

流行病學建模與分析

Modeling and Analysis of Infectious Disease Epidemiology

0. Course Introduction and Fundamental Concepts

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Course Overview

- The course covers selected topics and techniques in the use of **mathematical models** to study the **transmission dynamics** of infectious diseases, including 2009 **A(H1N1) flu pandemic**.
- Use of **mathematics and statistics** to analyze and evaluate the **effectiveness and impact of intervention measures** for infectious disease outbreaks.
- Particular attention will be given to the **underlying model assumptions** and to **biological understanding** and **epidemiological interpretation** that can be obtained from the modeling.



Course Contents

- Class sessions will primarily consist of lectures, a mid-term exam, and a course report/project. Introduction of basic ideas of elementary mathematics tools used, including difference equations, linear algebra, and calculus, will be given.
- Topics include design and construction of appropriate mathematical models, and determination and interpretation of important parameters, such as basic reproduction number (感染基數) R_0 of an infectious disease.



Course Contents (cont)

- The course is designed for graduate students in **public health** or in **applied mathematics and statistics** who wish to **understand** mathematical models relating to their research or to **develop** models for their own work.
- A **course project** of building a “simple” infectious disease model is required for students, either individually or in group.
- **For master students**, the model **need not** be original, but can be taken from literature in the form of a **paper report**.



Purpose of the Course

- **1st Semester:** To learn to **understand and appreciate** models, and also to understand the **inadequacies** of modeling
- **2nd Semester:** To learn to **analyze** infectious disease outbreaks with **models** and to **construct models** for research



Similar Courses in the World

- **Oxford University/Imperial College:** An Intensive 2-3 weeks Short Course: epidemiology and control of Infectious Diseases (since 1990)
- **Harvard School of Public Health:** Mathematical Modeling of Infectious Diseases; Infectious Disease Dynamics
- **Johns Hopkins SPH:** Modeling of Infectious Disease
- **UC/Berkeley:** Modeling the Dynamics of Infectious Disease Processes
- **Yale University:** Modeling the Epidemiology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases



Background requirements

- High school mathematics (e.g., **sequences** 數列, **rate of change** 變率, **matrix** 矩陣)
- Some (**very little**) knowledge of elementary **calculus** and **statistics**
- Some knowledge of **computing software**, Matlab, Maple, Mathematica, Phaser, SAS. Etc.



第一學期教學進度表(1)

	時間	主題	負責人
1	9/13	Course Introduction and Fundamental Concepts (lecture 0)	謝英恆
2	9/20	Exponential and logistic growth: simple examples of difference and differential equation models (lecture 1)	"
3	9/27	A Simple Model for Real-time Prediction of Outbreak Severity (lecture 2)	"
4	10/4	Introduction to epidemic models: Some Simple Epidemics (lecture 3)	"
5	10/11	SIS and SIR models (lecture 4)	"
6	10/18	"	"
7	10/25	Mass action and Standard Incidence (lecture 5)	"
8	11/1	Basic reproduction number, R_0 (lecture 6)	"
9	11/8	Course Project Proposals due	"



第一學期教學進度表(2)

	時間	主題	負責人
10	11/15	期中考試	"
11	11/22	Ross-MacDonald Malaria Model (lecture 7)	"
12	11/29	(Tutorial) Fundamental Concepts II (lecture 8)	"
13	12/6	An Overview on Mathematical Models (lecture 9)	"
14	12/13	"	"
15	12/20	Public health-related modeling: Evaluation of interventions measures (lecture 10)	"
16	12/29	"	"
17	1/5	Project Presentations	"
18	1/12	Project Presentations	"



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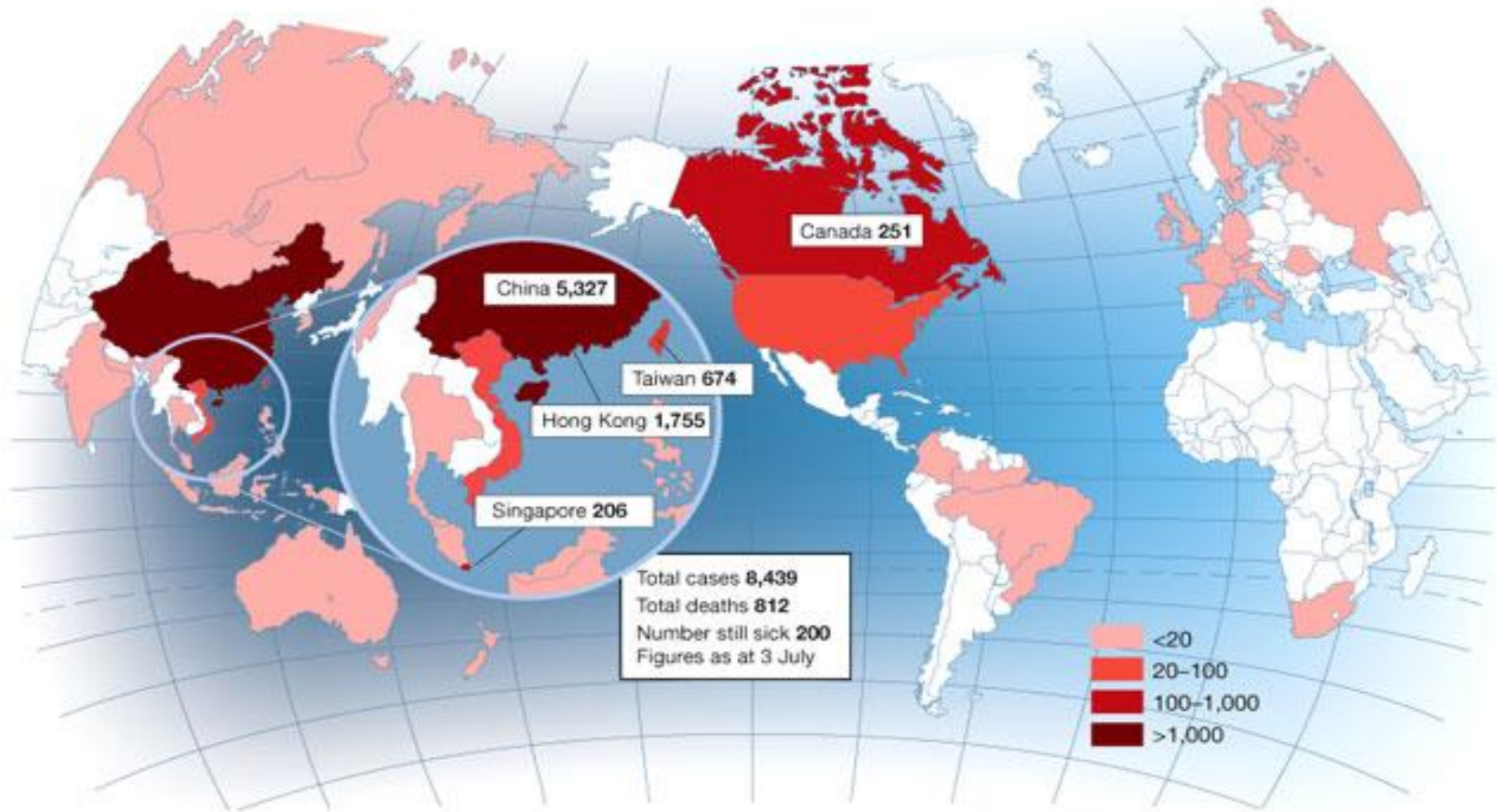


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Fundamental Concepts and
Historical Notes



Geographical map of 8439 SARS cases as of 7/3, 2003 (# deaths later adjusted to 774) (WHO website)



Early Spatial Spread of SARS

(From “Learning from SARS: Preparing for the next disease outbreak” 2003 IOM SARS workshop summary)

