

Index Velocity Method V/S Stage Discharge Method

ACOUSTIC DOPPLER VELOCITY METER (ADVM) APPLICATIONS IN KENTUCKY



Measurement to determine Index Velocity rating

Blanking Distance Equation
Beargrass Creek at River Road (03293510)

Installed in February of 2007, Beargrass Creek is one of the primary watersheds located in the city of Louisville, KY. The Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) is required to monitor water quality throughout most of the streams reach due to the use of CSO's (Combined Sewer Overflows). This particular site is the most downstream, located only 2,000ft upstream of the confluence with the Ohio River. The site is, at times, backwater affected. The ADVM helps to determine whether the installed QW monitor is reading primarily Beargrass Creek flow or backwater from the Ohio River.



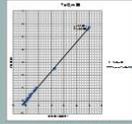
ADVM requires bi-annual cleaning



Gage equipment



Site Location



Index Velocity Rating

Kentucky's varied topography and climate leads to unique challenges in the installation and maintenance of surface water stations. Fixed mounted hydroacoustic systems present an even greater challenge. The Kentucky Water Science Center installed its first Acoustic Doppler Velocity Meter in February 2007 and now has 4 ADVM's mounted throughout the state in various applications each with its own special set of spatial and environmental demands.



Canoe expert braves zero velocity water Sontek SW Unit Installed

Three Mile Creek at Covington (03254695)

Originally installed as stage discharge site in June 2007. The site is 1,500 ft upstream of the confluence with Licking River and backwater is frequently present. Sanitation District #1 is responsible for monitoring water quality at this site. A Sontek SL 1500 was originally installed, but it was later decided to install a Sontek SW up-looker in order to better define vertical velocity profiles.



Lexan protective casing



Uplooker Location



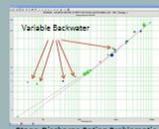
Site Location



Backwater Measurement



High Bridge



Variable Backwater

Stage-Discharge Rating Problematic

Licking River near Alexandria (03254520)
Initially installed as a stage-discharge station in June 2007. Early measurements determined that backwater from Ohio River 18 miles downstream affected the stage-discharge relationship especially at low stages. ADVM installed in August 2010. Licking River has a wide range of stage and gage was installed 75 feet above water surface on bridge railing.



Gage



Mount and Winch

Ohio River at Olmsted (03612600)

Resultant Velocity Magnitude Monitoring at the Olmsted Locks and Dam

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District (USACE-LD) has been overseeing the construction of the new Locks and Dam near Olmsted, Illinois, since 1992. The construction phase of the lock chambers is complete and theainter-gate construction phase currently (2011) is underway. In order to set theainter gates into place, the gate shafts are floated out to their determined location, set in place, and then filled with concrete. To complete this task, a safe-working limit on water velocity was enacted, which permits work to be carried out when the velocity of the Ohio River is flowing at or below 5 feet per second. To monitor the velocities of the Ohio River at this construction site, the USACE partnering with the U.S. Geological Survey—Kentucky Water Science Center (USGS-KY WSC), installed a Sontek SL-500 Acoustic Velocity Meter (SL-500) near the construction site, which is mounted below the water's surface. The unit measures the velocities of the water flowing past the SL-500 at assigned locations on the Ohio River and collects data consisting of an X component (flow perpendicular to the SL-500) and a Y component (flow parallel to the SL-500). These velocities are calculated from volumes of water, referred to as cells, which are centered at specific locations (distances out in the river) that are programmed into the SL-500. Each cell is approximately 46 feet wide and is centered at approximate locations - 49', 89', 135', 176', and 221'-from the downstream lock wall where the SL-500 currently (2011) is mounted. The velocity data are logged every 15 minutes and relayed via the [Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite \(GOES\)](#) Data Collection System to the USGS-KY WSC where the data are then processed and displayed on the Center's web site.



Bottom of Protective Mount



Construction



Site Location



Mount retracts for service and repair



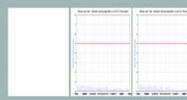
Ladder Mount



Gage



Site Location



Cell Location

Individual Cell Velocities Graph

Lock walls float so ADVM stays a fixed distance from surface



OVERVIEW

What is an Index Velocity site?

Site Selection

Instrument Selection

Types of Installations

Rating Development for Index Velocity

Q/A for Index Velocity

What is an Index Velocity site?

- Collecting real-time velocity and area to compute discharge.
- Same methodology as a stage/discharge where:
 - $Q = V \times A$
- Differs from separating velocity and area into 2 ratings

What is an Index Velocity Site Con't?

- **Used where a stage/discharge is not able to obtained:**
 - **Backwater**
 - Licking River at 536
 - **Slope**
 - Ohio River at Louisville
 - **Tidal effect**
 - Beargrass Creek at River Road
 - **Working in conditions where velocity is needed**
 - Ohio River at Olmsted

What is needed for an Index site?

- **Site Selection!!!!**
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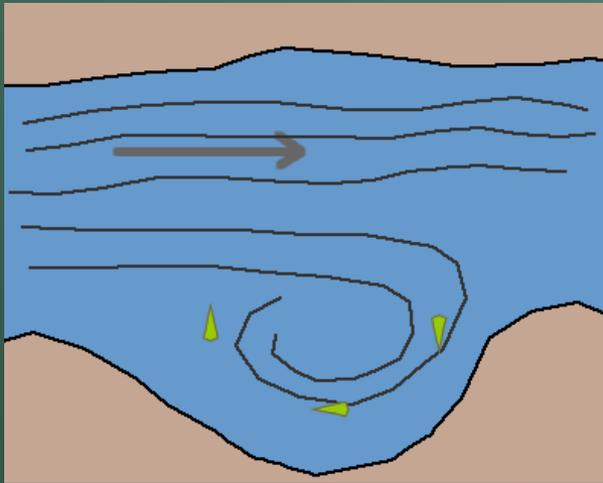


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Pier Wakes



Flow Reversals

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Upstream



07.09.2012 13:54

Downstream



07.10.2012 13:42

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High



Medium



Wading

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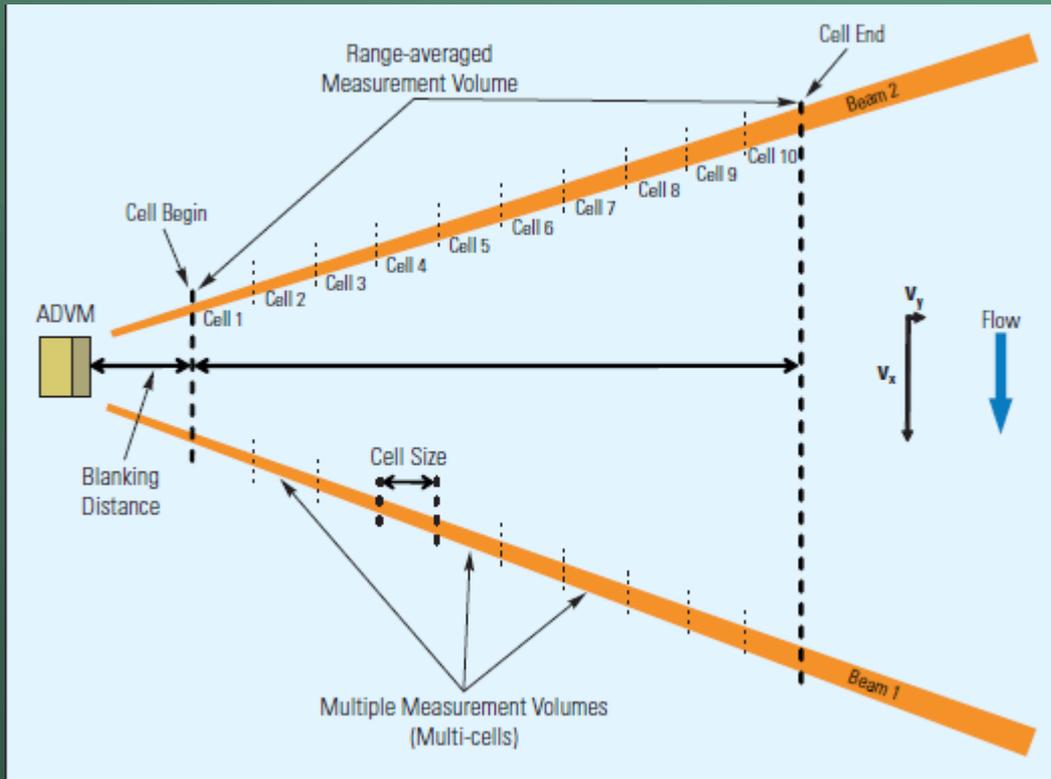
■ Site Selection!!!!

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- Stream is straight for 200m or 5-10 channel widths
- Located 5-10 channel widths US or DS of any tributary
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- Able to measure discharge at all stages
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Instrumentation Selection

- **There are a few types of instruments that can provide velocity:**
 - **Acoustic Doppler Velocity Meters (ADVM) side looking**
 - **Acoustic current meters that use Doppler principle to measure water velocities in a 2-dimensional plane. Sidelooking is mounted so the beams profile out.**
 - **ADVM up looking**
 - **Same as above except up looking is mounted so the beams profile up.**
 - **Acoustic Velocity Meters (AVM)**
 - **Time of travel devices that measure water velocities along an acoustic path**

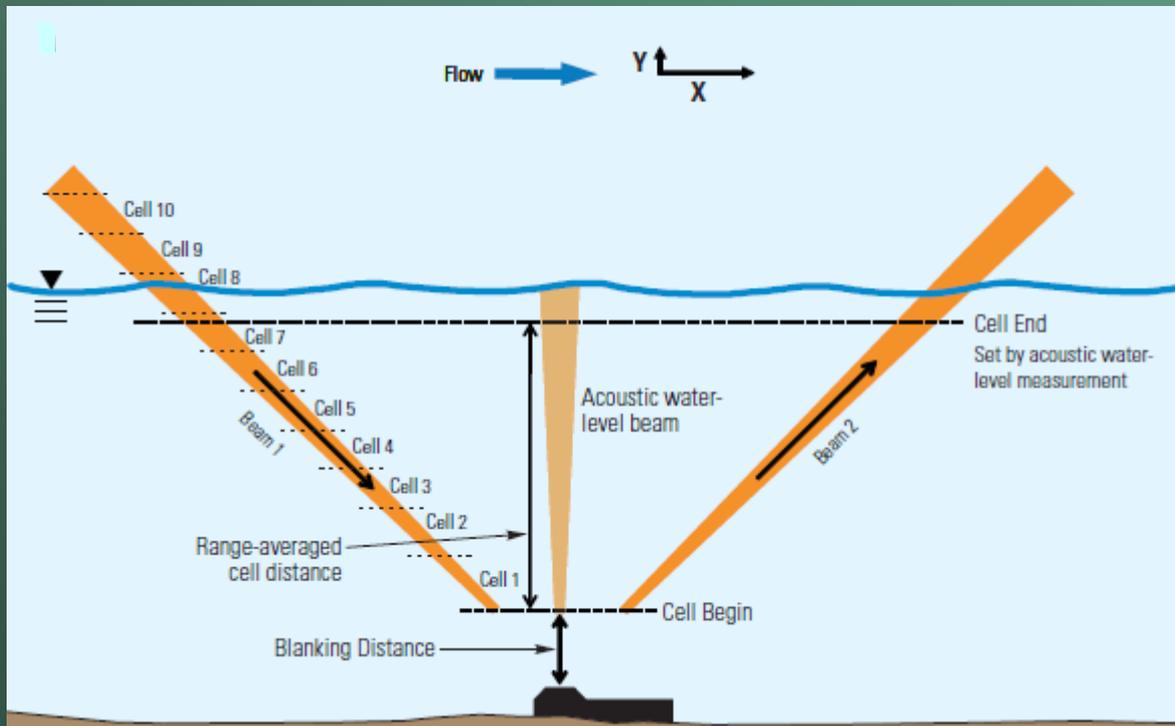
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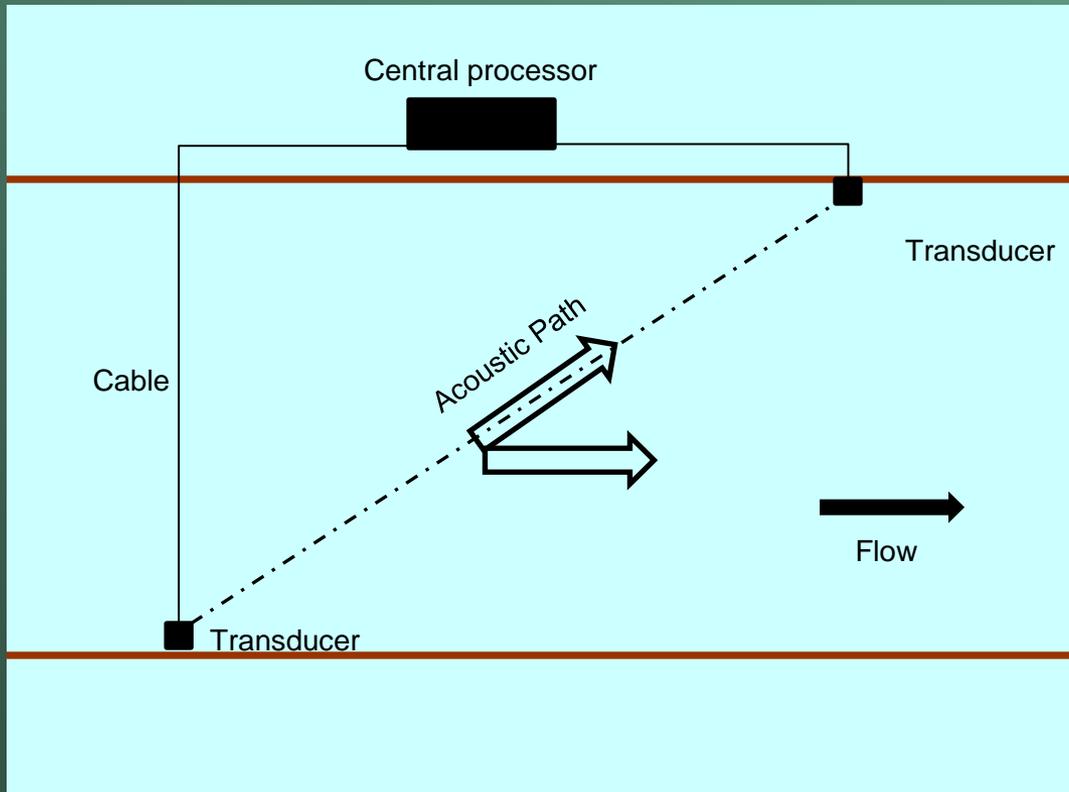
- Used primarily for larger rivers
- Sediment build-up areas
- Allows for a large or small sample area

ADV M Up Looking

- Used primarily for smaller streams
- Cells are dynamic to change size on the fly
- Allows for a large or small sample area



AVM



- Used primarily for smaller streams
- Time of travel devices that measure velocities along an acoustic path
- Allows for a large or small sample area, but only at one depth

Installations ADVM side looking



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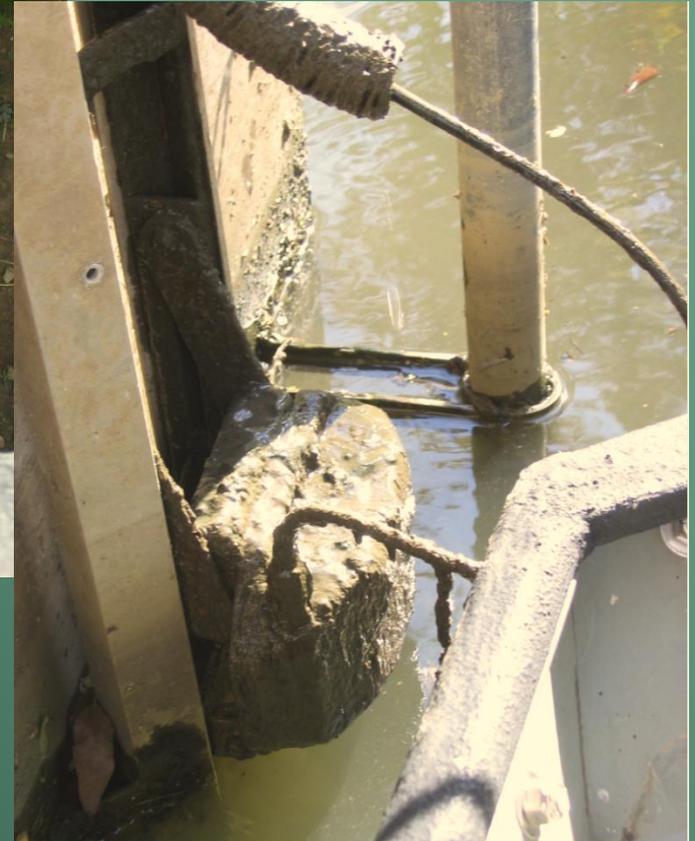
Installations ADVM side looking



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Installations ADVM side looking



Installations ADVM up looking



Rating development

Remember our equation to obtain discharge

$$Q = V \times A$$

Rating development

Well we have the “Velocity” installed

Q = ~~W~~ X A

Rating development

How do we get the Area

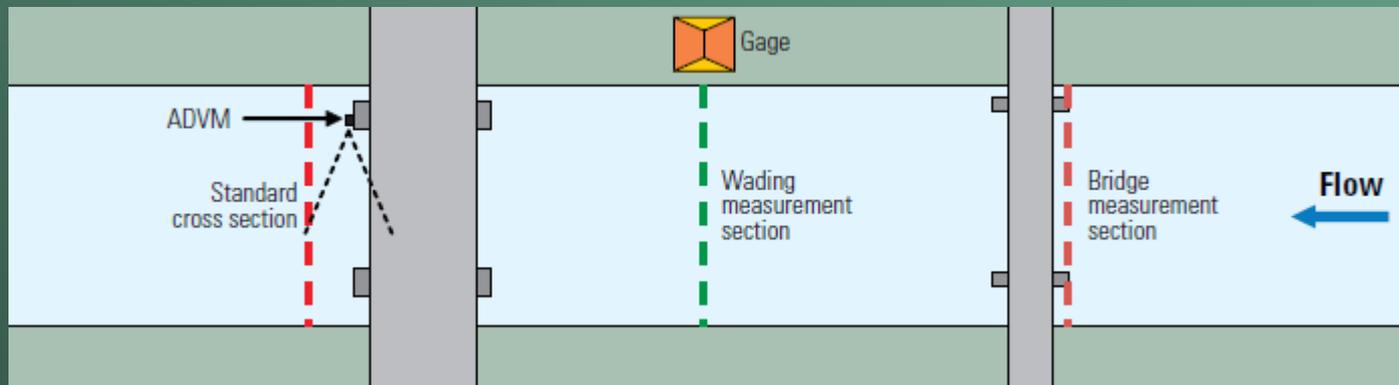
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Development of Stage-Area Rating

1. Establish a standard cross section
2. Survey the standard cross section
3. Develop stage-area rating and
4. Validate stage-area rating

The standard cross section should be located as close to the ADVM as possible so that changes in the cross section can be monitored over time.



