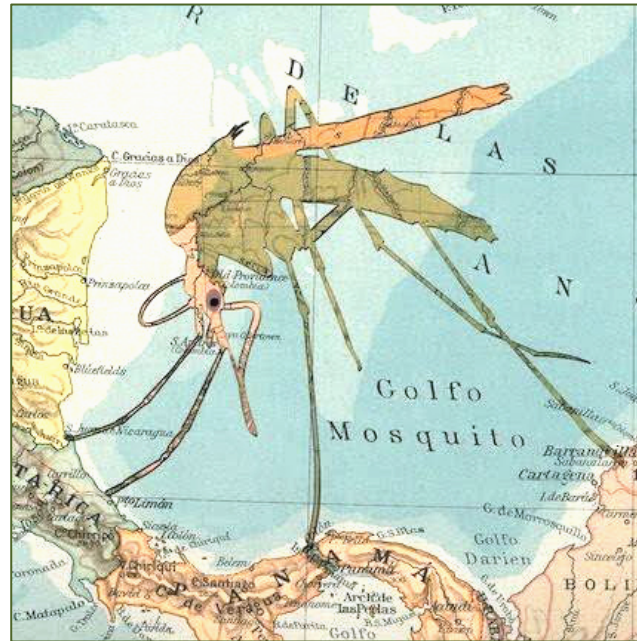


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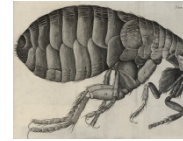
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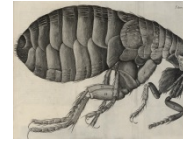
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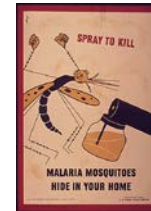
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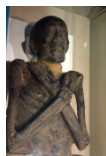


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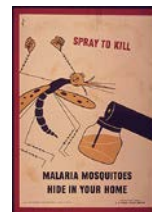
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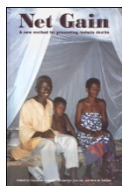


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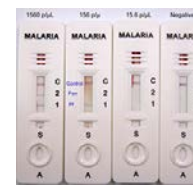
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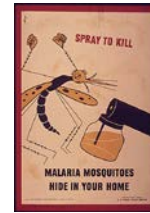
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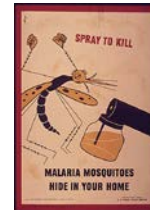
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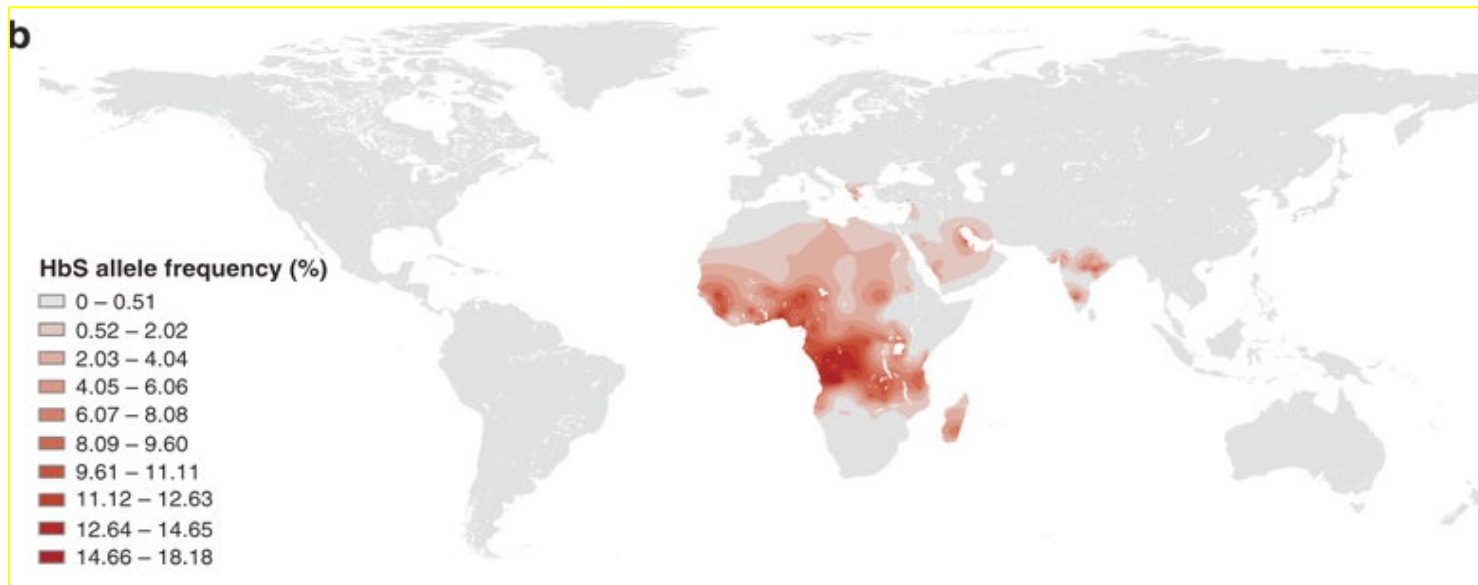


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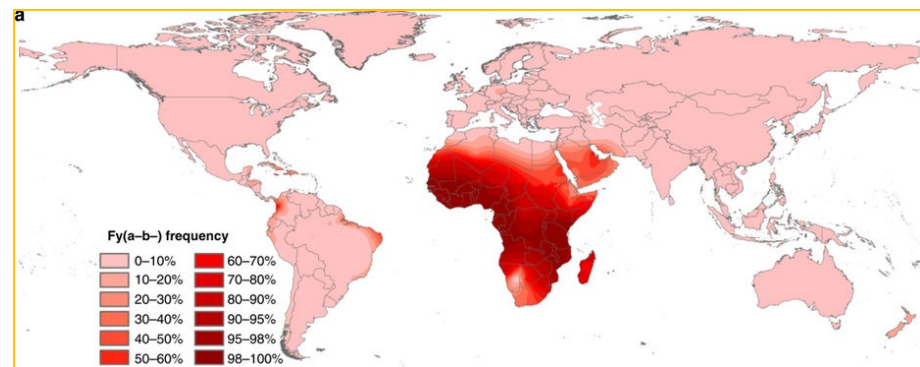
# malaria pre-microscopy: genetic maps



■ *emergence*  
*<5000-10,000*  
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*(Hedrick 2012)*

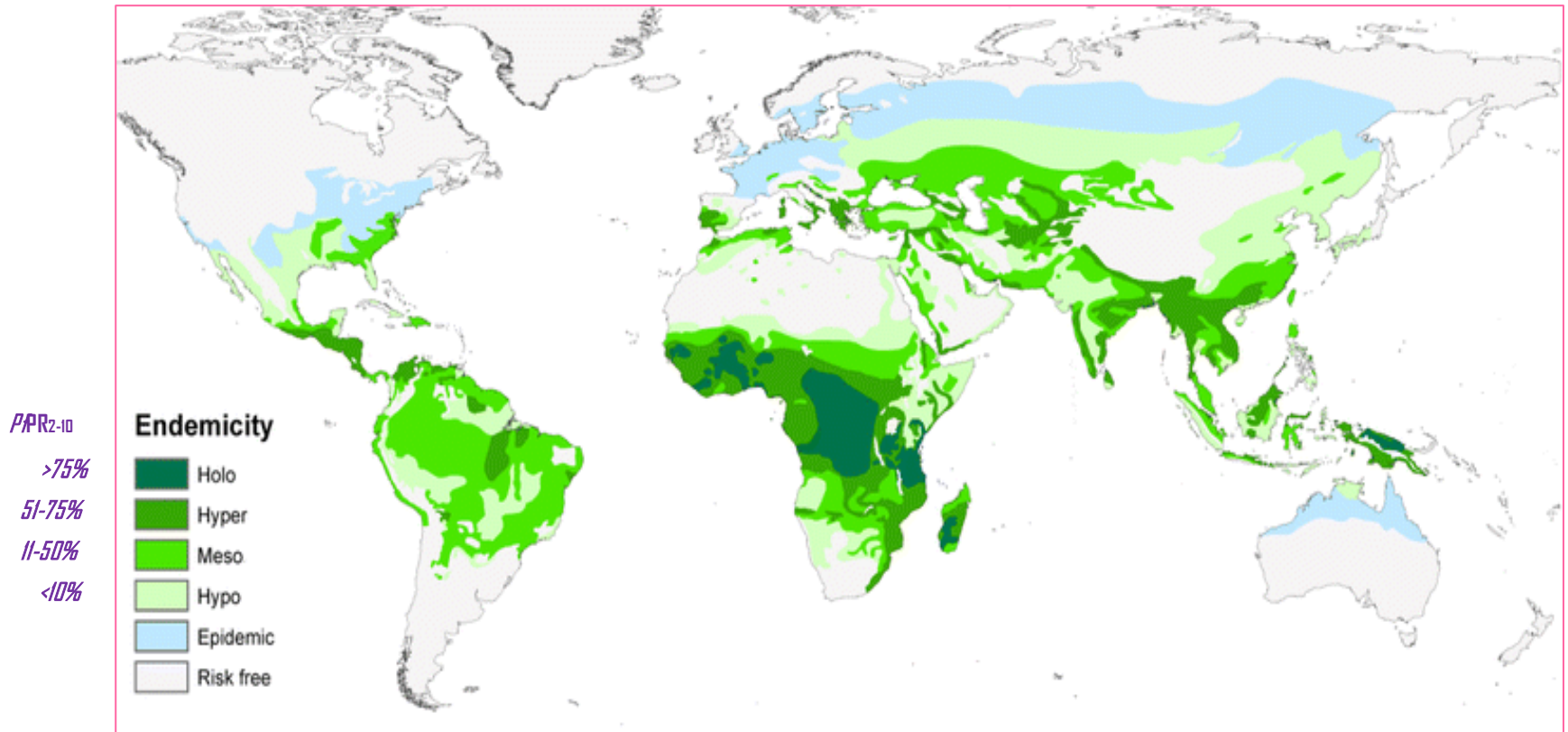
*Piel et al., 2010, Nature Communications, 1, 104*

- maps of the sickle haemoglobin allele frequency suggest a historical exposure to *Pf* malaria at the population level
- hypothesis of balancing selection (protection vs SCA)
- likewise for *Pv* w/ maps of Duffy negativity



*Howes et al., 2011, Nature Communications, 2, 266*

## the Lysenko map: malaria endemicity pre-control



*Lysenko & Semashko, 1968, Itogi Nauk Med. Geogr., 25, 146*

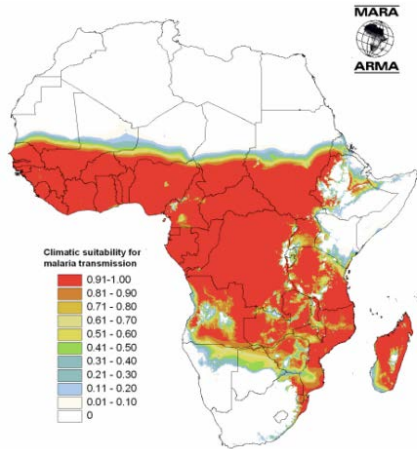
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- hand-drawn synthesis of diverse sources: records of disease, vector presence / absence, prevalence data, sickle cell traits
- interpolation via expert opinion + isohyets of temp & rainfall

