Visualization and analysis of the emergence, evolution, and spread of pathogens.

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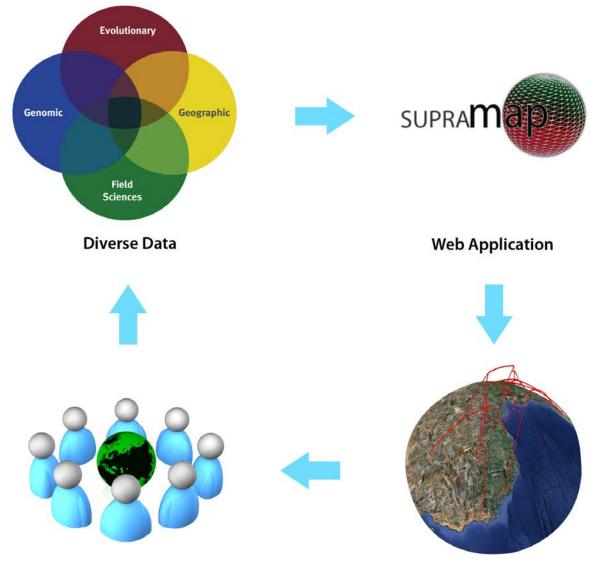
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http://github.com/supramap



Our goal is to develop means to analyze and share diverse types of data on pathogens



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Phylogenetic Mapping

Three cases of influenza like illness

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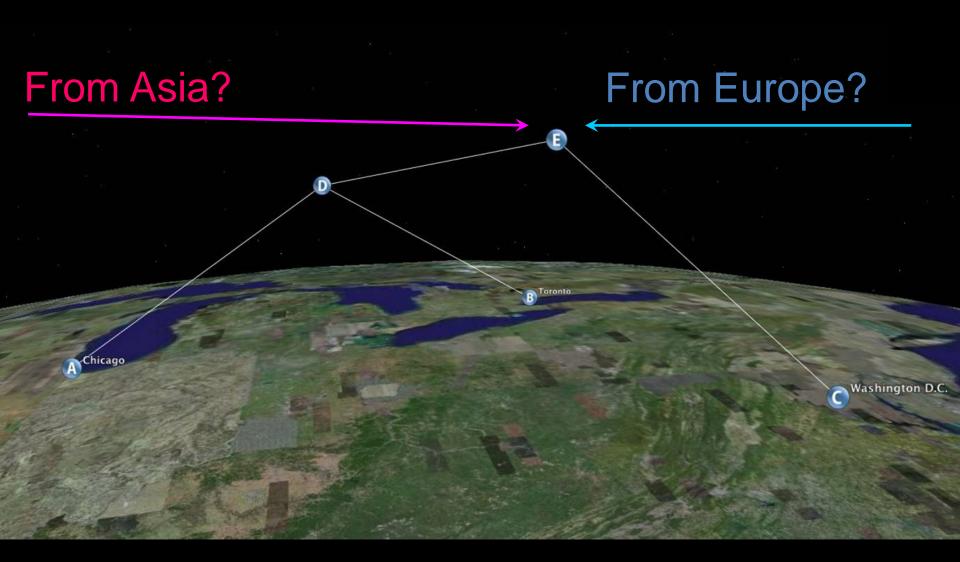
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If we sequence the genomes of the pathogens the three outbreaks can be interconnected and understood via their connections to background data

