

Tracking San Francisco Bay water quality using generalized additive models in an R Shiny framework

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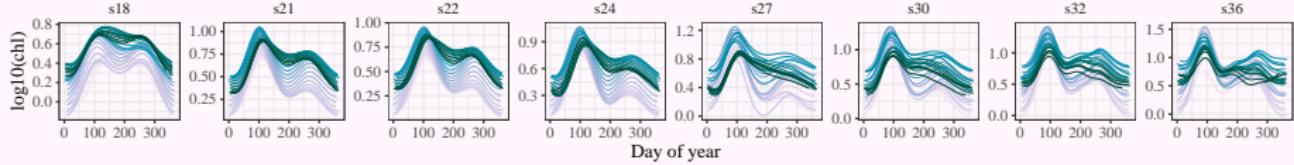
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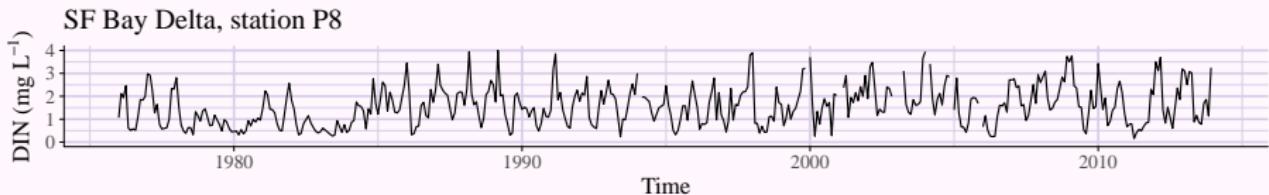


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- Anticipate future changes with proposed restoration or management
 - ▶ Can we understand the past to predict the future?

Trends vary in space and time



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Climate

precipitation
temperature
wind events
ENSO effects

Local

light/turbidity
residence time
invasive species
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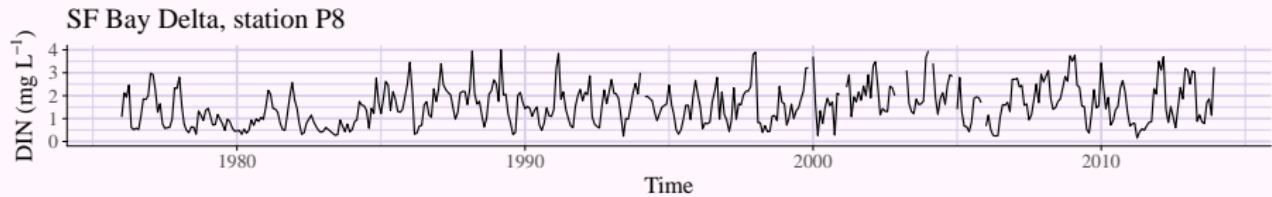
Regional/historical

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point sources
management actions
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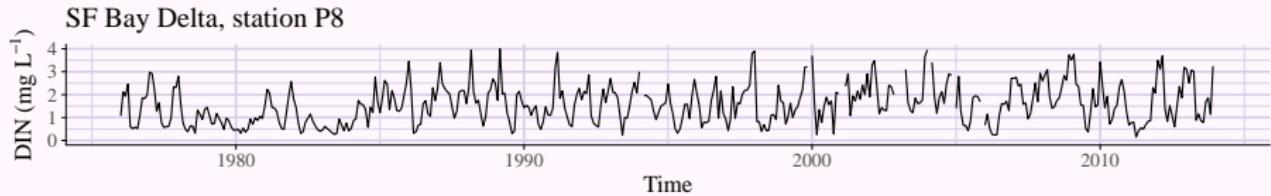
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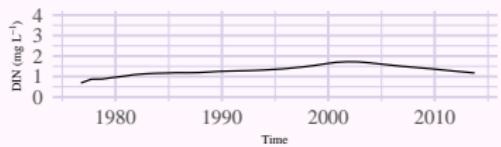
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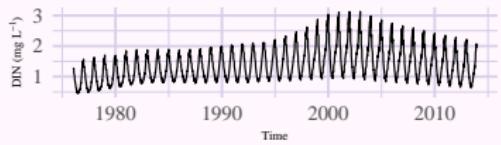


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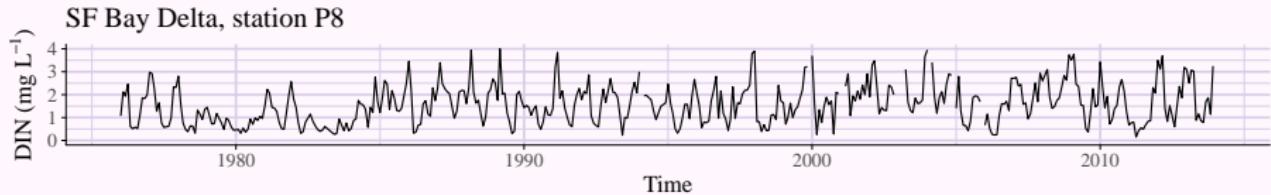
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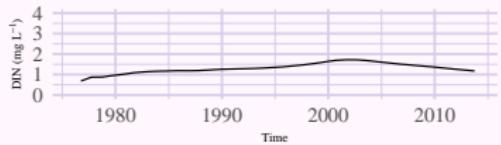


