# Applying Deep Learning to Hydrological Events

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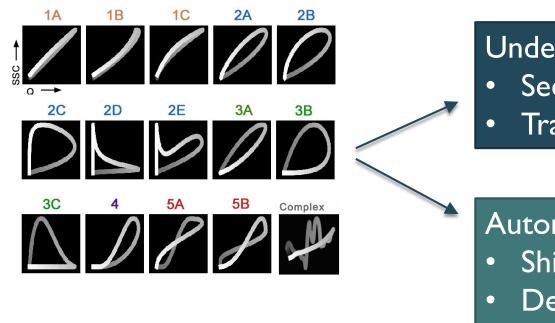
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# Key points from analysis of event hysteresis

□ Untapped potential in data-mining high-frequency water quality sensor data

□ Can improve constituent load estimates and guide watershed modeling

Expanded library of hysteresis patterns



Understand watershed processes

- Sediment sources
- Transport dynamics

Automated Monitoring/Classification

- Shifts in types of events
- Detect key types of events

## Research directions and integration into modeling

Event Analysis

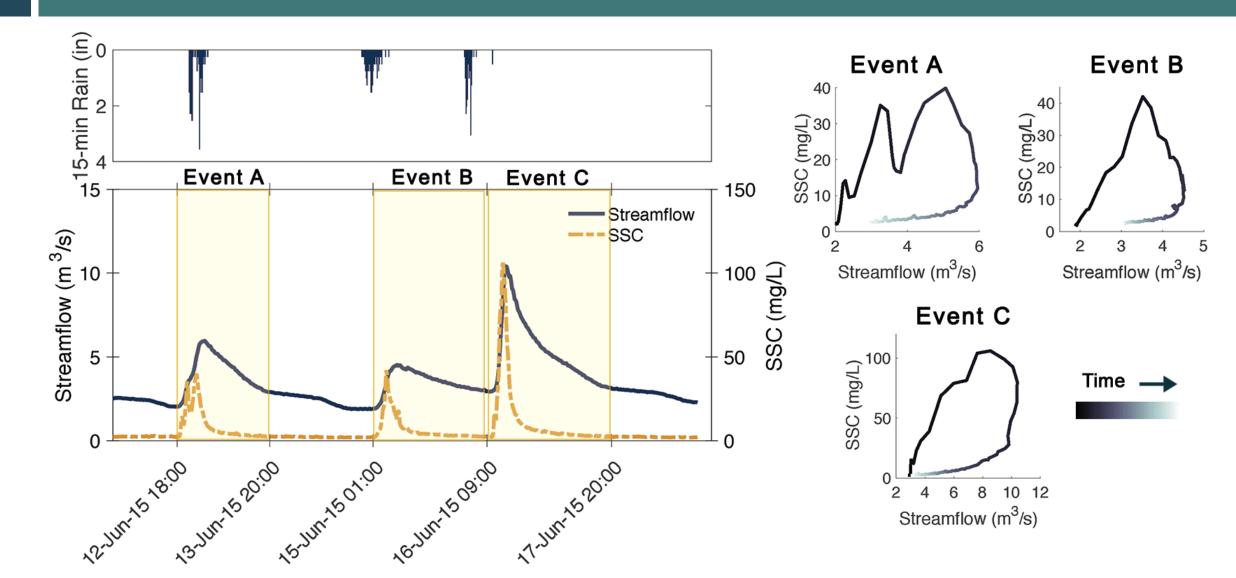
Event Analysis

Improved TSS and
TP Load Estimates
Regression models
ANN models

Watershed Hysteresis Characterization □ Inform governance or land use models Pre-condition map of watersheds to adjust project/BMP selection Inform spatial cognition of agents

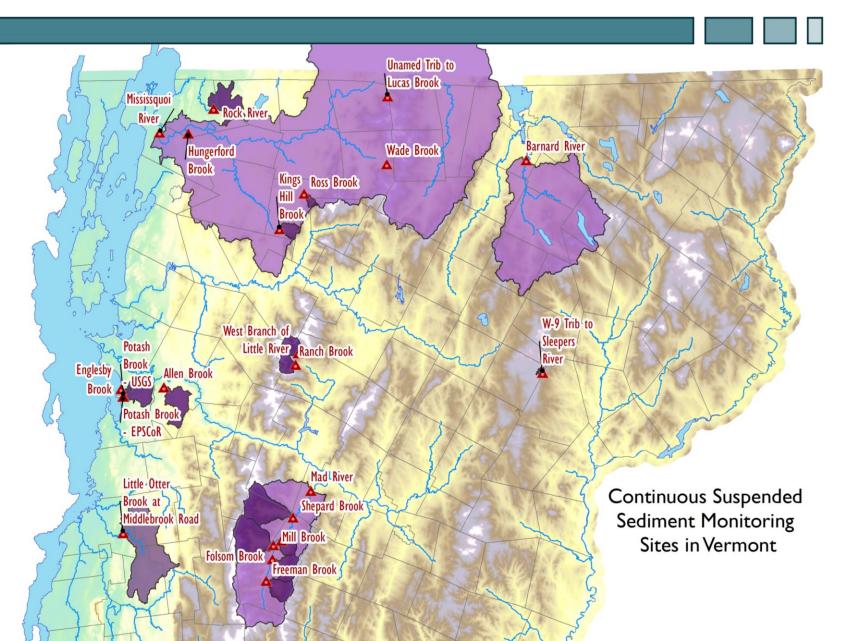
Automated Classification of Event C-Q hysteresis □ Apply to other response variables Nitrate Soil Moisture

