

**“...whoever wishes to pursue the science of medicine must first investigate the seasons of the year and what occurs in them.”**

Hippocrates, 4th Century B.C.

# Impact of climate change on water quality and health: a focus on cholera

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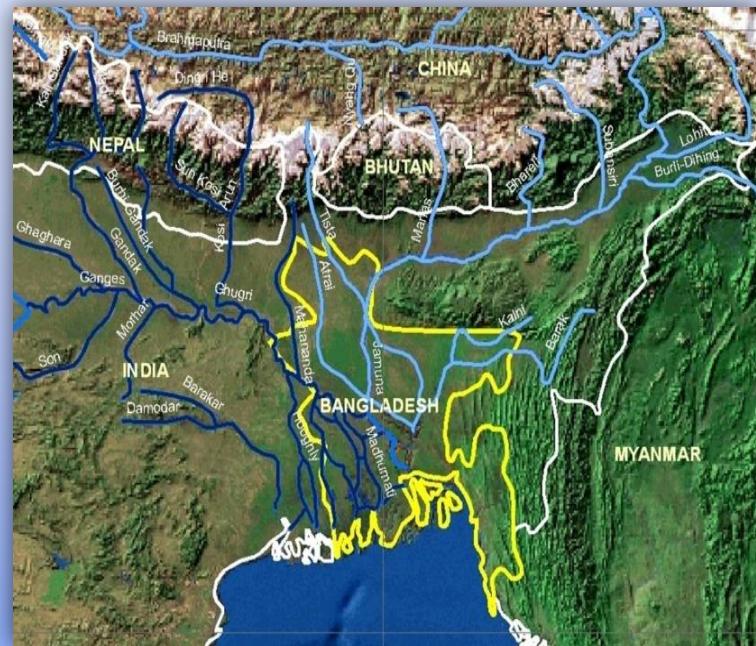
# Water-related diseases

	Cases per year	Deaths per year
Amoebiasis	48,000,000	110,000
Arsenic	28-35m exposed to drinking water with elevated levels	
Diarrhoeal disease, Including cholera	1.5 billion	1,800,000
Dracunuliasis (guinea worm)	> 5000	-
Fluorosis	26 million (China)	-
Giardiasis	500,000	Low
Hepatitis A	1,500,00	-
Intestinal helminths	133,000,000	9400
Malaria	396,000,000	1,300,000
Schistosomiasis	160,000,000	> 10,000
Trachoma	500,000,000	-
Typhoid	500,000	25,000

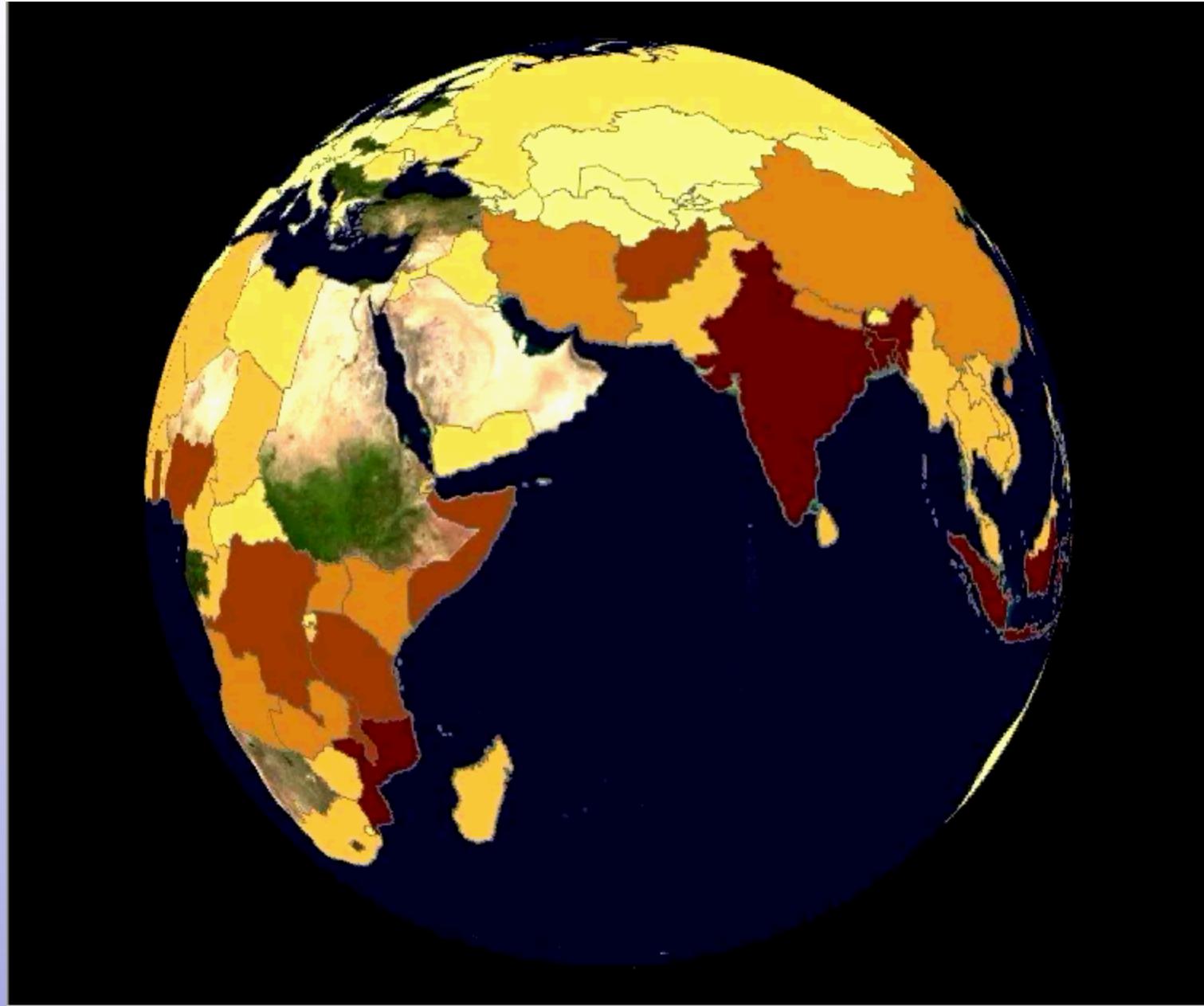


# Cholera: A Global Disease

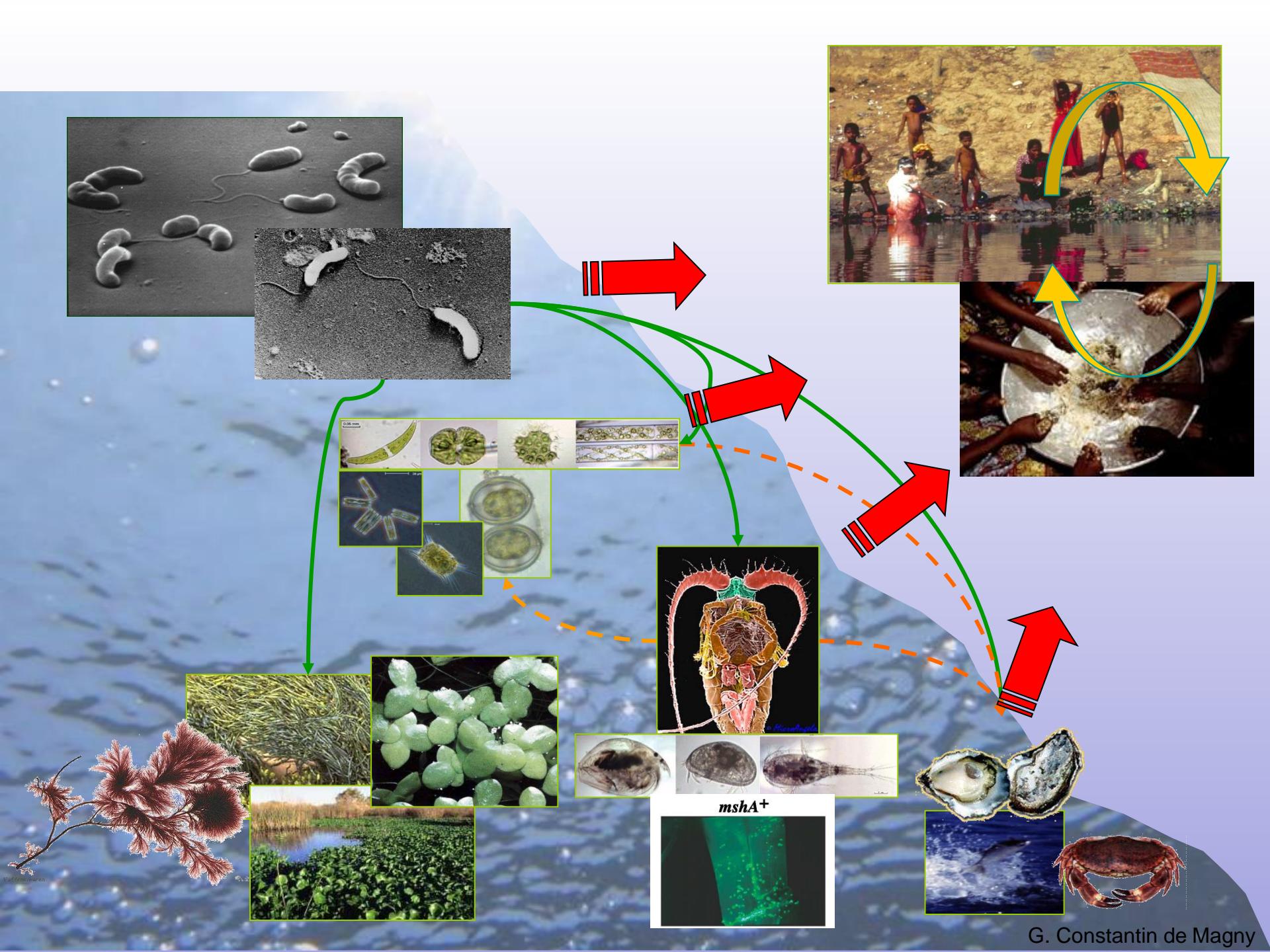
- Acute water-related diarrheal disease
- Seventh pandemic started in 1960s
- Occurs in more than 50 countries affecting approximately 7 million people
- Bengal Delta is known as “native homeland” of cholera outbreaks
- Since cholera bacteria
  - exist naturally in aquatic habitats
  - evidence of new biotypes emerging,  
*it is highly unlikely that cholera will be eradicated but clearly can be controlled by provision of safe drinking water.*











# What is reported about cholera and macro-scale processes?

Cholera outbreaks have been linked to environmental and climate variables

precipitation (*Hashizume et al. 2008*)

floods (*Koelle et al., 2005*)

river level (*Emch et al., 2008*)

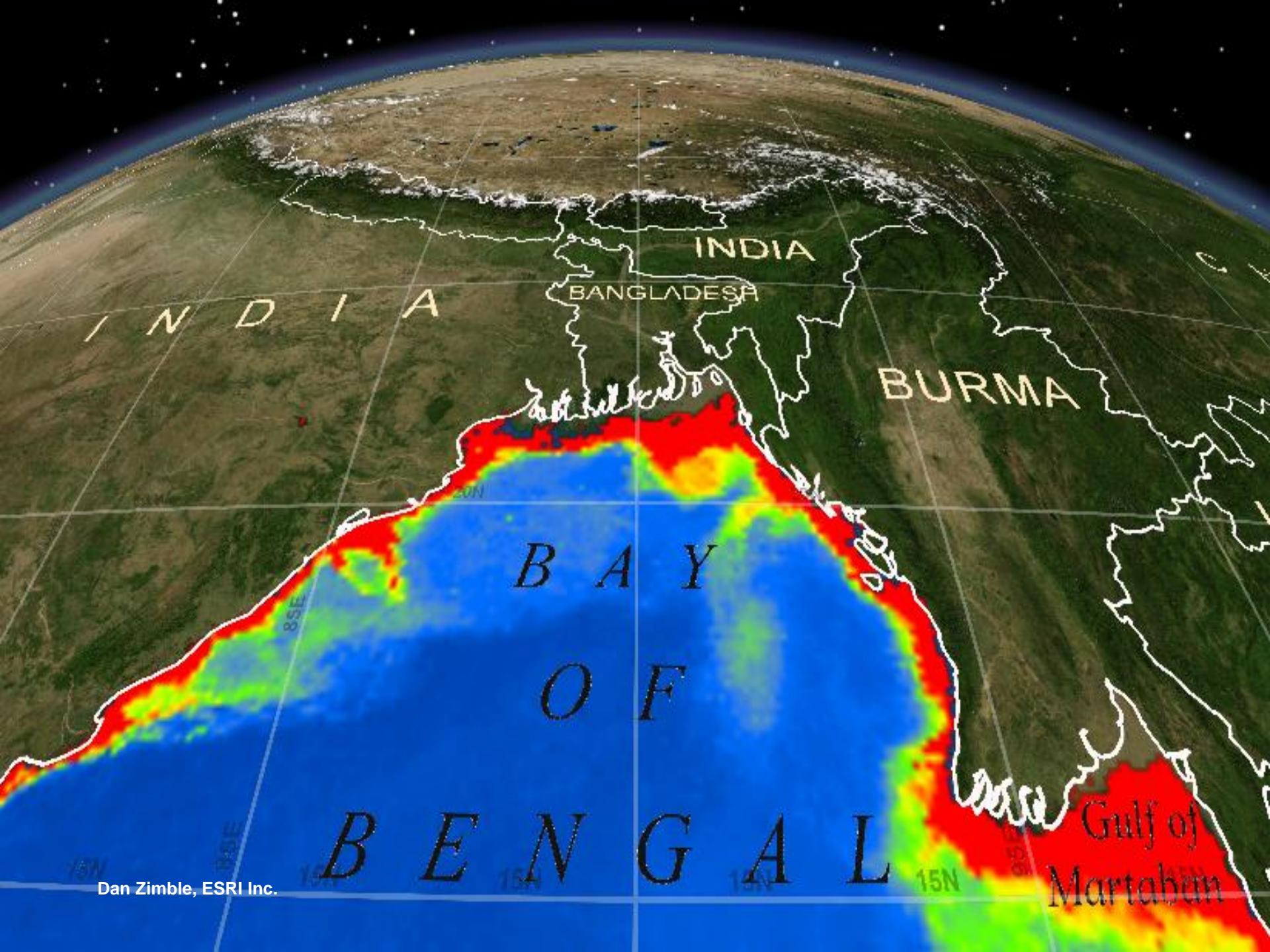
sea surface temperature (*Colwell, 1996; Lobitz et al., 2000*)

coastal salinity (*Miller et al., 1982*)

dissolved organic material (*Worden et al., 2005*)

