

# MODELING GROWTH AND DISTURBANCE WITH DYNAMIC MODELS

## WAYS TO USE DYNAMIC MODELS

Goal: To provide insight into environmental systems, and how they respond to intervention/disturbance/change

- predict how something we care about will change over space and/or time (*system evolution*)
- sensitivity analysis of output (*output generated by solving differential equation to see system evolution in time or space*)
  - output response to variation in inputs/parameters
  - quantifying how summary measures respond to variation in inputs/parameters

## **DISTURBANCE**

- Sometimes we are interested in how dynamics of a system (through time or space) are influenced by a force of change
  - Press - continuous through time; slowly increasing or decreasing
  - Pulse - intervals/one-time - could be a shock to the system

Examples?

## MODELLING DISTURBANCE

Disturbance is **exogenous**, (modelled outside of the model and then input)

Disturbance is integrated into the model **endogenous**

## QUESTIONS TO ASK

### Exogenous or Endogenous implementation

- do you care about feedbacks between the system state and disturbance frequency or severity
  - fire is a disturbance that influences vegetation; but vegetation influences likelihood of future fire (YES)
  - high intensity precipitation (flood events) might be a disturbance; but streamflow response probably doesn't impact likelihood of future high intensity precipitation (NO)
- do you have a model of the disturbance
  - could you integrate this model into your existing dynamic model

Exogenous is easier to implement; and may allow you to use output from another model even if there are feedbacks it might still be useful to see what happens after a disturbance

Endogenous allows for a more complete integration of the disturbance

## MODELLING DISTURBANCE - AN EXAMPLE

What would a model of forest growth look like if we harvest a forest on a regular basis

Some possible options

1. Disturbance is **exogenous** (outside of the model)
  - look at post-harvest recovery
2. Disturbance is integrated into the model **endogenous**
  - a fixed harvest every year
  - proportional harvest (% of current stock)

We can build this on a forest growth model

## LETS CONSIDER FOREST GROWTH USING OUR SIMPLE GROWTH MODEL

Modeling carbon growth in a forest

- $r$  is growth rate
- $K$  is maximum carbon capacity of the forest

We can actually re-use our model - if we assume forest growth follows a logistic growth curve (e.g exponential growth towards a carrying capacity)

Let's consider harvesting as **exogenous** first - simply change the starting condition

## EXOGENEOUS MODEL

```
1 source(here("R/dexppopK.R"))
2
3 dexppopK
```

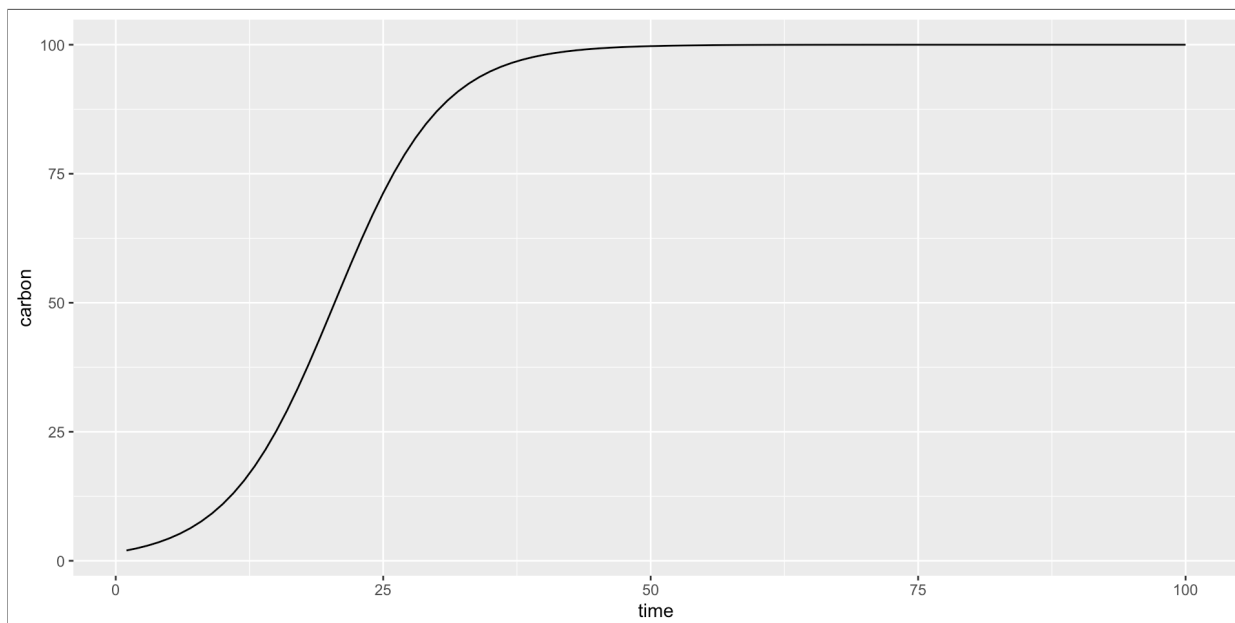
```
function (time, P, parms)
{
  dexpop <- parms$r * P * (1 - P/parms$K)
  return(list(dexpop))
}
```

```
1 # set parameters
2 forestparms <- list(K = 100, r = 0.2)
3
4 # create a time sequence
5 tm <- seq(from = 1, to = 100)
6
7 # start a small forest
8 postfire_initial_carbon <- 2
9
10 # watch it grow
11 forest <- ode(y = postfire_initial_carbon, times = tm, dexppopK, pa
```



