

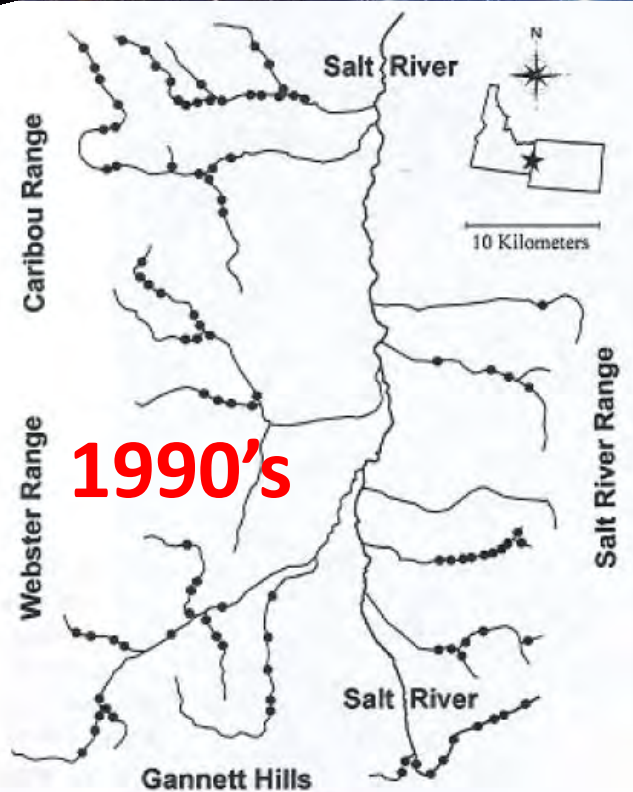
# Space...The final stream frontier

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## SPATIAL AUTOCORRELATION: TROUBLE OR NEW PARADIGM?!

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# Spatial Statistical Models for Stream Networks!

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Spatial statistical models that use flow and stream distance

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David Theobald

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## Geostatistical modelling on stream networks: developing valid covariance matrices based on hydrologic distance and stream flow

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## Functional Linkage of Water basins and Streams (FLoWS) v1 User's Guide:

ArcGIS tools for Network-based  
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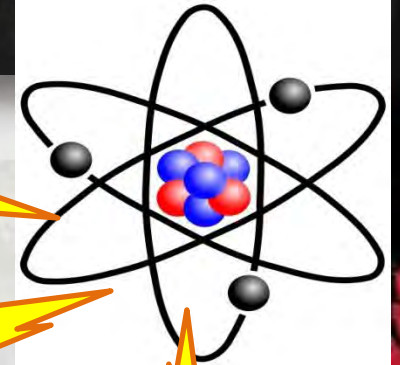
## Spatial modelling and prediction on river networks: up model, down model or hybrid?

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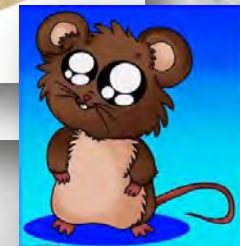
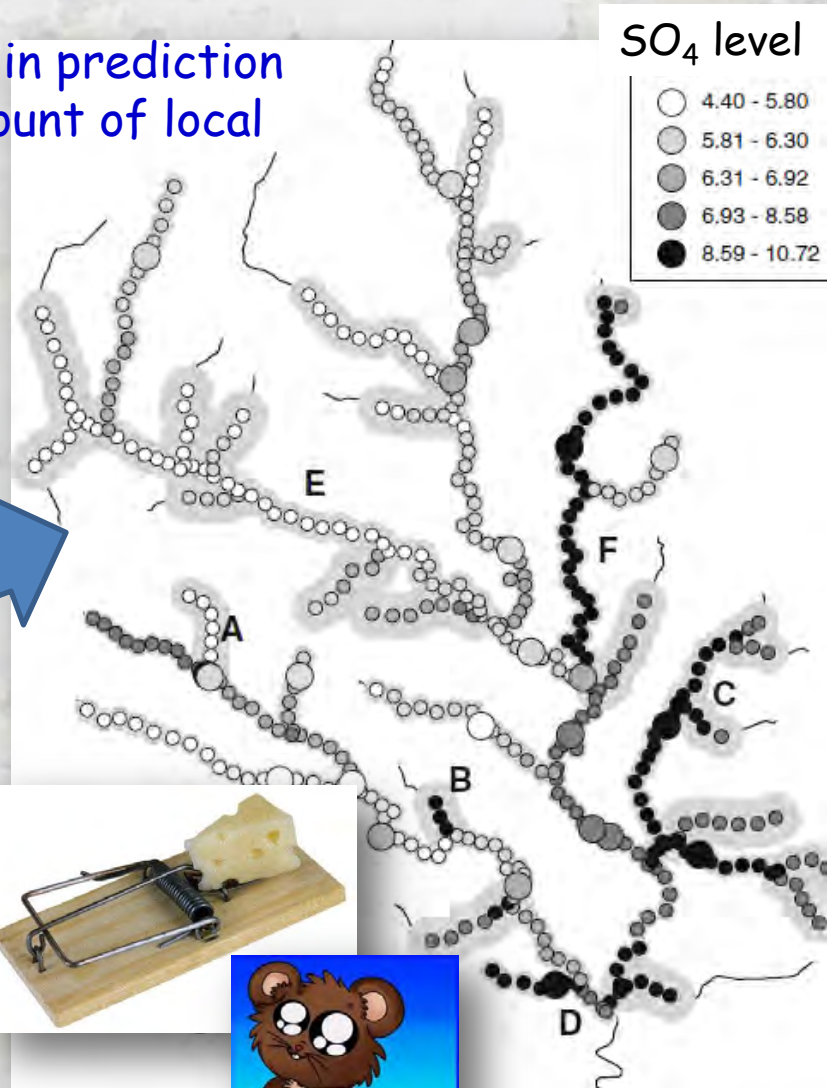
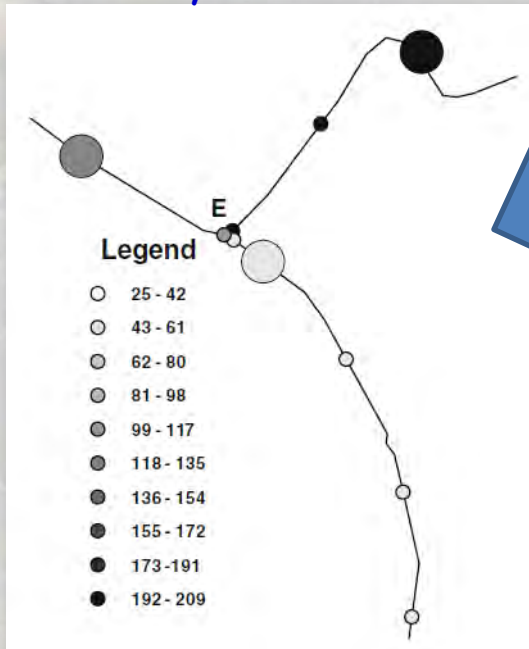
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# Spatial Statistical Network Models Work the Way that Streams Do...

Portray spatial differences in prediction precision related to the amount of local empirical support...

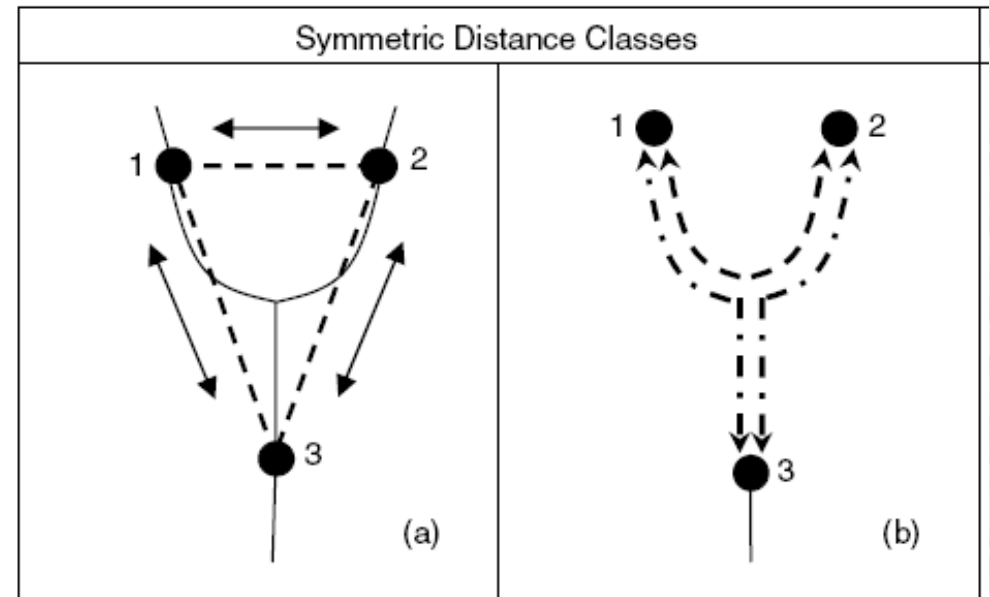
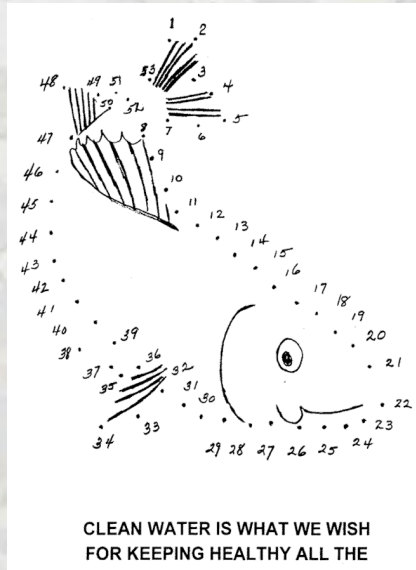
...& represent changes in attributes that occur at tributary confluences



...& are significantly better mousetraps

# Valid interpolation on networks—finally!

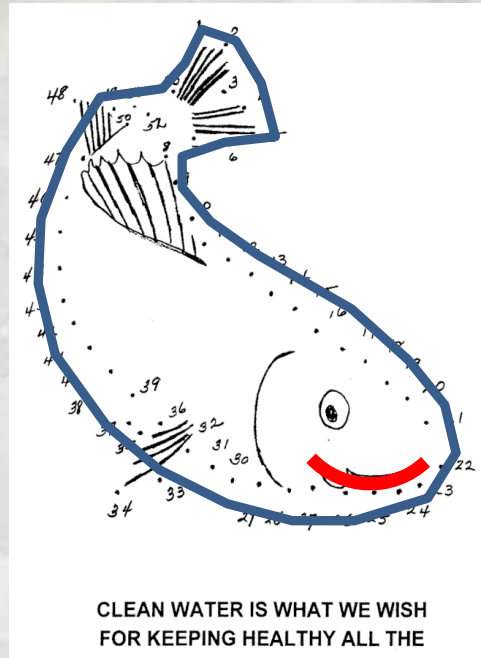
## Spatial Statistical Models are Dot Connectors



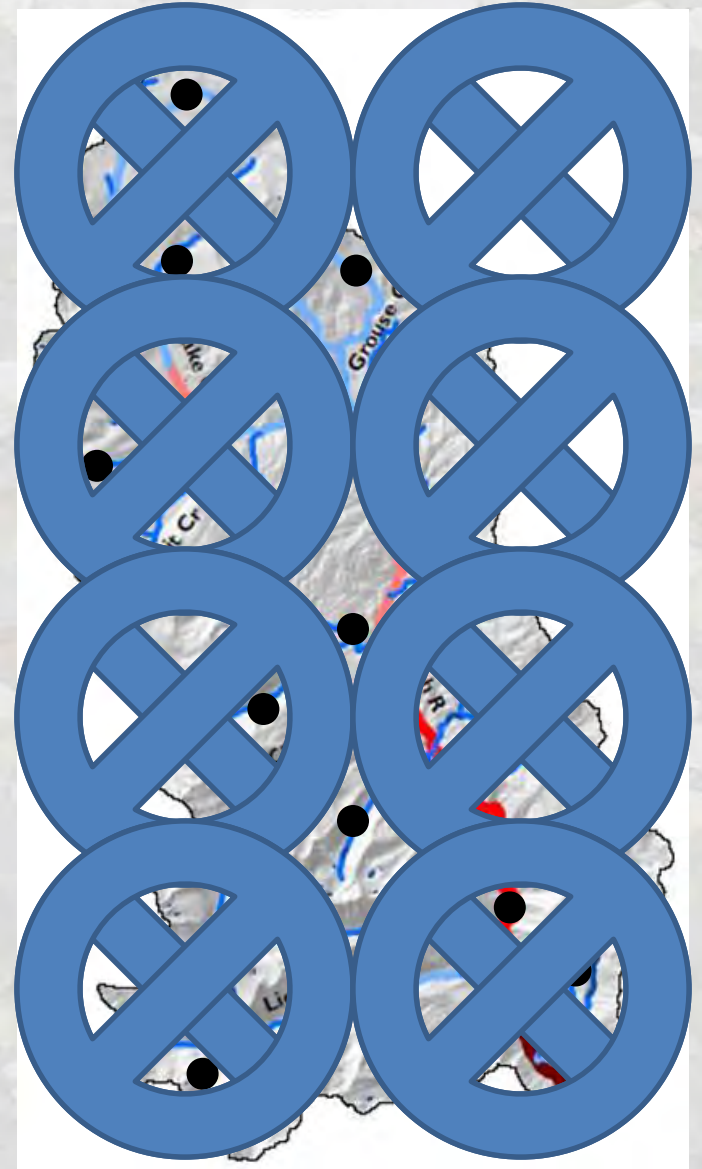
### Advantages:

- flexible & valid covariance structures  
by accommodating network topology
- weighting by stream size
- improved predictive ability & parameter  
estimates relative to non spatial models

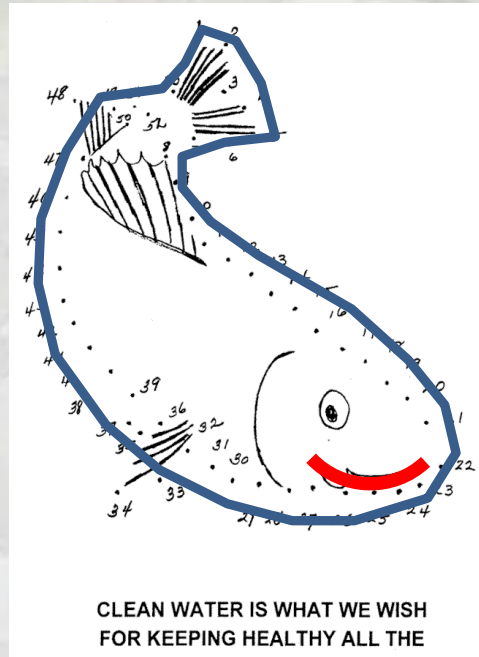
# Stop Viewing Streams as Dots



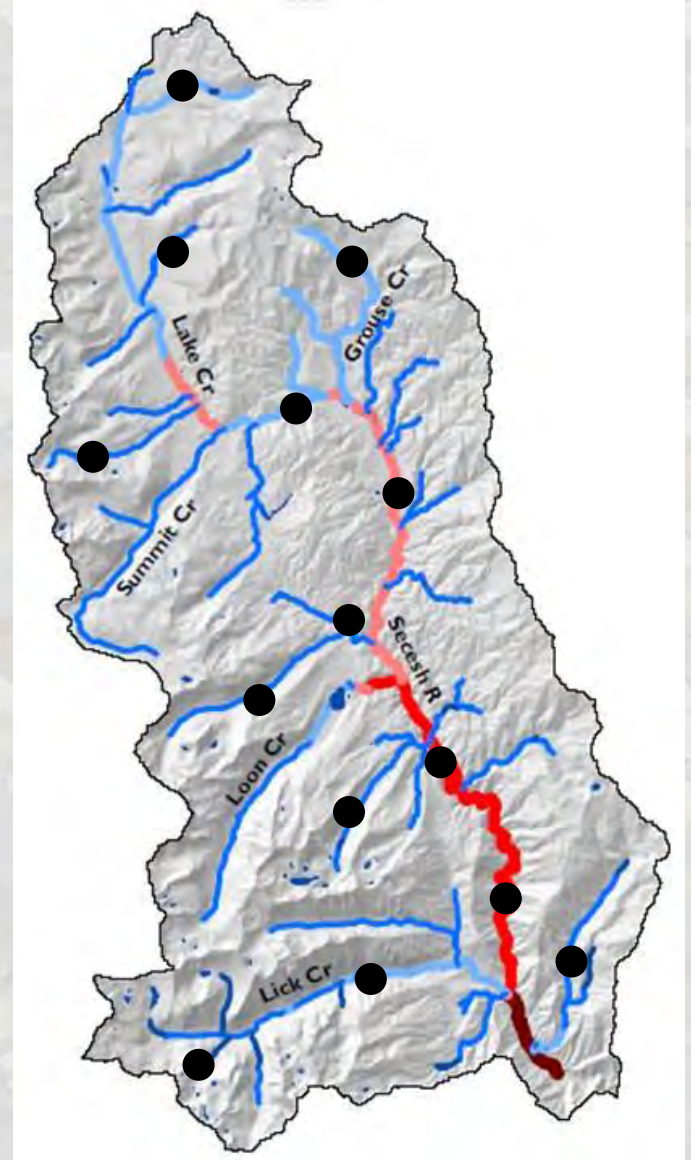
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FOR KEEPING HEALTHY ALL THE



# Stop Viewing Streams as Dots



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# “Smart” Maps Developed from Data to Show Resource Status & Guide Efficient Monitoring Design

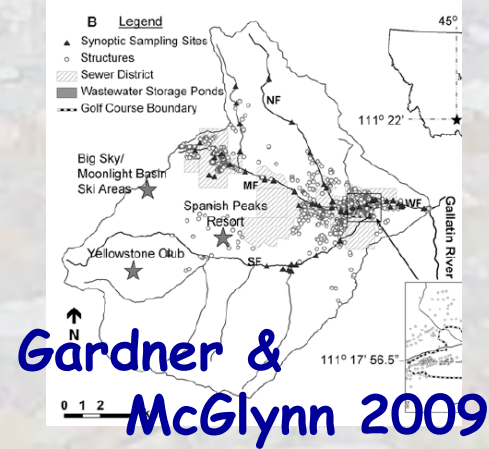
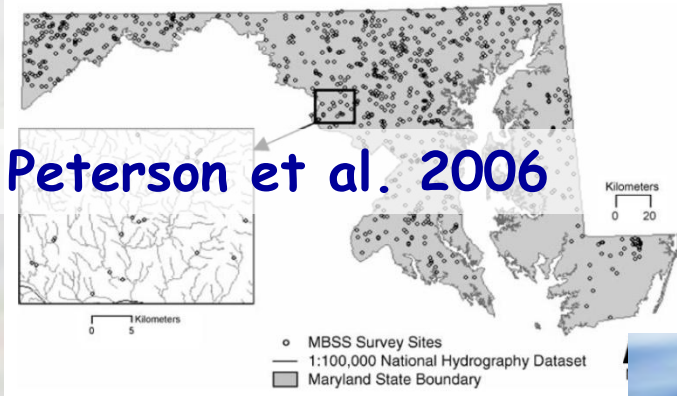
There's an inefficient army running around...



