

1 Identification of hidden population structure in  
2 time-scaled phylogenies

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## Abstract

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Population structure influences genealogical patterns, however data pertaining to how populations are structured are often unavailable or not directly observable. Inference of population structure is highly important in molecular epidemiology where pathogen phylogenetics is increasingly used to infer transmission patterns and detect outbreaks. Discrepancies between observed and idealised genealogies, such as those generated by the coalescent process, can be quantified, and where significant differences occur, may reveal the action of natural selection, host population structure, or other demographic and epidemiological heterogeneities. We have developed a fast non-parametric statistical test for detection of cryptic population structure in time-scaled phylogenetic trees. The test is based on contrasting estimated phylogenies with the theoretically expected phylodynamic ordering of common ancestors in two clades within a coalescent framework. These statistical tests have also motivated the development of algorithms which can be used to quickly screen a phylogenetic tree for clades which are likely to share a distinct demographic or epidemiological history. Epidemiological applications include identification of outbreaks in vulnerable host populations or rapid expansion of genotypes with a fitness advantage. To demonstrate the utility of these methods for outbreak detection, we applied the new methods to large phylogenies reconstructed from thousands of HIV-1 partial *pol* sequences. This revealed the presence of clades which had grown rapidly in the recent past, and was significantly concentrated in young men, suggesting recent and rapid transmission in that group. Furthermore, to demonstrate the utility of these methods for the study of antimicrobial resistance, we applied the new methods to a large phylogeny reconstructed from whole genome *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* sequences. We find that population structure detected using these methods closely overlaps with the appearance and expansion of mutations conferring antimicrobial resistance.

48           Quantifying the role of population structure in shaping genetic  
49 diversity is a longstanding problem in population genetics. When information  
50 about how lineages are sampled is available, primarily geographic location, a  
51 variety of statistics are available for describing the magnitude and role of  
52 population structure (Hartl et al. 1997). In pathogen phylogenetics, such  
53 geographic ‘meta-data’ has been instrumental in enabling the inference of  
54 transmission rates over space (Dudas et al. 2017), host species (Lam et al.  
55 2015), and even individual hosts (De Maio et al. 2018). Population structure  
56 shapes genetic diversity, but can the existence of structure be inferred directly  
57 from genetic data in the absence of structural covariates associated with each  
58 lineage, such as if the geographic location or host species of a lineage is  
59 unknown?

60           The problem of detecting and quantifying such ‘cryptic’ population  
61 structure has become a pressing issue in several areas of microbial  
62 phylogenetics. For example, in bacterial population genomics studies, a wide  
63 diversity of methods have been recently developed to classify taxonomic units  
64 based on distributions of genetic relatedness (Mostowy et al. 2017; Tonkin-Hill  
65 et al. 2019, 2018; Beugin et al. 2018). In a different domain, pathogen  
66 sequence data have been used for epidemiological surveillance, and ‘clustering’  
67 patterns of closely related sequences have been used to aid outbreak  
68 investigations and prioritise public health interventions (Eyre et al. 2012;  
69 Dennis et al. 2014; Miller et al. 2014; Ledda et al. 2017). In both population  
70 genomics studies and outbreak investigations, a common thread is the absence  
71 of variables about sampled lineages that can be correlated with phylogenetic  
72 patterns. For example, in outbreak investigations, host risk behaviour and  
73 transmission patterns are not usually observed and must be inferred. It is not  
74 known a priori which clades are more or less likely to expand in the future,

75 although there is active research addressing this problem, such as to predict  
76 the emergence of strains of influenza A virus (Klingen et al. 2018) or to  
77 forecast the effect of antibiotic usage policies on the prevalence of resistant  
78 variants (Whittles et al. 2017).

79 In time-scaled phylogenies, the effects of population structure often  
80 appear as a difference in the distribution of branch lengths in clades  
81 circulating in different populations (Dearlove and Frost 2015). Figure 1 shows  
82 a simulated genealogy from a structured coalescent process (Notohara 1990).  
83 In two clades, the effective population size grows exponentially, and in the  
84 remaining clade, the effective size remains constant. Consequently, the number  
85 of lineages through time show noticeably different patterns of relatedness. For  
86 the clades with growing size, most coalescent events occur in the distant past  
87 when the size was small.

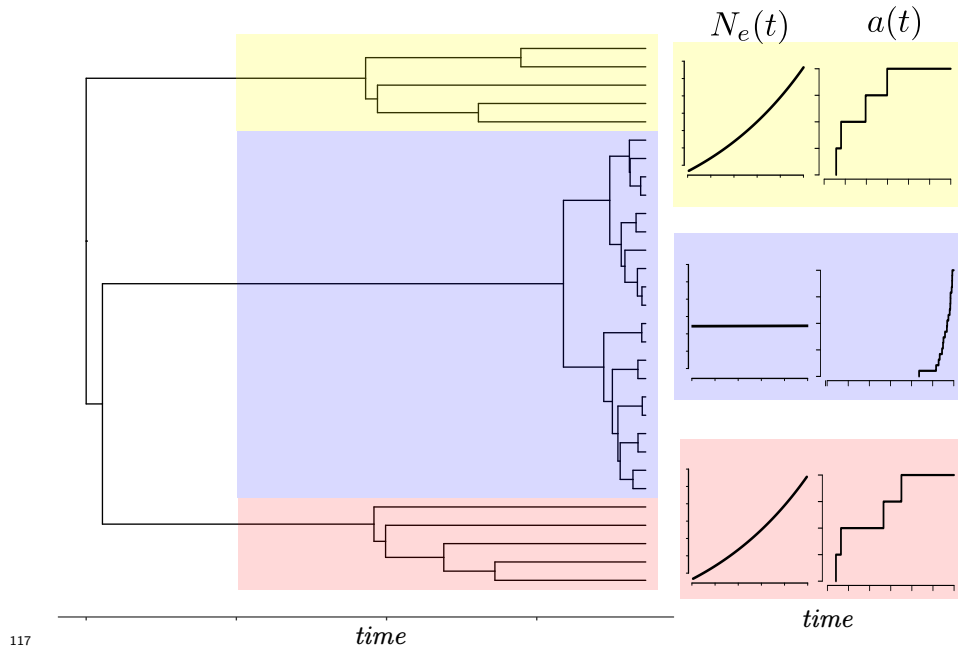
88 Supposing that the deme from which lineages were sampled was not  
89 observed, it is clear from visual inspection of Figure 1 which lineages were  
90 sampled from a growing population. Nevertheless, there is a paucity of  
91 objective methods readily available to automate the process of identifying  
92 temporally distinct clades. This process cannot be done manually when the  
93 differences in distributions are less obvious, and needs to be based on a  
94 theoretically grounded statistical test. Furthermore, in Figure 1, the red and  
95 yellow clades are distantly related. Their most recent common ancestor  
96 (MRCA) is at the root of the tree, but they have a very similar distribution of  
97 coalescent times suggesting that they were generated by similar demographic  
98 or epidemiological processes. For example, this can happen in infectious  
99 disease epidemics, when lineages independently colonise the same host  
100 population with greater susceptibility or higher risk behaviour (Dearlove et al.  
101 2017). It is therefore also desirable to have an automated method for

102 identifying polyphyletic taxonomic groups defined by shared inferred  
103 population histories as opposed to genetic or phenotypic traits.

104         Here we develop a statistical test for detecting if clades within a  
105 time-scaled genealogy have evidence for unobserved population structure. Our  
106 approach is to develop a statistic based on an unstructured coalescent process.  
107 This allows us to test a null hypothesis that two clades are both generated by  
108 the same coalescent process. In this case, the coalescent model provides a  
109 theoretical prediction of the order of the coalescent times between the two  
110 clades in the absence of population structure. On the basis of this statistical  
111 test, we also develop algorithms for systematically exploring possible partitions  
112 of a genealogy into distinct sets representing evolution within latent  
113 populations with different demographic or epidemic histories. Notably, these  
114 algorithms not only allow us to detect outlying clades with very different  
115 genealogical patterns, but also to find and classify distantly related clades  
116 which likely have similar demographic or epidemic histories.

## 125 **Materials and Methods**

126 As a starting point for our methodology, we assume a time-scaled phylogeny  
127 has been estimated from genetic data, for example using one of the recently  
128 developed fast methods (To et al. 2016; Volz and Frost 2017; Didelot et al.  
129 2018; Sagulenko et al. 2018; Tamura et al. 2018; Miura et al. 2019).  
130 Alternatively, summary trees obtained from full Bayesian approaches as  
131 implemented in BEAST (Suchard et al. 2018; Bouckaert et al. 2014) or  
132 RevBayes (Höhna et al. 2016) can be used, although these typically  
133 incorporate population genetic models which presume a particular form of  
134 population structure or a lack of population structure. Some precise  
135 terminology and notation is required related to the structure of these



118 Figure 1: A genealogy simulated from a structured coalescent process with two  
119 demes, one of which has constant effective population size (clade highlighted  
120 in blue), and the other having effective population size growing exponentially  
121 (clades highlighted in red and yellow). Migration of lineages occurs at a small  
122 constant rate in one direction from the constant size deme to the growing deme.  
123 The corresponding plots at the right show a caricature of the effective population  
124 size and number of lineages through time in each clade.

136 time-scaled trees since the basis of our approach concerns comparisons  
137 between different subsets of the tree.

## 138 Notation

139 The tree has  $n$  terminal nodes (nodes with no descendants), is rooted, and is  
140 bifurcating (there are  $n - 1$  internal nodes each with exactly two descendants).  
141 Being rooted implies there is one node with no ancestor. Mathematically we  
142 describe this tree as a node-labelled directed acyclic graph:

$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{E}, \tau)$$

143 where  $\mathcal{N}$  is a set of  $2n - 1$  nodes,  $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \{(u, v) | u, v \in \mathcal{N}^2\}$  is the set of  $2n - 2$   
144 edges or ‘lineages’, and  $\tau: \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  defines the time of each node. With  
145 reference to an edge  $(u, v) \in \mathcal{E}$  we say that  $u$  is the ‘direct ancestor’ and  $v$  is  
146 the ‘direct descendant’ and we require  $\tau(u) < \tau(v)$ . Nodes are further  
147 classified into two sets: ‘tips’ (terminal nodes) denoted  $\mathcal{T}$  with no descendants  
148 and internal nodes denoted  $\mathcal{I}$  with exactly two direct descendants. The trees  
149 may be heterochronous, meaning that tips of the tree can represent samples  
150 taken at different time points.

