

# 3.2 - Forest growth/dynamics (practice)

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With these four elements we can build our input object for function `growth()`:

```
x <- forest2growthInput(exampleforestMED, examplesoil, SpParamsMED, control)
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```
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```

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Element `above` contains the above-ground structure data that we already know, but with an additional column `SA` that describes the estimated initial amount of *sapwood area*:

```
x$above
```

##		SP	N	DBH	Cover	H	CR	SA	LAI_live	LAI_expanded	LAI_dead
##	T1_148	148	168.0000	37.55	NA	800	0.6605196	437.032040	0.96734365	0.96734365	0
##	T2_168	168	384.0000	14.60	NA	660	0.6055642	57.407064	0.86167321	0.86167321	0
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## Structure of the growth input object (2)

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```
x$paramsGrowth
```

```
##          RERleaf RERsapwood  RERfineroot CCleaf CCsapwood CCfineroot RGRleafmax RGRsapwoodmax
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Elements starting with `internal*` contain state variables required to keep track of plant status. For example, the metabolic and storage carbon levels can be seen in `internalCarbon`:

```
x$internalCarbon
```

```
##          sugarLeaf starchLeaf sugarSapwood starchSapwood
## T1_148 0.4029239 0.00925123  0.5738487    3.276375
## T2_168 0.3585751 0.00925123  1.0741383    3.280965
## S1_165 0.7223526 0.00925123  0.2857655    3.445161
```

## 2. Forest growth

### Forest growth run

The call to function `growth()` needs the growth input object, the weather data frame, latitude and elevation:

```
G <- growth(x, examplometeo, latitude = 41.82592, elevation = 100)
```

```
## Initial plant cohort biomass (g/m2): 7109.27
## Initial soil water content (mm): 291.257
## Initial snowpack content (mm): 0
## Performing daily simulations
##
## [Year 2001]: .....
##
## Final plant biomass (g/m2): 7347.27
## Change in plant biomass (g/m2): 238.004
## Plant biomass balance result (g/m2): 238.004
## Plant biomass balance components:
##   Structural balance (g/m2) 147 Labile balance (g/m2) 117
##   Plant individual balance (g/m2) 264 Mortality loss (g/m2) 26
## Final soil water content (mm): 268.687
## Final snowpack content (mm): 0
## Change in soil water content (mm): -22.57
## Soil water balance result (mm): -22.57
## Change in snowpack water content (mm): 0
## Snowpack water balance result (mm): 0
## Water balance components:
##   Precipitation (mm) 513
##   Rain (mm) 462 Snow (mm) 51
##   Interception (mm) 95 Net rainfall (mm) 368
##   Infiltration (mm) 409 Runoff (mm) 9 Deep drainage (mm) 75
##   Soil evaporation (mm) 19 Transpiration (mm) 338
```

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### Growth output object

Function `growth()` returns an object of class with the same name, actually a list:

