

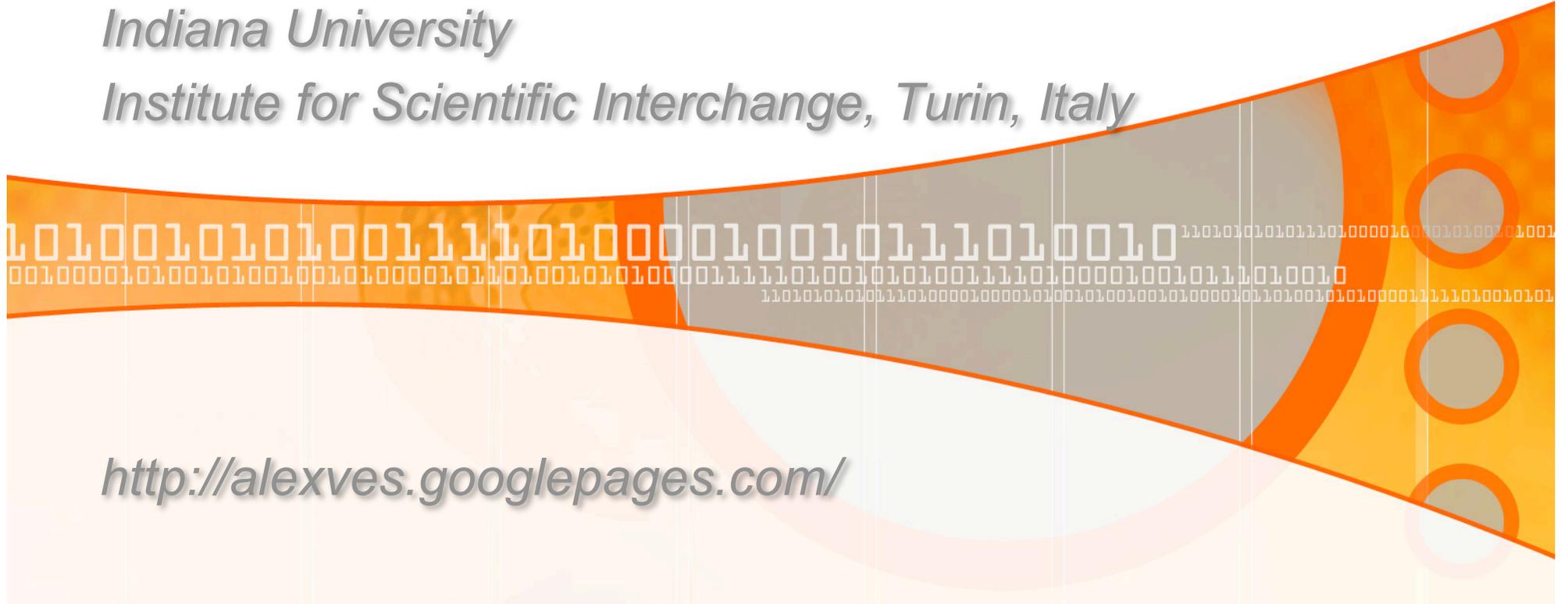
# ***Planning for Pandemic Outbreaks with Large Scale Computational Models***

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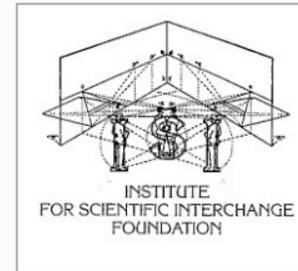
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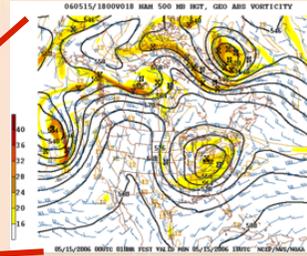
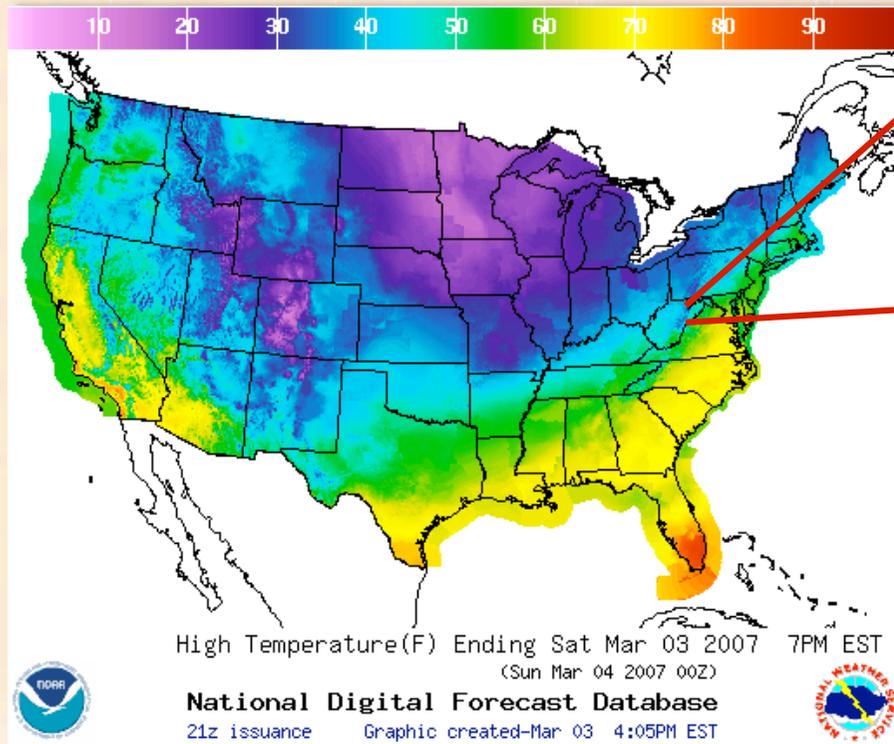


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# Weather forecast



## Parameters

- #  $u$  is the zonal velocity (velocity in the east/west direction tangent to the sphere).
- #  $v$  is the meridional velocity (velocity in the north/south direction tangent to the sphere).
- #  $\omega$  is the vertical velocity
- #  $T$  is the temperature
- #  $\phi$  is the geopotential
- #  $f$  is the term corresponding to the Coriolis force, and is equal to  $2\Omega\sin(\phi)$ , where  $\Omega$  is the angular rotation rate of the Earth ( $2\pi / 24$  radians/hour), and  $\phi$  is the latitude.
- #  $R$  is the gas constant
- #  $p$  is the pressure
- #  $c_p$  is the specific heat
- #  $J$  is the heat flow per unit time per unit mass
- #  $\pi$  is the exner function
- #  $\theta$  is the potential temperature

**Numerical weather prediction uses mathematical models of the atmosphere to predict the weather. Manipulating the huge datasets with the most powerful supercomputers in the world.**

The primitive equations can be simplified into the following equations:

# Temperature:  $\partial T / \partial t = u (\partial T_x / \partial X) + v (\partial T_y / \partial Y) + w (\partial T_z / \partial Z)$

# Wind in E-W direction:  $\partial u / \partial t = \eta v - \partial \Phi / \partial x - C_p \theta (\partial \pi / \partial x) - z (\partial u / \partial \sigma) - [\partial(u^2 + v^2) / 2] / \partial x$

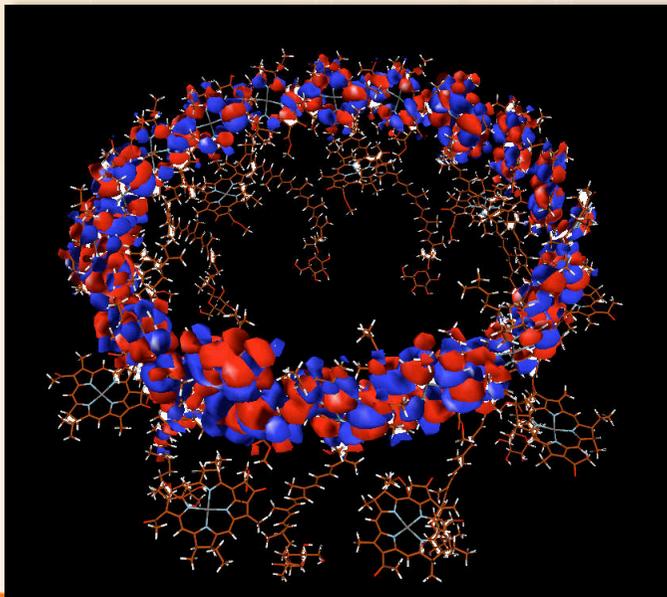
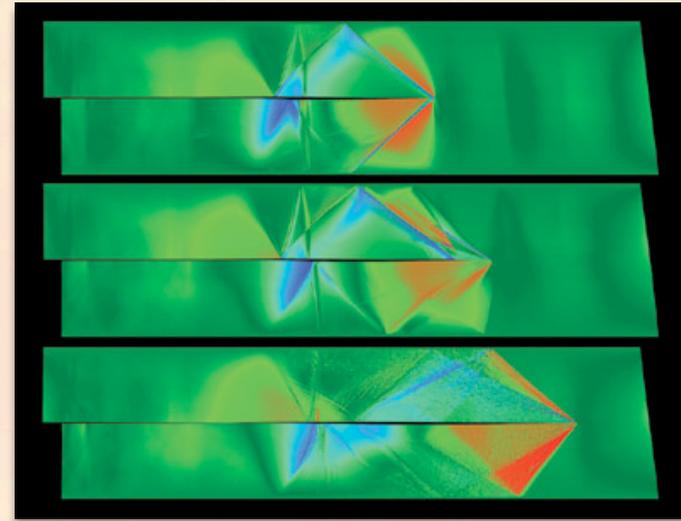
# Wind in N-S direction:  $\partial v / \partial t = -\eta(u/v) - \partial \Phi / \partial y - C_p \theta (\partial \pi / \partial y) - z (\partial v / \partial \sigma) - [\partial(u^2 + v^2) / 2] / \partial y$

# Precipitable water:  $\partial W / \partial t = u (\partial W_x / \partial X) + v (\partial W_y / \partial Y) + z (\partial W_z / \partial Z)$

# Pressure Thickness:  $\partial(\partial p / \partial \sigma) / \partial t = u [(\partial p / \partial \sigma)_x / \partial X] + v [(\partial p / \partial \sigma)_y / \partial Y] + z [(\partial p / \partial \sigma)_z / \partial Z]$



# Super-computer simulations

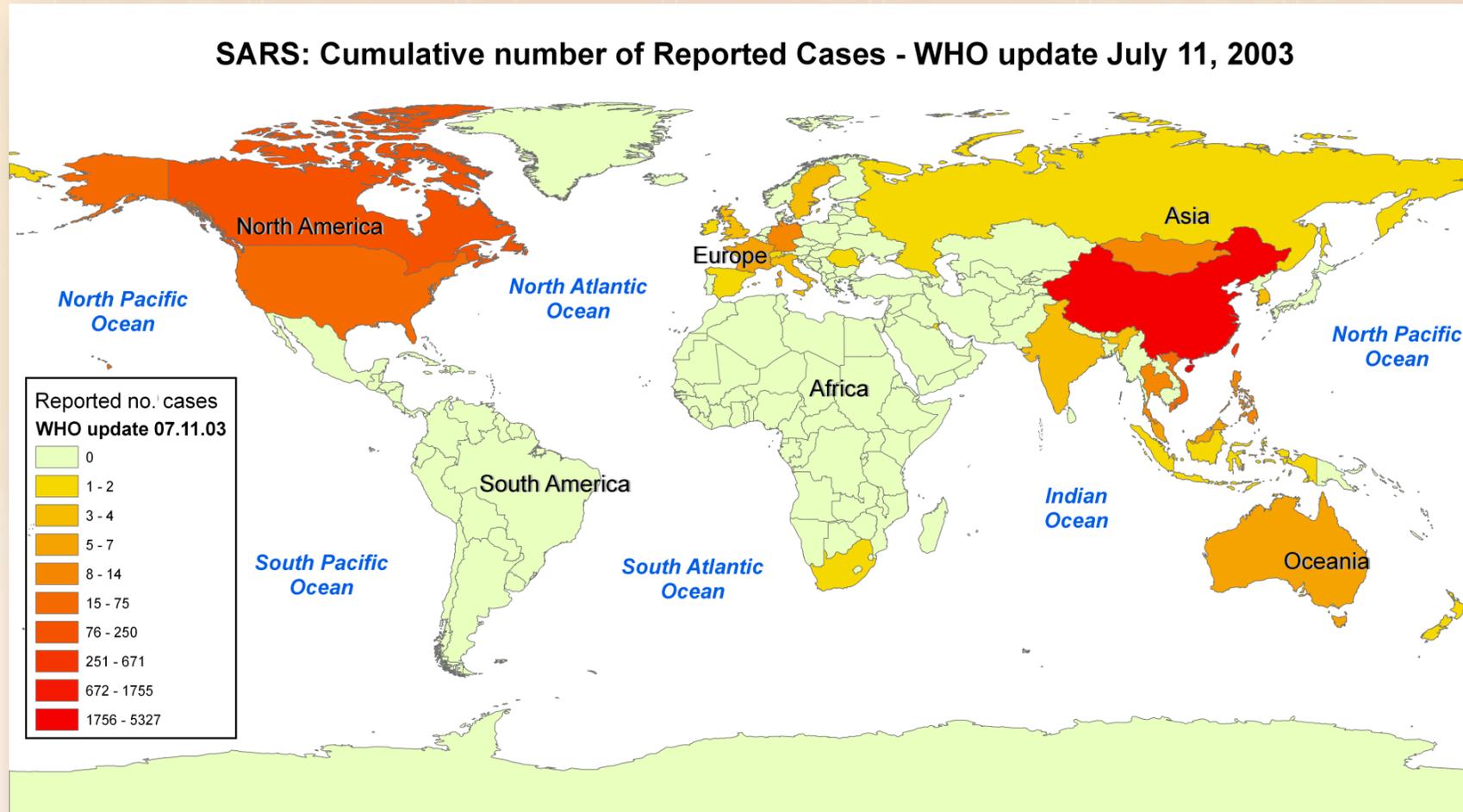


- Fracture in 1.6 millions atoms material
- 6.8 billion finite elements plasma
- Ab initio simulations of thousand of atoms pico-second scale