151 For a node  $u \in \mathcal{N}$  we define the clade  $C_u$  to be the set of nodes  
152 descending from  $u$ , that is, the node  $u$  and all  $v \in \mathcal{N}$  such that there is a  
153 directed path of edges from  $u$  to  $v$ . We say that nodes  $v$  in  $C_u$  are ‘descended  
154 from’  $u$ . We will also have occasion to define clades ‘top down’ in terms of a  
155 subset of tips in the tree. For this, we define the most recent common ancestor  
156 MRCA( $X$ ) of a set  $X \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  to be the most recent node  $u$  such that  $X \subseteq C_u$ ,  
157 that is, all other nodes  $v$  with  $X \subseteq C_v$  have  $\tau(v) < \tau(u)$ . Then we let the  
158 top-down clade  $B_X$  be defined as

$$B_X = \{u \in \mathcal{N} \mid C_u \cap X \neq \emptyset\}.$$

159 Note that  $B_X$  includes the tips  $X$  as well as some nodes ancestral to  
160  $\text{MRCA}(X)$ .

161 In general  $B_X \neq C_{\text{MRCA}(X)}$  since  $X$  does not necessarily include all  
162 tips descending from  $\text{MRCA}(X)$ . We will also need to refer to the nodes  
163 corresponding to coalescent events among lineages of the set  $X$  only, excluding  
164 those between lineages of  $X$  and lineages of the complement of  $X$ ,

$$D_X = X \cup \{u \in B_X \mid \exists(u, v), (u, w) \in \mathcal{E}, v \neq w, C_v \cap X \neq \emptyset, C_w \cap X \neq \emptyset\},$$

165 Figure 2A illustrates a tree and the sets  $B_X$ ,  $D_X$ , and  $C_{\text{MRCA}(X)}$ .

166 Since each node has a time, we can define the set of ‘extant’ lineages  
167  $\mathcal{A}(t)$  at a particular time  $t$  to be the set of nodes occurring after time  $t$  with a  
168 direct ancestor before time  $t$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}(t) = \{v \in \mathcal{N} \mid \exists(u, v) \in \mathcal{E}, \tau(u) < t \leq \tau(v)\}.$$

169 We might also refer to the number of extant lineages at time  $t$ ,  $a(t) = |\mathcal{A}(t)|$ ,  
170 and if considering the number of extant lineages within a particular clade  
171 ancestral to (and including)  $X$  we write

$$a_X(t) = |\mathcal{A}(t) \cap B_X|.$$



## 172 Non-parametric test for a given pair of clades

173 With the above notation, the rank-sum statistic can now be defined which will  
174 form the basis for subsequent statistical tests and can be used to compare any  
175 pair of clades in the tree.

176 Let  $X$  and  $Y$  represent disjoint sets of tips as represented in Figure  
177 2B-D. Having sorted the nodes according to time and assigned a corresponding  
178 rank to each internal node, this statistic computes the sum of ranks in a given  
179 clade in comparison to a different clade:

$$\rho(X|Y) = \sum_{i=1}^K i \mathbf{1}_{D_X}(w_i), \quad (1)$$

180 where  $w_i$  is an element of  $S_{X,Y} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_K)$  which is the sequence of  
181 internal nodes in  $D_X \cup D_Y$  sorted by time (present to past). And,  $\mathbf{1}_A(u)$  is an  
182 indicator that takes the value 1 if  $u \in A$  and is zero otherwise. Note that  
183  $\rho(X|Y)$  is asymmetric in  $X$  and  $Y$ . Also note that  $\rho(X|Y)$  makes use of  $D_X$   
184 and  $D_Y$ , not  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ , because we are interested in the relative ordering of  
185 coalescent events among lineages of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Although the statistic is defined  
186 for all sets disjoint sets  $X$  and  $Y$  the examples we consider below apply to the  
187 case that the intersection of  $D_X$  and  $D_Y$  is empty. Only the ordering of the  
188 events matter, the absolute times are immaterial to the test.

189 Under a neutral coalescent process, the distribution of coalescent  
190 times in two clades ancestral to  $X$  and  $Y$  will depend on the number of extant  
191 lineages through time in both clades and on the effective population size  $N_e(t)$   
192 (Wakeley 2009). However, the distribution of the relative ordering of  
193 coalescent times only depends on the sizes of the clades. This distribution can  
194 be computed rapidly by Monte-Carlo simulation as shown below, provided

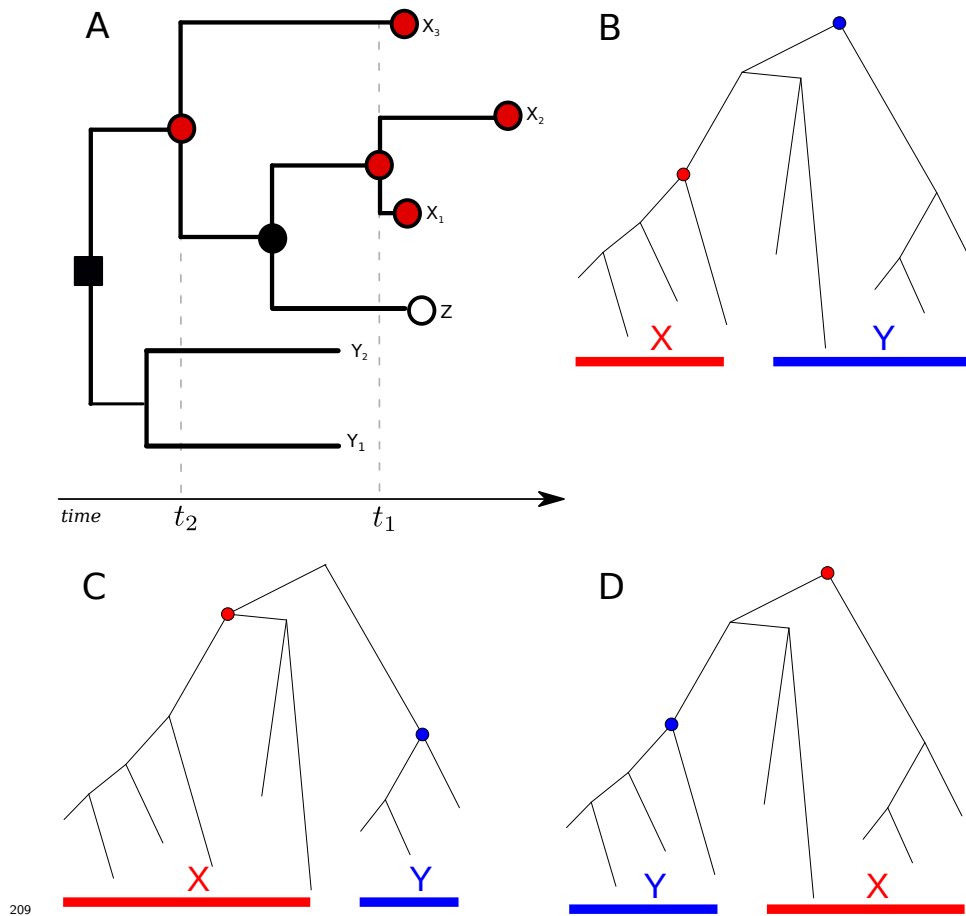
195 that we know the probability that the next coalescent will be in  $X$  or  $Y$  as a  
196 function of the number of lineages ancestral to  $X$  and  $Y$ , given by  $a_X(t)$  and  
197  $a_Y(t)$ . We here provide new theoretical results on the distribution of the  
198 relative ordering of coalescence times under the null hypothesis that both  $B_X$   
199 and  $B_Y$  are clades within a single tree generated by a neutral unstructured  
200 coalescent process. In the following we consider three different scenarios.

201 **Event  $E_1$ .** Suppose that a clade  $B_X$  has a MRCA before any tip of  $X$  shares  
202 a common ancestor with the clade of another set of tips  $Y$ , disjoint to  $X$ .  
203 After lineages in  $X$  have found a common ancestor, the MRCA of  $X$  may or  
204 may not coalesce with lineages in  $B_Y$  before  $Y$  has found a common ancestor.  
205 Figure 2B-C illustrates trees that satisfy this condition. Note that in Figure  
206 2B, a lineage in  $Y$  coalesces with the MRCA of  $X$  before lineages in  $Y$  find a  
207 MRCA and in Figure C, both  $X$  and  $Y$  have a common ancestor before they  
208 find a common ancestor with one another.

220 Observing a taxonomic pattern such as shown in Figure 2B-C is a  
221 random event in a stochastic unstructured coalescent process, and we denote  
222 this event by  $E_1$  (suppressing  $X$  and  $Y$  for convenience). Wiuf and Donnelly  
223 (Wiuf and Donnelly 1999) showed that the probability of observing  $E_1$ , given  
224 the state of the tree at a particular time  $t$ , only depends on the number of  
225 lineages  $z = a_X(t)$  and  $w = a_Y(t)$ ,

$$Q_1(z, w) = \frac{2(z-1)!w!}{(z+w-1)!(z+1)}, \quad z, w \geq 1. \quad (2)$$

The numbers of extant lineages in  $B_X$  (or its complement) following each coalescent event conditional on  $E_1$  is a Markov chain. The transition probabilities of this chain are exactly those needed to simulate the null distribution of the test statistic  $\rho(X|Y)$ . The probability that the next



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210 Figure 2: Coalescent trees for illustrating taxonomic relationships and notation  
 211 used throughout the text. In panel A, the shape and colour of nodes correspond  
 212 to variables  $B_X$ ,  $D_X$ , and  $C_{\text{MRCA}(X)}$  in relation to the set of tips  $X =$   
 213  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . All circles regardless of colour correspond to  $C_{\text{MRCA}(X)}$ . All filled  
 214 shapes (red or black, square or circle) correspond to  $B_X$ . Note that this includes  
 215 nodes ancestral to the MRCA of  $X$ . All red filled circles correspond to  $D_X$ . Two  
 216 coalescent events occur among nodes in  $D_X$  at times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ . Panels B-D show  
 217 a coalescent tree and examples of potential taxonomic relationships between two  
 218 clades. Prior knowledge of taxonomic relationships between  $X$  and  $Y$  influences  
 219 the probability that the next coalescent event will be observed in clade  $X$ .

coalescent event is among lineages in the clade  $B_X$  given  $E_1$  (starting at a particular time  $t$ ) was found by Wiuf and Donnelly (Wiuf and Donnelly 1999):

$$(z, w) \mapsto (z - 1, w) \quad \text{with probability} \quad \frac{z + 1}{z + w}, \quad (3)$$

226 where the ancestral number of lineages of  $X$  and  $Y$  at time  $t$  are respectively  $z$   
227 and  $w$ .

