

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

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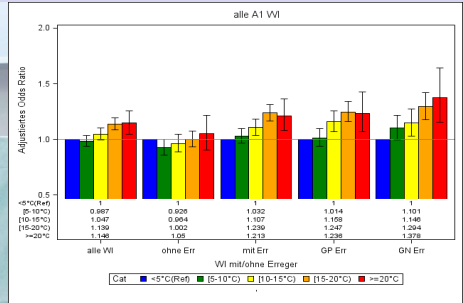
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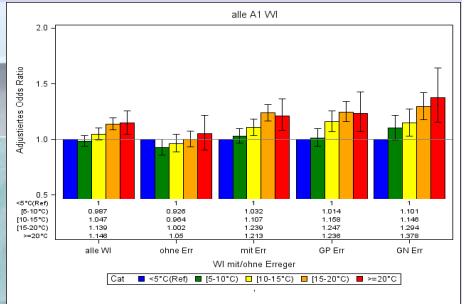


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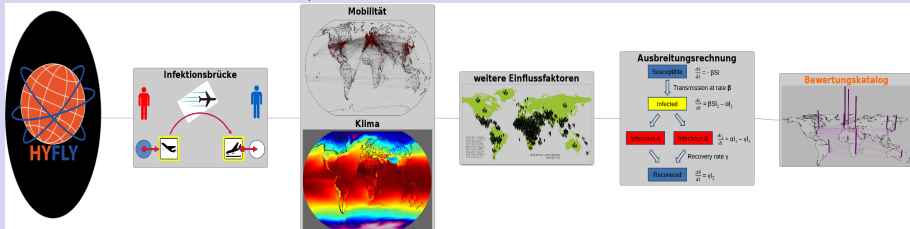


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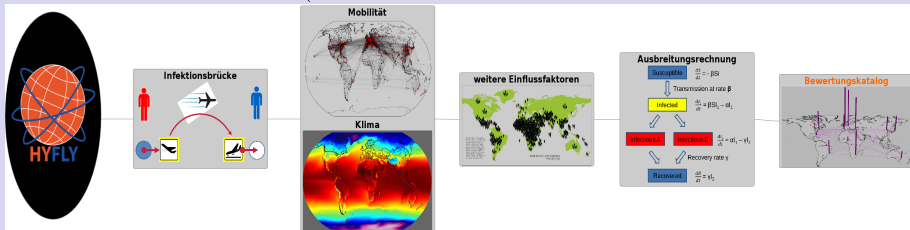


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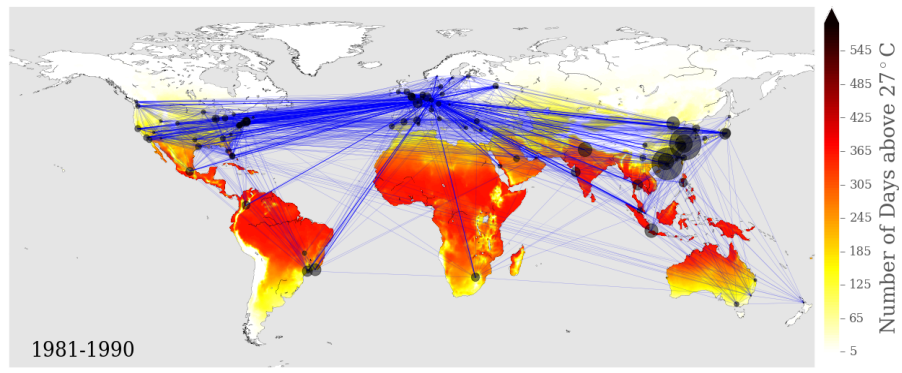
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**Fig.:** (1) 99 selected Airports (2) population (3) 3255 daily flight connections (4) climate data - **not everyone with everyone**

