

Where to plant trees to protect rivers under climate change?



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- Combining outputs from statistical and process models to prioritise tree planting

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

A deterministic river temperature model to prioritize management of riparian woodlands to reduce summer maximum river temperatures

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Abstract
Increasing river temperatures are a threat to cold water species including ecologically and economically important freshwater fish, such as Atlantic salmon. In 2018, ca. 70% of Scottish rivers experienced temperatures which cause thermal stress in juvenile salmon, a situation expected to become increasingly common under climate change. Management of riparian woodlands is proven to protect cold water habitats. However, creation of new riparian woodlands can be costly and logistically challenging. It is therefore important that planting can be prioritized to areas where it is most needed and can be most effective in reducing river temperatures. The effects of riparian woodland on channel shading depend on complex interactions between channel width, orientation, aspect, gradient, tree height and solar geometry. Subsequent effects on river temperature are influenced by water volume and residence time. This study developed a deterministic river temperature model, driven by energy gains from solar radiation that are modified by water volume and residence time. The resulting output is a planting prioritization metric that compares potential warming between scenarios with and without riparian woodland. The prioritization metric has a reach scale spatial resolution, but can be mapped at large spatial scales using information obtained from a digital river network. The results indicate that water volume and residence time, as represented by river order, are a dominant control on the effectiveness of riparian woodland in reducing river temperature. Ignoring these effects could result in a sub-optimal prioritization process and inappropriate resource allocation. Within river order, effectiveness of riparian shading depends on interactions between channel and landscape characteristics. Given the complexity and interacting nature of controls, the use of simple universal planting criteria is not appropriate. Instead, managers should be provided with maps that translate complex models into readily useable tools to prioritize riparian tree planting to mitigate the impacts of high river temperatures.

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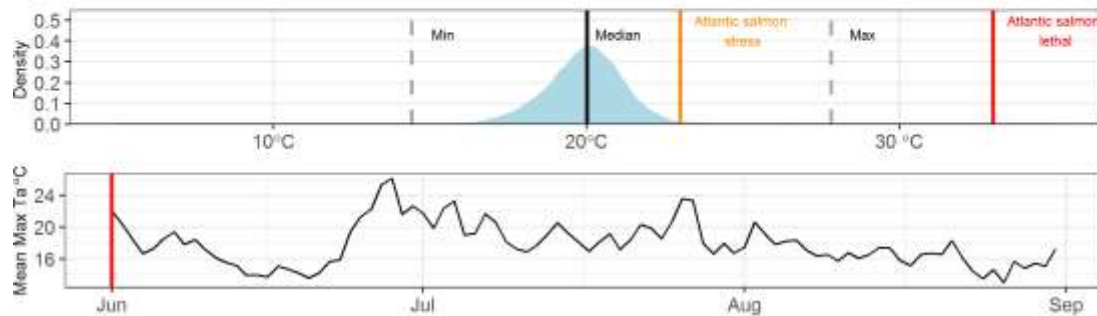
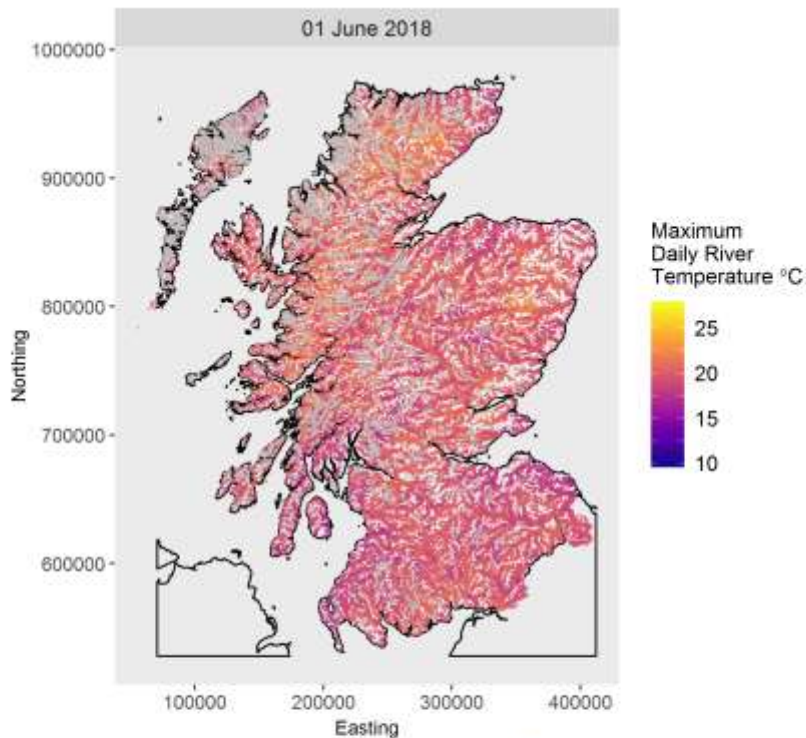
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Background

- River temperature is important control on the health of freshwater ecosystems
- Expect rising river temperatures under climate change
- Potentially consequences for cold water adapted species like salmonids



Summer 2018; an indication of things to come?



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Background

River temperature is important for growth and survival of freshwater fish. There are concerns that increasing river temperatures could have a detrimental effect. Atlantic salmon exhibit thermal stress at ca.23°C with mortality at ca.33°C. Brown trout die when maximum temperatures exceed ca.30°C.

The summer of 2018 was characterised by seasonally high air temperatures (Fig 1) and low river discharges (Fig 2). However, recent (RCP13) projections suggest that the chances of experiencing summers as warm as 2018, could be as high as 50% by 2050. The data collected during summer 2018 therefore provides insights into the effects of temperature extremes on salmonid populations under current climate and the likely prevailing effects under climate change.

The Scottish River Temperature Monitoring Network's (SRTMN) provides quality controlled data from a strategically designed network of ~200 sites. When combined with spatial statistical river network models it is possible to understand and predict temperatures across all Scotland's rivers.

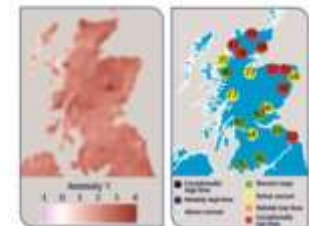


FIGURE 1 MEAN MAXIMUM DAILY AIR TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES FOR SUMMER 2018 RELATIVE TO A 30 YEAR BASELINE (1981-2010). POSITIVE VALUES INDICATE TEMPERATURES WERE WARMER THAN AVERAGE OVER THE PERIOD 1981-2010.

FIGURE 2 RIVER FLOWS SUMMER 2018 RELATIVE TO A 30 YEAR BASELINE (1981-2010). POSITIVE VALUES INDICATE THE % OF BASELINE FLOWS OBSERVED DURING 2018. EDGINGS INDICATE THE BANKING RELATIVE TO BASELINE YEARS.

Mitigation: riparian tree cover

- Riparian woodland can reduce high temperature extremes
- One of few management options
- Preliminary GIS analysis indicates only ca. 35% of rivers are protected by any substantial tree cover
- New woodland creation can be costly and logistically challenging
- Strategically target effort:
 - Where are rivers hottest
 - Where are rivers most sensitive to effects of climate change
 - Where does riparian tree planting have the greatest effect on river temperature

Where should we plant trees to protect rivers under climate change?



Background

River temperature (T_w) influences the feeding, growth, productivity and survival of freshwater fish. For juvenile Atlantic salmon, 16°C is optimal for growth, while temperatures greater than 23 °C cause thermal stress and greater than 32°C can kill fish in a few minutes. In 2018 around 69% of Scottish rivers experienced temperatures that would cause thermal stress, conditions likely to occur every other year by 2050.

Bankside trees can reduce T_w . However, the size of their effect varies depending on river characteristics (e.g. width, orientation, aspect, speed, depth) and the topography of the surrounding landscape, which can also shade the river.

Fisheries and river managers are planting bankside trees to protect rivers from high water temperatures. However, the information necessary to prioritise where planting would deliver the greatest benefits has not been available until recently.

How can models help inform tree planting strategies?

Marine Scotland and the University of Birmingham have developed GIS maps and advice for river managers to identify where tree planting can have the greatest benefits for T_w and temperature sensitive salmonid species.

The maps have been developed from two types of complimentary river temperature models developed under the Scotland River Temperature Monitoring Network (SRTMN):

1. Statistical models which describe spatial variability in maximum T_w and sensitivity to climate change
2. Simplified 'process-based' models which describe where riparian woodland can be most effective in reducing maximum summer river temperatures (see figure 1)

Large-scale statistical models

Statistical models used T_w data from SRTMN together with spatial information on landscape characteristics and air temperature.

