

Assessment of climate bridges in the world air traffic network using centrality measures

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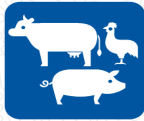


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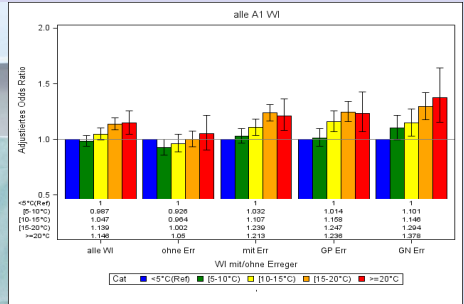


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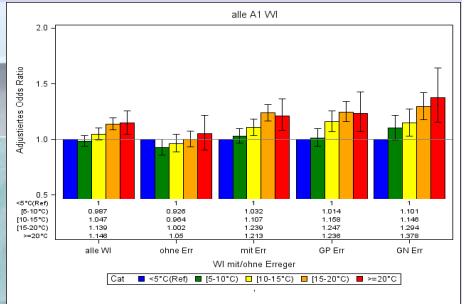


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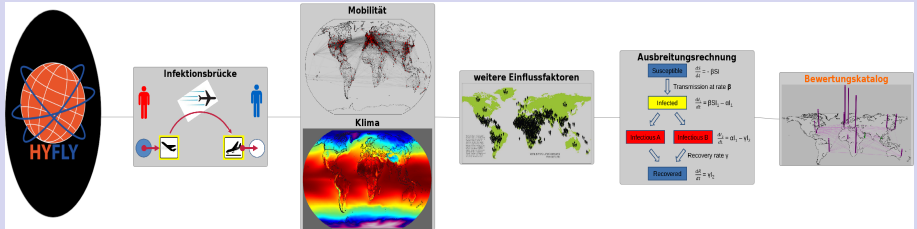


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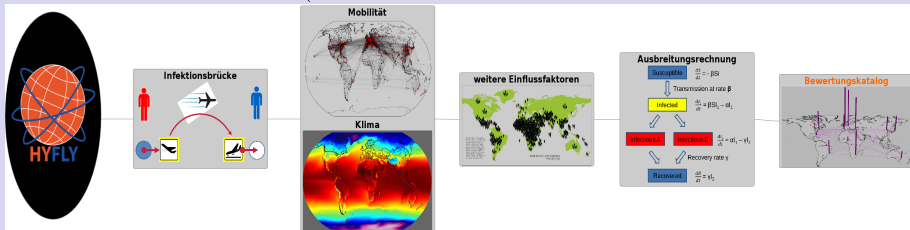


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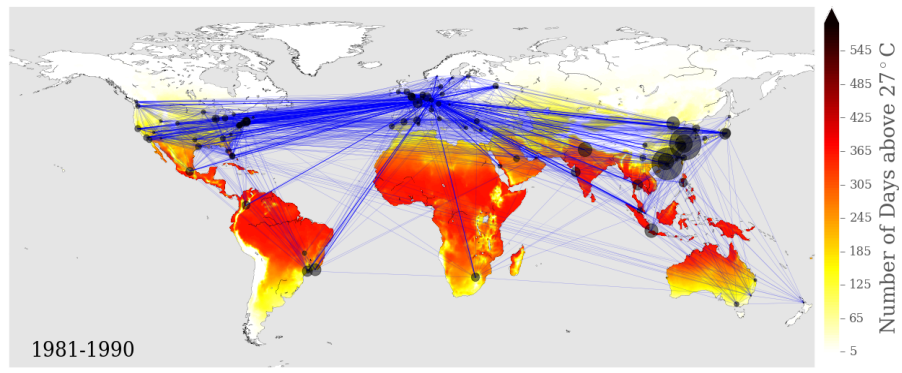


Fig.: (1) 99 selected Airports (2) population (3) 3255 daily flight connections (4) climate data - **not everyone with everyone**

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Climate Bridge Transfer Function

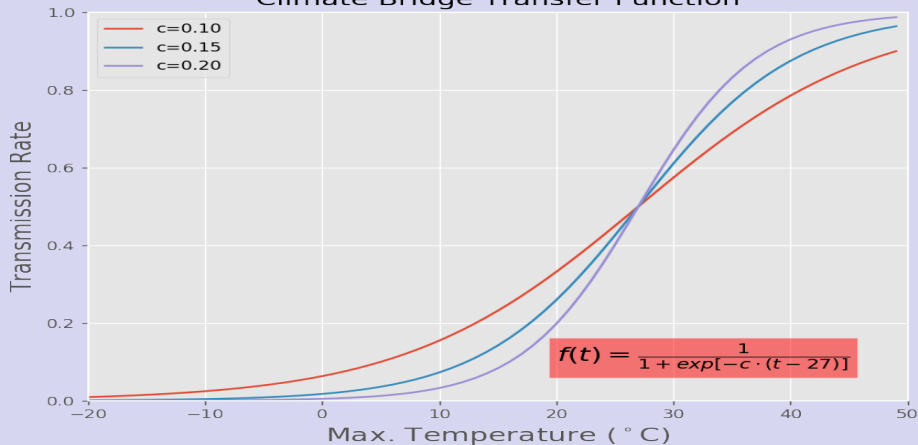
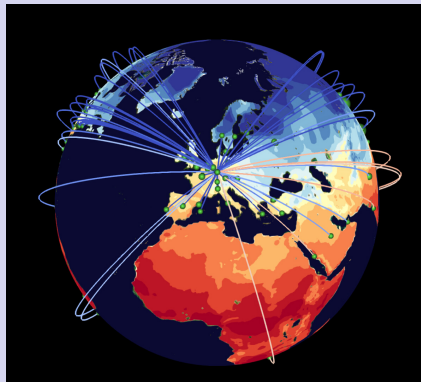


