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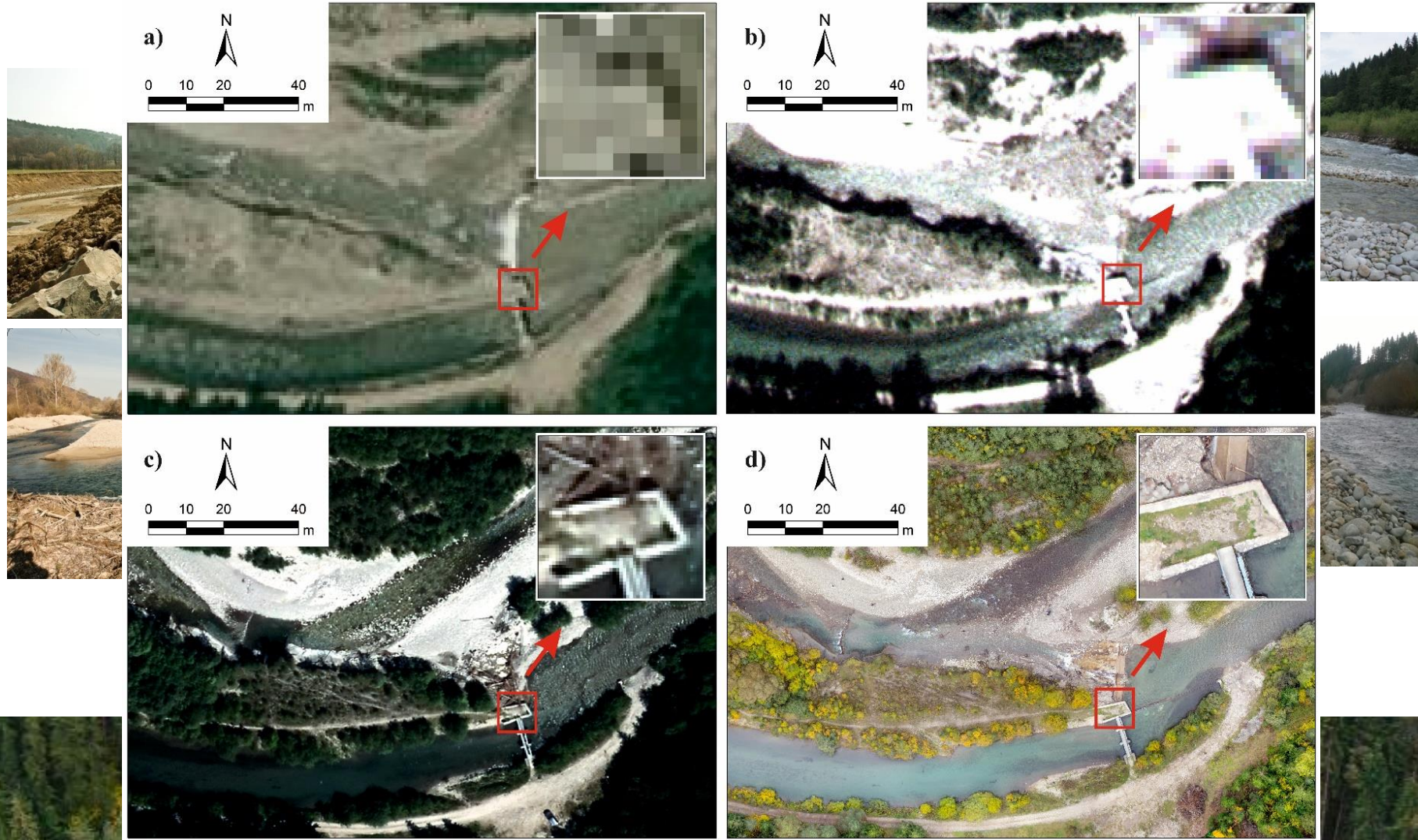
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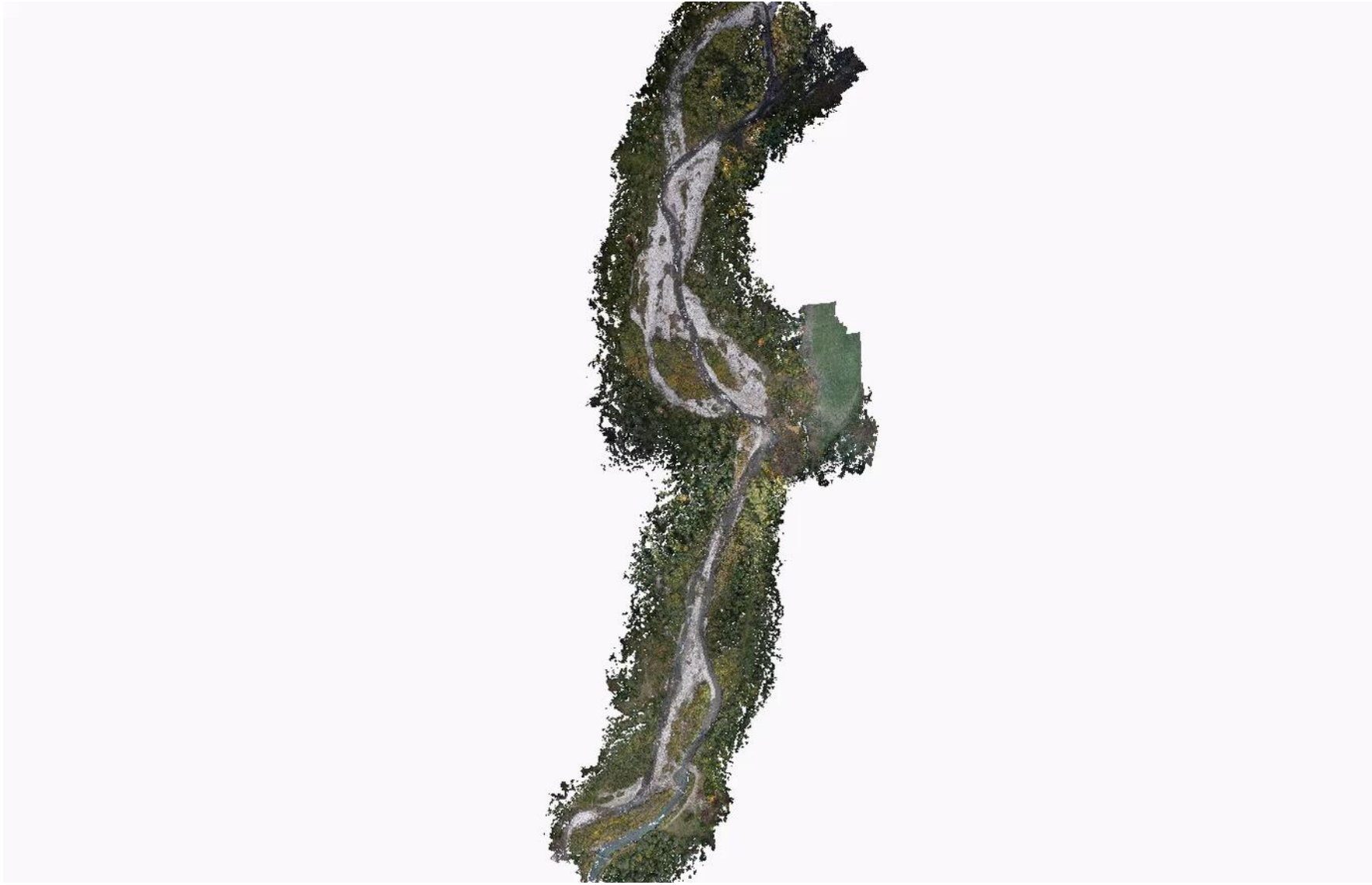
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An aerial photograph showing a river channel winding through a dense forest. The river is surrounded by a wide, light-colored gravel bar. The forest is mostly green, with some trees showing yellow and orange autumn colors. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. A bridge is visible in the distance. The text "River channels are key elements for maintaining landscape" is overlaid in white, bold font across the center of the image.

