

Testing and Evaluating in a Southeast Asian Region with Precipitation Events Outside a Precipitation-Based Regional Curve Model's Typical Rainfall Range

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Water is the most critical resource issue of our lifetime and our children's lifetime. The health of our waters is the principal measure of how we live on the land.

— *Luna Leopold* —

Water Security - Concerns



- Urbanization
- Terrorism
- Runoff Rates
- Evaporation/Transpiration
- Waste of Agricultural Water
- Drought
- Industrialization
- Earthquakes
- Climate Change

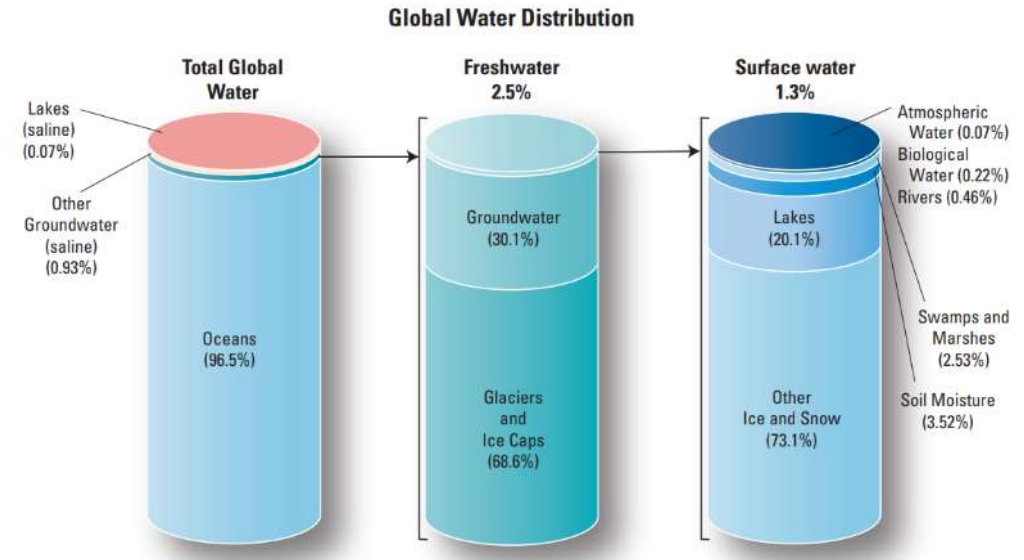
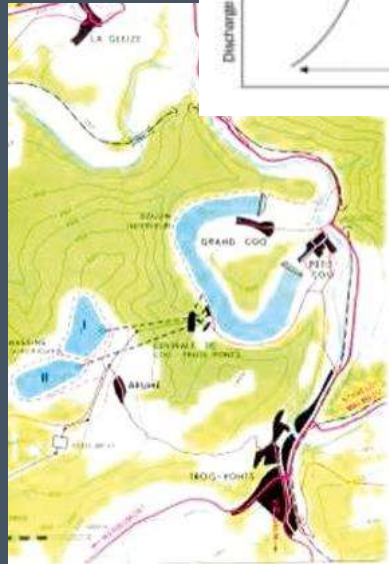
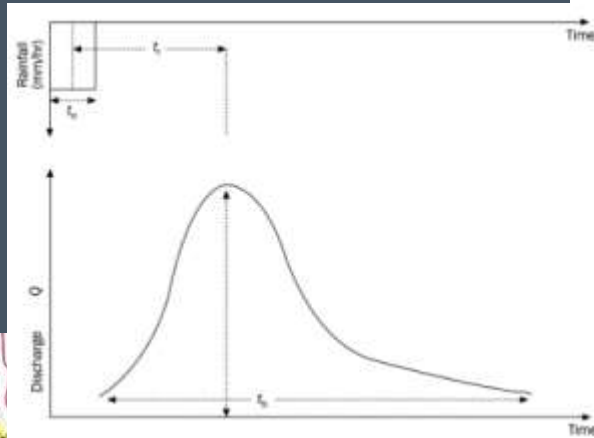


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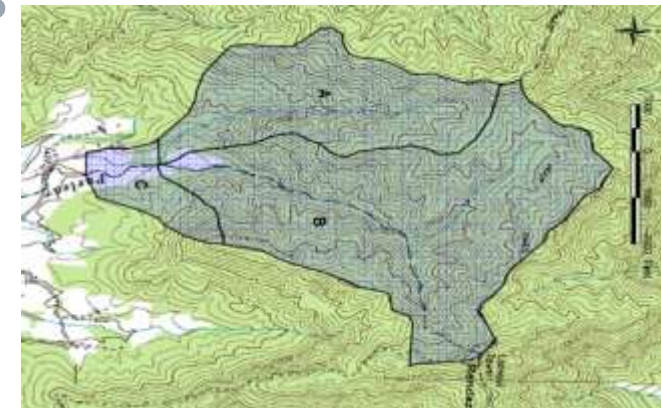
- World Bank is aware of the seriousness of water-security issues.
(Young 2006)
- Since ancient times, limiting access to water has been used as a weapon through the destruction of water resources and distribution facilities

Unit Hydrograph and Water Security

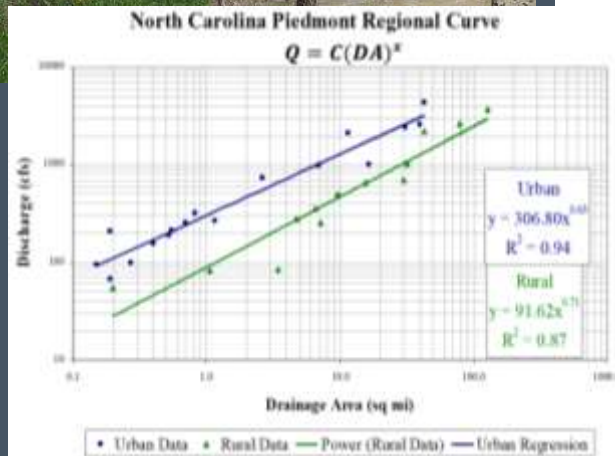
Concerns



- Catchments
- Diversions
- Cross-basin transfers
- Urbanization
- Stormwater BMPS
- Shape of Watersheds
- Characteristics of Watersheds
- Rainfall Intensity
- Rainfall Quantity
- Unknown concerns



Bankfull Regional Curves (Hydraulic Geometry Relationships)



- Serves as a “data supported” basis for estimating the bankfull discharge and bankfull channel dimension (cross-sectional area, width and depth) at selected un-gaged sites, with a known watershed or drainage area.

- Bankfull Discharge - Fills a stable channel up to the elevation of the “active” floodplain.

Purpose Bankfull Regional Curves

- Develop a tool to determine “bankfull” stage and discharge in un-gaged watersheds.

- Bankfull is the surrogate for the full range of flows

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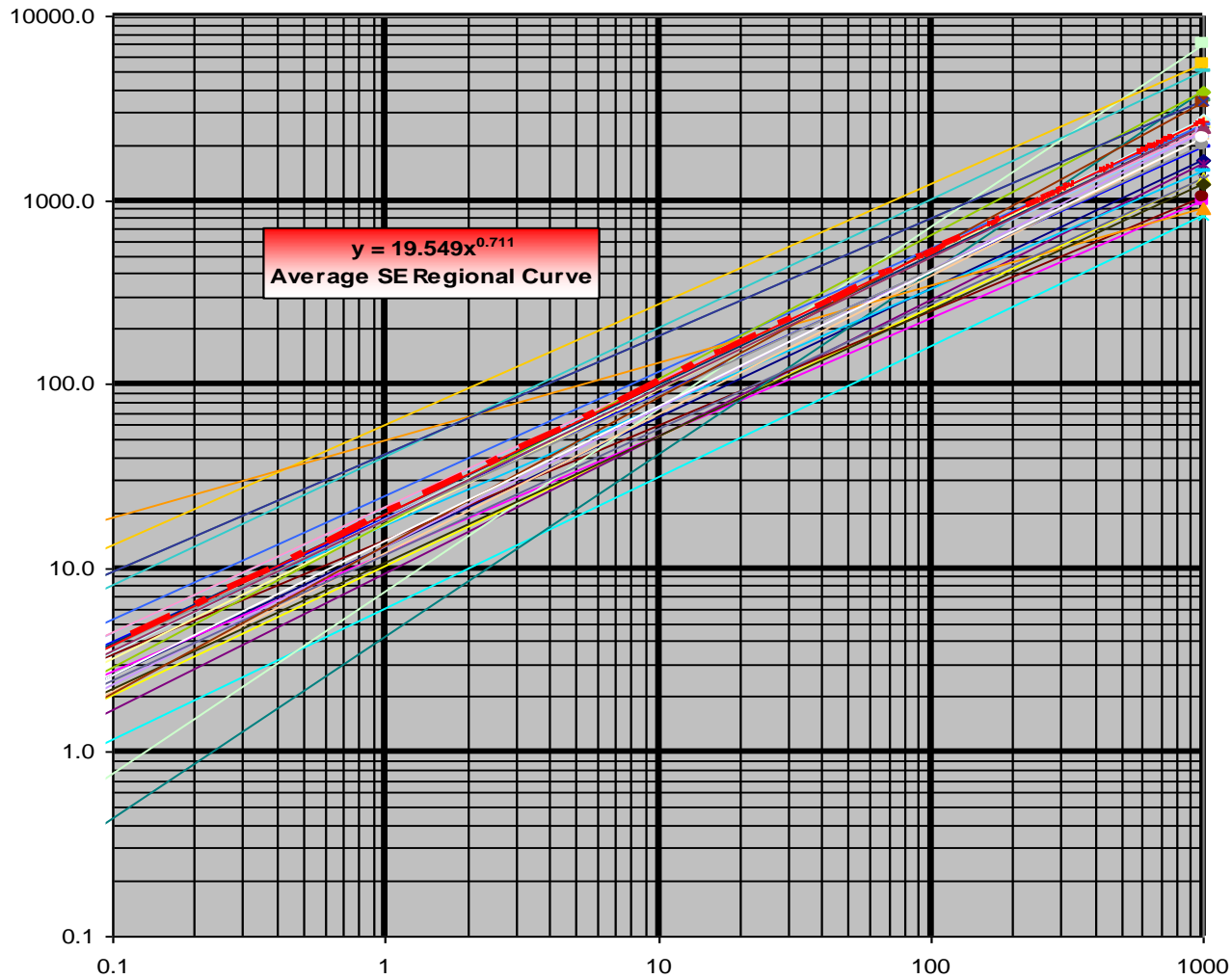
- Aid in Natural Channel Design.

- Aid in River Stability Assessment

- Can only be used in the same hydro-physiographic province?

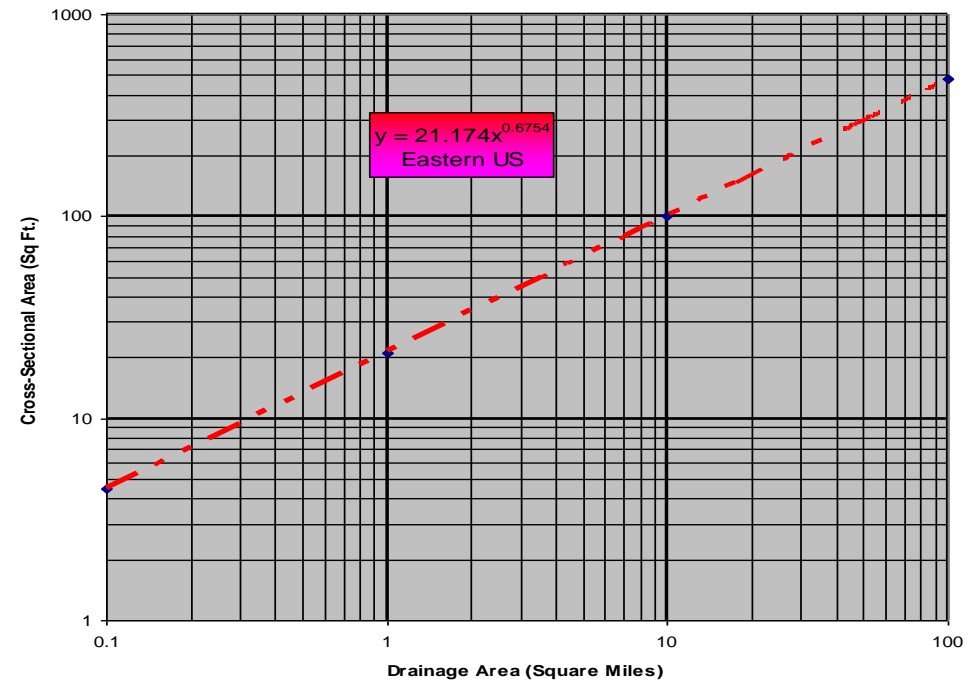
- How do we know if a Regional Curve is “Wrong”?





