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Including the ecology of vector and pathogen  
in mosquito-borne disease risk assessment  
in times of climate change:

## Dengue transmission by *Aedes albopictus*

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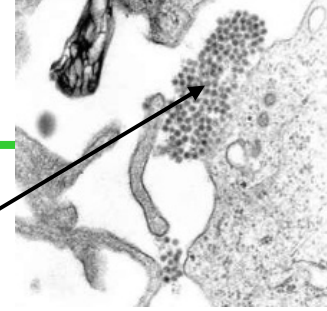
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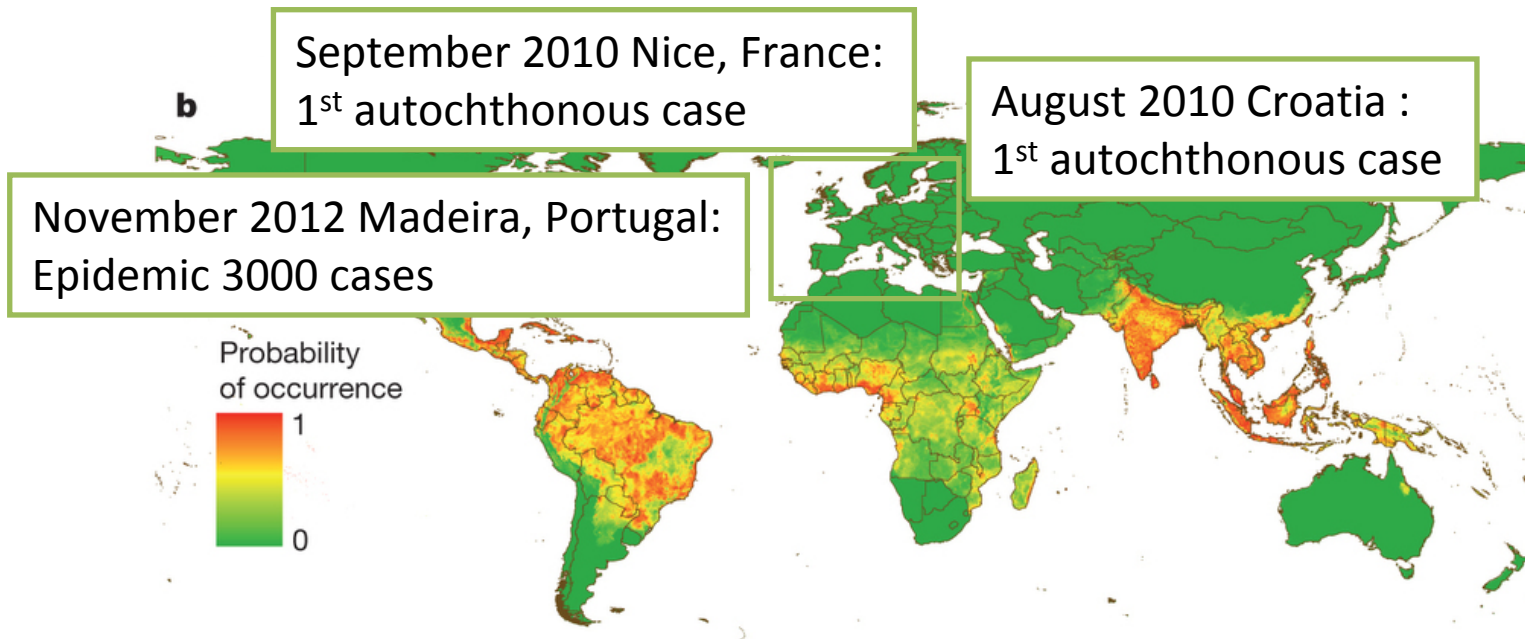
**IECID 2015 - Impact of Environmental Changes on Infectious Diseases**  
Sitges, March 2015



# Dengue



- Most rapidly spreading mosquito-borne Flavivirus, (+)ssRNA
- 30-fold increase in global incidence during the past 50 years
- dengue infections per year (modeled by Bhatt et al. 2013):  
apparent: 96 million    unapparent: 294 million





# *Aedes albopictus*

- Native to southeast Asia
- Dispersed on all continents (except Antarctica) mainly due to shipping of used tires and potted plants
- Establishment started where the traded goods were landed
- Aggressive day-biter and tree-hole breeder
- Vector of 24 pathogens such as Dengue and Chikungunya virus





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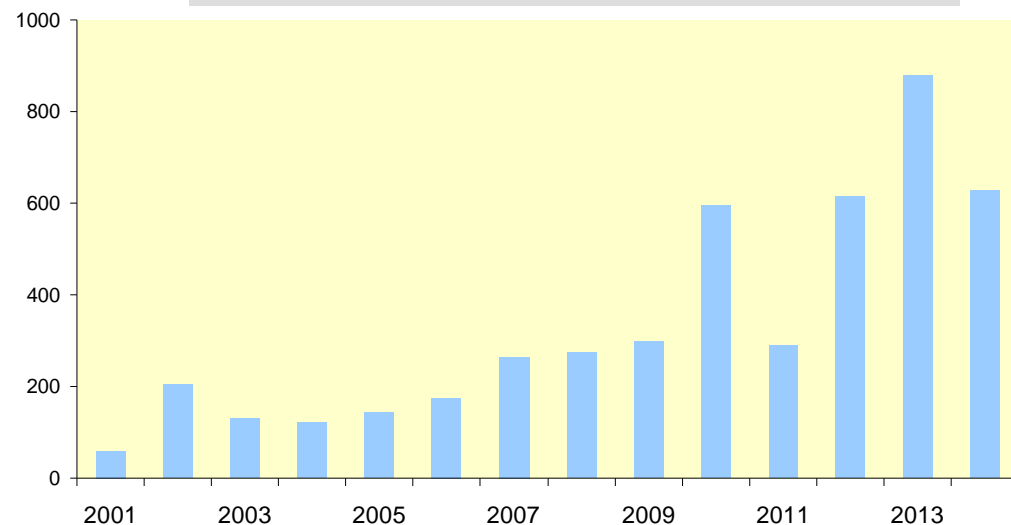
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### *Travel related Dengue cases in Germany*