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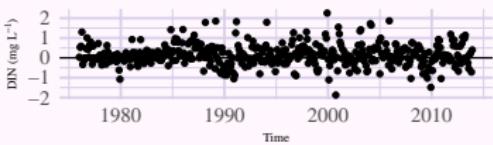


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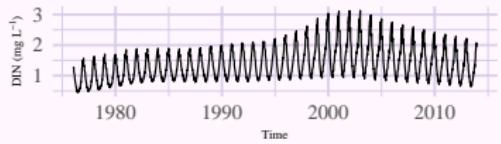
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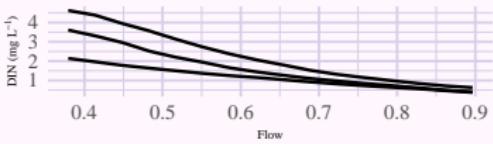
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Flow effects



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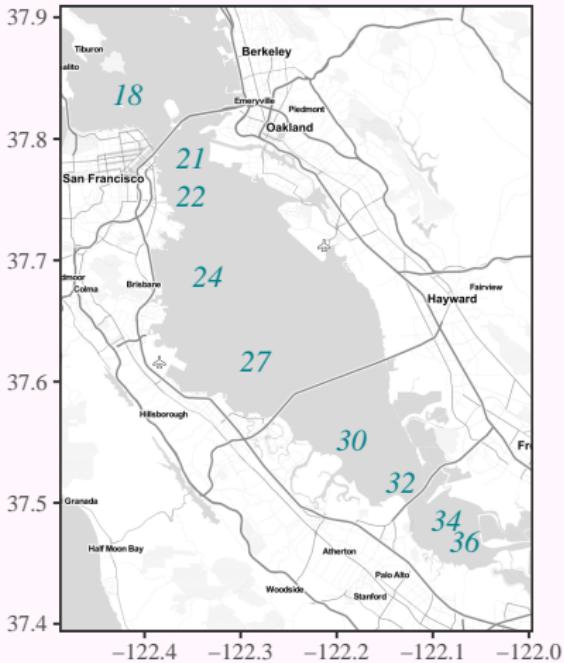


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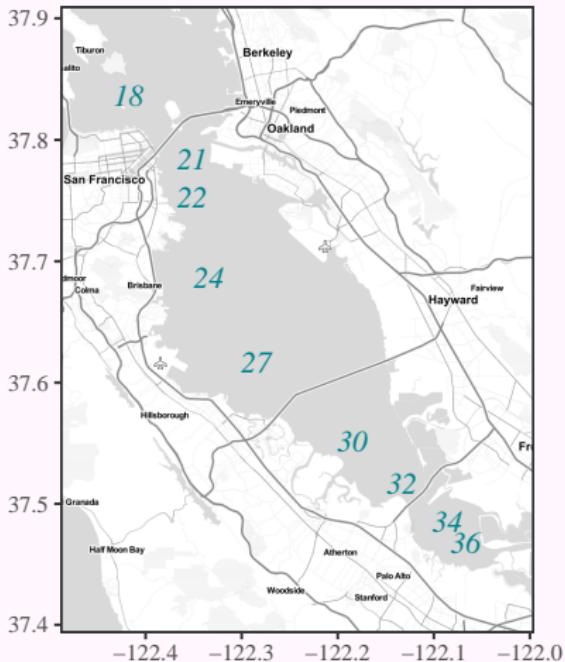
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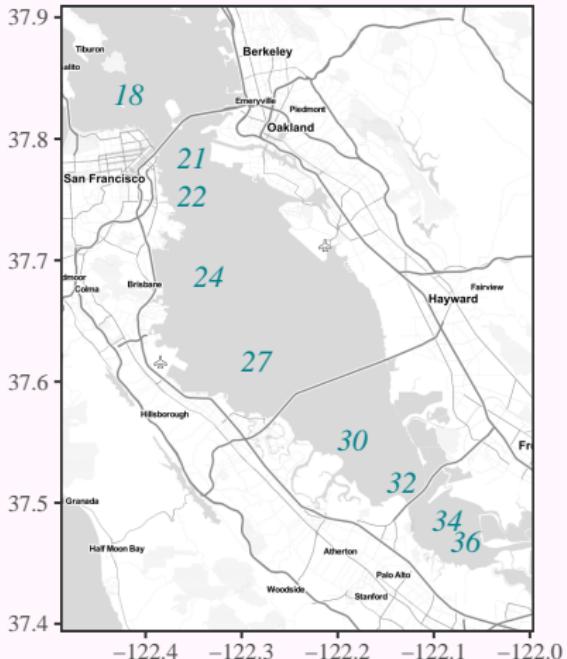