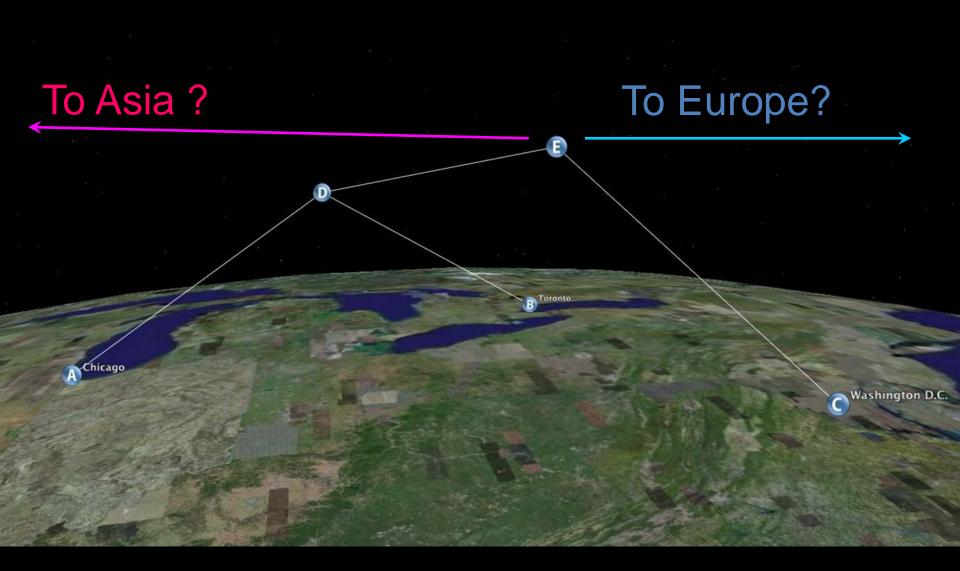
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Where did the pathogen originate ?



Or did the pathogen originate in North America and will it spread abroad ?



Which hosts carry a pathogen ?

Wild Birds Only Partly to Blame in Spreading H5N1

Experts studying the H5N1 avian influenza epidemic have long been at odds over whether wild birds play a major role in spreading the deadly disease. Last week, after poring over the latest surveillance data, a group meeting in Rome reached a consensus: Wild birds play a role in the virus's huge geographic jumps, they said in a statement at the end of the meeting, but the main means of transmission is the commercial poultry trade. With that question at least partially settled, one research group introduced a new puzzle by raising doubts about whether the right sampling techniques are being used in wild bird surveillance programs.

Meanwhile, as human H5N1 cases continue to surface in Indonesia, World Health Organization (WHO) scientists have concluded that although there may have been cases of human-to-human transmission in a family cluster, there is still no evidence that the behavior of the virus is changing.

Much of the attention at the International Scientific Conference on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds, jointly sponsored by the Romebased United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Organization for Animal Health in Paris, focused on the results of the European Union's wild bird surveillance program. According to FAO, among nearly 100,000 dead and live wild birds tested for the H5N1 virus over the past 10 months, 741 proved positive, all of them dead. The H5N1-infected birds came from 13 European countries, with Germany the hardest hit.

Although the European surveillance program did not find any live birds carrying the any, form a natural reservoir for the virus. A group from Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Netherlands, presented yet-to-be-published results suggesting that healthy birds can carry the virus and go undetected, as has been suggested by recent studies. They experimentally infected six species of wild ducks with the H5N1 virus and saw a spectrum of responses ranging from quick death to no clinical signs of illness. Perhaps even more significant, they found that the virus is shed far more heavily in an infected bird's pharynx than through its feces. Thijs Kuiken, a veterinary pathologist involved in the study, says this raises questions about the conclusiveness of current sampling techniques that rely on cloacal swabs or the collection of bird droppings. For future

Dead in the water. Wild swans were some of the first victims of H5N1 in Europe.



important; so many clues could be clarified," says Slingenbergh.

Separately, WHO is continuing to follow the largest cluster of human H5N1 cases uncovered so far, involving an initial apparent case in a 37-year-old Indonesian woman living

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Doubts hang over source of bird flu spread

The H5NI avian flu virus has spread to Africa and the European Union for the first time. Attention is focused on controlling the outbreaks, especially in Nigeria, where, as *Nature* went to press, four farms in two adjacent provinces were confirmed as being affected, with further spread suspected. But experts are also urgently trying to confirm the cause of the virus's geographical spread. Although migratory birds have been widely blamed, some believe that the risks posed by the poultry trade are being overlooked.