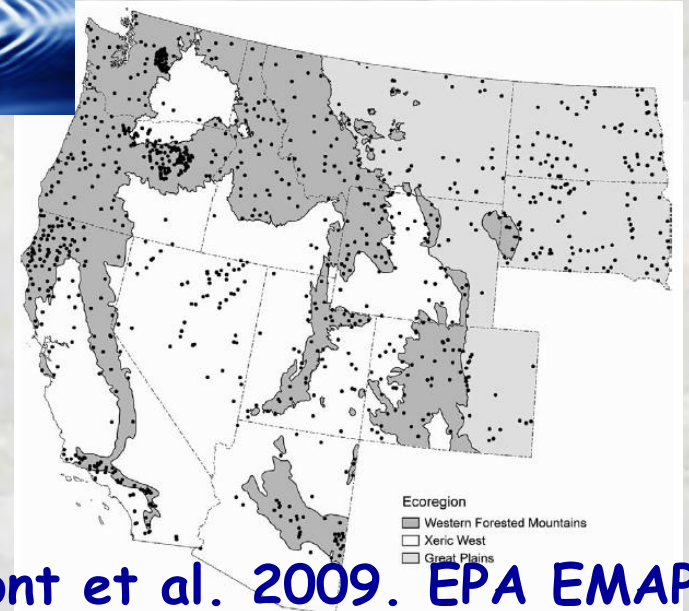
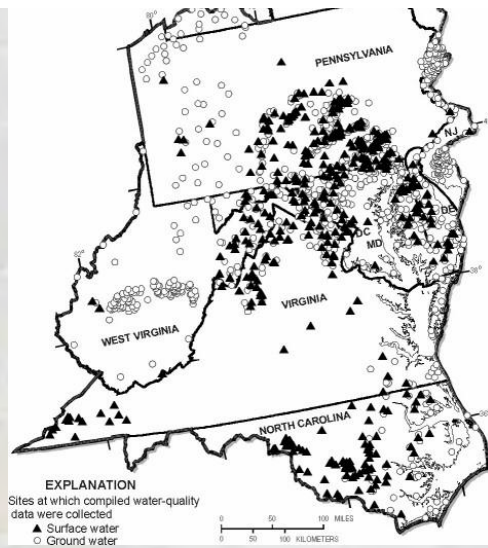
Good Maps Significantly Reduce Uncertainty

# Harnessing Existing Databases

## Water Quality/Chemistry Information (Nitrates, alkalinity, ph, DOC, conductivity, etc.)



### USGS, unpublished





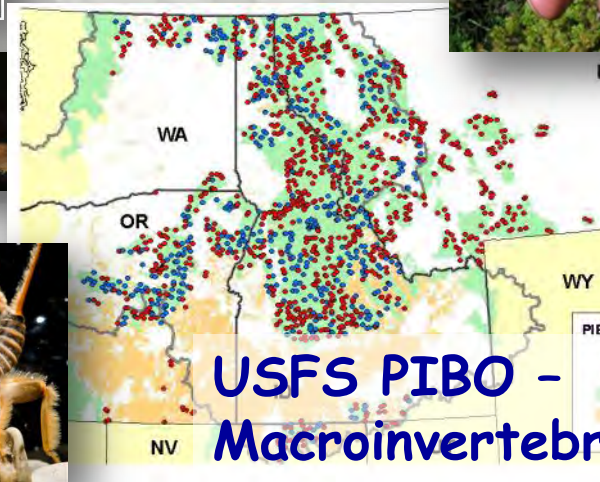
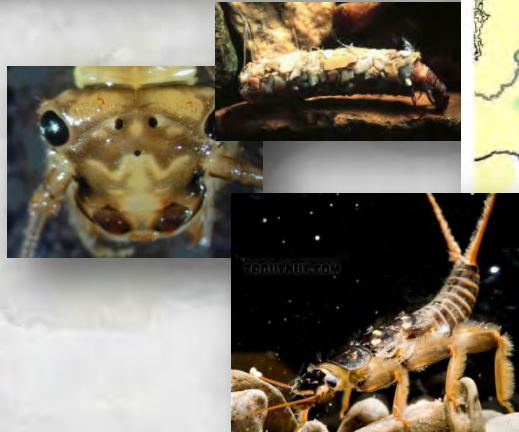
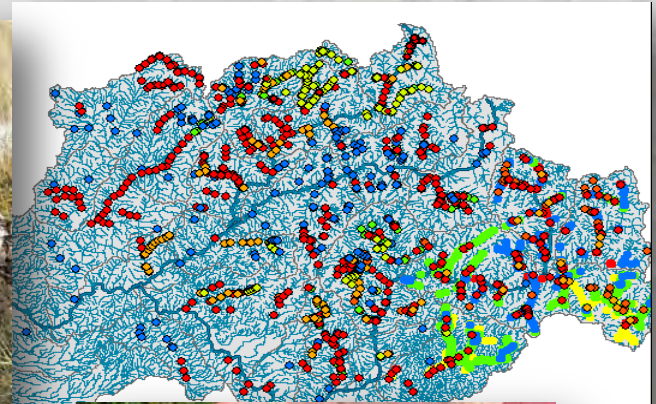
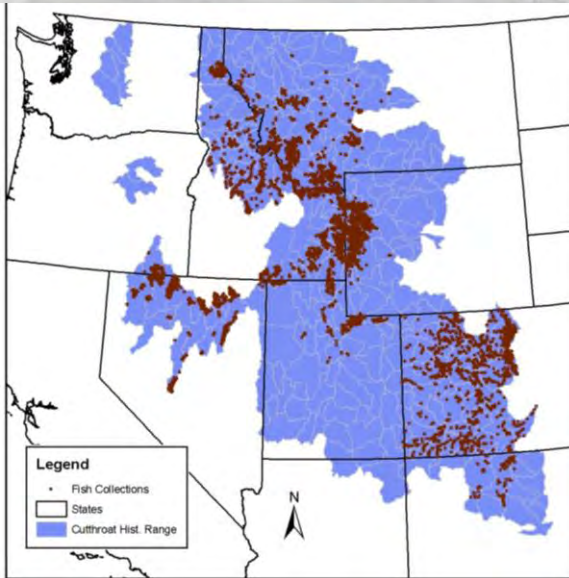


# Harnessing Existing Databases

## Distribution & abundance of critters

Cutthroat Trout  
Fish database (n ~ 10,000)

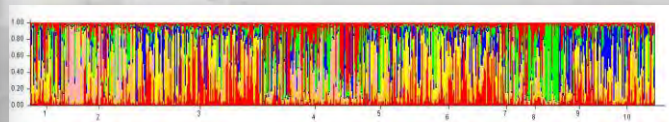
Boise basin fish  
database (n ~ 2,000)



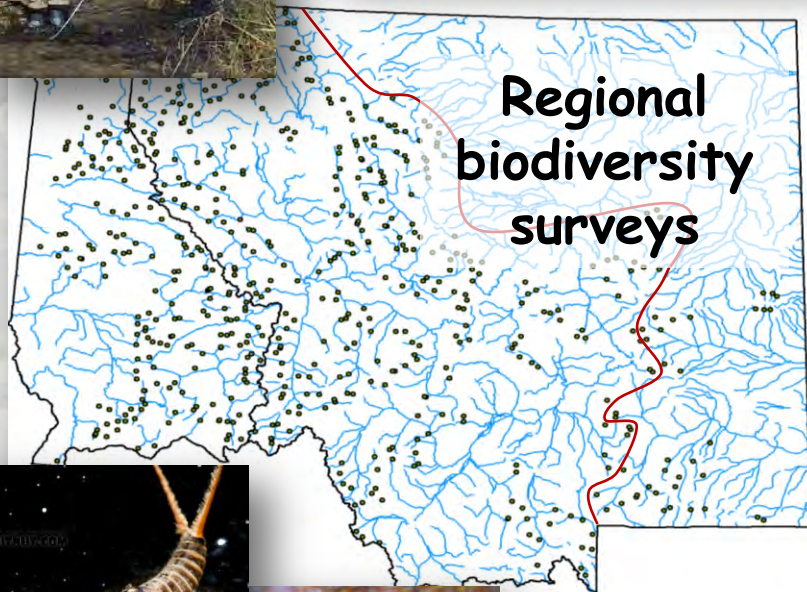
# Lots of genetic data coming...



## DNA Barcoding...



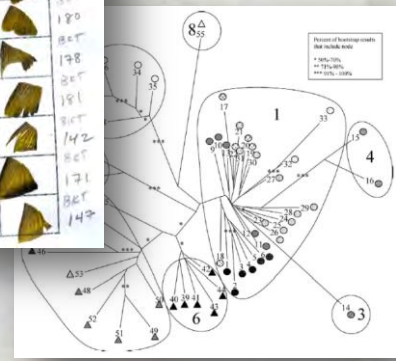
- Inexpensive SNP technology (\$5/fish)
- Maps of genetic diversity
- New species descriptions



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113	167	125
121	157	121
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123	116	
96	88	

**Tissue samples**



## Genetic monitoring as a promising tool for conservation and management

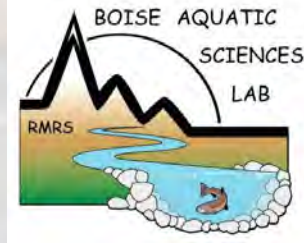
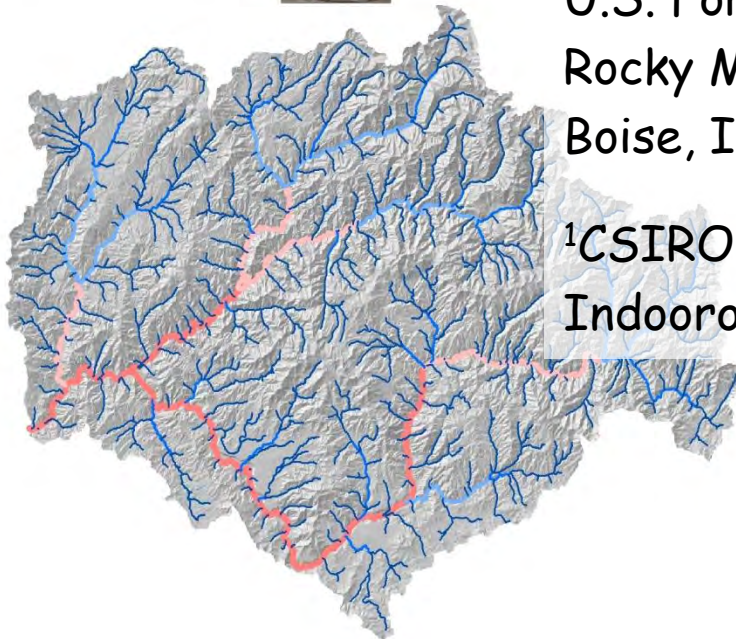
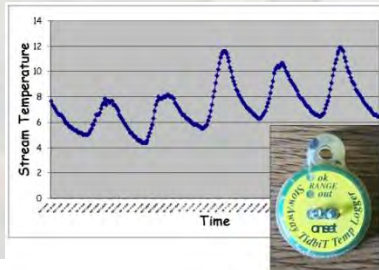
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# Boise River Application to Develop a River Network Temperature Model

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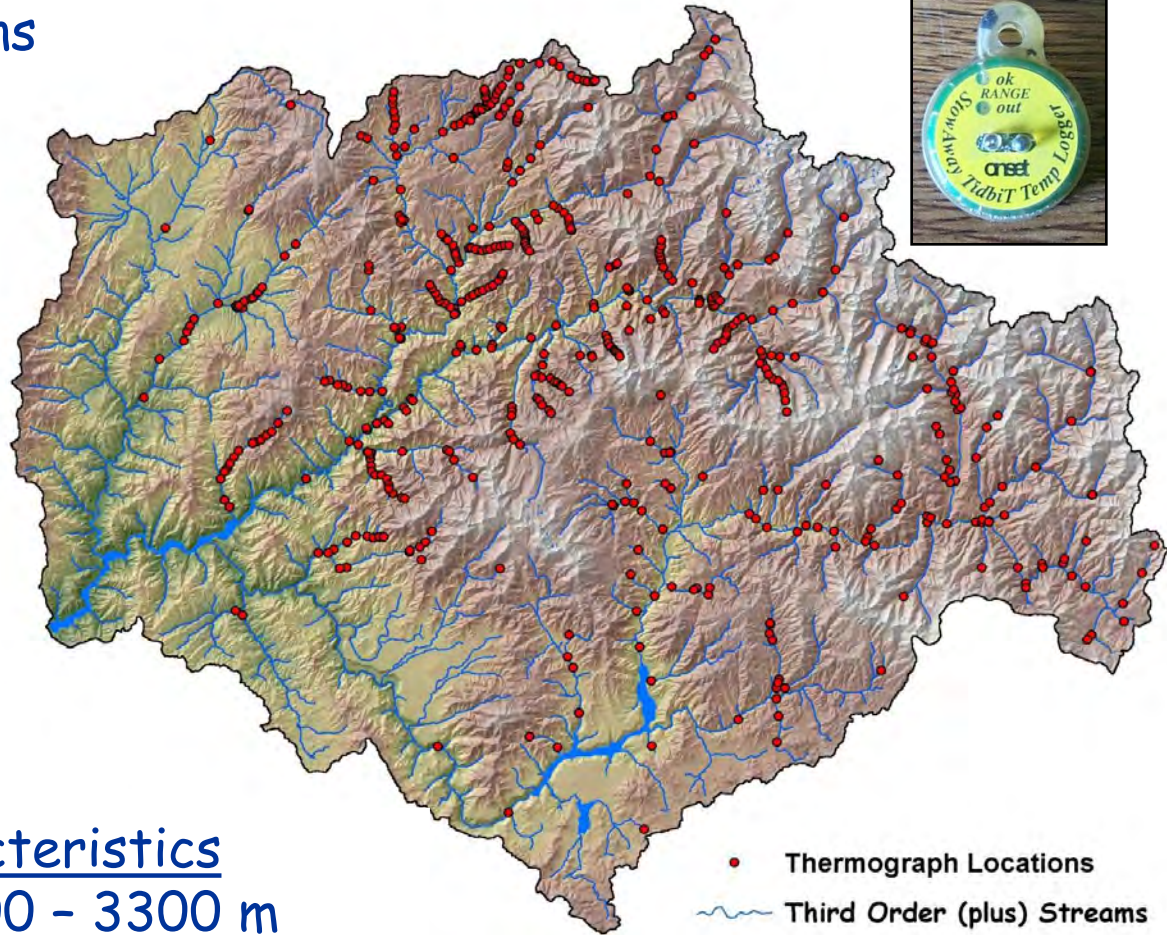
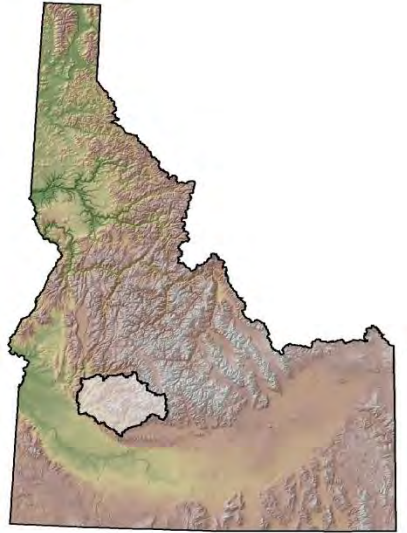
# Boise River Temperature Database

## Stream Temperature Database

14 year period (1993 - 2006)

780 observations

518 unique locations



## Watershed Characteristics

Elevation range 900 - 3300 m

Fish bearing streams ~2,500 km

Watershed area = 6,900 km<sup>2</sup>

# Boise River Temperature Models

Summer Mean  
**Non-spatial Stream Temp =**

$$y = 0.00000826 * \text{Elevation (m)} + 0.0104 * \text{Radiation} + 0.39 * \text{AirTemp (}^\circ\text{C)} - 0.17 * \text{Flow (m}^3\text{/s)}$$



