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## Two-Level Diallel Cross Experiments II. Incomplete Environmental Designs\*

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### 1. Introduction

As a possible experimental procedure for studying and evaluating interpopulation crosses (to be understood in a very general sense), HINKELMANN (1974) proposed a two-level diallel cross experiment. The mating design for this experiment, involving  $m$  populations and  $n$  individuals per population, calls for  $m(m-1)/2$  "population crosses" and  $n^2$  "individual crosses" for each population cross. This may lead to a rather large number of crosses and hence to a large number of seedlings that have to be grown.

It is here then that we have to give attention to the second design aspect for a genetic experiment: the environmental design (for a more general discussion of design aspects we refer to HINKELMANN, 1975). In this paper we propose a practical and workable plan for the layout of the field experiment for the two-level diallel cross. This environmental design is an incomplete block design of a special type reflecting the particular structure of the underlying mating design.

### 2. The environmental design

As pointed out earlier, in order to accommodate the generally large number of crosses and adequately control environmental effects one will need to use some form of incomplete block design. Rather than using the most general approach to this end, i.e., identify the crosses with treatments and use any available incomplete block design, we shall consider a design that takes into account the fact that the crosses have a two-level structure. This allows us to affect a reduction in block size at both levels either separately or simultaneously. From the point of view of

simplicity of experimentation it seems fairly obvious here to consider a reduction in block size through the population crosses as follows.

For a two-level diallel in a randomized complete block design each block would consist of  $m(m-1)n^2/2$  crosses, i.e.,  $n^2$  individual crosses for each of the  $t = m(m-1)/2$  population crosses. One way to reduce the block size is to reduce the number of population crosses occurring in a block. We achieve this by relating the  $t$  population crosses to the treatments of an incomplete block design as illustrated in Fig. 1 for  $m = 4$ . This triangular array tells us that, for example, population cross P, X P, corresponds to treatment 5, etc. We now look for an appropriate balanced incomplete (BIB) or partially balanced incomplete block (PBIB) design with blocks of size  $k$  as listed in COCHRAN and COX (1957) or CLATWORTHY (1973). Each block of the resulting environment-

	P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>4</sub>
P <sub>1</sub>	*	1	2	3
P <sub>2</sub>		*	4	5
P <sub>3</sub>			*	6
P <sub>4</sub>				*

Fig. 1. — Correspondence between population crosses and treatments of an incomplete block design.

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Table 1. — Example of an incomplete environmental design (only the population crosses are indicated).

Block	Population crosses
1	$P_1 \times P_2$ , $P_1 \times P_3$ , $P_2 \times P_4$
2	$P_1 \times P_2$ , $P_1 \times P_3$ , $P_3 \times P_4$
3	$P_1 \times P_2$ , $P_1 \times P_4$ , $P_2 \times P_3$
4	$P_1 \times P_2$ , $P_1 \times P_4$ , $P_3 \times P_4$
5	$P_1 \times P_2$ , $P_2 \times P_3$ , $P_2 \times P_4$
6	$P_1 \times P_3$ , $P_1 \times P_4$ , $P_2 \times P_3$
7	$P_1 \times P_3$ , $P_1 \times P_4$ , $P_2 \times P_4$
8	$P_1 \times P_3$ , $P_2 \times P_3$ , $P_3 \times P_4$
9	$P_1 \times P_4$ , $P_2 \times P_4$ , $P_3 \times P_4$
10	$P_2 \times P_3$ , $P_2 \times P_4$ , $P_3 \times P_4$

al design for the two-level diallel cross contains  $kn^2$  plots with seedlings from  $kn^2$  crosses rather than from  $tn^2$  crosses as for a randomized complete block design.

Table 1 gives an example for  $m = 4$  populations, i.e.,  $t = 6$  population crosses, using BIB plan 11.4 of COCHRAN and COX (1957) together with the correspondence set up in Fig. 1. Each of the  $k = 3$  "plots" per block contains seedlings from  $n^2$  individual crosses.

