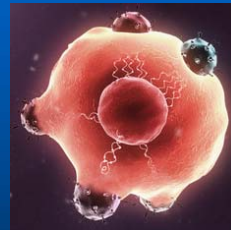
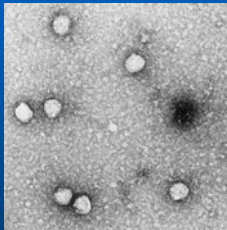


# Situation-based surveillance

to do what we really want



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# Background

We recognized for wildlife disease surveillance schemes

- copied from correct stock
- continued protocols after elimination
- testing of quotas.

**Dissatisfying**

We pin-point for epidemics

- efficient surveillance adapts to changing disease situation.

# Situation-based surveillance

## to do what we really want

- Alignment of concepts
- Construction of an adaptive scheme
  - Exploration of existing schemes
  - Exploration of surveillance data base
  - Exploration of aims & logical needs
- Synthesis



# Concepts

## Measure & aim

### **Disease Surveillance**

Aim: Detecting infected animals

Incidence estimation

Target: Infected population

### **Follow Up of control**

Aim: Assessing control efficacy

Immunization coverage

Bait uptake

Target: Non-infected population

# Concepts

## Measure

**Disease Surveillance**

**Follow Up of control**

## Sample source

**Indicator Animals**

*(Passive Sampling)*

Found dead

Suspicious behavior

Road Kills

**Hunting Bag**

*(Active Sampling)*

Shot quotas from population  
census

# Concepts

## Measure

**Disease Surveillance**

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## Sample source

**Indicator Animals**

**Hunting Bag**

**Putting things together using the  
example of rabies...**

# WHO 1990

Guiding principles for surveillance of wildlife rabies in Europe, Geneva 2-5 July 1990

Sampling over time for

**Rabies Surveillance** & **Follow up of oral mass vaccination**

Guidance:  
8 foxes/100km<sup>2</sup>  
p.a.

**Dissatisfying**

Sampling over time  
for animals filled up by sampling HB

Indicator Animals

- Road kills, Found dead, Abnormal behavior

Hunting Bag

- Any which is not an indicator animal

# Analysis

- Temporal aspect
- Sample basis
- Sample size



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# Temporal aspect

**Follow Up of control**

Performance?

