



Can you Judge a Disease Host by its “Friends”?

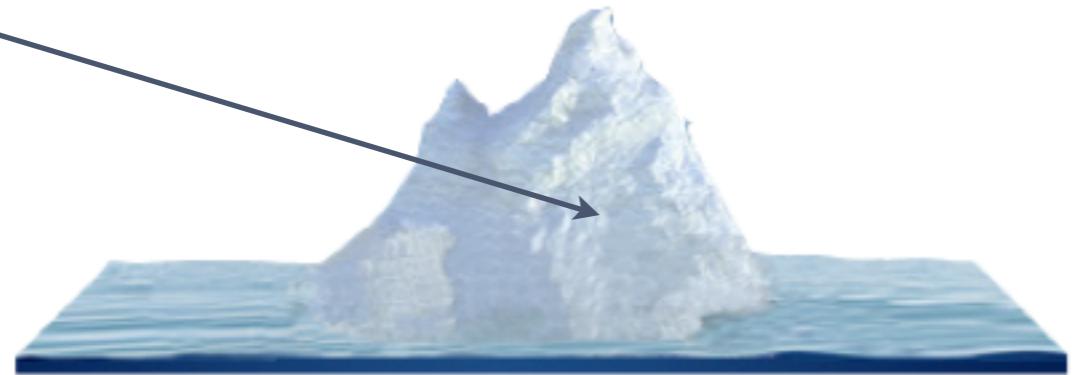
Identifying biotic interactions through Co-occurrence Data

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Known risk factors

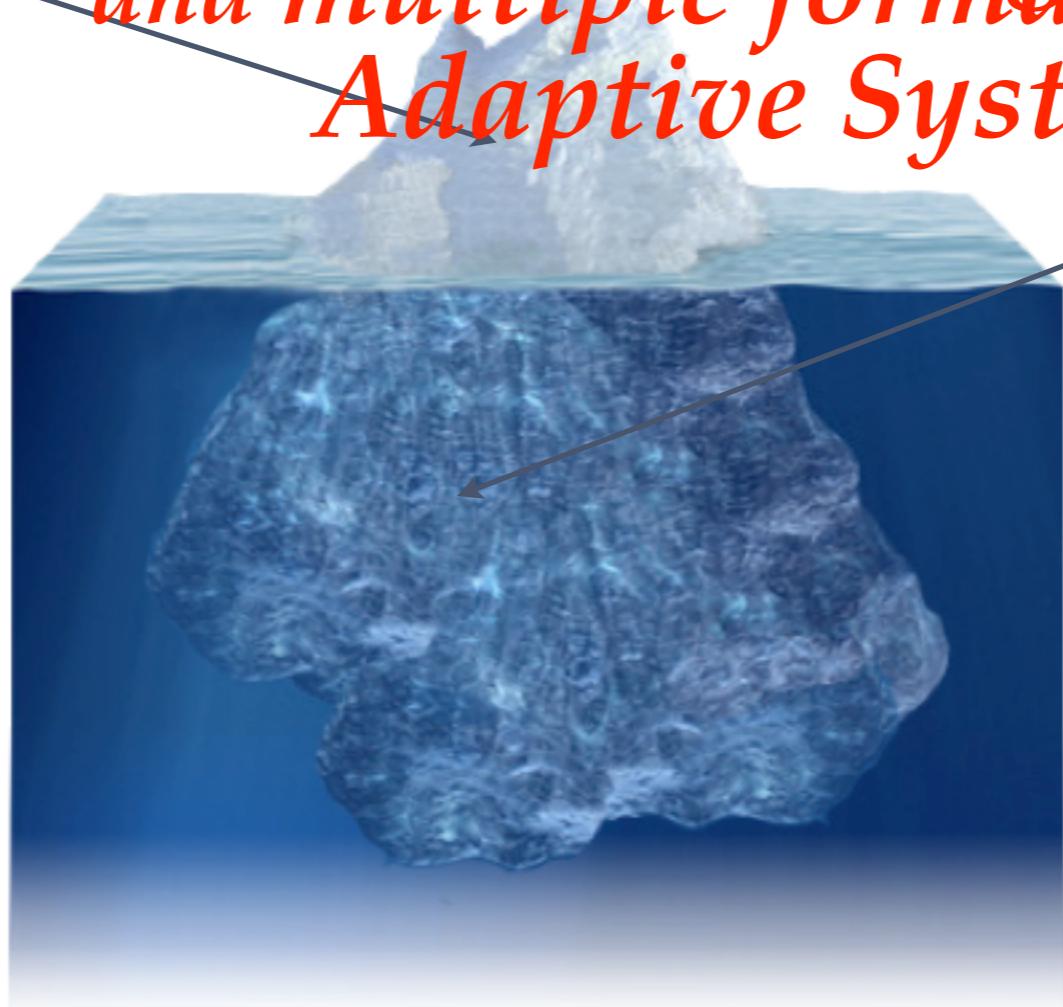




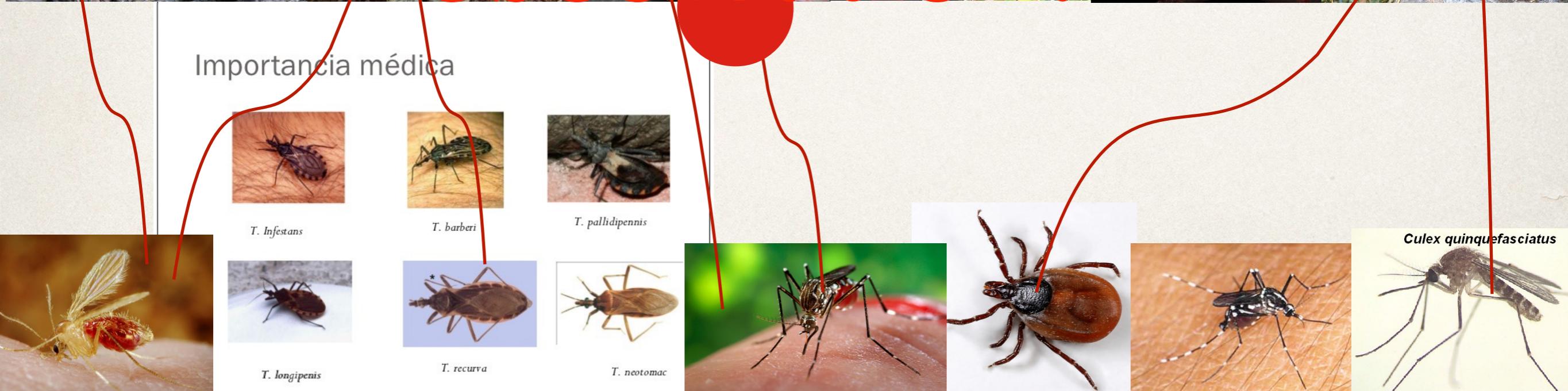
How do we infer what's under the water?

