

COllaborative Management Platform for  
detection and Analyses of (Re-) emerging  
and foodborne outbreaks in Europe

# New horizons in EID detection: the era of next generation sequencing and bioinformatics

A global platform for the sequence-based rapid identification of pathogens

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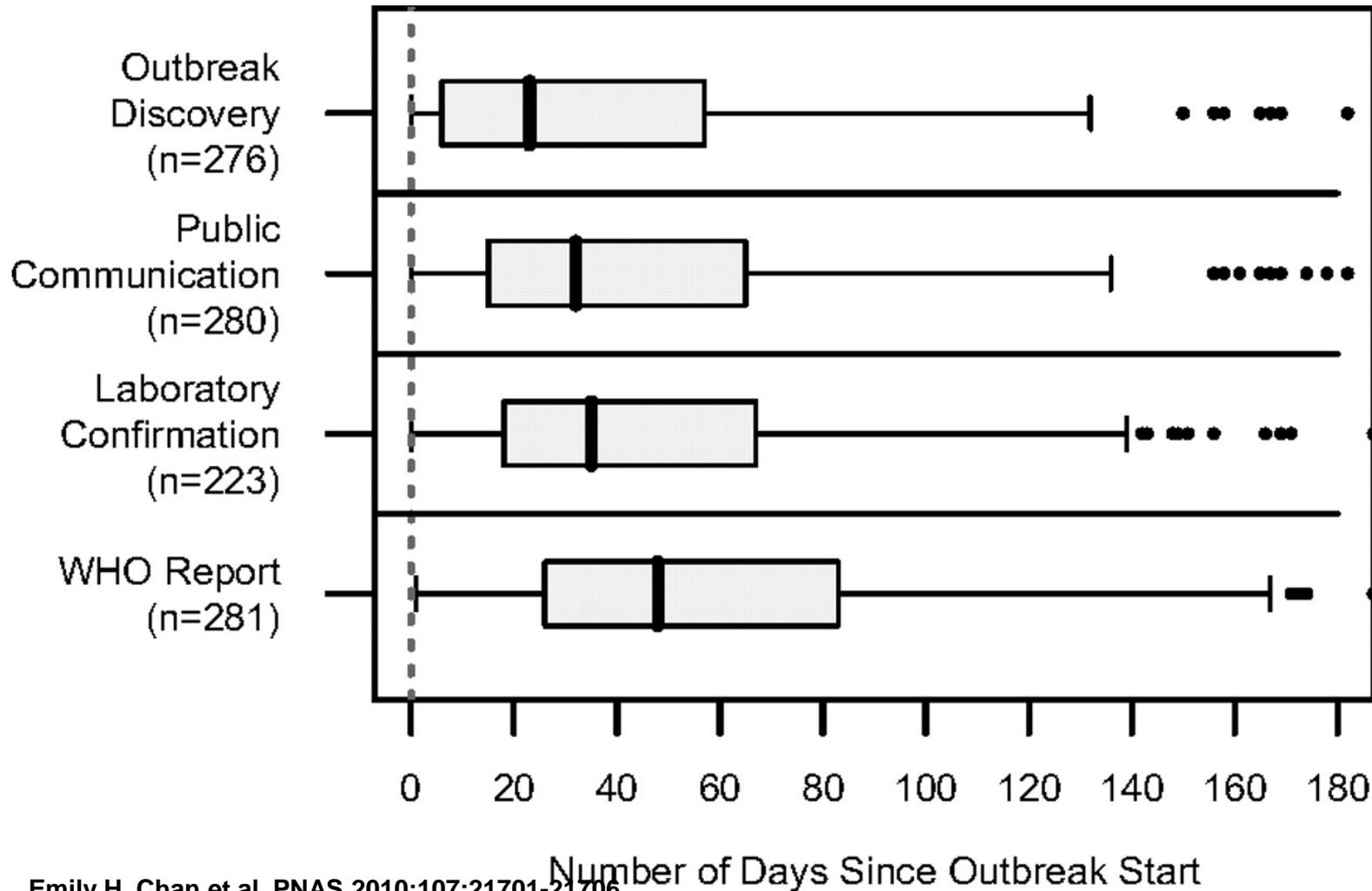


# Infectious diseases in the current era

- Dynamics of common infectious diseases are changing
  - Demographic change, population density, anti vaccine, AMR, etc.
- New diseases emerge frequently
  - Deforestation, population growth, health system inequalities, travel, trade, climate change
- Effects are difficult to predict due to complexity of problems
  - Rapid flexible response
- Public health and clinical response depend on global capacity for disease surveillance
  - Rapid sharing, comparison and analysis of data from multiple sources and using multiple methodologies

# Current performance

late detection, human disease first



# Priority research questions EID after disease emergence

## Clinic/public health

- How to diagnose/rule out?
- How to
- When
- Modes
- Source
- Role of
- Risk fa
- Potent
- interventions/prevention

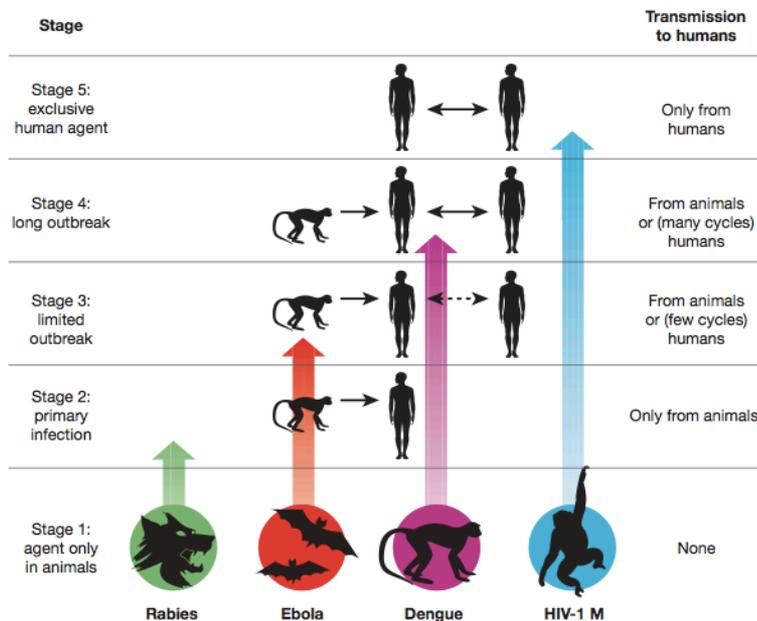


## Basic

- Comparison with other
- family
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- virals
- Potential vaccines