So far we have described the procedure for finding an appropriate incomplete environmental design in general terms, using any available incomplete block design. However, AGGARWAL (1973) has pointed out (see also HINKELMANN, 1975) that PBIB designs with a triangular association scheme (T-PBIB) are particularly well suited for diallels of Type II (HINKELMANN and STERN, 1960) as they relate in a natural way, through their analysis, to the concepts of general and specific combining abilities (associated with the population crosses in our case). For this reason we shall confine ourselves in the following sections to T-PBIB designs as the generators of incomplete environmental designs (see also Section 4).

### 3. Statistical analysis

Let  $Y_{(ik)(jl)z}$  denote the observation for the offspring (seedling) of the mating  $I_{ik} \times I_{jl}$  (where  $I_{ik}$  refers to the  $k$ th individual (tree) in  $P_i$ , the  $i$ th population) in block  $z$  of the environmental design. The basic model underlying the analysis is of the form

$$Y_{(ik)(jl)z} = \mu + c_{(ik)(jl)} + b_z + \varepsilon_{(ik)(jl)z} \quad (1)$$

where

$$c_{(ik)(jl)} = G_i + G_j + S_{ij} + g_{ik} + g_{jl} + s_{(ik)(jl)}. \quad (2)$$

Where  $c_{(ik)(jl)}$  refers to the effect of the cross  $I_{ik} \times I_{jl}$ , and  $b_z$  is the effect of the  $z$ th block. For the meaning and definition of the other parameters we refer to HINKELMANN (1974). Since we are using an incomplete block design only certain combinations  $(ik)(jl)z$  occur based on the generating T-PBIB design as outlined in Section 2.

Estimates of the combining abilities in (2) are obtained as linear combinations of the estimates of the  $c_{(ik)(jl)}$  from

(1), which in turn are the intra-block estimates, denoted by  $\hat{c}_{(ik)(jl)}$ , of the treatment effects, i.e., cross effects for the underlying incomplete block design.

Let  $(t, b, k, r, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  be the parameters of the generating T-PBIB design and

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= r + (m-4)\lambda_1 - (m-3)\lambda_2 \\ \theta_2 &= r - 2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2. \end{aligned}$$

Further let

$$Q_{(ik)(jl)} = Y_{(ik)(jl)} - \frac{1}{kn^2} \sum_{z=1}^b n_{(i,j)z} B_z$$

be the adjusted  $(I_{ik} \times I_{jl})$  — cross total, where

$$n_{(i,j)z} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P_i \times P_j \text{ occurs in block } z \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and  $B_z$  is the  $z$ th block total. Then

$$\hat{c}_{(ik)(jl)} = \frac{1}{r} Q_{(ik)(jl)} - a_1 S_1(Q_{(ik)(jl)}) - a_2 S_2(Q_{(ik)(jl)}) \quad (3)$$

where

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{(m-2)n^2 r} [(1-\theta_1/rk)^{-1} + (m-3)(1-\theta_2/rk)^{-1} - (m-2)],$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{(m-2)n^2 r} [2(1-\theta_1/rk)^{-1} + (m-4)(1-\theta_2/rk)^{-1} - (m-2)],$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_1(Q_{(ik)(jl)}) &= \sum_{\substack{j' \neq j \\ j' > i}} \sum_{k', l'} Q_{(i'k')(j'l')} + \sum_{\substack{j' \neq j \\ j' < i}} \sum_{k', l'} Q_{(j'l')(i'k')} \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{i' \neq i \\ i' < j}} \sum_{k', l'} Q_{(i'k')(j'l')} + \sum_{\substack{i' \neq i \\ i' > j}} \sum_{k', l'} Q_{(j'l')(i'k')} \\ &= \text{sum of all those adjusted cross totals that} \\ &\quad \text{involve either } P_i \text{ or } P_j, \text{ but not both,} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_2(Q_{(ik)(jl)}) &= \sum_{\substack{i', j' \\ i', j' < i}} \sum_{k', l'} Q_{(i'k')(j'l')} \\ &\quad (i', j') \neq (i, j) \\ &= \text{sum of all those adjusted cross totals that} \\ &\quad \text{do not involve } P_i \text{ or } P_j. \end{aligned}$$

