

# Package ‘HouseTrans’

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**Title** Bayesian Household Transmission Chain Analysis with Viral Load Dynamics

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**Description** Provides a streamlined pipeline to simulate household infection dynamics, estimate transmission parameters, and visualize epidemic timelines. Uses a Bayesian approach with Stan that models transmission probability as a function of viral load, seasonality and infectivity, multiple infection episodes (reinfections), and waning immunity modeling.

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GenSyn	<i>Simulate Household Transmission and Estimate Parameters</i>
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Description

Simulates household infection dynamics with viral load trajectories, reinfections, and covariate effects, then estimates transmission parameters using Bayesian inference via Stan.

Usage

```
GenSyn(  
  n_households = 50,  
  start_date = "2024-07-01",  
  end_date = "2025-06-30",  
  surveillance_df = NULL,  
  seasonal_forcing_list = NULL,  
  covariates_config = NULL,  
  alpha_comm_by_role = 5e-04,  
  beta1 = 0.008,  
  beta2 = 0.008,  
  delta = 0,  
  phi_by_role = c(adult = 1, infant = 4, toddler = 5, elderly = 1),  
  kappa_by_role = c(adult = 1, infant = 1, toddler = 1.2, elderly = 1),  
  infectious_shape = 3,  
  infectious_scale = 1,  
  waning_shape = 16,  
  waning_scale = 10,  
  peak_day = 1,  
  width = 4,  
  detect_threshold_log10 = 1e-06,  
  detect_threshold_Ct = 99,  
)
```

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surveillance_interval = 1,
test_daily = FALSE,
viral_testing = "viral load",
V_ref = 3,
V_rho = 2.5,
Ct_50 = 40,
Ct_delta = 2,
VL_params_list = NULL,
Ct_params_list = NULL,
household_profile_list = NULL,
max_infections = Inf,
use_vl_data = TRUE,
priors = NULL,
covariates_susceptibility = NULL,
covariates_infectivity = NULL,
recovery_params = NULL,
imputation_params = NULL,
stan_chains = 4,
stan_iter = 2000,
stan_warmup = 1000,
stan_control = list(adapt_delta = 0.95, max_treedepth = 15),
stan_cores = 4,
stan_refresh = 50,
seed = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

**n\_households** Integer; number of households to simulate.

**start\_date, end\_date** Character or Date; study period bounds.

**surveillance\_df** Optional data frame with 'date' and 'cases' columns for seasonal forcing. If provided, overrides `seasonal_forcing_list`.

**seasonal\_forcing\_list** Optional named list with seasonal forcing vectors for each role (adult, infant, toddler, elderly).

**covariates\_config** Optional list of covariate configurations for simulation. Each element should be a list with: name (column name), efficacy (effect size, 0-1), effect\_on ("susceptibility", "infectivity", or "both"), and coverage (list of probabilities by role).

**alpha\_comm\_by\_role** Numeric; baseline community acquisition rate.

**beta1, beta2** Numeric; transmission coefficients.

**delta** Numeric; household size scaling exponent.

**phi\_by\_role** Named numeric vector; susceptibility multipliers by role.

**kappa\_by\_role** Named numeric vector; infectivity multipliers by role.

**infectious\_shape, infectious\_scale** Numeric; gamma parameters for infectious period.

waning_shape, waning_scale	Numeric; gamma parameters for immunity waning period.
peak_day, width	Numeric; infectivity profile parameters.
detect_threshold_log10	Numeric; viral load detection threshold (log10).
detect_threshold_Ct	Numeric; Ct value detection threshold.
surveillance_interval	Integer; days between scheduled tests.
test_daily	Logical; switch to daily testing after first detection.
viral_testing	Character; "viral load" or "Ct".
V_ref, V_rho	Numeric; viral load reference and power for transmission.
Ct_50, Ct_delta	Numeric; Ct-based infectivity parameters.
VL_params_list	Named list; role-specific viral load trajectory parameters.
Ct_params_list	Named list; role-specific Ct trajectory parameters.
household_profile_list	Named list; household composition probabilities.
max_infections	Integer; maximum infections per person (for reinfection modeling).
use_vl_data	Logical; whether to use viral load data in estimation.
priors	Named list; prior specifications for Stan model. Each element should be a list with dist ("normal", "uniform", "lognormal") and params (parameter vector). Available priors: beta1, beta2, alpha, covariates, gen_shape, gen_rate, ct50, slope.
covariates_susceptibility	Character vector; names of susceptibility covariates.
covariates_infectivity	Character vector; names of infectivity covariates.
recovery_params	Named list; Gamma parameters (shape, scale) for immunity tail duration by role.
imputation_params	Named list; parameters for viral curve imputation by role.
stan_chains, stan_iter, stan_warmup	Integers; Stan sampling controls.
stan_control	List; Stan control parameters.
stan_cores	Integer; number of CPU cores for Stan.
stan_refresh	Integer; refresh rate for Stan output.
seed	Integer; random seed for reproducibility.

