

# Carbon sequestration and its controlling factors in the temperate wetland communities along the Bohai Sea, China

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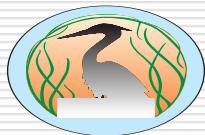
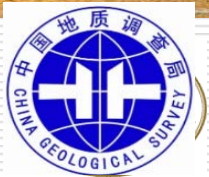
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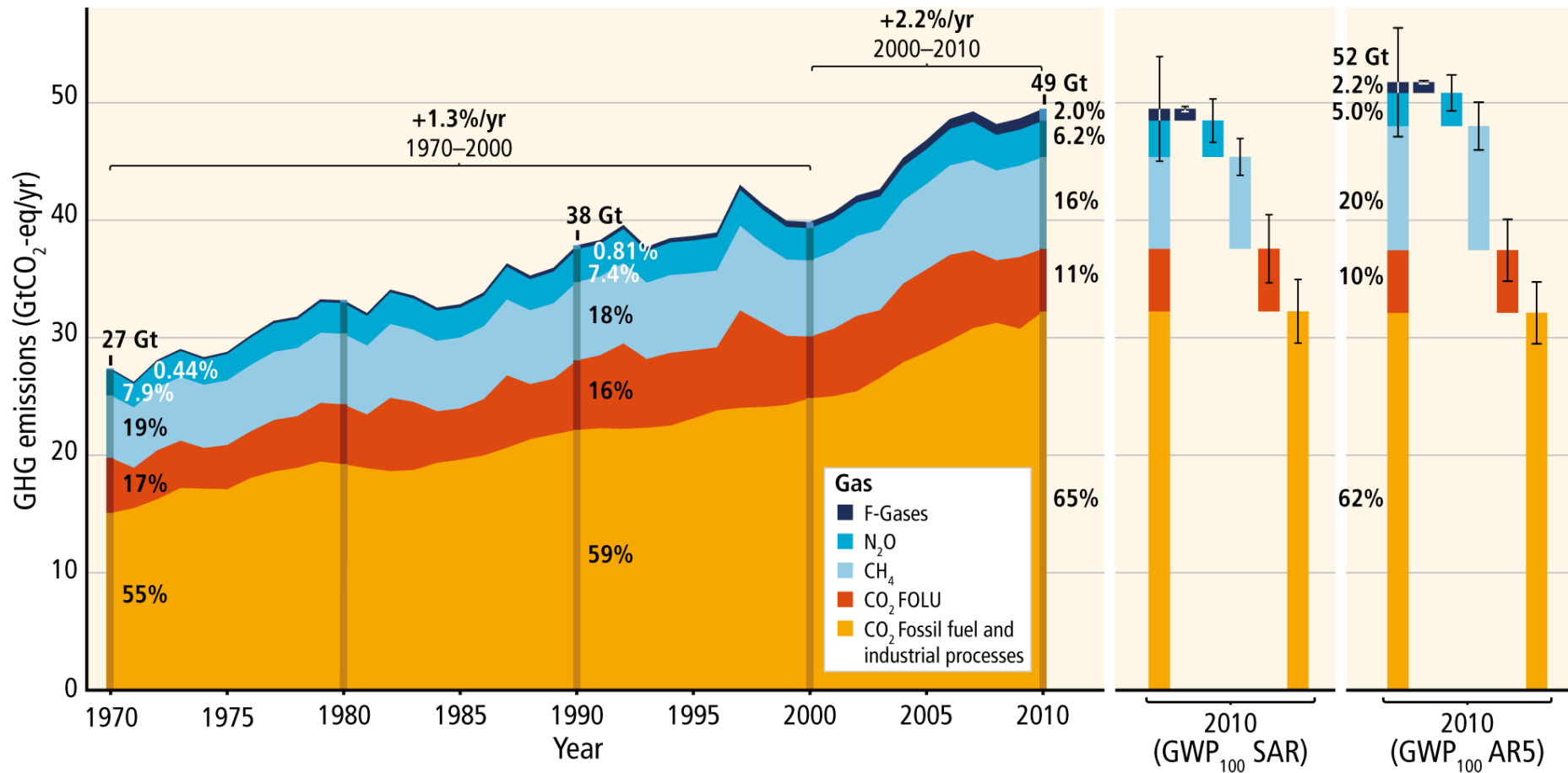
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## Where sinking land meets rising water

### Three river delta areas sinking, report claims

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Three river deltas in China are sinking due to global warming and excessive extraction of underground water, leaving millions of people with an increasing risk of floods, a recent scientific report showed.



Five hundred million people living on the world's deltas now face the twin threats of subsidence and rising sea levels.

and thread together into several distributaries that eventually lead to the San Francisco Bay. Deltas are the connection between river drainage basins and the world's

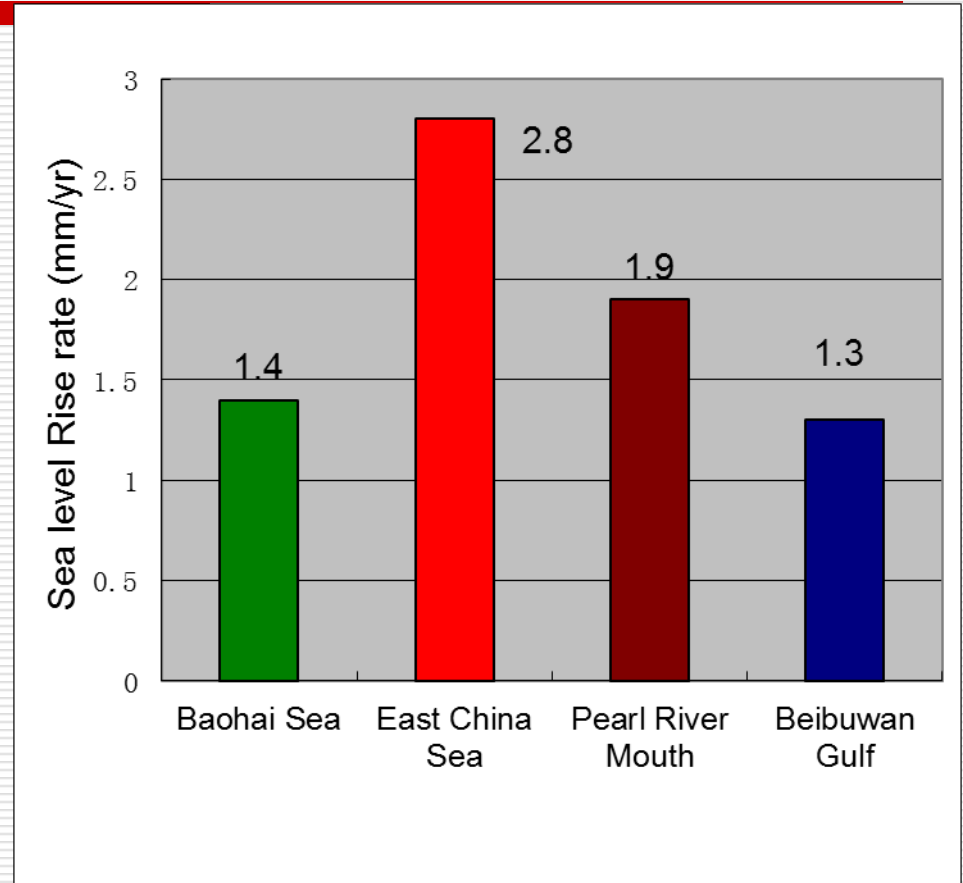
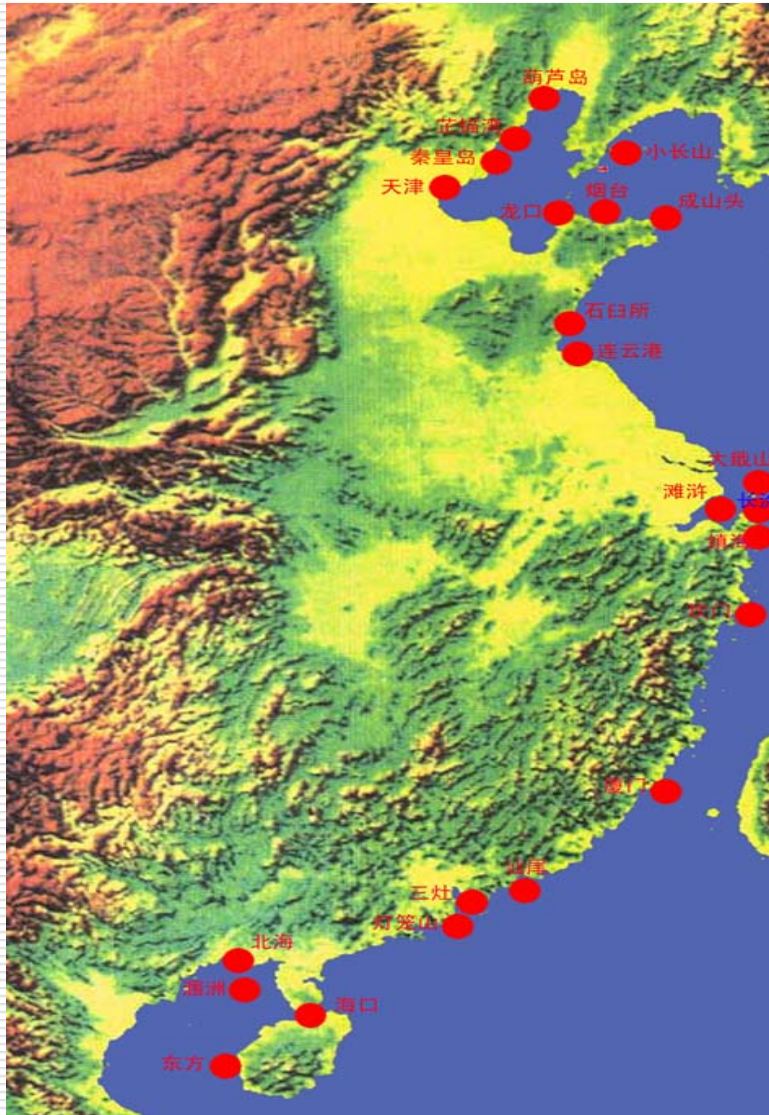
Joaquin River Delta have been draining peat soils on the delta's islands to grow crops that prefer dry roots, such as corn. Exposing the soils to air converts



