

A DYNAMIC SYSTEM TO MANAGE SUBDIVIDED POPULATIONS USING MOLECULAR MARKERS

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Conservation Genetics

⇒ maintenance of genetic diversity

loss of diversity



genetic drift

depends on N_e



$$\sigma_{qt}^2 = p_0 q_0 \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2N} \right)^t \right]$$

$$F_t = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2N} \right)^t$$

Sensible strategy ⇒ largest populations (single)

logistic reasons



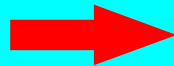
several nucleus (subpopulations) kept



reduction in the risk of environmental extinctions

(fires, infectious diseases, predators, ...)

theoretically



**maximum long-term
diversity by subdivision**





low census size per subpopulation



inbreeding depression

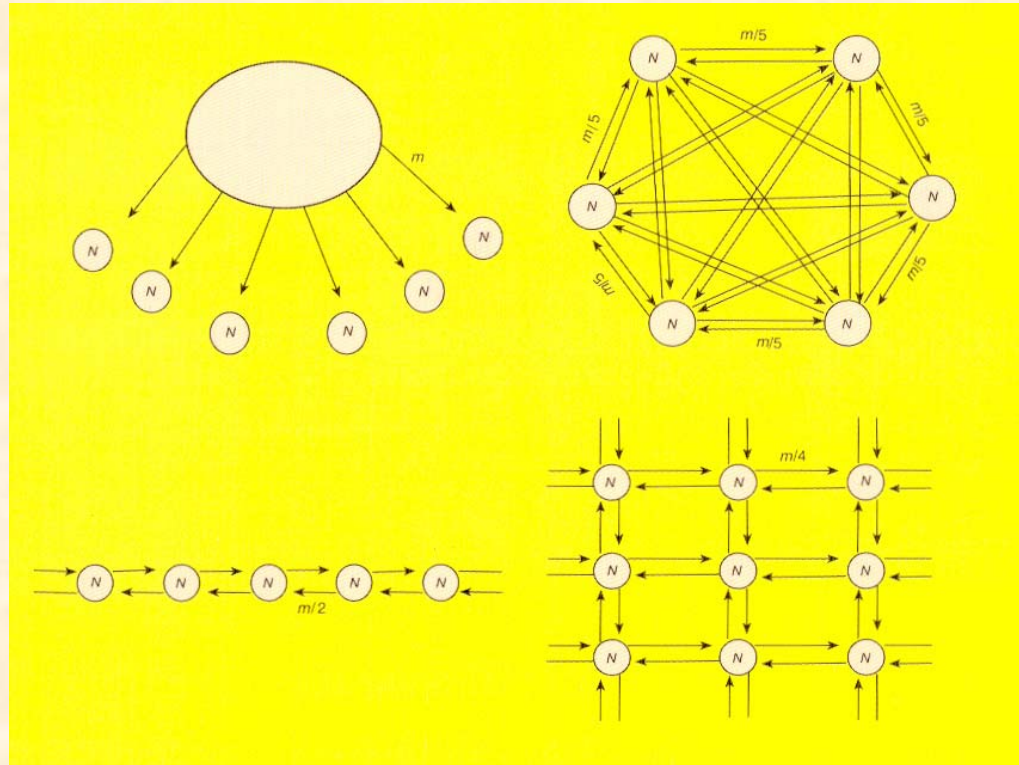
solution



gene flow



MIGRATION



✓ compromise between inbreeding,
global diversity and (differentiation)

PREVIOUS WORK

Fernández et al. (2008)

Dynamic method of management of metapopulations

⇒ based on pedigree

- ✓ method efficient in balancing
 -  *global diversity*
 -  *inbreeding levels*
- ✓ accounts for population structure

⇒ *non regular rate/scheme of flow*

METAPOP

- ✓ able to control number of migrants

OBJECTIVE

- to test the efficiency of dynamic method when based on molecular information



MATERIAL AND METHODS

Computer simulations

- **20 chromosomes of 1 M length**
- **100 genomic loci (evenly spaced) per chromosome**
- **pedigree recorded every generation**
- **1, 2, 5 or 10 markers per chromosome**
- **2, 5 or 10 alleles per locus**

