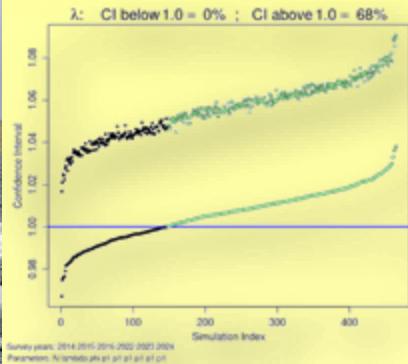


CaPow!

Capture-recapture Power analysis and simulation



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Motivation: Detecting Trends

- Planning a long-term capture-recapture study, e.g. for whale populations
- Wish to know whether the population is growing or declining
- λ = Annual population growth rate

$$\frac{EN_{t+1}}{EN_t} = \lambda$$

- Will the study be able to deliver a significant result for λ ?

Power Analysis

- If the true λ is 1.03 (3% annual growth), will my study design deliver an estimate significantly different from 1?

Is my model getting it right?

- Will my sample sizes deliver correct confidence interval coverage?
- Impact of model misspecification: e.g. what if survival and birth aren't constant and I assume they are?

CaPow : easy model exploration

- Runs *R* through web browser (RShiny)
- Build Model-sets:
 - what models you want to fit
- Build Simulation-sets:
 - numbers for demographic parameters
- Build Projects:
 - each Project combines one Simulation-set and one Model-set
- Run projects and collect results

POPAN Model

Schwarz, C. J. and Arnason, A. N.

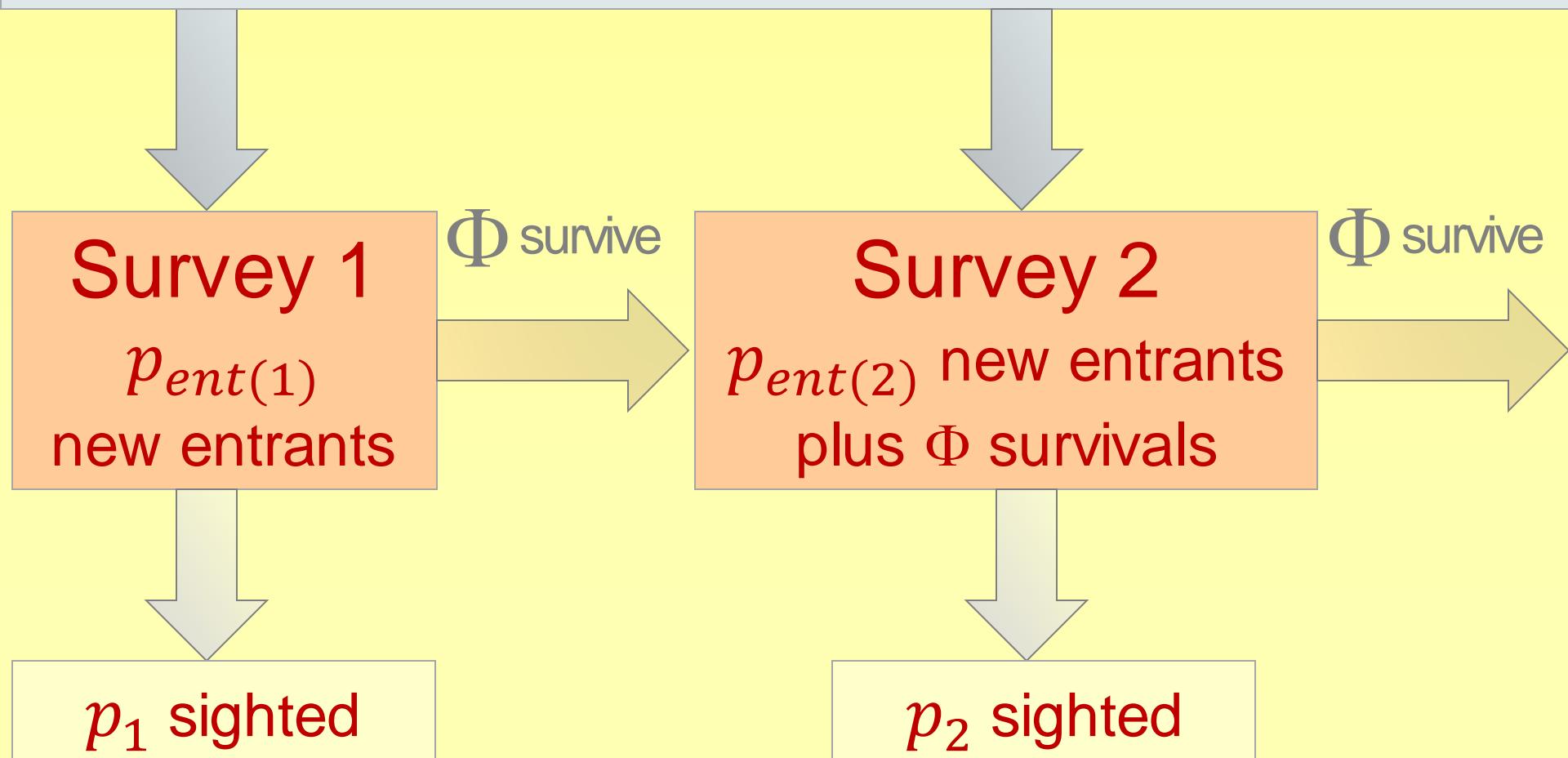
A general methodology for the analysis of
open-model capture recapture
experiments.

Biometrics 52, 860-873, 1996

POPAN Model

N_s = Superpopulation

All animals ever exposed to capture



λ -POPAN Model

Carroll, E.L., Brooks, L., Baker, C.S., Burns, D., Garrigue, C.,
Hauser, N., Jackson, J.A., Poole, M.M., Fewster, R.M.

Assessing the design and power of capture–recapture studies to
estimate demographic parameters for the Endangered Oceania
humpback whale population

Endangered Species Research, 28, 147-162, 2015

Carroll, E.L., Childerhouse, S.J., Fewster, R.M., Patenaude, N.J.,
Steel, D., Dunshea, G., Boren, L., Baker, C.S.

Accounting for female reproductive cycles in a superpopulation
capture–recapture framework

Ecological Applications, 23, 1677-1690, 2013

λ -POPAN Model

- Estimates N_s and λ together
- N_s = Superpopulation size
- λ = Annual population growth rate