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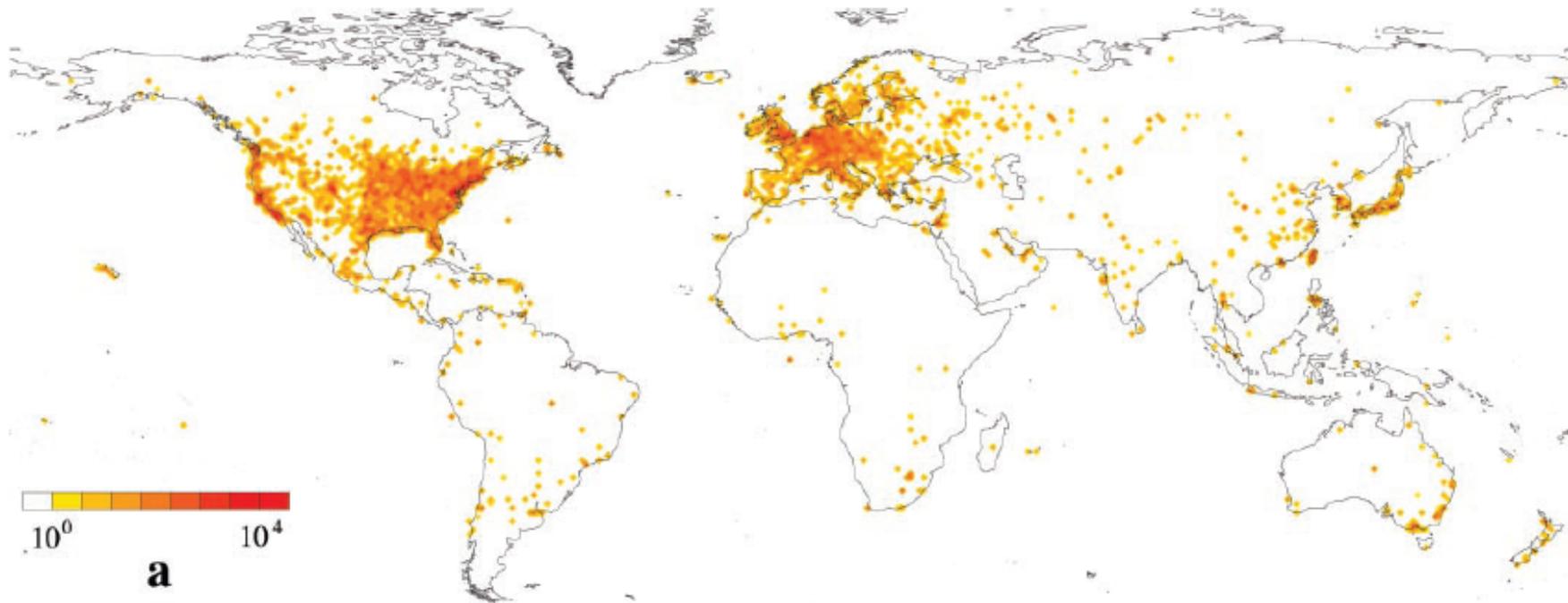
## *Emerging disease spreading evolution*



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# WHY NOT FORECAST ON...

## Router density worldwide in ten years



- What will happen when 1.5 billion people from china will scream connectivity??
- Will BGP collapse ??

# Collective Bio-Techno-social problems ....

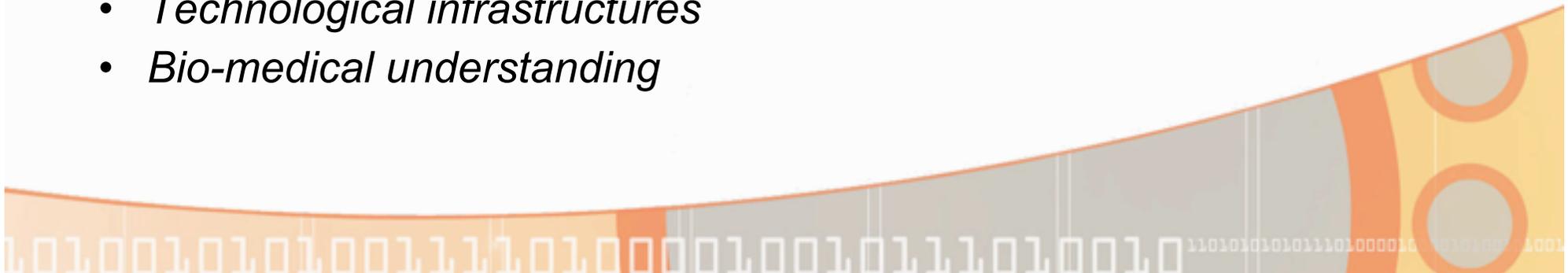
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## *In other words*

*The complete temperature analysis of the sea surface, and satellite images of atmospheric turbulence are easier to get than the large scale knowledge of commuting patterns or the quantitative measure of the propensity of a certain social behavior, or the spreading rate of a given pathogen.*

## *Complexity+complications*

- *large numbers of heterogeneous individuals*
- *over multiple time and size scales*
- *Non-linearity, threshold effects, discreteness, cooperation*
- *huge richness of cognitive/social science problems*
- *Technological infrastructures*
- *Bio-medical understanding*



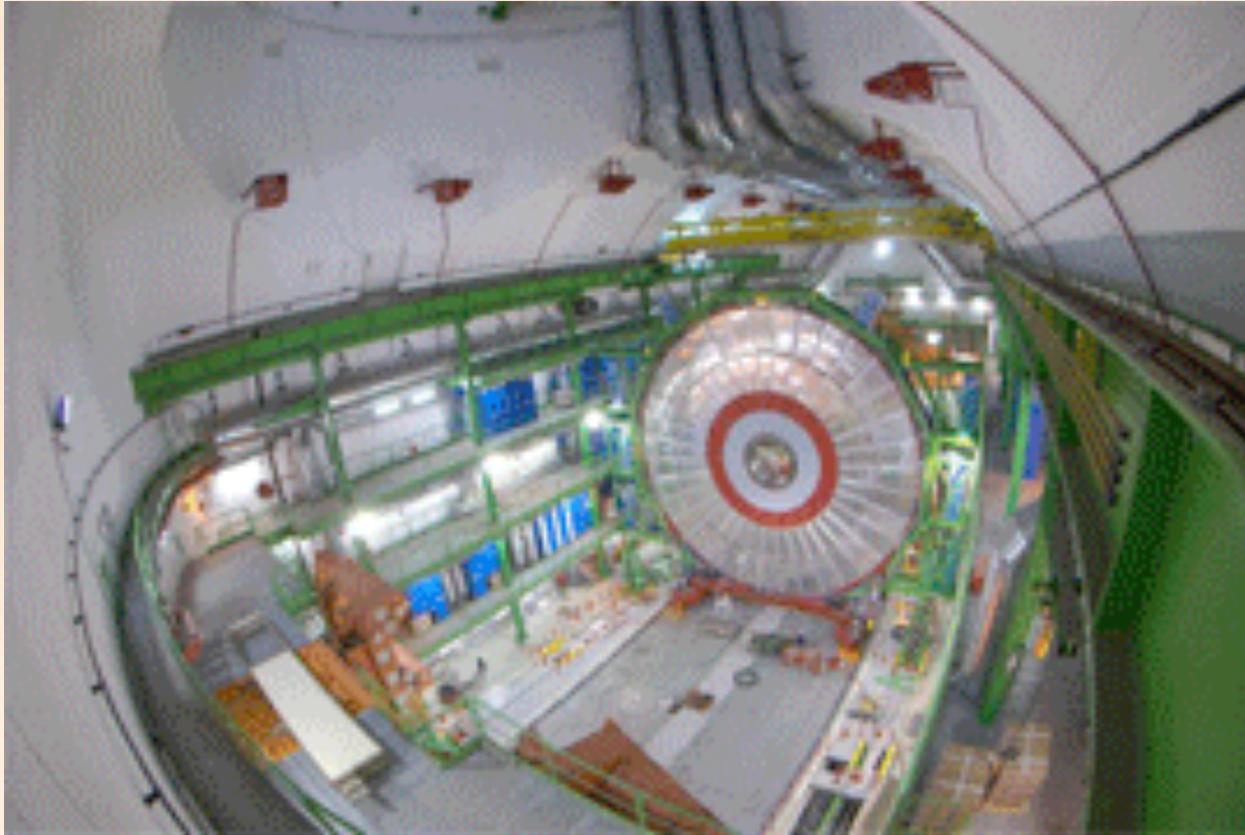
# Hubble telescope >6.5 Billion



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# Large Hadron Collider >8 Billion



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# Large Social collider

SOCIAL SCIENCE

## Computational Social Science

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**W**e live life in the network. We check our e-mails regularly, make mobile phone calls from almost any location, swipe transit cards to use public transportation, and make purchases with credit cards. Our movements in public places may be captured by video cameras, and our medical records stored as digital files. We may post blog entries accessible to anyone, or maintain friendships through online social networks. Each of these transactions leaves digital traces that can be compiled into comprehensive pictures of both individual and group behavior, with the potential to transform our understanding of our lives, organizations, and societies.

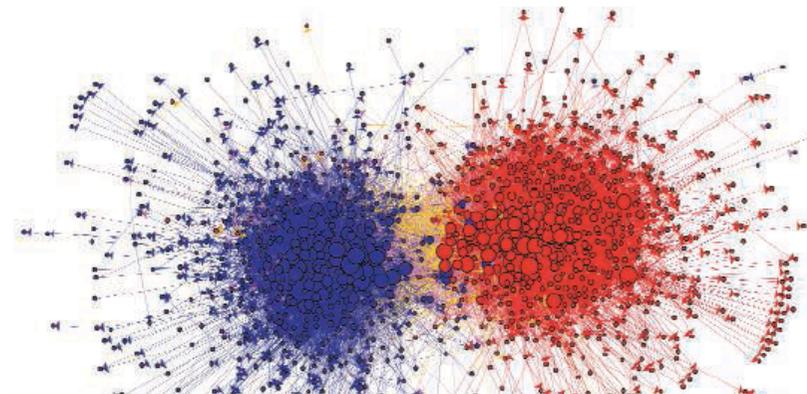
The capacity to collect and analyze massive amounts of data has transformed such fields as biology and physics. But the emergence of a data-driven “computational social science” has been much slower. Leading journals in economics, sociology, and political science show little evidence of this field. But computational social science is occurring—in Internet com-

ment agencies such as the U.S. National Security Agency. Computational social science could become the exclusive domain of private companies and government agencies. Alternatively, there might emerge a privileged set of academic researchers presiding over private data from which they produce papers that cannot be

A field is emerging that leverages the capacity to collect and analyze data at a scale that may reveal patterns of individual and group behaviors.

critiqued or replicated. Neither scenario will serve the long-term public interest of accumulating, verifying, and disseminating knowledge.

What value might a computational social science—based in an open academic environment—offer society, by enhancing understanding of individuals and collectives? What are the



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# IT AND THE SOCIETY “TOMOGRAPHY”

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- × Data integration and assimilation
- × Mobile telephone and devices..
- × Web 2.0, Proxy networks
- × Pervasive and embedded technology/  
sensors

# UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT OF DATA.....

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- ❑ Transportation infrastructures
- ❑ Behavioral Networks
- ❑ Census data
- ❑ Commuting/traveling patterns
  - ❑ Different scales:
    - ❑ International
    - ❑ Intra-nation (county/city/municipality)
    - ❑ Intra-city (workplace/daily commuters/individuals behavior)

# COMPLEX MOBILITY AND TRAFFIC NETS....

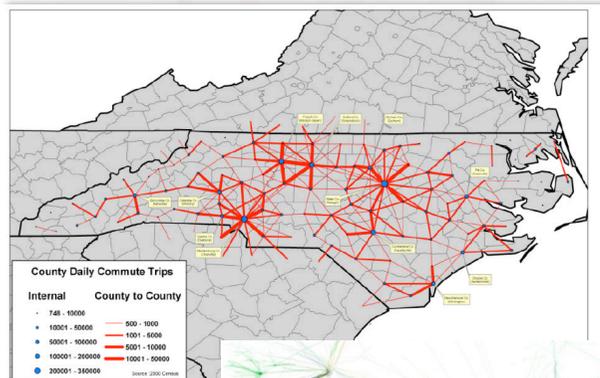
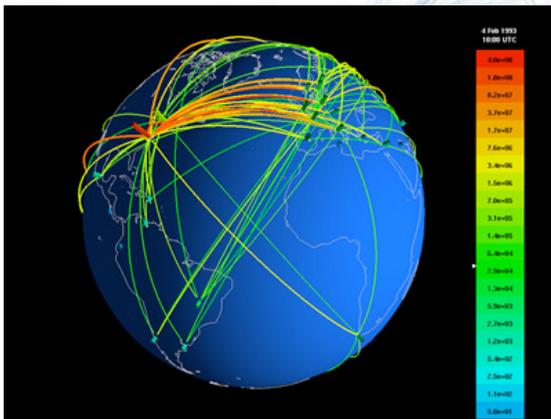
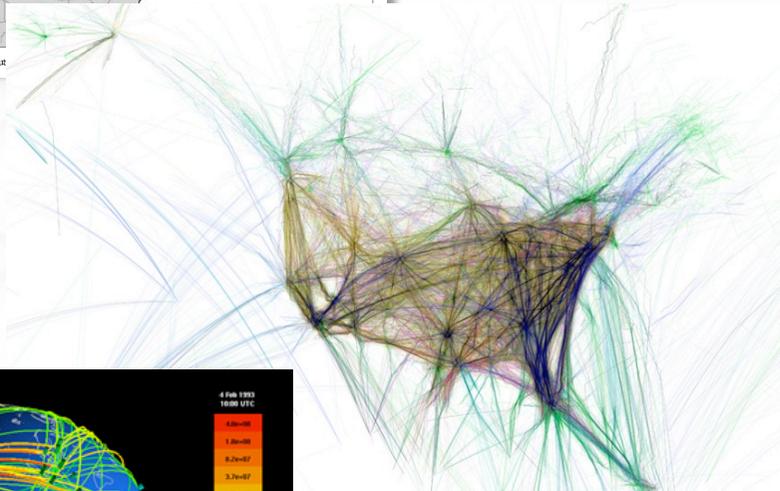