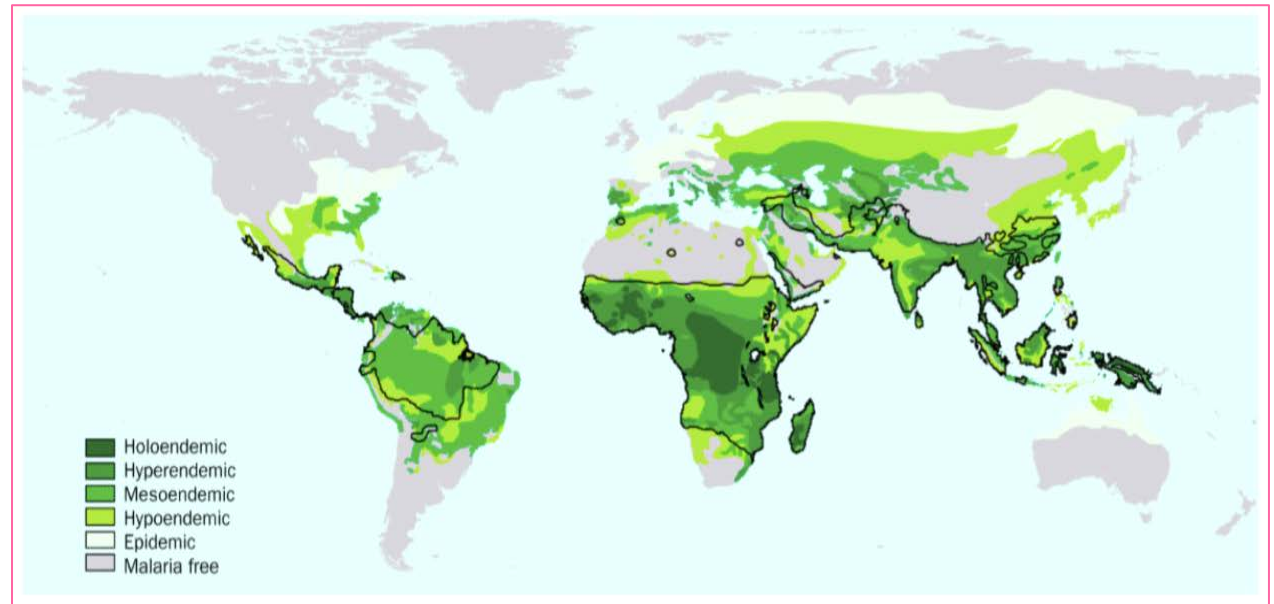


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## Climatic Suitability Index



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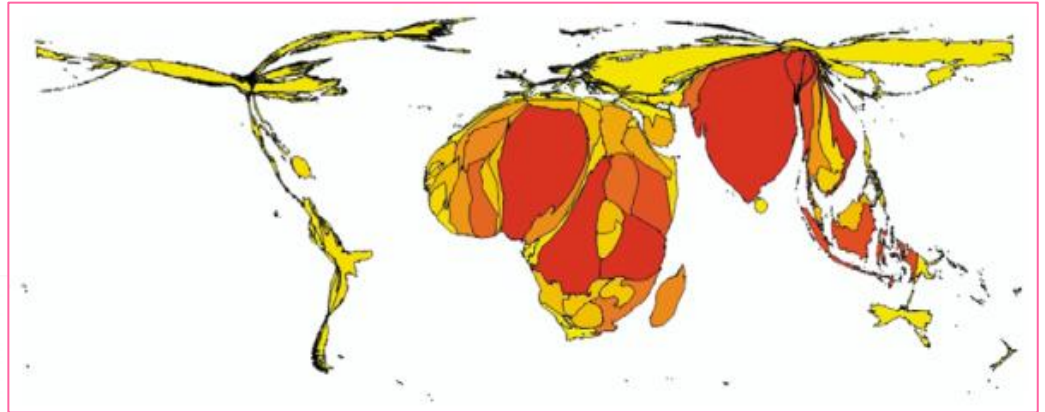
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- transmission limits at turn of century illustrate marked reductions in Europe, USA, & South America
- transmission limits in Africa bounded only by climatic suitability
- introduction of quantitative modelling: digital covariates, geo-positioned data, standard metrics

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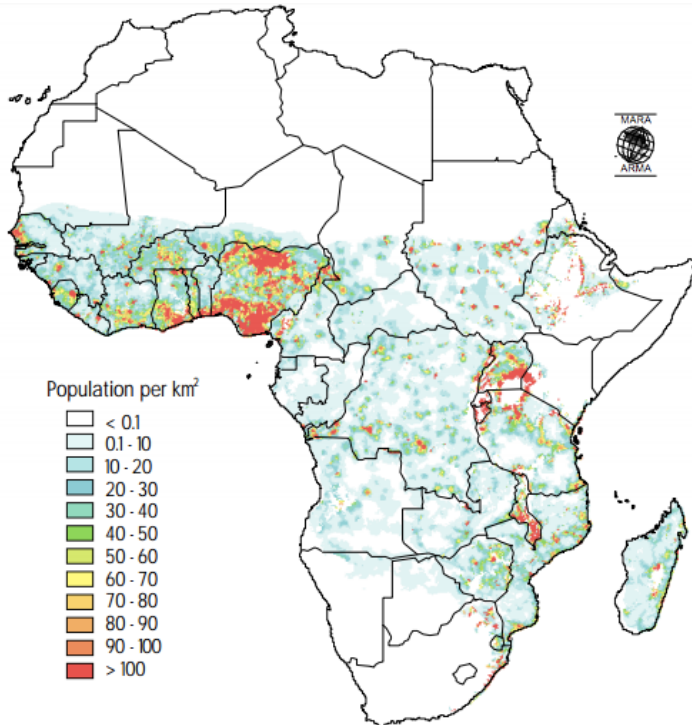
- 2002 estimate: 48% of global population "at-risk" (3 billion)
- projection to 2010: 3.4 billion

National Population Prevalence Cartogram

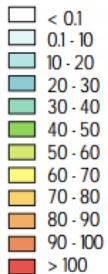


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- growing understanding of disease burden due to malaria / increasing awareness of the scale of the problem
- malaria eradication back on the agenda: Roll Back Malaria (1998), Global Fund (2002)
- *beginning of the large-scale interventions ...*

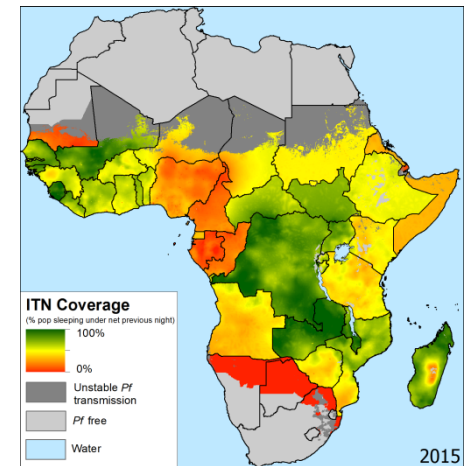
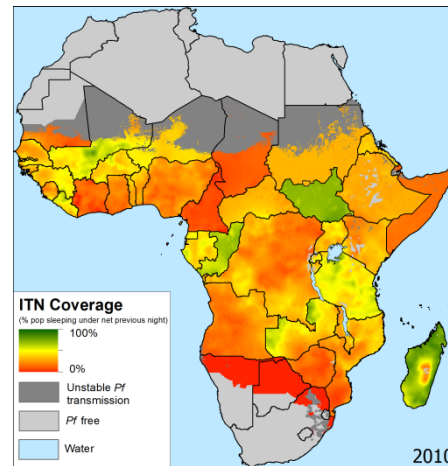
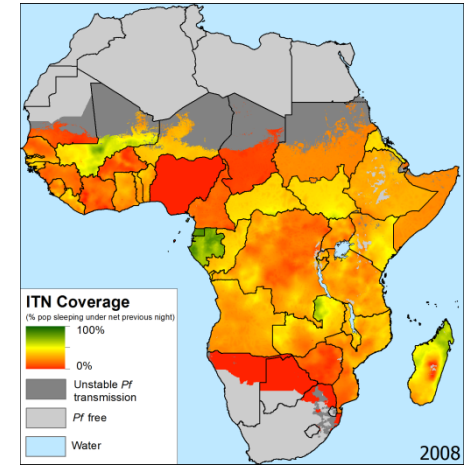
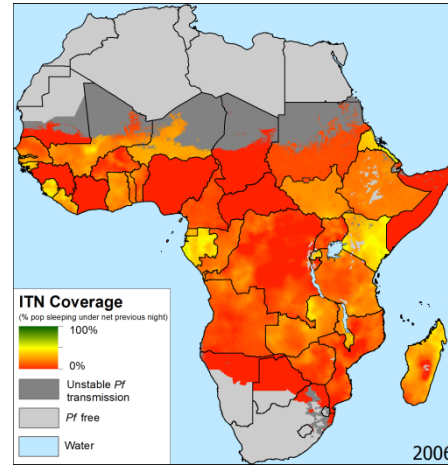
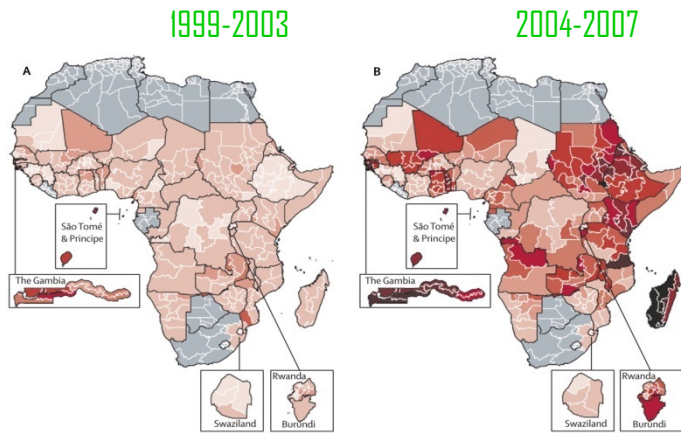


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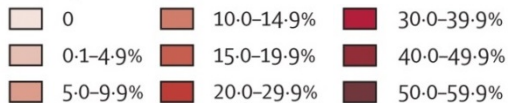


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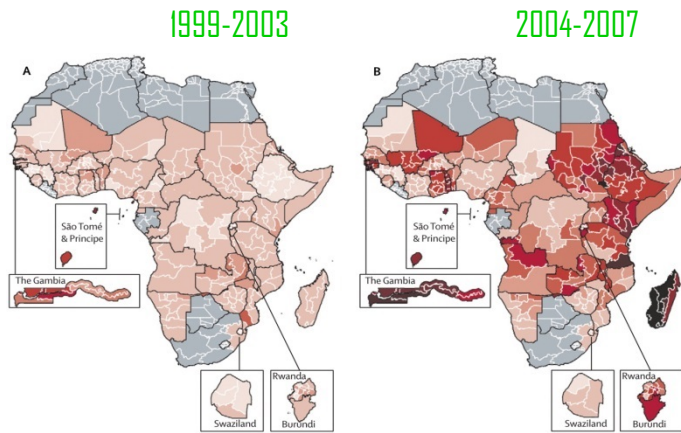


