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# **Ebola in Zaire, 1976: Past as Prologue**



**September 5, 2019**



# WE WERE THERE (and ready for Ebola)

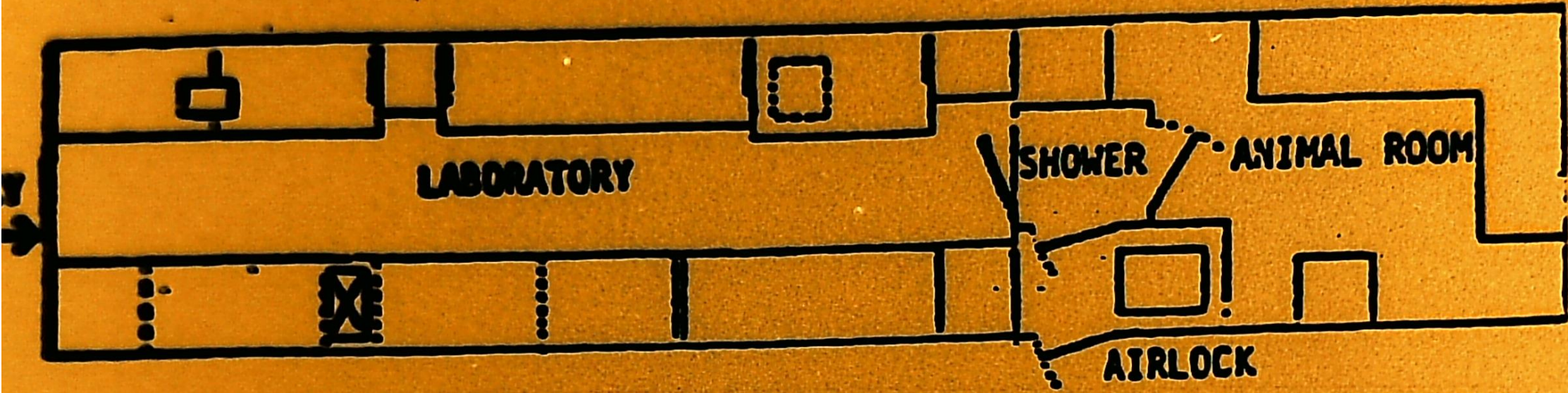
JAMES V. LANGE, PhD

RESEARCH MICROBIOLOGIST (THEN)

RETIRED (NOW)

# MARBURG TRAILER 1969

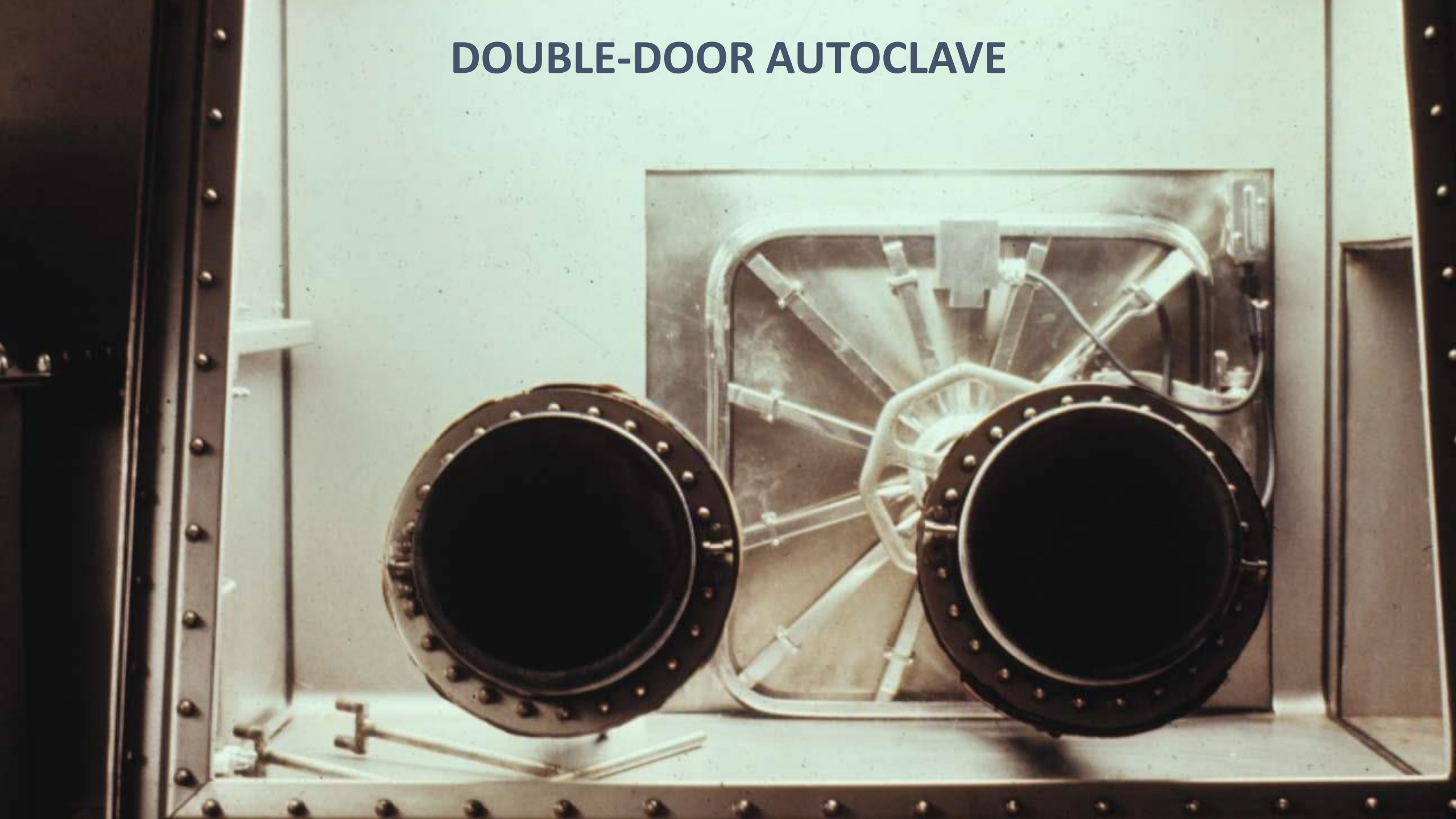
**FIGURE 1 - General Layout**

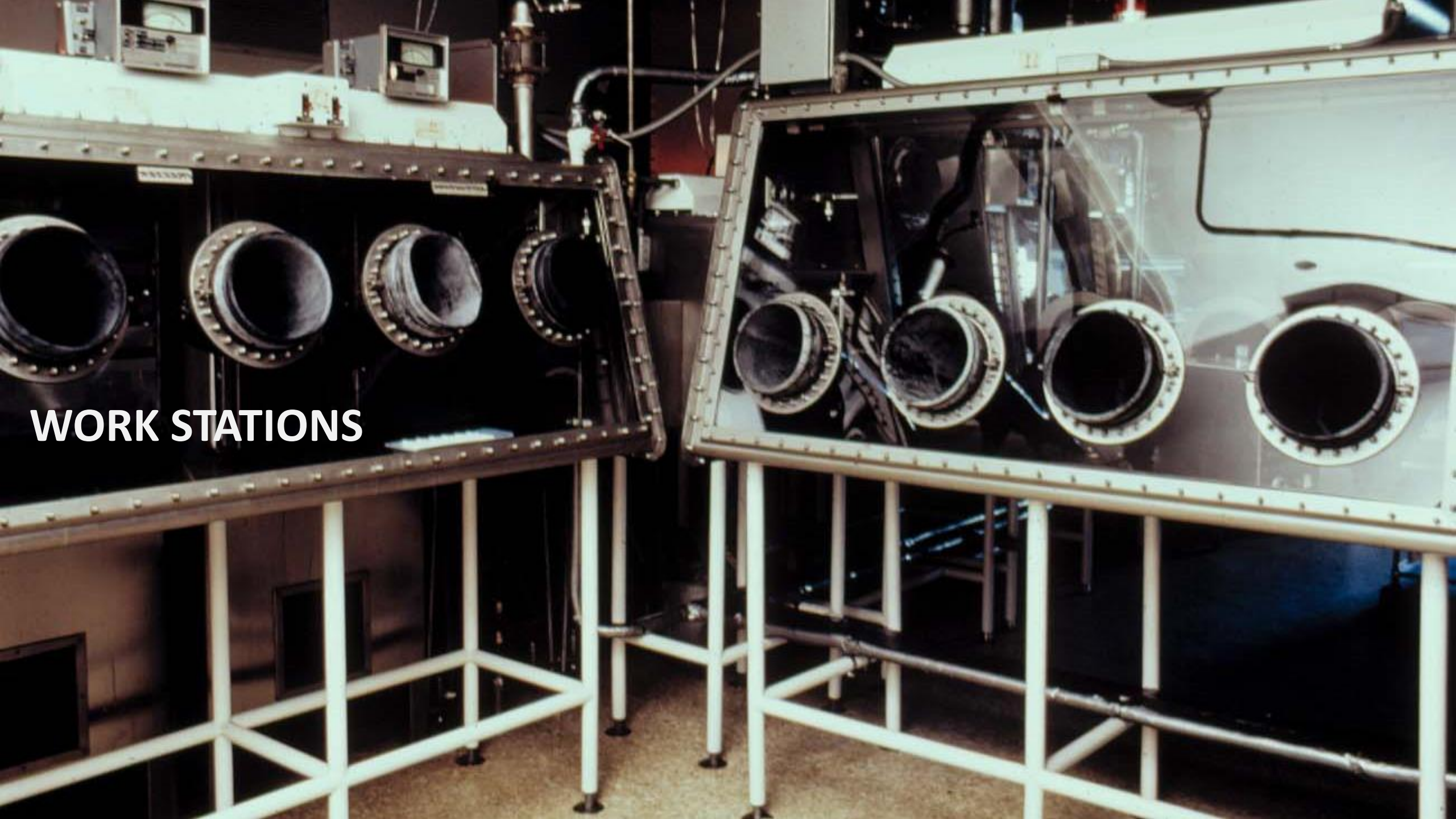




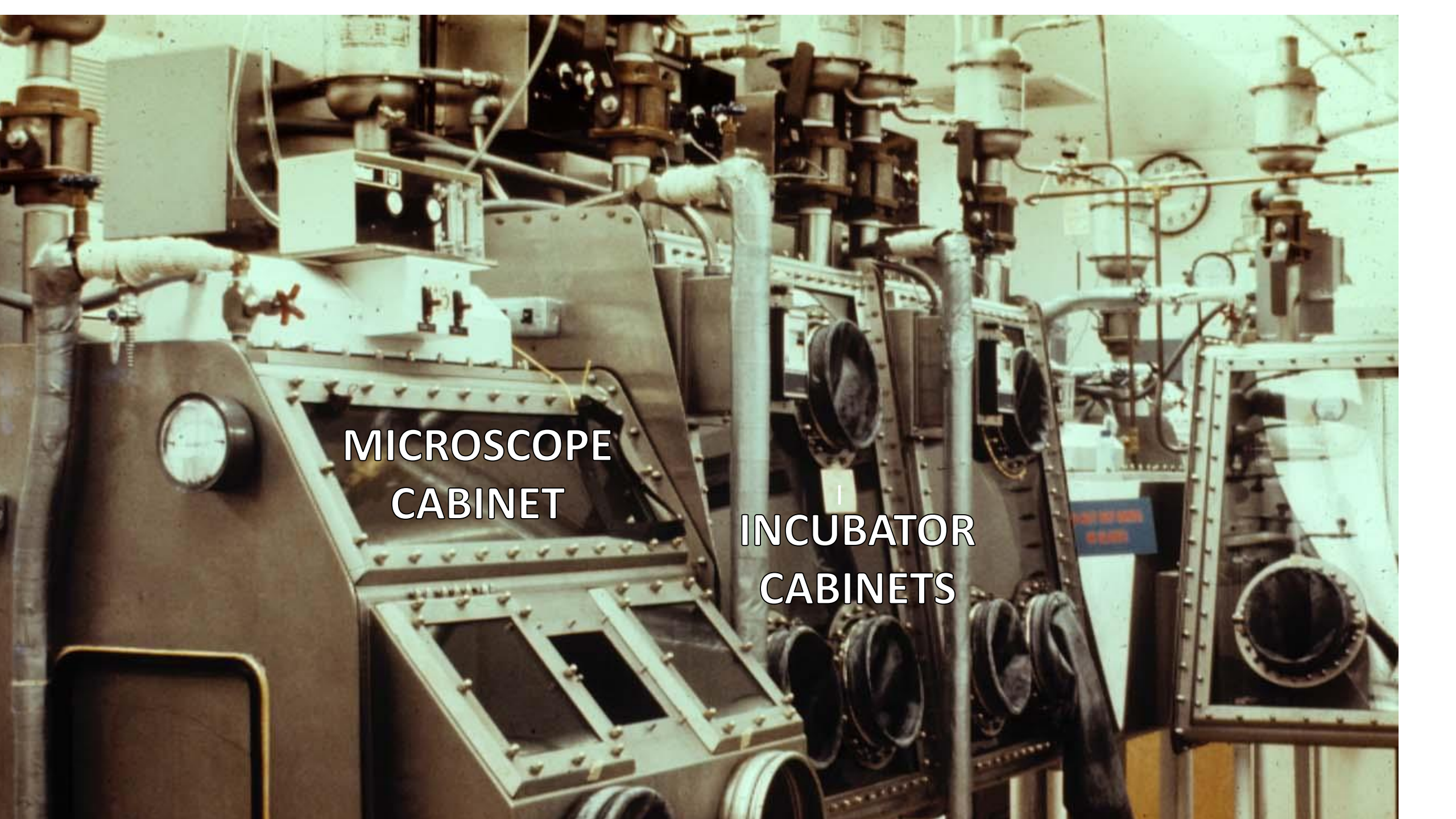
**BLDG 8 OPENED IN 1972 (aka 5A, 7A)**

# DOUBLE-DOOR AUTOCLAVE





**WORK STATIONS**



MICROSCOPE  
CABINET

INCUBATOR  
CABINETS

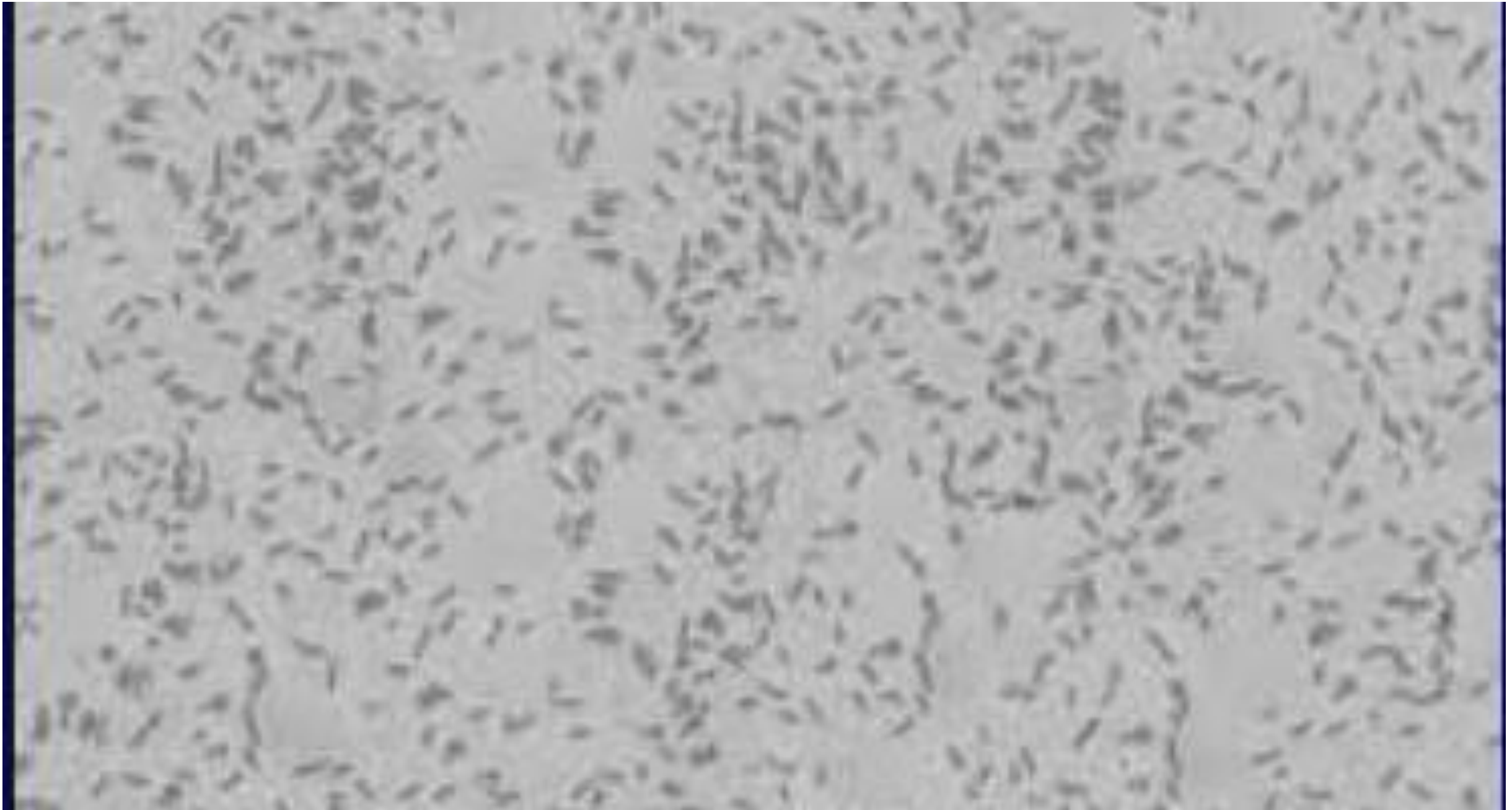


Bldg 8, Dr. Bob Huffaker, Biosafety Director, conducting a leak test on one of the glove box cabinets.

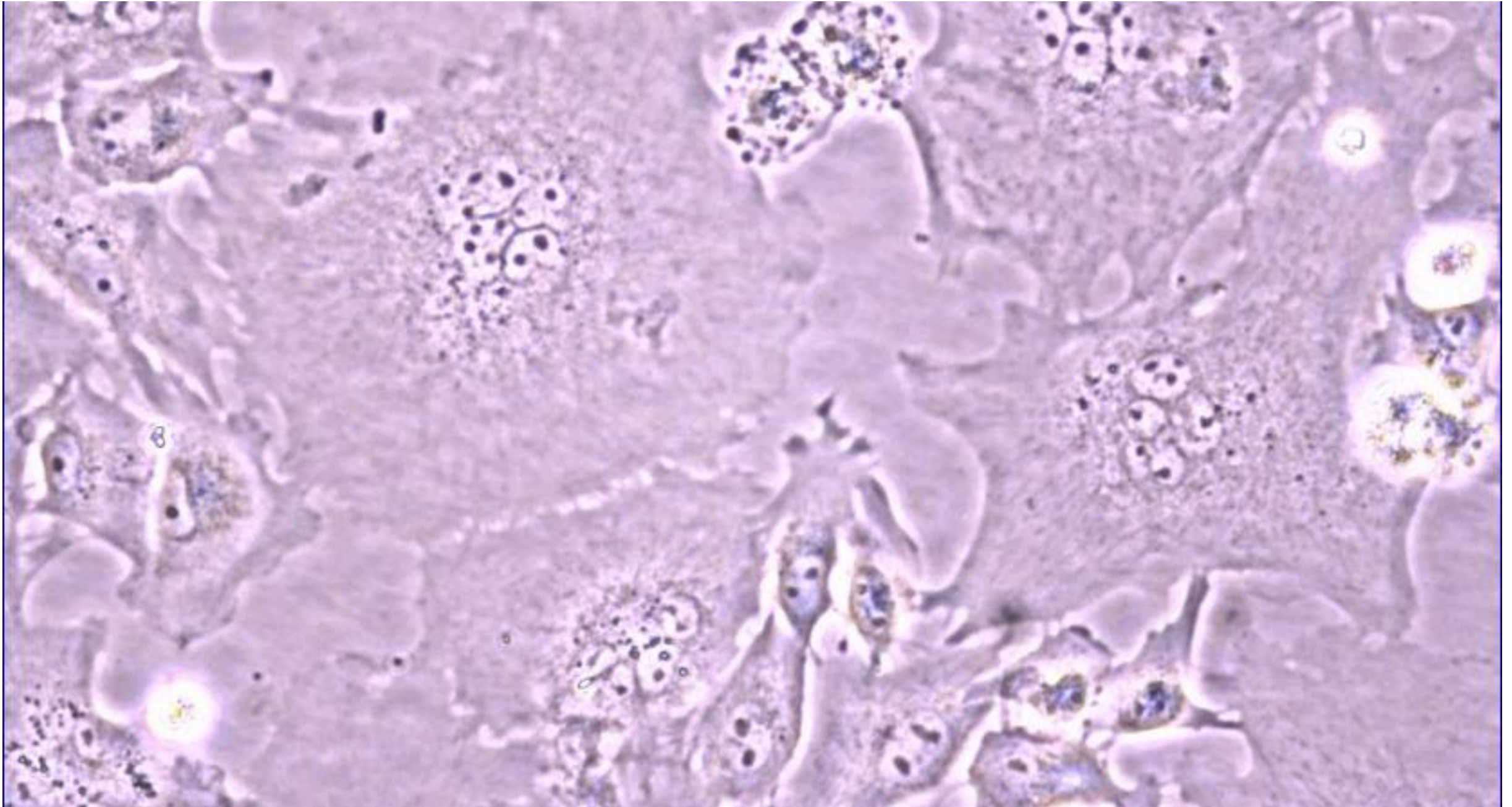


Bldg. 8, Dr. Bill Gary at an autoclave and the pass-through box, used as communications device

