



Modelling Energy Losses at Structures

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Modelling Hydraulic Structures

Today's Focus

Today: Cross-Drainage Structures

- Bridges and Culverts

Pipe Networks

To be covered in webinar Feb 16, 2022

- Inlets, Pipes, Manholes

Operational Structures

To be covered in webinar Apr 13, 2022

- Gated structures, Pumps, etc



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Agenda

A bit of theory

- What are energy or form losses?

Modelling Approaches

- 1D, 2D, 3D

Benchmarking

- Constrictions, Piers and Decks

First presented on this topic in 2001!

- Syme, W.J. (2001) *Modelling of Bends and Hydraulic Structures in a Two-Dimensional Scheme* The Institution of Engineers, Australia Conference on Hydraulics in Civil Engineering, Hobart, November 2001
- <https://www.tuflow.com/media/4984/2001-modelling-of-bends-and-hydraulic-structures-in-a-2d-scheme-syme.pdf>

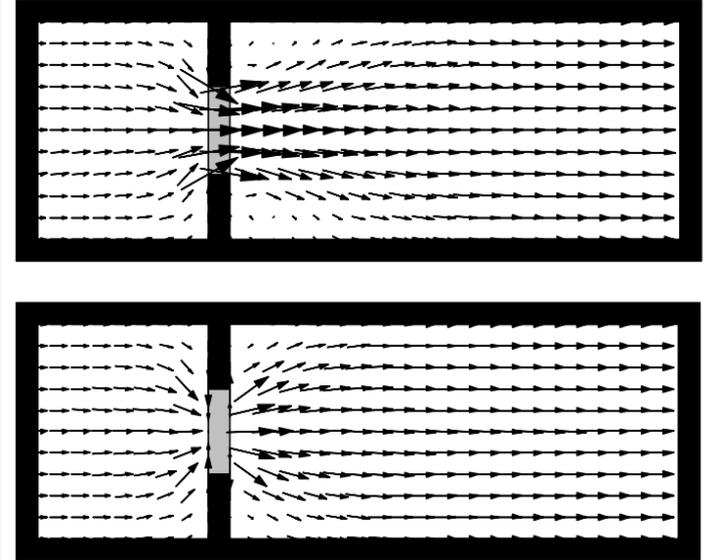


Figure 5 - Flow Patterns for 2D Box Culvert Models
(Culvert as 2D Cells on Top and Culvert as 1D Element at Bottom)

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What are Form Losses?

What are Form Losses? Energy Dissipation

Energy of flowing water is dissipated as heat primarily due to

- Bed resistance
(e.g. Manning's equation)
- Changes in flow formation
(wherever there is change in velocity magnitude and direction)

Changes in flow formation pronounced at

- Bends
- Constrictions
(e.g. cross-drainage structures)
- Referred to as **Form Losses**



What are Form Losses?

