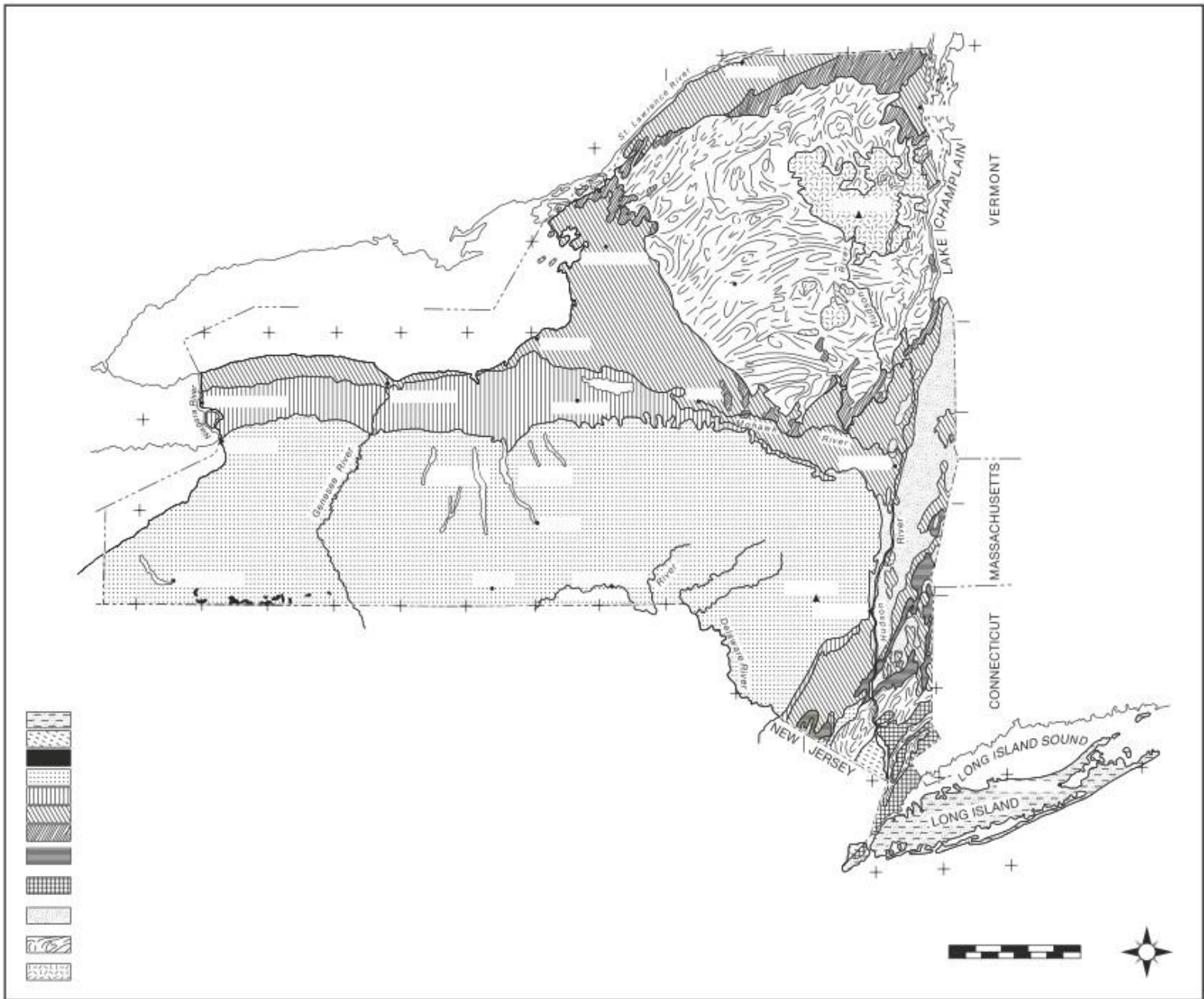


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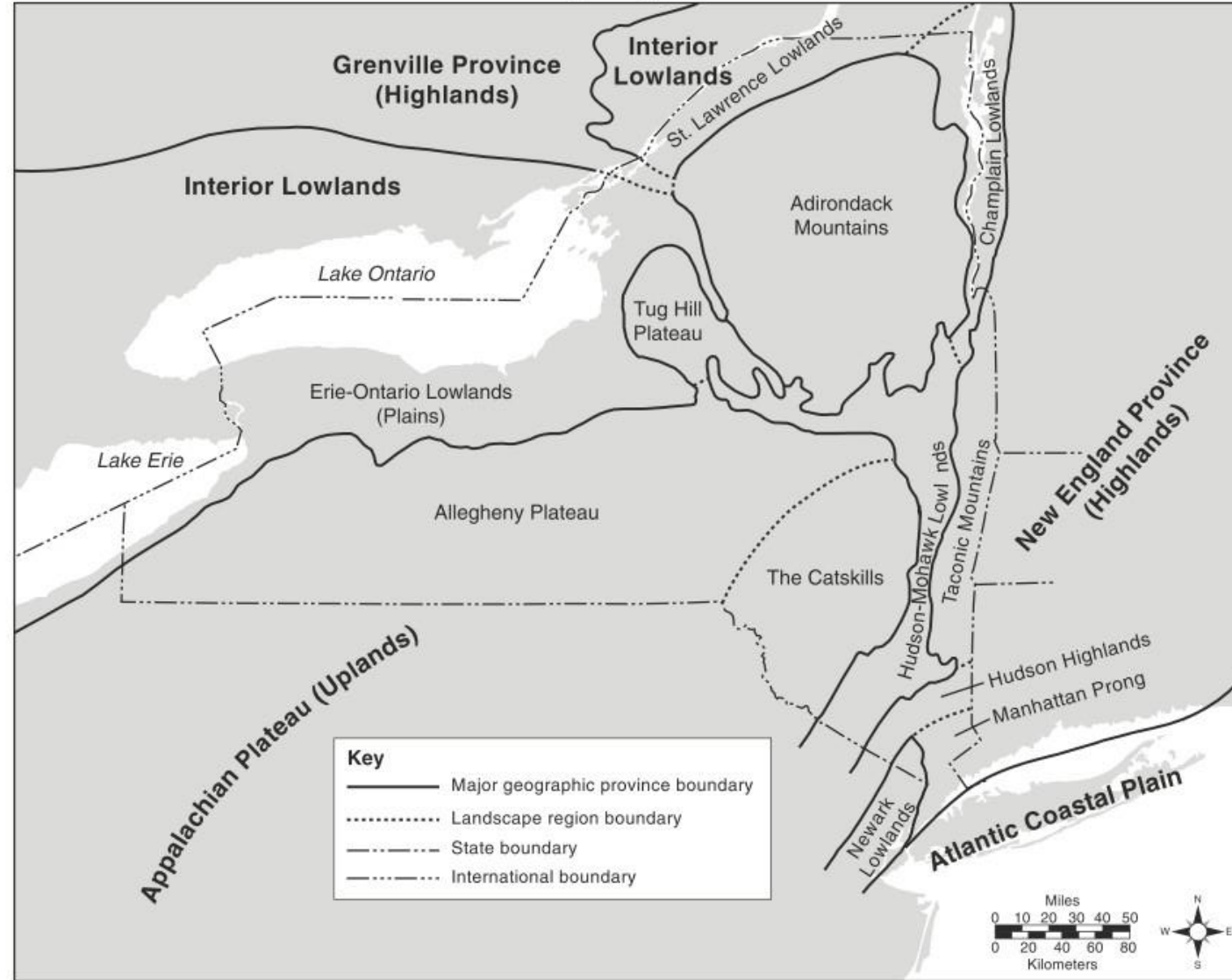
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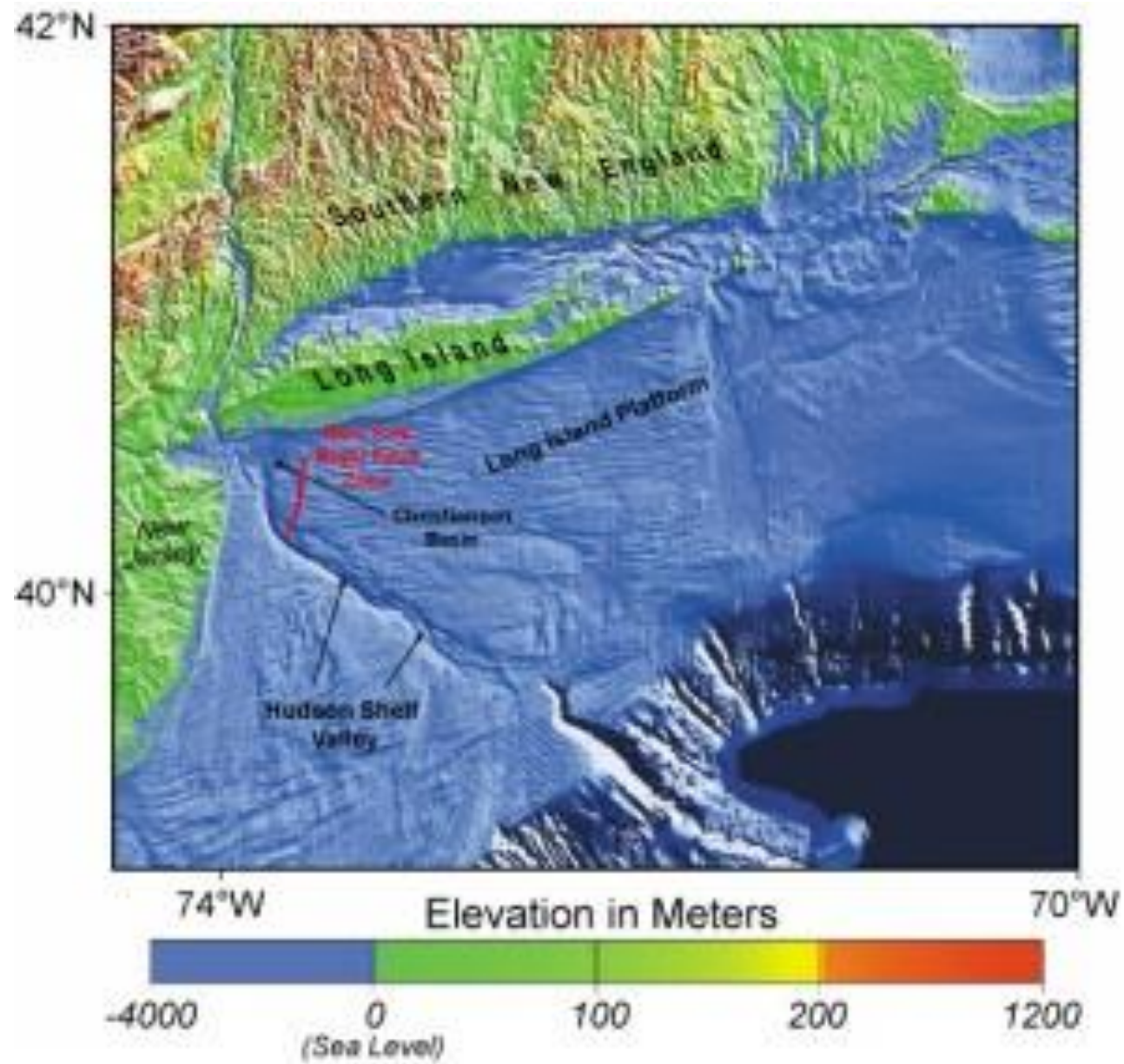
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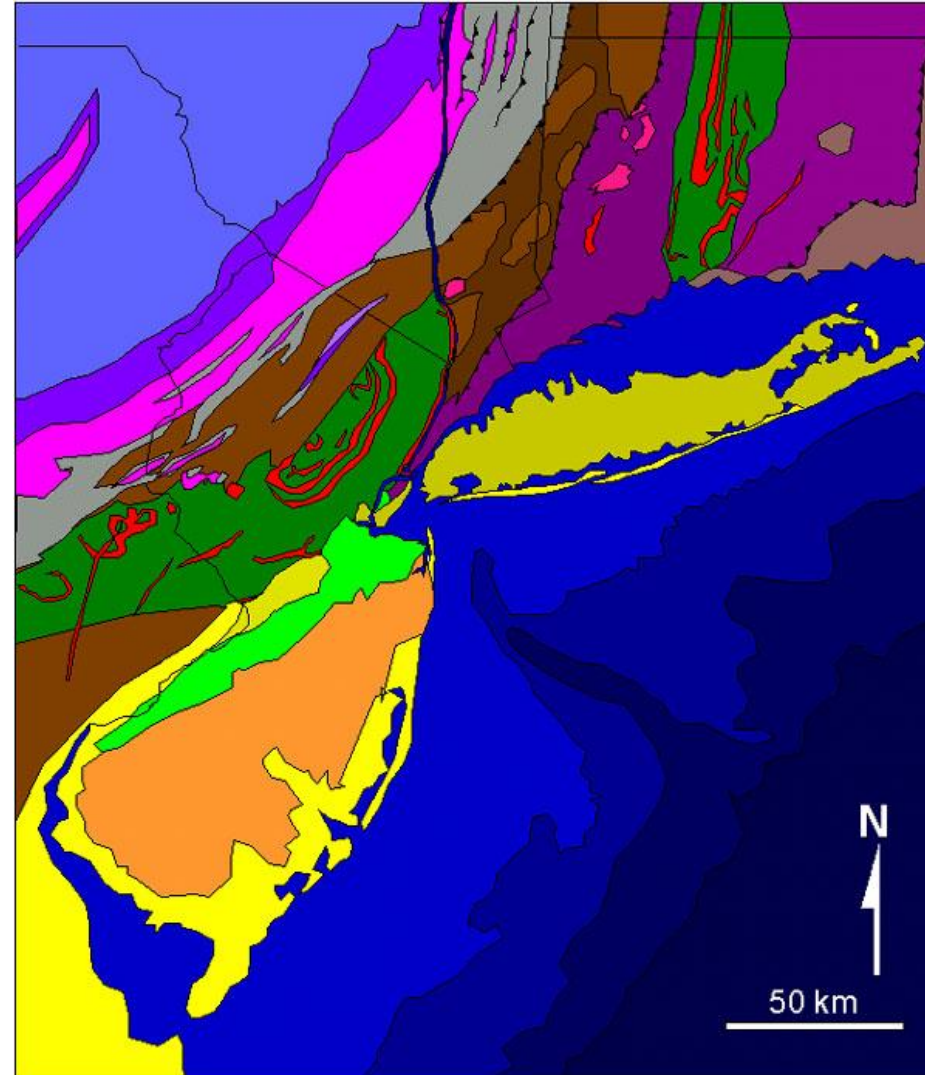


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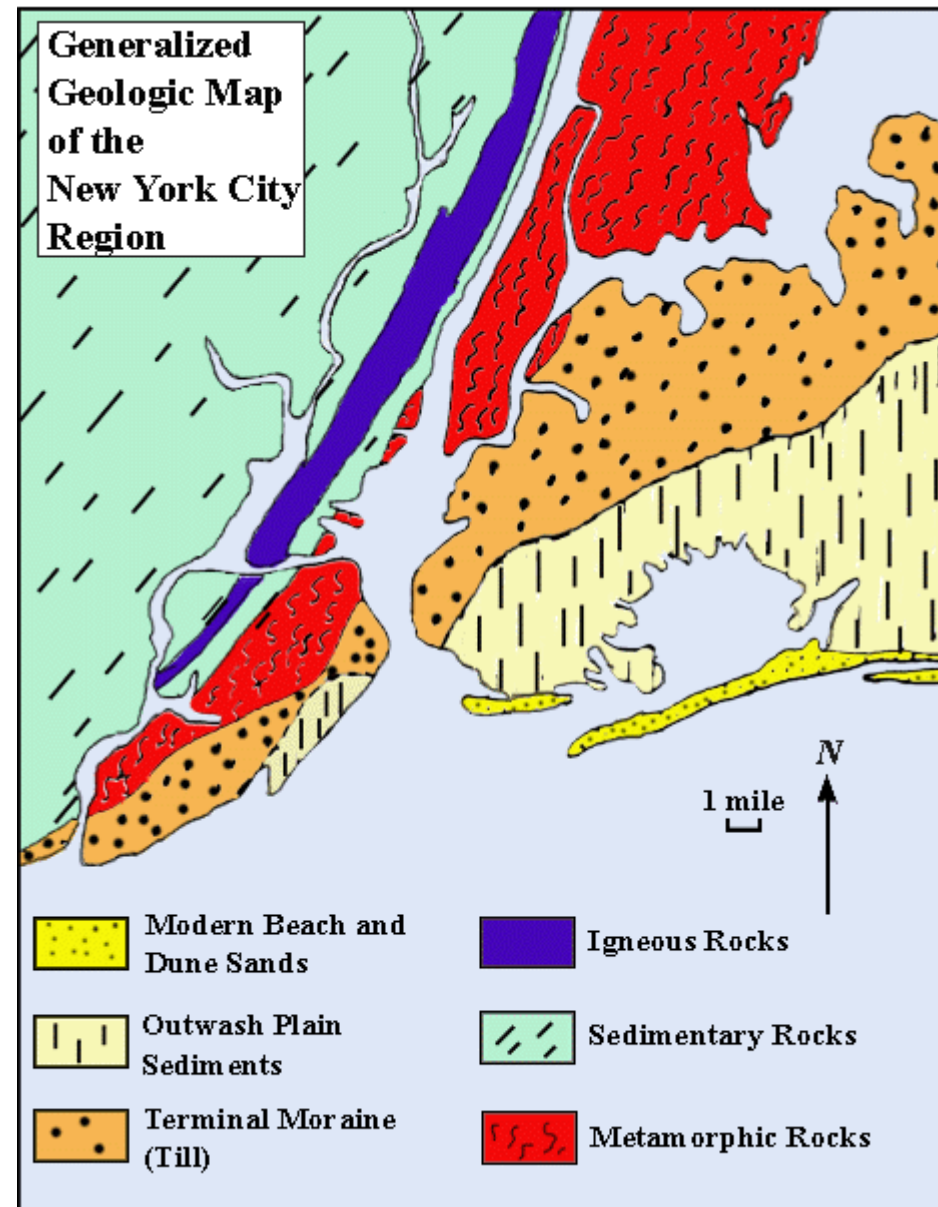