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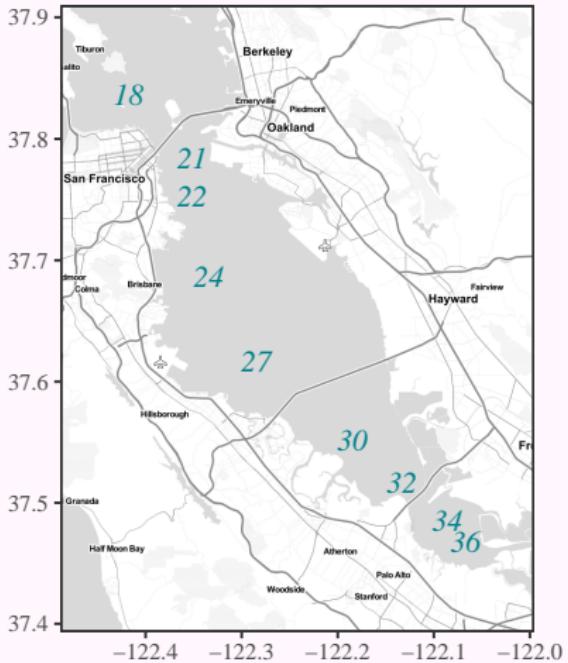


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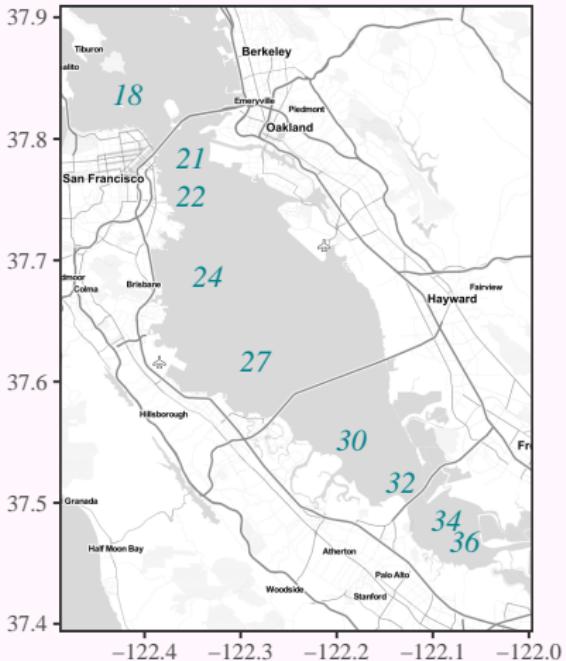
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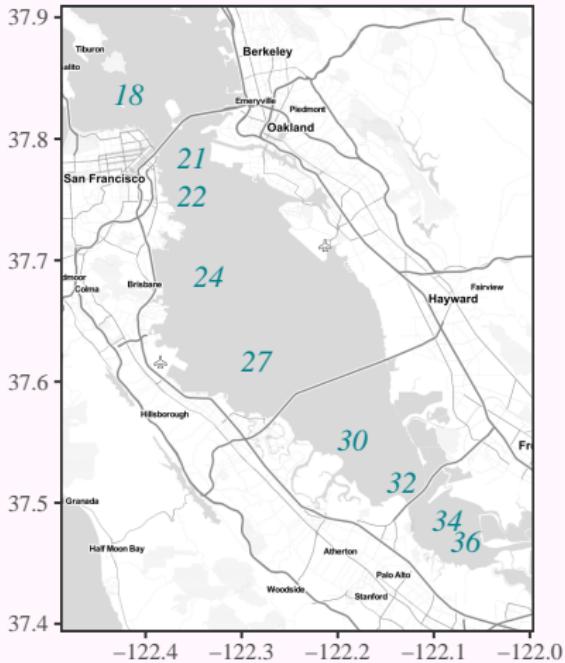