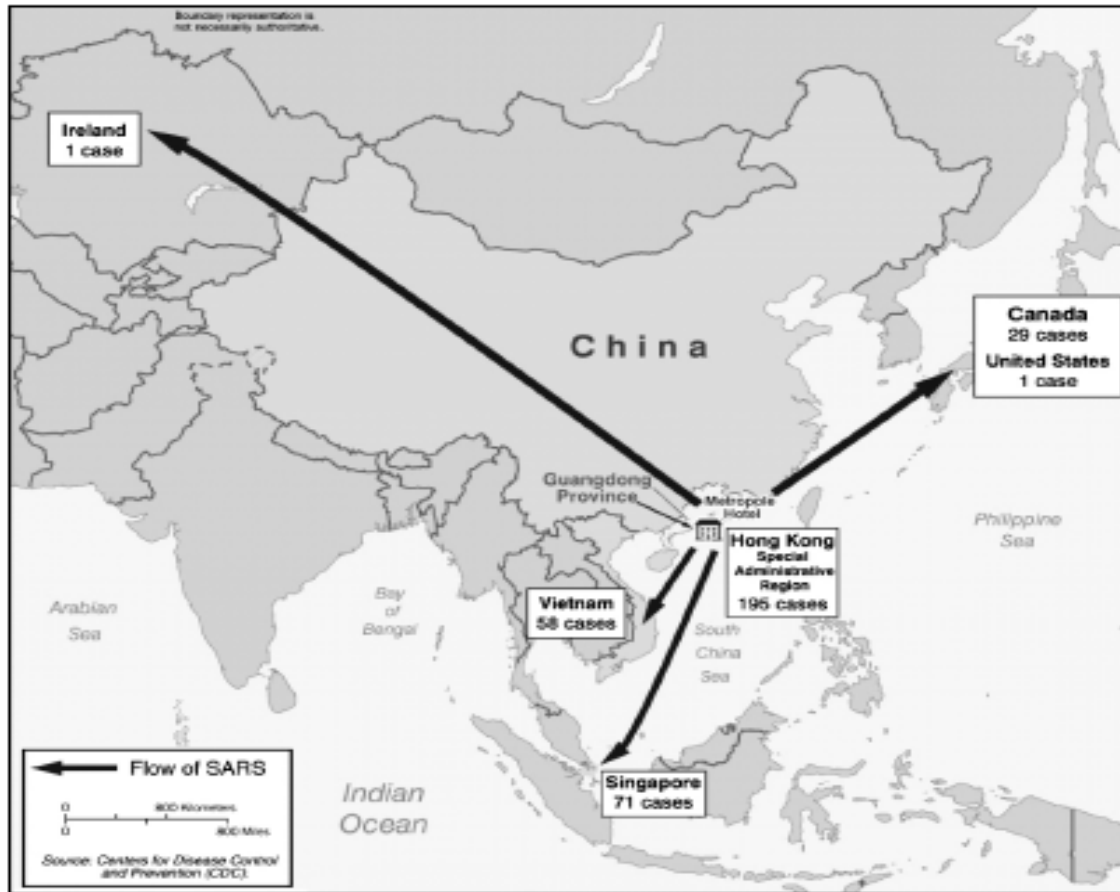


FIGURE S-2 Portrait of a superspreader: spread of SARS from the Metropole Hotel in Hong Kong as of March 28, 2003.

To put things in perspective!



Time for 774 deaths to occur in 2003 due to:

SARS - November, 2002 – July, 2003

HIV – 6 hours

TB – 3 hour

註: 1. HIV and TB highly correlated.

2. 11% of ADI (AIDS-defined illness) deaths due to TB.