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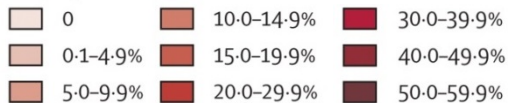
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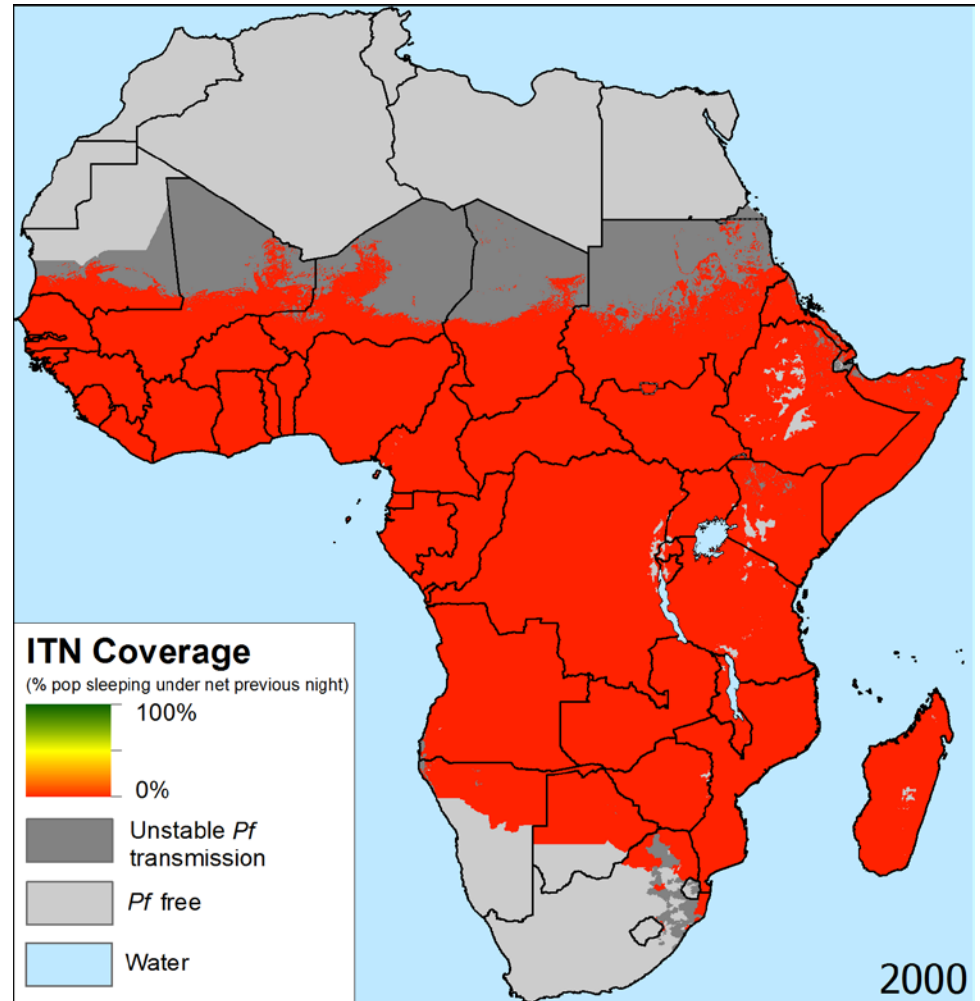


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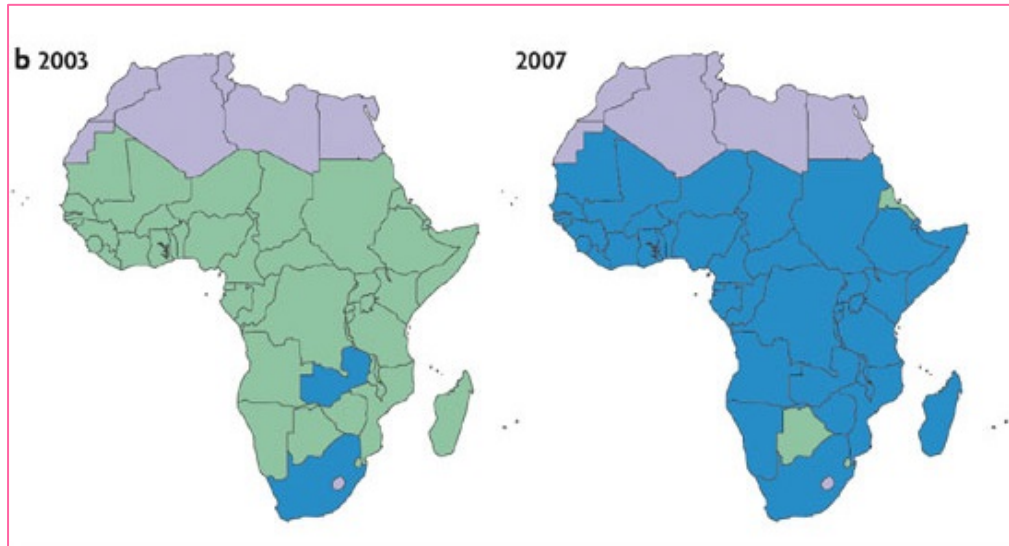
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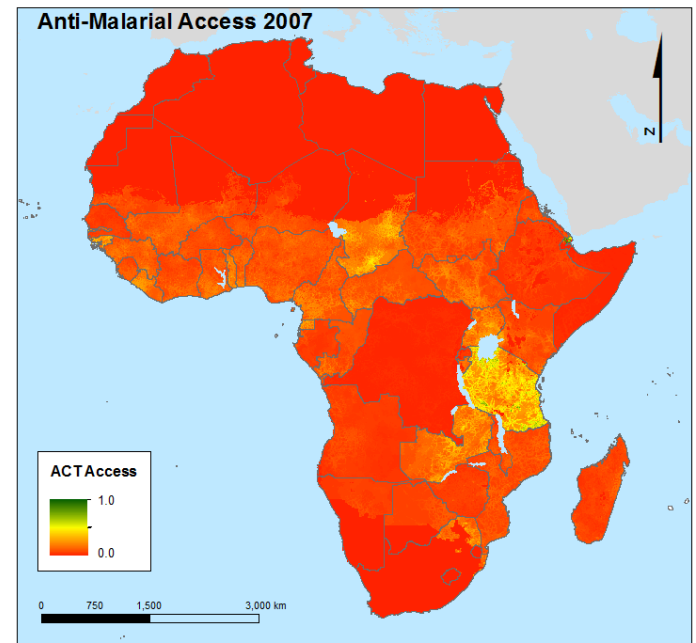
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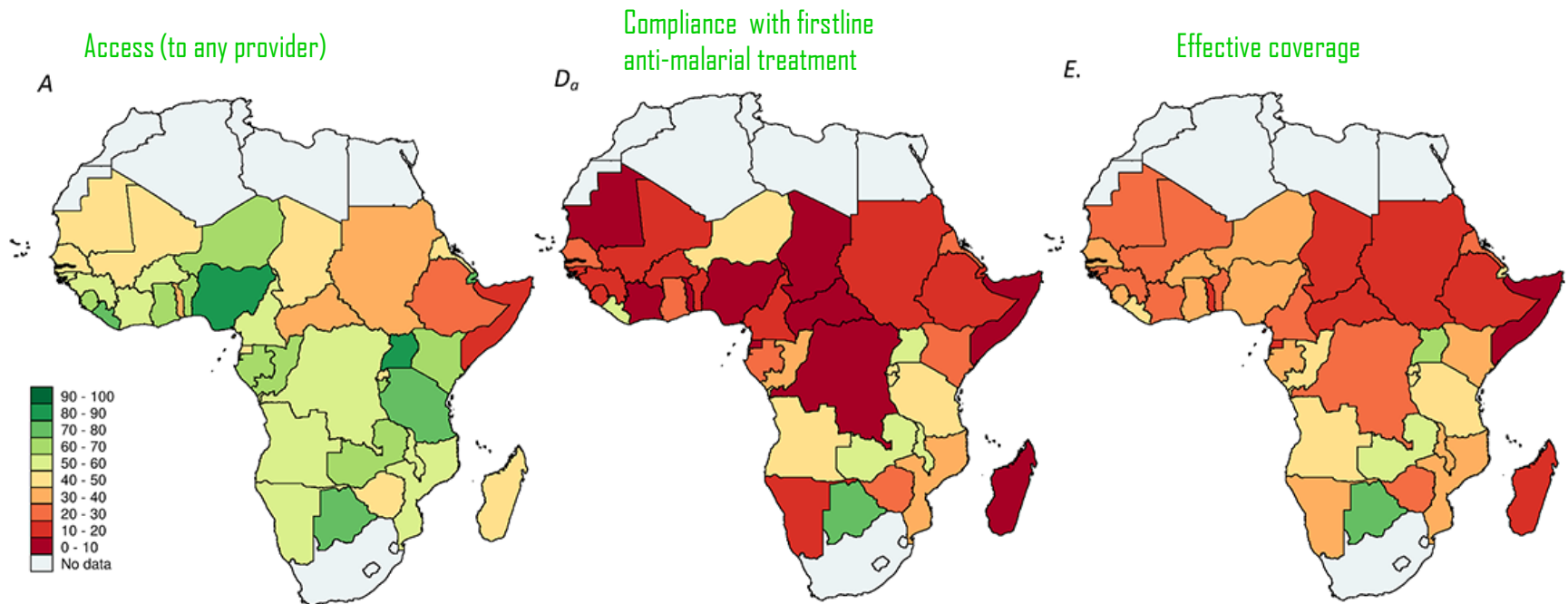
- frontline antimalarial policies widely switched to ACTs over 2003-2007 period
- access as measured by household surveys follows at varying rates across the continent



*Donal Bisanzio (unpublished)*



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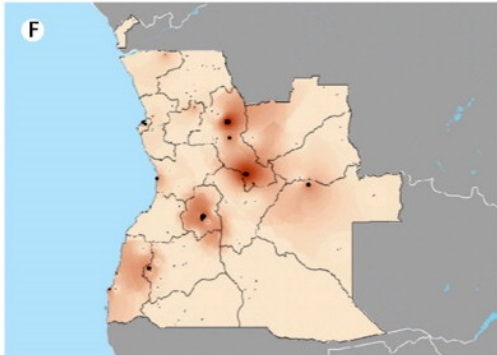


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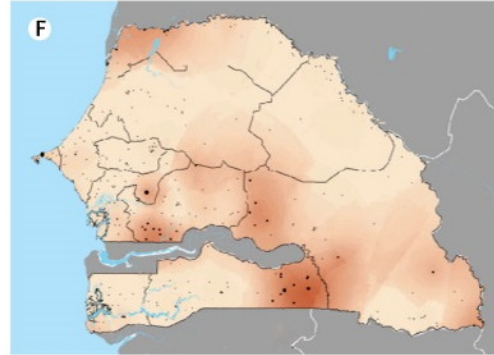
- reasons behind lagging coverage show marked inter-country variation: access to care? healthcare providers follow guidelines? counterfeit drugs? patient compliance with full treatment regimen?
- allows identification of most promising interventions to improve health system efficiency

# postmillennial application of IRS in Africa

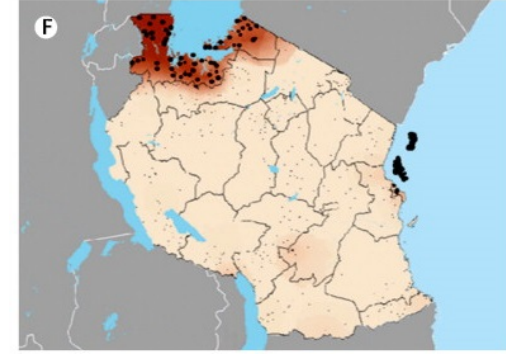
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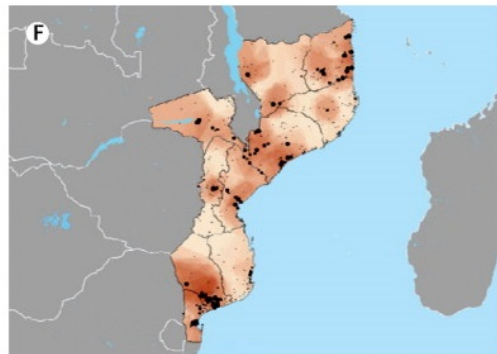
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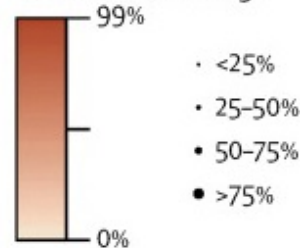
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Intervention coverage



