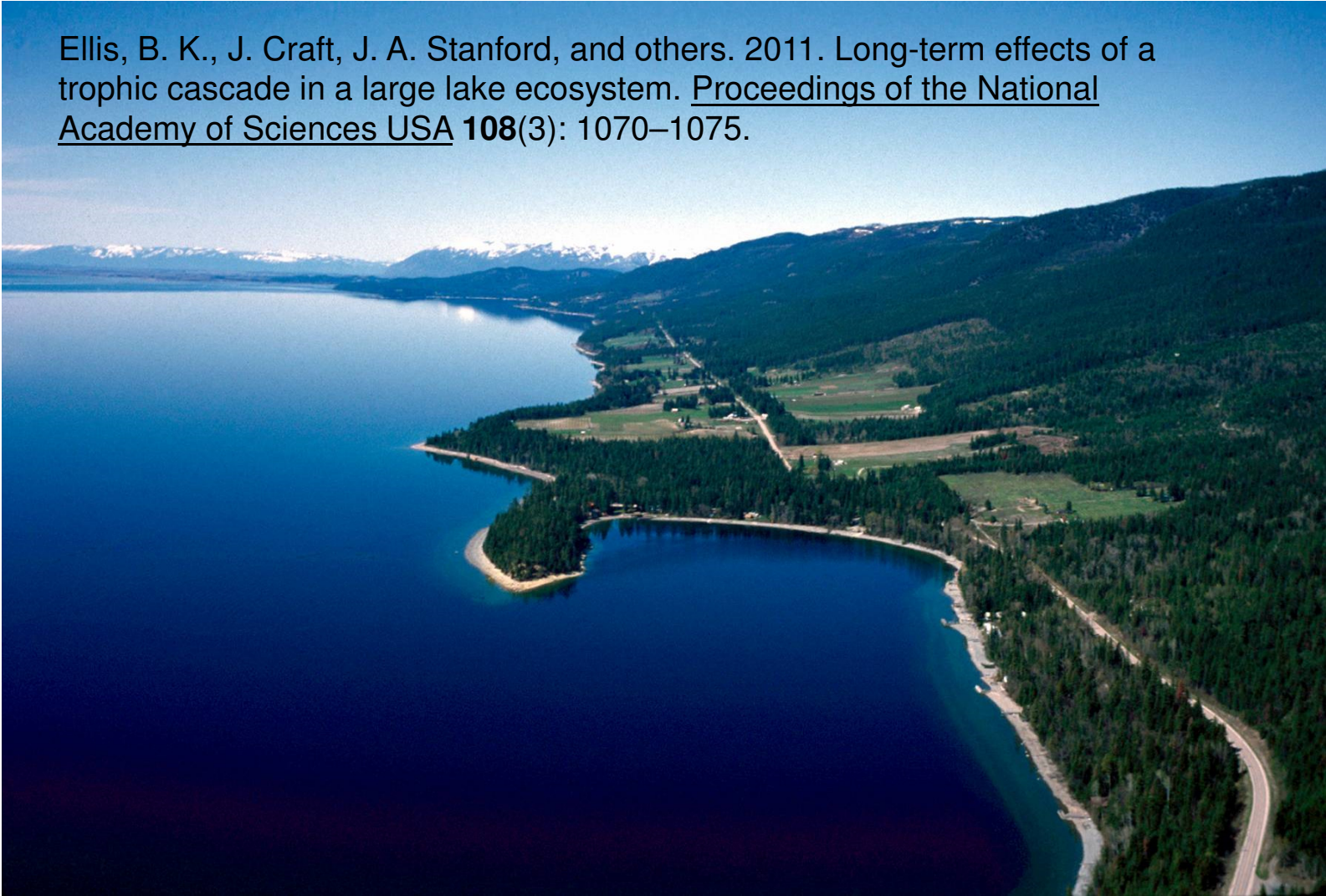
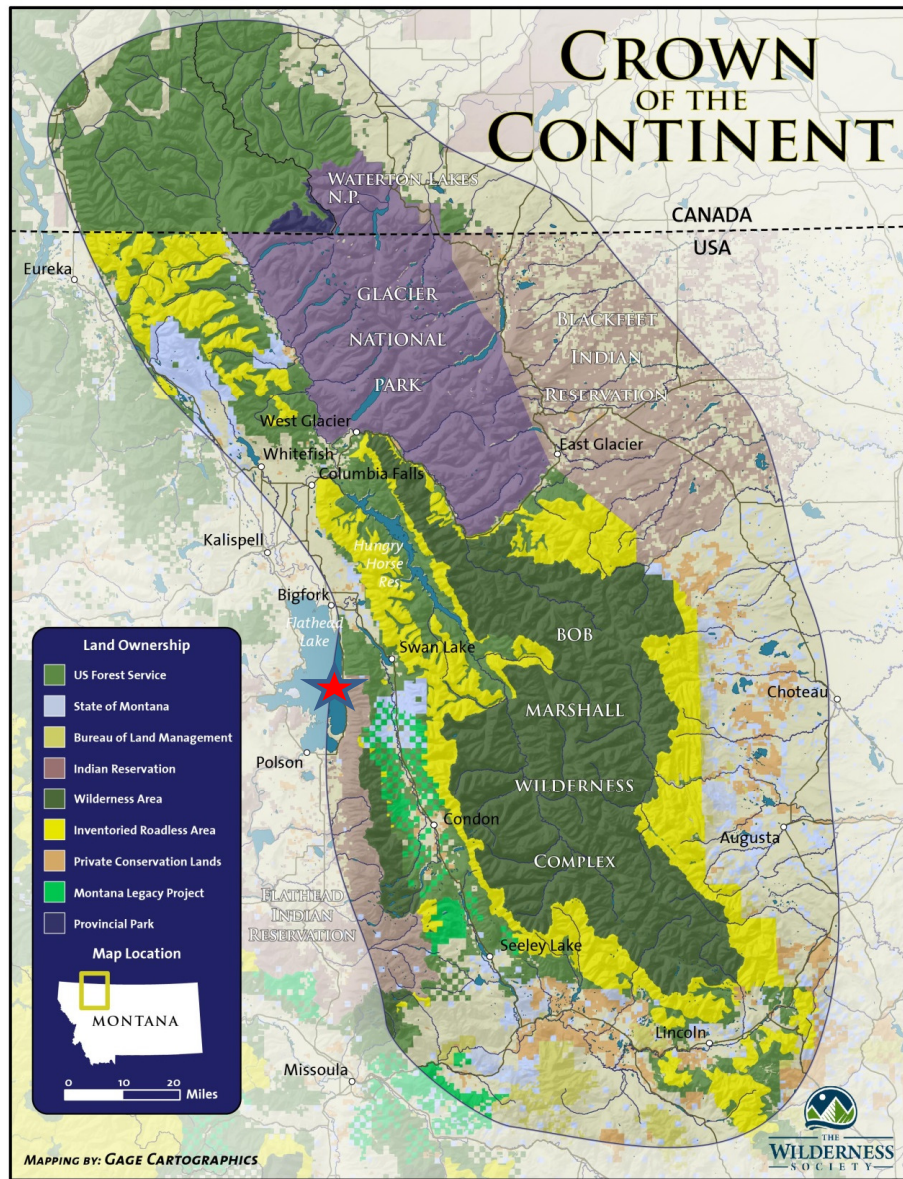


Ellis, B. K., J. Craft, J. A. Stanford, and others. 2011. Long-term effects of a trophic cascade in a large lake ecosystem. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA **108**(3): 1070–1075.



The Flathead Lake Biological Station at Yellow Bay

# CROWN OF THE CONTINENT



Riverscapes  
determined by



at mosaics  
and interactions

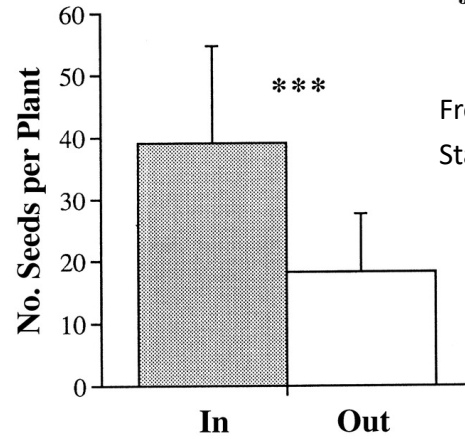
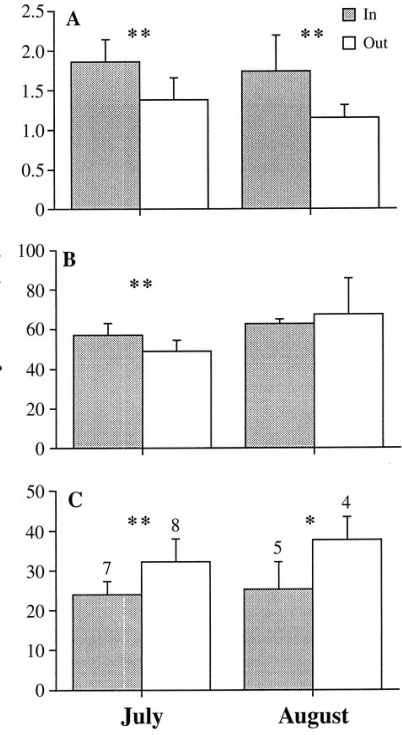
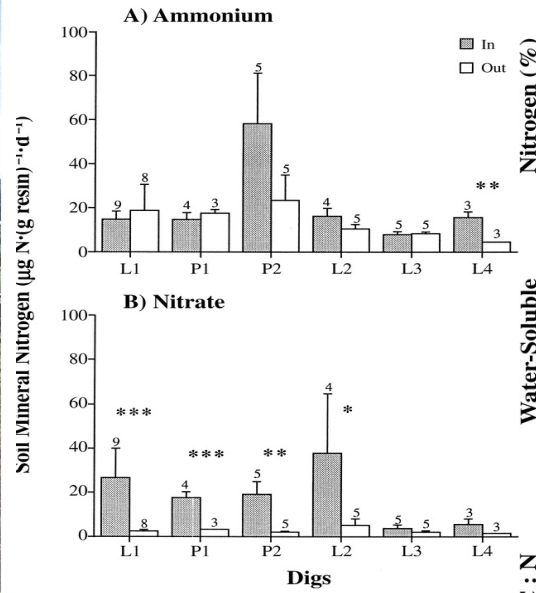




Bear digging increases meadow plant diversity



Stanford unpubl. data



From Tardiff and Stanford. 1998. Ecology.





## Nyack Floodplain Research Natural Area

Middle Fork,  
Flathead River

5<sup>th</sup> order

Northwest Montana

SaRON reference site:  
ultra-oligotrophic,  
protected, no salmon.

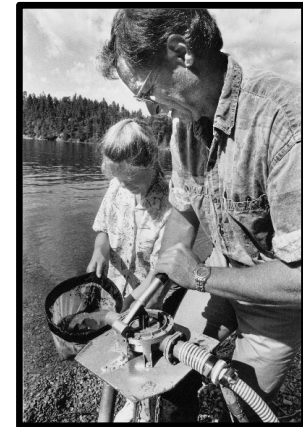
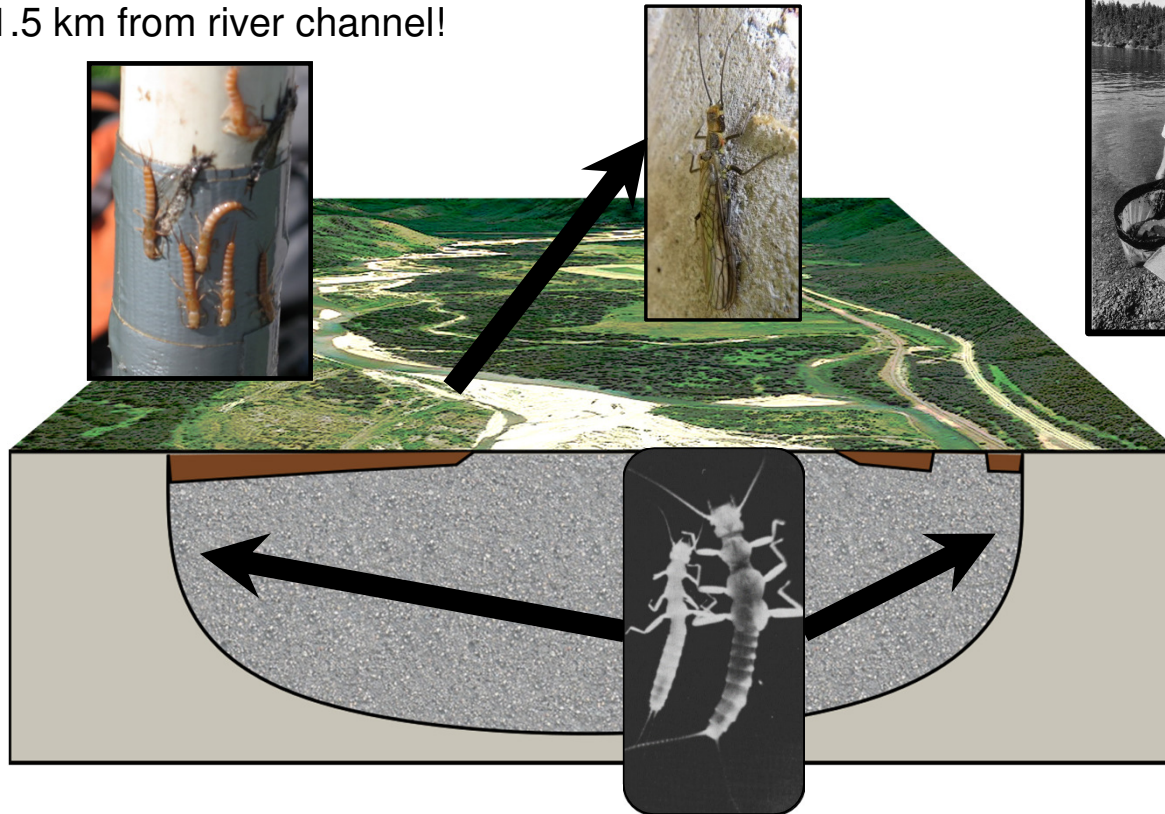
Funded by –

NSF awards:  
Biocomplexity in the  
Environment; Microbial  
Observatory; Ecology  
programs

GB Moore Foundation

National Park Service

1.5 km from river channel!



Stanford and Gauvin  
(1974) *Science*

Presence of abundant, large invertebrates shows that zones of preferential flow (rapid gw-sw exchange) characterize alluvial aquifers of gravel-bed rivers.

Pumped from gw monitoring wells – Flathead River, Montana



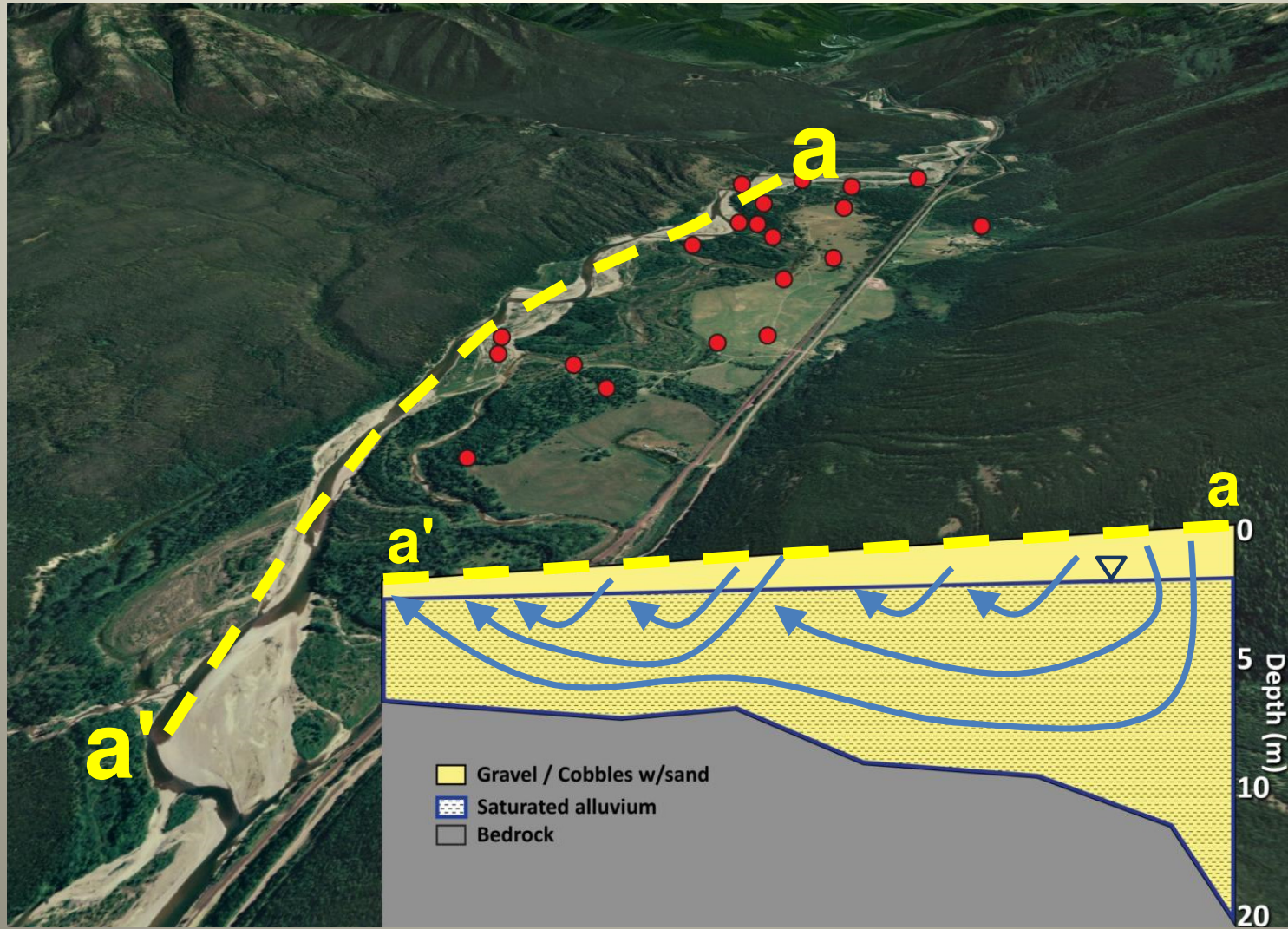
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amphibite



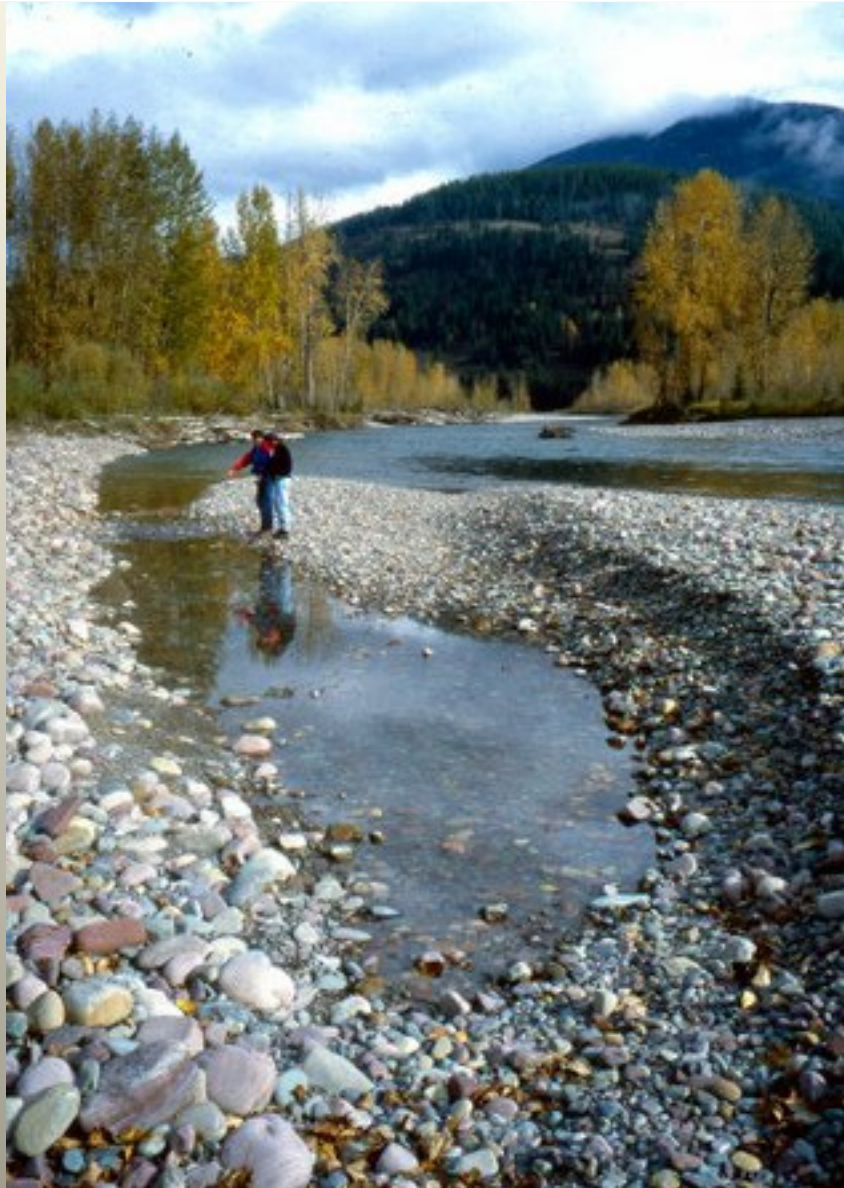
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occasional hyporheos

*Stygobromus sp.*  
stygobite





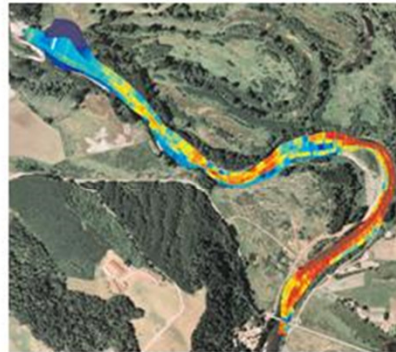




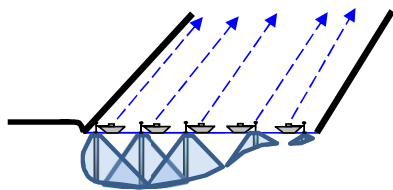
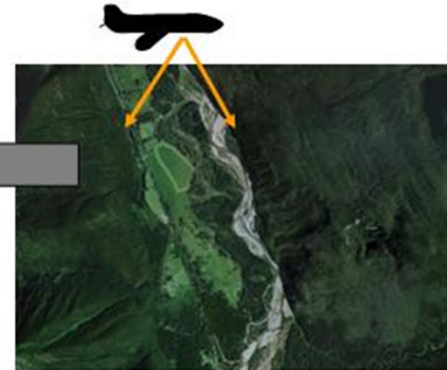
Global  
Satellite Data



**River Analyzer**  
Data Integration  
and Processing



Regional Airborne  
Data



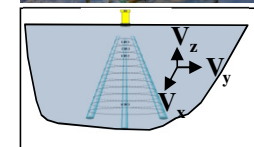
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velocity data  
(3D-spatially  
continuous)**