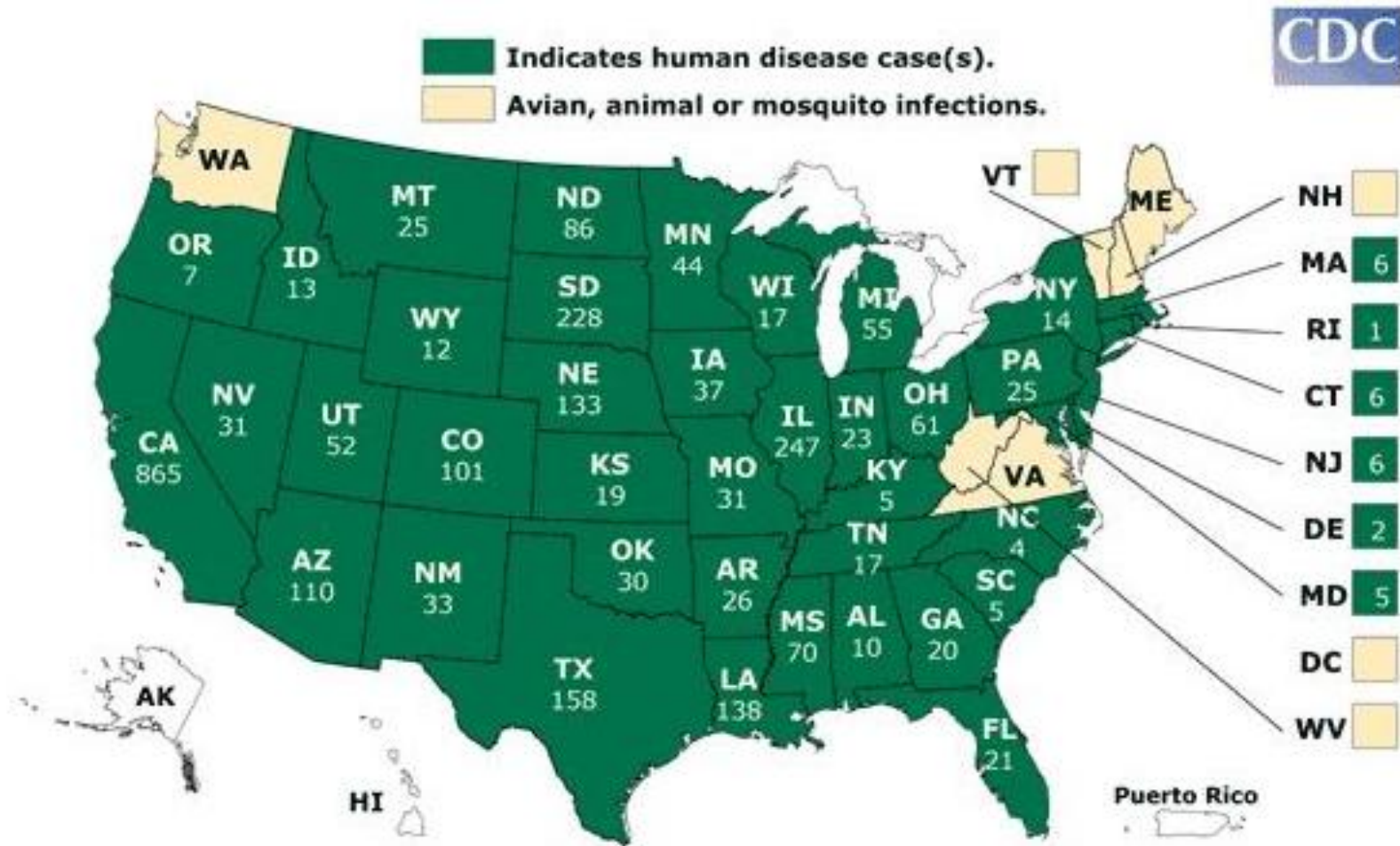


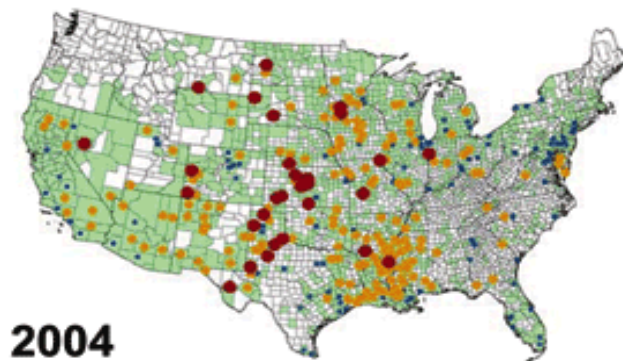
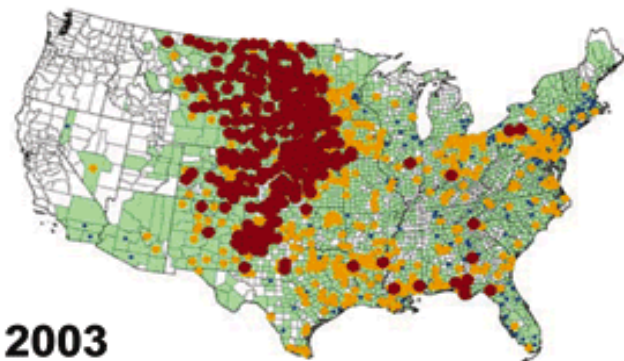
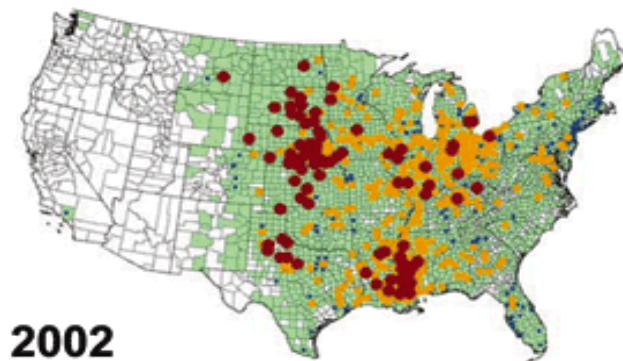
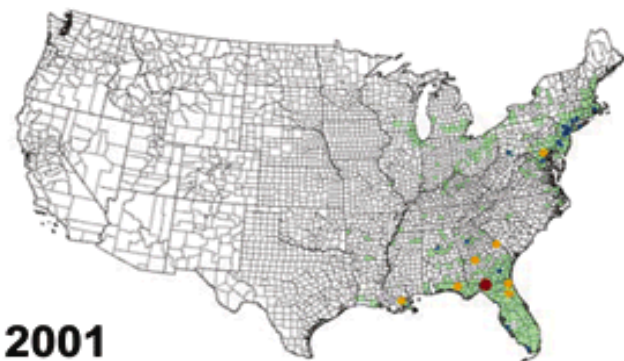
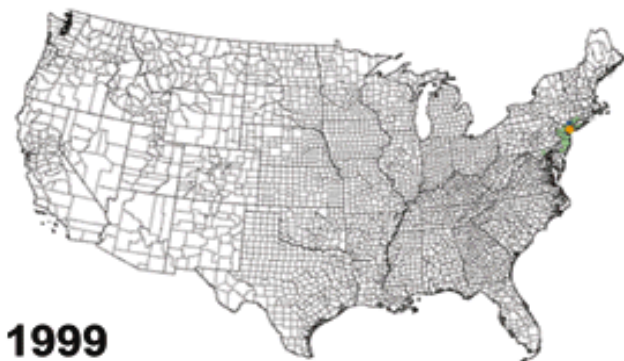
Culprits or victims of **Avian flu**?

牠們是**禽流感(H5N1)**的罪魁禍首,還是受害者?



West Nile Virus (西尼羅河病毒) in U.S. 2799 cases/102 deaths (1999-2005)



