BIG DATA Gets Wet: How Stream Geostatistics, eDNA, and Crowd-Sourcing Massive Datasets are Revolutionizing Aquatic Science

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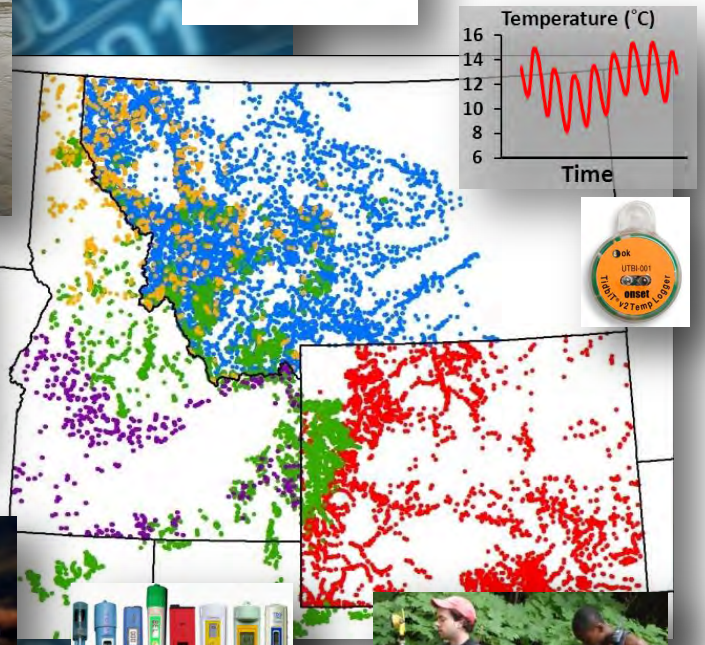


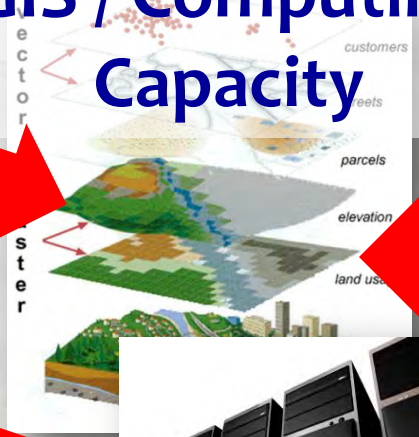
BIG DATA = BIG POSSIBILITIES

A Revolution is Happening

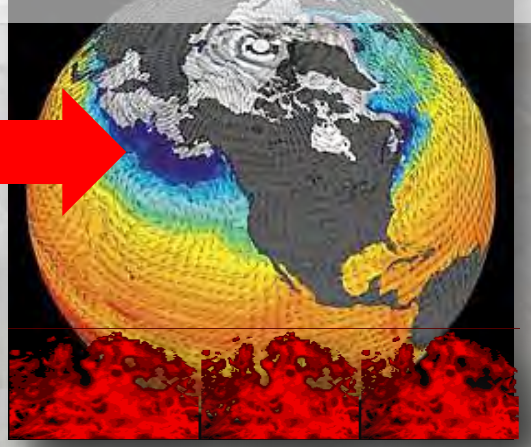
Geospatial Technologies & Computing Horsepower

Remote Sensing

GIS / Computing Capacity

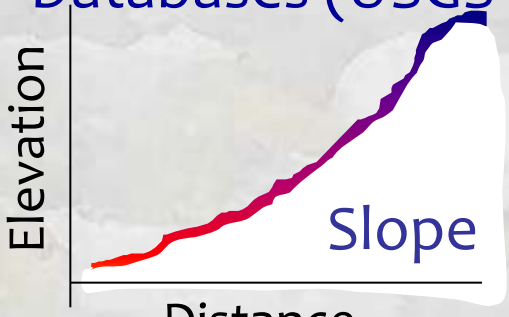


Climate, weather, GCM data online



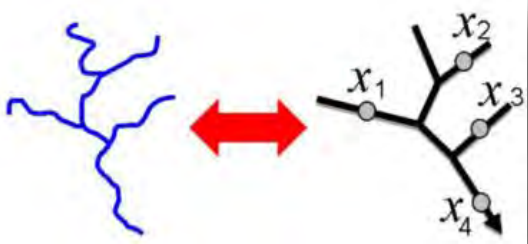
Visualization

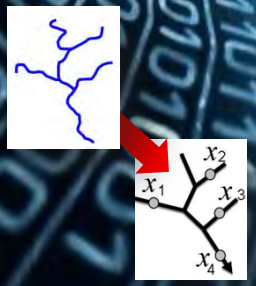
Nationally Consistent Hydrology Databases (USGS NHD+)



Drainage Area

Spatial analyses

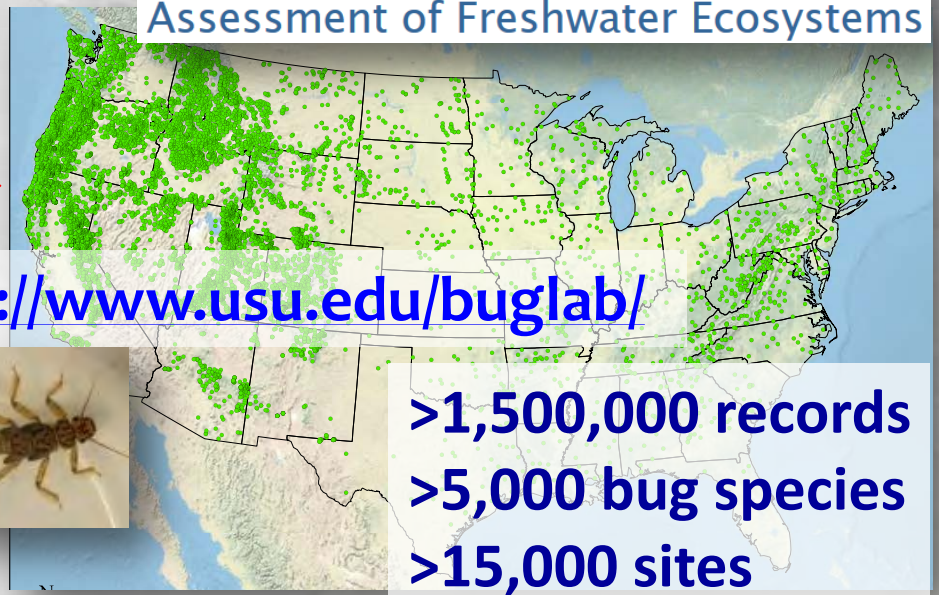




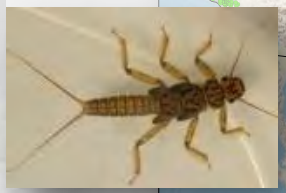
Mountains of Aquatic Data Already Exist

Databases of biological measurements

Western Center for Monitoring & Assessment of Freshwater Ecosystems

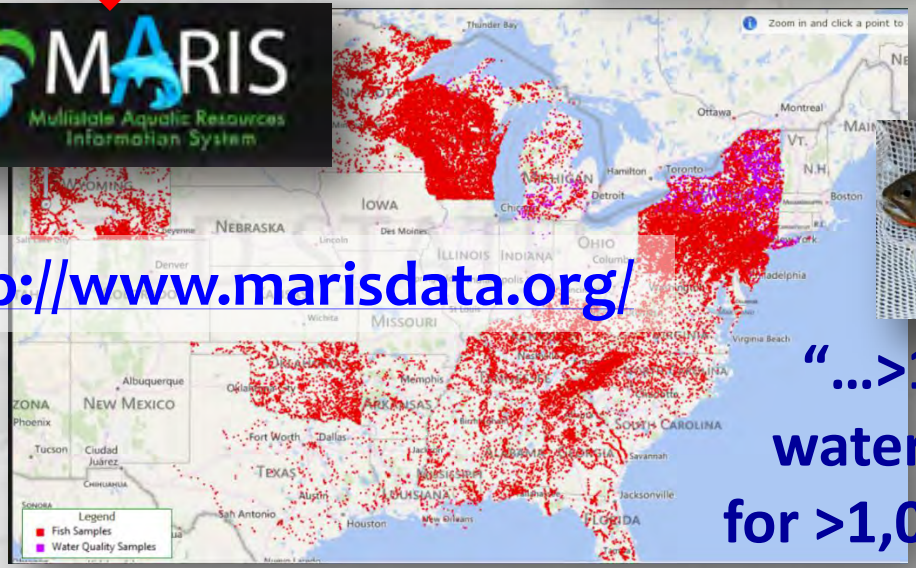


http://www.usu.edu/buglab/



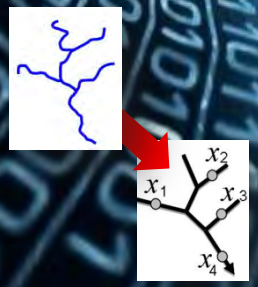
>1,500,000 records
>5,000 bug species
>15,000 sites

MARIS
Multistate Aquatic Resources Information System

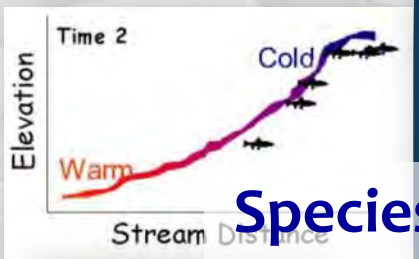


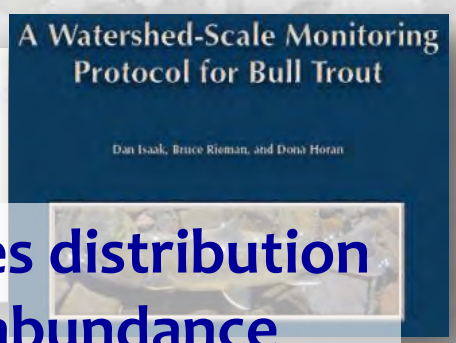
http://www.marisdata.org/

"...>1,000,000 fish & water quality records for >1,000 fish species"



Standard Protocols & Inexpensive Technology

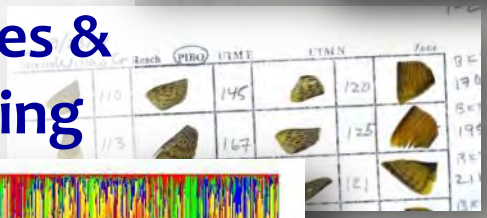


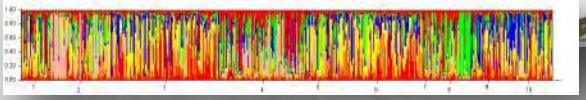


Species distribution & abundance

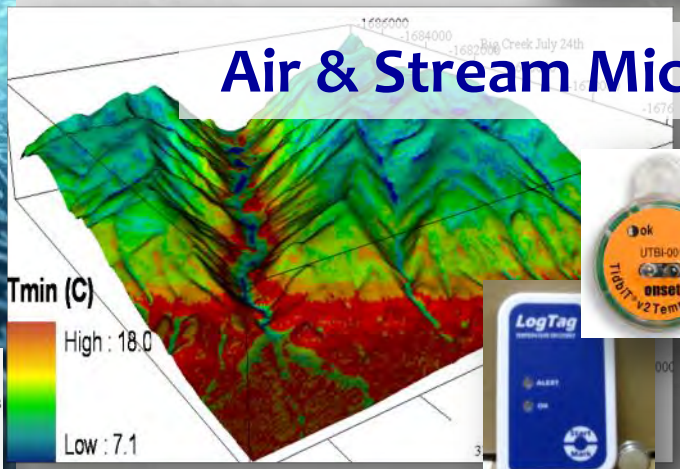
Stream discharge

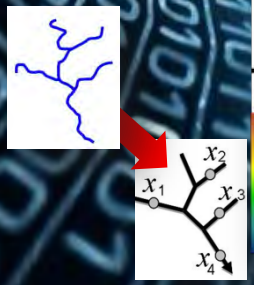
Tissue Samples & DNA barcoding

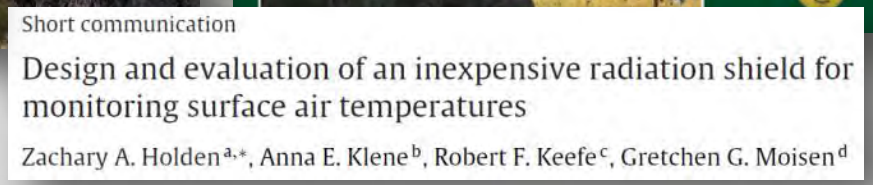




Air & Stream Microclimates

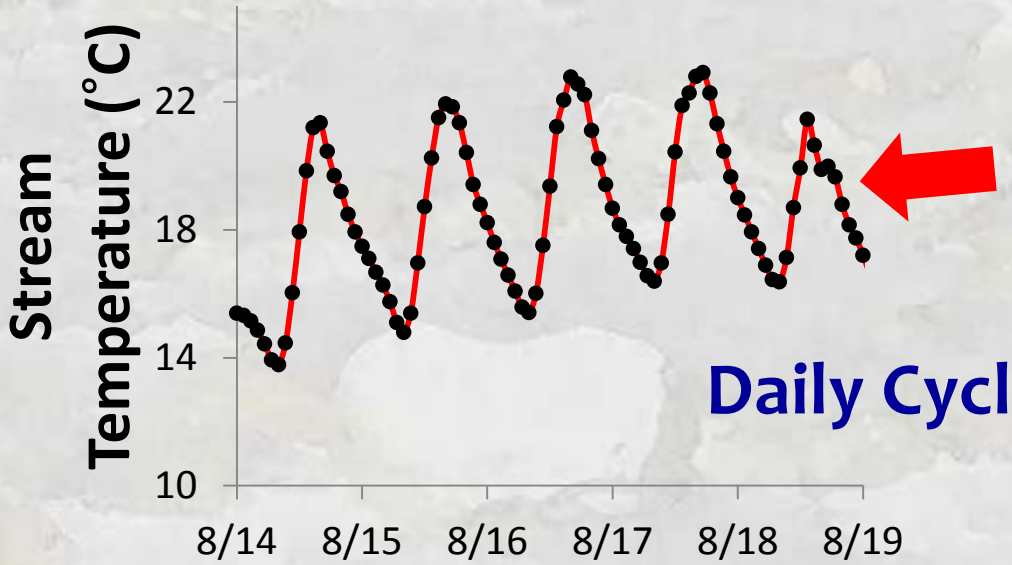






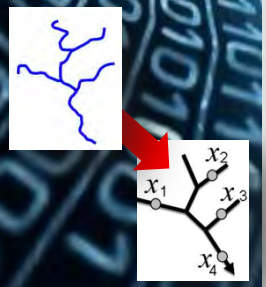
Miniature Digital Sensors Make Temperature Data Collection Easy…

