

Use of the FlexiGrid system for processing of physical habitat data collected per multiple protocols, including SWAMP

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Today's Topics

Background

Why “FlexiGrid”, and how it works

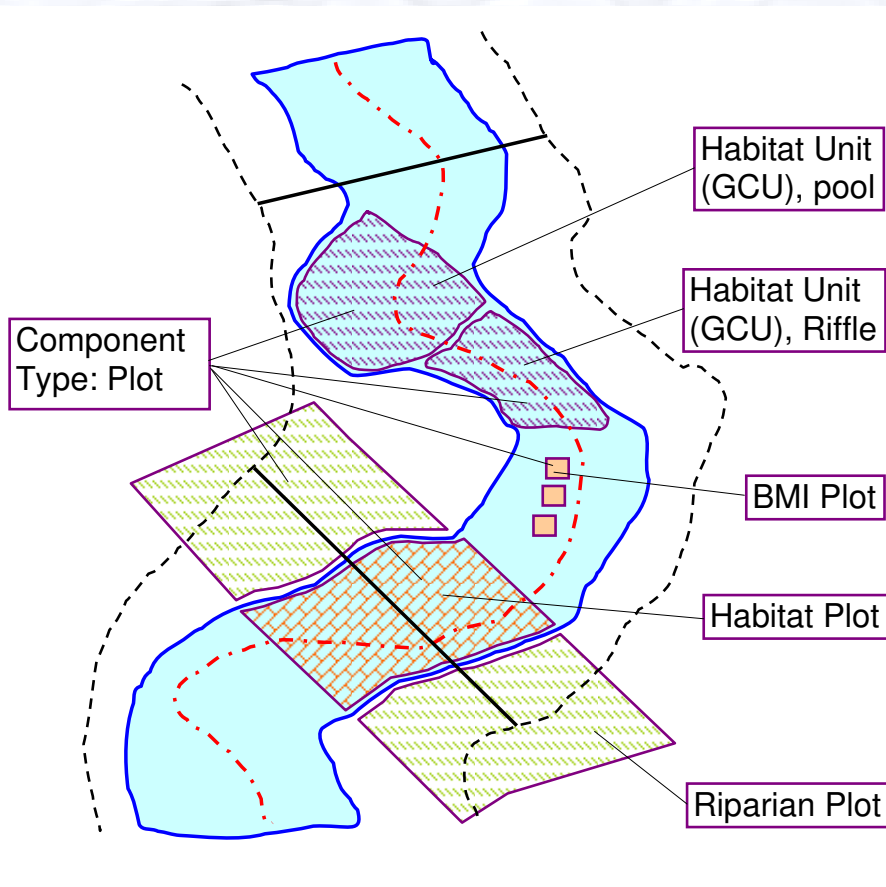
The FlexiGrid System: spreadsheet and associated Templates

- Data Entry
- Endpoint Calculation
- Crosswalk to SWAMP

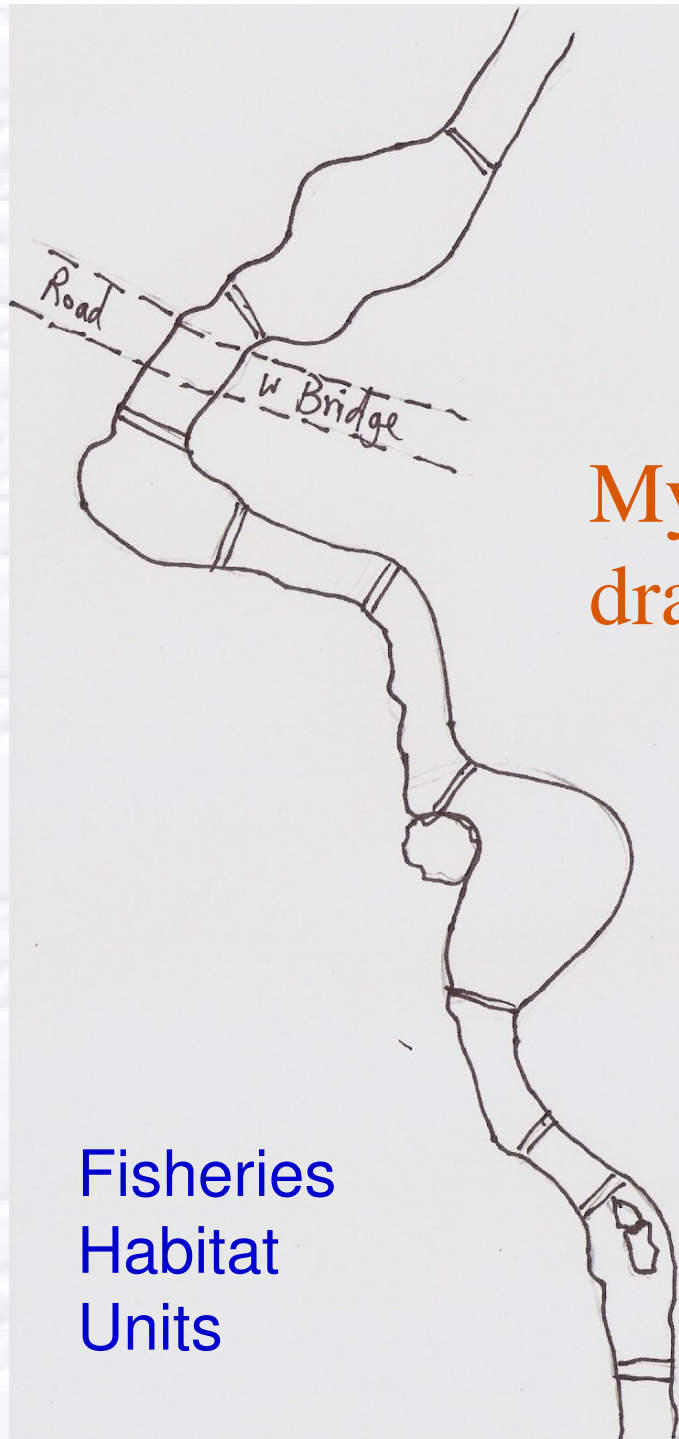
Upload of raw data to SWAMP

The FlexiGrid is a Concept

It is a way of organizing information about spatial components of complex sampling frames to enable:

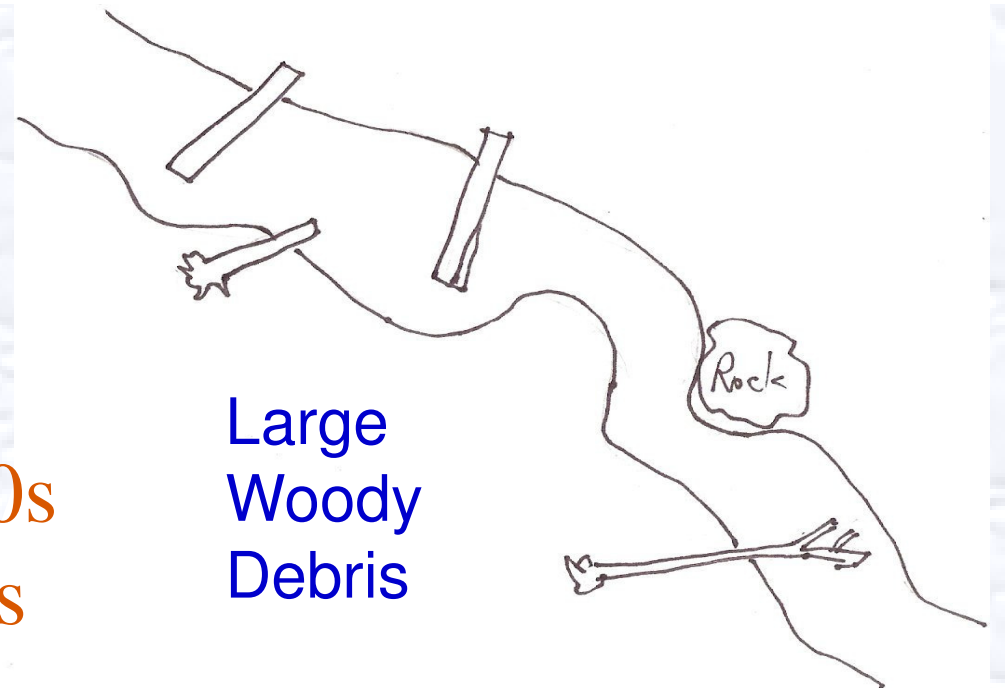


- (a) Description and mapping of the Frame and each component within the frame
- (b) Linking each assessment Result to the component in which it was collected.

