

# Remote sensing for fish ecology – experiences and future needs

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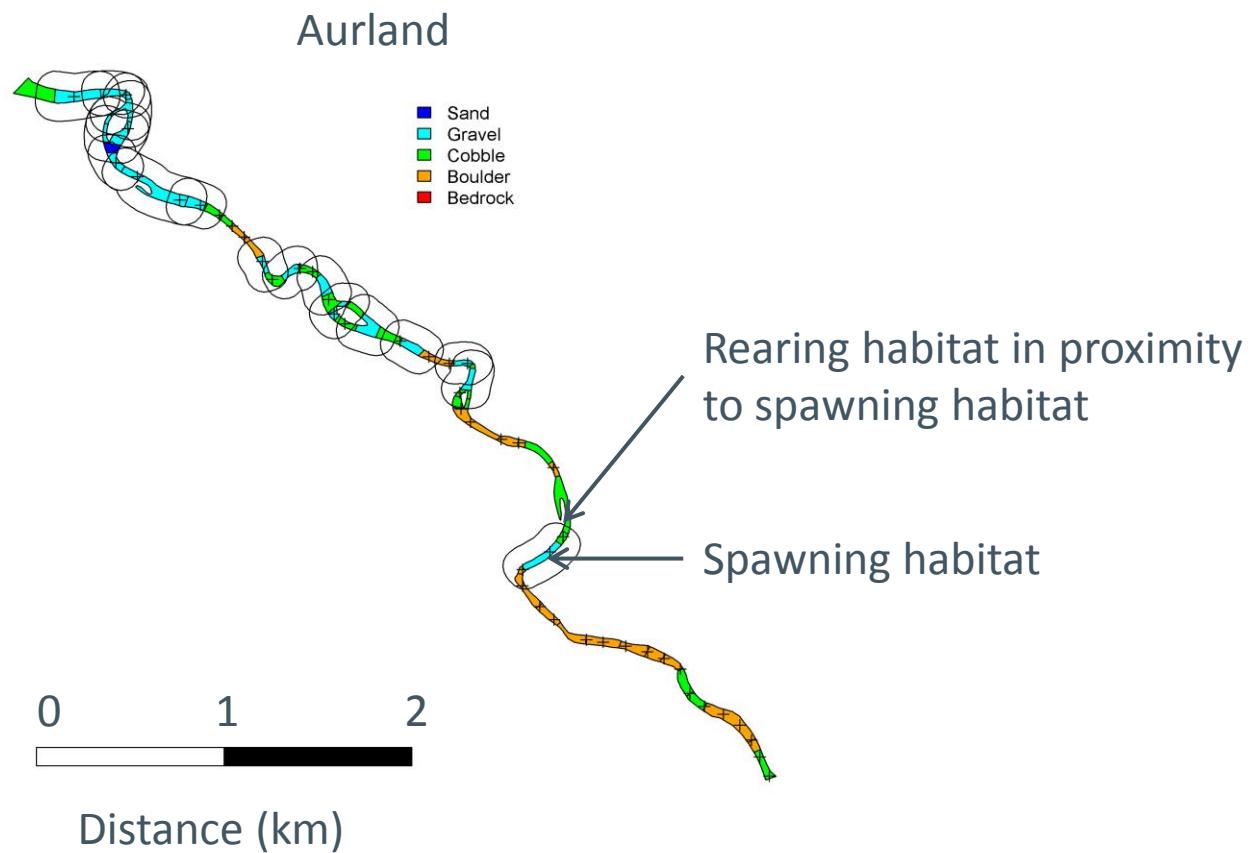


# Fish ecology

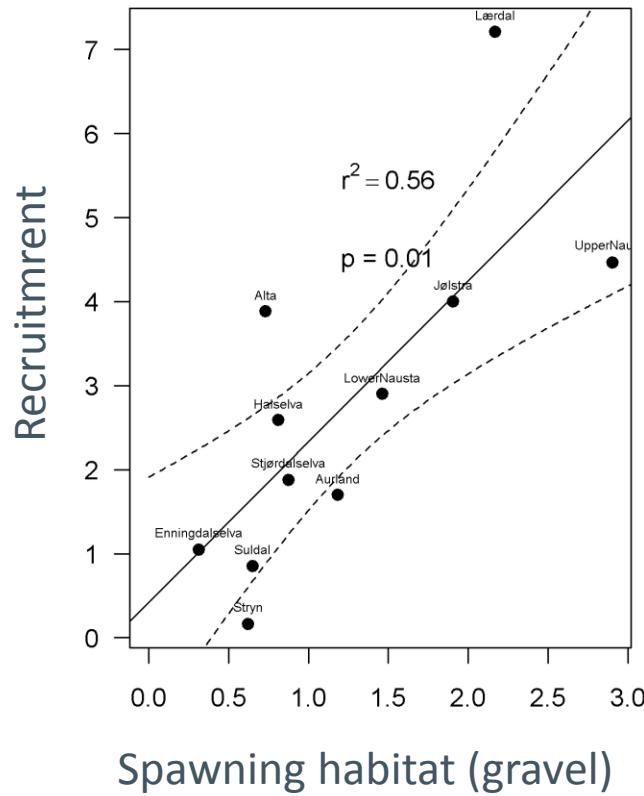
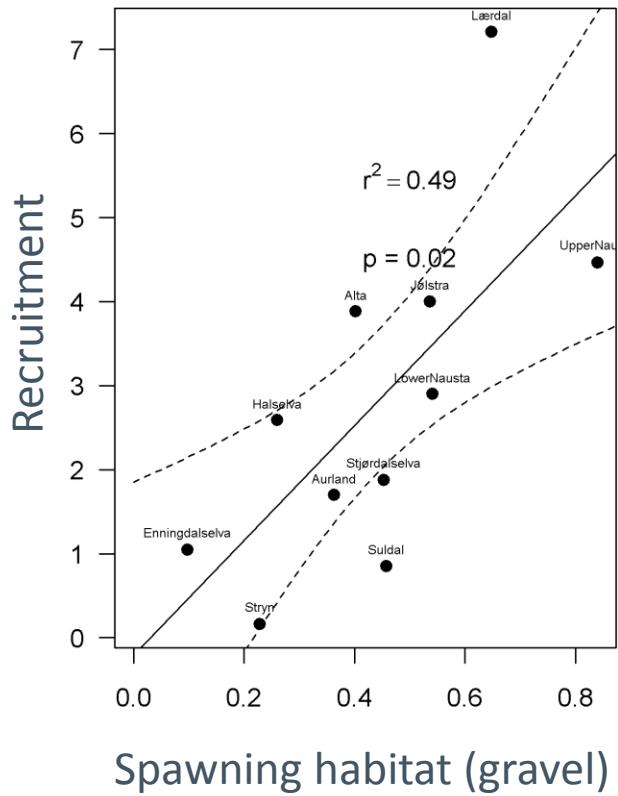
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- We want to understand how fish use habitat
- Individual fish use a range of habitats
  - ▶ different spatial and temporal scales
- Ideally, we need to have habitat data across the entire river

