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SPATIALLY EXPLICIT HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS OF WHITEWATER PARKS ON FISH PASSAGE




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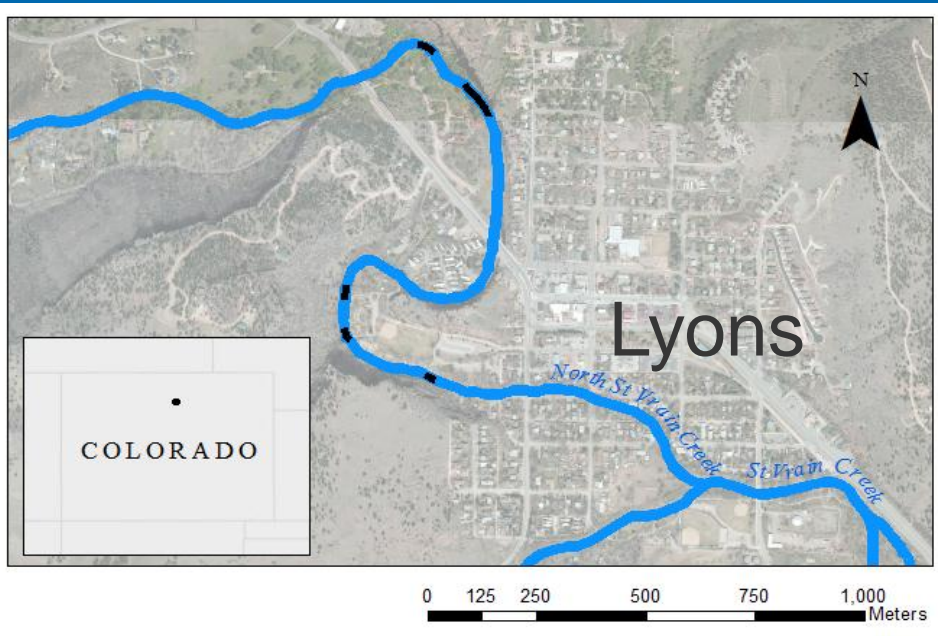
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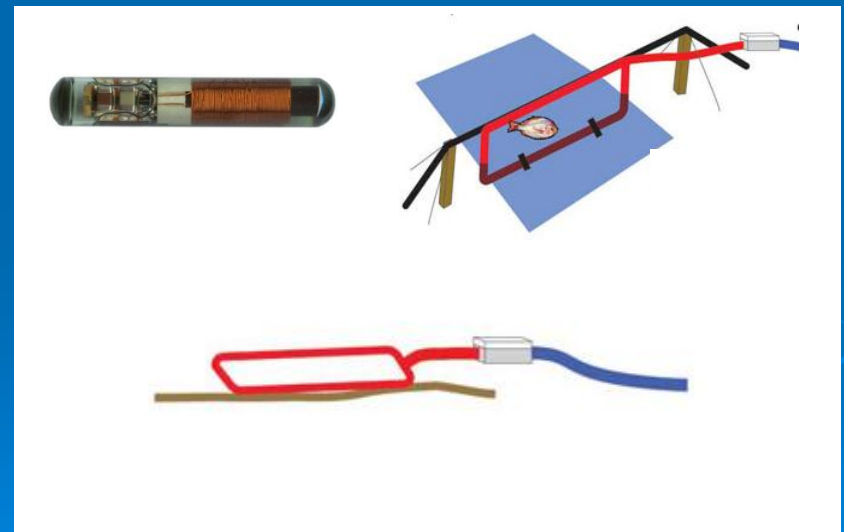
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Fish Tracking Data



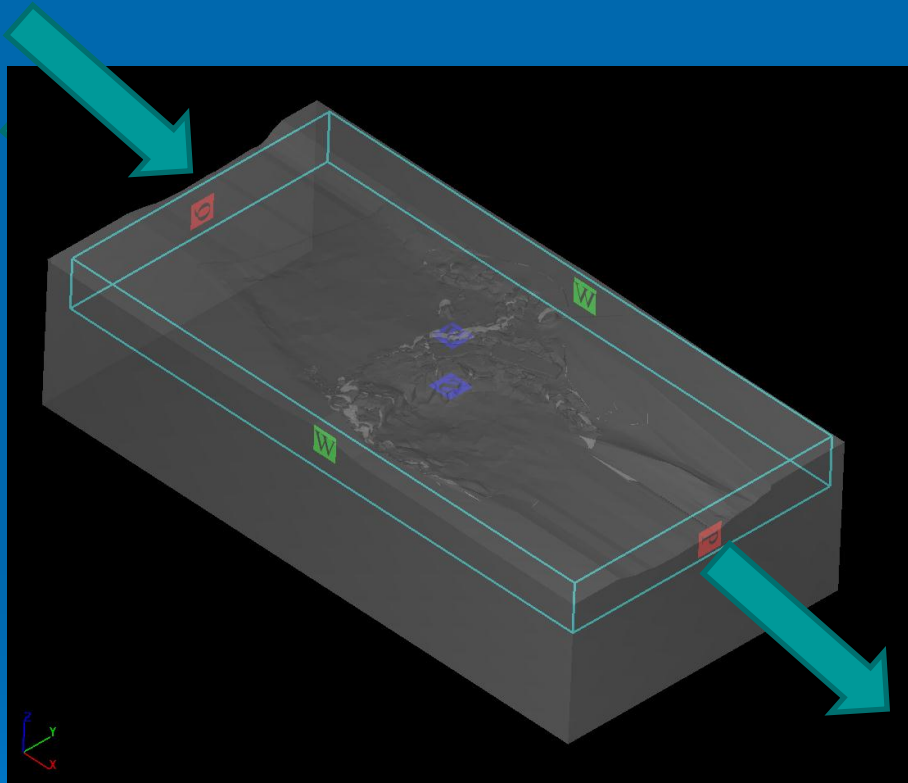
- North St. Vrain River, Lyons, CO
- 14 months of fish tracking data
- 3 WWP structures and 3 natural reaches



(Fox, 2013; Kolden, 2013)

Hydraulic Modeling

Numerical Modeling Results (Software: FLOW-3D)



- North St. Vrain River, Lyons, CO
- 3 WWP structures and 3 natural reaches
- Modeled 7 discharges
- Model Resolution: approximately 3 inch mesh size
- Post processing using EnSight 10.03