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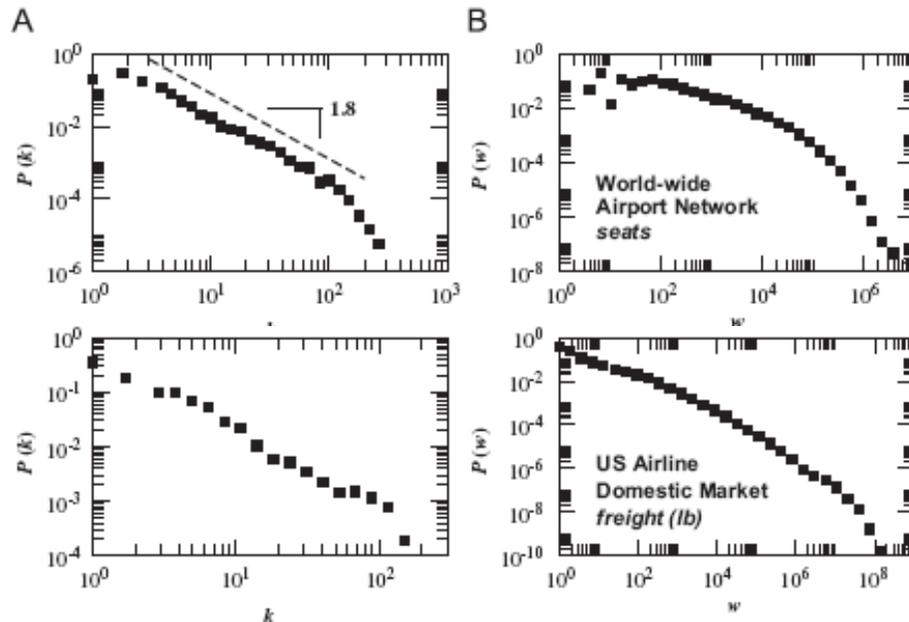


✘ Which are the topology and traffic/flows statistical properties of real world networks.

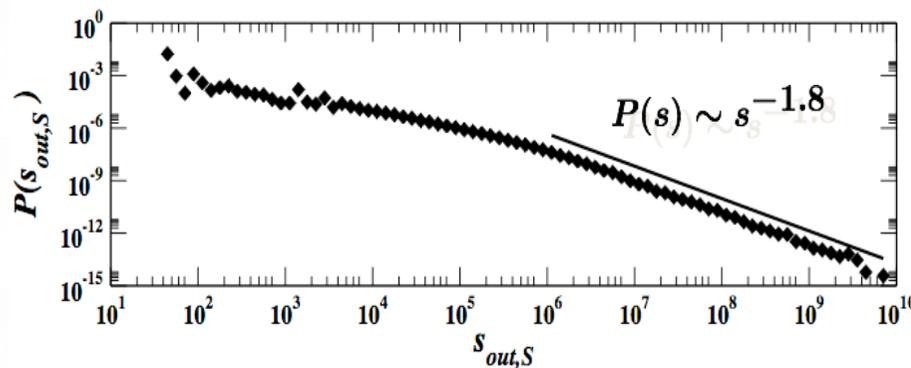
# CHARACTERIZATION OF WEIGHTED NETWORKS



## Transportation and freight



## Web traffic

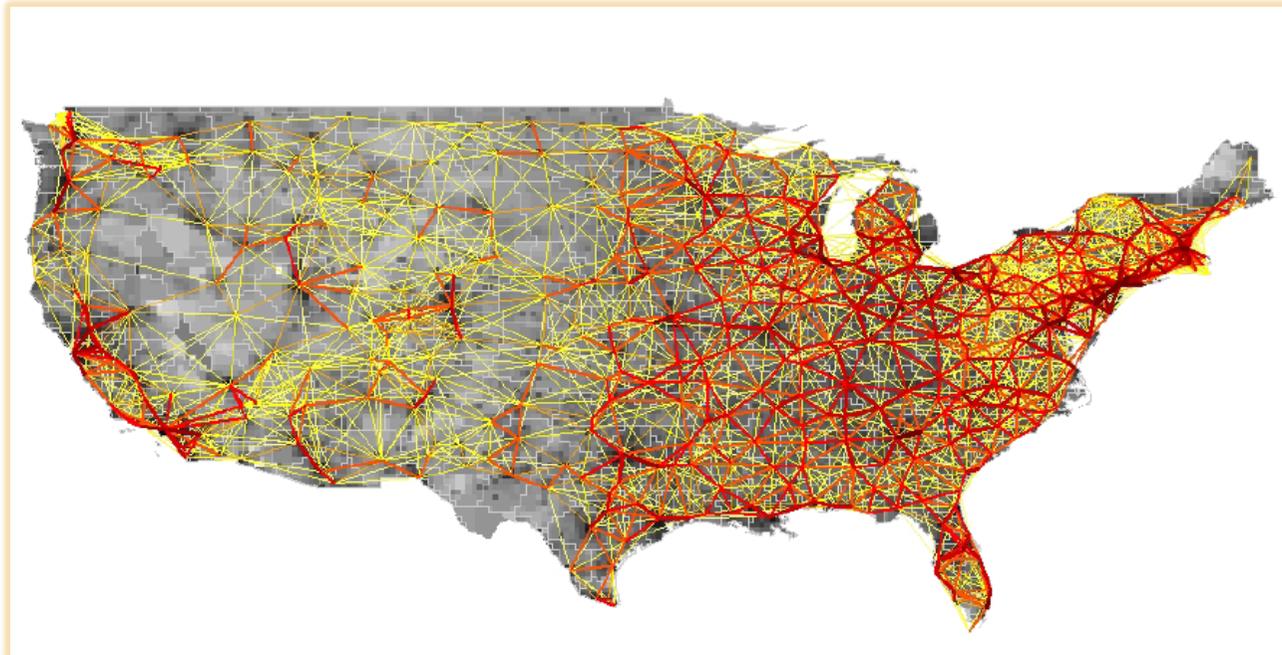


- General characterization of weighted complex networks:
  - + Definition of appropriate quantities
  - + Correlation measure
  - + Assortativity/disassortativity
  - + Backbone identification
  - + Traffic topology relation
- Dynamical models of growing weight networks

# A Multiscale problem



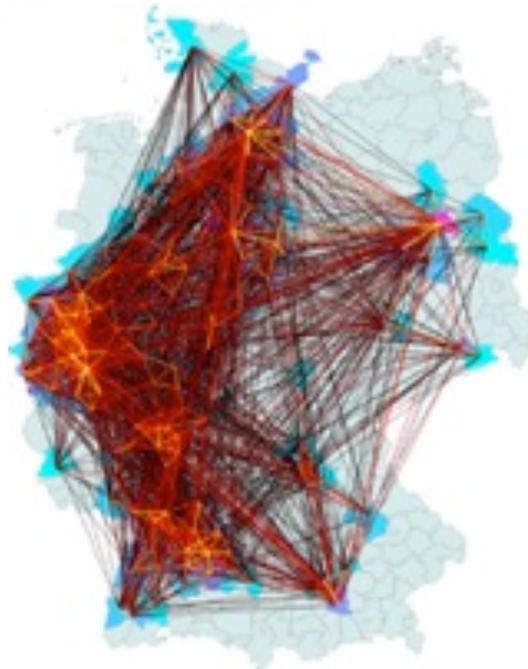
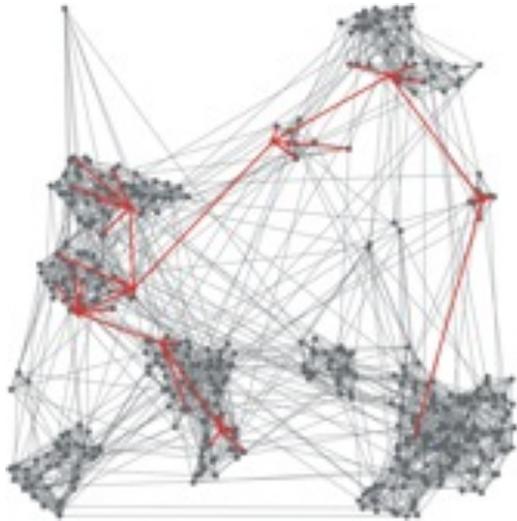
Airline  
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network



Daily  
commuting  
network

# OPEN ISSUES.....

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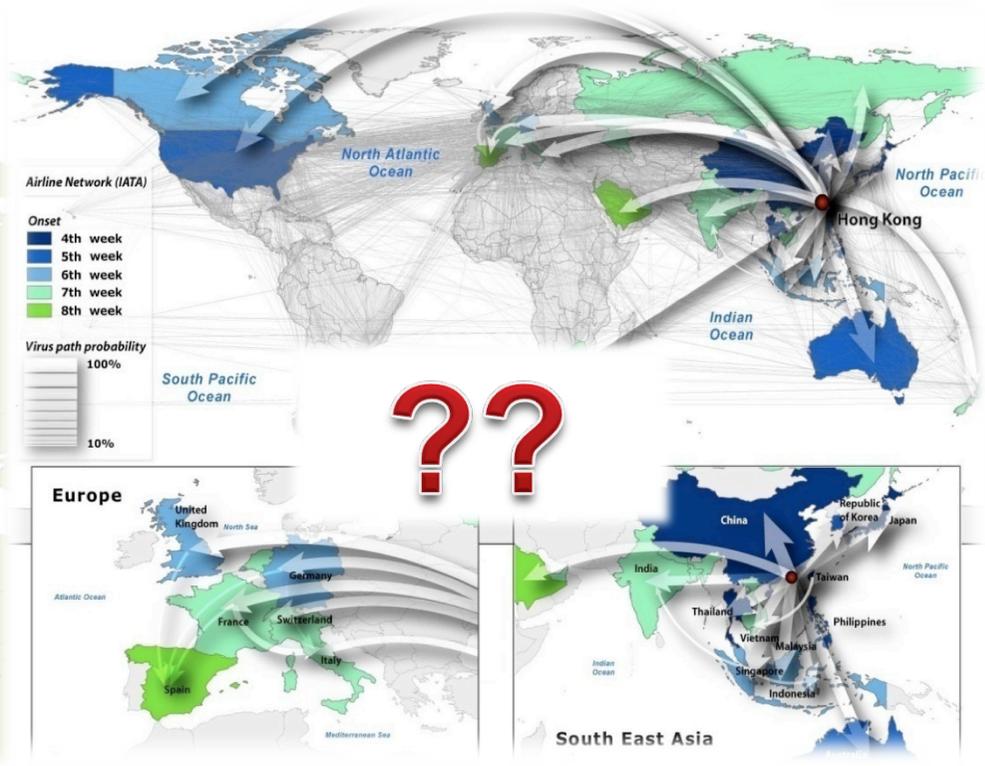
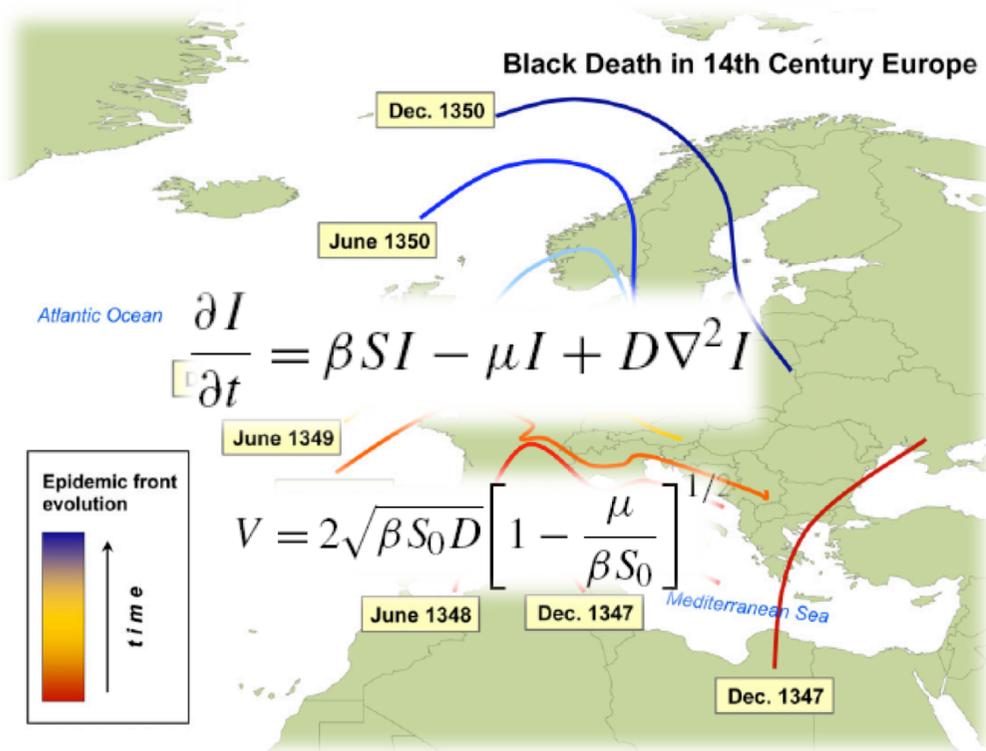