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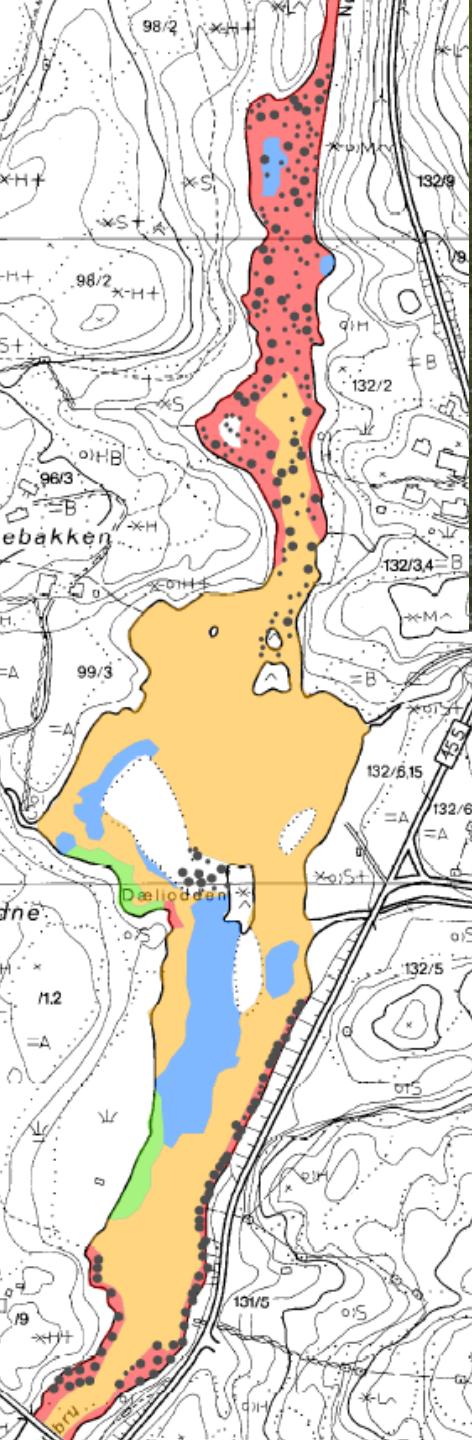


# Including spatial relationships



# Mapping?







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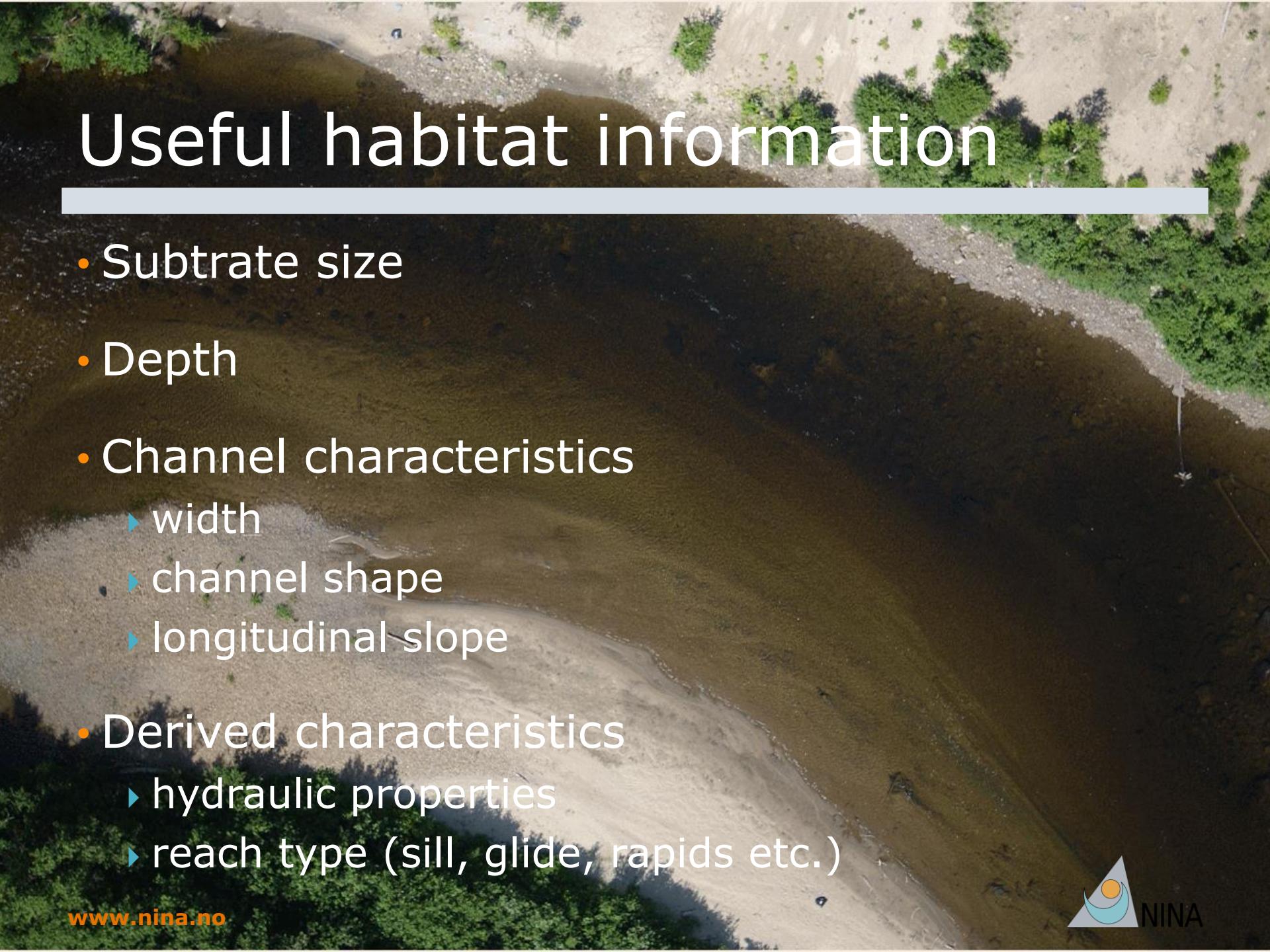
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# What is currently available

