

Modelling vector control interventions against malaria in Haiti

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Motivation

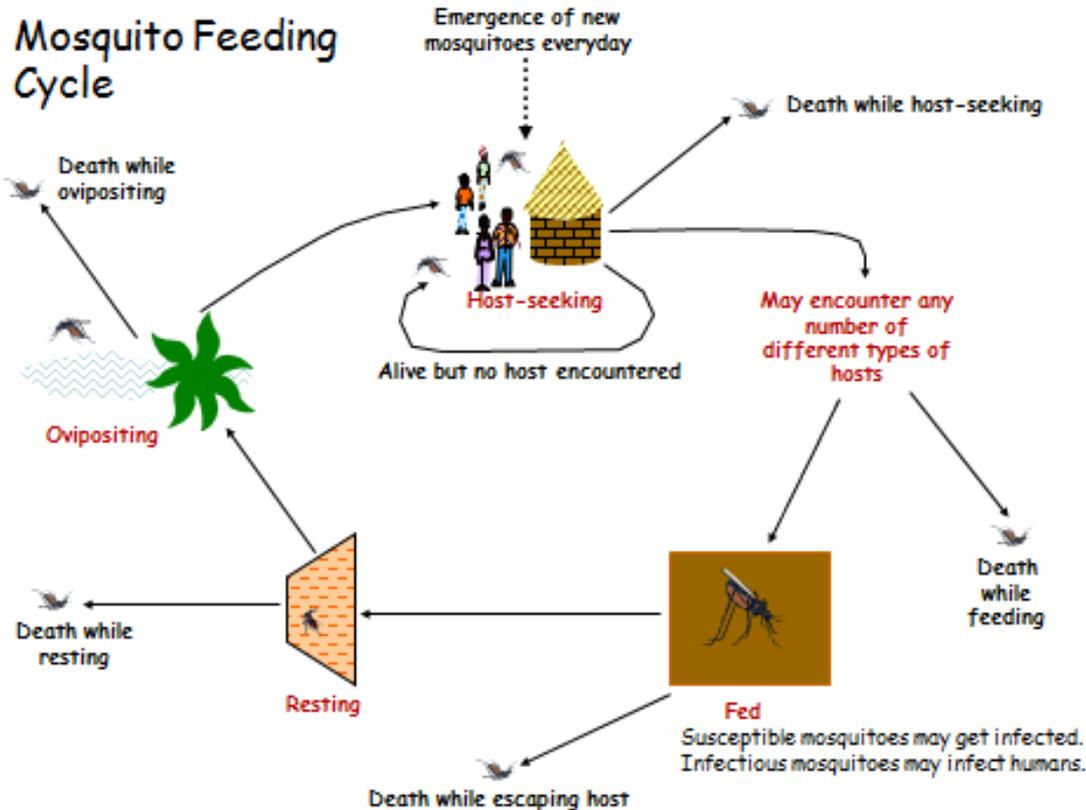
- Most field trials of the impact of vector control interventions against malaria have been carried out in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Malaria vectors elsewhere differ from African vectors in key behavioural parameters
- Mathematical models can be used to infer the likely impact of different interventions from entomological field data