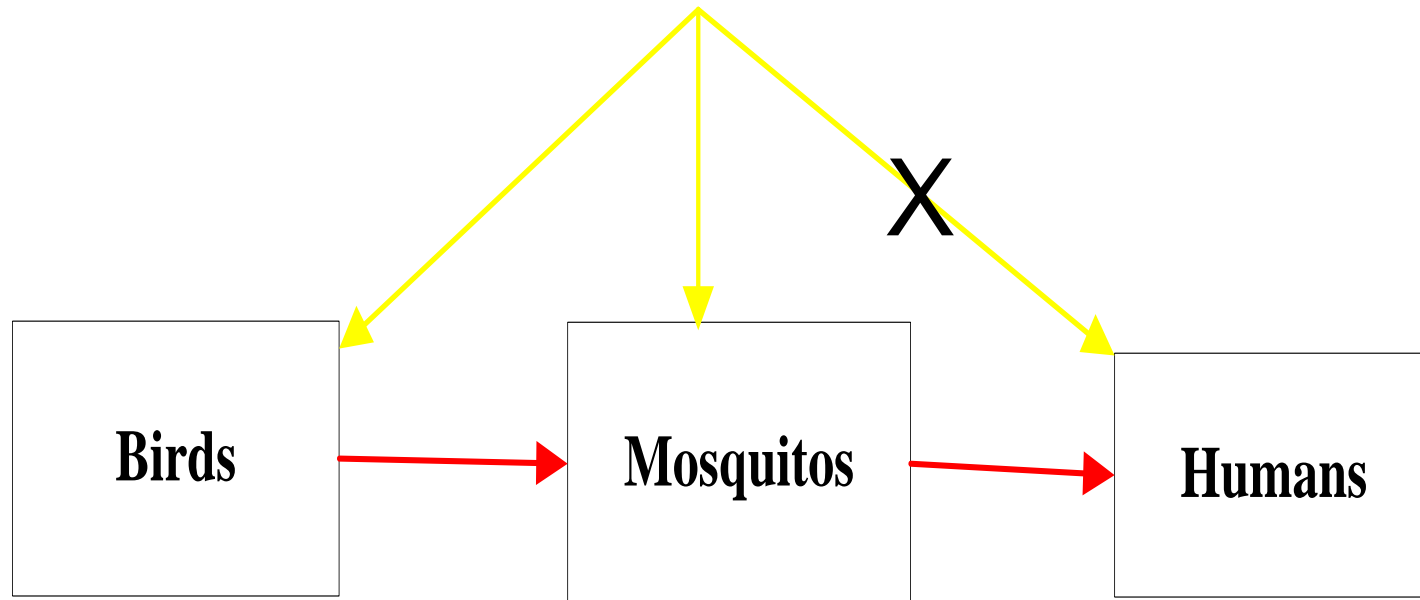


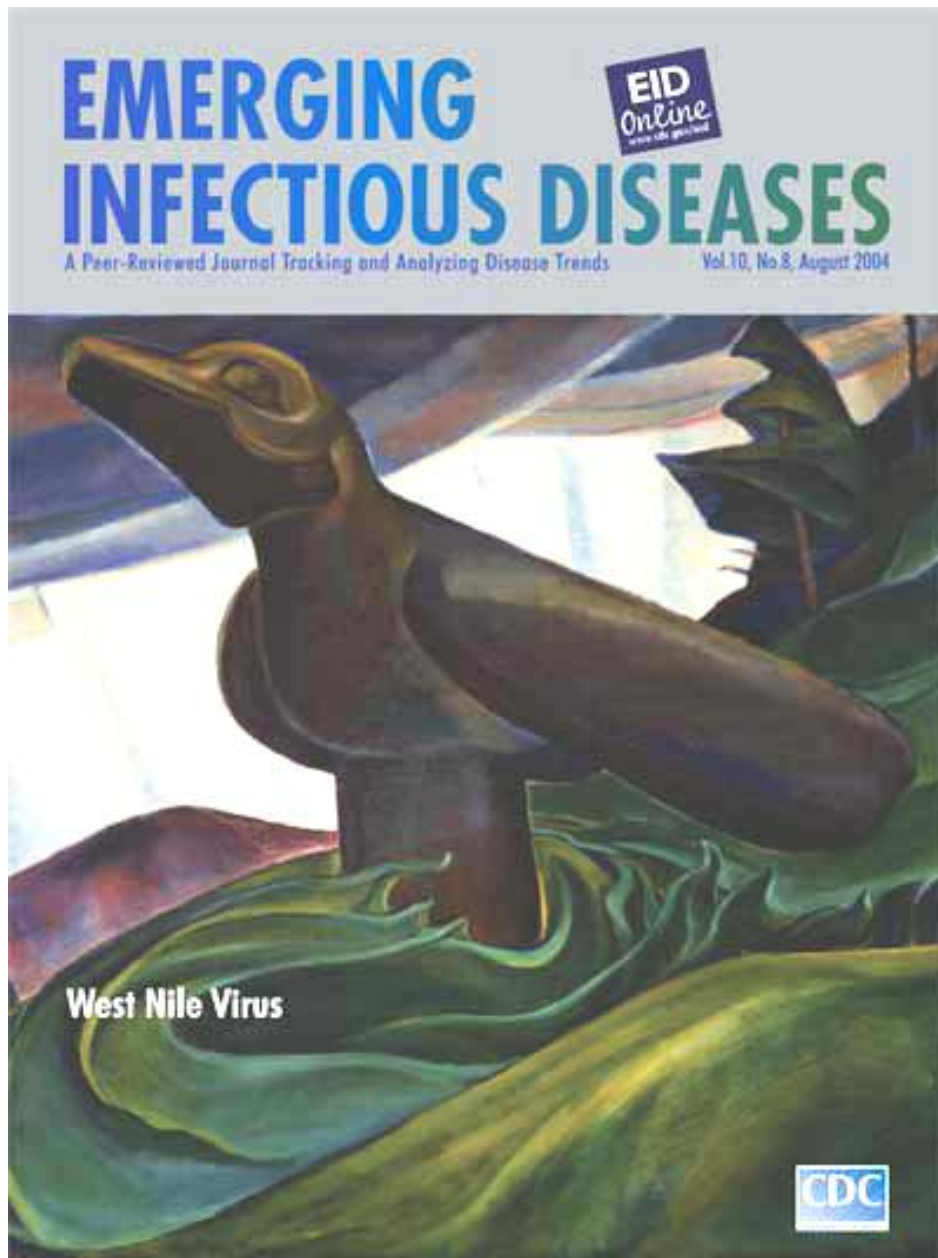
Incidence per million



如何防止 West Nile Virus (西尼羅河病毒)?

Which species to cull (撲殺)?





Did Alexander the Great (亞歷山大 大帝) died of 西 尼羅河病毒 (WNV) in 323 BC at age of 32?

-Marr and Calisher, *EID* (新 興傳染病) 2003

Big Raven (1931) by Emily Carr

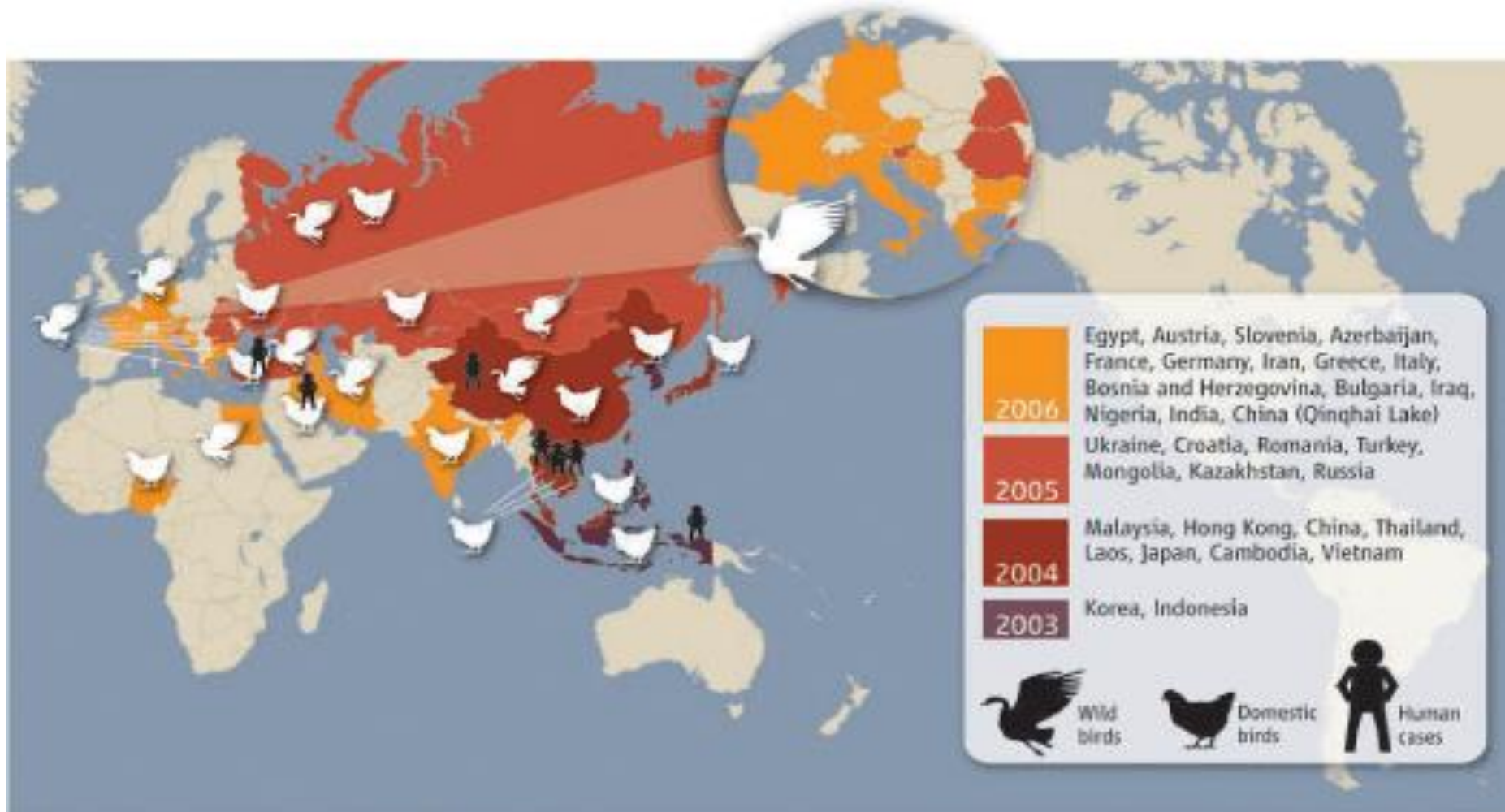


Phylogenetic Analysis (基因系統發生分析)

- Galli, Bernini, and Zehender (*EID*, 2004):
the **most recent common ancestor (MRCA)**
for WNV can be dated back to **8th**
century (1,159 years ago) only

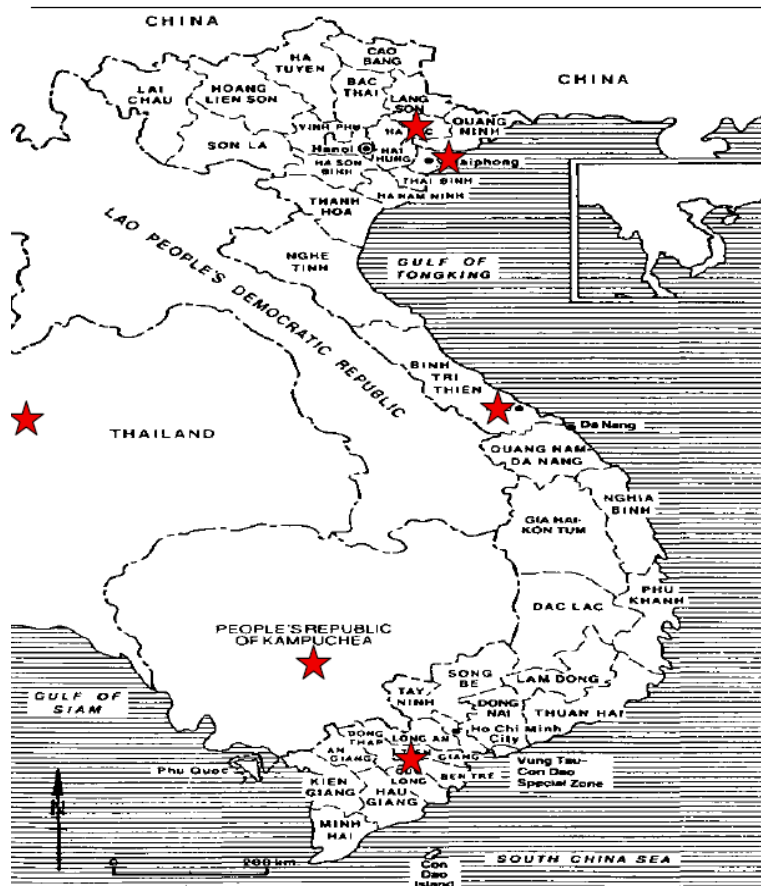


Spread of avian flu (H5N1) as of February of 2006 (Science 2006)