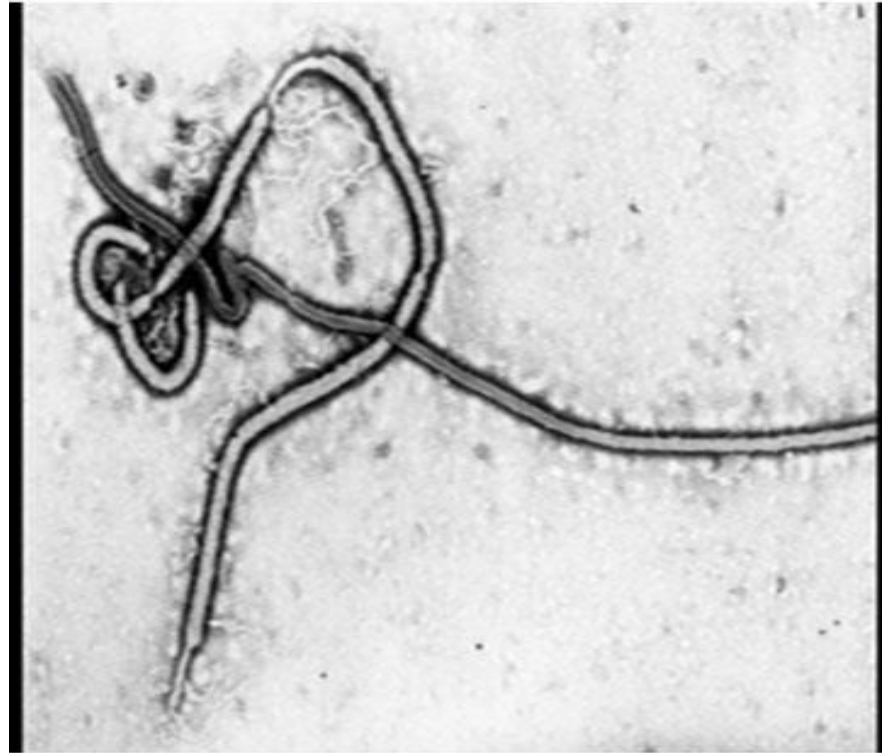
Normal Cells



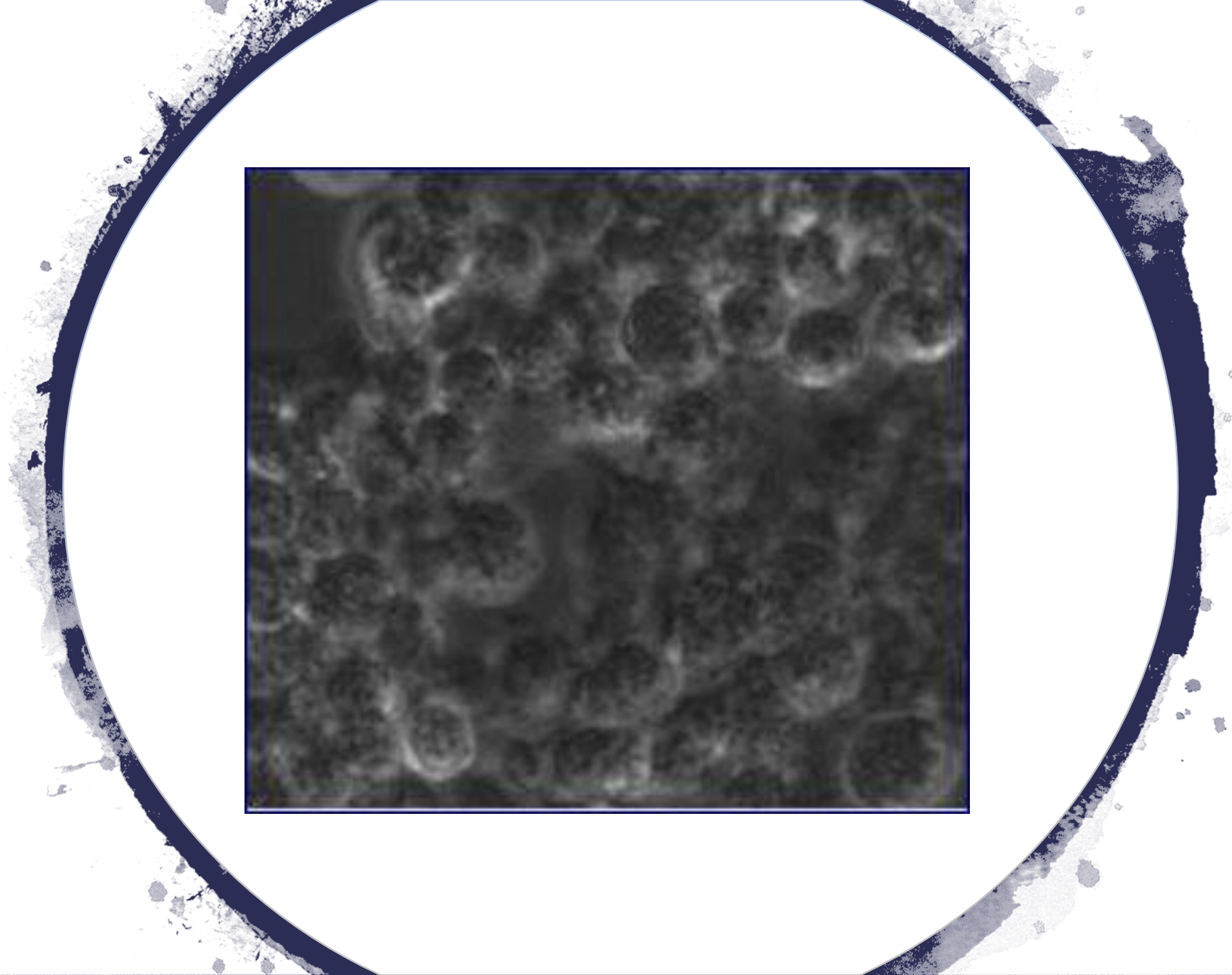
Cells Ruptured After Growth with Ebola



# Marburg Virus

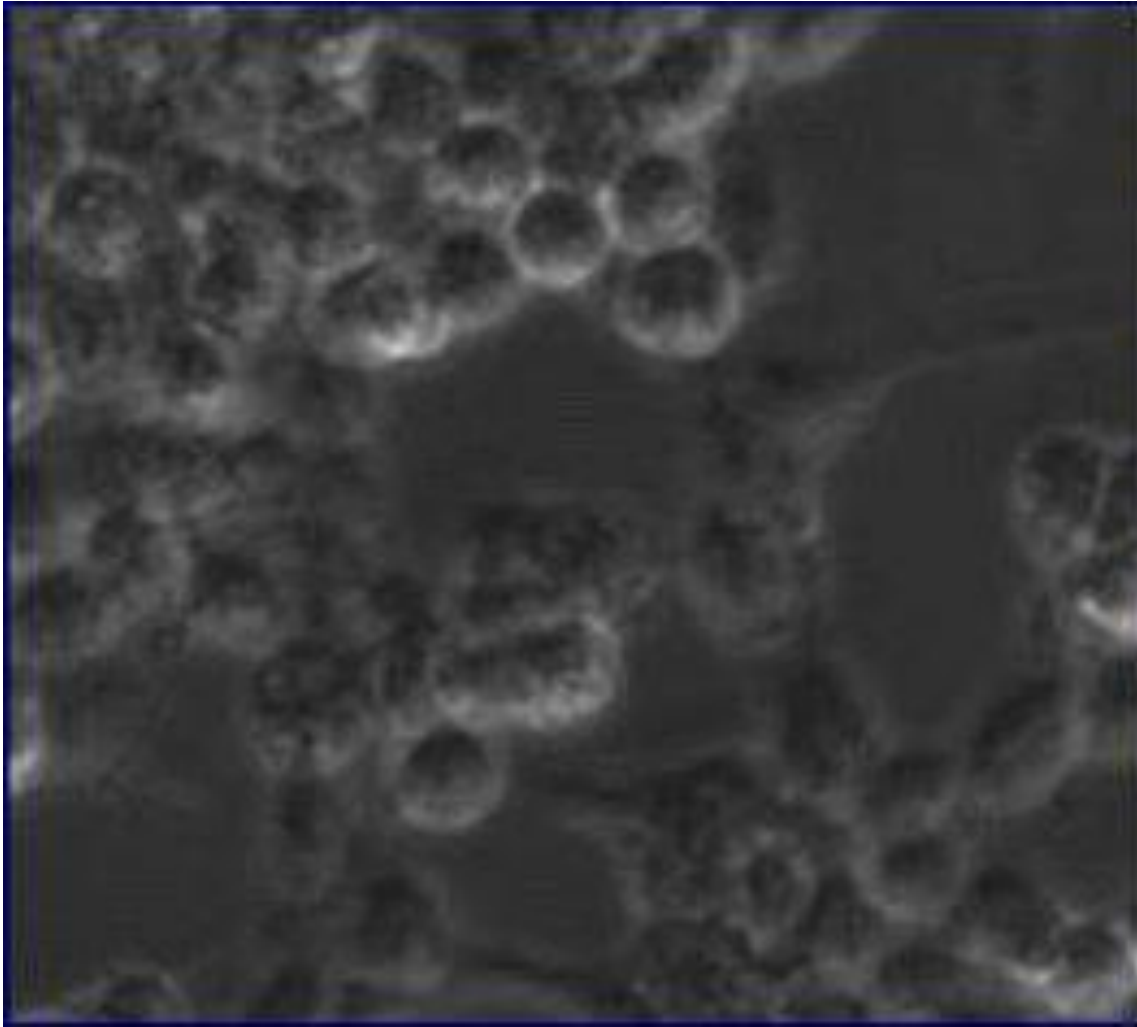


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Specimen Marburg '76  
Preparation \_\_\_\_\_  
Magnification 49200  
Date 10/13, 1976  
Source: Fred Murphy

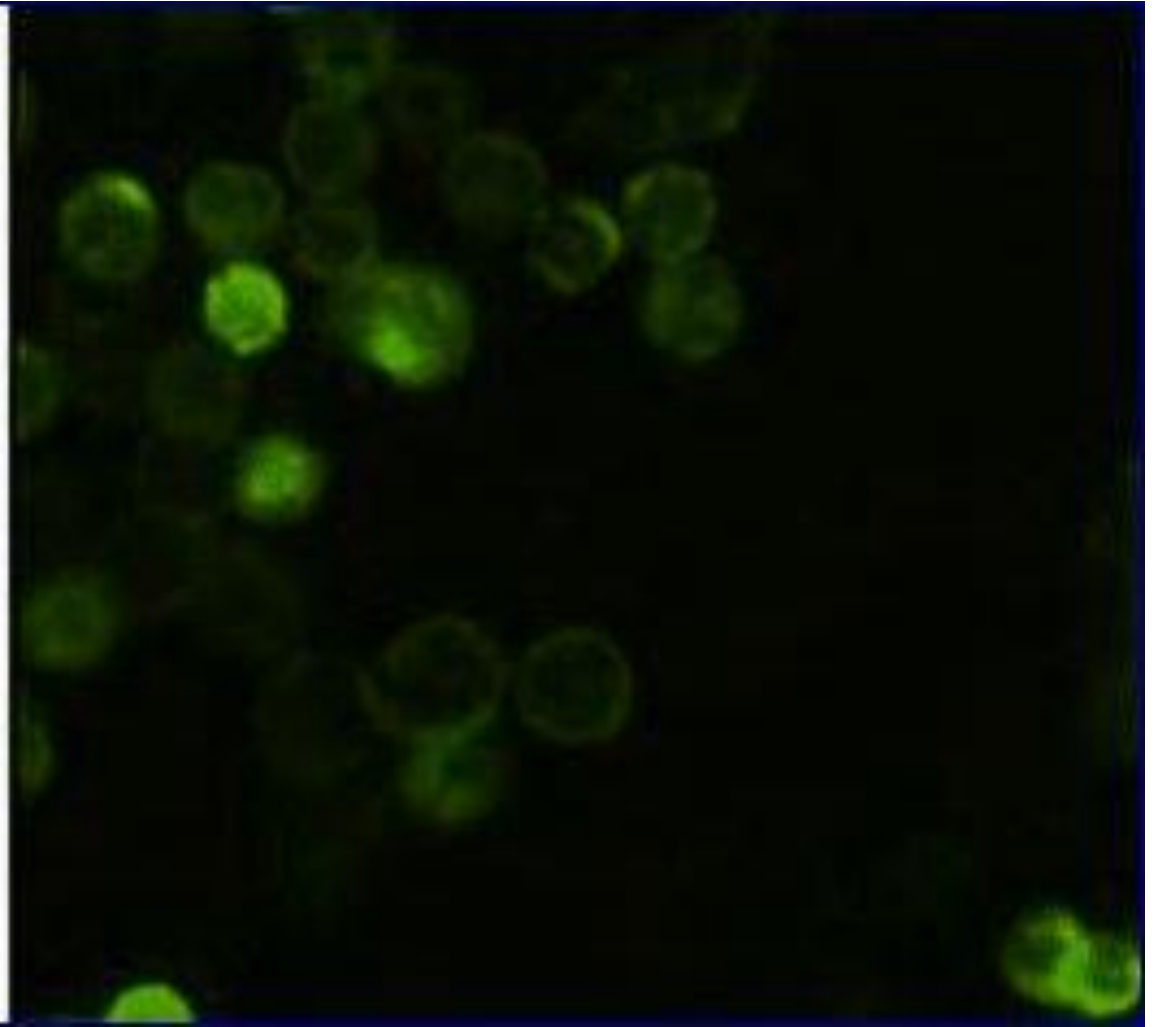




CAPT Patricia Ann Webb



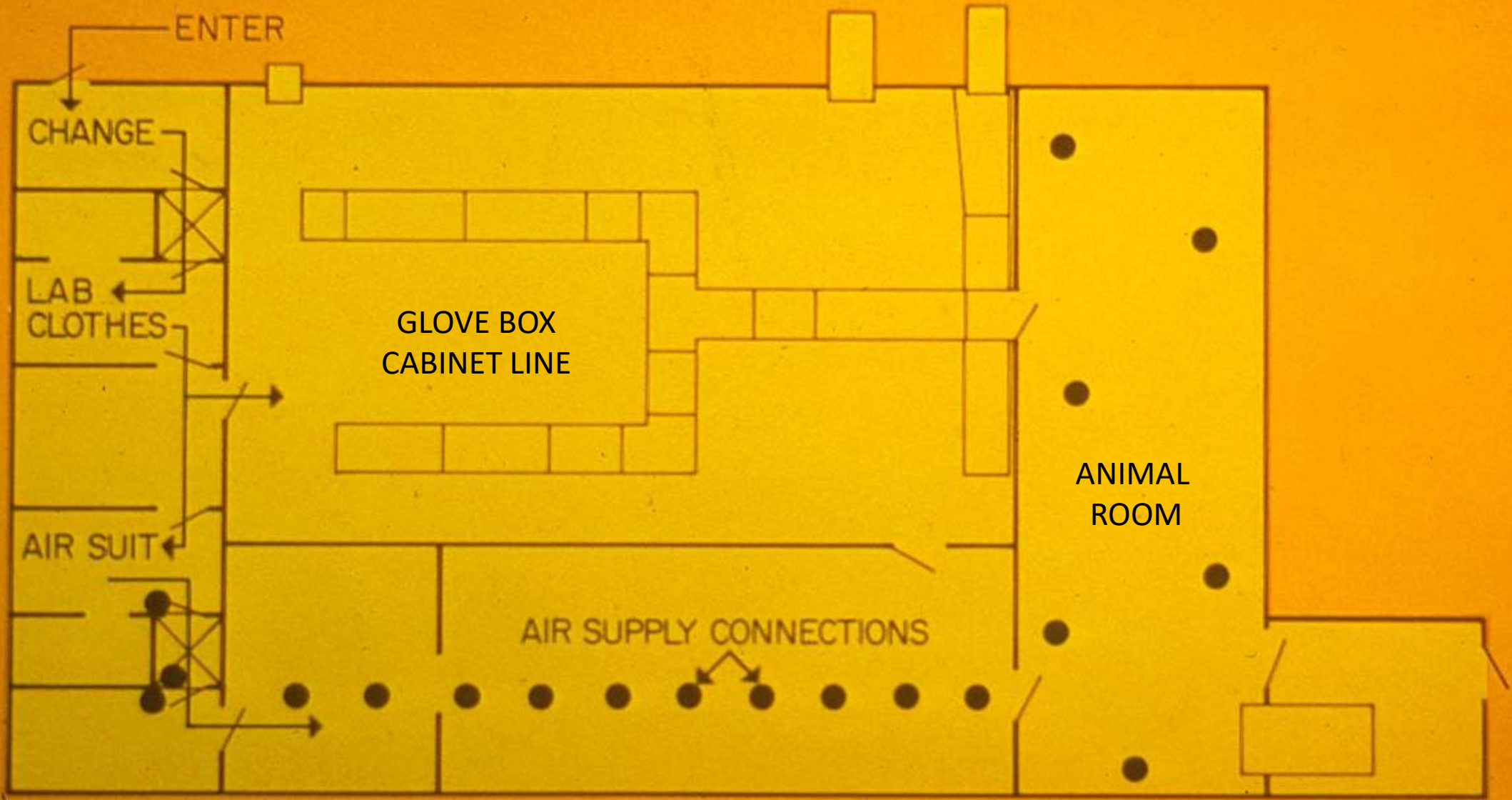
No Immunofluorescence on New Sample



Immunofluorescence on Prior Marburg Sample

1975-1978





**Building 9 Layout**





Sierra Leone





# Ebola in Zaire, 1976

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CDC, September 5, 2019

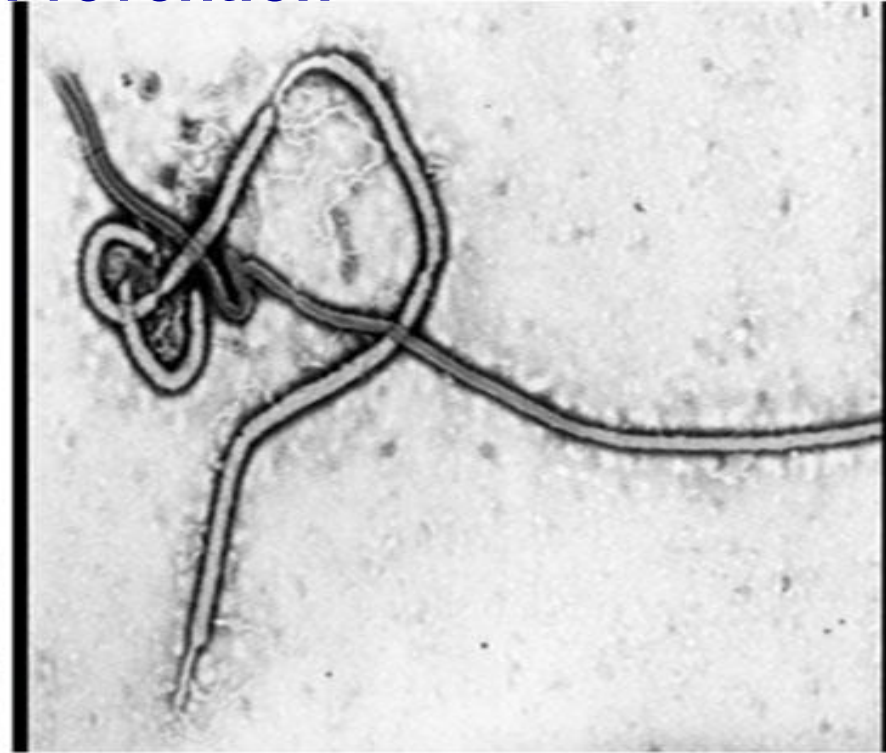


Fogarty International Center

# An Electron Micrograph of Marburg Virus, Obtained on October 13, 1976 at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Unfixed diagnostic specimen from  
Vero cell passage:  
Sodium phosphotungstate x 90,000  
(Fred Murphy)



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# Flying along the Zaire River to Yambuku, DR Congo (Zaire), October 1976