```
class(G)
```

```
## [1] "growth" "list"
```

... whose elements are:

Elements	Information
latitude, topography, weather, growthInput	Copies of the information used in the call to <code>growth()</code>
growthOutput	State variables at the end of the simulation (can be used as input to a subsequent one)
WaterBalance, Soil, Stand, Plants	[same as <code>spwb</code> ...]
LabileCarbonBalance	Components of the labile carbon balance
PlantBiomassBalance	Components of individual- and cohort-level biomass balance
PlantStructure	Structural variables (DBH, height, sapwood area...)
GrowthMortality	Growth and mortality rates
subdaily	Sub-daily outputs (not relevant here)

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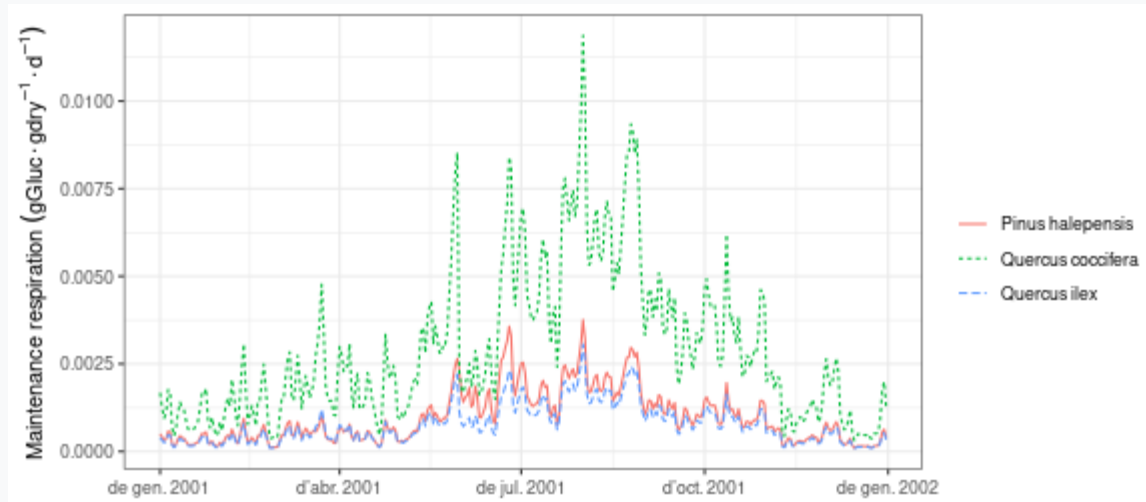
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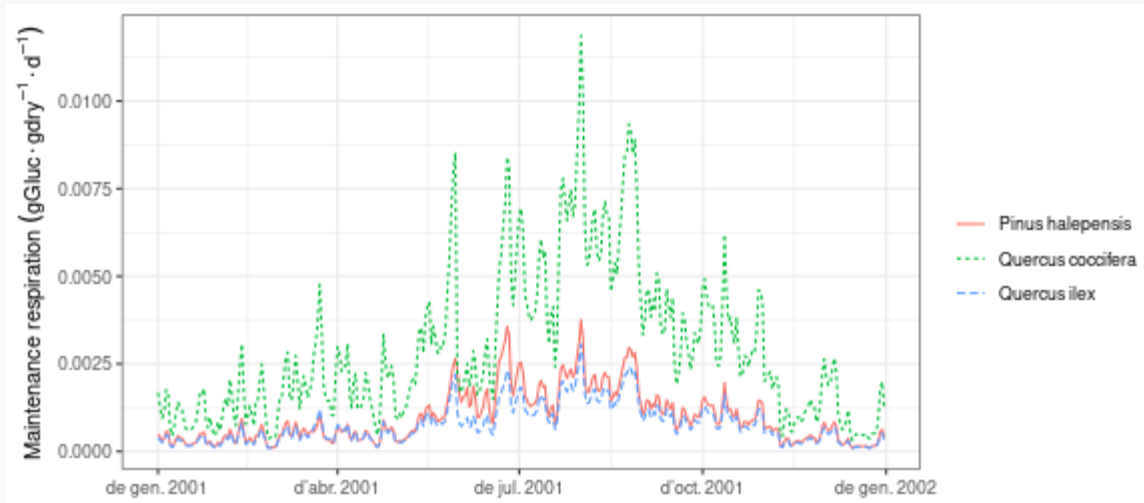
