



## Multi-Species Occupancy Models: Implementation in MARK

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# Outline

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- A brief overview of MARK
- An overview of the data needs
- Fitting and interpreting simple models
- Fitting and interpreting a more complex model



# What is MARK?

- Developed by Gary White
- Windows-based program for the analysis of data from marked (and now unmarked) animals
- Freely available
- Encompasses most currently used methods for analysis of marked individuals
- Constantly being updated to include new methods (like this one)
- Flexible and powerful for statistical modeling and hypothesis testing



# Program MARK

**You can obtain context-sensitive help with the F1 key,  
and can investigate objects with the Shift-F1 key.  
See the Help menu for known problems.**



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# Multi-Species Model Data needs

- Like other occupancy models, the multi-species model uses detection/non-detection data from a number of sites
- Some considerations for analysis in MARK:
  - How to divide up detection/nondetection data
  - Choosing and incorporating covariate data
  - How to input the data into MARK



# How to divide up detection/nondetection data

- Longer occasion lengths can help increase detection probability and estimate precision for rare species
- However, shorter occasion length increases the temporal information available and is particularly helpful for modeling species interactions
- In our examples, we will use an occasion length of 3 weeks

# Choosing and incorporating covariate data

- Categorical or continuous covariates representing hypotheses about ecological processes
  - How the probability of occupancy varies among sites
    - Elevation, habitat type
  - What environmental factors affect interactions?
    - Available cover, prey abundance
- Factors affecting the observation process
  - Whether the probability of detection varies among sites or survey occasions
    - Daily temperature, understory thickness
    - Habitat type/land cover, trail/not trail

# The MARK input file

- MARK requires a very specific input file for each type of model
  - Built in a text editor and given a .inp extension
  - Each line ends in “;”
- Uses a binary counting system to code detection/non-detection data:
- When there are 2 species:
  - 00 = neither species were detected
  - 01 = only species 1 was detected
  - 02 = only species 2 was detected
  - 03 = both species were detected



# An example input file with 3 species

Multispecies\_Ex.inp - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

```
/* Example Multispecies occupancy dataset without covariate data */  
/* 3 survey occasions, 1 group */
```

Only spp3 was  
detected in all  
3 occasions

000000 854;

000004 21;

040404 9;

000400 14;

040000 15;

040400 10;

000404 8;

040004 7;

020000 61;

000302 3;

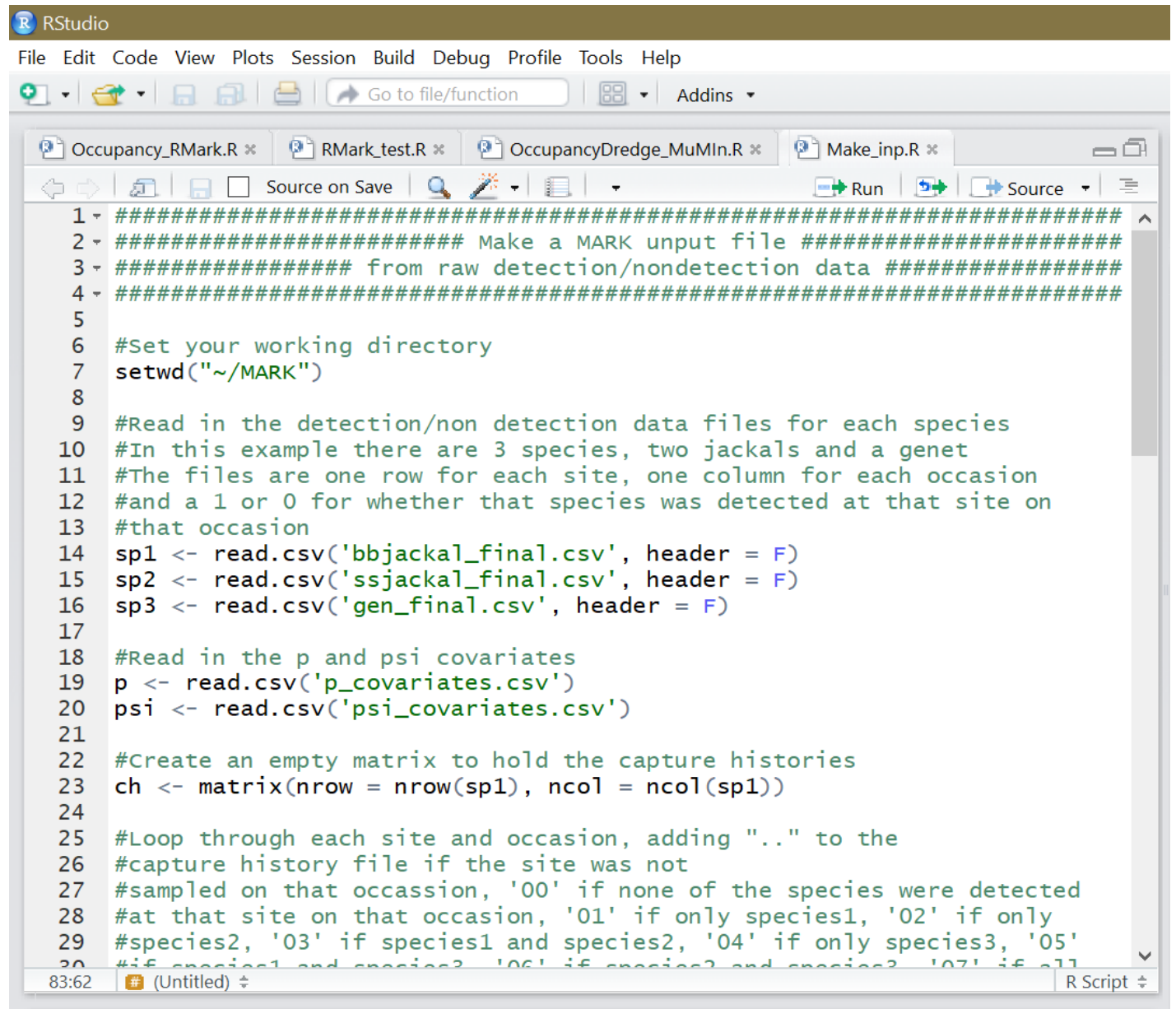
010000 25;

000001 31;

The number of camera sites  
where only spp3 was detected  
in all 3 occasions

00 = None of the species detected  
01 = only spp 1 detected  
02 = only spp2 detected  
03 = both spp 1 and spp 2 detected  
04 = only spp3 detected  
05 = both spp1 and spp3 detected  
06 = both spp2 and spp3 detected  
07 = all species detected