Understanding the Energy of Water

$$\text{Total Energy} = h + V^2/2g$$

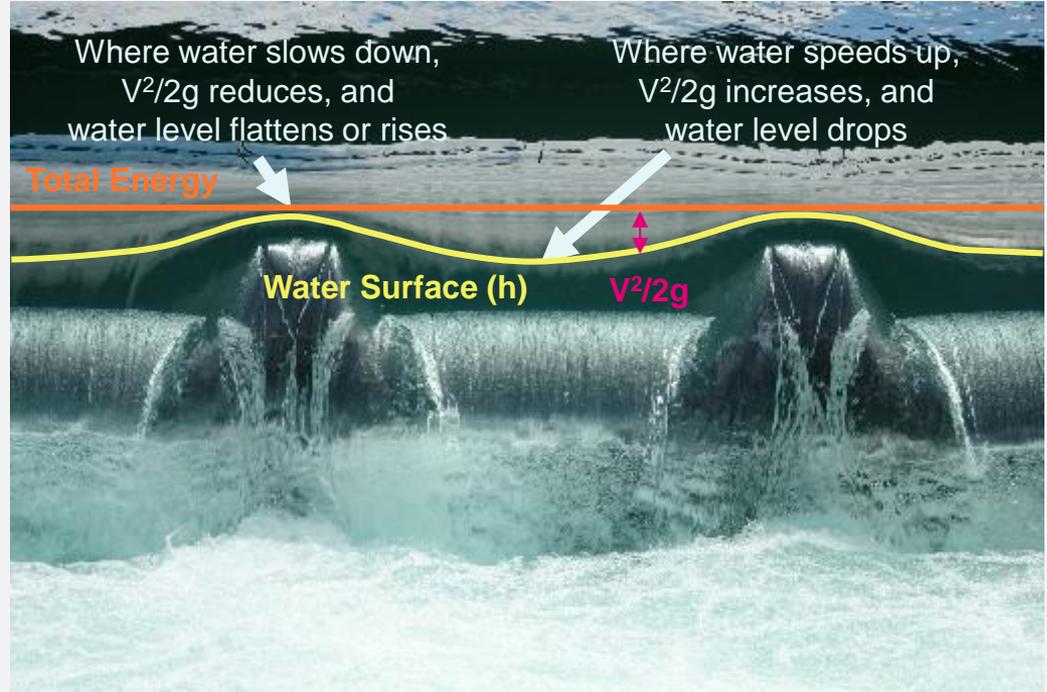
- = water level + kinetic energy

Form Losses

- Loss of kinetic energy, $V^2/2g$
- $V = 1 \text{ m/s}$; kinetic energy = 0.05 m
- $V = 4 \text{ m/s}$; kinetic energy = 0.82 m

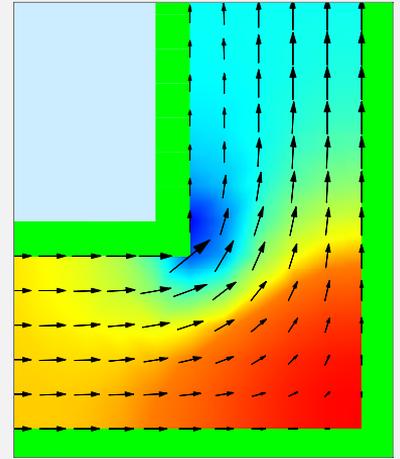
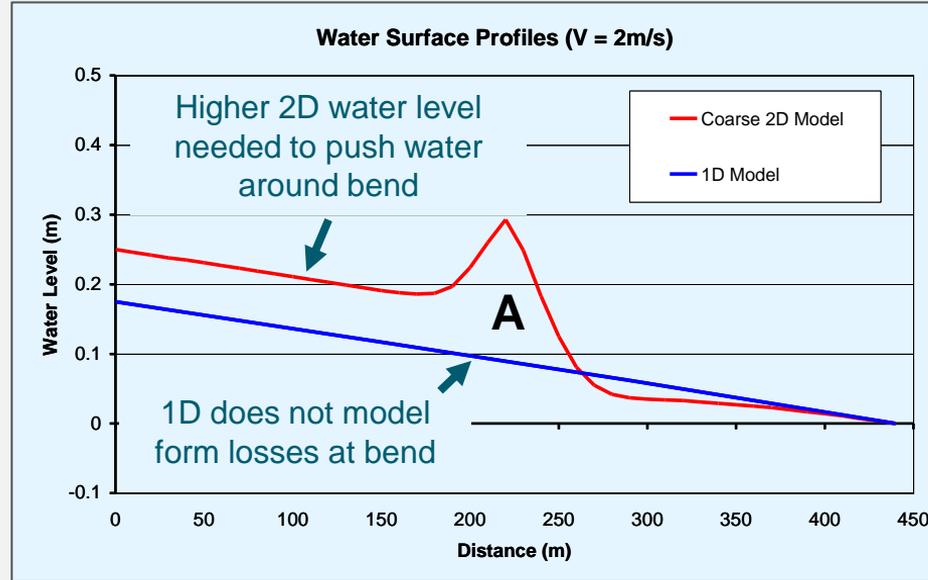
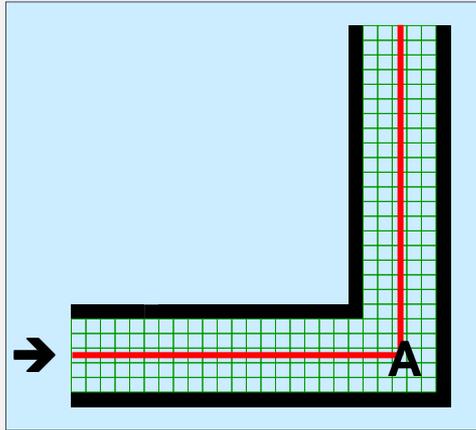
Form loss coefficient (K)

- Proportion of kinetic energy ($V^2/2g$) lost



What are Form Losses?

