ROLE OF VECTOR PHENOTYPIC PLASTICITY IN DISEASE TRANSMISSION AS ILLUSTRATED BY THE SPREAD OF DENGUE VIRUS BY *AEDES ALBOPICTUS*

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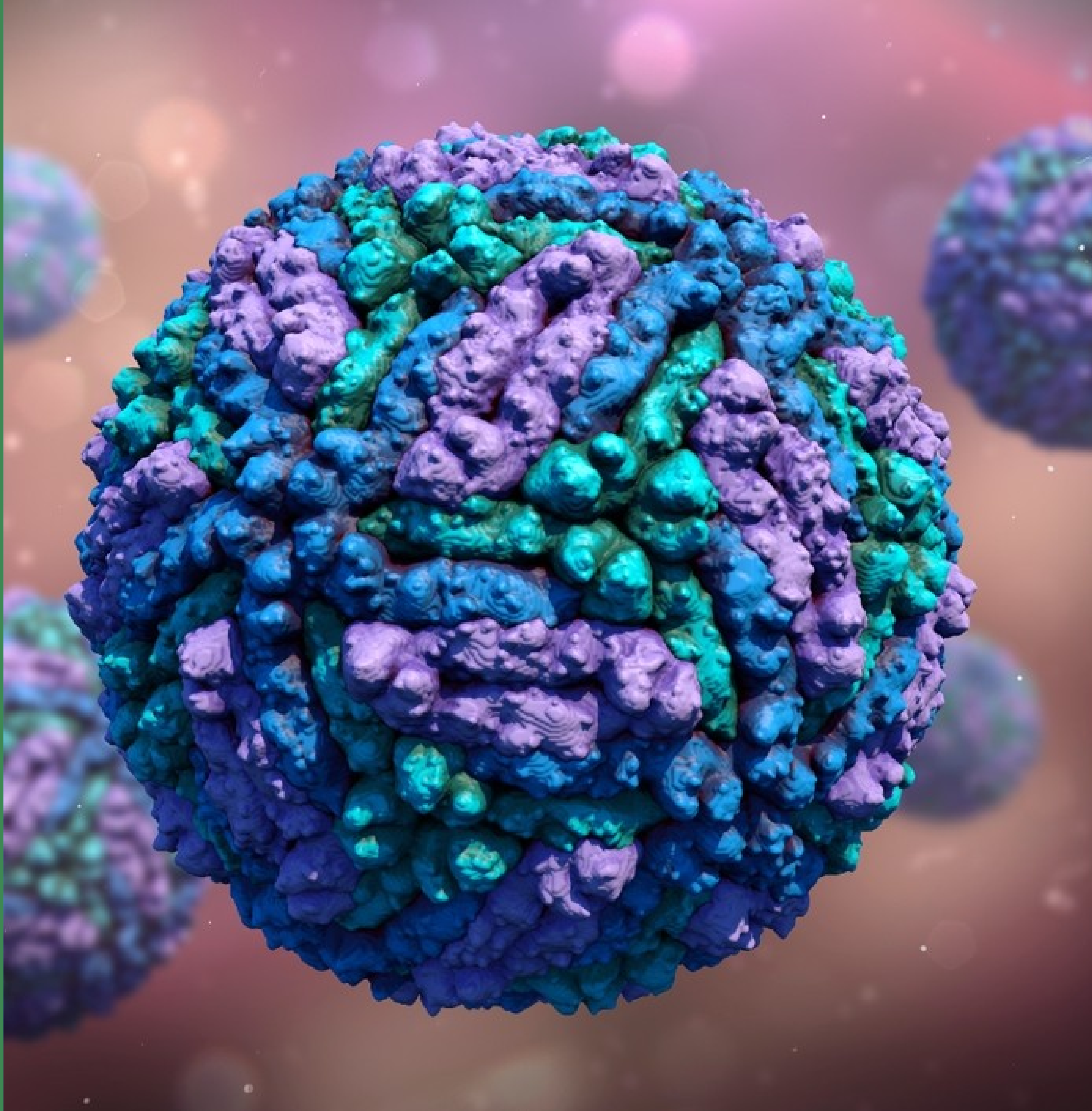

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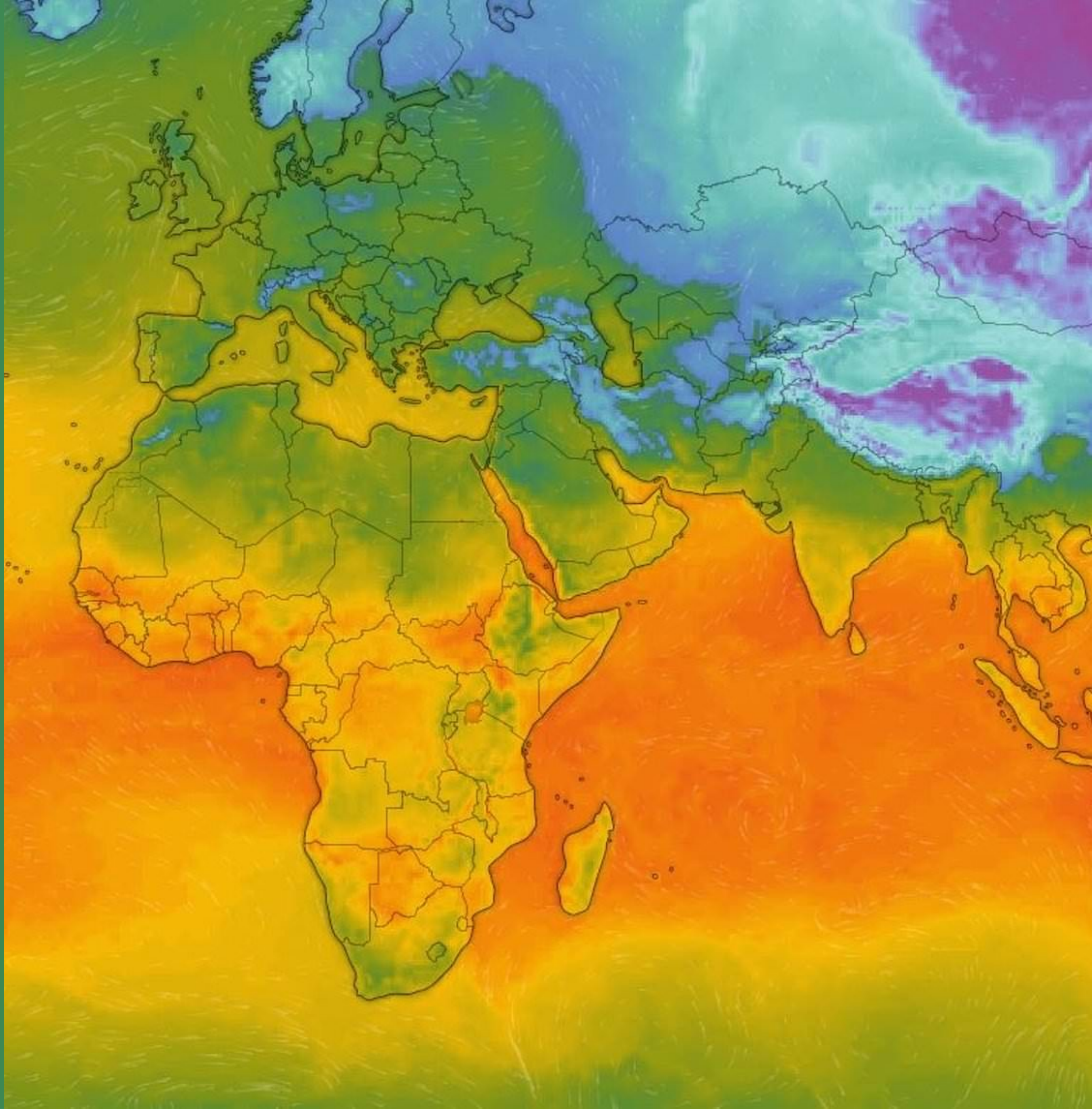

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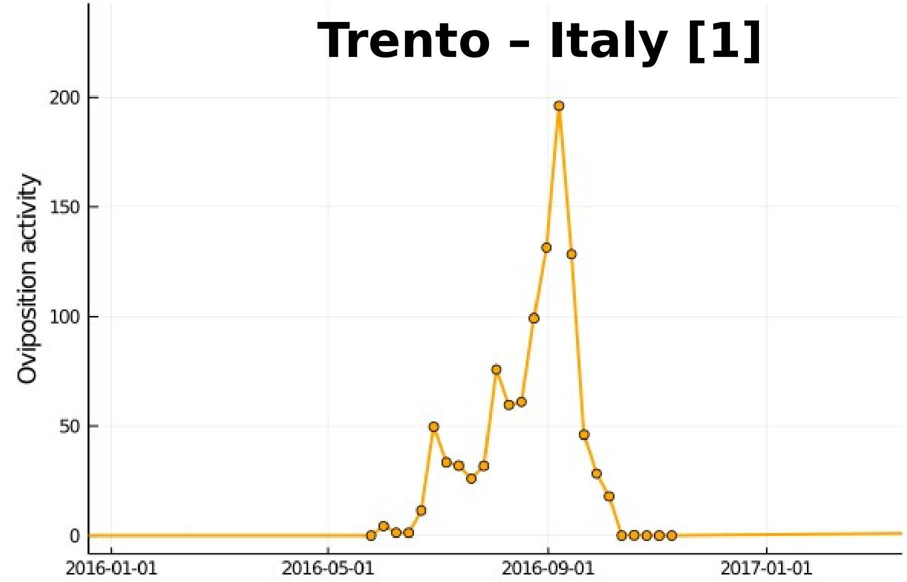

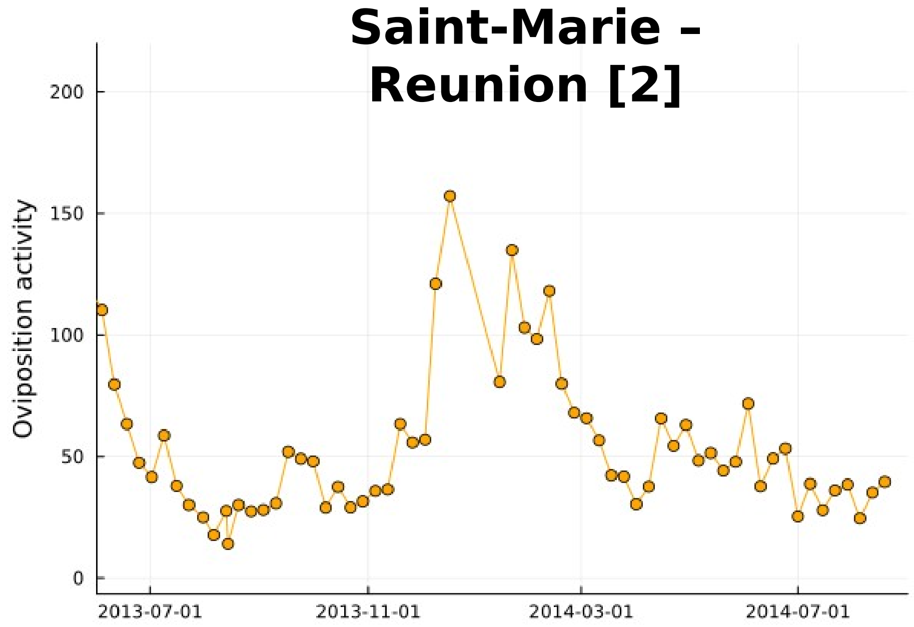

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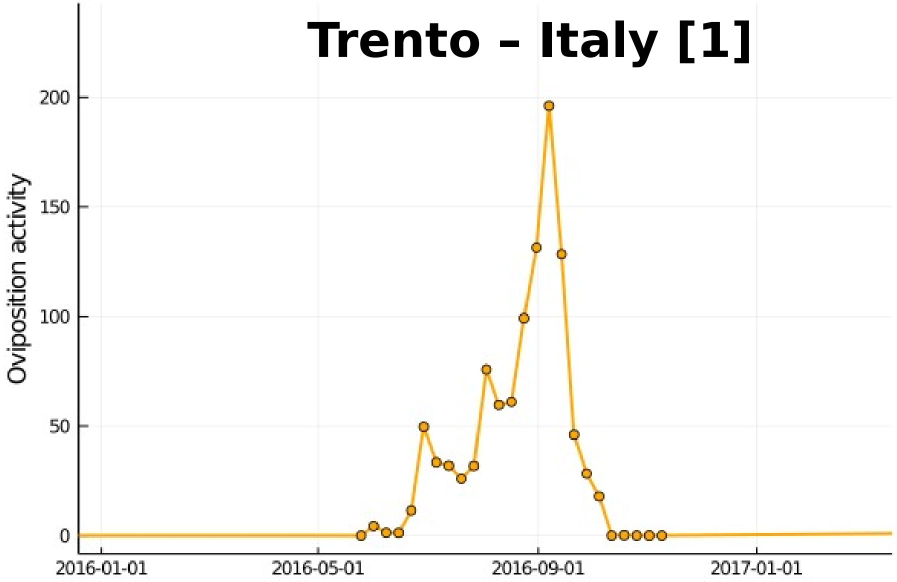

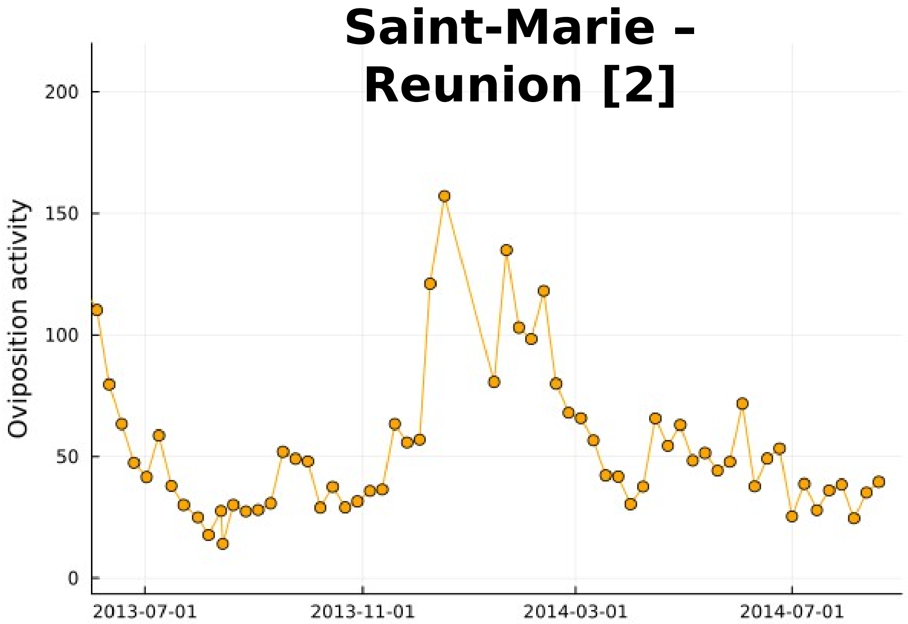

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Larval conditions

Temperature Competition

Adult traits

Wing length

Fecundity Survival

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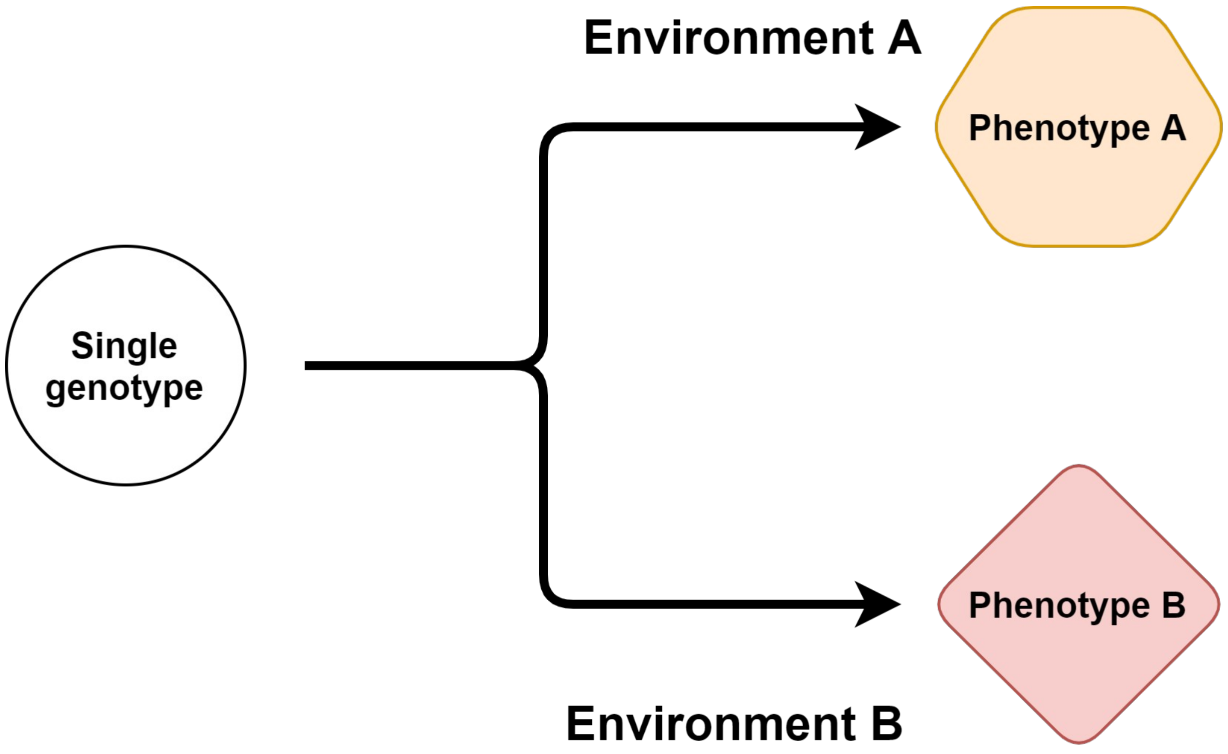
We consider the effect of developmental plasticity on disease dynamics

