



Tracking the evolution of avian influenza viruses: are we maximizing the use of the information we have?

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The evolution of our awareness of the importance
of AIVs for animal and human health

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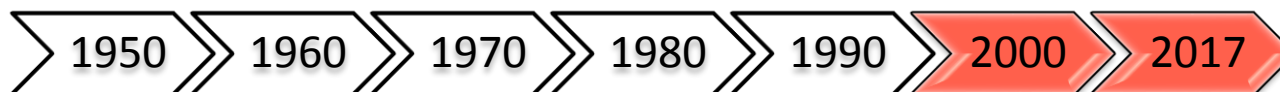
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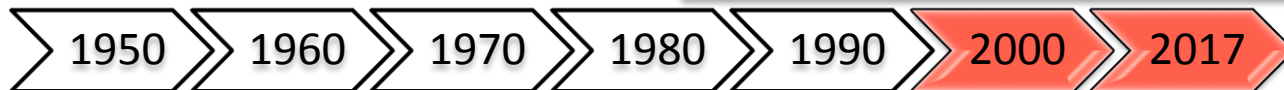
General increase in the number of publications

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For over 100 years, HPAI was believed to be a poultry disease of rare occurrence which, in most cases, could cause only a limited number of outbreaks. Minor zoonotic impact

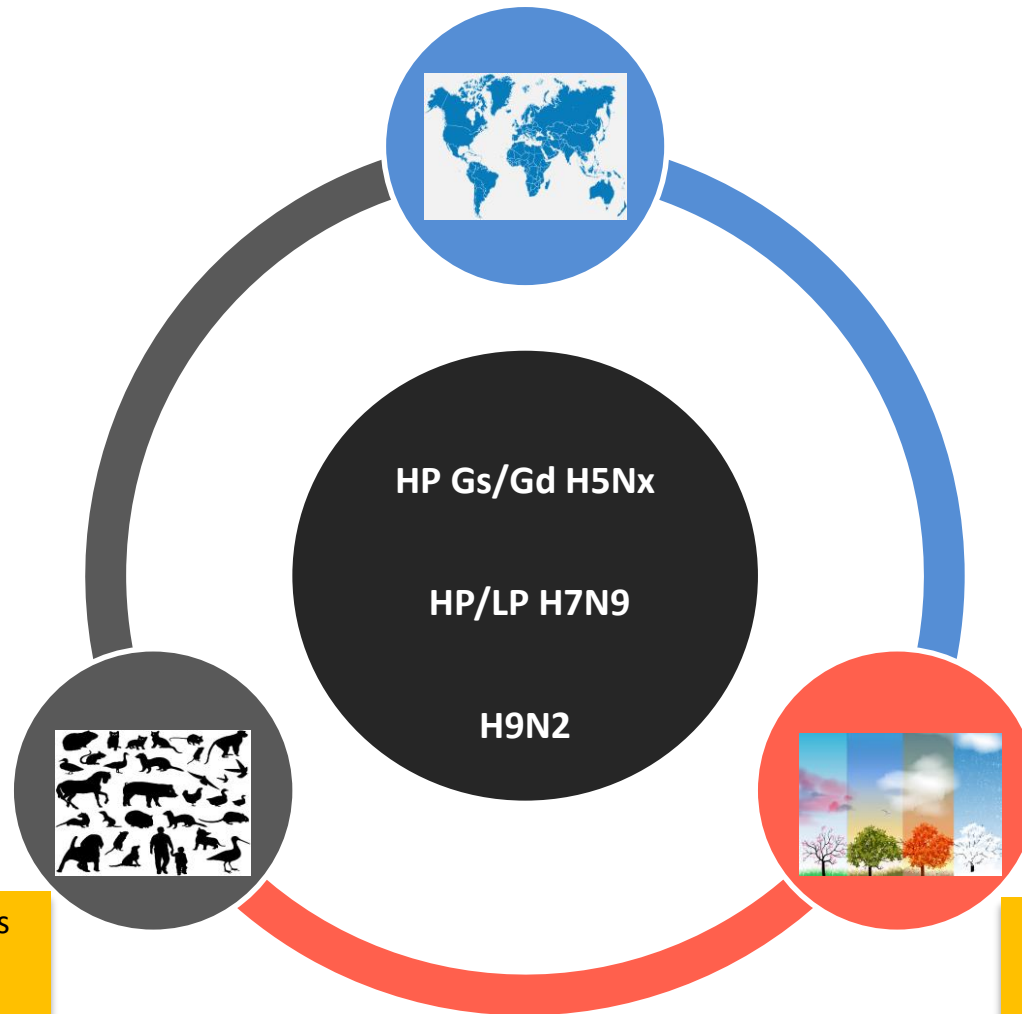
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R-Evolution observed in the epidemiological and ecological dynamics of AI

TOP GLOBAL INFECTIOUS DISEASE THREAT

Transcontinental spread most probably through wild birds (H5Nx)
VS
Transcontinental spread most probably through poultry trade (H9N2 G1)



Mild symptoms in humans
(H9N2 G1)

VS

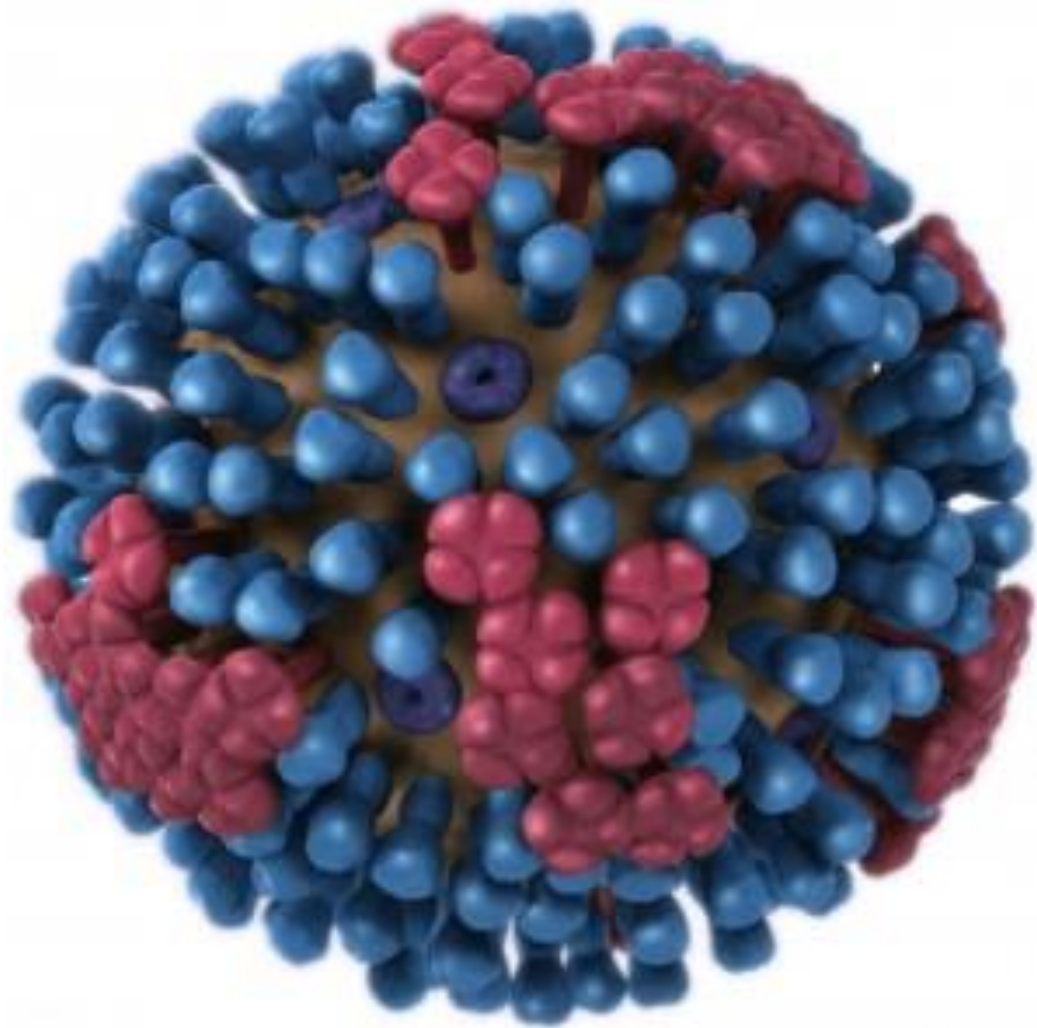
@40% of people confirmed
with Asian H7N9 virus
infection died

Seasonal patterns
(LPAI H7N9 in humans)

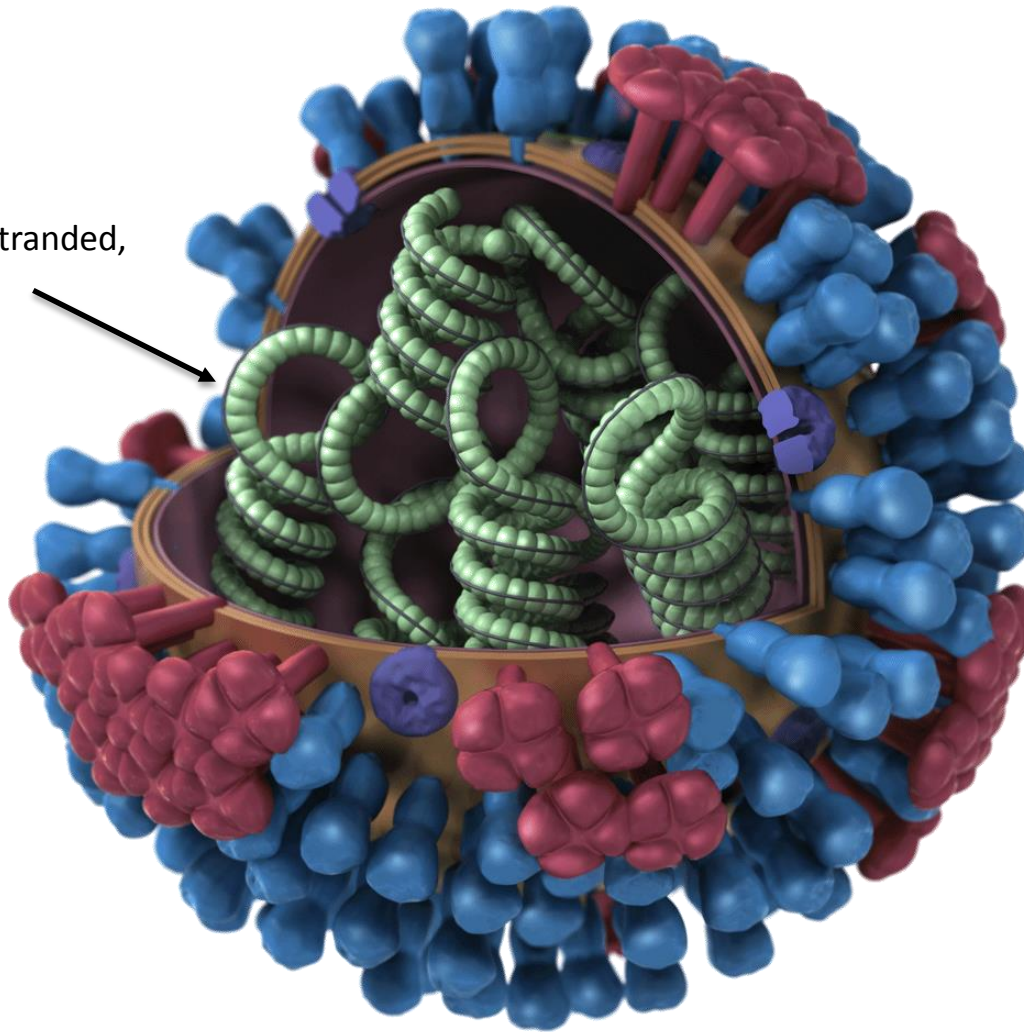
VS

Continued
transmission in
poultry (H5Nx)

What is driving the high phenotypic diversity of avian influenza viruses?

