

SESSION 2: ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGES

PANEL 2.1: Adaptation: Climate smart agriculture, water cycle and emergency preparedness



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Influences of climate change on emerging and re-emerging animal and zoonotic diseases; and the role of nuclear technology in this context

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climate change

animal and zoonotic diseases;



- ☞ Climate change provides more suitable environments for infectious diseases
- ☞ allowe disease-causing bacteria, viruses, and fungi to move into new areas where they may harm wild life and domestic species, as well as humans
- ☞ Pathogens can invade new areas and find new susceptible species as the climate warms and/or the winters get milder
- ☞ Insect-borne diseases are now present in temperate areas where the vector insects were non existent in the past e.g. trypanosomosis, anaplasmosis
- ☞ Humans are also at an increased risk from insect-born diseases such as malaria, dengue, and yellow fever

Vector Borne Disease (VBD)

3 elements must co-exist for the occurrence of VBD



Susceptible population

- Migration (forced)
- Vector environment



Vector: most often arthropods

- Survival, lifespan
- Reproduction/breeding patterns
- Biting behavior

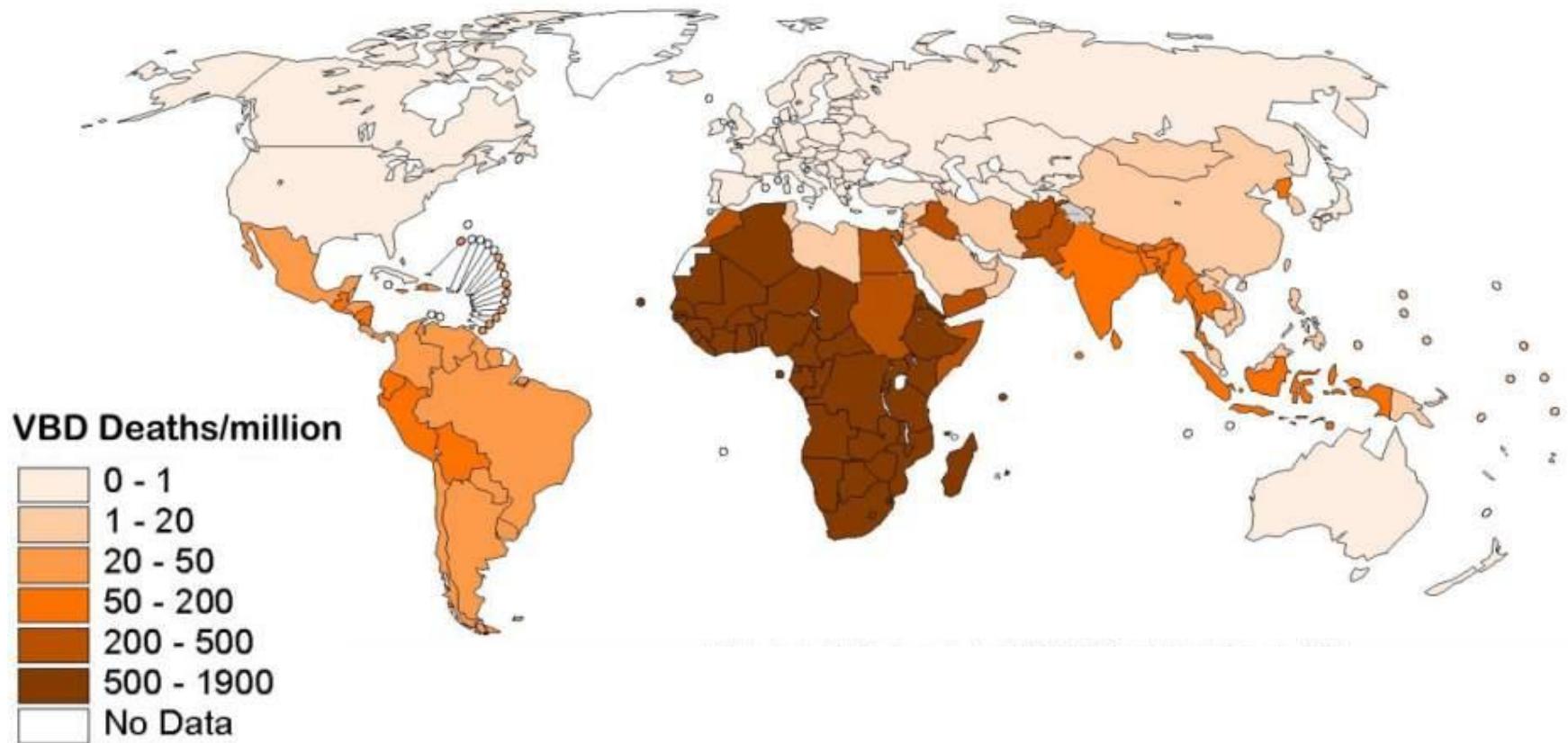


Pathogen:

- Survival
- Transmission
- Replication in host

Vector Born Disease

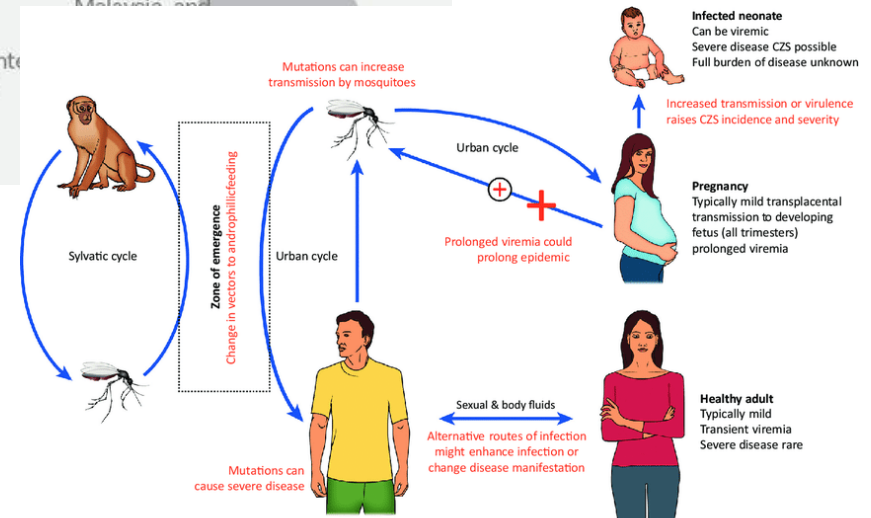
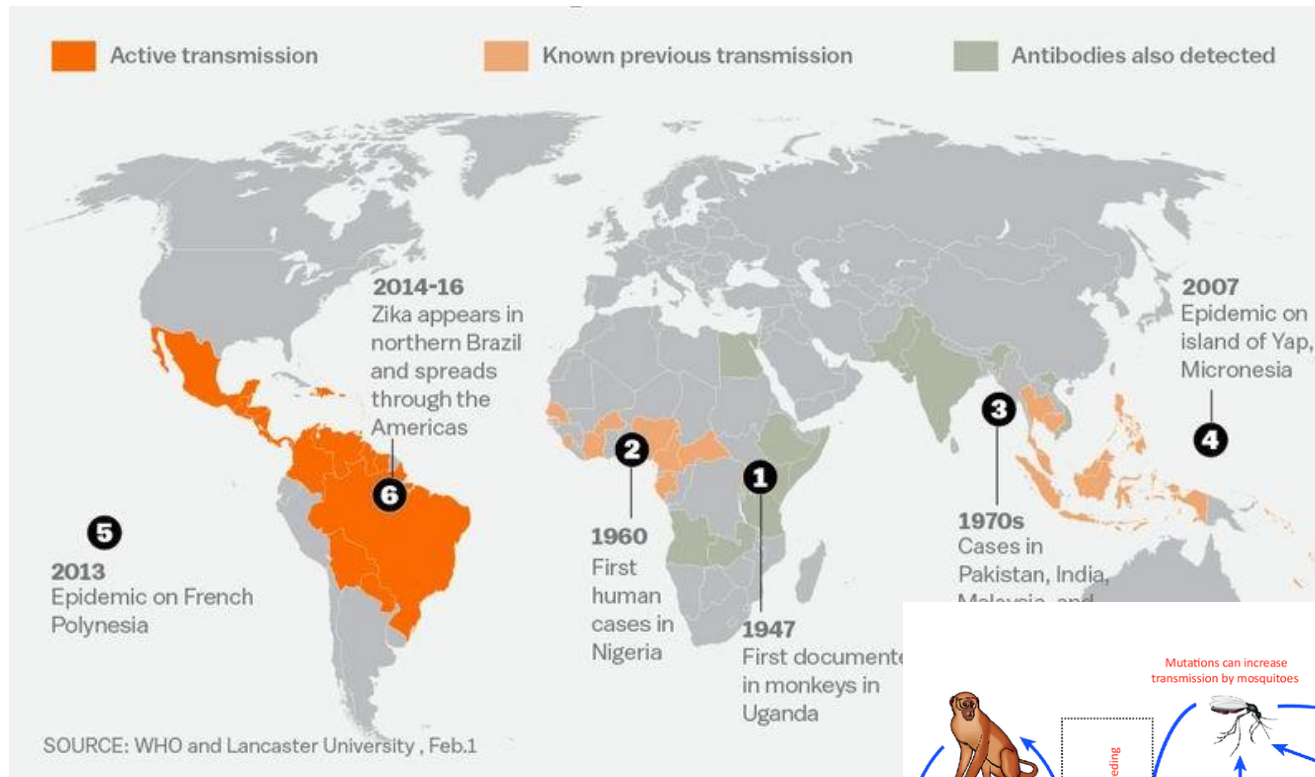
Mortality Distribution



