

# Package ‘perturbEcol’

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**Title** Simulation of ecological dynamic systems under environmental perturbations

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## Description

perturbEcol simulates the dynamics of ecological systems under environmental perturbations. The competition, antagonism (predator-prey), mutualism, and their hybrid ecological communities are simulated by dynamic models like Ordinary Differential Equations and Stochastic Differential Equations. Two kinds of environmental perturbations are modeled in the dynamics: continuous pressures and repeated pulses. Species extinction as a special case of perturbation are also modeled. All perturbations can effect on arbitrary setting of species or their interactions. Several structural features of interaction topology in ecological communities are simulated: scale-free, bipartite, nestedness, modularity, etc.

**Imports** methods,

deSolve (>= 1.10-8),

simecol (>= 0.8-4),

rootSolve (>= 1.6.5),

plyr (>= 1.8.1),

igraph (>= 0.7.1)

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## Description

**perturbEcol** simulates the dynamics of networked ecological systems that undergo environmental perturbations such as climate change etc.

The simulation model is implemented as S4 class with the following slots:

- `main = function(time, init, params, ...)`: a function holding the main equations of the model, such as ODE, SDE.
- `times`: vector of time steps or vector with three named values `from`, `to`, `by` specifying the simulation time steps.
- `init`: initial state (start values) of the simulation. This is a named vector of state variables such as species abundances.
- `params`: a list of model parameters whose values would be changed by iterated perturbations.
- `perturb = function(params, ...)`: a function describing(?) the perturbation or pressure by environments on ecological systems. The results of perturbations are the changing of model parameters.
- `perturbNum`: the number of repeated perturbations.
- `solver = function(main, times, init, params, perturb, perturbNum, ...)`: a function specifying the numerical algorithm of simulation. The algorithms model the dynamics of ecological systems undergoing environmental perturbations.
- `out`: the output of simulation.

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## References

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