# Gaps in the TB care cascade and their importance for transmission

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## A fictional setting

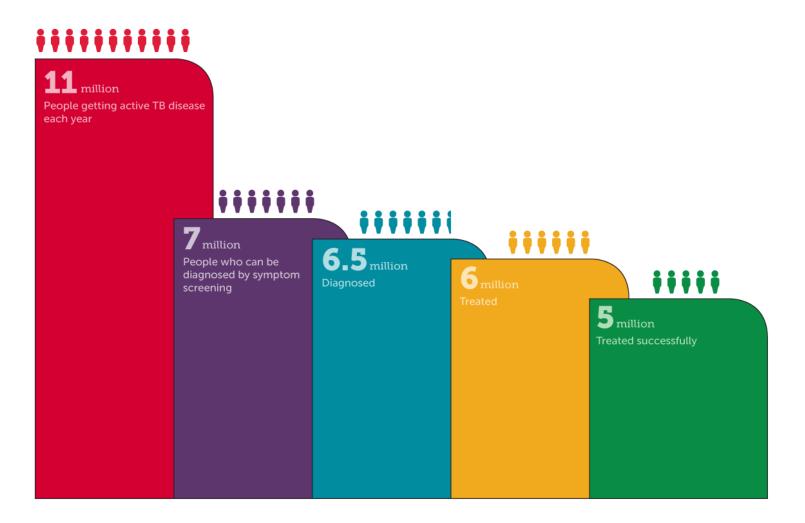
*Consider a country with:* 

- Annual TB incidence of 142 per 100,000 population
- Annual DR-TB incidence of 7.9 per 100,000 population
- ~60% case notification
- Only an estimated 22% of DR cases being diagnosed

In other words...

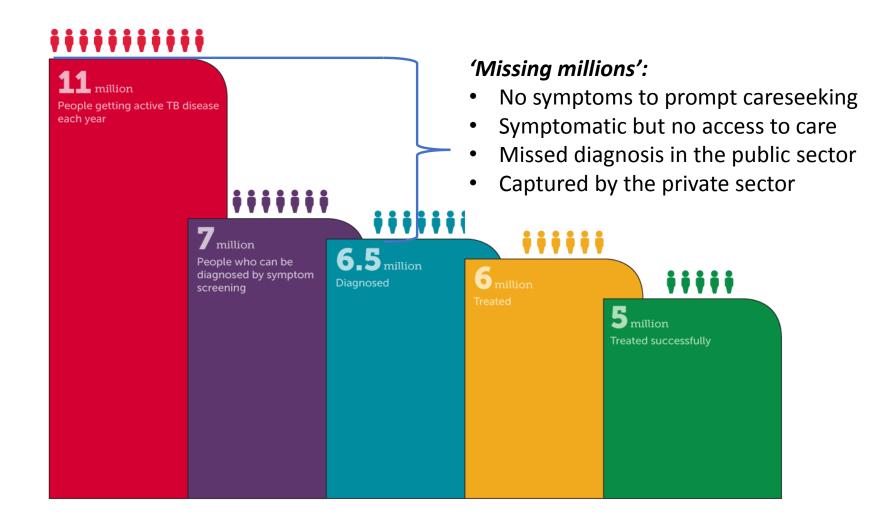
- Reflective of global TB burden
- What are the control priorities in this setting?