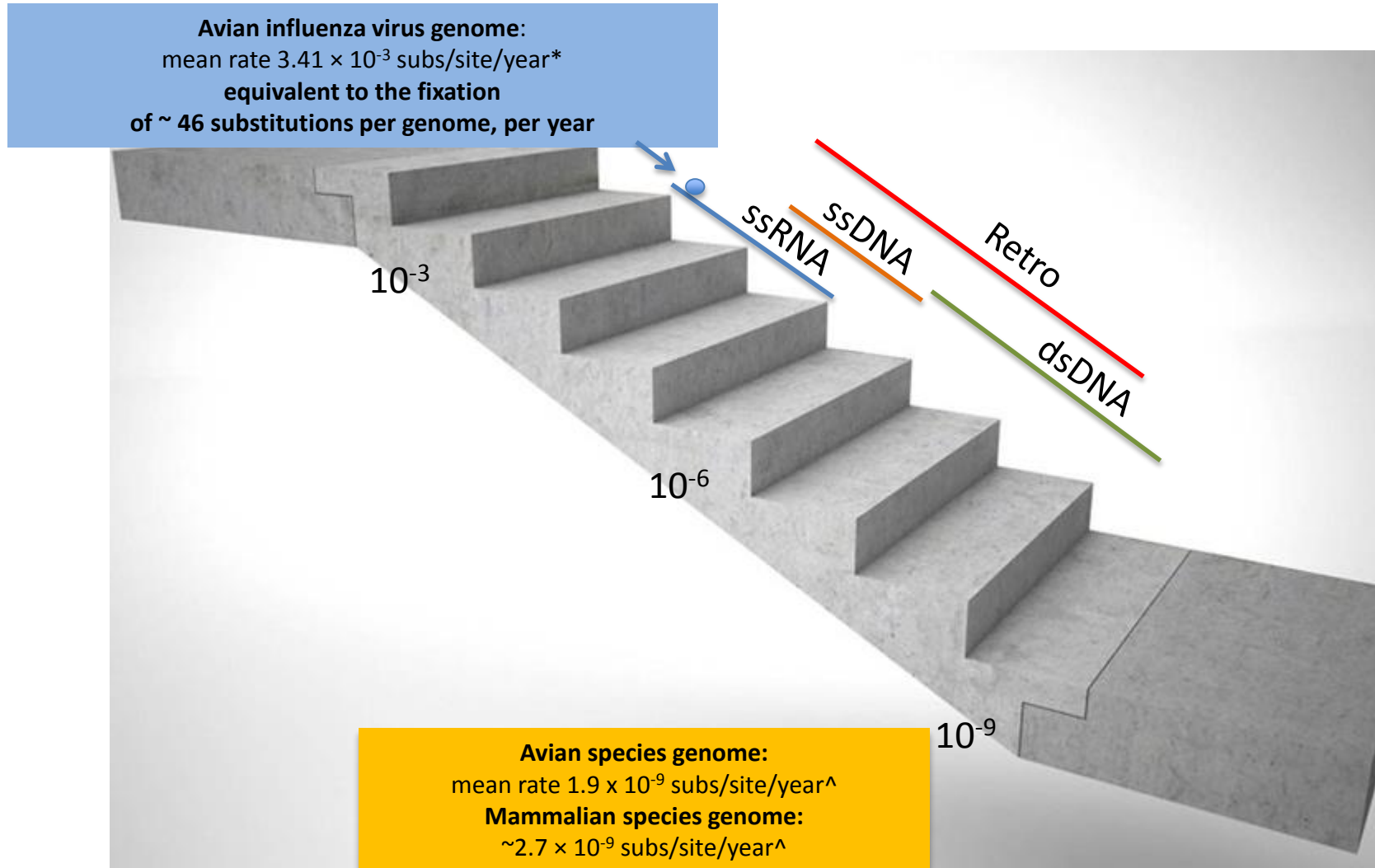


Negative-sense, single-stranded,
segmented RNA virus



Rapid evolutionary dynamics

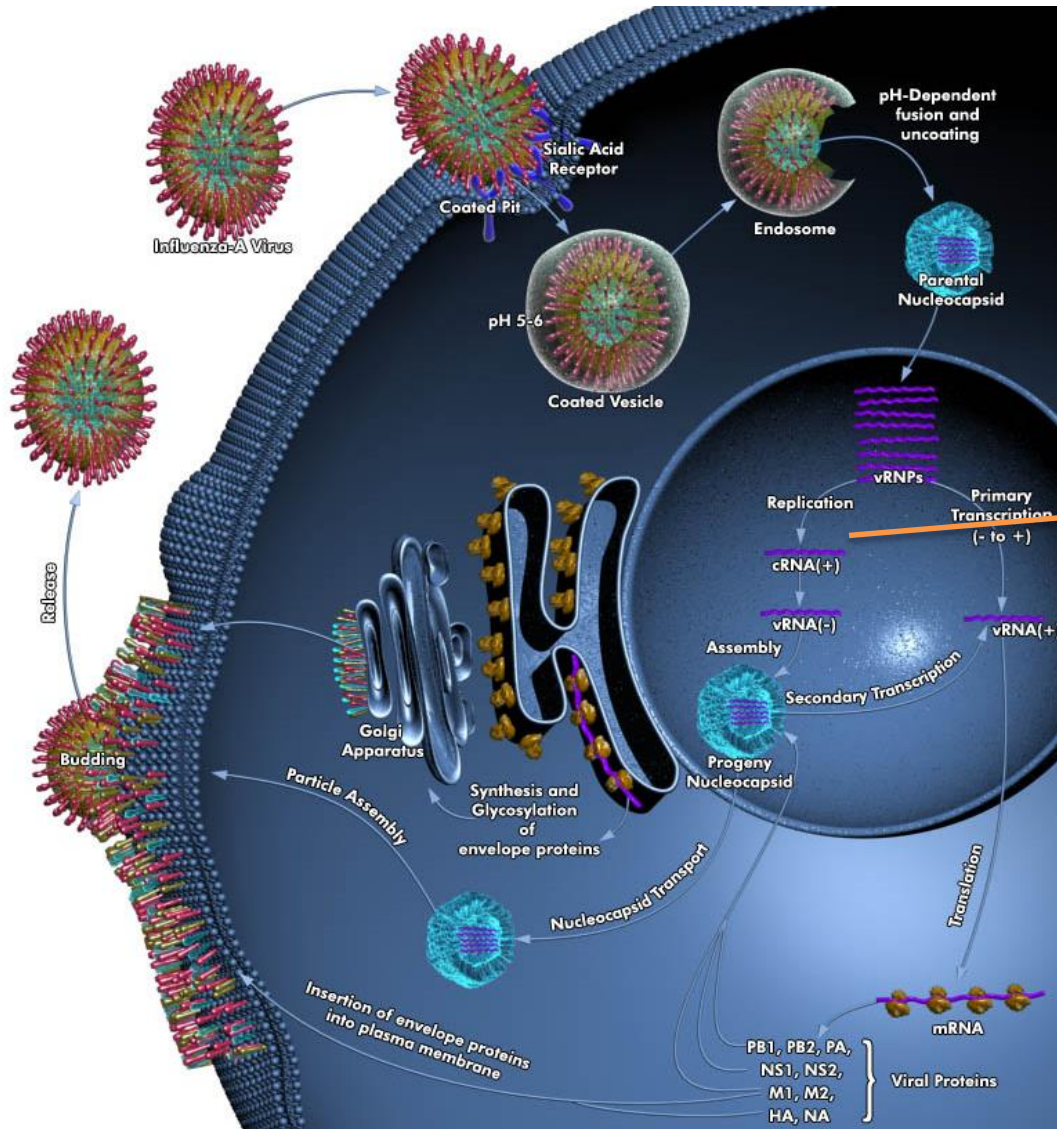
High **evolutionary rate** (number of **mutations** that become **fixed** in the **genome** of a **population** over **time**)



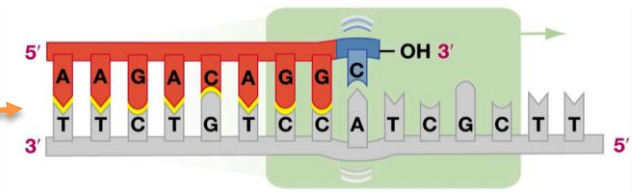
*Chen and Holmes, 2006 Mol Biol Evol 23(12):2336-2341;

^Zhang et al 2014 Science. [Science. 2014 Dec 12; 346\(6215\): 1311-1320](#)

Inherent characteristics predisposing to the observed high evolutionary rate



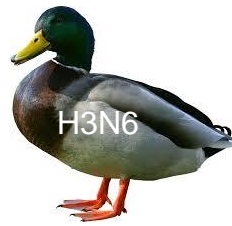
RNA polymerase is error prone:
low fidelity of the polymerases
used in replication
(no proofreading capability)



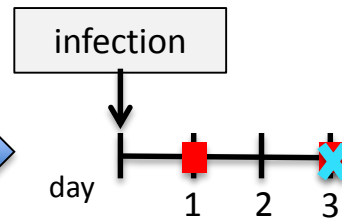
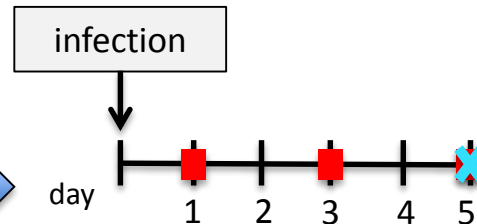
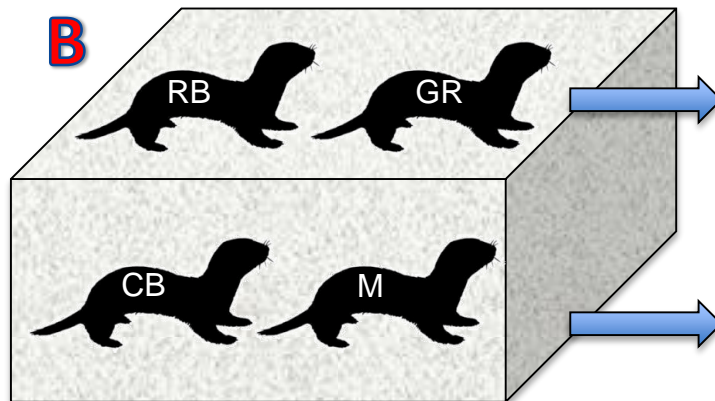
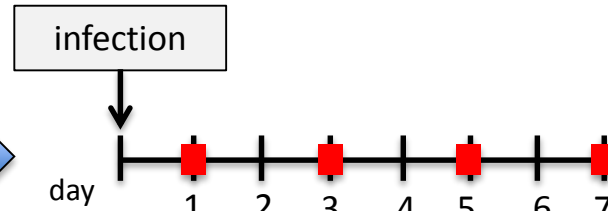
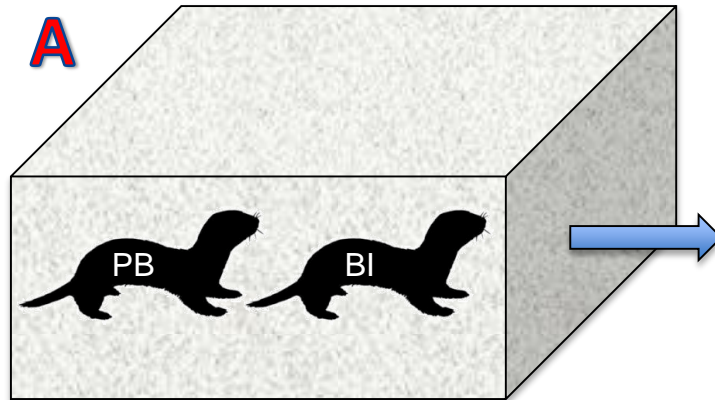
Viral generation time
(replication **speed**)

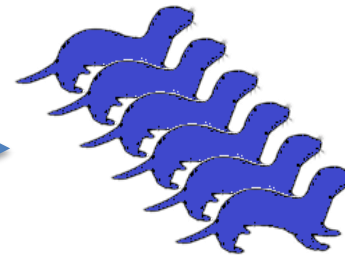
Selection forces driving the evolution of AI selection

- **Host range**



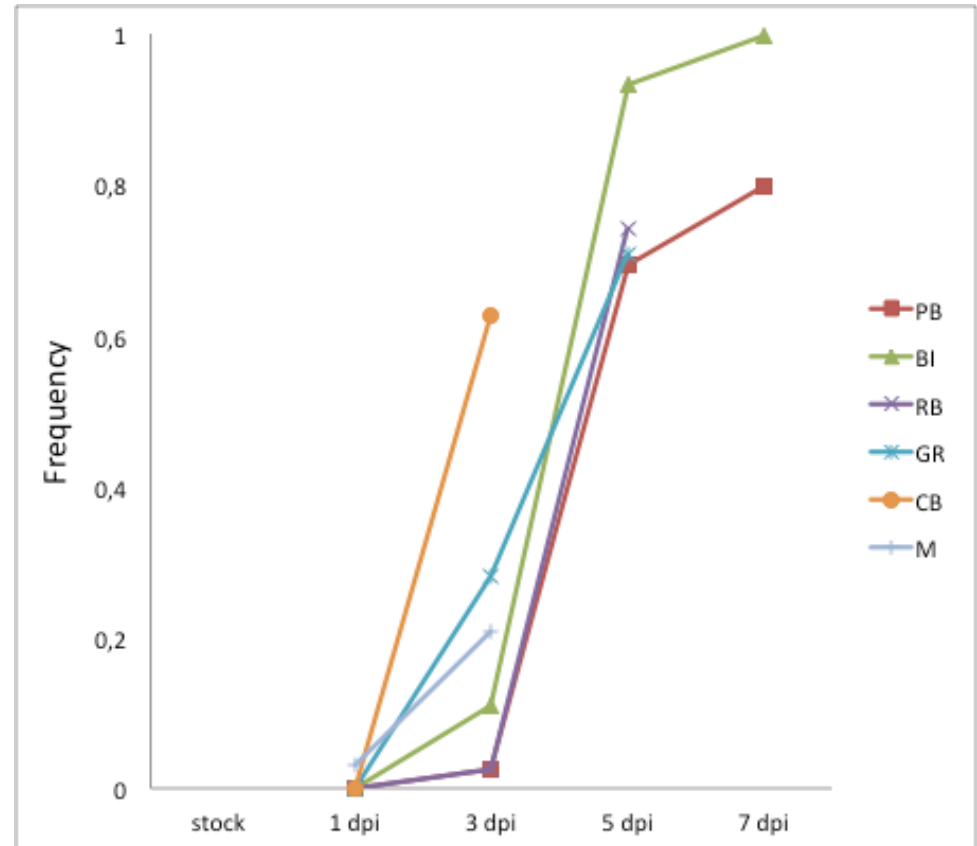
Collection of nasal wash ■
Collection of organs ✕