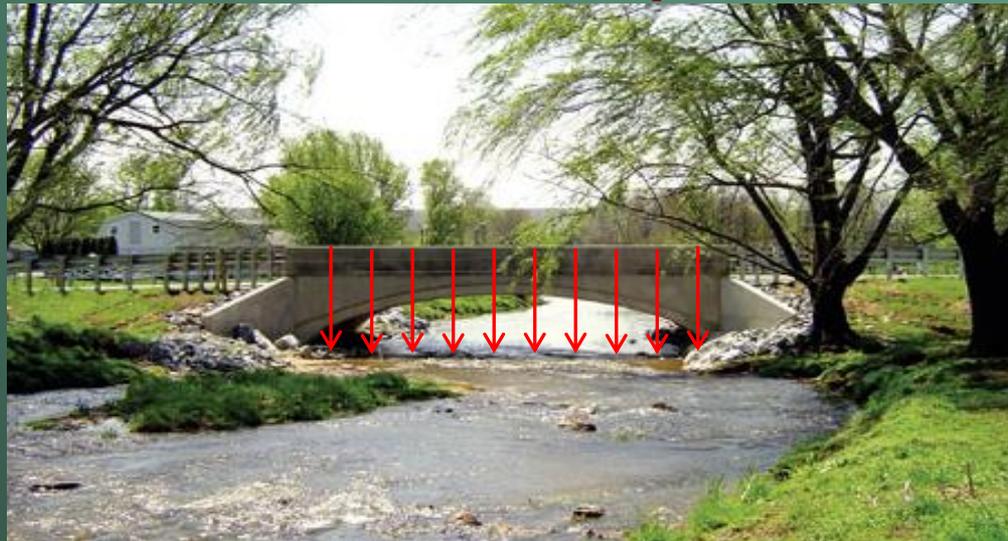
Survey the cross section

- **Perpendicular to primary flow**
- **Survey consist of 2 values**
 - **Horizontal position**
 - **Elevation of that horizontal position**



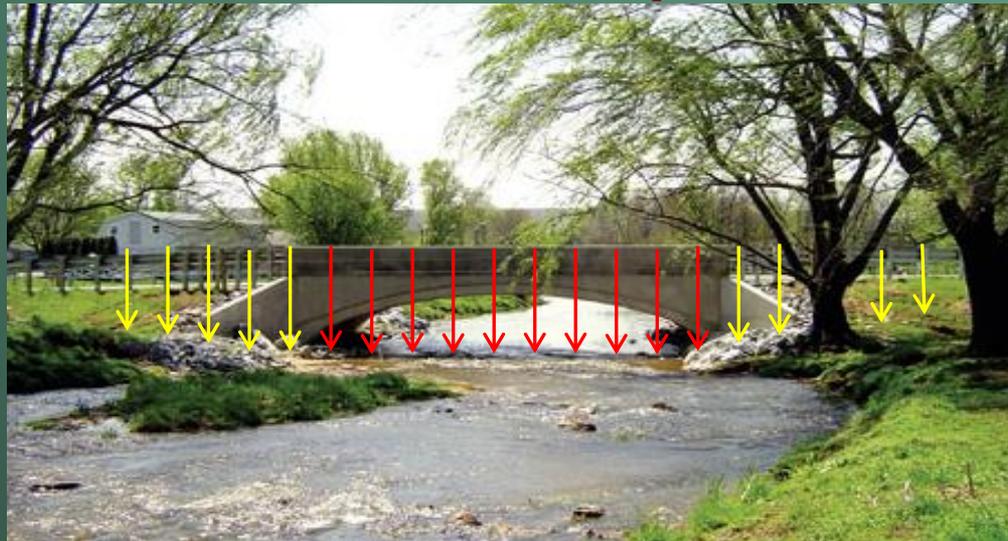
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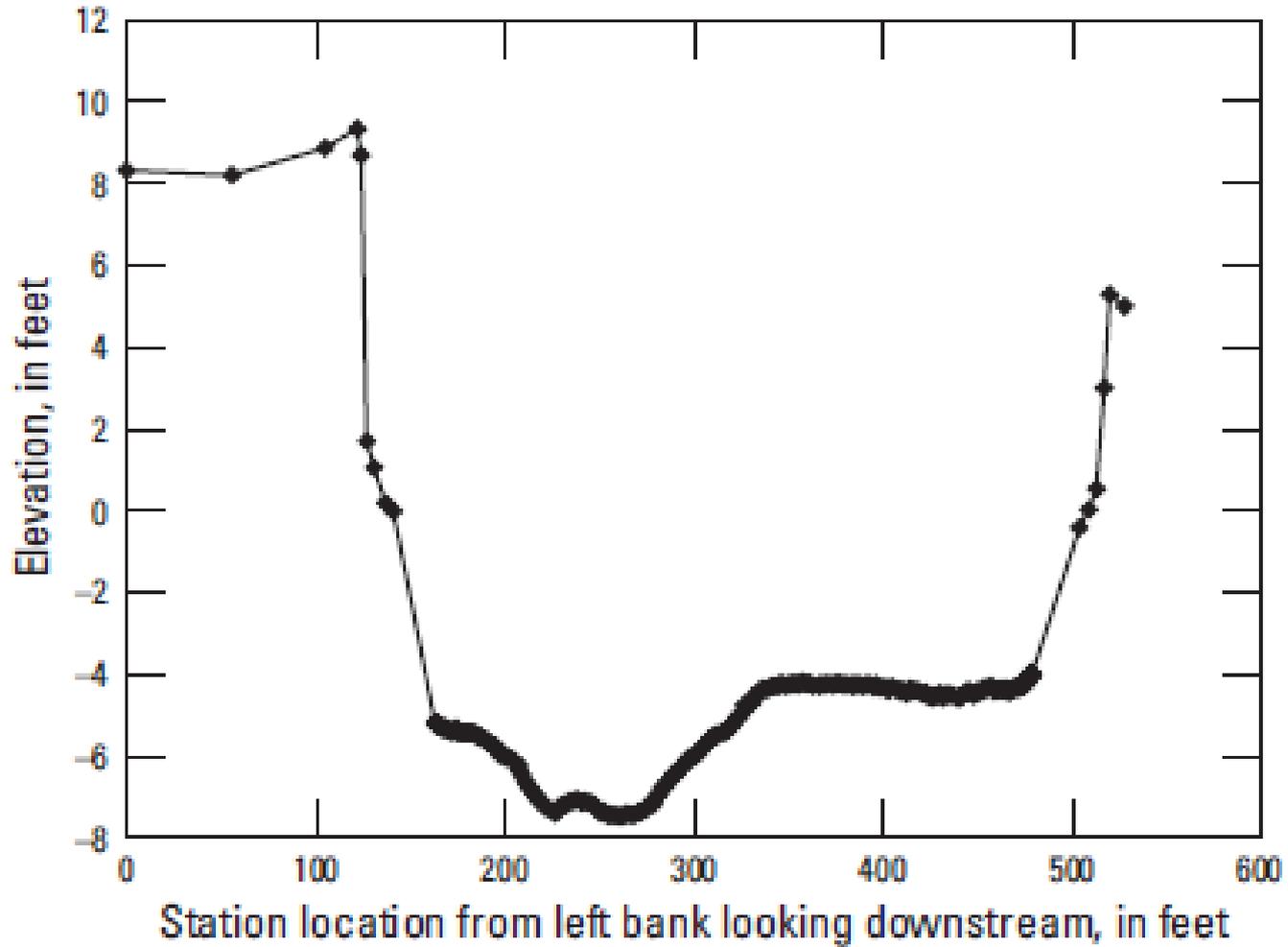
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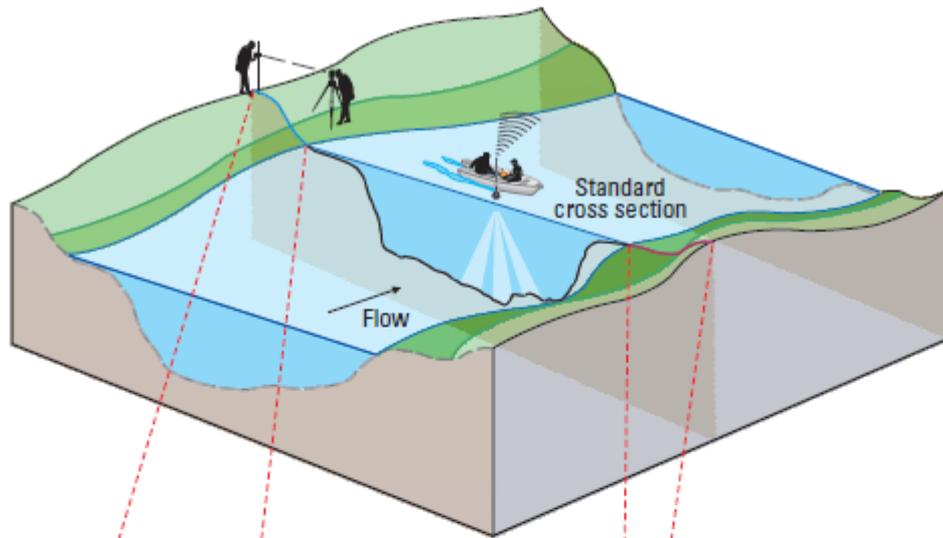


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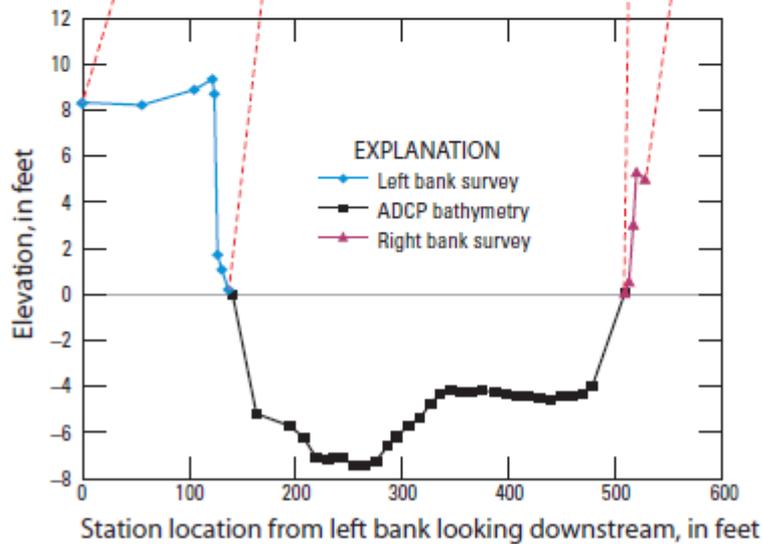
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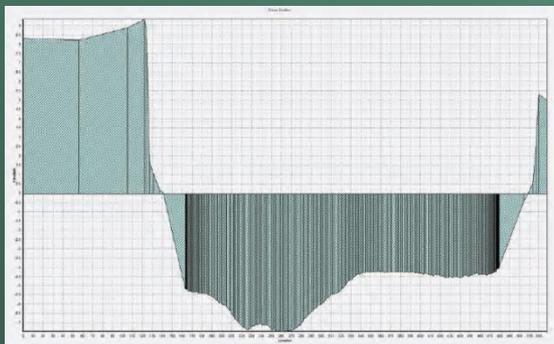


The use of an Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP) and leveling equipment can be used for same results



After collecting the cross section information:

- Software is used to develop the rating and output in graphical and tabular format



STAGE	AREA	STAGE	AREA	STAGE	AREA	STAGE	AREA
0	154.076	2.68	296.348	15.7	1494.137	27	3544.834
0.01	154.568	2.69	296.915	15.71	1495.653	27.01	3546.79
0.02	155.062	2.7	297.483	15.72	1497.168	27.02	3548.745
0.03	155.555	2.71	298.05	15.73	1498.685	27.03	3550.7
0.04	156.049	2.72	298.618	15.74	1500.201	27.04	3552.655
0.05	156.542	2.73	299.186	15.75	1501.718	27.05	3554.61
0.06	157.037	2.74	299.754	15.76	1503.236	27.06	3556.565
0.07	157.531	2.75	300.323	15.77	1504.754	27.07	3558.521
0.08	158.026	2.76	300.892	15.78	1506.272	27.08	3560.476
0.09	158.521	2.77	301.461	15.79	1507.791	27.09	3562.431
0.1	159.017	2.78	302.03	15.8	1509.31	27.1	3564.386
0.11	159.512	2.79	302.6	15.81	1510.83	27.11	3566.341
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0.13	160.505	2.81	303.74	15.83	1513.871	27.13	3570.252
0.14	161.001	2.82	304.31	15.84	1515.392	27.14	3572.207
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0.18	162.991	2.86	306.595	15.88	1521.482	27.18	3580.028
0.19	163.489	2.87	307.166	15.89	1523.005	27.19	3581.984
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0.25	166.484	2.93	310.602	15.95	1532.156	27.25	3593.716
0.26	166.984	2.94	311.176	15.96	1533.682	27.26	3595.671
0.27	167.485	2.95	311.749	15.97	1535.21	27.27	3597.627
0.28	167.985	2.96	312.324	15.98	1536.737	27.28	3599.582
0.29	168.486	2.97	312.898	15.99	1538.265	27.29	3601.538
0.3	168.988	2.98	313.473	16	1539.794	27.3	3603.493
0.31	169.49	2.99	314.047	16.01	1541.323	27.31	3605.449
0.32	169.992	3	314.623	16.02	1542.852	27.32	3607.404
0.33	170.494	3.01	315.198	16.03	1544.382	27.33	3609.36
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0.35	171.499	3.03	316.35	16.05	1547.443	27.35	3613.271
0.36	172.002	3.04	316.926	16.06	1548.974	27.36	3615.226
0.37	172.506	3.05	317.502	16.07	1550.506	27.37	3617.182
0.38	173.01	3.06	318.079	16.08	1552.038	27.38	3619.137

Rating development

Now we have both

Q=~~W~~ X ~~A~~

Rating development

- **Data Collection**
 - Discharge Measurements
 - Information from Gage
 - Data from ADVN

Arrive at the site

- Collect readings from all gage equipment



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DISCHARGE MEASUREMENT AND
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Inspection
Insap by: tal blin

Project: 03254520 - LICKING RIVER AT HWY 536 NEAR ALEXANDRIA, KY
Version: 1.0.0

Site Visit Summary
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Date: 2014-04-25 Start Time: 13:30:00 EDT End Time: 13:30:07 EDT
Party: tal blin
Weather: cloudy, cool, light rain, calm winds
Recorder record removed.

Comment:
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Blue T56, 008, 009.