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| Tertiary sediments | Cambrian/Ordovician metamorphic rocks (Iapetus Terrane) |
| Cretaceous sediments | Paleozoic granitic intrusive igneous rocks |
| Triassic/Jurassic volcanic rocks | Precambrian metamorphic rocks (Avalon Terrane) |
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- Major thrust faults
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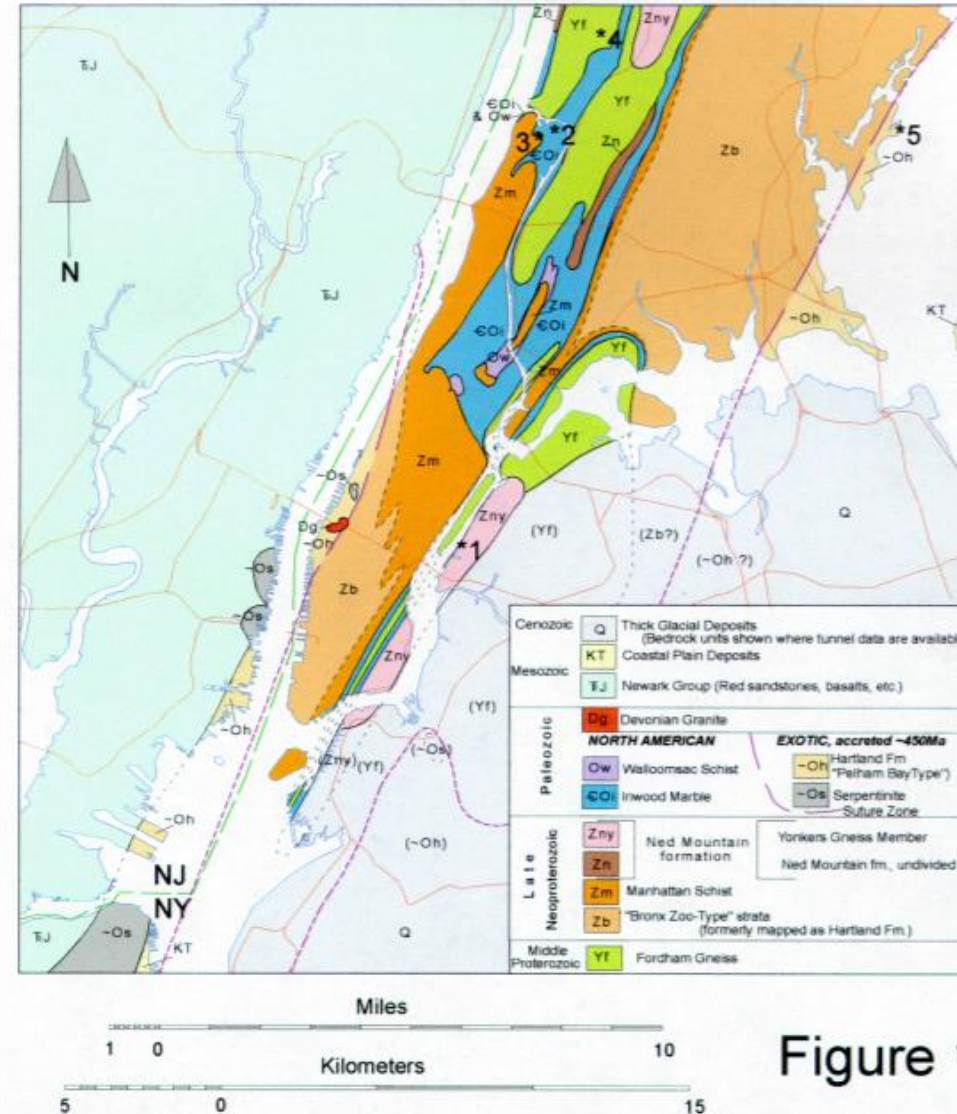
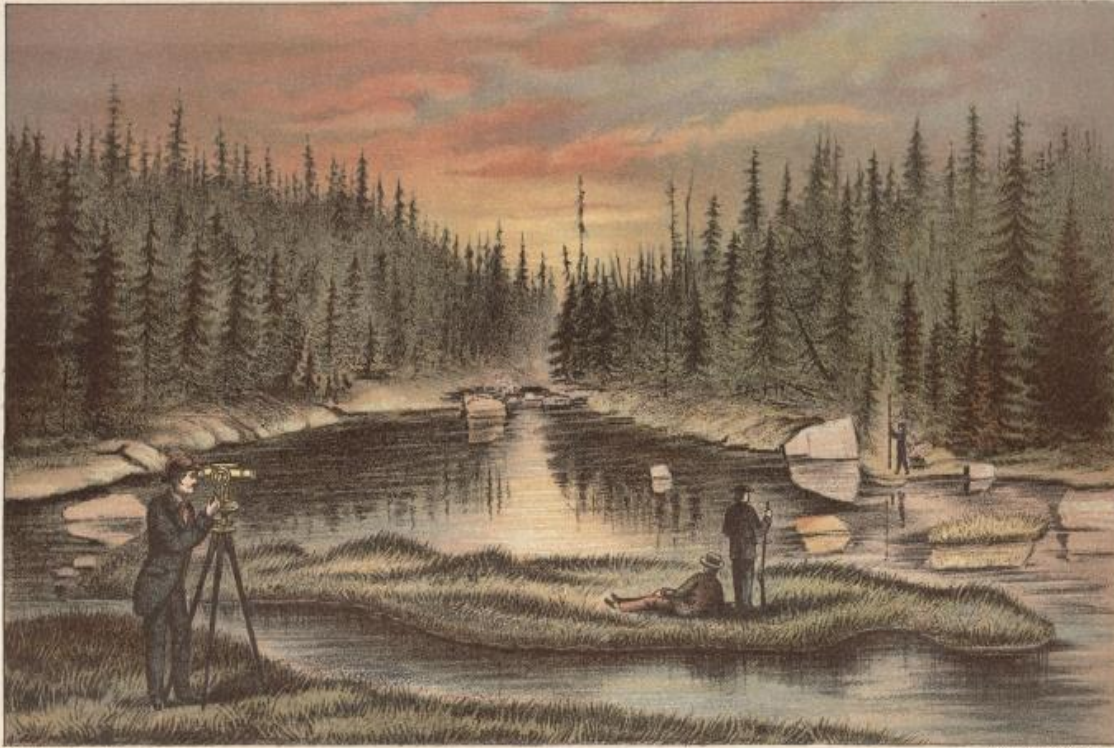