# Main aspects

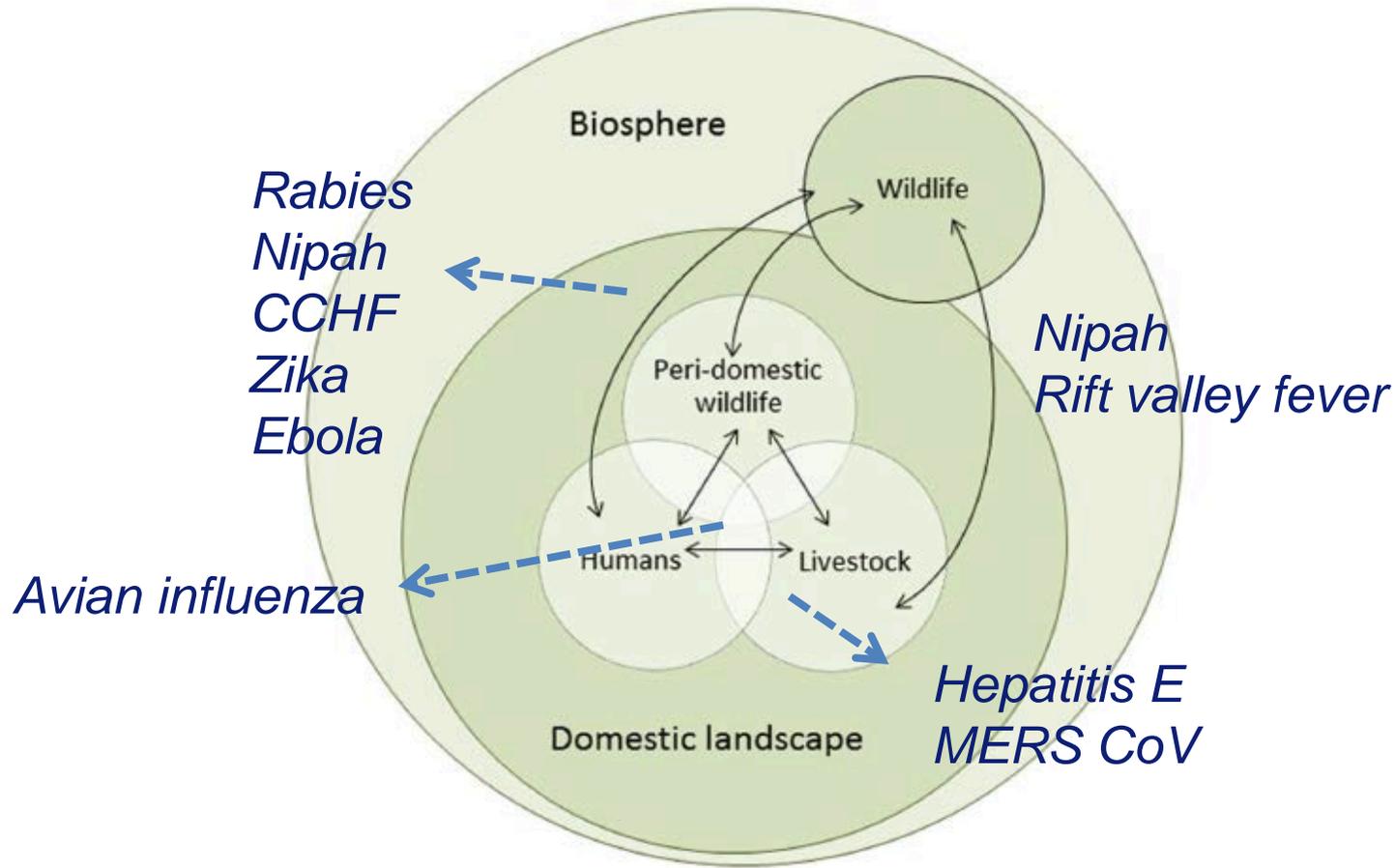
- Increased likelihood of new (zoonotic) pathogens
- Increased opportunity for global spread



## Challenges

- Competing priorities
- Inequality in health care systems
- Clinician knowledge of EID
- Privacy laws
- Poor prediction

# EID require multidisciplinary research



# COMPARE: developing an enabling system and tools for collaborative preparedness and outbreak research

- Collaboration between “users” of NGS and bio-informaticians
- Develop validated workflows for top 5 questions in disease preparedness research and outbreak research
- sector-, domain- and pathogen-independent (ONE HEALTH)
- Flexible, scalable and open-source based
- Data and information-sharing platforms
- building from sustainable infrastructure

