

# Developing a Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) for Brown Trout in White Clay Creek Using Fuzzy Logic



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# Our project

- Decide which abiotic parameters best explain the presence or absence of brown trout
- Develop a Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) with those parameters using fuzzy logic.



# Habitat Suitability Index (HSI)

- Numerical index between 0 and 1
- Represents the capacity of a habitat to support a selected species
- Aids in decision making for management of species' habitats

# Fuzzy Logic

## Definition:

A knowledge-based method that recognizes more than simple true and false values.

## History:

Fuzzy logic was first developed by Zadeh(1965) to represent imprecise or uncertain knowledge, for describing complex or ill-defined systems.

## Applications:

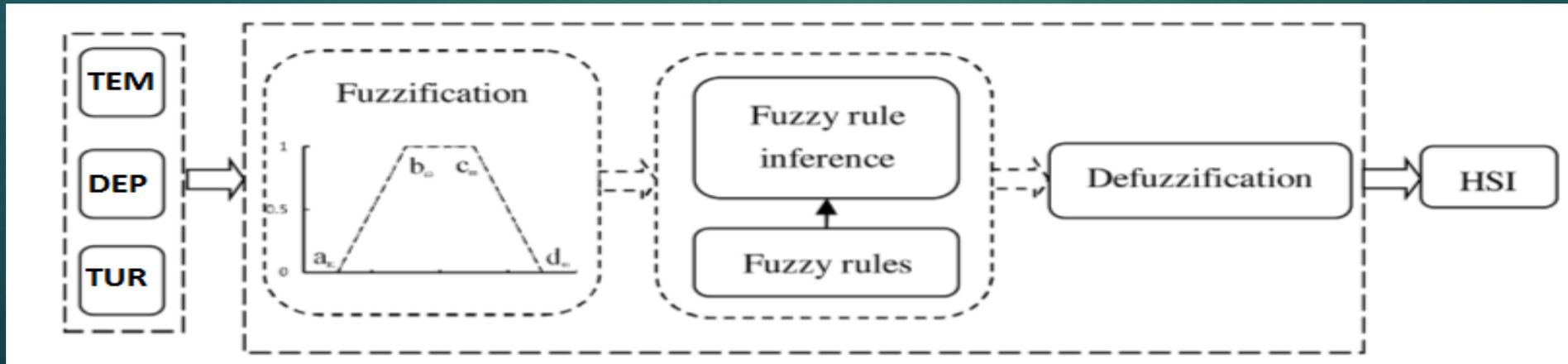
- Rice cookers
- Spell checker
- Automatic washing machines
- Refrigerators

## Other Methods to generate HSI outputs:

- Regression Models

# Fuzzy Logic

- A fuzzy logic system consists of:
- Fuzzy sets: fuzzy inputs, outputs and their associated membership functions.
- Fuzzy rules: that combine variables with one another to generate a consequence.
- Fuzzy inference method: which is used to process the sets of consequences to reach a conclusion.
- Defuzzifying the output distribution (Center of Gravity)



# Correlation Procedure

Pearson Correlation Coefficients, N = 88  
Prob > |r| under H0: Rho=0

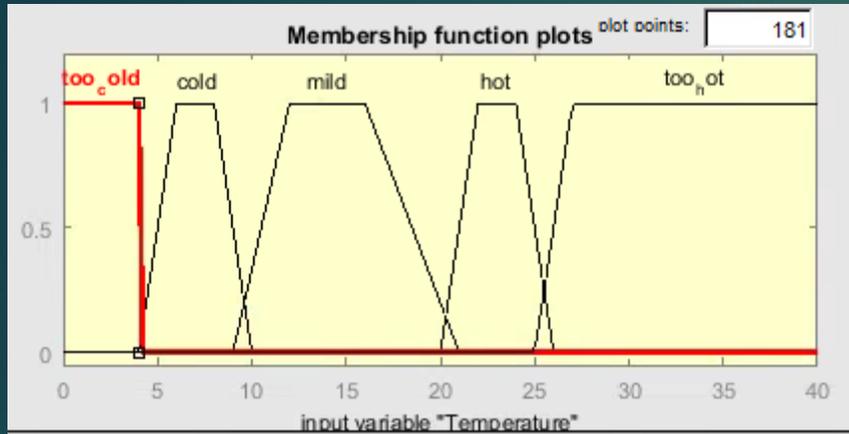
	temperature	depth	turbidity
temperature	1.00000	-0.19584	0.19346
temperature		0.0675	0.0709
depth	-0.19584	1.00000	0.23168
depth	0.0675		0.0299
turbidity	0.19346	0.23168	1.00000
turbidity	0.0709	0.0299	

# Data Mining

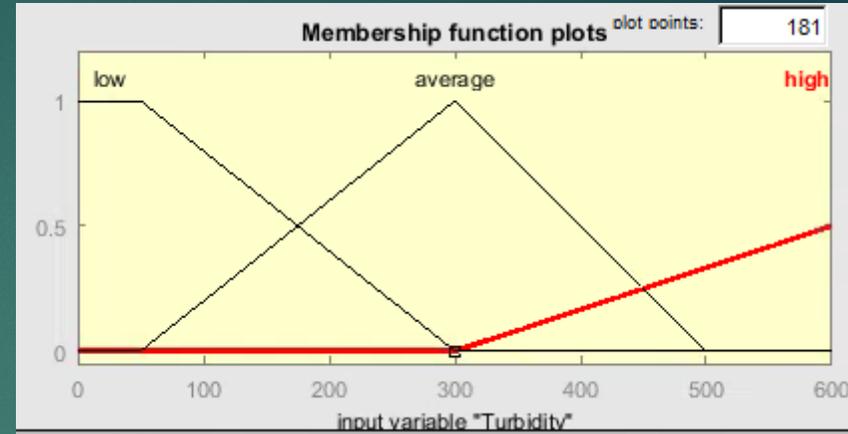


- SAS algorithms
- Output average values of each parameter over a day at each site
- Create new dataset to contain only: site, date, temperature, depth, turbidity
- Omit all observations with any missing values.

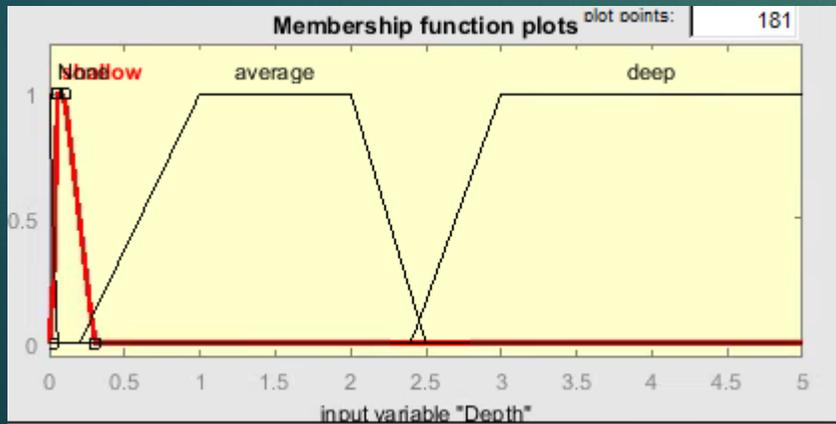
# Our Fuzzy-logic Model – Membership Functions