*Giardina et al., 2014, The Lancet Global Health, 2(10), 601-615*

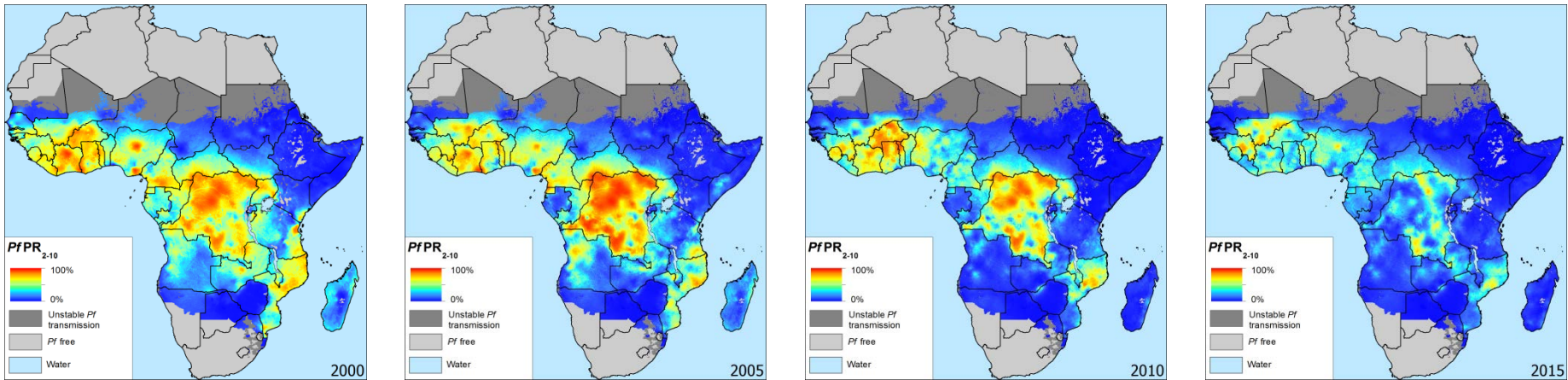
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- health surveys (also WHO assembled data) illustrate targeted application of indoor residual spraying in a number of African countries (funding ramped up since 2008)

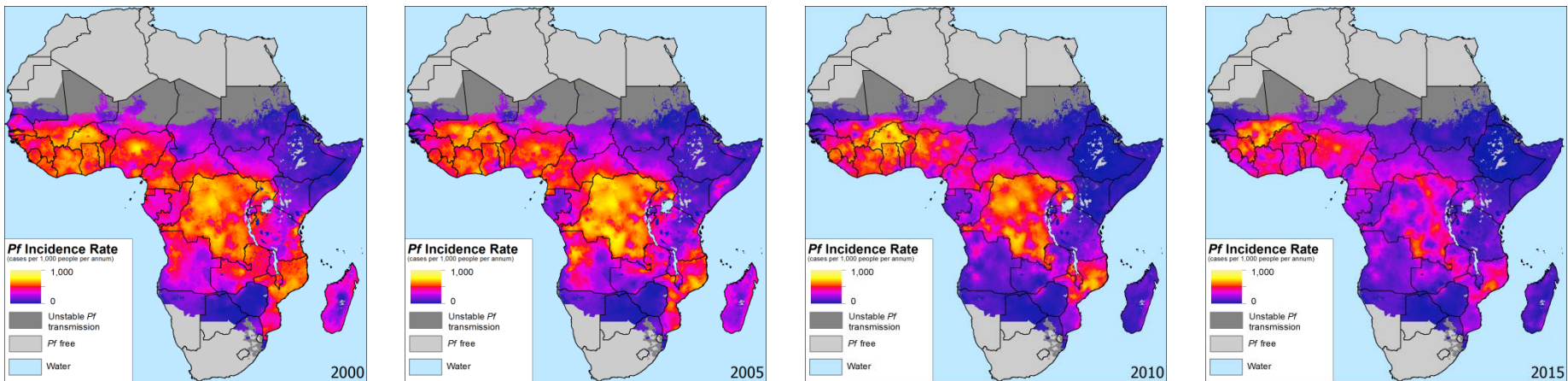
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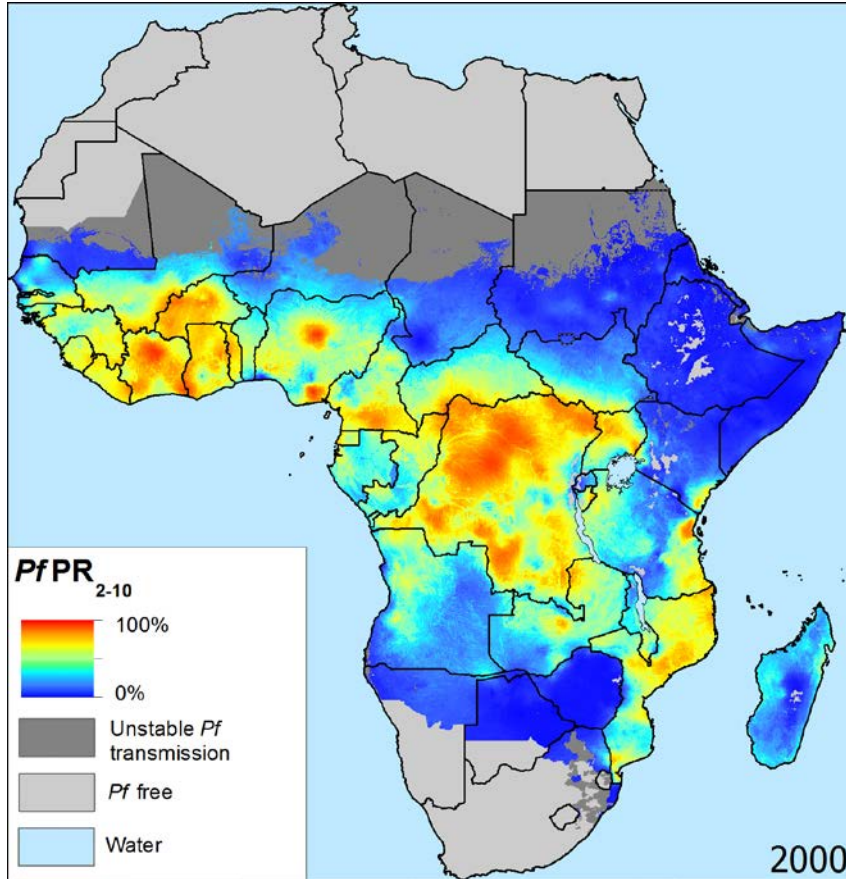
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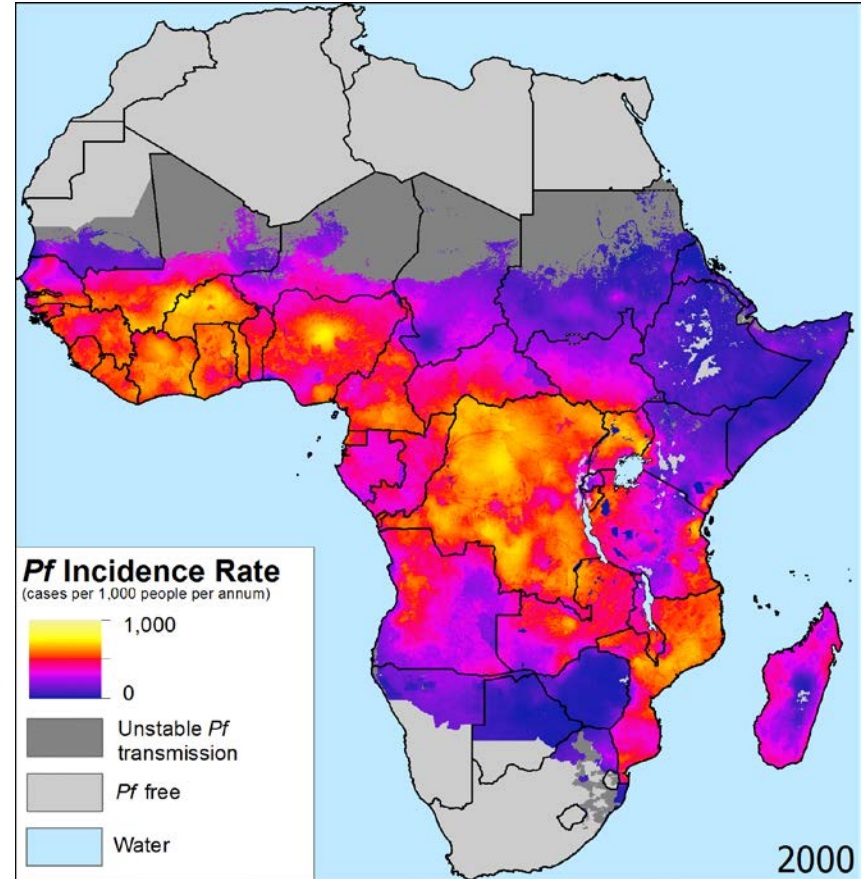
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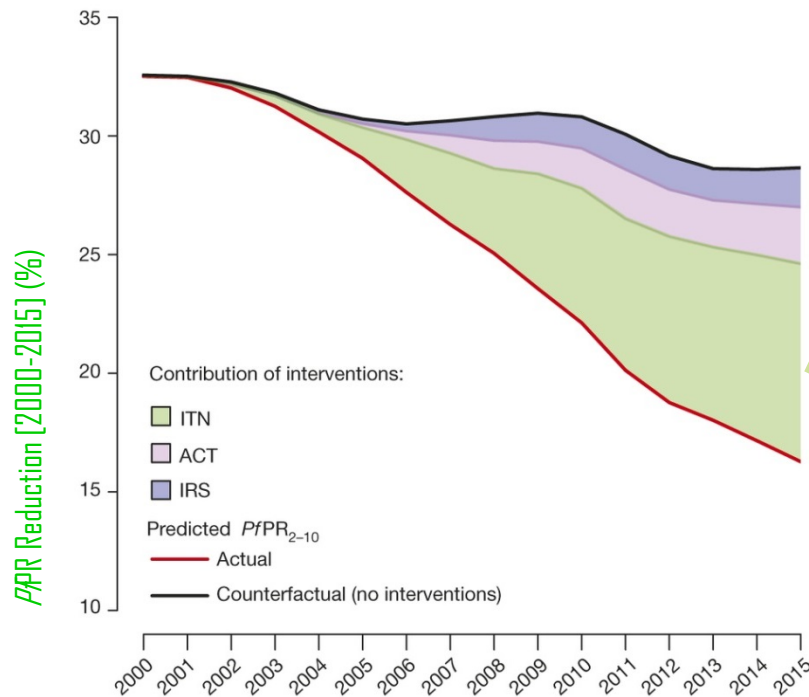
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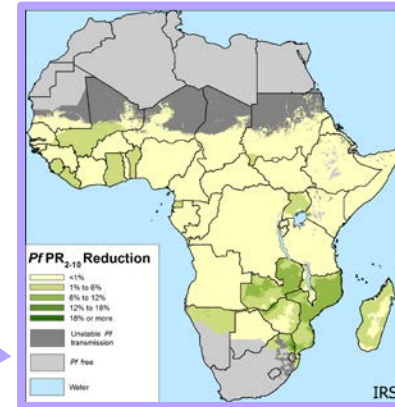
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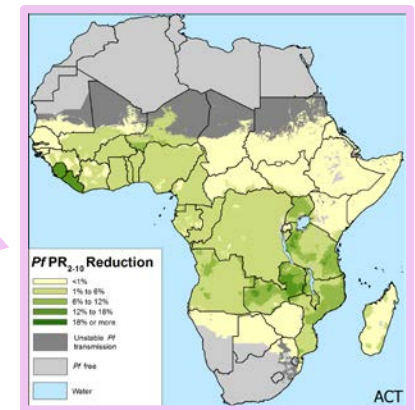
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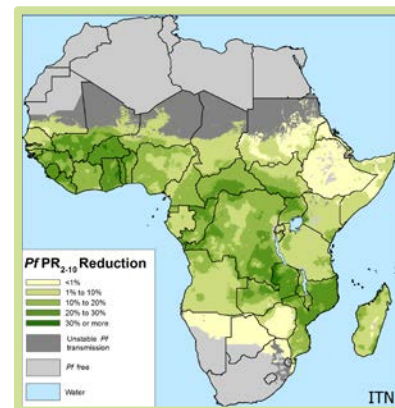
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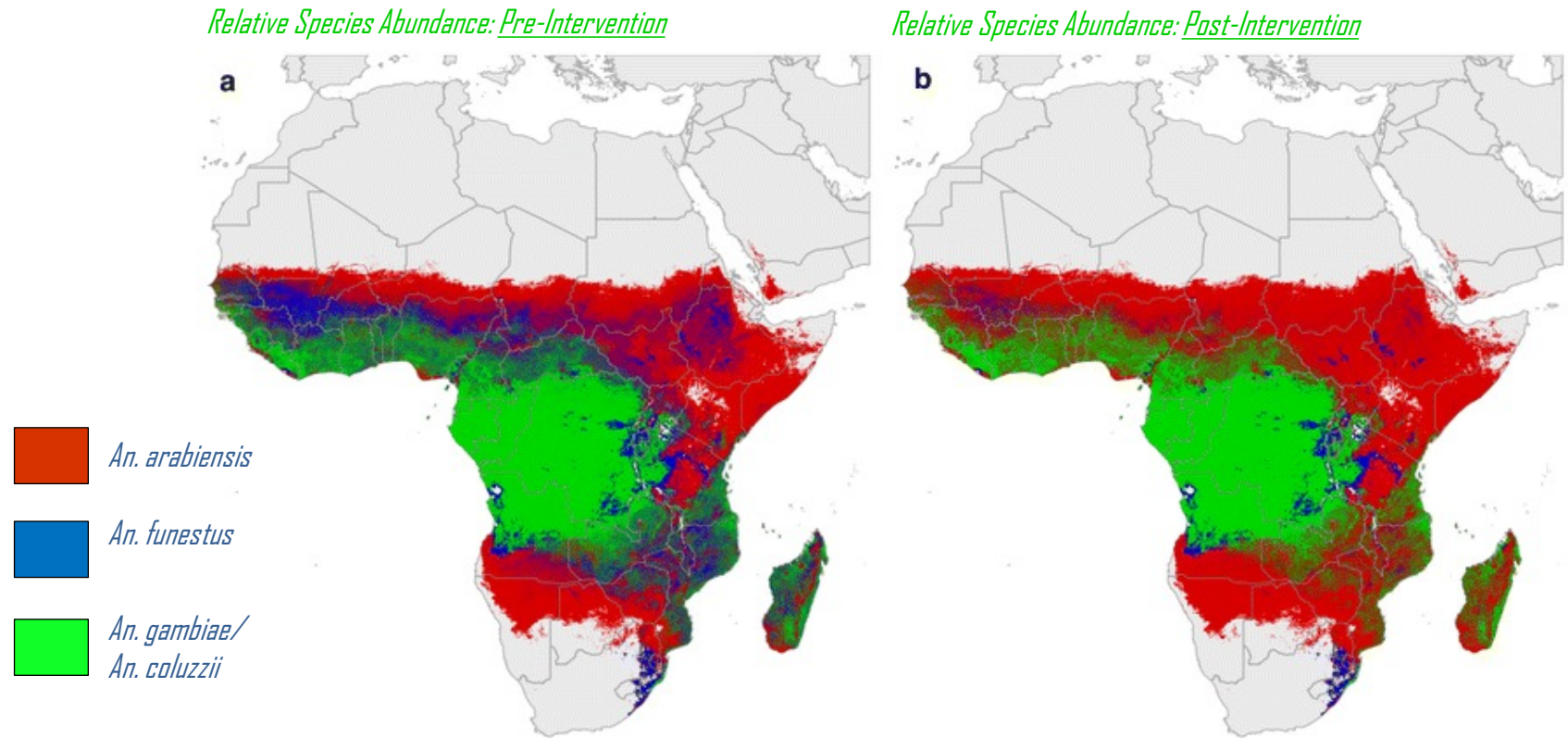