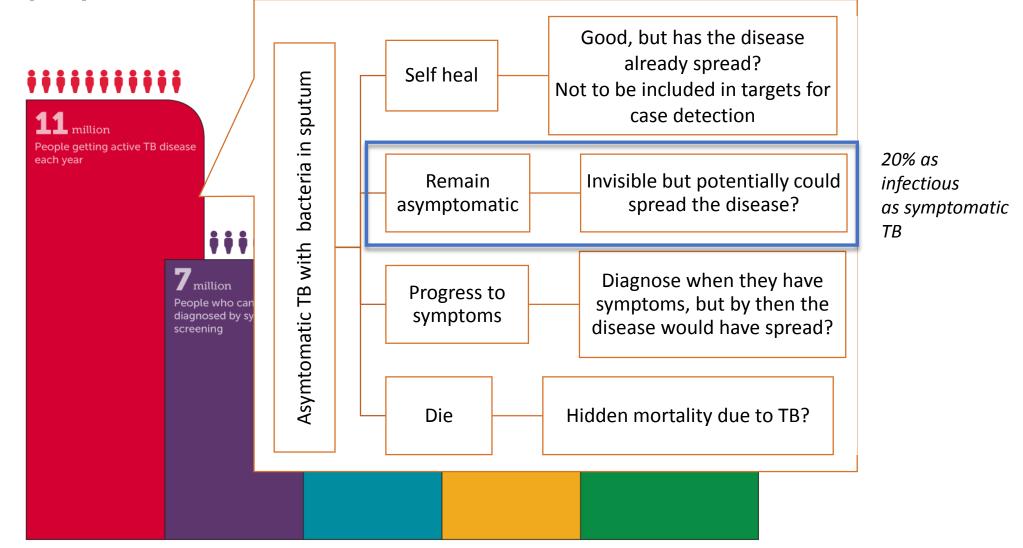






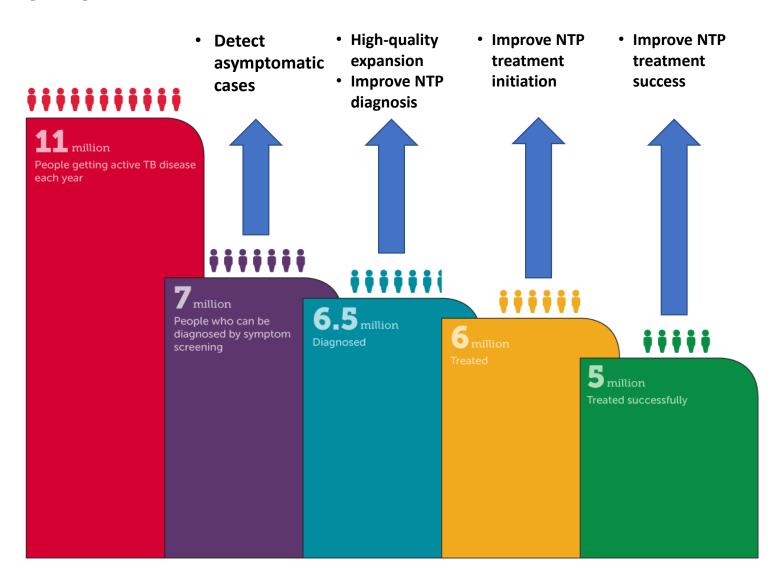
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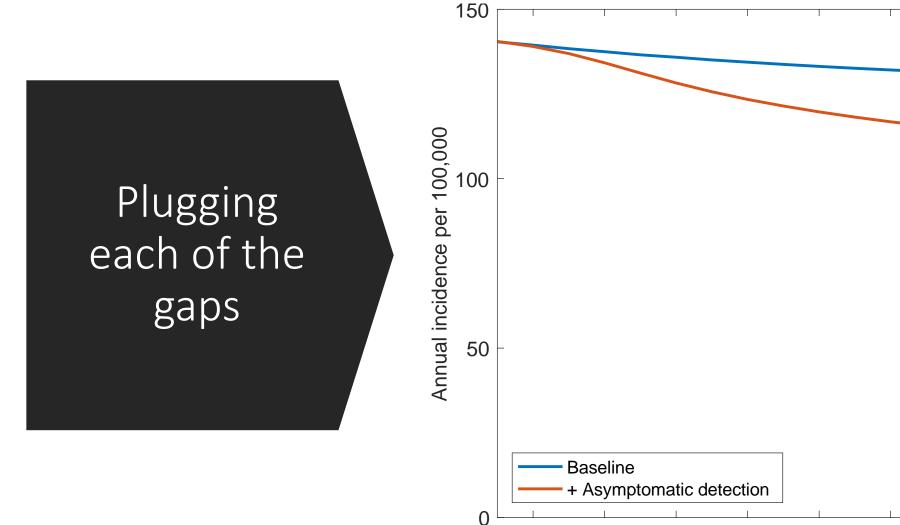
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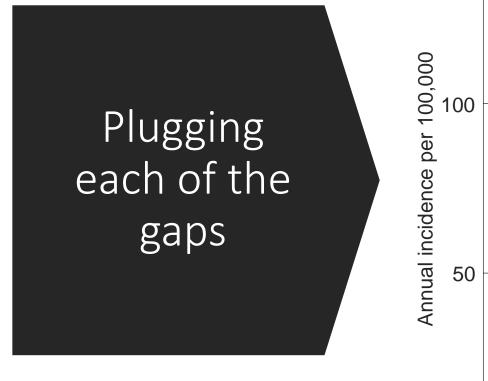
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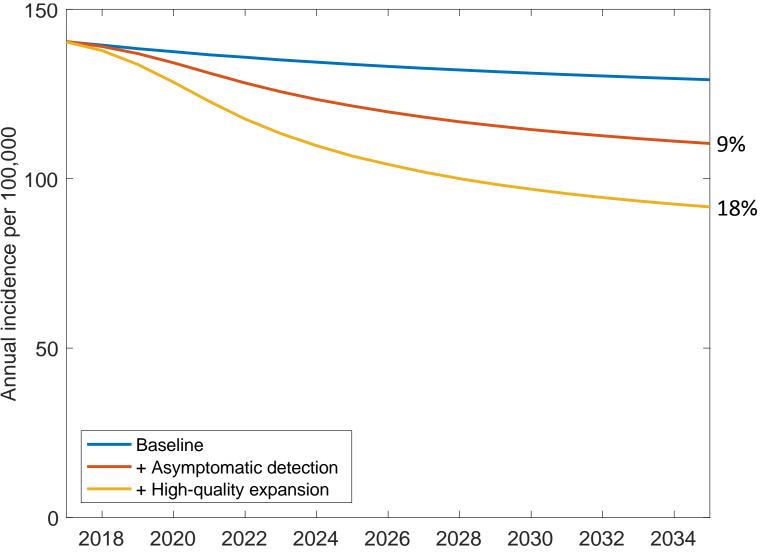