Local River Data

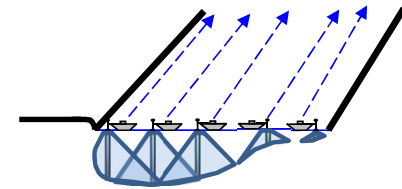
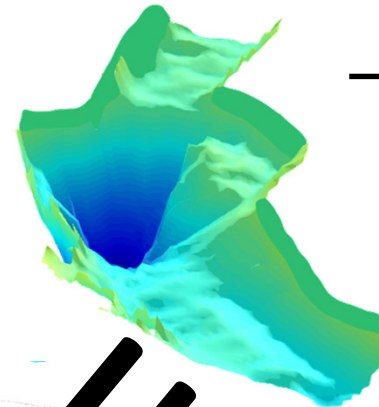
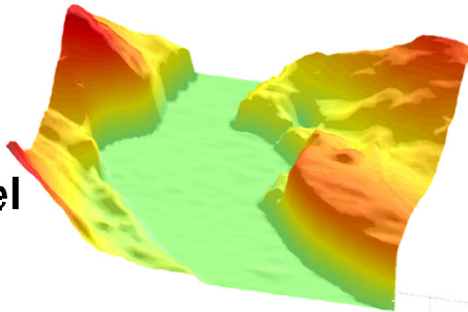
Mark Lorang, Bigfork MT

ADP

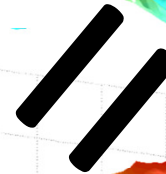


# River Analyzer: data fusion and products

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Digital  
Elevation  
Data/Model  
(DEM)**

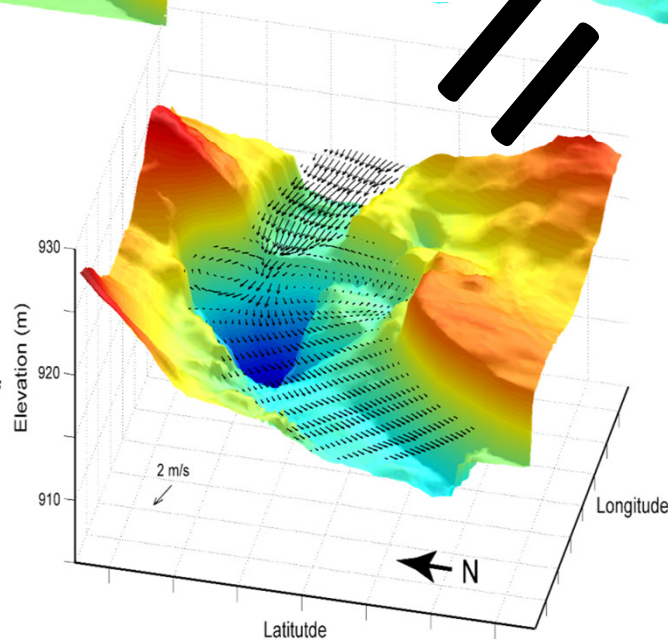


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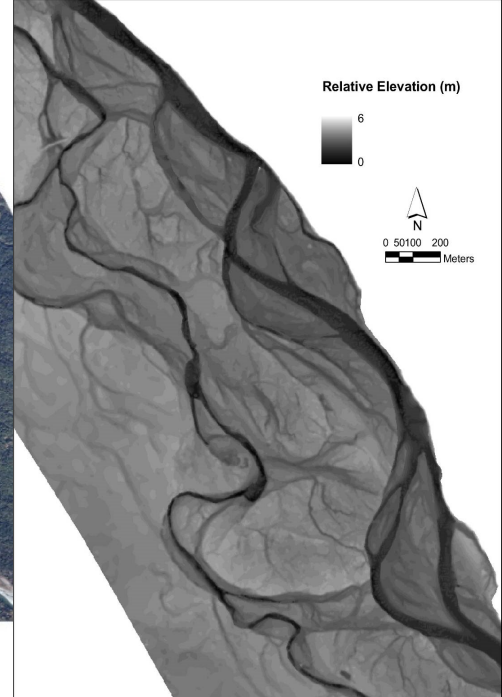
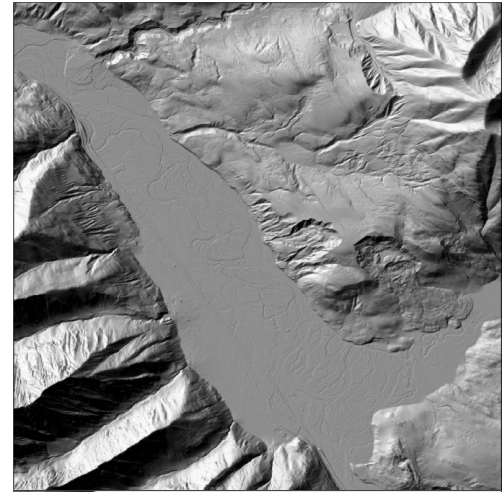
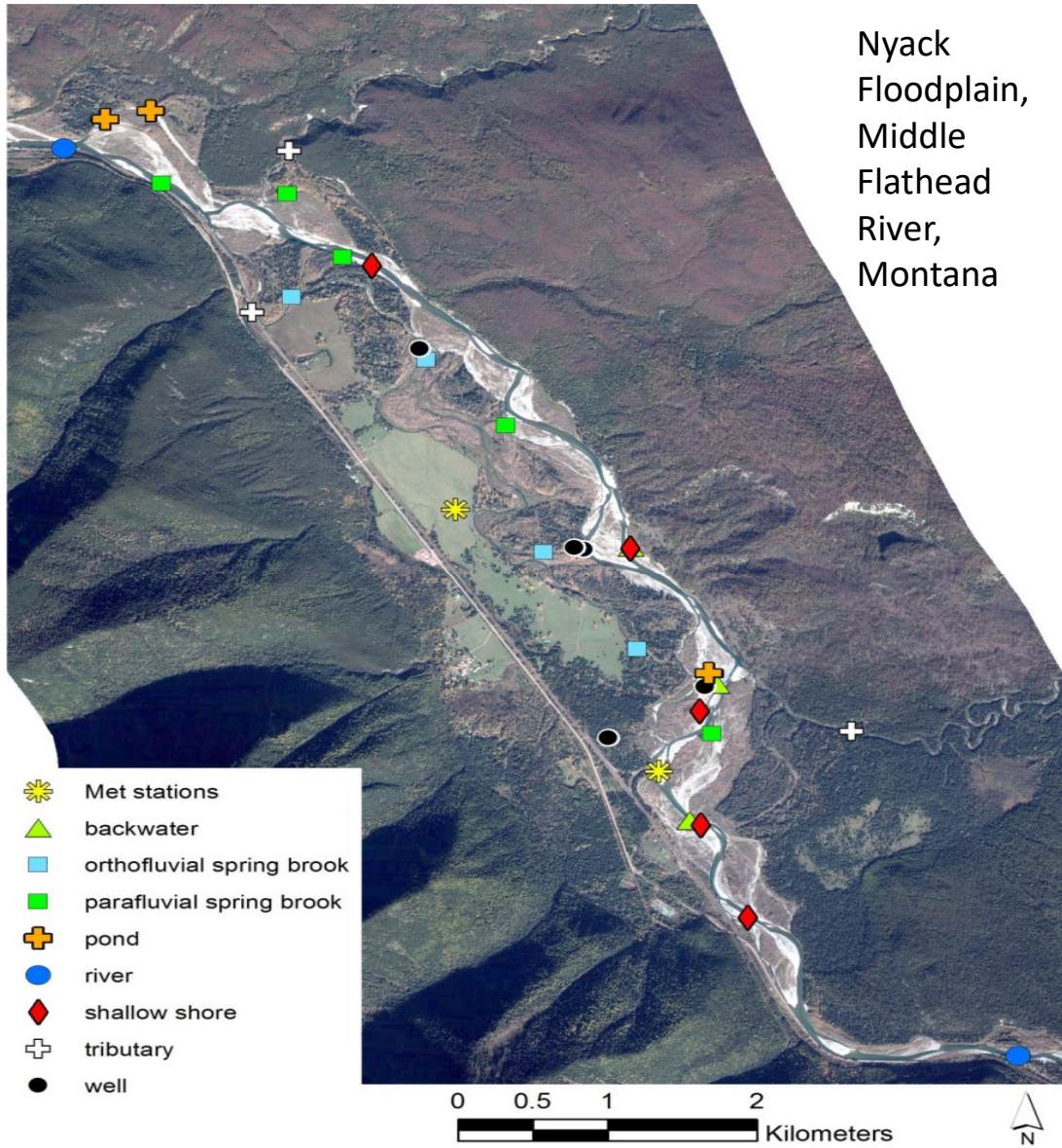
## River Analyzer Data Products:

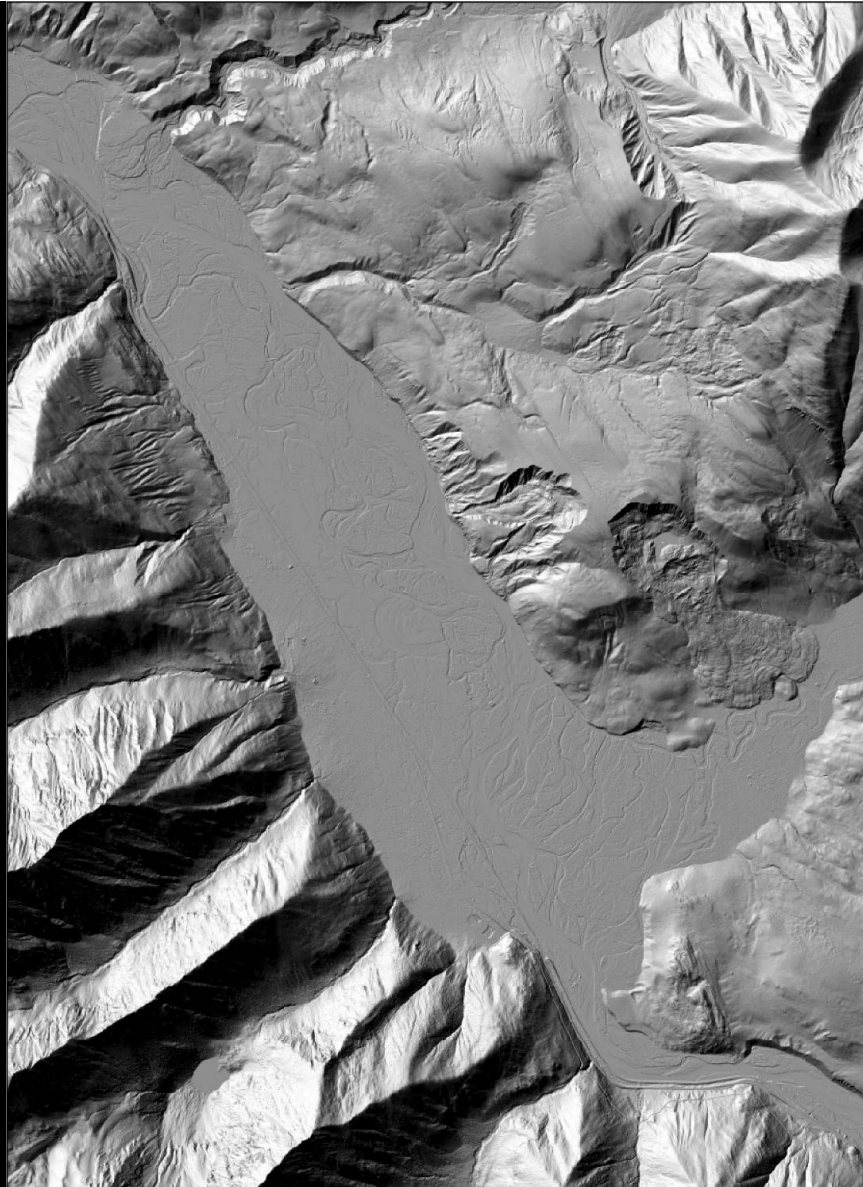
- 3D Flow hydraulics for all active channels
- Location and volume of ground-surfacewater interactions
- Bedload: real time cut and fill documentation



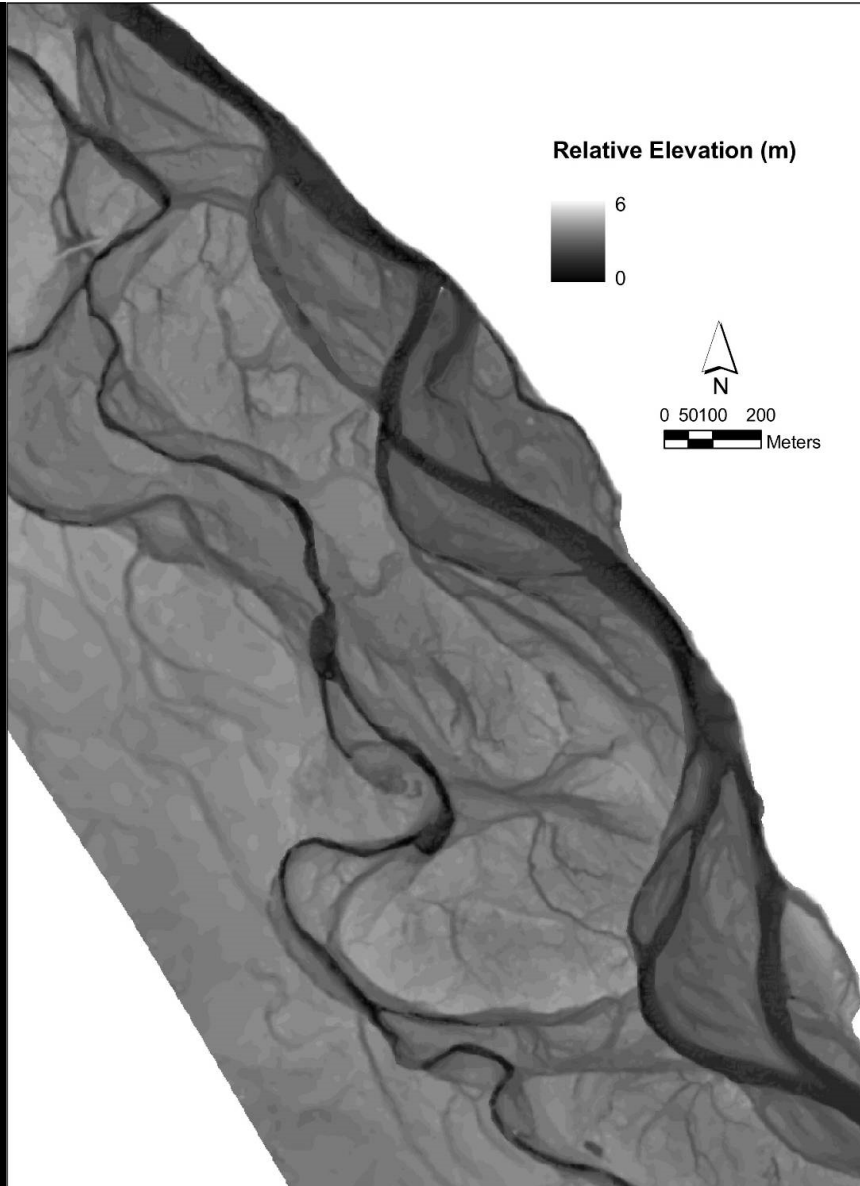
Add DIDSON sonar  
to get particle size  
(fish, substratum)

# Nyack Floodplain, Middle Flathead River, Montana





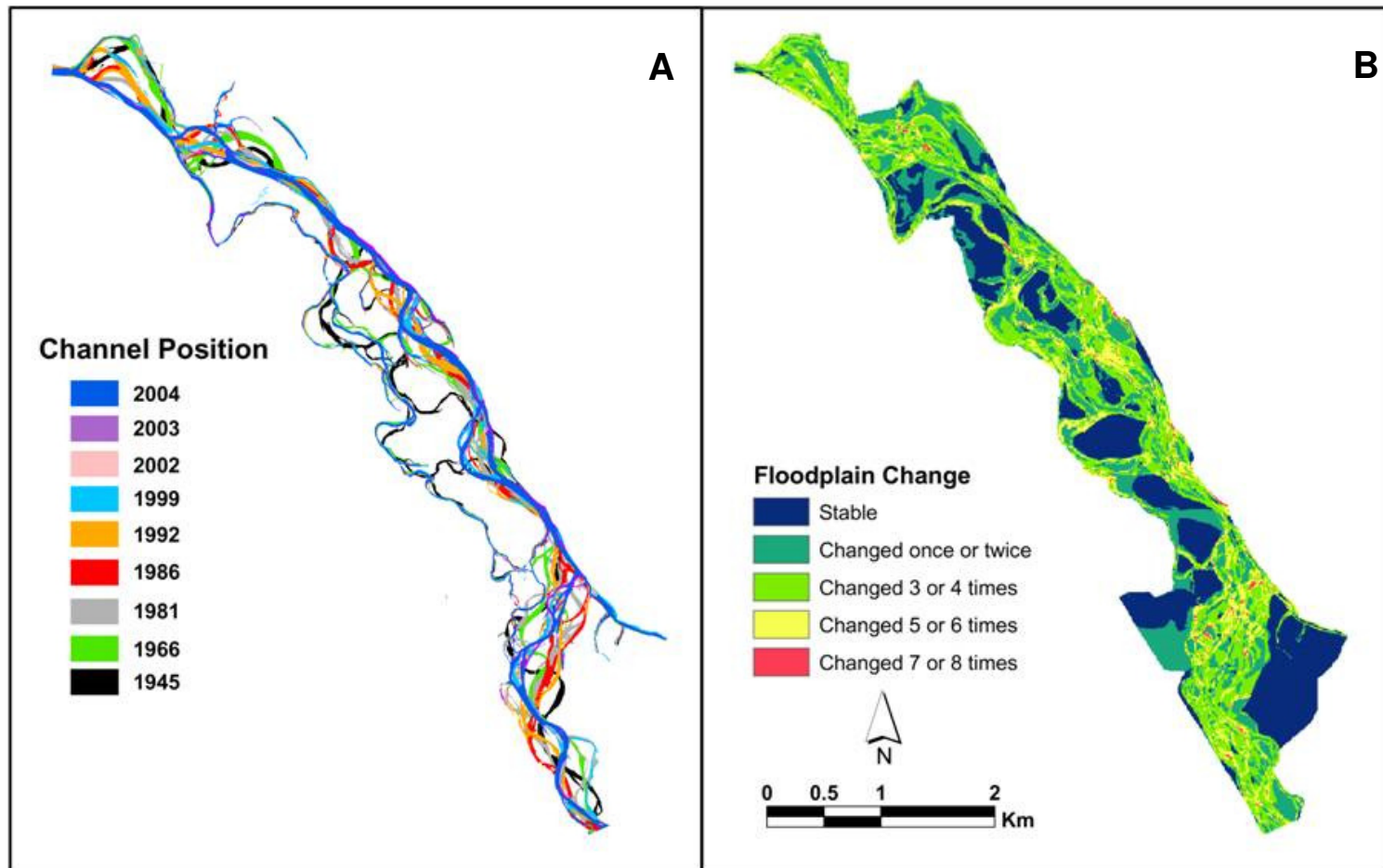
A LIDAR image of The Nyack Flood Plain showing the landscape features, including the channel network and the mass wasting on the GNP (right) side.



A portion of the LIDAR image in the previous slide that has been processed to finer detail using a GIS. Here the water is dark black and dry flood-and paleo-channels show up as dark grey channels that bisect lighter-colored benches. These benches are covered by riparian forests.



Habitat change at the Nyack Flood Plain of the Flathead River, Montana  
1945-2004



Whited et al.,2006. *Ecology*



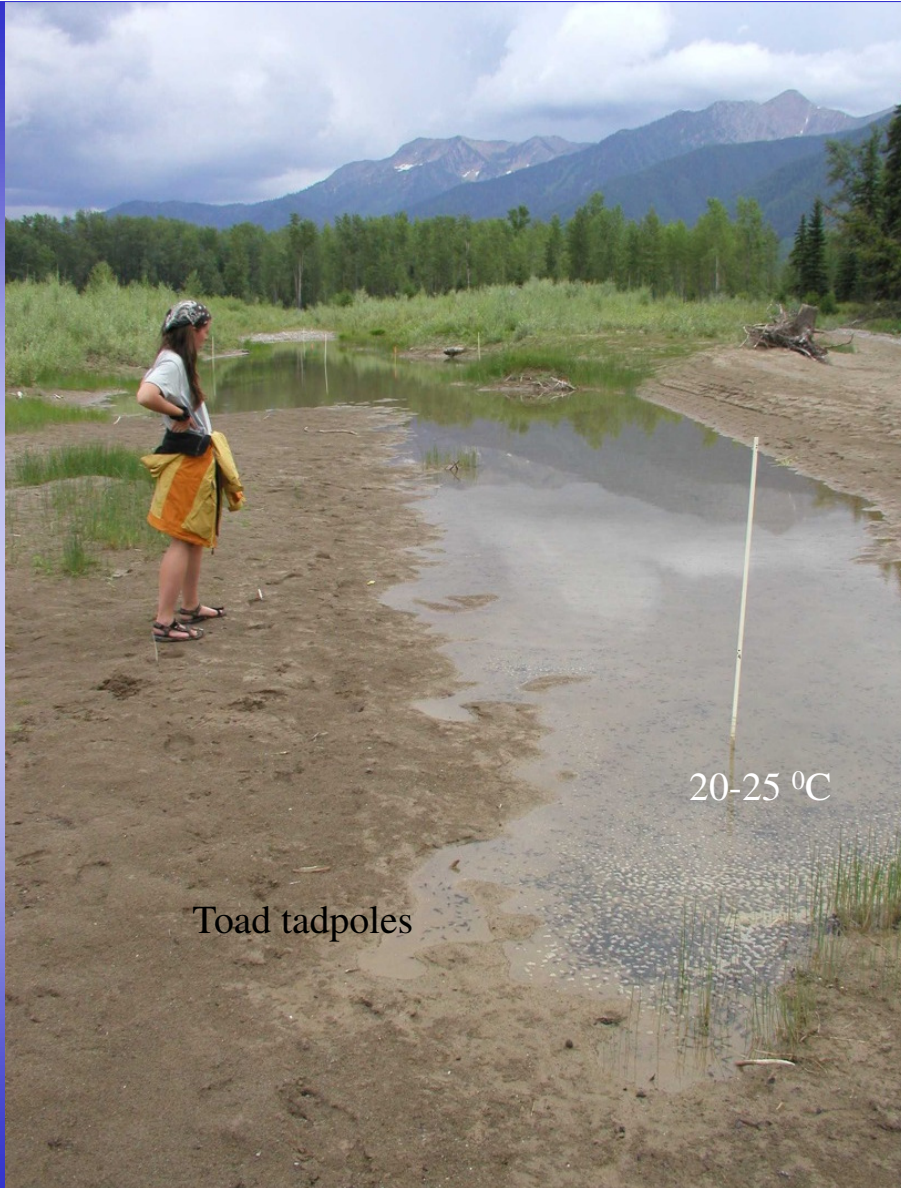
Nyack Floodplain – Middle Flathead River, Montana



15 °C

10-12 °C

5-8 °C



Toad tadpoles

20-25 °C



7  
5

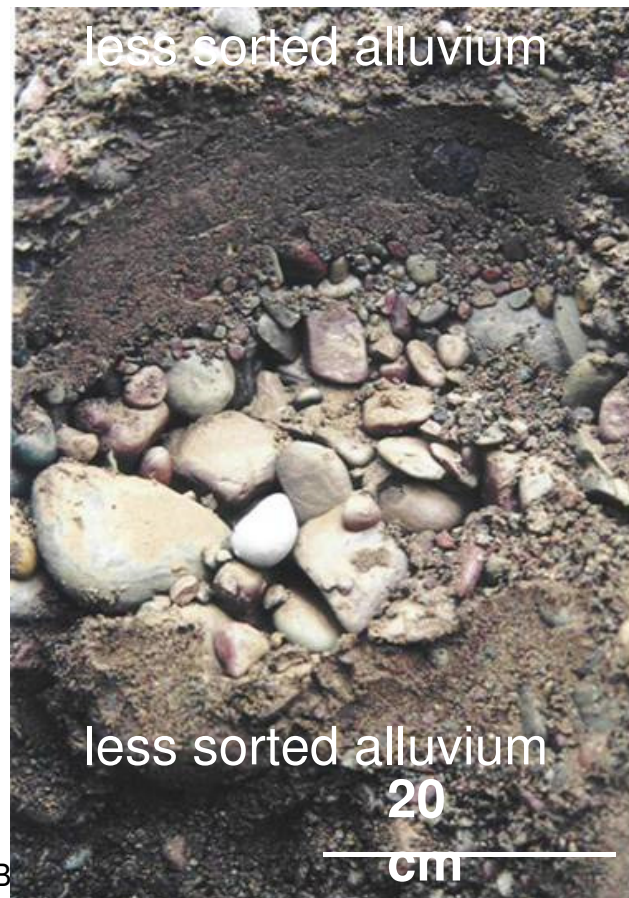
8-13 °C

**Bimodal gravel “tubes”**: open framework gravel-cobble in fining-upward sequences; attached biofilms – DOM limited; abundant meiofauna; 80+ species of amphibionts & stygobionts (hyporheos); occasional benthos.