$100 = 5 years of data



Many measurements each day (12 – 48)

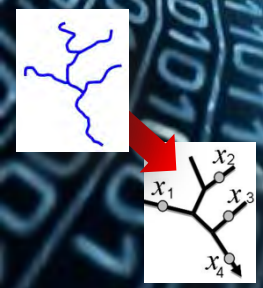
Daily Cycles

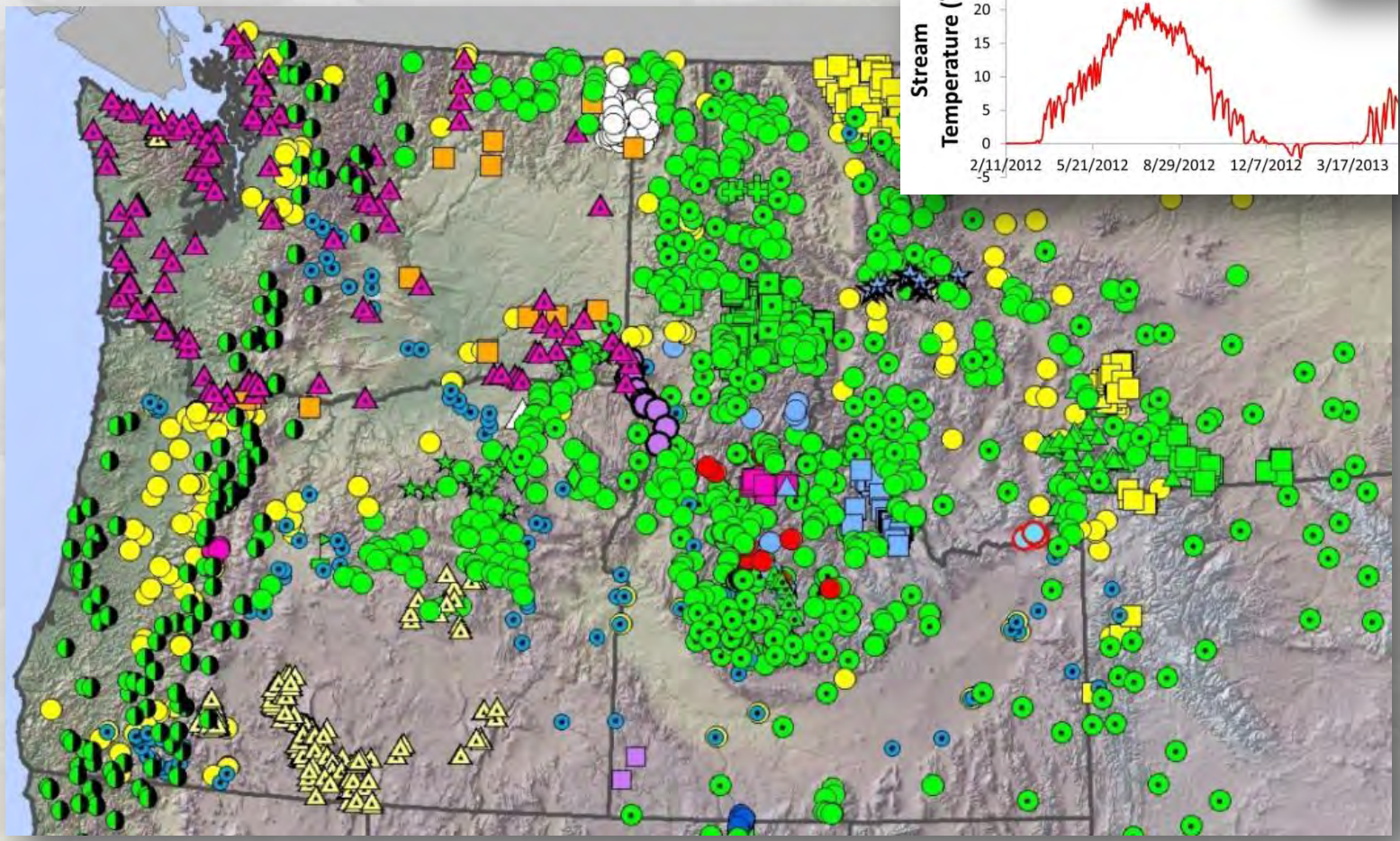


Rates of Data Acquisition are Accelerating

~4,000 annual temperature monitoring sites

35,000,000 hourly records annually!





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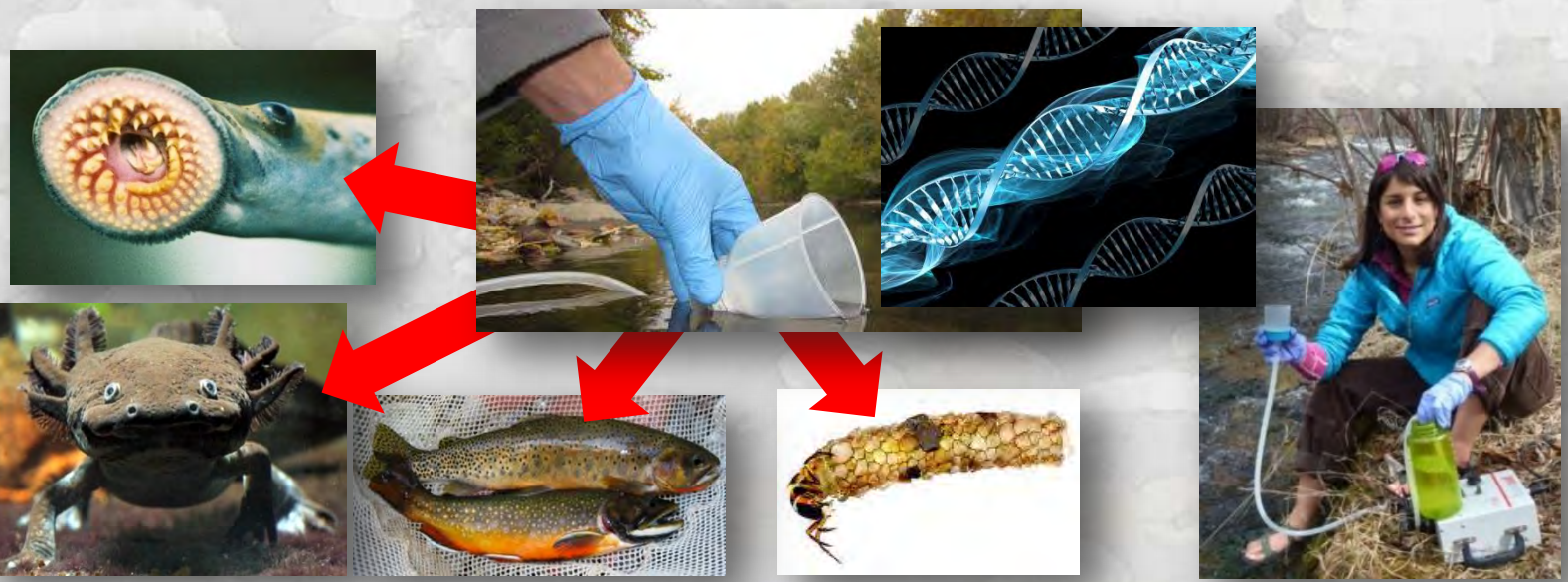
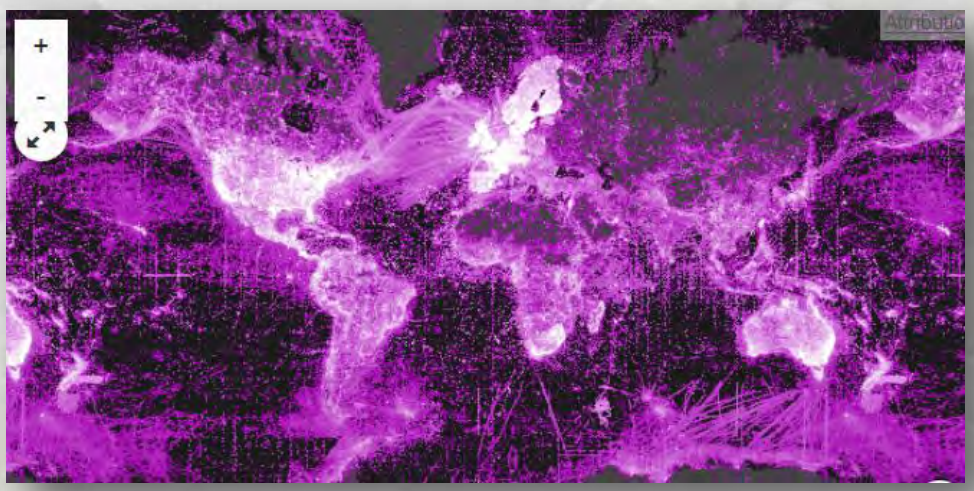
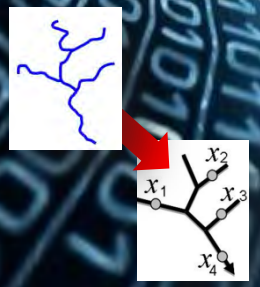
eDNA puts occurrence sampling on steroids





GBIF Database
>600,000,000
species occurrence
records



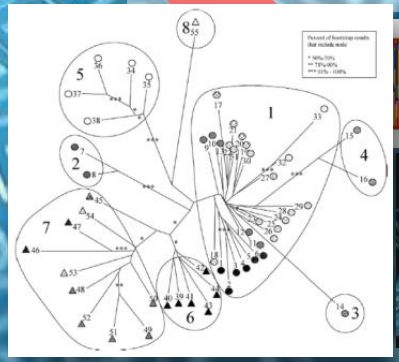
We're Being Buried Alive

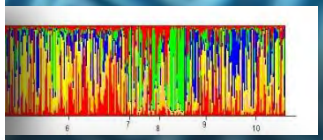
- Water Quality

- Distribution & Abundance

- Habitat Condition

- Genetic Attributes

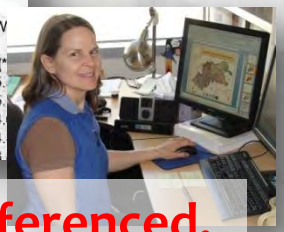




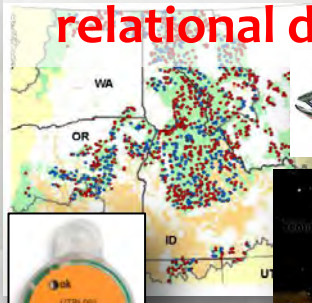
Data Needs to be Organized & Accessible to be Useful

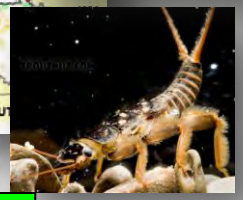
Data In → **Information Out**

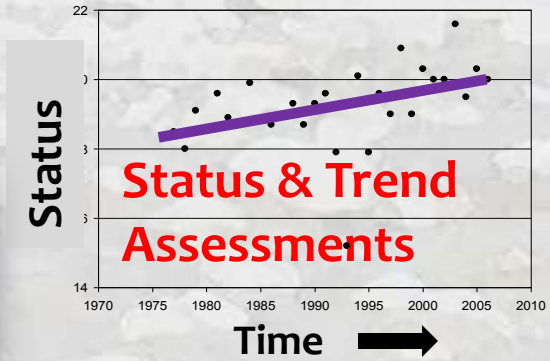
	A	B	C
1			
2	Stream:	Elk Creek	
3	Georeference:	610234 E, 4402546 W	
4			
5	Date	Time	Temp (°
6	7/15/2005	21:23	15.
7	7/15/2005	21:53	15.
8	7/15/2005	22:23	14.
9	7/15/2005	22:53	14.
10	7/15/2005	23:23	13.