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... but instead of typing all plots, we can call the interactive plot function `shinyplot()`.



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##		SWC	ETR	E_T1_148	E_T2_168	FMC_T1_148	FMC_T2_168	BAI_T1_148	BAI_T2_168
##	2001-01-01	0.3114584	2.4128514	0.1213818	0.13682385	125.9553	93.13606	6.108618e-06	0
##	2001-01-02	0.2886956	2.2369541	0.3445222	0.21002440	125.8921	93.12522	8.984836e-10	0
##	2001-01-03	0.2939884	0.5408668	0.4552857	0.16751167	125.8828	93.11057	1.601437e-13	0
##	2001-01-04	0.3018085	1.7802127	0.3788494	0.04146642	125.7638	93.11051	1.363496e-11	0
##	2001-01-05	0.2957380	2.0220037	0.4057144	0.22997694	125.9627	93.04916	1.976577e-03	0
##	2001-01-06	0.3010738	2.8295695	0.1988711	0.23597595	125.8718	92.97068	1.705353e-03	0
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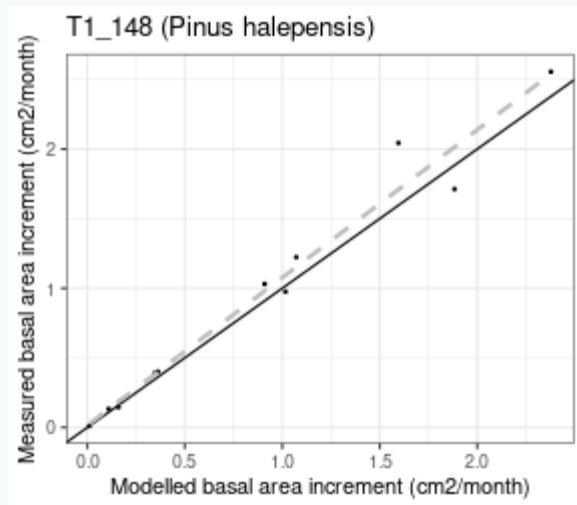