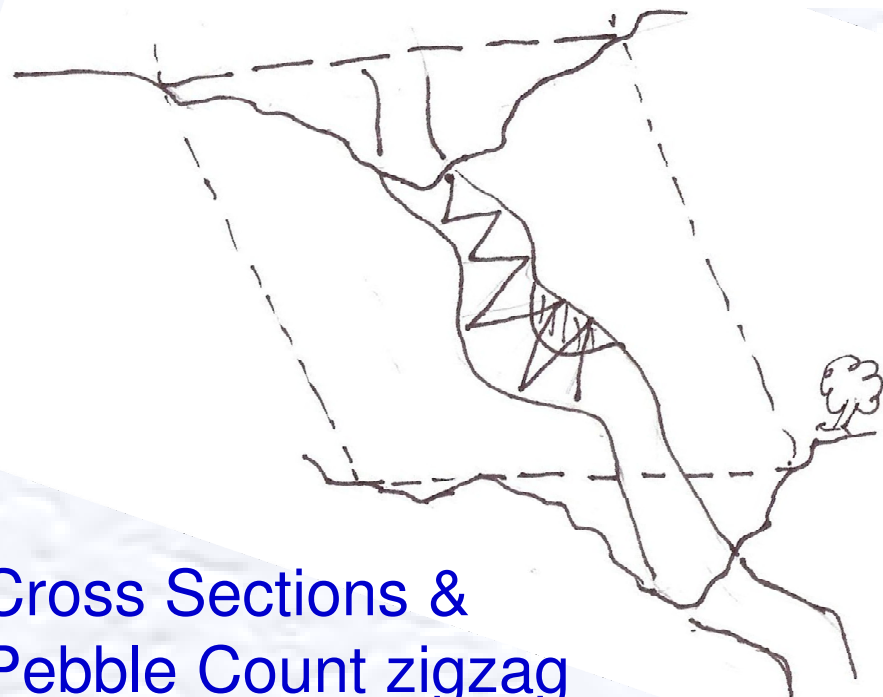


Fisheries
Habitat
Units

My 1990s
drawings



Large
Woody
Debris



Cross Sections &
Pebble Count zigzag

Some of the protocols I encountered

Fisheries habitat assessments DFG style (Flossi&Reynolds...)

Thalweg profile & cross section surveys

Pebble counts

Large Woody Debris assessments

Riparian plots & canopy density

Residual pool volume (V^*)

Collection of vertical composite samples in water column

Sampling storm runoff in outfall & creek networks

Bird point-counts in a 50m-radius circle

Flow discharge measurements

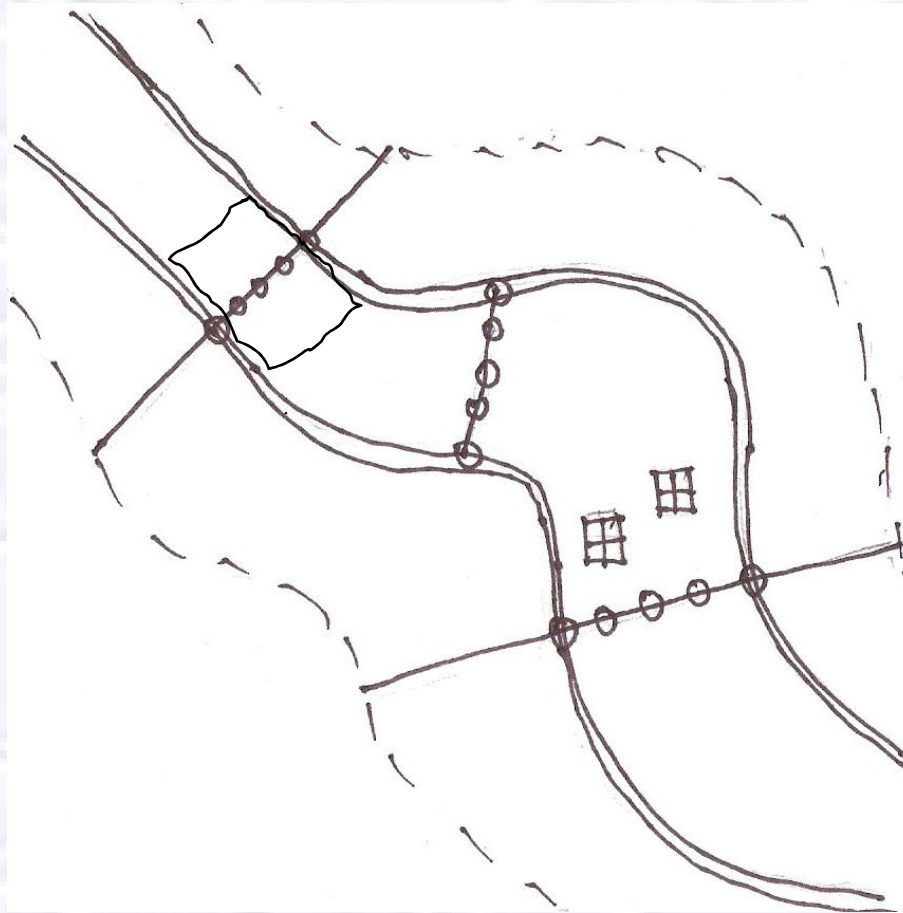
Physical Habitat assessments RBP style

Physical Habitat assessments EMAP style

Physical Habitat assessments NAWQA style

(more)

My 2000s drawings



Transects
Transect points
Intertransects
Transect Plots
Riparian plots
Stream segments
...
...
...

Lots of “Crosslines”, and “Plots”
...and the internal hierarchy gets more and more complicated

The Challenges:

Multiple Protocols: Identify the common elements and components among diverse protocols and spatial Sampling Frames

Links: Find a universal way to connect each monitoring Result to the specific spatial component it represents, in a flexible data structure

Hierarchy: Find a way to map multi-dimensional sampling frames with internal hierarchy

Endpoints: Find a simple way to generate assessment Endpoints from desirable aggregates of components

Spatial Sampling Frames

Can share the following properties:

- A 'Grid' made of a number of components
- Flexible (variable angles)
- Multi-dimensional
- A structure with internal hierarchy

They can easily be defined in neutral terms: each Frame has

- An origin
- A direction (upstream or downstream)
- A known curvilinear distance.

The **Origin** can be mapped to a Permanent Station and/or Monument

Curvilinear distances can be measured on a tape placed on the thalweg, or the centerline, or the centroid.... Every Frame or grid has a “**backbone**” of sorts

Mapping is so much easier with a Backbone!



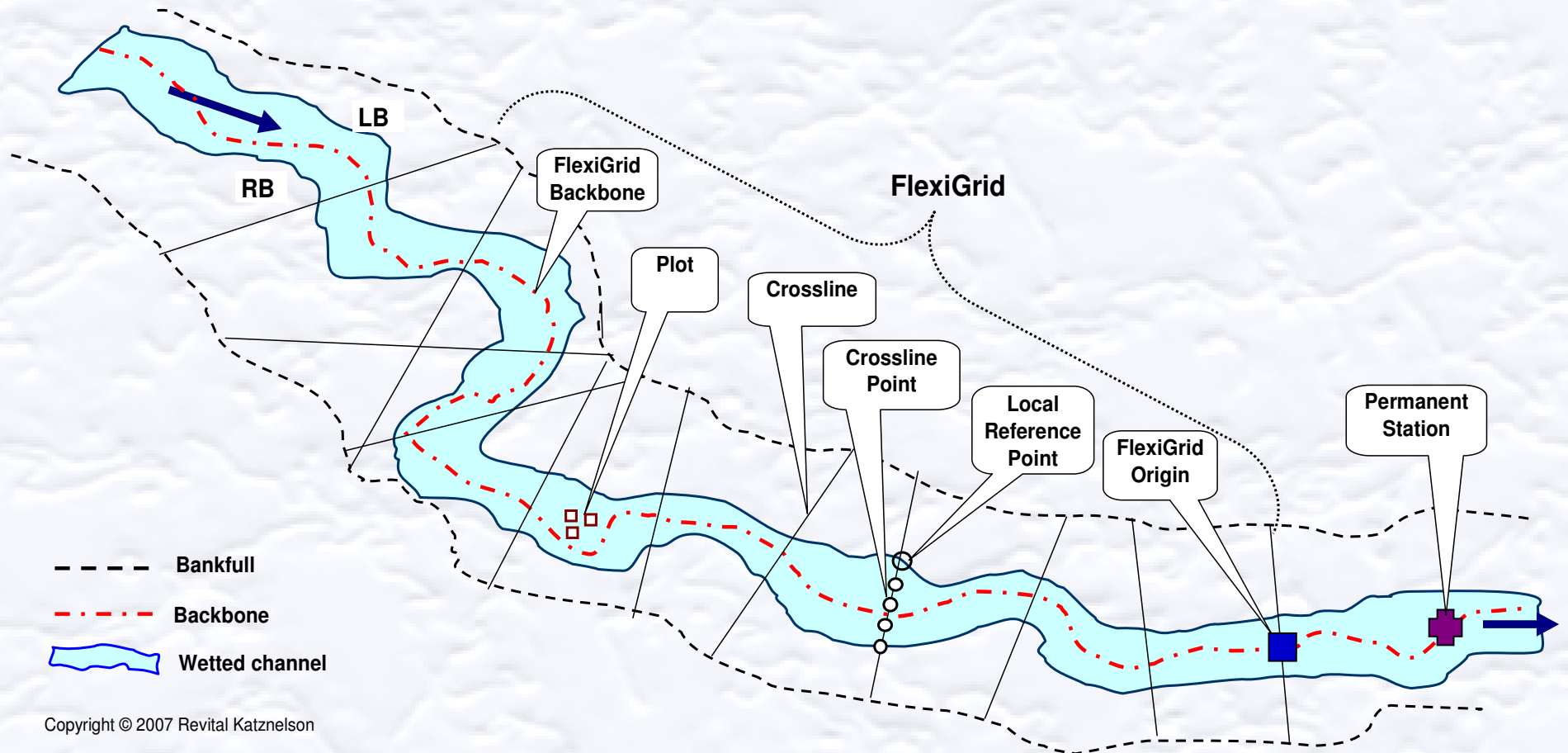
We are talking about “a spatial multi-dimensional flexible sampling frame with a variety of components, some organized with an internal hierarchy” (in short, SMDFAFWVCIH).