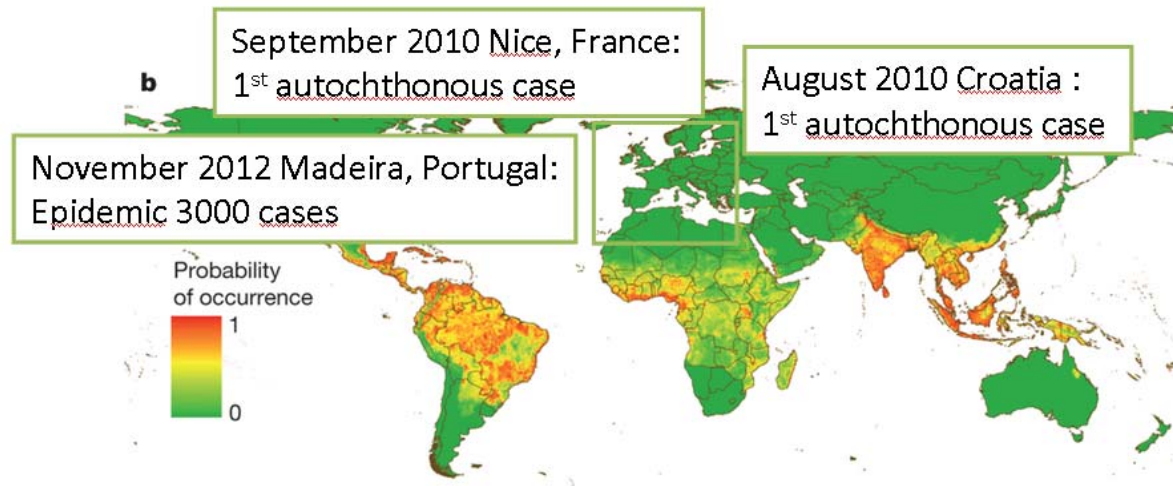


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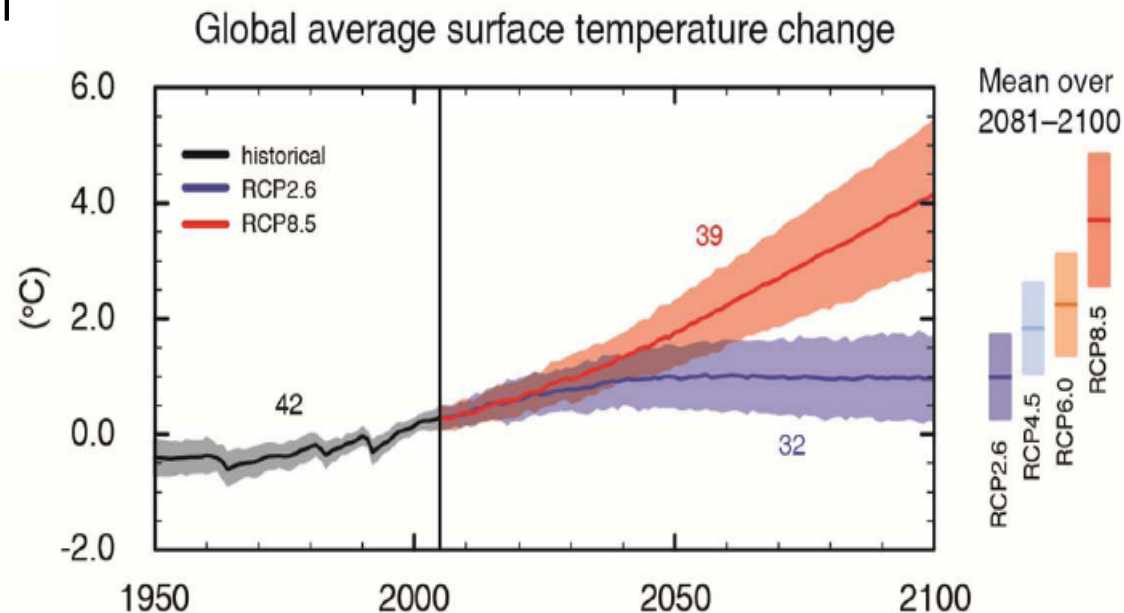


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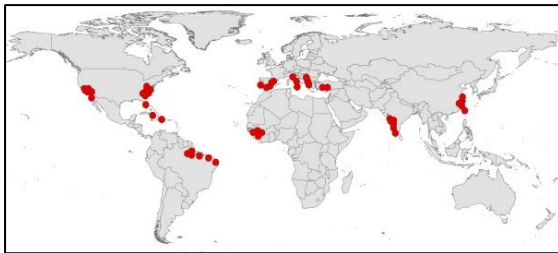
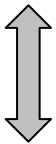
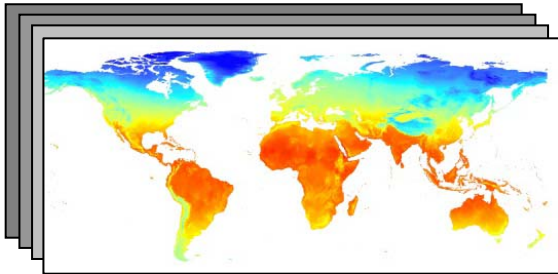


# Correlative Modelling



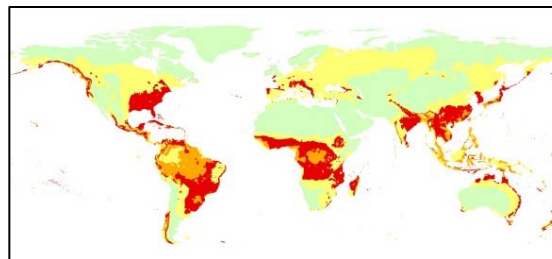
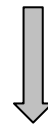
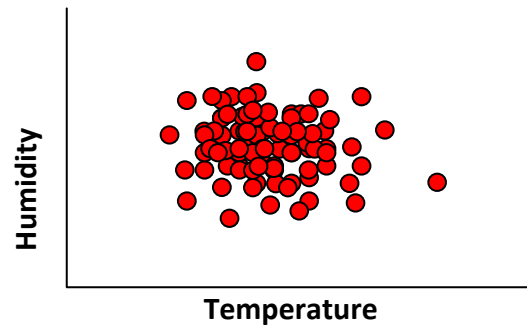
## 1.) Current

Climatic variables +  
Occurrence records



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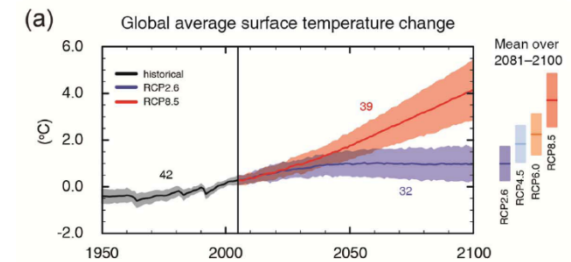
Identify environmental  
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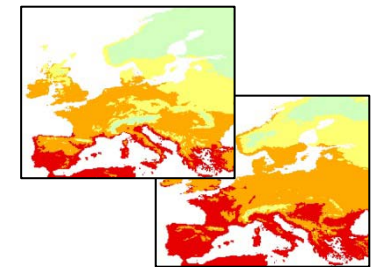
## 3.) Future

