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The background of the slide is a photograph of a vast body of water, likely the Chesapeake Bay, under a clear blue sky. The water is a deep blue with gentle ripples, and the horizon line is visible in the distance. The sky is a uniform light blue with a few wispy clouds near the horizon.

Ecology of Vibrios and Satellite Remote Sensing: A Bizarre Thought but Exciting Progress

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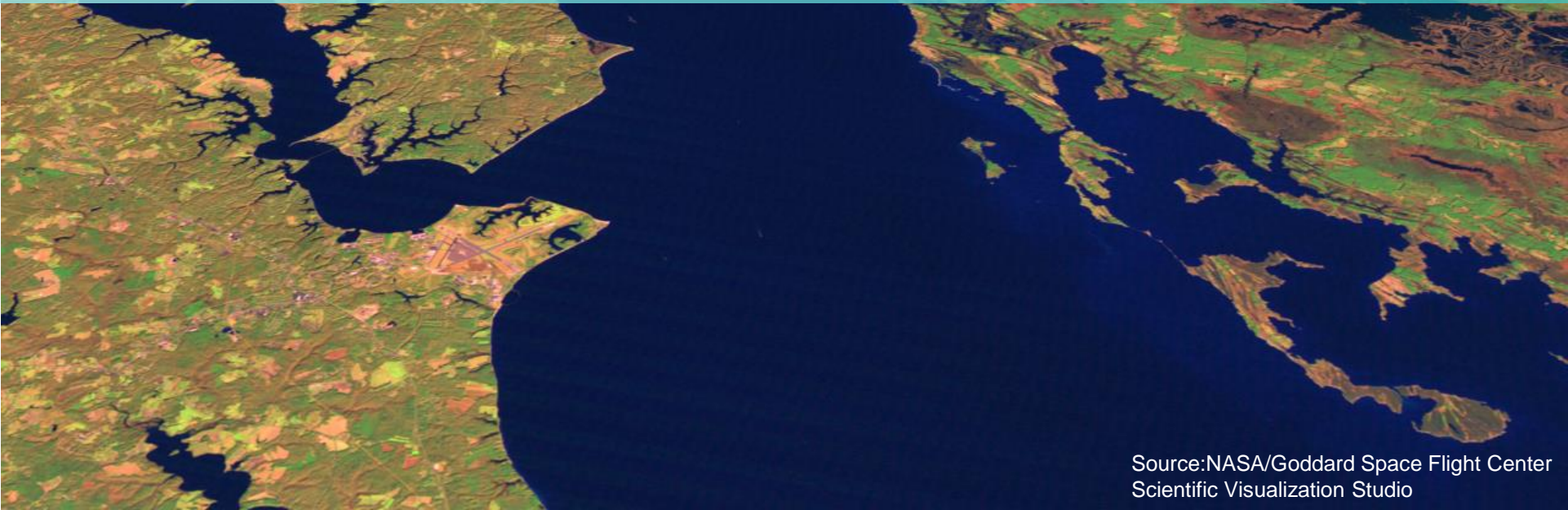




Scanning Electron Micrograph of V. cholerae O1



The Chesapeake Bay, Vibrios and Vibrio cholerae: An interesting story



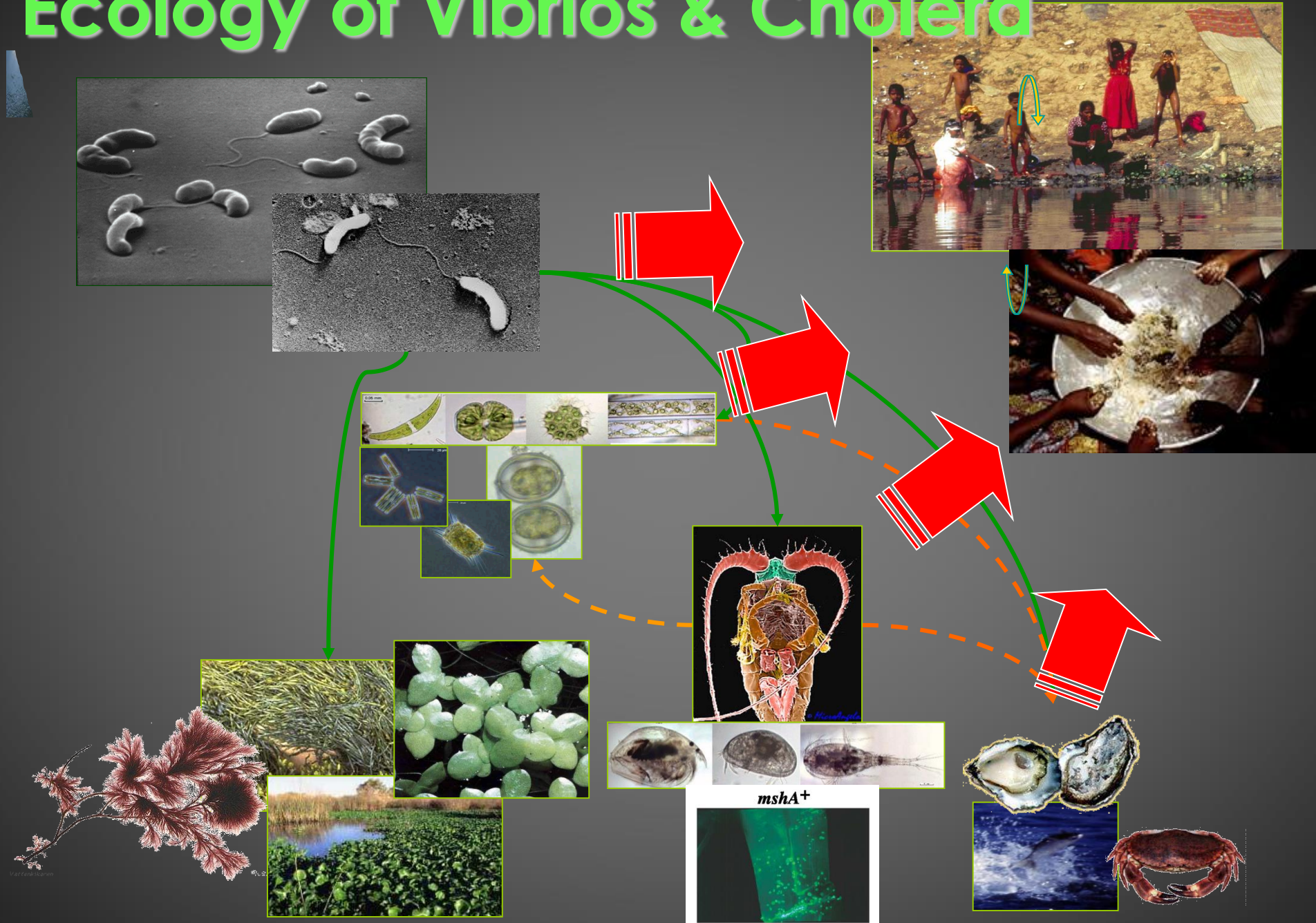
Environment and vibrios

- **Early 60's work on numerical taxonomy of *Vibrio* by Colwell and her group** (*Colwell and Morita (1964) J. Bact. 88:831-837*)
- **1969 - Colwell et al isolated *V. parahaemolyticus* from blue crab in the Chesapeake Bay**
- **1977 - First report of *V. cholerae* in the Chesapeake Bay.** (*Colwell et al,1977. Science. 198:394 396*)
- **1981- Report on the presence *V. cholerae* O1 in the Bay**
- **Subsequently, studies continued at UMD on survival and multiplication of *V. cholerae* with plankton**

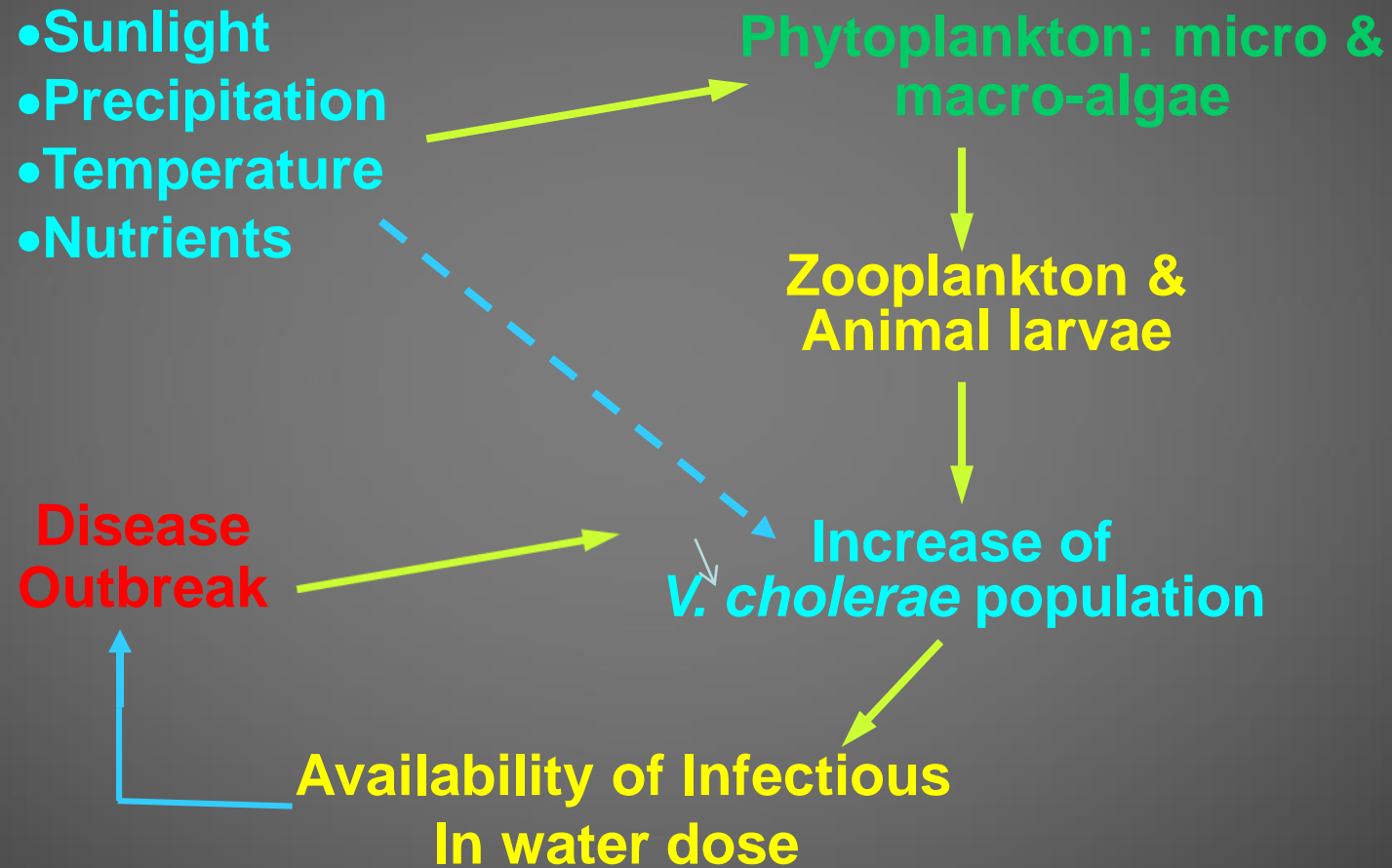
Environment and vibrios.....