Using the dot notation

$$\hat{c}_{(ik)(\cdot\cdot)} = \sum_{j < i} \sum_{l=1}^k \hat{c}_{(jl)(ik)} + \sum_{j > i} \sum_{l=1}^k \hat{c}_{(ik)(jl)}$$

$$\hat{c}_{(i\cdot)(j\cdot)} = \sum_{k, l} \hat{c}_{(ik)(jl)}$$

$$\hat{c}_{(i\cdot)(\cdot\cdot)} = \sum_k \hat{c}_{(ik)(\cdot\cdot)}$$

we can then express the estimates of the combining abilities as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} G_i &= \hat{c}_{(i\cdot)(\cdot\cdot)} / (m-2)n^2 \\ S_{ij} &= \hat{c}_{(i\cdot)(j\cdot)} / n^2 - (\hat{c}_{(i\cdot)(\cdot\cdot)} + \hat{c}_{(j\cdot)(\cdot\cdot)}) / (m-2)n^2 \\ g_{ik} &= \hat{c}_{(ik)(\cdot\cdot)} / (m-1)n - \hat{c}_{(i\cdot)(\cdot\cdot)} / (m-1)n^2 \\ \hat{s}_{(ik)(jl)} &= \hat{c}_{(ik)(jl)} - (\hat{c}_{(ik)(\cdot\cdot)} + \hat{c}_{(jl)(\cdot\cdot)}) / (m-1)n \\ &\quad + (\hat{c}_{(i\cdot)(\cdot\cdot)} + \hat{c}_{(j\cdot)(\cdot\cdot)}) / (m-1)n^2 \\ &\quad - \hat{c}_{(i\cdot)(j\cdot)} / n^2. \end{aligned}$$

Table 2. — Comparisons between combining abilities and their variances.

Comparison	Variance
(1) $\hat{g}_i - \hat{g}_{i'}$	$2\sigma^2 / [(m-2)n^2 r (1-\theta_1/rk)]$
(2) $\hat{s}_{ij} - \hat{s}_{i'j}$	$2(m-3)\sigma^2 / [(m-2)n^2 r (1-\theta_2/rk)]$
$S_{ij} - S_{i'j}$	$2(m-4)\sigma^2 / [(m-2)n^2 r (1-\theta_2/rk)]$
$(i \neq i', j \neq j')$	
(3) $\hat{g}_{ik} - \hat{g}_{ik'}$	$2\sigma^2 / (m-1)nr$
(4) $\hat{s}_{(ik)(jl)} - \hat{s}_{(ik)(j'l')}$	$2[(m-1)n-1]\sigma^2 / (m-1)nr$
$\hat{s}_{(ik)(jl)} - \hat{s}_{(ik')(j'l')}$	$2[(m-1)n-2]\sigma^2 / (m-1)nr$
$(k \neq k', l \neq l')$	

Comparisons between combining abilities and associated variances are given in Table 2. Also, information about comparisons of average cross performance (at the population as well as at the individual level) is given in Table 3. For remarks concerning the nature of  $\sigma^2$  and its estimate we refer to HINKELMANN (1974). Any modifications should follow from looking at the analysis of variance table and the expected mean squares under the various models, as presented in Tables 4 and 5, respectively.

The analysis, as presented here, assumes that each field plot contains one seedling from one cross. The modification

for  $p (>1)$  seedlings per cross per field plot follows the familiar rules.

#### 4. Generator T-PBIB designs

Having described (Section 2) a general method of obtaining one type of incomplete environmental design for the two-level diallel cross experiment, and having given (Section 3) the analysis for such designs generated by T-PBIB designs, we shall comment in this section on some aspects and properties of available T-PBIB designs.