Relate to climate  
change models

IPCC scenarios, AR5, 2013



MPI-ESM /  
COSMO





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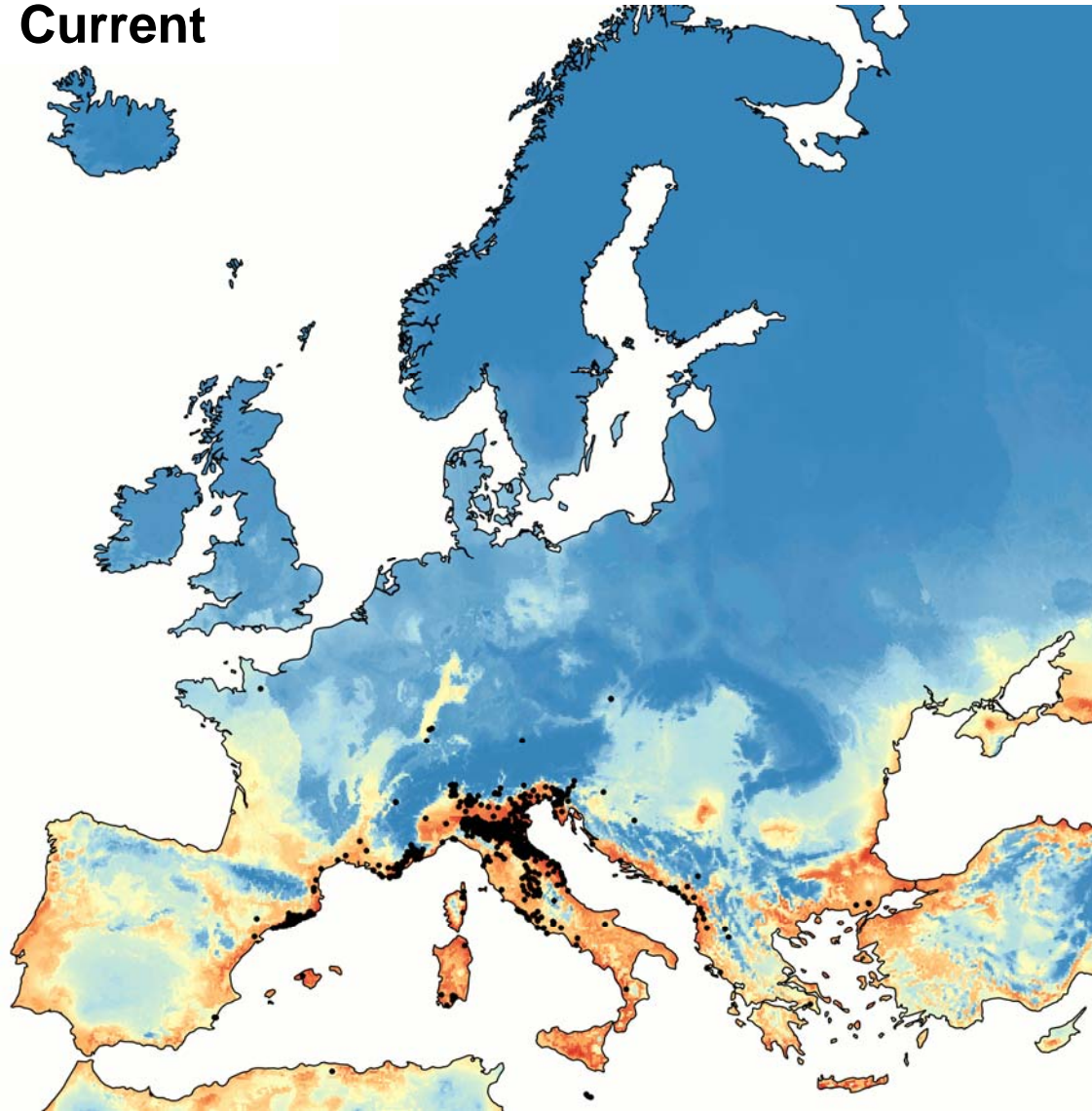
- Correlative species distribution model using
- Ensemble approach (biomod2) combining GLM, GBM, RF and Maxent
- 6913 observed presences
- Climatic variables derived from worldclim (5 arc min):
  - Mean temperature of driest quarter
  - Mean temperature of warmest quarter
  - Mean temperature of coldest quarter
  - Max temperature of warmest month
  - Min temperature of coldest month
  - Annual mean temperature
- Five global climate models
- Two IPCC 5 scenarios: rcp 4.5 (+1.8°C) and rcp 8.5 (+3.7°C)



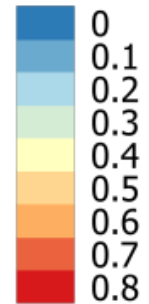
# Results: Correlative model



Current



Climatic suitability



- no data
- Observed occurrence *Ae. albopictus*

Ensemble of GLM, GBM, RF and MAXENT



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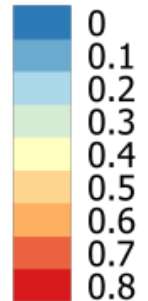
2021-2040

2041-2060

2061-2080

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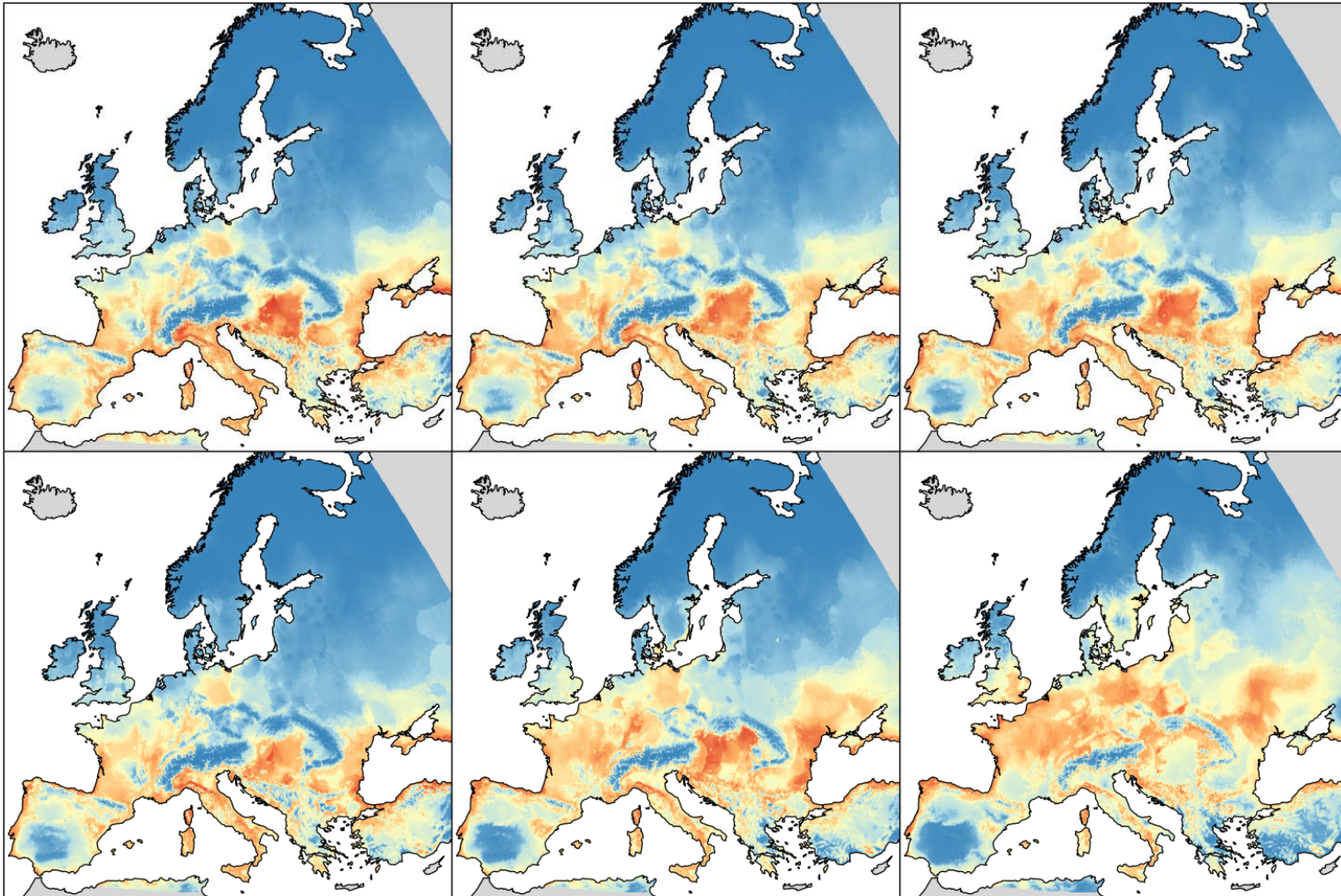
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RCP 4.5