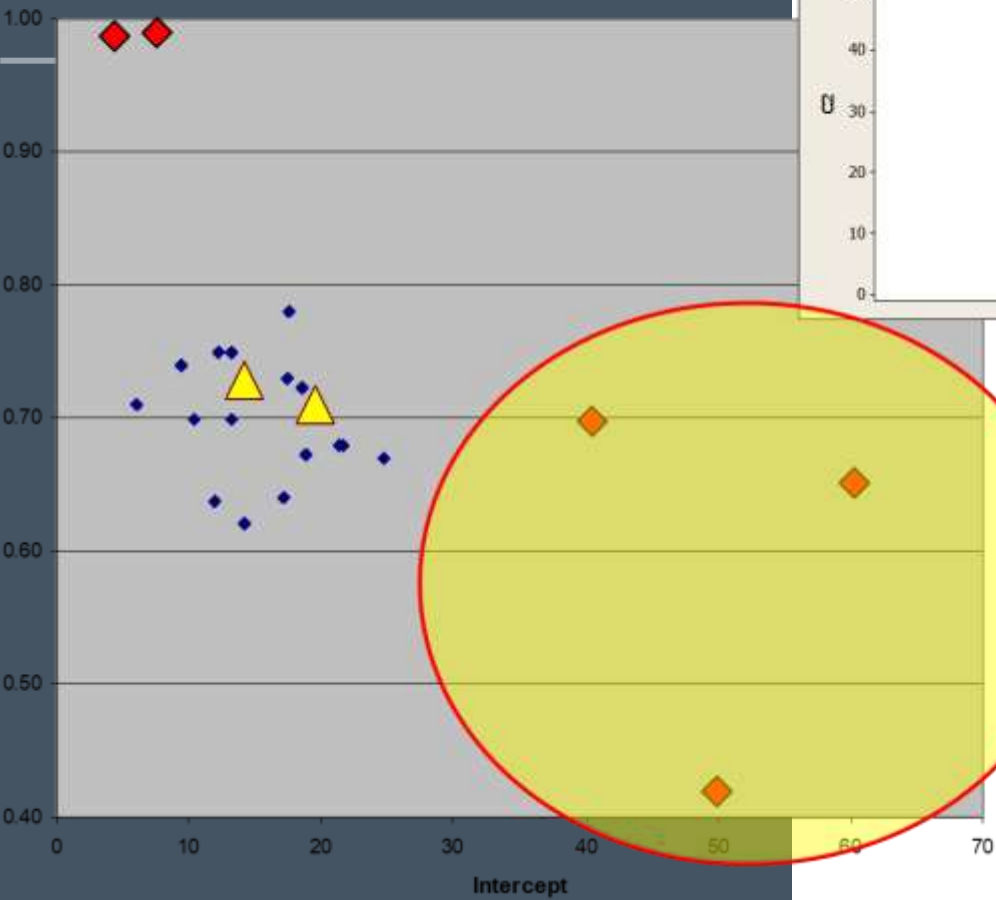
Eastern United States Regional Curve

Dunne and Leopold 1978

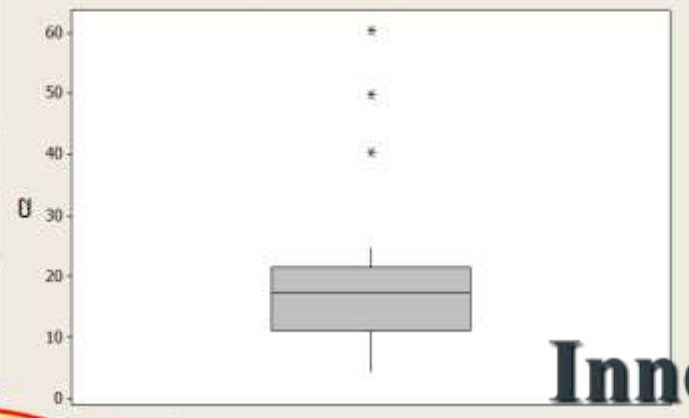


$$XSA = C(DA)^x$$

Regression Variable for Southeastern Regional Curve

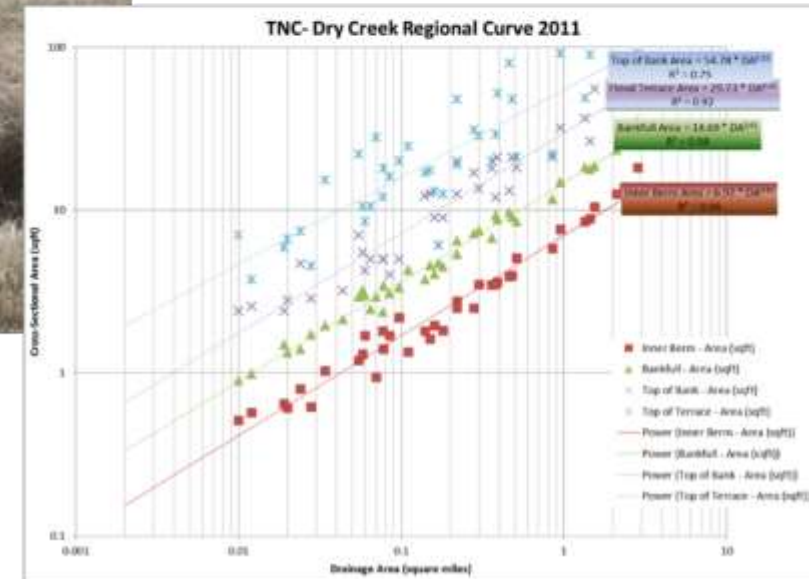


Boxplot of Intercept Values



“C” = Y Intercept

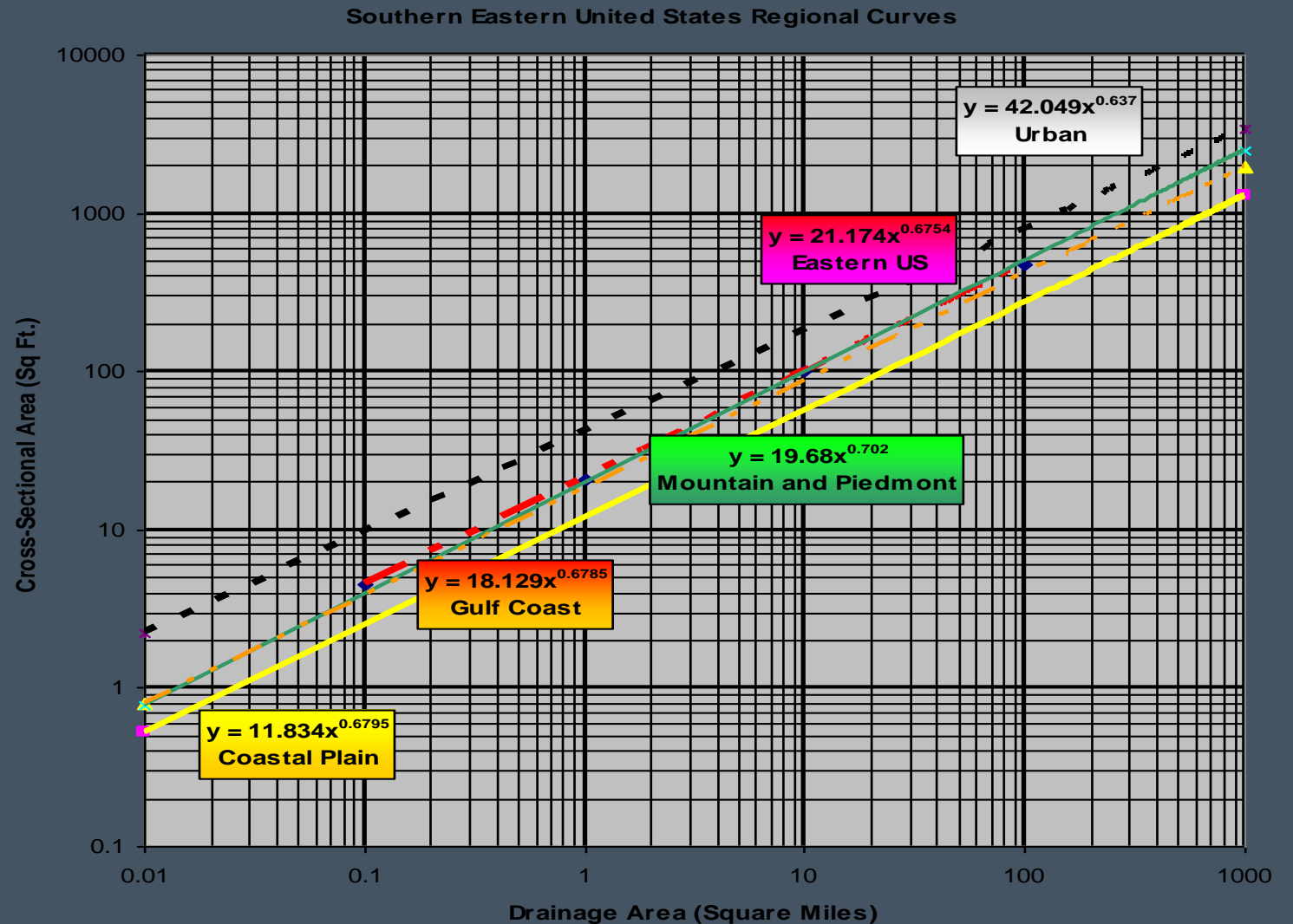
Inner Berm vs. Bankfull





Regional Curve -Regions and Urbanization

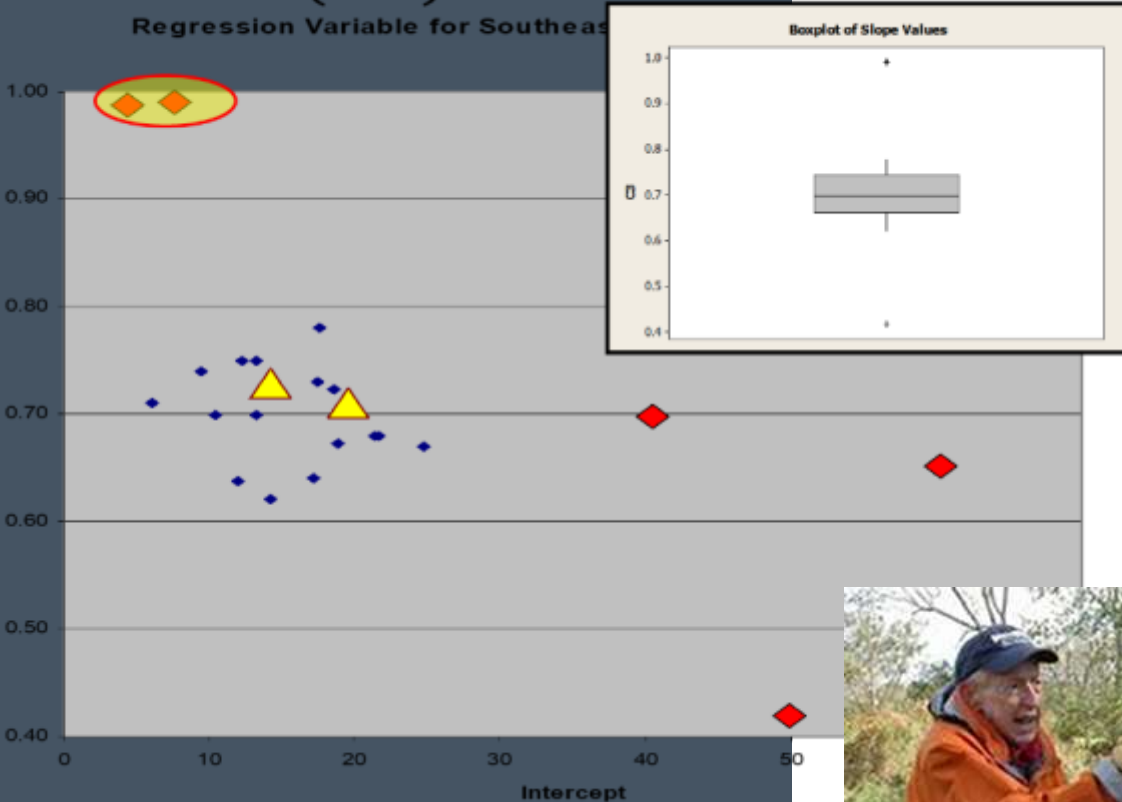
- Bankfull can have a high degree of uncertainty
- Inner-Berm and other Geomorphic Features should be separated on curves
- There are multiple geomorphic indicators not just bankfull
- It is ok to not “know bankfull”
 - Know where it is not “BKFH” or “BKFL”