Base population

➤ 5 subpopulations

✓ Structure

E *same size / 1:1 sex ratio*

D *different sizes and sex ratios*

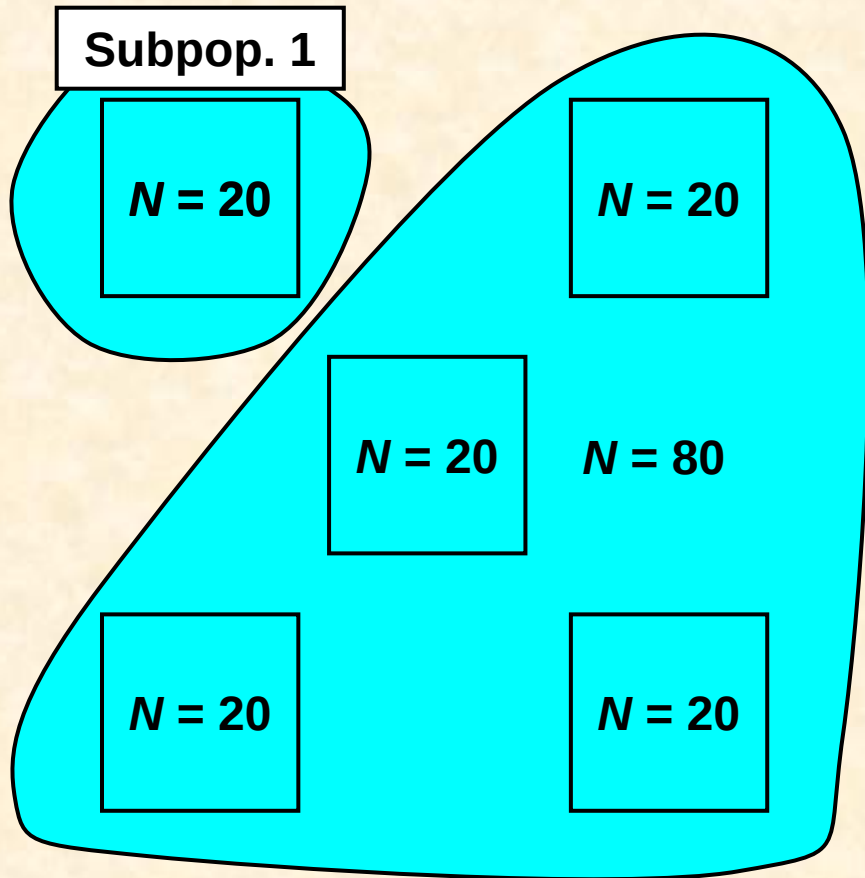
✓ Relation

U *non inbred/unrelated individuals*

R *differential relationships*

✓ *more inbred*

✓ *less related*



✓ same number of
males and females

✓ 5 discrete generations

✓ random { contributions
mating

✓ ten discrete generations

➤ Management system

