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# Climate change and vector-borne disease emergence in Canada

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TO IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH

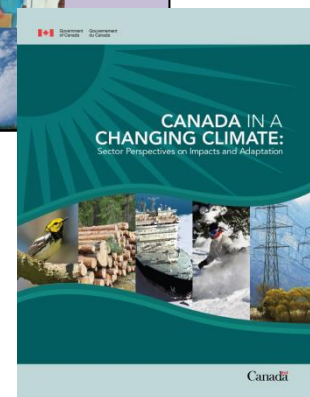
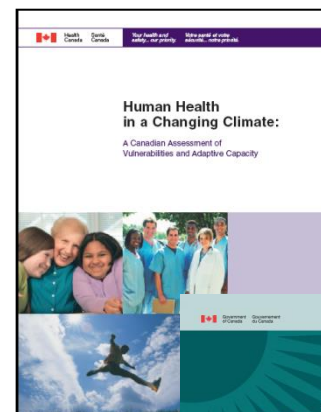


# Climate Change Impacts on the Health of Canadians

- **temperature extremes:** heat related illnesses and deaths, respiratory and cardiovascular disorders
- **extreme climate events:** death, injury, illness, food/water shortage, contaminated water, displacement of populations etc.
- **air quality:** exacerbation of asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, increased risk of certain cancers
- **increased food- and water-borne disease incidence and outbreaks**
- **emergence/re-emergence of infectious diseases:**  
increased incidence of vector-borne disease,  
introduction of infectious diseases new to Canada

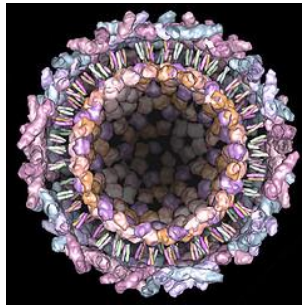
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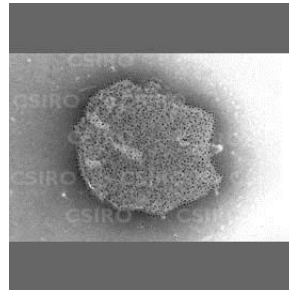




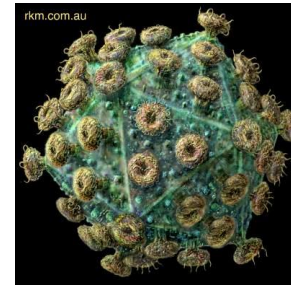
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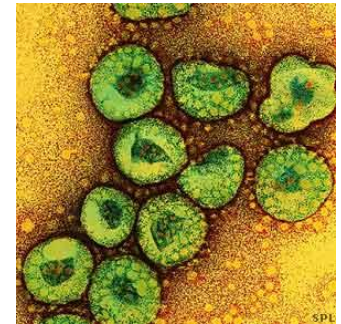
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HIV



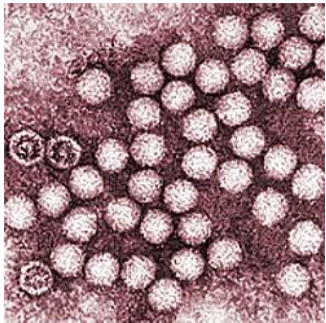
SARS

**Most (75%) EIDs are zoonoses**

Woolhouse ME, Gowtage-Sequeria S. 2005 EID

**Most affecting Canada have been zoonoses that emerged elsewhere in the world**

**(HIV, SARS, WNv, pH1N1, Lyme)**



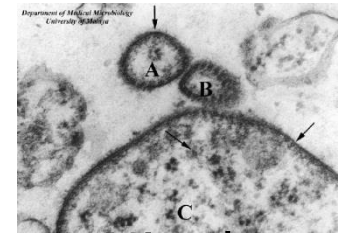
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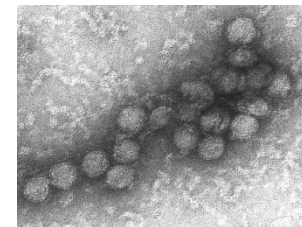
Chikungunya vector



Lyme vector



Nipah



WNV

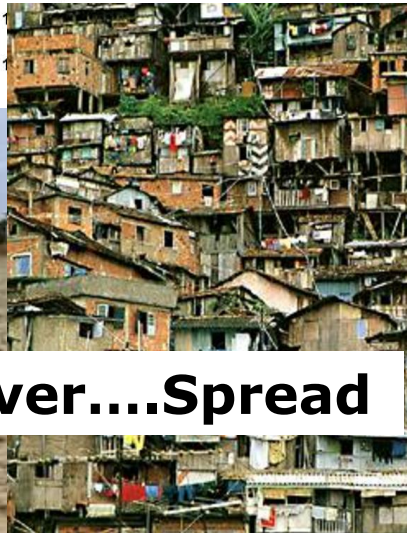
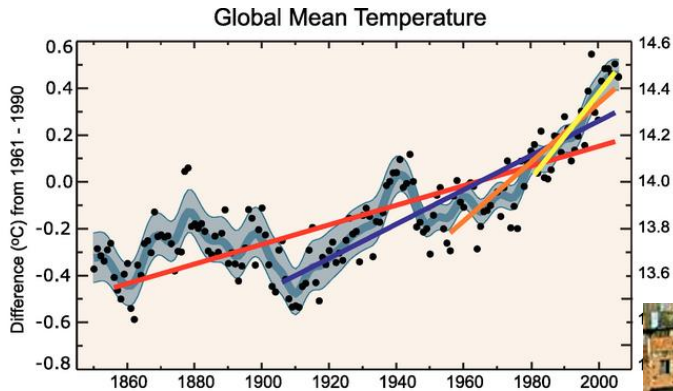
# **CLIMATE, CLIMATE CHANGE AND VBD EMERGENCE**

# How do infectious diseases emerge/re-emerge?

1. Human awareness (Lyme, SARS)
2. Introduction of exotic pathogens/vectors into existing suitable host/vector/human-contact ecosystem (SARS, West Nile)
3. Geographic spread from neighbouring endemic areas (Lyme, Rabies)
4. Ecological/environmental change causing endemic disease to increase in abundance/transmission and (for zoonoses) 'spill-over' into humans (Hantavirus, water-borne enteric disease)
5. True 'emergence': evolution and fixation of new, pathogenic genetic variants of previously benign microorganisms (pathogenic zoonotic influenzas)

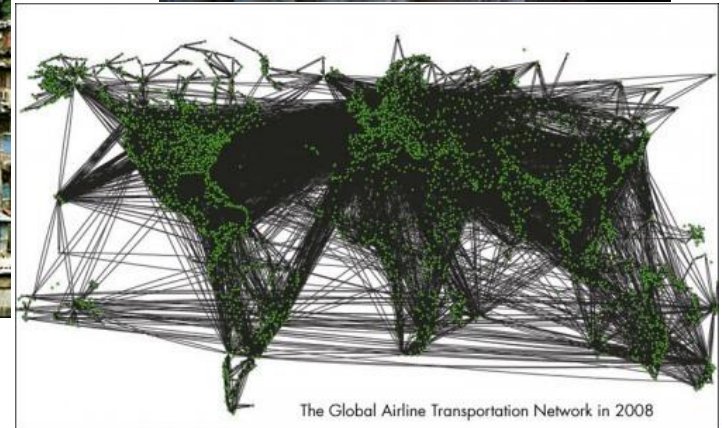


# Drivers for disease emergence and spread

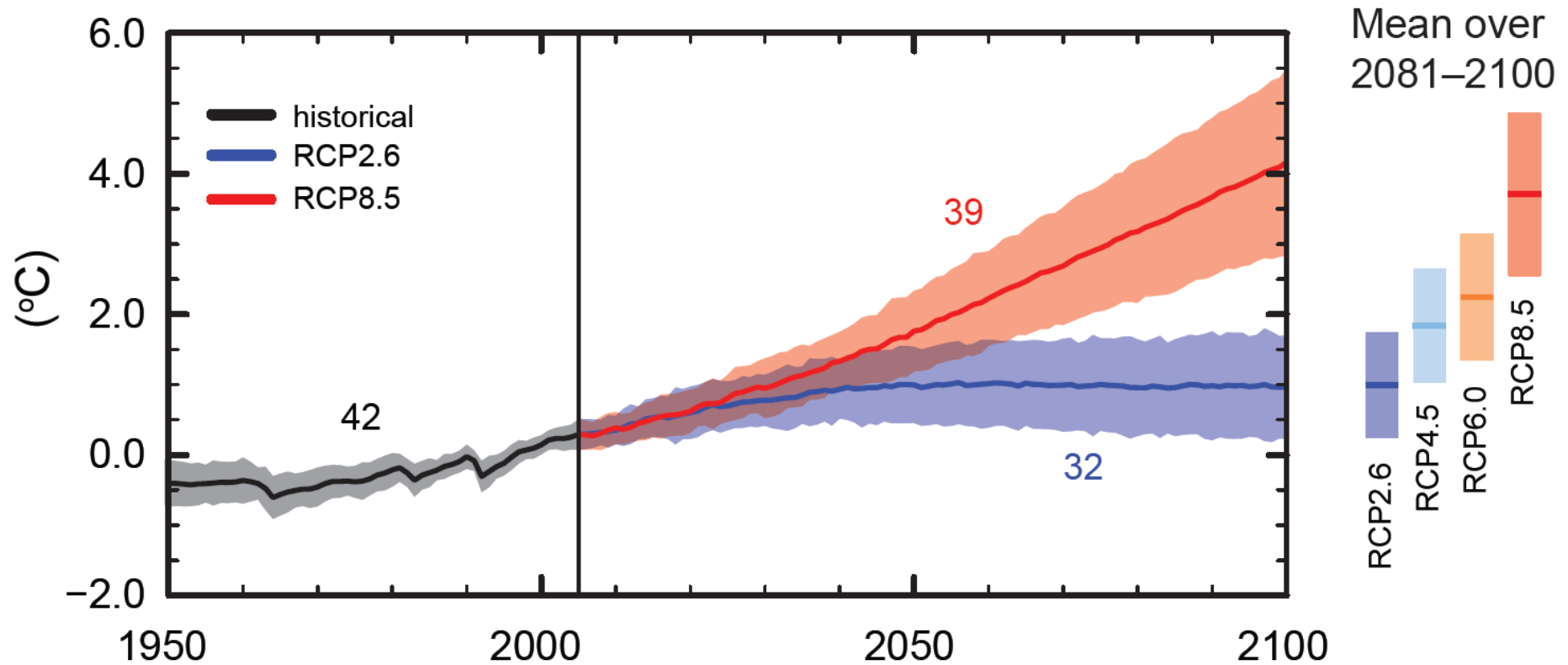


**Emergence.....Spillover....Spread**

GLOWA Volta



# Global average surface temperature change



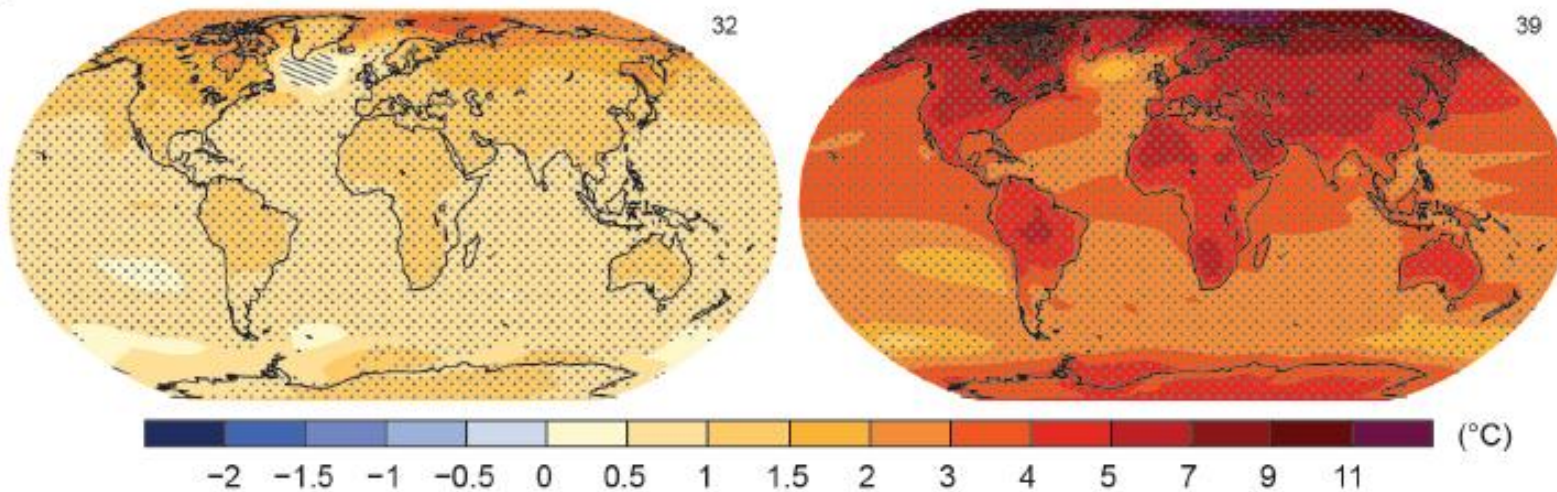
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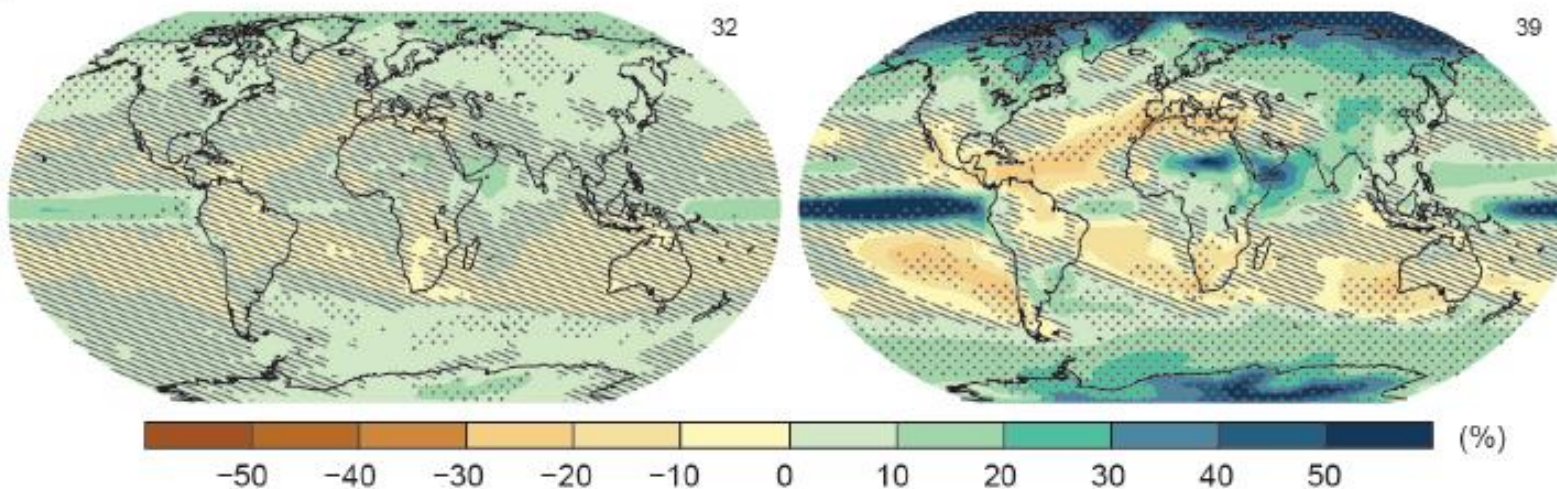
RCP 2.6

RCP 8.5

(a) Change in average surface temperature (1986–2005 to 2081–2100)



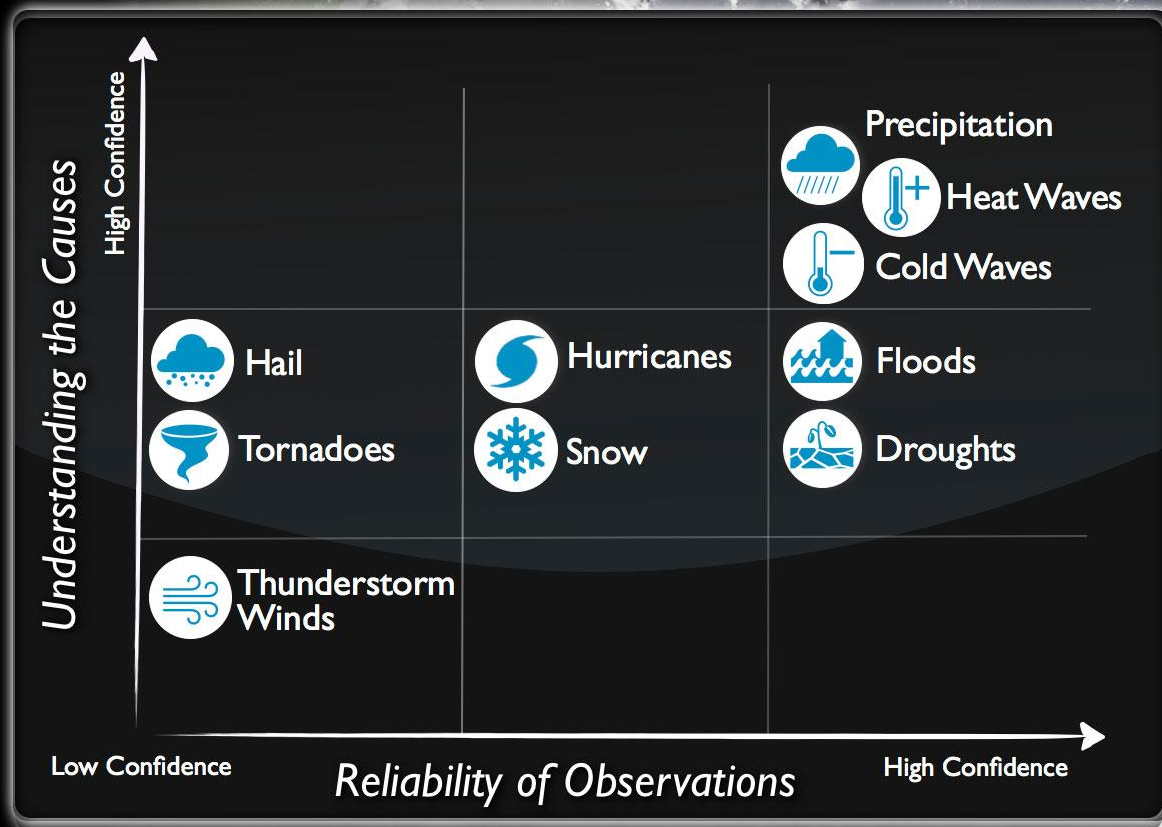
(b) Change in average precipitation (1986–2005 to 2081–2100)