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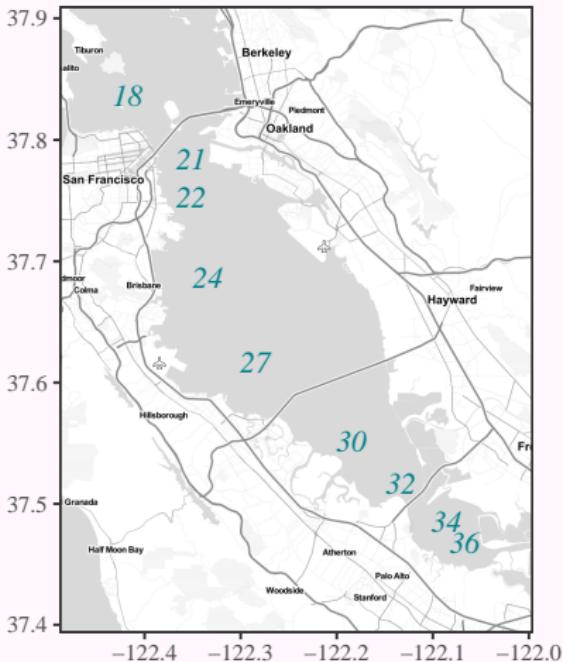
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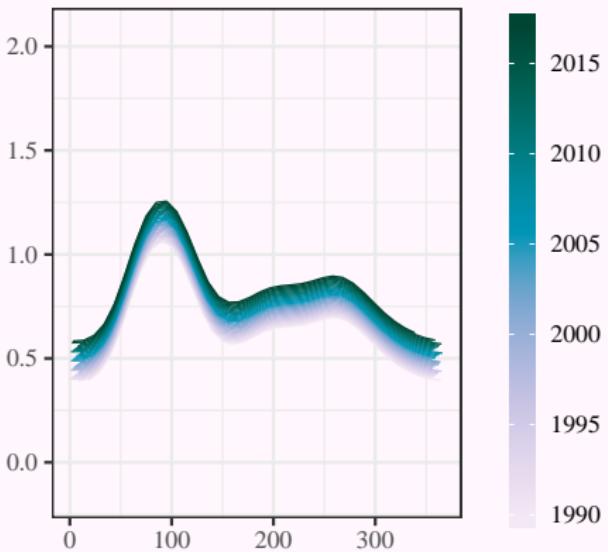
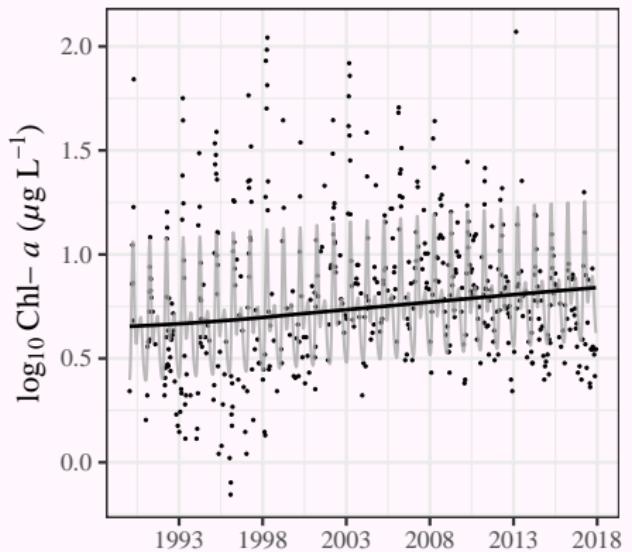
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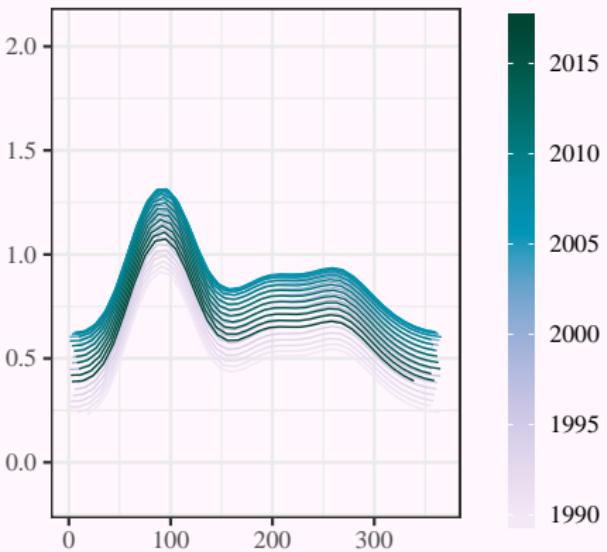
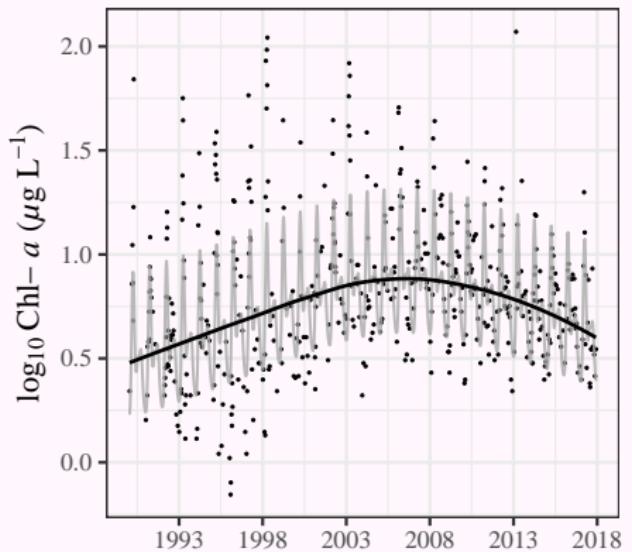