228 **Event  $E_2$ .** We further derive analogous probabilities under slightly different  
229 conditions. Suppose we have disjoint sets of tips,  $X$  and  $Y$ . Let all lineages in  
230  $X$  share a common ancestor before any share a common ancestor with  $Y$  and  
231 vice versa, all lineages in  $Y$  share a common ancestor before any share a  
232 common ancestor with tips in  $X$ . Figure 2C illustrates a tree and two clades  
233 that satisfy this condition, which we denote by  $E_2$ . As before, the number of  
234 ancestors in  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$  will form a Markov chain, conditional on  $E_2$ .

235 The probability that the next coalescent event is among lineages in  
236 the clade  $B_X$  given  $E_2$  at a particular time  $t$  and the current ancestral number  
237 of lineages of  $X$ ,  $z = a_X(t)$ , and  $Y$ ,  $w = a_Y(t)$ , can be given as:

$$(z, w) \mapsto (z - 1, w) \quad \text{with probability} \quad \frac{z - 1}{z + w - 2}, \quad z, w \geq 1. \quad (4)$$

238 To see this, note that without conditioning on  $E_2$ , the probability that  
239 the next coalescent is among ancestral nodes in  $B_X$  is

$$\frac{z(z - 1)}{(z + w)(z + w - 1)}.$$

240 This is simply the ratio of the coalescent rate in  $B_X$ , which is  $\binom{z}{2}/N_e(t)$ , to the  
241 rate in  $B_X \cup B_Y$ , which is  $\binom{z+w}{2}/N_e(t)$ . The effective population size is

242 homogenous through the tree by hypothesis of the statistical test, and it  
243 cancels out in this ratio. The probability that the coalescent event would be  
244 between the clades ancestral to  $X$  and  $Y$  would be

$$\frac{2zw}{(z+w)(z+w-1)}.$$

245 Event  $E_2$  has probability  $Q_2(z, w)$ , which must fulfil the recursion

$$\begin{aligned} & (z+w)(z+w-1)Q_2(z, w) \\ &= z(z-1)Q_2(z-1, w) + w(w-1)Q_2(z, w-1), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

246 where  $z, w \geq 1$ . If there is exactly one lineage in both  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$ , then  
247  $Q_2(1, 1) = 1$ . If there is one lineage remaining in  $B_X$  and  $w > 1$  in  $B_Y$ , then  
248  $Q_2(1, w)$  is the probability that the next  $w - 1$  coalescent events only occur  
249 between lineages in  $B_Y$  and do not include the single lineage ancestral to  $X$ .  
250 The probability of the next coalescent event being in  $B_Y$  is the probability of  
251 not selecting the  $B_X$  lineage when sampling two extant lineages without  
252 replacement:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2(1, w) &= \prod_{j=2}^w \left( \frac{j}{j+1} \right) \left( \frac{j-1}{j} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{w(w+1)}, \quad w \geq 1. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

253 Similarly,  $Q_2(z, 1) = \frac{2}{z(z+1)}$ ,  $z \geq 1$ . This recursion can be solved explicitly to  
254 give

$$Q_2(z, w) = \frac{2z!w!}{(z+w)!(z+w-1)}, \quad z, w \geq 1. \quad (7)$$

255 Now the transition probability (Equation 4) can be defined in terms of the  
 256 rate of coalescence in  $B_X$  and  $B_Y$  and the probability of  $E_2$  being satisfied  
 257 following the coalescent event:

$$(z, w) \mapsto (z-1, w) \quad \text{with probability} \\ \frac{z(z-1)Q_2(z-1, w)}{z(z-1)Q_2(z-1, w) + w(w-1)Q_2(z, w-1)} = \frac{z-1}{z+w-2}. \quad (8)$$

258 **Event  $E_3$ .** Finally, we consider an event that is the union of events  $E_1$  and  
 259  $E_2$ . We denote  $E_3$  to be the event that all  $X$  have a MRCA before sharing a  
 260 common ancestor with lineages of  $Y$  and/or all lineages in  $Y$  have a MRCA  
 261 before sharing an ancestor with lineages of  $X$ . All trees in Figure 2B-D satisfy  
 262 this condition.

263 The probability of the event  $E_3$  can be defined in terms of  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$   
 264 given previously:

$$Q_3(z, w) = Q_1(z, w) + Q_1(w, z) - Q_2(z, w) \\ = \frac{2z!w!}{(z+w-1)!} \left( \frac{1}{z(z+1)} + \frac{1}{w(w+1)} - \frac{1}{(z+w)(z+w-1)} \right), \quad (9)$$

265 with  $z = a_X(t)$  and  $w = a_Y(t)$  being sample sizes at a particular time  $t$ , as  
 266 before. The function  $Q_3$  satisfies the same recursion as above (Equation 5)  
 267 with slightly different boundary conditions:

$$Q_3(1, w) = Q_3(z, 1) = 1, \quad z, w \geq 1.$$

268 Transition probabilities can be derived as above by substituting  $Q_3$  for  $Q_2$  in  
269 Equation 8. The probability that the next coalescent event is among lineages  
270 in  $D_X$  conditional on  $E_3$  is

$$(z, w) \mapsto (z - 1, w) \quad \text{with probability} \quad \frac{(z - 1)R_{z-1,w}}{(z - 1)R_{z-1,w} + (w - 1)R_{z,w-1}}, \quad (10)$$

where

$$R_{z,w} = \frac{1}{z(z+1)} + \frac{1}{w(w+1)} - \frac{1}{(z+w)(z+w-1)}, \quad z, w \geq 1. \quad (11)$$

## 271 Algorithms for detecting population structure

272 The null distribution of the test statistic  $\rho(X, Y)$  can be computed by  
273 Monte-Carlo simulation using Equations 3, 4 or 10 depending on the  
274 taxonomic constraints to be conditioned on. This can be computed given any  
275 pair of disjoint clades  $X$  and  $Y$ . Algorithm 1 in the Supplementary Material  
276 provides the simulation procedure for computing the two-sided p-values of an  
277 empirical measurement  $\hat{R} = \rho(X, Y)$ , and we denote these p-values  $\xi(X, Y, R)$ .  
278 The algorithm works by simulating many replicates of the rank-sum statistic  
279 conditional on the sets  $X, Y$ , and the taxonomic relationship between these  
280 clades. Furthermore, the order of sampling events and coalescent events is part  
281 of the data within a time-scaled phylogeny. Thus the simulation procedure  
282 does not simulate coalescent trees per se, but rather the number of lineages  
283 through time  $a_X(t)$  and  $a_Y(t)$  by proceeding from the most recent sample back  
284 to the MRCA of clades  $X$  and  $Y$ . Upon visiting a node in the ordered  
285 sequence of coalescent events, the algorithm selects at random a clade  $D_X$  or  
286  $D_Y$  for this event using the transition probabilities from Equations 3, 4 or 10.  
287 Upon visiting a coalescent event,  $a_X(t)$  or  $a_Y(t)$  is incremented using the  
288 observed clade membership of the sample at that time. The end result of this

289 simulation procedure is a large set of replicate rank-sum statistics which serves  
290 as a null distribution for comparison with the value computed from the  
291 time-scaled phylogeny.

292 While in principle this test allows comparison of any pair of disjoint  
293 clades, the number of possible comparisons is vast, and deriving a useful  
294 summary of taxonomic structure requires additional heuristic algorithms.  
295 These algorithms are designed to stratify clades into self-similar sets and to do  
296 so in a computationally efficient manner. Algorithm 2 in the Supplementary  
297 Material identifies ‘cladistic outliers’, which are clades that have a coalescent  
298 pattern that is different from the remainder of the tree. It performs a single  
299 pre-order traversal of the tree and greedily adds clades to the partition with  
300 the most outlying values of the test statistic. At each node  $u$  visited in  
301 pre-order traversal, Algorithm 2 examines all descendants  $v$  in  $C_u$  and  
302 compares  $C_v$  with to  $C_u \setminus C_v$ . If no outliers are found, the algorithm will desist  
303 from searching  $C_u$  and the set of tips  $C_u \cap \mathcal{T}$  will be added to the partition. If  
304 at least one outlier is found in  $C_u$ , a search will begin on the biggest outlier  
305 (smallest p-value computed using Algorithm 1). The final result of this  
306 algorithm is a partition of  $m$  non-overlapping clades  $M = \{X_1, \dots, X_m\}$ .

307 In practice, it is often desirable to not compare very small clades  
308 against one another or much larger clades, so additional parameters are  
309 available to desist the pre-order traversal upon reaching a clade with few  
310 descendants. It is also often of practical interest to only compare clades that  
311 overlap in time to a significant extent, so yet another parameter is available to  
312 desist from comparing a pair of clades if few lineages in the pair ever coexist at  
313 any time.