- **In 1983 we reported a unique and specific association *V. cholerae* O1 and copepods**
- **~25°C water temperature, ideal for survival and multiplication *V. cholerae* with copepods**
- **Copepods feed on phytoplankton. So, an increase of phytoplankton results an increase in copepods.**

Ecology of Vibrios & Cholera



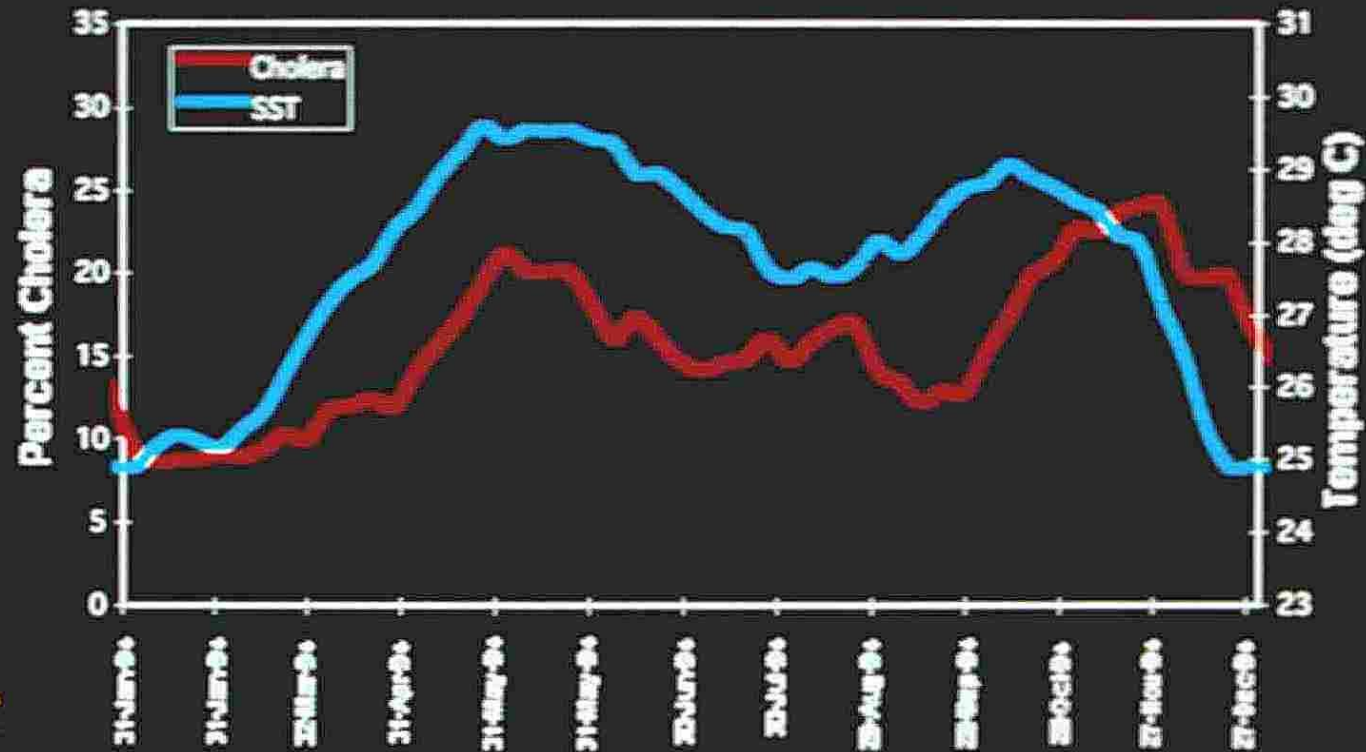
A Model for Cholera Epidemic



Remote sensing and *Vibrio* work begins

- ~1992: Personal communication with Byron Wood and his team at NASA Ames Res Center
- Remote sensing temperature data of Bay of Bengal was analyzed with the number of cases of cholera in Matlab, Bangladesh

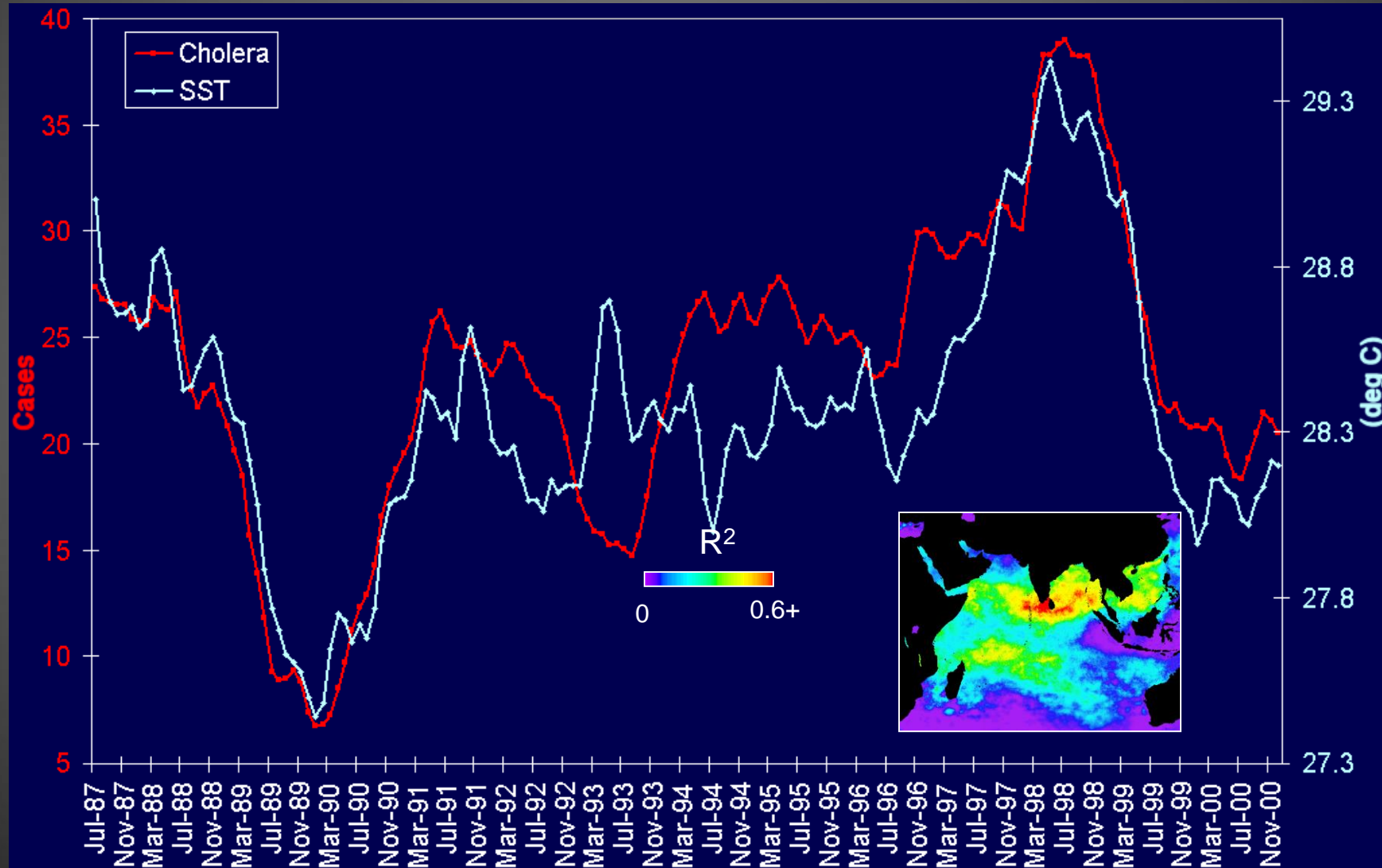
Bangladesh Cholera & Sea Surface Temperature 1994