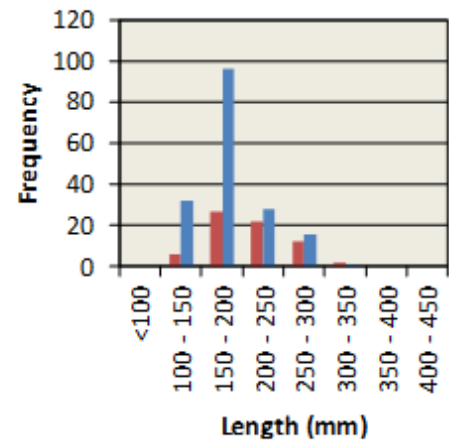
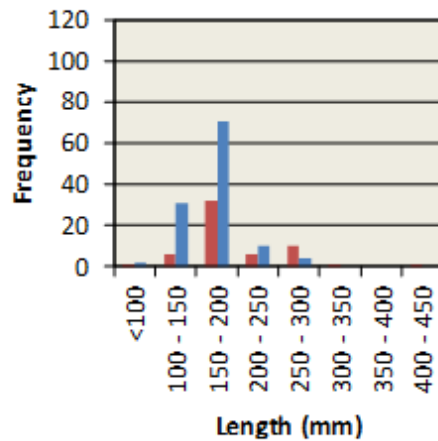
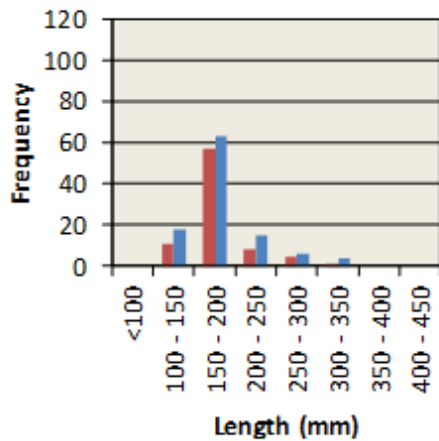
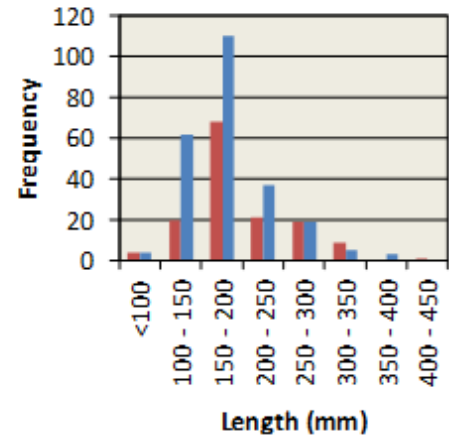
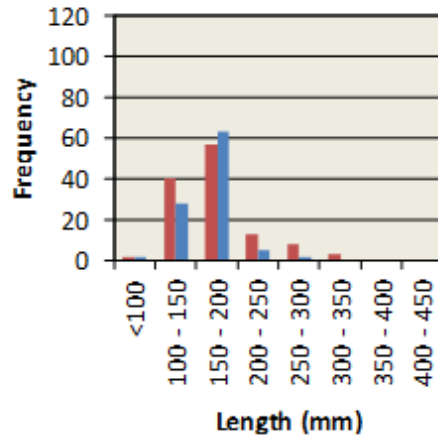
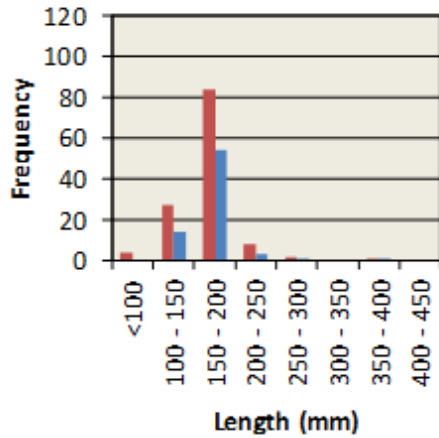
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Suppression of Movement (Fox, 2013)

■ Successful Upstream Movement Observed
 ■ Successful Upstream Movement **NOT** Observed



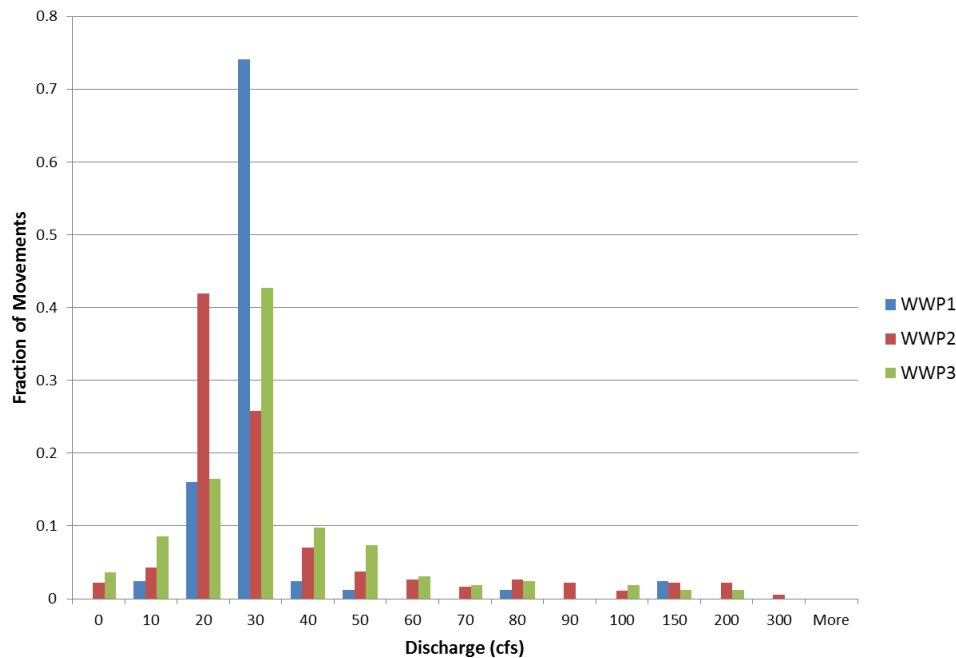
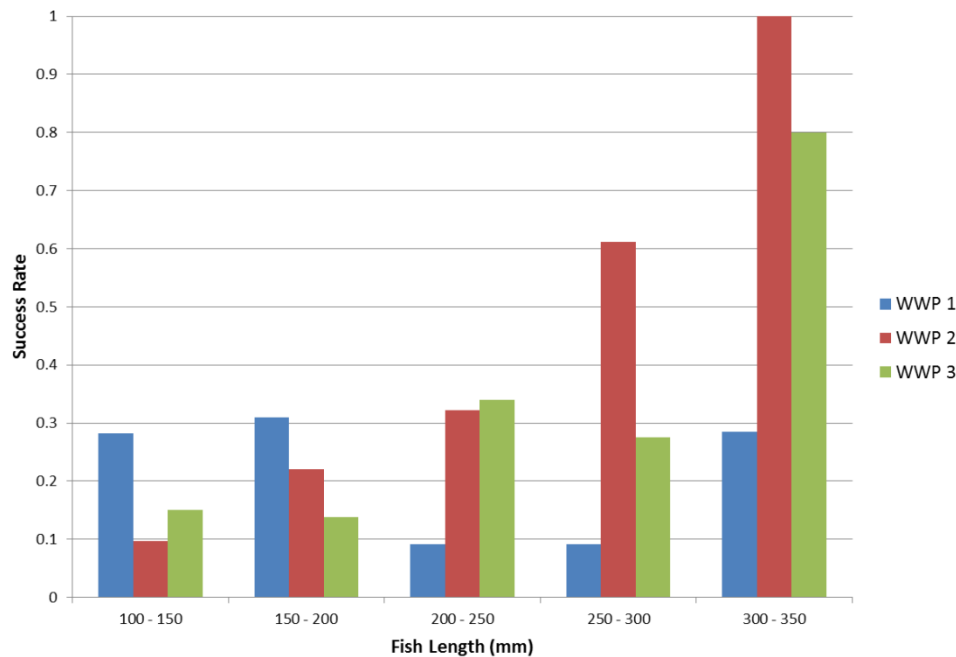
WWP1