What do we know...?
Known cases
Known vectors
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Known interactions

*We need new methods to
integrate multiple data sources
and multiple formats
to model these data...
Adaptive Systems*



What don't we know...?
Unknown cases
Unknown vectors
Unknown hosts
Unknown risk factors
Unknown interactions





Co-occurrence and Interaction

- ❖ The concept of “co-occurrence” in space and/or time is universal as an indicator/measure of interaction across all scientific areas. **It is a NECESSARY condition for interaction!**
- ❖ If two objects co-occur more or less than some non-interacting null hypothesis then we take it as a practical definition of “interaction”.
$$\varepsilon(C|X_\alpha) = \frac{N_{X_\alpha}(P(C|X_\alpha) - P(C))}{\sqrt{(N_{X_\alpha}P(C)(1 - P(C)))}}$$
- ❖ This tells us **nothing** though about the micro nature of the interaction
- ❖ For that we must consider the relevant **labels** (carnivore/herbivore/fructivore/insect/bat/...) for the participants in the interaction
- ❖ The concept of niche and community are vital for linking the micro to the macro. Niche gives the rationale for why an organism is where it is and why, micro interactions being the motivator for why a particular factor is a niche/anti-niche dimension

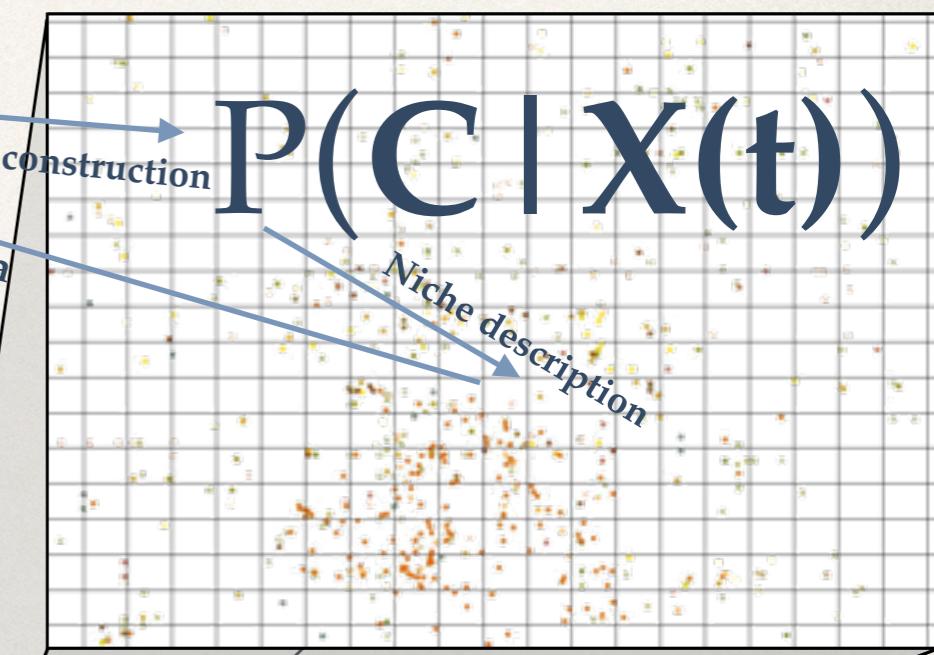
What is the niche of an EID?

The Data Revolution has provided a unique opportunity to construct multi-factorial ecological models for emerging diseases. However, most ecological data is spatio-temporal at multiple scales. Spatial data mining is much less developed than standard data mining.

$$P(C | X(t))$$

Co-occurrence between
EID occurrence, C, and
niche variables, X(t) →
ecological interaction

- Collection data
- Ecological niche data
- Ecological niche model data
- Socio-economic data
- Socio-demographic data
- Phenotypic data
- Vegetable and crop cover
- Geographical data
- Medical and public health data...



Problems with data:

Different sources

Different location, data base, access,...

Different data types

categorical, metric, continuous, discrete,...