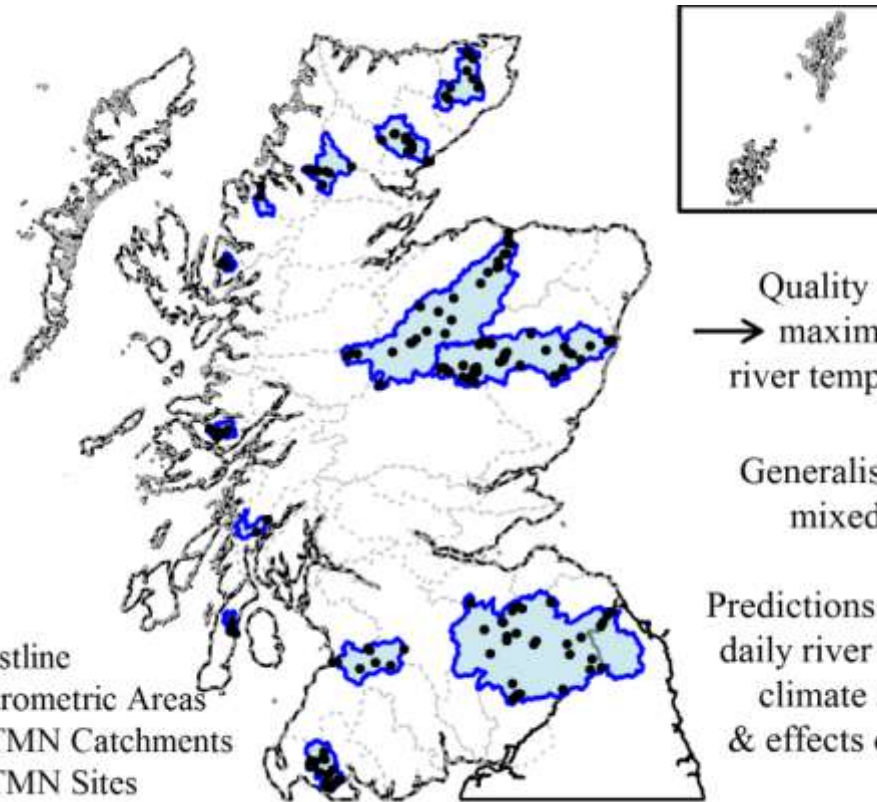
SRTMN:

Where river temperatures are hottest?

Where are rivers most sensitive to climate change?

Developing a model to predict current and future river temperatures

Air temperature & river characteristics (elevation, orientation, riparian woodland)



Quality controlled
→ maximum daily
river temperature data

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Generalised additive
mixed models

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Predictions of maximum
daily river temperature,
climate sensitivity
& effects of woodland

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Management tools

A novel approach for designing large-scale river temperature monitoring networks

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ABSTRACT

Water temperature is an important control on processes in aquatic systems and particularly for freshwater fish, affecting growth, survival and demographic characteristics. In recognition of this importance, the Scottish Government has prioritised developing a robust national river temperature monitoring network. Advances in geographical information systems, spatial statistics and field data loggers make large-scale river temperature monitoring increasingly possible. However, duplication of environmental and thermal characteristics among monitoring sites means many networks have lower than expected statistical power. This paper describes a novel methodology for network design, illustrated by the development of the Scotland River Temperature Monitoring Network. A literature review identified processes controlling stream temperature and associated landscape controls. Metrics indicative of these landscape controls were calculated for points every 500 m along the river network. From these points, sites were chosen to cover the full range of observed environmental gradients and combinations of controlling variables. The resulting network contains sites with unique characteristics covering the range of relevant environmental characteristics observed in Scottish salmon rivers. The network will thus have minimal redundancy, often not seen in large networks, and high statistical power to separate the relative importance of predictor variables thereby allowing large-scale water temperature predictions.

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INTRODUCTION: CURRENT STATUS AND LIMITATIONS OF LARGE-SCALE RIVER TEMPERATURE NETWORKS

Rising water temperatures (T_w) have the potential to alter the thermal suitability of rivers for freshwater fish, which are frequently the focus of management (Mohseni *et al.* 2003; Isaak *et al.* 2010, 2012). Cold water fish such as salmonids are highly sensitive to river temperature which affects growth, metabolism, performance, survival and demographic characteristics (Elliott 1994; Gumev *et al.* 2008). Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) and, to a lesser extent, brown trout (*Salmo*

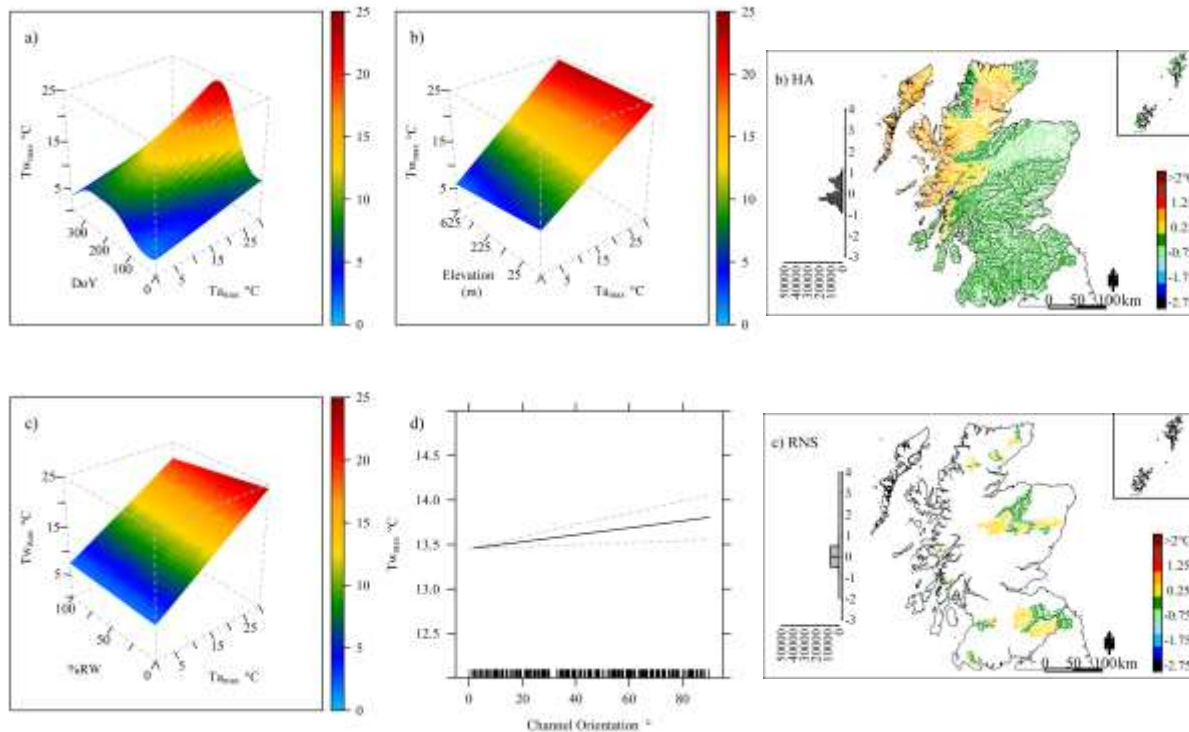
trutta) have a high economic (Radford *et al.* 2004), recreational and conservation value (Anon 2009). Consequently, there are strong socio-economic drivers for understanding the spatio-temporal dynamics of thermal regimes, their sensitivity to drivers of change and opportunities for management or mitigation of thermal extremes (Malcolm *et al.* 2008; Hrachowitz *et al.* 2010). In recognition of the importance of these issues, CAM-ERAS (Coordinated Agenda for Marine, Environment and Rural Affairs Science), an umbrella group of Scottish Government departments and agencies, prioritised the development of a strategic national water temperature network in their recent freshwater monitoring action plan.

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Use models to predict river temperature in unmonitored locations

Large-scale spatio-temporal statistical models

$$T_{w_{max}} \sim T_{a_{max}} + s(\text{DoY}) + s(\text{DoY}) \times T_{a_{max}} + \text{Elevation} + \text{Elevation} \times T_{a_{max}} + \%RW + \%RW \times T_{a_{max}} + \text{Orientation} + \text{HAS} + \text{HAS}:T_{a_{max}} + \text{RNS:Catchment} + \text{RE}(\text{Site}) + \text{RE}(\text{Site}):T_{a_{max}}$$



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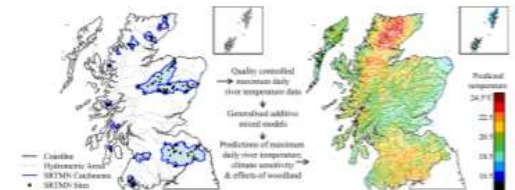
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Data collected from strategic river temperature monitoring network
- Novel spatio-temporal models of maximum daily river temperature developed
- Models include air temperature, location, day and landscape characteristics
- Model predictions show spatial temperature variability and climate sensitivity
- Maps provide tools for fisheries and river managers

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ABSTRACT

The thermal suitability of riverine habitats for cold water adapted species may be reduced under climate change. Riparian tree planting is a practical climate change mitigation measure, but it is often unclear where to focus effort for maximum benefit. Recent developments in data collection, monitoring and statistical methods have facilitated the development of increasingly sophisticated river temperature models capable of predicting spatial variability at large scales appropriate to management. In parallel, improvements in temporal river temperature models have increased the accuracy of temperature predictions at individual sites. This study developed a novel large scale spatio-temporal model of maximum daily river temperature ($T_{w_{max}}$) for Scotland that predicts variability in both river temperature and climate sensitivity. $T_{w_{max}}$ was modelled as a linear function of maximum daily air temperature ($T_{a_{max}}$), with the slope and intercept allowed to vary as a smooth function of day of the year (DoY) and further modified by landscape covariates including elevation, channel orientation and riparian woodland. Spatial correlation in $T_{w_{max}}$ was modelled at two scales: (1) river network (2) regional. Temporal correlation was addressed through an autoregressive (AR1) error structure for observations within sites. Additional site level variability was modelled with random effects. The resulting model was used to map (1) spatial variability in predicted $T_{w_{max}}$ under current (but extreme) climate conditions (2) the sensitivity of rivers to climate variability and (3) the effects of riparian tree planting. These visualisations provide innovative tools for informing fisheries and land-use management under current and future climate.

