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Multigenerational estimation of relatedness from molecular markers

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Knowledge of relationship between individuals

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graph TD; A[Knowledge of relationship between individuals] --> B[Parameters estimation]; A --> C[Population management]; A --> D[Ecological/behavioural studies];
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Parameters estimation

- *heritability*
- *genetic variance*
- *EBV*

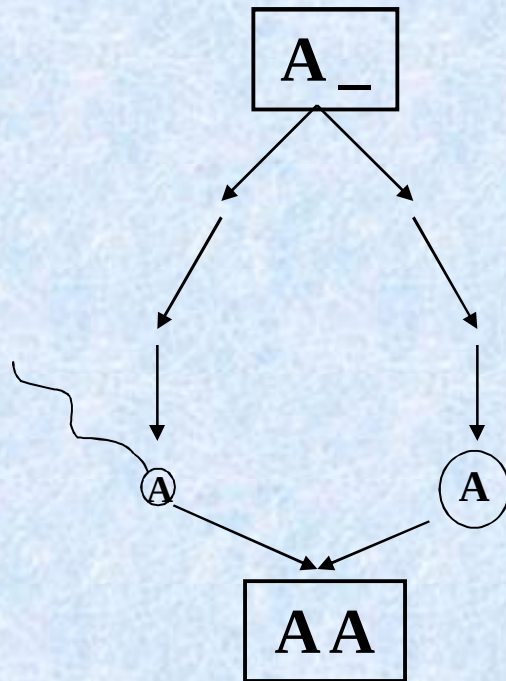
Population management

- *inbreeding avoidance*
- *maintenance of variability*

Ecological/behavioural studies

- *reproductive success*
- *dispersal/structure*
- *mating behaviour*

Identical By Descent

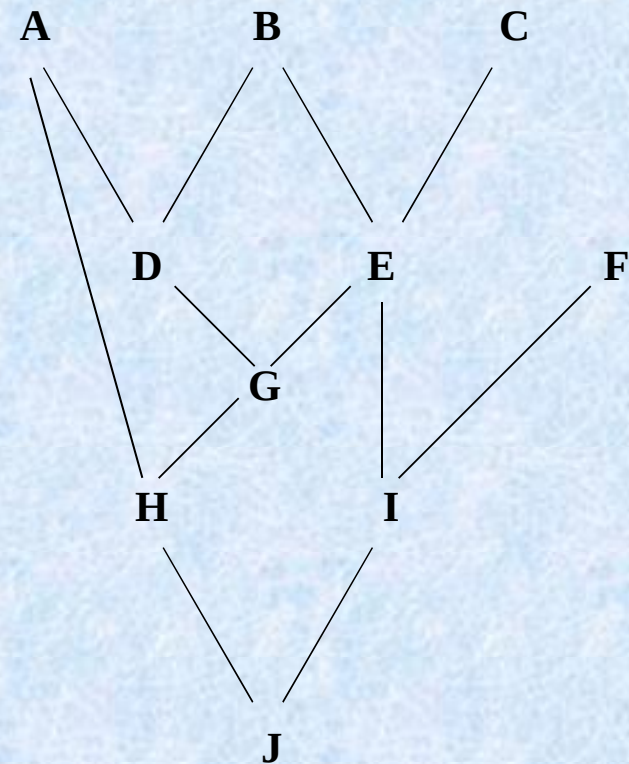


$$f_{HI} = \frac{1}{4}(f_{AE} + f_{AF} + f_{GE} + f_{GF})$$

$$f_{CD} = \frac{1}{2}(f_{CA} + f_{CB})$$

$$f_{AA} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + F_A)$$

PEDIGREE



Almost all natural }
Many captive } **populations $\Rightarrow$ *lack of genealogical records***

USE OF MOLECULAR MARKERS

(allozymes, DNA markers, etc)

f_{Mij} = molecular coancestry

Identical By State

“... probability that two alleles taken at random, one from each individual, are equal ...”