“x” = Power Function Slope

$$XSA = C(DA)^x$$

Regression Variable for Southeast



Rural flood recurrence interval (years)	Hydrologic area		
	Blue Ridge-Piedmont	Coastal Plain	Sand Hills
	90 DA 0.71		
2	135 DA 0.702	64.7 DA 0.673	33.5 DA 0.712
5	242 DA 0.677	129 DA 0.633	55.5 DA 0.701
10	334 DA 0.662	188 DA 0.615	72.9 DA 0.697
25	476 DA 0.645	281 DA 0.593	98.1 DA 0.693
50	602 DA 0.635	367 DA 0.579	120 DA 0.691
100	745 DA 0.625	468 DA 0.566	143 DA 0.688
200	908 DA 0.616	586 DA 0.554	170 DA 0.686
500	1,160 DA 0.605	773 DA 0.539	210 DA 0.684

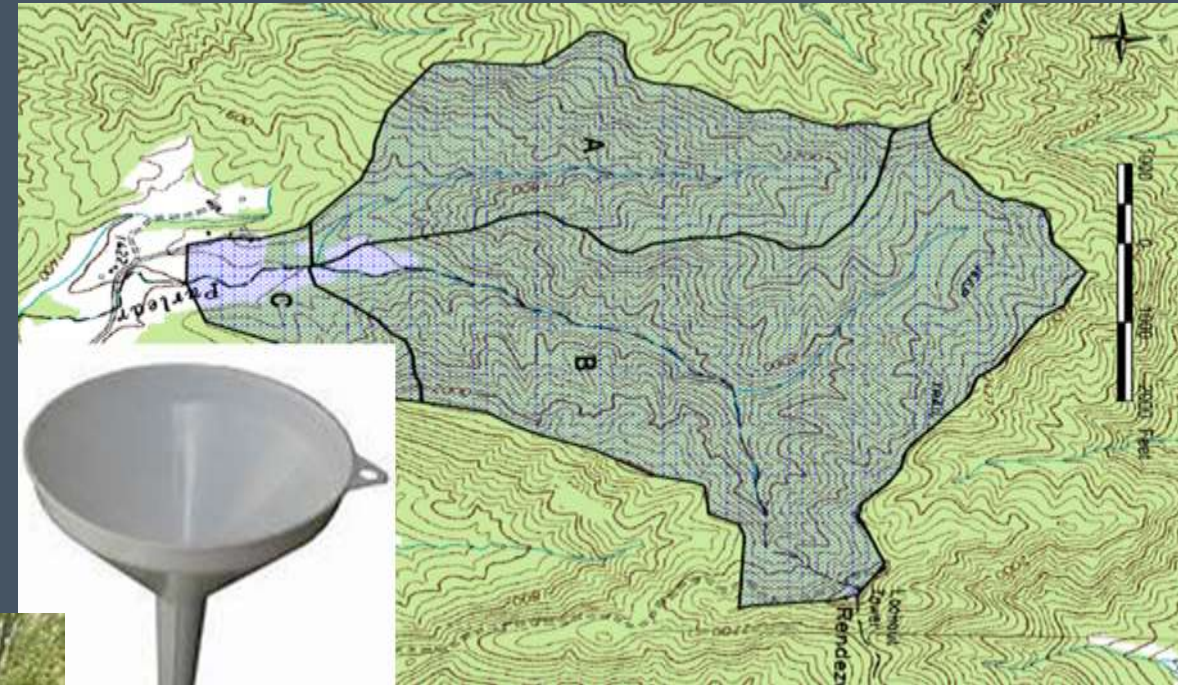




Regional Curve

- Constant Slopes $x = 0.68$

- Time of Concentration
- Rainfall and runoff amounts
- Lag-times, in-phase
- Watersheds can't have a linear Regression Slope
- Average Regression Slope ~ 0.68 Range 95% (0.61 – 0.76)
- Localized mini-regional curves can be used for design purposes
- Local data (upstream, downstream, nearby streams) are always essential to add confidence to predictive relationships developed elsewhere.
- It is ok to not “know bankfull”

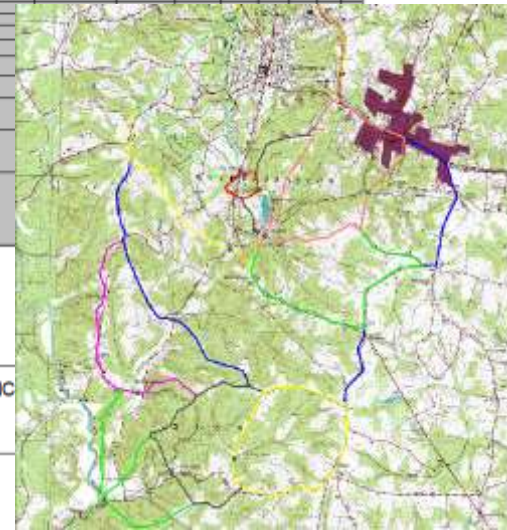
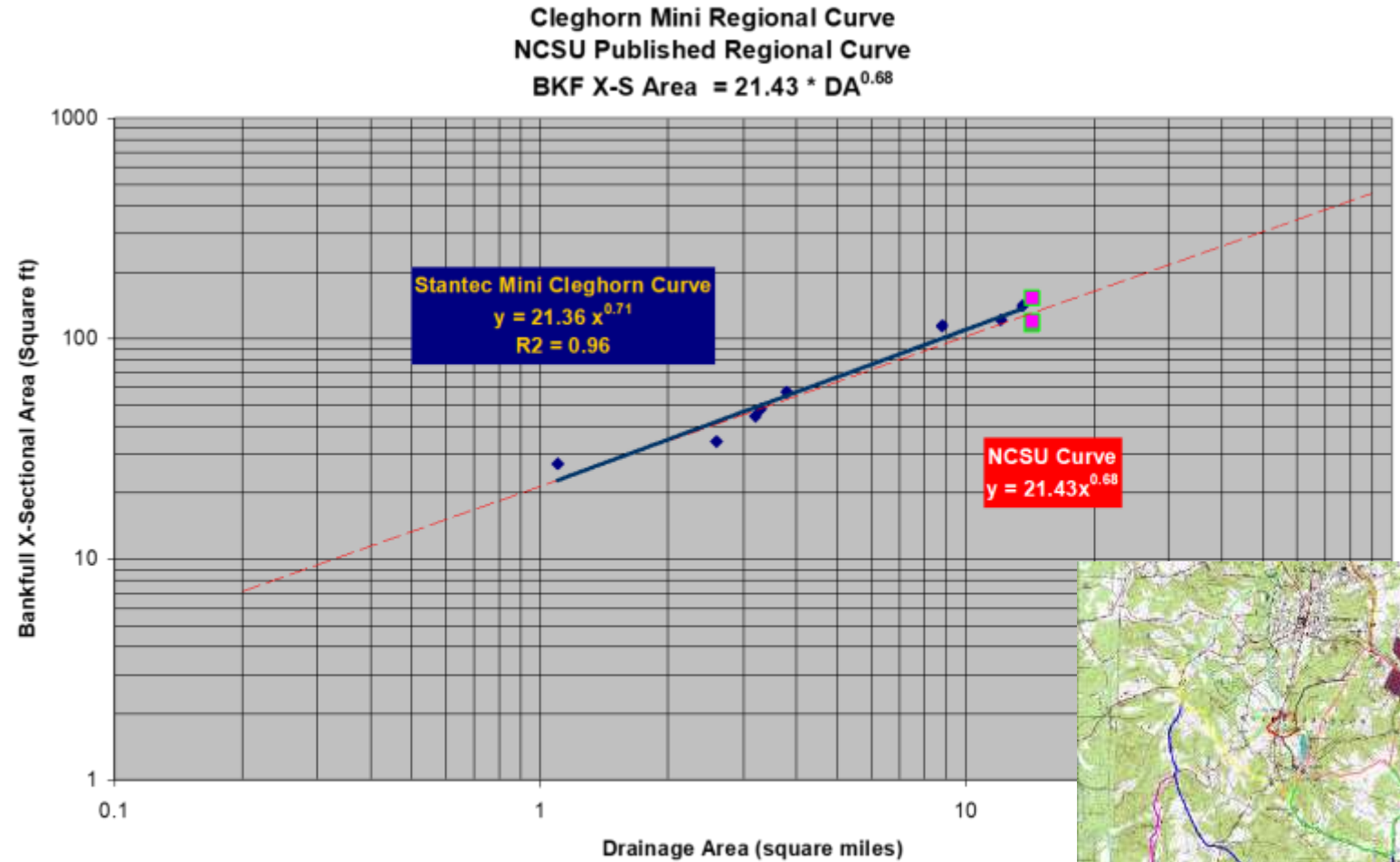


Use Mini-Regional Curves

Without or Without Gages



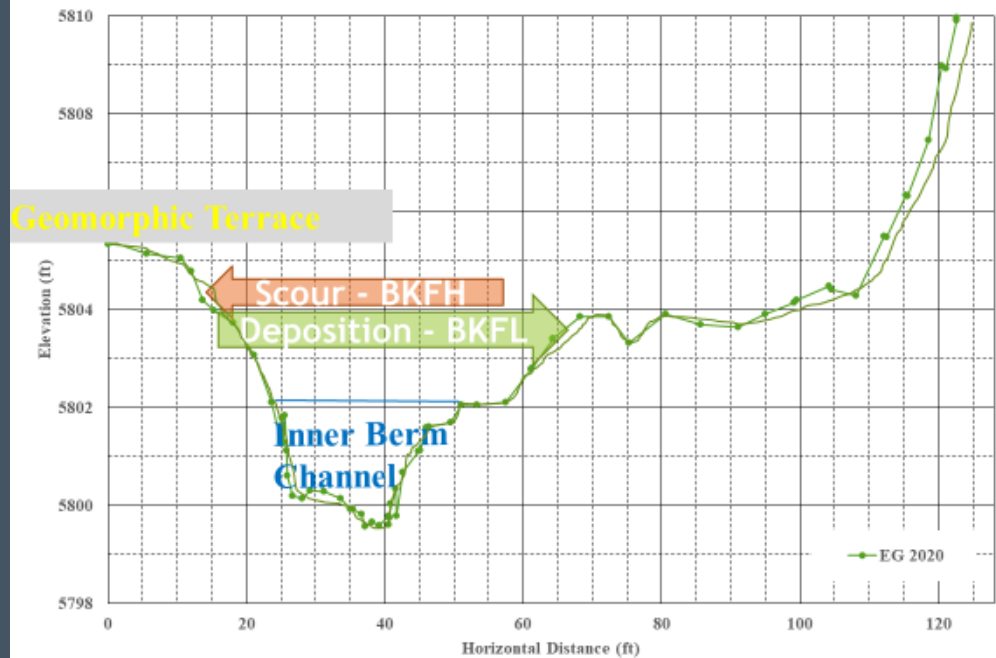
- Bankfull stage can not always be identified (Local data is useful)
- Use as a tool to determine a design bankfull dimension
- Bankfull dimensions do not always match the local regional relationship