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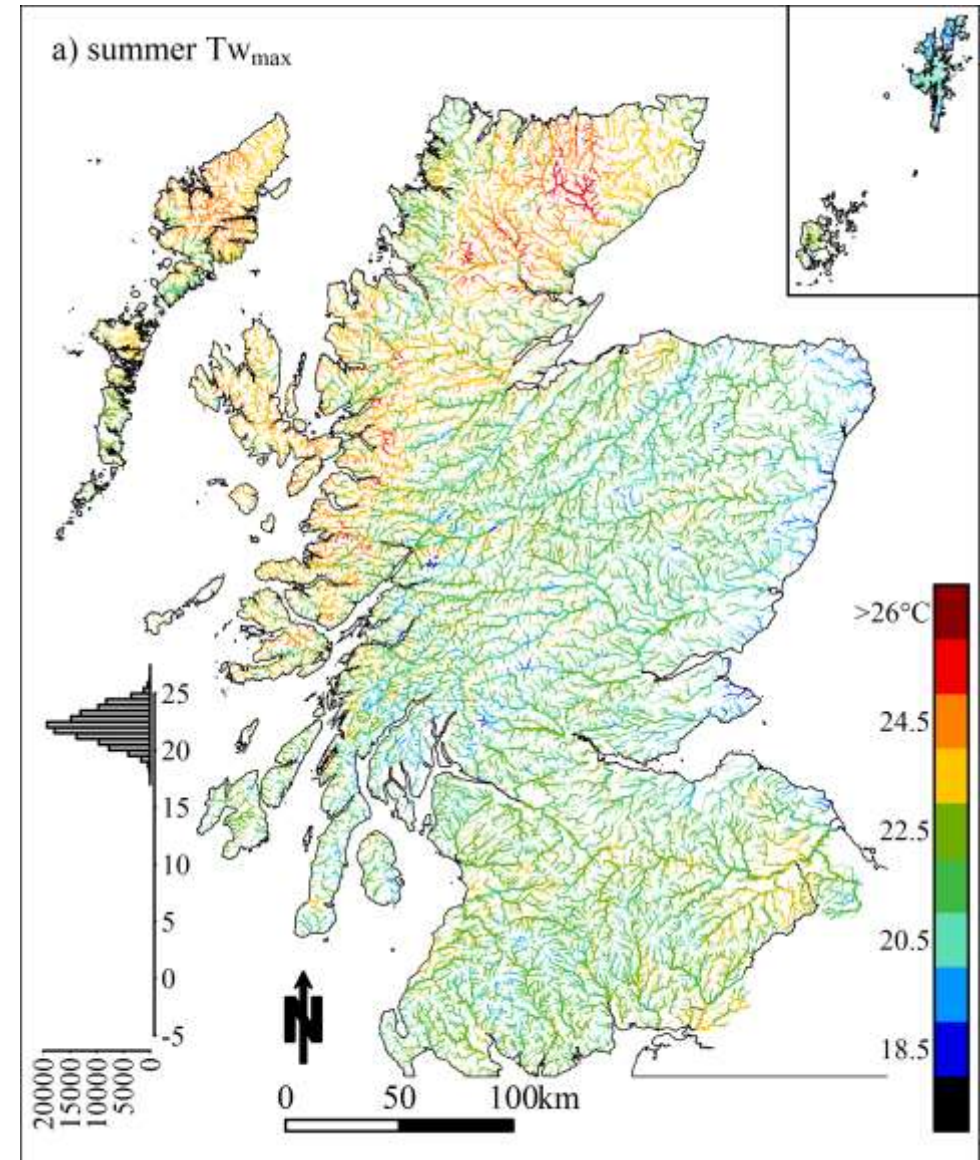
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Predictions of daily maximum river temperatures under 'extreme' conditions (highest Ta observed in 2003)

Results:

Spatial patterns reflect Ta, landscape covariates, HA and RNS

Warmest temperatures are in low altitude (high Ta) unshaded rivers, particularly in North.

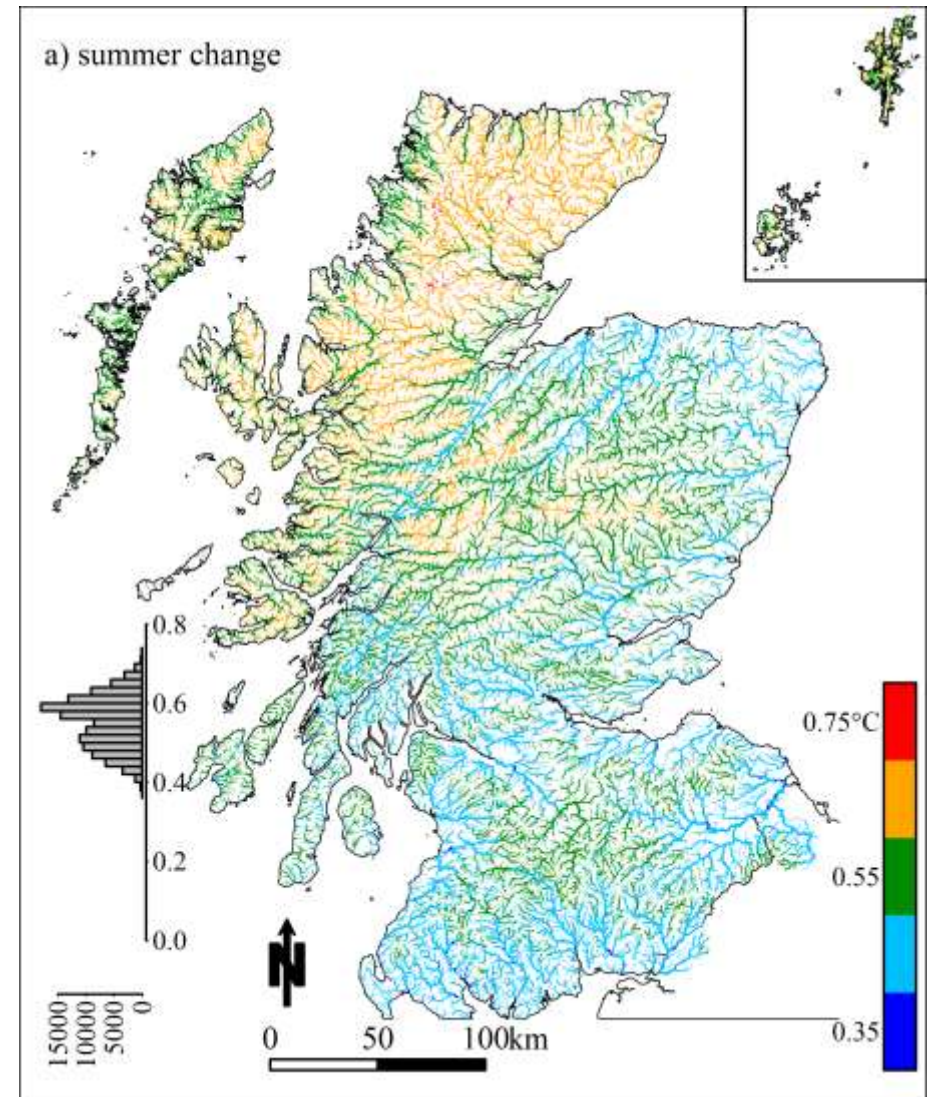


Predictions of climate sensitivity

How much $T_{w_{max}}$ will change for a 1 degree C change in $T_{a_{max}}$

Results:

Biggest changes are seen in northern rivers and in the Cairngorms



Planting Potential

Where does riparian tree planting have the greatest effect on river temperature?

“Woodland effects”

Observational and statistical studies (including BACI):

- effect size highly variable between studies, sites and years
- Reductions in Max and Mean and increases in Min T

The influence of forest harvesting on stream temperatures

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Abstract

There is considerable research in North America, research in the UK there is increasing interest in stream temperatures under climate change. Here we present the results of a study with forest harvesting in an upland salmon stream. We use a Bayesian generalised linear model to estimate the maximum and range of stream temperatures associated with different levels of forest removal. We compare the observed during the study with the ability to detect differences in stream temperature data. We discuss the implications of harvested forest related to stream temperature. The statistical approach employed a BACI exper

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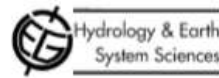
There is increasing interest in the shading on stream temperature. It has focused on understanding the effects of riparian forest harvesting (Beschta and Taylor, 1985; Macdonald *et al.*, 2003; Gomi *et al.*, 2004) and the negative impacts on maximum stream temperatures and the consequences for salmonids.