- Coarse-scale imagery  
(Norge i bilder)
- DEM data – too coarse  
for longitudinal gradient
- Scattered ground-  
surveys

# Useful habitat information

An aerial photograph of a river winding its way through a landscape. The river is dark brown and flows from the bottom right towards the top left. It is bordered by a mix of green vegetation and sandy or rocky banks. The surrounding terrain appears to be a mix of forest and open land.

- Substrate size
- Depth
- Channel characteristics
  - ▶ width
  - ▶ channel shape
  - ▶ longitudinal slope
- Derived characteristics
  - ▶ hydraulic properties
  - ▶ reach type (sill, glide, rapids etc.)

# Remote sensing extraction of habitat

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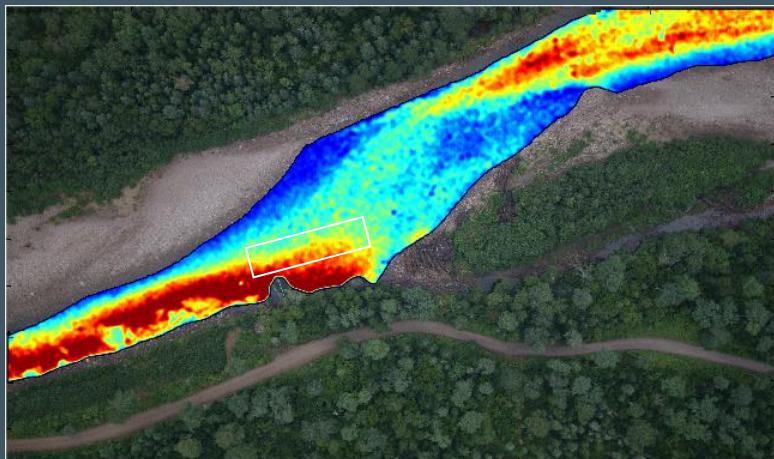
- Visible, thermal infrared, LIDAR
- Satellite, aircraft, UAV

# 2 case studies

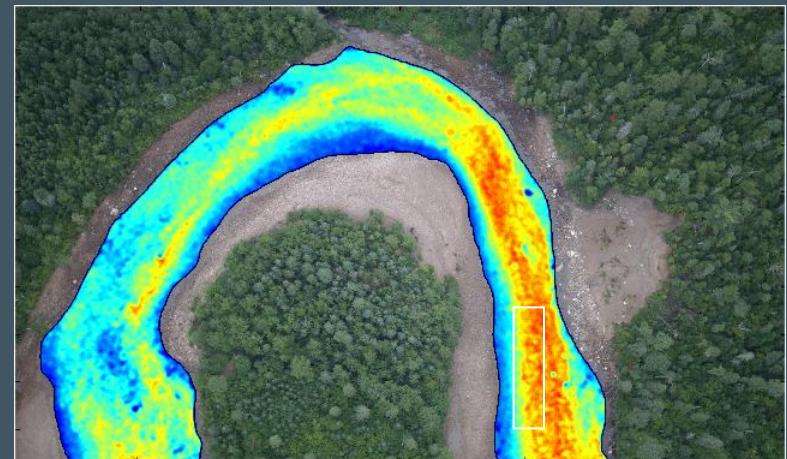
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- Helicopter imagery (Quebec)
- UAV imagery (Norway)

# Adding riverscape properties



Pool / riffle habitat



Homogeneous depth and  
substrate

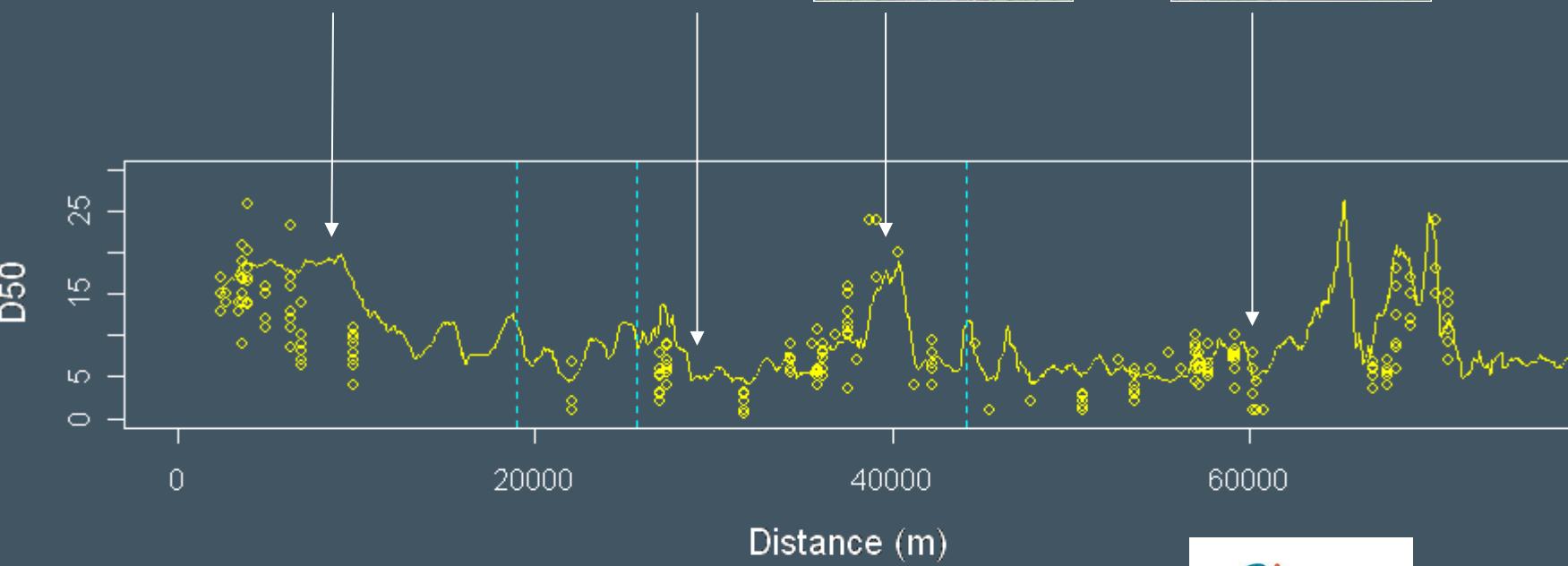
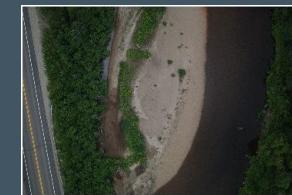
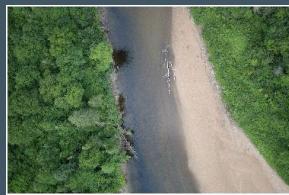
Depth (cm)