$$\frac{EN_{t+1}}{EN_t} = \lambda$$

- Φ = Annual survival probability
- p_1, p_2, \dots : capture probabilities

λ -POPAN Model

- λ = Annual population growth rate

$$\frac{EN_{t+1}}{EN_t} = \lambda$$

λ -POPAN just constrains

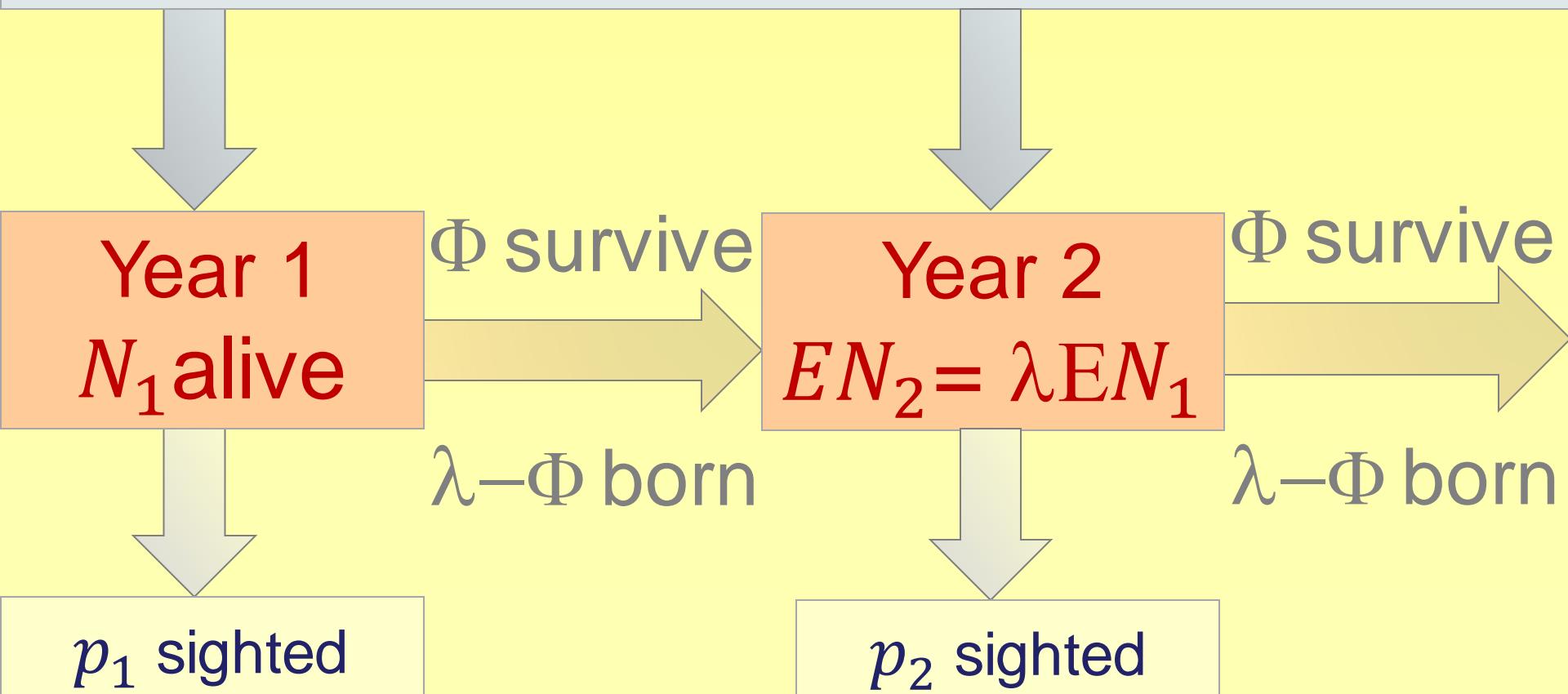
$p_{ent(1)}, p_{ent(2)}, \dots$

to follow a smooth growth curve

λ -POPAN Model

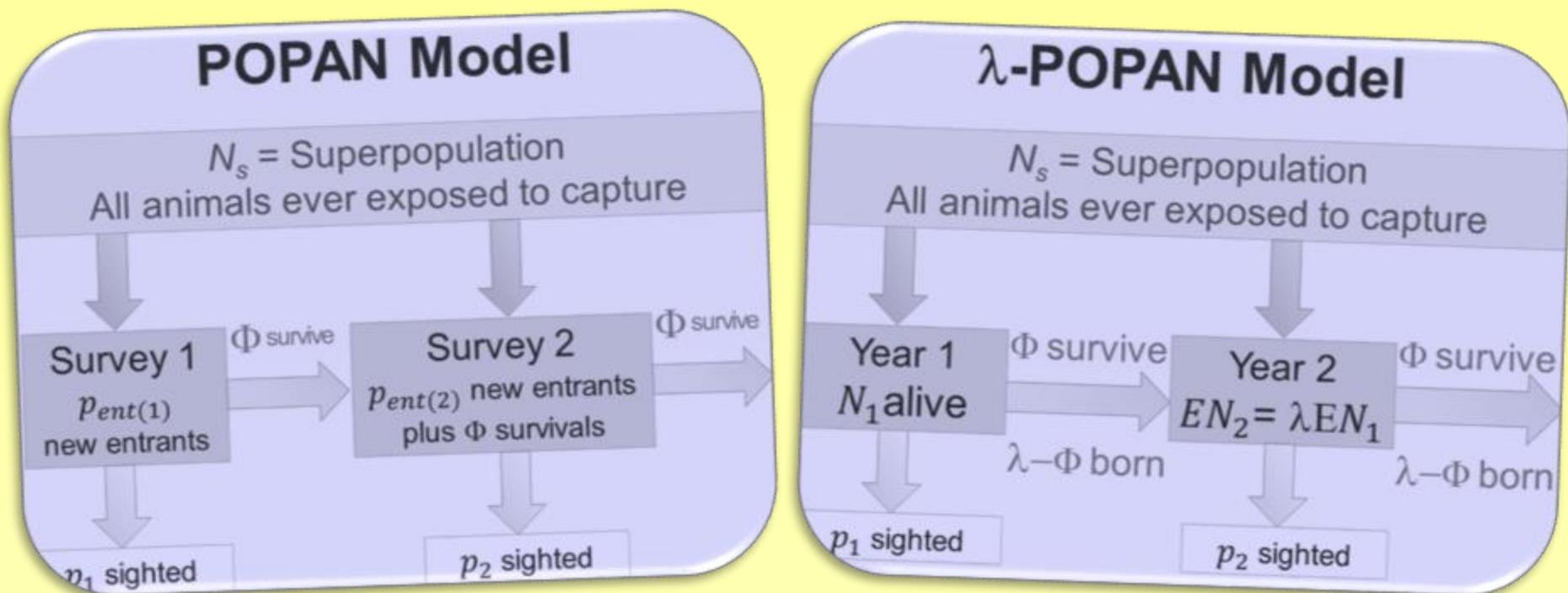
N_s = Superpopulation

All animals ever exposed to capture



CaPow : easy model exploration

- Simulates and fits general POPAN models and λ -POPAN models



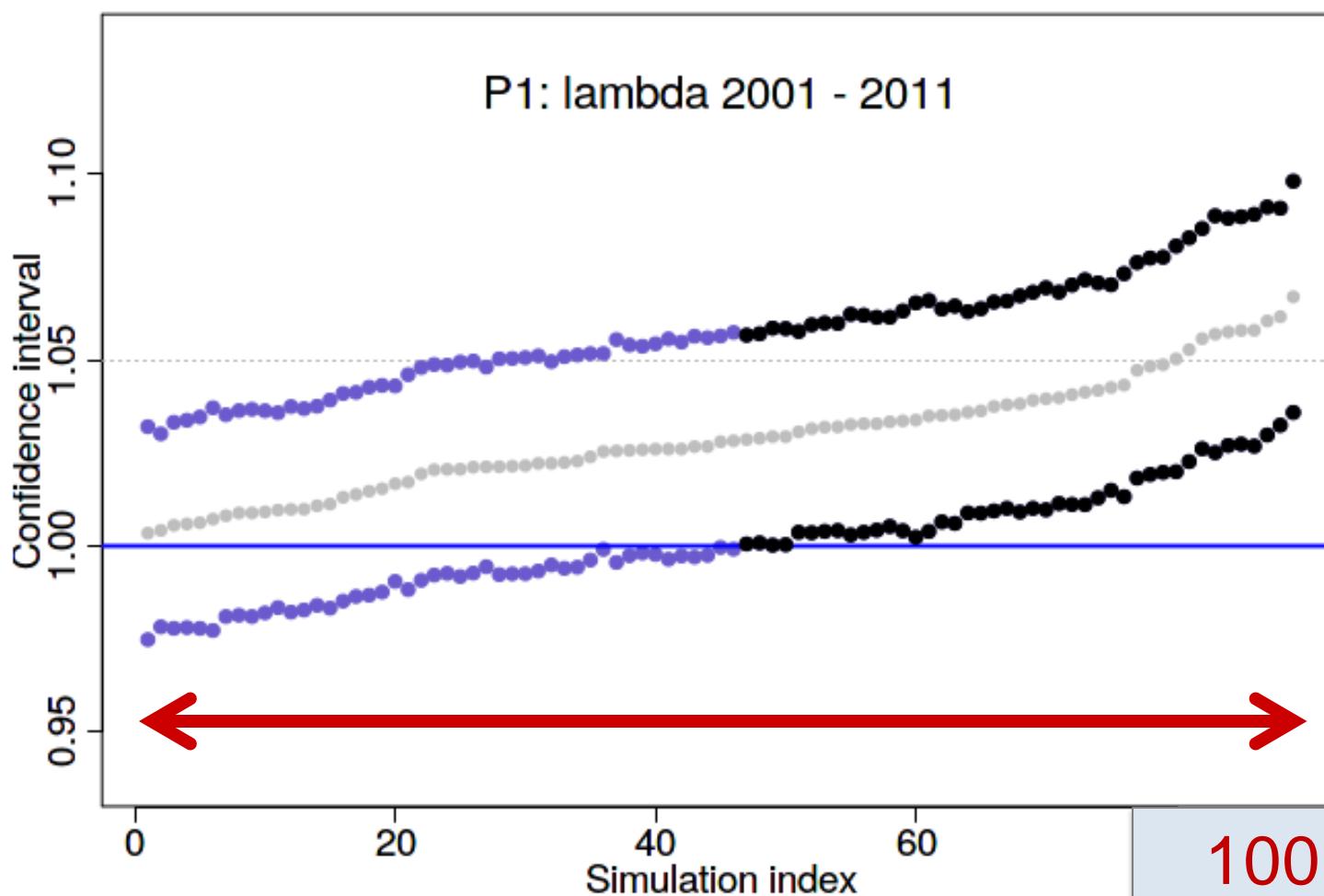
- We'll focus on λ -POPAN models today

Power Analysis

- Run simulations and fit λ -POPAN
- POWER = proportion of simulations with statistically significant trend:
 - $\lambda > 1$: population increasing
 - $\lambda < 1$: population decreasing
- Trend is significant if $\lambda=1$ is excluded from 95% confidence interval

lambda: all time

Project	Description	Parameter	Queried Value	Overall Power (%)	CI Above (%)	CI Below (%)
P1	lambda 2001 - 2011	lambda	1	48.31	48.31	0.00

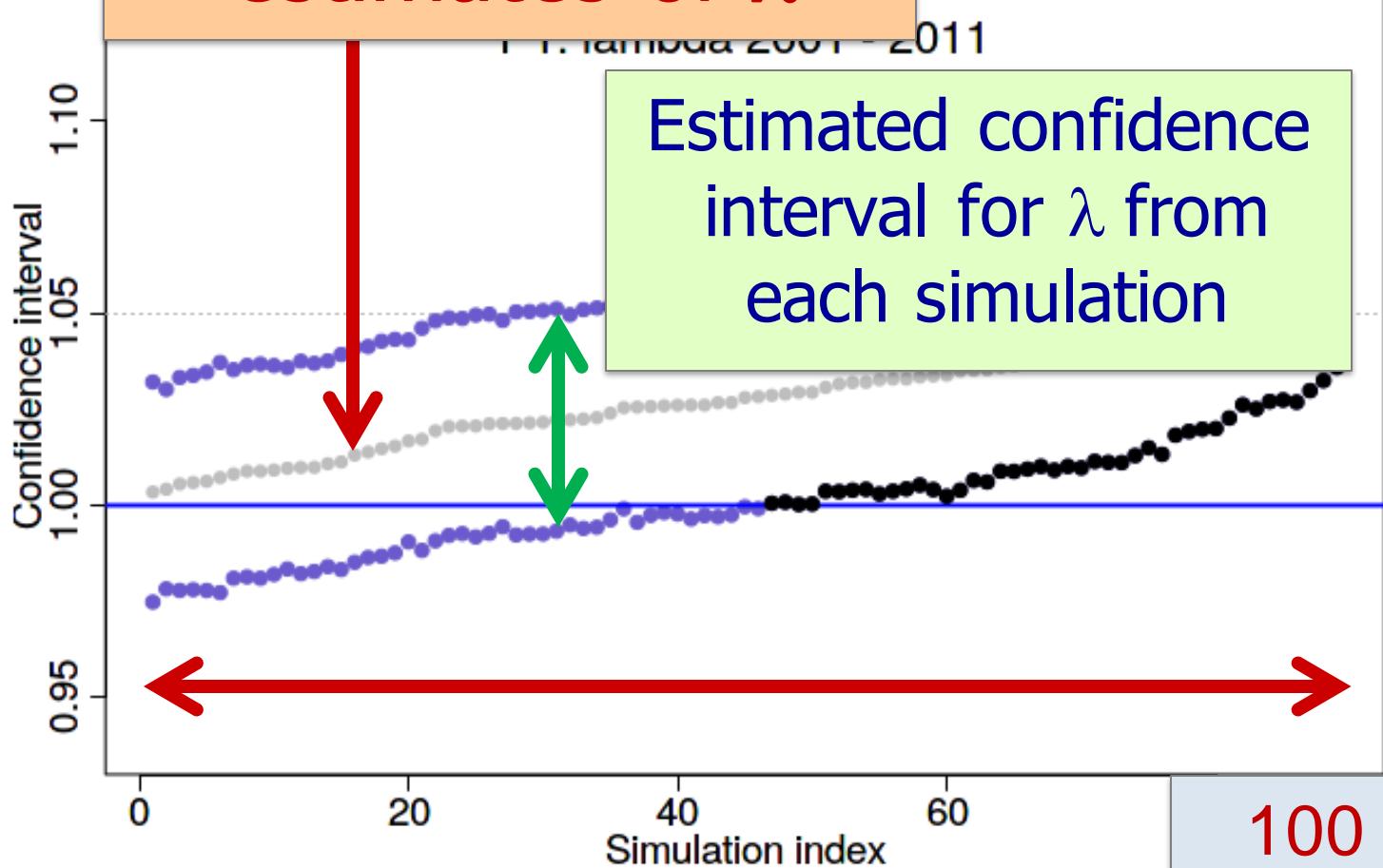


lambda: all time

Project	Description	Parameter	Queried Value	Overall Power (%)	CI Above (%)	CI Below (%)
P1	lambda 2001 - 2011	lambda	1	48.31	48.31	0.00

Grey points: 100 estimates of λ

Estimated confidence interval for λ from each simulation



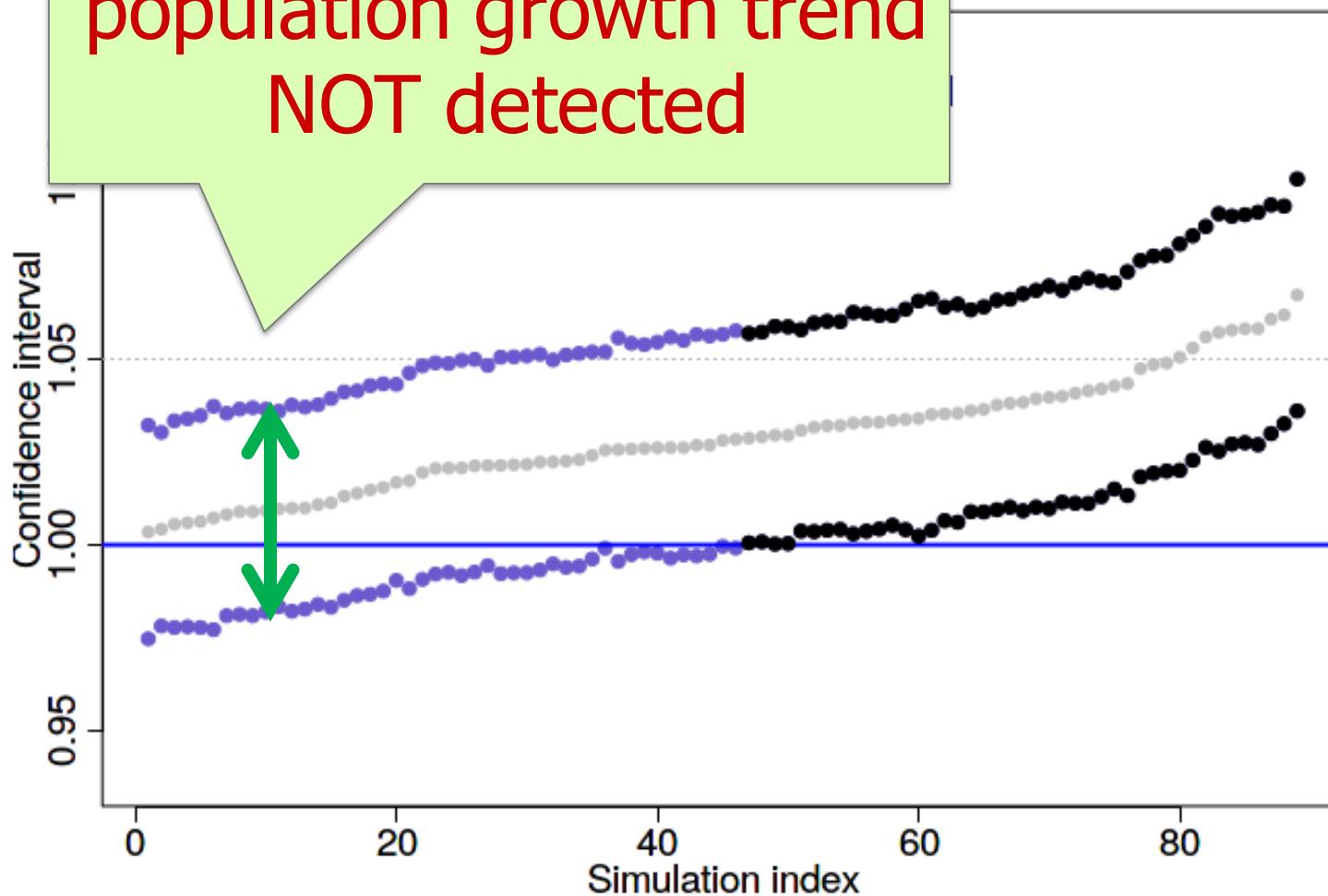
$\lambda=1$
Query
value

100 simulations

lambda: all time

Project	Description	Parameter	Queried Value	Overall Power (%)	CI Above (%)	CI Below (%)
P				8.31	48.31	0.00