ZPF – gravel  
couplet:

“pea” gravel

gravel – cobble  
very high hydraulic  
conductance



Huggenberger et al. 1998. FWB

Meiofauna

large protists  
archiannelids  
bathenellids  
copepods

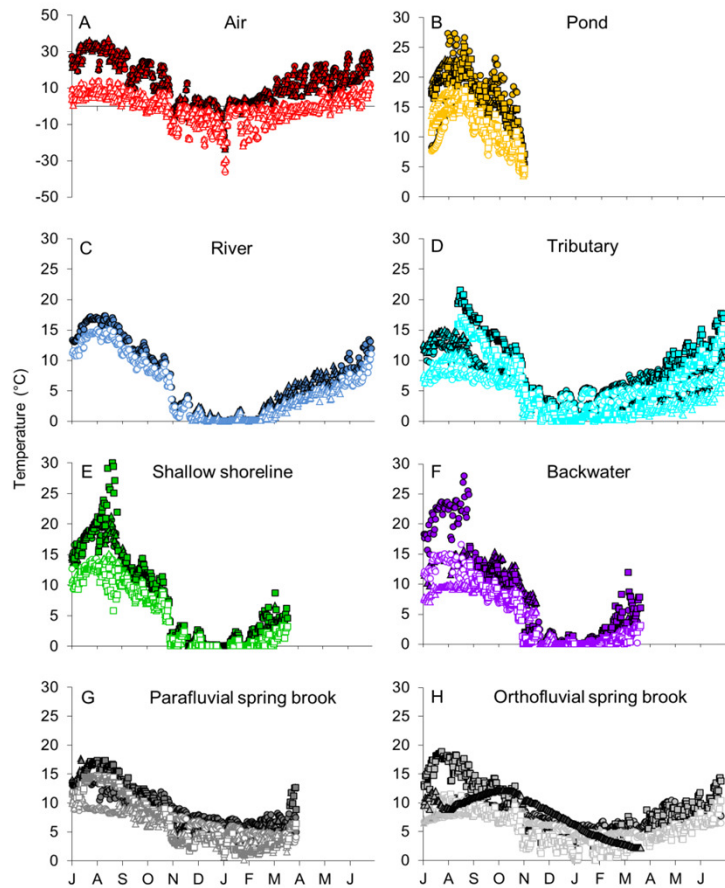
Stygobionts:

*Stygobromus* spp. and  
other amphipoda  
*Ascellus*

Amphibionts:

*Paraperla* 2spp.  
*Katrhopera* 1sp  
*Isocapnia* 6spp. and  
many benthic species  
in early life stages

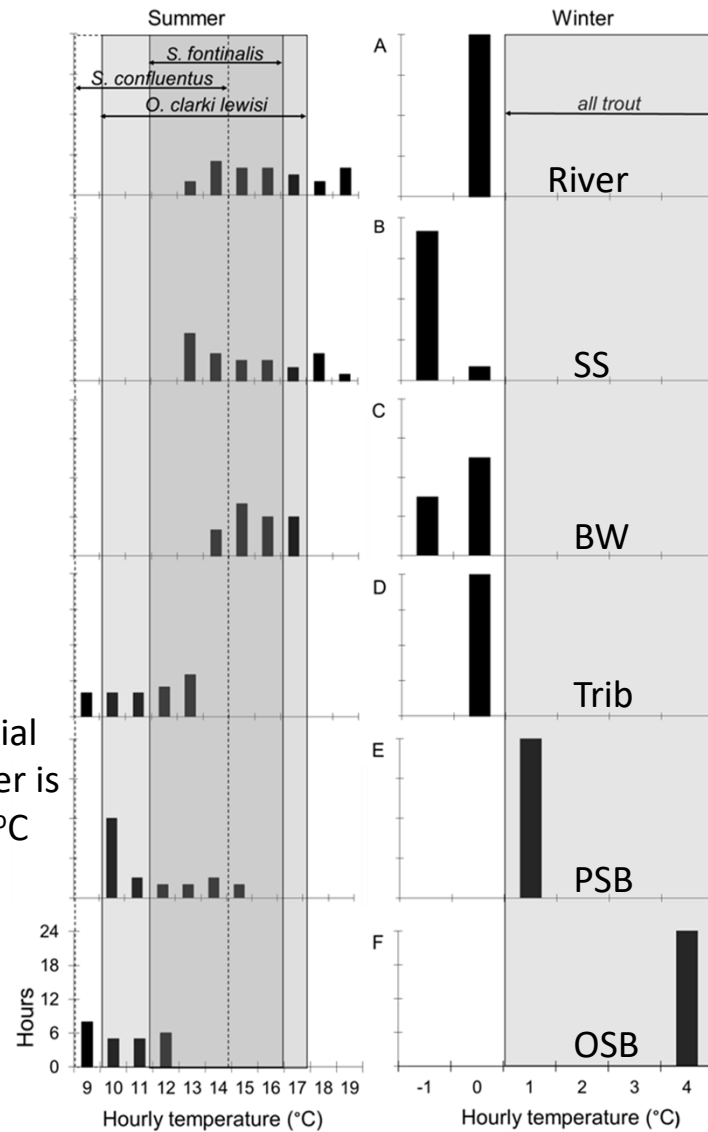
Stanford and Gaufin. 1974. Science;  
Stanford and Ward 1988. Nature

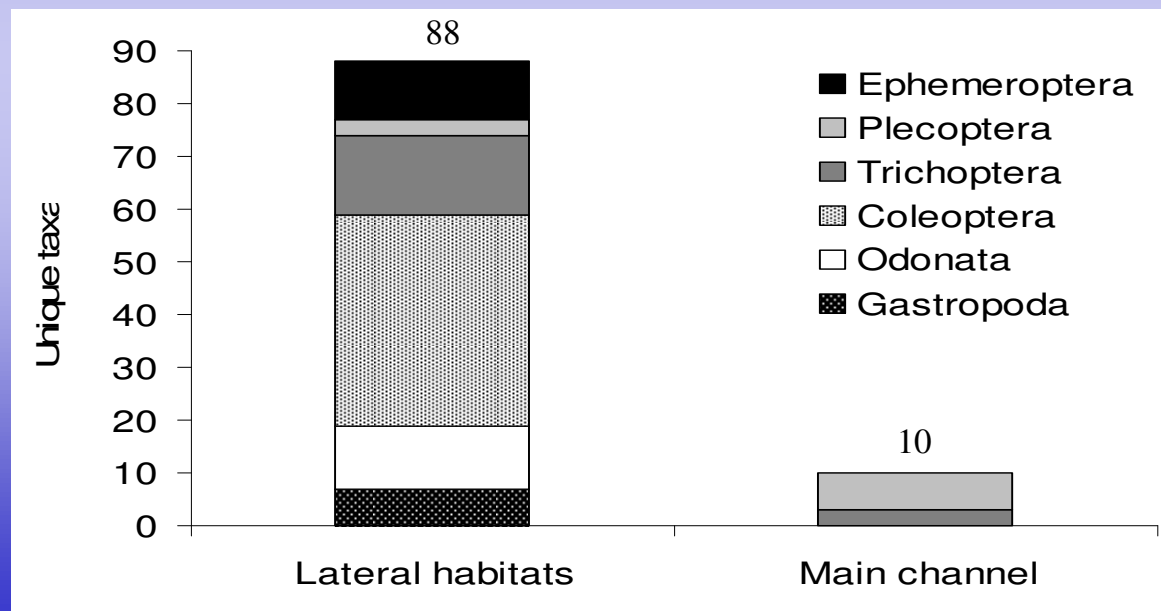
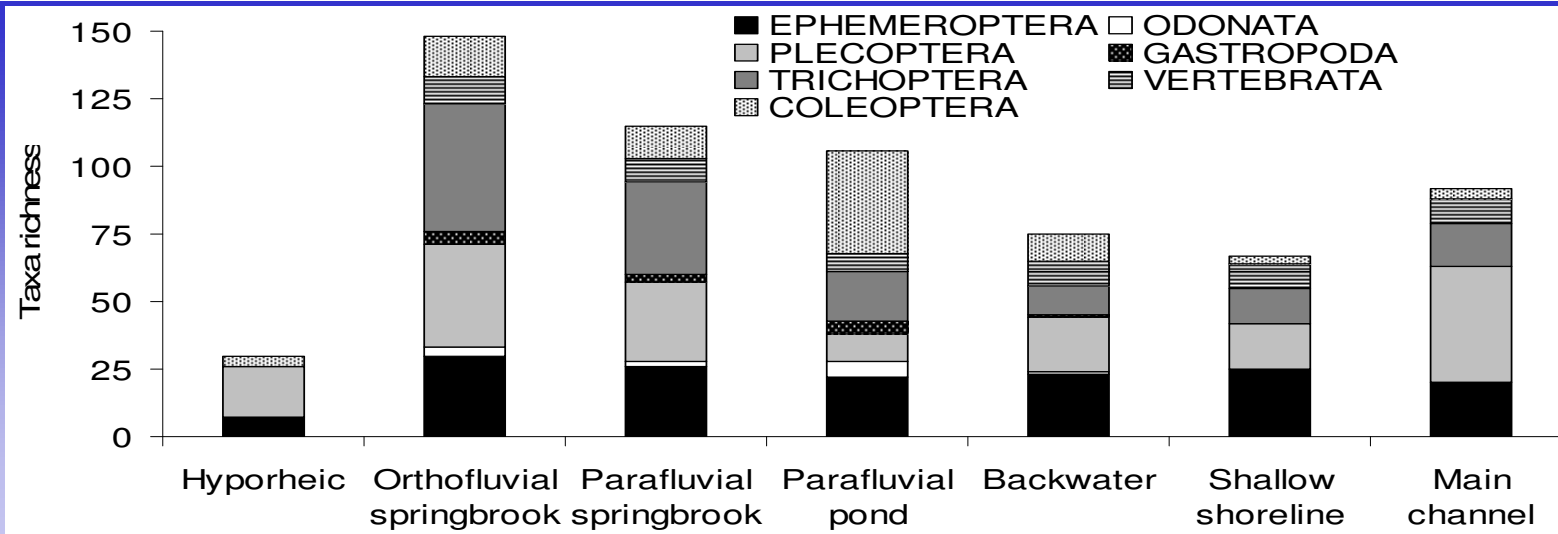


Alluvial aquifer is 5-10 °C

- Fishes and other vertebrates can find optimal thermal conditions if habitats are hydraulically connected and/or accessible
- Invertebrates limited by habitat-specific thermal conditions
- Stoneflies desynchronize life cycles in the aquifer (little temperature variation)

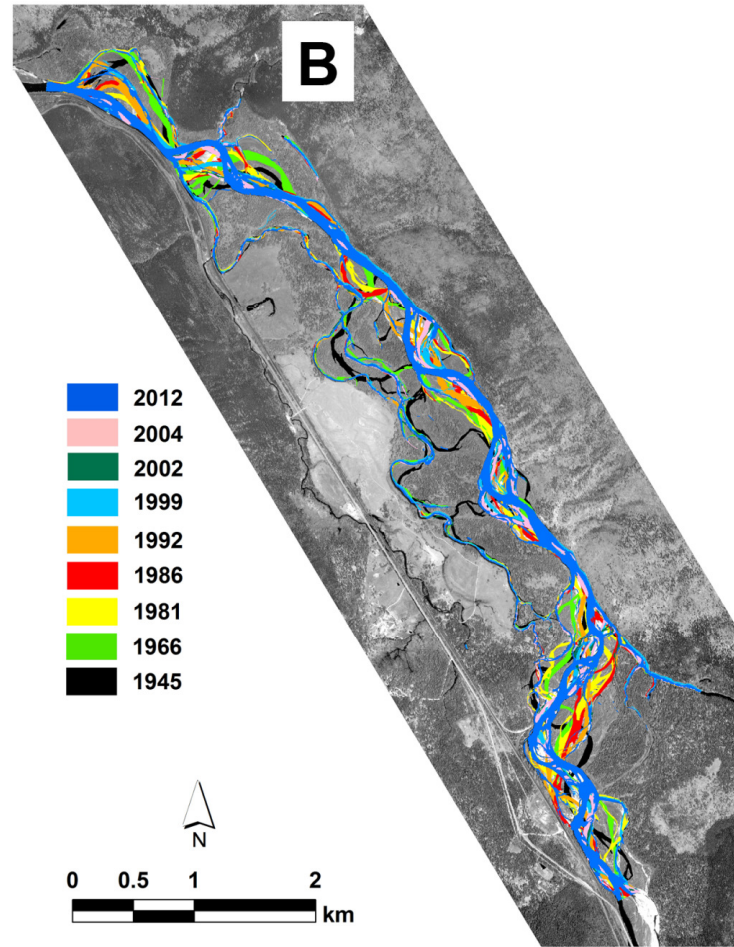
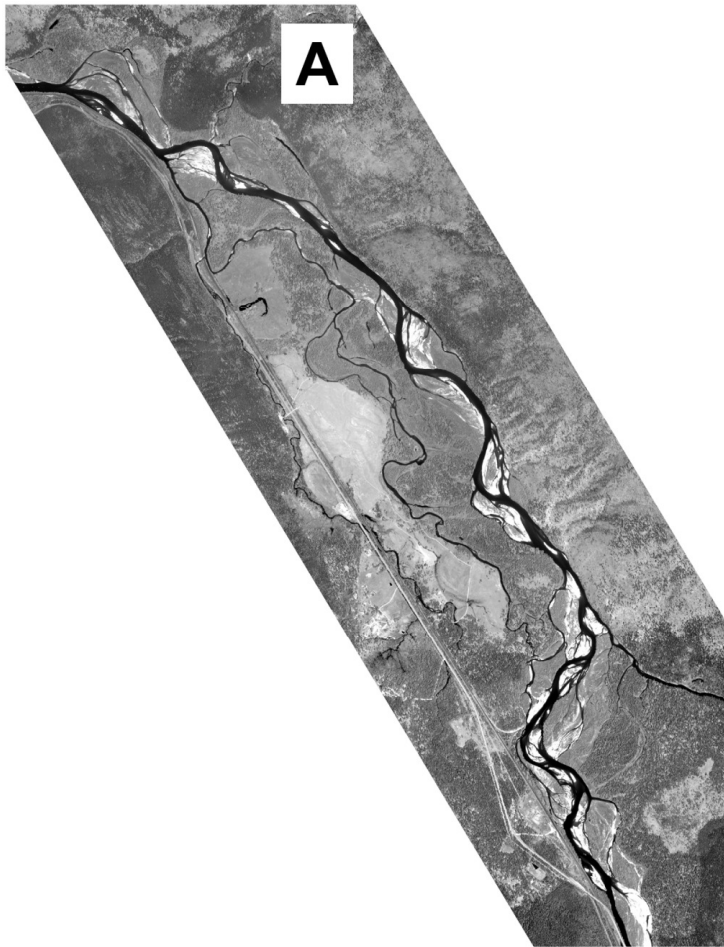
Stanford et al., in press

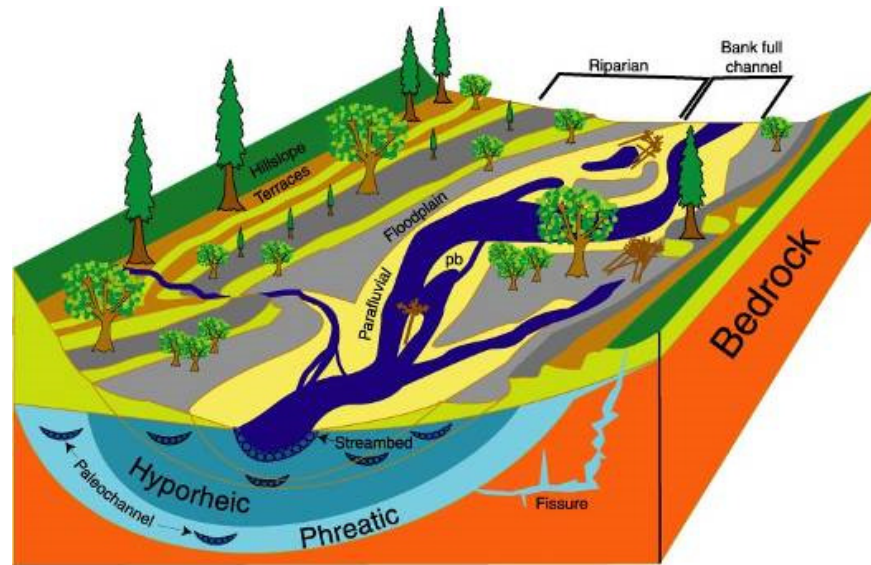
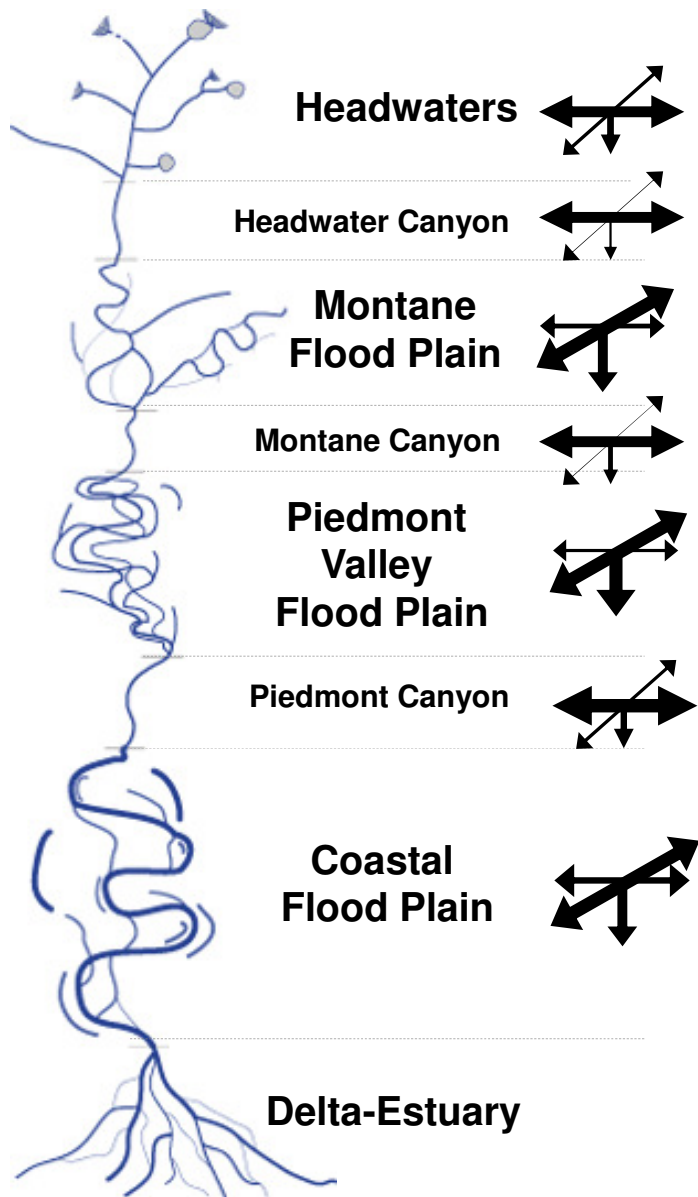




Stanford et al., unpubl. data







Primary drivers of the SHM:

- Geomorphic setting (slope, geologic legacies)
- Climate (flow, temperature, fire)
- Cut and fill alluviation (sediments and wood)
- Ground- surface water interactions
- Plant succession
- Animal modifications (including humans)

**Dynamic, inter-connected habitats**



Emerge from the river and wells in huge numbers



Migrate within the aquifer

Tolerant to hypoxia

delta13C: -20 to -70



Nyack HA 7 well, 2km from river channel

Flooding paleochannel (aquifer outwelling) at Nyack at HA 7 well - Helton, Wright

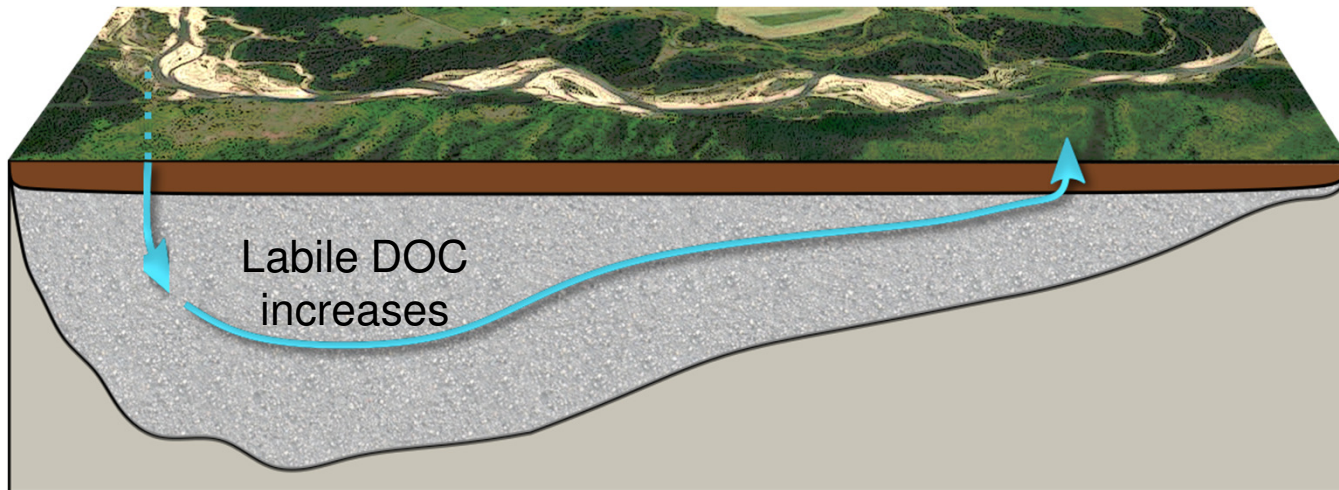


CH<sub>4</sub>: BDL – 10% saturation in the wells coming from contemporary, ancient (methanogenic) and fossil (thermogenic) sources: Amanda DeVecchia