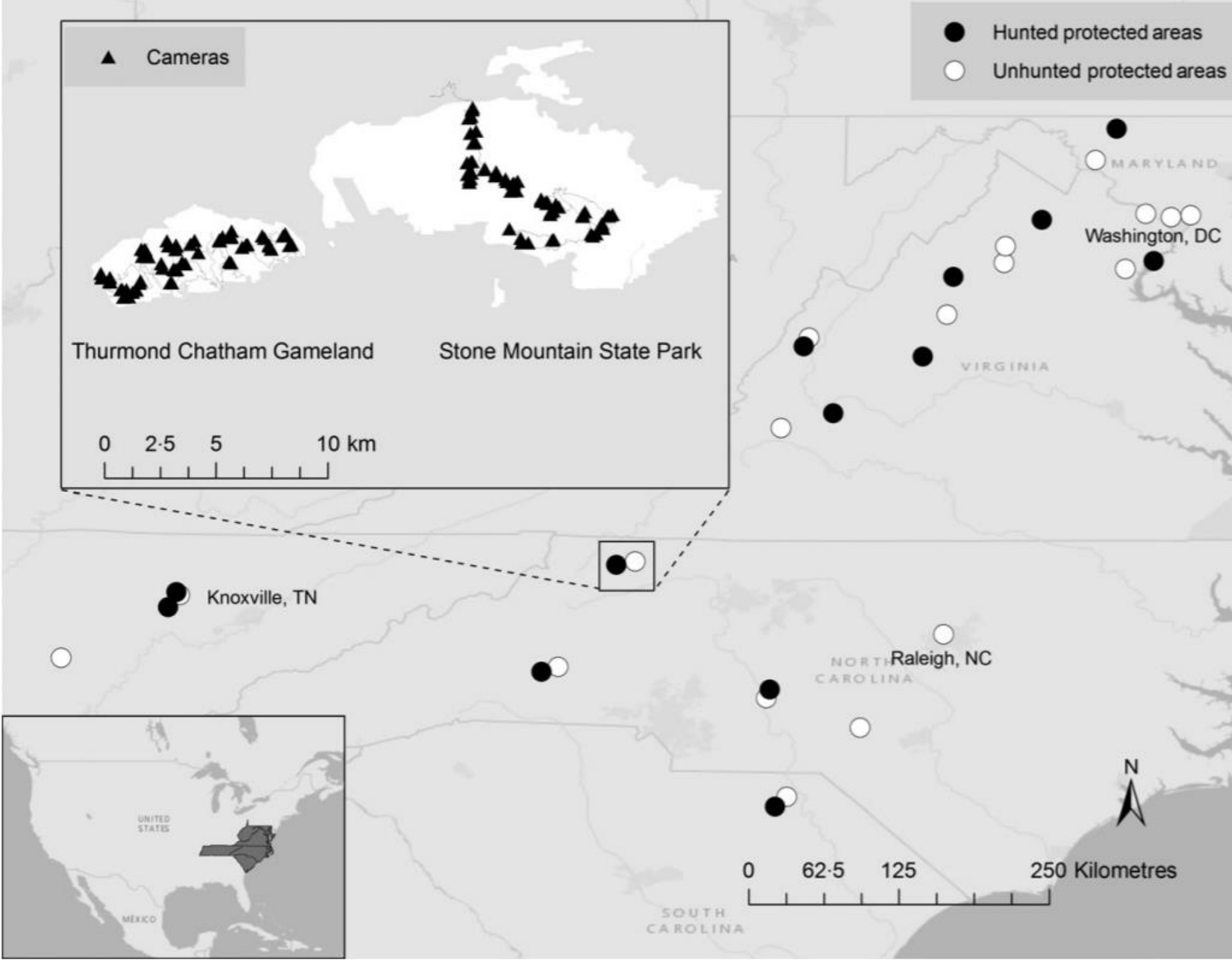
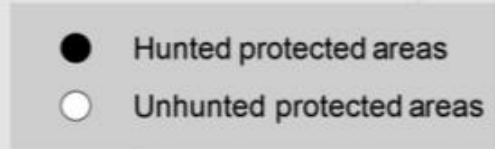
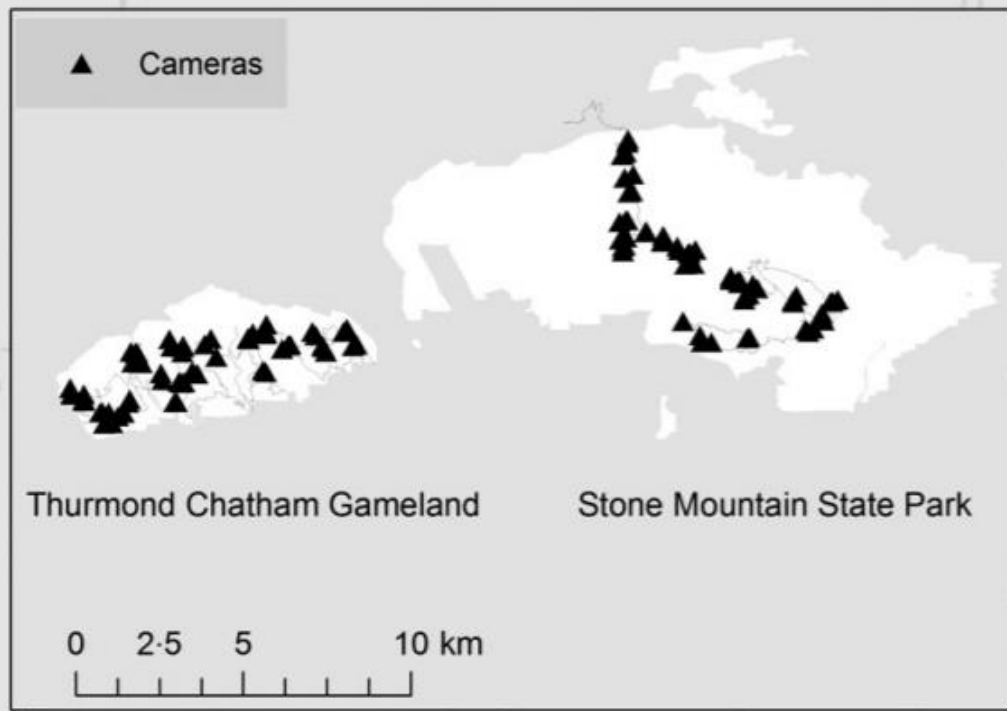
How to  
construct the  
.inp file?  
There's a  
script for that!



The screenshot shows the RStudio application window. The title bar reads 'RStudio'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'Code', 'View', 'Plots', 'Session', 'Build', 'Debug', 'Profile', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The toolbar contains icons for file operations and a search bar labeled 'Go to file/function'. The script editor shows four open files: 'Occupancy\_RMark.R', 'RMark\_test.R', 'OccupancyDredge\_MuMIn.R', and 'Make\_inp.R'. The 'Make\_inp.R' script is active and contains the following R code:

```
1 #####
2 ##### Make a MARK unput file #####
3 ##### from raw detection/nondetection data #####
4 #####
5
6 #Set your working directory
7 setwd("~/MARK")
8
9 #Read in the detection/non detection data files for each species
10 #In this example there are 3 species, two jackals and a genet
11 #The files are one row for each site, one column for each occasion
12 #and a 1 or 0 for whether that species was detected at that site on
13 #that occasion
14 sp1 <- read.csv('bbjackal_final.csv', header = F)
15 sp2 <- read.csv('ssjackal_final.csv', header = F)
16 sp3 <- read.csv('gen_final.csv', header = F)
17
18 #Read in the p and psi covariates
19 p <- read.csv('p_covariates.csv')
20 psi <- read.csv('psi_covariates.csv')
21
22 #Create an empty matrix to hold the capture histories
23 ch <- matrix(nrow = nrow(sp1), ncol = ncol(sp1))
24
25 #Loop through each site and occasion, adding ".." to the
26 #capture history file if the site was not
27 #sampled on that occassion, '00' if none of the species were detected
28 #at that site on that occasion, '01' if only species1, '02' if only
29 #species2, '03' if species1 and species2, '04' if only species3, '05'
30 #if species1 and species2, '06' if species2 and species3, '07' if all
```

The status bar at the bottom shows '83:62' and '(Untitled)'.








# Feeding the data into Mark

Program MARK Interface

File Window Help

# Program MARK

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Program MARK Interface

03:11:12 PM





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2
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5
6
7

Close

Help +

PIM Chart -

8	9	10
11	12	13
14	15	16

Close

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PIM Chart -

- Models in Mark are specified using the parameter index matrices (PIMs)

# Let's review the parameters of the model

We will assume 3 interacting species such that:

$f_1$	The log odds species 1 occupies the site	$p_{1it}$	Detection probability for species 1 during occasion $t$ if present at site $i$
$f_2$	The log odds species 2 occupies the site		
$f_{12}$	The log odds species 1 AND species 2 occupy the site	$p_{2it}$	Detection probability for species 2 during occasion $t$ if present at site $i$
$f_3$	The log odds species 3 occupies the site		
$f_{13}$	The log odds species 1 AND species 3 occupy the site	$p_{3it}$	Detection probability for species 3 during occasion $t$ if present at site $i$
$f_{23}$	The log odds species 2 AND species 3 occupy the site		
$f_{123}$	The log odds species 1, 2 AND 3 occupy the site		

# What is a PIM?

- Parameter Index Matrices
- Establish the set of real parameters that will be estimated
- The numbering can be used to place constraints on the real parameter estimates.
- The values in the PIMs establish how many rows there are in the Design Matrix: there will be 1 row for each unique value