I called it “A FlexiGrid”

A FlexiGrid with a unique ID is laid out on a stream channel by one Team in one Station Visit. A Team can lay out one or more FlexiGrids in one Visit, each with its own unique ID.

The FlexiGrid refers to permanent locations, but is not permanent itself (FlexiGrids may be laid out differently at different times).

The FlexiGrid concept can be applied to different scales.



The secret: use of neutral terms

Common Data Elements

(These are added to the 'generic' Station-Visit descriptors:
Project, Trip, Team, Date, Time, Station, Station-Visit ID, etc.)

List 1: FlexiGrid Descriptors

FlexiGrid **Origin ID**

FlexiGrid **distance units** (m, ft)

FlexiGrid **Origin distance from permanent Station** [/monument]

FlexiGrid **Type** (transects&points, right-angle grid, string of hab units, etc.)

FlexiGrid **Backbone** (Thalweg, midstream, centerline, centroid)

FlexiGrid **Positive-distance direction** (Upstream, downstream)

List 2: FlexiGrid component descriptors

FlexiGrid Component **ID** [naming conventions can reflect hierarchy]

FlexiGrid Component **Type** (e.g., Stream-fragment, Crossline, Plot, Point, Vertical, River-Parallel, Crossline-point, etc.)

FlexiGrid Component **Name in Protocol** (e.g., Reach, Transect, Transect-point, BMI Plot, etc.); [these are protocol-specific]

FlexiGrid Component **Pre-determined size [/shape, /boundaries]**

FlexiGrid Component **backbone-distance from Origin**

FlexiGrid Component **place in series**

FlexiGrid Component **distance from Local Reference Point**

Local Reference **Point type** (e.g., Left-bank)

FlexiGrid Component **depth from surface**

FlexiGrid and FlexiGrid component descriptors

Remember: Any of the spatial components you have defined can be included in the FlexiGrid; you do not HAVE TO snap them to the grid (i.e., to map them) with distances or depth measurements

But if you want to, you CAN!

All you need is ... a spreadsheet.

And I already had a spreadsheet. Actually, I had more than one

The Data Quality Management (DQM) System

Developed for field measurements, 1998-2001, and implemented by the SWRCB Clean Water Team (Citizen Monitoring Program)

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cwt_toolbox.shtml

Station Visit Information

| Project ID | Team Name | Date | Station Visit ID | Station Visit start time | Permanent Station ID |
|------------|-----------|------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
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|-------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|
| WIL03 | Rkcrew | 6/22/2003 | T1V1 | 10:47 | WIL070 |
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| SLC95 | RD crew | 5/3/1995 | RD05-v1 | 10:10 | SLC116 |
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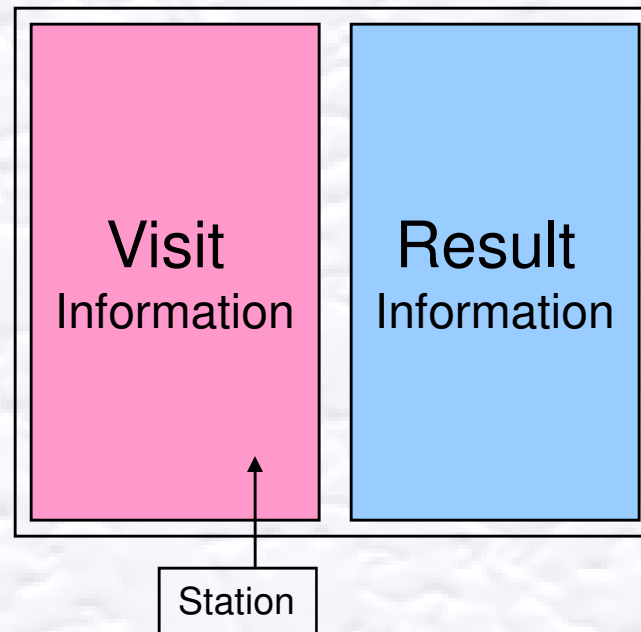
Result Information

| Instrument ID | Characteristic | Result | Result unit | Accuracy | Precision |
|---------------|----------------|--------|-------------|----------|-----------|
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|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------|---|------|--------|
| TTP-STB01 | Temperature, water | 14.57 | C | -1.44 | % | 0.06 | %, RPD |
| ECP-STB01 | Specific conductance | 758.7 | uS/cm | -0.14 | % | 0.40 | %, RPD |
| DOP-STB01 | Dissolved oxygen (DO) | 11.08 | mg/l | -5.00 | % | 6.92 | %, RPD |
| PHP-STB01 | pH | 8.34 | pH | 0.71 | % | 0.12 | %, RPD |
| EC-2SLC02 | Specific conductance | 780 | uS | | | | |
| FLO-SLC01 | Velocity | 0.67 | ft/sec | | | | |

The Field Result Table is linked to everything else: Location, Instrument, Organization, etc.

The basic Results spreadsheet: a schematic



Everything was simple when the Station was a point.

| Station Visit Information | | | | | | FlexiGrid Information | | | | | | FlexiGrid Component Information | | | | | | | | | | Result Information | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Project ID | Team Name | Date | Station Visit ID | Station Visit start time | Permanent Station ID | FlexiGrid Origin ID | FlexiGrid distance units | FlexiGrid Origin distance from permanent Station | FlexiGrid type | FlexiGrid backbone | FlexiGrid positive distance Direction | FlexiGrid Component ID | FlexiGrid Component Type | FlexiGrid Component Name in Protocol | PHAB Protocol Used | FlexiGrid Component backbone-distance from Origin | FlexiGrid Component place in series | FlexiGrid Component distance from Local ref point | Local ref point type | Local ref point distance from Backbone | FlexiGrid Components Aggregate | Characteristic | Result | Result unit | Result type | Endpoint type |
| SYCM09 | PW crew | 6/15/2010 | PW05-v1 | 9:50 | SYC050 | FG35 | m | 23 | transects & points | Thalweg | Upstream | FG35-R1 | Stream-Fragment | Reach | Jones 2010 | 0 | n/ap | n/ap | n/ap | n/ap | BMI plots | Index of biological integrity (IBI) | 67 | (none) | Calculated endpoint | Compound endpoint |
| SYCM09 | PW crew | 6/15/2010 | PW05-v1 | 9:50 | SYC050 | FG35 | m | 23 | transects & points | Thalweg | Upstream | FG35-R1 | Stream-Fragment | Reach | Jones 2010 | 0 | n/ap | n/ap | n/ap | n/ap | Slope Segments | Average slope | 4.5 | % | Calculated endpoint | Simple endpoint |
| SLC95 | RD crew | 5/3/1995 | RD05-v1 | 10:10 | SLC116 | FG-RD05 | m | 35 | String of habitat units | Thalweg | Upstream | FG-RD05-P3-CS2 | Crossline | Cross-Section | CCRS 1993 | 20 | 2 | n/ap | n/ap | n/ap | n/ap | Stream width | 4.8 | m | Individual measurement | n/ap |
| SLC95 | RD crew | 5/3/1995 | RD05-v1 | 10:10 | SLC116 | FG-RD05 | m | 35 | String of habitat units | Thalweg | Upstream | FG-RD05 | Stream-Fragment | Reach | CCRS 1993 | n/ap | n/ap | n/ap | n/ap | n/ap | Cross Sections | Average Stream Width | 5.3 | m | Calculated endpoint | Simple endpoint |
| SYCM09 | PW crew | 6/15/2009 | PW05-v1 | 9:50 | SYC050 | FG35 | m | 23 | transects & points | Thalweg | Upstream | FG35-R1-PL08 | Plot | BMI Plot | Smith 2003 | 67 | 6 | 5.8 | LB | 3.9 | n/ap | Estimated percent Cobble | 10 | % | Estimated number or numeric range | n/ap |
| WL-yr3 | MD crew | 5/12/2009 | MD02-v2 | 13:50 | WL32 | FGW32 | m | -48 | transects & points | midstream | Upstream | FGW32-R1-RP2 | Plot | Riparian plot | (EMAP) | 18 | 2 | n/ap | n/ap | n/ap | n/ap | Big Tree Canopy cover | 10-40 | % | Estimated number or numeric range | n/ap |