- relative contributions reflect relative funding, environmental suitability, coverage achieved, initial endemicity, etc.

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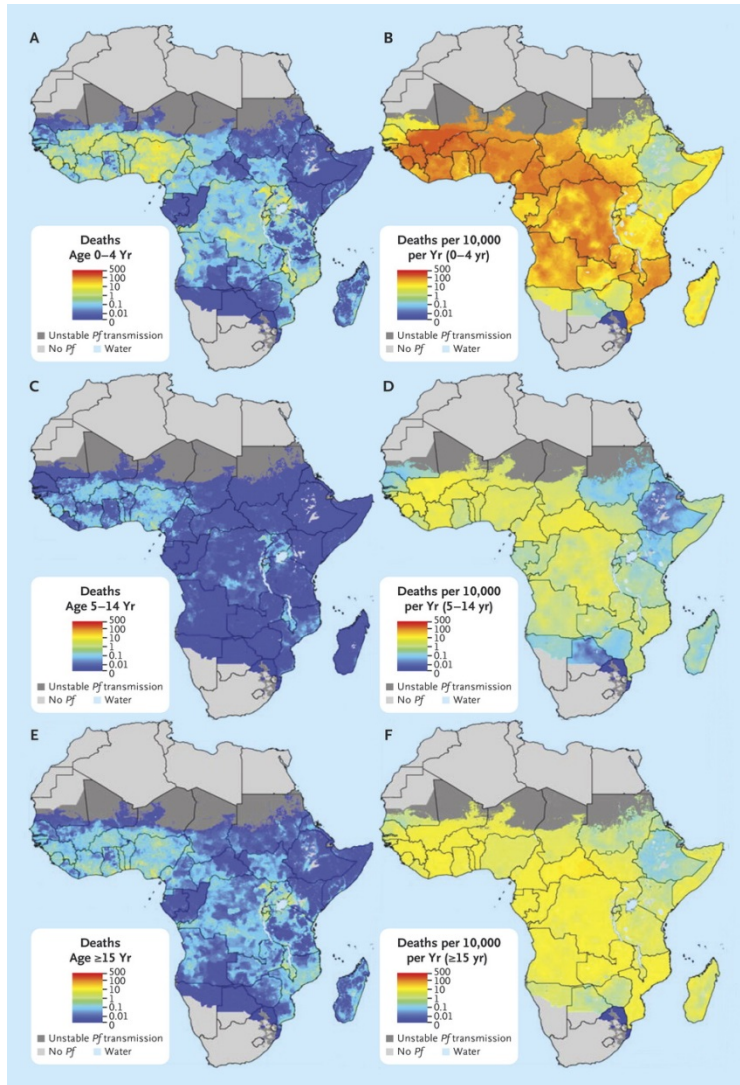
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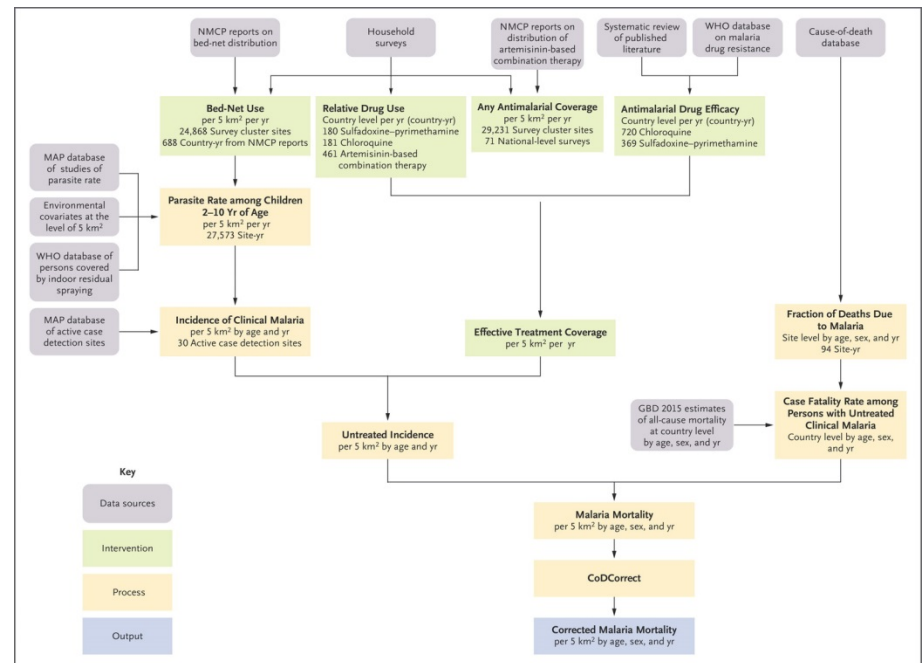
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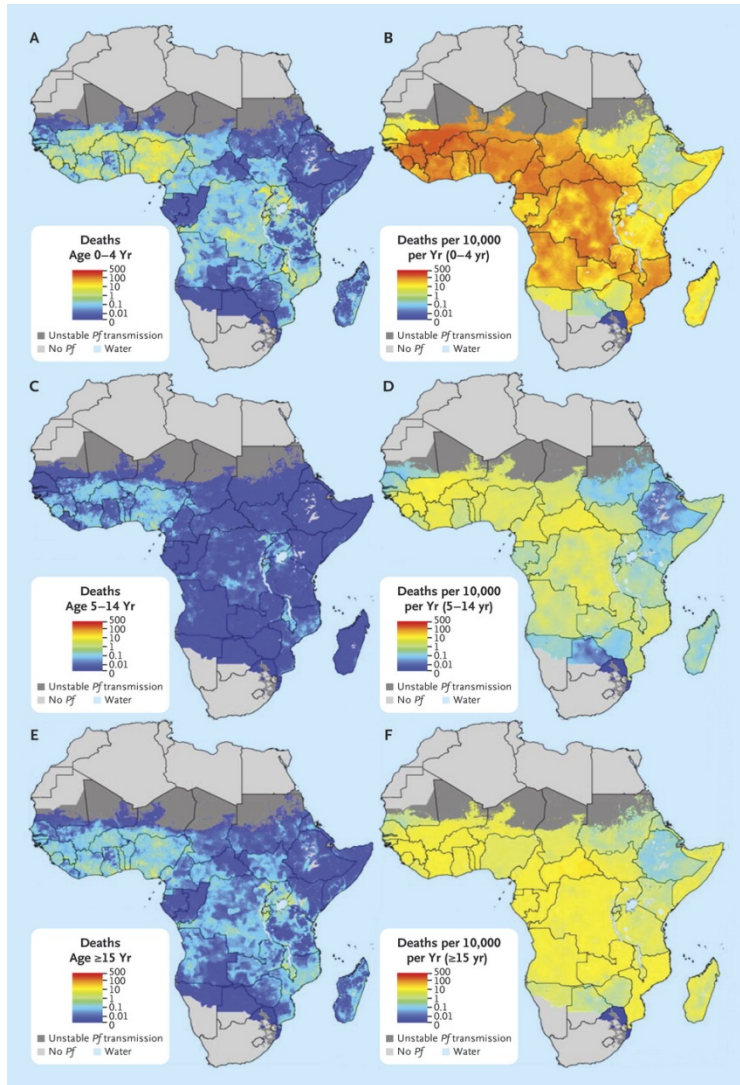
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- highlights heterogeneities between & within countries



