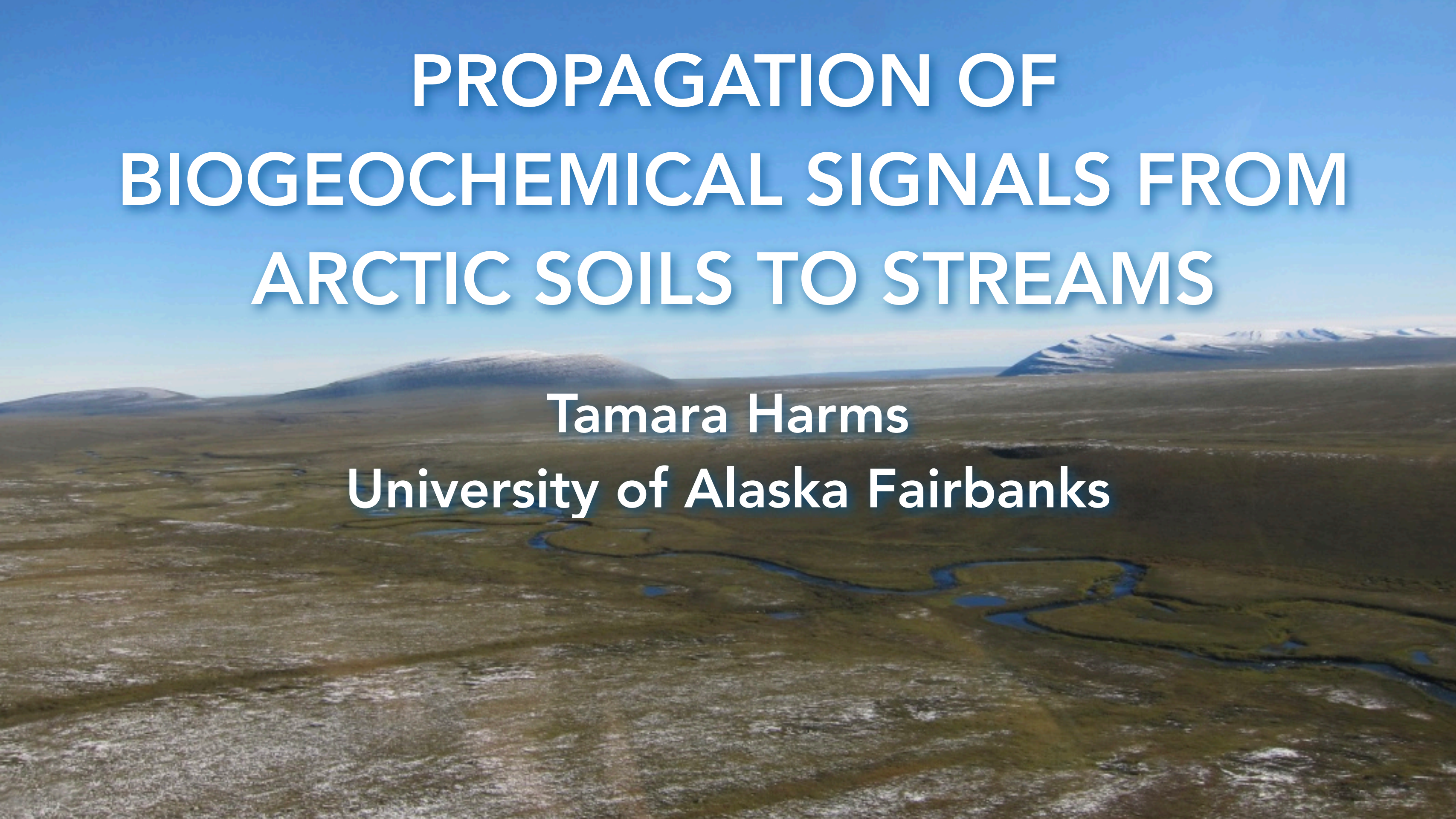


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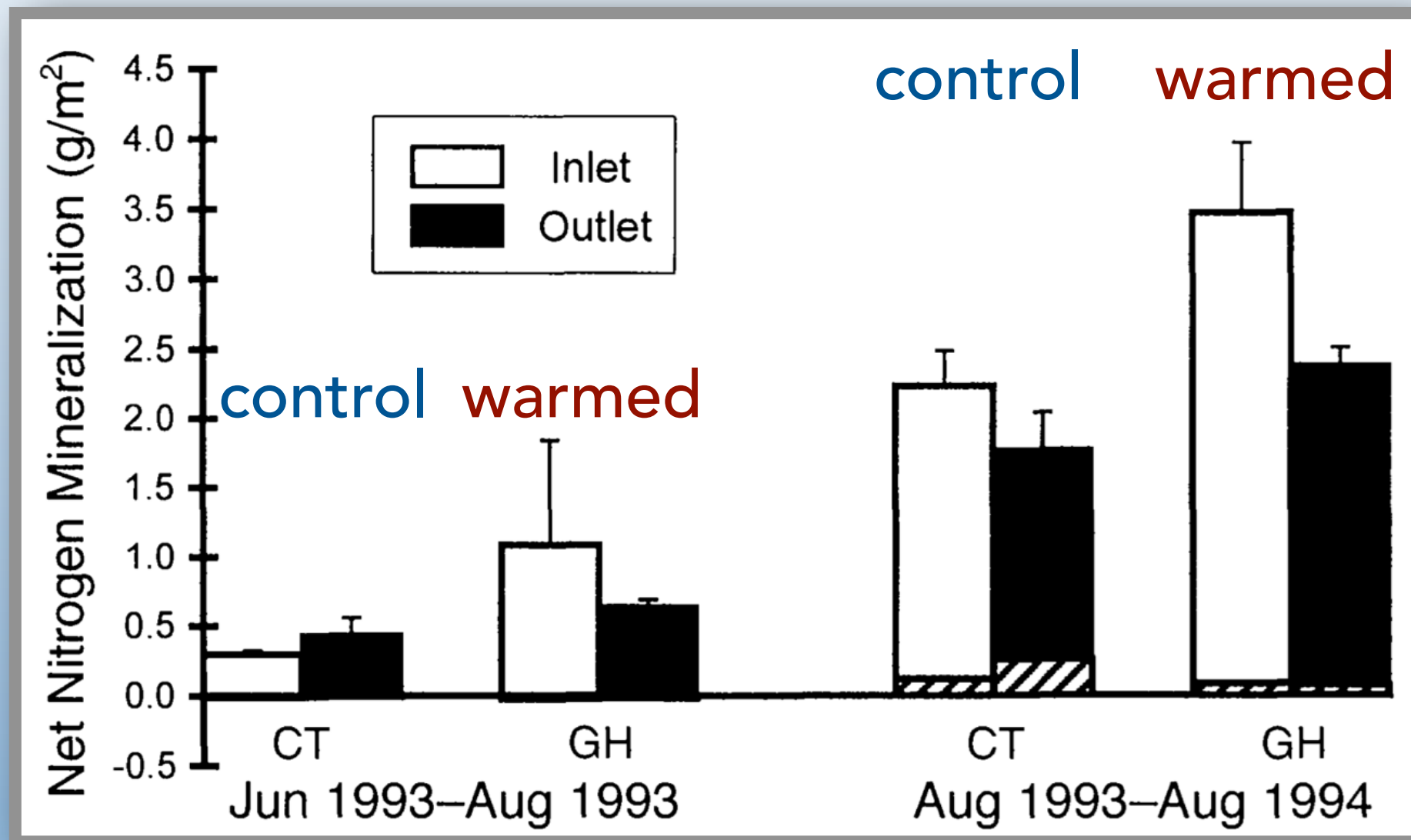


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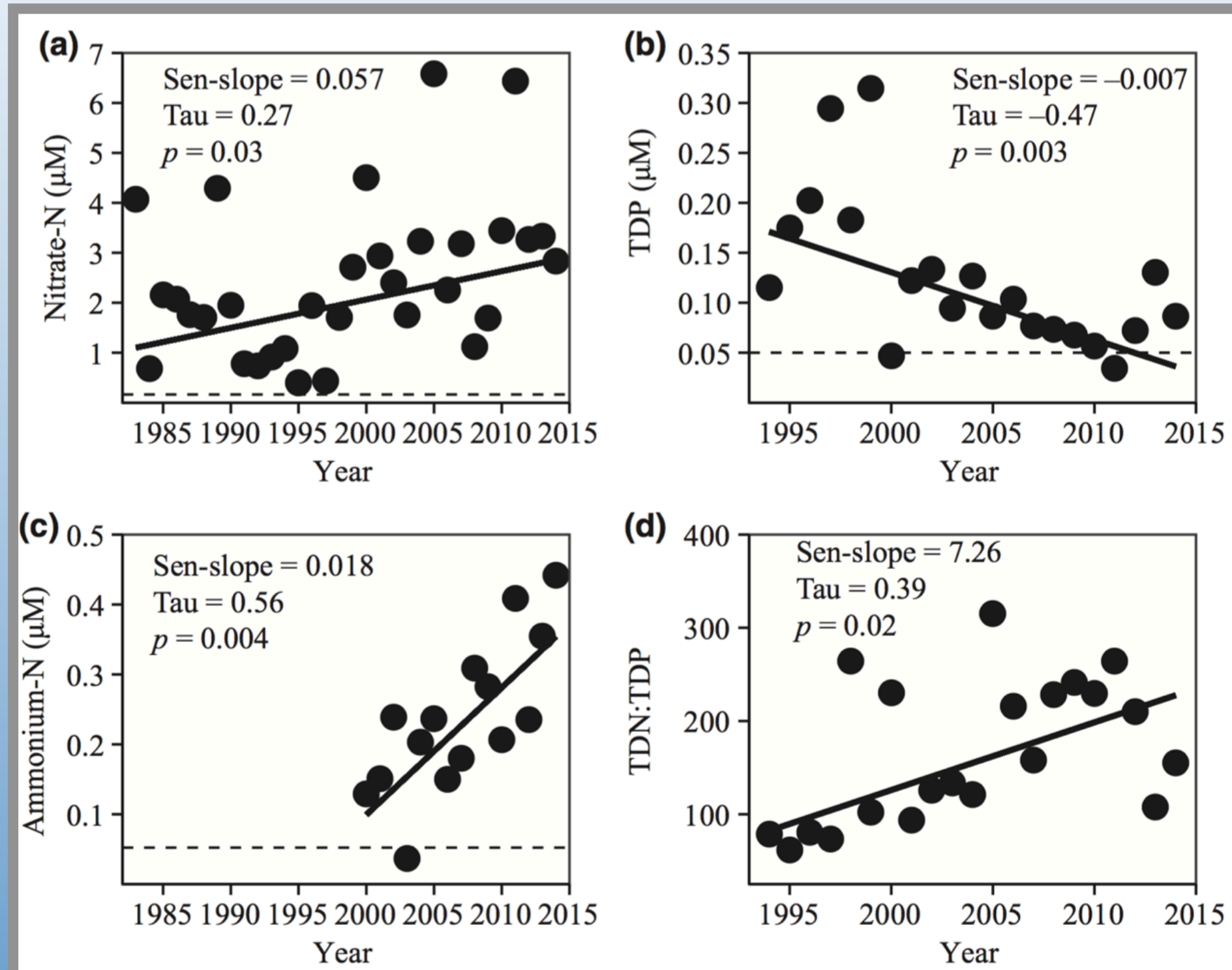
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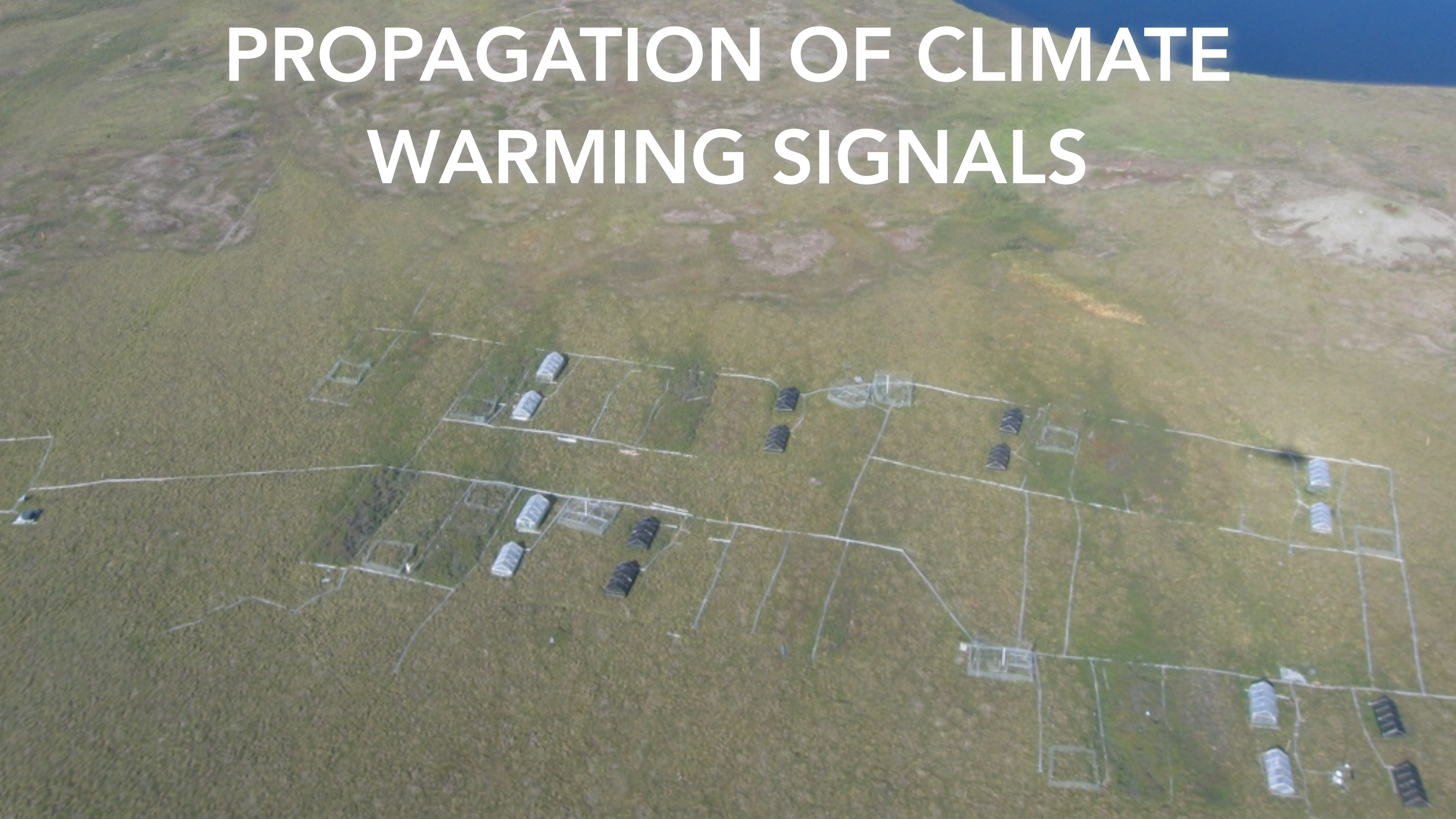