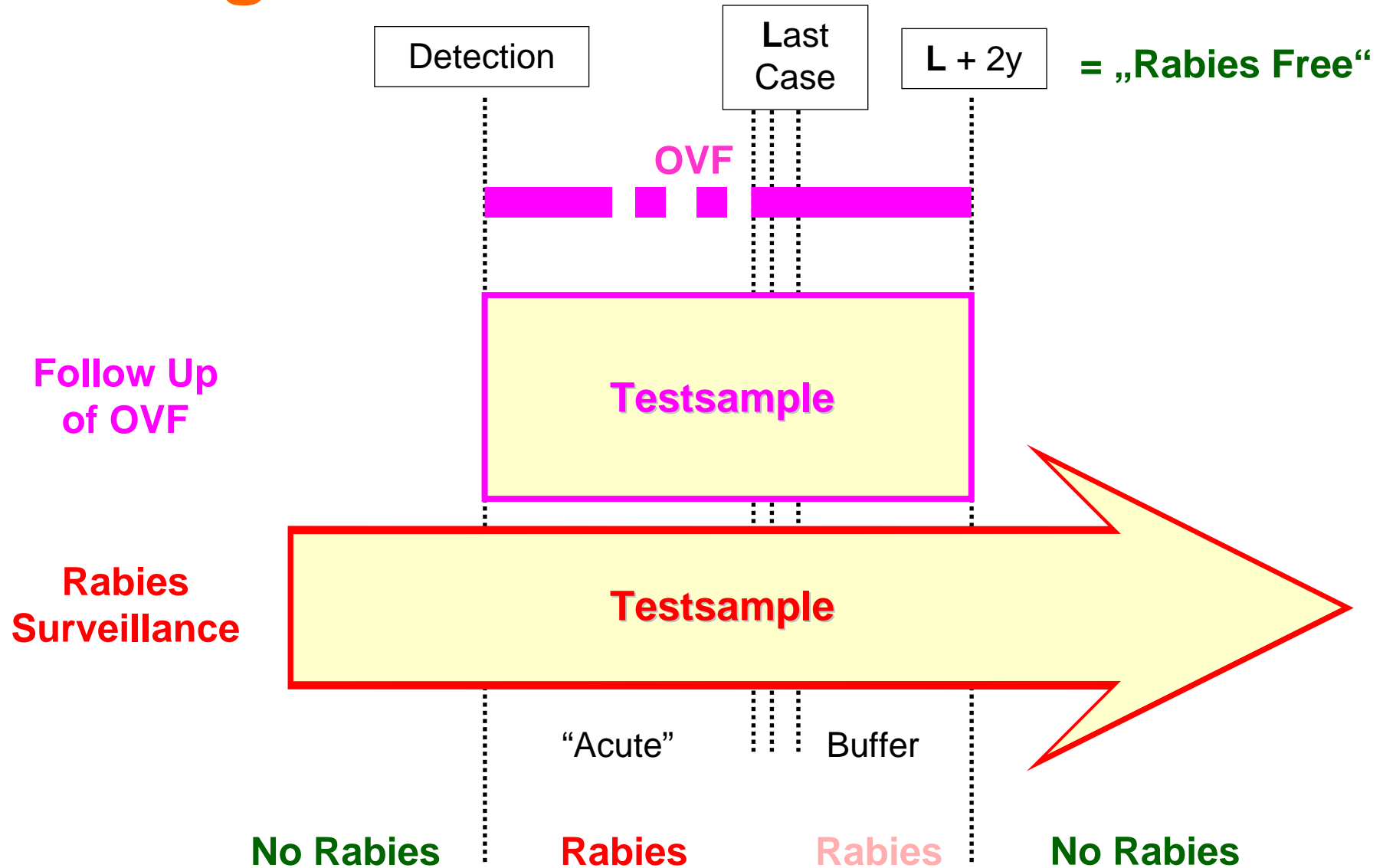
Knowledge needed  
only during control

**Disease Surveillance**

Disease?

Knowledge needed  
always

# Timing of Measures



# Analysis

- Temporal aspect
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# Sample Basis

## Hunting Bag

Always available

Representative for population

Perfect sample for  
estimating proportions:

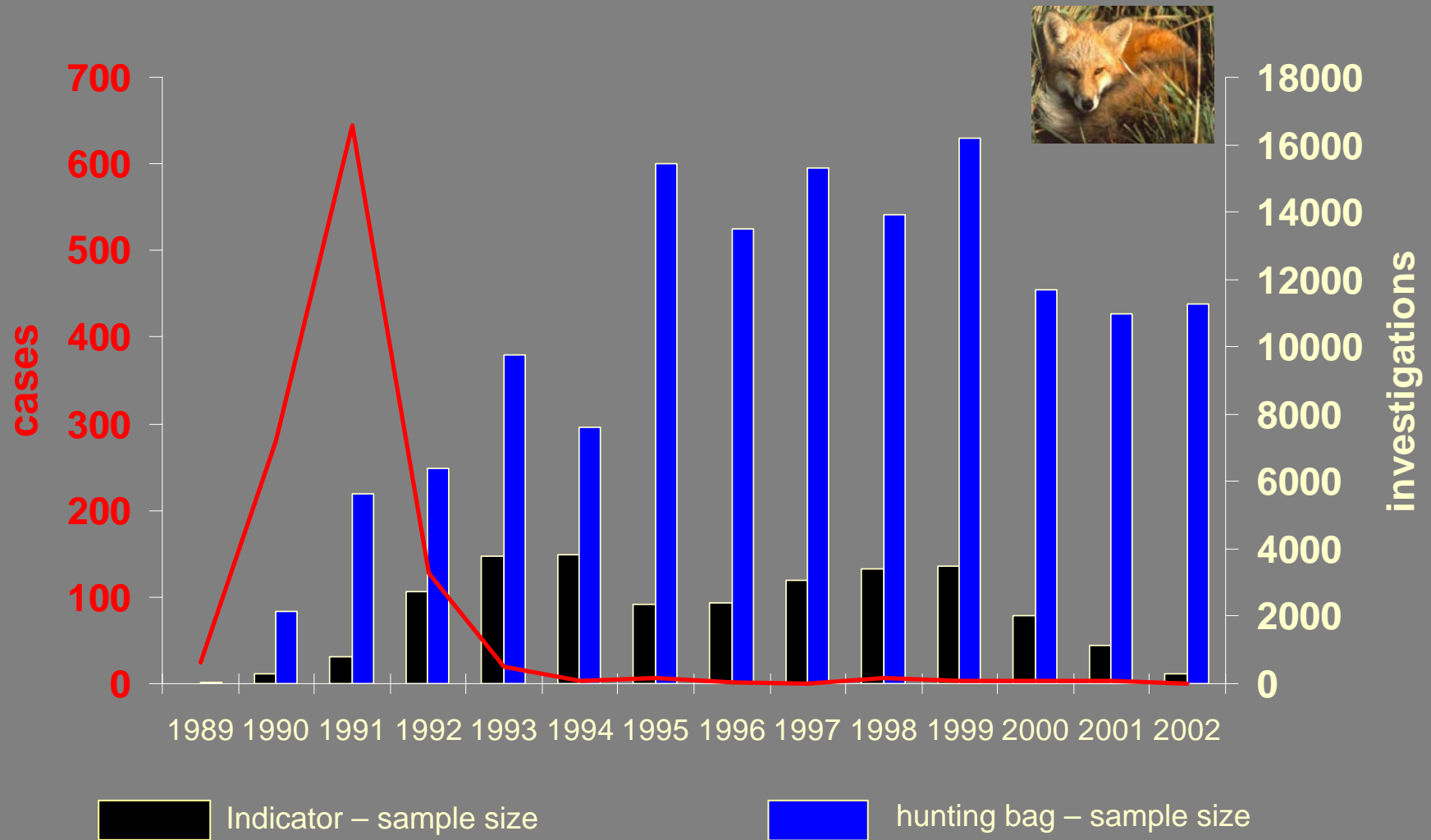
**Follow Up of control**

## Indicator Animals

Randomly available

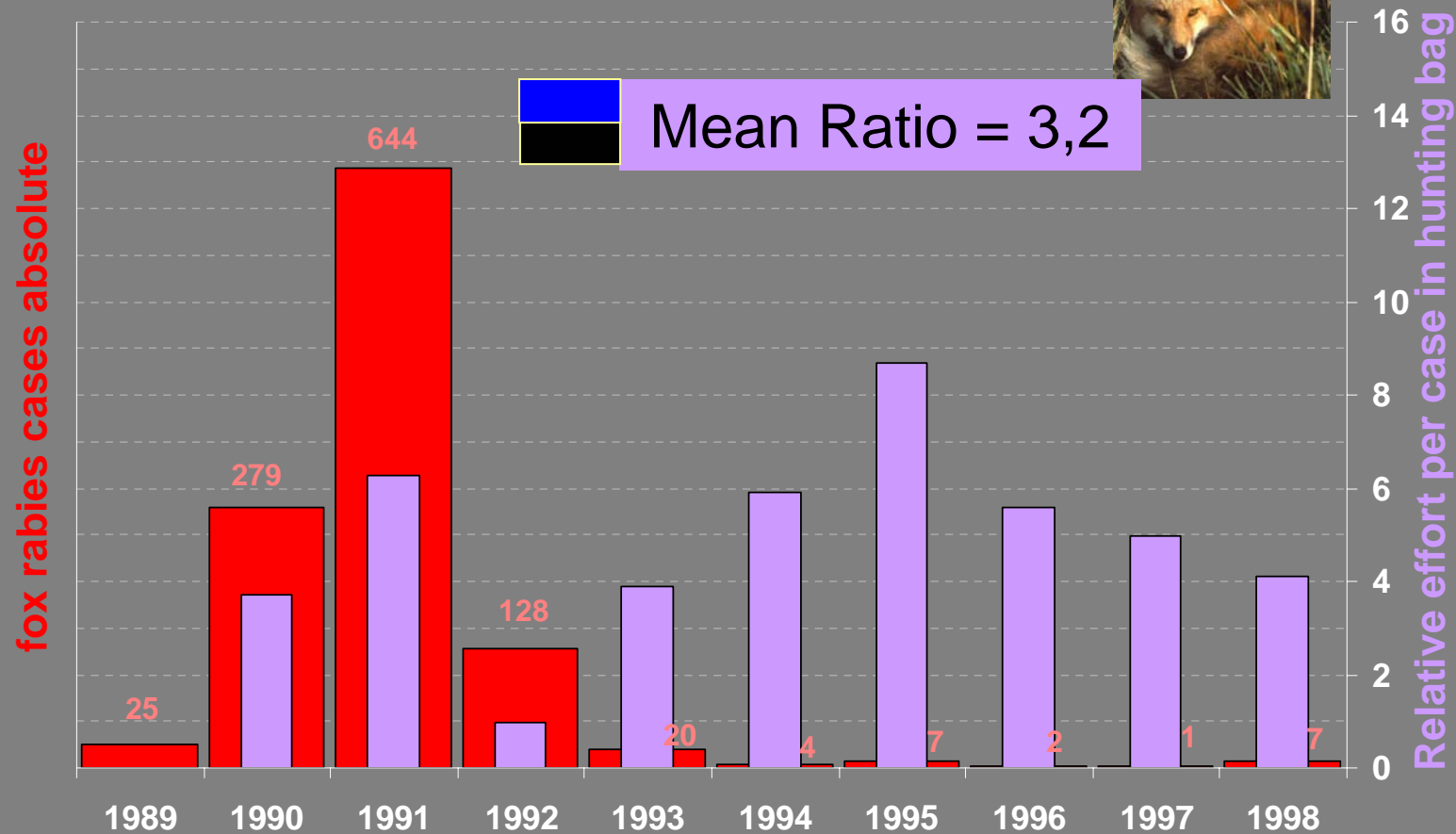
High chance of detection

# Rabies cases & Tests for rabies!!!



Any data source: ICP / RP-SVS / WHO-CC / TSN / Operational Manuals

# Investigation effort per case detection in hunting bag compared to indicator animals



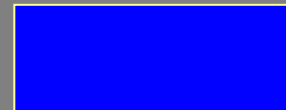
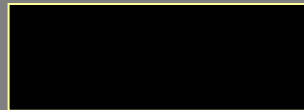
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# Investigation effort per case detection in hunting bag compared to indicator animals



