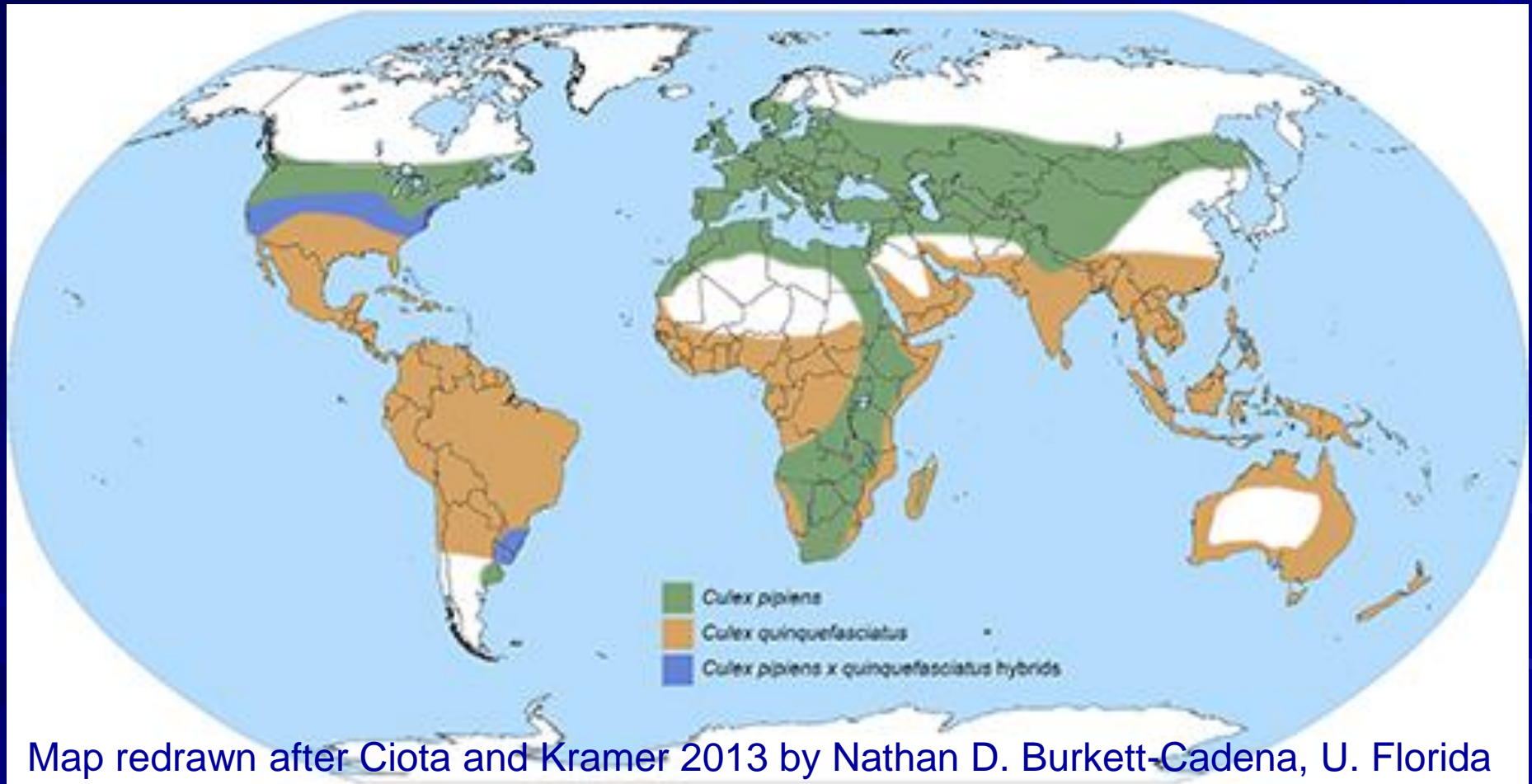
* Note: Entire countries have been shaded on the map though there is no evidence of country-wide virus presence.
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Zika Global Spread