**River channels are key elements for maintaining landscape**

# We need to know where what is: objects detection





# UAV (UAS) at IG SAS



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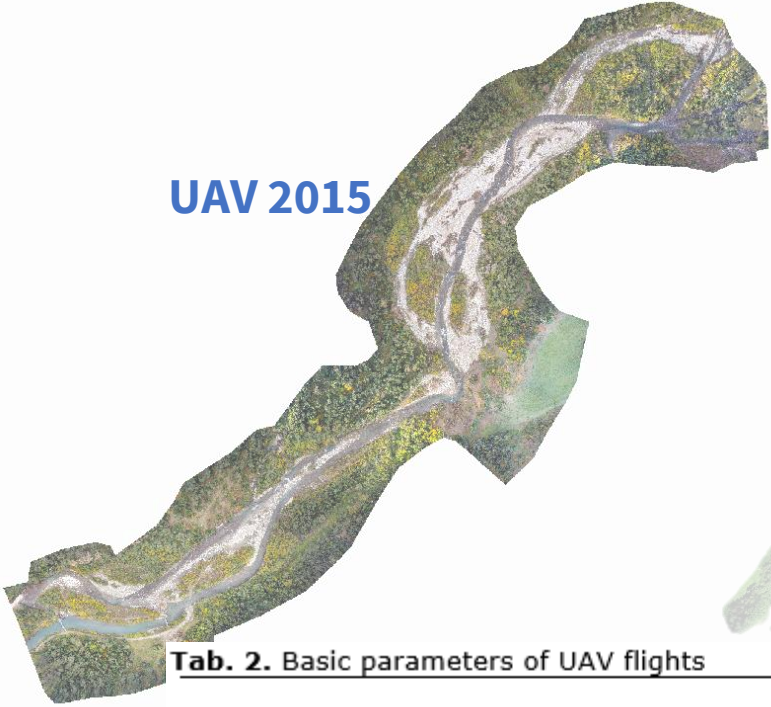
## Monitoring of avulsion channel evolution and river morphology changes using UAV photogrammetry: Case study of the gravel bed Ondava River in Outer Western Carpathians