Definition - Phenotypic plasticity

produce multiple phenotypes when exposed to different environmental conditions



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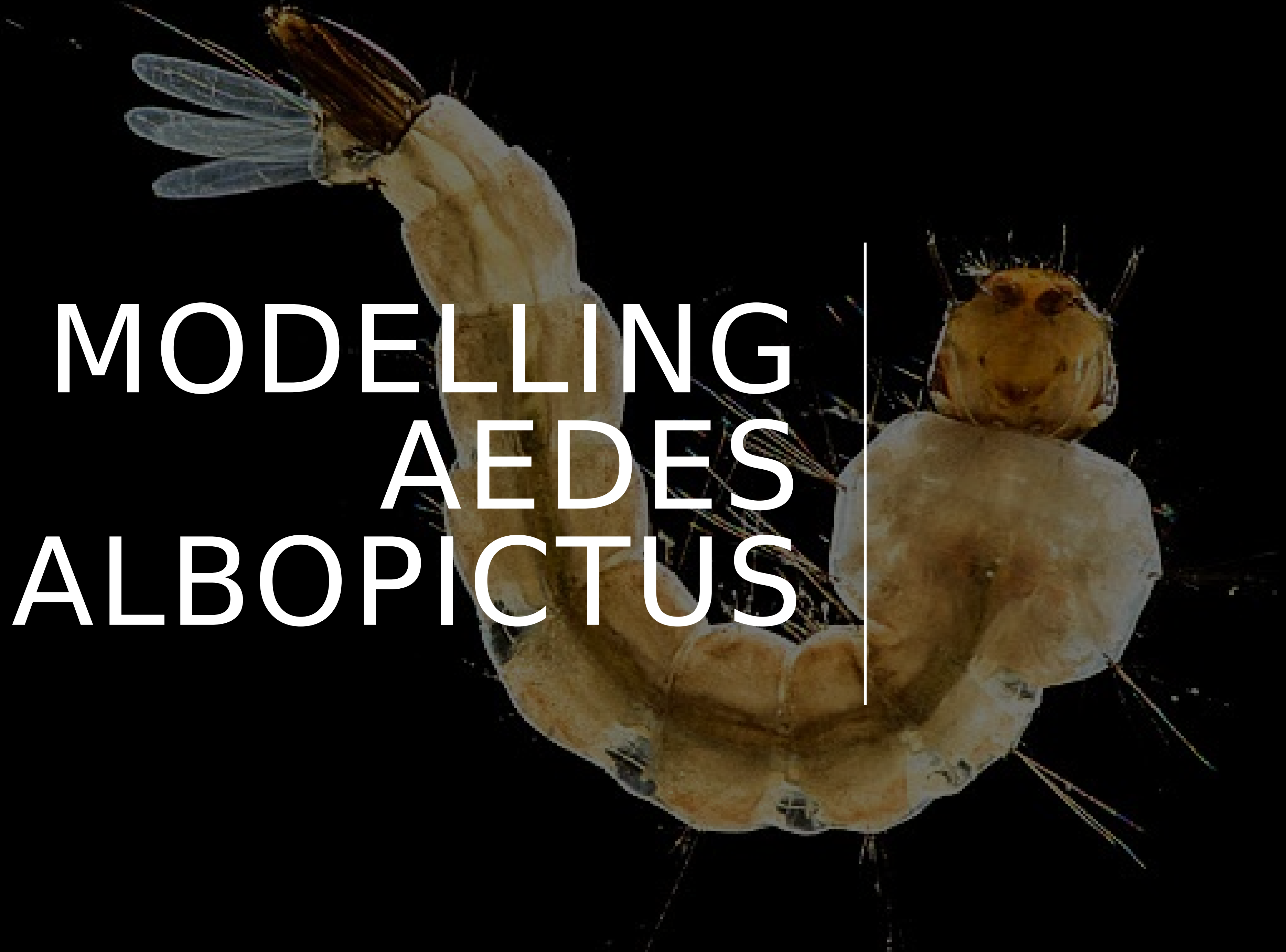

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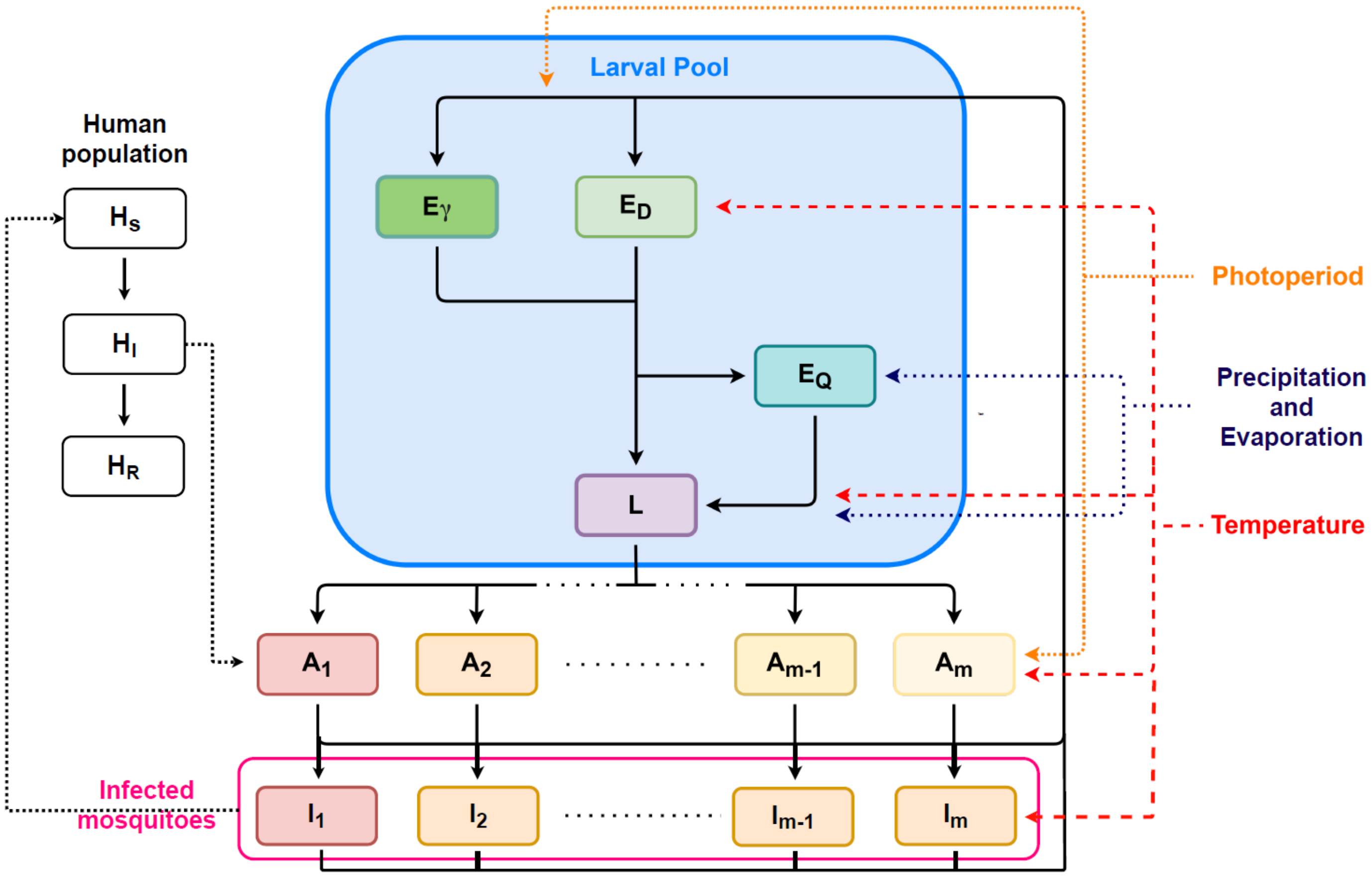

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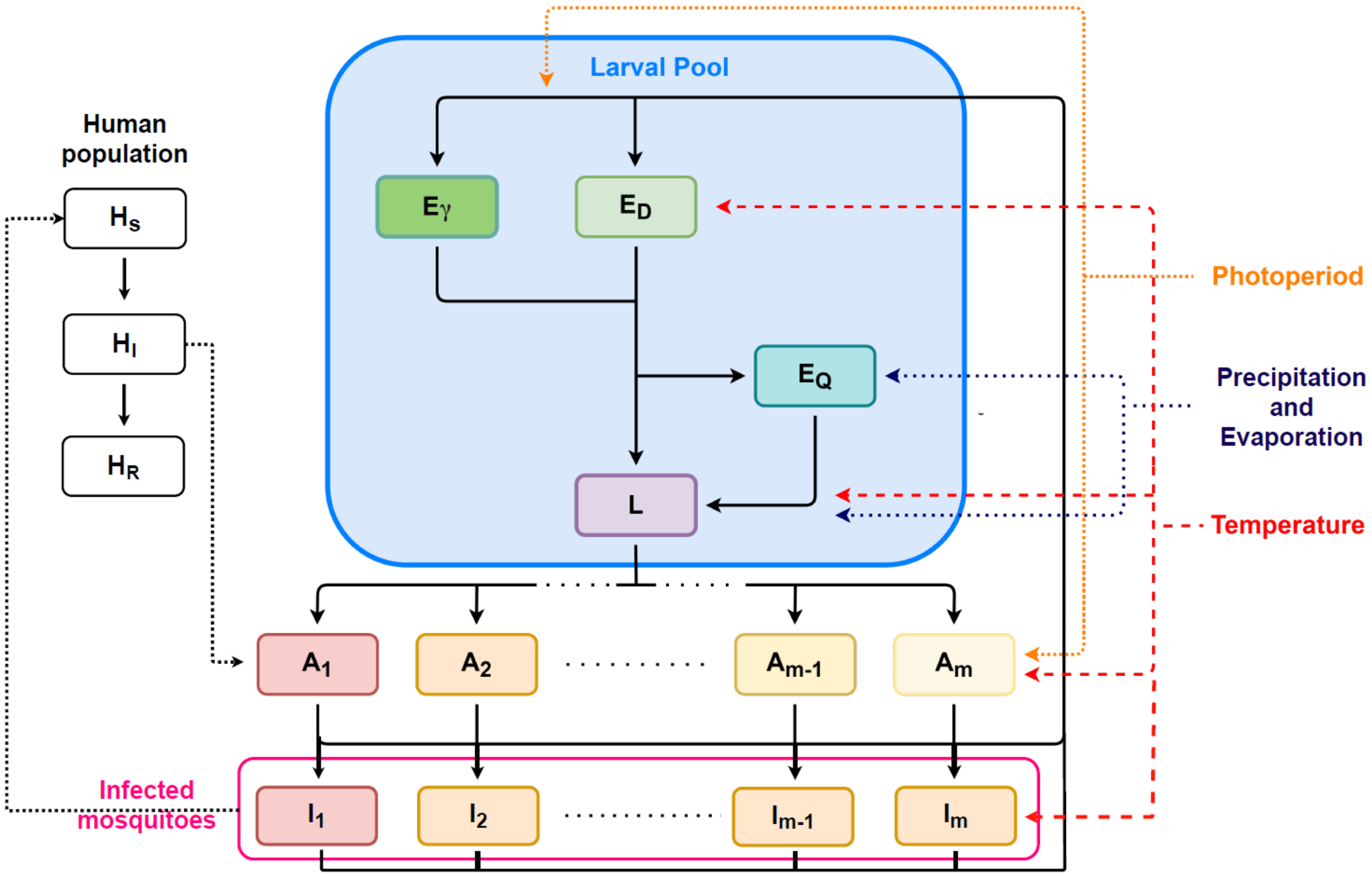

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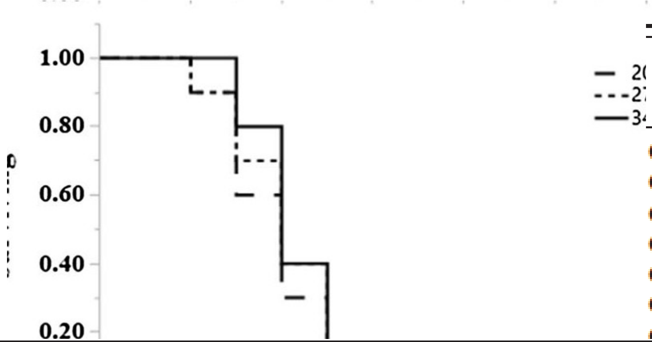

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Cycle 4	1	10.0		10
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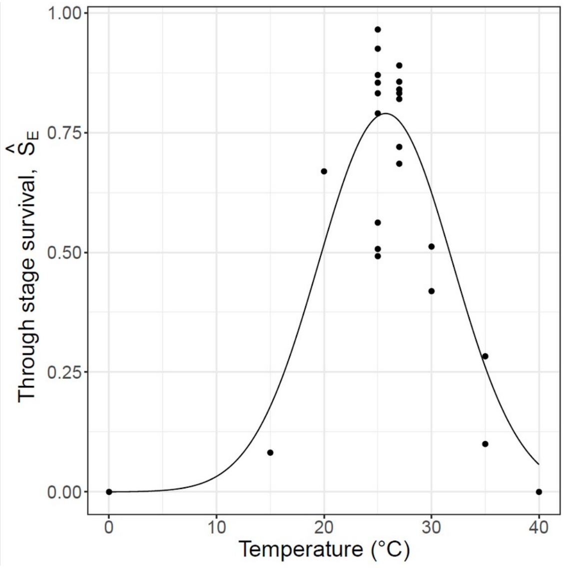
5	11 ± 1.3							
10	2 ± 0							
15	7.4 ± 1.8 a	5.6 ± 0.3 a	3.3 ± 0.2 a	4.6 ± 0.2 a	13.4 ± 0.8 a	8.7 ± 0.6 a	35.0 ± 0.9 a	47.5%
20	2.9 ± 0.4 b	3.0 ± 0.2 b	1.4 ± 0.2 b	2.1 ± 0.3 b	4.1 ± 0.3 b	4.1 ± 0.2 b	14.4 ± 0.4 b	43.5%
25	4.5 ± 0.7 c	2.1 ± 0.2 c	1.2 ± 0.2 b	1.2 ± 0.1 c	3.3 ± 0.2 c	2.7 ± 0.1 c	10.4 ± 0.7 c	41.0%
30	6.7 ± 0.7 a	1.4 ± 0.1 d	1.3 ± 0.1 b	1.4 ± 0.2 c	3.0 ± 0.3 c	1.9 ± 0.1 d	8.8 ± 0.6 d	46.3%
35	7.1 ± 0.8 a	1.7 ± 0.1 c	1.2 ± 0.1 b	2.4 ± 0.4 b	6.8 ± 1.1 d	1.7 ± 0.7	12.3 ± 0.7	66.6%



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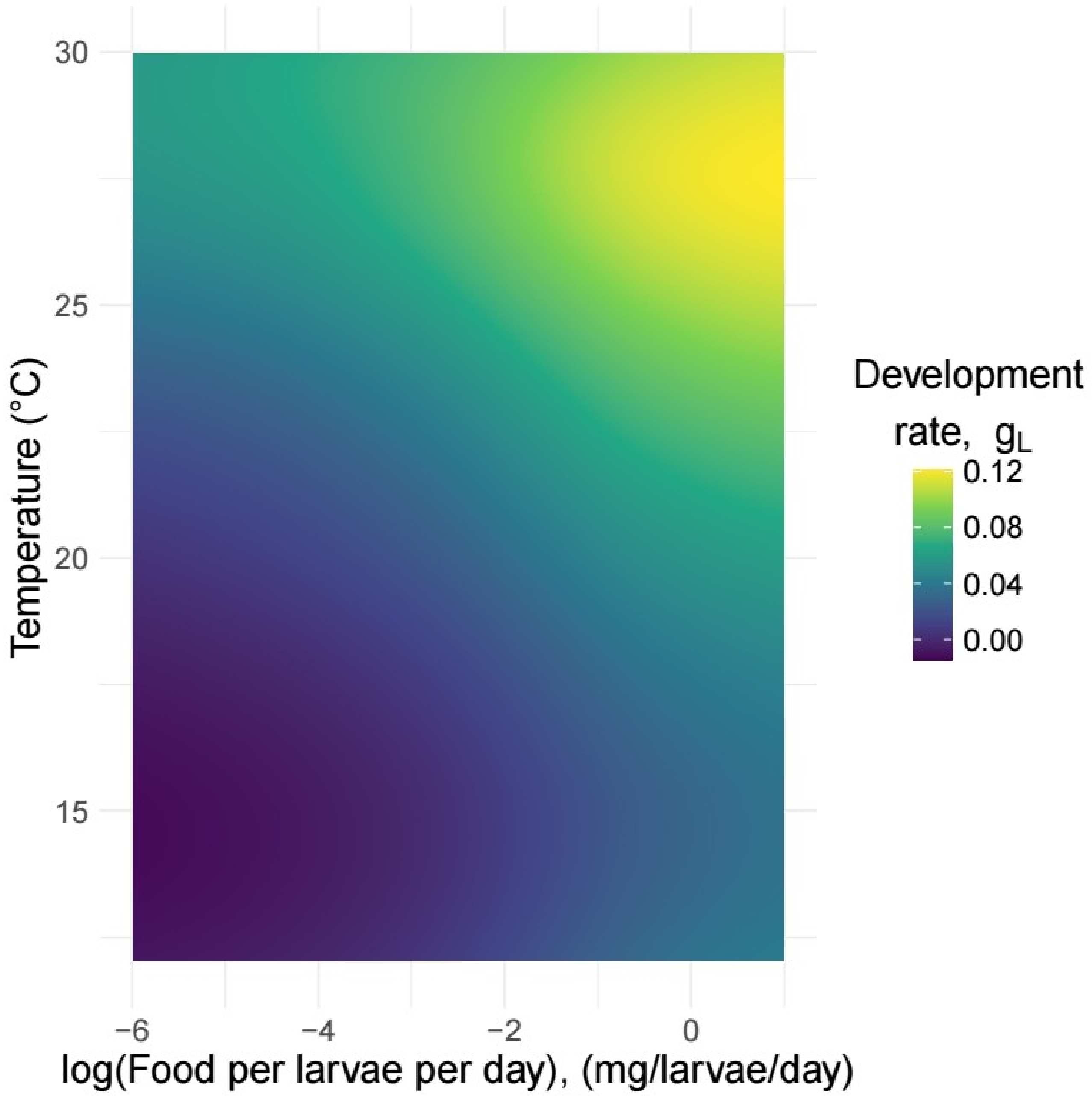