**Deltaic wetlands become more vulnerable than ever!**

- The rate of carbon sequestration
- Keep pace with Sea Level

# The rate of sea level rise along China Coasts



Average sea level rise: 2.5 mm/yr

# Tectonic movement

Tectonic uplift: 2-3 mm/yr

Tectonic subsidence:

Huanghe delta: 2-3 mm/yr

Changjiang delta: 1-2 mm/yr

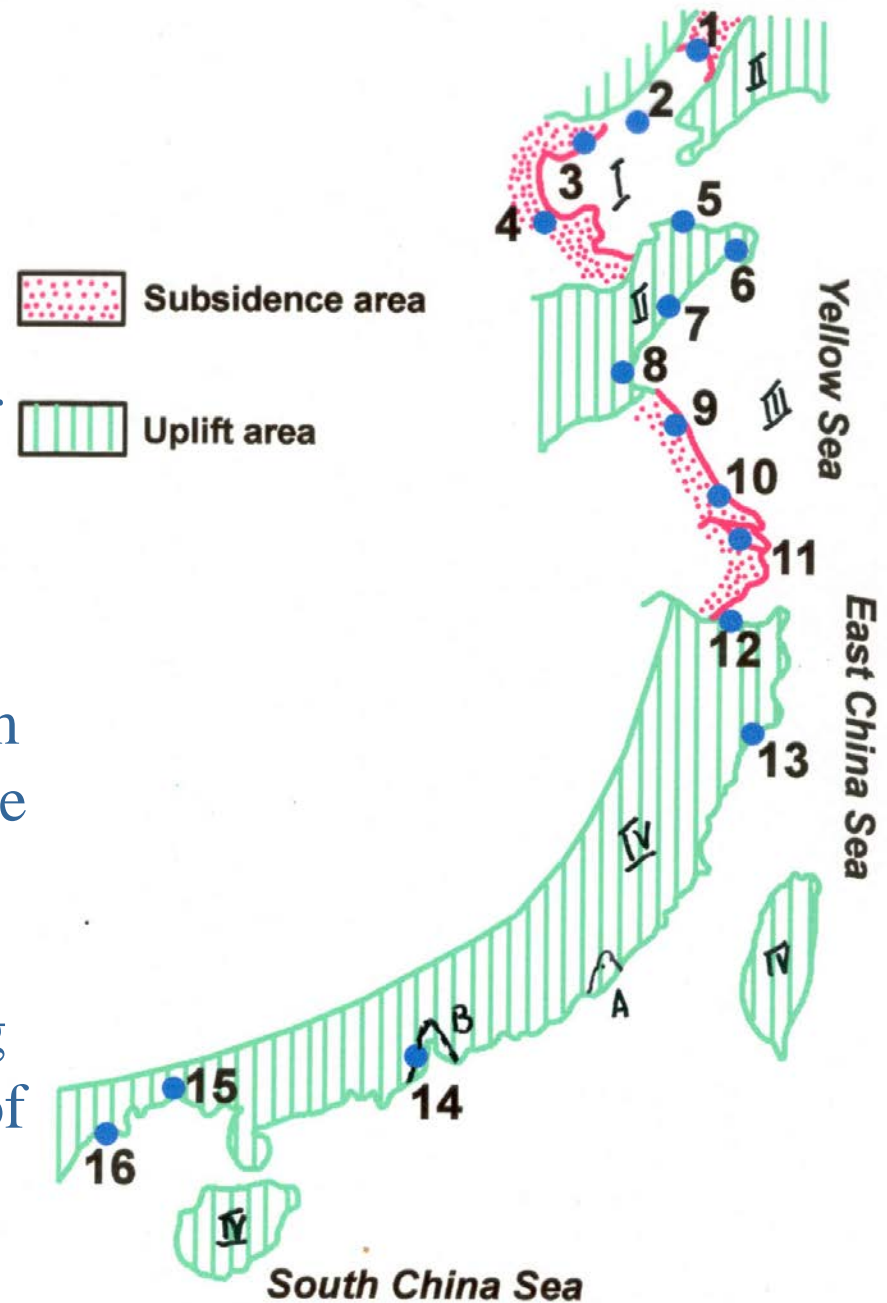
Zhujiang delta: 1-2 mm/yr

## Ground subsidence

Tianjin City center subsided 2.7 m during 1959-1993, with an average rate of 77 mm/yr

Shanghai subsided ~2.0 m during 1921-1998, with an average rate of 29 mm/yr

4-6mm/yr



# Questions:

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- The rate of carbon sequestration and its controlling factors?
  - If the rate can balance sea level rise?
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# Study sites

## Yellow River Delta (YRD)

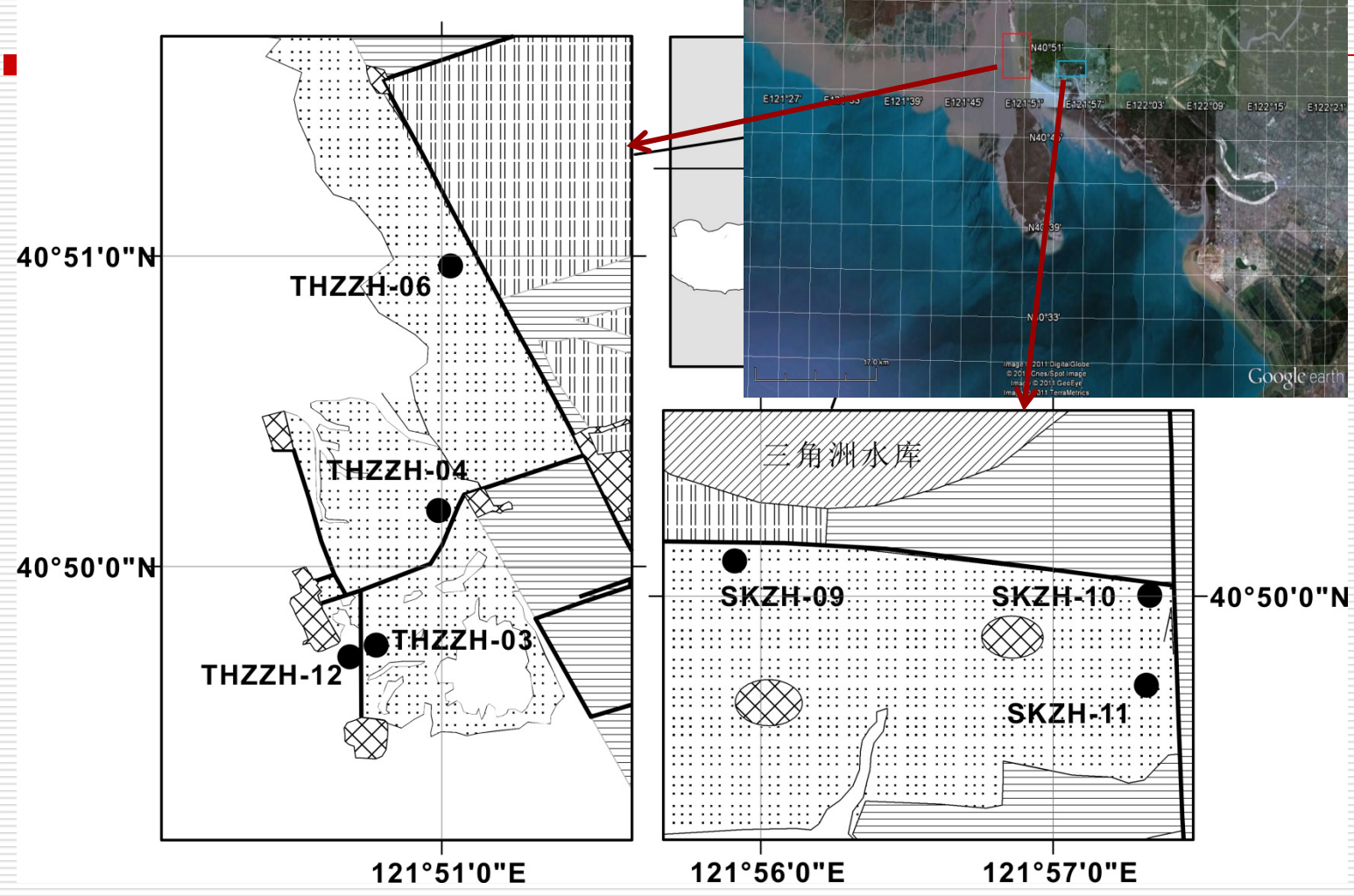
- Average tidal range: 0.73–1.77 m
- Climate: dry and warm
- Air temperature:  $-23.3^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $41.9^{\circ}\text{C}$  and averages  $12.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Precipitation: 537.3 mm
- Evaporation: 1962 mm