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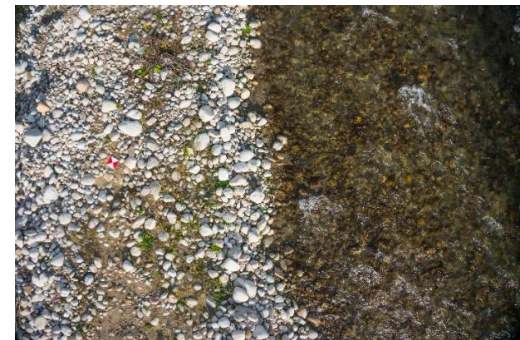


# braided and wandering Belá River

UAV 2015



UAV 2022



Tab. 2. Basic parameters of UAV flights

| Year | Date    | No. images | Camera                | AGL [m]    | GSD [cm/px] | No. GCP | No. CP |
|------|---------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| 2015 | 22 Oct. | 1866       | SONY NEX 6 (16–50 mm) | 80, 50, 20 | 2.38        | 20      | 18     |
| 2022 | 30 June | 2333       | FC6310 (8.8mm)        | 112, 70    | 3.07        | 14      | 22     |



# Validation

**Discharge:** 3,2 (m<sup>3</sup>/s)

**field sampling 2015: 184 bodov**

**field sampling 2022: 204 bodov**

70% model

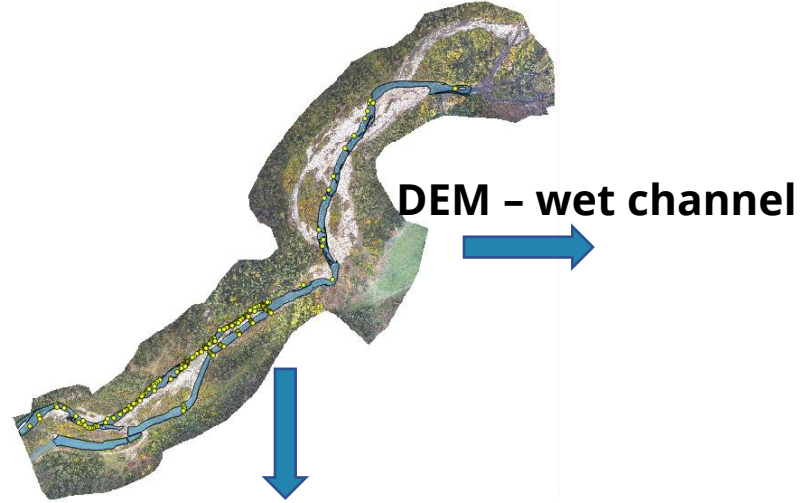
30% validation

## Model design:

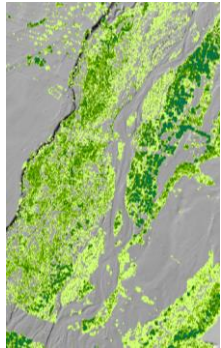
- 1) RGB images + field sampling
  - simple linear regression
  - multiple linear regression
- 2) SfM approach