Table 3. — Comparisons of average performance.

Type of comparison	Estimator	Variance
(5) $G_i - G_{i'}$	$(\hat{c}_{(i \cdot)(\cdot \cdot)} - \hat{c}_{(i' \cdot)(\cdot \cdot)}) / (m-2)n^2$	$2\sigma^2 / (m-2)n^2 r (1 - \theta_1 / rk)$
(6) $(G_i + G_j + S_{ij}) - (G_{i'} + G_{j'} + S_{i'j'})$	$(\hat{c}_{(i \cdot)(j \cdot)} - \hat{c}_{(i' \cdot)(j' \cdot)}) / n^2$	$4\sigma^2 / (m-2)n^2 r (1 - \theta_1 / rk)$ $+ 2(m-4)\sigma^2 / (m-2)n^2 r (1 - \theta_2 / rk)$ for $i \neq i', j \neq j'$ $2\sigma^2 / (m-2)n^2 r (1 - \theta_1 / rk)$ $+ 2(m-3)\sigma^2 / (m-2)n^2 r (1 - \theta_2 / rk)$ for $i = i', j \neq j'$
(7) $(G_i + g_{ik}) - (G_{i'} + g_{i'k'})$	$(\hat{c}_{(ik)(\cdot \cdot)} - \hat{c}_{(i'k')(\cdot \cdot)}) / (m-1)n$ $+ (\hat{c}_{(i \cdot)(\cdot \cdot)} - \hat{c}_{(i' \cdot)(\cdot \cdot)}) / (m-1)(m-2)n^2$	$2\sigma^2 / (m-2)n^2 r (1 - \theta_1 / rk)$ $+ 2(n-1)\sigma^2 / (m-1)n^2 r$ for $i \neq i'$ $2\sigma^2 / (m-1)nr$ for $i = i'$
(8) $(G_i + G_j + S_{ij} + g_{ik} + g_{jl} + s_{(ik)(jl)}) - (G_{i'} + G_{j'} + S_{i'j'} + g_{i'k'} + g_{j'l'} + s_{(i'k')(j'l')})$	$\hat{c}_{(ik)(jl)} - \hat{c}_{(i'k')(j'l')}$	$4\sigma^2 / (m-2)n^2 r (1 - \theta_1 / rk) + 2(m-4)\sigma^2 / (m-2)n^2 r (1 - \theta_2 / rk)$ $+ 2(n^2 - 1)\sigma^2 / n^2 r$ for $i \neq i', j \neq j'$ $2\sigma^2 / (m-2)n^2 r (1 - \theta_1 / rk) + 2(m-3)\sigma^2 / (m-2)n^2 r (1 - \theta_2 / rk)$ $+ 2(n^2 - 1)\sigma^2 / n^2 r$ for $i = i', j \neq j'$ $2\sigma^2 / r$ for $i = i', j = j'$

Table 4. — Analysis of variance.

Source	d.f.	Sum of squares	Mean square
Blocks ignoring crosses	$b-1$	$\frac{1}{kn^2} \sum_{z=1}^b B_z^2 - \frac{2G^2}{m(m-1)n^2 r}$ *)	
Crosses eliminating blocks	$\frac{m(m-1)}{2} n^2 - 1$	$\sum_{i < j} \sum_{k, \ell} \hat{c}_{(ik)(j\ell)} Q_{(ik)(j\ell)}$	
G	$m-1$	$\frac{(m-2)n^2}{k} (rk - \theta_1) \sum_{i=1}^m \hat{G}_i^2$	MS(G)
S	$m(m-3)/2$	$\frac{n^2}{k} (rk - \theta_2) \sum_{i < j} \hat{S}_{ij}^2$	MS(S)
g	$m(n-1)$	$(m-1)nr \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n \hat{g}_{ik}^2$	MS(g)
s	$\frac{m(m-1)}{2} (n^2 - 1) - m(n-1)$	$r \sum_{i < j} \sum_{k, \ell} \hat{s}_{(ik)(j\ell)}^2$	MS(s)
Error	$\frac{m(m-1)}{2} n^2 (r-1) - b+1$	by subtraction	MS( $\epsilon$ )
Total	$\frac{m(m-1)}{2} n^2 r - 1$	$\sum_{i < j} \sum_{k, \ell} \sum_z Y_{(ik)(j\ell)z}^2 - \frac{2G^2}{m(m-1)n^2 r}$	

