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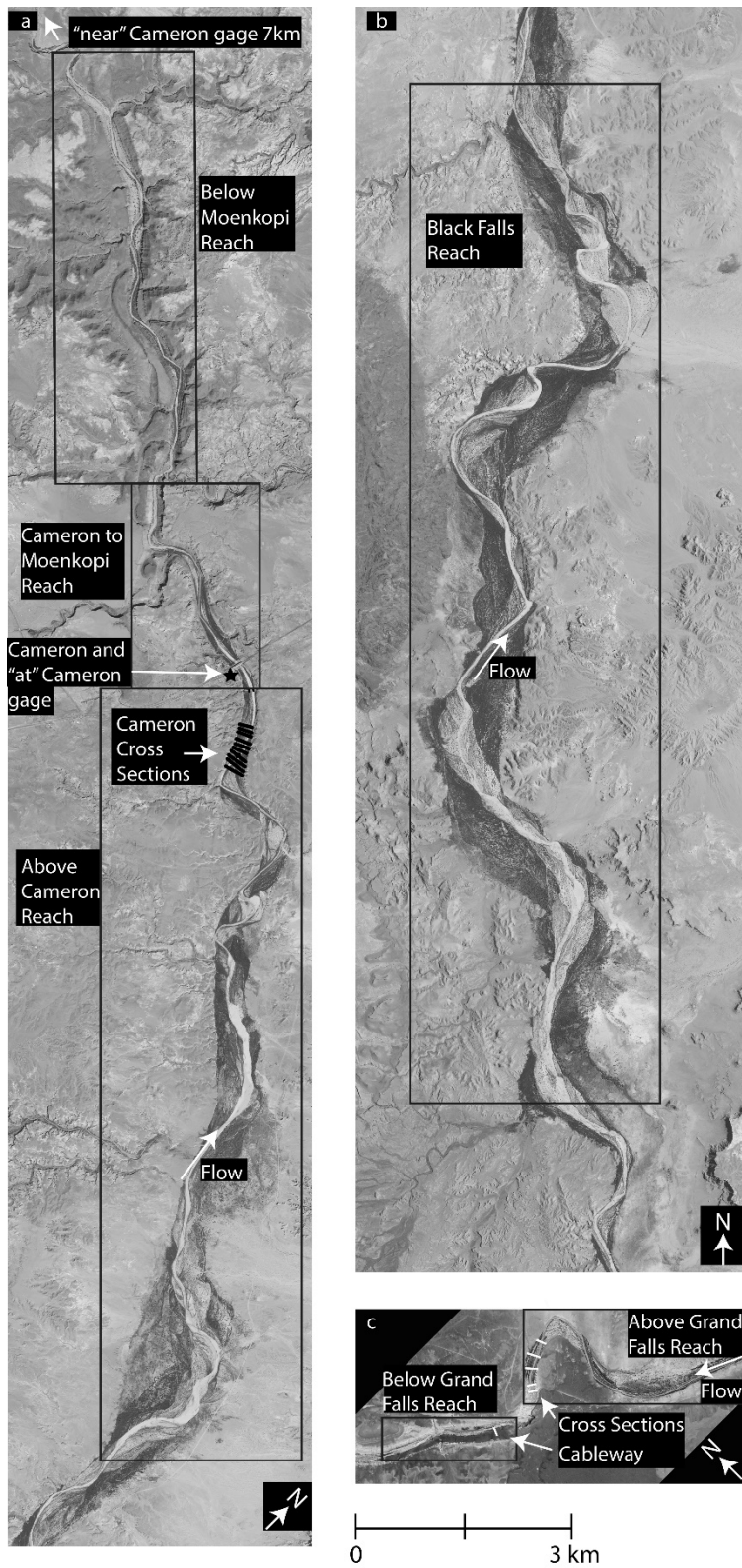


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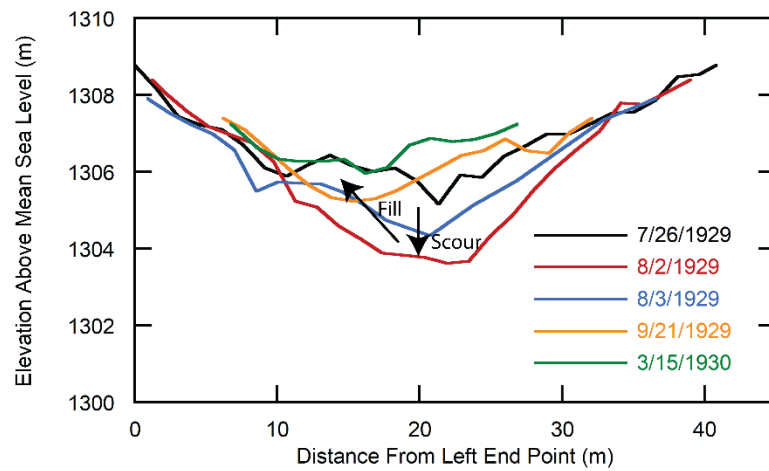