# What is the design matrix?

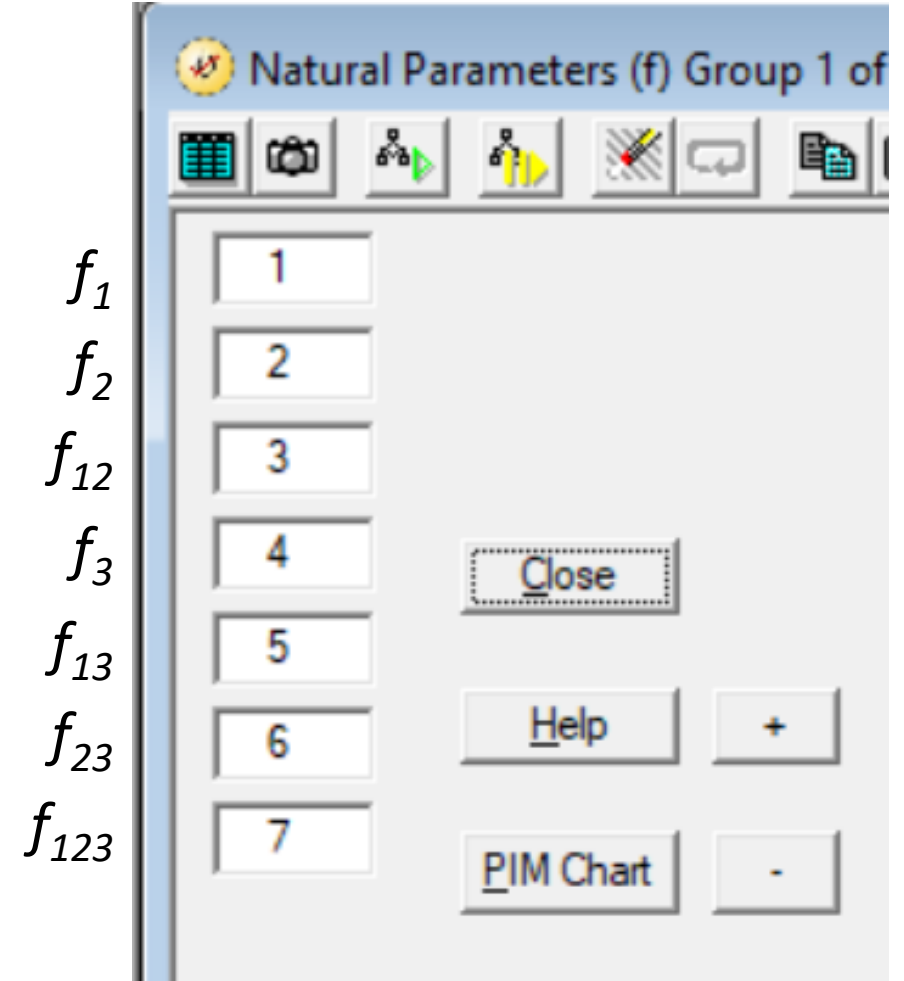
PIM → Design Matrix → Link Function → Real Parameter Estimates

- The number of parameters (from PIMS) determines the number of rows in the design matrix.
- The number of columns in the design matrix specifies the number of actual parameters that are estimated (i.e. the betas).
- The link function converts the betas of the design matrix into the real parameter estimates.



# PIMs for the Multi-Species Model

- This model has 3 species
- There are 2 PIMs for this model, one for the natural parameters (the  $f$ 's) and one for the detection parameters
- The  $f$  parameters are ordered within the PIM from top to bottom



# PIMs for the Multi-Species Model

- The  $p$  parameters are ordered with each row being a species and column being an occasion

$p_{11}, p_{12}, p_{13}$

$p_{21}, p_{22}, p_{23}$

$p_{31}, p_{32}, p_{33}$

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Detection Probability (p) Group 1 of". It features a toolbar with icons for data entry, camera, flowchart, and other functions. Below the toolbar is a 3x3 grid of input boxes containing the numbers 8, 9, 10 in the first row; 11, 12, 13 in the second row; and 14, 15, 16 in the third row. These numbers correspond to the  $p$  parameters listed in the adjacent text blocks. Below the grid is a "Close" button. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Help", "PIM Chart", and a "+" sign, along with a "-" sign.

Fitting the model –  
let's start simple!

- Intercept only model
- No 2-way interactions
- Detection probability constant over time

$f_1$   
 $f_2$   
 $f_{12}$   
 $f_3$   
 $f_{13}$   
 $f_{23}$   
 $f_{123}$

The screenshot shows the 'Natural Parameters (f) Group 1 of Multi-species Occupancy Model' window. It features a toolbar with icons for data, camera, flow, interaction, selection, and other functions. Below the toolbar is a list of parameters with input boxes:  $f_1$  (1),  $f_2$  (2),  $f_{12}$  (4),  $f_3$  (3),  $f_{13}$  (4),  $f_{23}$  (4), and  $f_{123}$  (4). A 'Close' button is located below the list. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Help', 'PIM Chart', and a '+' sign.

Natural Parameters (f) Group 1 of Multi-species Occupancy Model

1  
2  
4  
3  
4  
4  
4

Close

Help +

PIM Chart -

The screenshot shows the 'Detection Probability (p) Group 1 of Multi-species Occupancy Model' window. It features a toolbar with icons for data, camera, flow, interaction, selection, and other functions. Below the toolbar is a table of detection probabilities with input boxes and labels:  $p_{11}, p_{12}, p_{13}$  (5, 5, 5),  $p_{21}, p_{22}, p_{23}$  (6, 6, 6), and  $p_{31}, p_{32}, p_{33}$  (7, 7, 7). A 'Close' button is located below the table. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Help', 'PIM Chart', and a '+' sign.

Detection Probability (p) Group 1 of Multi-species Occupancy Model

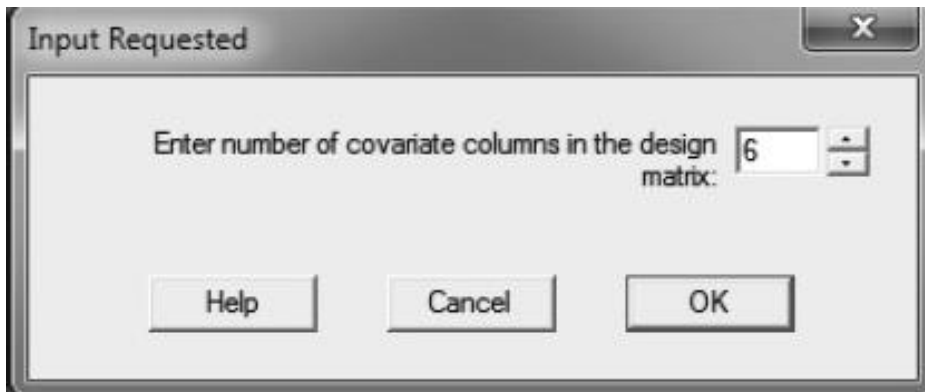
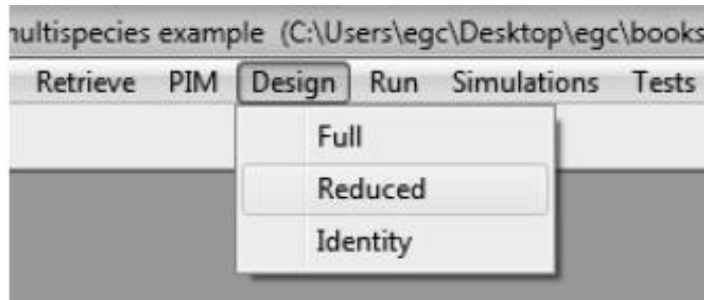
5 5 5  $p_{11}, p_{12}, p_{13}$   
6 6 6  $p_{21}, p_{22}, p_{23}$   
7 7 7  $p_{31}, p_{32}, p_{33}$