- ✘ spatially structured models depend on the notion of identifiable populations in a meta-population.
- ✘ For instance, cities, town and villages (on a smaller scale schools, workplaces) and homes, cell tower, WiFi base station area range, etc.
- ✘ intuitive segmentations is often fuzzy, ill defined, arbitrary and lacks a systematic backbone.
- ✘ How much geography, cultural diversity, spatial and technological variability is encoded in the topology and mobility/diffusion of multi-scale networks



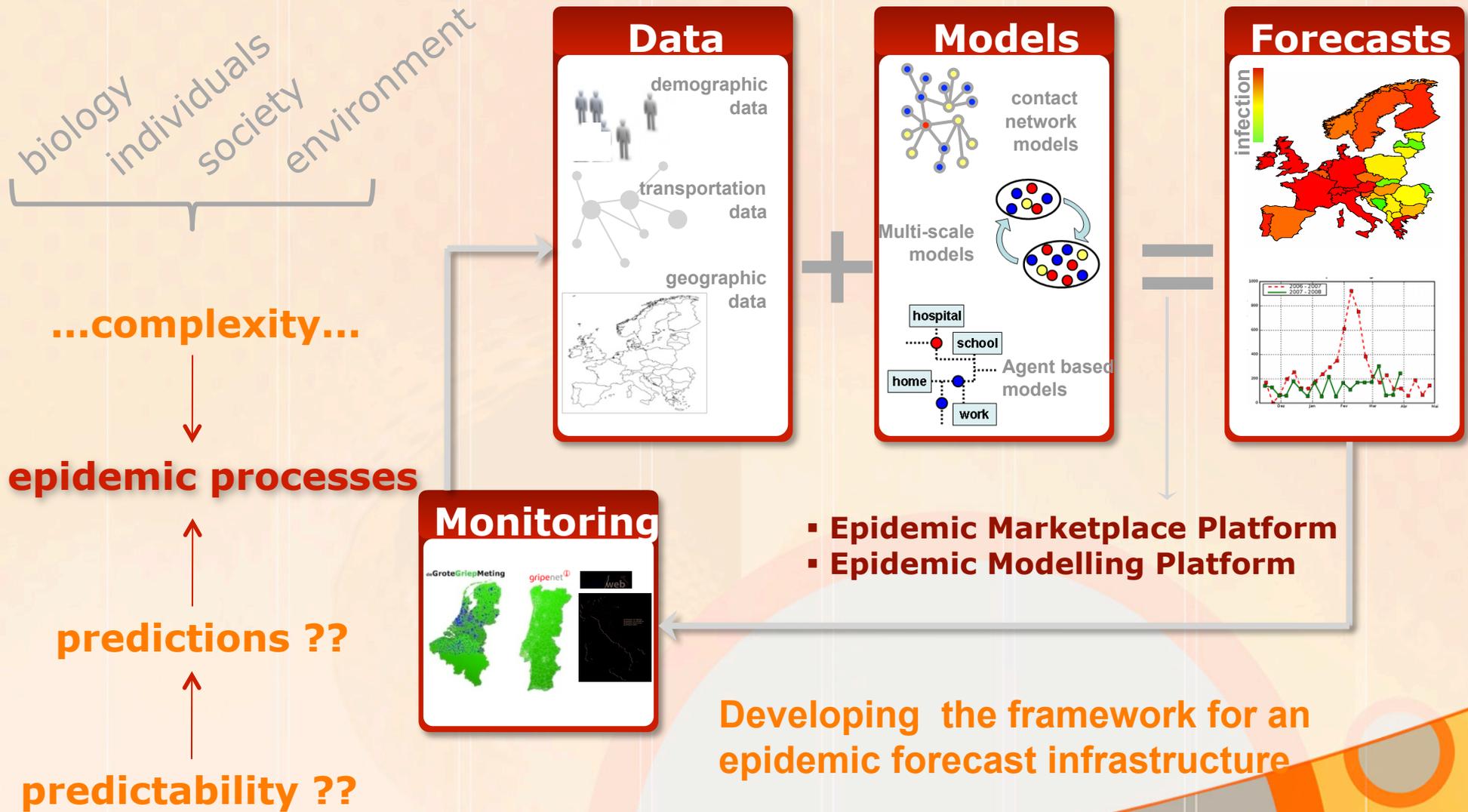
# BLACK DEATH IN 1347: A CONTINUOUS DIFFUSION PROCESS

# SARS EPIDEMICS: A DISCRETE NETWORK DRIVEN PROCESS

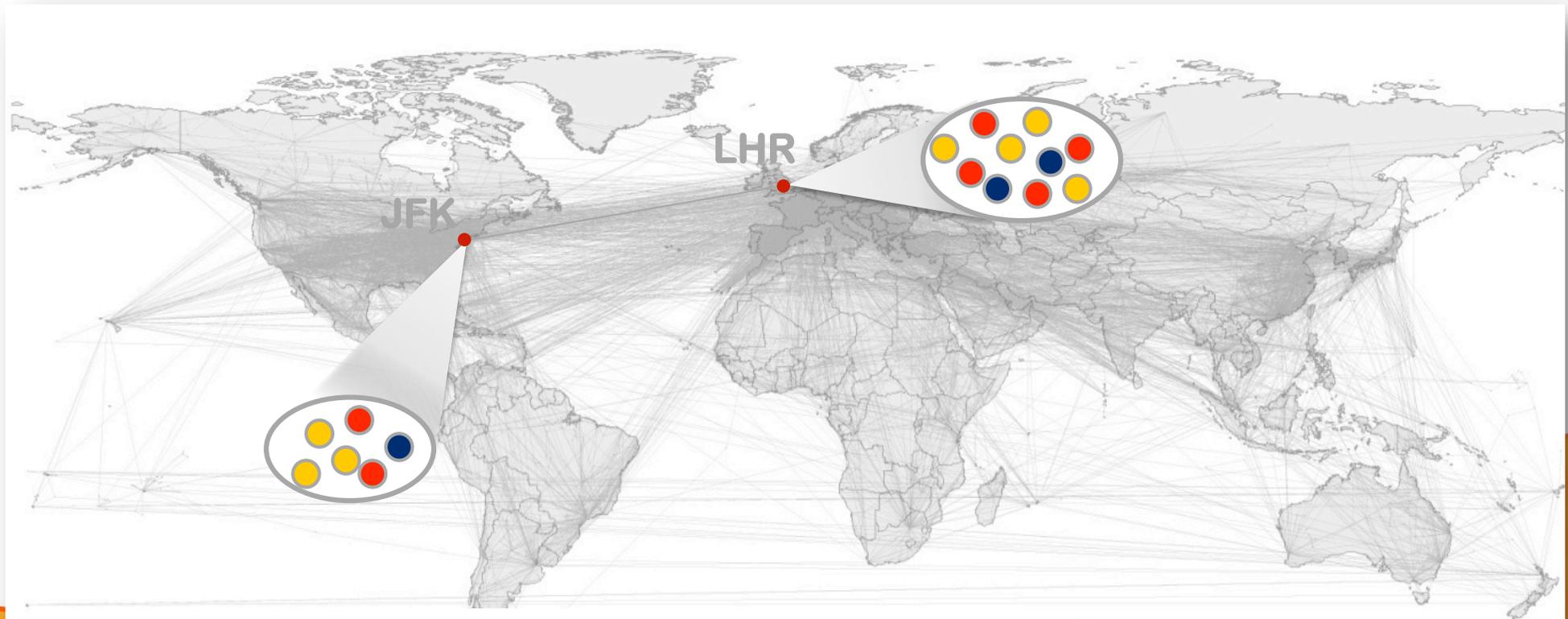


# NETWORKS AND NETWORK THINKING

# Epidemic forecast infrastructure



# Global Epidemic Modeler (GLEaM) platform: **Ab-initio modeling of the global spread of epidemics**



## Complete IATA database:

3100 airports worldwide

220 countries

≈ 20,000 connections

$w_{ij}$  #passengers on connection  $i-j$

>99% total traffic

Colizza, Barrat, Barthelemy & Vespignani, PNAS (2006)

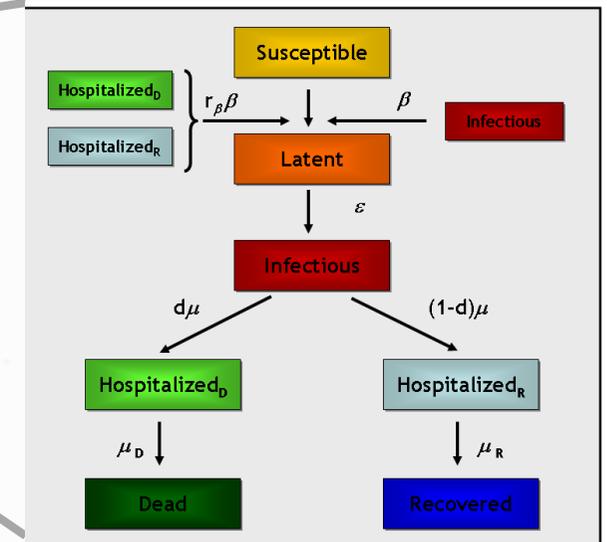
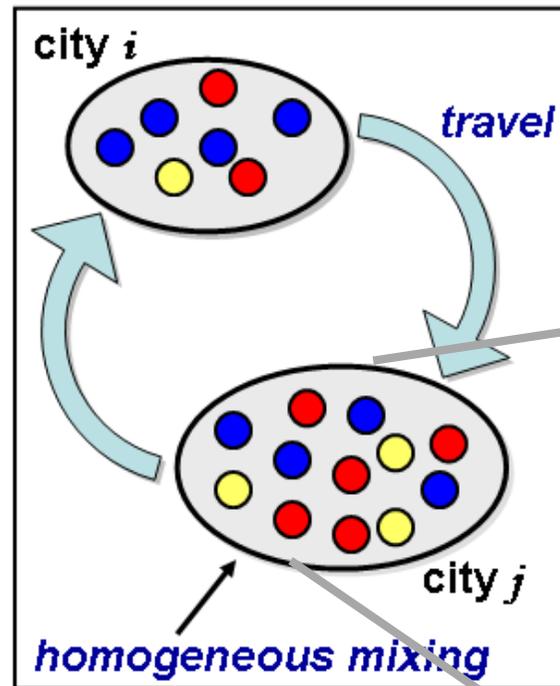
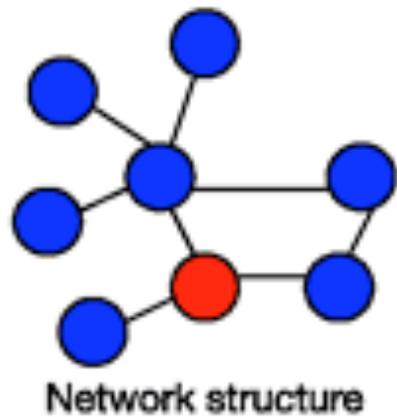
# What's in GLEaM...

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- Refined census data (Up to 2.5 arc/min resolution)
- IATA/OAG airline database
- Commuting data for about ~40 countries in 4 continents (definition of a world-wide commuting networks)
- Disease structure and population heterogeneity.
- Multiscale force of infection
- Intervention scenarios (vaccination, contact tracing, secondary infections, quarantine..)

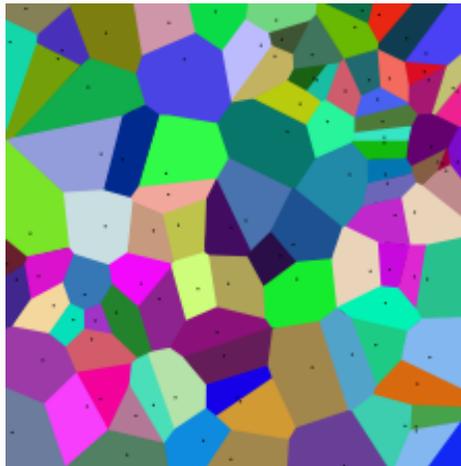


# Mechanistic metapopulation models...



Intra-population infection dynamics

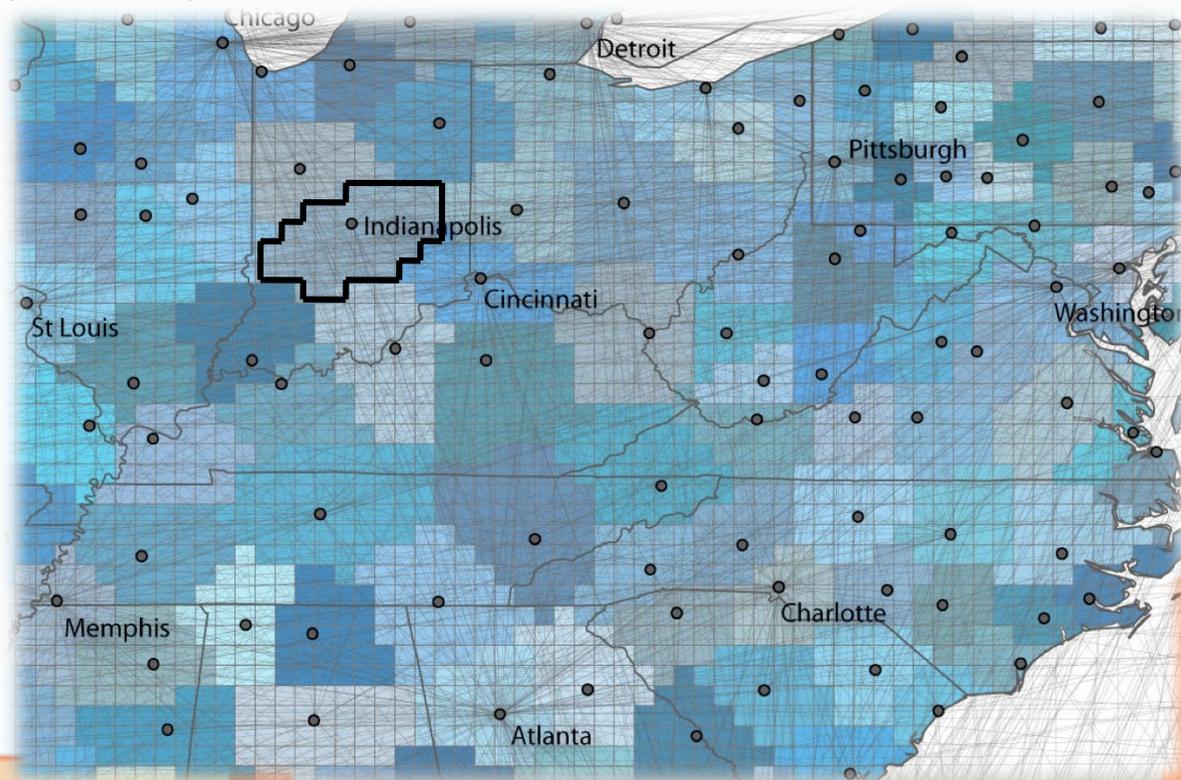
# Metapopulation structure via a Voronoi decomposition