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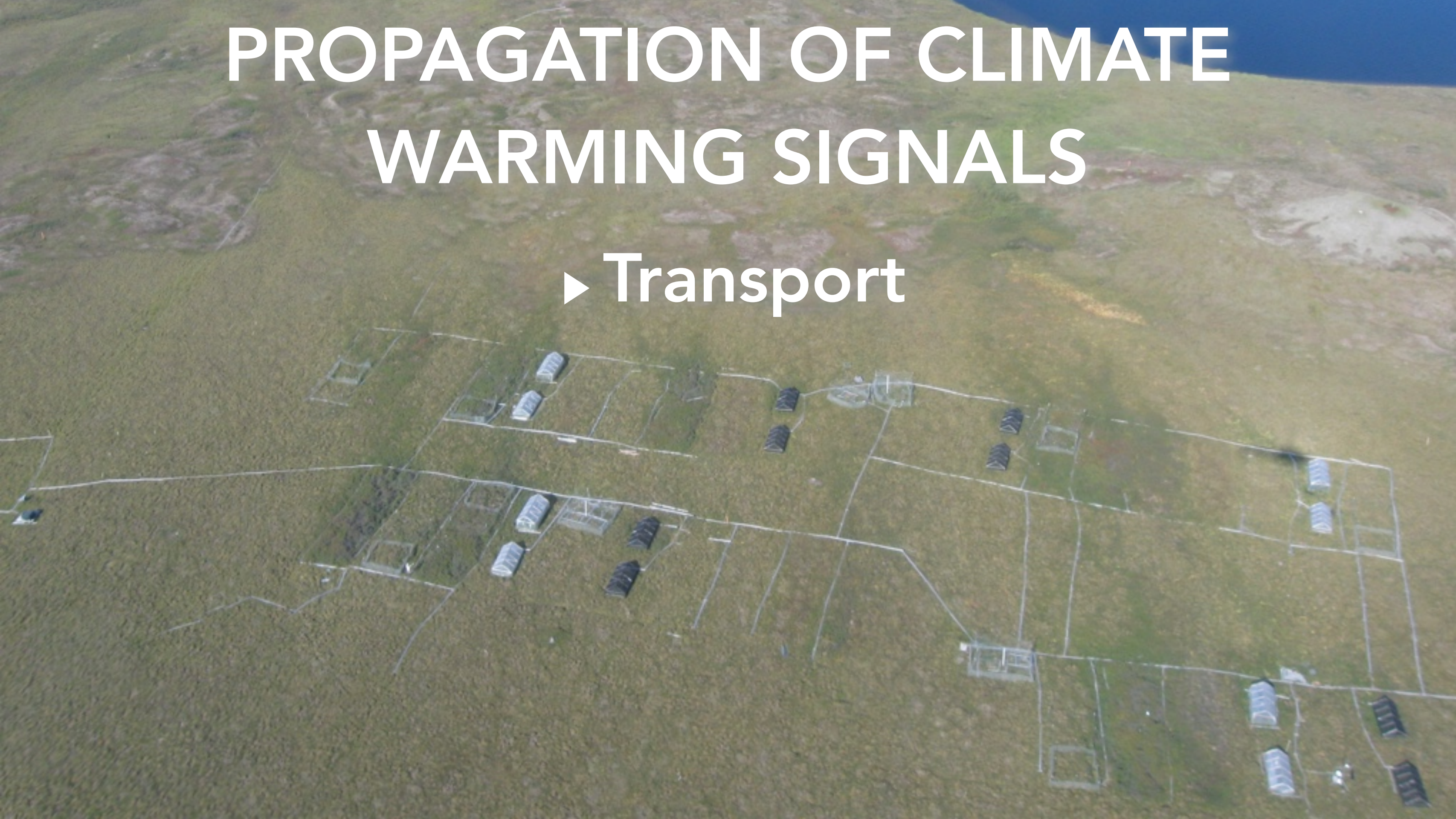


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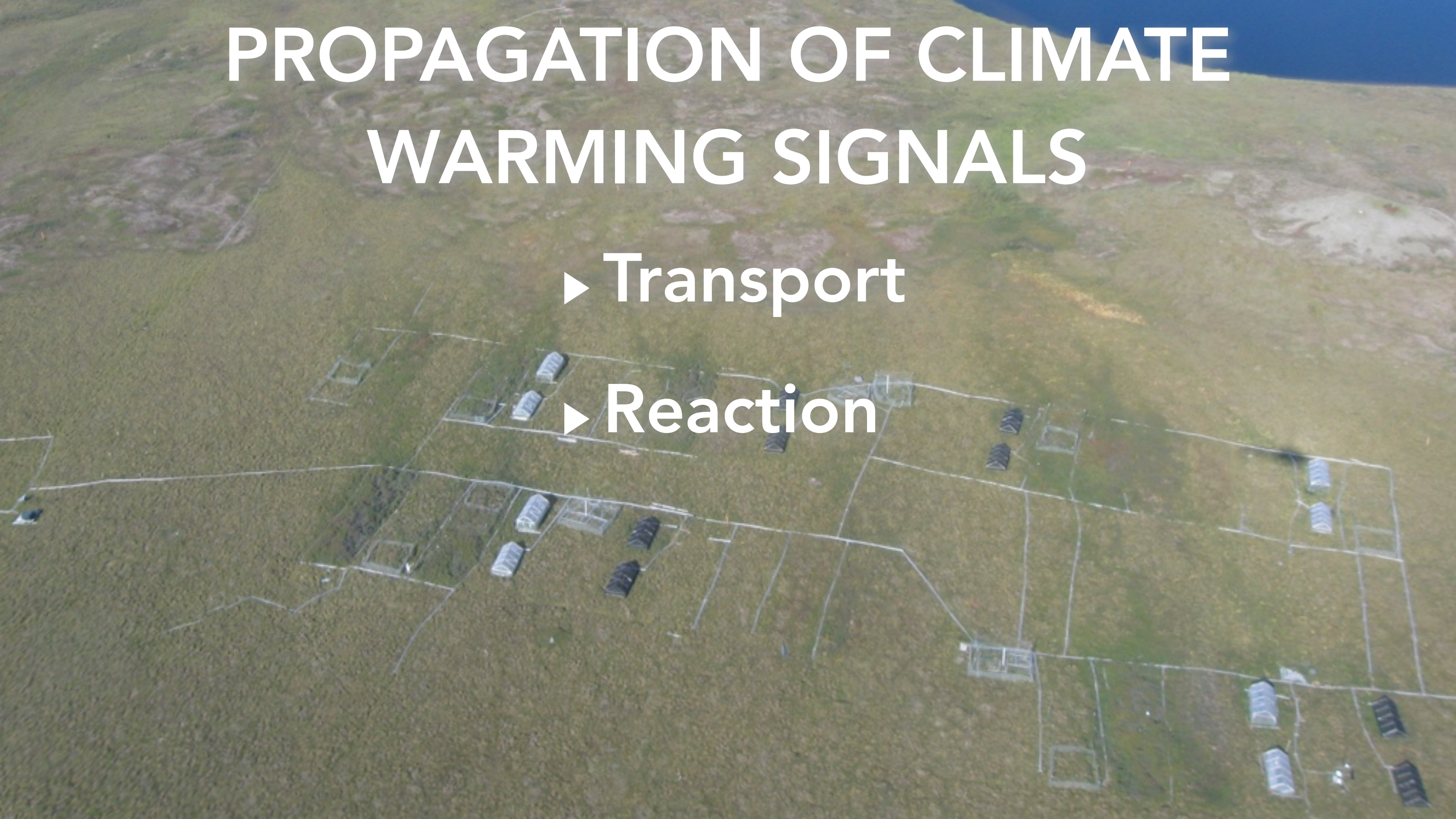
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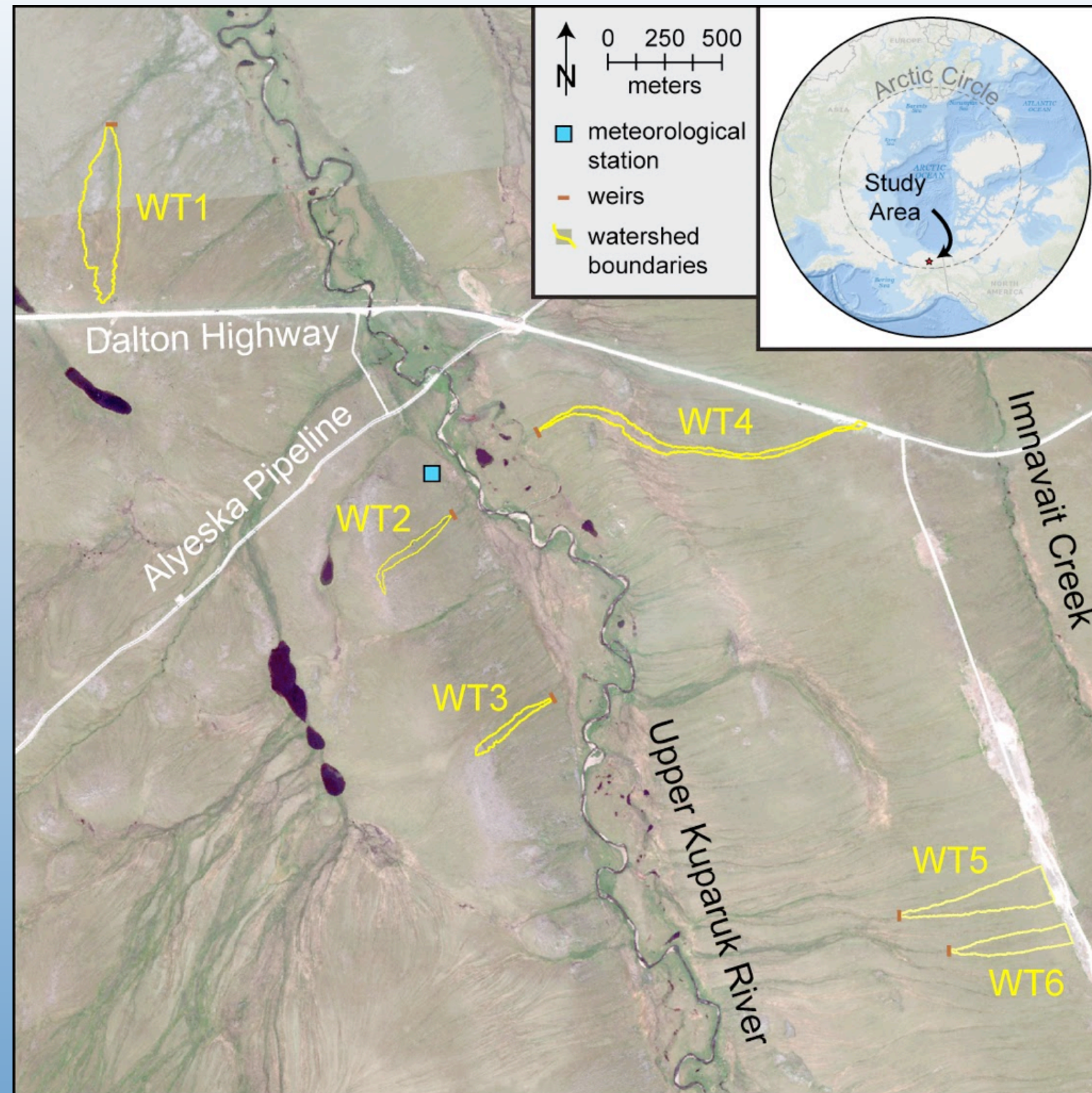