Different spatial resolution

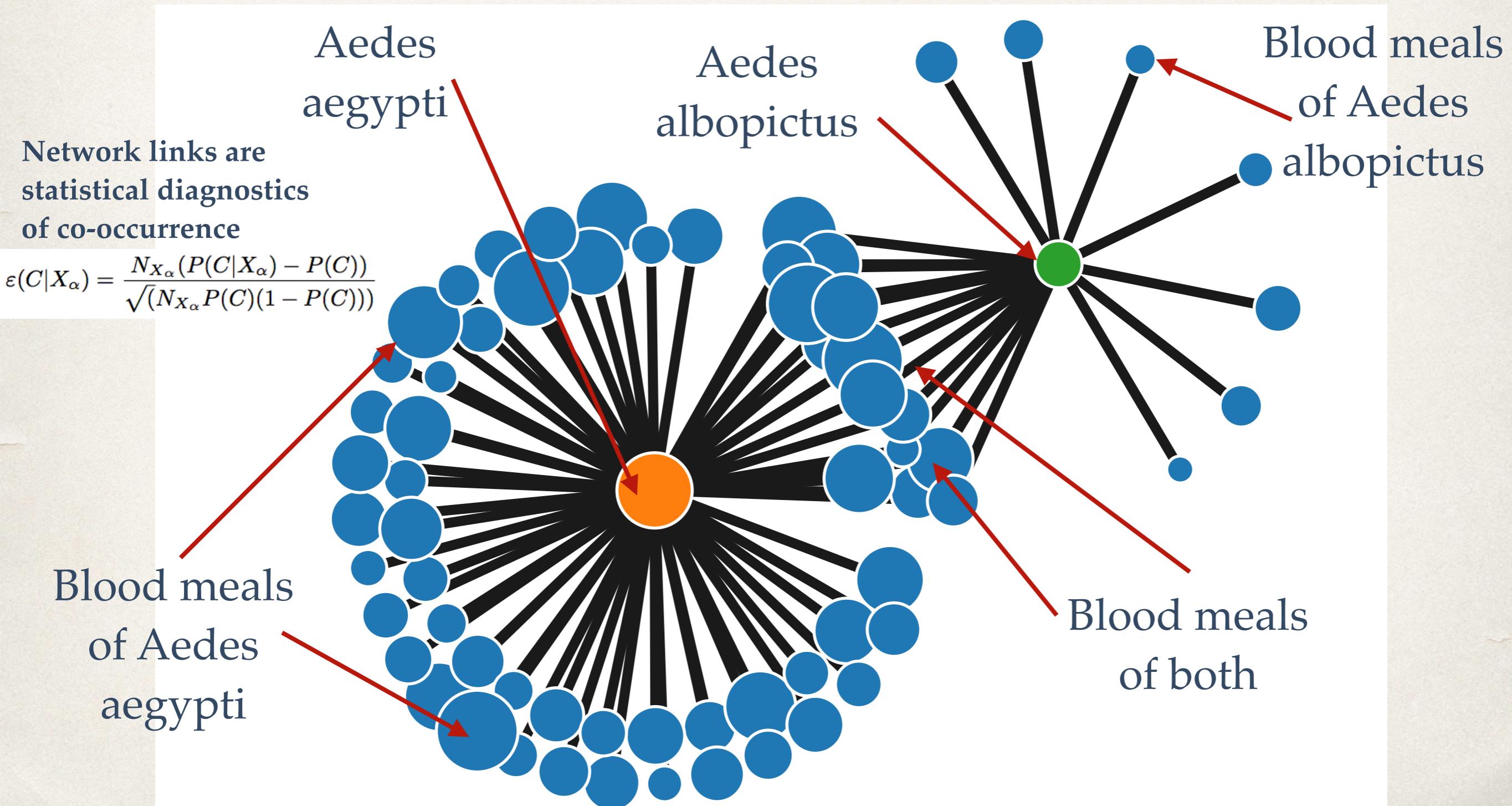
Explicit – e.g., pixel by pixel in environmental layers

Implicit – 30,000,000 data points versus 30

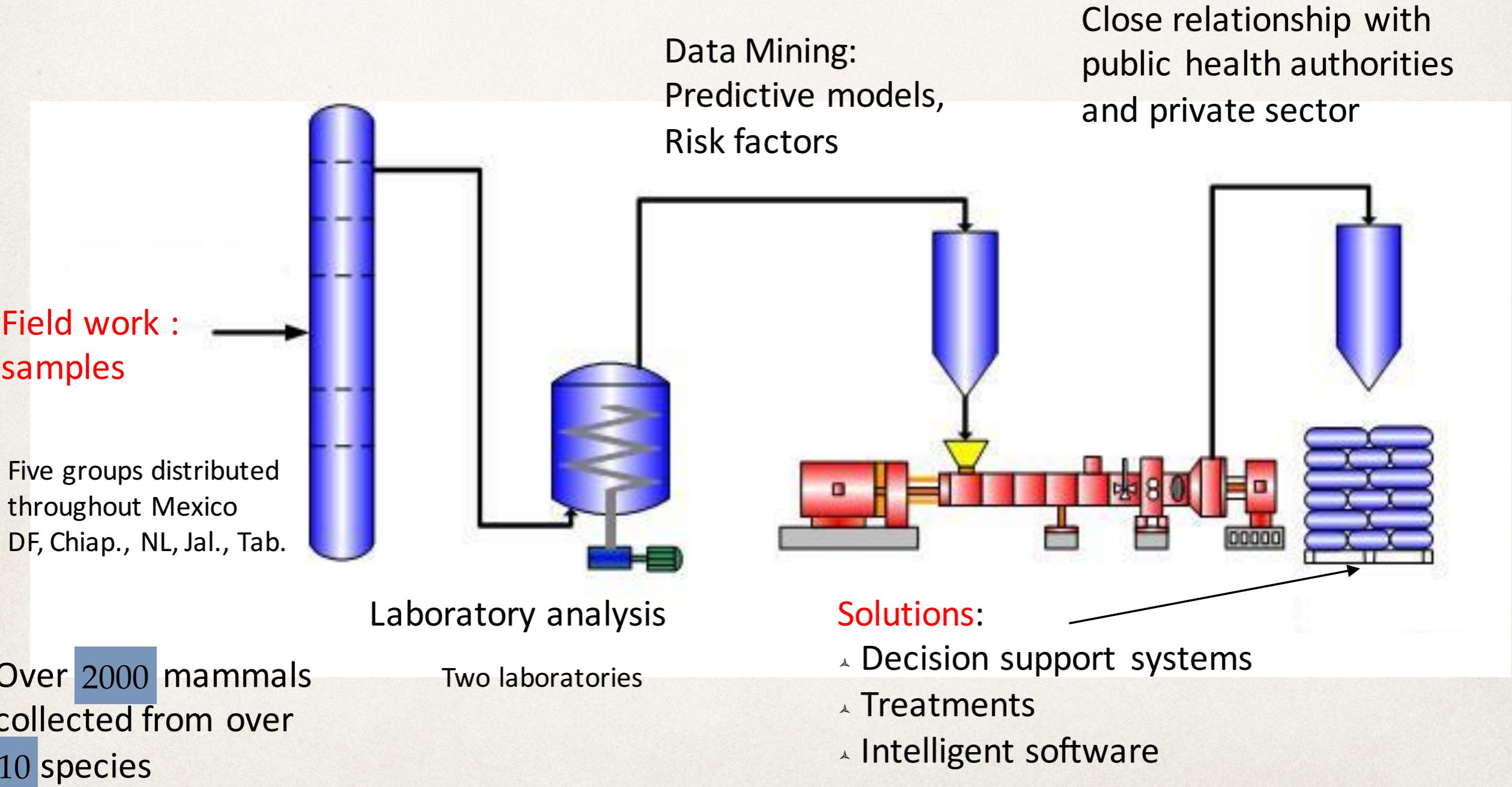
Abiotic versus biotic

The data are represented in space and time – spatial data mining

What is a community of an EID?



