SCOTTI: Inferring transmission with the Structured Coalescent

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Host information



Time

Complications: within-host coalescent









Structured coalescent

Coalescence events only within demes Migration moves single lineages between demes.



We use a recent efficient approximation to the structured coalescent: BASTA (De Maio et al 2015 PLOS Genetics).

Phylogeography with BASTA



fast but inaccurate.

accurate but slow.

accurate and fast.

SCOTTI

Time



SCOTTI: Efficient Reconstruction of Transmission within Outbreaks with the Structured Coalescent

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- Hosts (demes) have same population size.
- Hosts have limited lifespan.
- No bottlenecks at transmission.
- Lineages do not migrate together at transmission.



Simulated model

Time

Extension of:

Didelot et al 2014 MBE.

Hall et al 2015 PLOS Comput Biol.

- Bottlenecks at transmission.

- Lineages migrate together at transmission.

- Only one transmission per host.



Benchmark model

Jombart et al 2014 PLOS Comput Biol

- No within-host population.
- No within-host evolution.
- Mutations accumulate at transmission.
- Only one sample per host.
- Generations of same lengths.

Outbreaker





Hall et al 2015 PLOS Comput Biol

PLOS Comput Biol

Outbreaker

Simulations

FMDV data

K. Pneumoniae data

Antimicrobial agents and chemotherapy

K. Pneumoniae data

Summary SCOTTI

Different models result in different inferences.

New inference of transmission in BEAST2: SCOTTI.

Future work: transmission bottlenecks, introductions, epidemiological models.

Thanks for listening!

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