$A_1 A_3$
①

$A_1 A_3$
②

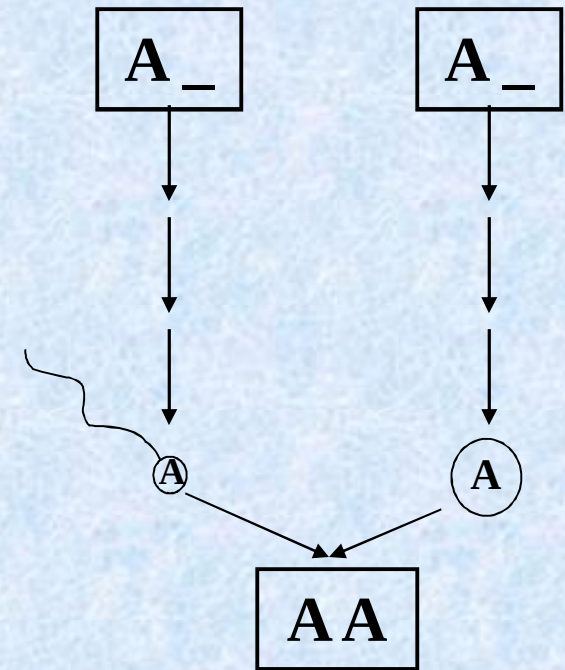
$A_2 A_3$
③

$A_2 A_4$
④

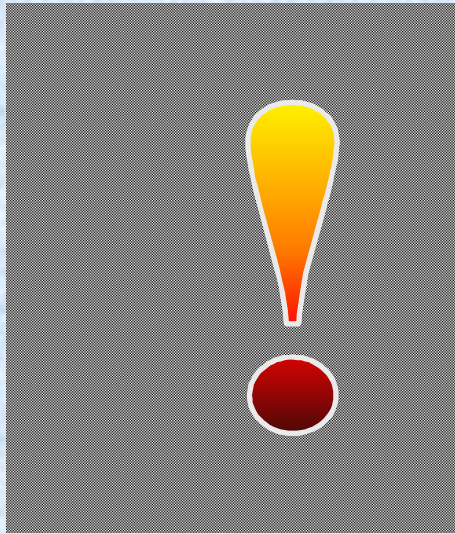
$$1 - 2 \Rightarrow f_M = 0.5$$

$$1 - 3 \Rightarrow f_M = 0.25$$

$$1 - 4 \Rightarrow f_M = 0$$



equals $\Rightarrow$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IBD} \\ \text{IBS} \end{array} \right\}$



- leading to incompatible FS families
- depending on estimated frequencies
- familiar structure must be known *a priori*
- limited number of types of relationship

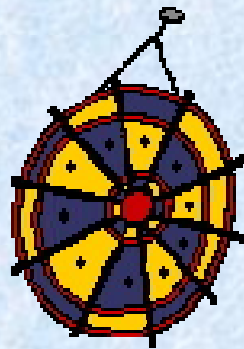
Fernández and Toro (2006)