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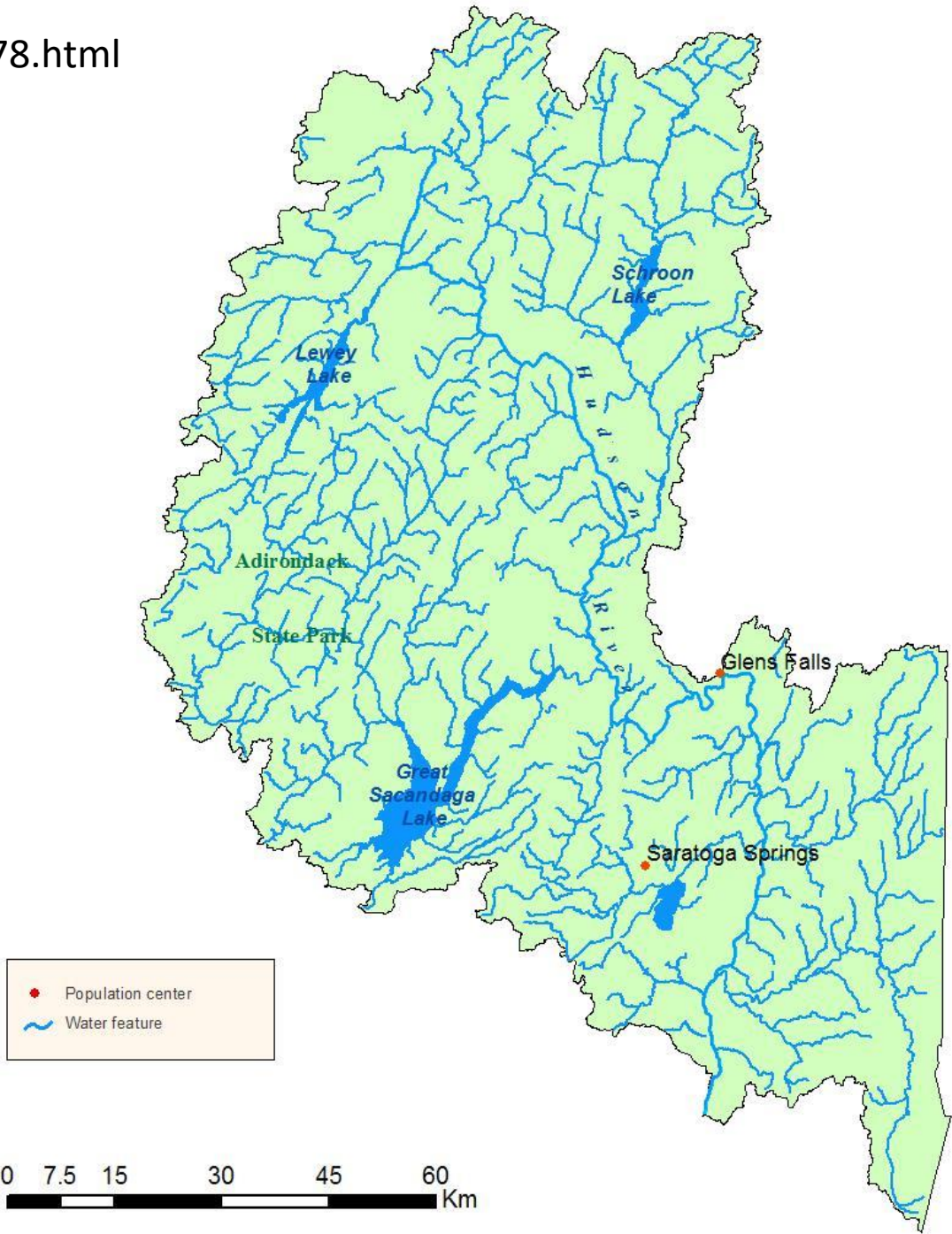


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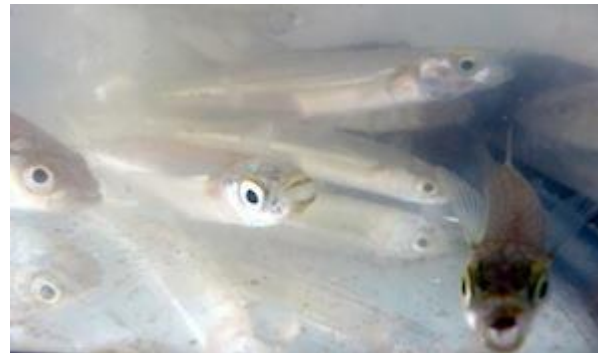


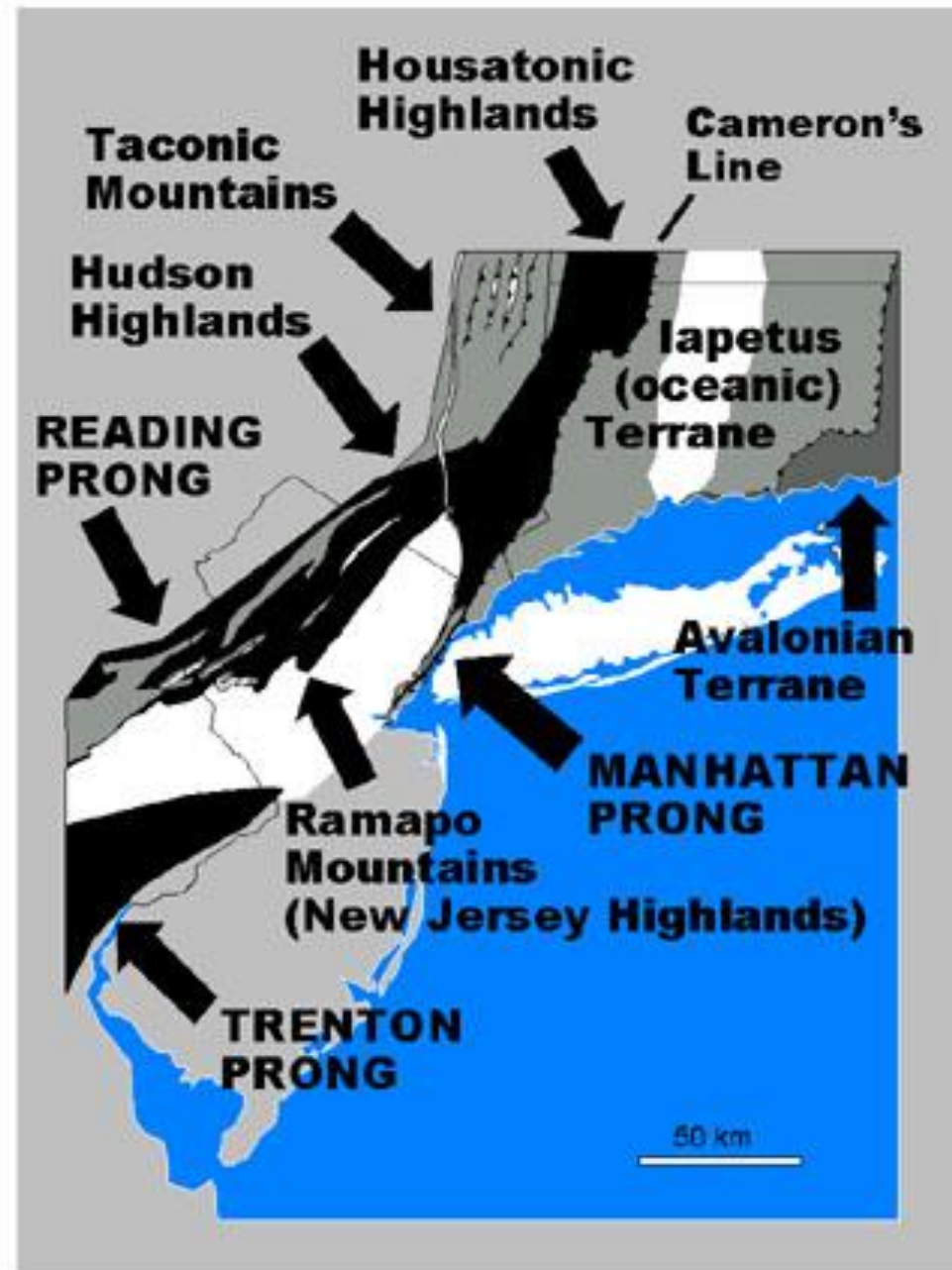


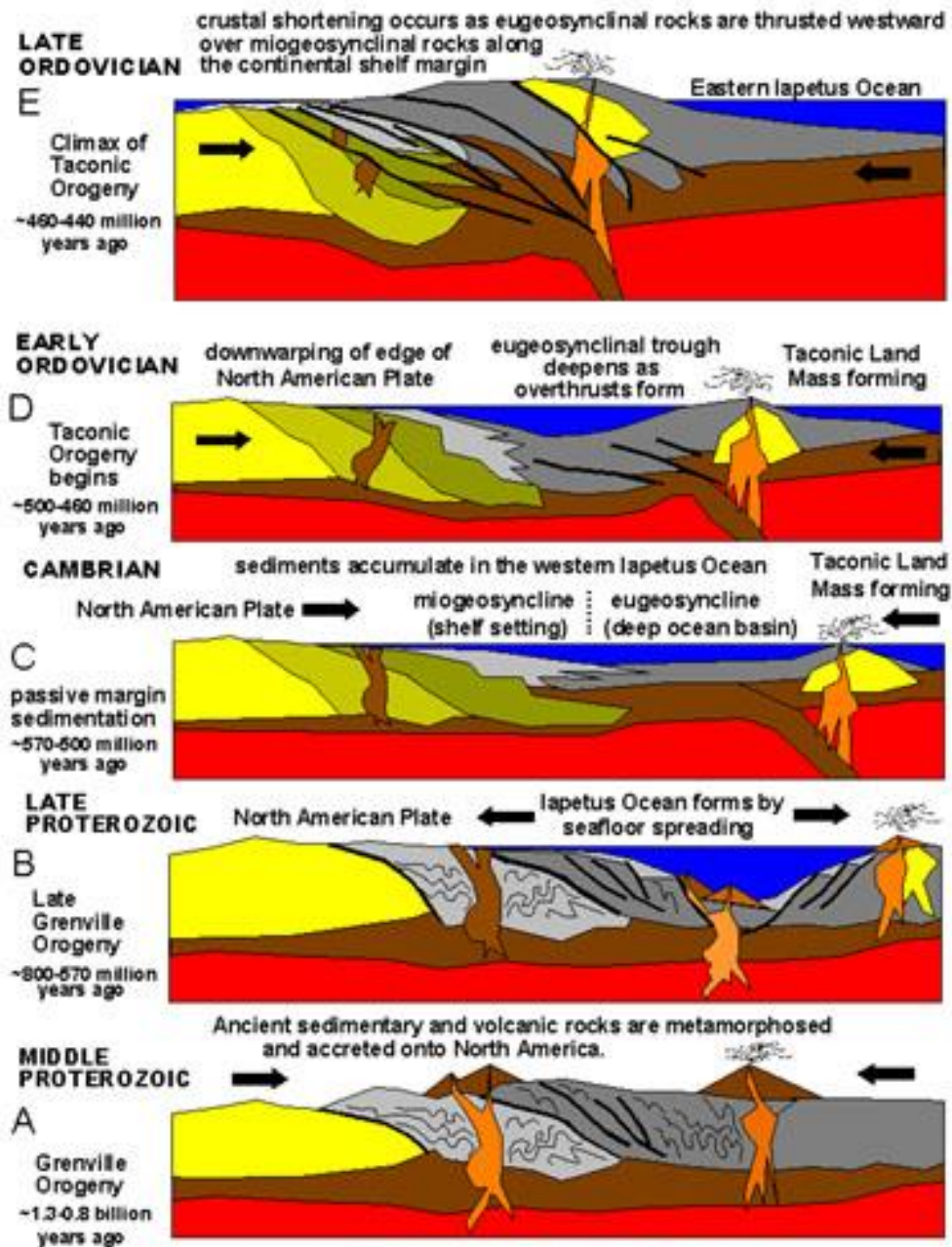


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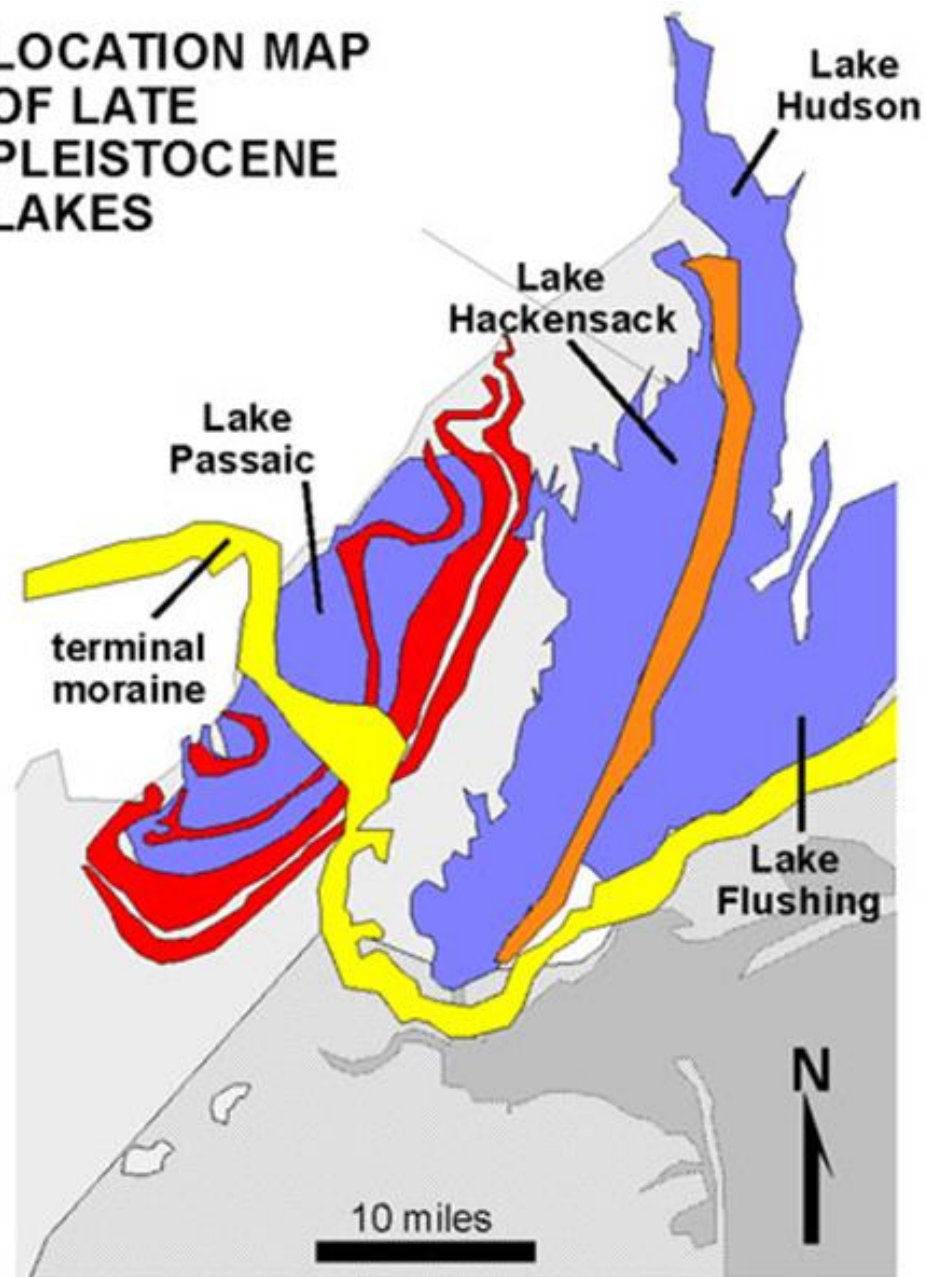






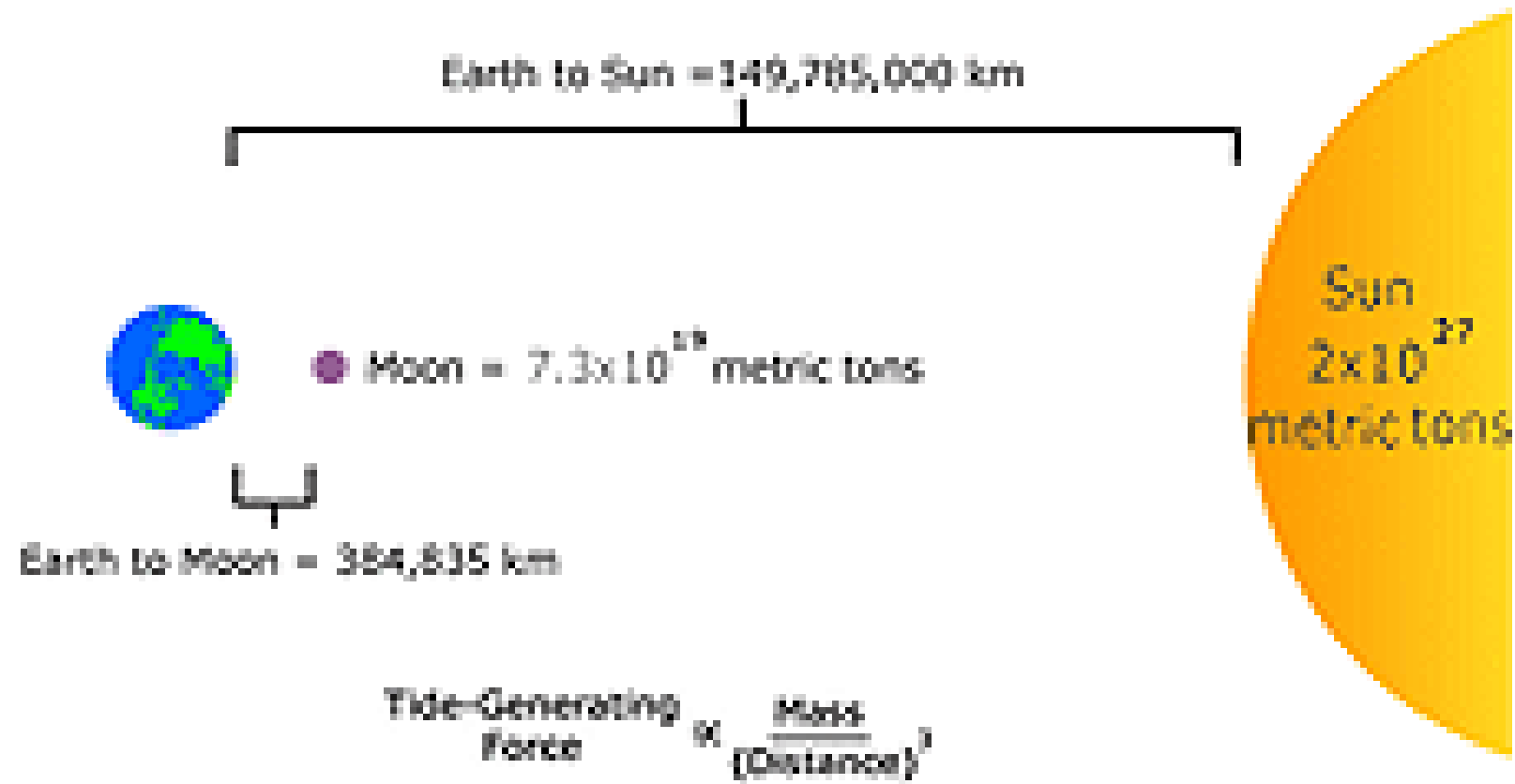