# Using Hysteresis Analysis to Characterize Hydrological Events

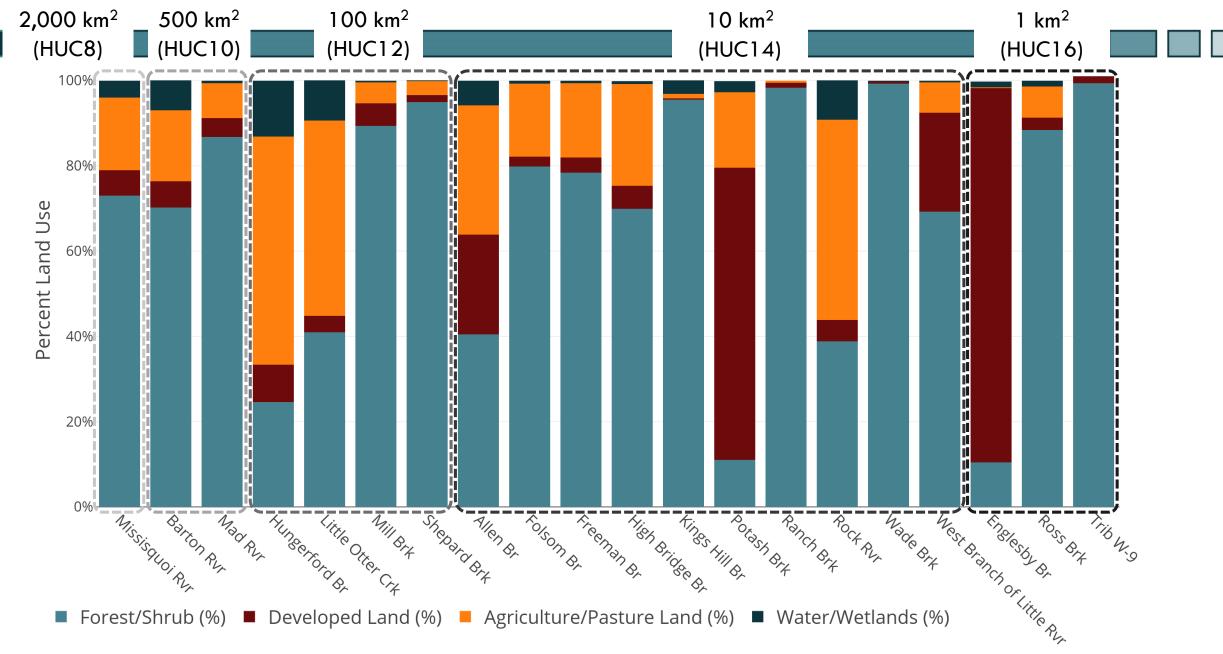


# Expanding research out into new watersheds

Range of:
Land Use/Cover
Geology
Soils
Drainage Area
Topography

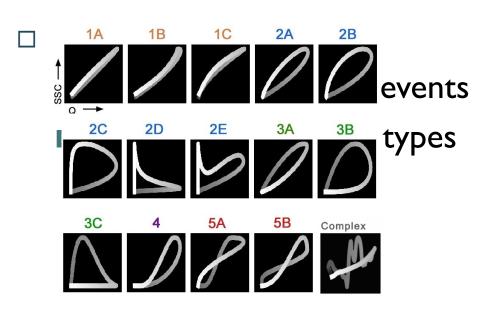


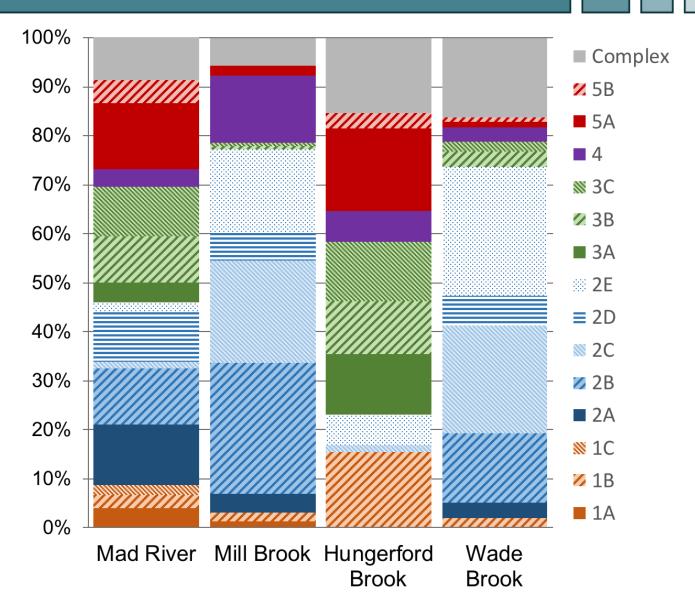
## A more varied set of watersheds



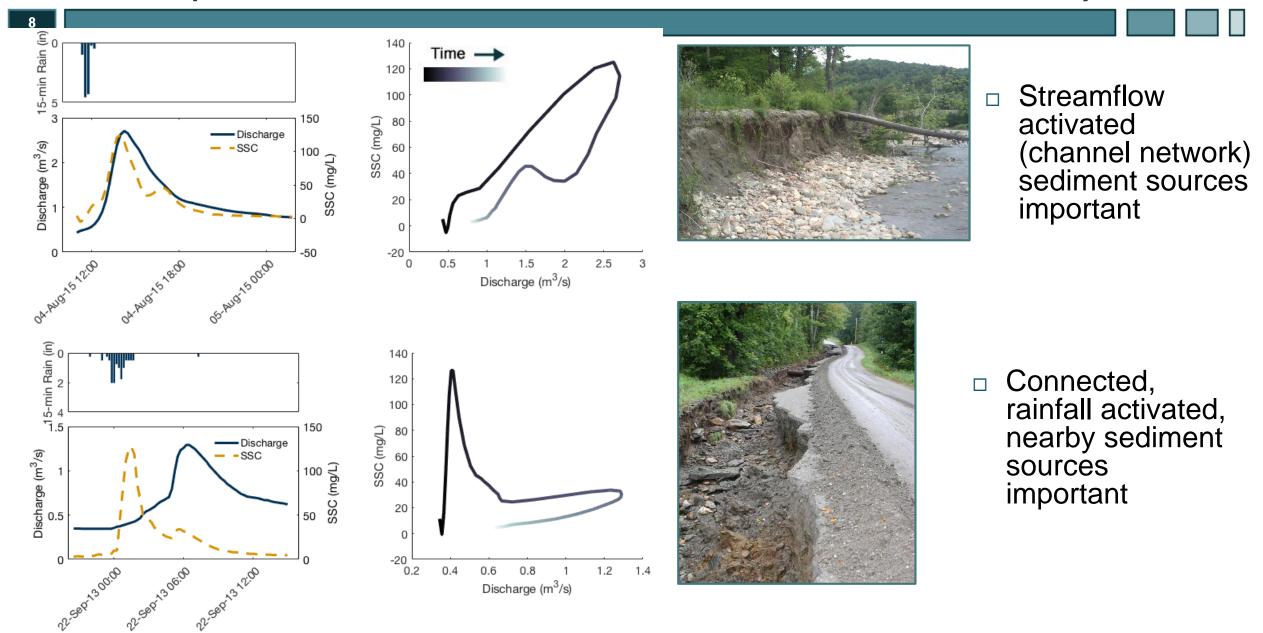
# Clear differences in dynamics between watersheds

