

Cellular Automata in ecohydraulics modeling: principles, scales and applications

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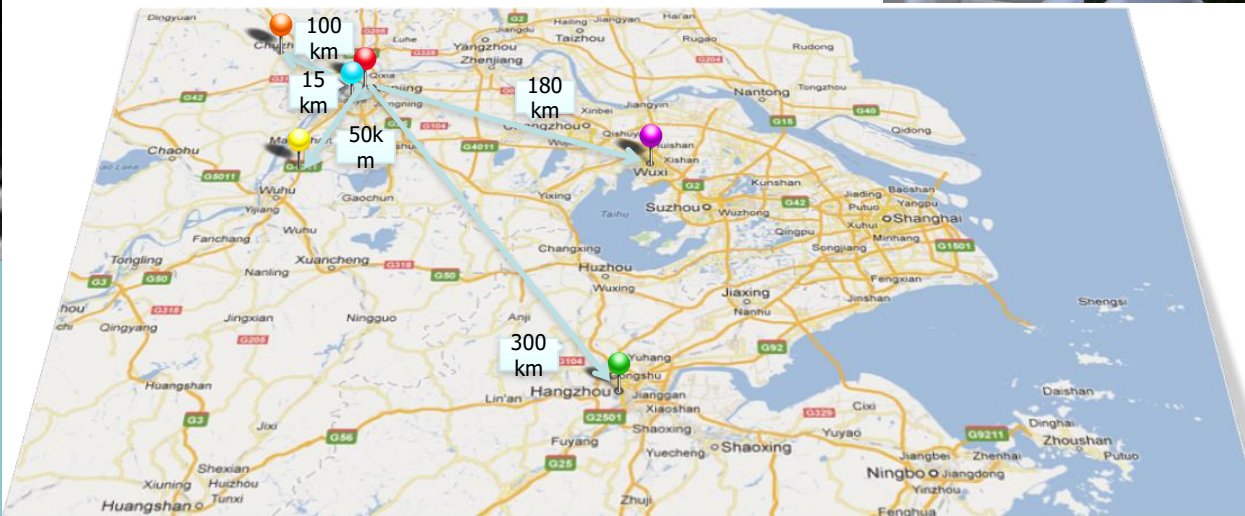
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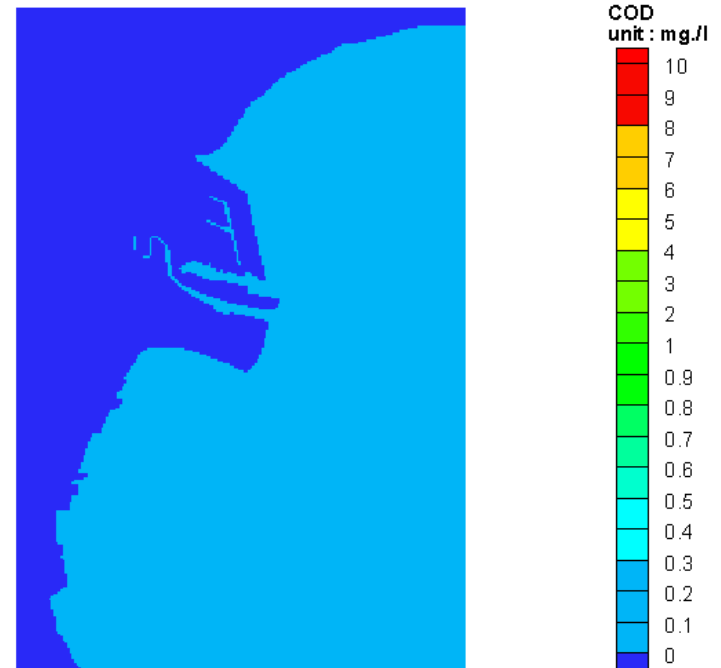
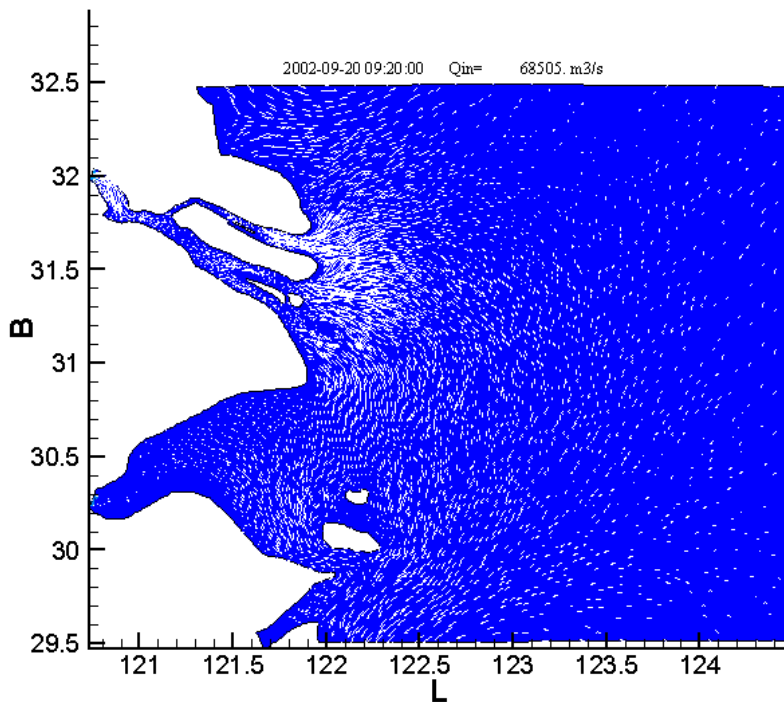
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1. Principles in continuous world

□ Continuity and homogeneity in hydrodynamics

$$\frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} + (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} = \vec{F} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{V} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial c}{\partial z} = D_x \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} + D_y \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial y^2} + D_z \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial z^2} + S + f_R(c, t)$$



1. Principles in discontinuous world

□ Peso-continuity and homogeneity in eco-dynamics

$$r(t) = r_{\max} \frac{C}{K_s + C}$$

Michaelis-Menten

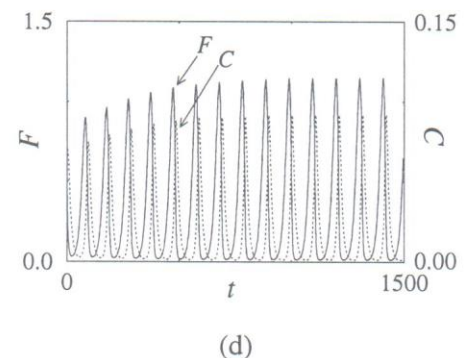
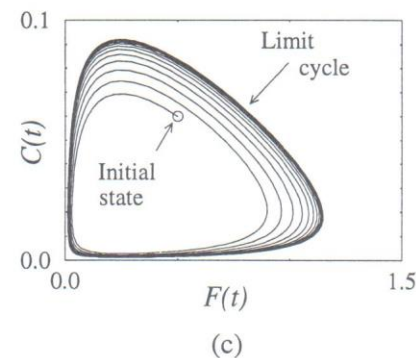
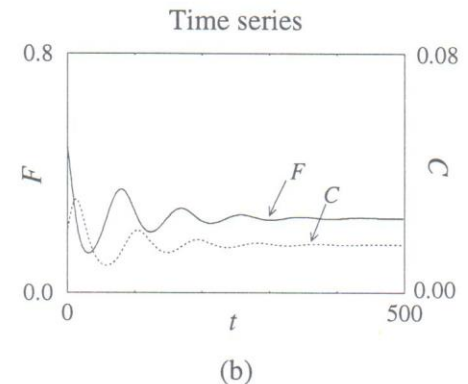
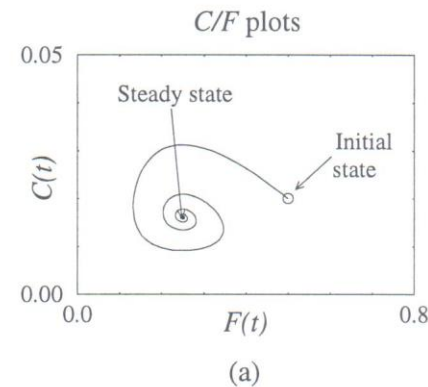
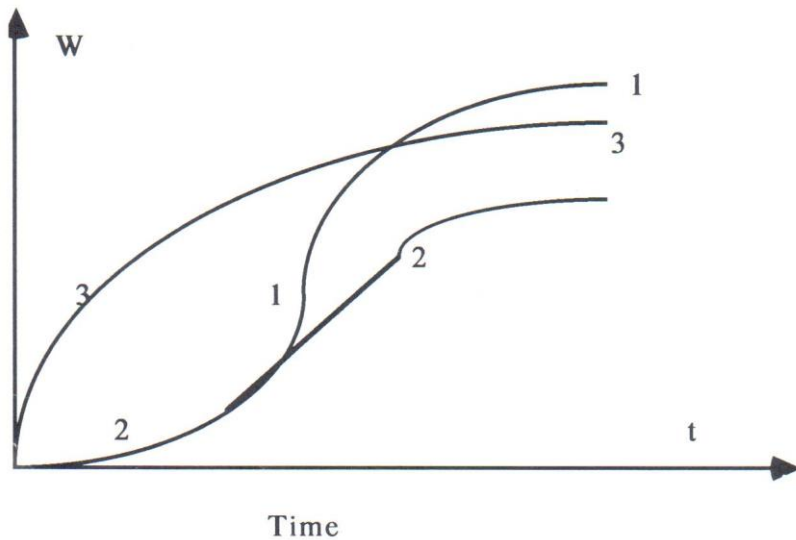
$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN - \alpha NP$$

Lotka-Volterra

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN \left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right)$$

Logistic growth

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -cP + \beta NP$$

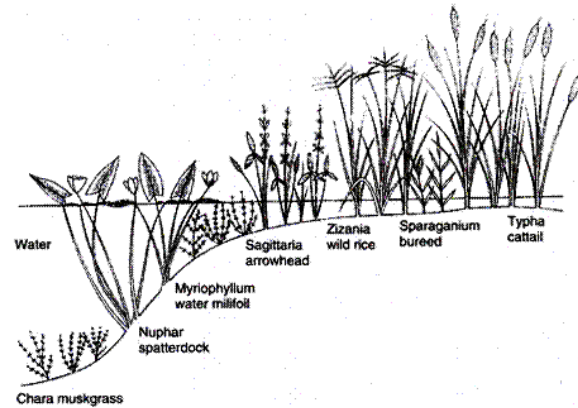
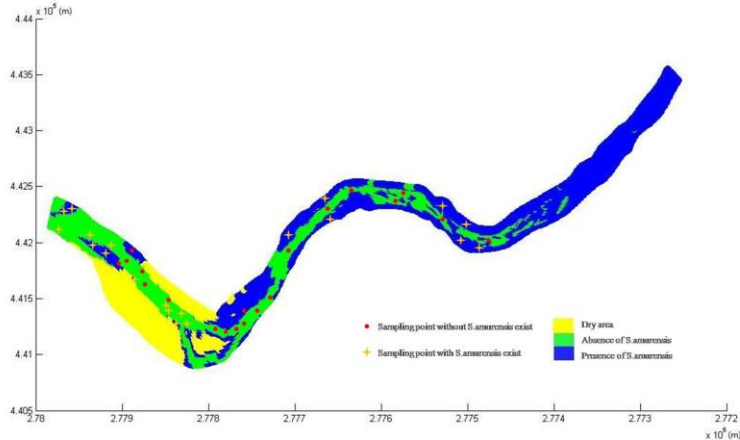


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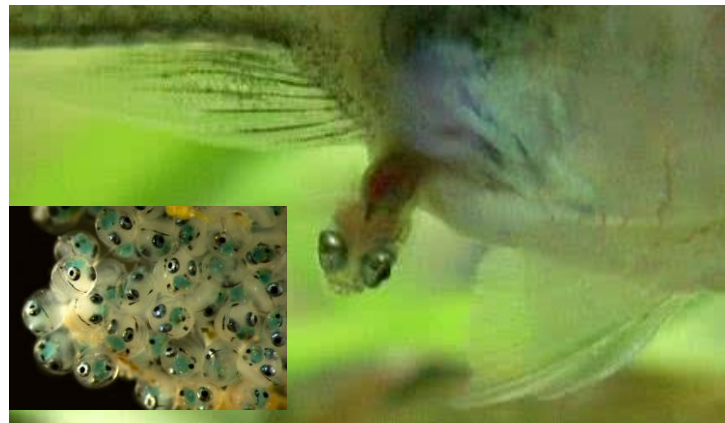
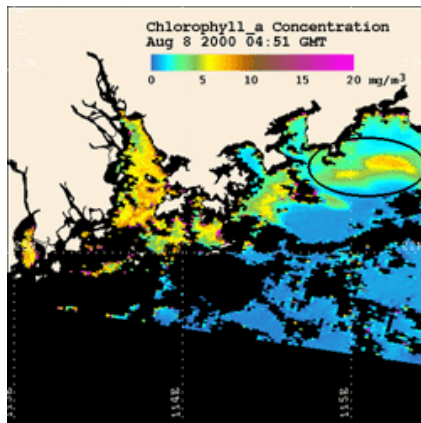
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❑ **Facts** of aquatic eco-dynamics: discontinuity & heterogeneity



Discrete state: presence/absence

Local vs. global interactions



Spatial **heterogeneity**

Discontinuous reproduction

Discontinuous predation

1. Principles in discontinuous world

❑ Challenges in linking fluid dynamics & eco-dynamics

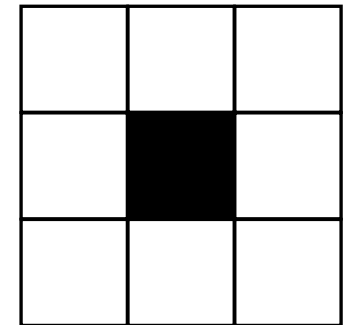
- ✧ Discrete state
- ✧ Individual difference
- ✧ Local interactions



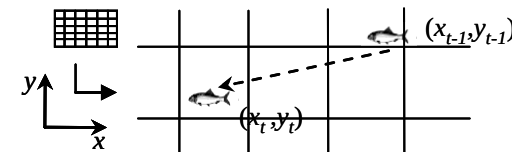
❑ Innovative solution to eco-hydraulics modelling

Cellular automata: discrete in time and space, reproduce complex spatial-temporal dynamic patterns by some simple local interaction rules between cells.

$$a_{i,j}^{t+1} = f(a_{i-1,j-1}^t, a_{i-1,j}^t, a_{i-1,j+1}^t, a_{i,j-1}^t, a_{i,j}^t, a_{i,j+1}^t, a_{i+1,j-1}^t, a_{i+1,j}^t, a_{i+1,j+1}^t)$$



Individual based: describe individual properties & behaviours, interactions between individuals, individual & environments.