WWP2

WWP3

Passage Success

- Varies among the three WWP structures
- Varies among size classes of fish at each individual structure
- The fraction of observed movements among the 3 WWP structures varies with discharge



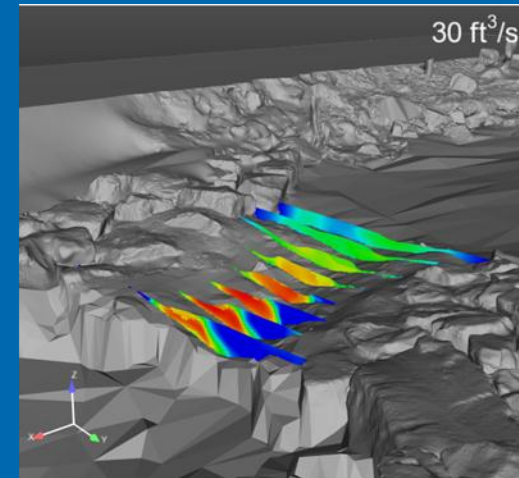
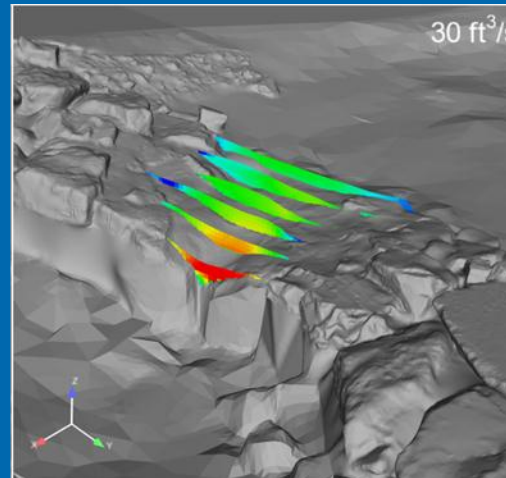
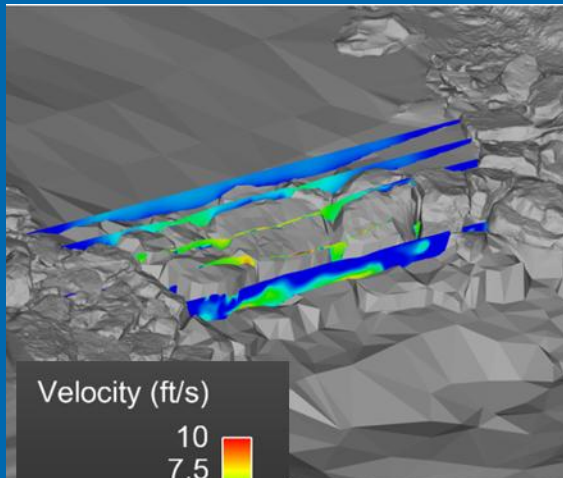
Spatial and Temporal Hydraulic Heterogeneity

WWP 1

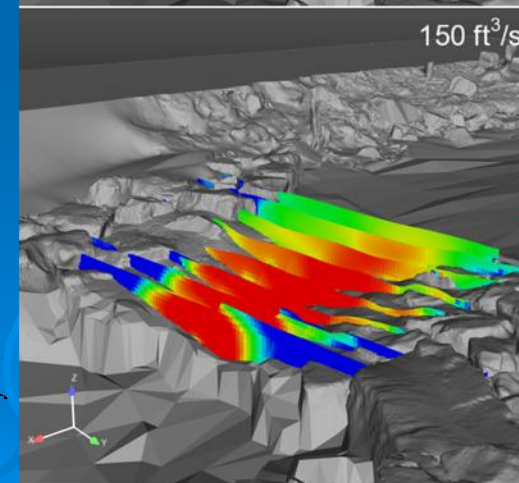
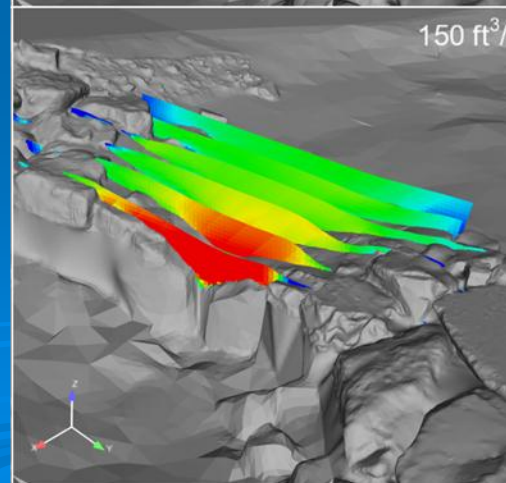
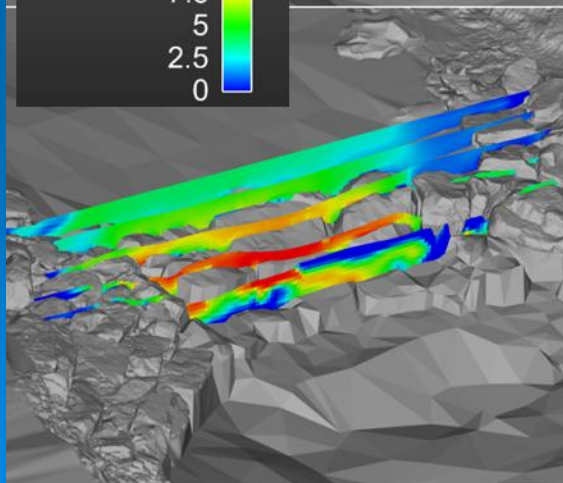
WWP 2

WWP 3

30 CFS



150 CFS

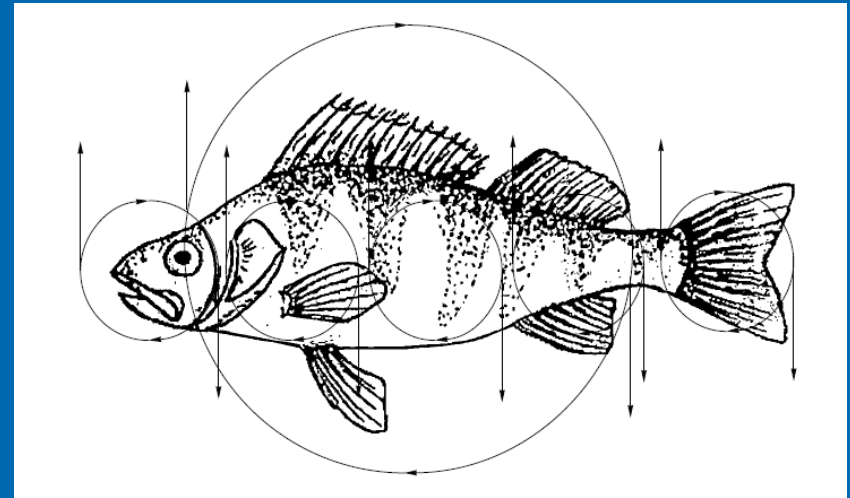


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Fish Swimming Abilities

- Fish body length is correlated with swimming ability (Castro-Santos et al., 2012).
- High levels of turbulence pose a stability challenge for fish (Tritico and Cotel, 2010).
- At high current speeds, turbulence can reduce a fish's swimming ability (Lupandin, 2005; Pavlov et al., 2000).