Gallitormes
Anseriformes
Passeriformes
Charadriformes
Charadriformes
Human
Columbidae
Artiodactyla
Accipitriformes
Ardeidae
Carnivora
Corvidae
Arthropoda
Ambiguous

H5N1 influenza

Indonesia

Korea and Japan

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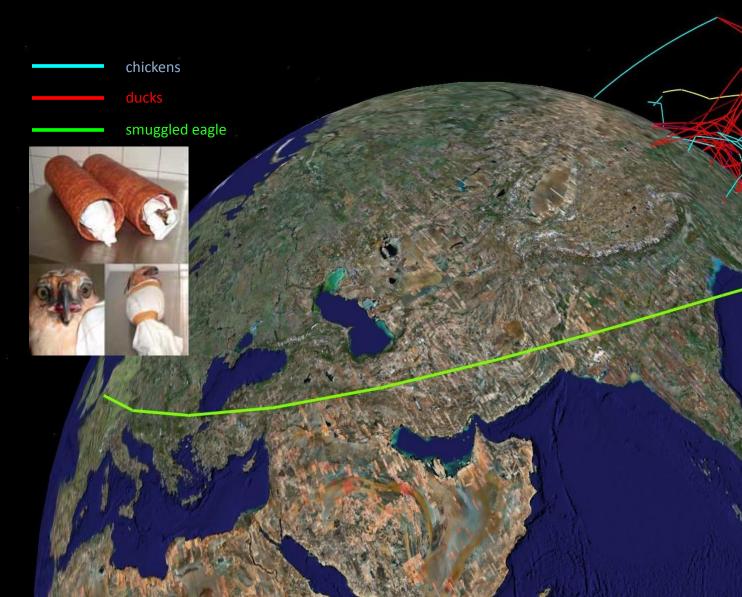
Genomic Analysis and Geographic Visualization of the Spread of Avian Influenza (H5N1)

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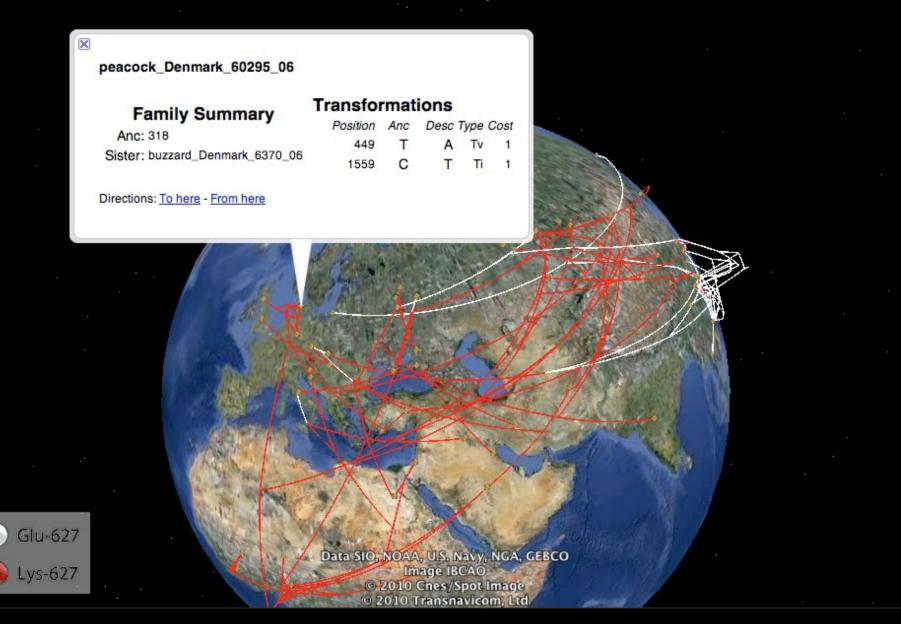
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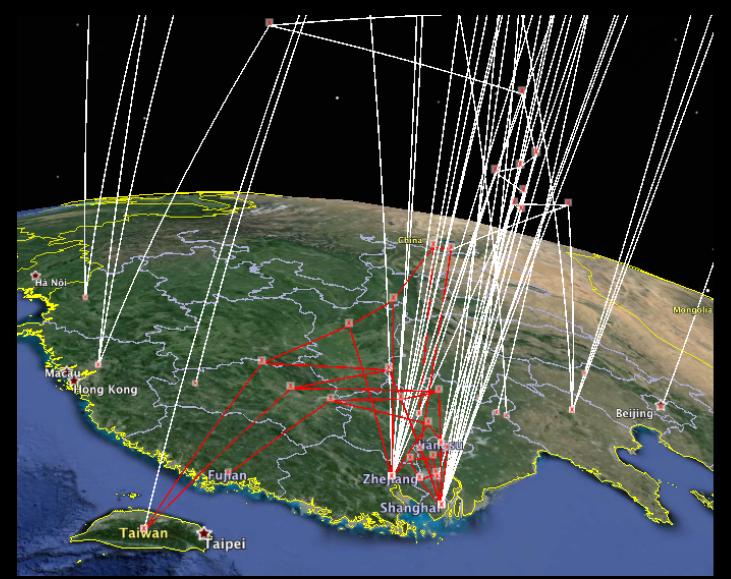
Which trade processes carry a pathogen?