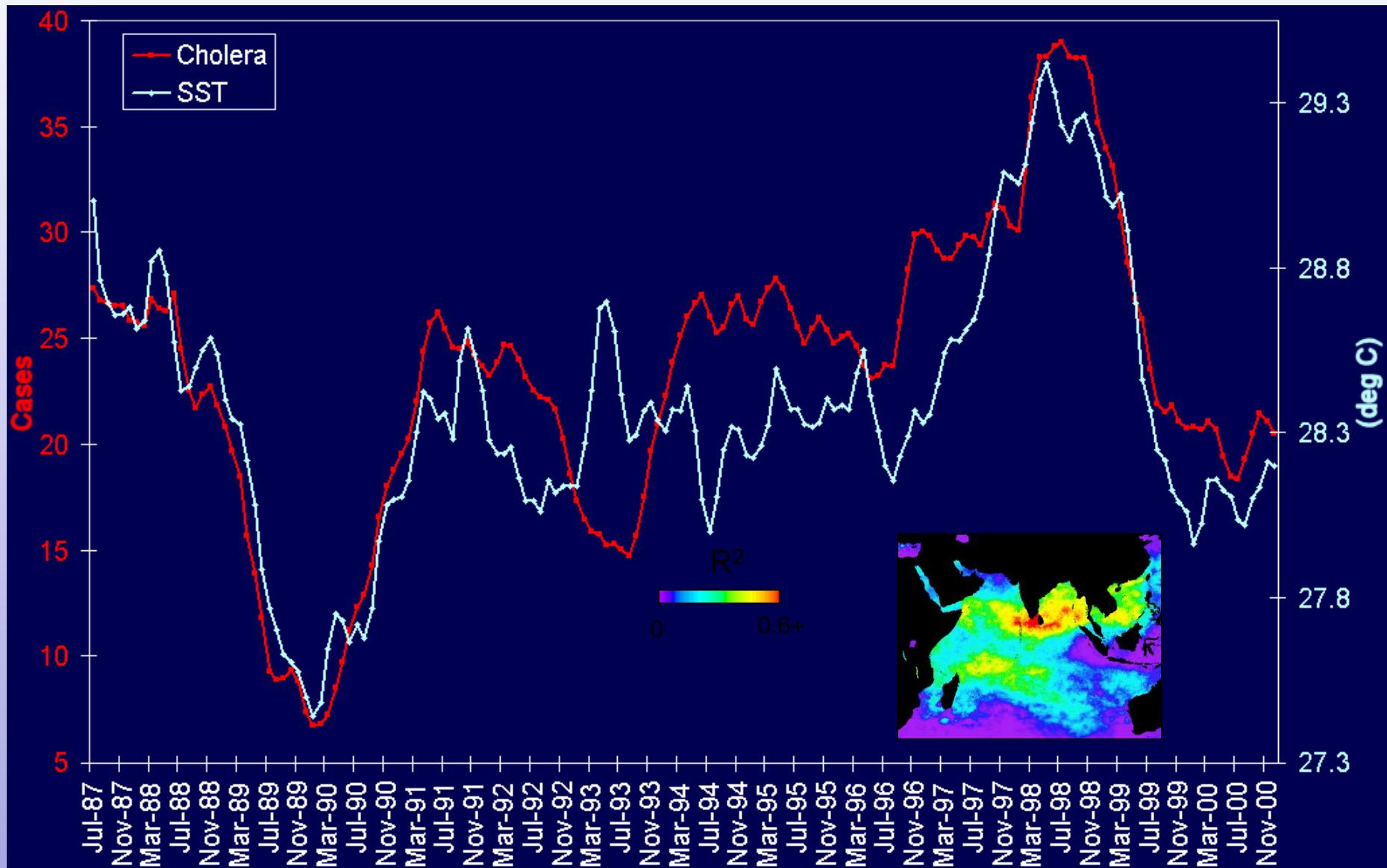
fecal contamination (*Islam et al., 2006*)

chlorophyll (*Lobitz et al., 2000, Magny et al., 2008*)



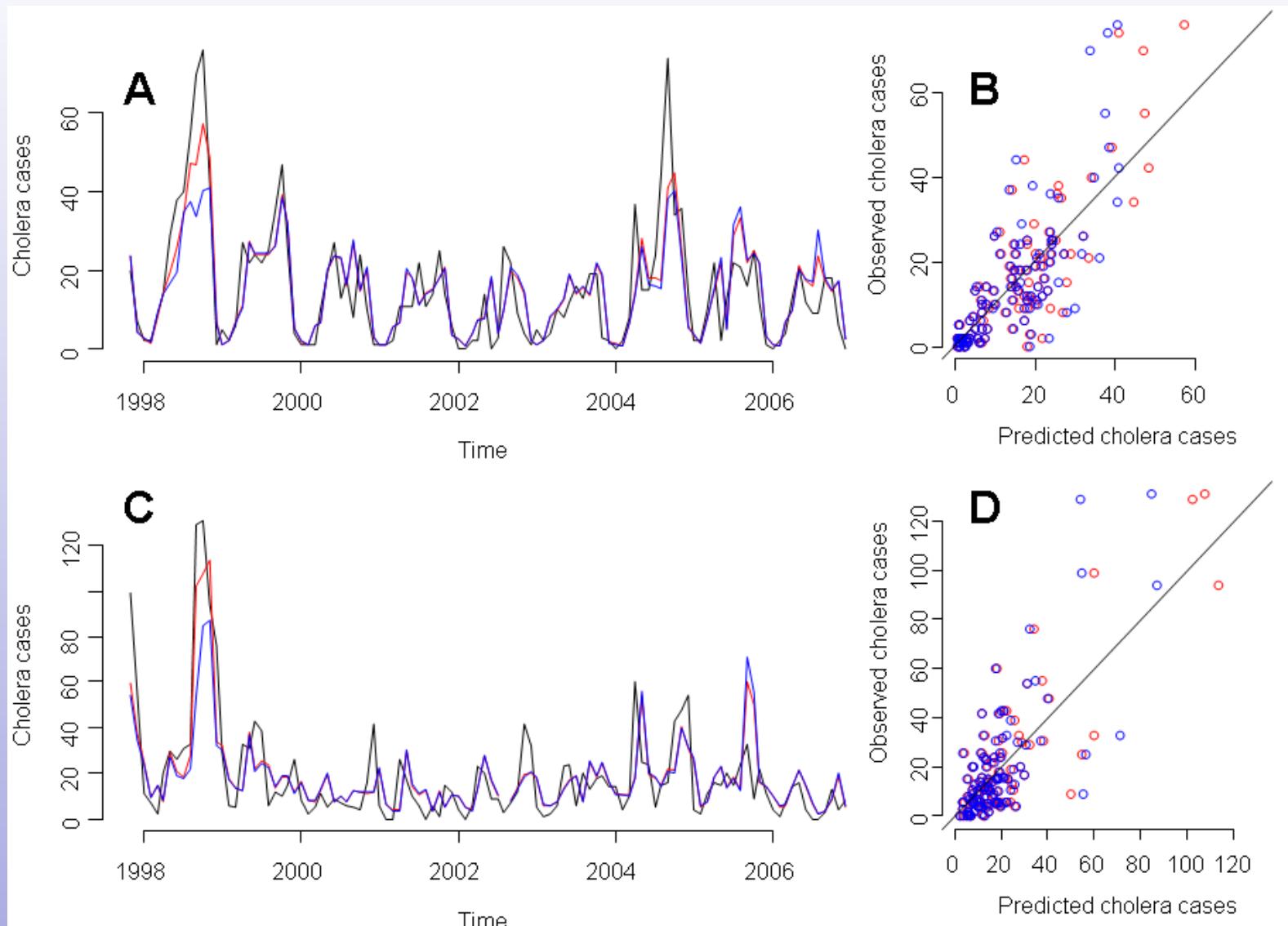
# Cholera and SST in the Indian Ocean

Six-month SST lead:  $R^2 = 0.72$



# Environmental Signatures Related To Cholera Epidemics

KOLKATA



MATLAB

- Fitted model
- Cross-validation model

# Results

**Kolkata: Significant and positive relationship between cholera and CHL(t) and Rain(t).**

**Matlab: Significant and positive relationship between cholera and Chl(t-1).**

## KOLKATA

+1 mg.m<sup>-3</sup> in CHL(t) => +32.5% in number of cholera cases (95% CI 8.3%-62.0%)

+1 mm.day<sup>-1</sup> in Rain(t) => +6.5% in number of cholera cases (95% CI 1.6%-11.7%)

## MATLAB

+1 mg.m<sup>-3</sup> in CHL(t-1) => +31.4% in number of cholera cases (95% CI 13.0%-52.7%)

## Epidemic Cholera

- Sporadic outbreak
- Usually occurs following floods or inundation of large landscapes
- Warm temperatures may increase growth of bacteria in aquatic bodies.

Typical cholera seasonality



Chattak

Brahmaputra

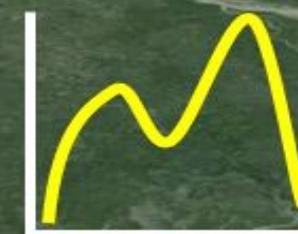
## Mixed-mode Cholera

- Usually two seasonal peaks
- One peak related to seawater intrusion; Second peak associated with widespread inundation
- Specific to Bengal Delta region

Ganges

Dhaka

Matlab



## Endemic Cholera

- Cholera persists throughout year in coastal regions
- Seawater Intrusion from coasts to inland
- Cholera outbreaks occur during low river flow season

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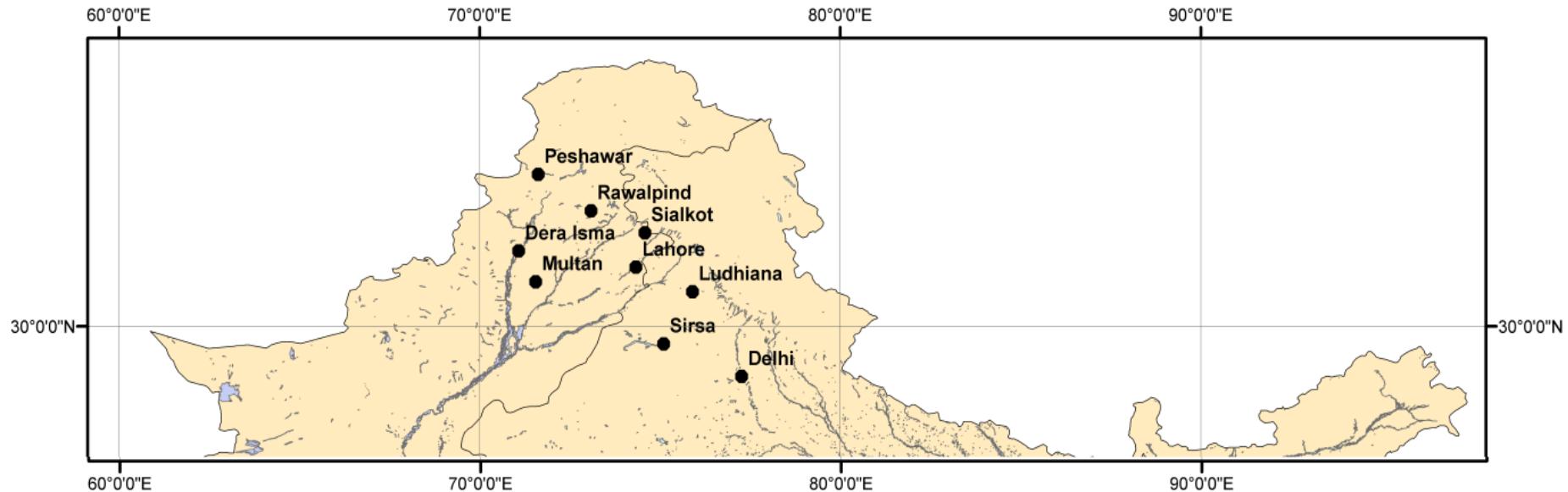
Bacteria movement from coasts



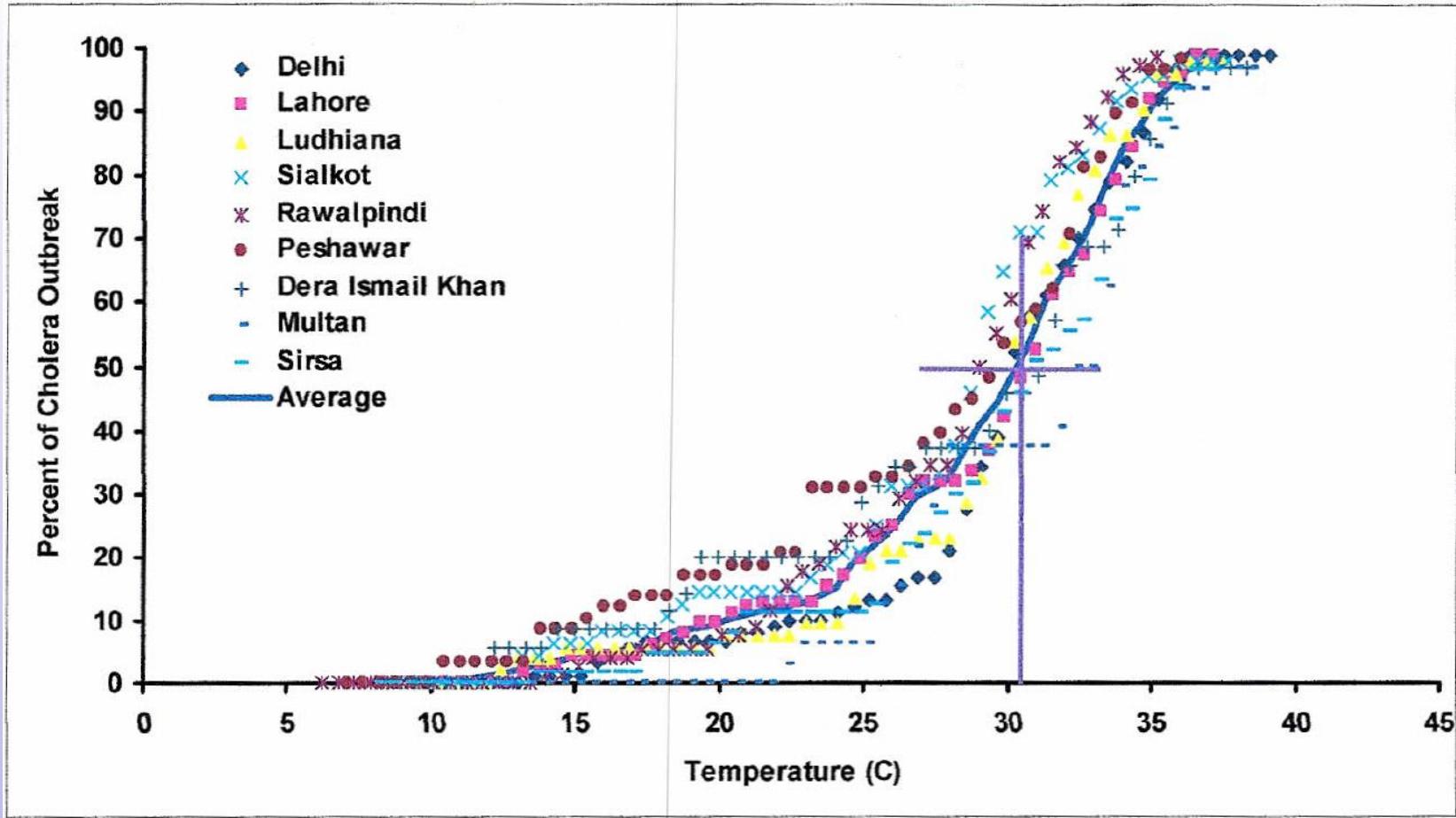
Background image: Bangladesh and Bay of Bengal