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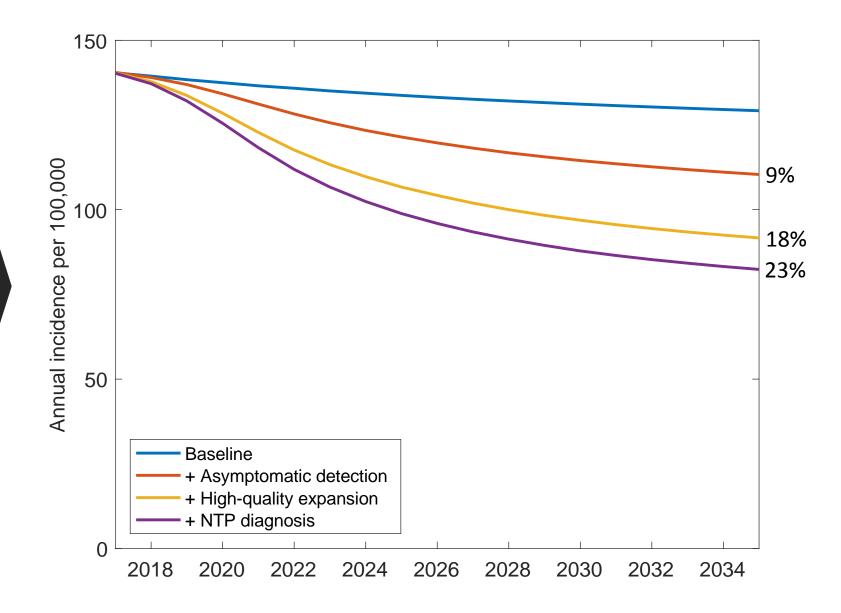
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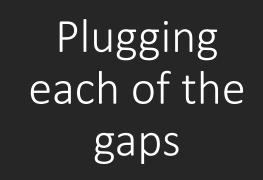
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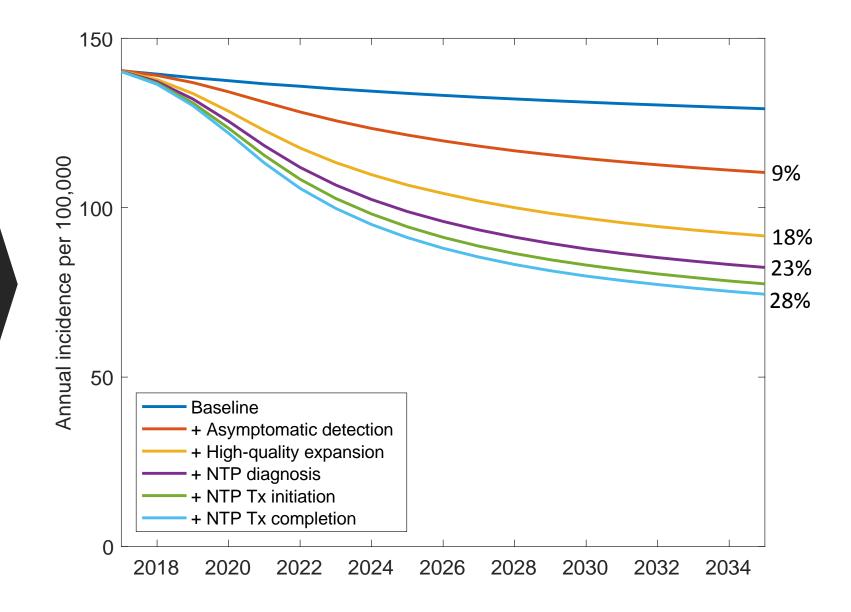