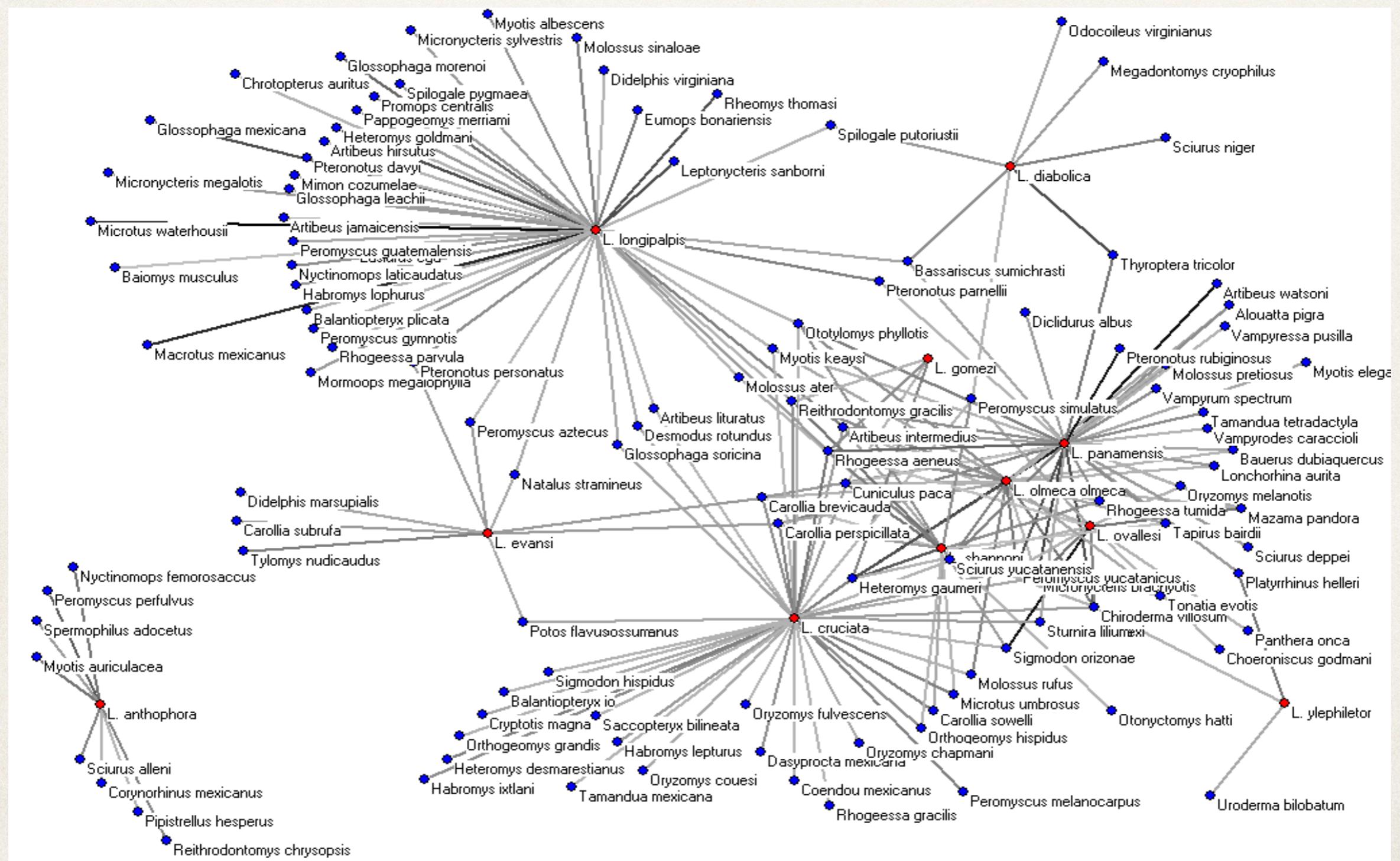
To Link Data-Predictions-Experiment The Emerging Disease “production line”