Avian-to-mammal
adaptation marker (HA gene)

receptor binding specificity
↓ α -2,3 sialic acids
(main receptors of birds)

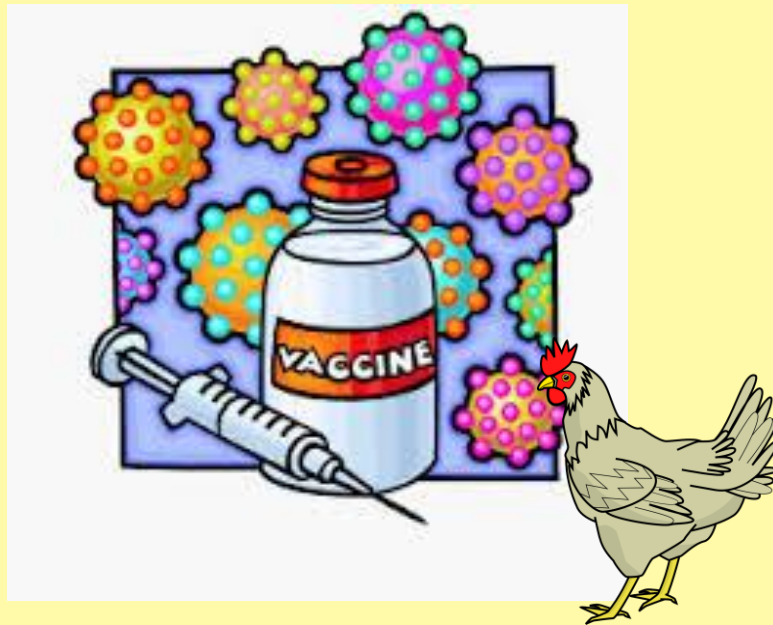


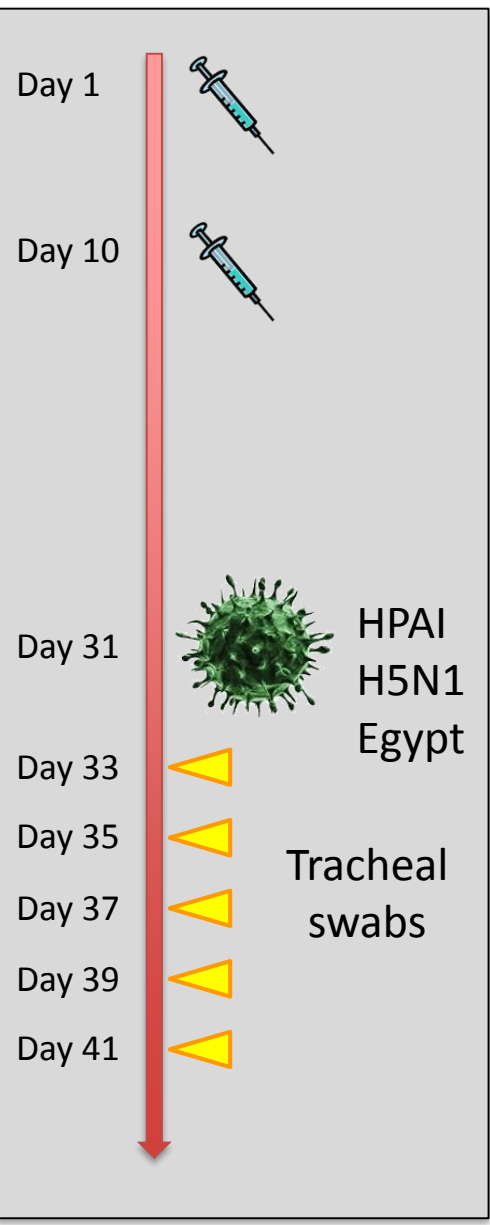
Since the early stages of virus replication, selective pressure has promoted accumulation of mutations, important for adaptation to mammalian host

Selection forces driving the evolution of AI selection

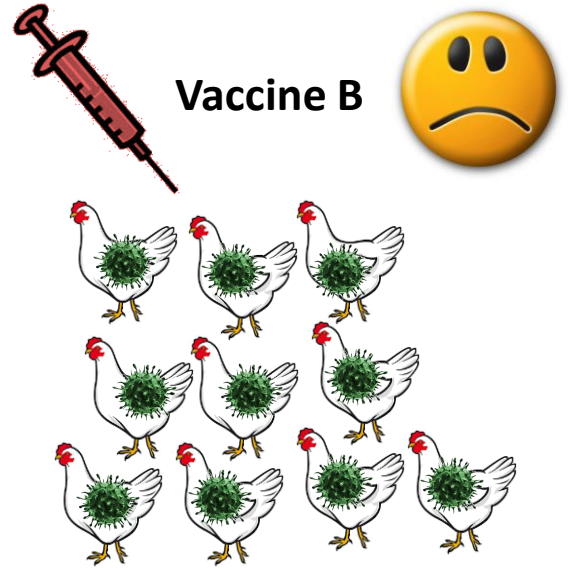
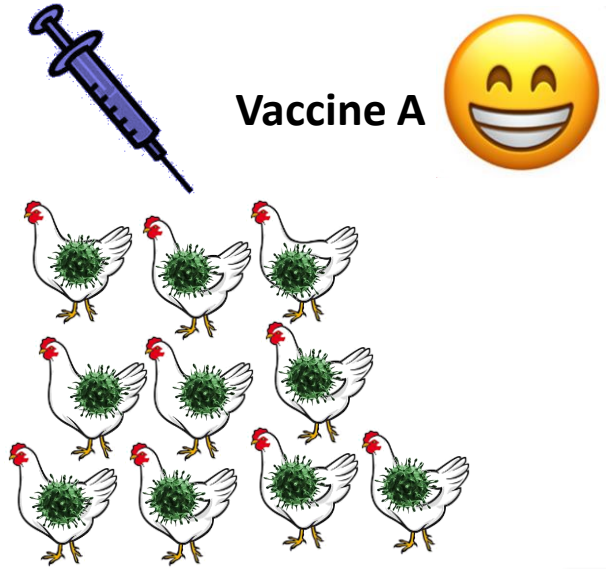
- Host range
- **Host immunity**

Impact of the vaccine immune pressure on the evolution of avian influenza virus

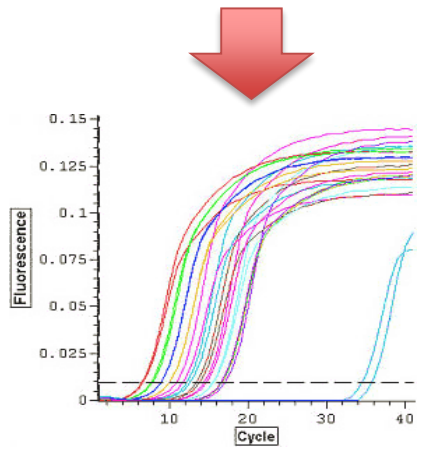




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Tracheal swabs collected at day 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 p.i.



EID50

HA GENE

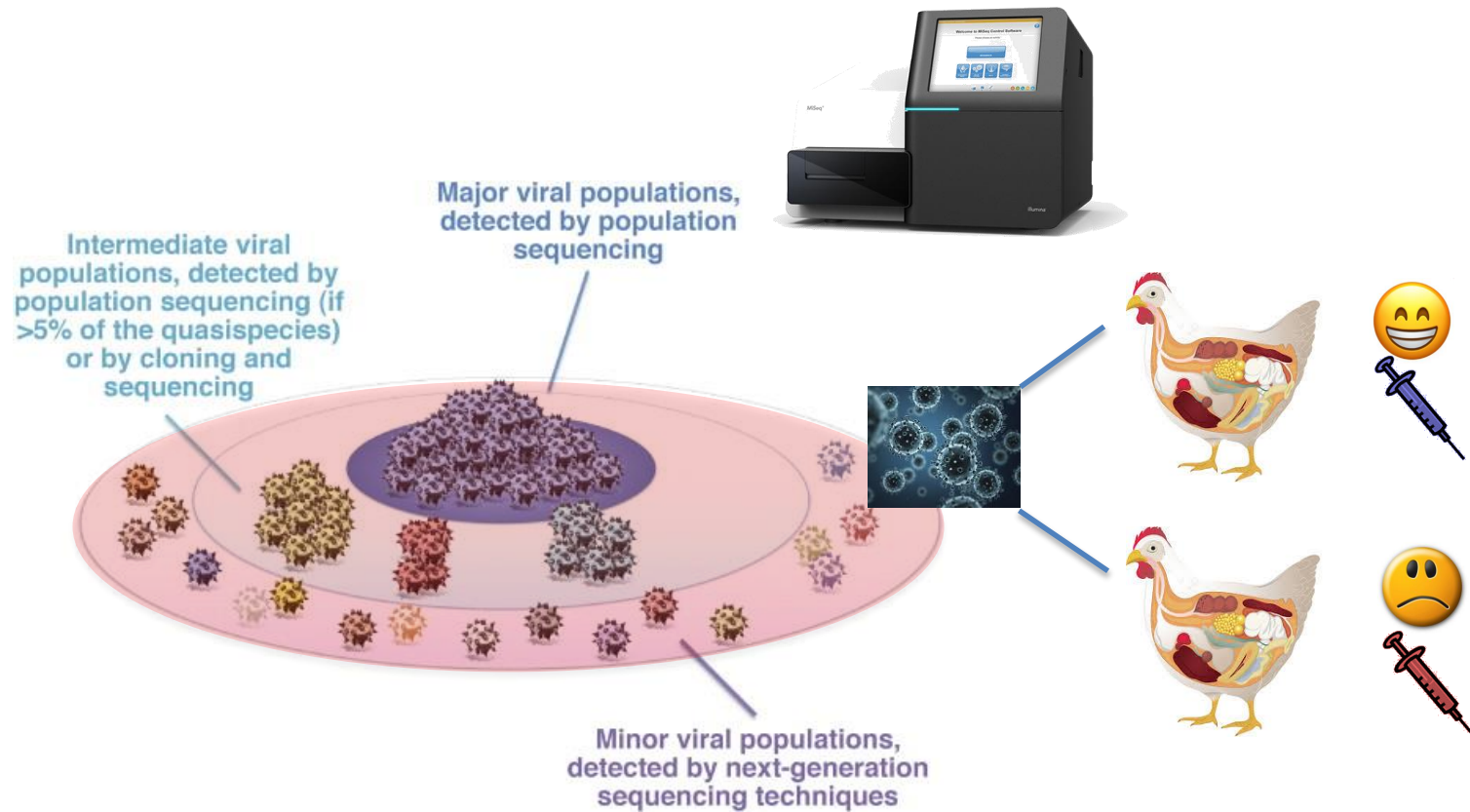
Challenge virus

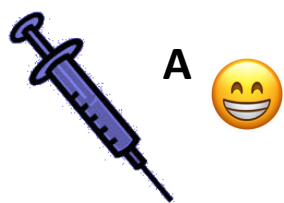
Group A: 5 samples day 2 p.i.
1 sample day 4 p.i.

Group B: 9 samples day 2 p.i.
5 samples day 4 p.i.