Approach

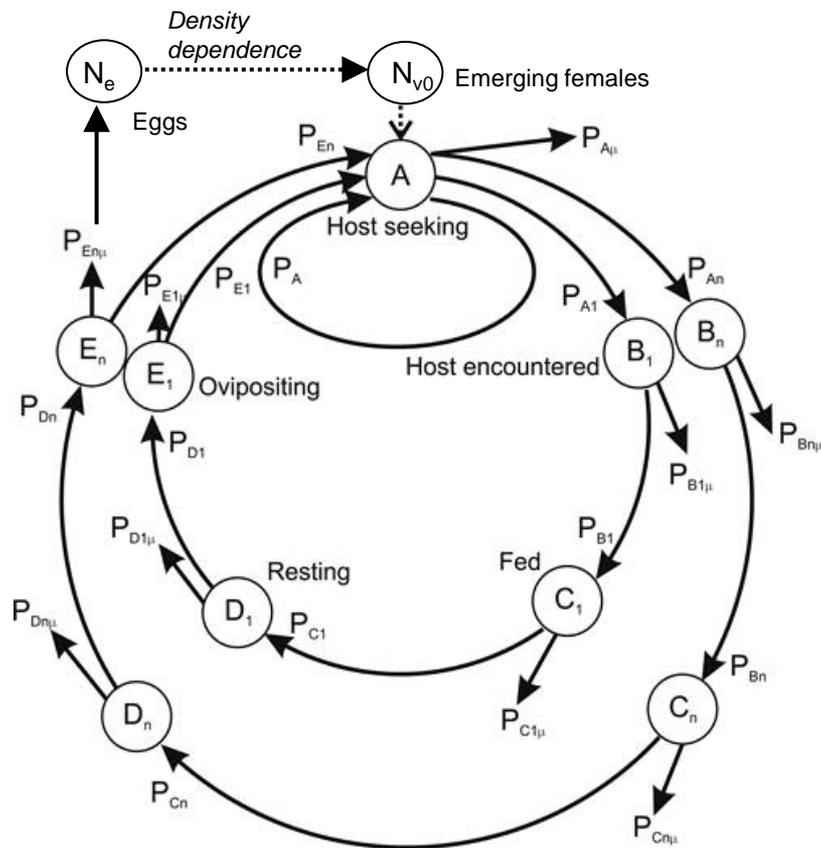
- Discrete time model of the oviposition cycle.
- Incrementally build-up a library of field data (not formal systematic review)
- Use the model to predict the impact by coverage, on vectorial capacity

We started with:

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>An. aconitus</i> | <i>An. balabacensis</i> | <i>An. minimus</i> | <i>An. dirus</i> |
| <i>An. albimanus</i> (Haiti) | <i>An. barbirostris</i> | <i>An. sinensis</i> | <i>An. flavirostris</i> |
| <i>An. annularis</i> | <i>An. coluzzii</i> | <i>An. subpictus</i> | <i>An. funestus</i> |
| <i>An. arabiensis</i> | <i>An. culicifacies</i> | <i>An. sudaicus</i> | <i>An. gambiae s.s.</i> |
| | | | <i>An. maculatus</i> |



Discrete time population model of vector



The model can be extended to allow for density dependence in larval stages.

This is essential for modeling interventions that may drive the vector to extinction.



- Build up a database of entomological parameters for each vector species:

Vector-specific Entomological Parameters

Parous rate

Sac rate

Proportion of a day that a mosquito actively seeks a host

Time required for a mosquito that has encountered a host to return to host-seeking

Time required for sporozoites to develop into mosquitoes

Oocyst development time

Biting Rhythm

Host-specific Entomological Parameters

Probability of biting host i

Probability of finding a resting place after biting host i

Probability of surviving resting phase after biting host i

Probability of laying eggs and returning to host seeking after biting host i

Proportion of susceptible that become infected after biting host i

Availability rate to mosquitoes of host i

Intervention-specific Entomological Parameters

Probability of biting host i

Probability of finding a resting place after biting host i

Probability of surviving resting phase after biting host i

Probability of laying eggs and returning to host seeking after biting host i

Availability rate to mosquitoes of host i



For decades, medical entomology has used more or less standard approaches for measuring malaria transmission:

- Based on the Ross-Macdonald formula for R_0 :

$$R_0 = \frac{ma^2b_1b_2e^{-\mu T}}{r\mu}$$

- m : Number of mosquitoes per host.
- a : Biting rate of mosquitoes on their host.
- μ : Mortality of adult mosquitoes
- T : Incubation time of the the parasite in the mosquito vector
- r : Recovery rate of humans
- b_1 : Infectiousness of hosts to mosquitoes.
- b_2 : Susceptibility of humans

m, a from CDC light traps or human landing collections (host seeking)

a from the proportion recently fed, among resting mosquitoes

μ from the parous rate (among host seeking mosquitoes)

r, b_1 and b_2 are properties of the infection in humans and treated as invariant



- *An. albimanus* is the main malaria vector in Central America and The Caribbean
- Field data for *An. albimanus* from 3 locations: Dame Marie, North and South of Haiti and Laborde and for *An. gambiae* from Tanzania
- Important bionomic differences between *An. albimanus* and *An. gambiae*