Mini- Regional Curves

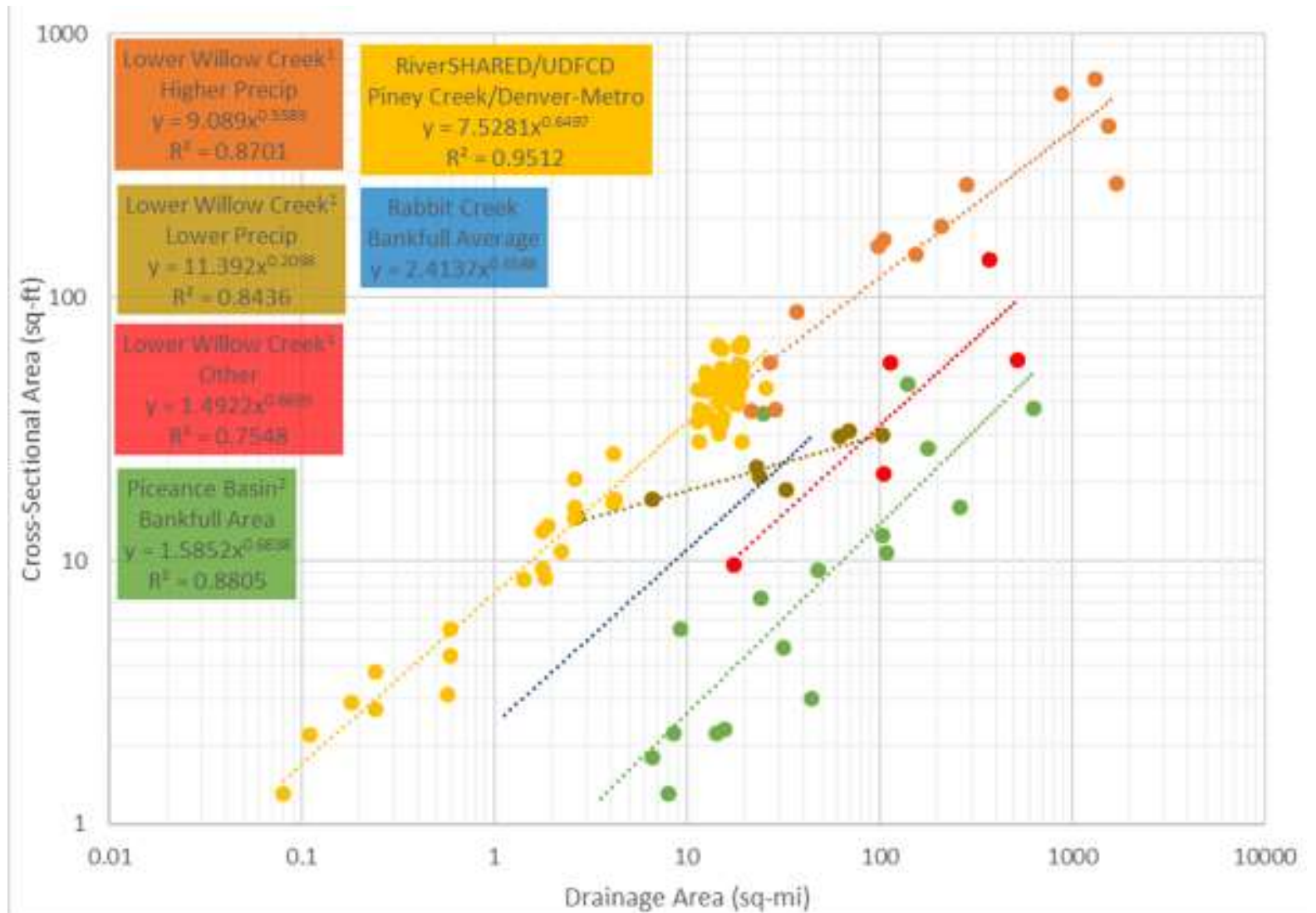
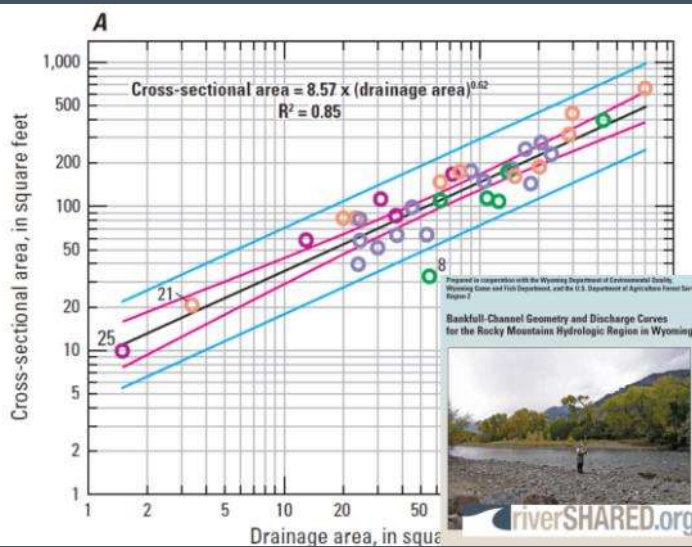
- When you don't know bankfull

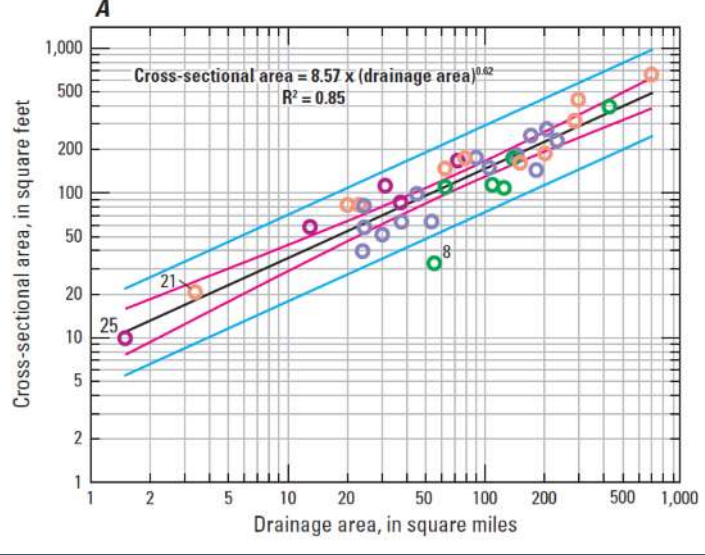
Rabbit Creek - Cross Section 26



Comparison of Mini-Curves

-to Published Data



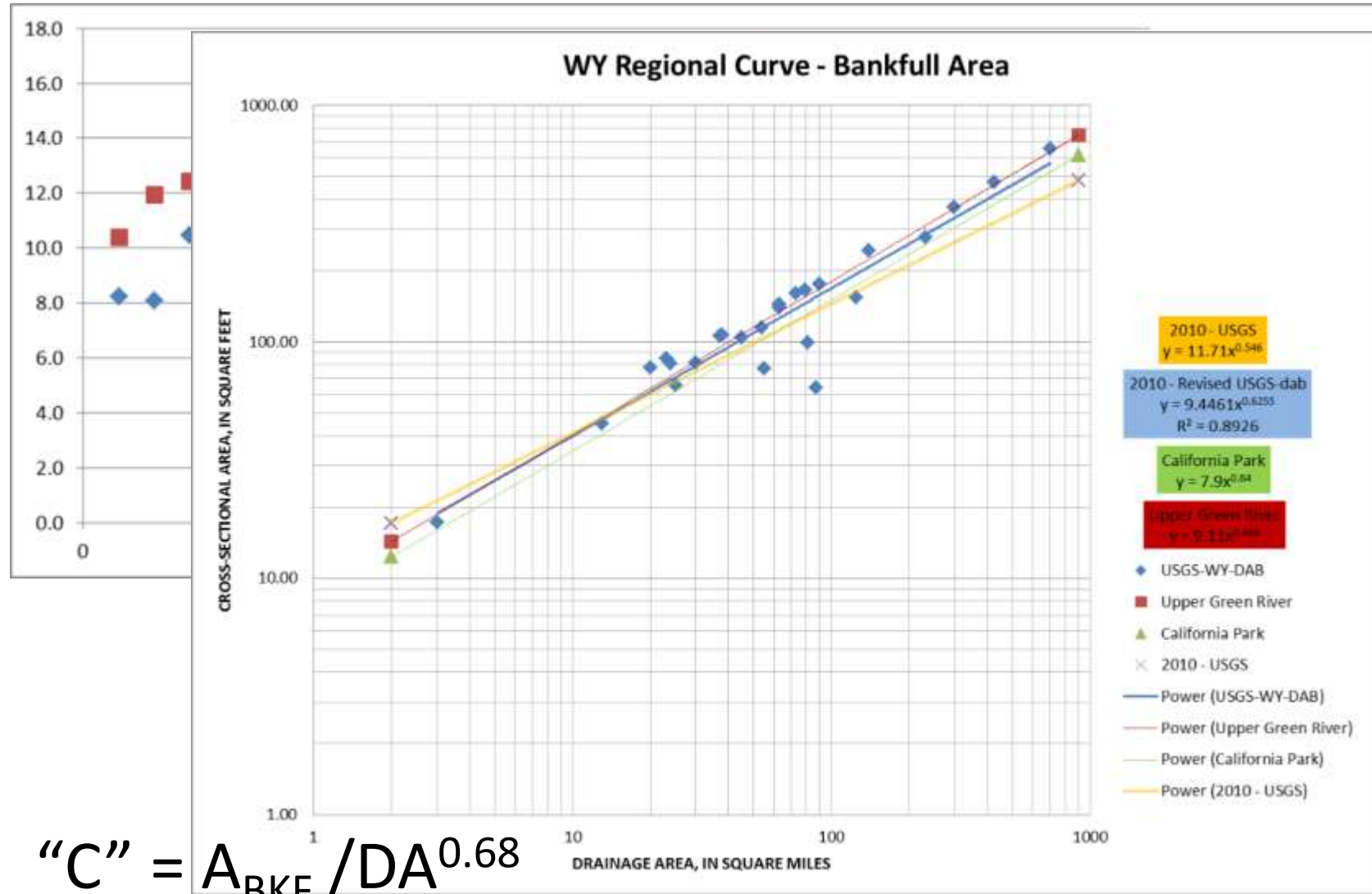


Watershed Response Factor – “C”

- Wyoming Regional Curve – USGS - 2012

• Geomorphic Assessment

- Departure analysis
- Watershed health



$$“C” = A_{BKF} / DA^{0.68}$$

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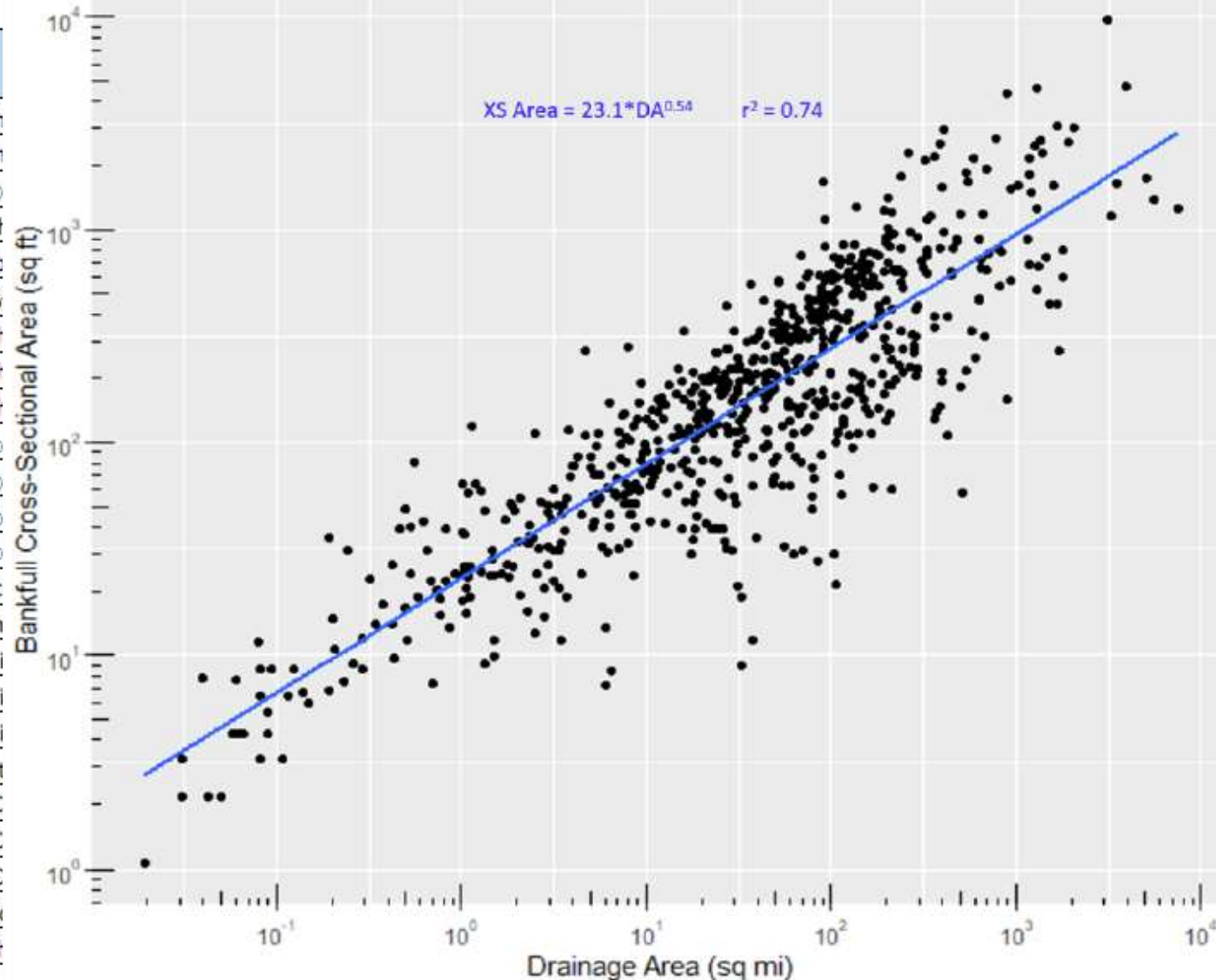
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Figure 1. Physiographic Map of the United States (Fenneman and Johnson 1946)

