Use of open science to inform restoration projects in estuaries: A Tampa Bay example

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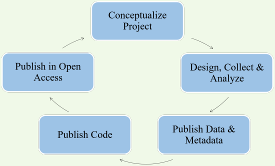

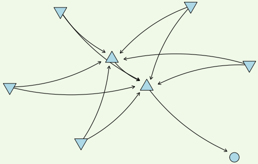

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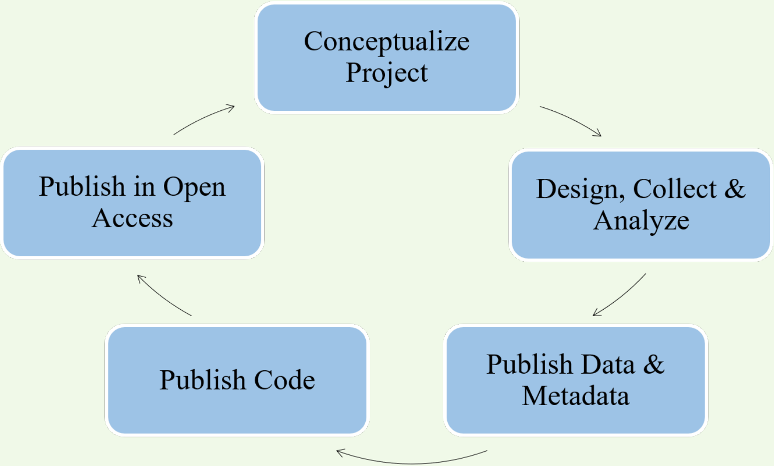

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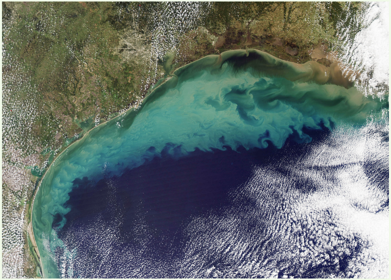

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Present:

- 2016 seagrass at ˜17k ha [Sherwood et al., 2017]
- Reductions in nutrient load, chlorophyll
- Increase in water clarity [Morrison et al., 2006, Beck et al., 2017]

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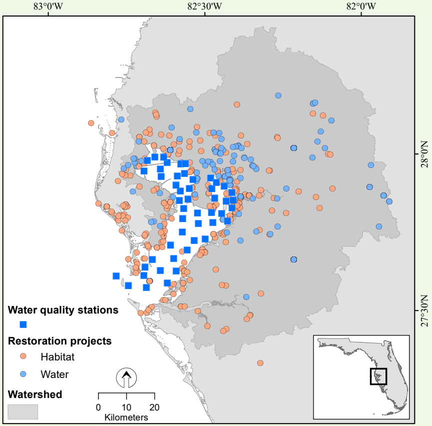

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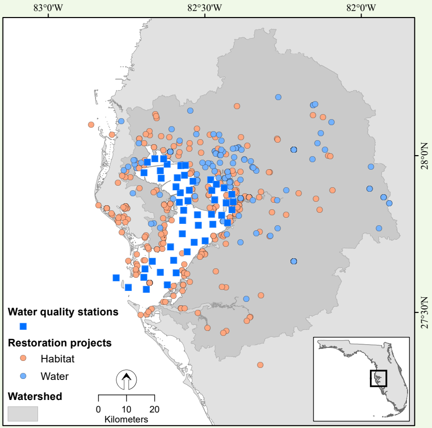

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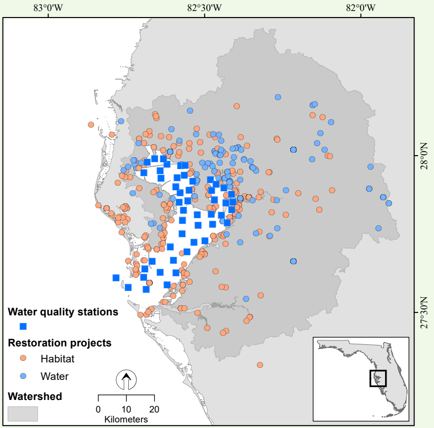

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Despite considerable *investments* in restoration, *effectiveness evaluation* continues to elude practitioners at geographic scales [Diefenderfer et al., 2016]