Spatially referenced, relational database

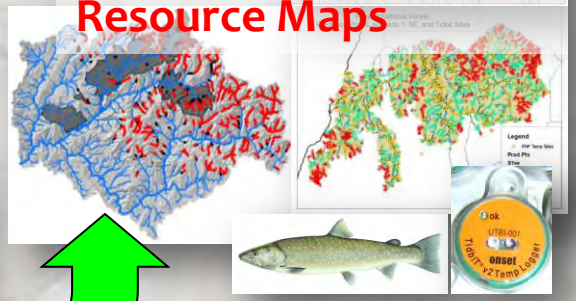






Status & Trend Assessments

Spatially Continuous Resource Maps



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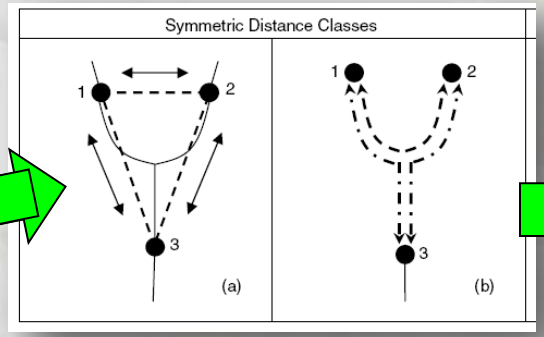
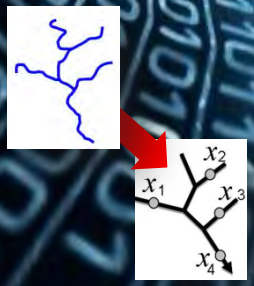
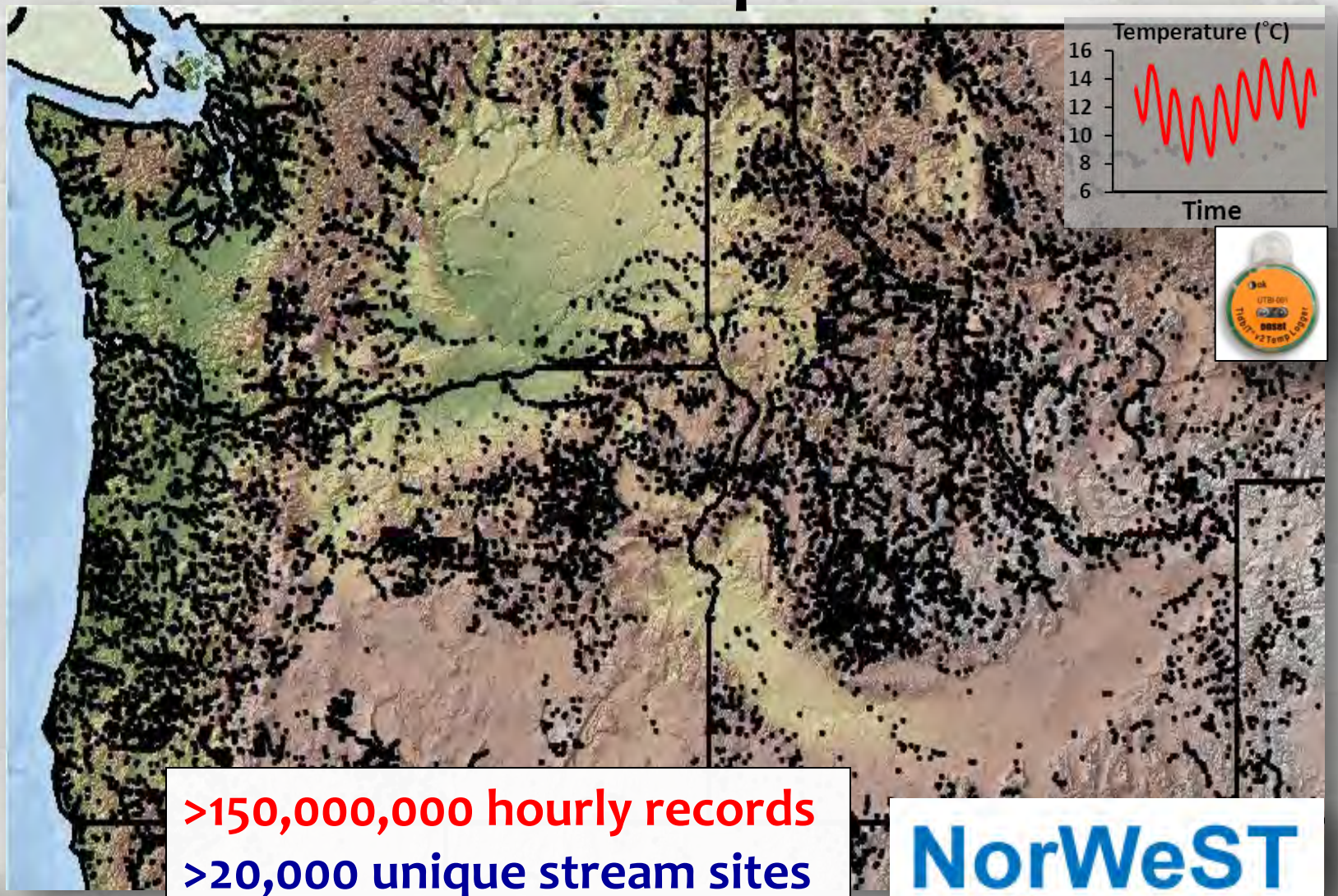
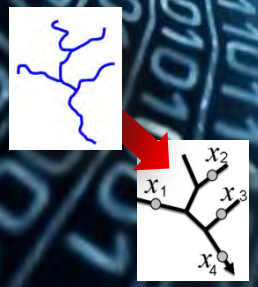


More data, monitoring design



A BIG DATA Crowd-Sourcing Example with Stream Temperature Data





>150,000,000 hourly records

>20,000 unique stream sites

>100 resource agencies

NorWeST Stream Temp

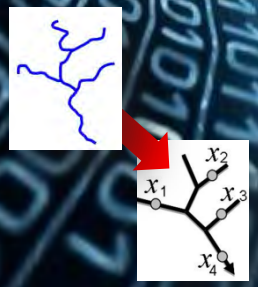
Steps in the Database Creation Process:

1) Database team cleans/organizes data into an Oracle database
   a. temperature sites linked to NHDPlus stream reaches & unique COMID field
   b. temperature data are passed through a cleaning macro so that anomalous records are flagged
   c. database team contacts data providers to resolve discrepancies in a or b

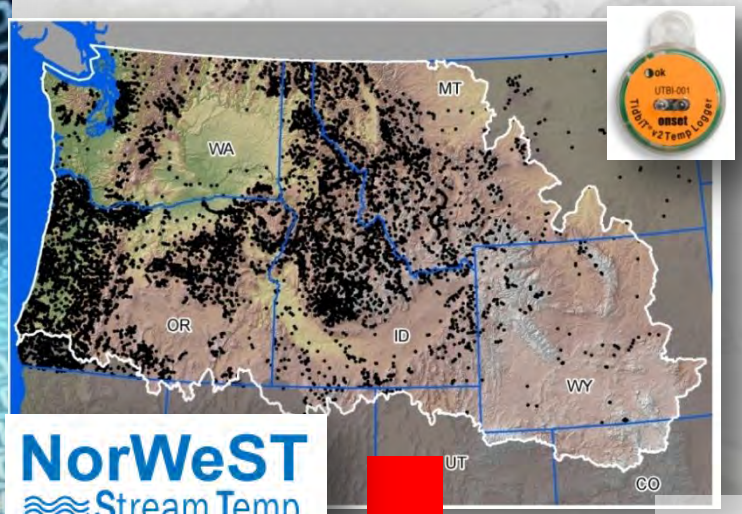
2) Summary metrics calculated (daily min/max/mean & many others) using custom scripts

3) Meta-data describing procedures are developed & linked to data

4) Data are packaged in user-friendly digital file formats & posted to website for distribution

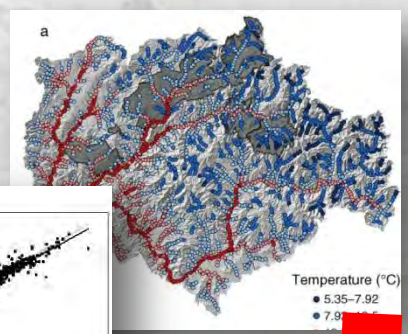


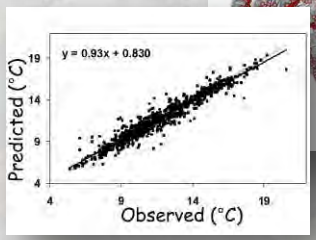
Regional Temperature Model



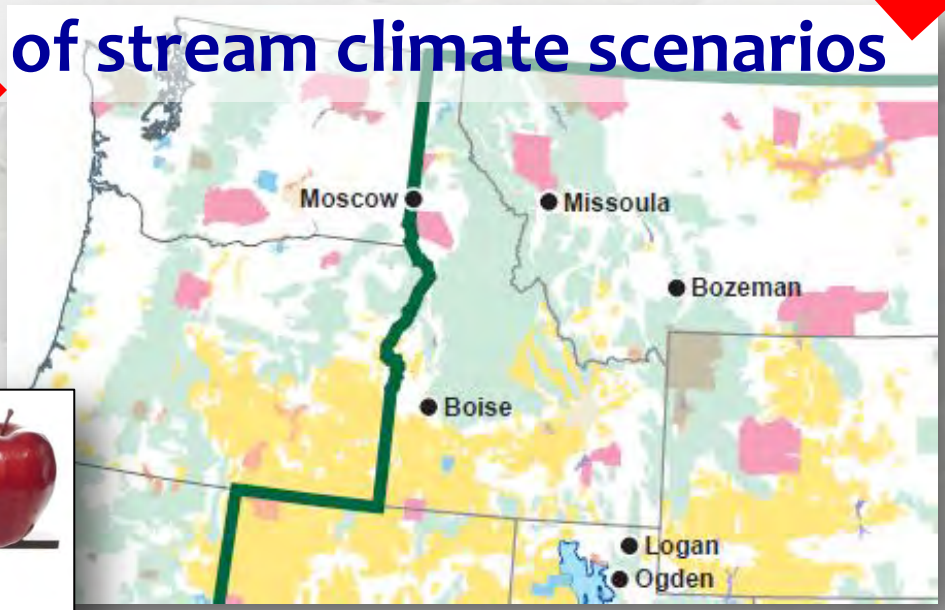
NorWeST
Stream Temp

Accurate stream temp model

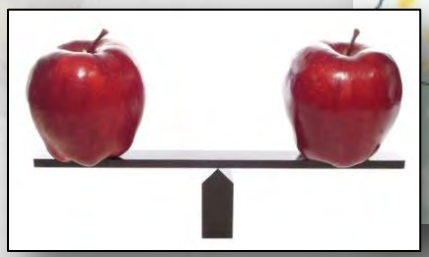


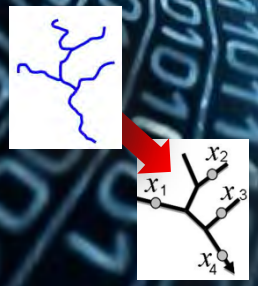


Cross-jurisdictional "maps" of stream climate scenarios



Consistent datum for strategic planning across all streams



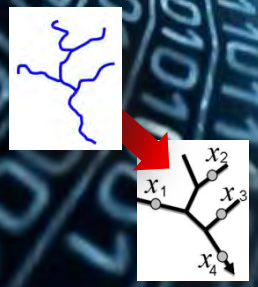


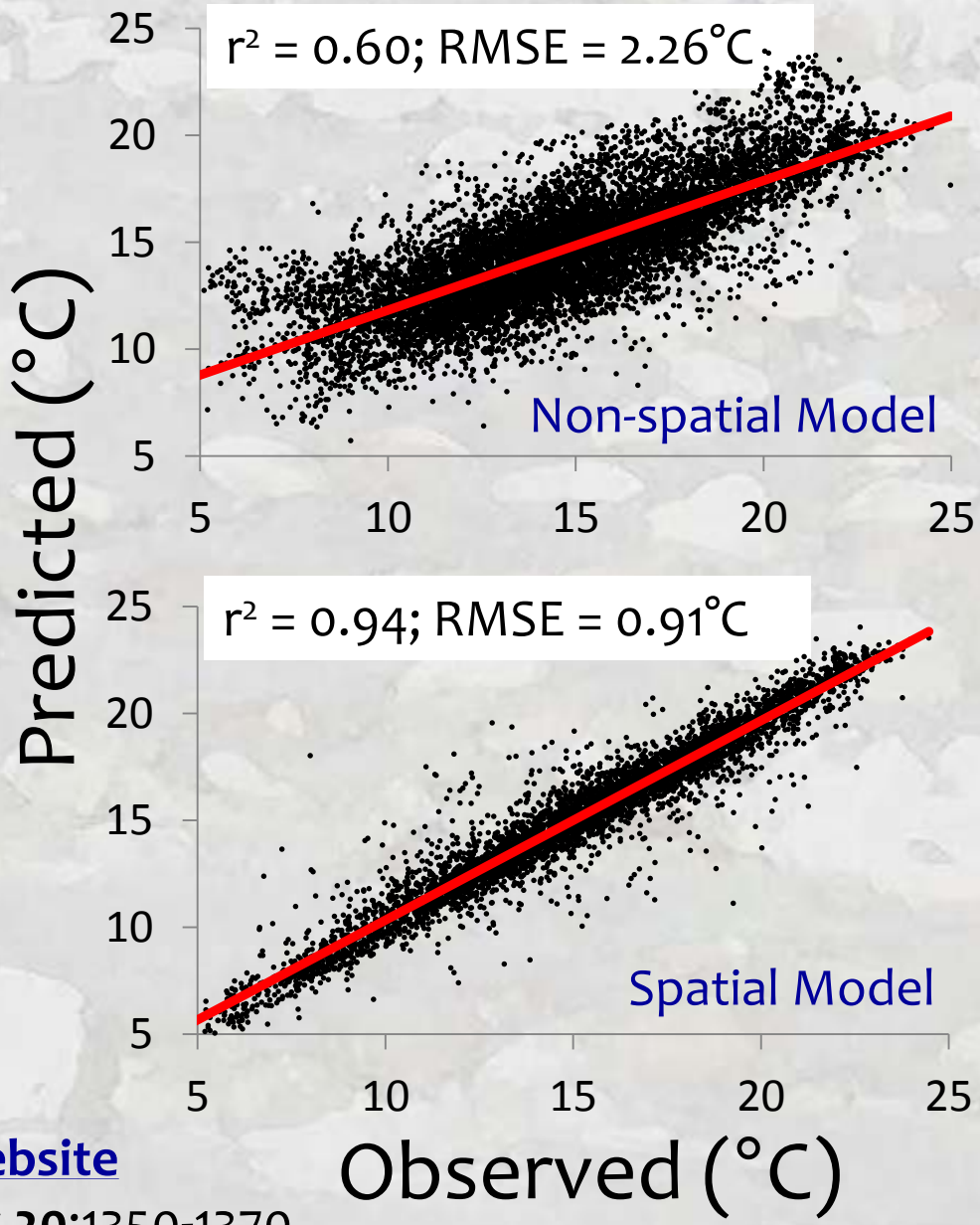
Accurate GeoStatistical Stream Models

Covariate Predictors

1. Elevation (m)
2. Canopy (%)
3. Stream slope (%)
4. Ave Precipitation (mm)
5. Latitude (km)
6. Lakes upstream (%)
7. Baseflow Index
8. Watershed size (km^2)
9. Glacier (%)