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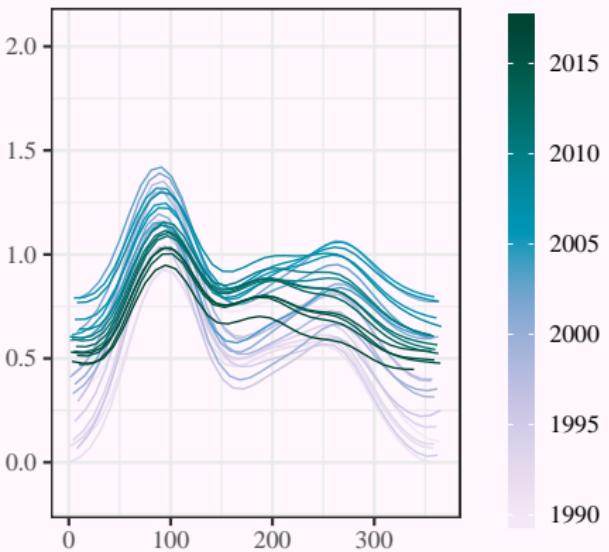
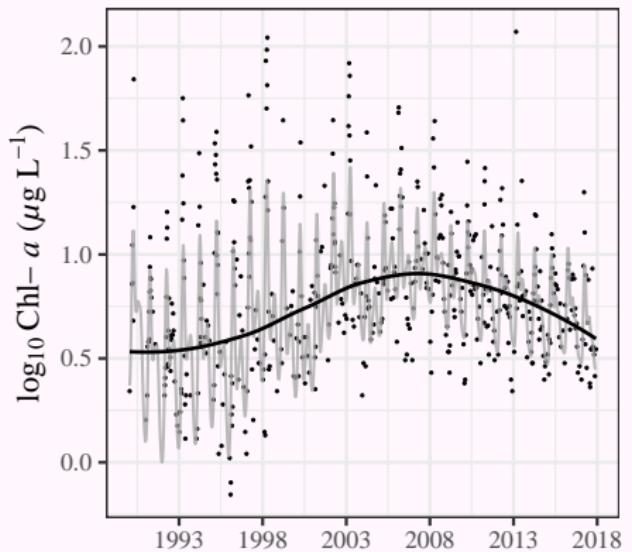
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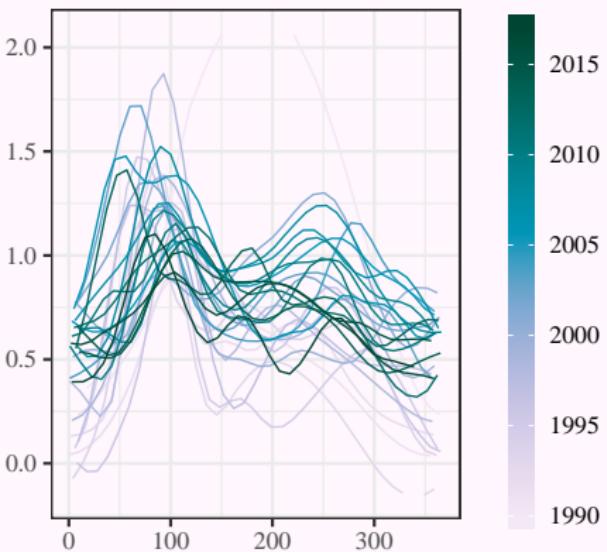
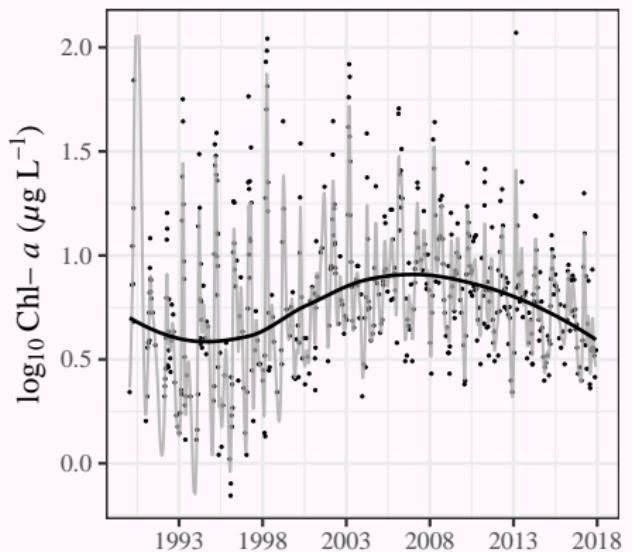
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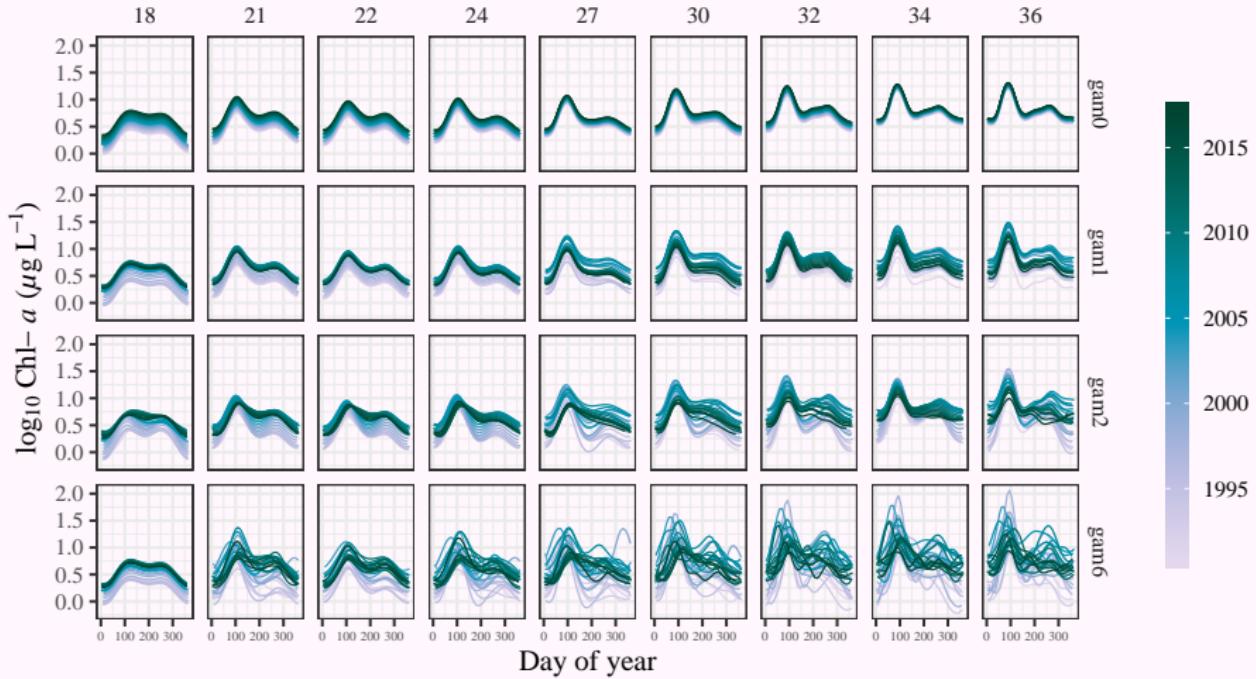