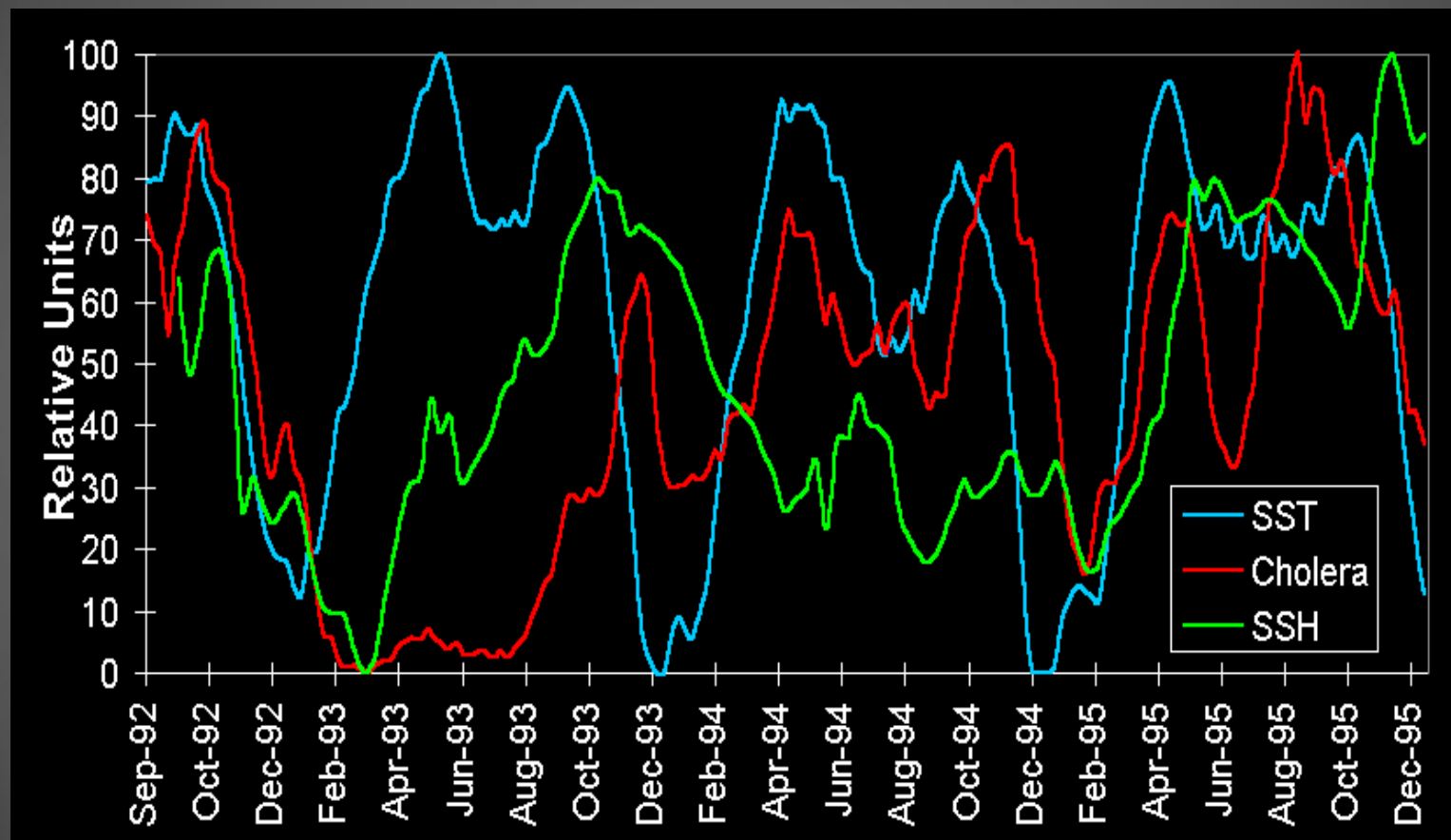
Colwell, (1996) Science, 274:5295.2025

Cholera and SST in the Indian Ocean (1987-2000)

Six-month SST lead: $R^2 = 0.72$

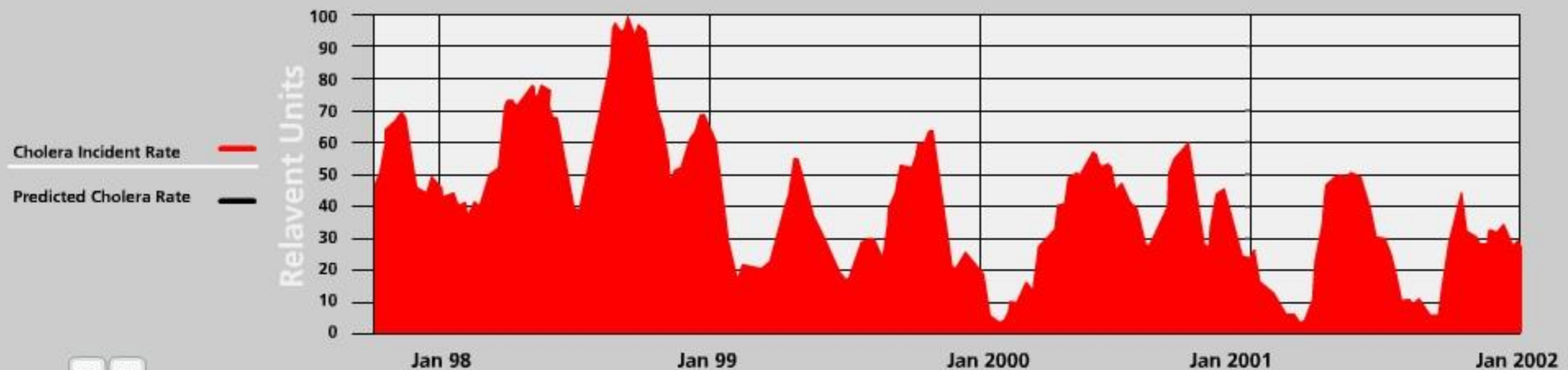
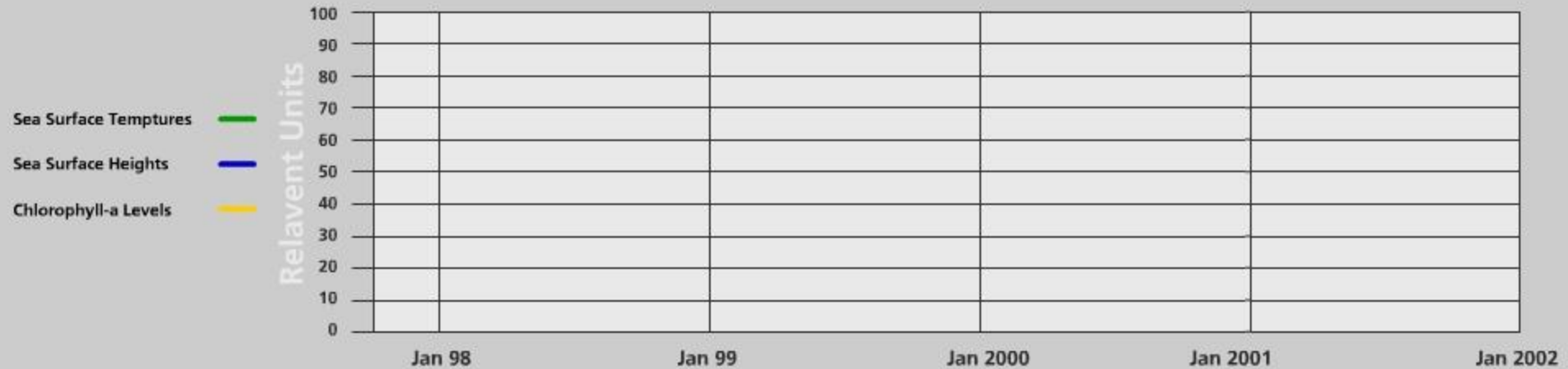


Bangladesh Sea Surface Temperature (SST), Sea Surface Height (SSH), and Cholera: 1992-1995



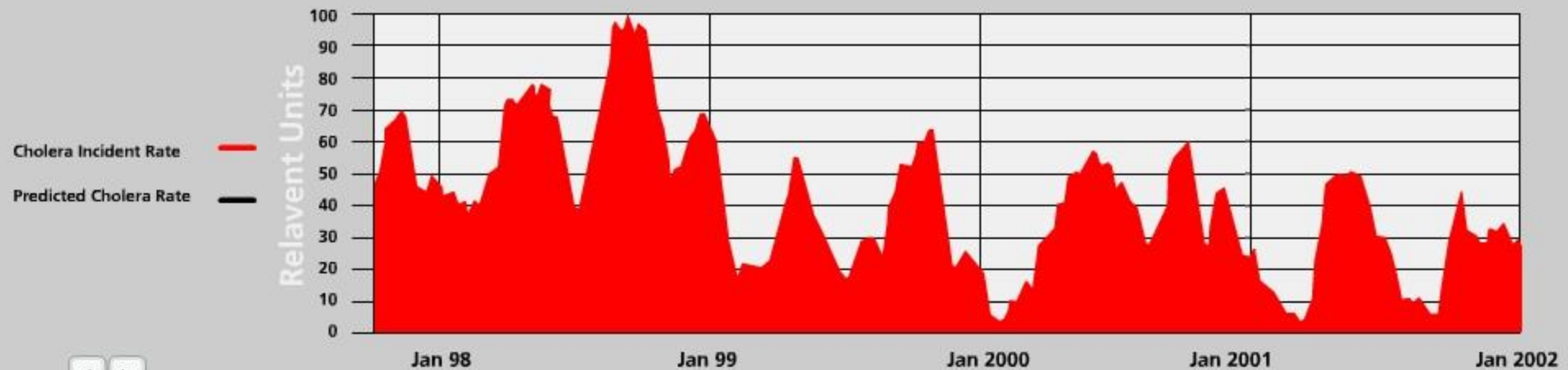
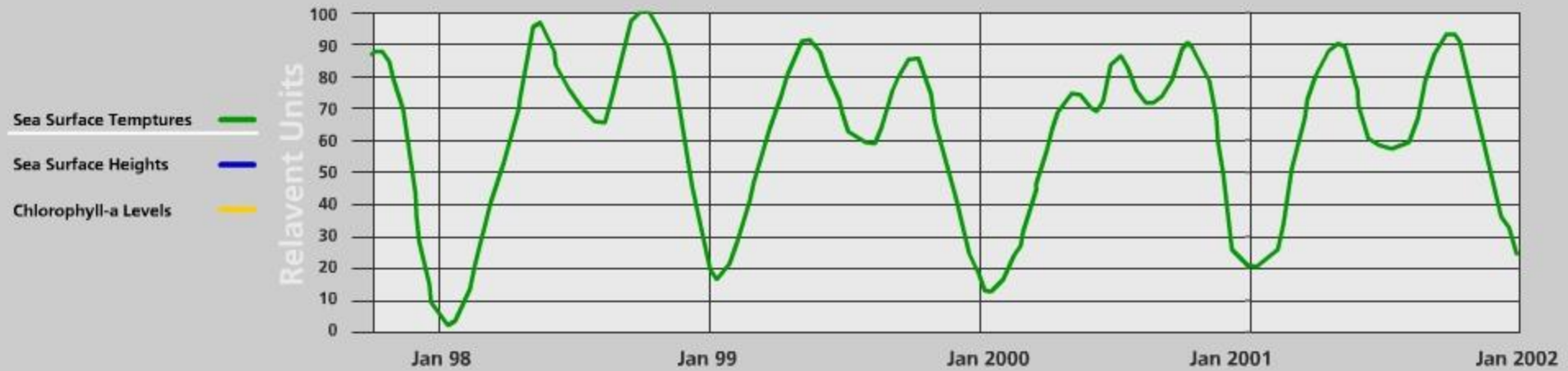
Predicting Cholera Rate

Cholera Incident Rate...