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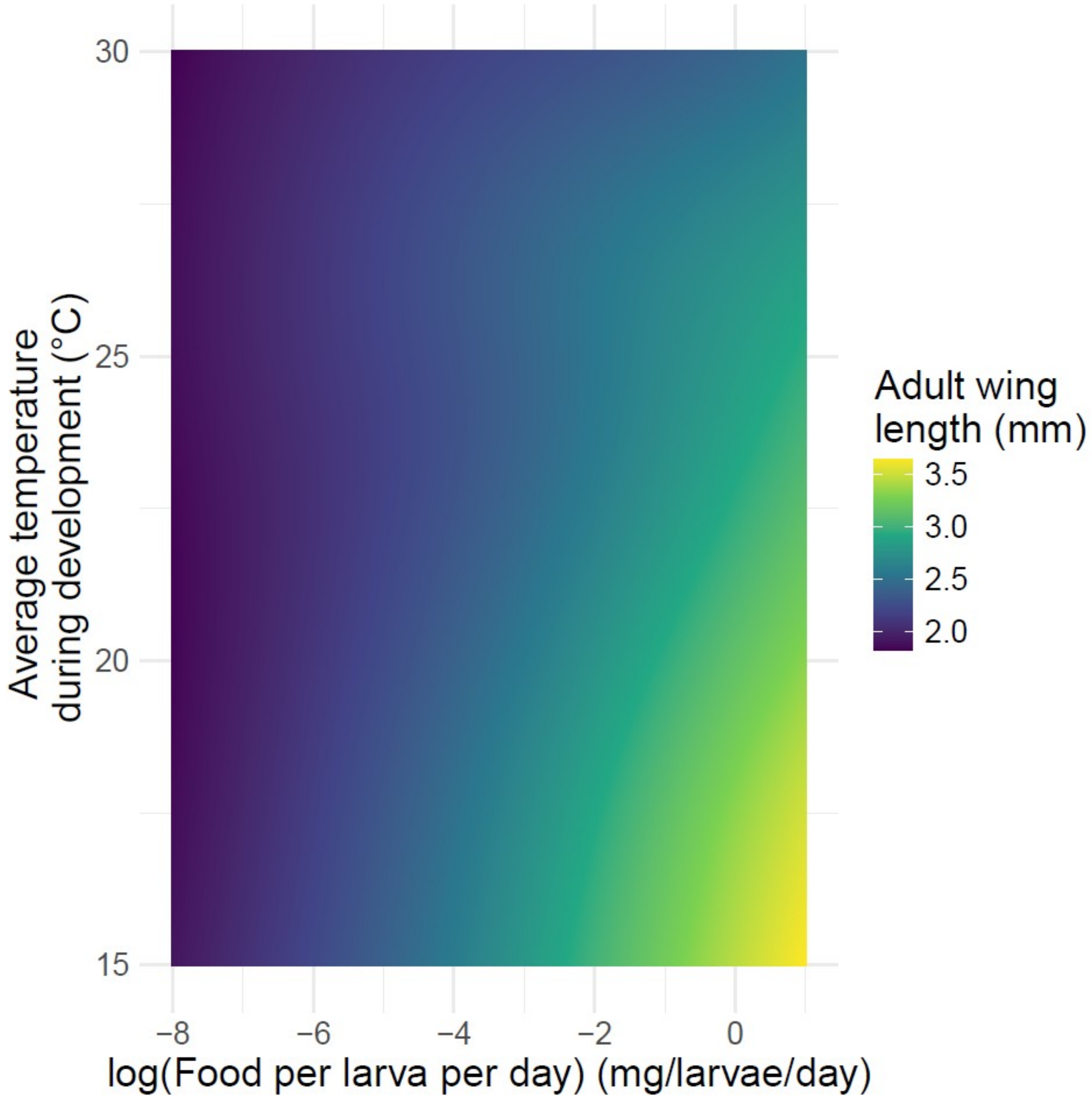

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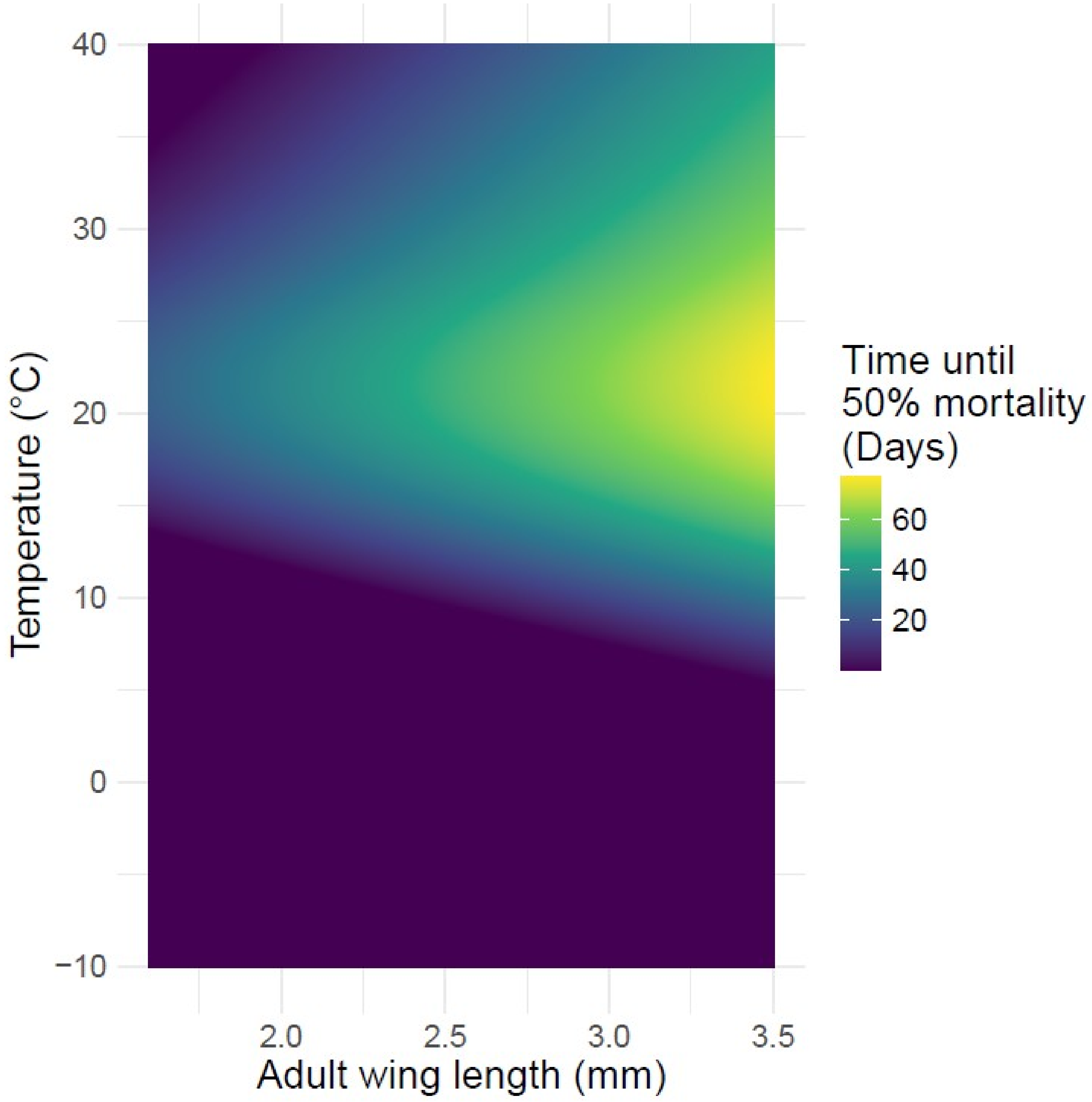

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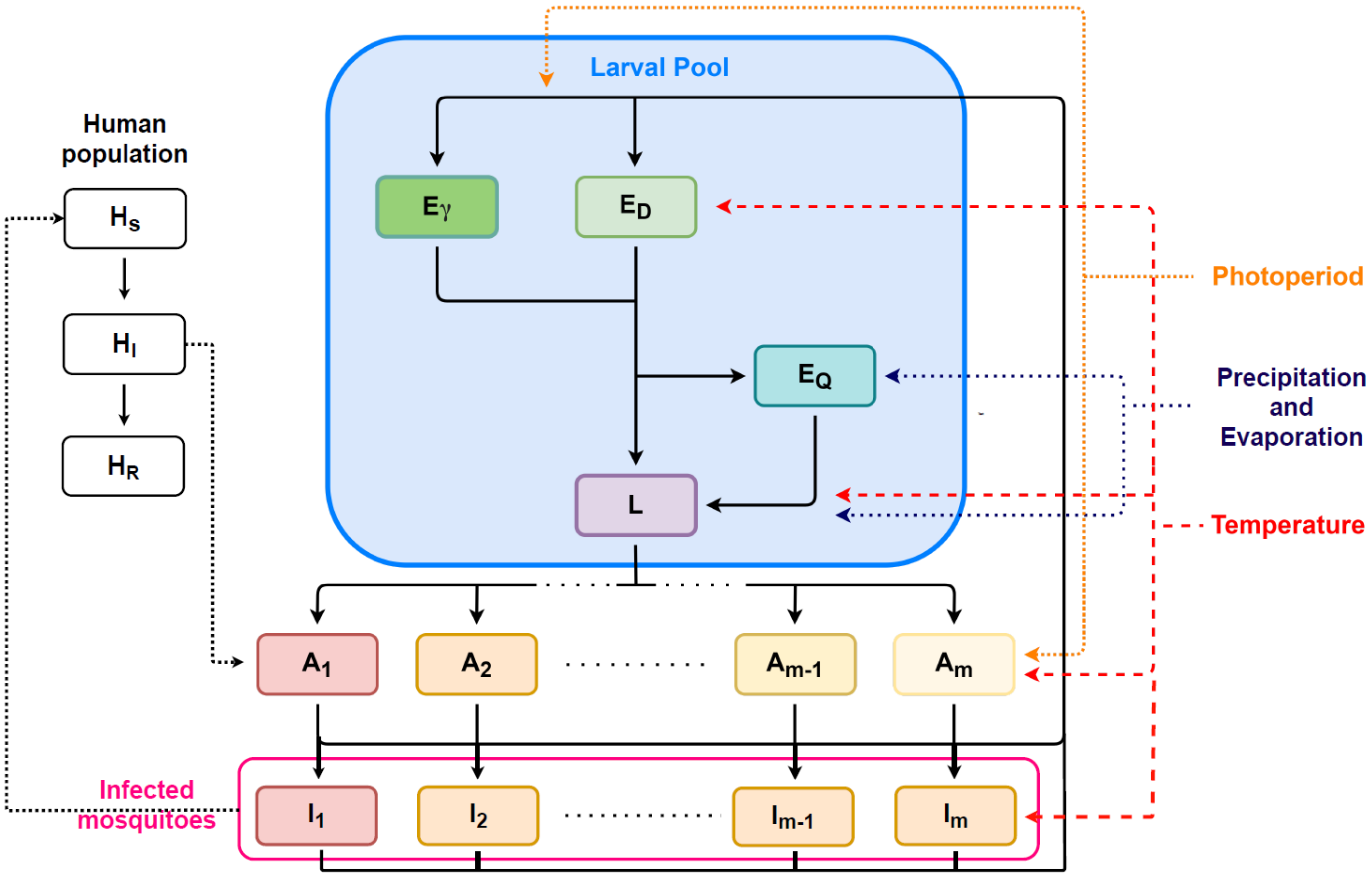
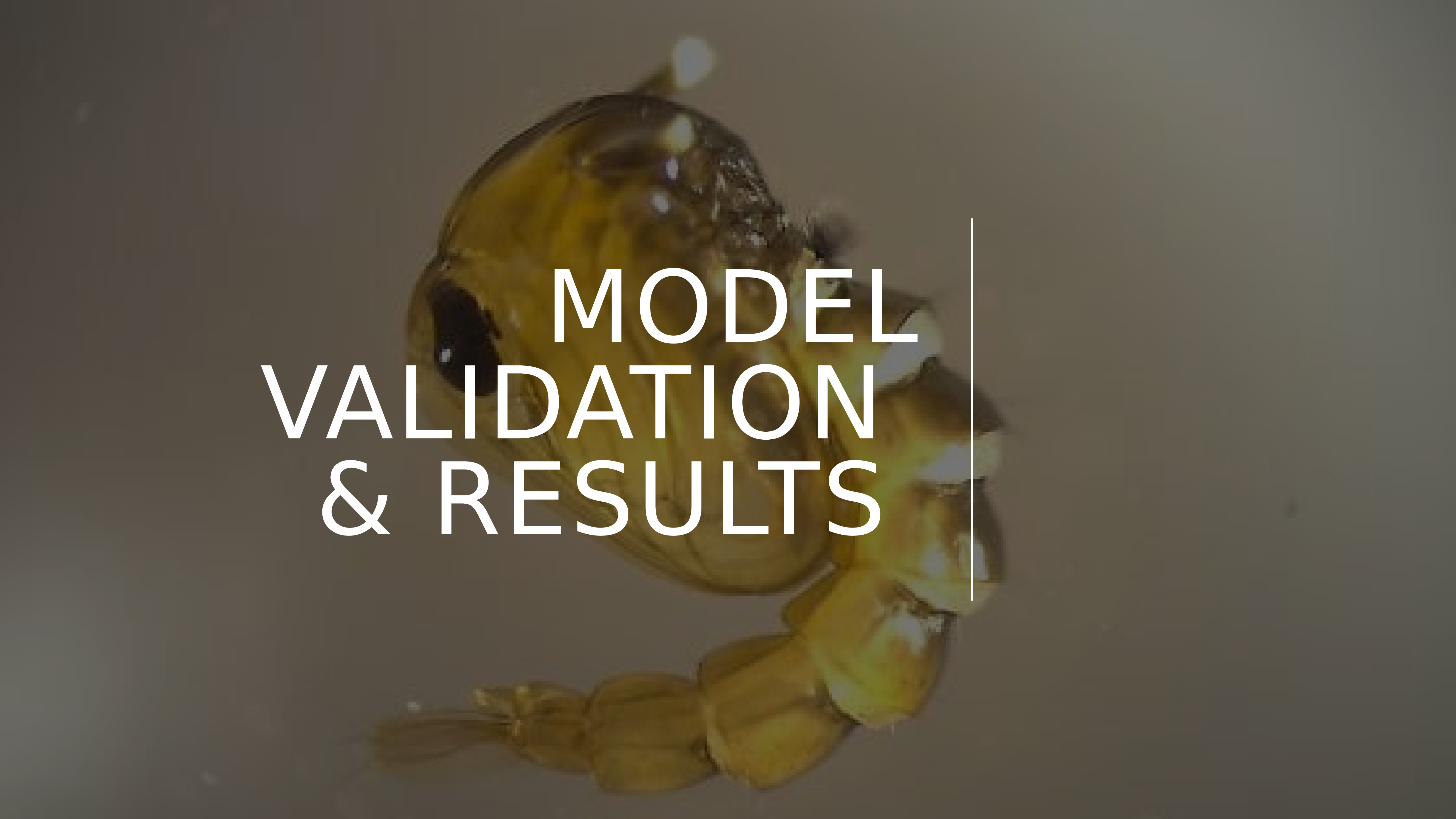
Stage-phenotypically structured delay-differential equations

Input environmental variables

Output population & disease dynamics

No backfitting





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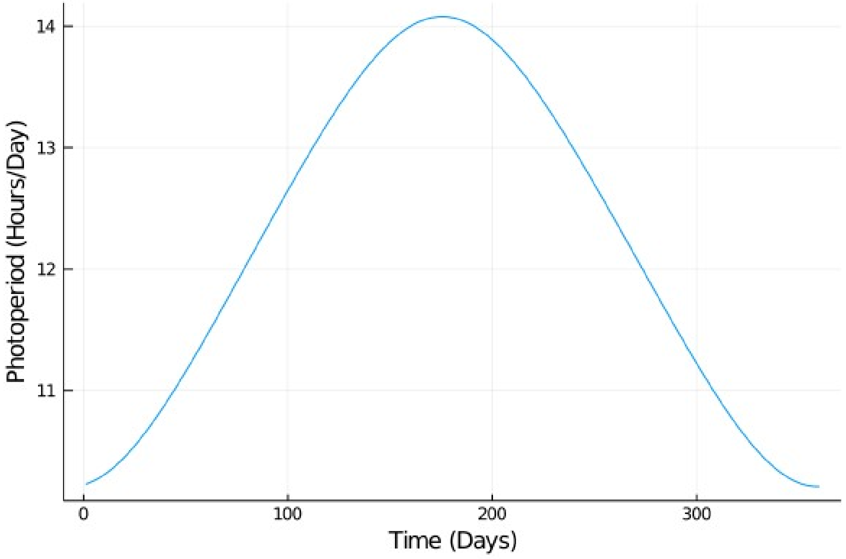