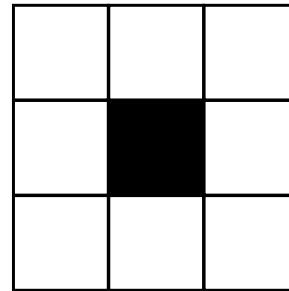
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❑ Cellular Automata

- ① A mathematical system, discrete in space and time
- ② Consist of a regular lattice of cells (automaton)
- ③ Each cell has finite possible states
- ④ Cell state updates according to local interactions
- ⑤ Global complex patterns emerge through evolutions



$$a_i^{t+1} = f(a_{i-1}^t, a_i^t, a_{i+1}^t)$$



$$a_{i,j}^{t+1} = f(a_{i-1,j-1}^t, a_{i-1,j}^t, a_{i-1,j+1}^t, a_{i,j-1}^t, a_{i,j}^t, a_{i,j+1}^t, a_{i+1,j-1}^t, a_{i+1,j}^t, a_{i+1,j+1}^t)$$

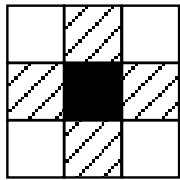
✧ Local behaviours ✧ Spatially explicit ✧ Patchy phenomena

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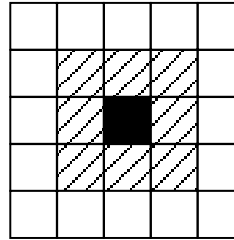
□ Cellular Automata: neighbor scheme



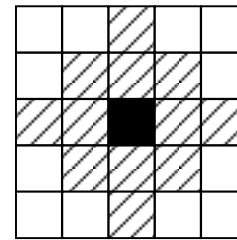
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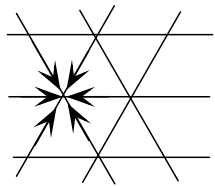
Von Neumann



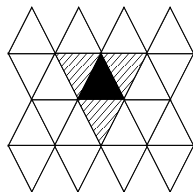
2D Moore



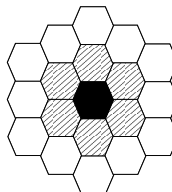
Extended Moore



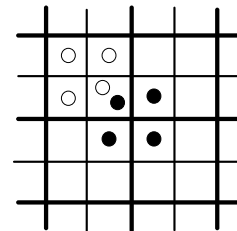
Lattice gas



Triangular



Hexagon



Margolus

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❑ Cellular Automata: initial condition

- ✧ In close automata, initial condition is not sensitive due to memoryless
- ✧ In open automata, external governing factor are incorporated, initial condition must be correctly set

❑ Cellular Automata: boundary conditions

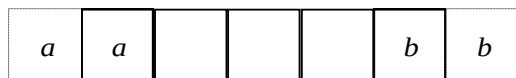
- ✧ In modelling practice, CA must be finite and have boundaries



Period boundary



Fixed boundary



Adiabatic boundary



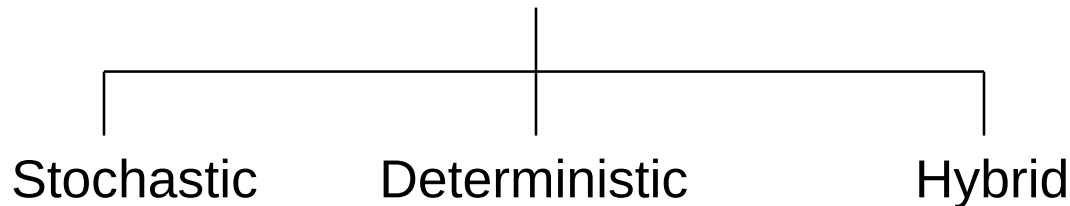
Reflection boundary

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□ Cellular Automata: evolution rules

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⊗ f : evolution rules define cell updating



⊗ Usually totalistic or outer totalistic rule are used

$$C = \sum_n f(n) k^n$$

$$\tilde{C} = \sum_n \tilde{f}[a,n] k^{kn+a}$$

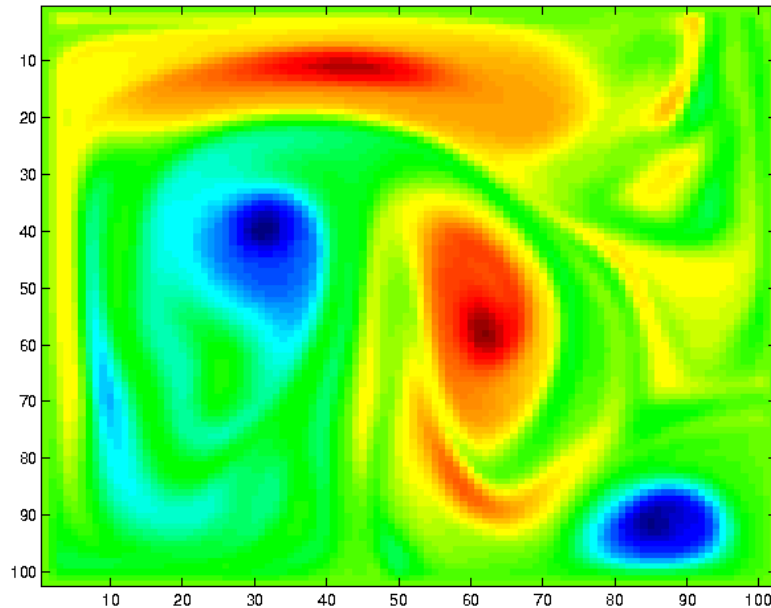


(Von Neumann, 1949)

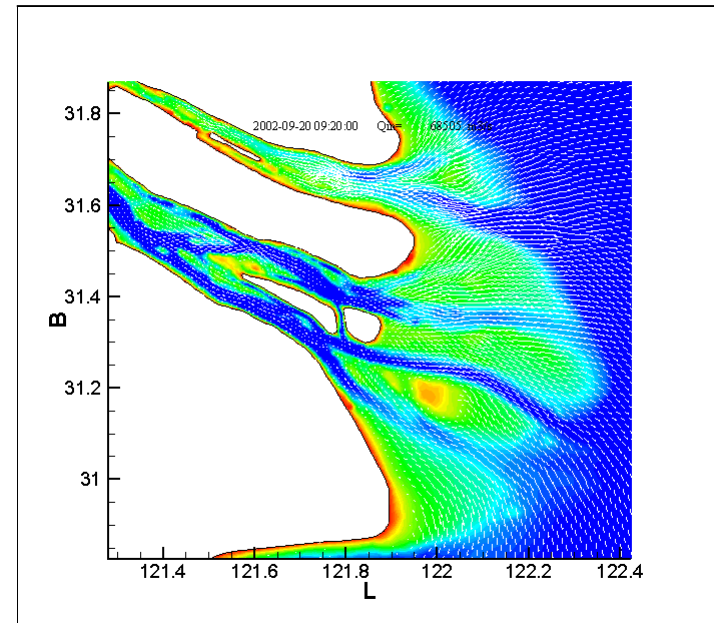
2. Scales in eco-hydraulic model

□ Scales in hydrodynamic model

- ✧ Direct numerical simulation (DNS): $\Delta x = \Delta/2$, Δ Kolmogorov length scale
- ✧ Large eddy simulation (LES): $\Delta x > \Delta/2$
- ✧ Reynolds averaged N-S simulation (RANS): engineering scale $C_r = \frac{u\Delta t}{\Delta x}$

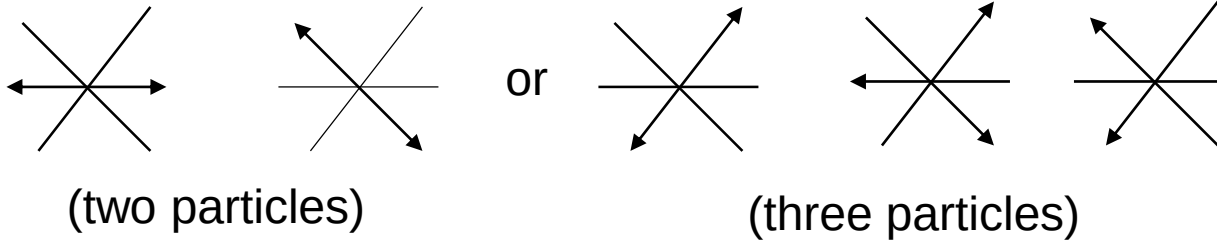


(from Firmijn Zijl, 2002, TUD)



2. Scales in eco-hydraulic model

□ Scales in lattice gas model



$$n_i(x + \lambda c_i, t + \tau) = n_i(x, t) + \Delta_i[n(x, t)]$$

$$c_i = (\cos \pi i / 3, \sin \pi i / 3) \quad u_i = \lambda c_i / \tau \quad \rho(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^6 N_i(x, t)$$

$$\sum_i n_i(x + \lambda c_i, t + \tau) = \sum_i n_i(x, t)$$

$$\sum_i u_i n_i(x + \lambda c_i, t + \tau) = \sum_i u_i n_i(x, t)$$

$$\partial_t(u) + (u \nabla)u = -\frac{1}{\rho g(\rho)} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 u \quad \nu = \frac{1}{g(\rho)} \left(\frac{1}{2\rho(1-\frac{\rho}{6})^3} - \frac{1}{8} \right)$$

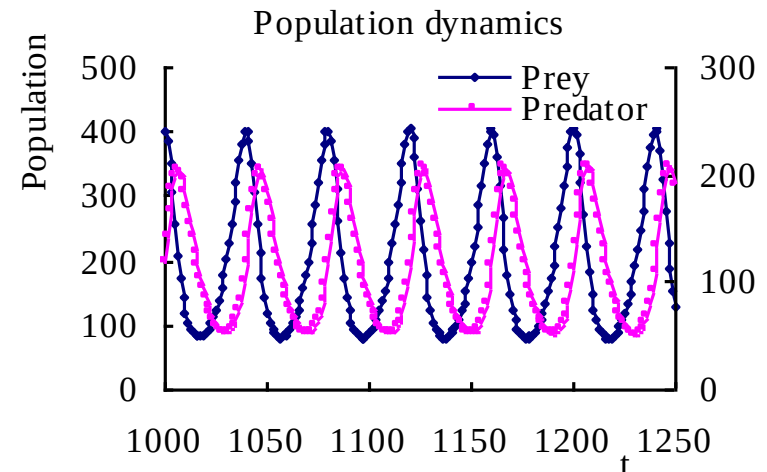
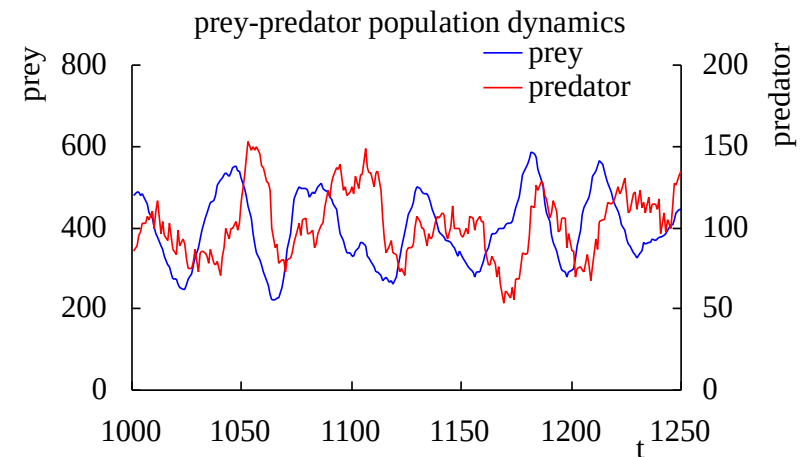
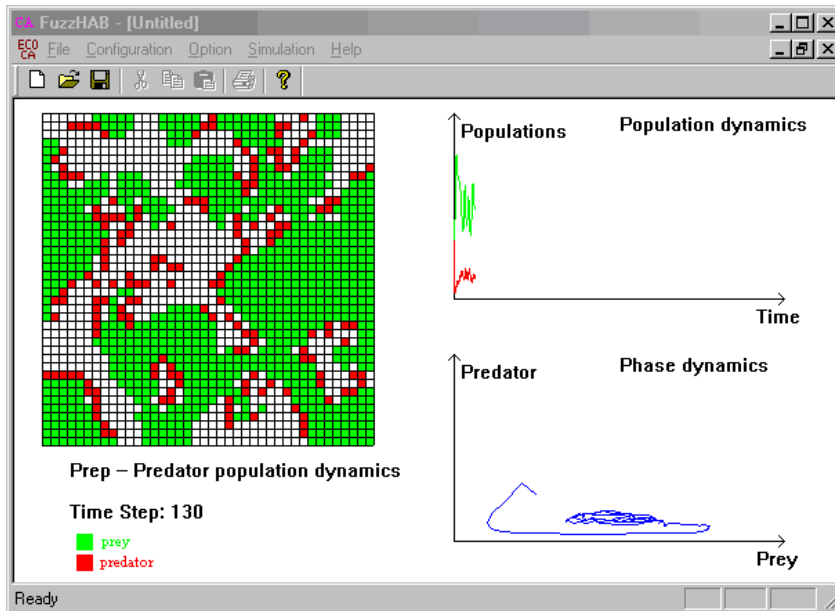
✧ unit Δt , unit Δx , Boolean state, high gradient



(Wolfram, 1984)

2. Scales in eco-hydraulic model

□ Scales in two species dynamic model



✧ τ : mean predation time interval

✧ τ_x : maximum searching radius

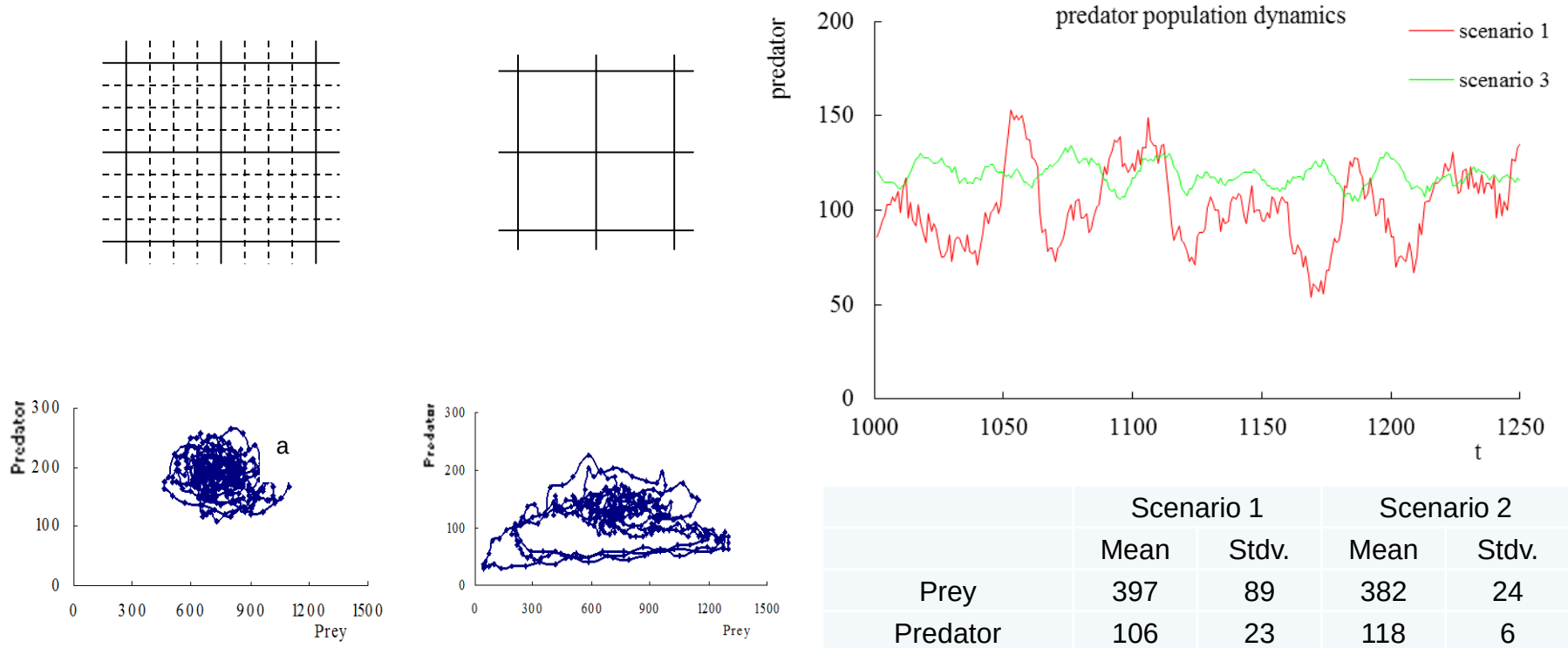
Qu et al, 2008, *Eco Inf*, 3: 252-258 (citations: 58)

Chen and Mynett., 2003, *SIMPRA*, 11: 609-625

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN - \alpha NP \quad \frac{dP}{dt} = -cP + \beta NP \quad \text{No } \tau_x!!$$