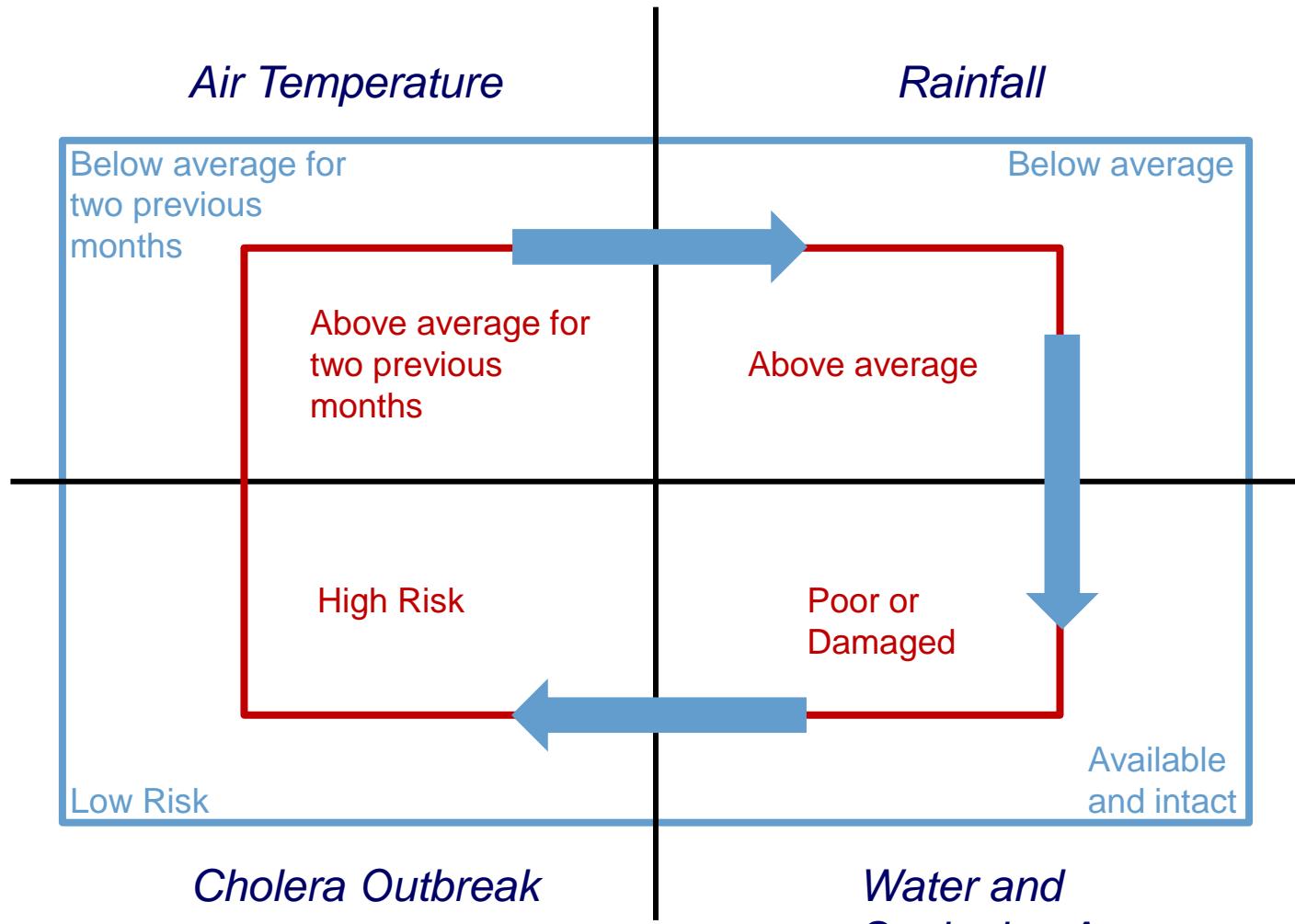


**Location of areas in the Indus River Basin where cholera outbreaks were reported from 1875-1900.**



## Relationship between cholera outbreaks and air temperatures

# Theoretical framework for predicting cholera outbreaks in epidemic regions



# Could we have predicted the Haiti Cholera outbreak?

- Recent cholera outbreak in Haiti indicated the disease remains a global threat.
- Framework for developing cholera prediction models in cholera endemic (ER) and non-endemic regions (NER)
- The sharp contrast in mortality rates between ER and NER exists not because we do not know how to treat cholera patients, but because of a persistent “knowledge barrier” between ER and NER.
- We propose a pragmatic and adaptive framework which hypothesizes that convergence of three enabling situations - Inception, Environmental Conditions, and Transmission - are necessary for a cholera outbreak to become an epidemic.

Antarpreet Jutla, Elizabeth Whitcombe, Nur Hasan, Bradd Haley, Ali Akanda, Anwar Huq, Munir Alam, R. Bradley Sack and Rita Colwell. 2013. Environmental factors influencing epidemic cholera. Amer J Trop Med Hyg 89(3) 597-607

# Source and Distribution of isolates collected from Haitian outbreak

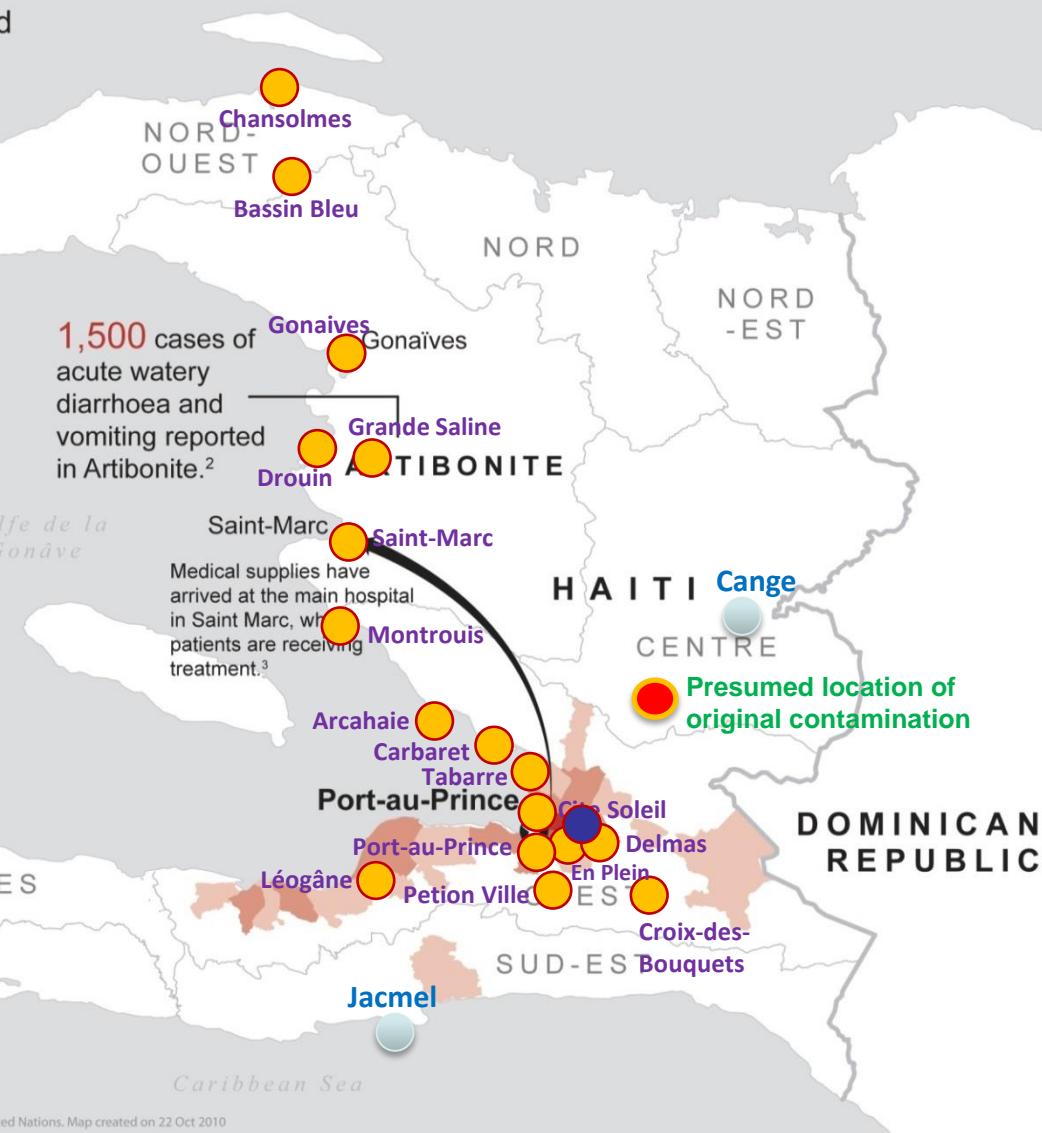
**HAITI:** Cholera Outbreak  
(as of 22 Oct 2010)

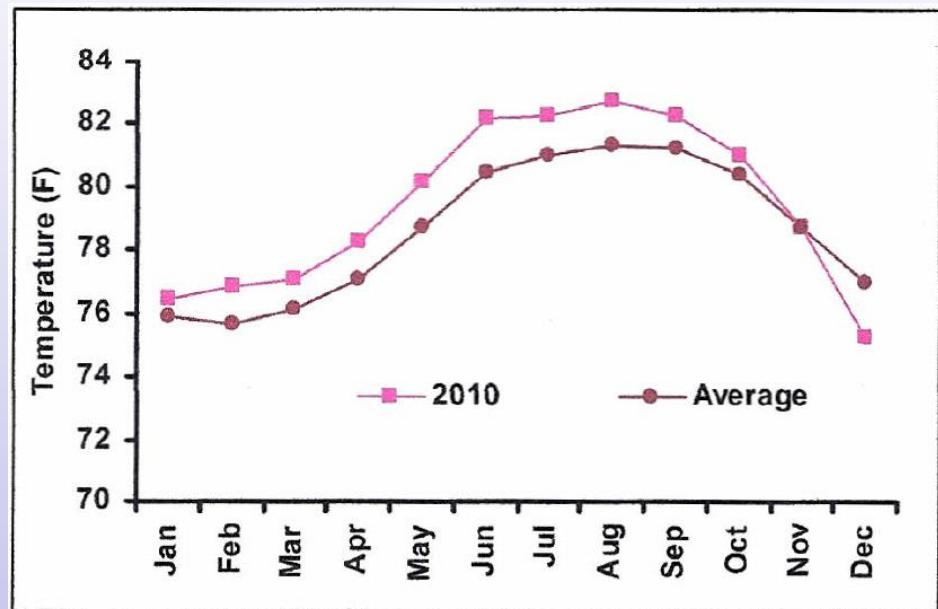


The Government of Haiti has confirmed the cholera outbreak. The disease has so far claimed 138 lives.<sup>1</sup> It is the first outbreak of cholera in Haiti in over 100 years.<sup>2</sup>

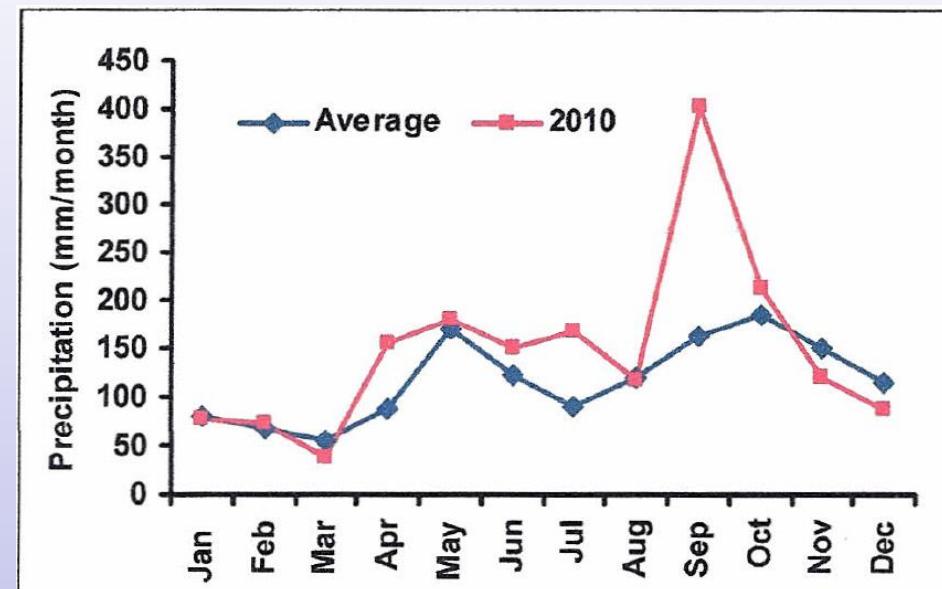
The cases have occurred in Saint-Marc, which is far from the main IDP camps and earthquake-affected areas.<sup>1</sup>

Patient Town	Arrondissement	Department
Grande Saline	Dessalines	Artibonite
Gonaïves	Gonaïves	Artibonite
Saint-Marc	Saint-Marc	Artibonite
Drouin	Saint-Marc	Artibonite
Chansolmes	Port-de-Paix	Nord-Ouest
Bassin Bleu	Port-de-Paix	Nord-Ouest
Arcahaie	Arcahaie	Ouest
Cabaret	Arcahaie	Ouest
Croix-des-Bouquets	Croix-des-Bouquets	Ouest
En Plein	Gonaïves	Ouest
Plaine	Gonaïves	Ouest
Léogâne	Léogâne	Ouest
Tabarre	Port-au-Prince	Ouest
Port-au-Prince	Port-au-Prince	Ouest
Delmas	Port-au-Prince	Ouest
Cite Soleil	Port-au-Prince	Ouest
Petion Ville	Port-au-Prince	Ouest
Montrouis		Ouest
18	8	3





Air temperature in Haiti in 2010 compared with historical air temperature data



Monthly rainfall in Haiti in 2010 compared with historical rainfall data

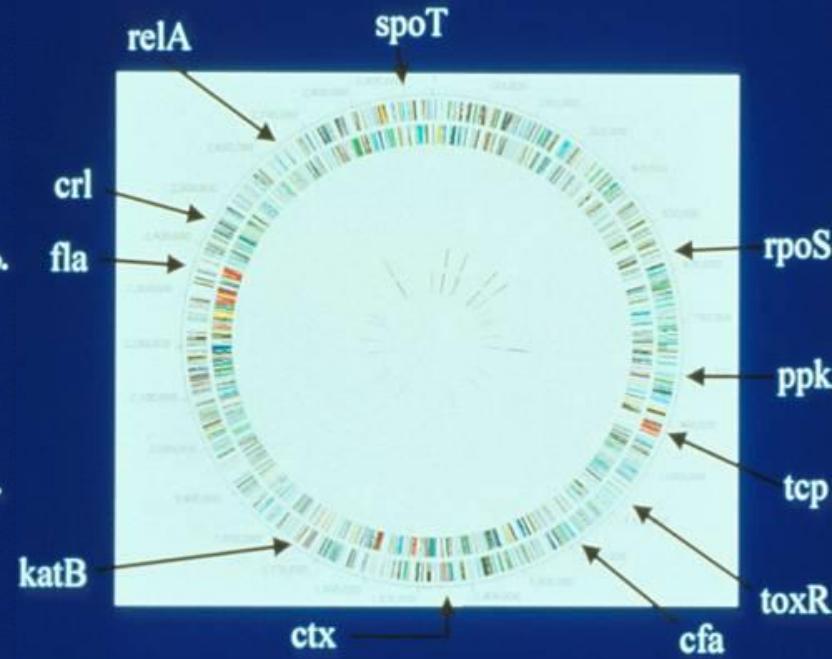
# *Vibrio cholerae*

Small Chromosome



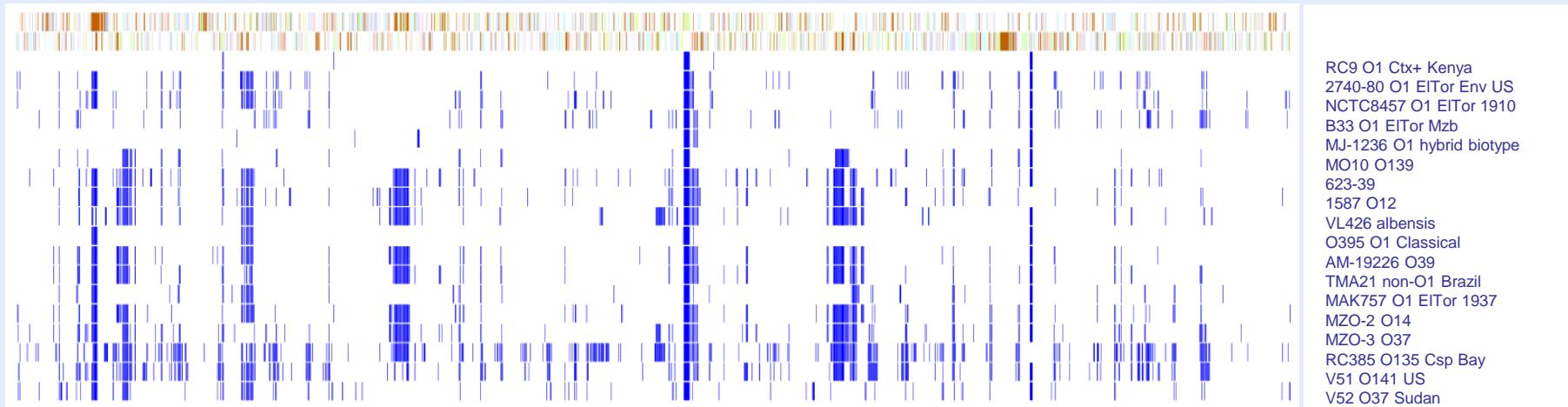
- A.A. Biosynth.
- Biosynth. Cofactors
- Cell Envelope
- Cell Processes
- Cent. Interm. Metab.
- DNA Metab.
- Energy Metab.
- Fatty Acid Metab.
- Nucleotides
- Regulatory Funct.
- Transcript./Translat.
- Transport
- Other/Unknown
- Hypothetical

