

# Coalescent inference of HIV transmission history

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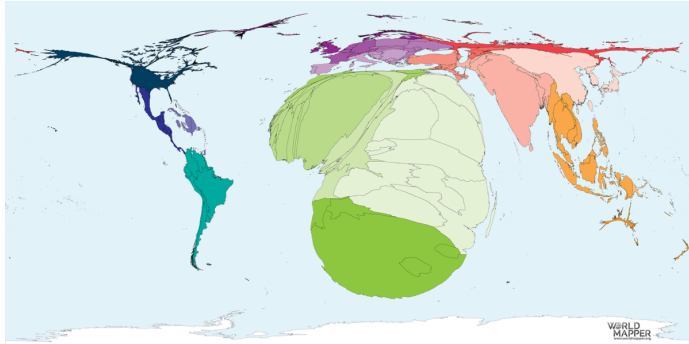
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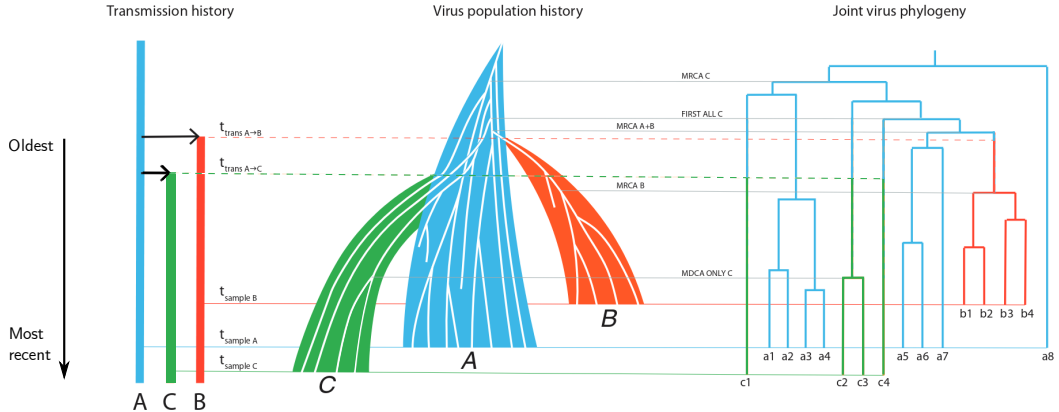


## Why this project?

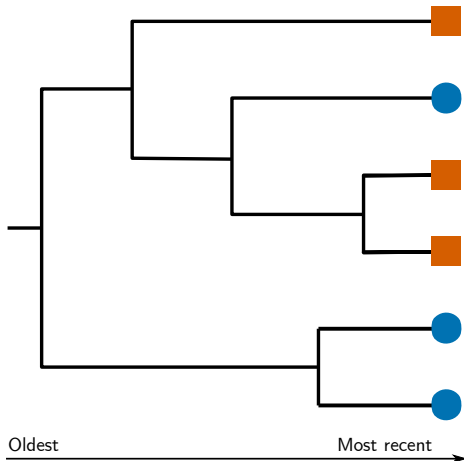


- \* HIV is globally widespread
- \* Despite effective therapy, it is still spreading
- \* How can we understand the way it spreads?