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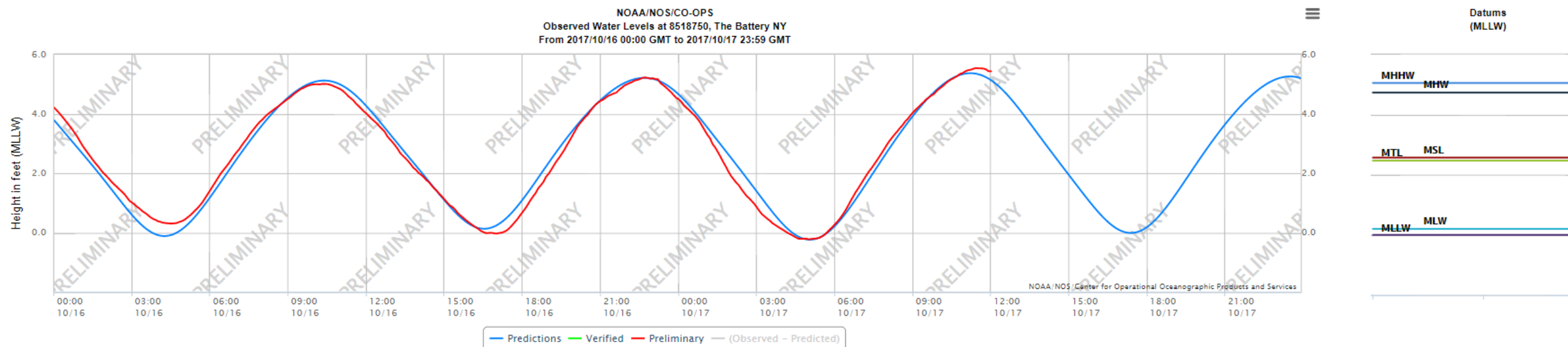
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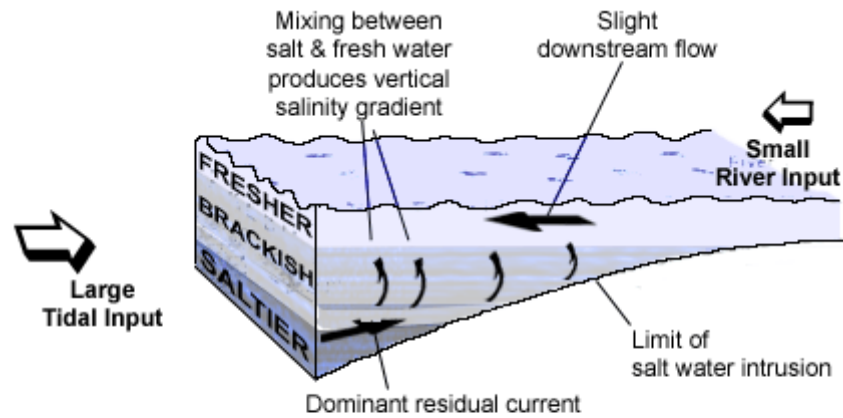
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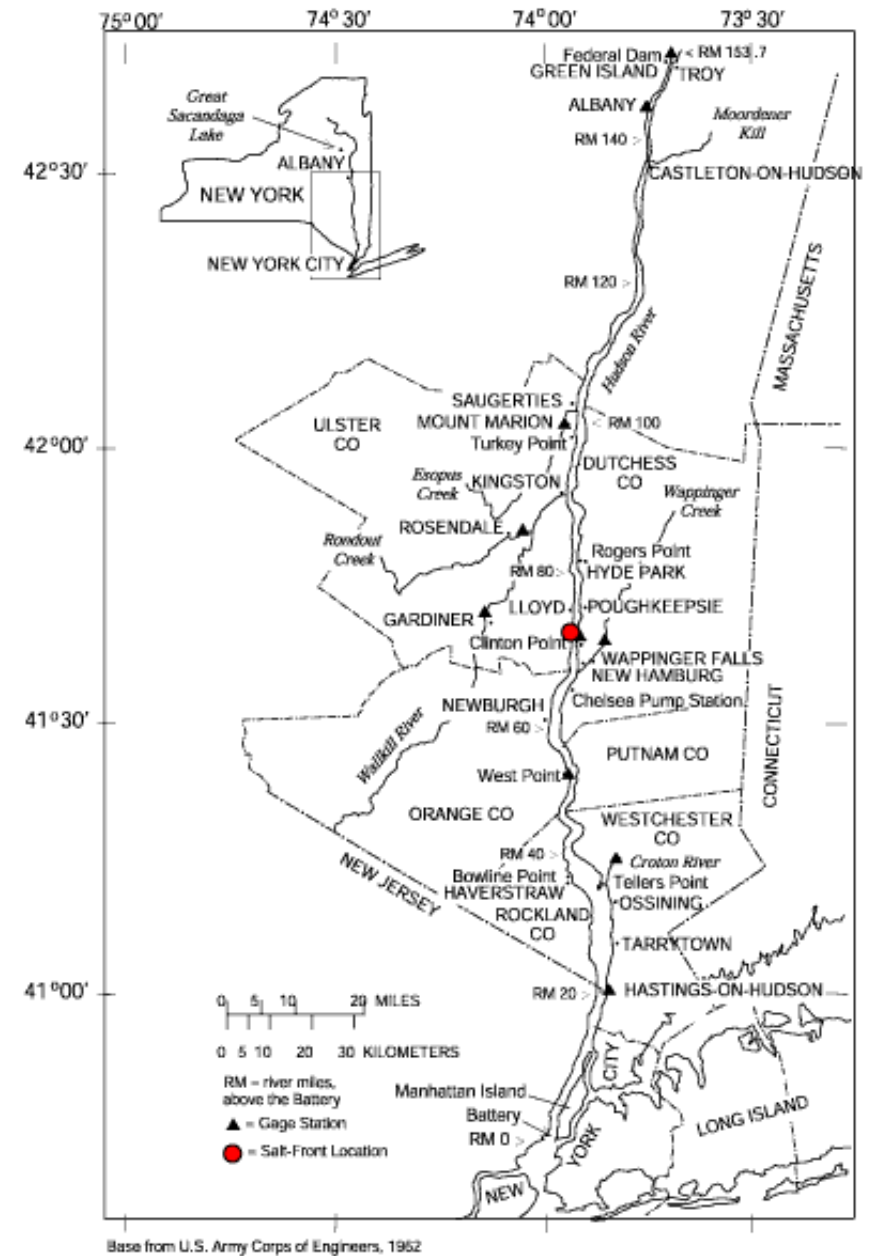
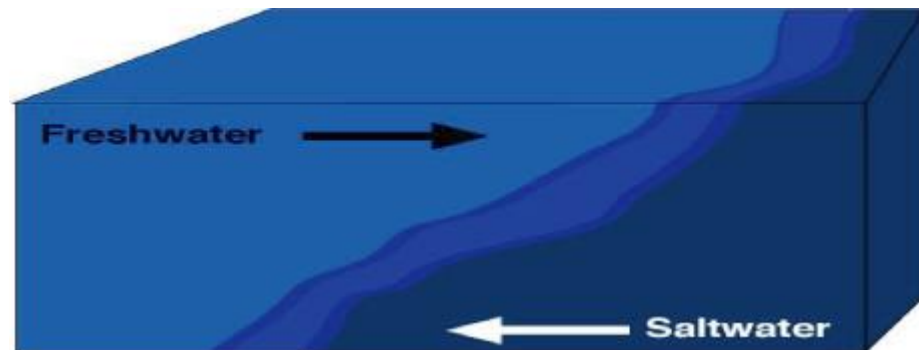
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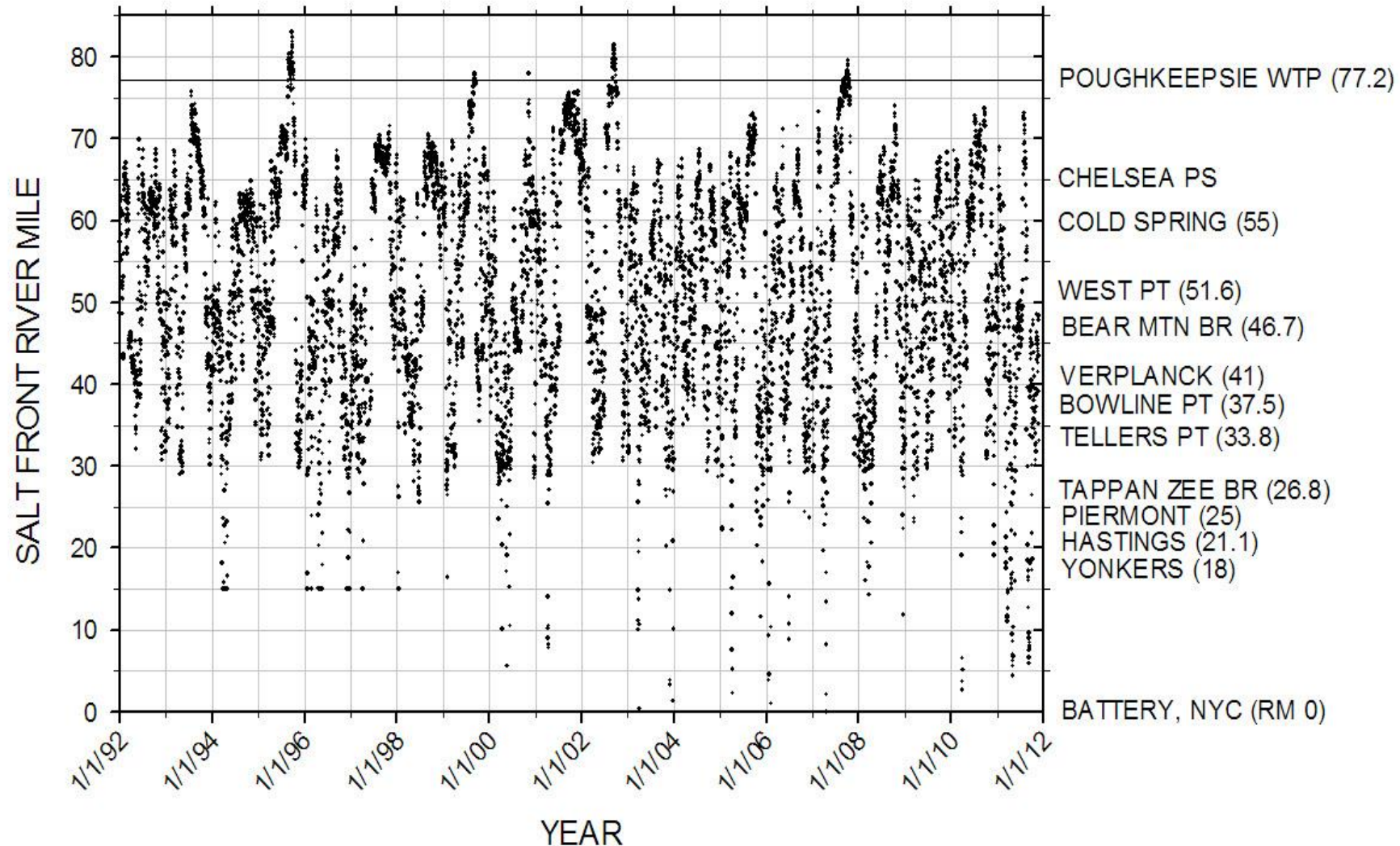
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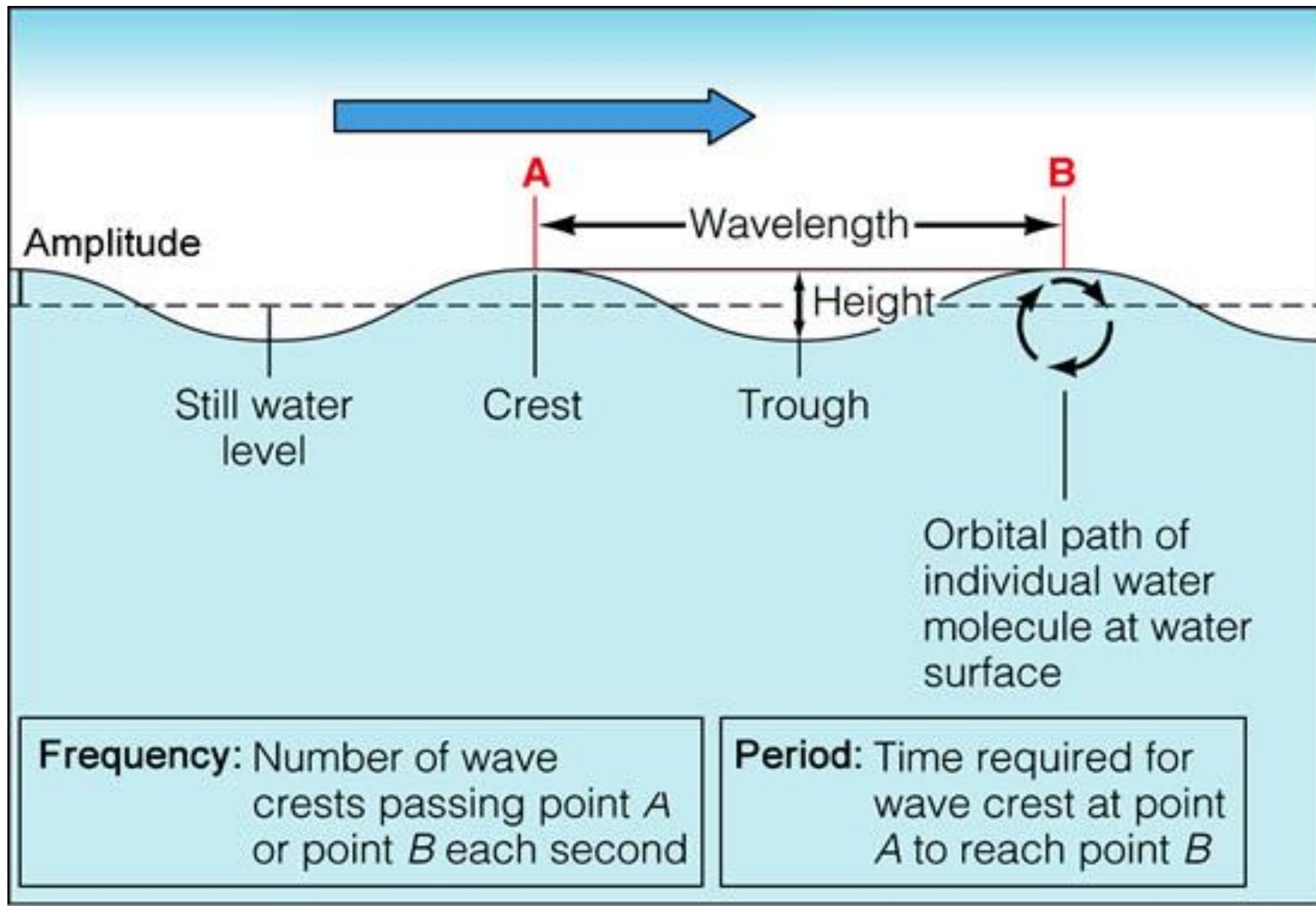