Standard parameters of the entomological model without intervention

| Parameter | Symbol | Value |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Maximum length of time that a mosquito searches for a host in one 24 hour period if it is unsuccessful | τ_d | 0.33 days |
| Probability that a mosquito bites after encountering a host | P_B | 0.95 |
| Probability that a mosquito finds a resting place after biting | P_C | 0.95 |
| Probability that a mosquito survives the resting phase after biting | P_D | 0.46 |
| Probability that a mosquito lays eggs and returns to host-seeking after biting | P_E | 0.88 |

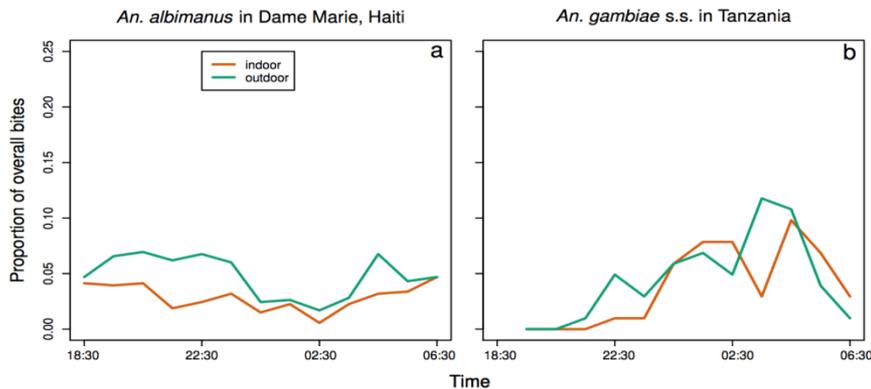
Bionomic parameter values of *An. albimanus* in Hispaniola extracted from the literature

| Parameter | Symbol | Value | Reference |
|-------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|
| Human blood index | χ | 5.4% | Mekuria et al |
| Parous rate | M | 0.484 | Molez et al |
| Resting period duration | τ | 3.5 days | Molez et al |
| Sac rate | A_0 | 0.405 | Molez et al |

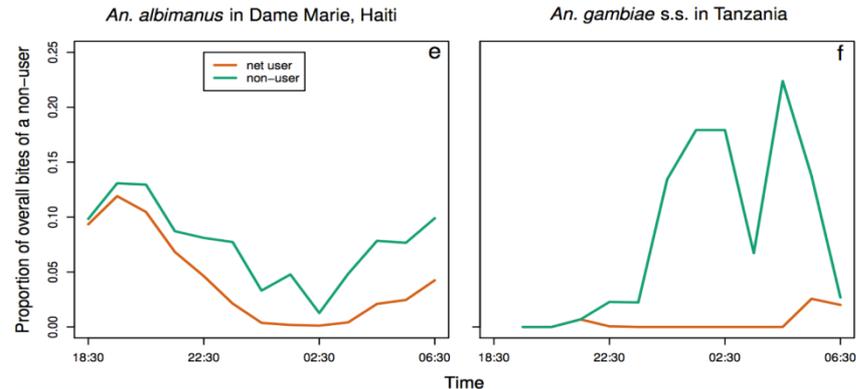
Parameterisation of LLIN model



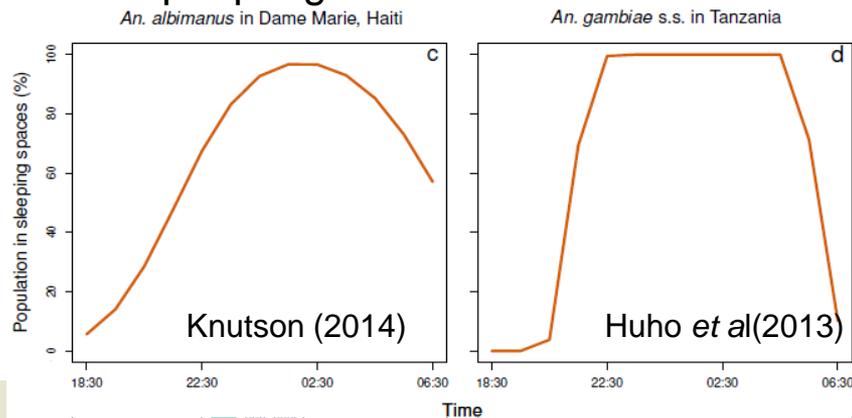
■ Biting rhythms (mosquito collectors):