Gage Readings

Time	Wire Weight Gage (03254520) Name: 03254520 8:13 (4:00)	Non-Salim Pres Tran (03254520) Name: 03254520 8:20
13:30:00	Blue-Primary Reference:	Green-Primary Recorder



- Set ADVM to log every minute

Select Session Type
Connect to System
Show System Settings
Load Deployment Template
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Advanced Settings
Flow Settings
SDI-12 Settings
Battery and Recorder
Summary
Start Deployment

Back Next Help Exit

Data Collection Schedule

Averaging Interval (s)	500
Sampling Interval (s)	900
Def Water Salinity (ppt)	0.00
Cell Begin (ft)	20.01
Cell End (ft)	250.00



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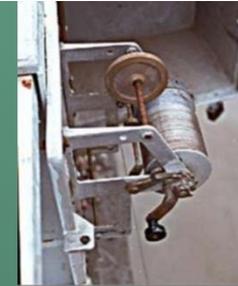
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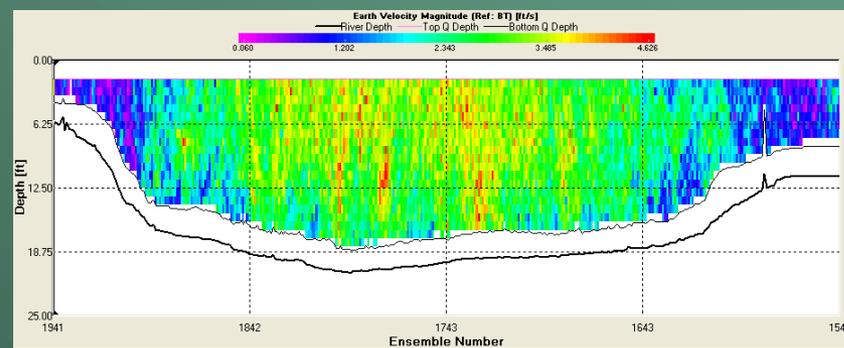
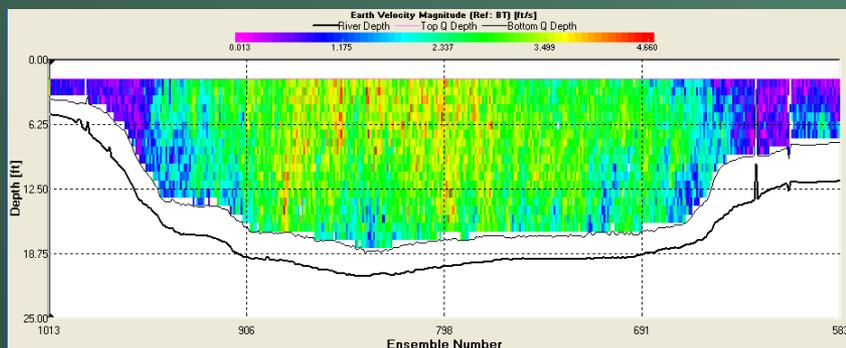
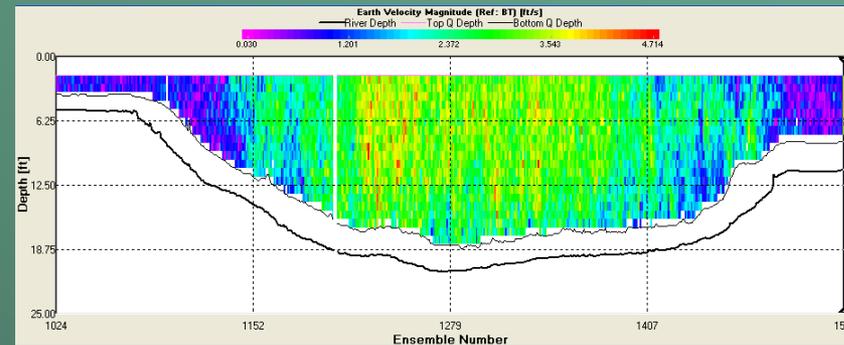
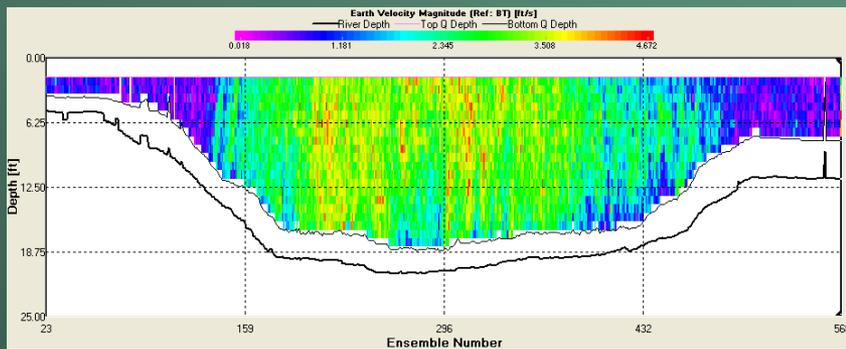


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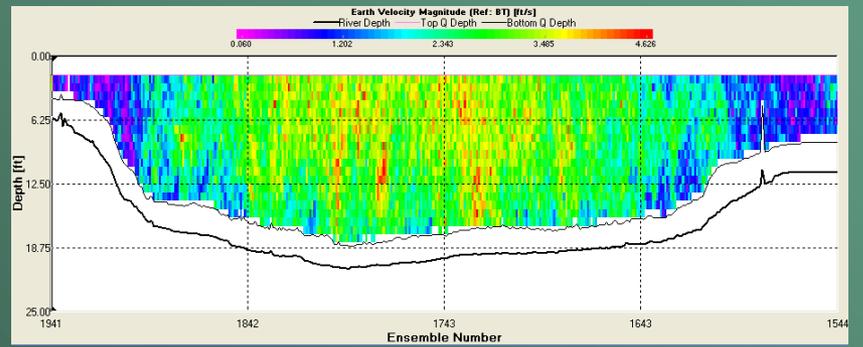
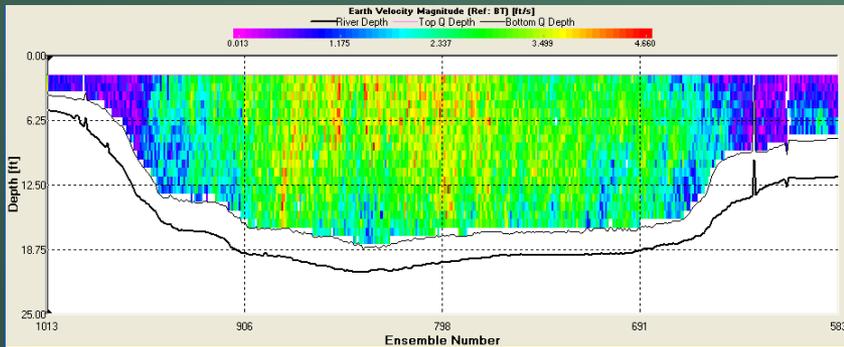
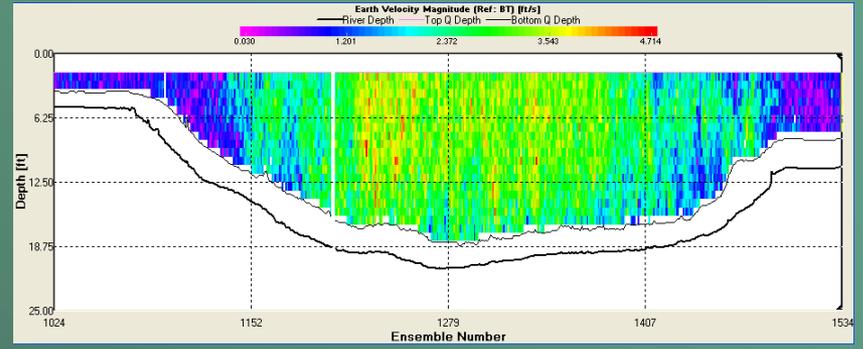
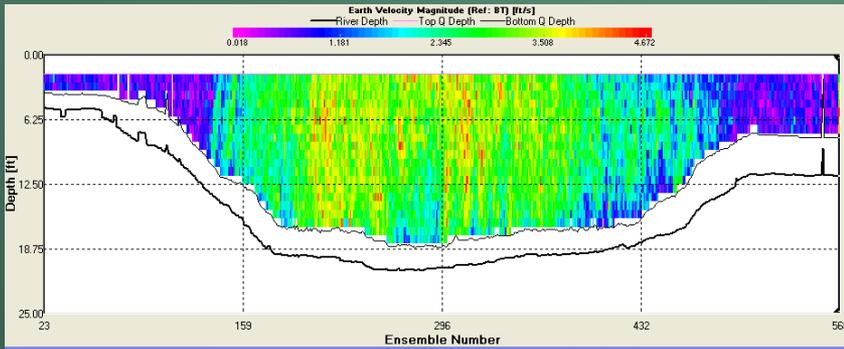
- **Begin the measurement at the beginning of a minute and measure for 12 minutes**



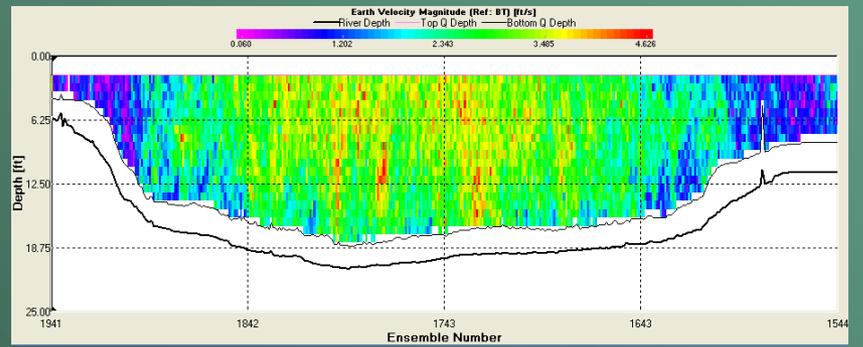
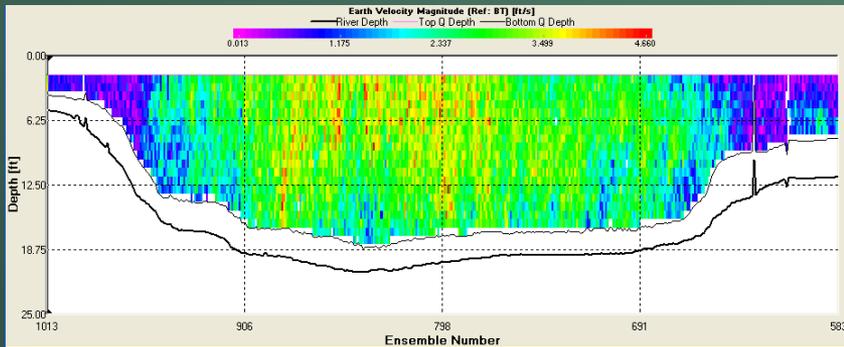
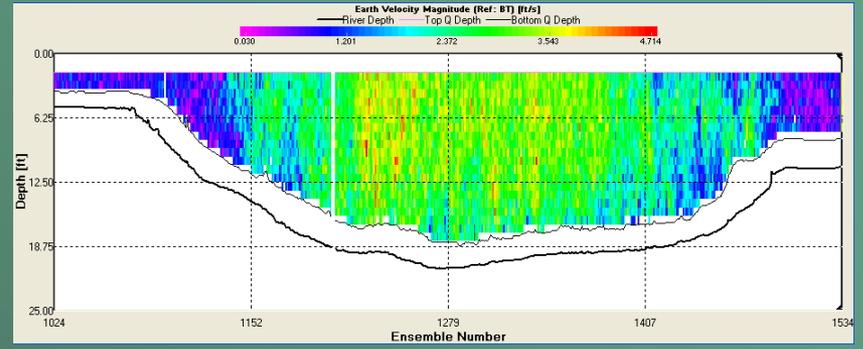
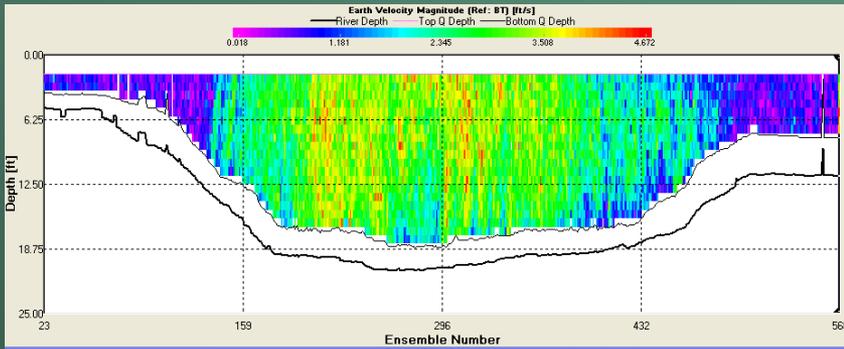
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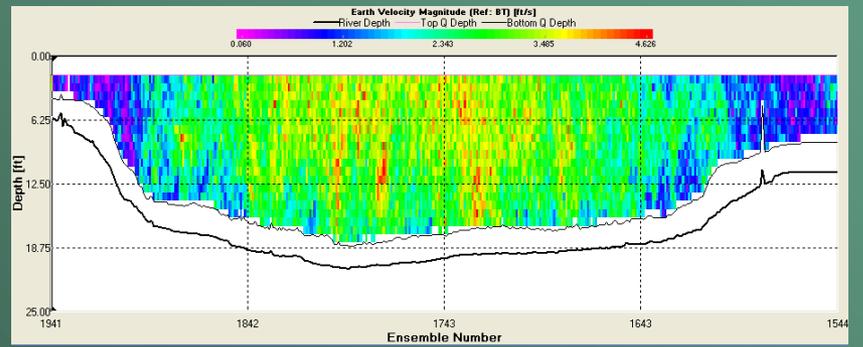
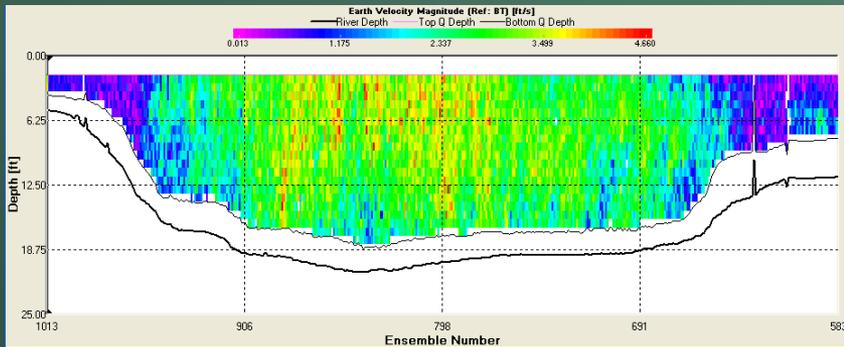
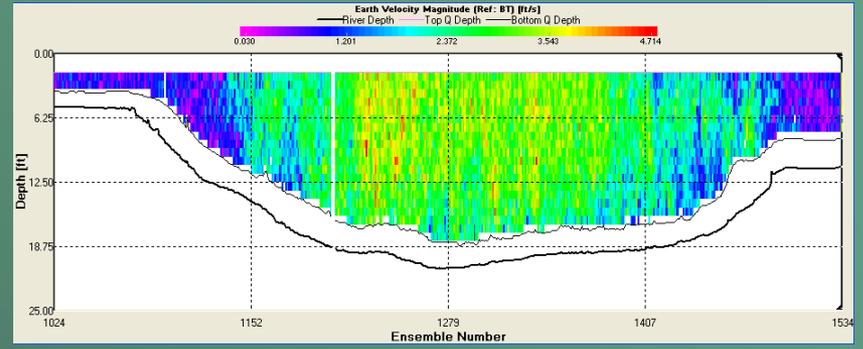
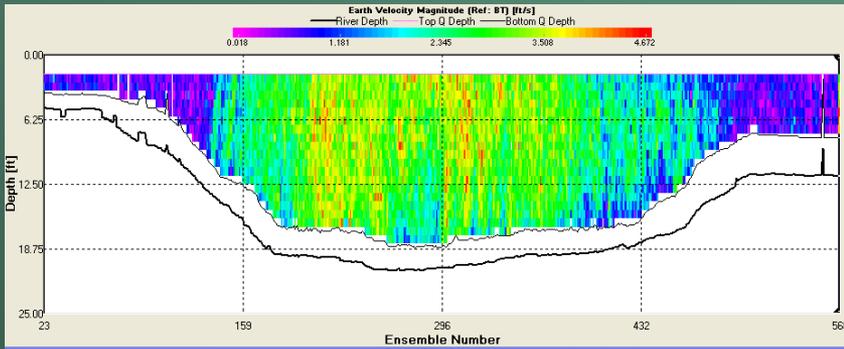
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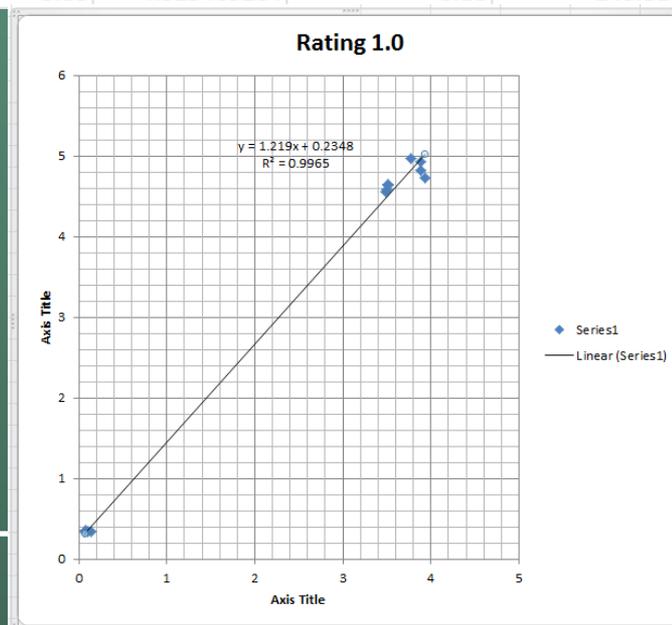


After measurement

- Retrieve data from ADVN
- Collect a final set of gage readings
- Scribe the discharge with other measurements made at the site
- After enough measurements are made, a rating can be established