## EXOGENEOUS MODEL - PLOT

```
1 colnames(forest) <- c("time", "carbon")
2 ggplot(as.data.frame(forest), aes(time, carbon)) +
3   geom_line()
```



## ENDOGENOUS EXAMPLE - REGULAR HARVEST

Lets consider a regular harvesting of the forest -annual proportional harvest  
How would you change the differential equation to implement this - try it!

- modify  $dexppopK$
- rerun starting with mature conditions (30kgC)
- harvest 10% of the forest every year
- run the model for 500 years
- try changing the harvesting rate to see what happens

## MY ANSWER

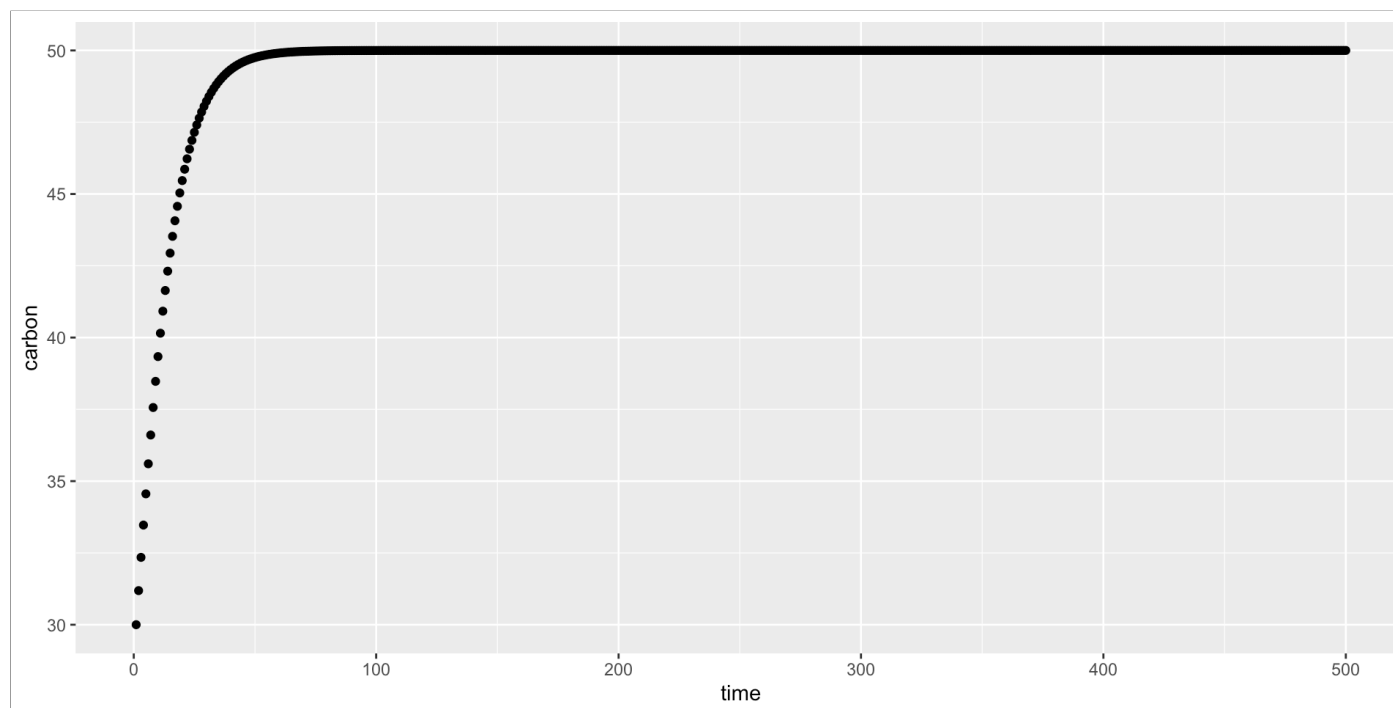
We can include harvesting in our forest with a new parameter **harv** (proportional harvesting rate))