(Lupandin, 2005)

Quantifying Hydraulics

- 3-D field studies are limited to point measurements that are not spatially continuous.
- Additional field studies are limited by a 2-D analysis and averaging over larger spatial scales.
- Laboratory studies that continuously quantify hydraulics in 3-D are limited in transferability (Lacey et al, 2012).



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Objectives

- Provide a continuous and spatially explicit description of velocity, vorticity, and TKE along the flow field at a scale meaningful to a fish.
- Compare the magnitude and structure of velocity, vorticity, and TKE among the Lyons WWP structures.
- Determine the influence of velocity, vorticity, TKE, and depth on the suppression of movement of upstream migrating trout.

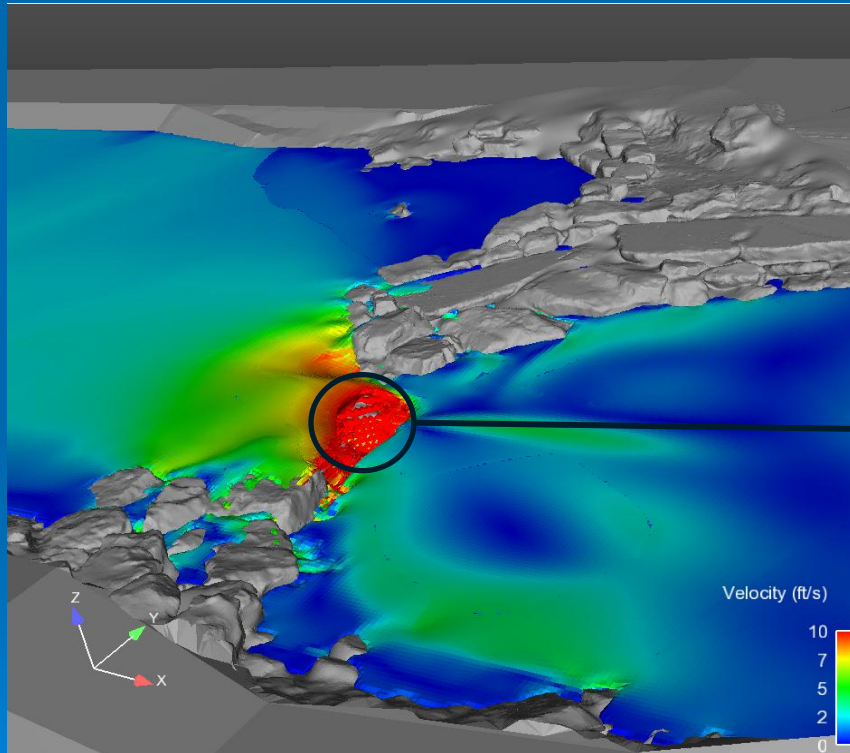


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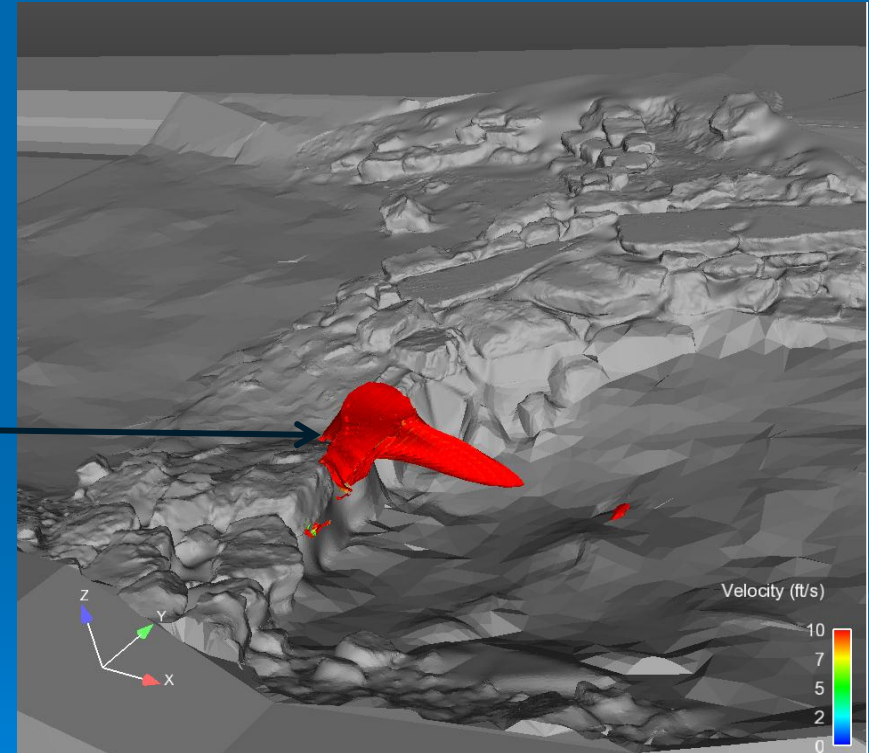
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Velocity Barrier