Right-Angled Bend Example – 1D versus 2D



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1D Approach

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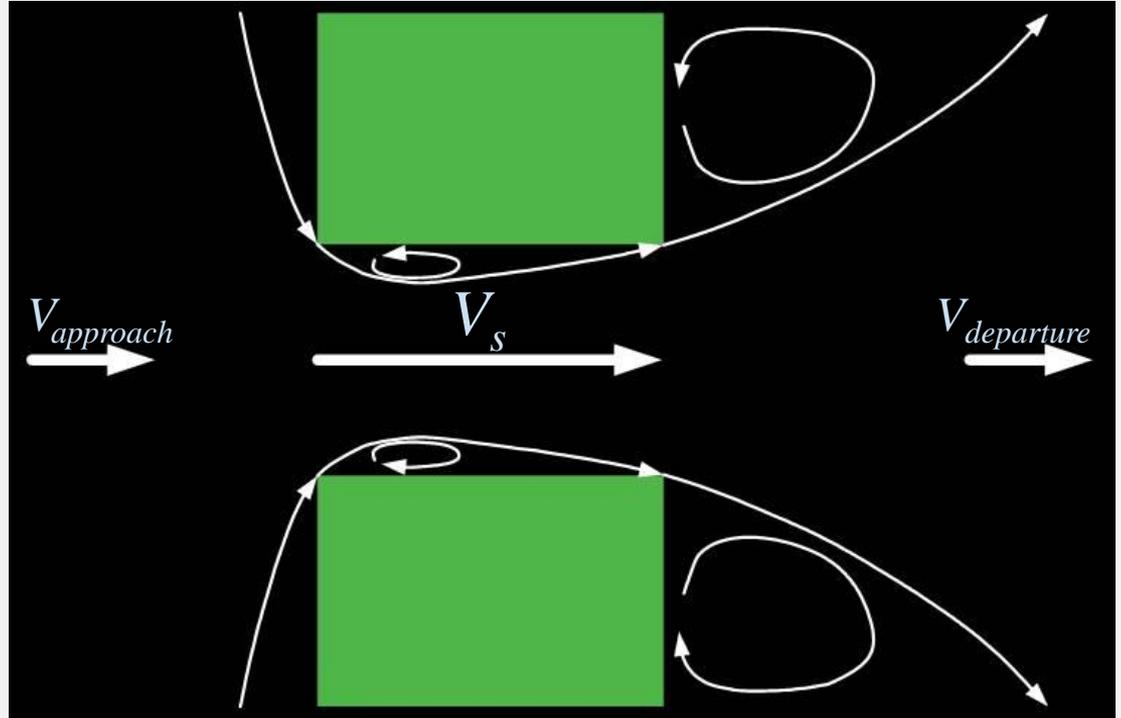
Entrance/Exit Loss Coefficients

Velocities are uni-directional

1D cannot implicitly simulate form losses

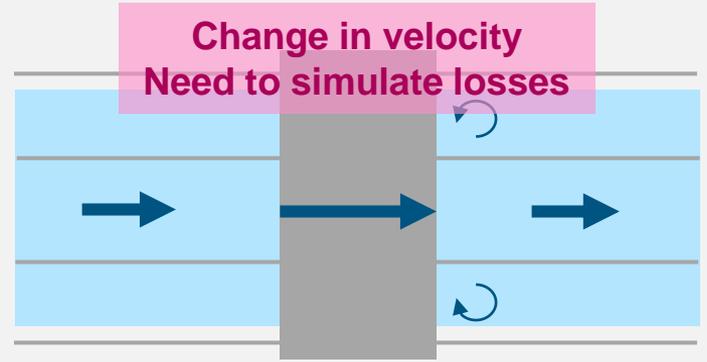
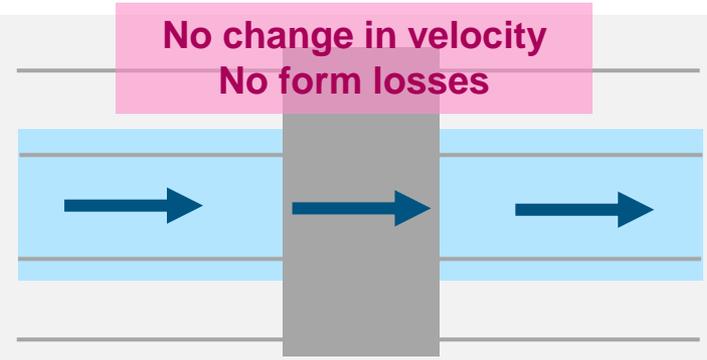
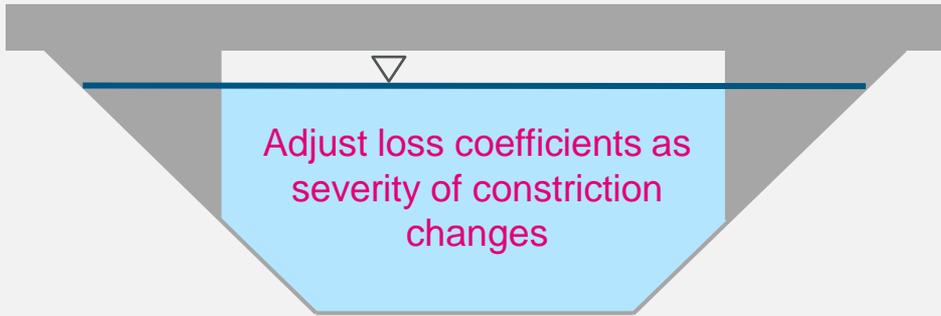
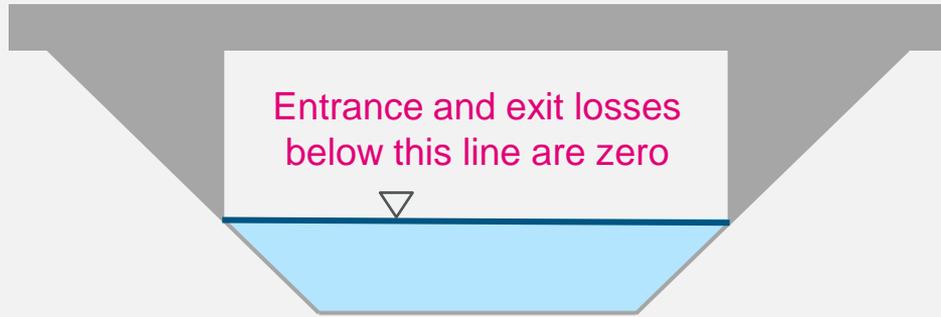
Need to explicitly specify energy lost using form loss coefficients