**Goals: Determine**

- Limits
- Active disease
- Convalescents
- Local needs

500 km



Photo: J. Breman

# Villages on the Bumba to Yambuku Road: Transport, DR Congo (Zaire), October–December, 1976



Photo: J. Breman

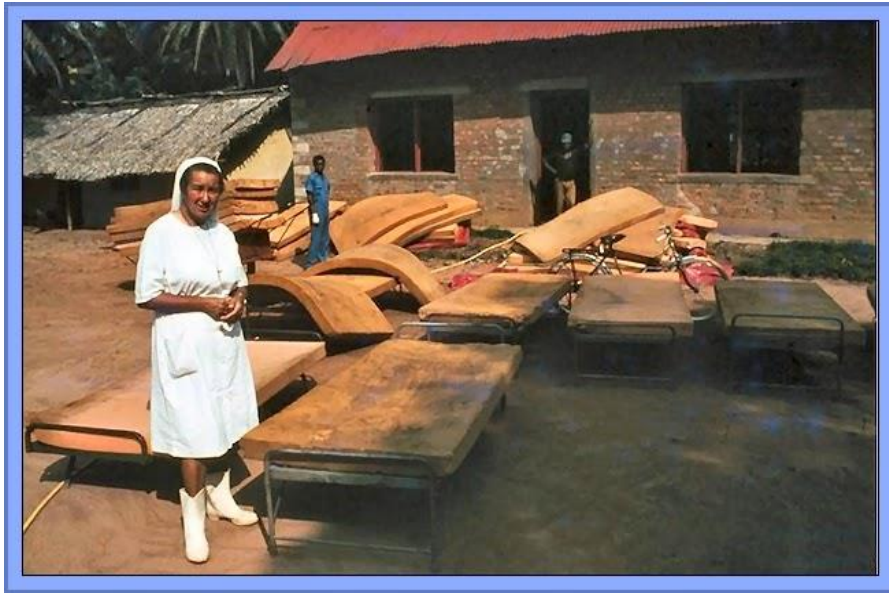


Photo: Joe McCormick

Yambuku Mission Church, 1976

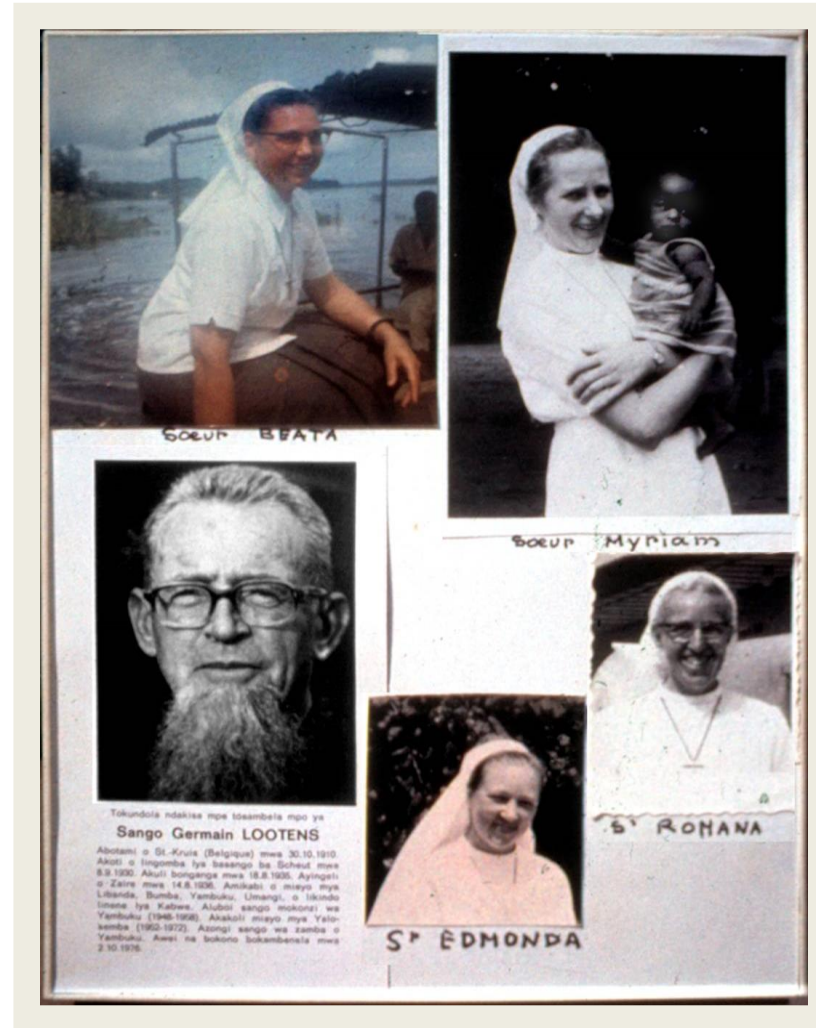


# The Belgian Missionaries Who Died of Ebola, Yambuku, Zaire, 1976



Sister Superior Marcella

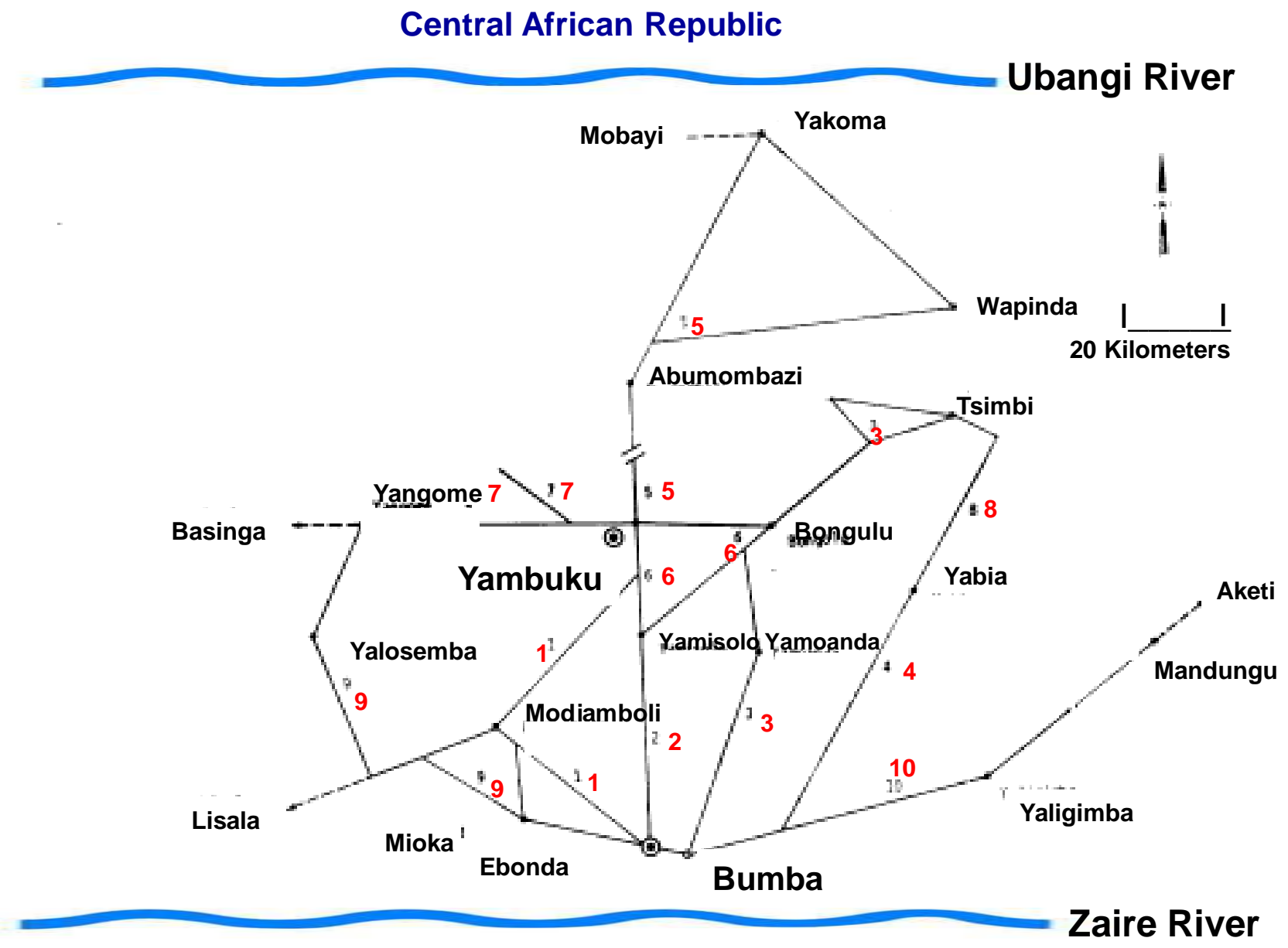
Photo: P. Piot



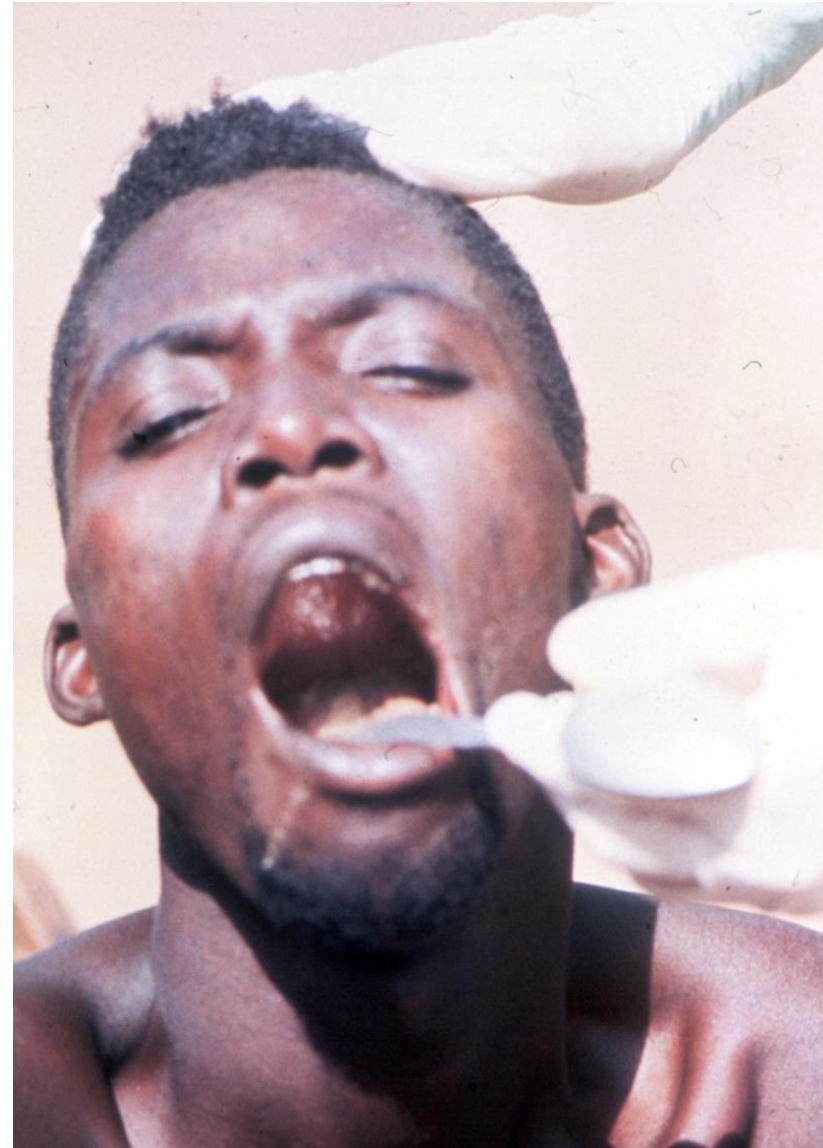
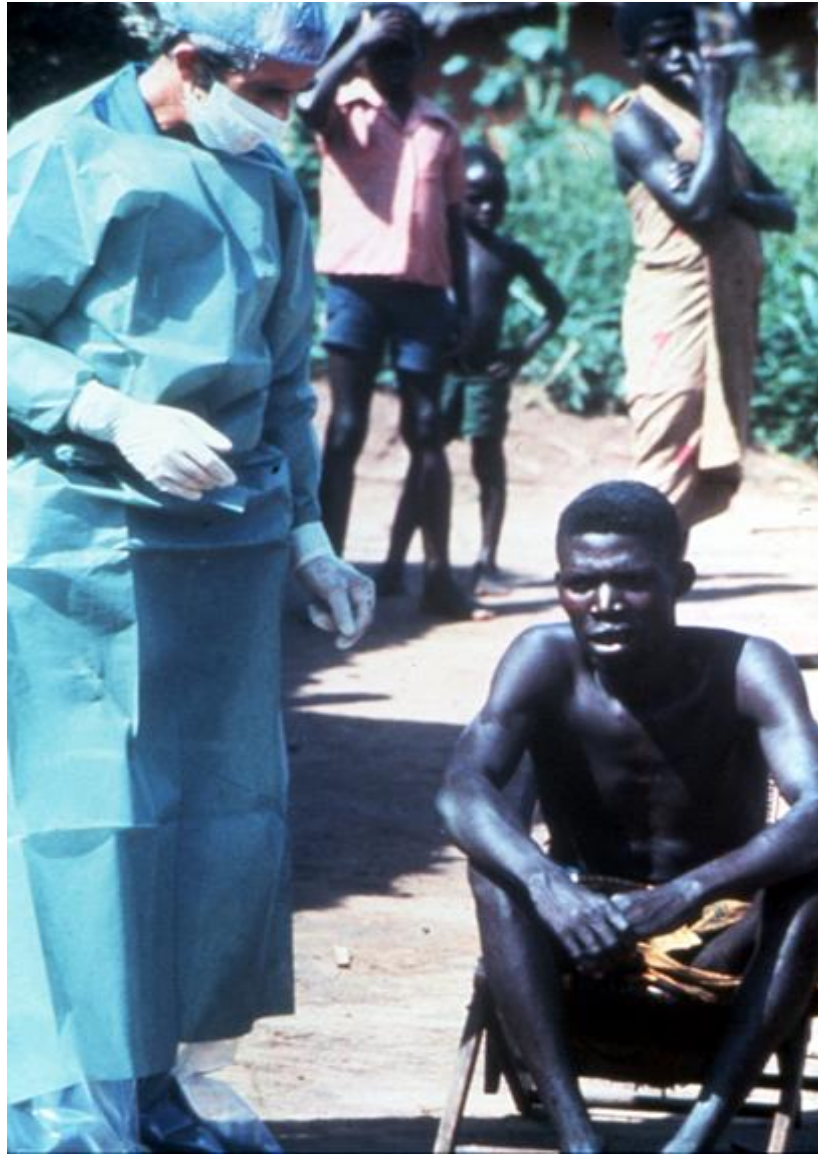
From CDC slide set, 1977

Hospital Staff: 17  
 - EHF 13  
 - Died 11  
 Closed Sept. 30

# Numbered Routes Followed by the Surveillance Teams, DRC Congo (Zaire), 1976



**Patient with Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, Bumba Zone, Equateur Province,  
DR Congo (Zaire), October 1976**



**Pierre Sureau (France) and patient, 1976.** Photos: J. Breman

**Left to Right: M. Isaacson, Joel Breman, Bill Close  
DRC (Zaire), October 1976**



# Investigations of EHF Cases in Villages, Equateur Province, DR Congo (Zaire), October-December 1976



Photo: J. Breman

Dr. M. Mbuyi & Nurse Sukato interviewing mourning family member

# Cases/Deaths, Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever in Sudan and DRC (Zaire), 1976

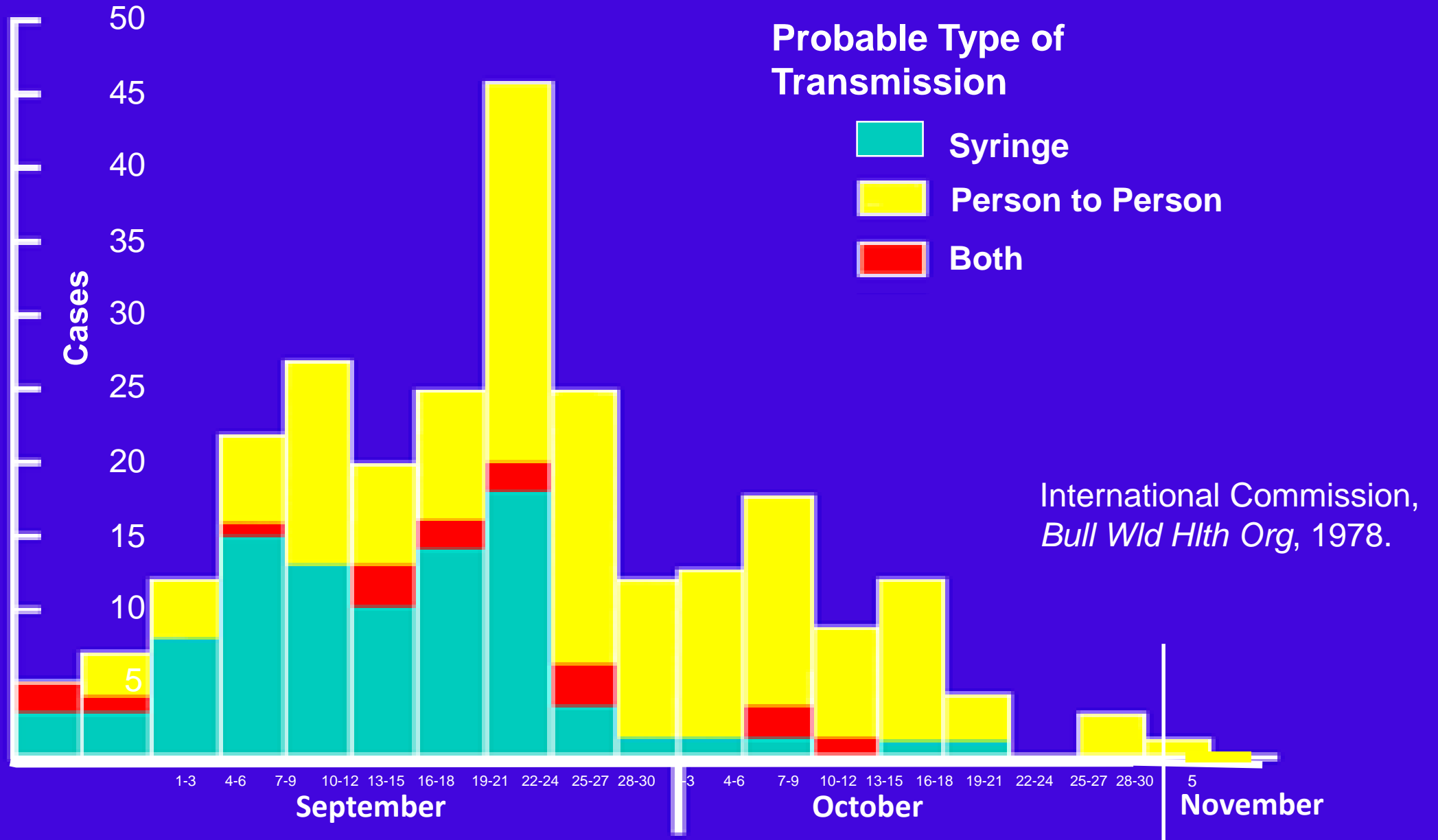
Deaths/Cases

Case-fatality rate

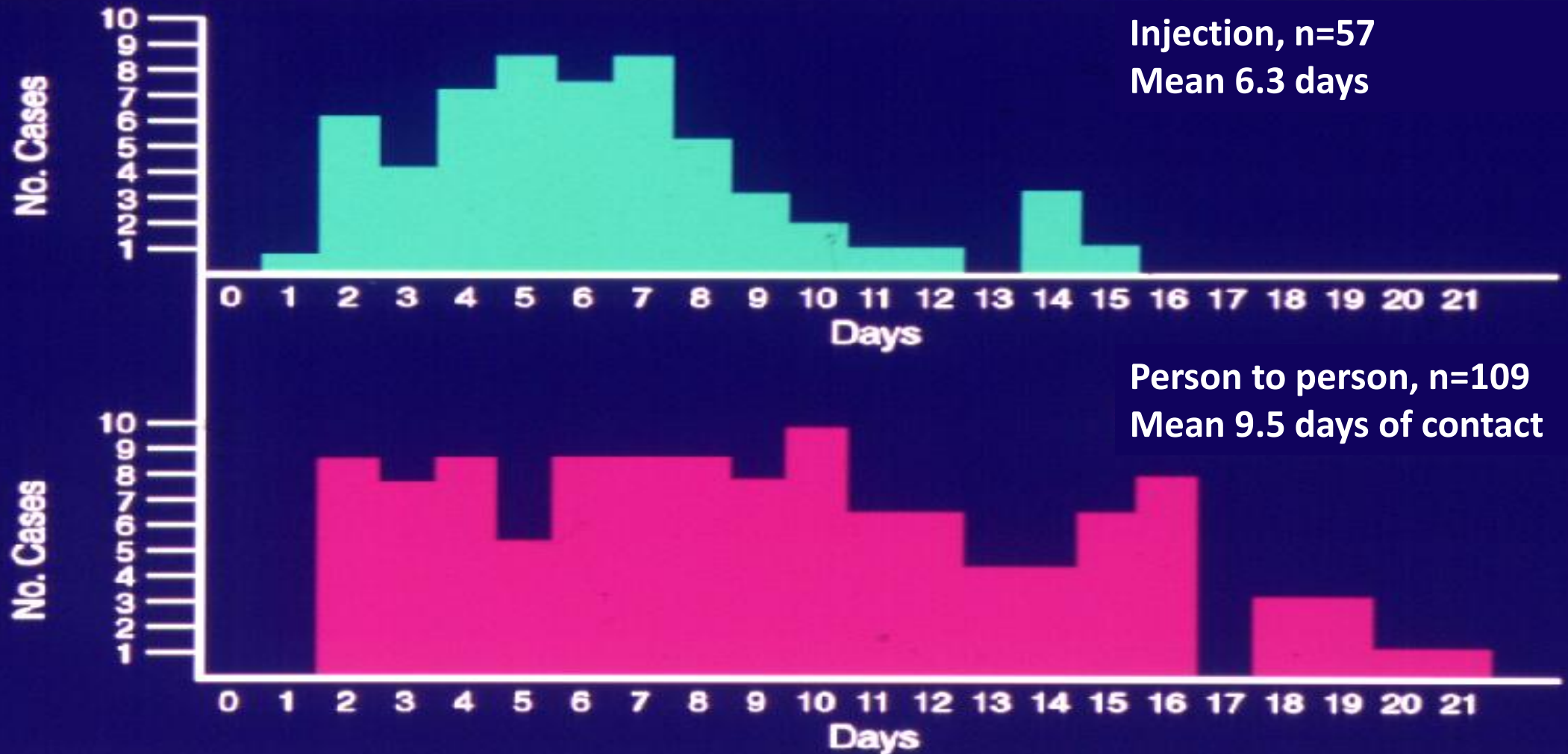
<b>1976</b>	<b>Zaire</b>	<b>280/318</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>1976</b>	<b>Sudan</b>	<b>150/284</b>	<b>53%</b>

Report of an International Commission, *Bull Wld Hlth Org*, 1978.  
WHO Commission, *Bull Wld Hlth Org*, 1978.