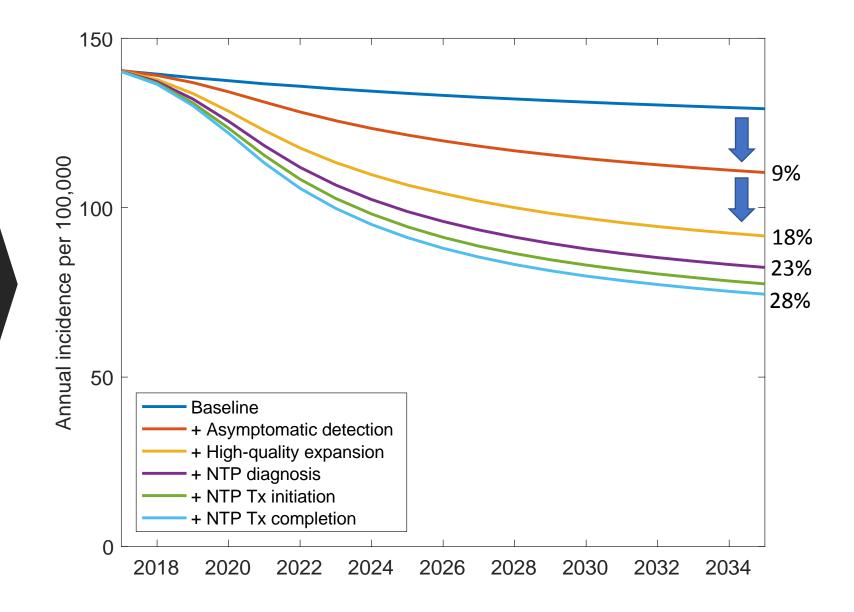




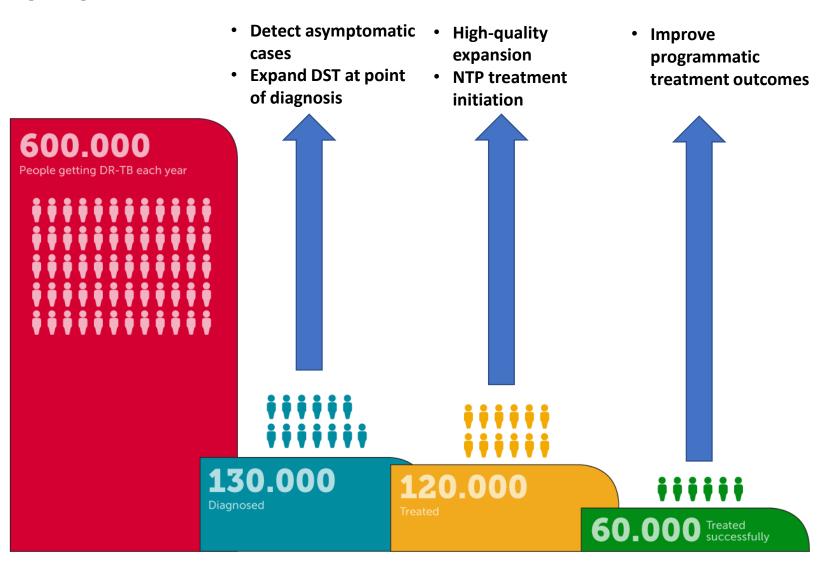




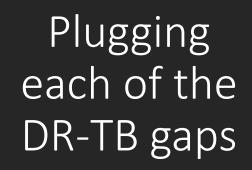


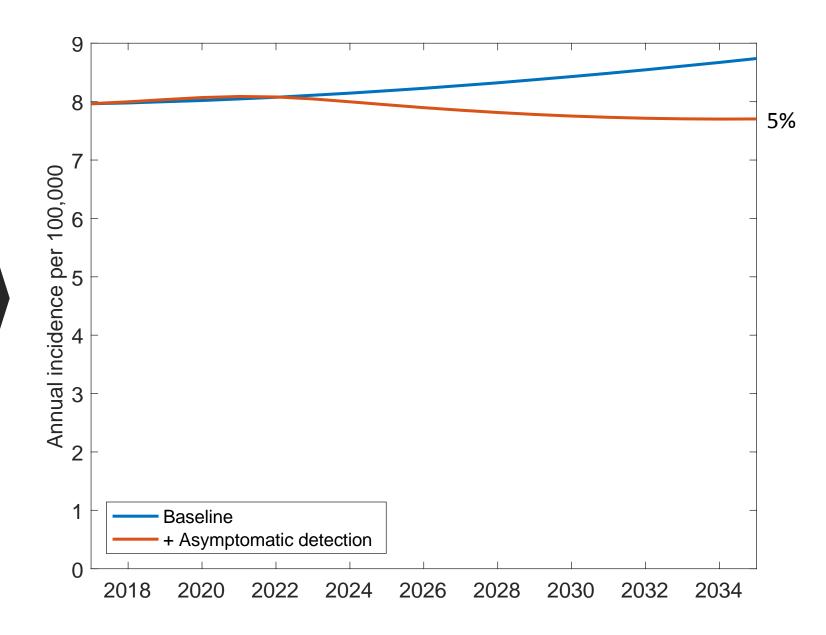