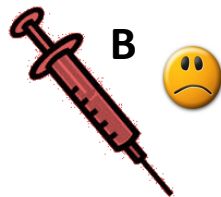


Characterization of the complexity of the viral population





A



B

CDS	POLYM	Chall	34A2	35A2	37A2	47A2	59A2	34A4
164	G39E	5,06	0	0	0	0	0	0
229	L61F	0	1,34	0	0	0	0	0
238	N64D	0	1,54	0	0	0	0	0
489	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,13
849	/	1,26	0	0	0	0	0	0
1032	/	1,64	0	0	0	0	0	0
1190	V382A	0	0	0	1,12	0	0	0
1222	F393L	0	0	0	0	6,88	0	0
1236	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,01
1290	/	1,64	0	0	0	0	0	0
1395	/	1,07	0	0	0	0	0	0
1400	V452A	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,72
1615	/	2,32	0	0	0	0	0	0
1625	L527P	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,35
1701	/	0	0	1,37	0	0	0	0

Analysis of genetic polymorphisms

CDS	POLYM	feature	Chall	72B2	73B2	75B2	79B2	80B2	81B2	83B2	86B2	88B2	73B4	79B4	81B4	86B4	88B4
149	E34G	B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,93	0	0	0	0	0
153	/		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,86
160	N38D		0	0	0	0	0	0	1,52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
164	G39E		5,06	0	0	0	0	0	0	38,84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
213	/		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,59	0	0	0	0	0
258	/		0	0	2,38	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,68	0	0	0	0	32,74
268	/		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,72
357	H103Q		0	0	2,3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
410	S121F		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,49	0
411	/		0	0	1,44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
414	W122*	A, 130L	0	0	1,49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
449	C135F		0	0	2,28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
458	/		0	1,25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
470	S142Y/F		0	0	1,65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,88
492	W149*		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,75	0	0	0
497	T151I		0	0	0	0	4,46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
515	Y157C		0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
536	Y164C		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,35	0	0	0	0	0	0
555	E170D		0	0	0	0	0	0	5,29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
585	/		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,89	0
682	I213V	D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,5	0	0	0	0	0
686	A214D		0	0	0	0	3,77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
697	K218E		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,05	0
804	/		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,74	0	0
828	/		0	0	0	0	0	1,39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
848	E268G		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
849	/		1,26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
880	Q279K		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,92	0	0	0	0	0	0
931	P296S		0	0	0	0	5,16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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985	A314T	220L	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,98	0	0	0
1015	E324K		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1018	R325G		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,44	0	0
1019	R325K		0	0	1,33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1032	/		1,64	0	1,58	68,7	0	54,44	0	0	0	0	6,74	1,25	0	0	15,16
1048	A335T		0	0	1,27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1071	/		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1107	/		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,2	0	0	0
1119	N358D		0	0	1,4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1150	E369K		0	0	0	0	10,51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1163	K373R		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,02	0	0	0
1199	I385T		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,26	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1327	L428F		0	0	2,13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1349	E435G		0	0	0	2,92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1364	F440S		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,71	0	0
1365	/		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,84	0	0	0
1379	V445A		0	0	0	0	5,67	0	1,54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1394	D450G		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1429	E462K		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,61	0	0	0
1504	Y487H		0	0	0	0	0	0	1,22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1517	Q491L		0	0	0	0	2,5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1522	S493P		0	2,53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1575	/		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,67	0
1598	S518*		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,05	0	0	0
1615	/		2,32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Suboptimal immune protection may induce an increase of the complexity in the viral population from the early stages of infection and may promote the selection of minority variants some of which may be **involved in antigenic drift**.



- 9 minority variants
- 9 HA positions showing mutations
- 1 to 4 variants per sample
- 0 minority variants in the RBD
- 0 minority variants in the Ag sites
- 0 variants shared between samples



- 64 minority variants + 2 fixed mutations
- 57 HA positions showing mutations
- 2 to 13 variants per sample
- 13 minority variants in the RBD
- 6 minority variants in the Ag sites
- 4 variants shared between samples

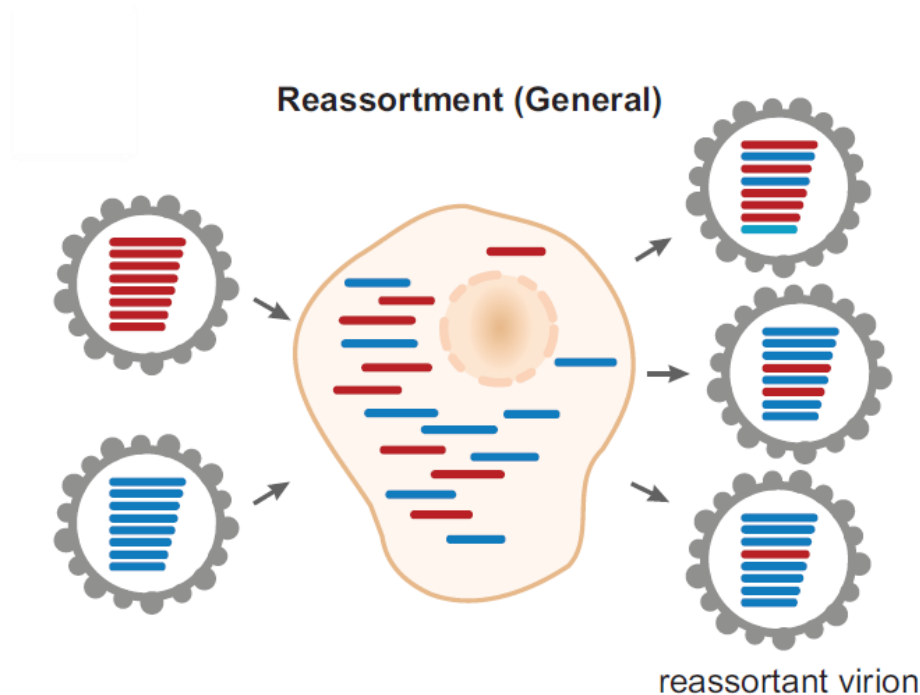
Selection forces driving the evolution of AI selection

- Host range
- Host immunity
- **Eco-environmental factors** (i.e., farm type, land use, population size, control measures such as the use of antiviral treatments)

Inherent characteristics predisposing to the high diversity of AI viruses

Genome Structure

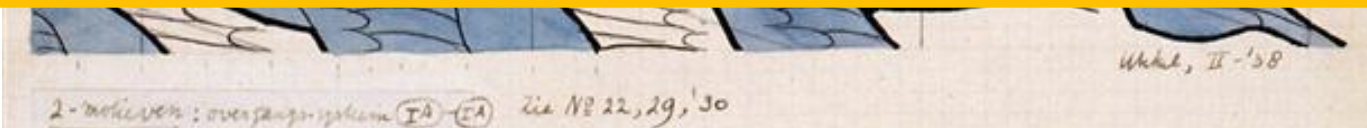
8 interchangeable RNA molecules: reassortment has the potential to vastly increase the diversity of circulating influenza viruses

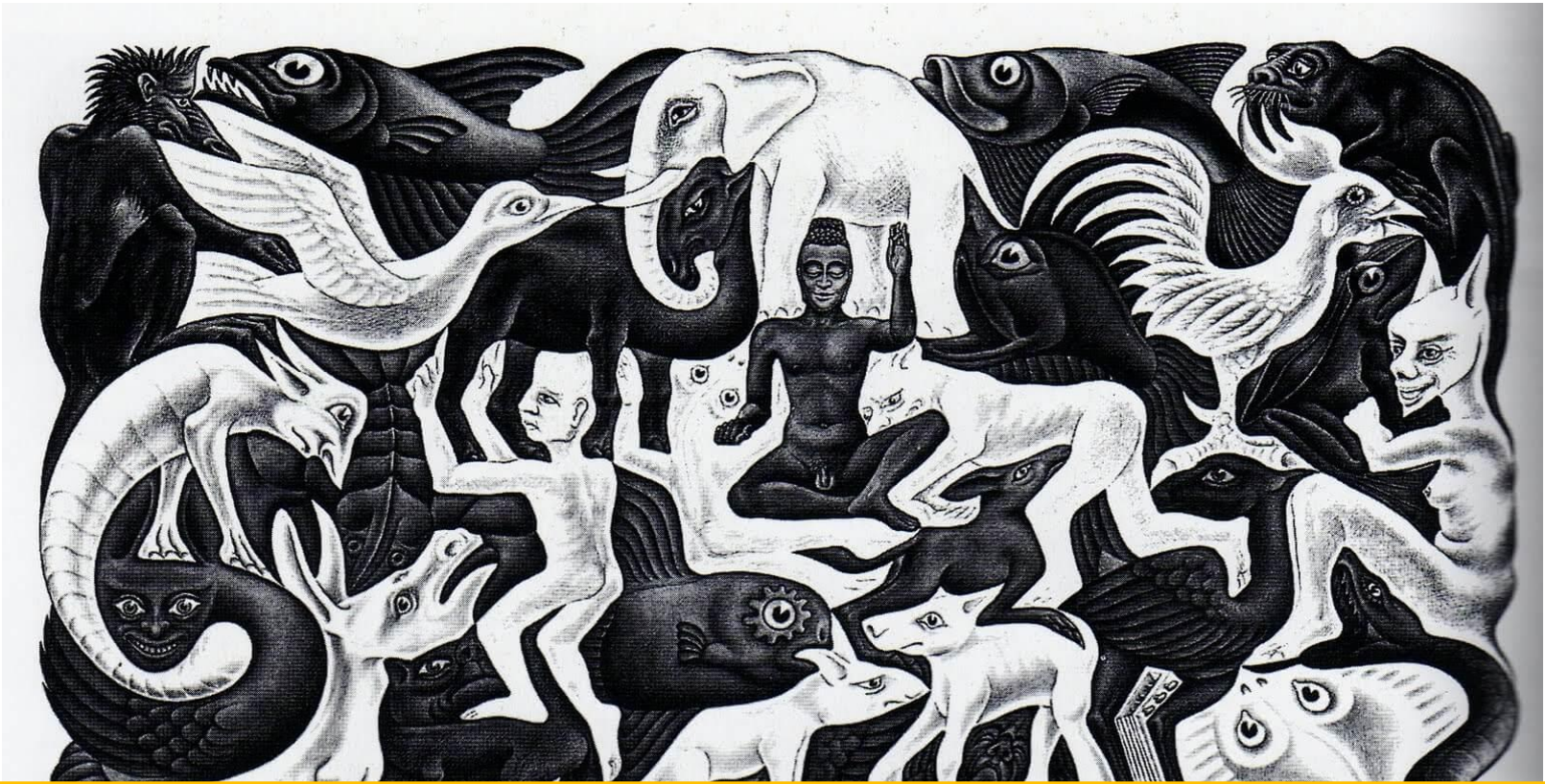




Many birds are inextricably entwined in the puzzle of influenza A viruses.

Avian-Avian Reassortment





Many species are inextricably entwined in the puzzle of influenza viruses.

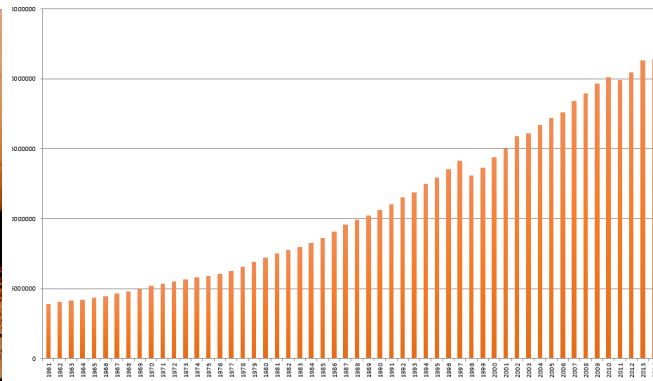
Reassortment Between Avian And Mammalian Viruses



Virus intrinsic ability to accumulate genetic diversity

+

host populations size



=

- endless variety of new viruses with potentially new properties
- difficulty to control their spread and need for tailored control measures



High mutation rates make evolution of AI happening right in front of our eyes, facilitating the reconstruction of emergence, transmission and spread dynamics thanks to the exploitation of genetic and epidemiological data.

An age of genomic plenty: Next-generation evolutionary epidemiology

Fast-growing innovations in
the field of genetic
sequencing technology

Rapid and sustained
growth in computer
processing power and
concomitant advances
in methods of statistical
inference

What's in our toolbox?

R-Evolution in Sequencing technologies

Discovery of DNA structure by Watson and Crick [1953]

First Generation Sequencing

- Maxam-Gilbert sequencing [1977]
- Sanger Sequencing [1977]
 - Gel-based systems
- - Capillary sequencing [1998]

Next (or Second) Generation Sequencing (NGS)

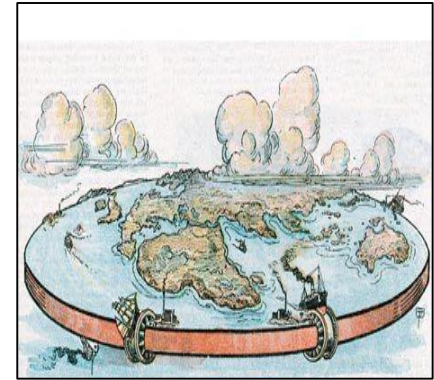
- Massively parallel sequencing [2005/2006/2007/2011]
 - 454 / Roche sequencing
 - Illumina (Solexa) sequencing
 - SOLiD systems
 - Ion Torrent sequencing

Third Generation Sequencing

- Single molecule sequencing [2013]
 - PacBio RS II (Pacific Biosciences)
 - MinION (Oxford Nanopore)