Large Chromosome

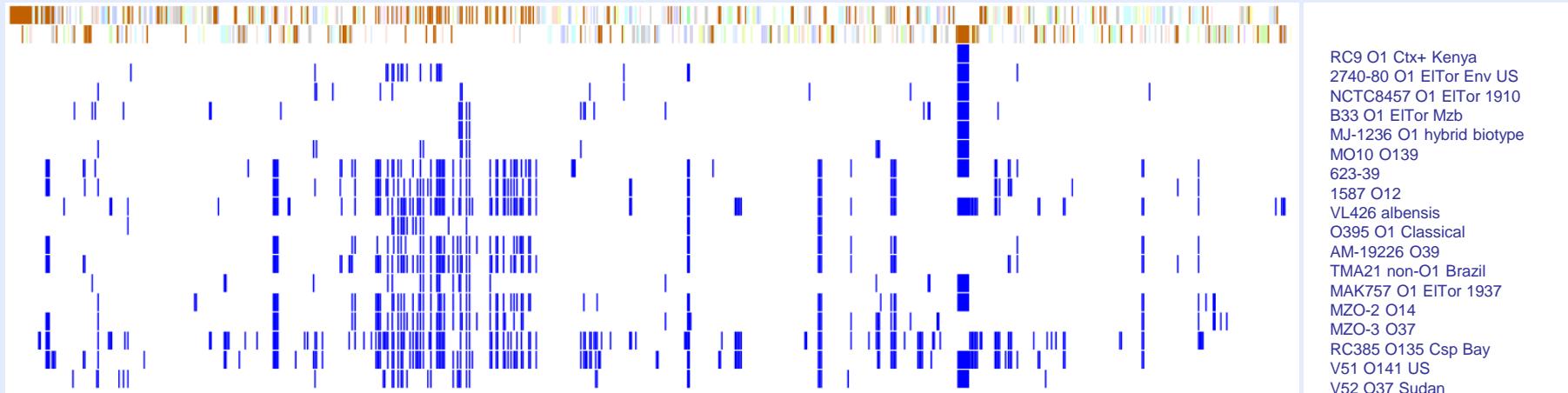


# Mosaic genomic structure of *V. cholerae* revealed by comparative genomics

Chromosome I (2,961,149 bp, 2,742 ORFs)



Chromosome II (1,072,315 bp, 1,093 ORFs)



Missing ORFs in *V. cholerae* strains (Reference: N16961; cutoff = 70% DNA similarity)

## Clinical Sample:

- 81 stool samples

<i>V. cholerae</i> O1	41 samples
<i>V. cholerae</i> Non-O1/O139	21 samples

- Both *V. cholerae* O1 and Non-O1/O139 have been isolated from 6 stool samples

## Environmental Sample:

- A. **From Cange in the Central Plateau:** ca. 199 meters above sea level, is located near the Artibonite River.
- From the hospital: tap water, greywater , and a latrine sample
  - From the school a latrine sample was also collected.
  - *V. cholerae* non-O1/O139 were isolated from all samples, all are *ctxA* negative (by PCR).

B. **From Jacmel in the Sud-Est Department in southern Haiti:**

- Water samples were collected from community tube well, river, and ocean
- All samples were negative for *V. cholerae* by toxR PCR,
- Some presumptive *V. alginolyticus* were isolated from these samples which showed positive bands of different size for *ctxA* and the O1 *rbf* by Hoshino PCR.

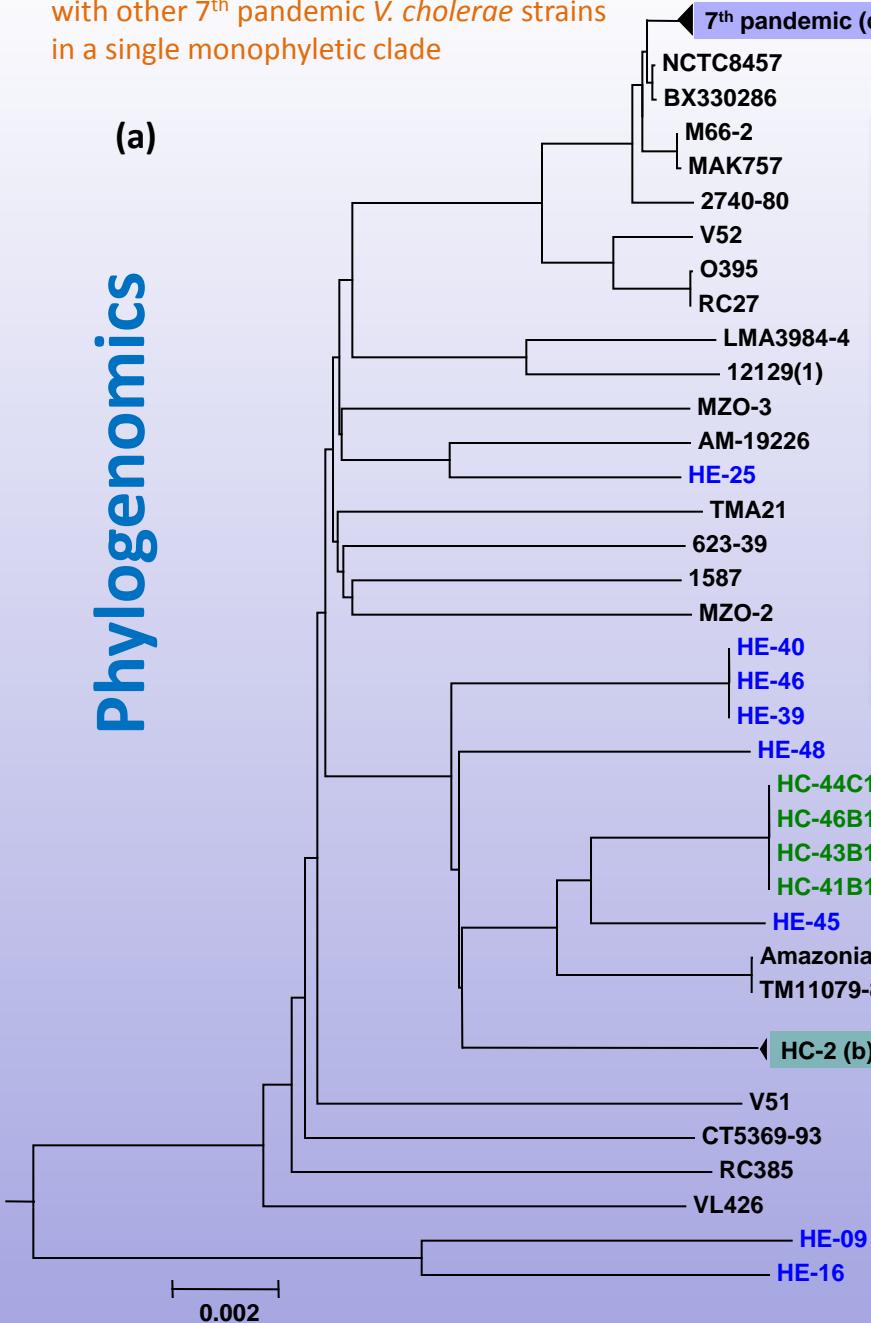
C. **Surface water samples from the south of Haiti, Grand'Anse, Nippes, and Sud.**

- *V. cholerae* non-O1/O139 have been isolated and are currently being investigated.

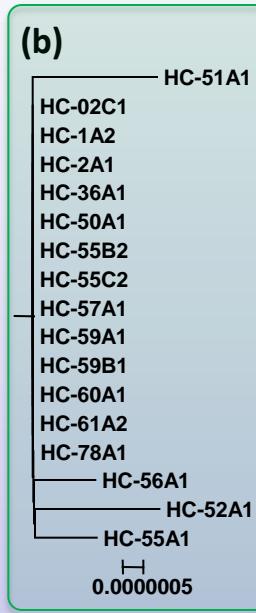
# Phylogenomics

The Haitian *V. cholerae* O1 strains clustered with other 7<sup>th</sup> pandemic *V. cholerae* strains in a single monophyletic clade

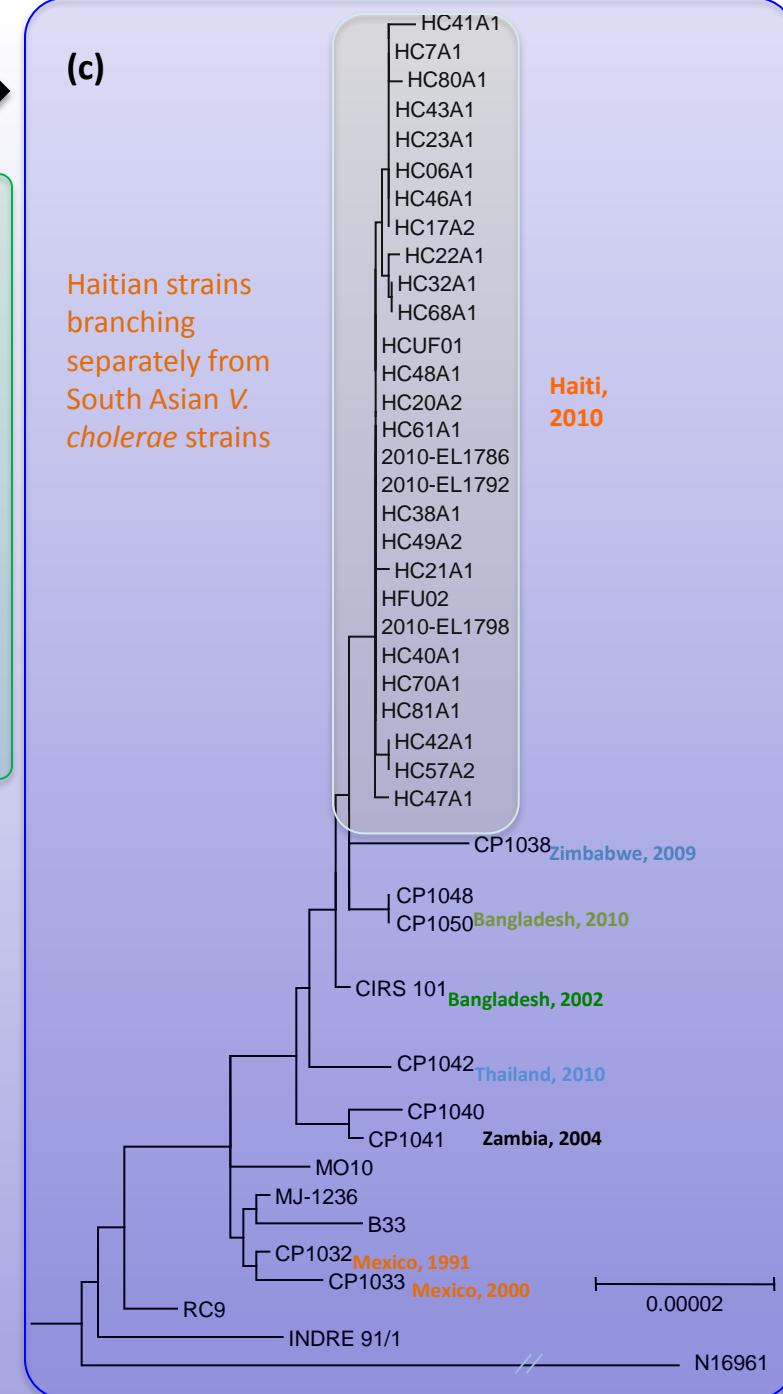
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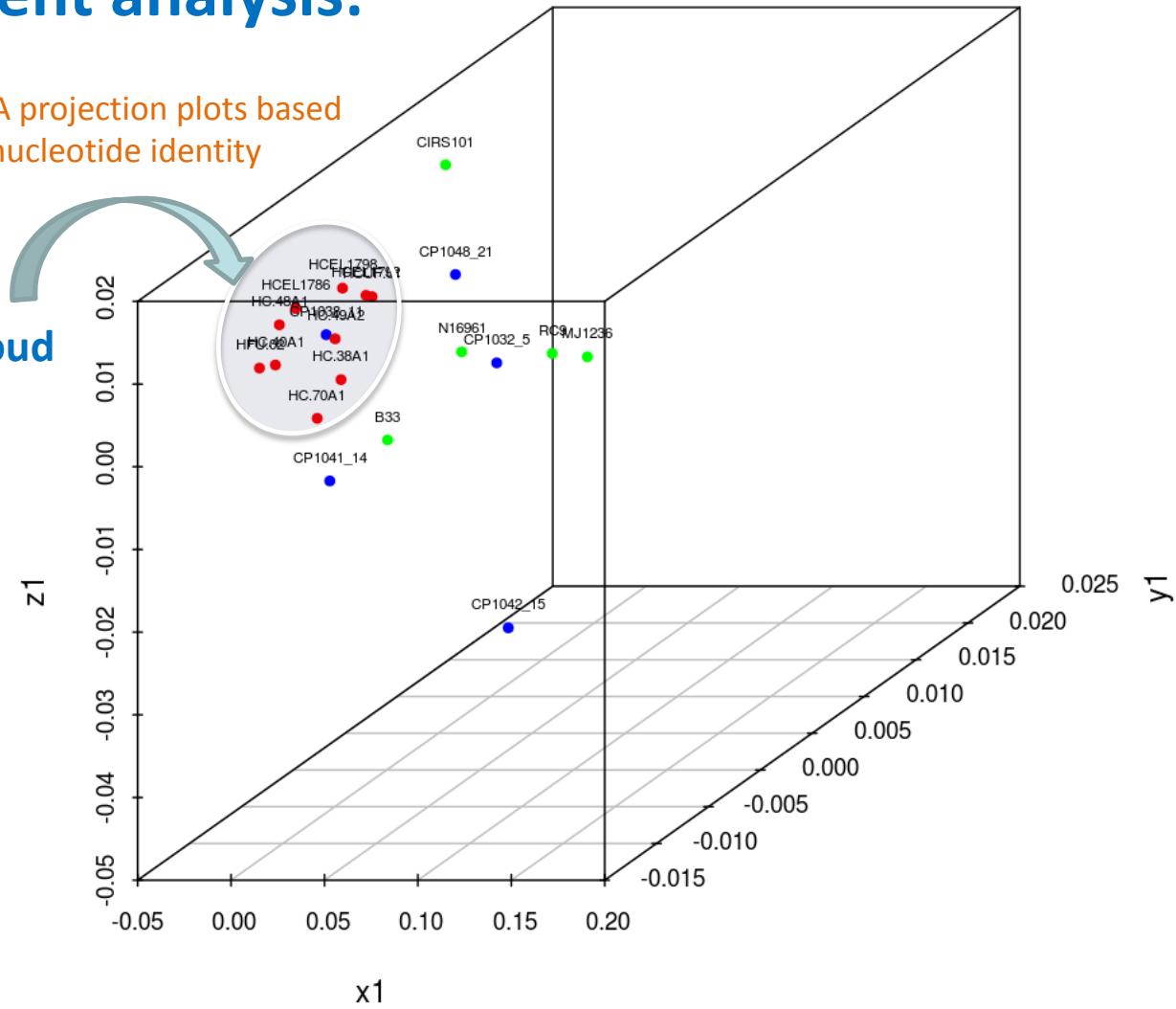
(c)