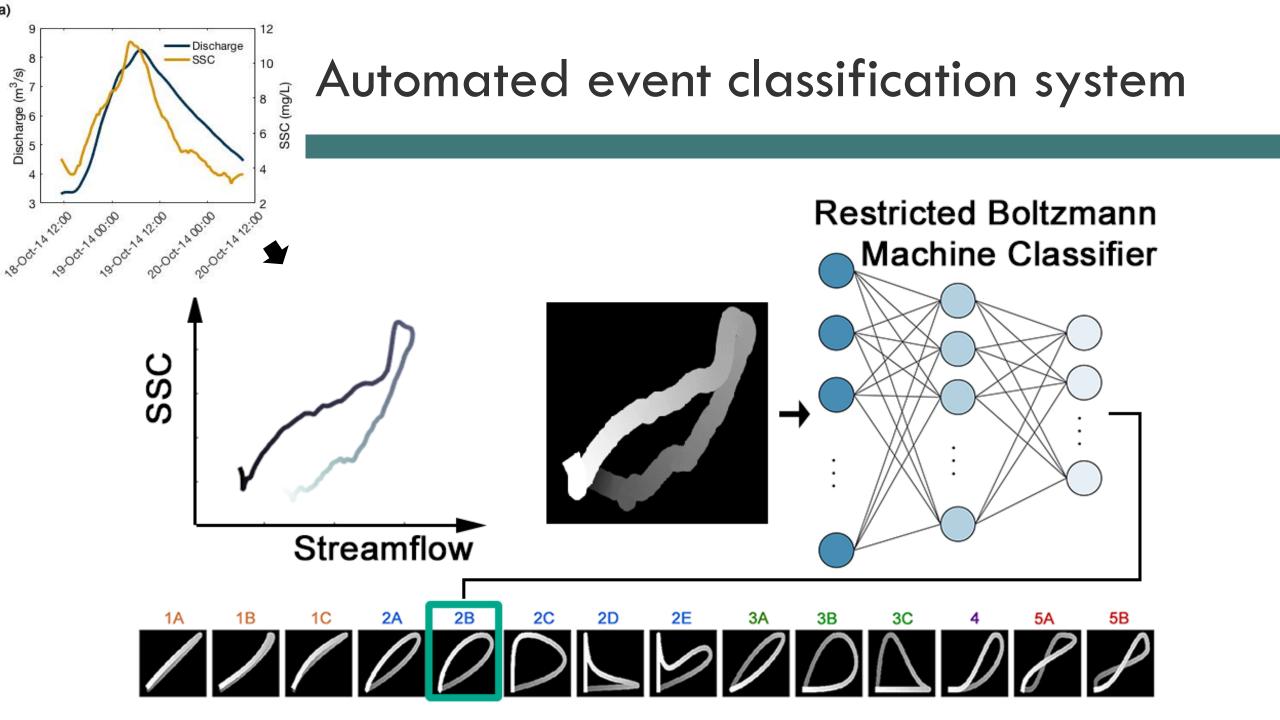
- Need to account for effects of:
   Spatial Scale
  - Season





## An Example: Two storm events to illustrate event sediment dynamics



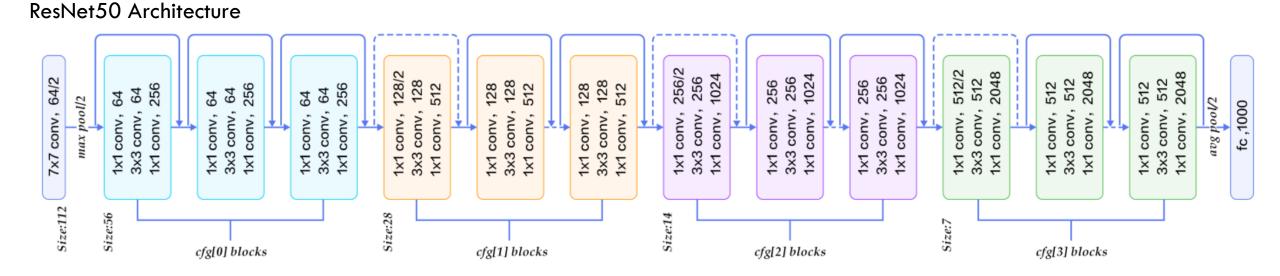


## Implementing Deep Learning into hydrological event analysis

#### Model algorithms & architecture

- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)
- **3-D** CNNs
- Autoencoders

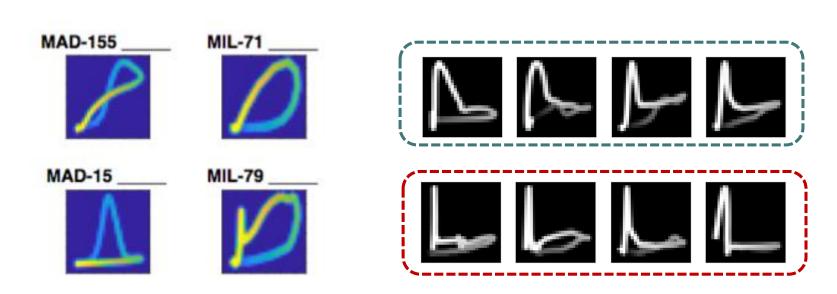
- Increase in accuracy over previous results
- Near 70% classified correctly



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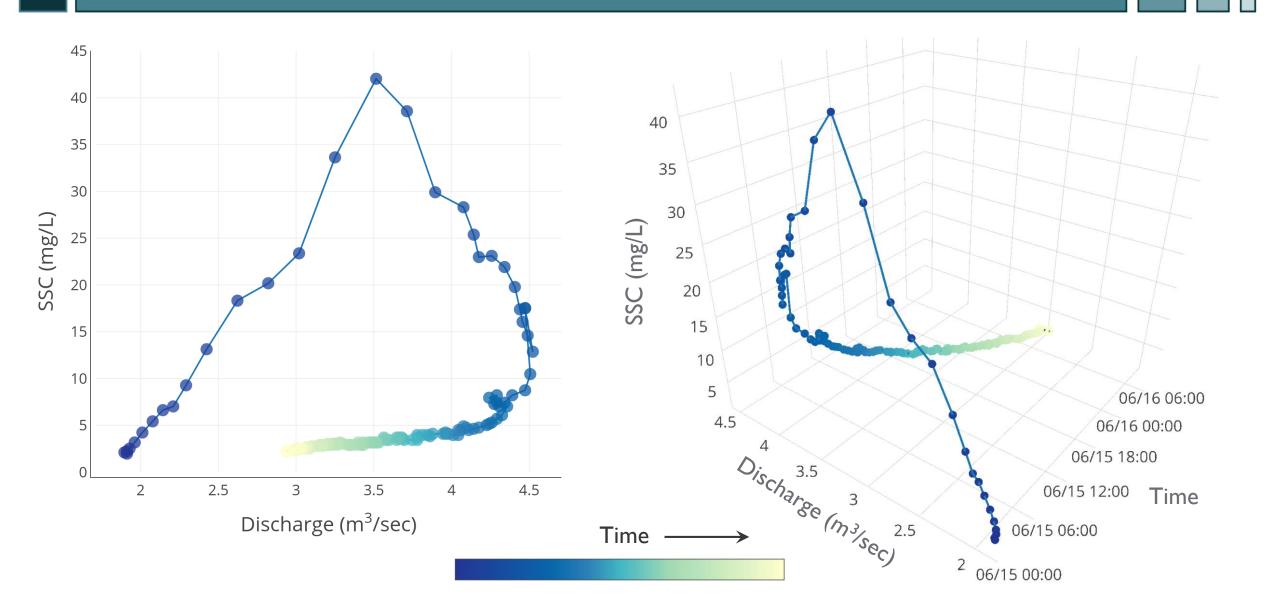
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New Classes (pattern library)
 Clustering of encoded features
 Crowdsourcing tests



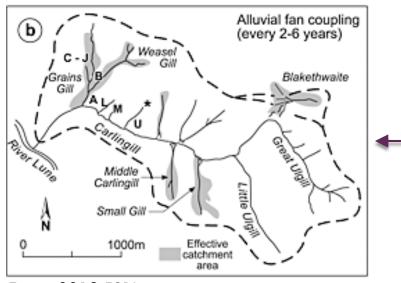
#### Challenge: very data hungry methods!