Molecular Evolution of the Avian Influenza (H5N1) PB2 protein. This mutation confers increased replication in mammals

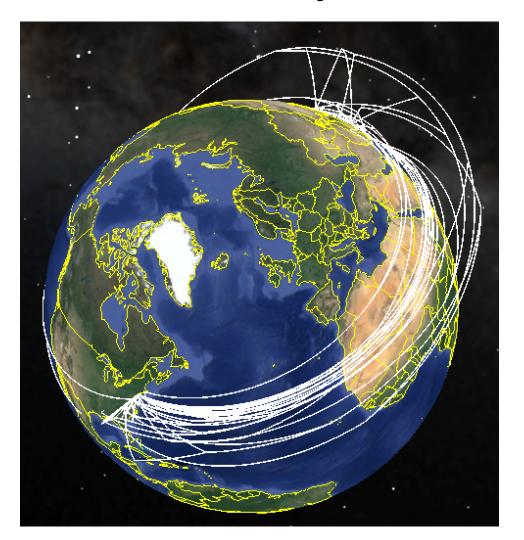


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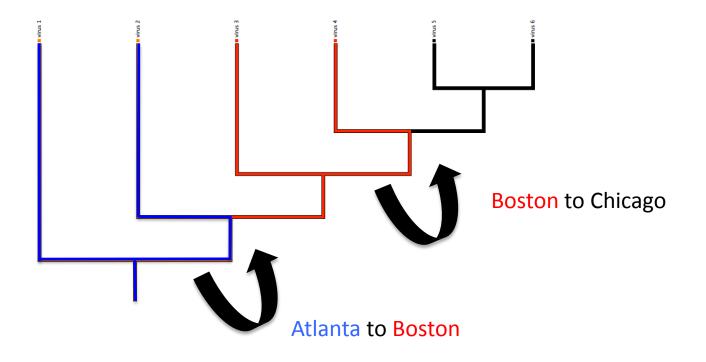
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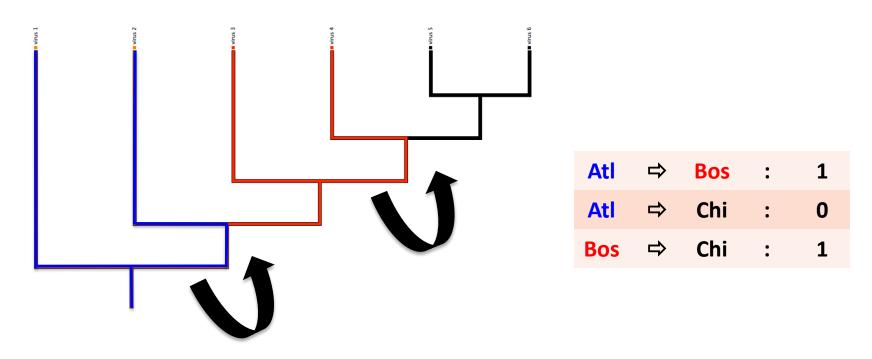
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Transmission Events

Given a tree generated by phylogenetic analysis of genetic sequences for pathogens, Transmission events are discovered by change in the "place of isolation" character optimized on a tree (e.g., Atlanta, Boston, Chicago).



Quantifying the Transmission Events



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