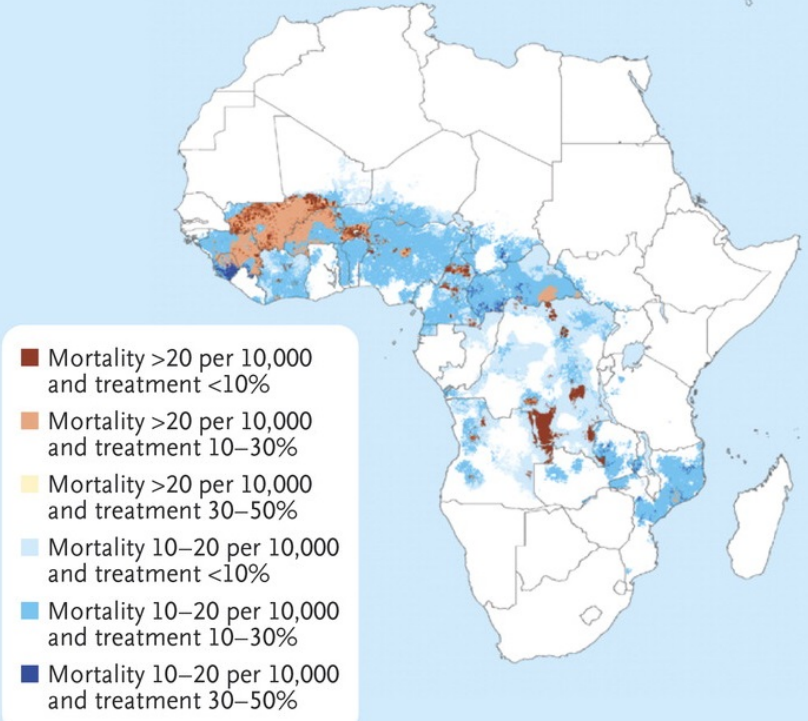
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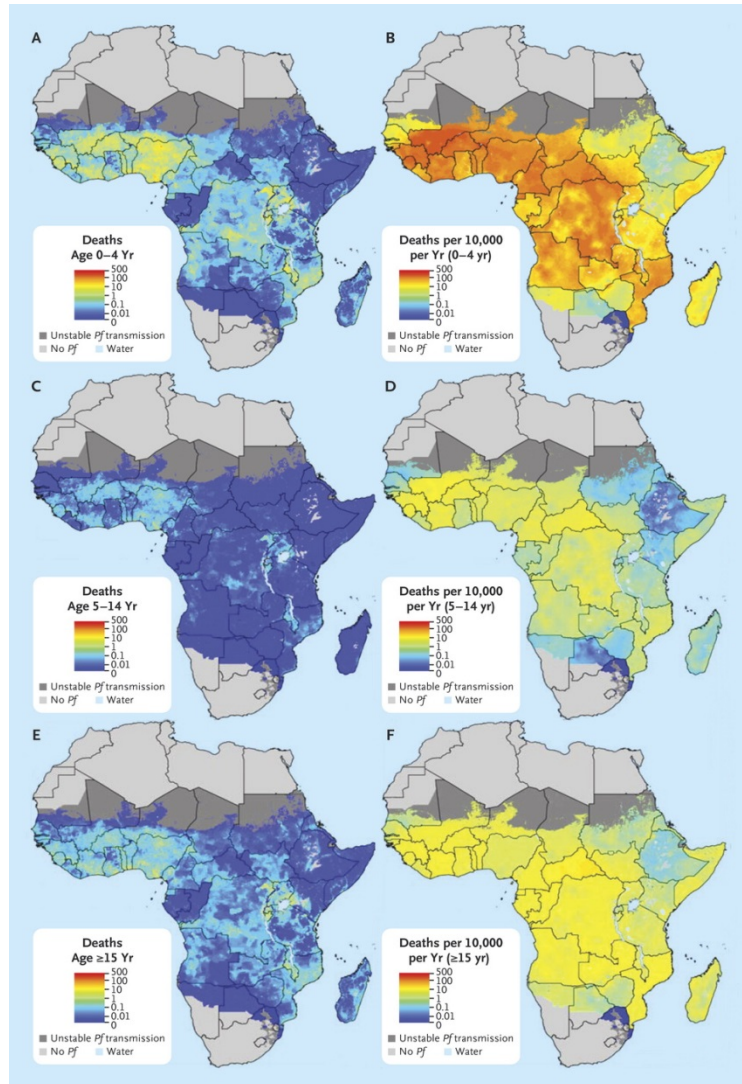
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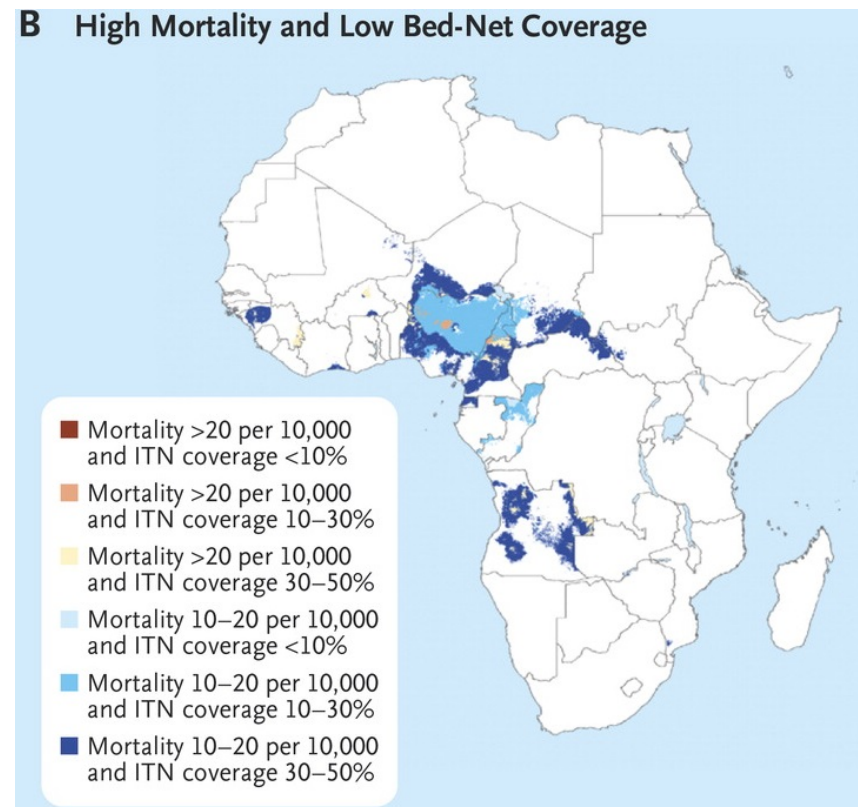


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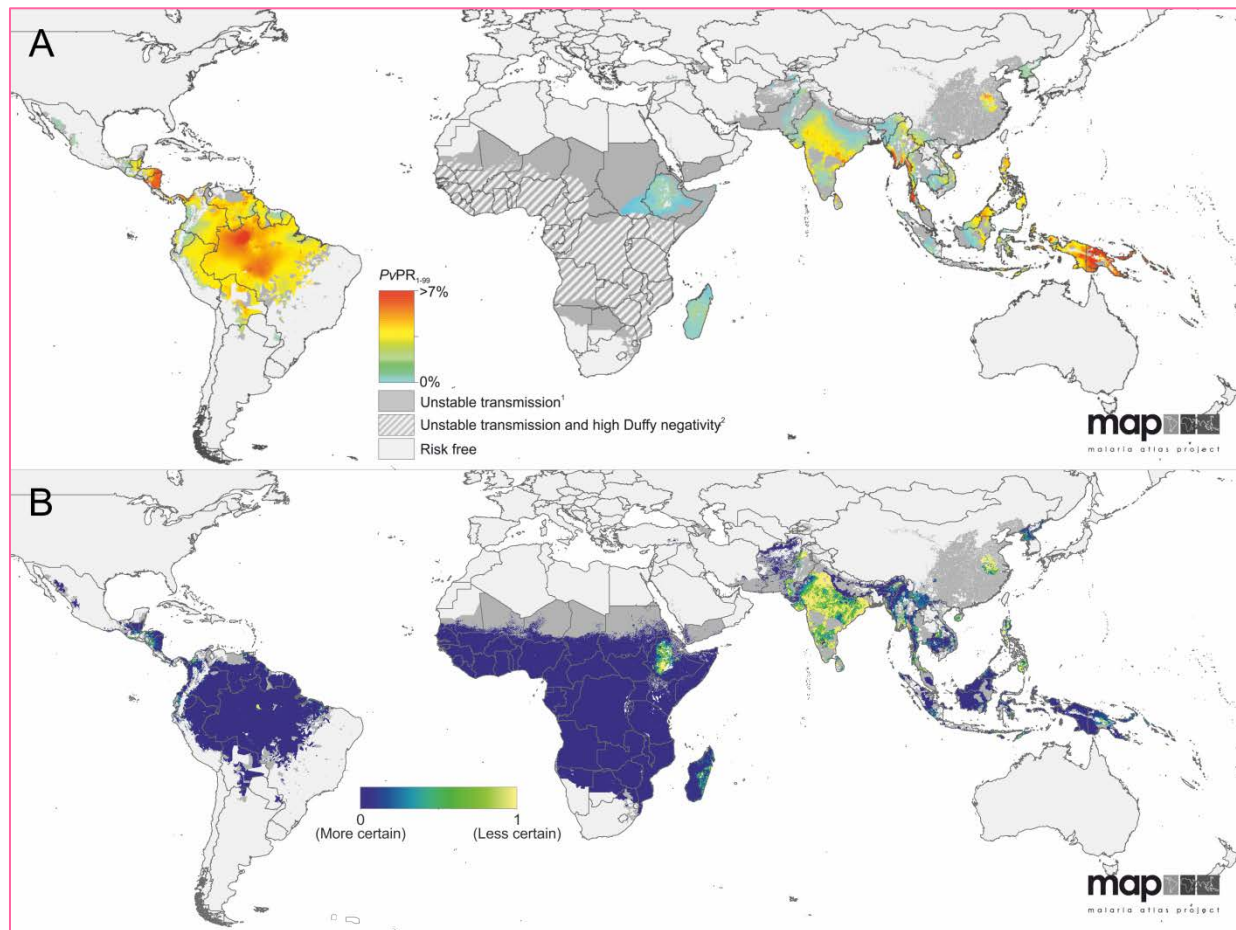
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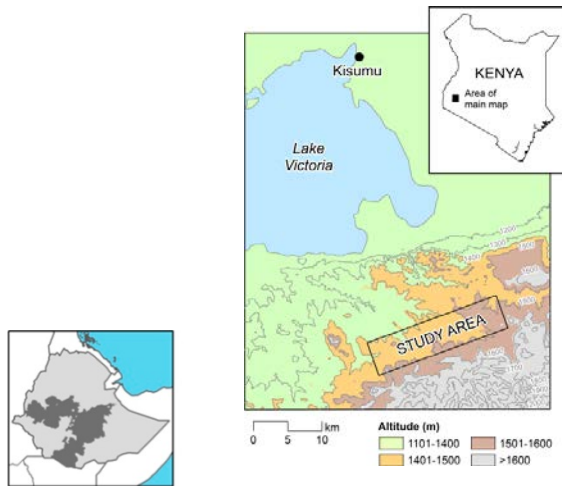


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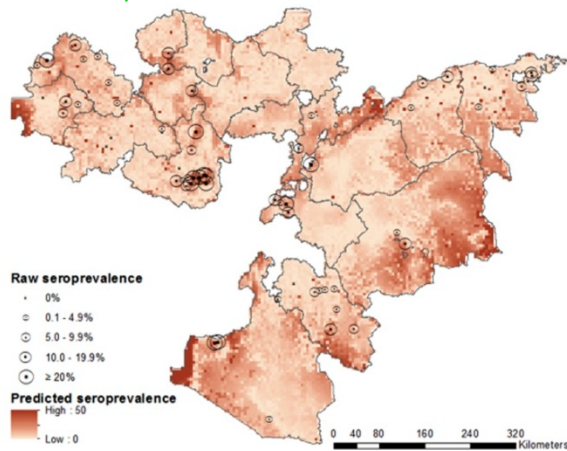
- mapping for burden enumeration of *Plasmodium vivax* steadily improving; as are mechanistic modelling tools