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# Determining habitat characteristics directly from single images

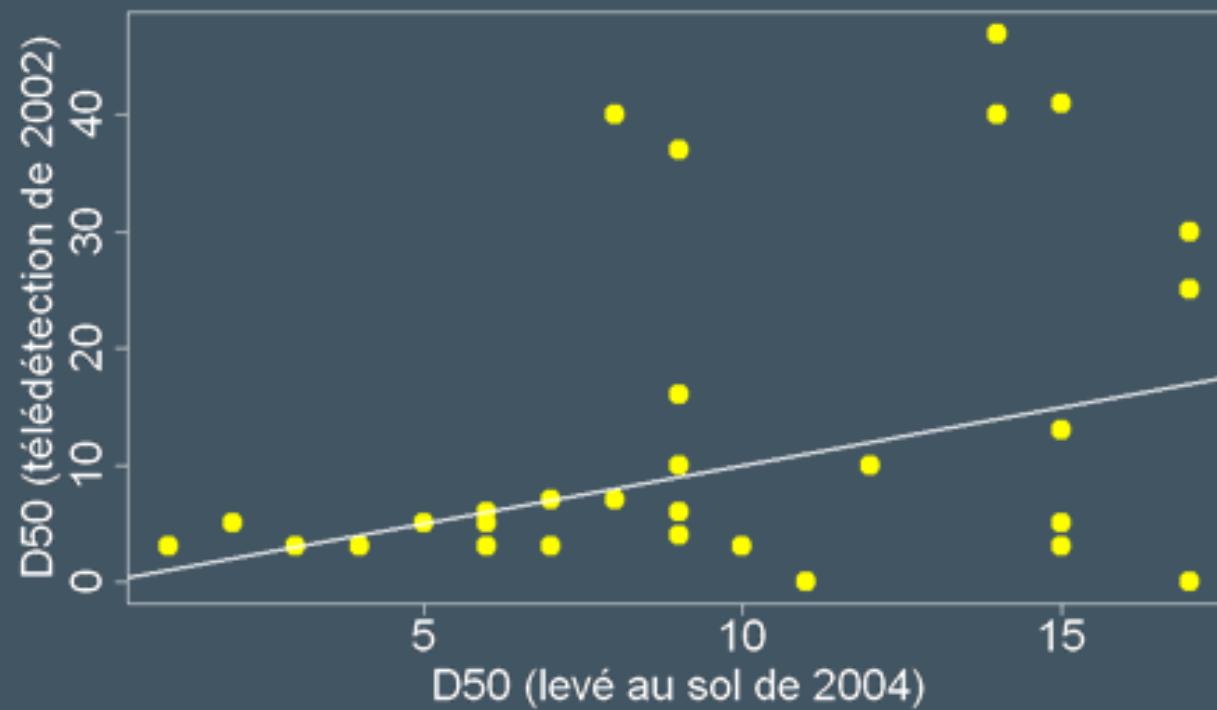
- Depth
  - ▶ Derived from light intensity ( $I$ ) in red band
  - ▶  $Depth = \alpha \log(\beta I)$
- Substrate size
  - ▶ Derived by local variation in light intensity