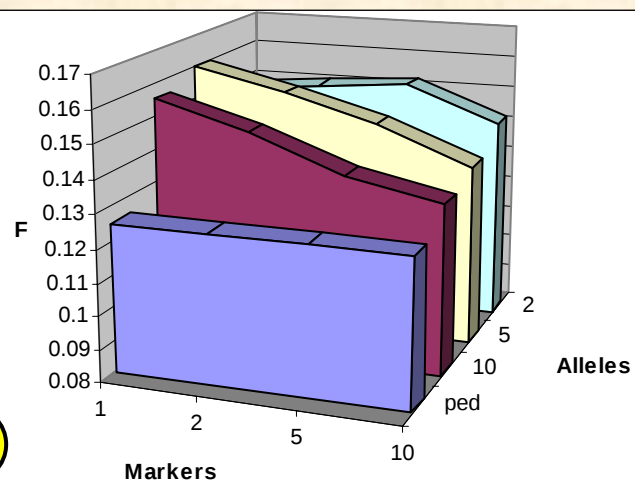
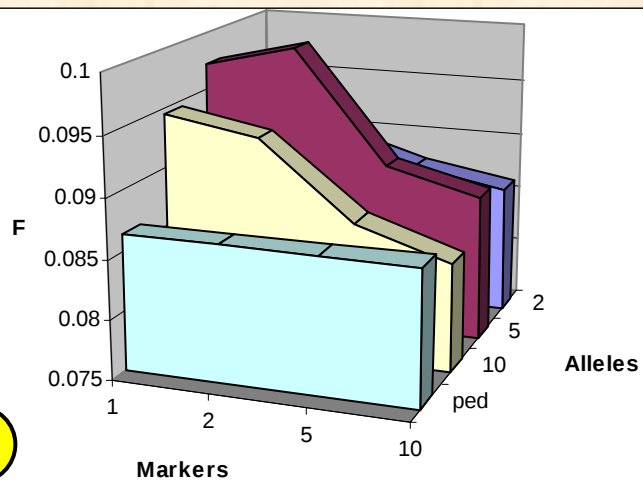
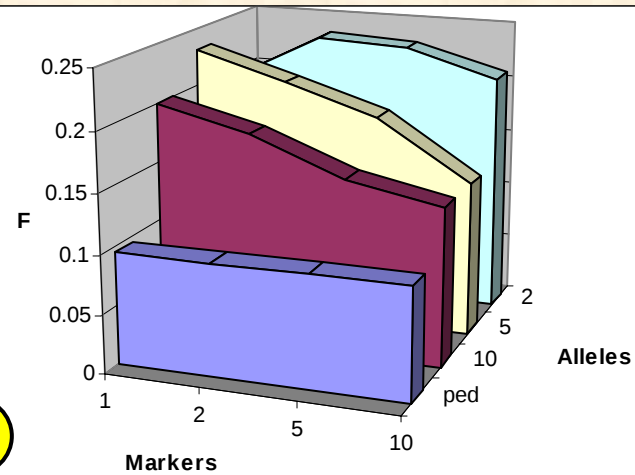
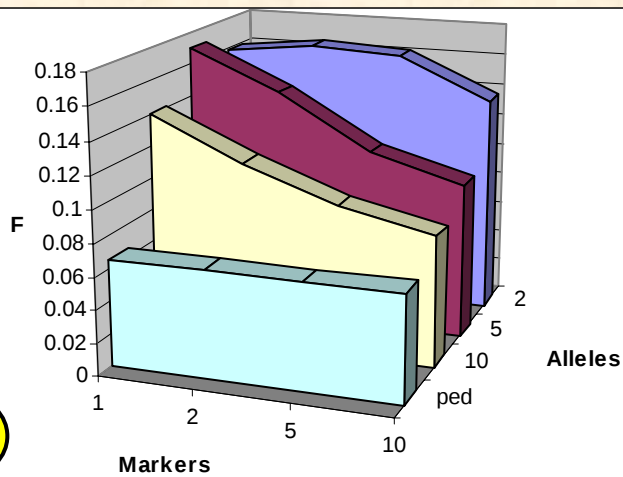
✓ Dynamic method $\begin{cases} \lambda = 1, 10 \\ M = 1 \end{cases}$ $\lambda = \text{within population diversity weighting factor}$

coancestry $\begin{cases} \checkmark \text{ from pedigree} \\ \checkmark \text{ from markers} \end{cases}$