# Number of Cases of Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever in the Equator Region, by Day of Onset and Probable Type of Transmission, 1976



## Time of Onset of Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever by Transmission Type (after initial contact with source), DR Congo (Zaire), 1976



# Major Clinical Manifestations of Persons Dying and Recovering Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, DRC, (Zaire), 1976

Symptoms	<u>Death (n = 178-231)</u>		<u>Recovered (n = 9-34)*</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>Duration (days)</u>	<u>%</u>
Fever	98%	7	59
Headache	96	7	59
Abdominal pain	81	6	50
Sore throat	79	6	32
Myalgia	79	7	47
Nausea	66	5	33
Arthritis	53	6	38
Other	5		
<b>Signs</b>	<b>(n = 208-228)</b>		
Diarrhea	79	5	44
Bleeding	78	4	18
Oral lesions	74	6	27
Vomiting	65	4	35
Conjunctivitis	58	5	6
Cough	36	7	7
Abortion	25	1	
Jaundice	5		
Other (including rash)	5		

\* IFA =  $\geq 1:64$ .

## Distribution of Number of Cases in Villages Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, DRC, (Zaire), 1976

Number of Cases	Number of Villages	% of total Villages	Cumulative
1	17	31%	31%
2 – 5	18	33	64
6 – 9	12	22	85
10 – 14	4	7	93
15 – 19	1	2	95
20 – 29	1	2	96
>30	2	4	100

# Age and Sex Distribution Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, DRC, (Zaire), 1976

Age (Years)	Male		Female		Total (n = 318)	
Newborns and <12 months	10	3%	14	4%	24	8%
1 – 14	18	6%	22	7 %	40	13%
15 – 29	31	10%	60	19%	91	29%
30 – 49	57	18%	52	16%	109	34%
>50	23	7%	26	8%	49	15%
Unknown	2	1%	3	1 %	5	2%
	141	44%	177	56%	318	100%

International Commission, *Bull Wld Hlth Org*, 1978.

## Factors Associated with Person-to-Person Spread of EHF, DR Congo (Zaire), 1976

Risk	Case (% Yes) (n = 104-126)	Controls (% Yes)	
		Family (74-98)	Village (n = 22)
Touched case	86%	84%	68%
Cared for case	71	71	68
Slept in room	69	66	23
Prepared cadaver	59	58	55
Attended funeral	86	86	96
Aided in delivery of newborn	18*	10	5

\* < 0.05

# Family Contact Attack Rates of Ebola Virus Disease by Generation of Illness, Democratic Republic of Congo, 1976

Generation	Number	Families Exposures	Cases	Attack Rate (%)
1 (injection)	61	498	38	7.6
2 (person-to-person)	62	459	20	4.4
3 (person-to-person)	18	117	3	2.6
4 (person-to-person)	5	29	1	3.4
Total	146	1,103	62	5.6
Delivered fetus or was caregiving spouse				27.0

# Serosurveys and Plasmapheresis in Yambuku, DR Congo, 1976



**Dell Conn (PCV, US), Serosurveys**

Photos: J. Breman



**Denis Courtois (France), Margaretha Isaacson (RSA)  
and convalescent patient, 1976**

**Evacuation of EHF Commission Member from Yambuku,  
DR Congo (Zaire), to Johannesburg, December 1976**



# From Inpatient Register, Yambuku Hospital, August 1976

2348	Mago ba Alima	♀	Bosanga	Lilougo	Helminthiase	27/8	31/8	4	-
2349	Alila Liwangu	♀	Bodaba	Shimbi	Bleno + Ankyl	27/8	31/8	4	-
2350	Mandungu Otundu	♀	yatuwa mabe	Monzamboli	Ascariidose	27/8	31/8	4	f.
2351	Se mbo Dombe	♀	yaougo	B/yowa	Bleno + Ankylorose	27/8	31/8	4	-
2352	Anpidobolo Boka	♂	- " -	- " -	HI double	27/8	31/8	4	-
2353	Monzia Moteka Gage	♀	zoungulu	Lilougo	Ankylostomose	27/8	31/8	4	-
2354	Gingia Lidele	♀	yambawo	Monzamboli	HI D	28/8	31/8	5	-
2355	x Makilo Aluta	♂	yandoupi	yandoupi *	epitoxin + dysenterie	28/8	30/8	2	f.
2356	Koloupi Kombesa	♀	Kotaku	Lilougo	Bleno + Ascariidose	29/8	31/8	3	-
2357	Kansa K Mubunzu	♂	yakolo	Monzamboli	contusion	30/8	31/8	1	-
2358	Batayo - Malike	♂	yaetoku	Moluwa	Anemie + Ankyl	29/8	31/8	2	-
2359	Enita Ozapi	♂	yambouzo	B/yowa	Malaria	30/8	31/8	1	-
2360	Opuwa Doti	♀	yakai	Kwanza	Ankylost.	29/8	31/8	2	-
2361	Kapobola Kapula	♂	Celza jatoku	yandoupi	Ankylostomose	30/8	31/8	1	-
2362	Kibolo Ambena	♂	yamleka	- " -	HI Double	30/8	31/8	1	-
2363	Litinandunga Amba	♀	yalokila	Monzamboli	Observation	28/8	31/8	3	-
2364	Mondele Mohiwambi	♀	yapombi	- " -	Bleno + Ankyl	28/8	31/8	3	-
2365	Ma leme - Likonde	♀	yakoleka	yandoupi	Aspotation	28/8	31/8	3	-
2366	Elobobo - Ataleu	♂	yapbo	Monzamboli	Bronchite + Ascariid	29/8	31/8	2	-
2367	Ambena Saja	♂	yandoupi	Monzamboli		30/8	31/8	1	-
2368	Boya - Makoma	♂	Beuzadi	yandoupi	Blessure plaie	30/8	31/8	1	-
2369	Hlabla Hlanya	♀	yakombo	Monzamboli	Ankylostomose	30/8	31/8	1	-
2370	Likuja Soki	♀	yakombo	- " -	Flebotomie	30/8	31/8	1	-
2371	Zoda Mabambu	♀	- " -	- " -	Helminthiase	30/8	31/8	1	-
2372	Mangondo Mambo	♀	Bombanga	yandoupi	- Avortement	30/8	31/8	1	-

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# **Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, DRC (Zaire)**

## **Major Findings, 1976**

### **■ Clinical**

- Manifestations
- Incubation period
- Plasmapheresis of convalescents

### **■ Epidemiology**

- Geographic extent
- Persons at risk
- Mode of transmission
- Transmissibility

### **■ Control**

- Area quarantine
- Identify, isolate patients
- Rapid burial
- Rule out other diseases

### **■ Laboratory**

- Basic lab tests
- IFA for Ebola
- Virus culture

### **■ Ecological studies**

# **Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, DRC (Zaire)**

## **Major Unknowns, Unsolved, 1976**

- **Animal reservoir**
- **Transmission to humans**
- **Treatment**
- **Vaccine**
- **Extent globally**

# Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever Team in Yambuku, DR Congo (Zaire), 1976



Left to Right, Back Row: Del Conn (obscured), Michael White, Karl Johnson, Guido van der Groen, Sister Mariette. Middle Row: G. Dujeu, Denis Courtois, Sister Marcella, Peter Piot, Stefan Pattyn, M. Miatudila. Front Row: Unidentified, Joel Breman.

# Summary Lessons from the Ebola 1976 Outbreak

## Administrative

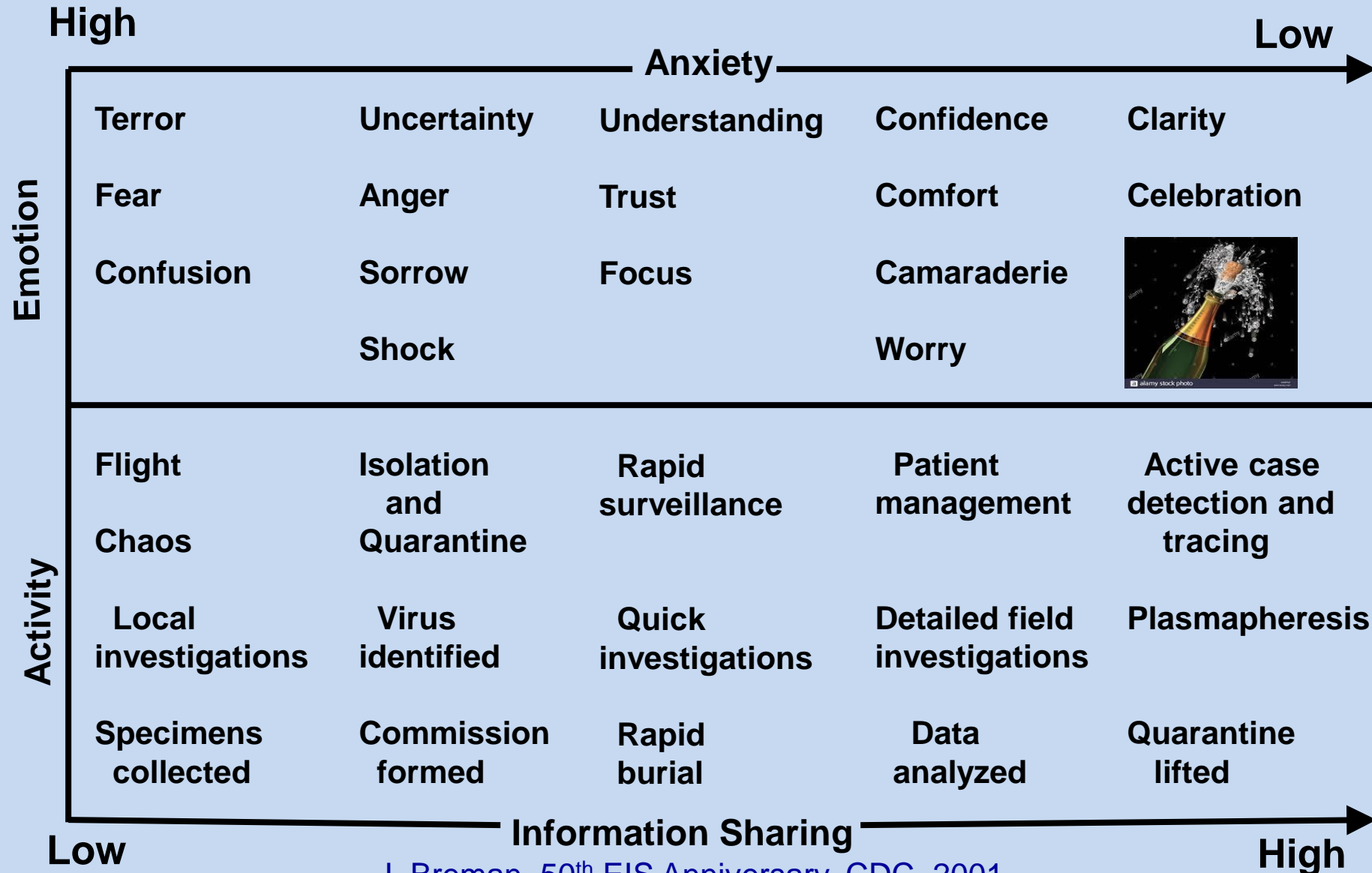
1. Leadership
2. Organization
3. Communications
4. Transparency
5. Partnerships
6. Coordination
7. Logistics (supplies)
8. Transport (mobility)
9. Quarantine (selective)
10. Isolation
11. Survivor assistance

## Dr. Karl Johnson: Checking Possible Sudan-Zaire Link and the Historical Naming of Ebola, November 1976



**Ebola River, DRC**

# Spectrum of Emotion and Activity of Population and Investigative Team, Ebola in Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire), 1976





**Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, DR Congo (Zaire), 1976:  
Team Members, Antwerp, 1996**

**Left to right: Joe McCormick, Guido van der Groen, David Heymann, Stefan Pattyn, Muyembe Tamfun,  
Karl Johnson, Joel Breman, Simon van Niewvenhove, Patricia Webb, Peter Piot**

# **International Commission for the Investigation and Control of Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever**

**Democratic Republic of the Congo (Zaire), 1976-77**

**dedicated to the people who were afflicted and**

## **Our Collaborators**

**Belgium**

**Democratic Republic of the Congo (Zaire)**

**Canada**

**France**

**South Africa**

**United States**

**World Health Organization**



# Ebola in Zaire, '76 – From Then Until Now

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Viral Special Pathogens Branch,

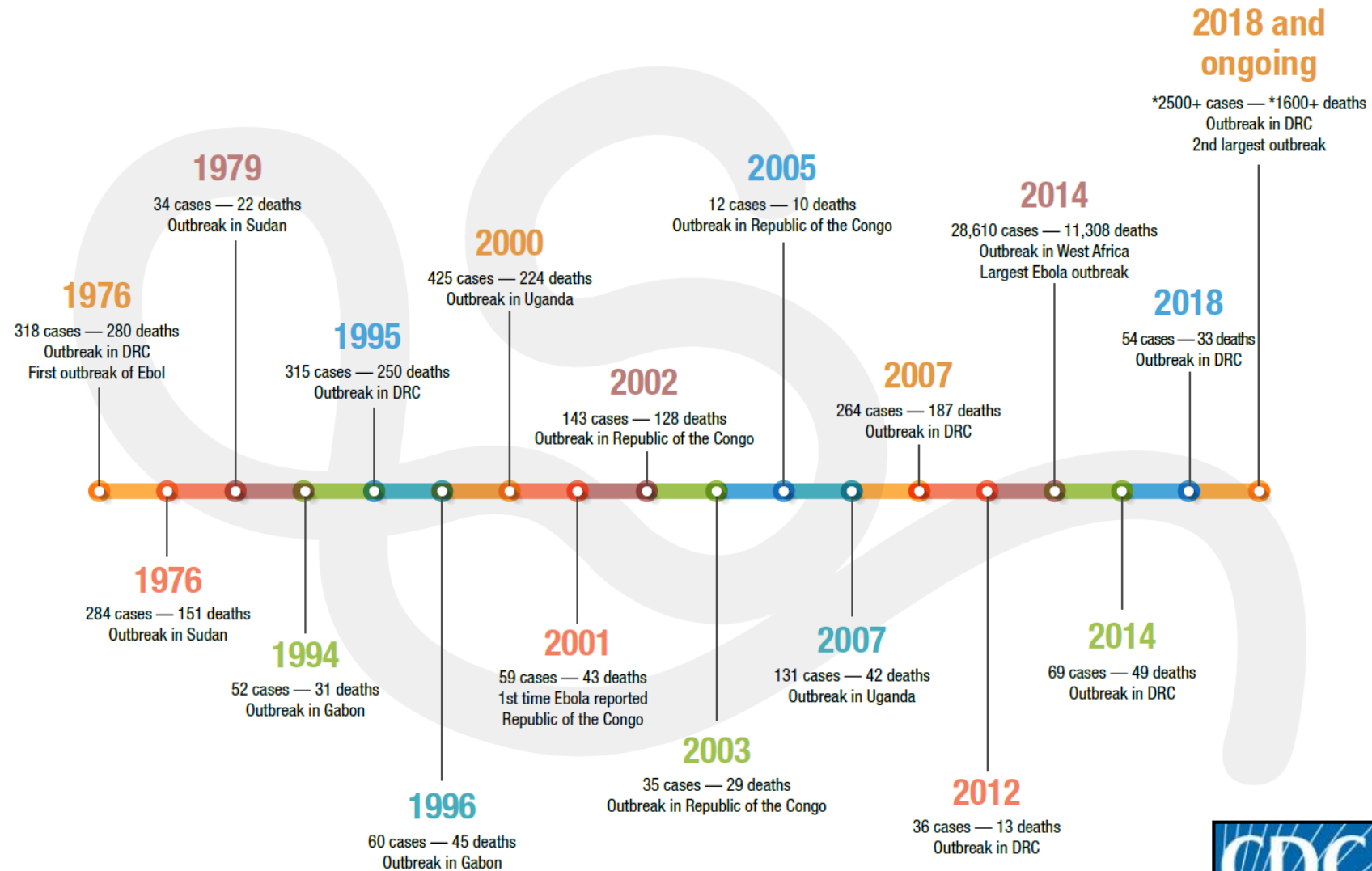
Division of High-Consequence Pathogens and Pathology,

National Center for Emerging Zoonotic Diseases

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# Timeline of Ebola Outbreaks 1976-Present



\* As of July 15, 2019.  
Note: Not a complete list of all outbreaks



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Family *Filoviridae*

Genus *Marburgvirus*

Species *Marburg marburgvirus*  
virus: **Marburg virus**  
virus: **Ravn virus**

Genus *Ebolavirus*

Species *Zaire ebolavirus*  
virus: **Ebola virus**

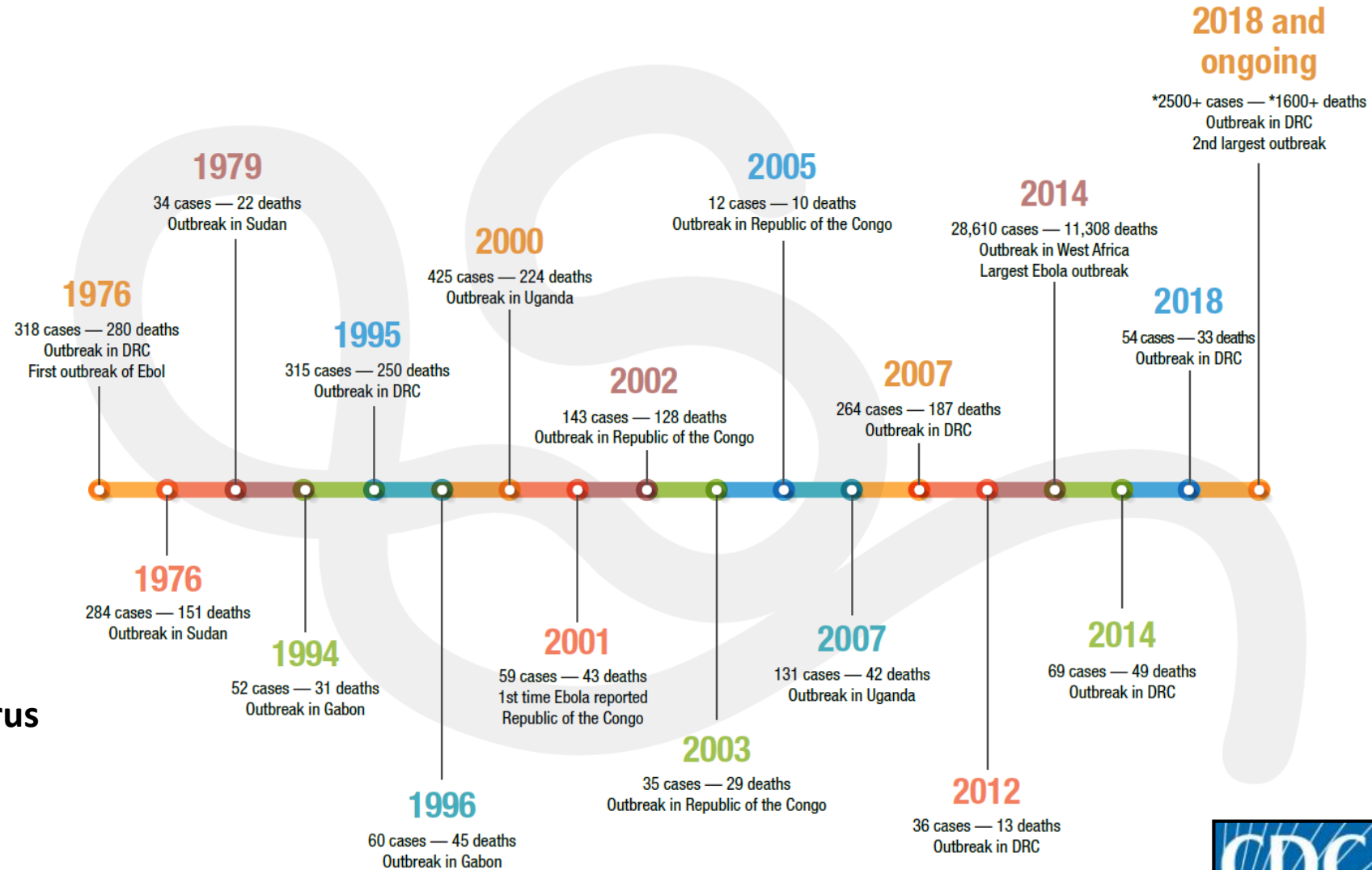
Species *Sudan ebolavirus*  
virus: **Sudan virus**