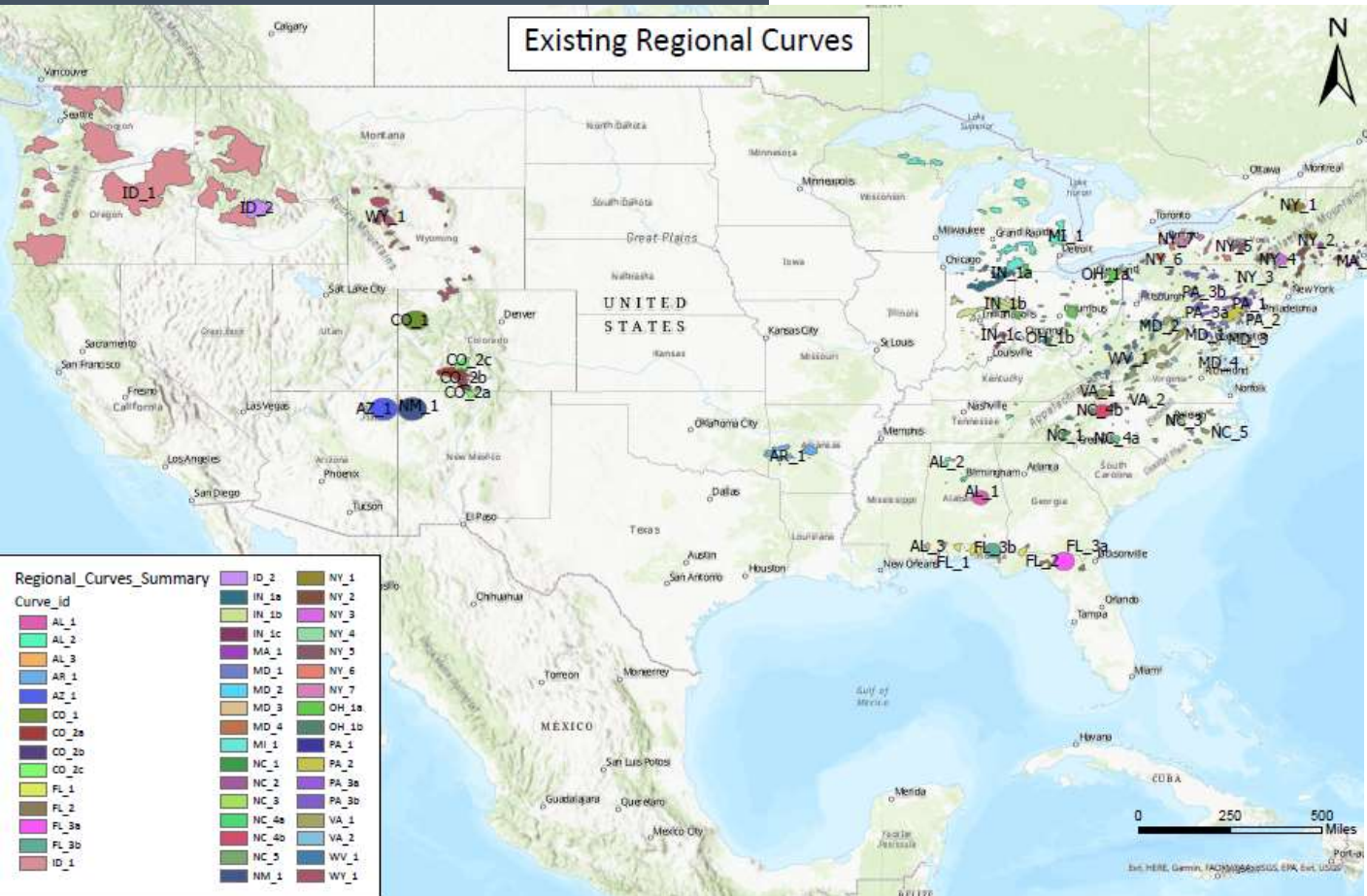
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3	AL_3	(Met
4	AR_1	(Pugt
5	AZ_1	(Moc
6	CO_1	(Ellio
7	CO_2a	(Yoch
8	CO_2b	(Yoch
9	CO_2c	(Yoch
10	FL_1	(Met
11	FL_2	(Met
12	FL_3a	(Met
13	FL_3b	(Met
14	ID_1	(Cast
15	ID_2	(Emn
16	IN_1a	(Robi
17	IN_1b	(Robi
18	IN_1c	(Robi
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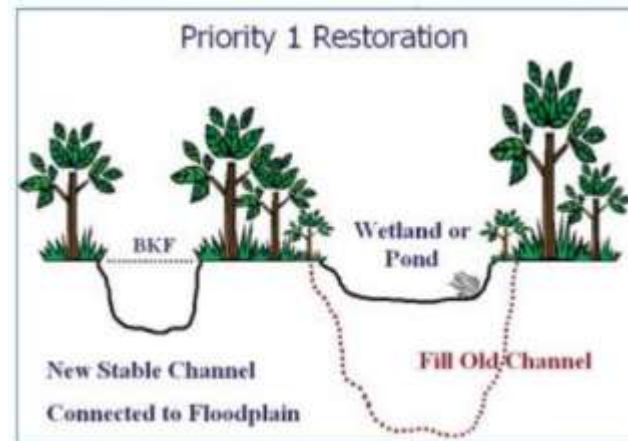
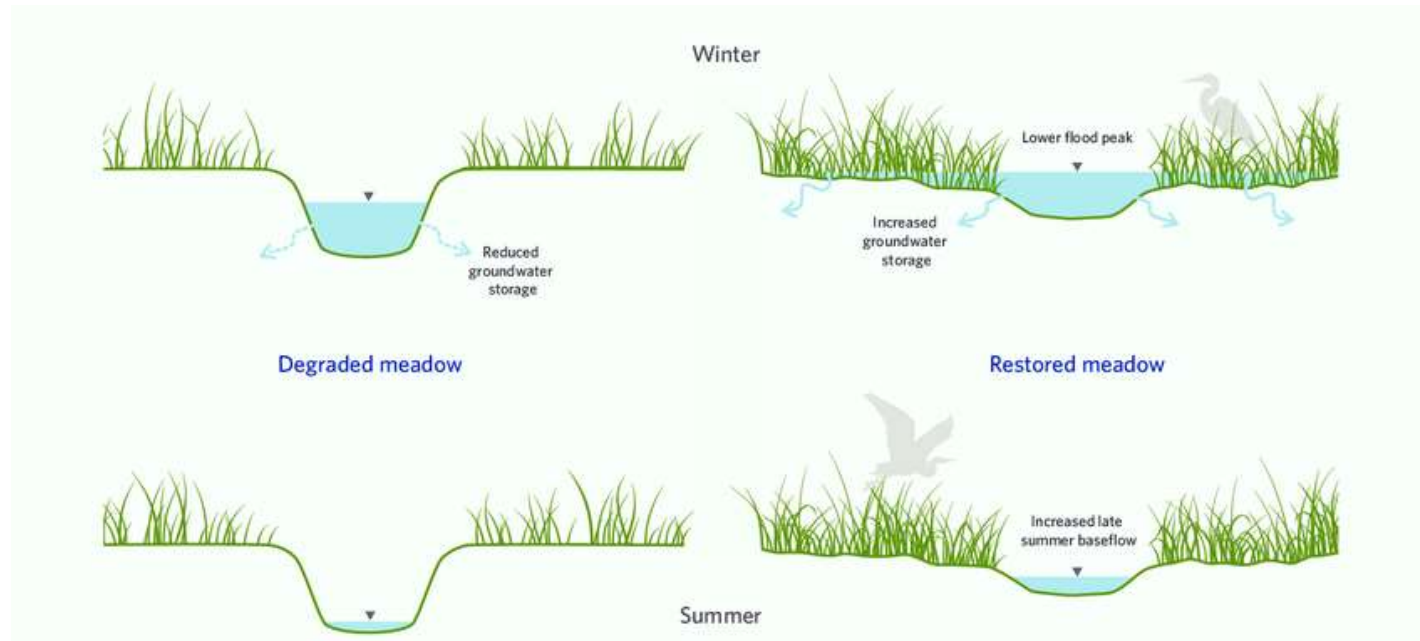


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Watershed Response Factor

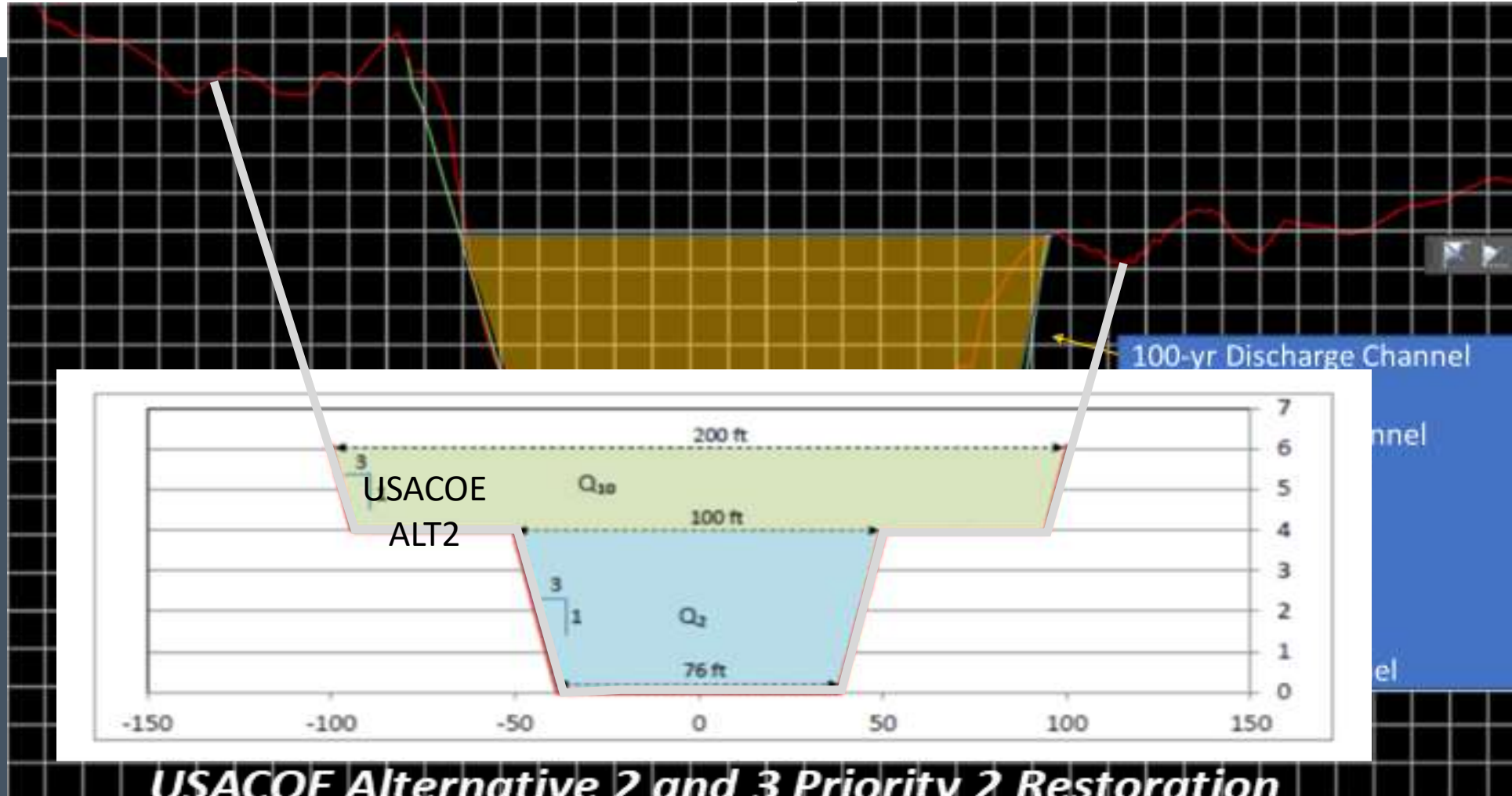
- Properly size a river channel

- Urbanization
 - 4-stage urban channels
 - Do not over widen bankfull discharge
- Terrorism
 - Encourage groundwater recharge
 - Reduce the need for surface water infrastructure
- Runoff Rates
 - Encourage groundwater storage and
 - Reduced stormwater discharge rates
- Evaporation/Transpiration
 - Reduce the need for surface water infrastructure with large E/T Losses
- Agricultural Water
 - Promote subirrigation
 - Groundwater recharge
- Drought
 - Usable groundwater storage



Watershed Response Factor

- Global implications for using a tool to address water security





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Summary:

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- Average Regression Slope ~0.68 Range 95% (0.61 – 0.76)
- Watersheds can't have a linear Regression Slope
- Watershed Response Factor as a geomorphic indicator
- Compare relationships to published USGS Regressions as well as other bankfull regional curves
- Regional curve development for new regions should always be compared to existing data as a reference
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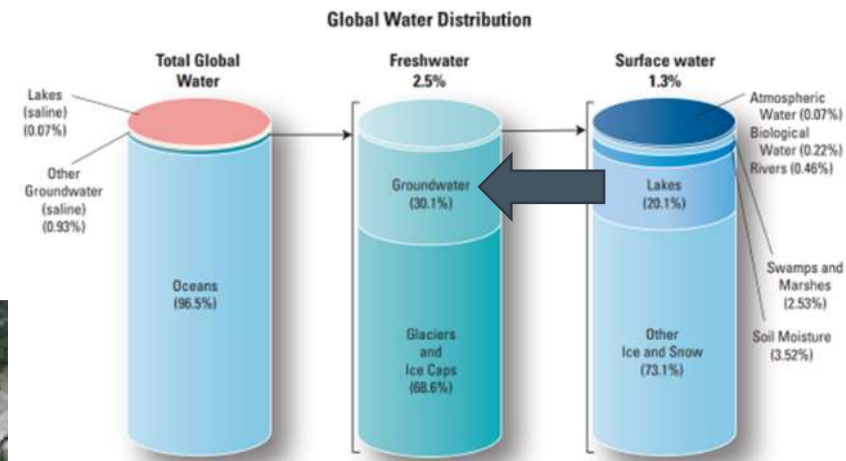
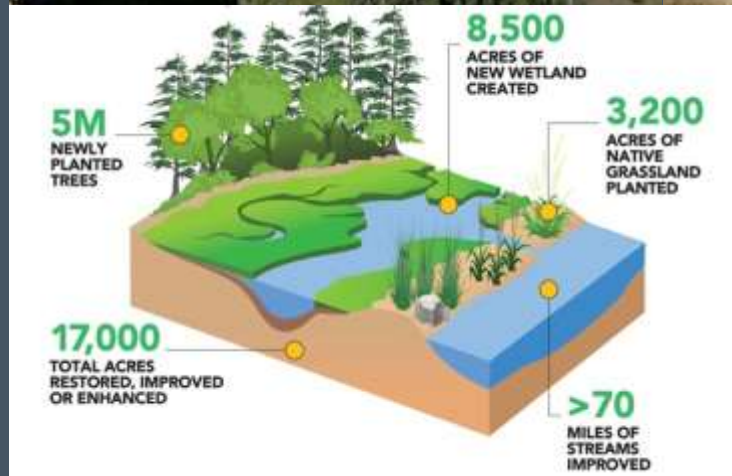


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Watershed Response Factor

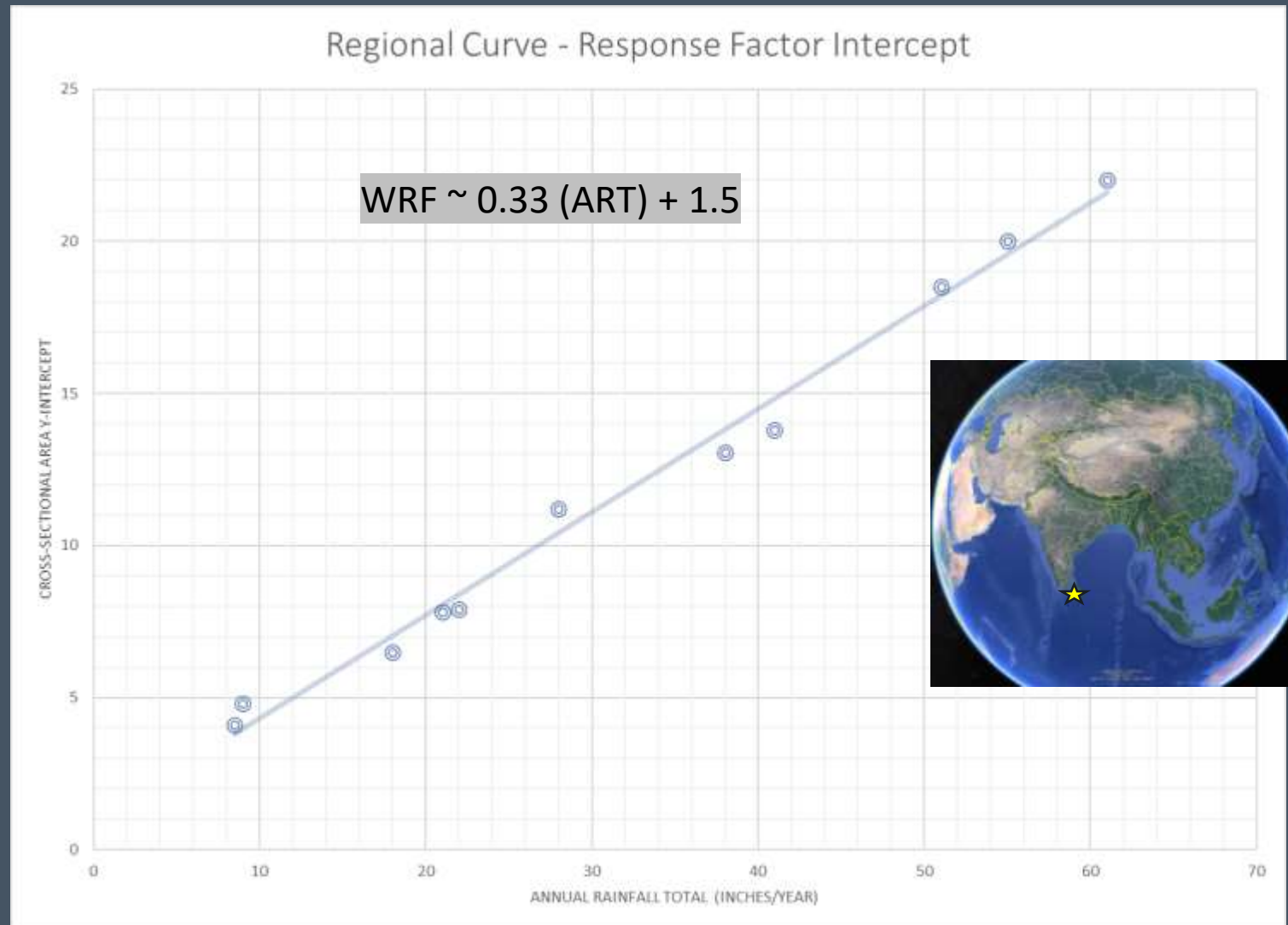
Watershed Response Factor as a geomorphic indicator

Compare relationships to published USGS Regressions as well as other bankfull regional curves

Regional curve development for new regions of the Southwest US should always be compared to existing data as a reference

The Y-intercept is strongly dependent on Rainfall

Localized mini-regional curves can be used for design purposes





Site Location for Stream Channel Measurements

Several stream cross-section measurements were taken at a location along Nanu Oya, west of Kandy, SL (yellow star)

Nanu Oya is a major tributary to Mahaweli Ganga, “Great Sandy River”, longest river in SL

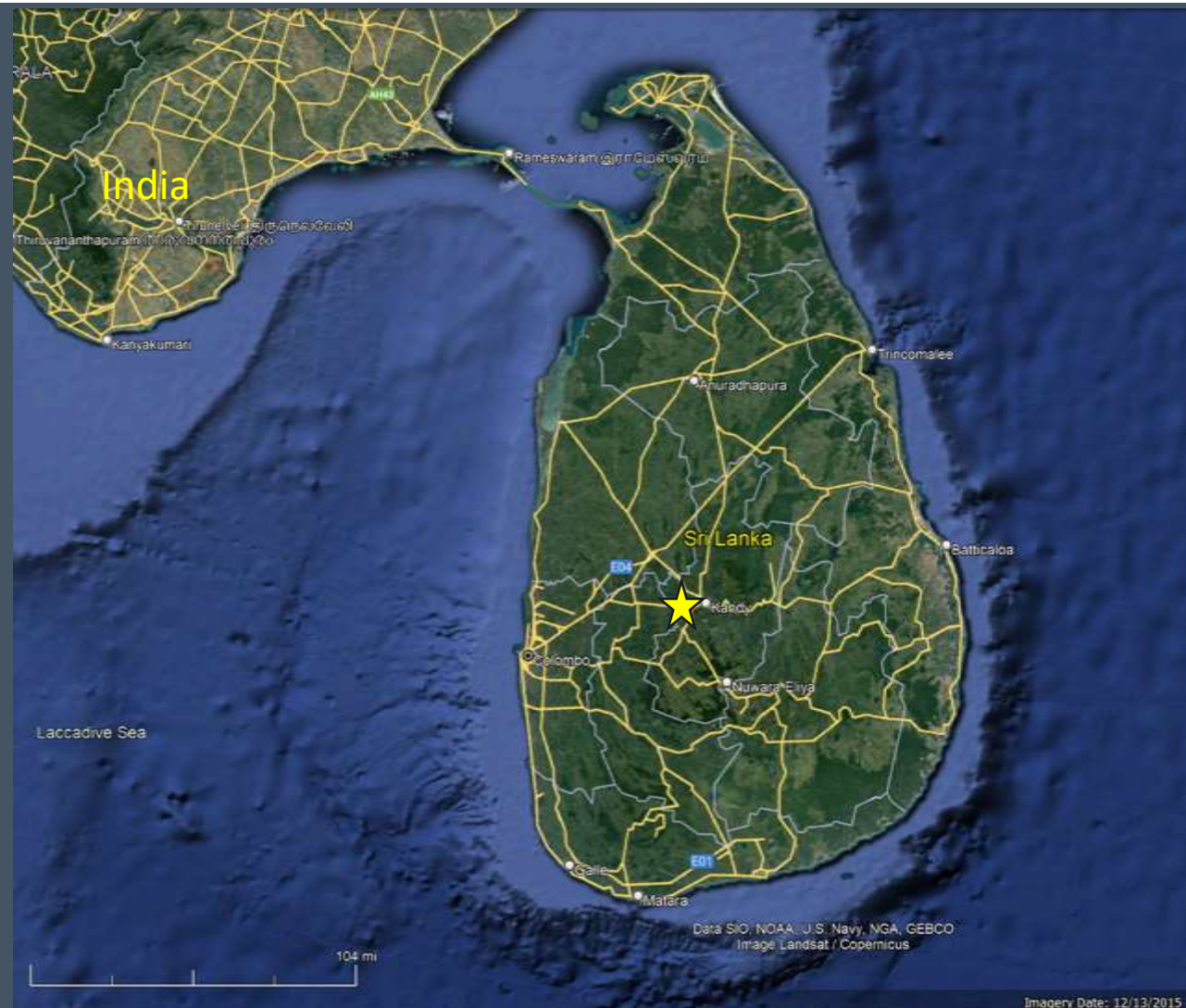
“Oya” means stream in Sinhalese, one of the native languages of Sri Lanka