In the UK there is increasing interest in stream temperatures under climate change (Hannah *et al.*, 2008; Hrachowitz *et al.*, 2008). Areas of research can be considered since changes in temperature harvesting are likely to be similar to the converse situation of riparian plant

In both of the aforementioned situations a requirement to estimate (with confidence) changes associated with riparian cover. Here we present the results of a study with forest harvesting in an upland salmon stream. We use a Bayesian generalised linear model to estimate the maximum and range of stream temperatures associated with different levels of forest removal. We compare the observed during the study with the ability to detect differences in stream temperature data. We discuss the implications of harvested forest related to stream temperature. The statistical approach employed a BACI exper

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The influence of riparian woodland on the spatial and temporal variability of stream water temperatures in an upland salmon stream

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Abstract

The spatio-temporal variability of stream water temperatures in an upland salmon stream in Cairngorms, Scotland over a 10-year period. The effects of riparian forest cover on stream temperature variability are investigated. The findings are affected by the annual cycle of stream temperature variation in these controls. The impact of site-specific factors on stream temperature is investigated at shorter time scales, and the impact of riparian forest cover on stream temperature is investigated. The findings are affected by the annual cycle of stream temperature variation in these controls. The impact of site-specific factors on stream temperature is investigated at shorter time scales, and the impact of riparian forest cover on stream temperature is investigated.

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Introduction

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The influence of riparian woodland on stream temperatures: implications for the performance of juvenile salmonids

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Influence of contrasting riparian forest cover on stream temperature dynamics in salmonid spawning and nursery streams

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Stream temperature was measured in a tributary catchment of the River Tweed, Scotland, between April 2003 and May 2004. The effects of riparian forest cover on stream temperature variability are investigated. The findings are affected by the annual cycle of stream temperature variation in these controls. The impact of site-specific factors on stream temperature is investigated at shorter time scales, and the impact of riparian forest cover on stream temperature is investigated.

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KEY WORDS riparian cover; stream temperature; stream temperature
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Inter-annual variability in the effects of riparian woodland on micro-climate, energy exchanges and water temperature of an upland Scottish stream

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Abstract:

The influence of riparian woodland on stream temperature, micro-climate and energy exchange was investigated over seven calendar years. Continuous data were collected from two reaches of the Ginstock Burn (a tributary of the Aberdeenshire Dees, Scotland) with contrasting land use characteristics: (1) semi-natural riparian forest and (2) open moorland. In the moorland reach, wind speed and energy fluxes (especially net radiation, latent heat and sensible heat) varied considerably between years because of variable riparian micro-climate coupled strongly to prevailing meteorological conditions. In the forested reach, riparian vegetation sheltered the stream from meteorological conditions that produced a moderated micro-climate and thus energy exchange conditions, which were relatively stable between years. Net energy gains (losses) in spring and summer (autumn and winter) were typically greater in the moorland than the forest. However, when particularly high latent heat loss or low net radiation gain occurred in the moorland, net energy gain (loss) was less than that in the forest during the spring and summer (autumn and winter) months. Spring and summer water temperature was typically cooler in the forest and characterised by less

How does riparian woodland influence river temperature?

- Shading can reduce incoming shortwave radiation
- However, also reduces heat loss through evaporation & net longwave radiation

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A comparison of forest and moorland stream microclimate, heat exchanges and thermal dynamics

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Although the importance of riparian forest focuses on conifer harvesting effects and stream temperature, microclimate and heat exchange is warmer for moorland than forest in late range is greater for moorland than forest. Stream contrasting groundwater–surface water (GW humidity is lower, and wind speed is much sink in autumn–winter and major heat source in summer and lower in winter for moorland; spring–summer, with loss (gain) greater if for both reaches, with magnitude and varied fluxes at the air–water interface, with more different GW–SW interactions. Seasonal knowledge, this is the first such study of riparian forest. This research provides a process based decision making by land and water resource

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INTRODUCTION

Stream temperature is an important sensitive variable affecting physical, chemical processes (Poole and Berman, *et al.*, 2008; Caissie, 2006). It is control energy (heat) and hydrological fluxes and water–riverbed interfaces (Figure 1; 2004). Land and water management drivers and, thus, modify river thermal (Webb *et al.*, 2008). Recent work has entangle the multivariate influence of the factors that control river temperature (Isi 2001; Gu and Li, 2002). Numerous, mainly, studies have highlighted the impact of forest in moderating stream thermal (Chen *et al.*, 1998; Johnson and Jones, 2003; Malcolm *et al.*, 2004a; Dan Moore *et al.*, 2005b; Gomi *et al.*, 2006), has focused on timber harvesting effect maximum temperature (Johnson, 2003).

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Stream temperature under contrasting riparian forest cover: Understanding thermal dynamics and heat exchange processes

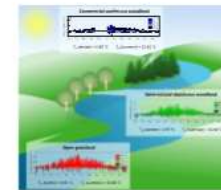
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HIGHLIGHTS

- We assess stream temperature and energy fluxes under 3 riparian vegetation types.
- Stream temperature varies significantly between different vegetation types.
- Net energy fluxes are greatest in open grassland and lowest in coniferous woodland.
- Results of this study have implications for riparian tree planting schemes.

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ABSTRACT

Climate change is likely to increase summer temperatures in many river environments, raising concerns that this will reduce their thermal suitability for a range of freshwater fish species. As a result, river managers have pursued riparian tree planting due to its ability to moderate stream temperatures by providing shading. However, little is known about the relative ability of different riparian forest types to moderate stream temperatures. Further research is therefore necessary to inform best-practice riparian tree planting strategies. This article contrasts stream temperature and energy fluxes under three riparian vegetation types common to Europe: open grassland terrain (OS), semi-natural deciduous woodland (SNS), and commercial conifer plantation (CS). Data was recorded over the course of a year by weather stations installed in each of the vegetation types. Mean daily stream temperature was generally warmest at OS and coolest at CS. Energy gains at all sites were dominated by shortwave radiation, whereas losses were principally due to longwave and latent heat flux. The magnitude of shortwave radiation received at the water surface was strongly dependent upon vegetation type, with OS and SNS woodland sites receiving approximately 6× and 4× (respectively) the incoming solar radiation of CS. Although CS lost less energy through longwave or latent fluxes than the other sites, net surface heat flux was ordered OS > SNS > CS, mirroring the stream temperature results. These findings demonstrate that energy fluxes at the air–water inter-

Channel shading models

- Comparisons of shading in forested and unforested channels of different characteristics
- Importantly, they do not consider hydrology and hydraulics



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GUIDELINES FOR RIPARIAN VEGETATIVE SHADE RESTORATION BASED UPON A THEORETICAL SHADED-STREAM MODEL¹

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MODELING STREAM SHADE: RIPARIAN BUFFER HEIGHT AND DENSITY AS IMPORTANT AS BUFFER WIDTH¹

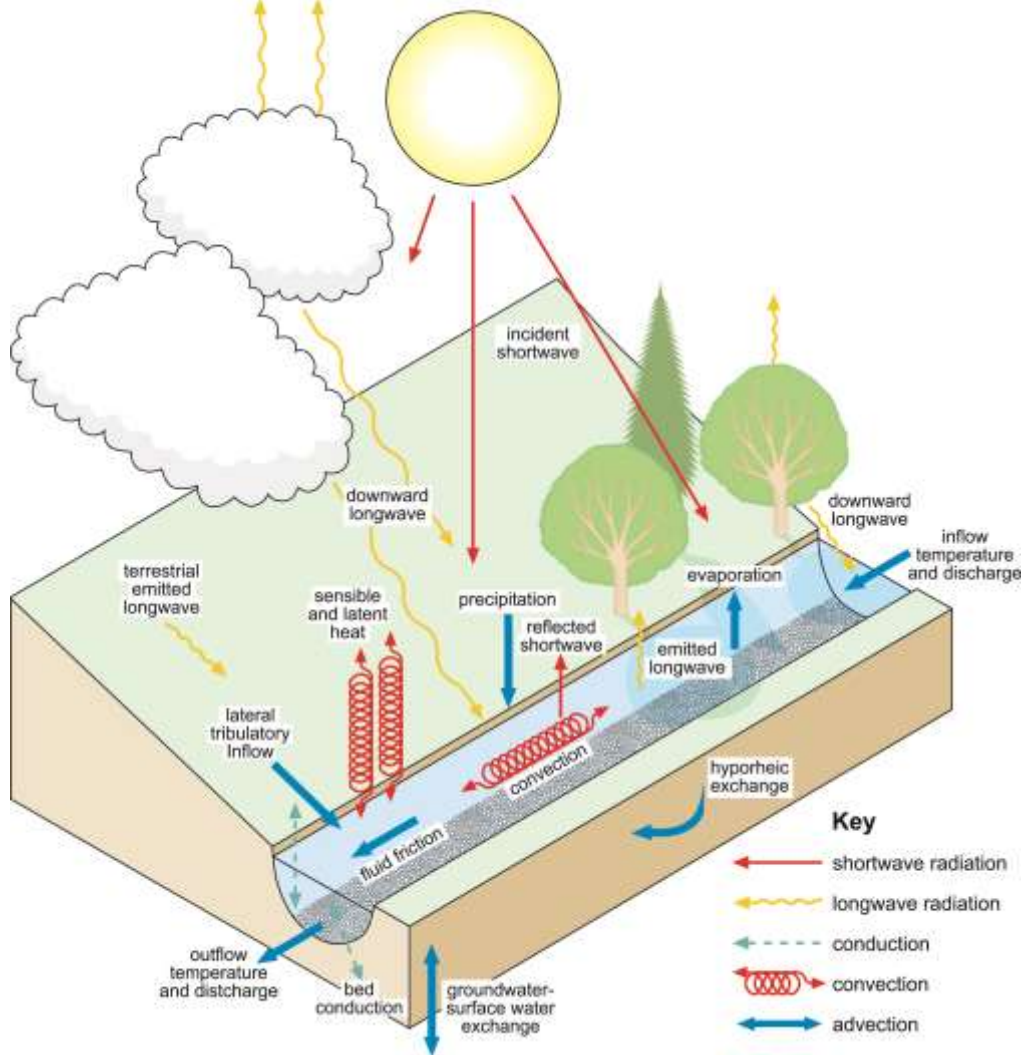
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ABSTRACT: A theoretical model was developed to explore impacts of varying buffer zone characteristics on shading of small streams using a path-length form of Beer's law to represent the transmission of direct beam solar radiation through vegetation. Impacts of varying buffer zone height, width, and radiation extinction coefficients (surrogate for buffer density) on shading were determined for E-W and N-S stream azimuths in infinitely long stream sections at 40°N on the summer solstice. Increases in buffer width produced little additional shading beyond buffer widths of 6-7 m for E-W streams due to shifts in solar beam pathway from the sides to the tops of the buffers. Buffers on the north bank of E-W streams produced 30% of daily shade, while the south-bank buffer produced 70% of total daily shade. For N-S streams an optimum buffer width was less-clearly defined, but a buffer width of about 18-20 m produced about 85-90% of total predicted shade. The model results supported past field studies showing buffer widths of 9-11 m were sufficient for stream temperature control. Regardless of stream azimuth, increases in buffer height and extinction coefficient (buffer density) were found to substantially increase shading up to the maximum tree height and stand density likely encountered in the field. Model results suggest that at least 80% shade on small streams up to 6-m wide can be achieved in mid-latitudes with relatively narrow 12-m wide buffers, regardless of stream azimuth, as long as buffers are tall (≈30 m) and dense (leaf area index ≈6). Although wide buffers may be preferred to provide other benefits, results suggest that increasing buffer widths beyond about 12 m will have a limited effect on stream shade at mid-latitudes and that greater emphasis should be placed on the creation of dense, tall buffers to maximize stream shading.