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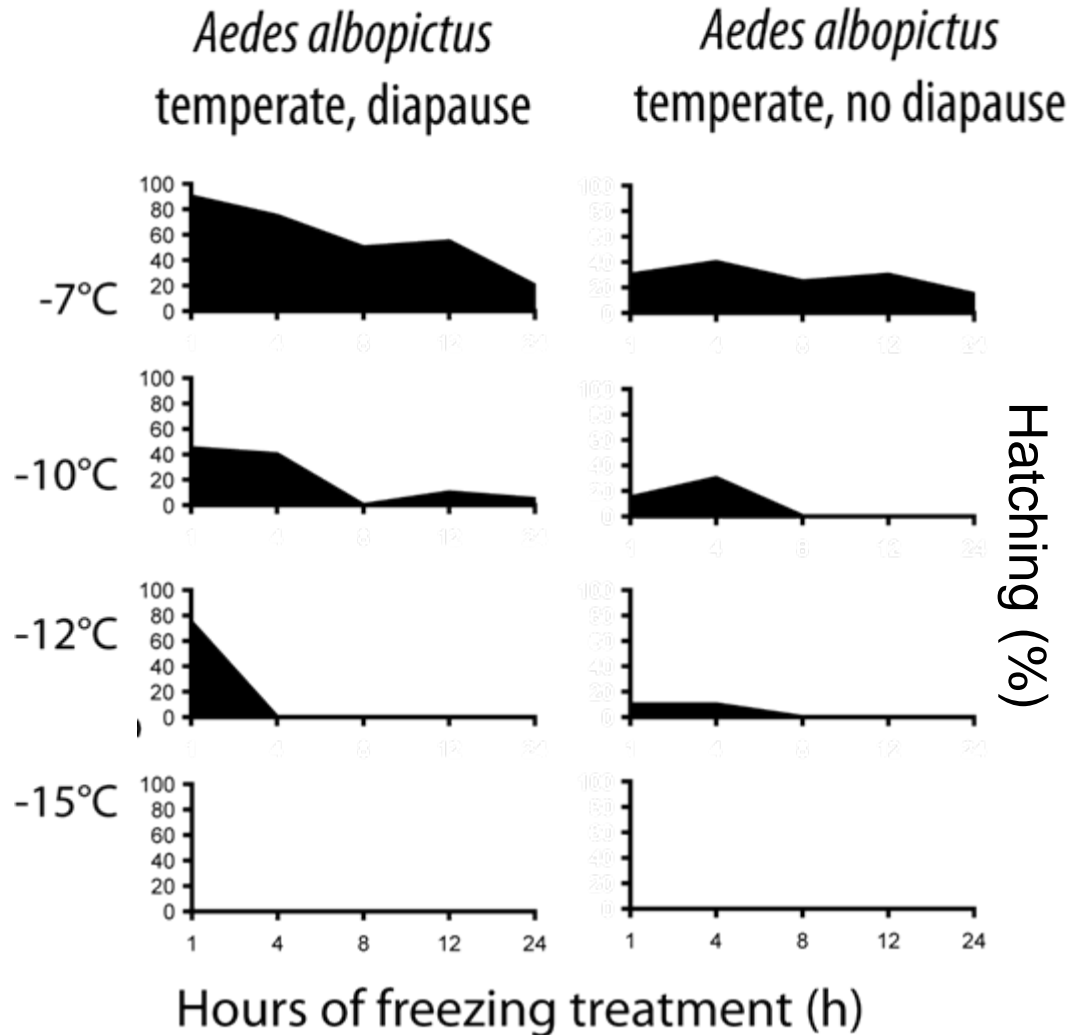
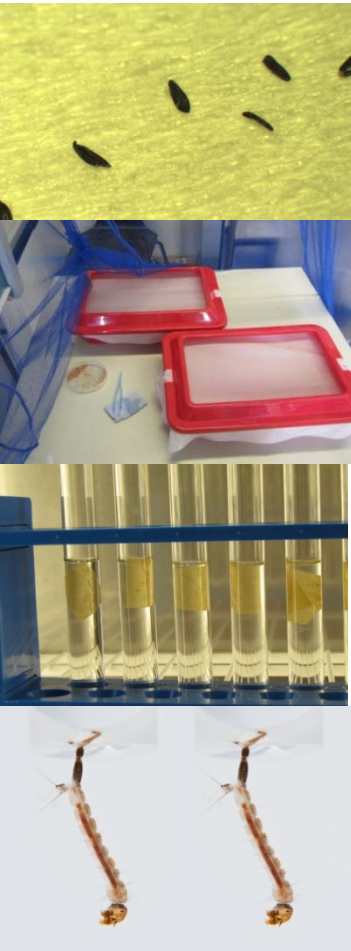
Climate model: MPI-ESM-LR; Ensemble of GLM, GBM, RF and MAXENT



# Methods: Ecological Constraints



Climate chamber experiments to detect low temperature thresholds for mosquito egg survival