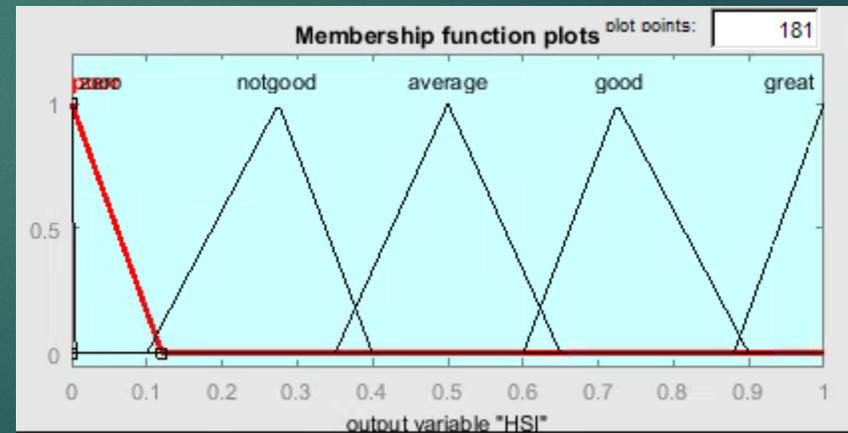
Temperature (input)



Turbidity (input)



Depth (input)



HSI (output)

# Parameter values

Variables	Categories	Parameters [a1 a2 a3 a4]
Temperature (Input)	Very cold	[-infinity, -10, 4, 4]
	Cold	[4, 6, 8, 10]
	Mild	[9, 12, 16, 21]
	Hot	[20, 22, 24, 26]
	Too hot	[25, 27, infinity, infinity]
Depth (Input)	Low	[0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.3]
	Average	[0.2, 1, 2, 2.5]
	Deep	[2.4, 3, 4, infinity]
Turbidity (Input)	Low	[0, 0, 50, 300]
	Average	[50, 300, 500]
	Hight	[300, 900, infinity, infinity]
HSI (Output)	Poor	[0, 0, 0.12]
	Not good	[0.1, 0.275, 0.4]
	Average	[0.35, 0.5, 0.65]
	Good	[0.6, 0.725, 0.9]
	Great	[0.88, 1, 1]

# Our Fuzzy-logic Model – Rules

## Less-Conservative Model

12 rules

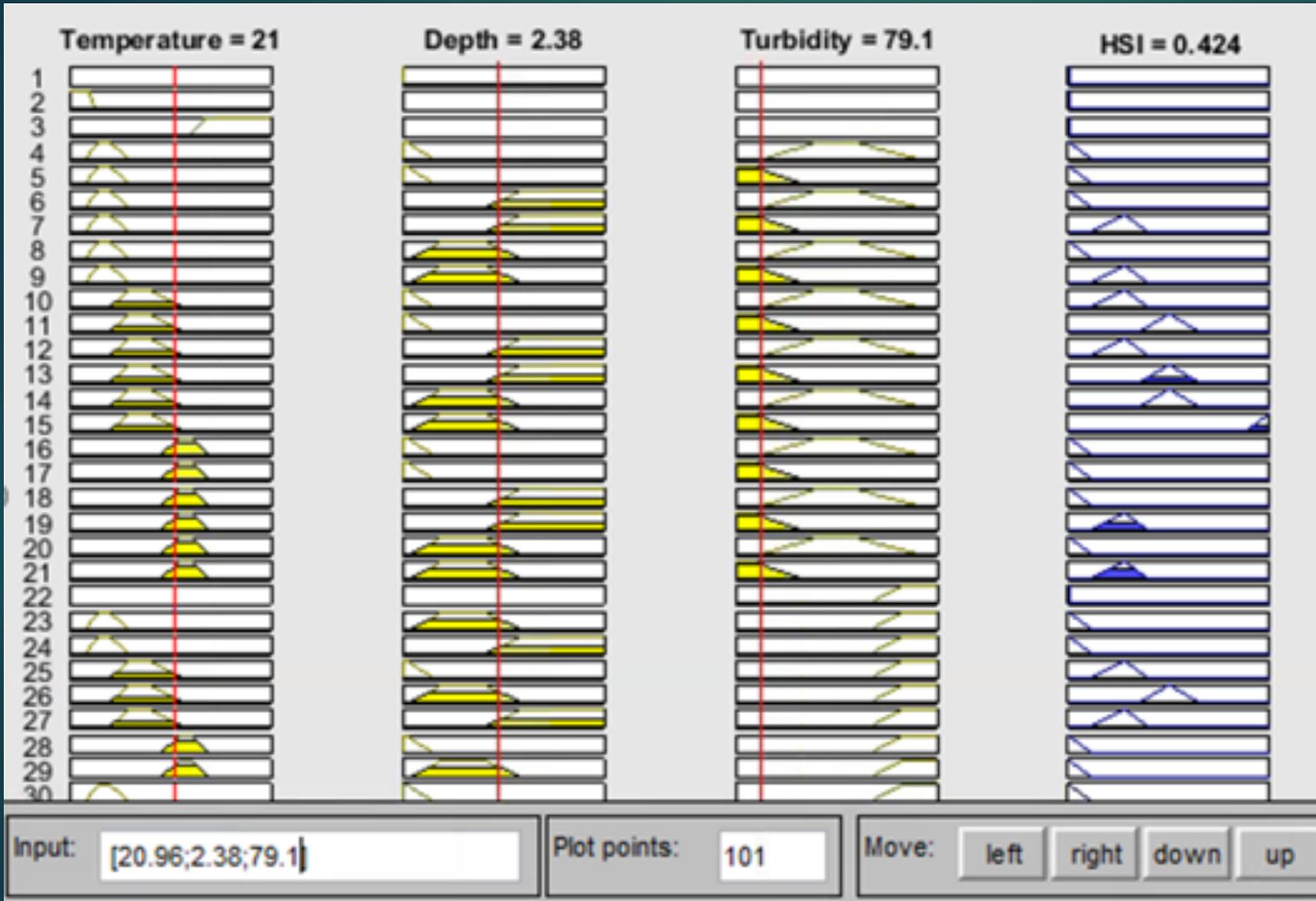
1. If (Temperature is cold) then (HSI is notgood) (0.001)
2. If (Temperature is mild) then (HSI is great) (0.001)
3. If (Temperature is hot) then (HSI is poor) (0.001)
4. If (Depth is shallow) then (HSI is notgood) (0.001)
5. If (Depth is deep) then (HSI is notgood) (0.001)
6. If (Depth is average) then (HSI is great) (0.001)
7. If (Turbidity is high) then (HSI is zero) (1)
8. If (Turbidity is low) then (HSI is great) (0.001)
9. If (Depth is None) then (HSI is zero) (1)
10. If (Temperature is too\_cold) then (HSI is zero) (1)
11. If (Temperature is too\_hot) then (HSI is zero) (1)
12. If (Turbidity is average) then (HSI is average) (0.001)