All velocities below 10 ft/s

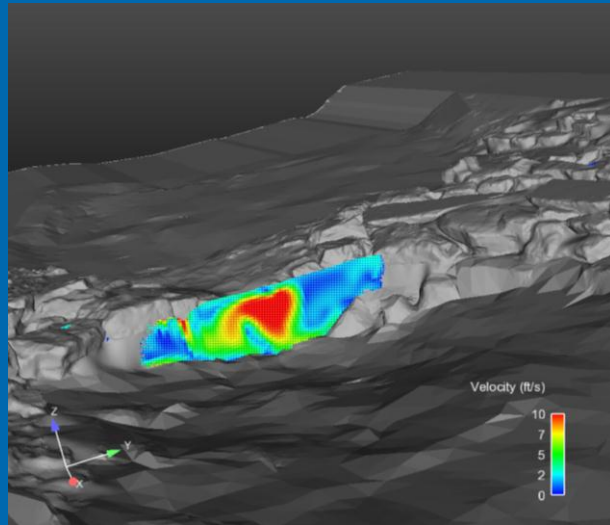


All velocities above 10 ft/s

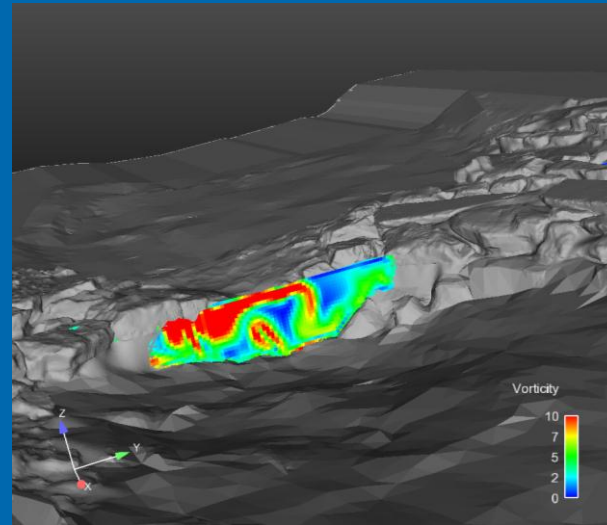


Hydraulic Interaction

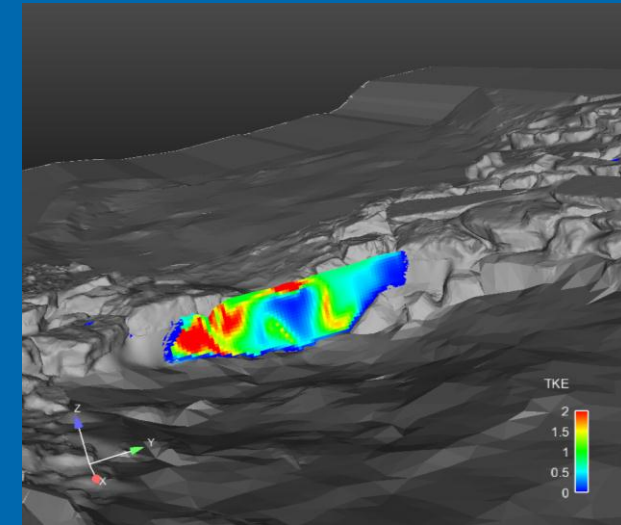
Velocity




Vorticity



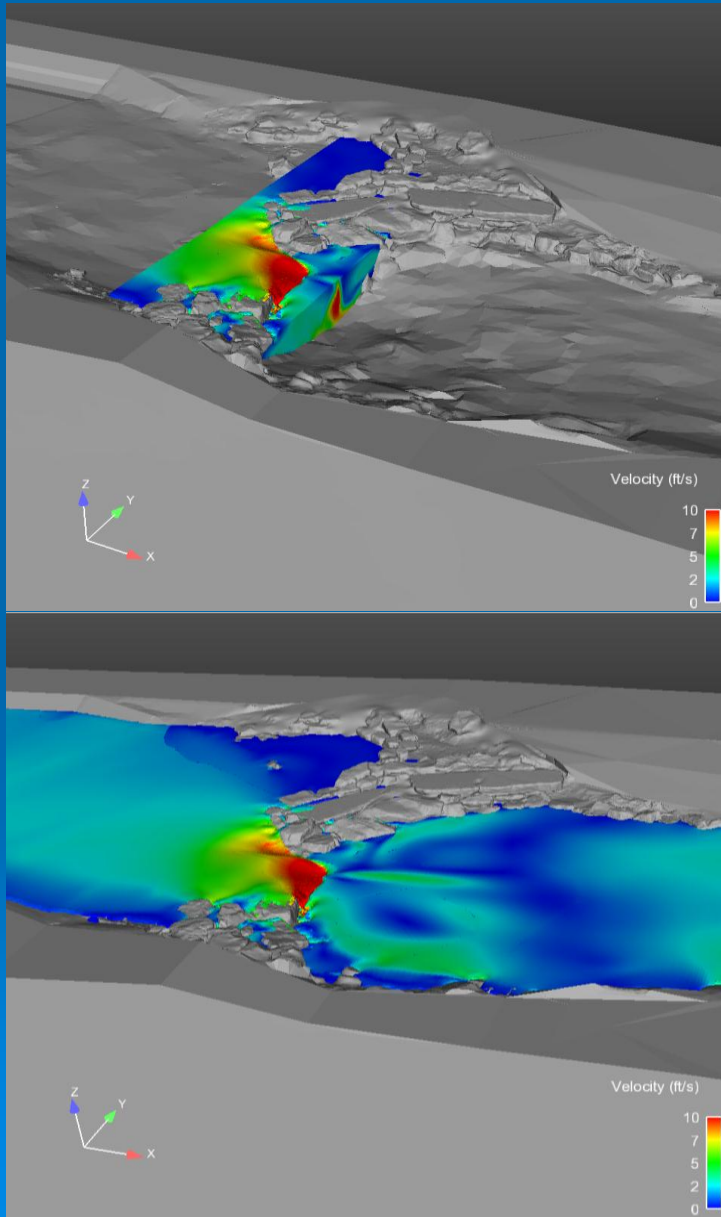
TKE



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Defining the Flow Field Dimensions

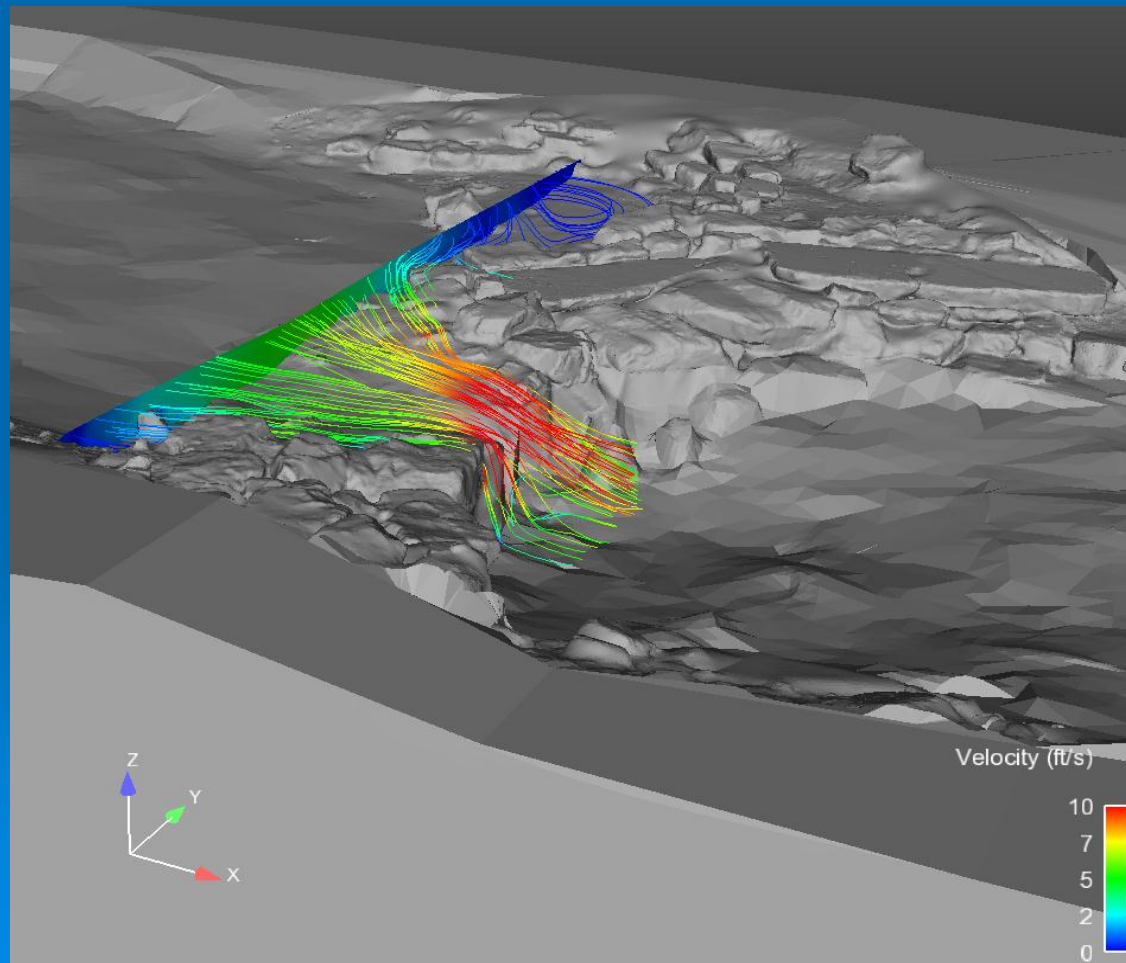


- Establish a physical criteria for the upstream and downstream boundary
- Must be equally comparable across flows at each structure
- Must be equally comparable across all structures
- Incorporate the full length of potential hydraulic barriers