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| SYCM09 | PW crew | 6/15/2009 | PW05-v1 | 9:50 | SYC050 |
| WL-yr3 | MD crew | 5/12/2009 | MD02-v2 | 13:50 | WL32 |
| SUIS06 | LM crew | 4/7/2009 | LM21-v1 | 13:40 | SUI085 |
| WL-yr3 | MD crew | 5/12/2009 | MD02-v2 | 13:50 | WL32 |
| WL-yr3 | MD crew | 5/12/2009 | MD02-v2 | 13:50 | WL32 |

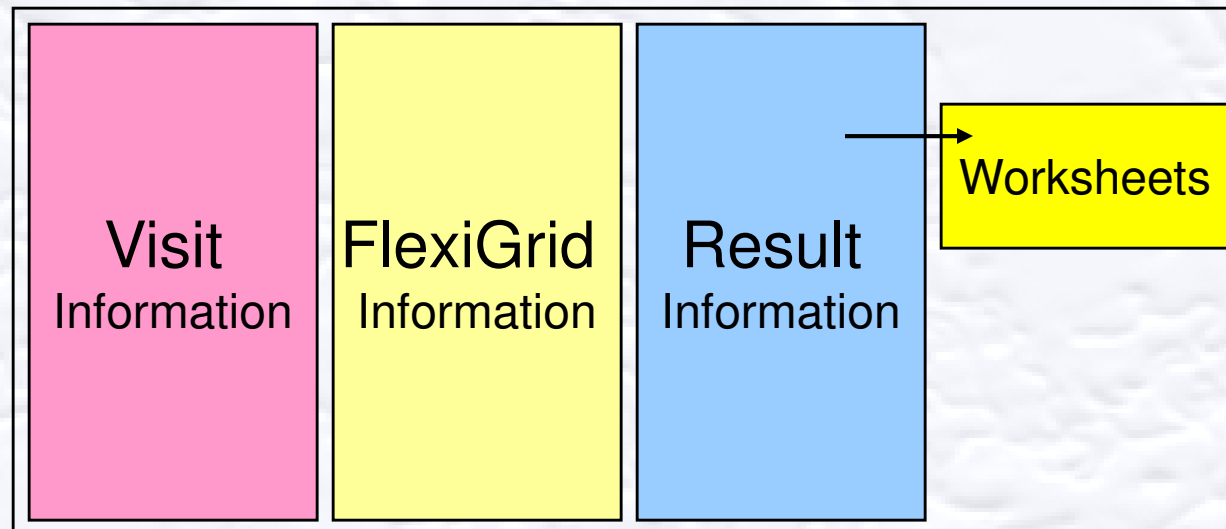
FlexiGrid ID, Component ID, and everything you need to know about them

| Characteristic | Result | Result unit | Result type | Endpoint type |
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|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Index of biological integrity (IBI) | 67 | (none) | Calculated endpoint | Compound endpoint |
| Average slope | 4.5 | % | Calculated endpoint | Simple endpoint |
| Stream width | 4.8 | m | Individual measurement | n/ap |
| Average Stream Width | 5.3 | m | Calculated endpoint | Simple endpoint |
| Estimated percent Cobble | 10 | % | Estimated number or numeric range | n/ap |
| Big Tree Canopy cover | 10-40 | % | Estimated number or numeric range | n/ap |
| Particle d50 | 34 | mm | Calculated endpoint | Quantile |
| Stream width | 13.5 | m | Individual measurement | n/ap |
| Water depth | 0.43 | m | Individual measurement | n/ap |

The FlexiGrid Results spreadsheet, Part 1

(Data Entry Template)



This spreadsheet has been customized several times.
Each version served as a **data entry template** for a specific SOP

Assessment Endpoints

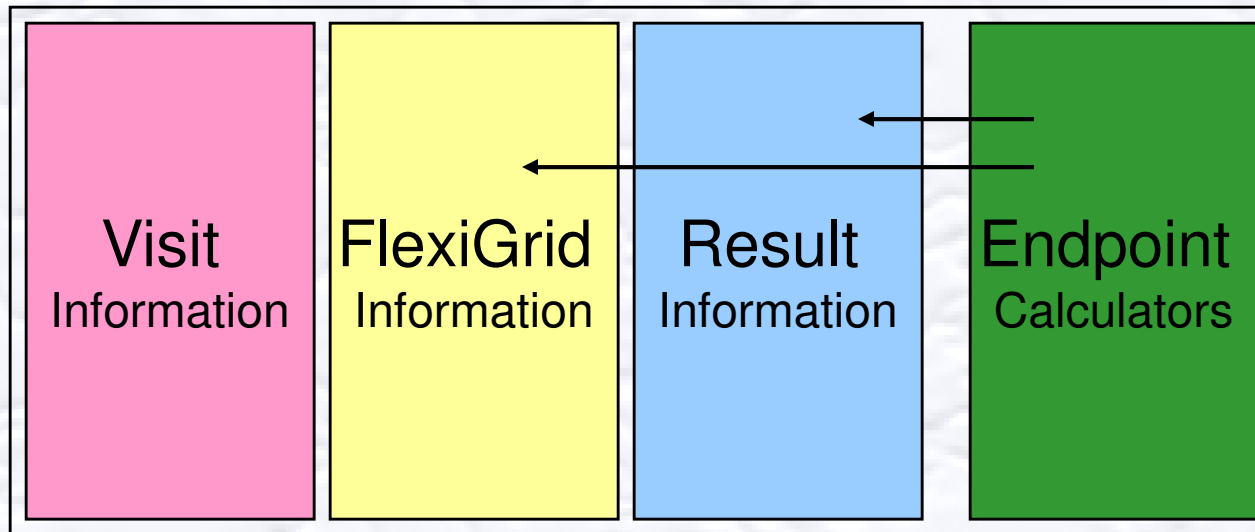
Descriptive statistics (Average, Frequency), Metrics, Indices, and any other Endpoint calculated for an aggregate of raw data.

Examples: Average wetted channel width, Percent cobble, Landfill/Trash Human Influence Index