\*) G = grand total

Table 5. — Expected mean squares.

Mean square	Model (i)	Model (ii)	Model (iii)
MS(G)	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \frac{(m-2)n^2}{m-1} \phi_1 \sum_i G_i^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + K_2\sigma_s^2 + nK_1\sigma_g^2 + n^2K_2\sigma_S^2 + n^2K_1\sigma_G^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + K_2\sigma_s^2 + nK_1\sigma_g^2 + \frac{(m-2)n^2}{m-1} \phi_1 \sum_i G_i^2$
MS(S)	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \frac{2n^2}{m(m-3)} \phi_2 \sum_{i<j} S_{ij}^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + K_4\sigma_s^2 + nK_3\sigma_g^2 + n^2K_4\sigma_S^2 + n^2K_3\sigma_G^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + K_4\sigma_s^2 + nK_3\sigma_g^2 + \frac{2n^2}{m(m-3)} \phi_2 \sum_{i<j} S_{ij}^2$
MS(g)	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \frac{(m-1)nr}{m(n-1)} \sum_i \sum_k g_{ik}^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + r\sigma_s^2 + (m-1)nr\sigma_g^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + r\sigma_s^2 + (m-1)nr\sigma_g^2$
MS(s)	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \frac{r}{d} \sum_{i<j} \sum_{k,\ell} s_{(ik)(j\ell)}^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + r\sigma_s^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2 + r\sigma_s^2$
MS(ε)	$\sigma_\epsilon^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2$

$$\phi_1 = r - \theta_1/k$$

$$\phi_2 = r - \theta_2/k$$

$$d = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} (n^2-1) - m(n-1)$$

$$K_1 = \frac{m}{(m-2)\phi_1 k^2} \{ (m-1)[rk-r-(m-2)\lambda_1]^2 + [rk-r-3(m-2)\lambda_1 - (m-3)(m-2)\lambda_2]^2 \}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{m}{(m-2)\phi_1 k^2} \{ [rk-r-(m-2)\lambda_1]^2 + \frac{m-2}{2} [2\lambda_1 + (m-3)\lambda_2]^2 \}$$

$$K_3 = \frac{m-1}{(m-3)(m-2)^2\phi_2} [2\phi_1 - \frac{m}{k} (2\lambda_1 + (m-3)\lambda_2)]^2$$

$$K_4 = (m^2-6m+12)\phi_2^2 - \frac{2m}{k} \phi_2 [4\lambda_1+(m-4)\lambda_2] + \frac{m(m-1)}{2k^2} [4\lambda_1+(m-4)\lambda_2]^2$$

(i) There exist no T-PBIB designs for  $m = 4$ , i.e.,  $t = 6$ . We propose to use instead BIB designs as the generating designs. The analysis as outlined in the previous section can still be applied as now  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is a parameter of the BIB design; also  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = r - \lambda$ , and hence  $a_1 = a_2$  in (3).