A total of 6 cross-sections were measured in this location

~58in/year of Rainfall in Kandy at Confluence with Mahaweli Ganga

~91 in/year of Rainfall in Kadugannawa at Headwaters of Nanu Oya

Average ~ 74.5 in/year over the watershed





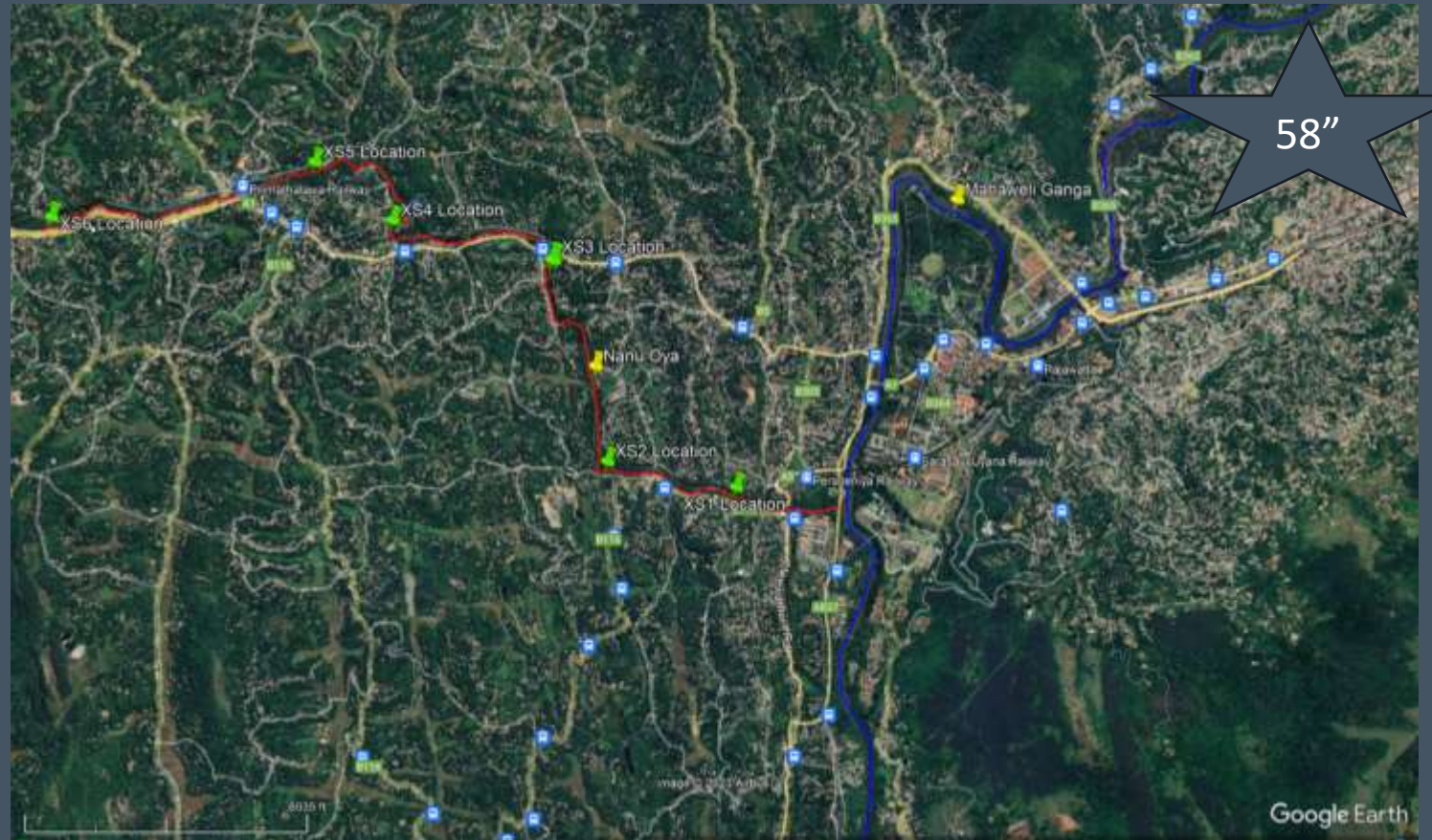
Map of the Location of Measured Cross Sections

~58in/year of Rainfall in Kandy near Confluence with Mahaweli Ganga

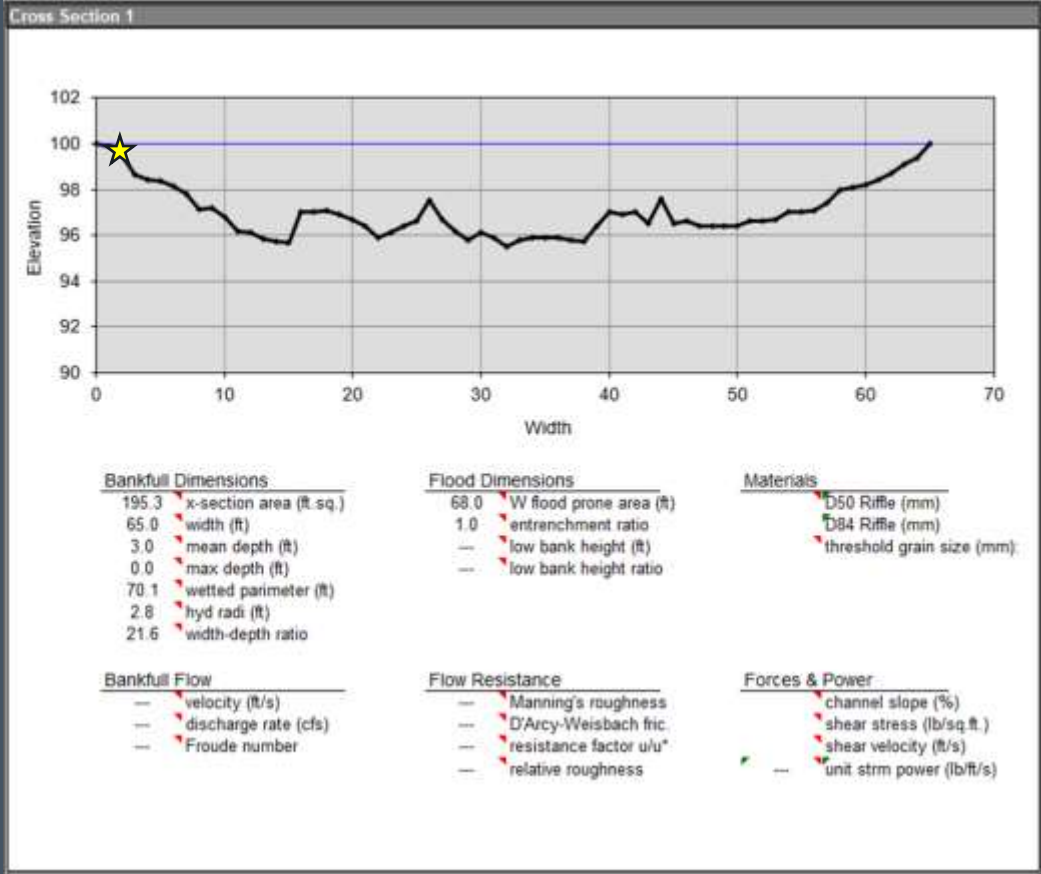


~91 in/year of Rainfall in Kadugannawa at Headwaters of Nanu Oya (Cloud Forest)

Average ~ 74.5 in/year over the watershed

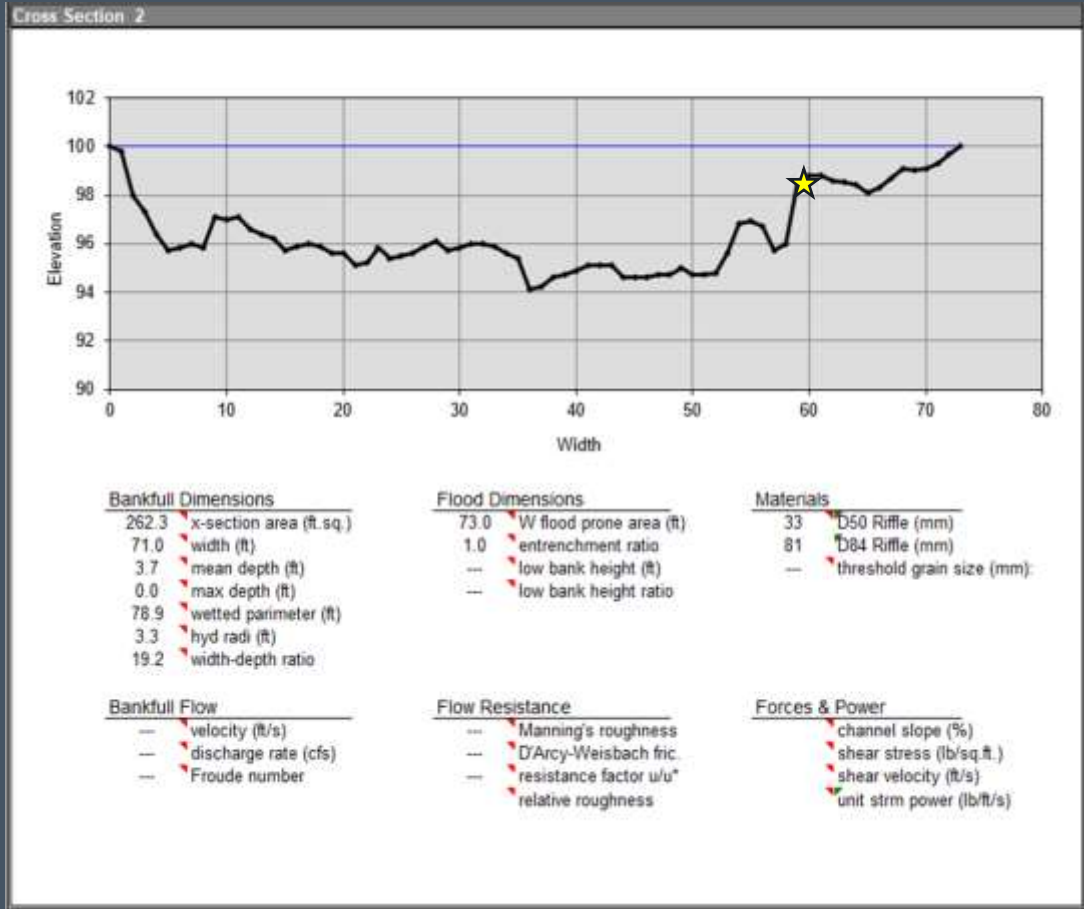


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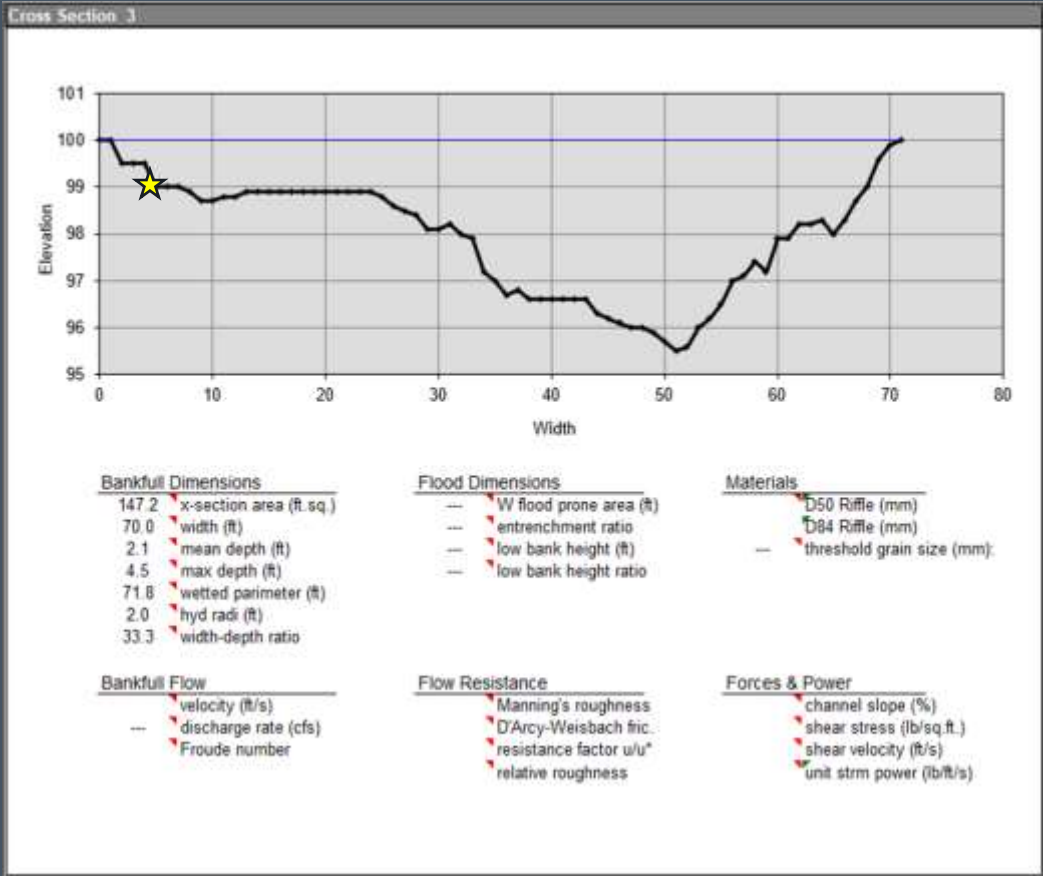


XS-2





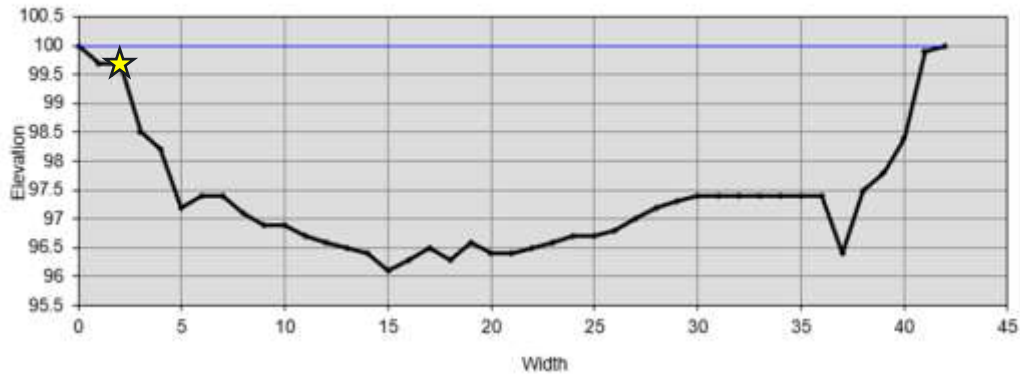
XS-3





XS-4

Cross Section 4



Bankfull Dimensions

- 113.6 x-section area (ft.sq.)
- 42.0 width (ft)
- 2.7 mean depth (ft)
- 0.0 max depth (ft)
- 45.3 wetted perimeter (ft)
- 2.5 hyd radi (ft)
- 15.5 width-depth ratio