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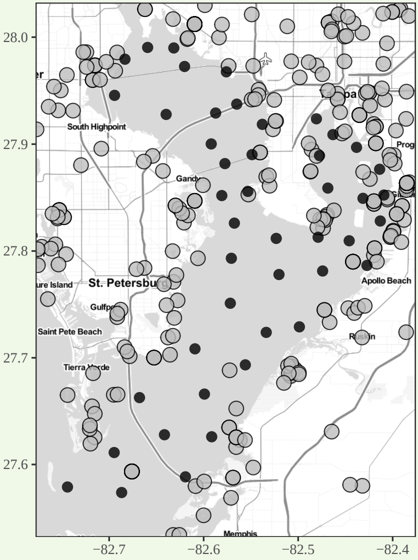

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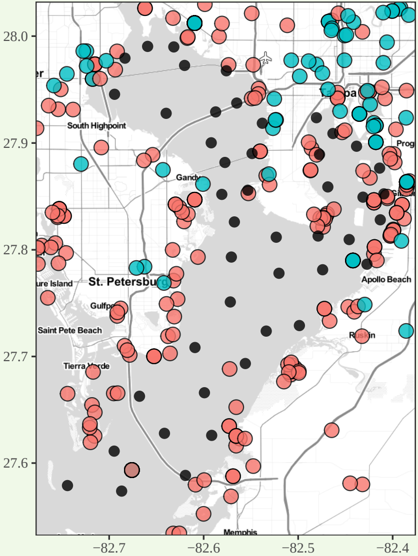

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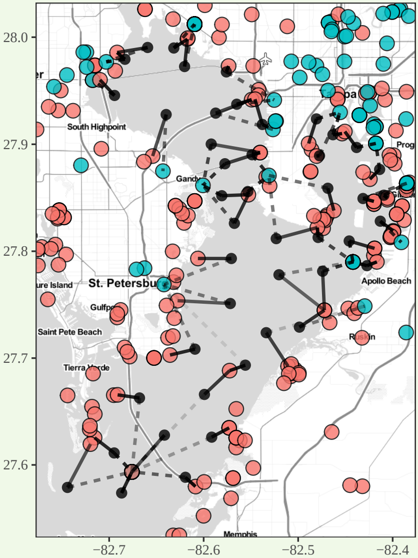

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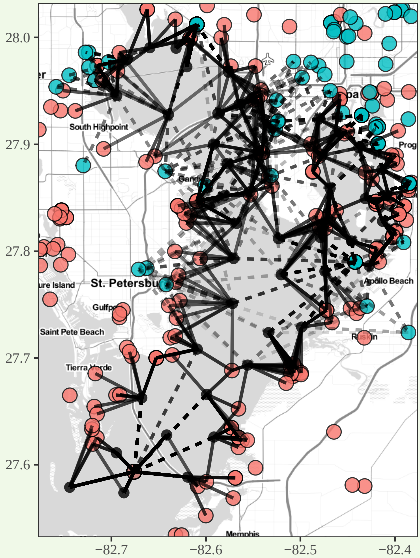

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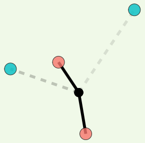

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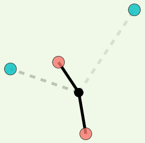

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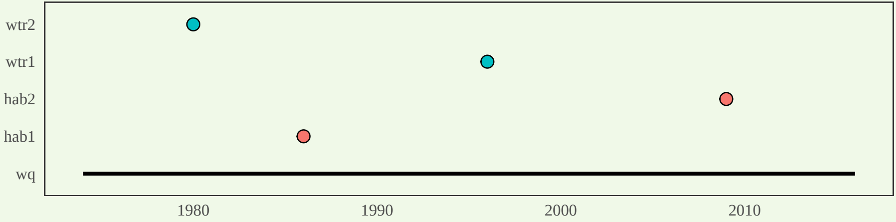

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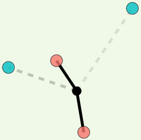

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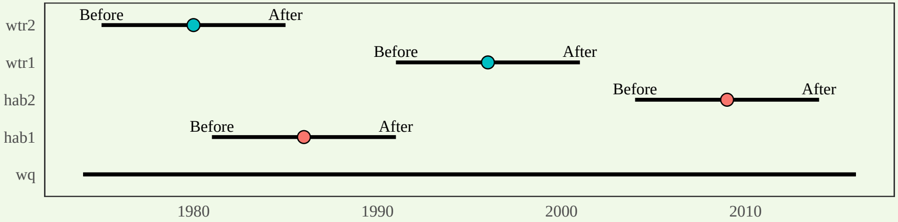