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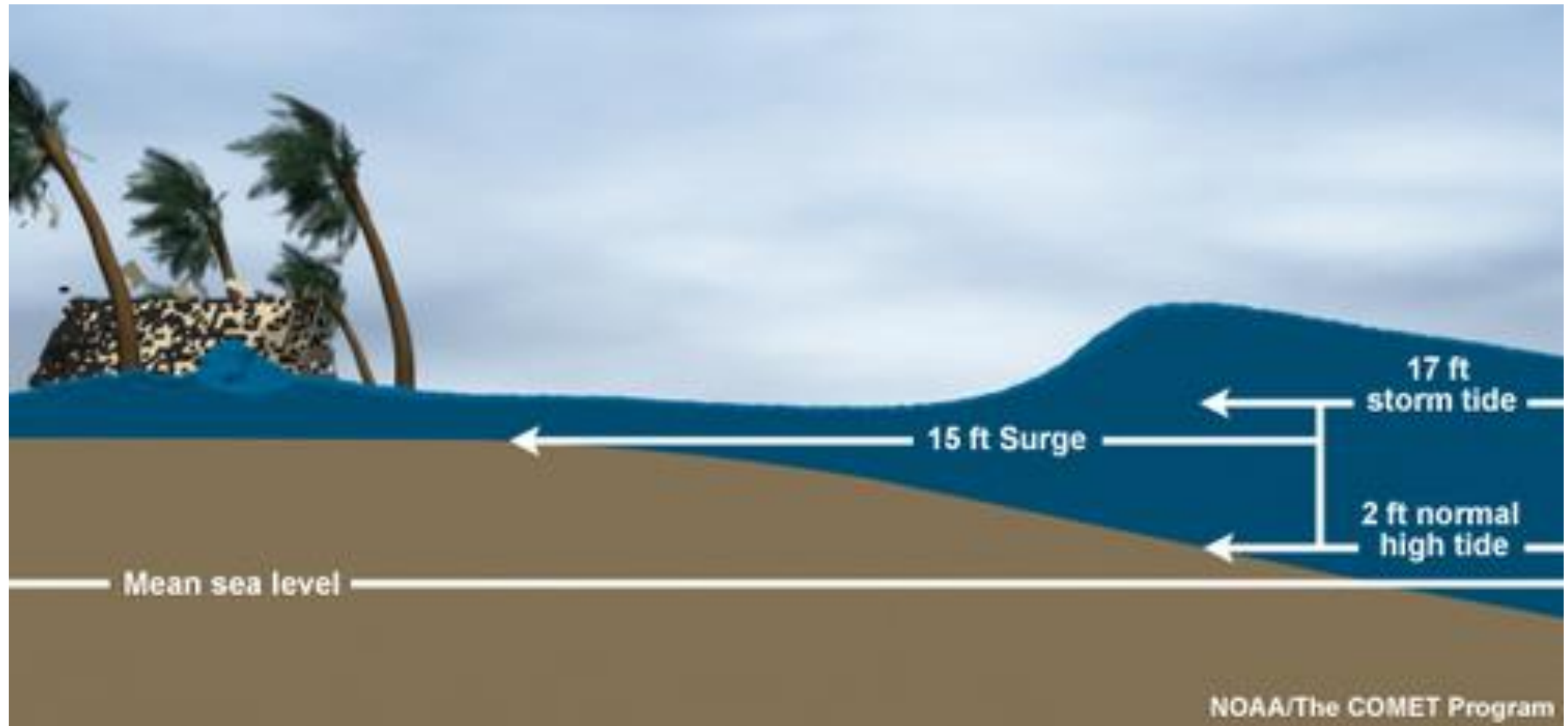
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Maximum Daily Location of
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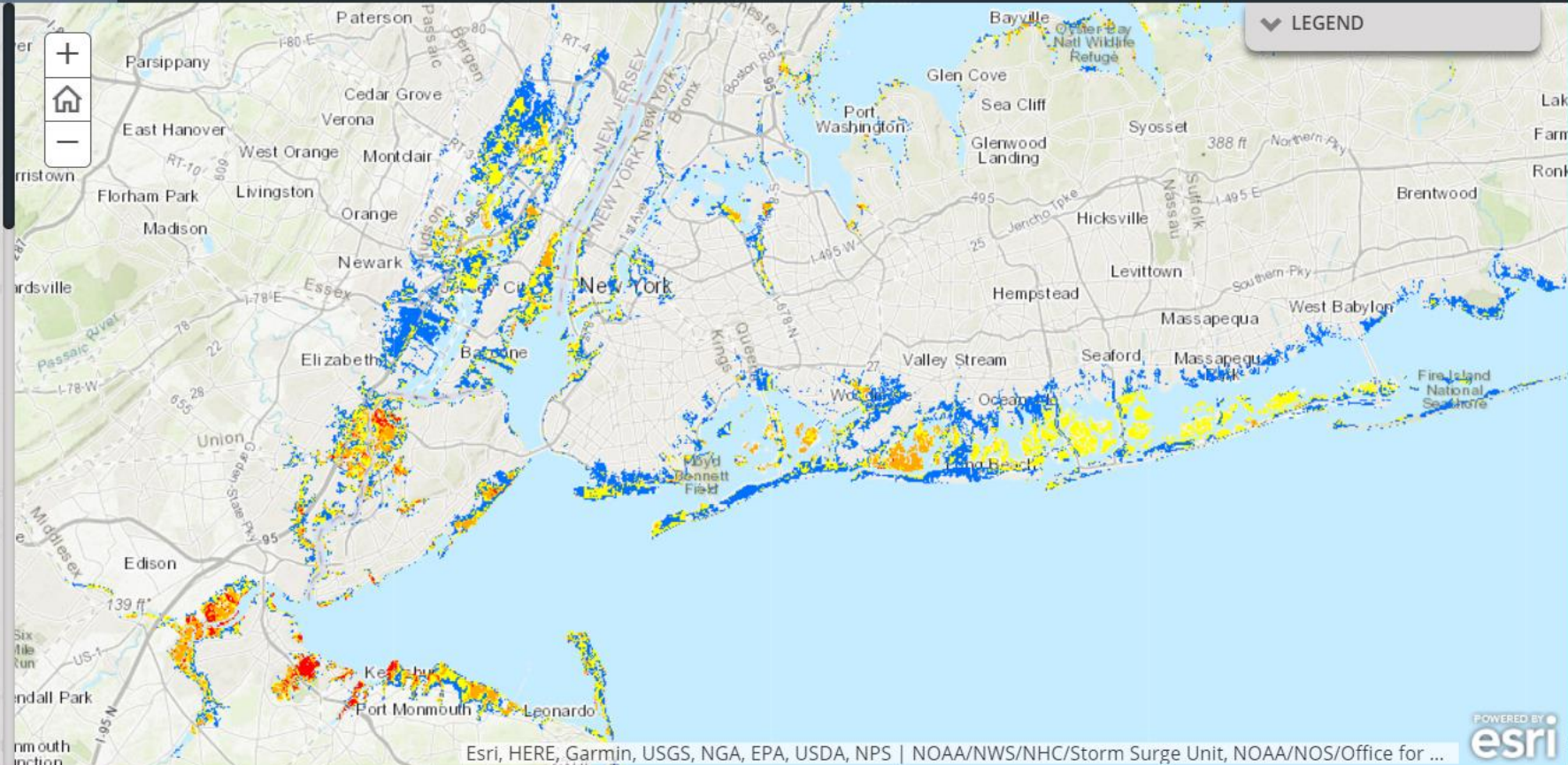
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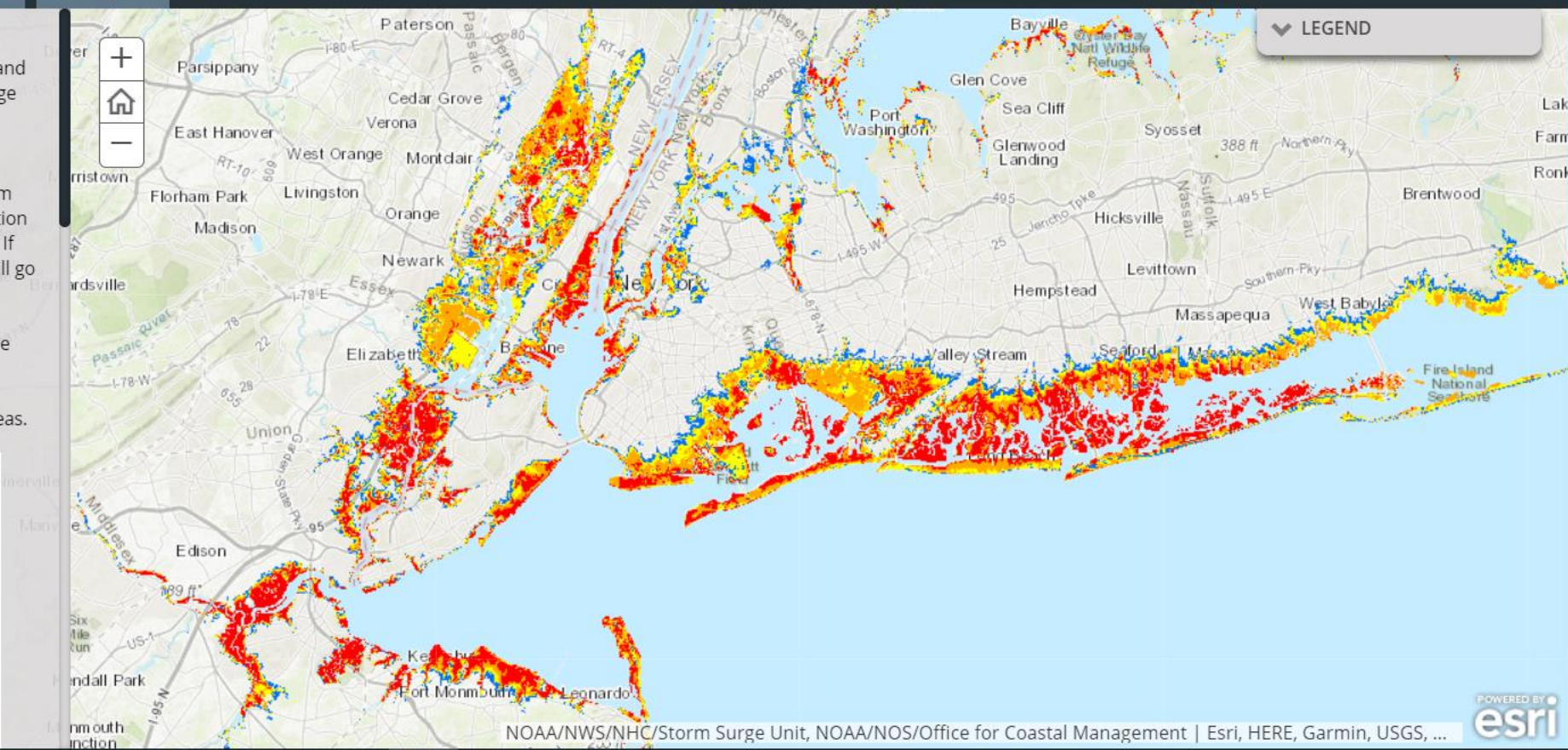
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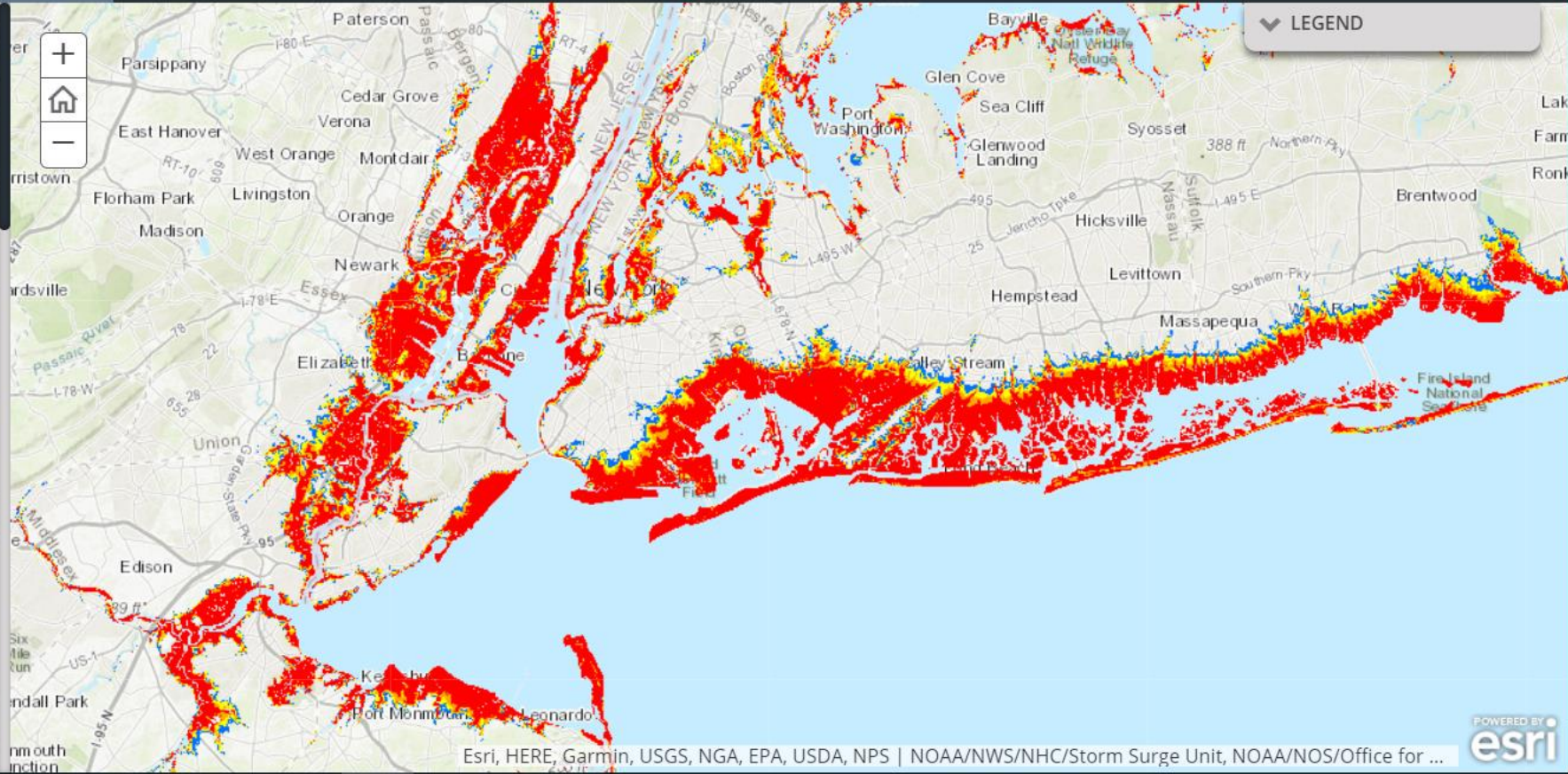