# Adding riverscape data



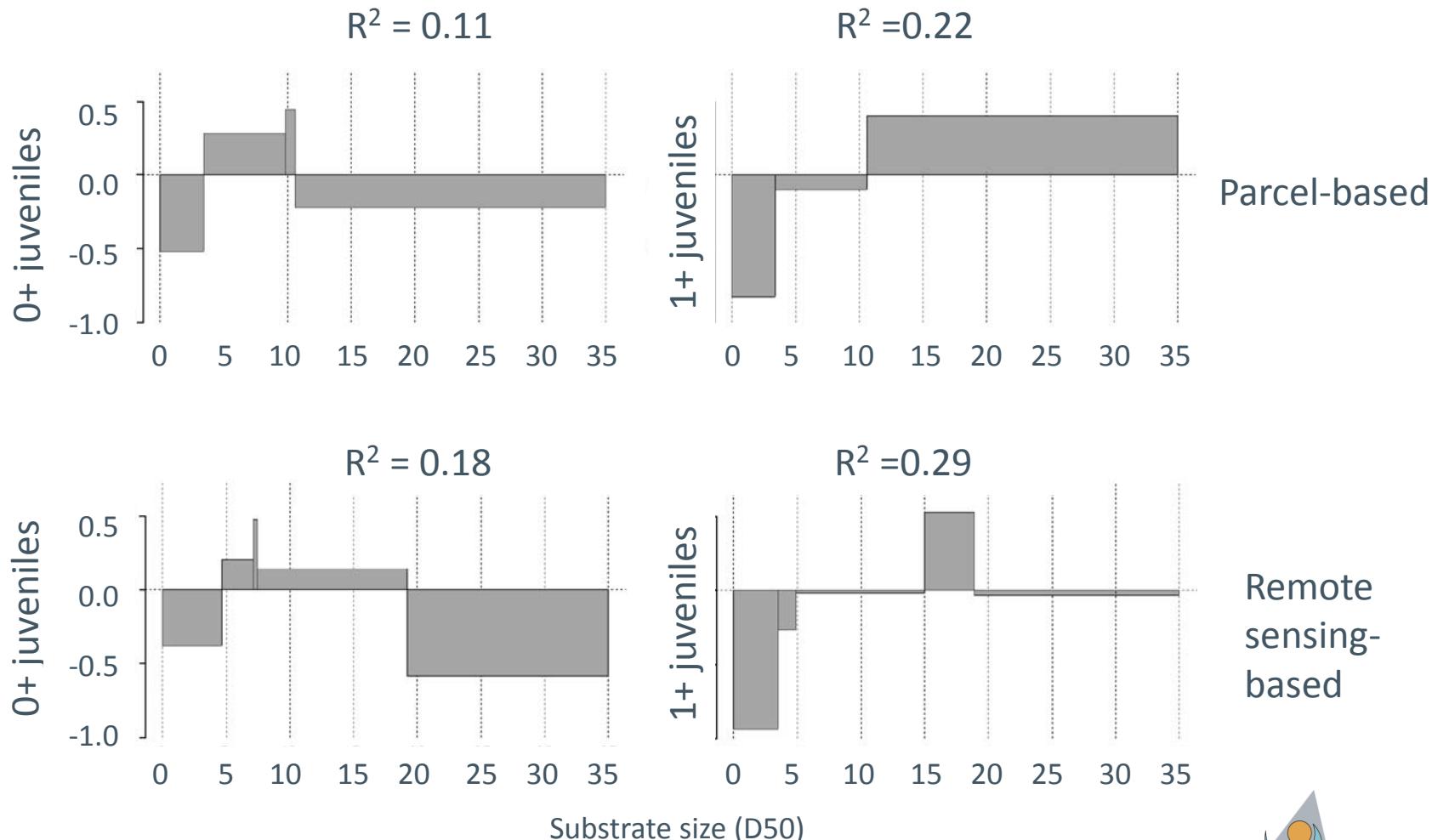
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Remote sensing data processed by P. Carbonneau

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# Meso-scale information from remote sensing



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## Droner skaper problemer i Lærdal

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Lærdalsøyri (NTB): Droner - små førerløse fly - skaper problemer for helikoptre som er satt inn i Lærdal. Politiet ber folk få dronene ned fra luften, ifølge VG.

Droner kan blant annet brukes til å fotografere fra luften.

- Det kan oppstå farlige situasjoner og kan utgjøre en fare for helikoptrene, sier Nils Erik Eggen, pressevakts ved Sogn og Fjordane politidistrikt til VG.

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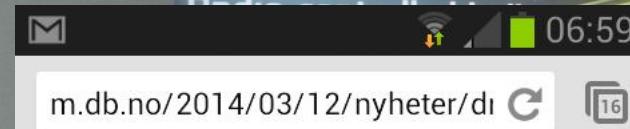
Han ber dem som har sendt opp droner om å ta dem ned. (©NTB)

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MPEL: Dette er en drone av typen tom 2 Vision, med kamera. Det er ukjent hvilken type drone som ble i smuglingsforsøket.  
Foto: Scanpix.

**En dron smugla narkotika til fengselet med en annen**

Det var vansklig å stoppe.

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# Field work in Børsa & Skjoma