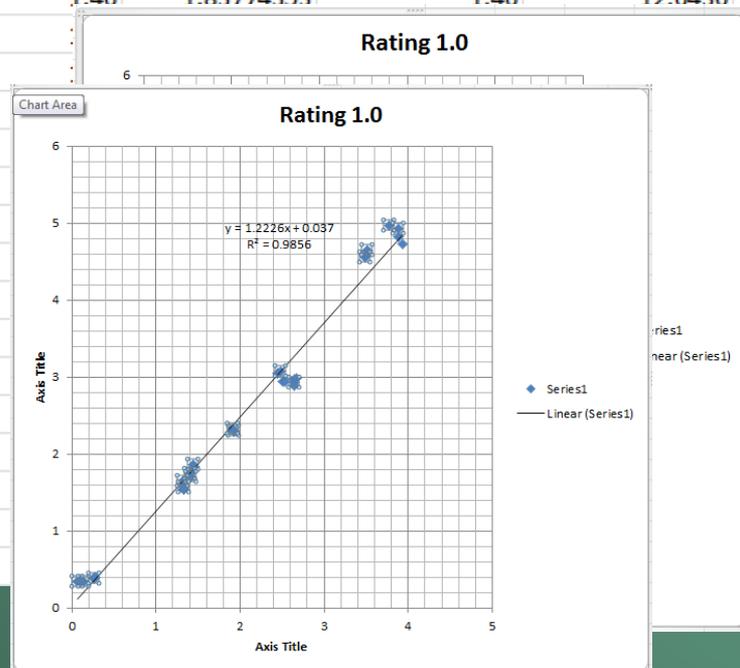
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24	8/12/2010	1345-1355	5.93	208	610	0.14	0.340983607	0.14	0.8302
25	8/12/2010	1400-1410	5.9	206	605.7	0.11	0.340102361	0.11	0.649
30	2/2/2011	1015-1025	21.73	16504	3627	3.49	4.550317066	3.49	75.8377
31	2/2/2011	1030-1040	21.87	16755	3660.4	3.5	4.577331079	3.5	76.545
32	2/2/2011	1045-1055	22.01	17159	3693.9	3.51	4.645263639	3.51	77.2551
33	2/2/2011	1100-1010	22.15	17297	3727.4	3.51	4.64052498	3.51	77.7465
34	2/25/2011	1645-1655	37.49	40000	8458.8	3.93	4.72880314	3.93	147.3357
35	2/25/2011	1700-1710	37.56	42200	8487	3.77	4.972328169	3.77	141.6012
36	2/25/2011	1715-1725	37.65	41100	8523.3	3.89	4.822092929	3.89	146.4585
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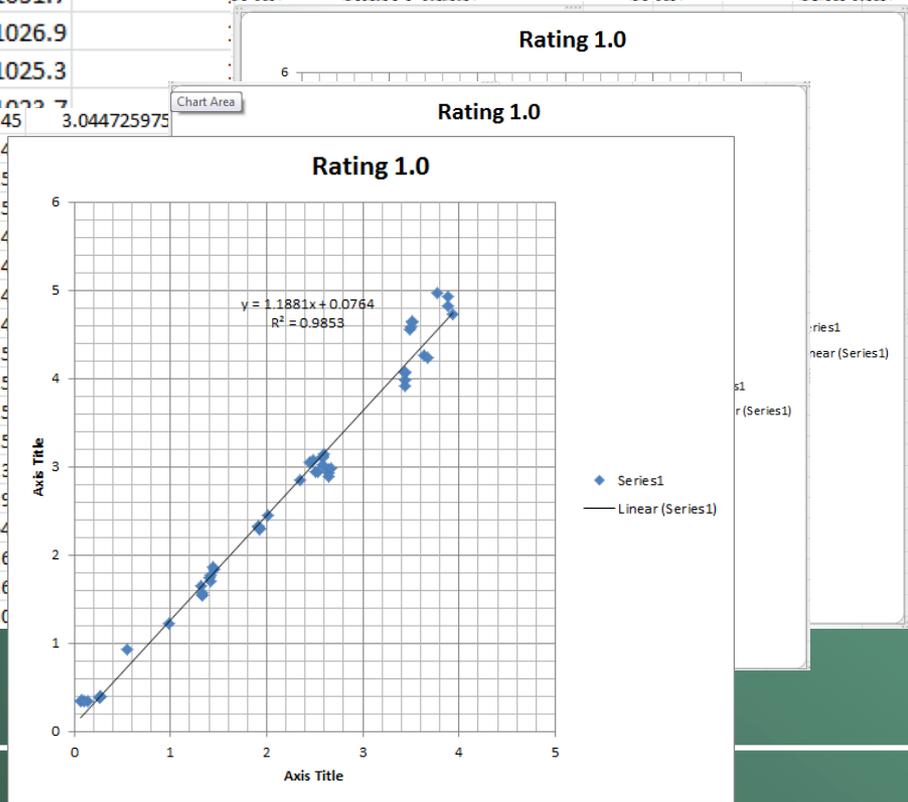
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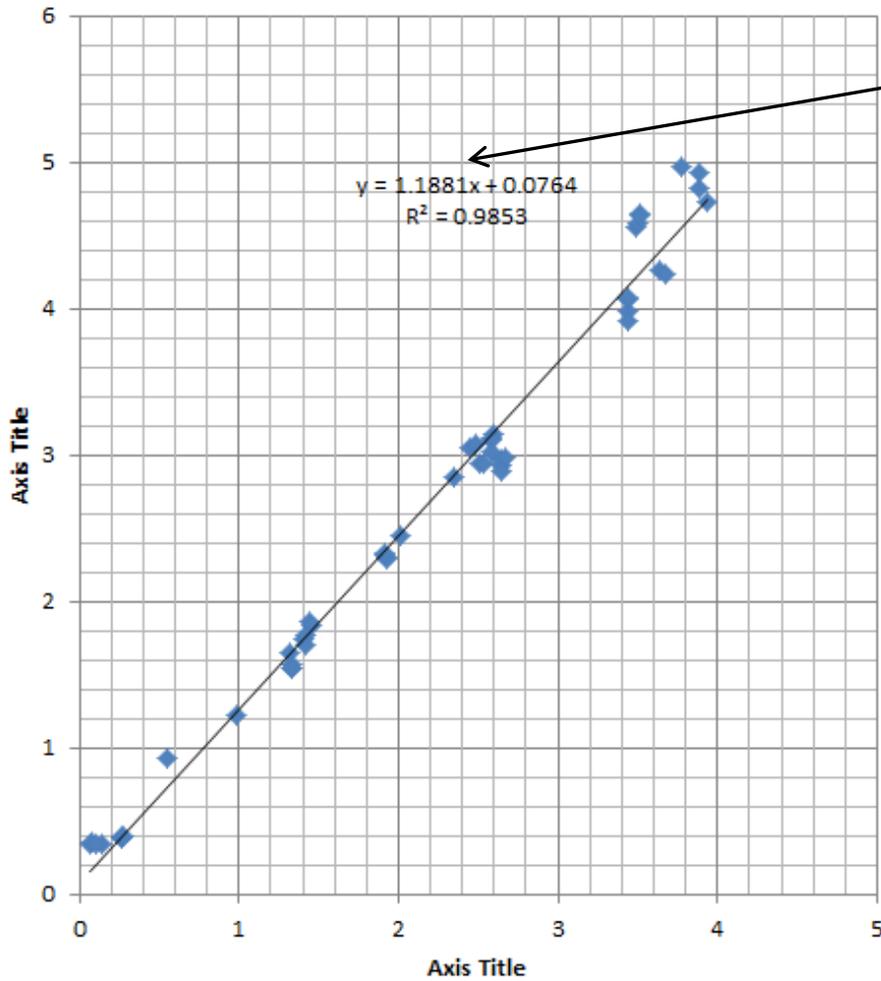


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65	1/31/2013	845-855	22.25	14700 3751.4	3.4			
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70	4/30/2013	915-925	14.45	6170 2044.3	2.5			
71	7/18/2013	1045	12.24	4647 1631.1	2.3			
72	8/20/2013	1100	7.82	1098 898	0.9			
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74	11/18/2013	1000	22.4	16155 3787.4	3.6			
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Rating 1.0



$$y = mX + b + \text{error}$$

y= computed mean velocity

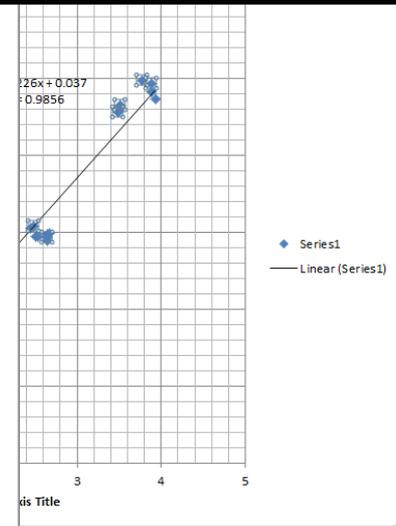
m= slope of line

X= index velocity

b= y intercept (where the regression line crosses the y-axis when x=0)

error= error around regression line

◆ Series1
— Linear (Series1)



Is the Rating Complete?

- No we still need to make sure that the rating is statistically valid, through regression

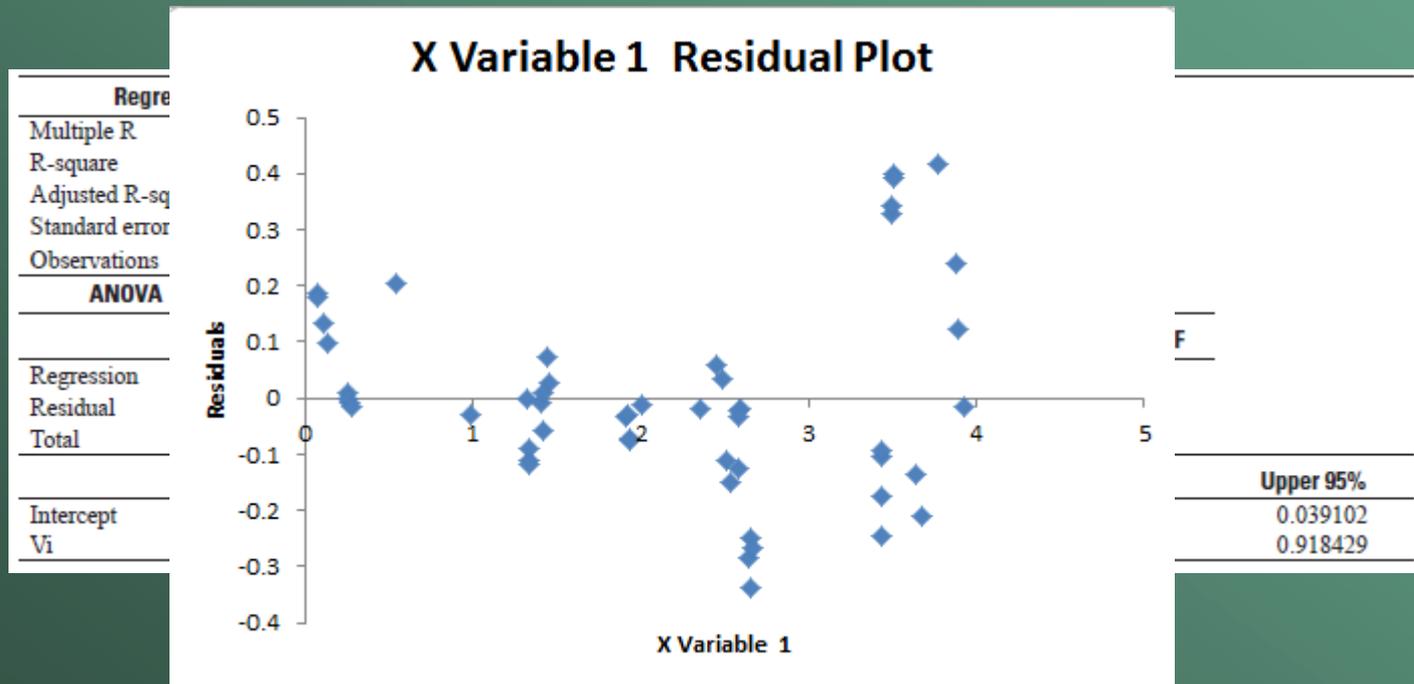
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Multiple R	0.997162
R-square	0.994332
Adjusted R-square	0.994242
Standard error	0.048462
Observations	65

ANOVA					
	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F
Regression	1	25.95845	25.95845	11052.69	1.71E-72
Residual	63	0.147962	0.002349		
Total	64	26.10641			

	Coefficients	Standard error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%
Intercept	0.01768	0.01072	1.649276	0.104069	-0.00374	0.039102
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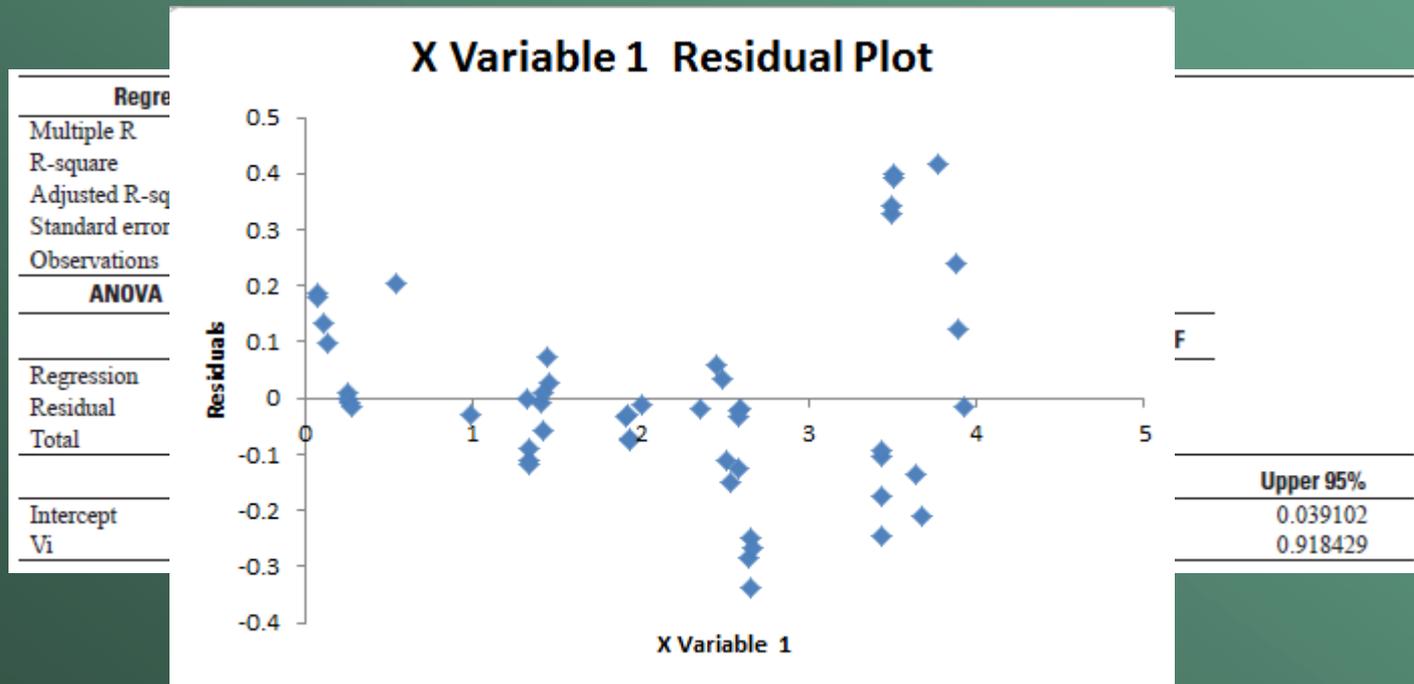
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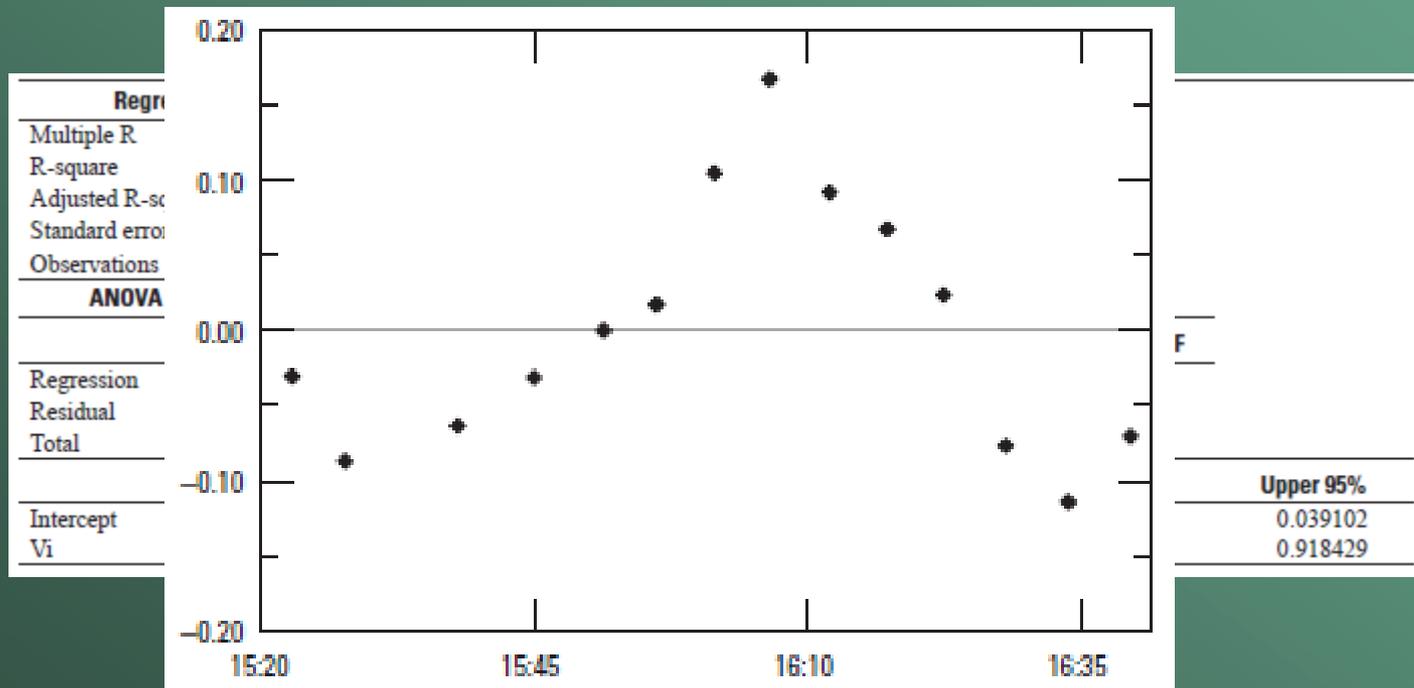
Is the Rating Complete?

- **NO TREND, that's good**



Is the Rating Complete?