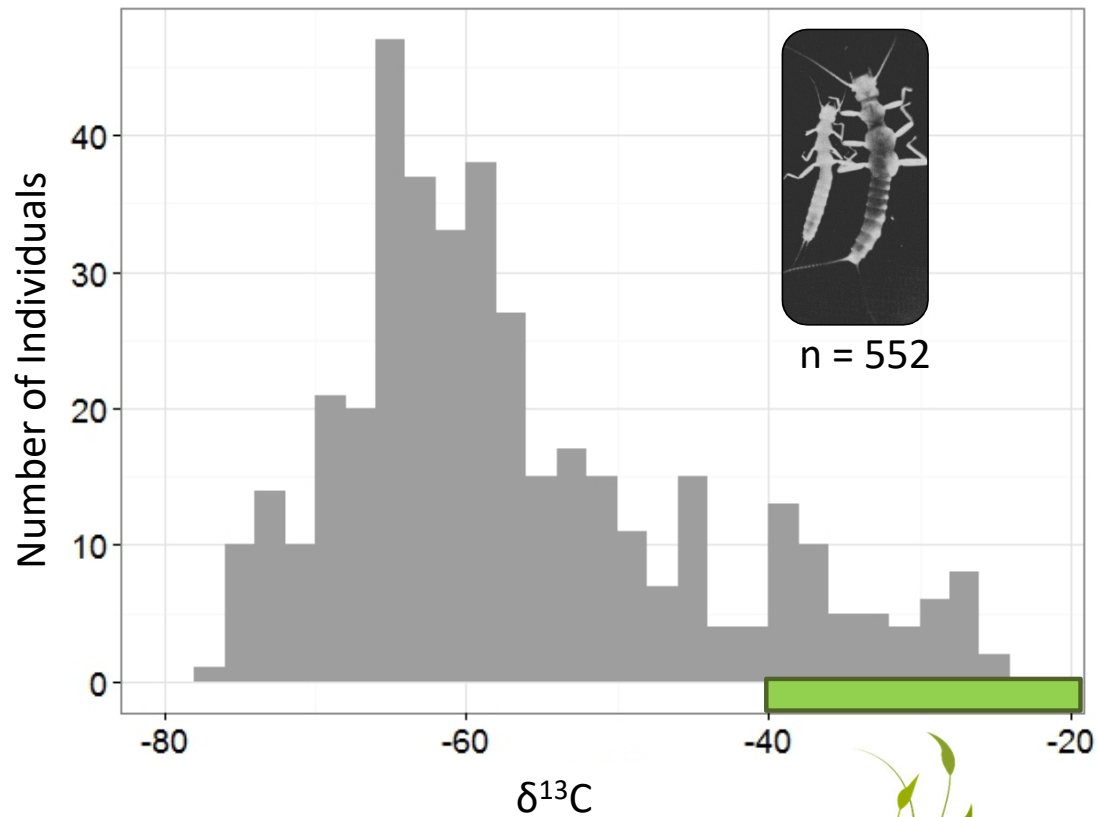
Dr. Amanda Delvecchia  
Postdoctoral Research Scholar  
North Carolina State University

•— Imbalance in the aquifer carbon budget —•

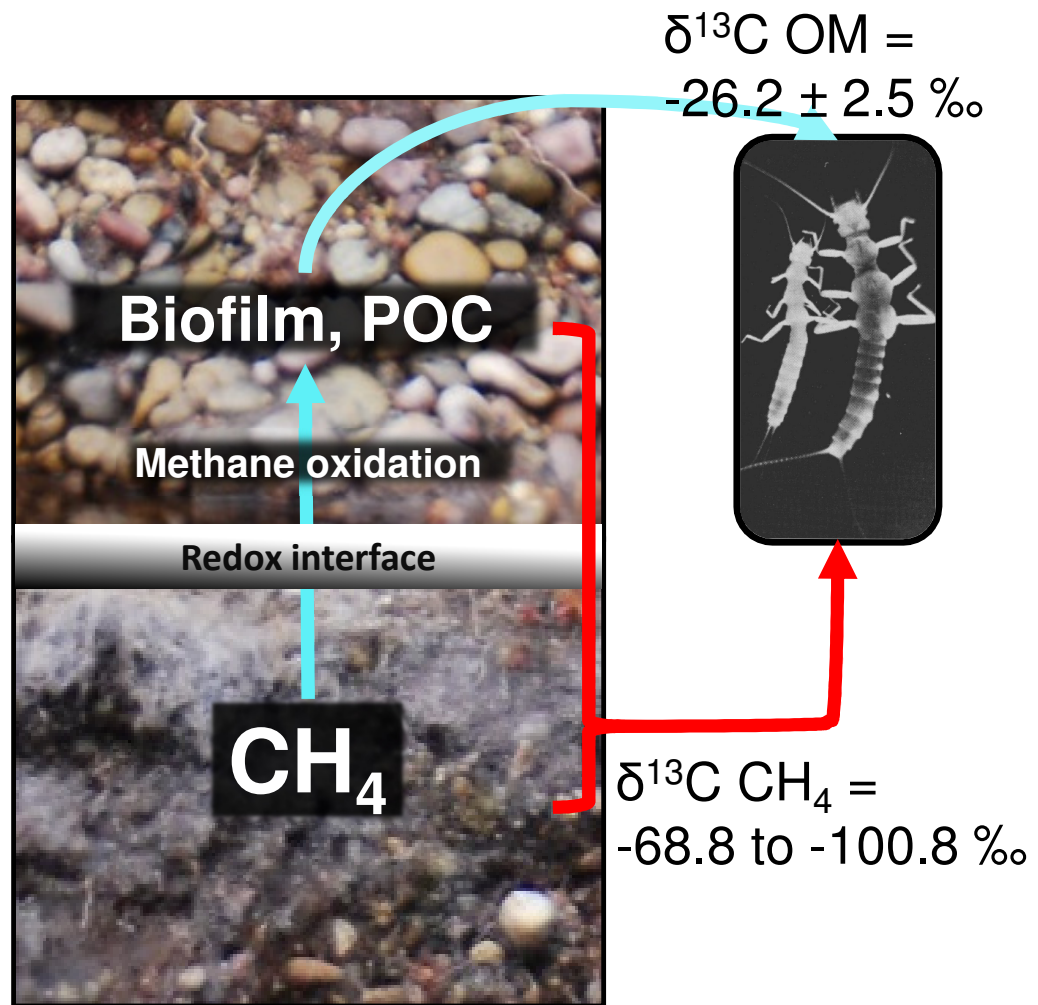


Appling (2012) Duke University  
Reid (2007) U. of Montana  
Helton et al. (2015) *L & O*

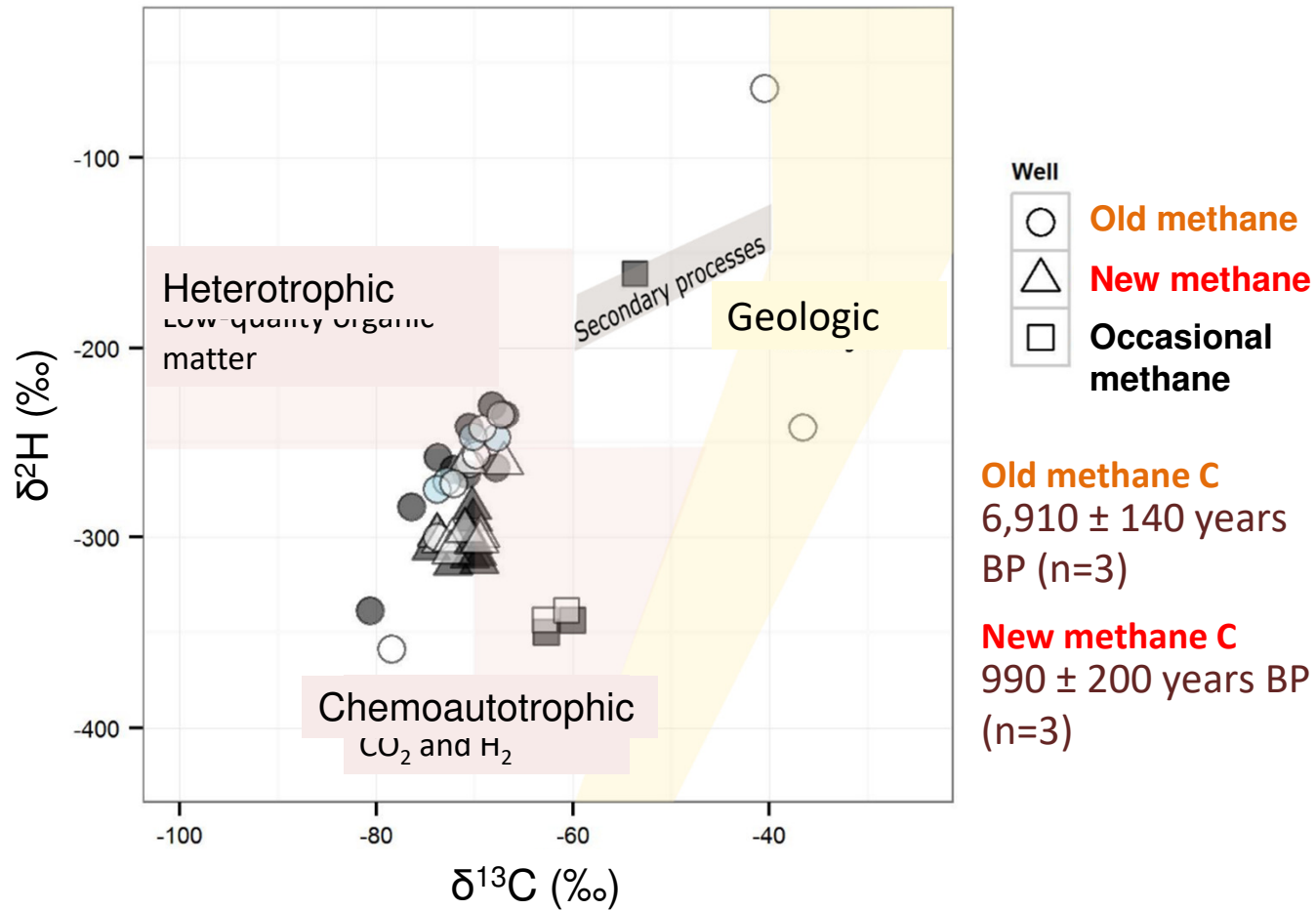
## $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values in stonefly biomass suggest methane contribution



DeVecchia, Amanda G., Jack A. Stanford, Xiaomei Xu. (2016)  
'Ancient methane-derived carbon subsidizes a contemporary  
food web'. *Nature Communications*.  
doi:10.1038/ncomms13163

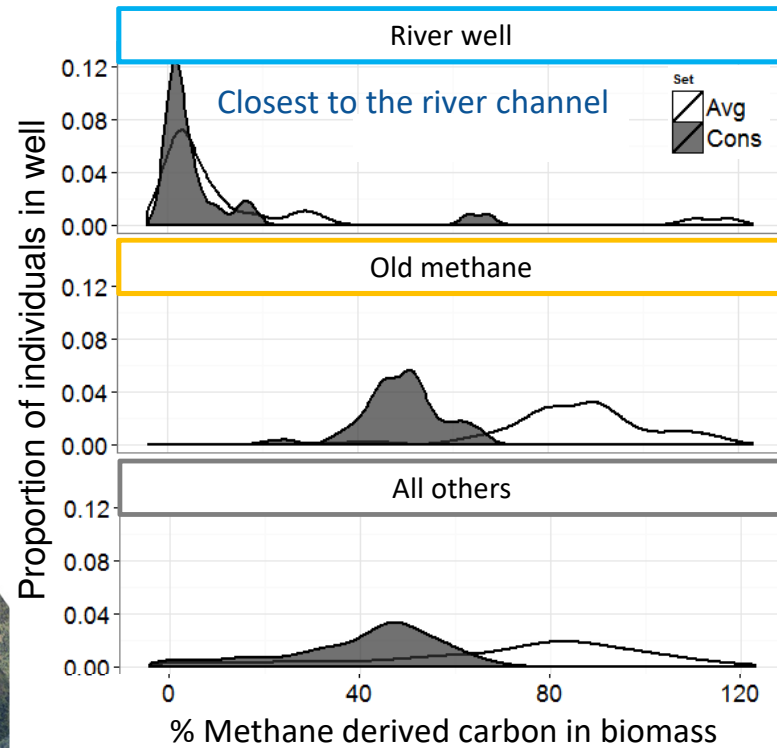
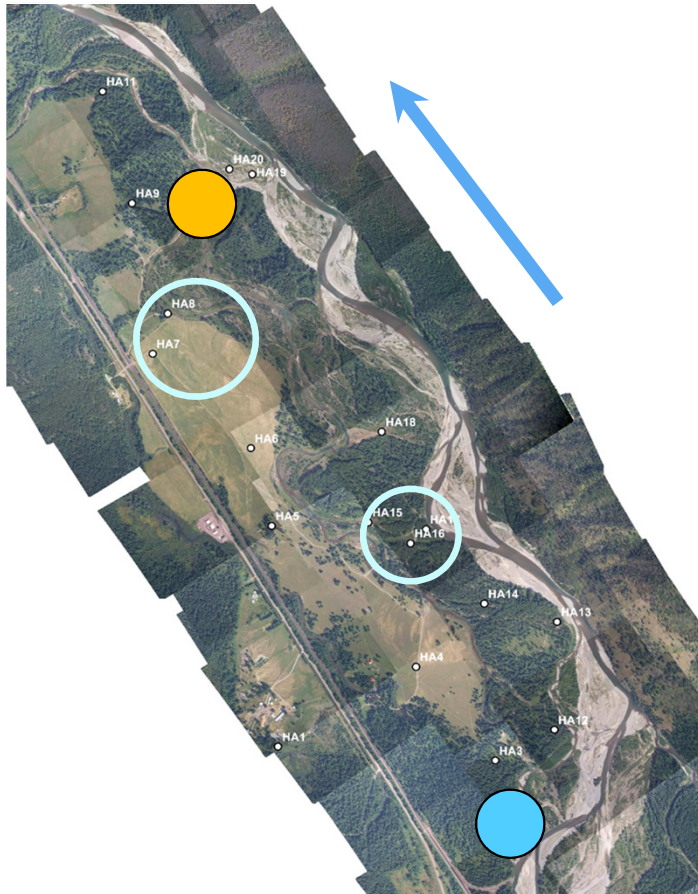


# Methane mostly methanogenic (microbial)



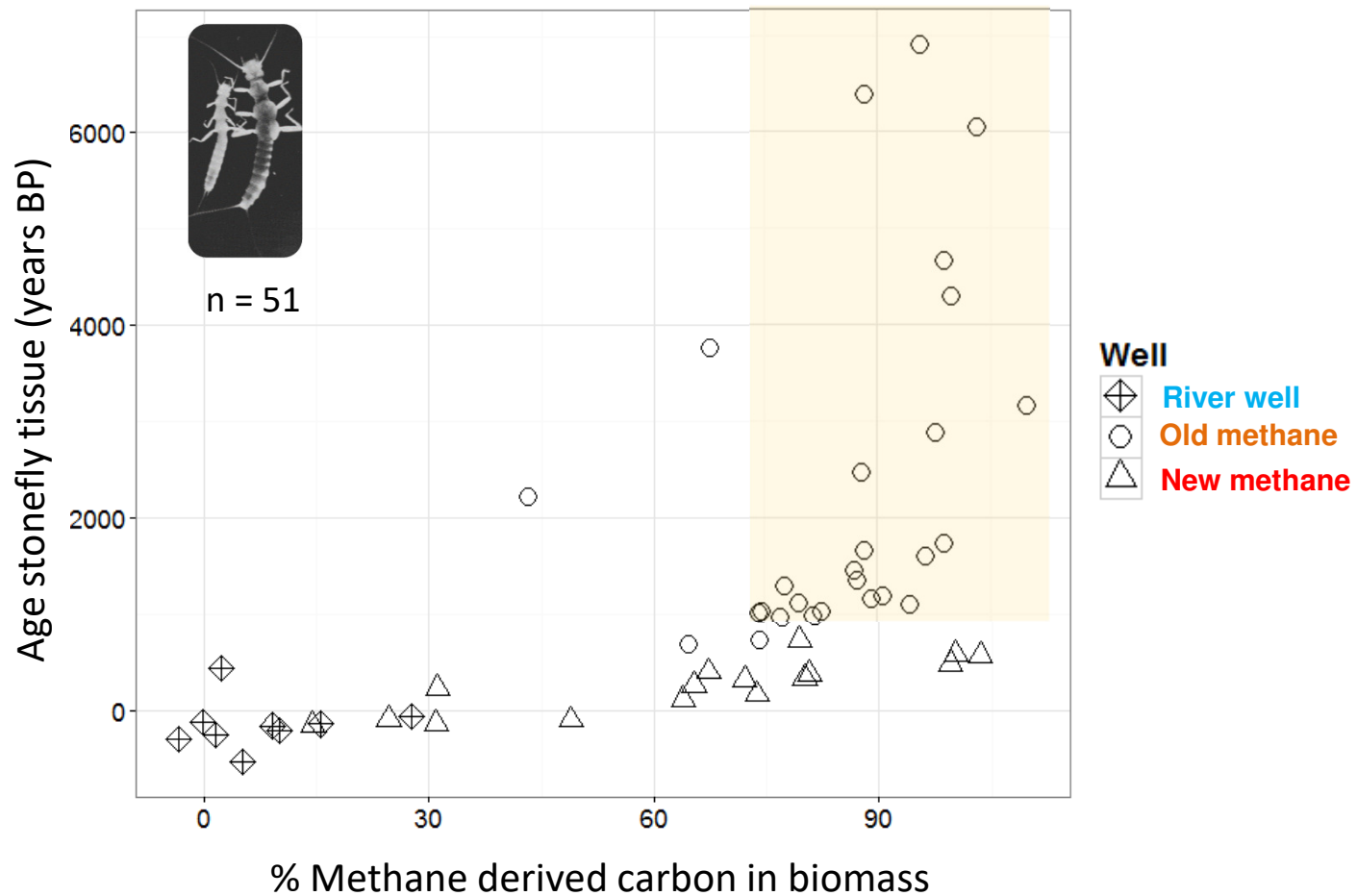


# Methane-derived C in stonefly biomass across Nyack

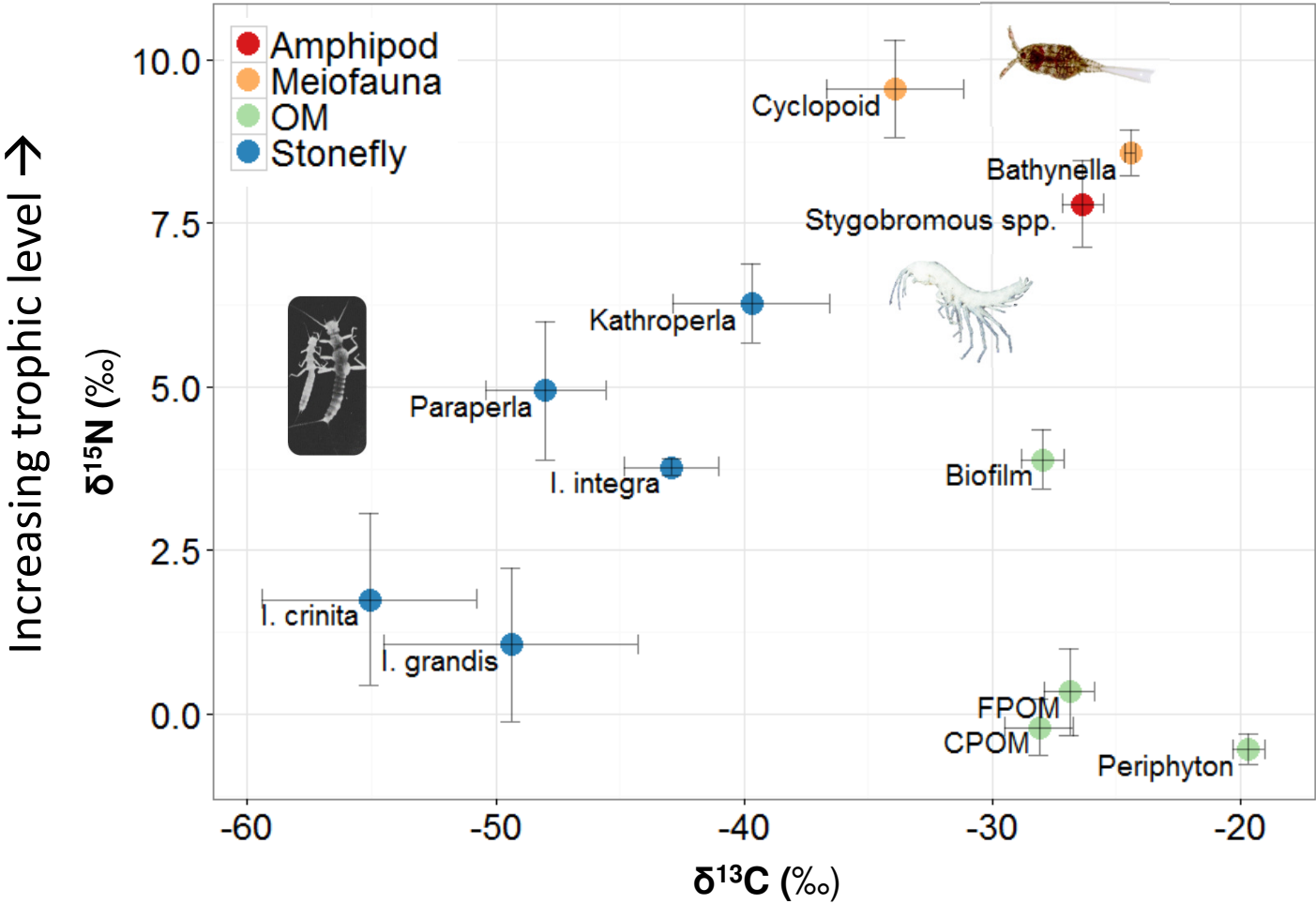


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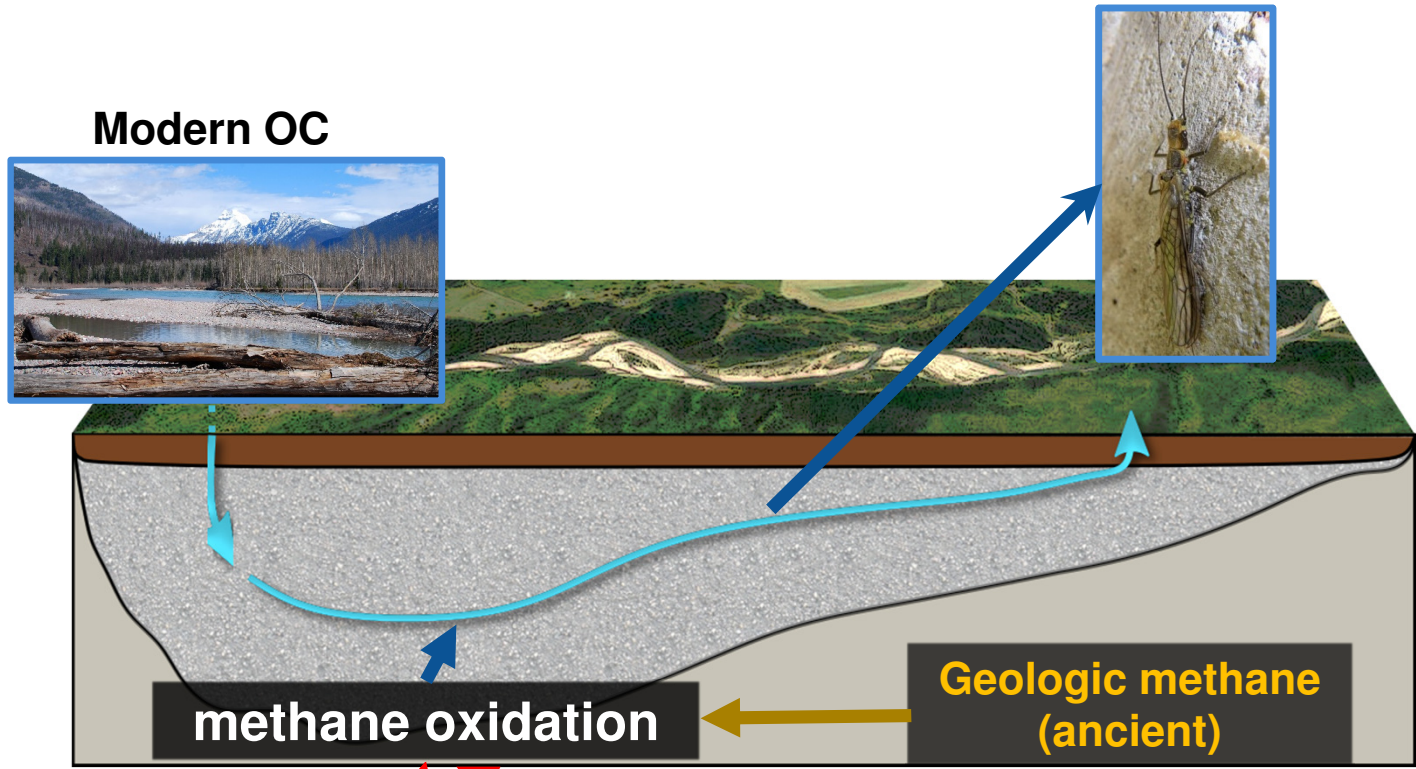
# Stonefly tissue has millennial-aged methane-derived C