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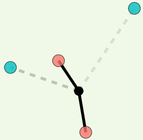

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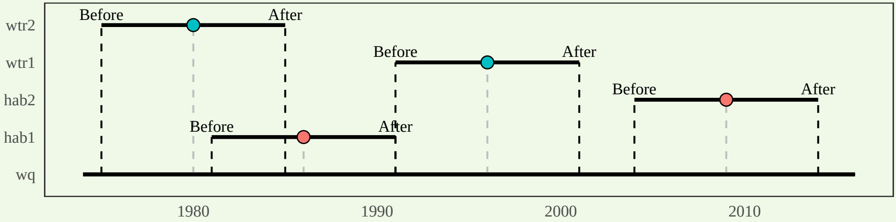

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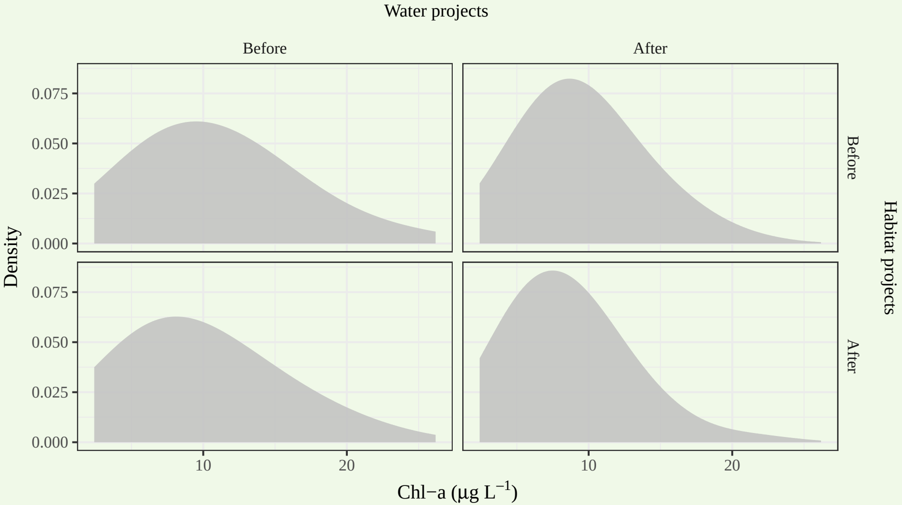

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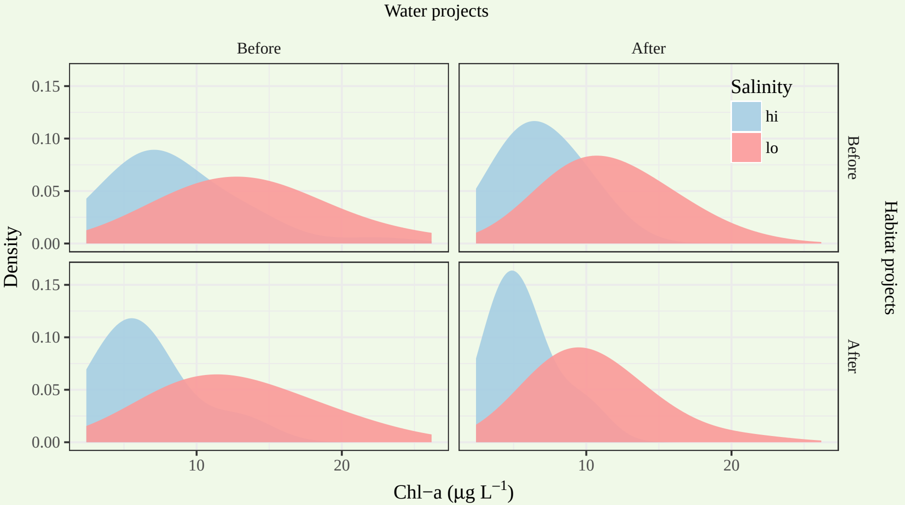