| Trip start date | SV start time | Permanent Station ID | FlexiGrid Component place in series | Characteristic | Result | Result unit | Processed Result (Formula e!) | | Result [Endpoint] | Unit | Characteristic [Endpoint] | Components Aggregate for Endpoint | Number of observations in aggregate (n) |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 4/13/2005 | 8:45 | 201EAS050 | 1 | Boulders cover | 1 | (code) | 5 | | 11 | % | Average Boulders cover | Habitat Plots | 11 |
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| 4/13/2005 | 8:45 | 201EAS050 | 3 | Boulders cover | 0 | (code) | 0 | | | | | | |
| 4/13/2005 | 8:45 | 201EAS050 | 4 | Boulders cover | 1 | (code) | 5 | | | | | | |
| 4/13/2005 | 8:45 | 201EAS050 | 5 | Boulders cover | 0 | (code) | 0 | | | | | | |
| 4/13/2005 | 8:45 | 201EAS050 | 6 | Boulders cover | 1 | (code) | 5 | | | | | | |
| 4/13/2005 | 8:45 | 201EAS050 | 7 | Boulders cover | 2 | (code) | 25 | | | | | | |
| 4/13/2005 | 8:45 | 201EAS050 | 8 | Boulders cover | 0 | (code) | 0 | | | | | | |
| 4/13/2005 | 8:45 | 201EAS050 | 9 | Boulders cover | 2 | (code) | 25 | | | | | | |
| 4/13/2005 | 8:45 | 201EAS050 | 10 | Boulders cover | 2 | (code) | 25 | | | | | | |
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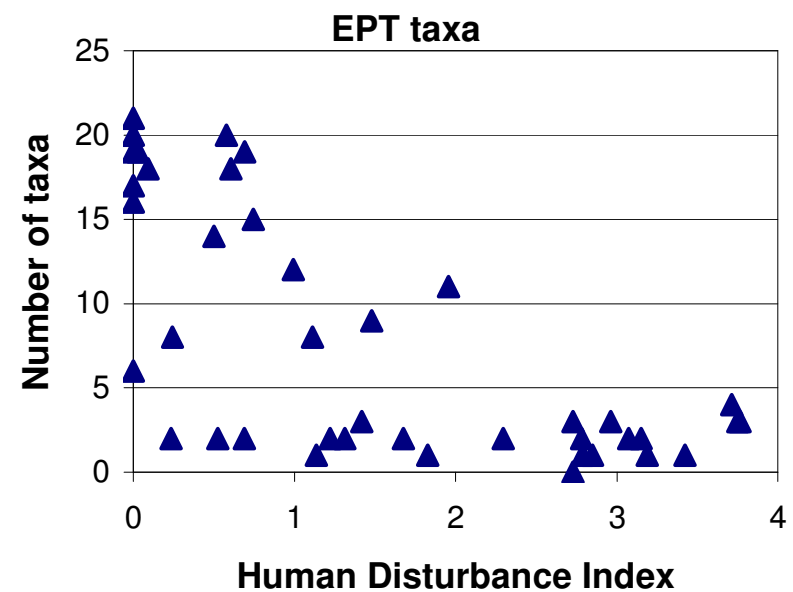
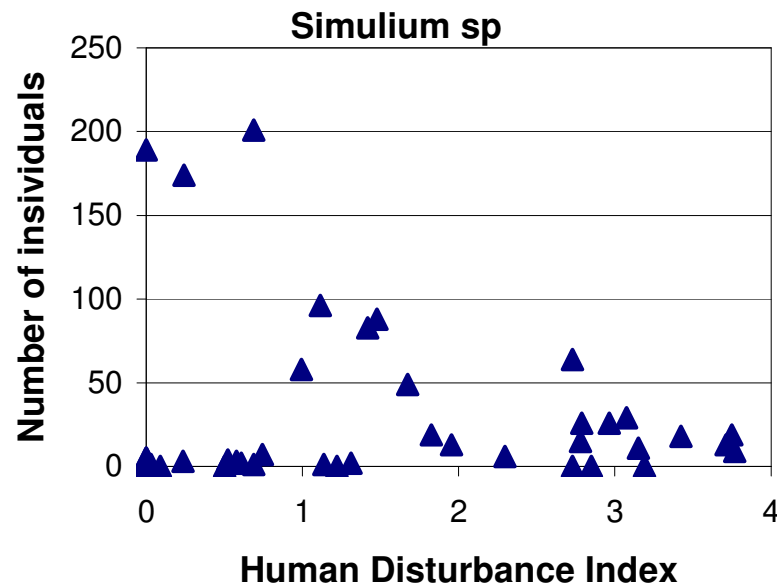
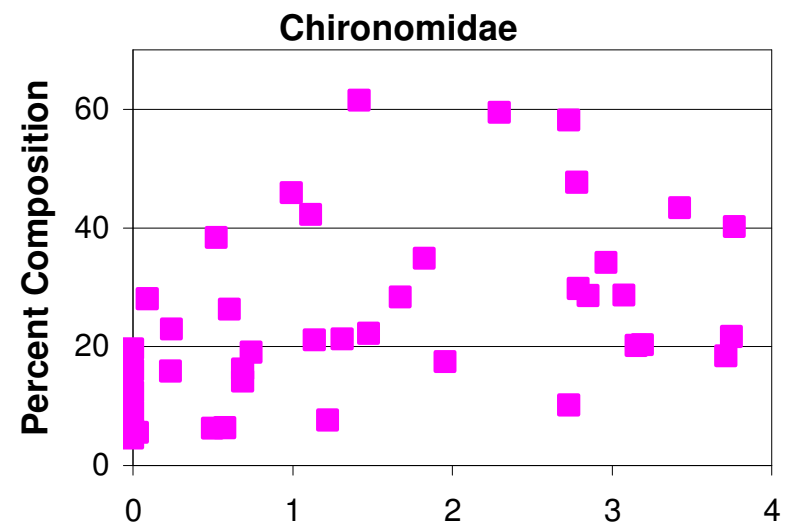
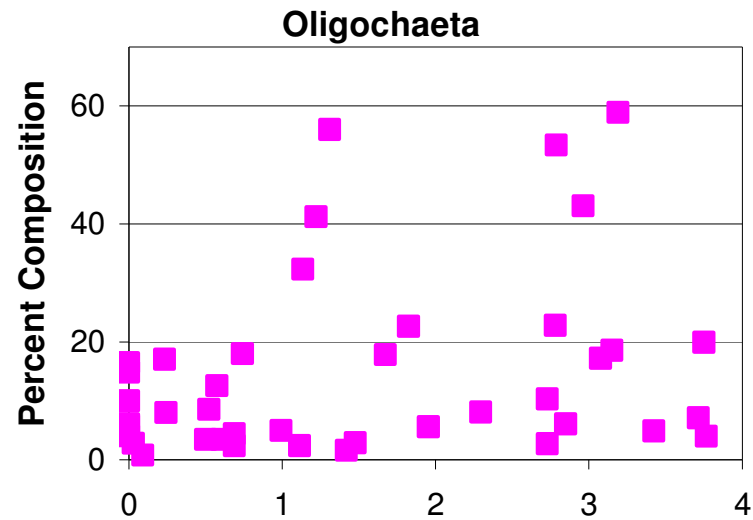
The FlexiGrid Results spreadsheet , Part 2

(with Endpoint Template pasted on the right)



The Endpoint Calculation Template has been customized to calculate an array of Endpoint, mostly per the EMAP protocol (Kaufmann et al 1999)

Years 4&5 data, plotted in 2007



Implementation of the FlexiGrid system

Data Entry and Endpoint Derivation completed:

SWAMP RB2 years 4&5 - Physical habitat (PHAB) data

[interim protocol, the customized FlexiGrid is the only data entry option]

SWAMP RB2 Year 8 - PHAB and algae cover data

[4 version of the SWAMP data sheets were accommodated as they kept changing; some data capture in the field, using FlexiGrid template on a field computer]

SWAMP RB2 Year 9 - PHAB and algae cover data

[all data capture in the field, using FlexiGrid template on a field computer]

SWAMP RB2 Year 10 - PHAB and algae cover data (6 visits)

Alameda County Clean Water Program - PHAB pilot 2008 (4 visits)

Implementation, Part 2

Transfer of raw PHAB data to SWAMP:

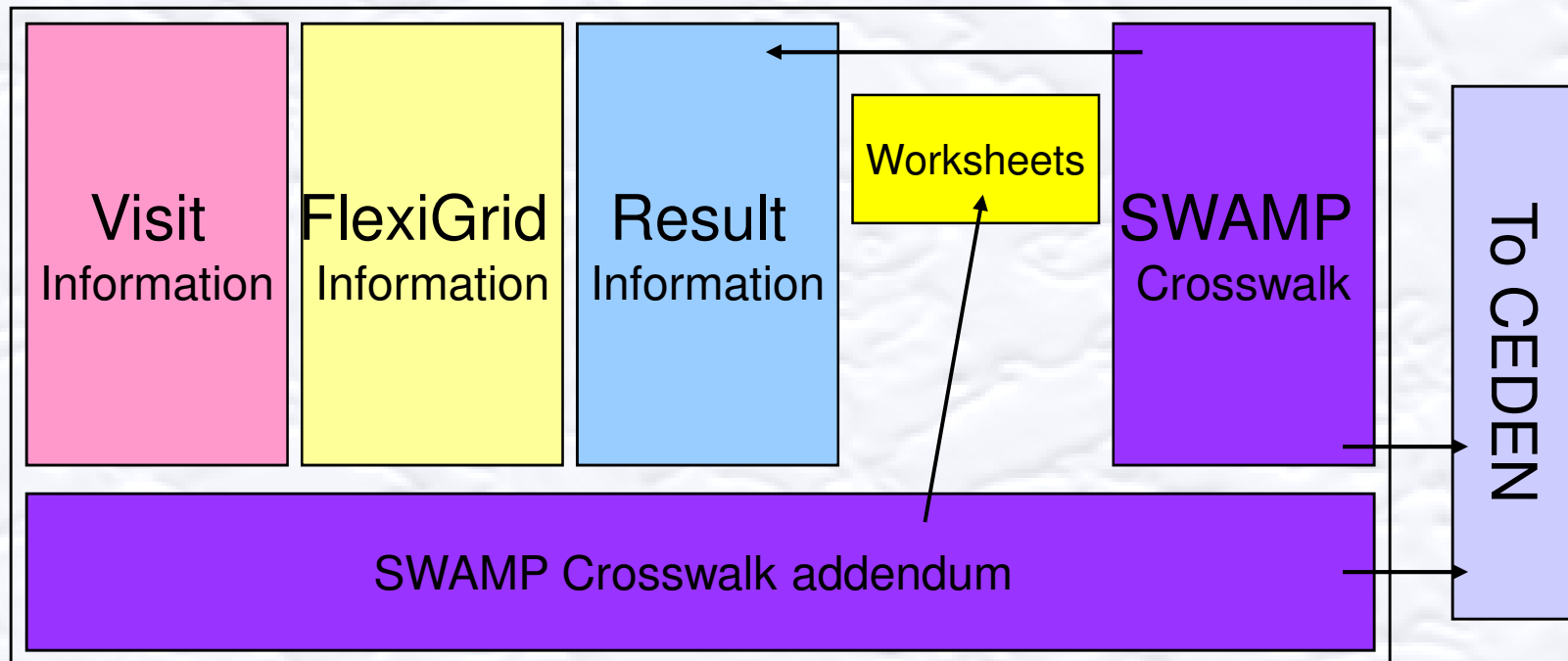
FlexiGrid-to-SWAMP Crosswalk developed and tested

All SWAMP RB2 Years 8&9 data have been transferred via the SWAMP/CEDEN template (Thanks, Marco!)