2. Scales in eco-hydraulic model

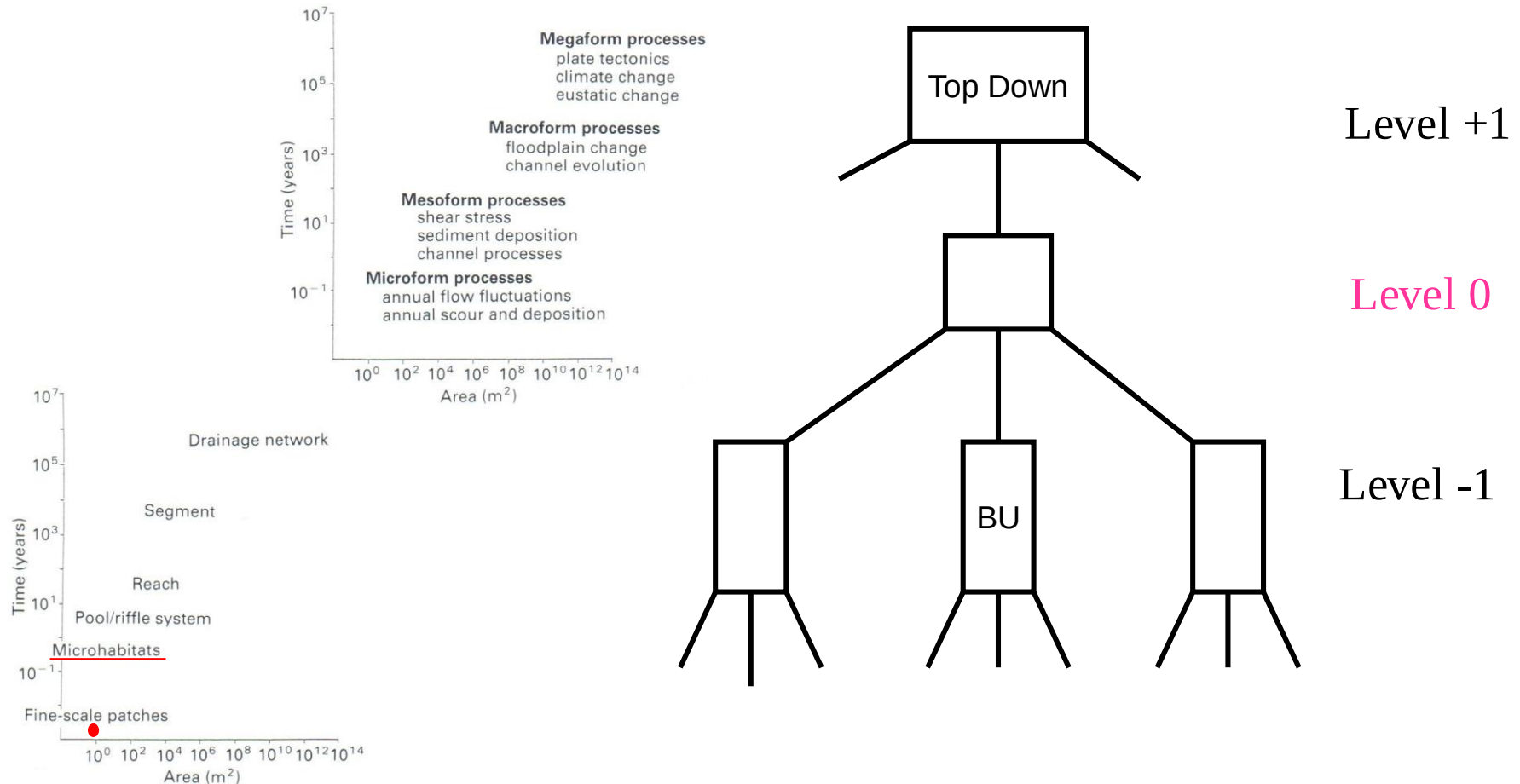
□ Scales in two species dynamic model



- ✧ CA reveals the embedded **structure stability**
- ✧ Improper spatial scale (✖) creates artefact patterns

2. Scales in eco-hydraulic model

□ Hierarchic scales in aquatic ecosystem



2. Scales in eco-hydraulic model

□ Scales identification and coupling

@ Spatial scale analysis (Gaussian field)

$$\rho_{x, x+\Delta x} = \rho_0 + (1 - \rho_0) e^{-(\Delta x/L)^2}$$

$\rho_{x, x+\Delta x}$: correlation between two spatial cells

L : characteristic scale of studied system level

@ Spatial scale analysis (Wavelet analysis)

$$\omega(\eta, x) = \frac{1}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) g\left(x - \frac{\xi}{\eta}\right) dx \quad \omega(\eta) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega^2(\eta, x) dx$$

η : scale factor;

ξ : the point around which the Wavelet is centred.

✧ Cell size $\Delta x \leq L/2$, Δt is determined according to Δx .

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□ Scales identification and coupling

@ High frequency components: Upscaling

Simple averaging:
$$\overline{A(t)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N A$$

Weighted averaging:
$$\overline{A(t)} = \int_{\varepsilon} A(E') p(t, E') dE'$$

Power averaging:
$$\overline{A(t)} = \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N A_i^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

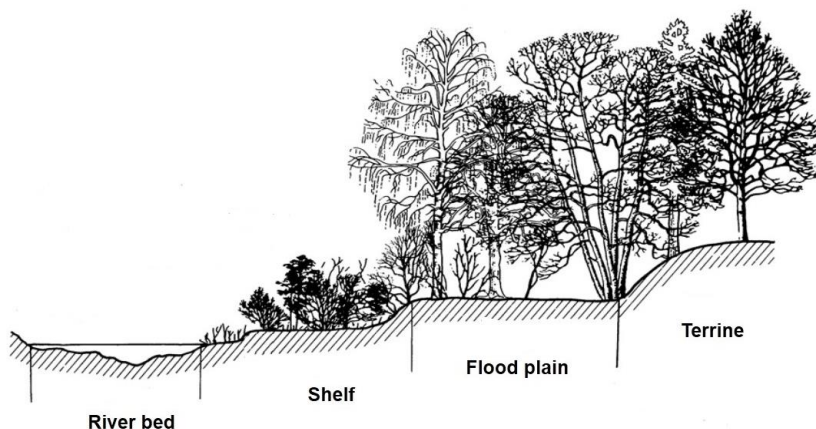
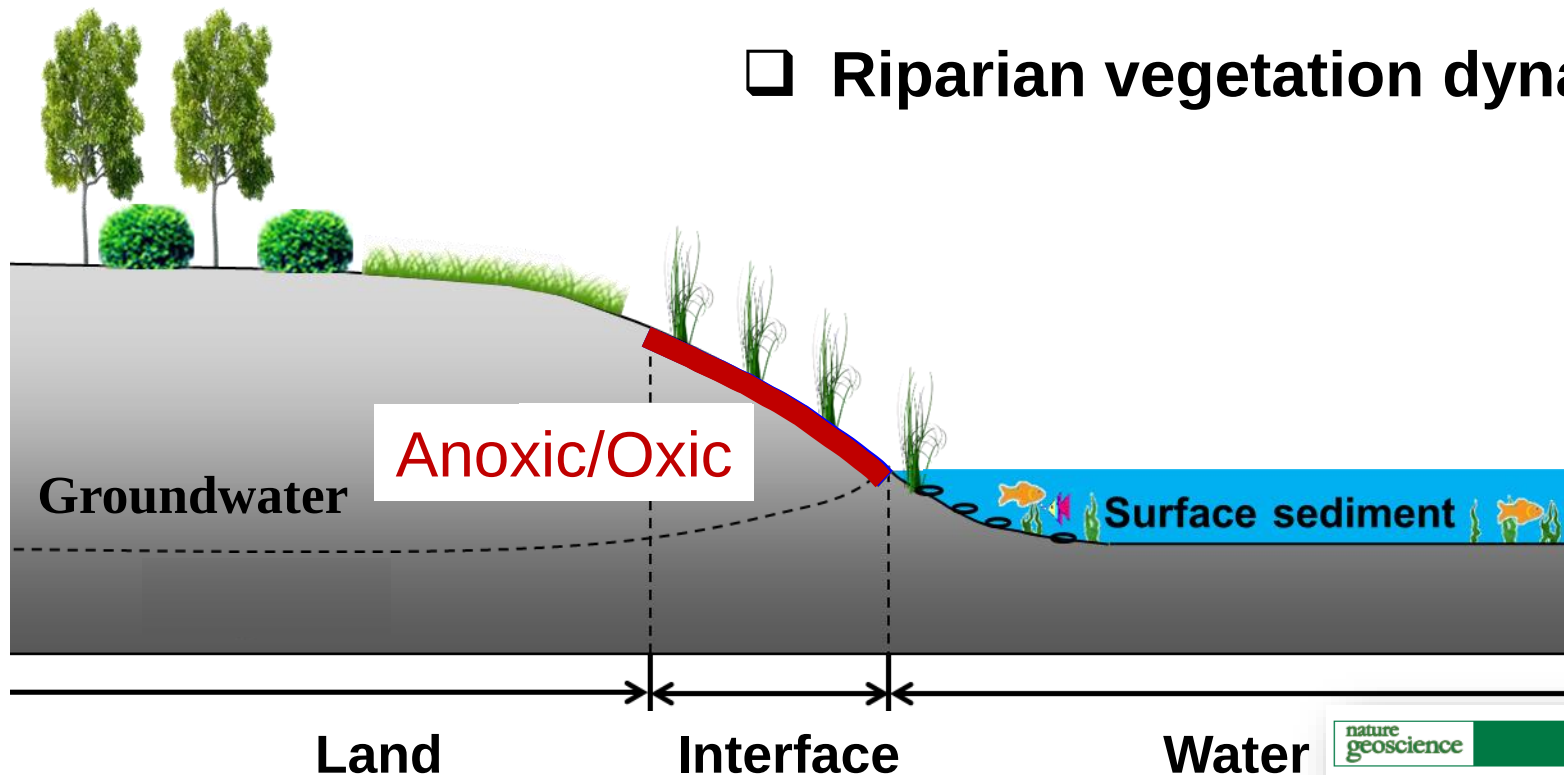
@ Low frequency components: Downscaling

Use up level components as constraint to the dynamics of the studied level

$$a_{i,j}^{t+1} = f(Neb, For | B)$$

3. Applications in ecohydraulics

□ Riparian vegetation dynamics



Zhu, et al.,
Nature Geoscience,
2011, 981-987



Hotspots of anaerobic ammonium oxidation at land-freshwater interfaces

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For decades, the conversion of organic nitrogen to dissolved gas by heterotrophic bacteria, termed heterotrophic denitrification, was assumed to be the main pathway of nitrogen loss in natural ecosystems. Recently, however, autotrophic bacteria have been shown to oxidize ammonium in the absence of oxygen, yielding dinitrogen gas. This process, termed anammox, accounts for over 50% of nitrogen loss in marine ecosystems¹. However, the significance of anammox in freshwater ecosystems has remained unclear^{2,3}. Here, we report the occurrence of anammox hotspots at land-freshwater interfaces of lake riparian zones in North China, using molecular and isotopic tracing technologies. Laboratory incubations measuring anammox activity at sediment concentrations no more than 10% of those observed *in situ* yielded some of the highest potential activities reported for natural environments to date. Potential rates of anammox peaked in sediments sampled from the interface between land and water, as did the abundance of anammox bacteria. Scaling our findings up to the entire lake system, we estimate that interfacial anammox hotspots account for the loss of 100 N m⁻² yr⁻¹ from this lake region, and around one fifth of the nitrogen lost from the land-water interface.

The interface between two adjacent ecosystems often contains hot zones for biogeochemical cycling. Riparian zones, transitional boundary zones between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, play important roles in regulating landscape-level interactions in the vertical, transverse and longitudinal geometry of three-dimensional space⁴. Furthermore, riparian zones have long been regarded as biogeochemical hotspots of nitrogen cycling⁵ with high rates of ammonium oxidation⁶, oxygen consumption⁷ and nitrogen loss⁸. In freshwater ecosystems, especially those with intensified anthropogenic input, nitrate supply is generally assumed to be the limiting factor for the anammox process⁹⁻¹¹. Riparian zones have long been regarded as nitrate sinks¹² because of the

North China with well-developed riparian zones, was selected as the study site (Supplementary Fig. S1). The hypothesis that riparian zones would act as hotspots of anammox was first tested along a single transect, and then further confirmed by extensive large-scale sampling in the whole lake.

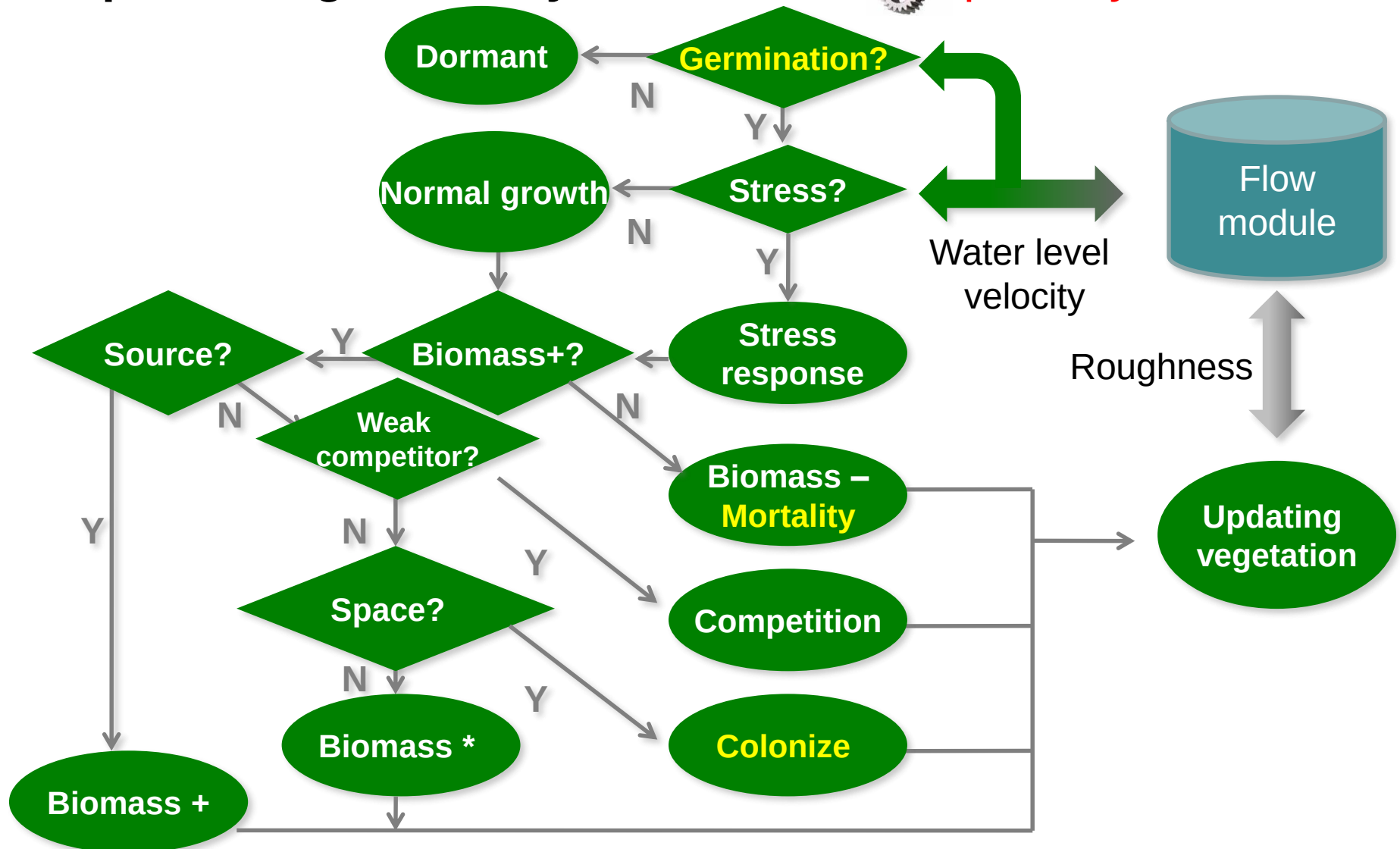
To investigate the occurrence of anammox hotspots in riparian zones, the presence of anammox bacteria needed to be confirmed first. The 16S rRNA genes of Planctomycetes and anammox bacteria in ten surface (0–5 cm) and ten subsurface (30–60 cm) sediment samples of landward phase, land-freshwater interface and landward phase were specifically amplified. All samples except landward soil (site E) harboured anammox 16S rRNA genes which were most closely affiliated to *Brocadia* species (identity 97.6–98.8% (Fig. 1 and Supplementary Fig. S2 and Table S1)).

To address the occurrence of anammox in particular hotspots, the abundance of anammox bacteria in the riparian zone was estimated using qPCR assays. The highest amount of hydrazine synthase (*hzsA*) gene was detected in interface sediments (1 × 10⁶ copies g⁻¹, site B), being 2–3 orders of magnitude higher than those observed in the adjacent landward sediments (site A) and interface soil (site C) (Fig. 1), whereas in the landward phase (sites D and E) the anammox abundance was below the detection limit (<10³). Anammox bacterial abundance was observed over a wide range with high spatial heterogeneity, and much higher in surface than subsurface sediments.

The highest potential anammox rates were observed at 11–13 mmol N g⁻¹ h⁻¹ in the superficial interface sediments (site B) with the ¹⁵N-tracer technique, significantly higher than those in landward sediments (1 mmol N g⁻¹ h⁻¹, site A), interface soil (0.8–0.9 mmol N g⁻¹ h⁻¹, site C) and landward soil (0.0–0.4 mmol N g⁻¹ h⁻¹, site D). Tukey's multiple comparisons under analysis of variance, *p* < 0.0001, *n* = 20 (Fig. 1 and Supplementary Fig. S3 and Table S3). A similar trend was observed in the abundance of anammox bacteria (Fig. S4).