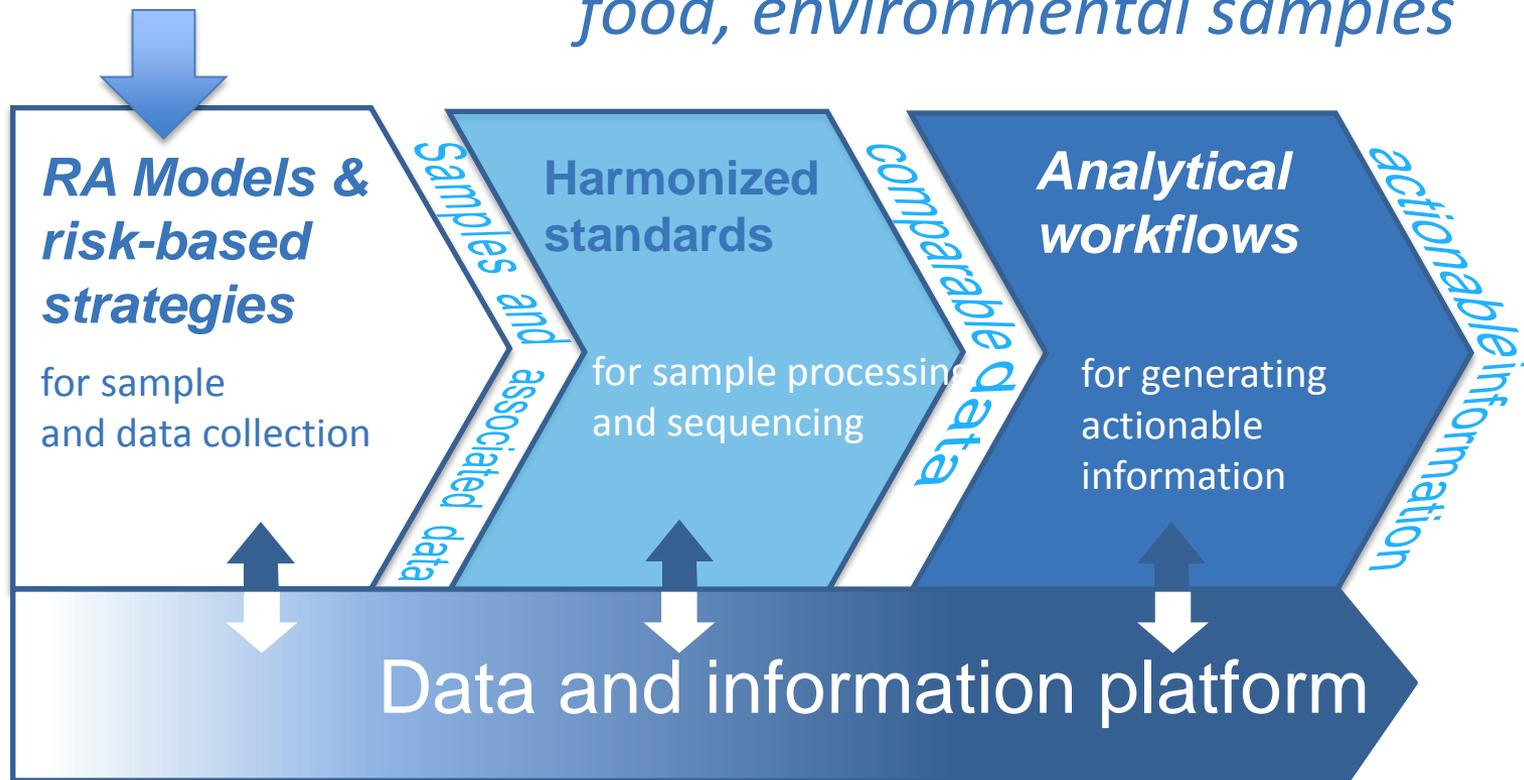
*What to sample?*

*Where?*

*When?*

*How?*

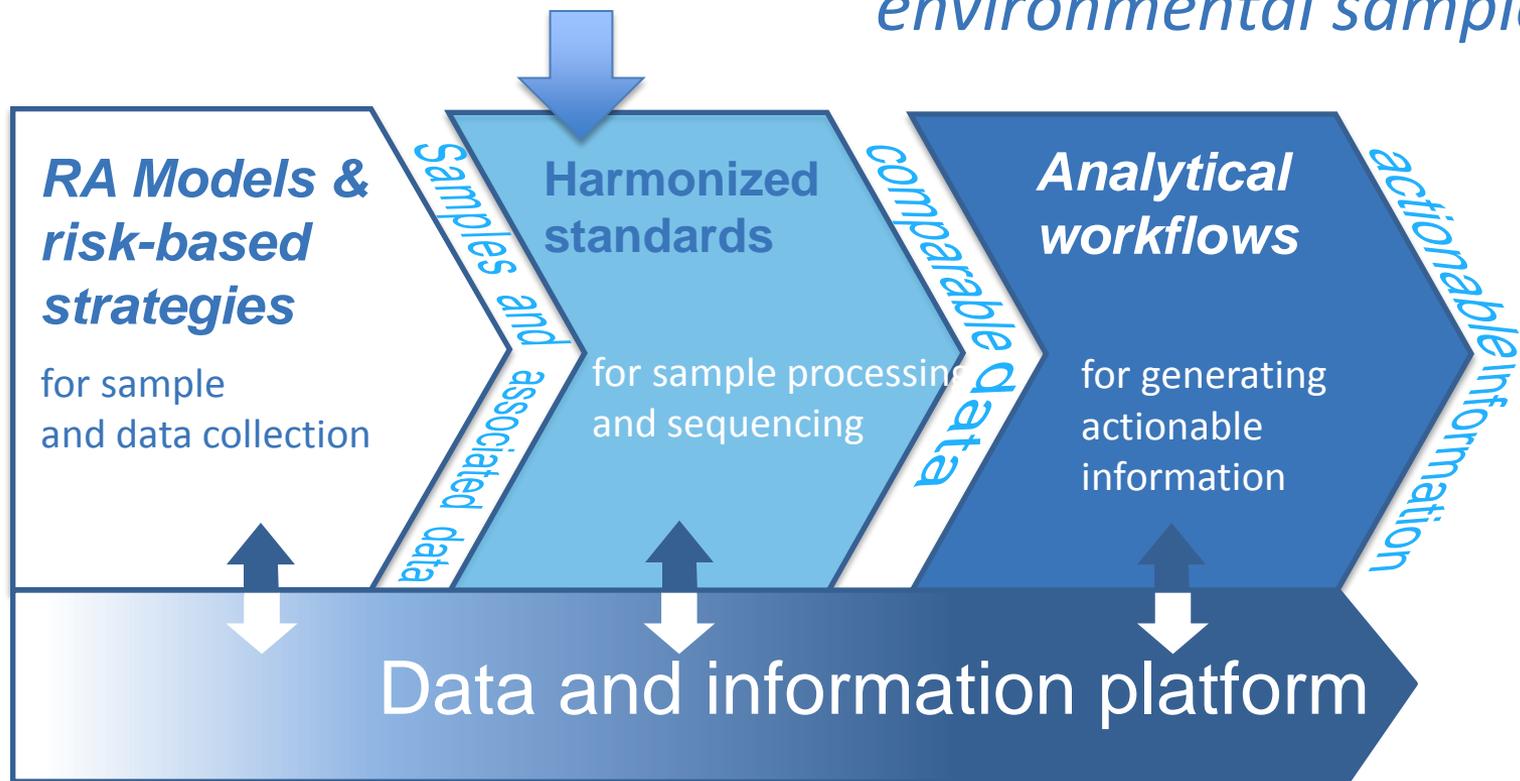
*Humans, livestock, wildlife,  
food, environmental samples*