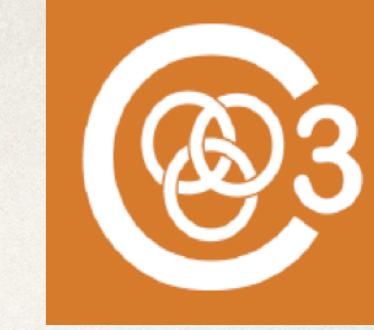


We are always looking for collaboration: field work, lab work, modelling

Data-Predictions

Test zoonosis - Leishmaniasis





Predictions-Experiment Test zoonosis - Leishmaniasis

Species	ϵ	Negative	Positive	Total	% positive	Confidence (95%)	Formulated
<i>Carollia sowelli</i>	8.83	43	2	45	4.4	-1 - 14	
<i>Heteromys gaumeri*</i>	8.8	5	0	5	0	-15 - 29	
<i>Peromyscus mexicanus</i>	8.79	115	6	121	5	2 - 11	
<i>Heteromys desmarestianus*</i>	8.72	30	0	30	0	-2 - 16	
<i>Molossus rufus</i>	8.63	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Glossophaga soricina</i>	8.57	19	7	26	26.9	-3 - 16	
<i>Carollia perspicillata</i>	8.5	8	0	8	0	-11 - 24	
<i>Pteronotus parnellii</i>	8.16	4	0	4	0	-18 - 31	
<i>Desmodus rotundus</i>	8.15	13	1	14	7.1	-6 - 20	
<i>Sturnira lilium</i>	8.03	56	7	63	11.1	1 - 13	
<i>Artibeus phaeotis</i>	8.01	35	1	36	2.8	-1 - 15	
<i>Oryzomys couesi</i>	7.73	2	0	2	0	-28 - 41	
<i>Ototylomys phyloctetes*</i>	7.56	9	1	10	10	-9 - 22	
<i>Sigmodon hispidus*</i>	7.28	36	4	40	10	-1 - 14	
<i>Peromyscus yucatanicus*</i>	7.25	3	0	3	0	-22 - 35	
<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	7.12	3	0	3	0	-22 - 30	
<i>Didelphis marsupialis</i>	6.44	11	0	11	0	-8 - 21	
<i>Philander opossum</i>	6.25	6	1	7	14.3	-12 - 25	
<i>Centurio senex</i>	6.01	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Artibeus jamaicensis</i>	5.98	81	5	86	5.8	1 - 12	
<i>Artibeus lituratus</i>	5.84	38	3	41	7.3	-1 - 14	
<i>Myotis keaysi</i>	5.61	2	0	2	0	-28 - 41	
<i>Chiroderma villosum</i>	5.56	5	0	5	0	-15 - 29	
<i>Saccopteryx bilineata</i>	5.3	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Sciurus aureogaster</i>	5.23	71	8	79	7.3	1 - 12	
<i>Batomys musculus</i>	5.21	2	0	2	0	-28 - 41	
<i>Artibeus watsoni</i>	5.13	2	0	2	0	-28 - 41	
<i>Cheroniscus godmani</i>	5.05	10	3	13	23.1	-7 - 20	
<i>Pteronotus personatus</i>	5.03	3	1	4	25	-18 - 31	
<i>Reithrodontomys mexicanus</i>	4.91	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Oryzomys rostratus</i>	4.87	22	1	23	4.3	-4 - 17	
<i>Micronycteris microtis</i>	4.23	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Oligoryzomys fulvescens</i>	4.2	6	0	6	0	-13 - 27	
<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>	3.8	22	4	26	15.4	-3 - 16	
<i>Sturnira ludovici</i>	3.79	24	1	25	4	-3 - 17	
<i>Vampyromes caraccioli</i>	3.69	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Liomys pictus</i>	3.61	47	1	48	2.1	0 - 14	
<i>Glossophaga commissarisi</i>	3.49	2	6	8	75	-11 - 24	
<i>Lonchorhina aurita</i>	3.48	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Phyllostomus discolor</i>	3.48	0	1	1	100	-42 - 56	
<i>Platyrrhinus helleri</i>	3.36	5	0	5	0	-22 - 35	
<i>Uroderma bilobatum</i>	3.34	4	0	4	0	-18 - 31	
<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	2.97	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Procyon lotor</i>	2.95	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Myotis velifer</i>	2.58	3	0	3	0	-18 - 31	
<i>Microtus mexicanus</i>	2.53	16	0	16	0	-6 - 19	
<i>Myotis nigricans</i>	2.47	2	0	2	0	-28 - 41	
<i>Leptonycteris yerbabuenae</i>	2.43	1	1	2	50	-28 - 41	
<i>Reithrodontomys fulvescens</i>	2.08	20	0	20	0	-4 - 18	
<i>Neotoma mexicana</i>	1.99	5	0	5	0	-15 - 29	
<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	1.82	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Peromyscus levipes</i>	1.34	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Sorex saussurei</i>	1.29	3	0	3	0	-22 - 35	
<i>Osgoodomys banderanus</i>	1.21	9	0	9	0	-10 - 23	
<i>Liomys irroratus</i>	1.16	8	0	8	0	-11 - 24	
<i>Myotis auriculus</i>	0.22	2	0	2	0	-28 - 41	
<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	-0.09	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Peromyscus hylocetes</i>	-0.28	2	0	2	0	-28 - 41	
<i>Antrozous pallidus</i>	-0.34	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Peromyscus zarhynchus</i>	-0.46	2	0	2	0	-28 - 41	
<i>Chaetodipus hispidus</i>	-0.71	4	0	4	0	-18 - 31	
<i>Peromyscus pectoralis</i>	-0.73	2	0	2	0	-28 - 41	
<i>Neotomodon alstoni</i>	-0.9	17	0	17	0	-5 - 19	
<i>Baiomys taylori</i>	-1.16	10	3	13	23.1	-7 - 20	
<i>Chaetodipus nelsoni</i>	-1.24	3	0	3	0	-22 - 35	
<i>Neotoma micropus</i>	-1.27	16	0	16	0	-6 - 19	
<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	-1.37	58	2	60	3.3	0 - 13	
<i>Peromyscus eremicus</i>	-1.41	0	1	1	100	-42 - 56	
<i>Perognathus flavus</i>	-1.52	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	
<i>Dipodomys merriami</i>	-2.01	1	0	1	0	-42 - 56	

- Only about 50 (2.5%) of mammals on the American continent have been identified as hosts of *Leishmania*
- In Mexico only 8 out of 419 (2.1%) had been identified as hosts
- We collected 922 individuals from 70 species
- Predicted and confirmed 21 new species of mammal as carriers of *Leishmania* in Mexico
- 13 of them are bats, identified for the first time in Mexico
- Squirrels identified as carriers
- 33% of collected species were confirmed as hosts
- Overall infection rate was 6.7%
- No species could be rejected as a host at this infection rate at the 95% confidence level
- Changes the picture for control of *Leishmania* totally;
- *Leishmania* and *Lutzomyias* are eclectic in their host source.
- Linnean classification is NOT ecologically relevant