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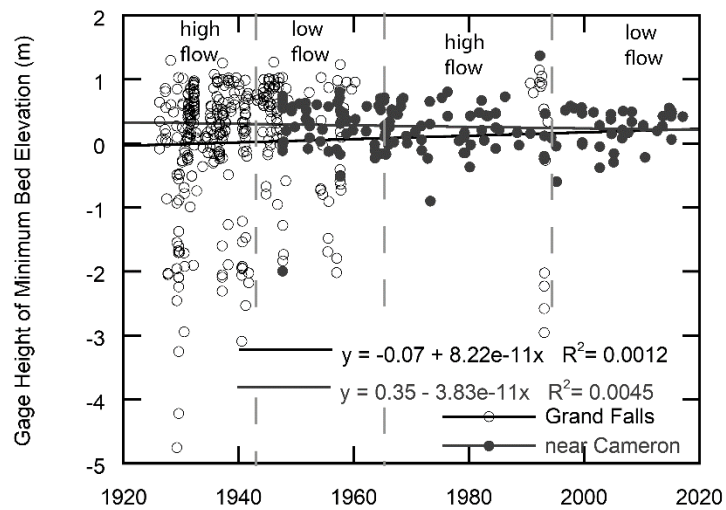


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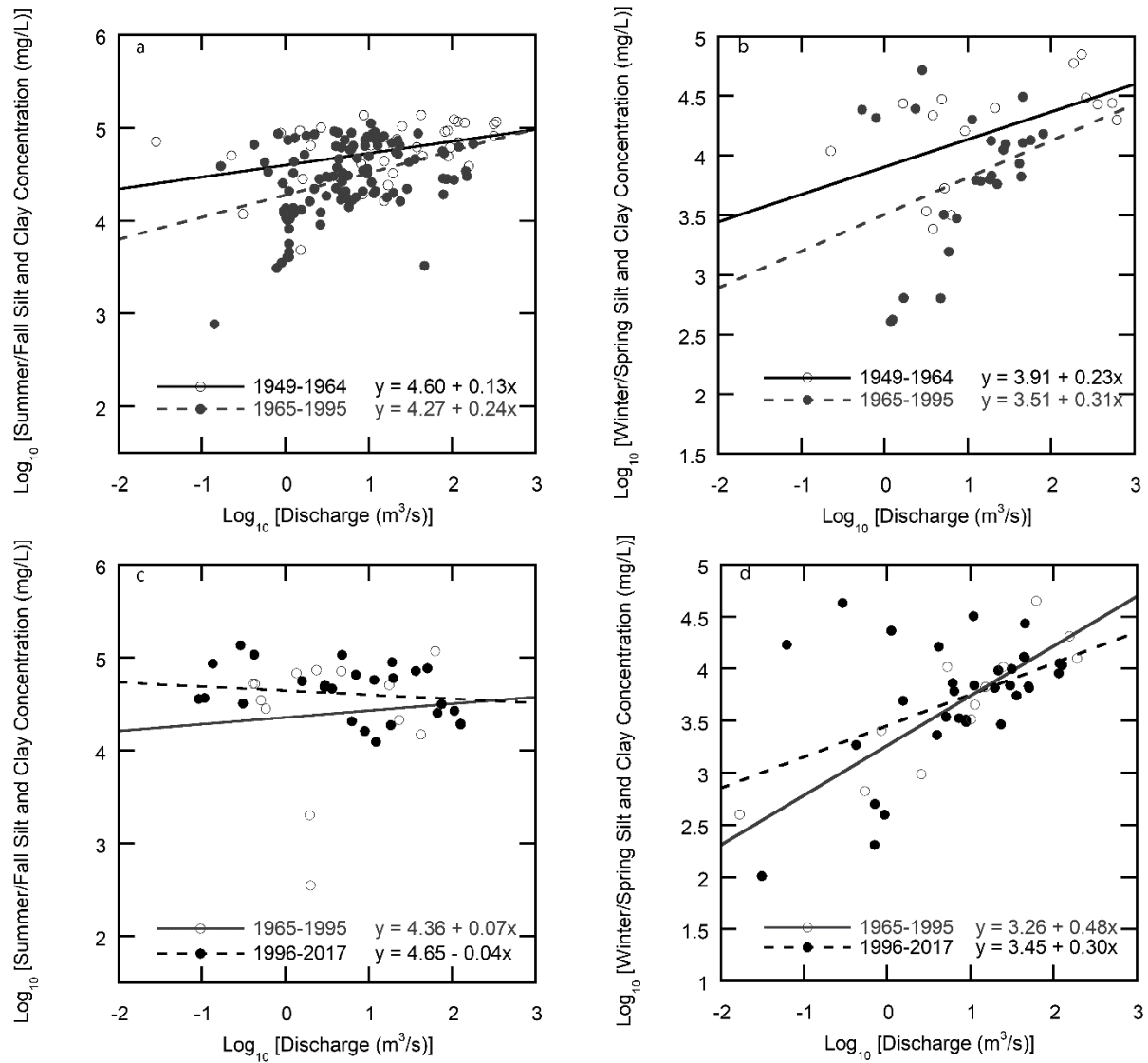