- **TREND, that's not good**



NO TREND

- Indicates that the index velocity is an appropriate estimator for the mean channel velocity

TREND

- Indicates that one or more other variables affect the relation to mean channel velocity

Discharge Rating Analysis (DRA)

- The Discharge Rating Analysis shows how the measurements plot on the rating
- After a rating is established the DRA verifies or validates if the rating is changing

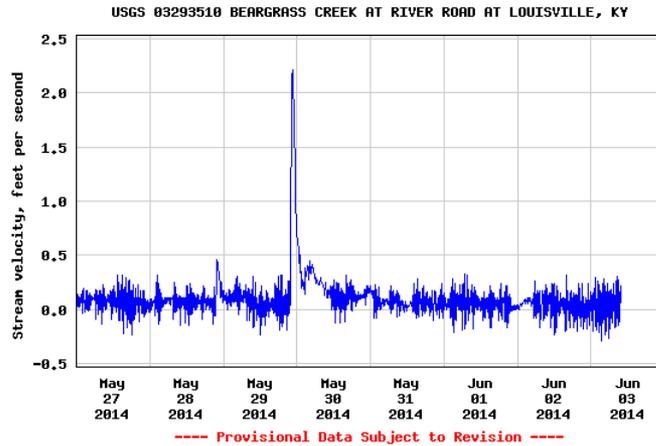
Qm Rating Analysis

Discharge Measurements			Index Velocity Rating			Computational	
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34	Good	40000	40142.4	0.4	1.0	3.93	8458.8
35	Good	42200	38662.7	-9.1	1.0	3.77	8486.97
36	Good	41100	40043.3	-2.6	1.0	3.89	8523.27
37	Good	42100	40055.6	-5.1	1.0	3.88	8547.52
38	Fair	26502	28726.6	7.7	1.0	2.65	8907.85
39	Fair	26002	28514.4	8.8	1.0	2.64	8874.73
40	Fair	25571	28553.1	10.4	1.0	2.65	8854.06
41	Fair	26402	28549.3	7.5	1.0	2.67	8788.12
42	Good	1924	1849.7	-4.0	1.0	1.44	1034.91
43	Good	1896	1868.4	-1.5	1.0	1.46	1031.7
44	Good	1791	1798.7	0.4	1.0	1.41	1026.9
45	Good	1818	1808.1	-0.5	1.0	1.42	1025.3
46	Good	1746	1805.3	3.3	1.0	1.42	1023.7
47	Fair	235	240.6	2.3	1.0	0.27	605.7
48	Fair	239	232.8	-2.6	1.0	0.26	604.3
49	Fair	231	232.3	0.6	1.0	0.26	602.9
50	Fair	236	246.0	4.1	1.0	0.28	601.4
51	Fair	1830	1829.6	0.0	1.0	1.32	1112.4
52	Fair	1720	1842.8	6.7	1.0	1.33	1112.41
53	Fair	1740	1840.1	5.4	1.0	1.33	1110.8
54	Fair	1710	1840.1	7.1	1.0	1.33	1110.79
55	Fair	4204	4264.7	1.4	1.0	1.91	1818.13
56	Fair	4174	4303.5	3.0	1.0	1.93	1816.25
57	Fair	4160	4299.0	3.2	1.0	1.93	1814.37
58	Fair	4225	4277.5	1.2	1.0	1.92	1814.4
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Finally the discharge is ready for the internet

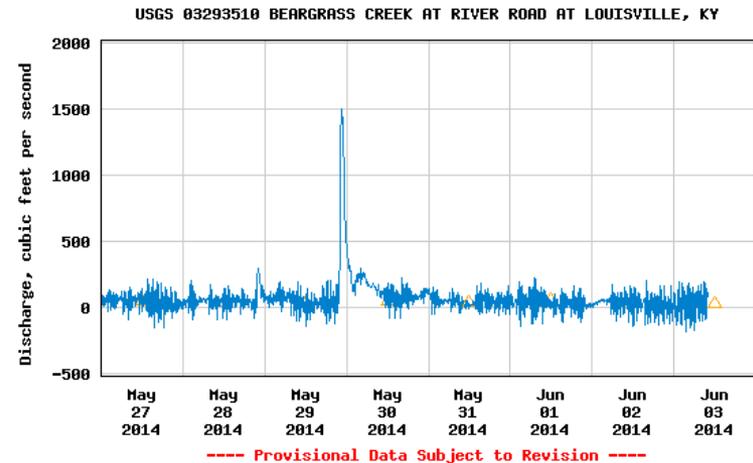
Stream velocity, feet per second

Most recent instantaneous value: 0.12 06-03-2014 09:50 EDT



Discharge, cubic feet per second

Most recent instantaneous value: 79 06-03-2014 09:50 EDT



Question and Answers for Index Velocity

- **Does index velocity work at every site?**
 - **In most backwater, tidal effected, slope stations; Yes they do. The installation and section location is the most challenging. There are some instances where index velocity will not work in backwater conditions.**
 - **SUCH AS:**

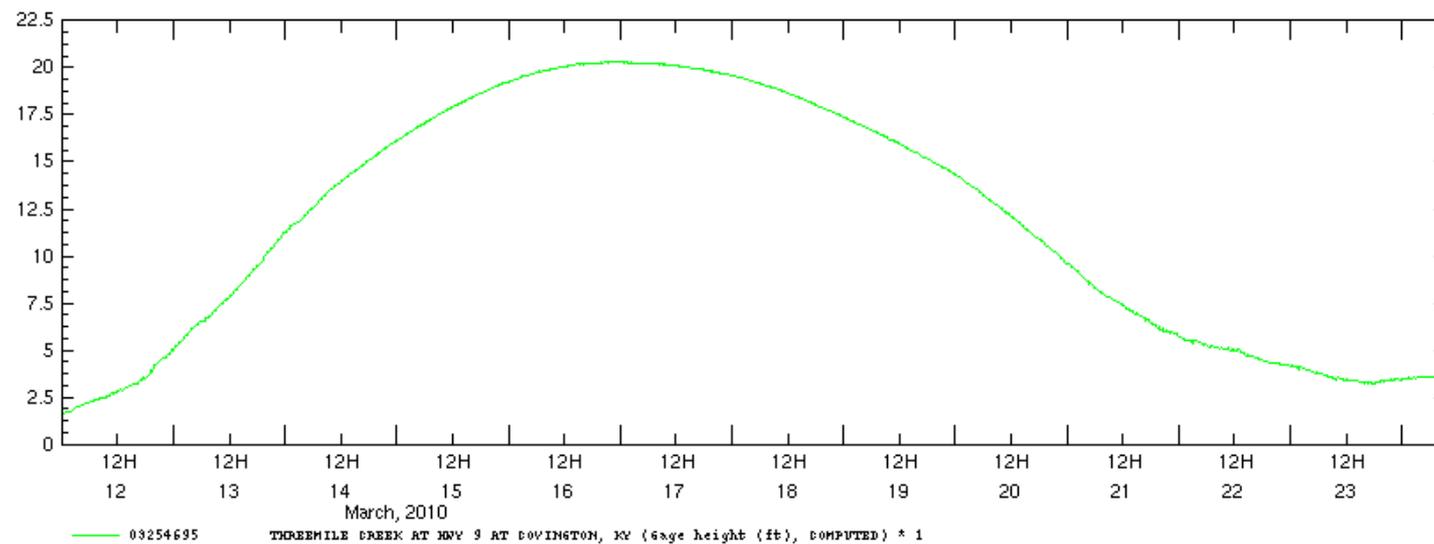
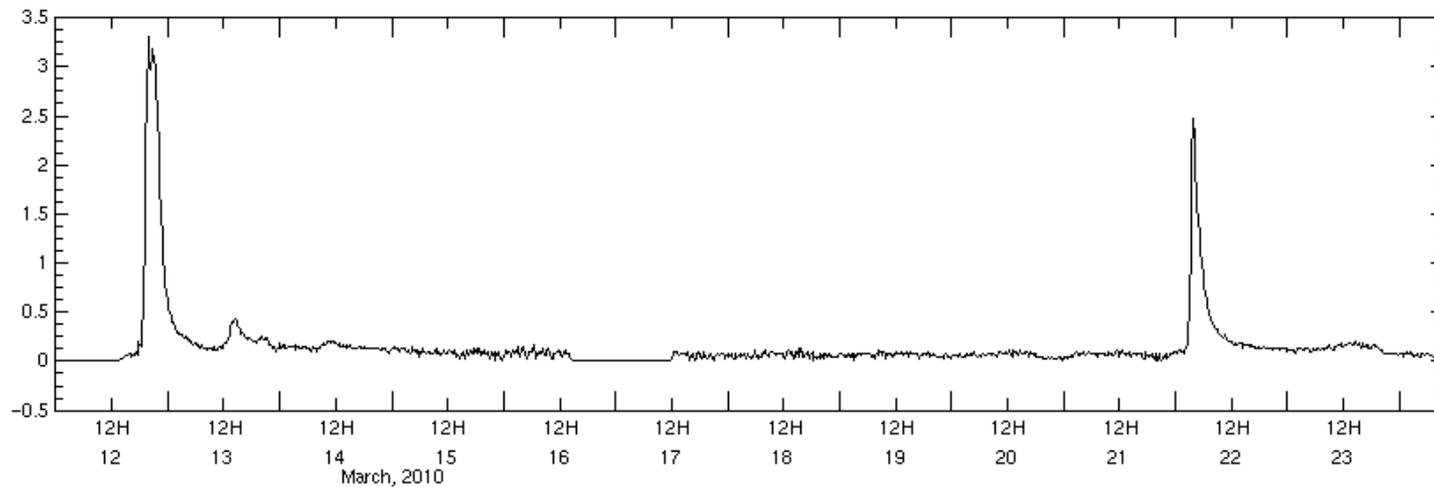