# Setting up the problem

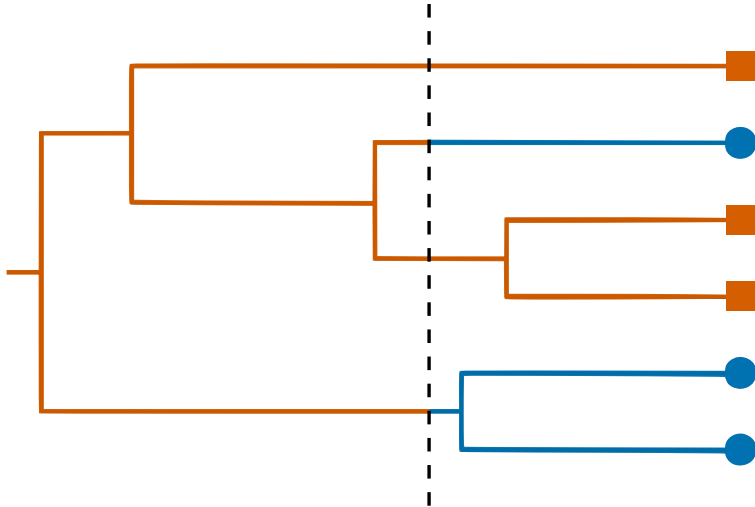


## Inferring information from a tree

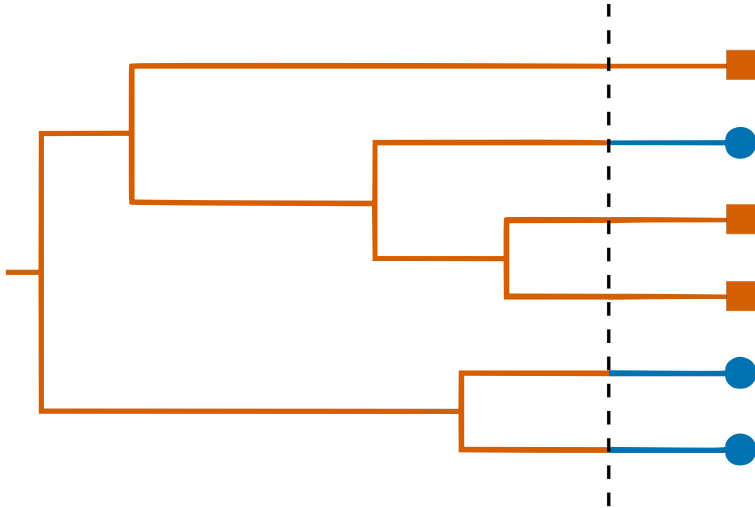


- \* Tree tips represent **individual viral sequences**
- \* Three samples from each individual
- \* If one infected the other, when?

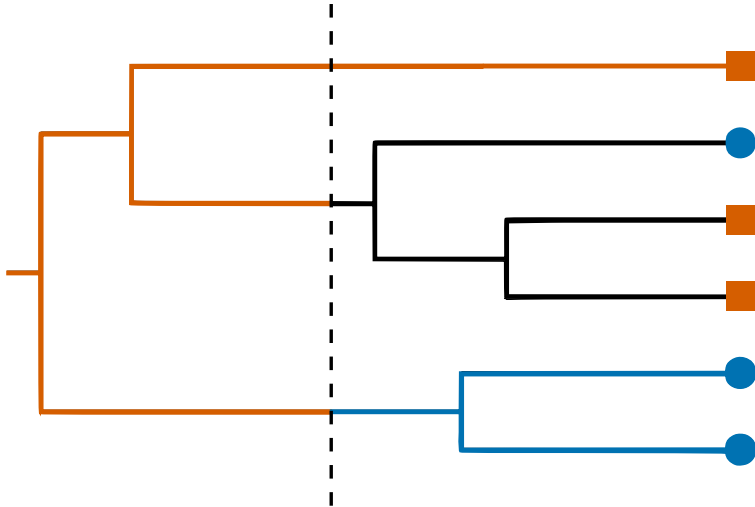
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# Coalescent theory

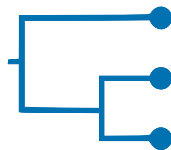
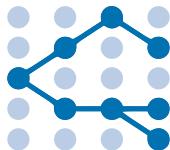
Node times as a function of population size



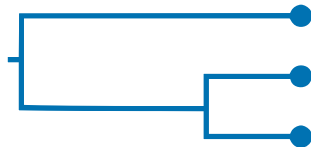
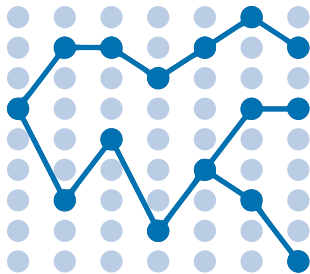
## Relationship between population and samples

Large  $N$  causes node times to be further apart, stretching the tree

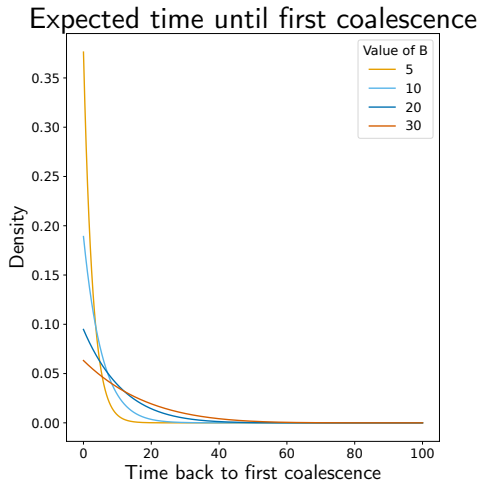
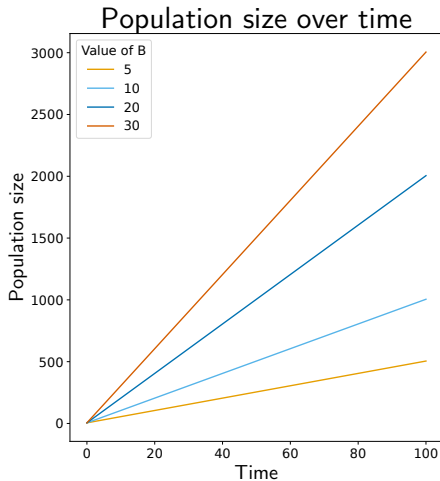
$N = 5$