# 2-D vs 3-D "Trajectories" of Events



# Continue work for testing hypothesis

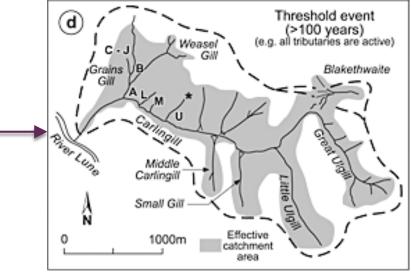
C-Q plot (and their sequence) encodes information about where erosion is taking place in watershed and it's transport downstream



Fryirs, 2013 ESPL

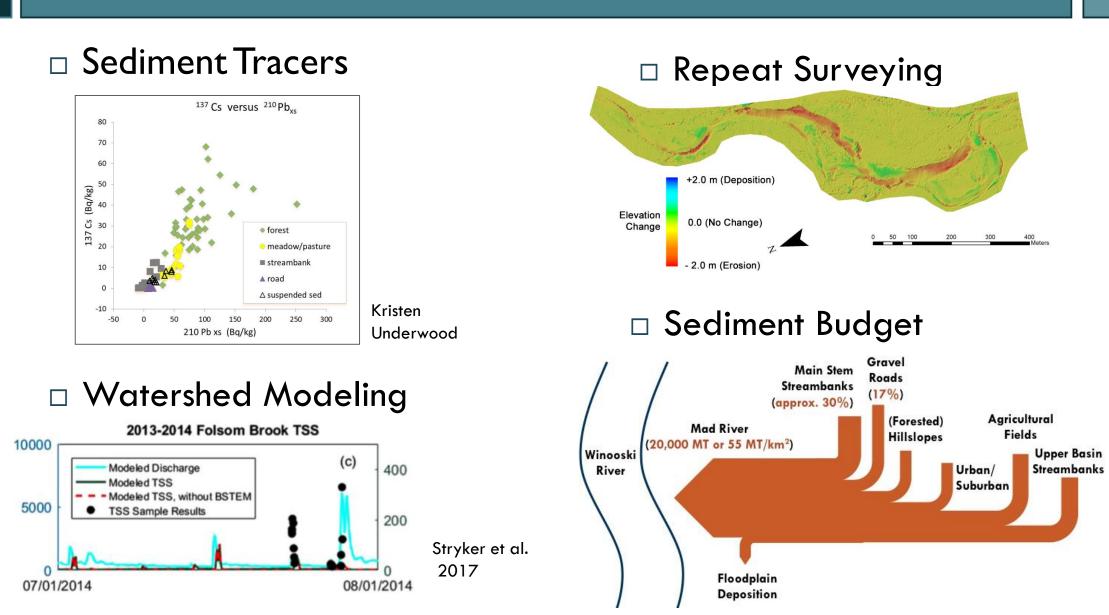
#### VARIABLE

- Sediment Source Areas
  - Location
    - Supply
    - Connectivity
- Susp. Sediment Yield
- SS Q Relationships

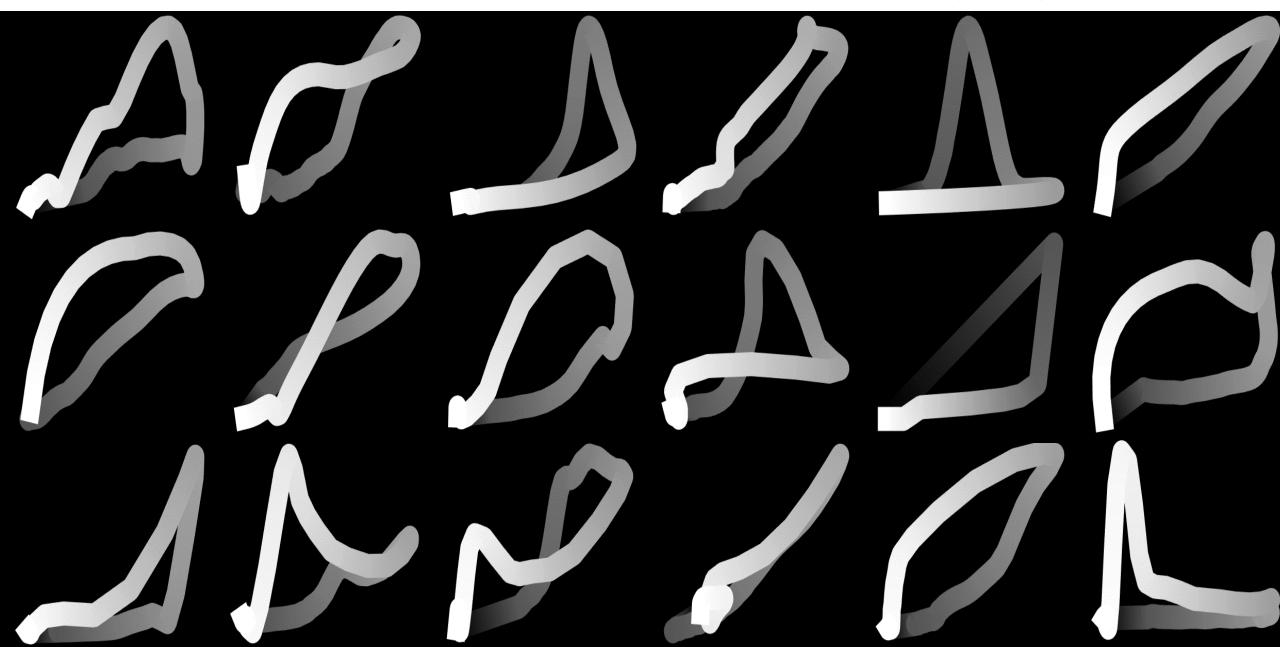


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#### How do we determine from where riverine sediments originate?