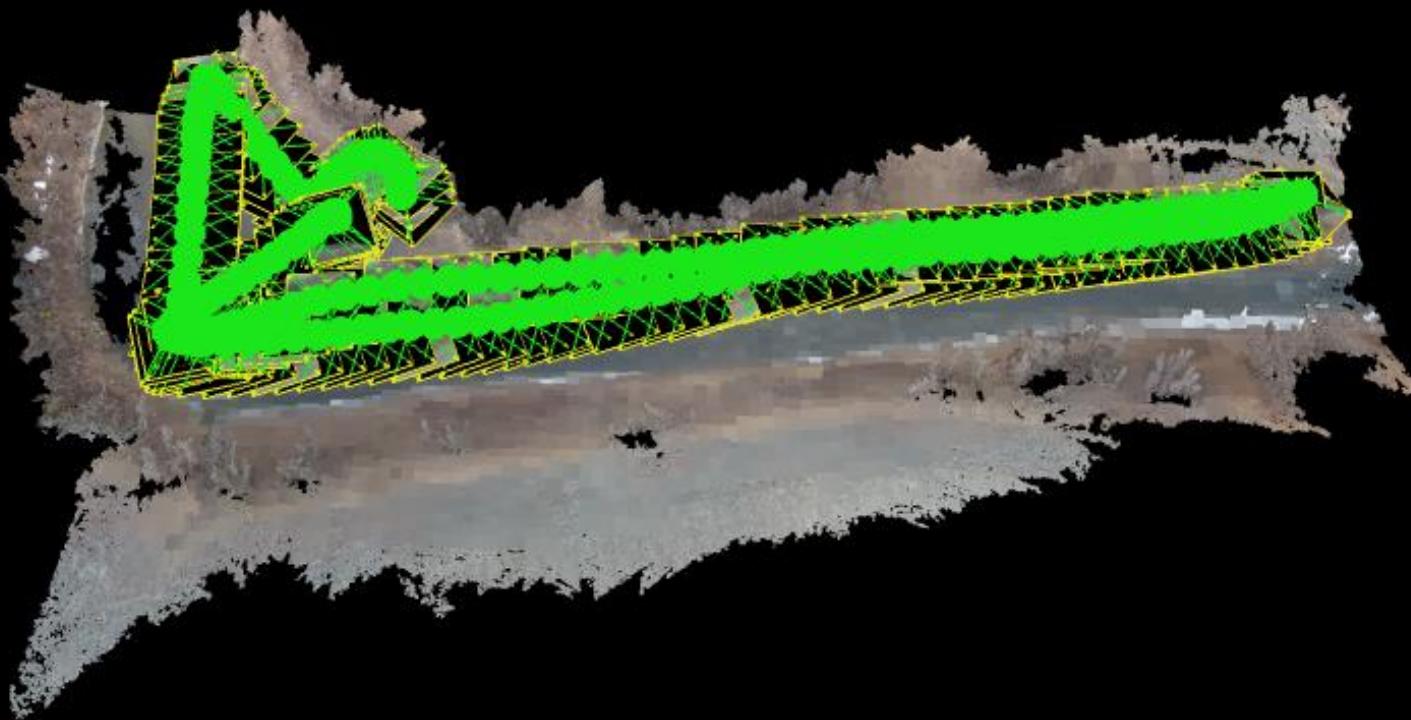


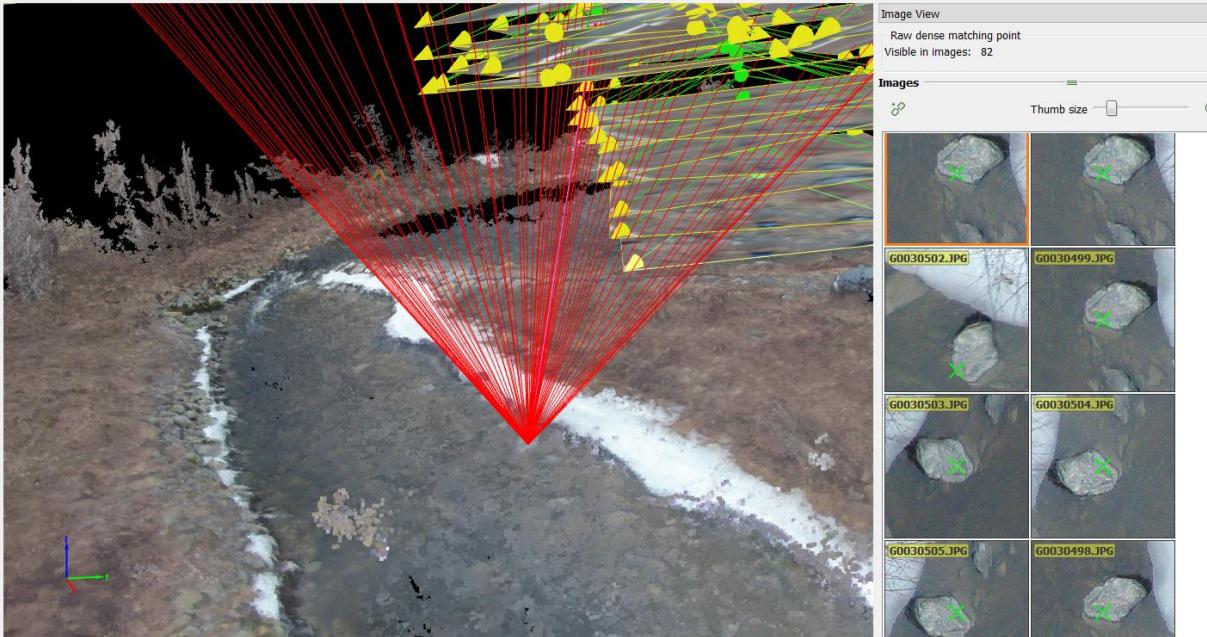
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# Automated georectification of images (Pix4DMapper)