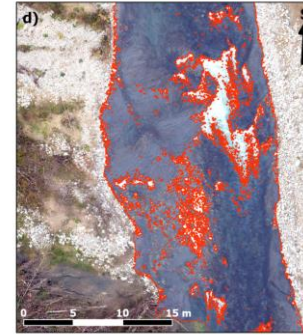
# UAV data processing



DEM - dry channel



Combined DEM



PyBathySfM python script

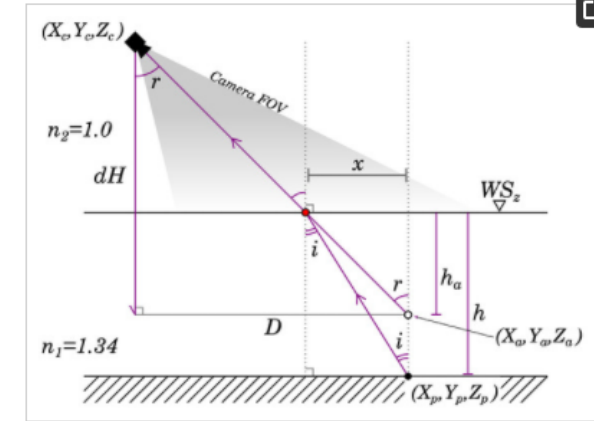


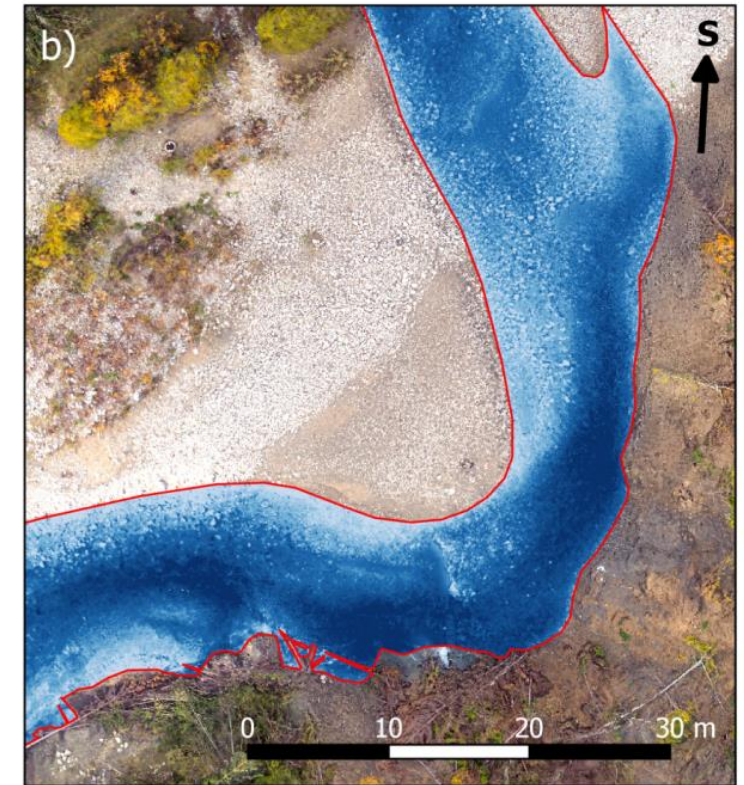
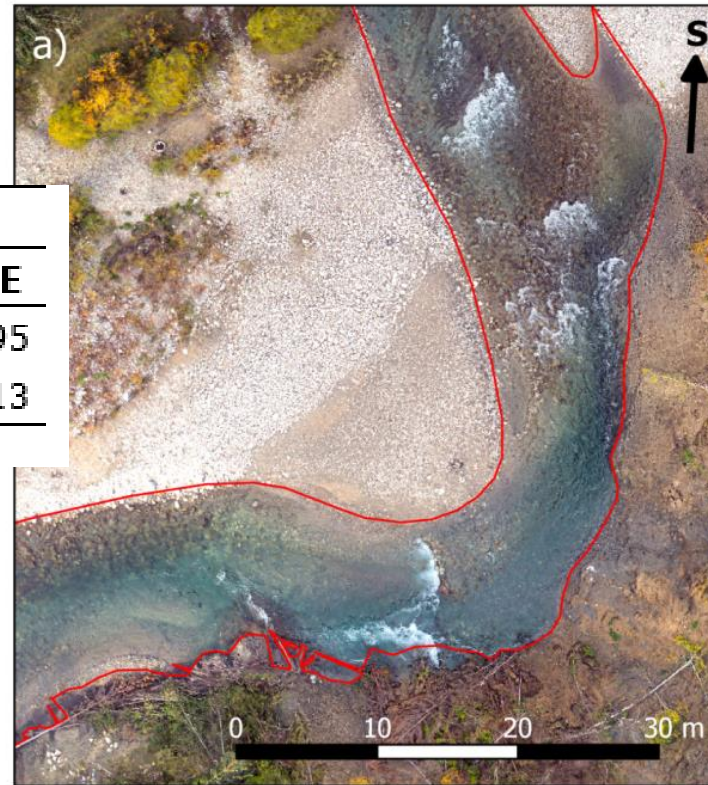
Figure 4. Diagram illustrating through water refraction geometry. Illustrating an off-nadir field of view (FOV) from the camera location  $(X_c, Y_c, Z_c)$  down to the water surface ( $WS_z$ ). Point  $(X_a, Y_a, Z_a)$  is at the apparent depth ( $h_a$ ) and represents the uncorrected SfM point cloud elevations. Point  $(X_p, Y_p, Z_p)$  is the "true" position as the "true" depth ( $h$ ) that the refraction correction is solving.  $D$  is the point camera distance,  $dH$  is the elevation difference,  $r$  is the angle of refraction,  $i$  is the angle of incidence,  $x$  is the point/water interface distance,  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are the refractive indices of air and water. From [28], used with permission.