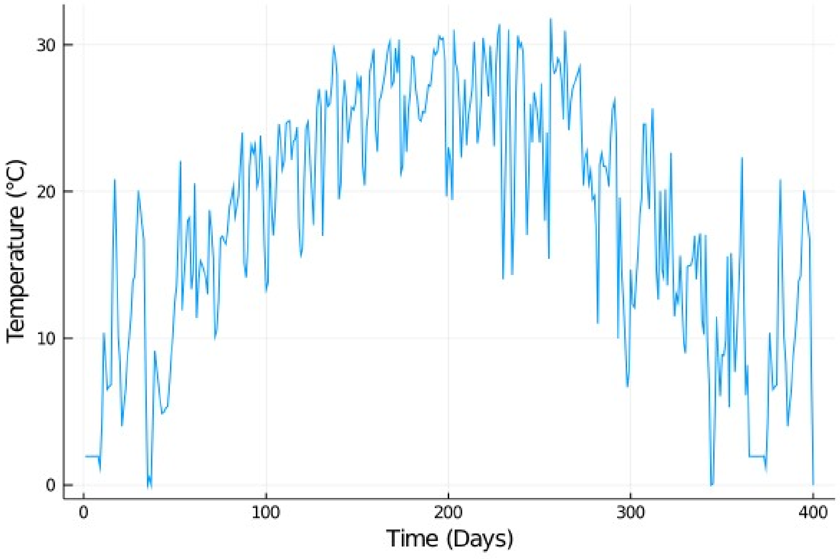

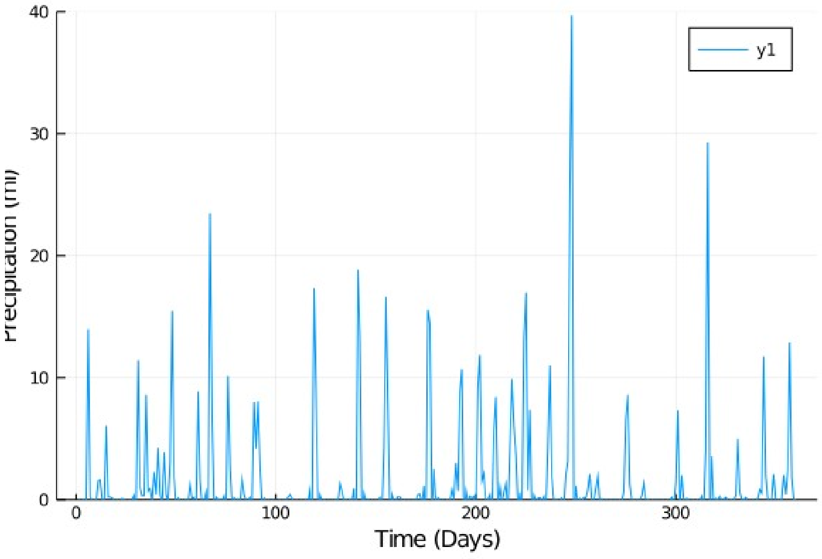

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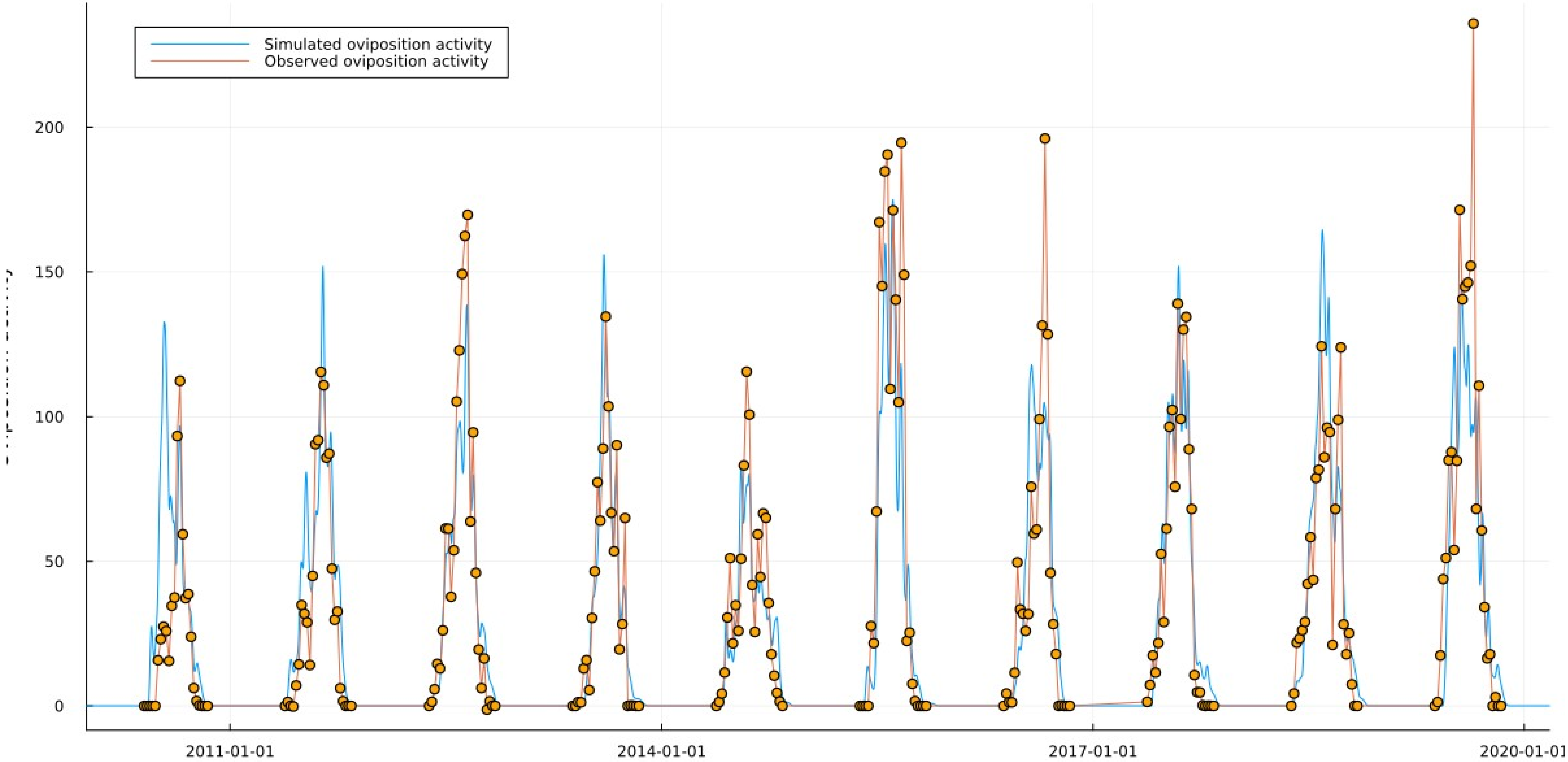

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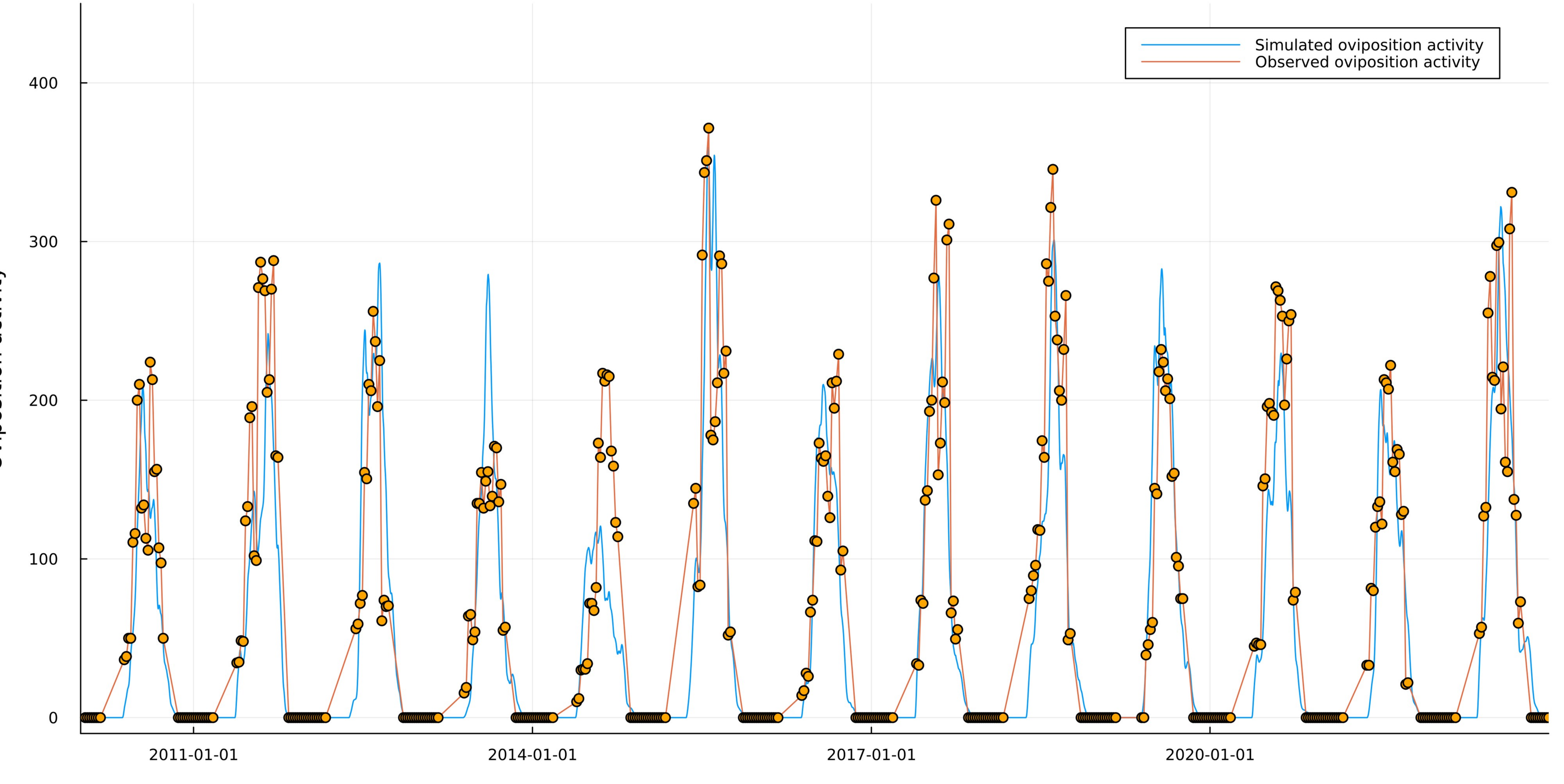

Simulated oviposition activity
Observed oviposition activity
0
100
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300
400
2011-01-01
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2017-01-01
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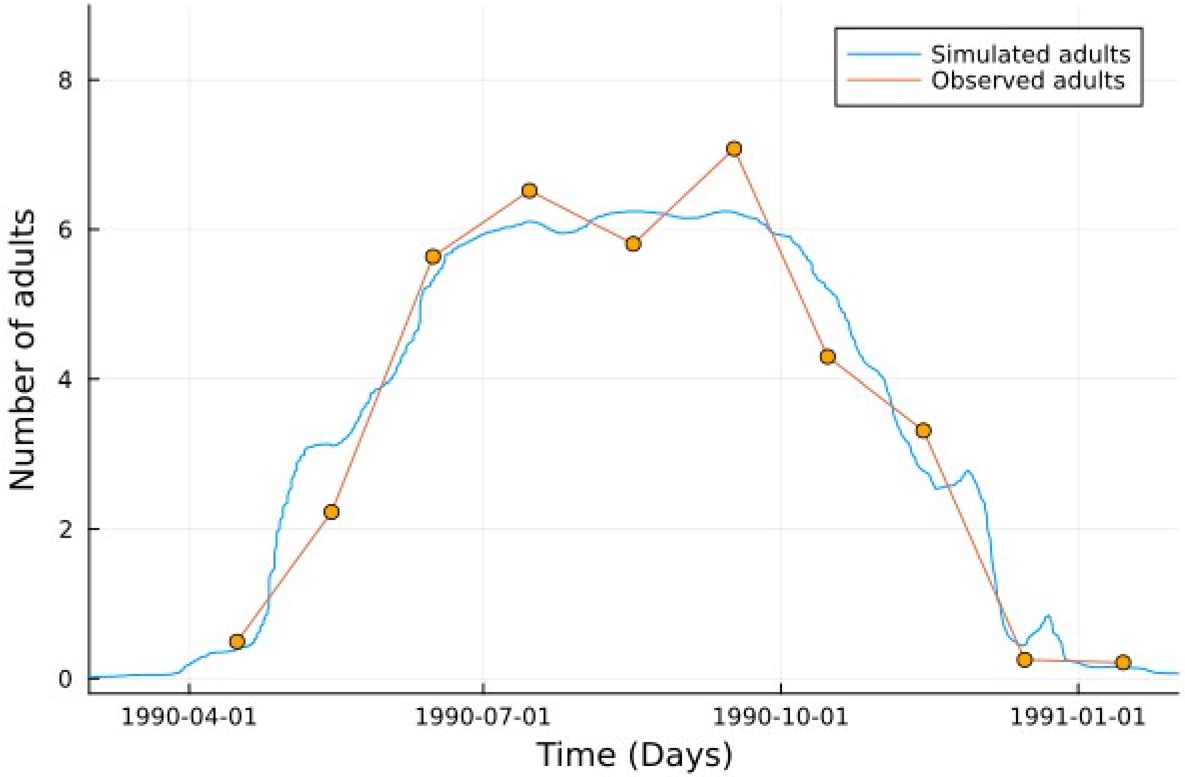

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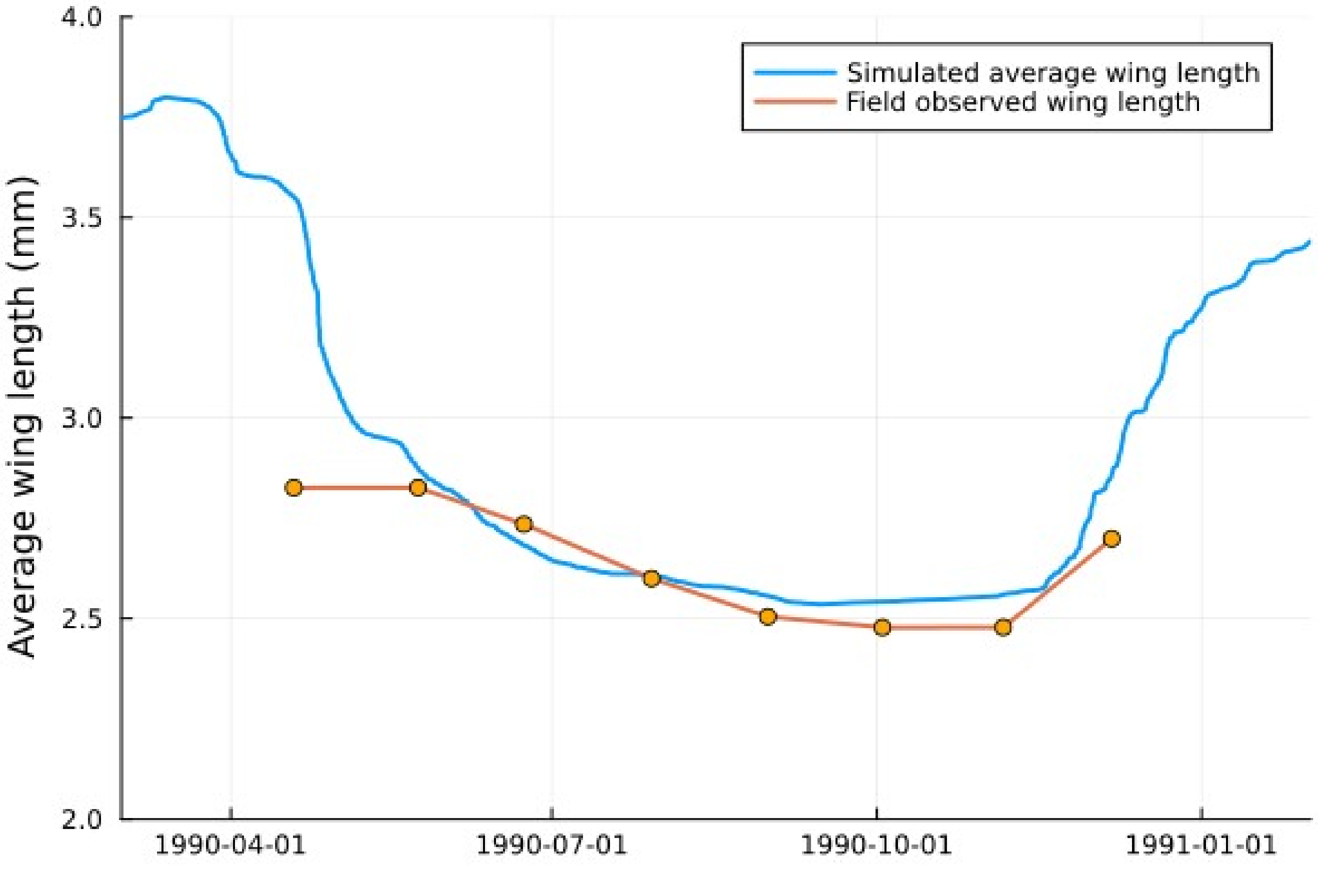

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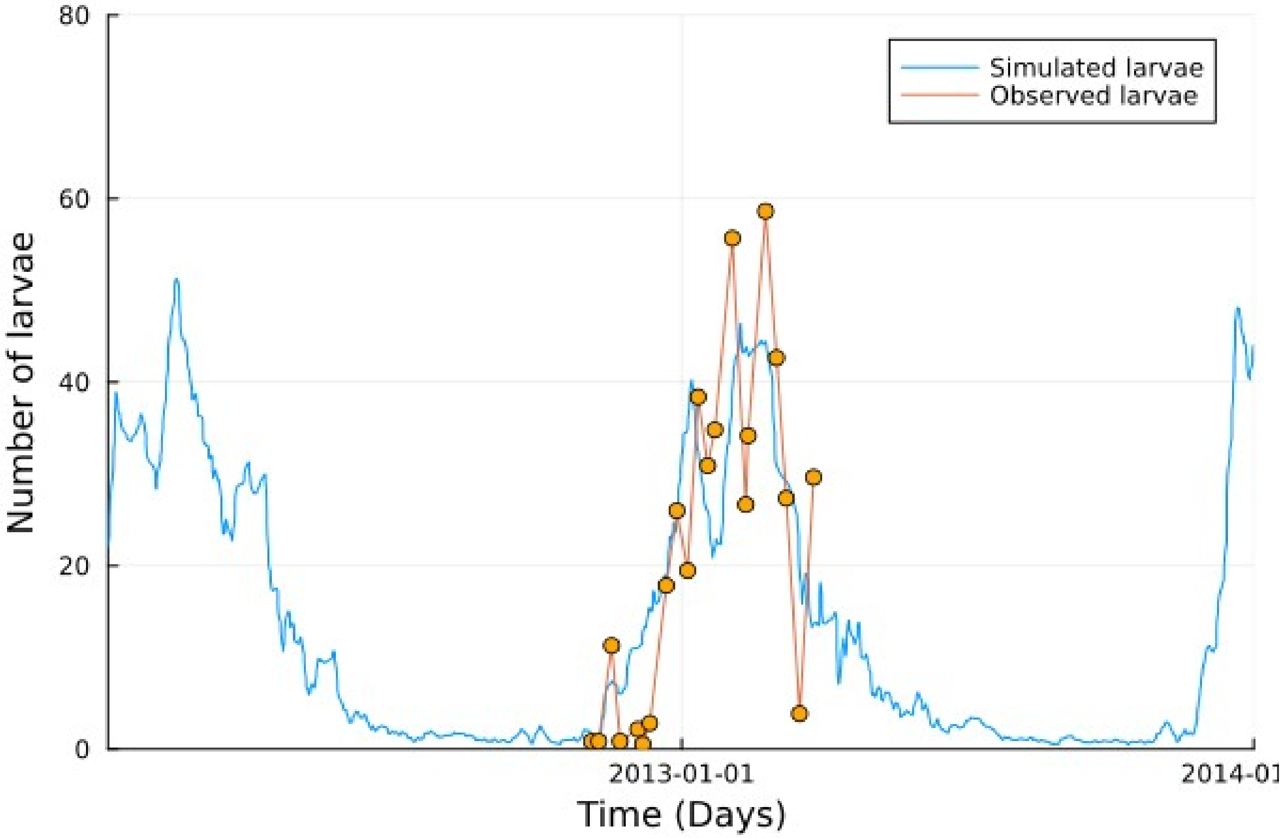