# Principal component analysis:

The three-dimensional PCA projection plots based on divergence of average nucleotide identity

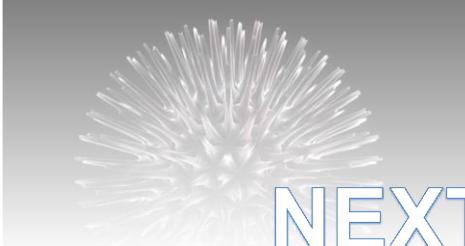
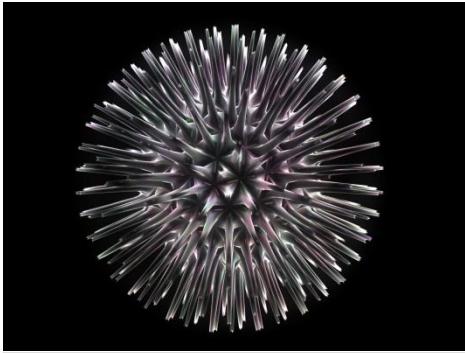
# Haitian Cluster Cloud



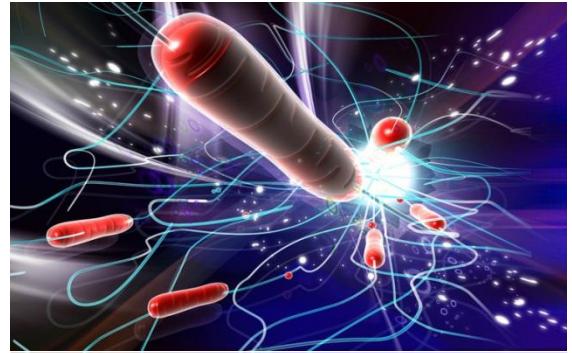
- 10 Haitian strains (red) form a cluster cloud, distinct and yet, distant, from CP genomes (concurrent epidemic isolates form different parts of the world) (blue) and others (green).
  - Interestingly, one reference strain CP 1038 (from Zambia) genome falls into the Haitian cluster.

# Conclusion:

- ❑ Genomic analysis provided evidence that two distinct *Vibrio* populations, *V. cholerae* O1 and *V. cholerae* non-O1/O139, contributed to the cholera epidemic in Haiti.
- ❑ Comprehensive genomic analysis showed:
  - ✓ *V. cholerae* O1 populations were clonal, resembling concurrent epidemic isolates from South Asia and Africa.
  - ✓ *V. cholerae* non-O1/O139 populations were not clonal but most probably serve as a reservoir for genomic and pathogenicity islands.
- ❑ *V. cholerae* non-O1/O139 populations in Haiti harbor a genomic backbone similar to that of toxigenic *V. cholerae* O1 circulating in the Western hemisphere.
- ❑ Genomic analysis of Haitian *V. cholerae* O1 strains has provided evidence of:
  - ✓ a distinct VNTR genotype,
  - ✓ genetic polymorphisms of *rstB* and *ctxB*,
  - ✓ nucleotide (GTA) deletions in *rstB*,
  - ✓ an increased number (*five*) of ToxR binding repeats,
  - ✓ mutations in *gyrA* and *parC* gene, and
  - ✓ a genetically similar set of MGE's shared with isolated elsewhere
- ❑ Core gene and SNP-derived phylogenies suggest, and PCA findings reinforce, that quite quickly, i.e., within a three week period early in the cholera epidemic, significant genomic diversity accumulated in the circulating population.

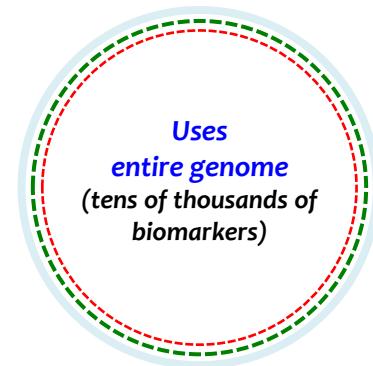


# NEXT GEN SEQUENCING AND METAGENOMICS IDENTIFICATION



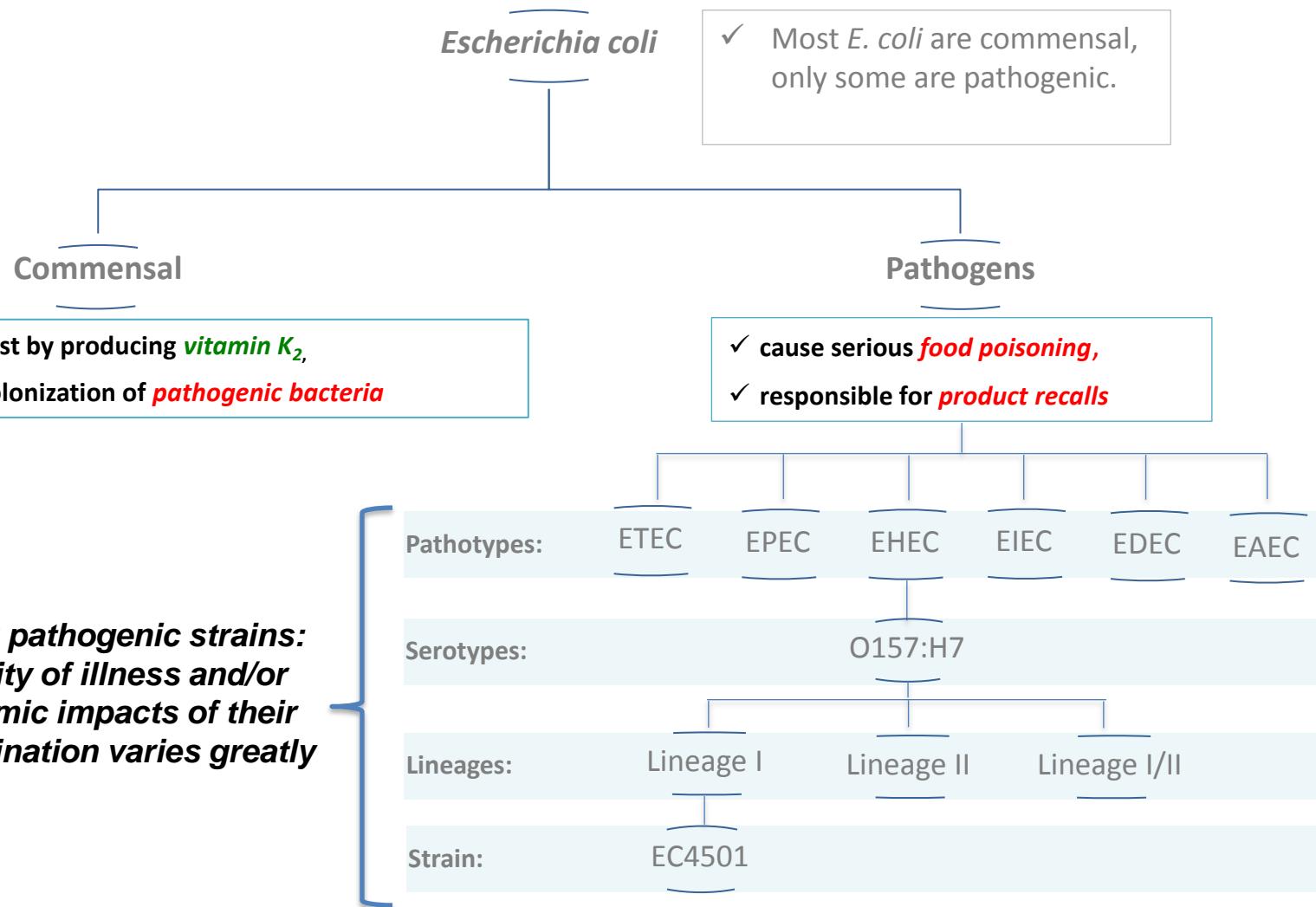
# GENIUS Solution

- Software suite for analyzing WGS metagenomic sequence data
  - Runs on a Linux server
  - Remote client tool to conduct analysis, retrieve and visualize results (runs on desktop Linux, Windows, & OS X)
- Expertly curated genome databases available for
  - Bacteria
  - Viruses (DNA viruses and bacteriophages)
  - Fungi
  - Antibiotic Resistance
  - Virulence Factors
  - *S. aureus* (MRSA, MSSA) etc.
- Database is organized as a phylogenetic tree
- Types of markers
  - Unique to the organism
  - Shared with other neighboring organisms in the tree
- Provide identification at or near sub-species and strain level (*natural concept*)

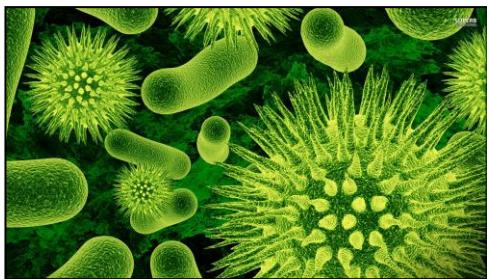


# WHY IS STRAIN ID IMPORTANT?

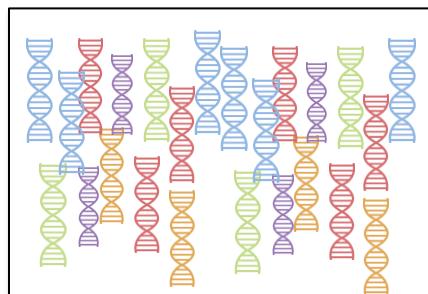
- Typically different strains of a species elicit different impacts, critical to human health or business.



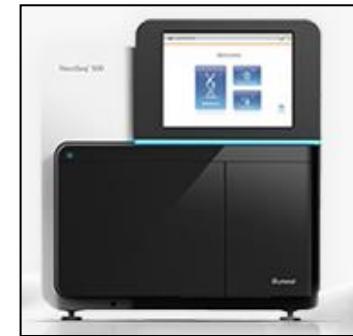
## Microbes



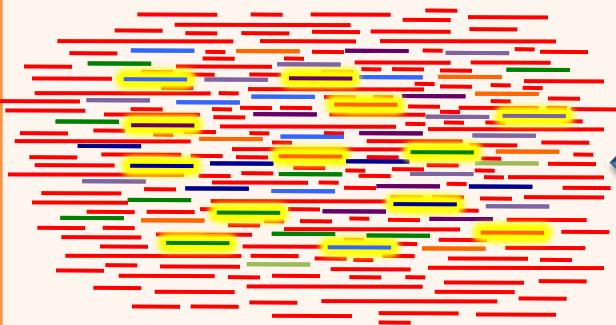
## Extracted DNA



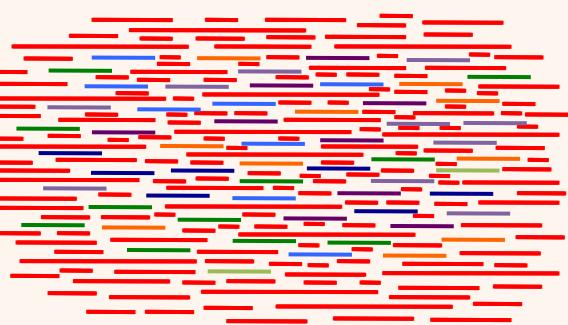
## DNA Sequencing



### GENIUS®: Probabilistic Matching



### GENEBOOK® Library

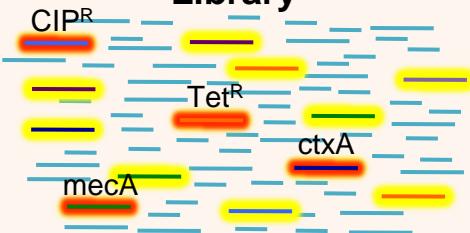


### Raw Sequence Reads

### Identified Bacteria



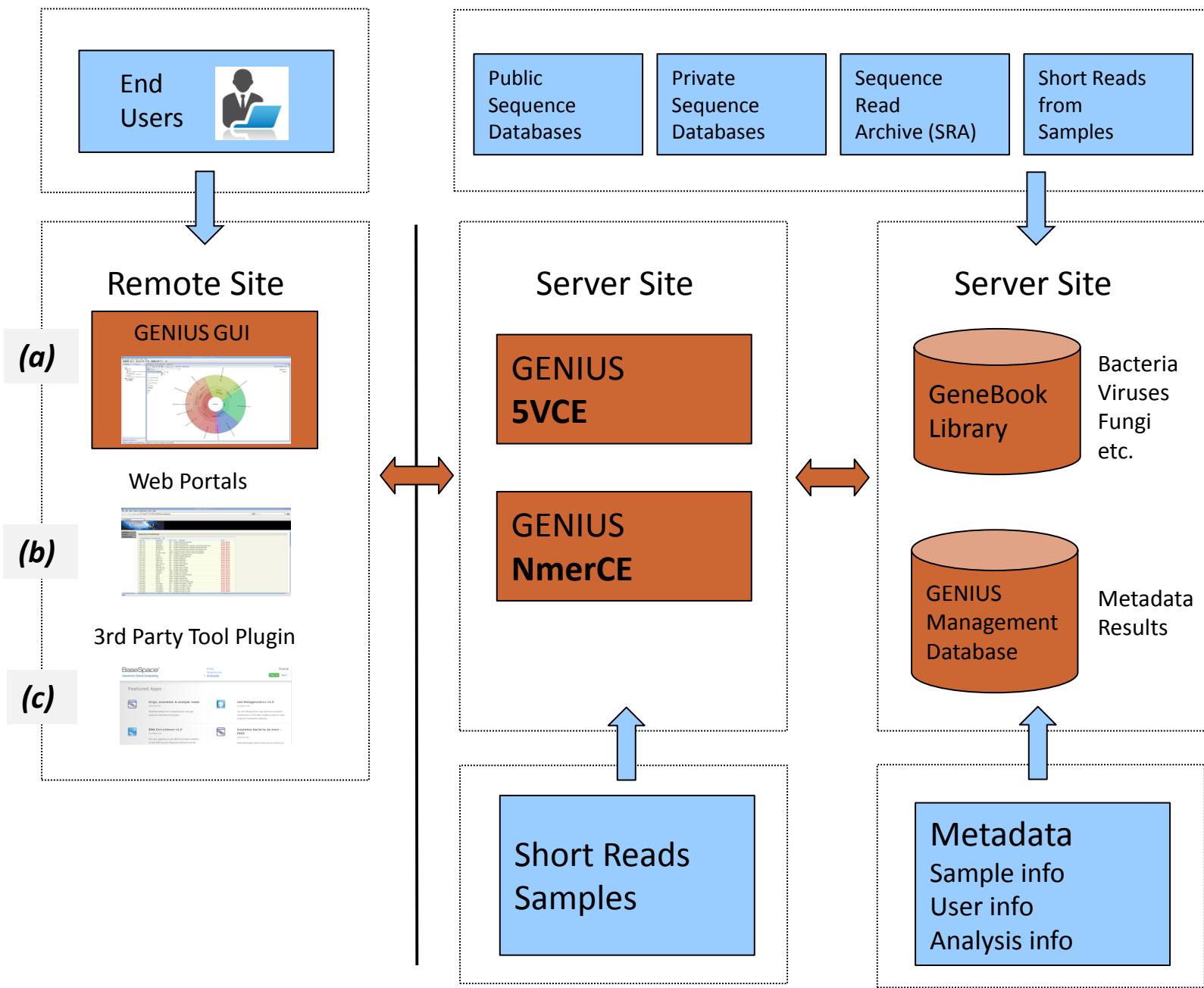
### GENEBOOK® Antibiotic Resistance & Virulence Factor Library