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□ Riparian vegetation dynamics: **flow**  **plant dynamics**



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□ Riparian vegetation dynamics – flow stress

$$Y(t + \Delta t) = \begin{cases} lag \cdot bY(t) [1 - Y(t) / K] \Delta t + Y(t) & \text{Light stress} \\ (1 - loss) \cdot Y(t) & \text{Middle stress} \\ (1 - loss) \cdot Y(t) \cdot \frac{abs[sign(\Delta r)] + sign(\Delta r)}{2} & \text{Strong stress} \end{cases}$$

Growth rate is < current growth rate

Biomass loss

Biomass loss & certain mortality

Ye F., et al., 2010, *Eco. Info.*, 5: 108-114

Liu R., et al., 2014, *Scientific Report*, 4: 5507

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□ Riparian vegetation dynamics – species competition

$$\Delta B_{weak} = -\Delta B_{strong} \cdot \frac{C_{strong}}{C_{weak}}$$

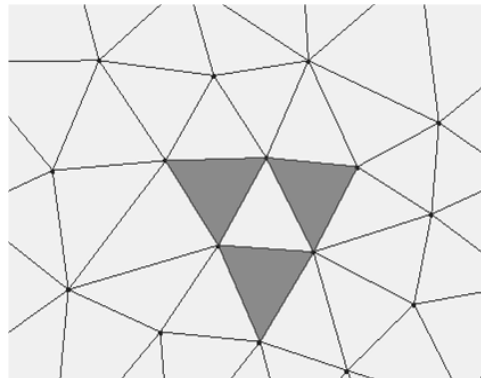
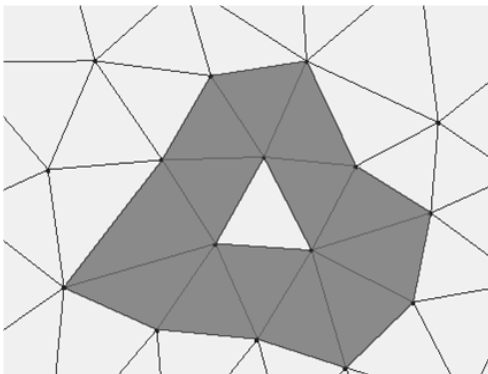
ΔB_{weak} = biomass change of weak competing species

C_{weak} = source consumption rate of weak species

ΔB_{strong} = biomass change of strong competing species

C_{strong} = source consumption rate of strong species

□ Riparian vegetation dynamics – species colonization



Each species has a maximum colonization extend, depending on species physiology and field survey results

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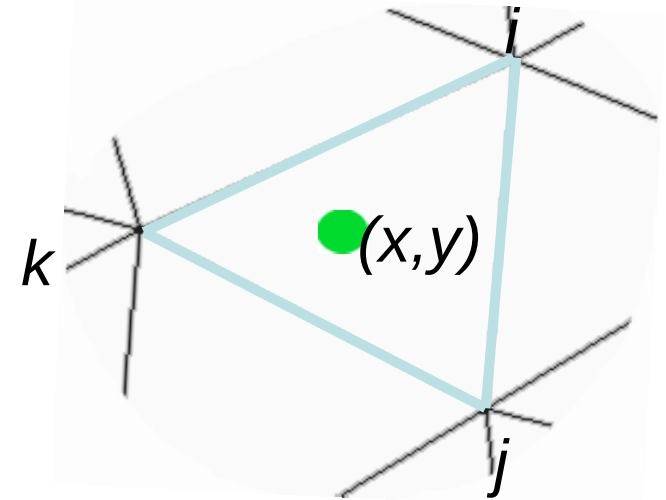
□ Flow → Vegetation interaction

Ⓢ To each CA cell, define...

$$L_i = \frac{1}{2\Delta} (a_i + b_i x + c_i y)$$

$$L_j = \frac{1}{2\Delta} (a_j + b_j x + c_j y)$$

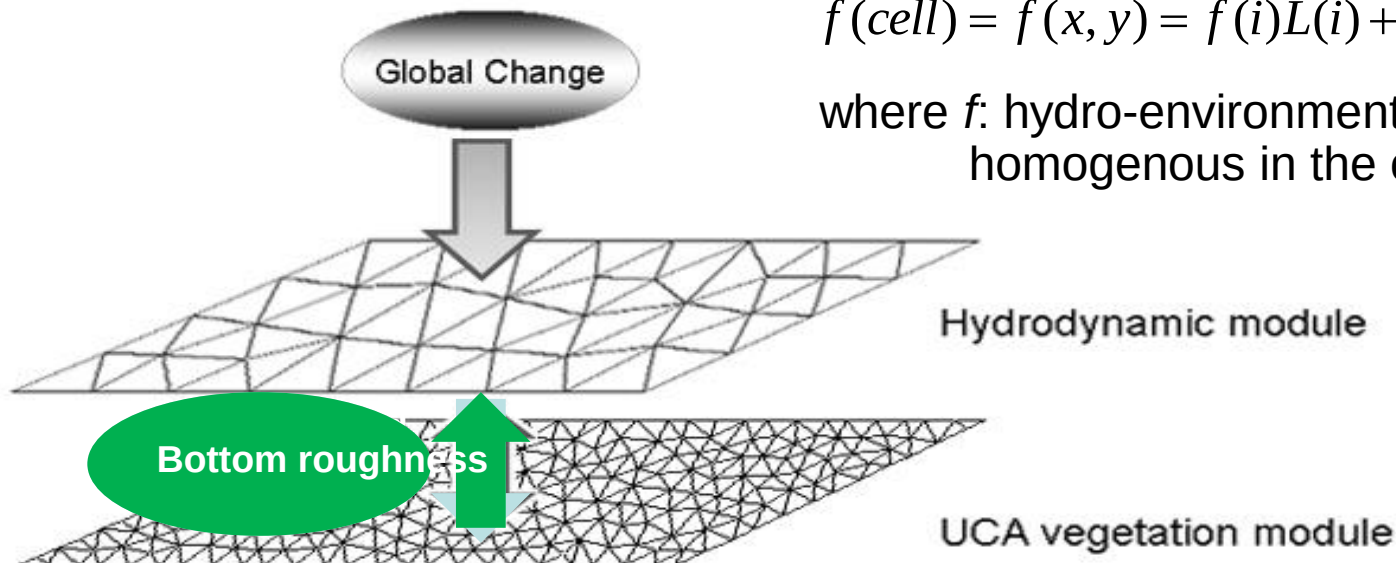
$$L_m = \frac{1}{2\Delta} (a_m + b_m x + c_m y)$$



Ⓢ To each CA cell, the hydro-environ effect

$$f(\text{cell}) = f(x, y) = f(i)L(i) + f(j)L(j) + f(k)L(k)$$

where f : hydro-environment factor, and assuming homogenous in the cell



3. Applications in ecohydraulics

□ Vegetation → Flow interaction

⊙ Method 1

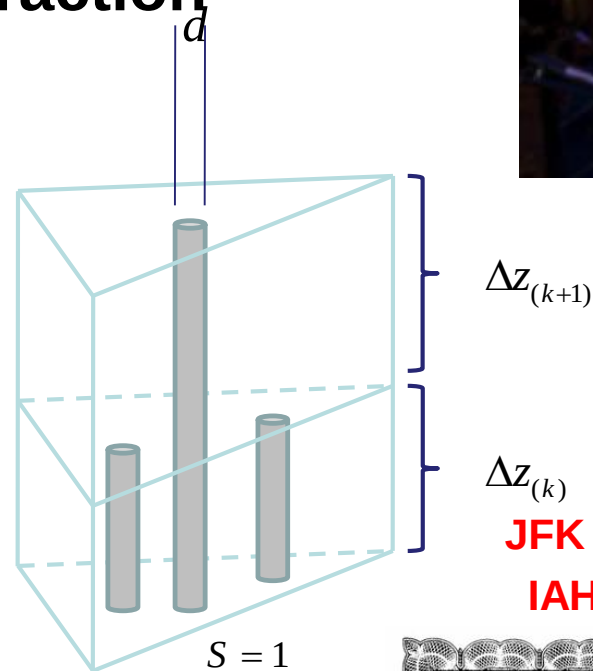
$$C_d = \frac{g(n_b + n_{plant})^2}{R^{1/3}} \quad \lambda_{(k+1)} = 1$$

⊙ Method 2

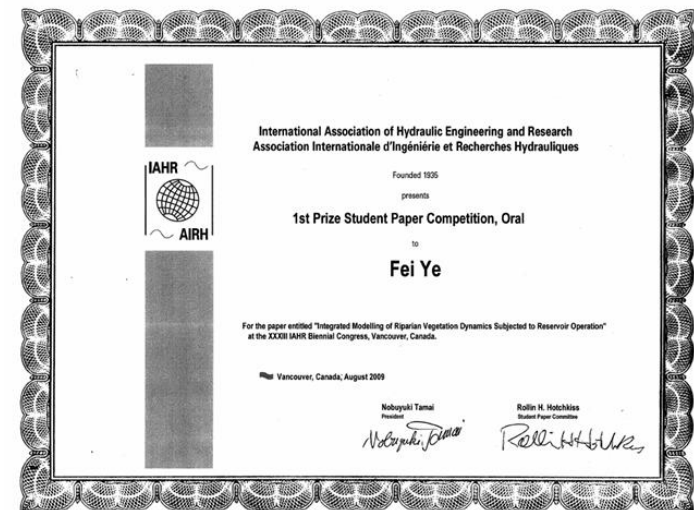
$$F_D = \frac{1}{2} C'_d \lambda \rho U^2$$

⊙ Method 3

$$F_D = \frac{1}{2} C'_d \rho U^2$$

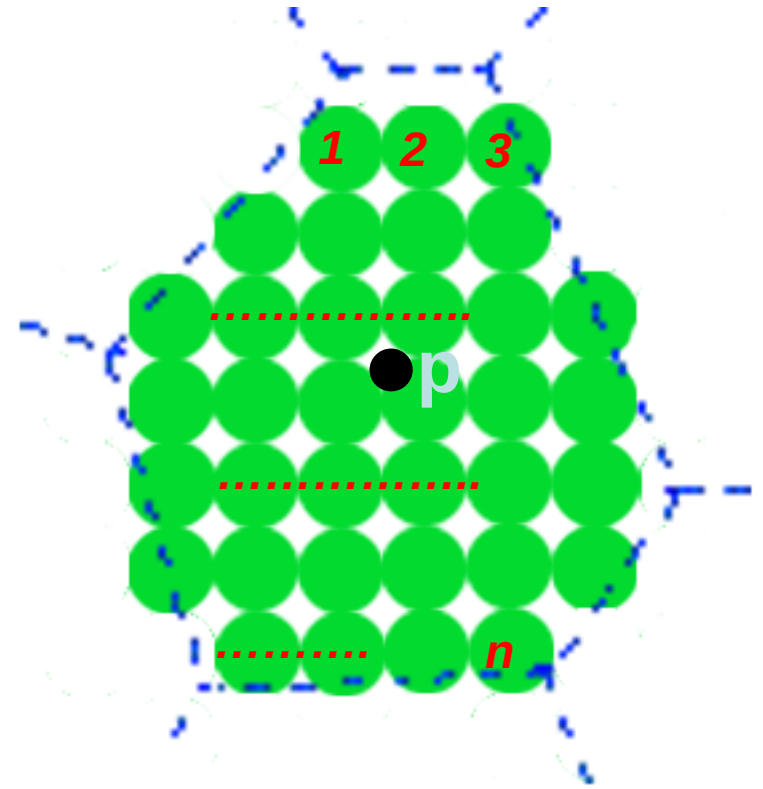
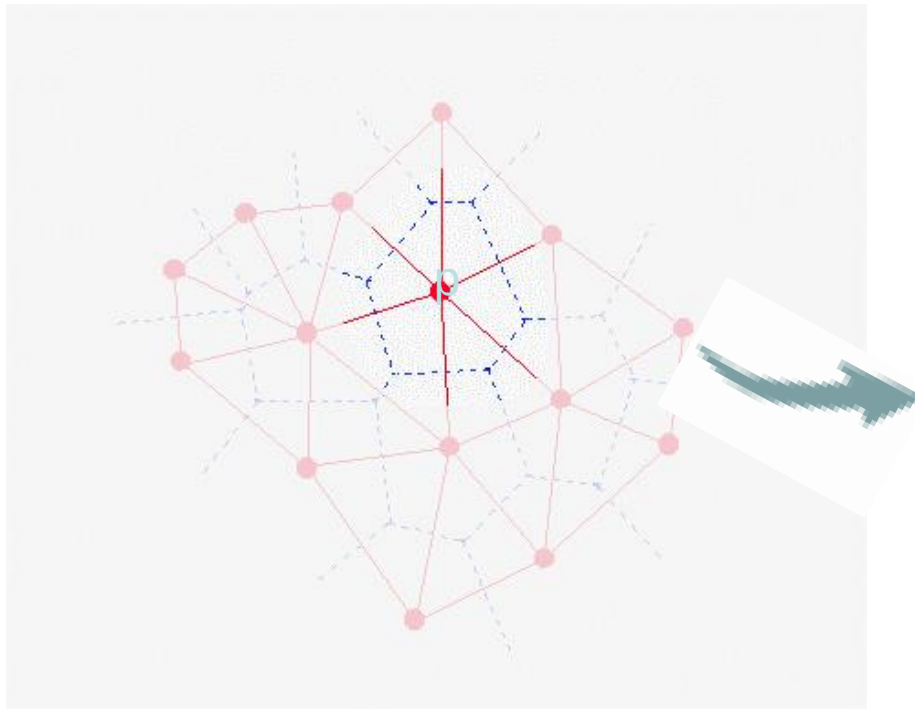


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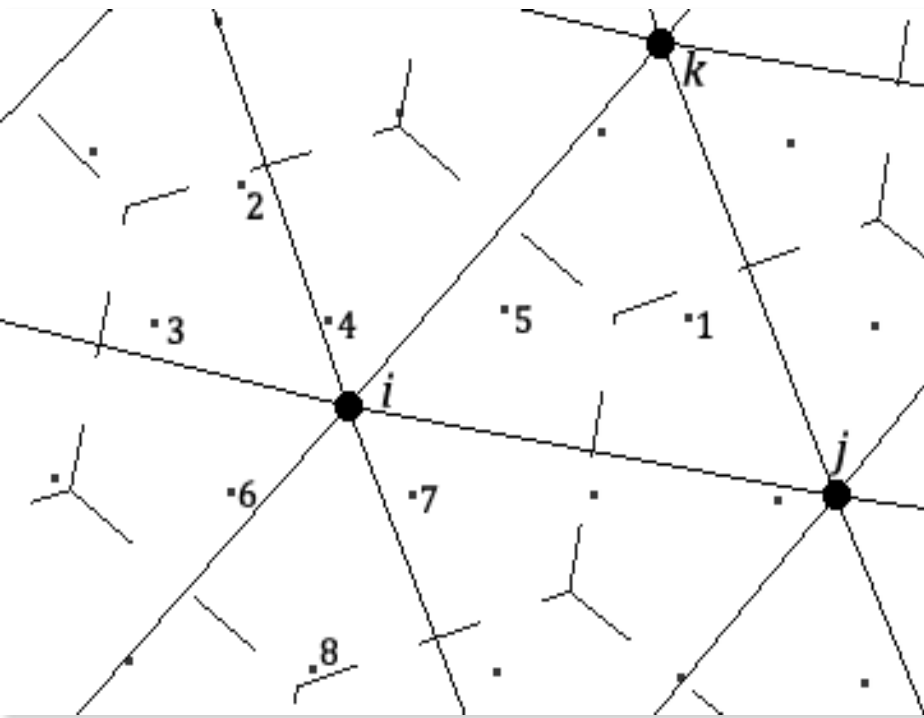
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$$Rough_{node}(P) = \sum_{i=1}^n rough_{cell}(i) \square \frac{area(i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n area(i)}$$

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- Flow edge
- - - - Tientsin polygon
- Flow node
- Plant node

Flow → Plant

$$f_{plant}(1) = f_{plant}(x_c, y_c) = f_{hydro}(i)L_i + f_{hydro}(j)L_j + f_{hydro}(k)L_k$$

$$\begin{cases} L_i(x, y) = \frac{(x_j y_k - x_k y_j) + (y_j - y_k)x + (x_k - x_j)y}{2\Delta_{ijk}} \\ L_j(x, y) = \frac{(x_k y_i - x_i y_k) + (y_k - y_i)x + (x_i - x_k)y}{2\Delta_{ijk}} \\ L_k(x, y) = \frac{(x_i y_j - x_j y_i) + (y_i - y_j)x + (x_j - x_i)y}{2\Delta_{ijk}} \end{cases}$$

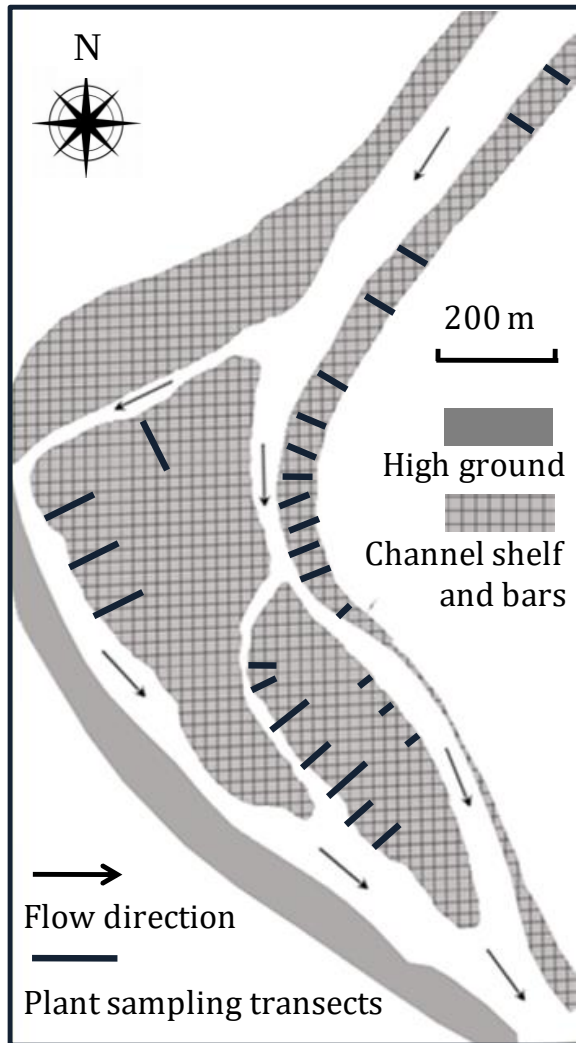
Plant → Flow

$$f_{hydro}(i) = \sum_{n=2}^8 f_{plant}(n)w(n)$$

$$w(n) = \Delta_n / \Delta_{ijk}$$

3. Applications in ecohydraulics

□ Riparian vegetation dynamics – study area



Location

Middle reach of Lijiang River: 25° 06' N, 110° 25' E

Flow condition

2009.01~2010.12 : 20~3720m³

Vegetation survey

Several transects were surveyed, each transect have 5 squares in S shape:



Rumex Maritimus:
Near water, averagely
3/m², relatively tall.