# Methane-based food web



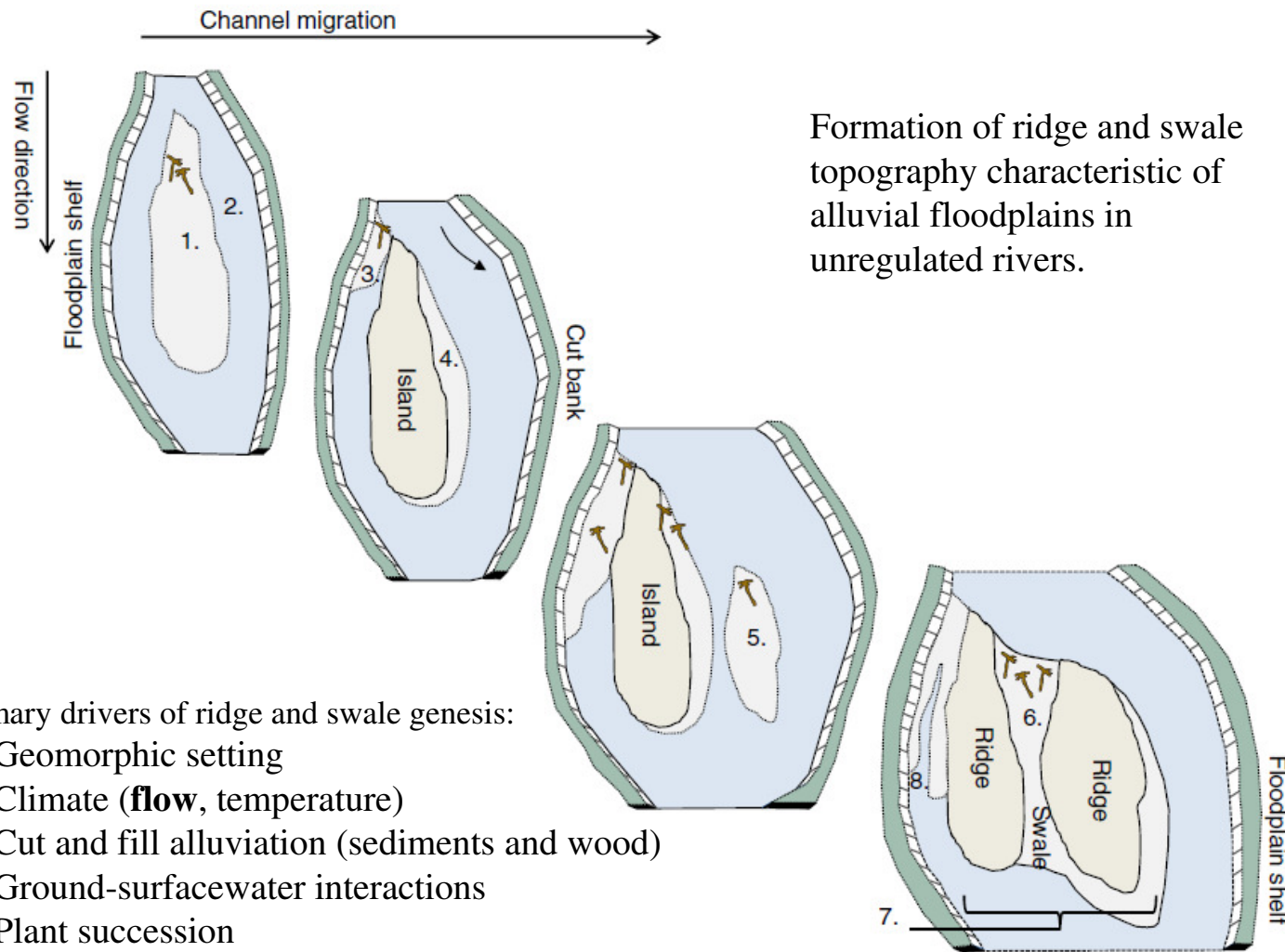
Meiofauna:  
Reid (2007)



- Paradox of hyporheic explained.
- Other redox mediated carbon sources? Fe, Mn pathways
- Relevance to pollutant toxicity, fracking.



Age scrolled point bar – Krutogorova River, Kamchatka

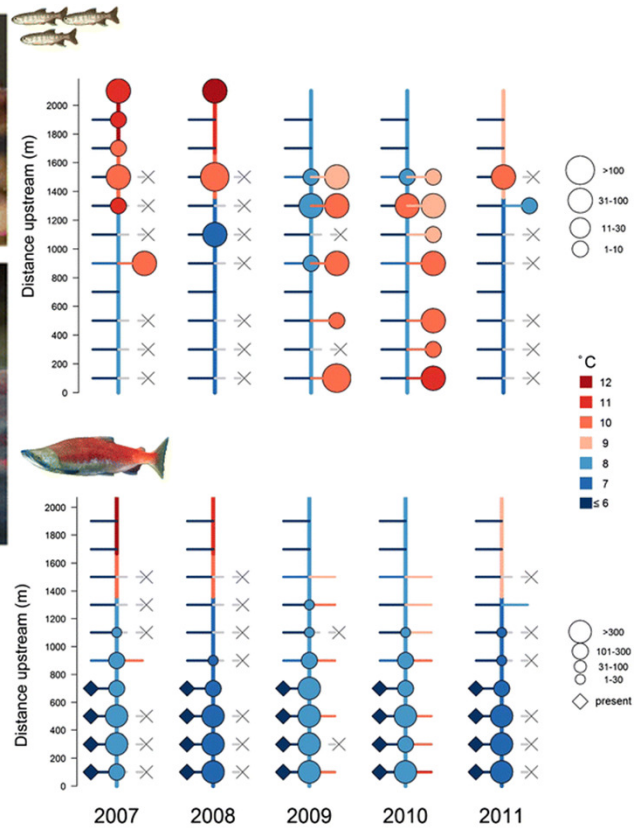
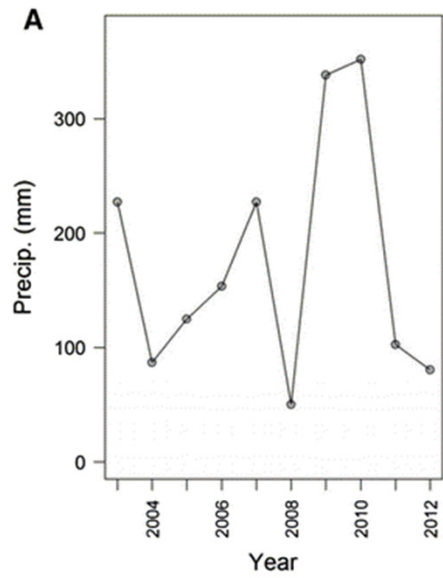


Formation of ridge and swale topography characteristic of alluvial floodplains in unregulated rivers.

Primary drivers of ridge and swale genesis:

- Geomorphic setting
- Climate (**flow**, temperature)
- Cut and fill alluviation (sediments and wood)
- Ground-surfacewater interactions
- Plant succession
- Animal modifications
- Biophysical connectivity

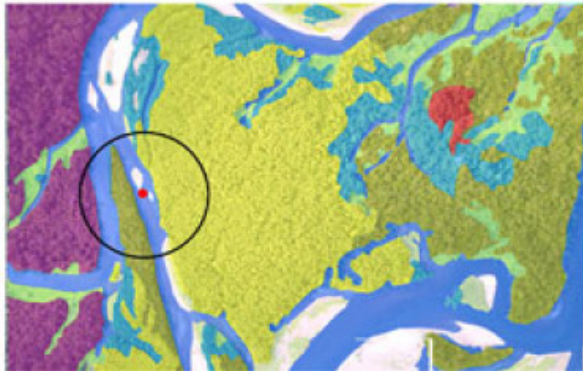
Mouw et al., 2014. RRA



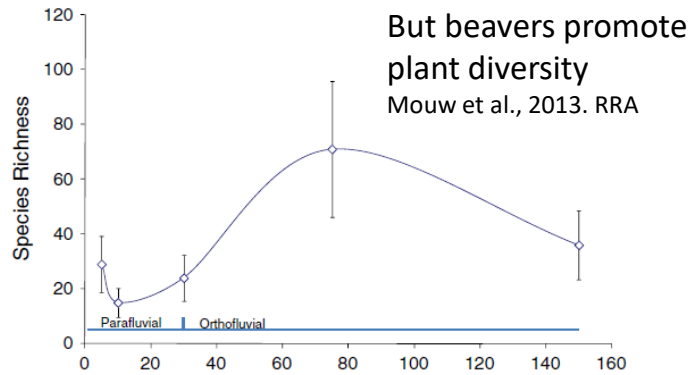
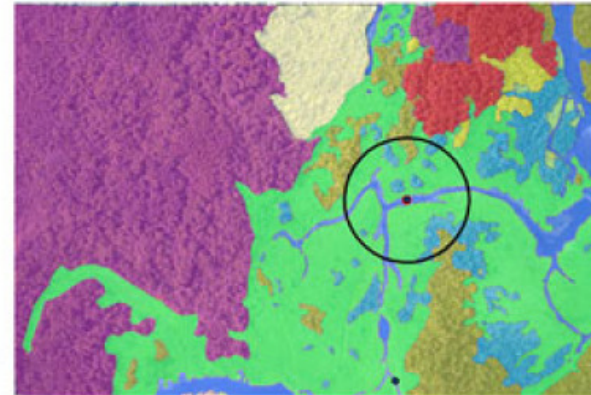
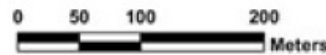
Armstrong and Schindler. 2013. Ecosystems.



- Cottonwood
- Alder
- Willow
- Willow/alder
- Floodplain meadow
- Water
- Upland willows
- Mixed Parafluvial
- Mixed Orthofluvial
- Gravel



Riparia  
substantially  
modified by beavers  
(A versus B)  
Mouw et al., 2013. RRA



Salmon production potential reduced 3X by  
beavers — Malison et al., 2015. CJFAS



Coho juvenile — Jonny Armstrong



# Floodplain Modification By Beavers

12% of entire study reach is beaver influenced habitat  
55% of aquatic off-channel habitats modified by beavers



Beaver –influenced  
spring brooks



Early



Beaver –free spring brooks

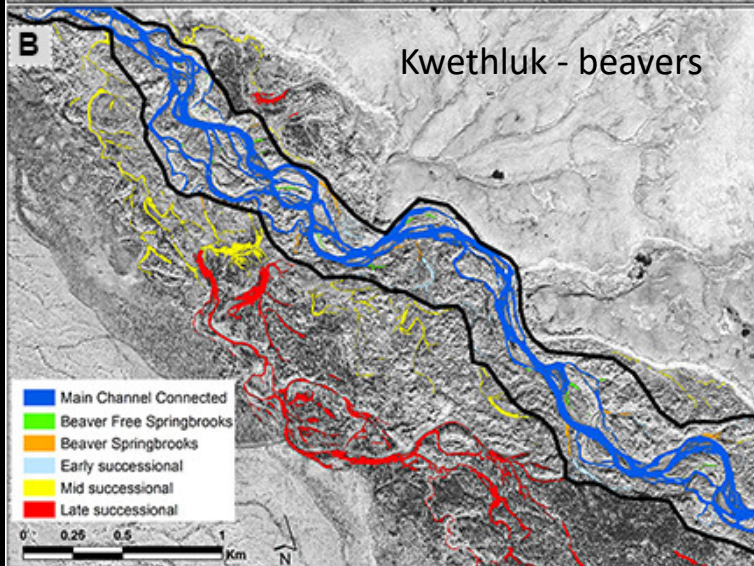
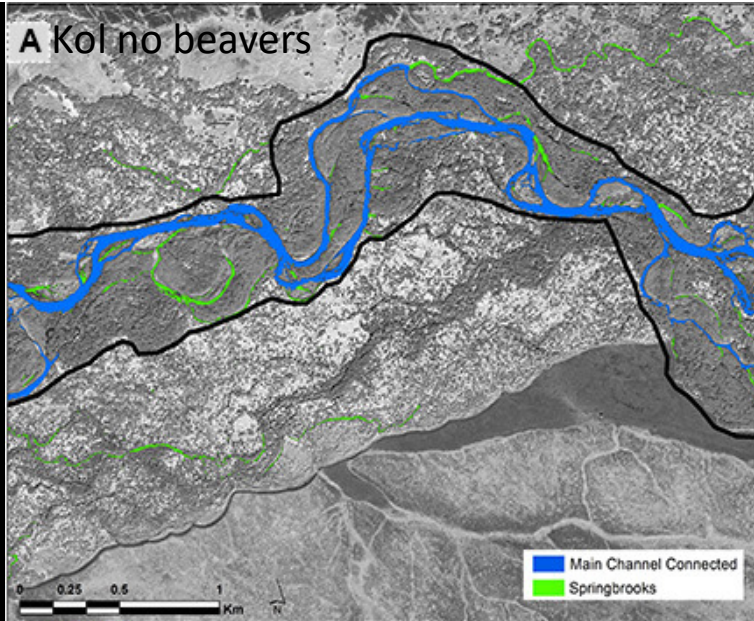


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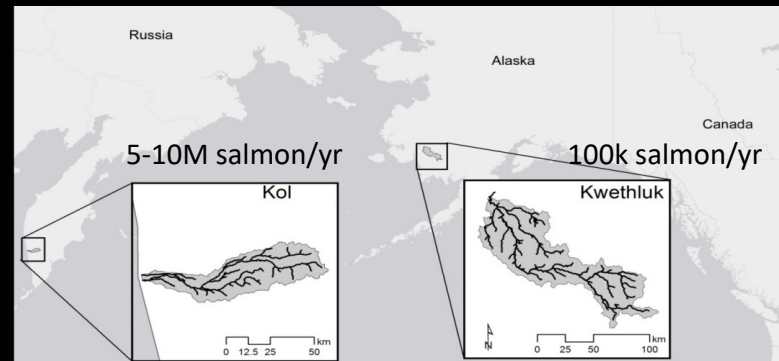
Late

Malison et al, 2014.  
FWB



	<b>Kwethluk</b>	<b>Kol</b>
Floodplain slope	0.0020	0.0022
River width	42m	50m
Watershed area	3846 km <sup>2</sup>	1502 km <sup>2</sup>
Total Floodplain area	2.49 x 10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>2</sup>	1.04 x 10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>2</sup>
Total aquatic habitat	283 ha	409 ha
Main Channel total area	219 ha	325 ha
Off-channel habitat area	64 ha	84 ha
Spring brook total area	11 ha	83 ha
% off-channel spring brook area	0.17	0.99
Beaver pond area	51 ha	0

**Huge mdn subsidy in the Kol**





SHM of the Okavango Delta,  
Botswana, South Central Africa

Island genesis	Island coverage	Island class	
		Form classification	Coverage classification
<i>Primary islands</i>			
Scroll bar	Grassland	Scroll bar <sup>a</sup>	Grassland
	Riparian forest	Scroll bar <sup>a</sup>	Riparian forest
	Mixed grassland/riparian forest	Scroll bar <sup>a</sup>	Mixed
Inverted channel	Riparian forest	Inverted channel <sup>a</sup>	Riparian forest
Termite mound	Tree/grassland	Termite mound <sup>a</sup>	–
<i>Secondary islands</i>			
Amoeboid (grown from a primary island nucleus)	Riparian forest	Amoeboid	Riparian forest <sup>a</sup>
	Central salt crust with rim of riparian forest	Amoeboid	Salt <sup>a</sup> /Mixed with salt <sup>a</sup>
	Central riparian forest with rim of salt	Amoeboid	Mixed with salt <sup>a</sup> /(riparian forest)
	Grassland	Amoeboid	Grassland <sup>a</sup>
	Mixed grassland/riparian forest	Amoeboid	Mixed <sup>a</sup> /grassland/riparian forest
	Dry woodland	Amoeboid?	Dry woodland <sup>a</sup>

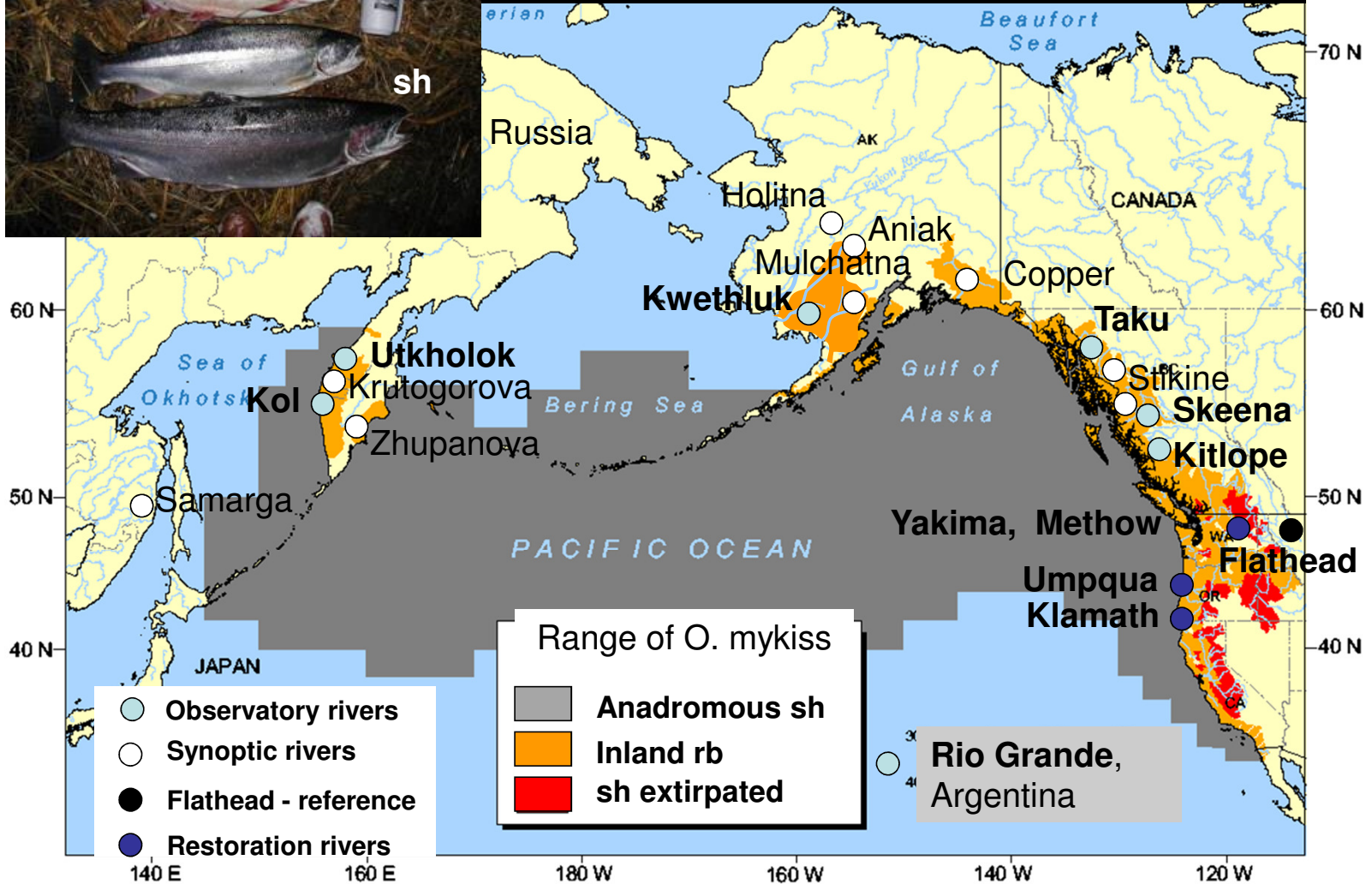
<sup>a</sup> Priority class in the classification.

From Gumbricht et al.2004. Earth Sur. Processes and Landforms.