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gam2	0.53	0.54	0.48	0.53	0.54	0.54	0.49	0.41	0.48
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How can this information support decision-making??

<https://sccwrp.shinyapps.io/sfbaytrends>

GAM evaluation - SF South Bay

Exploratory plots

The following plots show the raw data for all monitoring stations and parameters in South Bay, 1990 - 2017. Select the parameter, plot type (total time series, by year, or by month), and variable transformation. The year and month plots are aggregated boxplots of all observations at a station for each selected time period. The variable transformation can be used to show the observations in arithmetic or logarithmic space.

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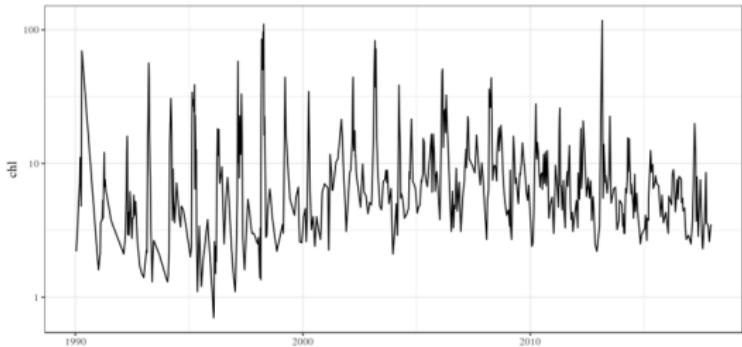
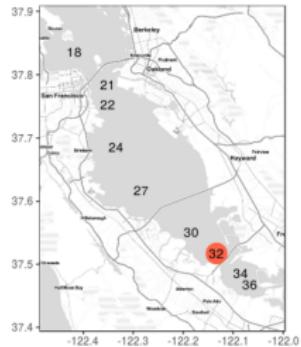
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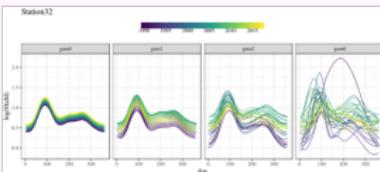
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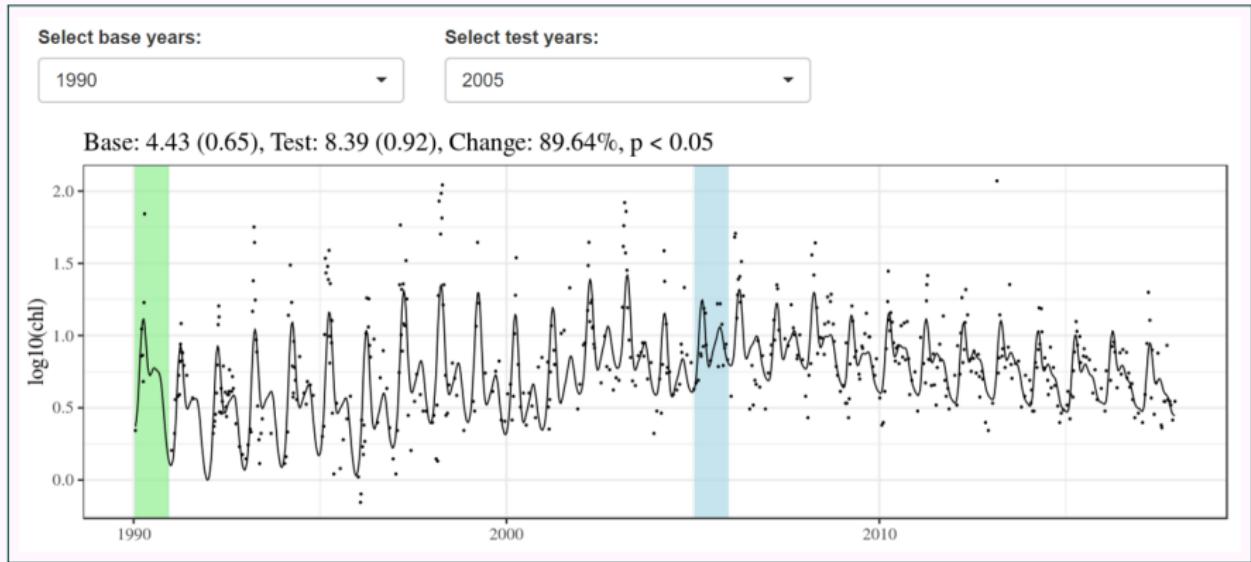
Explore results for each station, by model