CI for this simulation
contains $\lambda=1$:
population growth trend
NOT detected

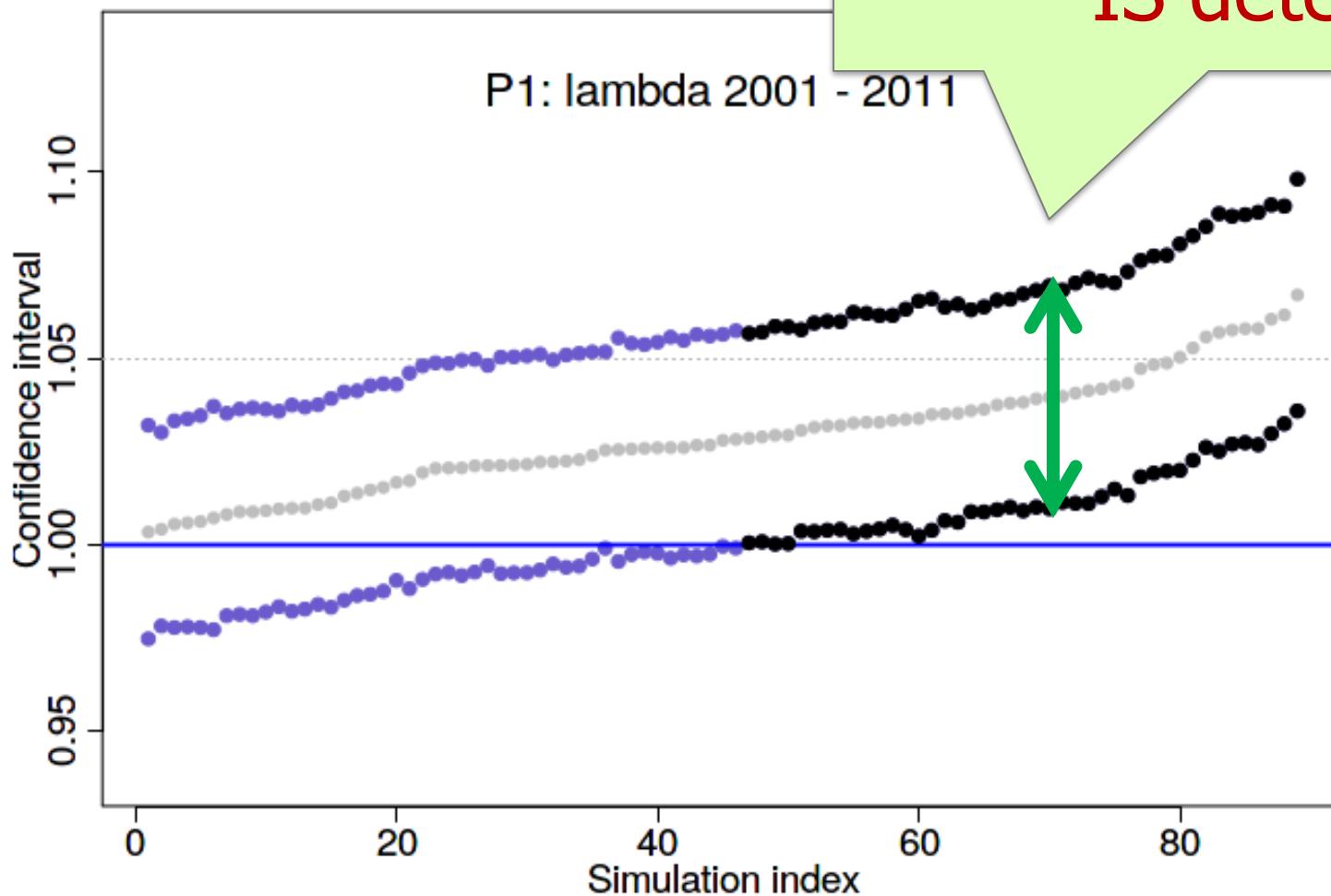


$\lambda=1$
Query
value

lambda: all time

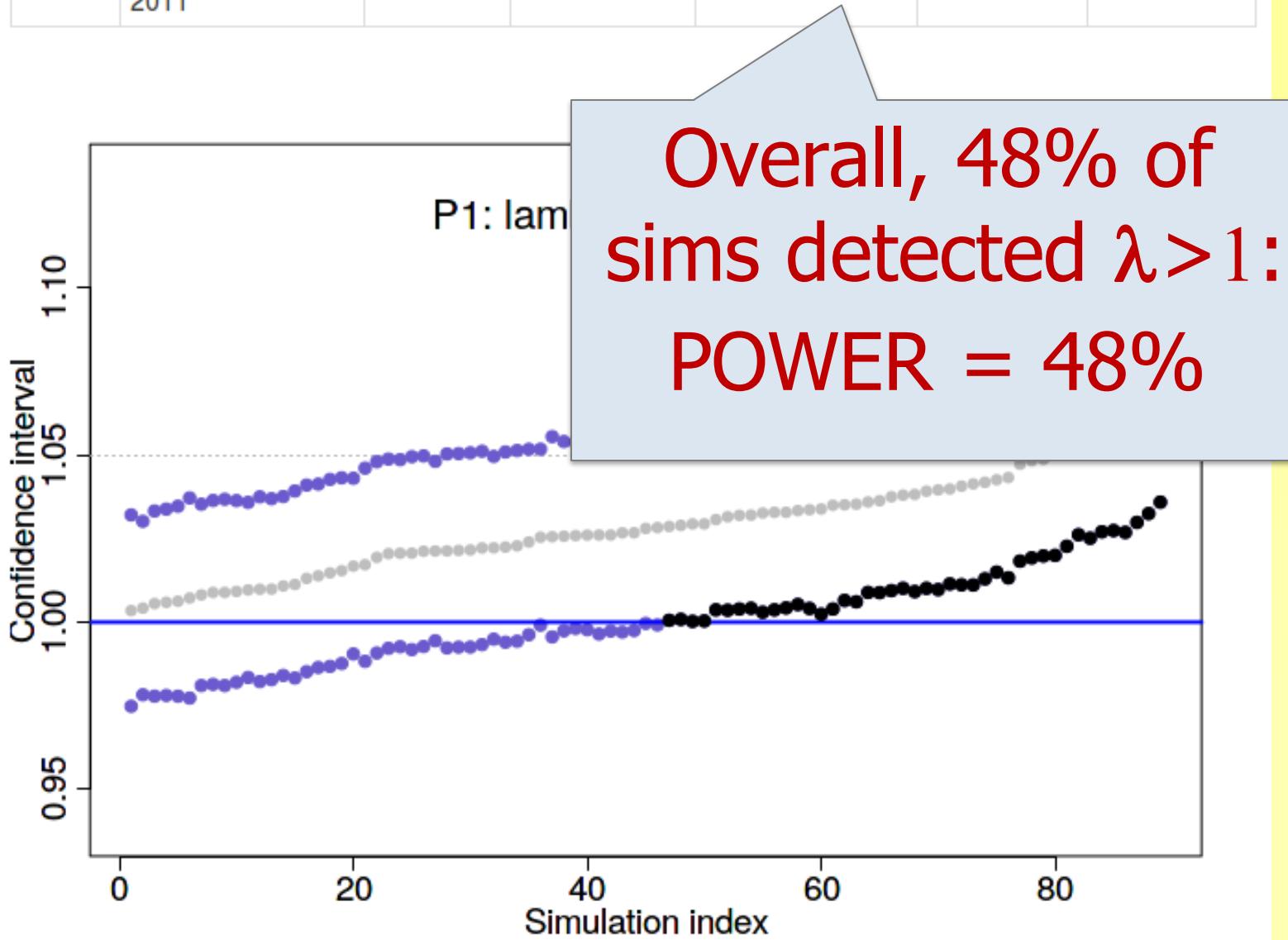
Project	Description	Parameter	Queried Value	Over (%)
P1	lambda 2001 - 2011	lambda	1	

CI for this simulation
EXCLUDES $\lambda=1$:
population growth trend
IS detected



lambda: all time

Project	Description	Parameter	Queried Value	Overall Power (%)	CI Above (%)	CI Below (%)
P1	lambda 2001 - 2011	lambda	1	48.31	48.31	0.00



Building Models

User interface is an ordinary web browser

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `http://localhost:8100` in the address bar. The page title is "Model Builder". The interface includes fields for "Model Name" (M1), "Description" (lambda phi(.) p(t)), "Number of Time Periods" (1), and "Superpopulation Size (Ns)" (N). A section titled "Type of model:" has three radio button options: "Lambda-POPAN" (selected), "Standard POPAN, single Phi", and "Standard POPAN". Below this are input fields for "Lambda (λ)" (lambda), "Phi (ϕ)" (phi), and "Start time" (2001). To the right, a box titled "Model is ready to save:" contains instructions and a checkbox. It also shows a table with columns "Time Labels", "Capture Pr (p)", "Survival (ϕ)", and "Pr Entry (p_{ent})", with the first row showing "1", "2001", an empty box, "phi", and "calculated". A note at the bottom of this box says "Type briskly when entering values directly into the matrix." The browser toolbar at the top includes links like File, Edit, View, History, Bookmarks, Tools, Help, Outlook, metVUW, MetService, yr.no, NZHerald, Home, ISEC, 15^2, Genepop, ORCON, and Catch IT!

http://localhost:8100

localhost:8100

Model Builder Model List Sim List HELP : General All Models Lambda-POPAN Single-Phi POPAN Standard POPAN

Model Name: M1

Description: lambda phi(.) p(t)

Number of Time Periods: 1

Superpopulation Size (N_s): N

Type of model:

- Lambda-POPAN
- Standard POPAN, single Phi
- Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ) Phi (ϕ) Start time

lambda phi 2001

Model is ready to save:

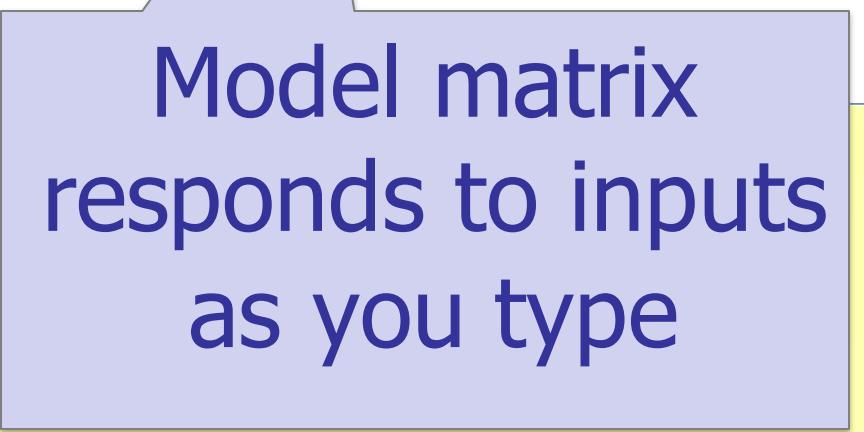
When the box is ticked, the model will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

	Time Labels	Capture Pr (p)	Survival (ϕ)	Pr Entry (pent)
1	2001	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	phi calculated

Type briskly when entering values directly into the matrix.
The system may update and reset your entry while you are typing. If you need to delete and re-enter more than two characters, consider using comma-separated entry in the Easy panel.