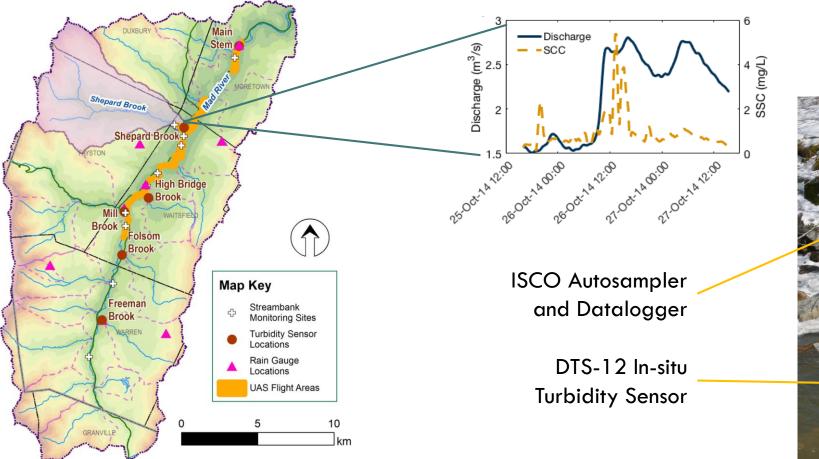


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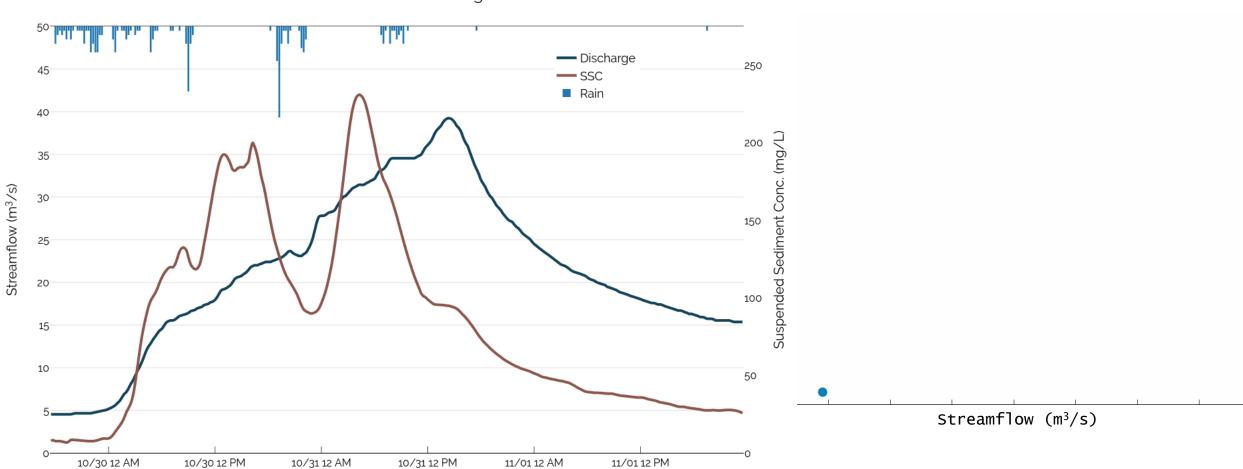
What if we could monitor only the outlet of the watershed and be able to infer sediment dynamics within the watershed?





# A close look at hydrological events

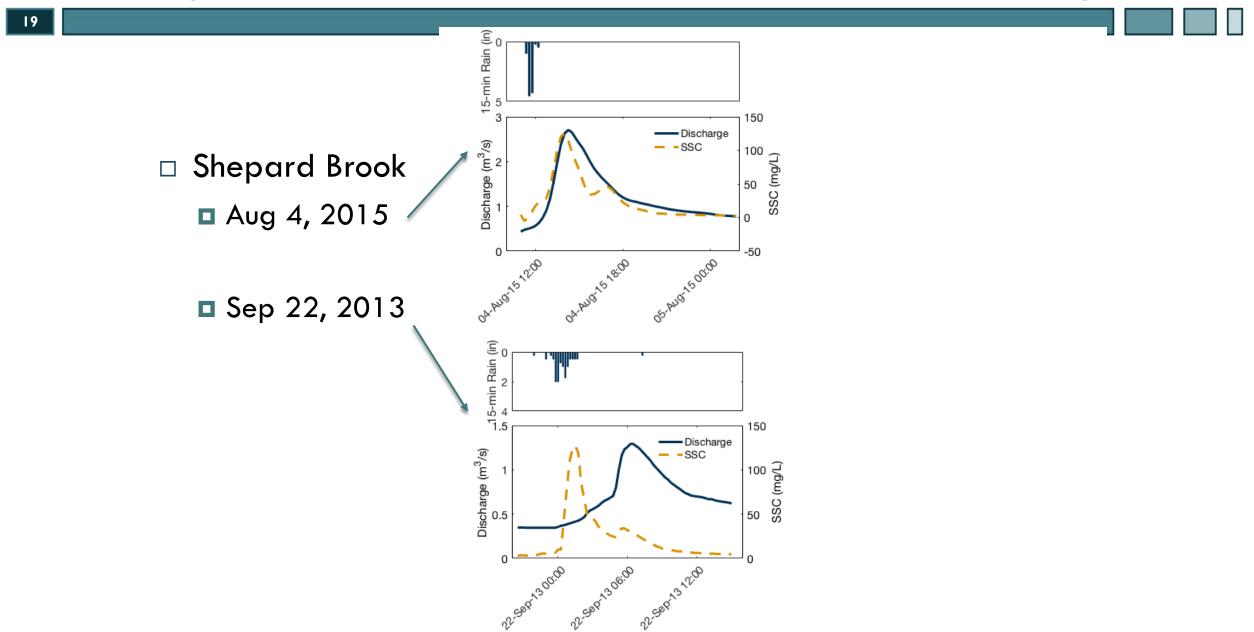
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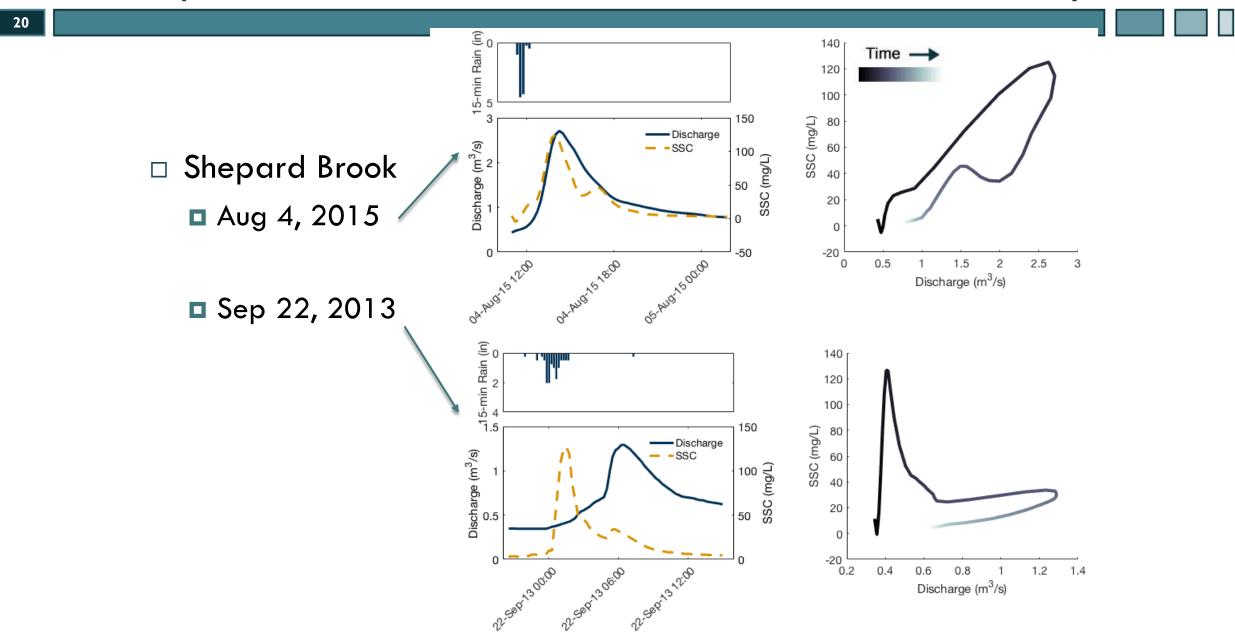
Mad River at USGS Gauge