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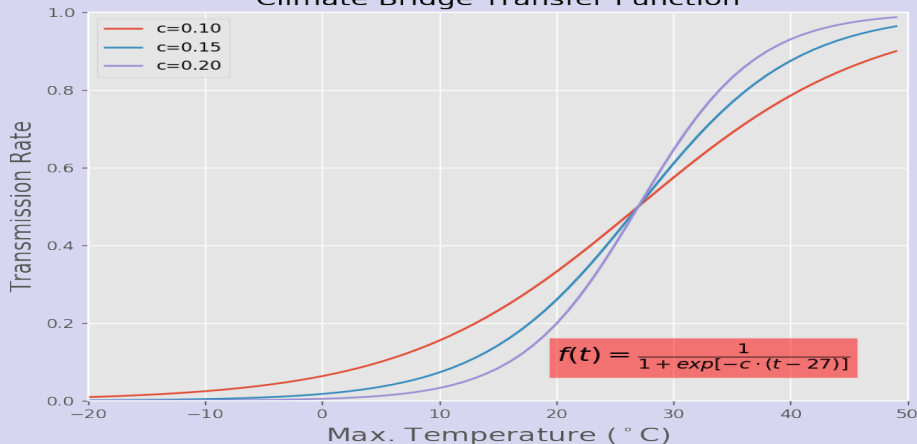
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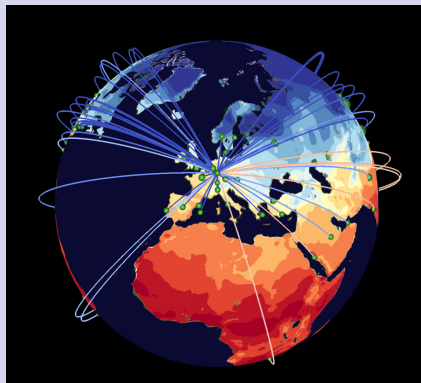
Climate Bridge Transfer Function



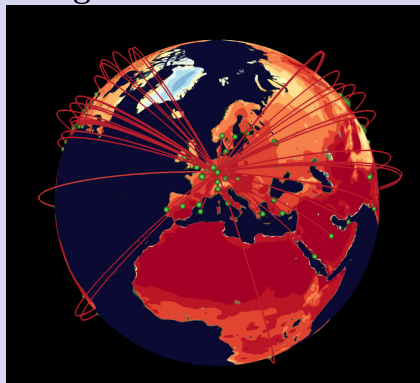
**Fig.:** The weight of flight connections dependent on daily maximum temperature at two connected airports (nodes): source and target

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#### GTX visualization of climate bridges for FRA



winter conditions



summer conditions

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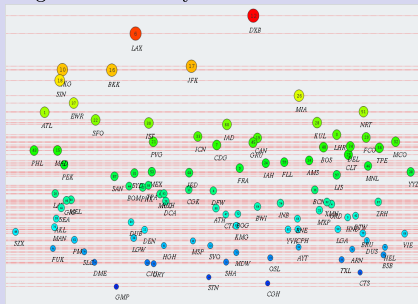
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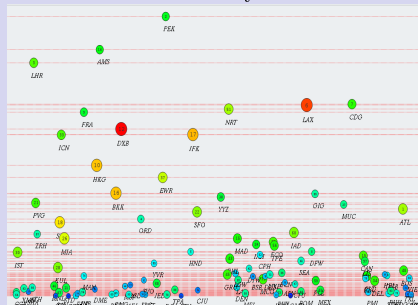
## Socnetv: unweighted network

Degree Centrality



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

Betweenness Centrality



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

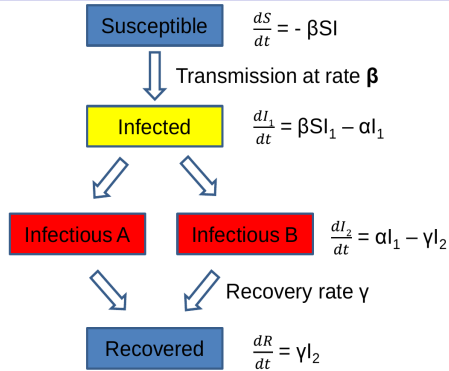
DXB: most flights

PEK: shortest flight connections between other airports



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### 3.4 From Climate to Infection Bridges



Compartmental model in epidemiology

**SEIR:** Susceptible - Exposed - Infectious - Recovered - model  
*transmission rate = climate bridge (infection bridges)*