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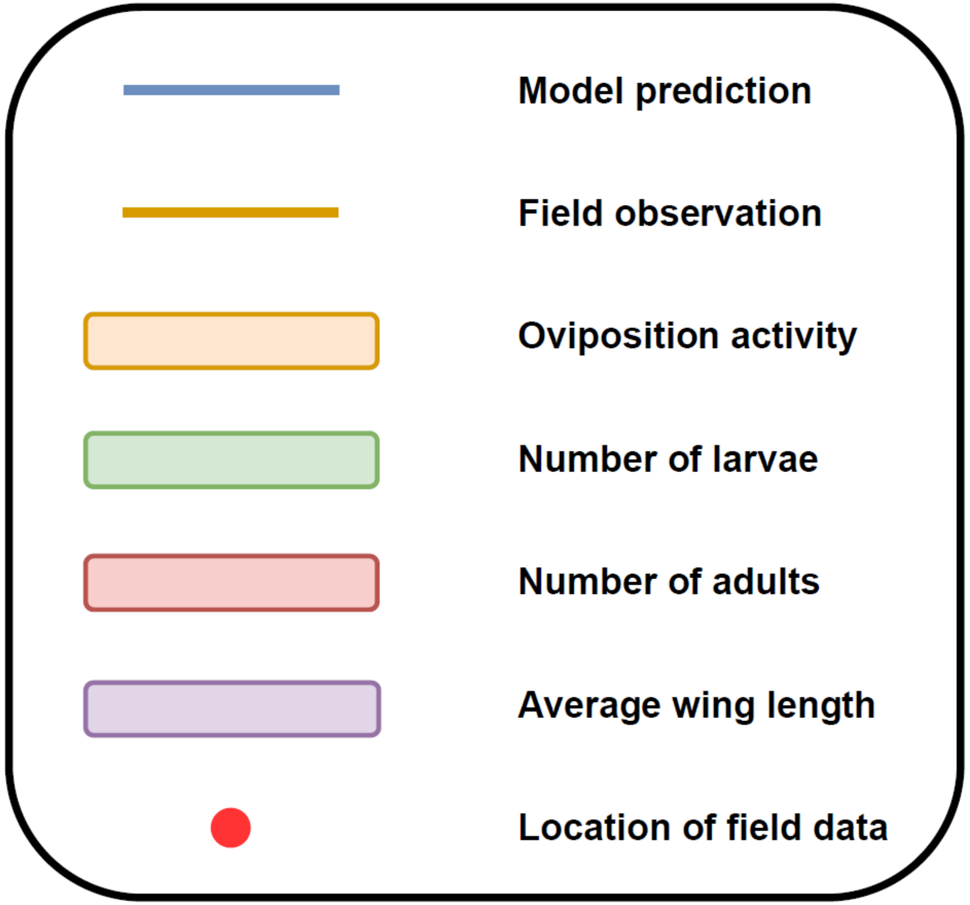

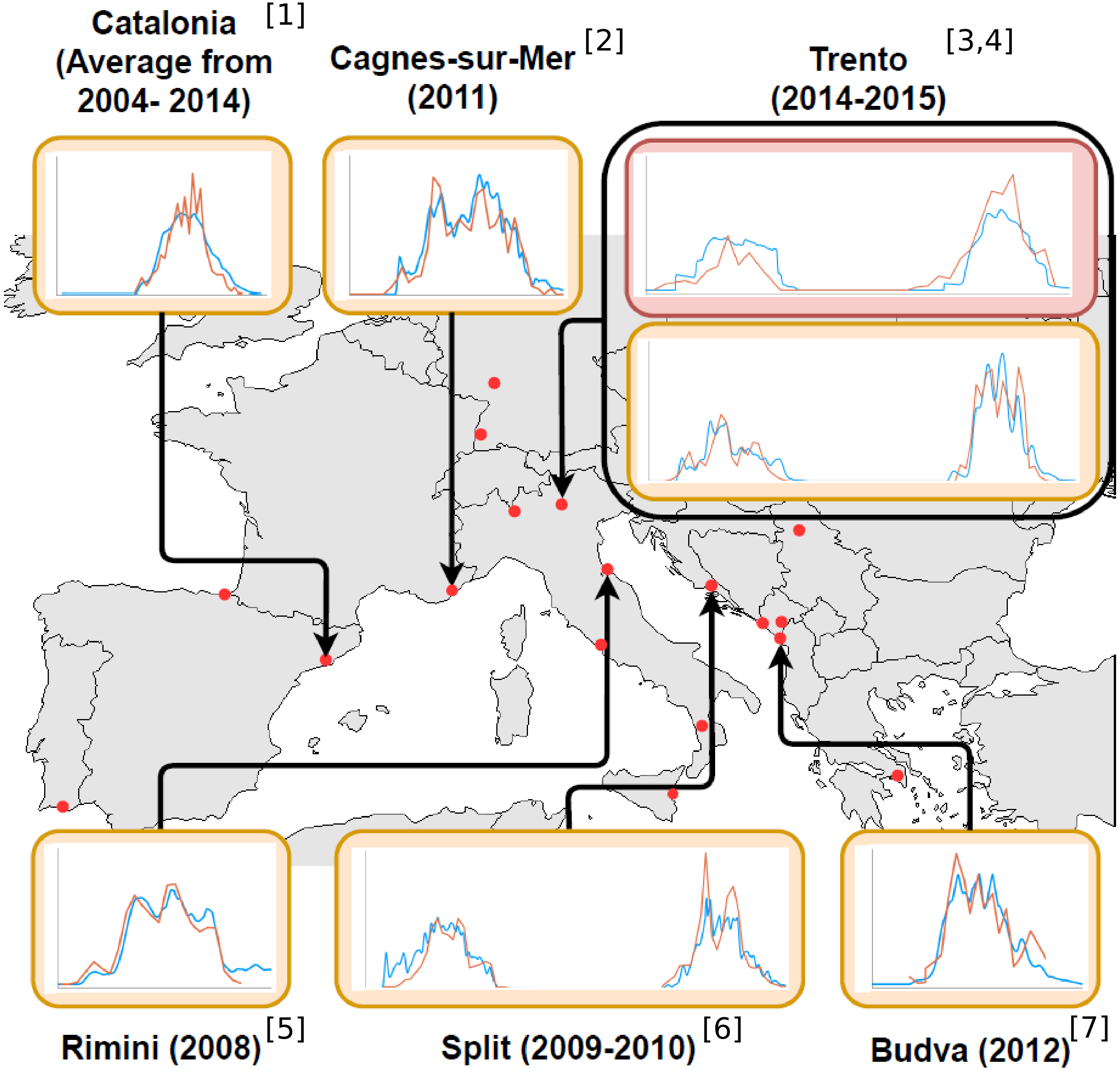

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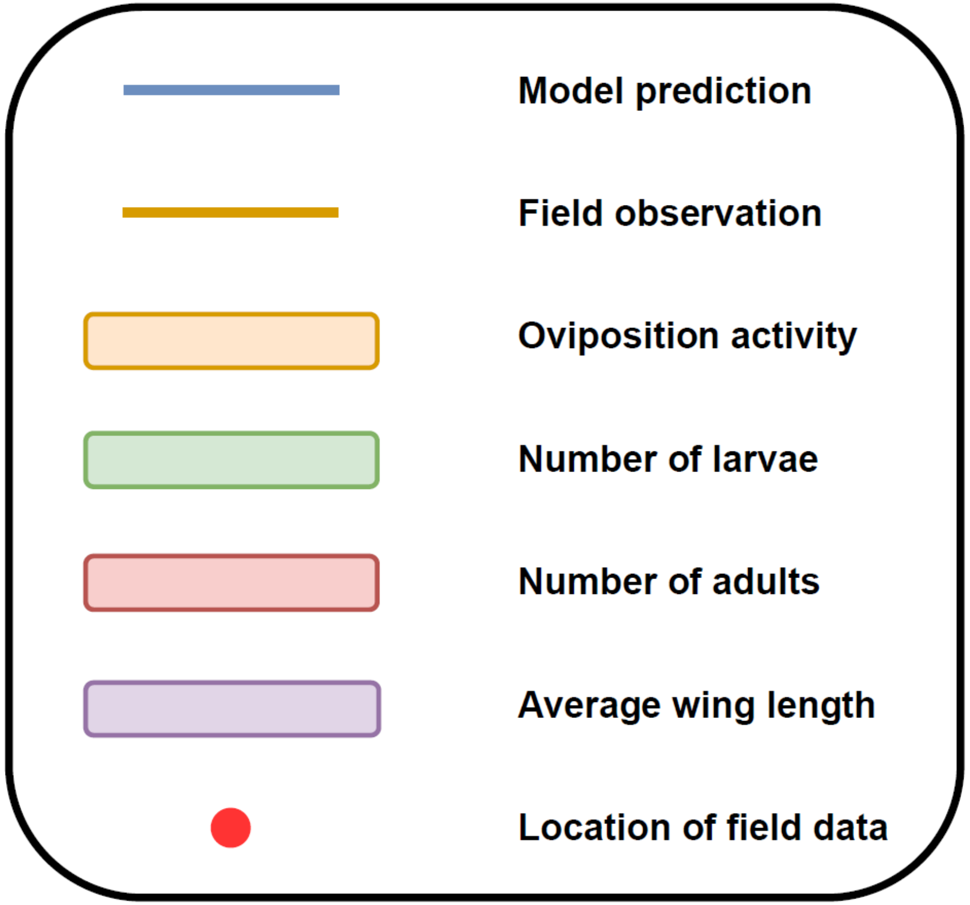

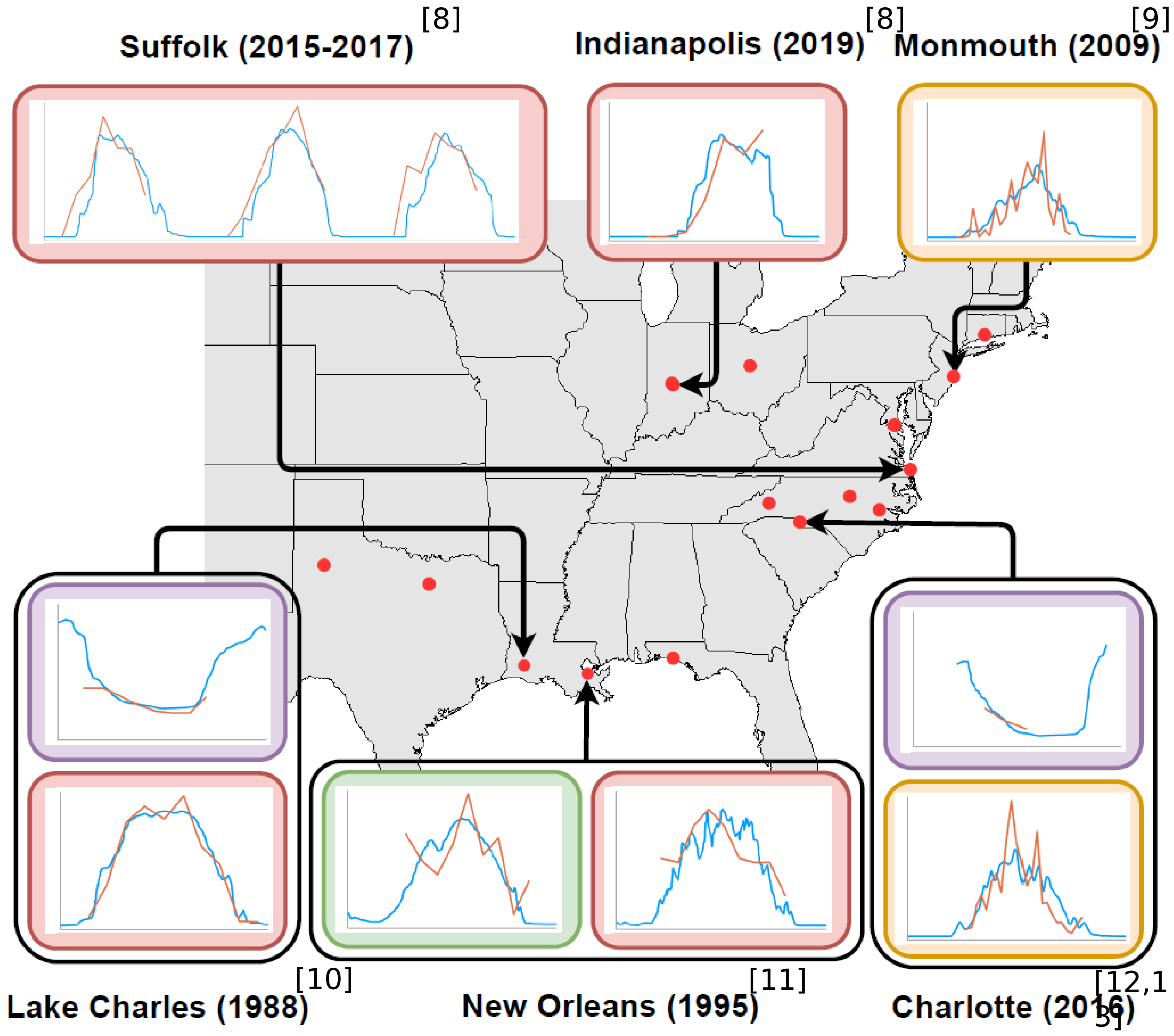

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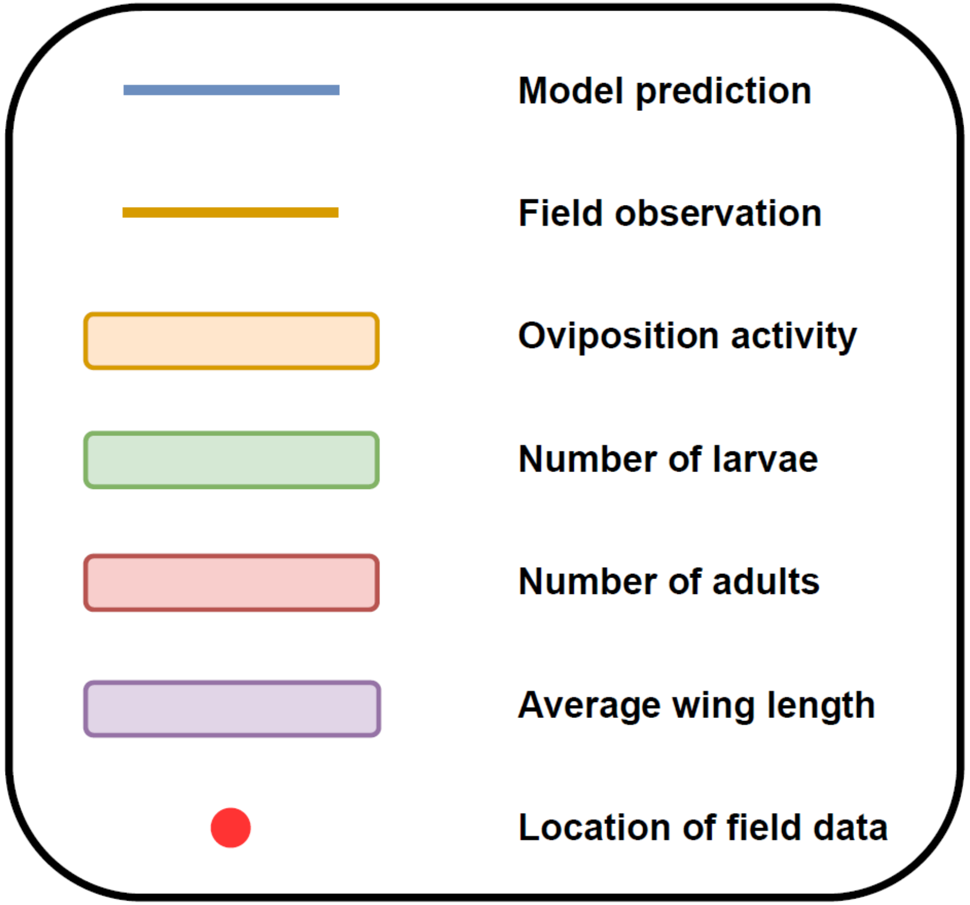