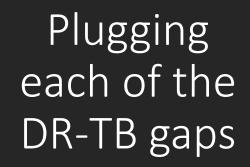


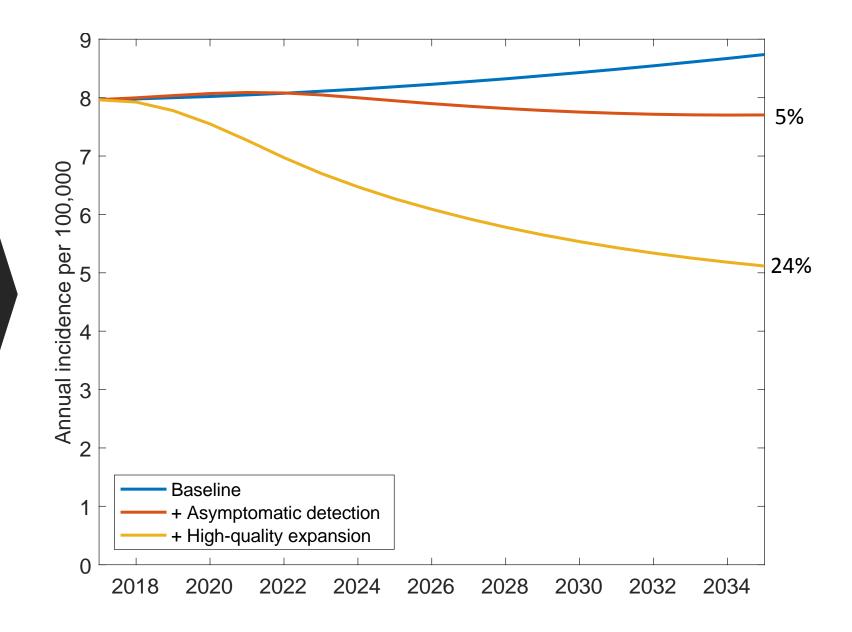


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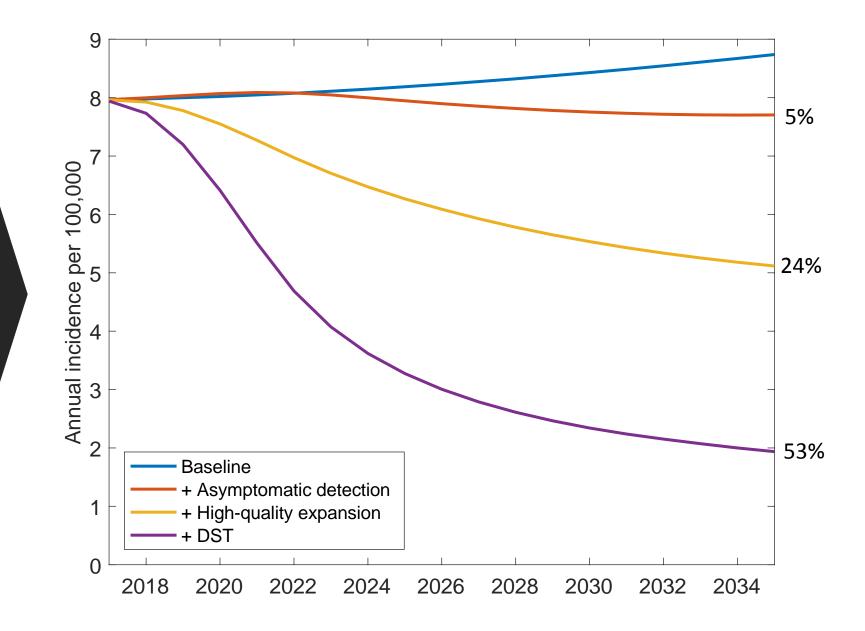