314 Additional algorithms are required to detect polyphyletic relationships  
315 as depicted in Figure 1 which arise if, for example, distantly related lineages



316 colonise the same area and have similar population dynamics or if  
317 near-identical fitness-enhancing mutations occur independently on different  
318 lineages. Figure 1 depicts two distantly related clades (yellow and red) with  
319 similar population dynamics, and it is desirable to classify these as a single  
320 deme based on shared population dynamic history. Algorithm 2 will partition  
321 tips of the tree into distinct clades with monophyletic or paraphyletic  
322 relationships, however an approach based on pre-order traversal of the tree can  
323 not on its own arrive at a polyphyletic partition of the tree. Therefore we can  
324 implement a final hierarchical clustering step in order to group similar clades  
325 as follows:

- 326 1. For each distinct pair of clades  $X$  and  $Y$  in partition  $M$ , compute  
327  $q_{XY} = \xi(X, Y, \hat{R}_{XY})$ .
- 328 2. Convert the p-value into a measure of distance between all clades:  
329  $d_{XY} = |F^{-1}(q_{XY})|$ , where  $F^{-1}$  is the inverse Gaussian cumulative  
330 distribution function (quantile function). Set  $d_{XX} = 0$  for all  $X$ .
- 331 3. Perform a conventional hierarchical clustering using a threshold distance  
332  $F^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2)$  for confidence level  $\alpha$ . Various clustering algorithms can  
333 be used at this point, and our software has implemented the ‘complete  
334 linkage’ algorithm (Everitt et al. 2001).

335 Algorithms 1 and 2 as well as the final hierarchical clustering step are  
336 implemented as an open source R package called *treestructure* available at  
337 <https://github.com/emvolz-phylogenetics/treestructure>. The R  
338 package supports parallelisation and includes facilities for tree visualisation  
339 using the *ggtree* package (Yu et al. 2017). The package provides convenience  
340 functions to output cluster and partition assignment for downstream statistical  
341 analysis in R.

## 342 **Simulation studies**

343 To evaluate the potential for *treestructure* to detect outbreaks we applied the  
344 new method to phylogenies estimated from newly simulated data using a  
345 structured coalescent model as well as previously published simulation data  
346 based on a discrete-event branching process (McCloskey and Poon 2017). We  
347 also simulated trees and sequence data under a Kingman coalescent process to  
348 examine the distribution of the test statistic under the null hypothesis and to  
349 assess how statistical power of the test depends on sample size and the  
350 differences between clades.

351 The structured coalescent simulation was based on a model with two  
352 demes: a large deme with constant effective population size and a smaller  
353 deme which grows exponentially up to the time of sampling. Migration occurs  
354 at a constant rate in both directions between the growing and constant-size  
355 demes, and equal proportions of these two demes are sampled. Coalescent  
356 simulations were implemented using the *phydynR* package  
357 <http://github.com/emvolz-phylogenomics/phydynR>. All genealogies  
358 simulated from this model were comprised of 1000 tips with 200 of these  
359 sampled from the growing deme. Each of 100 simulations were based on  
360 different parameters such that there was a spectrum of difficulty identifying  
361 population structure from the trees. The sample proportion was chosen  
362 uniformly between 5% and 75% and, the growth rate in the growing deme was  
363 chosen uniformly between 5% and 100% per year. Bidirectional migration  
364 between demes was fixed at 5% per year. While most tips were sampled at a  
365 single time point, 50 tips from the constant-size deme were distributed  
366 uniformly through time in order to facilitate molecular clock dating. Multiple  
367 sequence alignments were simulated based on trees using seq-gen (Rambaut  
368 and Grass 1997). Each sequence comprised 1000 nucleotides from a HKY

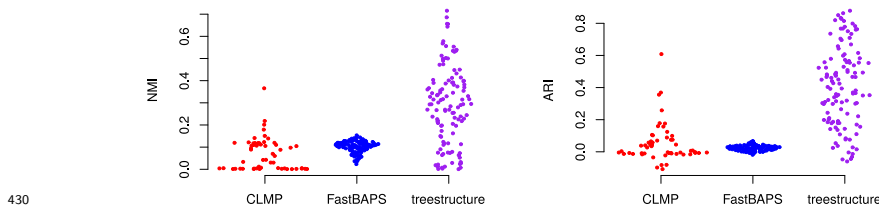
369 model with a substitution rate of  $10^{-3}$  per site per year, which is a typical  
370 value for RNA viruses. A neighbor joining tree was estimated from each  
371 alignment and dated phylogenies estimated using the *treedater* R package  
372 (Volz and Frost 2017) with a strict molecular clock. The *treestructure*  
373 algorithm was applied to each phylogeny using the default  $\alpha = 1\%$  threshold.

374 In order to test the specificity of our method, we also simulated 1,000  
375 trees under an unstructured Kingman coalescent process using the *rcoal*  
376 function in the *ape* R package version 5.2. These trees each had 50 tips and an  
377 effective population size of 0.025. Sequence data and neighbor joining trees  
378 were generated as described above. The *estimate.dates* command (Jones and  
379 Poon 2016) in the *ape* R package version 5.2 was used to estimate time-scaled  
380 trees. The *treestructure* algorithm was applied to both the coalescent trees and  
381 to the trees estimated based on the simulated sequences. The test statistic was  
382 tabulated for each clade size from 5 to 45 leading to approximately 10,000  
383 observations of the test statistic in total, and about 250 observations for each  
384 clade size.

385 A further set of Kingman coalescent simulations was carried out to  
386 assess the statistical power of our method. We simulated paired coalescent  
387 trees of different sizes and with different effective population sizes, and each  
388 pair of coalescent trees was then joined at a common root. Branch lengths at  
389 the root node were adjusted to ensure the trees were ultrametric. One tree in  
390 each pair was small with 10, 20 or 40 tips, whereas the other had 200 tips.  
391 The *treestructure* algorithm was used to compute the normalized test statistic  
392 at the MRCA of the minority clade. The effective population size in the  
393 minority clade was varied to provide differing levels of contrast. Note that  
394 even if the effective population size is the same in the majority and minority  
395 clades, the topology of the combined tree may differ substantially from the

396 Kingman model, so that the minority clade may be detected by the  
397 *treestructure* algorithm. To effectively ‘hide’ the structure caused by the  
398 construction of the combined trees, we can set the effective population size of  
399 the minority clade to be  $zN_e/w$  where  $z$  is the number of tips in the minority  
400 tree,  $w$  is the number of tips in the majority tree, and  $N_e$  is the effective size  
401 of the majority tree. By doing so, the initial coalescent rate in both trees will  
402 be as expected under the Kingman model for the combined tree. This can be  
403 deduced by equating the transition probability in Equation 4 with the  
404 probability that the next coalescent will be in the minority clade, which is the  
405 ratio of the coalescent rate in the minority tree over the sum of coalescent  
406 rates in both the minority and majority trees.

407           Simulation of 100 genealogies from a discrete-event birth-death  
408 process has been previously described (McCloskey and Poon 2017; Vaughan  
409 and Drummond 2013). These simulations were based on a process with  
410 heterogeneous classes of individuals with different birth rates. With some  
411 probability, lineages migrate to a class with higher birth rates. This could  
412 represent a generic outbreak scenario such as a set of individuals with higher  
413 risk behaviour or other exposures. In a separate set of simulations, the  
414 outbreak population differs from the main population along multiple  
415 dimensions: the birth rate and the sampling rate are both increased by a  
416 common factor ( $5\times$ ). 100 genealogies were simulated under both scenarios and  
417 the *treestructure* algorithm was applied to each. To create more challenging  
418 conditions for the method and to evaluate the sensitivity of the method to  
419 sample coverage, we also applied the method to genealogies based on  
420 subsampled lineages with a frequency of 25%. Complete descriptions of  
421 parameters and simulation methods can be found in (McCloskey and Poon  
422 2017).



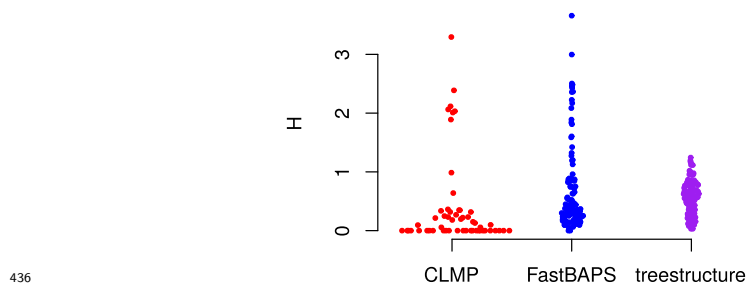
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431 Figure 3: The normalised mutual information (NMI) and adjusted Rand index  
432 (ARI) as a function of classifications from several tree-partitioning algorithms  
433 and membership of lineages in outbreaks or a constant-size reservoir. Each point  
434 corresponds to a structured coalescent simulation where 20% of tips are sampled  
435 from an exponentially growing outbreak.

423 The performance of *treestructure* was evaluated using the normalised  
424 mutual information (NMI) statistic and adjusted Rand index (ARI) computed  
425 using the *aricode* R package (Vinh et al. 2010). Both statistics quantify the  
426 strength of association between the estimated and actual structure of the tree,  
427 with larger values corresponding to higher quality reconstructions.

## 428 Results

### 429 Simulation studies

440 The *treestructure* algorithm achieves relatively high fidelity of classifications in  
441 comparison to other methods in the structured coalescent simulations which  
442 included 20% of samples from a rapidly growing outbreak. Figure 3 compares  
443 the values of NMI and ARI for three methods of structure analysis. In these  
444 statistics, the partition of the tree computed by each method is compared to  
445 the true membership of each sampled lineage in outbreak or in the  
446 constant-size reservoir population. Across 100 simulations, *treestructure* has  
447 mean ARI of 41% (IQR: 20-57%). The FastBAPS method (Tonkin-Hill et al.

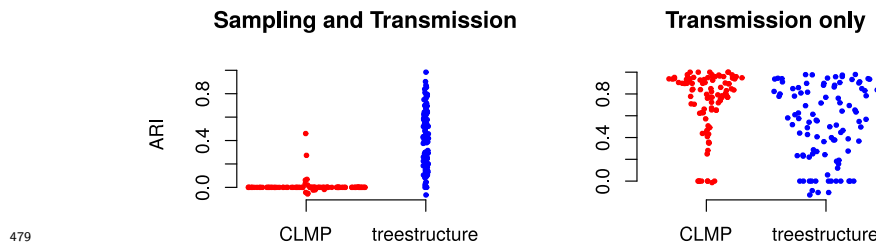


437 Figure 4: Entropy ( $H$ ) of classification from several tree partitioning algorithms  
438 applied to the structured coalescent simulations but only counting lineages  
439 sampled from the exponentially growing outbreak.