# towards elimination: maps from alternative metrics

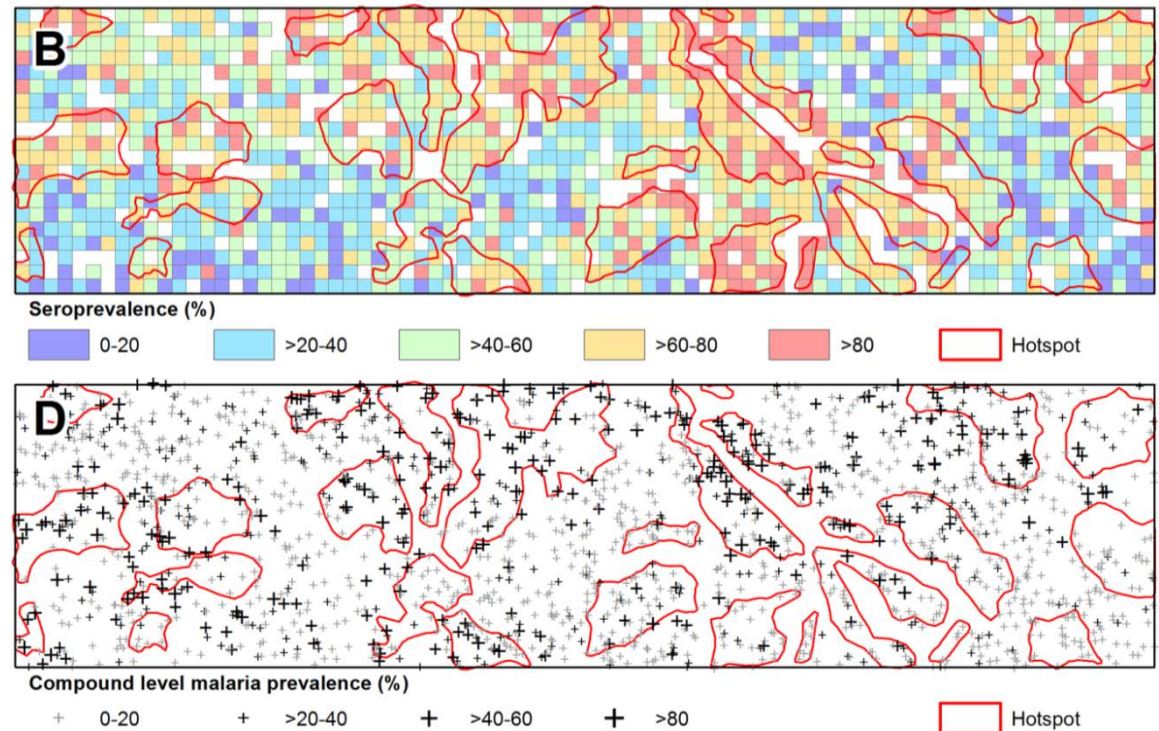


## Sero-prevalence : Predicted



Ashton et al., 2015, Am. J. Trop. Med. & Hyg., 93(1) 168-177:

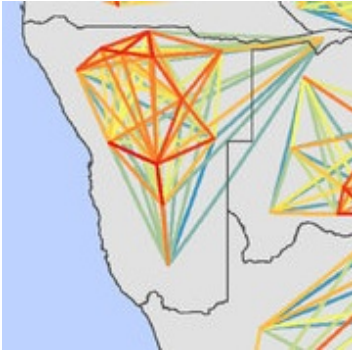
## Sero-prevalence : Empirical



Bousema et al., 2016, PLoS Medicine, 1001993

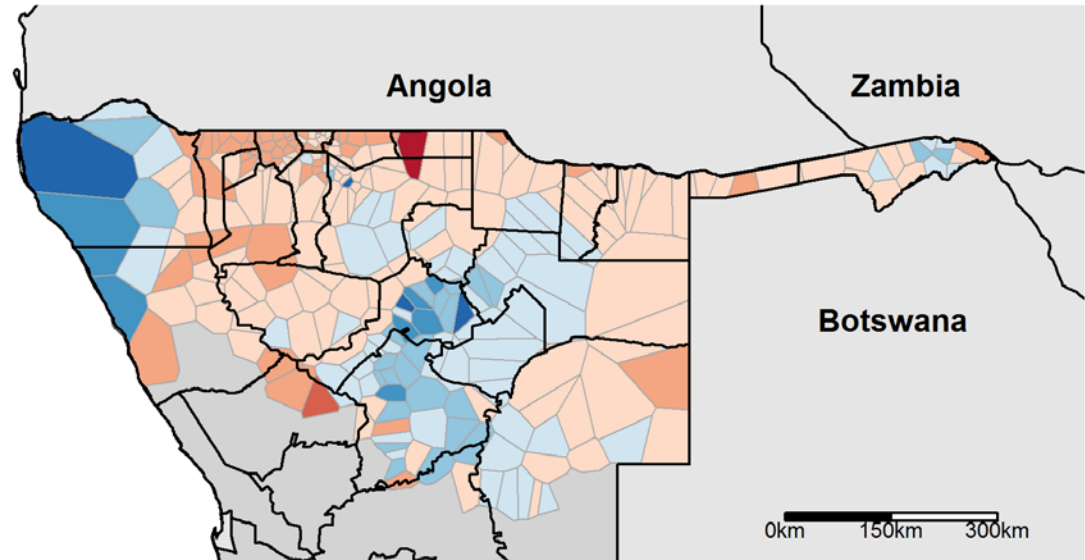
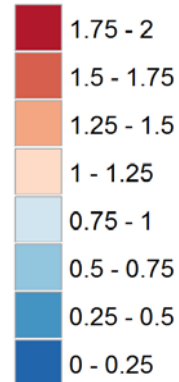
- in the low transmission regime: a greater role for alternative malaria metrics: e.g. serology
- challenge is to estimate SCR (ongoing work with Drakeley group)

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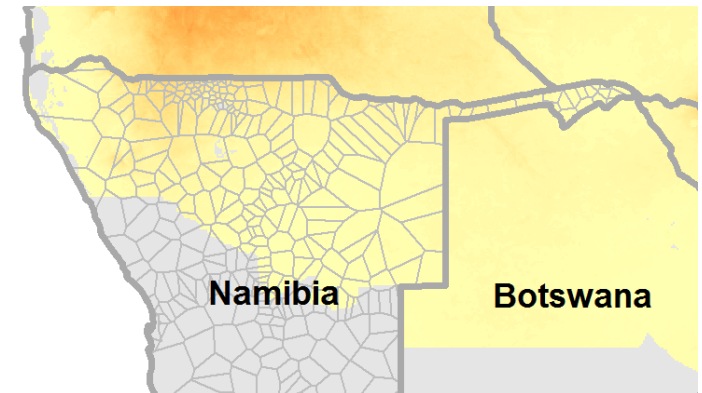
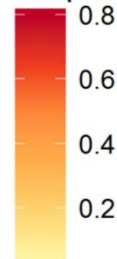
*Sorichetta et al., 2016,  
Scientific Data, 3, 160066*

Estimated  $R_0$



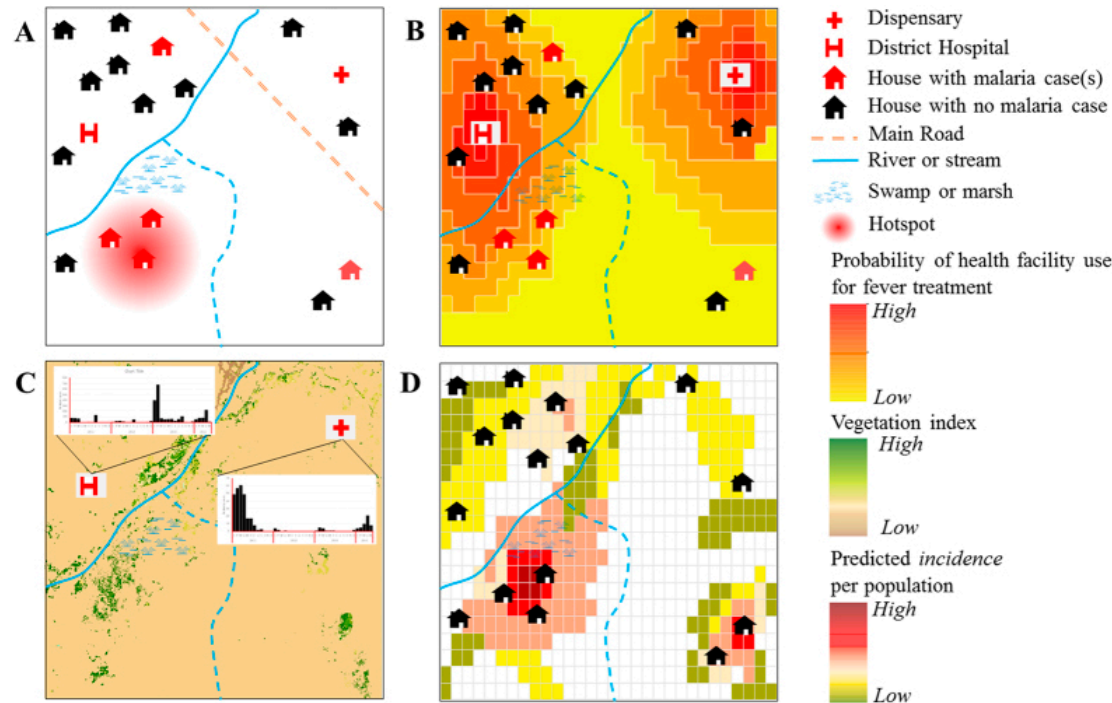
- the importance of human movement data: deconvolution of sources & sinks from observed prevalence surface
- also, a role for joint mechanistic – statistical studies: mapping at the level of the latent variable (joint work w/ Dave Smith & co)

Proportion infected



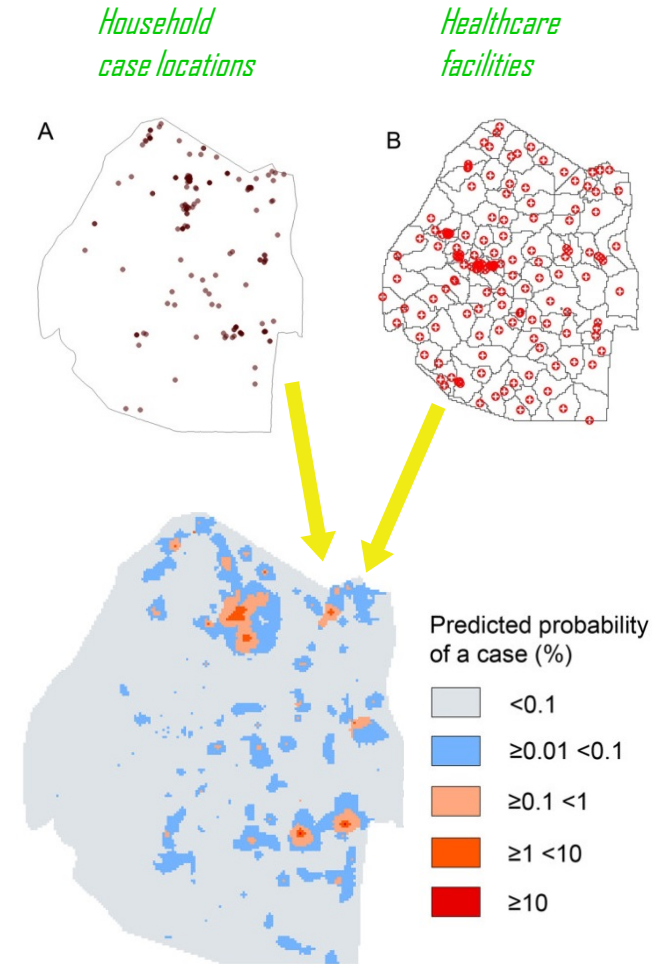
*Ruktanonchai et al., 2016, PLoS Comp. Bio., 1004648*

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*Alegana et al., 2016, Scientific Reports., 6, 29628*