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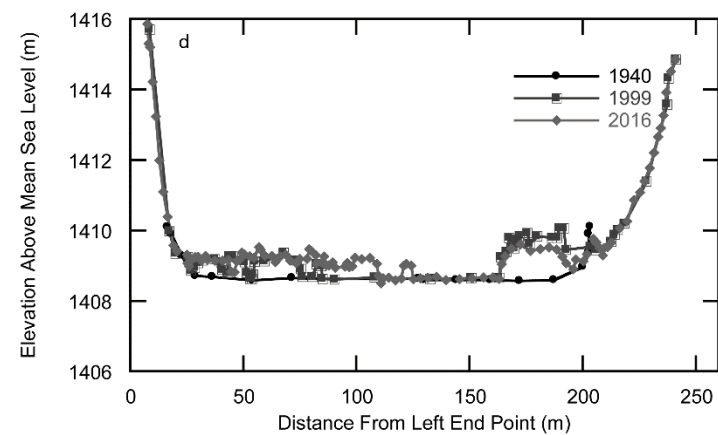
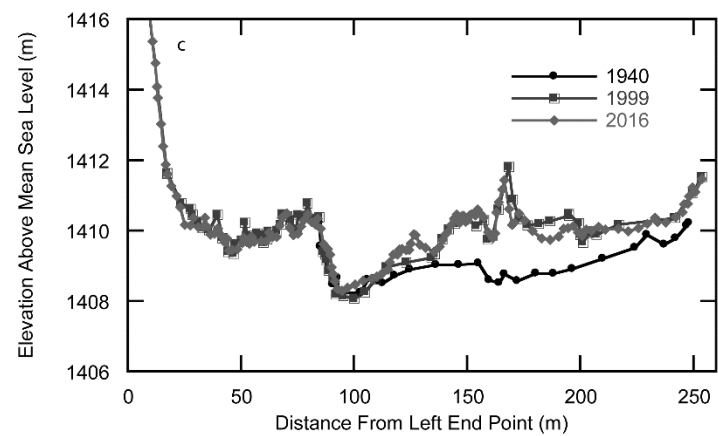
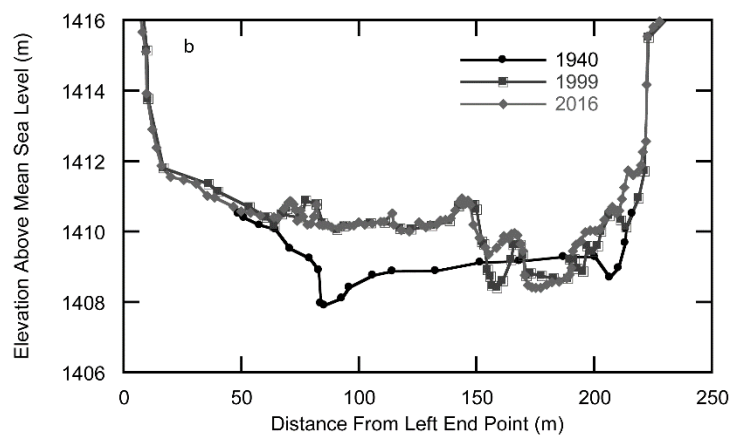
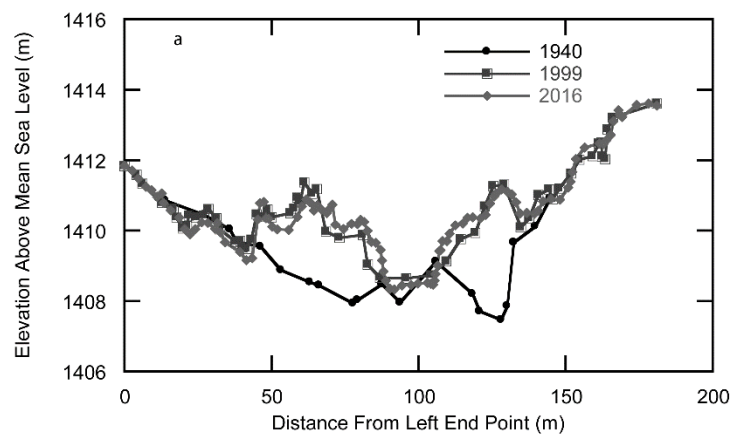