I also changed the variable names to be more meaningful

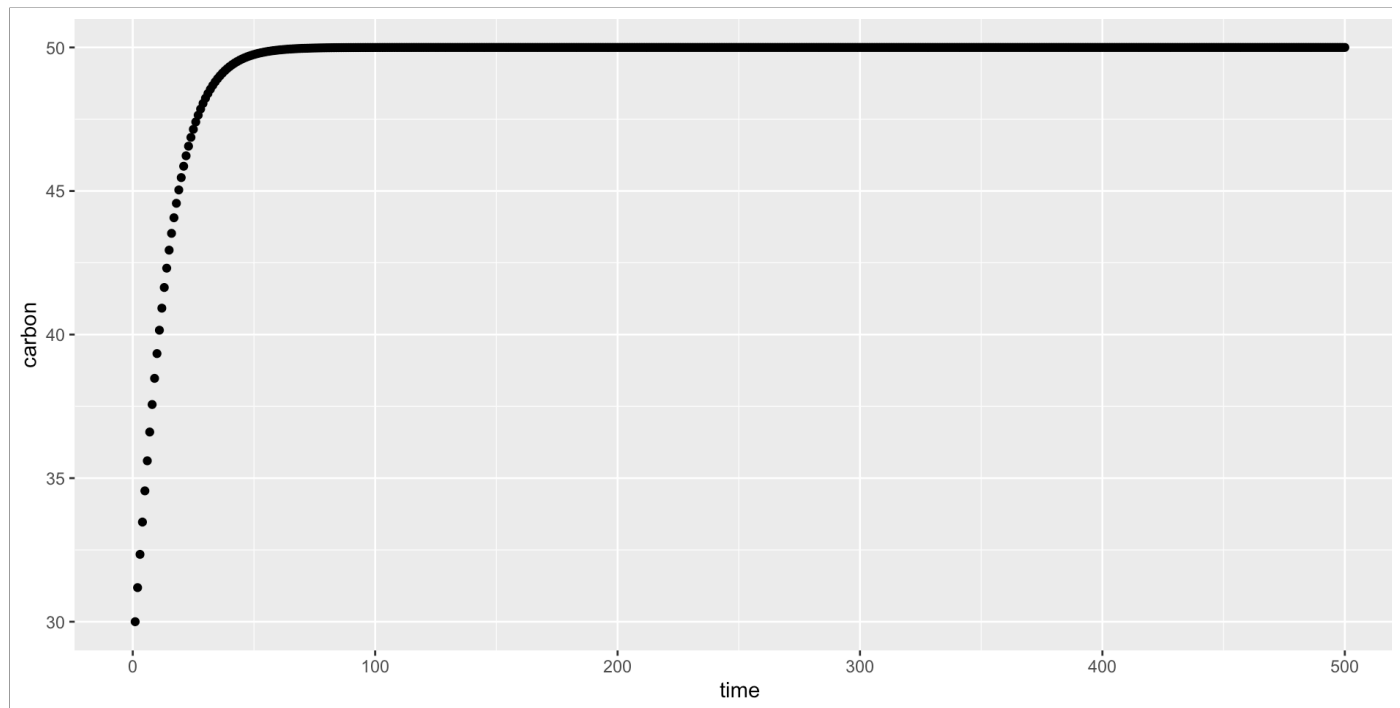
```
1 # fixed amount per year
2 source(here("R/dharvest.R"))
3 dharvest
```

```
function (Time, biomass, parms)
{
  db <- parms$r * biomass * (1 - biomass/parms$K) - parms$harv *
    biomass
  return(list(db))
}
```

```
1 # try it out
2 tm <- seq(from = 1, to = 500)
3 Cinitial <- 30
4 gps <- list(harv = 0.1, K = 100, r = 0.2)
5 res <- ode(Cinitial, tm, dharvest, gps)
6 colnames(res) <- c("time", "carbon")
7
8 ggplot(as.data.frame(res), aes(time, carbon)) +
9   geom_point()
```



## WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE



## HOW DOES HARVESTING RATE EFFECT CARBON

Compute trajectories of forest biomass (or carbon) over time - given different harvesting rates

- create a vector of different harvesting rates that we want to try
- write a wrapper function to run our model and extract trajectories
- run the wrapper function for our harvesting rates
- graph