To specify observed growth data at *monthly* or *annual scale*, you should specify the first day of each month/year (e.g. 2001-01-01, 2002-01-01, etc for years) as row names in your observed data frame.

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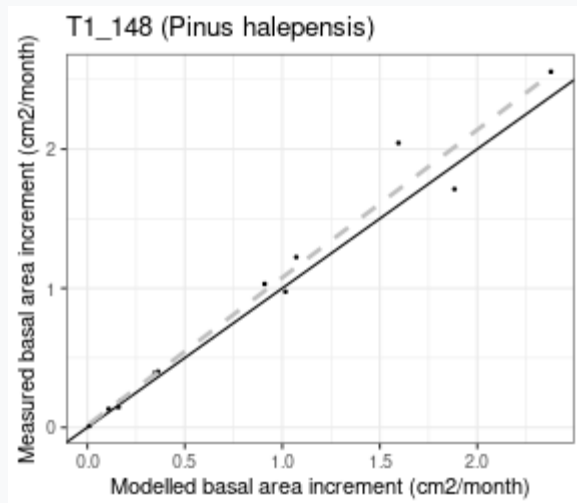


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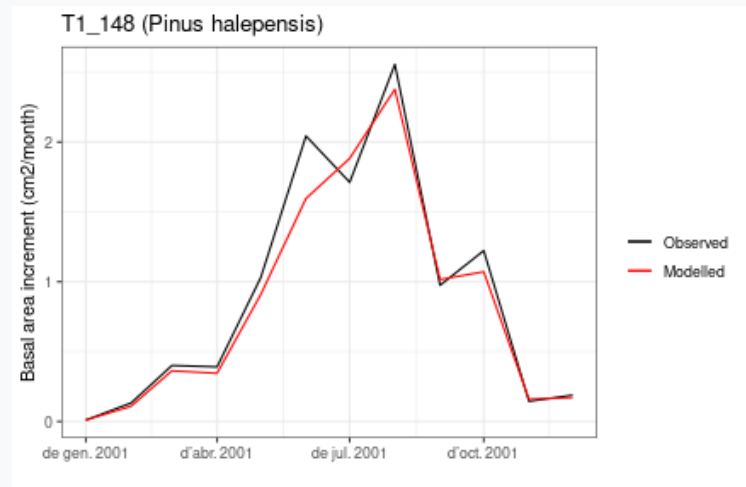
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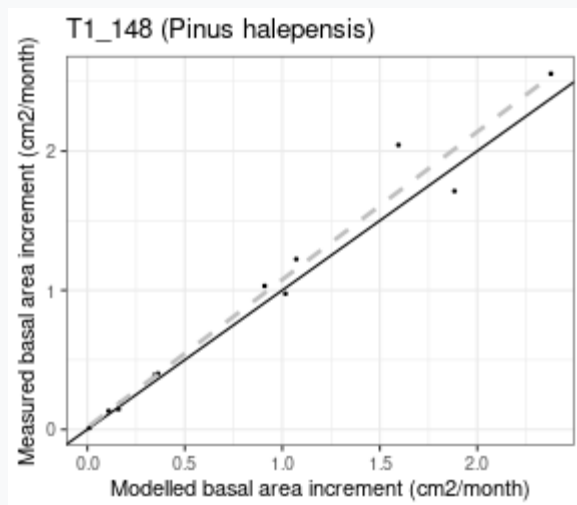


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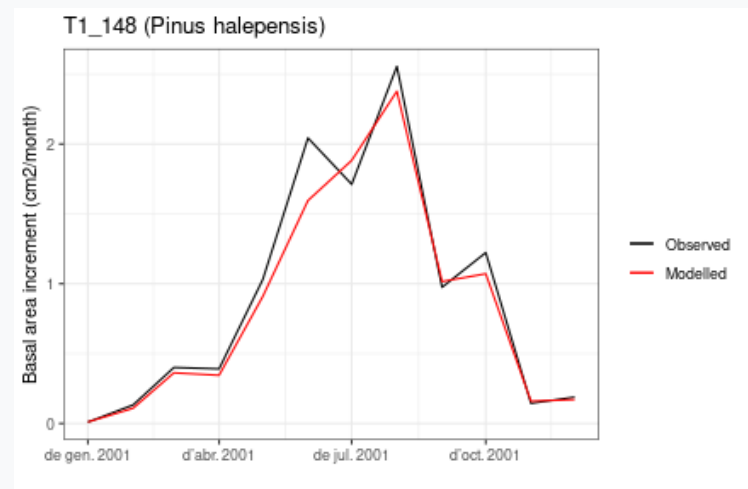
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Using `temporalResolution = "month"` we indicate that simulated and observed data should be temporally aggregated to conduct the comparison.

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#### Evaluation metrics

The following code would help us quantifying the *strength* of the relationship:

```
evaluation_stats(G, exampleobs, "BAI", cohort = "T1_148",
                temporalResolution = "month")
```

##	n	Bias	Bias.rel	MAE	MAE.rel	r	NSE	NSE.abs
##	12.000000000	-0.06622203	-7.35231796	0.10432221	11.58240068	0.98533974	0.96085838	0.84864074

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### Weather preparation

In this vignette we will fake a three-year weather input by repeating the example weather data frame three times:

```
meteo = rbind(examplemeteo, examplemeteo, examplemeteo)
```





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The verbose option of the control parameters only affects function `fordyn()`, i.e. all console output from `growth()` is hidden.

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### Forest dynamics output

As with other models, the output of `fordyn()` is a list, which has the following elements:

Elements	Information
StandSummary, SpeciesSummary, CohortSummary	<i>Annual</i> summary statistics at different levels
TreeTable, ShrubTable	Structural variables of <b>living</b> cohorts at each annual time step.
DeadTreeTable, DeadShrubTable	Structural variables of <b>dead</b> cohorts at each annual time step
CutTreeTable, CutShrubTable	Structural variables of <b>cut</b> cohorts at each annual time step
ForestStructures	Vector of forest objects at each time step.
GrowthResults	Result of internally calling <code>growth()</code> at each time step.
ManagementArgs	Management arguments for a subsequent call to <code>fordyn()</code> .
NextInputObject, NextForestObject	Objects <code>growthInput</code> and <code>forest</code> to be used in a subsequent call to <code>fordyn()</code> .

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### Forest dynamics output

For example, we can compare the initial forest object with the final one:

exampleforestMED