Year 10 data are in the works

The FlexiGrid Results spreadsheet, Part 3

(With SWAMP Crosswalk pasted or Built-in)



This spreadsheet has been used as a Data Entry Template in 2010.,
and can be used (in the office or in the Field) for future work

Summary Part 1: The FlexiGrid concept supports a data structure that can do the following:

- Connect each monitoring Result to the exact spatial component it was measured in (or to aggregate thereof);
- Stage the raw data for easy, streamlined derivation of descriptive statistics, metrics, indices, and any other Endpoint;
- Place every spatial component on a 'virtual map' as an independent entity while preserving the internal hierarchy and its order in a series;
- Enable reconstruction of the Frame from the virtual map that is stored in database cells; and allow information transfer into a GIS system;

Summary Part 2: More good things FG can do

- Integrate physical habitat (PHAB) results and descriptors with results and descriptors from any other area of inquiry (e.g., chemistry, toxicity, bioassessment, etc.);
- Enable reporting of any type of Result and Endpoint, generated for any Characteristic in any spatial component and at any scale, on the 'same page'; and
- Accommodate data generated by any Protocol that has multiple spatial components, including PHAB protocols used by different Agencies and Programs (e.g., NAWQA, EMAP, EPA RBP), DFG Fisheries habitat, etc.

Currently available: All FG templates for SWAMP, plus all SOPs for streamlined data processing and transfer

Summary Part 3: Drawbacks

- Tailoring the FlexiGrid spreadsheet to a given protocol requires real understanding of that protocol
- Development and customizing of the templates requires focused thinking and advanced Excel skills
- Although data entry and streamlined endpoint derivation can be done by anyone, the Excel Data Entry Template cannot support as many 'fool-proof' safeguards against erroneous entries as some other database systems, and it is harder to protect
- Users need training and technical support

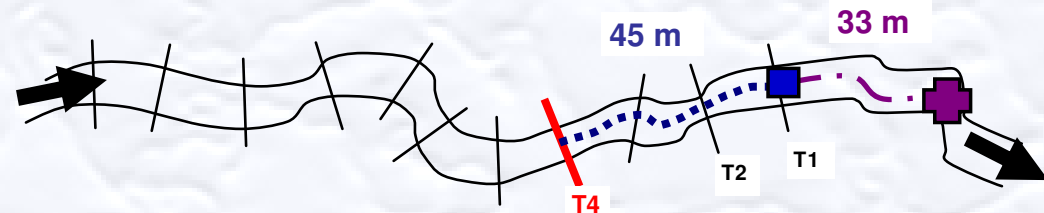
Thanks for Listening!

SWAMP & FlexiGrid PHAB Entry Only

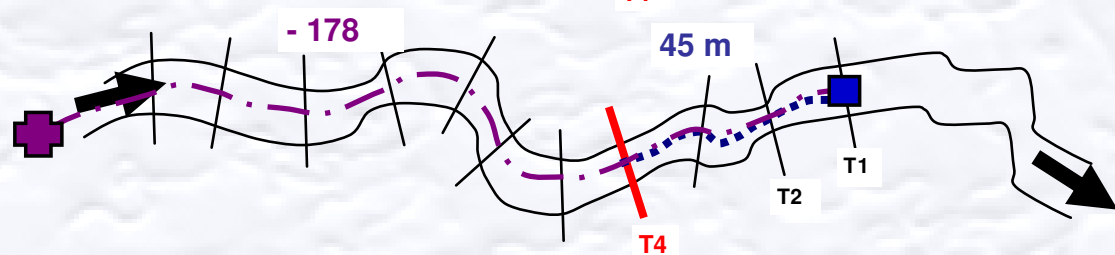
- Software
 - SWAMP = MS Access
 - FlexiGrid = MS Excel
- Data Entry
 - SWAMP = PHAB, Water Quality
 - Automated and manual data entry checks against erroneous entries
 - FlexiGrid = PHAB, Water Quality
 - Only manual data entry checks
 - Both field and desktop entry available
 - FlexiGrid allows data entry between/among sheets; SWAMP requires completion of each sheet before proceeding
 - FlexiGrid allows immediate corrections; SWAMP requires use of queries for corrections
- Data Output
 - Both require exporting data to MS Excel Template Upload file
 - SWAMP uses MS Access application to automatically create upload file
 - FlexiGrid uses crosswalk to create upload file with minor tweaking
- Metric Calculations
 - SWAMP = PHAB Reporting Module
 - Time lag between data entry and metric calculations
 - Process multiple samples across projects
 - FlexiGrid = PHAB metrics
 - Potentially instant output with minor processing of individual samples/visits
 - Both = Metrics are organized in database ready format as well as in tabular format for reporting and plotting
- Technical Support
 - CEDEN = Help Desk including some IT support, tutorials, supporting documentation; no costs (currently)
 - FlexiGrid = Initial training, data processing SOPs, and ongoing support by Revital; associated minimal costs

Three mapping scenarios: different relationships between the permanent Station and the FlexiGrid Origin

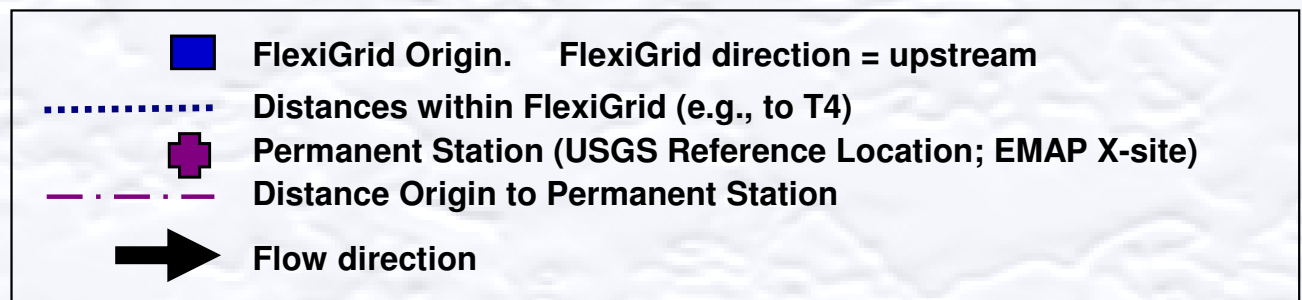
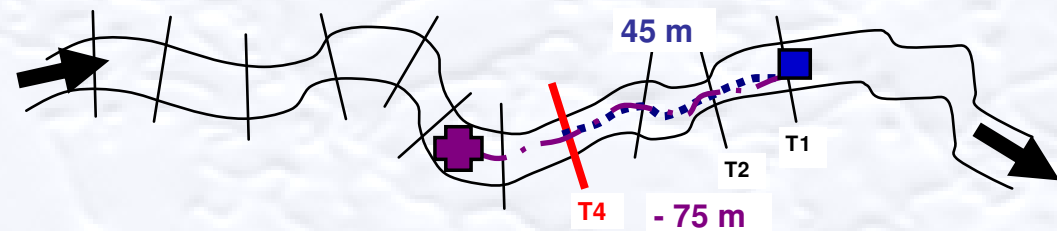
Permanent Station is downstream of Origin