Leonurus Heterophyllus:
near the bank, away from
the water. averagely 1/m²

Polygonum Hydropiper:
In between, averagely
32/m²~35/m²

3. Applications in ecohydraulics

□ Riparian vegetation dynamics – modeled species

R. Maritimus



Rumex maritimus

P. Hydropiper



*Polygonum
hydropiper*

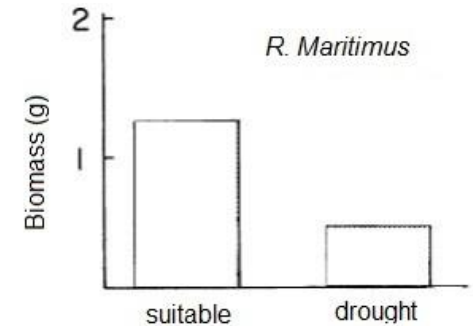
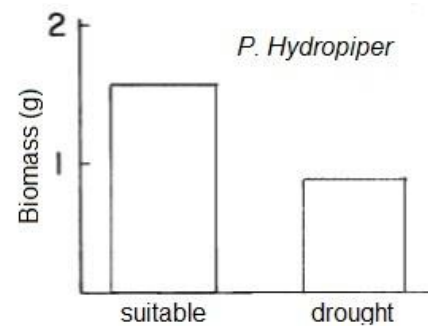
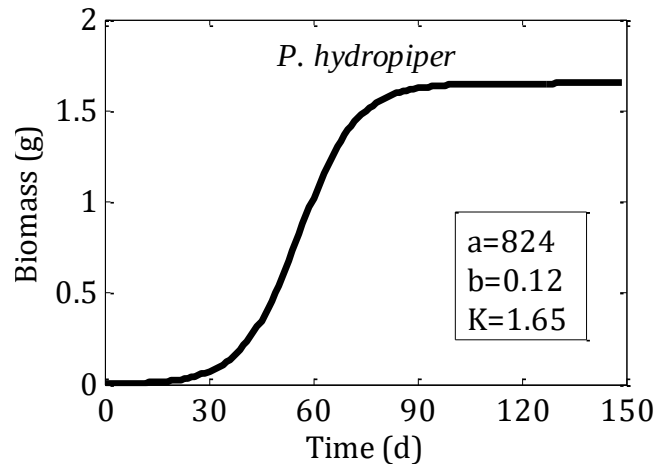
L. Heterophyllus



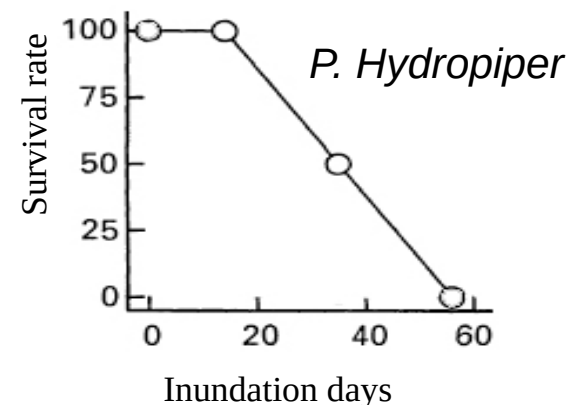
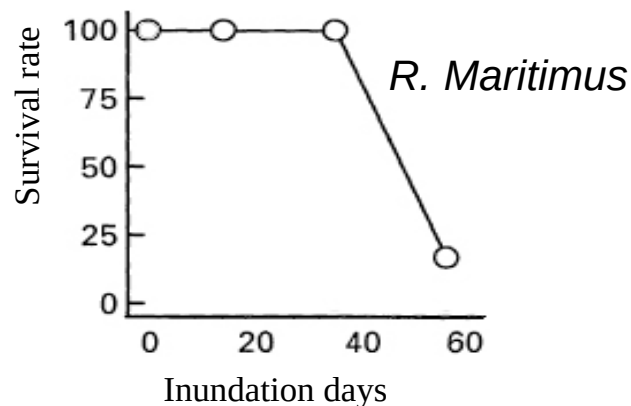
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□ Riparian vegetation dynamics – flow stress

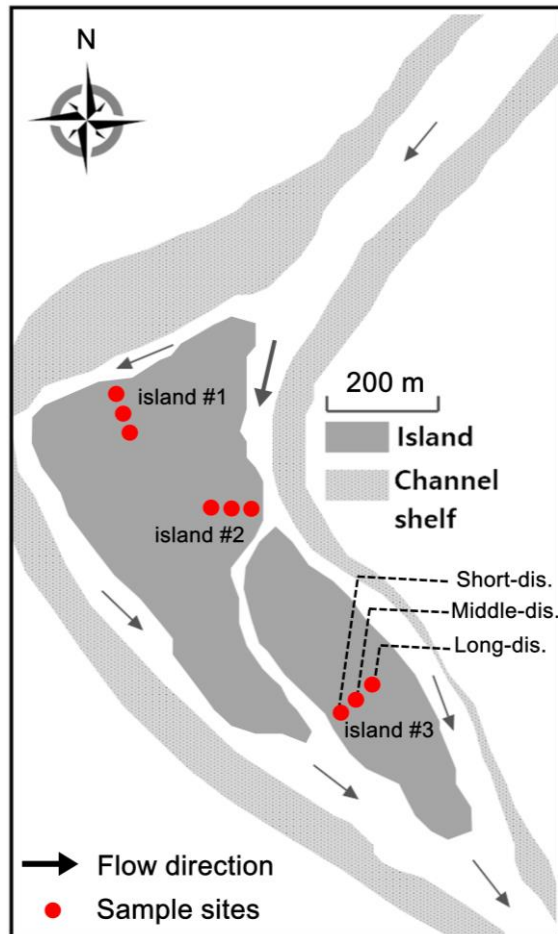


Transform to **discrete form**: $Y(t + \Delta t) = bY(t)[1 - Y(t)/K]\Delta t + Y(t)$



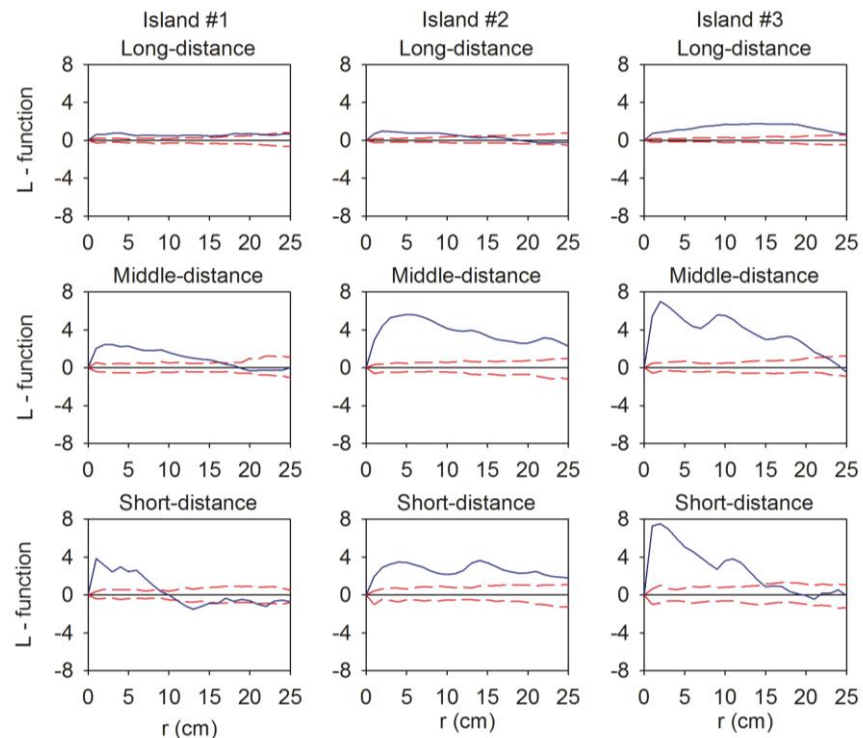
3. Applications in ecohydraulics

□ Riparian vegetation dynamics – the scales



@ Ripley L function

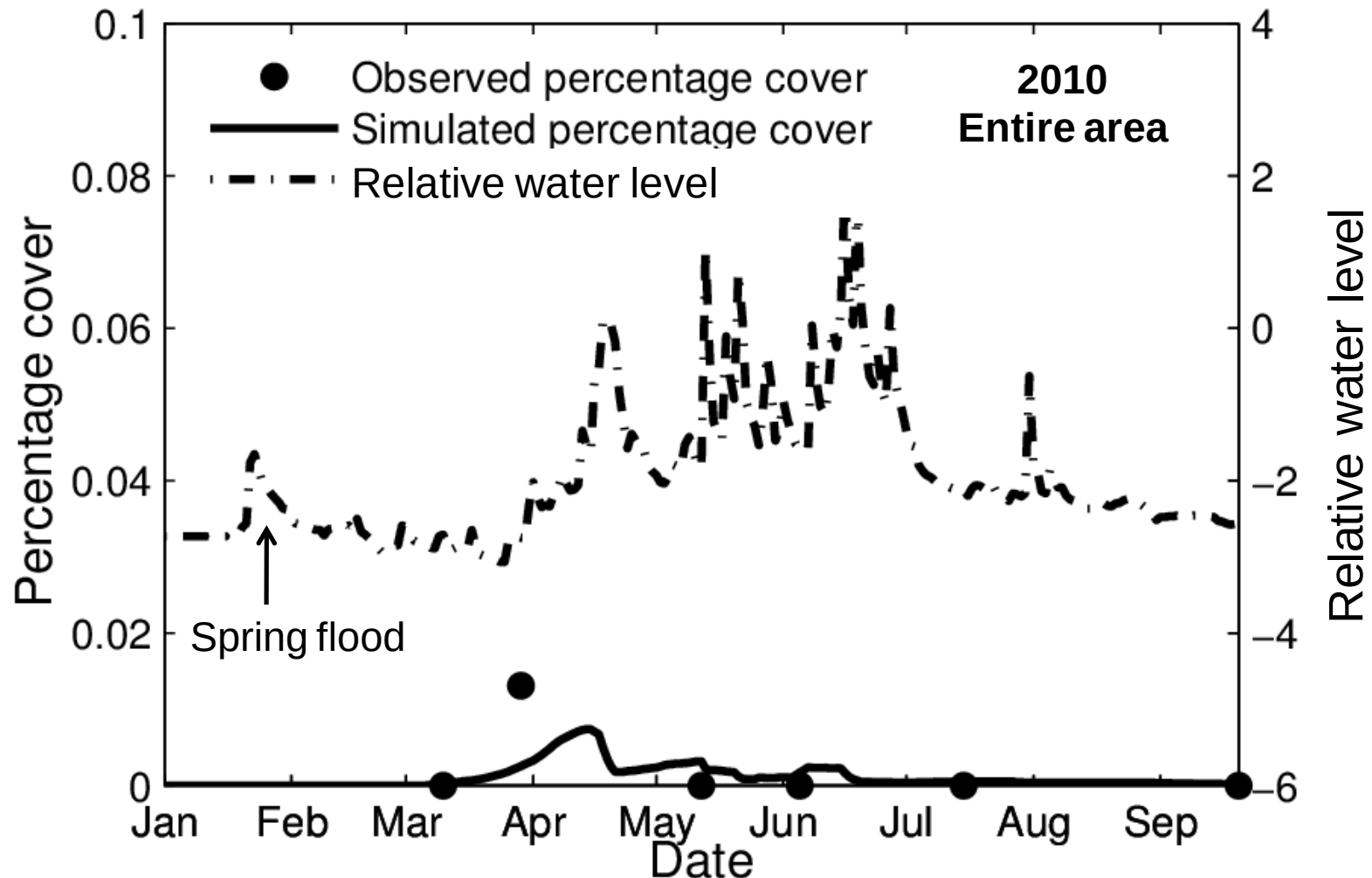
$$L(r) = \sqrt{\frac{K(r)}{\pi}} - r \quad K(r) = \frac{A}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{I_r(d_{ij})}{w_{ij}}$$



$$\Delta x = r/2, \Delta t = 9 \text{ hours}$$

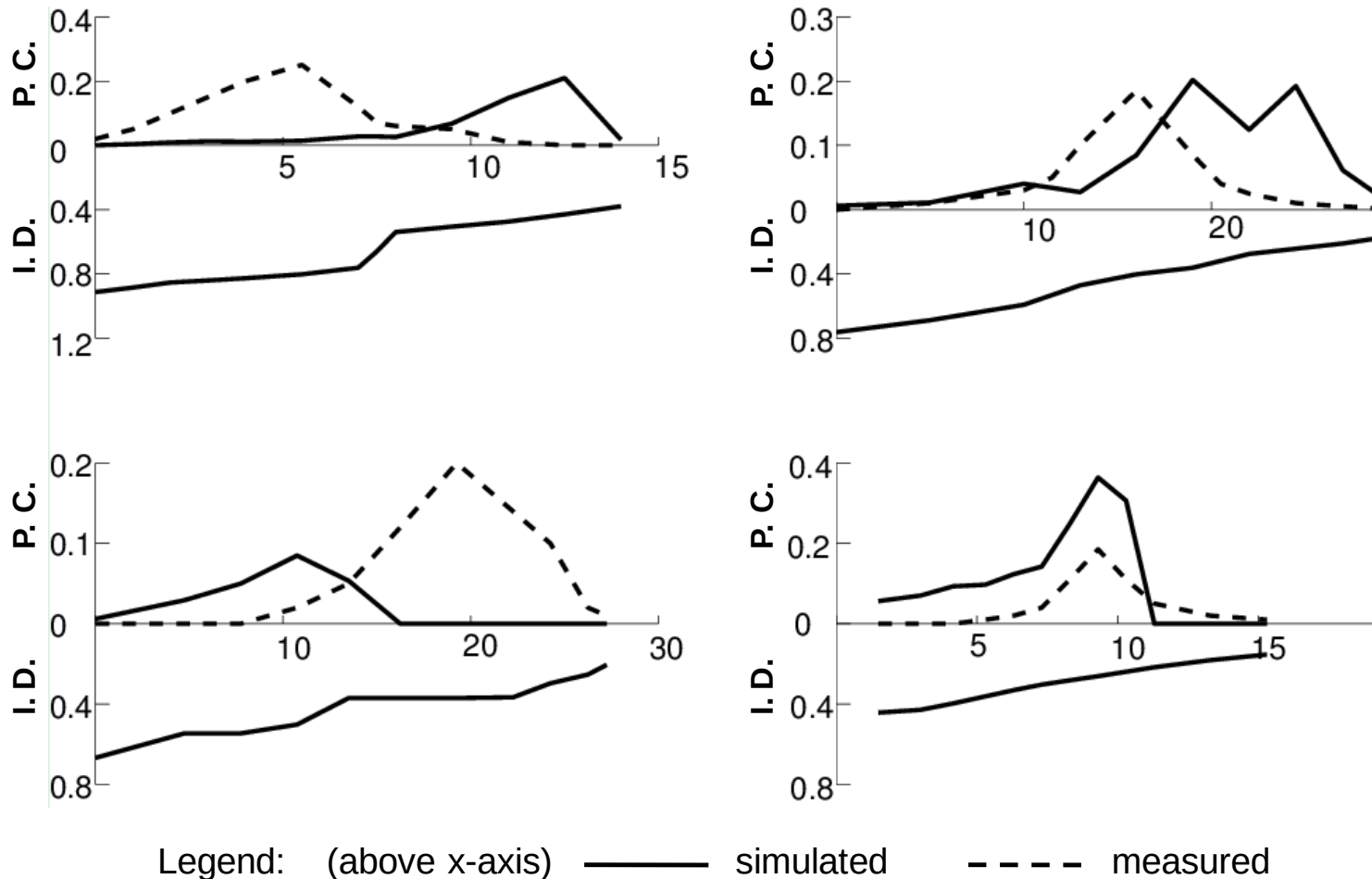
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□ *P. hydropiper* dynamics in 2010 – model validation