➤ **correlation between molecular and estimated pedigree coancestry matrices**

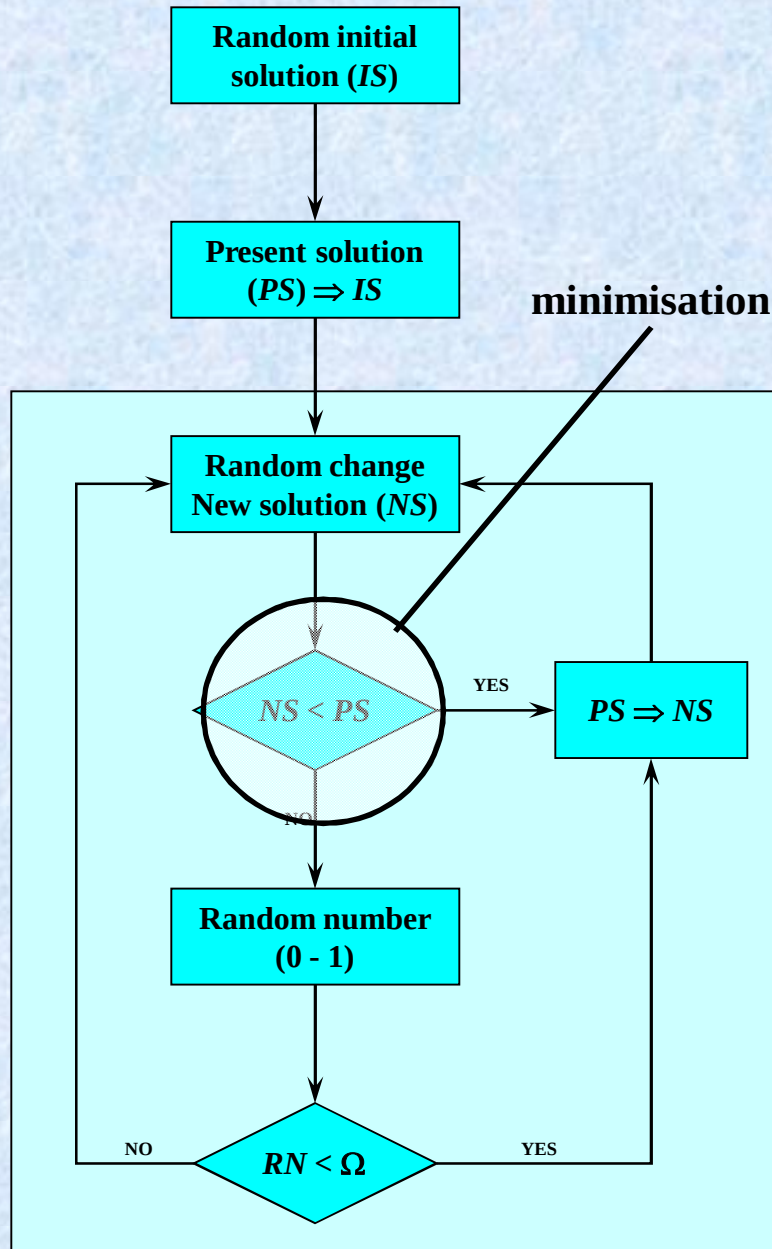
- Only contemporary individuals (assuming no ancestors)

OBJECTIVE

- to extend the F&T method to allow for individuals from different generations



- ✓ **‘random’ generation of genealogies**
- ✓ **‘guided walk’ through solutions’ space**
 - ⇒ *correlation between molecular and estimated pedigree coancestry matrices*
- ✓ **markers compatibility**
 - ⇒ *parent - offspring*
 - ⇒ *FS families*
- ✓ **age compatibility (if this information available)**
 - ⇒ *parents older than offspring*
 - ⇒ *age of sexual maturity*



$$\Omega = e^{-\frac{NS - PS}{T}}$$

- several rounds
- a little 'colder'



$$T \downarrow \quad \Omega \downarrow$$

- go on with the cycle
- not accepting further changes

MATERIAL AND METHODS

➤ Computer simulations

- ✓ Two different pedigrees (small or large)**
- ✓ 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 independent codominant markers**
- ✓ 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 alleles per marker**
- ✓ Averaged over 20 replicates**