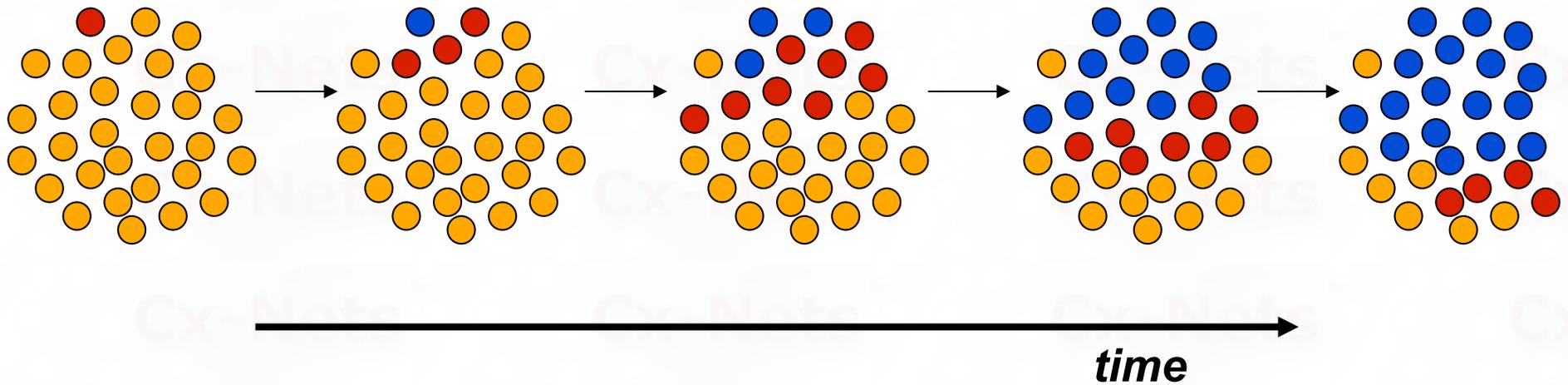
Given a set of points  $S$  in the plane, which are the Voronoi sites, each site  $s$  has a Voronoi cell  $V(s)$  consisting of all points closer to  $s$  than to any other site.

The segments of the Voronoi diagram are all the points in the plane that are equidistant to two sites. The Voronoi nodes are the points equidistant to three (or more) sites.

Voronoi sites  
=  
airports location



# INTRA-POPULATION: THE **SIR** MODEL



# Mobility modeling (0<sup>th</sup> order)

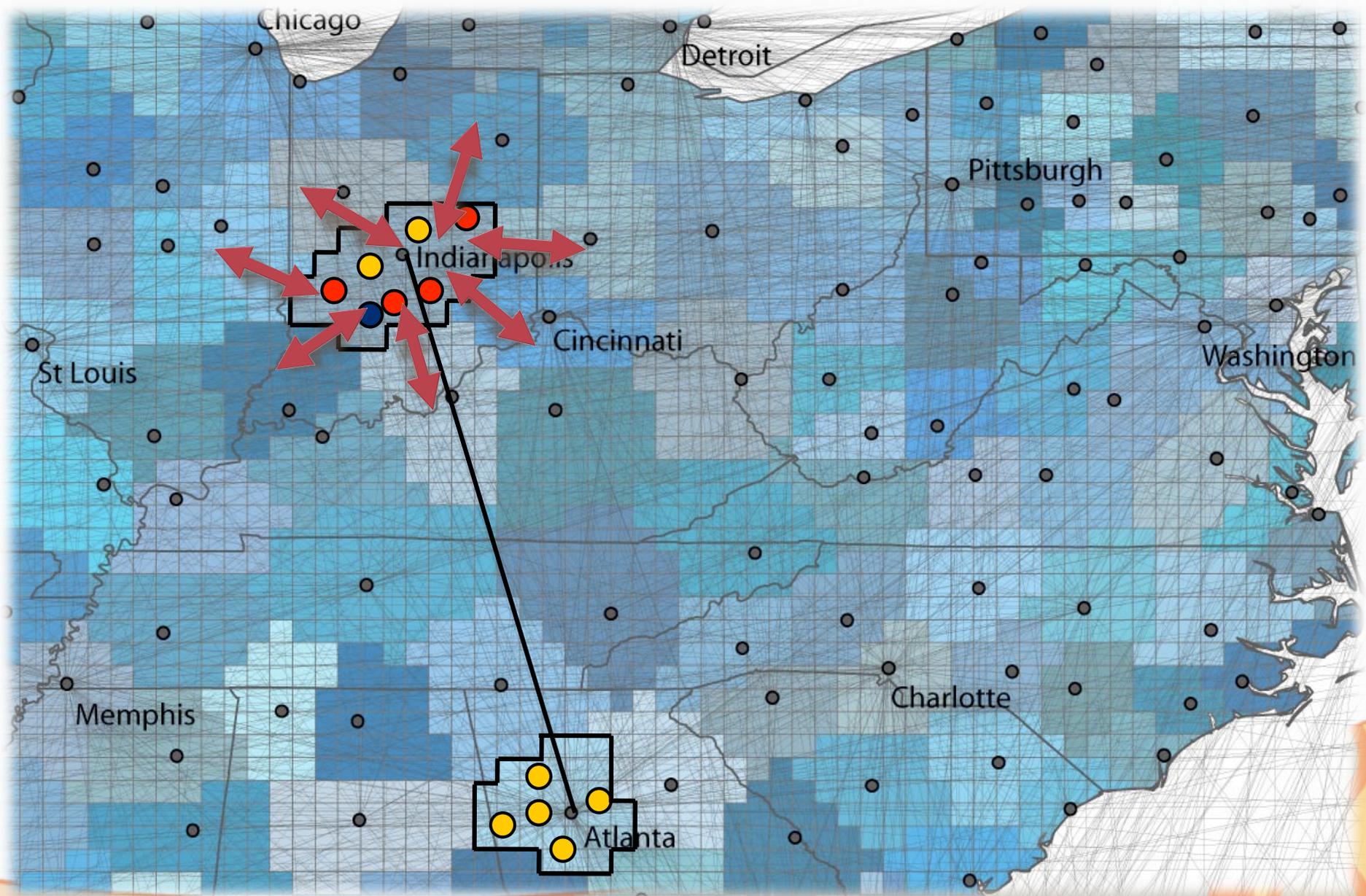


- × Probability that any individual in the class  $X$  travel from  $j \rightarrow l$ 
  - × Proportional to the traffic flow
  - × Inversely proportional to the population

$$P_{jl} = \frac{w_{jl}}{N_j} \Delta t$$



# Long and Short range mobility (I)



# Computational model

$$S_{j,t+\Delta t} = S_{j,t} - \text{Binom}_j(S_{j,t}, \beta\Delta t I_{j,t}/N) + \underline{\Omega_j(S)}$$

$$I_{j,t+\Delta t} = I_{j,t} + \text{Binom}_j(S_{j,t}, \beta\Delta t I_{j,t}/N) - \text{Binom}_j(I_{j,t}, \mu\Delta t) + \underline{\Omega_j(I)}$$

$$R_{j,t+\Delta t} = R_{j,t} + \text{Binom}_j(I_{j,t}, \mu\Delta t) + \underline{\Omega_j(R)}$$

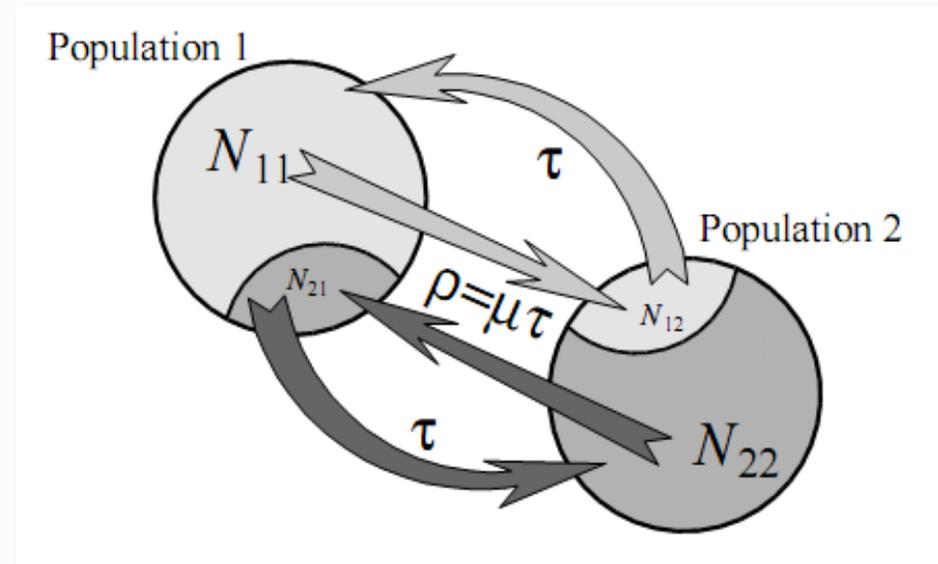
Stochastic coupling terms

 3,000 -20,000 coupled stochastic equations to integrate



# Time scale separation technique

- *Theoretical description of reaction diffusion processes with memory and “return rates”.*
- define  $\mu = \rho / \tau$  (leaving rate / returning rate),
- $N_{ij}$ : population in  $i$  who is visiting region  $j$
- $N_{ii}$ : population in  $i$  who is actually present in the home region



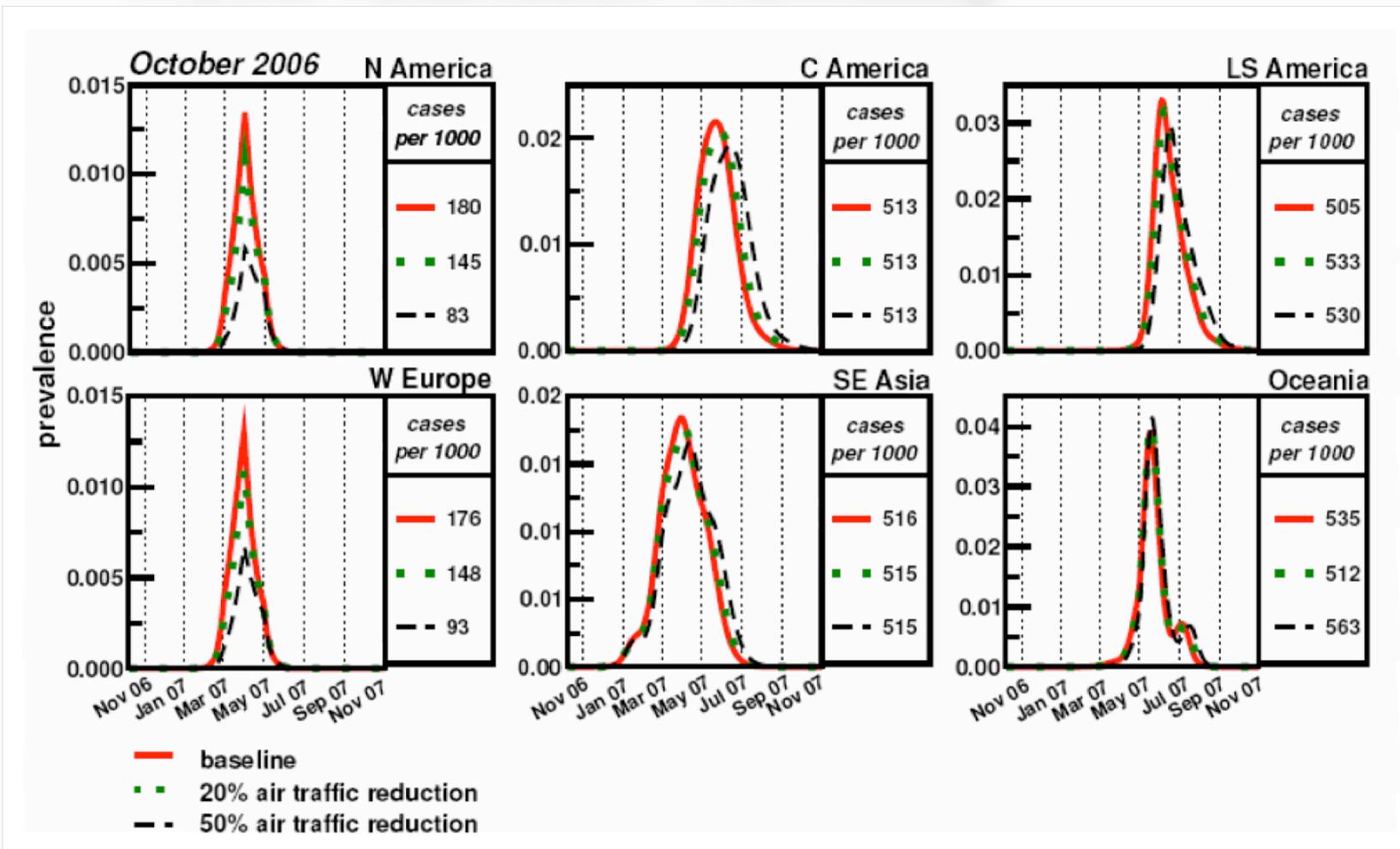
Time scale separation  $\mu \ll 1$  ; heterogeneous population sizes

$$p_l^D(S \rightarrow L) = \frac{\beta_l}{(1 + \tilde{\mu}_l)N_l^*} \left[ \frac{r_\beta I_l^a + I_l^t}{1 + \tilde{\mu}_l} + I_l^{nt} + \sum_k \frac{\tilde{\mu}_k \tilde{\nu}_{kl}}{1 + \tilde{\mu}_k} (r_\beta I_k^a + I_k^t) \right] \Delta t$$

$$+ \sum_k \frac{\beta_k \tilde{\mu}_l \tilde{\nu}_{lk}}{(1 + \tilde{\mu}_l)N_k^*} \left[ \frac{r_\beta I_k^a + I_k^t}{1 + \tilde{\mu}_k} + I_k^{nt} \right] \Delta t$$