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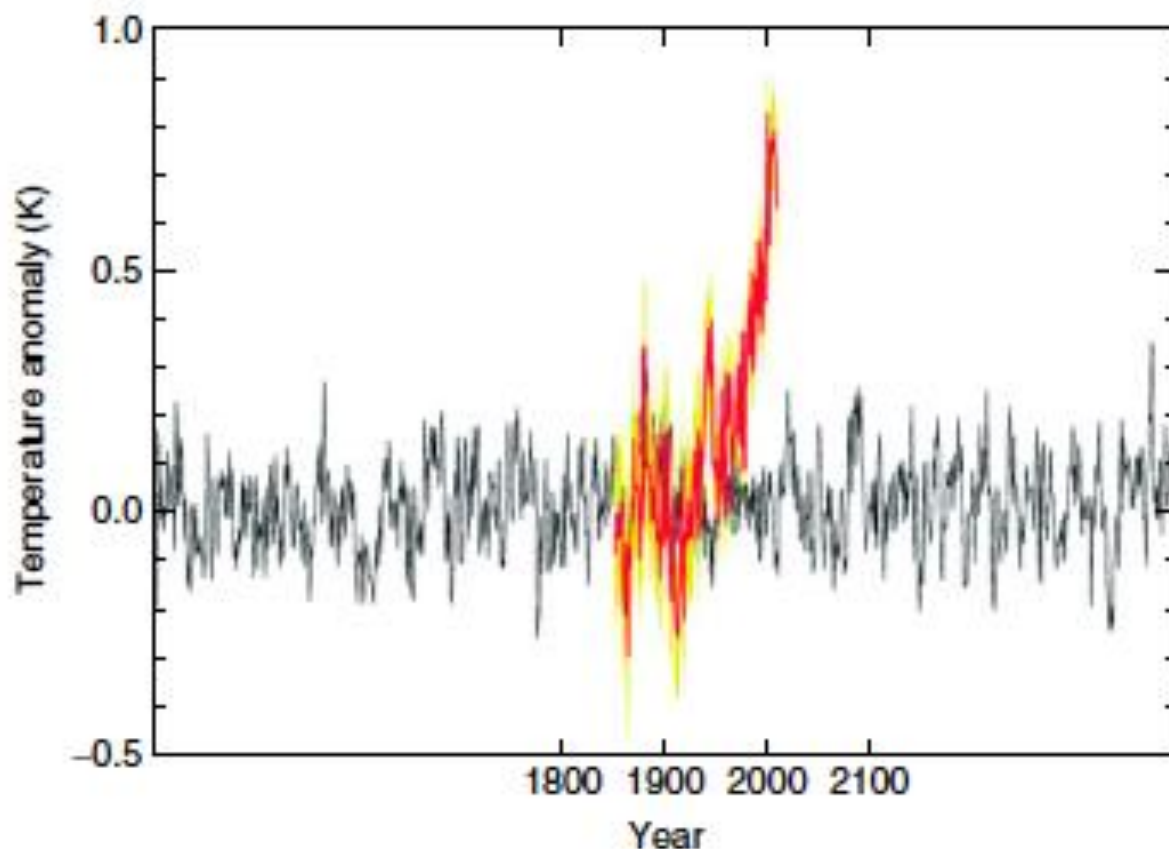


# EXTREME WEATHER TRENDS: WHAT DO WE KNOW?



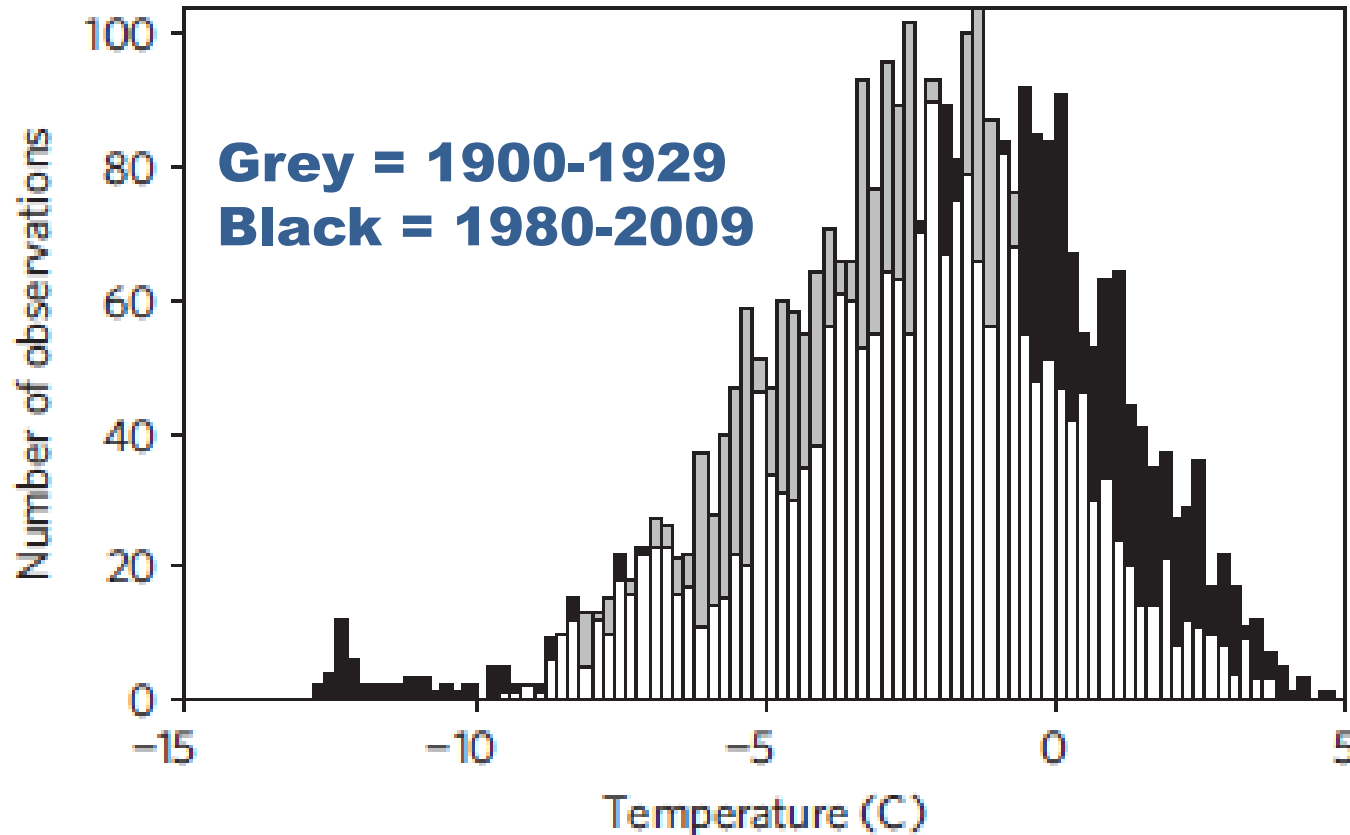
Source: Peterson et al., 2013.

# Observed Global Mean Temperature Changes from 1850 to 2008 Relative to 1861-1899



Stott et al. 2010

# Temperature distribution of mean temperatures during winter months, Stockholm

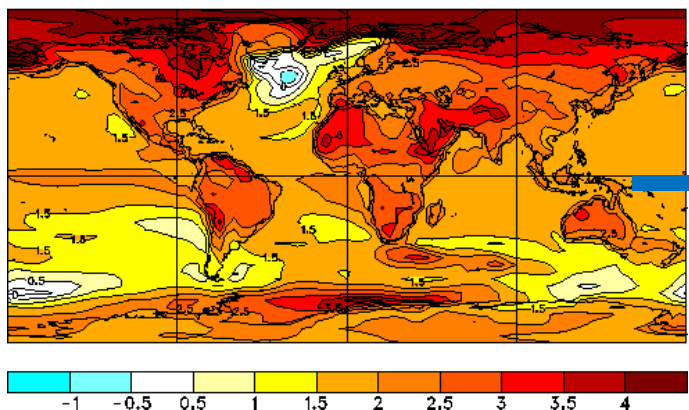


Astrom et al. 2013

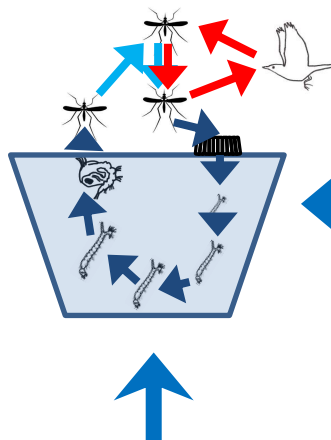
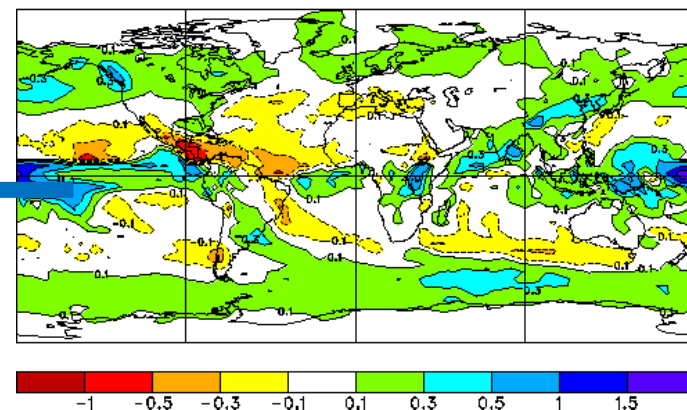


# Climate change

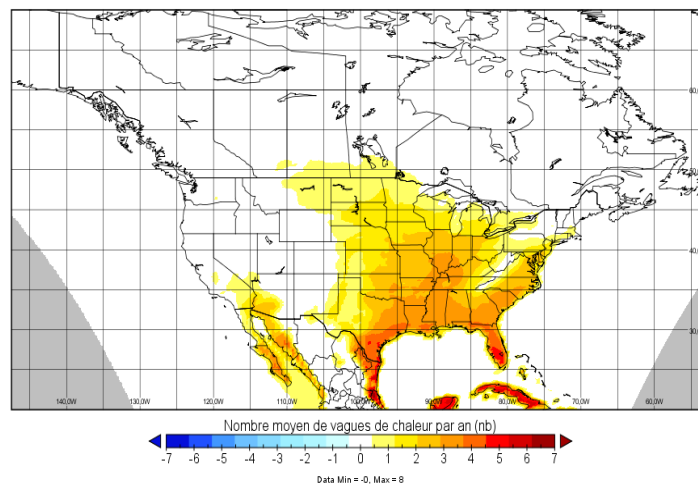
Warming



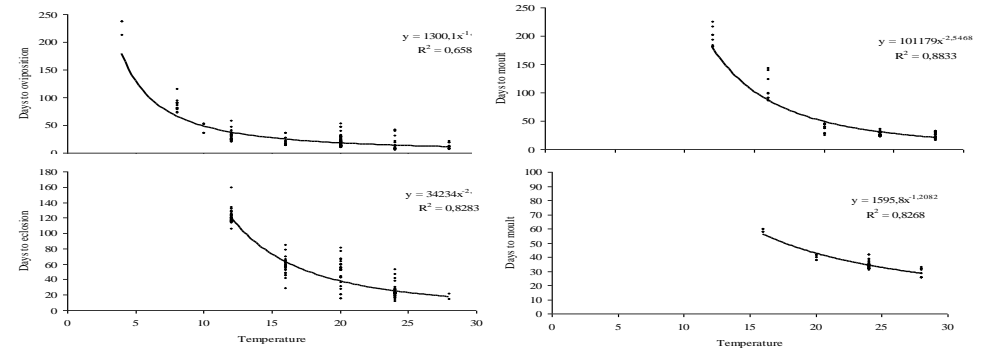
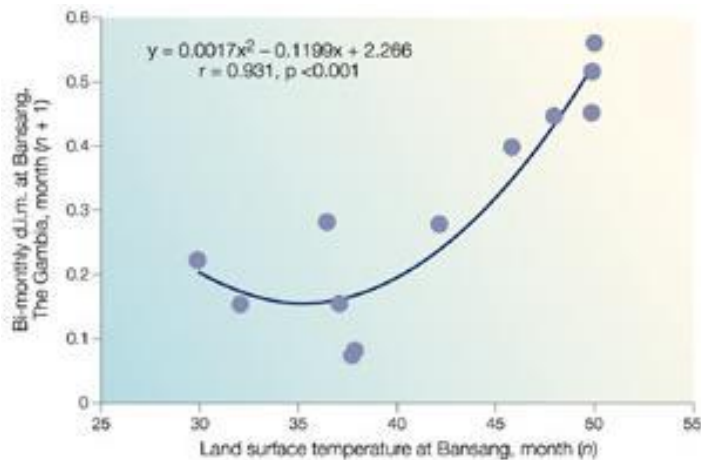
Long term change in rainfall patterns



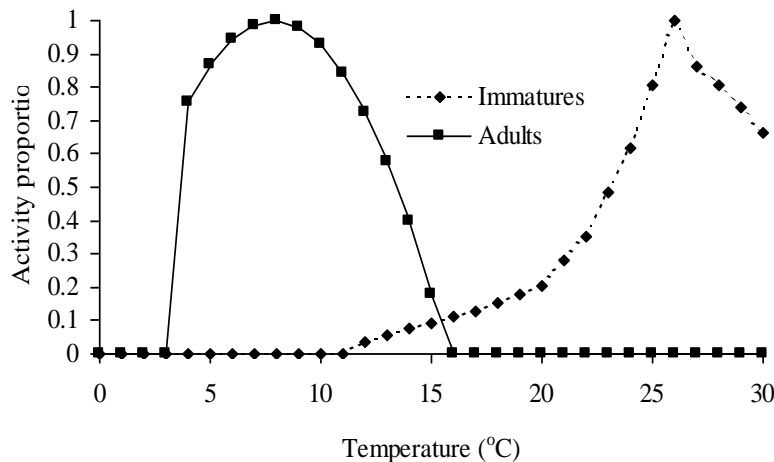
Climate variability and extreme weather events



# Impact of climate on vector and vector-borne diseases

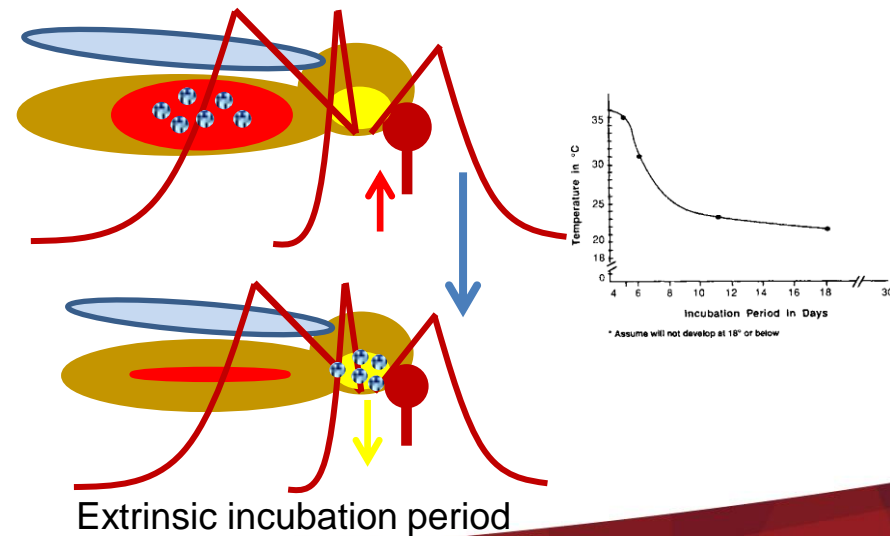


Randolph & Rogers Nature Rev Micro 2003



Ogden et al. Int. J. Parasitol. 2005

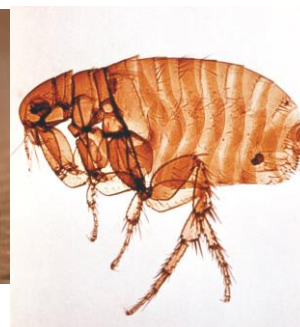
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# Arthropod vectors and the diseases they transmit

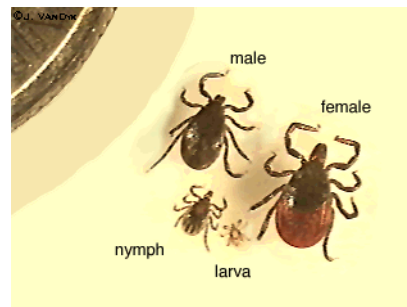
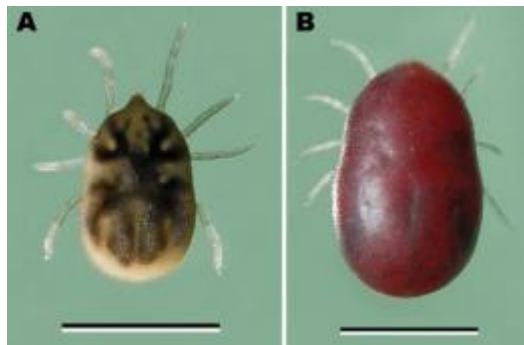
- Insects:

- Mosquitoes: Malaria, Dengue, Chikungunya, West Nile virus
- Fleas: Bartonellosis, Plague
- Bugs: Chagas
- Deer flies: Tularaemia
- Blackflies: Onchercerciasis



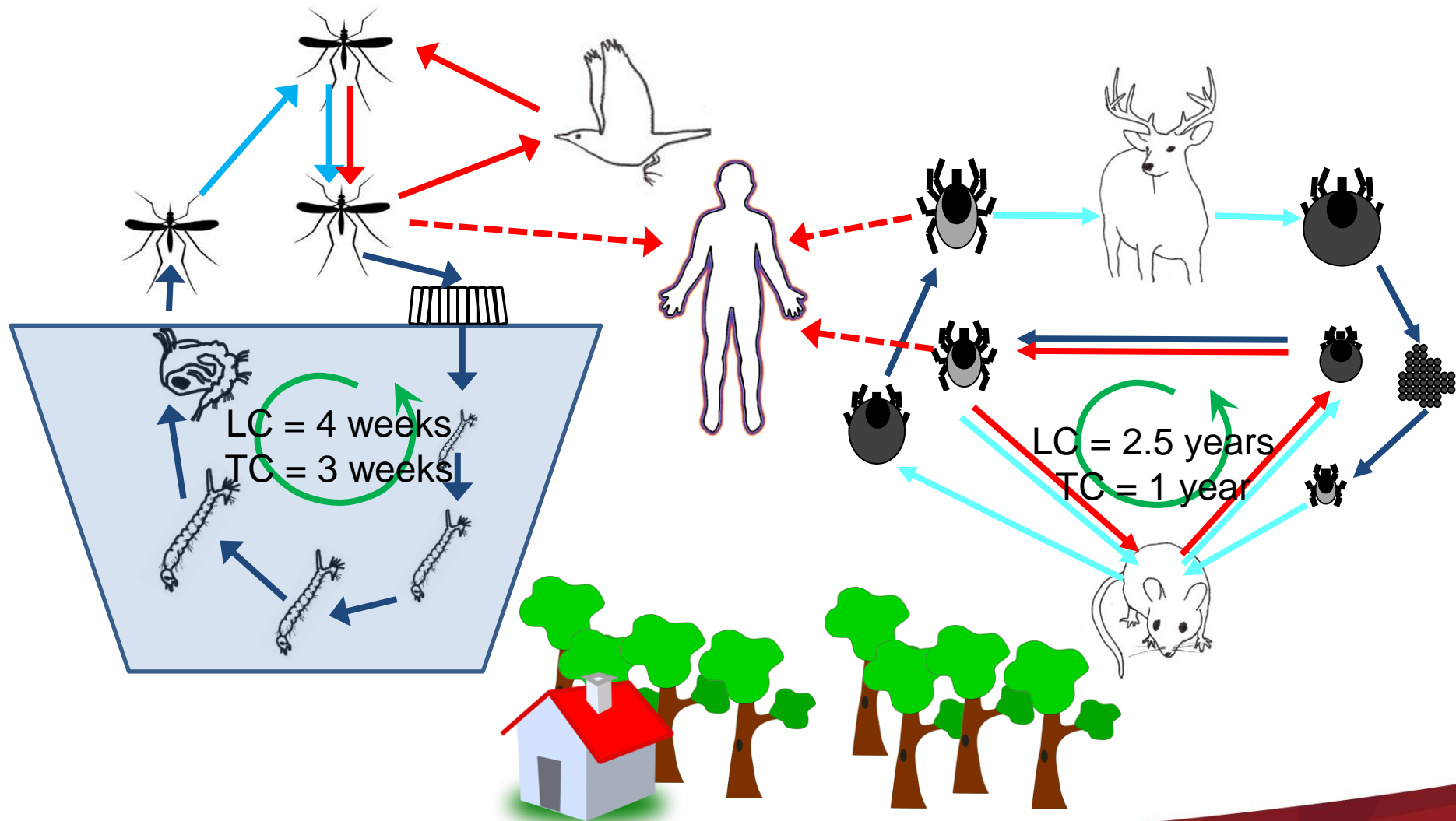
- Ticks

- Hard-bodied (Ixodid) ticks : Lyme, Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis, Powassan, Deer-tick virus, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
- Soft-bodied (Argasid) ticks: Relapsing fever