## Conservative model

30 rules

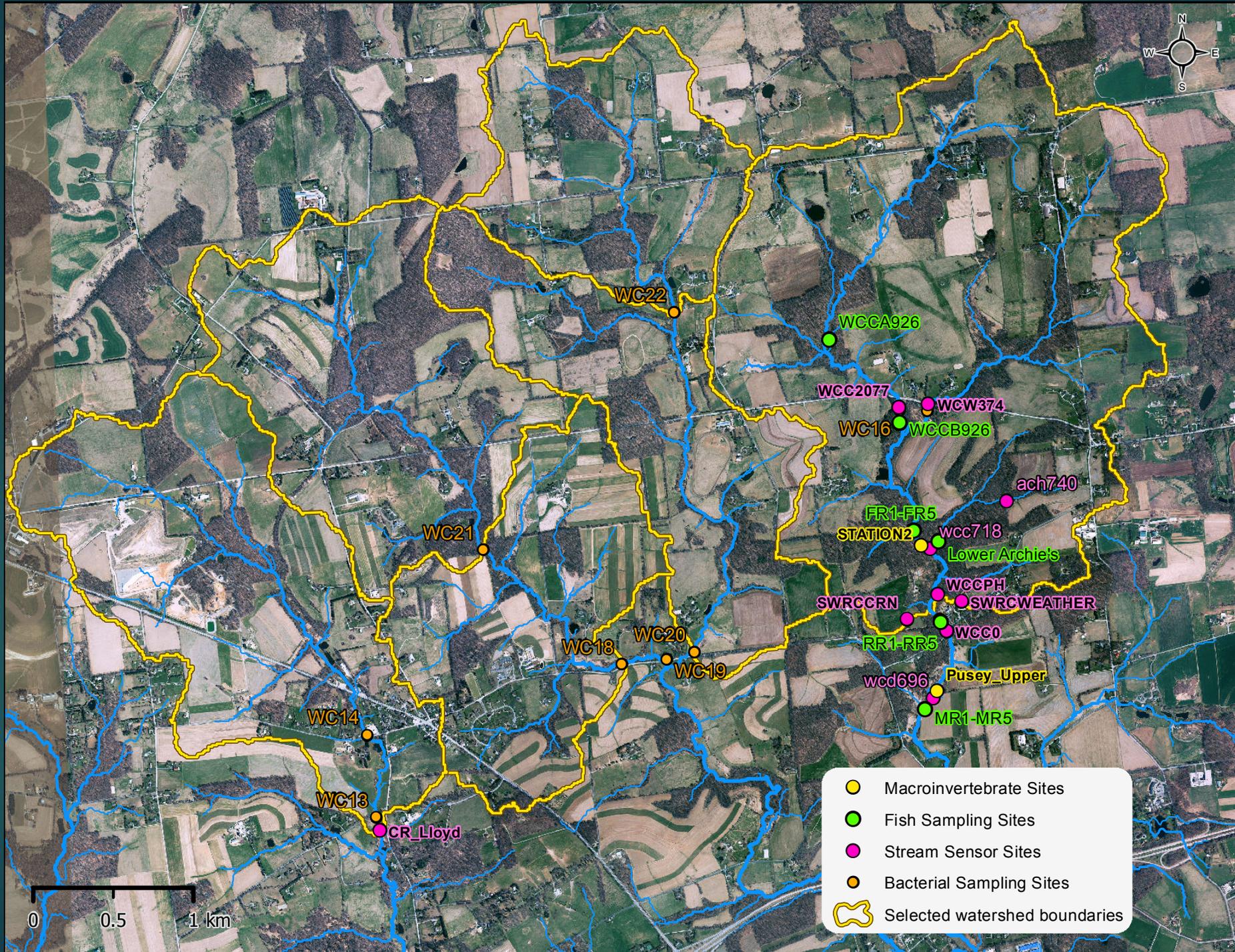
1. If (Depth is None) then (HSI is zero) (1)
2. If (Temperature is too\_cold) then (HSI is zero) (1)
3. If (Temperature is too\_hot) then (HSI is zero) (1)
4. If (Temperature is cold) and (Depth is shallow) and (Turbidity is average) then (HSI is poor) (1)
5. If (Temperature is cold) and (Depth is shallow) and (Turbidity is low) then (HSI is poor) (1)
6. If (Temperature is cold) and (Depth is deep) and (Turbidity is average) then (HSI is poor) (1)
7. If (Temperature is cold) and (Depth is deep) and (Turbidity is low) then (HSI is notgood) (1)
8. If (Temperature is cold) and (Depth is average) and (Turbidity is average) then (HSI is poor) (1)
9. If (Temperature is cold) and (Depth is average) and (Turbidity is low) then (HSI is notgood) (1)
10. If (Temperature is mild) and (Depth is shallow) and (Turbidity is average) then (HSI is notgood) (1)
11. If (Temperature is mild) and (Depth is shallow) and (Turbidity is low) then (HSI is average) (1)
12. If (Temperature is mild) and (Depth is deep) and (Turbidity is average) then (HSI is notgood) (1)
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14. If (Temperature is mild) and (Depth is average) and (Turbidity is average) then (HSI is average) (1)
15. If (Temperature is mild) and (Depth is average) and (Turbidity is low) then (HSI is great) (1)

# Fuzzy rules



$$\mu_{A \cap B} = \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x))$$

$$\mu_{A \cup B} = \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x))$$

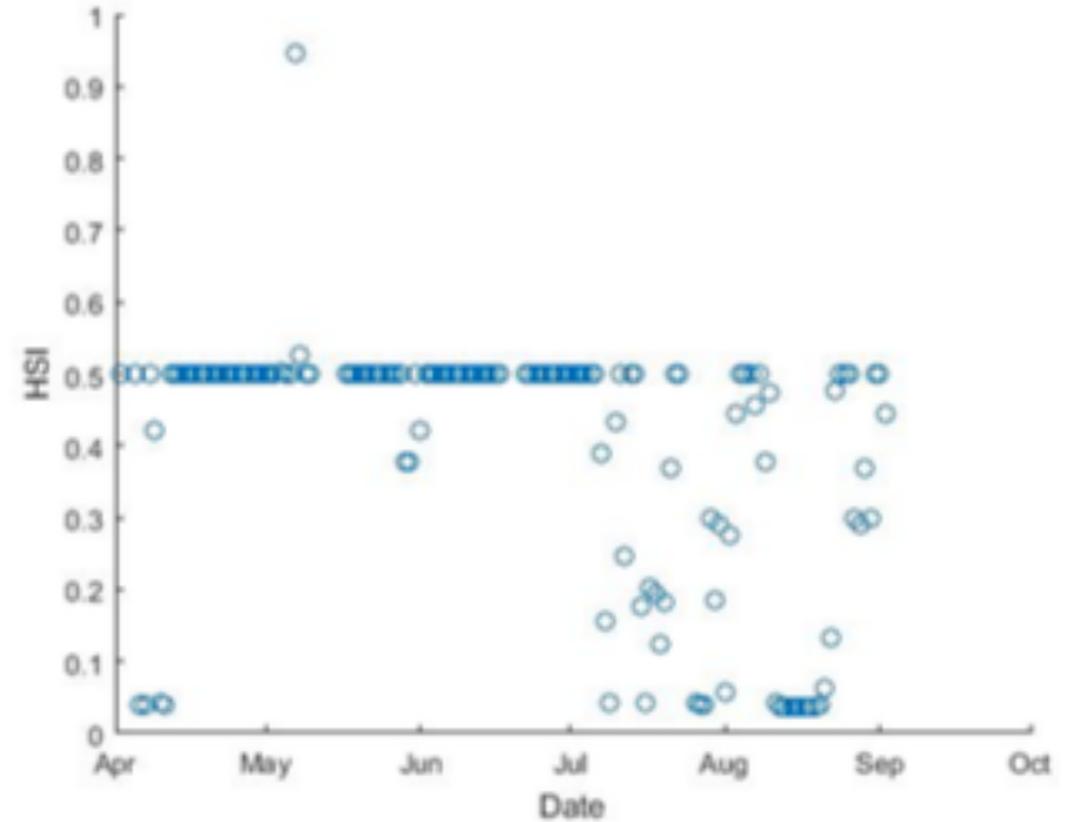
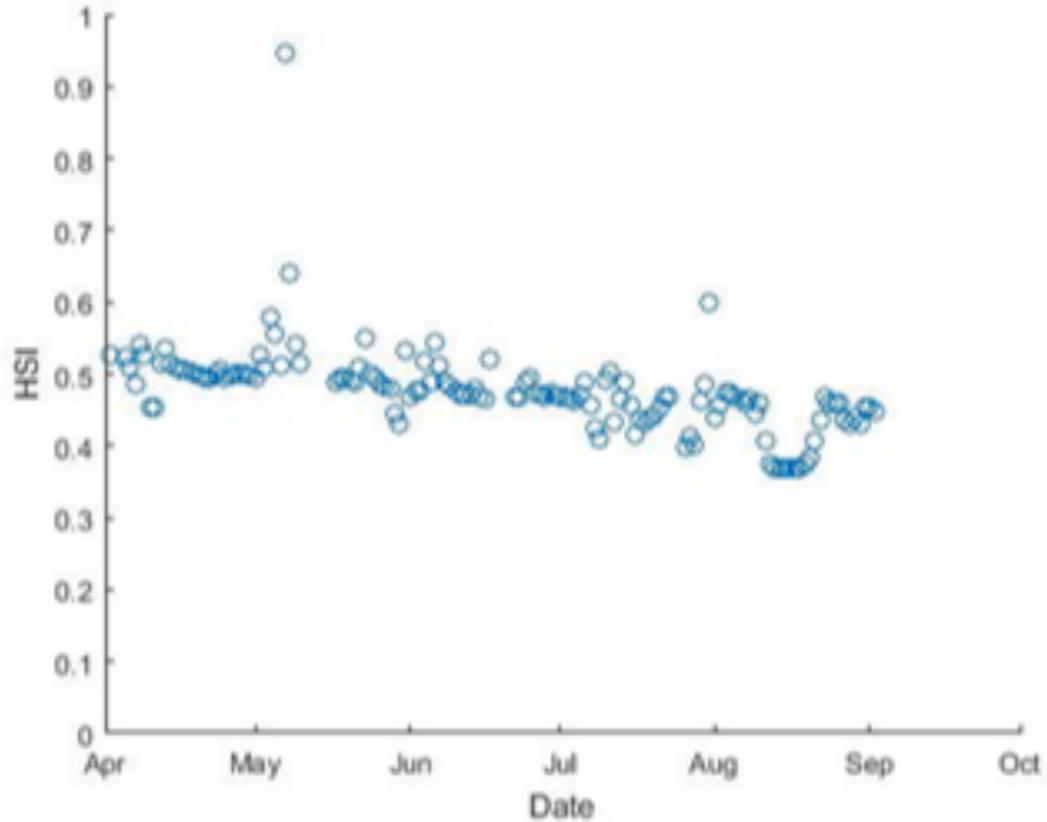