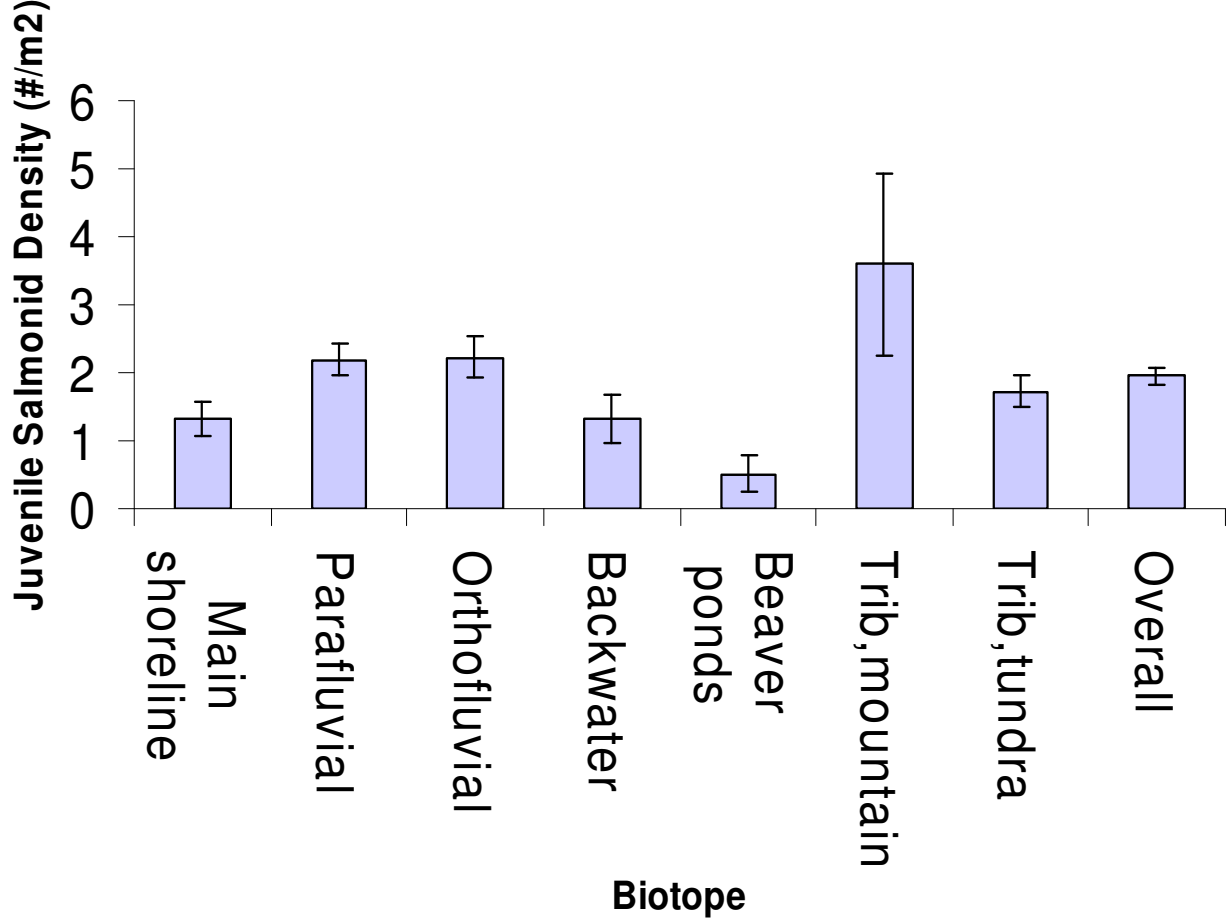


# Salmonid Rivers Observatory Network (SaRON)

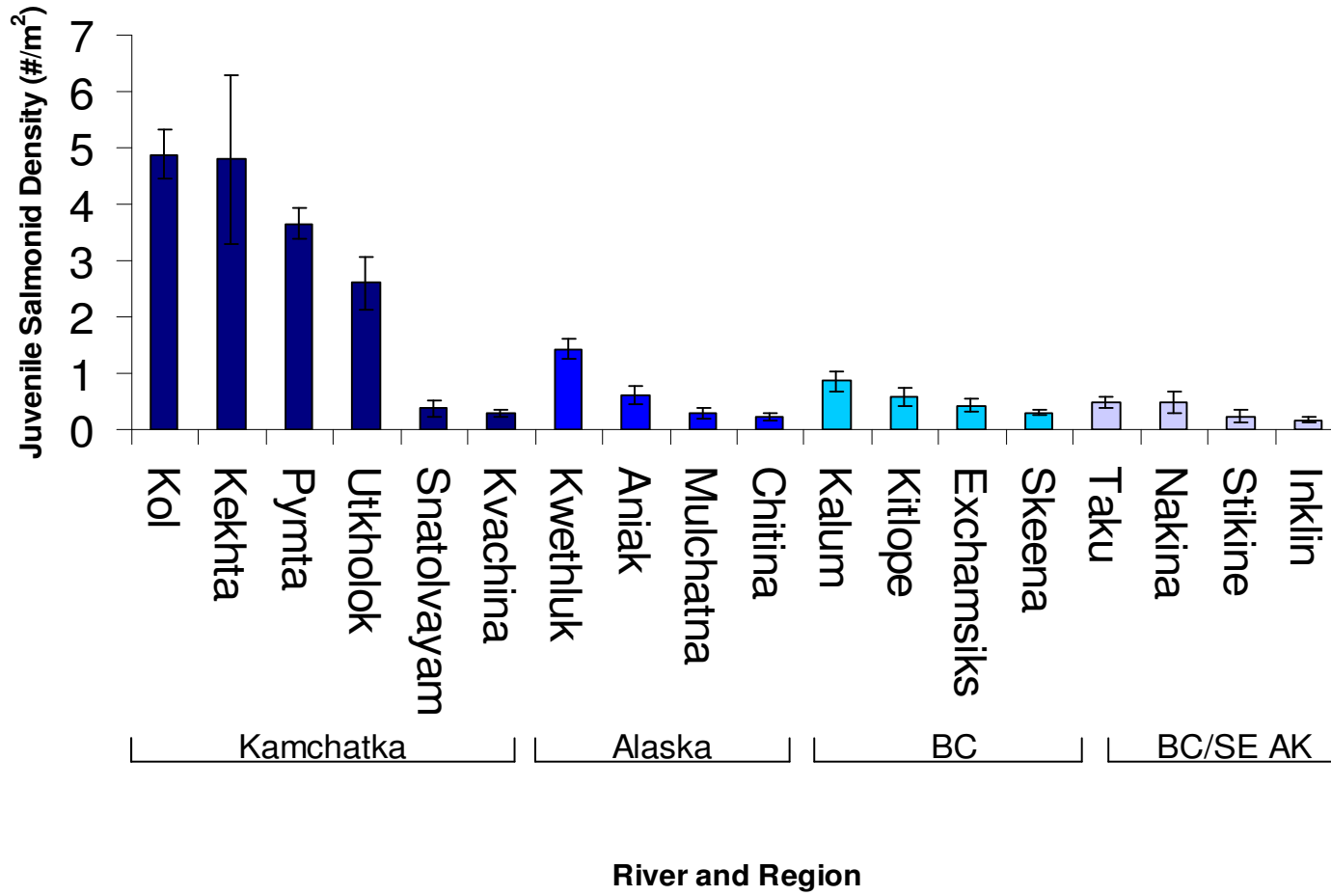
Flathead Lake Biological Station, University of Montana



# Juvenile Salmonid Densities (all rivers combined)



## Juvenile Salmonid Densities (all biotopes combined)



Kol River: Complex, 5-10M salmon



Utkholok River: Simple, 10K salmon



**C:N = 8.1 - 14.4**



Morris and Stanford 2011. Ecol. Monogr.

Kol – *O. mykiss*  
resident  
(rainbow)

Utkholok – *O.*  
*mykiss*  
anadromous  
(steelhead)

Same species,  
6 life history  
strategies







# Salmon Subsidy of Foliar N

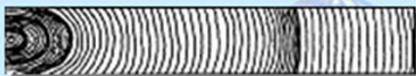
Morris and Stanford. 2011. Ecological Monographs

	molar C:N
• Kol floodplain	
– <i>Salix A</i>	13.7
– <i>Salix B</i>	12.6
– <i>F. camtschatica</i>	14.4
– Nettle	8.1
• Temperate broadleaf <sup>1</sup>	35.1
• Nyack cottonwoods <sup>2</sup>	38.1

1: McGroddy et al. 2004 *Ecology*, 2: Harner and Stanford 2003 *Ecology*

## Разнообразиие жизненных стратегий камчатской микижи

Типы чешуи



**Типично  
проходная**



**5,7 кг  
(2,5 - 10,5)**



**Проходная-Б  
(включающая  
стадию  
«полунтовика»)**



**4,9 кг  
(1,0 - 9,3)**



**Эстуарная**



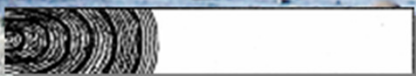
**2,1 кг  
(0,6-3,2)**



**Речная  
эстуарная**



**1,3 кг  
(0,4 - 2,5)**



**Речная**



**1,4 кг  
(0,4 - 2,7)**

# Изменения типа жизненной стратегии (по данным соотношения Sr/Ca в отолитах)



● Материнская особь – речная стратегия  
— Потомок – речная стратегия



● Материнская особь – проходная стратегия  
— Потомок – речная стратегия

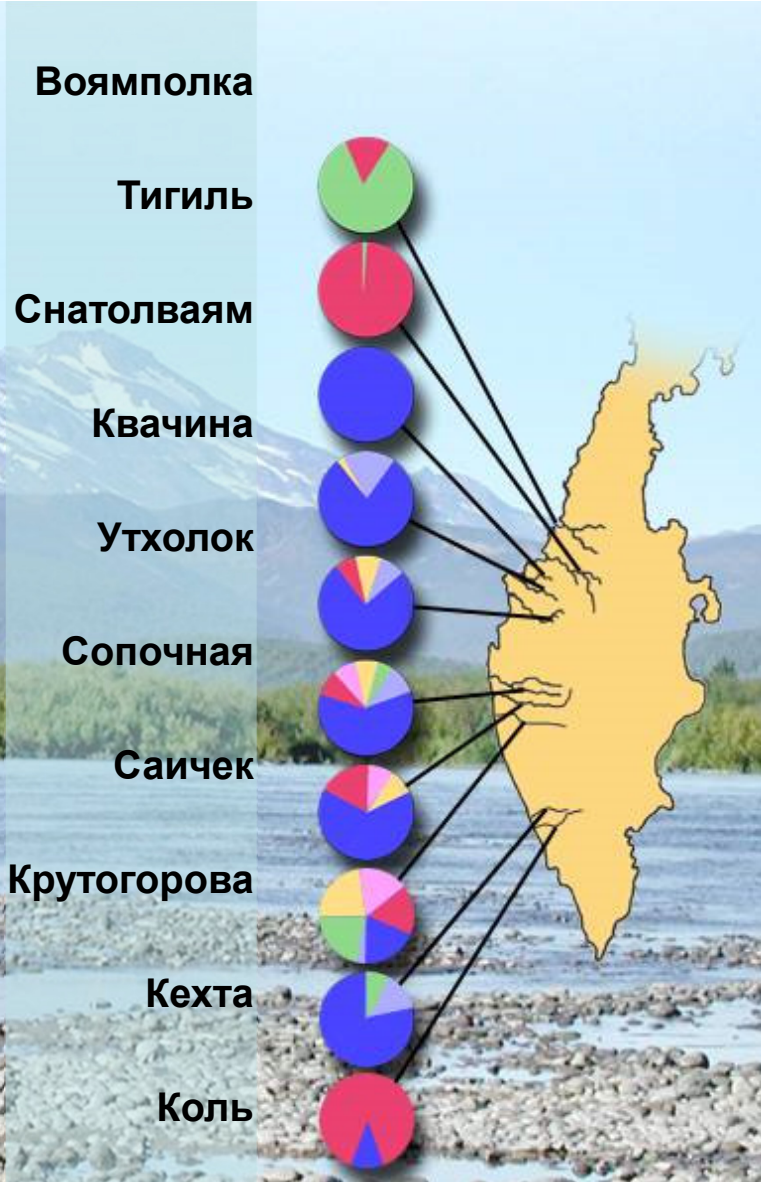


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# Соотношение рыб с разной жизненной стратегией на ареале



Kol River: Complex, 5-10M salmon



Utkholok River: Simple, 10K salmon



**C:N = 8.1 - 14.4**



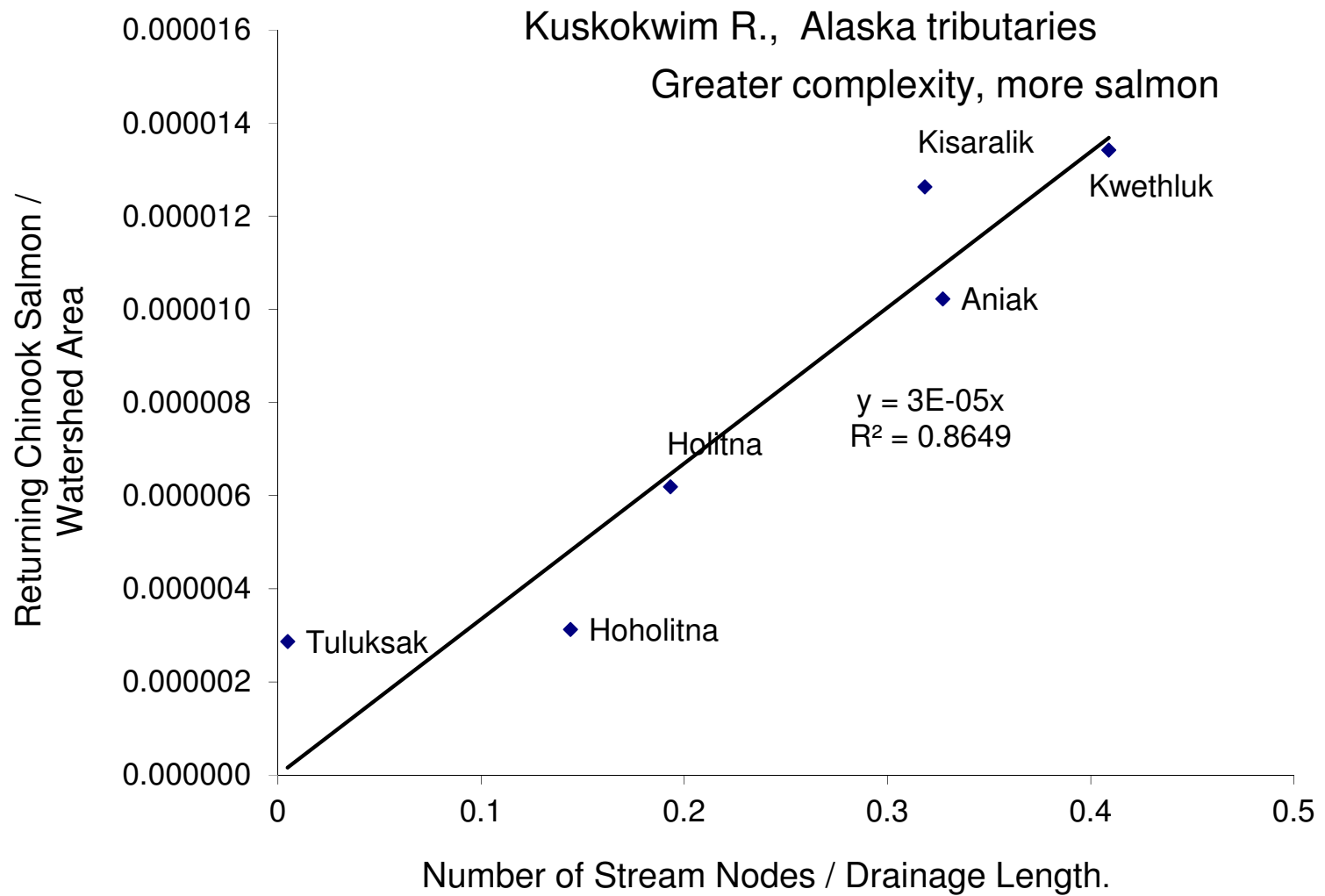
Morris and Stanford 2011. Ecol. Monogr.

Kol – *O. mykiss*  
resident  
(rainbow)

Utkholok – *O.*  
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anadromous  
(steelhead)

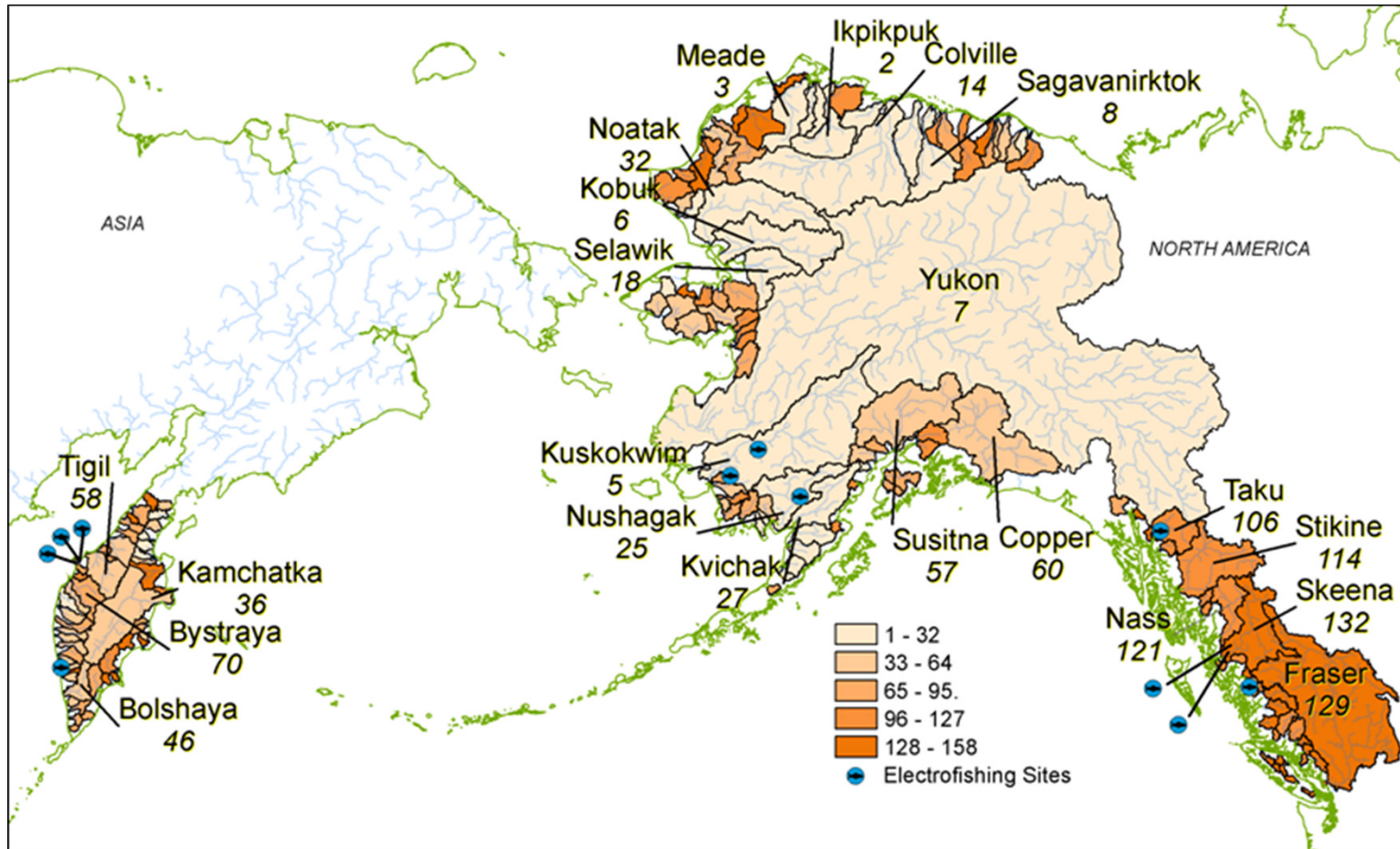
Same species,  
5 life history  
strategies





See Whited et al., 2012. Fisheries..... for Riverscape Analysis Project (RAP) tools and data for 1500 Pacific Rim Rivers in rivers

## Ranking Rivers of the Pacific Rim by Physical Complexity



Rankings for the 158 catchments over 1,000 km<sup>2</sup> as mean of principal components and mean feature class physical complexity. Labels are for the 22 catchments larger than 10,000 km<sup>2</sup>. Blue circles are SaRON sites.

Luck et al., (FLBS). 2010. Earth Surface Processes and Landforms **35**(11): 1330–1343.