Fig.: The weight of flight connections dependent on daily maximum temperature at two connected airports (nodes): source and target

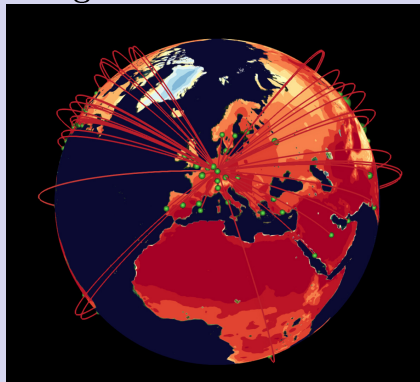


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GTX visualization of climate bridges for FRA



winter conditions



summer conditions

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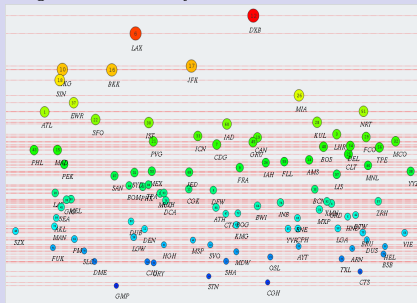


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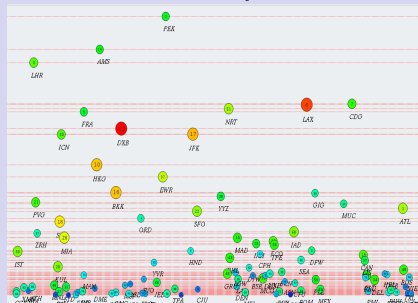
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Degree Centrality



1. DXB (Dubai)
2. LAX (Los Angeles)
3. JFK (New York)

Betweenness Centrality



1. PEK (Peking)
2. AMS (Amsterdam)
3. LHR (London)

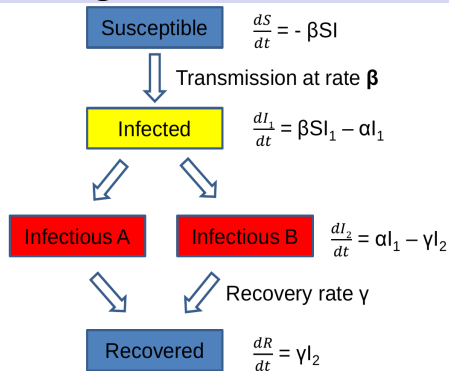
DXB: most flights

PEK: shortest flight connections between other airports



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3.4 From Climate to Infection Bridges



SEIR: Susceptible - Exposed - Infectious - Recovered - model

transmission rate = climate bridge (infection bridges)

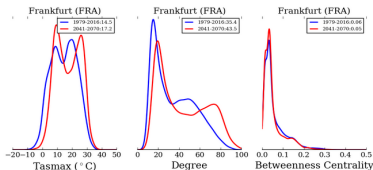
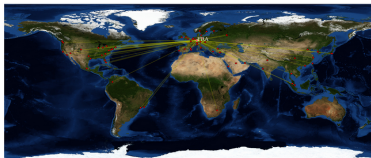


4. Results

4.1 Assessment of Airports (interactive sorted table)



Assessment of Airports: 1979-2016 / 2041-2070 (RCP85)