Close

Help +

PIM Chart -

# Fill in the design matrix



We leave 4 as 0,  
thus removing  
all 2-way  
parameters →

$$f_1 = \beta_1$$

$$f_2 = \beta_2$$

$$f_3 = \beta_3$$

$$f_{12} = f_{13} = f_{23} = f_{123} = 0.$$

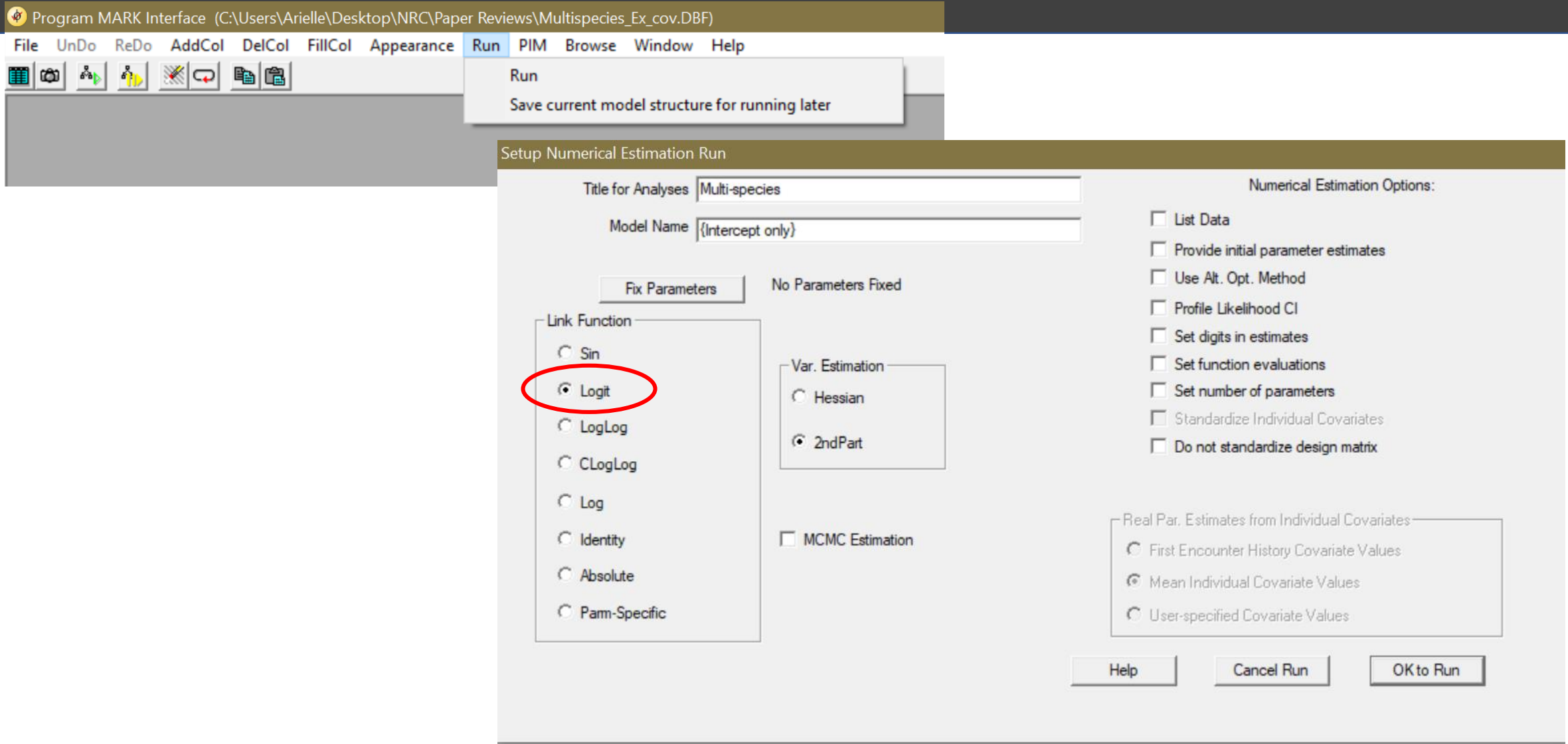
Design Matrix Specification: Multi-species Occ...

Design Matrix Specification (B = Beta)

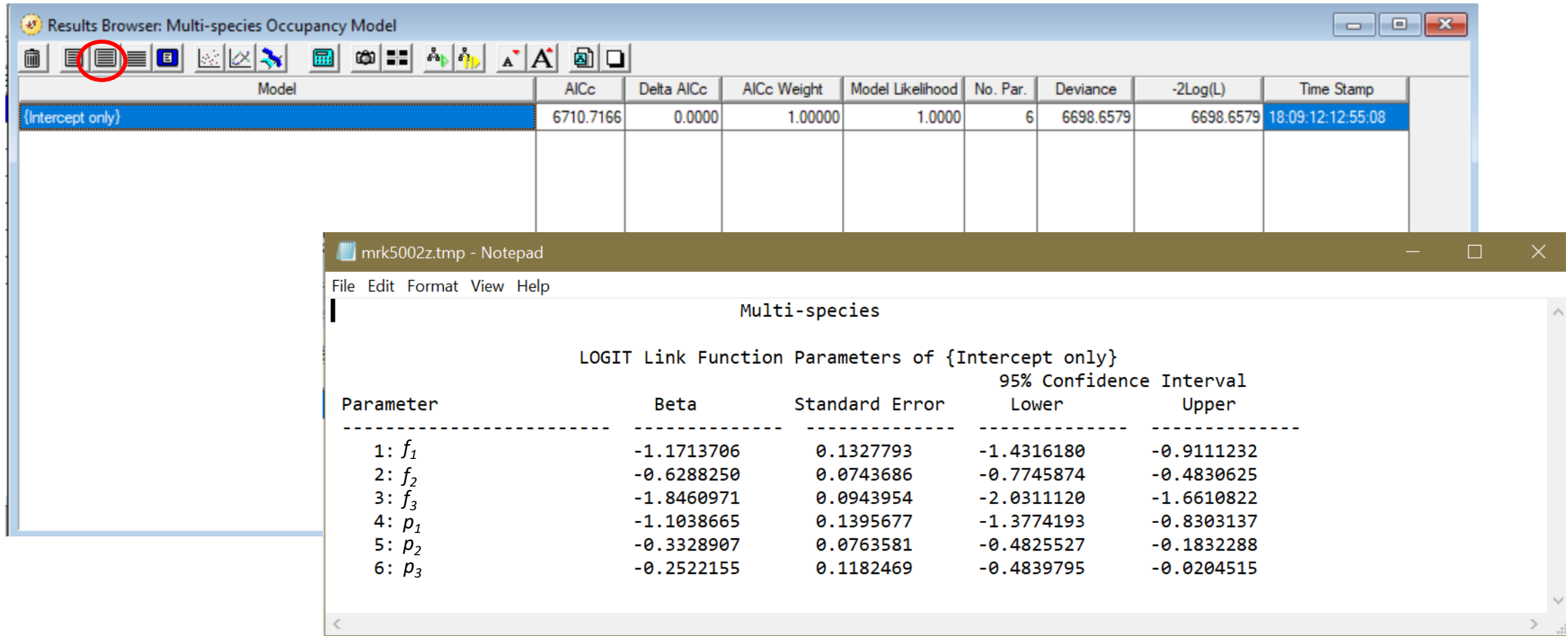
B1:	B2:	B3:	Parm	B4:	B5:	B6:
1	0	0	1f	0	0	0
0	1	0	2f	0	0	0
0	0	1	3f	0	0	0
0	0	0	4f	0	0	0
0	0	0	5p	1	0	0
0	0	0	6p	0	1	0
0	0	0	7p	0	0	1



