Reproducibility and replicability in data-intensive ecology

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Data-intensive ecology

- Macroecological and timeseries data is limited in supply
- Simulation is helpful, but ultimately limited as well
- Room for improvement re: data availability and transparency of workflows

Research DOF and theory development

- Preregistration makes good sense for experiments, but what about theory development & devising new analytical methods?
 - Qualitative predictions vs. quantitative ones
 - Transparency in the model development process
 - Git logs?
 - Multiverse

Community for replicable science

- Large and growing ecosystems of tools
- Vibrant online community e.g. Twitter
- Nuanced and ongoing conversation: how best to
 - Make tools that are accessible to all researchers
 - Communicate about these tools
 - Encourage behavior change
- ReScience journal
- A longer history in psychology, biomedical communities

Supporting open, replicable science

- A largely volunteer-driven community
- Nonprofits supporting open science exist (but do not seem well-known among academic scientists!)
 - Code for Science and Society
 - McDonnell Foundation
 - Moore Foundation
 - Sloan Foundation
 - Etc?