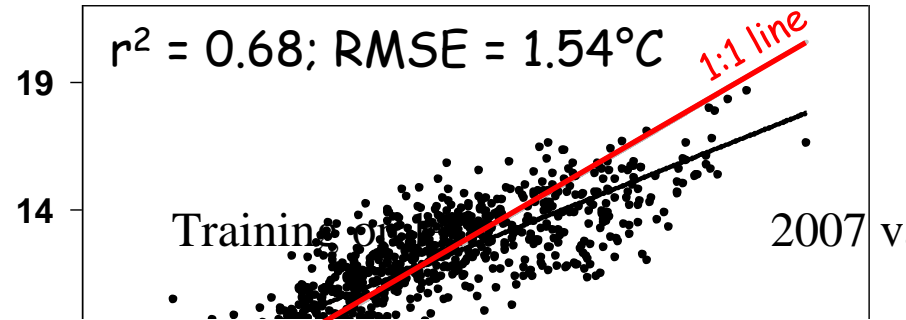
Parameter estimates are different because of autocorrelation in database

$$y = 0.00000826 * x + 2.43$$

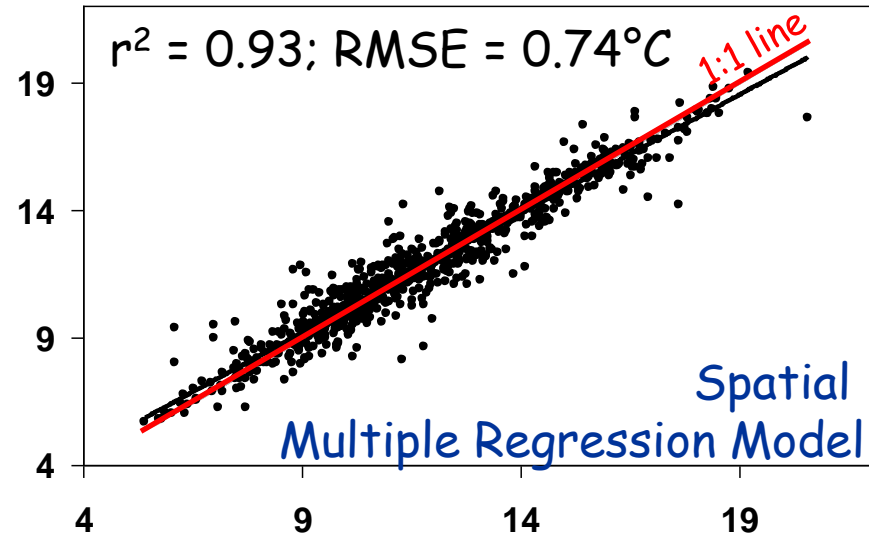
**Spatial Stream Temp =**

$$- 0.0045 * \text{Elevation (m)} + 0.0085 * \text{Radiation} + 0.48 * \text{AirTemp (}^\circ\text{C)} - 0.11 * \text{Flow (m}^3\text{/s)}$$

## Mean Summer Stream Temp



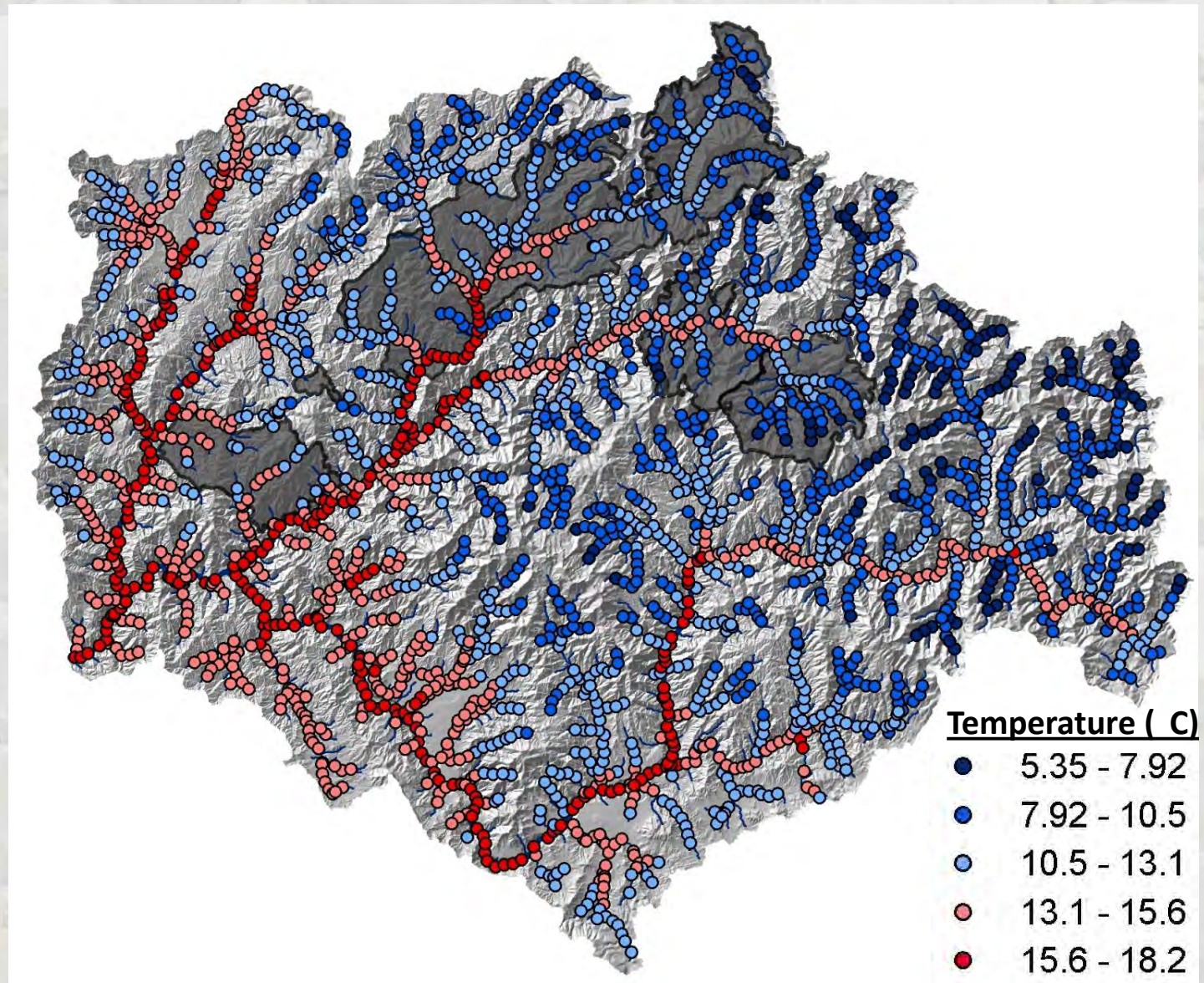
Non-spatial Multiple Regression Model Summer Mean



Spatial Multiple Regression Model

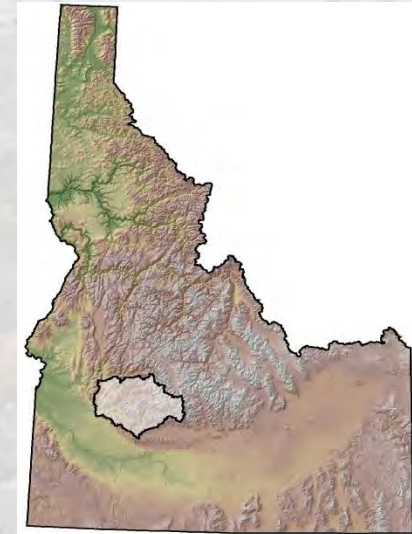
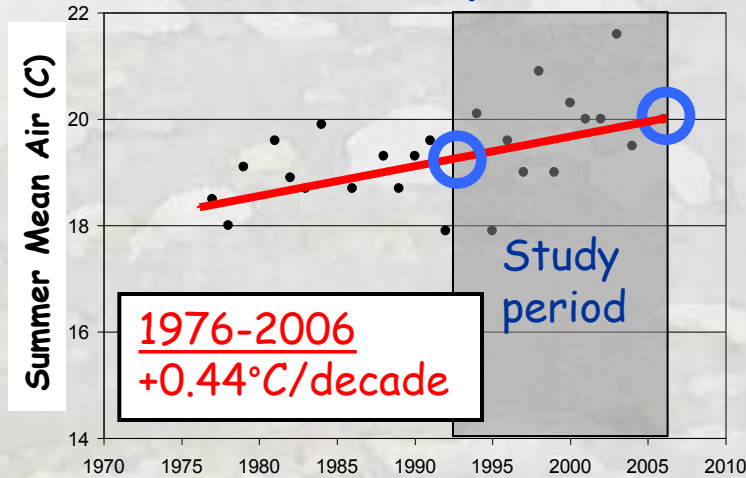
# Application: River Temperature Status Map

## 2006 Mean Summer Temperatures

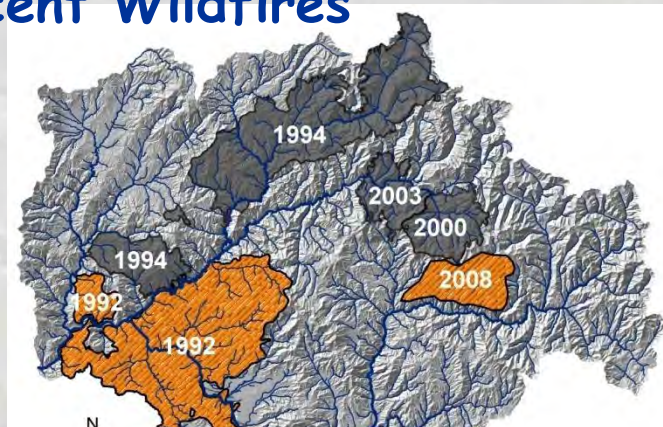


# Change in Status Between Time 1 & Time 2 = Trend Assessment

## Summer Air Temperature

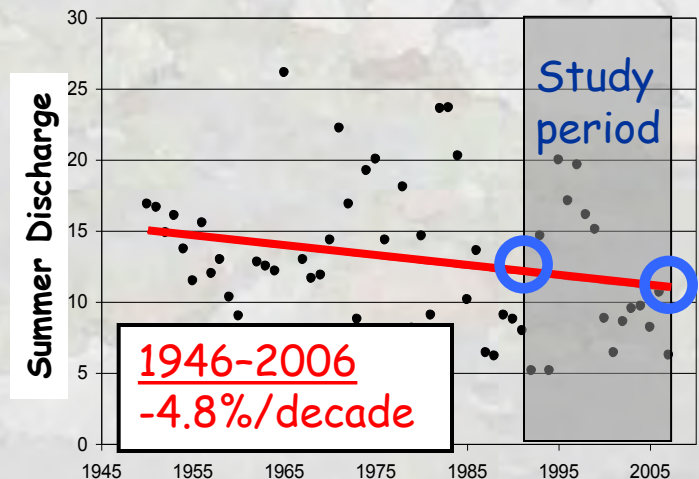


## Recent Wildfires



14% burned during 93-06 study period  
30% burned from 92-08

## Summer Stream Flow

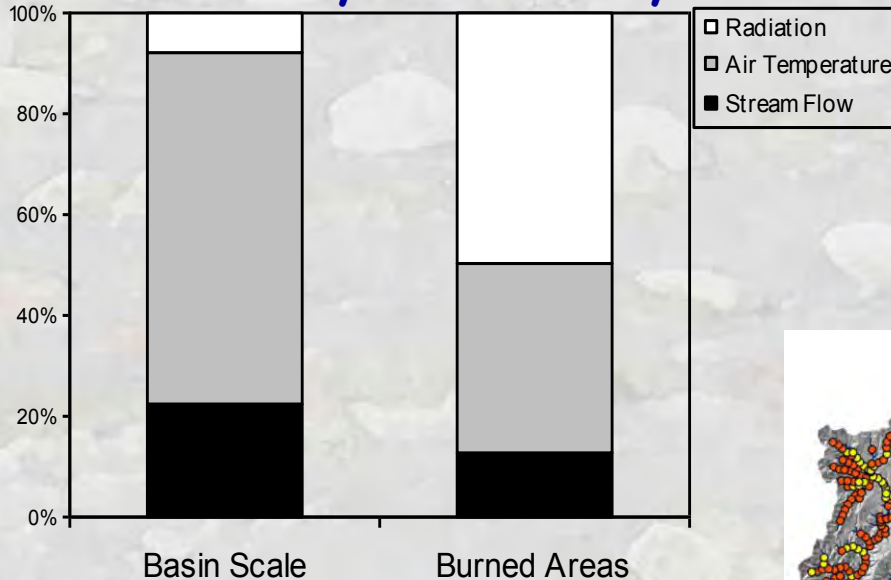




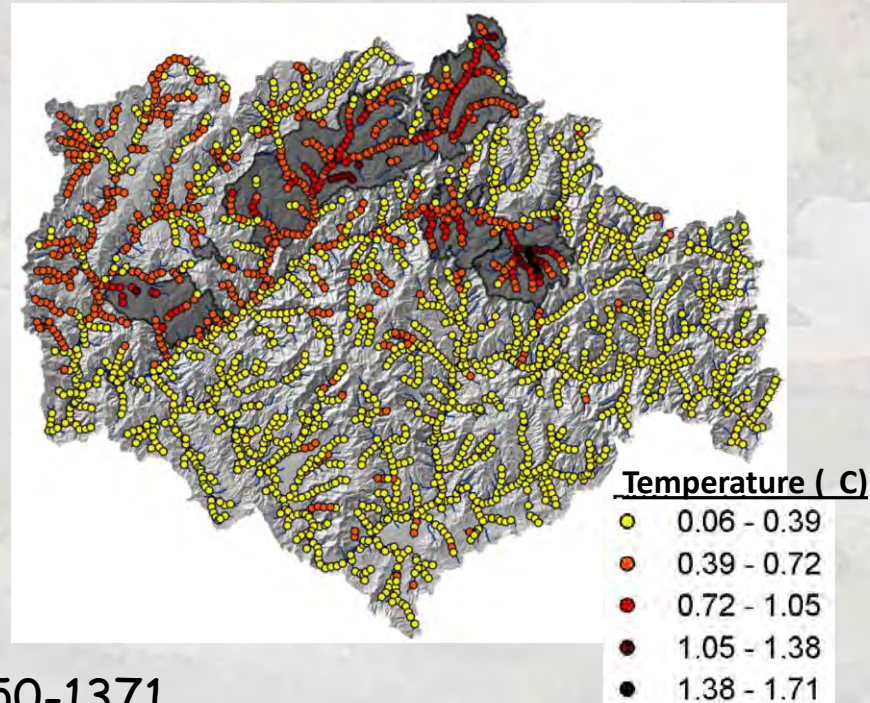
# Application: Climate Change Assessment

## Changes in Summer Temps (1993-2006)

$\Delta 0.38\text{ C}$        $\Delta 0.70\text{ C}$   
 $0.27^{\circ}\text{C}/10\text{y}$     $0.50^{\circ}\text{C}/10\text{y}$

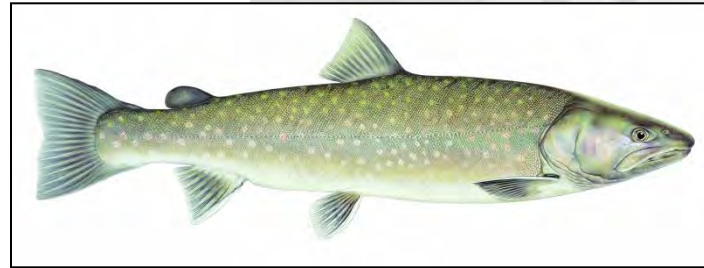
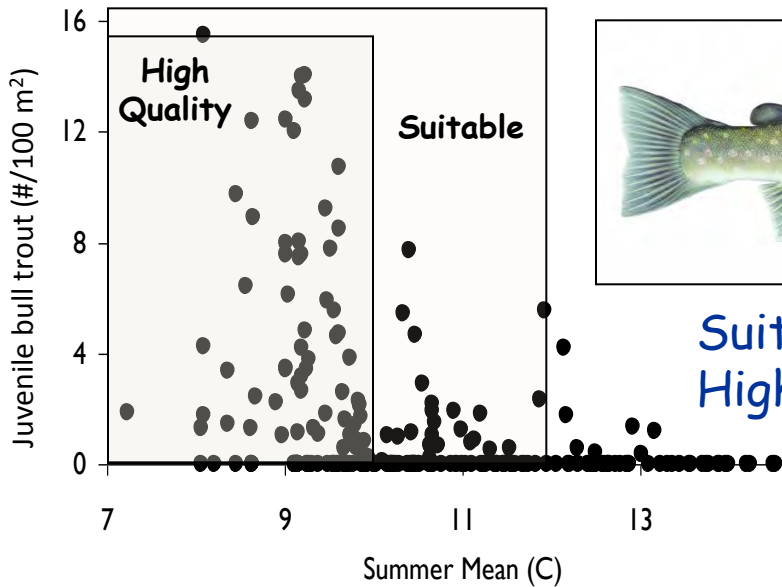


Thermal Gain Map



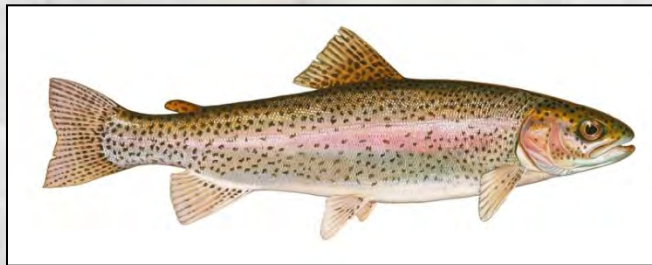
# Application: Effects on Thermal Habitats