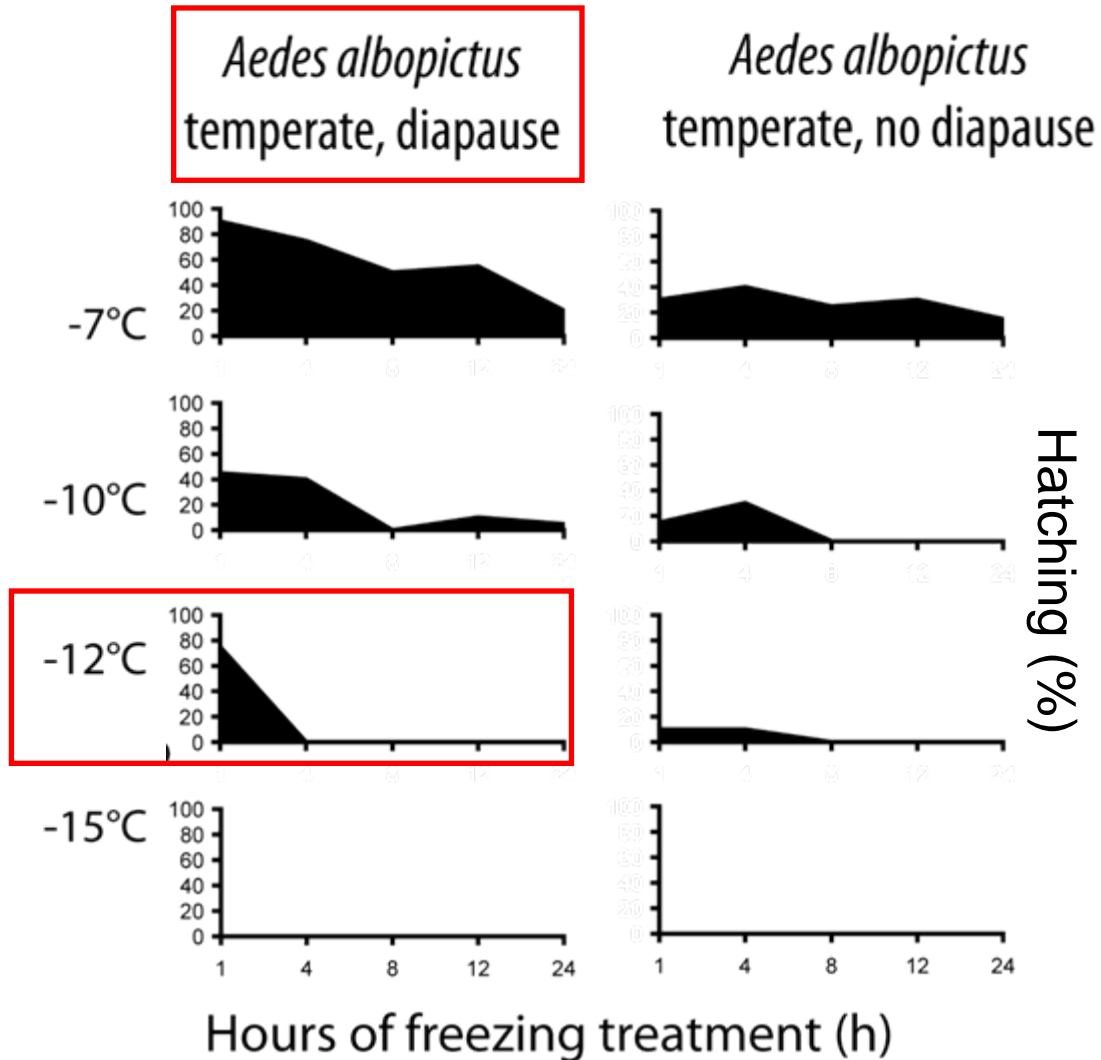
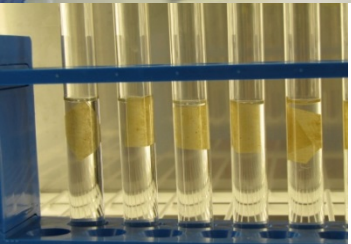
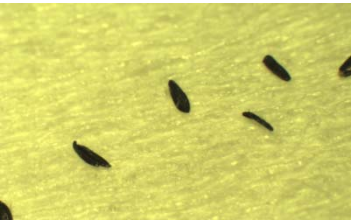




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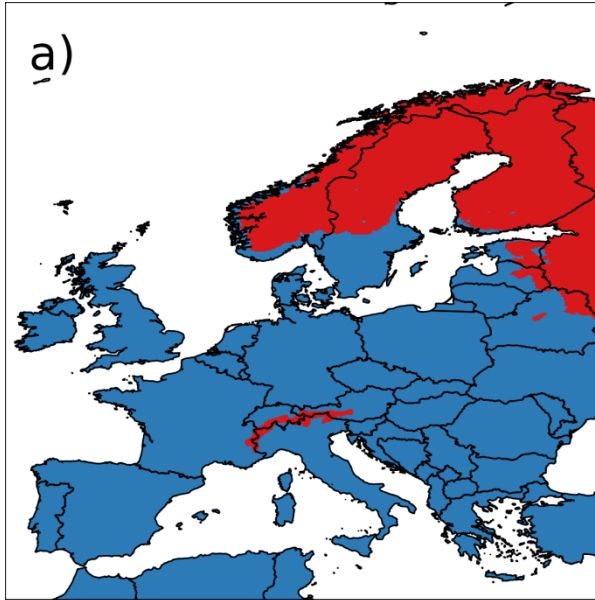


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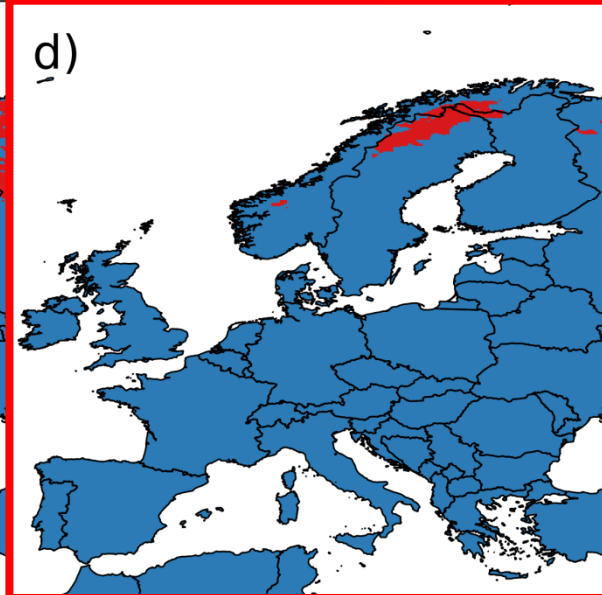
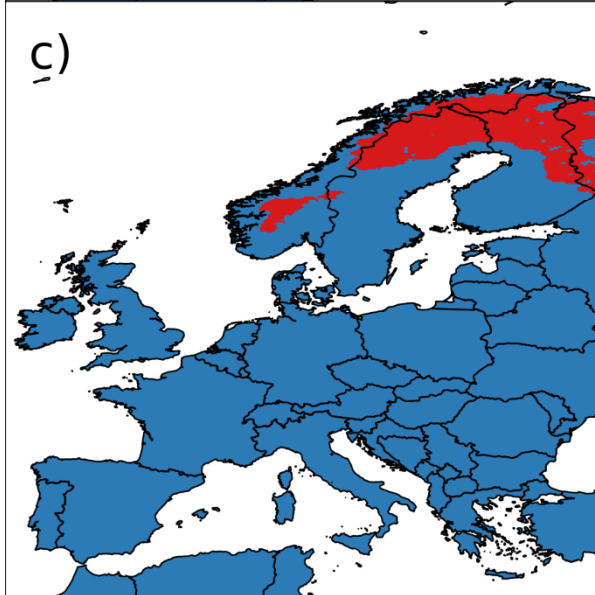


a) *Ae. albopictus*, tropical, non-diapause ( $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

c) *Ae. albopictus*, temperate, non-diapause ( $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

d) *Ae. albopictus*, temperate, diapause ( $-12^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