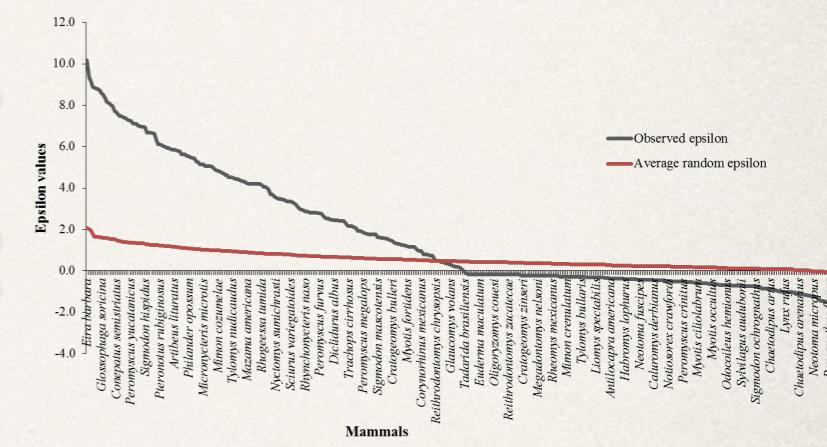
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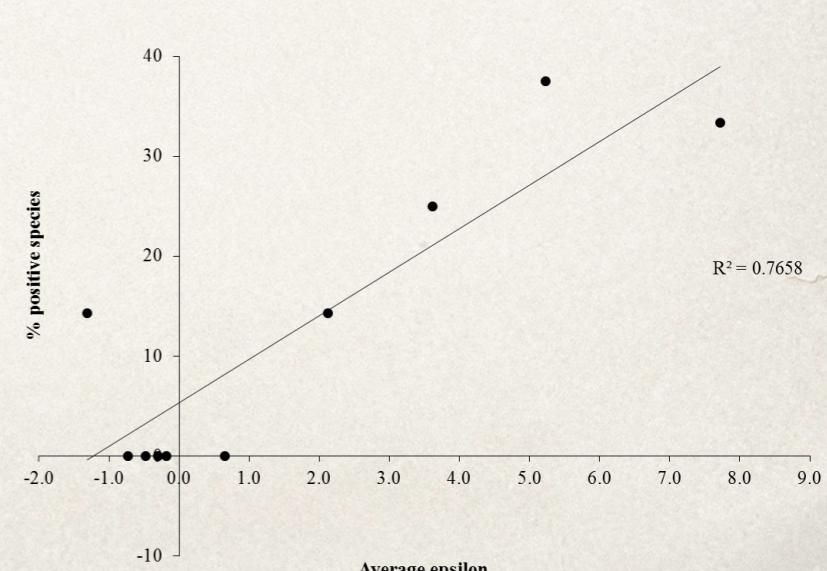
	Mammals	Epsilon	Conf.
1	<i>Eira barbara</i>	10.1683	
2	<i>Rhogeessa aeneus</i>	9.3649	
3	<i>Artibeus intermedius</i>	9.1628	
4	<i>Reithrodontomys gracilis</i>	8.8921	Yes
5	<i>Carollia sowelli</i>	8.8303	
6	<i>Heteromys gaumeri</i>	8.8000	Yes
7	<i>Peromyscus mexicanus</i>	8.7859	
8	<i>Heteromys desmarestianus</i>	8.7164	Yes
9	<i>Molossus rufus</i>	8.6277	
10	<i>Glossophaga soricina</i>	8.5713	
11	<i>Carollia perspicillata</i>	8.5030	
12	<i>Orthogeomys hispidus</i>	8.3468	
13	<i>Pteronotus parnellii</i>	8.1632	
14	<i>Desmodus rotundus</i>	8.1519	
15	<i>Dasyprocta mexicana</i>	8.1128	
16	<i>Sturnira lilium</i>	8.0290	
17	<i>Dermanura phaeotis</i>	8.0055	
18	<i>Dasyprocta punctata</i>	7.9678	
19	<i>Oryzomys couesi</i>	7.7253	
20	<i>Potos flavus</i>	7.7246	
21	<i>Conepatus semistriatus</i>	7.6879	
22	<i>Ototylomys phyllotis</i>	7.5587	Yes
23	<i>Ateles geoffroyi</i>	7.4787	
24	<i>Cryptotis magna</i>	7.4207	
25	<i>Cuniculus paca</i>	7.3220	
26	<i>Lampronycteris brachyotis</i>	7.2852	
27	<i>Sigmodon hispidus</i>	7.2805	Yes
28	<i>Peromyscus yucatanicus</i>	7.2486	Yes
29	<i>Oryzomys chapmani</i>	7.1242	
30	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	7.1150	
31	<i>Peromyscus melanocarpus</i>	7.0260	
32	<i>Microtus umbrosus</i>	6.9630	
33	<i>Thyroptera tricolor</i>	6.9630	
34	<i>Nasua narica</i>	6.8953	
35	<i>Megadontomys cryophilus</i>	6.6830	
36	<i>Oryzomys alfaroi</i>	6.6816	
37	<i>Sorex veraepacis</i>	6.6797	
38	<i>Carollia subrufa</i>	6.6316	
39	<i>Peromyscus aztecus</i>	6.6173	
40	<i>Didelphis marsupialis</i>	6.4390	Yes
41	<i>Sciurus yucatanensis</i>	6.3865	
42	<i>Philander opossum</i>	6.2546	
43	<i>Habromys ixtlani</i>	6.1120	
44	<i>Microtus waterhousii</i>	6.1120	
45	<i>Pteronotus rubiginosus</i>	6.1120	
46	<i>Reithrodontomys microdorsalis</i>	6.0967	
47	<i>Coendou mexicanus</i>	6.0268	
48	<i>Centurio senex</i>	6.0076	
49	<i>Artibeus jamaicensis</i>	5.9786	
50	<i>Glossophaga morenoi</i>	5.8847	

	Mammals	Epsilon	Conf.
51	<i>Molossus sinaloae</i>	5.8518	
52	<i>Artibeus lituratus</i>	5.8422	
53	<i>Mormoops megalophylla</i>	5.8374	
54	<i>Habromys lepturus</i>	5.7848	
55	<i>Myotis keaysi</i>	5.6148	
56	<i>Chiroderma villosum</i>	5.5562	
57	<i>Tamandua mexicana</i>	5.4845	
58	<i>Tylomys nudicaudus</i>	5.4510	
59	<i>Saccopteryx bilineata</i>	5.2984	
60	<i>Macrotus mexicanus</i>	5.2472	
61	<i>Sciurus aureogaster</i>	5.2267	
62	<i>Biomys musculus</i>	5.2092	
63	<i>Rhogeessa tumida</i>	5.1950	
64	<i>Sciurus deppei</i>	5.1414	
65	<i>Dermanura watsoni</i>	5.1338	
66	<i>Otonyctomys hatti</i>	5.1338	
67	<i>Orthogeomys grandis</i>	5.0556	
68	<i>Alouatta palliata</i>	5.0457	
69	<i>Choeroniscus godmani</i>	5.0457	
70	<i>Pteropteryx macrotis</i>	5.0457	
71	<i>Pteronotus personatus</i>	5.0266	
72	<i>Lontra longicaudis</i>	4.9330	
73	<i>Reithrodontomys mexicanus</i>	4.9120	
74	<i>Oryzomys rostratus</i>	4.8681	
75	<i>Mimon cozumelae</i>	4.8327	
76	<i>Pteronotus davyi</i>	4.7943	
77	<i>Herpailurus yagouaroundi</i>	4.7100	
78	<i>Glossophaga leachii</i>	4.6849	
79	<i>Rhogeessa gracilis</i>	4.6317	
80	<i>Sylvilagus brasiliensis</i>	4.6317	
81	<i>Hodomys allenii</i>	4.5155	
82	<i>Leopardus wiedii</i>	4.4420	
83	<i>Peromyscus simulatus</i>	4.4195	
84	<i>Sigmodon allenii</i>	4.3707	
85	<i>Bassariscus sumichrasti</i>	4.3110	
86	<i>Oryzomys fulvescens</i>	4.3110	
87	<i>Diphylla ecaudata</i>	4.3013	
88	<i>Oryzomys melanotis</i>	4.2907	Yes
89	<i>Micronycteris microtis</i>	4.2338	
90	<i>Mazama americana</i>	4.2274	
91	<i>Microtus oaxacensis</i>	4.2061	
92	<i>Rheomys thomasi</i>	4.2061	
93	<i>Oryzomys saturator</i>	4.2061	
94	<i>Myotis elegans</i>	4.2024	
95	<i>Oligoryzomys fulvescens</i>	4.1984	
96	<i>Natalus stramineus</i>	4.0626	
97	<i>Balantiopteryx io</i>	4.0522	
98	<i>Nyctinomops laticaudatus</i>	4.0522	
99	<i>Tlacuatzin canescens</i>	4.0119	
100	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	3.9265	