## Bull Trout

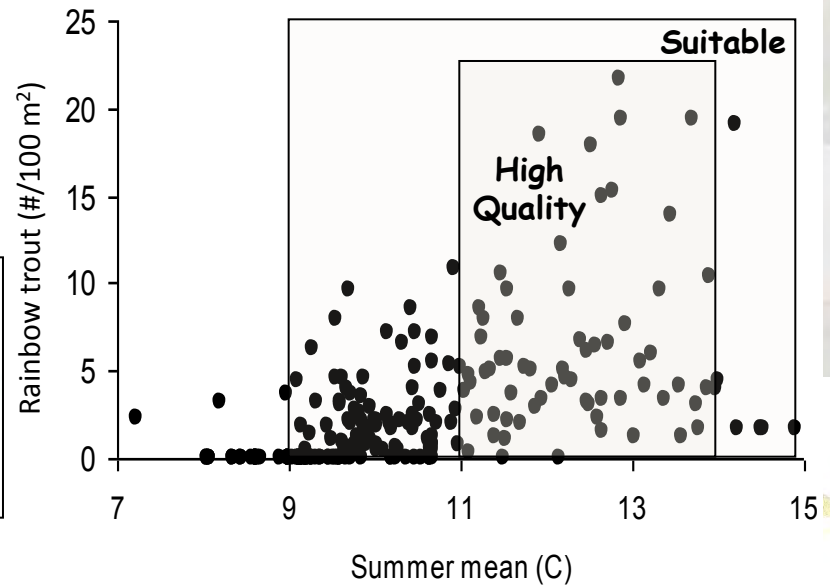


Suitable habitat < 12.0°C  
High-quality habitat < 10.0°C

## Rainbow Trout

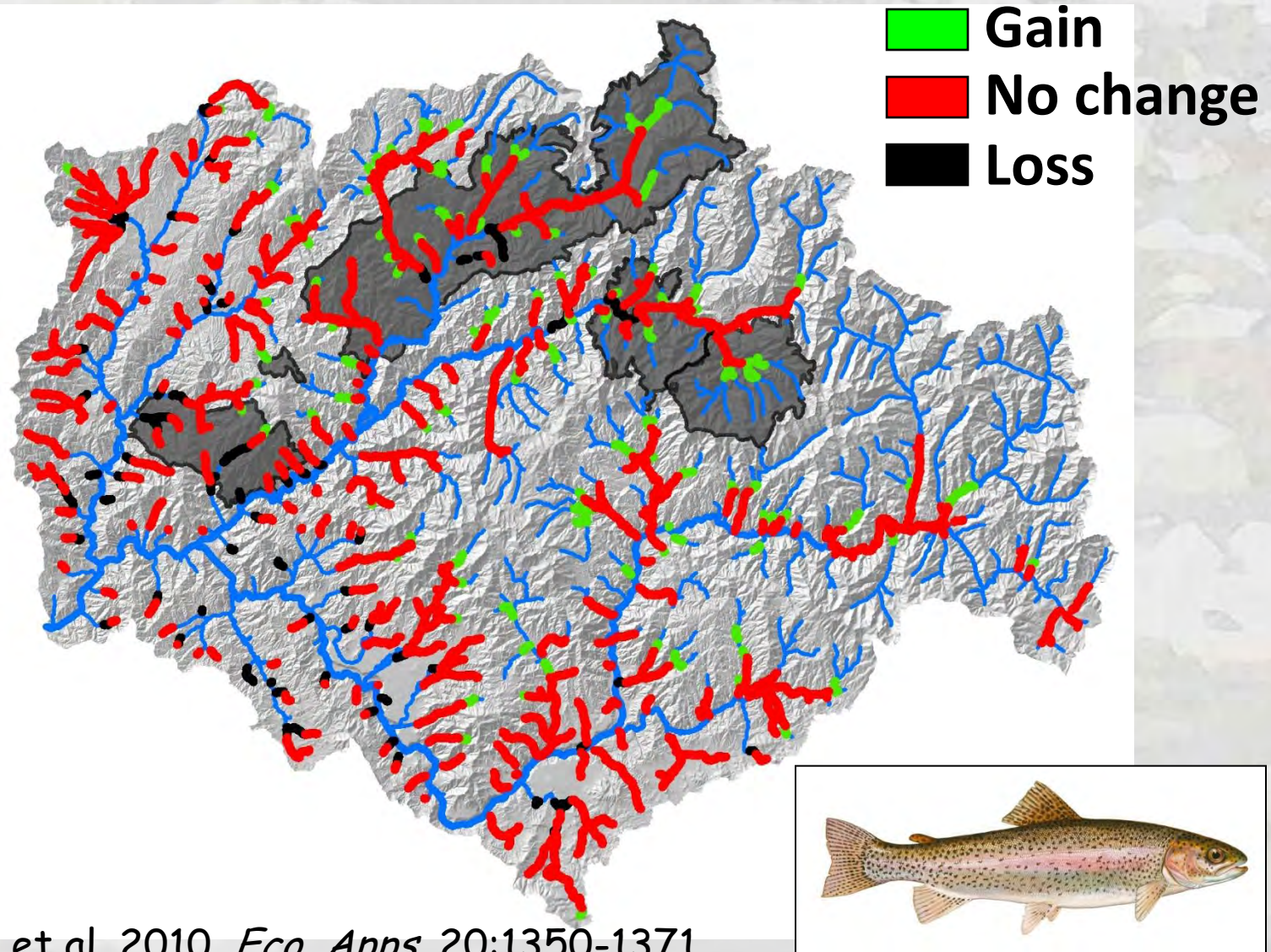


Suitable habitat = > 9.0°C  
High-quality habitat = 11.0-14.0°C



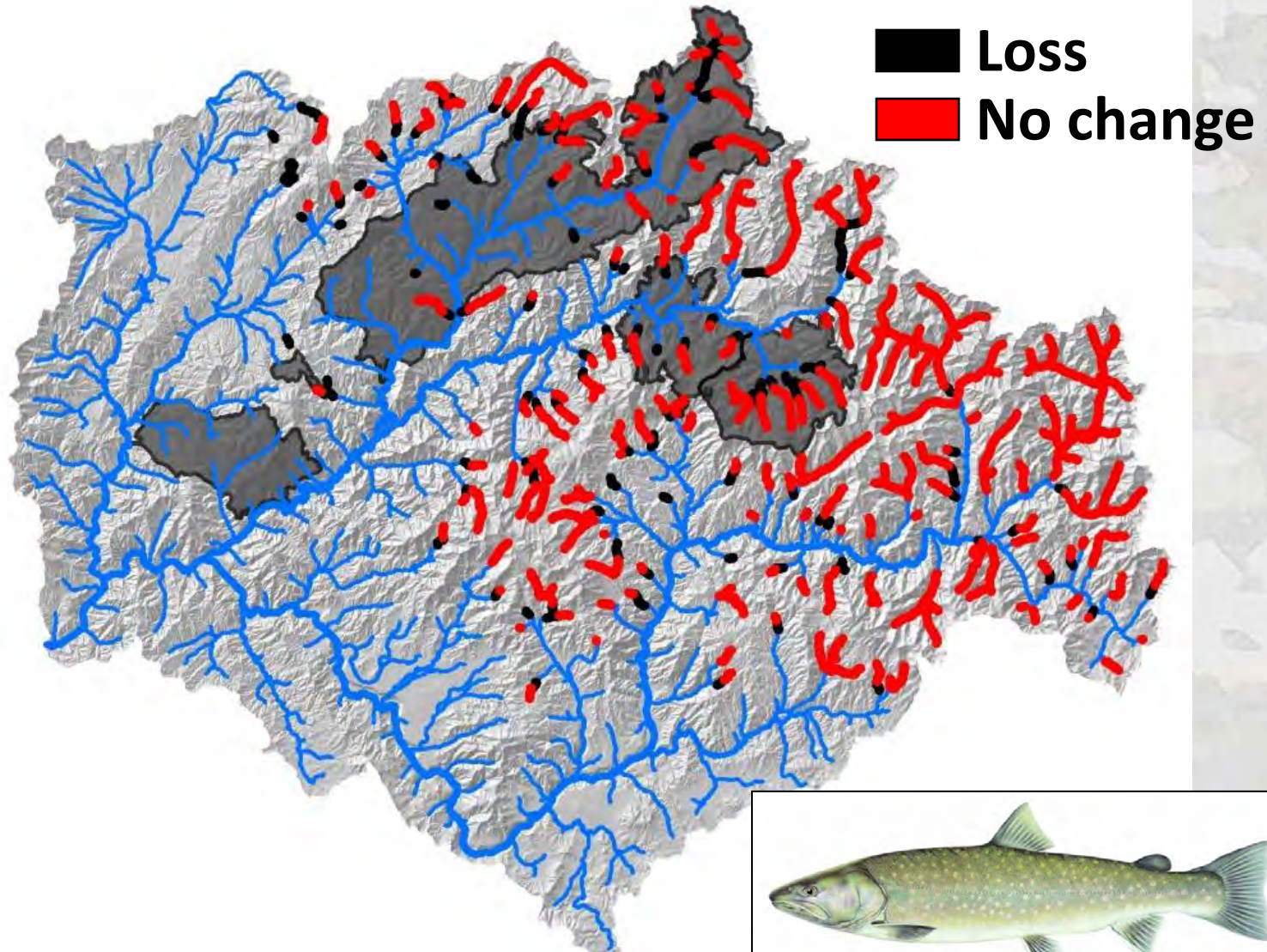
# 93'-06' Rainbow Trout Habitat Changes

Habitat is shifting, but no net gain or loss



# 93'-06' Bull Trout Habitat Changes

Habitat is decreasing 8%-16% / decade

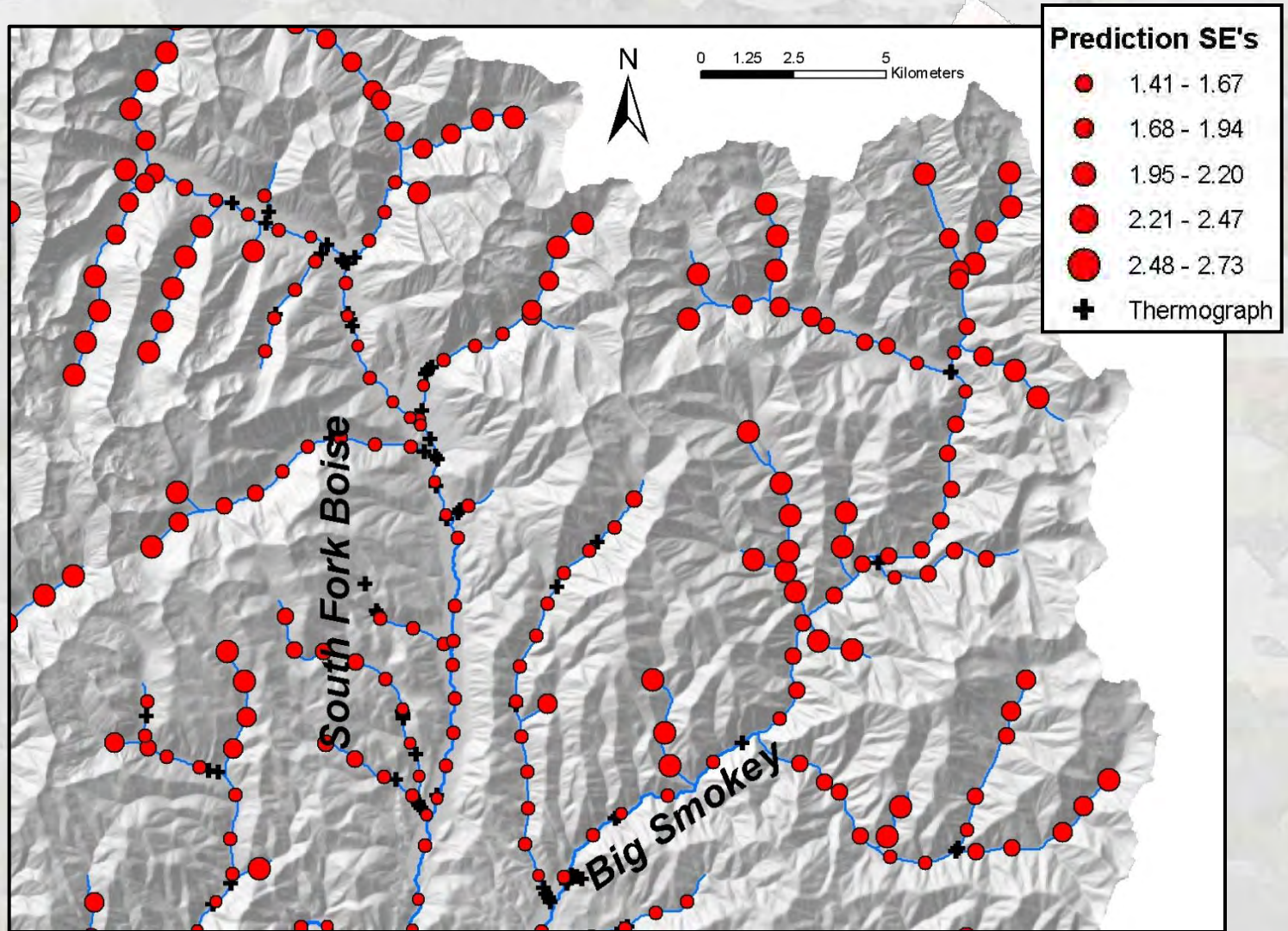


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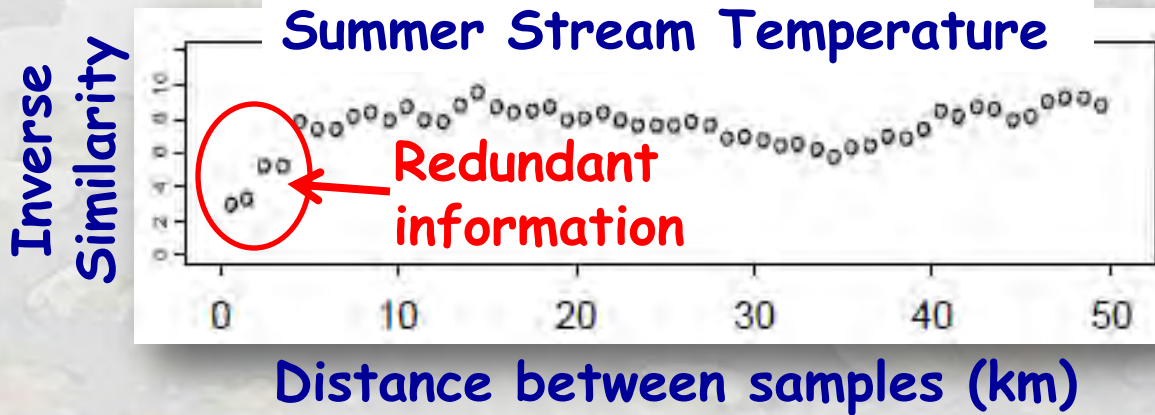


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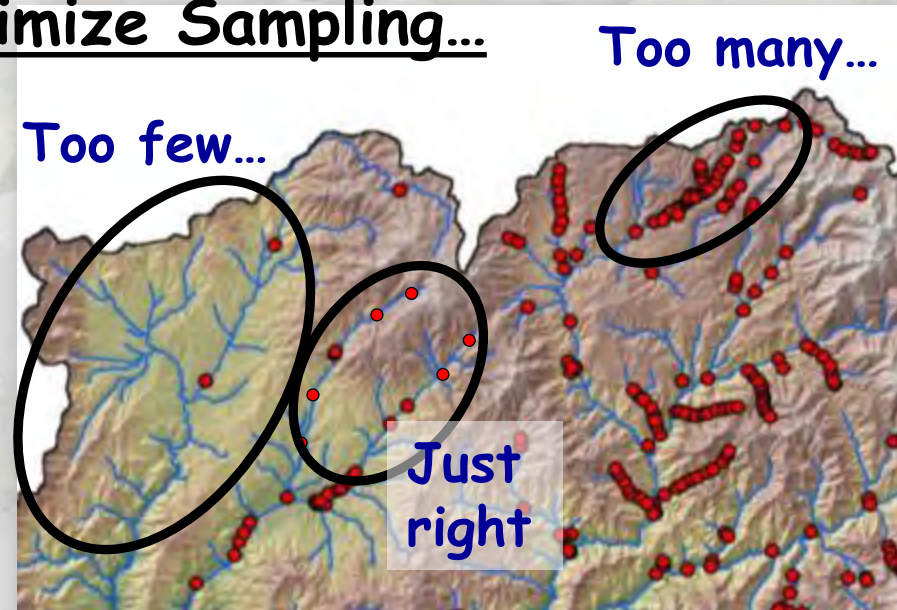
## Temperature Prediction Precision



# Application: Efficient Monitoring Designs



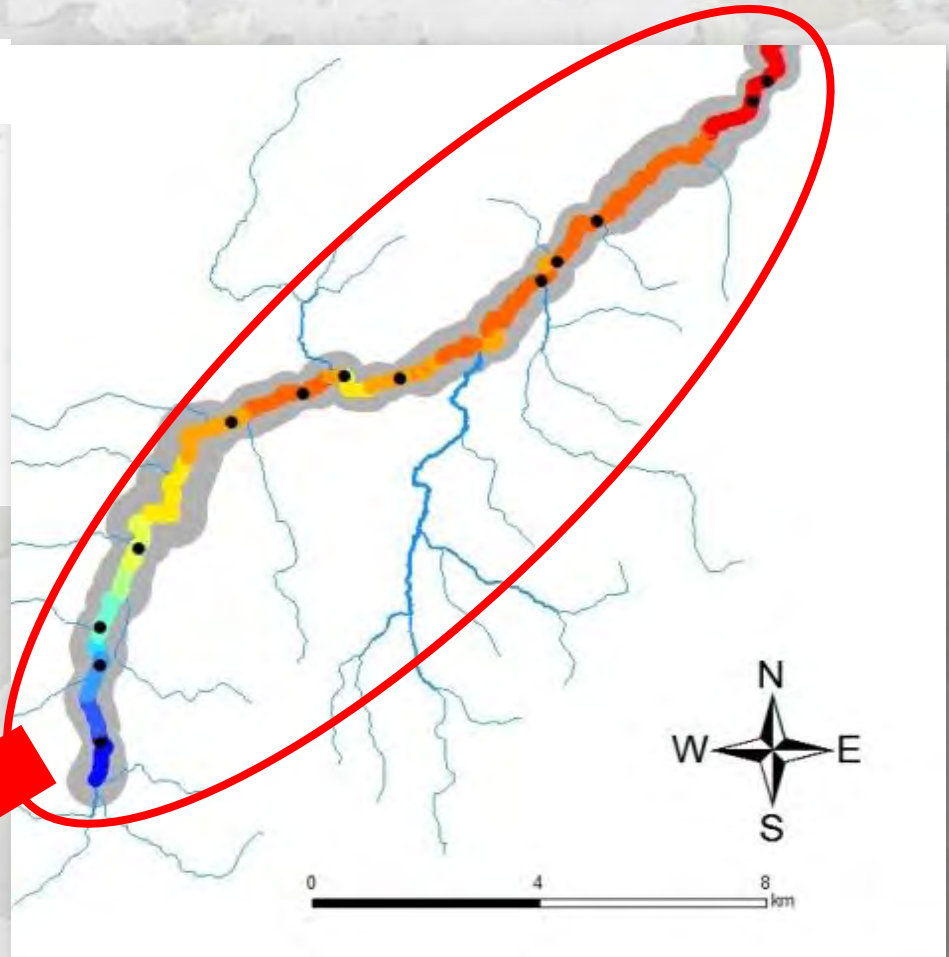
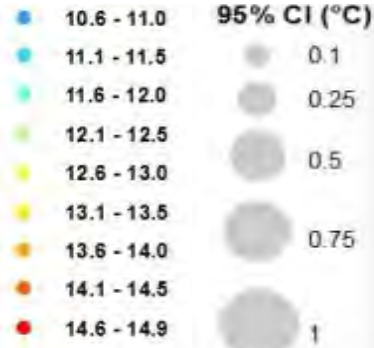
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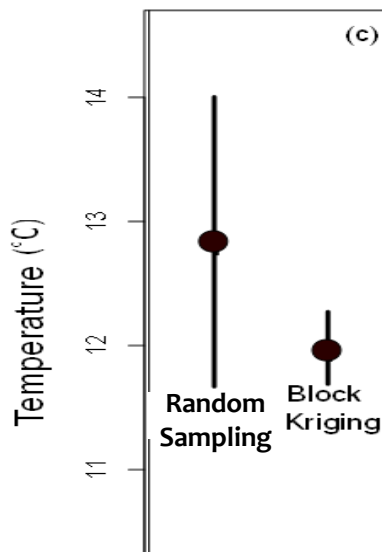
# Application: Block-Kriging for Accurate Estimates at User-Defined Scales