## MY CODE

```

1 # what if we harvest a a much greater rates
2 # lets vary the harvest rates from 0.0 to 0.4
3 harvestr <- seq(from = 0.0, to = 0.4, by = 0.025)
4
5 # save all of the trajectories
6 # use a wrapper function to just return the carbon trajectories from
7 getcarbon <- function(Cinitial, tm, harv, K, r, hfunc) {
8   gps <- list(harv = harv, K = K, r = r)
9   res <- ode(Cinitial, tm, hfunc, gps)
10  colnames(res) <- c("time", "carbon")
11  res <- as.data.frame(res)
12  return(carbon = res$carbon)
13 }
14
15 # apply this function to all harvest values
16 res <- harvestr %>% map_dfc(~ getcarbon(Cinitial = Cinitial, tm = t
17 # rows are time, columns are carbon for each harvest scenario
18 colnames(res) <- harvestr
19 res <- as.data.frame(res)

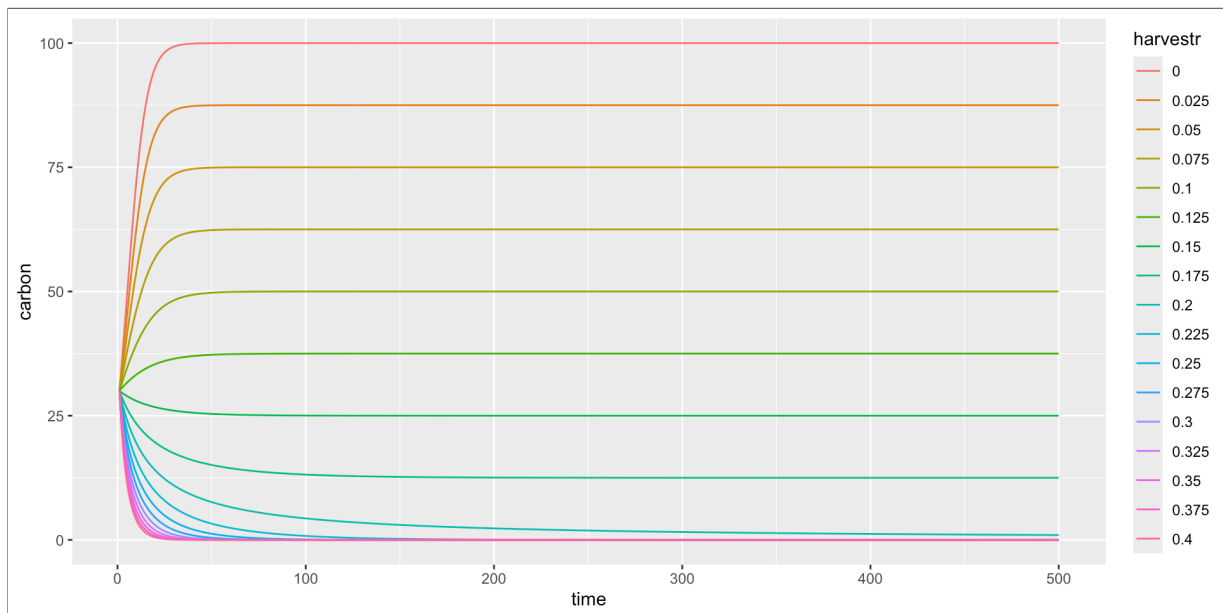
```

	0	0.025	0.05	0.075	0.1	0.125	0.15
0.175							
1	30.00000	30.00000	30.00000	30.00000	30.00000	30.00000	30.00000
	30.00000						
2	34.35985	33.53827	32.73592	31.95234	31.18711	30.43991	29.71018
	28.99766						
3	39.00030	37.22369	35.52436	33.89924	32.34530	30.85973	29.43969
	28.08257						
4	43.84888	41.00637	38.33489	35.82562	33.46995	31.25972	29.18691
	27.24404						
5	48.81781	44.83069	41.13608	37.71711	34.55716	31.64015	28.95045
	26.47307						
6	53.81022	48.63856	43.89691	39.56035	35.60360	32.00148	28.72905
	25.76204						
	0.2	0.225	0.25	0.275	0.3	0.325	0.35
0.375							