10. Discharge (m^3/s)
    USGS gage data
11. Air Temperature (°C)
    RegCM3 NCEP reanalysis
    Hostetler et al. 2011

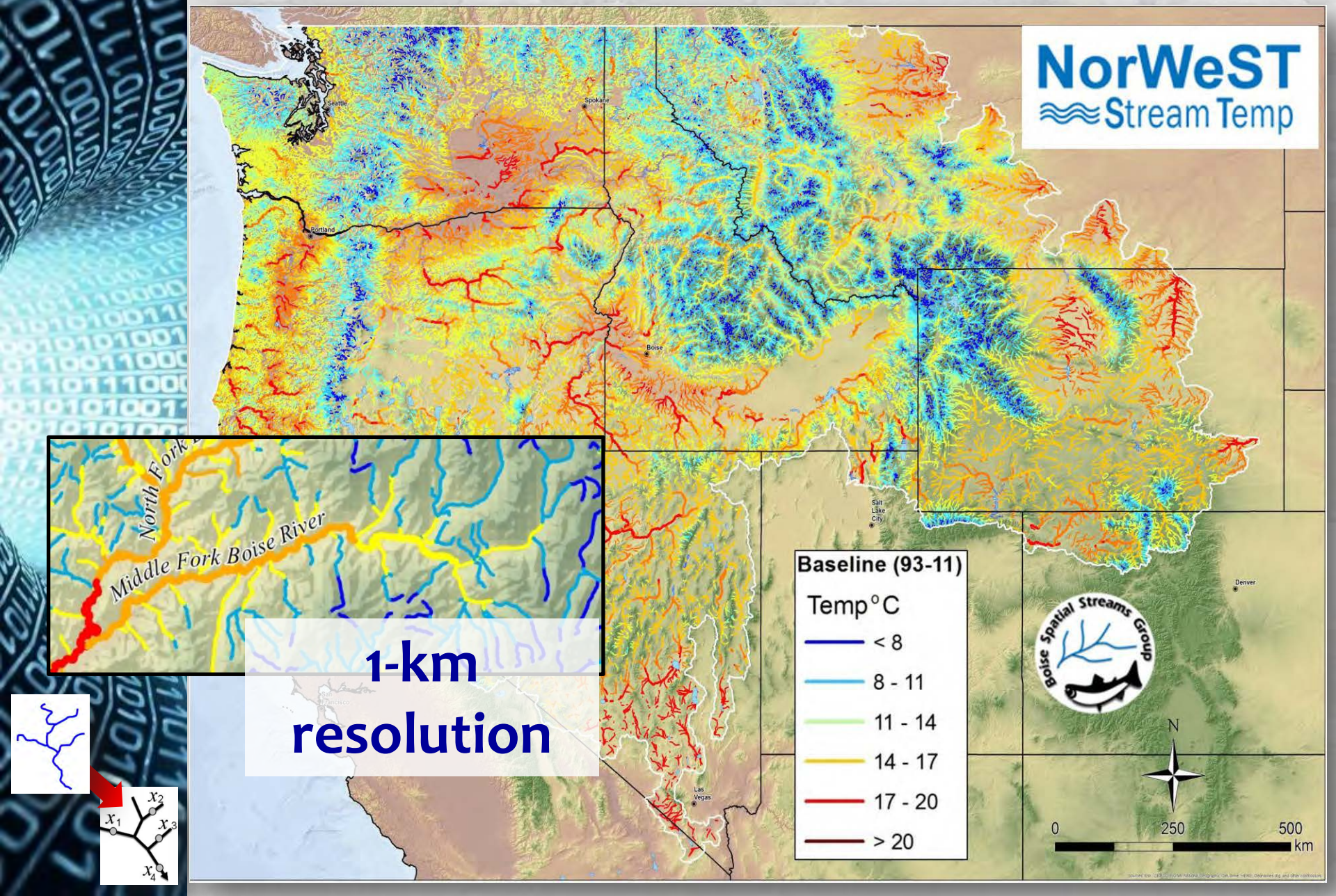




More details: **NorWeST website**

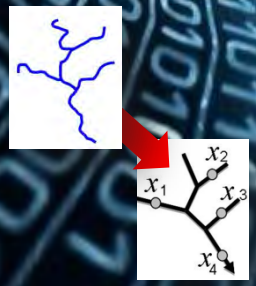
Isaak et al. 2010. *Ecol. Apps* **20**:1350-1370.

Model Enables Accurate Prediction Maps



30 NorWeST Climate Scenarios

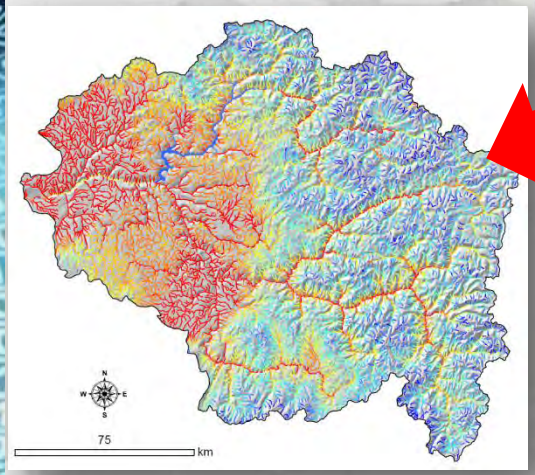
Scenario	Description
S1_93_11	Historical scenario representing 19 year average August mean stream temperatures for 1993-2011
S2_02_11	Historical scenario representing 10 year average August mean stream temperatures for 2002-2011
S3_1993	Historical scenario representing August mean stream temperatures for 1993
S4_1994	Historical scenario representing August mean stream temperatures for 1994
Etc…	
S23-33	10 Future scenarios…



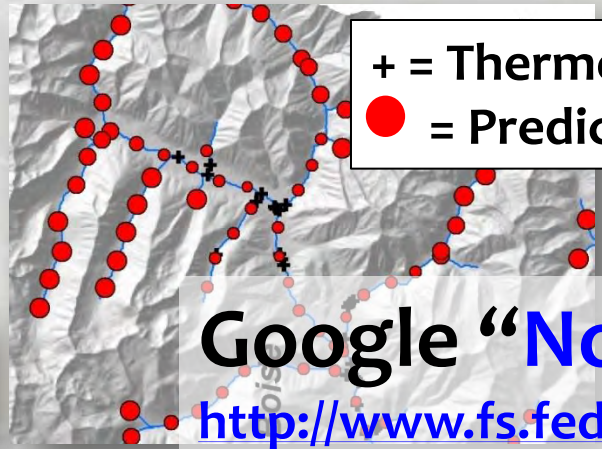
***Extensive metadata on website**

Website Distributes Raw Data & BLOB Scenarios as GIS Layers

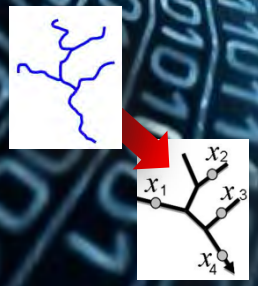
1) GIS shapefiles of stream temperature scenarios



2) GIS shapefiles of stream temperature model prediction precision



3) Temperature data summaries

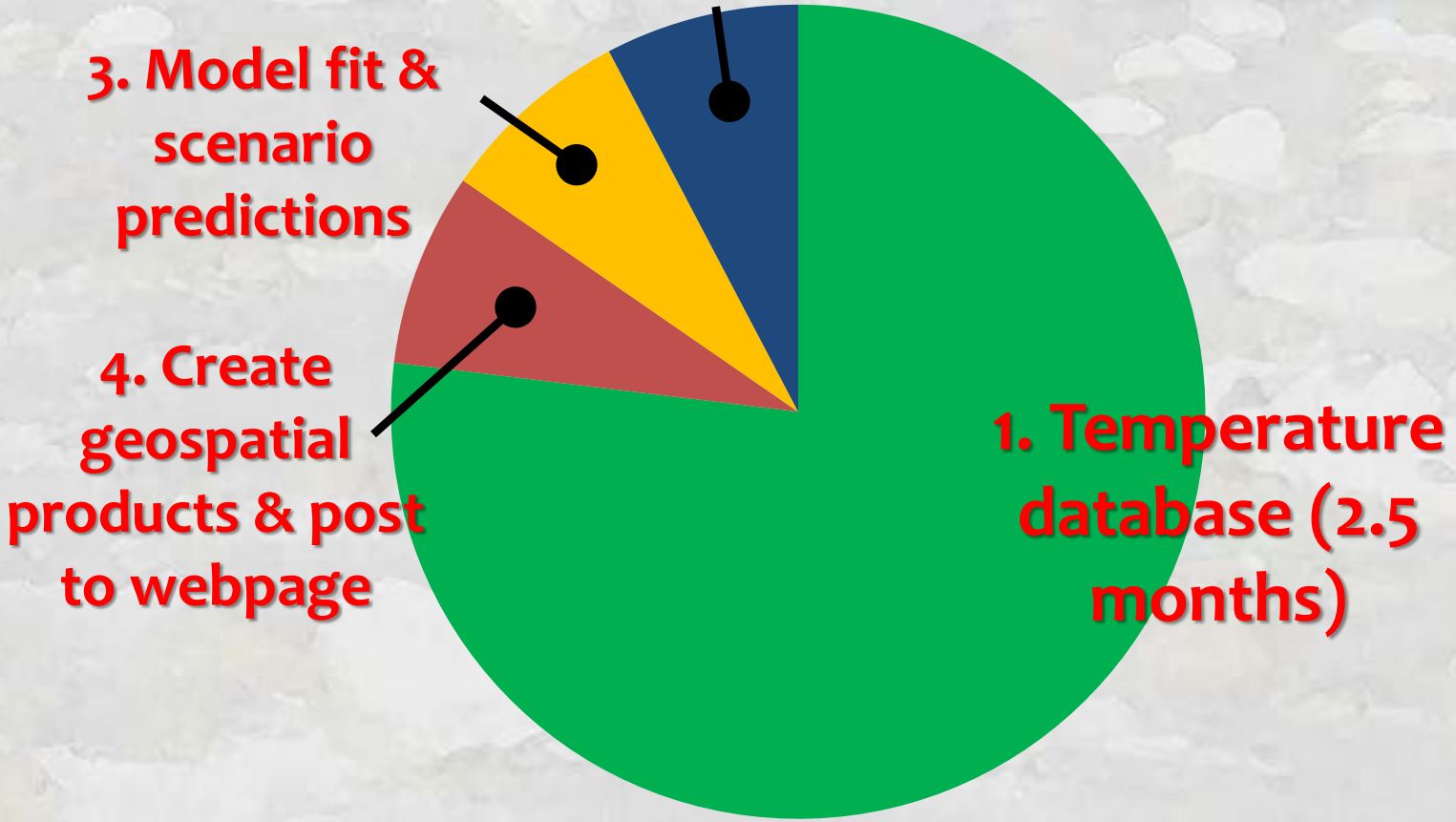


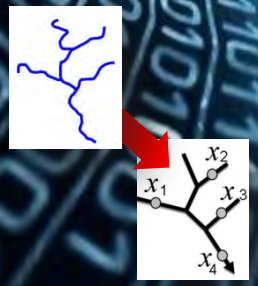
Google "NorWeST" or go here…

http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/boise/AWAE/projects/NorWeST.shtml

Potato Baking Time…

3 Months Per River Basin





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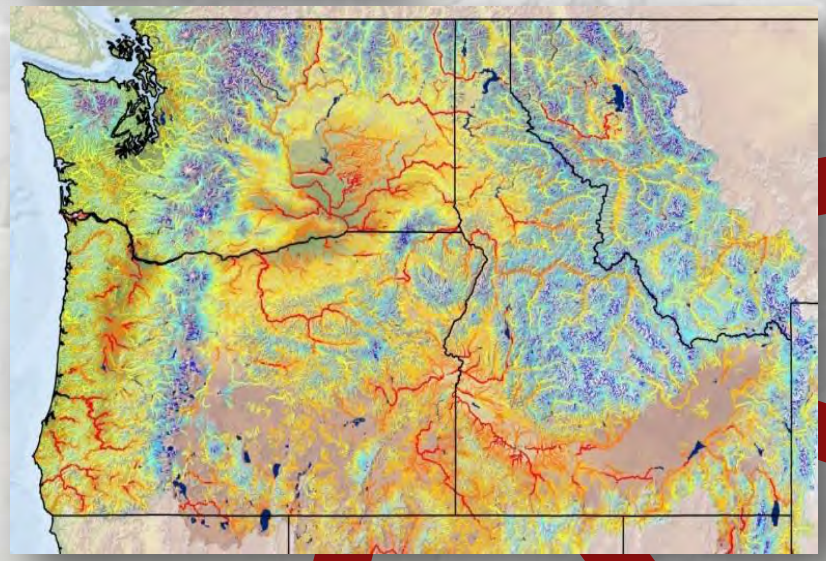
Temperature Applications

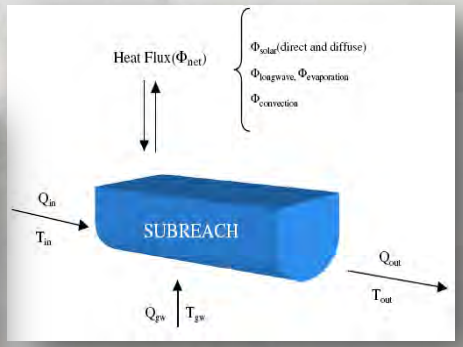


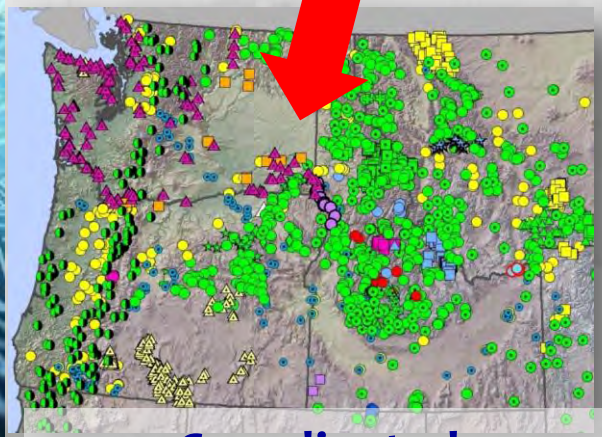
Regulatory temperature standards

Too Hot!

Too cold!