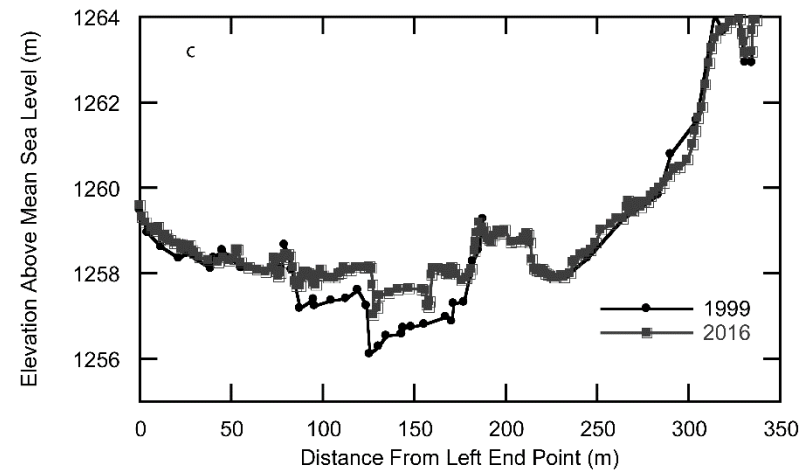
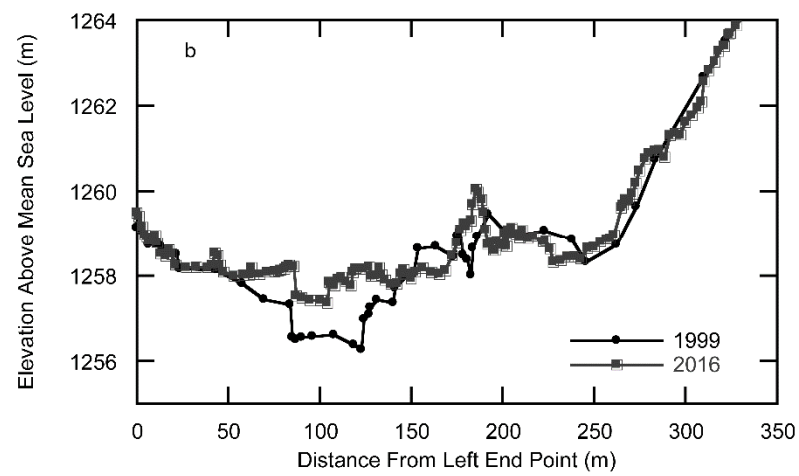
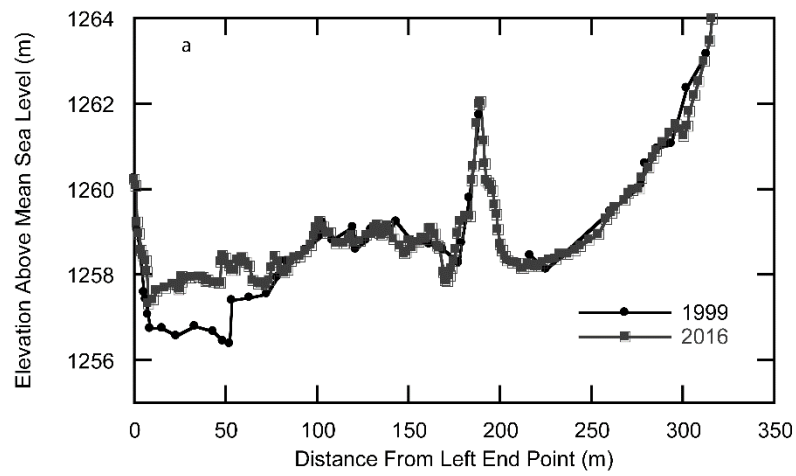
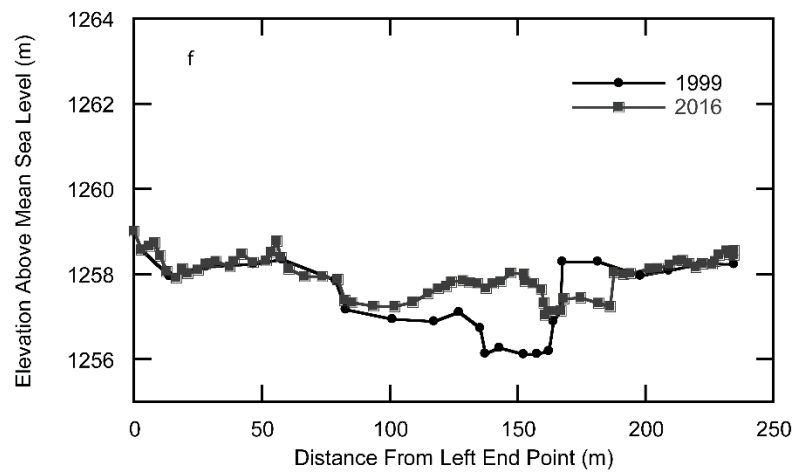
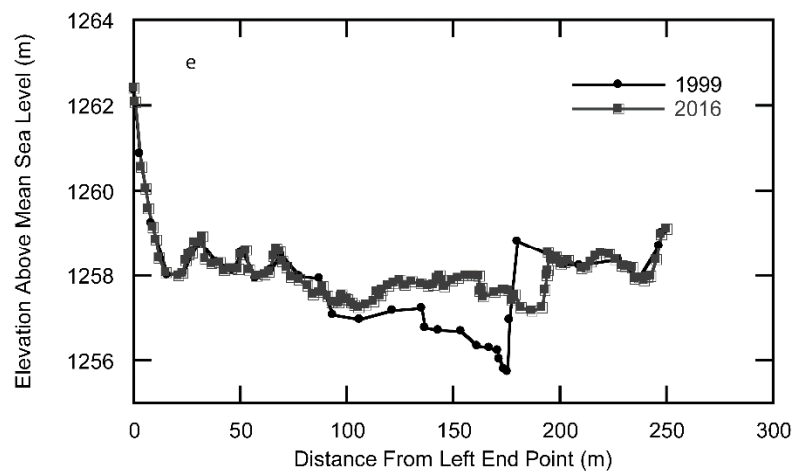
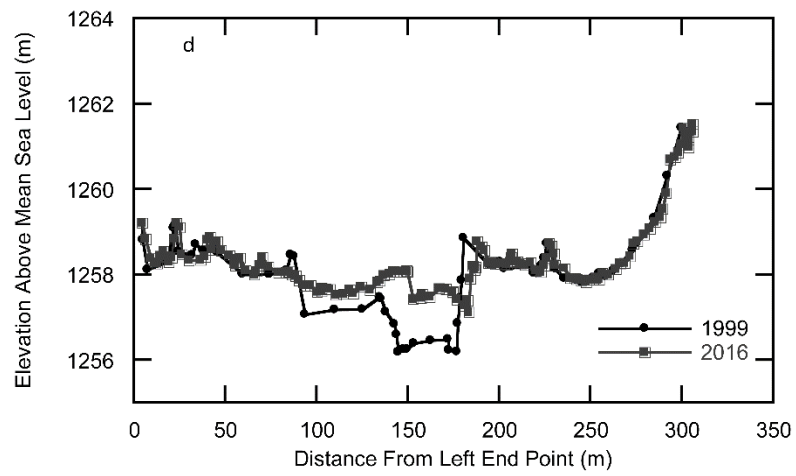