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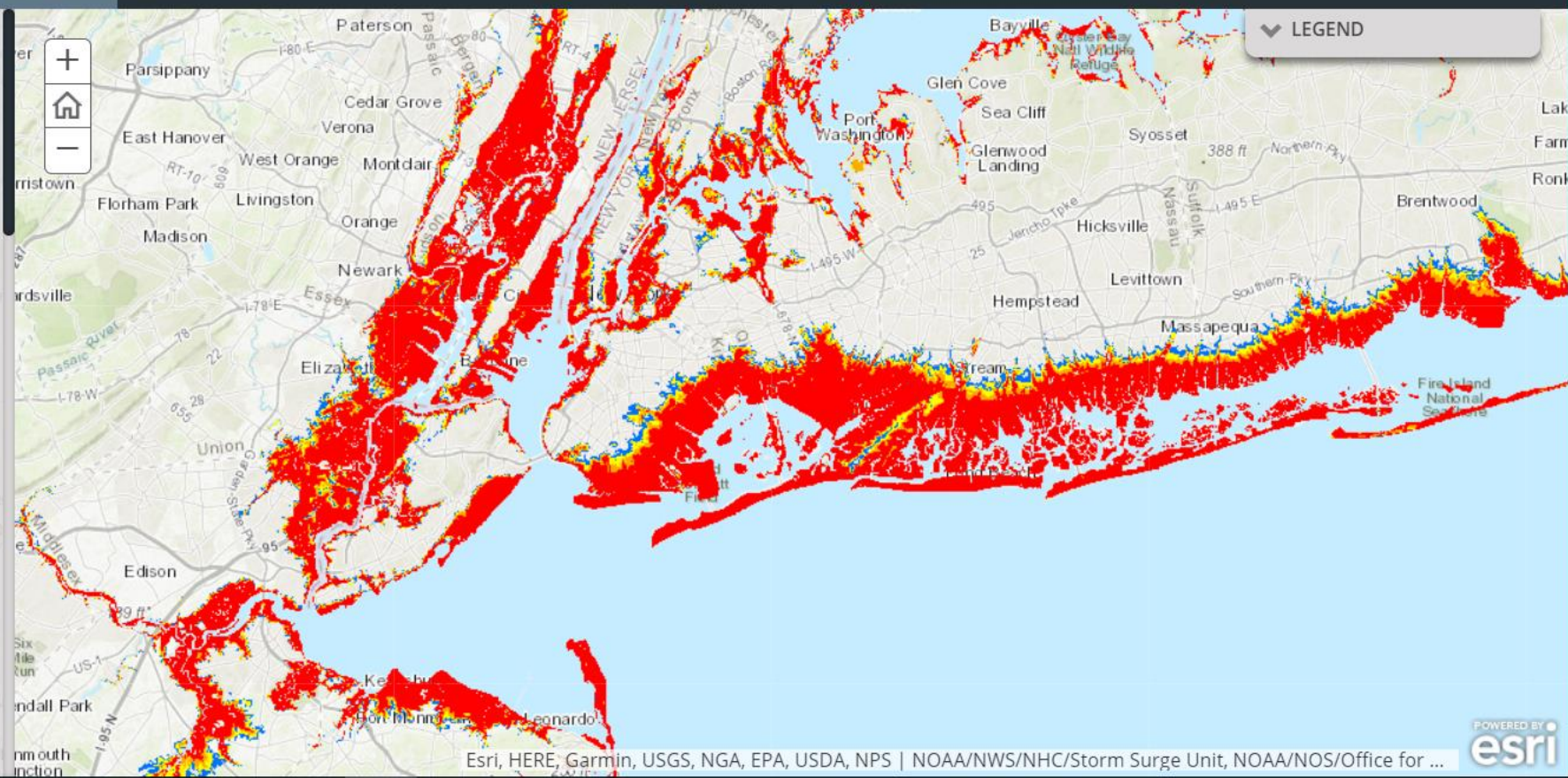
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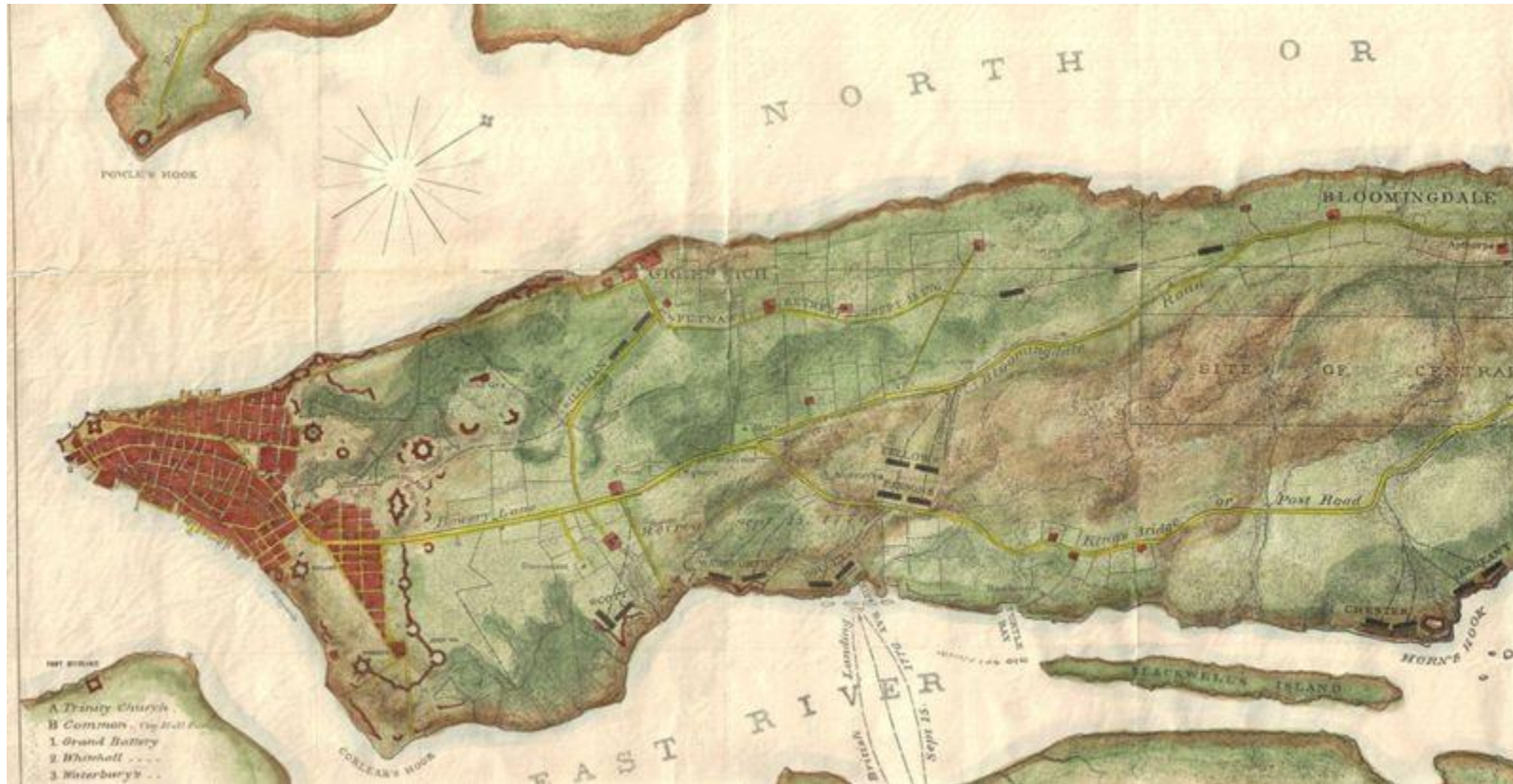
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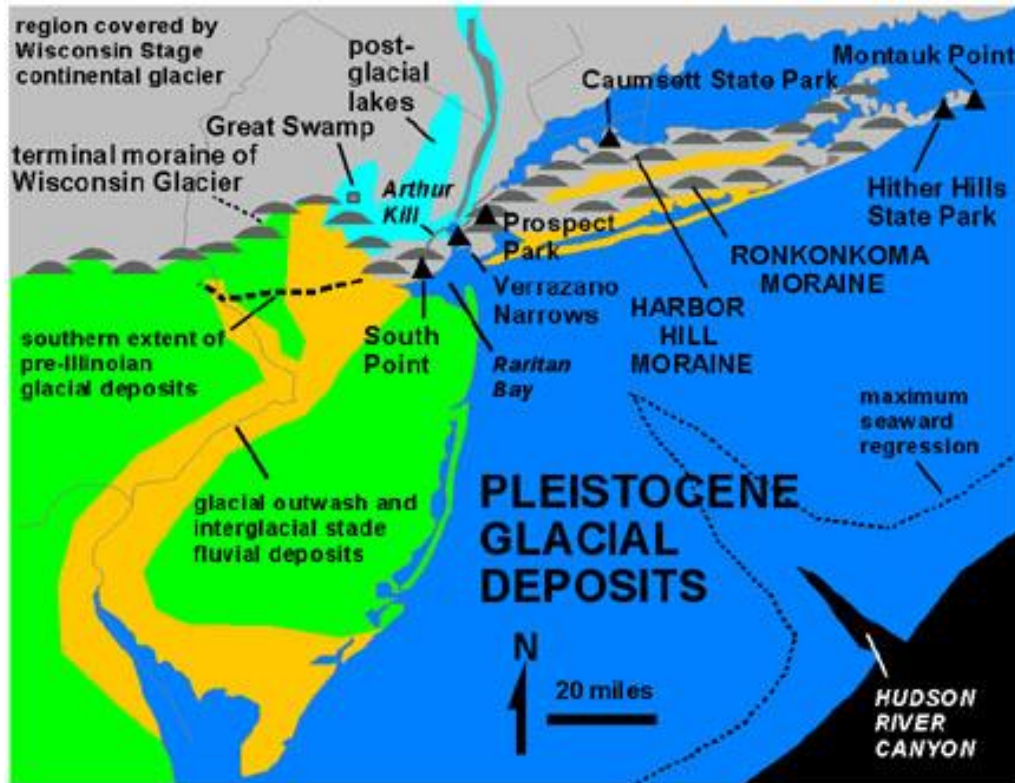


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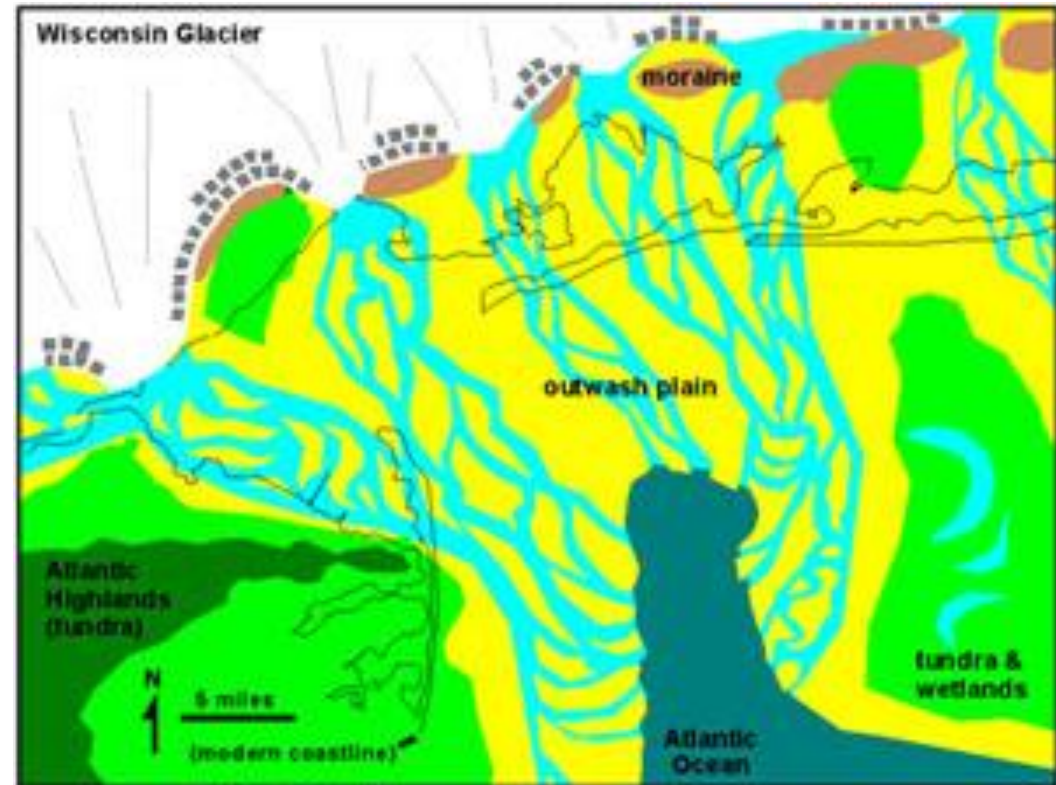


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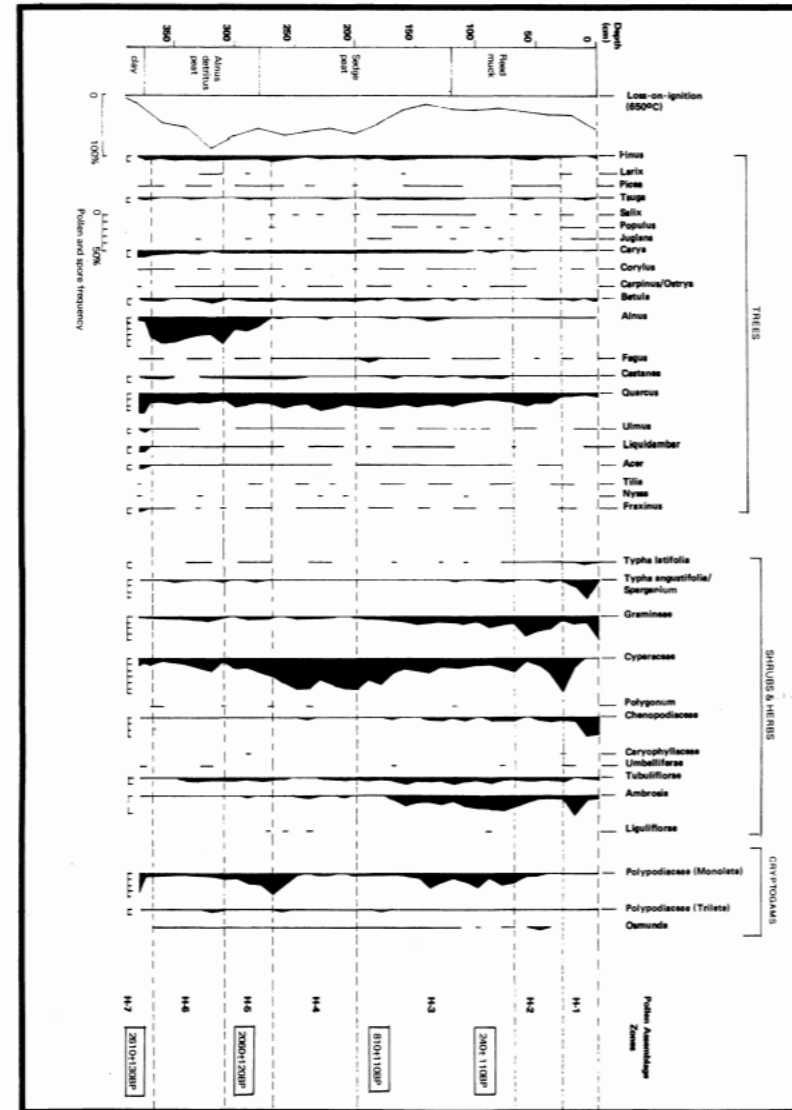