Temperature (°C)



Bear Valley Creek  
Mean Temperature



} Spatial estimates are often less biased and more precise

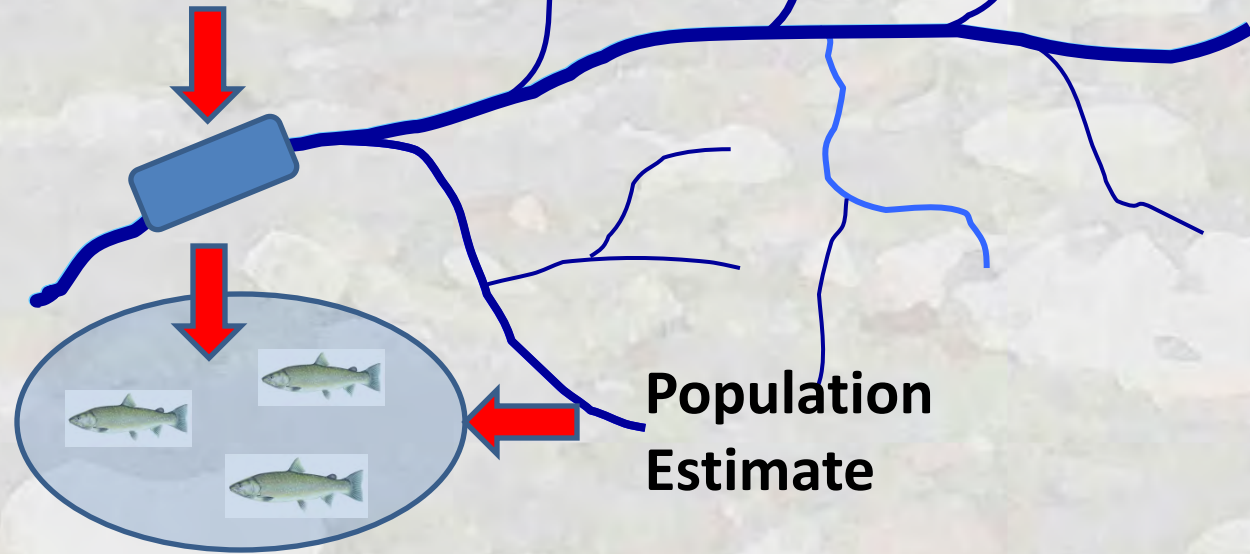
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## Population Estimates for Aquatic Organisms



How Many Fish Live Here?

Sample Reach



Traditional Estimation Scale =  
Reach (10's - 100's meters)

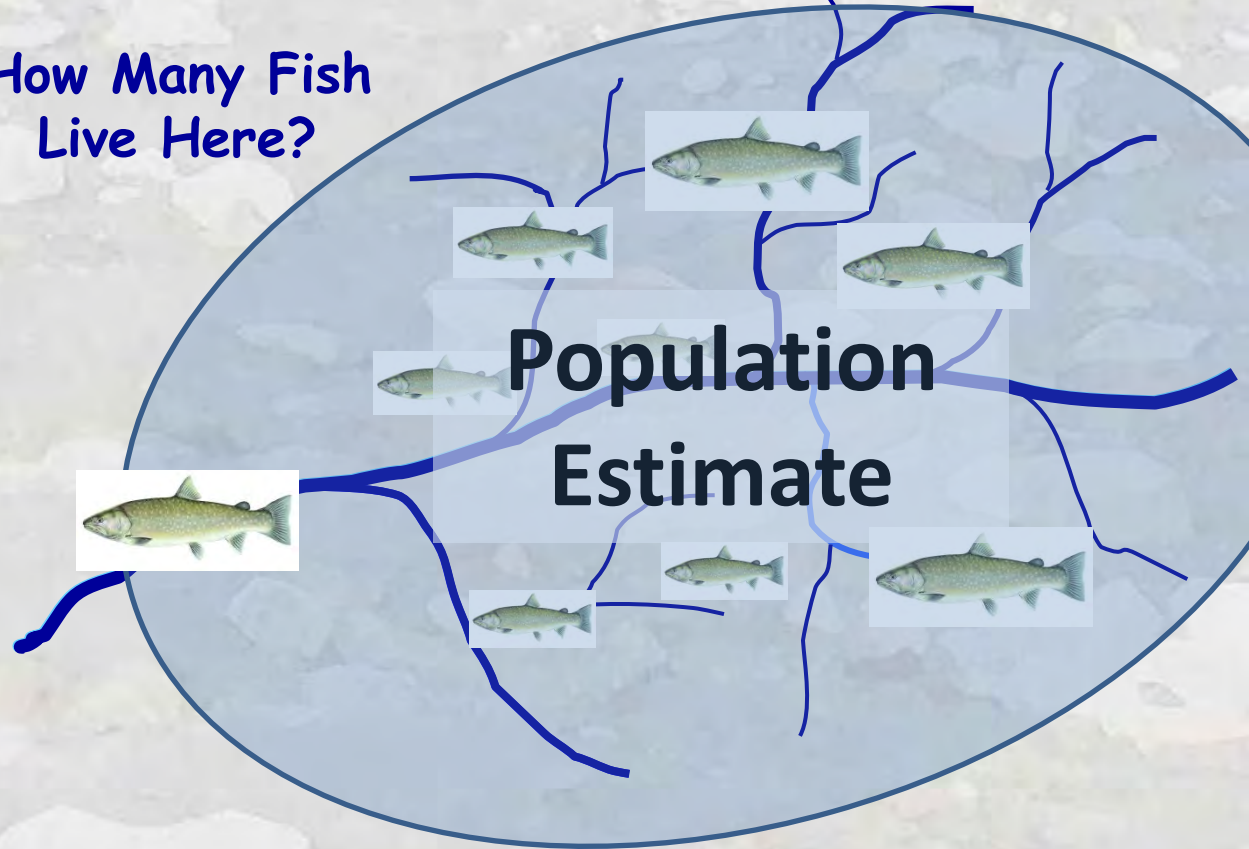


# Block-Kriging for Stream & Basin-scale Population Estimates (Poisson link function)

## Population Estimates for Aquatic Organisms



How Many Fish Live Here?



Desired Estimation Scale =  
Stream & Network (1000's - 10,000's meters)



# Block-Kriging for Stream & Basin-scale Population Estimates (Poisson link function)

## Population Estimates for Aquatic Organisms

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Spatial methods for plot-based sampling of wildlife populations

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- Terrestrial applications are common
- Theory now exists for streams

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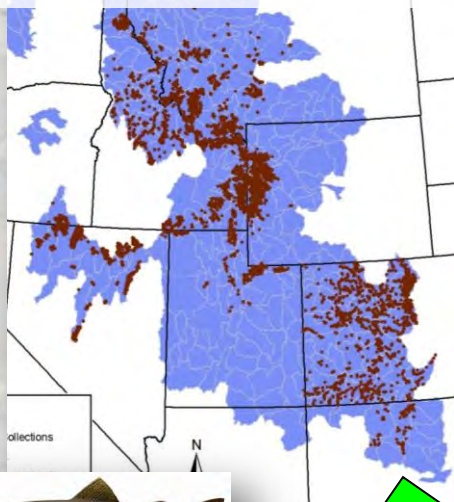
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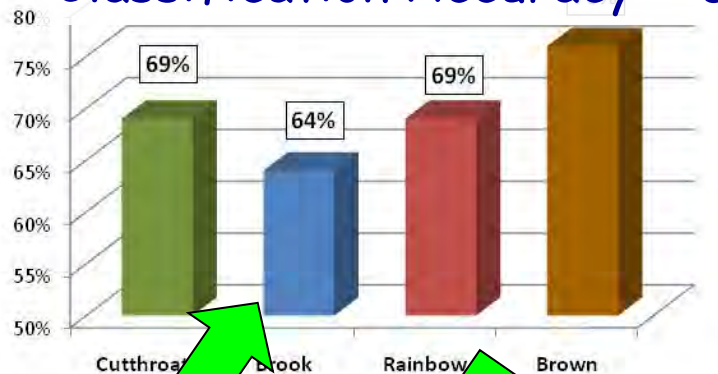
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# Application: Improved Species Distribution Models (binary link function)

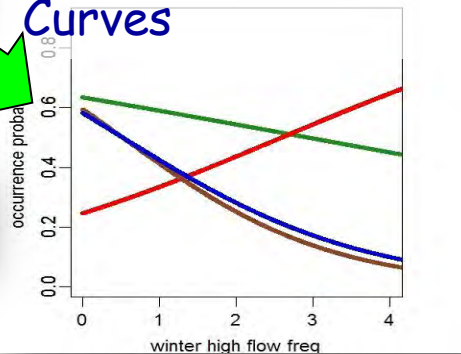
Fish survey database ~10,000



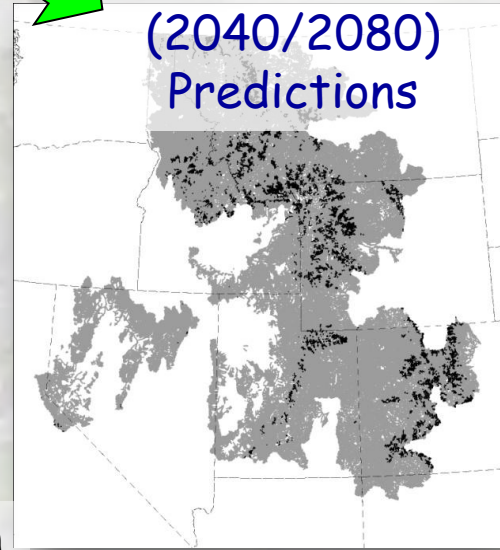
Classification Accuracy ~64% - 75%



Species-Specific Habitat Response Curves



Current & Future (2040/2080) Predictions

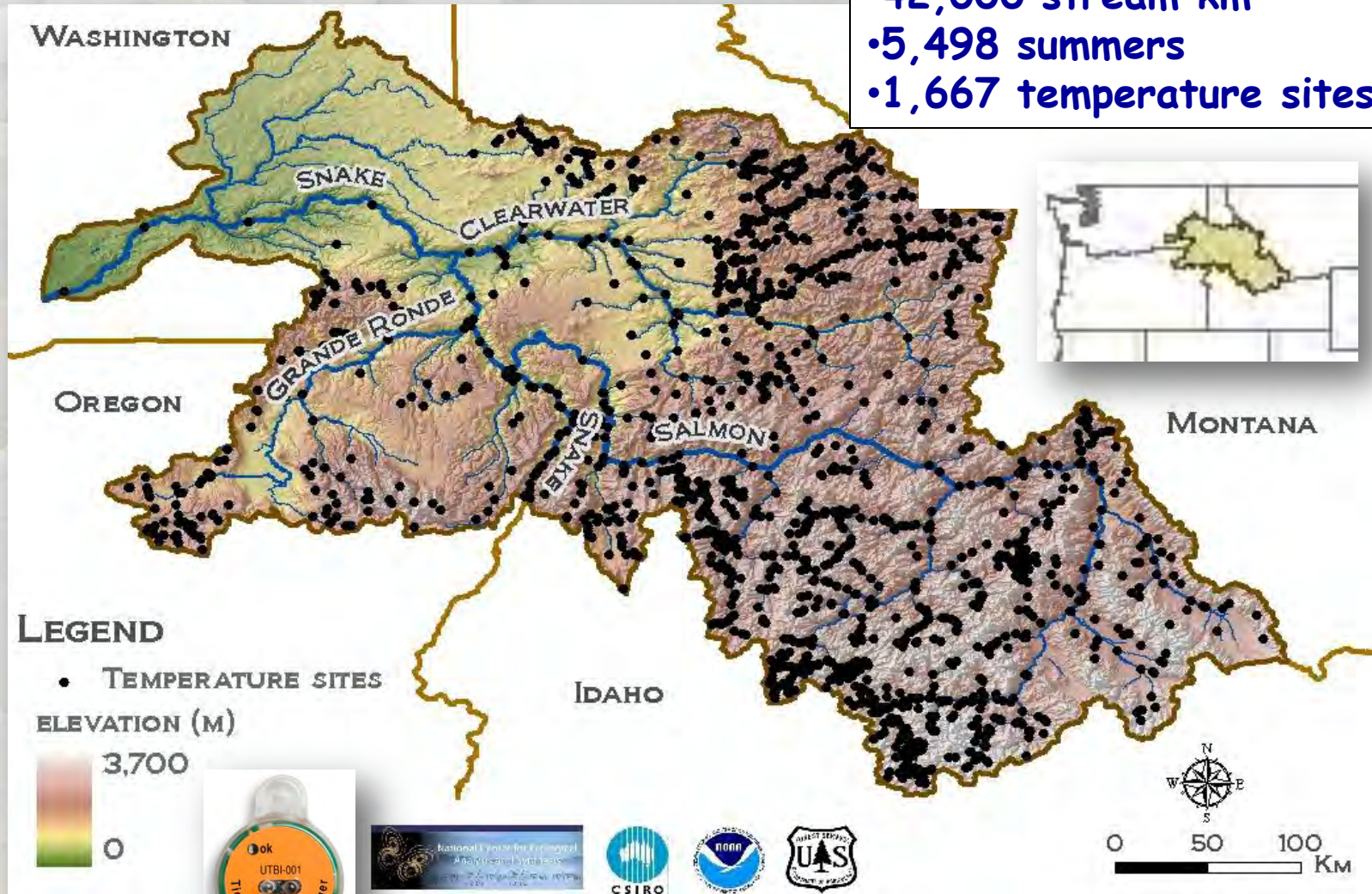


Wenger et al., in preparation

# Computation Challenges: BIG DATA

## NCEAS - Lower Snake Hydrologic Region

- 42,000 stream km
- 5,498 summers
- 1,667 temperature sites



# Lower Snake VHP Temperature Model

$n = 5,498$

**Non-spatial Stream Temp =**

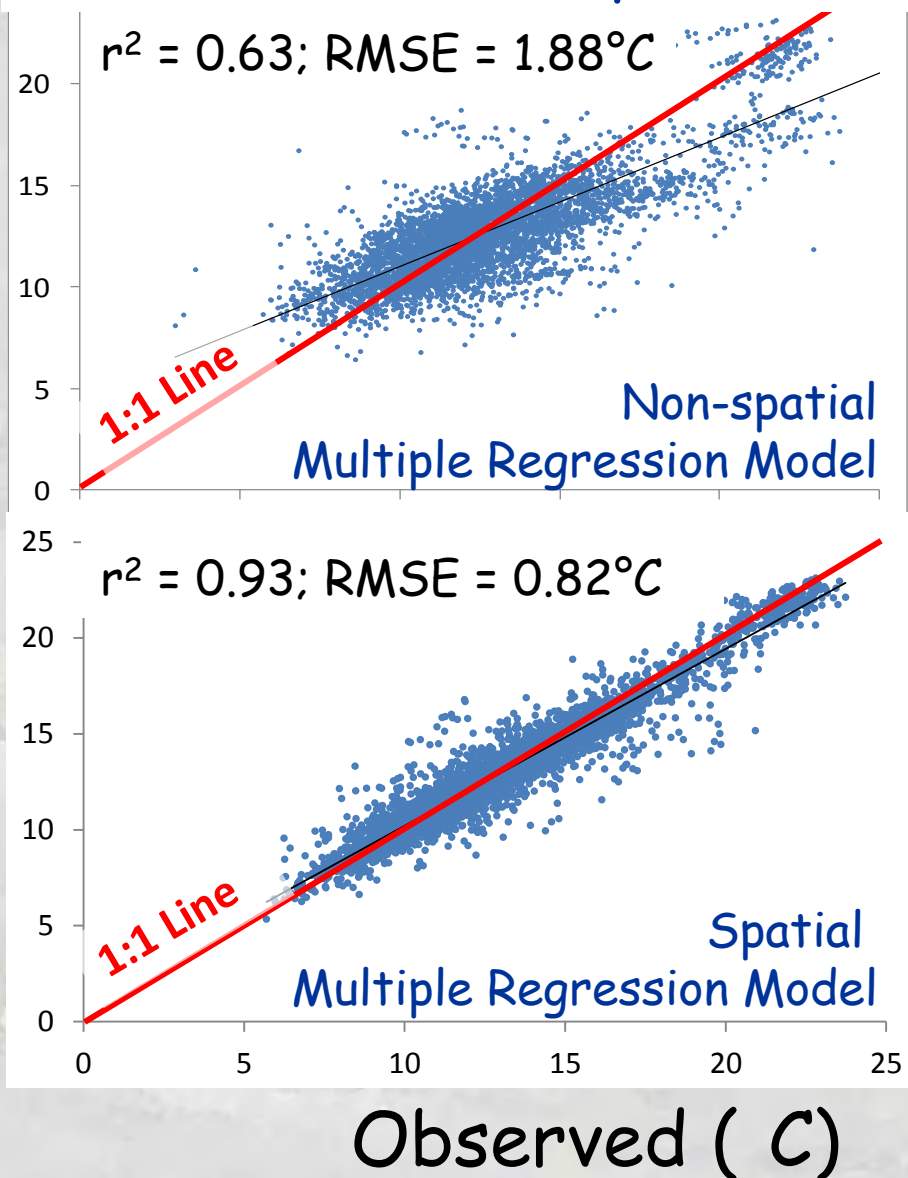
- $0.0041 * \text{Ele (m)}$
- $13.9 * \text{Slope (\%)}$
- +  $0.016 * \text{Wat\_size (100km}^2\text{)}$
- $0.0022 * \text{Ave\_Precip}$
- $0.041 * \text{Flow (m}^3\text{/s)}$
- +  $0.42 * \text{AirMean (C)}$