# Run the model



# Interpreting the model: Betas



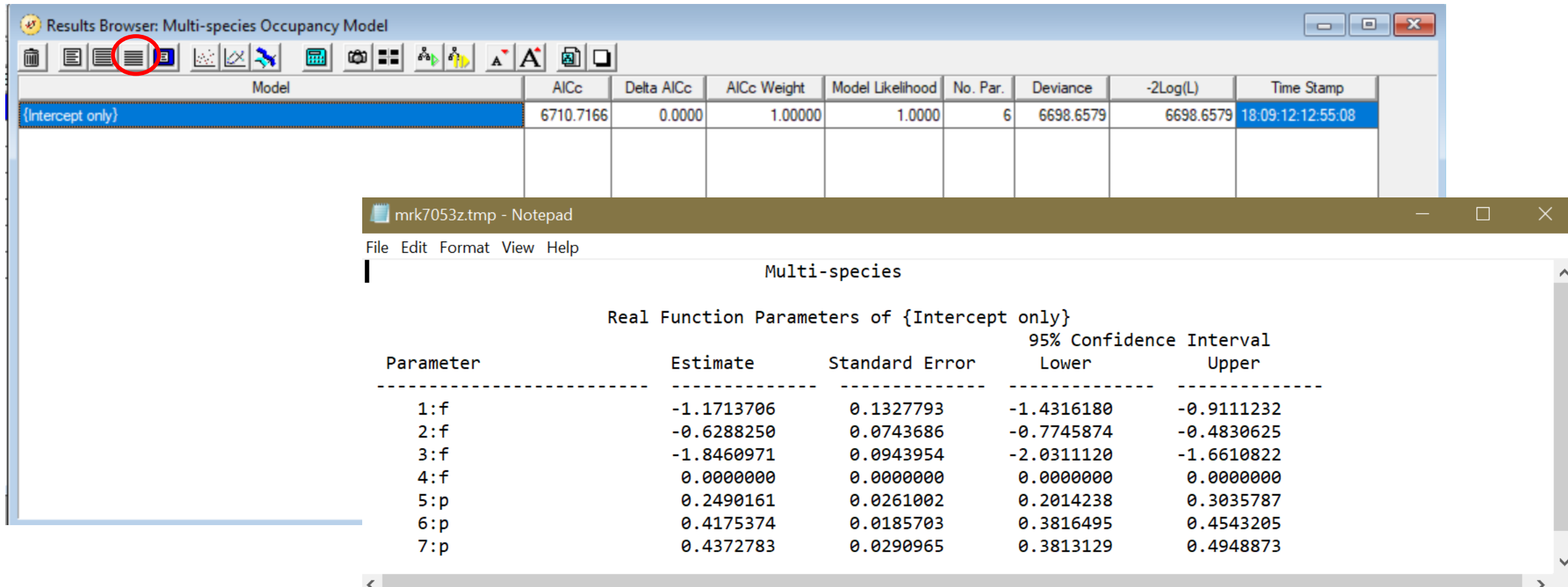
The image shows a screenshot of a software interface. The top window is titled "Results Browser: Multi-species Occupancy Model". It has a toolbar with several icons, one of which is circled in red. Below the toolbar is a table with columns: Model, AICc, Delta AICc, AICc Weight, Model Likelihood, No. Par., Deviance, -2Log(L), and Time Stamp. The first row is highlighted in blue and contains the text "{Intercept only}" in the Model column, and numerical values in the other columns. Below this window is a Notepad window titled "mrk5002z.tmp - Notepad". It contains text that reads "Multi-species" followed by "LOGIT Link Function Parameters of {Intercept only}" and a table of parameter estimates.

Model	AICc	Delta AICc	AICc Weight	Model Likelihood	No. Par.	Deviance	-2Log(L)	Time Stamp
{Intercept only}	6710.7166	0.0000	1.00000	1.0000	6	6698.6579	6698.6579	18:09:12:12:55:08

Multi-species				
LOGIT Link Function Parameters of {Intercept only}				
Parameter	Beta	Standard Error	95% Confidence Interval Lower	95% Confidence Interval Upper
1: $f_1$	-1.1713706	0.1327793	-1.4316180	-0.9111232
2: $f_2$	-0.6288250	0.0743686	-0.7745874	-0.4830625
3: $f_3$	-1.8460971	0.0943954	-2.0311120	-1.6610822
4: $p_1$	-1.1038665	0.1395677	-1.3774193	-0.8303137
5: $p_2$	-0.3328907	0.0763581	-0.4825527	-0.1832288
6: $p_3$	-0.2522155	0.1182469	-0.4839795	-0.0204515

# Interpreting the model: Real parameters



The screenshot shows the 'Results Browser: Multi-species Occupancy Model' window. The 'Model' column lists '{Intercept only}'. The 'AICc' is 6710.7166, 'Delta AICc' is 0.0000, 'AICc Weight' is 1.00000, 'Model Likelihood' is 1.0000, 'No. Par.' is 6, 'Deviance' is 6698.6579, '-2Log(L)' is 6698.6579, and 'Time Stamp' is 18:09:12:12:55:08. A red circle highlights the 'Model' column header.

Below the browser window, a Notepad window titled 'mrk7053z.tmp - Notepad' displays the following data:

Multi-species

Real Function Parameters of {Intercept only}

Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	95% Confidence Interval	
			Lower	Upper
1:f	-1.1713706	0.1327793	-1.4316180	-0.9111232
2:f	-0.6288250	0.0743686	-0.7745874	-0.4830625
3:f	-1.8460971	0.0943954	-2.0311120	-1.6610822
4:f	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000
5:p	0.2490161	0.0261002	0.2014238	0.3035787
6:p	0.4175374	0.0185703	0.3816495	0.4543205
7:p	0.4372783	0.0290965	0.3813129	0.4948873

# Interpreting the model: Derived estimates

Results Browser: Multi-species Occupancy Model

Model	AICc	Delta AICc	AICc Weight	Model Likelihood	No. Par.	Deviance	-2Log(L)	Time Stamp
{Intercept only}	6710.7166	0.0000	1.00000	1.0000	6	6698.6579	6698.6579	18:09:12:12:55:08

mrk5751z.tmp - Notepad

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Multi-species

Estimates of Derived Parameters

Occupancy Estimates (psi) of {Intercept only}

95% Confidence Interval

Grp.	Parm.	Estimate	Standard Error	Lower	Upper
1	Psi000	0.4300223	0.0183532	0.3944790	0.4663020
1	Psi001	0.1332819	0.0140478	0.1080711	0.1632971
1	Psi010	0.2292956	0.0135757	0.2037757	0.2569800
1	Psi011	0.0710683	0.0080382	0.0568376	0.0885275
1	Psi100	0.0678799	0.0061851	0.0567156	0.0810530
1	Psi101	0.0210388	0.0027903	0.0162120	0.0272629
1	Psi110	0.0361948	0.0036170	0.0297364	0.0439922
1	Psi111	0.0112183	0.0015574	0.0085425	0.0147198

Derived from  $f$  parameters, for example:

$$\psi_{111} = \frac{\exp(f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + f_{12} + f_{13} + f_{23} + f_{123})}{1 + \exp(f_1) + \exp(f_2) + \exp(f_3) + \exp(f_1 + f_2 + f_{12}) + \exp(f_1 + f_3 + f_{13}) + \exp(f_2 + f_3 + f_{23}) + \exp(f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + f_{12} + f_{13} + f_{23} + f_{123})},$$



# A Model with Covariates

- We will model the effect of Disturbance in a 5km radius on occupancy for each species
  - We again assume independence between species and constant detection probability over the occasions
- This will require 9 parameters
  - Intercept and slope coefficients for each 1-way  $f$  parameter
  - Intercepts for each detection parameter (assume constant detection over surveys)

# Reading in the covariate data

Enter Specifications for MARK Analysis

Select Data Type

- ☐ Live Recaptures (CJS)
- ☐ Dead Recoveries
- ☐ Joint Live and Dead Encounters
- ☐ Known Fates
- ☐ Closed Captures
- ☐ Robust Design
- ☐ Multi-state Recaptures only
- ☐ Jolly-Seber
- ☐ Pradel Models Including Robust Designs
- ☐ Barker Robust Design
- ☐ POPAN
- ☐ VPA -- Virtual Population Analysis
- ☐ Nest Survival
- ☐ Occupancy Estimation
- ☒ Multi-Species Occupancy Estimation
- ☐ Robust Design Occupancy
- ☐ Open Robust Design Multi-state
- ☐ Closed Robust Design Multi-state
- ☐ Multi-state with State Uncertainty
- ☐ Lukacs Young Survival from Marked Adults
- ☐ Mark-Resight
- ☐ Density Using Telemetry

Title for this set of data:

Encounter Histories File Name:    
C:\Users\Arielle\Desktop\NRC\Paper Reviews\Multispecies\_Ex\_cov.inp

Results File Name:  
C:\Users\Arielle\Desktop\NRC\Paper Reviews\Multispecies\_Ex\_cov.DBF

Encounter occasions: 3  Default Time Intervals Used

Attribute groups: 1  Default Group Labels Used

Individual covariates: 5  Default Ind. Cov. Names Used

States: 2  Default State Names Used

Number of Species: 3

Help Cancel OK

Individual Covariate Names

Enter names to identify each covariate

1	Temp1
2	Temp2
3	Temp3
4	Dist5km
5	Hdens5km

PIMs don't change  
from our intercept-  
only model!