## Field data



**Tests per  
detected case**

**Indicator  
wild boar**

**Hunted  
wild boar**

**Ratio**

**OR**

**No vaccination**

**1.7** (272)

**42** (21.319)

**1:24**

**55**

**Vaccination**

**3.3** (234)

**695** (164.652)

**1:208**

**296**

**Serology**

**4.3** (56)

**4.3** (22.586)

**1:1**

**0,99**

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**Follow Up of control**

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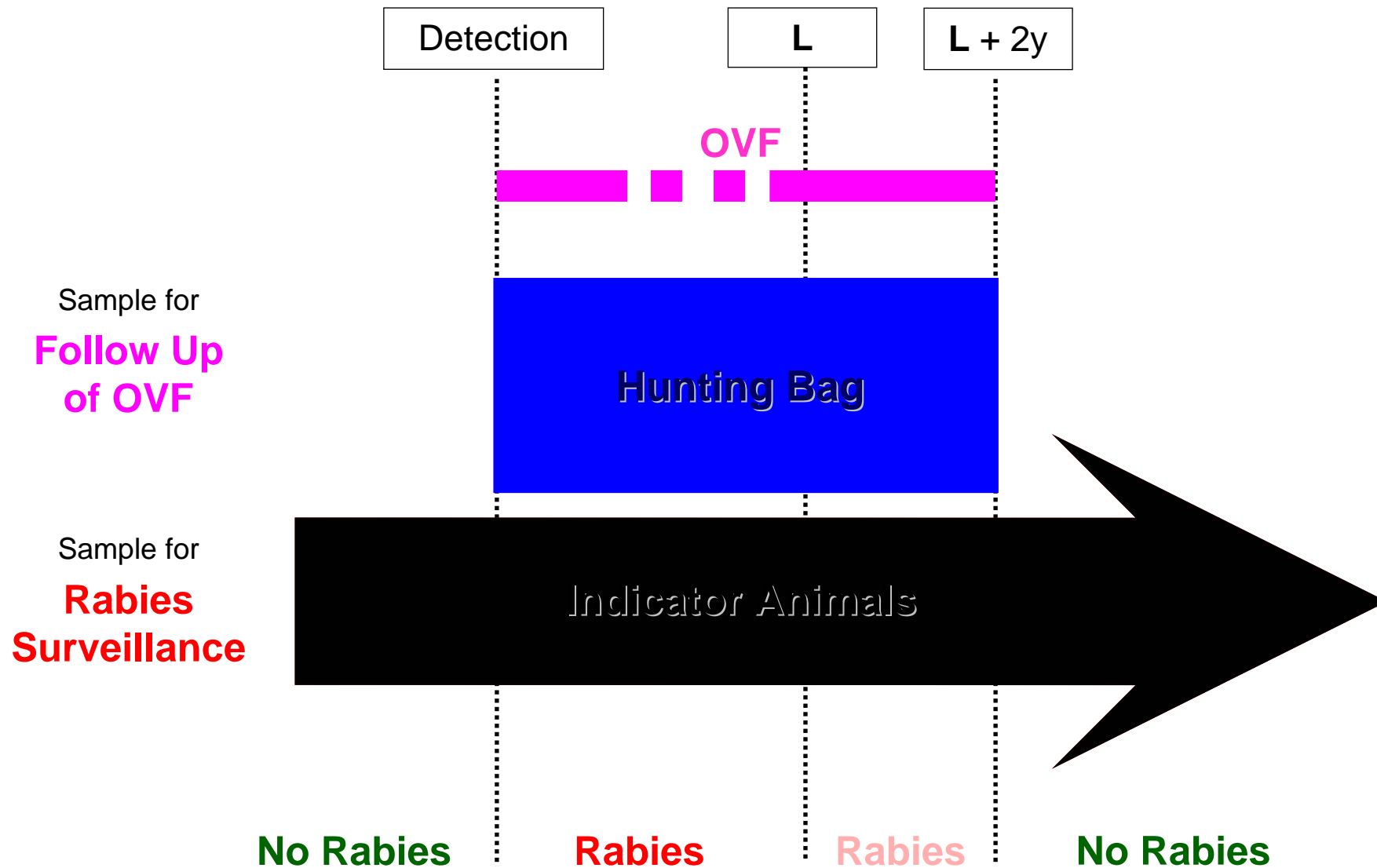
High chance of detection

Points to infective population

Perfect sample for  
finding disease:

**Disease surveillance**

# Sample Basis of Measures



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# Sample Size

**Follow Up of control**

**Hunting Bag**

Percentage estimation!

*Confidence*

# Sample Size

Percentage estimation:

- Assume an area containing  $>10.000$  animals
- Sample size to estimate with 5% precision:  
 $n = 384 \sim 400$  animals
- Then, of  $5.000 \text{ km}^2$  control area  $8/100\text{km}^2/\text{year}$  animals must be sampled (if density  $>2/\text{km}^2$ )