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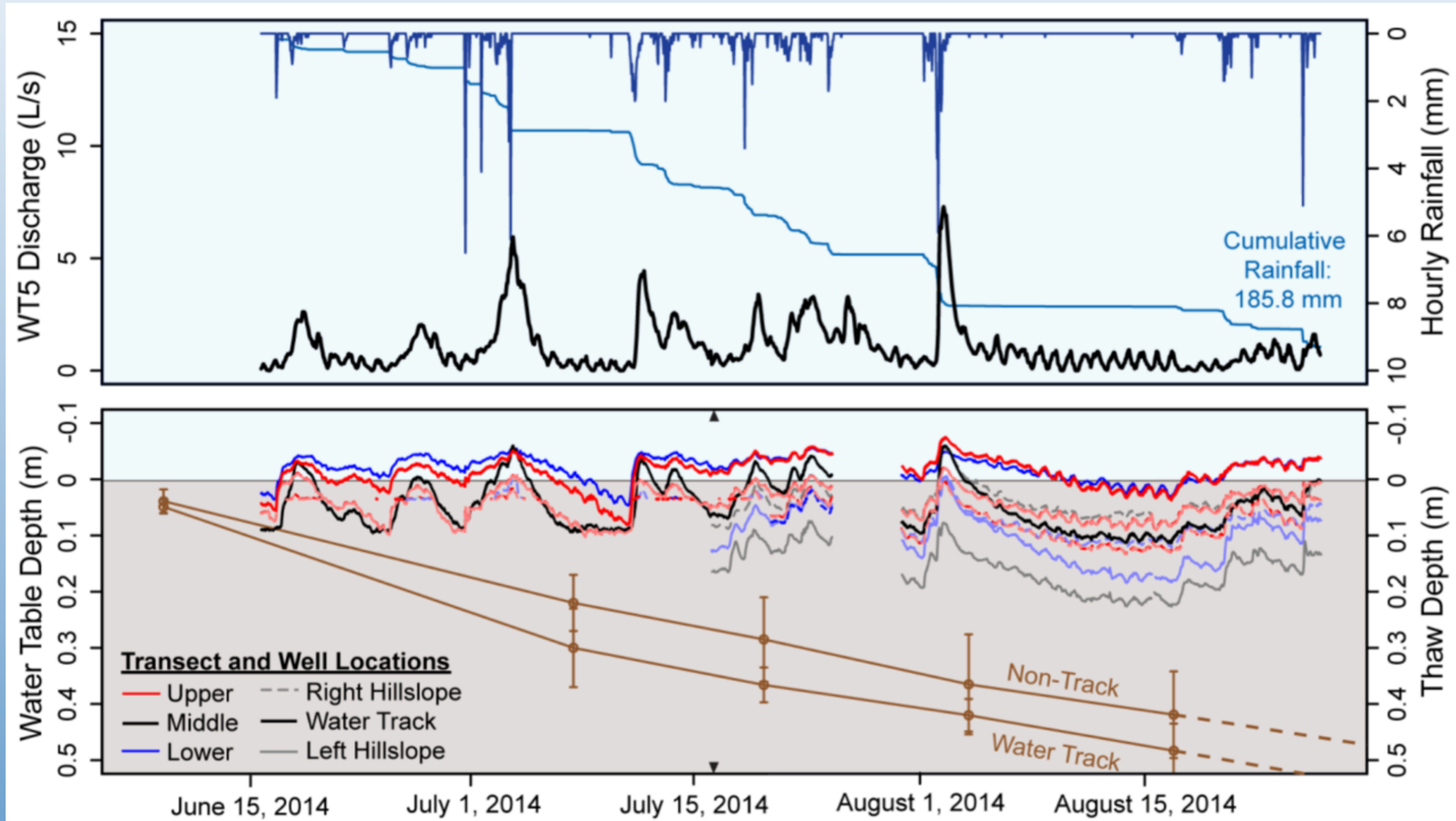


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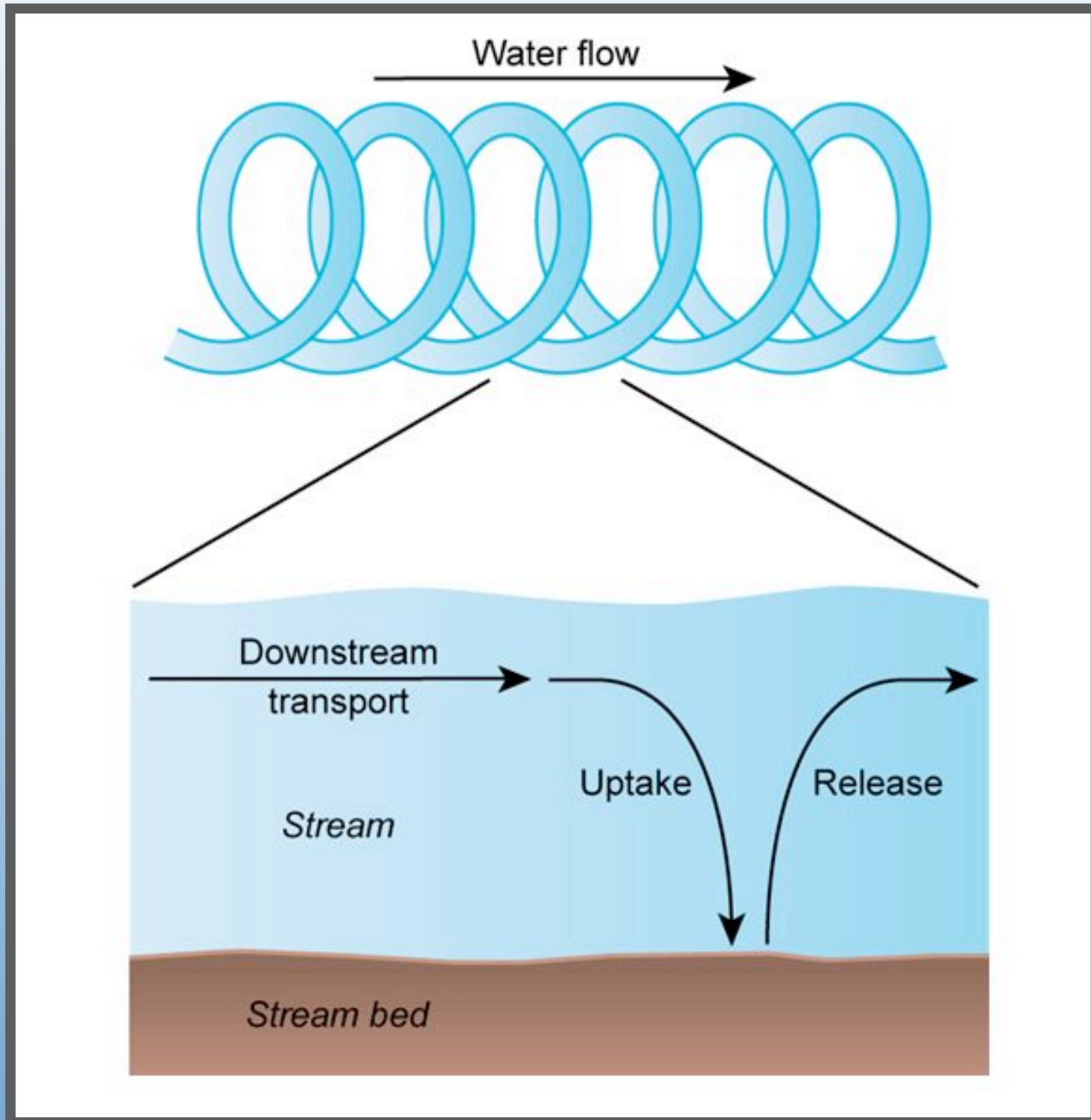
- 0.013-0.089 km<sup>2</sup>
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