■ Exposure of the population

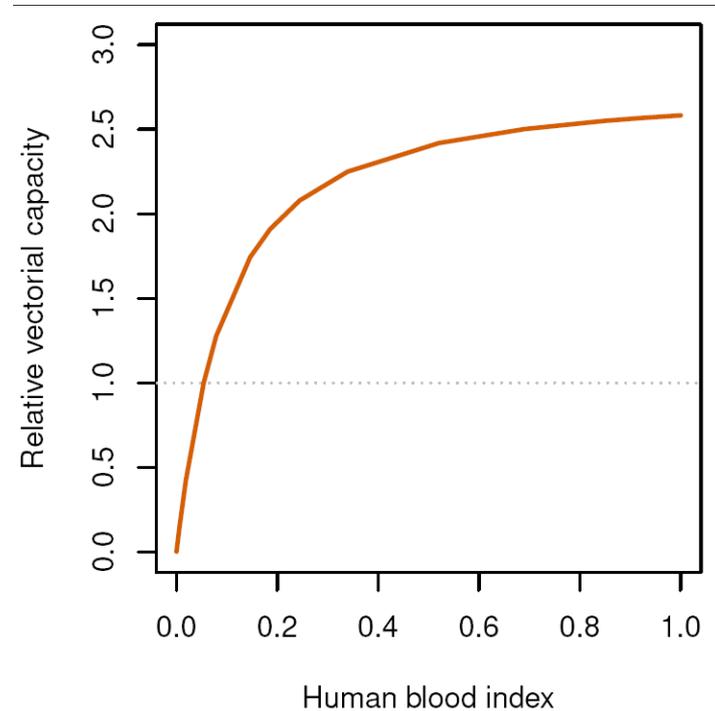


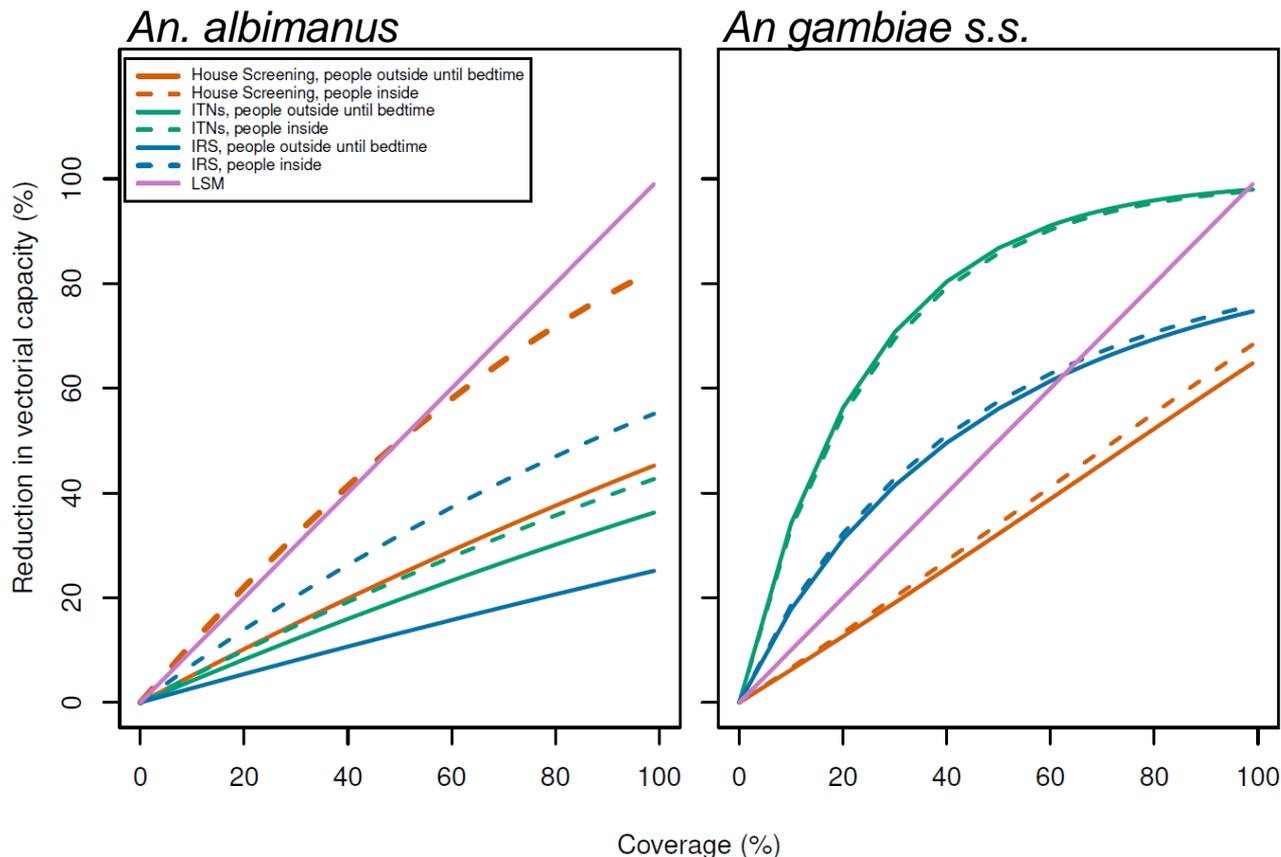
■ Time people go to bed:





- *An. albimanus* is an opportunistic feeder.
- This means that
 - (i) It can be deterred easily from biting humans (potential of spatial repellents).
 - (ii) Zooprophyllaxis may be effective
 - (iii) These two effects should be synergistic.





- At similar coverage, house screening has a higher impact than ITNs, especially if people are indoors
- IRS impact similar to ITNs if people are outdoors
- Stronger IRS impact if people are indoors

IRS = indoor residual spray, ITNs = insecticide treated nets, LSM=larval source management, δ = deltamethrin, λ = lambda-cyhalothrin, NA = not applicable /

Comparison of impacts of different interventions



Per cent effect at 10% coverage of vector control and human side interventions

| Intervention | Active ingredient | Evening location of people (until bed time) | <i>An. albimanus</i> northern and central Haiti | <i>An. albimanus</i> Dame Marie | <i>An. albimanus</i> Laborde | <i>An. gambiae</i> s.s. |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| IRS | Bendiocarb | Inside | 7.21 | 7.17 | 7.17 | 18.56 |
| | | Outside | 0.40 | 2.74 | 5.13 | 17.81 |
| | DDT | Inside | 6.55 | 6.55 | 6.55 | 17.29 |
| | | Outside | 0.55 | 2.96 | 4.95 | 17.10 |
| | δ | Inside | 2.44 | 2.49 | 2.49 | 22.50 |
| | | Outside | 0.04 | 0.66 | 1.55 | 21.38 |
| | λ | Inside | NA | NA | NA | 10.05 |
| | | Outside | NA | NA | NA | 9.62 |
| ITNs | λ | Inside | 0.62 | 4.17 | 7.94 | 34.22 |
| | | Outside | 1.82 | 5.06 | 7.51 | 33.28 |
| House screening | NA | Inside | 11.35 | 11.35 | 11.35 | 6.60 |
| | | Outside | 0.97 | 5.17 | 8.61 | 6.25 |
| LSM | NA | NA | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| RTS,S vaccination | NA | NA | 3.70 | 3.70 | 3.70 | 3.70 |
| Test and treat | NA | NA | 5.47 | 5.47 | 5.47 | 5.47 |
| Case management | NA | NA | 2.13 | 2.13 | 2.13 | 2.13 |

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- House-screening and repellent IRS are potentially highly effective against *An. albimanus* if people are indoors during the evening.
- This is consistent with historical impacts of IRS with DDT, which can be largely attributed to excito-repellency.
- It also supports the idea that housing improvements have played a critical role in malaria control in the Americas.
- For elimination planning, impact estimates need to be combined with feasibility and cost-analysis.

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