# GEM applications

- *Travel restriction inefficacy*



# GEM applications (I)

$$p_c \bar{N} \geq \frac{\langle k \rangle^2}{\langle k^2 \rangle} \frac{\mu R_0^2}{2(R_0 - 1)^2}$$



	Airport network
Average population $N$	$\approx 10^5$
$\langle k \rangle^2 / \langle k^2 \rangle$	$\approx 10^{-1} - 10^{-2}$
$\mu$	1/3
$R_0$	1.1
$p_c$	$\approx 10^{-5} - 10^{-6}$
$p_{real}$	$\approx 10^{-3} - 10^{-4}$

Tenfold traffic reduction is needed to achieve noticeable effects



# **Predictability: Taking advantage of complexity...**

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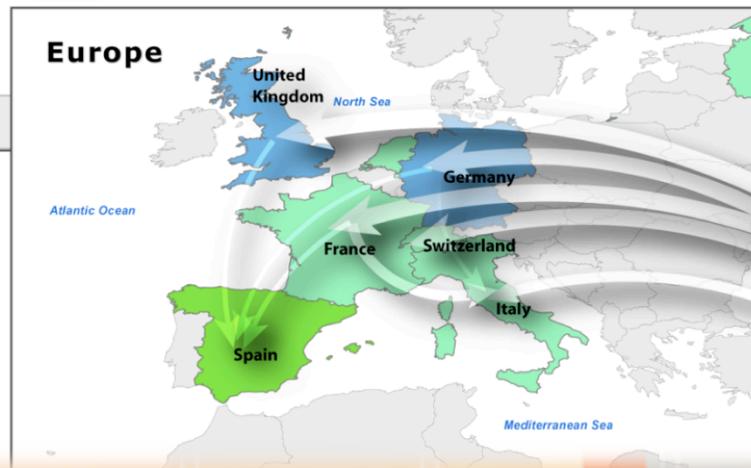
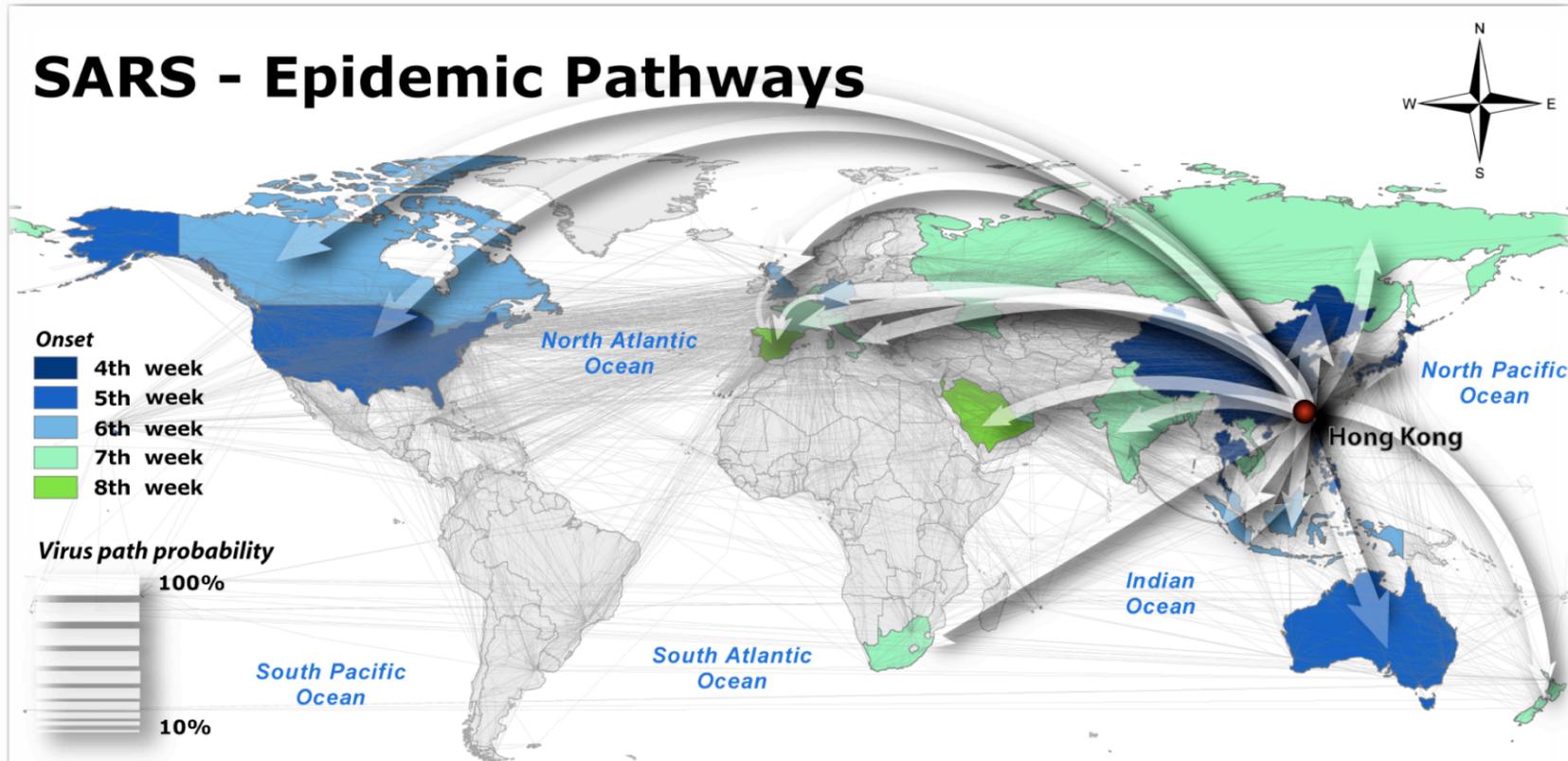
- *Two competing effects*
  - *Paths degeneracy* (connectivity heterogeneity)
  - *Traffic selection* (heterogeneous accumulation of traffic on specific paths)
- *Definition of **epidemic pathways** as a backbone of dominant connections for spreading*



# GEM applications

Colizza et al. BMC Medicine 5, 34(2007)

## SARS - Epidemic Pathways



# H1N1 epidemic (Feb. 2009, Mexico):

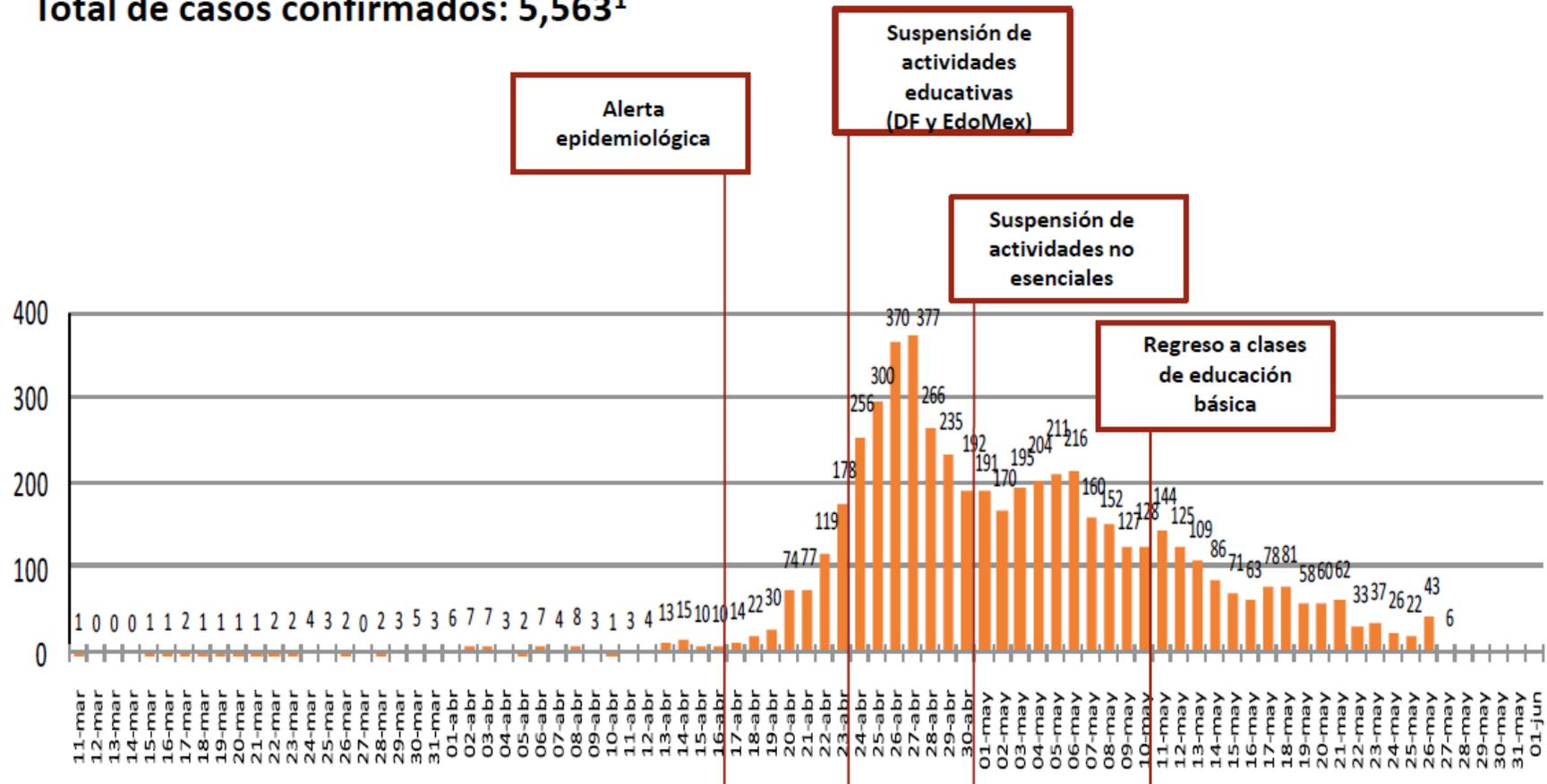
Can we do forecasts in real time ?

What kind of forecasts? (short-term; long-term)

What we need to do forecast?

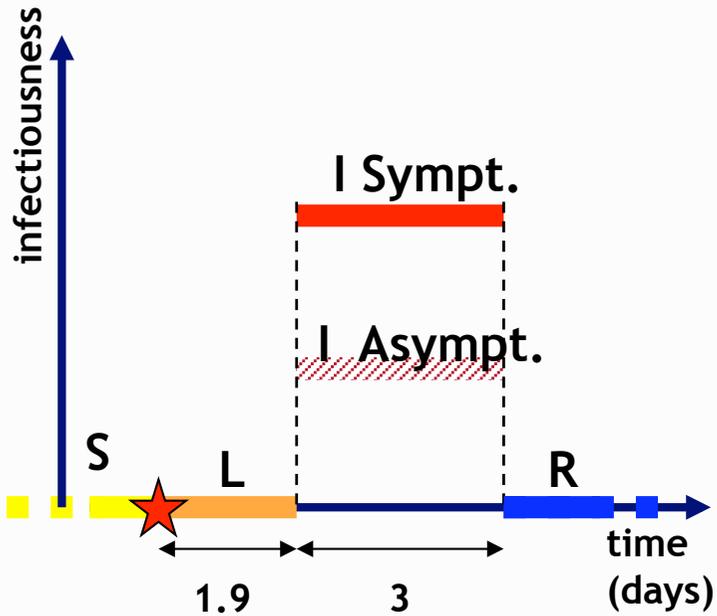
Are forecasts reliable?