WHO, VBDs collectively account for more than 1.5 million human deaths per year (Hill et al., 2005).

Zika Virus

Spread



Bluetongue (Ruminant)

biting midge: *Culicoides imicola*

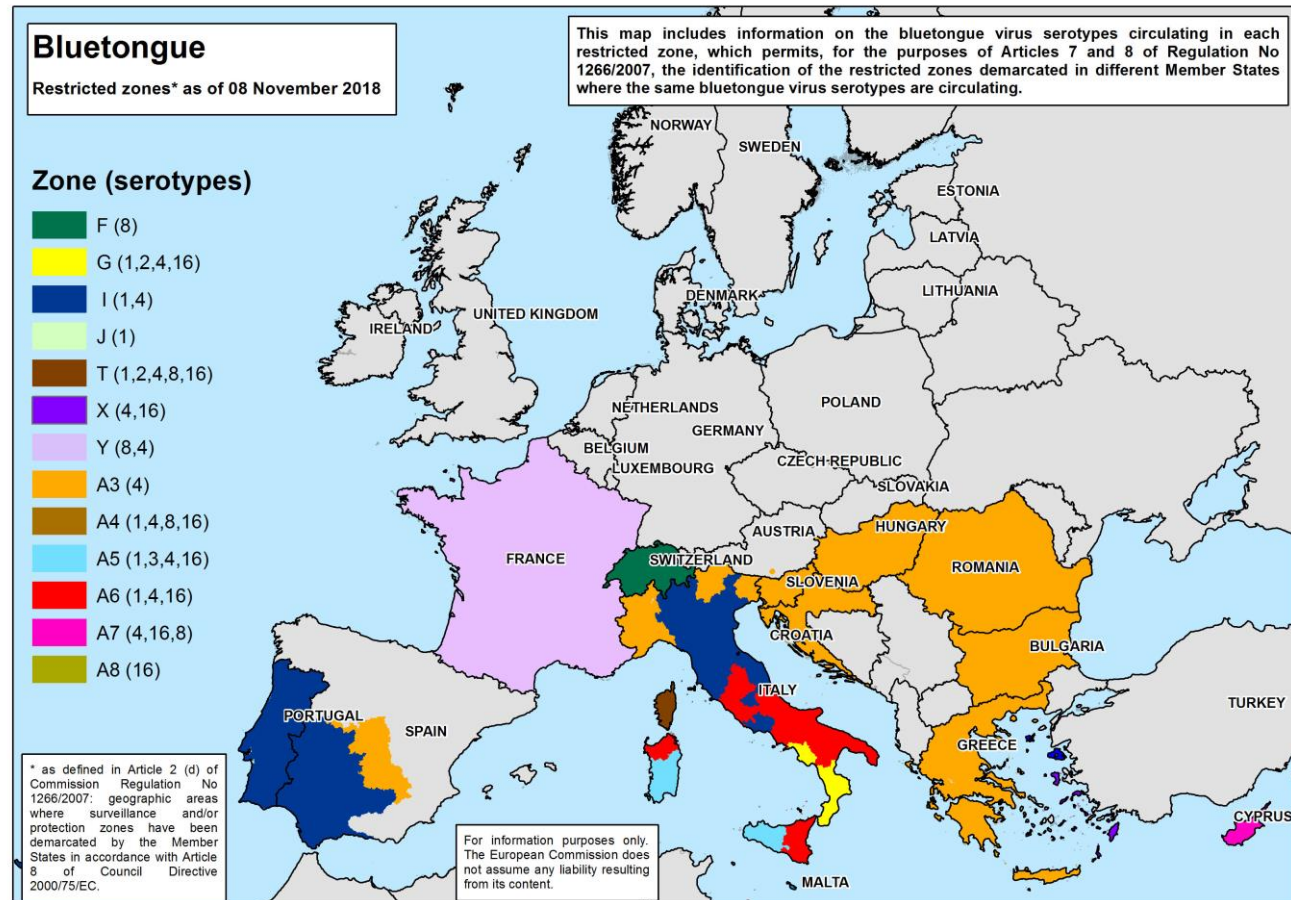


Culicoides biting midge



Source: DEFRA

1st description 1905 in South Africa



Bluetongue: Austrian vector monitoring



for declaring seasonal vector-free period (Brugger et al., 2016)

- Start of the seasonal vector-free period
 - as of the beginning of December, and/or
 - after 6 consecutive days with frost ($T_{\min} < 0^{\circ} \text{ C}$)
- Ending of the seasonal vector-free period
 - Catches with one *Culicoides imicola* or more than 5 (parous) *Culicoides obsoletus* and/or