448 2019) has mean ARI of 2.3% (IQR:1.2-3.3%) and the CLMP method  
449 (McCloskey and Poon 2017) has mean ARI 5.2% (IQR:-1-7.5%). The NMI  
450 statistic gives similar differences between the methods to ARI (Fig. 3).

451 The lower performance of CLMP and FastBAPS in these comparisons  
452 is largely a consequence of false-positive partitioning of samples from the  
453 reservoir population, but CLMP and FastBAPS usually correctly identify a  
454 clade that closely corresponds to the outbreak. In contrast, the *treestructure*  
455 method seldom sub-divides clades from the reservoir. Figure 4 compares the  
456 entropy of partition assignments only within lineages sampled from the  
457 outbreak. This shows that all methods are assigning outbreak lineages to a  
458 small number of partitions and no method is clearly superior by this metric.  
459 The CLMP method has the lowest entropy (mean 0.40) but also several large  
460 outliers. *treestructure* has higher entropy (mean 0.57) but few outliers.  
461 FastBAPS has even higher entropy (mean 0.68) with a long tail of high values  
462 (Fig. 4).

463 The performance of all methods depended on the sample density and  
464 growth rate of the outbreak. Fast growing outbreaks are easier to detect by all  
465 methods but the role of sample density is more ambiguous. The Pearson



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480 Figure 5: The adjusted Rand index for 100 previously published simulations  
481 (McCloskey and Poon 2017). This describes accuracy of classification of tips  
482 into outbreaks using the *treestructure* method and CLMP. Results on the left  
483 were based on simulations where both transmission and sampling rates varied in  
484 the outbreak cluster, whereas simulations on the right only allowed transmission  
485 rates to vary.

466 correlation of ARI with growth rate is 53%, 71% and 27%, for *treestructure*,  
467 FastBAPS, and CLMP respectively. Not all methods are equally sensitive to  
468 these parameters however and FastBAPS is especially sensitive to growth and  
469 sample density. The growth rate and sample density collectively explain 41%,  
470 60%, and 28% of variance of ARI in *treestructure*, FastBAPS, and CLMP  
471 respectively.

472 We also performed analyses with Phydality, a recently proposed  
473 method for transmission cluster identification (Han et al. 2018). This tended  
474 to generate a very large number of clusters, both within and outside of the  
475 outbreak demes, reflecting a different emphasis of this method on finding  
476 closely related clusters rather than addressing differences in macro-level  
477 population structure. Thus, results with Phydality and other clustering  
478 methods were not easily comparable to *treestructure*.

486 Figure 5 shows performance of *treestructure* on previously published  
487 tree simulations (McCloskey and Poon 2017). These simulations differ from  
488 the structured coalescent simulations presented above because both the

489 reservoir and outbreak demes are growing exponentially at different rates. The  
490 birth rate in the outbreak deme is five-fold the birth rate in the reservoir, but  
491 in one set of simulations, both the birth rate and sampling rate in the  
492 outbreak was also increased five-fold. In these simulations, the performance of  
493 *treestructure* (mean ARI 53%) is slightly lower than the CLMP method  
494 (McCloskey and Poon 2017) (mean ARI 72%) when only the birth rate differs  
495 in the outbreak deme. However *treestructure* maintains good performance  
496 when death and sampling rates also differ. In that case, *treestructure* has  
497 mean ARI 42% and CLMP has mean ARI 0%. The results are similar when  
498 using NMI instead of ARI (Supplementary Fig. S1). The difficulty of  
499 detecting outbreaks with different sampling patterns was previously  
500 highlighted as a challenge for CLMP (McCloskey and Poon 2017).

501 Simulations of unstructured Kingman coalescent trees shows that the  
502 distribution of the standardized test statistic is approximately normal  
503 (Supplementary Fig. S2). The quality of the normal approximation depends  
504 on the extent of phylogenetic error. In estimated phylogenies based on  
505 simulated sequence data, there is substantial skew in the test statistic which is  
506 most pronounced for larger clades that have a more distant MRCA  
507 (Supplementary Fig. S3). The extent of error due to phylogeny estimation will  
508 depend on many variables as well as on the choice of methodology when  
509 estimating time-scaled trees; in this case, effective population size and  
510 substitution rates were chosen to yield a data set with comparable diversity to  
511 a real HIV sequence data set, and there is considerable error in the estimated  
512 date of the TMRCA and tree topology which was estimated using the  
513 neighbor joining method. In the absence of phylogenetic error, the false  
514 positive rate based on a 95% confidence threshold was 5.1%. With  
515 phylogenetic error, the false positive rate increased to 12.2%.



516 Analysis of trees simulated with predefined structure showed that  
517 statistical power increases as expected with sampling density and effective  
518 population size contrast between the two clades. Supplementary Figure S4  
519 shows the normalized test statistic for various sample sizes and contrasts of  
520 effective population size in two clades descended from the root of a tree. The  
521 statistic significantly deviates from zero with increasing sample sizes and with  
522 increasing differences in effective population sizes. For example, using a 95%  
523 confidence level, we find a significant difference between clades in 85% of  
524 simulations sampling 40 tips from the minority clade and with a two-fold  
525 difference in the rescaled effective population sizes. This decreases to 40% of  
526 simulations if sampling only 10 tips, but increases to 100% if there is a  
527 five-fold difference in the scaled effective population sizes.

## 528 **Clonal expansion of drug-resistant *N. gonorrhoeae***

529 We examined the role of evolution of antimicrobial resistance in shaping the  
530 phylogenetic structure of *N. gonorrhoeae* using 1102 previously described  
531 whole genome sequences (Grad et al. 2016). These isolates were collected from  
532 multiple sites in the United States between 2000 and 2013 and featured clonal  
533 expansion of lineages resistant to different classes of antibiotics. We estimated  
534 a maximum likelihood tree using *PhyML* (Guindon et al. 2010) and corrected  
535 for the distorting effect of recombination using *ClonalFrameML* (Didelot and  
536 Wilson 2015). We estimated a rooted time-scaled phylogeny using *treedater*  
537 (Volz and Frost 2017). A relaxed clock model was inferred, with a mean rate  
538 of  $4.6 \times 10^{-6}$  substitutions per site per year. *BactDating* (Didelot et al. 2018)  
539 was also applied for the same purpose and found to give very similar estimates  
540 for the clock rate and dating of clades.

541 We focus on the origin and expansion of two clades which

542 independently developed resistance to cefixime (CFX) by acquiring the mosaic  
543 *penA* XXXIV allele (Grad et al. 2016). Note, however, that the level of  
544 susceptibility to CFX varies, particularly in the largest of these two clades. In  
545 one lineage within this clade, the mosaic *penA* XXXIV allele was replaced by  
546 recombination with an allele associated with susceptibility. Other isolates  
547 within this clade gained mutations that further modified the extent of  
548 resistance. The largest of the two clades emerged on a genomic background  
549 that was already resistant to ciprofloxacin (CIP), so that it has reduced  
550 susceptibility to both CIP and CFX. The smallest of the two clades is resistant  
551 to CFX but not CIP. To further analyse the relationship between CFX  
552 resistance and *N. gonorrhoeae* population structure, we focused our analysis  
553 on a tree with just 576 tips, representing the genomes from these two CFX  
554 resistant clades as well as genomes from the two clades that are most closely  
555 related to the two CFX resistant clades. The output of *treestructure* is shown  
556 in Figure 6, using unique colours to highlight each of the 11 clusters that were  
557 identified with  $\alpha = 1\%$ . The clusters reported by *treestructure* are highly  
558 correlated with CFX resistance. Among all distinct pairs of sampled isolates,  
559 84% share the same resistance profile and cluster membership.

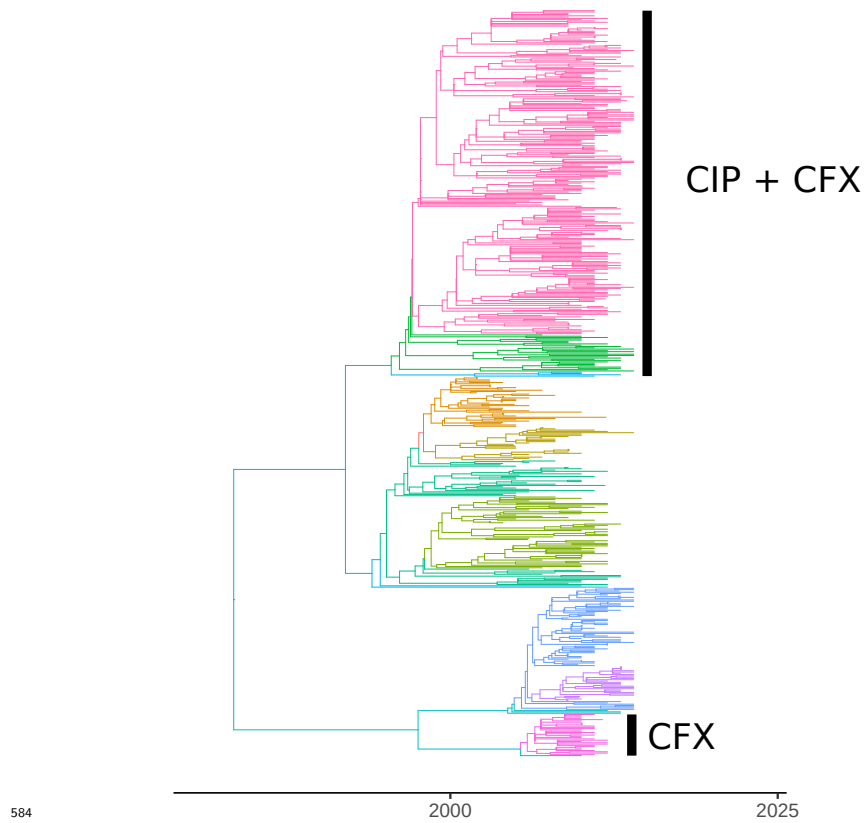
560         We compared *treestructure* with a different method for detecting  
561 community structure, FastBAPS (Tonkin-Hill et al. 2019), since BAPS models  
562 are often applied to bacterial pathogens. We applied FastBAPS using the  
563 same time-scaled phylogeny described previously and using a trimmed  
564 sequence alignment consisting of 38830 polymorphic sites and removing sites  
565 with many gaps. This produced a similar partition of the tree (Supplementary  
566 Fig. S5) with a few differences. The FastBAPS clusters overlap exactly with  
567 the clade featuring dual resistance (CIP and CFX), whereas *treestructure*  
568 classified a small number of deep-splitting lineages into a different cluster.