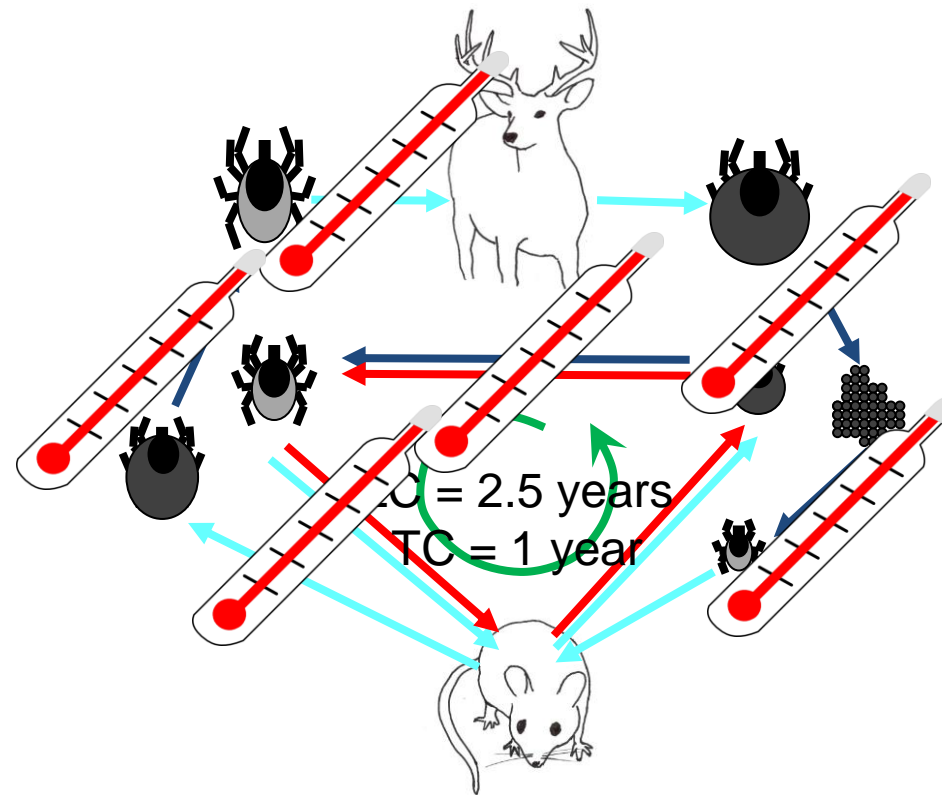
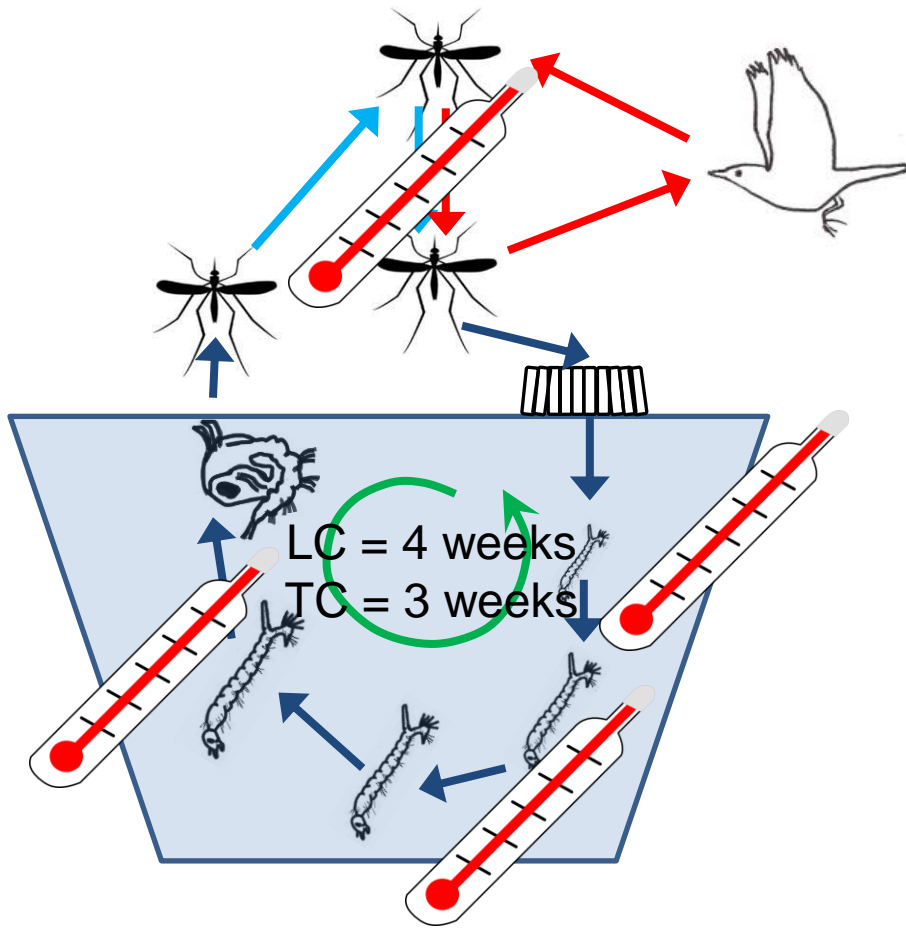




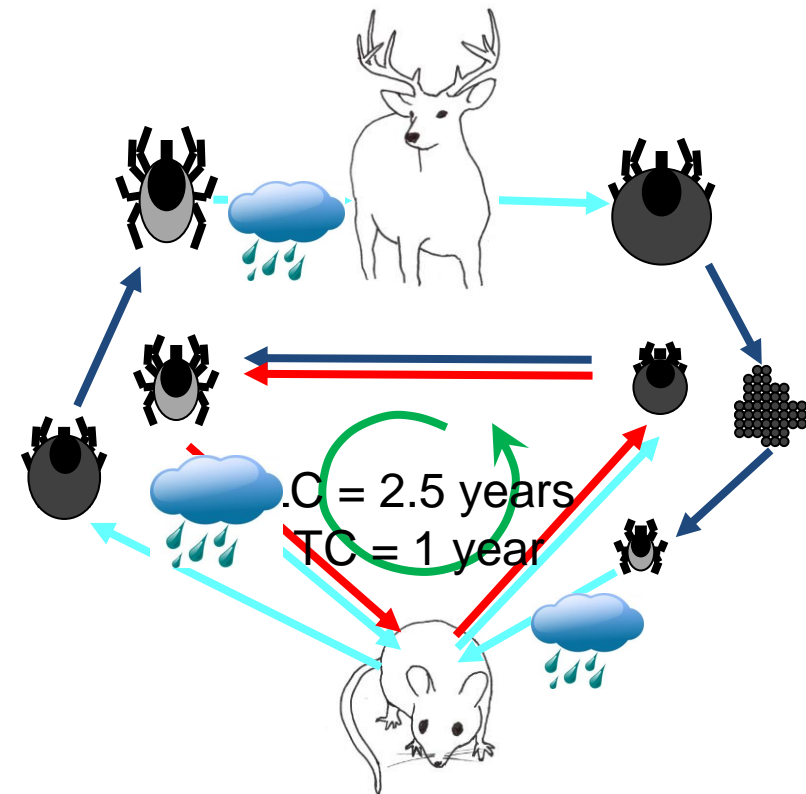
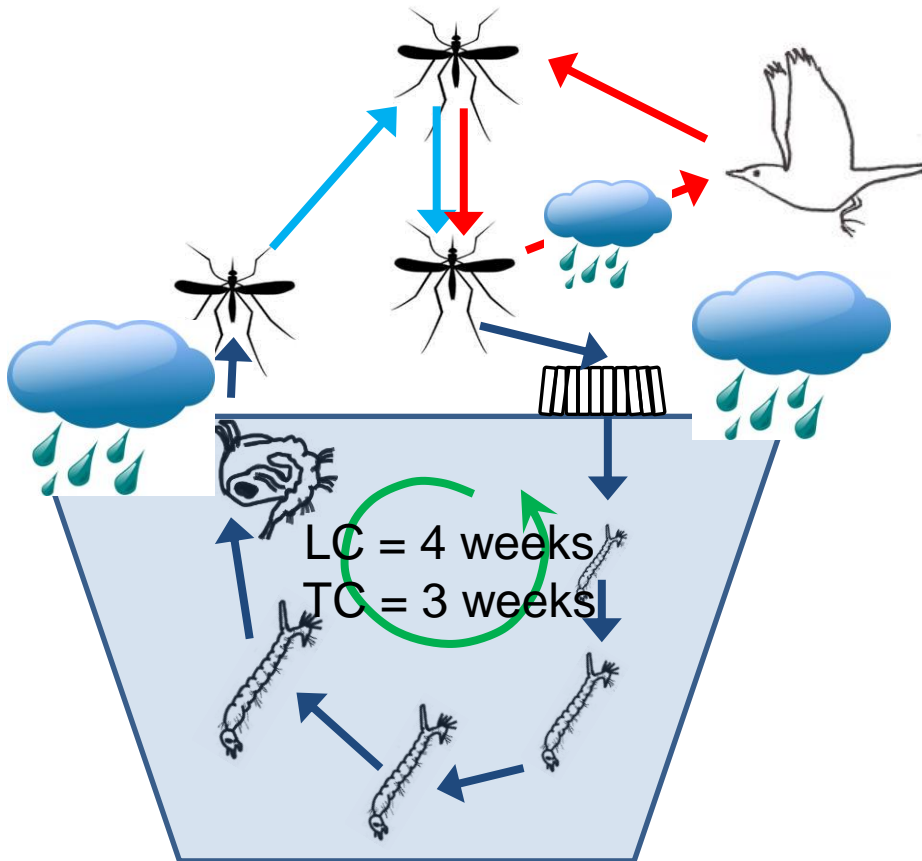
# Lifecycles of mosquitoes and ticks, and cycles of transmission of the diseases they carry



# Ticks versus mosquitoes

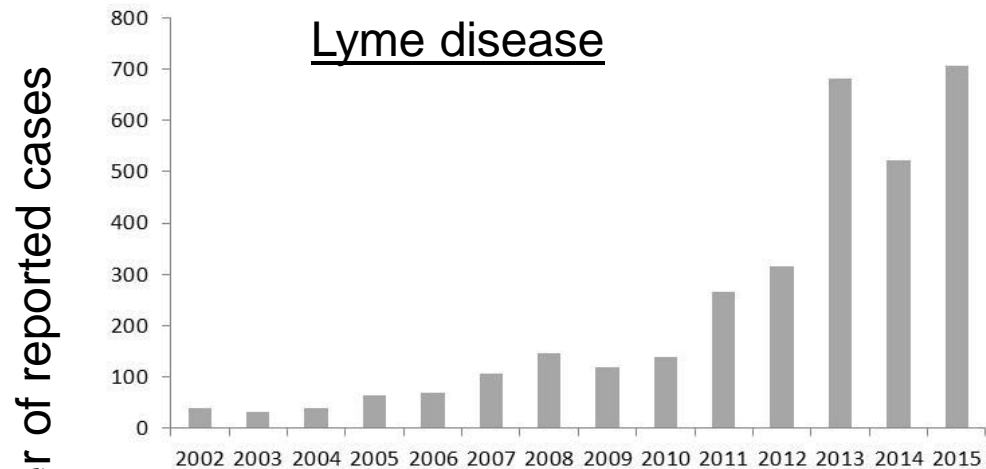


# Ticks versus mosquitoes

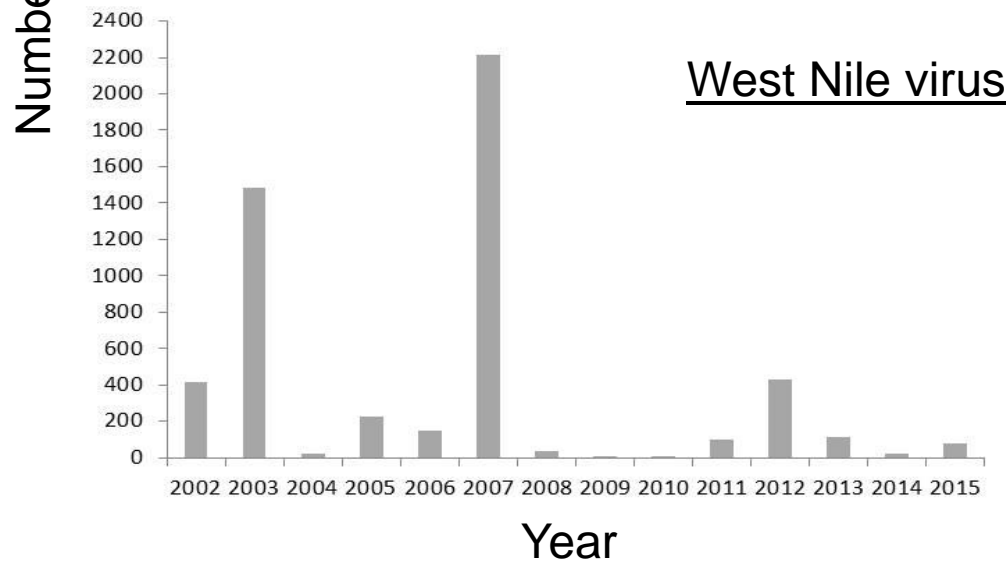




# Vector lifecycle characteristics determine disease patterns



Slow inexorable spread  
then more or less  
constant risk

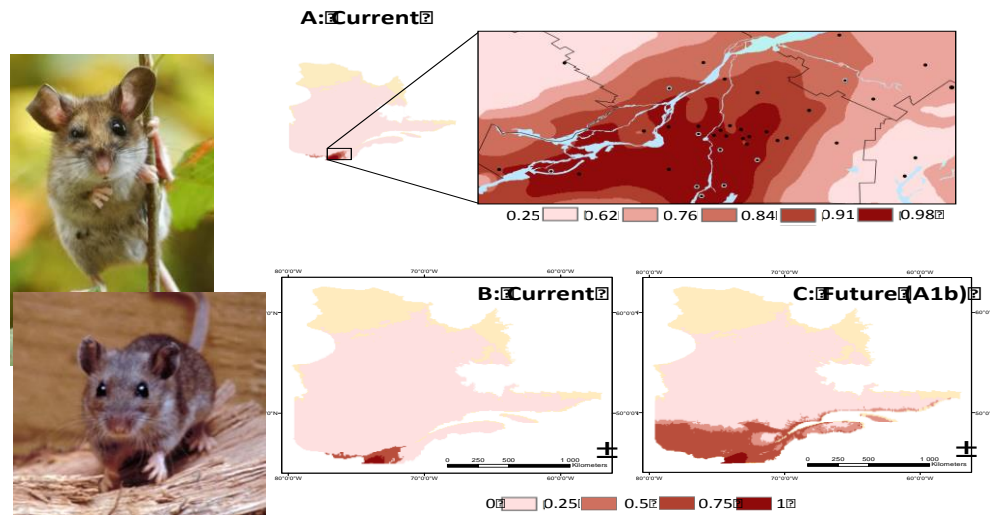


Rapid spread then  
epidemic behaviour

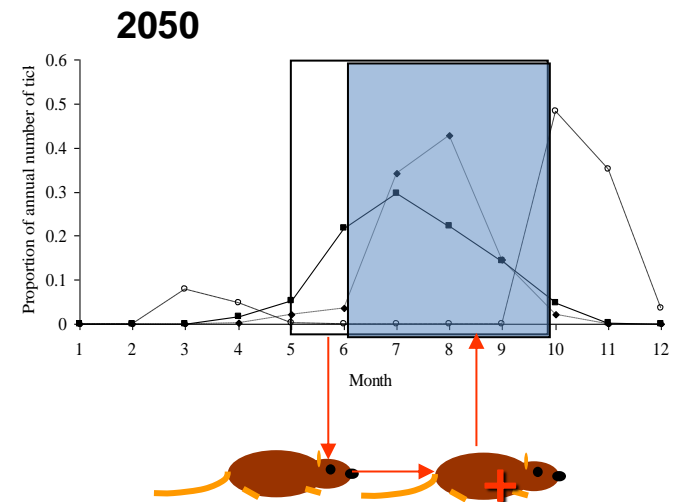
Ogden & Lindsay, Trends Parasitol 2016

# Complex effects on zoonosis ecology: e.g. host communities, vector and host seasonality

- Many zoonoses (esp VBDs) are maintained by wildlife host communities indirectly affected by climate
- Vector seasonality due to temperature effects on development and activity
- Host demographic processes (reproduction, birth and mortality rates) are seasonal and affected directly indirectly (via resource availability) by climate

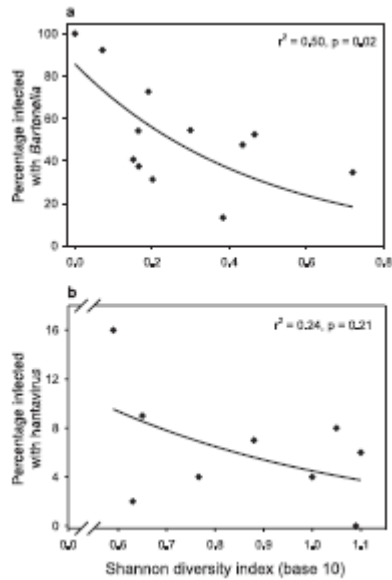


In Quebec: White-footed mouse range expanding,  
Deer mouse range contracting  
Simon et al. Evol Appl 2014

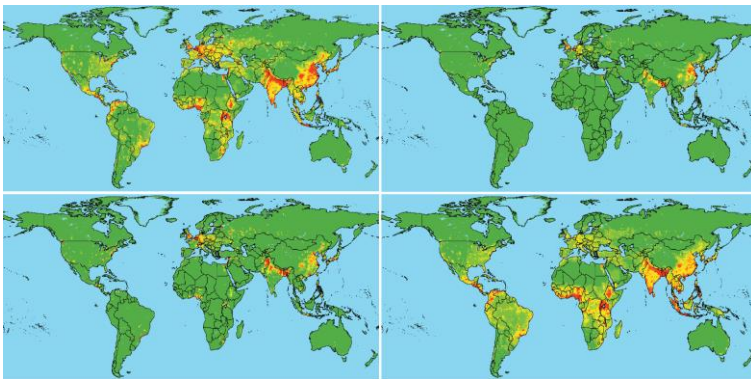


Changing climate alters tick seasonality and affects  
pathogen transmission  
Ogden et al., J. Theor Biol. 2008; Kurtenbach et al.  
Nature Rev. Microbiol. 2006