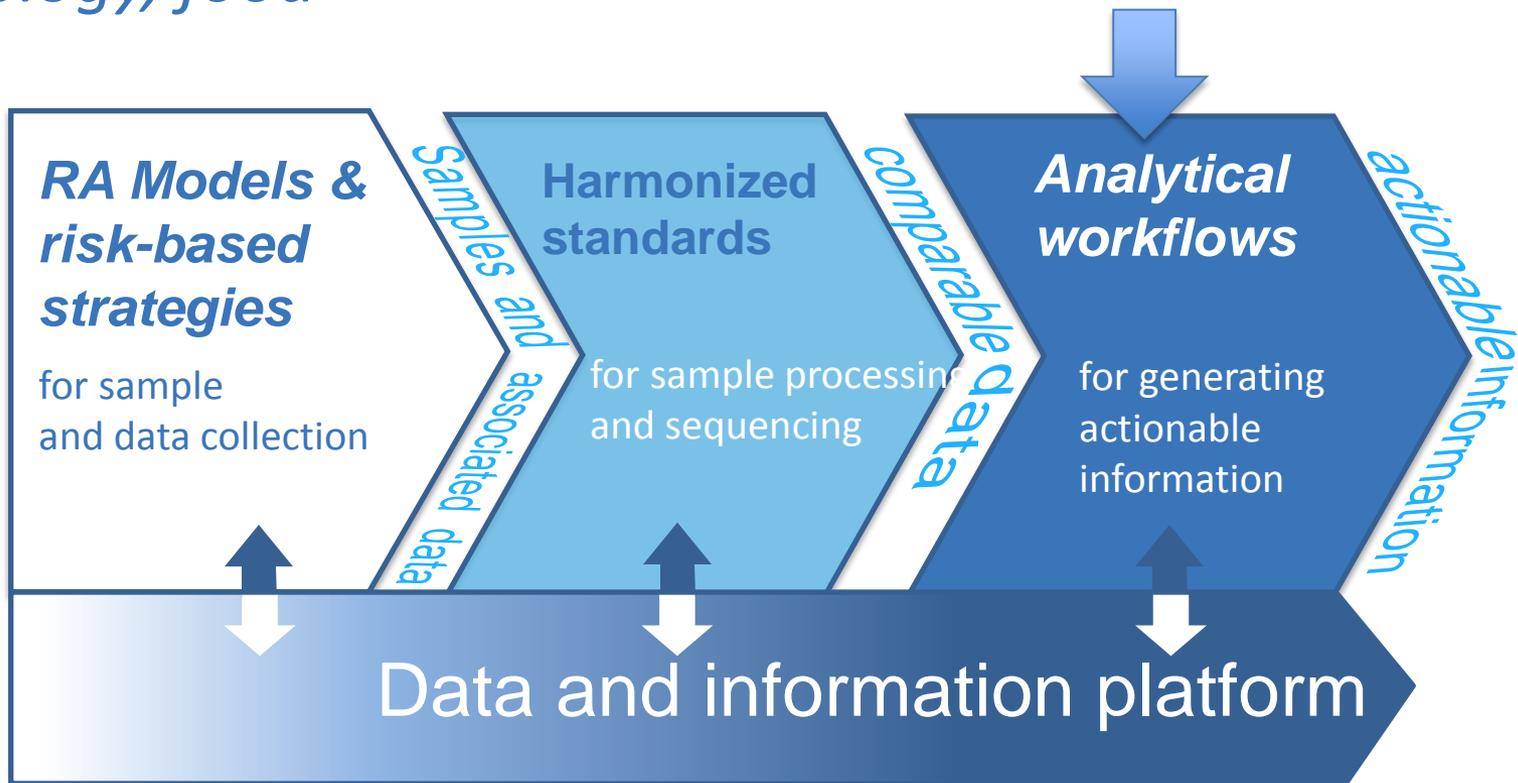
*How to sequence?  
Pathogen targeted  
Metagenomic, Deep sequencing  
Viruses, bacteria, parasites  
QUALITY ASSURANCE*

*Clinical, tissue, food,  
environmental samples*

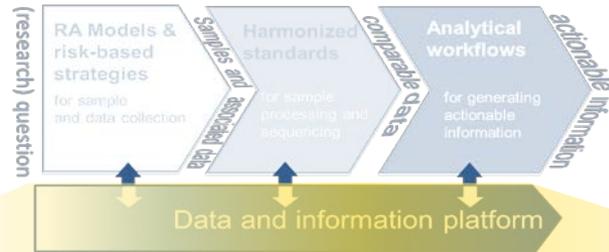


*Clinical, public health, research  
Human, veterinary  
Ecology, food*

*How to analyze?  
What does the analysis mean?  
How do I use it ?*



# WP9 Information sharing platform



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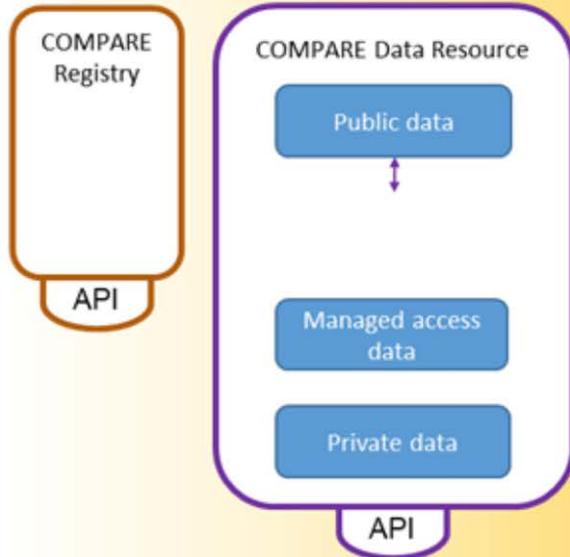