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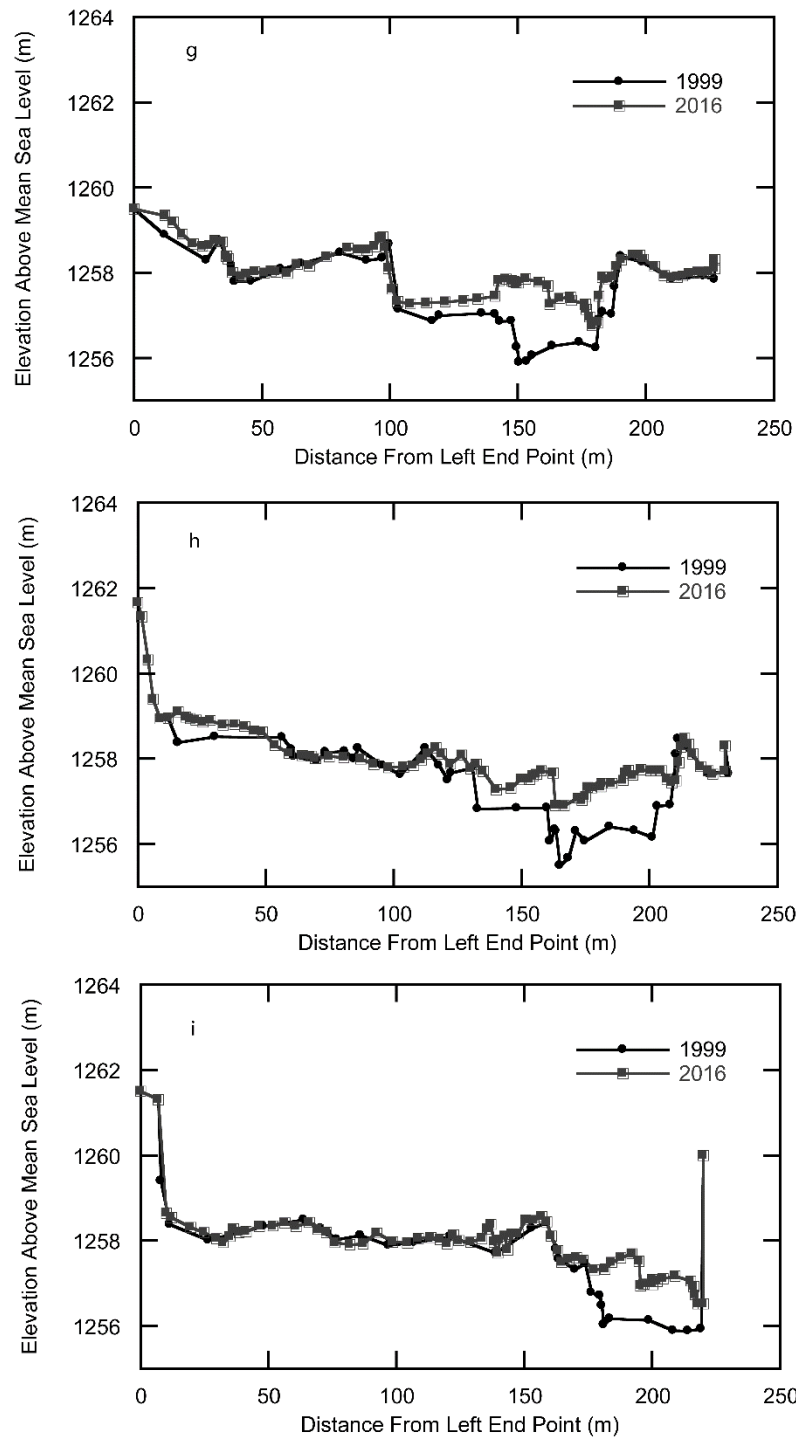