Case 1

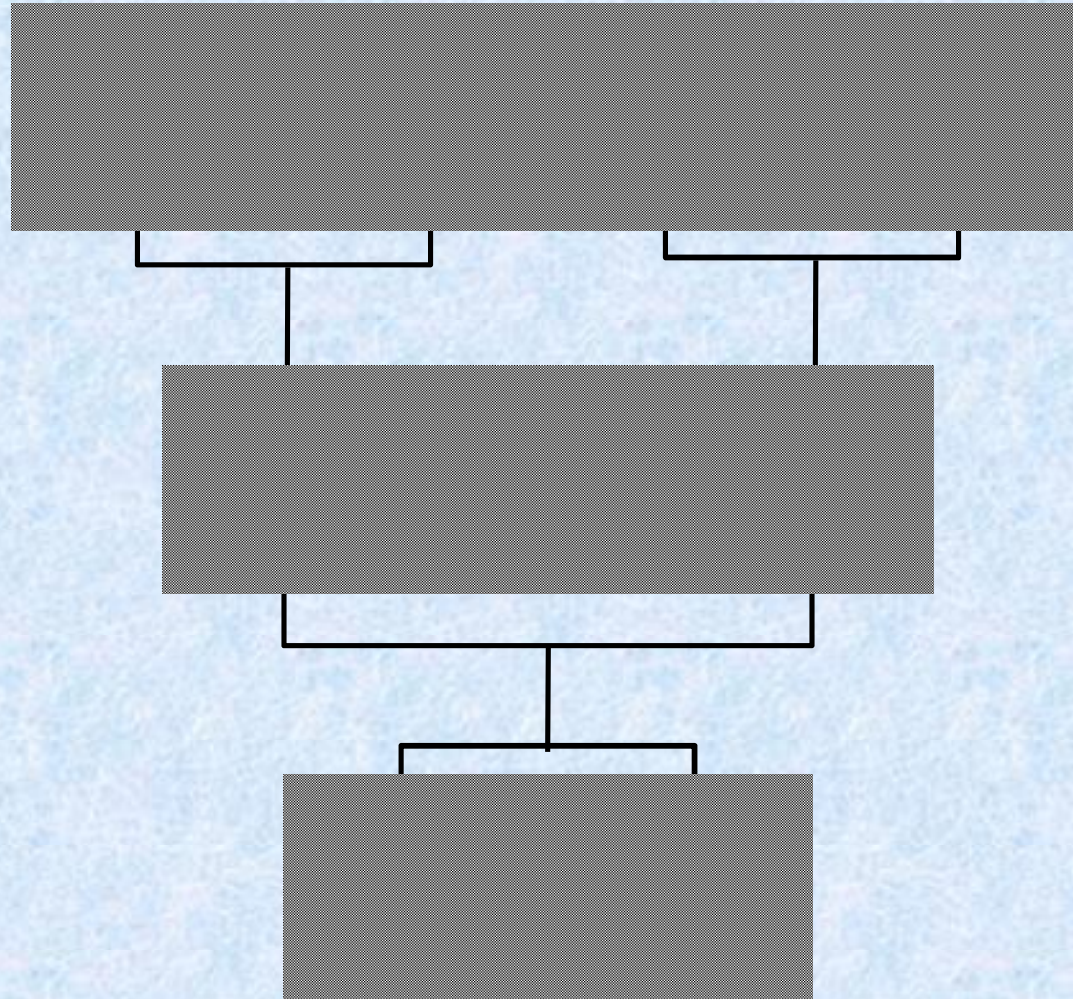
Age

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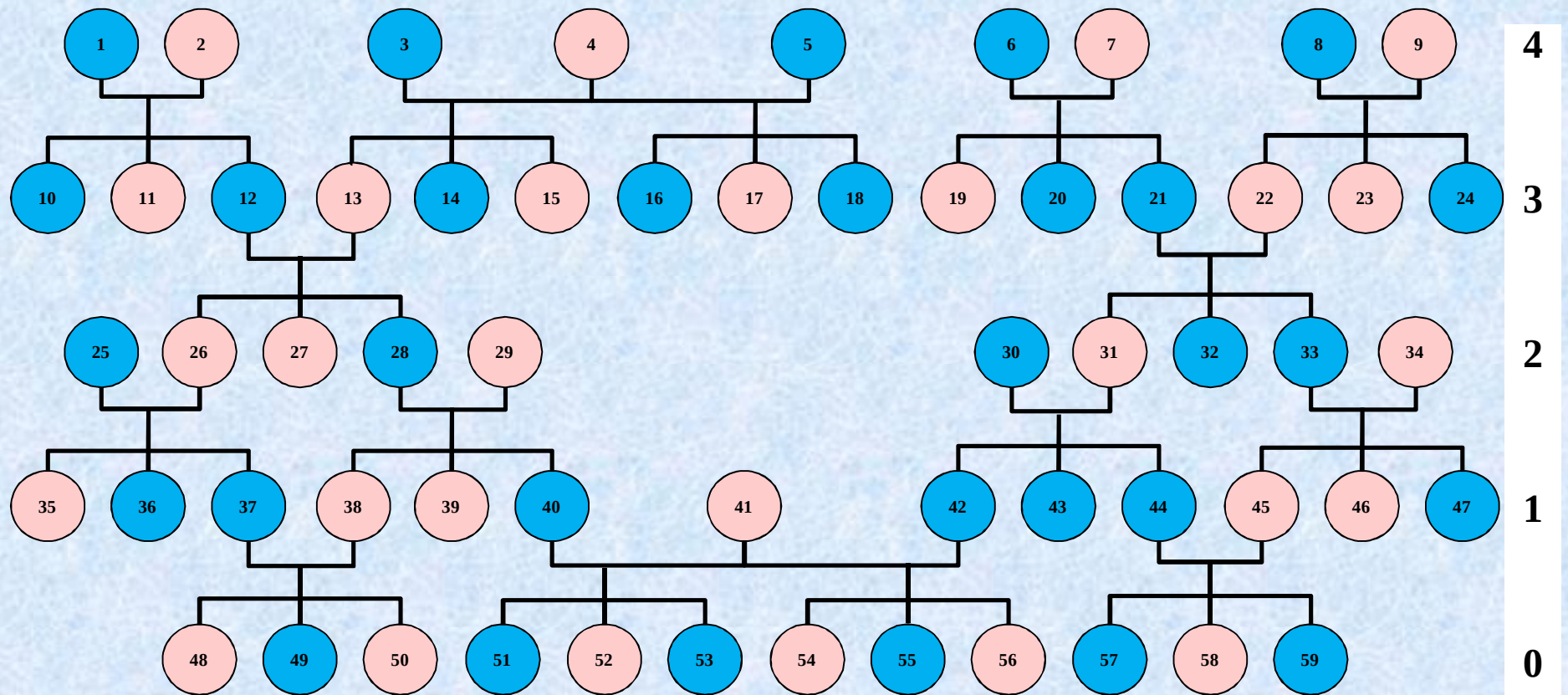
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0