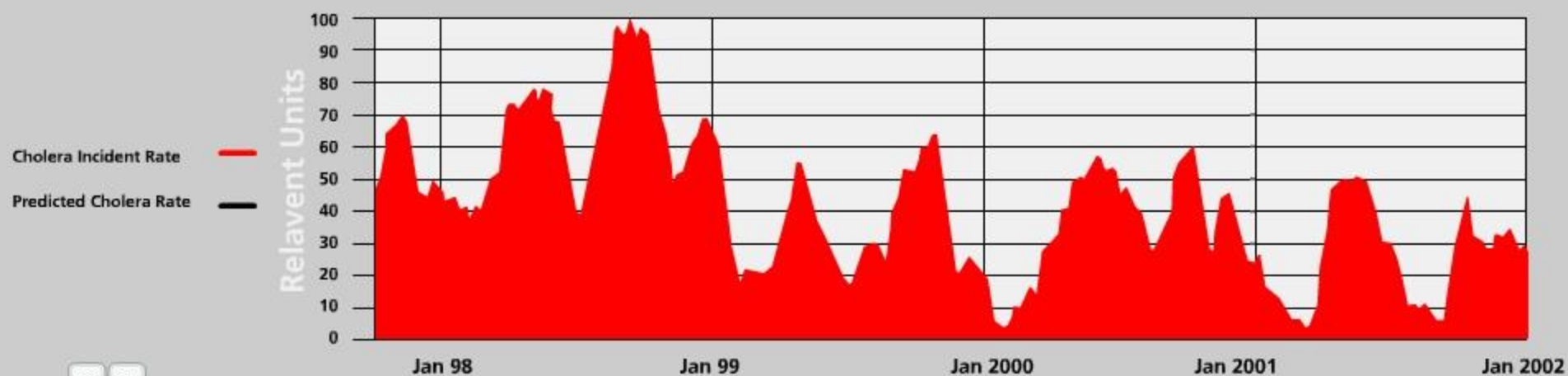
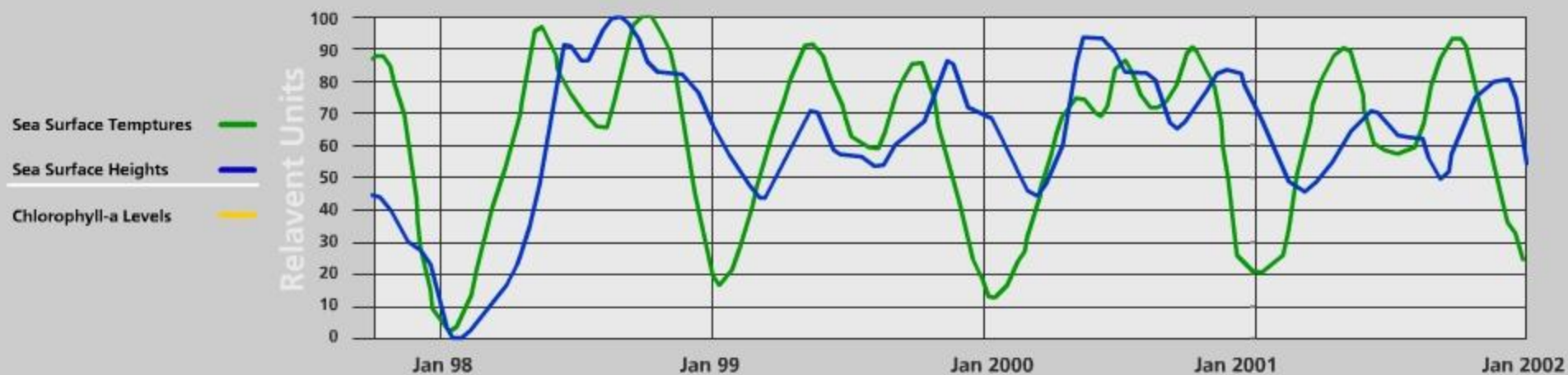
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Sea Surface Temperatures...



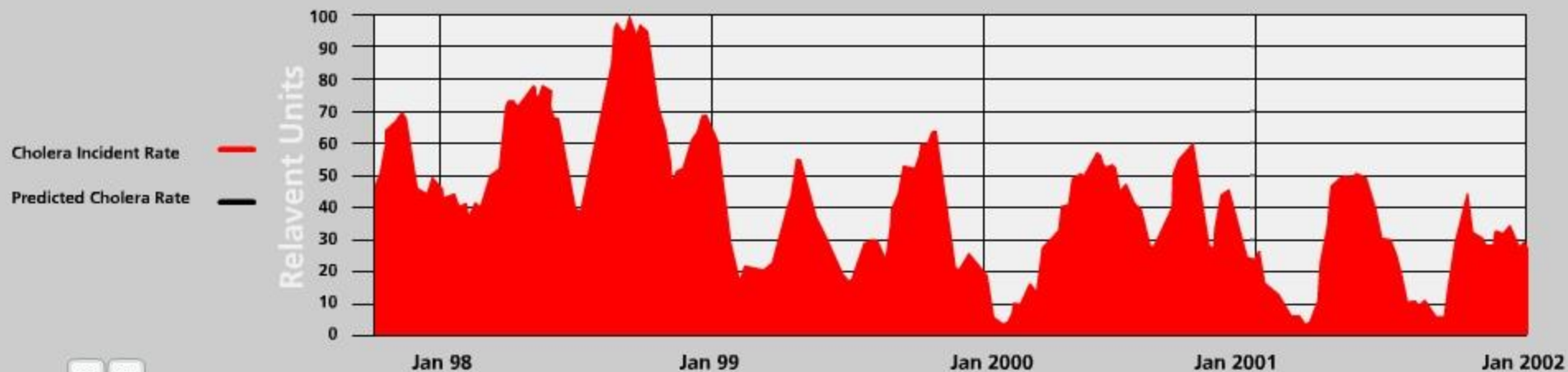
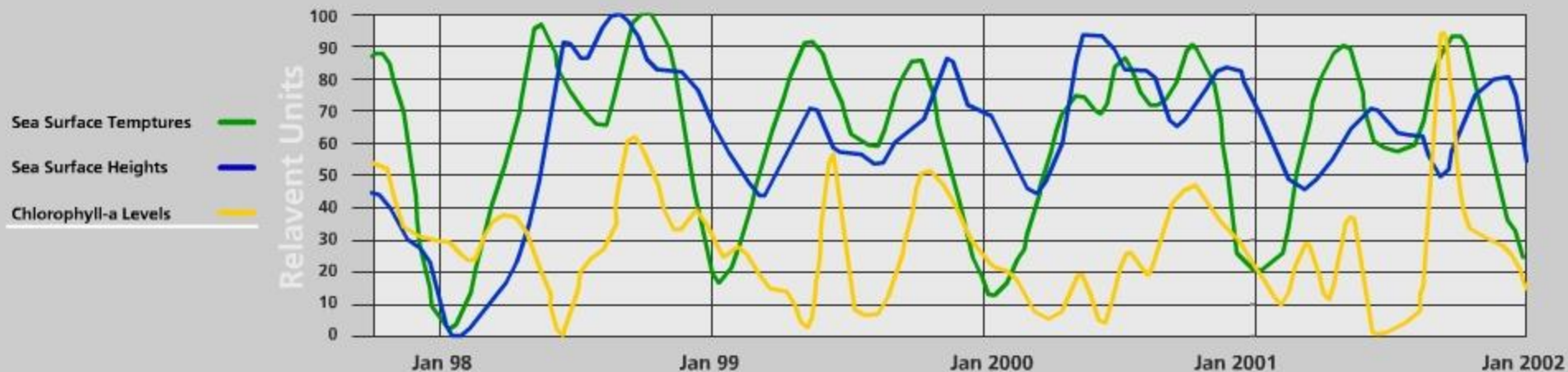
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Sea Surface Heights...



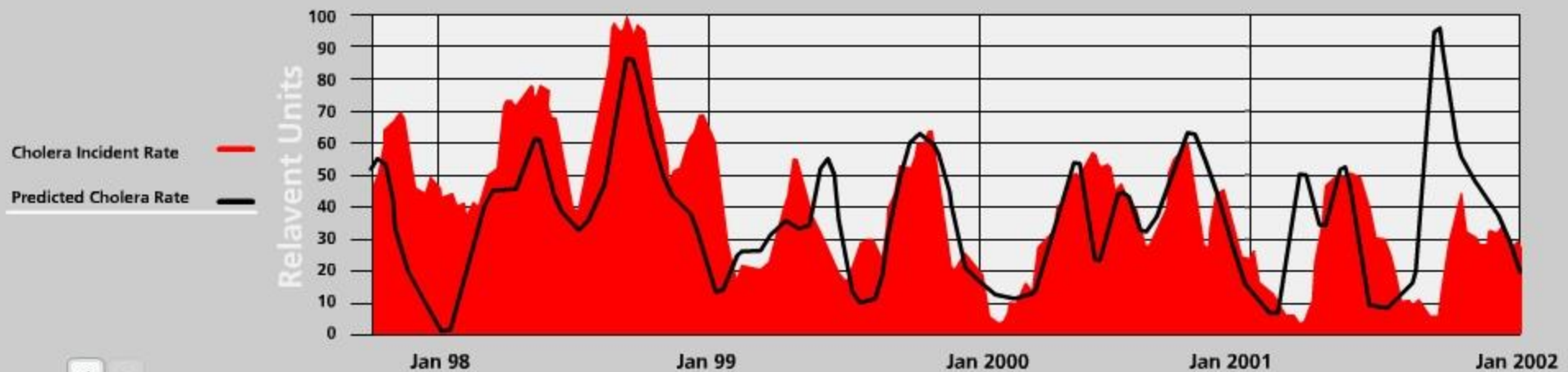
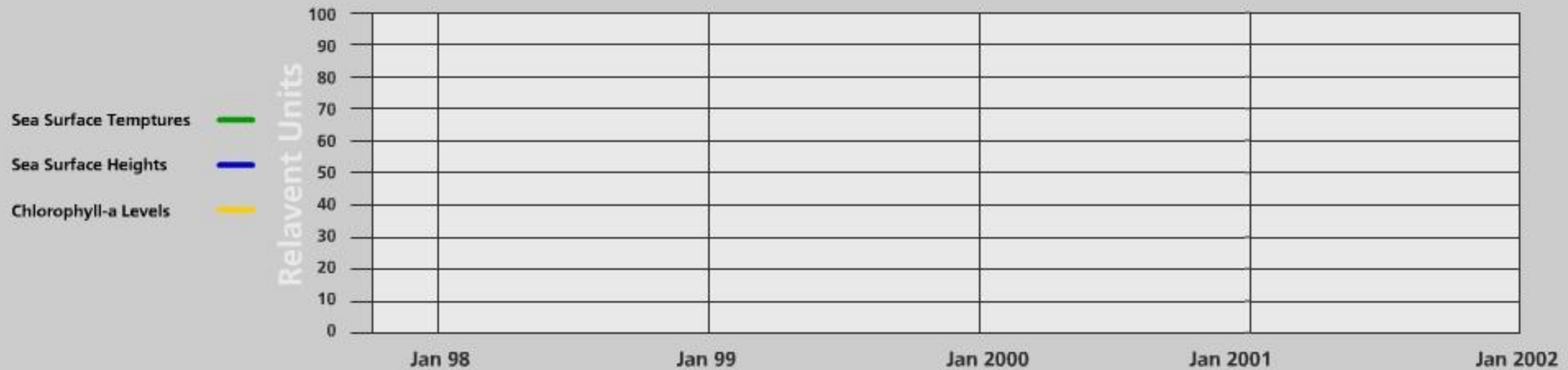
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Cholorophyll-a Levels...