Enter inputs on the left panels



Model matrix responds to inputs as you type

Model Name: M1

Description: lambda phi(.) p(t)

Number of Time Periods: 1

Superpopulation Size (N_s):

Model is ready to save:

When the box is ticked, the model will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

Time Labels	Capture Pr (p)	Survival (ϕ)	Pr Entry (pent)
1 2001	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> phi <input type="checkbox"/> calculated

Type briskly when entering values directly into the matrix.

The system may update and reset your entry while you are typing. If you need two characters, consider using command line.

Set number of times to 6:
watch the model matrix
change on the right

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Model Builder Model List Sim List HELP : General All Models Lambda-POPAN Single-Phi POPAN Standard POPAN

Model Name M1

Description lambda_phi() p(t)

Number of Time Points 6

Superpopulation Size 1000

Type of model

Lambda-POPAN

Standard POPAN

Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ) Phi (ϕ) Start time

lambda phi 2001

Now have a 6-year survey period

Model is ready to save:

When the box is ticked, the model will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

Time Labels Capture Pr (p) Survival (ϕ) Pr Entry (pent)

1 2001 phi calculated

Type briskly when entering values directly into the matrix.

The system may update and reset your entry while you are typing. If you need to delete and re-enter more than two characters, consider using comma-separated entry in the Easy-Fill panel.

Phi (survival probability) at each point in time
not surveyed

Tick the times at which surveys will occur

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Model Builder Model List Sim List HELP : General All Models Lambda-POPAN Single-Phi POPAN Standard POPAN

Model Name
Description
Number of Time Points
Superpopulation S
Type of mode

Capture probabilities p1, p2, p5, p6 appear

Model is ready to save:

In the box is ticked, the model will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

Time Labels	Capture Pr (p)	Survival (ϕ)	Pr Entry (pent)
2001	<input type="checkbox"/>	phi	calculated
2002	<input type="checkbox"/>	phi	calculated
3 2003	<input type="checkbox"/>	phi	calculated
4 2004	<input type="checkbox"/>	phi	calculated
5 2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	phi	calculated
6 2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	phi	calculated

Lambda (λ) Phi (ϕ) Start time

lambda phi 2001

This means phi will be estimated. To fix at (say) 0.95 instead, enter choice here

ent5, pent6
ated as a
oda and phi

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Model Builder Model List Sim List HELP : General All Models Lambda-POPAN Single-Phi POPAN Standard POPAN

Model Name: M1
Description: lambda phi(.) p(t)
Number of Time Periods: 6

To constrain $p_2=p_1$, just type it directly into the matrix:

Model is ready to save:

When the box is ticked, the model will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

	Time Labels	Capture Pr (p)	Survival (ϕ)	Pr Entry (pent)
1	2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p1	phi	calculated
2	2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p2	phi	calculated
3	2003	<input type="checkbox"/>	phi	
4	2004	<input type="checkbox"/>	phi	
5	2005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p5	phi	calculated
6	2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p6		calculated

New choice $\phi=0.95$ (not estimated) appears

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Model Builder Model List Sim List HELP : General All Models Lambda-POPAN Single-Phi POPAN Standard POPAN

Model Name M1

Description lambda phi(.) p(t)

Number of Time Periods 6

To constrain
p2=p1, just type it
directly into the
matrix:

Model is ready to save:

When the box is ticked, the model will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

	Time Labels	Capture Pr (p)	Survival (ϕ)	Pr Entry (p_{ent})
1	2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p1	0.95	calculated
	2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p2	0.95	calculated
3	2003	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.95	
4	2004	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.95	
5	2005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p5	0.95	calculated
6	2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p6		calculated

Our Question

- Long-lived, slow-reproducing species (e.g. whales)
- Aim to ascertain whether population is increasing ($\lambda > 1$)
- Suspected population parameters:
 - about 400 whales alive in 2001
 - growing at about $\lambda = 1.03$ per year
 - survival at about $\Phi = 0.95$ per year

$\lambda = 1.03$ means 3%
annual growth

We can fund 6 surveys 2001-2011. Should we use Blocks, or Biennial configuration?

Model M1

Blocks

2 blocks

Superpopulation, N_s : N

Time:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Survey:	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓
Survival, Φ :	phi										

Capture probability, p:

p1 p1 p1 p1 p1 p1 p1 p1 p1

Growth rate, λ :

Model M2

Biennial

Biennial

Superpopulation, N_s : N

Time:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Survey:	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Survival, Φ :	phi										

Capture probability, p:

p1 p1 p1 p1 p1 p1 p1 p1 p1

Growth rate, λ :

Model Name

M1

Description

2 blocks

Number of Time Periods

11

Superpopulation Size (N_s)

N

Type of model:

- Lambda-POPAN
- Standard POPAN, single Phi
- Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ)Phi (ϕ)

Start time

lambda

phi

2001

Enter model name (M1), description (2 blocks), and number of time periods (11 for 2001 to 2011)

Model Name

M1

Description

2 blocks

Number of Time Periods

11

Superpopulation Size (N_s)

N

Type of model:

- Lambda-POPAN
- Standard POPAN, single Phi
- Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ)Phi (ϕ)

Start time

lambda

phi

2001

Typing N, lambda, and phi into these boxes just specifies that these parameters will be estimated (i.e. not fixed as constants)

	Time Labels	Survival (ϕ)	Capture Pr (p)	Pr Ent
1	2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculating
2	2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p2	calculating
3	2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p3	calculating
4	2004	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		calculating
5	2005	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		calculating
6	2006	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		calculating
7	2007	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		calculating
8	2008	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		calculating
9	2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p9	calculating
10	2010	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p10	calculating
11	2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	p11	calculating

Tick the boxes for
2 blocks of
surveys:

2001, 2002, 2003

2009, 2010, 2011

Model auto-
populates with
one p parameter
for each survey.
We'll change this
to p(.)

Easy-Fill Panel:



Capture Probability

p(.)

How To Use: Use the example box to apply the change. **Untick** changes.

e.g. `p(t)` or `p_%t` generates

e.g. `p(.)` or `p1` generates `p1`

1. Type `p(.)` in Easy-Fill panel

2. Tick the box to apply

3. Untick before doing anything else!

The model matrix now shows p1 in all slots

Model Builder Model List Sim List HELP : General All Models Lambda-POPAN Single-Phi POPAN Standard POPAN

Model Name: M1
Description: 2 blocks
Number of Time Periods: 11
Superpopulation Size (N_s): N

Type of model:
 Lambda-POPAN
 Standard POPAN, single Phi
 Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ) Phi (ϕ) Start time
lambda phi 2001

Easy-Fill Panel:
 Capture Probability
p(.)

How To Use: Use the examples to fill in an expression. Tick the box to apply the change. Untick the box before making further changes.
e.g. p(t) or p_%t generates p1, p2, p3, ...
e.g. p(.) or p1 generates p1, p1, p1

Model is ready to save:
When the box is ticked, the model will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

	Time Labels	Survival (ϕ)	Capture Pr (p)	Pr Entry (p_{ent})
1	2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
2	2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
3	2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
4	2004	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
5	2005	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
6	2006	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
7	2007	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
8	2008	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
9	2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
10	2010	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
11	2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	p1	calculated

Check everything and save the model

Model Builder Model List Sim List HELP : General All Models Lambda-POPAN Single-Phi POPAN Standard POPAN

Model Name: M1

Description: 2 blocks

Number of Time Periods: 11

Superpopulation Size (N_s): N

Type of model:

Lambda-POPAN

Standard POPAN, single Phi

Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ) Phi (ϕ) Start time

lambda phi 2001

Easy-Fill Panel:

Capture Probability
`p(.)`

How To Use: Use the examples to fill in an expression. Tick the box to apply the change. **Untick the box** before making further changes.

e.g. `p(t)` or `p_%t` generates p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots

Model is ready to save:

When the box is ticked, the model will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

	Time Labels	Survival (ϕ)	Capture Pr (p)	Pr Entry (p_{ent})
1	2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
2	2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
3	2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
4	2004	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
5	2005	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
6	2006	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
7	2007	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
8	2008	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
9	2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
10	2010	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
11	2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	p1	calculated

Ready to build another model...

- Model M2, with Biennial surveys

Model Builder Model List Sim List HELP

Model Name: M2

Description: Biennial

Number of Time Periods: 11

Superpopulation Size (N_s): N

Just change the model name to M2, and change the description to Biennial

Type of model:

- Lambda-POPAN
- Standard POPAN, single Phi
- Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ) Phi (Φ) Start time

lambda phi 2001

1. Type p(.) in Easy-Fill panel
2. Tick the box to apply
3. Untick before doing anything else!

3	2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
4	2004	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
5	2005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p5	calculated
6	2006	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
7	2007	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p7	calculated
8	2008	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
9	2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	p1	calculated
10	2010	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
11	2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	p1	calculated

Tick the new Biennial survey configuration, but notice the p-parameters have auto-populated to one per year again

Check everything, Save Model & Untick the box!

Model Name	M2
Description	Biennial
Number of Time Periods	11
Superpopulation Size (N_s)	N

Type of model:

- Lambda-POPAN
- Standard POPAN, single Phi
- Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ) Phi (ϕ) Start time

Easy-Fill Panel:

Capture Probability

How To Use: Use the examples to fill in an expression. Tick the box to apply the change. **Untick the box** before making further changes.

e.g. `p(t) or p_%t` generates p1, p2, p3, ...

e.g. `p(.) or p1` generates p1, p1, p1, ...

e.g. `0.1, p2, p3, 0.2, ...` comma-separated values.

Model is ready to save:

When the box is ticked, the model will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

Model has been saved. Untick the box before continuing...

Confirm number:

	Time Labels	Survival (ϕ)	Capture Pr (p)	Pr Entry (p _{en})
1	2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	<input type="text" value="p1"/>	calculated
2	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
3	2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	<input type="text" value="p1"/>	calculated
4	2004	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
5	2005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	<input type="text" value="p1"/>	calculated
6	2006	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
7	2007	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	<input type="text" value="p1"/>	calculated
8	2008	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
9	2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> phi	<input type="text" value="p1"/>	calculated
10	2010	<input type="checkbox"/> phi		
11	2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="p1"/>	calculated

Building Simulations

- Same idea, but enter numbers instead of parameters

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Sim Name: S1

Description: lambda=1.05 phi=0.9 p=0.1

Number of Time Periods: 8

Superpopulation Size (N_s): 1000

Type of simulation:

Lambda-POPAN
 Standard POPAN, single Phi
 Standard POPAN

Phi (ϕ) Start time

0.9 2001

SimSet is ready to save:

When the box is ticked, the sim will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

	Time	Capture p	Survival ϕ	Relative p _{ent}	p _{ent}	E(N _t)
1	2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.1	0.9	0.4603	0.4603	460
2	2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.1	0.9	0.0690	0.0690	483
3	2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.1	0.9	0.0725	0.0725	507
4	2004	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.9			
5	2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.9			
6	2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.1	0.9	0.2175	0.2175	587

Sim Name

S1

Description

2 blocks

Number of Time Periods

11

Superpopulation Size (Ns)

Type of simulation:

- Lambda-POPAN
- Standard POPAN, single Phi
- Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ)

1.03

Phi (ϕ)

0.95

Start time

2001

Enter sim name (S1), description (2 blocks), and number of time periods (11 for 2001 to 2011)

Suspected population parameters:

- about 400 whales alive in 2001
- growing at about $\lambda=1.03$ per year
- survival at about $\Phi=0.95$ per year

Type of simulation:

- Lambda-POPAN
- Standard POPAN single Phi
- Standard POPAN multiple Phi

Lambda (λ)	Phi (Φ)	Start time
1.03	0.95	2001

SimBuilder

N_s Calculate

Sim Name

Description

Number of Time Periods

11

Superpopulation Size (N_s)

Type of simulation:

- Lambda-POPAN
- Standard POPAN, single P
- Standard POPAN

Suspected population parameters:

- about 400 whales alive in 2001
- growing at about $\lambda=1.03$ per year
- survival at about $\Phi=0.95$ per year

Lambda (λ)

1.03

Phi (Φ)

0.95

Start time

2001

N_s = Superpopulation
All animals ever exposed to capture

This means the superpopulation does not include any animals that were born and died within a survey gap

The superpopulation does not include any animals that were born and died in a survey gap

Model M1

2 blocks

Superpopulation, N_s : N											
Time:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Survey:	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓
Survival, Φ :	phi	phi	phi								
Capture probability, p :	p1	p1	p1						p1	p1	p1
Growth rate, λ :	5	126	11	11	11	11	11	11	6664.6	11	11

For 400 animals alive in 2001 for both scenarios, we need different superpopulation sizes

Model M2

Biennial

N_s = Superpopulation
All animals ever exposed to capture

Superpopulation size N_s depends on:

- Growth rate, λ
- Survival, Φ
- Choice of survey times

For fixed $N_{2001} = 400$:

- Faster-growing pops have larger N_s
- So N_s increases with λ
- Longer-living animals have smaller N_s
 - If animals live longer, fewer **different** animals are needed to maintain growth
 - So N_s decreases with Φ
- More, or more regular, surveys expose more animals to capture: have larger N_s
 - So N_s depends on survey configuration

N_s Calculator Tab

- Calculates the relationship between superpopulation size, N_s , and expected number alive in a base year t , $E(N_t)$



SimBuilder N_s Calculator Sim List Model List HELP : General All Models Lambda-POPAN Single-Phi POPAN Standard

N_s Calculator for lambda-POPAN models

This tab enables you to calculate the superpopulation size, N_s , under the assumptions of a lambda-POPAN model with constant lambda and constant phi, given the desired population size at a single specified time, which we will call the *base time*, t .