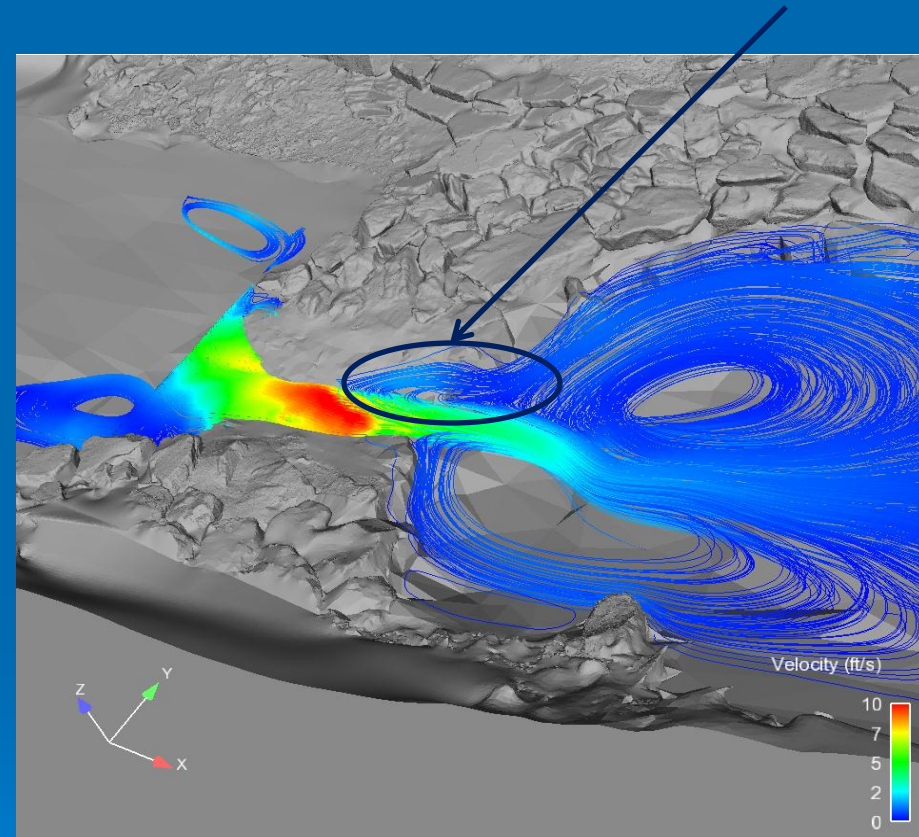
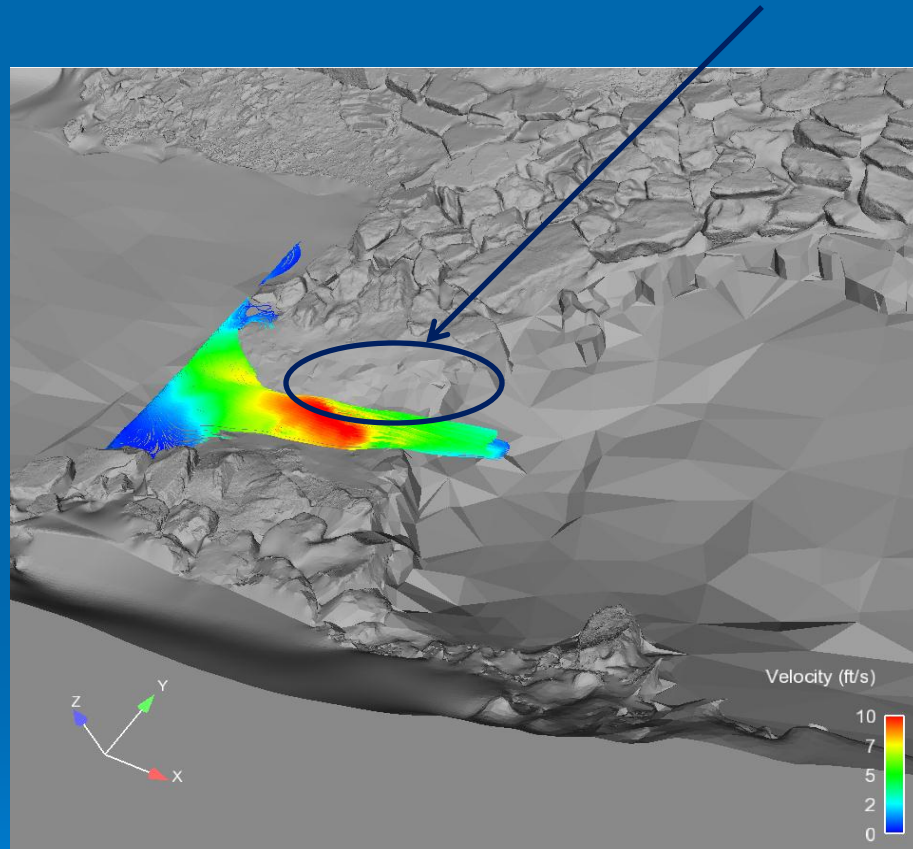
Continuous and Spatially Explicit Description