Date

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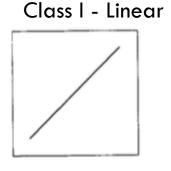


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## What are hysteresis patterns? Two methods of categorizing hysteresis

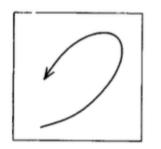
#### Visual Patterns



Class II - Clockwise

Garnett Williams, USGS, 1989

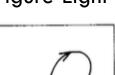
Class III -Counterclockwise



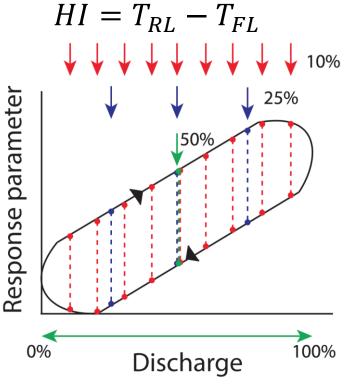


Class V – Figure-Eight

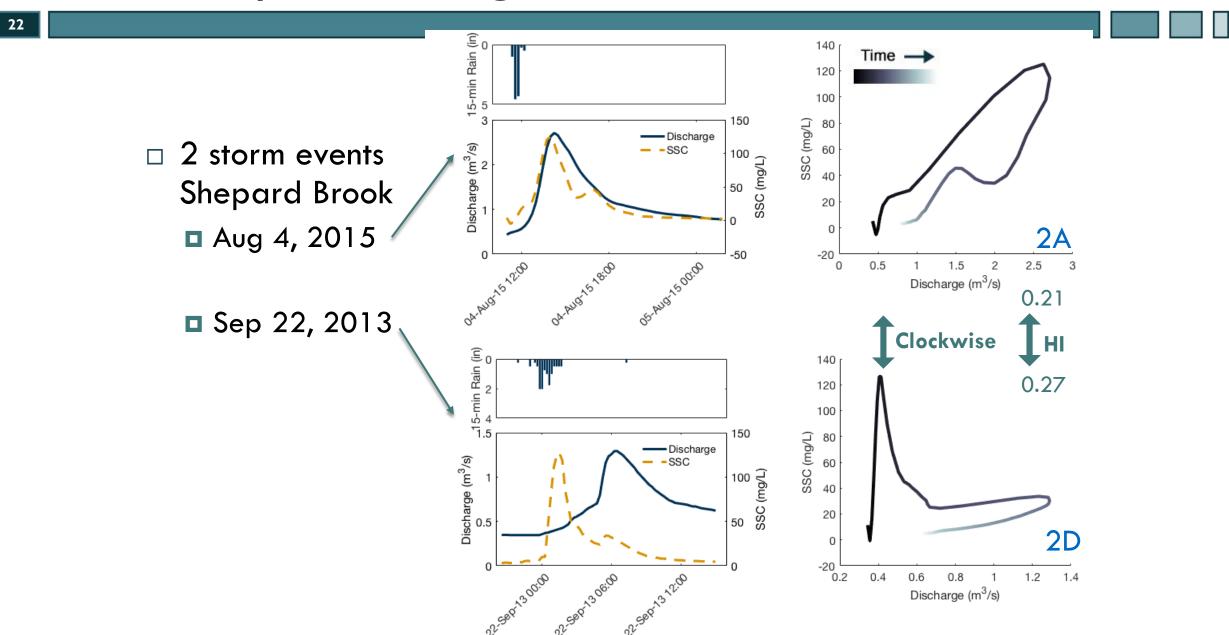




Metrics
 (e.g. Hysteresis Index)



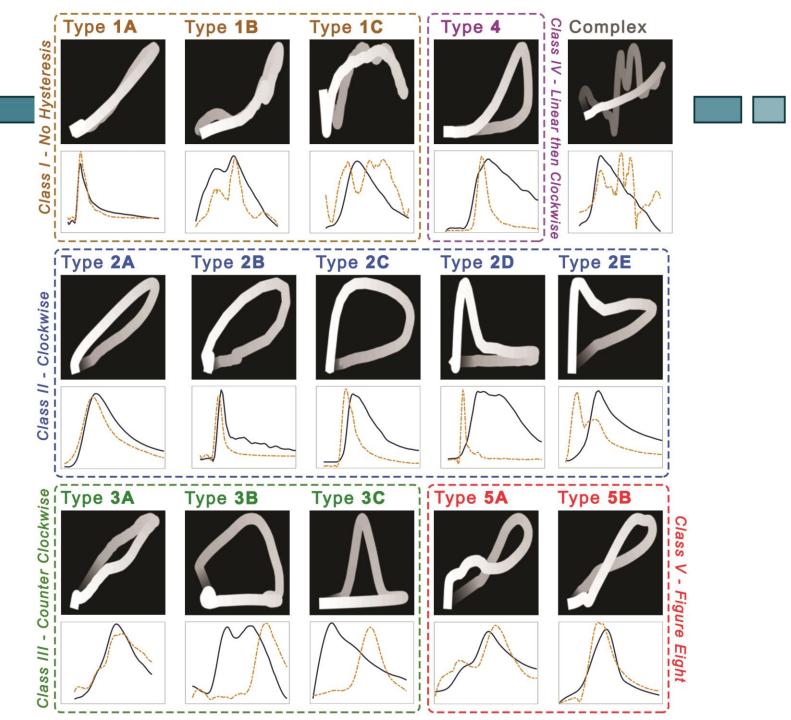
## An Example: Looking back at the two storm events



Patterns of Hysteresis

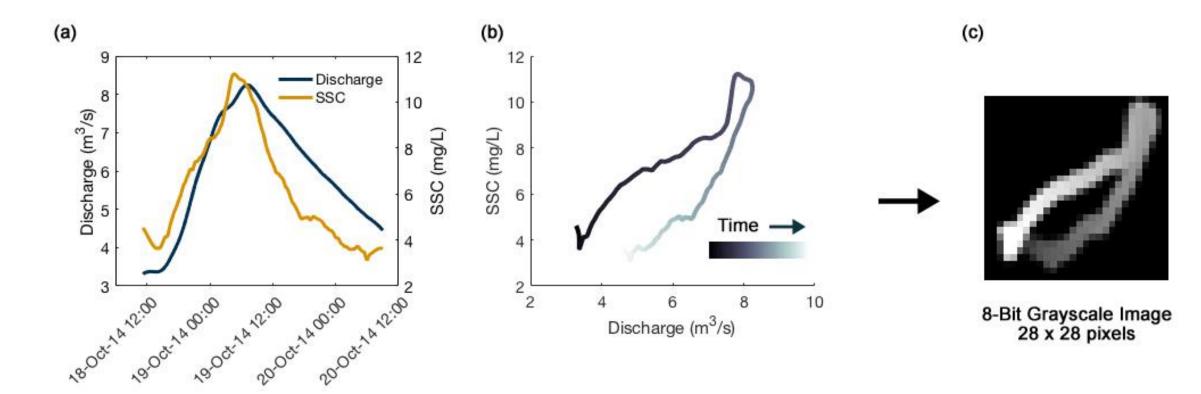
I4 Types
 recognized in
 data from
 Mad River
 watershed
 How to

automate?