For example, you can find the correct superpopulation size N_s for the period 2001 to 2014 inclusive, such that the expected population size in 2003 is $E(N_{2003})=400$ animals. The base time is $t=2003$, and the base population size is $E(N_t)=400$.

Accommodating Survey Gaps:

The N_s value covers the total number of animals that were ever exposed to a survey. If there are gaps between surveys, some animals may be born and die

Input parameters

Lambda (λ) Phi (ϕ) Base time, t Base pop, $E(N_t)$

Time range for N_s

Start time End time Or: Surveys, e.g. 2001-2003, 2008, 2014

Input parameters

Lambda (λ) Phi (Φ) Base time, t Base pop, E(N_t)

1.03

0.95

2001

400

Time range for N_s

Start time End time Or: Surveys, e.g. 2001-2003, 2008, 2014

2001

2014

2001-2003, 2009-2011

Superpopulation size over the designated period: 742.0138

Table of results at survey times:

Survey year	Cumulative N_s		
2001	400	0	0
2002	432	0	0
2003	465	0	0
2009	660	0.262	506.70
2010	700	0.055	521.90
2011	742	0.056	537.60

Suspected population parameters:

- about 400 whales alive in 2001
- growing at about $\lambda=1.03$ per year
- survival at about $\Phi=0.95$ per year

Input parameters

Lambda (λ) Phi (ϕ)

1.03

0.95

Base time, t

2001

Base pop, E(N_t)

400

Time range for N_s

Start time End time

Or: Surveys, e.g. 2001-2003, 2008, 2014

2001

2014

2001-2003, 2009-2011



Enter 2-block surveys separated by commas: e.g.

e.g. 2001-2003, 2009-2001

or: 2001,2002,2003,2009,2010,2011

Input parameters

Lambda (λ) Phi (Φ) Base time, t Base pop, E(N_t)

1.03 0.95 2001 400

Time range for N_s

Start time End time Or: Surveys, e.g. 2001-2003, 2008, 2011

2001 2014 2001-2003, 2009-2011

Superpopulation size over the designated period: 742.0138

Table of results at survey times:

Survey year	Cumulative N_s	p _{ent}	E(N_t)
2001	400	0.539	400.00
2002	432	0.043	412.00
2003	465	0.044	424.40
2009	660	0.262	506.70
2010	700	0.055	521.90
2011	742	0.056	537.60

Answer:
Superpopulation size needed for Sim S1 is $N_s = 742$

Check it gives the right answer: N=400 in 2001

1. Back on SimBuilder tab, enter $N_s = 742$
2. Check it gives the right value $EN_{2001} = 400$
3. Leave capture probability at 0.1 everywhere

Sim Name	S1						
Description	2 blocks						
Number of Time Periods	11						
Superpopulation Size (N_s)	742						
<p>SimSet is ready to save <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>When the box is ticked, the sim will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.</p>							
	Time	Survival Φ	Capture p	Relative p _{ent}	p _{ent}	E(N_t)	
1	2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.5391	0.5391	400	
2	2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0431	0.0431	412	
3	2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0444	0.0444	424	
4	2004	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95					
5	2005	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95					
6	2006	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95					
7	2007	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95					
8	2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95					
9	2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.2625	0.2625	507	

Type of simulation:

- Lambda-POPAN
- Standard POPAN, single Phi
- Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ) Phi (Φ) Start time

1.03 0.95 2001

Easy-Fill Panel:

Capture Probability
0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1

Check everything; Save SimSet; Untick box!

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Sim Name

S1

Description

2 blocks

Number of Time Periods

11

Superpopulation Size (Ns)

742

Type of simulation:

- Lambda-POPAN
- Standard POPAN, single Phi
- Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ)Phi (ϕ)

Start time

1.03

0.95

2001

Easy-Fill Panel: Capture Probability

0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1

How To Use: Use the examples to fill in an expression. Tick the box to apply the change. **Untick the box** before making further changes.

e.g. 0.2 generates 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, ...

e.g. 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, ... comma-separated values.

SimSet is ready to save:

When the box is ticked, the sim will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

SimSet has been saved. Untick the box before continuing...

Confirm number:

	Time	Survival ϕ	Capture p	Relative p _{ent}	p _{ent}	E(N _t)
1	2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.5391	0.5391	400
2	2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0431	0.0431	412
3	2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0444	0.0444	424
4	2004	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
5	2005	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
6	2006	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
7	2007	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
8	2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
9	2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.2625	0.2625	507
10	2010	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0546	0.0546	522
11	2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.1	0.0563	0.0563	538

Ready to build another SimSet...

- SimSet S2, with Biennial surveys

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Sim Name	S2
Description	Biennial
Number of Time Periods	11
Superpopulation Size (N _s)	

Type of simulation:

Lambda-POPAN
 Standard POPAN, single Phi
 Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ) Phi (ϕ) Start time

1.03 0.95 2001

Change the sim name to S2, and change the description to Biennial

Time	Survival ϕ	Capture p	Relative p _{ent}	p _{ent}	E(N _t)
1 2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.5278	0.5278	
2 2002	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
3 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0836		
4 2004	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
5 2005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0887		
6 2006	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
7 2007	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0941	0.0941	
8 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
9 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0998	0.0998	
10 2010	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
11 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.1	0.1059	0.1059	

Tick the new
 Biennial survey
 configuration

Input parameters

Lambda (λ) Phi (ϕ) Base time, t Base pop, E(N_t)

1.03

0.95

2001

400

Use N_s calculator tab
to find the correct
superpopulation size

Time range for N_s

Start time End time Or: Surveys, e.g. 2001-2003, 2008, 2014

2001

2014

2001,2003,2005,2007,2009,2011

Superpopulation size over the designated period: 757.8086

Table of results at survey times:

Survey year	Cumulative N_s	p _{ent}	E(N_t)
2001	400	0.528	400.00
2003	463	0.084	424.40
2005	531	0.089	450.20

Answer: 758.
Check it gives
the right
answer: N=400
in 2001

Back on the SimBuilder tab:

- Enter $N_s=758$
- Check everything; Save SimSet; Untick box!

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Sim Name	S2
Description	Biennial
Number of Time Periods	11
Superpopulation Size (N _s)	758

Type of simulation:

Lambda-POPAN
 Standard POPAN, single Phi
 Standard POPAN

Lambda (λ)	Phi (ϕ)	Start time
1.03	0.95	2001

Easy-Fill Panel:

Capture Probability
0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1

SimSet is ready to save:

When the box is ticked, the sim will be checked and saved. Untick the box afterwards before making further changes.

SimSet has been saved. Untick the box before continuing...

Confirm number:

	Time	Survival ϕ	Capture p	Relative p _{ent}	p _{ent}	E(N _t)
1	2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.5278	0.5278	400
2	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
3	2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0836	0.0836	424
4	2004	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
5	2005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0887	0.0887	450
6	2006	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.95				
7	2007	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.95	0.1	0.0941	0.0941	478

If you ever need to remove anything...

Remove Items Sim List Model List

Remove Items

What do you want to remove?

Project and/or Results
 Simulation
 Model

Submit Type

Remove Simulation:

Project List	
	Name
1	No projects created

Simulation List		
	Name	Description
1	S1	2 blocks

Building Projects

- A Project combines a Simulation set and a Model
- Only Sims and Models defined over the same survey years can be combined
- Otherwise you can combine anything you wish:
 - simulate from a lambda-model, fit a non-lambda model;
 - simulate with variable p, fit with constant p; ...

ProjectBuilder Interface

[Create Project](#) [Sim List](#) [Model List](#)

Create Project

Project name:

Project description:

Choose a Simulation Set:

Choose a Model:

Save Project

Project List

	Name
1	No projects created yet

Simulation List

	Name	Description
1	S1	2 blocks
2	S2	Biennial

Model List

	Name	Description
1	M1	2 blocks
2	M2	Biennial

Reference lists of Sims and Models

Create Project

Sim List

Model List

This tab displays a reference list of SimSets already created. It is not affected by any changes made in this session.

SimSet S1

2 blocks

Superpopulation, N_s : 742

Time:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Survey:	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓
Survival, Φ :	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	
Capture probability, p :	0.1	0.1	0.1						0.1	0.1	0.1
Growth rate, λ :	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	
Entry proportion, p_{ent} :	0.5391	0.0431	0.0444						0.2625	0.0546	0.0563
E(N_t):	400	412	424						507	522	538

SimSet S2

Biennial

Superpopulation, N_s : 758

[Create Project](#)[Sim List](#)[Model List](#)

Create Project

Project name:

Project description:

Choose a Simulation Set:

Choose a Model:

[Save Project](#)

Project List

Create Project P1 with description "2 blocks"

P1 is combination of S1 and M1. Make selections and click Save Project.

Model List

Name	Description

Create Project

Project name:

P2



Project description:

Biennial



Choose a Simulation Set:

S2



Choose a Model:

M2



Save Project

Project List

Create Project P2 with description “Biennial”

P2 is combination of S2 and M2. Make selections and click Save Project.

	Name	Description
1	M1	2 blocks
2	M2	Biennial

The two projects are now listed on the right

Create Project

Sim List

Model List

Create Project

Project name:

P2

Project description:

Biennial

Project List

	Name	Description	Run	Simulation	Model	Sim.Description	Model.Description
1	P1	2 blocks	0	S1	M1	2 blocks	2 blocks
2	P2	Biennial	0	S2	M2	Biennial	Biennial

Run Projects

Run Projects

Sim List

Model List

Run Projects

Number of simulations:

100

Choose Projects to run:

P1

P2

Run Projects

Click Run Projects to submit projects for running.

Do not close the browser until all projects have finished. You can monitor progress in the R console.

Select Projects P1 and P2

Leave number of simulations at 100

Click Run!

Run Projects

Number of simulations:

100

Choose Projects to run:

- P1
- P2

Run Projects

Click Run Projects to submit projects for running.

Do not close the browser until all projects have finished. You can monitor progress in the R console.

Finished running the following projects:

- P1
- P2

Some systems show progress in the R console window;

Otherwise, wait for the interface to come live again with the Finished message.

Power Console

Parameter:

lambda

Power Summaries

Plot se

Click
Go!

Sim List

Model List

Power Display

Queried value

1

Confidence level:

0.95

Include Projects:

P1

P2

Overall Power (%): percentage of simulations in which the queried value is outside the confidence interval. Specifies power to detect the true parameter differs from the queried value.

CI Above (%): the CI lies wholly above the queried value. Specifies power to detect the true parameter is greater than the queried value.