Fourth generation sequencing

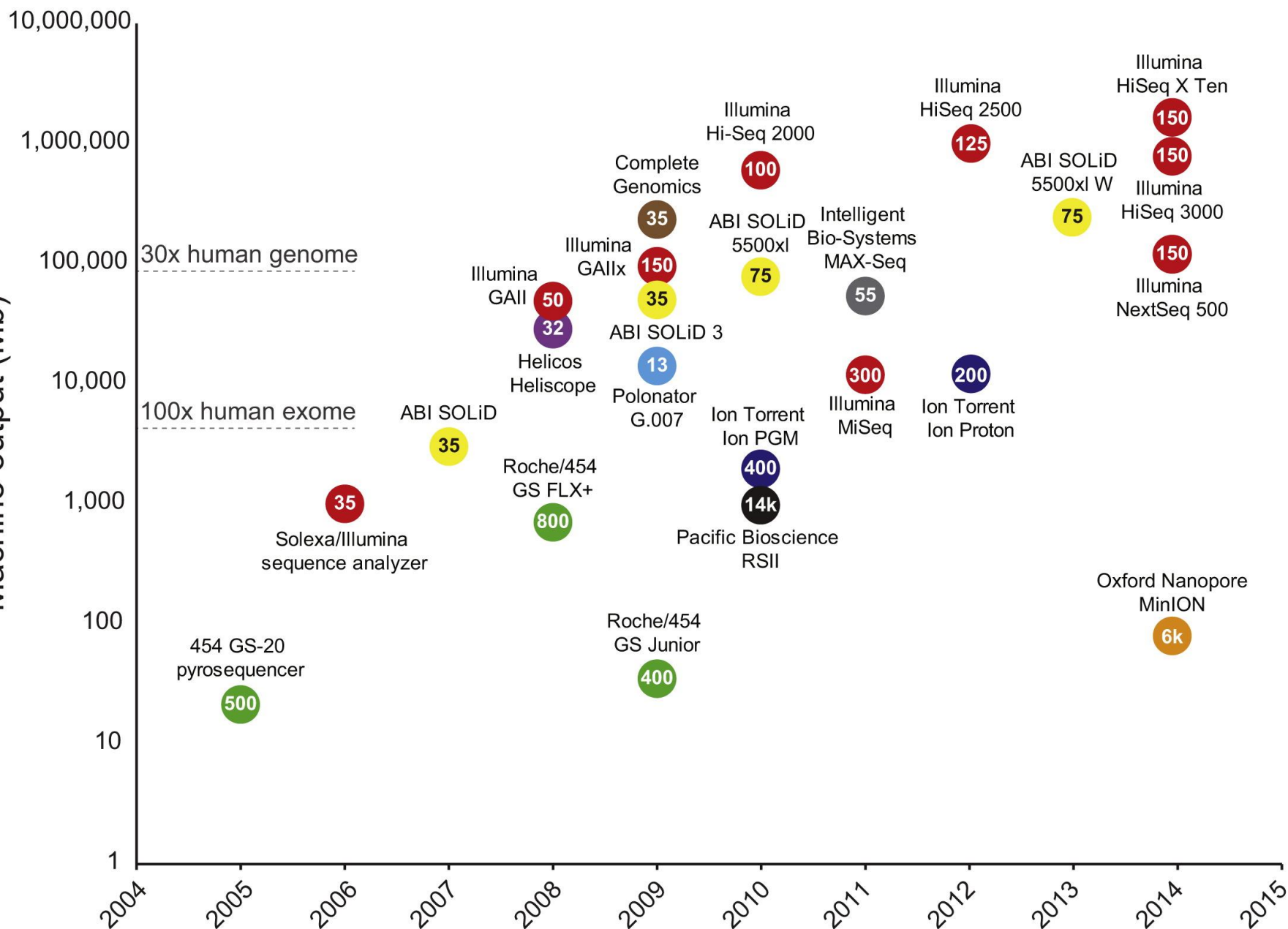
- *in situ* sequencing [2013]
 - Fluorescent in situ sequencing (FISSEQ) – ReadCoor
 - Spatial transcriptomics



High-Throughput
Sequencing (HTS)

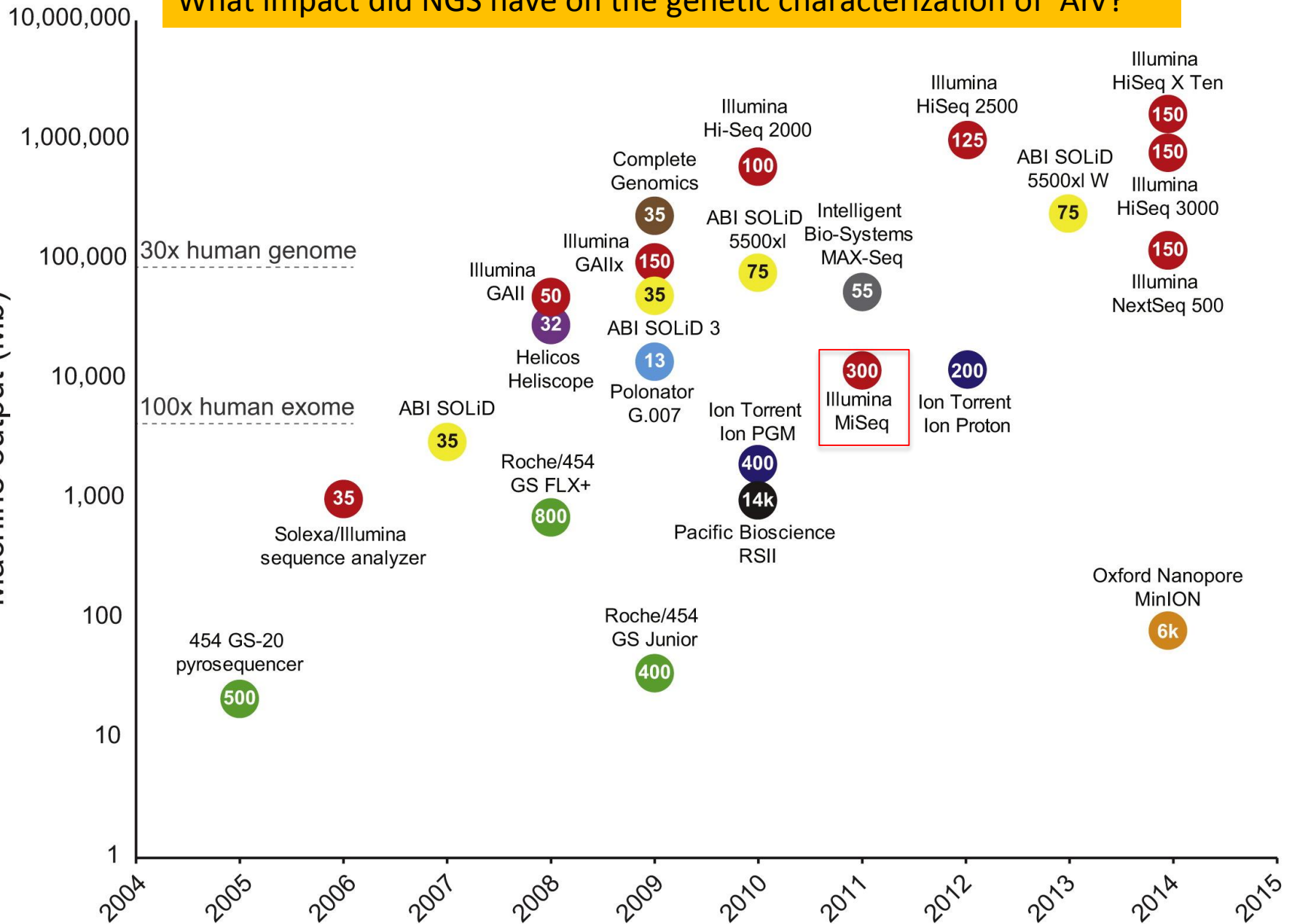


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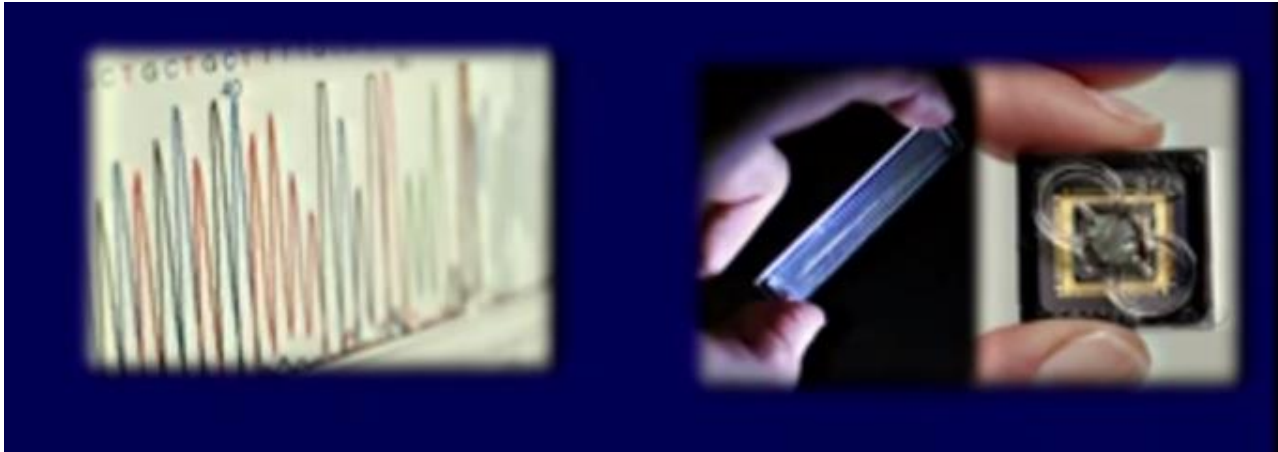


What impact did NGS have on the genetic characterization of AIV?

Machine output (Mb)



Sequencing an Influenza A virus full genome (13.5Kb) at a FAO/OIE reference center/lab (IZSve)



1st Generation Sequencing (*Sanger*)

Time: @ 2 weeks
Cost: @340 \$

2nd Generation Sequencing (*Illumina MiSeq*)

Time: 3 days
Cost: @70 \$



A glimpse on the benefits of applying genome sequencing and evolutionary analyses in real time during an outbreak: a practical example

Identification of the H9N2 subtype in West Africa

February 2017: a layer farm experiencing decreased egg production and respiratory signs was found positive for the H9N2 AIV



Practical uses of genome sequences

Data provided rapidly (in real-time) in case of an outbreak

- Which type of H9 lineage had infected the farm? The G1, Y280 or Y439 (Korean) lineage?



G1

G1 lineage:

- detected in humans
- well adapted to galliformes

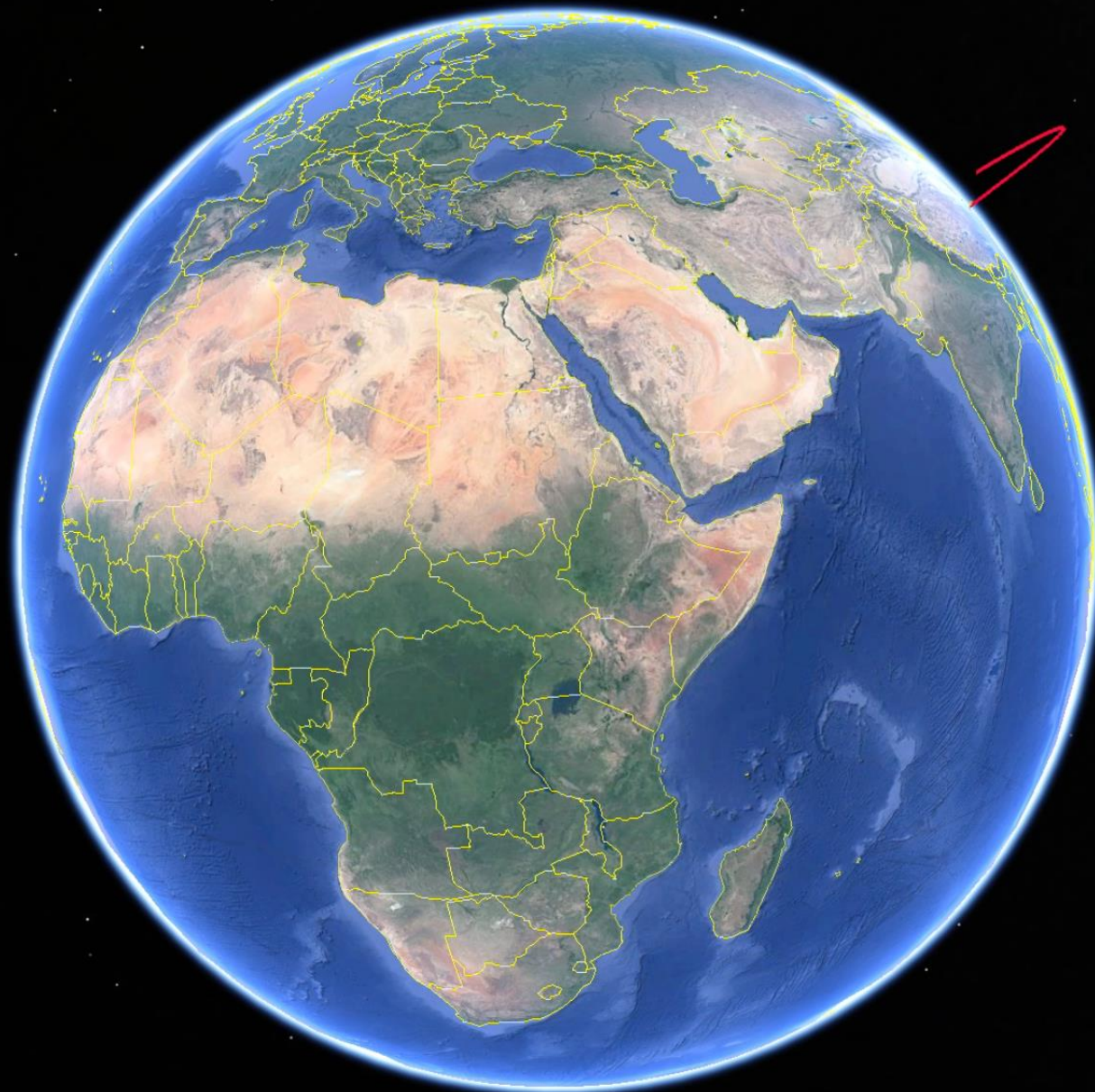
Korean

Practical uses of genome sequences

Data provided rapidly (in real-time) in case of an outbreak

- Where did the virus come from?