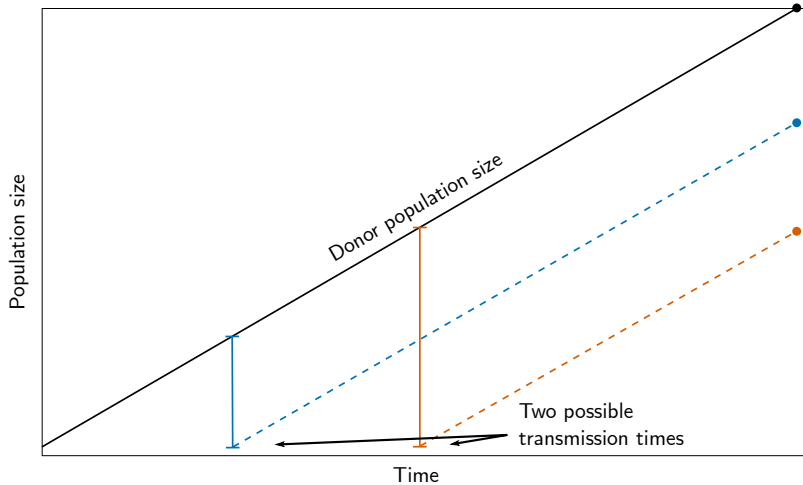
$N = 9$



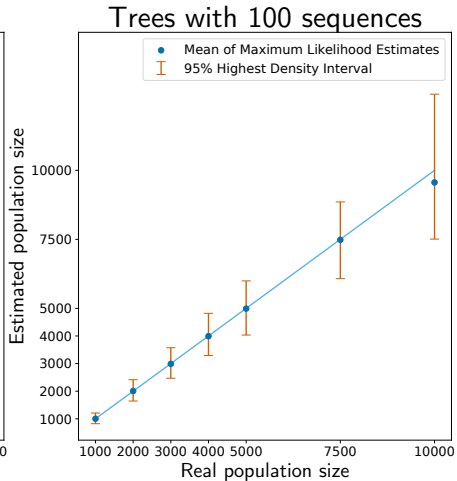
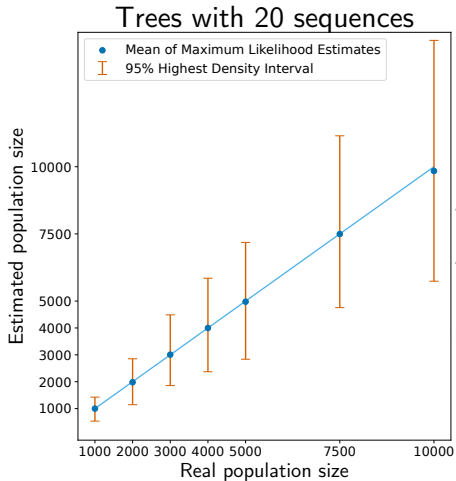
## Effect of different linear populations



# Predicting transmission time on a changing population

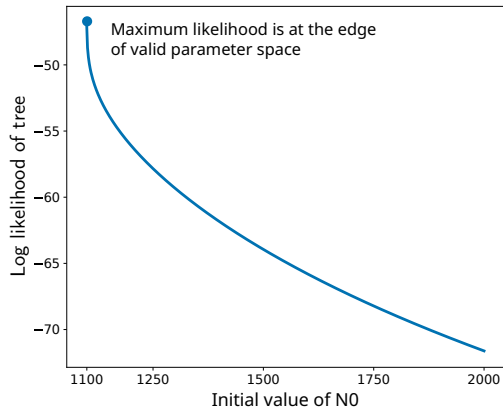


## Results: Single host with constant population

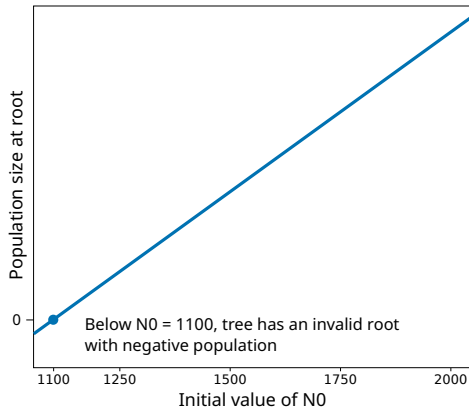


## Current progress on linear populations

Likelihood of  $N_0$  values with fixed  $B$



Population dynamics that may cause this

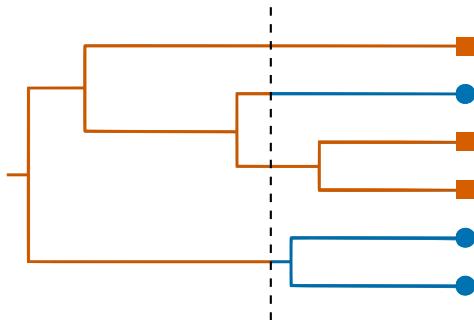


## Next steps: Two hosts with linear population

**Immediately:** Solve numerical issues with linear optimization

**Immediately:** Extend my current work to trees with multiple hosts

- \* Split tree by host
- \* Isolate hosts until a transmission occurs



**Overall:** Find the most likely time of transmission for phylogenetic trees under a range of conditions

Thank you!