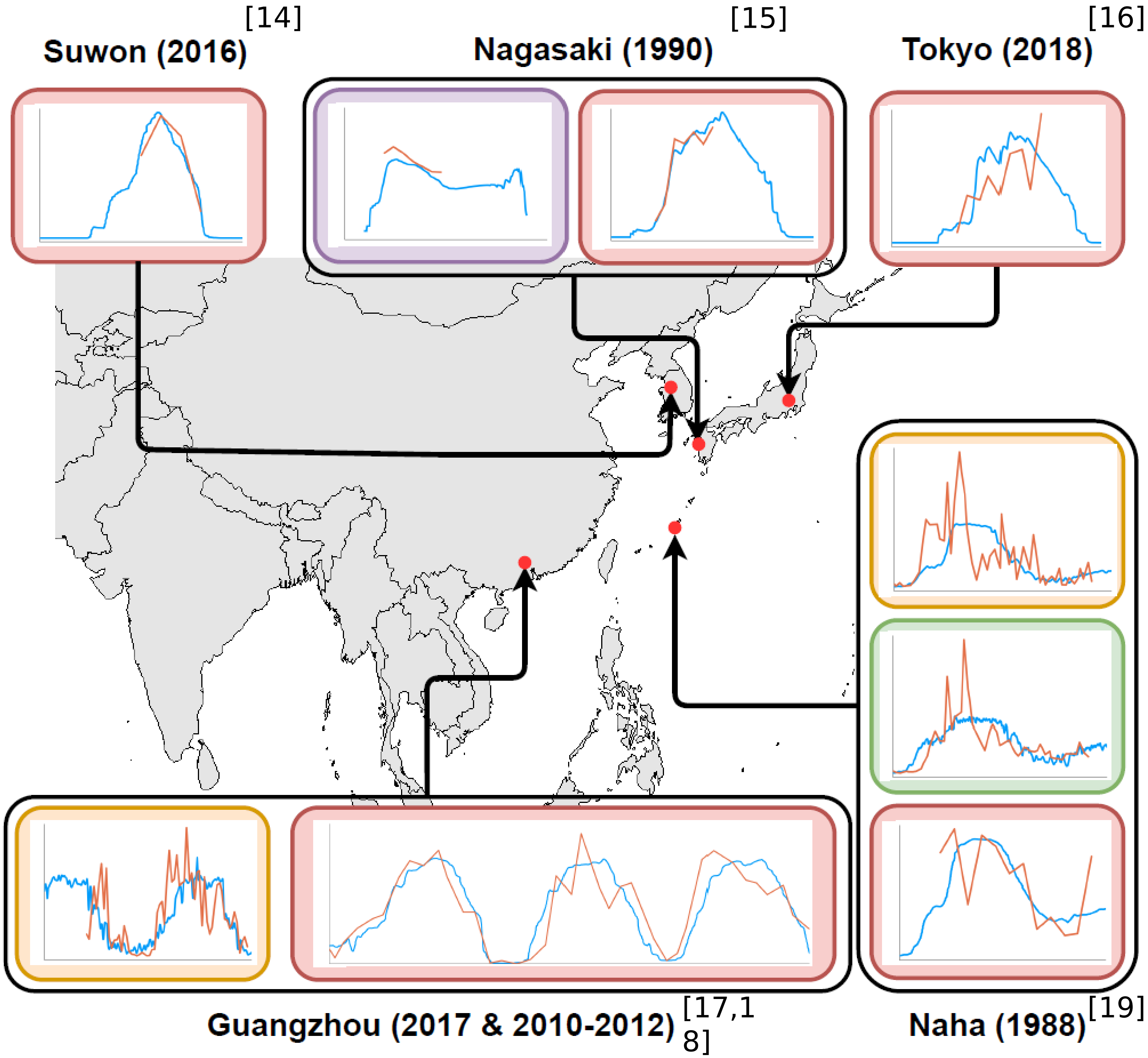

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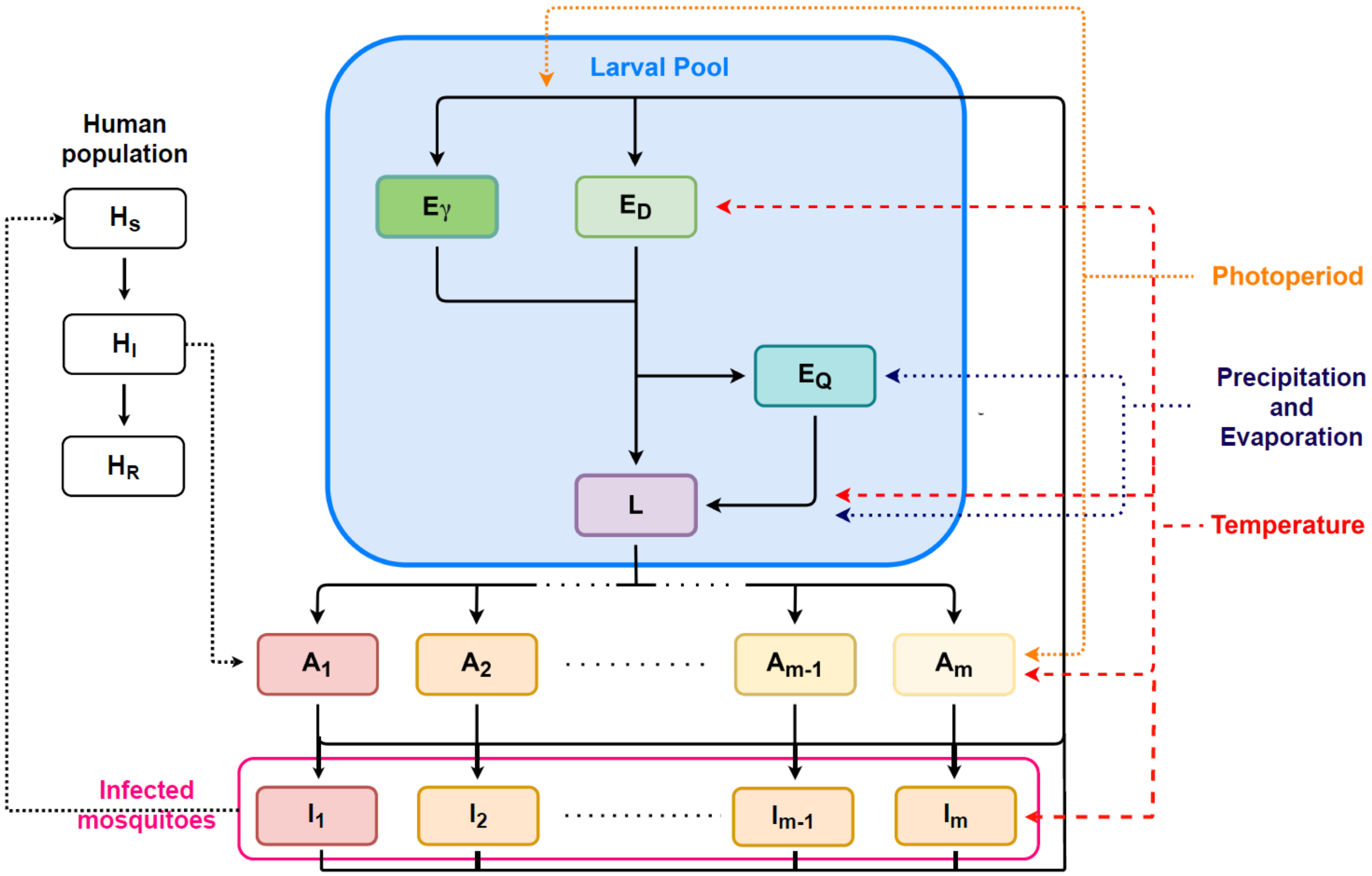

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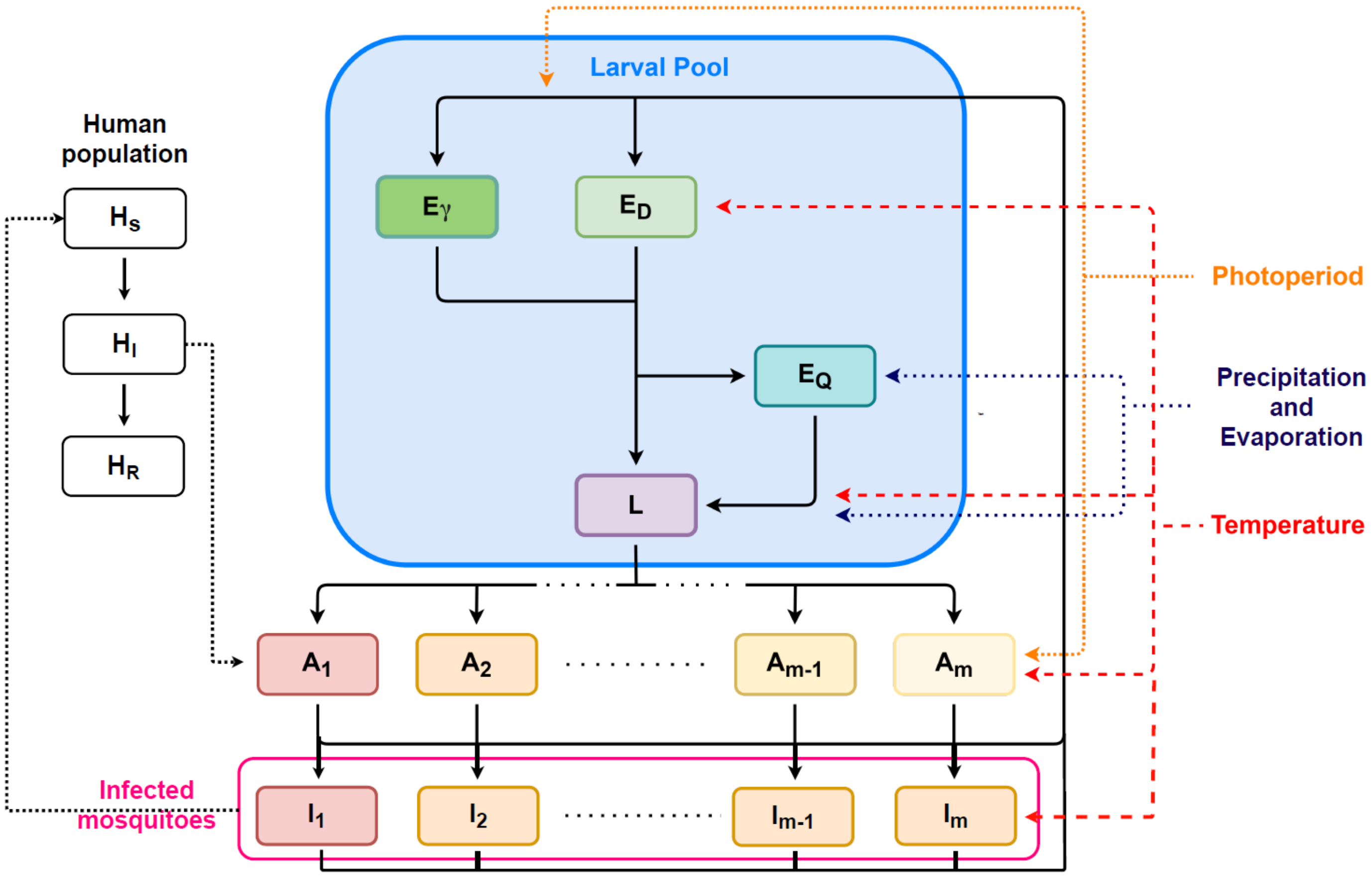

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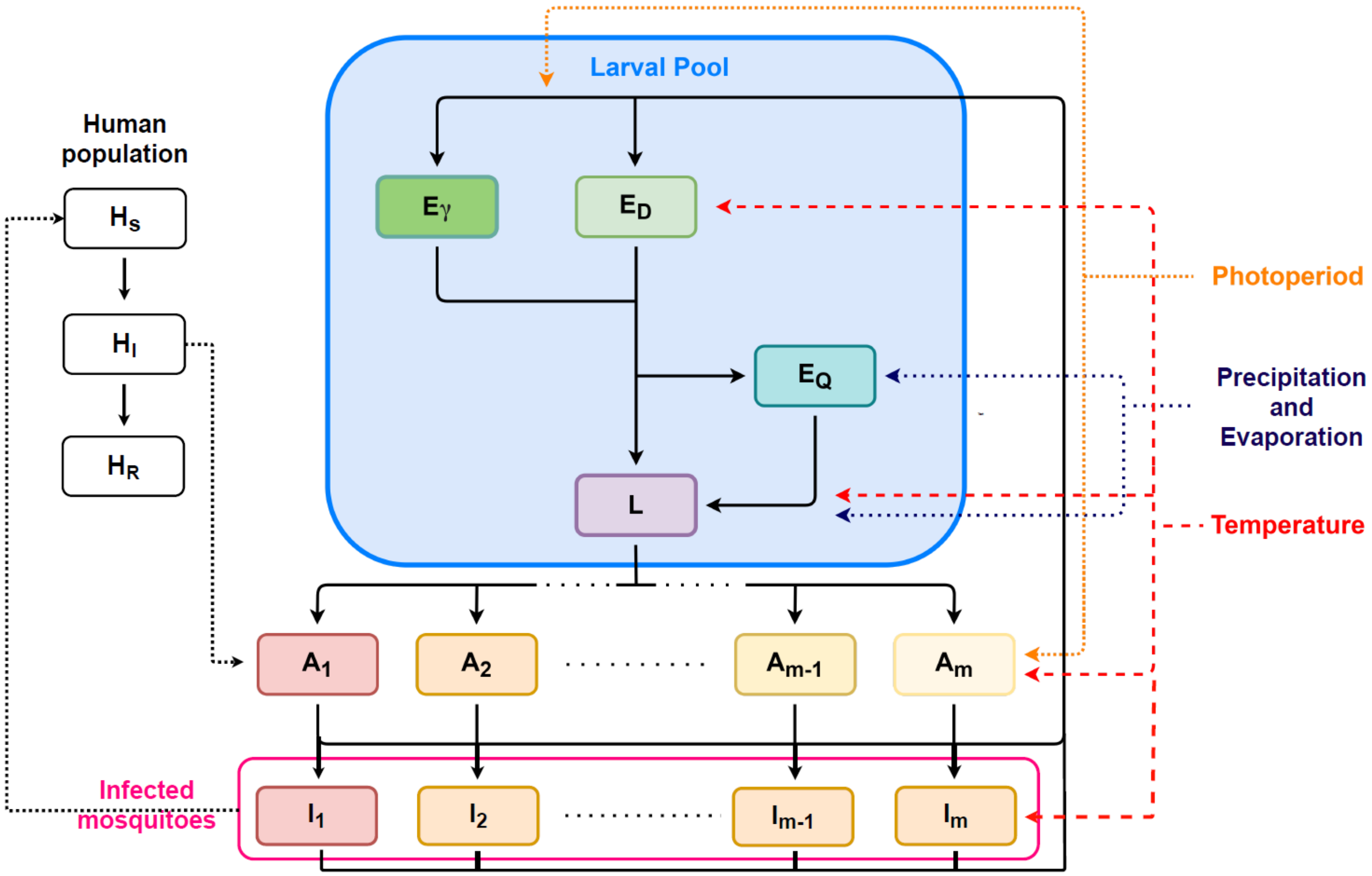

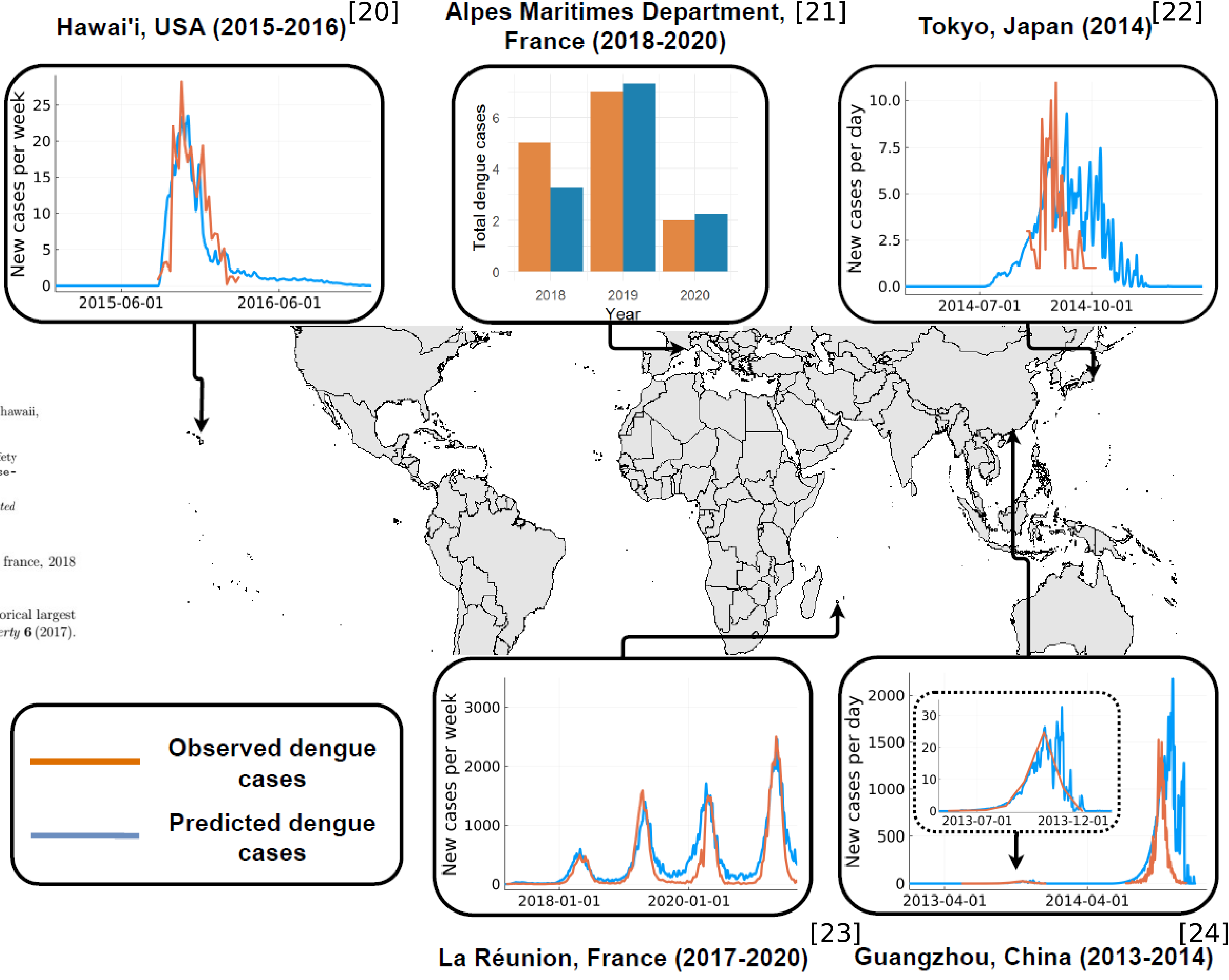

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RESULTS

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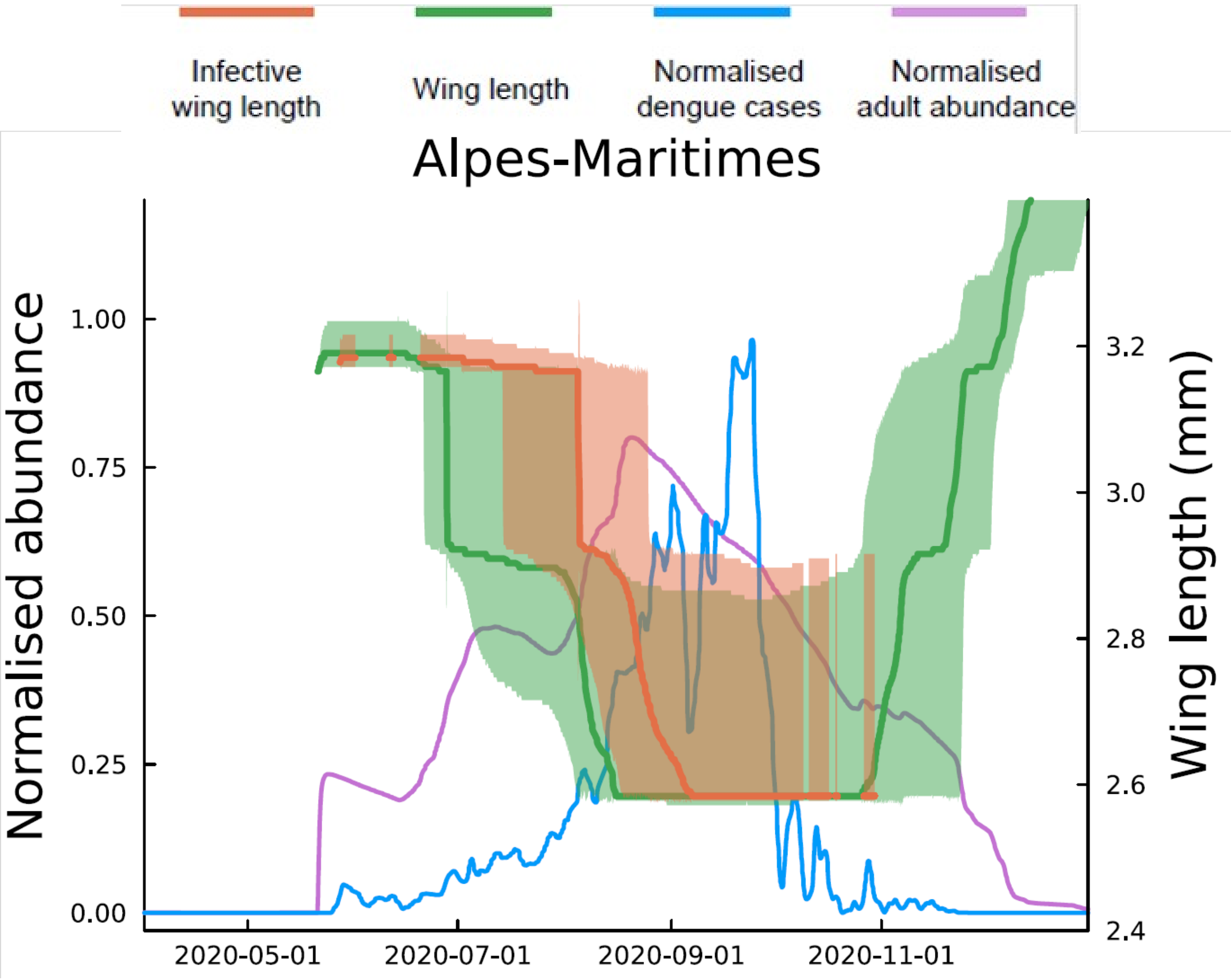

