Some contributions to mathematical modelling of fisheries

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Introduction – Ecosystem based management and complexity



Single fish stock management



B STAGE 2 (present) Single fish stock management C STAGE 3 (needed) Tipping points



- Unexpected consequences of pressures on marine systems (overfishing, global warming, ...)
- Important changes in community structure and ecosystem functioning
- Consequences on fisheries productivity
- Response to pressures involves complex dynamics with management issues
- Need to understand the consequences of the complexity of the natural networks in which harvested populations live

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Ecosystem based management of fisheries needs a complex system approach

- Stock belongs to a species network with lots of non linear interactions
- Adaptive strategies of species and adaptive strategies of fishermen

Dealing with complexity

From individuals to communities

Robustness of mathematical results : structural sensitivity

Aggregation of variables : basic ideas

$$\frac{d\mathbf{n}}{d\tau} = F (\mathbf{n})$$

$$Y_j = \Phi_j(\mathbf{n})$$

dim(**Y**)<<dim(**n**)

n = micro – variables**Y** = macro - variables

Organization level
individuals sub-population (<i>e.g.</i> same trait)
population
community

Hierarchical system



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$$\frac{dn_i}{dt} = F_i(n_1, \dots, n_N); N >> 1$$

$$Y_j = Y_j (X_1, ..., X_M); j = 1, ..., M; M < N$$

$$\frac{dY_{j}}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial Y_{j}}{\partial n_{i}} \frac{dn_{i}}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial Y_{j}}{\partial n_{i}} F_{i}(n) = G_{j}(Y)$$

Luckyanov et al., 1983

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Systems involving several time scales

In a system, each process takes place on its own caracteristic time scale and interact with other ones.

If a state variable is governed **only by slow processes**, it is a **slow variable**.

If a *fast process* is involved in the dynamics of a state variable, it is a *fast variable*.

<u>Remark</u> : a fast variable can be at equilibrium, in which case it is fixed.

Systems involving several time scales

$$\frac{dx}{d\tau} = F(x, y) + \varepsilon f(x, y)$$
 FAST
$$\frac{dy}{d\tau} = \varepsilon G(x, y)$$
 SLOW

 $I - \varepsilon = 0$

$$\frac{dx}{d\tau} = F(x, y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\tau} = 0$$
 y is constant (does not depend on time)

ASSUMPTION : We assume that for all y, x reaches an equilibrium denoted by $x^*(y)$.



$$\frac{dx_1}{d\tau} = m_2 x_2 - m_1 x_1 + \varepsilon x_1 (r_1 - ay)$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{d\tau} = m_1 x_1 - m_2 x_2 + \varepsilon x_2 r_2$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\tau} = \varepsilon y (bx_1 - d) \qquad \qquad u_1^* = \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \text{and} \quad u_2^* = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2}$$

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Prey

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$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = x(r - ay) + \varepsilon x w_1(y)(r_1 - r_2 - a_1 y)$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = y(bx - d) + \varepsilon y b_1 w_1(y) x \qquad \text{where} \quad w_1(y) = \frac{u_1^*(1 - u_1^*)}{m_2 + m_1}(r_1 - r_2 - a_1 y)$$

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Stabilizing effect of the refuge (spatial heterogeneity) – (see Scheffer and de Boer, 1995)

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Optimal number of sites in artificial pelagic multisite fisheries



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- shows the importance of maintaining corridors allowing individuals to move from one site to another in a network of sites,
- shows that the heterogeneity between the different sites is a favorable factor for the increase in the total optimal catch in the multisite fishery
- makes it possible to specify the conditions favorable to this increase in the capture at the MSY.







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What is the effect of schooling/swarming of populations on the functional response at large scales?

Schooling/swarming are phenomena based on individual properties (behavior, physiology) depending on **population densities**.

The functional response is a process based on individual properties (physiology, behavior), affected by **population densities**, and governing the **population dynamics**, the **flows in food webs** and thus ecosystem functioning.

Models :

- 1 Individual-based models: a good level for data based knwoledge
- 2 Population and community dynamics : a good level for ecosytem models





1 – Individual-based models: a good level for data based knowledge

Displacement of the individuals related to the relatively close other individuals : attraction/repulsion processes

a – for each individuals, define a position and a speed vector at time t=0
b – at time t+dt, for each individuals, consider the neighbors and determine the new speed vector according to defined rules and the state at time t.

Resource consumption:

a – catch prey in a close vicinity

b – determine the new physiological state (DEB theory)

Reproduction and population growth: Defined by DEB at this scale





Initiale Conditions (t = 0)





$$x_k(t + \Delta t) = x_k(t) + a\nabla h(x)\Delta t + \sigma(|\nabla h(x)|)\Delta W_k$$

IBM model

$$dx_k = a\nabla h(x)dt + \sigma(|\nabla h(x)|)dW_k$$

SDE's model

Assume a high number of individuals:

$$\frac{\partial \rho(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (B^2 \rho(x,t)) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A \rho(x,t))$$
 PDE's model

where $\rho(x, t)$ is the population density, and population parameters are linked to individual properties: $B = \sigma(|\nabla h(x)|)$ Individual - Population $A = a \nabla h(x)$ relationship



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Ecosystem-based and evolutionary approach to the exploitation of species

for a sustainable management of fished socio-ecosystems





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Evolutionary effects

- Selective pressure on size forces fish **sizes**
 - to decrease (Olsen et al. 2004)
- Reduction of **economic sustainability**



How resilience and sustainability of marine food webs respond to exploitation pressure?

Economic and ecological sustainability of fisheries ?



Model **1st Axis** 2nd Axis **3rd Axis Effects of exploitation pressure on food web dynamics** $\frac{\mathrm{d}B_i}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{1}{2}$ - Allometric models $\sum_{j = \text{ressource/prey}} ea_{ij}B_jB_i - \sum_{j = \text{predator}} a_{ji}B_jB_i - \sum_{j = \text{competitor}} c_{ij}B_jB_i - d_iB_i - E_j(Z_j)$ - Evolution of size according to adaptive dynamics Establishment of food webs highly structured by size (eg. Loeuille & Loreau 2005) Effects of a given exploitation repartition on eco-evolutionary dynamics?





1st Axis

2nd Axis

3rd Axis

When Σ efforts constant



Balanced harvesting







- Evolution towards small sizes : evolutionary rescue but decrease of future fishing yields





System sustainability with adaptive processes ?



3rd Axis





Model **1st Axis** Local Adaptation i.t i,t+1 Feedback -New definition of exploitation effort j,t i.t+1

Adaptation of exploitation pressure and sustainability

2nd Axis

Global Scale

3rd Axis

- Same processes at national scales vs economic communities
- Regional abundances variations -> redefining quotas and marine protected areas

How to deal with fishermen behaviors?

System sustainability with adaptive processes ?







Thank you !