(ii) From Table 2 we see that

$$\text{Var}(\bar{G}_i - \bar{G}_j) = 2\sigma^2/(m-2)n^2r(1-\theta_1/rk)$$

and

$$\text{Var}(\bar{S}_{ij} - \bar{S}_{i'j'}) = \begin{cases} 2(m-3)\sigma^2/(m-2)n^2r(1-\theta_2/rk) & (i \neq i', j = j') \\ 2(m-4)\sigma^2/(m-2)n^2r(1-\theta_2/rk) & (i \neq i', j \neq j') \end{cases}$$

Compared to the same expressions for the randomized complete block design as given by HINKELMANN (1974) we see that they differ by a factor  $1/(1-\theta_1/rk)$  and  $1/(1-\theta_2/rk)$ , respectively. The efficiencies for comparisons of general and specific combining abilities at the population level using an incomplete environmental design (generated from a T-PBIB design) relative to those using a complete environmental design are then

$$E_{Gi} = 1 - \theta_1/rk$$

and

$$E_{Sj} = 1 - \theta_2/rk,$$

respectively. Hence the loss of information (assuming equal  $\sigma^2$  for both types of designs) is given by  $\theta_1/rk$  and  $\theta_2/rk$ , respectively.

This association between  $\theta_1$  and the G's and between  $\theta_2$  and the S's is a characteristic feature of T-PBIB designs. For this reason we have restricted ourselves to T-PBIB designs (as alluded to in Section 2). It enables the experimenter to identify the most appropriate design, subject only to the constraint of the size of the experiment. For example, if it is desired to incur as little loss of information about the G's as possible one should choose among competing designs the one that has the smallest  $\theta_1/rk$ , zero if possible.

Also, from previous remarks it is obvious that a BIB design will lead to the same loss of information for G's and S's. Incidentally, no loss of information occurs for the  $g_{ik}$  and  $S_{(ik)(j\ell)}$ .

Table 6. — BIB and T-PBIB designs.

Type	m	t	k	r	b	$\lambda_1$	$\lambda_2$	$\theta_1$	$\theta_2$	$E_G$	$E_S$
BIB 11.3	4	6	2	5	15	1	1	4	4	.60	.60
BIB 11.4	4	6	3	5	10	2	2	3	3	.80	.80
BIB 11.5	4	6	3	10	20	4	4	6	6	.80	.80
BIB 11.14	5	10	2	9	45	1	1	8	8	.56	.56
T 1	5	10	2	6	30	1	0	7	4	.42	.67
T 2	5	10	2	3	15	0	1	1	4	.83	.33
T 3	5	10	2	6	30	0	2	2	8	.83	.33
T 4	5	10	2	9	45	0	3	3	12	.83	.33
BIB 11.15	5	10	3	9	30	2	2	7	7	.74	.74
T 9	5	10	3	3	10	1	0	4	1	.56	.89
T 10	5	10	3	6	20	2	0	8	2	.56	.89
T 11	5	10	3	9	30	3	0	12	3	.56	.89
T 12	5	10	3	6	20	1	2	3	6	.83	.67
T 13	5	10	3	9	30	1	4	2	11	.93	.59
T 5	6	15	2	8	60	1	0	10	6	.38	.63
T 6	6	15	2	6	45	0	1	3	7	.75	.42
BIB 11.24	6	15	3	7	35	1	1	6	6	.71	.71
T 14	6	15	3	4	20	1	0	6	2	.50	.83
T 15	6	15	3	8	40	2	0	12	4	.50	.83
T 16	6	15	3	3	15	0	1	0	4	1.00	.56
T 17	6	15	3	6	30	0	2	0	8	1.00	.56
T 18	6	15	3	10	50	1	2	6	10	.80	.67
T 19	6	15	3	9	45	0	3	0	12	1.00	.56
T 7	7	21	2	10	105	1	0	13	8	.35	.60
T 8	7	21	2	10	105	0	1	6	11	.70	.45
BIB 11.33	7	21	3	10	70	1	1	9	9	.70	.70
T 20	7	21	3	5	35	1	0	8	3	.47	.80
T 21	7	21	3	10	70	2	0	16	6	.47	.80
T 22	7	21	3	10	70	0	2	2	12	.93	.60

(iii) For practical purposes, BIB and T-PBIB designs with block size  $k = 2$  or  $3$  will generally be the most appropriate, since otherwise the overall block size ( $kn^2$ ) may still become too large.