569 Note however that this behaviour is not necessarily problematic, and may  
570 represent a progressive increase in fitness following the acquisition of resistance  
571 through the evolution of compensatory mutations (Didelot et al. 2016).  
572 Indeed, we found a significant difference in the resistance profile of the two  
573 *treestructure* clusters within the clade resistant to both CIP and CFX: the  
574 smallest cluster had a greater frequency of high resistance to CIP compared to  
575 the largest cluster (100% and 81%, respectively).

576           FastBAPS did not identify the smaller clade with resistance to CFX  
577 and not CIP and instead grouped that clade with its sensitive sister clade. In  
578 general, *treestructure* found many more clusters within the two sister clades  
579 and FastBAPS tended to group these together. We also applied the much  
580 more computationally intensive RhierBAPS method (Tonkin-Hill et al. 2018),  
581 and obtained almost identical results to FastBAPS. Overall, BAPS methods  
582 appear to give more weight than *treestructure* to long internal branches when  
583 identifying clusters.

## 590 **Epidemiological transmission patterns of HIV-1**

591 We reanalysed a time-scaled phylogeny reconstructed from 2068 partial *pol*  
592 HIV-1 subtype B sequences collected from Tennessee between 2001 and 2015  
593 (Dennis et al. 2018). Each lineage within this phylogeny corresponds to a  
594 single HIV patient sampled at a single time point, and various clinical and  
595 demographic covariate data concerning these patients can be associated with  
596 each lineage. In the original study, these sequence data were used to show high  
597 rates of transmission among young (age < 26.4 years old) men who have sex  
598 with men (MSM) (Dennis et al. 2018). Clustering by threshold genetic  
599 distance is often used in HIV epidemiology (Dennis et al. 2014) and indicated  
600 that young white MSM had the highest odds of clustering.

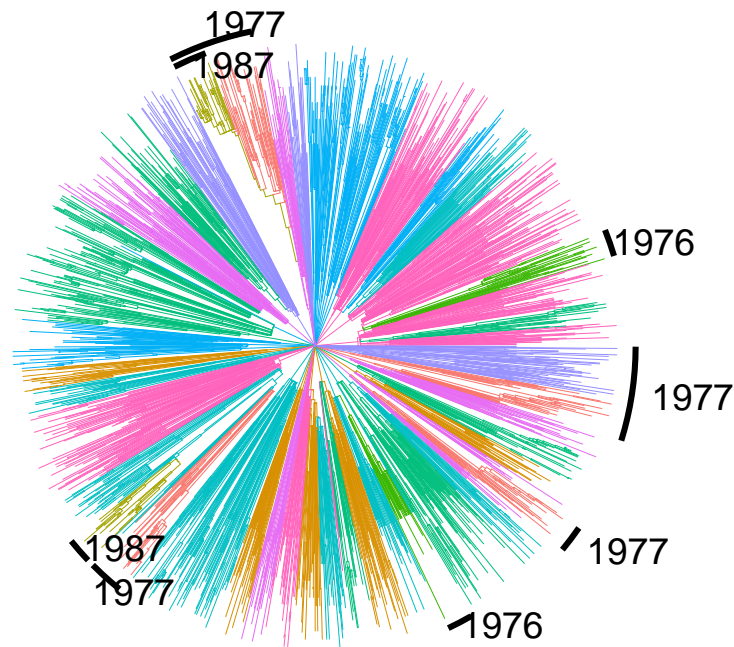


585 Figure 6: A time-scaled phylogeny based on 576 whole genomes of *N.*  
586 *gonorrhoeae*, comprising two clades with reduced susceptibility to cefixime  
587 (CFX) and their two sister clades. The top clade also has resistance to  
588 ciprofloxacin (CIP). Different colours on the tree represent the partition detected  
589 using the *treestructure* algorithm.

601 We applied the *treestructure* algorithm with default settings to the  
602 time-scaled tree which yielded ten partitions with sizes ranging from 58 to 398.  
603 The tree and partitions are shown in Figure 7 where partitions are labeled  
604 according to the median year of birth among patients in each partition. Many  
605 of these partitions were polyphyletic, suggesting possible multiple importations  
606 of lineages to specific risk groups. We then compared the estimated partition  
607 of the tree with patient covariates. A particular partition stands out along  
608 multiple dimensions: it is the smallest (size 58), polyphyletic, arose in the  
609 recent past, and is characterised by very young MSM. The median year of  
610 birth in this partition is 1987, in stark contrast to the rest of the sample with  
611 year of birth in the 1970s. Clades within this young partition are also nested  
612 paraphyletically under other relatively young partitions (Fig. 7).

613 We did not find a significant association between the tree partition  
614 and residential postal codes (Tukey analysis of variance,  $p = 0.097$ ). This is in  
615 agreement with the original study which found minimal impact of geography  
616 on genetic clustering in this sample, however this is largely a consequence of  
617 the highly concentrated nature of the sample around Nashville. The ethnicity  
618 of patients (black, white, and other) was strongly associated with the  
619 estimated partition. Black MSM were strongly concentrated in the 1987  
620 partition in particular (83% in contrast to 26-38% in all other partitions). The  
621 odds ratio of black ethnicity given membership in the 1987 partition was 9.7  
622 (95% CI:5.2-19.8).

629 Finally, we performed a phylodynamic analysis to investigate if the  
630 partition structure supported the previously published findings that young  
631 MSM were transmitting at a higher rate (Dennis et al. 2018). To estimate the  
632 temporal variations in the effective population size, we used the nonparametric  
633 *skygrowth* R package (Volz and Didelot 2018). We estimated  $N_e(t)$  for each



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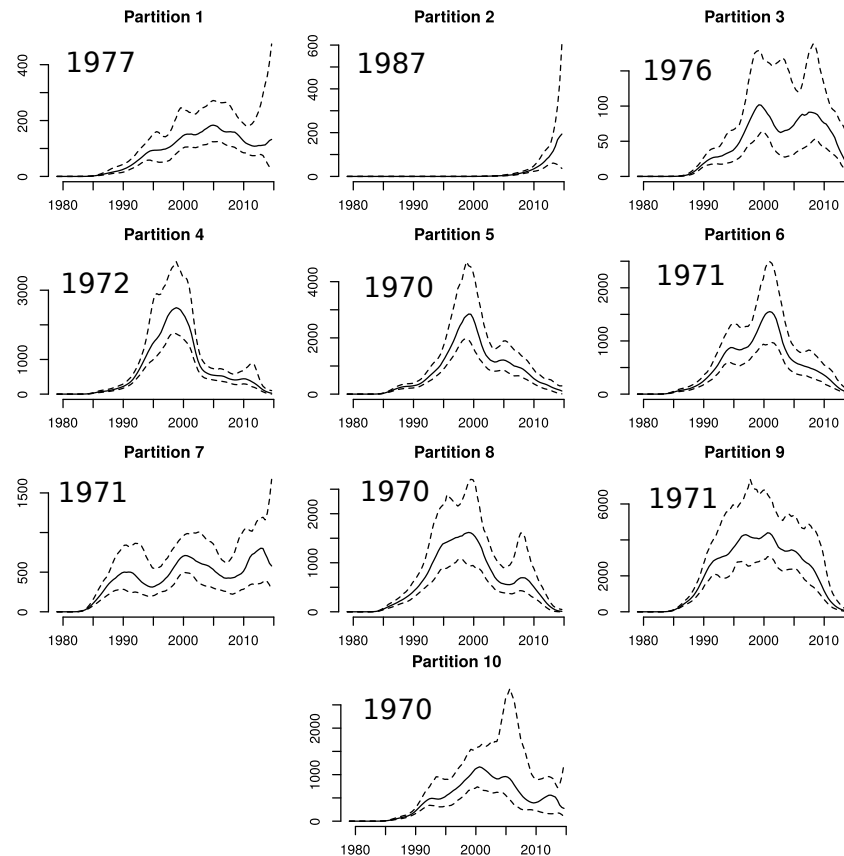
624 Figure 7: A time-scaled phylogeny estimated from HIV-1 *pol* sequences in  
625 Tennessee (Dennis et al. 2018). The colours correspond to the ten partitions  
626 identified using the *treestructure* algorithm. Several partitions are annotated  
627 with the median year of birth of HIV patients from whom sequences were  
628 sampled. Unannotated partitions had years of birth 1969-1972.

634 partition individually using a range of precision parameters which control the  
635 smoothness ( $\tau$ ) of the estimated trajectories since we lack a priori information  
636 about volatility of these trajectories. Figure 8 shows  $N_e(t)$  for each partition  
637 with  $\tau = 10$  and Supplementary Figures S6 and S7 show results using different  
638 values of  $\tau$ . The 1987 partition again stands out as the only group which  
639 shows evidence of recent and rapid population growth. Less dramatic recent  
640 periods of growth are also noticeable for other partitions with young patients.  
641 The current exponential growth in the 1987 partition is not consistent across  
642 all analyses, but when  $\tau < 10$  we find  $N_e(t)$  drops precipitously in 2014-2015  
643 (Supplementary Fig. S6). However, this could also be an artefact of  
644 non-random sampling and inclusion of transmission pairs within the sample.

650 This analysis supports the hypothesis that there has been a recent and  
651 rapid increase in HIV transmissions among young MSM in Tennessee and in  
652 particular among young black MSM. This interpretation is mostly in  
653 agreement with the original study (Dennis et al. 2018), but we find that black  
654 MSM are a group at greater risk than young white MSM.