Flood Dimensions

- 42.0 W flood prone area (ft)
- 1.0 entrenchment ratio
- low bank height (ft)
- low bank height ratio

Materials

- D50 Riffle (mm)
- D84 Riffle (mm)
- threshold grain size (mm)

Bankfull Flow

- velocity (ft/s)
- discharge rate (cfs)
- Froude number

Flow Resistance

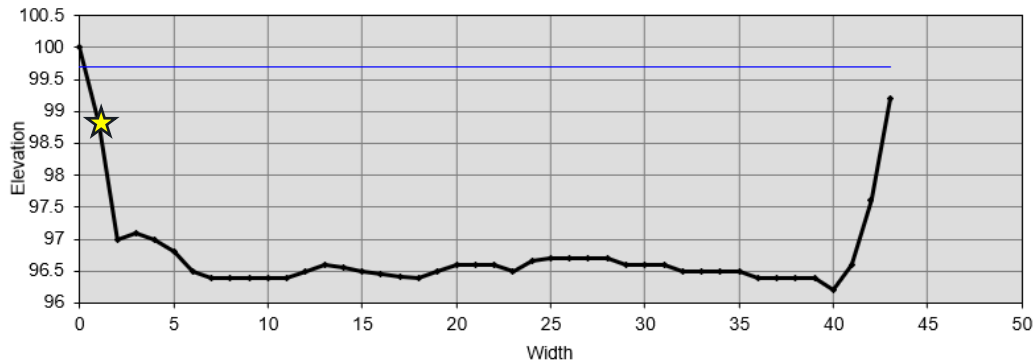
- Manning's roughness
- D'Arcy-Weisbach fric.
- resistance factor u/u^*
- relative roughness

Forces & Power

- channel slope (%)
- shear stress (lb/sq.ft.)
- shear velocity (ft/s)
- unit strm power (lb/ft/s)



Cross Section 5



Bankfull Dimensions

- 128.9 x-section area (ft.sq.)
- 42.8 width (ft)
- 3.0 mean depth (ft)
- 0.0 max depth (ft)
- 45.8 wetted perimeter (ft)
- 2.8 hyd radi (ft)
- 14.2 width-depth ratio

Flood Dimensions

- W flood prone area (ft)
- entrenchment ratio
- low bank height (ft)
- low bank height ratio

Materials

- D50 Riffle (mm)
- D84 Riffle (mm)
- threshold grain size (mm):

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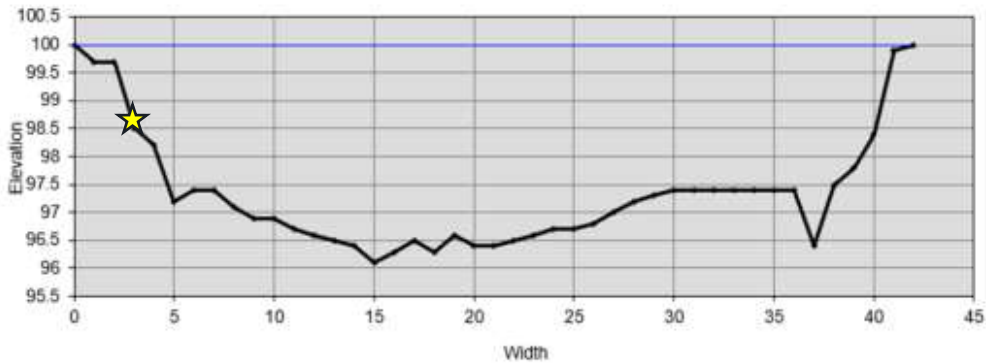
Forces & Power

- channel slope (%)
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XS-6

Cross Section 4



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Bankfull Flow

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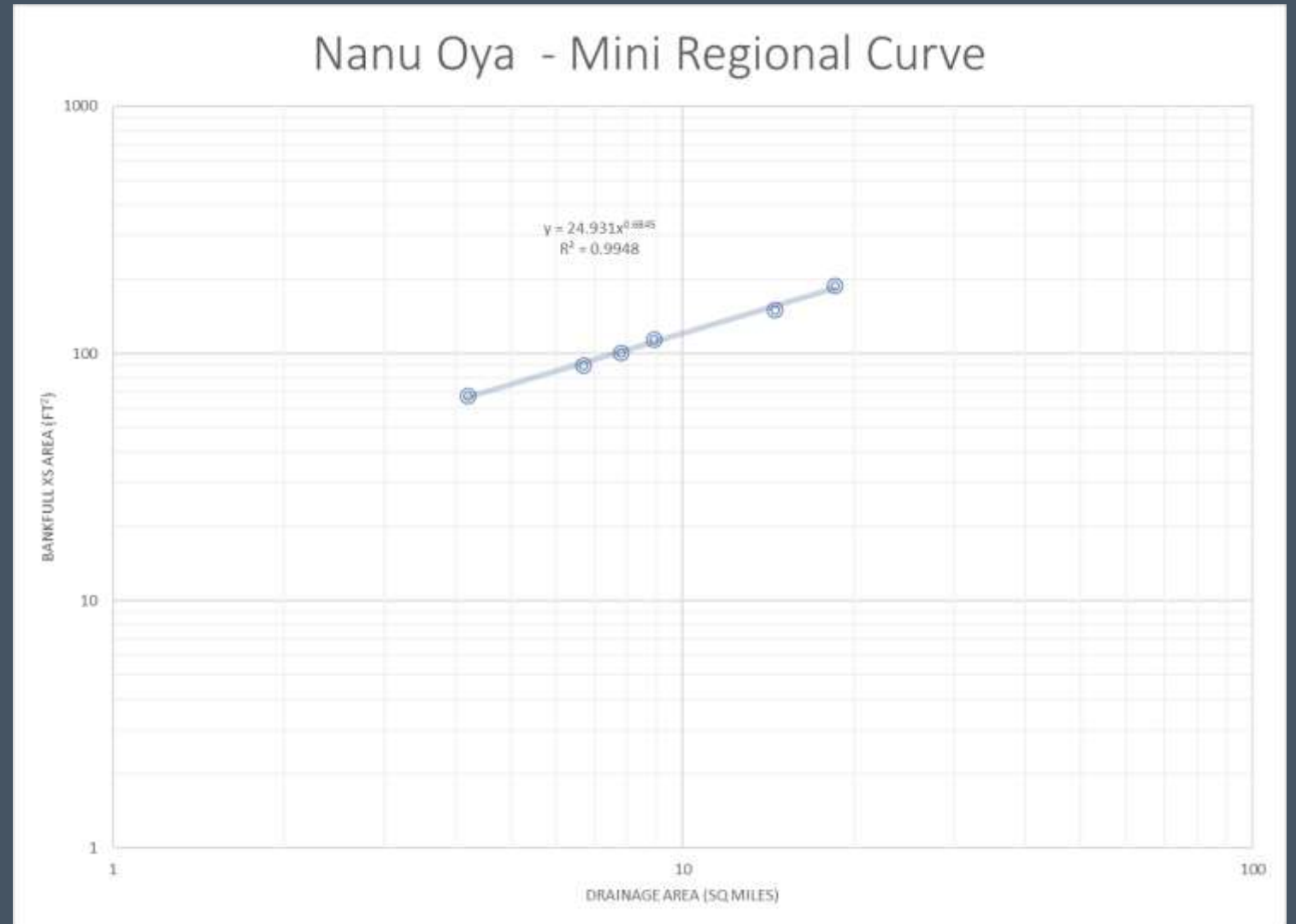
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Nanu Oya - Mini Regional Curve

Location	Drainage Area	XS Area	WRF
XS1	18.5	188	26.6
XS2	14.5	151	25.2
XS3	8.9	114	26.4
XS4	7.8	101	25.5
XS5	6.7	90	25.2
XS6	4.2	68	26.0





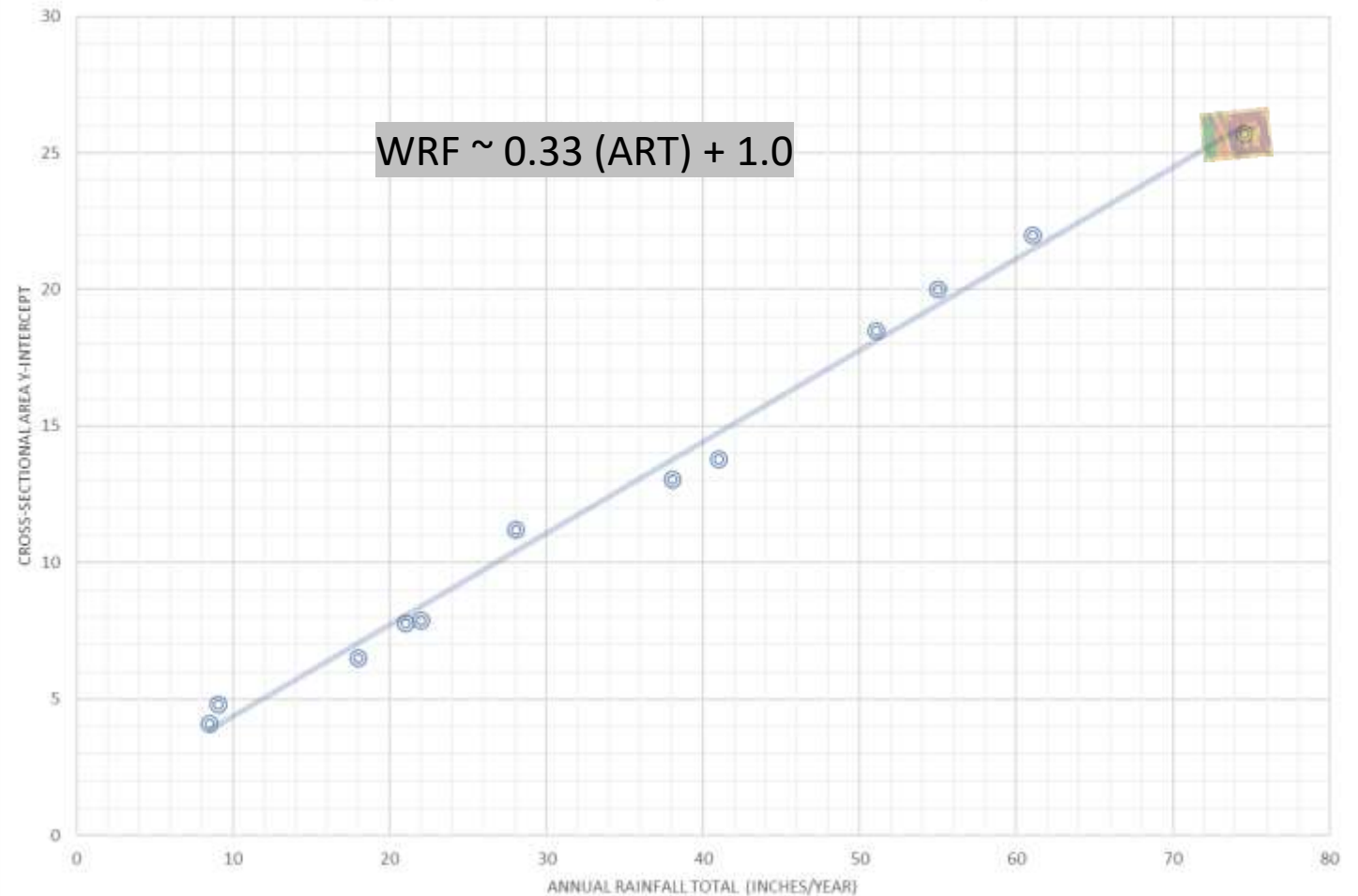
Nanu Oya – Mini-Regional Curve

Summary - Good Comparison with Rough Data

Next Steps

- Collect Better Topographic Data
- Resurvey the data with Total Station (Maybe Summer/Fall 2024)
- Short Courses with University of Peradeniya (Maybe Summer/Fall 2024)
- Collect more Sri- Lankan River Data
- Create an Elementary, Summer VBS/Camp or After School Stream Program
- Adventure with RiverSHARED for a week in Sri Lanka Summer/Fall 2024 (Small group ~5 team members)
 - Mini-Regional Curve Development - Training
 - Learn about Fluvial Geomorphology of Sri Lanka - Training
 - Help teach Short Courses at UP
 - Help Organize a River Day with Youth Program
 - Safari with Elephants on the beach of the Indian Ocean
 - See Sri Lanka – The country is beautiful, and the currency exchange is generous
 - Have a cup of Tea and tour a plantation

Regional Curve - Response Factor Intercept



Questions ? Comments !

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