 - after 7 consecutive days with mean daily temperature $> 10^{\circ} \text{ C}$ and so the beginning of the vector activity can be expected.

Vector monitoring 2017/18 Bluetongue: Austrian

Standort	Vektorfreier Zeitraum 1.12.2017 bis 30.4.2018																			
	Oktober				November					Dez.	Jän.	Feb.	März				April			
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Innsbruck	2/0	3/5	5/2	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Linz	0/0	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0
Mödling	10/8	23/19	2/3	0/0	0/5	0/4	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	7/1	65/5
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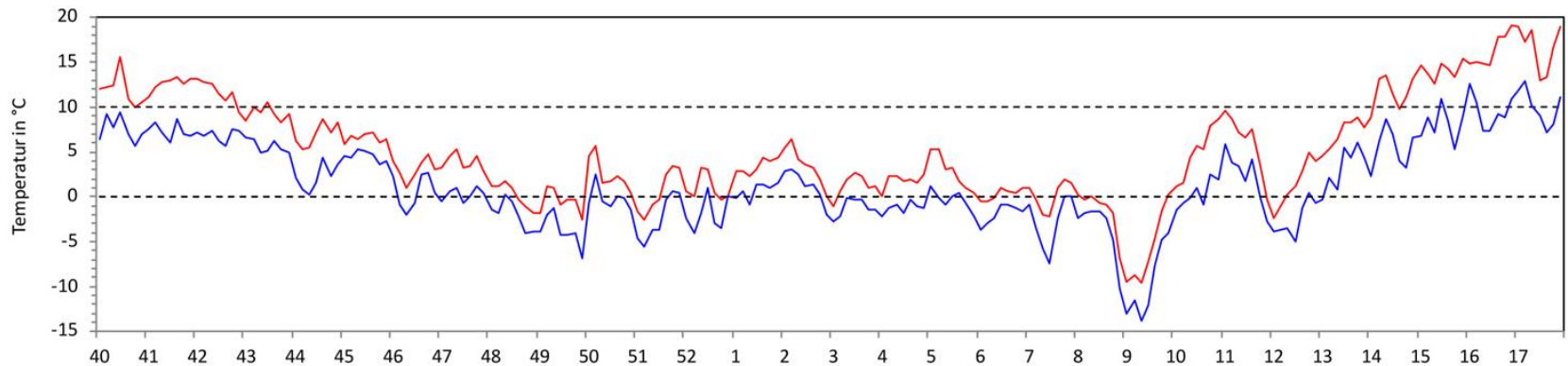
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nullipare Gnitzen