## Liaohhe River Delta (LHD)

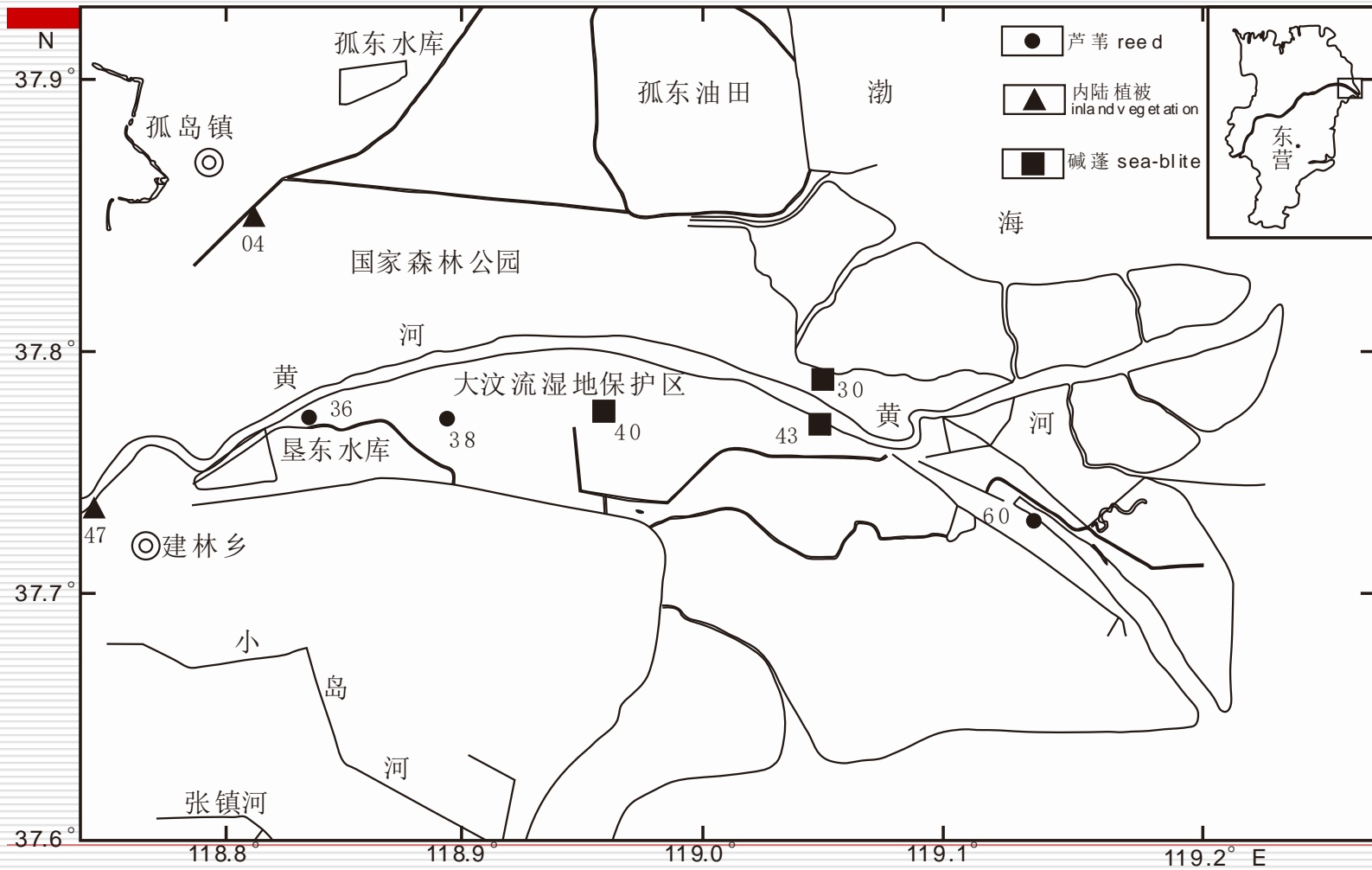
- Tidal range is 2.7 m
- Climate: moist and cool
- Temperature ranges from  $-24.8^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $35.2^{\circ}\text{C}$ , with an annual average of  $8.4^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Precipitation: 623.2mm
- Evaporation: 1669 mm,



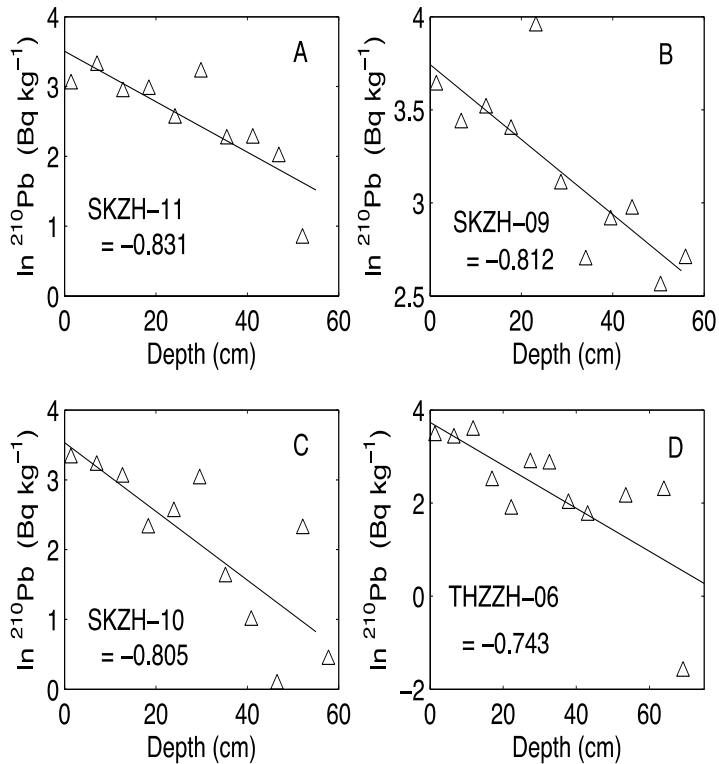
# Sites in the Liaohe Delta (LHD):







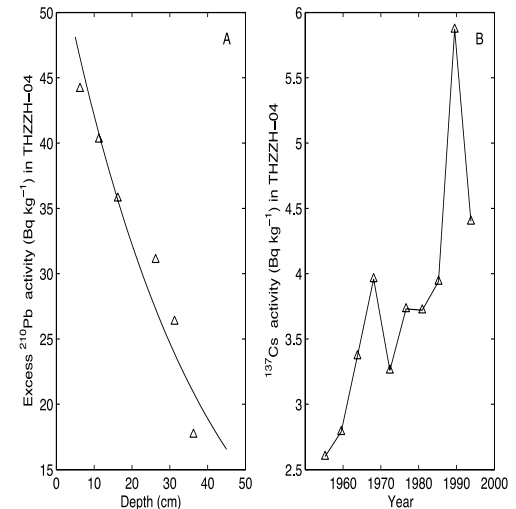
# Sediment accretion rates



Natural logarithms of excess  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  activity versus depth in soil cores collected from four sites in the LHD. Straight lines are linear regressions.

The slopes of the regression lines were in all cases significantly different from zero ( $p < 0.047$ ), and the calculated accretion rates ranged

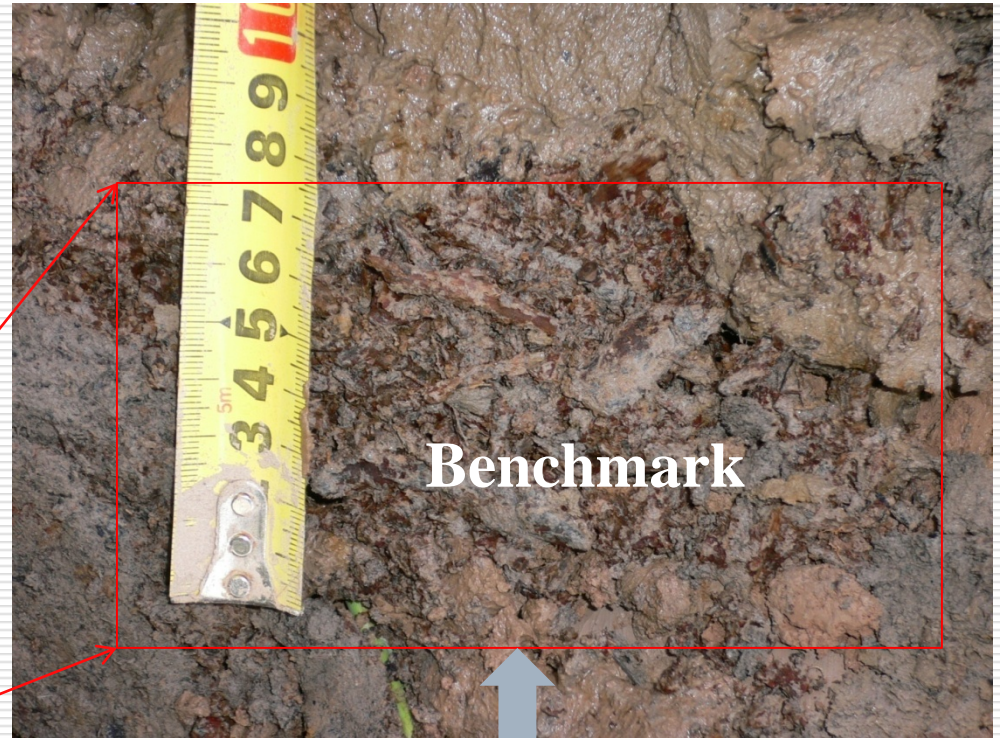
Based on the  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  profiles, the years corresponding to the two peaks of  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  activity in cores averaged  $1964 \pm 4$  and  $1991 \pm 2$