## 655 Discussion

656 Contrasting the distribution of ordering of nodes provides a natural criterion  
657 for distinguishing clades within a time-scaled phylogeny which are shaped by  
658 different evolutionary or demographic processes. The non-parametric nature of  
659 this classification method imposes minimal assumptions on the mechanisms  
660 that generate phylogenetic patterns. Thus, we have found this method  
661 maintains good performance over a diverse range of situations where  
662 phylogenetic structure is produced, including differential transmission rates,  
663 epidemiological outbreaks, evolution of beneficial mutations, and differential  
664 sampling patterns. Our work is related to the research on species delimitation



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646 Figure 8: Estimated effective population size through time for each partition in  
647 the Tennessee HIV-1 phylogeny. Each panel is annotated with the median year  
648 of birth among HIV patients in each partition.  $N_e(t)$  was estimated using the  
649 *skygrowth* method (Volz and Didelot 2018) with precision parameter  $\tau = 10$ .



665 methods (see for example Zhang et al. 2013) although targeted at  
666 within-species variation, and is also related to recent work on methods for  
667 detecting co-diversification of species (Oaks et al. 2019). This method appears  
668 relatively robust compared to other methods against false-positive  
669 identification of phylogenetic structure, but nevertheless has good sensitivity  
670 for detecting structure in most situations.

671         There are many immediate applications of this method in the area of  
672 pathogen evolution where time-scaled phylogenetics is increasingly used in  
673 epidemiological investigations (Biek et al. 2015). We have demonstrated the  
674 role of selection in shaping phylogenetic structure of *N. gonorrhoeae*, and our  
675 method clearly identifies clades which expanded in the recent past due to  
676 acquisition of antimicrobial resistance. We have demonstrated the role of  
677 human demography and transmission patterns in shaping the evolution of  
678 HIV-1, and our method has shown distinct outbreaks of HIV-1 in specific  
679 groups defined by age, race, and behaviour. Furthermore, we have shown how  
680 clades detected by this method can be analysed using phylodynamic methods  
681 that can yield additional insights into recent outbreaks or the mechanisms  
682 which generated phylogenetic structure. For example, we have applied  
683 non-parametric methods to estimate the effective population size through time  
684 in HIV outbreaks detected using *treestructure* which highlighted particular  
685 groups that appear to be at higher risk of transmission. Such analyses would  
686 be more problematic using other partitioning or clustering algorithms because  
687 phylogenetic clusters can appear by chance in homogeneous populations of  
688 neutrally evolving pathogens, and this can give the false appearance of recent  
689 growth (Dearlove et al. 2017). This application of phylodynamics analysis  
690 methods is possible because the statistical test used in *treestructure* provides  
691 theoretical justification for treating each partition as a separate unstructured

692 population.

693           Applications of the *treestructure* algorithms are scalable to relatively  
694 large phylogenies. The main algorithms require only a single pre-order  
695 traversal of the tree and all of the computations presented here required less  
696 than one minute to run. The method is based on a time-scaled phylogeny, and  
697 the computational burden of this preliminary step is typically higher than that  
698 of running *treestructure*, even though significant progress has been made  
699 recently in this area (Volz and Frost 2017; Didelot et al. 2018; Sagulenko et al.  
700 2018; Tamura et al. 2018; Miura et al. 2019). Future developments of  
701 *treestructure* and other methods post-processing time-scaled phylogenies (Volz  
702 and Didelot 2018; Didelot et al. 2017) should address the uncertainty in the  
703 input phylogeny, for example by accounting for bootstrap or Bayesian support  
704 values for phylogenetic splits, or by summarising results from multiple trees.

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**Data:** 1) Disjoint sets of tips  $X$  and  $Y$   
 2) Empirical value of test statistic  $\hat{R}$   
 3) Number of simulations  $n_{sim}$   
 4) Taxonomic condition  $E$  (see Equations 3, 4 or 10)  
**Result:** Two-sided p-value denoted  $q = \xi(X, Y, \hat{R})$ .  
 Initialisation;  
 Form a time-ordered sequence of nodes

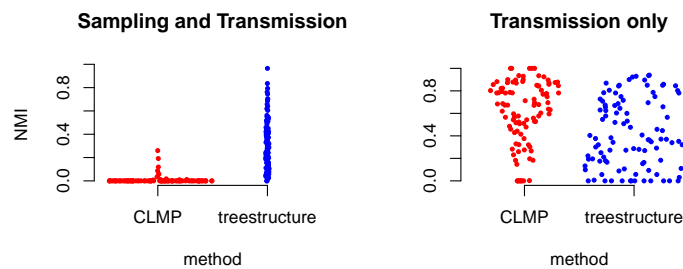
$$U = (u_1, \dots, u_{|D_X|+|D_Y|}) | u_i \in (D_X \cup D_Y), \tau(u_i) \geq \tau(u_{i+1})$$

Form a corresponding numeric sequence:  
 $\Upsilon = (v_1, \dots, v_{|D_X|+|D_Y|})$  where

$$v_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u_i \in X \\ -1 & \text{if } u_i \in Y \\ 0 & \text{if } u_i \in (D_X \cup D_Y) \cap \mathcal{I} \end{cases}$$

**for**  $k = 1$  to  $n_{sim}$  **do**  
      $z \leftarrow 0$  (simulated lineages through time in clade  $X$ ) ;  
      $w \leftarrow 0$  (simulated lineages through time in clade  $Y$ ) ;  
      $r_{sim} \leftarrow 0$  (simulated rank-sum statistic) ;  
      $c \leftarrow 0$  (number of coalescent events simulated) ;  
     **for**  $i = 1$  to  $|D_X| + |D_Y|$  **do**  
         **if**  $v_i = 1$  **then**  
             Account for sample in  $X$ :  $z \leftarrow z + 1$  ;  
         **if**  $v_i = -1$  **then**  
             Account for sample in  $Y$ :  $w \leftarrow w + 1$  ;  
         **if**  $v_i = 0$  **then**  
             Increment coalescent counter:  $c \leftarrow c + 1$  ;  
             Compute probability  $\tilde{p} = \tilde{Q}_E(z, w)$  that next coalescent is in  
              $D_X$  or  $D_Y$  using Equation 3, 4 or 10;  
             Draw a random uniform variable  $\omega \leftarrow \text{Unif}(0, 1)$  ;  
             **if**  $\omega < \tilde{p}$  **then**  
                  $z \leftarrow z - 1$   
                  $r_{sim} \leftarrow r_{sim} + c$   
             **else**  
                  $w \leftarrow w - 1$   
         **end**  
     Record simulated statistic:  
      $R_k \leftarrow r_{sim}$  ;  
**end**  
 Standardize the statistic:  
 $\bar{R} \leftarrow (\hat{R} - \langle \{R_k\} \rangle) / \sigma_{R_k}$  ;  
 Return  $\min(F(\bar{R}), 1 - F(\bar{R}))$  where  $F$  is the standard normal CDF.  
**Algorithm 1:** Algorithm for computing the null distribution and associated p-value of the test-statistic for cladistic outliers.

**Data:** Time-scaled genealogy  $\mathcal{G}$   
**Result:** Partition of tips of tree, denoted  $M$ .  
 Initialise ‘active set’ to consist of root node:  $\Omega \leftarrow \{\text{root}\}$  ;  
 Initialise partition:  $M \leftarrow \emptyset$  ;  
**for**  $u \in \mathcal{I}$  (*internal nodes*) **do**  
 | Initialise  $\tilde{C}_u \leftarrow C_u$  ;  
**end**  
**while**  $|\Omega| > 0$  **do**  
 | Initialise  $\Omega' \leftarrow \Omega$  ;  
 | **for**  $u \in \Omega$  **do**  
 | | Find biggest outlier descended from  $u$ :  
 | |  $v^* \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{v \in C_u} f(v) = \xi(\tilde{C}_u \setminus \tilde{C}_v, \tilde{C}_v)$  (Algorithm 1);  
 | |  $q \leftarrow \xi(\tilde{C}_u, \tilde{C}_{v^*})$  ;  
 | | **if**  $q < \alpha$  **then**  
 | | |  $\Omega' \leftarrow \Omega' \cup v^*$  ;  
 | | |  $\tilde{C}_u \leftarrow \tilde{C}_u \setminus C_{v^*}$  ;  
 | | **else**  
 | | | No significant outliers, so remove  $u$  from active sets:  
 | | |  $\Omega' \leftarrow \Omega' \setminus u$  ;  
 | | | Add the clade descended from  $u$  to the partition:  
 | | |  $M \leftarrow M \cup \{\mathcal{T} \cap \tilde{C}_u\}$  ;  
 | | **end**  
 | **end**  
 |  $\Omega \leftarrow \Omega'$ .  
**end**  
 Return  $M$ .  
**Algorithm 2:** Algorithm for detecting cladistic outliers.



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876 Figure S1: The normalised mutual information (NMI) for 100 previously  
877 published simulations (McCloskey and Poon 2017). This describes accuracy of  
878 classification of tips into outbreaks using the *treestructure* method and CLMP  
879 (McCloskey and Poon 2017). Results on left were based on simulations where  
880 both transmission and sampling rates varied in the outbreak cluster, whereas  
881 simulations on the right only allowed transmission rates to vary.

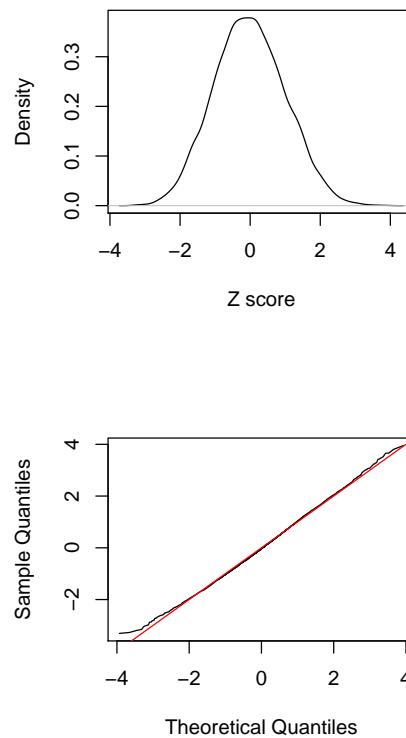


Figure S2: The distribution of the test statistic under the null hypothesis with Kingman coalescent trees simulated with 50 tips. Top: The empirical density of the standardized test statistic (Z score) across internal nodes in 1,000 Kingman coalescent trees. Bottom: A quantile-quantile plot of the Z scores from internal nodes in 1,000 coalescent trees and the standard normal distribution.