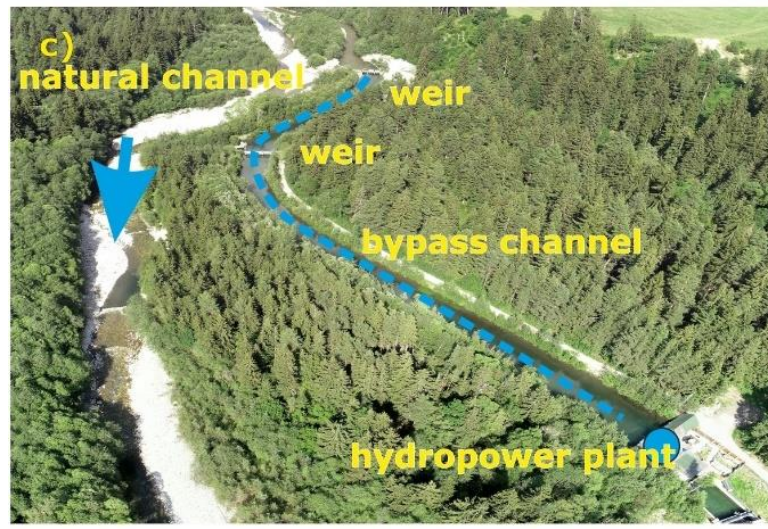
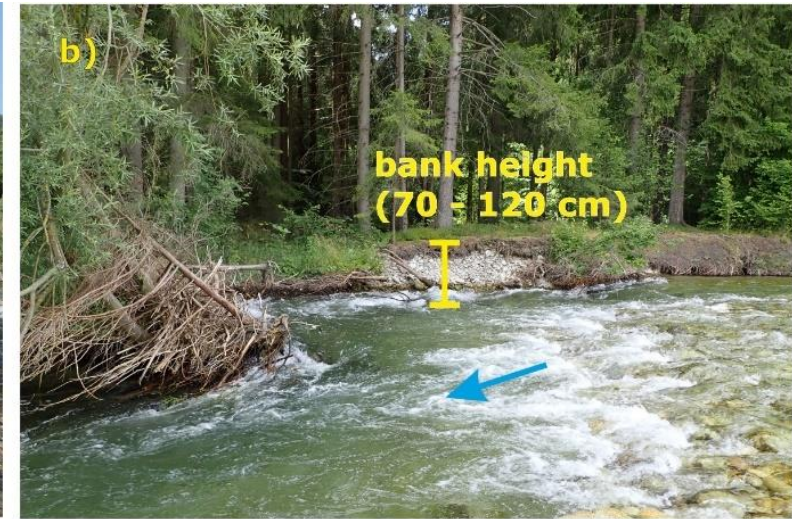
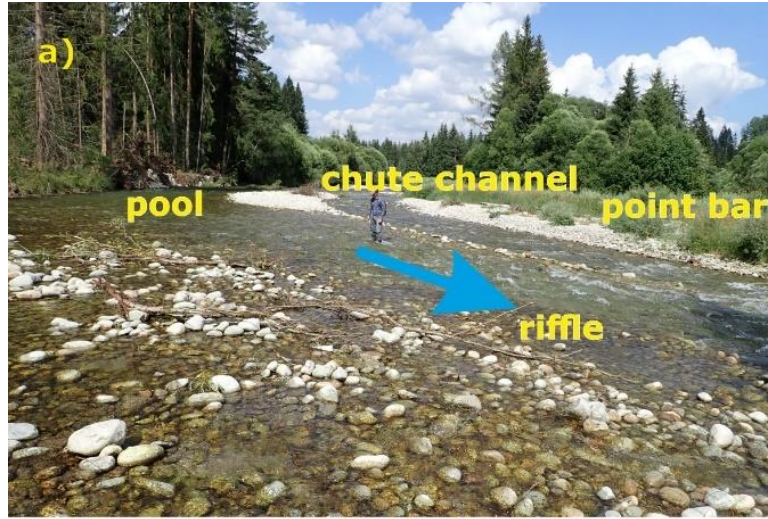


# Channel bathymetry

| Year | n   | Depth error |        |        |        |
|------|-----|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
|      |     | ME          | SDE    | MAE    | RMSE   |
| 2015 | 154 | -0.0164     | 0.1289 | 0.1018 | 0.1295 |
| 2022 | 200 | -0.0045     | 0.1115 | 0.0861 | 0.1113 |