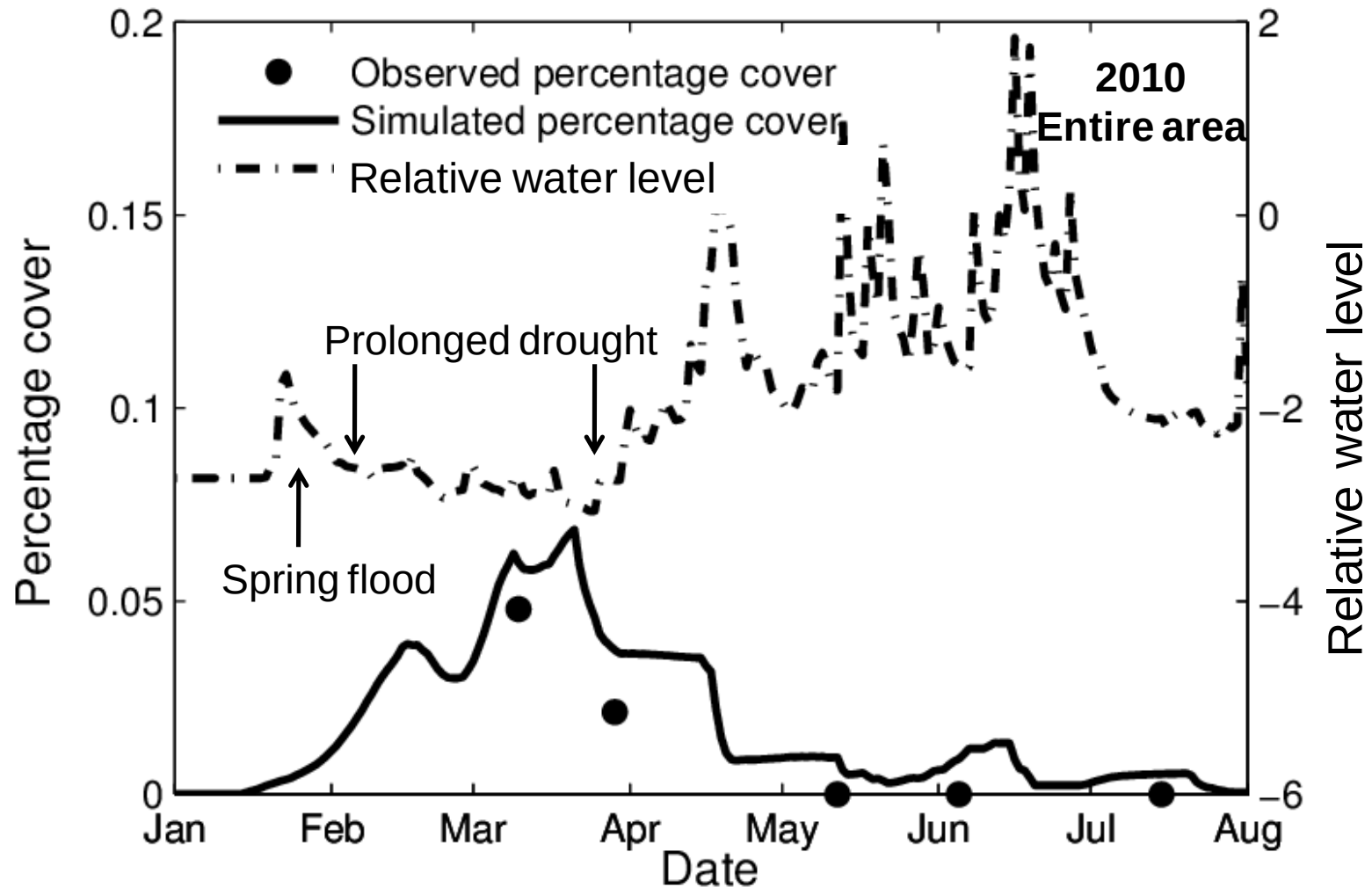
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□ *P. hydropiper* transect in 2010 – model validation



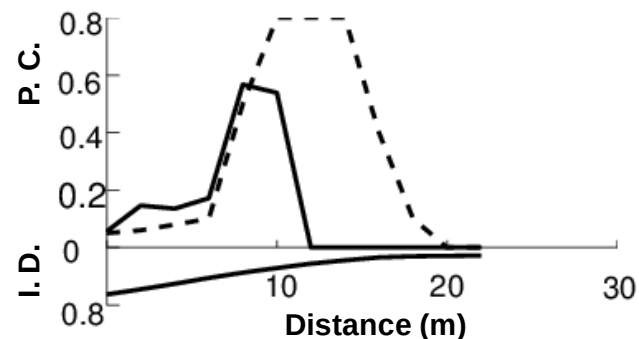
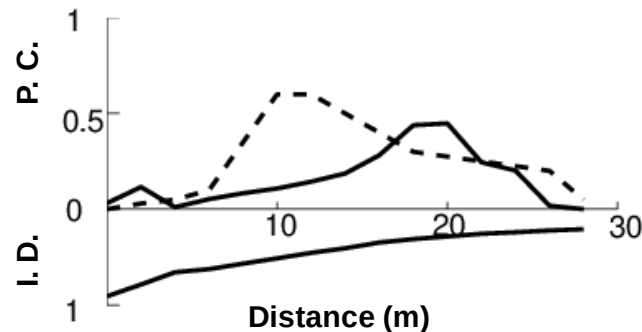
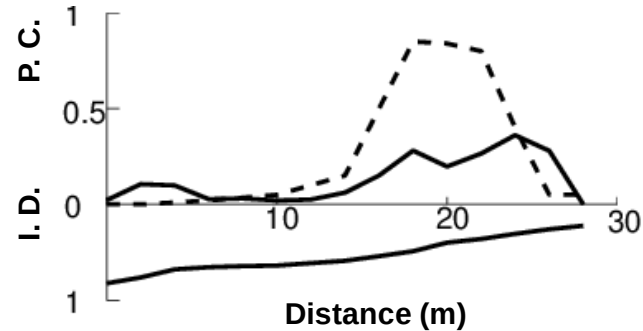
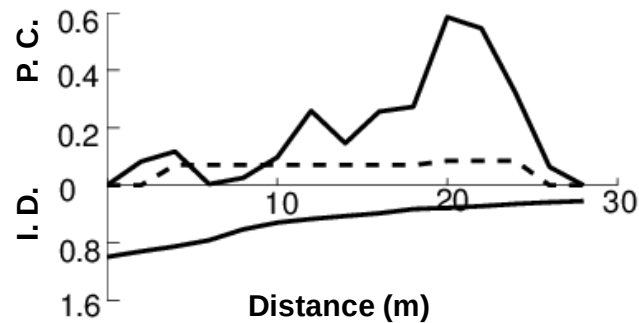
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□ *R. maritimus* dynamics in 2010 – model validation



3. Applications in ecohydraulics

□ *R. maritimus* transect in 2010 – model validation



Legend: (above x-axis) ——— simulated - - - - measured

3. Applications in ecohydraulics

□ Riparian vegetation dynamics – model comparison

$$\begin{aligned}\log(Y) = & -49.3294 + 62.4774 \cdot i - 43.9644 \cdot i^2 \\ & + 74.3 \cdot aw - 58.623 \cdot aw^2 \\ & + 11.3704 \cdot mw - 23.2815 \cdot mw^2 \\ & + 7.6828 \cdot ad\end{aligned}$$

Y: coverage of vegetation (*P. hydropiper*) by the end of growth period;

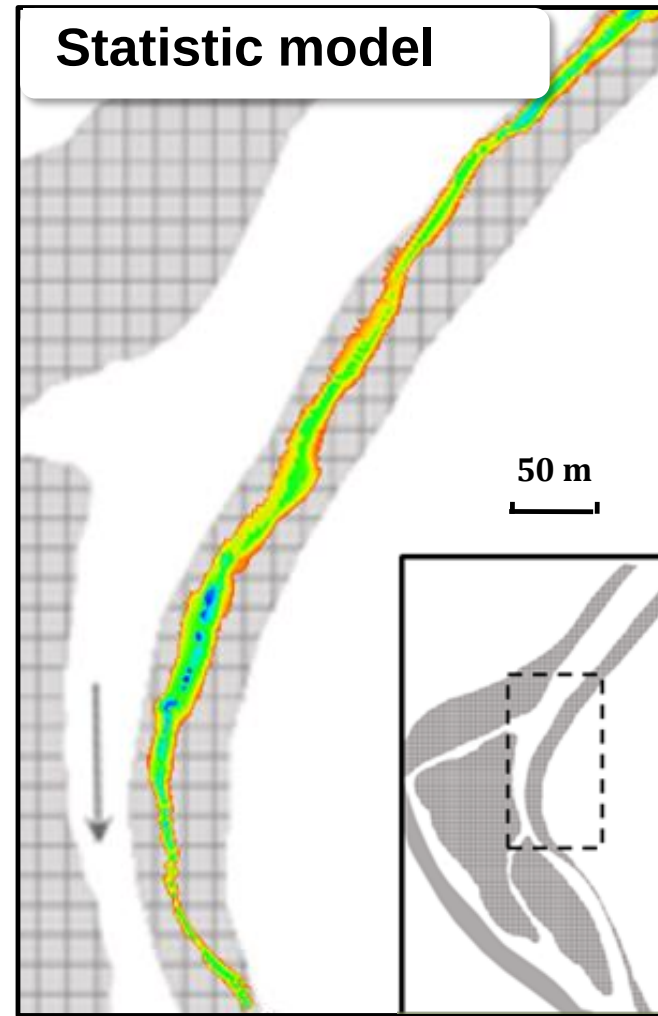
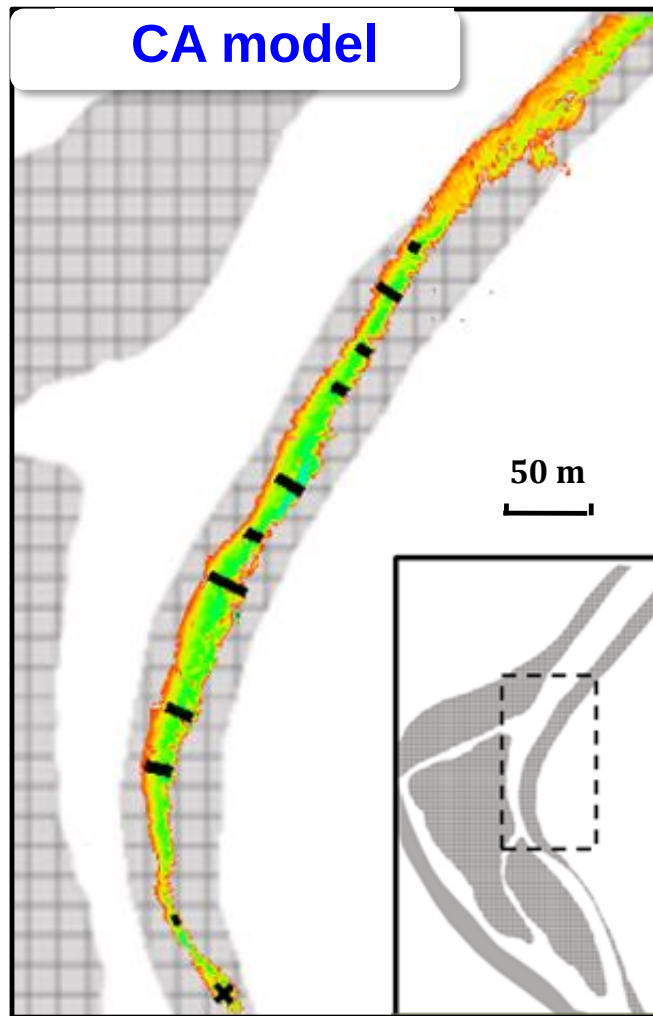
i: ratio of inundation time;

mw: maximum inundation time;

aw: averaged inundation depth;

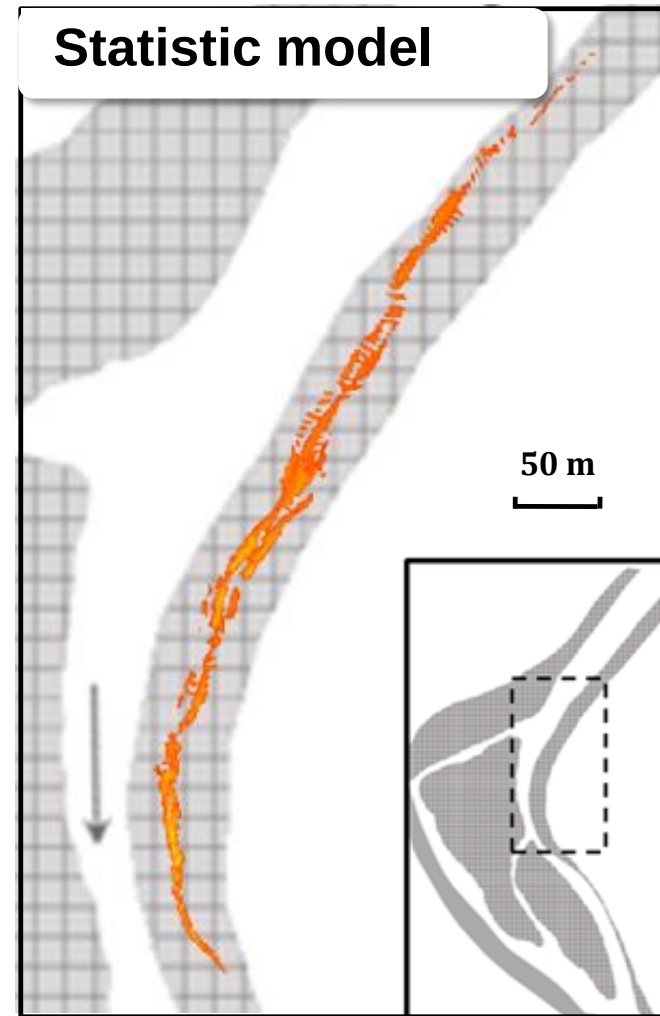
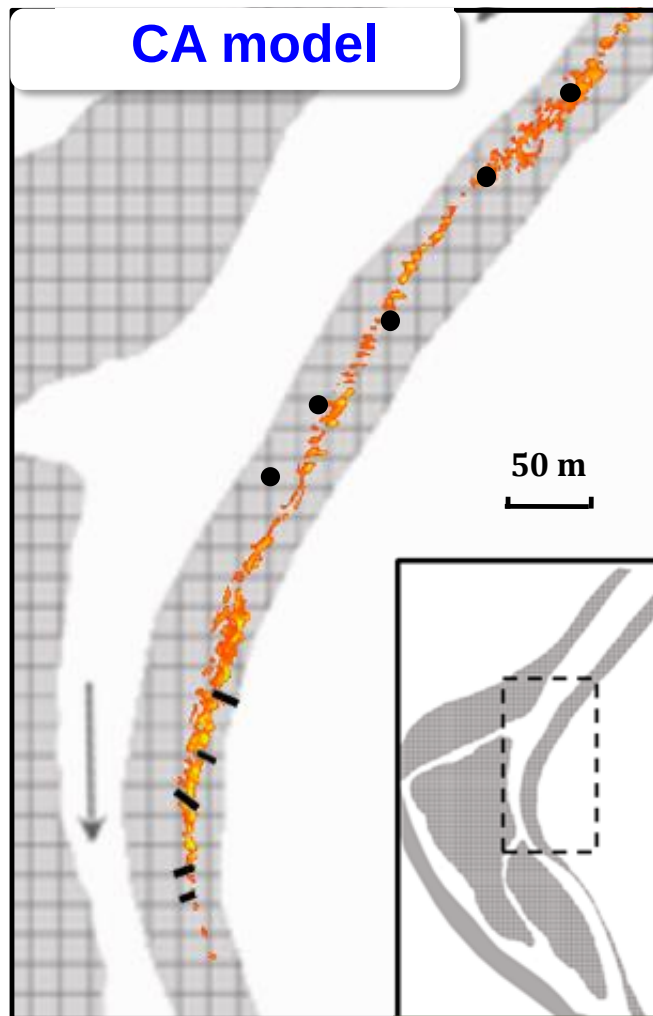
ad: ground water depth.