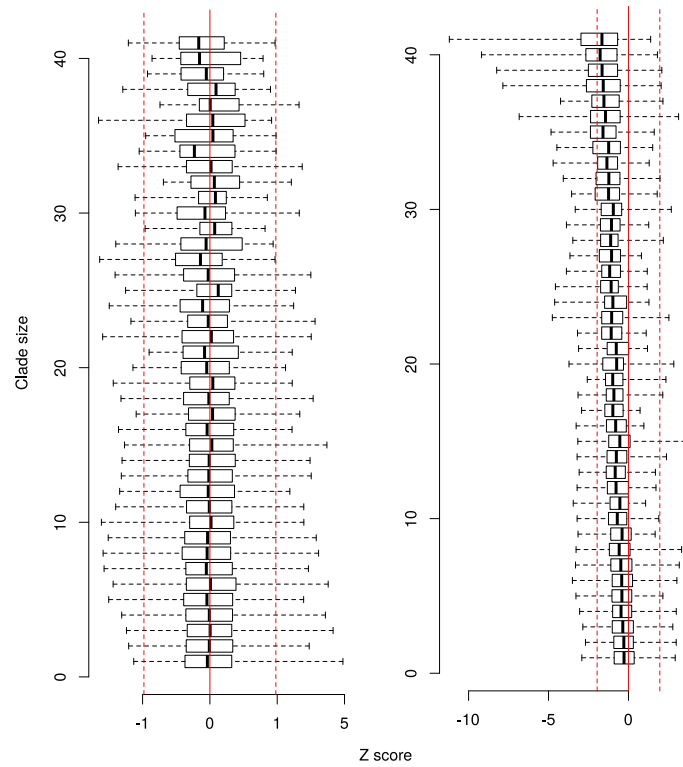


Figure S3: Distribution of the standardized test statistic ( $Z$  scores) under the null hypothesis and tabulated by clade size. Each box shows the range (whisker) and interquartile range (box) of  $Z$  scores across 1,000 simulated coalescent trees and for a particular clade size (number of tips). The red lines show the interval corresponding to a 95% confidence region. The left part is based on Kingman coalescent trees, while the right part is based on estimated time-scaled phylogenies using simulated sequences as described in the text.

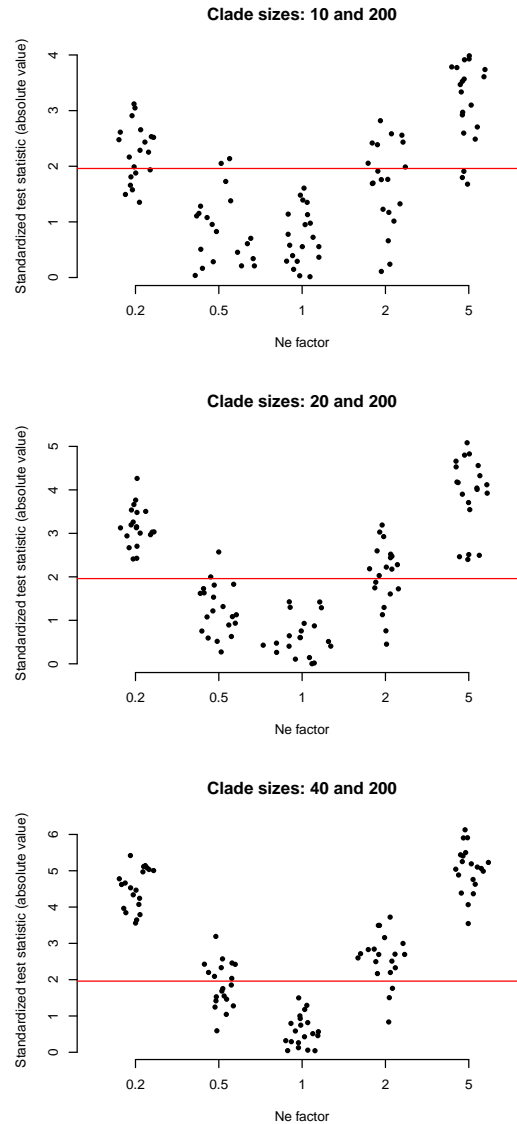
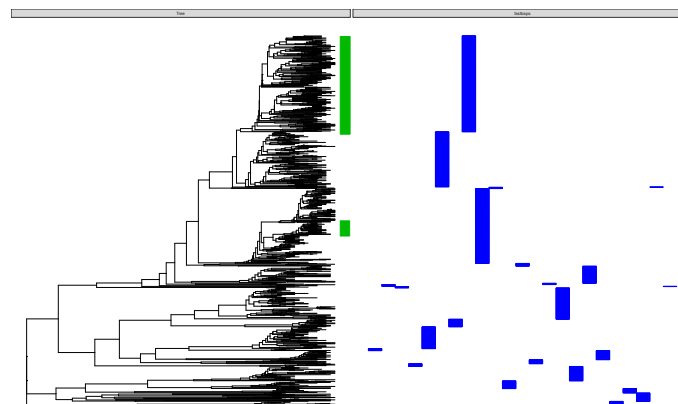


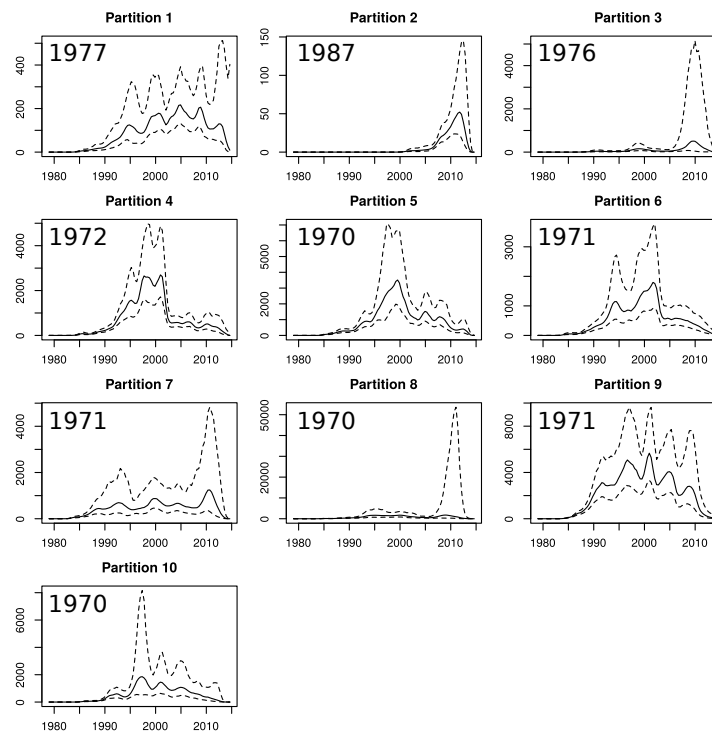
Figure S4: Power to discriminate between clades as a function of sample size and difference in effective population size. Each plot shows the absolute value of the standardized test statistic of the MRCA of a minority clade. The minority clade has an effective population size selected to provide various levels of contrast with the majority clade (see text). The x-axis shows  $(N_e^1 w)/(N_e^2 z)$  where  $z$  and  $w$  are the number of tips in the minority and majority clades, and  $N_e^1$  and  $N_e^2$  are the effective population sizes in the minority and majority clades. The red line corresponds to 1.96 which is the 95% quantile of the standard normal distribution. The top, middle and bottom panels are each based on simulations where the minority clade had 10, 20, and 40 tips respectively, whereas the majority clade always had 200 tips.





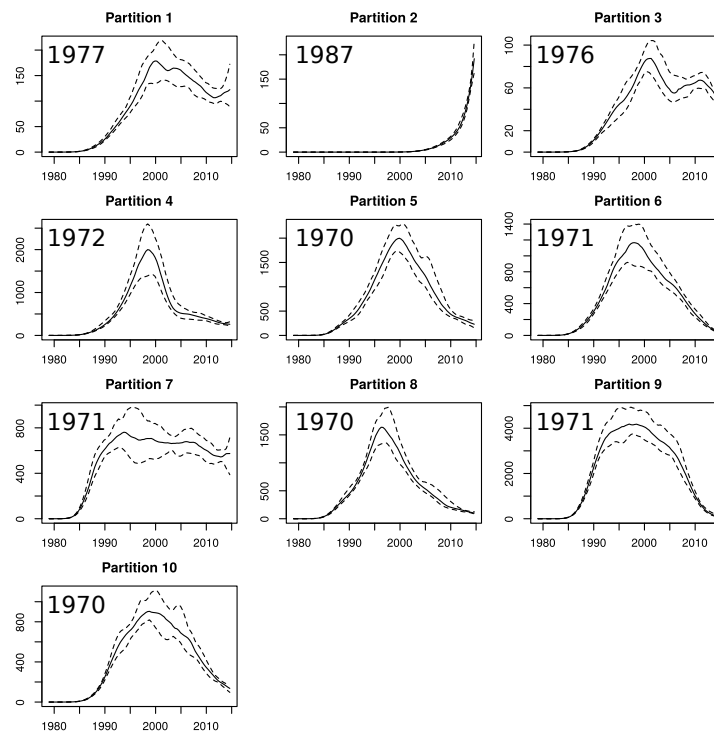
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883 Figure S5: The output of FastBAPS classification applied to 1102 *N.*  
884 *gonorrhoeae* isolates described in the main text. Clades indicated in green have  
885 CFX resistance.



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887 Figure S6: Estimated effective population size through time for each partition  
888 in the Tennessee HIV-1 phylogeny.  $N_e(t)$  was estimated using the *skygrowth*  
889 method (Volz and Didelot 2018) with precision parameter  $\tau = 1$ .



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891 Figure S7: Estimated effective population size through time for each partition  
892 in the Tennessee HIV-1 phylogeny.  $N_e(t)$  was estimated using the *skygrowth*  
893 method (Volz and Didelot 2018) with precision parameter  $\tau = 100$ .