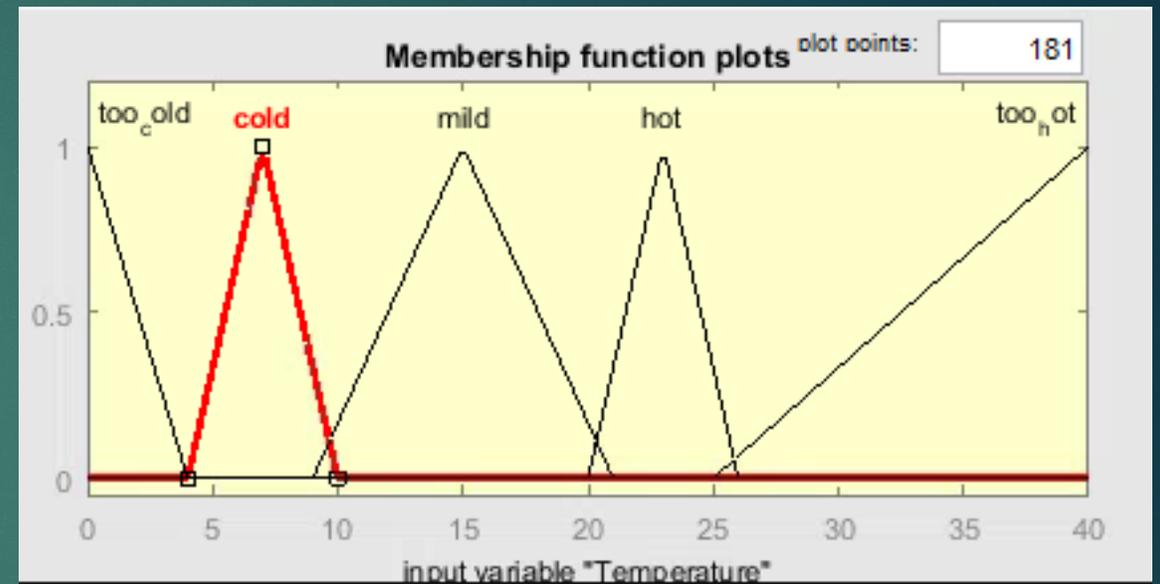
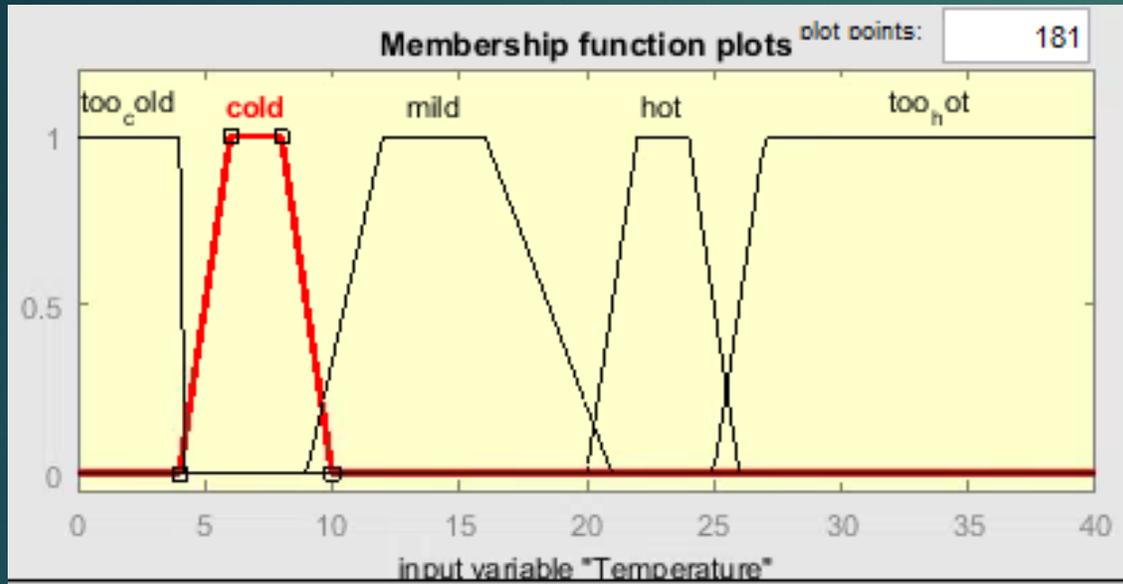