Predicting Cholera Rate

Predicted Cholera Rate.



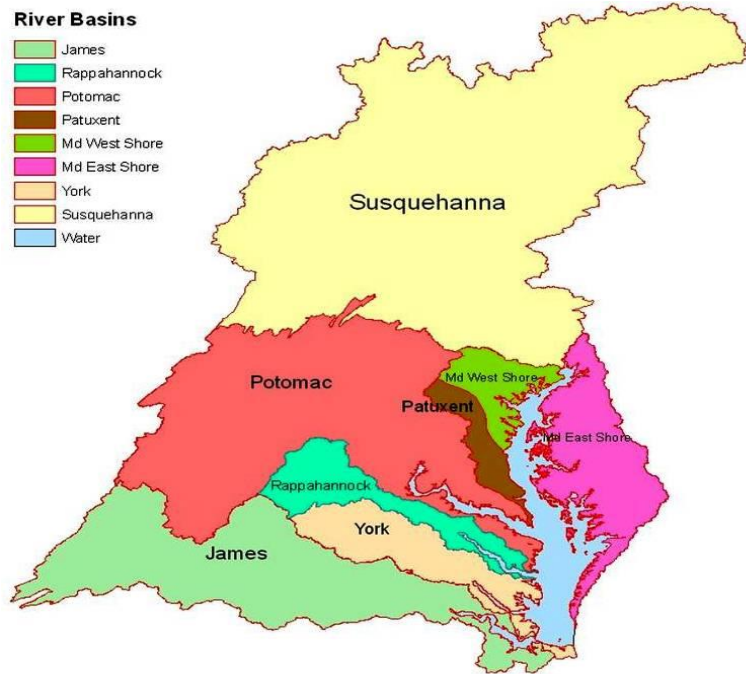


Figure of Chesapeake Bay watershed including delineated river basins that will be modeled using ArcSWAT.

Figure 2. Annual Mean Temperatures in Maryland²⁰

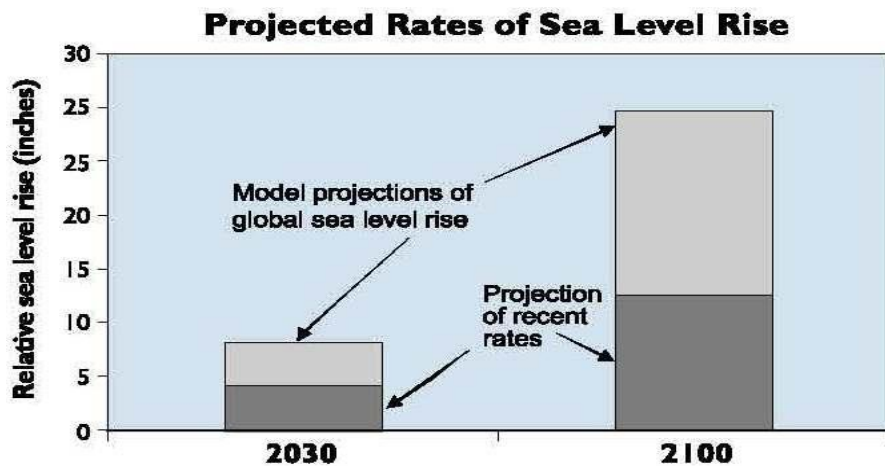
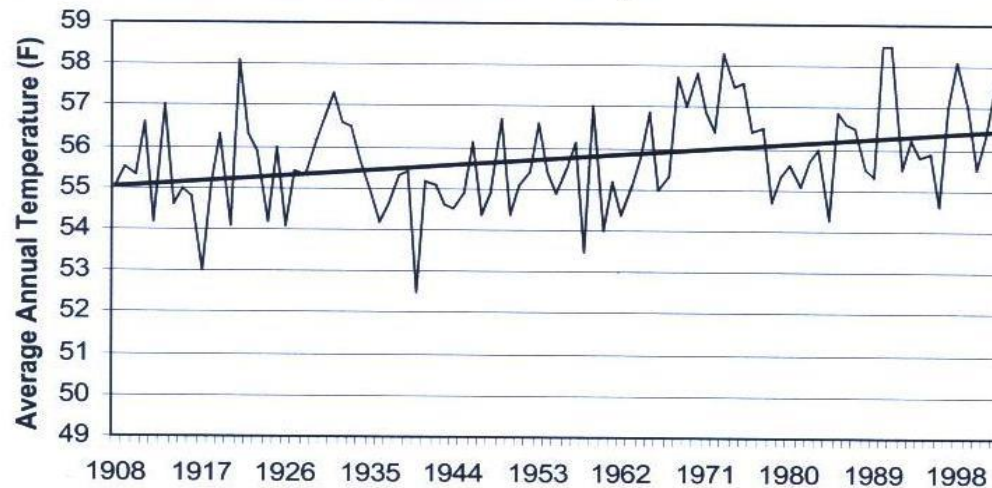


Figure 4-6. Projected sea level rise, given rates observed in the recent past (dark bars) and expected increases due to global warming (light bars). Together, these stacked bars show the projected mean for future sea level rise in the Chesapeake region.

Population Growth in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

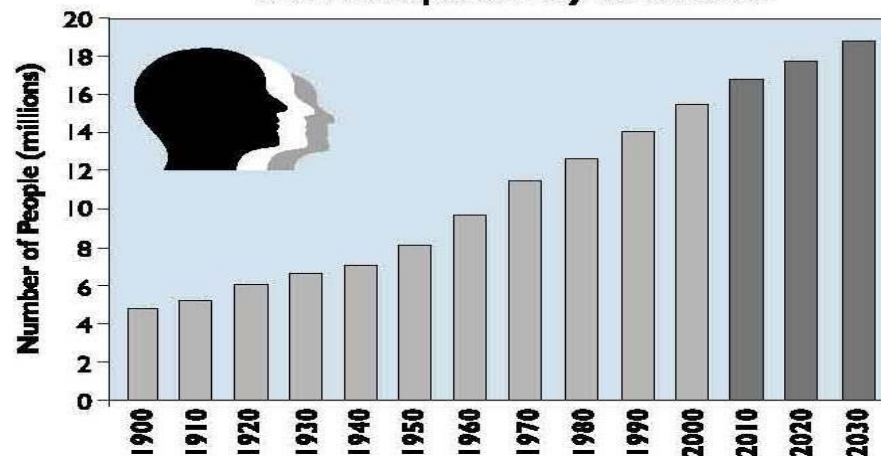


Figure 2-1. Since the beginning of the last century, population levels have shown a steady increase in the Bay watershed. Experts predict that numbers will continue to rise through the next three decades.

Courtesy R. Murtugudde ESSIC

Sea level increase due to temperature increase

“Sea levels may rise three times faster than the official predictions of the IPCC and the global average sea level may increase by as much as 1.9 meters (6ft 3in) by 2100”. (Vermeera and Rahmstorf, PNAS, 2009, 106(51): 21527-21532)

Vibrios and Chesapeake Bay

- *Vibrio cholerae*
- *Vibrio vulnificus* and
- *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*

Vibrio parahaemolyticus

- *V. parahaemolyticus* gastroenteritis worldwide and constantly in rise since 2000 (*Martinez-Urtaza et al, 2004, Caburlotto et al., 2010, Ceccarelli et al, 2013*)
- It is the leading cause of seafood-induced enteritis from consumption of raw or undercooked seafood (*DePaola et al., 2003*)
- According to the Centers for Disease Control, in the US, there are estimated 4,500 cases per year (*Johnson et al., 2010*)