$y^{-1}$

# YRD: Sediment accretion rate (SAR)

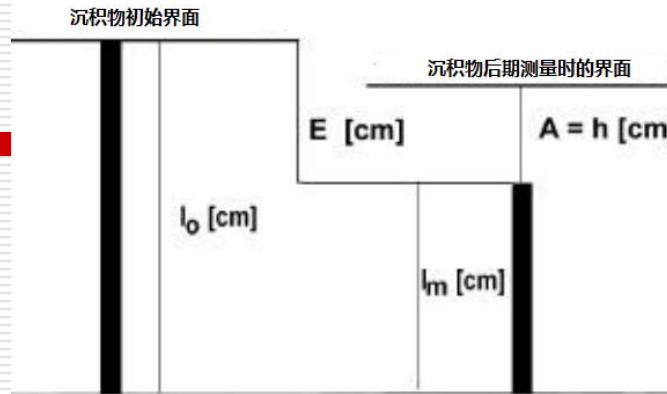
=thickness of the soil layer above the benchmark/age



paleosol layers formed by sedimentary  
hiatuses during frequent distributary  
channel changes

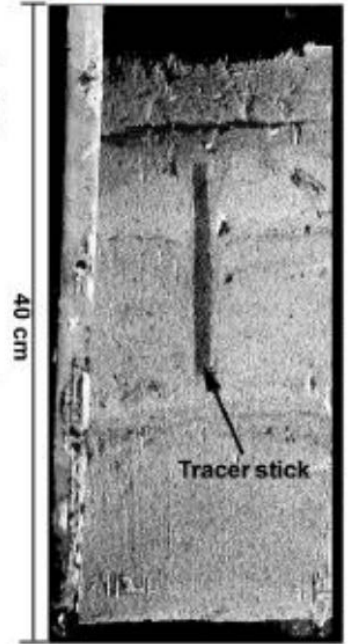
**SAR=3.9 to 9.7 cm year<sup>-1</sup>**

# Colour sand bar



侵蚀厚度： $E = l_0 - l_m$  [cm]  
 淤积厚度： $A = h$  [cm]  
 沉积物平衡： $B = A - E$  [cm]  
 沉积物变化累积： $T = A + E$  [cm]

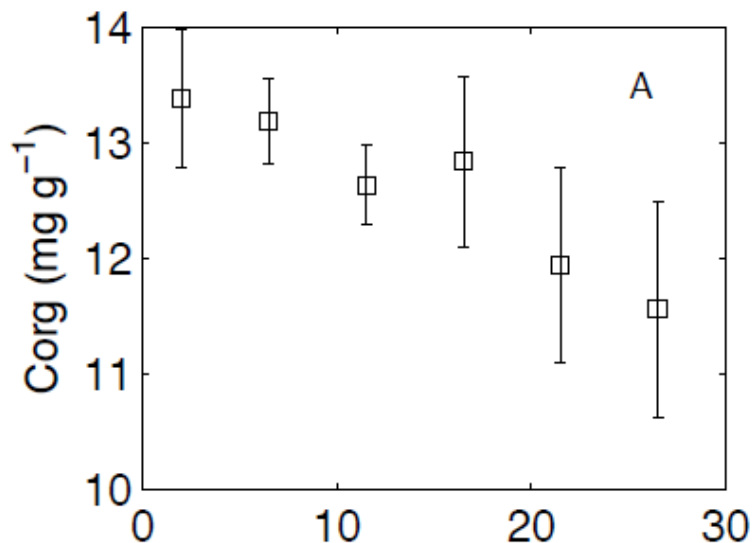
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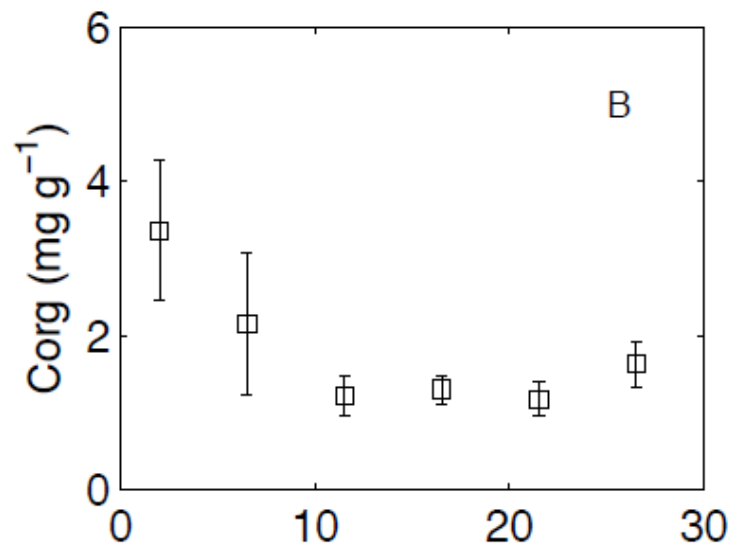
Schwarzer & Diesing (2001)



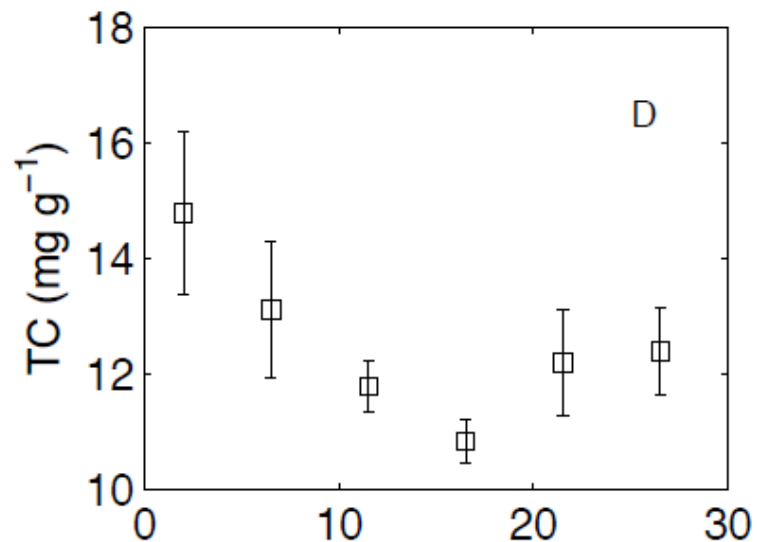
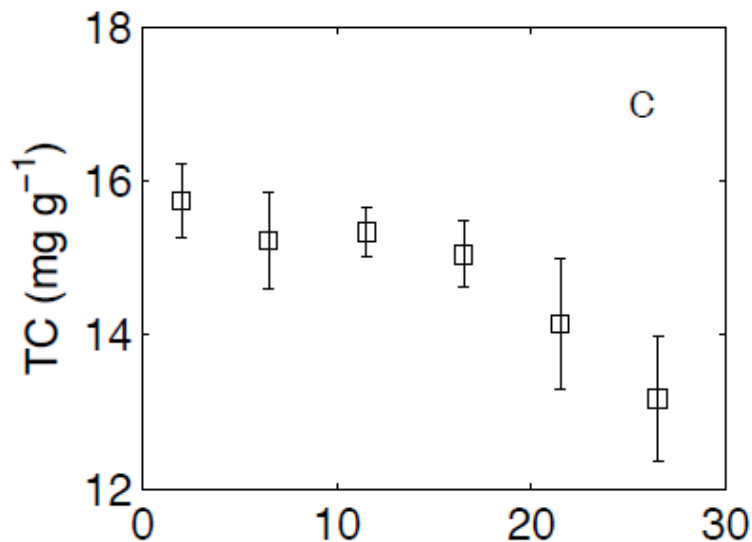
Liaohu Delta