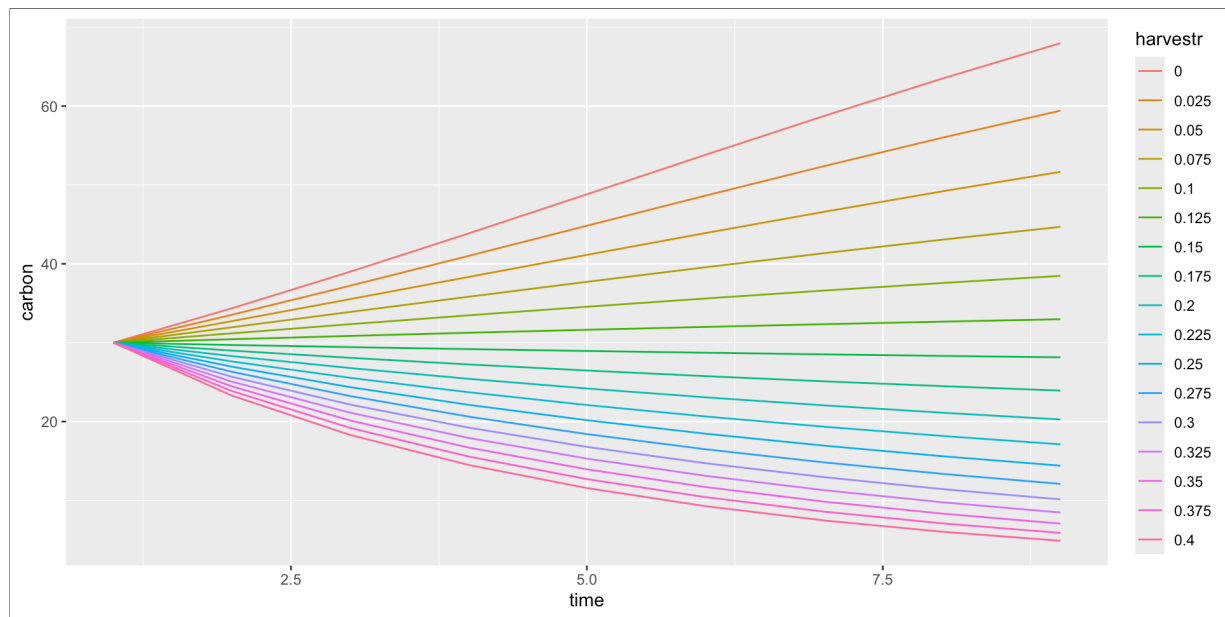
## PLOT THE RESULTS

- Notice that stable forest carbon changes with harvest rates
- Some forests are not stable - (or forest size goes to zero)

```
1 # put in to a form where we can plot
2 resl <- gather(res, key = "harvestr", value = "carbon", -time)
3 ggplot(resl, aes(time, carbon, col = harvestr)) +
4   geom_line()
```



```
1 # notice that stable forest value changes with harvest rates
2
3 # notes that some forests are not stable - (or forest size goes to
4
5 # see this at the beginning - plot the first 10 years
6 ggplot(subset(resl, time < 10), aes(time, carbon, col = harvestr))
7   geom_line()
```





## PARAMETER INTERACTIONS

How do different harvest rates interact with different growth rates (and/or) carrying capacity?

Common “type” of question - how does disturbance interact with the properties (parameters) of the system?

Explore on your own

Try different combination of growth and harvest rates...

- Notice how carbon growth changes...
- What does stability mean -
- Can you find parameter sets that lead to a stable non-zero forest

## SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

We could do some sensitivity analysis to see how harvest rate, and growth rate interact

Sensitivity of what? What do we care about?

- where forest ends up after 10 years and 50 years (short and long planning horizons)

We will design a function to compute metrics and a wrapper to make this easy

```

1 # fixed amount per year
2 source(here("R/dharvest.R"))
3
4 # compute our two metrics of interest - harvest after 10 and 50 yea
5 # make it general in case we want to use other times
6 compute_short_long_C <- function(carbontime, short = 10, long = 50)
7   Cshort <- carbontime %>%
8     subset(time == short) %>%
9     select(C)
10  Clong <- carbontime %>%
11    subset(time == long) %>%
12    select(C)
13  # use as numeric to clean up
14  return(list(Cshort = as.numeric(Cshort), Clong = as.numeric(Clong)
15 })
16
17 # now lets get our sample parameters
18 # lets assume a uniform distribution of harvest rates
19 # and of normal growth rates

```

```

      r      harv
[1,] 0.2682309 0.2635548
[2,] 0.3185244 0.3731608
[3,] 0.3492284 0.2330287
[4,] 0.3145324 0.2483109
[5,] 0.2511035 0.1232881
[6,] 0.2905072 0.1270780

```

```

1 # do a quick test
2 # try it out
3 tm <- seq(from = 1, to = 50)
4 Cinitial <- 30
5 parms <- list(r = sens_forest$X[1, 1], harv = sens_forest$X[1, 2],
6
7 res <- ode(y = Cinitial, times = tm, func = dharvest, parms = parms
8 res <- as.data.frame(res)
9 colnames(res) <- c("time", "C")
10
11 compute_short_long_C(res)