(KEY TERMS: stream shading; Beer's law; forest extinction coefficients; stream azimuth; leaf area index; buffer zone width; buffer zone height.)

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Processes based Tw models



River temperature modelling: A review of process-based approaches and future directions

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ABSTRACT

River temperature has a major influence on biophysical processes in lotic environments. River temperature is expected to increase due to climate change, with potentially adverse consequences for water quality and ecosystems. Consequently, a better understanding of the drivers of river temperature space-time variability is important for developing adaptation strategies. However, existing river temperature archives are often of low resolution or short timespan, and the analysis of patterns or trends can therefore be difficult. In light of these limitations, researchers have increasingly used models to generate river temperature estimates suitable for addressing fundamental and applied questions in river science. Of these models, process-based approaches are well suited to helping improve knowledge of the mechanisms controlling river temperature, because of their ability to explore the energy (and water) fluxes responsible for temperature patterns. While process-based modelling approaches can often be more data intensive than their statistical counterparts, they offer significant advantages with regard to simulating the impacts of projected land use or climate change, and can provide valuable insights for informing the development of statistical models at larger scales. However, a wide range of process-based river temperature models exist, and choosing the most appropriate model for a given investigation requires careful consideration. In this paper, we review the foundations of process-based river temperature modelling and critically evaluate the features and functionality of existing models with a view to helping river scientists better understand their utility. In conclusion, we discuss key considerations and limitations of currently available process-based models and advocate directions for future research. We hope that this review will enable river researchers and managers to make informed decisions regarding model selection and spur the continued refinement of process-based temperature models for addressing fundamental and applied questions in the river sciences.

1. Introduction

River temperature is one of the most important river habitat variables (Cainle, 2006; Hannah and Garner, 2015), controlling biogeochemical processes (Durance and Ormerod, 2009; Kaushal et al., 2010), ecosystem dynamics (Durance and Ormerod, 2009; Billocher et al., 2008; Dugdale et al., 2016) and water quality (Finlay, 2003; Bloomfield et al., 2006; Delpla et al., 2009). Quantifying river temperature is therefore key for improved understanding of fluvial environments. River temperature regimes in most locations are expected to change as a result of future climate change (van Vliet et al., 2013; Caldwell et al., 2015; Hannah and Garner, 2015; Muñoz-Mas et al., 2016) and other anthropogenic drivers (e.g. abstraction, impoundment, land-use change; Poole and Berman, 2001; Hester and Doyle, 2011). However, shortcomings in several key aspects of river temperature research mean

that little is currently known about the complex nature of future temperature variability. River temperature science has in the past been based on data with low spatial and temporal resolution, frequently collected as a side product of water quality and/or ecological sampling. Water temperature data quality is consequently highly variable and elucidating the controls of river temperature remains difficult (Webb et al., 2004; Jonsson and Jonsson, 2009; Watts et al., 2015). Efforts have been made to resolve this using novel temperature logger networks (e.g. Inak et al., 2010; Jackson et al., 2016; Boyer et al., 2016) or remote sensing techniques (see Dugdale, 2016). While such investigations are fast becoming the new norm, process-based understanding has not always kept pace with methodological development, and the exact mechanisms controlling river temperature heterogeneity remain difficult to isolate (Hannah and Garner, 2015). Further research into river temperature dynamics is consequently of key importance with regard to

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Figure from Hannah *et al* 2008

Bridging the gap between simple shading models and more complex deterministic river temperature models that incorporate a wider range of heat exchange, hydrological and hydraulic process

A deterministic river temperature model to prioritize management of riparian woodlands to reduce summer maximum river temperatures

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Abstract

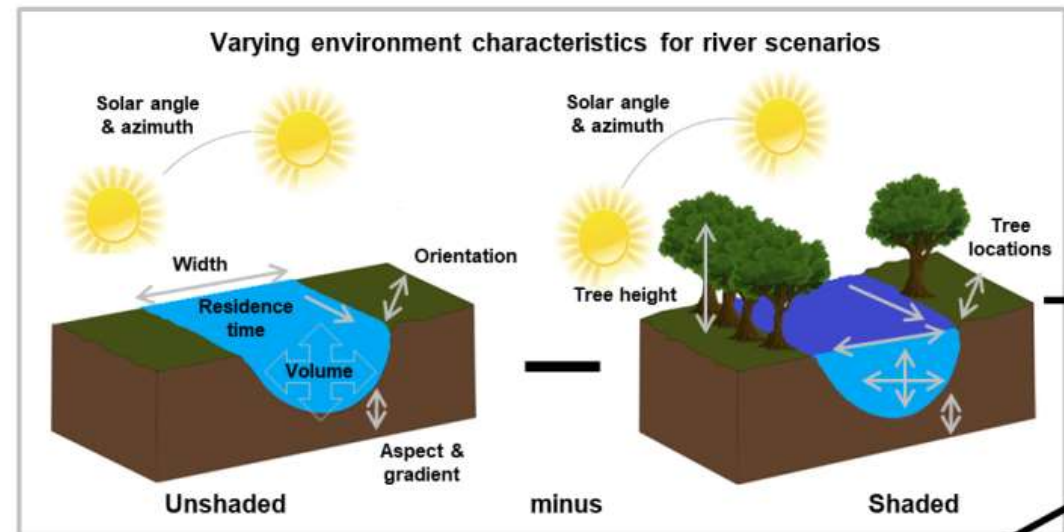
Increasing river temperatures are a threat to cold water species including ecologically and economically important freshwater fish, such as Atlantic salmon. In 2018, ca. 70% of Scottish rivers experienced temperatures which cause thermal stress in juvenile salmon, a situation expected to become increasingly common under climate change. Management of riparian woodlands is proven to protect cold water habitats. However, creation of new riparian woodlands can be costly and logistically challenging. It is therefore important that planting can be prioritized to areas where it is most needed and can be most effective in reducing river temperatures. The effects of riparian woodland on channel shading depend on complex interactions between channel width, orientation, aspect, gradient, tree height and solar geometry. Subsequent effects on river temperature are influenced by water volume and residence time. This study developed a deterministic river temperature model, driven by energy gains from solar radiation that are modified by water volume and residence time. The resulting output is a planting prioritization metric that compares potential warming between scenarios with and without riparian woodland. The prioritization metric has a reach scale spatial resolution, but can be mapped at large spatial scales using information obtained from a digital river network. The results indicate that water volume and residence time, as represented by river order, are a dominant control on the effectiveness of riparian woodland in reducing river temperature. Ignoring these effects could result in a sub-optimal prioritization process and inappropriate resource allocation. Within river order, effectiveness of riparian shading depends on interactions between channel and landscape characteristics. Given the complexity and interacting nature of controls, the use of simple universal planting criteria is not appropriate. Instead, managers should be provided with maps that translate complex models into readily useable tools to prioritize riparian tree planting to mitigate the impacts of high river temperatures.

KEYWORDS

deterministic modelling, management, riparian woodland, river temperature, solar radiation, trees

What factors influence the effects of riparian woodland on stream temperature?