In Table 6 we present a list of such designs together with their parameters. The numbers of the BIB designs refer to the plans given in COCHRAN and COX (1957); the T-PBIB designs are labeled as in CLATWORTHY (1973). These designs are to be used in connection with the correspondence between treatments and population crosses as outlined in Section 2.

### Summary

A general procedure for generating a certain type of incomplete environmental design for a two-level diallel cross experiment has been discussed. It is based on a correspondence between the treatments of an incomplete block design and the population crosses. The analysis of such designs is given for triangular PBIB designs as generating designs. A list of potentially useful triangular PBIB designs has been included.

*Key words:* Incomplete design, diallel, two-level diallel cross, triangular PBIB designs, combining abilities.

### Zusammenfassung

In dieser Arbeit wird eine allgemeine Methode zur Herleitung gewisser unvollständiger Versuchspläne für ein zweistufiges dialleles Kreuzungsexperiment vorgeschlagen. Diese Methode beruht auf einer Zuordnung der Verfahren eines unvollständigen Blockversuchsplanes und den Populations-Kreuzungen. Die Auswertung solcher Versuchspläne wird angegeben für den Fall, daß „Triangular PBIB“-Pläne als Erzeuger verwendet werden. Für die praktische Anwendung nützliche Pläne sind in einer Tabelle zusammengestellt.

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## Inbreeding Douglas Fir to the $S_3$ Generation<sup>1)</sup>

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### Introduction

Douglas fir, *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (MIRB.) FRANCO, is a species remarkable for its adaptability to such widely different forms of breeding as racial crossing and inbreeding. As regards the former, there is no incompatibility barrier to successful crosses being made between trees growing in completely different environments and separated by many thousands of kilometres. In 1968, viable crosses were made between trees from Mexico and British Columbia, in one instance the two sources were separated by more than  $25^\circ$  of latitude. The progenies, moreover, are now growing vigorously at Cowichan Lake in Southern Vancouver Island. There would appear to be no limit to racial crossing within the entire range of Douglas fir in North America.

At the other extreme is inbreeding and although the Douglas fir was once considered self-sterile,  $S_3$  inbreds have been raised from self-pollinations made on two trees

in 1952 and 1954. This inbreeding program has been of necessity on a small scale but, on the other hand, has had the advantage that every pollination was made in person so that the same precautions against contamination have been taken throughout the whole period.

### Inbreeding from the $S_0$ to the $S_3$ generation

The two  $S_0$  trees, 2 and 11 were both under 25 years at the time of pollination, the former being located near Vancouver on the British Columbian mainland and the latter from Cowichan Lake in Southern Vancouver Island. Table 1 shows the successive pollinations from the  $S_0$  to the  $S_3$  generation more than 20 years later. The trees used over this period are illustrated in Figures 1–4 and 5–8, the photographs being taken in 1976 with the exception of 1 and 5 which were photographed in 1954.

Table 1. — Result of Pollination from the  $S_0$  to the  $S_3$  generation, 1952–1975.

Tree	Pollin. year	Cone no.	Seed per cone	Germinants per cone	Tree	Pollin. year	Cone no.	Seed per cone	Germinants per cone
$S_0$ 2	1952	15	26.4	3.7	$S_0$ 11	1954	56	60.8	7.7
$S_1$ 2.21	1962	2	59.0	4.0	$S_1$ 11.32	1962	13	46.6	2.3
$S_1$ 2.21	1966	211	38.1	12.1	$S_1$ 11.32	1968	110	57.7	0.8
$S_1$ 2.21	1968	73	44.0	0.6	$S_1$ 11.32	1970	27	68.1	5.8
$S_1$ 2.21	1970	80	67.4	18.6	$S_2$ 11.32.6	1971	74	46.3	0.05
$S_2$ 2.21.23	1975	96	56.1	0.02	$S_2$ 11.32.6	1973	55	57.8	0.03

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