and more Mapping Malaria with Gaussian Processes



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part 1:

malaria

malaria

 \approx 450,000,000 cases & \approx 1,000,000 deaths per year

caused by: Plasmodium falciparum P. vivax P. malariae P. ovale P. knowlesi

it is controllable and treatable



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open-access spatial info for control & elimination

global malaria **risk maps**

estimates of clinical burden

blood disorder maps

mosquito maps & more



why maps?

malaria is spatially heterogeneous

maps can:

identify **populations at risk**

evaluate impact of interventions

objectively evaluate options for control

why new maps?













why new maps?

previous maps:

poorly described evidence-base

poorly defined, subjective methods

no estimates of reliability

mapping endemicity

transmission limits

regional endemic status

biological masks

infection prevalence

P.f parasite rate surveys

formal statistical model (MBG)

P.f. transmission limits



P.f. prevalence survey data



22,212 surveys



P.f. model

$$N_{i}^{+} | N_{i}, P(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{t}_{i}) \sim \operatorname{Bin}(N_{i}, P(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{t}_{i}))$$
$$P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \operatorname{logit}^{-1}(f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) + \varepsilon)$$
$$f | \theta \sim \operatorname{GP}(M_{\theta}, C_{\theta})$$
$$\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^{2})$$

tweaks - age stratification

prevalence is age-dependent

surveys of different ages not equivalent

needed to **standardise** (2-10 year-olds)

used a Bayesian sub-model



tweaks - seasonality



temporal lag

space-time covariance

$$C(x_i, t_i; x_j, t_j) = \tau^2 \gamma(0) \frac{(\Delta x)^{\gamma(\Delta t)} K_{\gamma(\Delta t)}(\Delta x)}{2^{\gamma(\Delta t) - 1} \Gamma(\gamma(\Delta t) + 1)},$$

$$\gamma(\Delta t) = \frac{1}{2\rho + 2(1-\rho)\left[(1-\upsilon)e^{-|\Delta t|/\phi_t} + \upsilon\cos(2\pi\Delta t)\right]},$$

 $\Delta t = |t_i - t_j|$ $\Delta x = 2\sqrt{\gamma(\Delta t)} \frac{D_{GC}(x_i, x_j)\sqrt{1 - \psi^2 \cos^2(\theta(x_i, x_j) - \lambda)}}{\phi_x}$







mapping endemicity



new work: more temporal

part 2:

all the other diseases



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Global mapping of infectious disease

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The primary aim of this review was to evaluate the state of knowledge of the geographical distribution of all infectious diseases of clinical significance to humans. A systematic review was conducted to enumerate cartographic progress, with respect to the data available for mapping and the methods currently applied. The results helped define the minimum information requirements for mapping infectious disease occurrence, and a quantitative framework for assessing the mapping opportunities for all infectious diseases. This revealed that of 355 infectious diseases identified, 174 (49%) have a strong rationale for mapping and of these only 7 (4%) had been comprehensively mapped. A variety of ambitions, such as the quantification of the global burden of infectious disease, international biosurveillance, assessing the likelihood of infectious disease outbreaks and exploring the propensity for infectious disease evolution and emergence, are limited by these omissions. An overview of the factors hindering progress in disease cartography is provided. It is argued that rapid improvement in the landscape of infectious diseases mapping can be made by embracing non-conventional data sources, automation of geo-positioning and mapping procedures enabled by machine learning and information technology, respectively, in addition to harnessing

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atlas of baseline risk assessment for infectious disease



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data on many diseases $\setminus \setminus | / /$ modelling ///\\ many risk maps

challenges

fitting **accurate** models with poor data

expressing uncertainty

'one size fits all' model

sparse, presence-only data



species distribution modelling

classification (species present/absent)

function of environmental space (fundamental niche)

require **pseudo-absence** data

well studied, widely used in ecology

problems with SDM

assumes **fundamental niche** is key - communicable diseases?

assumes equilibrium - emerging diseases?

discards spatial info - disease control?





Bhatt et al. (2013) Nature

boosted regression trees



Elith *et al.* (2008)

Gaussian process SDM

GP classification outperforms best SDMs





advantages of GPs

add prior knowledge (mean function)

marginalise uncertainty from **polygon** occurrences

efficient (approximations)

extendable (spatial models ++)

movement models

human population



predicted movement





movement







biotic interactions

correlation between diseases or control measures

convolved GPs





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tweaks - anisotropy

GP captures environmental drivers

these are not isotropic

deformation of sphere inclination **angle axis ratio**