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- Legend:
- Channel shelf and bars
 - Flow direction
 - Sampled transects: Location and length of plant belt
 - Quadrats with <5% cover
 - Simulated percent cover: 0% 100%

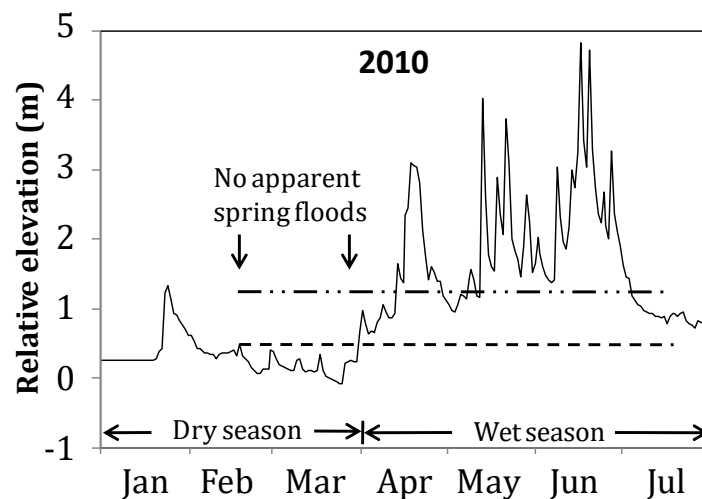
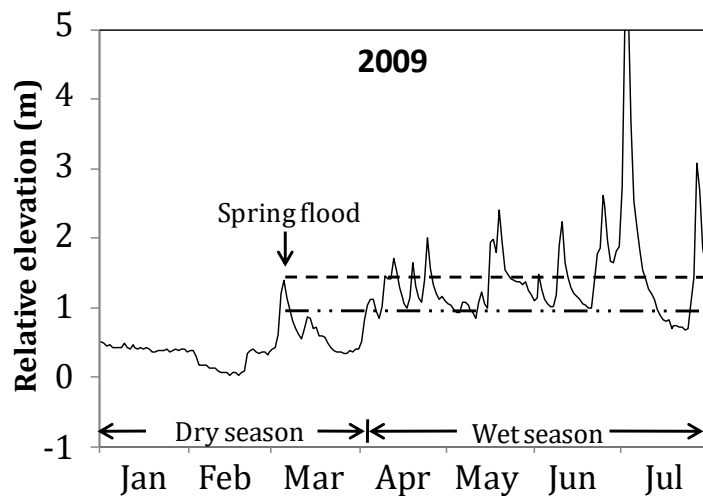
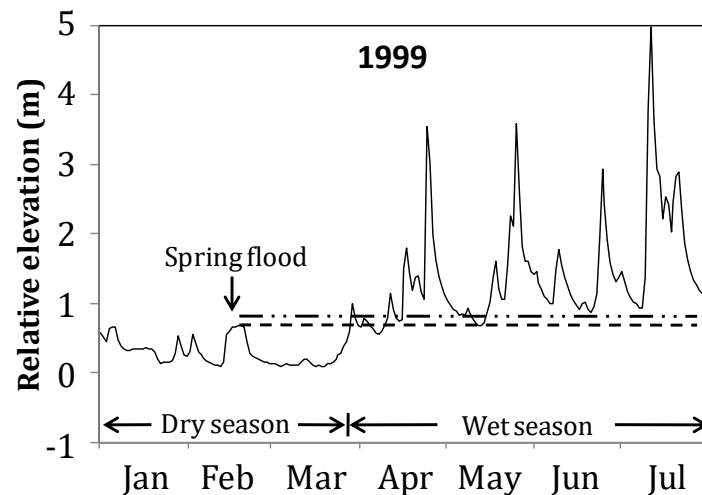
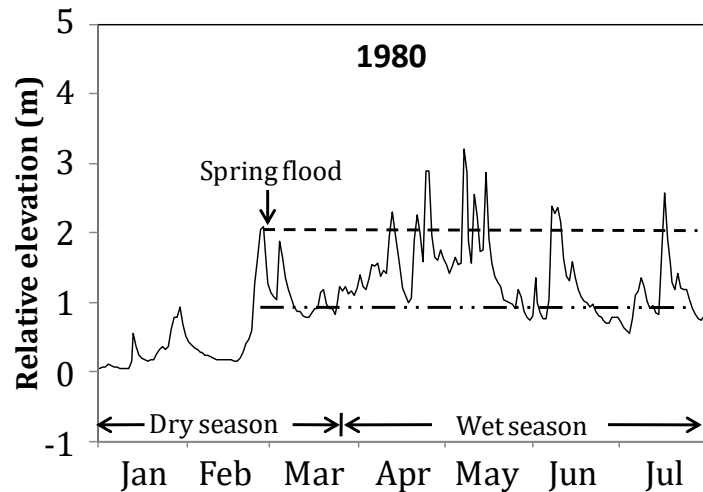
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□ Riparian vegetation dynamics – vegetation succession

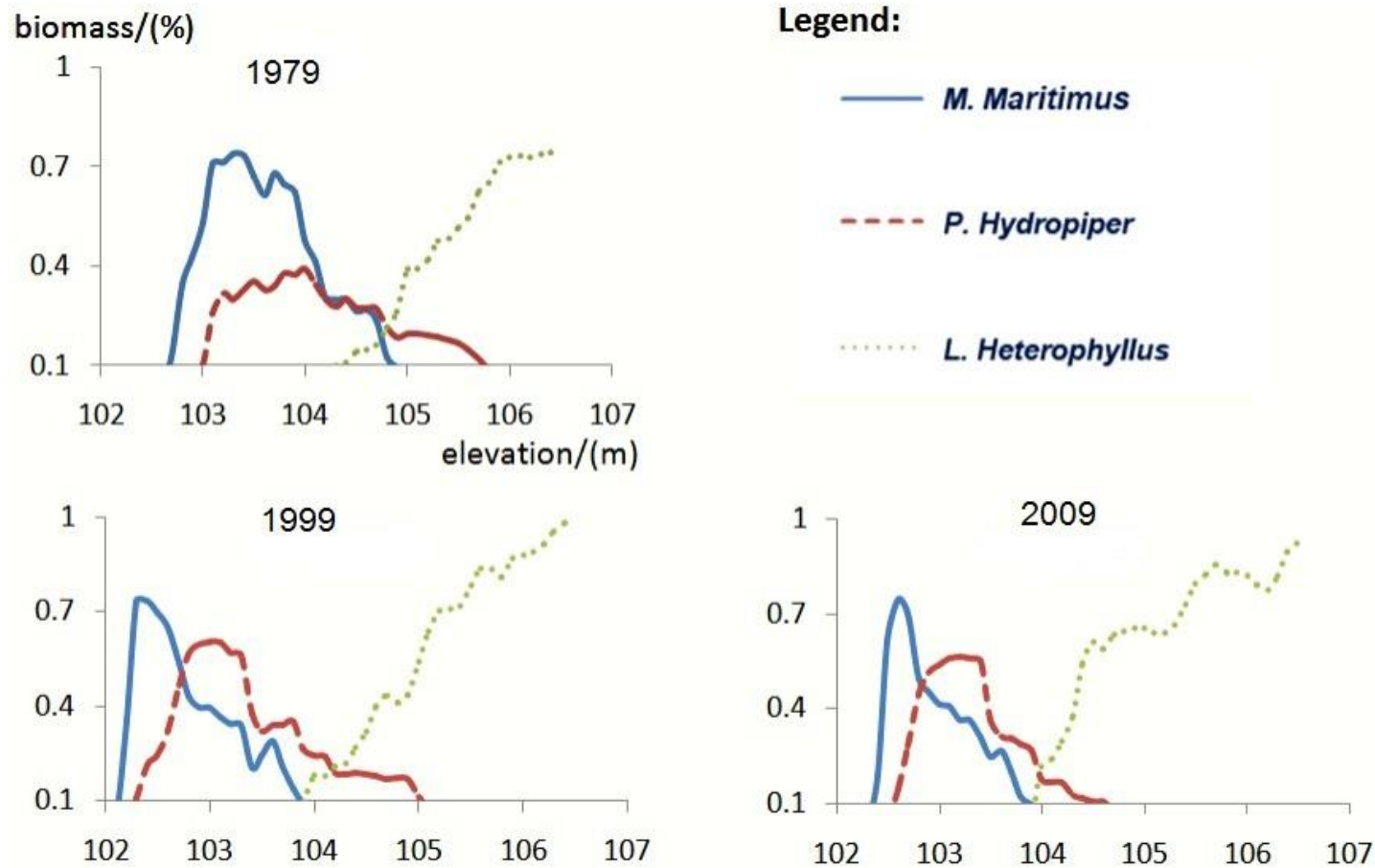


Legend: - - - upper bound constrained by spring floods

- · - lower bound constrained by wet season floods

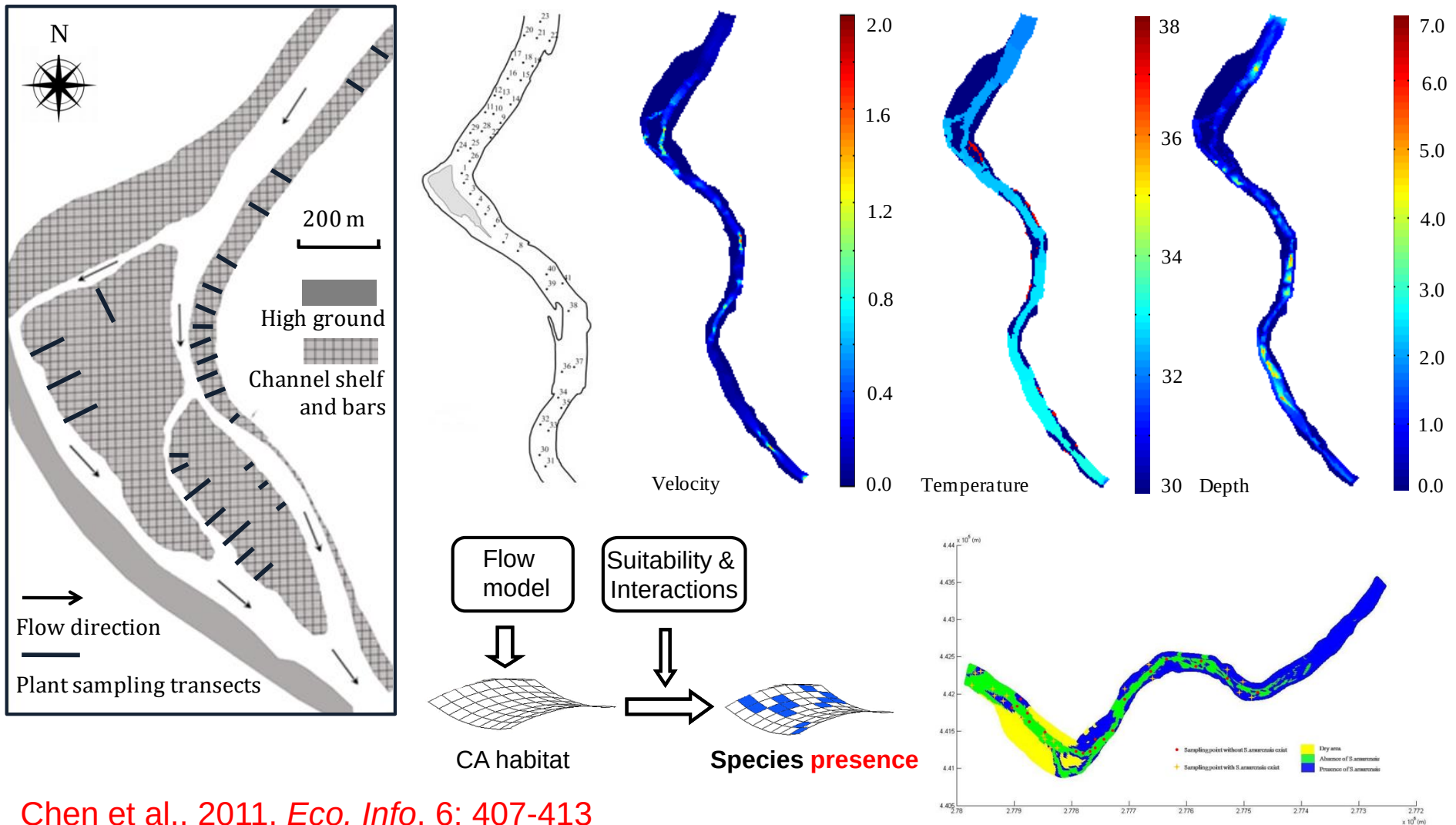
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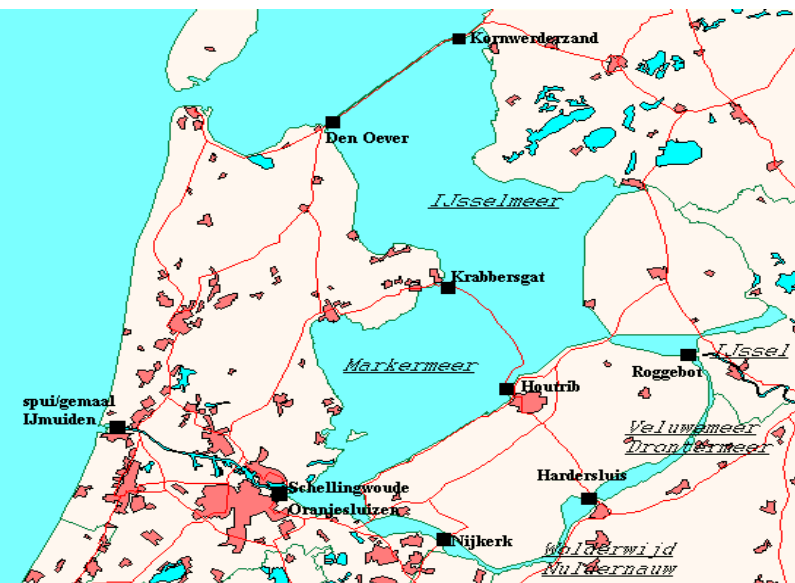
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□ River macroinvertebrates inhabitant: flow → local movement

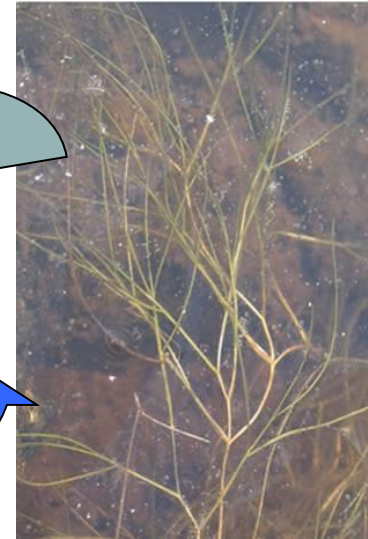


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❑ Macrophytes succession: vertical mixing → local competition