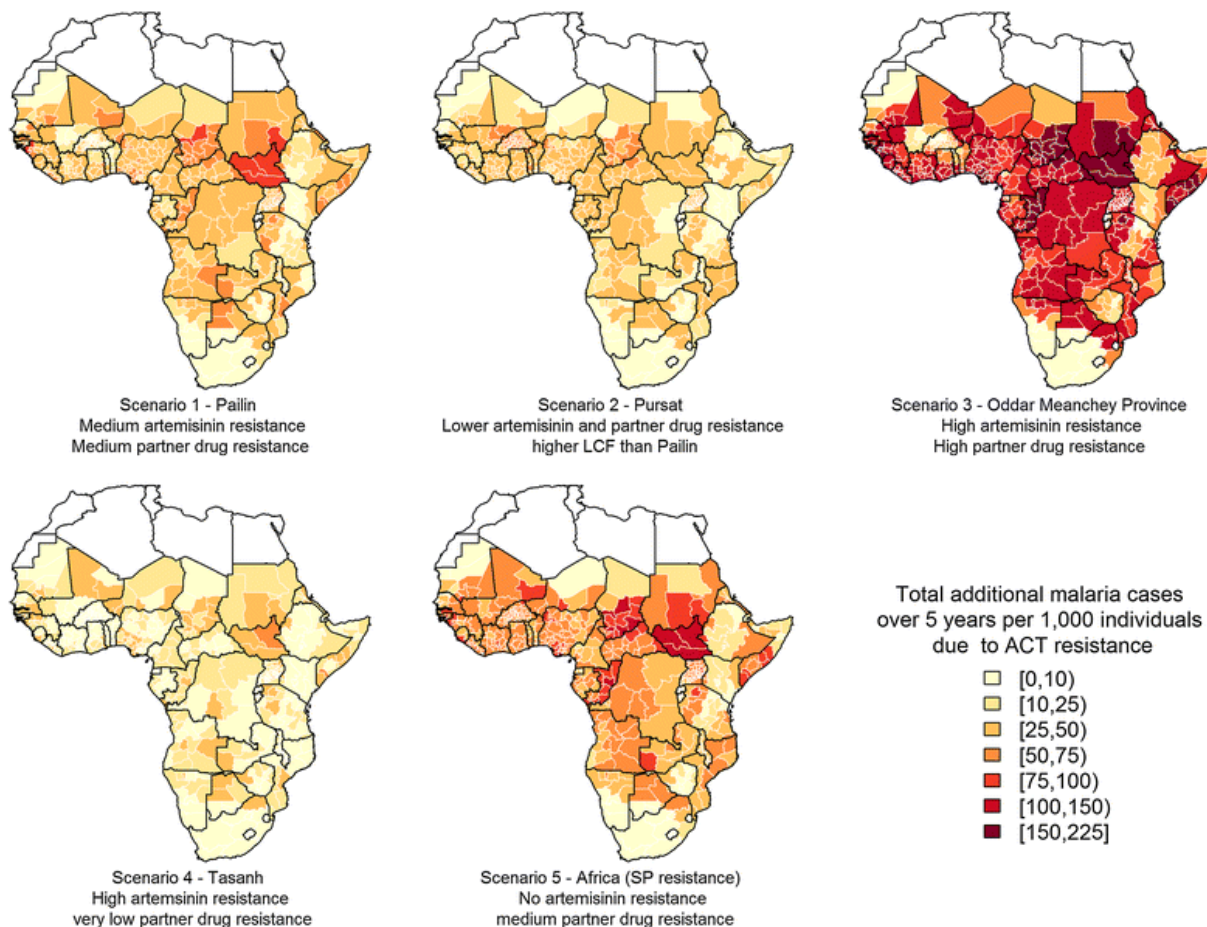
- catchment modelling: an increasingly important step to harness facility level case data
- at MAP: development of travel time surfaces (Dan Weiss) & statistical methodologies for joint API & point prevalence modelling (Tim Lucas)



*Sturrock et al., 2014, Malaria Journal., 13, 421*



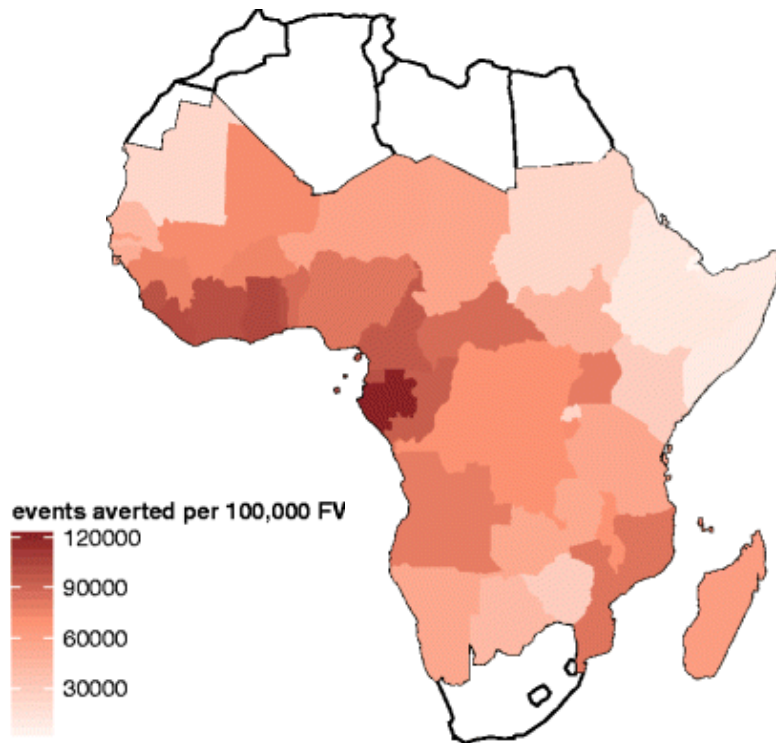
# a possible future: insecticide resistance ...



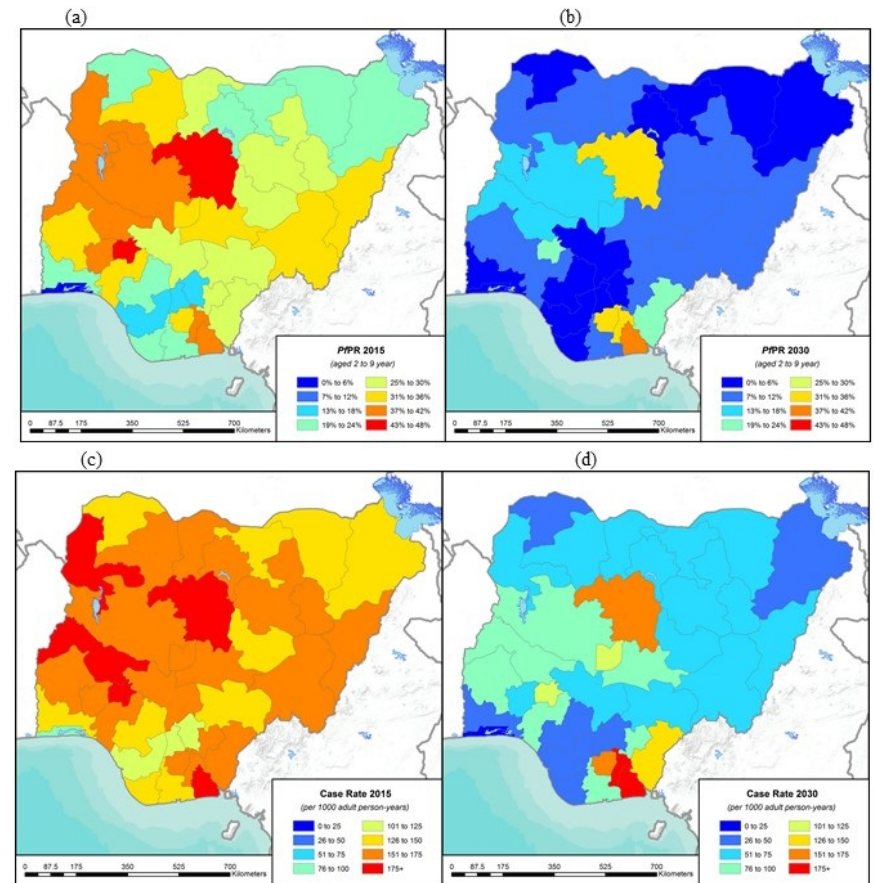
*Slater et al., 2016, Malaria Journal, 15, 10*

- maps for forecasting (& hopefully real-time monitoring) of risks / new challenges ....

## a possible future: intervention deployments ...



*Penny et al., 2015, BMC Medicine, 13, 170*



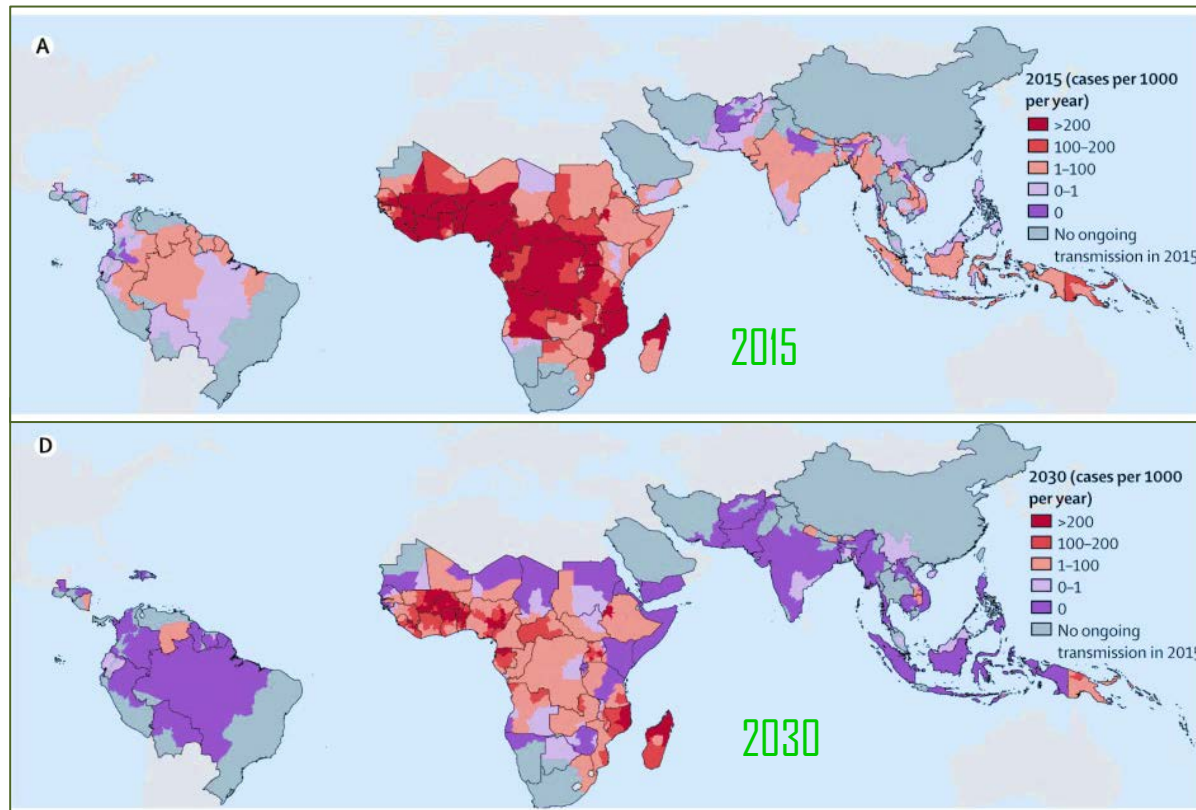
*Korenromp et al. submitted (SPECTRUM-MALARIA)*

- maps for understanding potential of RTS,S vaccine
- and for assisting program managers working at sub-national level (SPECTRUM-MALARIA)



a possible future 15 years from now ...

Present day incidence vs model based forecast for 2030: increasing coverage (90%) + SMC



*Griffin et al., 2016, Lancet Infectious Diseases, 16, 465-472*

- power of maps for illustration & comparison of likely outcomes under future intervention plans (focus of Malaria Modelling Consortium)

the end



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