```

```
$Cshort  
[1] 17.98579
```

```
$Clong  
[1] 6.945886
```

## BUILD OUR WRAPPER FUNCTION AND RUN FOR ALL THE PARAMETER SETS

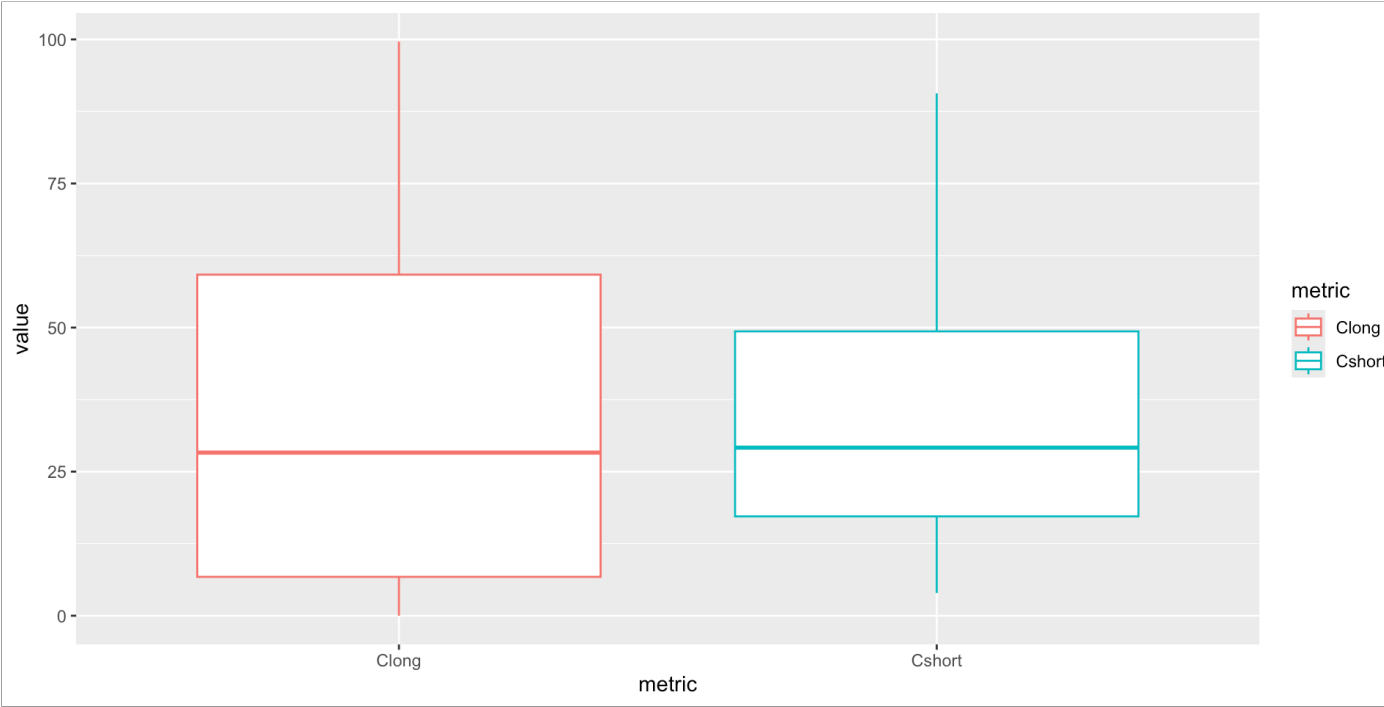
```

1 # use a wrapper function to just return the carbon trajectories
2 p_wrapper <- function(r, harv, K, Cinitial, simtimes, odefunc, metr
3   parms <- list(r = r, K = K, harv = harv)
4   result <- ode(y = Cinitial, times = simtimes, func = odefunc, par
5   result <- as.data.frame(result)
6   colnames(result) <- c("time", "C")
7   # get metrics
8   metrics <- metricfunc(result)
9   return(metrics)
10 }
11
12 # notice how we added in K, a parameter that we are NOT varying
13
14 # try it out
15 tm <- seq(from = 1, to = 50)
16 Cinitial <- 30
17
18
19 allresults <- as.data.frame(sens_forest$X) %>% pmap(p_wrapper, K =

```

	Cshort	Clong
1	17.98579	6.9458859
2	10.92509	0.7846803
3	32.04461	33.2610547
4	25.19360	21.3015204
5	41.70437	50.8339843
6	46.83899	56.2401154