- Discharge (water volume)
- Mean column velocity (how much time does water spend in shaded reach)
- Channel width (how much radiation is received, and how much of the channel is shaded)
- Channel orientation and aspect (how does orientation of vegetation and channel interact with solar position to affect receipt of radiation)
- Channel gradient (solar angles)
- Tree height, location and density

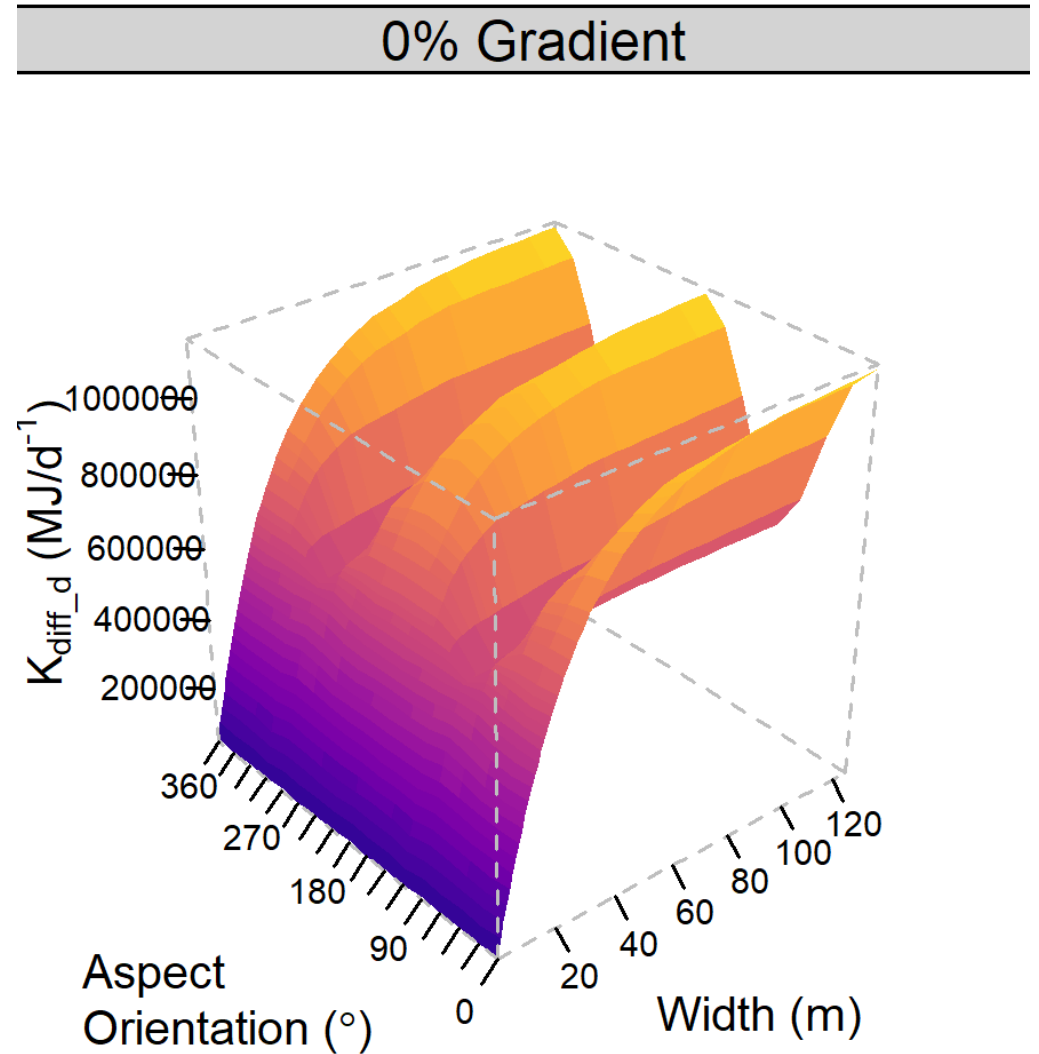


Daily radiation differences K_{diff_d} no trees – trees on both banks

Positive effect of width on K_{diff_d} for lower river widths (< ca. 40m) where trees can shade whole channel

K_{diff_d} highest for N-S / S-N channels and lowest for E-W / W-E channels

Small effect of gradient - north facing rivers less shading than south facing slopes



Effects of hydrology and hydraulics

Hydrology and hydraulics (river order)

SEPA gauging Data (Q & V)

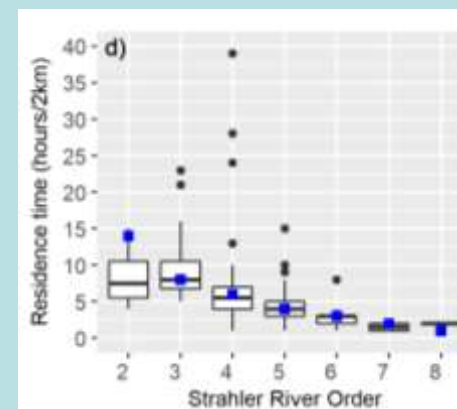
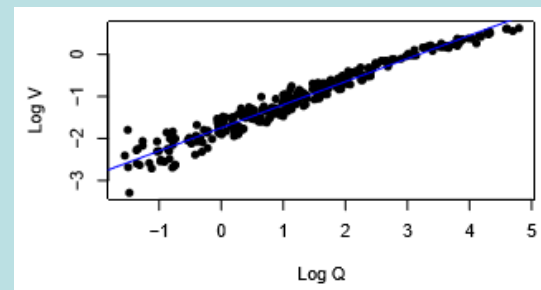
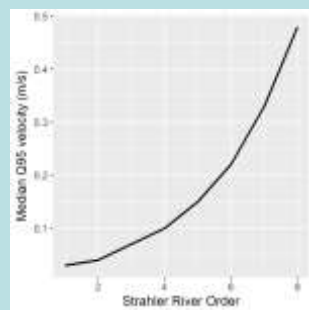
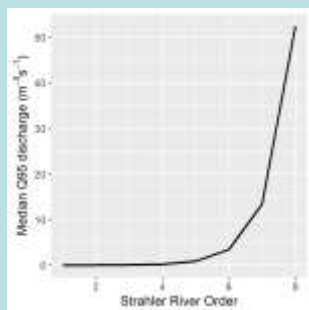
Obtain River Order

NRFA Flow Statistics Q95

Model Velocity $\sim Q$

Mean column velocity at Q95

Model average Q and V by river order



Solar Arc model

Kdiff: difference from no tree baseline shortwave

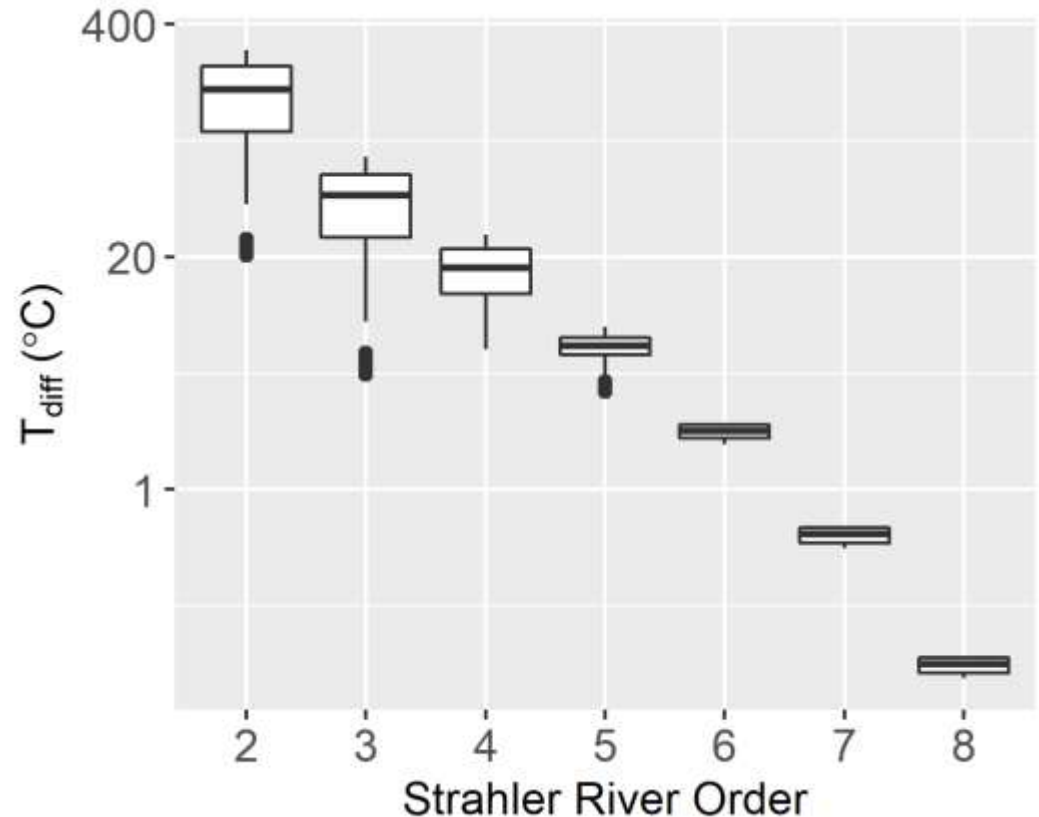
Tw gain over reach (assuming no losses)

Tdiff: difference from no tree baseline

Temperature differences T_{diff}

Large water volumes and short residence times in higher order rivers offset the greater differences in solar radiation receipt (shading) generating smaller differences in temperature

Within river orders, variability in T_{diff} is controlled by width, orientation, aspect and gradient