### Applications:

- Pathogen detection for health and wellness;
- food safety and probiotics
- biothreat and public health surveillance;
- forensic and scientific investigation

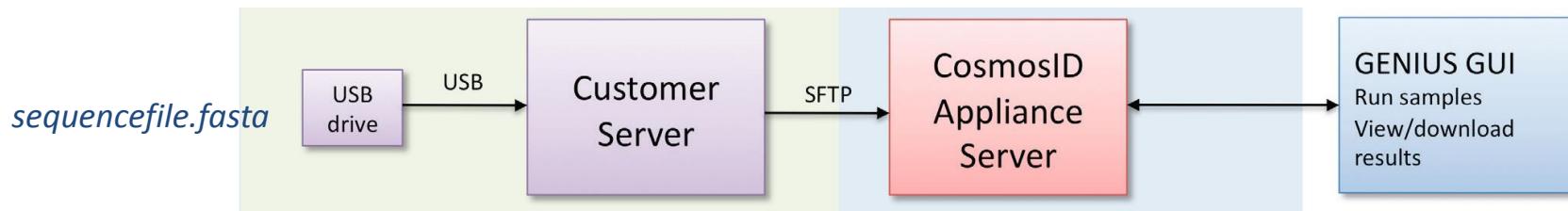
# GENIUS® SYSTEM OVERVIEW



# Post-sequencing Bioinformatics Analysis of Clinical Specimens

## Process:

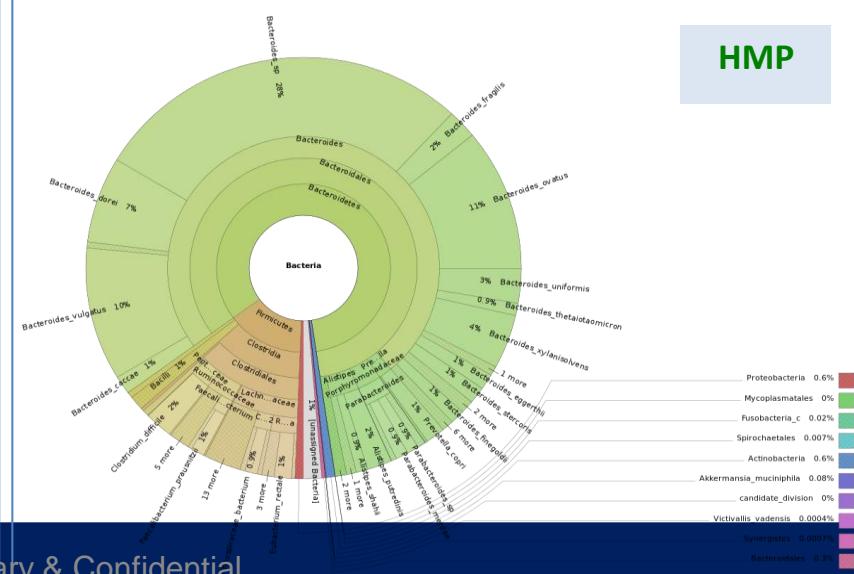
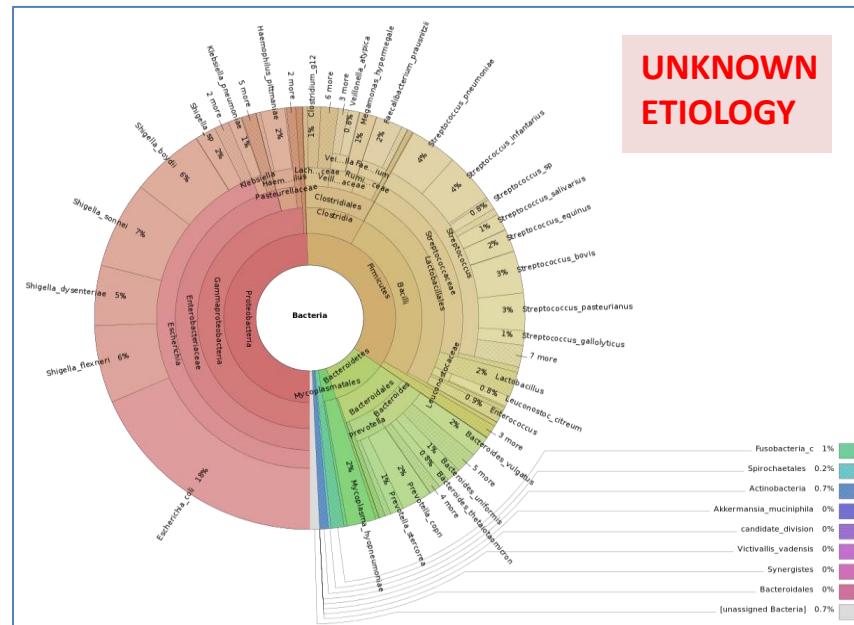
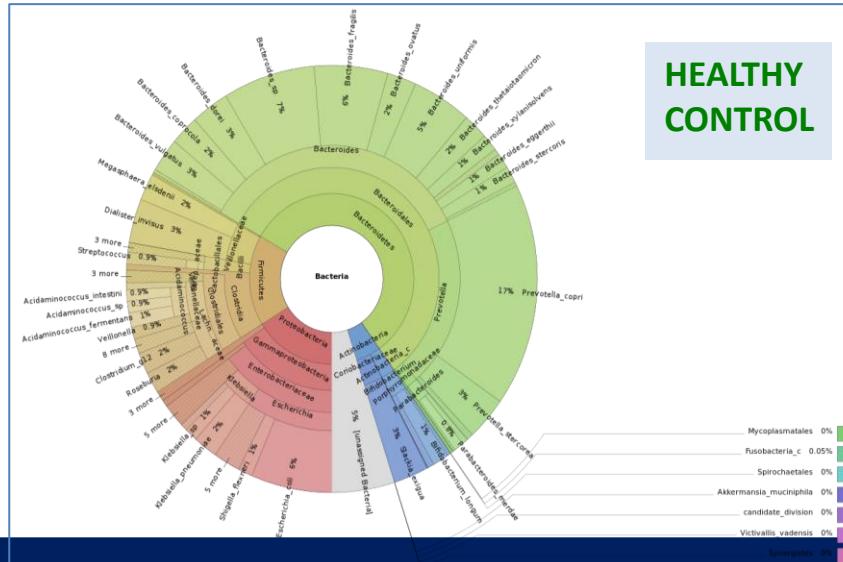
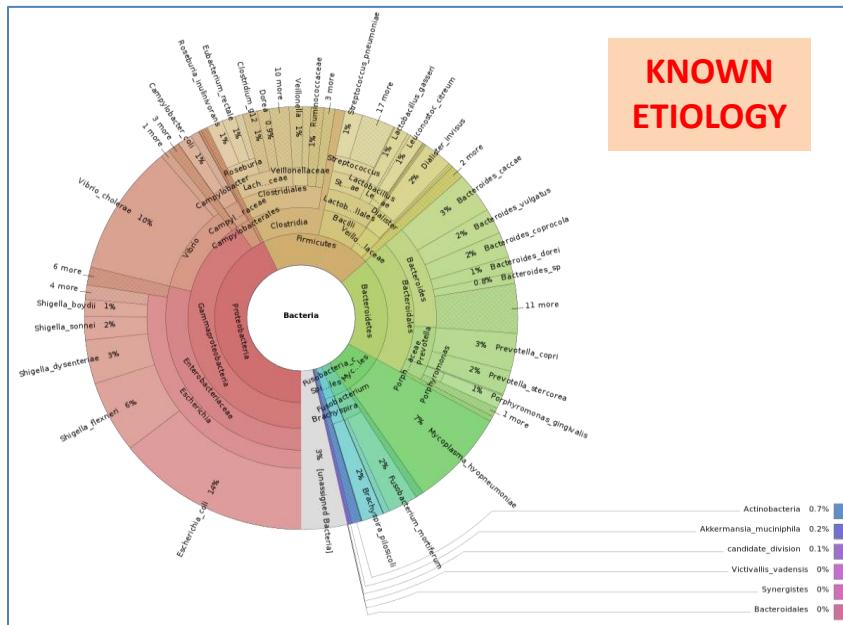
1. Transfer sample sequence data to the CosmosID GENIUS appliance server.



2. Open GENIUS GUI for the analysis of sample sequence data:
  - a) Load samples,
  - b) Select sample(s),
  - c) Run analysis
3. At the end of the analysis, a report will be generated, which includes information on bacterial strains identified and their respective relative abundances

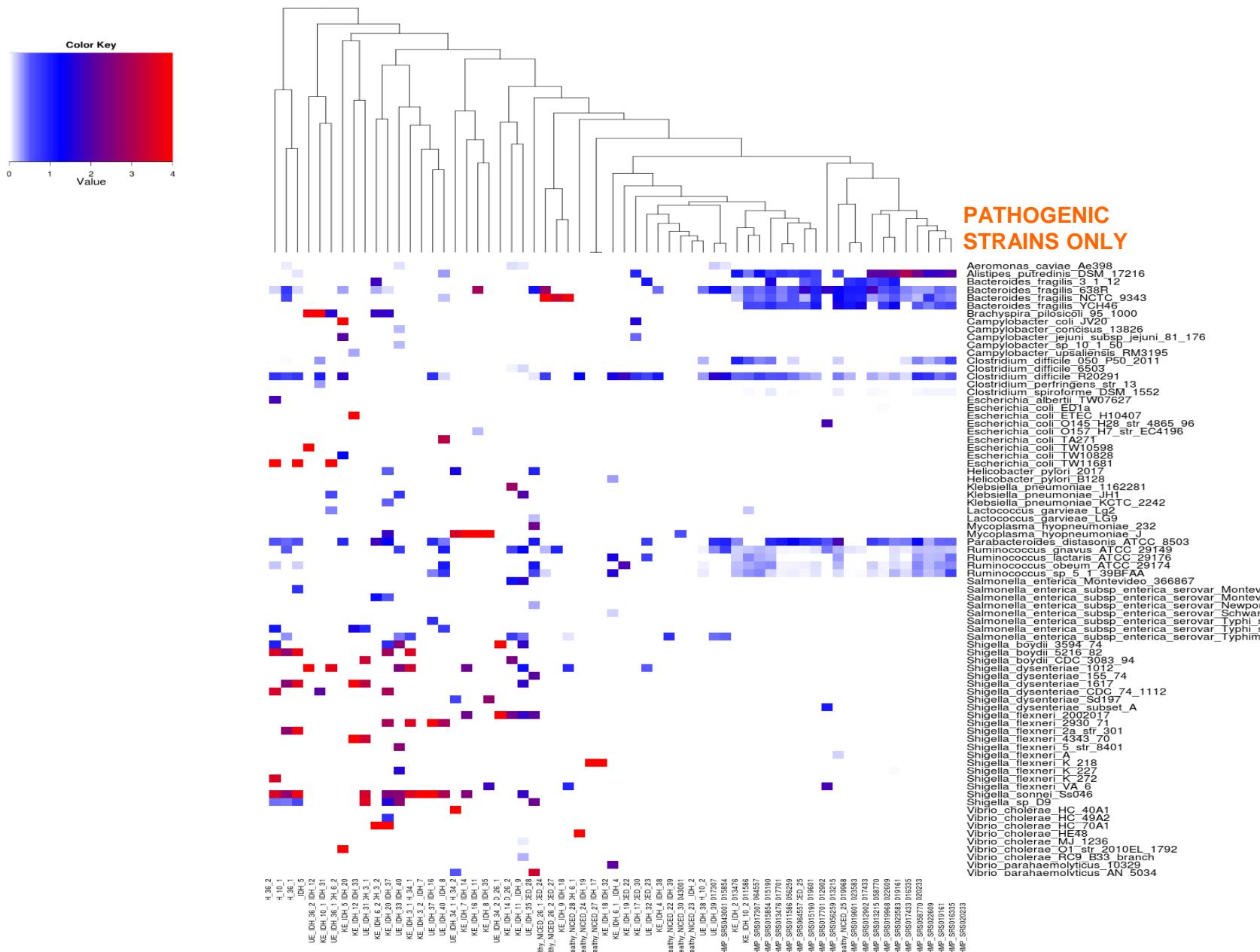
# **Microbiome Analysis of Acute Diarrheal Patients Compared with Healthy Individuals**

## A SUBPOPULATION OF THE MICROBIOME IS OVER- REPRESENTED IN THE DIARRHEAL PATIENTS COMPARED TO HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS