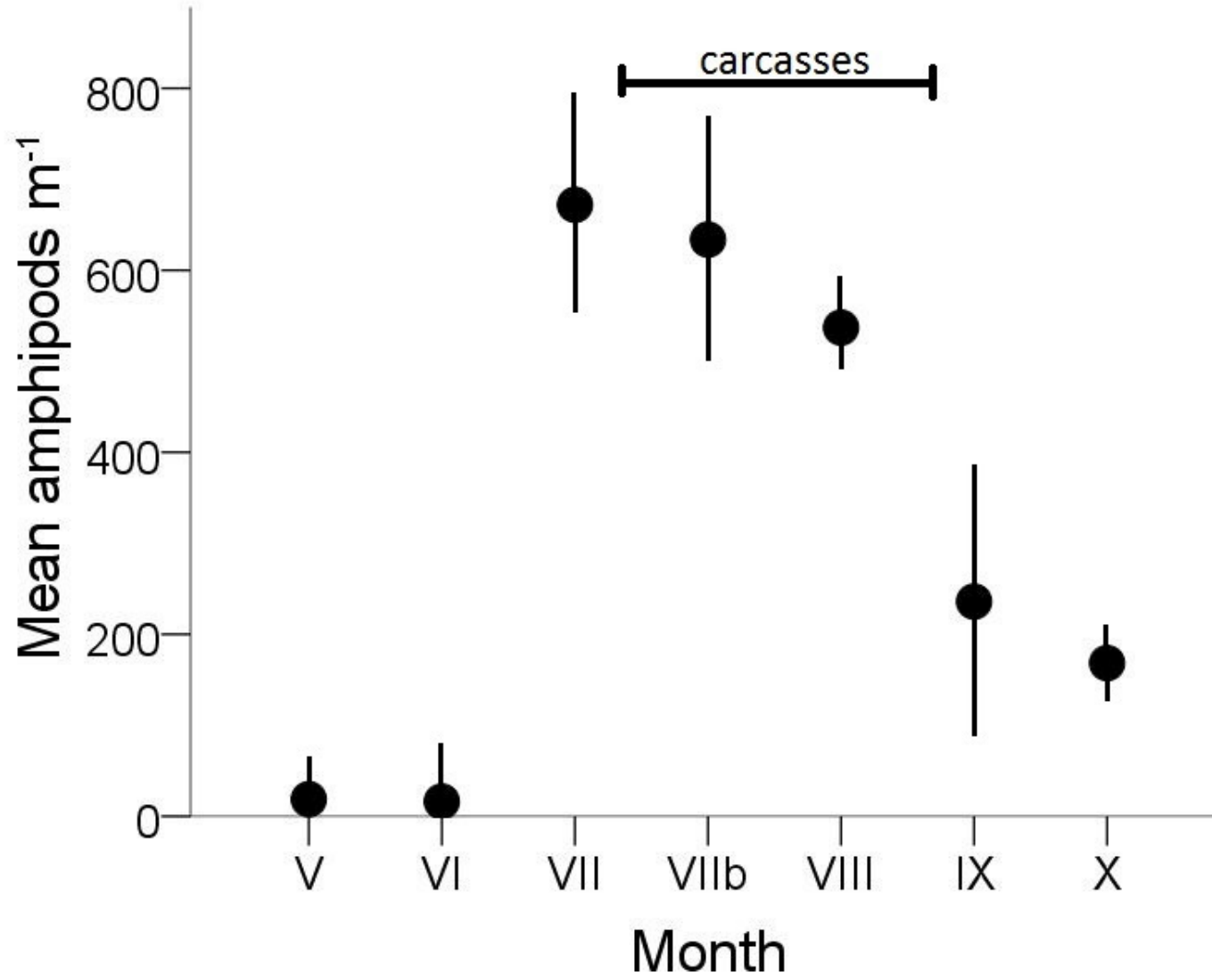


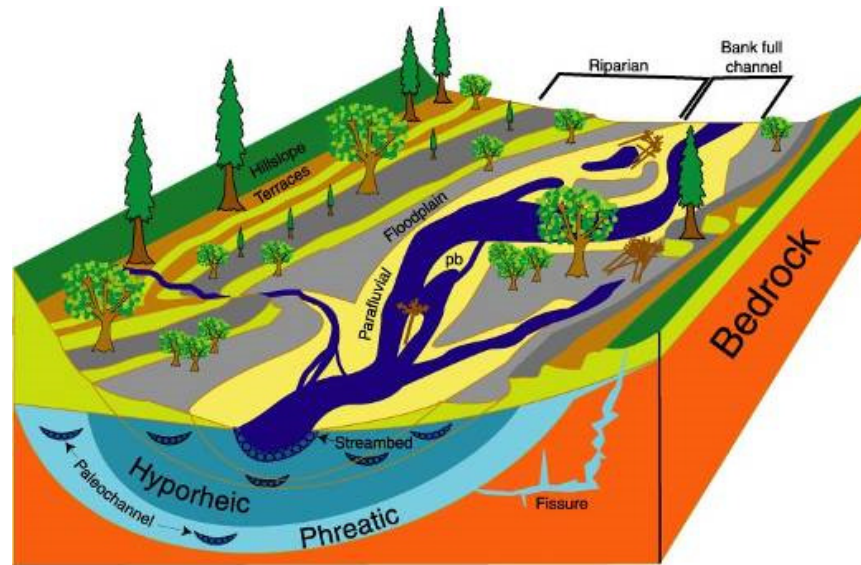
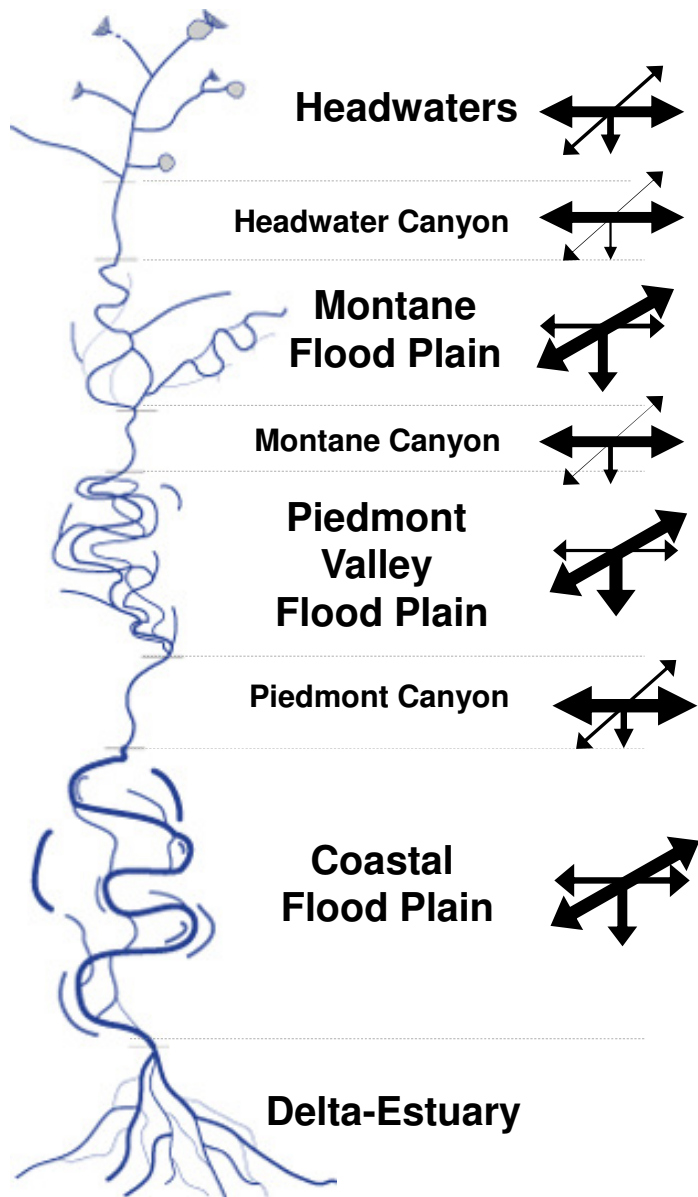
**100% female (12.8 mm), migrating at 12.8 cm s<sup>-1</sup>**

**67 neonates per female**



*Anisogammarus kygi*





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**Dynamic, inter-connected habitats**

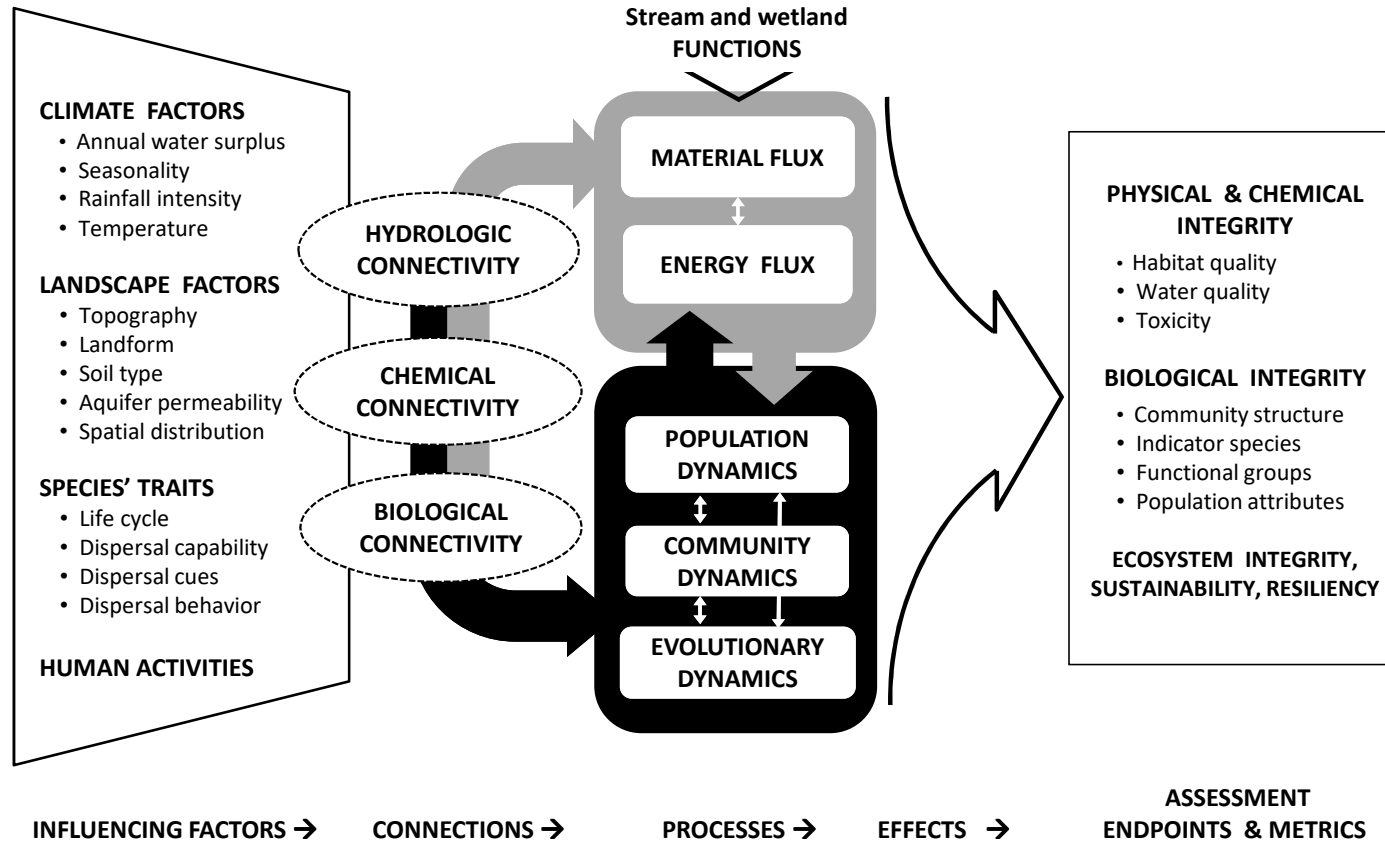
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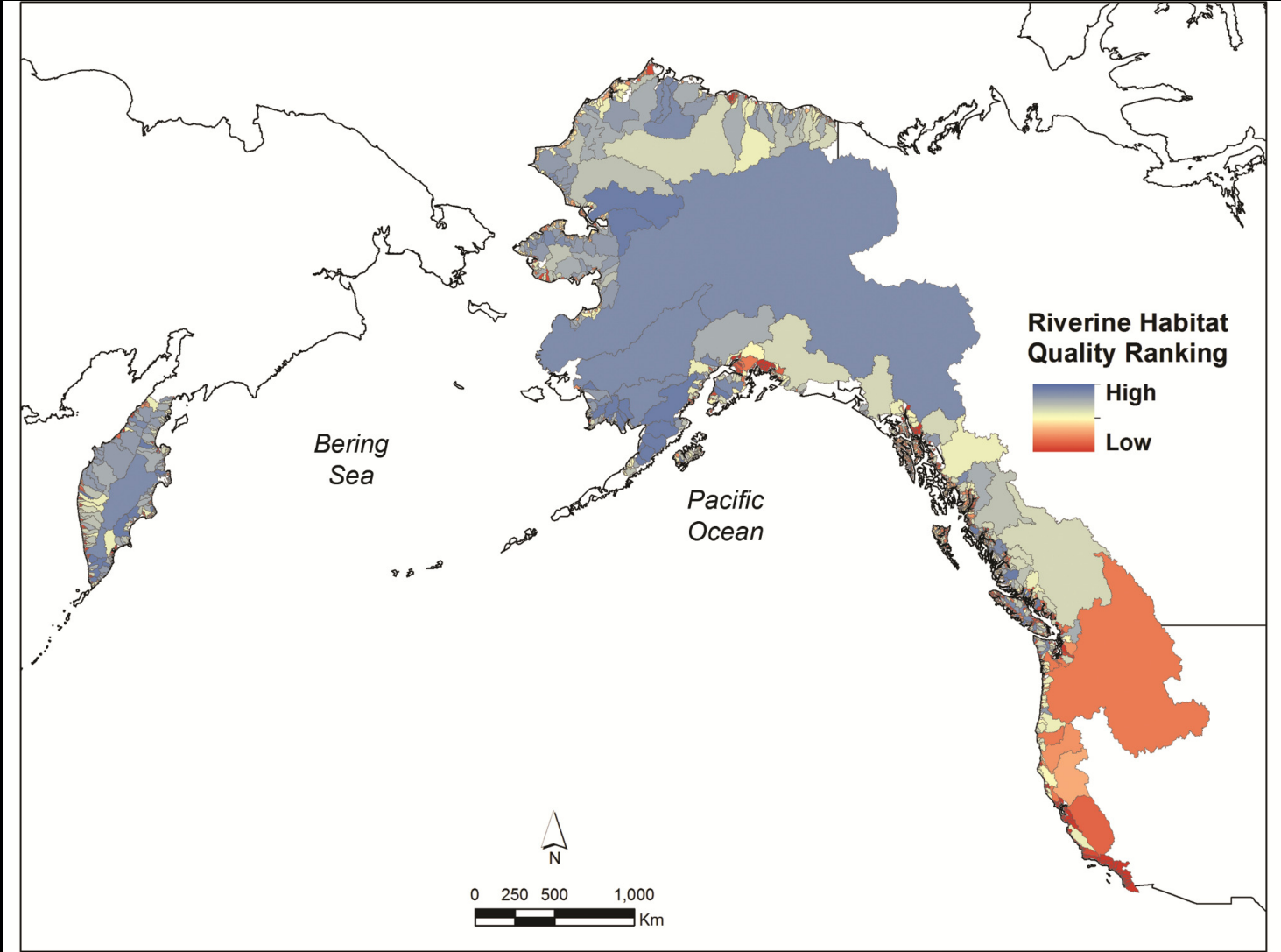




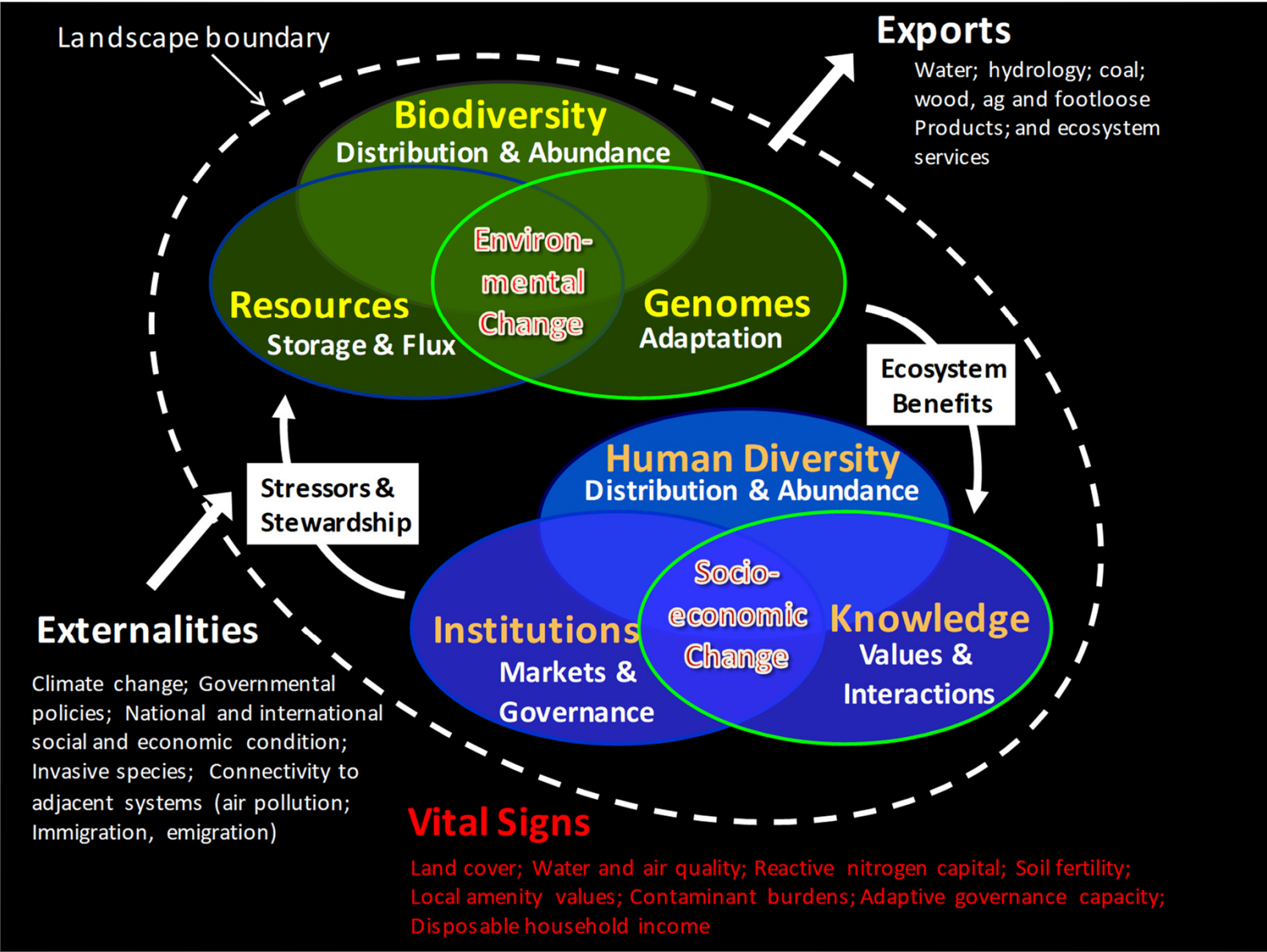
**Key**

- |  |   |  |                                  |  |   |
|--|---|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
|  | Perennial stream  |  | Unsaturated zone                 |  | Water table level   |
|  | Ephemeral stream  |  | Saturated zone                   |  | Aquatic transport or movement                                       |
|  | Intermittent stream   |  | Local aquifer and hyporheic zone |  | Overland transport or movement (aerial or terrestrial)              |
|  | Wetland (dry period)  |  | Confining layer                  |  | Surface-subsurface exchange of water, materials, organisms          |
|  | Open-water (dry period)   |  |                                  |  | Biochemical transformation and transport (e.g., nutrient spiraling) |
|  | Active floodplain: Expansion and overbank flow into floodplain and overflow of wetlands and open-waters during wetter periods |  |                                  |  |   |

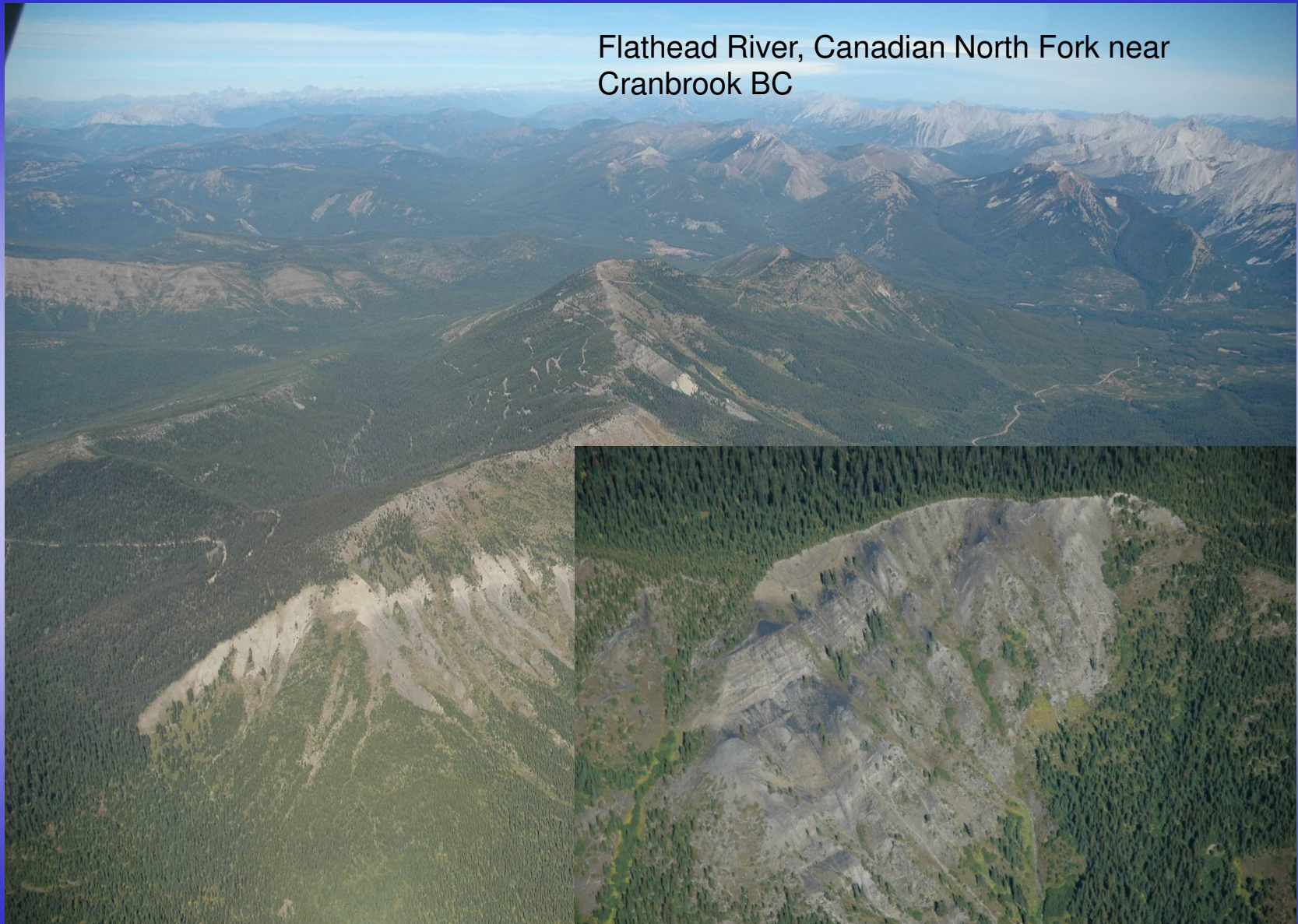








Flathead River, Canadian North Fork near  
Cranbrook BC



Coal strip mine near Fernie BC – mountain  
destruction mining



Mt Polley Mine tailings blown into Quesnel Lake BC from failed tailing retention dam







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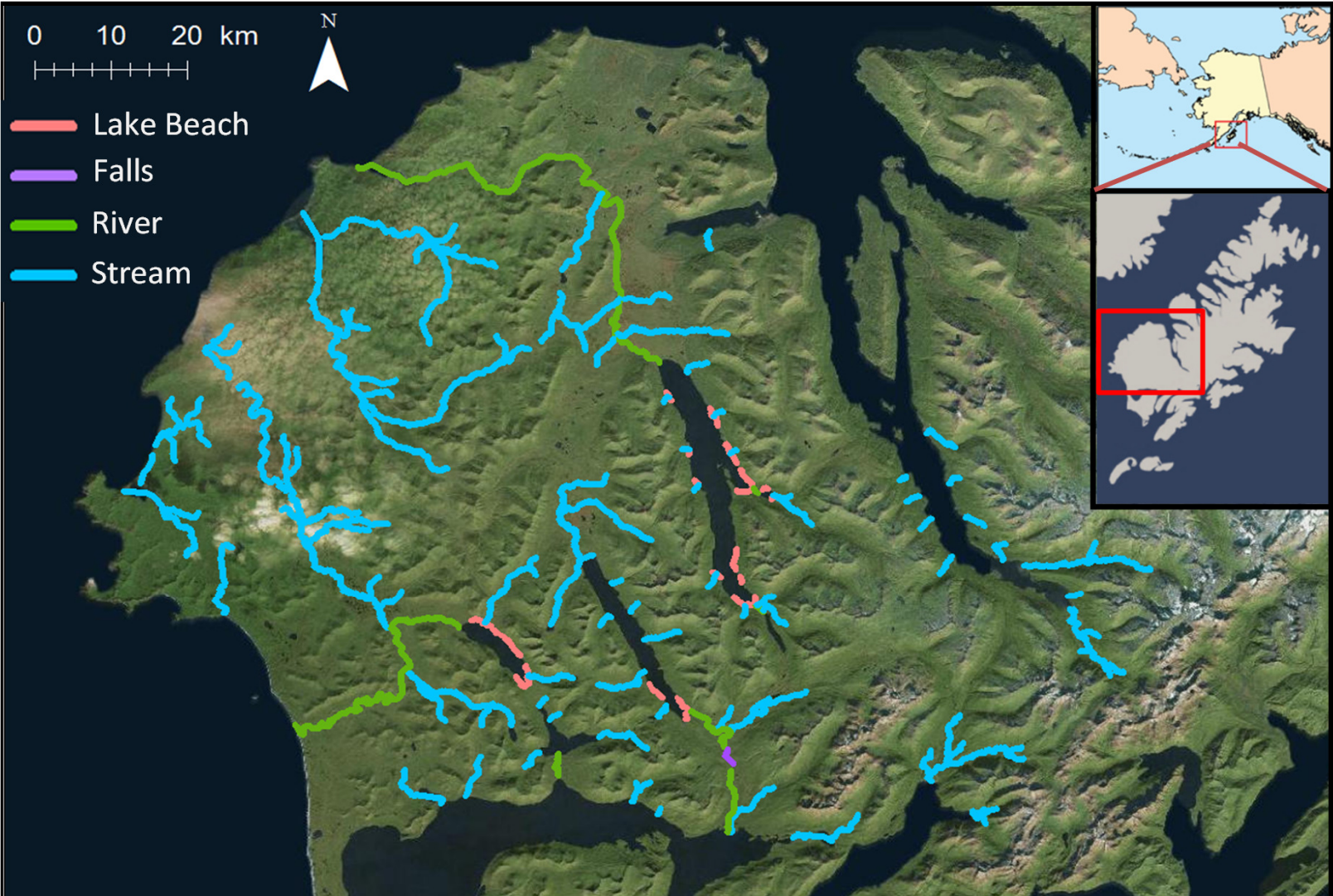
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Hydra effects in stable communities and their implications for system dynamics

See also: Deacy, W.W., Armstrong, J.B., Leacock, W.B., Robbins, C.T., Gustine, D.D., Ward, E.J., Erlenbach, J.A. and Stanford, J.A., 2017. 2017. Phenological synchronization disrupts trophic interactions between Kodiak brown bears and salmon. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*. 114 (39) 10432-10437.