Total de casos confirmados: 5,563<sup>1</sup>

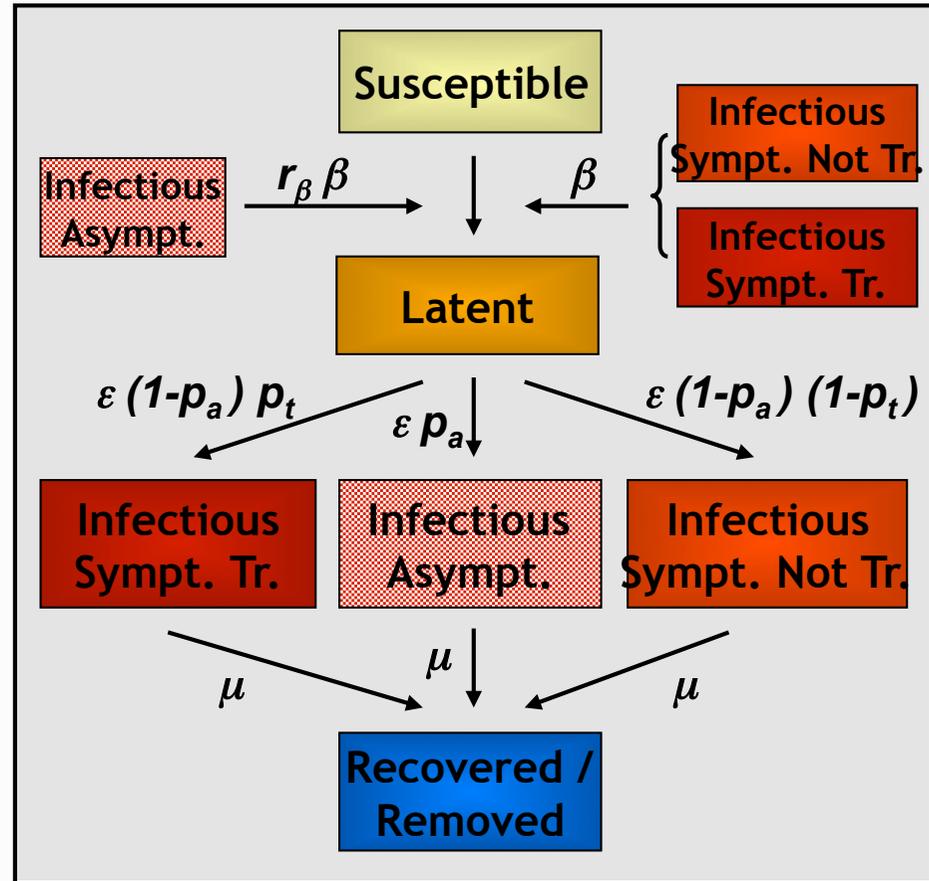
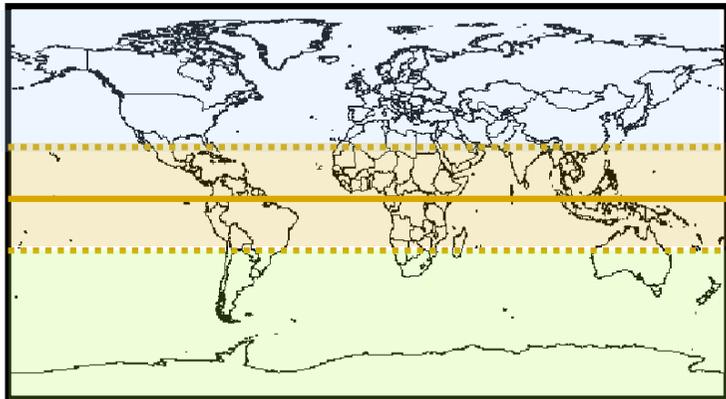




# Scenarios and policy making



Seasonality



Longini et al. Am. J. Epid. (2004)



## Strategy:

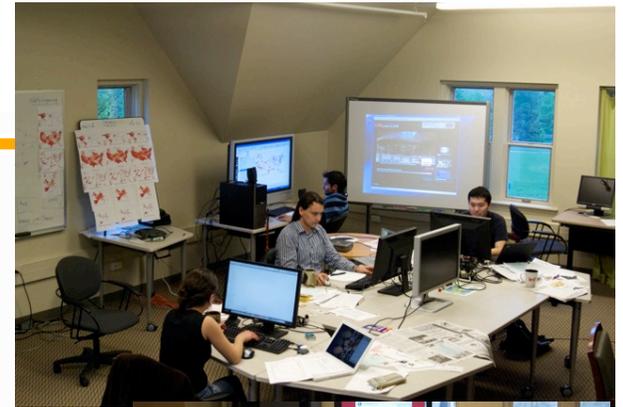
Fit the basic parameters of the global model

Two kinds: a) #of cases

b) arrival time

Sensitivity analysis

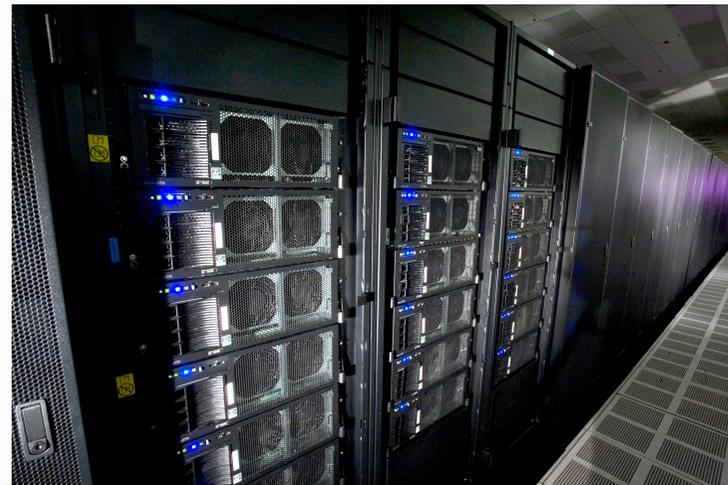
Constant recalibration with new data



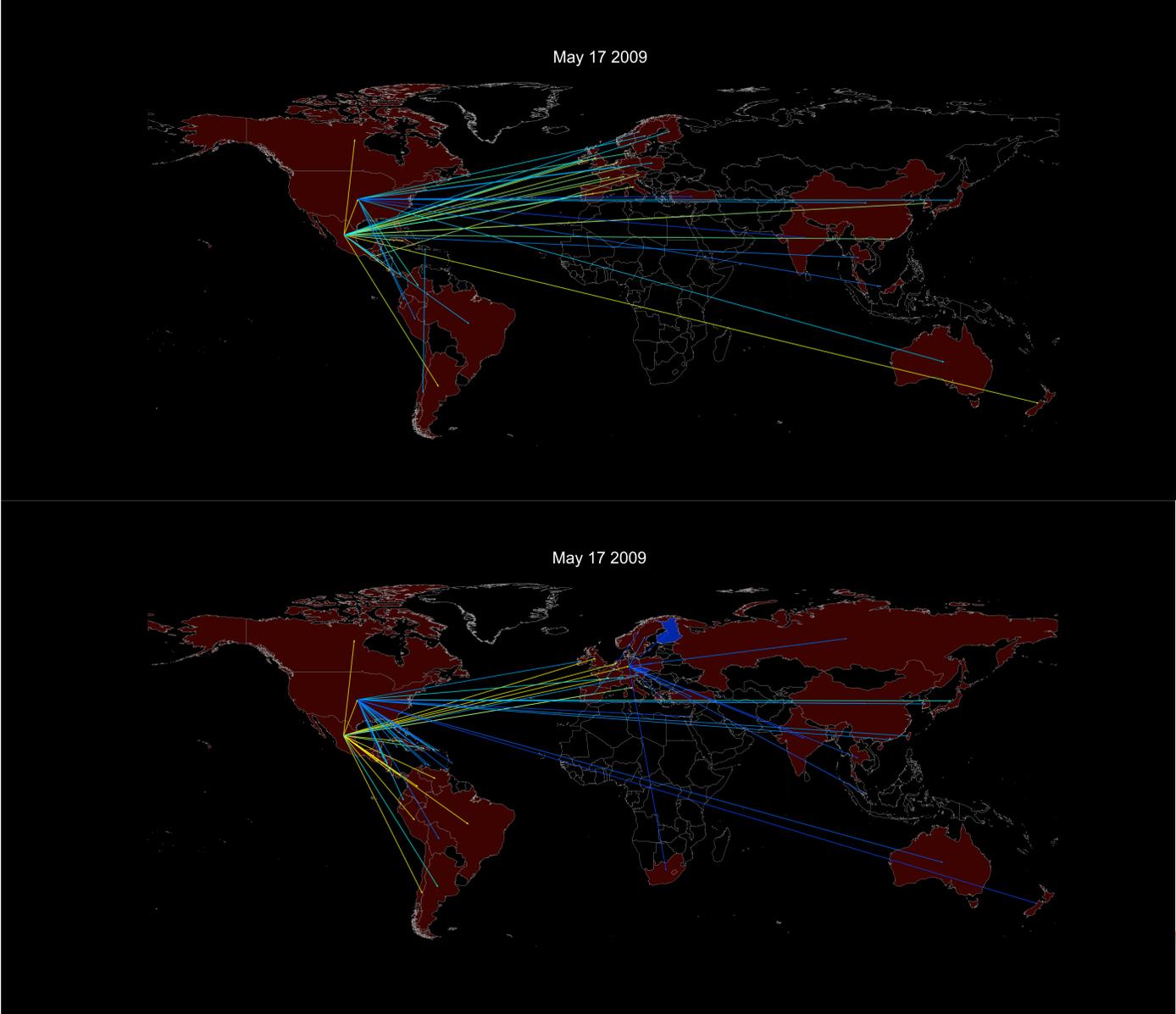
The exploration of each point of the parameter phase space amount at 5,000 stochastic realizations for two or more months of the outbreak.



Indiana University's supercomputer system -- named "**Big Red**" -- is the fastest supercomputer owned and operated by a U.S. university and the 23rd fastest supercomputer in the world



# Innovative calibration by arrival times

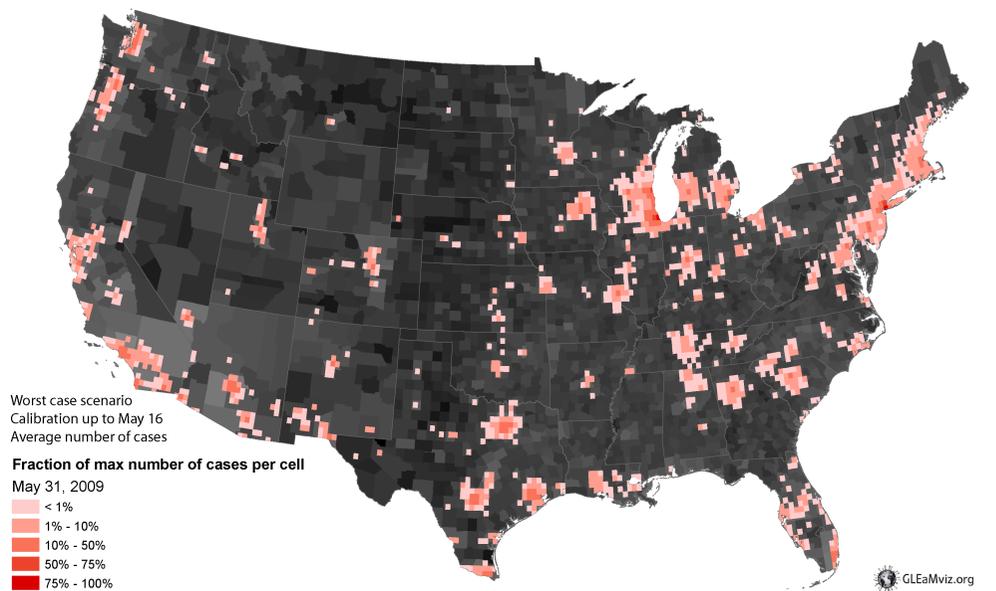
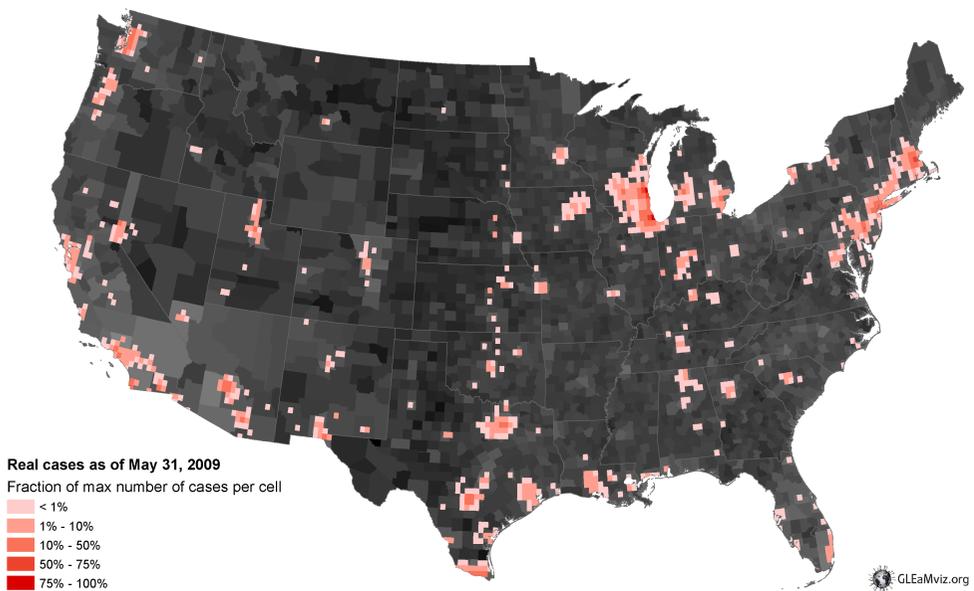
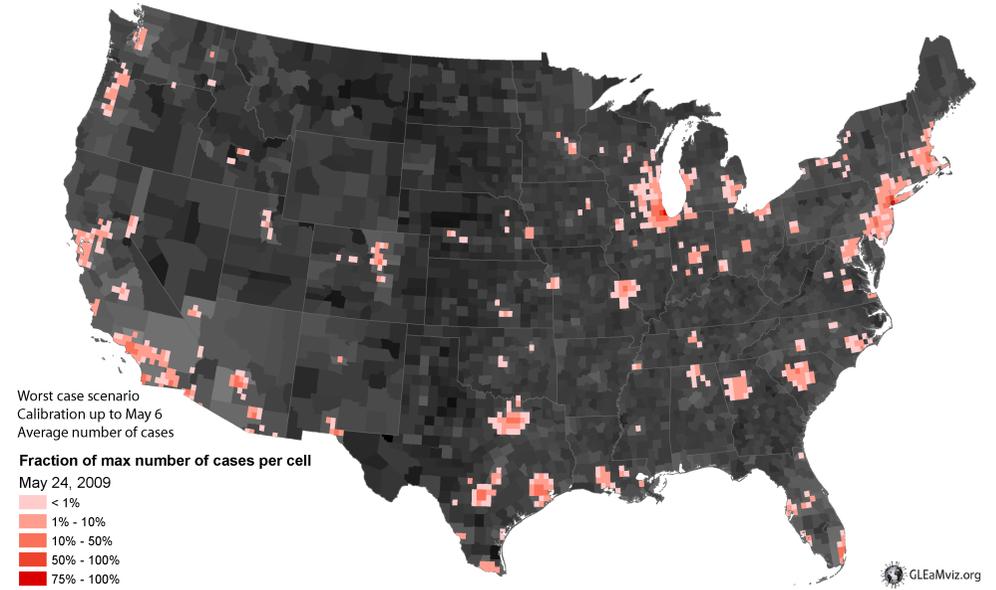
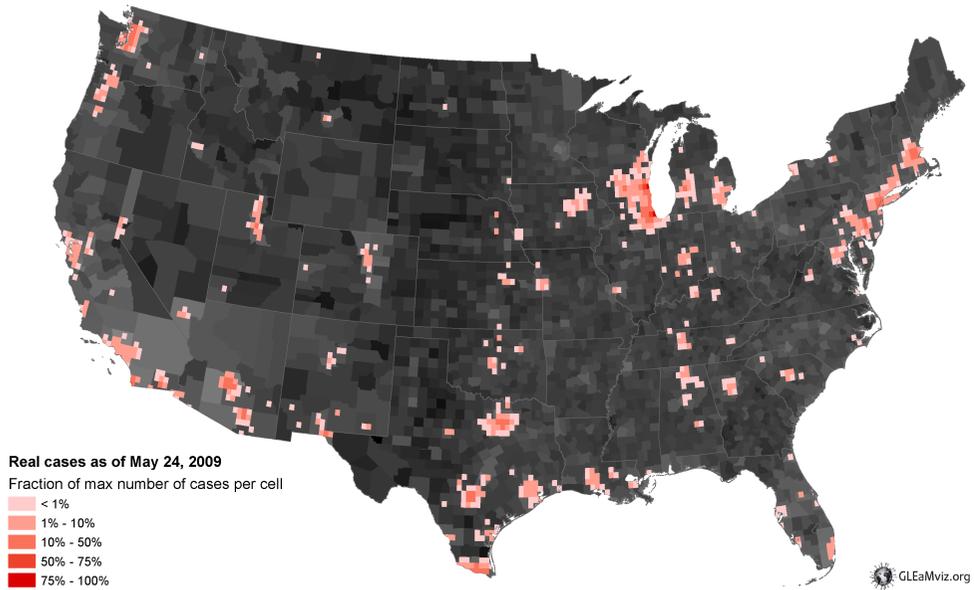