Vibrio vulnificus

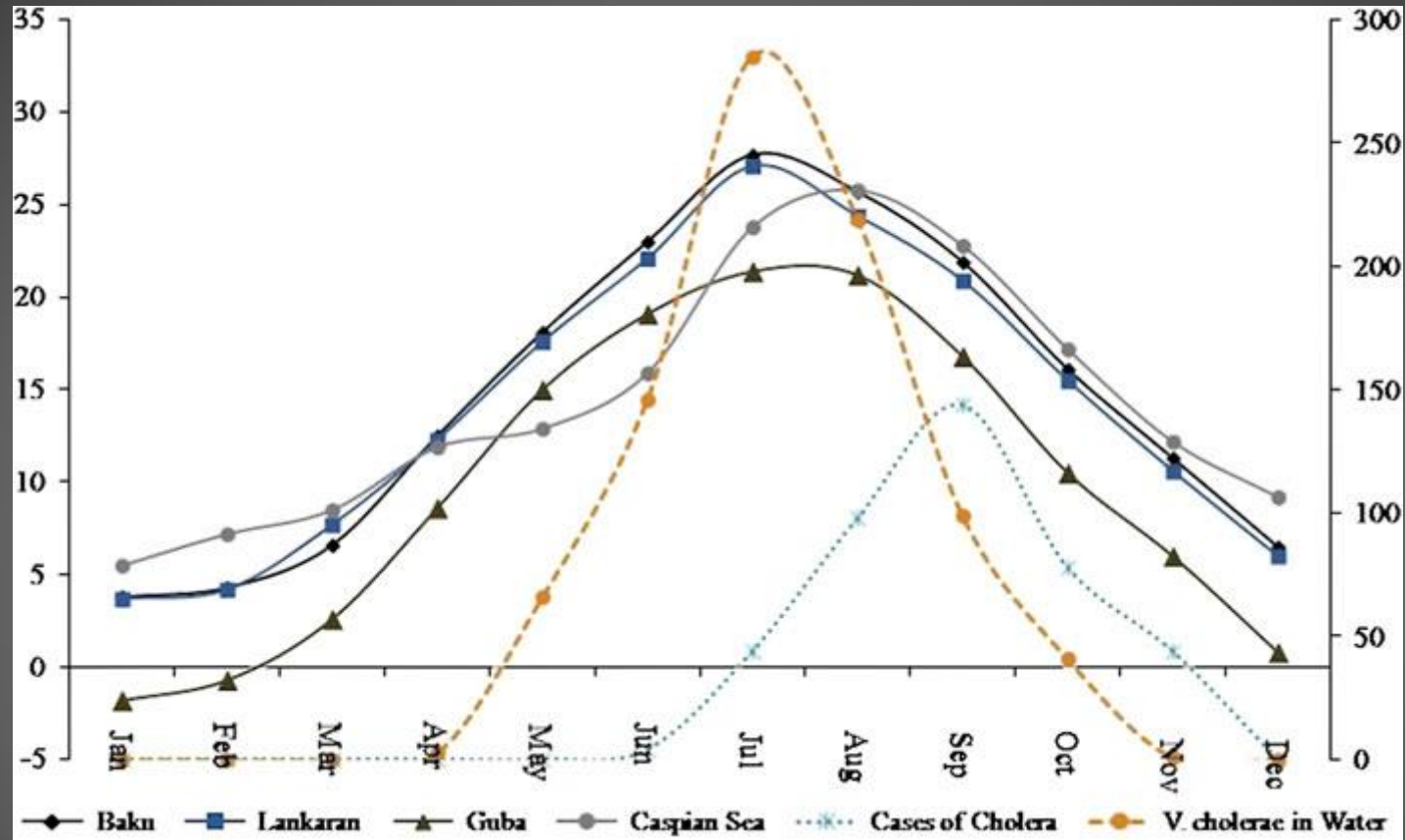
- **Mortality rate of *V. vulnificus* septicemia can exceed 50%** and death may occur within 48 hours and mortality from wound infection can be 25% (*Jones et al, 2010*).
- **Readily isolated from water, sediment and shellfish when environmental conditions are favorable** (*Johnson et al, 2012*)
- **2013- Florida Department of Health reported 36 cases and 10 deaths due to *V. vulnificus* infection** (*Skrzypek, 2013*).
2015- 13 cases along the east coast with 7 deaths
- **>200 cases of *V. vulnificus* infection per year in the US** (<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/vibriovulnificus.html>)

Vibrio cholerae

- **Estimated ~3 million cases & 95,00 deaths/year with more than a billion people are at risk of cholera in endemic countries (*Ali et al, PloS, Negl Trop Dis, 2015*)**
- **More than 87,00 cases in non-endemic countries with 2,500 deaths.**
- **Most of the endemic countries are in Asia, Africa and south America**
- **Most the reported cases in the developed counties are imported, but some are indigenous including the USA**

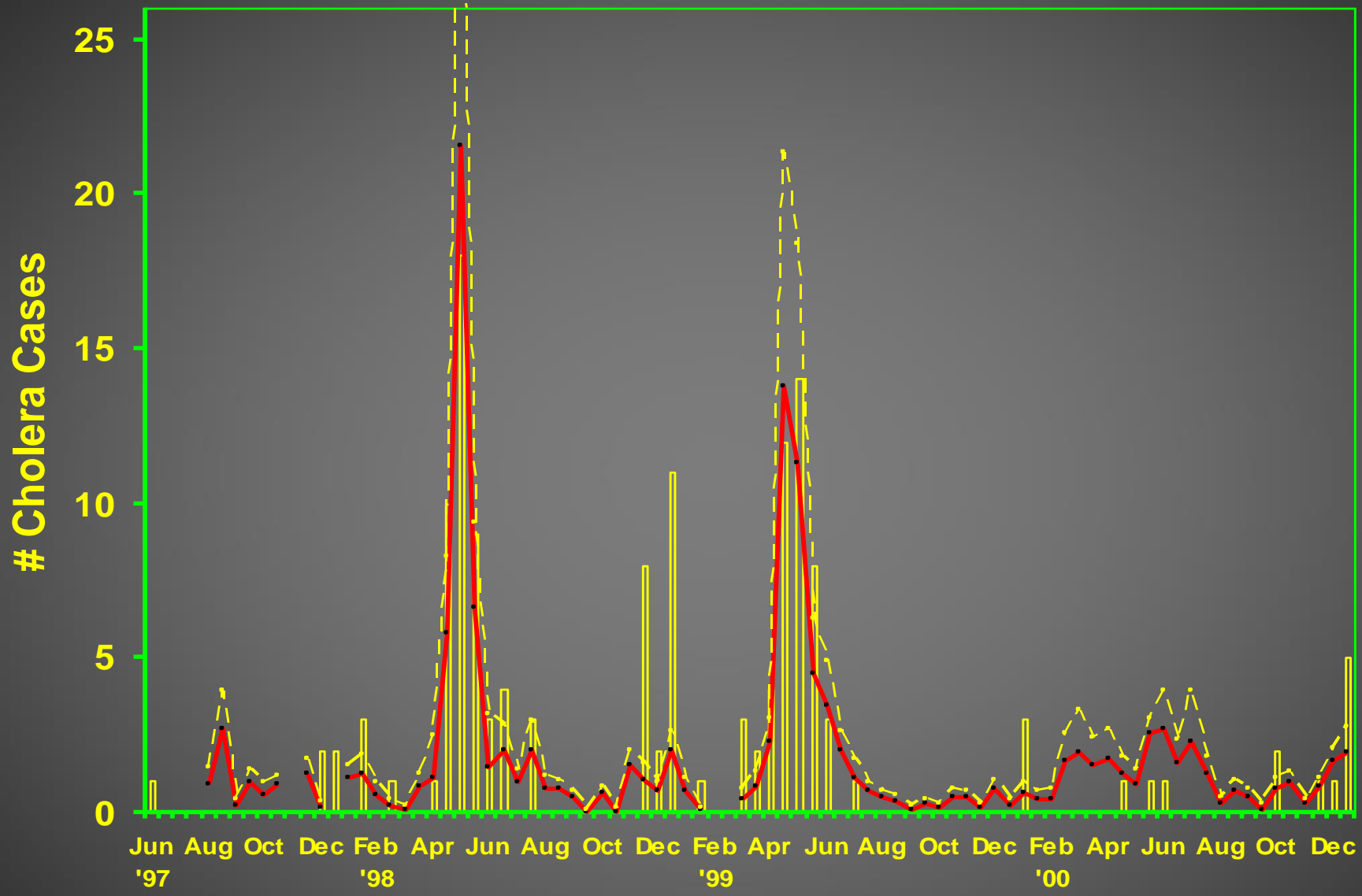
Influence of environmental factors

- Sea surface temperature (SST), sea surface height (SSH), and chlorophyll have been shown to be predictors of zooplankton and thus factors linked to *Vibrio* populations.
- Salinity, conductivity, turbidity, and dissolved organic carbon influence the incidence and distribution of *Vibrio* spp.
- SST and suspended particulate matter were found to be strong
- predictors of total and potentially pathogenic *V. parahaemolyticus* and *V. vulnificus*.



Monthly air surface temperature at the Caspian sampling sites and water temperatures at Baku, Lankaran, and Guba (X-axis), and number of cases of cholera/number of *V. cholerae* positive water samples (Y-axis), 1970–1998).

Shair et al, *J EcoHealth*, 2012



Observed Predicted --- 95% Upper Pred. Limit

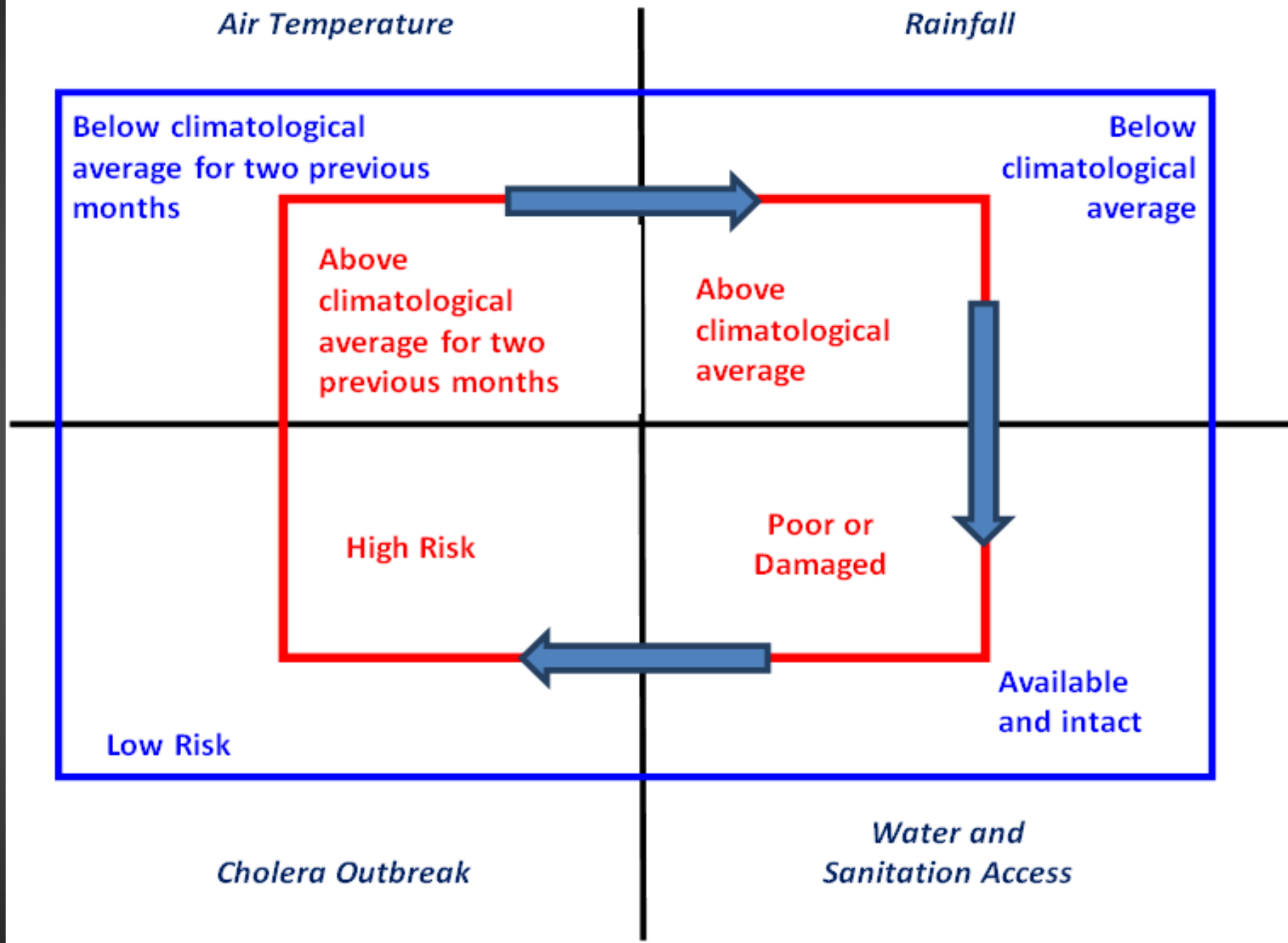
Temperature is the most influencing environmental factor known so far.....