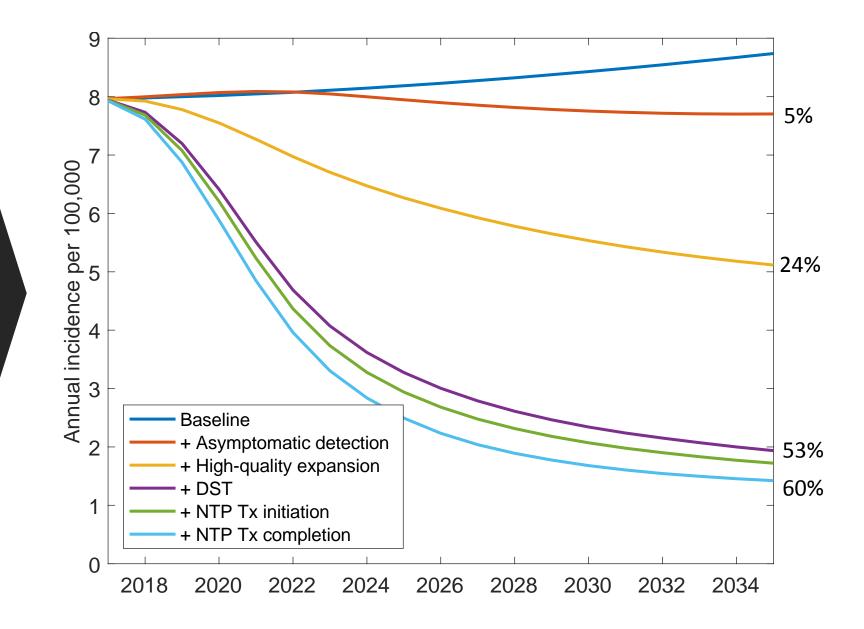




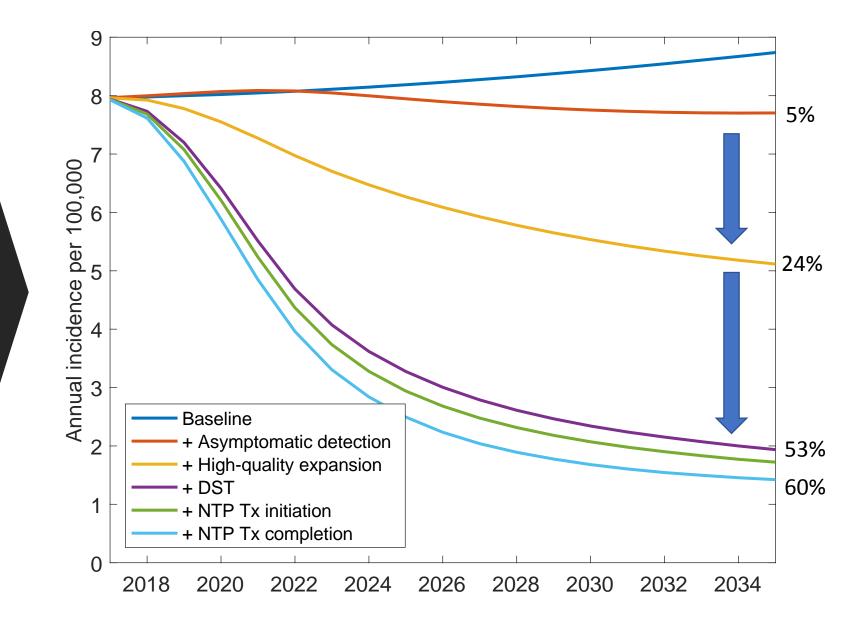
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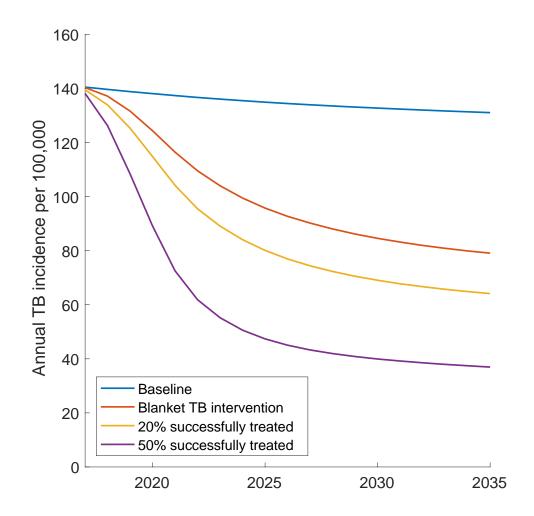
#### Almost all people infected with TB fall between the cracks