Yellow River

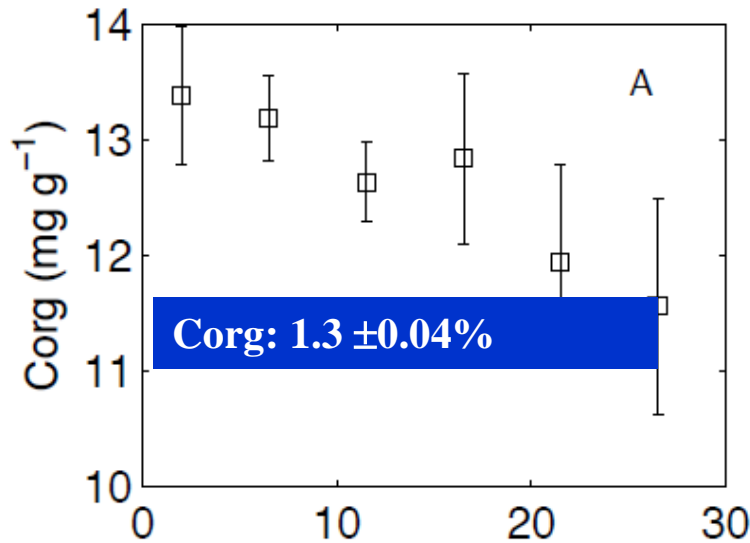


significant at KW test  $p < 1.25 \times 10^{-16}$

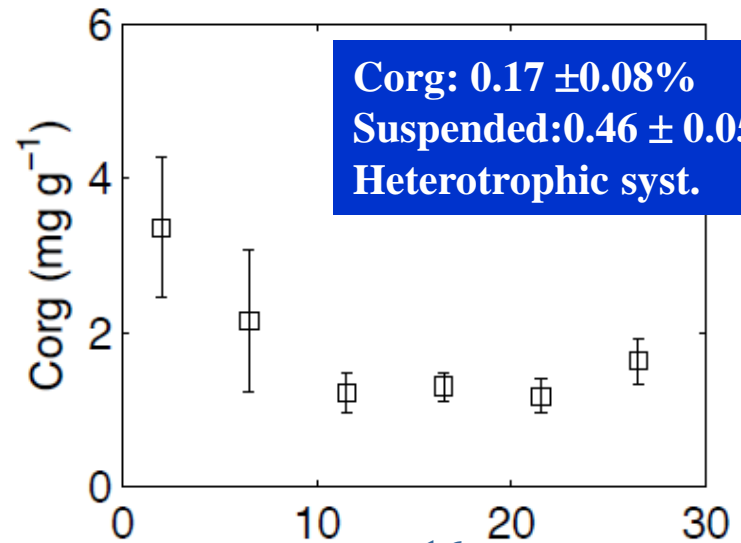


no significant difference (KW test,  $P = 0.53$ )