**Spatial Stream Temp =**

- $0.0045 * \text{Ele (m)}$
- $9.8 * \text{Slope (\%)}$
- +  $0.012 * \text{Wat\_size (100km}^2\text{)}$
- $0.00061 * \text{Ave\_Precip}$
- $0.037 * \text{Flow (m}^3\text{/s)}$
- +  $0.46 * \text{AirMean (C)}$

Predicted ( C )

## Mean Summer Temperature



# NorWeST: A Regional Stream Temperature Database & Model for High-Resolution Climate Vulnerability Assessments

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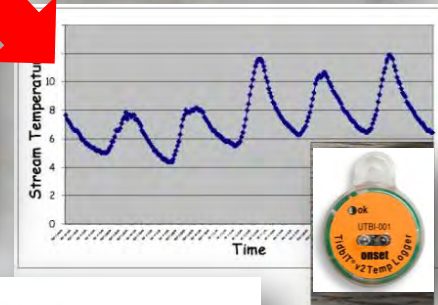
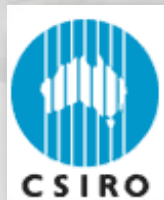
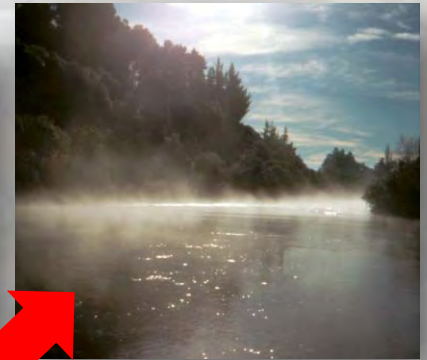
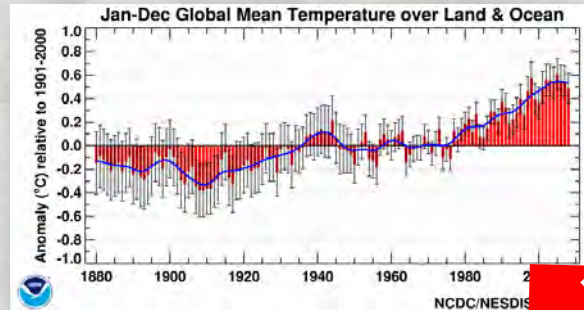
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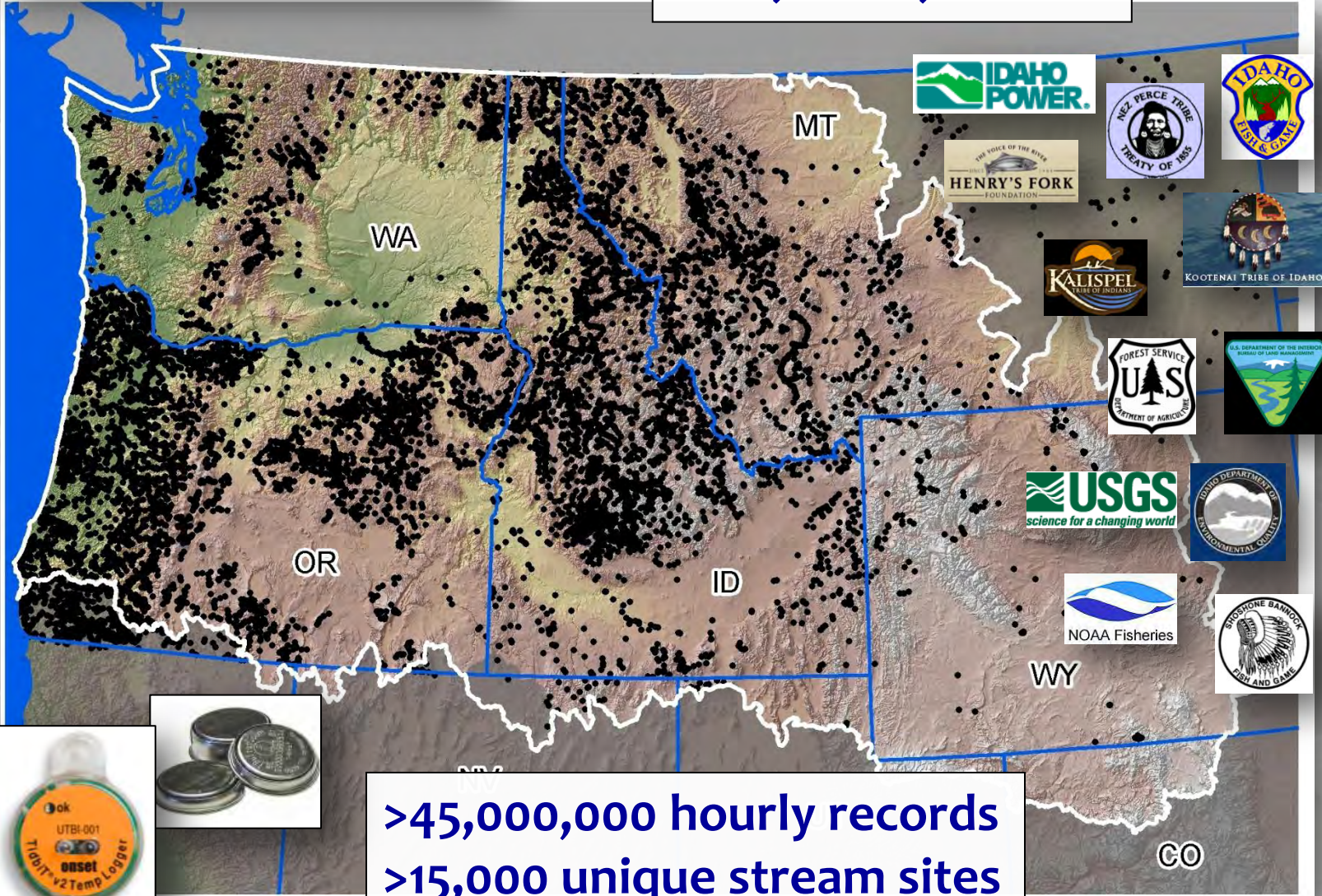
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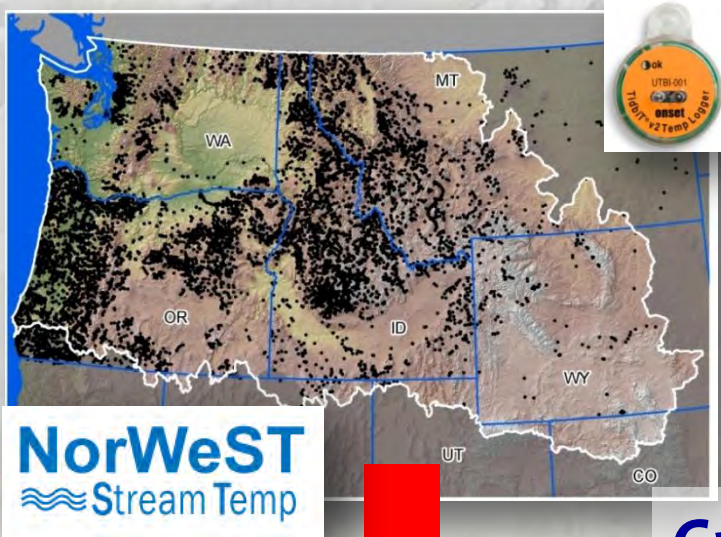
Stream Temp

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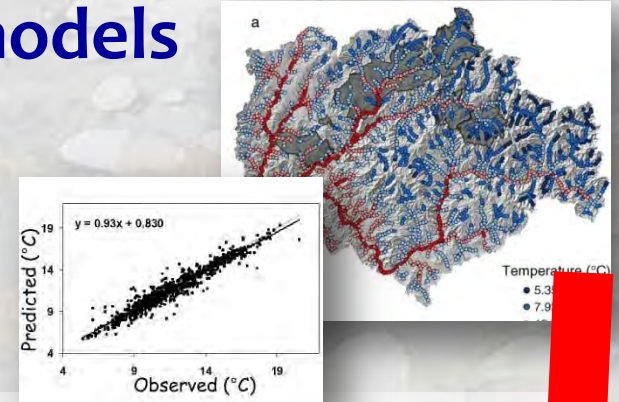


>45,000,000 hourly records  
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# Regional Temperature Model

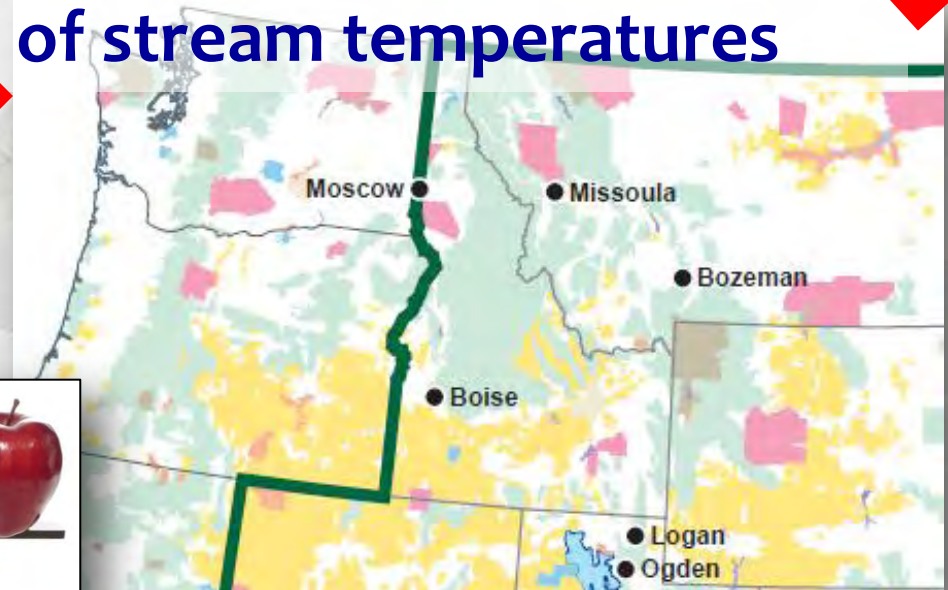
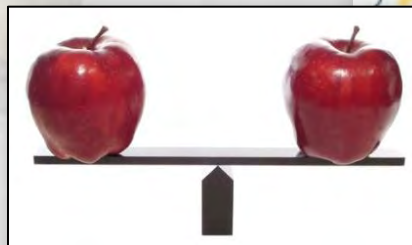


Accurate temperature models



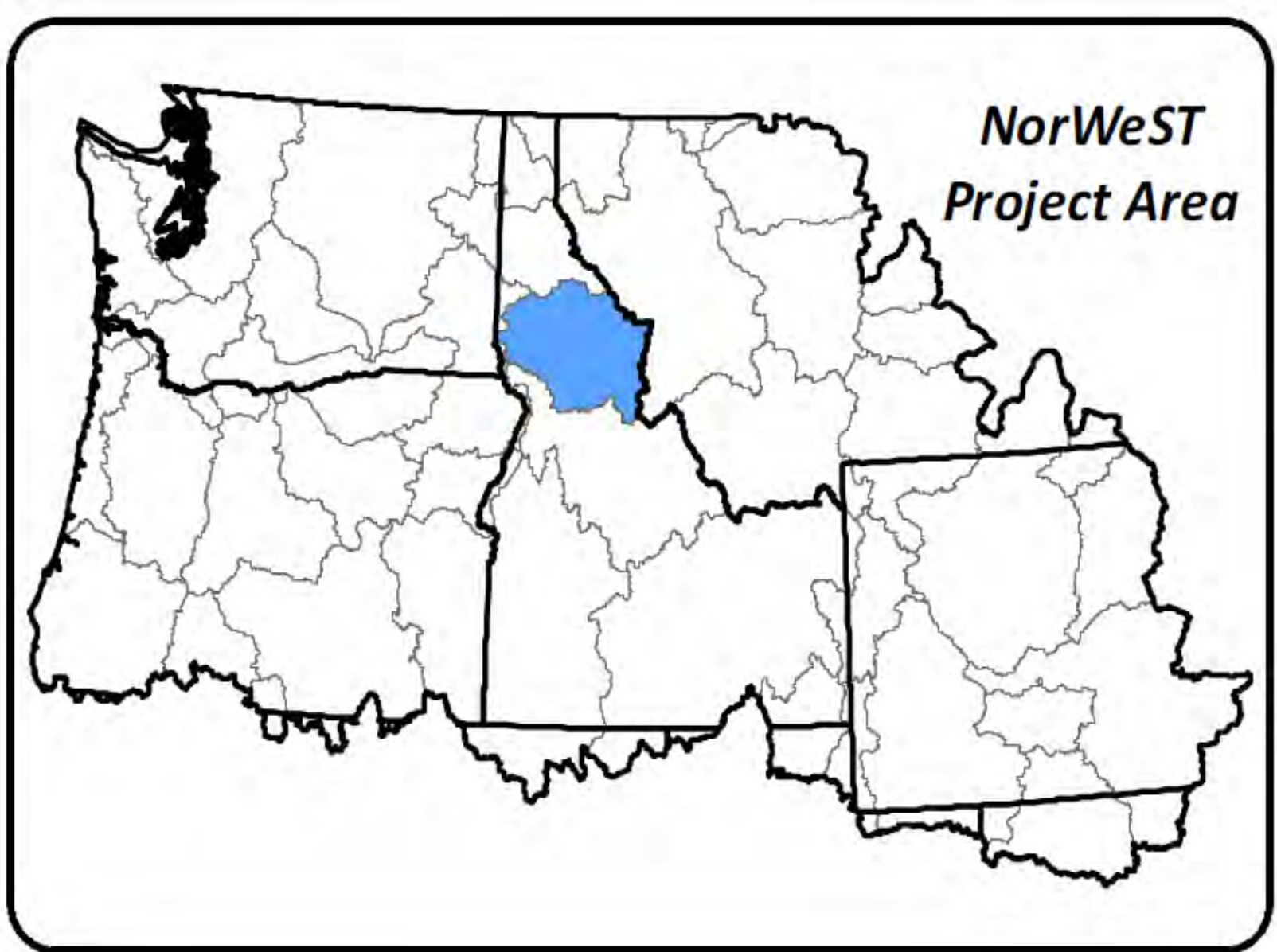
Cross-jurisdictional “maps” of stream temperatures

Consistent datum for strategic assessments across 350,000 stream kilometers





# Example: Clearwater River Basin

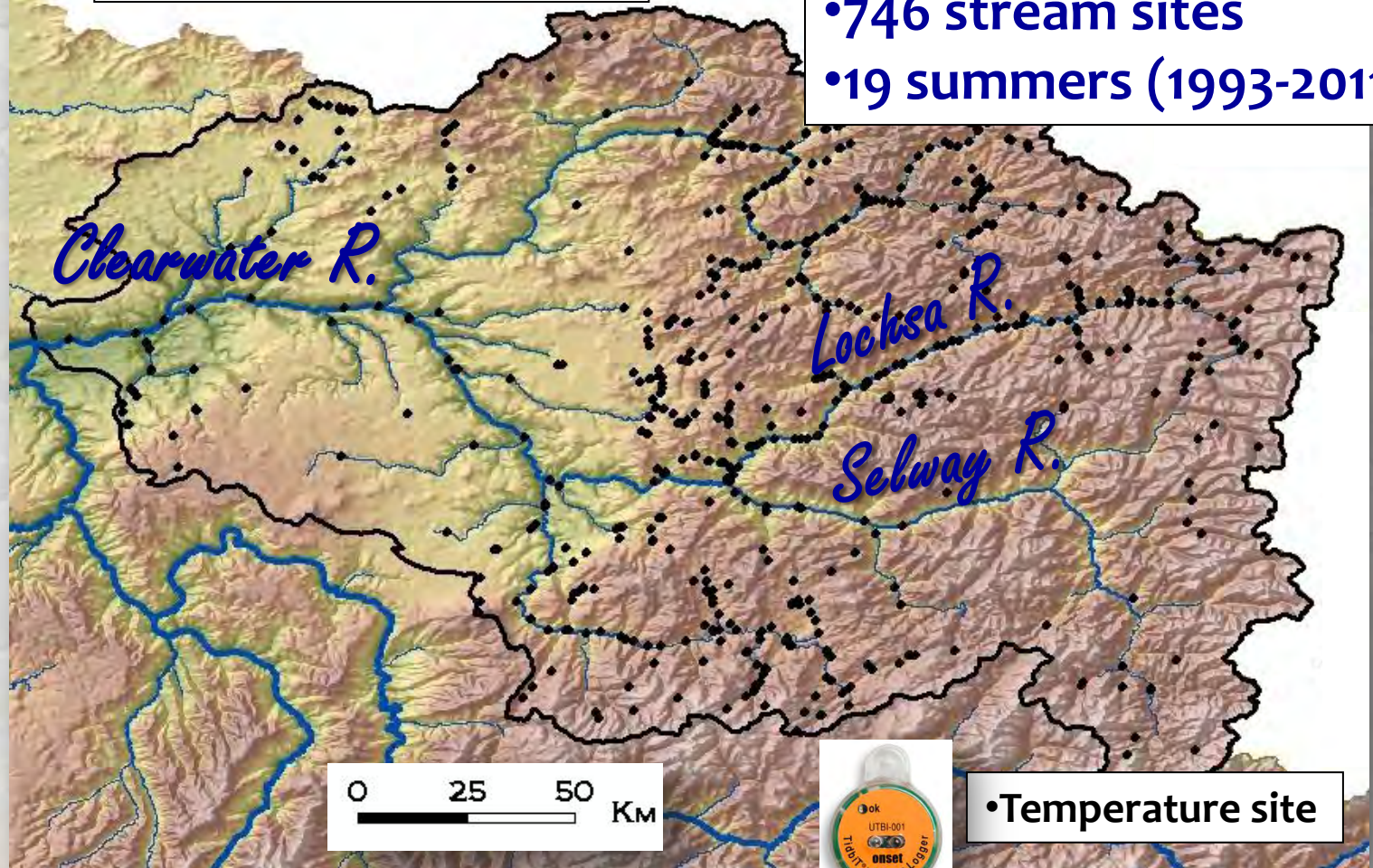


# Example: Clearwater River Basin

## Data extracted from NorWeST

16,700 stream km

- 4,487 August means
- 746 stream sites
- 19 summers (1993-2011)