Geographical map of H5N1 human infections in Southeast Asia as of May 2005 (K. Ungchusak briefing at 2005 WHA Assembly)

Family clusters in Mekong countries



Thailand

- daughter- mother – aunt
Kamphengphet

Vietnam

- 3 brothers at Thai Binh-Hanoi
- Dongthap
- Bac Lieu
- Haiphong :5 family member with one infant
- Health care worker

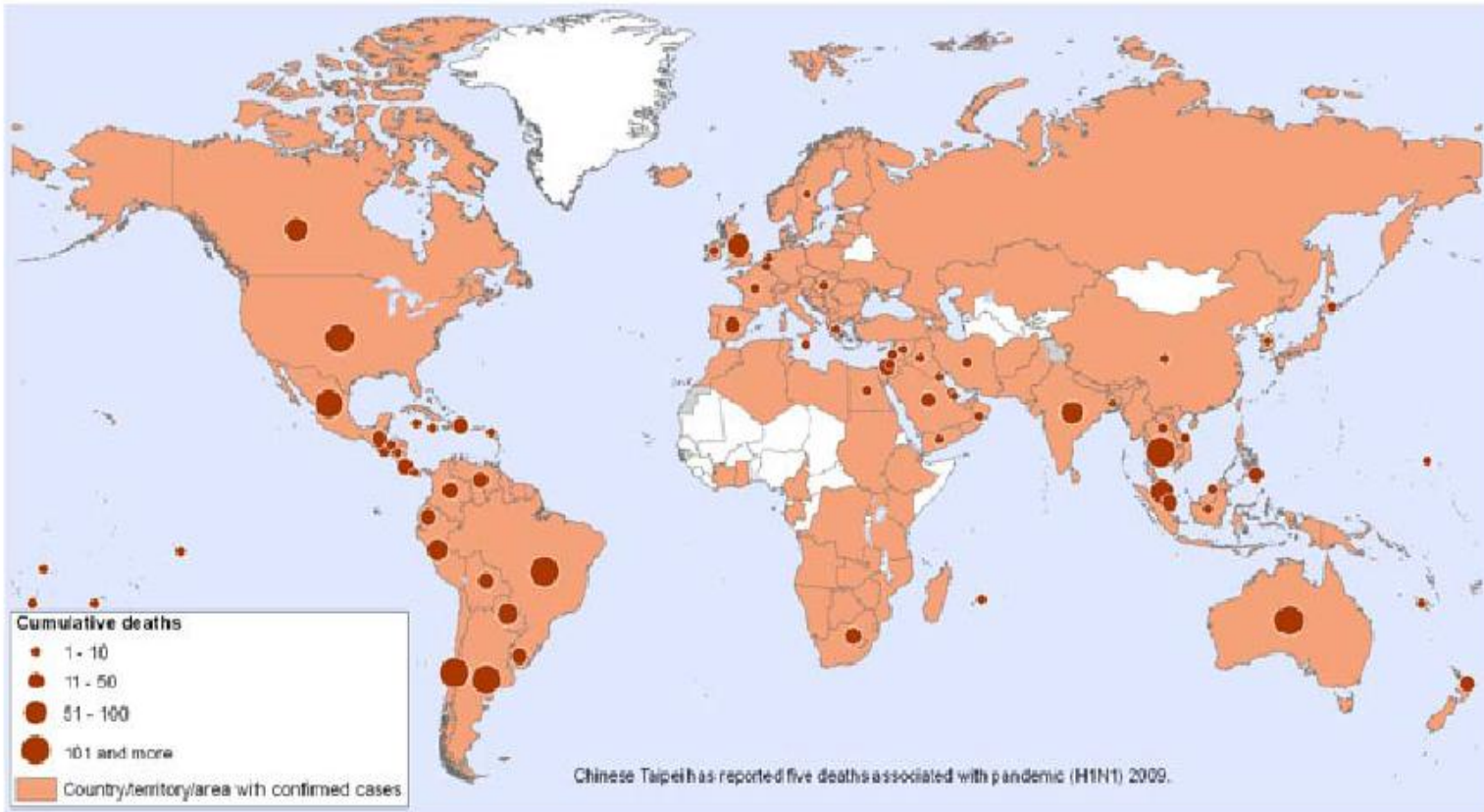
Cambodia

- Kampot province (Sister – brother)