# Application



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$$\delta u = \sqrt{(\delta z_{post})^2 + (\delta z_{pre})^2}$$

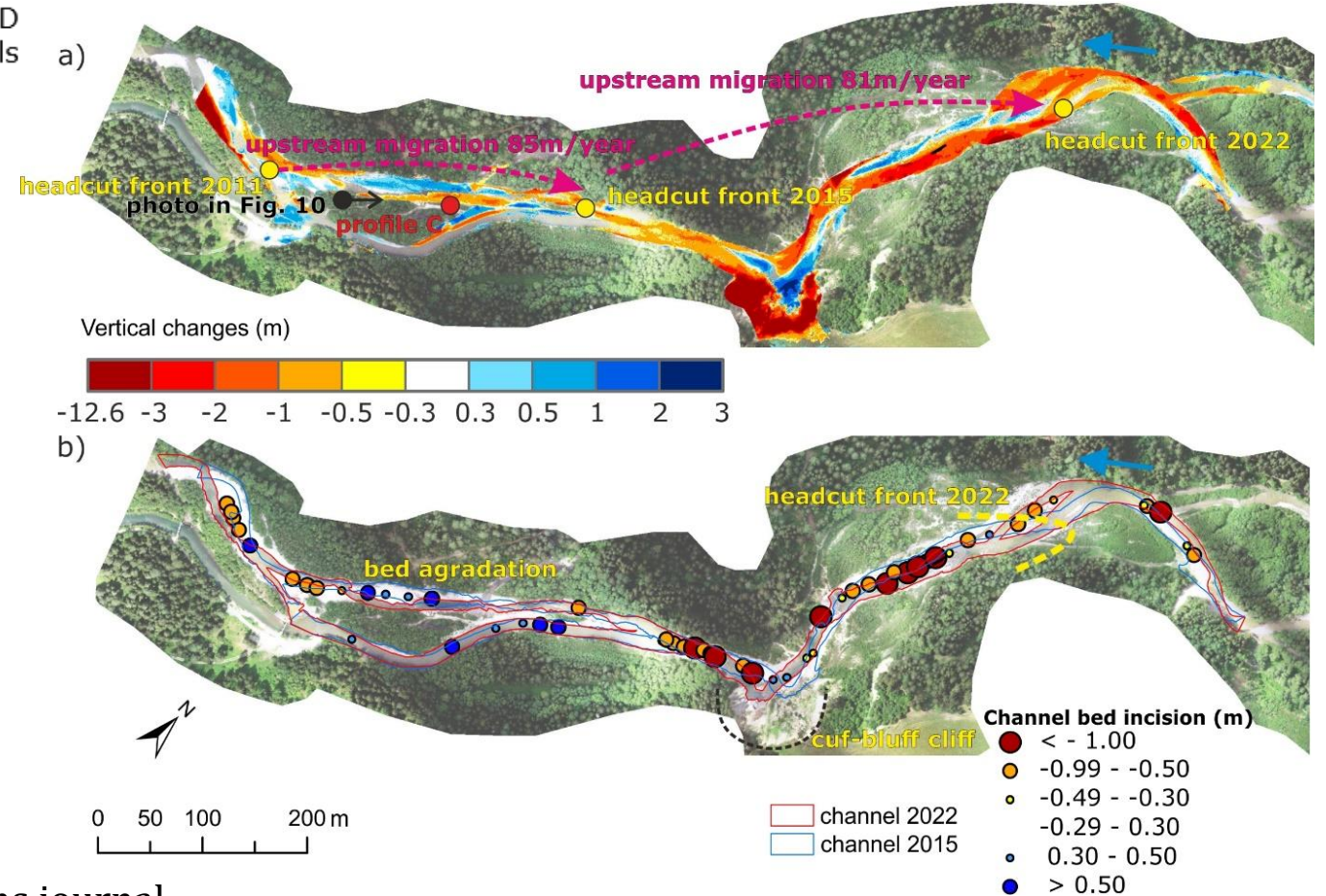
**Tab. 5.** Propagated uncertainties in Z dimension (m) calculated for DOD ( $\delta u_{DOD}$ ) and propagated uncertainties at 95% confidence intervals ( $\delta u_{DOD95\%}$ ) for different sources of  $\delta u$ .