# Calibrations (as published on GLEaMviz.org)

- April the 30<sup>th</sup> (# of cases)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> (# of cases)
- May 6<sup>th</sup> (# of cases) and (arrival time)
- May 11<sup>th</sup> (# of cases) and (arrival times)
- Model with seasonality (space exploration enlarged)

Cumulative number of cases in USA				
Source	Date			
	May 10th	May 17th	May 24th	May 31st
Calibration up to April 30th	567-3,179	NA	NA	NA
Calibration up to May 3rd	876-3,101	2,603-8,861	NA	NA
Calibration up to May 6th	NA	4,092-11,371	11,772-31,734	NA
Calibration up to May 11th	NA	9,392-16,244	27,462-46,475	50,200-110,000
Seasonality (Apr. 30 <sup>th</sup> )	2,315-32,226	8,025-74,854	22,519-143,737	50,356-240,684
Unlimited AV treatment (1)	2,034-27,737	5,845-57,116	14,535-98,708	30,262-148,865
Unlimited AV treatment (2)	1,900-27,844	5359-56,616	13,483-97,248	28,376-146,050
CDC reports	2,381	4,592	7,021	~12,000 (x 20??)

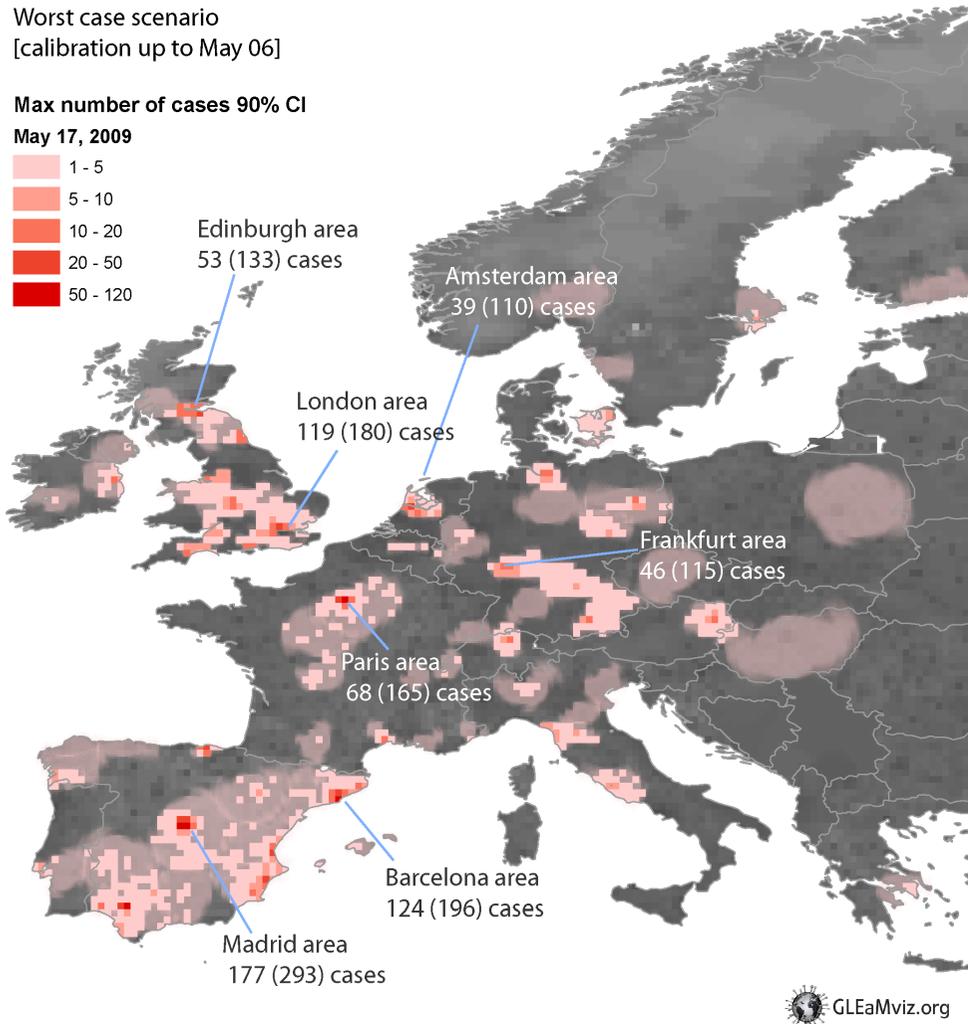
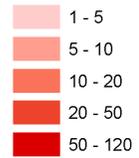
# Geographical distribution of cases



# Use of interventions

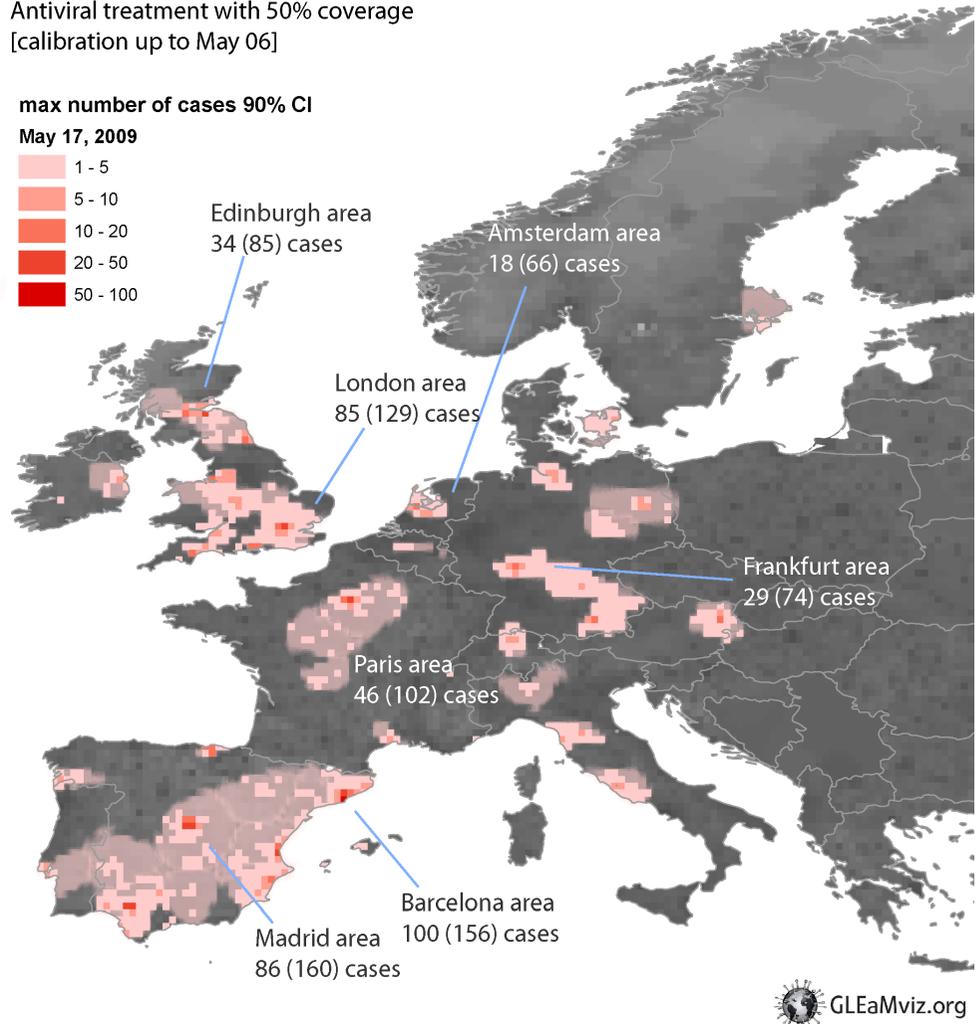
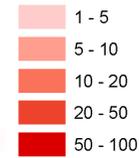
Worst case scenario  
[calibration up to May 06]

Max number of cases 90% CI  
May 17, 2009



Antiviral treatment with 50% coverage  
[calibration up to May 06]

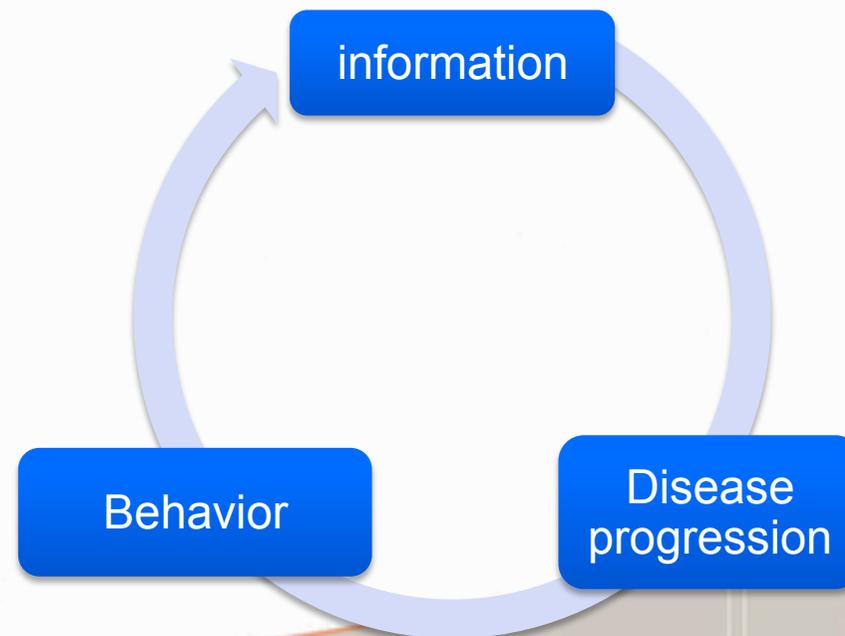
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# What's next for GEM...

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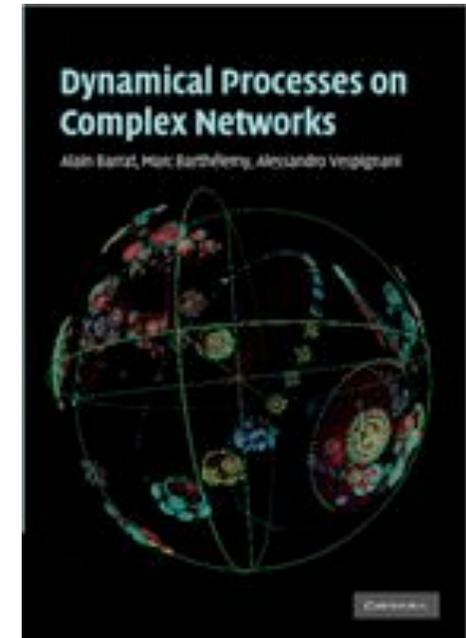
- GemViz: user friendly interface for exploration/experiment + Visualization
- Age structure (transmissibility/traveling)
- Risk perceptions.....



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