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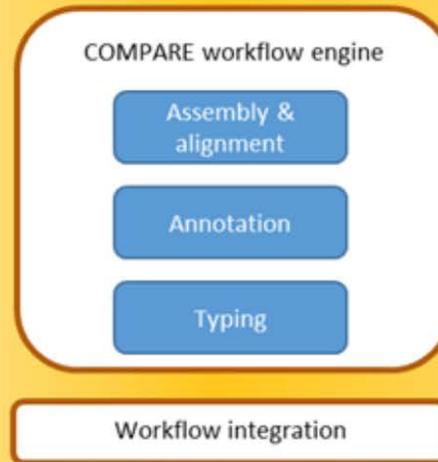
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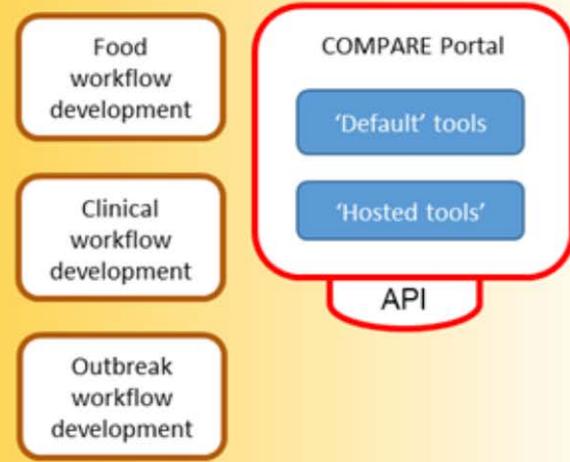
Sources



Processes



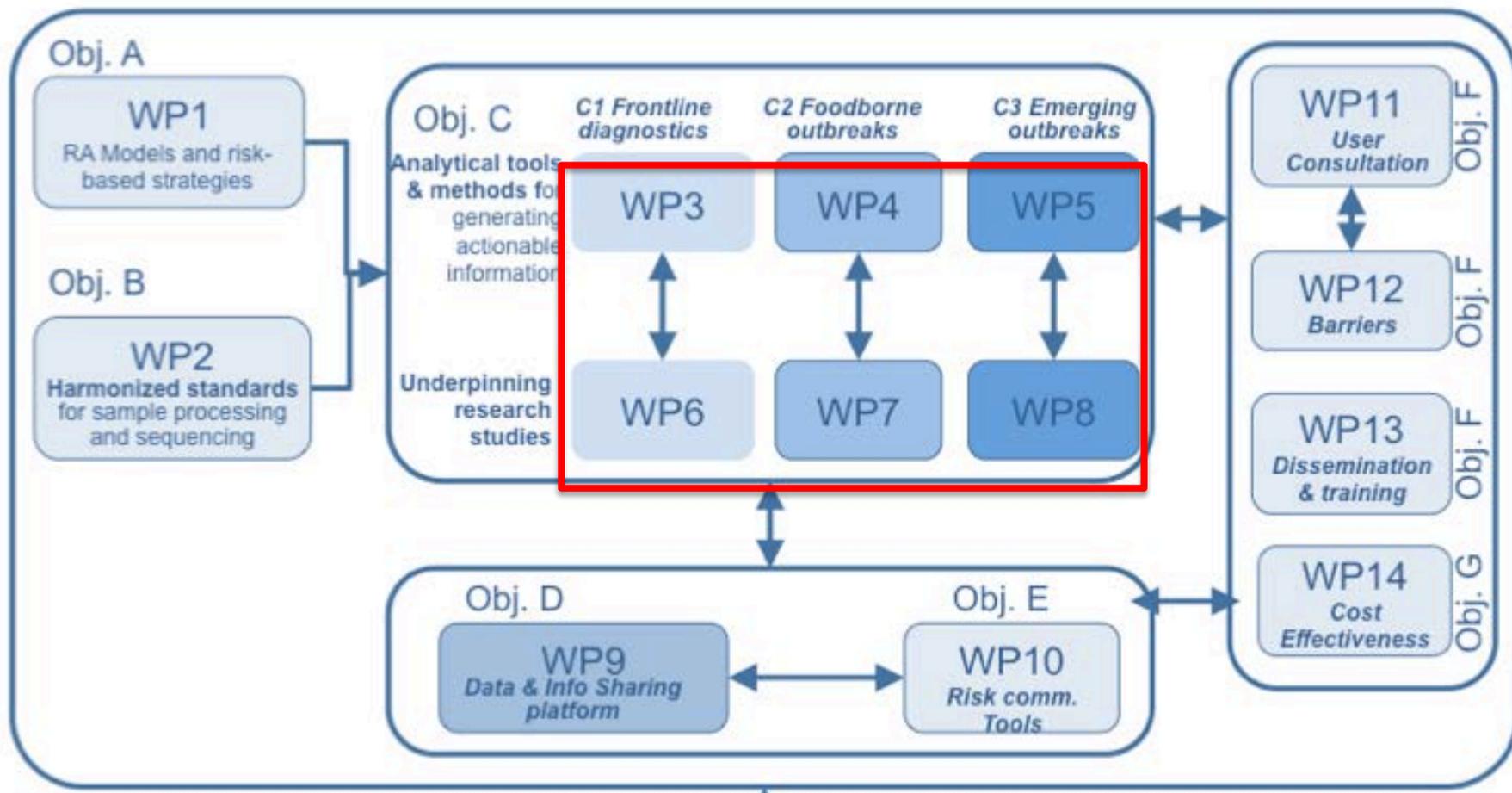
Portals and environments



Building on the EU ESFRI Elixir, EMBL and DTU infrastructures



# Develop a “catch all” metagenomics approach for surveillance of pathogens transmitted via fecal-oral and environmental, and respiratory routes with user friendly data analysis