| source of uncertainties | $\delta u_{DOD}$ | $\delta u_{DOD95\%}$ |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| dry-dry                 | 0.0575           | 0.0946               |
| dry-wet                 | 0.1108           | 0.1823               |
| wet-dry                 | 0.1324           | 0.2177               |
| wet-wet                 | 0.1628           | 0.2678               |

**Tab. 3.** Volumetric changes in different zones of the Bela River channel with net volume and ED index (rate between eroded and deposited material) between UAV survey 2015 and 2022.

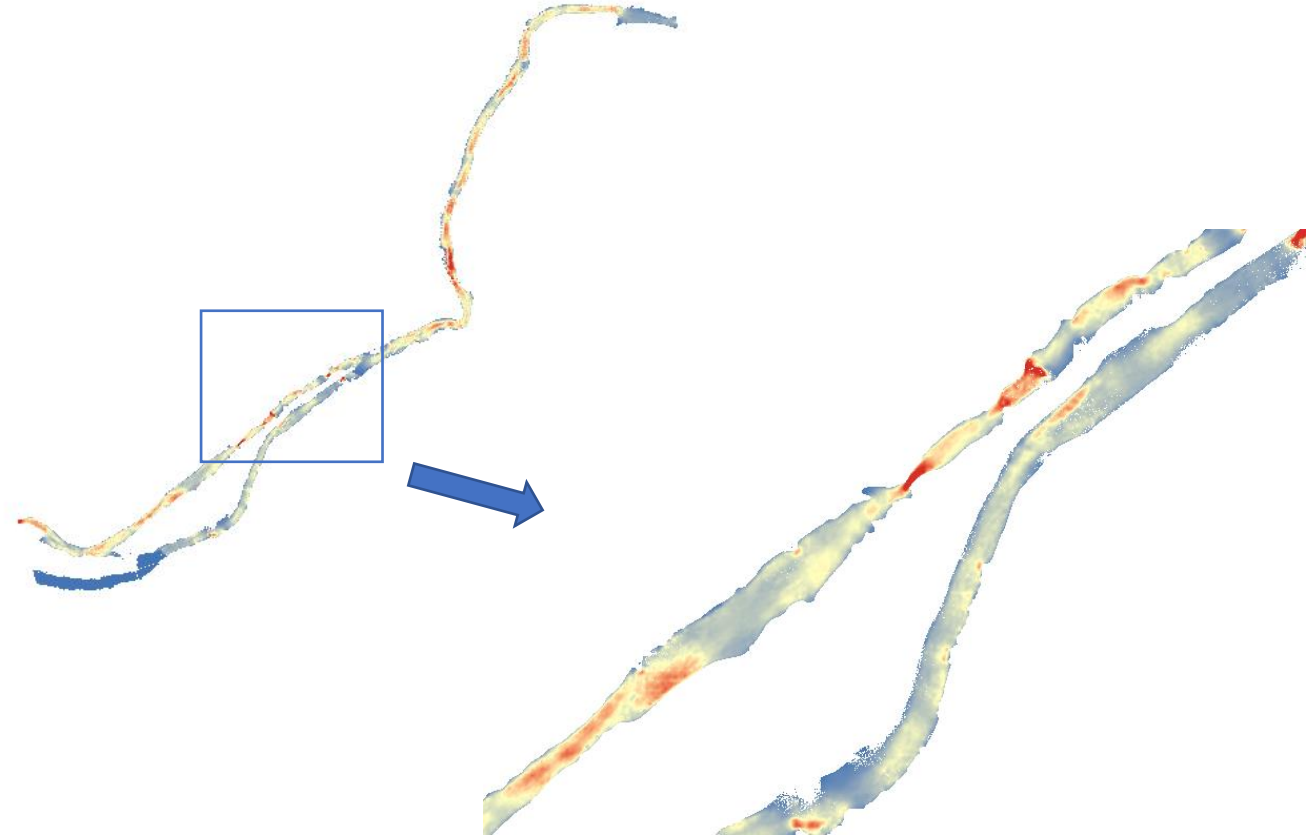
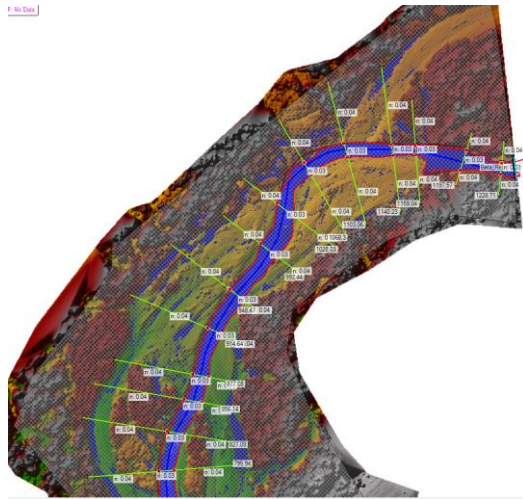
| zone | description                    | volume (m <sup>3</sup> )                                     |           |                | ED            | average bed elev. changes   | process   |  |
|------|--------------------------------|--|-----------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--|
|      |                                | eroded   | deposited | net            |               |                             |           |  |
| A    | downstream channel             | -3,068   | 346       | <b>-2,722</b>  | <b>-8.9</b>   | <b>-0.814<sup>a</sup></b>   | LA, I     |  |
| B    | former main channel            | -2,446   | 885       | <b>-1,561</b>  | <b>-2.8</b>   | -0.059                      | LA, GD    |  |
| C    | supply channel                 | -750   | 886       | <b>136</b>     | <b>0.8</b>    | 0.172                       | BAL       |  |
| D    | channel under cut-bluff        | -1,363   | 11        | <b>-1,352</b>  | <b>-119.4</b> | <b>-0.645<sup>a</sup></b>   | I         |  |
| E    | meander undercutting cut-bluff | -4,203   | 891       | <b>-3,312</b>  | <b>-4.7</b>   | -0.195                      | LA, GB    |  |
| F    | upstream channel               | -15,378  | 1,159     | <b>-14,219</b> | <b>-13.3</b>  | <b>-0.582<sup>a,b</sup></b> | LA, I, GB |  |
| G    | cut-bluff sediment input       | <b>input: 3,368 m<sup>3</sup>/year (Rusnák et al., 2020)</b> |           |                |               |                             |           |  |