Data access accelerates temperature research





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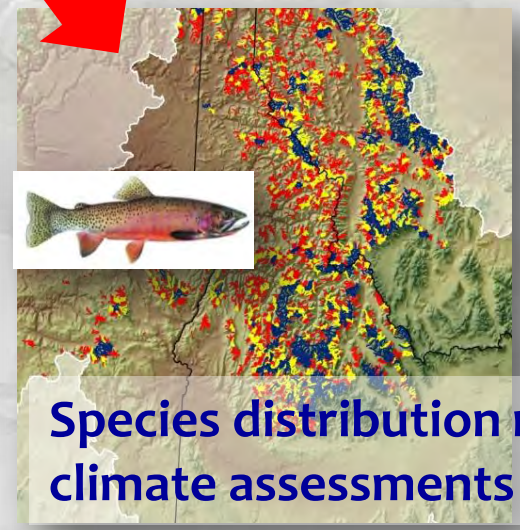
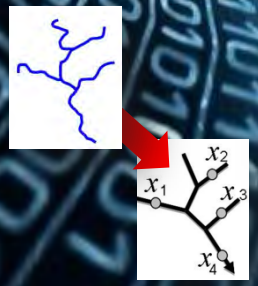


Species distribution models & climate assessments



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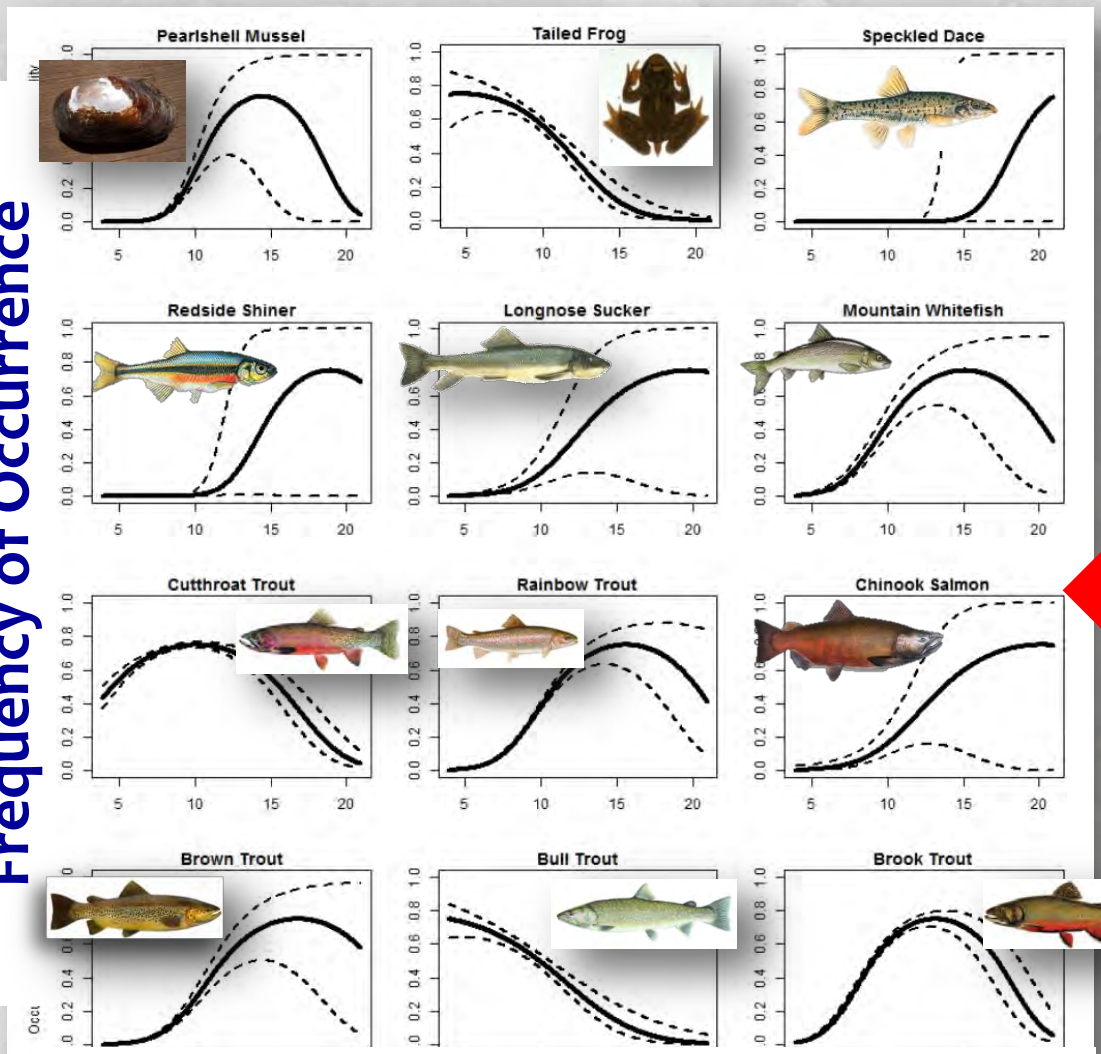

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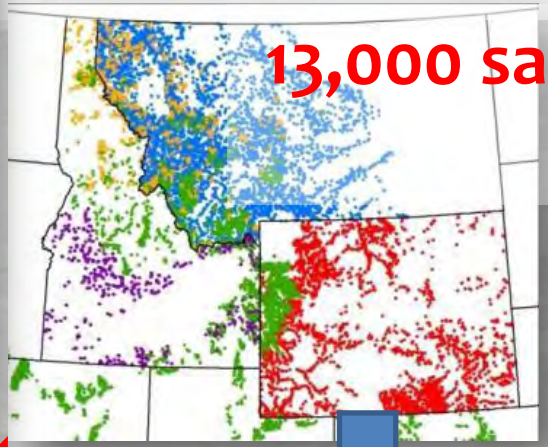

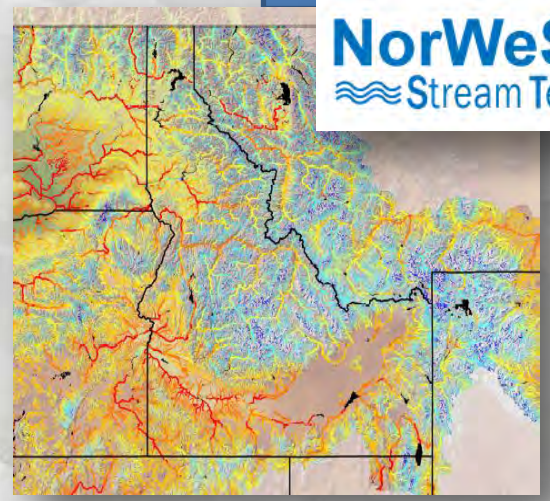

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Accurate Species Distribution Models

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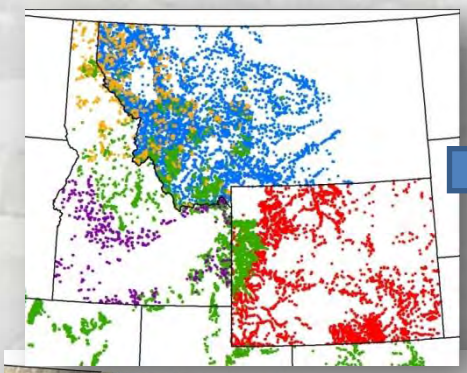

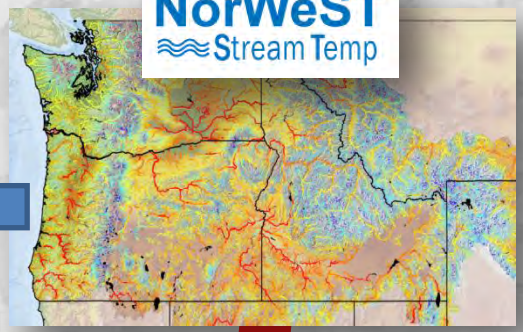

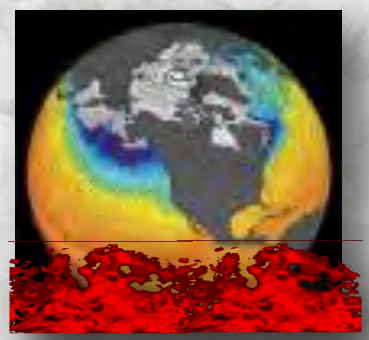

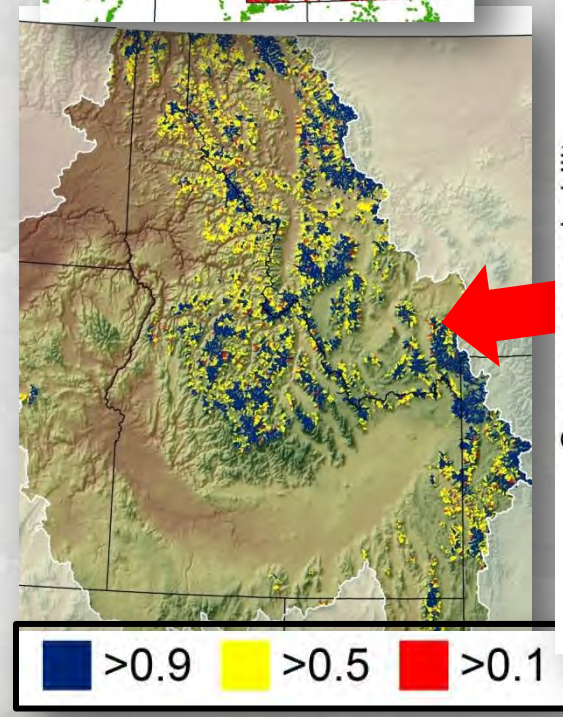

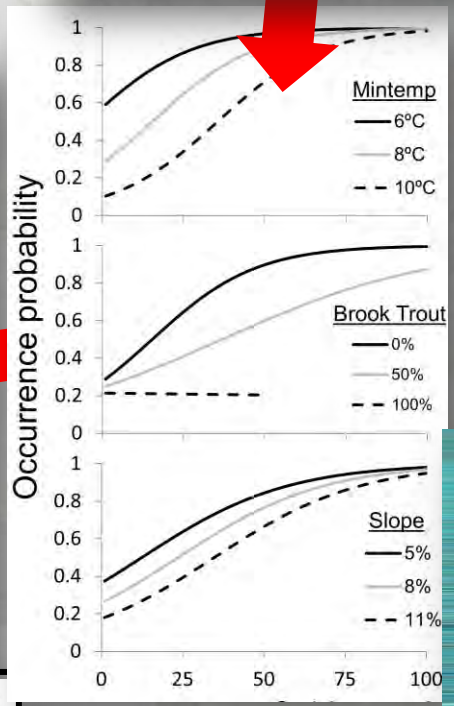

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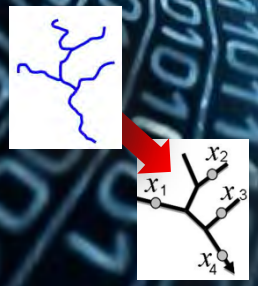

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Forecast Specific Climate Refugia

2080s

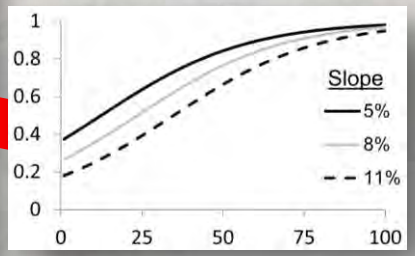
North Cascades

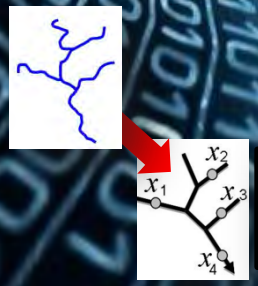
Flathead

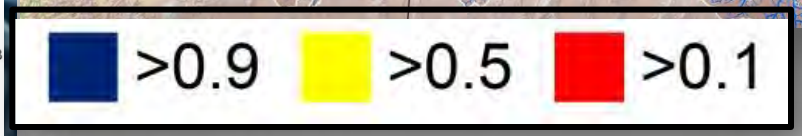
Walla Walla

Metolius

Upper Salmon



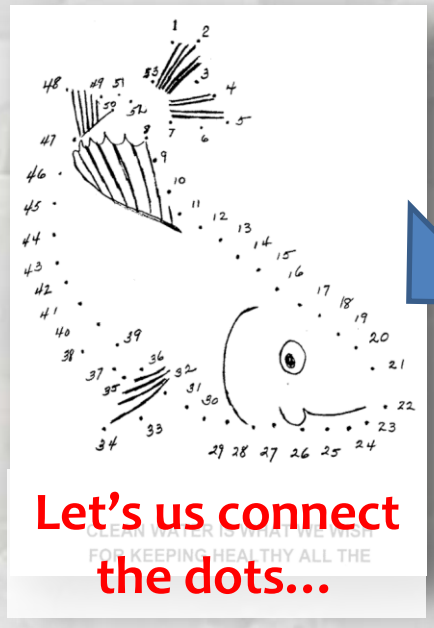




62 Worst case "Bomb-shelters"

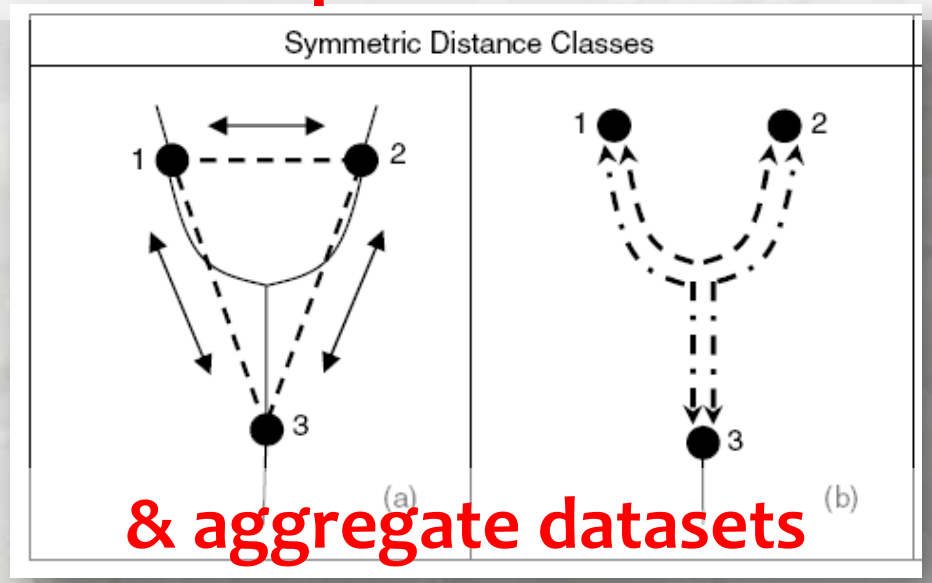
BIG DATA are often Autocorrelated

Spatial Statistical Network Models



Let's us connect the dots…

Valid interpolation on networks



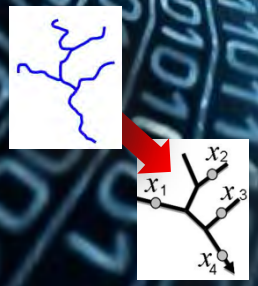
& aggregate datasets

Advantages:

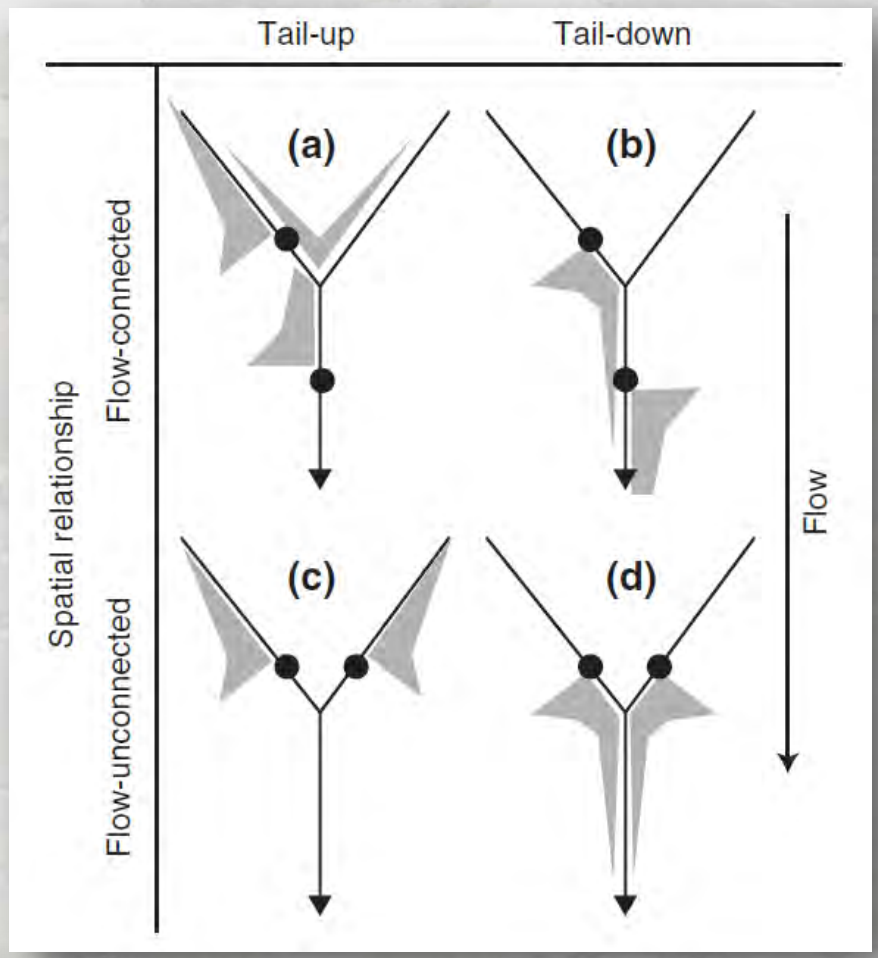
-flexible & valid autocovariance structures that accommodate network topology & non-independence among observations

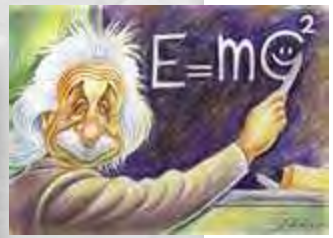
-improved predictive ability & parameter estimates relative to non-spatial models

Ver Hoef et al. 2006; Ver Hoef & Peterson 2010; Peterson & Ver Hoef 2013

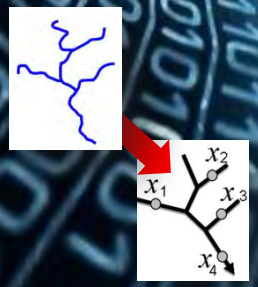


Key Innovation is Covariance Structure Based On Network Structure





- **Models "understand" how information moves among locations**
- **Models account for spatial autocorrelation among observations**



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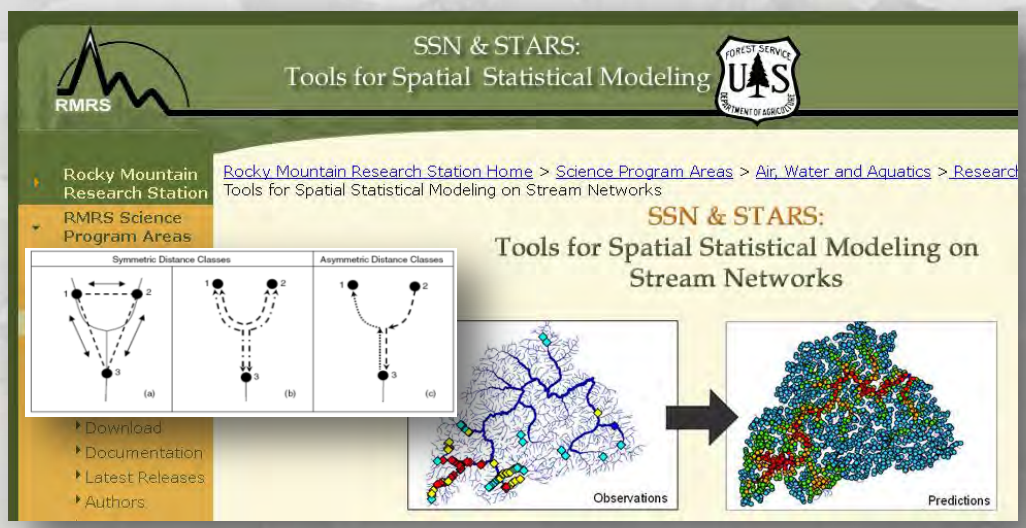
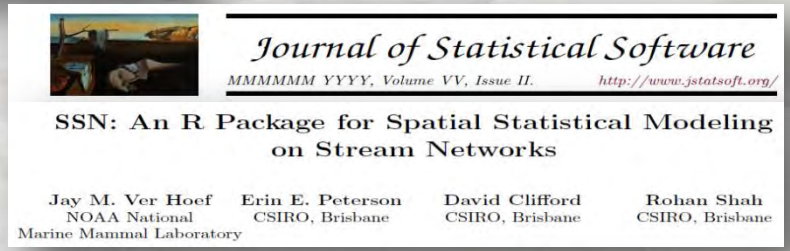
Geostatistical Stream Software is Free

SSN/STARS Website



Spatial Stream Networks (SSN) Package for R

- **Software**
- **Example Datasets**
- **Documentation**



A Moving Average Approach for Spatial Statistical Models of Stream Networks

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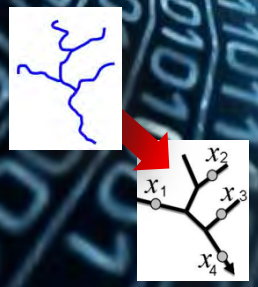
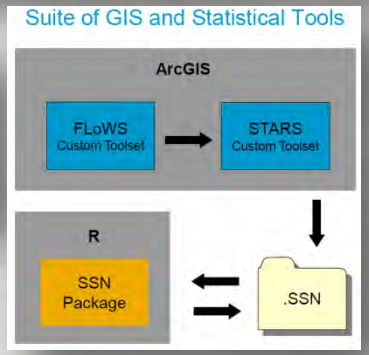


STARS: An ArcGIS toolset used to calculate the spatial data needed to fit spatial statistical models to stream network data



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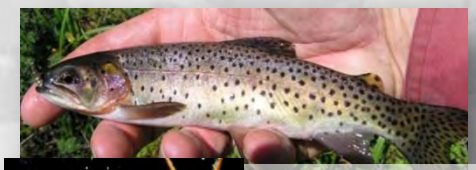
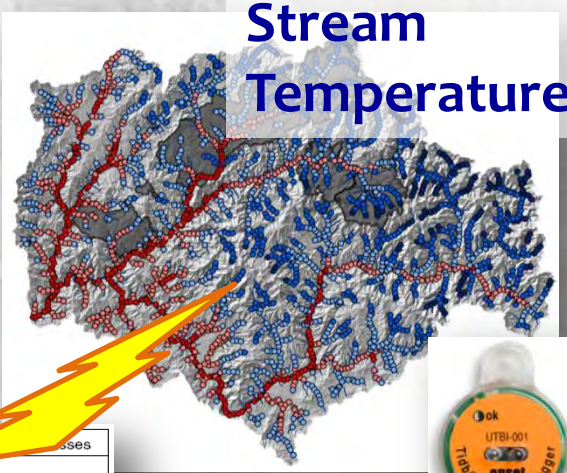
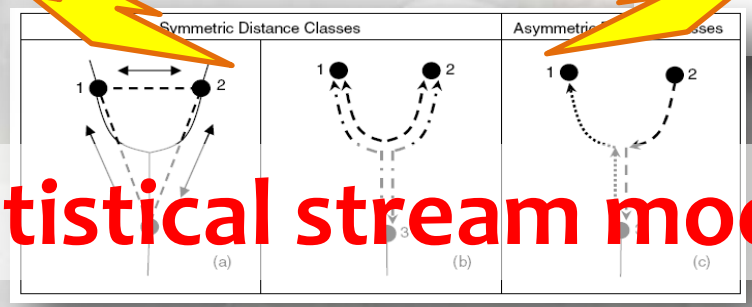


Distribution & abundance

Response Metrics
- Gaussian
- Poissan
- Binomial

Stream Temperature





Statistical stream models

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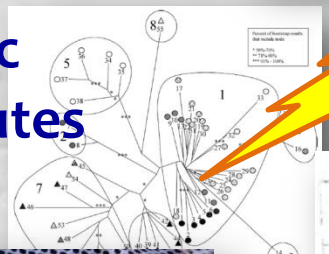

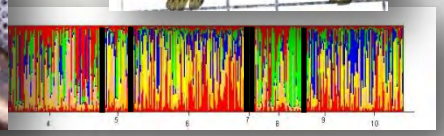

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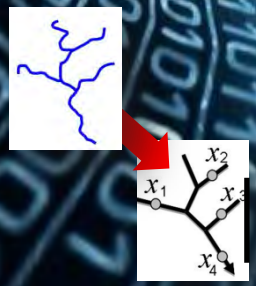
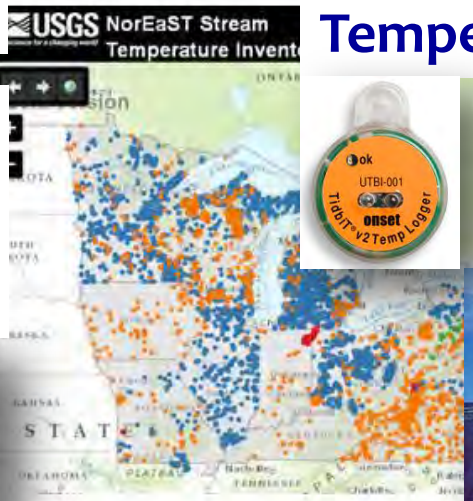


Mountains of Stream Data Can be Mined for Valuable "Information"

Free millions!



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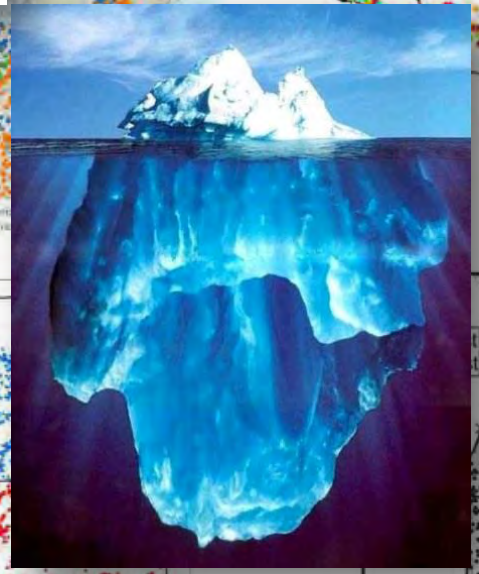
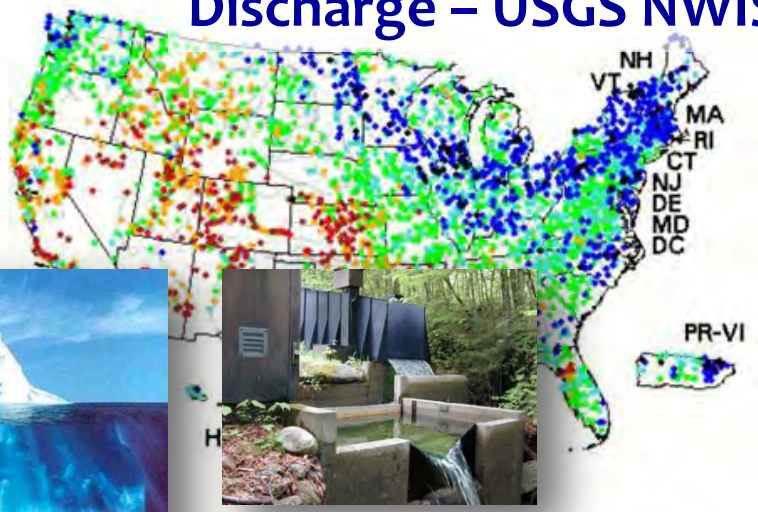


Discharge – USGS NWIS



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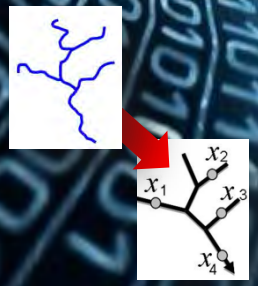
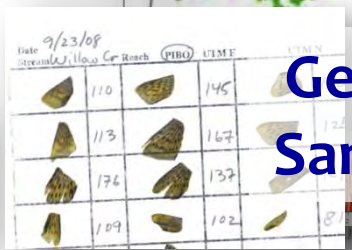
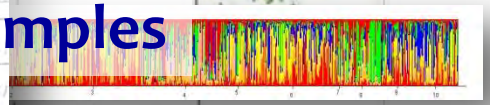