Species *Reston ebolavirus*  
virus: **Reston virus**

Species *Tai Forest ebolavirus*  
virus: **Tai Forest virus**

Species *Bundibugyo ebolavirus*  
virus: **Bundibugyo virus**

Species *Bombali ebolavirus*  
virus: **Bombali virus**



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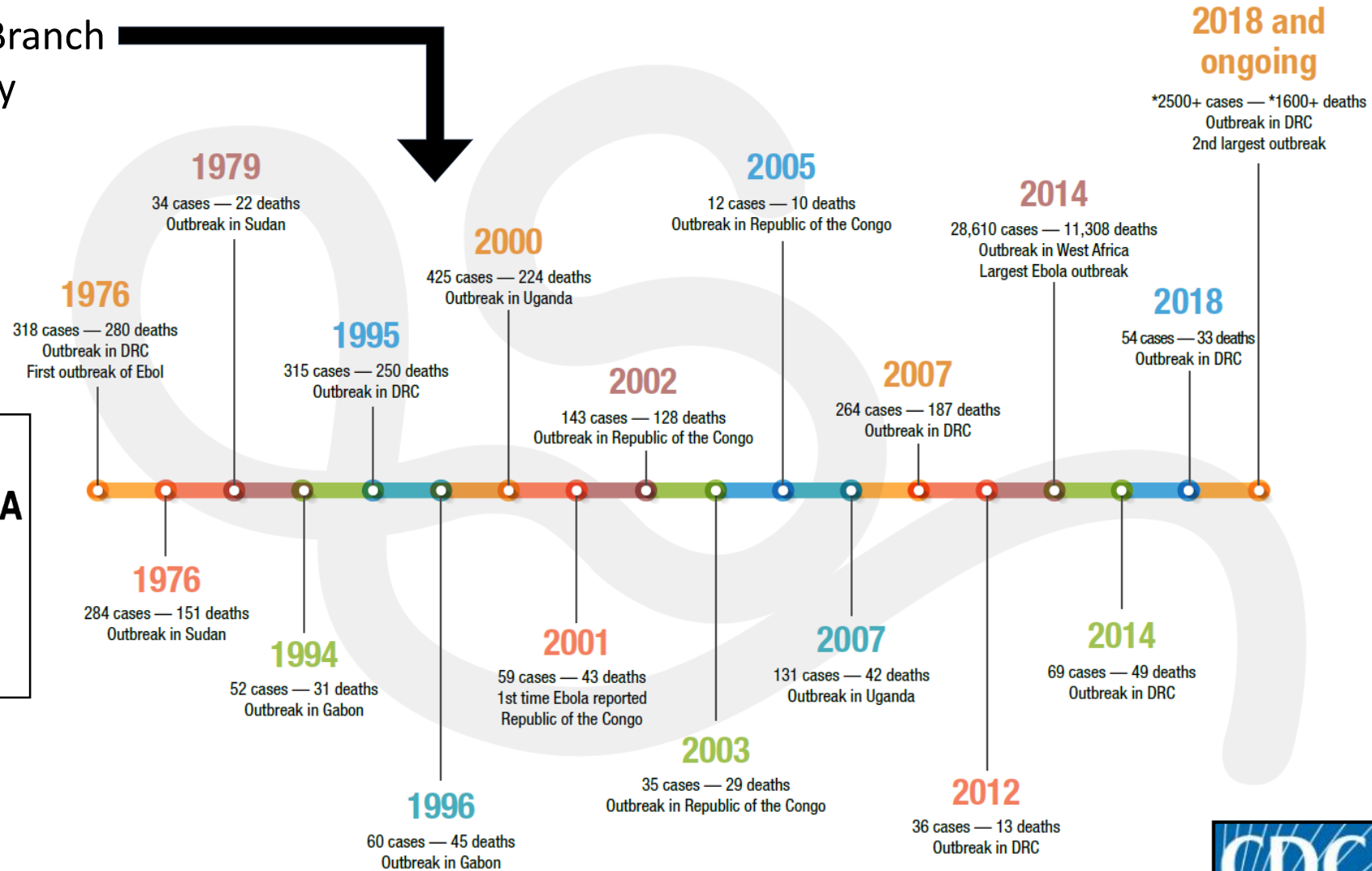
1997 - Arrive at Special Pathogens Branch to develop a genetic system to study determinants Ebola virus virulence

The EMBO Journal vol.13 no.18 pp.4195-4203, 1994

## Infectious rabies viruses from cloned cDNA

Matthias J.Schnell, Teshome Mebatsion and Karl-Klaus Conzelmann<sup>1</sup>

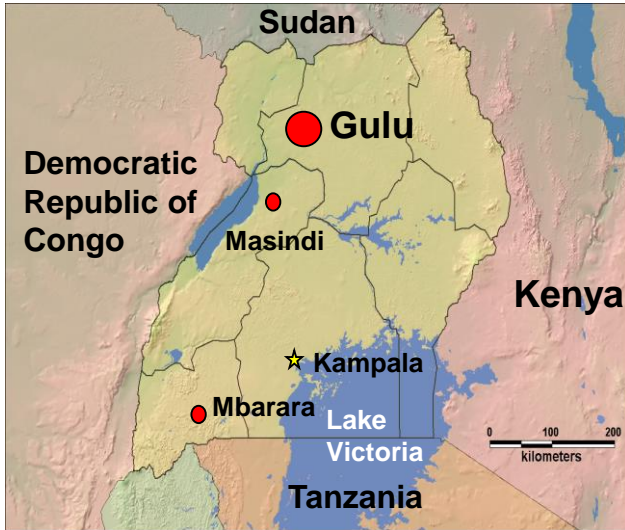
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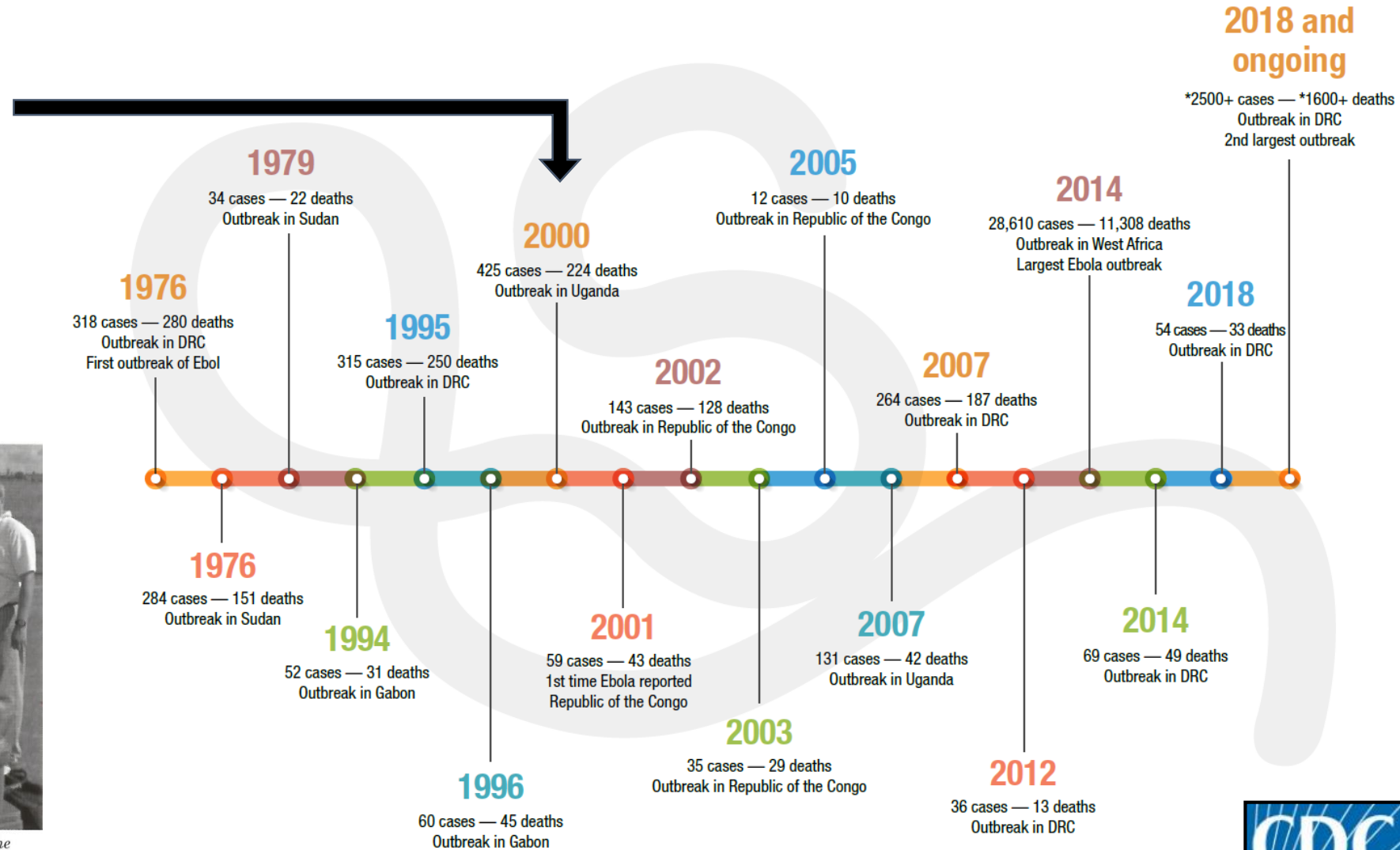
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# Ebola (Sudan) Outbreak, Uganda 2000–2001 (425 cases, 53% CFR)



CDC team members who participated in the initial response to the Ebola outbreak in Uganda were (L-R) Daniel Bausch, Scott Harper, Scott Dowell, Pierre Rollin, Jonathan Towner, and Anthony Sanchez.



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# Field-able Diagnostic Assays, circa 2000

## ELISA Based

- Antigen capture
- IgM
- IgG

## PCR-Based

- Traditional electrophoresis
  - Primary
    - Filo L-primers
  - Nested
    - EboS/EboZ NP
    - Marb VP35



# Diagnostic Lab Set-up at St. Mary's Lacor Hospital, Gulu, Uganda



Antigen Capture, IgG, IgM in hot lab



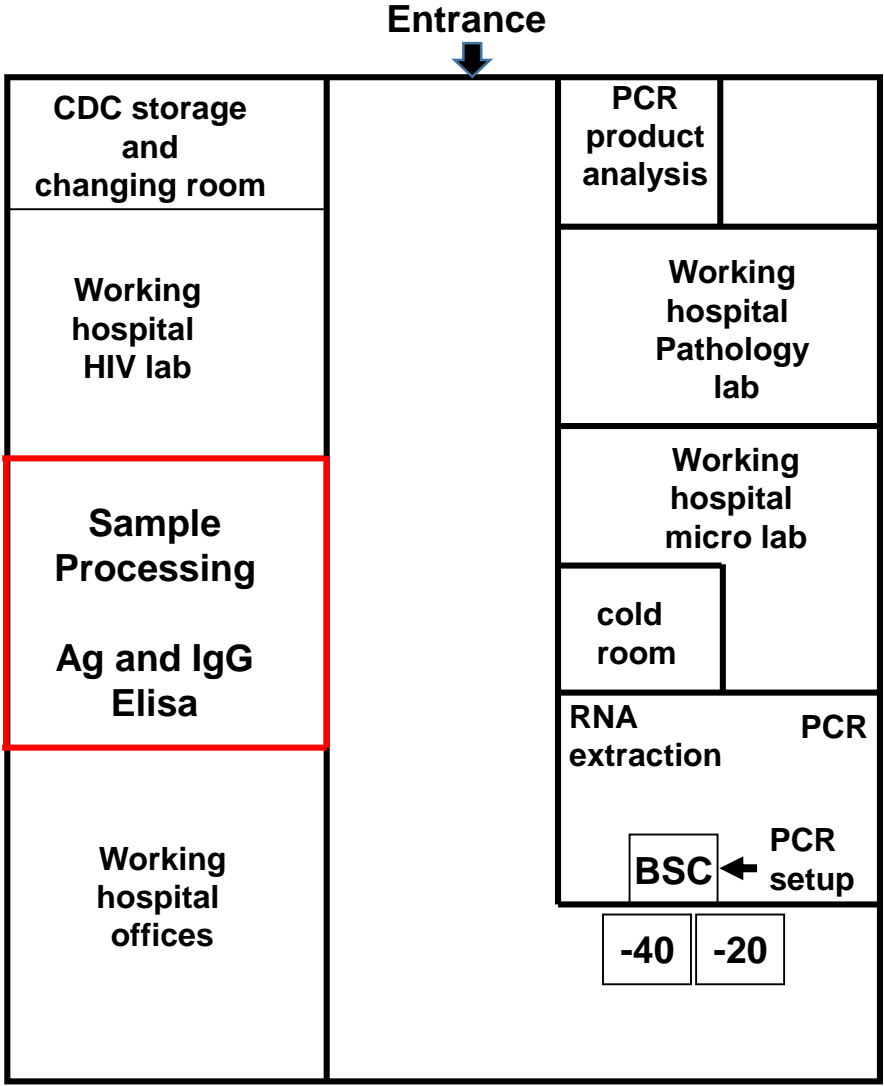
Photo Pierre Rollin



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Nested RT-PCR

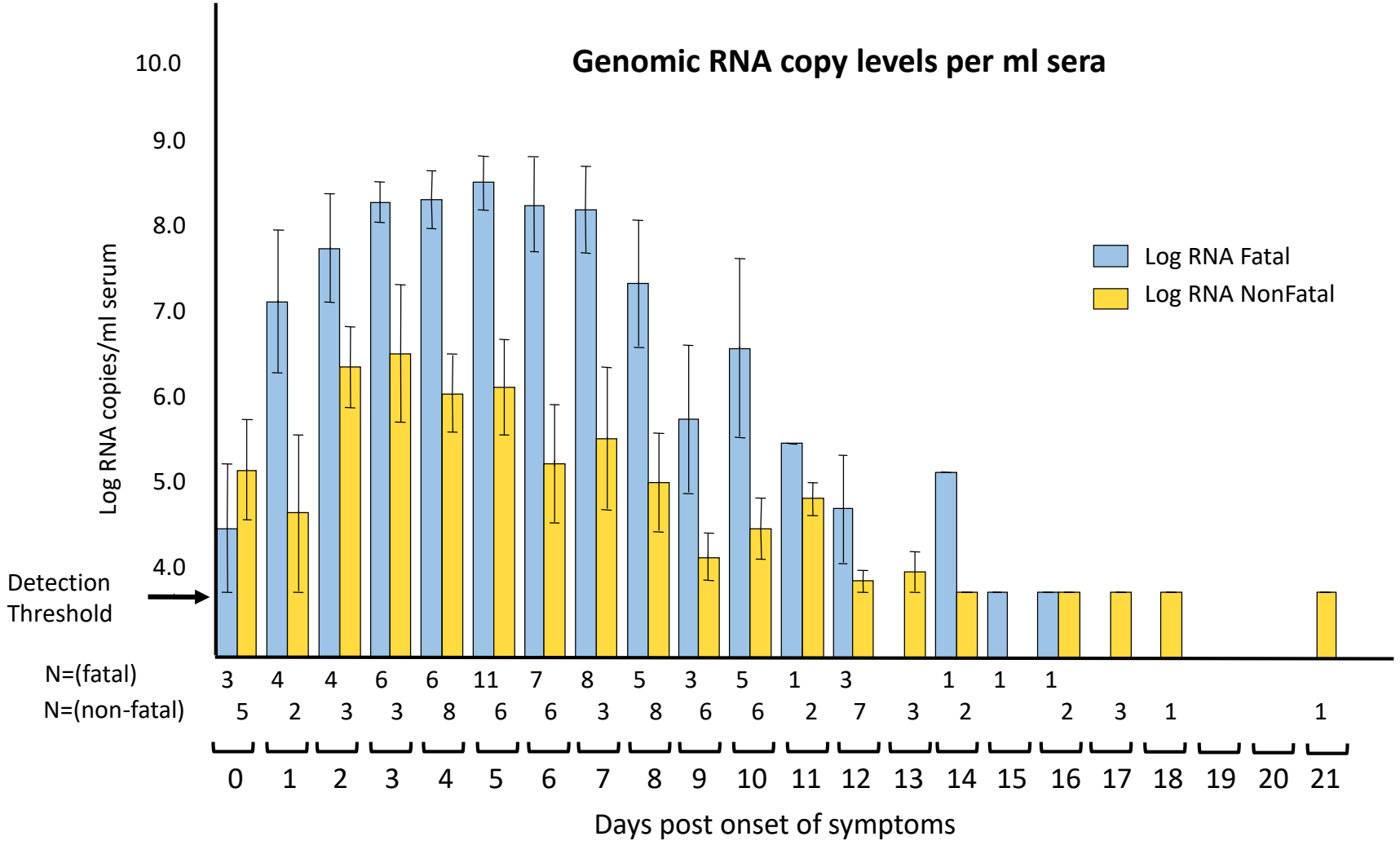
Hot Lab  
(static airflow)



Tested over 1000 clinical samples, Oct, 2000–Jan, 2001 (3 teams total)



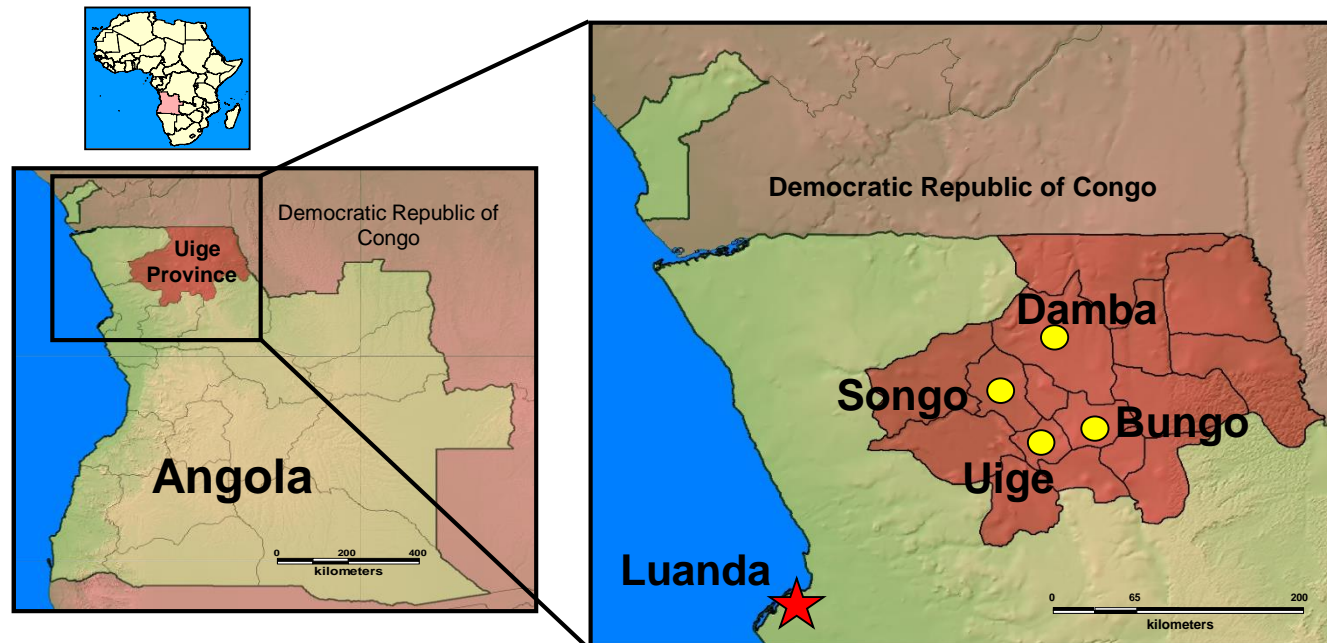
# Quantitation of genomic-sense Ebola Sudan RNA in patient sera



# Marburg outbreak, Angola 2005 (252 cases, 90% CFR)



“Marburg Disease”



# Field-able Diagnostic Assays, circa 2005

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## PCR-Based

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### • Real-time RT-PCR

#### • Probe-based

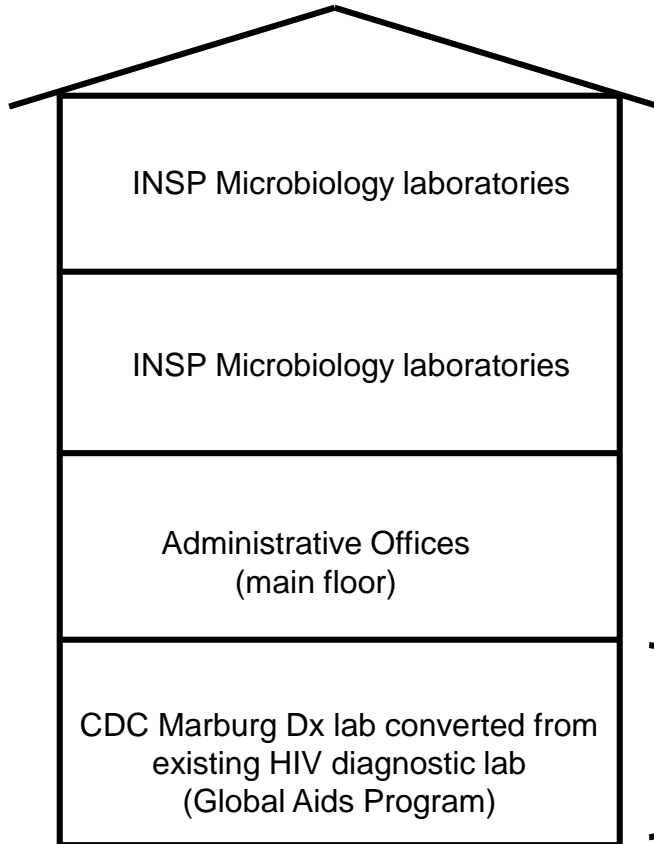
-EboZ (Zaire '76, '95, '94, '96)

