STATISTICAL INFERENCE FOR VIRAL DISEASES

USING

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL AND GENETIC

SUMMARY STATISTICS

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Epidemiological & evolutionary dynamics of influenza A (H3N2): overlap \longrightarrow interact \longrightarrow reflect



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• eg S1: # antigenic clusters



• set ABC kernel $\kappa_{\tau}(\varepsilon)$ eg to $1/\tau \ \mathbb{1}\left\{|\varepsilon| \leq \tau/2\right\}$

Rejection-sampler

- **)** Sample $\theta \sim \pi(\theta|M)$
- Simulate $x \sim f(x|\theta)$, compute summaries $\mathbb{S}(x) = \{S_1(x), \dots, S_K(x)\}$
- 3 Compute auxiliary errors $\varepsilon_k = \rho_k(S_k(x), S_k(x_0))$
- Accept (heta, arepsilon) with prob proportional to

$$\prod_{k=1}^{K} \kappa_{\tau_k}(\varepsilon_k)$$



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• for given θ , errors are distributed according to

$$\xi_{x_0,\theta}(E_1 \times \ldots \times E_K)$$

= $f\left(\xi_{x_0}^{-1}(E_1 \times \ldots \times E_K) \middle| \theta, M\right) = \int \mathbb{1}\left\{x \in \xi_{x_0}^{-1}(E_1 \times \ldots \times E_K)\right\} f(dx|\theta, M)$

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and otherwise stay at *z*.

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• interannual variability, eg: differences in annual attack rate (Δ_{γ})



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• substantial # pilot runs to determine which summary to include based on ability to further constrain posterior Θ (Nunes Balding 2010)

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 \Rightarrow too regular and too strong sustained oscillations





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Antigenic tempo model (Koelle et al JRoySoc 2010)

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• track status of infection with multiple phenot distinct variants

$$\vec{r} = 1, \dots, \boldsymbol{n}: \quad \frac{dS_i}{dt} = \mu(N - S_i) - \beta_t \frac{S_i}{N} \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma_{ij} I_j + \gamma(N - S_i - I_i)$$
$$\frac{dI_i}{dt} = \beta_t \frac{S_i}{N} I_i - (\mu + \nu) I_i$$

• specify only tempo with which variants emerge

$$\frac{dI_i}{dt} = \beta_t \frac{S_i}{N} I_i - (\mu + \nu) I_i + h(age_i) I_i$$

$$h(a) = \kappa / \lambda (a/\lambda)^{\kappa - 1}$$

• simulate strains of each variant



H68
 BV2
 V75
 T077
 9K79
 S87
 S87
 S88
 S87
 S89
 S82
 W08
 S95
 F02
 C04

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 \Rightarrow in principle, model of punctuated antigenic change can reproduce limited diversity





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- MCMC using also genetic summaries of strains sampled from northern EU (1968-2009) fix: HA nucl mut rate 5.7×10^{-3} /site/yr, low seasonality (mild bottleneck)
- \Rightarrow **However**, given summer trough, Dutch population ($N \approx 15m$) too small to create diversity scale system by constant *e* to see how big the population should be



To match avg expected diversity and variation in diversity across seasons within 1.5-fold, e > 100 or eN > 1500m



Take home

Methodological:

 \bullet ABC enables the analysis of influenza dynamics with epidemiological, genetic and immunogenic data

Epidemiological:

- SIRS fails to reproduce influenza A (H3N2)'s irregular seasonality
- modeling abrupt changes in herd immunity within H3N2: excite dynamics that match H3N2's irregular seasonality in principle limit genetic diversity to observed levels
- pop size required suggests spatial model component necessary



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