Airport	IATA	Population	Longitude	Latitude	DG_1979-2016	DG_2041-2070	Δ	BC_1979-2016	BC_2041-2070	Δ	TX_1979-2016 [°C]	TX_2041-2070 [°C]	Δ	PR_1979-2016 [mm]	PR_2041-2070 [mm]	Δ	MAP
Dubai	DXB	0.381	55.364	25.253	58.748	66.742	7.994	0.021	0.021	0.001	33.8	37.0	3.209	91	69	-22.341	MAP
Bangkok	BKK	7.064	100.747	13.681	46.188	52.086	5.899	0.021	0.021	0.000	33.3	35.8	2.418	1474	1453	-20.316	MAP
Singapore	SIN	0.051	103.994	1.350	42.422	44.413	1.991	0.021	0.025	0.004	31.4	30.7	-0.617	2374	2505	191.077	MAP
Hong Kong	HKG	0.948	113.915	22.309	39.931	46.456	6.525	0.022	0.022	0.001	26.4	28.5	2.054	1907	1932	25.141	MAP
Los Angeles	LAX	2.390	-118.408	33.943	39.951	47.657	8.105	0.037	0.039	0.002	22.4	24.7	2.270	329	315	-14.157	MAP
Miami	MIA	2.226	-80.291	25.793	38.242	39.446	1.204	0.021	0.022	0.001	29.2	28.0	-1.218	1587	1536	-51.688	MAP
New York	JFK	3.650	-73.779	40.640	36.688	45.789	9.100	0.032	0.031	-0.002	17.3	20.5	3.176	1308	1324	16.237	MAP
Atlanta	ATL	1.839	-84.428	33.637	35.743	42.366	6.622	0.022	0.022	-0.000	23.4	25.7	2.279	1350	1424	73.743	MAP
Frankfurt	FRA	1.280	8.571	50.033	35.115	43.182	8.067	0.058	0.053	-0.005	14.4	17.1	2.701	748	744	-3.266	MAP
London	LHR	3.568	-0.462	51.471	35.020	43.108	8.088	0.086	0.098	0.012	14.3	16.6	2.338	744	807	63.182	MAP
Houston	IAH	2.512	-95.341	29.984	34.558	40.148	5.591	0.021	0.021	0.000	26.6	28.7	2.111	1415	1301	-113.809	MAP
Paris	CDG	0.246	2.550	49.013	33.987	41.835	7.848	0.051	0.051	-0.000	15.5	18.0	2.521	787	788	0.937	MAP
Tokyo	NRT	5.068	140.386	35.765	33.761	41.703	7.943	0.045	0.047	0.003	19.3	22.1	2.791	1541	1594	52.424	MAP
Beijing	PEK	11.187	116.585	40.080	33.753	41.696	7.943	0.103	0.099	-0.003	17.9	21.1	3.262	564	611	46.883	MAP

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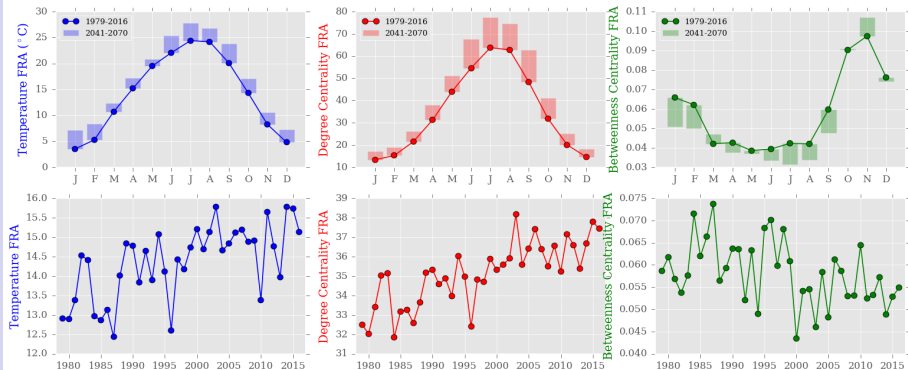
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#	DG 1979-2016	DG 2041-2070	Δ
1.	DXB	DXB	JFK
2.	BKK	BKK	LAX
3.	SIN	LAX	LHR
FRA	9.	7.	4.

- (1) ranking of airports by the network measure: weighted degree centrality
- (2) comparing recent (1979-2016) and future (2041-2070) conditions
- (3) What does it mean for Frankfurt (FRA)?

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4.2 Statistics for FRA



- (1) Temperature: seasonal shift to higher temperatures
- (2) Degree Centrality: climate effect in the order of 10 flights more
- (3) Betweenness Centrality: increasing seasonality

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4.3 Outbreak

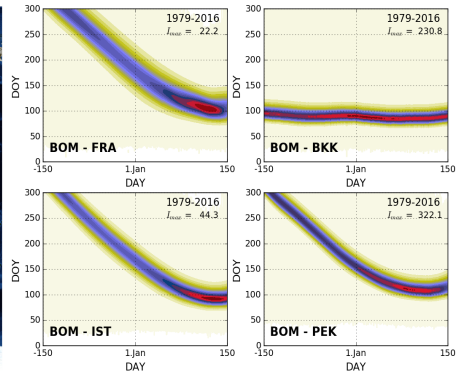
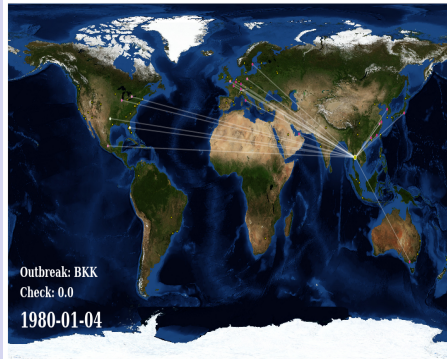


Fig.: Number of days until outbreak (source=BOM) reaches (target=FRA) over the initial date. An outbreak in spring shows the shortest time of less than 100 days.

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