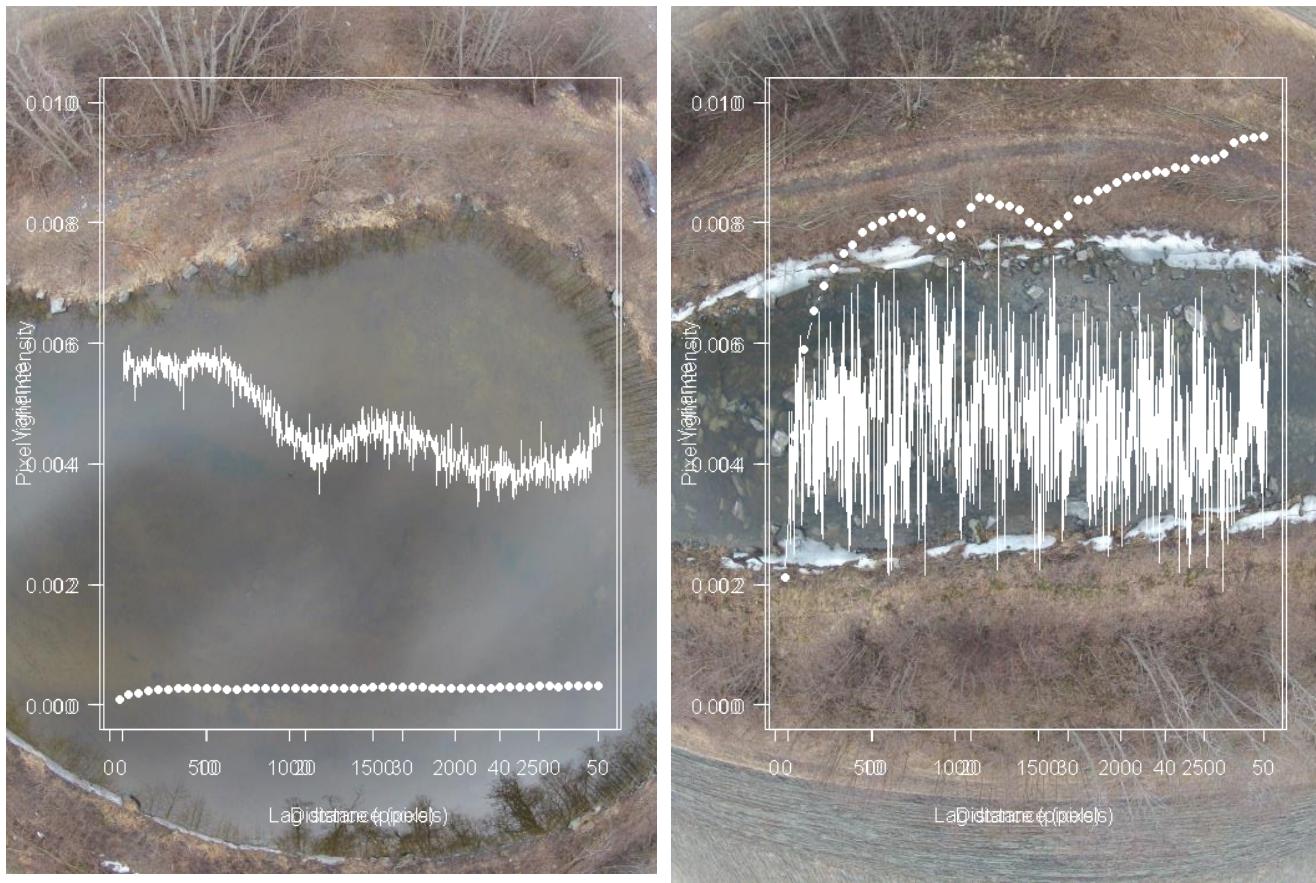


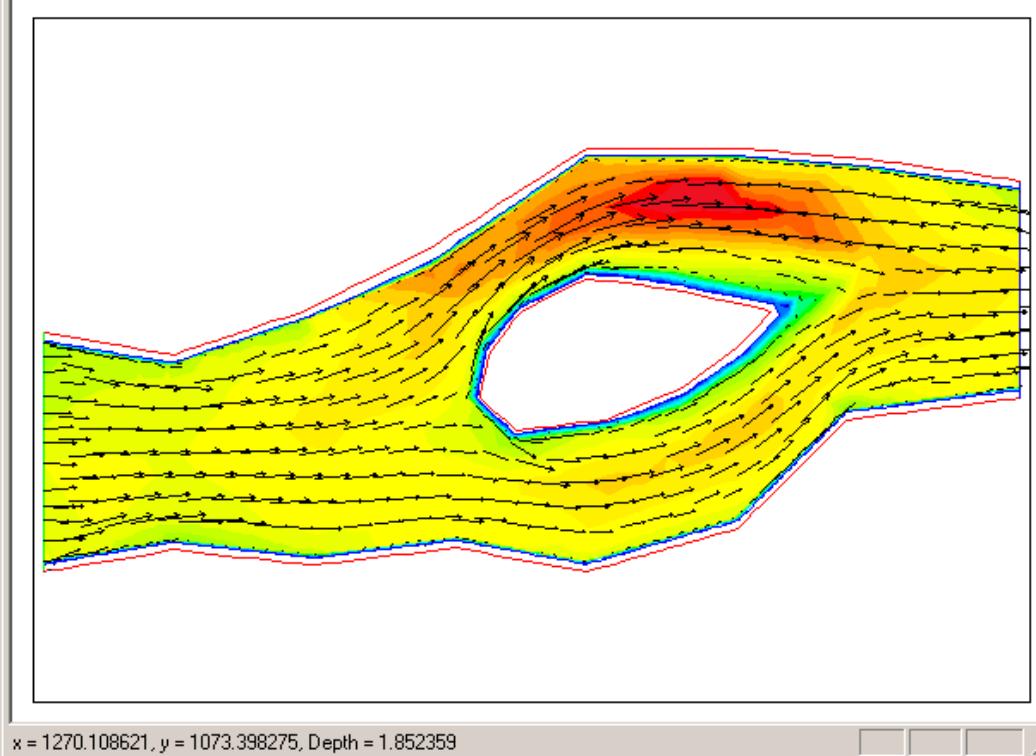
# Extraction of elevation



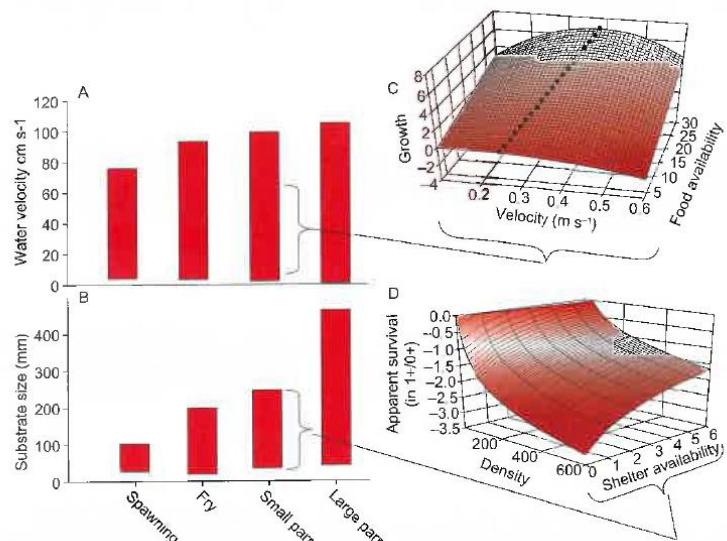


# Extraction of substrate size

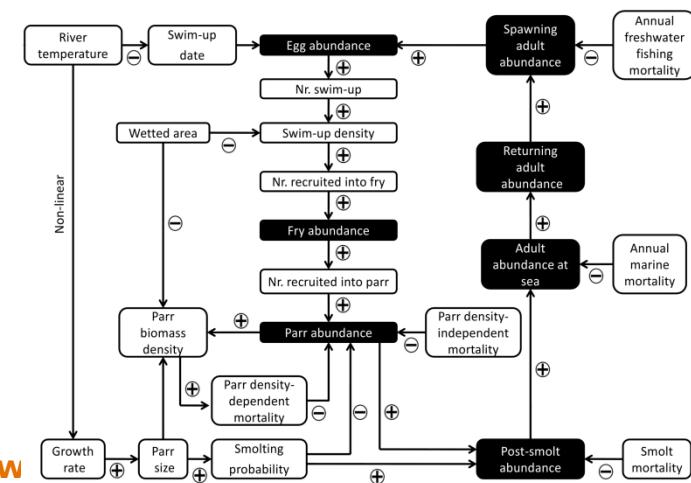




Box 3.1 Observed habitat, preferred habitat and habitat limitation



Life stage	Habitat variable	Measures	Values
Spawning	Velocity	Means	$35-80 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$
	Water depth	Minimum	$>15-20 \text{ cm}$
	Mean	Range	$25-50 \text{ cm}$
	Substrate size	Median	$17-76 \text{ mm}$
	Deposition depth	Mean	$5.4-78 \text{ mm}$
	Percentage fines	Range	$20.7-70.0 \text{ mm}$
Fry	Snout velocity	Range	$15-25 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$
	Column velocity	Range	$2.3-8.0 \%$
	Water depth	Range	$5-30 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$
	Minimum	Range	$20-40 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$
	Mean	Maximum	$>5-15 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$
	Median	Range	$<100 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$
Parr	Substrate size	Range	$10-30 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$
	Snout velocity	Minimum	$<10 \text{ cm}$
	Column velocity	Range	$20-40 \text{ cm}$
	Water depth	Preference	$<25 \text{ cm}$
	Substrate size	Range	$5-65 \text{ cm}$
	Depth	Maximum	$<100 \text{ cm}$
Adult	Substrate size	Range	$16-256 \text{ mm}$
	Snout velocity	Range	$5-50 \text{ cm}$
	Column velocity	Maximum	$>60 \text{ cm}$
	Water depth	Minimum	$<120 \text{ cm}$
	Substrate size	Preference	$<20 \text{ cm}$
	Depth	Range	$10-65 \text{ cm}$
Post-smolt	Substrate size	Range	$20-70 \text{ cm}$
	Snout velocity	Range	$64-512 \text{ mm}$
	Column velocity	Range	$10-65 \text{ cm}$
	Water depth	Range	$10-65 \text{ cm}$
	Substrate size	Range	$10-65 \text{ cm}$
	Depth	Range	$10-65 \text{ cm}$

<sup>1</sup> Site of egg deposition;<sup>2</sup> life stage from swim-up and throughout the first summer;<sup>3</sup> juveniles from after the fry stage and until smoltification;<sup>4</sup> water velocity measured at the position of the fish;<sup>5</sup> water velocity measured throughout the water column.

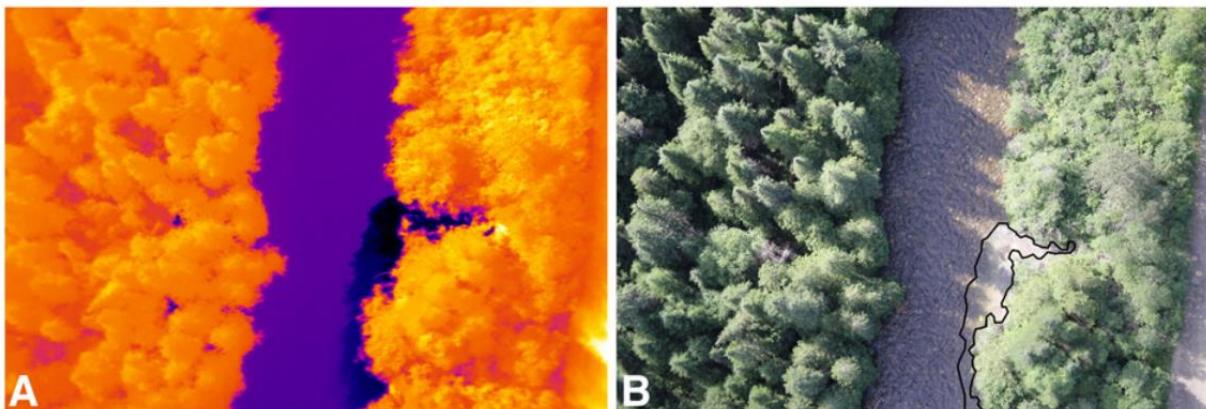
# Thermal infrared

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# Thermal infrared

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**Fig. 1.** A. Thermal infrared image showing thermal refuge created by the discharge of a cold tributary into the main river stem. B. Corresponding location in optical image. Modified from Bergeron and Carboneau (2012).