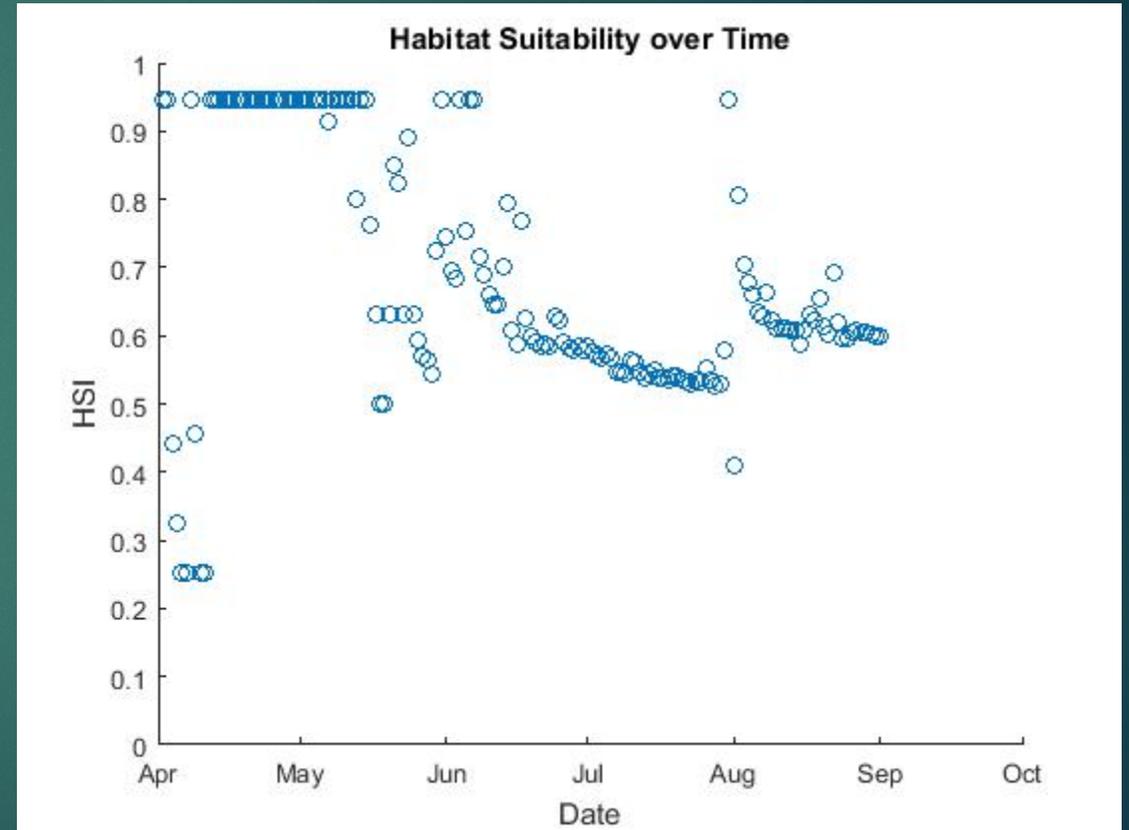
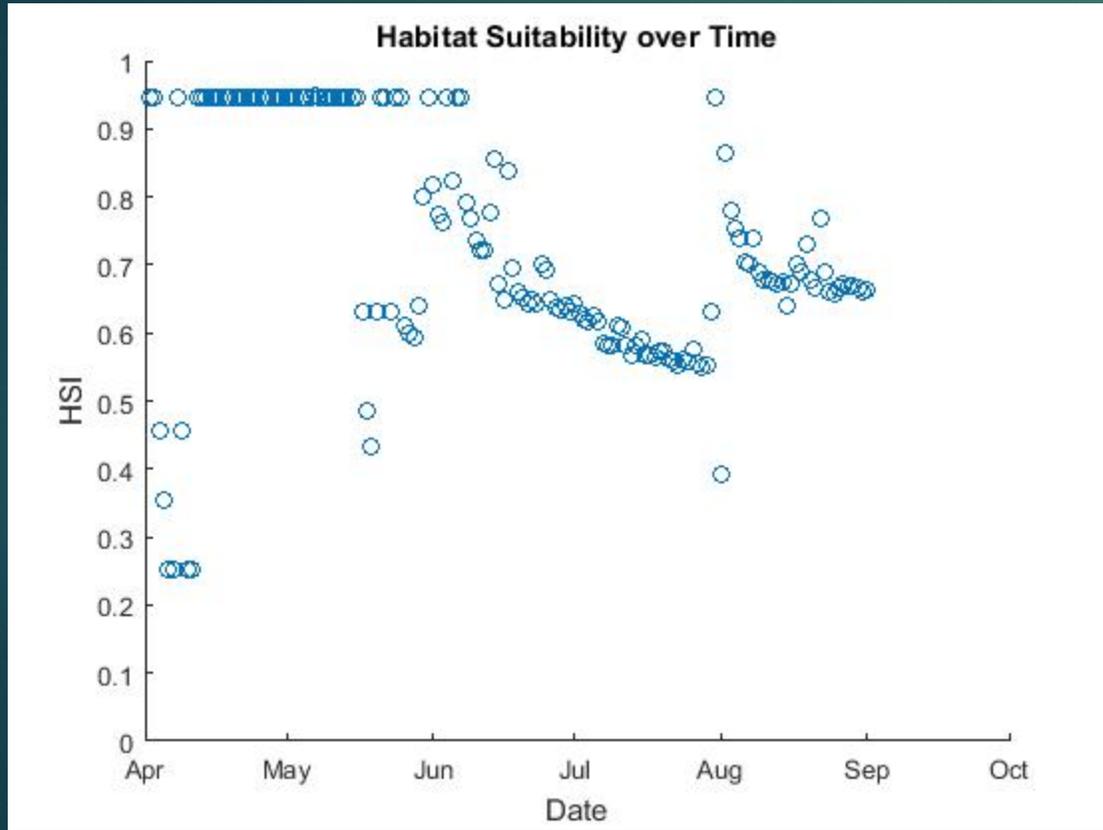
# HSI outputs for Location 4 in White Clay Creek