	Mammals	Epsilon	Conf.
101	<i>Balantiopteryx plicata</i>	3.8590	
102	<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>	3.7994	
103	<i>Sturnina ludovici</i>	3.7888	
104	<i>Enchisthenes hartii</i>	3.6929	
105	<i>Vampyromys caraccioli</i>	3.6929	
106	<i>Eptesicus furinalis</i>	3.6453	
107	<i>Liomys pictus</i>	3.6107	
108	<i>Glossophaga commissaris</i>	3.4861	
109	<i>Lonchorhina aurita</i>	3.4781	
110	<i>Phyllostomus discolor</i>	3.4781	
111	<i>Peromyscus gymnotis</i>	3.4516	
112	<i>Anoura geoffroyi</i>	3.4201	
113	<i>Platyrhinus helleri</i>	3.3586	
114	<i>Eumops bonariensis</i>	3.3398	
115	<i>Sciurus variegatoides</i>	3.3398	
116	<i>Uroderma bilobatum</i>	3.3373	
117	<i>Lasiurus intermedius</i>	3.2197	
118	<i>Lasiurus ega</i>	3.1739	
119	<i>Peromyscus megalops</i>	3.1410	
120	<i>Eumops glaucinus</i>	3.0564	
121	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	2.9697	
122	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	2.9502	
123	<i>Hylonycteris underwoodi</i>	2.9343	
124	<i>Rhynchoycteris naso</i>	2.8580	
125	<i>Eptesicus brasiliensis</i>	2.8106	
126	<i>Myotis albescens</i>	2.8106	
127	<i>Lophostoma evotis</i>	2.8106	
128	<i>Tapirus bairdii</i>	2.8106	
129	<i>Vampyrum spectrum</i>	2.8106	
130	<i>Marmosa mexicana</i>	2.7731	Yes
131	<i>Peromyscus furvus</i>	2.7731	
132	<i>Myotis velifera</i>	2.5757	
133	<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	2.5411	
134	<i>Microtus mexicanus</i>	2.5268	
135	<i>Dasyurus novemcinctus</i>	2.4725	
136	<i>Myotis nigricans</i>	2.4704	
137	<i>Lophostoma brasiliense</i>	2.4407	
138	<i>Diclidurus albus</i>	2.4407	
139	<i>Sciurus niger</i>	2.4407	
140	<i>Leptonycteris curasoae</i>	2.4268	
141	<i>Nyctomys sumichrasti</i>	2.4026	
142	<i>Sigmodon mascotensis</i>	2.3815	
143	<i>Alouatta pigra</i>	2.3374	
144	<i>Peromyscus melanophrys</i>	2.2204	
145	<i>Dermanura tolteca</i>	2.1920	
146	<i>Trachops cirrhosus</i>	2.1663	
147	<i>Bauerus dubiaquercus</i>	2.1612	
148	<i>Spilogale pygmaea</i>	2.1612	
149	<i>Leptonycteris nivalis</i>	2.1402	
150	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>	2.1002	