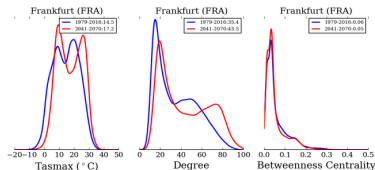
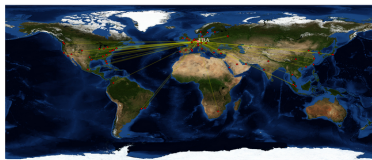


# 4. Results

## 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	BC_1979-2016	BC_2041-2070	TX_1979-2016 [°C]	TX_2041-2070 [°C]	PR_1979-2016 [mm]	PR_2041-2070 [mm]	MAP
Dubai	<a href="#">DXB</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
Bangkok	<a href="#">BKK</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
Singapore	<a href="#">SIN</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
Hong Kong	<a href="#">HKG</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
Los Angeles	<a href="#">LAX</a>	2.390	-118.408	33.943	39.551	47.657 8.105	0.037	0.039 0.002	22.4	24.7 2.270	329	315 -14.157	<a href="#">MAP</a>
Miami	<a href="#">MIA</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
New York	<a href="#">JFK</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
Atlanta	<a href="#">ATL</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
Frankfurt	<a href="#">FRA</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
London	<a href="#">LHR</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
Houston	<a href="#">IAH</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
Paris	<a href="#">CDG</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
Tokyo	<a href="#">NRT</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>
Beijing	<a href="#">PEK</a>	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	<a href="#">MAP</a>

ranking of airports by columns ...

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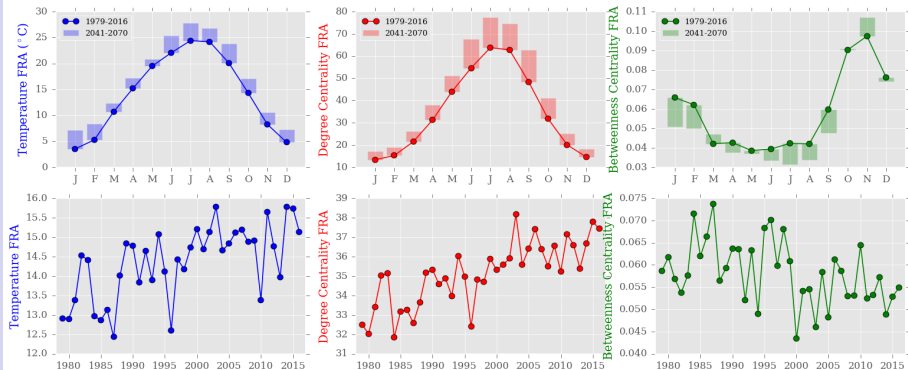
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- (1) ranking of airports by the network measure: weighted degree centrality
- (2) comparing recent (1979-2016) and future (2041-2070) conditions
- (3) What does it mean for Frankfurt (FRA)?

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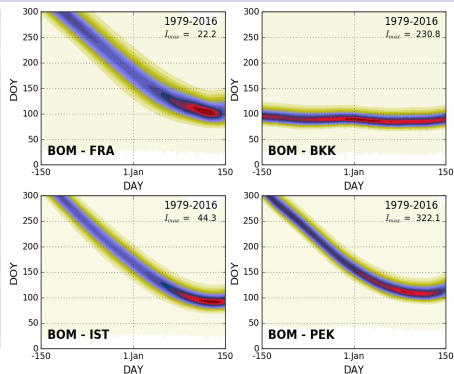
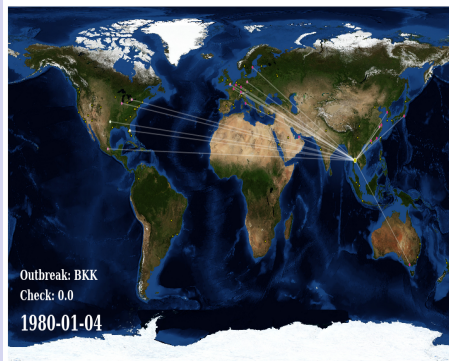
## 4.2 Statistics for FRA



- (1) Temperature: seasonal shift to higher temperatures
- (2) Degree Centrality: climate effect in the order of additional 10 flights
- (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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