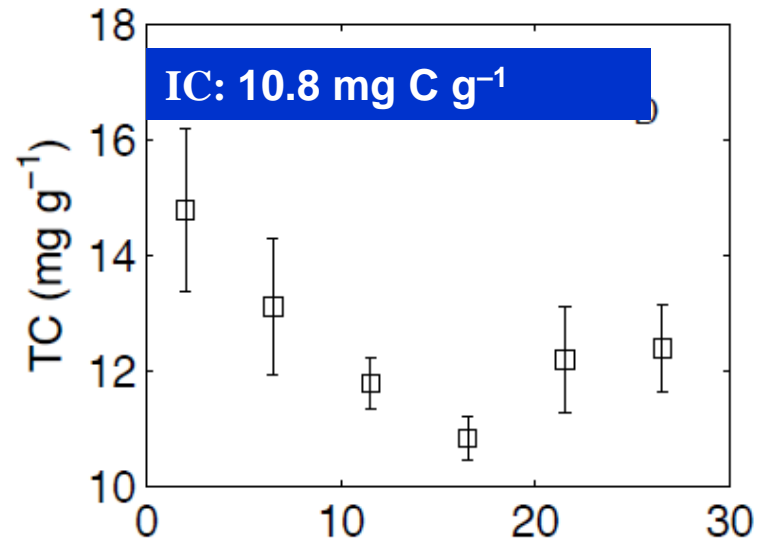
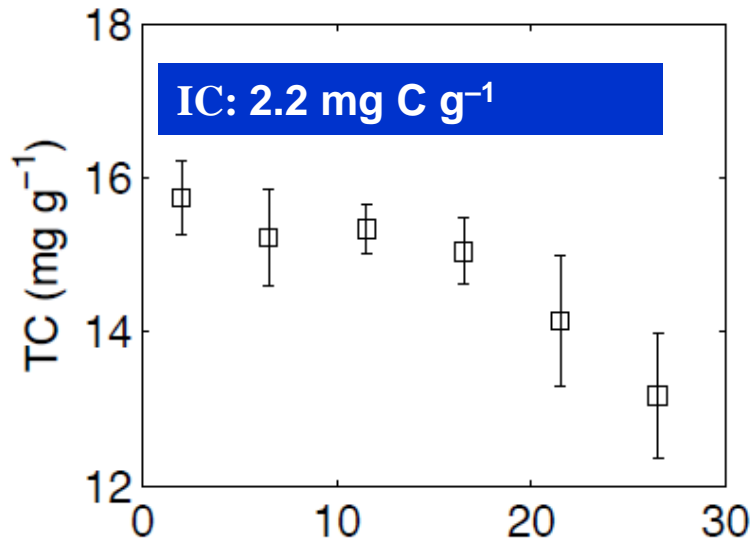
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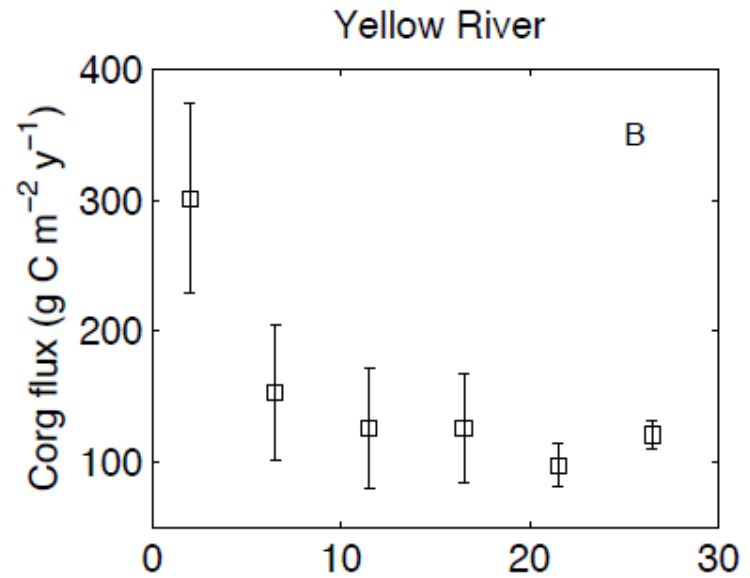
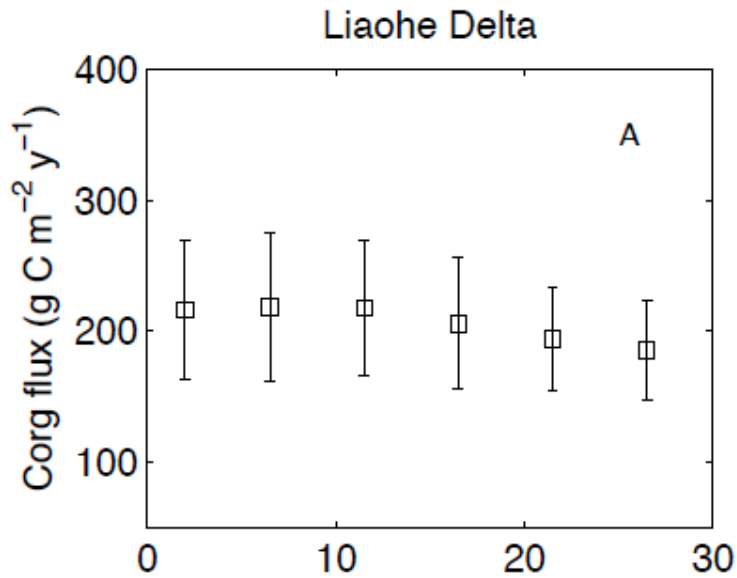
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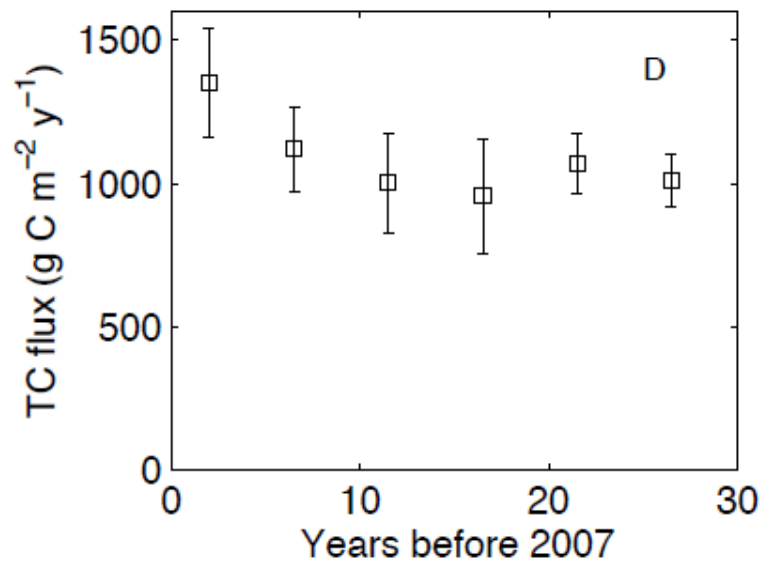
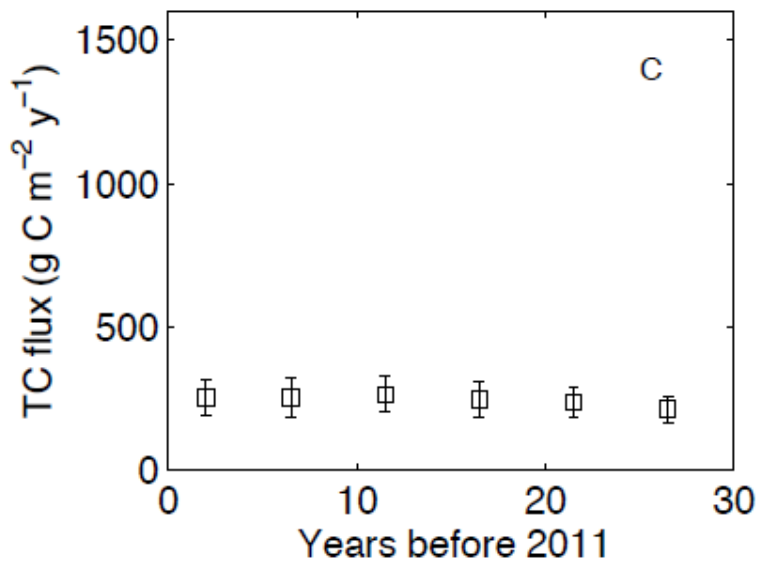