Emit “ n ” particle traces through the flow field

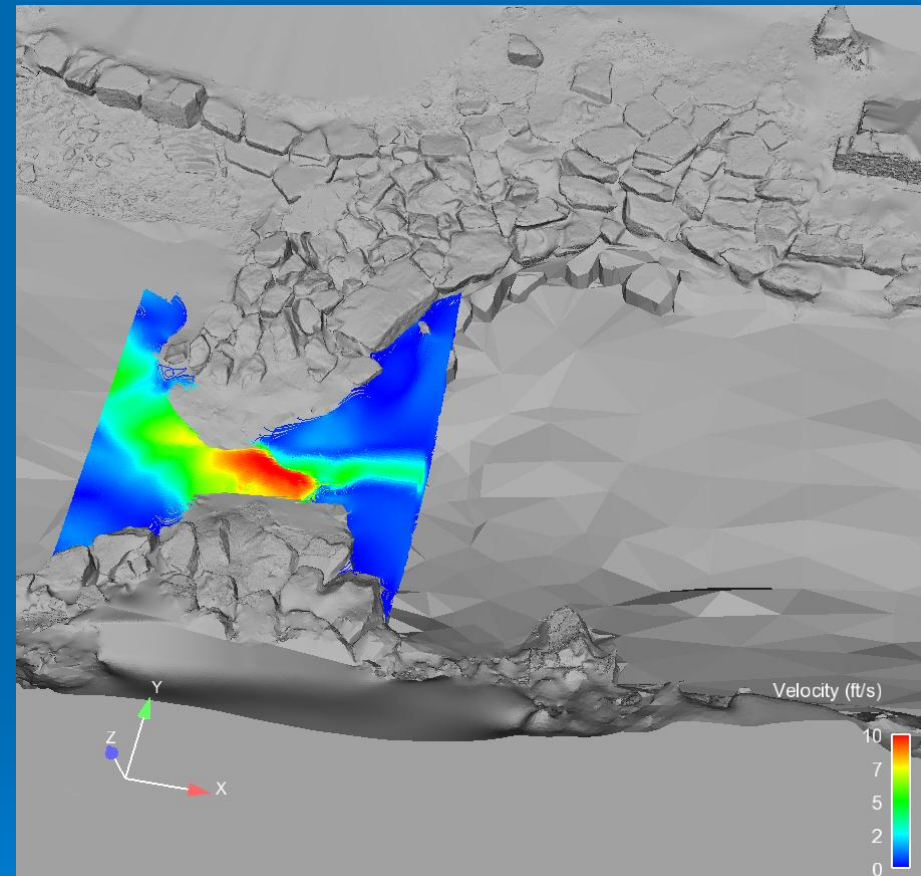
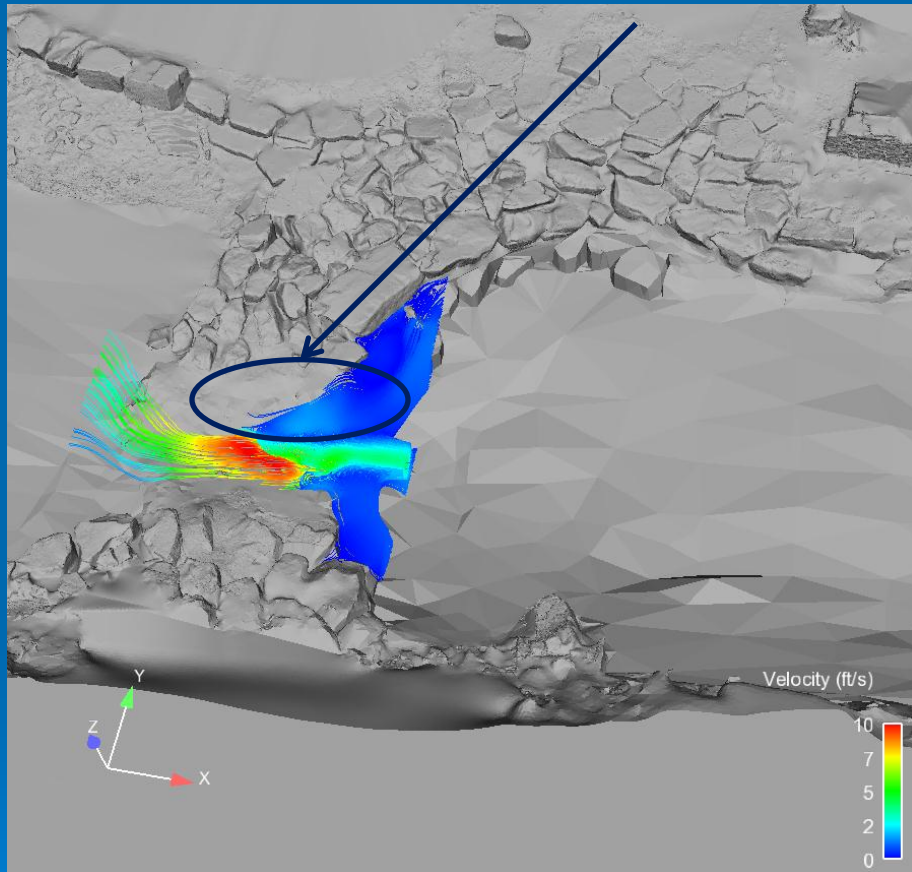
$n \approx 10,000 - 20,000$
(encompass all features of the flow field)



Encompassing the Entire Flow Field



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Hydraulic Descriptors

- Incorporate a directional component of velocity based on the upstream direction

- Cost along a trace

$$Cost = \sum v_{rms}^2 \times d$$

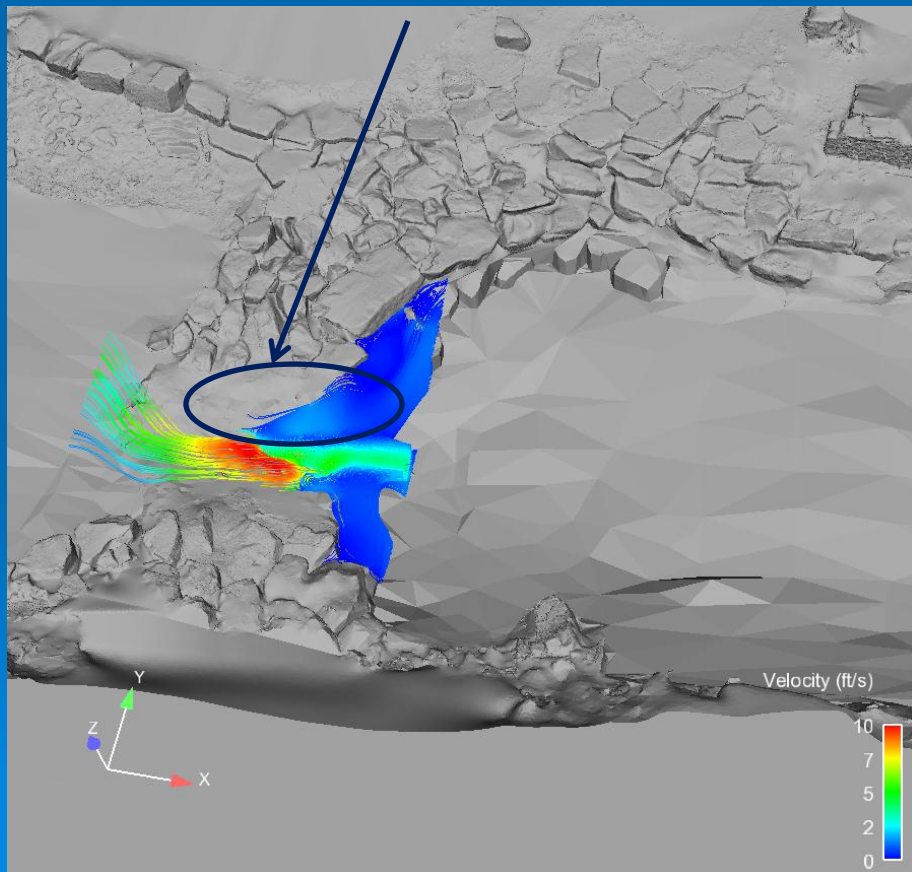
- Ratio of water velocity to burst swimming speed