Regular Stream Flow



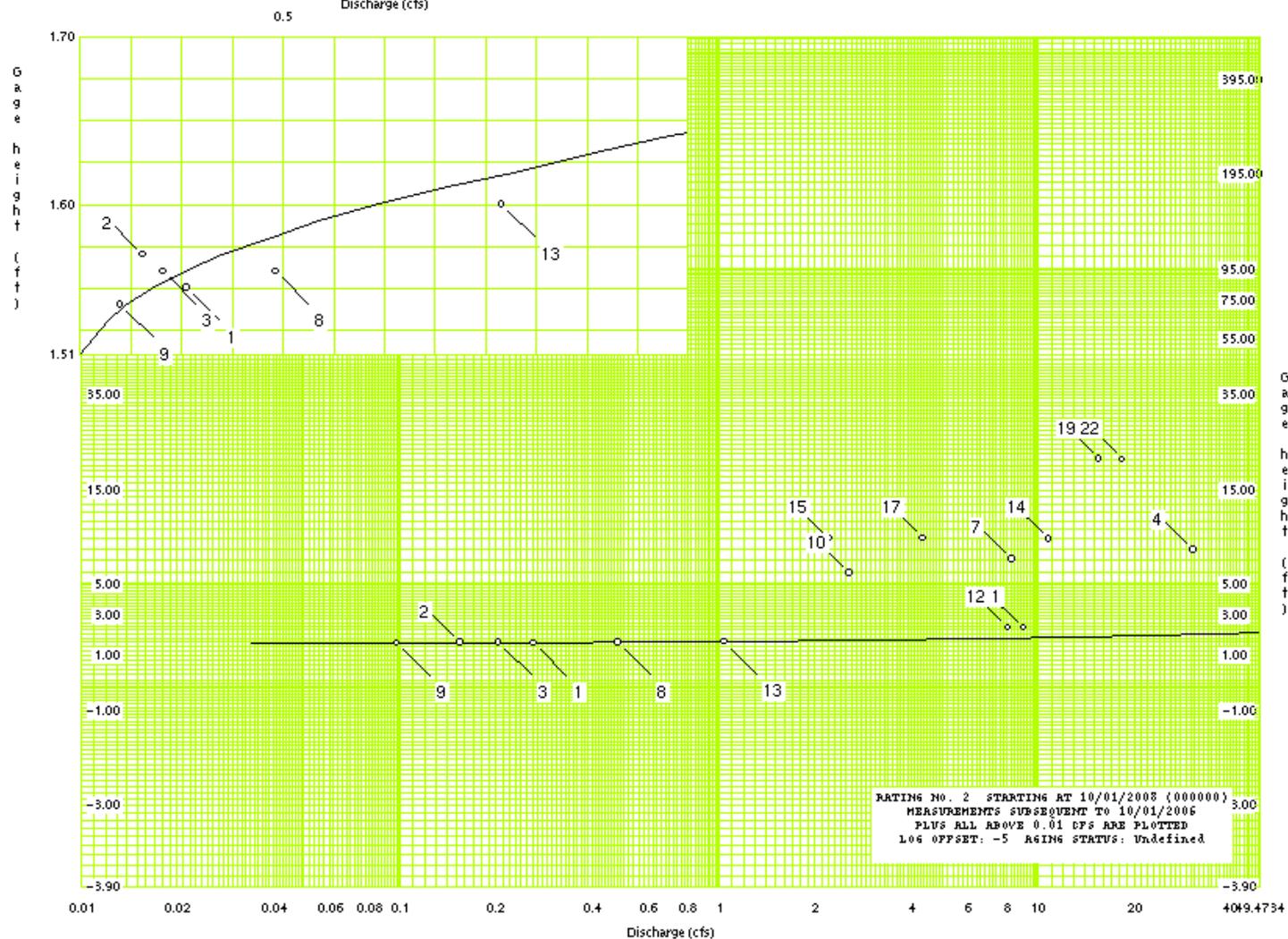
Backwater from Licking River





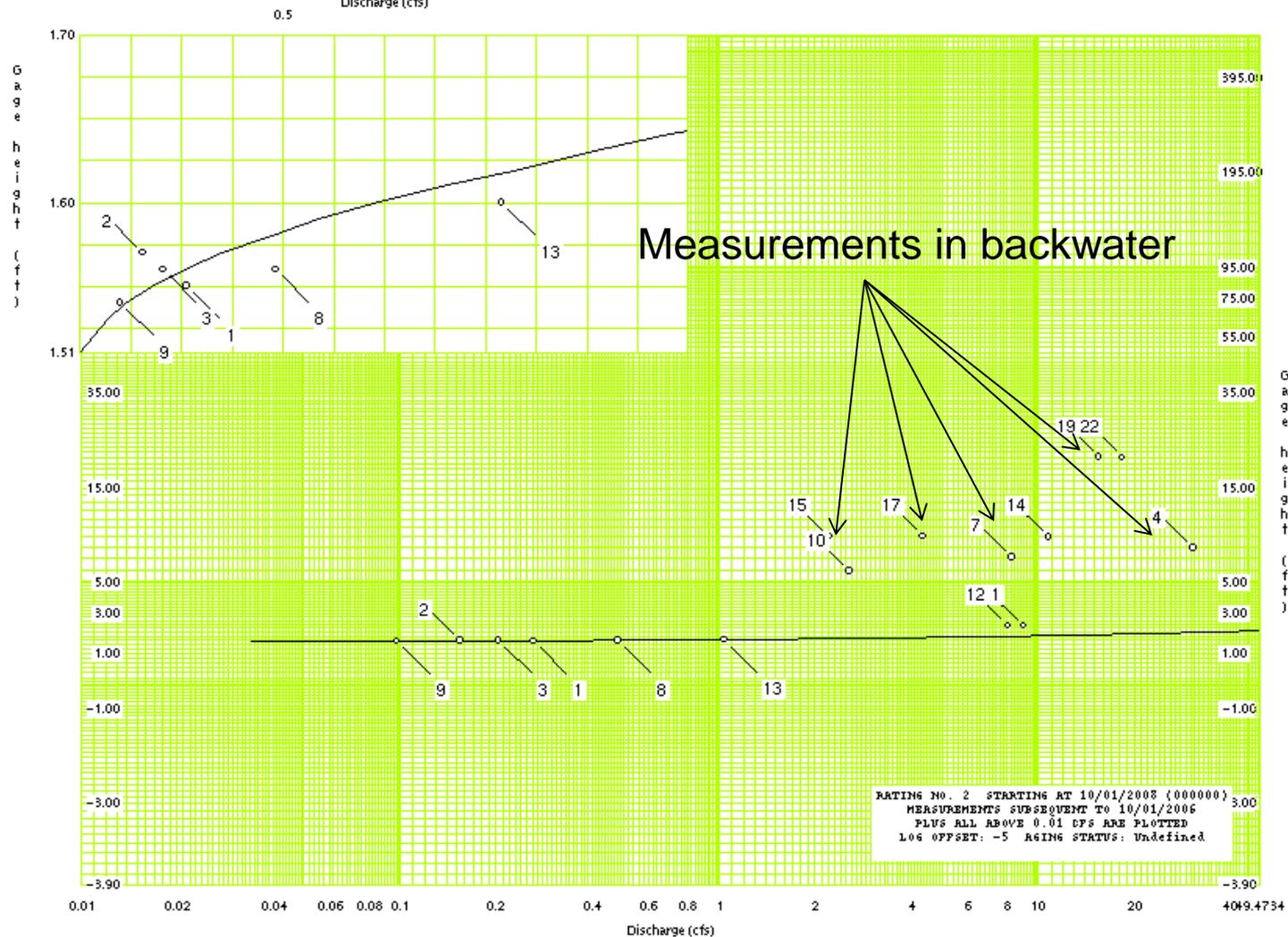
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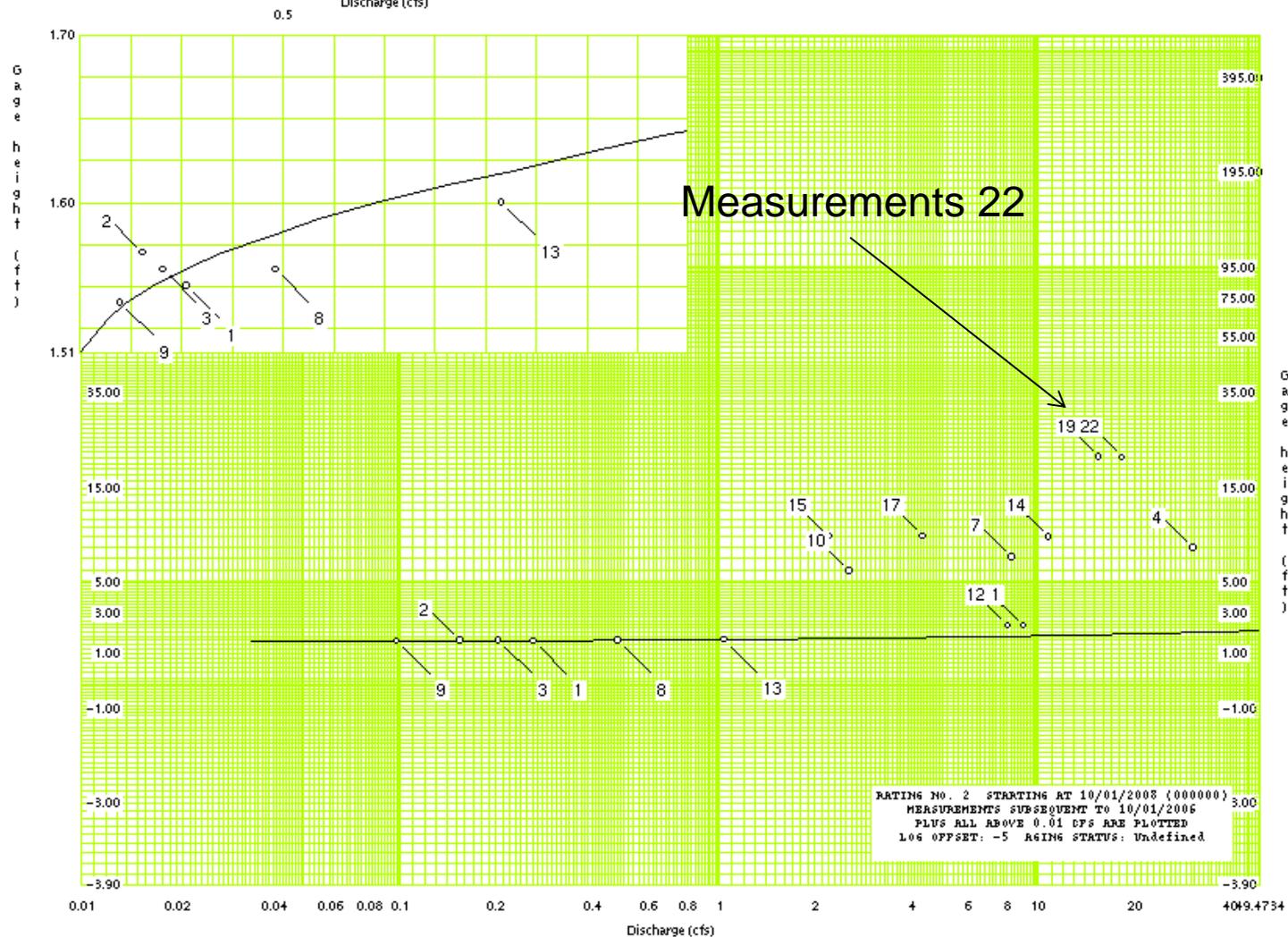
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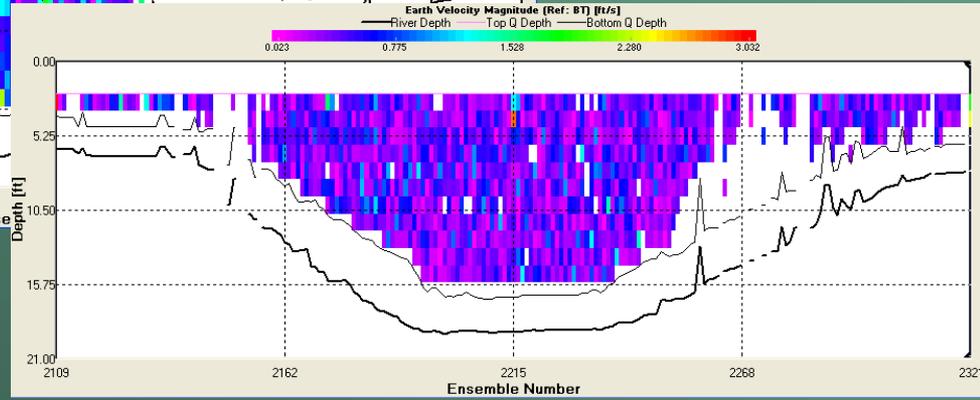
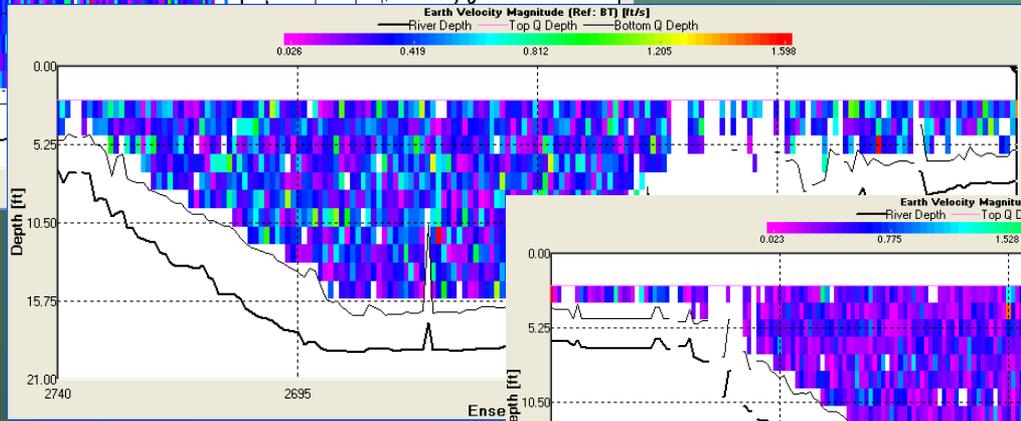
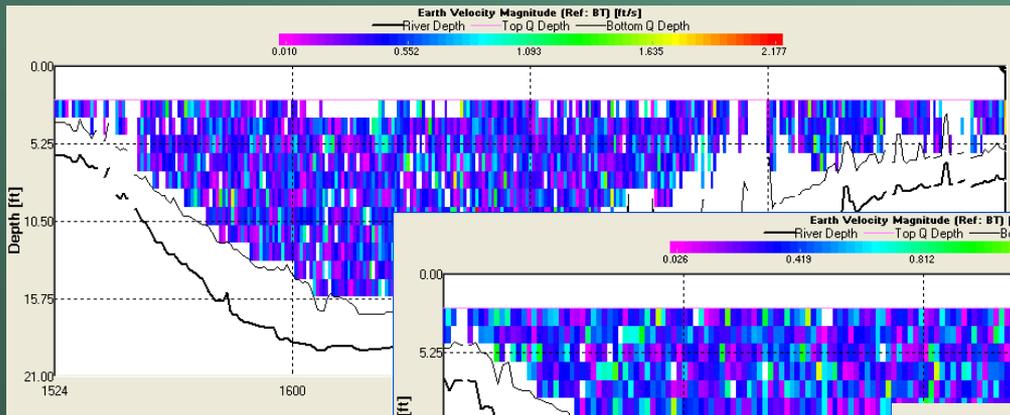
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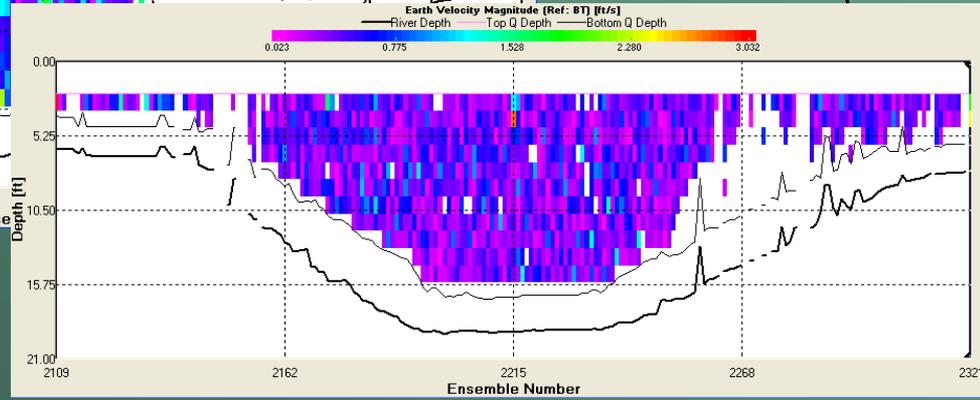
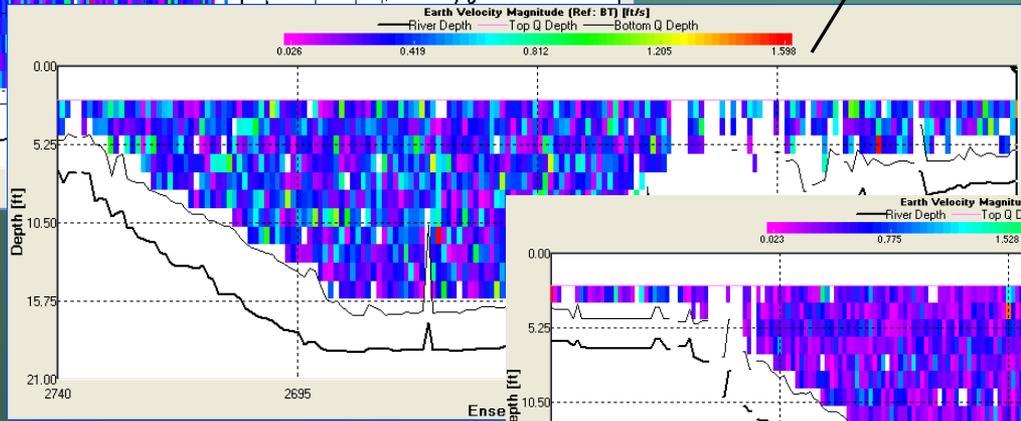
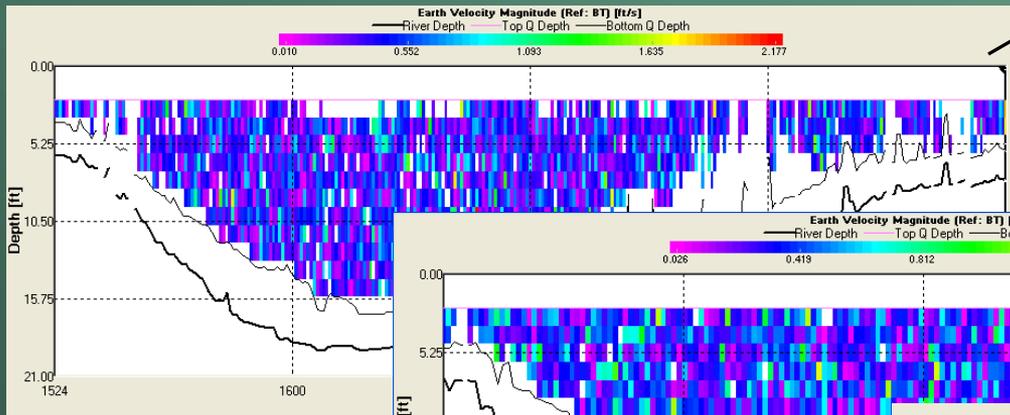