✓ 3 generations



Case 2



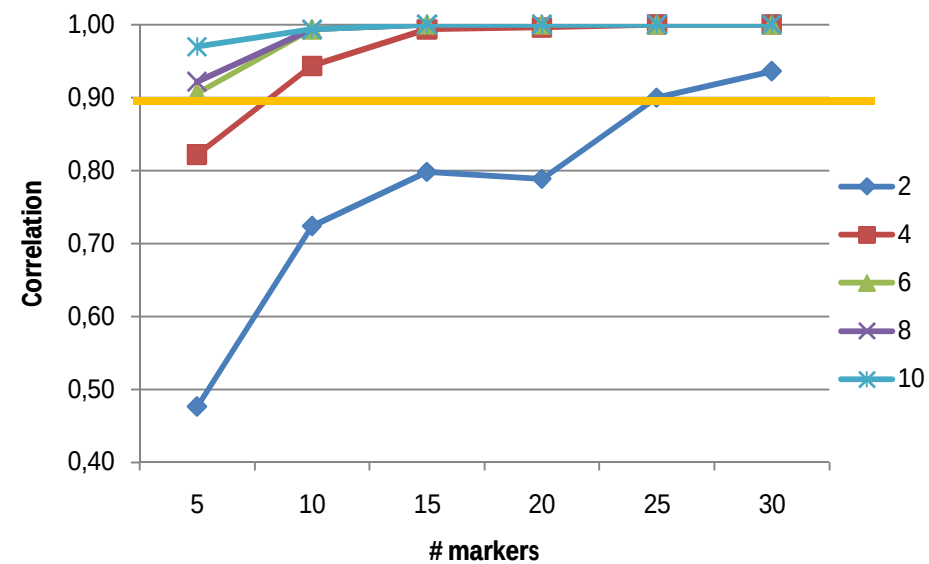
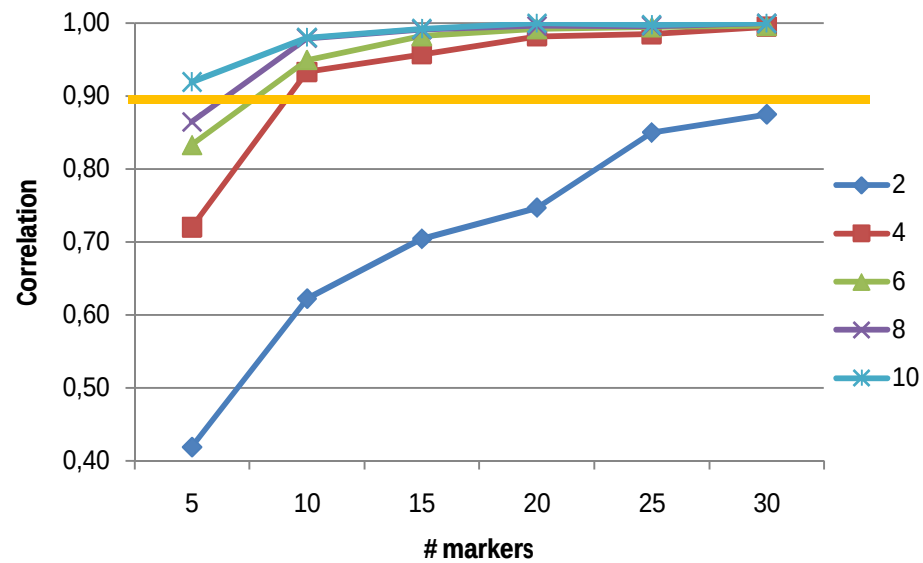
✓ 5 generations