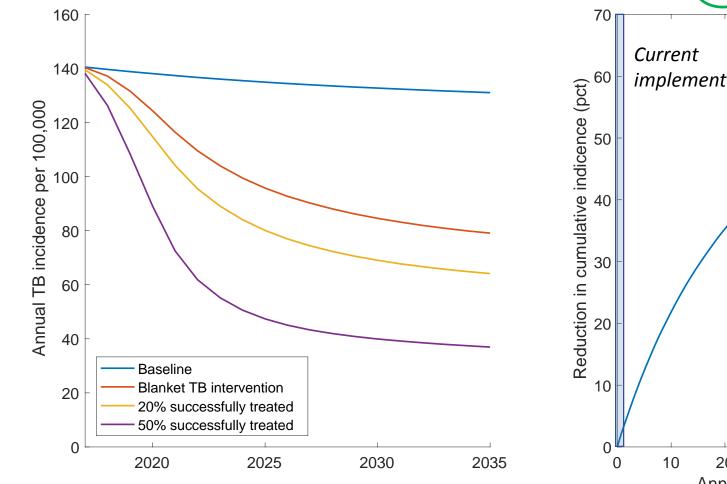


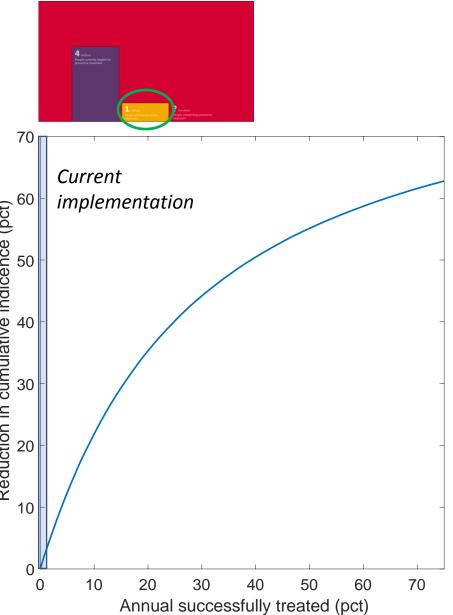
*However,* not all infections will develop disease

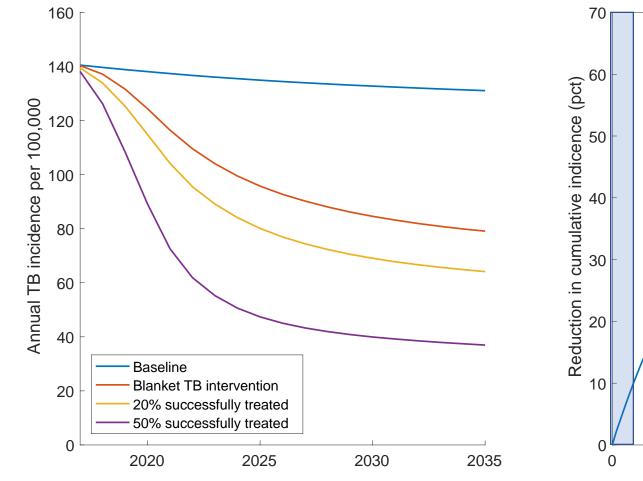
What if we could better identify those <u>who would</u> <u>benefit from preventive</u> <u>therapy</u>?