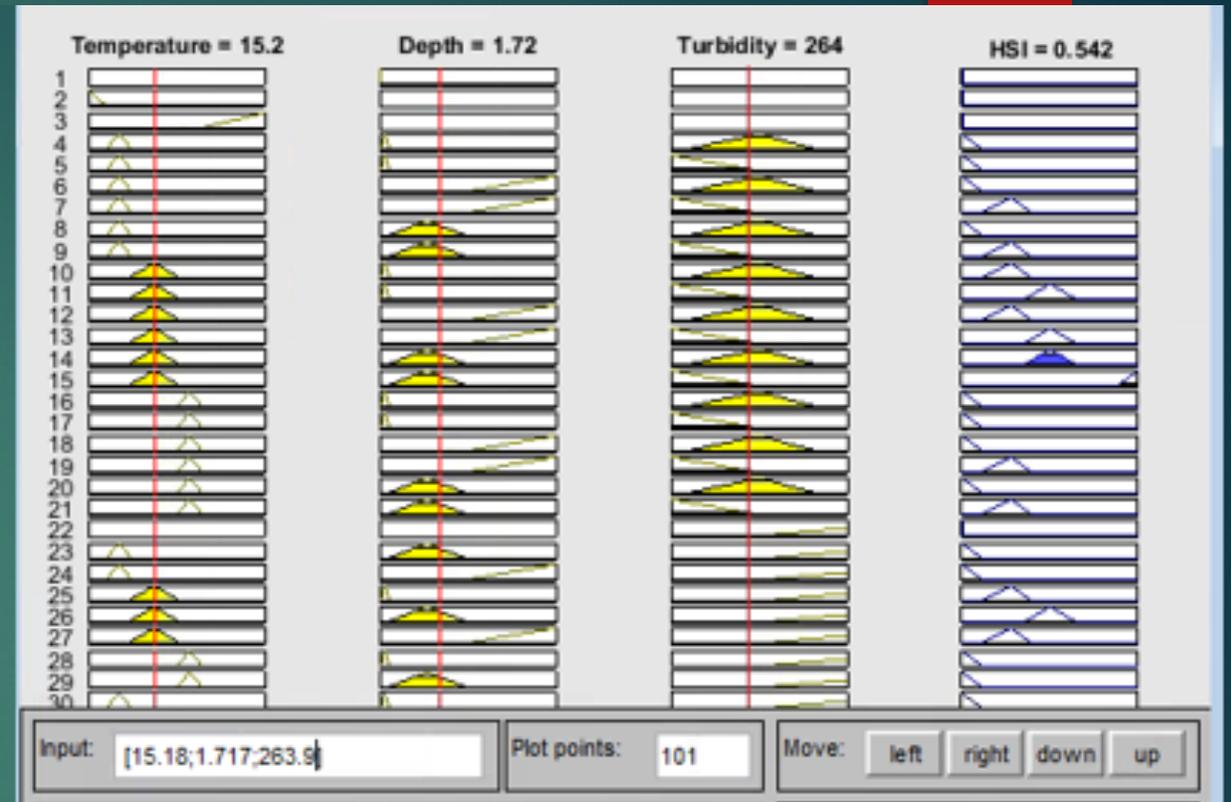
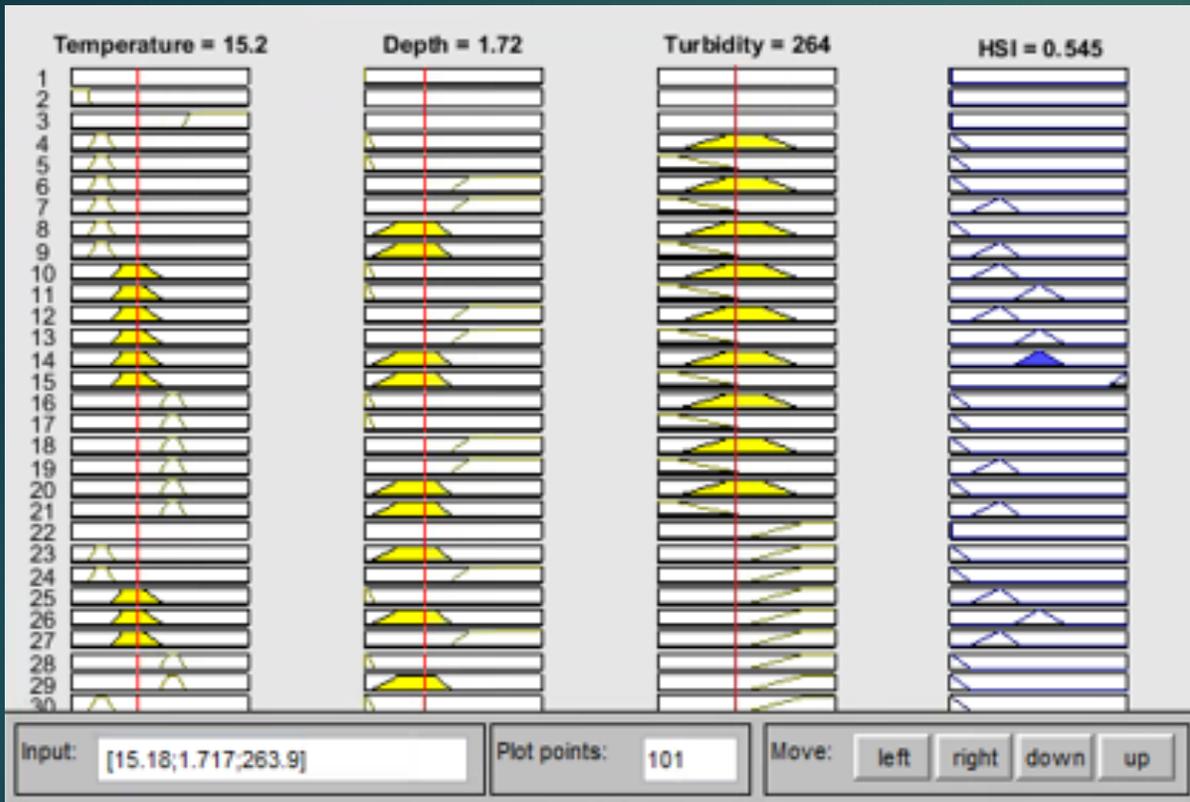


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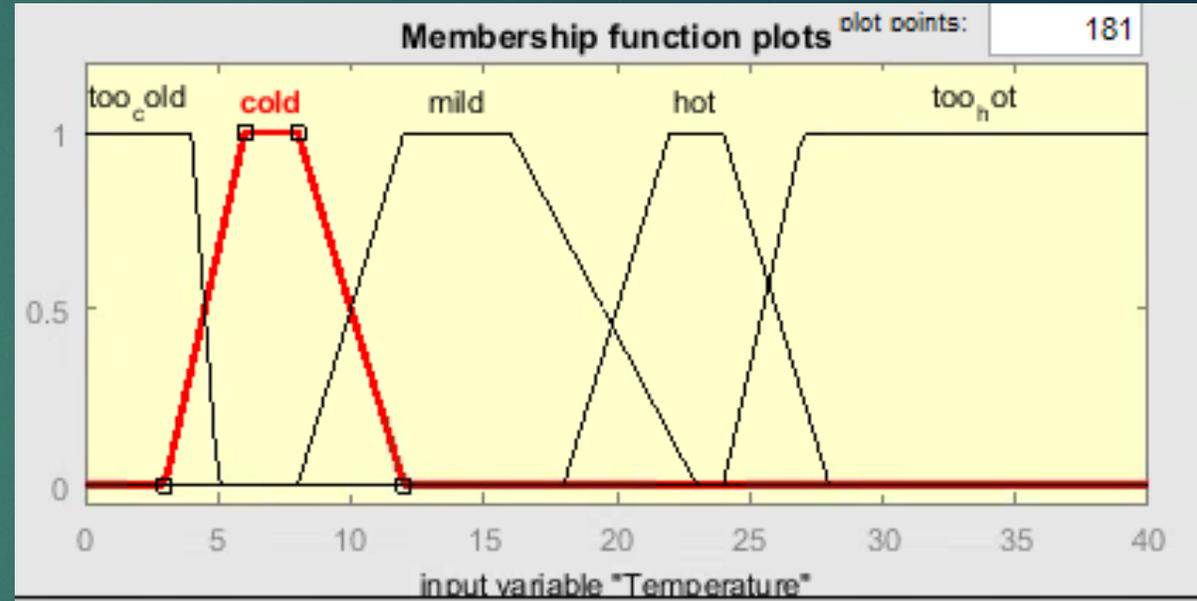
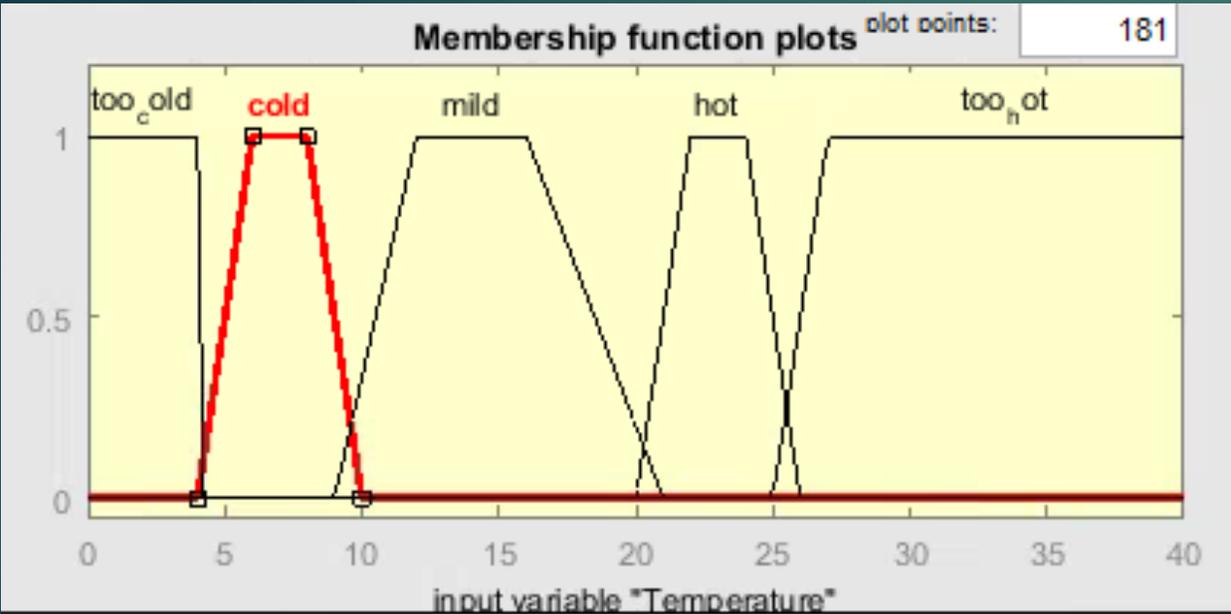