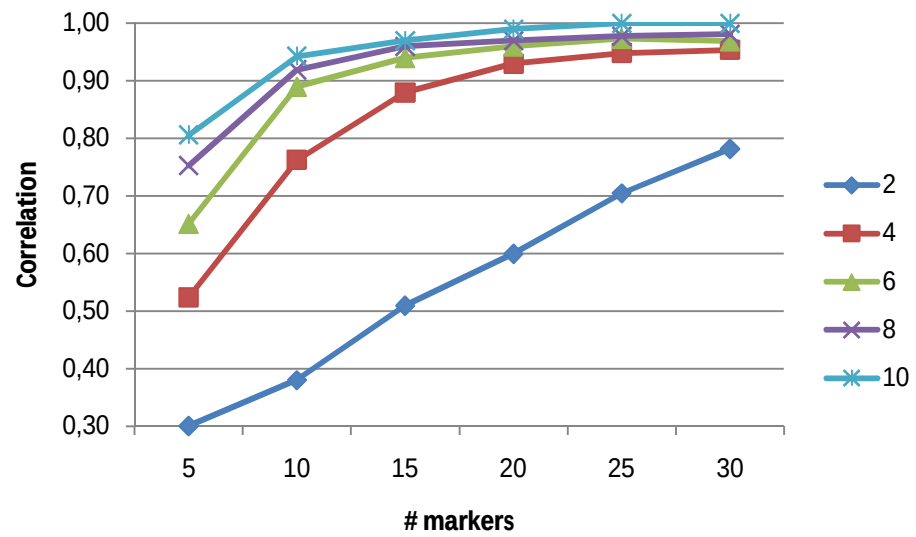
➤ **Measures of fit**

- ✓ **Correlation between real and estimated coancestry matrices**
- ✓ **Number of errors in triplets**
- ✓ **Percentage of completely correct pedigrees**