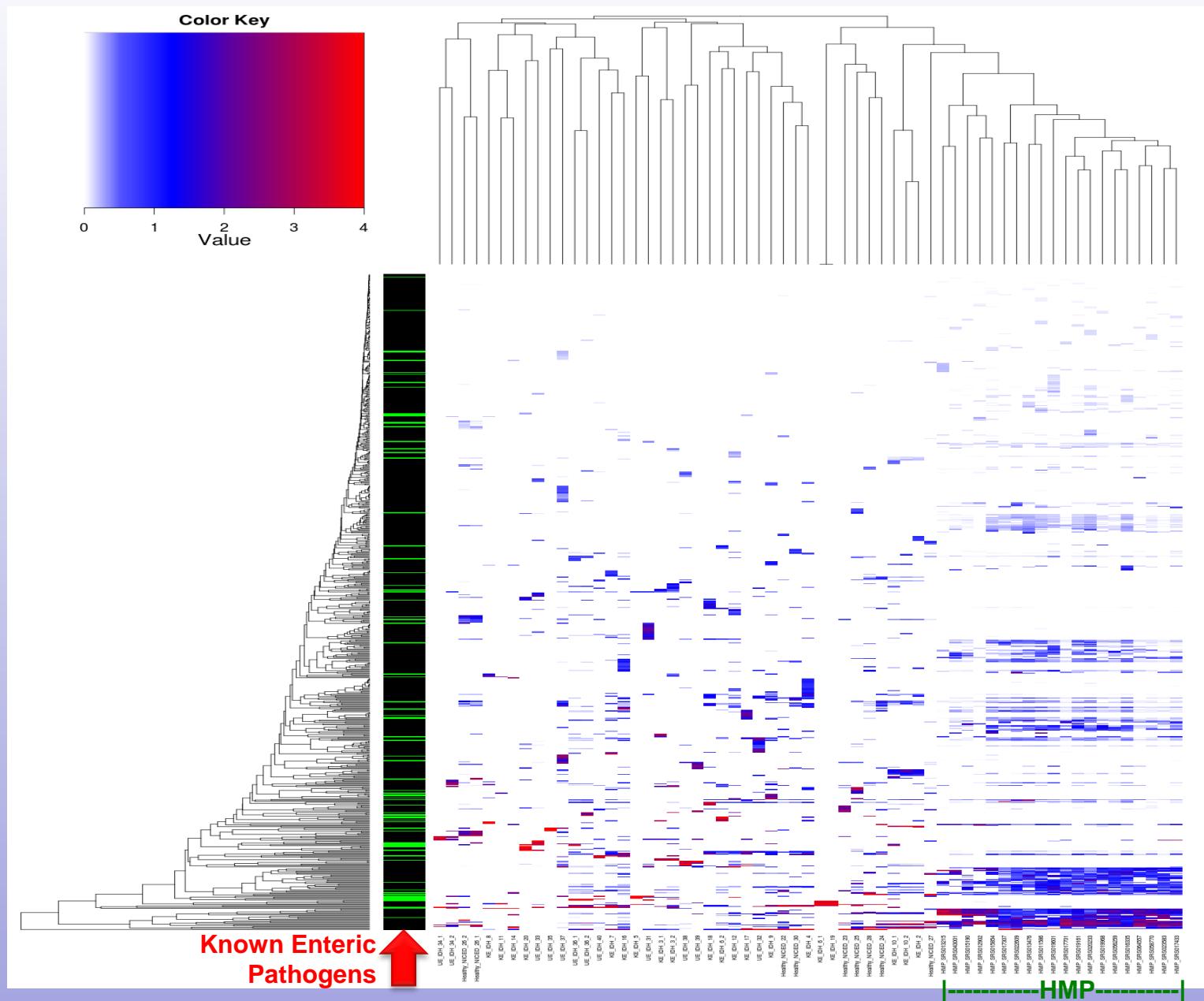
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## MULTIPLE PATHOGENS CAN READILY BE IDENTIFIED FROM DISEASE PATIENTS



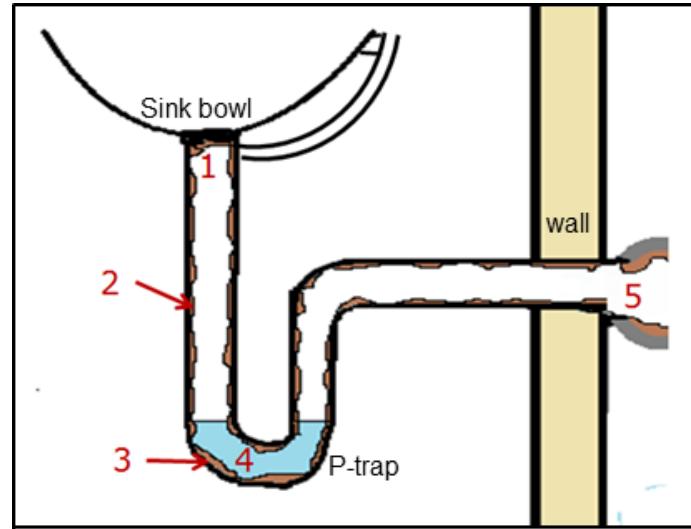
THE POPULATION OF KOLKATA, INDIA MAY TOLERATE A SMALL NUMBER OF PATHOGENIC MICROORGANISMS THAT WOULD COMprise A DISEASE STATE IN WESTERN EUROPEANS

# IDENTIFIED BACTERIAL COMMUNITIES AT STRAIN LEVEL



# FDA/UVA/CosmosID Hospital Biofilm Study

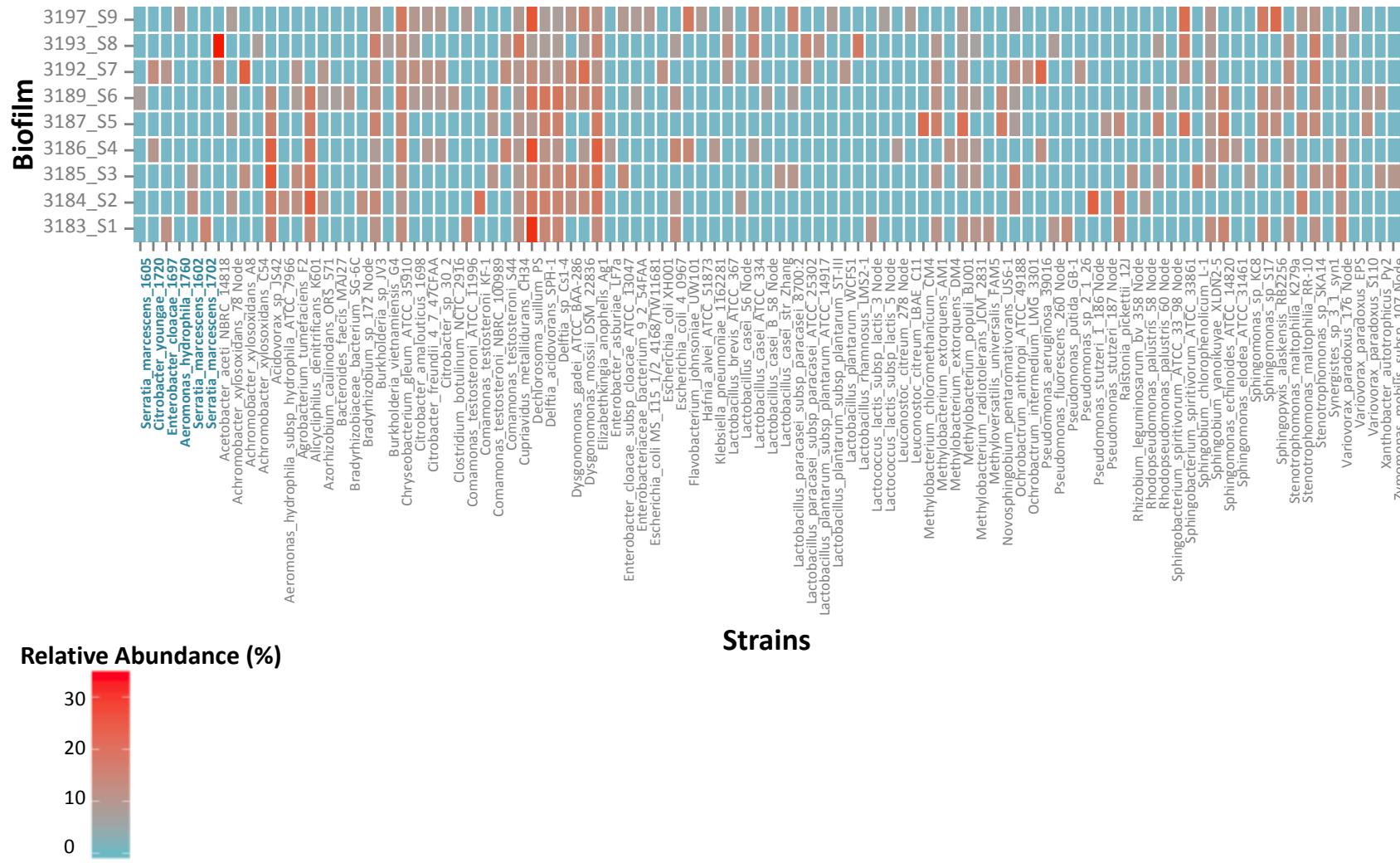
- Data – NGS reads
  - Biofilm samples collected from sink traps
  - Single isolate samples cultured from patients
- Analysis
  - Assembled isolate strains & incorporated into our database
  - Ran GENIUS on all samples using both bacterial and antibiotic resistance factor (AR/V) databases
  - NCBI BLAST search to check if AR/V factors are from plasmid(s)



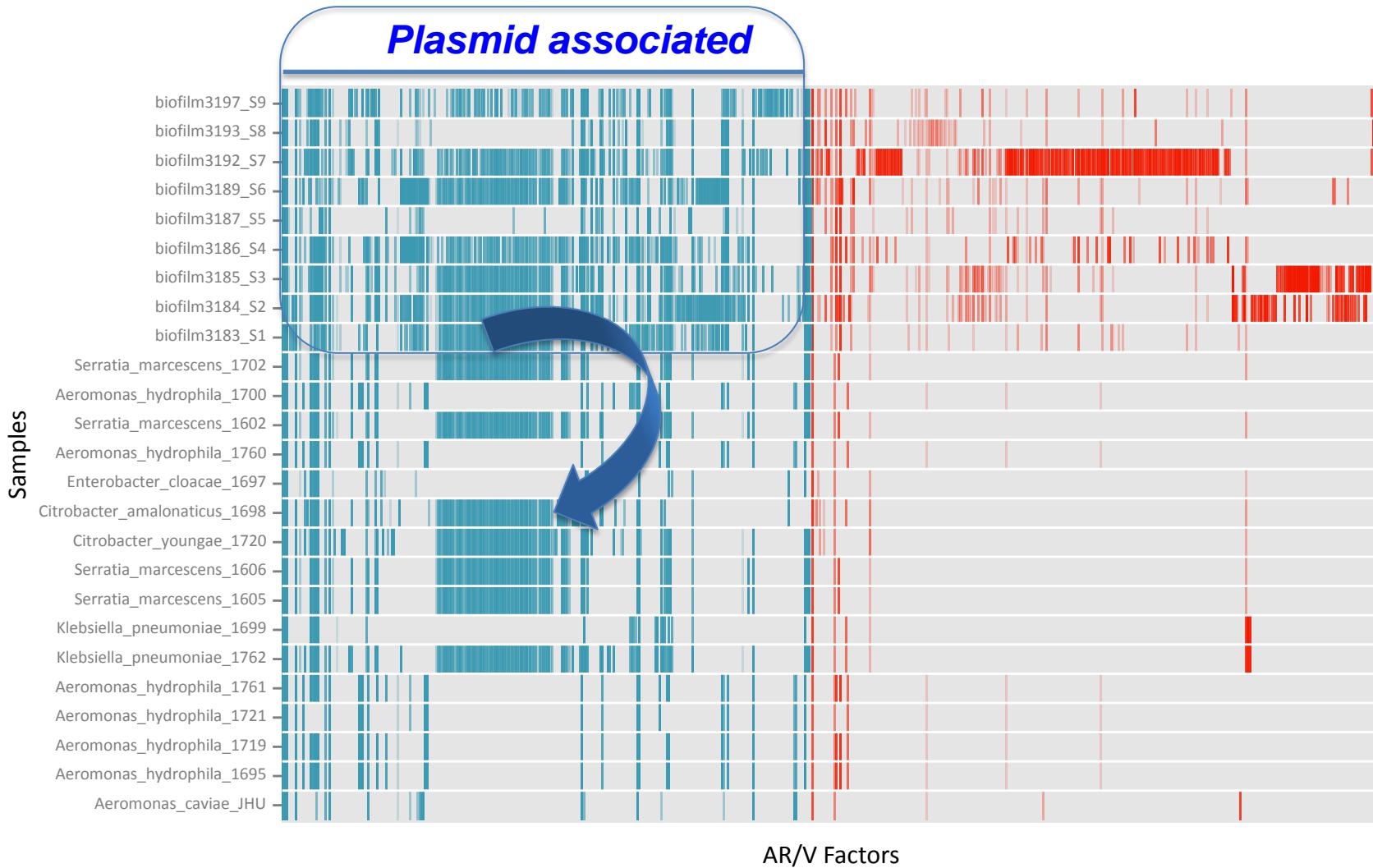
**Figure 3. Colony count and diversity of across a single sink drain.**

**Site**, density of carbapenem resistant (*bla<sub>KPC</sub>* positive) Gammaproteobacteria (cfu/mL), Species: **1**,  $1.0 \times 10^5$ , *Serratia marcescens* & *Citrobacter freundii*; **2**,  $1.0 \times 10^2$  *S. marcescens*; **3**,  $1.0 \times 10^4$  *S. marcescens*; **4**,  $5.0 \times 10^3$ , *S. marcescens* & *Aeromonas* spp.; **5**,  $4.0 \times 10^7$  *Enterobacter absuriae*, *C. freundii* & *Aeromonas* spp.

## Identification Resistant Bacterial Strains from Biofilms



# Biofilms AR/V Factor Results – Biofilms & Isolates



# Milestone Technologies

Year	Algorithm	Approach	Algorithm	Relative Speed
1981	Smith-Waterman	Global Sequence Alignment	Exact matches and complete alignments. Hashes the query.	1.0
1988	FASTA	Local Sequence Alignment	Focuses on common sub-sequences (words) shared between query and database sequences. Hashes the query.	50x SWA
1990	BLAST	Local Sequence Alignment	Focuses on high-scoring sub-sequences (words) shared between query and database sequences. Hashes the query.	50x SWA
2002	BLAT	Local Sequence Alignment	Hashes the database.	50x WUBLAST
2006	ScalaBLAST	Local Sequence Alignment	Utilizes parallel processing	4x BLAST using 50 processors
2013	<b>GENIUS® 5VCE</b>	<b>Probabilistic Matching</b>	<b>Hashes the database.</b>	<b>10,000X BLAST</b>