$$\frac{v_{water}}{v_{burst}}$$

- Fraction of usable cross-sectional area based on a usable minimum flow depth

- Sum of vorticity along a trace

- Sum of TKE along a trace

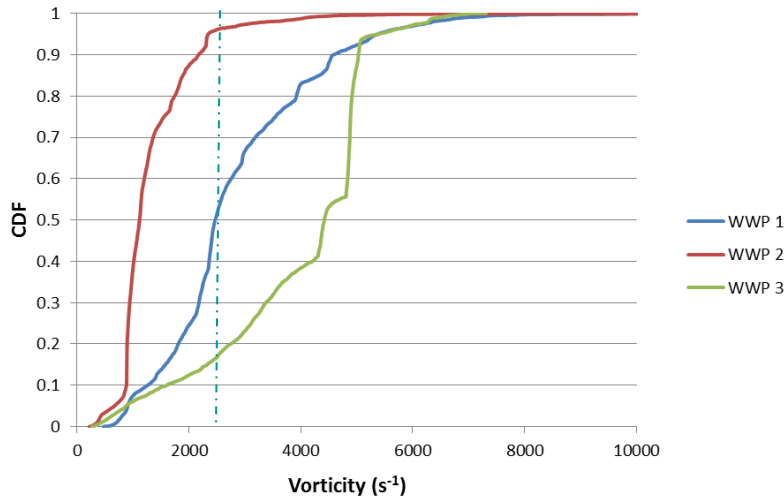


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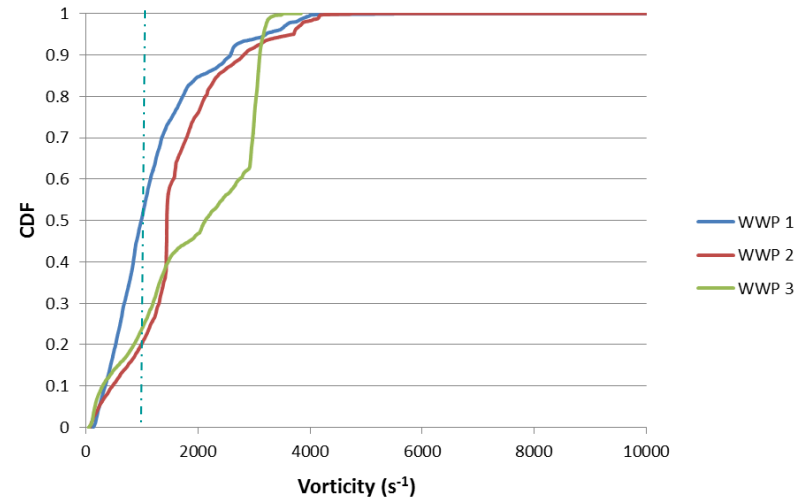
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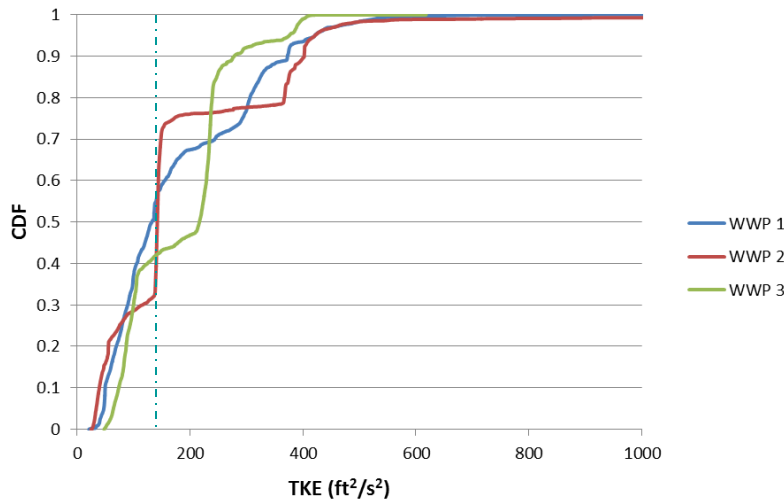
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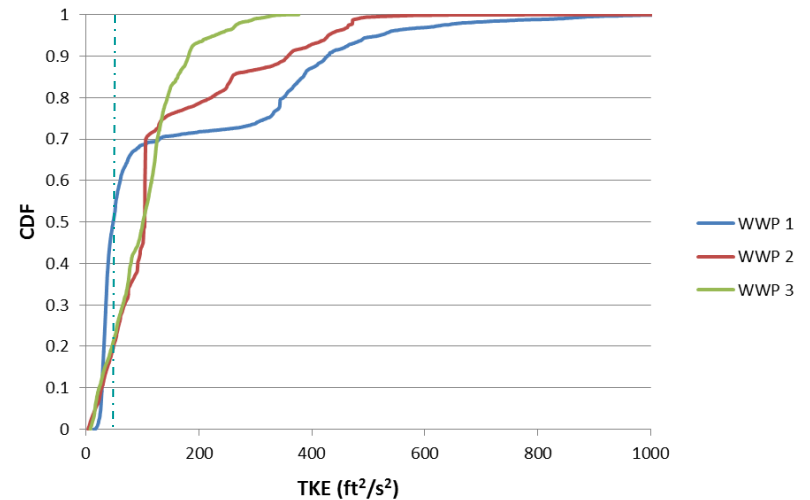
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Stepwise Regression

- Fraction of traces where $V_{water}/V_{burst} > 1$ for 25-BLS and 10-BLS for each individual fish
- 5th, 16th, 50th, 84th, & 95th percentiles of cost
- 50th percentile of the sum and Maximum Vorticity along each trace
- 50th percentile of the sum and Maximum TKE along each trace
- Fraction of usable cross-sectional area based on minimum depth criteria

Significant

- $V_{water}/V_{burst} > 1$ for 25-BLS
- $V_{water}/V_{burst} > 1$ for 10-BLS
- 16th percentile of cost
- 50th percentile of the sum of vorticity
- 50th percentile of the maximum vorticity
- 50th percentile of the sum of TKE
- Depth criteria

Logistic Regression

Inclusion

- $V_{water}/V_{burst} > 1$ for 25-BLS
- Depth criteria

Model	-LogLikelihood	DF	ChiSquare	Prob> ChiSq
Difference	127.64228	2	255.2846	<.0001*
Full	235.09806			
Reduced	362.74035			

RSquare (U)	0.3519
AICc	476.233
BIC	489.645
Observations (or Sum Wgts)	654

Measure	Training	Definition
Entropy RSquare	0.3519	$1 - \text{Loglike}(\text{model}) / \text{Loglike}(0)$
Generalized RSquare	0.4822	$(1 - (L(0) / L(\text{model}))^{2/n}) / (1 - L(0)^{2/n})$
Mean -Log p	0.3595	$\sum -\text{Log}(\rho[j]) / n$
RMSE	0.3215	$\sqrt{\sum (y[j] - \rho[j])^2 / n}$
Mean Abs Dev	0.2107	$\sum y[j] - \rho[j] / n$
Misclassification Rate	0.1177	$\sum (\rho[j] \neq \rho_{\text{Max}}) / n$
N	654	n

Term	Estimate	Std Error	ChiSquare	Prob> ChiSq
Intercept	24.1854197	1.9927563	147.30	<.0001*
25BLS	-2.6987911	0.9286701	8.45	0.0037*
Depth	-26.788947	2.1017976	162.45	<.0001*

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- A continuous and spatially explicit description of the flow field highlights the difference in the magnitude and distribution of velocity, vorticity, and TKE among the WWP structures and across a range of discharges.
- The variation in the magnitude and distribution of the water velocity relative to the burst swimming ability of a fish is reflective of relative passage success at each structure.
- Logistic regression shows a statistically significant influence of velocity and depth on passage success.
- These results might be transferable to other WWPs and can help inform future projects; however, additional WWPs of various sizes and hydrologic regimes must be investigated.
- These results have implications for native fishes with lesser swimming abilities.

Questions?