<sup>a</sup> higher than minLOD; <sup>b</sup> downstream half of the F zone reach -0.882 m with maximum -1.282 m; <sup>c</sup> process: lateral erosion (LA), incision (I), gravel deposition (GD), balanced reach (BAL)



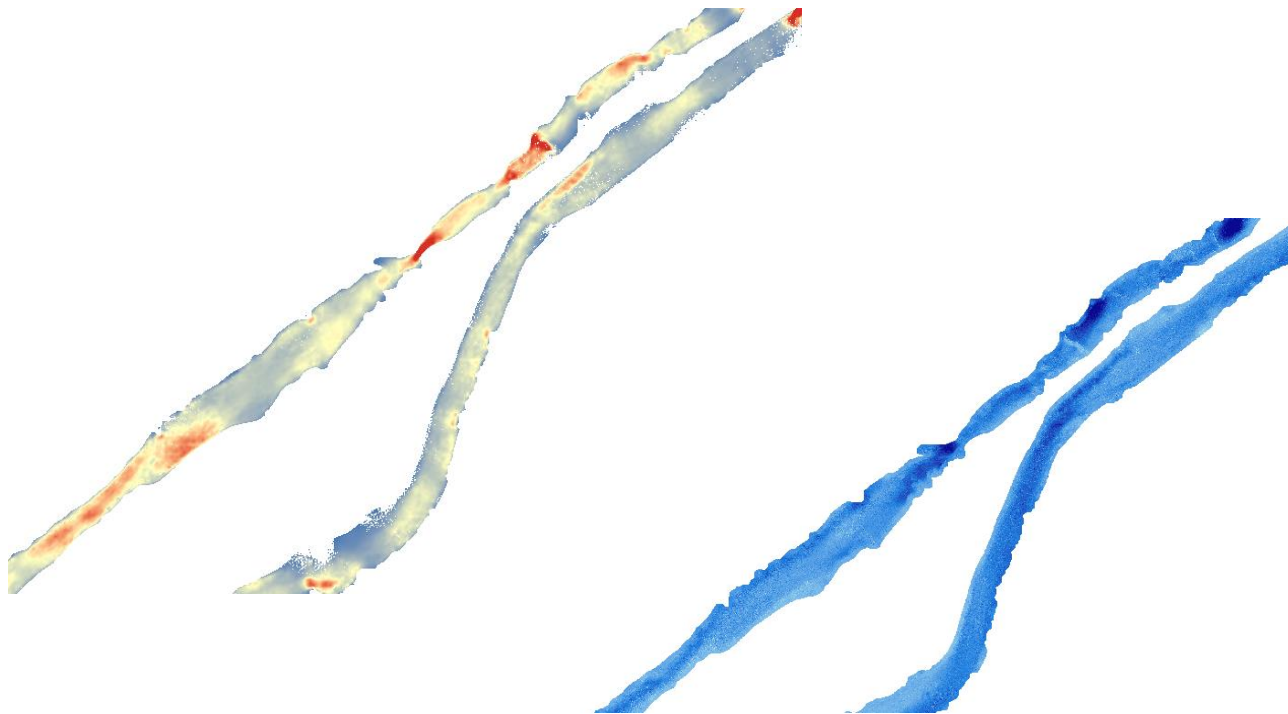
# Application – habitat assessment

- **velocity**
- HecRAS modelling
- average discharge  $5.6 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
- calibration – channel extend



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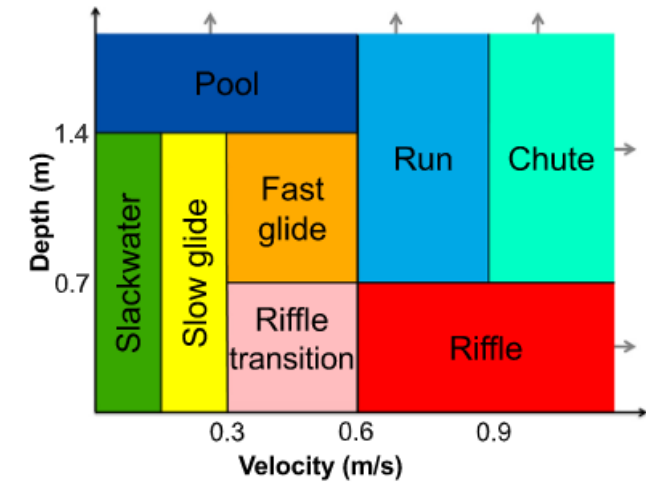
## - Velocity + Bathymetry



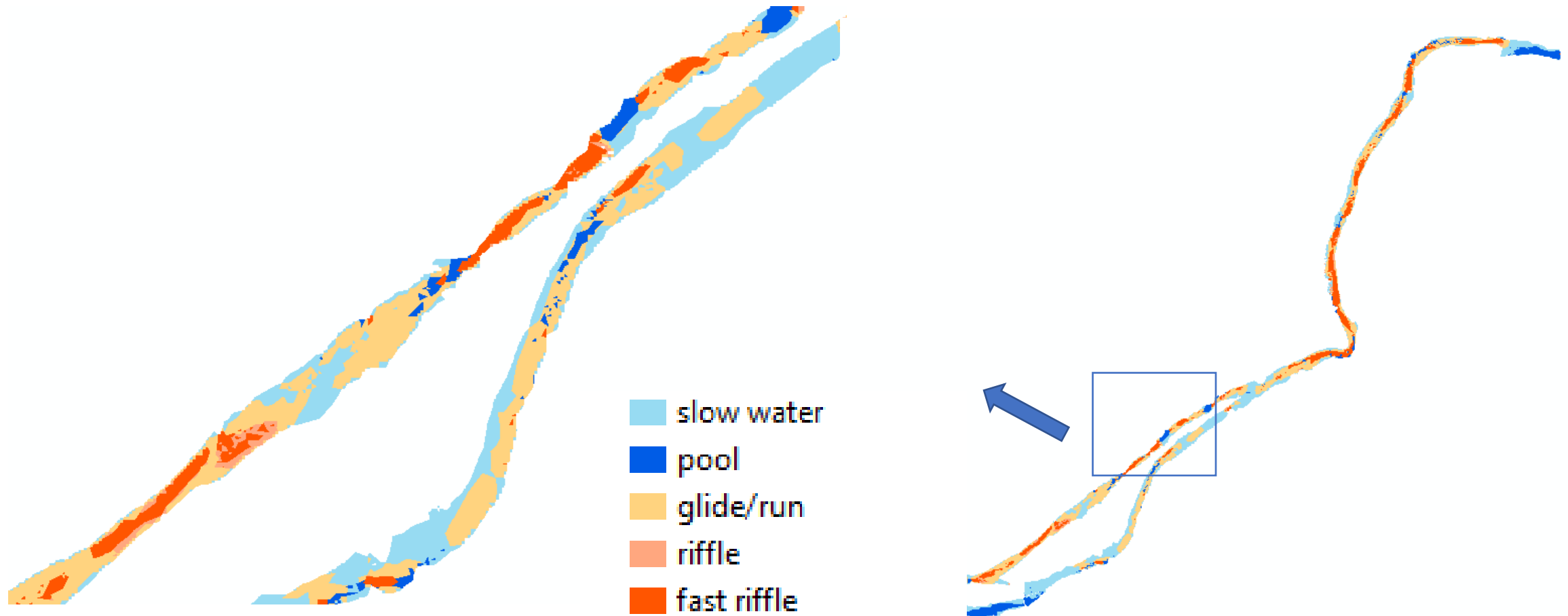
Are dynamic fluvial morphological unit assemblages statistically stationary through floods of less than ten times bankfull discharge?

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