CI Below (%): the CI lies wholly below the queried value. Specifies power to detect the true parameter is less than the queried value.

lambda: all time

Project	Description	Parameter	Queried Value	Overall Power (%)	CI Above (%)	CI Below (%)
P1	lambda 2001 - 2011	lambda	1	62.00	62.00	0.00
P2	lambda 2001 - 2011	lambda	1	51.00	50.00	1.00

Select projects P1 and P2;

Test lambda against Queried Value = 1

Power Console

Parameter:

lambda

Queried value:

1

Confidence level:

0.95

Include Projects:

P1

P2

Project P1 typically scores 10-20% higher power than Project P2

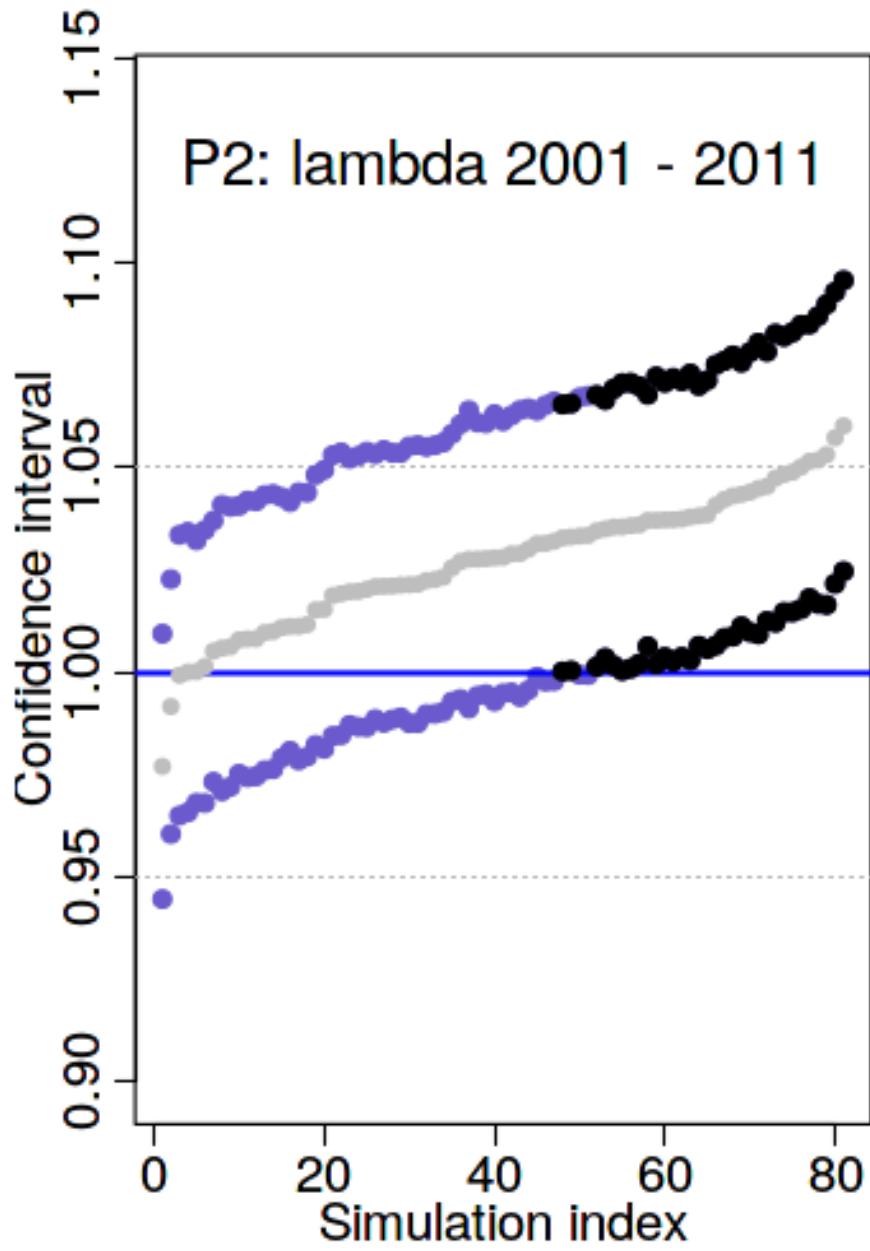
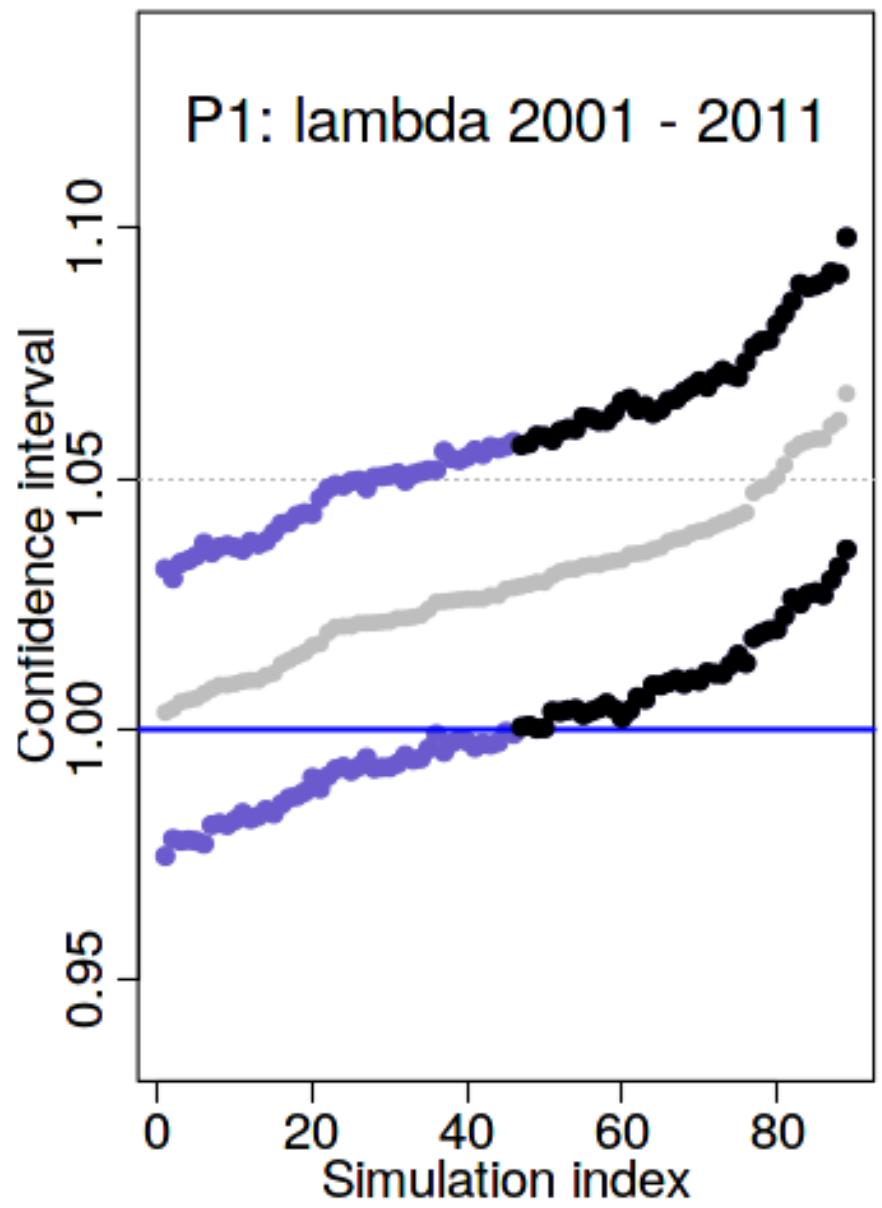
➤ Blocks seem to be better than evenly-spaced surveys!

lambda: all time



Project	Description	Parameter	Queried Value	Overall Power (%)	CI Above (%)	CI Below (%)
P1	lambda 2001 - 2011	lambda	1	53.69	53.69	0.00
P2	lambda 2001 - 2011	lambda	1	39.81	39.81	0.00

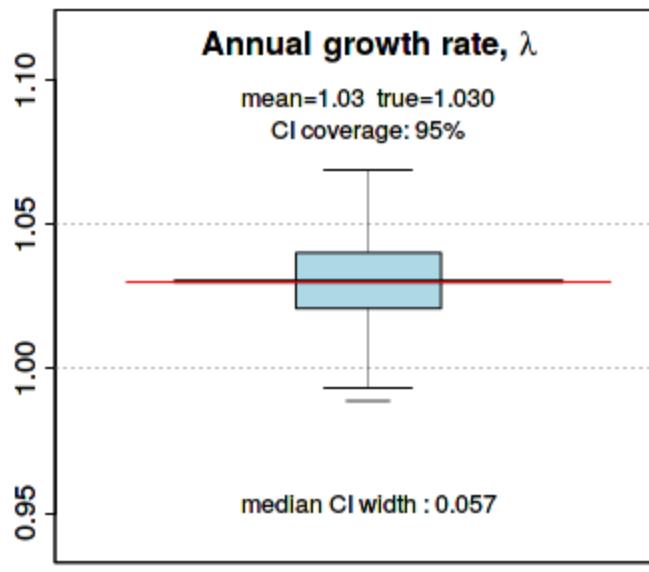
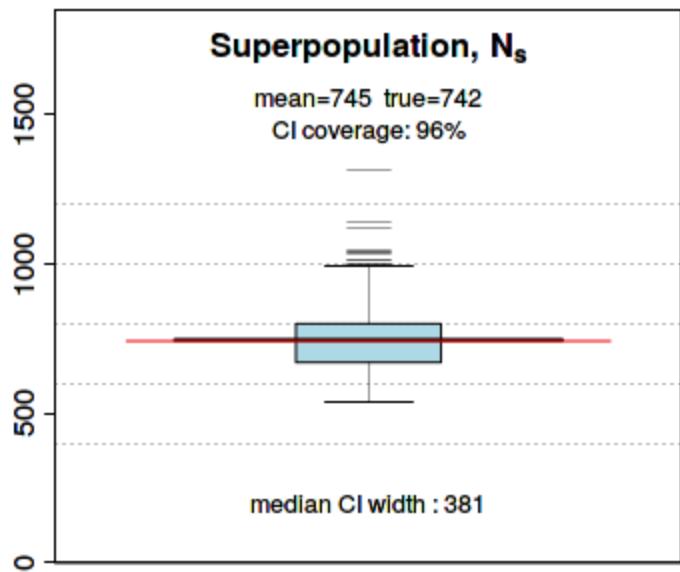
Results shown here from 500 sims



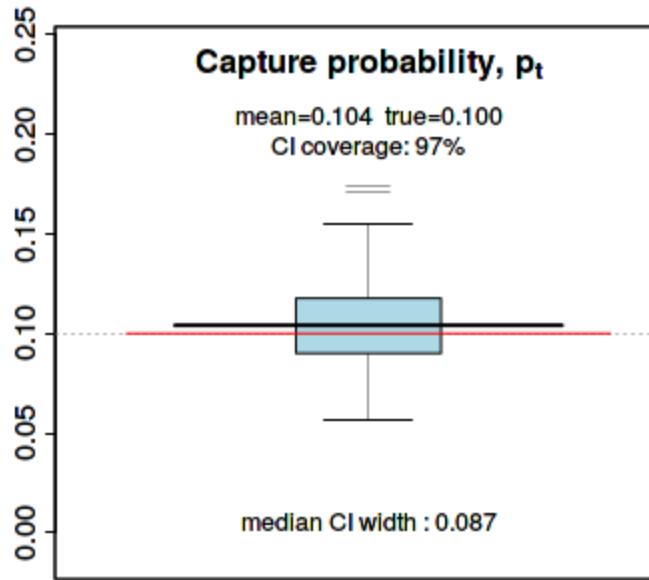
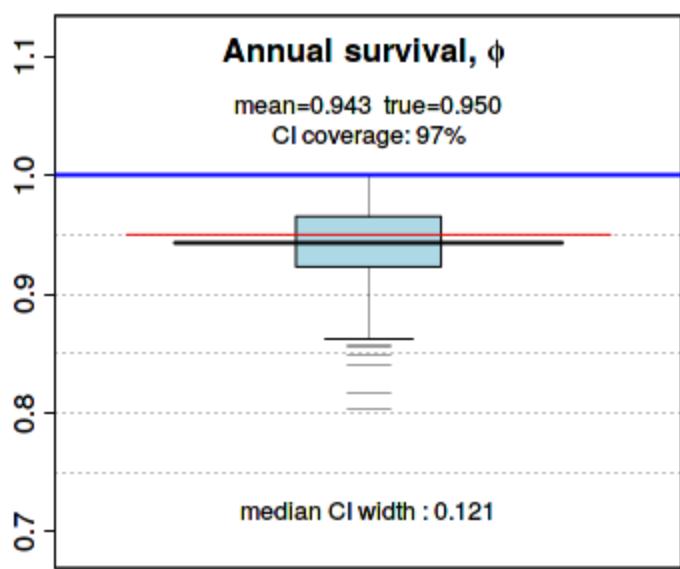
Results shown here from 100 sims