$$\Delta h = (K_{en} + K_{ex}) \frac{V_s^2}{2g}$$



1D Approach

Need to Adjust Loss Coefficients with Height



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$$K_{en_adj} = K_{en} \left[1 - \frac{V_{app}}{V_s} \right] \text{ - based on testing}$$

$$K_{ex_adj} = K_{ex} \left[1 - \frac{V_{dep}}{V_s} \right]^2 \text{ - derived from theory}$$

- Published values for K_{en} and K_{ex} typically for $V_{app} = 0$ and $V_{dep} = 0$
- $K_{en} = 0.2$ to 0.7 – depends on entrance configuration – use 0.5 if in doubt
- $K_{ex} = 1.0$ but in some situations maybe less depending on how outlet is modelled

Energy loss is

$$\Delta h = (K_{en} + K_{ex}) \frac{V_s^2}{2g}$$

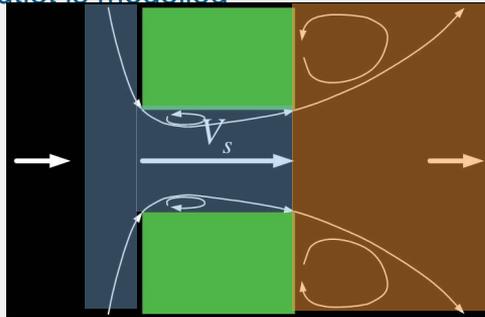


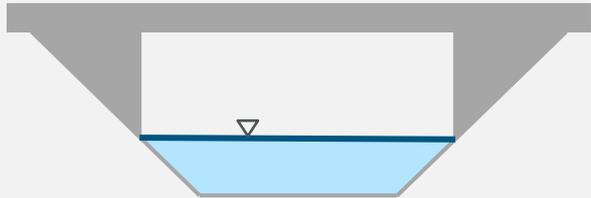
Table 7.16.5 – Entrance (energy) loss coefficients^[1]

Type of structure and design of entrance	Coefficient K_e
Concrete pipe:	
Projecting from fill, socket end (groove end)	0.2
Projecting from fill, square cut end	0.5
Headwall or headwall and wing walls:	
• socket end of pipe (groove end)	0.2
• square edge	0.5
• rounded (radius = D/12)	0.2
• mitred to conform to fill slope	0.7
• end section conforming to fill slope.	0.5
Hooded inlet projecting from headwall	Note ^[2]
Corrugated metal pipe:	
Projecting from fill (no headwall)	0.9
Headwall or headwall and wing walls square edge	0.5
Mitred to conform to fill slope	0.7
End section conforming to fill slope	0.5
Reinforced concrete box:	
Headwall parallel to embankment (no wing walls):	
• square edged on 3 edges	0.5
• rounded on 3 edges to radius of 1/12 barrel dimension.	0.2
Wing walls at 30° to 70° to barrel:	
• square edged at crown	0.4
• crown edge rounded to radius 1/12 barrel dimension.	0.2
Wing walls at 10° to 25° to barrel:	
• square edged at crown.	0.5
Wing walls parallel (extension of sides):	
• square edged at crown.	0.7