Permanent Station is Upstream of Origin and the entire FlexiGrid



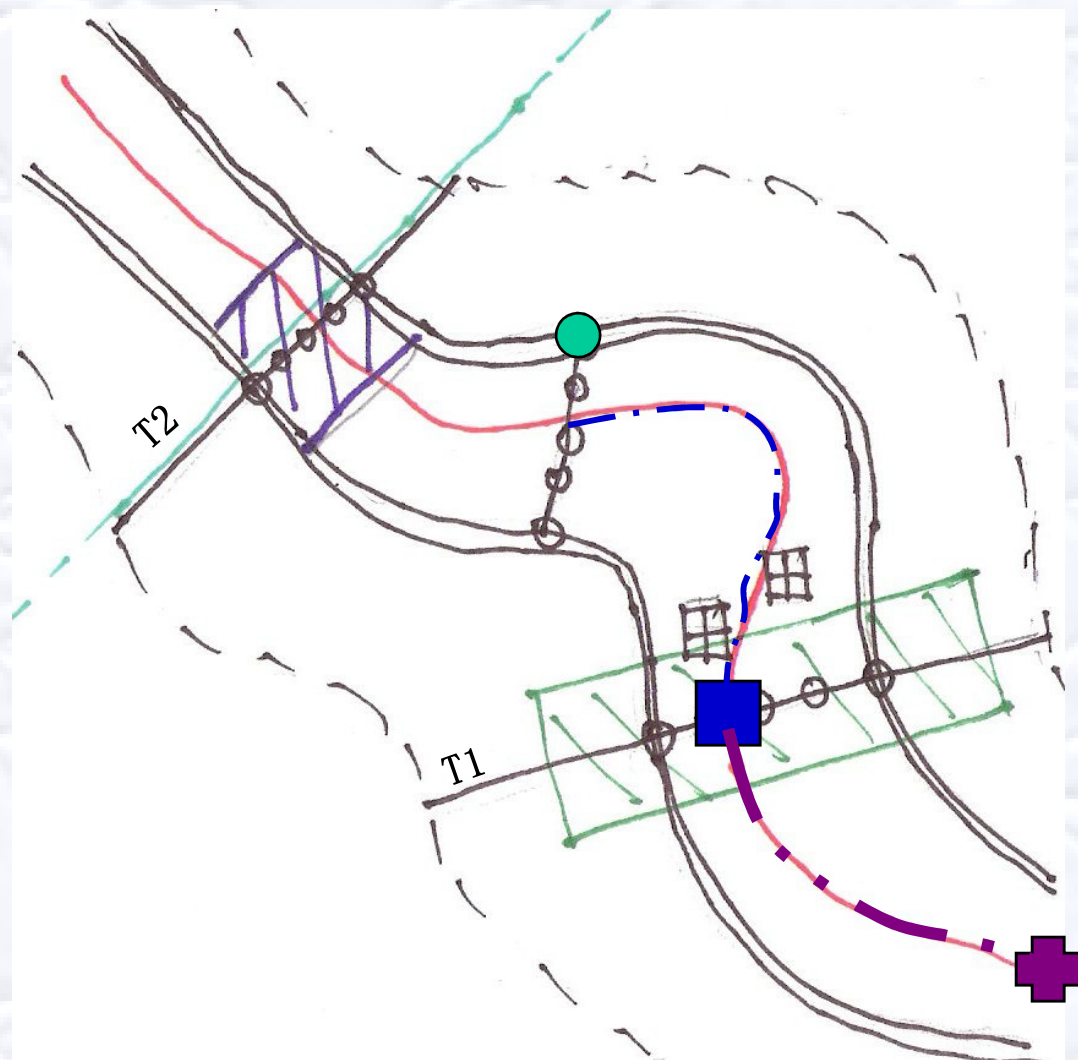
Permanent Station is upstream of Origin and within the FlexiGrid



Snap FlexiGrid to the globe, then map components onto it

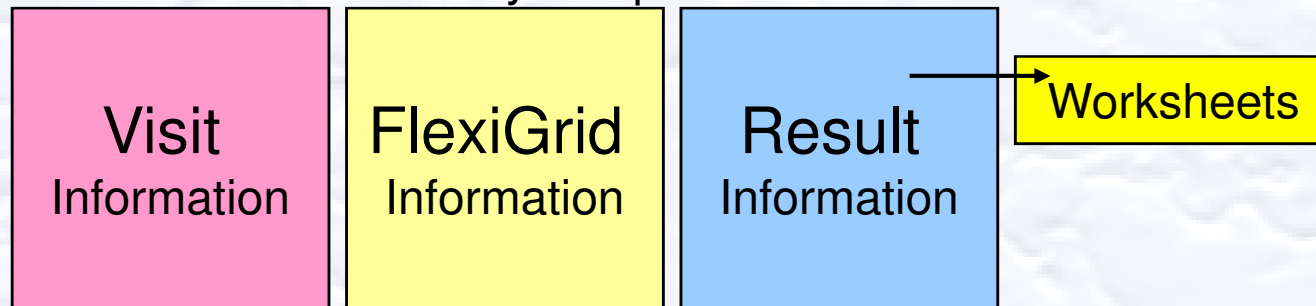
You can measure the
Frame Origin's ■
backbone-distance
from the Permanent
Station, +
and snap the entire
Frame to the globe

You can measure the
backbone-distance from a
Frame component (e.g.,
Crossline) to the Origin, ■
Then add a Local
Reference Point (e.g.,
Left Bank), ●
And map any point within
the Frame.

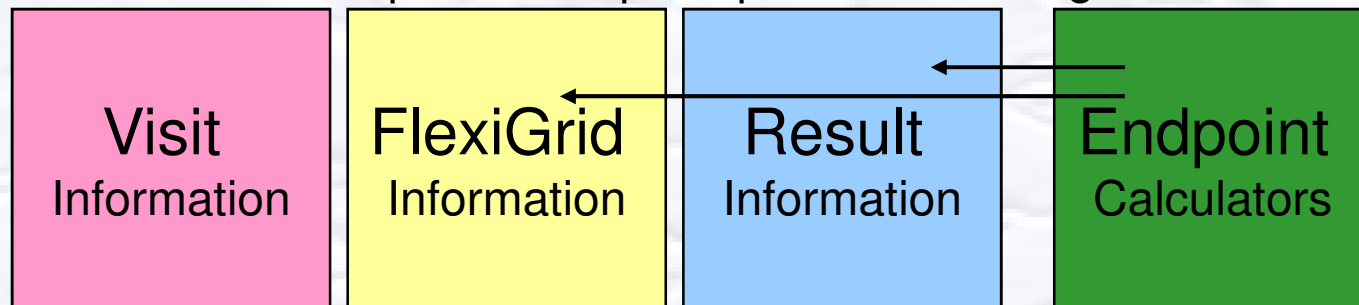


You can have many types of components: Crosslines,
Points, Plots, etc; all can be snapped to the same grid.

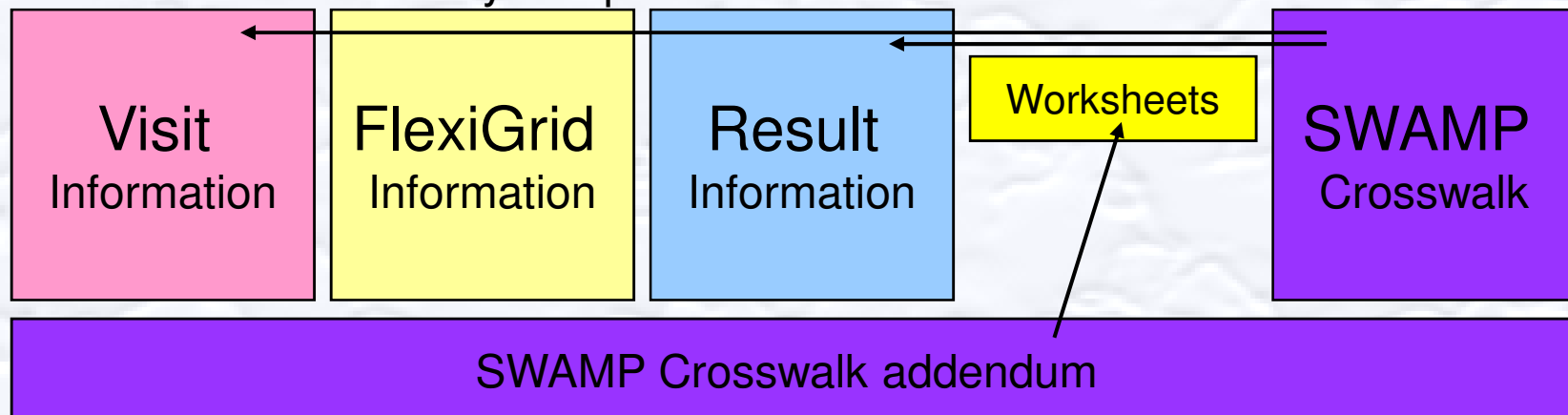
1. FlexiGrid Data Entry Template



2. FlexiGrid Endpoints Template pasted on the right



3. FlexiGrid Data Entry Template with SWAMP Crosswalk



USGS - NAWQA - data setup

Reach

Descriptors and Results --->

<--- Reach

| Reach Sample ID | STAID | Reach | Reach Collection Date | Sample Type | REFLOC | Collector | STAGE | DISCH | DISCH MD | REACH LEN |
|-----------------|----------|-------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|-------|----------|-----------|
| 29302 | 04062085 | A | 5/27/1994 9:15 | REACH | | (Sullivan, D | . | | | 227 |
| 29304 | 04063700 | A | 6/16/1993 8:30 | REACH | upstream s | (Fitzpatrick | . | | | 210 |
| 29306 | 04063700 | A | 5/24/1995 9:30 | REACH | | (Stewart, J | . | | | 334 |
| 161206 | 04063700 | A | 8/29/2006 13:00 | REACH | Bridge at M | Lutz, Stens | 1.38 | 56 | Gage | 300 |
| 110625 | 04063700 | B | 9/13/2002 9:00 | REACH | Bridge at M | (J. Stewart | 1.34 | 61 | Gage | 290 |
| 110771 | 04063700 | C | 9/12/2002 13:00 | REACH | Bridge at M | (J.Stewart) | 1.35 | 62 | Gage | 300 |