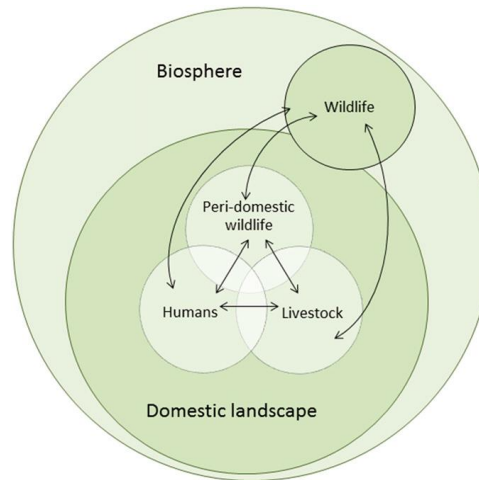
# Biodiversity change



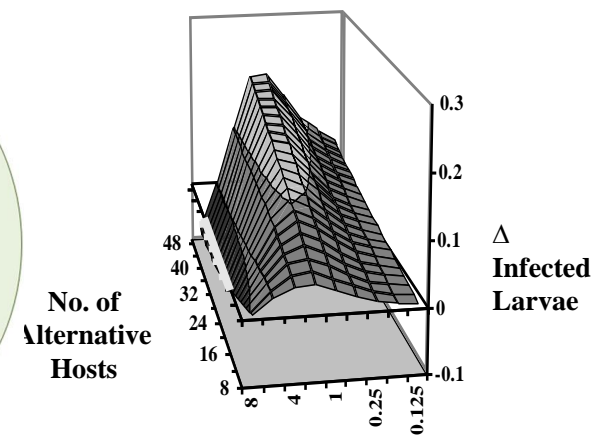
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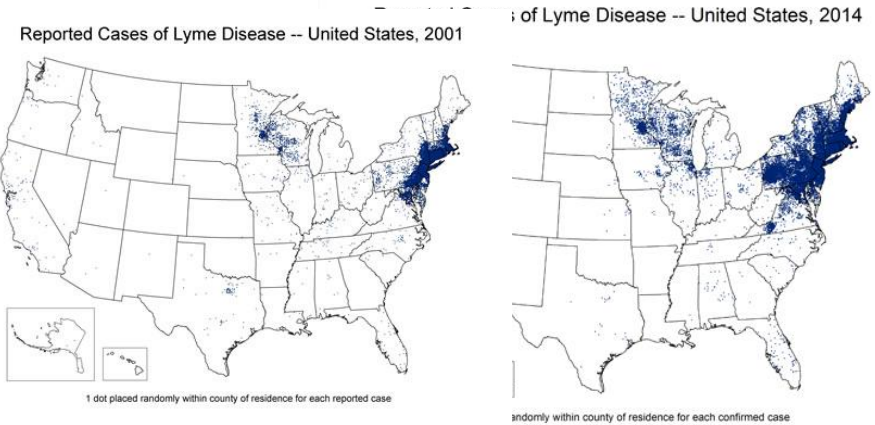
Jones et al 2008



Jones et al 2012

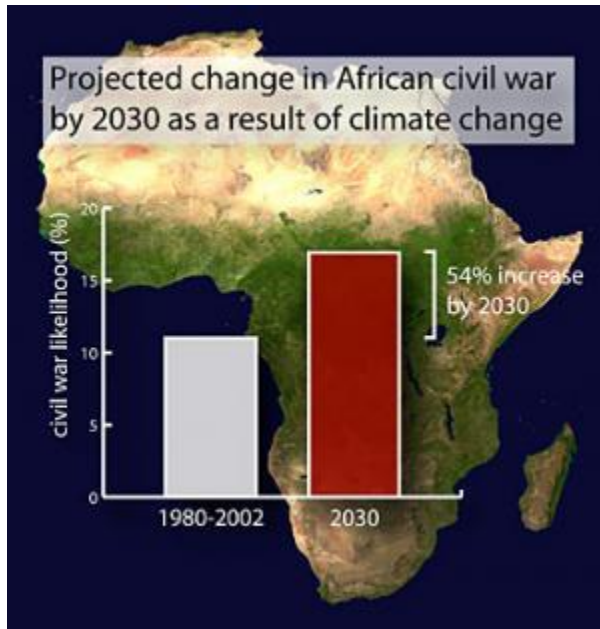
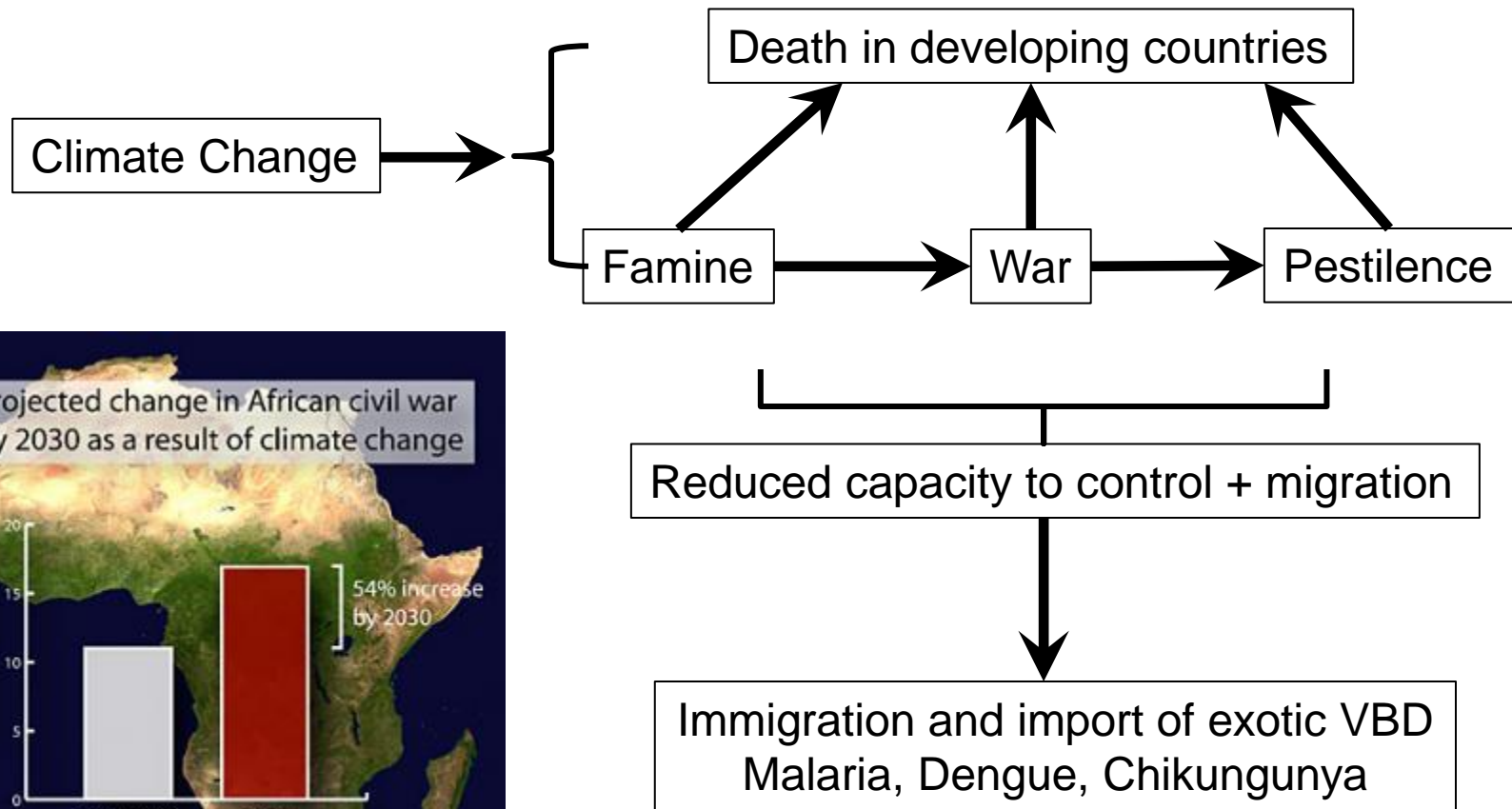


Ogden & Tsao 2009





# Climate change in developing countries: the four horsemen of the apocalypse

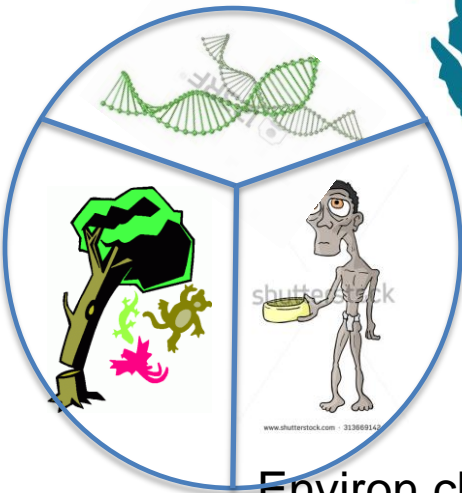
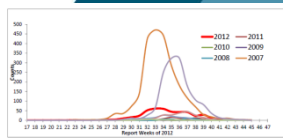


Burke et al. 2009 PNAS

# A summary of expected VBD emergence events in Canada

Environ change + climatic variability:  
Epidemics/re-emergence of endemic  
VBD (WNV)

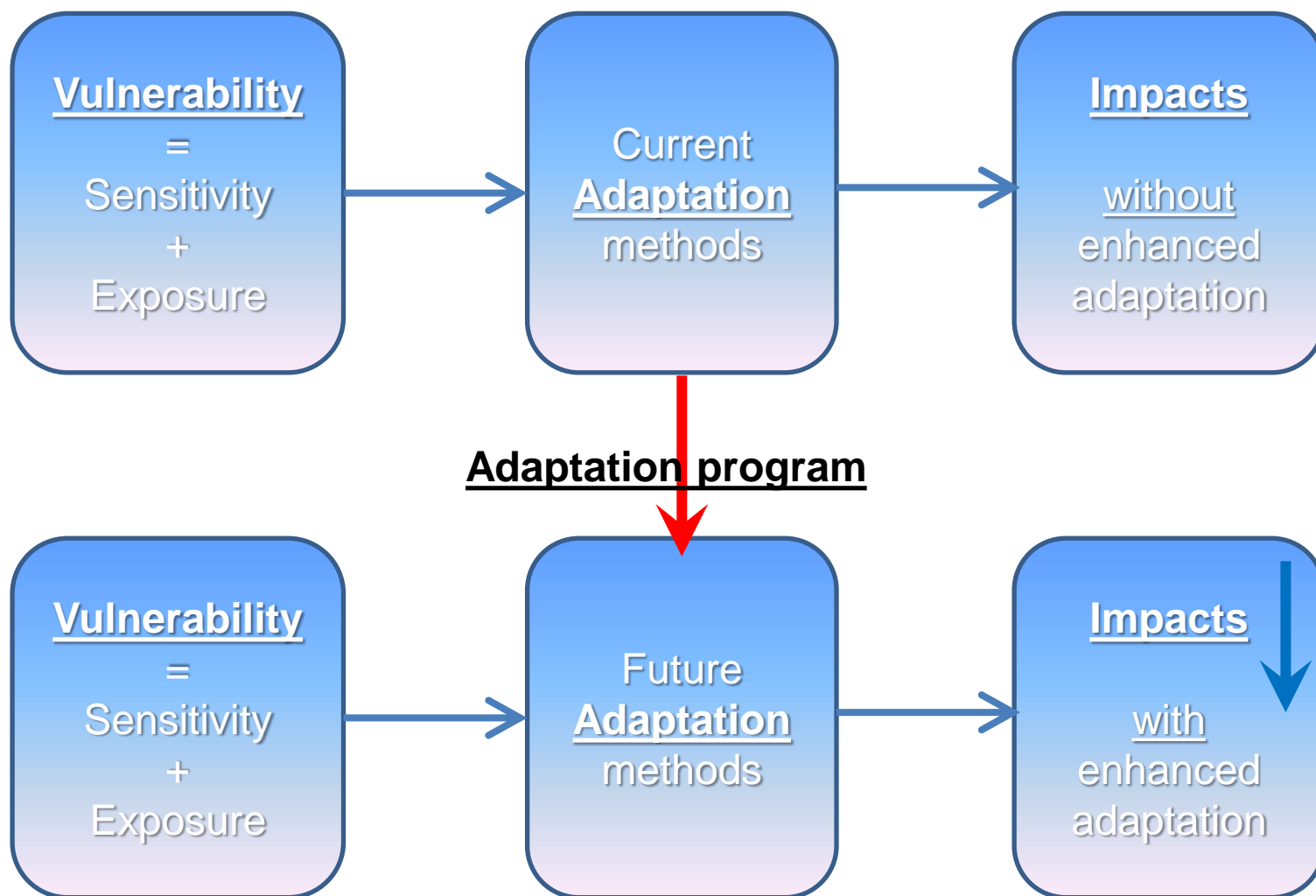
Environ change in Canada +  
Environ change abroad:  
Introduction of exotic VBDs & Zoonoses  
AI, Chikungunya, Zika, Dengue, RVF, JE,  
Malaria



Environ change in North America: Northward spread of  
VBD Lyme, EEE, La Crosse, HME

# OUR RESPONSES

# Climate change and VBD - Adaptation



**PHAC role: enabling adaptation by P/T/Municipal public health**



# What is needed and what is practical

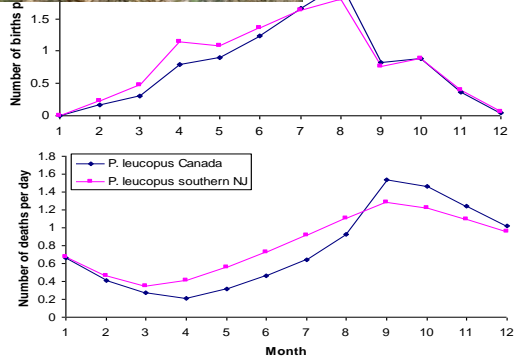
- Risk assessment
  - Ongoing assessment of priority VBDs for detailed study/surveillance
  - Assessment of where and when specific VBDs may emerge/re-emerge in Canada with projected climate change
- Surveillance for risks identified in previous programs:
  - Known emerging tick-borne diseases (Lyme, Babesia, HGE, Powassan)
  - Known emerging mosquito-borne diseases (EEE)
  - Known re-emerging (endemic) mosquito-borne diseases (WNV)
  - Possible emerging ticks/tick-borne diseases (Lone Star tick, HME)
  - Possible emerging mosquitoes/mosquito-borne diseases (Asian Tiger, La Crosse, Chikungunya etc.)
  - Possible re-emerging (endemic) mosquito-borne diseases (California serogroup viruses)
- Development of tools for P/T/municipal public health
  - Risk assessments so P/T/municipal public health can assess their own vulnerability
  - Knowledge and methods for P/T/municipal public health to undertake surveillance, prevention and control
- Research to support development of the above

# **RISK ASSESSMENT PLUS SURVEILLANCE**

# Model-based risk assessment: doing the sums – putting together quantitative knowledge of the biology of VBD transmission cycles

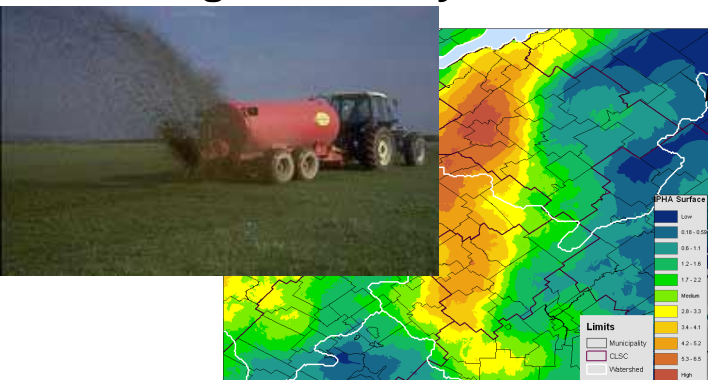


## Reservoir host dynamics



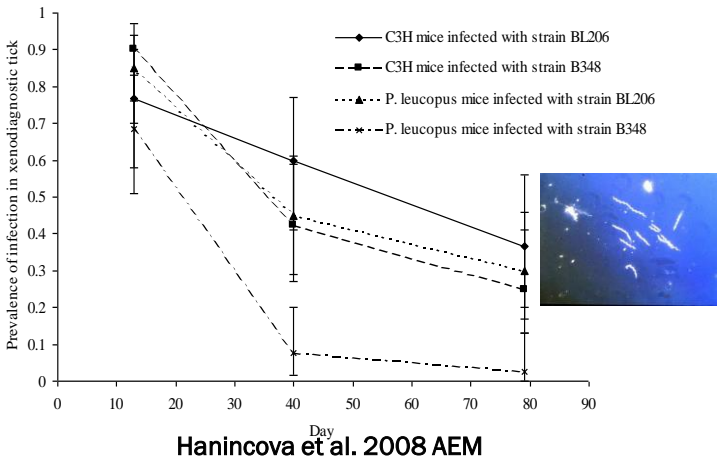
Ogden et al. 2007 Parasitology

## Agriculture dynamics

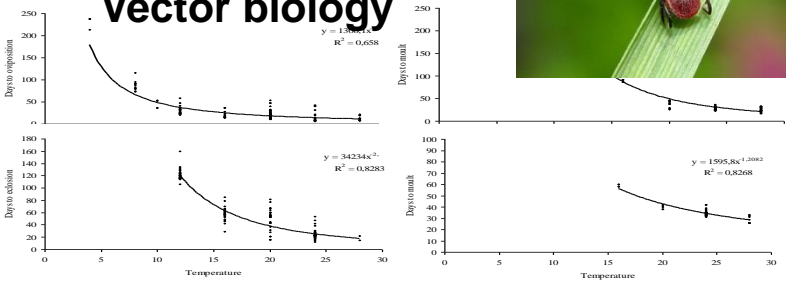


Ravel et al. Int J Hygiene Env Health 2004

## Host infection and transmission dynamics



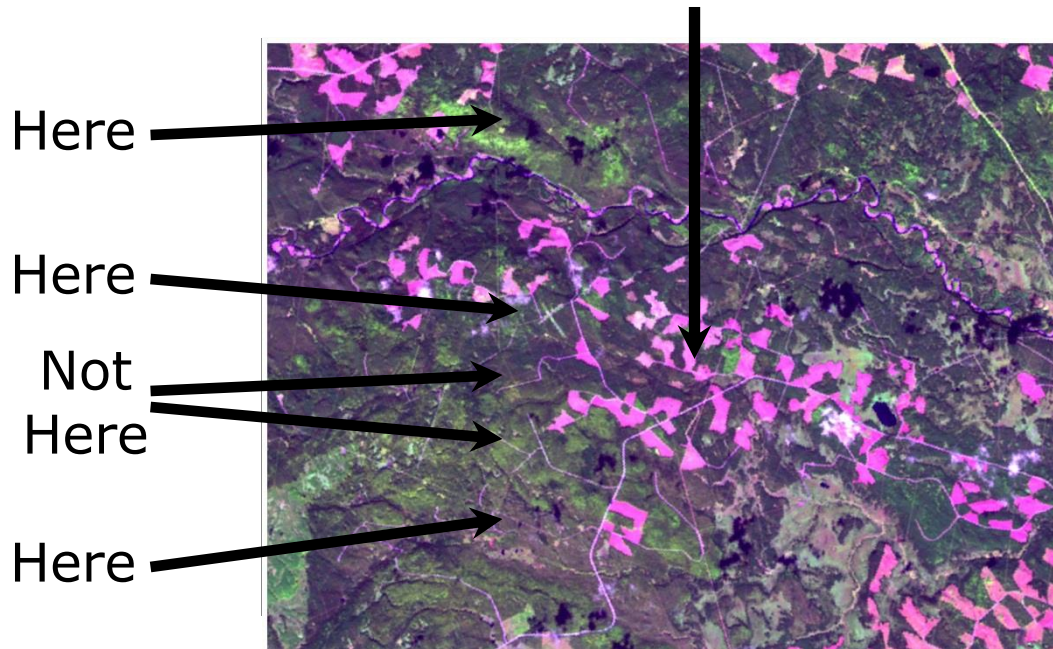
## Vector biology



*I. scapularis* development: Ogden et al. J. Med. Entomol. 2004

# Combined GIS and statistical modelling

I am a Hantavirus and I was found here



Associated with:

- Climate
- Altitude
- Aspect
- Land use
- Agriculture
- Wildlife habitat
- Wildlife species
- Wildlife abundance
- Farm animal abundance

Driver zoonosis relationship



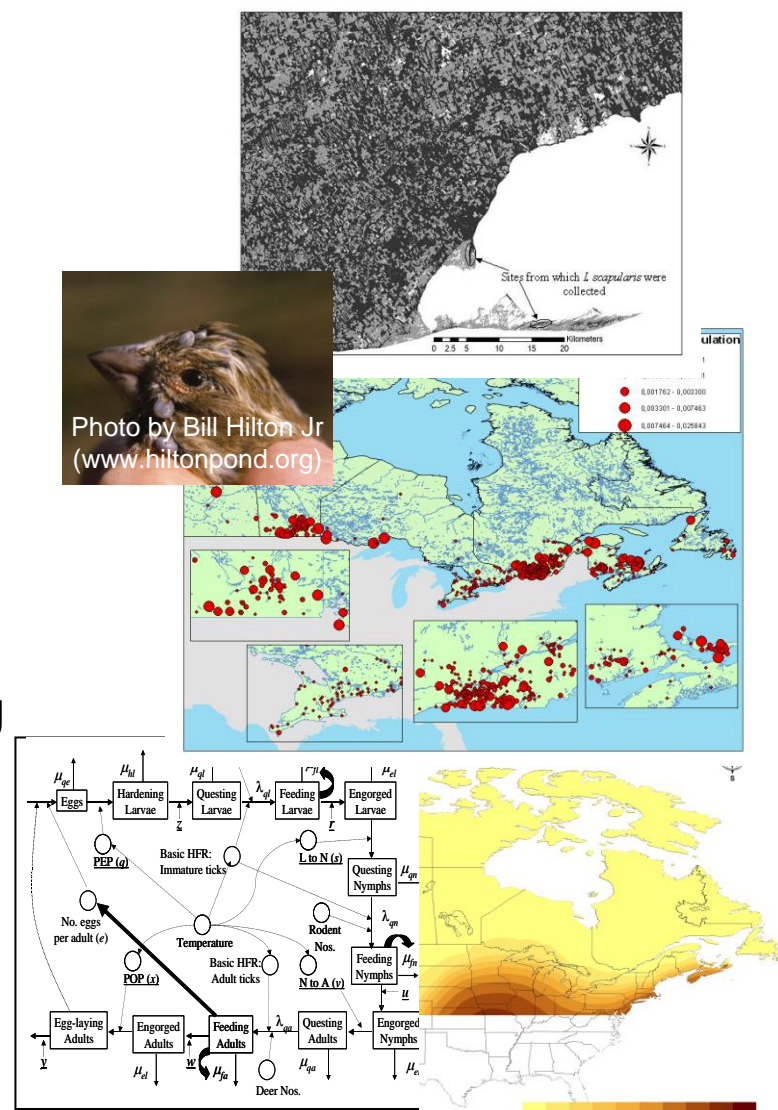
Uncertainty expressed in errors, confidence intervals etc.

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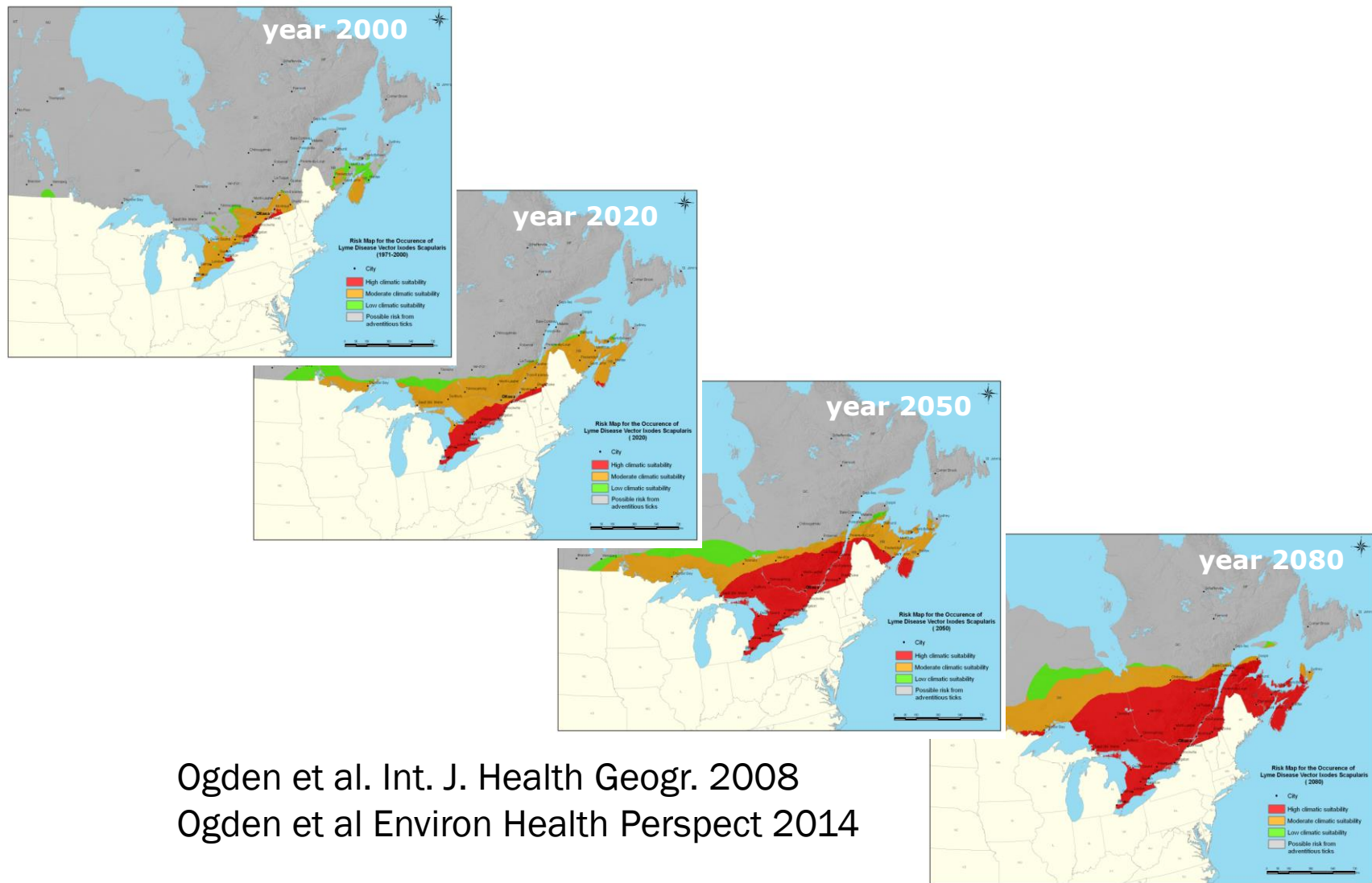


# Key determinants of Lyme disease risk

- Suitable habitat for ticks: assessed by field study (Ogden et al. JME 2006a)
- Suitable host densities: assessed previous field studies
- Dispersal of population-seeding ticks into Canada by migratory birds: assessed by surveillance/field study (Ogden et al. JME 2006b, AEM 2008)
- Temperature threshold for tick population persistence: obtained by simulation modelling (Ogden et al. 2005)
- Algorithm using temperature from GCMs and tick dispersion developed and mapped



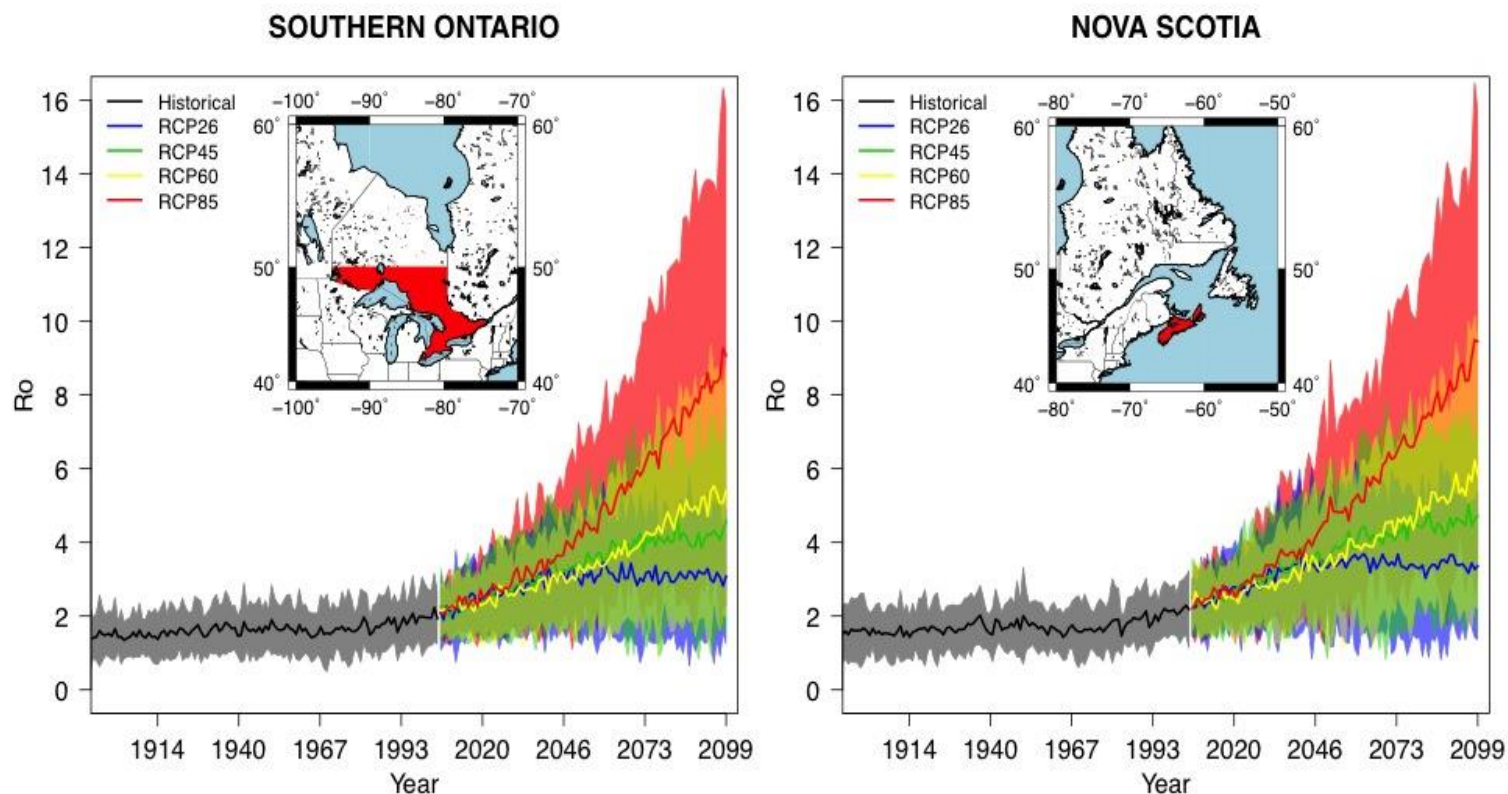
# Modelling Lyme vector spread with climate change



Ogden et al. Int. J. Health Geogr. 2008

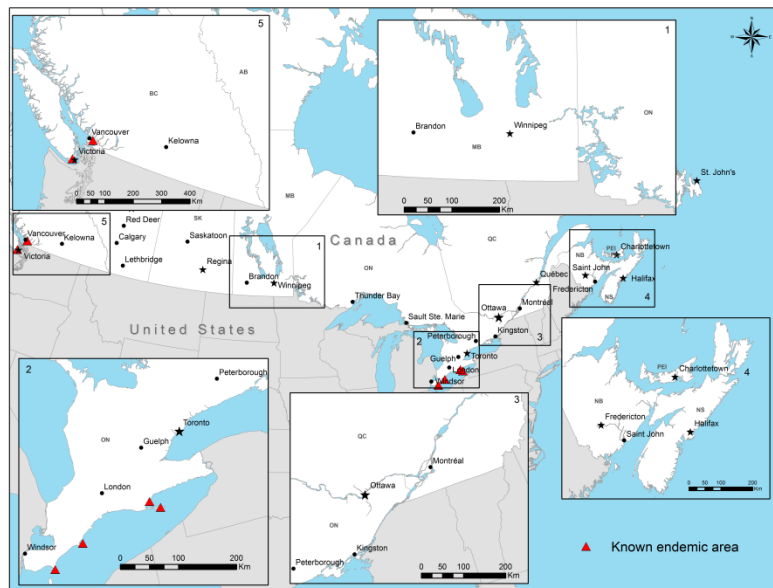
Ogden et al Environ Health Perspect 2014

# Predictions consistent across climate model assemblage

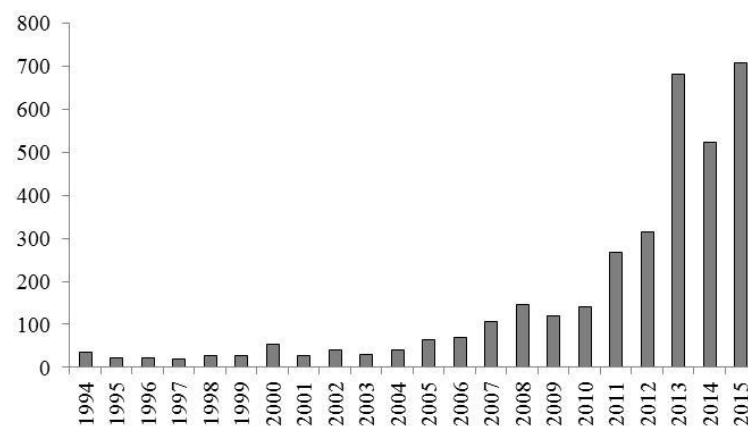
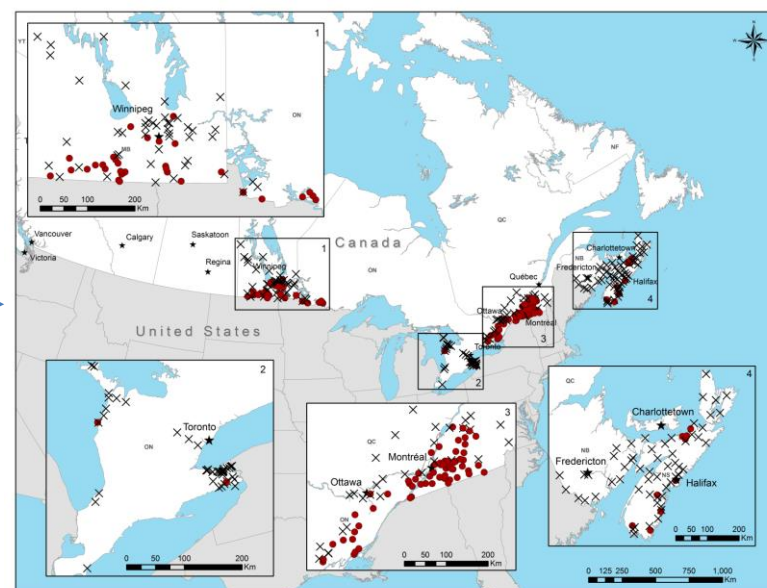