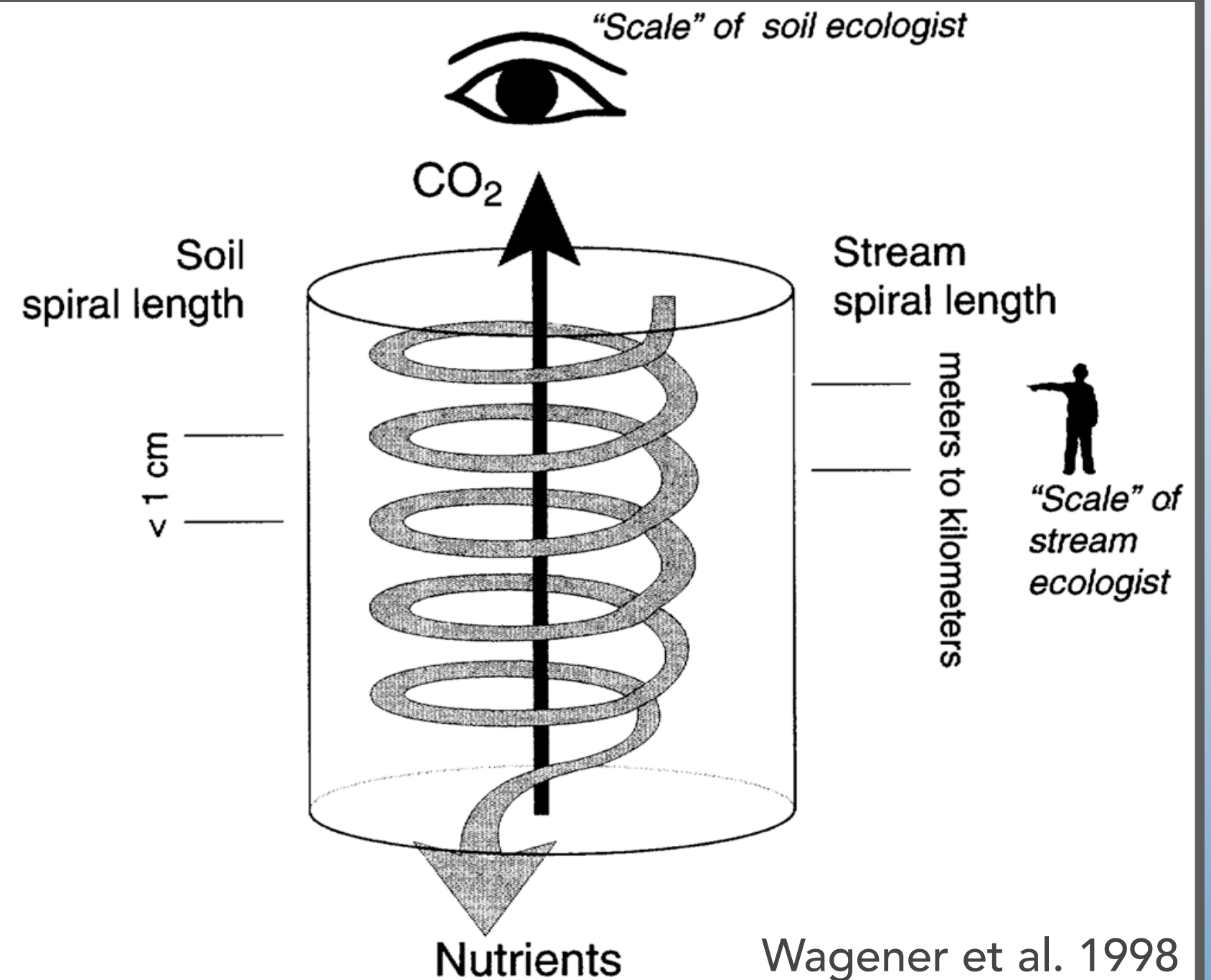
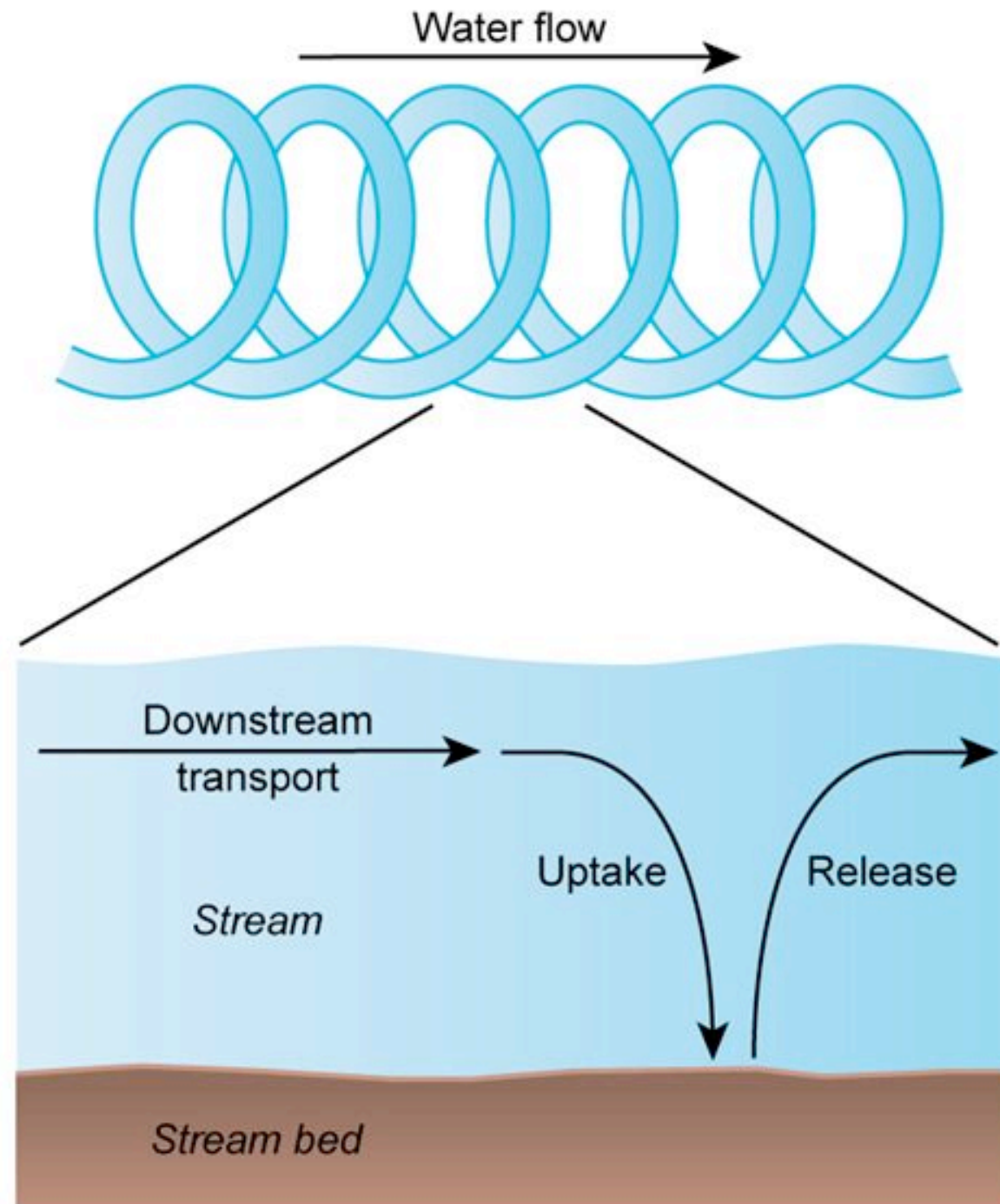
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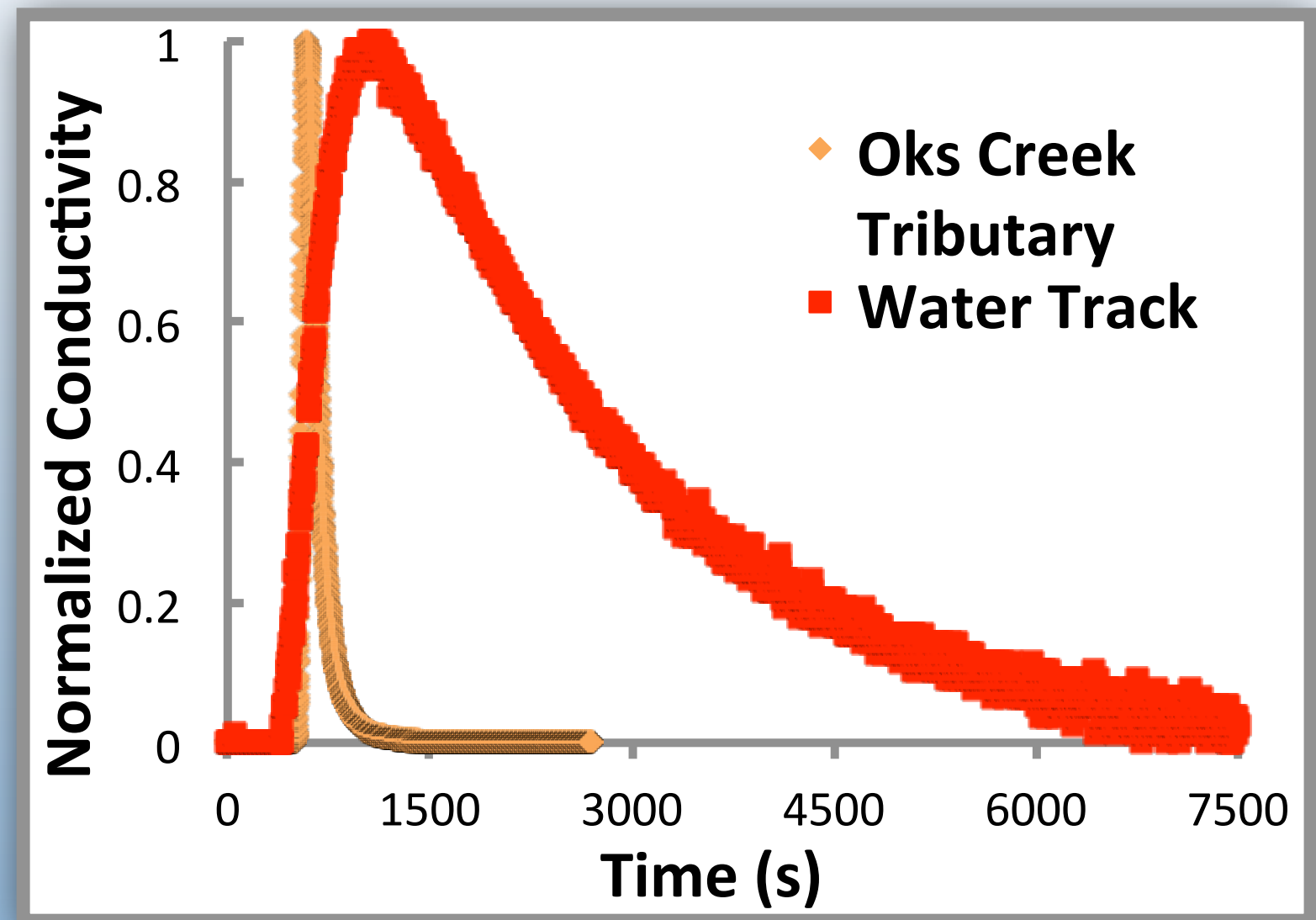
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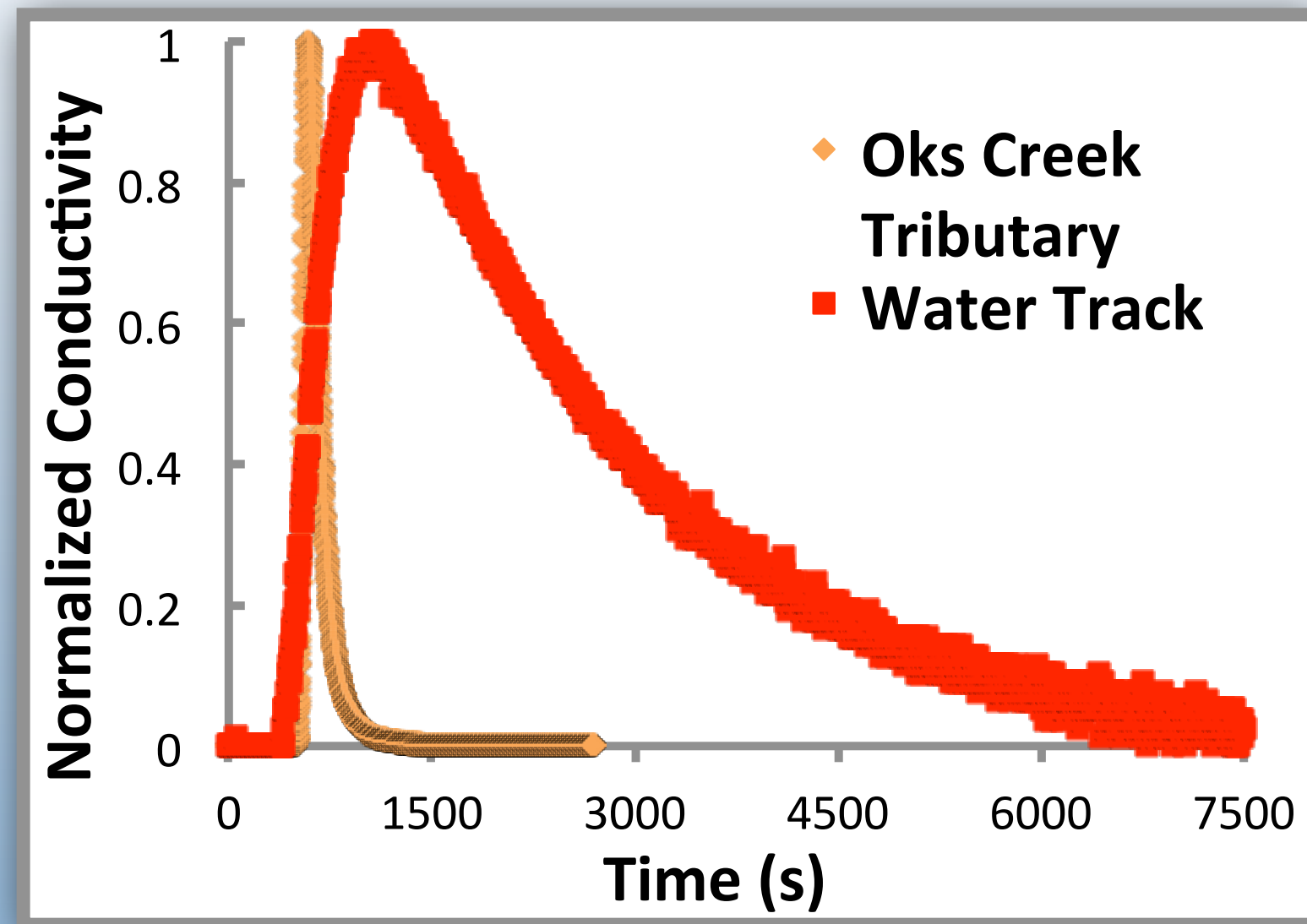