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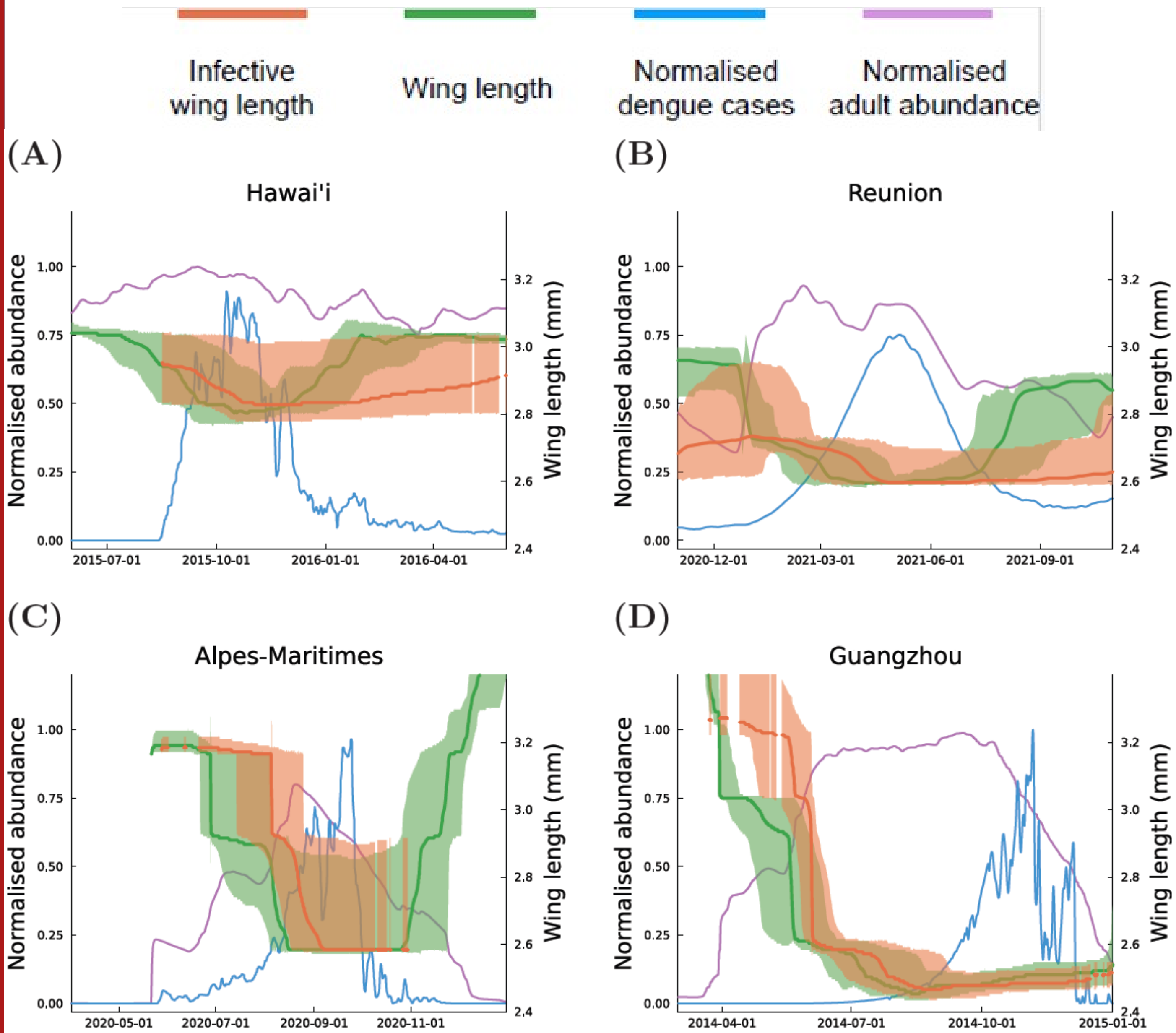

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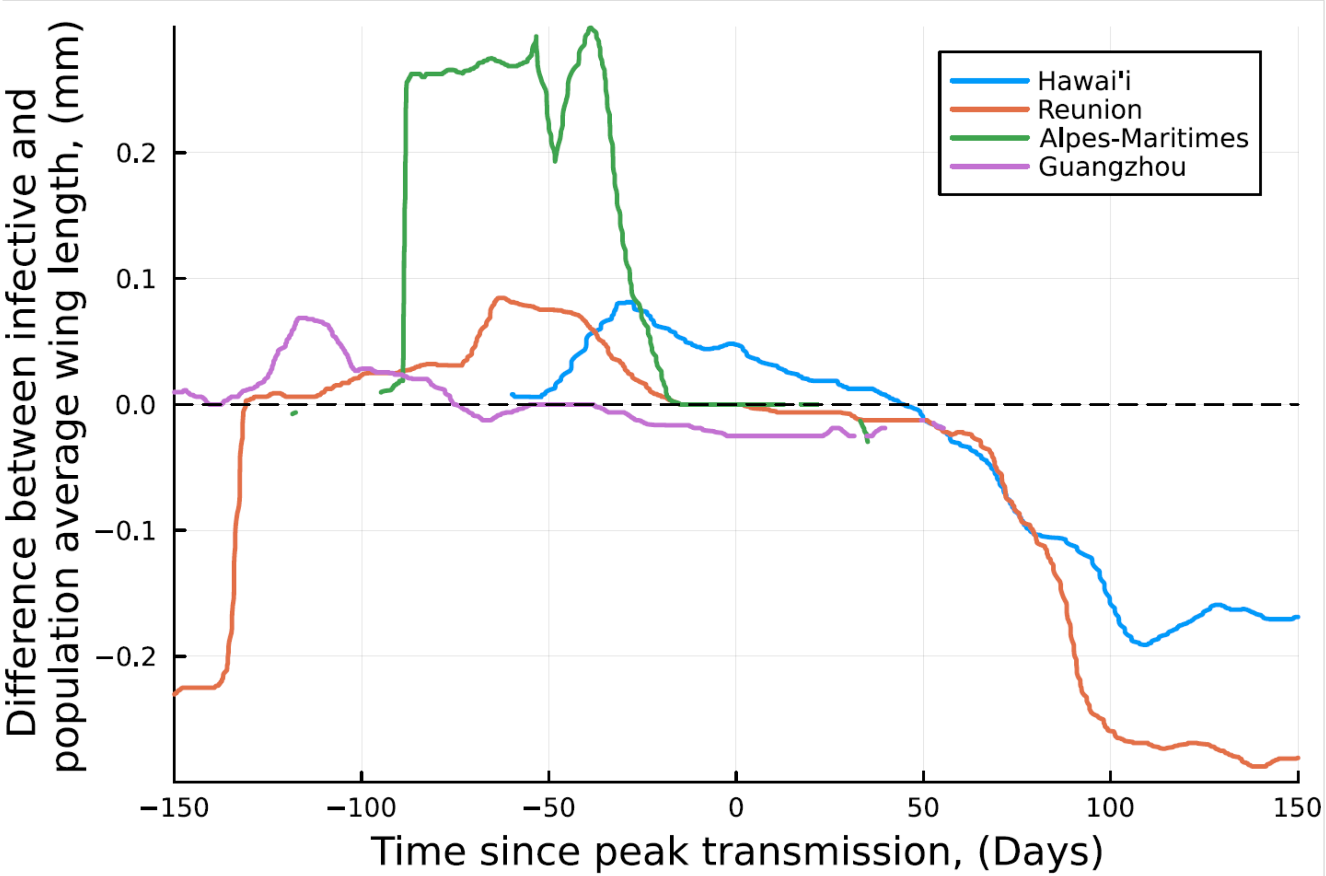

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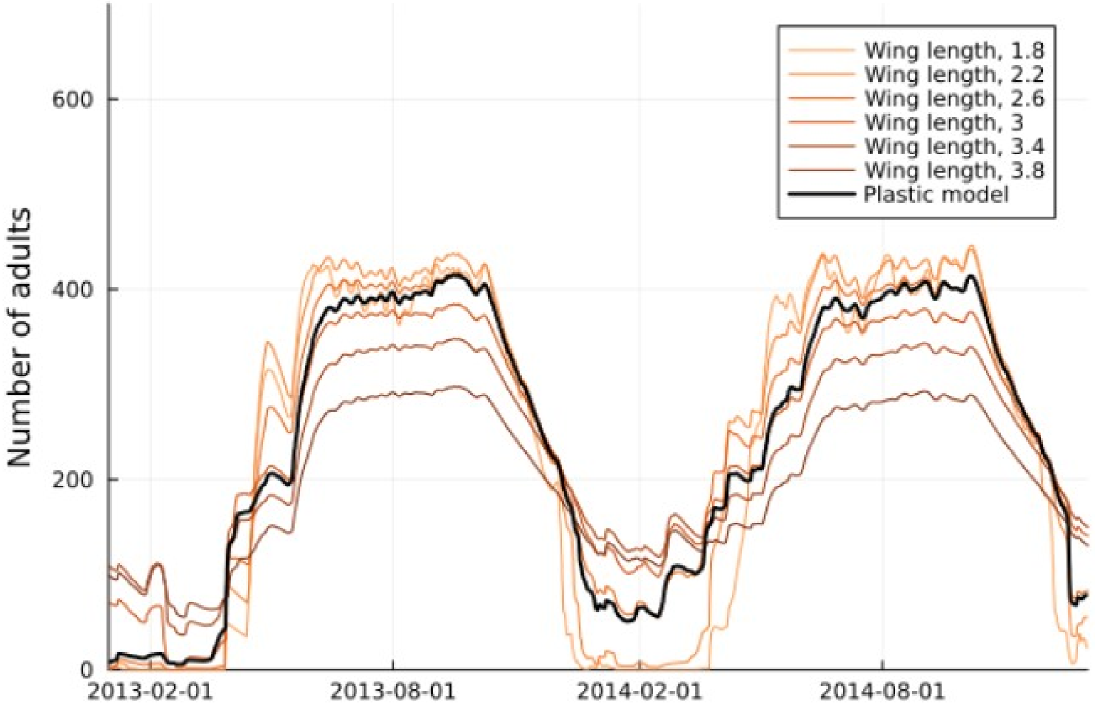

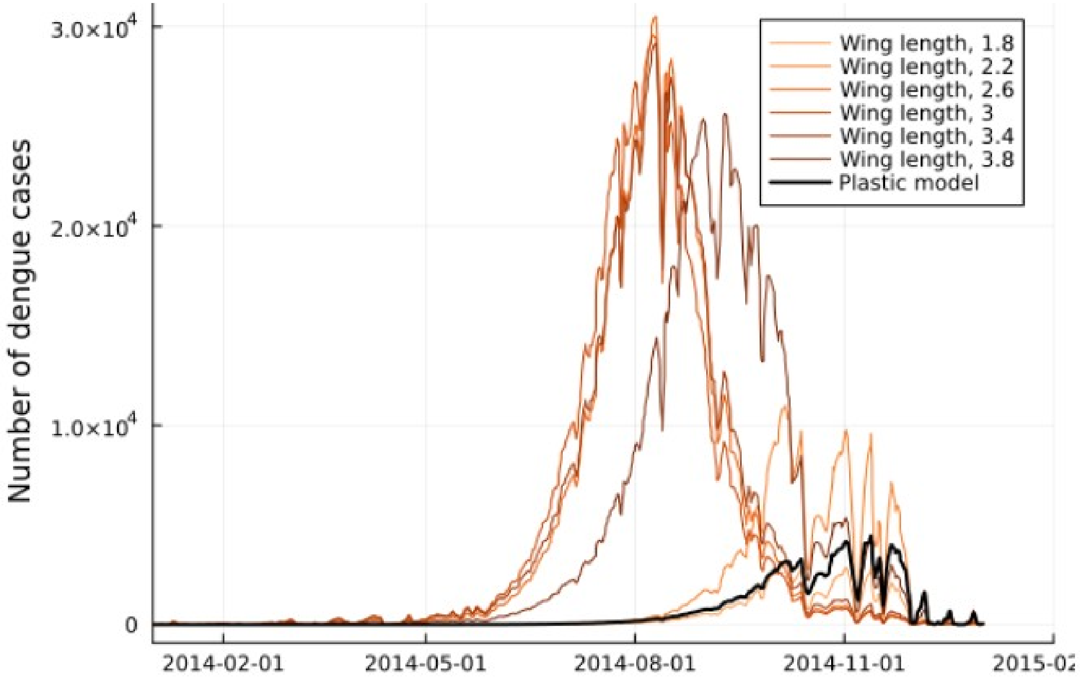

ROLE OF TRA VARIATION

The wing-length distribution of infected and uninfected mosquitoes are different

Large mosquitoes drive increase in dengue case numbers before peak infection

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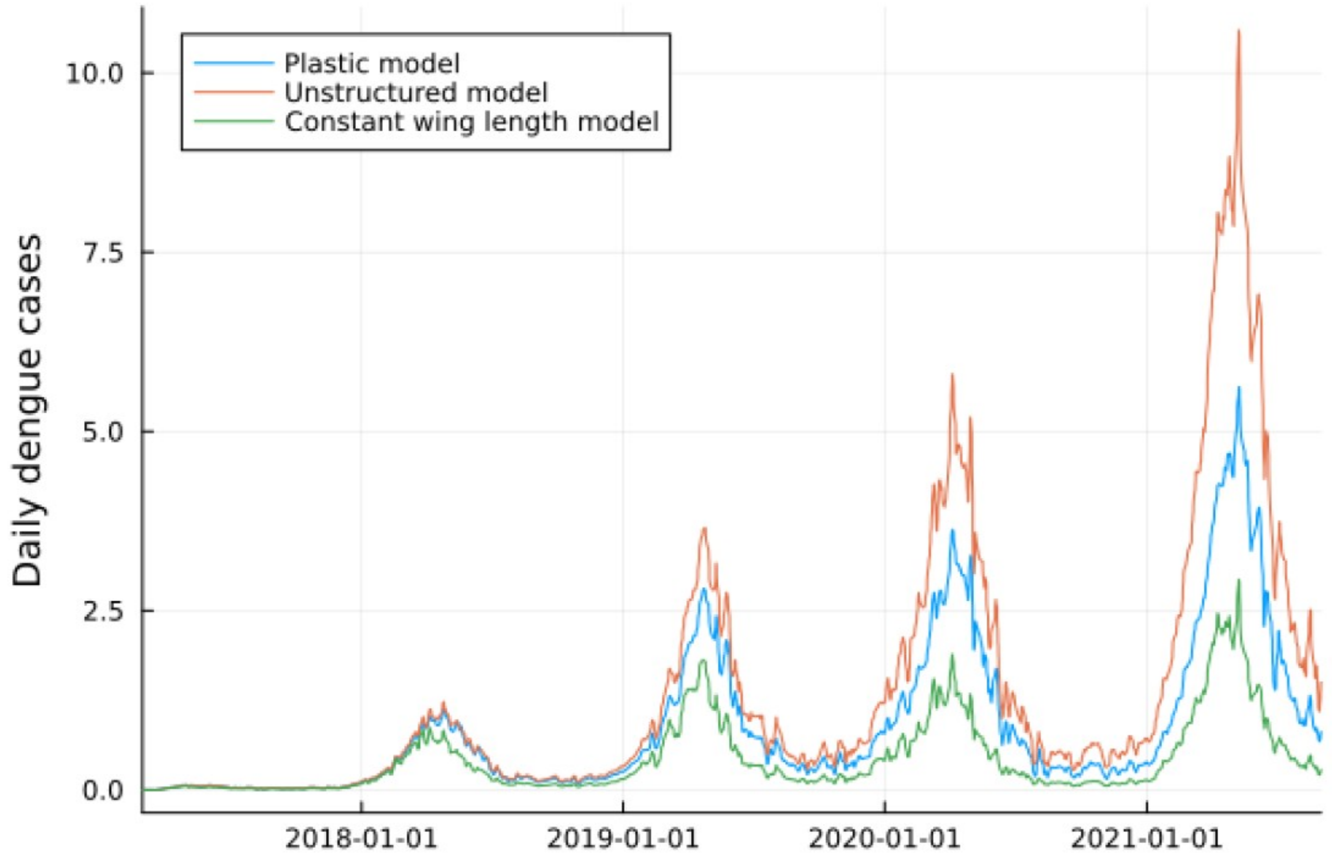
Trait structure alters disease dynamics