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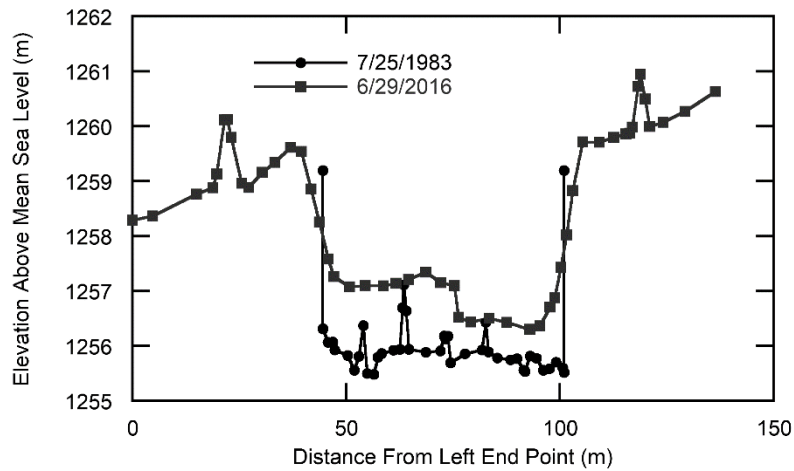


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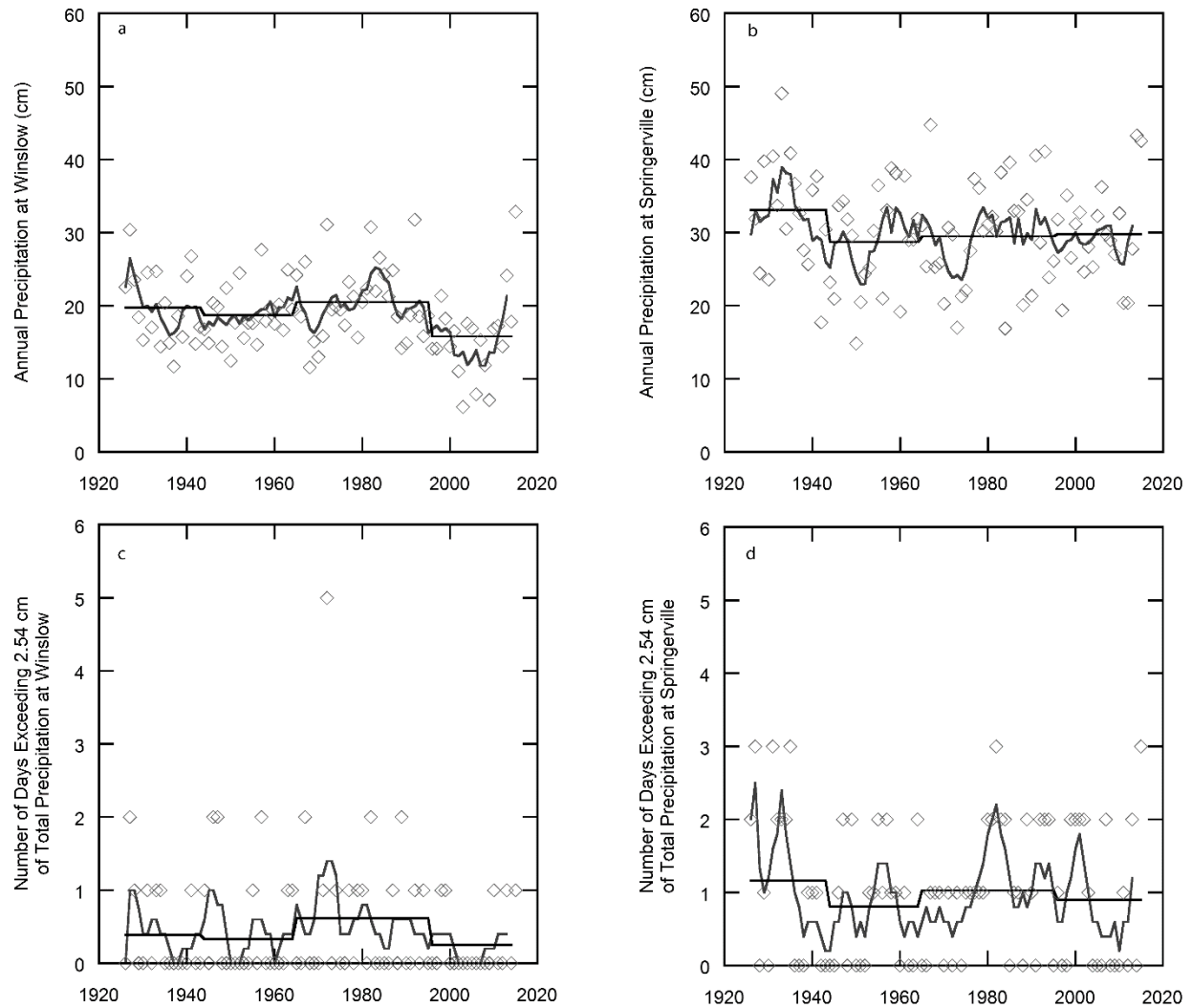


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Table DR1. Sediment Sampling Locations

Location	Time period of Sampling
Little Colorado River at Grand Falls, AZ (station #09401000)	1931, 1990-1994, 2002- 2014
Little Colorado River <i>at</i> Cameron, AZ (station #09401200)	1947-1970, 1974-1986, 1994-2000
Little Colorado River <i>near</i> Cameron, AZ (station #09402000)	1957-1958, 1966-1970, 1994-present
Little Colorado River above the mouth near Desert View, AZ (station #09402300)	1983, 1991-1993, 1998, 2003-present

Table DR2. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH SOURCES

Digital scans of the 1930s imagery were obtained from the National Archives and Records Administration, and scans of the later imagery were obtained from the USGS Earth Resources Observation and Science Center. Scans were obtained at the highest possible resolution. Digital imagery taken in 2007, 2010, and 2013 were orthorectified by the National Aerial Imagery Program (NAIP). Digital scans for the previous years were orthorectified by Pinnacle Mapping Technologies in Flagstaff, AZ, using photogrammetric block calibration in ERDAS IMAGINE. The reported Root Mean Square Errors (RMSEs) for orthorectification are reported in Table DR3.

Year	Source	Obtained from
1933-1934	U.S. Soil Conservation Service	NARA*
1936	U.S. Soil Conservation Service	NARA
1952-1954	U.S. Army Map Service	USGS EROS†
1968	U.S. Geological Survey	USGS EROS
1979	U.S. Geological Survey	USGS EROS
1992	National Aerial Photography Program	USGS EROS
1997	National Aerial Photography Program	USGS EROS
2007	National Agricultural Imagery Program	USGS EROS
2010	National Agricultural Imagery Program	USGS EROS
2013	National Agricultural Imagery Program	USGS EROS

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Table DR3. ERRORS ASSOCIATED WITH CHANNEL WIDTH MEASUREMENTS ON AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Uncertainty in the delineation of the active-channel boundaries were evaluated using the methods of Mount et al. (2003) and Swanson et al. (2011) where the error in active-channel width delineation (E_w) is defined as follows:

$$E_w = \sqrt{2\rho R} + 2\Theta, \quad (1)$$

where $\sqrt{2\rho R}$ is the error associated with digitizing the bank lines, and 2Θ is the image distortion error. Here, ρ is the mean width between repeat bank-line digitizations in meters and R is pixel resolution in m/pixel. For each year of aerial imagery, we calculated ρ by digitizing the left and right bank of a 5 km section of the *above Cameron* reach, 5 times each, and then calculated the mean distance of each line from the digitized active-channel boundary; the *above Cameron* reach is the reach with the greatest geomorphic complexity. During this process, we made sure to digitize the boundaries of all channel-margin features where there was uncertainty in the original active-channel delineation. In 1968, there was insufficient aerial photograph coverage of the *above Cameron* reach, therefore, we calculated ρ using a 5 km section of the *Black Falls* reach. In 1952, there were only photographs of the *above* and *below Grand Falls* reaches, therefore we calculated ρ using a 5km section of the those two reaches that spanned both upstream and downstream of the falls. The image distortion error 2Θ was evaluated as 2 times the RMSE, or the reported uncertainty in the ground sample distance compared to the true ground distance reported for the NAIP imagery.