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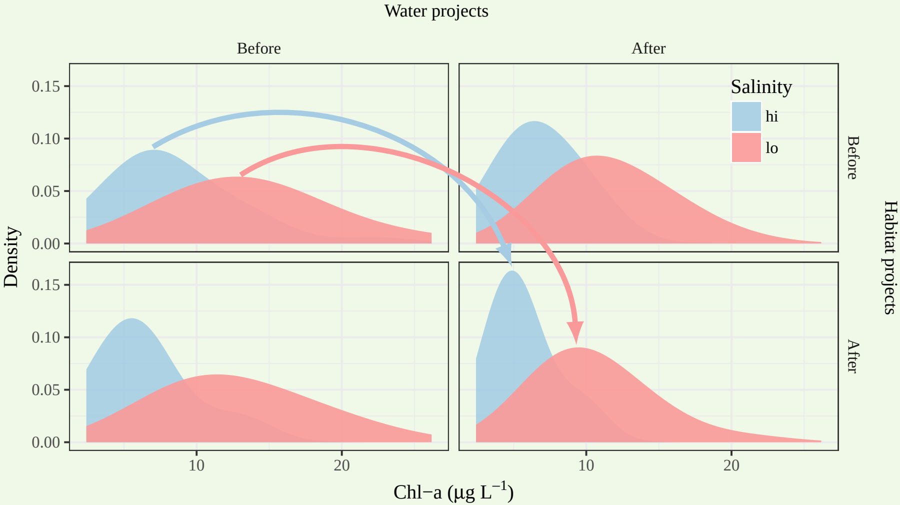

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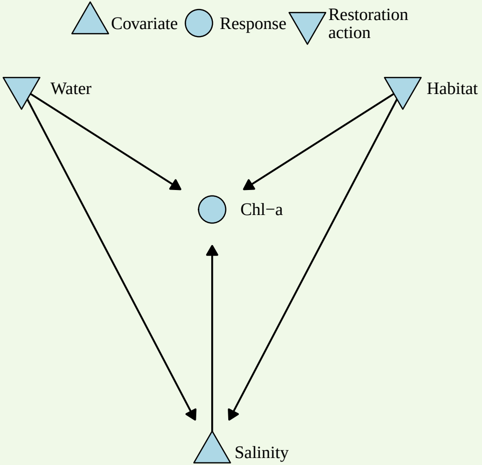

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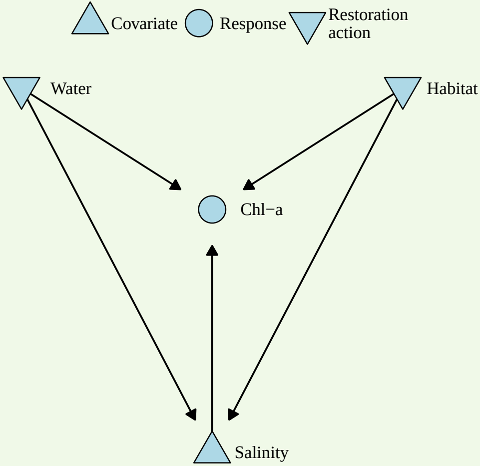

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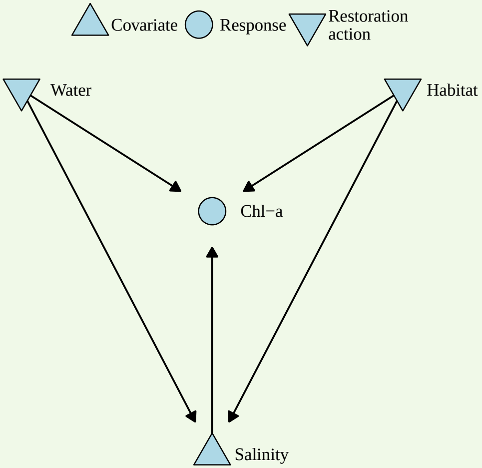

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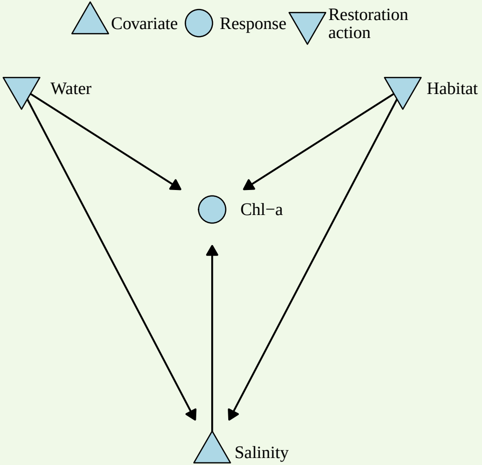