Biotic facilitation seems to be the norm. Species are not distributed randomly

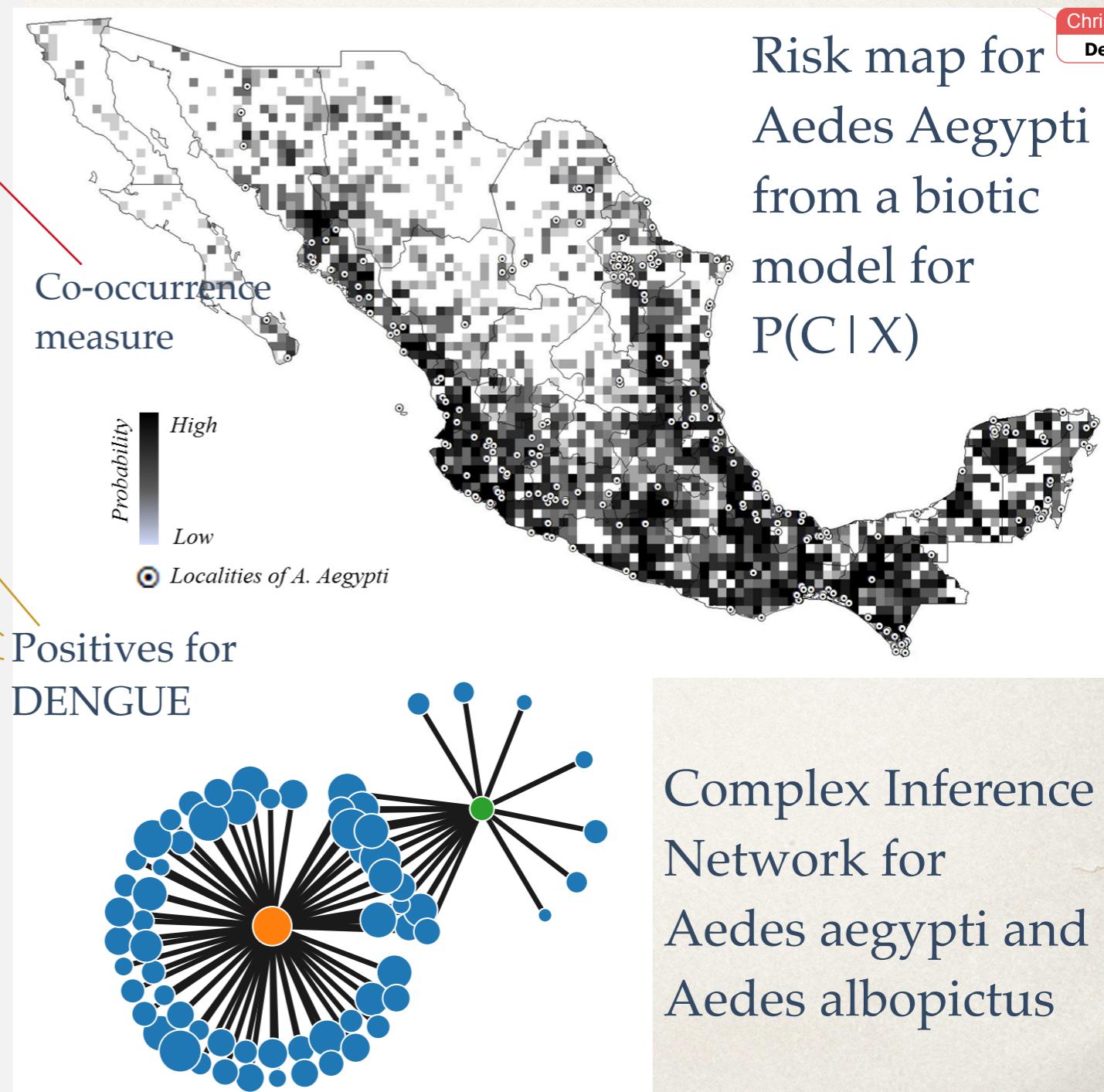




Predictive Model for potential hosts of ZIKV

Mammals with most statistically significant geographic overlap with Aedes Aegypti

Rank	Mammal	epsilon	Rank	Mammal	epsilon
1	<i>Glossophaga soricina</i>	12.78	38	<i>Dasyurus novemcinctus</i>	7.11
2	<i>Molossus rufus</i>	11.99	39	<i>Sigmodon hispidus</i>	7.02
3	<i>Artibeus jamaicensis*</i>	11.68	40	<i>Uroderma bilobatum</i>	6.82
4	<i>Liomys pictus</i>	11.06	41	<i>Leptonycteris curasoae</i>	6.75
5	<i>Oryzomys couesi</i>	11.04	42	<i>Carollia perspicillata</i>	6.71
6	<i>Carollia subrufa</i>	10.49	43	<i>Centurio senex</i>	6.61
7	<i>Sturnira lilium</i>	10.28	44	<i>Sciurus colliae</i>	6.59
8	<i>Artibeus lituratus*</i>	9.91	45	<i>Lontra longicaudis</i>	6.49
9	<i>Choeroniscus godmani</i>	9.42	46	<i>Didelphis marsupialis</i>	6.49
10	<i>Liomys salvini</i>	9.33	47	<i>Cratogeomys bulleri</i>	6.35
11	<i>Oligoryzomys fulvescens</i>	9.15	48	<i>Carollia sowelli*</i>	6.27
12	<i>Dermanura phaeotis</i>	9.12	49	<i>Myotis elegans</i>	6.12
13	<i>Rhogeessa tumida</i>	9.06	50	<i>Myotis nigricans*</i>	6.06
14	<i>Pteronotus personatus</i>	9.05	51	<i>Sigmodon arizonae</i>	6.00
15	<i>Baiomys musculus</i>	8.97	52	<i>Rhynchonycteris naso</i>	5.95
16	<i>Glossophaga commissarisi</i>	8.80	53	<i>Tlacuatzin canescens</i>	5.87
17	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	8.58	54	<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>	5.84
18	<i>Pteronotus parnellii*</i>	8.58	55	<i>Caluromys derbianus</i>	5.78
19	<i>Orthogeomys hispidus</i>	8.53	56	<i>Molossus molossus</i>	5.76
20	<i>Sciurus aureogaster</i>	8.52	57	<i>Oryzomys rostratus</i>	5.76
21	<i>Molossus sinaloae</i>	8.51	58	<i>Osgoodomys banderanus</i>	5.76
22	<i>Desmodus rotundus</i>	8.23	59	<i>Myotis carteri</i>	5.66
23	<i>Saccopteryx bilineata</i>	8.22	60	<i>Micronycteris microtis</i>	5.52
24	<i>Lasiurus intermedius</i>	8.15	61	<i>Sylvilagus brasiliensis</i>	5.47
25	<i>Phyllostomus discolor</i>	8.12	62	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>	5.37
26	<i>Philander opossum</i>	8.10	63	<i>Spermophilus annulatus</i>	5.36
27	<i>Peromyscus geyenotis</i>	7.90	64	<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>	5.30
28	<i>Balantiopteryx plicata</i>	7.81	65	<i>Conepatus leuconotus</i>	5.30
29	<i>Eptesicus furinalis</i>	7.69	66	<i>Chaetodipus pernix</i>	5.27
30	<i>Pteronotus davyi</i>	7.55	67	<i>Sciurus yucatanensis</i>	5.23
31	<i>Dermanura tolteca</i>	7.48	68	<i>Sigmodon mascotensis</i>	5.13
32	<i>Sciurus variegatoides</i>	7.48	69	<i>Eira barbara</i>	5.12
33	<i>Mormoops megalophylla</i>	7.45	70	<i>Ateles geoffroyi</i>	5.11
34	<i>Oryzomys melanotis</i>	7.42	71	<i>Neotoma phenax</i>	5.07
35	<i>Artibeus intermedius</i>	7.40	72	<i>Noctilio leporinus</i>	5.06
36	<i>Chaetodipus artus</i>	7.20	73	<i>Reithrodontomys fulvescens</i>	4.95
37	<i>Nasua narica</i>	7.18			



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Conclusions

- ❖ Prediction of risk factors and interventions for EIDs is of huge public health importance
- ❖ EIDs are Complex Adaptive Systems
 - ❖ Multi-factorial, multi-scale, multi-discipline —> multi-interaction
 - ❖ There are too many interactions to observe directly
 - ❖ Standard mathematical techniques model only a few factors
- ❖ The Data Revolution has made available large amounts of data with which their complex, adaptive nature may be better modelled
 - ❖ Spatio-temporal data about organisms, relative to each other (biotic) and relative to the environment (abiotic), can be used to deduce the nature of their interactions
 - ❖ This can be done at the niche level (one to many) and at the community level (many to many)
 - ❖ Obtaining and integrating data is a huge challenge - political and technical
- ❖ The optimal use of this data requires innovation in modelling using multiple techniques - from SIR-type models to agent-based modelling and the use of advanced machine learning and AI techniques.
- ❖ Our work on various zoonosis show the utility of innovative approaches that use data of arbitrary spatial resolution and format, such as predicting host range.
 - ❖ Importance of a Data-Predictions-Experiment production line approach to emerging diseases
 - ❖ Importance of a multi-pathogen, multi-vector, multi-host approach