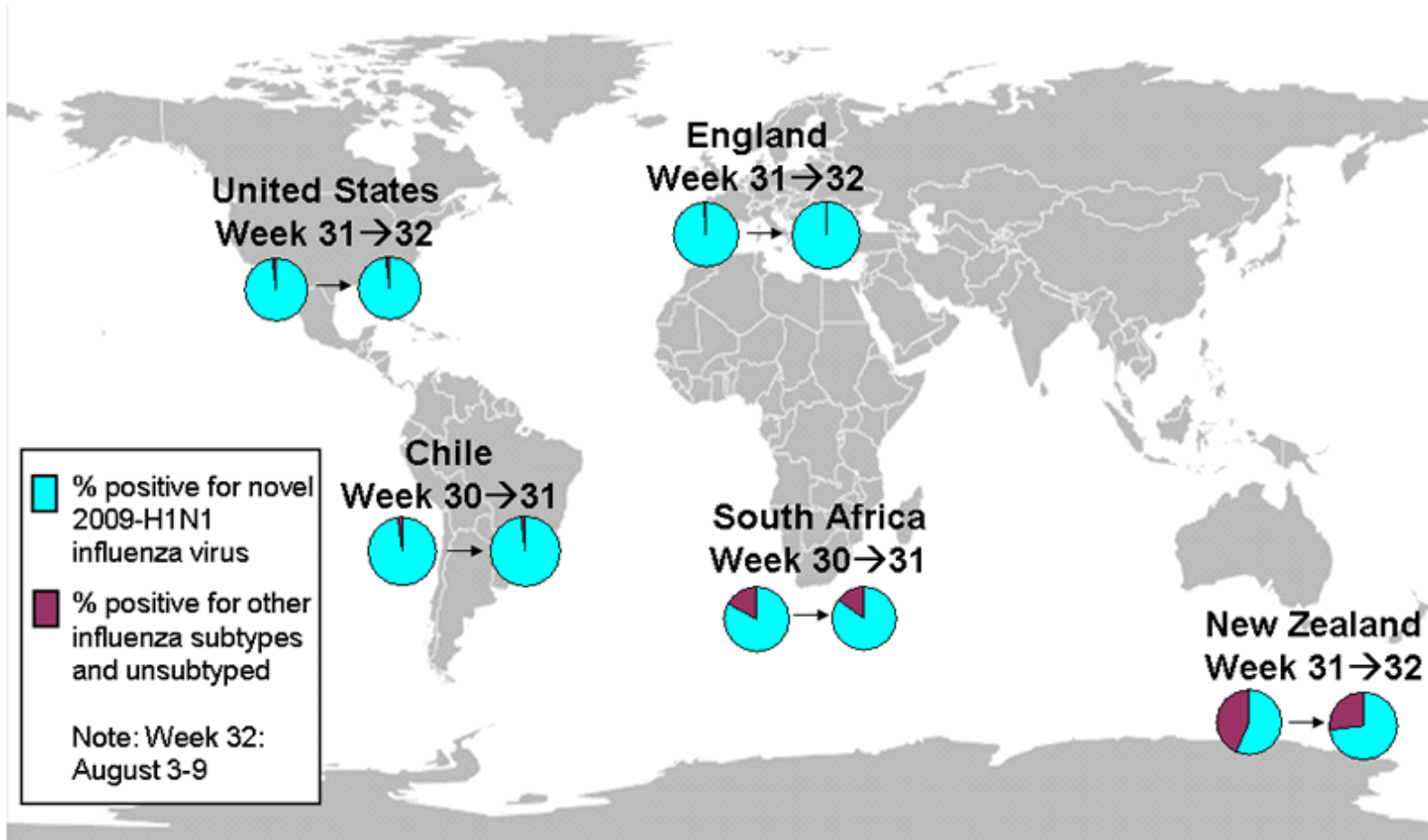
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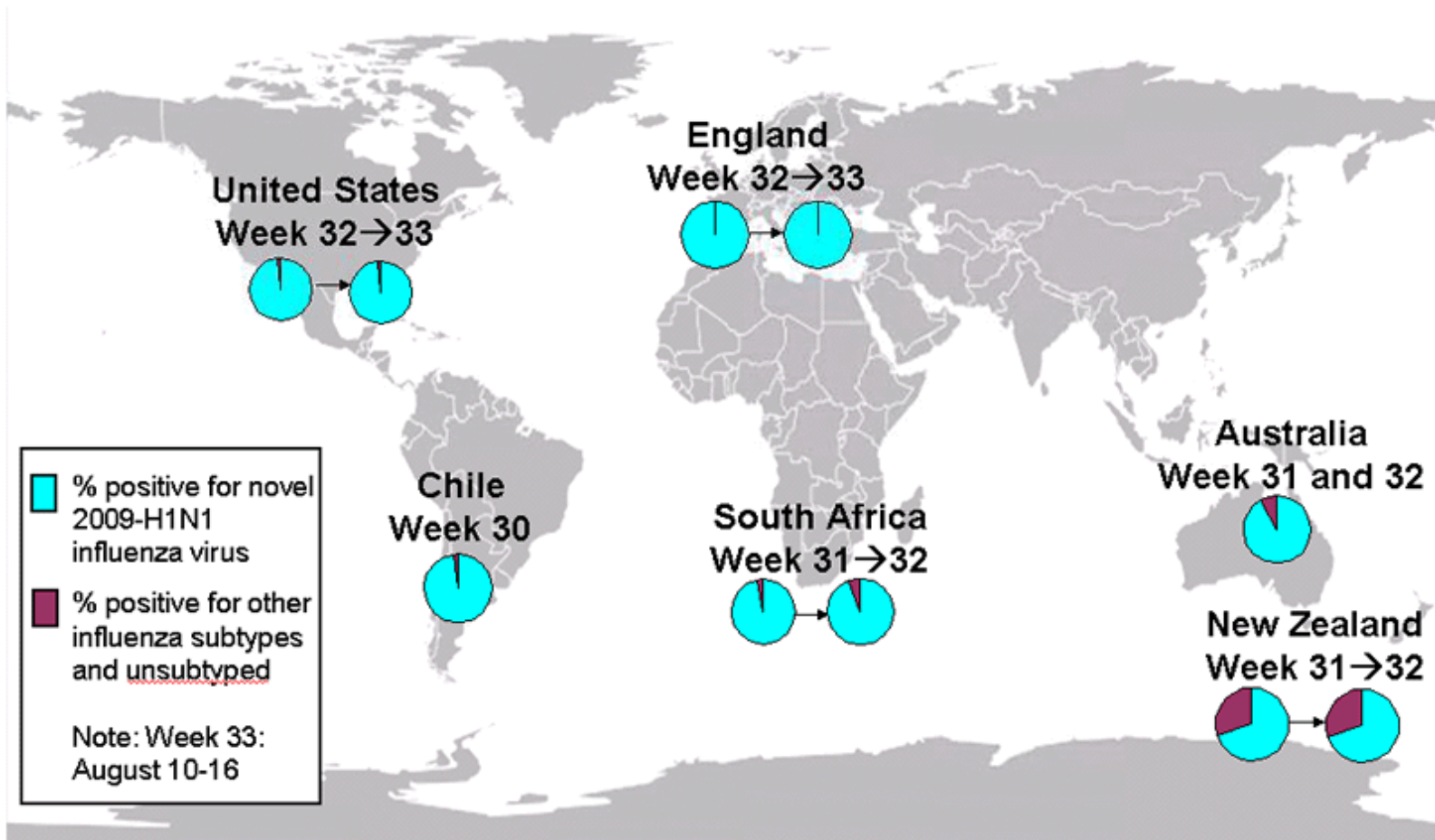