McPherson et al. Environ Health Perspect 2016

2004

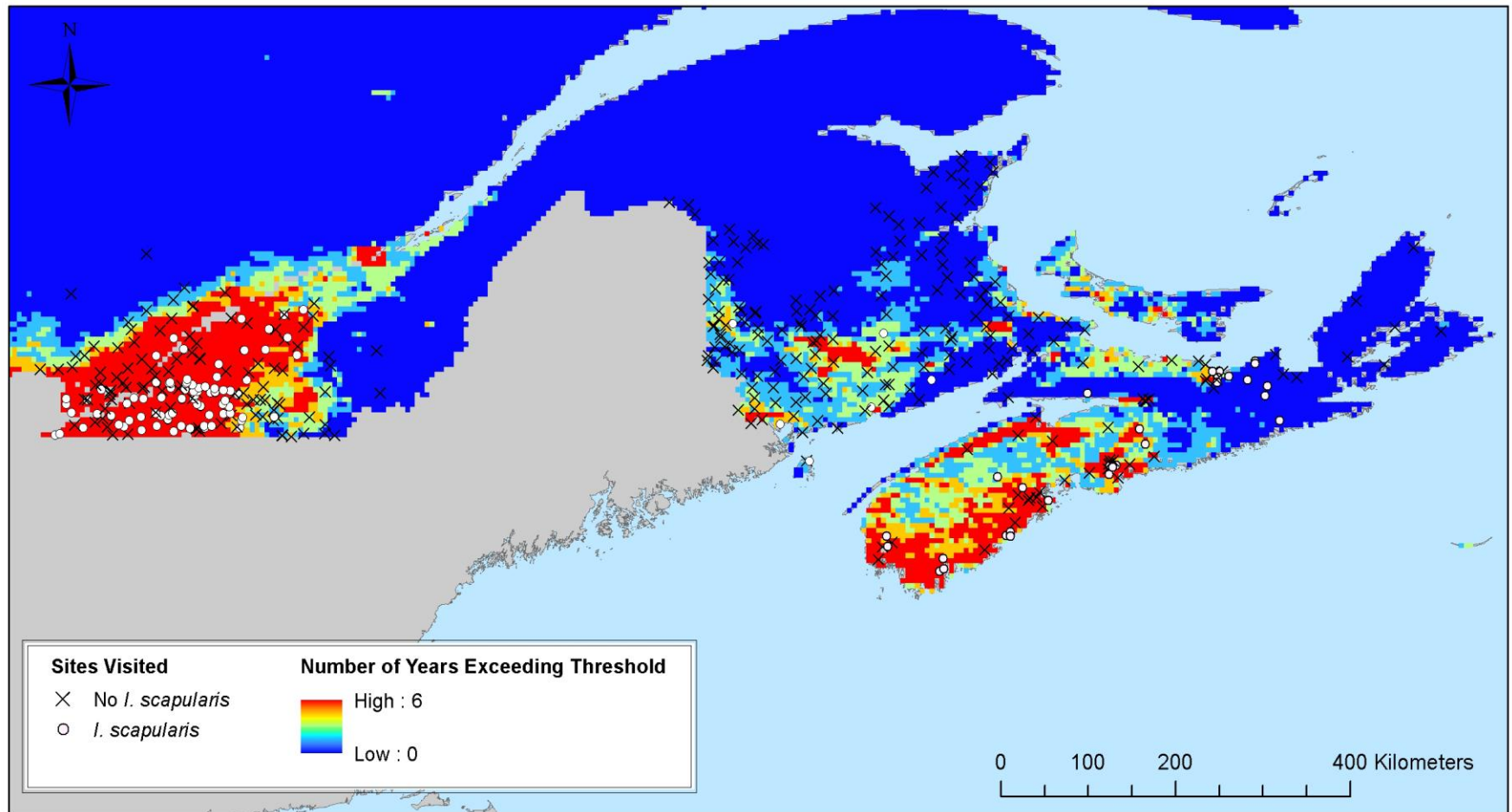


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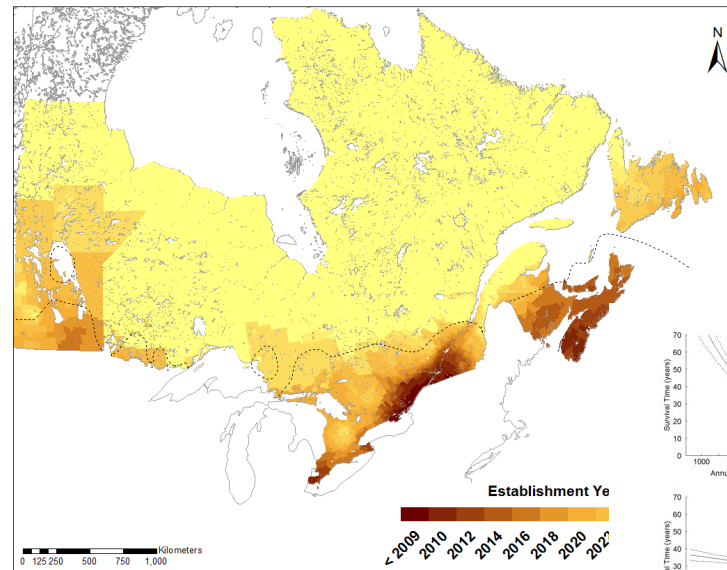
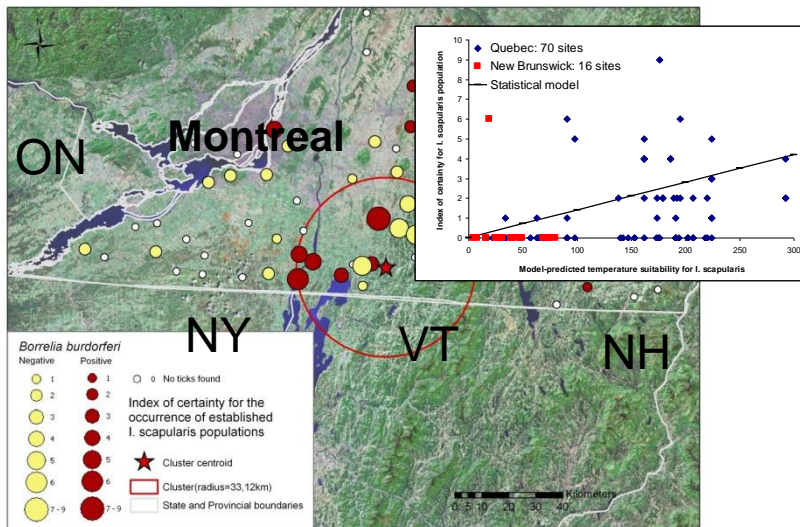
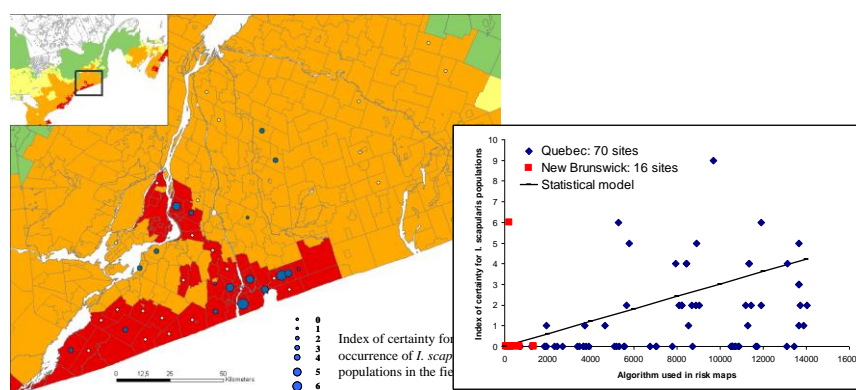


## Validation 1. Spatial pattern of *I. scapularis* invasion supports accuracy of model-derived temperature threshold for population persistence

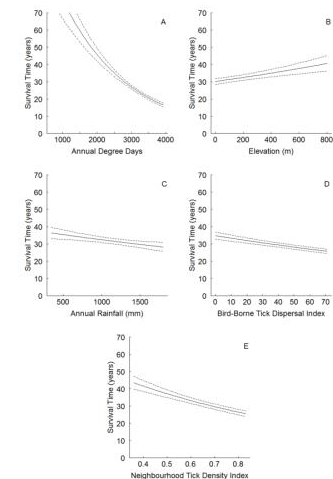


Gabrie-Rivet et al. Plos One 2015

# Validation 2: Spatial pattern of *I. scapularis* invasion consistent with temperature and warming being a key driver



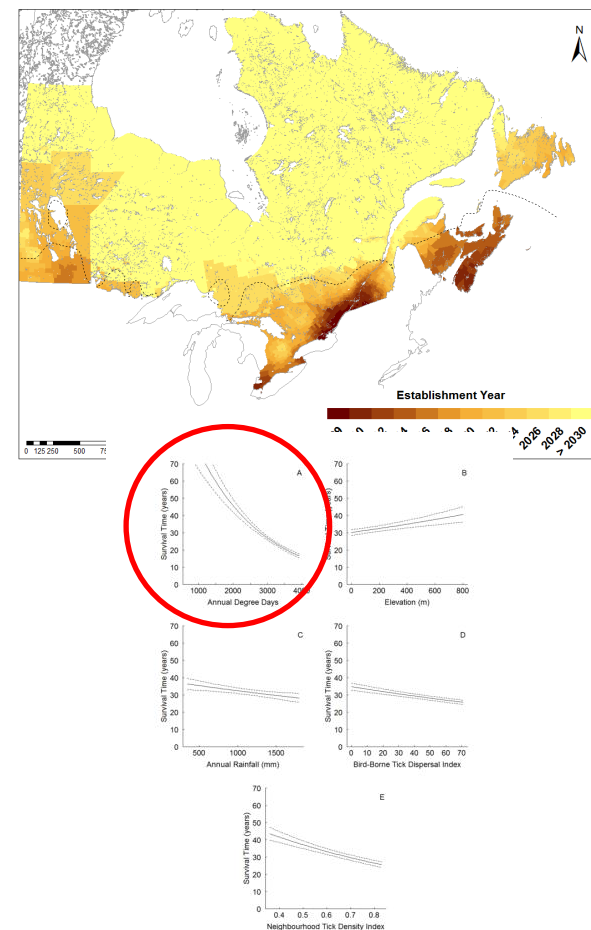
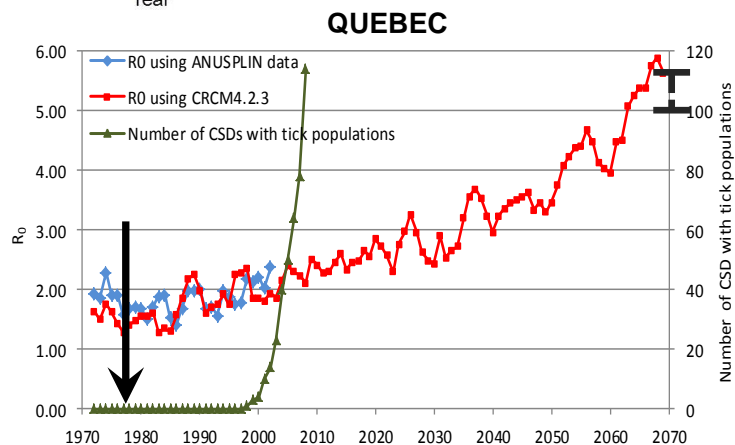
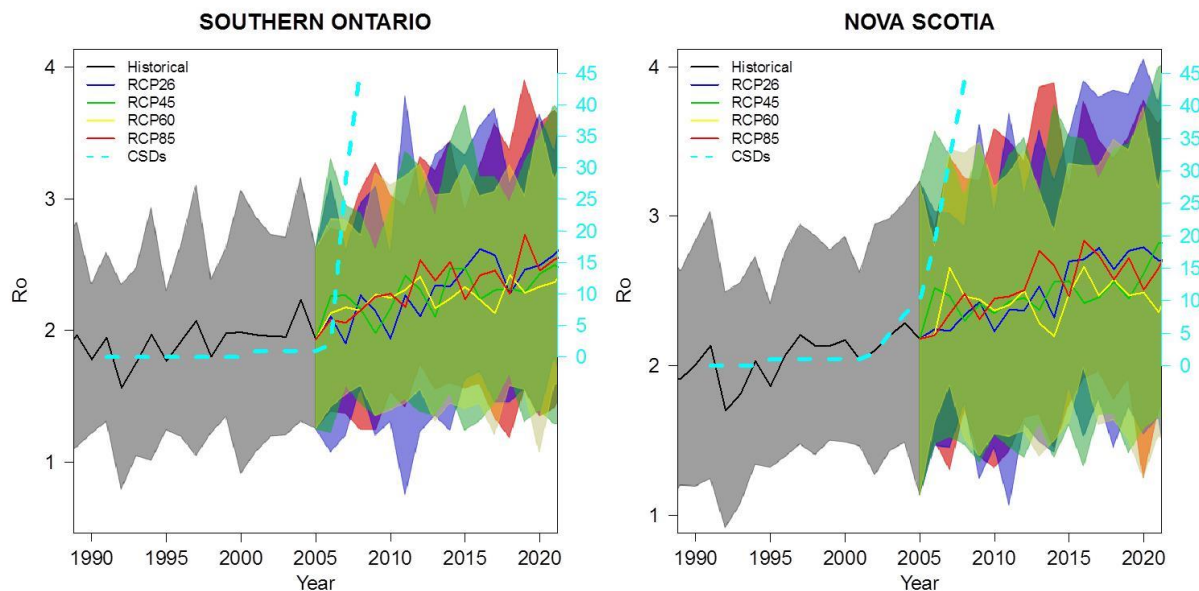
Leighton et al. 2012 J Appl Ecol



Ogden et al. 2008 Int J Hlth Geogr

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# Validation 3: Temporal pattern of *I. scapularis* invasion consistent with recent warming in Canada being a key driver



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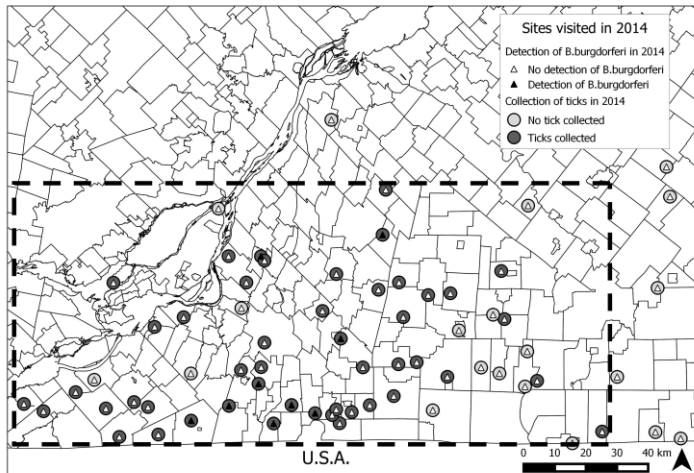
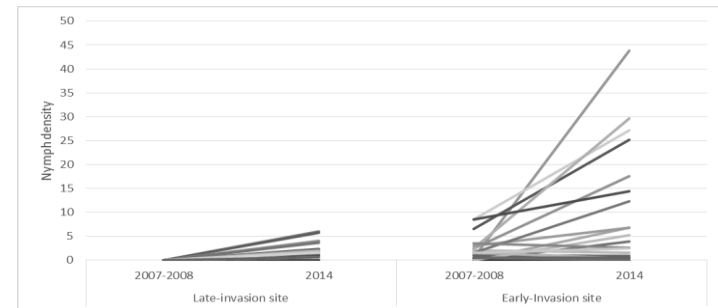
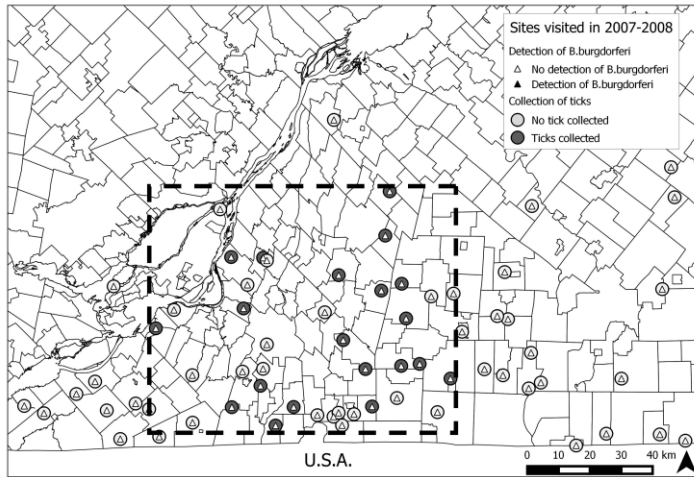
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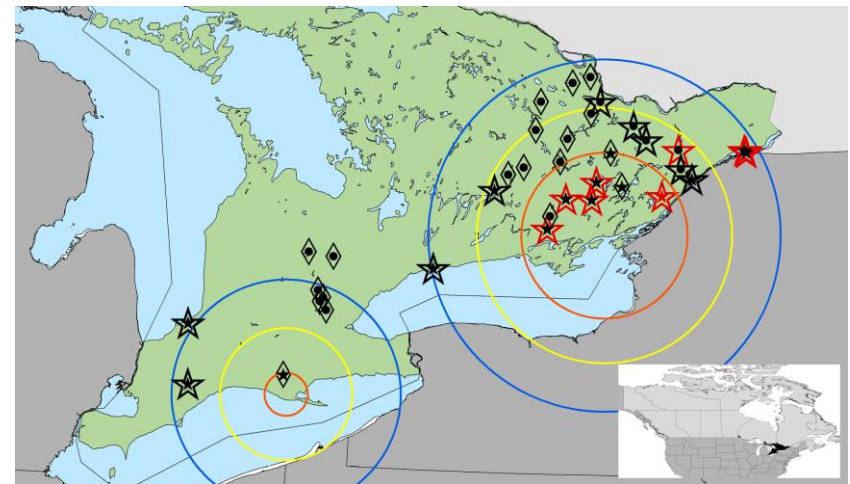


# Validation 4. Genuine range expansion identified by active surveillance

## Quebec 2014 versus 2007/8



## Ontario 2016 versus 2014/15

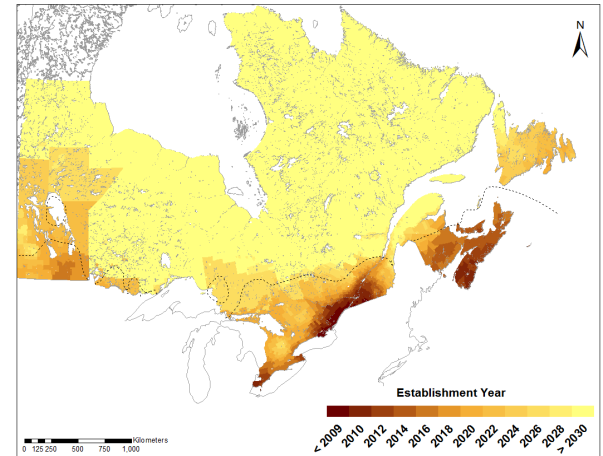
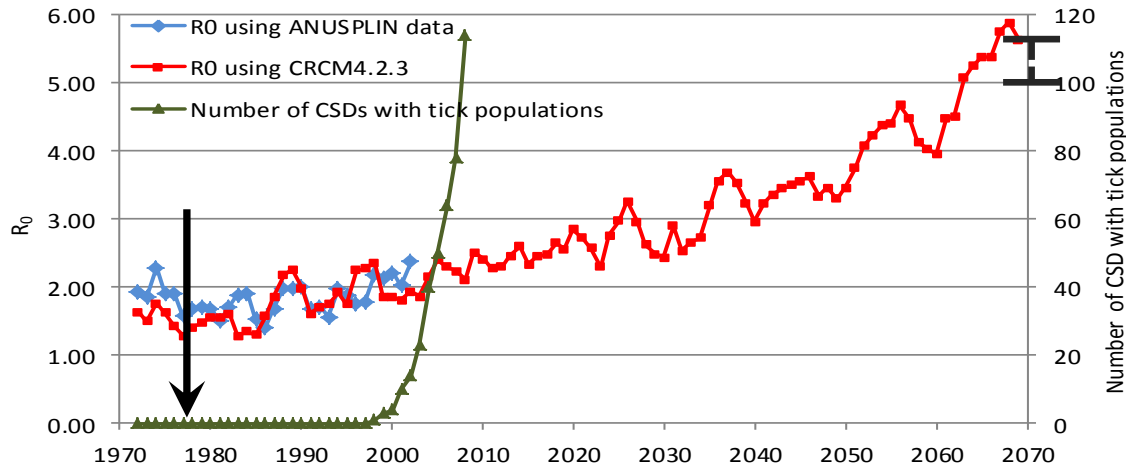


Clow et al. Plos One 2018

Ripoche et al. in prep



# Spatiotemporal coincidence of *I. scapularis* invasion in Canada with warming – first evidence of VBD emergence with climate change?



Ogden et al. Environ Health Perspect 2014

Leighton et al J App Ecol 2012

“There has been an increasing number of cases of Lyme disease in Canada, and Lyme disease vectors are spreading along climate-determined trajectories” (Koffi et al., 2012; Leighton et al., 2012). UN-IPCC AR-5



United States Environmental Protection Agency

## Lyme Disease

This indicator tracks the rate of reported Lyme disease cases across the United States.