$f_1$   
 $f_2$   
 $f_{12}$   
 $f_3$   
 $f_{13}$   
 $f_{23}$   
 $f_{123}$

Natural Parameters (f) Group 1 of Multi-species Occupancy Model

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Detection Probability (p) Group 1 of Multi-species Occu

5	5	5	$p_{11}, p_{12}, p_{13}$
6	6	6	$p_{21}, p_{22}, p_{23}$
7	7	7	$p_{31}, p_{32}, p_{33}$

Close

Help +

PIM Chart -

**Design Matrix**

B1:	B2:
1	0
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	0

- Undo
- Redo
- Label Column
- Reorder Columns
- Change Model Name
- Add One Column
- Add Multiple Columns
- Insert One Column
- Insert Multiple Columns
- Copy One Column
- Copy Multiple Columns
- Delete One Column
- Delete Multiple Columns
- Zero One Column
- Zero Multiple Columns
- Zero Part of Column
- Partial Intercept
- Partial Continuous
- Partial Identity
- Product of Columns
- Rotate Column(s) Down
- Copy Value Down
- Copy Value Diagonal
- Paste Clipboard
- Individual Covariates**
- Columns from other Design Matrix
- Save Design Matrix

B8:	B9:
0	
0	
0	
0	
0	
0	
0	
1	

Select Individual Covariates to Put into the Design Matrix

- Temp1
- Temp2
- Temp3
- Dist5km**
- Hdens5km

**Design Matrix Specification: Multi-species Occupancy Model**

B1:	B2:	B3:	B4:	B5:	Parm	B6:	B7:	B8:	B9:
1	Dist5km	0	0	0	1f	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	2f	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	3f	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	4f	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	5p	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	6p	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	7p	0	0	0	1

Select All

Clear All

- Each  $f$  should have an intercept (1) and a coefficient for Dist5km
- Each  $p$  should have an intercept (1)
- PIM 4 should = 0

$$f_1 = \beta_1 + \beta_2(\text{Dist5km})$$

$$f_2 = \beta_3 + \beta_4(\text{Dist5km})$$

$$f_3 = \beta_5 + \beta_6(\text{Dist5km})$$

$$f_{12} = f_{13} = f_{23} = f_{123} = 0.$$

Design Matrix Specification: Multi-species Occupancy Model {p(.)psi(Dist5km)pairv

B1 f1	B2 f1: Dist5km	B3 f2	B4 f2: Dist5km	B5 f3	Parm	B6 f3: Dist5km	B7 p1	B8 p2	B9 p3
1	Dist5km	0	0	0	1f	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	Dist5km	0	2f	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	3f	Dist5km	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	4f	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	5p	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	6p	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	7p	0	0	0	1

# Interpreting the model

- Marginal occupancy probabilities of species 1 and 3 decline as disturbance increases.
- Species 2 probabilities did not differ from 0.

LOGIT Link Function Parameters of {p(.)psi(Dist5km)pairwise=0}				
Parameter	Beta	Standard Error	95% Confidence Interval	
			Lower	Upper
1:f1	-1.2484819	0.1358806	-1.5148078	-0.9821560
2:f1: Dist5km	-0.4968988	0.1218962	-0.7358153	-0.2579823
3:f2	-0.6288623	0.0743809	-0.7746489	-0.4830757
4:f2: Dist5km	-0.0018390	0.0663154	-0.1318171	0.1281391
5:f3	-1.8784183	0.0969993	-2.0685369	-1.6882997
6:f3: Dist5km	-0.2906566	0.1109116	-0.5080434	-0.0732697
7:p1	-1.0962125	0.1384526	-1.3675797	-0.8248454
8:p2	-0.3328904	0.0763580	-0.4825520	-0.1832288
9:p3	-0.2529186	0.1183246	-0.4848349	-0.0210023

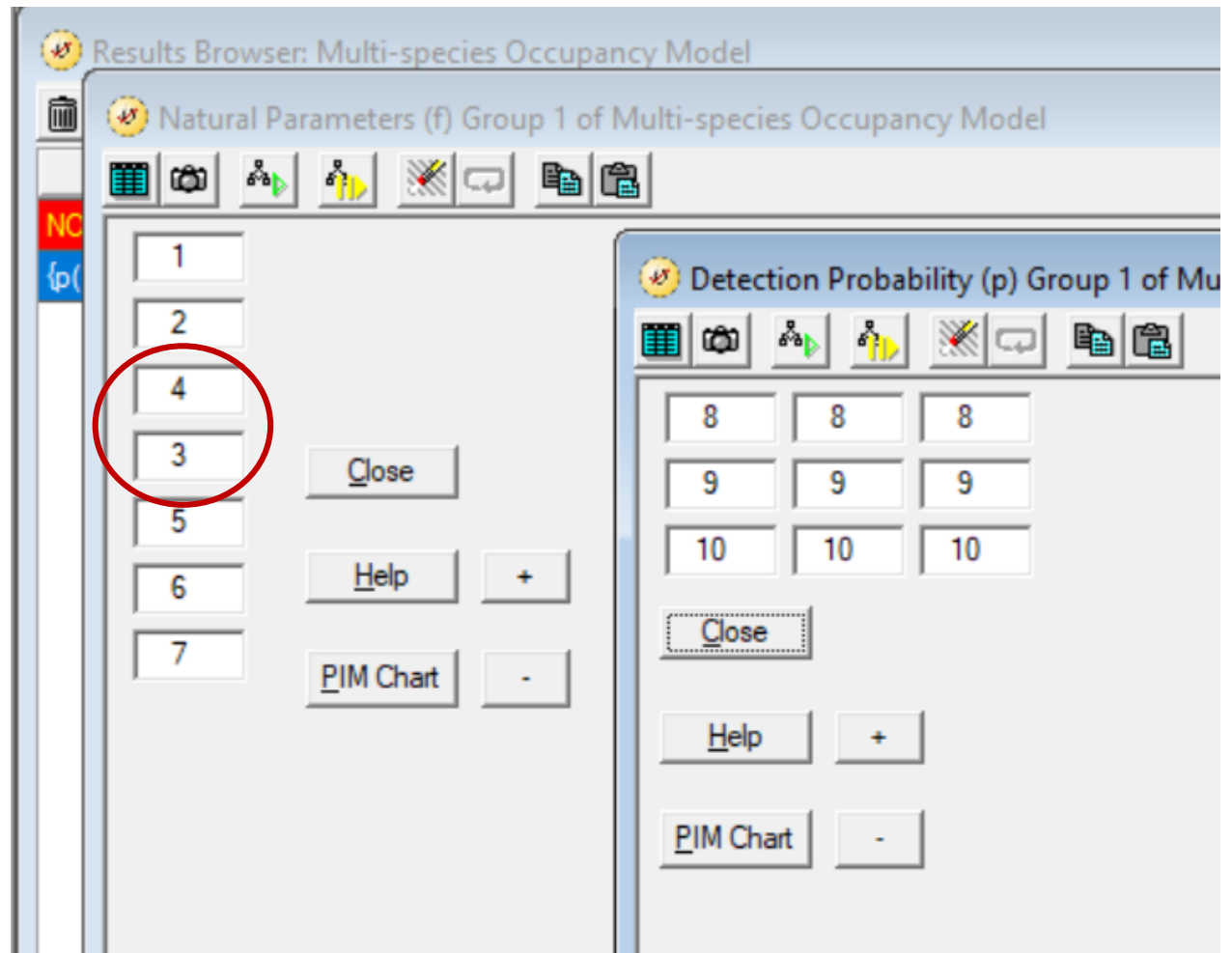


# Incorporating species dependence

- Let's add pairwise interactions to our last model, intercepts only
- We will keep  $f_{123}$  at 0
- Hints:
  - We will now have 12 covariate columns when we build our design matrix
  - Remember,  $f$  PIM ordering is non-intuitive
  - Make sure  $f$  PIM numbering is distinct from  $p$  PIMs

Try it yourself! We'll go over the solution in ~15min.