Plot Project Results

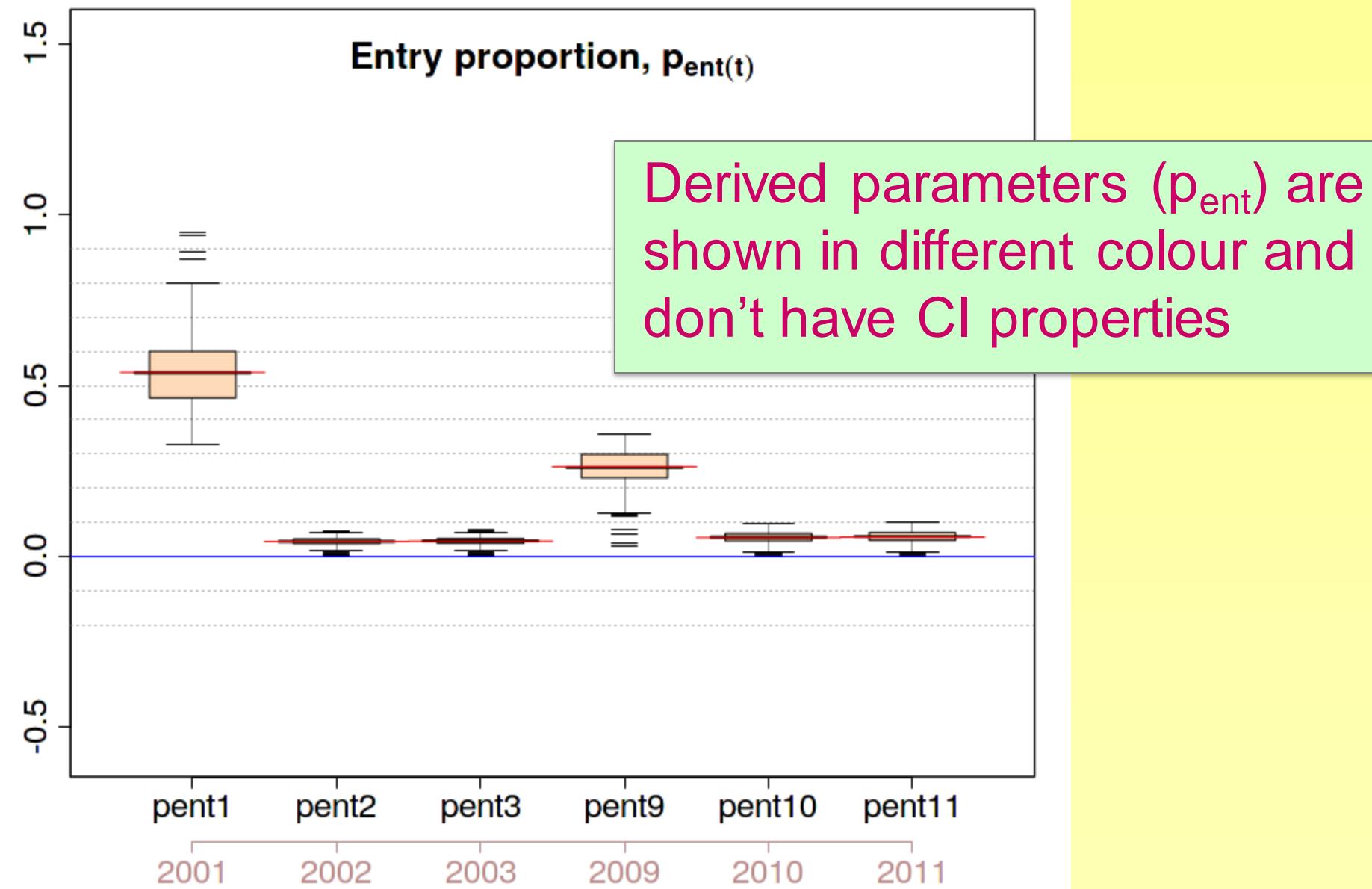
Project P1



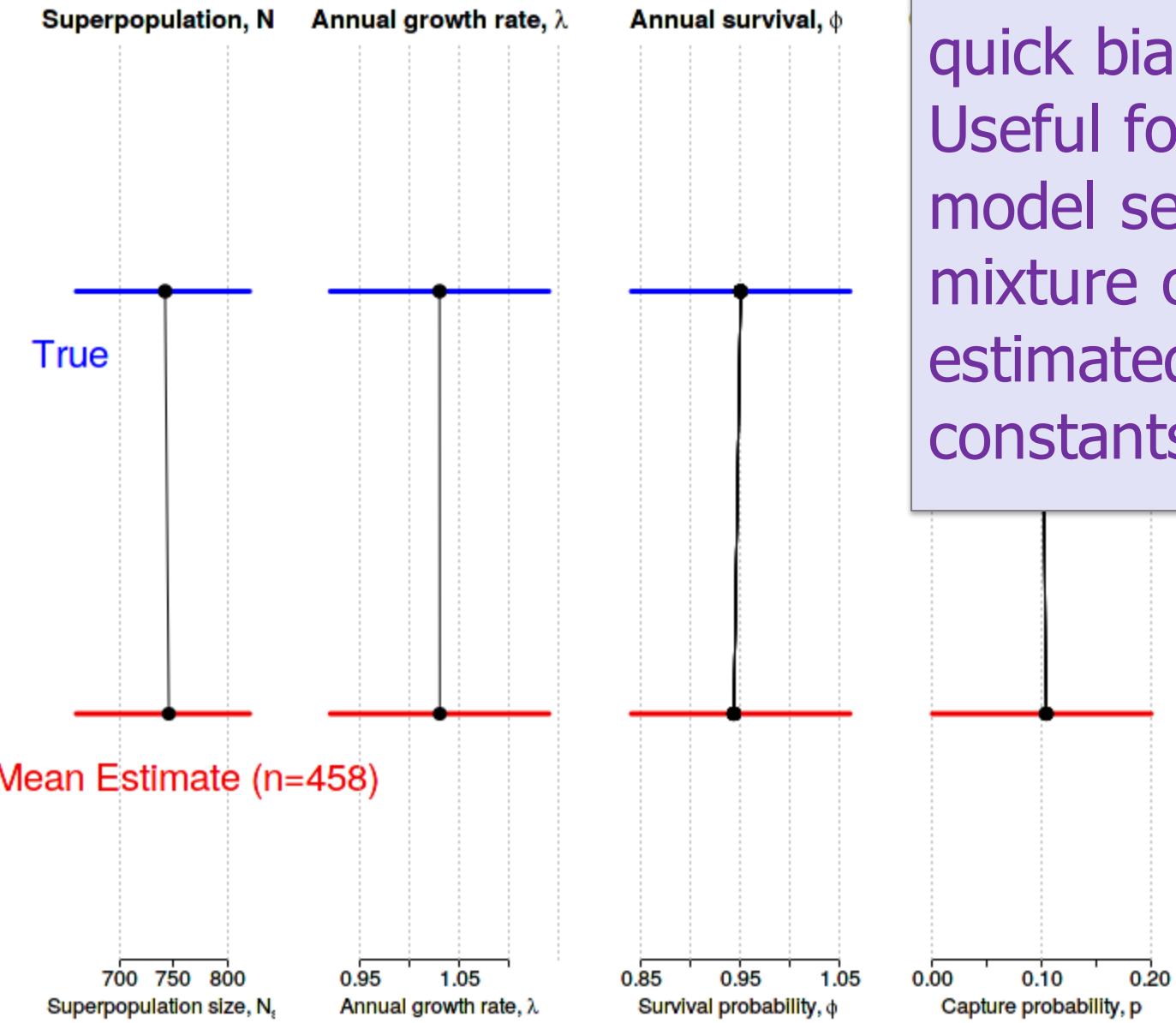
Boxplots show good properties for all estimated parameters



Results shown here from 500 sims

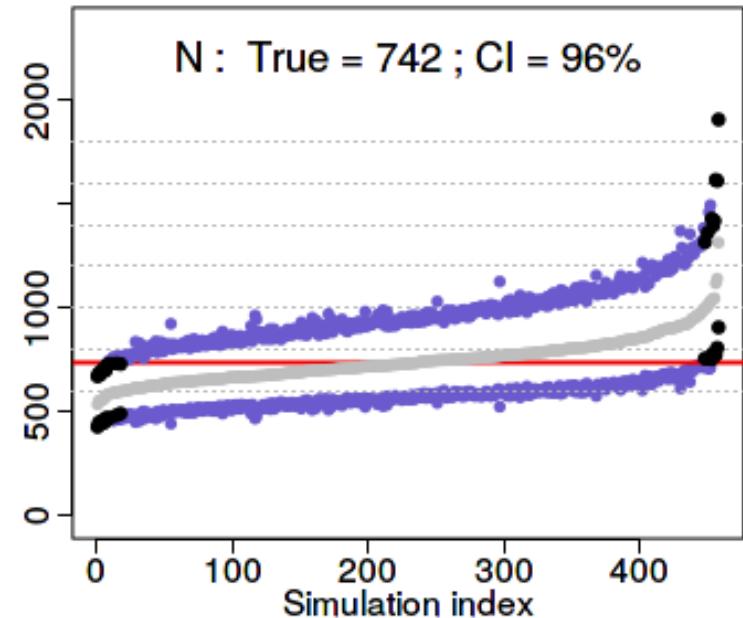


Project P1



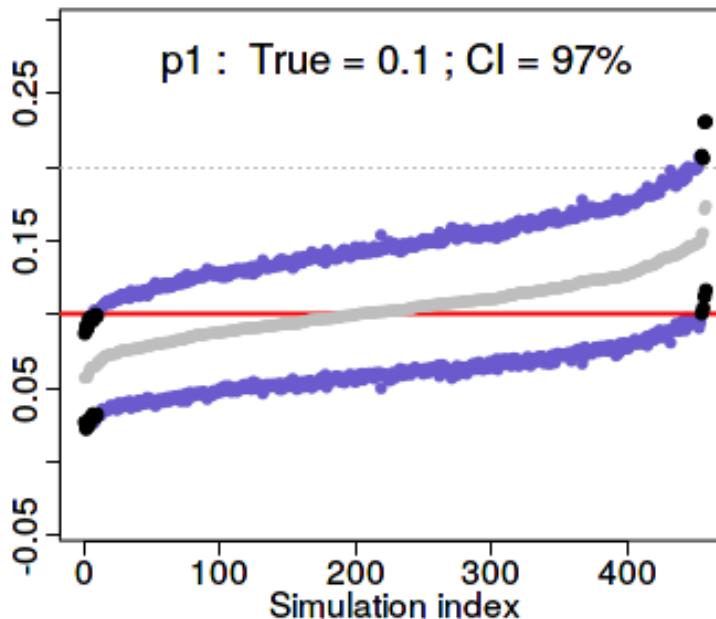
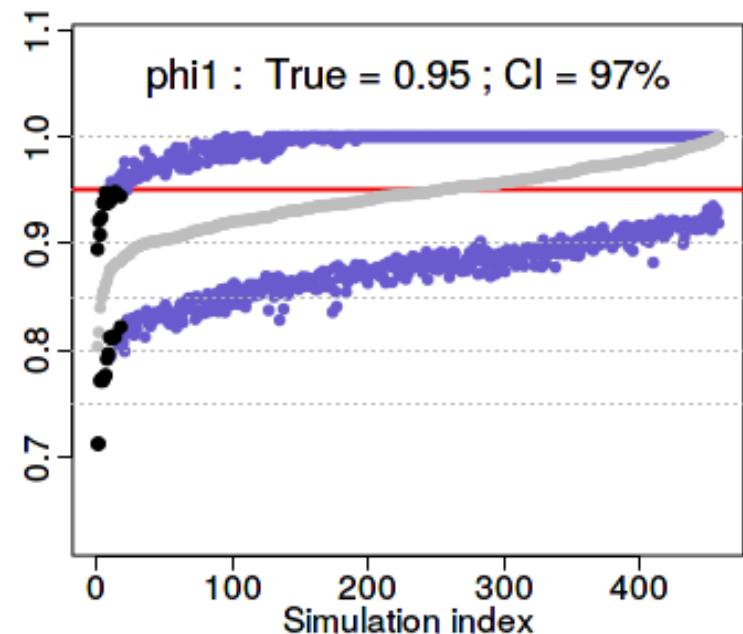
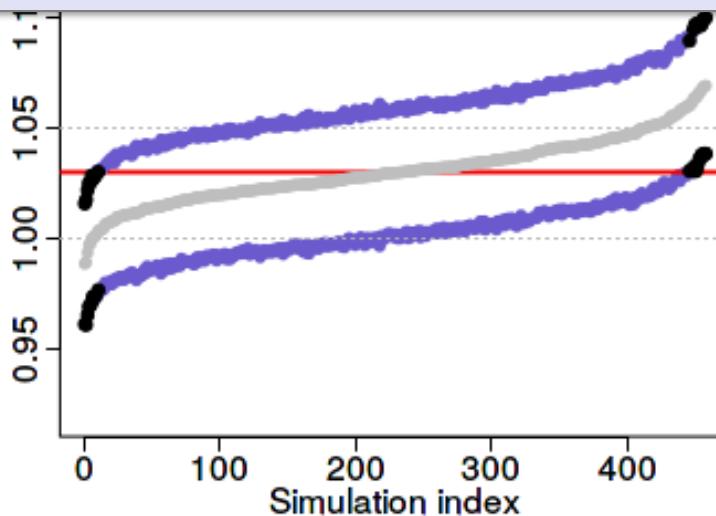
Mean-Plots offer a quick bias check.
Useful for complicated model setups with a mixture of parameters estimated and fixed as constants