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gam0	s(doy)	7.10	8.00	31.64	0.00
gam1	s(dec_time)	2.45	27.00	2.74	0.00
gam1	s(doy)	7.17	8.00	37.97	0.00
gam2	s(dec_time)	21.40	27.00	5.05	0.00
gam2	s(doy)	7.11	8.00	42.39	0.00
gam2	ti(dec_time,doy)	8.98	12.00	3.98	0.00
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gam6	s(doy)	5.07	8.00	2.24	0.00

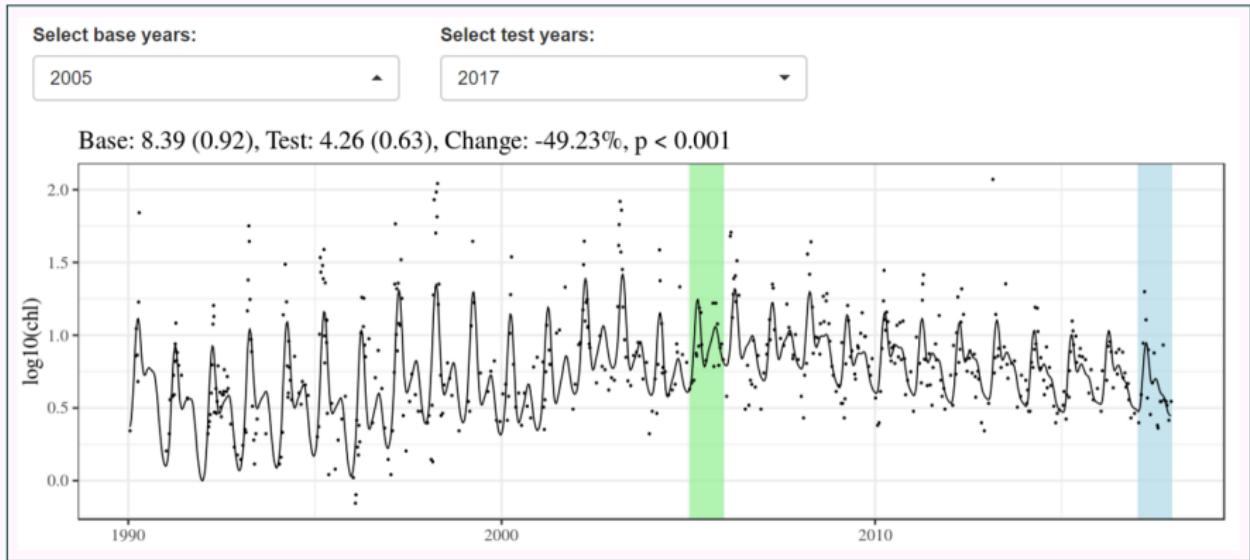
model	k	AIC	GCV	R2
gam0	NA	232.88	0.09	0.32
gam1	28	162.57	0.08	0.41
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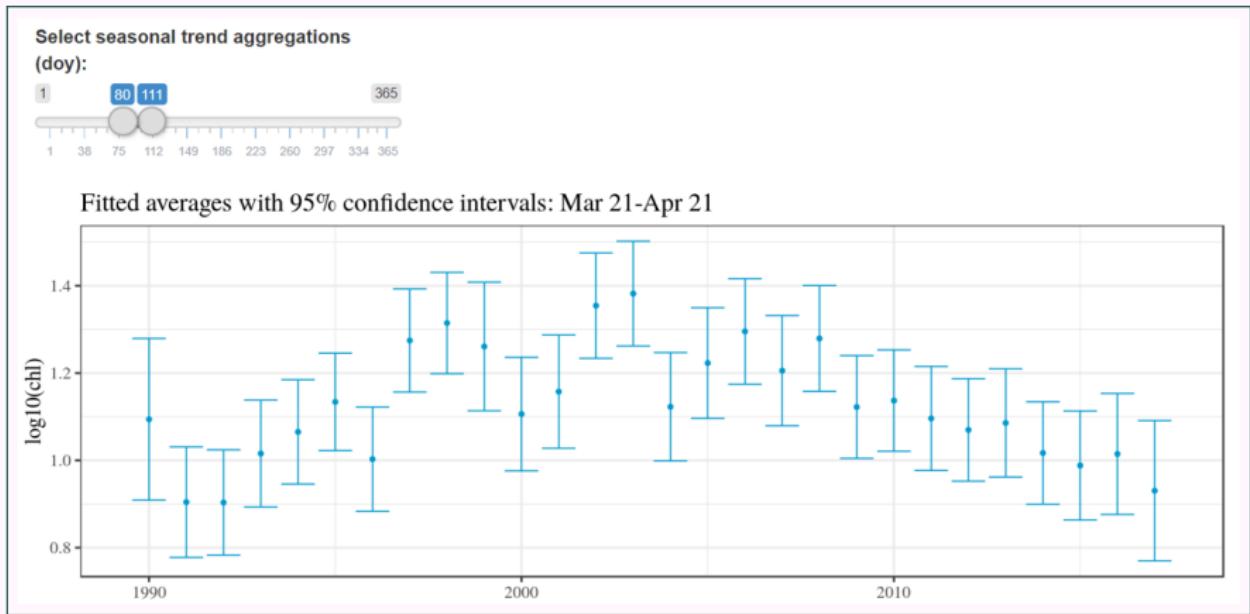