< 5 pare Gnitzen
≥ 5 pare Gnitzen



Tagesmitteltemperatur bzw. Temperaturminimum (gemittelt über die Stationen Wien, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz)

the role of nuclear technology in context
emerging and re-emerging
animal and zoonotic diseases?

Cooperation: IAEA – AGES (AT)

Our goals: health, food security, food safety



Austrian Agency for Health & Food Safety



**to contribute to sustainable
food security and safety by
use of nuclear techniques
and biotechnology**



Austria

Center for Biosafety (L3+)

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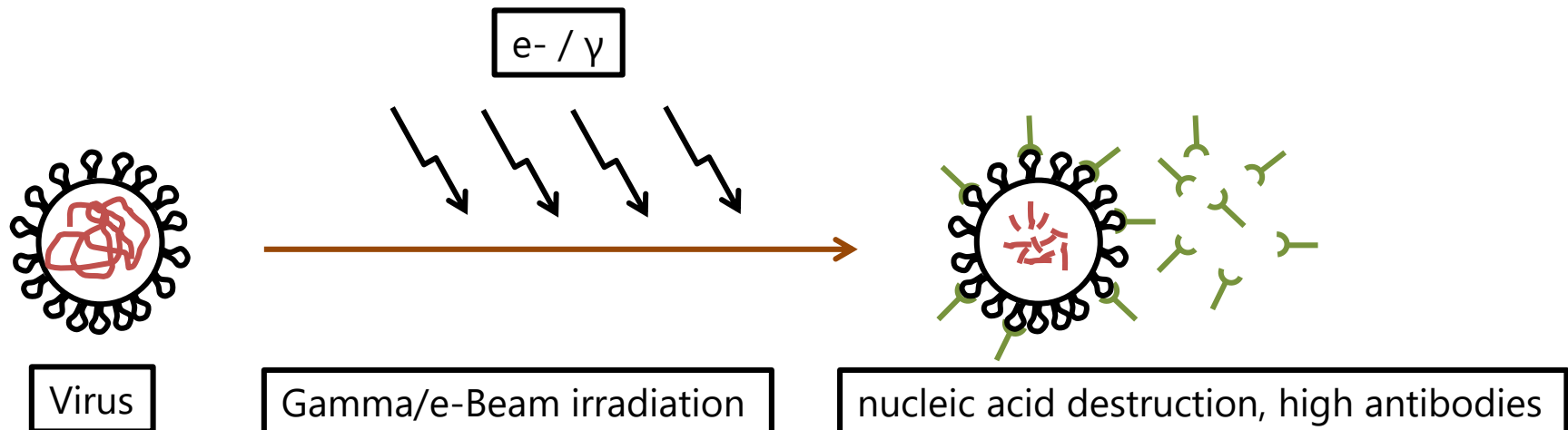


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↪ rapid diagnostic techniques

- developing and validating early and rapid diagnostic techniques: ELISA, PCR, real time PCR and sequencing
- 1. African Swine Fever, Lumpy skin Disease, Avian Influenza, ...