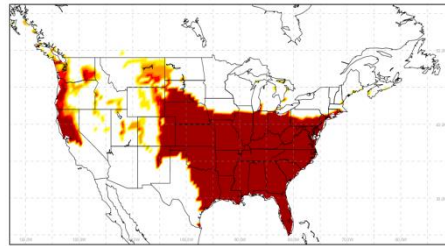


# Risk assessments: chikungunya and zika vector *Ae. albopictus*

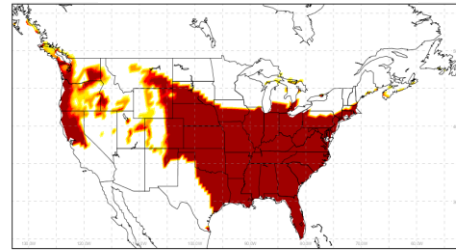
## Climatic indicator

Overwintering  
+ annual mean  
temperature

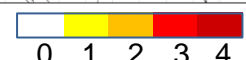
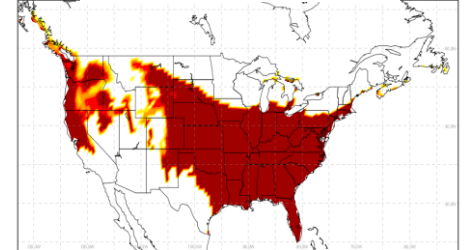
2011-2040 RCP4.5



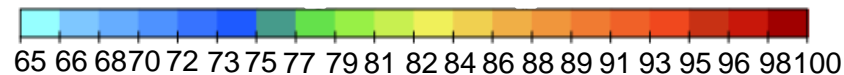
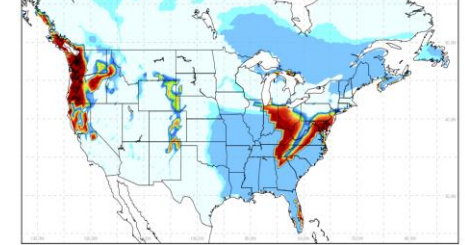
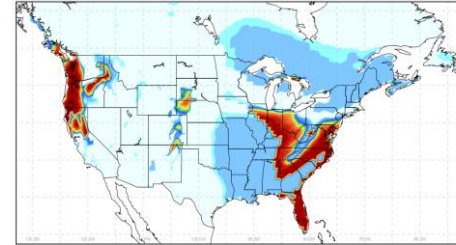
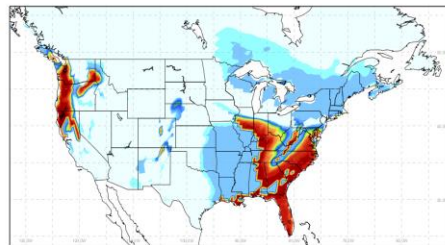
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2041-2070 RCP8.5



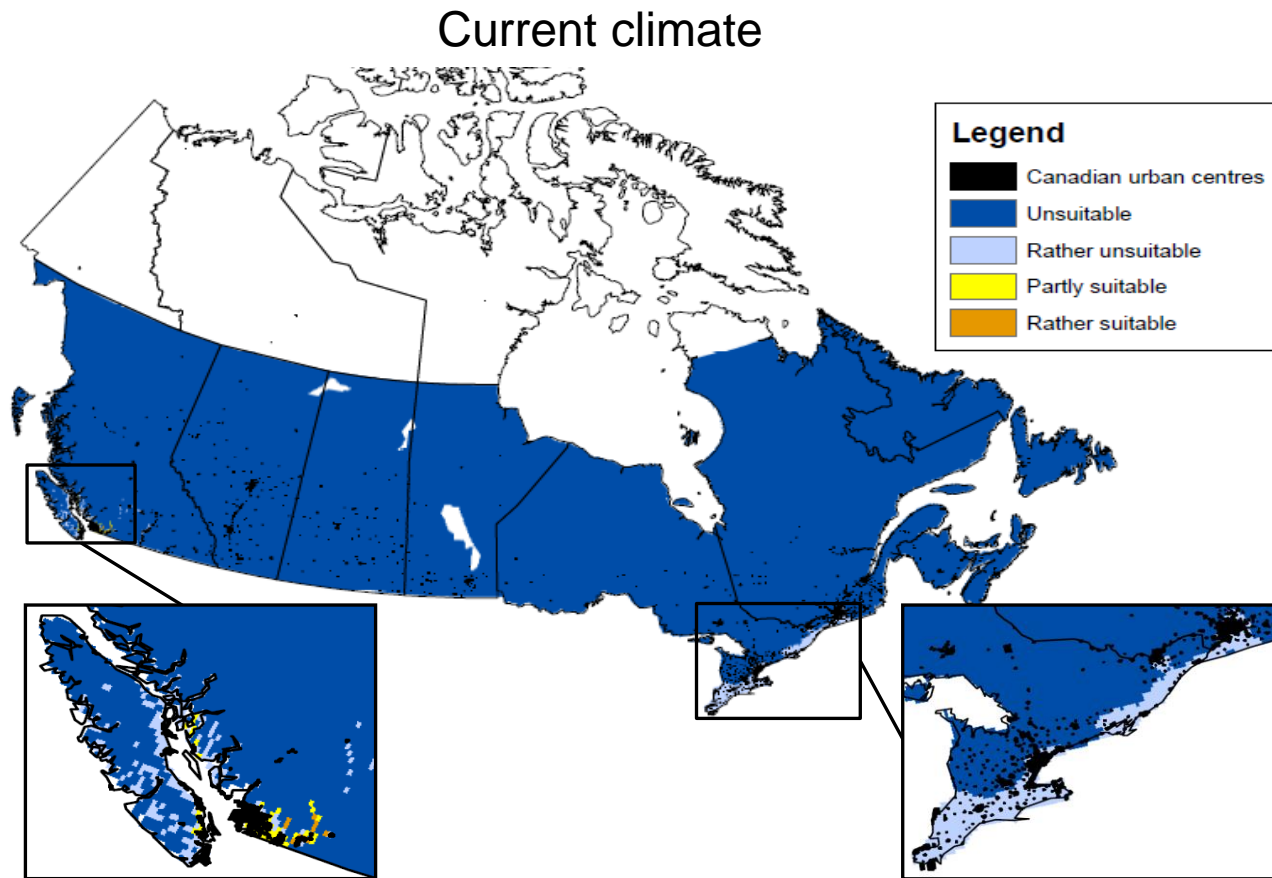
Jan temp +  
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+  
annual rainfall



Ogden et al. 2014 Parasites & Vectors

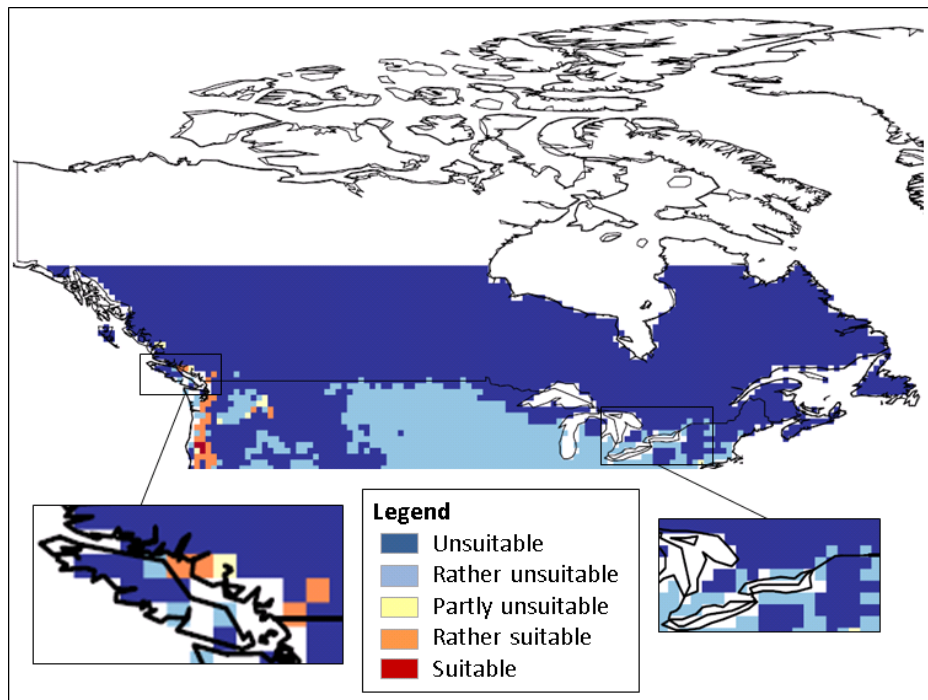
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# Model based risk assessment for CHIKV and ZIKV transmission in Canada

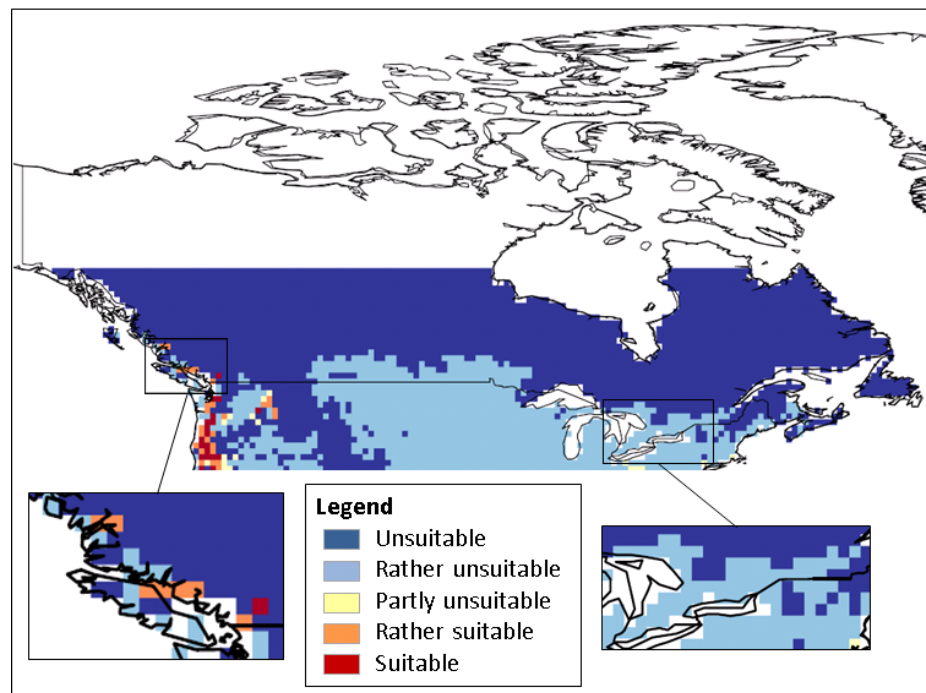


# Future projections

Near future (to 2040)



Far future (2041 - 2070)



Ng et al. 2017 EHP

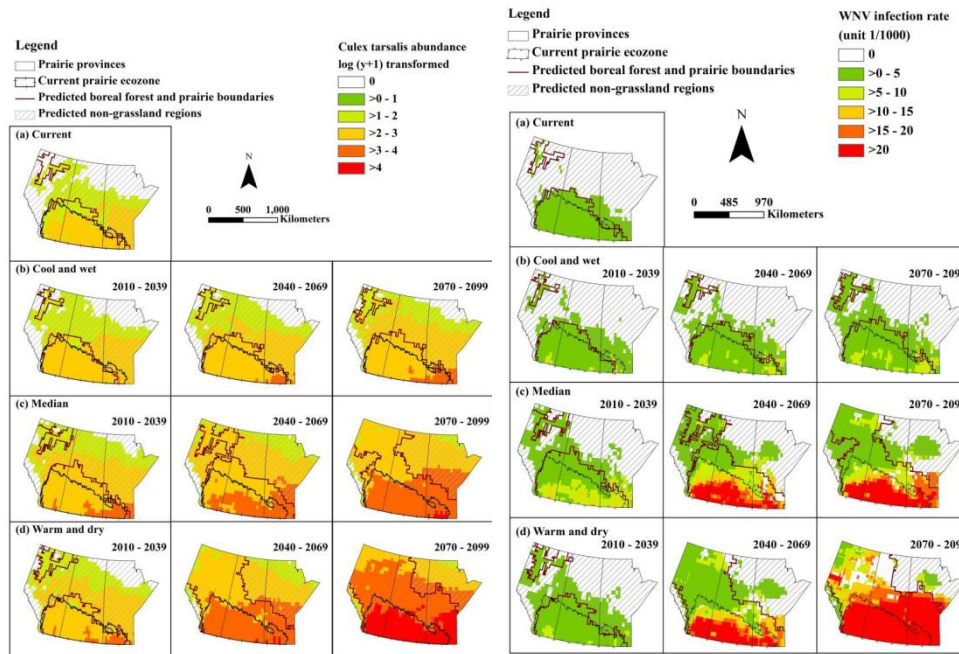


# Risk assessments: WNV and its vectors *Culex pipiens* & *Cx. tarsalis*

## WNV transmission & *Cx. tarsalis*:

Chen et al. Int. J. Environ. Res.

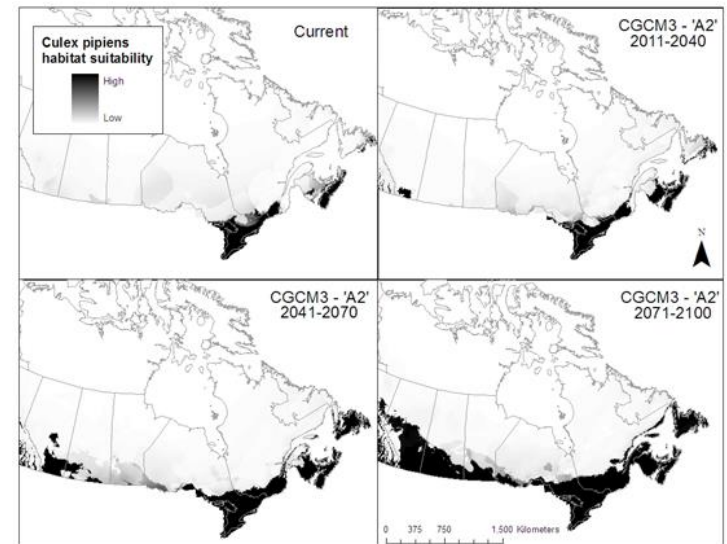
Public Health 2013



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## *Cx. pipiens*:

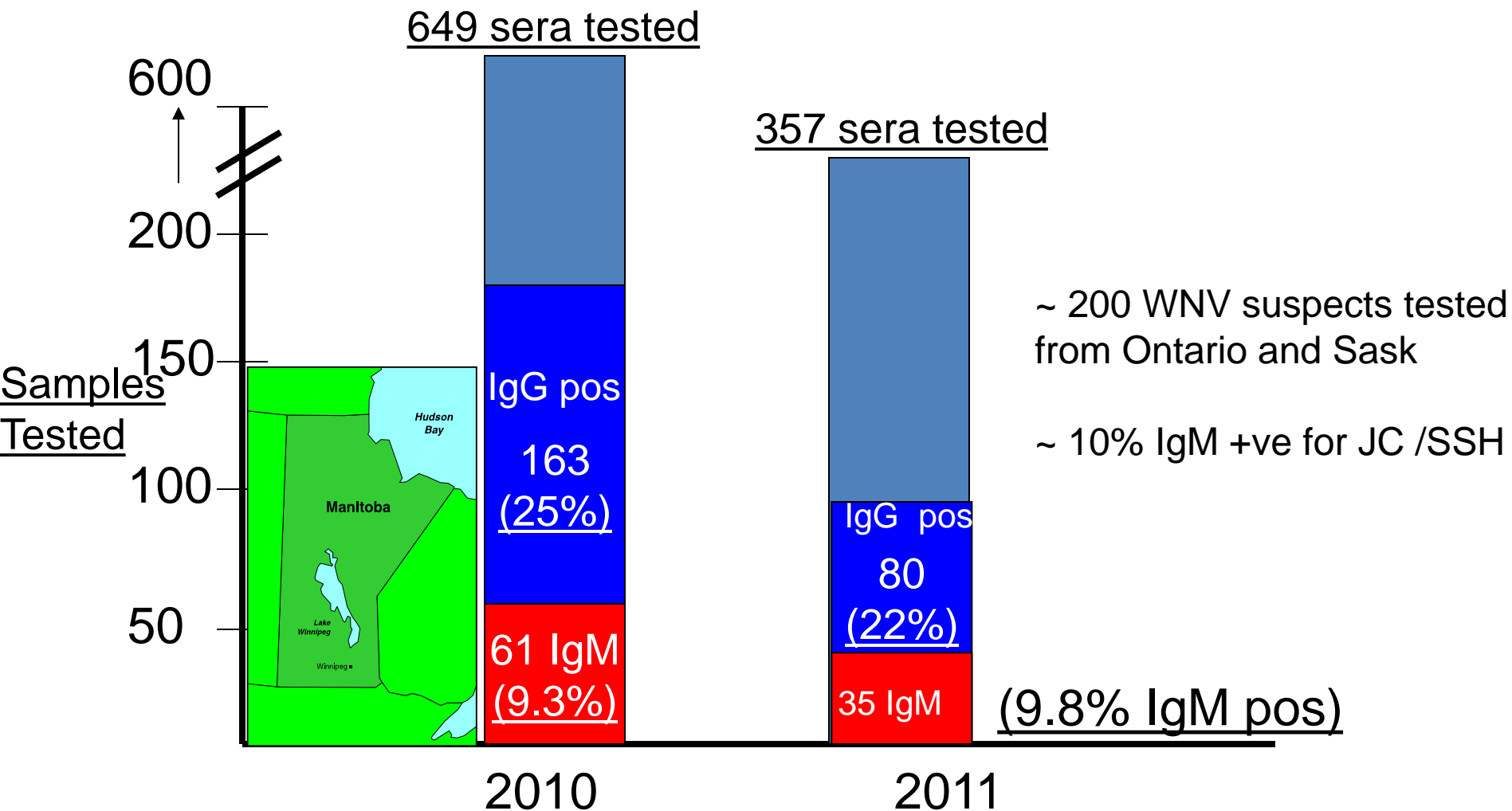
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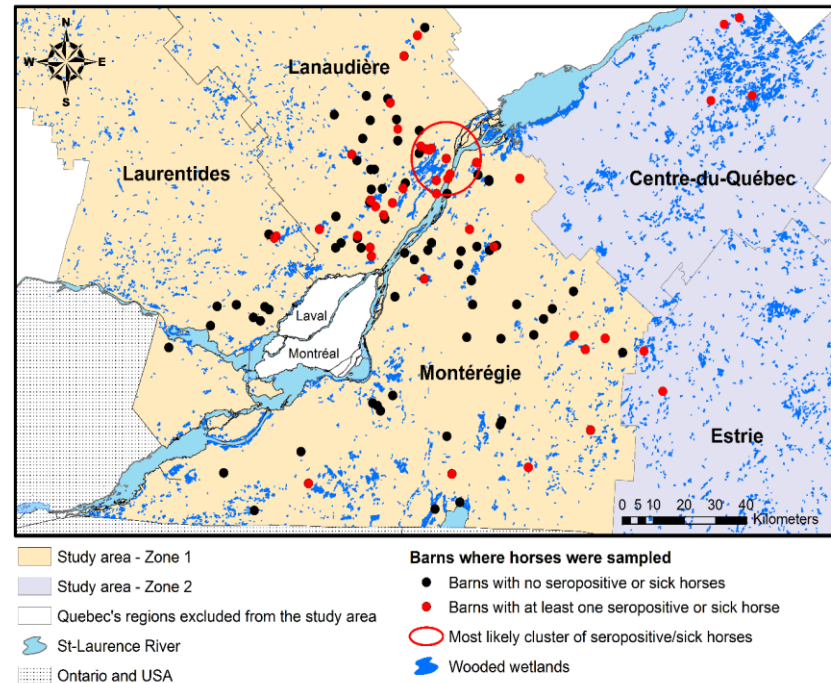
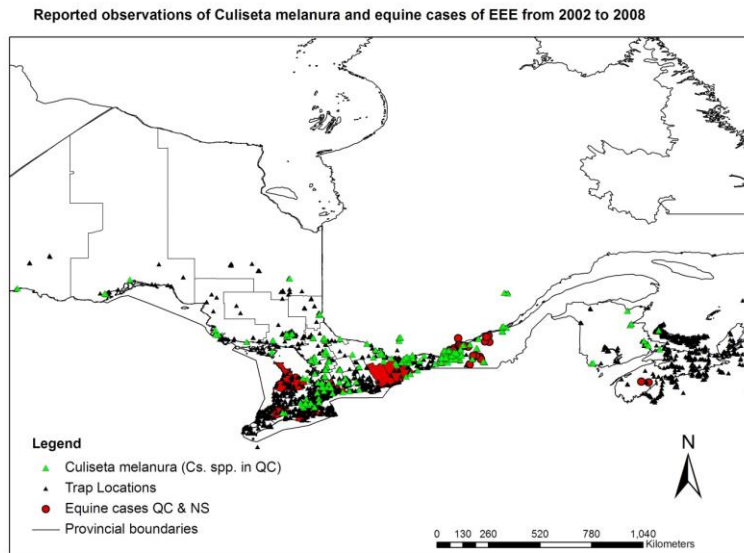
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# Testing of suspect West Nile Virus negatives For California Serogroup virus antibody