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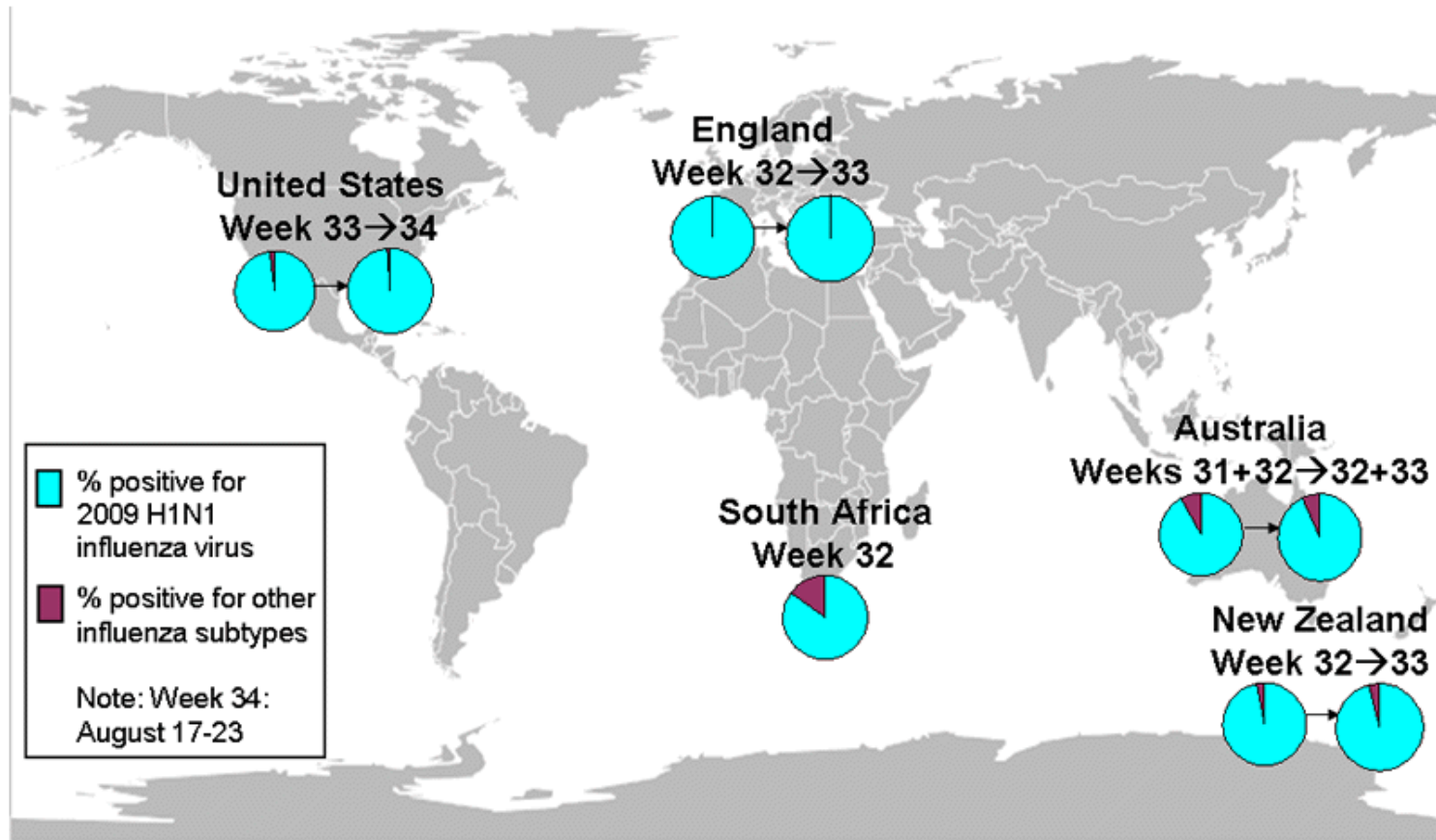
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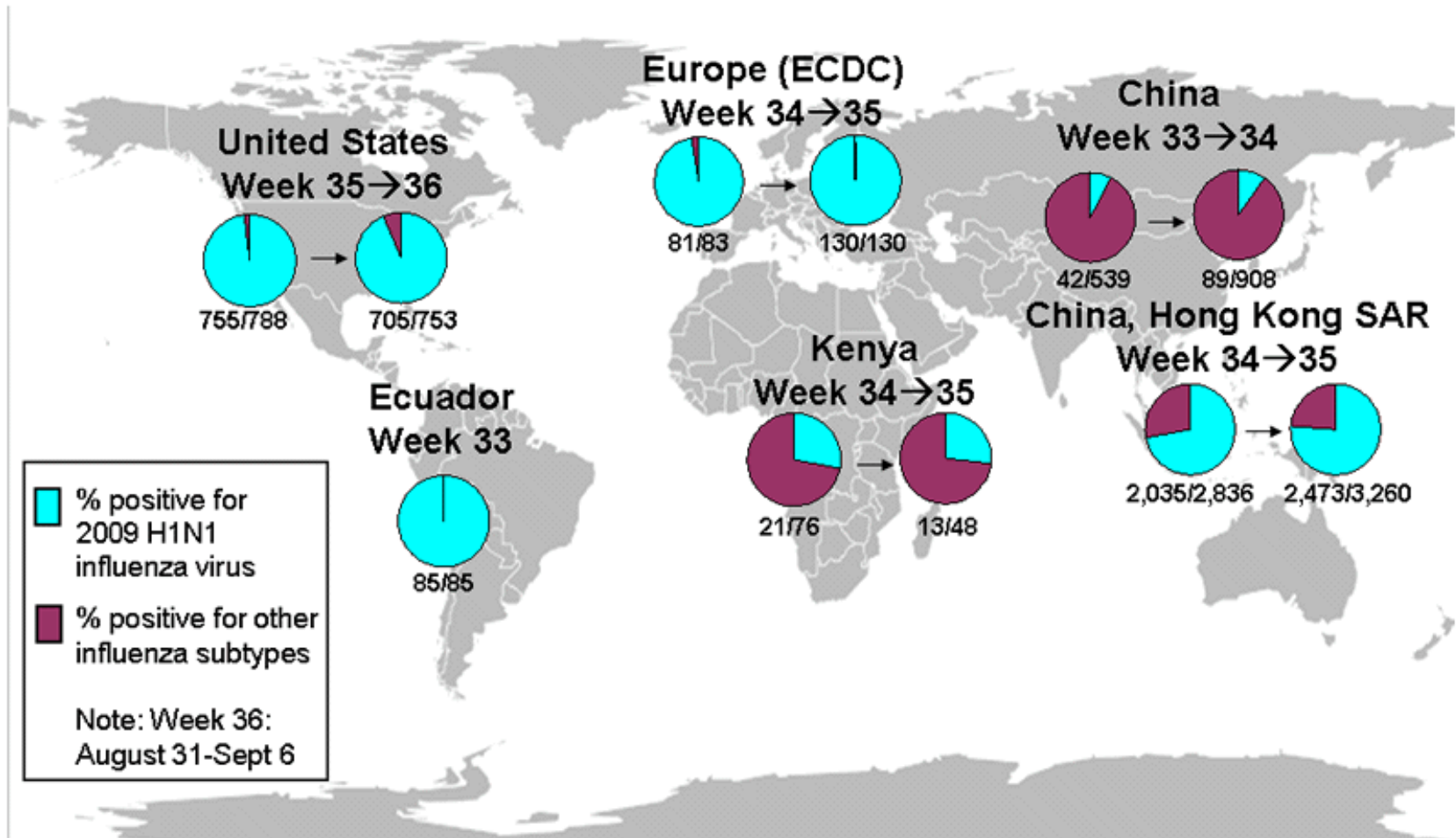
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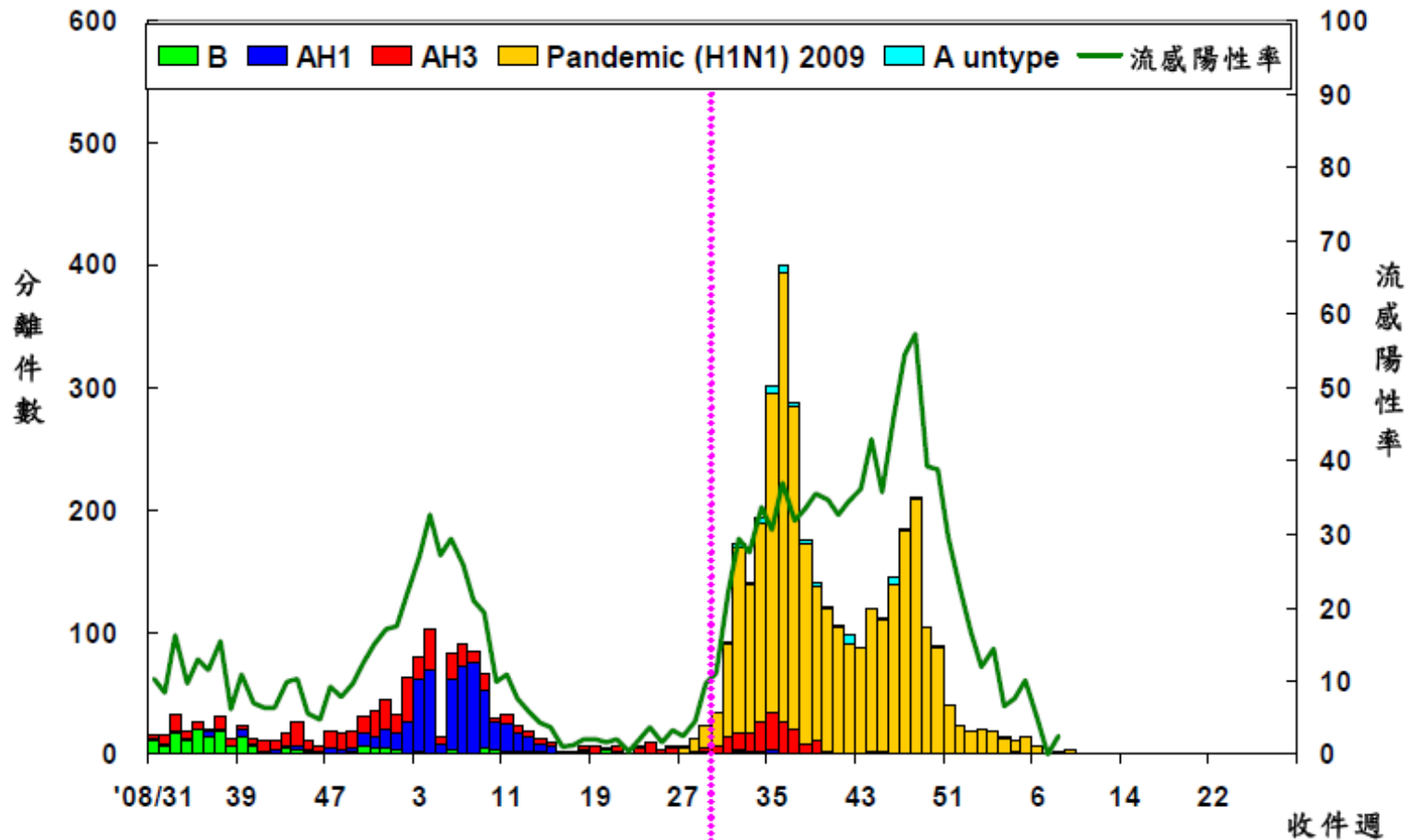


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2009 pH1N1 epidemic in Taiwan (by the end of February 2010)

全國病毒合約實驗室 2008–2010 流感病毒分型趨勢圖



Mathematical Epidemiology

(數理流行病學)

Definition:

“The application of mathematics to the study of **infectious disease**”

In: “*Infectious Diseases of Humans: Dynamics and Control*” by Anderson and May, 1991.

*Includes, but not restricted to, **statistics**.