•Temperature site



# Clearwater River Temp Model

**n = 4,487**

## Covariate Predictors

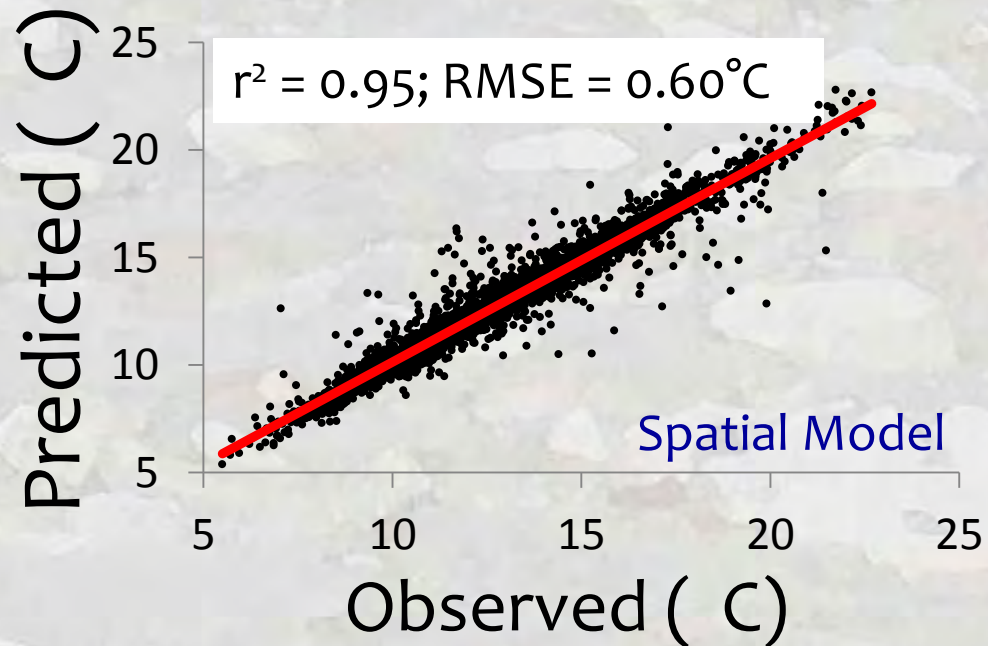
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6. Lakes upstream (%)
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**USGS gage data**

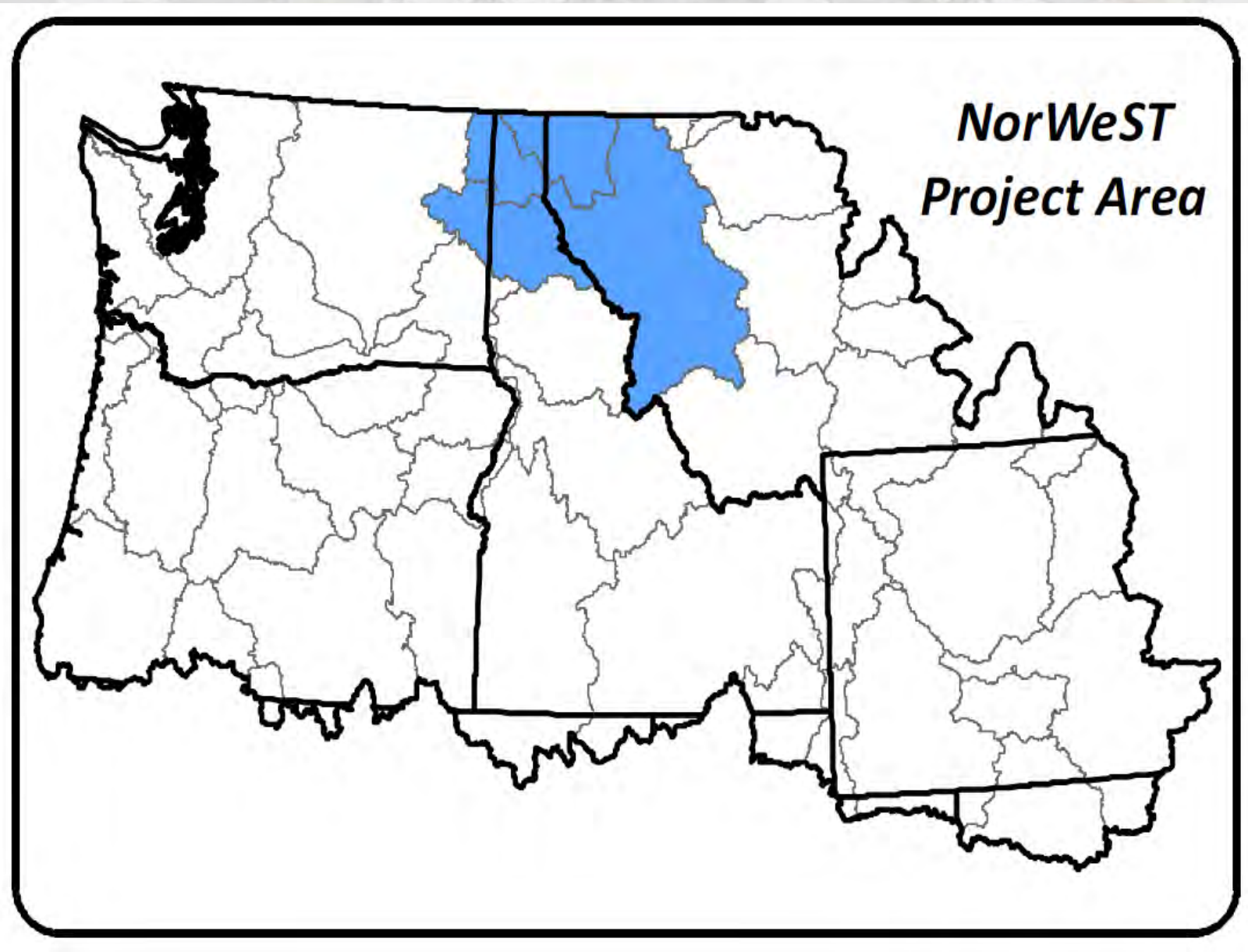
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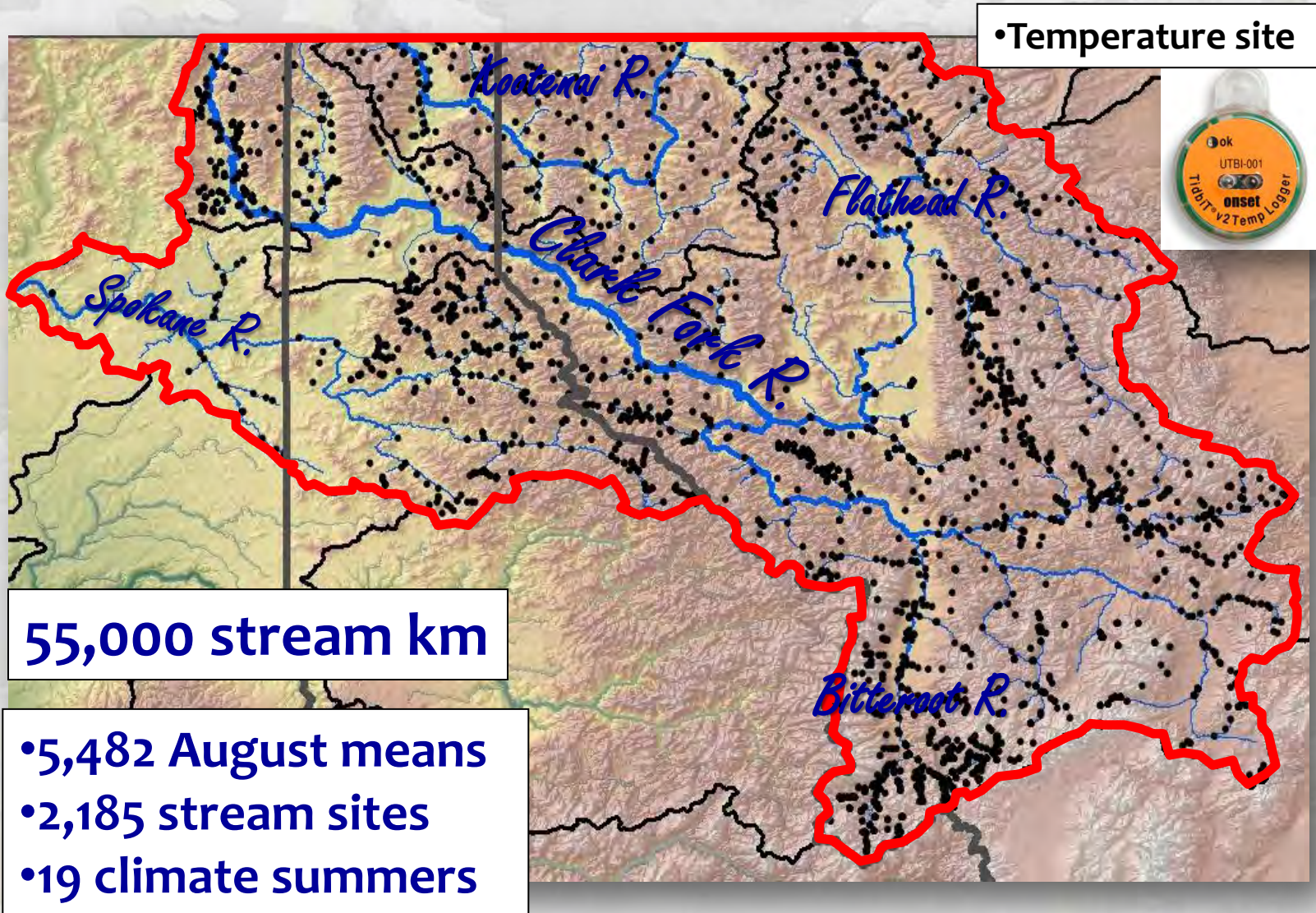


# Example: SpoKoot River Basins



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## Data extracted from NorWeST



# SpoKoot River Temp Model

**n = 5,482**

## Covariate Predictors

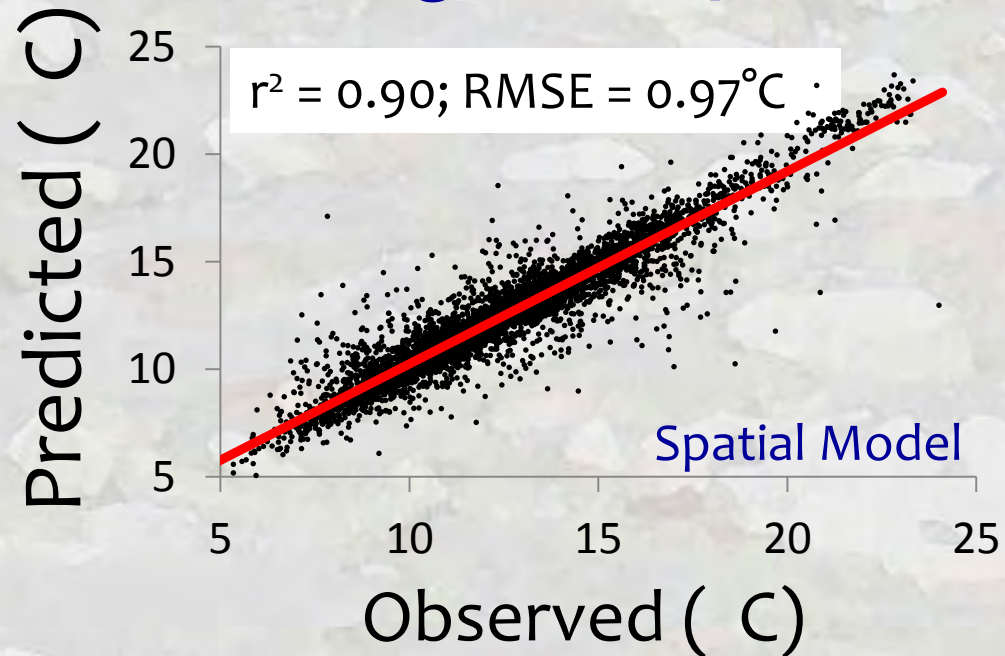
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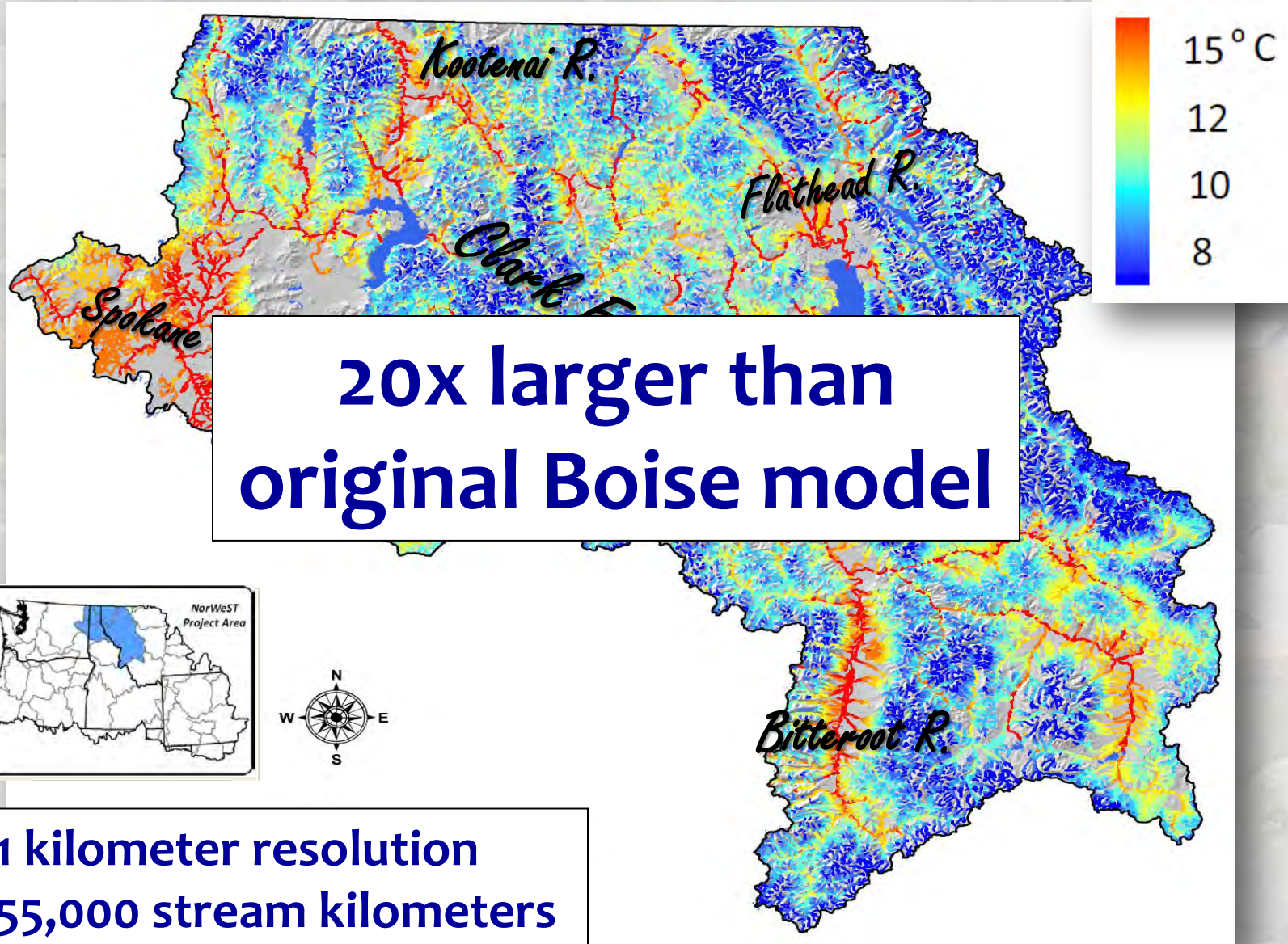
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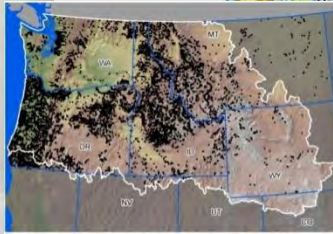
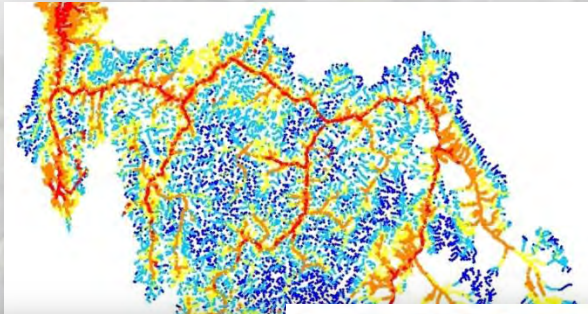
# Kriged Prediction Map of Climate Scenario

## 1993-2011 mean August stream temperatures



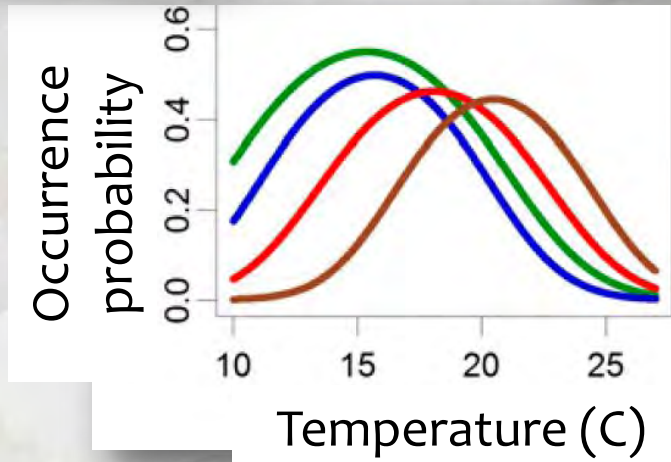
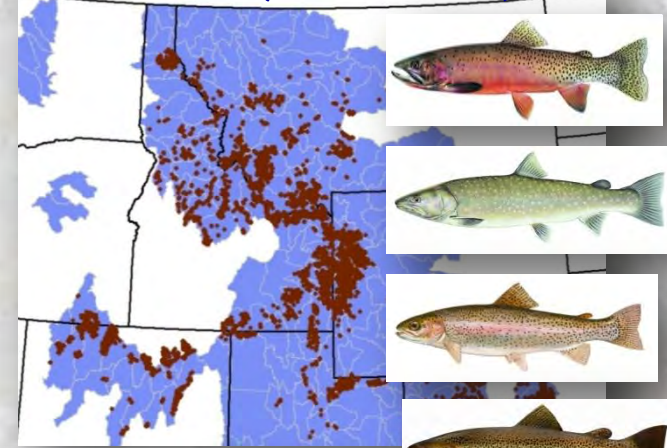
# Translating Stream Temperatures to Consistent Thermal Niche Definitions