PIMs



# Design Matrix

$$f_1 = \beta_1 + \beta_2(\text{Dist5km})$$

$$f_2 = \beta_3 + \beta_4(\text{Dist5km})$$

$$f_3 = \beta_5 + \beta_6(\text{Dist5km})$$

$$f_{12} = \beta_7$$

$$f_{13} = \beta_8$$

$$f_{23} = \beta_9$$

$$f_{123} = 0.$$

## Input Requested

Enter number of covariate columns in the design matrix:

Help

Cancel

OK

Design Matrix Specification: Multi-species Occupancy Model {p(.).psi(Dist5km)pairwise=intercept}

Design Matrix Specification (B = Beta)

B1 f1	B2 f1: Dist5km	B3 f2	B4 f2: Dist5km	B5 f3	B6 f3: Dist5km	Parm	B7 f12	B8 f13	B9 f23	B10 p1	B11 p2	B12 p3
1	Dist5km	0	0	0	0	1f	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	Dist5km	0	0	2f	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	Dist5km	3f	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	4f	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	5f	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	6f	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	7f	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	8p	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	9p	0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	10p	0	0	0	0	0	1

# Interpreting the model

- Spp 1 is more likely to occur at sites where spp 2 also occurs
- Same with spp 2 and 3
- Spp 1 less likely to occur where spp 3 occurs
- 1-way  $f$  parameter relationships with Dist5km – now in absence of other species

LOGIT Link Function Parameters of {p(.)psi(Dist5km)pairwise=intercept}				
Parameter	Beta	Standard Error	95% Confidence Interval	
			Lower	Upper
1:f1	-1.8524512	0.1824997	-2.2101507	-1.4947517
2:f1: Dist5km	-0.5830343	0.1308062	-0.8394146	-0.3266541
3:f2	-1.3173365	0.1379392	-1.5876973	-1.0469757
4:f2: Dist5km	0.1691242	0.0783651	0.0155285	0.3227199
5:f3	-2.2417766	0.1554859	-2.5465291	-1.9370242
6:f3: Dist5km	-0.3955531	0.1182077	-0.6272402	-0.1638660
7:f12	1.7614294	0.2661226	1.2398291	2.2830297
8:f13	-1.5045616	0.3825297	-2.2543198	-0.7548033
9:f23	1.4582382	0.2535373	0.9613051	1.9551714
10:p1	-1.0934334	0.1373733	-1.3626850	-0.8241818
11:p2	-0.3296039	0.0760041	-0.4785719	-0.1806358
12:p3	-0.2514913	0.1181558	-0.4830767	-0.0199059

# Fitting the model – adding covariates to model pairwise interactions

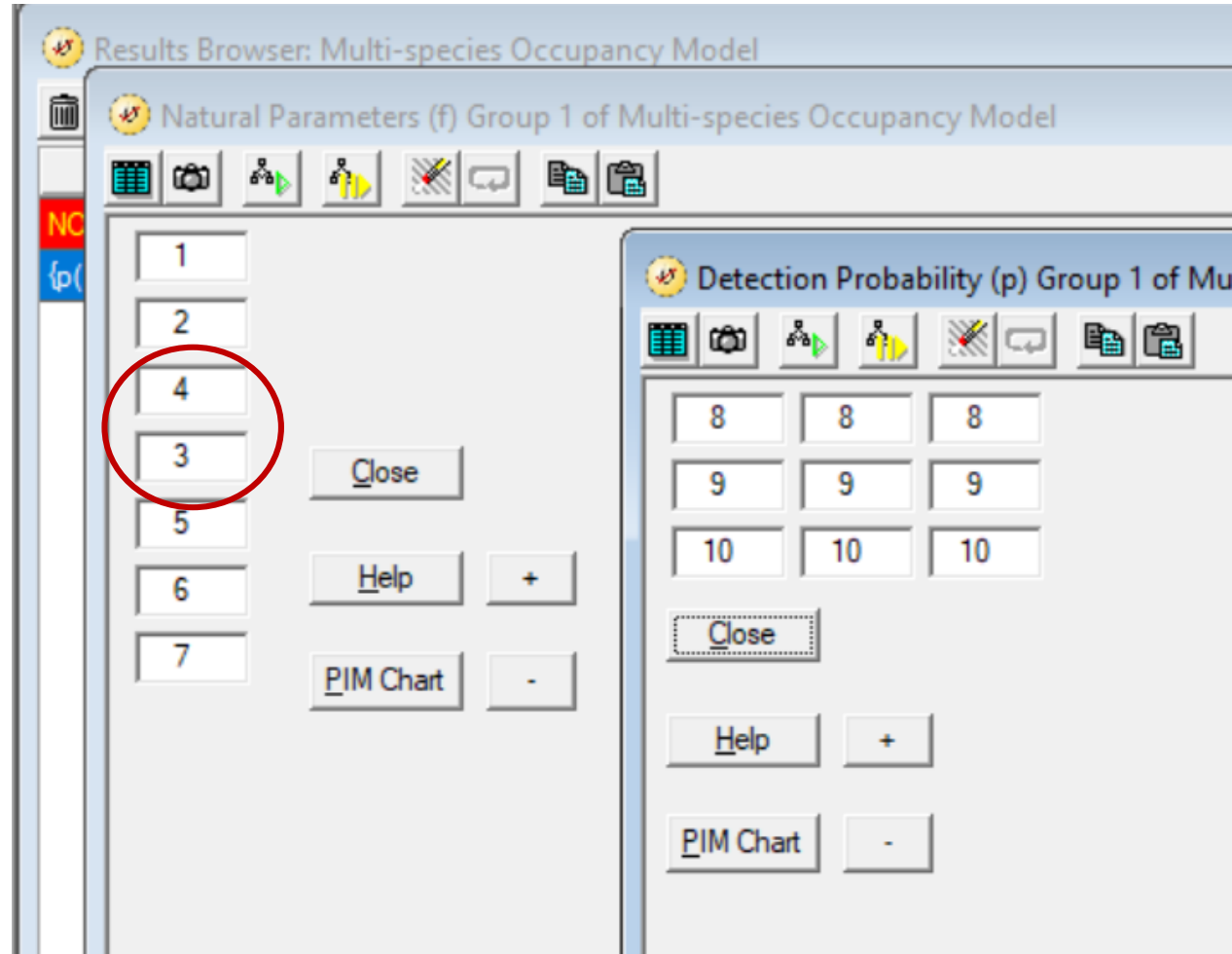
- Model the probability each pair of species occurs together as a function of average Housing Density in a 5km radius
  - Add this to our last model
- Assume  $f_{123} = 0$
- Hint: this will require 15 covariate columns
  - Intercept and slope coefficients for each 1-way  $f$  parameter AND 2-way  $f$  parameter
  - Intercepts for each detection parameter (assume constant detection over surveys)

Try it yourself! We'll go over the solution in ~15min.