## Value

An object of class "GenSynResult" containing:

**\$call** The matched call

**\$n\_households** Number of households simulated

**\$simulation** Raw simulation output with hh\_df and diagnostic\_df

**\$stan\_data** Data prepared for Stan

**\$fit** The stanfit object

**\$postprocessing** Tidy posterior summary

**\$attack\_rates** Attack rate and reinfection summaries

**\$transmission\_chains** Reconstructed transmission links

### See Also

[TransmissionChainAnalysis](#), [plot.GenSynResult](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Basic simulation
result <- GenSyn(
  n_households = 50,
  start_date = "2024-07-01",
  end_date = "2025-06-30",
  stan_chains = 2,
  stan_iter = 1000,
  stan_warmup = 500,
  seed = 123
)

# View results
print(result)
plot(result, which = "posterior")

## End(Not run)
```

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plot.GenSynResult	<i>Plot method for GenSynResult</i>
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### Description

Plot method for GenSynResult

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'GenSynResult'
plot(x, which = "posterior", print = TRUE, hh_id = 1, prob_cutoff = 0, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A GenSynResult object.
which	Character vector specifying which plots to generate. Options: "posterior", "covariate_effects", "epidemic_curve", "transmission_chains", or "all".
print	Logical; whether to print plots immediately.
hh_id	Integer; household ID for transmission chain plot (default: 1).
prob_cutoff	Numeric; minimum probability threshold for chain links (default: 0).
...	Additional arguments (unused).

**Value**

A named list of ggplot objects (invisibly if print = TRUE).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Basic simulation
result <- GenSyn(
  n_households = 50,
  start_date = "2024-07-01",
  end_date = "2025-06-30",
  stan_chains = 2,
  stan_iter = 1000,
  stan_warmup = 500,
  seed = 123
)

# View results
plot(result, which = "posterior")

## End(Not run)
```

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plot.TransmissionChainResult

*Plot method for TransmissionChainResult*

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**Description**

Plot method for TransmissionChainResult

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'TransmissionChainResult'
plot(
  x,
  which = "posterior",
  print = TRUE,
  hh_id = 1,
  prob_cutoff = 0,
  bin_width = 7,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A TransmissionChainResult object.
which	Character vector specifying which plots to generate. Options: "posterior", "transmission_chains", "covariate_effects", "epidemic_curve", or "all".
print	Logical; whether to print plots immediately.
hh_id	Integer; household ID for transmission chain plot (default: 1).
prob_cutoff	Numeric; minimum probability threshold for chain links (default: 0).

bin\_width      Integer; number of days per bin for epidemic curve (default: 7).  
 ...            Additional arguments (unused).

### Value

A named list of ggplot objects (invisibly if print = TRUE).

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Per-person episode format
T_max <- 30
df_person <- data.frame(
  hh_id = c("HH1", "HH1", "HH1", "HH2", "HH2", "HH2"),
  person_id = c(1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3),
  role = c("adult", "infant", "elderly", "adult", "infant", "elderly"),
  infection_time = c(2, 4, NA, 1, 3, NA),
  infectious_start = c(3, 6, NA, 2, 5, NA),
  infectious_end = c(8, 9, NA, 7, 9, NA),
  infection_resolved = c(9, 10, NA, 8, 10, NA)
)

result <- TransmissionChainAnalysis(
  user_data = df_person,
  max_days = T_max,
  stan_chains = 2,
  stan_iter = 1000,
  stan_warmup = 500
)

plot(result, which = "posterior")

## End(Not run)
```

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print.GenSynResult      *Print method for GenSynResult*

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### Description

Print method for GenSynResult

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'GenSynResult'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x                    A GenSynResult object.  
 ...                Unused.

### Value

x, invisibly.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Basic simulation
result <- GenSyn(
  n_households = 50,
  start_date = "2024-07-01",
  end_date = "2025-06-30",
  stan_chains = 2,
  stan_iter = 1000,
  stan_warmup = 500,
  seed = 123
)

# View results
print(result)

## End(Not run)
```