Date	Reaches [*]	Width error ρ	Scan Resolution R (m/pixel)	Digitization Error $\sqrt{2\rho R}$, (m)	RMSE (pixels)	Θ (m)	Total Error E_w (m)
1933-1934 [†]	Cameron [§]	6.46	0.40	2.27	0.10	0.04	2.35
10/7/1936	Black Falls	6.46	0.90	3.41	0.10	0.09	3.59
1933-1934 [†]	Grand Falls [#]	6.46	0.50	2.54	2.80	1.40	5.34
9/11/1953, 4/1/1954	Cameron	2.61	1.00	2.28	1.31	1.31	4.90
4/1/1954	Black Falls	2.61	1.00	2.28	1.46	1.46	5.20
10/10/1952, 10/23/1952	Grand Falls	4.20	0.60	2.24	0.95	0.57	3.38
	Cameron	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
6/1, 6/13, 9/1/1968	Black Falls	2.32	0.70	1.80	1.22	0.85	3.51
6/13/1968	Grand Falls	2.32	0.70	1.80	1.03	0.72	3.24
4/19-20/1979,	Cameron	1.75	0.71	1.58	1.35	0.96	3.49
4/20-21, 8/22/1979	Black Falls	1.75	0.70	1.56	1.01	0.71	2.98
4/19, 8/22/1979	Grand Falls	1.75	0.70	1.56	1.18	0.83	3.22
4/17, 9/1/1992	Cameron	2.55	0.30	1.24	1.45	0.44	2.11
4/17/1992	Black Falls	2.55	1.00	2.26	1.48	1.48	5.22
4/17, 9/22/1992	Grand Falls	2.55	0.30	1.24	1.12	0.34	1.91
7/4, 7/7, 10/17,1997	Cameron ^{**}	5.77	1.00	3.40	1.69	1.69	6.77
7/4, 7/7, 10/17,1997	Black Falls ^{**}	6.81	0.30	2.02	2.42	0.73	3.47
10/16-17,1997	Grand Falls ^{**}	5.77	0.30	1.86	2.20	0.66	3.18

6/8/2007	Cameron [†]	1.86	1.00	1.93	N.A.	6.00	13.93
6/8/2007	Black Falls [†]	1.86	1.00	1.93	N.A.	6.00	13.93
6/1, 6/8/2007	Grand Falls [†]	1.86	1.00	1.93	N.A.	6.00	13.93
6/5/2010	Cameron [†]	2.16	1.00	2.08	N.A.	6.00	14.08
6/5/2010	Black Falls [†]	2.16	1.00	2.08	N.A.	6.00	14.08
7/27/2010	Grand Falls [†]	2.16	1.00	2.08	N.A.	6.00	14.08
6/7, 6/18-19/2013	Cameron [†]	2.93	1.00	2.42	N.A.	6.00	14.42
6/18-19/2013	Black Falls [†]	2.93	1.00	2.42	N.A.	6.00	14.42
6/18/2013	Grand Falls [†]	2.93	1.00	2.42	N.A.	6.00	14.42

^{*} Given that the three downstream reaches near Cameron, and the two upstream reaches near Grand Falls are contiguous, these reaches are grouped under "Cameron" and "Grand Falls" reaches, respectively, to conserve space

[†] Exact air photo dates unknown. Photo set known to pre-date a meander cutoff near a USGS gaging station on Moenkopi Wash that occurred on August 28, 1934

[§] No coverage for Cameron to Moenkopi reach, or below Moenkopi reach.

[#] Coverage only exists for the above Grand Falls reach.

^{**} Digital orthophoto quarter quadrangles available for download from USGS EROS, RMSE is average of reported RMSE for each quarter quadrangle.

^{##} No RMSE for these digital orthophoto quadrangles reported, Θ is the reported error between ground sample distance to true ground.

Table DR4. HYDRAULIC MODELING PARAMETERS

1-Dimensional hydraulic modeling was conducted using U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Hydrologic Engineering Center's River Analysis System (HEC-RAS). A Simplified channel geometry was created by using the average values of reach-averaged channel widths measured on aerial photographs in 1953/1954 and 2013 (Table DR6), and an estimated channel depth of 2m, with 45 degree banks, thus creating a trapezoidal channel. The width of the alluvial valley was also approximated at 750 m based on the alluvial widths in Table 1. Channel slopes and Manning's n roughness values of the first two runs were based on a historical channel survey conducted in the *above Grand Falls* reach in 1940 (Fig. 4c). Water surface slopes from that survey ranged between 0.00066 and 0.0014, and Manning's n was estimated to be between 0.018 and 0.022. We chose an initial model slope of 0.0008 which more closely resembles the water surface slope at the upstream end of the survey reach (see cross sections Fig. DR7a and b) before the water surface begins steepening as it approaches Grand Falls. We used a channel roughness of 0.018 and a floodplain roughness of 0.02 in model runs 1-3. In model run 4, floodplain roughness was increased to 0.1, which is a reasonable approximation based on the density of the floodplain forests (Fig. 4b).