Advances in Mathematical Epidemiology I

- 1684/1687 – Birth of **Calculus** due to Newton and Leibniz
- 1690 – Jakob Bernoulli solved a **differential equation**
- 1760 - Daniel Bernoulli (nephew of Jakob) used mathematical model with **differential equation** to study **effectiveness of inoculation** as a public health policy against **smallpox**.



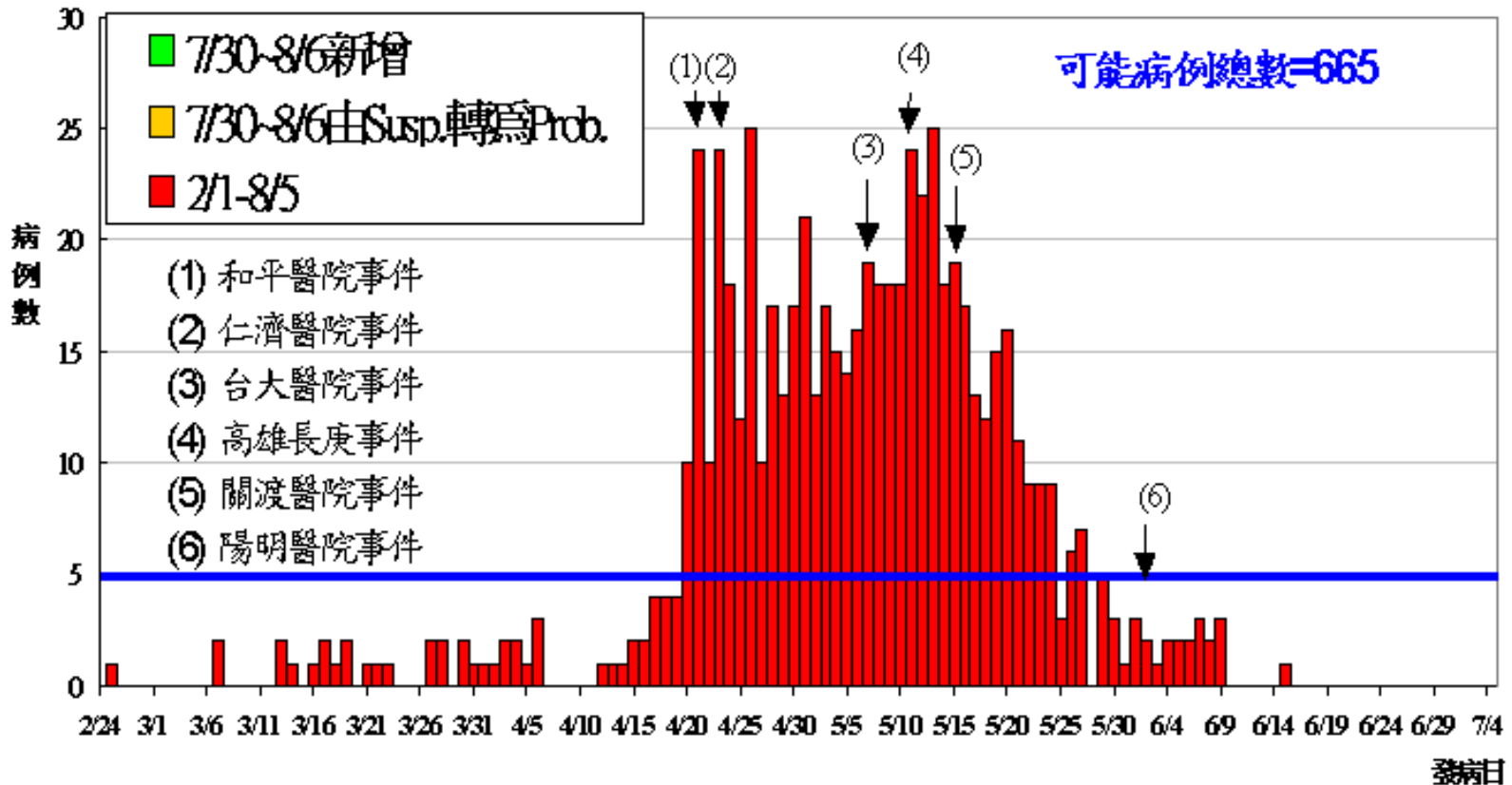
Advances in Mathematical Epidemiology II

Empirical study of smallpox (1800's):

- 1840 – William Farr fitted a normal curve to the smoothed quarterly mortality data from smallpox in England and Wales between 1837-9.



2003 Taiwan daily SARS cases by onset date



台灣地區SARS可能病例流行曲線(截至8月6日9:00)

Advances in Mathematical Epidemiology III

- 1908-1917 - Sir Ronald Ross (MD and Nobel Prize laureate): **continuous-time** mathematical modeling of malaria.
- 1927 - Epidemic **threshold** theory (Kermack and McKendrick)
- 1930 - **Net reproductive value** (R. A. Fisher, *Genetic Theory of Natural Selection*): basic concepts for **basic reproduction number** R_0



Advances in Mathematical Epidemiology IV

- **1957** - George MacDonalld furthers the work of Ross (Ross-MacDonalld malaria model).
- **1979-1996** - Roy Anderson and Robert May developed a **comprehensive framework** for **infectious disease transmission**, including that of HIV/AIDS.



Origin of the term “Mathematical Epidemiology” (數理流行病學)

- 1985 – The first use of “**Mathematical Epidemiology**” in publication by Nakasuji et al. *J. Appli. Ecology*, 22(3) 839-847
- 1991 – The term “**Mathematical epidemiology**” was formally described in book by Anderson and May.



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Why Mathematical Epidemiology Now?

- **衛生環境的改善**: Cleaner environment (polio: emerge in Europe in 19th century, first major outbreak in US in 1916)
- **快速全球化**: Fast Globalization (HIV 1959? WNV 1999, SARS 2003)
- **生物科技進步**: Modern advances in science and technology on understanding of infectious diseases. E.g., Molecular biology: Is 1918 flu epidemic due to a strain of swine flu? (Taubenberger and Morens 2006)



Purposes of Mathematical Modeling

- **Reconstruct** history, design **simple model**, and “**predict**” future
- Study **sensitivity** to parameters changes
- Compare **effectiveness** of control strategies
- Design more **refined** models to improve accuracy

-Fred Brauer

“Current Science of SARS Symposium, 2003”



Important Principles

1. Start with a **basic general model** and then tailor it to specific disease.
2. **Simple model** with few parameters may be better than more refined models with many parameters, especially if **data is sparse or unreliable**.
3. **Qualitative** results are more reliable than **numerical predictions**.



Important Principles (cont)

4. **Refine model** when more reliable data becomes available.
5. **Compare** models.
6. For **future** epidemics, it is preferable to use **simple models**.
7. **Sensitivity** to parameter changes is vital.



Albert Einstein:

- Models should be as simple as possible, but not more so.

- "When the solution is simple, God is answering."



The **KISS** method

Keep **I**t **S**imple and **S**tupid

-A mathematical biologist



More Quotes

- “There are no **right model**, but there are certainly lots of wrong ones.”
- “All models are **wrong**, some are less so than others.



“Mathematics is a way of thinking clearly, no more, but no less.”

– Lord Robert M. May of Oxford, President of Royal Society, United Kingdom, in *Virus Dynamics* (2000 Nowak and May).



“The mathematical method of treatment (using **mathematical model of malaria transmission**) is really nothing but the application of careful reasoning (細心推理) to the problems at issue”

-Sir Ronald Ross (1911)



“I have deeply regretted that I did not proceed far enough at least to understand something of the great leading **principles of mathematics**; for men thus endowed seem to have an **extra sense**.”

“我深悔沒有深入了解**數學的原理**，以建立了解事物的**特殊官感**”

-Charles Darwin (達爾文) in late 19th Century



‘I simply wish that, in a matter which so closely concerns the **well-being of the human race**, no decision shall be made without all the knowledge which a **little analysis and calculation** can provide’

-**Daniel Bernoulli** (1760) explained his motivation to use mathematical model to analyze the mortality caused by smallpox and the advantages of inoculation to prevent it.



"Tell me and I forget, teach
me and I may remember,
involve me and I learn."

~Benjamin Franklin



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