TMDL Program

Overview and results from NSTEPS in Oregon

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Oregon NSTEPS Objectives

- Develop quantitative models linking periphyton community composition with nutrient concentrations (TN and TP)

- Link periphyton-nutrient models to dissolved oxygen, pH, and chlorophyll a

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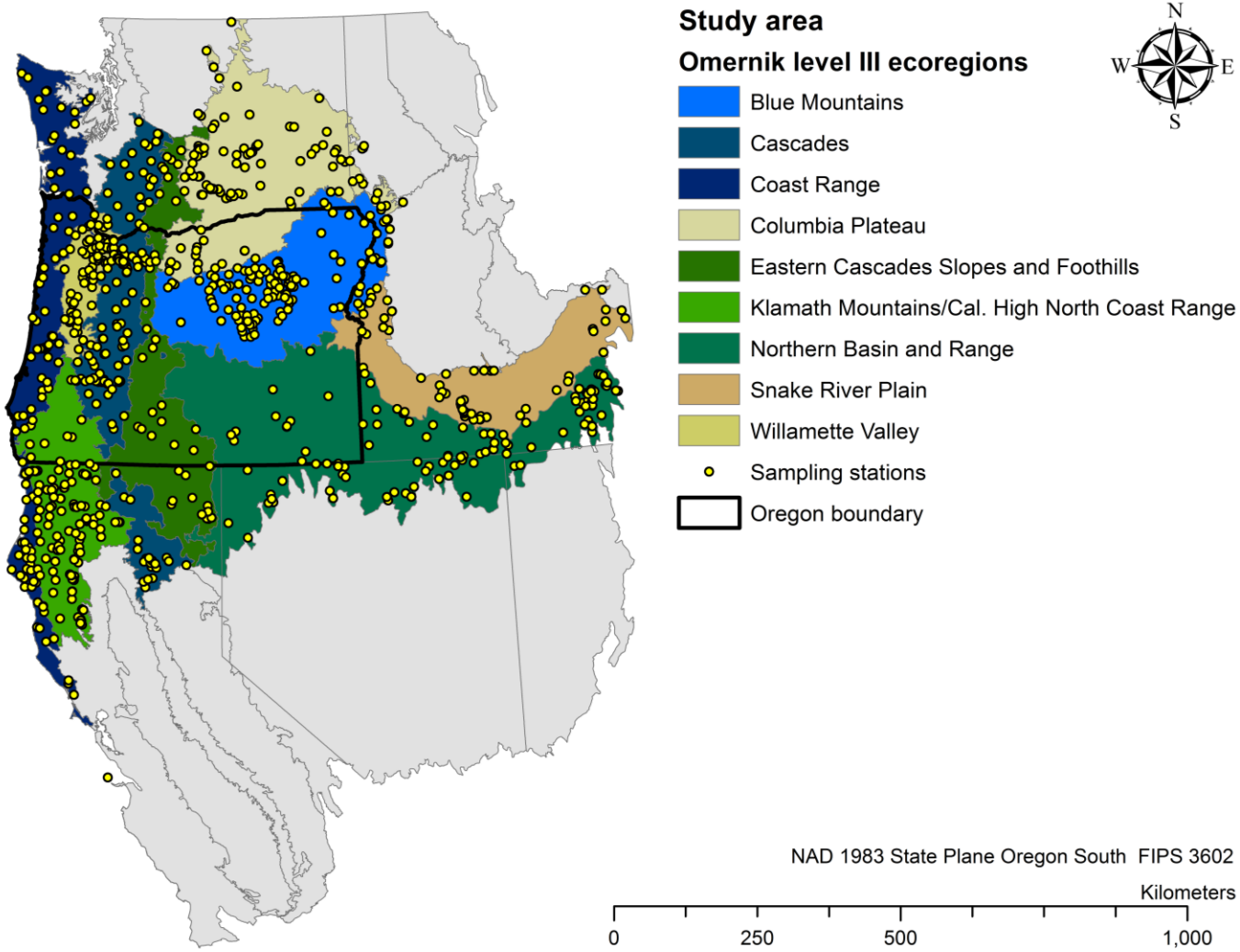
Study region