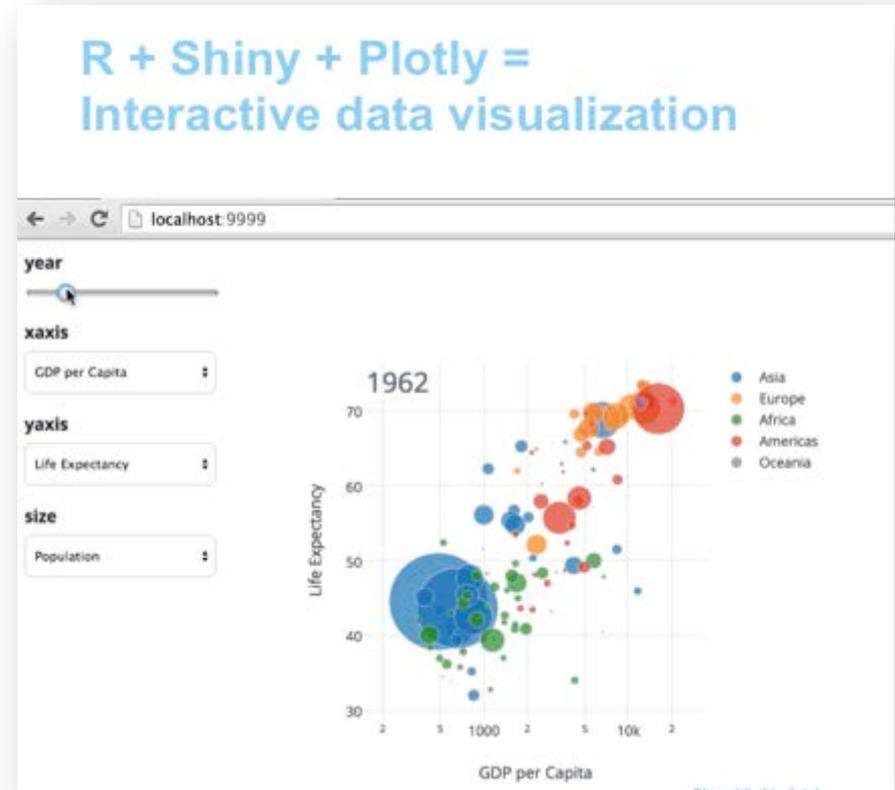
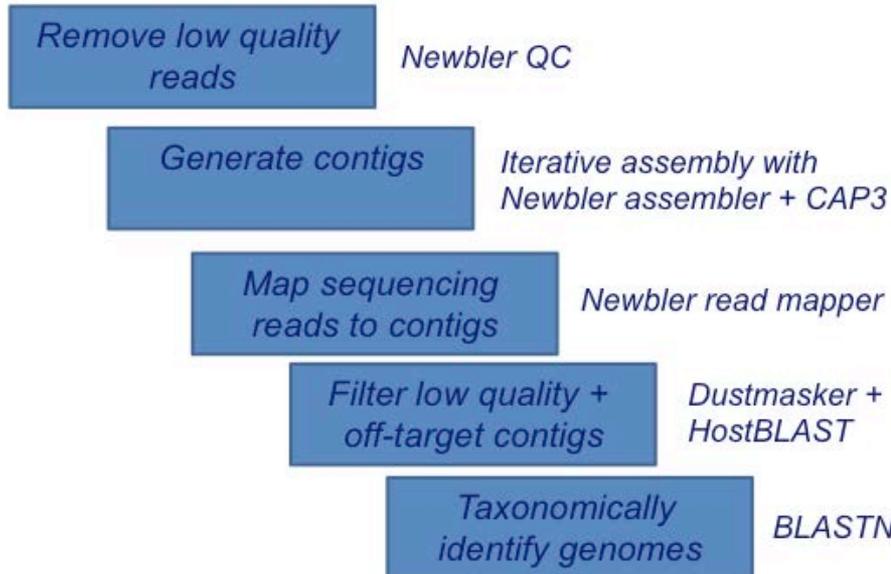


# Shotgun metagenomics

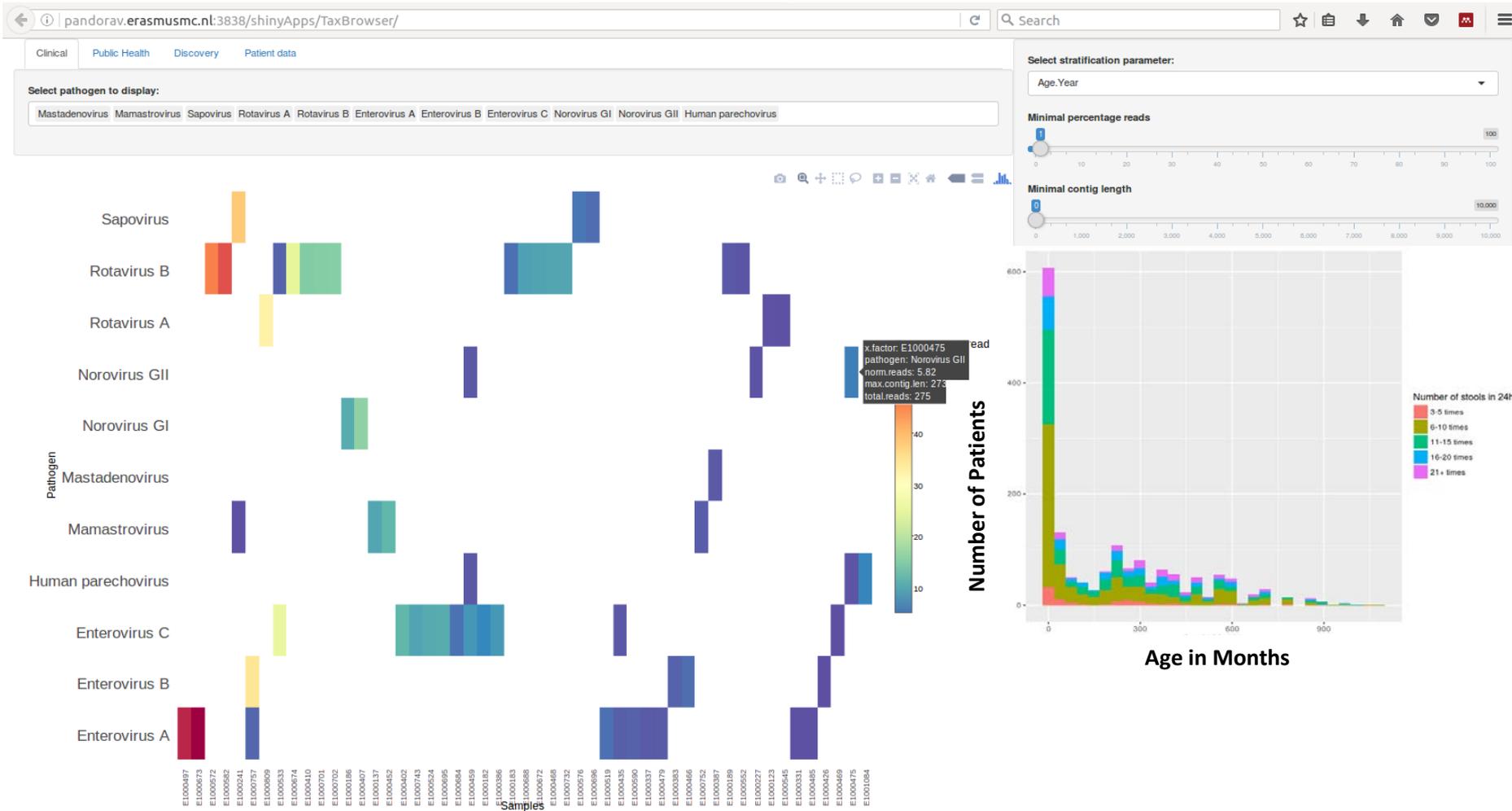
“Sampling of all genetic material in all organisms present in a given complex sample”