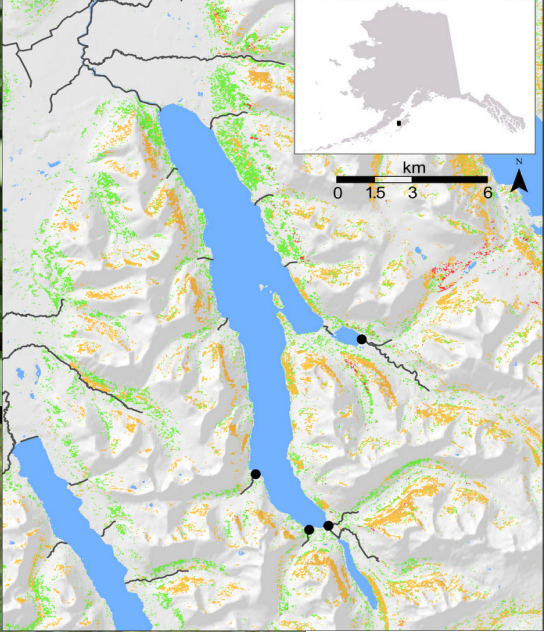
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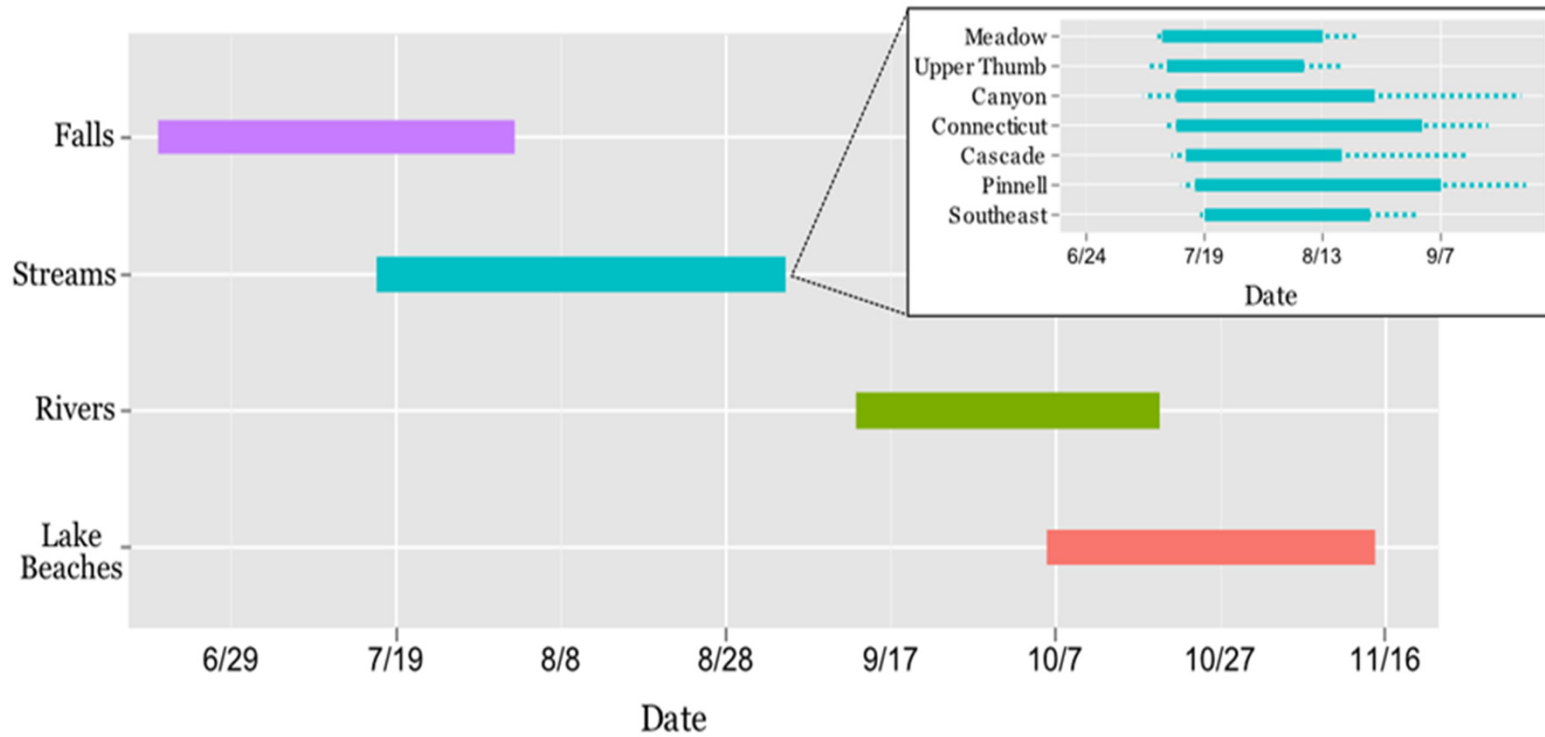


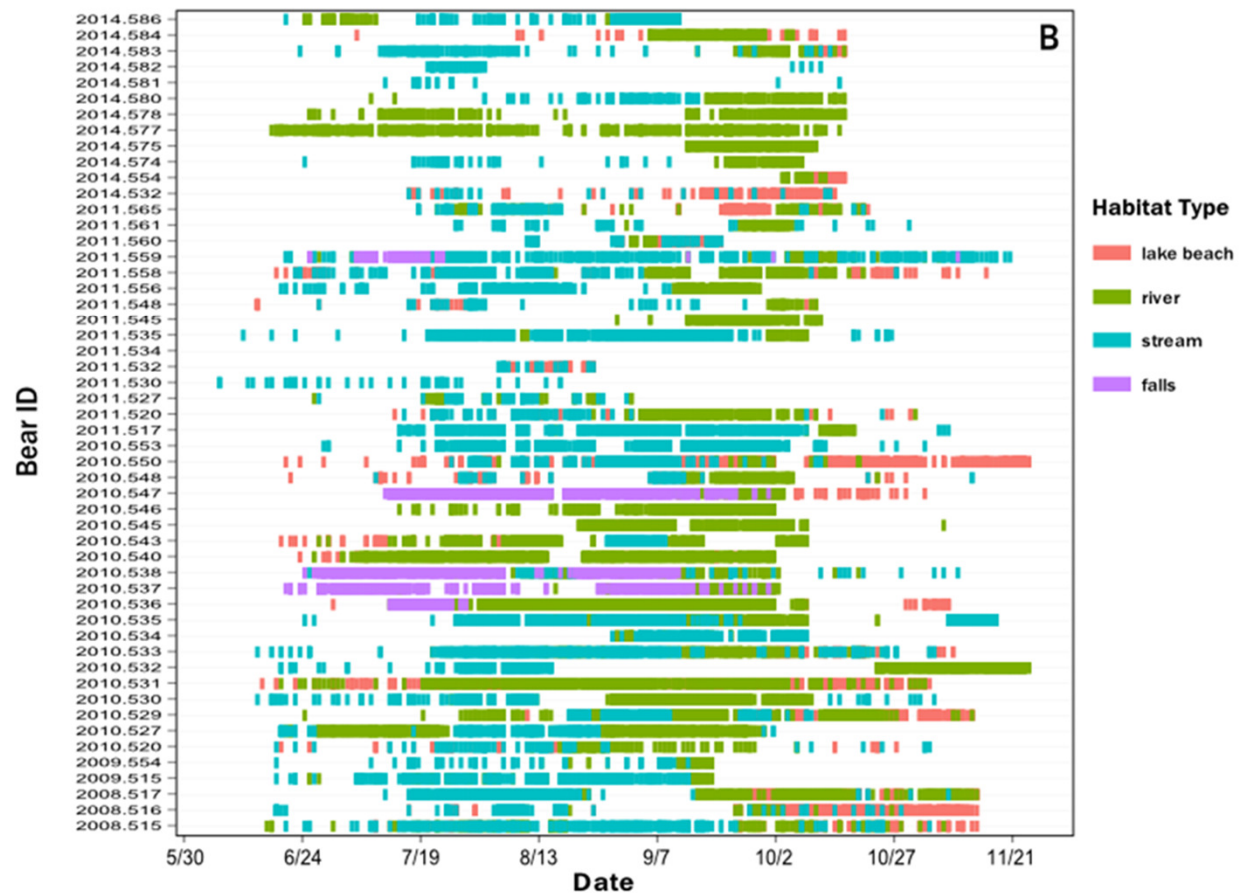
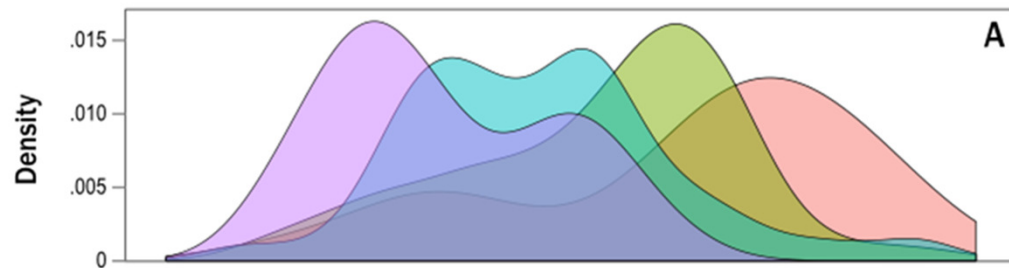
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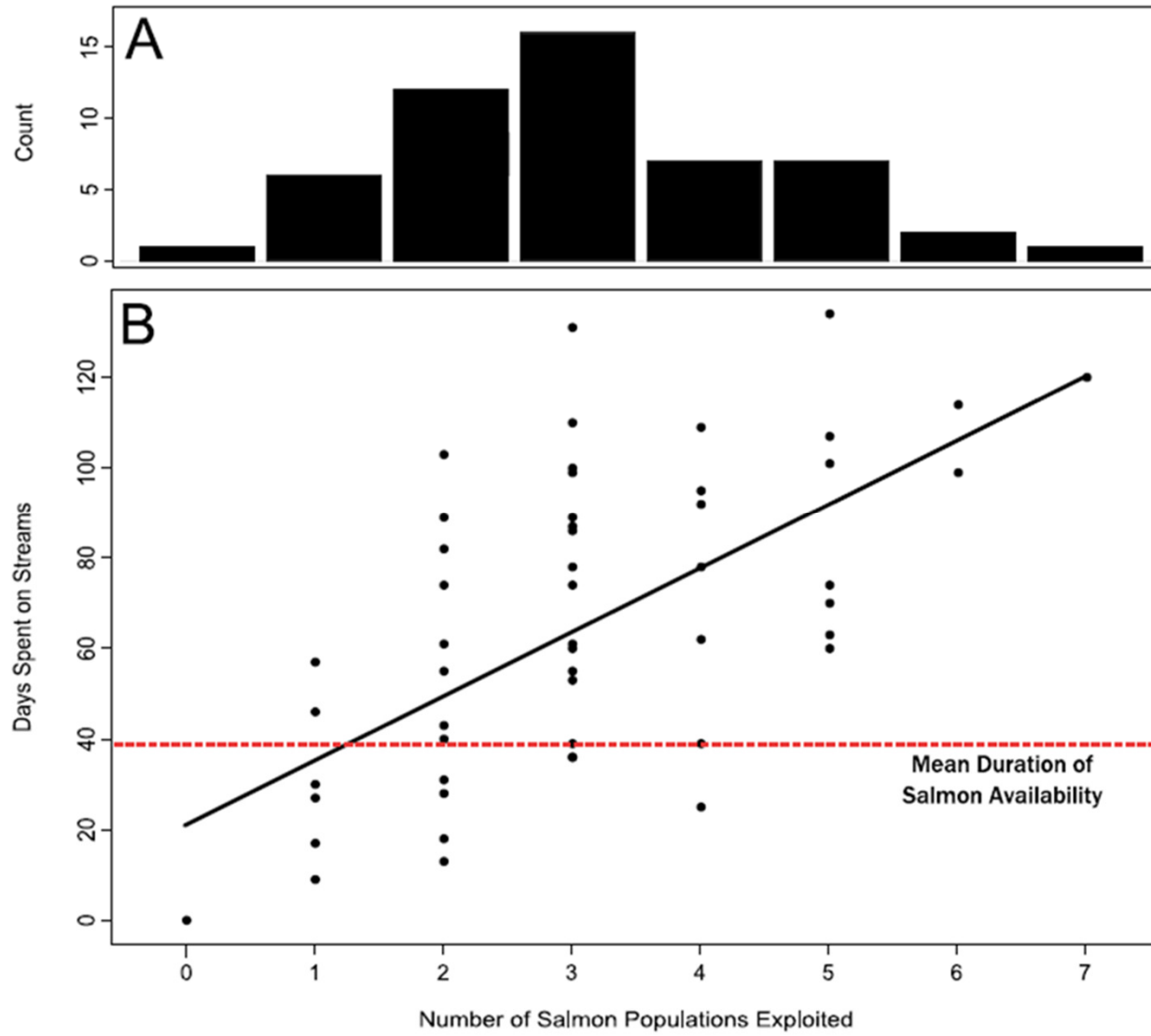


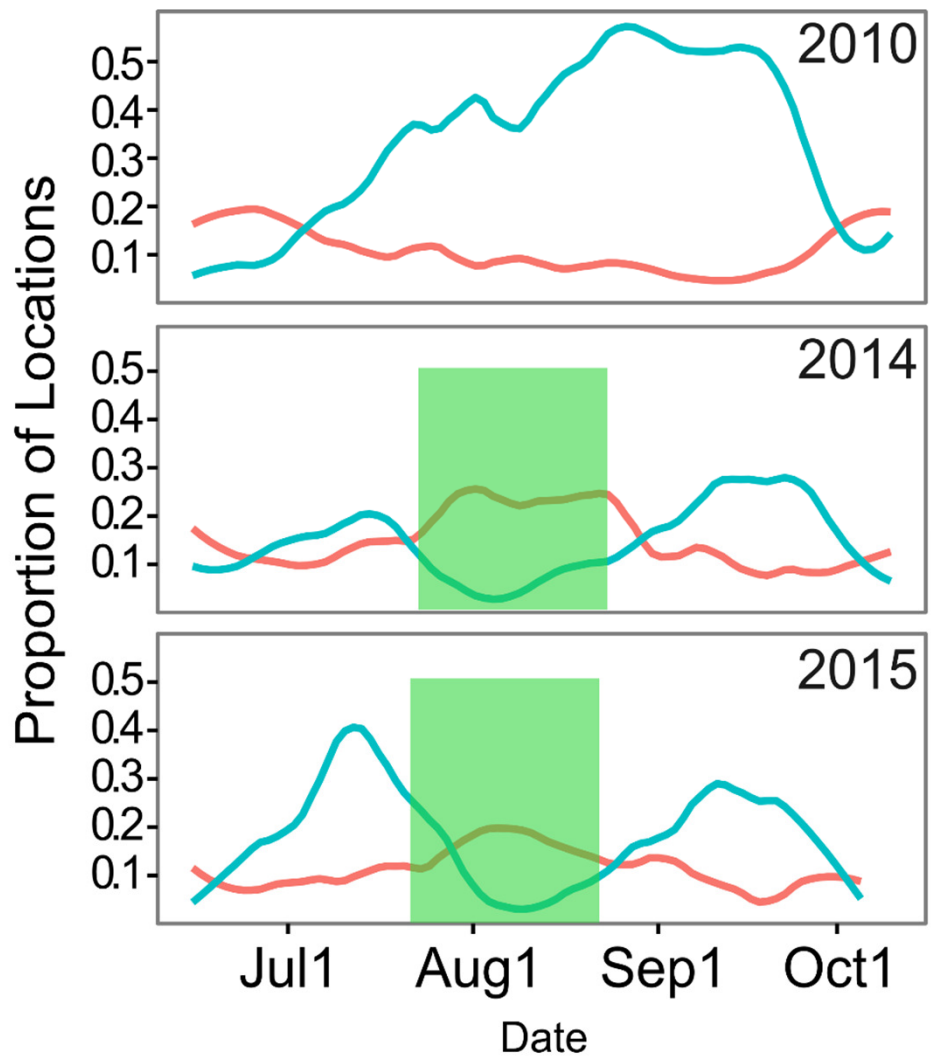


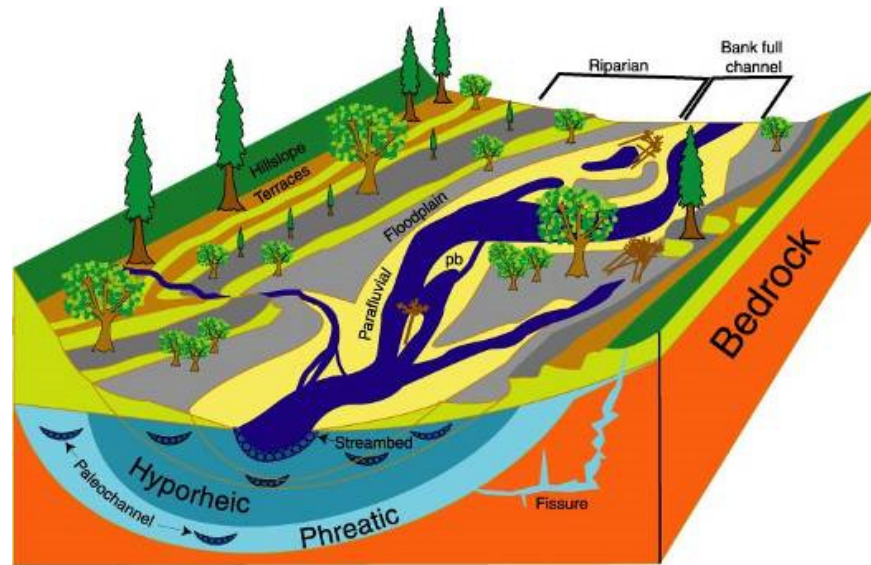
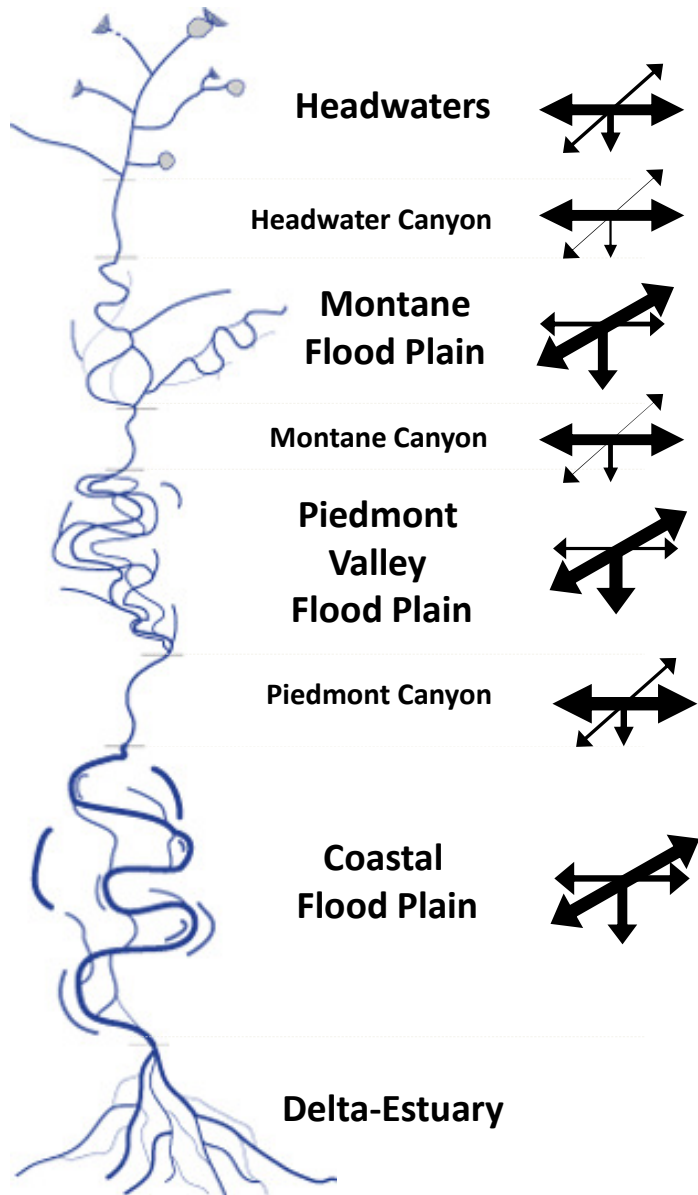
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