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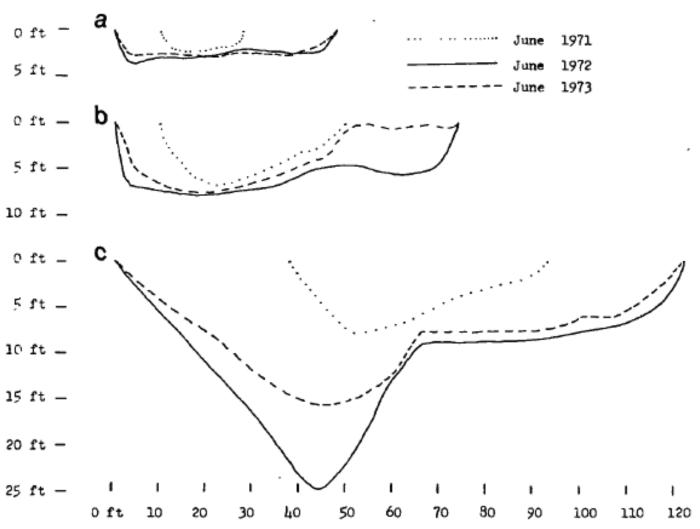


Fig. 4. Changes in river channel cross sections after Agnes flood of June 1972: (a) below Slade gage (4.7-mi<sup>2</sup> drainage area), straight reach; (b) Mantua Mill (33-mi<sup>2</sup> drainage area), meandering reach; and (c) Falls Road bridge (37.8-mi<sup>2</sup> drainage area), a bridge constriction. All cross sections look downstream.

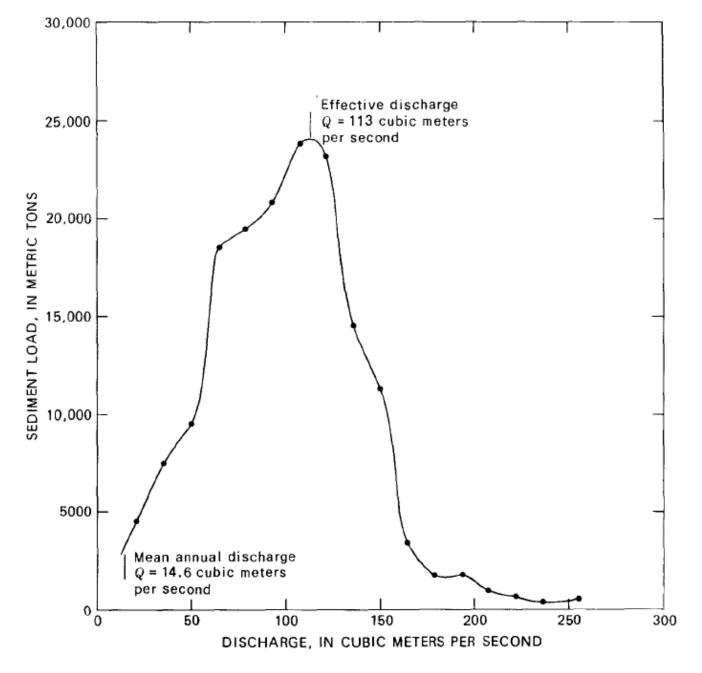


Fig. 5. Mean-annual sediment load transported by increments of discharge for the Snake River near Dixon, Wyoming.

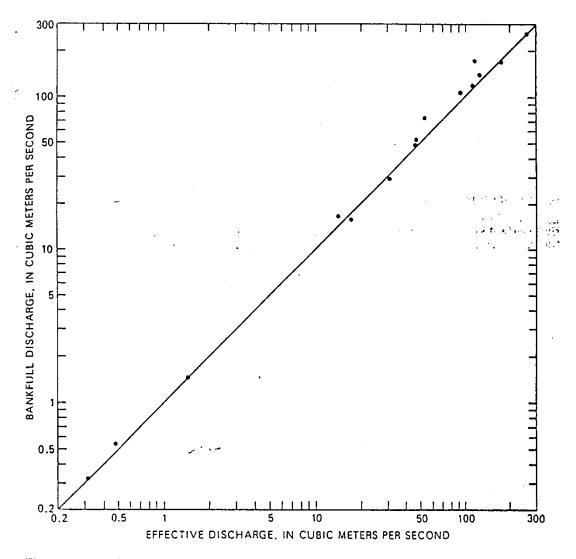
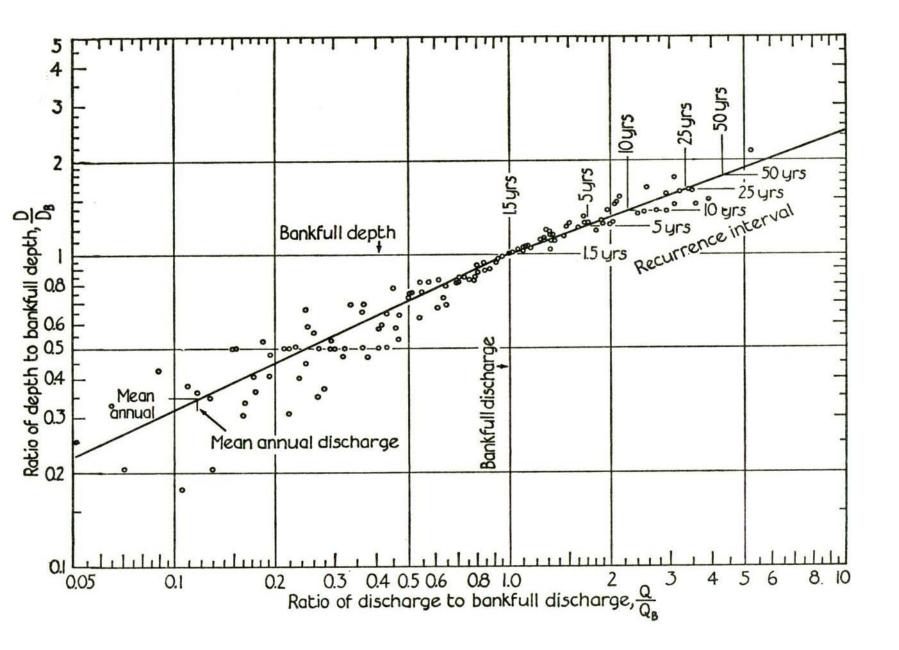


Fig. 11. Comparison of computed effective discharges with the observed bankfull discharges at 15 gaging stations.



Bankfull conditions have a return period averaging 1.5 years