Transect

Descriptors and Results --->

<--- Transects

| Reach Sample ID | STAID | Reach | Tran Num | Collection Date | Sample Type | Review Status | CHWIDTH | LBANGL E | RBANGL E |
|-----------------|----------|-------|----------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|---------|----------|----------|
| 29301 | 04062085 | A | 1 | 6/15/1993 | TRANSECT | R | 14.5 | 50 | 90 |
| 29301 | 04062085 | A | 2 | 6/15/1993 | TRANSECT | R | 16.1 | 90 | 40 |
| 29301 | 04062085 | A | 3 | 6/15/1993 | TRANSECT | R | 11 | 35 | 45 |
| 29302 | 04062085 | A | 1 | 5/27/1994 | TRANSECT | R | 14.3 | 45 | 90 |
| 29302 | 04062085 | A | 2 | 5/27/1994 | TRANSECT | R | 17.6 | 65 | 45 |
| 29302 | 04062085 | A | 3 | 5/27/1994 | TRANSECT | R | 11.6 | 35 | 90 |

Transect-Points

Channel Features

Geomorphic Channel Units (flow-habitat units)

Calculated Endpoints

Other systems: Western EMAP: OCR and SAS

Reviewed by (Initials): EM

| RAPID HABITAT ASSESSMENT FORM: GLIDE/POOL (continued) - STREAMS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| SITE ID: <u>WXP99-9999</u> | | DATE: <u>07/02/2004</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HABITAT PARAMETER | CATEGORY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | OPTIMAL | | | | SUB-OPTIMAL | | | | MARGINAL | | | | POOR | | | | | | | | |
| 7. Channel Sinuosity The bends in the stream increase the stream length 3 to 4 times longer than if it was in a straight line. (Note- channel braiding is considered normal in coastal plains and other low-lying areas. This parameter is not easily rated in these areas.) Score: <u>13</u> | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | <u>13</u> | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 8. Bank Stability (score each bank) NOTE: Determine left or right side by facing downstream. Left Bank Score: <u>9</u> | Left Bank: 10 | | | | <u>9</u> | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | 1 | 0 | |
| Right Bank Score: <u>10</u> | Right Bank: <u>10</u> | | | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | 1 | 0 | |
| 9. Vegetative Protection (score each bank) More than 90% of the streambank surfaces and immediate riparian zone covered by native vegetation, including trees, understory shrubs, or nonwoody macrophytes; vegetative disruption through grazing or mowing minimal or not evident; almost all plants allowed to grow naturally. Left Bank Score: <u>4</u> | Left Bank: 10 | | | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | | | <u>4</u> | 3 | 2 | | | | 1 | 0 | |
| Right Bank Score: <u>6</u> | Right Bank: 10 | | | | 9 | 8 | 7 | <u>6</u> | 5 | | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | 1 | 0 | |
| 10. Riparian Vegetation Zone Width (score each bank) Width of riparian zone greater than 18 meters; human activities (i.e., parking lots, roadbeds, clear-cuts, lawns, or crops) have not impacted the zone. Left Bank Score: <u>5</u> | Left Bank: 10 | | | | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | <u>5</u> | | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | 1 | 0 | |
| Right Bank Score: <u>7</u> | Right Bank: 10 | | | | 9 | 8 | <u>7</u> | 6 | 5 | | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | 1 | 0 | |

Data Sheets are filled out by the field operators and then scanned by an OCR machine that 'reads' the numbers and puts them in a data file.

The data file is fed into SAS, which calculated Endpoints.

Extremely rigid

Other systems: SWAMP: MS Access

SWAMP Stream Habitat Characterization Form **FULL VERSION** Revision Date: April 9th, 2008

Site Code: _____ Site Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Wetted Width (m): _____ Bankfull Width (m): _____ Bankfull Height (m): _____ **Transect F**

| TRANSECT SUBSTRATES | | | | | Cobble Embeddedness (%) |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|------|-------------------------|
| Position | Dist from LB (cm) | Depth (cm) | mm/size class | CPOM | |
| Left Bank | | | | P A | |
| Left Center | | | | P A | |
| Center | | | | P A | |
| Right Center | | | | P A | |
| Right Bank | | | | P A | |

BANK STABILITY (score zone 5m up and 5m downstream of transect between bankfull - wetted width)

| Bank | eroded | vulnerable | stable |
|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Left Bank | | | |
| Right Bank | | | |

| HUMAN INFLUENCE (circle only the closest to wetted channel) | | | 0 = Not Present B = On Bank C = Between Bank and 10 m from Channel P = >10 m - <50 m from Channel Channel (record Yes or No) | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---------|------------|-------|
| | | | Left Bank | | Channel | Right Bank | |
| Walls/ Rip rap/ Dams | P | C | B | 0 | Y N | 0 | B C P |
| Buildings | P | C | B | 0 | Y N | 0 | B C P |
| Pavement/ Cleared Lot | P | C | B | 0 | | 0 | B C P |
| Road/ Railroad | P | C | B | 0 | Y N | 0 | B C P |
| Pipes (inlet/ Outlet) | P | C | B | 0 | Y N | 0 | B C P |
| Landfill/ Trash | P | C | B | 0 | Y N | 0 | B C P |
| Park/ Lawn | P | C | B | 0 | | 0 | B C P |
| Row Crops | P | C | B | 0 | | 0 | B C P |
| Pasture/ Range | P | C | B | 0 | | 0 | B C P |
| Logging Operations | P | C | B | 0 | | 0 | B C P |
| Mining Activity | P | C | B | 0 | Y N | 0 | B C P |
| Vegetation Management | P | C | B | 0 | | 0 | B C P |
| Bridges/ Abutments | P | C | B | 0 | Y N | 0 | B C P |
| Orchards/ Vineyards | P | C | B | 0 | | 0 | B C P |

| RIPARIAN VEGETATION (facing downstream) | 0 = Absent (0%) 3 = Heavy (40-75%) 1 = Sparse (<10%) 4 = Very Heavy (>75%) 2 = Moderate (10-40%) circle one | | | |
|--|---|---|------------|---|
| | Left Bank | | Right Bank | |
| Vegetation Class | | | | |
| Upper Canopy (>5 m high) | | | | |
| Trees and saplings >5 m high | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Lower Canopy (0.5 m-5 m high) | | | | |
| All vegetation 0.5 m to 5 m | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Ground Cover (<0.5 m high) | | | | |
| Woody shrubs and saplings <0.5 m | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Herbs/ grasses | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Barren, bare soil/ duff | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

| INSTREAM HABITAT COMPLEXITY | 0 = Absent (0%) 1 = Sparse (<10%) 2 = Moderate (10-40%) 3 = Heavy (40-75%) 4 = Very Heavy (>75%) | | | |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| | Filamentous Algae | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Aquatic Macrophytes/ Emergent Vegetation | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Boulders | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Woody Debris >0.3 m | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Woody Debris <0.3 m | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Undercut Banks | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Overhang Vegetation | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Live Tree Roots | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Artificial Structures | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

| DENSIMETER READINGS (0-17) count covered dots | |
|--|--|
| Center Left | |
| Center Upstream | |
| Center Downstream | |
| Center Right | |
| Left Bank (optional) | |
| Right Bank (optional) | |

Inter-transect: FG Wetted Width (m): _____

| FLOW HABITATS (% between transects, total=100%) | | INTER-TRANSECT SUBSTRATES (measure in mm or use size classes) | | | | | Cobble Embeddedness (%) | TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS (check box if taken and record photo code) |
|--|---|--|-------------------|------------|---------------|------|--|--|
| Channel Type | % | Position | Dist from LB (cm) | Depth (cm) | mm/size class | CPOM | | |
| Cascade/ Falls | | Left Bank | | | | P A | Downstream (required) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Rapid | | Left Center | | | | P A | | |
| Riffle | | Center | | | | P A | | |
| Run | | Right Center | | | | P A | | |
| Glide | | Right Bank | | | | P A | | |
| Pool | | Upstream (required) <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| Dry | | | | | | | | |

Note: Substrate sizes can be recorded either as direct measures of the median axis of each particle or one of size class categories listed on the supplemental page (direct measurements are preferred)

Data Sheets are filled out by the field operators; the data is then entered into a set of MS Access Data Entry Forms which look very much like the field data sheets.

An Endpoint Calculation module will be developed in the future.