-EboS (Sudan '76, '79, 00)

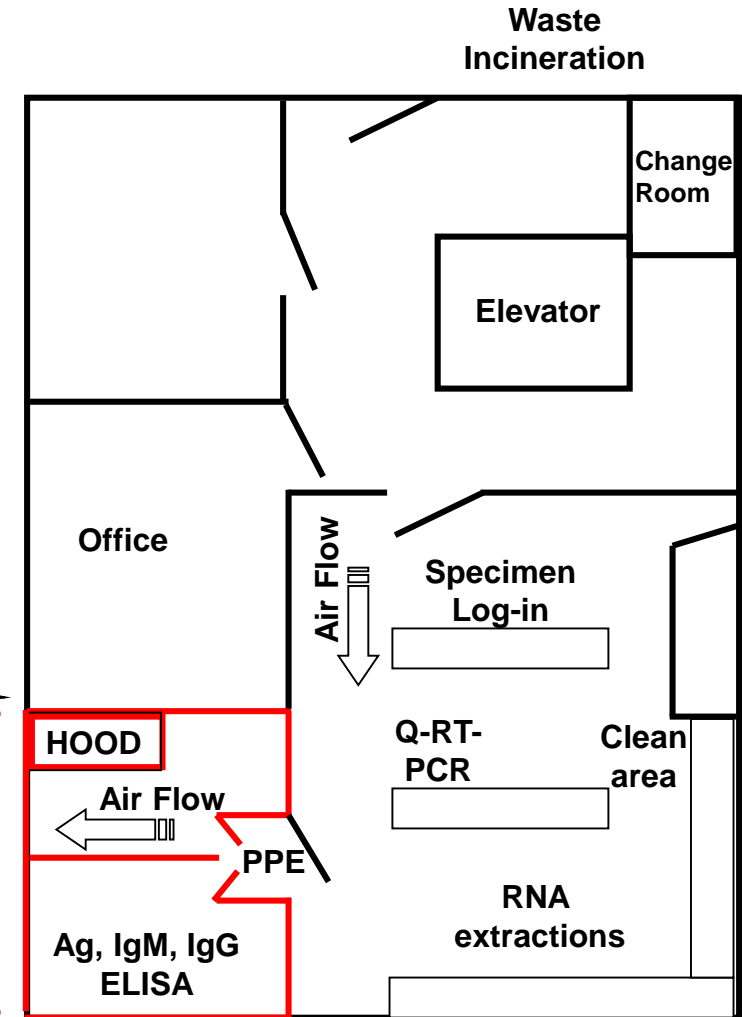
-Mbg ('67, '75, '80, '87, '98-00)



# Diagnostic lab setup at INSP Luanda, Angola



Diesel generator  
(100 kVA)



Hot Lab

Basement Floor Diagram



# Marburg virus field diagnostics in Angola 2005



Photo Tom Ksiazek

Hot Lab



Photo Tara Sealy

Donning PPE for hot lab



Photo Tara Sealy

RNA extraction station-96 well

Sample types processed:

Breast milk	4
Blood/Serum	175
Swabs	326
<b>Total</b>	<b>505</b>

Q-RT-PCR assay

180 / 505 were positive

(131 positives were swabs\*)

- First field use of high-throughput nucleic acid extraction platform
- First wide spread use of swabs for filovirus diagnosis

# Banner years of filovirus activity

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(3 cases, 1 fatal)**

**Aug - Ebola, Luebo, Kasai Occidental, DRC  
(264 cases, 71% CFR)**



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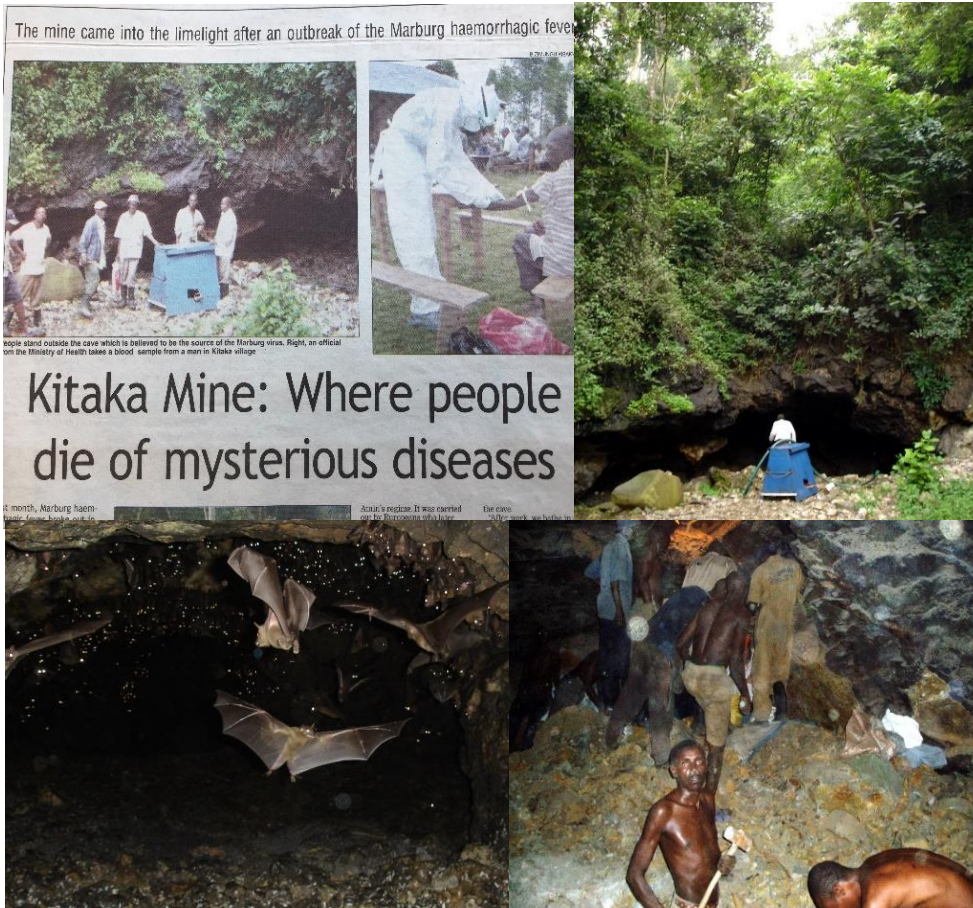
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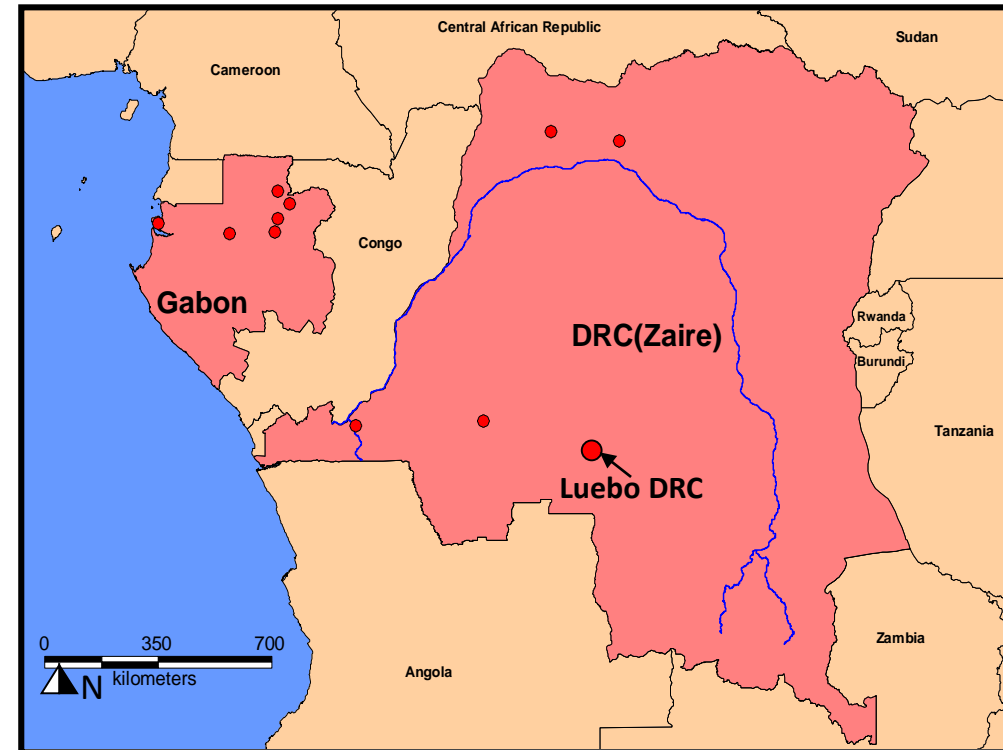
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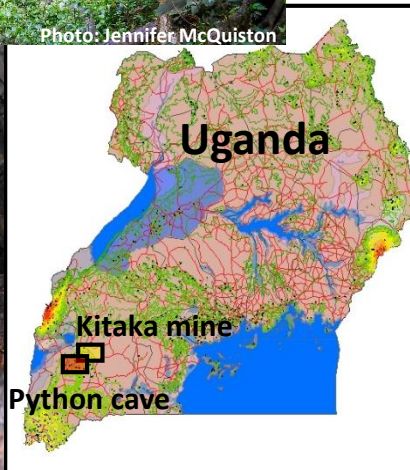
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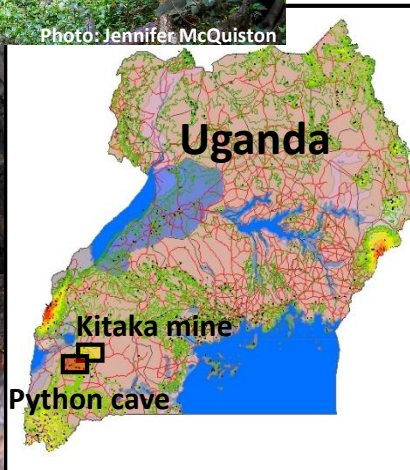
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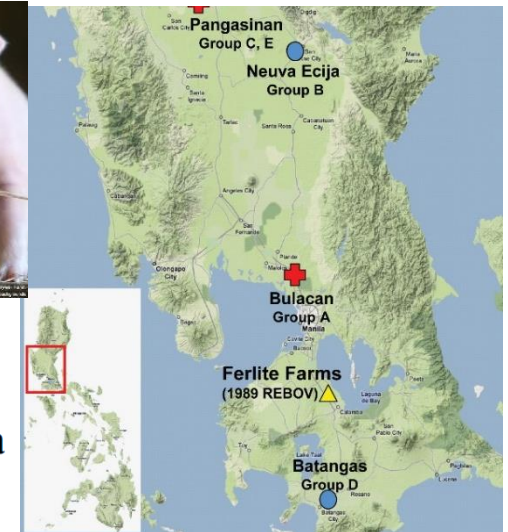
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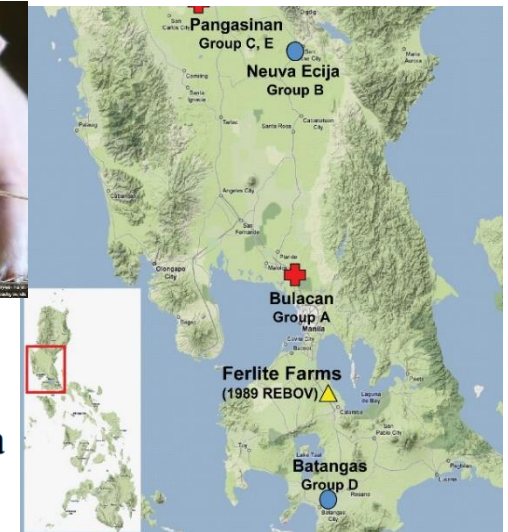
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# VHF training, surveillance, diagnostics, and health education activities in Uganda: outbreak response, epidemiology, ecology, pathogen discovery



VSPB's Trevor Shoemaker replenishes a District hospital's VHF cabinet with materials needed in the event of a suspect VHF case.

**UGANDA VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC FEVERS Surveillance Programme**

**FOR ALL SUSPECT CASES OF VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER:**

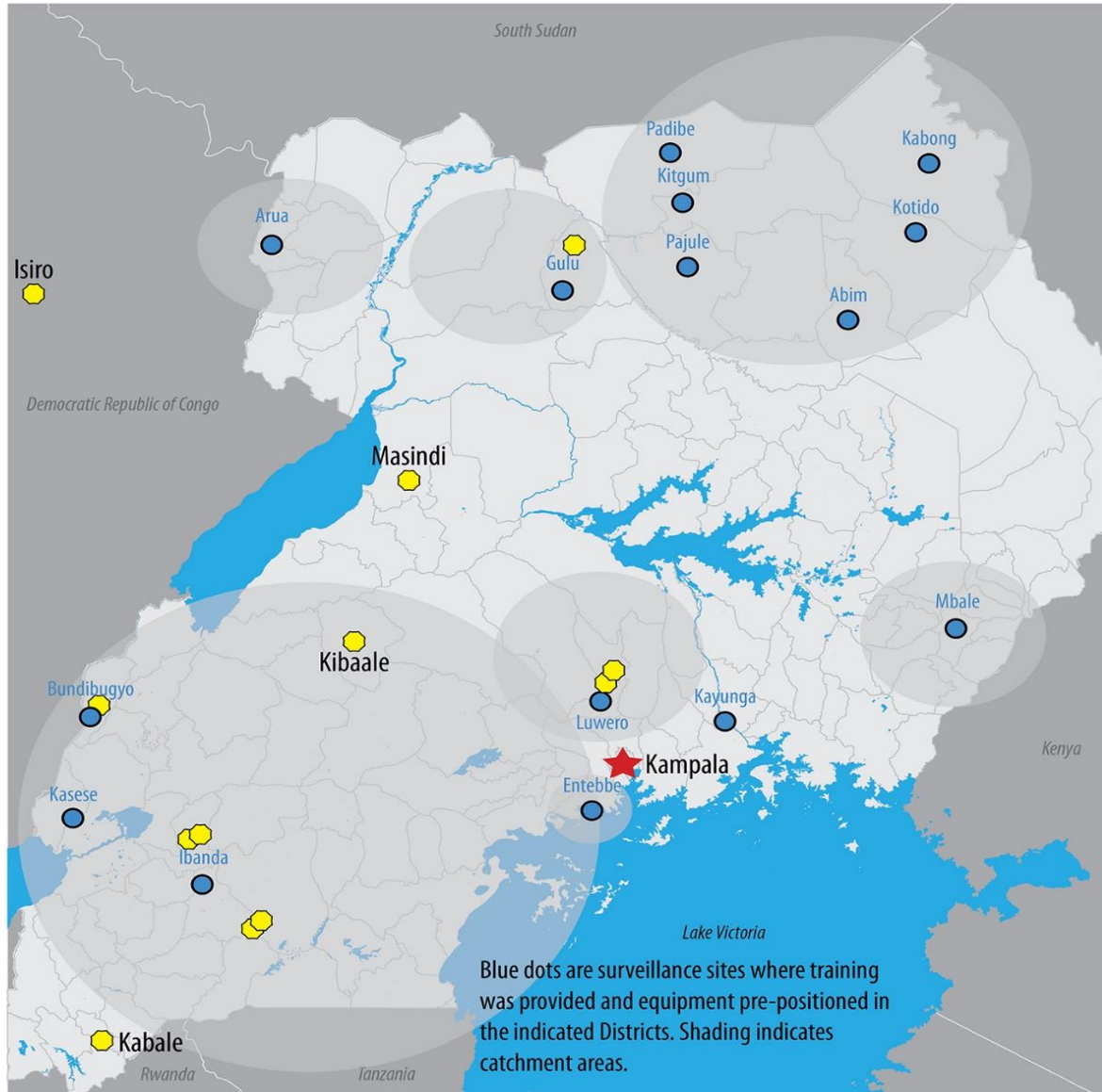
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  - No alternative diagnosis (e.g., malaria)
- Put on Proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
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- Complete the Suspect VHF Case Report Form
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Poster describing VHF symptoms, collecting samples, and safe packing and transport for diagnostics.



VSPB Branch Chief Stuart Nichol and Trevor Shoemaker confer with MoH and village members on case finding during Luwero outbreak.



**Ebola and Marburg virus disease outbreaks in Uganda**



Entebbe's renovated UVRI lab runs rapid diagnostics on suspect VHF samples.

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**Section 1: Patient Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Health Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2: Clinical Signs and Symptoms**

Onset of illness (approximate date): \_\_\_\_\_

Other clinical signs or symptoms (if any, please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

The newly-updated Form for suspect VHF cases.



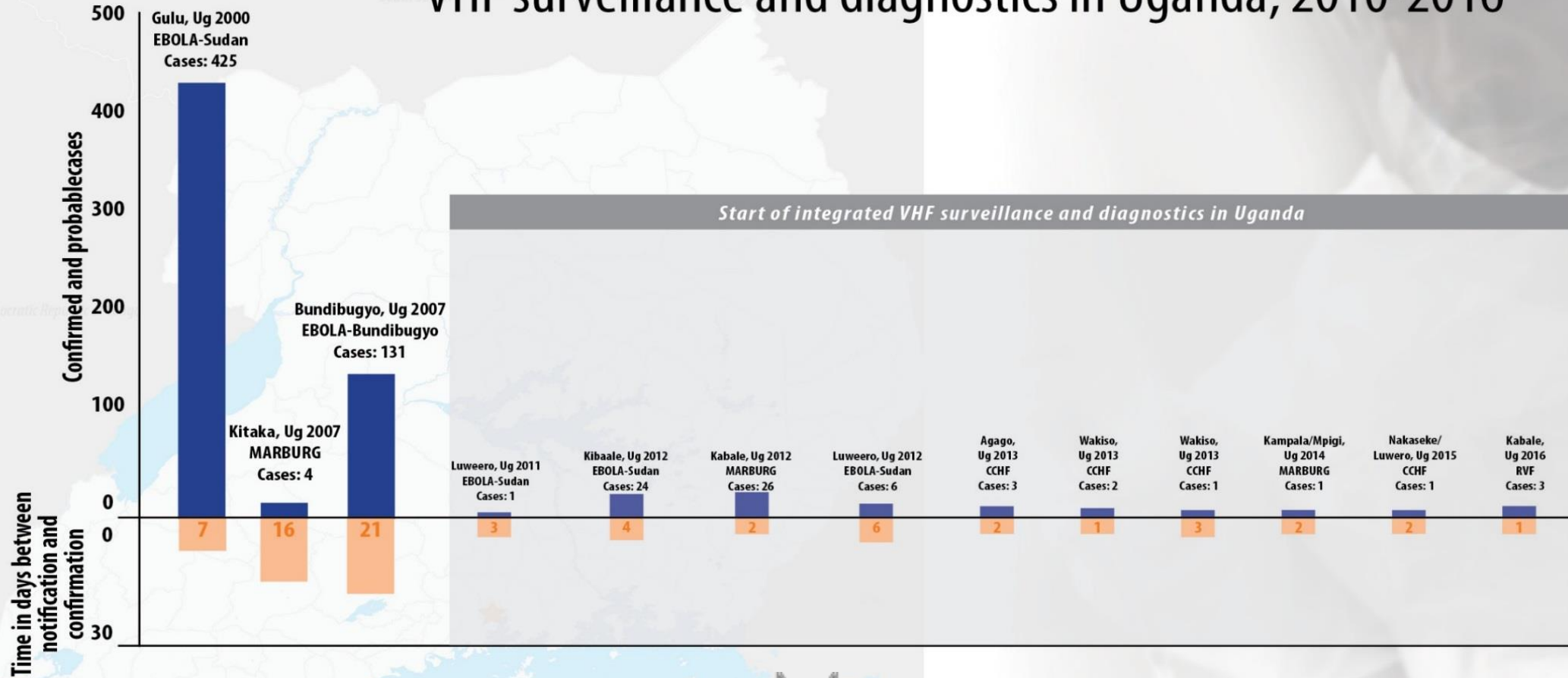
Uganda District Health Educators at a VSPB-sponsored workshop on health education and VHF.



VSPB and UWA team capturing bats at Python Cave, part of long-term Branch/UWA ecology project.