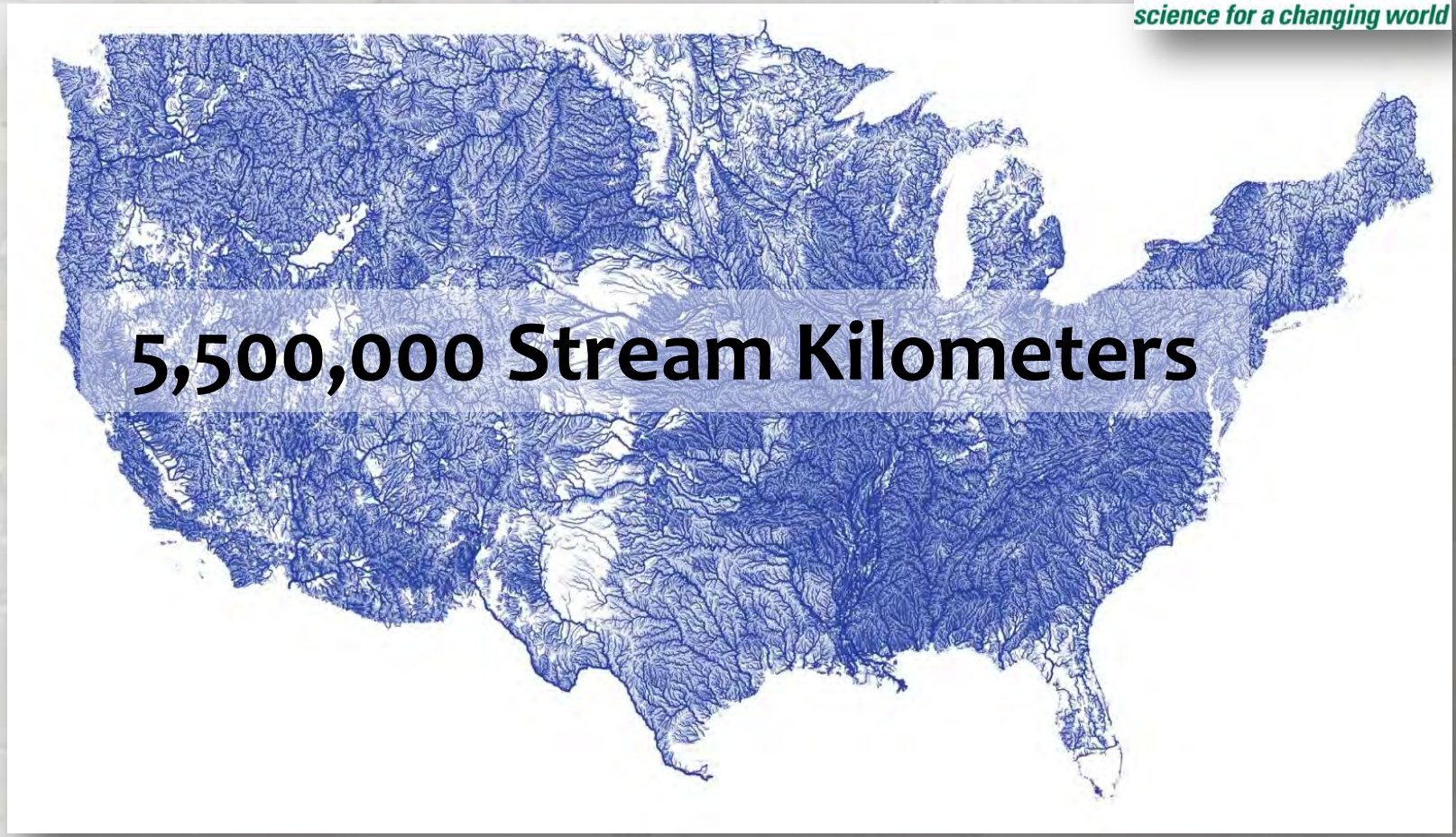
Genetic Samples

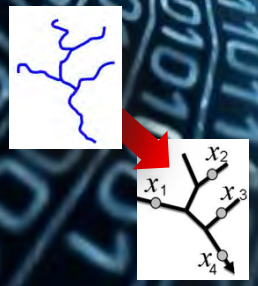


Water Quality

NHD Digital Stream Network

Nationally consistent geospatial database





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"PLUS" part of NHDPlus (Stream Reach Predictors/Descriptors)

NHDPlus

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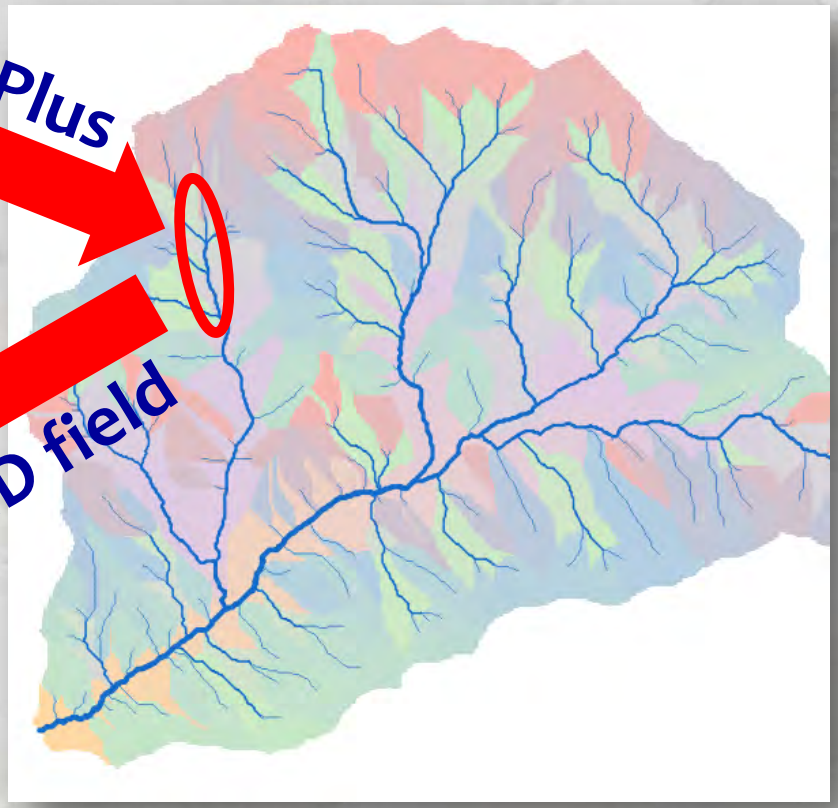
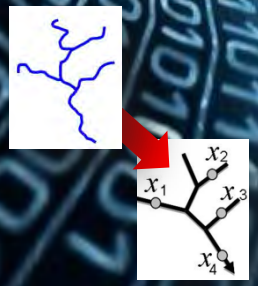


- Elevation
- Slope
- %Landuse
- Precipitation

10's more…



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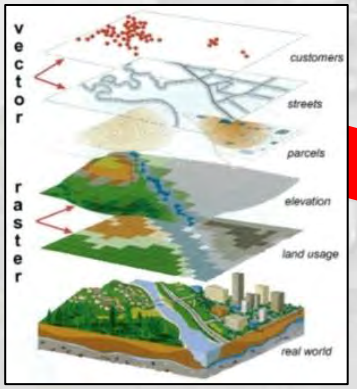
More Stream Reach Predictors/Descriptors in Nationally Available GeoDatabases



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Databases of stream reach descriptors

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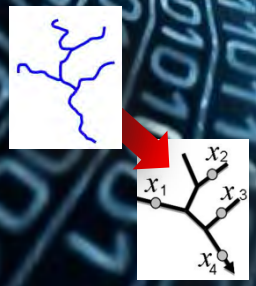
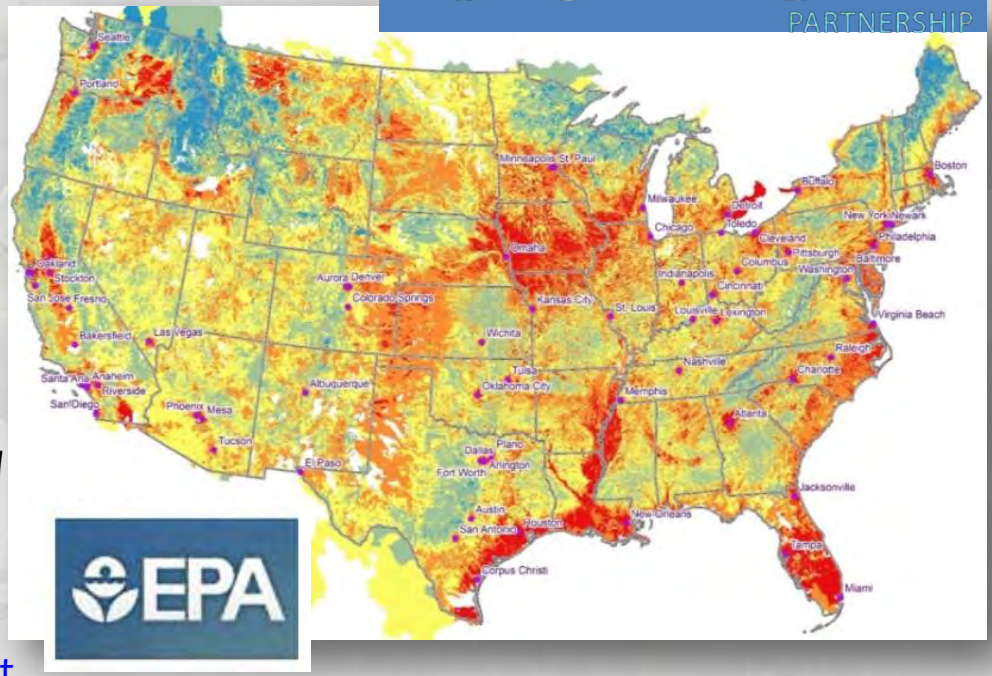
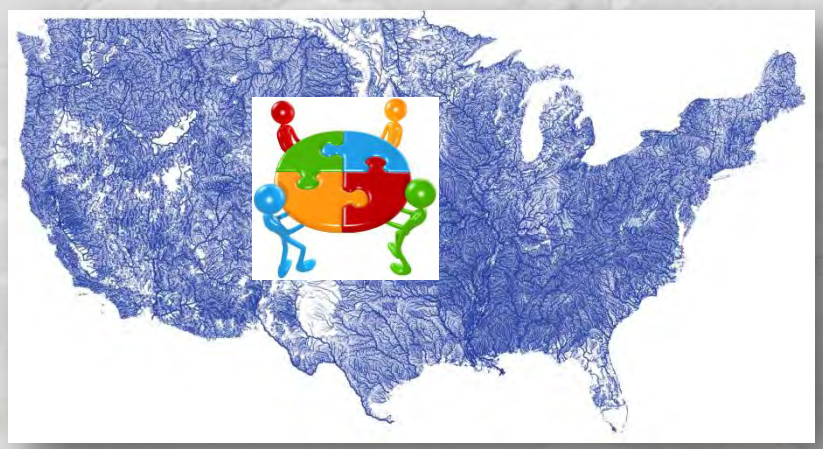




Website Hub: The National Stream Internet



LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION COOPERATIVES

NOAA NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ACEMS

Boise Spatial Streams Group

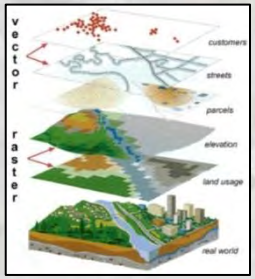
FOREST SERVICE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USGS

NSI Resources

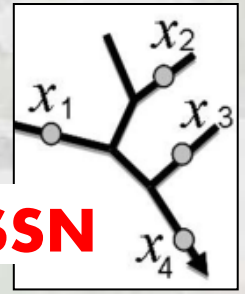
Workshop & presentations

NSI hydrography network (shapefiles)



Databases of stream reach descriptors

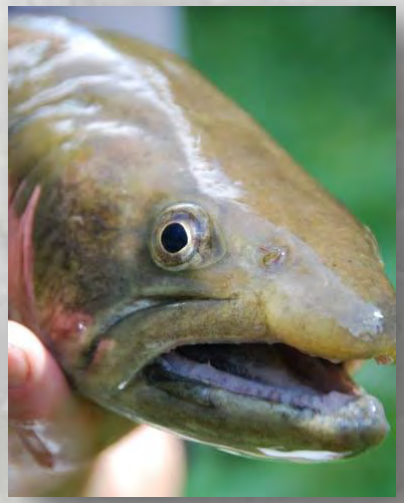
Databases of stream measurements

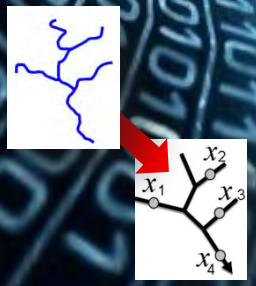


Spatial stream-network models

Ideas → Data → Analysis → Information

One Last Thing—Who All Lives Here?





Aquatic eDNA frontier

USFS National Genomics Center for Wildlife & Fish Conservation

- Pioneered the technique for salmonids
- Species specific, highly reliable (1 trout / 100 m = 85% detection)
- Field-proven protocol
- Cost: $65 sample

USDA Forest Service
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Mike Schwartz
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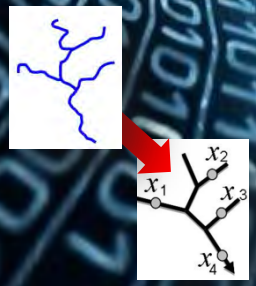
Google the website:

http://www.fs.fed.us/research/genomics-center/



eDNA project to census Bull Trout streams for regional status assessment (2015-2018)

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Collaborators

Bureau of Reclamation
Clark Fork Coalition
Clearwater Resource Council
Coeur d'Alene Tribes
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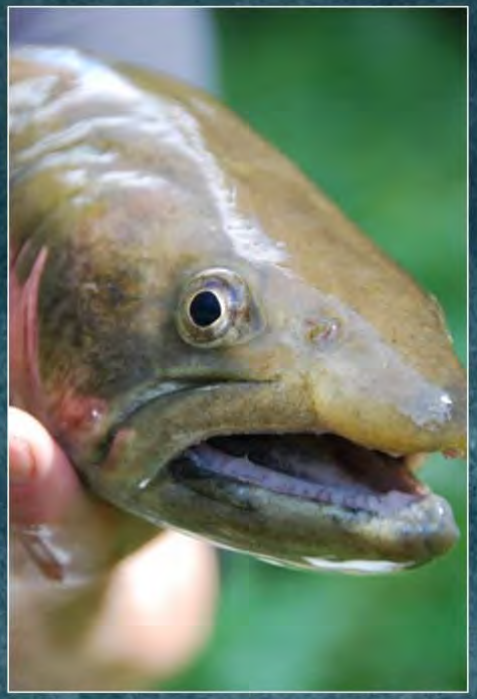

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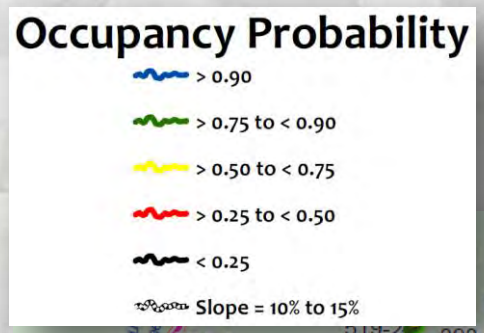
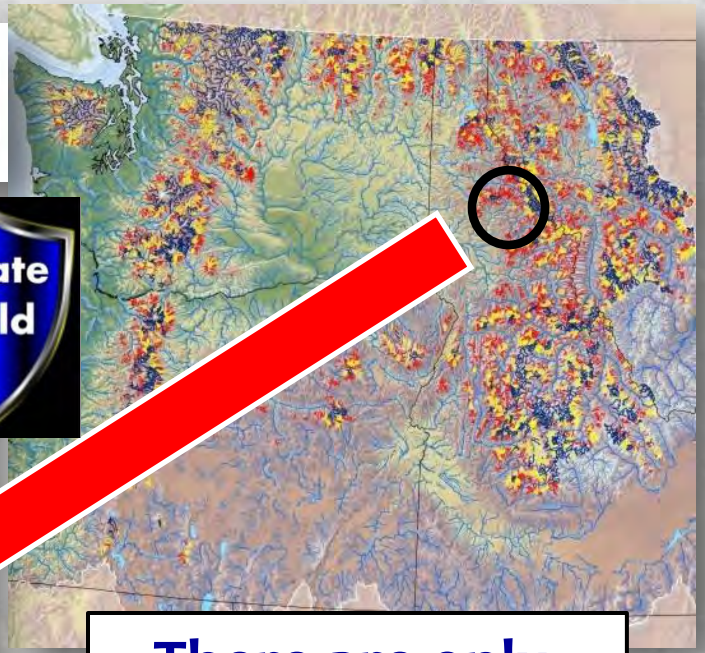
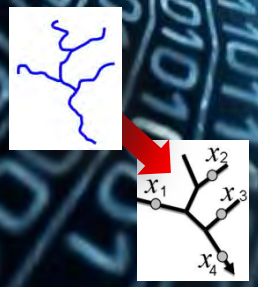
Combine eDNA sampling with Precise Predictions from Climate Shield Model







