



FIGURE 13.23. Idealized plan geometries of various types of confluences. From Bridge (1993a). The top photo is an example of a symmetrical confluence, and the bottom photo is an example of a complex confluence. Photos (courtesy of Peter Ashmore) are from an experimental study of braiding. The middle photo is an example of an asymmetrical confluence with a cross-bar channel terminating in a tributary mouth bar, Brahmaputra River, Bangladesh.