- Sample preparation by filtering and centrifugation
- Nuclease treatment
- DNA+RNA extraction
- Random nucleic acid amplification
- Sequencing library preparation
- High throughput sequencing (Roche 454/Illumina)

## Metagenomics Analysis Workflow

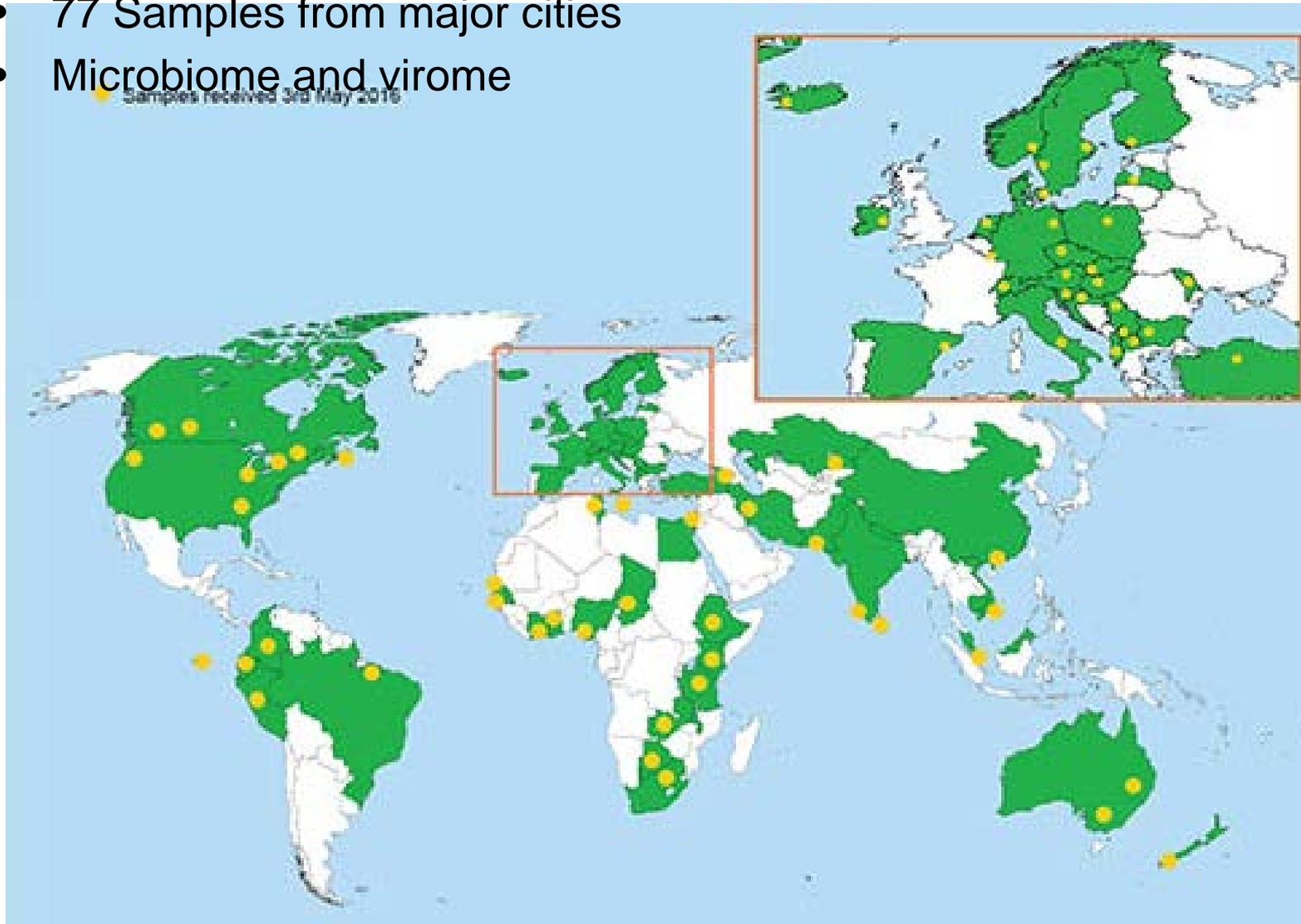


# Analysis of samples from diarrheal disease surveillance (Bangladesh), virome



# Global urban sewage project

- 77 Samples from major cities
- Microbiome and virome



# Results sofar (>3 years to go)

1. Uniform protocols and workflows for NGS detection of a range of viruses, bacteria and parasites in different sample types

2. Pilot studies to develop customized analytical workflows for - the top 6 food borne diseases

- tracking of avian influenza outbreak in wildlife
- support of outbreaks (Ebola, H5N8 AIV, norovirus, AMR-colistine, Zika)
- -metagenomic analysis of a global urban sewage snapshot as experimental surveillance tool