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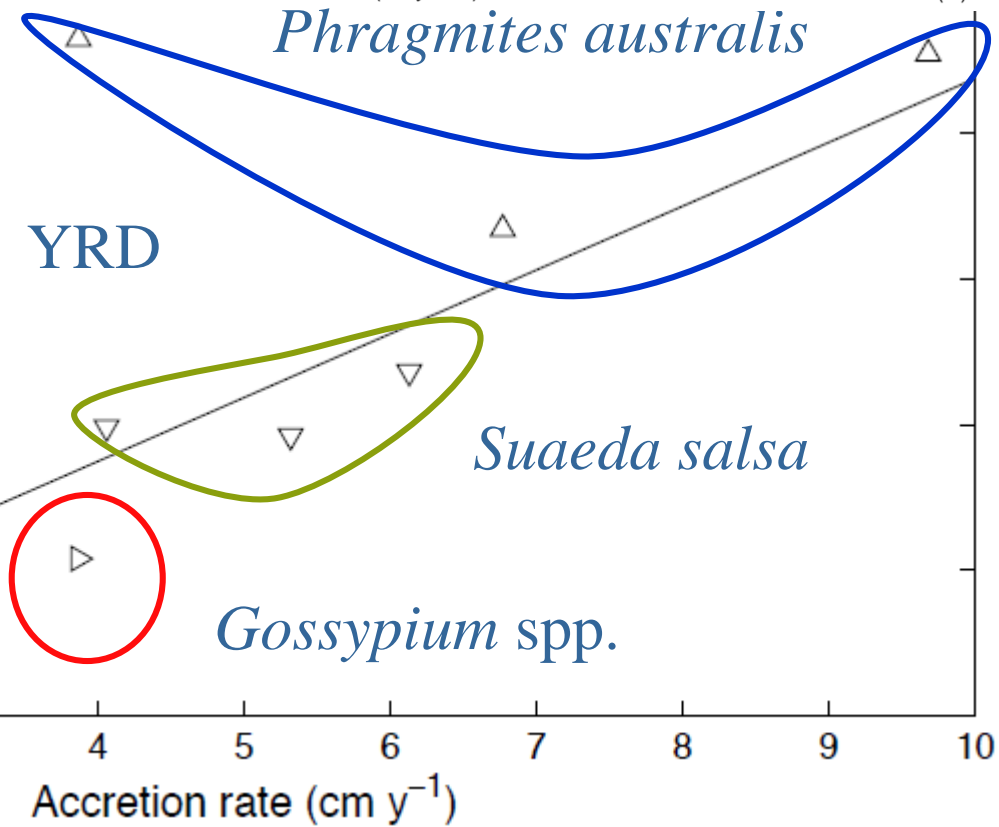
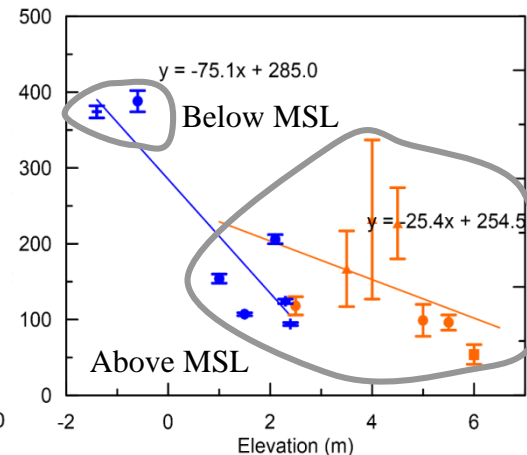
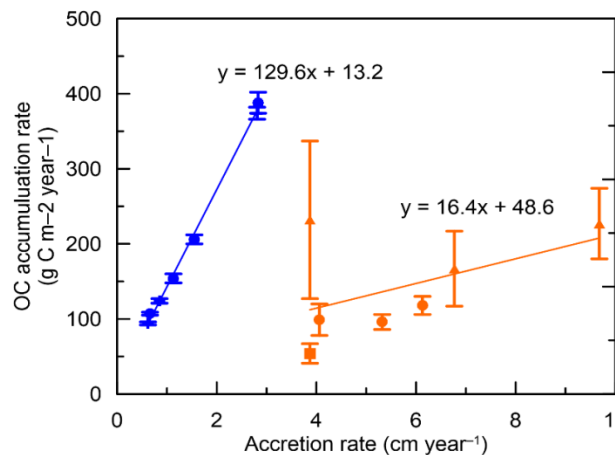
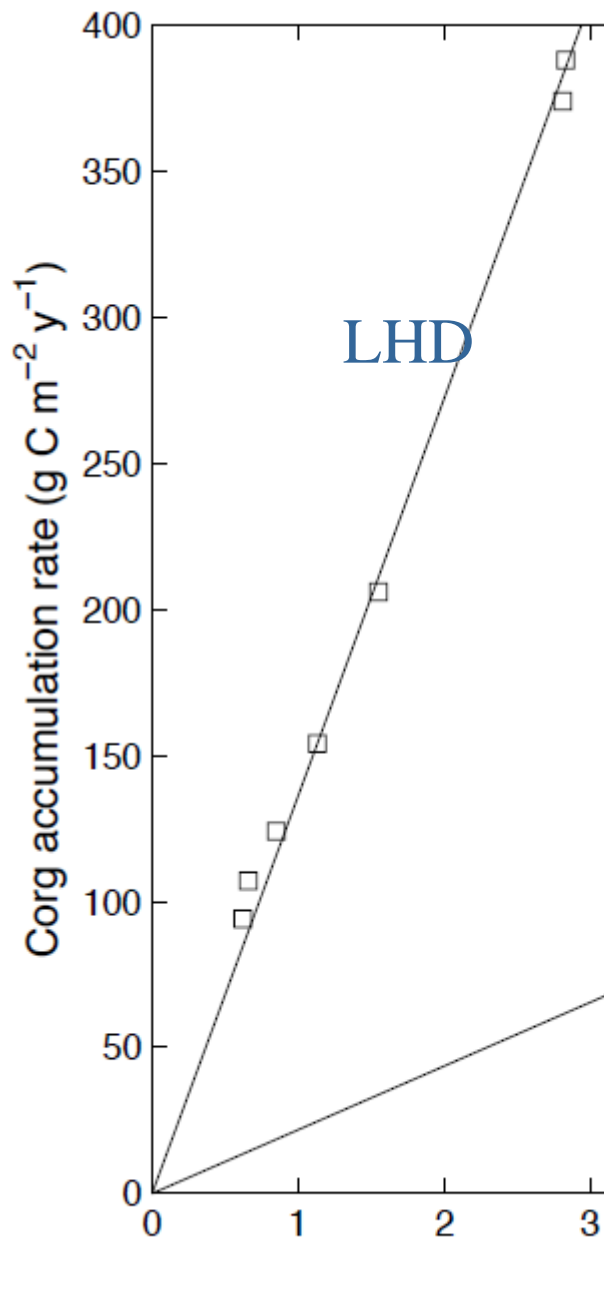
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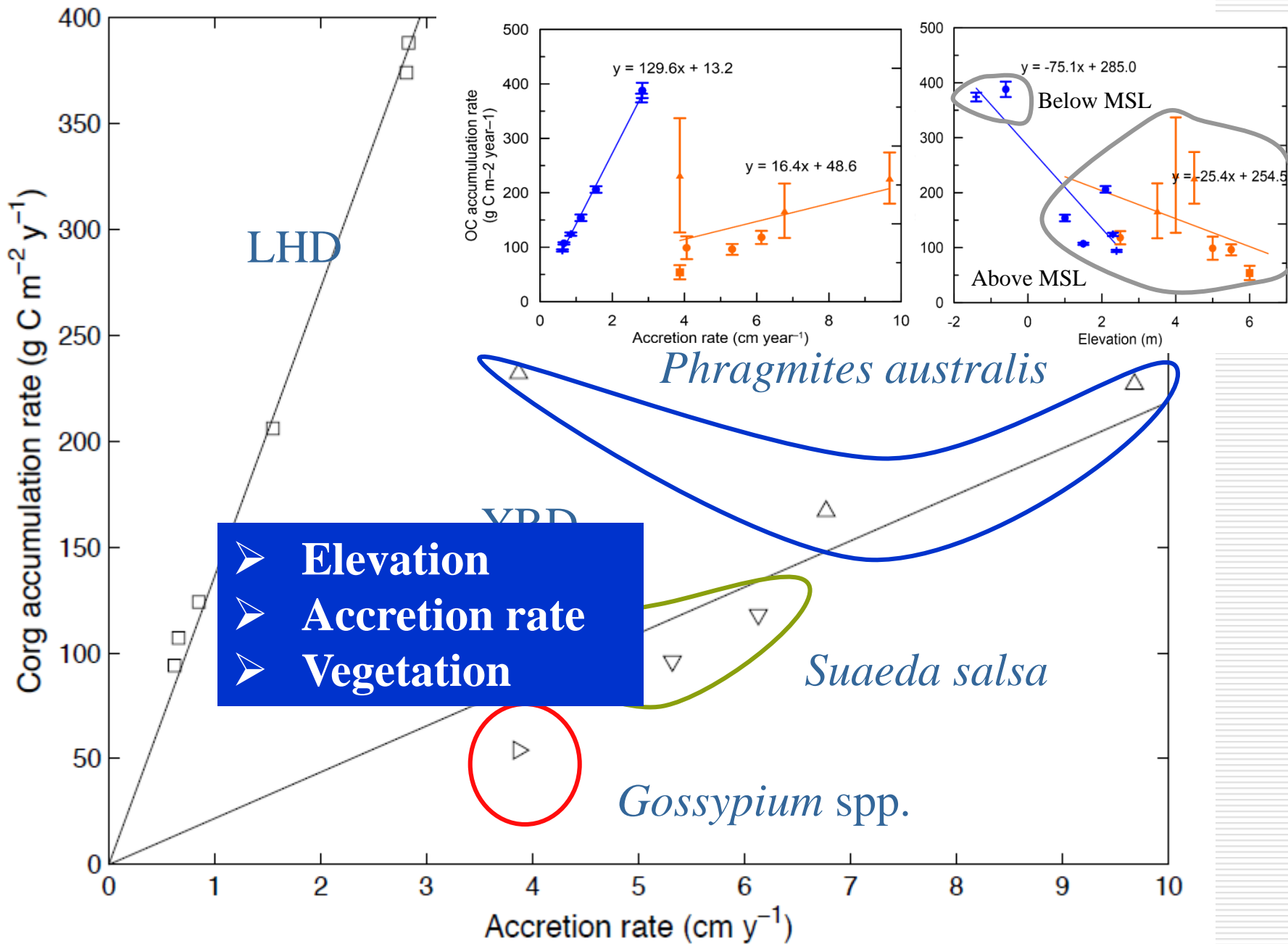
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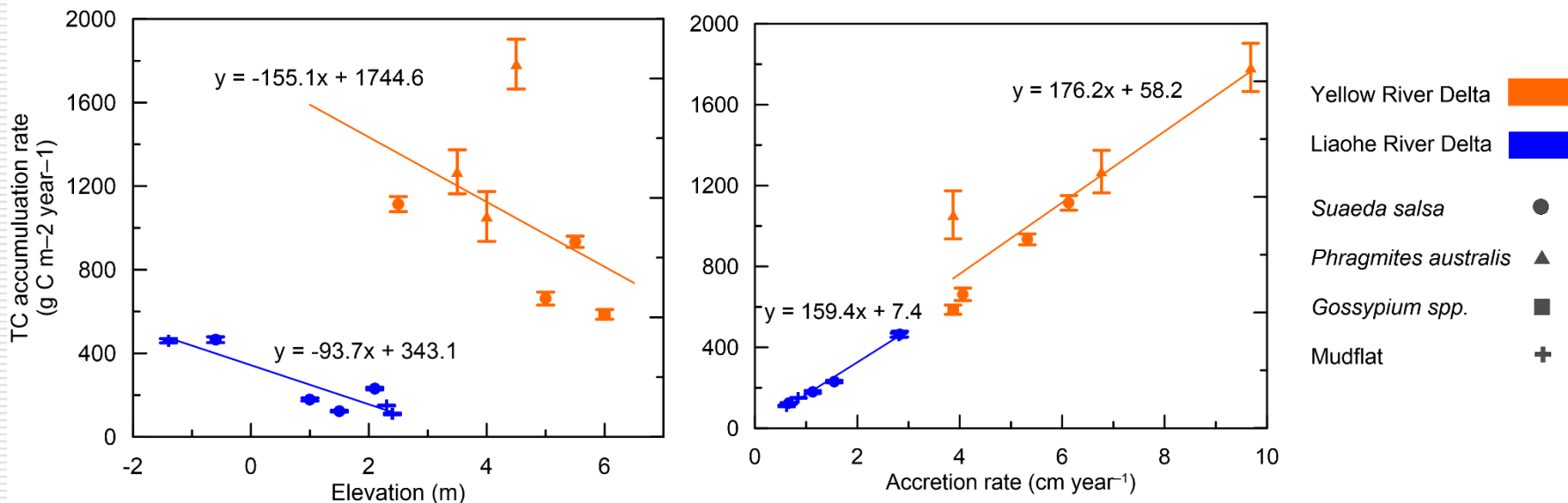
significant at  $P < 0.002$