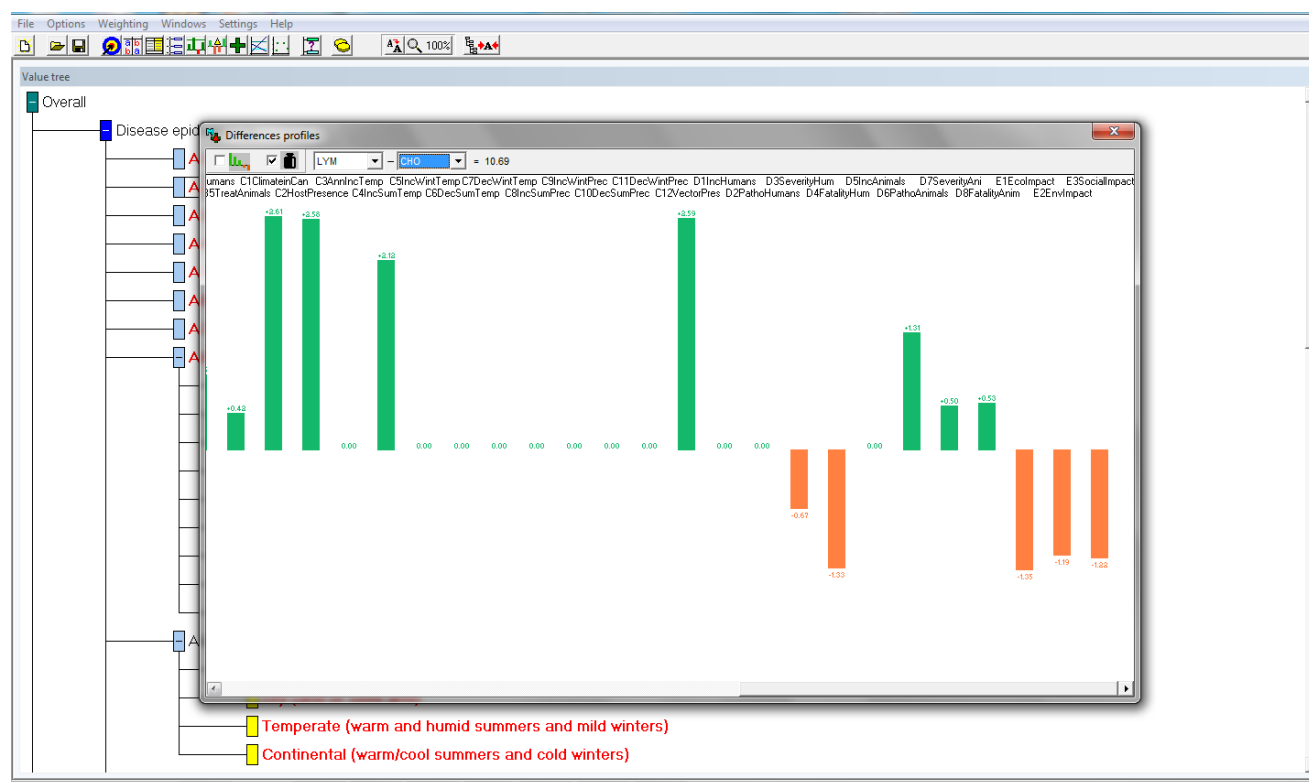
# Emergence of EEE in eastern Canada



Rocheleau et al. 2017 Epidemiol Infect

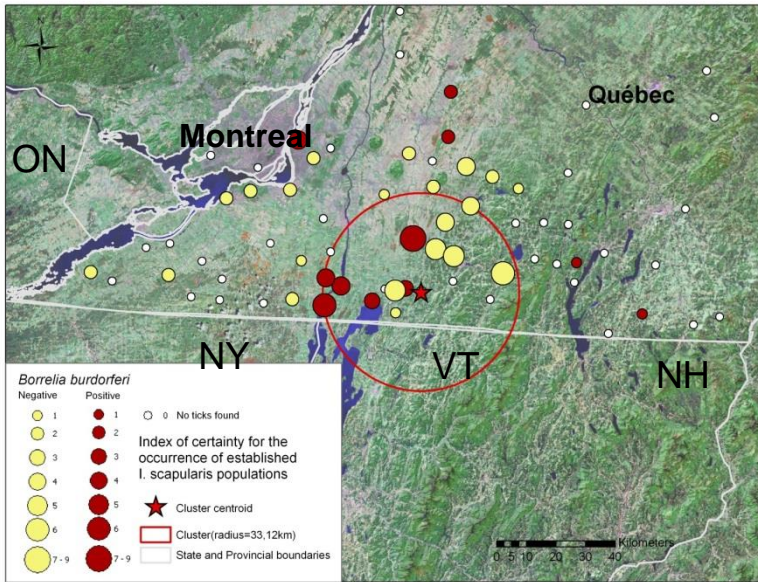
# PUBLIC HEALTH TOOLS

MCDA developed for prioritisation of climate sensitive zoonoses (Cox et al., 2012, 2013 PloS One)...being modified for our own internal processes



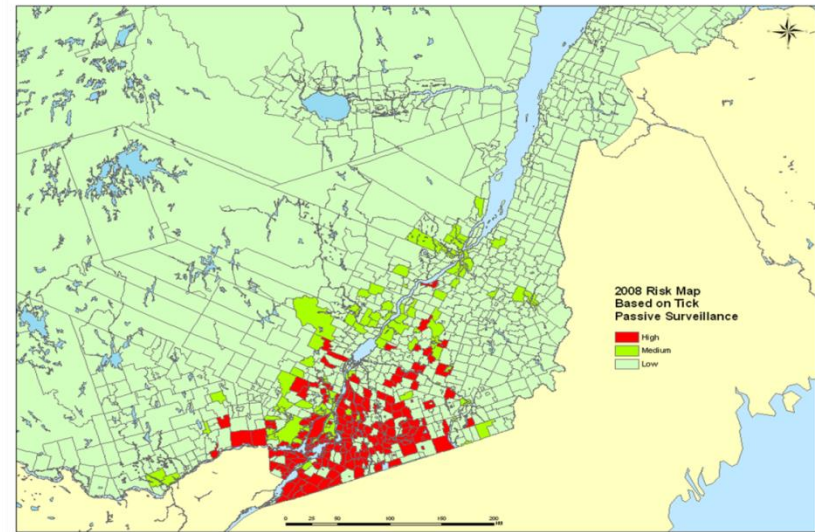


# Public health tools: Tick surveillance and analysis methods



Ogden et al., 2010 EHP

Koffi et al., 2012 J Med Entomol



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## Assessment of a screening test to identify Lyme disease risk

Ogden NH<sup>1</sup>, Koffi, JK<sup>1</sup>, Lindsay LR<sup>2</sup>

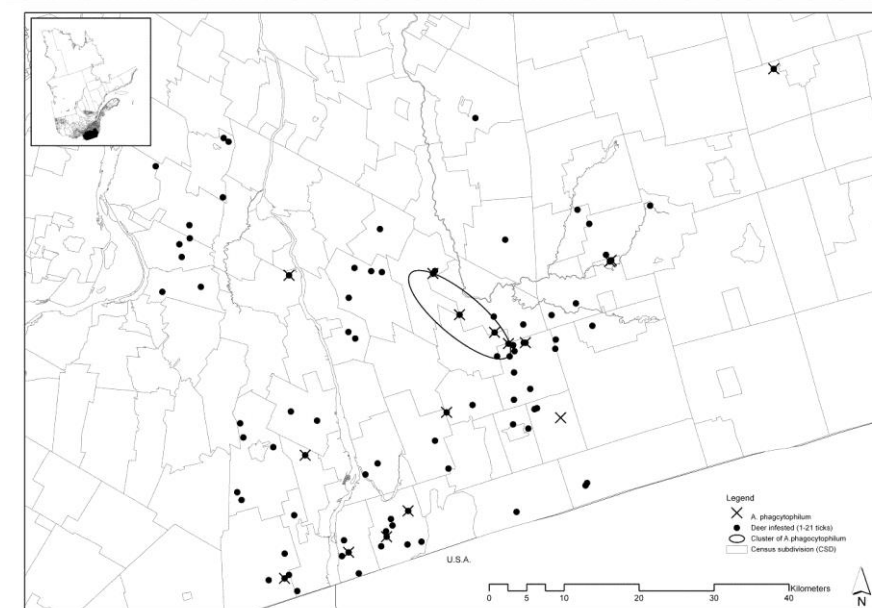
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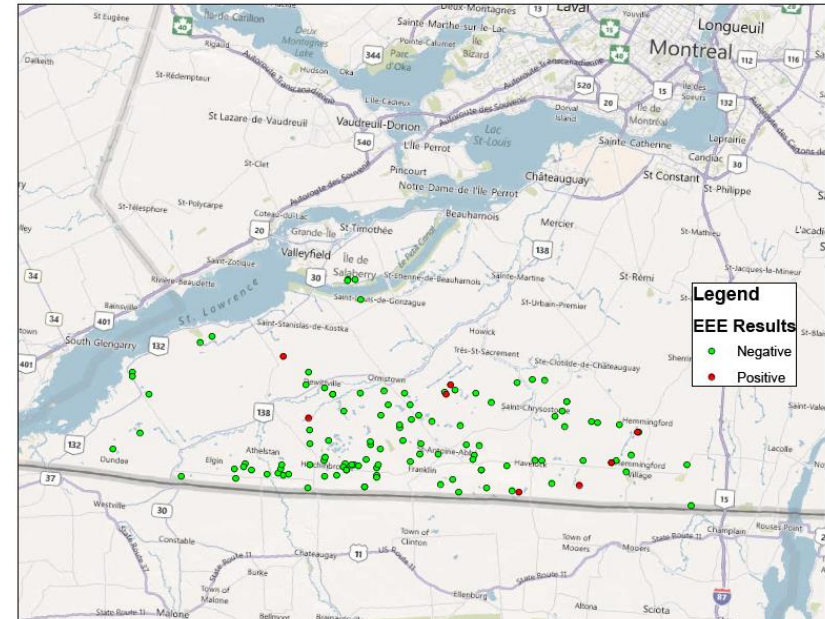
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# Public health tools: Sentinel surveillance for vector-borne diseases using deer/horses/dogs



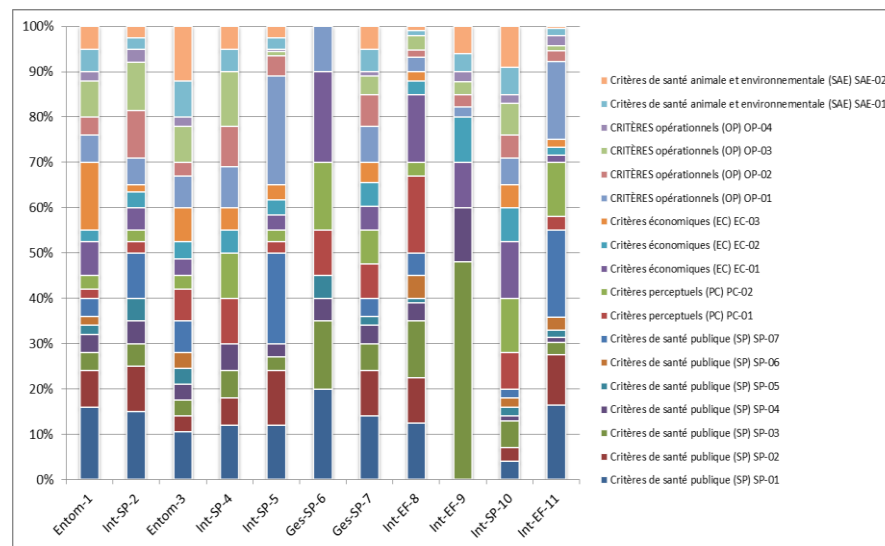
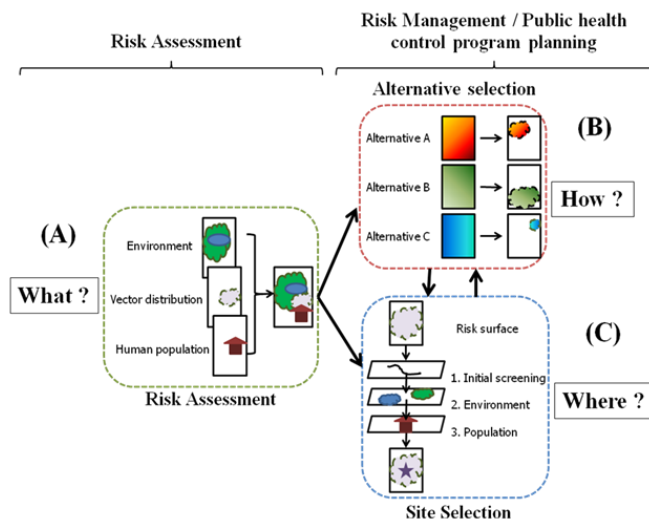
*I. scapularis* and *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*:  
Bouchard et al 2013 J Med Entomol



Arboviruses (EEE, WNV, CSGV)  
Rocheleau et al. 2017 Epidem Infect

# Public health tools: MCDA tool for decision-making on surveillance and control use

Lyme: Hongoh et al. 2011 Int J Health Geog MBD: Campagna et al., 2014 INSPQ



Implemented in QC, Tried in MB

Not used yet!



# Public health tools: scoping and systematic reviews



RESEARCH ARTICLE

## The Accuracy of Diagnostic Tests for Lyme Disease in Humans, A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of North American Research

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Cortin et al. *Tropical Medicine and Health* (2017) 45:21  
DOI: 10.1186/s41182-017-0061-x

Tropical Medicine  
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REVIEW

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## Risk perceptions, attitudes, and knowledge of chikungunya among the public and health professionals: a systematic review



RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Scoping Review of the Zika Virus Literature

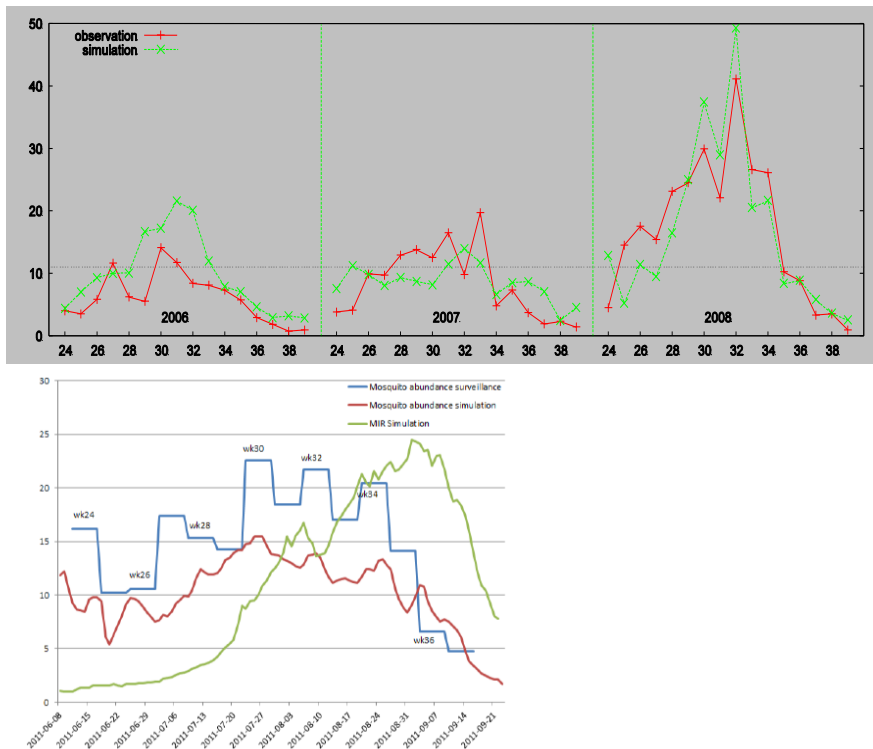
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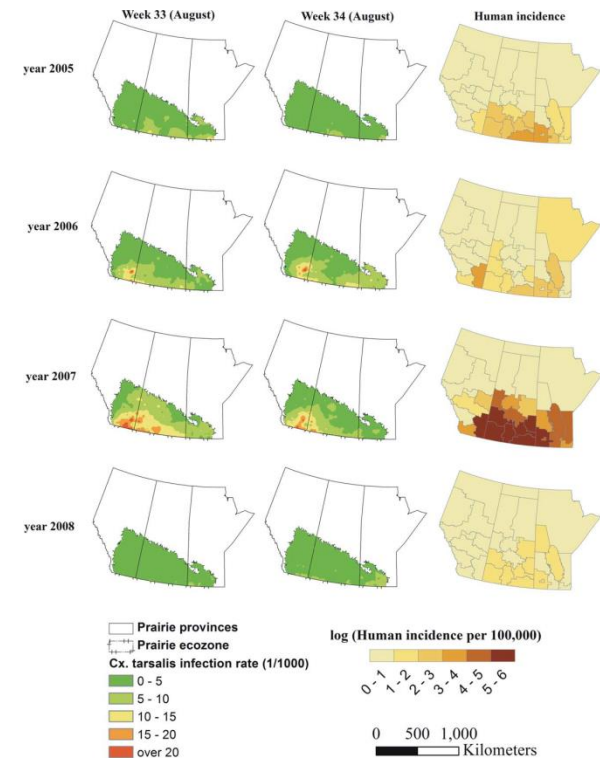
# Public health tools: WNV forecasting

Forecasting WNV risk in the east:  
Wang et al. 2011 J Med Entomol



Implemented in GTA  
Generalisability being assessed

Forecasting WNV risk in the prairies:  
Chen et al. 2011 J Med Entomol



Implemented in Saskatchewan



## Concluding points

- Risk assessments indicate risk of emergence of VBD via spread from neighbouring regions of US
- Risk of exotic/tropical VBD transmission low but not zero
- Surveillance has shown that Lyme and EEE have emerged in Canada
- Epidemic re-emergence of WNV is occurring with climate warming and variability
- Risk assessments and tools developed to assist Provinces and Territories to have greater adaptive capacity
- Tools include information on surveillance and control methods, decision analysis methods and forecasting models
- Dissemination of these tools remains a challenge to their uptake and use