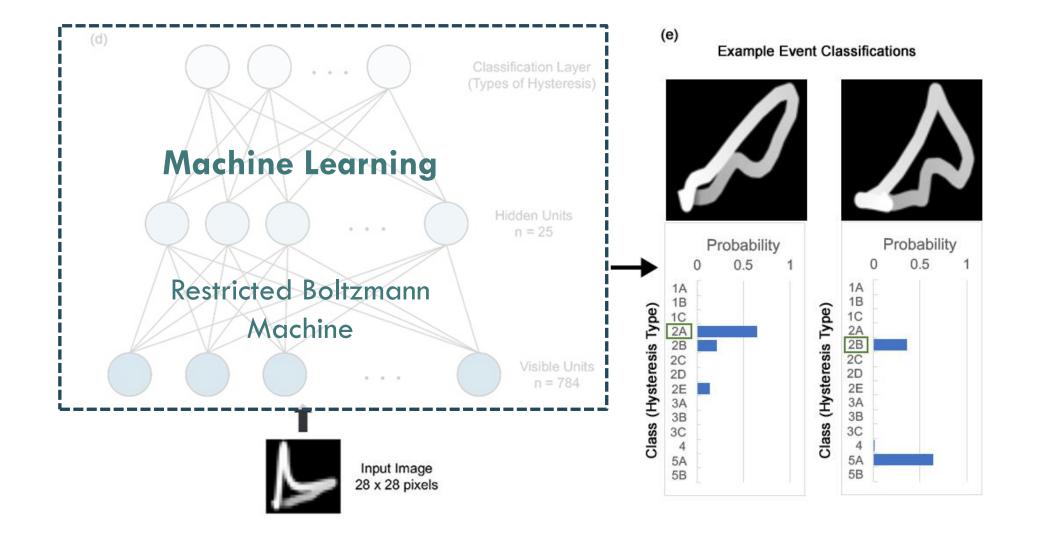


# An automated classification system

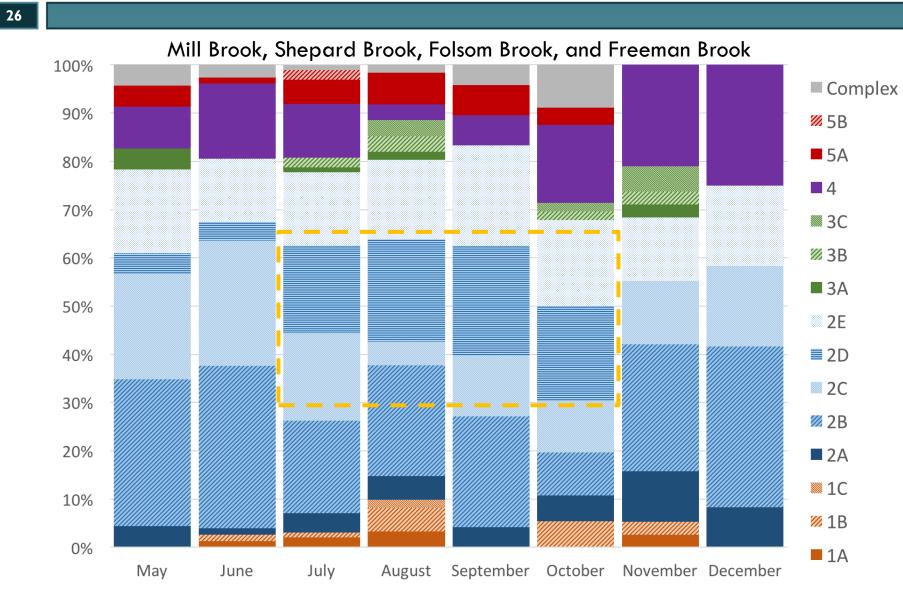
#### Pattern recognition challenge

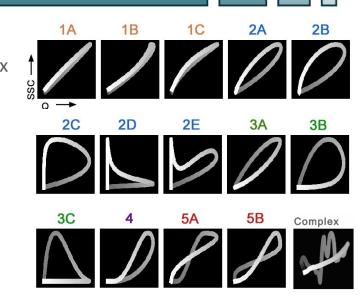


# Example of classification of storm events



# Seasonal trends in hysteresis types

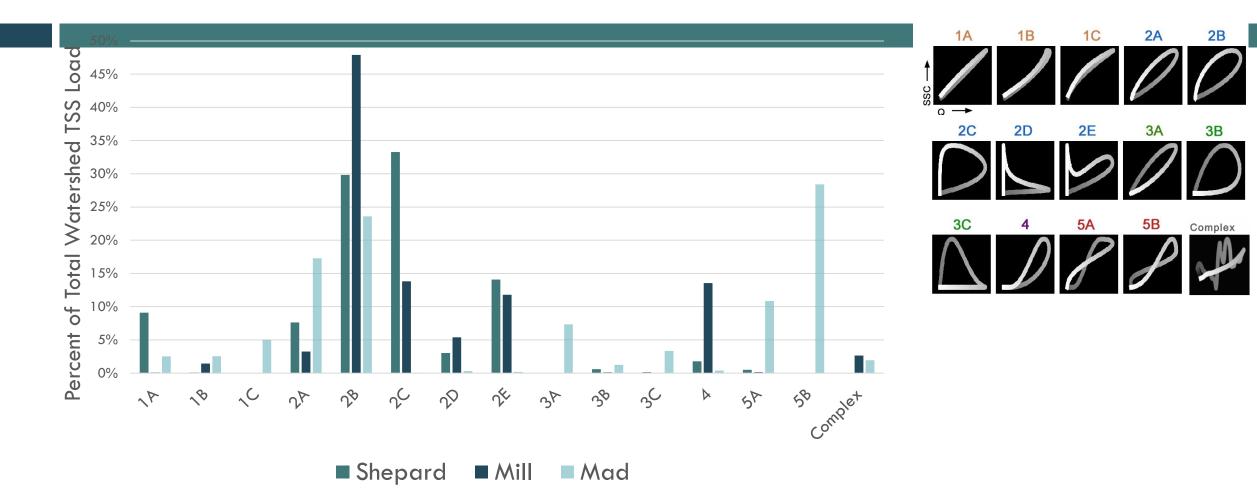




Also identified trends in hysteresis patterns by:

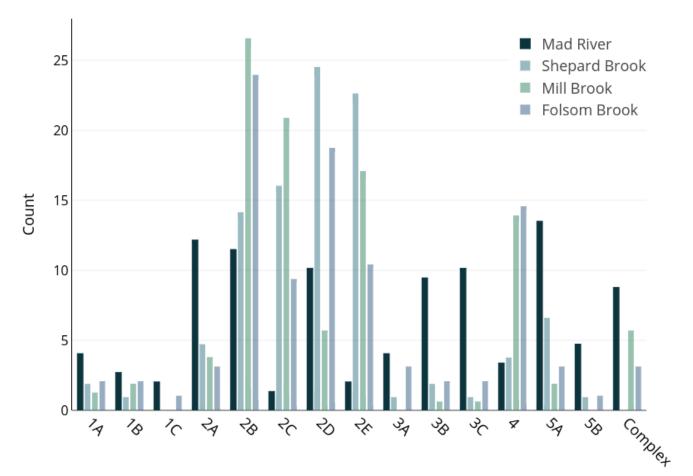
- Site
- Drainage Area Size
- Sediment Load