Planting Potential

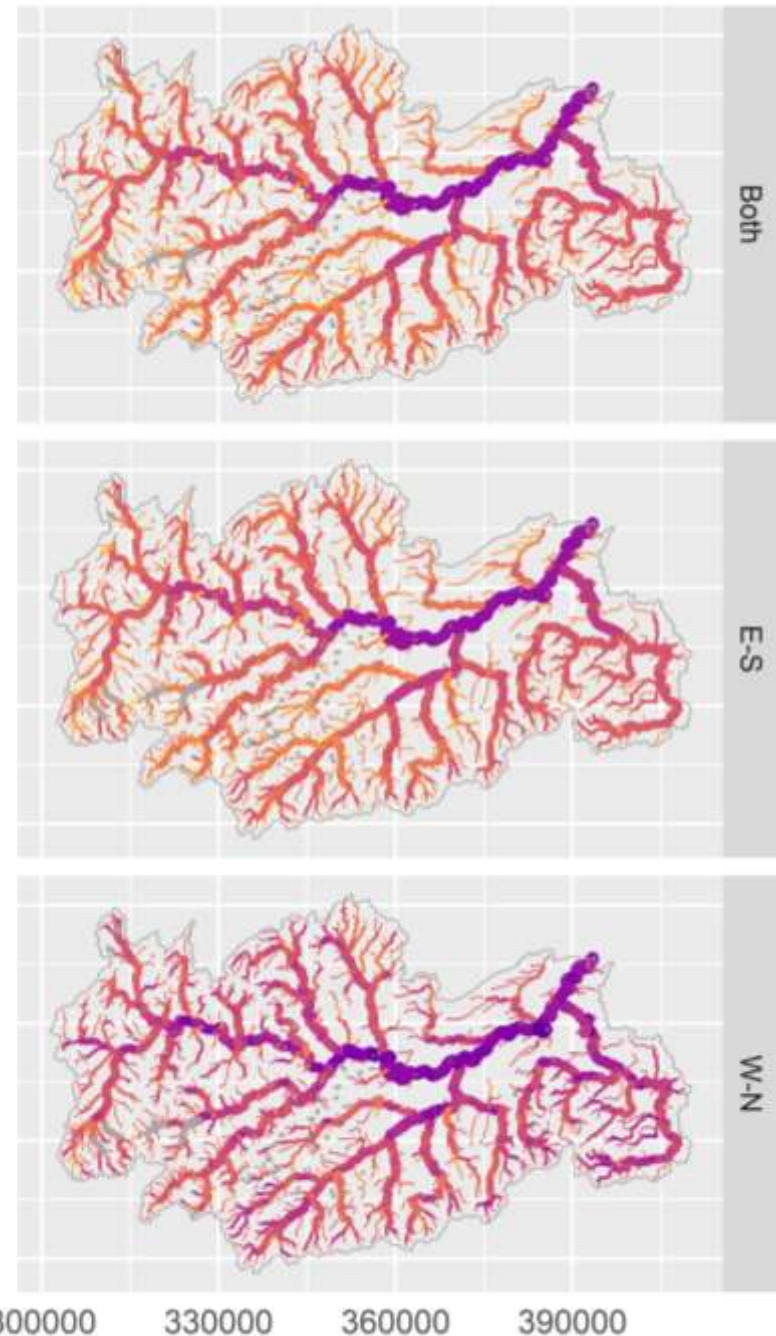
T_{diff} prioritises \downarrow in temperature over a given reach

Greatest effect in smaller rivers characterised by lower water velocities, longer residence times and smaller water volumes

Small effect in large rivers

Within river order variability driven by short-wave energy receipt controlled by width, orientation, aspect & gradient

T_{diff}



Combining criteria into a single planting prioritisation score

Riparian Woodland Prioritisation Scores for Scotland

- SRTMN and planting potential layers can be used individually to target constrained resources
- Released tools as they became available over a number of years
- Feedback from trusts and boards was wanted a single simple layer which combines performance criteria 1) where is hottest 2) where will change most and 3) where trees can reduce temperatures most
- Numerous ways to combine, present and rescale depending on policy and management goals

Method for developing Riparian Woodland Prioritisation Scores

Performance criteria

Max Temperature

Climate sensitivity

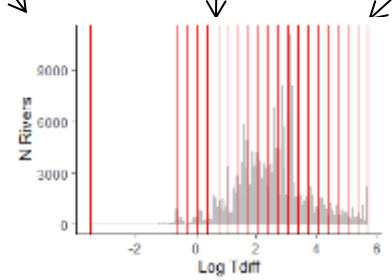
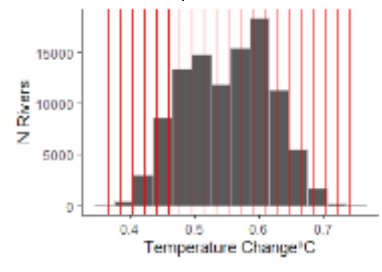
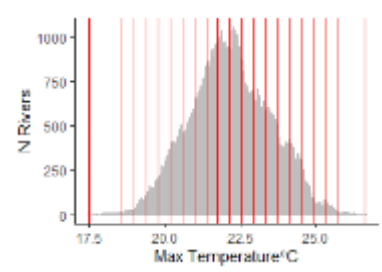
Tdiff (planting prioritisation)

Both Banks

ES Banks

WN Banks

generate 20 categories / ranks equally distributed across the range (omitting outliers +/- 3 times SD)



Riparian Woodland Prioritisation Scores – National
(theoretical range 1-20)
1 is low priority - low Tw, weak climate sensitivity & only a small Tw ↓ gained from planting trees

Both Banks

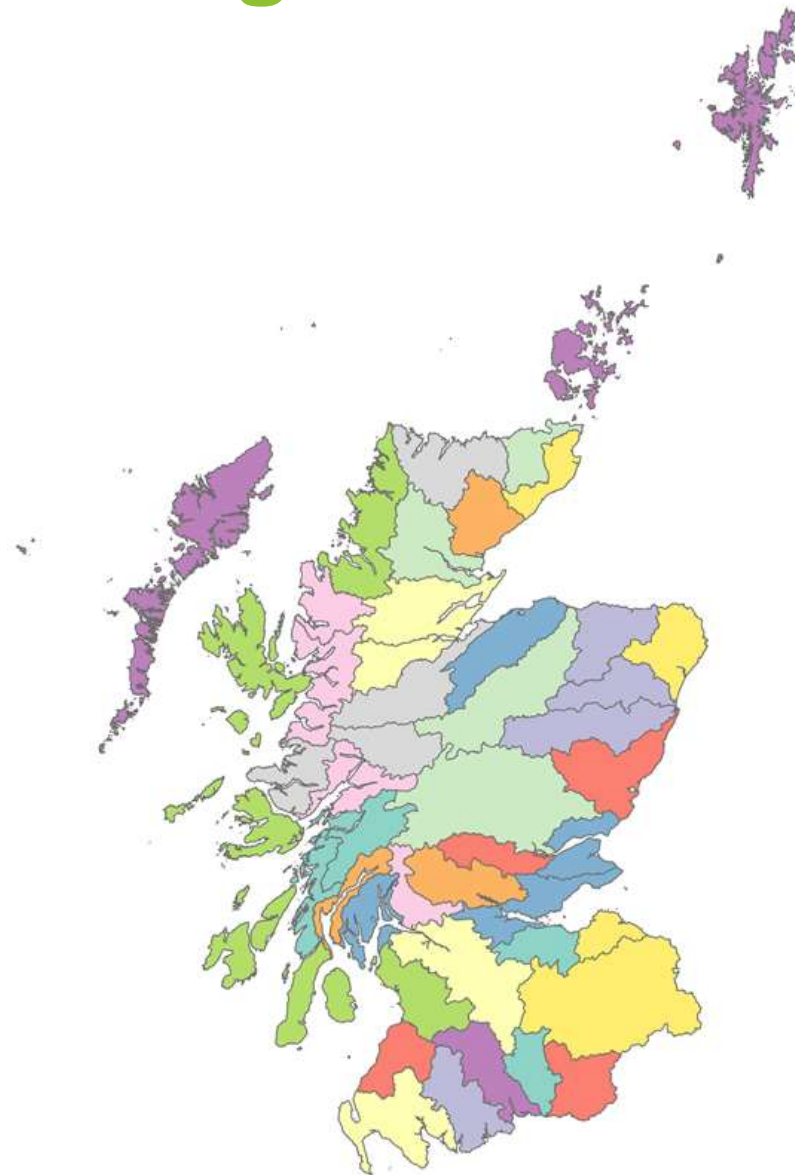
ES Banks

WN Banks

Currently recommended tool for prioritising riparian tree planting at national scale