# Sample Size

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**Disease Surveillance**

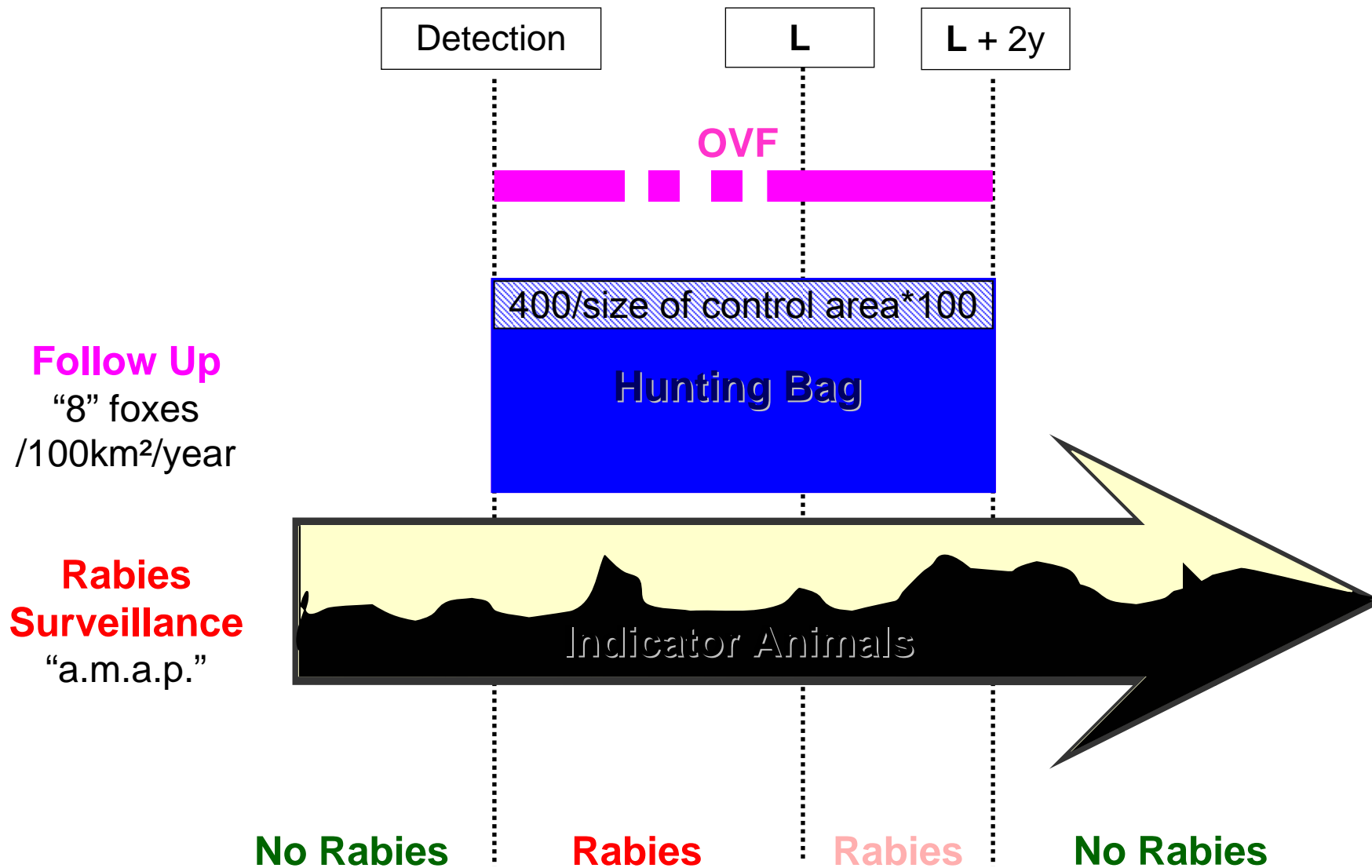
**Indicator Animals**

Yes / No !

*No estimation*



# Sample Size of Measures



# Conclusions

- Testing of hunted animals for **disease detection**  
=> low efficiency
- Testing of hunted animals without **control**  
=> futile
- Testing of 8/100km<sup>2</sup>/year for **disease surveillance**  
=> not justified
- If “**disease free**” then maximize testing of **indicator animals** on the long run

# Overview

Situation	Know- ledge of disease	Aim	Strategy	Source
Free	Absent	Detection of Arrival	<b>Disease Surveillance</b> passive	Indicator animals
Diseased	Present	---	---	---
Control	Present + Management	Monitor Performance	<b>Follow up</b> active	Hunted healthies
Finished?	Present + Management	<del>Proof of Freedom</del>	<del>Reject design prevalence</del>	<u><i>Indicator animals !!</i></u>

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Thank you for attention...



# Remarks

- The analysis of surveillance scheme holds for any highly contagious disease that kills most infected hosts.
- The analysis relates to the states own interest of surveying a disease due to its harmful consequence (zoonosis, huge losses for farm industry etc.).
- The obligatory demonstration of freedom of disease to third parties is a different aim:  
But logically, the sample for demonstration of freedom of disease MUST be taken from the **hunting bag**.