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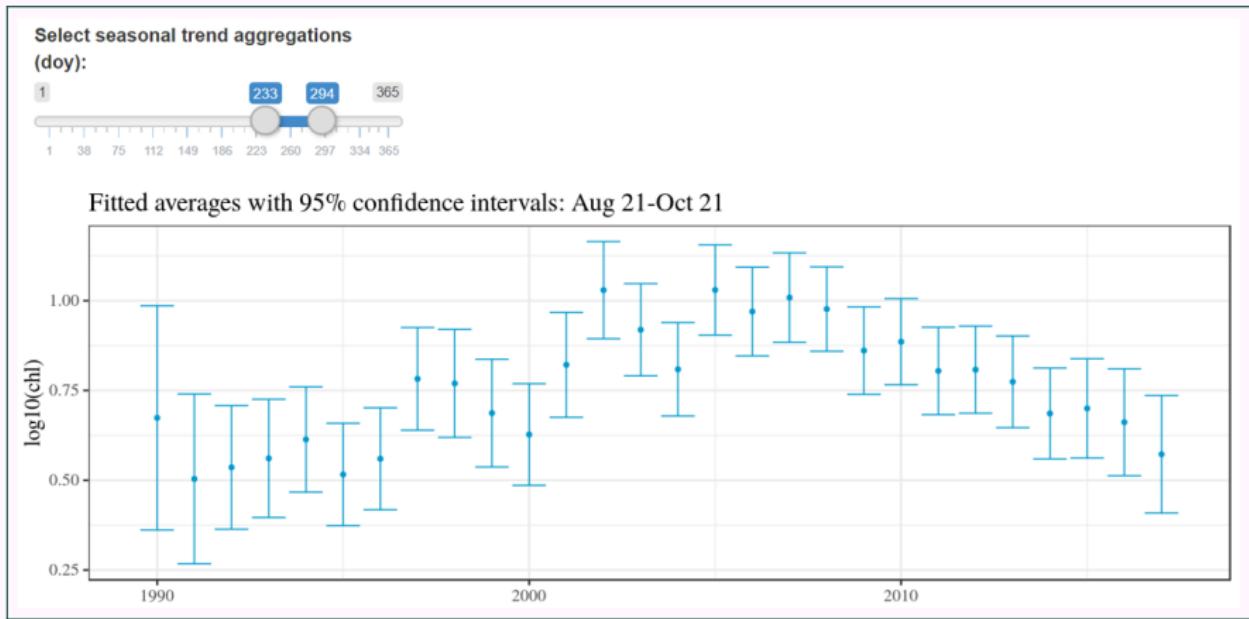
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- Follow-up work:
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 - ▶ Explore trend analysis of aggregated stations
 - ▶ Incorporate additional variables - as response or as explanatory

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Links:

This presentation: https://github.com/fawda123/CERF_2019

Shiny app: <https://sccwrp.shinyapps.io/sfbaytrends/>

Detailed results: <http://fawda123.github.io/SFbaytrends/README>

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