Project P1



CI plots look good

Note the sharp ceiling at $\phi=1$



Summary Tables

Boxplots Mean Plots CI Plots **Summary Tables** Project List

Model List

Show definitions

Project P1

Parameter	Treatment	TrueValue	meanEst	relativeBias	empiricalSD	empiricalCV	RMSE	meanSE	meanEstCV	medClwidth	Clcover
N	Estimated	742.00	745.42	0.00	102.80	0.14	102.74	101.72	0.14	380.75	0.96
lambda	Estimated	1.03	1.03	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.95
phi1	Estimated	0.95	0.94	-0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.12	0.97
p1	Estimated	0.10	0.10	0.04	0.02	0.20	0.02	0.02	0.22	0.09	0.97
pent1	Derived	0.54	0.54	-0.00	0.10	0.19	0.10				
pent2	Derived	0.04	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.23	0.01				
pent3	Derived	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.23	0.01				
pent9	Derived	0.26	0.26	-0.01	0.05	0.20	0.05				
pent10	Derived	0.05	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.27	0.01				
pent11	Derived	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.27	0.02				

No CI or variance properties given for derived parameters like p_{ent}



Summary

- Fitting diagnostics look good for projects P1 and P2
- No obvious bias; CI coverage close to 95%
- So we can trust the results from the power analysis:
 - Project P1 (two blocks of 3 surveys) has higher power to detect $\lambda > 1$ than Project P2 (biennial surveys)

Blocks seem to be better than regularly-spaced surveys (experimental result only)

Model M1

2 blocks

Model M2

Biennial

A project I made earlier...

Look at what has been done by
looking at the Model List, Sim List, and
Project List tabs

Power console

This tab displays a reference session.

Model M1.pconst fits a single capture probability parameter p1

Model M1.pconst

3 blocks; p(.)

Superpopulation, N_s

Model M1.pvar

3 blocks; p(t)

Superpopulation, $N_{\cdot \cdot \cdot}^N$

Model M1.pvar fits a different capture probability for each survey

Time:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Survey:	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
ival, Φ :	phi																
capture	p1	p2	p3				p8	p9	p10								
ility, p:															p15	p16	p17

This tab displays a reference

SimSet S1.pconst

3 blocks; p=0.1

Superpopulation,
N_s: 891

Time: 2001

Survey:	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Survival, Φ :	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95
Capture probability, p:	0.1	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.1	0.1
Growth rate, λ :	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02
Entry proportion, P _{ent} :	0.44870.03140.0320			0.15420.03610.0368			0.17710.04140.0423				
E(N _t):	400	408	416		459	468	478		527	538	549

Sim S1.pvar simulates with capture probabilities 0.08, 0.10, 0.12 within each block of three surveys

SimSet S1.pvar

3 blocks; p=0.08, 0.10, 0.12

Superpopulation,
N_s: 891

Time: 2001

Survey:	✓										
Survival, Φ :	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95
Capture probability, p:	0.08	0.1	0.12		0.08	0.1	0.12		0.08	0.1	0.12
Growth rate, λ :	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02
Entry proportion, P _{ent} :	0.44870.03140.0320			0.15420.03610.0368			0.17710.04140.0423				

Projects combine constant p and variable p
in every combination of sim / model:

simC.fitC :
correct,
simple
model

simC.fitV :
correct but
inefficient
model

simV.fitC :
WRONG
MODEL!

simV.fitV :
correct,
complex
model

Name	Description	Run	Simulation	Model	Sim_Description	Model_Description
1 P1.simC.fitC	Sim const p; Fit const p	1	S1.pconst	M1.pconst	3 blocks; p=0.1	3 blocks; p(.)
2 P1.simC.fitV	Sim const p; Fit variable p	1	S1.pconst	M1.pvar	3 blocks; p=0.1	3 blocks; p(t)
3 P1.simV.fitC	Sim variable p; Fit const p	1	S1.pvar	M1.pconst	3 blocks; p=0.08, 0.19, 0.12	3 blocks; p(.)
4 P1.simV.fitV	Sim variable p; Fit variable p	1	S1.pvar	M1.pvar	3 blocks; p=0.08, 0.19, 0.12	3 blocks; p(t)

Compare the 4 projects for query-value $\lambda = 1$:

Hmm! The **WRONG** project does the best?

		Queried Value	Overall Power (%)	CI Above (%)	CI Below (%)
P1.simV.fitC	lambda 2001 - 2017	lambda	1	80.44	80.44
P1.simC.fitC	lambda 2001 - 2017			00	00
P1.simC.fitV	lambda 2001 - 2017			00	00
P1.simV.fitV	lambda 2001 - 2017			00	00

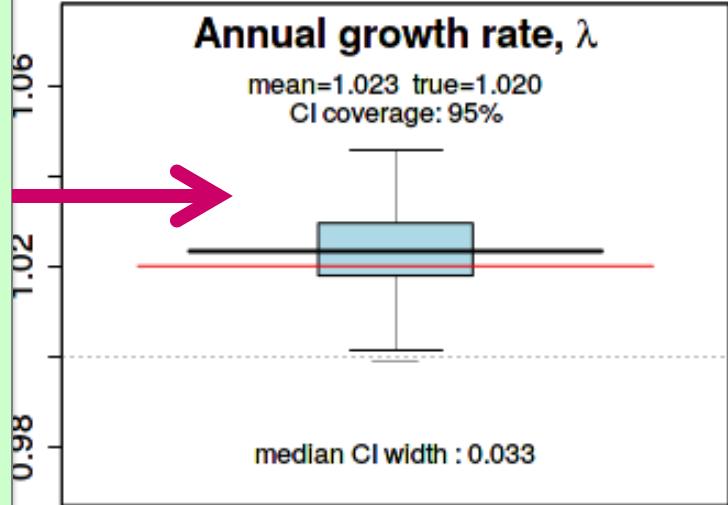
Always need to check model diagnostics through the Plot() panel to avoid getting conned by wrong results!

Plot console

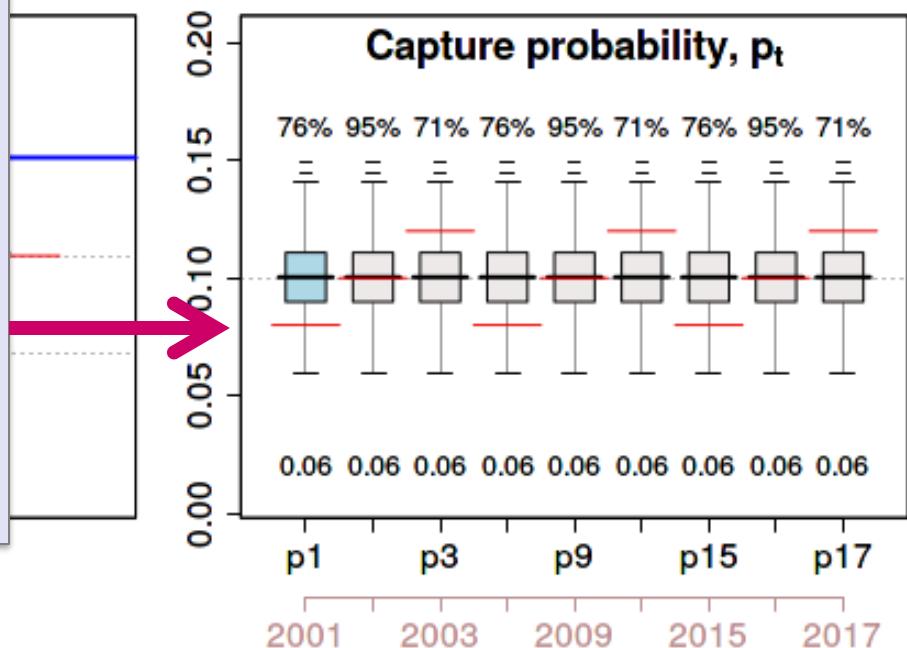
Plot the P1.simV.fitC project:

simulates variable capture probability, fits
constant capture probability

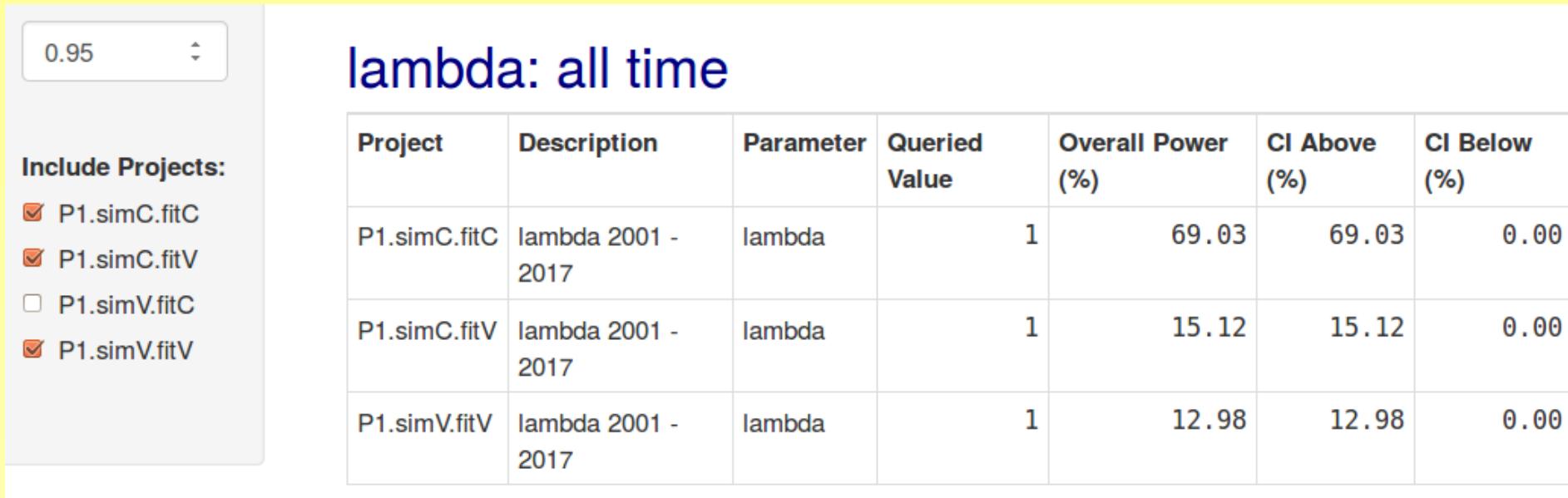
Model misspecification causes small but noticeable positive bias in lambda estimates: this is why this project appeared to have the best power to detect $\lambda > 1$!



Tied capture parameters do not match the correct answers!



Restrict power display to only the three correct projects:



Conclusion: if it's possible to sample with constant capture probability, gain a big improvement in power (~15% to ~70%).

Summary

- CaPow does model-fitting, power analysis, and simulation testing for inferential accuracy, 100% in R
- User-friendly web-browser interface
Provides a general framework for inferential testing: combine Simulation settings & Model into Projects; run a list of Projects