5 °C increase in the water temperature showed a 3.3 fold increased risk (with 95% confidence) of cholera with a lag of six weeks.

Huq et al , 2005, Appl Environ Microbiol. 71(8): 4645–4654

- **Ground truth data from the ecological studies provided the foundation for the first model**
- **Need a model for global prediction**
- **Goal is to predict just like weather forecast**

That's where we need satellite remote sensing, andwe need NASA



Global prediction will help.....

- **Early detection of occurrence of vibrios in the environment.**
- **Generate awareness for precaution**
- **Prevent *Vibrio* infection associated with seafood and recreational activities and also minimize economic loss**
- **Well prepared to combat in case of an outbreak**



Sari Filtration

Infectious Dose of Toxigenic *Vibrio cholerae* O1

(Cash et al, 1974)

Inoculum

10^3 with antacids

10^6 with food

$>10^6$ with water

Symptom

Mild diarrhea

Severe diarrhea

Severe diarrhea

Oithona spp female with eggs



Eurytemora affinis, female with eggs



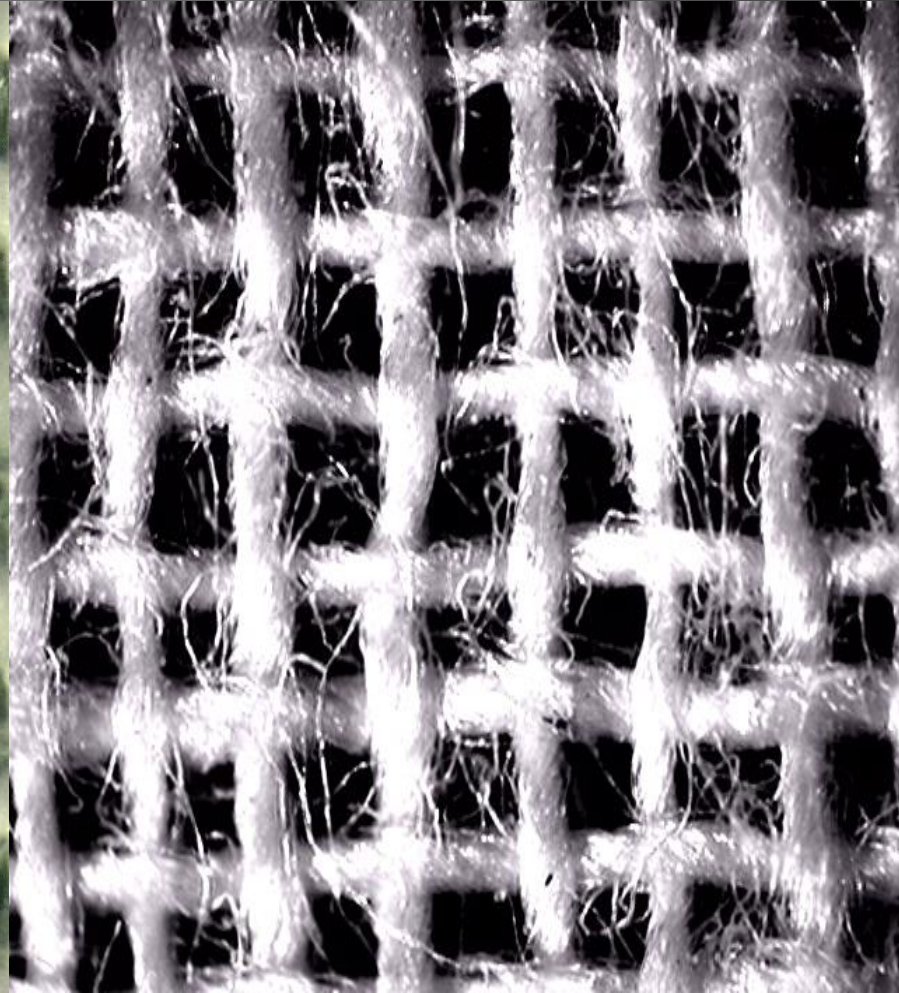
Acartia tonsa



OLD SARI



NEW SARI





A Simple Filtration Method To Remove Plankton-Associated *Vibrio cholerae* in Raw Water Supplies in Developing Countries

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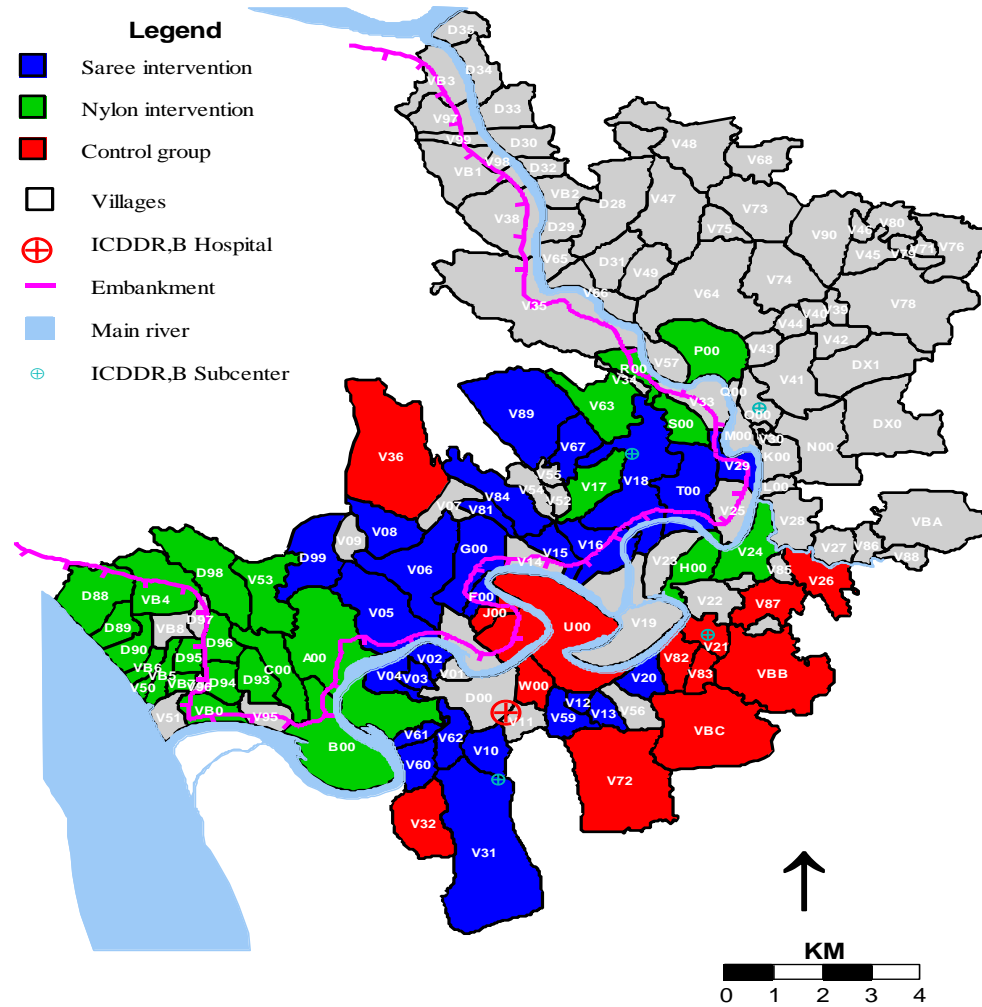
***Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 62 (7):2508-2512, July, 1996**



