

# 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.

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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)
```

plot.GenSynResult      *Plot method for GenSynResult*

## 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)
```

**plot.TransmissionChainResult**

*Plot method for TransmissionChainResult*

**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**

<code>x</code>	A <code>TransmissionChainResult</code> object.
<code>which</code>	Character vector specifying which plots to generate. Options: "posterior", "transmission_chains", "covariate_effects", "epidemic_curve", or "all".
<code>print</code>	Logical; whether to print plots immediately.
<code>hh_id</code>	Integer; household ID for transmission chain plot (default: 1).
<code>prob_cutoff</code>	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)
```

**print.GenSynResult** *Print method for GenSynResult*

**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)
```

**print.TransmissionChainResult**

*Print method for TransmissionChainResult*

## 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)

```

**TransmissionChainAnalysis***Analyze User-Supplied Household Transmission Data***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

<code>start_date, end_date</code>	Date objects or character; study period bounds.
<code>surveillance_df</code>	Optional data frame with 'date' and 'cases' columns for seasonal forcing.
<code>seasonal_forcing_list</code>	Optional named list with seasonal forcing vectors for each role.
<code>max_days</code>	Integer; maximum time horizon (days).
<code>use_vl_data</code>	Logical; whether to use viral load data in estimation.
<code>priors</code>	Named list; prior specifications for Stan model. Each element should be a list with <code>dist ("normal", "uniform", "lognormal")</code> and <code>params</code> (parameter vector).
<code>covariates_susceptibility</code>	Character vector; column names for susceptibility covariates in the data.
<code>covariates_infectivity</code>	Character vector; column names for infectivity covariates in the data.
<code>recovery_params</code>	Named list; Gamma parameters (shape, scale) for immunity tail duration by role.
<code>imputation_params</code>	Named list; parameters for viral curve imputation by role.
<code>role_levels</code>	Character vector; canonical role levels for normalization.
<code>stan_chains, stan_iter, stan_warmup</code>	Integers; Stan sampling controls.
<code>stan_control</code>	List; Stan control parameters.
<code>stan_cores</code>	Integer; number of CPU cores for Stan.
<code>stan_refresh</code>	Integer; refresh rate for Stan output.
<code>seed</code>	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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