HSI (Trapezoidal) > HSI (Triangular)

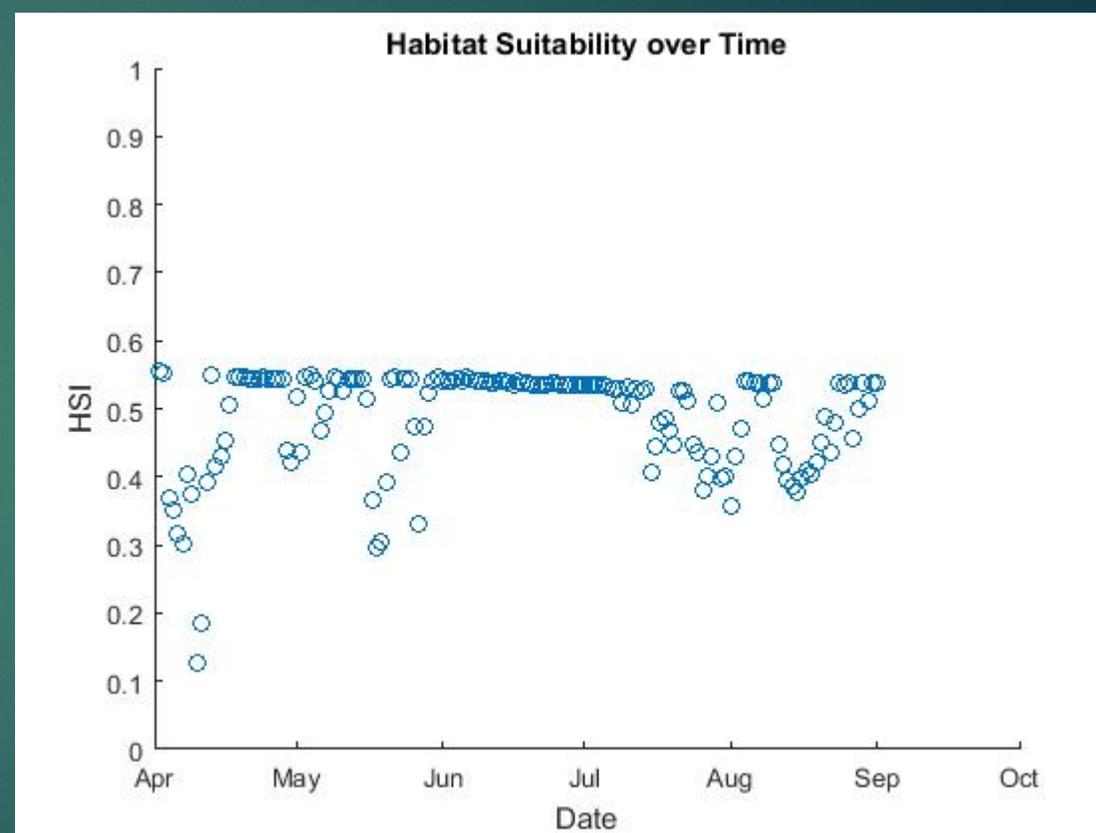
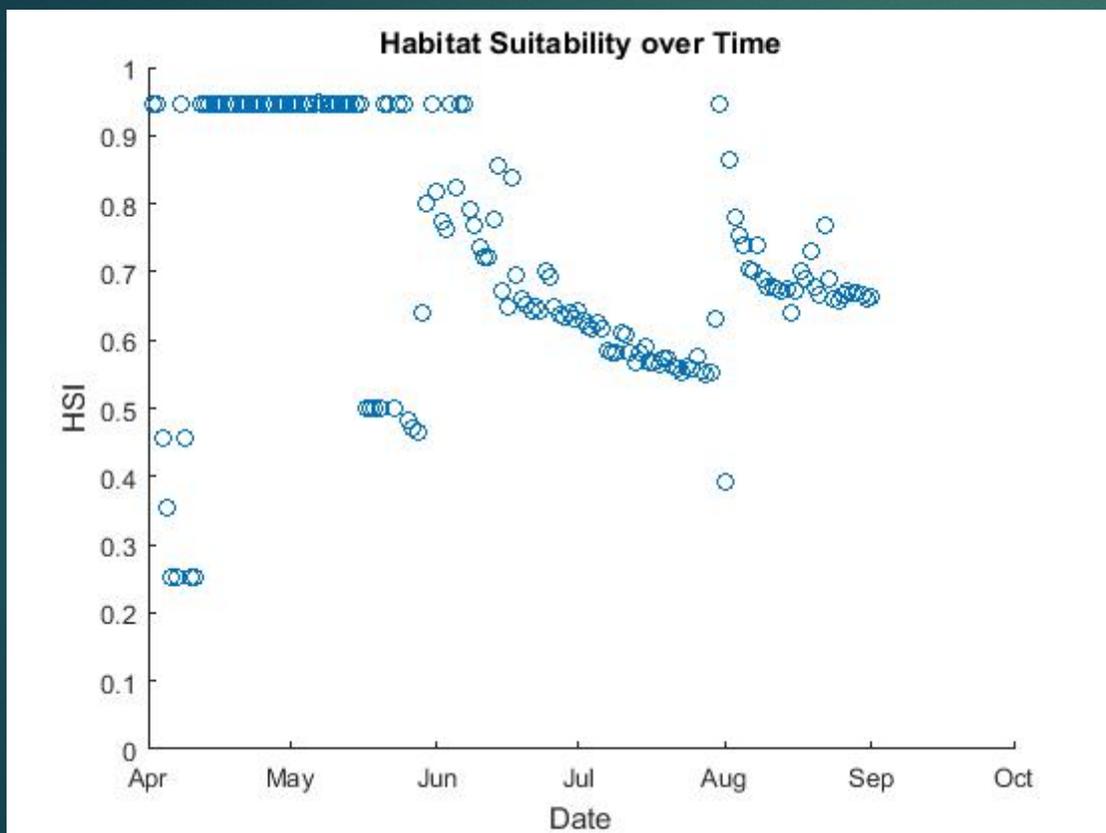
# Comparison