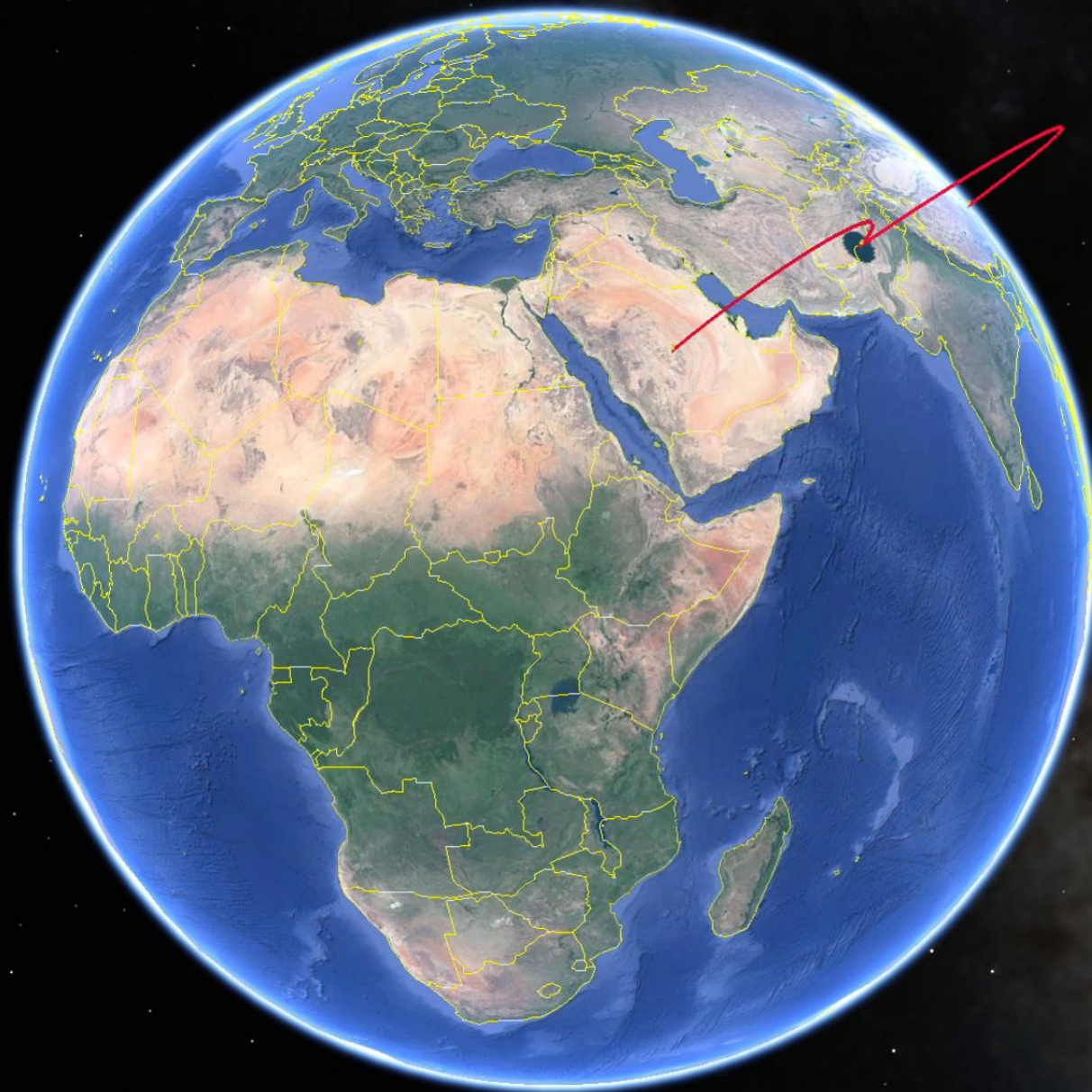
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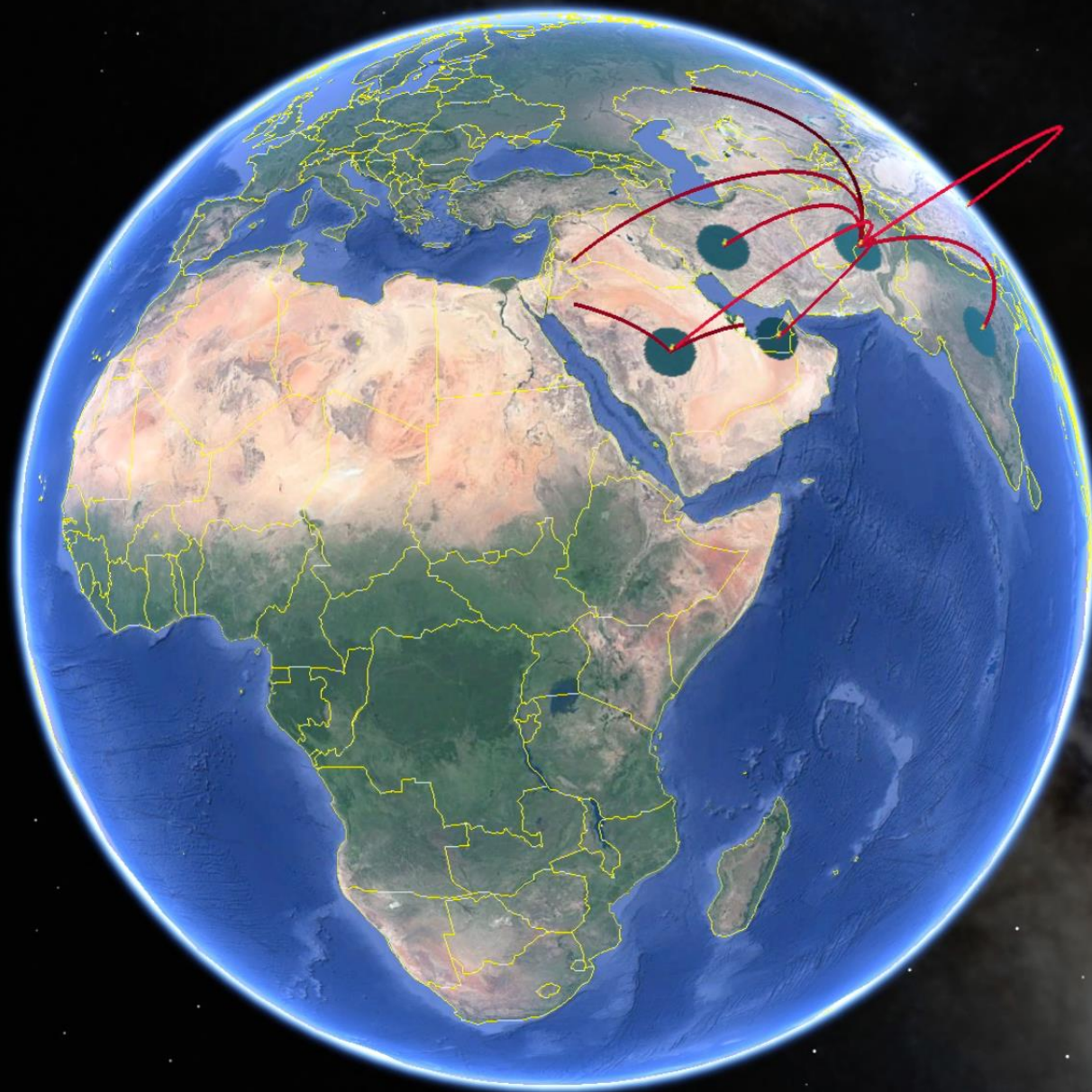
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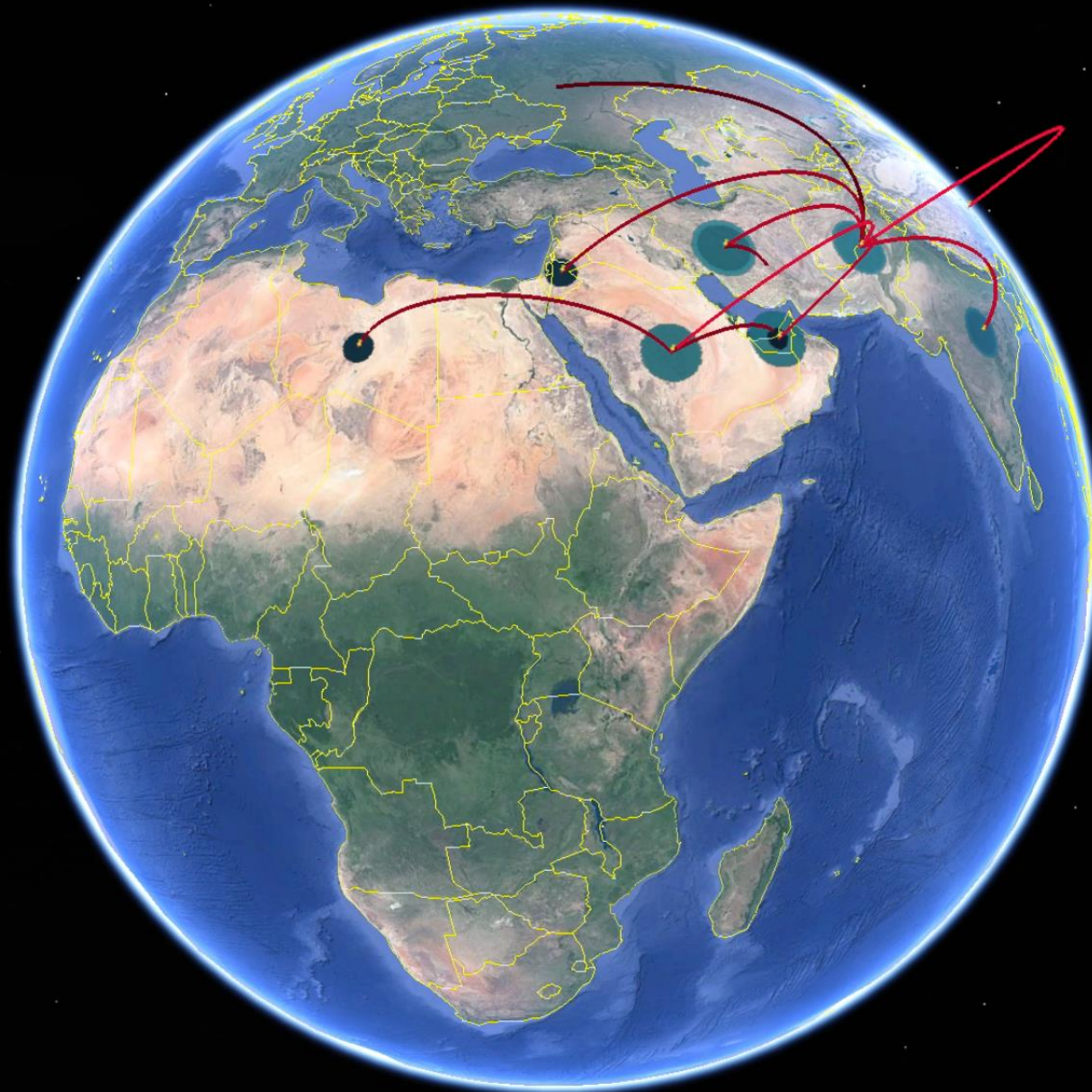
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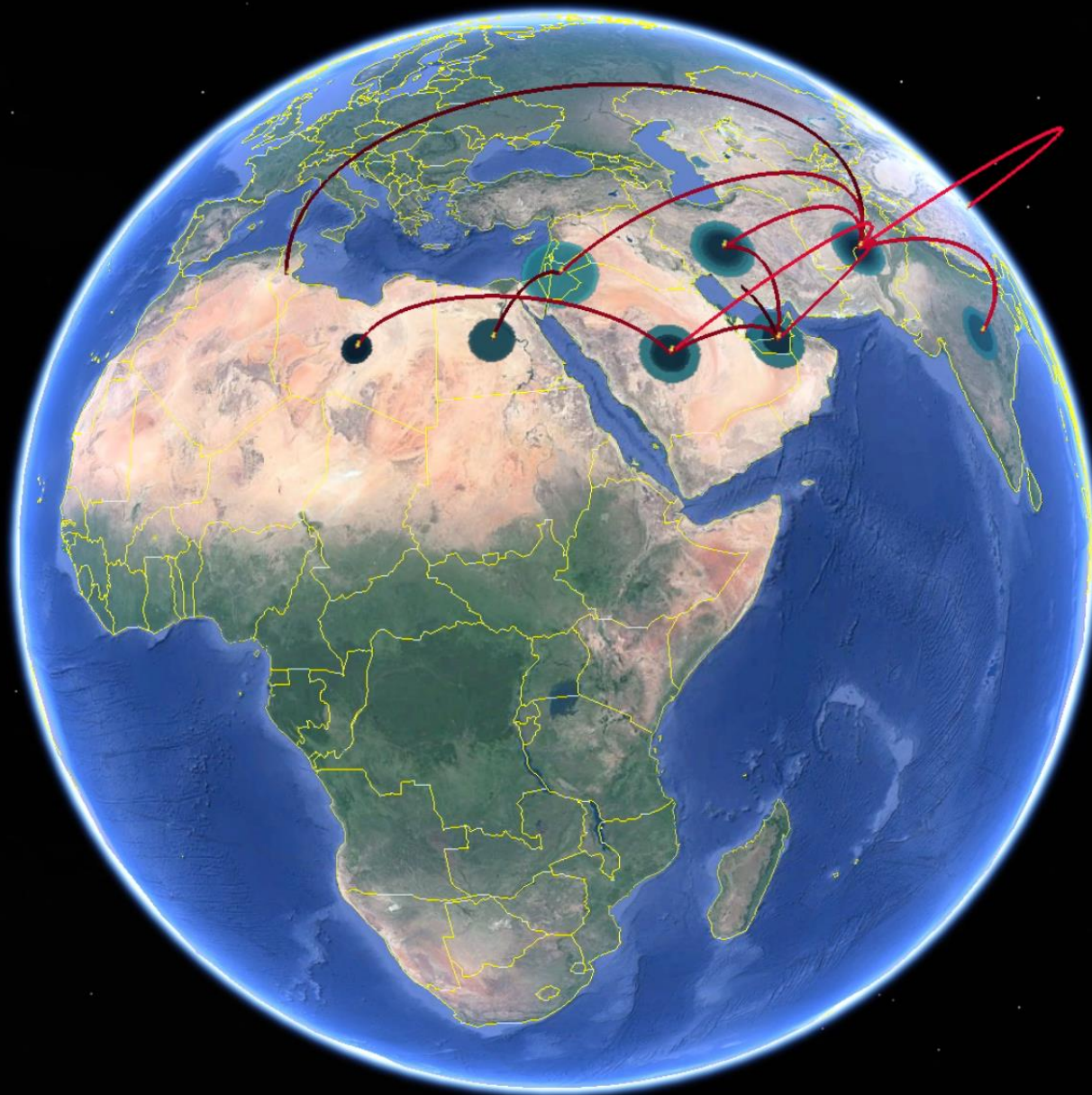
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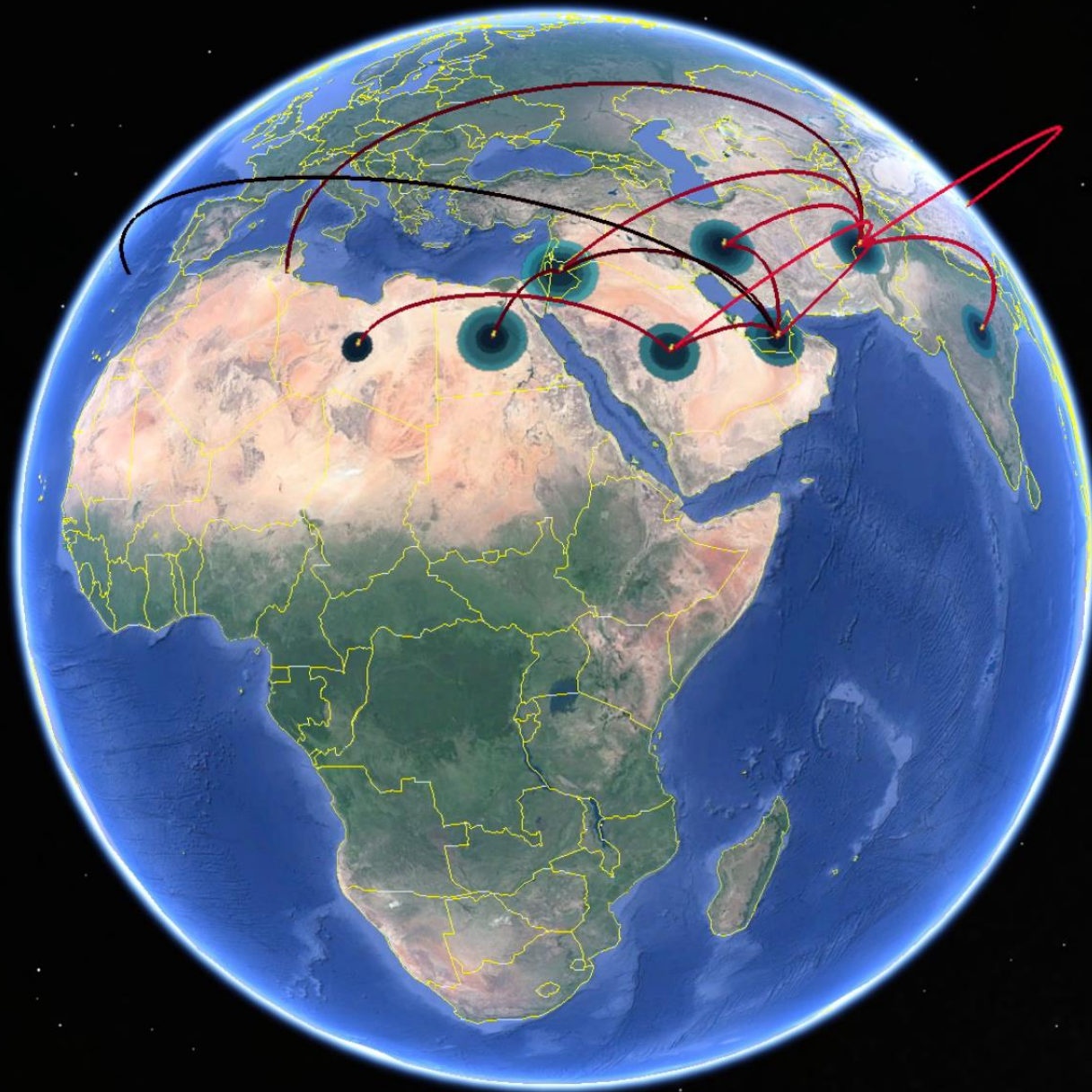
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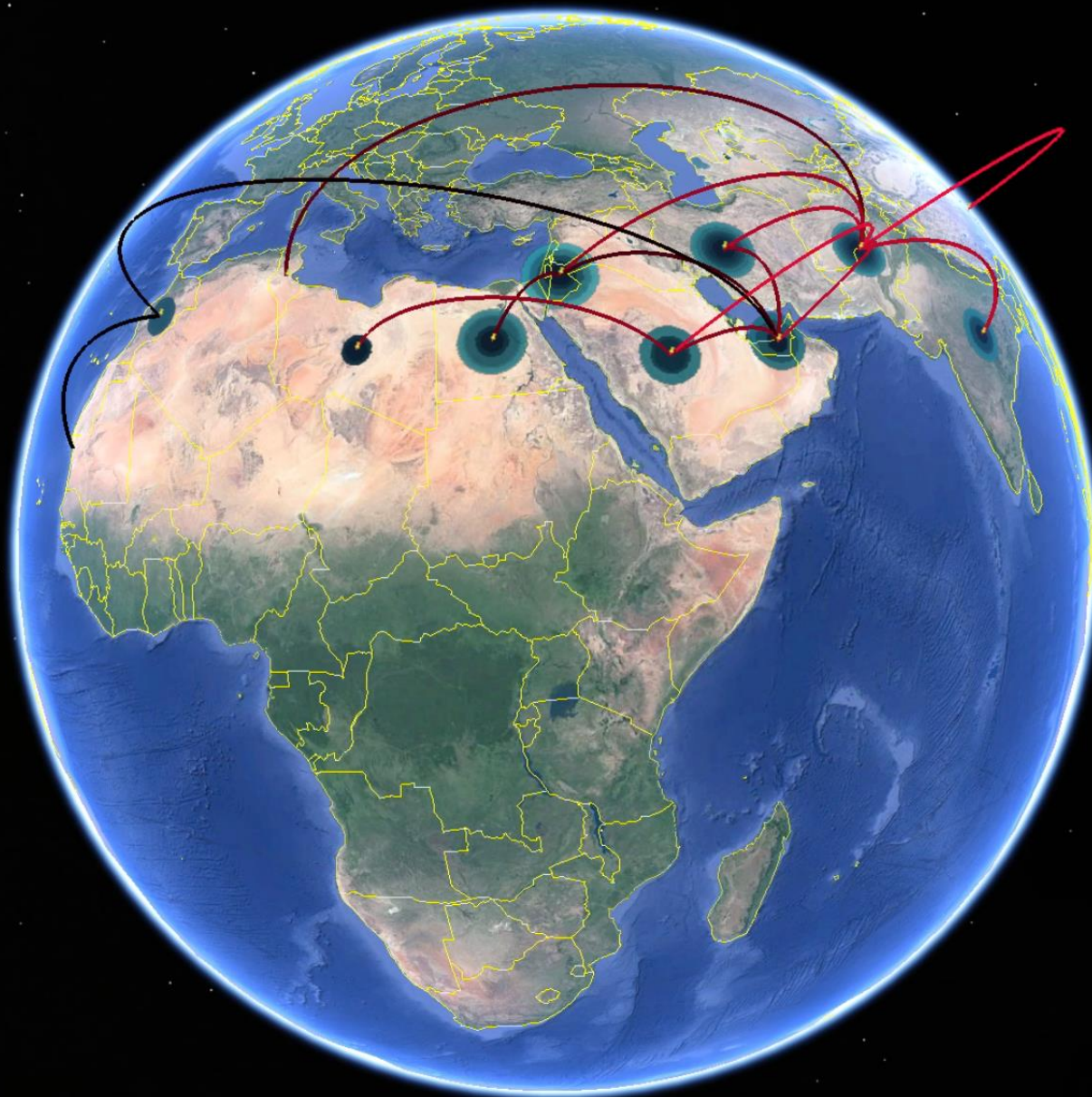
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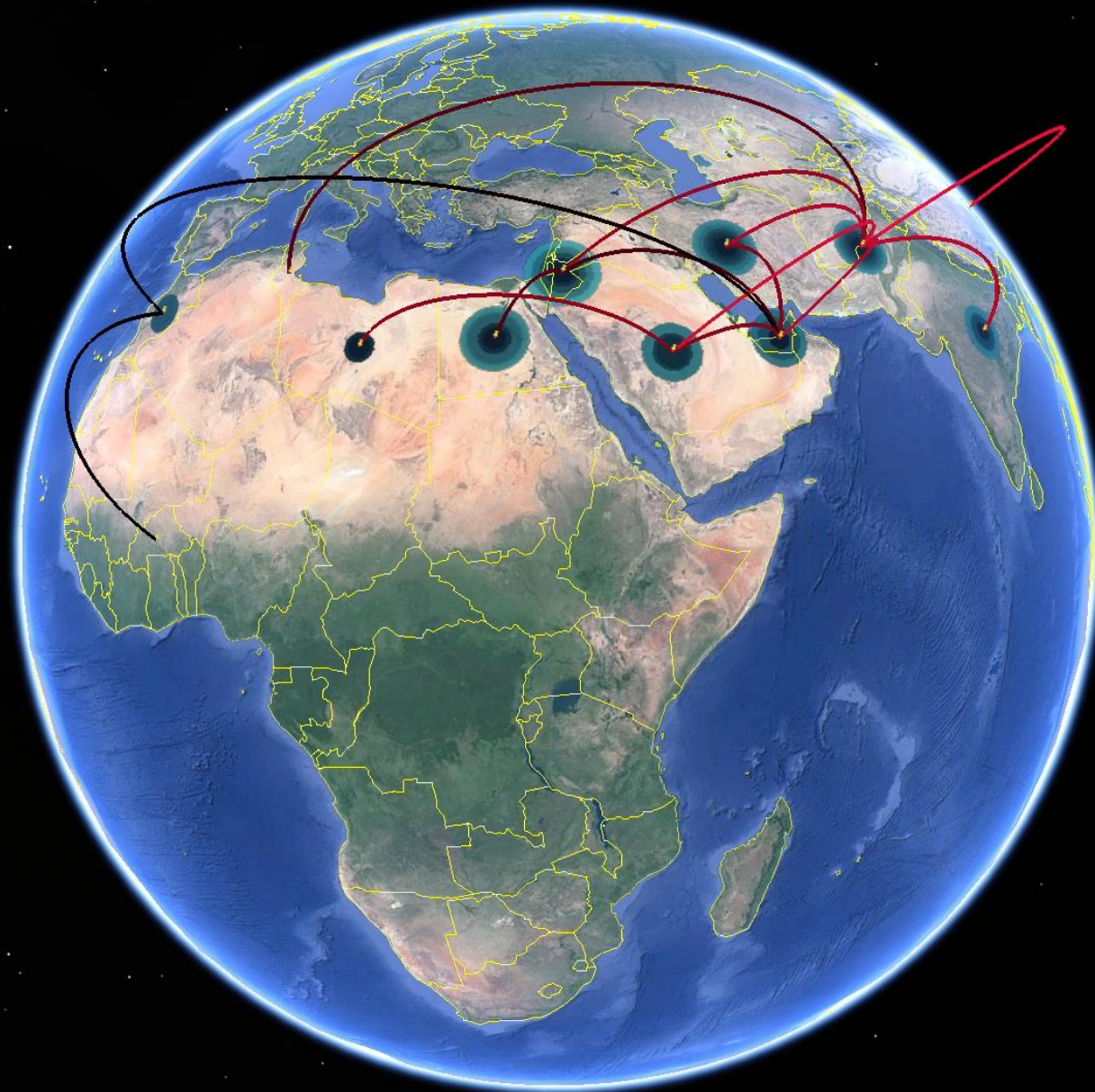
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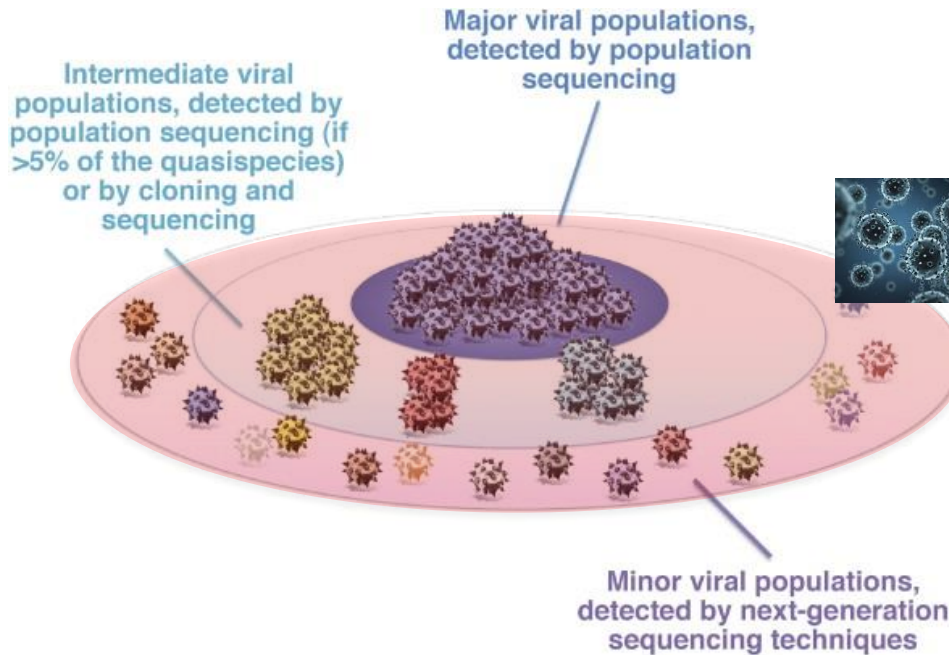
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- Identification of zoonotic potential