Potamogeton pectinatus



Chara aspera

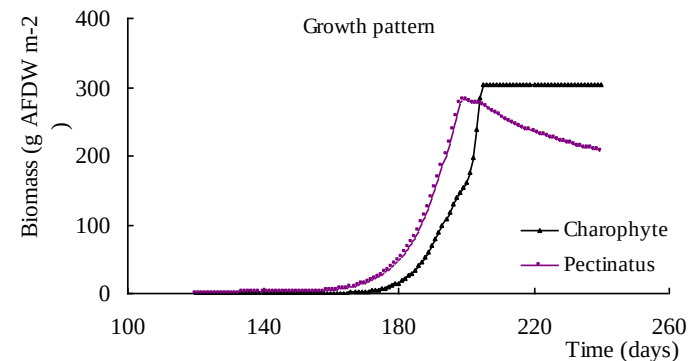
Before 1968, various species

Eutrophication

1970~1989, algae and *Potamogeton pectinatus*

Restoration

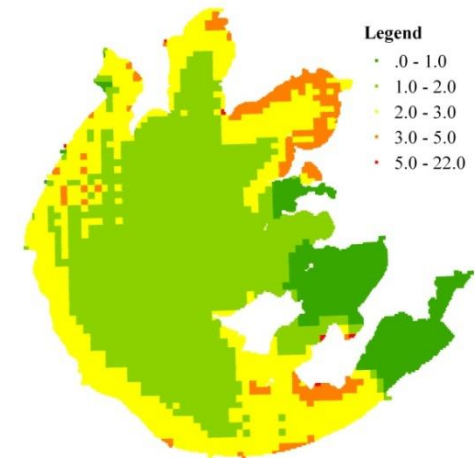
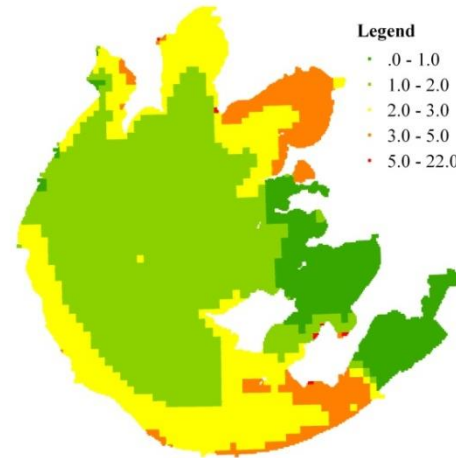
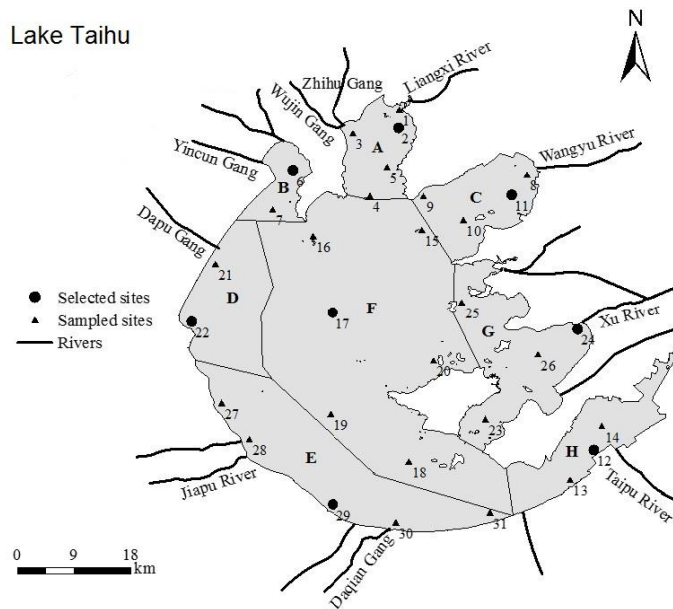
1990~, *Chara aspera* back and dominant



Chen and Mynett., 2003, *Eco Mod*, 147: 253-262 (Citations: 53)

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□ Lake algae bloom: flow + wind drifting → algae patchiness

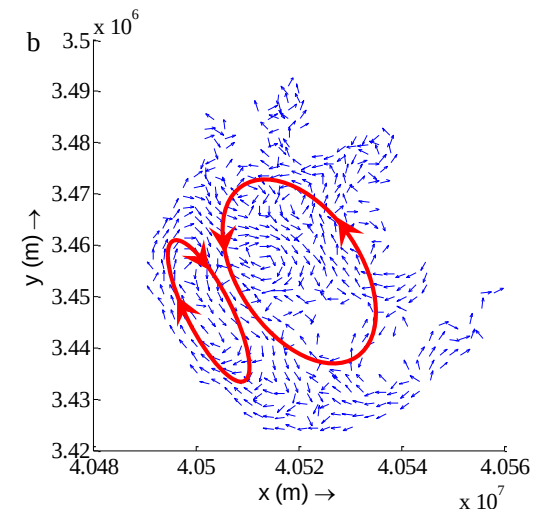


$$R_i^{t+2} = (7.66 + NO_{3i}^t + 0.0441 * WT_i^t - 0.14 * PO_{4i}^t) / (1.2 + (NO_{3i}^t)^2)$$

$$C_i^{t+2} = R_i^{t+2} + C_i^t \quad C_i^{t+2} = a_i C_i^{t+2} + \sum a_j C_j^{t+2}$$

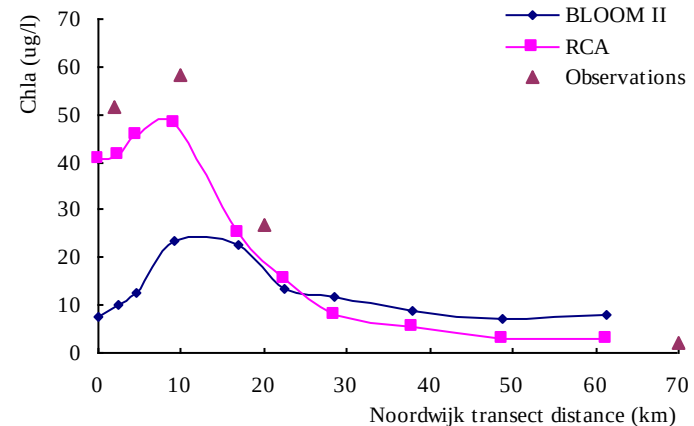
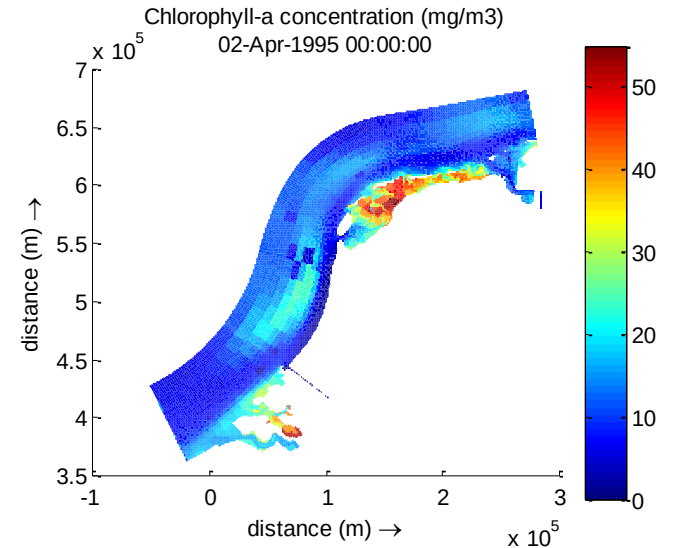
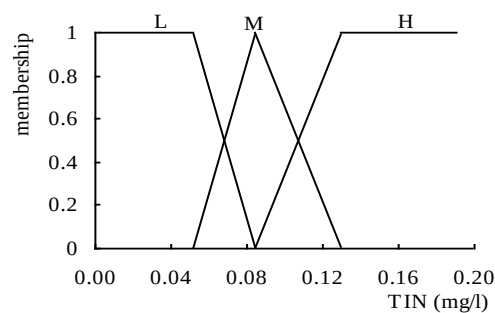
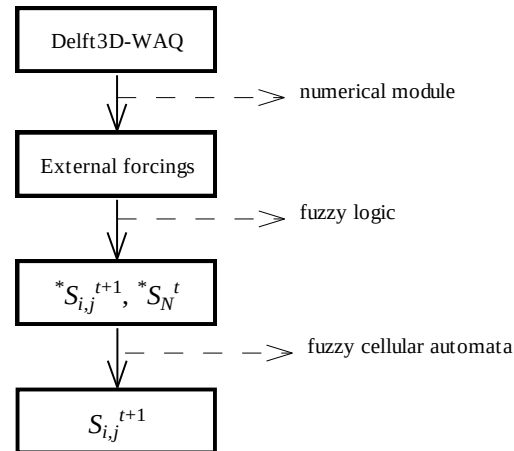
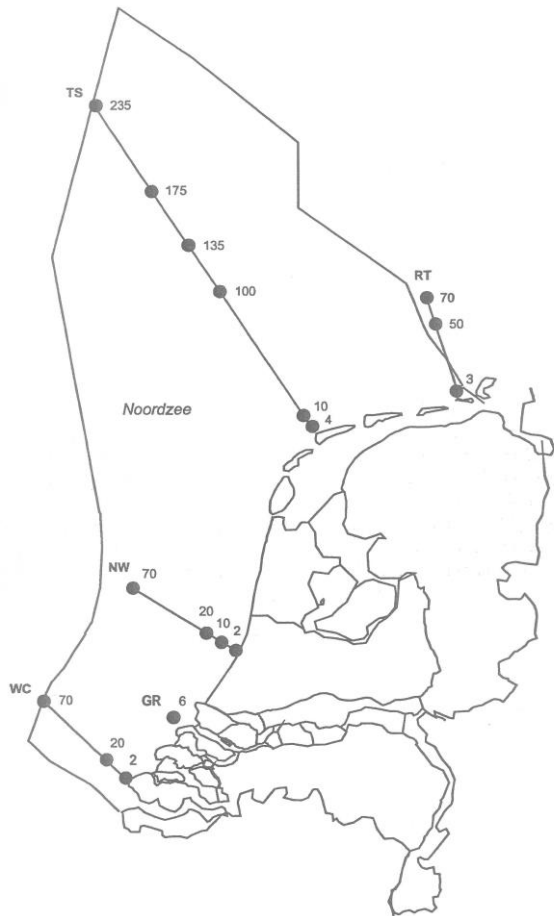
◇ Δt : 12 hours in algae model; cell size Δx : drifting speed $\times \Delta t$

Lin et al., 2017, *Eco. Mod.* (submitted)



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□ Coastal algal bloom: current → algae patchiness

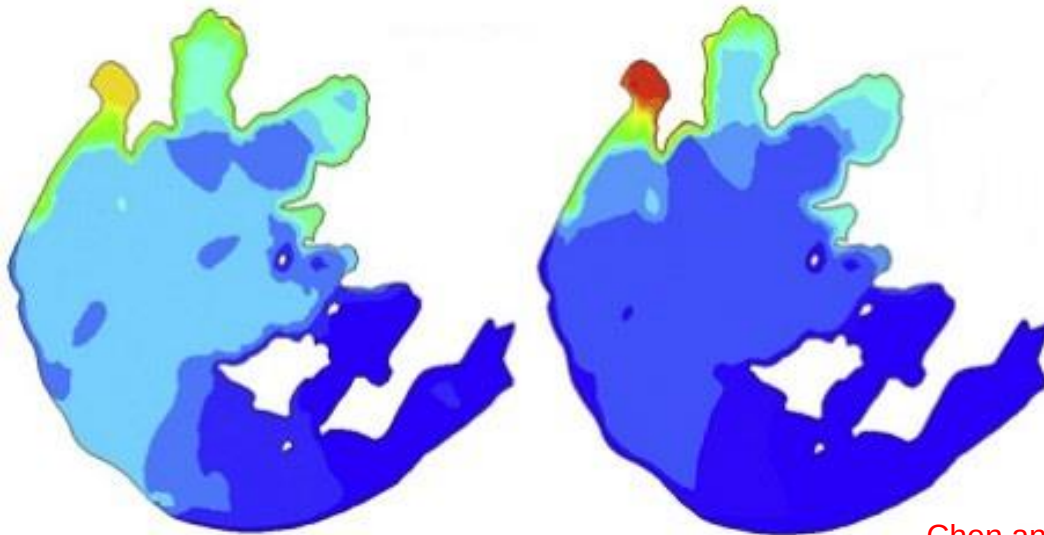


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□ Spatially-explicit evaluation of CA model

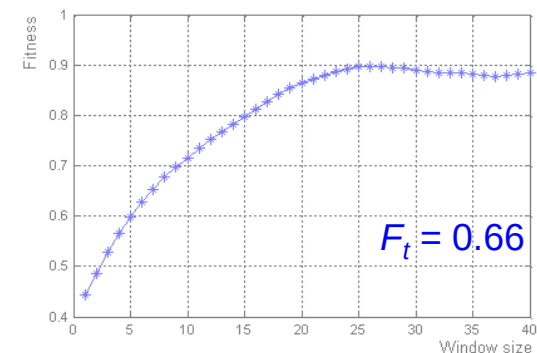
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$$F_t = \frac{\sum_{w=1}^n F_w e^{-k(w-1)}}{\sum_{w=1}^n e^{-k(w-1)}}$$



Final remarks

- (1) Through hierarchical scale coupling, the fluid dynamics is linked to aquatic eco-dynamics
- (2) The adoption of cellular automata offers a novel approach to describe aquatic eco-dynamics featured by spatial heterogeneity, local interactions and discrete processes
- (3) The developed ecohydraulic models provide a broad range of applications with promising potential.

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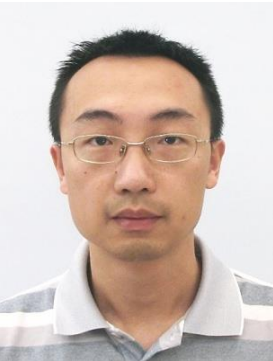
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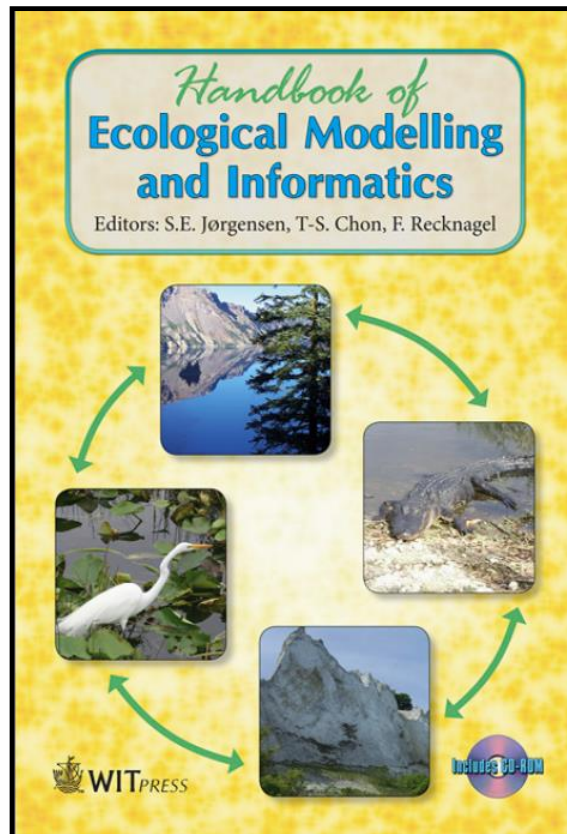
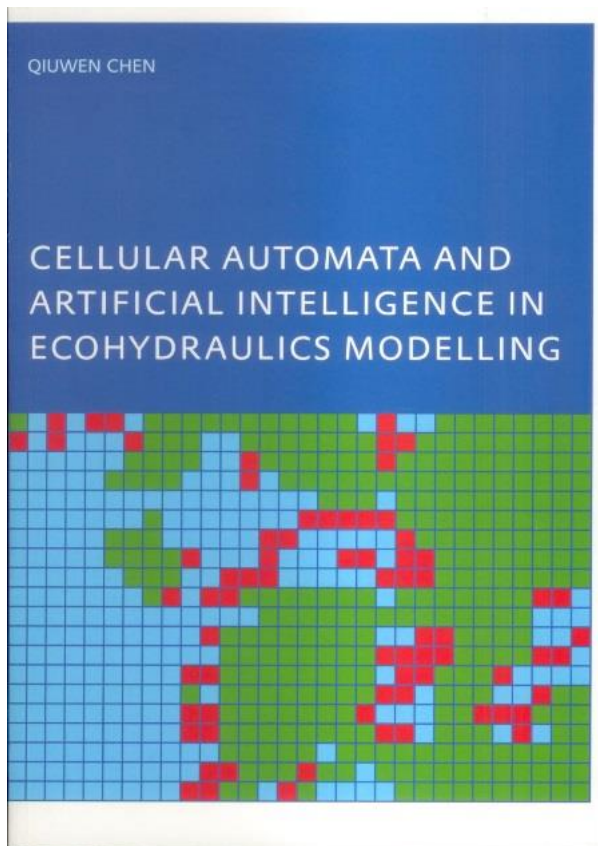


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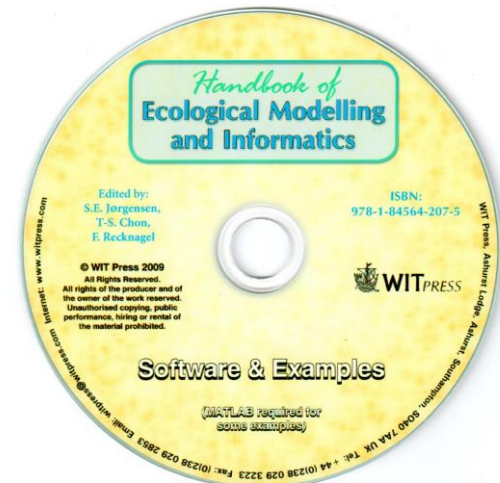


CHAPTER 16

Cellular automata

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A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, reflecting the surrounding green mountains and a clear blue sky. A herd of white sheep is grazing on a rocky shore to the left, with a person standing nearby. The mountains are covered in dense green vegetation. The text "Thank You !" is overlaid in a large, teal, outlined font at the top center.

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