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In response to high summer river temperatures, salmonids avoid heat stress by making use of discrete units of cold water termed thermal refuges. Although recent research has documented how their spatial arrangement within a river affects salmonid distribution and behaviour, no information is currently available concerning temporal variation in the abundance and types of thermal refuges. In this study, a FLIR SC660 thermal infrared imaging camera ( $640 \times 480$  pixels, NETD  $<30$  mK, 7.5–13  $\mu\text{m}$ ) mounted on a helicopter platform was used to acquire thermal imagery of an Atlantic salmon river in Québec, Canada on six occasions between 2009 and 2011, with a view to characterising temporal variability in thermal refuges and broader scale water temperature complexity. Thermal refuges detected from TIR imagery were classified into a series of process-based categories, revealing notable inter-survey variability in the absolute counts of each refuge type. Downstream temperature complexity, quantified as the standard deviation of derivatives taken of temperature long profiles of each survey, was highly temporally variable, exposing the presence of several warm and cool reaches which varied in magnitude between surveys. Data from local meteorological and discharge logging stations was used to examine whether hydrometeorological conditions could account for observed temporal variability trends. Temporal variability in the absolute counts of lateral groundwater seeps, the most frequently observed thermal refuge class, was shown to correlate strongly with long duration hydrometeorological metrics such as seasonal mean discharge ( $R^2 = 0.94$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ). Conversely, thermal refuges resulting from cold water tributaries were more temporally stable and exhibited a weaker correlation

# Future needs - project types

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- Effects of hydropower
  - ▶ Obstructions, sedimentation, stranding, temperature
- River channel modification
  - ▶ Channel shape
  - ▶ Substrate
- Effects of flooding
- Habitat relationships
  - ▶ Spawning areas

# Future needs - data

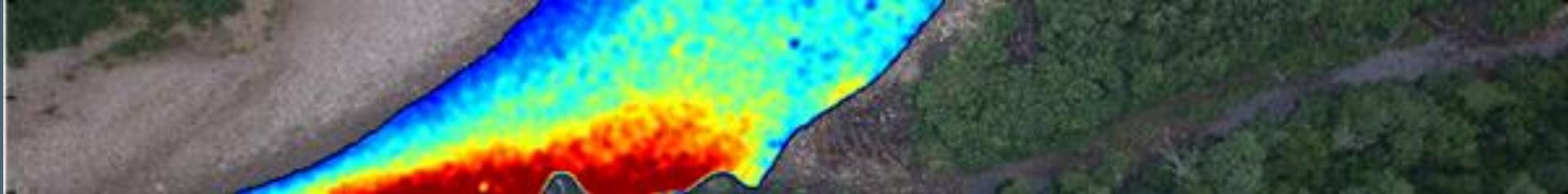
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- Data types
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# Future needs – software development

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- Differentiating water and land
- Look-angle-effect, shadows, sunglint
- Ice, vegetation in water, white water
- Depth & substrate
- Habitat features from patterns in depth and substrate
- Integration with GIS data



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