 no survival  
 survival



Scenario: RCP 4.5

Timestep: 2021-2040

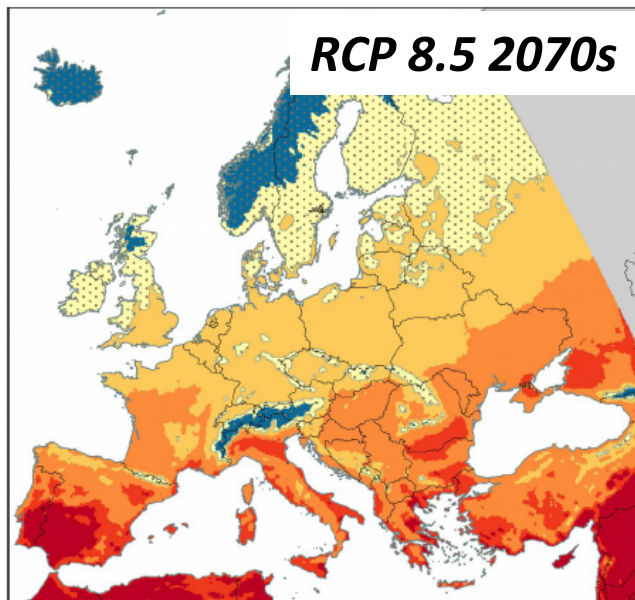
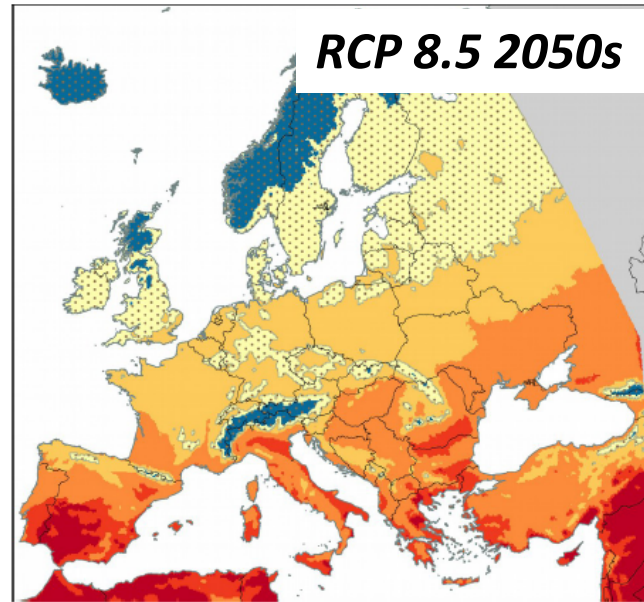
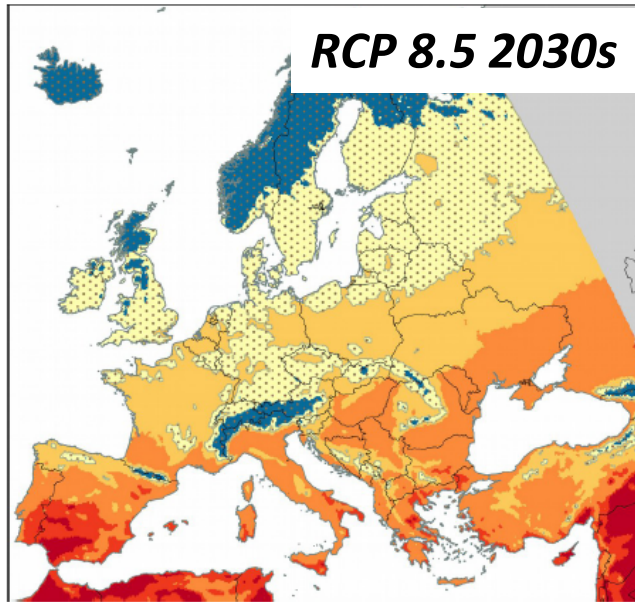
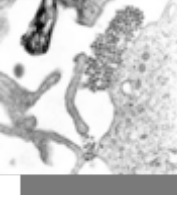
Climate model:  
MPI-ESM / COSMO



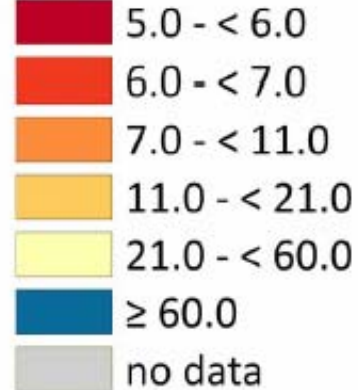




# Results: Extrinsic Incubation Period



EIP (d)



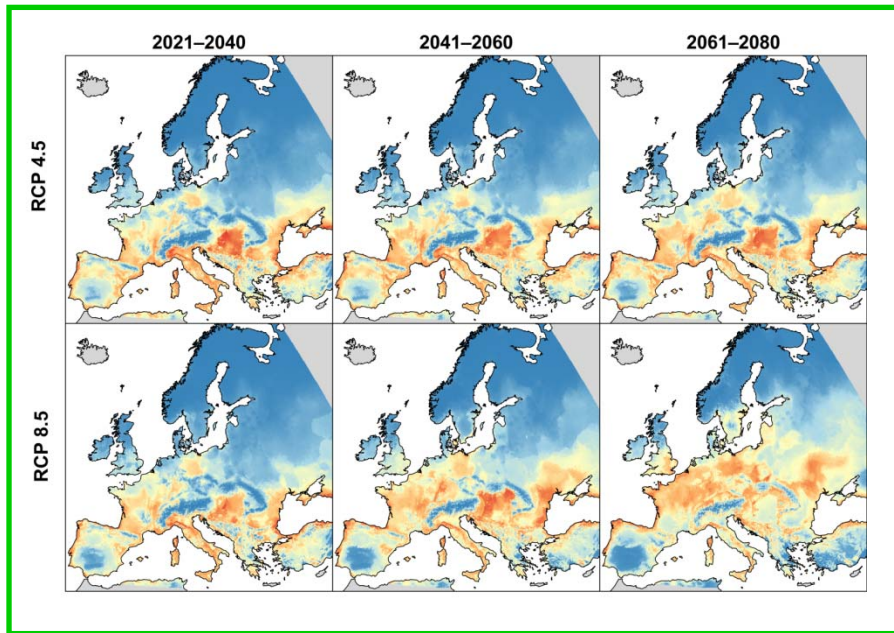
Unfulfilled flying condition



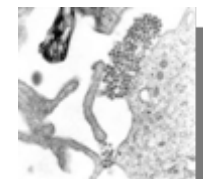
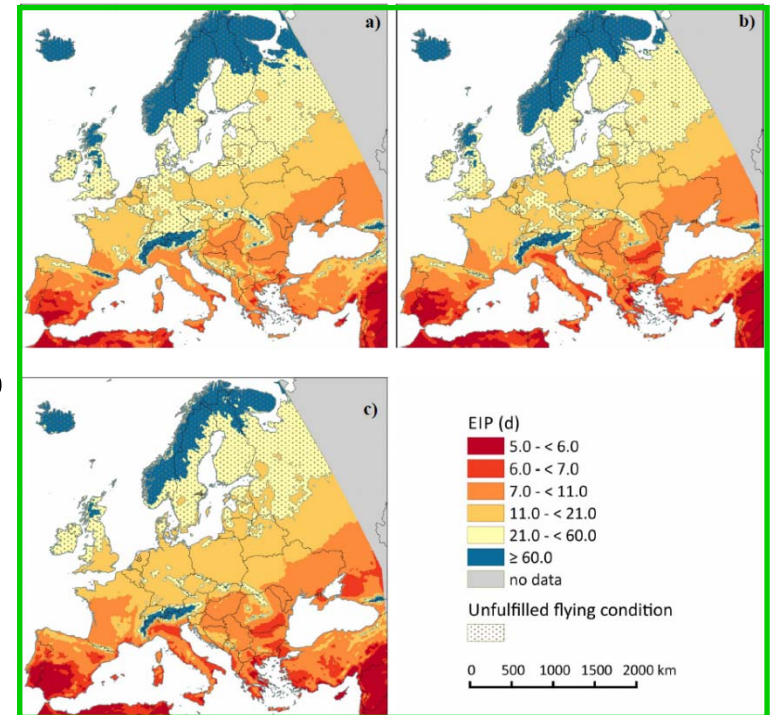