```
## $ID
## [1] "1"
##
## $patchsize
## [1] 10000
##
## $treeData
##   Species    N   DBH Height  Z50   Z95
## 1     148 168 37.55    800 100   600
## 2     168 384 14.60    660 300 1000
##
## $shrubData
##   Species Cover Height  Z50   Z95
## 1     165   3.75    80 200 1000
##
## $herbCover
## [1] 10
##
## $herbHeight
## [1] 20
##
## attr(,"class")
## [1] "forest" "list"
```

fd\$NextForestObject

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## 1     148 38.05782 827.3037 165.4297 100   600
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For example, we can access *stand-level* statistics using:

```
fd$StandSummary
```

##	Step	NumTreeSpecies	NumTreeCohorts	NumShrubSpecies	NumShrubCohorts	TreeDensityLive	
## 1	0	2	2	1	1	552.0000	
## 2	1	2	2	1	1	551.1388	
## 3	2	2	2	1	1	550.2821	
## 4	3	2	2	1	1	549.4297	
##		TreeBasalAreaLive	DominantTreeHeight	DominantTreeDiameter	QuadraticMeanTreeDiameter		
## 1		25.03330	800.0000	37.55000		24.02949	
## 2		25.17084	809.1730	37.71939		24.11423	
## 3		25.30857	818.2975	37.88910		24.19893	
## 4		25.44491	827.3037	38.05782		24.28284	
##		HartBeckingIndex	ShrubCoverLive	BasalAreaDead	ShrubCoverDead	BasalAreaCut	ShrubCoverCut
## 1		53.20353	3.750000	0.000000000	0.000000000	0	0
## 2		52.64148	2.737354	0.09623075	0.004097987	0	0
## 3		52.09501	2.887898	0.09660091	0.004305995	0	0
## 4		51.56784	3.045061	0.09696355	0.004541953	0	0



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### Forest dynamics output

... and *species-level* statistics are shown using:

```
head(fd$SpeciesSummary)
```

##	Step	Species	Name	NumCohorts	TreeDensityLive	TreeBasalAreaLive	ShrubCoverLive
## 1	0	148	Pinus halepensis	1	168.0000	18.604547	NA
## 2	0	165	Quercus coccifera	1	NA	NA	3.750000
## 3	0	168	Quercus ilex	1	384.0000	6.428755	NA
## 4	1	148	Pinus halepensis	1	167.1388	18.676546	NA
## 5	1	165	Quercus coccifera	1	NA	NA	2.737354
## 6	1	168	Quercus ilex	1	384.0000	6.494295	NA
##		BasalAreaDead	ShrubCoverDead	BasalAreaCut	ShrubCoverCut		
## 1		0.00000000	NA	0	NA		
## 2		NA	0.00000000	NA	0		
## 3		0.00000000	NA	0	NA		
## 4		0.09623075	NA	0	NA		
## 5		NA	0.004097987	NA	0		
## 6		0.00000000	NA	0	NA		

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### Forest dynamics output

Another useful output of `fordyn()` are tables in long format with cohort structural information (i.e. DBH, height, density, etc) for each time step:

```
fd$TreeTable
```

##	Step	Year	Cohort	Species	Name	N	DBH	Height	Z50	Z95
## 1	0	NA	T1_148	148	Pinus halepensis	168.0000	37.55000	800.0000	100	600
## 2	0	NA	T2_168	168	Quercus ilex	384.0000	14.60000	660.0000	300	1000
## 3	1	2001	T1_148	148	Pinus halepensis	167.1388	37.71939	809.1730	100	600
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### Forest dynamics output

Another useful output of `fordyn()` are tables in long format with cohort structural information (i.e. DBH, height, density, etc) for each time step:

```
fd$TreeTable
```

##	Step	Year	Cohort	Species	Name	N	DBH	Height	Z50	Z95
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The same information can be shown for trees that are predicted to die during each simulated year:

```
fd$DeadTreeTable
```

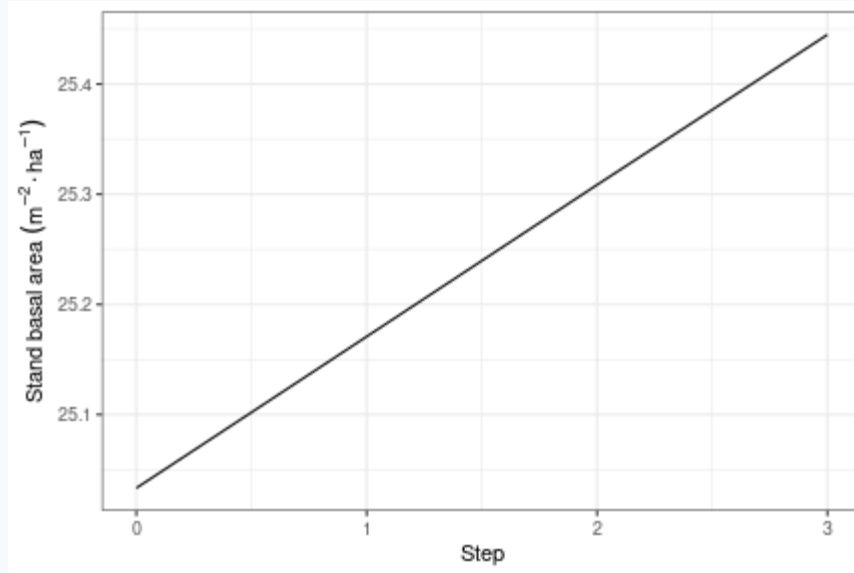
##	Step	Year	Cohort	Species	Name	N	DBH	Height	Z50	Z95
## 1	1	2001	T1_148	148	Pinus halepensis	0.8611814	37.71939	809.1730	100	600
## 2	2	2002	T1_148	148	Pinus halepensis	0.8567669	37.88910	818.2975	100	600
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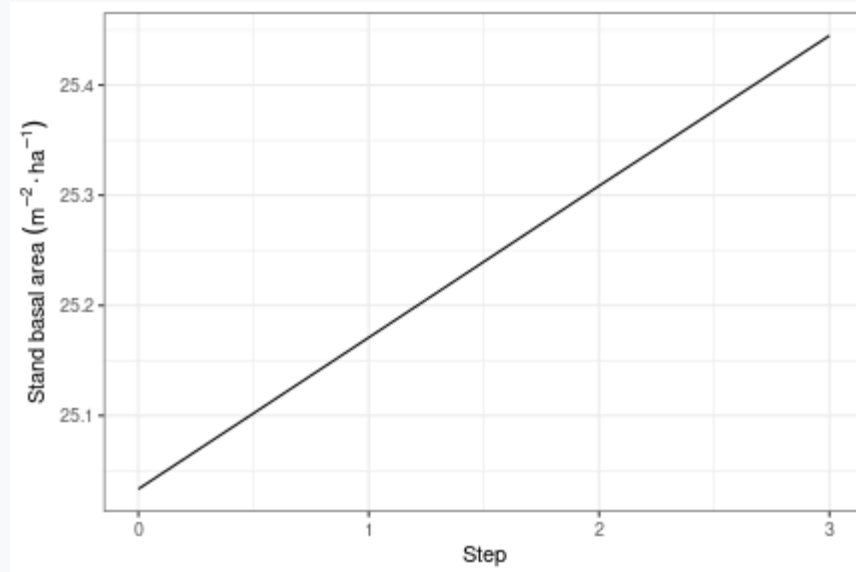


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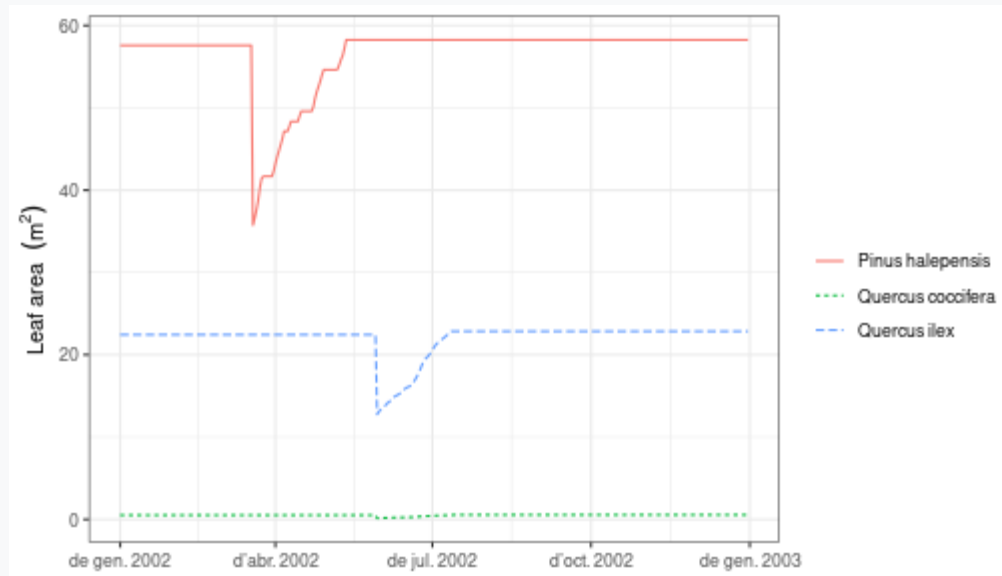
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Accessing elements of `GrowthResults`, we can summarize or plot simulation results for a particular year:

```
plot(fd$GrowthResults[[2]], "LeafArea", bySpecies = T)
```

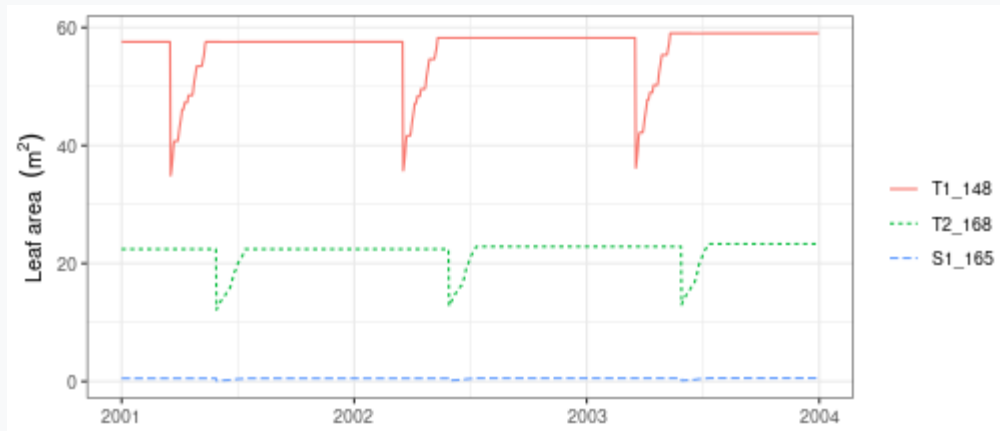


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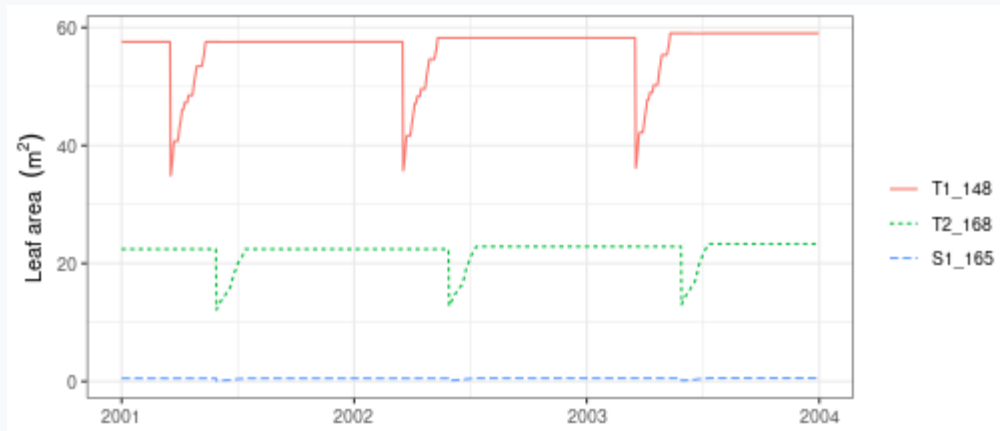


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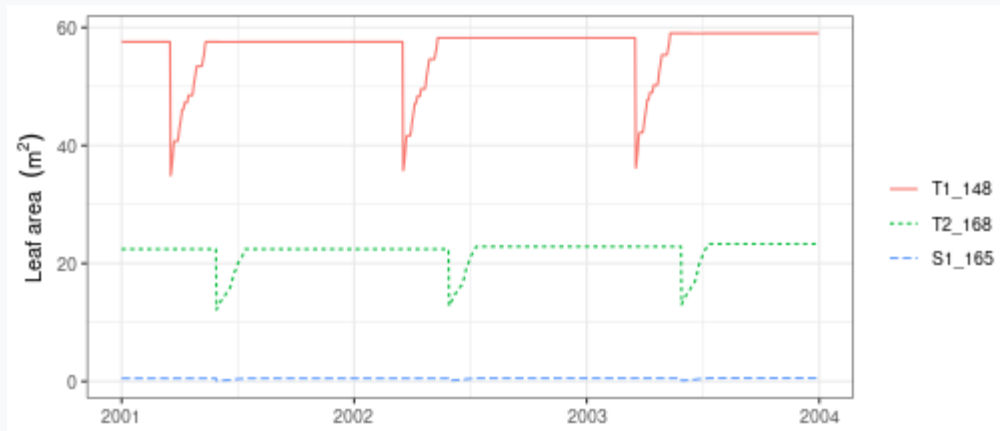
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Finally, we can create interactive plots using function `shinyplot()`, in the same way as with other simulations.

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When management is included, two additional tables are produced, e.g.:

```
fd$CutTreeTable
fd$CutShrubTable
```

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Function `defaultManagementArguments()` returns a list with default values for *management parameters*:

Element	Description
<code>type</code>	Management model, either 'regular' or 'irregular'
<code>thinning</code>	Kind of thinning to be applied in irregular models or in regular models before the final cuts. Options are "below", "above", "systematic", "below-systematic", "above-systematic" or a string with the proportion of cuts to be applied to different diameter sizes
<code>thinningMetric</code>	The stand-level metric used to decide whether thinning is applied, either "BA" (basal area), "N" (density) or "HB" (Hart-Becking index)
<code>thinningThreshold</code>	The threshold value of the stand-level metric causing the thinning decision
<code>thinningPerc</code>	Percentage of stand's basal area to be removed in thinning operations
<code>minThinningInterval</code>	Minimum number of years between thinning operations
<code>finalMeanDBH</code>	Mean DBH threshold to start final cuts
<code>finalPerc</code>	String with percentages of basal area to be removed in final cuts, separated by '-' (e.g. "40-60-100")
<code>finalYearsBetweenCuts</code>	Number of years separating final cuts



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**Remember:** Besides using the in-built management function, you could program your own management function and specify its own set of parameters.

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