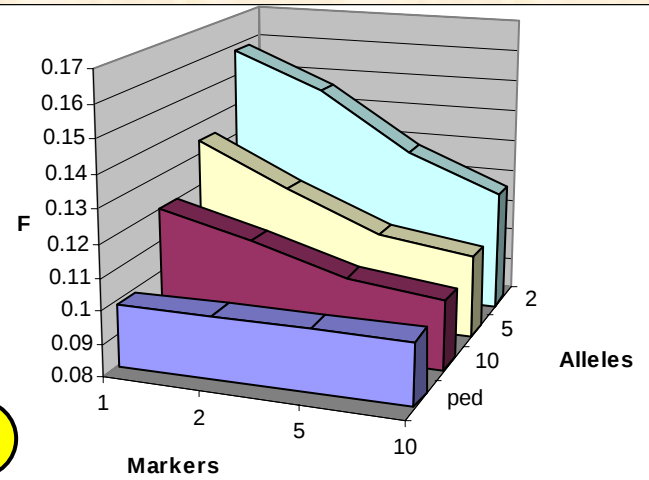
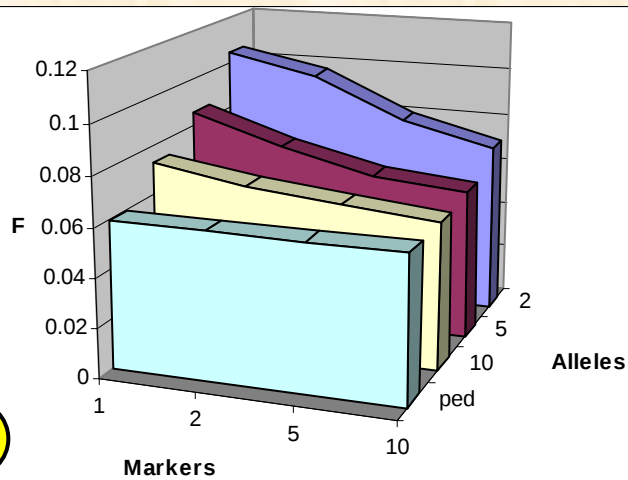
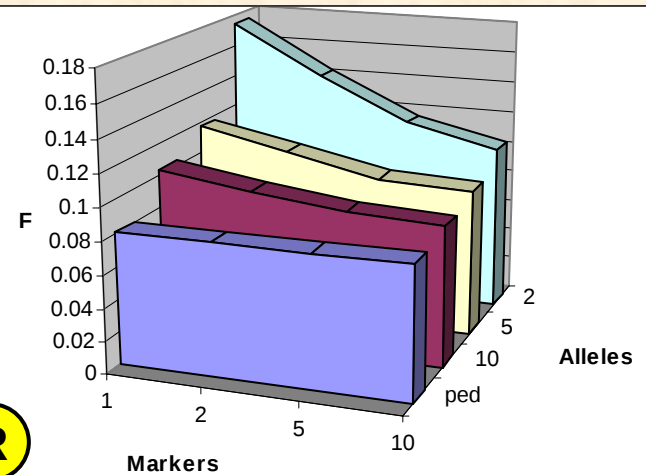
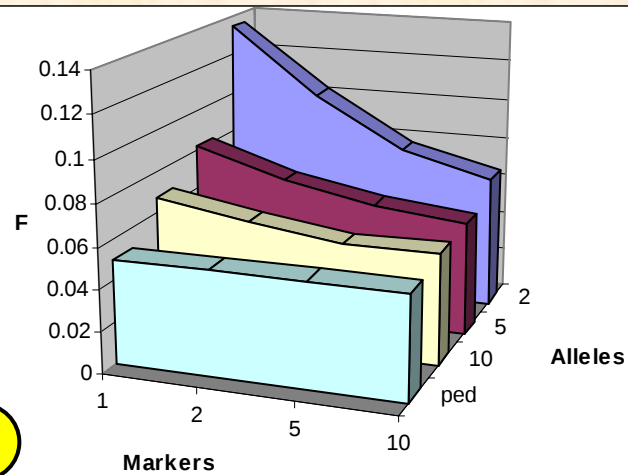
random mating within subpopulations

RESULTS

$$\lambda = 1$$



$$\lambda = 10$$



SUMMARISING

✓ pedigree outperforms markers

⇒ *more than 10 markers per chromosome with 10 alleles*

✓ similar results as with single populations

⇒ *Fernández et al. 2005*

✓ more realistic with some linkage disequilibrium

⇒ *future work*

THANK YOU!!