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*Aedes albopictus*  
climatic suitable regions

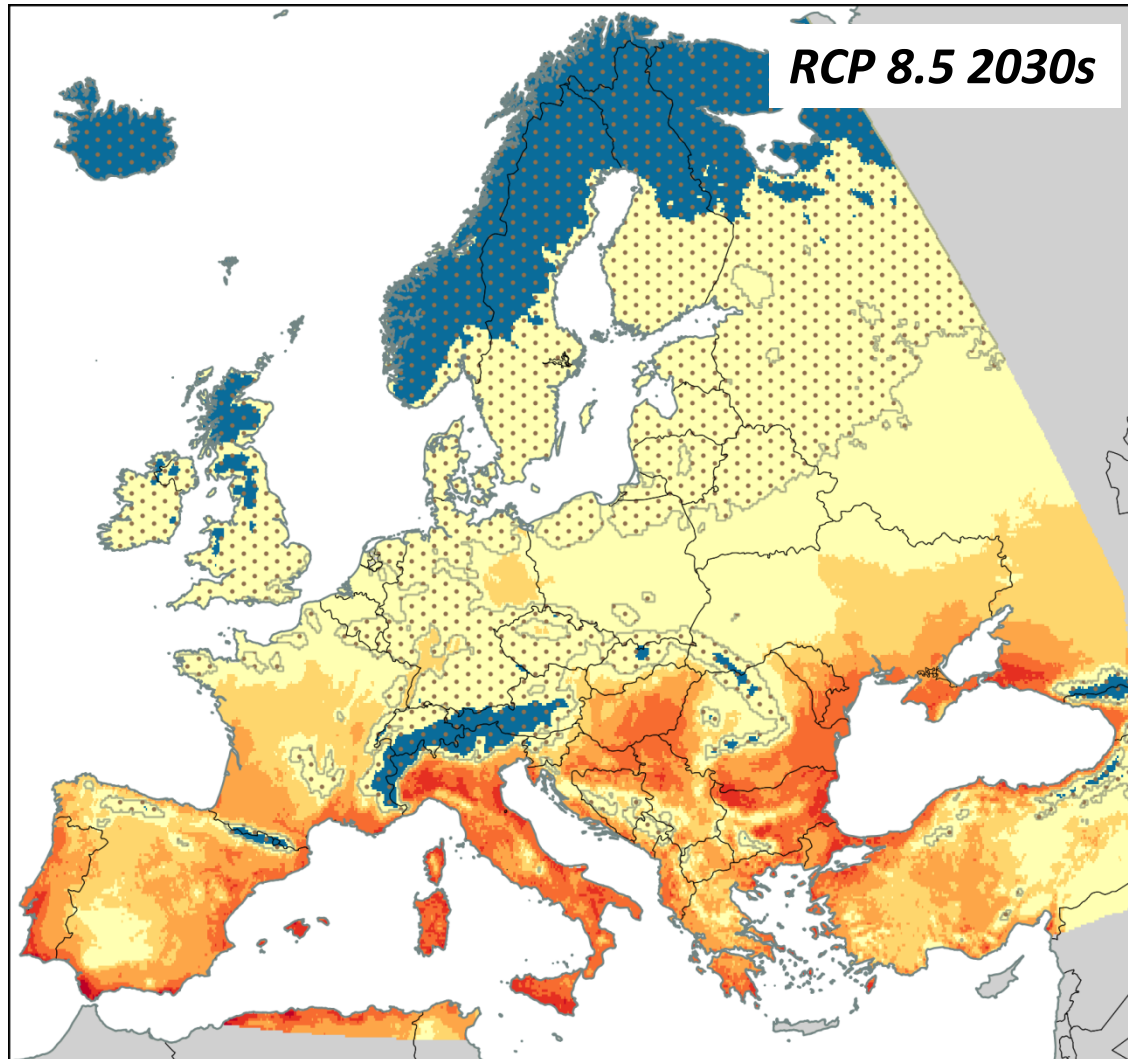


Dengue  
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# Results: Dengue Transmission