# Pre- and post-implementation of enhanced VHF surveillance and diagnostics in Uganda, 2010-2016



# The West Africa Ebola virus disease outbreak

Diagnostic challenges and response

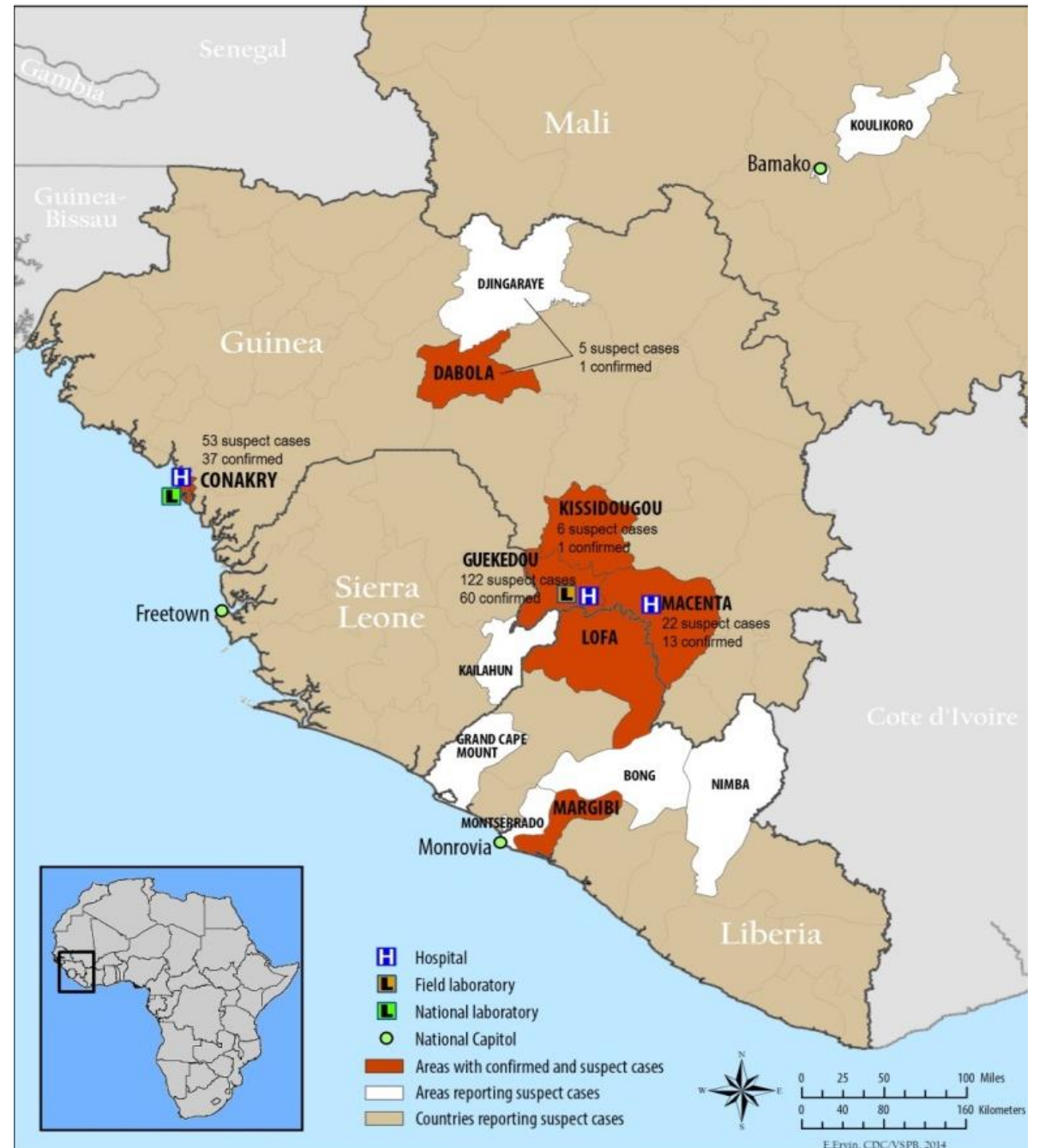


## In the beginning.....

- **March 25**, Guinea MoH & WHO report Ebola outbreak in Guinea;
- **March 26**, suspect cases reported in Liberia
- **Mid-April** – Cases distributed in 6 districts in Guinea, including Conakry (60 cases), and multiple counties in Liberia

Initial deployed labs to offer Ebola virus real time RT-PCR :

- EU consortium lab (led by Stephan Günther) in Gueckedou, Guinea
- Institute Pasteur Senegal lab in Donka, Conakry, Guinea
- Then as EVD spread in Liberia - LIBR lab in Monrovia supported by DOD and NIH

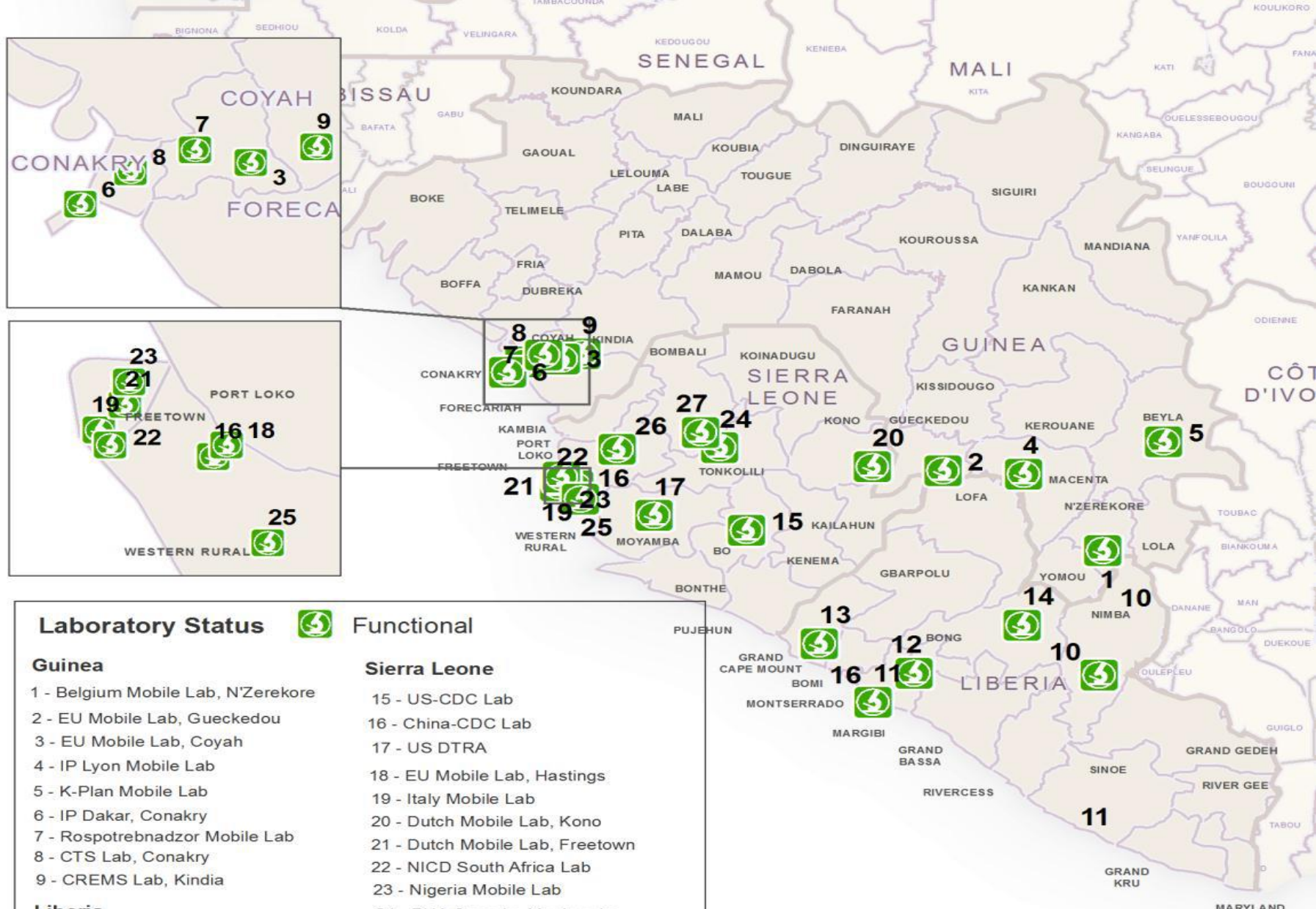


# 'United Nations' of labs

- Labs provided by:
  - Germany
  - France
  - Italy
  - Belgium
  - Netherlands
  - England
  - Canada
  - USA
  - Nigeria
  - South Africa
  - China
  - Russia

- US agencies included
  - CDC, NIH and DOD

WHO Ebola Situation Report  
Mar 18, 2015



Laboratory Status	Functional
<b>Guinea</b>	<b>Sierra Leone</b>
1 - Belgium Mobile Lab, N'Zerekore	15 - US-CDC Lab
2 - EU Mobile Lab, Gueckedou	16 - China-CDC Lab
3 - EU Mobile Lab, Coyah	17 - US DTRA
4 - IP Lyon Mobile Lab	18 - EU Mobile Lab, Hastings
5 - K-Plan Mobile Lab	19 - Italy Mobile Lab
6 - IP Dakar, Conakry	20 - Dutch Mobile Lab, Kono
7 - Rospotrebnadzor Mobile Lab	21 - Dutch Mobile Lab, Freetown
8 - CTS Lab, Conakry	22 - NICD South Africa Lab
9 - CREMS Lab, Kindia	23 - Nigeria Mobile Lab
<b>Liberia</b>	24 - PHA Canada, Magburaka
10 - Accel Lab, Tappita	25 - PH England Mobile Lab, Kerry Town
11 - US-CDC Lab	26 - PH England Mobile Lab, Port Loko
12 - LIBR/USAMRIID	27 - PH England Mobile Lab, Bombali
13 - Dutch Mobile Lab, Grand Cape Mt.	
14 - OIC-NMRC Mobile Lab, Bong	





**CDC Bo  
“Hot Lab”**



Generator, water and waste disposal provided by MSF



# MSF ETU



# CDC Bo Lab set up

## RNA extraction: automated

Dynal® BeadRetriever™ (15 samples)  
MagMAX™ Express-96 Deep Well Magnetic Particle Processor (96 samples)  
run takes approx. 30'

## Real time RT-PCR

Biorad CFX96 Touch™ Real-Time PCR Detection System  
run resumes in case of short power loss  
can operate without a lap top (less instruments requiring power)

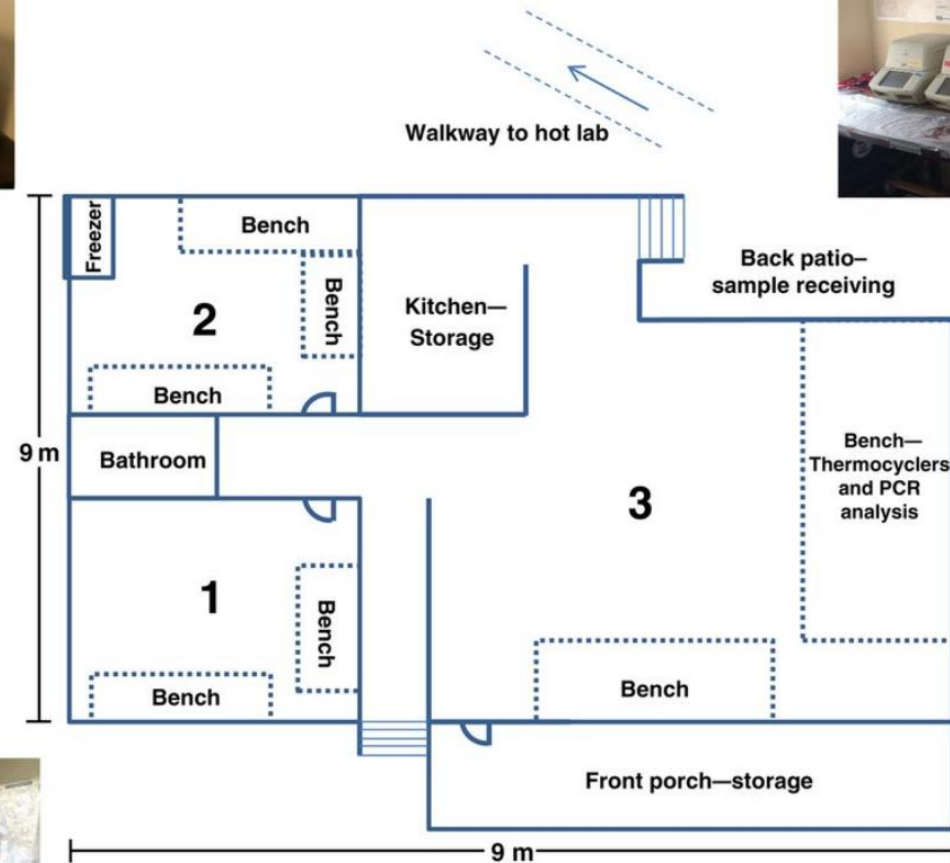
2 targets: Ebola NP & VP40  
cellular gene ( $\beta$ 2M) as extraction control  
run takes approx. 90'



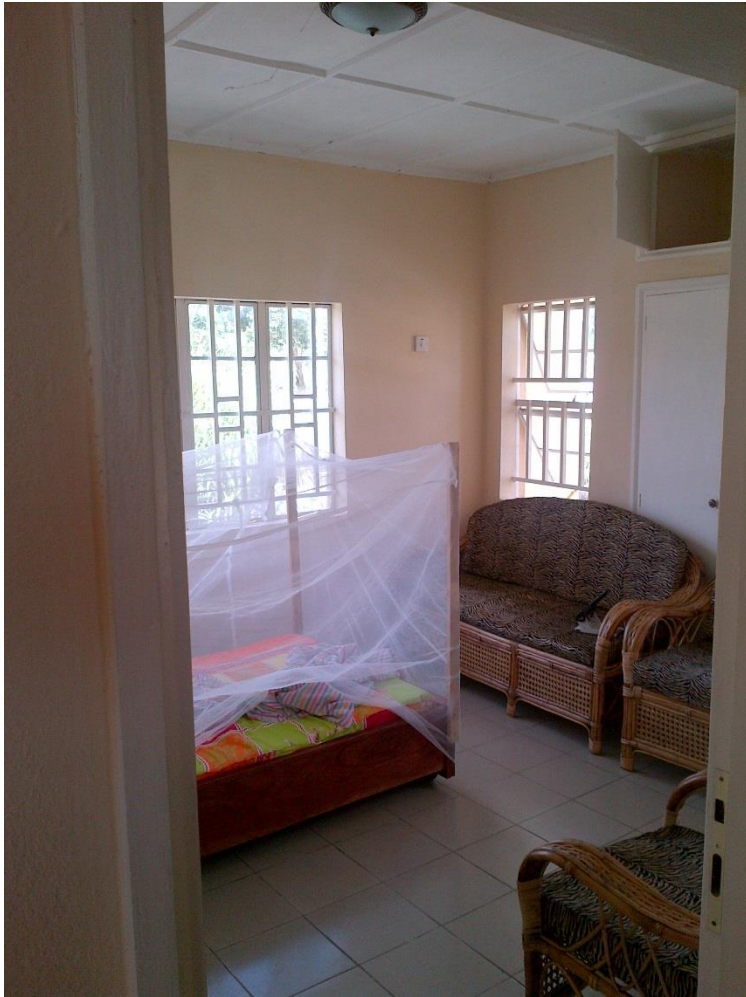
Room 2. The 96-well RNA extractor is in the center, 3 Bead Retrievers are on the right. Foil was placed over the window to deflect the heat of the sun



Room 3. Office area with thermocyclers



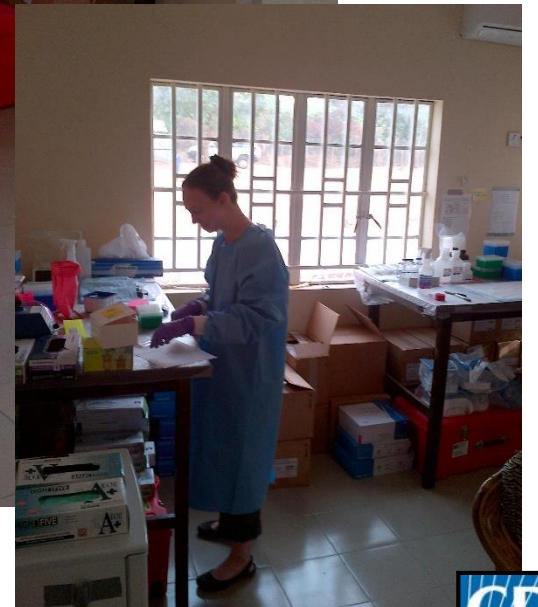
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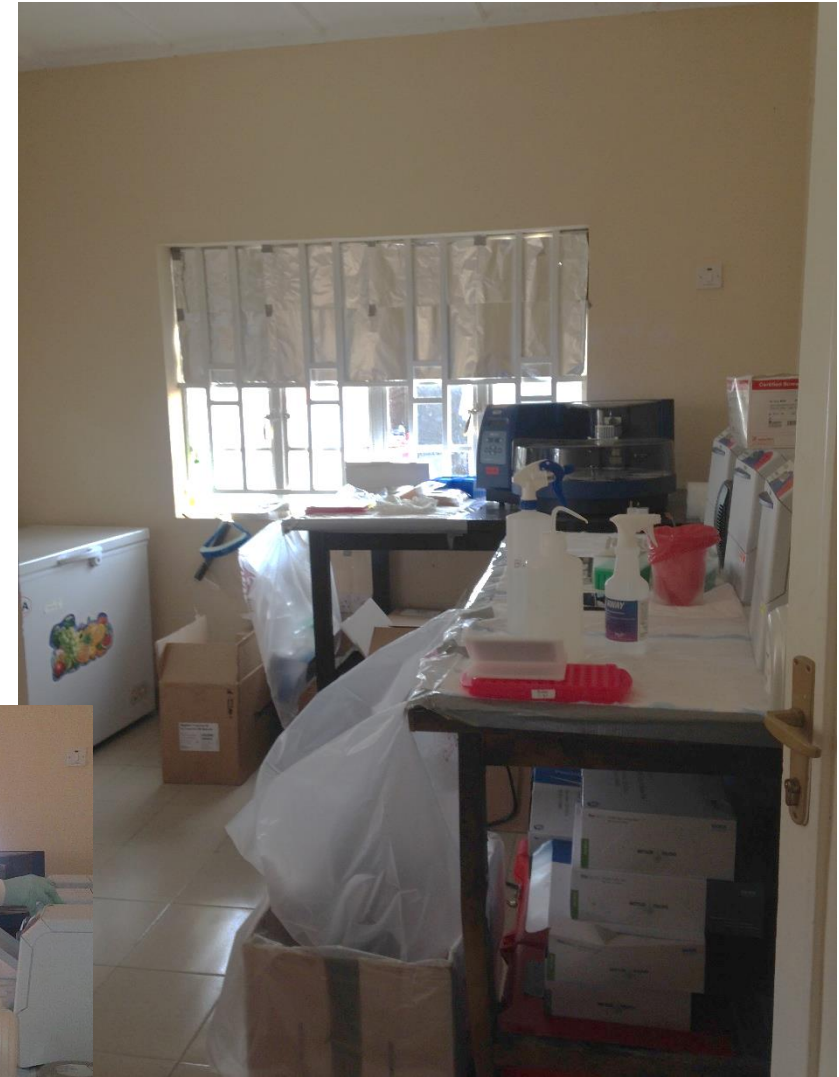
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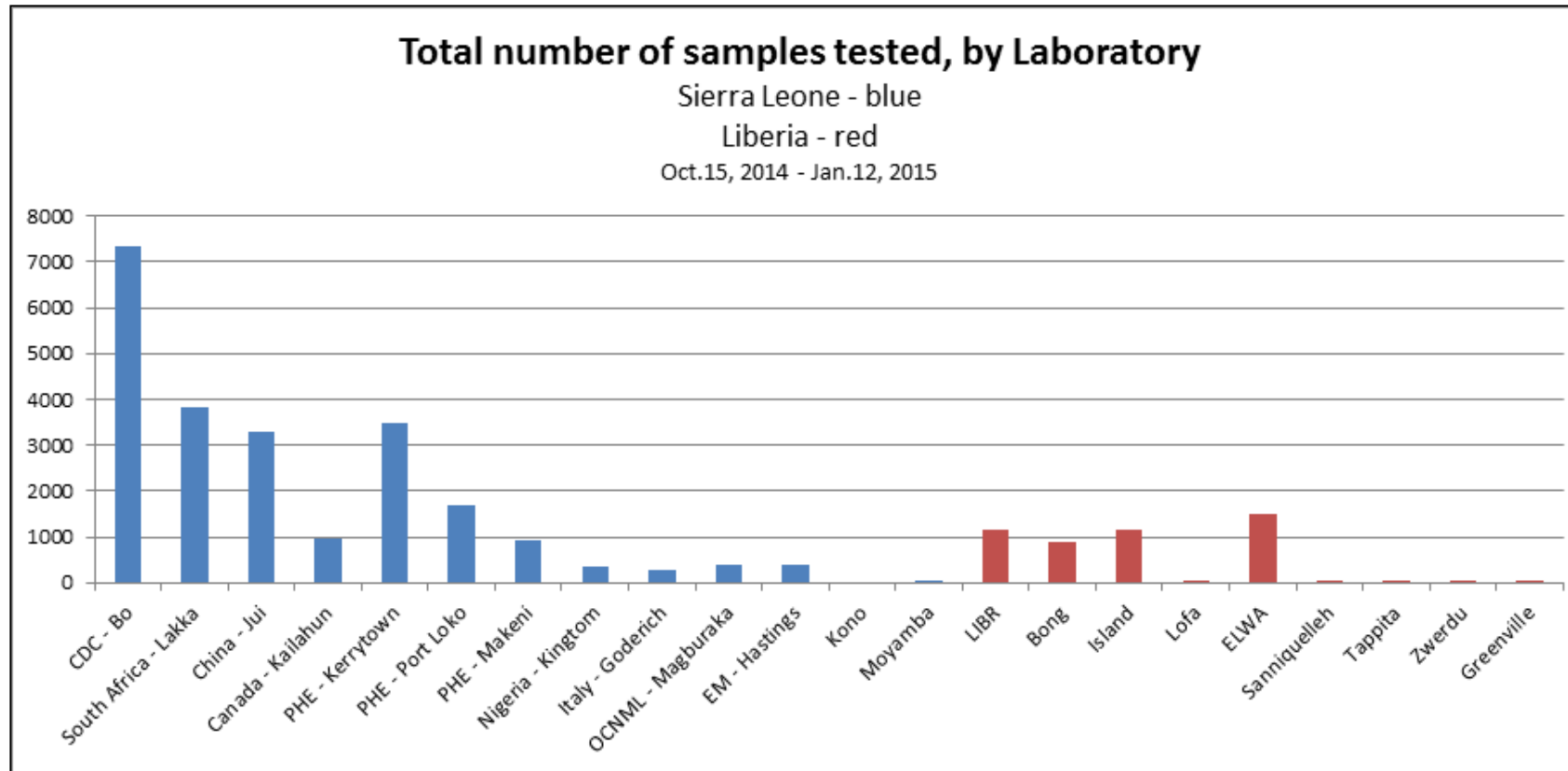
# RNA Extraction Room