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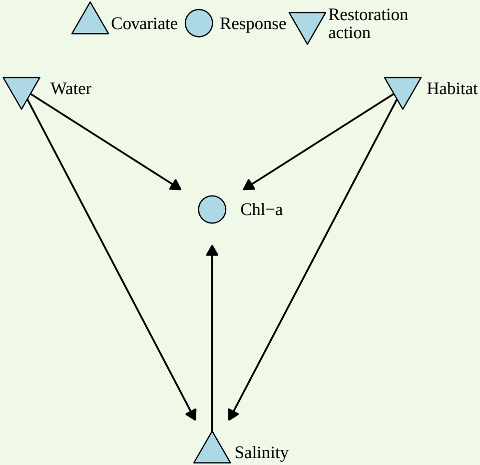

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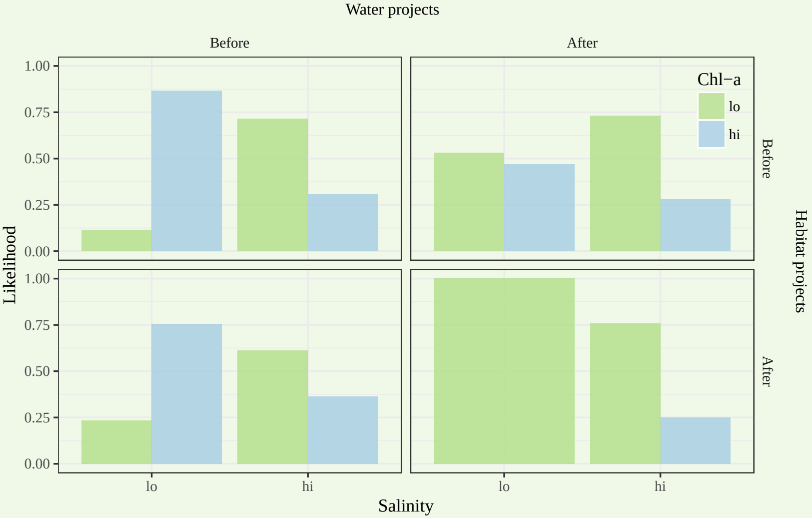

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- Before: 49%
- After: 51%

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- After both projects: 100%

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- After both projects: 75%

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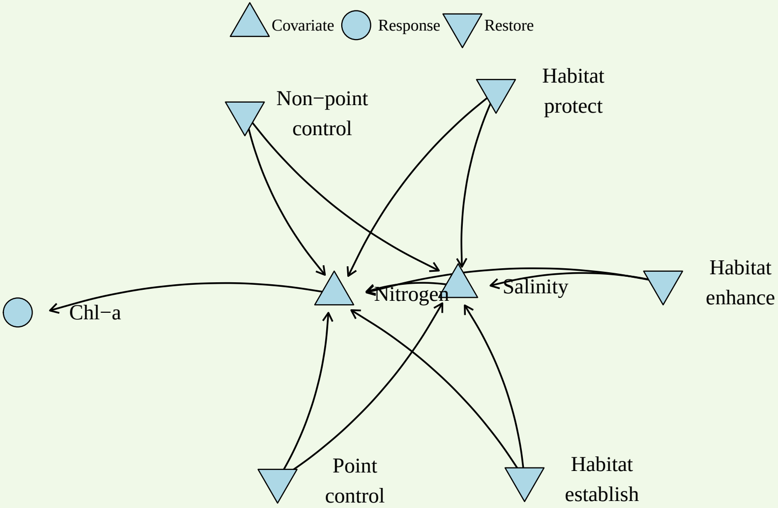

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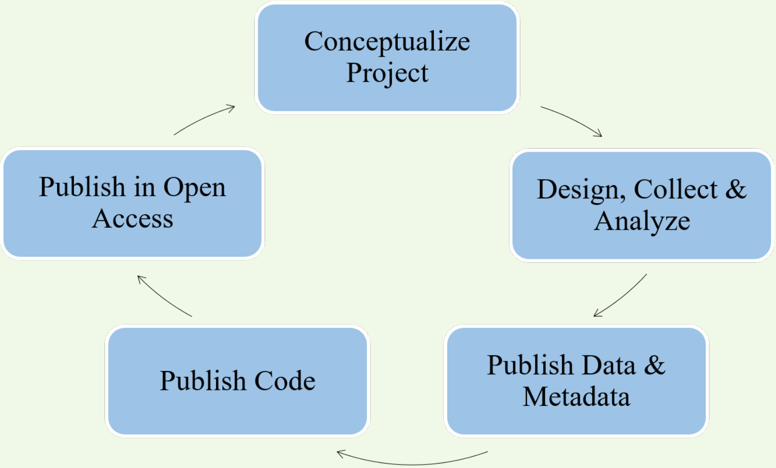

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