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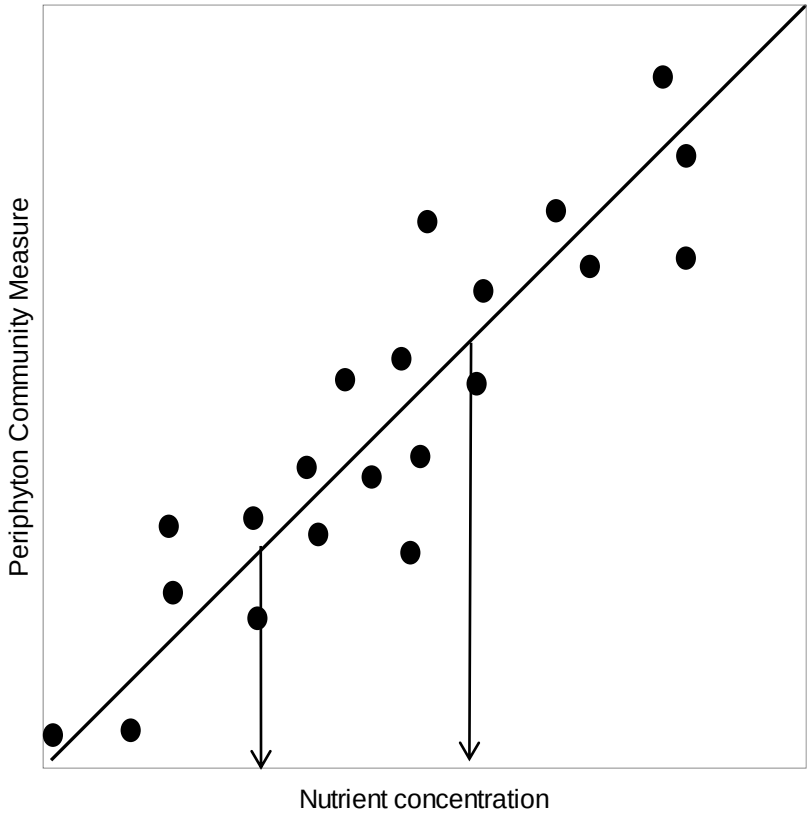
Methods

- Compile periphyton and nutrient data
- Develop correlative models
- Use SEM to evaluate interactions and other factors



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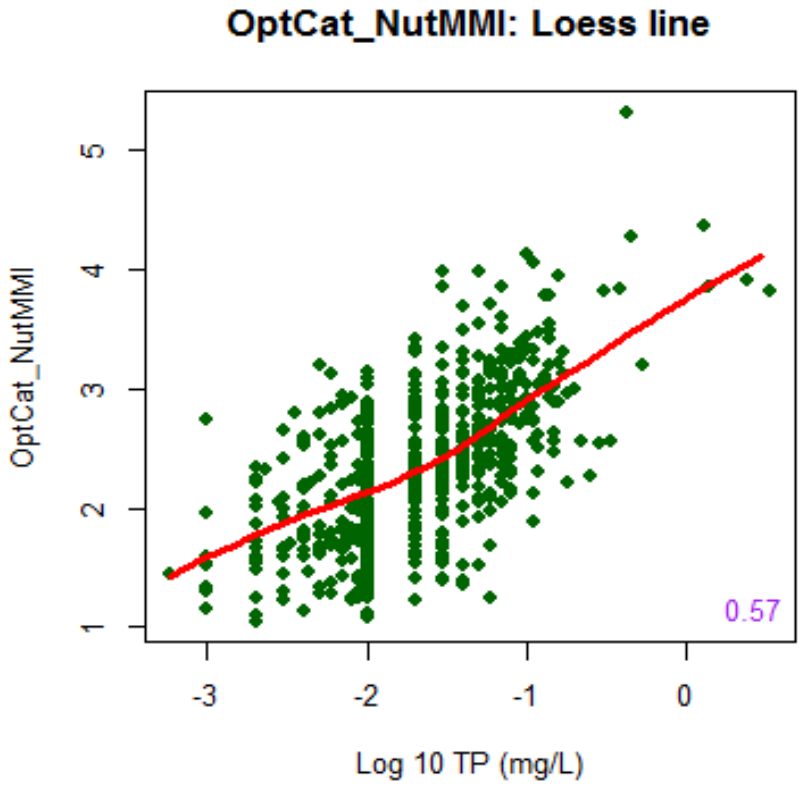
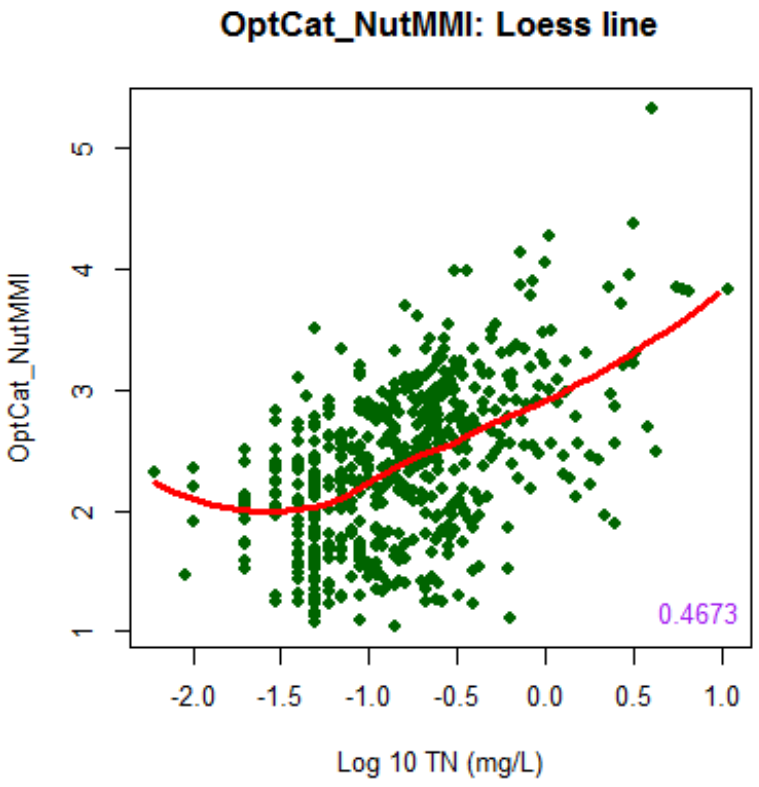
Periphyton-nutrient correlations