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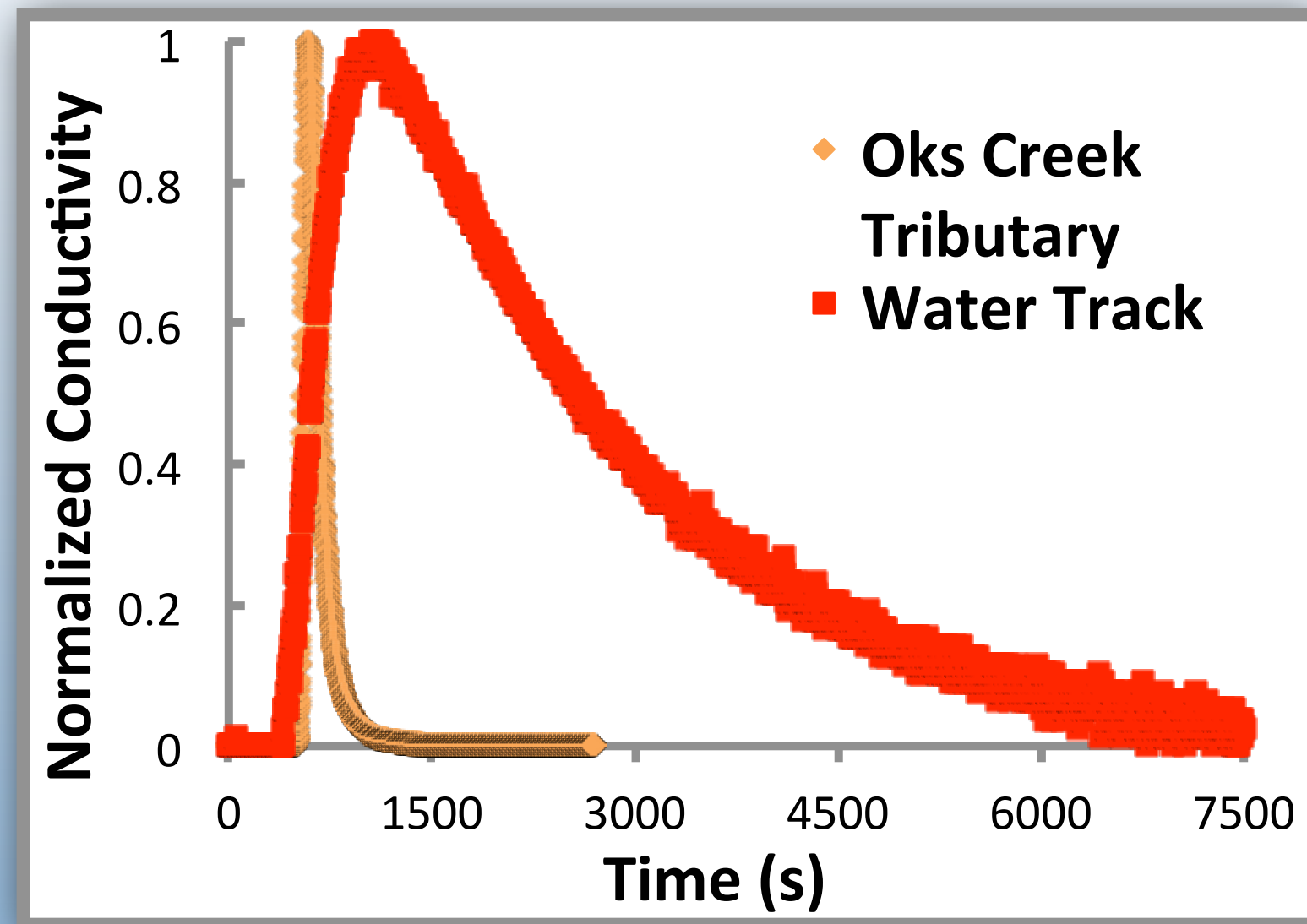
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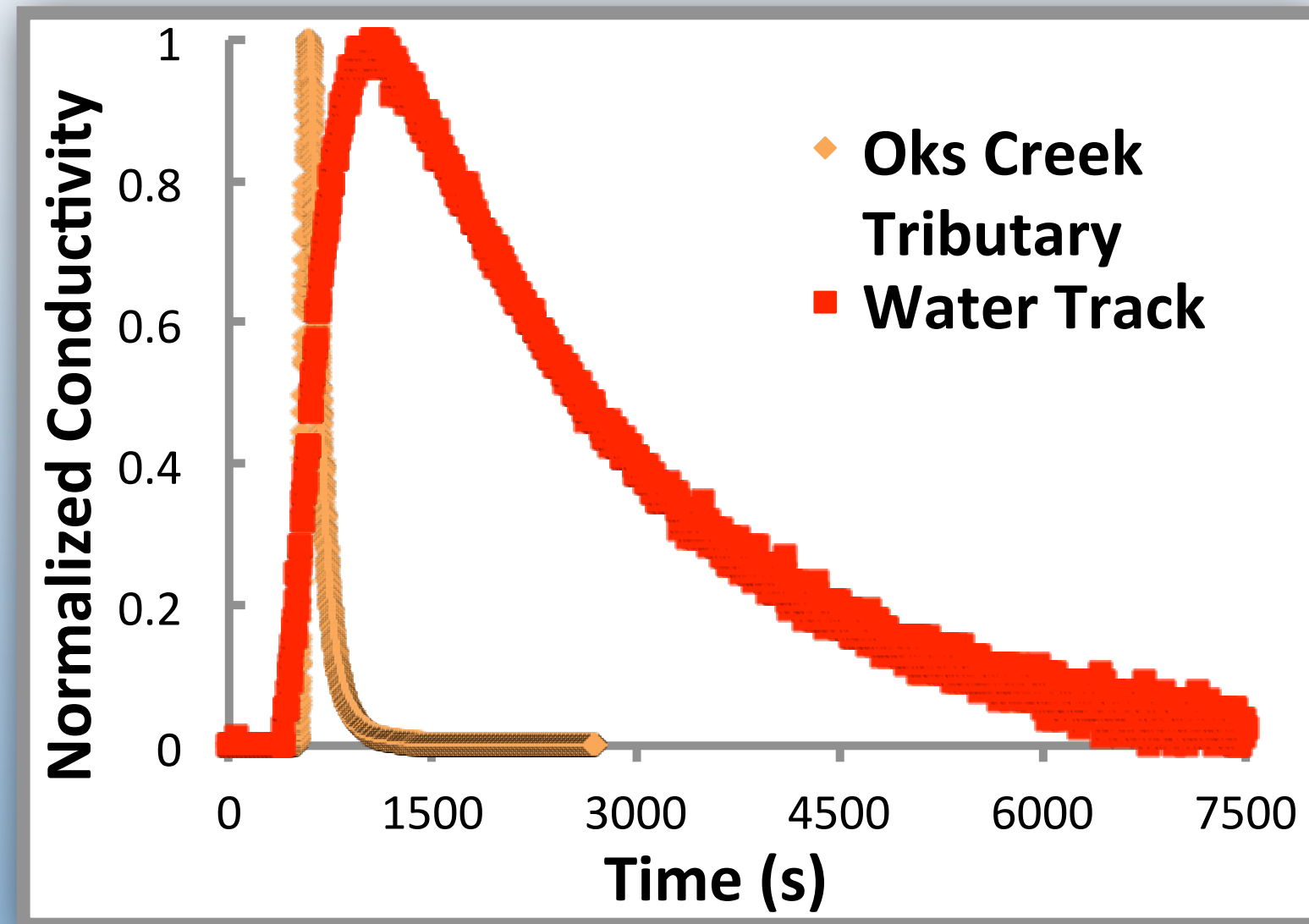
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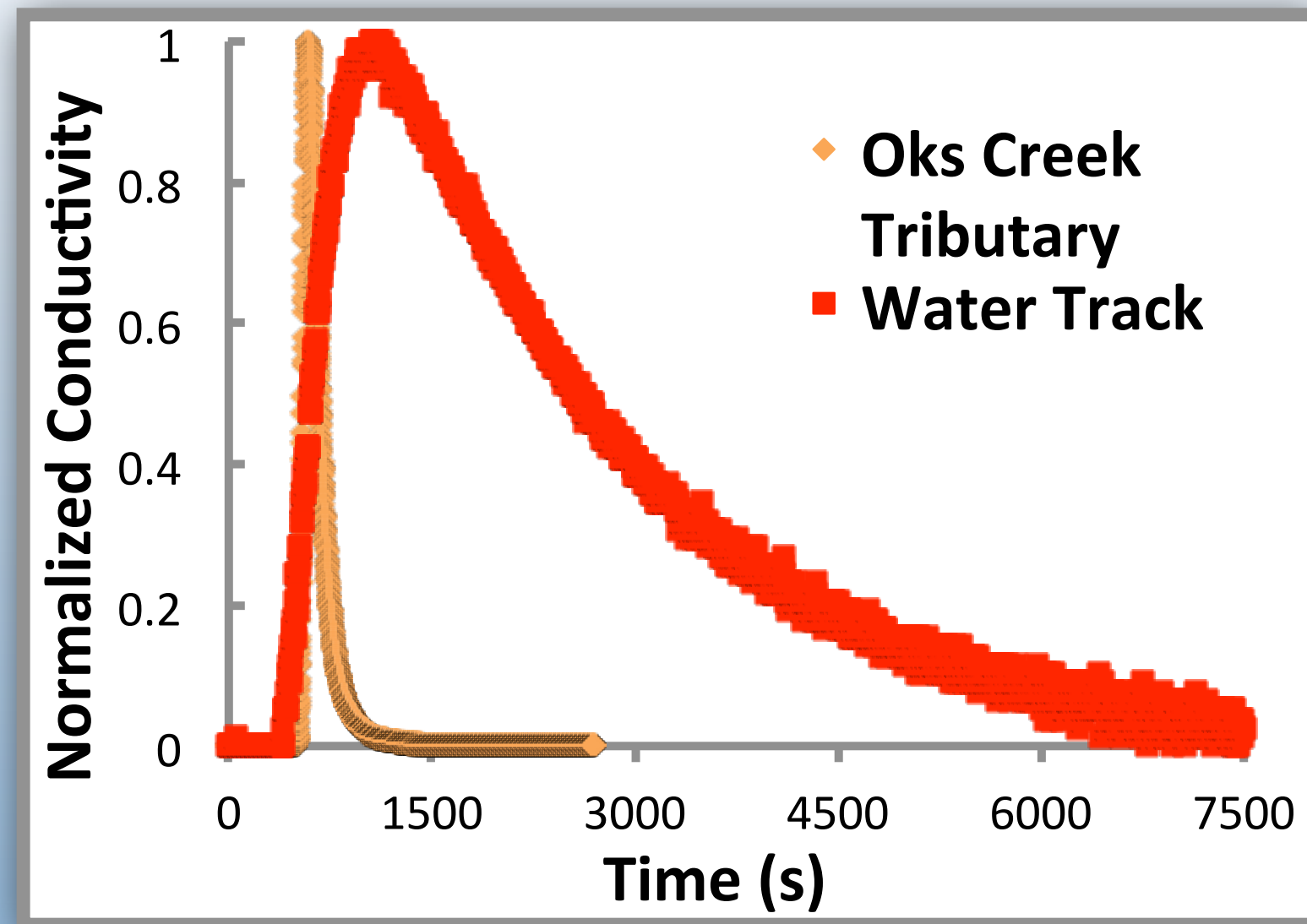