## Less overlap Model vs. More overlap Model

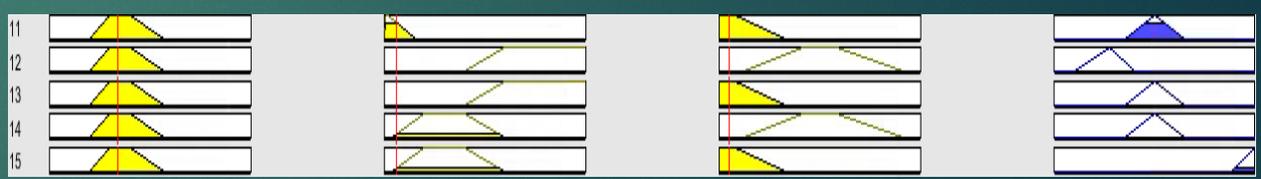
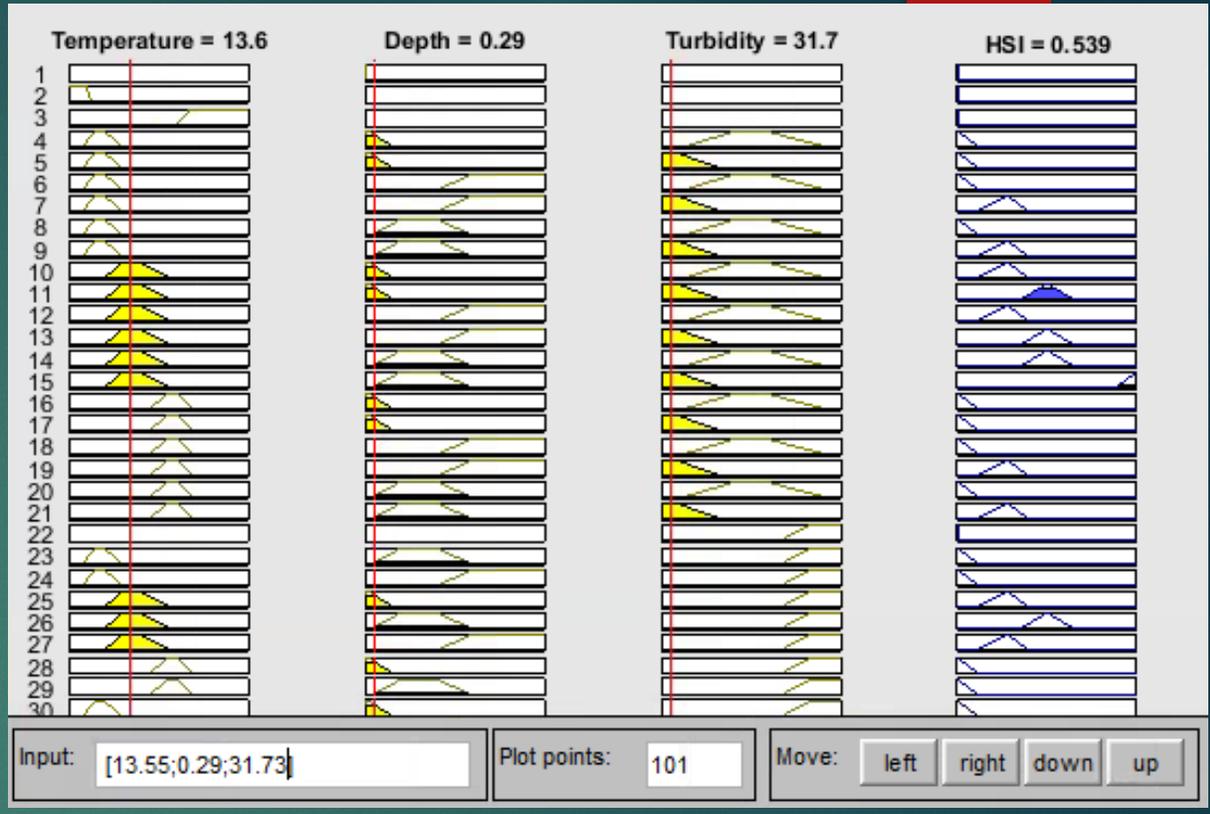
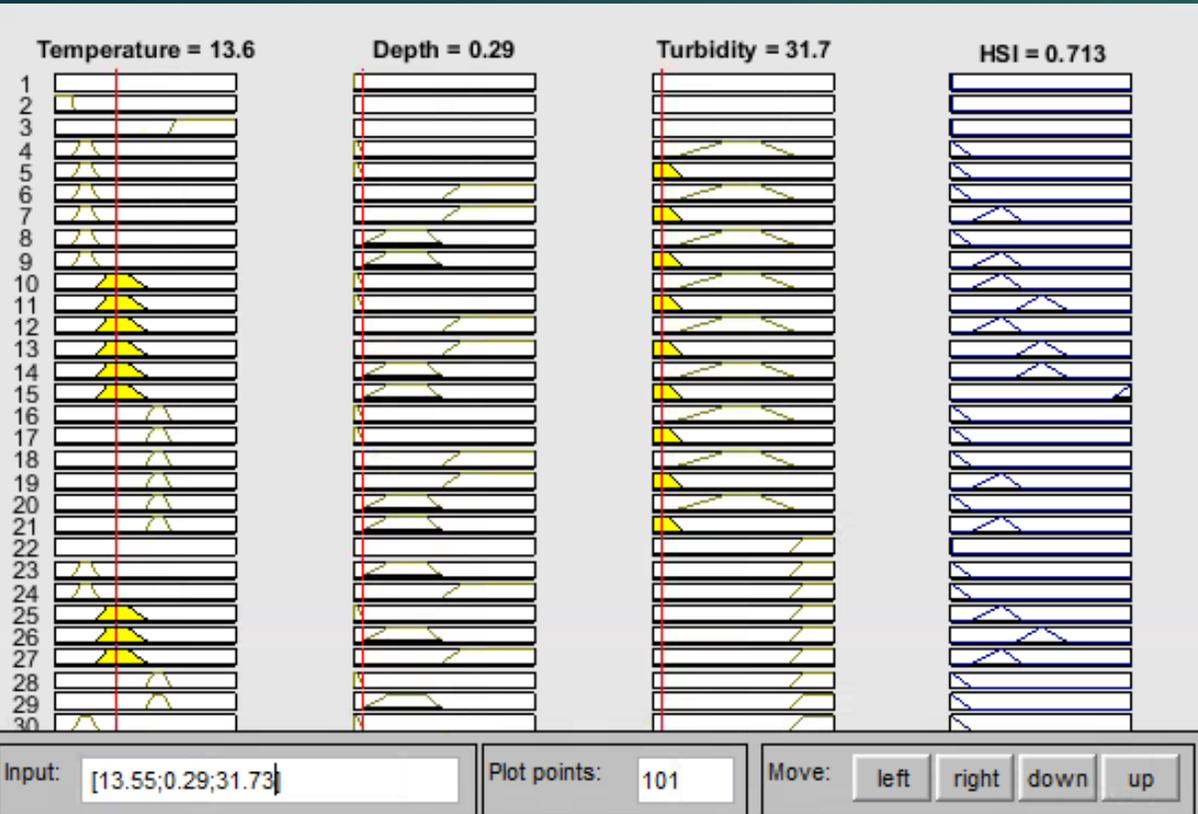


# Comparison

## Less overlap Model vs. More overlap Model



Location: WCC2077



HSI (Less overlap) > HSI (More overlap)

# Conclusion

- Comprehensive platform to study HSI's in time
- The two approaches have similar results, validating the model
- Sensitivity analysis was conducted
  - Sensitive to parameter changes
  - Not as sensitive to membership function changes



**Thank you!**

**Any questions?**

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