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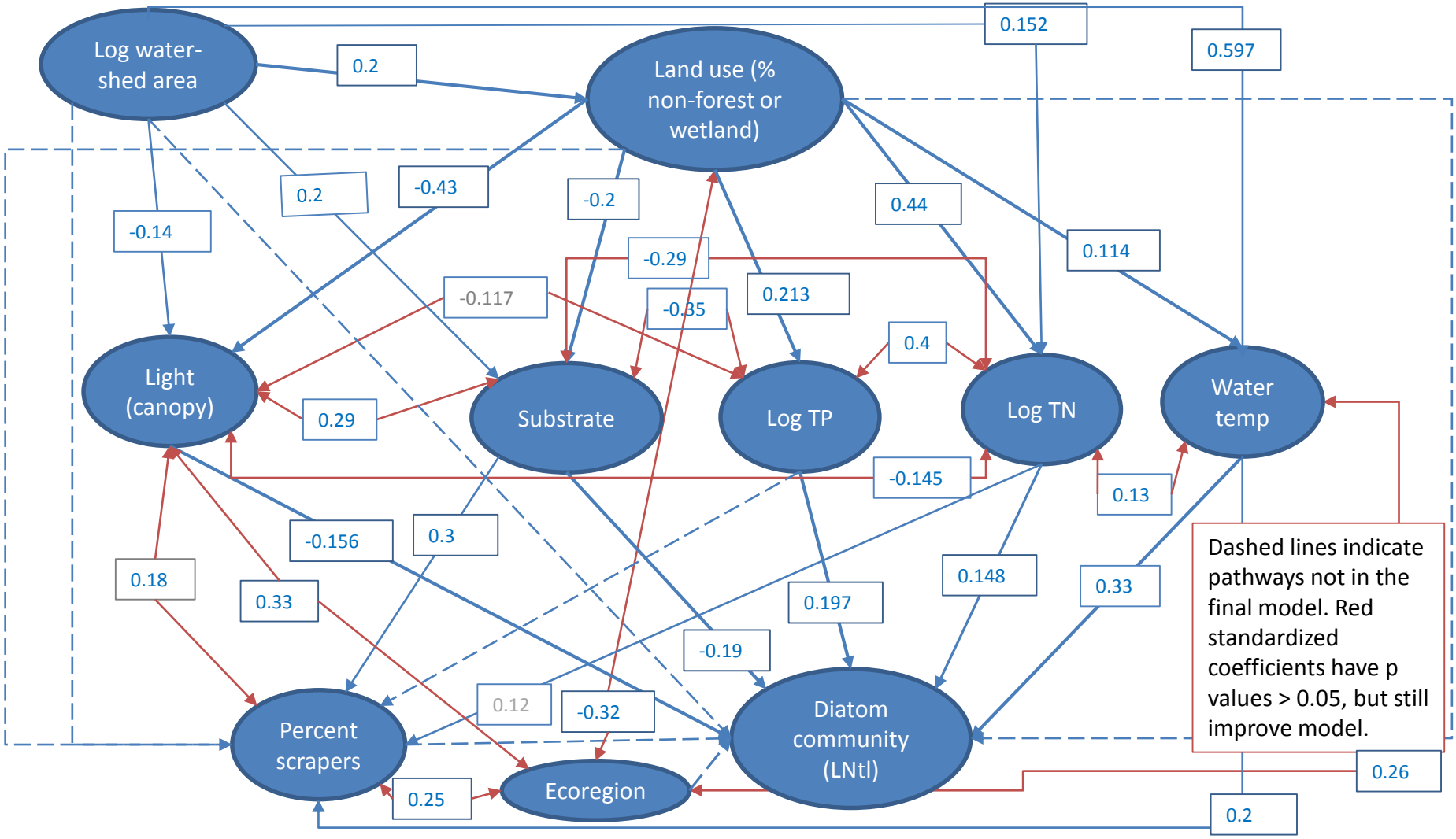
Structural Equation Model



Conclusions and next steps

- Periphyton community indices correlate to nutrient concentrations in Oregon
- SEM allows us to better understand interactions with other factors
- Still need to link with regulated water quality parameters (e.g., dissolved oxygen)

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