Stream temperature maps



**NorWeST**  
Stream Temp

Regional fish survey databases (n = 10,000)



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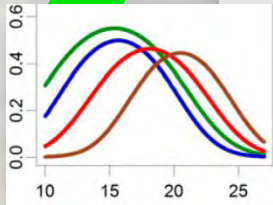
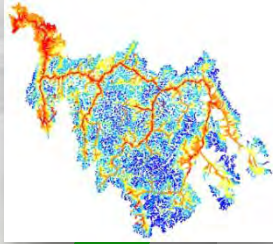
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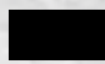



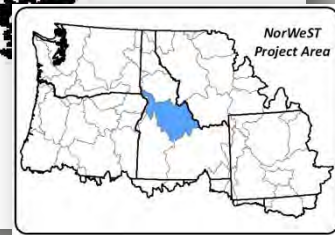
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2002-2011 Historical

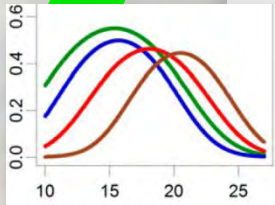
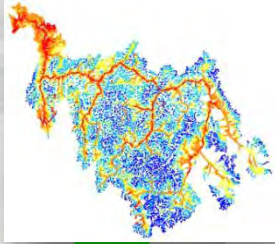
11.2 °C isotherm



 **Suitable**  
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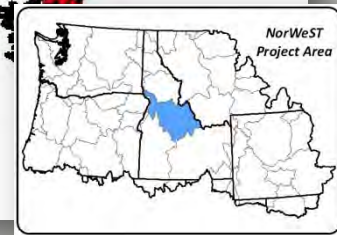
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+1°C Stream Temperature

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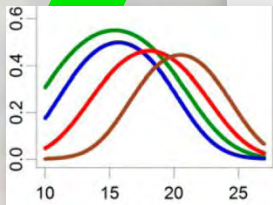
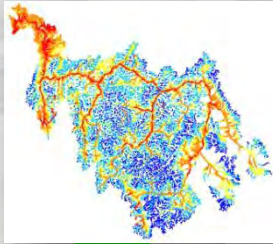
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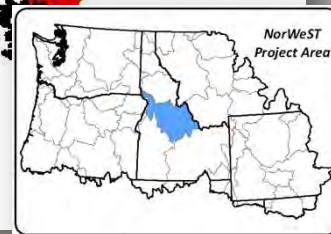
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+2°C Stream Temperature

11.2 °C isotherm



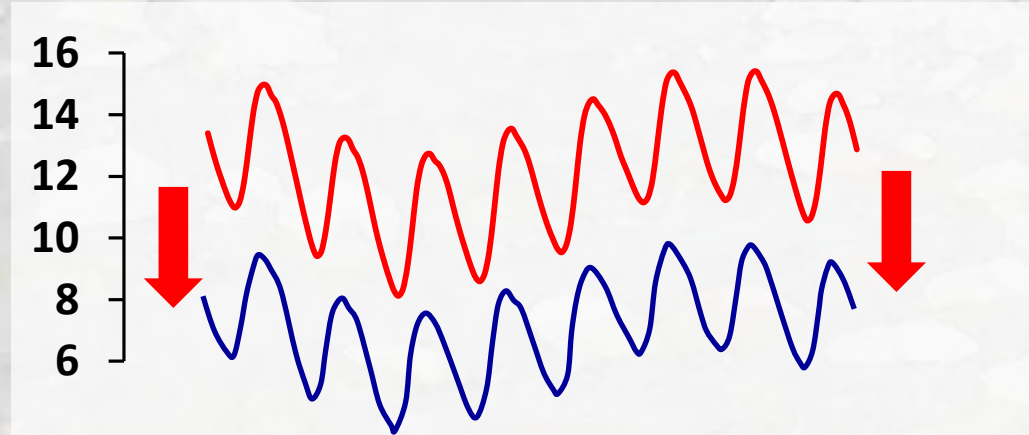
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# Application: Quantify Thermal Degradation

What is the thermal “intrinsic potential” of a stream?

“How much cooler could we make this stream?”



1) Pick “degraded” and “healthy” streams to compare

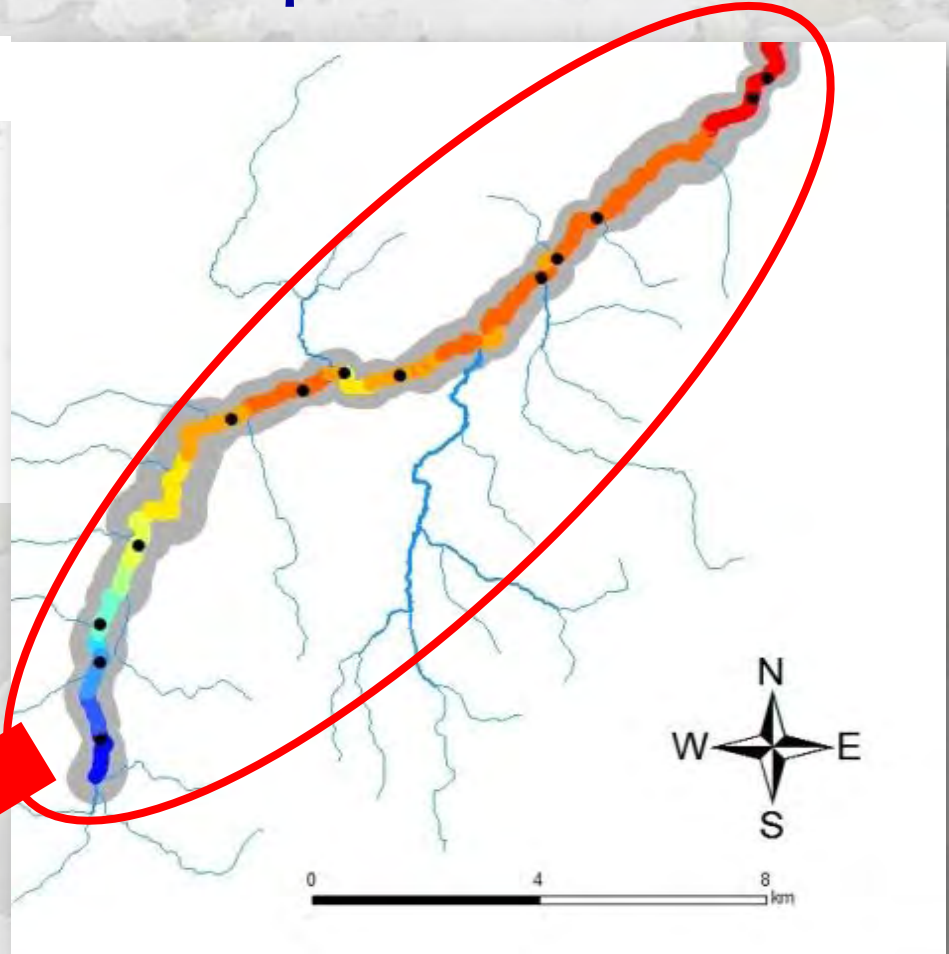
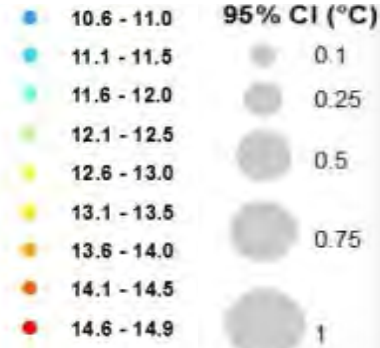


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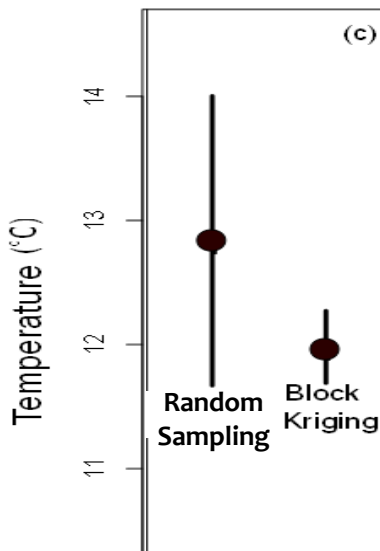
## 2) Block-krige estimates of temperature at desired scale



Temperature (°C)



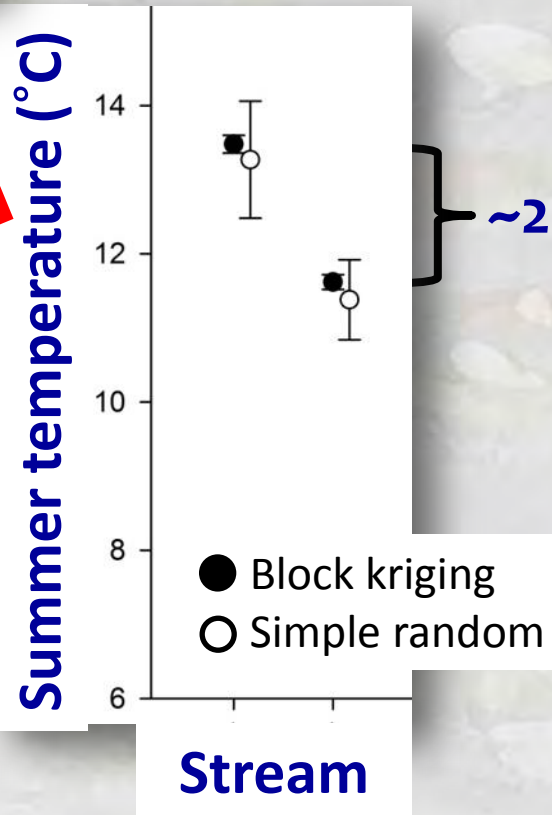
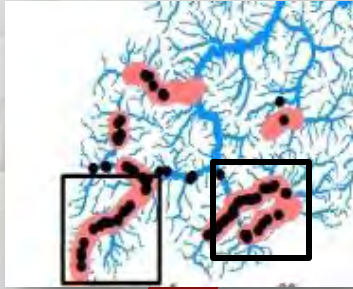
Bear Valley Creek  
Mean Temperature



} Precise & unbiased estimates

# Application: Quantify Thermal Degradation

## 3) Compare estimates among streams

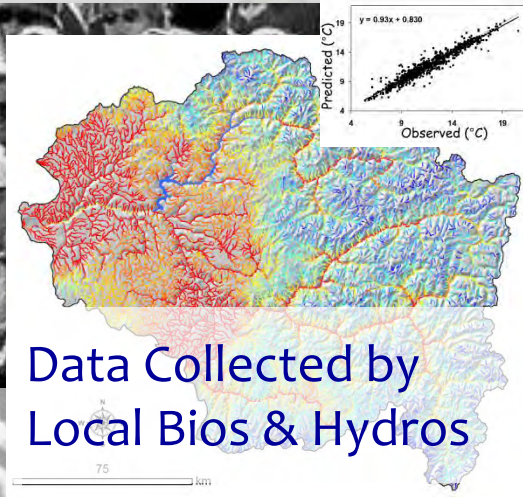
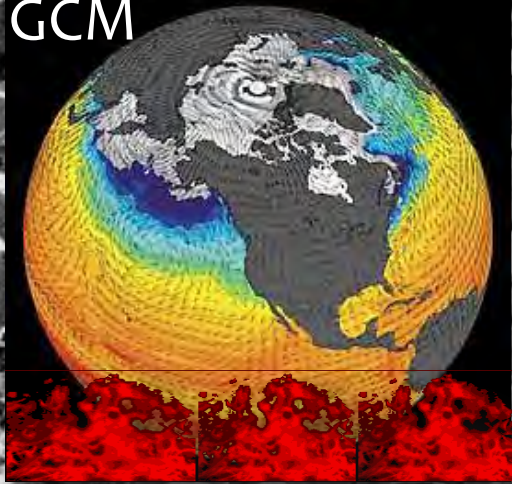


~2°C cooling is possible



# Spatial Models Enable “Crowd-Sourced” Science Because Autocorrelation is OK

GCM



Data Collected by Local Bios & Hydros

Coordinated, Interagency Responses?

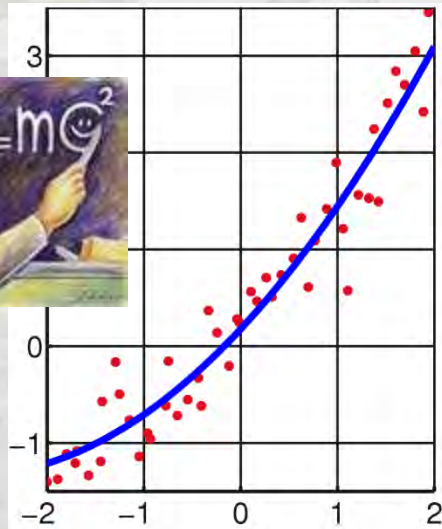


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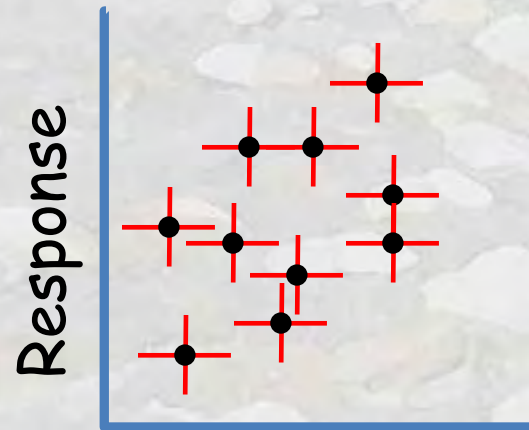


# Better Understanding & Prediction from Stream Data

New relationships described



Old relationships tested



Predictor

Refined



Rejected

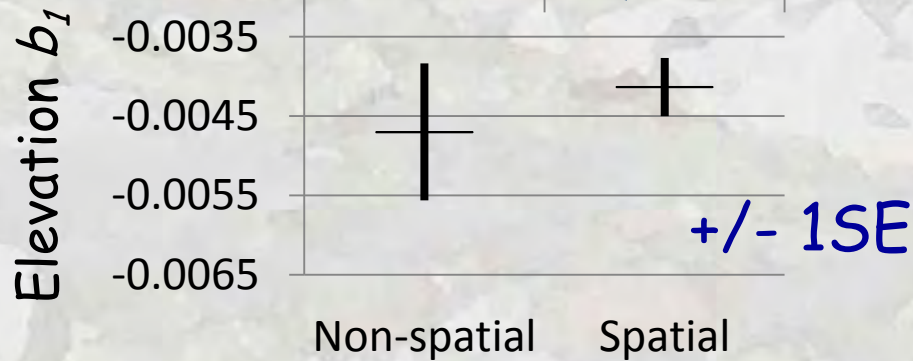
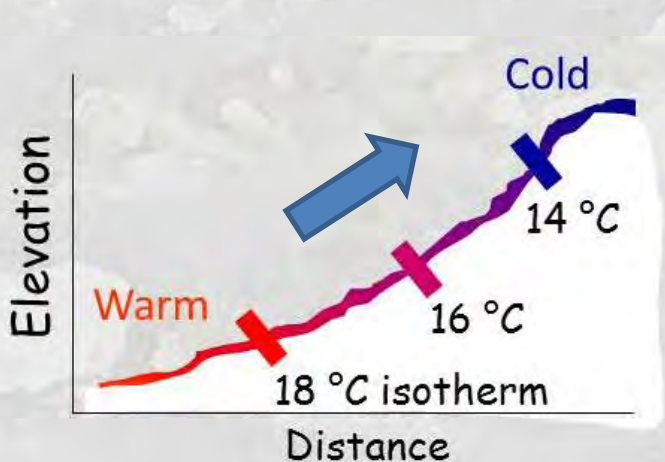




# Are Some Streams More Sensitive to Climate Warming than Others?

Not Nearly as Much as People Think...

Temp Model	Non-spatial	Spatial	
Boise basin	-0.0064	-0.0045	Elevation Parameters ( $^{\circ}\text{C} / \text{m}$ )
Payette NF	-0.0036	-0.0034	
Lower Snake	-0.0041	-0.0045	



# SSN/STARS Website

FreeWare Tools, Example Datasets, & Applications

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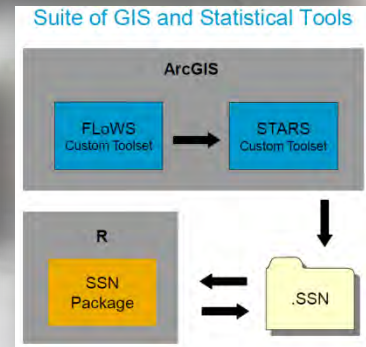
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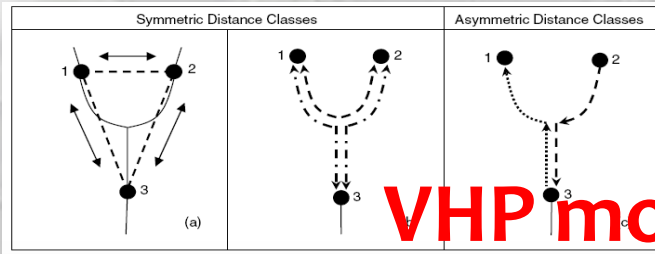
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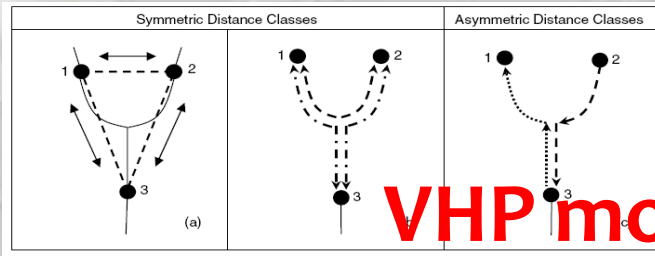
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