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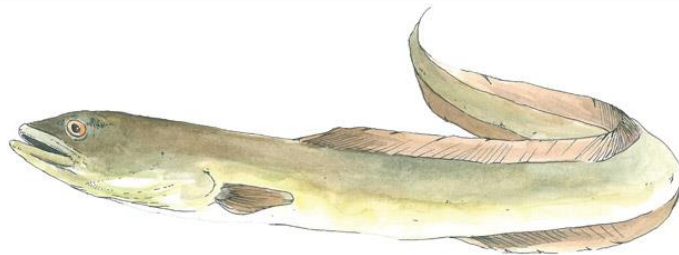
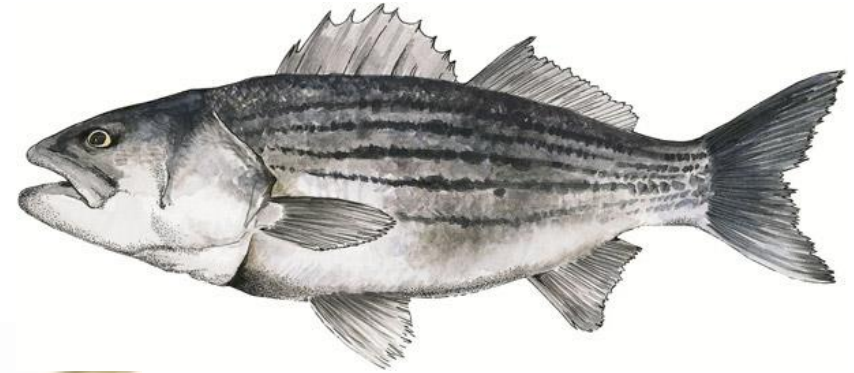
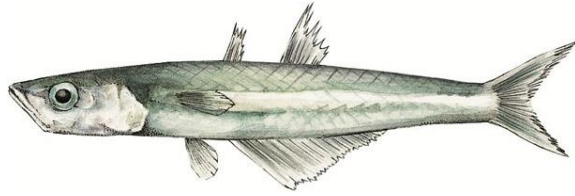


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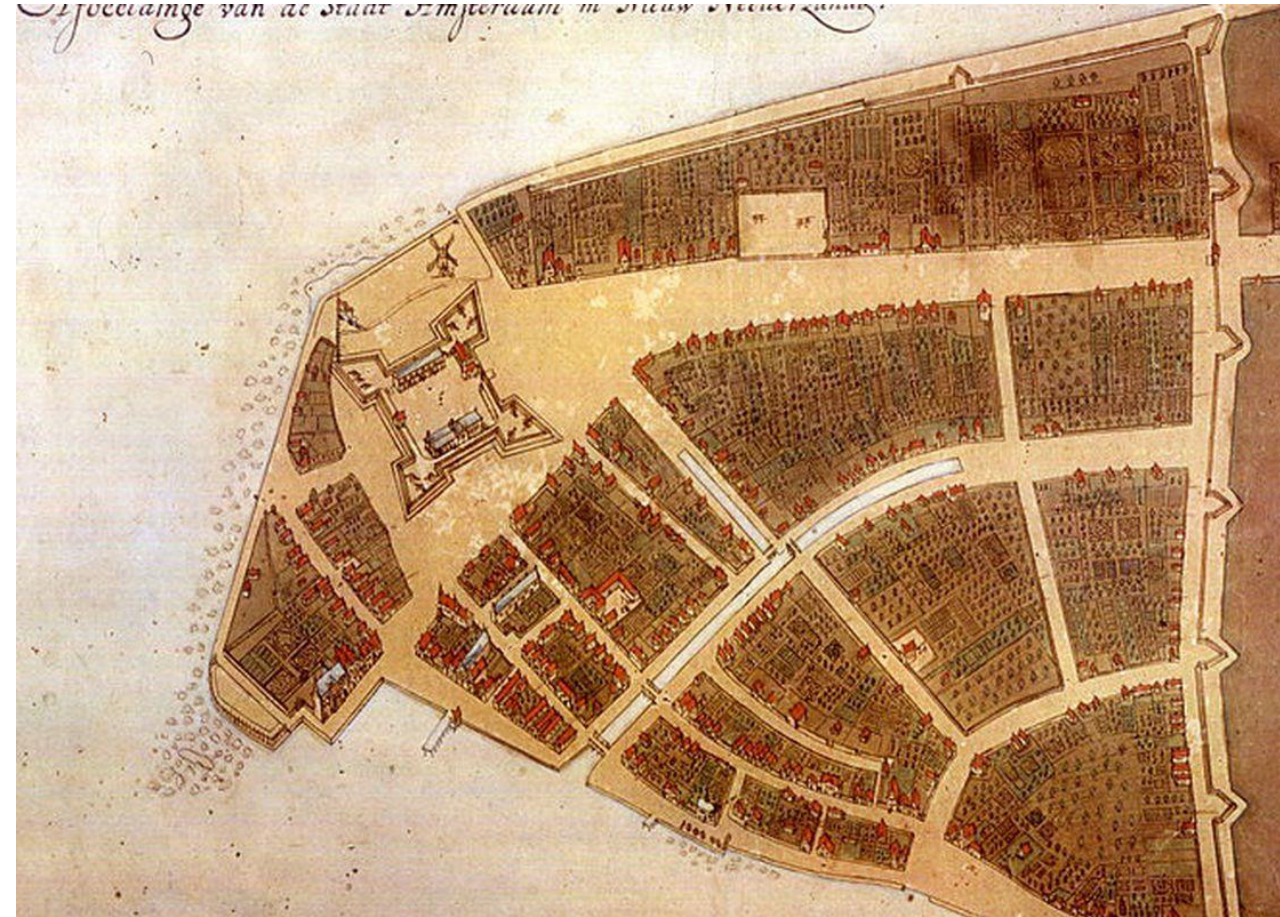


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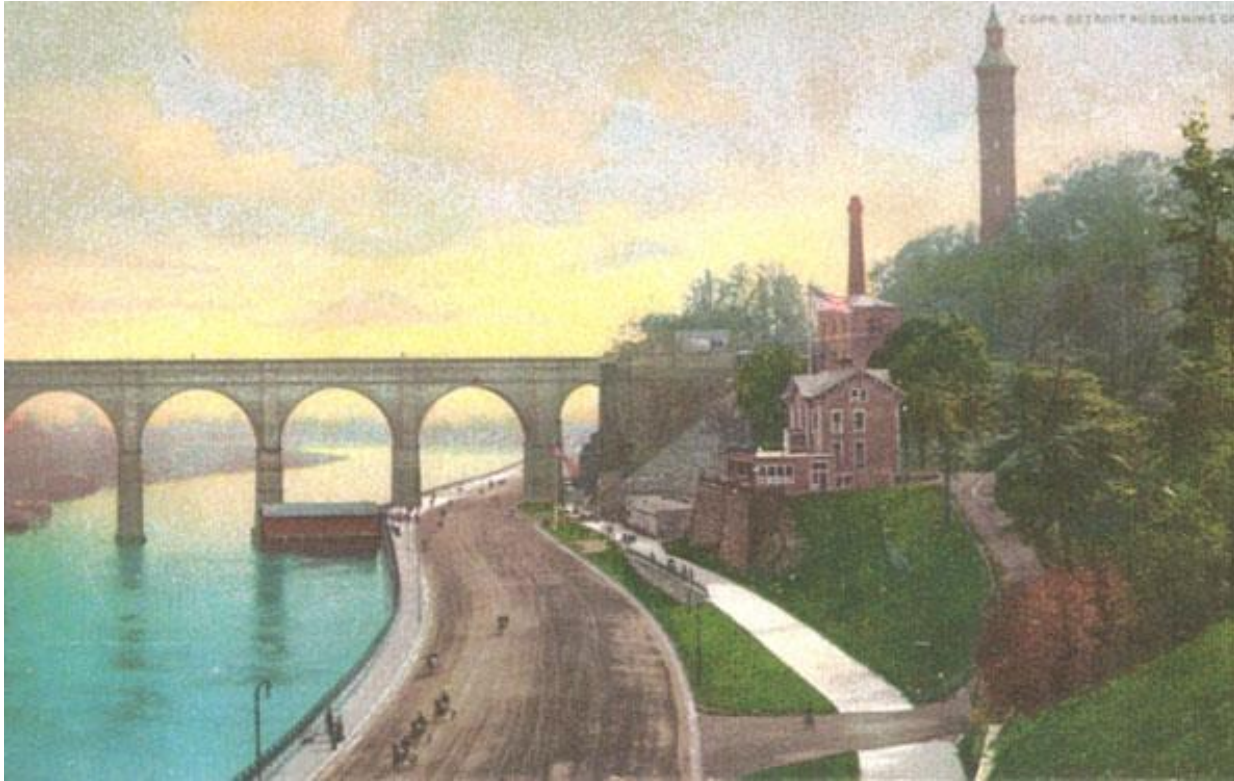
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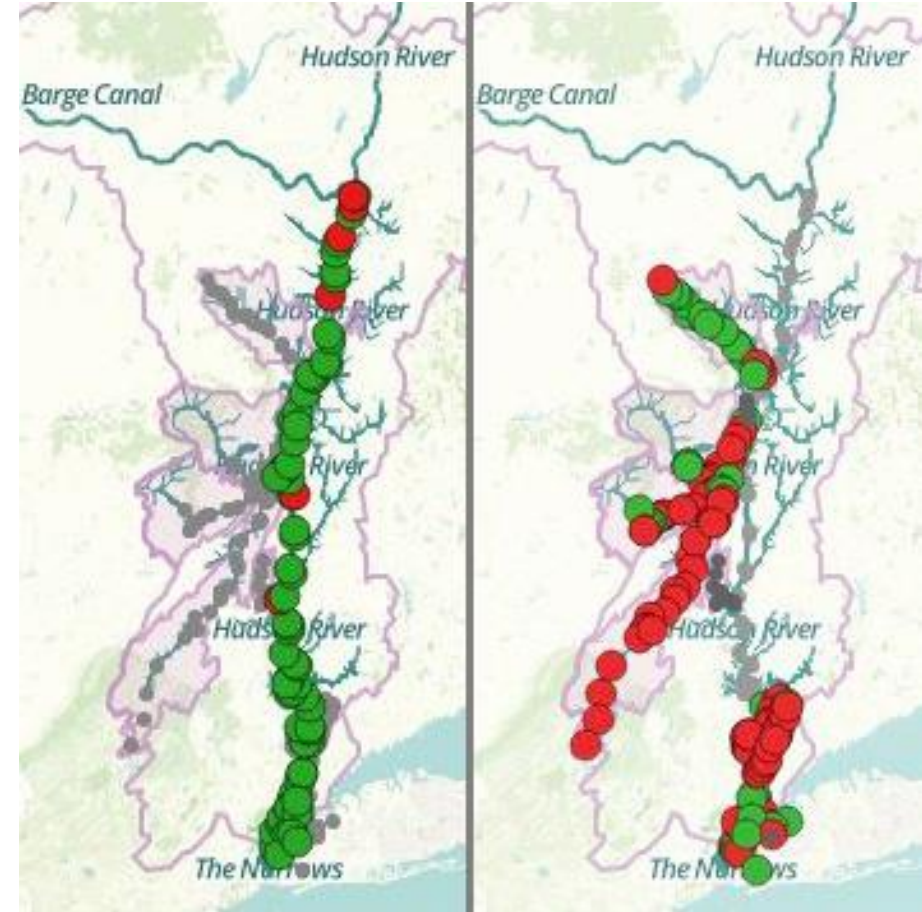