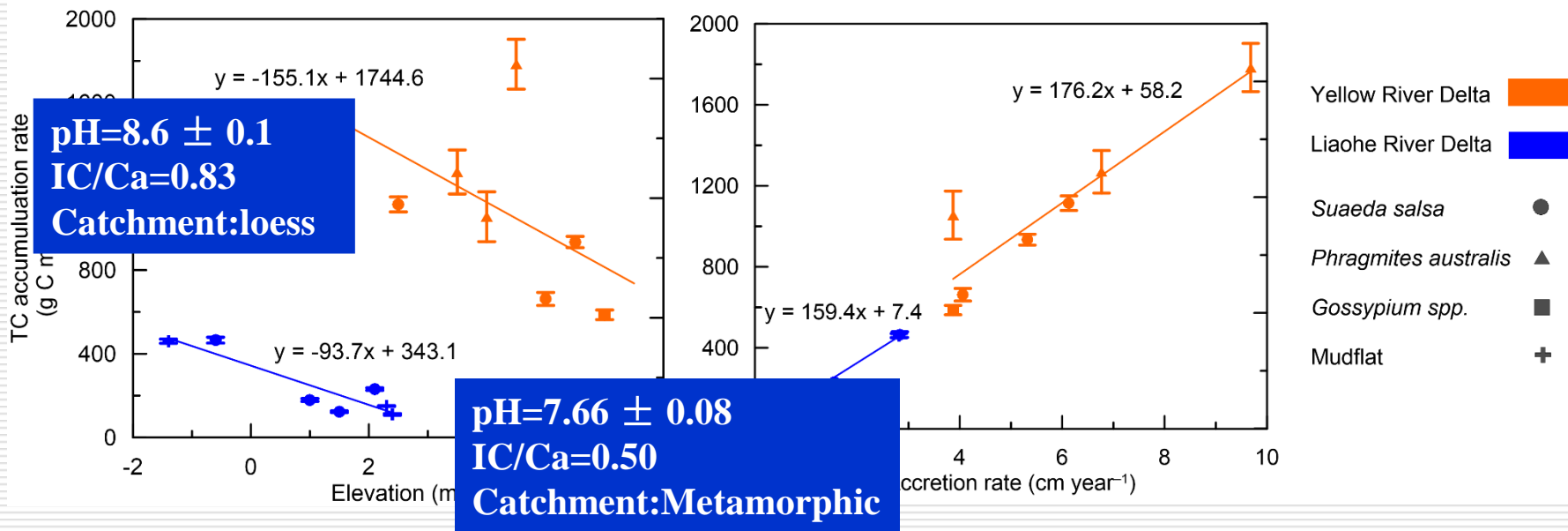


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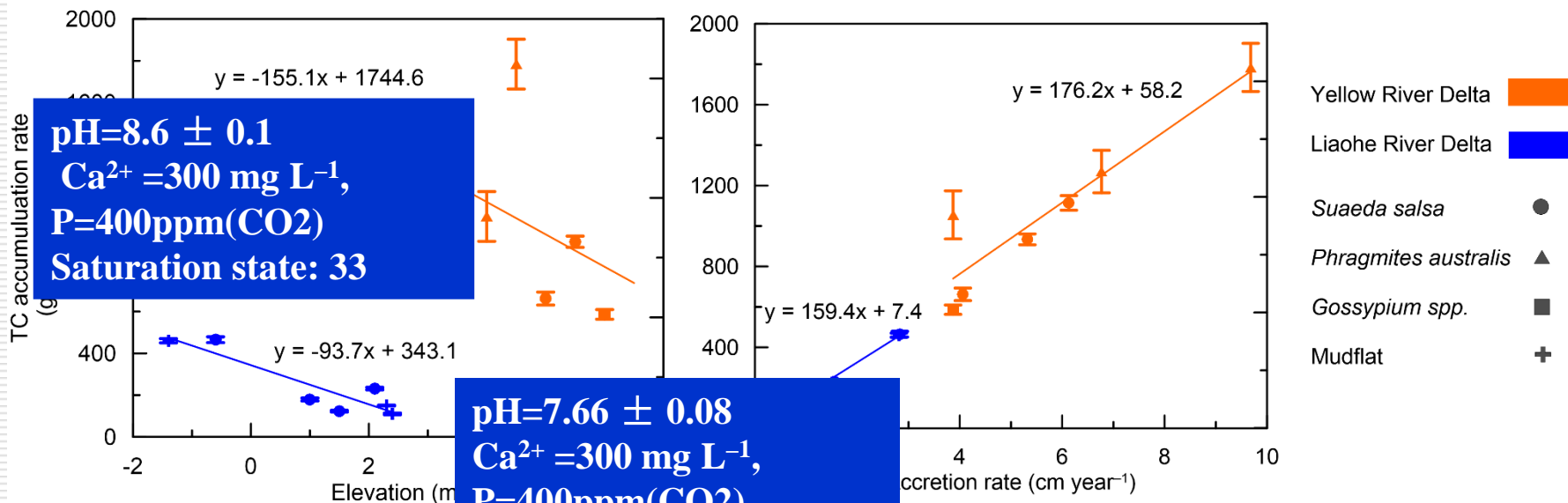
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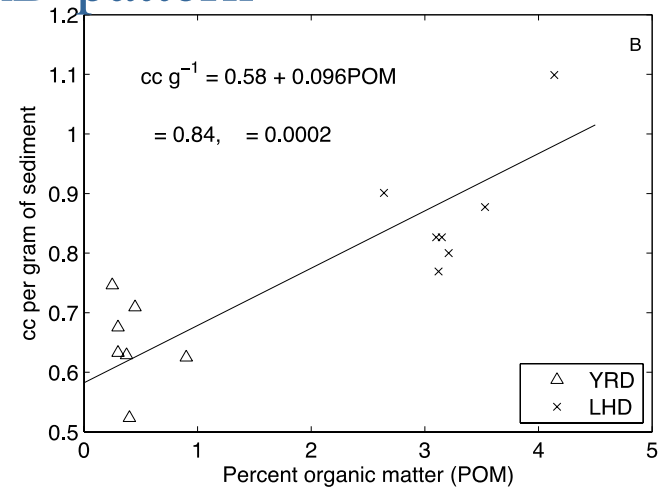
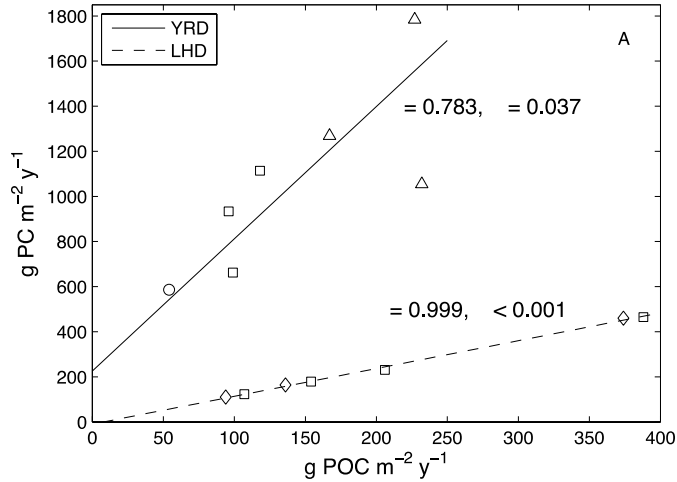
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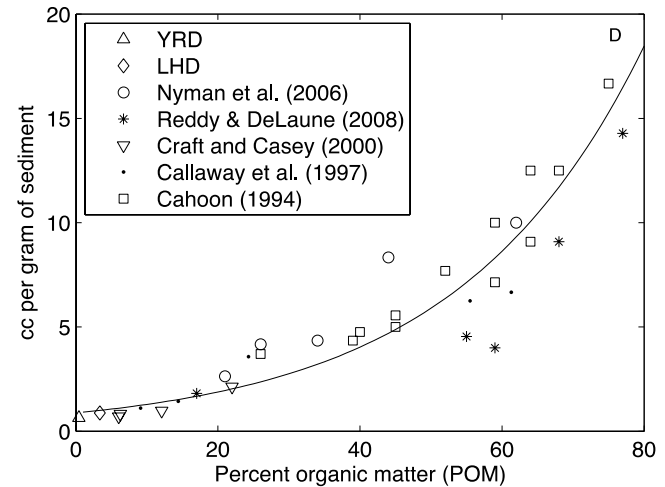
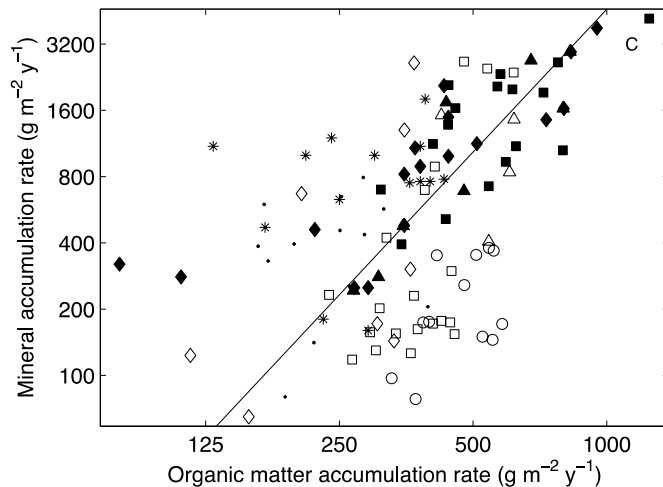
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# Relationships between sequestration rates of POC and PC in the YRD and LHD

## LHD&YRD pattern



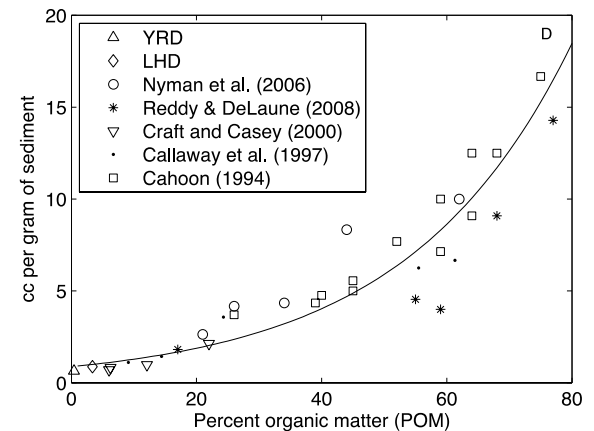
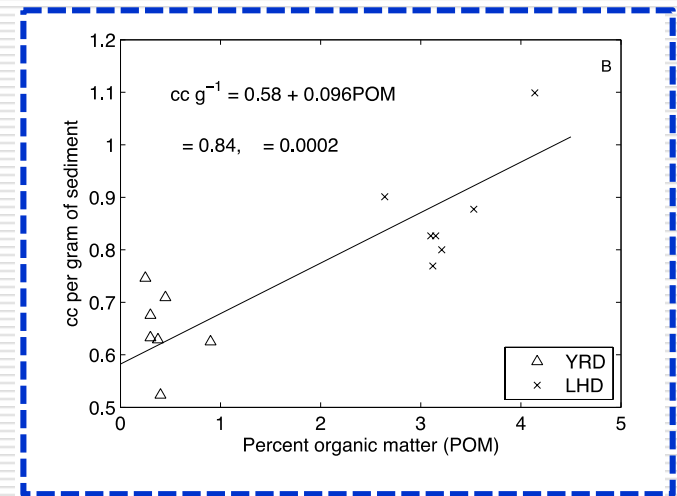
## Global pattern



# Relationships between sequestration rates of POM and $BD^{-1}$ in the YRD and LHD

the regression line fit to the data indicates that **sediment** consisting of 100% **POM** would occupy  $(0.58 + 9.6)/0.58 = 18$  times as much volume per gram as sediment consisting of 100% inorganic matter

OM is the dominate factor for keeping the elevation in the wetlands!



# Thank you



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## Chemical and physical data comparison between YRD and LHD

Element	YRD	LHD	LHD
Zn (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	0.050 ± 0.003	0.117 ± 0.005	0.018 ± 0.002
Cu (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	0.017 ± 0.001	0.028 ± 0.002	0.0039 ± 0.000 1
Mn (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	0.50 ± 0.03	1.15 ± 0.09	0.29 ± 0.01
Fe (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	25.3 ± 1.0	43.0 ± 2.1	0.17 ± 0.01
Mg (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	11.46 ± 0.30	14.5 ± 0.5	1.18 ± 0.02
Ca (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	43.4 ± 1.2	14.6 ± 0.5	4.13 ± 0.10
K (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	17.3 ± 0.3	24.8 ± 0.1	0.73 ± 0.01
Al (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	56.5 ± 1.2	80.2 ± 1.2	
N (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	0.27 ± 0.03	0.88 ± 0.08	
P (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	0.60 ± 0.01	0.68 ± 0.01	0.03 ± 0.00
S (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	0.17 ± 0.01	0.49 ± 0.05	
TC (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	12.6 ± 0.7	14.7 ± 0.3	
OC (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	1.82 ± 0.32	12.5 ± 0.4	
BD (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.51 ± 0.04	1.16 ± 0.05	
MC (%)	22.7 ± 1.0	31.2 ± 1.0	
OC : N (mol : mol)	7.1 ± 0.3	17.4 ± 1.4	
N : P (mol : mol)	1.0 ± 0.1	2.87 ± 0.23	
pH	8.6 ± 0.1	7.66 ± 0.08	