3. First version of data sharing hubs for collaboration between data providers and data users

4. Initial analysis of impact of Nagoya protocol



# Mateneh Ebola Treatment Centre Makeni Sierra Leone



1 of 6 DfID-funded treatment centres

Part of network of diagnostic labs set up by EML, DML, PHE, many other groups

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# Sequencing Tent

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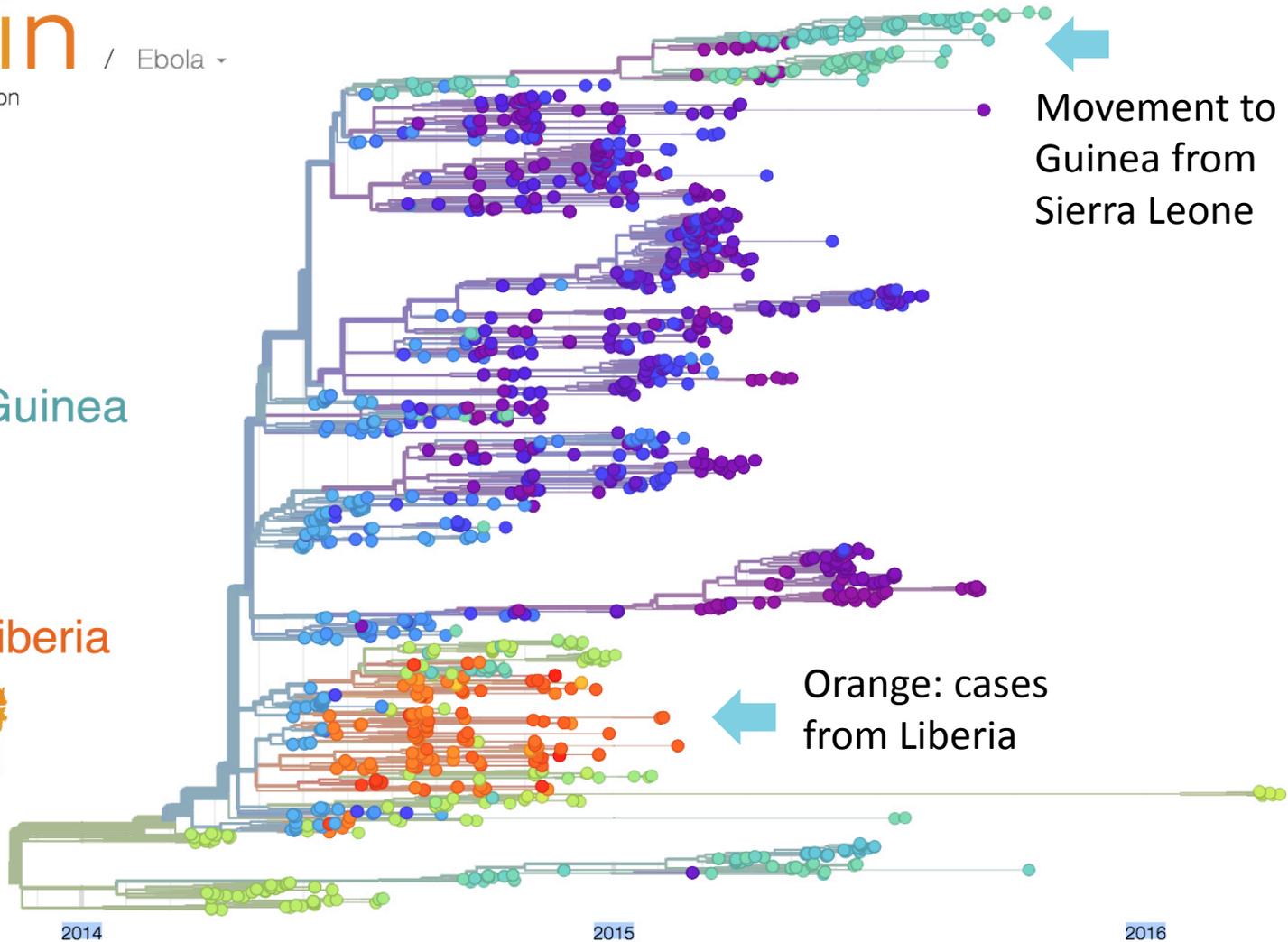


24 hours

# Rapid NGS of all Ebola cases to track source of new infections

**nextstrain** / Ebola ▾  
Real-time tracking of Ebola virus evolution

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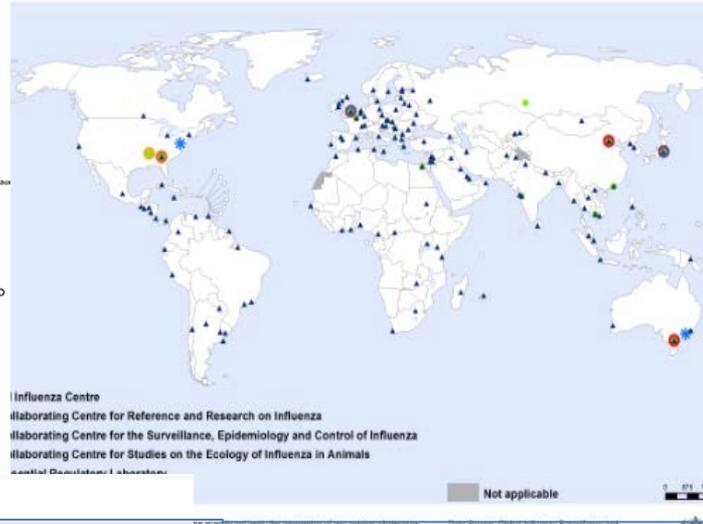
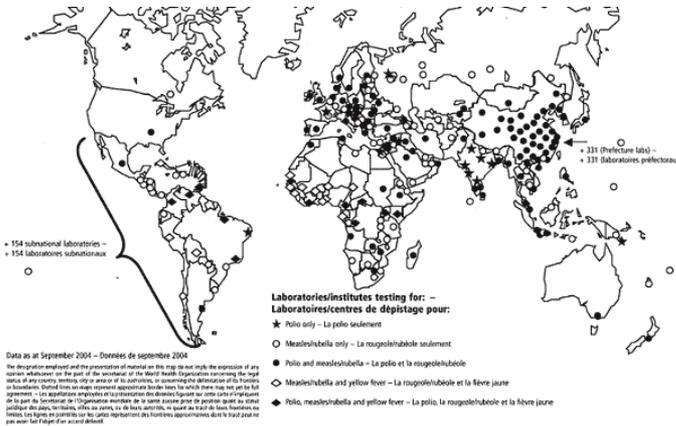
# Research needs

1. Affordable and robust technology
2. The translation of genetic information into properties that are important for risk assessment (virulence, transmissibility, susceptibility to population immunity).
3. Technological solutions for innovative surveillance (e.g. similar to air pollution technology)

## Other

2. Sustainability of COMPARE
3. Embedding of NGS technology in health systems strengthening programs, which can be across programs (polio, TB, HIV, malaria  
ao)

# We could do things on the fly if capitalizing on existing networks



**OIO, FAO, WHO  
networks**  
Polio, Measles,  
Flu, TB, HIV,  
VHF, malaria,  
Dengue,  
Salmonella, AMR,  
Zika

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## PERSPECTIVES

# Laboratory support during and after the Ebola virus endgame: towards a sustained laboratory infrastructure

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