Before



After



## CDC Sierra Leone lab contribution

- At height of outbreak processed 2,000 clinical specimens in a 3-week period

# Types of Specimens





# Sample transport in Sierra Leone



UNMEER helicopters moving samples within Sierra Leone



# Bo lab accomplishments

- **>27,000** samples tested
- The lab remained continuously operational for **406 days**
- Viral persistence in male survivors: testing of >500 semen samples
- STRIVE (Sierra Leone vaccine trial) testing began on May 24<sup>th</sup> and we tested 51 samples from 30 participants
- **28 teams** of personnel from **17 different branches** throughout CDC were trained and deployed to operate Bo lab



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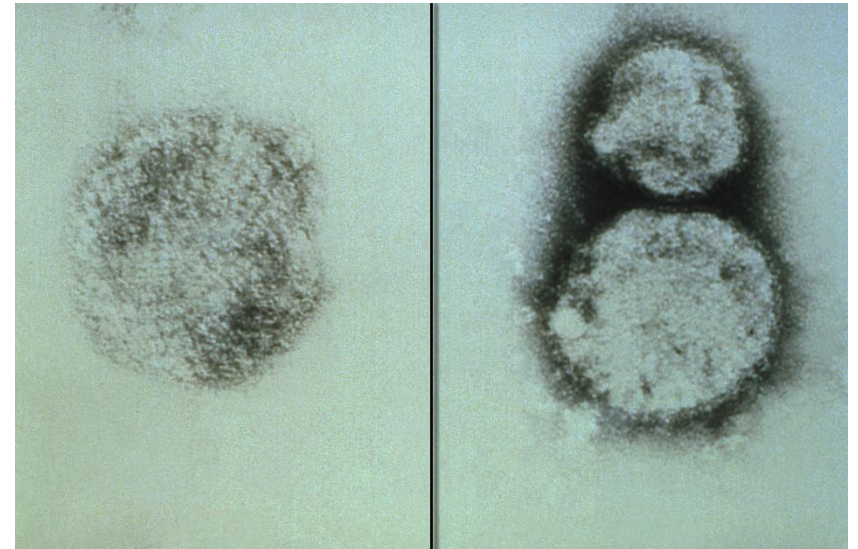
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- **1999 – Identification and isolation of Nipah virus**

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Articles

## Fatal encephalitis due to Nipah virus among pig-farmers in Malaysia

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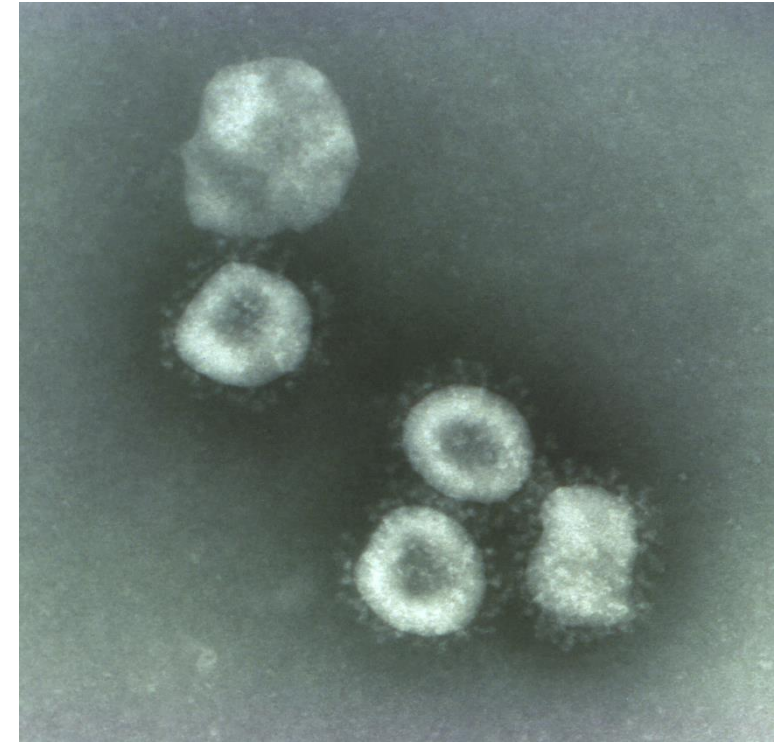
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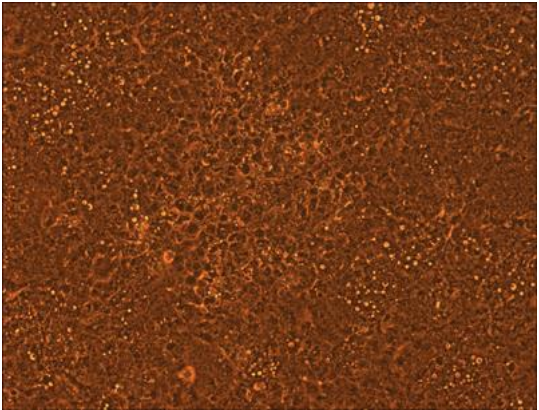
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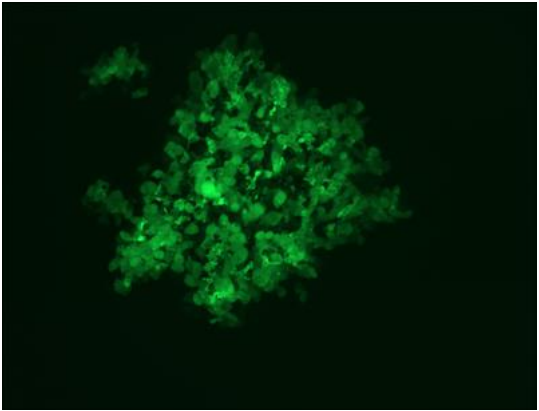

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# Ebola in Zaire '76 – Where are we now?

## Ebola vaccines



# Ebola in Zaire '76 – Where are we now?

## Ebola vaccines

- In 2000 – 1<sup>st</sup> demonstration that Ebola infection could be prevented by a vaccine
- 3 x DNA (GP) + ADV (GP) boost
- All vaccinated nonhuman primates asymptomatic after challenge

**nature**  
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## Development of a preventive vaccine for Ebola virus infection in primates

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## Ebola vaccines

- 2 dose 'Ebola prime boost'  
ADV (GP) + MVA (GP) day 56

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## Johnson & Johnson Advances Investigational Ebola Prime-boost Vaccine Regimen with New Partnership

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 – Johnson & Johnson (NYSE: JNJ) announced today



# Ebola in Zaire '76 – Where are we now?

## Ebola vaccines

- 2 dose 'Ebola prime boost'  
ADV (GP) + MVA (GP) day 56
- **1 dose Ebola VSV-based  
(rVSVΔG-ZEBOV-GP)**
  - **>200,000 vaccine doses  
given in eastern DRC**
  - **97.5% efficacy**



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Merck Begins Rolling Submission of Licensure Application for V920 (rVSVΔG-ZEBOV-GP) to U.S. Food and Drug Administration

*V920 is the Company's Investigational Vaccine for Ebola Zaire*

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 4:35 pm EST



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## Ebola therapeutics

# As of 12 August 2019, Ebola (Zaire) may be treatable!\*

\*Pending release and analysis of final data - these numbers from NY Times

- PALM trial = Pamjoa Tulinde Maisha, “Save Lives Together”
- Randomized, multicenter clinical trial in DRC, started Nov 2018
- 4 arms, no placebo - interim mortality data from 499 patients

## Remdesivir (Gilead Sciences)

- Small-molecule, nucleotide analogue
- **53%** mortality (33% with low viral load)

## ZMapp (Mapp BioPharmaceutical)

- Cocktail of 3 chimeric mouse-human mAbs
- Given in West Africa (efficacy unproven)
- **49%** mortality (24% with low viral load)

## mAb-114 (Ridgeback Biotherapeutics)

- Human mAb from survivor of 1995 Kikwit outbreak
- **34%** mortality (**11% with low viral load**)

## REGN-EB3 (Regeneron Pharmaceuticals)

- Cocktail of 3 human mAbs
- **29%** mortality (**6% with low viral load**)
- Not significantly different from mAb-114

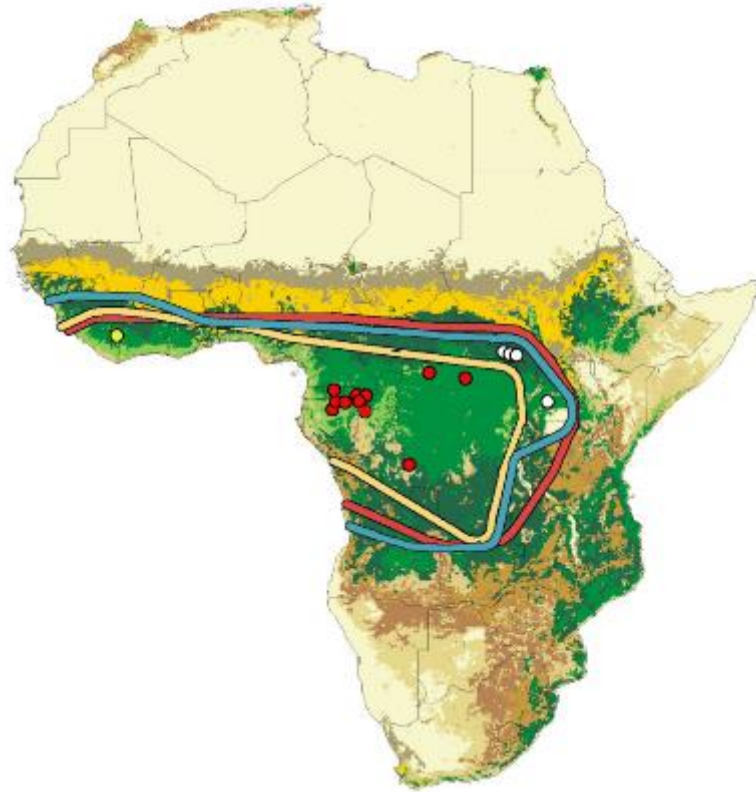
- Trial halted for efficacy, all patients now to be offered mAb-114 or REGN-EB3.

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# Ebola – Where does it come from?

# Ebola Zaire reservoir search in Gabon, 2002-03



*Hypsignathus monstrosus*



PCR+	4/21
IgG+	4/17

*Epomops franqueti*



PCR+	5/117
IgG+	8/117

*Myonycteris torquata*



PCR+	4/141
IgG+	4/58

- Only known PCR data to date for Ebola virus, no additional published reports
- Home ranges overlap outbreak locations
- Ebola virus never isolated from a bat

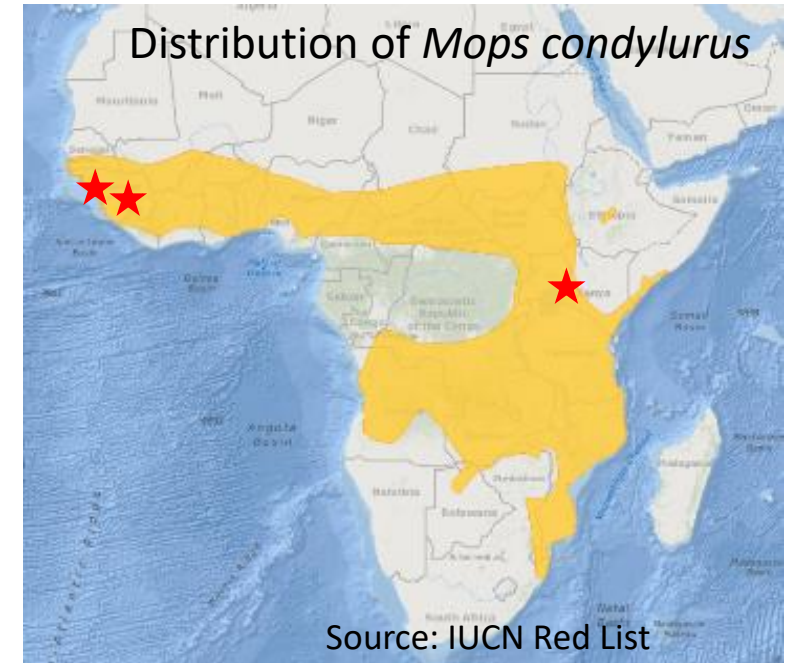
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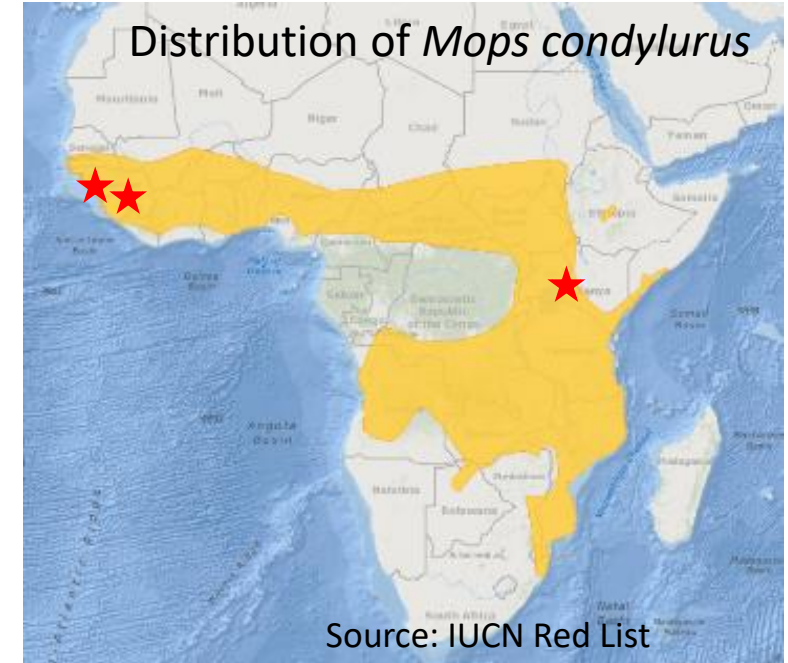
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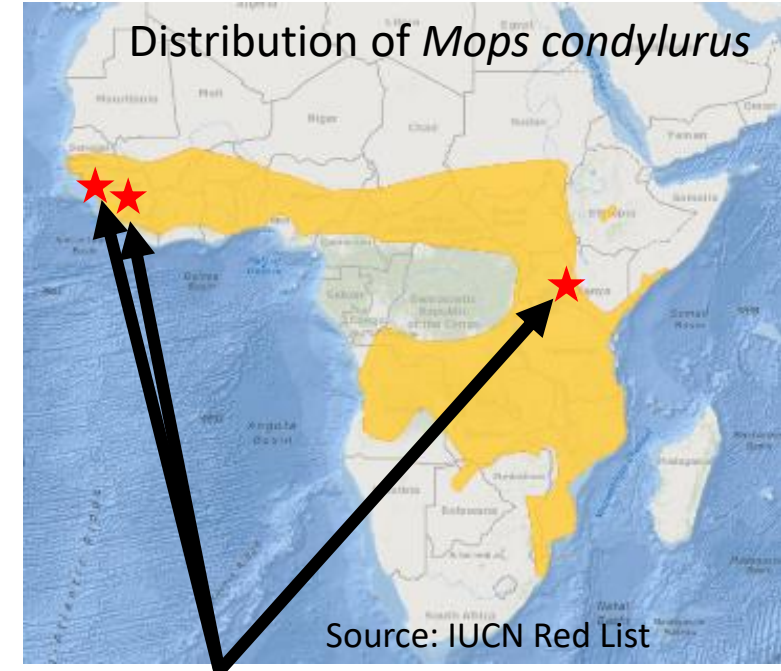
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# Egyptian rousette bat (*Rousettus aegyptiacus*) is a natural reservoir for Marburg/Ravn viruses

- 1998-2000: Goroubwa mine, DRC, Marburg outbreak
  - 9 Marburg virus lineages found in miners and bats
- 2007: Kitaka Mine, Uganda Marburg outbreak
  - 5 Marburg/Ravn virus isolates from Egyptian rousettes
- 2008: Python Cave, Uganda Marburg virus in tourists
  - 7 Marburg/Ravn virus isolates from Egyptian rousettes
- 2012: Ibanda (Kitaka Mine), Uganda Marburg outbreak
  - 9 Marburg isolates from Egyptian rousettes



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Tourists + Egyptian rousette bats

Egyptian rousette bats



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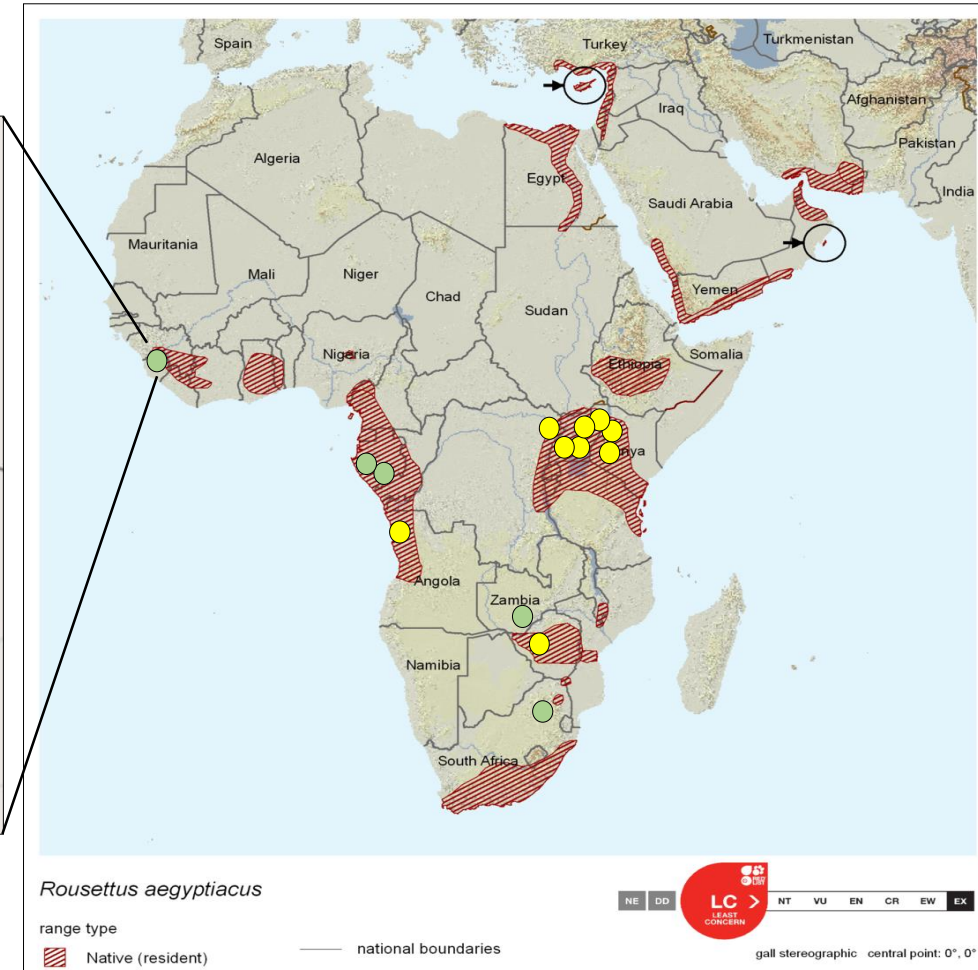
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# Isolation of Marburg virus from Egyptian rousette bats in Sierra Leone

- 435 *Rousettus aegyptiacus*
  - Joint study: CDC, Njala University, UC Davis, University of Makeni
- 11 bats (2.5%) qRT-PCR+ for Marburg virus
- 4 MARV isolates
  - all MARV Angola-like



Dr. Aiah Lebbie (Njala University) with US Ambassador Brewer

# Lessons learned from Marburg: What could we apply to Ebola?

- For Ebola, there is no epidemiologic linkage to a restricted biome (e.g. cave/mine)
- For Marburg virus, the number of actively infected bats is low (2-5%)
  - Africa has >250 bat species: you do the math...
- Reservoir animals typically have inapparent disease
- There may be seasonality to consider such as increased infection in juveniles, birthing
- Expect spillover to secondary bat hosts
- Expect serological cross-reactivity to different ebolaviruses
- For Marburg virus, no evidence of persistent infection (ex. rodent reservoirs of arena- or hantaviruses)
- Virus replication and shedding may be brief; last 1-3 weeks

Thank You!