# Sediment load by hysteresis type

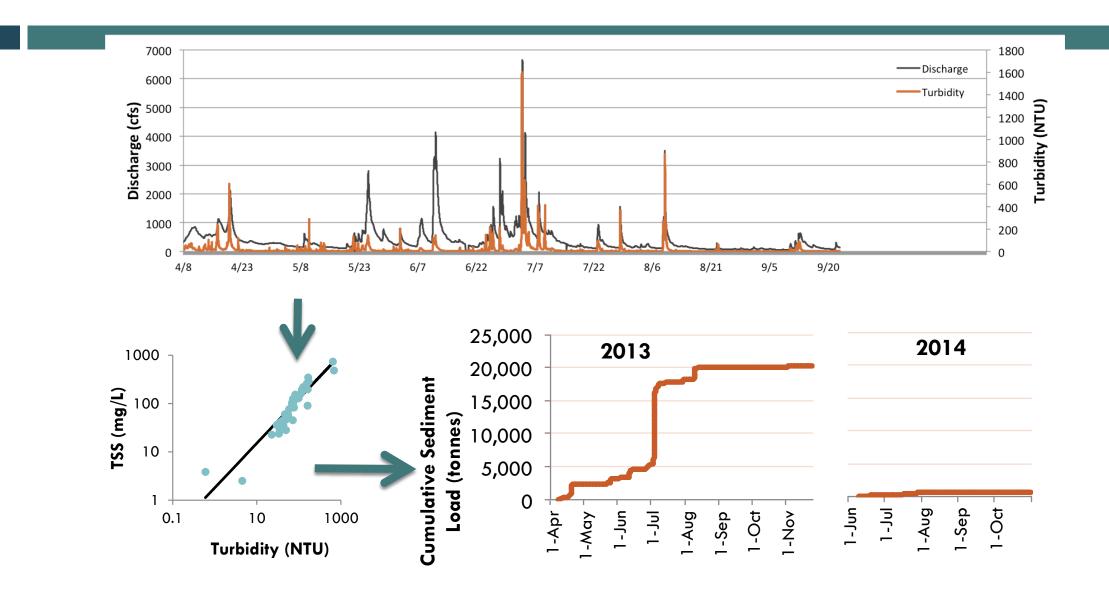


## Effects of spatial scale on hysteresis type

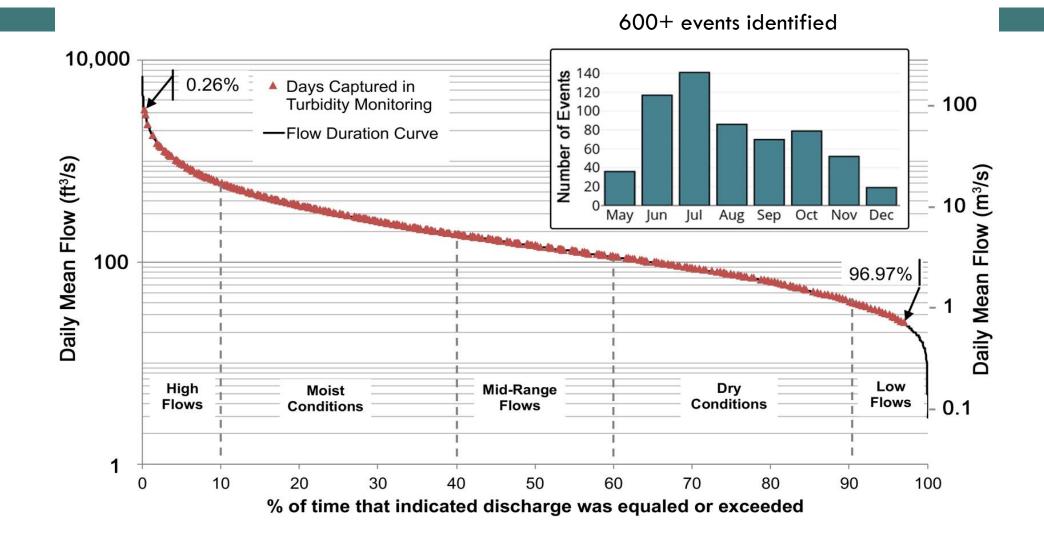
Clockwise types (Class II) most common in tributaries
 Mad River more varied in hysteresis types observed



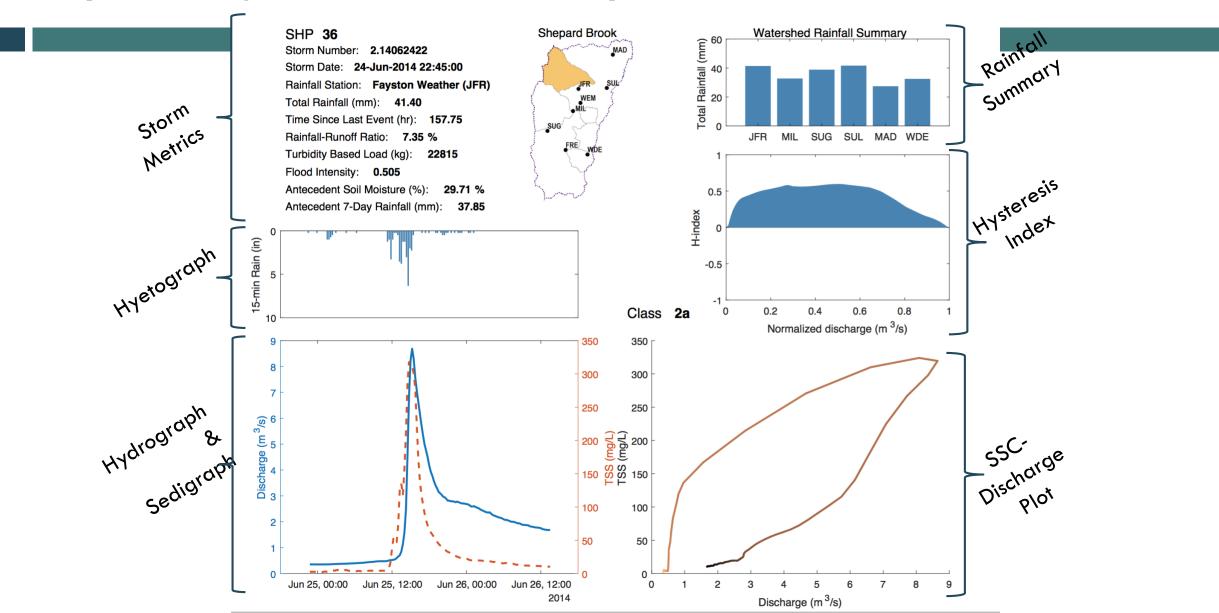
# **Sediment Load Estimation**



# Hydrology of monitoring period



## Hydrological event analysis



# Automated Classification using a RBM

# RBM application Training: 210 events Testing: 306 events

Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM)