Climatic suitability

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0.3 - < 0.4

0.4 - < 0.5

≥ 0.5

no data

EIP (d) ≥ 60.0



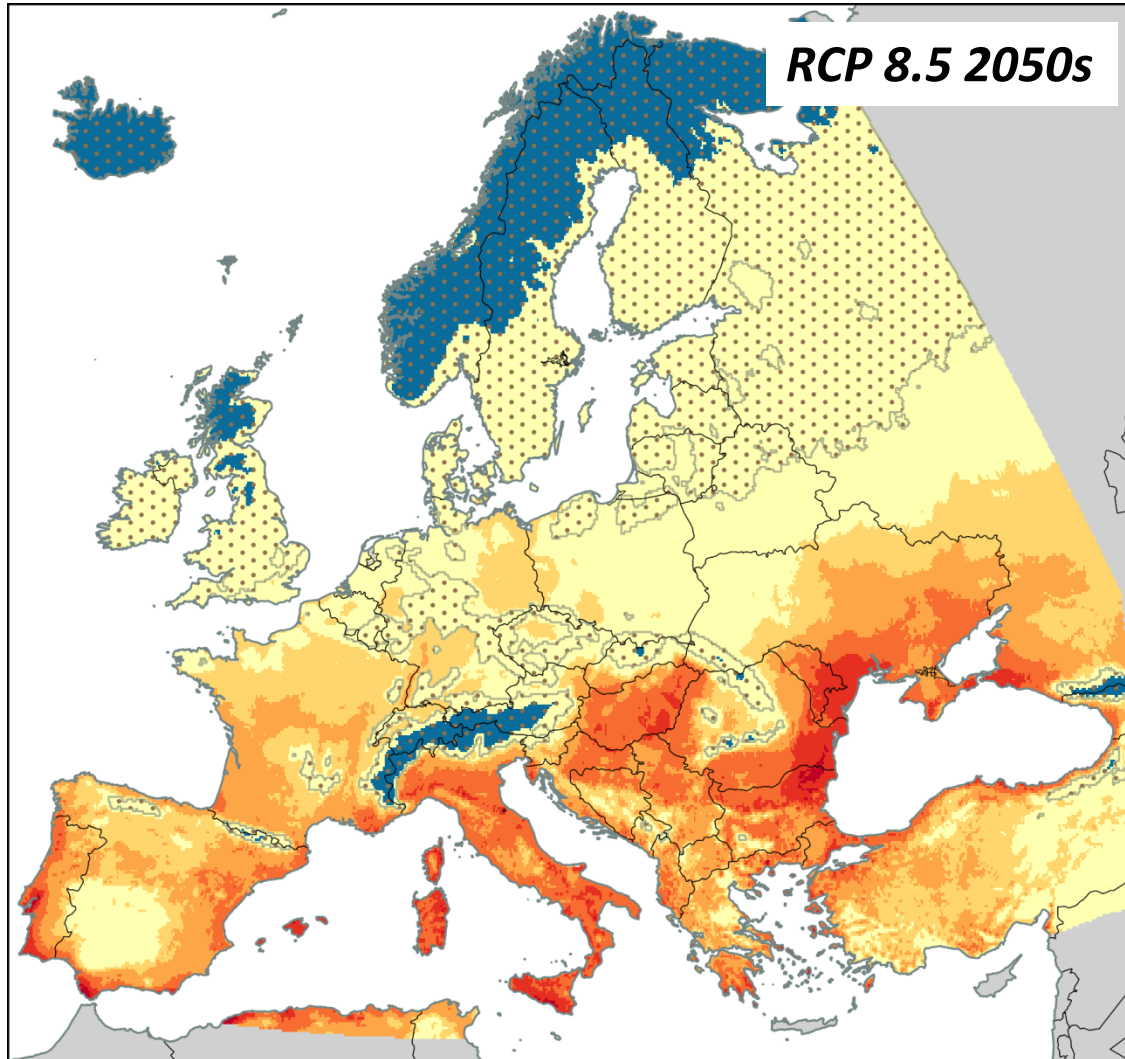
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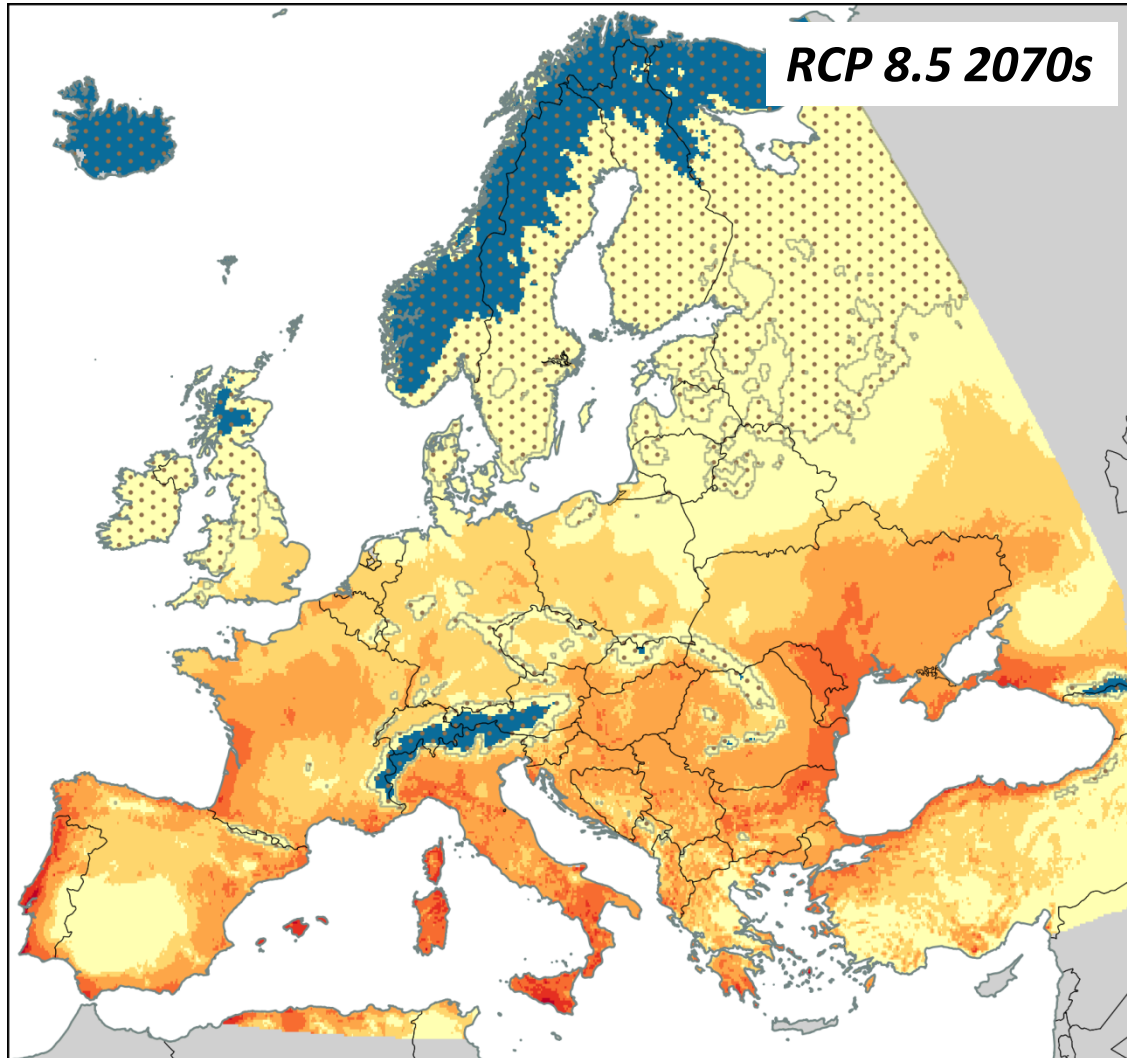


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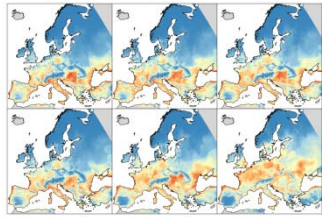


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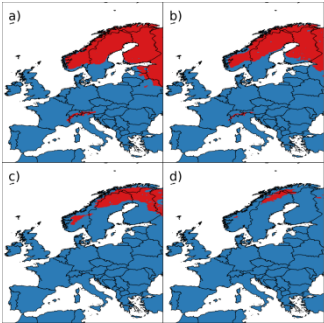




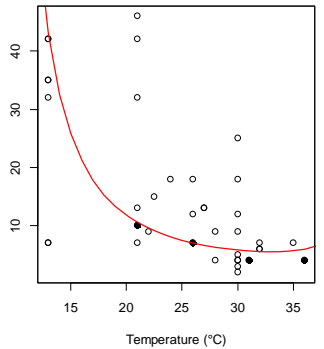
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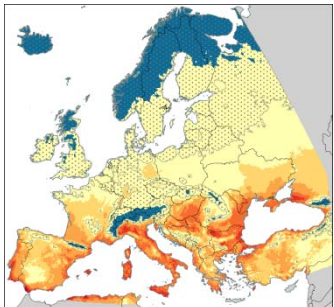
- Increasing climatic suitability for *Ae. albopictus* in Europe up to the end of the century



- Cold tolerance of eggs limits establishment of *Ae. albopictus*, but cannot usefully be replicated with climate models
  - weather data



- Implementing non linear regression of EIP highly supports Dengue risk assessment
  - EIP Experiments are needed with *Ae. albopictus* especially between 15-20°C - temperate climate



- Areas at Risk for Dengue by combining projections for vector & pathogen:

Islands of the Mediterranean Sea  
coastal areas Mediterranean Sea  
large areas in southeastern Europe



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