Basarab M et al. Zika virus. BMJ 2016

Culex spp. may also be expanding their distribution



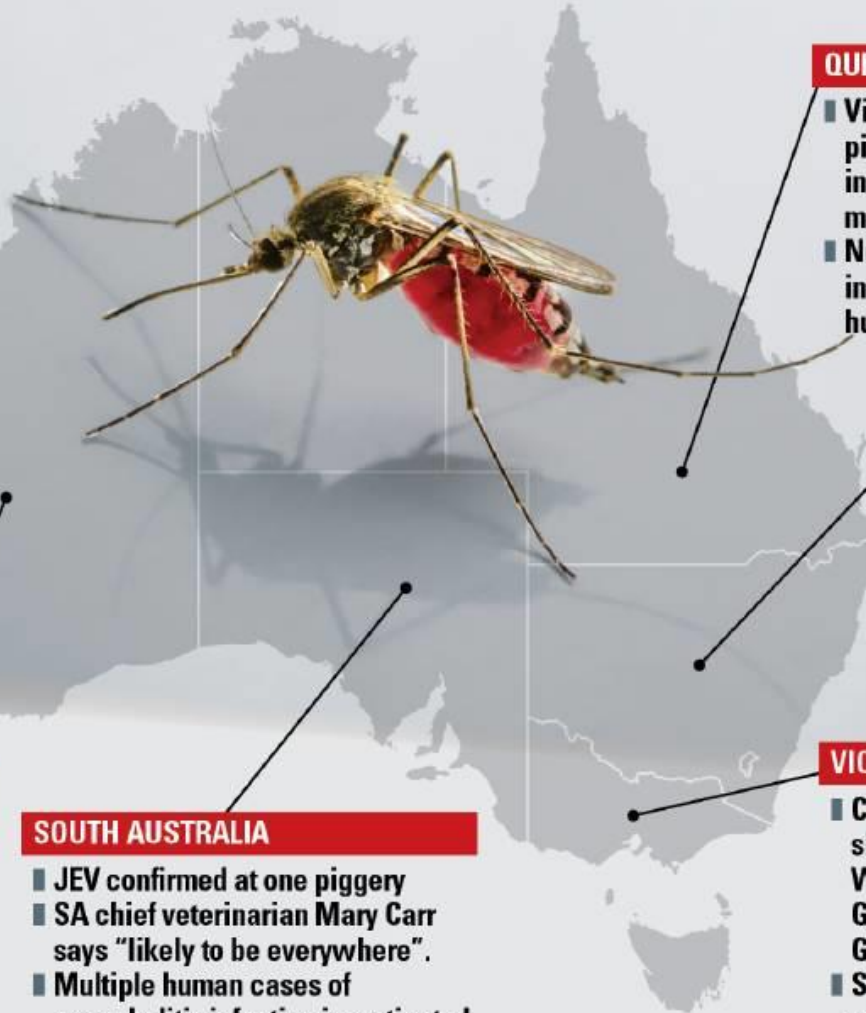
Potential for increased transmission of WNV, JE, SLEV, RVFV

Japanese Encephalitis in Australia

JEV OUTBREAK

Japanese encephalitis

Declared a Communicable Disease
Incident of National Significance on Friday



QUEENSLAND

- Virus confirmed at one piggery at Goondiwindi in southern Queensland, more being investigated.
- Numbers of disease infections among humans rising.

NSW

- JEV confirmed at six piggeries in western and southern NSW.
- Two human cases confirmed, more being investigated.

VICTORIA

- Cases in piggeries in six shires (Loddon, Campaspe, Wangaratta, Gannawarra, Greater Shepparton and Greater Bendigo)
- Seven people hospitalised with JEV.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- Public alert issued

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- JEV confirmed at one piggery
- SA chief veterinarian Mary Carr says "likely to be everywhere".
- Multiple human cases of encephalitis infection investigated.

JE in Australia

Australia records fifth Japanese encephalitis death

The latest confirmed death has prompted health authorities to remind GPs of their role in vaccination uptake.

- By 25 May, 42 human cases (30 confirmed; 12P)

- <https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/japanese-encephalitis-virus-jev/about>



Conclusions

- Dengue global burden progressively rising
 - With a brief slowdown during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Predicted climate change in coming decades likely to lead to expanded distribution of competent vectors
- Substantial potential for arbovirus introduction and spread in Western Europe, the US, and other temperate climates in decades to come
- Greater risk for travelers and dengue outbreaks in formerly non-endemic geographic regions

Any Questions?