↪ irradiation of pathogens for vaccine production



Sterile Insect Technique - Mosquitoes

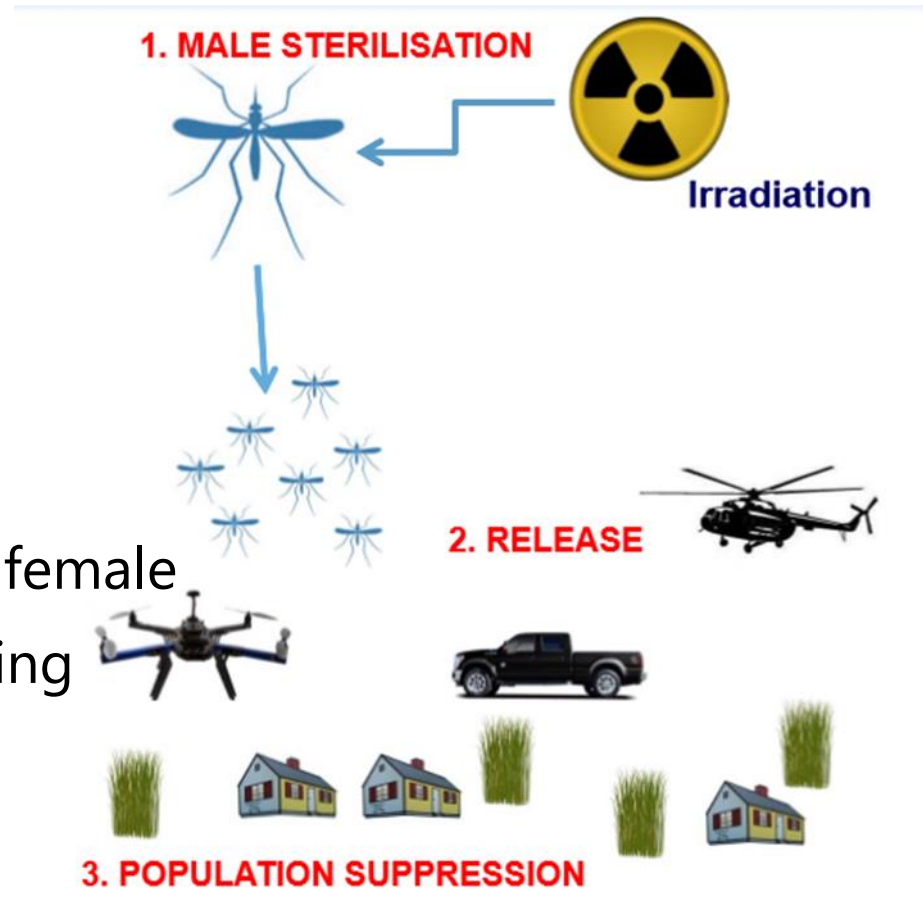
Insect pest controle

☞ The SIT Package:

- Mass rearing
- Sex separation, males
- Sterilisation by irradiation
- Packing, Transport
- Release

☞ Mating sterile male with wild female

☞ Matings result in no offspring



Successful Uses of SIT to Manage Insect Pests



Pink Bollworm in USA
eradication



Mediterranean fruit fly
in various countries
Prevention,
suppression,
eradication



False Codling Moth in
South Africa
suppression



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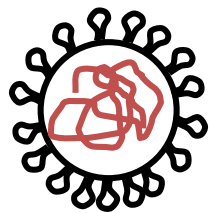
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Irradiated Vaccine – killed Vaccine