Combined ranking layers – regional scale

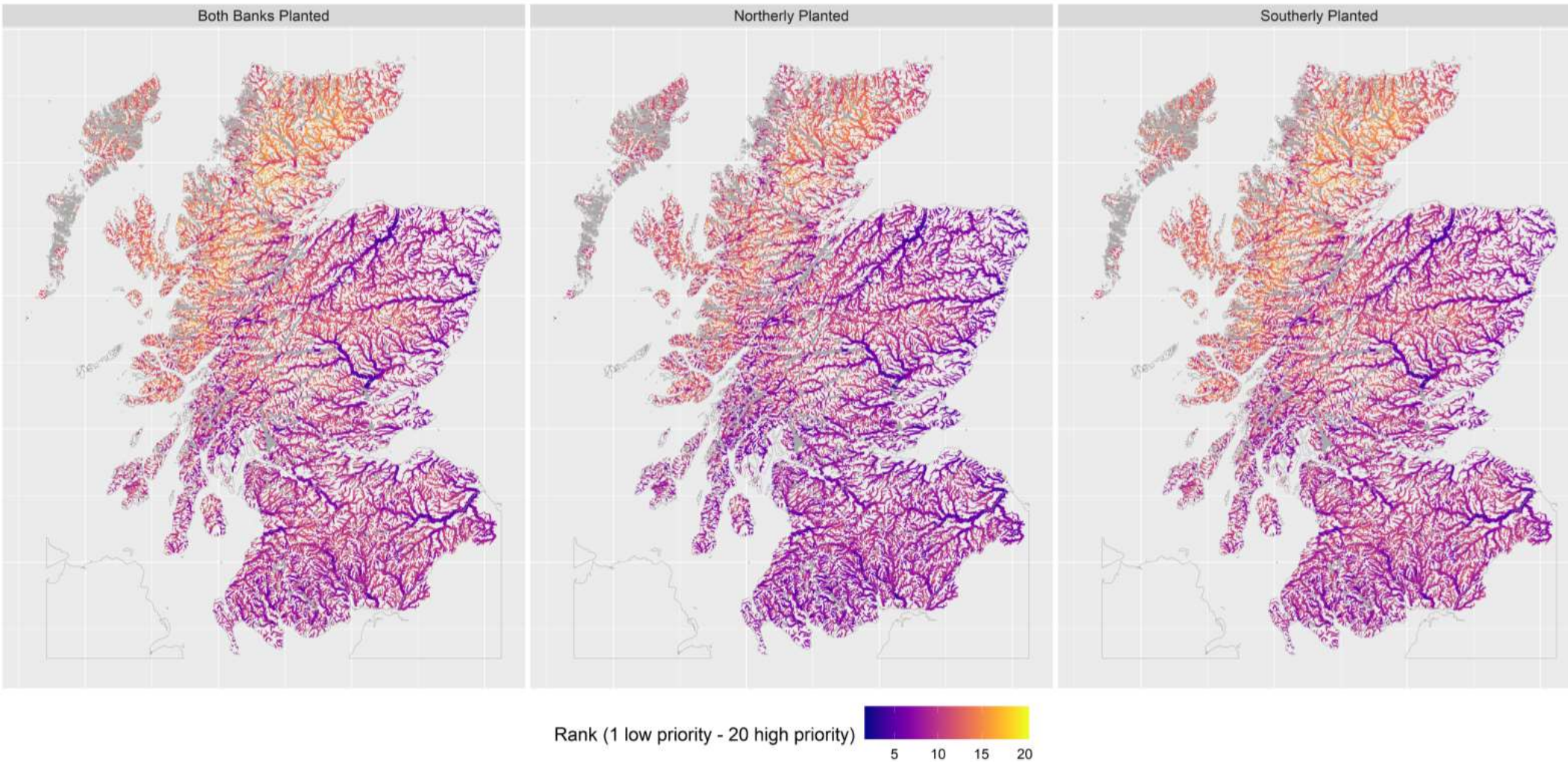
- Re-scale of national ranks
- Get range of ranks for each hydrometric area in Scotland
- Rescale observed values to each region and generate 1 to 20 Riparian Woodland Prioritisation Scores for each HA
- Gives potential score of 1-20 in each region



Currently recommended tool for
prioritising riparian tree planting at local /
within hydrometric area scale

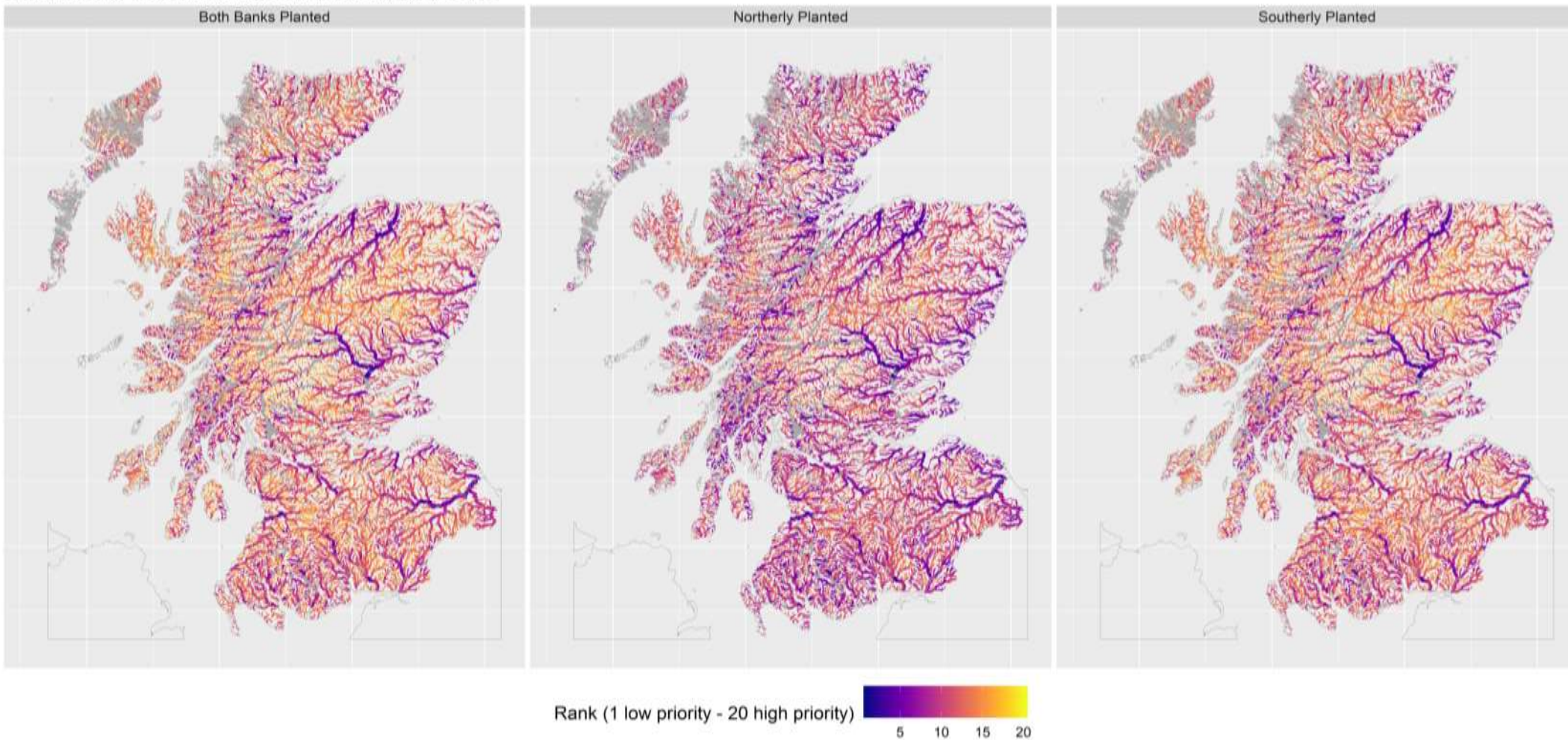
Combined ranking layers – nationally scale

SRTMN nationally scaled riparian woodland prioritisation scores



Combined ranking layers – locally scaled (hydrometric area)

SRTMN locally scaled riparian woodland prioritisation scores



How can I access these tools?

Finding further information on tools

SRTMN Outputs and Tools webpage

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotland-river-temperature-monitoring-network-srtmn/pages/outputs-and-tools/>

Including instructions on how to use NMPI and how to use WMS layers



A screenshot of the Scottish Government website page for the Scotland River Temperature Monitoring Network (SRTMN). The page is titled "PUBLICATION - ADVICE AND GUIDANCE" and "Scotland River Temperature Monitoring Network (SRTMN)". It includes a search bar at the top right, a navigation menu with "Publications" selected, and a "Supporting documents" button. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar with a table of contents and a main content area. The table of contents includes: Overview, Network design, Collaborating organisations, Quality control, Temperature and logger calibration, Outputs and tools (highlighted), and River temperature research references. The main content area is titled "Outputs and tools" and contains an "Information leaflets" section. The leaflet section describes the SRTMN dataset and provides a link to a "Summer 2018 river temperatures (download PDF)" leaflet. The leaflet text states: "The summer of 2018 was the hottest recorded summer in Scotland. Climate change projections suggest similar conditions could occur every other year by 2050. This leaflet identifies how temperatures varied around Scotland and the potential consequences for Atlantic salmon." There are also links to "Scotland River Temperature Monitoring Network (SRTMN)" and "River temperature research references".

<https://fms.scot/events/sfcc-biologists-meeting/sfcc-biologists-meeting-presentations-2022-2/>

Conclusions

- River temperature important control on salmonids likely to become an increasing problem under climate change
- Riparian woodland can reduce river temperatures
- Riparian Woodland Prioritisation Scores can be used to target constrained resources
- Scaling is possible at national or regional scales depending on objectives
- Possible to combine with other spatial datasets or tools (e.g. JHI Woodland Prioritisation tool)

Where can I get more information?

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotland-river-temperature-monitoring-network-srtmn/>

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 MAPS: NMPI (part of Scotland's environment)
 Background: Water temp growth, and fish and the concern on change.

Background
 River temperature is important for growth and survival of freshwater fish. There are concerns that increasing river temperatures could have a detrimental effect. Atlantic salmon exhibit thermal stress at ca.23°C with mortality at ca.33°C. Brown trout die where maximum temperatures exceed ca.30°C.

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