Villagers in Bangladesh collect filtered water in the same pond used for bathing



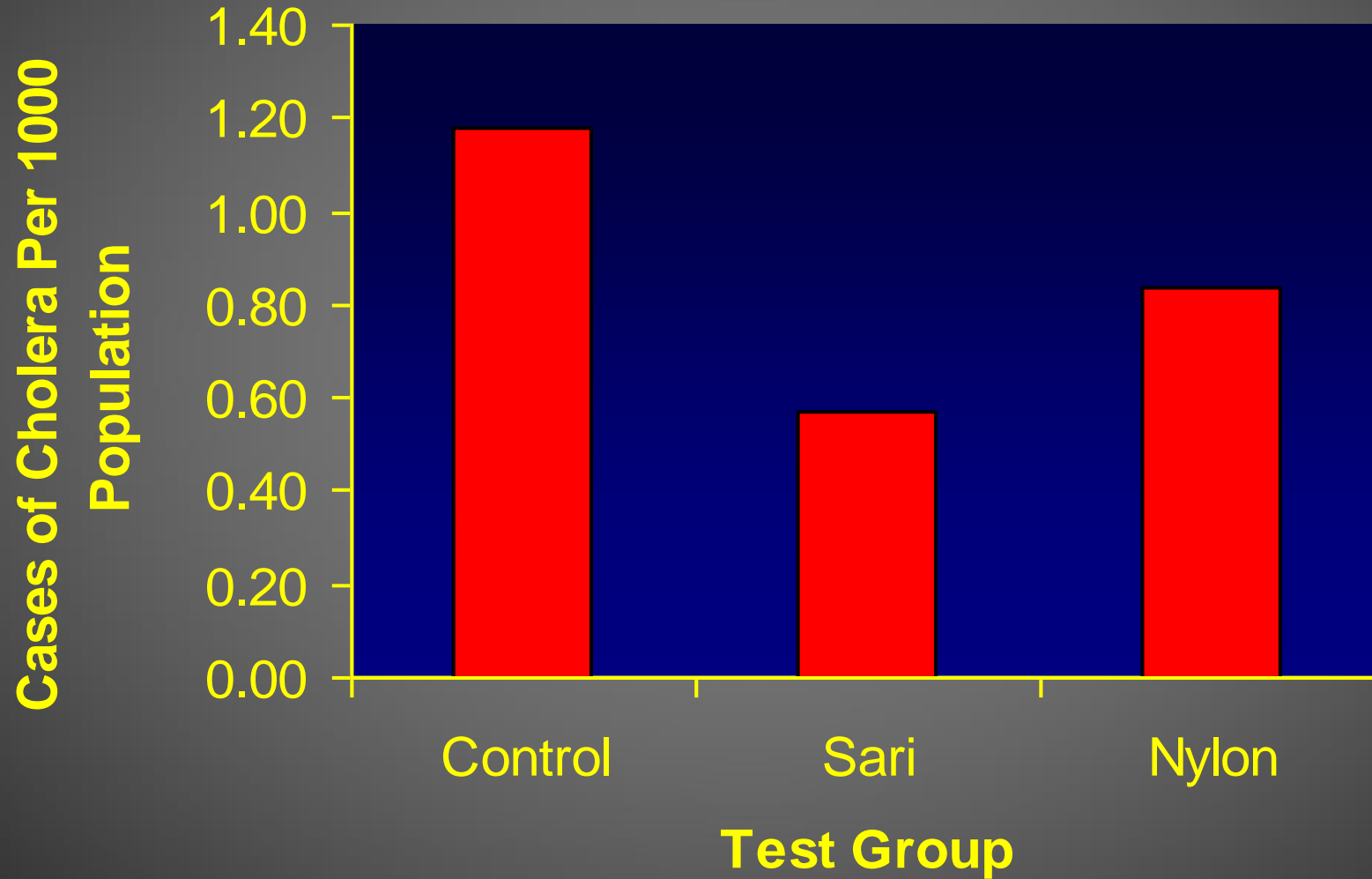
Matlab map showing study villages of filtration project for the second phase



Source: GIS unit, ICDDR,B



2-year Study



Reduction of Cholera in Bangladesh Villages by Simple Filtration

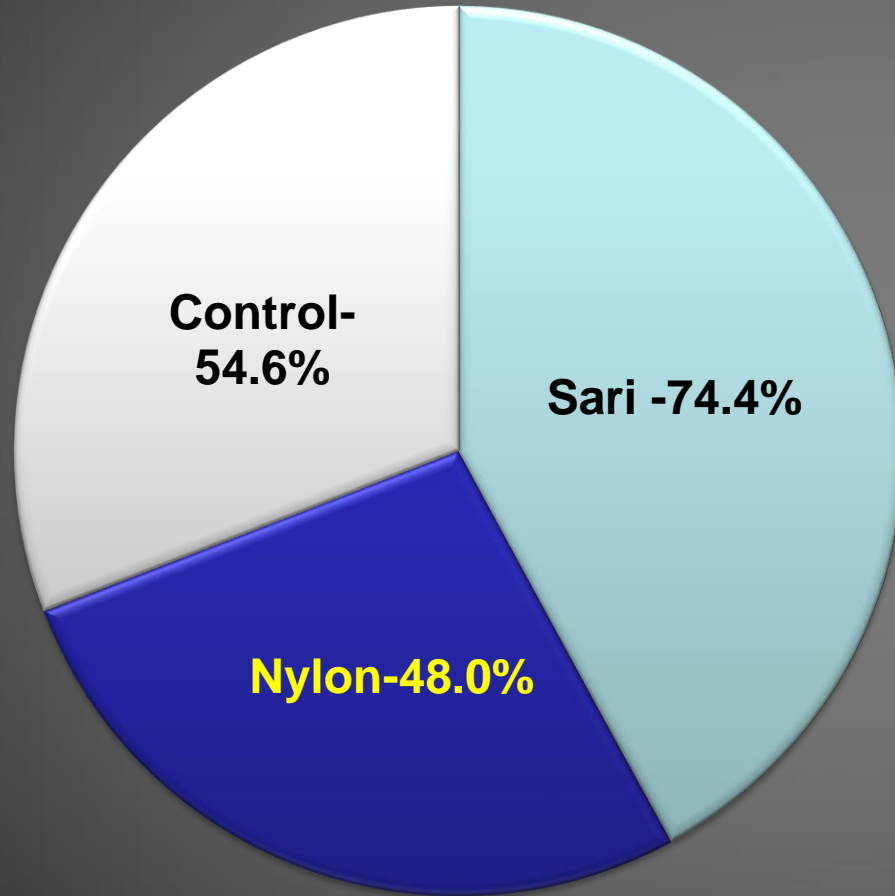
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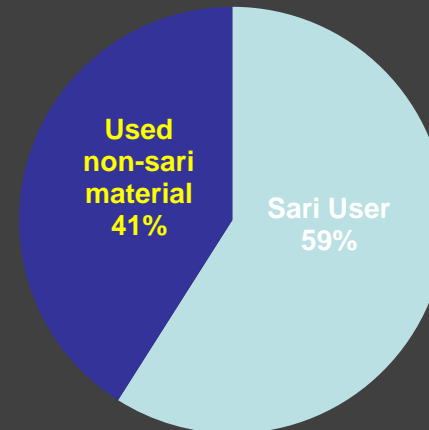
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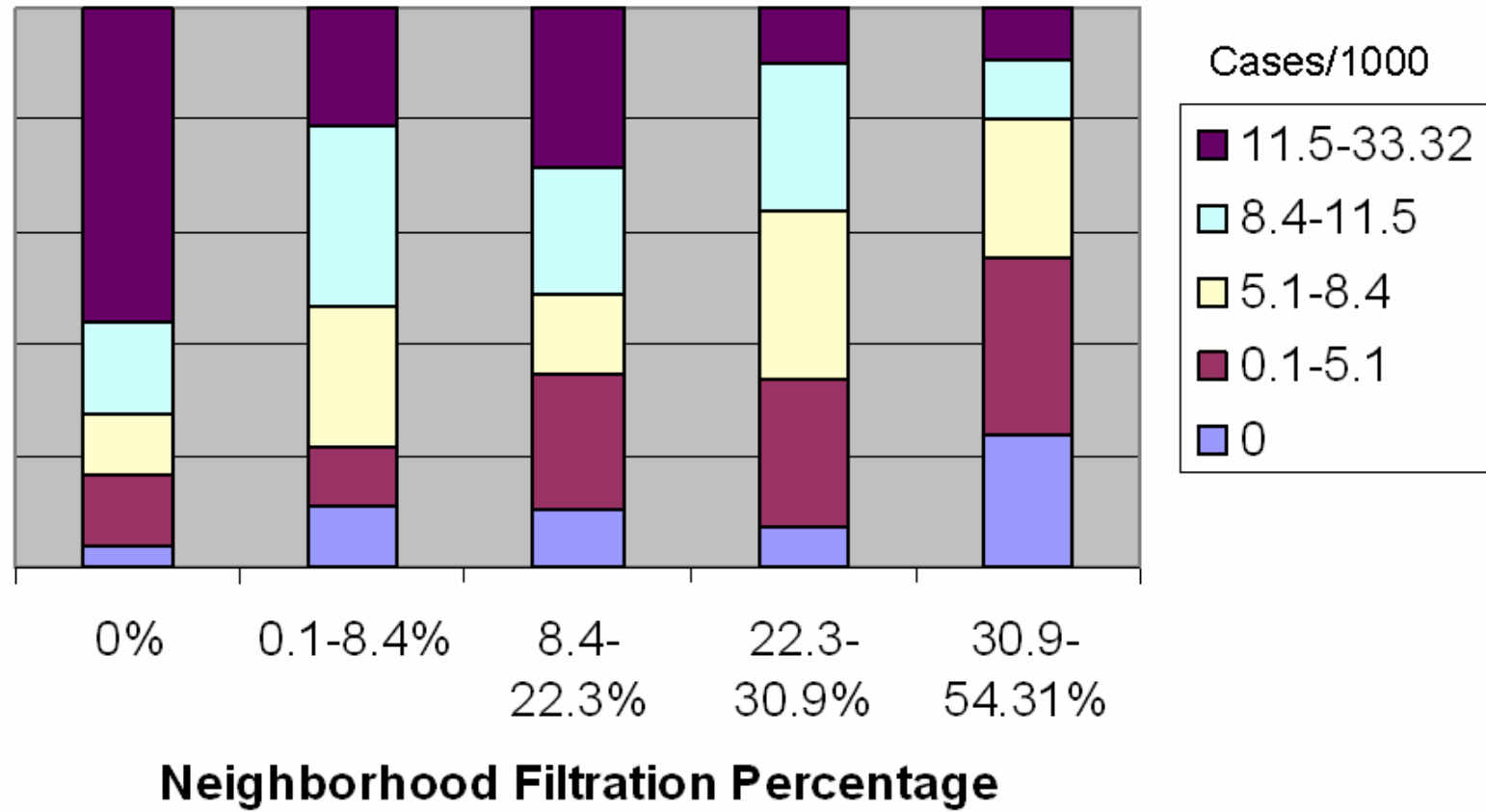
Filtering population in 3 original study groups using sari



Use of sari among the total filtering population



Incidence in non-filtering households by neighborhood filtration coverage



Cholera prediction in Bangladesh will help health officials to caution public of the risk via radio and television.

Public can use sari filtration if they have no other choice but to depend on natural water for domestic purpose including for drinking

Using satellite remote sensing data, models for global prediction of the occurrence of vibrios any where in the world including the Chesapeake Bay will help prevent and reduce the number of infection and suffering and even save life in extreme cases.

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