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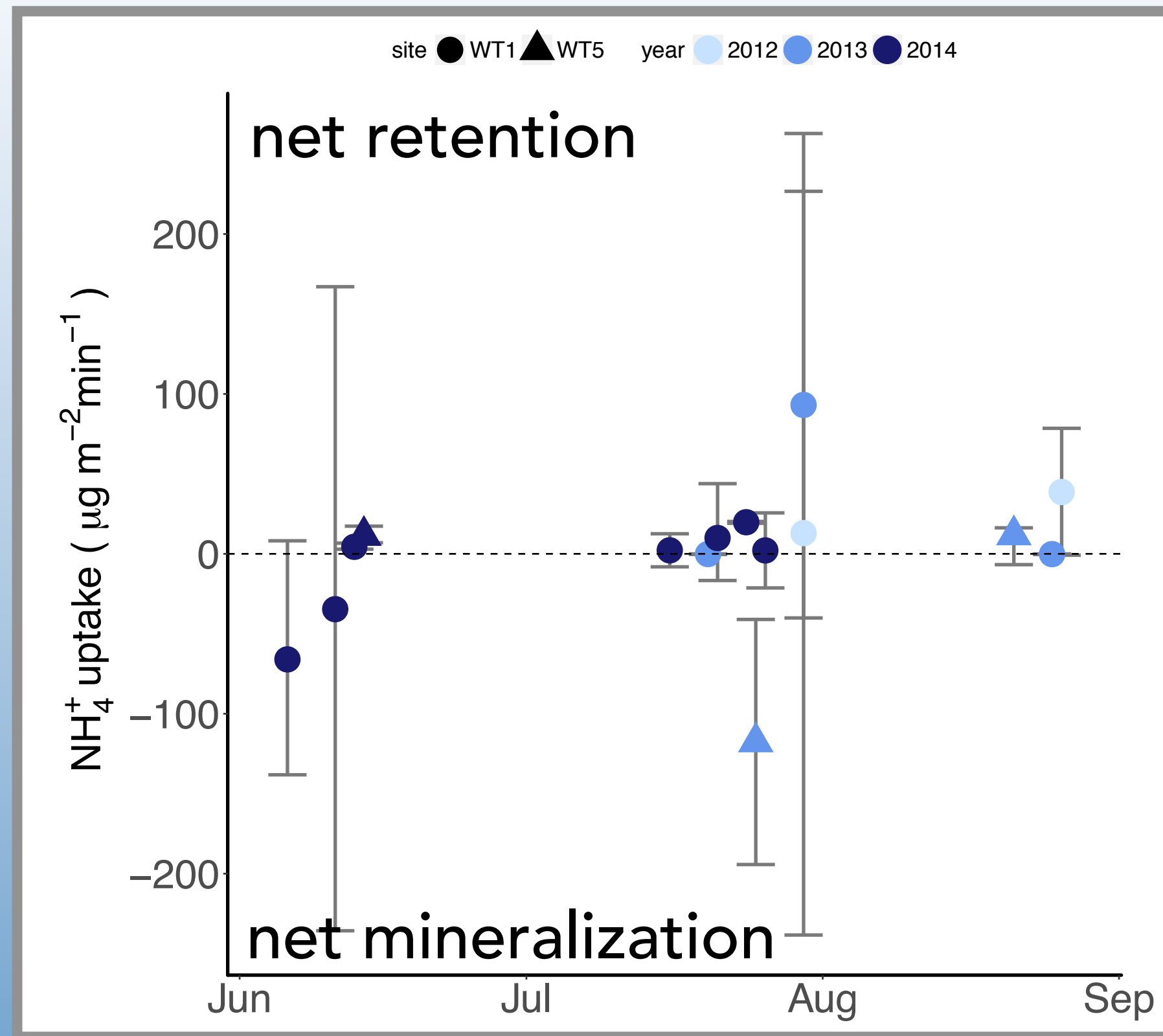


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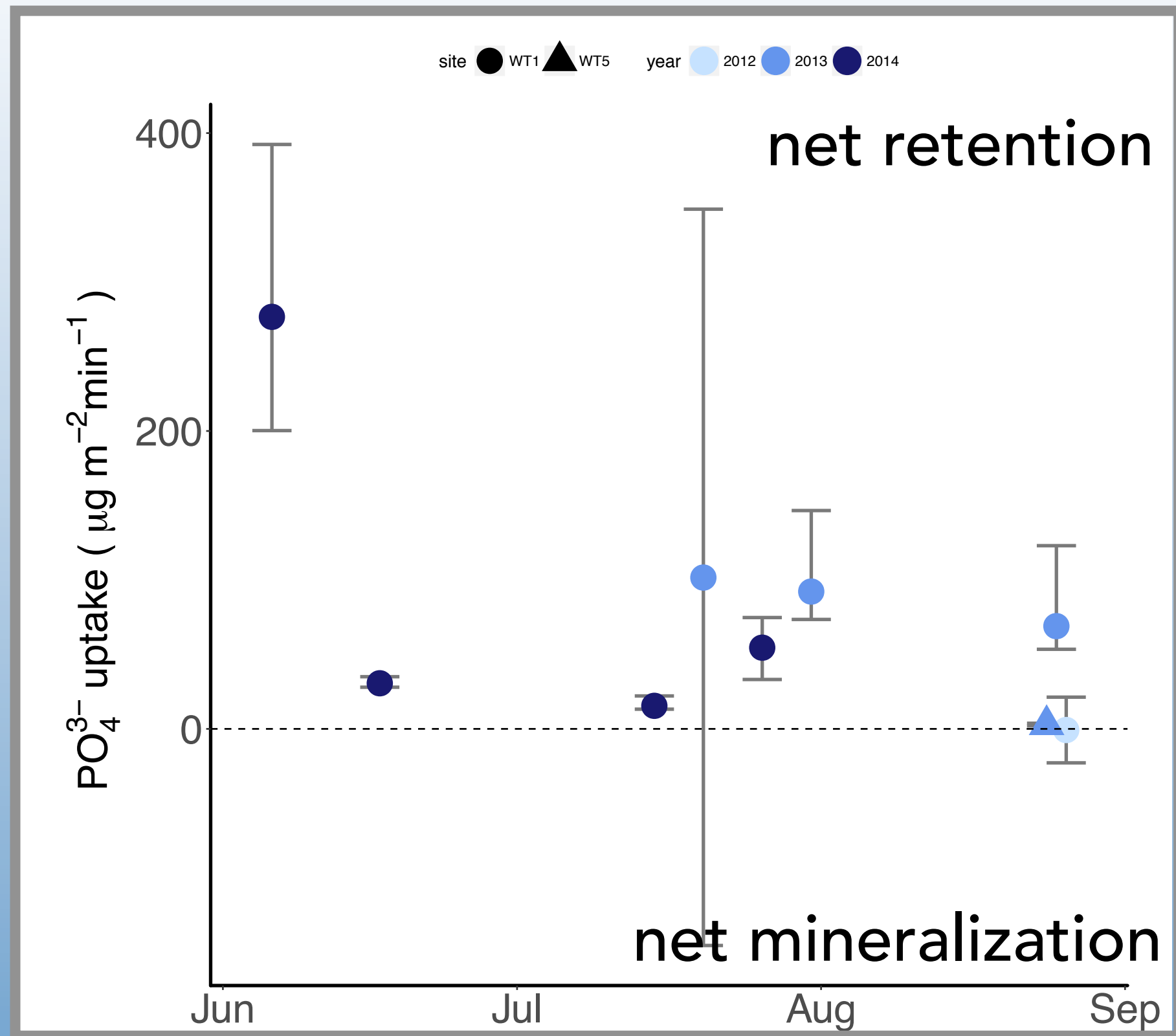
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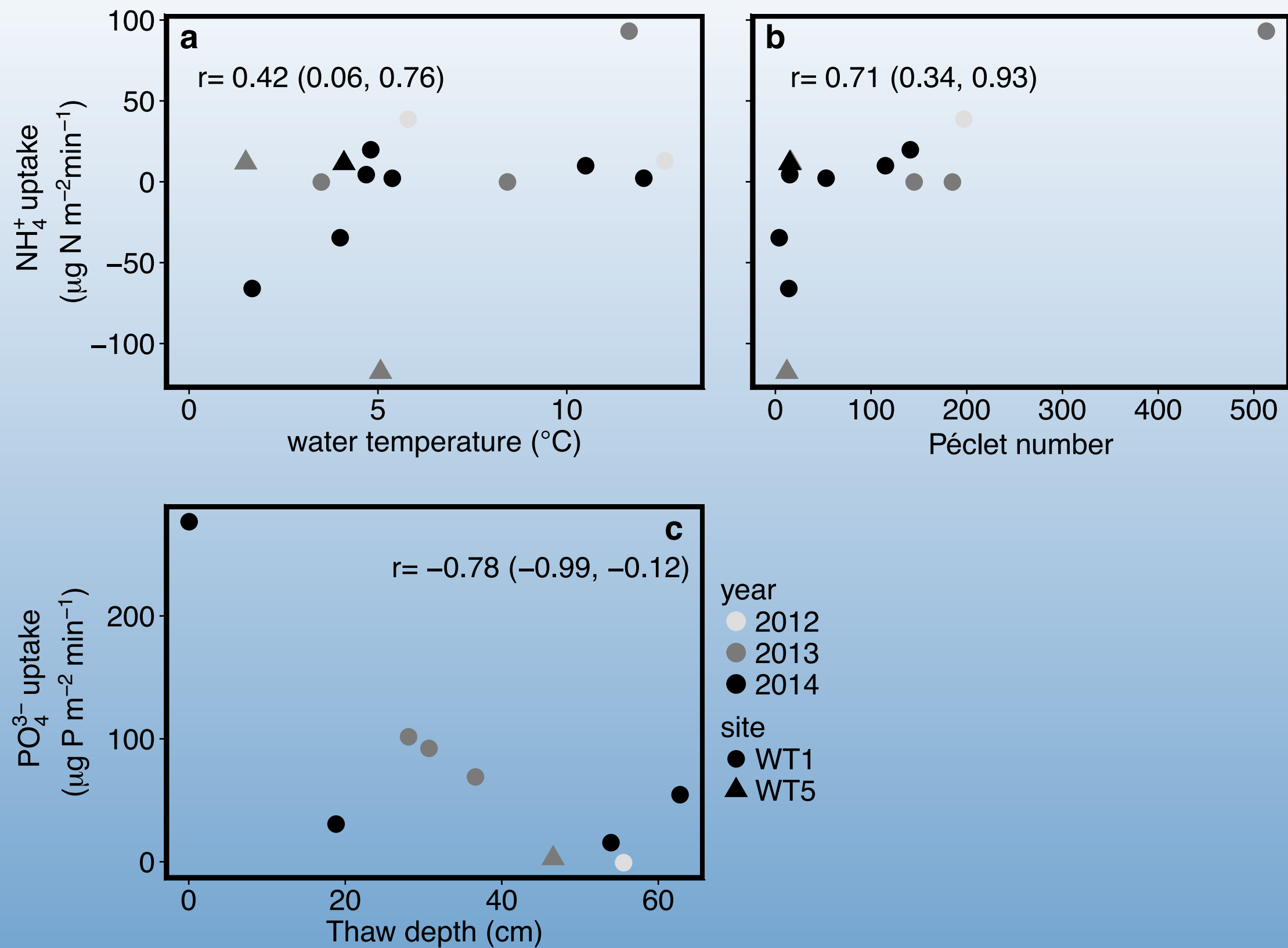