There are only…

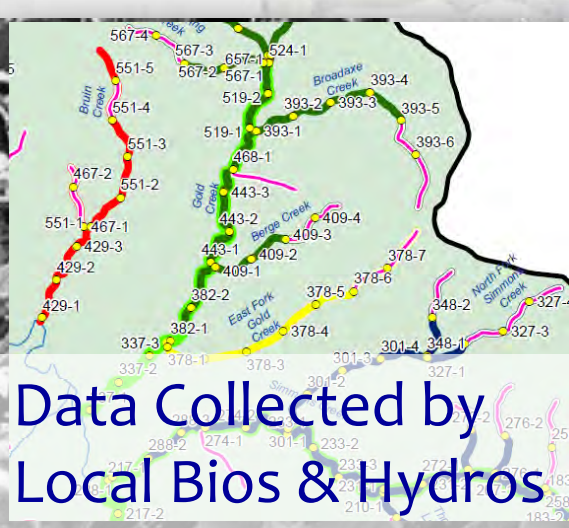
5,332 >0.1 habitats

1,325 >0.5 habitats

348 >0.9 habitats

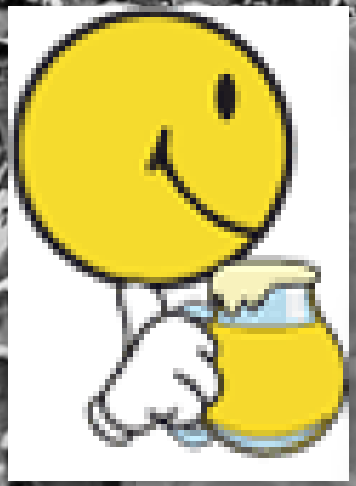
Target samples to resolve greatest uncertainty

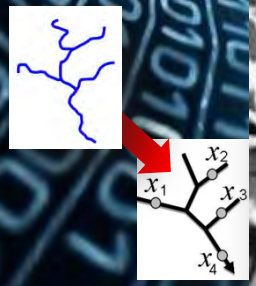
Data Primarily Collected by Crowd-Sourcing



Data Collected by Local Bios & Hydros

High-quality data developed collaboratively

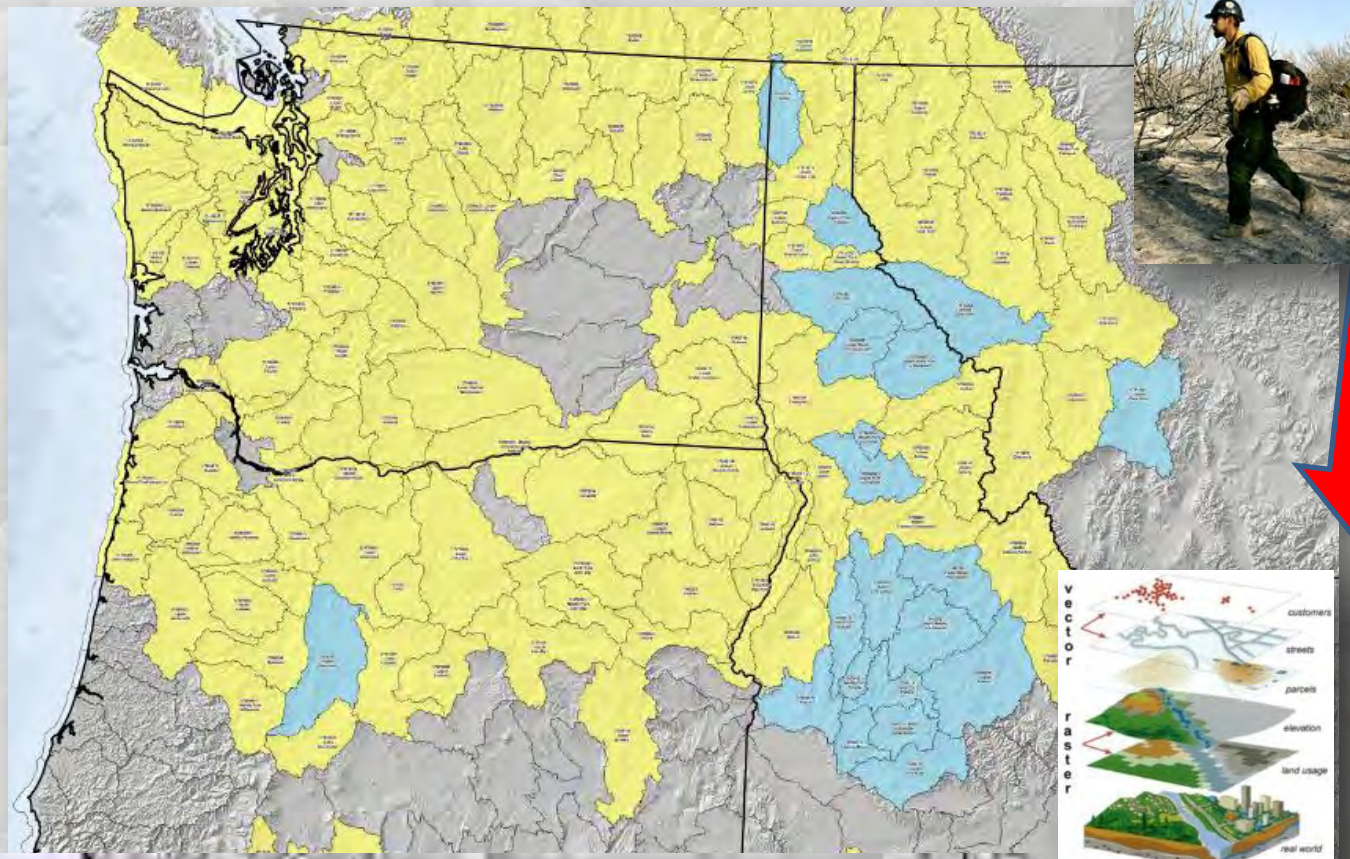


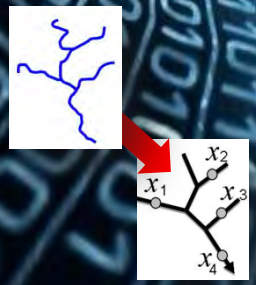


Management & regulatory actions

2016-2018: Industrial scale field campaigns

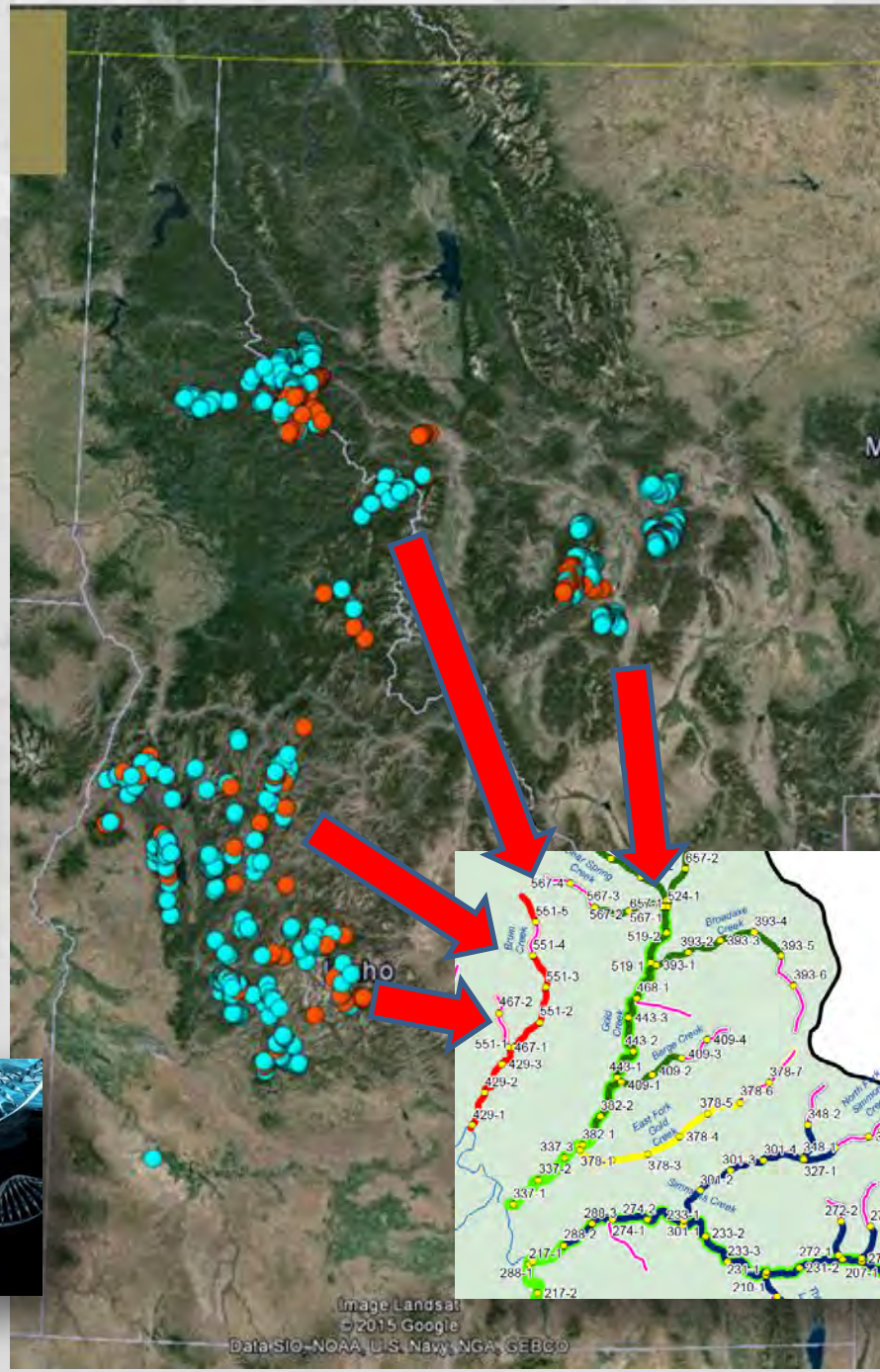
Everything is a digital database from day 1!





2015 “Pilot” Year:

- eDNA samples collected at 833 stream sites
- A few new populations discovered
- A few old populations “found again”



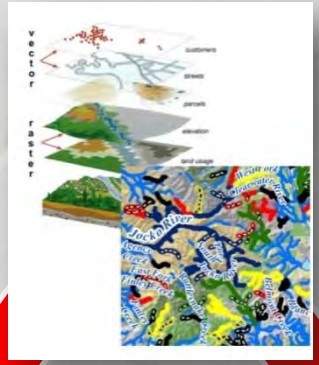
Website for Bull Trout Information Updated with eDNA Sample Results…

Climate Shield website:

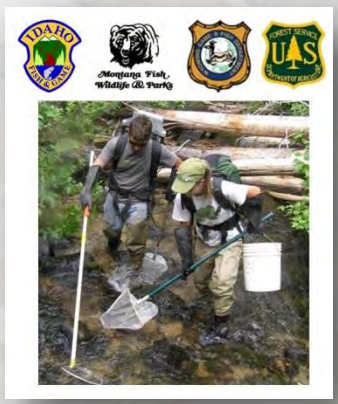
http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/boise/AWAE/projects/ClimateShield.html

Presentations & Publications

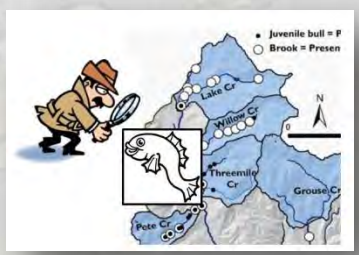
Digital Maps & ArcGIS Shapefiles

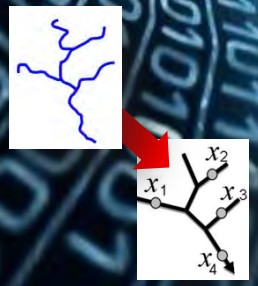


Fish Data Sources



Distribution Monitoring





File formats:

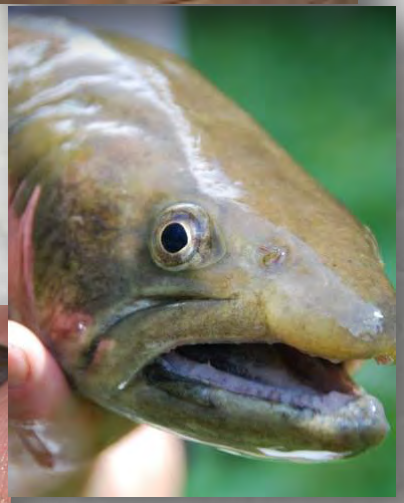
- ArcGIS files
- pdf files

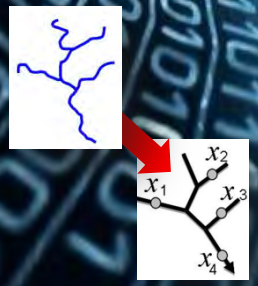
15 Scenarios:

- 3 climate periods
- 5 Brook invasion levels

Samples contain eDNA for all Critters!

A biodiversity archive as side benefit

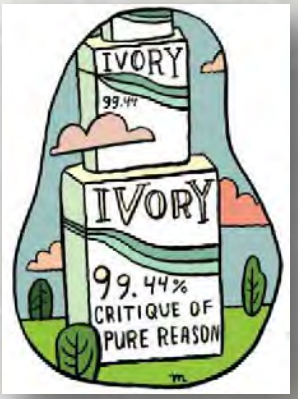


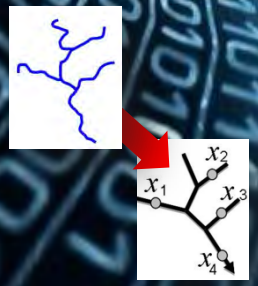


Create an Efficient Cycle of Information

Many stakeholders

"Boots-on-the-Ground"





Research develops databases & relevant information

Mountains of data