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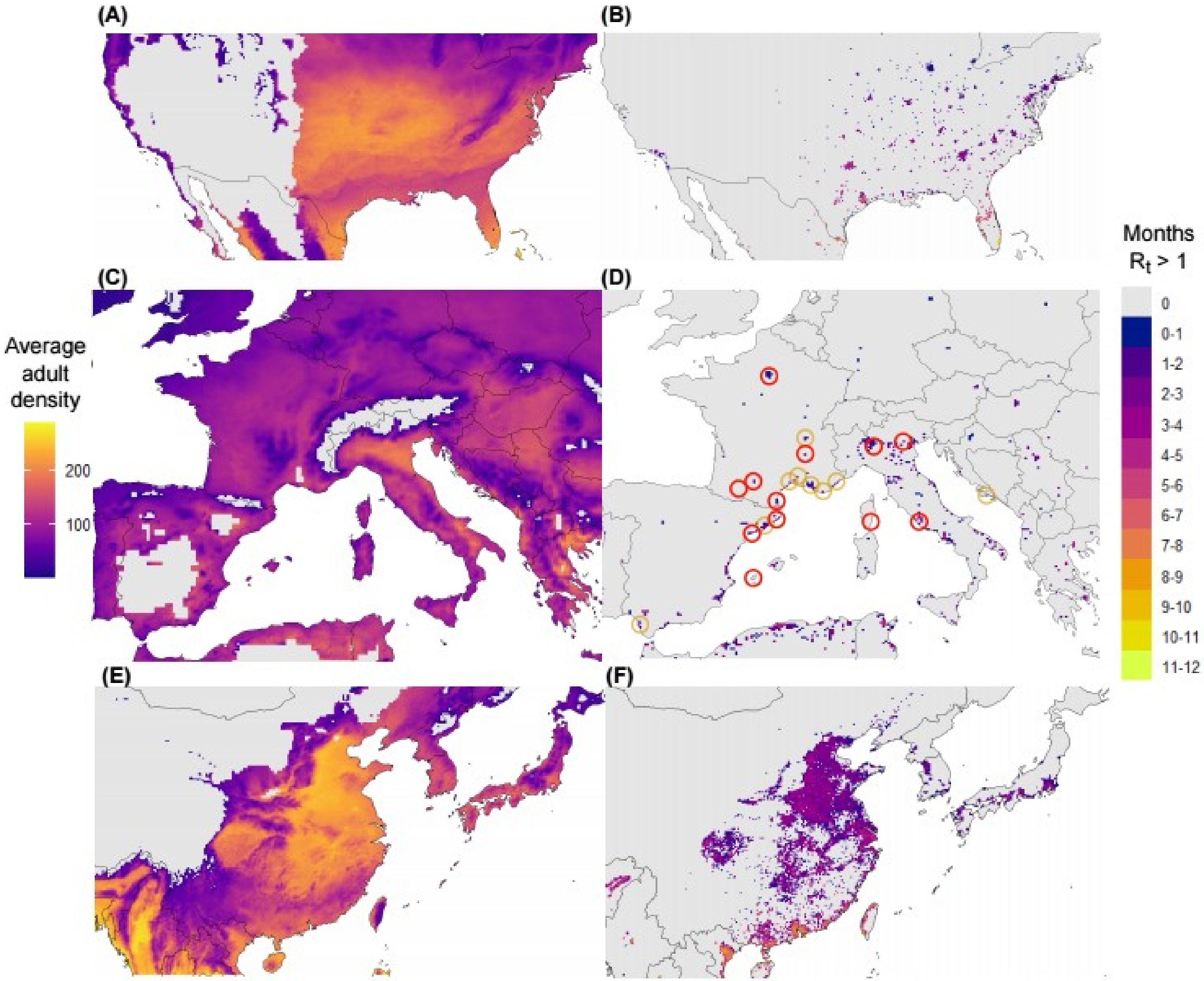

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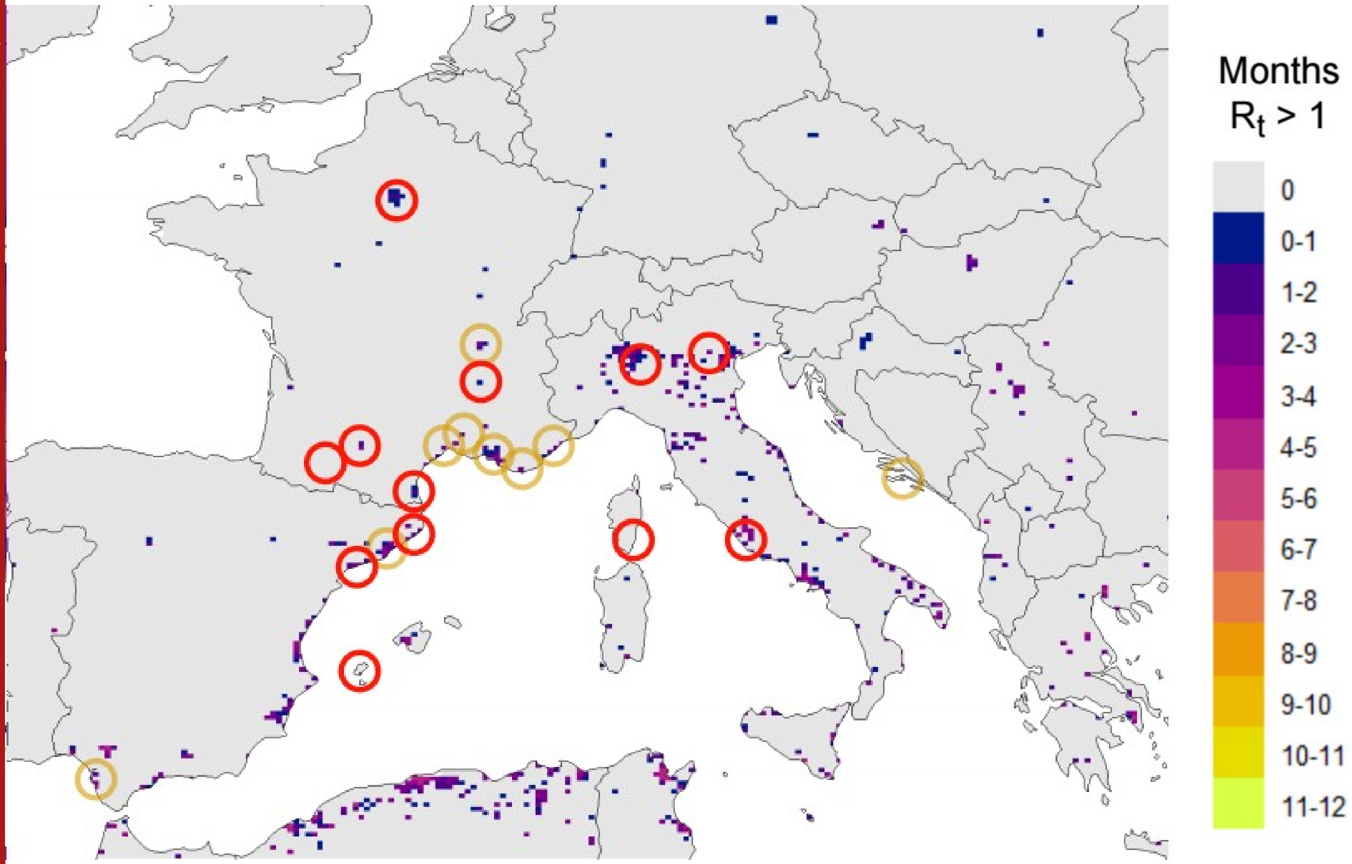

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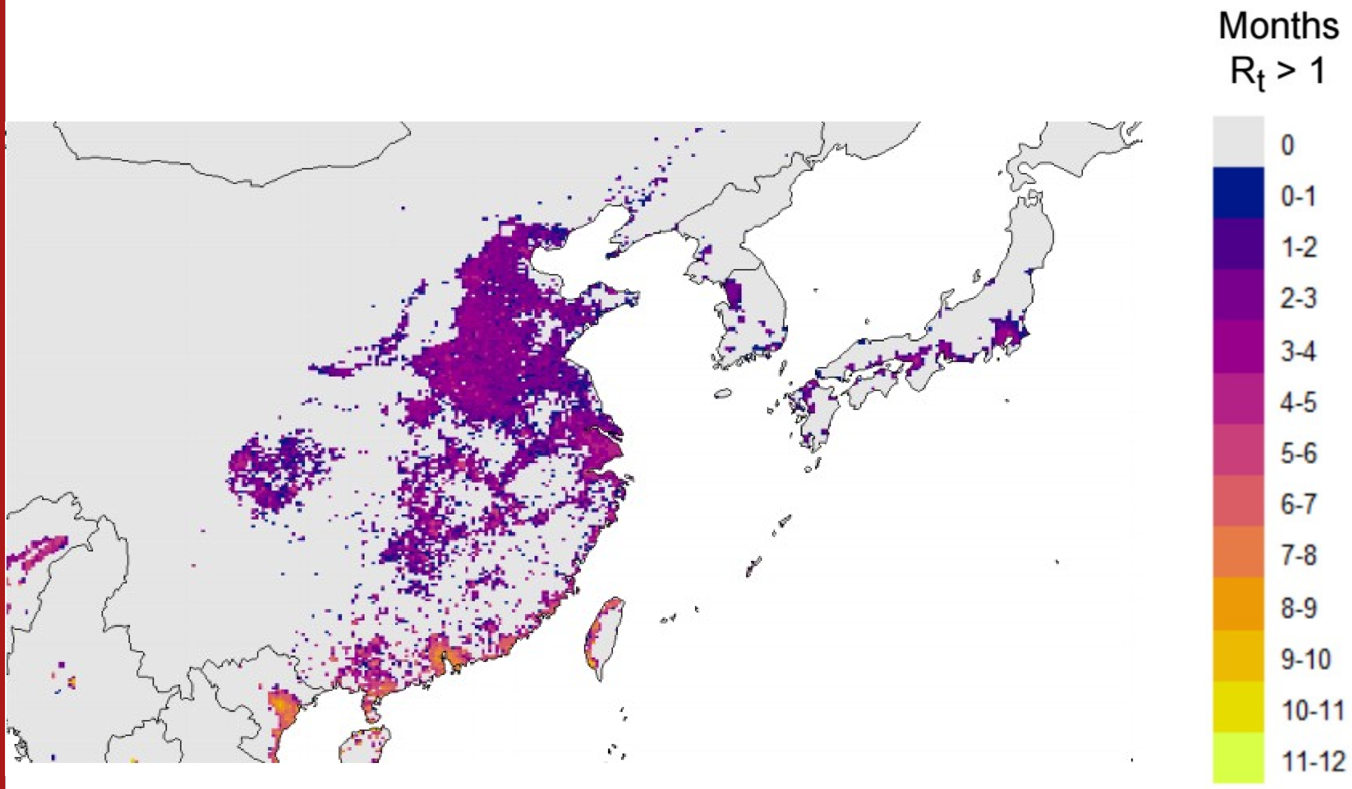

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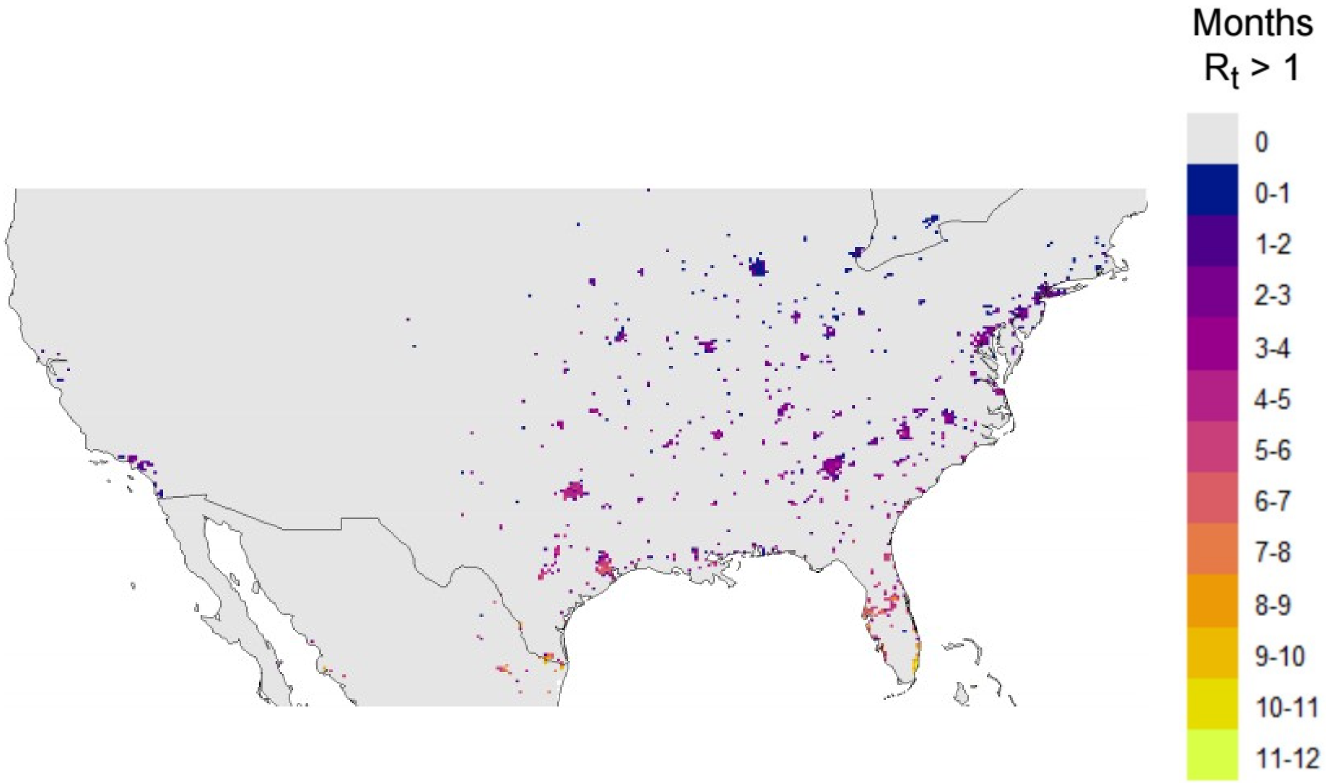

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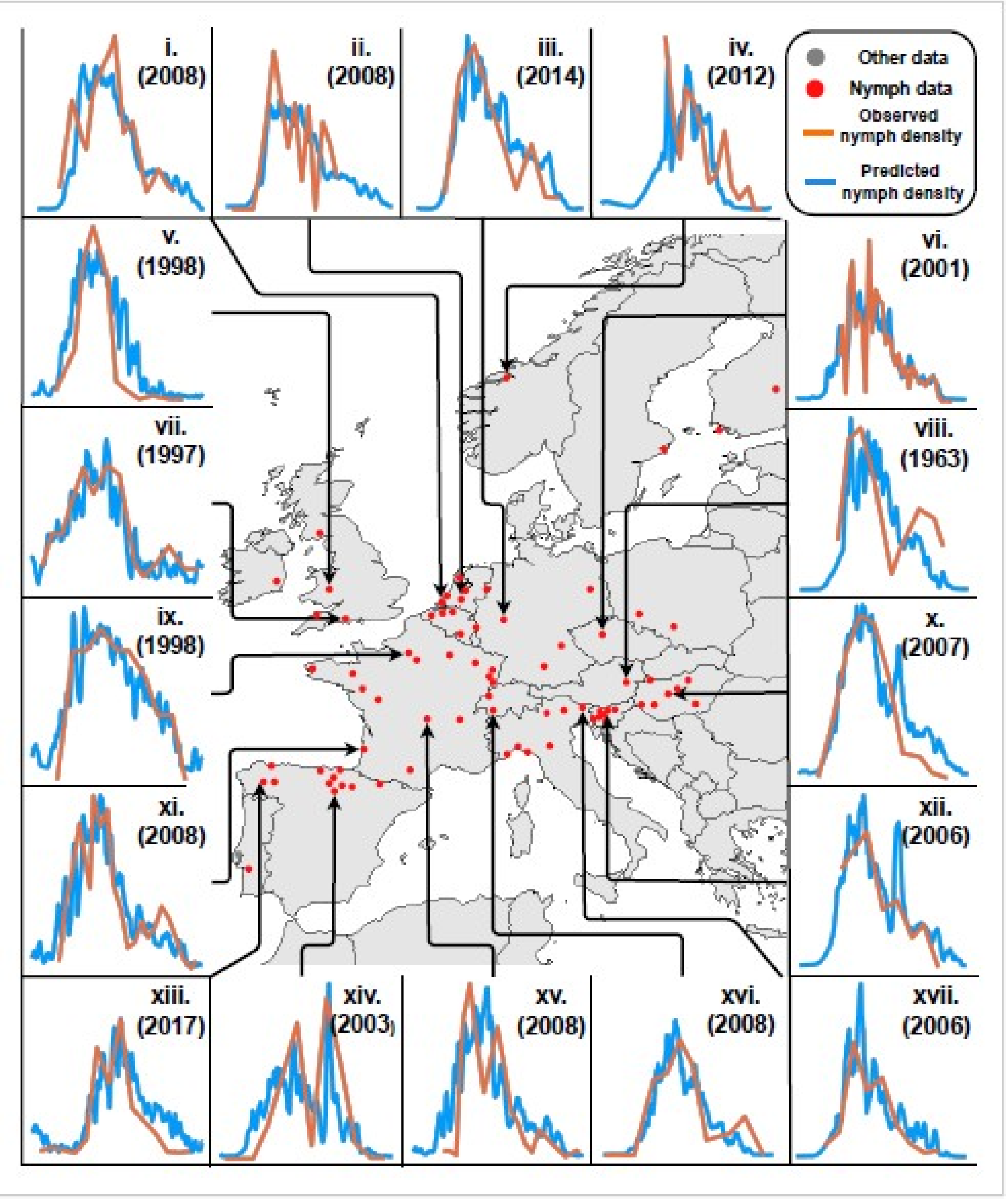

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THE MODE

E_γ (t) – Active eggs

E_D (t) – Diapausing eggs

E_Q (t) – Quiescent eggs

L(t) – Larvae

A_j (t) – Adults in environmental class j

R – Recruitment terms

M – Maturation terms

P – Survival

δ – Mortality rate

τ – Stage duration

$$\frac{dE_\gamma(t)}{dt} = R_{E_\gamma}(t) - M_{E_\gamma}(t) - \delta_{E_\gamma}(t)E_\gamma(t),$$

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$$\frac{dL(t)}{dt} = R_L(t) - M_L(t) - \delta_L(t)L(t),$$

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RATE OF DEVEL

$$\frac{d\tau_{E_\gamma}(t)}{dt} = 1 - \frac{g_{E_\gamma}(t)}{g_{E_\gamma}(t - \tau_{E_\gamma}(t))},$$

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SURVIVAL EQUATIONS

$$\frac{dS_{E_\gamma}(t)}{dt} = S_{E_\gamma}(t)\left(\frac{g_{E_\gamma}(t)\delta_{E_\gamma}(t-\tau_{E_\gamma}(t))}{g_{E_\gamma}(t-\tau_{E_\gamma}(t))} - \delta_{E_\gamma}(t)\right),$$

$$\frac{dS_L(t)}{dt} = S_L(t)\left(\frac{g_L(t)\delta_L(t-\tau_L(t))}{g_L(t-\tau_L(t))} - \delta_L(t)\right),$$

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$$\frac{dS_{\mathrm{EIP}_j}(t)}{dt} = S_{\mathrm{EIP}_j}(t)\left(\frac{g_{\mathrm{EIP}}(t)\delta_{A_j}(t-\tau_{\mathrm{EIP}}(t))}{g_{\mathrm{EIP}}(t-\tau_{\mathrm{EIP}}(t))} - \delta_{A_j}(t)\right), \quad \text{for } \mathrm{j} \in 1,\ldots,\mathrm{m}.$$

TRANSITION FUNCTIONS

$$\bar{\alpha}(t) = \frac{\int_{t-\tau_P(t)-\tau_L(t-\tau_P(t))}^{t-\tau_P(t)} \frac{F(s)}{L(s)} ds}{\tau_L(t-\tau_P(t))}.$$

$$w_j(T_{avg}(t), \bar{\alpha}(t)) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathrm{g}(\mathrm{w}(\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{avg}}(\mathrm{t}), \bar{\alpha})(\mathrm{t})) = \mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{j}} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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