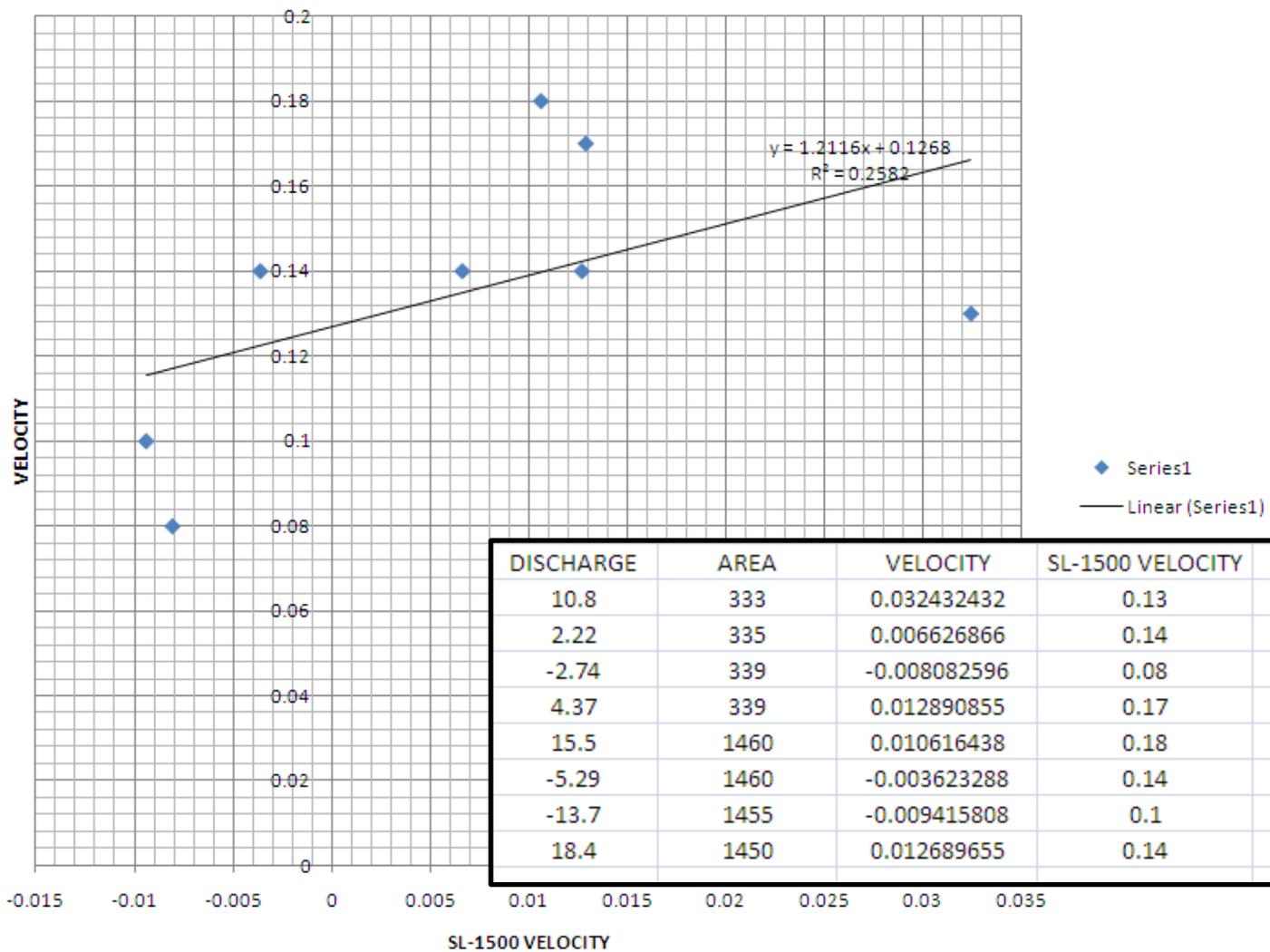


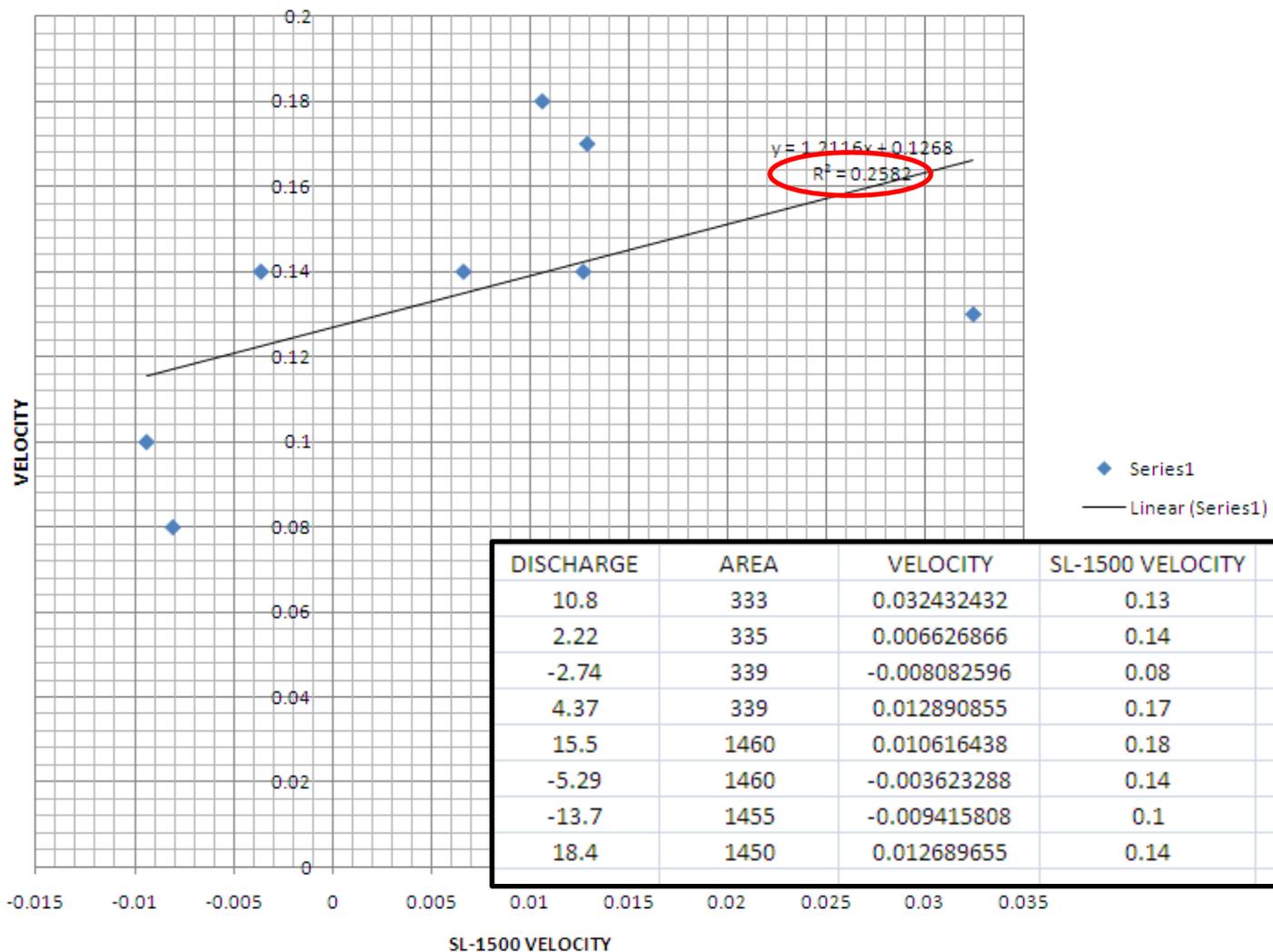
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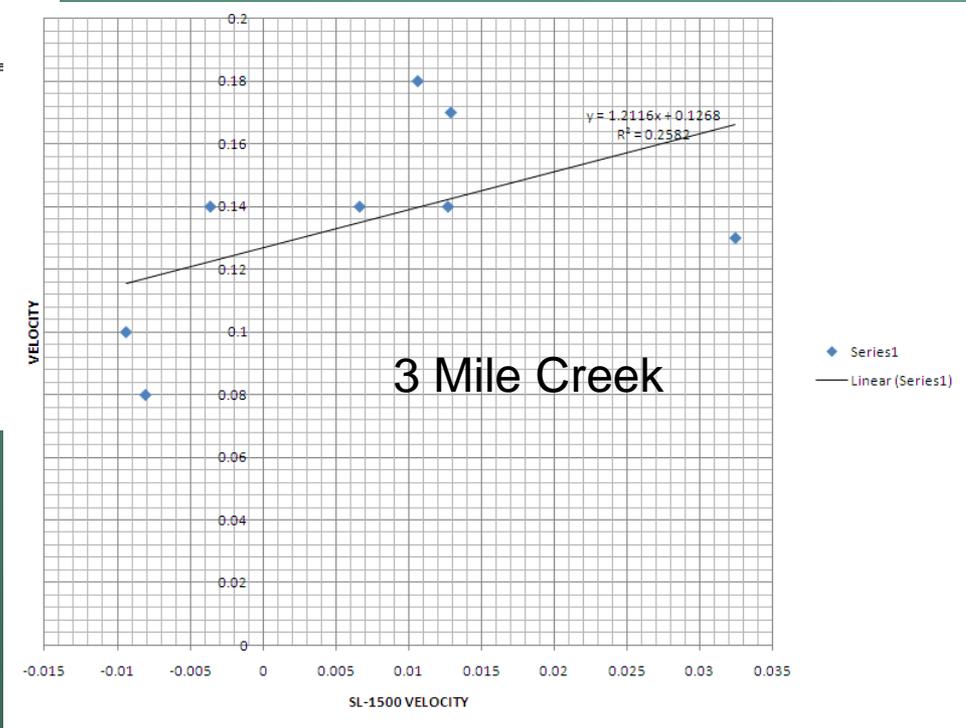
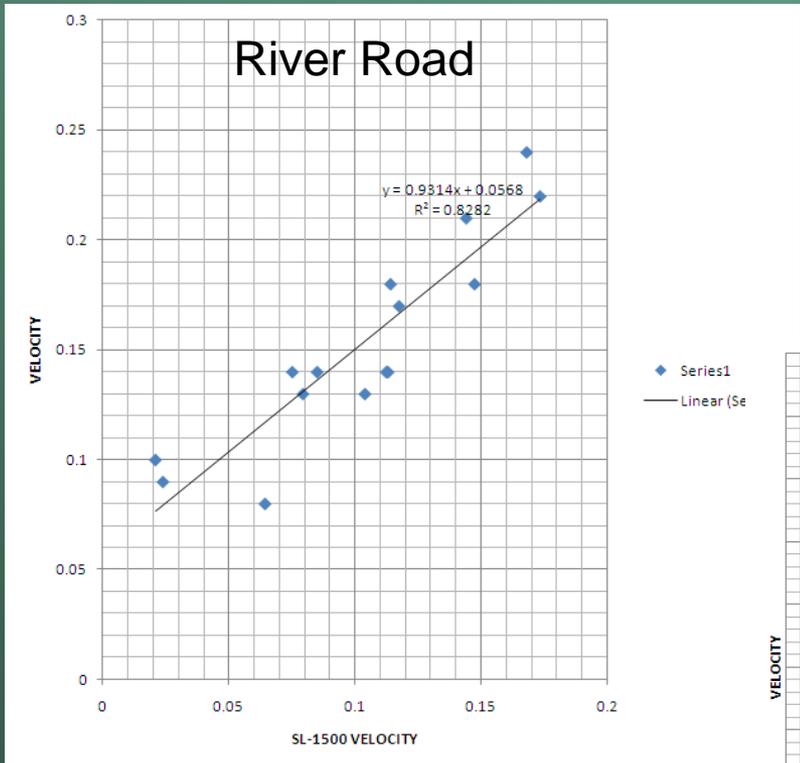


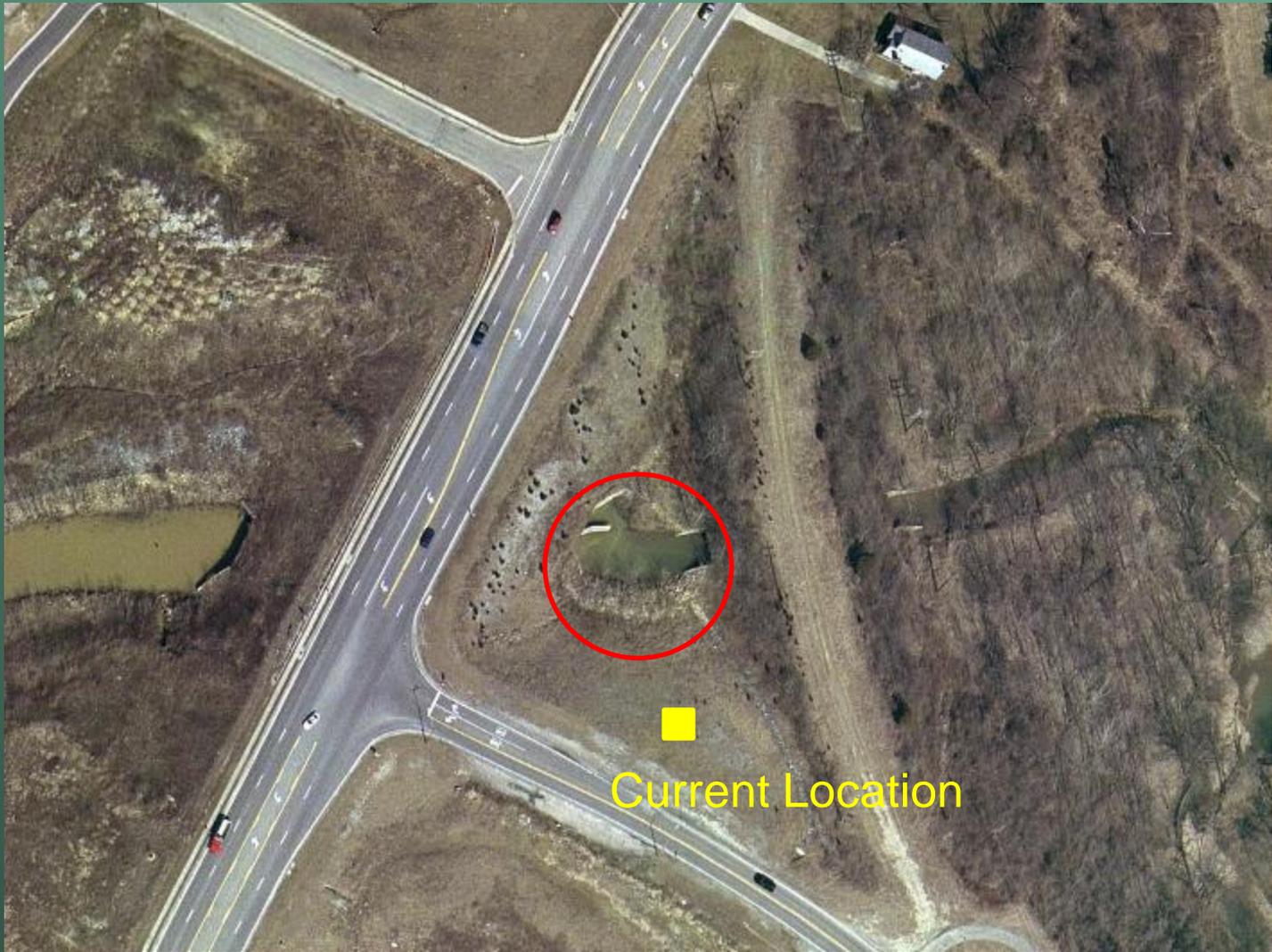
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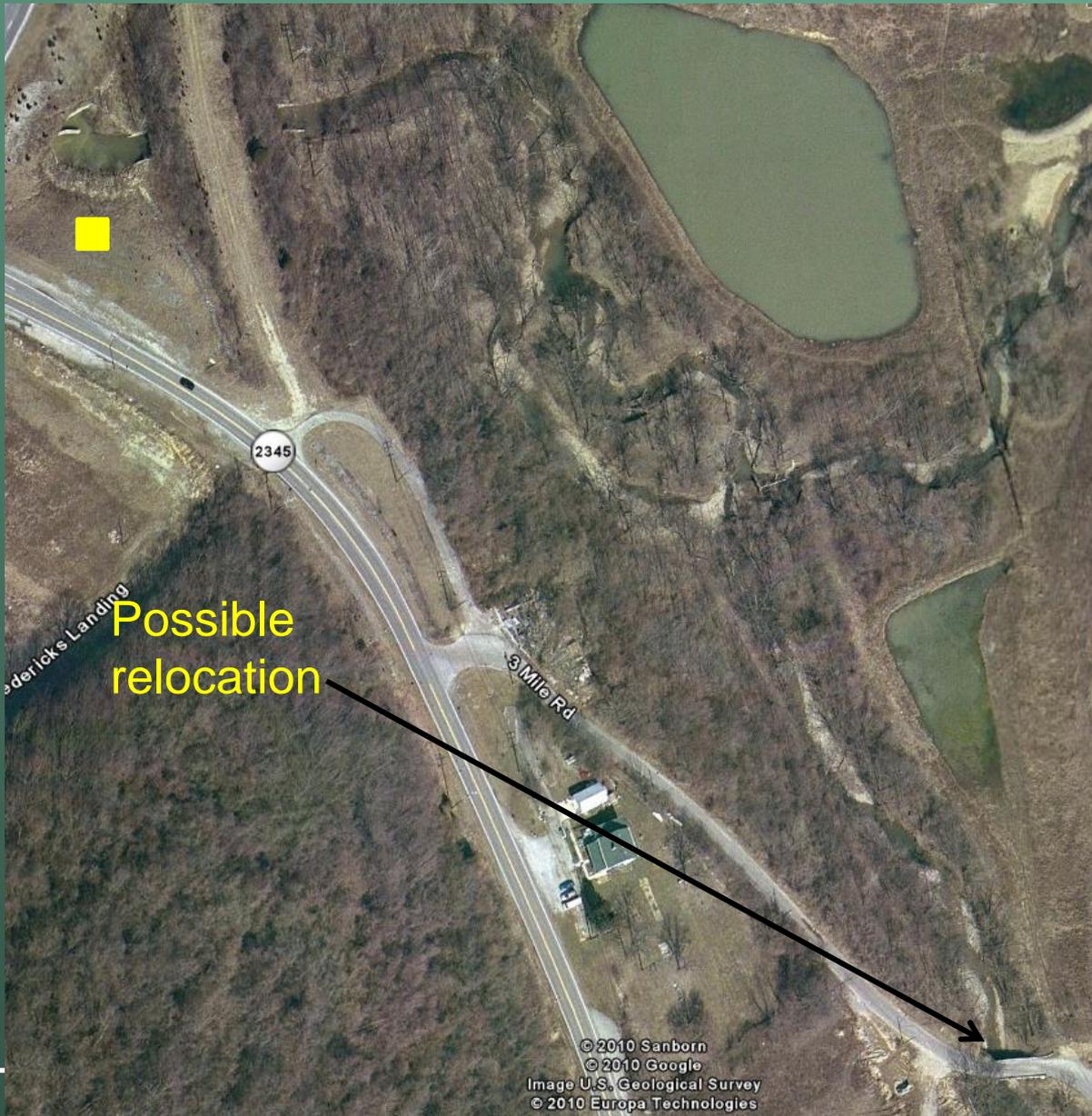








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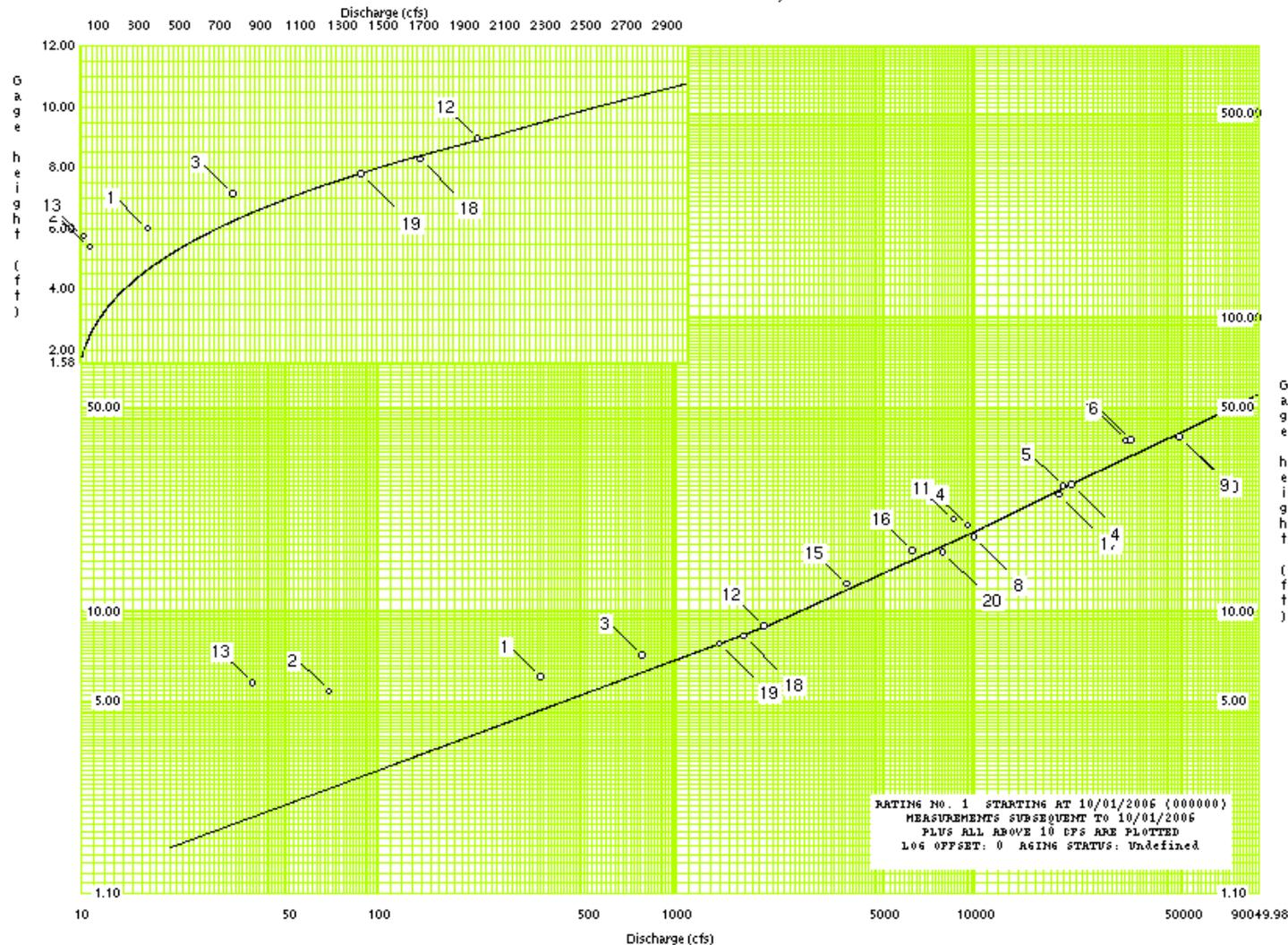


What happens when you don't see any effects from backwater and a stage discharge relationship looks fine?