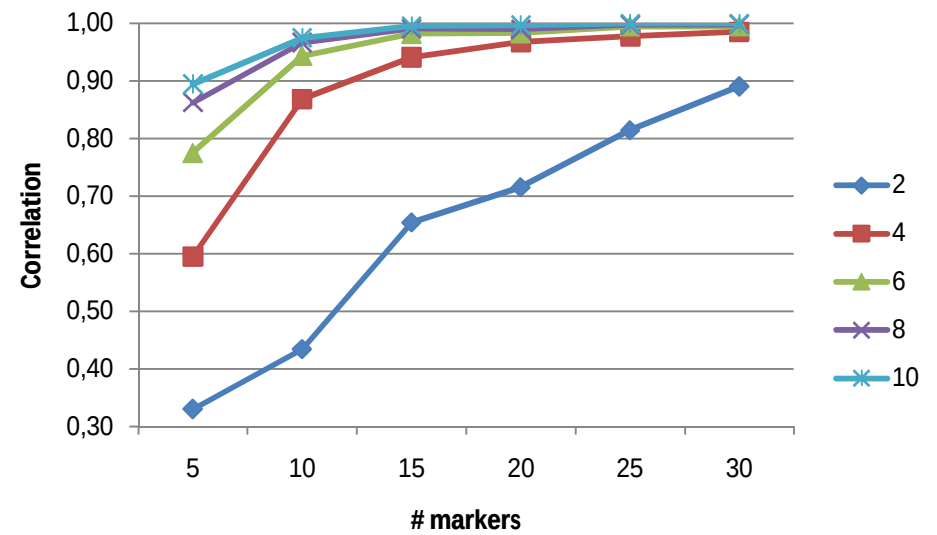
RESULTS

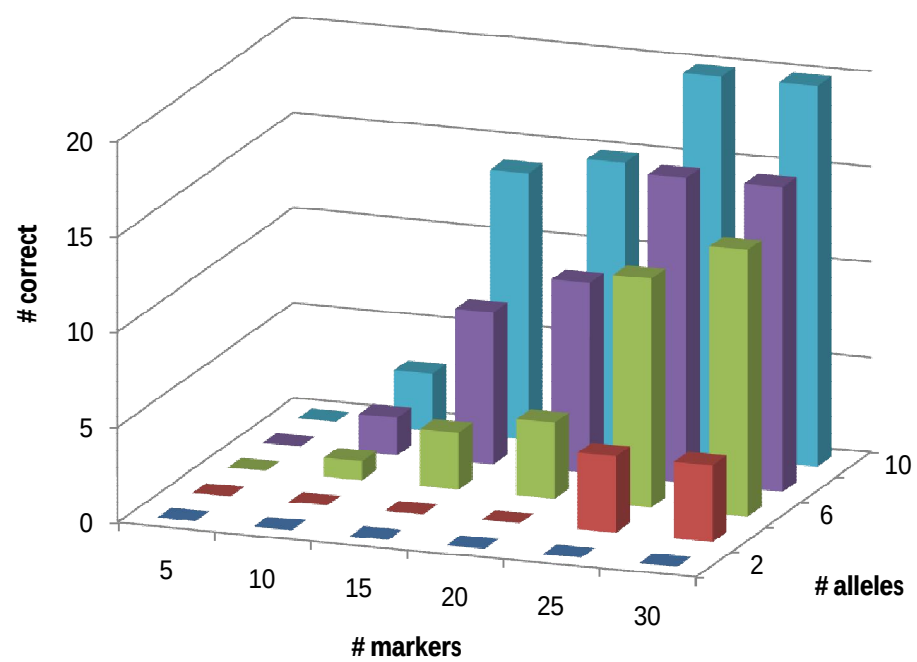
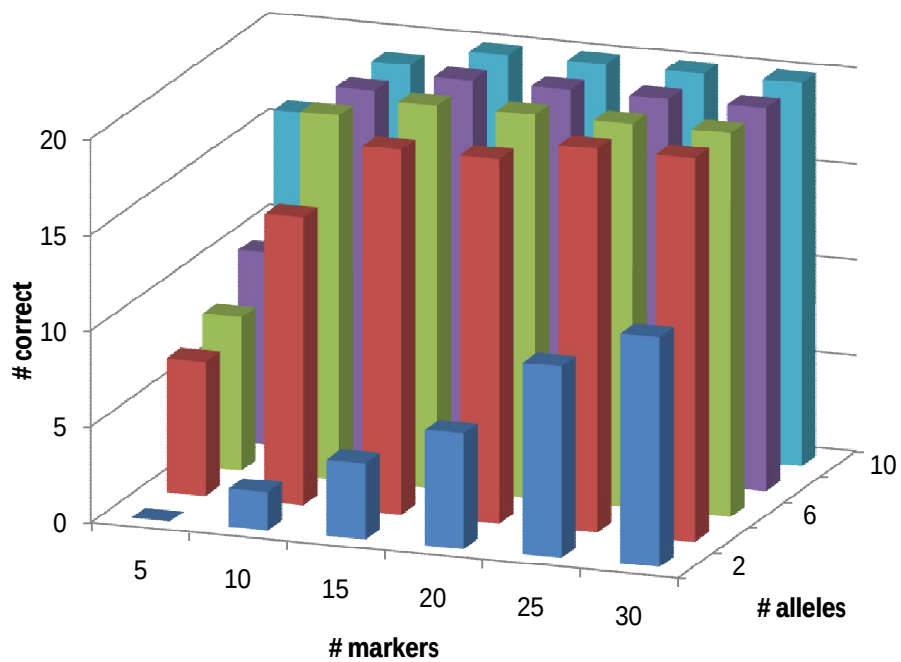
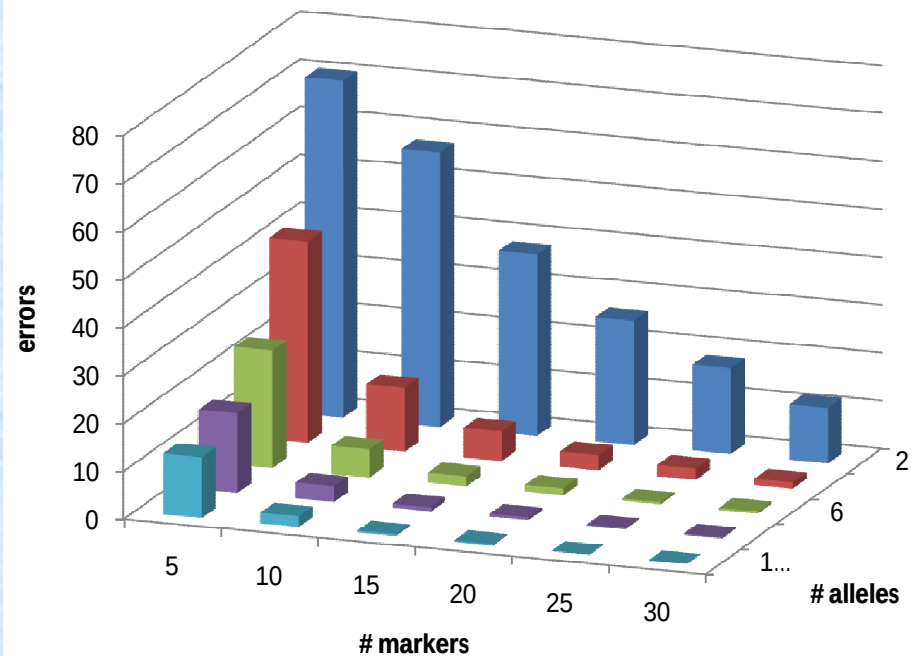
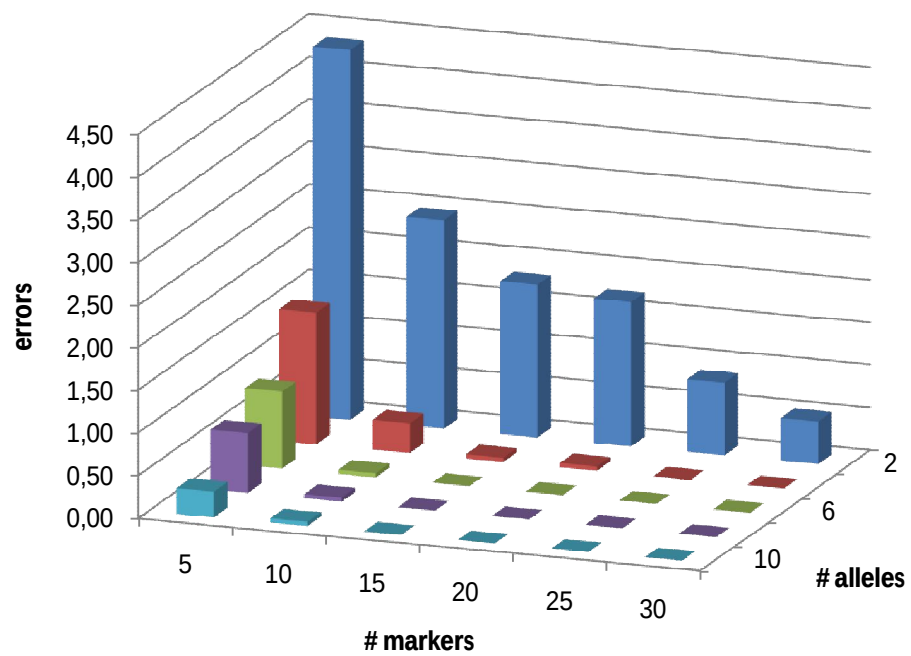
Case 1





Case 2







TO TAKE HOME *(or sit-in)*

- ✓ **Powerful with a reasonable amount of molecular information**
- ✓ **Improves when ages known**
- ✓ **Can cope with complex situations**

Under development

- **Including ‘virtual’ individuals**
 - ✓ **Complete gaps**
- **Include known relationships**
- **Test under HWD and LD**

THANK YOU!