GRAPH THE RESULTS



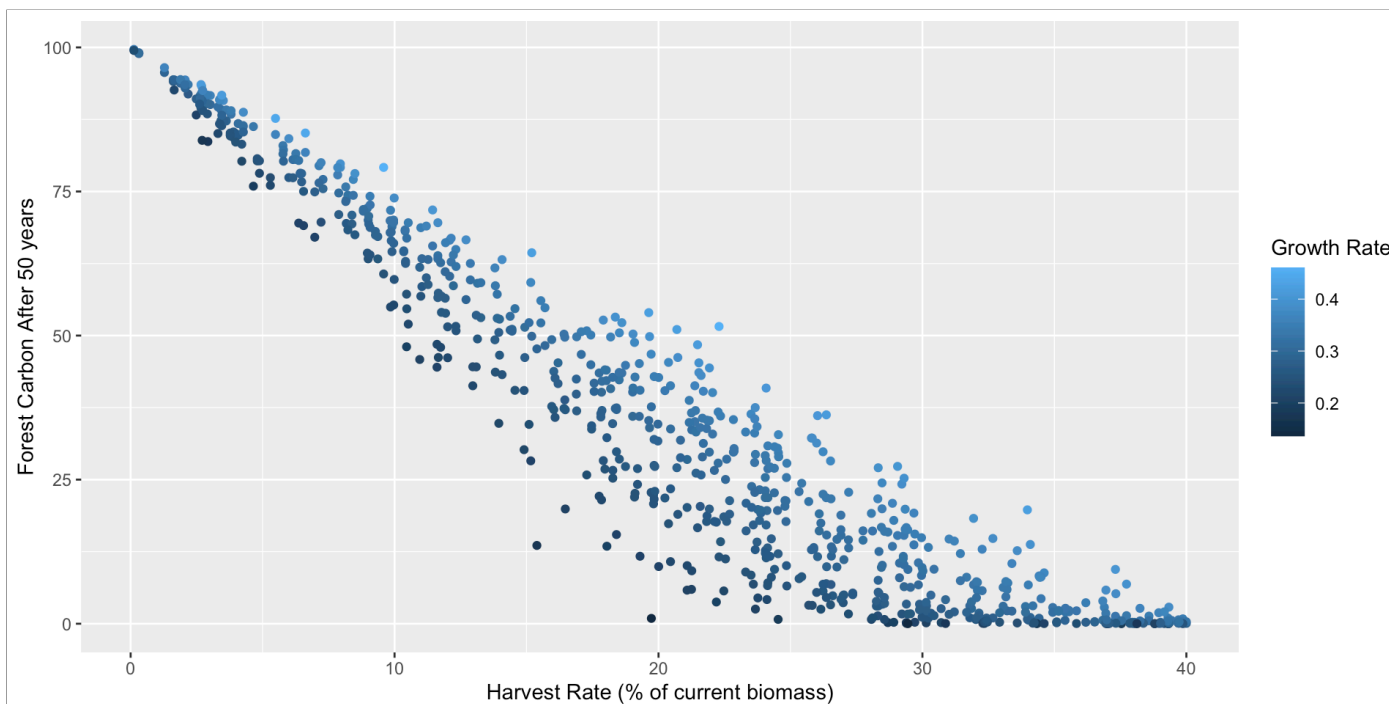
**EXPLORE MORE**

- graph response by parameter
- sobol indices

notice how we can see the impact of harvesting - and how growth rates reduce the sustainable harvest

## GRAPH THE RESULTS

```
1 # link with parameters to see how parameters impact results
2 # report harvest as a percent for easy of interpretation
3 allresp <- cbind.data.frame(sens_forest$X, allres)
4 ggplot(allresp, aes(harv * 100, Clong, col = r)) +
5   geom_point() +
6   labs(y = "Forest Carbon After 50 years", x = "Harvest Rate (% of
```



## COMPUTE SOBOLE INDICES

```
1 # sobol indices
2 sens_forest_C50 <- sensitivity::tell(sens_forest, allres$Clong)
3 rownames(sens_forest_C50$T) <- c("r", "harv")
4 sens_forest_C50$T
```

	original	bias	std. error	min. c.i.	max. c.i.
r	0.06250169	0.0007946407	0.009101695	0.04337397	0.07853703
harv	0.91548093	0.0065125614	0.069835985	0.76994324	1.04761962

```
1 rownames(sens_forest_C50$S) <- c("r", "harv")
2 sens_forest_C50$S
```

	original	bias	std. error	min. c.i.	max. c.i.
r	0.04671916	-0.006810670	0.07317682	-0.08733211	0.1987345
harv	0.91787042	-0.001064374	0.01373252	0.89556040	0.9468316



## **FIXED HARVEST**

What if you wanted to take the same amount of carbon each year - what would the model look like?

Think about what you would need to do to make this realistic

## FIXED HARVEST EXAMPLE

```
1 source(here("R/dharvestfixed.R"))
2
3 dharvestfixed
```

```
function (Time, biomass, parms)
{
  if (biomass < parms$mincarbon) {
    db <- parms$r * biomass * (1 - biomass/parms$K)
  }
  else {
    db <- parms$r * biomass * (1 - biomass/parms$K) - parms$harv
  }
  return(list(db))
}
```

```
1 # try it out with different initial conditions to watch how the sys
2 tm <- seq(from = 1, to = 100)
3 Cinitial <- 30
4 gps <- list(harv = 2, K = 1000, r = 0.05, mincarbon = 20)
5
6 res <- ode(Cinitial, tm, dharvestfixed, gps)
```

DLSODA- At current T (=R1), MXSTEP (=I1) steps  
taken on this call before reaching TOUT

In above message, I1 = 5000

In above message, R1 = 14.2223

```
1 colnames(res) <- c("time", "carbon")
2 head(res)
```

```
      time  carbon
[1,]    1 30.00000
[2,]    2 29.44198
[3,]    3 28.85706
[4,]    4 28.24395
[5,]    5 27.60121
[6,]    6 26.92738
```

```
1 tail(res)
```

```
      time  carbon
[10,] 10.00000 23.88885
[11,] 11.00000 23.03457
[12,] 12.00000 22.13856
```

```
[13,] 13.00000 21.19869  
[14,] 14.00000 20.21272  
[15,] 14.22234 20.00000
```

```
1 # notice how it fails after a certain length of time  
2 # try another method  
3 res <- ode(Cinitial, tm, dharvestfixed, gps, method = "euler")  
4 colnames(res) <- c("time", "carbon")  
5 head(res)
```