- **A good example of this is a site 13 miles from the Ohio River and measurements checked out well to a stage discharge rating:**

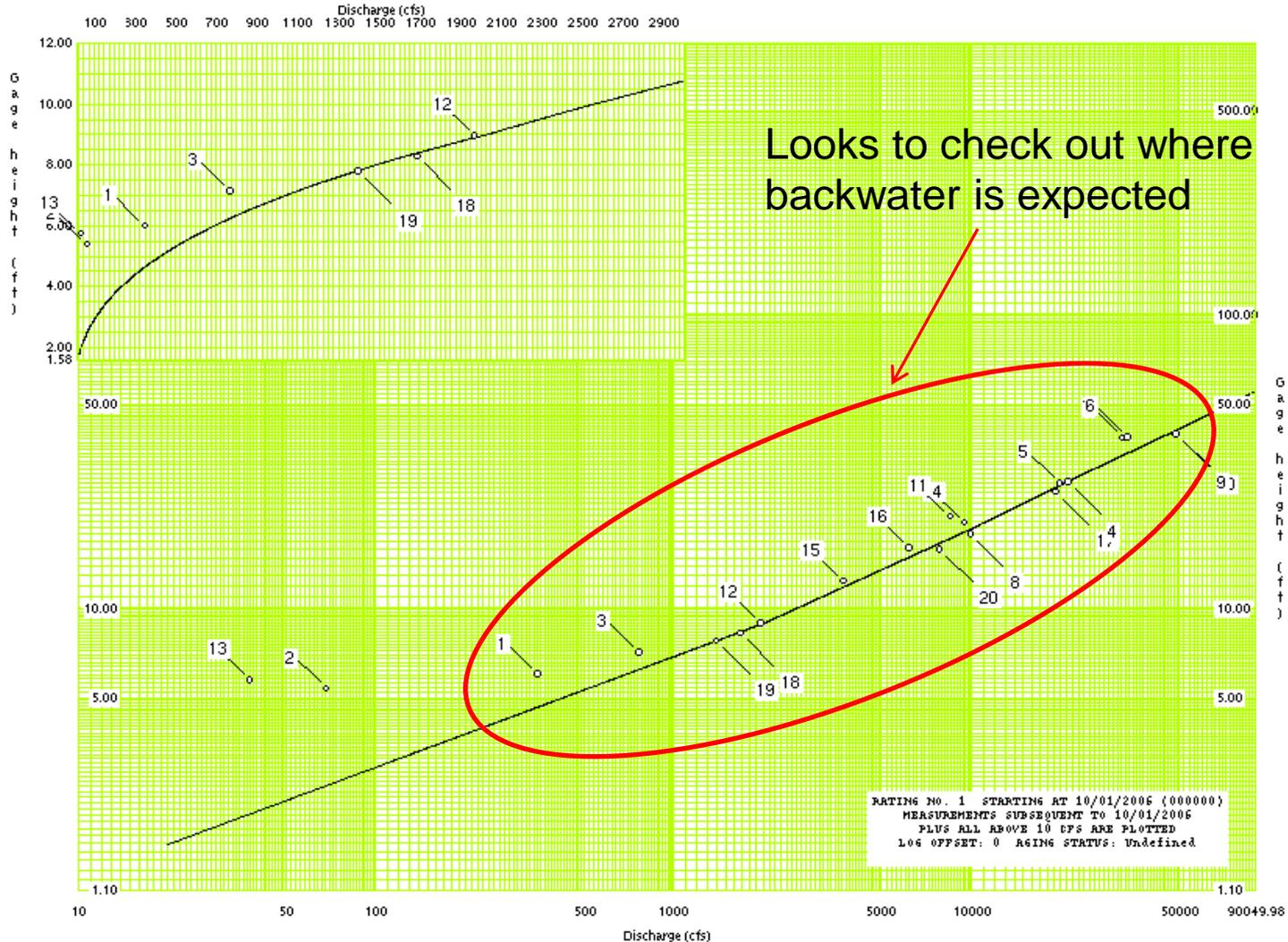
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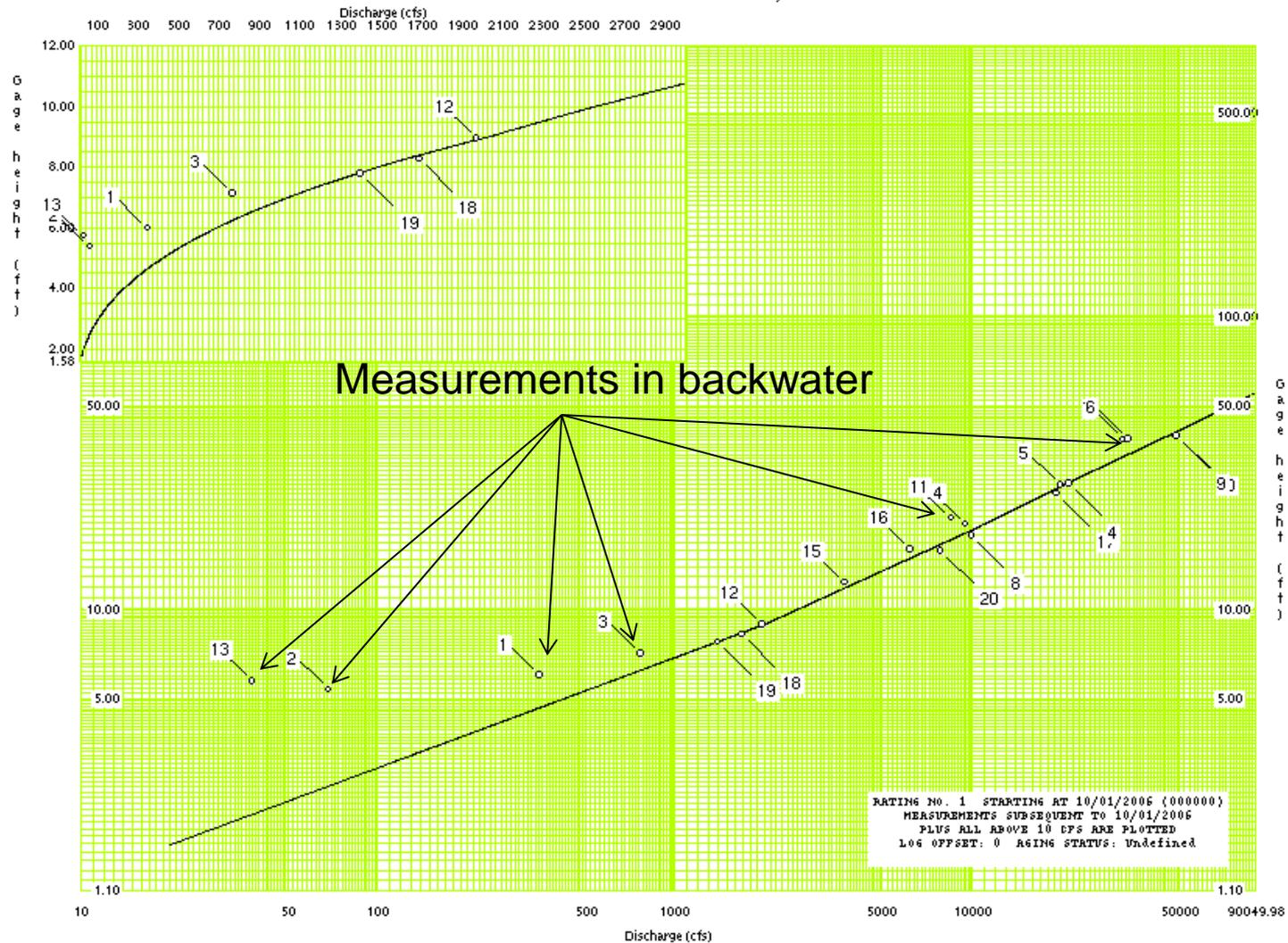
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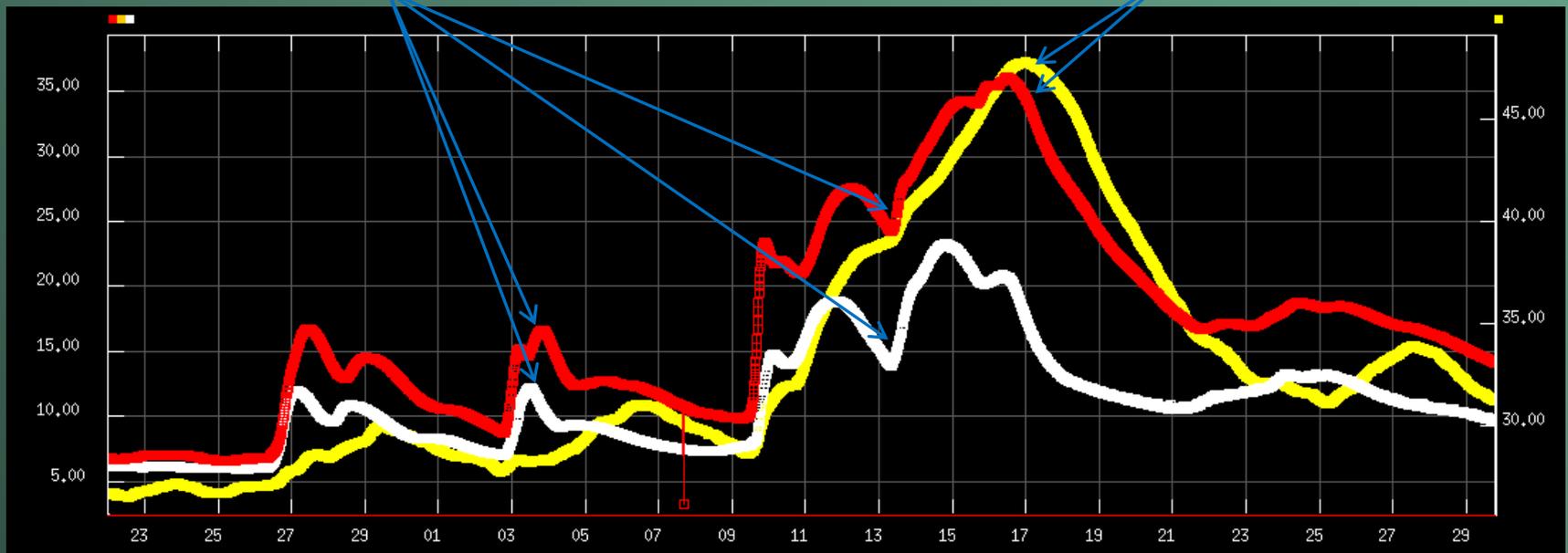
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Licking River at 536 Issue

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Ohio River at Cincinnati



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Discharge, cubic feet per second
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11	e70	e256	e387	15200	16800	e1710	12200	23000	11500	1260	4770	1080
12	e66	e253	e516	12100	20500	e1600	19900	16000	11100	1180	4510	1010
13	e66	e267	e618	10500	19500	e1520	18000	9800	8840	1030	4220	e774
14	e69	e274	e1220	8350	16400	e1440	13200	6760	6740	980	3380	e511
15	e69	e291	e1830	6120	14300	e1440	12100	5380	5580	e728	2070	e361
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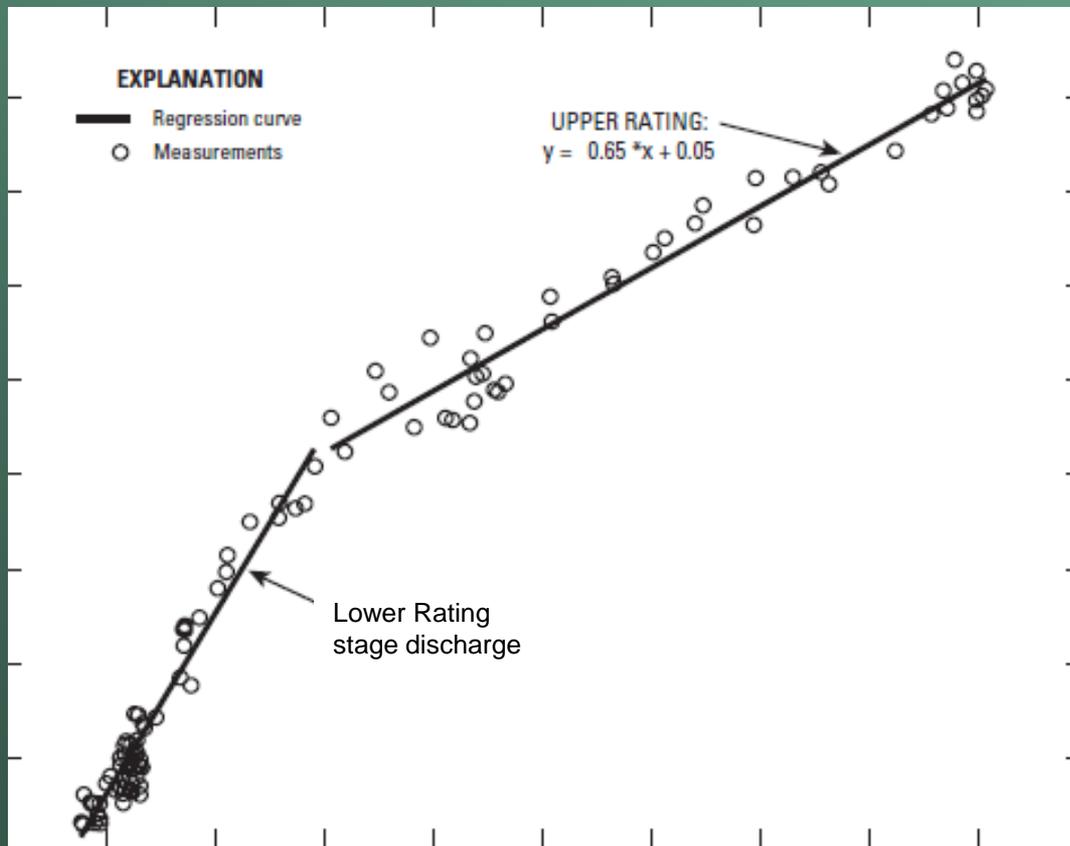
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Can you have a stage discharge and index velocity rating at the same site?

- **Yes compound ratings are possible**
- **The lower end of the rating may be represented very well by a stage discharge, while the upper end, such as a slope site may need an index velocity.**
- **The result will look similar to:**



There may be a small imperfection within the transition point
If the point of transition is right before it goes into slope the point is almost seamless

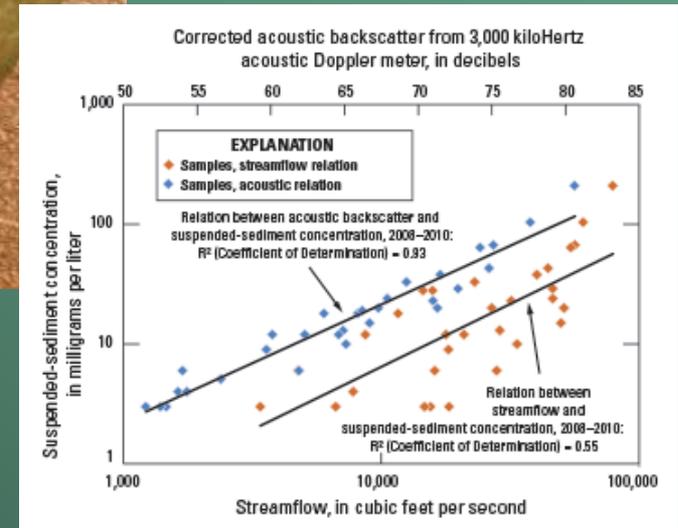
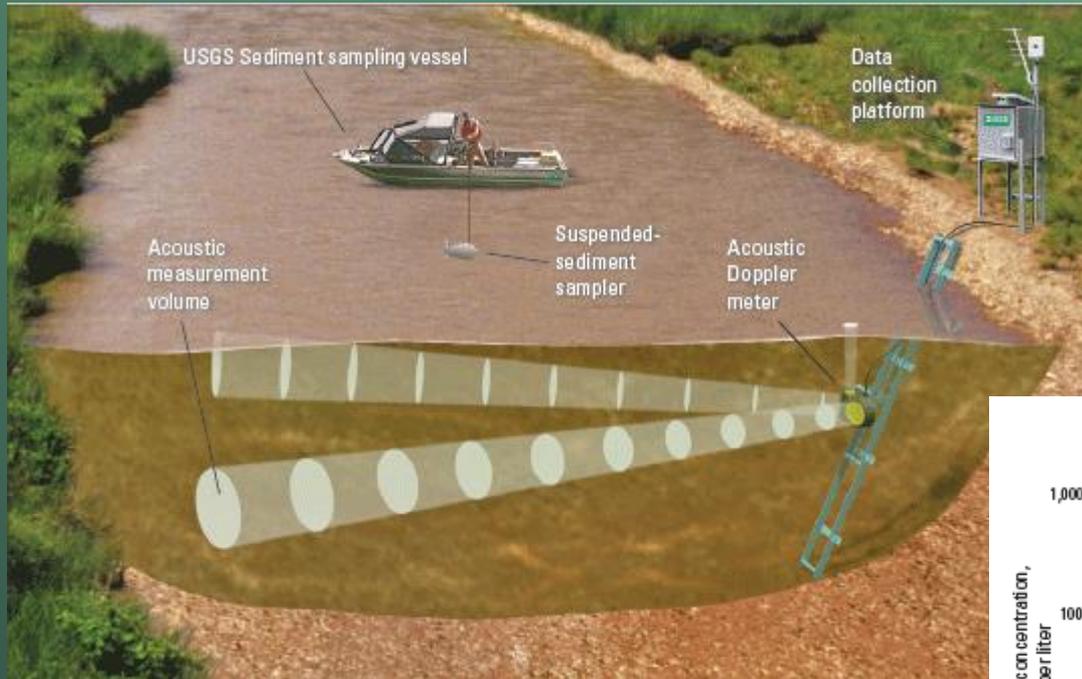
Can this technology be used for anything other than providing discharge?

- **Yes. Estimating suspended sediment in rivers and streams.**
- **High sediment concentrations can reduce:**
 - **Water quality**
 - **Flood protection capacity**
 - **Waterway navigation**
 - **Reservoir storage capacity**

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- **The use of Acoustic technology for sediment surrogate is:**
 - **Provide more direct measure of sediment concentrations**
 - **Not susceptible to biofouling like turbidity sensors**
 - **Measure larger sampling volume**
 - **Potentially provide information on sediment size**

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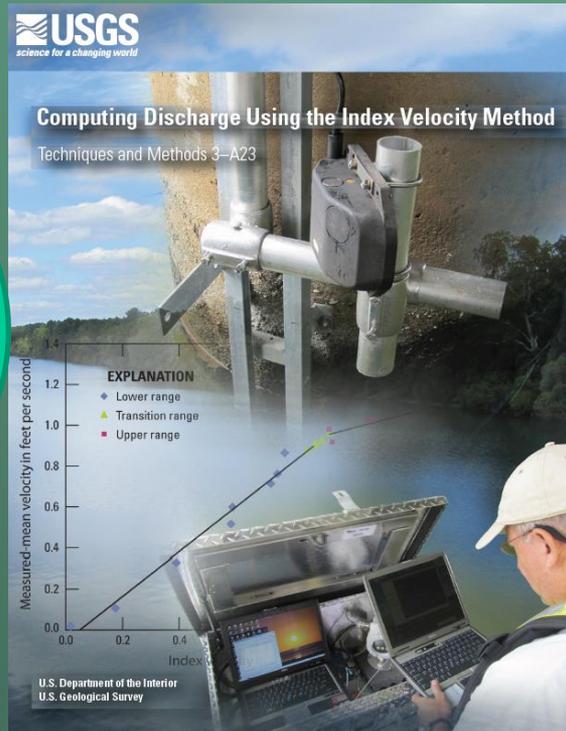


Is there a cost difference for an index velocity?

- Because the site requires more equipment and more measurements at all velocities, the site increases for the first 2 years.
- The site then goes to regular O&M costs after the rating is established.

Questions?

I feel I
always
look
sideways.



Don't
worry
things are
starting to
look up!