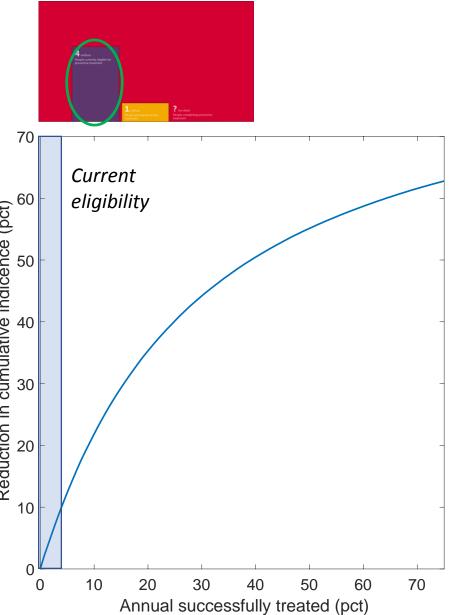
~ 2% of the population

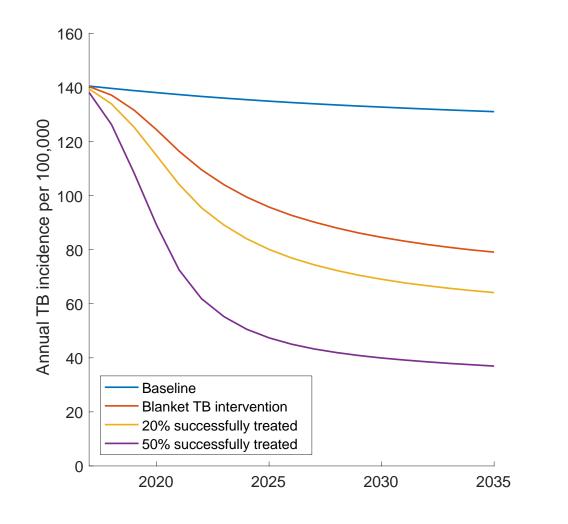


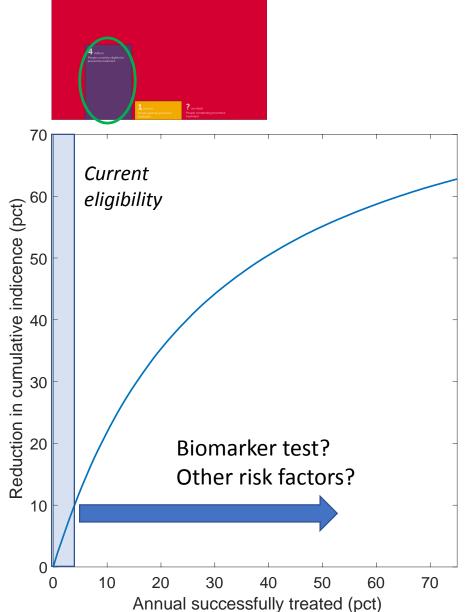








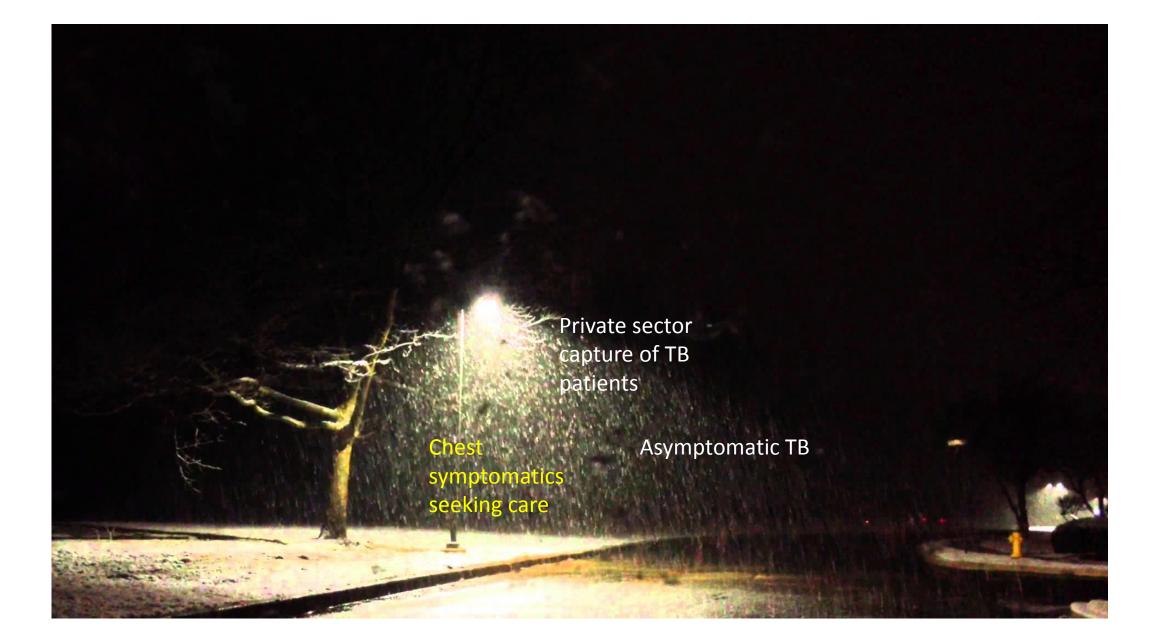




## Some cautions

- This simple picture is representative only of our imaginary country, and *not* definitive of global priorities
  - Merely an indicative starting point
- In practice, 'real' countries will need country-specific interventions
  - E.g. India: private sector engagement and adherence
- But important questions....
  - Are we looking under the lamp-post?





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We need to understand where transmission is coming from

## Thank you