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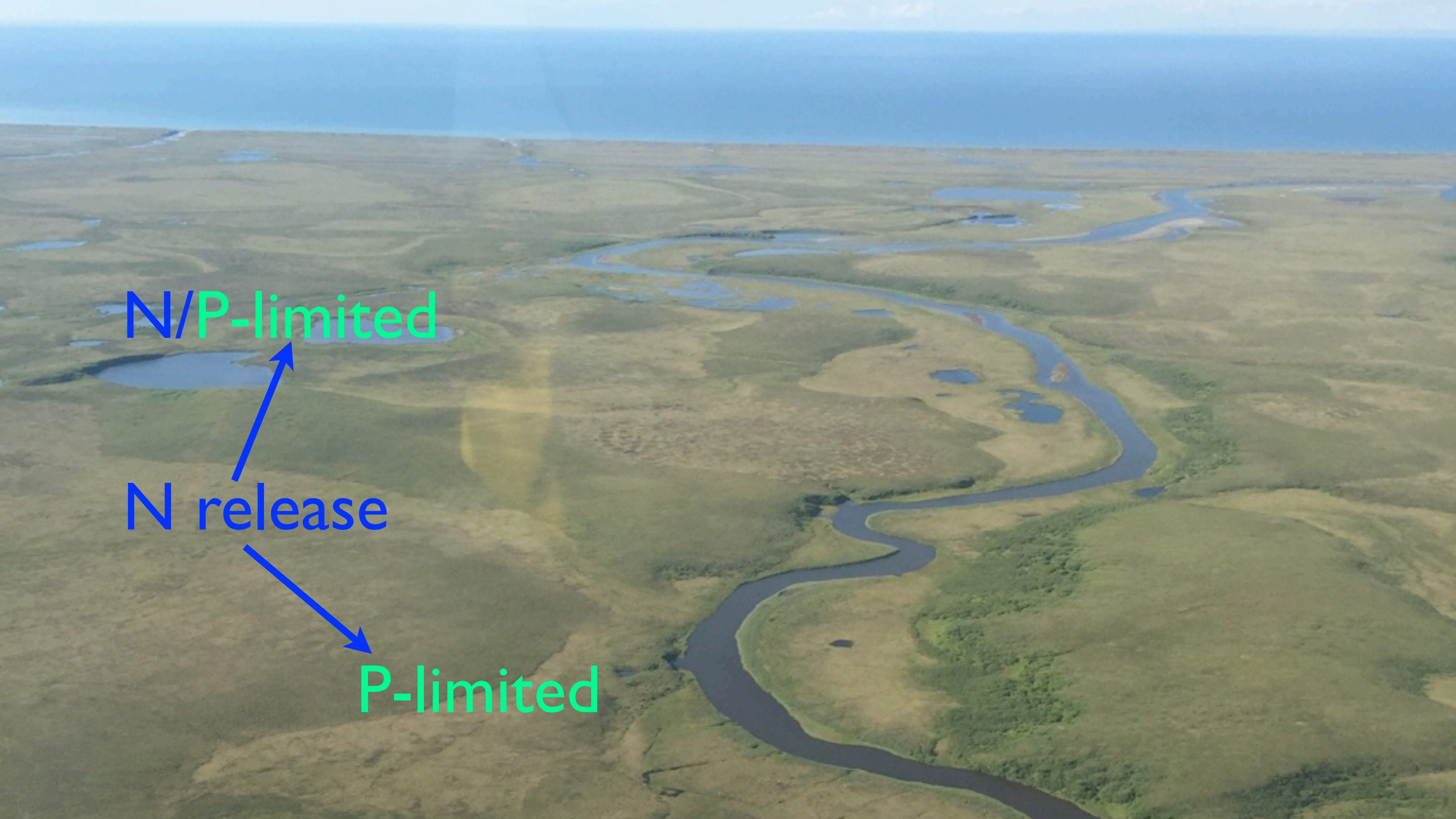
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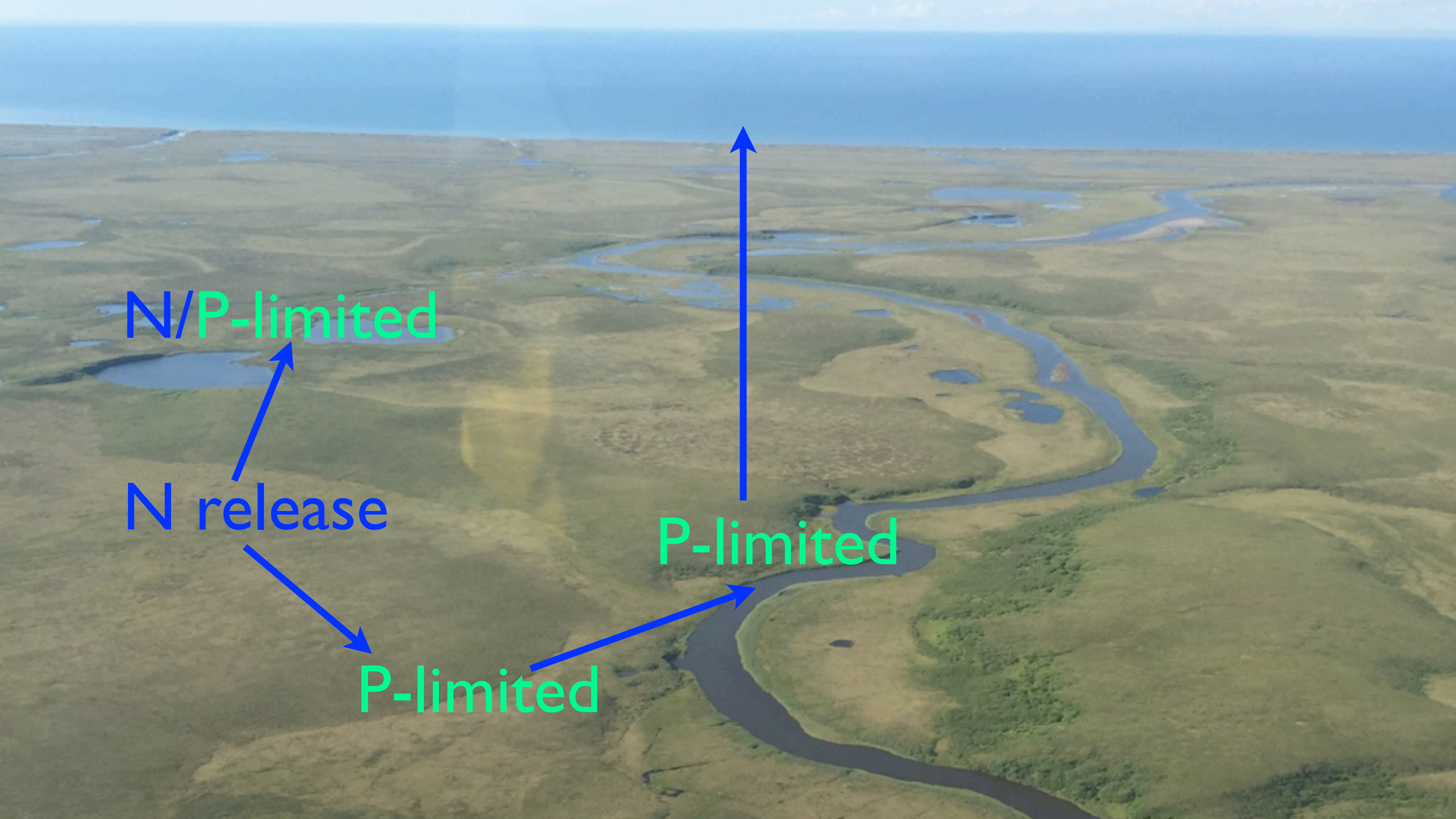


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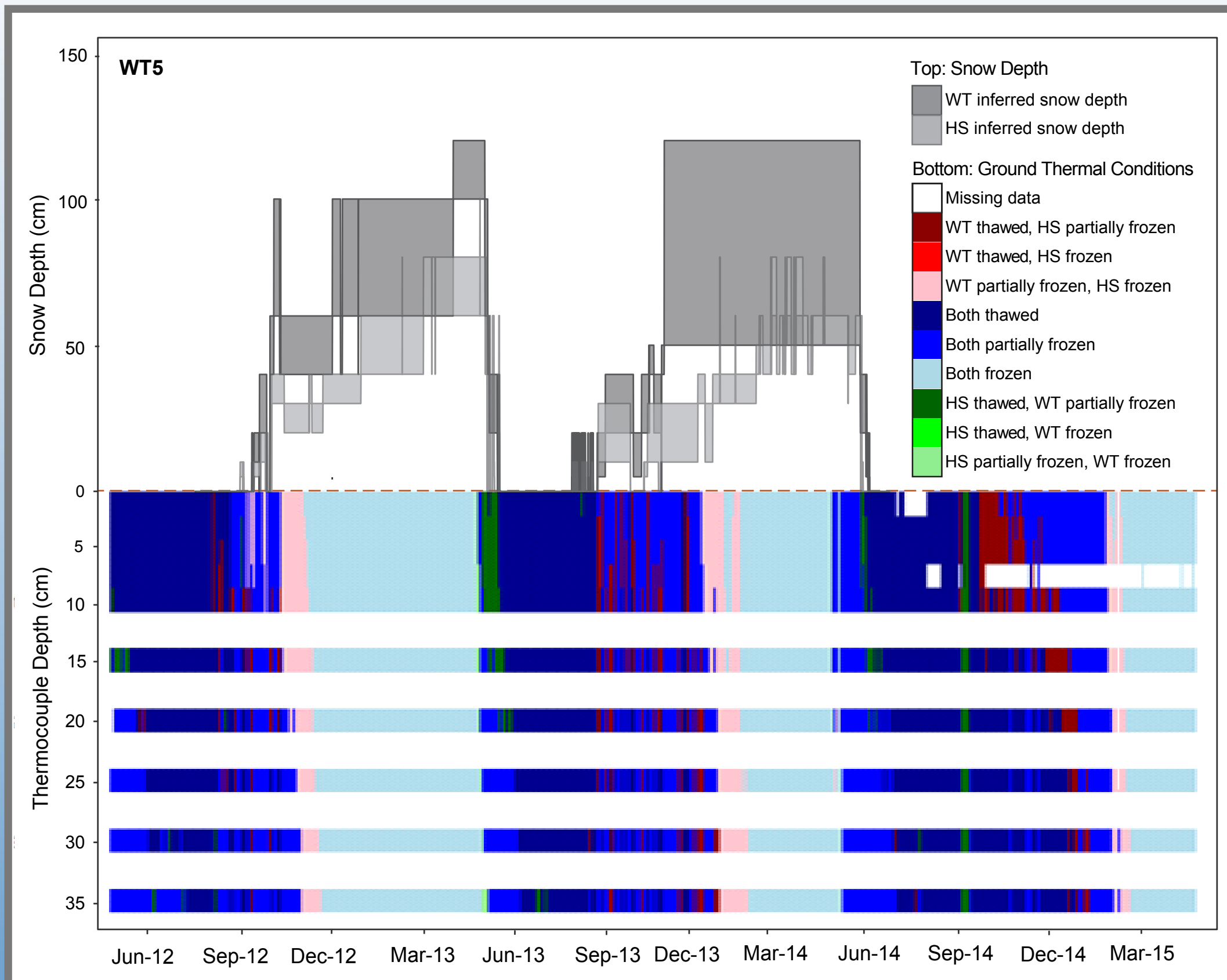