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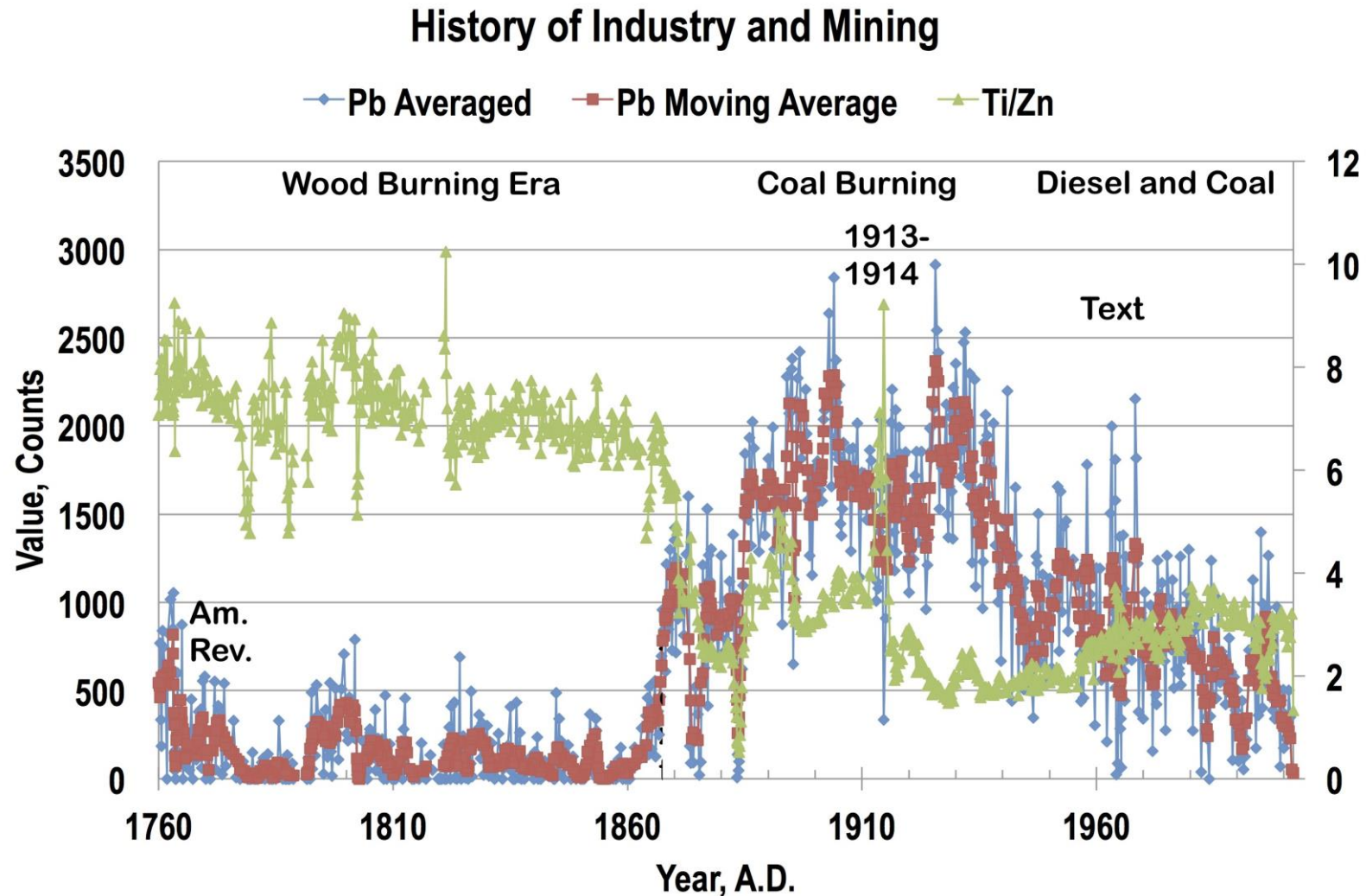
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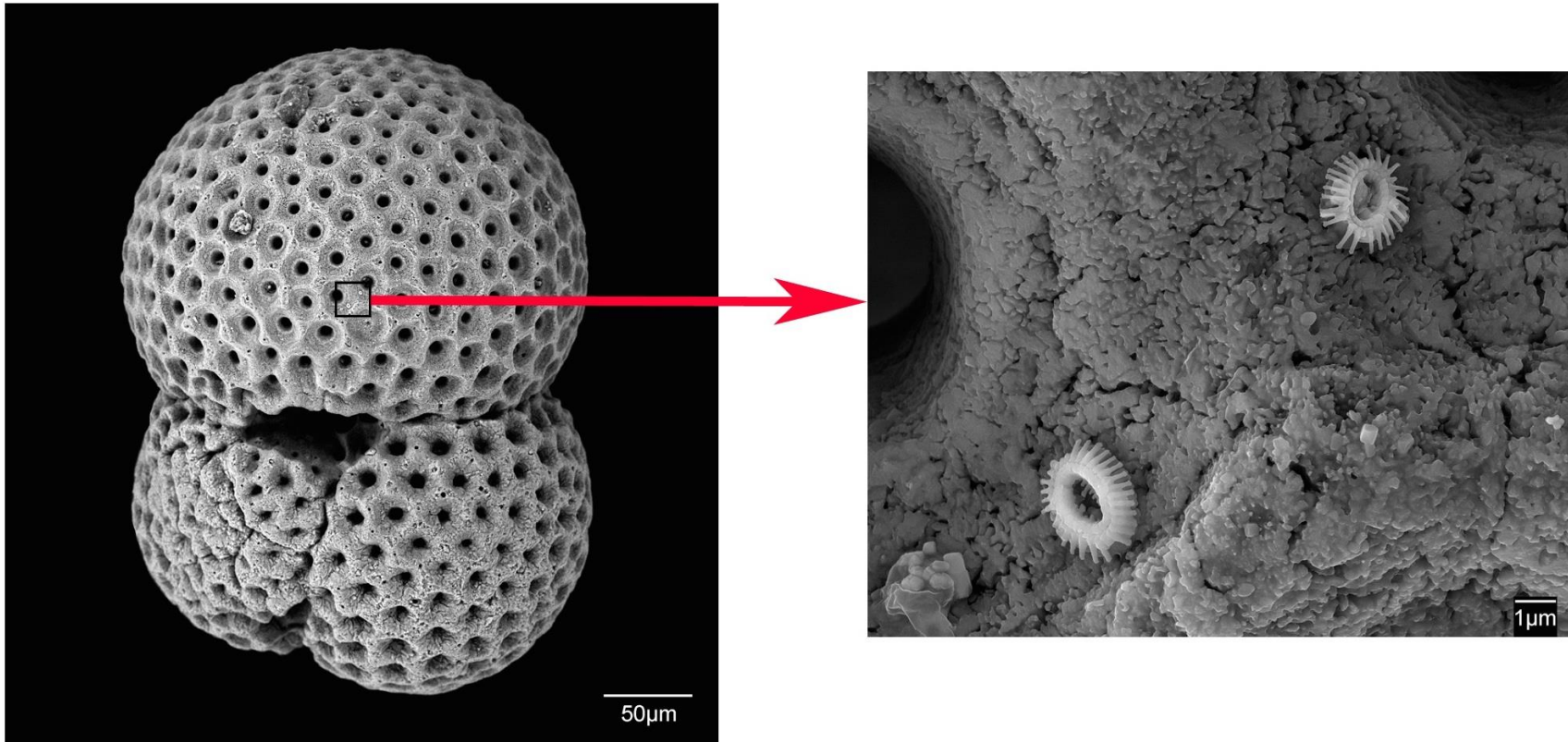
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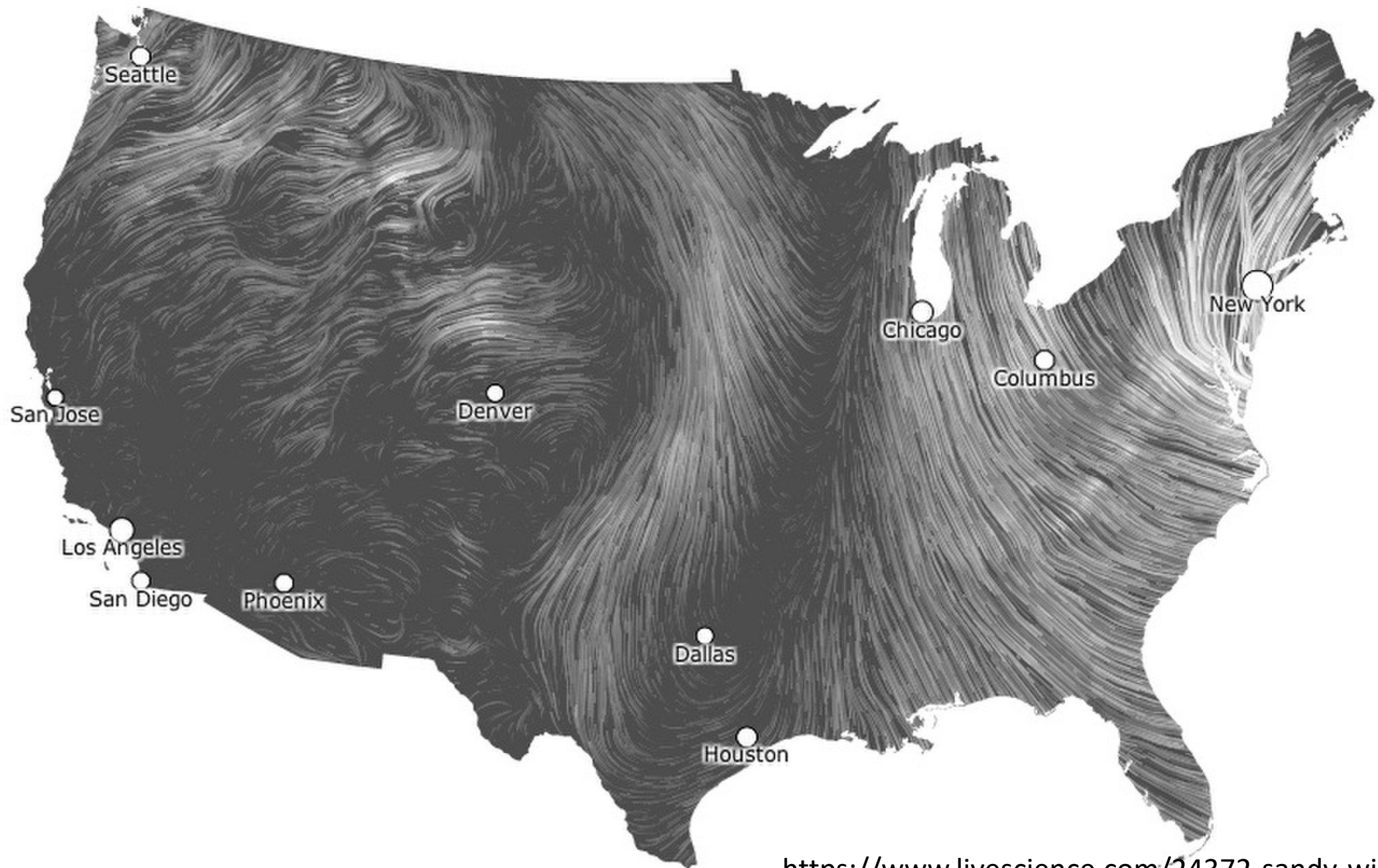
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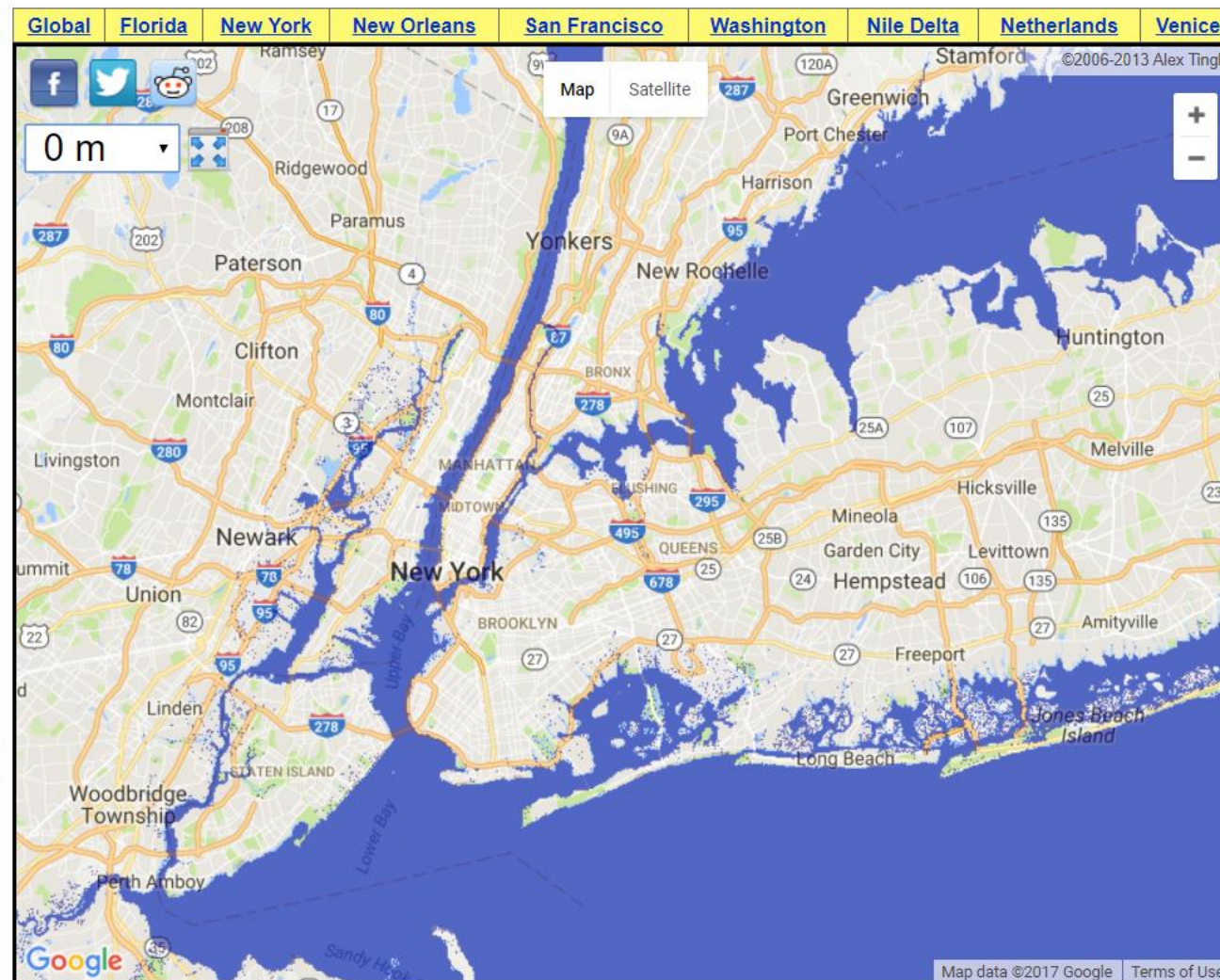
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