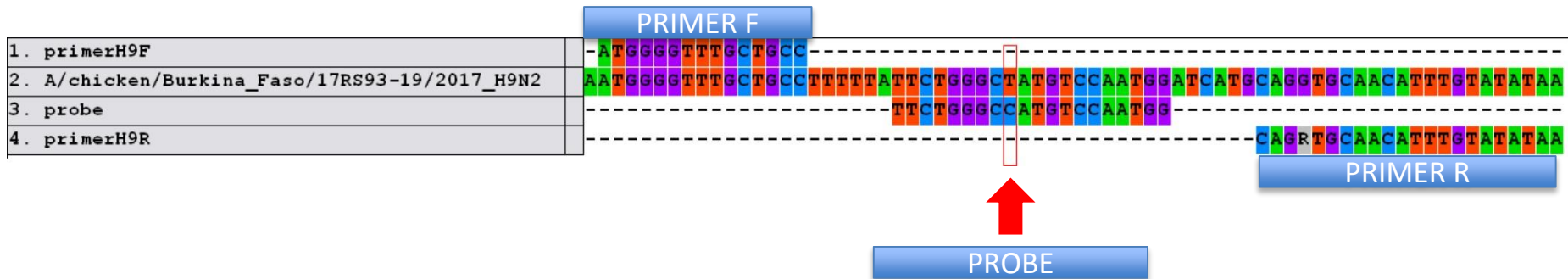
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50% of the viral population possessed the amino acid Leucine at position 226 (H3 numbering) of the HA receptor binding site, which entails preferential binding to human-like α 2-6-linked sialic acid (SA α 2-6) receptors.