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```
print.TransmissionChainResult
```

*Print method for TransmissionChainResult*

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**Description**

Print method for TransmissionChainResult

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'TransmissionChainResult'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A TransmissionChainResult object.
...	Unused.

**Value**

x, invisibly.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Per-person episode format
T_max <- 30
df_person <- data.frame(
  hh_id = c("HH1", "HH1", "HH1", "HH2", "HH2", "HH2"),
  person_id = c(1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3),
  role = c("adult", "infant", "elderly", "adult", "infant", "elderly"),
  infection_time = c(2, 4, NA, 1, 3, NA),
  infectious_start = c(3, 6, NA, 2, 5, NA),
  infectious_end = c(8, 9, NA, 7, 9, NA),
  infection_resolved = c(9, 10, NA, 8, 10, NA)
```



```

)

result <- TransmissionChainAnalysis(
  user_data = df_person,
  max_days = T_max,
  stan_chains = 2,
  stan_iter = 1000,
  stan_warmup = 500
)

print(result)

## End(Not run)

```

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TransmissionChainAnalysis

*Analyze User-Supplied Household Transmission Data*


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## Description

Runs Bayesian estimation on user-provided household testing or episode data. This function does not simulate data; it expects input in tabular form.

## Usage

```

TransmissionChainAnalysis(
  user_data,
  start_date = as.Date("2024-01-01"),
  end_date = as.Date("2024-12-31"),
  surveillance_df = NULL,
  seasonal_forcing_list = NULL,
  max_days = NULL,
  use_vl_data = TRUE,
  priors = NULL,
  covariates_susceptibility = NULL,
  covariates_infectivity = NULL,
  recovery_params = NULL,
  imputation_params = NULL,
  role_levels = c("adult", "infant", "toddler", "elderly"),
  stan_chains = 4,
  stan_iter = 2000,
  stan_warmup = 1000,
  stan_control = list(adapt_delta = 0.95, max_treedepth = 15),
  stan_cores = 4,
  stan_refresh = 50,
  seed = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

`user_data`            A data.frame or list of data.frames with household data. Accepts two formats:

- **Long testing table:** columns HH, individual\_ID, role, test\_date, infection\_status (and optionally a viral load column)
- **Per-person episode table:** columns hh\_id, person\_id, role, infection\_time, infectious\_start, infectious\_end, infection\_resolved

start\_date, end\_date

Date objects or character; study period bounds.

surveillance\_df

Optional data frame with 'date' and 'cases' columns for seasonal forcing.

seasonal\_forcing\_list

Optional named list with seasonal forcing vectors for each role.

max\_days

Integer; maximum time horizon (days).

use\_vl\_data

Logical; whether to use viral load data in estimation.

priors

Named list; prior specifications for Stan model. Each element should be a list with dist ("normal", "uniform", "lognormal") and params (parameter vector).

covariates\_susceptibility

Character vector; column names for susceptibility covariates in the data.

covariates\_infectivity

Character vector; column names for infectivity covariates in the data.

recovery\_params

Named list; Gamma parameters (shape, scale) for immunity tail duration by role.

imputation\_params

Named list; parameters for viral curve imputation by role.

role\_levels

Character vector; canonical role levels for normalization.

stan\_chains, stan\_iter, stan\_warmup

Integers; Stan sampling controls.

stan\_control

List; Stan control parameters.

stan\_cores

Integer; number of CPU cores for Stan.

stan\_refresh

Integer; refresh rate for Stan output.

seed

Integer; random seed for reproducibility.

## Value

An object of class "TransmissionChainResult" containing:

**\$call** The matched call

**\$user\_data** The processed user data

**\$stan\_data** Data prepared for Stan

**\$fit** The stanfit object

**\$postprocessing** Tidy posterior summary

**\$transmission\_chains** Reconstructed transmission links

## See Also

[GenSyn](#), [plot.TransmissionChainResult](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Per-person episode format
T_max <- 30
df_person <- data.frame(
  hh_id = c("HH1", "HH1", "HH1", "HH2", "HH2", "HH2"),
  person_id = c(1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3),
  role = c("adult", "infant", "elderly", "adult", "infant", "elderly"),
  infection_time = c(2, 4, NA, 1, 3, NA),
  infectious_start = c(3, 6, NA, 2, 5, NA),
  infectious_end = c(8, 9, NA, 7, 9, NA),
  infection_resolved = c(9, 10, NA, 8, 10, NA)
)

result <- TransmissionChainAnalysis(
  user_data = df_person,
  max_days = T_max,
  stan_chains = 2,
  stan_iter = 1000,
  stan_warmup = 500
)

print(result)
plot(result, which = "posterior")

## End(Not run)
```

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