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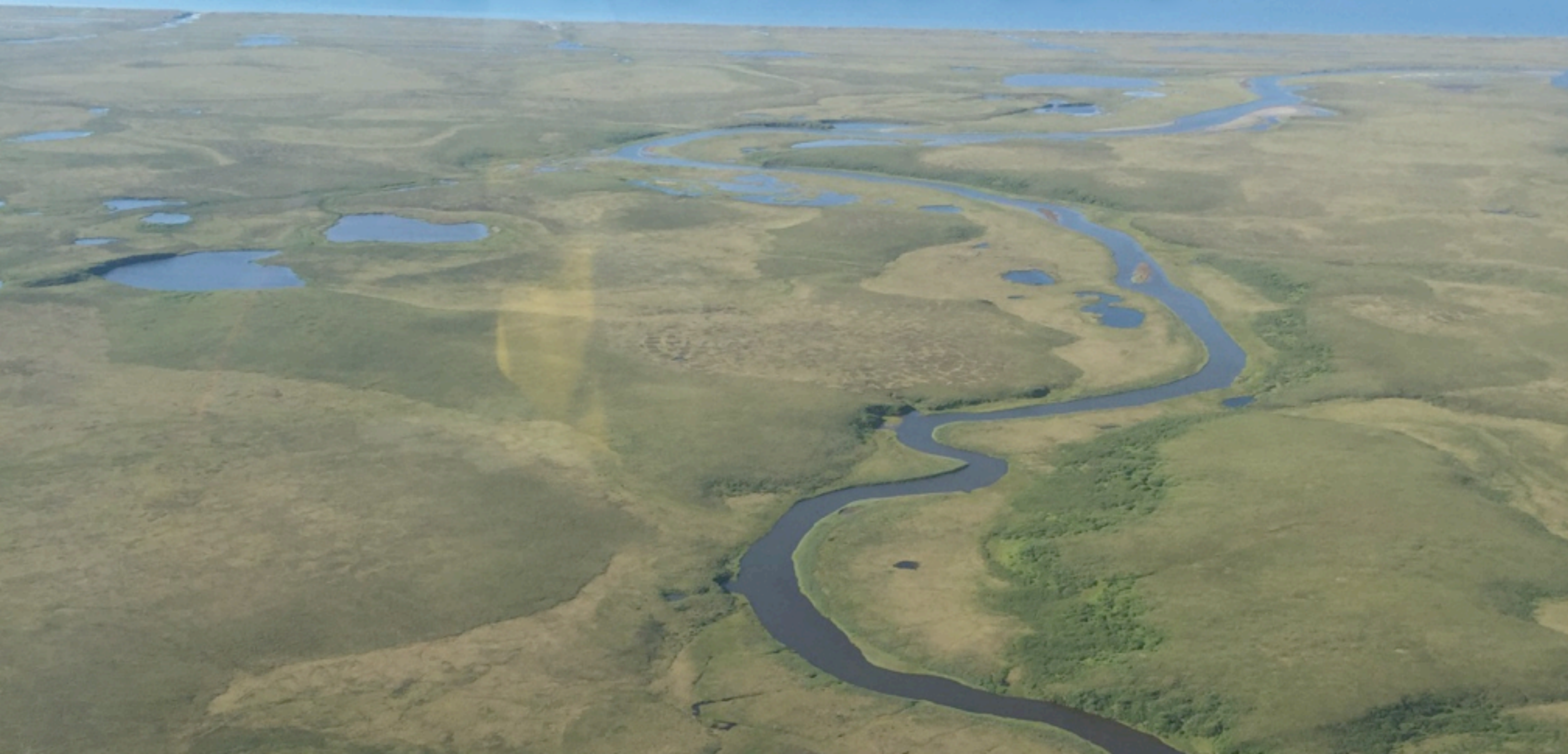
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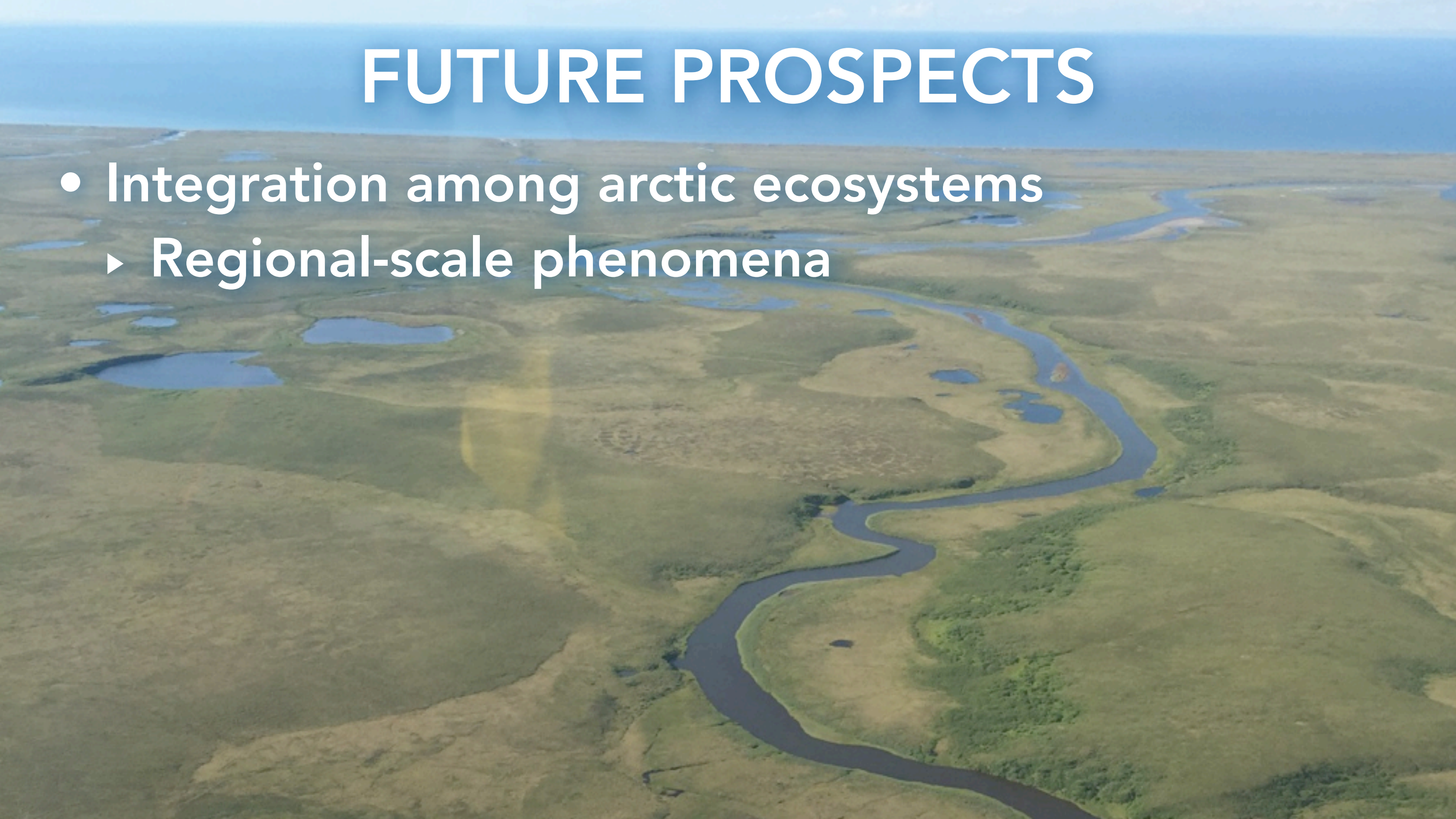
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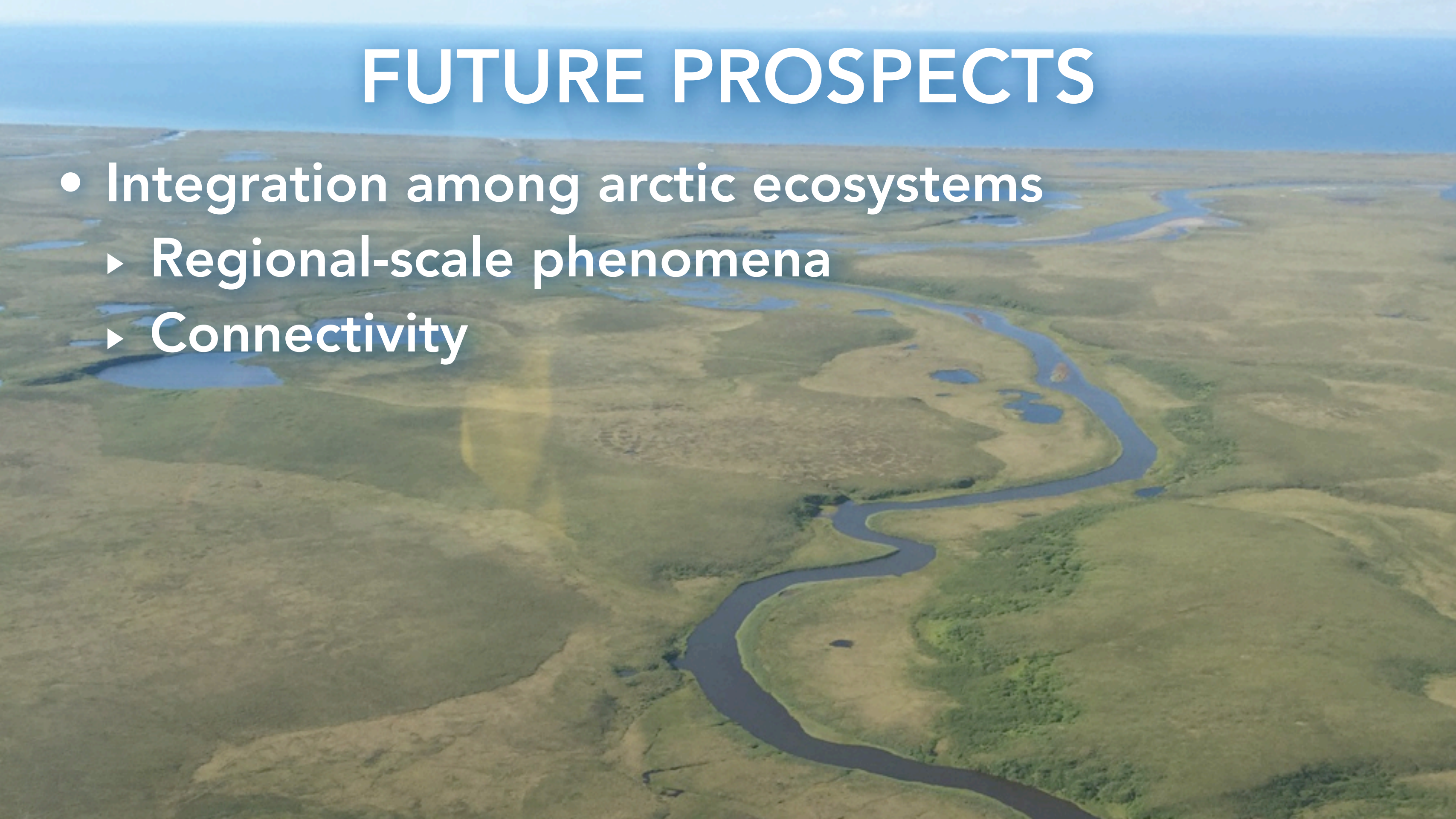
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