Practical uses of genome sequences

Data provided rapidly (in real-time) in case of an outbreak

- Identification of mutations with diagnostic implications

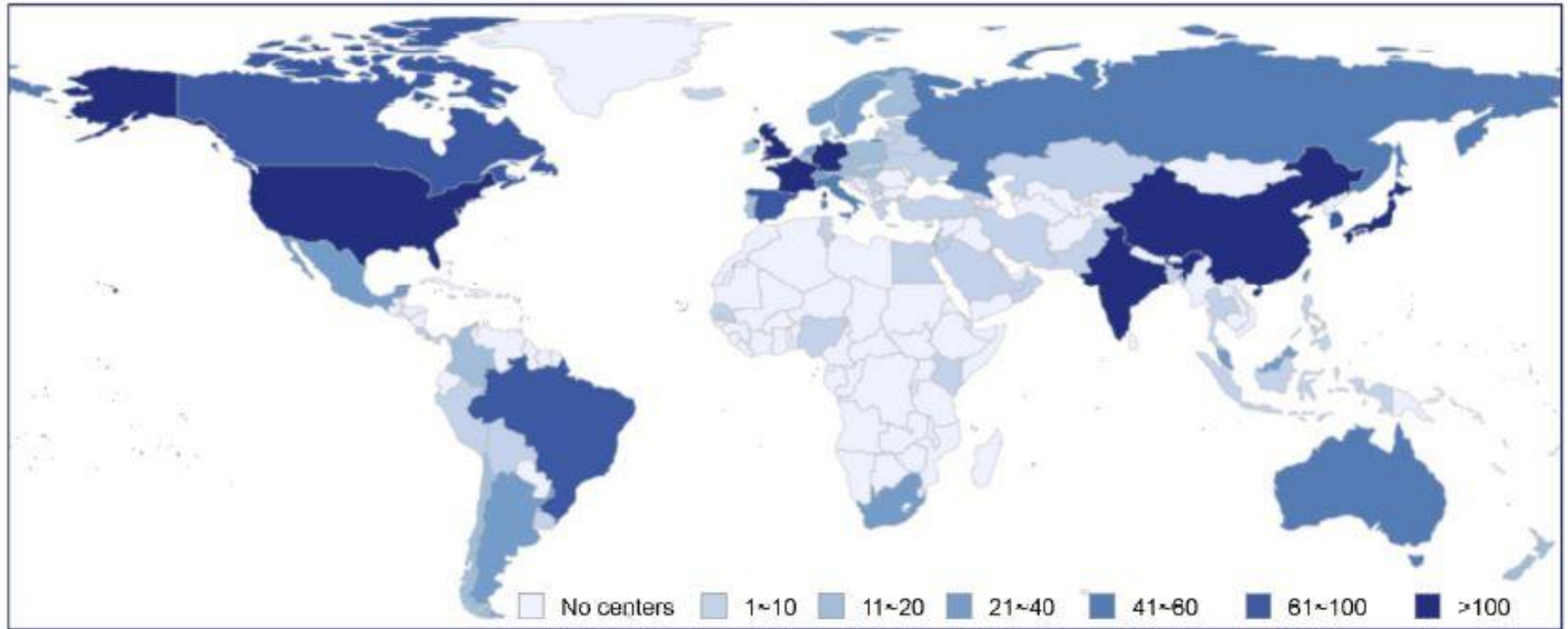


The established RT-qPCRs need to be constantly evaluated and adapted.
Fine tuning for improved performances during outbreaks is necessary



Global Sequencing Capacity

Technology accessibility: Sequencing centers over the world



As of November 2015

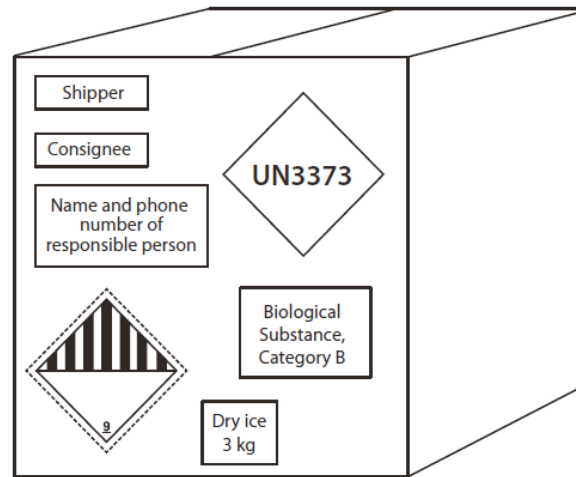
Avian influenza viruses have a global reach: possible actions for the sustainable development of genome sequencing technologies

- Using modern sequencing technologies that minimize infrastructure requirements (i.e., MinION by Oxford Nanopore Technologies)
- Increasing research funds for genomic research
- Fostering international collaborations (crucial role for OIE/FAO reference lab/centres and OIE collaborating centers)



Obstacles to sample sharing and generation of evolutionary data

- Sample shipment (cost, logistics)

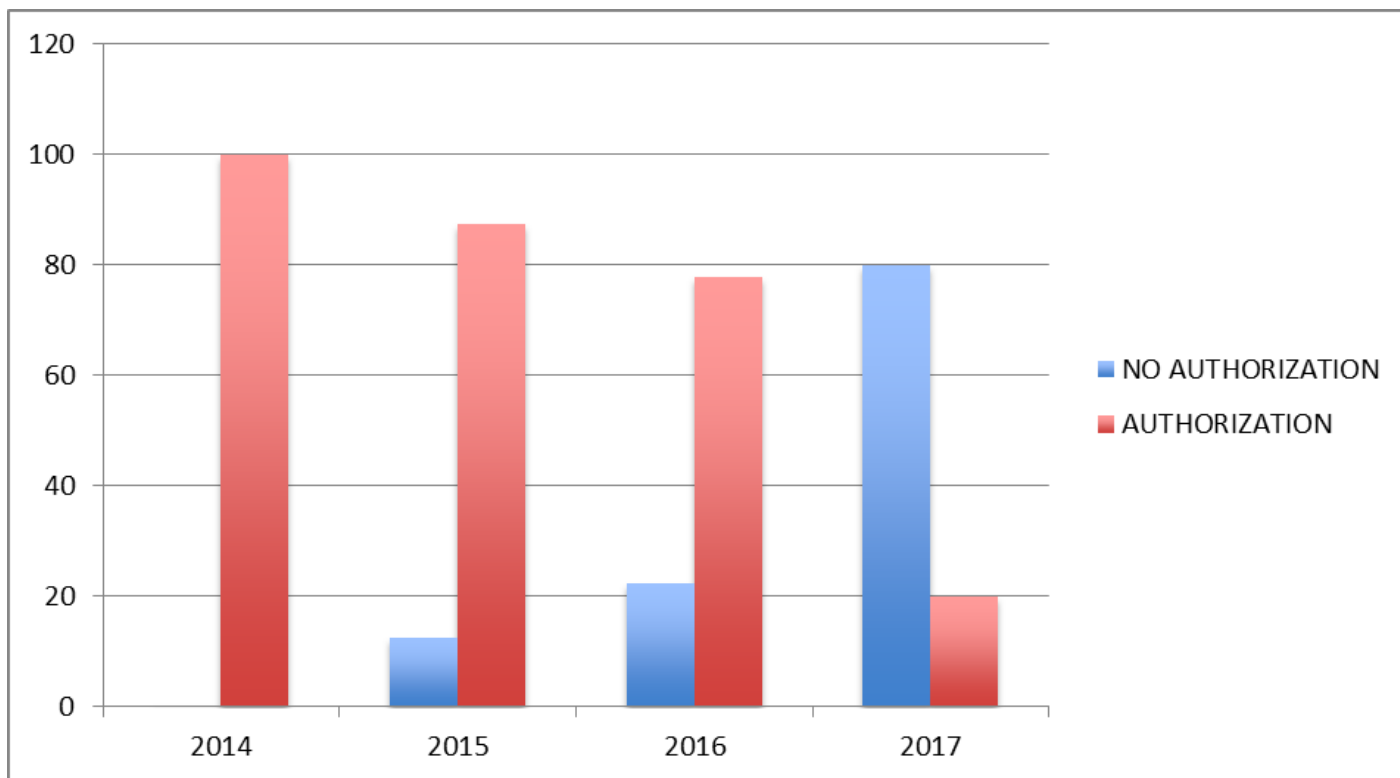


- Lack of metadata (i.e., date, location, species, farm type, clinical signs, biosecurity and control measures)

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Obstacles to data sharing prevent the exploitation of the benefit of evolutionary analyses: considerations from an OIE/FAO RL/RC (IZSVe)

Immediate release of sequences in public databases in the last four years at a FAO/OIE RC/RL (IZSVe)



From the evolution of technology to understanding the evolution

- Avian influenza viruses have a truly global reach and cannot be fully understood by studies limited by a spatial or temporal range.
- In an increasingly connected world, rapid sequencing and standardized protocols to collect samples and data from outbreaks should be established.
- Investing in computational and genetic technologies will be essential to generate data which can be used to build tailored control systems and research agendas.

From the evolution of technology to understanding the evolution

- The greatest obstacle to understanding the full public health potential of influenza data is social, not technological.
- Global and multi-level efforts are essential (1) to educate to the benefits of virus and data sharing and (2) to develop universal guidelines to assure access to avian influenza viruses and data in real time





Access to globally aggregated outbreak information will transform our understanding of influenza epidemic dynamics



Genetic, Spatial, Immunological,
Social and Environmental DATA

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