Same as our previous model assuming constant pairwise interactions

PIMs



# Design Matrix

$$f_1 = \beta_1 + \beta_2(\text{Dist5km})$$

$$f_2 = \beta_3 + \beta_4(\text{Dist5km})$$

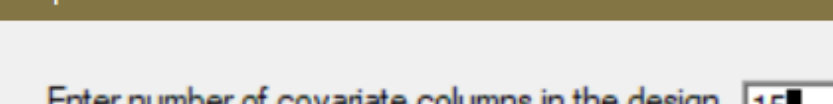
$$f_3 = \beta_5 + \beta_6(\text{Dist5km})$$

$$f_{12} = \beta_7 + \beta_8(\text{HDens5km})$$

$$f_{13} = \beta_9 + \beta_{10}(\text{HDens5km})$$

$$f_{23} = \beta_{11} + \beta_{12}(\text{HDens5km}).$$

$$f_{123} = 0.$$



Input Requested

Enter number of covariate columns in the design matrix: 15

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# Interpreting the model

- Spp 1 and spp 2 are less likely to occur together in areas of high housing density
- Spp 1 and 3 more likely to occur together in areas of high housing density
- Same for spp 2 and 3

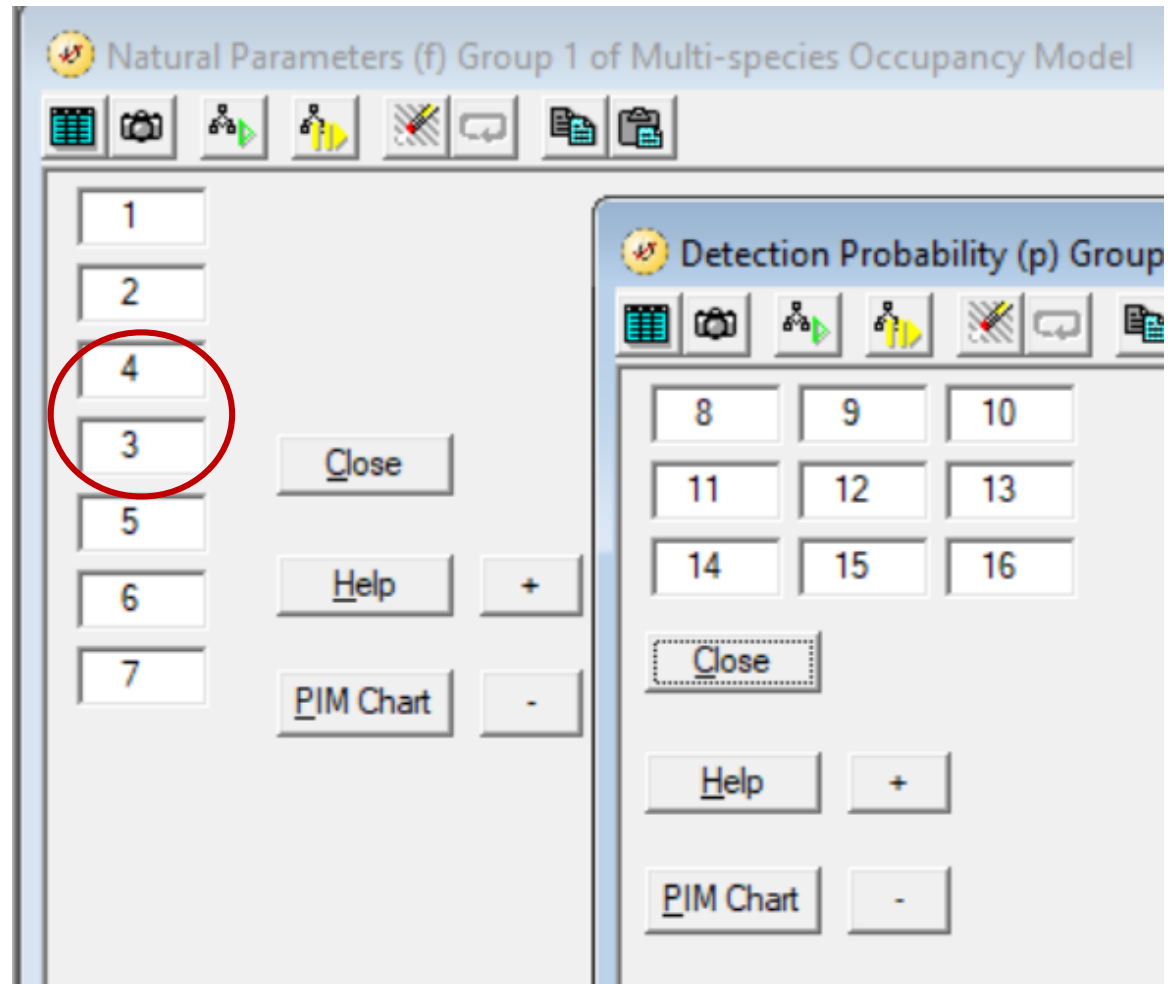
LOGIT Link Function Parameters of {p(.)f-single(Dist)f-pair(Hdens)}				
Parameter	Beta	Standard Error	95% Confidence Interval	
			Lower	Upper
1:f1	-1.9742560	0.2086447	-2.3831996	-1.5653123
2:f1: Dist	-0.6133389	0.1335544	-0.8751055	-0.3515723
3:f2	-1.3668626	0.1544098	-1.6695057	-1.0642194
4:f2:Dist	0.2019554	0.0835044	0.0382868	0.3656239
5:f3	-2.3299580	0.1652128	-2.6537751	-2.0061409
6:f3: Dist	-0.2806020	0.1164656	-0.5088746	-0.0523294
7:f12	1.6808477	0.3210020	1.0516838	2.3100117
8:f12: Hdens	-1.7110133	0.5863971	-2.8603517	-0.5616749
9:f13	-1.3216684	0.3977394	-2.1012377	-0.5420991
10:f13: Hdens	0.6343204	0.2079710	0.2266972	1.0419436
11:f23	1.4910281	0.2815325	0.9392243	2.0428318
12:f23:Hdens	0.5766364	0.0804572	0.4189403	0.7343325
13:p1	-1.1180296	0.1382354	-1.3889710	-0.8470882
14:p2	-0.3919951	0.0792814	-0.5473868	-0.2366035
15:p3	-0.2498770	0.1147782	-0.4748422	-0.0249118

# Fitting the model – many covariates

- Model the effect of Disturbance and Housing density on each species and pairwise interaction
- Add an effect of temperature for each occasion
  - Use only one beta per species such that  $p$  for each species is modeled as:
    - $\beta_0 + \beta * Temp_t$
- Assume  $f_{123} = 0$
- Hint: this will require 24 covariate columns

Try it yourself! We'll go over the solution in ~15min.

PIMs





# Design Matrix

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# Interpreting the model

- We can see there are issues with some estimates (f1 and f1:Hdens)
- This is where running in a Bayesian framework may prove helpful

Parameter	Beta	Standard Error	95% Confidence Interval	
			Lower	Upper
1:f1	-29.007262	0.0000000	-29.007262	-29.007262
2:f1:Dist	-2.6910195	0.7727428	-4.2055954	-1.1764436
3:f1:Hdens	-94.325285	0.0000000	-94.325285	-94.325285
4:f2	-1.4818867	0.1523445	-1.7804820	-1.1832913
5:f2:Dist	0.1232555	0.1096895	-0.0917360	0.3382469
6:f2:Hdens	0.0249994	0.2021198	-0.3711555	0.4211543
7:f3	-2.1616760	0.1658262	-2.4866953	-1.8366567
8:f3:Dist	-0.2524620	0.1762570	-0.5979257	0.0930016
9:f3:Hdens	0.2922377	0.1179816	0.0609938	0.5234816
10:f12	20.058578	1.4353274	17.245336	22.871819
11:f12:Dist	2.1779588	0.7877755	0.6339188	3.7219988
12:f12:Hdens	59.384205	4.2231677	51.106797	67.661614
13:f13	8.1685366	3.2099368	1.8770603	14.460013
14:f13:Dist	0.6441192	0.4218879	-0.1827812	1.4710195
15:f13:Hdens	34.626262	10.934378	13.194881	56.057643
16:f23	1.4005123	0.2887813	0.8345009	1.9665237
17:f23:Dist	-0.1708798	0.2962316	-0.7514938	0.4097341
18:f23:Hdens	0.1560184	0.2543303	-0.3424691	0.6545058
19:p1	-1.4954624	0.1398802	-1.7696276	-1.2212971
20:p1:Temp	-0.3203248	0.0783615	-0.4739133	-0.1667363
21:p2	-0.3778195	0.0741682	-0.5231892	-0.2324499
22:p2:Temp	-0.0532776	0.0645978	-0.1798893	0.0733340
23:p3	-0.2908377	0.1196860	-0.5254223	-0.0562531
24:p3:Temp	-0.0359246	0.1094114	-0.2503710	0.1785217

# Summary

- MARK is a fairly “friendly” interface for easily running multi-species models
- Special attention must be paid to PIMs and the Design Matrix when specifying models
- Trying to run a model with a large number of covariates may lead to instability, we can potentially remedy some of that within a Bayesian framework