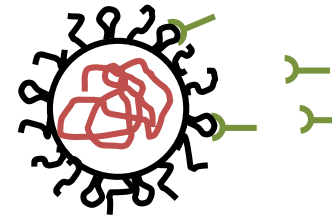
Gamma- / e-Beam Irradiation



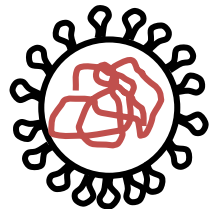
Virus



Formalin



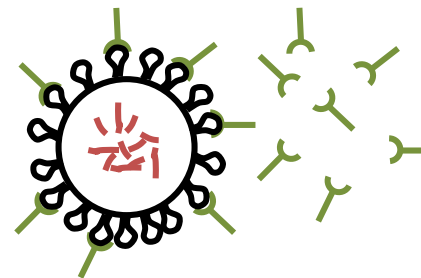
viral destruction, low antibodies



Virus



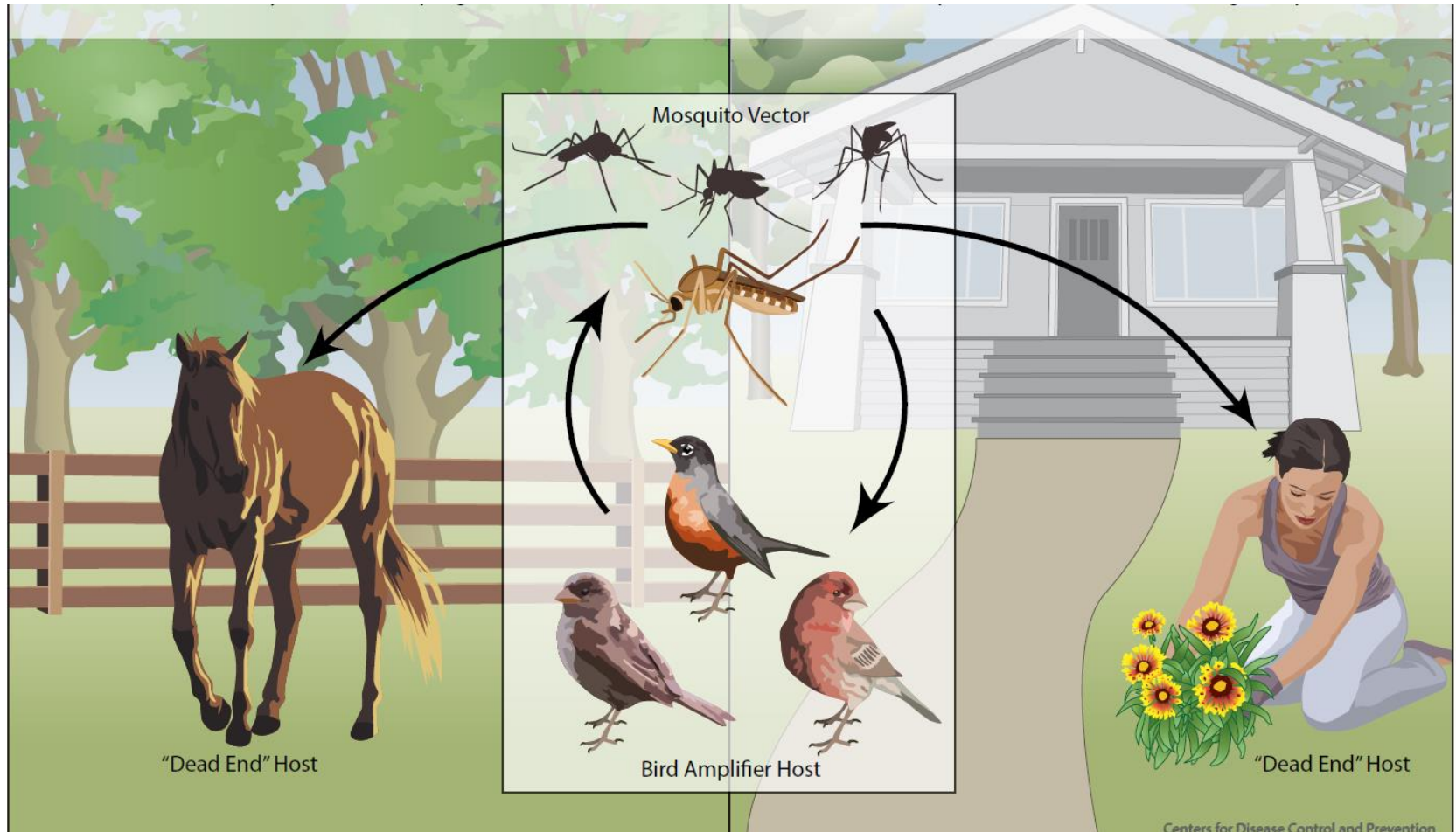
Gamma/e-Beam irradiation



nucleic acid destruction, high antibodies

West Nile Virus

Transmission Cycle

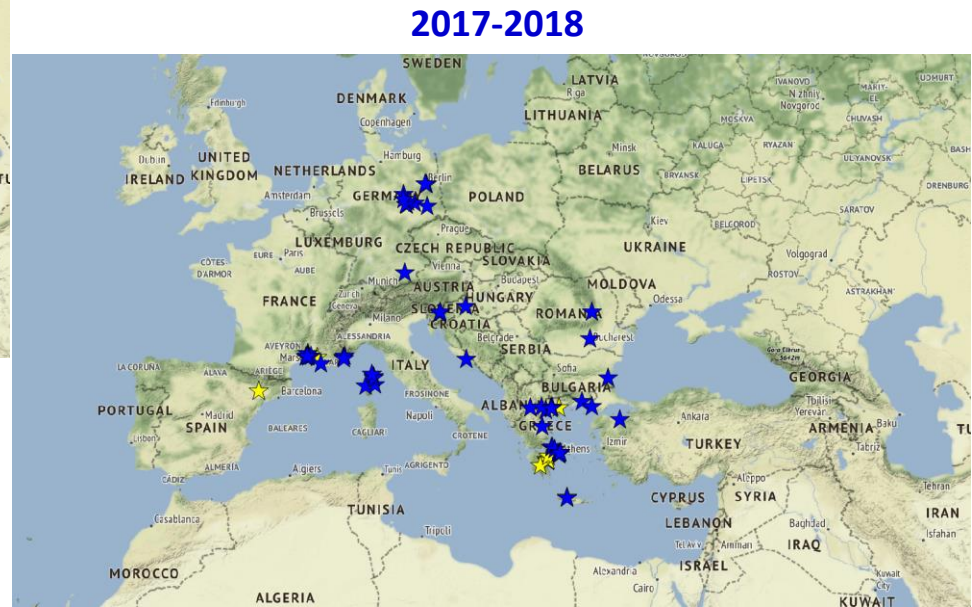


West Nile Fever

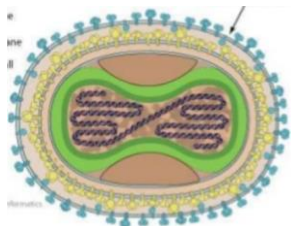
Geographical shift between 2015 and 2018



2015-2016



2017-2018

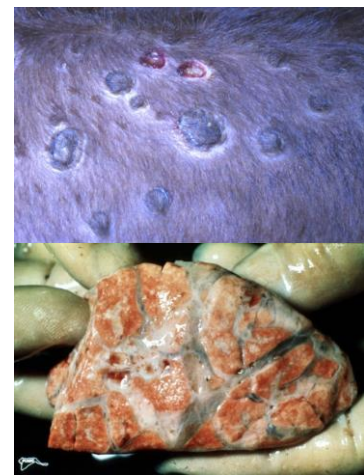


Lumpy Skin Disease

Caused by a virus from the family Poxviridae, genus Capripoxvirus
It is one of the biggest viruses

Transmission

- Direct contact
- Vector arthropods (mechanical
- Secretions / excretions



Skin and lung lesions
(Credit: Noah's Arkive, PIADC)



Mosquitoes (Aedes aegypti)



*Ticks, multiple species
(Ixodes, Ripicephalus, Hyalomma, etc)*



Mosquitoes (Culex)



Stable fly (Stomoxys calcitrans)

Lumpy skin disease distribution

January 2006 – September 2016