Model Run/ Simulation Year	Alluvial Valley Width (m)	Channel Width (m)	Channel Depth (m)	Slope	Channel Length (km)	Cross Section Spacing (m)	Manning's n Channel	Manning's n Floodplain
1 - 1954	750	350	2	0.0008	36	100	0.018	0.02
2 - 2013	750	62	2	0.0008	36	100	0.018	0.02
3 - 2013	750	62	2	0.00071	40.5	100	0.018	0.02
4 - 2013	750	62	2	0.00071	40.5	100	0.018	0.1

Table DR5. HYDRAULIC MODELING INPUTS

The input hydrograph consisted of the streamflow measured at the Grand Falls gage between 3/25/1954 and 3/30/1954. The rise of the input hydrograph was modified to improve model stability and convergence, and discharge values were linearly interpolated to 15-minute timestamps for the model input. The model was run from 3/24/1954 18:45 through 3/29/1954 at 00:00. The Input hydrograph can be downloaded at <https://doi.org/10.5066/P9XPWIBM> (Dean and Topping, 2018). Channel geometry data are listed below.

1954		2013	
Distance from Left End Point (m)	Elevation (m)	Distance from Left End Point (m)	Elevation (m)
0	100	0	100
0	90	0	90
200	90	344	90
202	89	346	89
548	89	404	89
550	90	406	90
750	90	750	90
750	100	750	100

TABLE DR6. CHANNEL WIDTH MEASUREMENTS DETERMINED FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ANALYSIS

Year	Above Cameron		Cameron to Meonkopi Wash		Below Moenkopi		Black Falls		Above Grand Falls		Below Grand Falls	
	Active-channel width (m)	% of channel width of first photograph	Active-channel width (m)	% of channel width of first photograph	Active-channel width (m)	% of channel width of first photograph	Active-channel width (m)	% of channel width of first photograph	Active-channel width (m)	% of channel width of first photograph	Active-channel width (m)	% of channel width of first photograph
1933/34	495.9	100.0	136.3	100	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	176.6	100.0	N.A.	N.A.
1936	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	412.8	100.0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
1952	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	131.4	74.4	47.3	100.0
1954	358.1	72.2	122.1	89.6	71.1	100.0	334.2	81.0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	—
1968	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	251.1	60.8	56.6	32.0	46.7	98.8
1979	252.3	50.9	86.2	63.3	62.8	88.3	286.2	69.3	44.2	25.0	48.0	101.5
1992	150.1	30.3	66.2	48.6	43.9	61.7	129.4	31.3	35.8	20.3	45.5	96.2
1997	111.6	22.5	55.8	41.0	49.9	70.2	124.0	30.0	30.7	17.4	41.5	87.7
2007	101.8	20.5	44.3	32.5	40.2	56.5	75.8	18.4	24.4	13.8	34.4	72.8
2010	82.8	16.7	41.1	30.2	35.5	49.9	72.1	17.5	22.3	12.6	35.2	74.4
2013	66.9	13.5	37.5	27.5	35.1	49.4	56.3	13.6	21.1	11.9	37.5	79.3

TABLE DR7: RESULTS OF THE REGRESSION ANALYSES FOR DISCHARGE—CONCENTRATION RELATIONS

Periods	Sediment fraction	Season	Intercept 1st period	Slope 1st period	Standard error	Intercept 1st period log transformed	Slope 1st period log transformed	Standard error log transformed	Intercept 2nd period	Slope 2nd period	Standard error	Intercept 2nd period log transformed	Slope 2st period log transformed	Standard error log transformed	Significant at alpha p=0.05?	F value	p value
1949-1964/ 1965-1995	Silt and Clay	Summer/ Fall	58,877	157	62	4.60	0.128	0.05	37,225	73	78	4.27	0.238	0.05	Yes	11.35	<0.01
1965-1995/ 1996-2017	Silt and Clay	Summer/ Fall	37,703	615	474	4.36	0.032	0.12	56,496	-268	154	4.65	-0.031	0.05	No	2.05	0.16
1949-1964/ 1965-1995	Sand	Summer/ Fall	3,464	86	13	2.54	0.787	0.11	604	138	8	1.76	1.198	0.13	Yes	9.64	<0.01
1965-1995/ 1996-2017	Sand	Summer/ Fall	235	62	22	1.35	1.302	0.20	1,011	46	12	1.90	0.933	0.09	Yes	7.52	<0.01
1949-1964/ 1965-1995	Silt and Clay	Winter/ Spring	19,423	31	23	3.91	0.230	0.09	11,014	41	114	3.51	0.308	0.18	No	3.85	0.06
1965-1995/ 1996-2017	Silt and Clay	Winter/ Spring	6,216	90	54	3.26	0.477	0.08	8,506	25	49	3.45	0.300	0.10	No	1.36	0.25
1949-1964/ 1965-1995	Sand	Winter/ Spring	2,602	60	10	2.53	0.758	0.09	790	98	22	1.94	1.073	0.18	Yes	4.80	0.04
1965-1995/ 1996-2017	Sand	Winter/ Spring	1,195	57	15	1.76	1.021	0.25	665	71	8	1.06	0.088	0.04	No	0.55	0.46

Table DR8. RESULTS OF HYDRAULIC MODELING

Model Run	Change in Peak Discharge (m ³ /s)	% Change in Peak Discharge	Travel Time of Flood Peak (hrs)
1	5.2	2.4	6.0
2	7.9	3.7	10.5
3	9.8	4.6	12.8
4	36.6	17.2	30.5