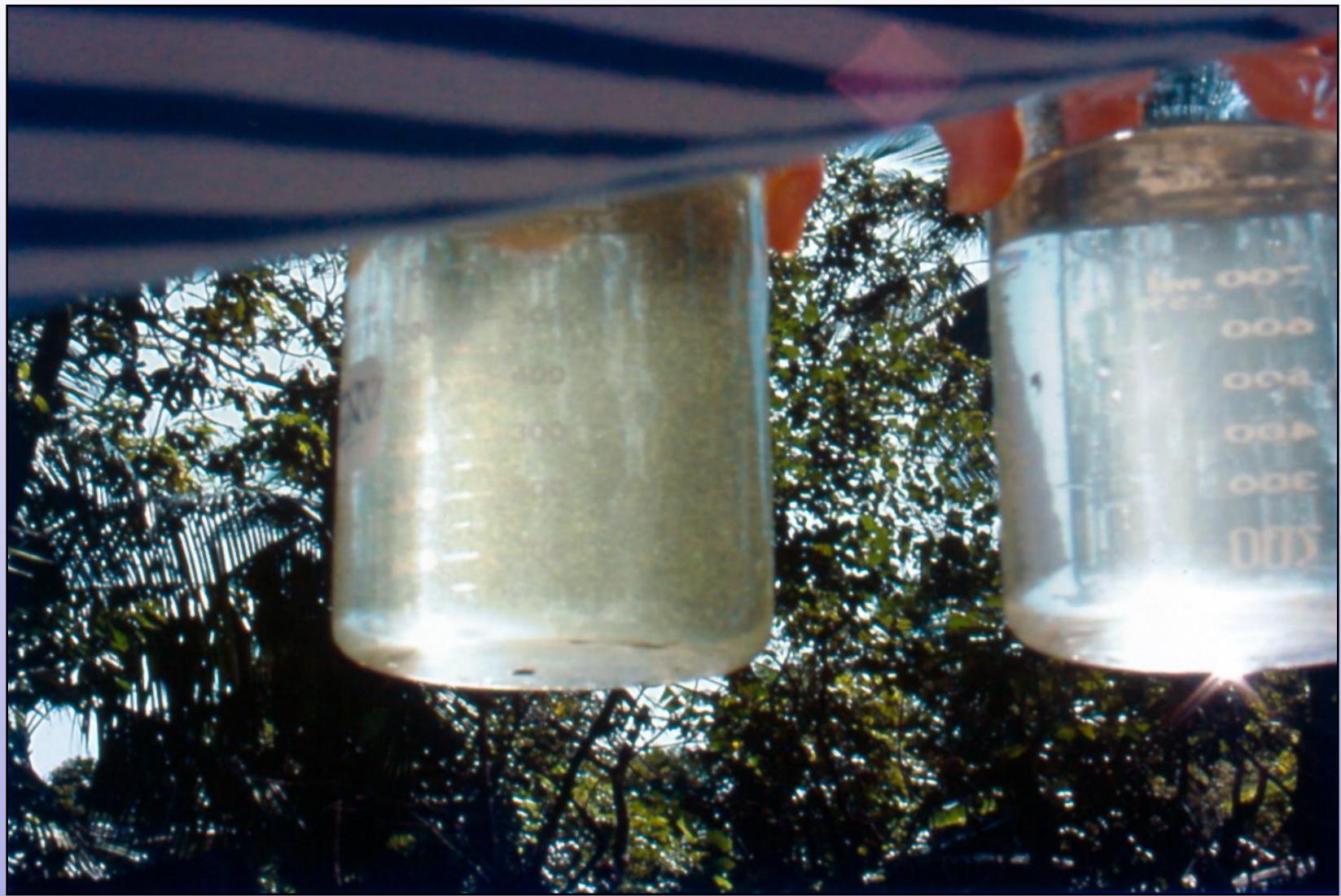


A Simple, Sustainable  
Method for  
Reducing Cholera

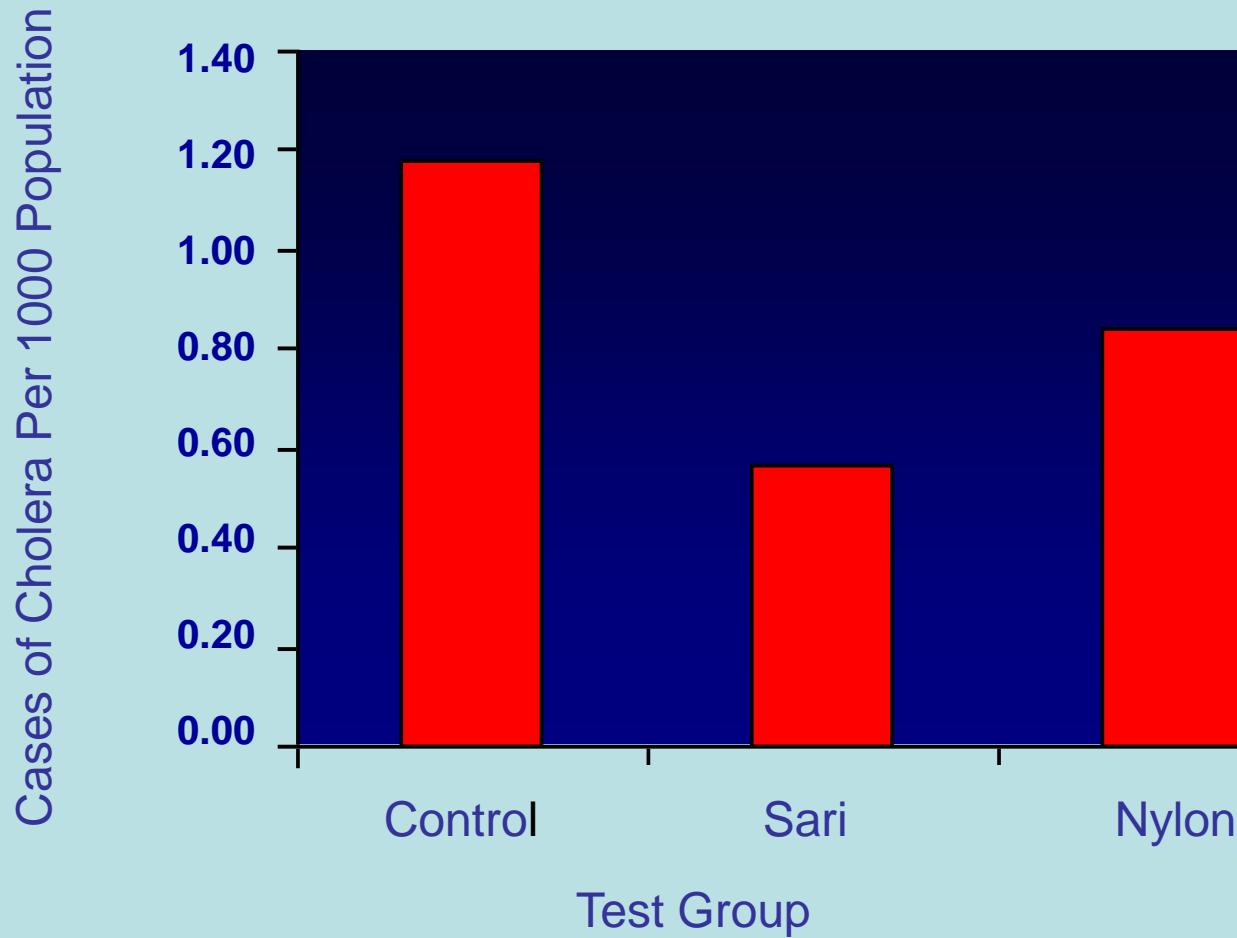


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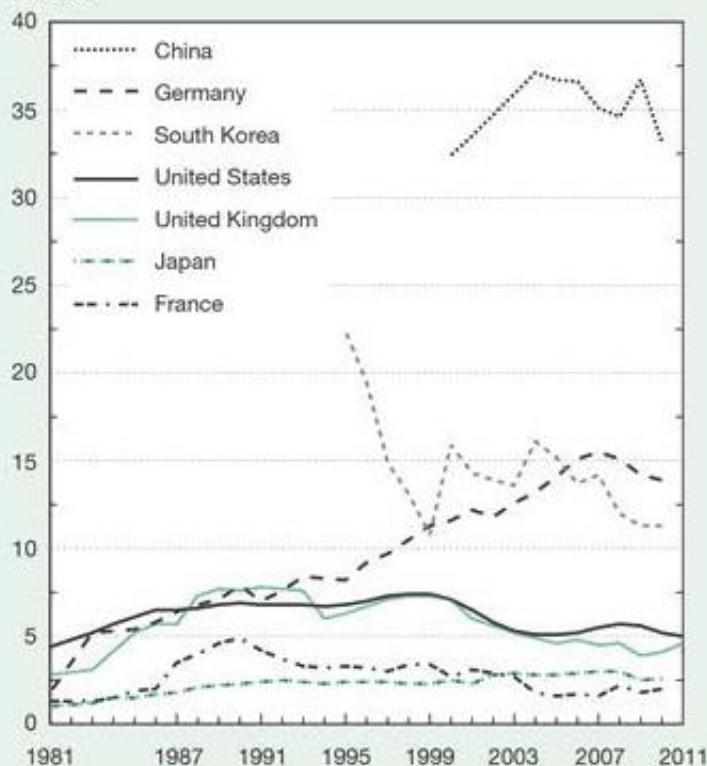


## Full Study



### Academic R&D financed by business for selected countries: 1981–2011

Percent



NOTES: Data are from the top seven R&D performing countries. Data are not available for all countries for all years. Data for Japan for 1996 onward may not be consistent with earlier data due to changes in methodology. Data for China for 2001 and 2002 are estimated by the National Science Foundation. Data for the United States are collected as part of *National Patterns of R&D Resources* and differ from Higher Education Research and Development expenditures data; pass-through funds are removed.

SOURCE: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, *Main Science and Technology Indicators* (2012/2).

# The Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative

*From Response to Coordinated Research  
Established 2011*

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# *Deepwater Horizon*



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# Deepwater Horizon



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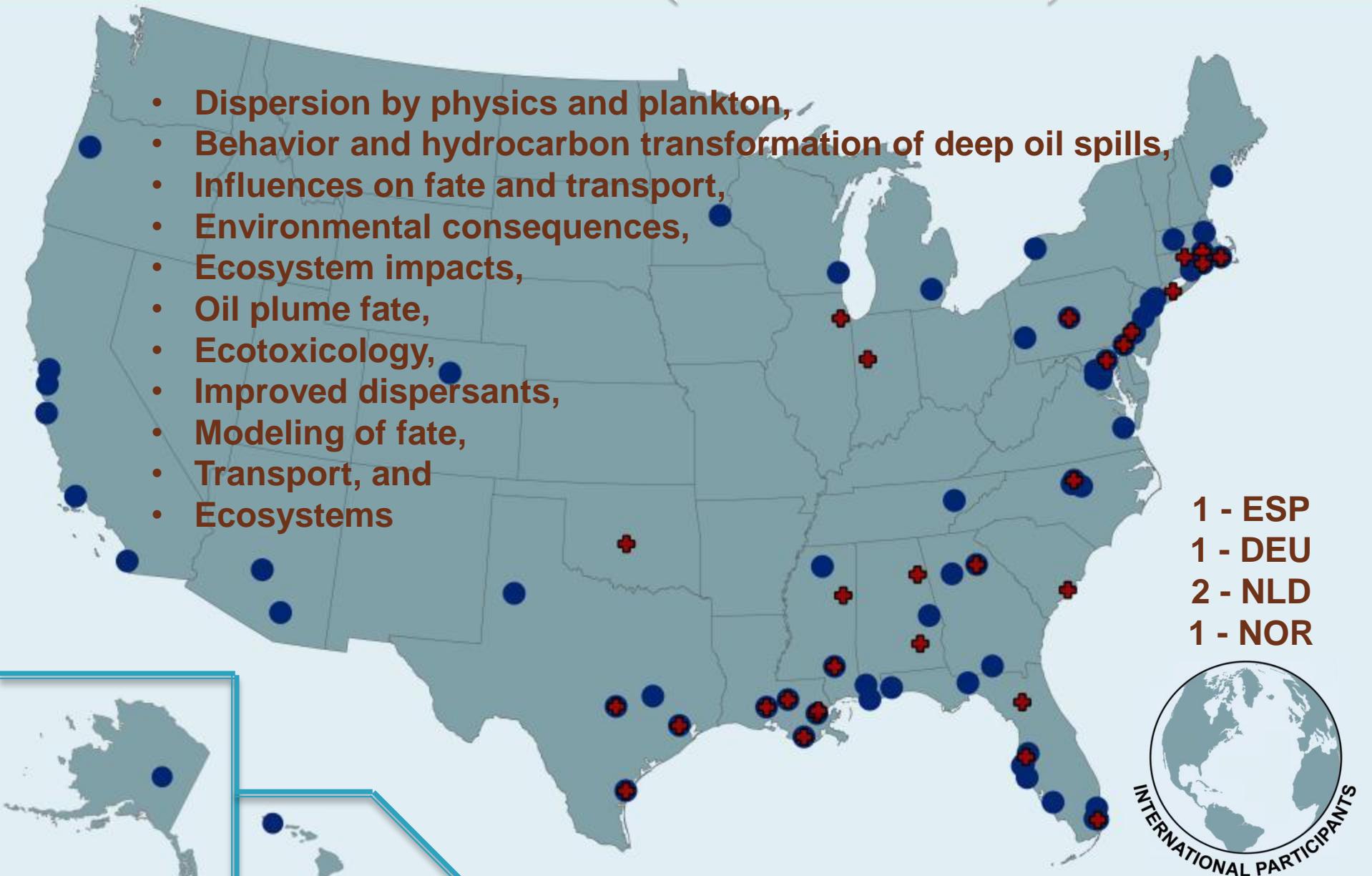
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# GoMRI Grants (RFP I & II)

- Dispersion by physics and plankton,
- Behavior and hydrocarbon transformation of deep oil spills,
- Influences on fate and transport,
- Environmental consequences,
- Ecosystem impacts,
- Oil plume fate,
- Ecotoxicology,
- Improved dispersants,
- Modeling of fate,
- Transport, and
- Ecosystems

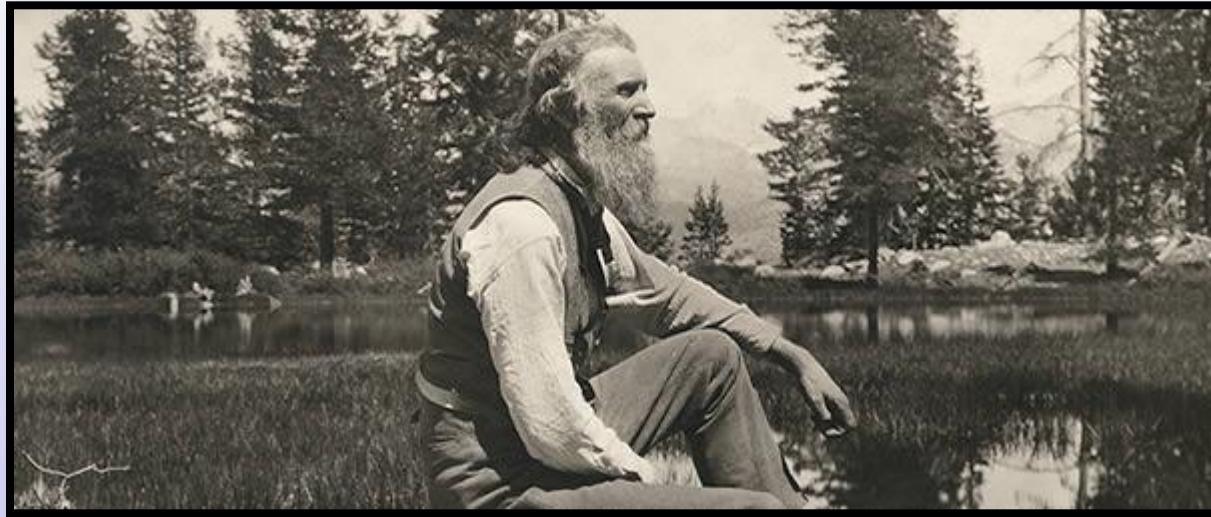


# All Funded Research to Date

- **Year One Block Grants - \$45M, 149 Projects (completed)**
- **Summer 2011 Bridge Grants (RFP III) - \$1.5M, 17 Projects (completed)**
- **2012 - 15 Eight Consortia Grants (RFP I) - \$110 M, 8 RC (NCEs)**
- **2013 -16 Investigator Grants (RFP II) - \$18.6 M, 19 projects**
- **2015 – 17 Consortia Grants (RPFIV) @ \$140 M, 12 projects**
- **2016-18 Individual Grants (RFP V) release- Nov 14 @ \$30 M**
- **2018 – 2020 last RFP(s) and wrap up.**
- **Metrics as of Jan 31, 2015**
  - About 480 scientific peer-reviewed publications/book chapters
  - Over 1930 presentations and poster sessions at conferences/scientific meetings
  - Over 688 graduate students

# States and Countries who have received GOMRI funding

- ▶ 41 states
- ▶ 240 academic institutions
- ▶ 16 countries



**“When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it hitched to the rest of the universe.”**

**John Muir  
(1838-1914)**

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