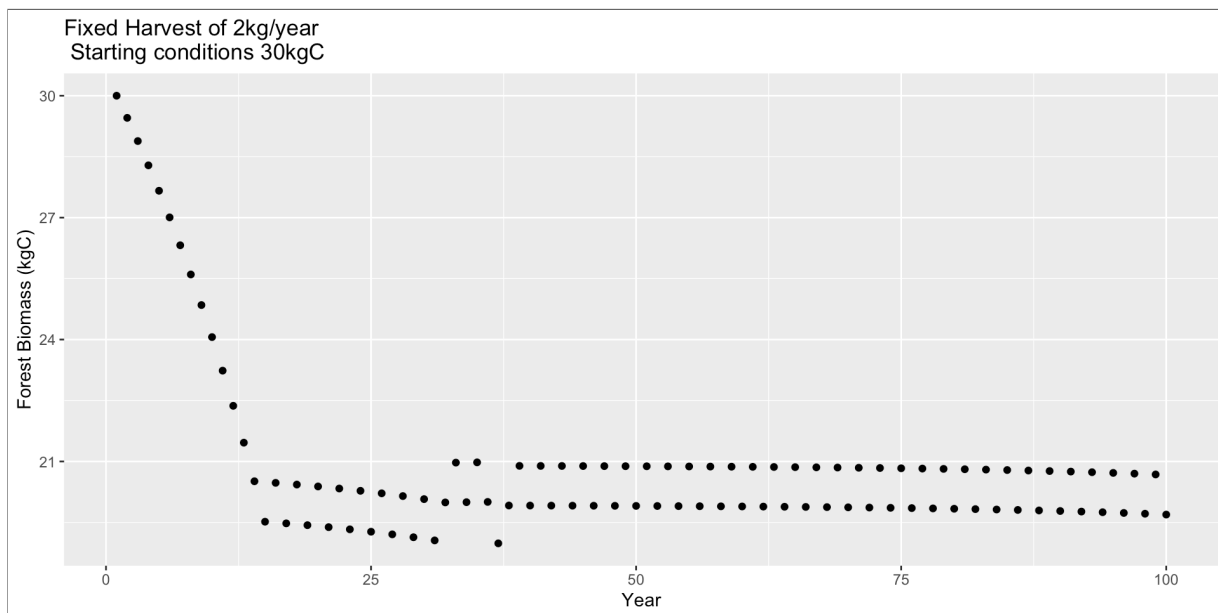
```
      time  carbon  
[1,]    1 30.00000  
[2,]    2 29.45500  
[3,]    3 28.88437  
[4,]    4 28.28687  
[5,]    5 27.66121  
[6,]    6 27.00601
```

```
1 tail(res)
```

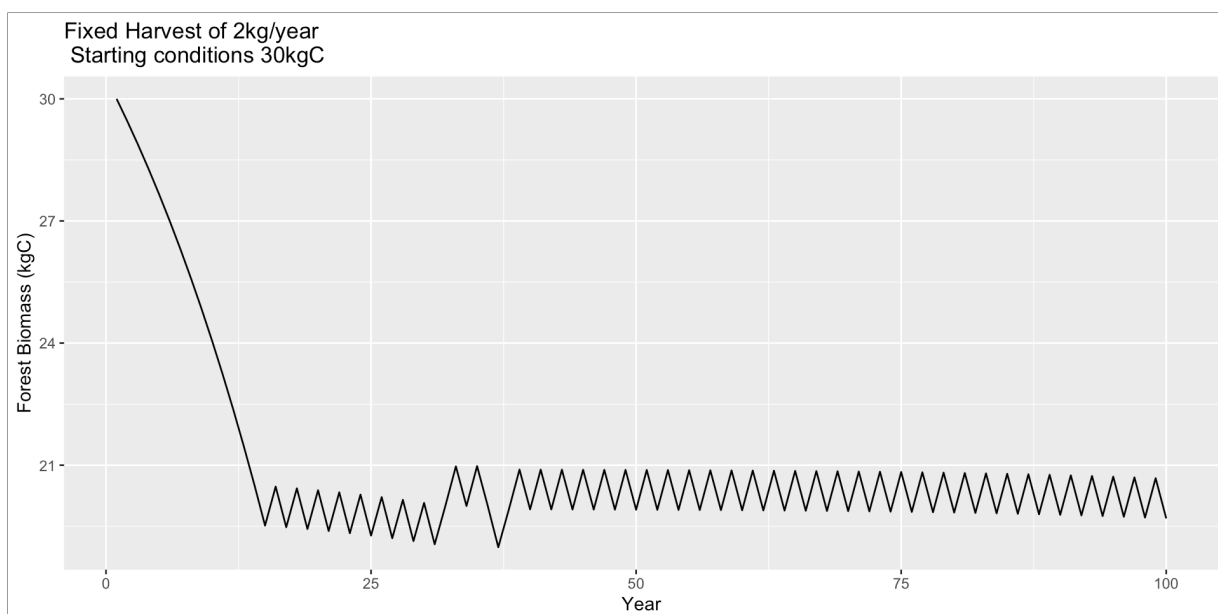
```
      time  carbon  
[95,]   95 20.71847  
[96,]   96 19.73293  
[97,]   97 20.70011  
[98,]   98 19.71369  
[99,]   99 20.67994  
[100,] 100 19.69256
```

## PLOT THE RESULTS

```
1 ggplot(as.data.frame(res), aes(time, carbon)) +
2   geom_point() +
3   labs(y = "Forest Biomass (kgC)", x = "Year", title = "Fixed Harve
```



```
1 ggplot(as.data.frame(res), aes(time, carbon)) +
2   geom_line() +
3   labs(y = "Forest Biomass (kgC)", x = "Year", title = "Fixed Harve
```



```
1 # why this pattern
```