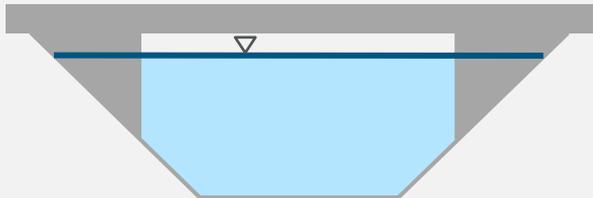
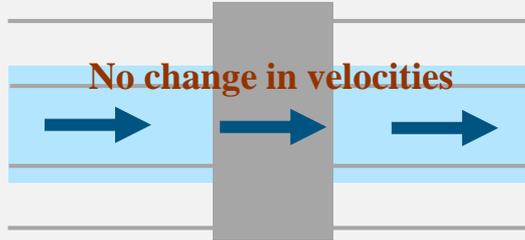
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1D Approach

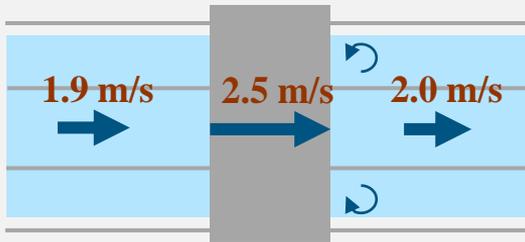
Need to Adjust Loss Coefficients with Height



Entrance and exit losses
below this line are zero



Adjust loss coefficients as
severity of constriction
changes



No change in velocity
No form losses

$$K_{en_adj} = 0.0$$

$$K_{ex_adj} = 0.0$$

$$\Delta h = 0.0$$

$V_{structure} > V_{channel}$
Adjust coefficients to
correctly simulate form losses

$$K_{en_adj} = 0.5 * \left[1 - \frac{1.9}{2.5} \right] = 0.12$$

$$K_{ex_adj} = 1.0 * \left[1 - \frac{2.0}{2.5} \right]^2 = 0.04$$

$$\Delta h = (0.12 + 0.04) * \frac{2.5^2}{2g} = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

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2D Approaches

2D Approach Looks Impressive

But is it accurate?

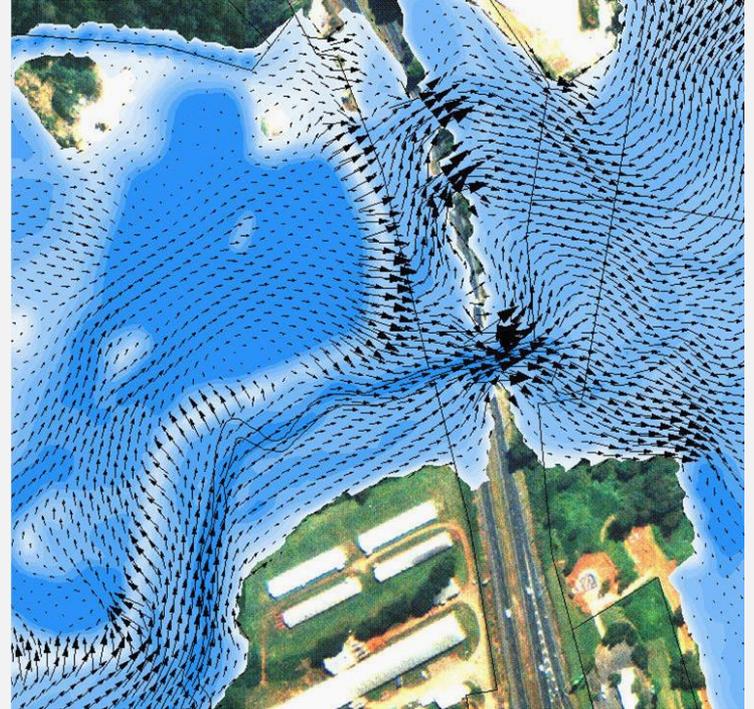
Q: Does it implicitly model form losses?

A: It does, but it can't model all of them

- 2D does not account for
 - Sub-cell form losses (e.g. piers, vena-contracta)
 - 3D form losses (e.g. helicoidal flows, vertical movement)

Q: How do we account for missing form losses?

A: Very good question!



2D-2D-2D Approach

How to account for missing form losses?

Not applicable to apply 1D form losses

- Otherwise duplicates losses

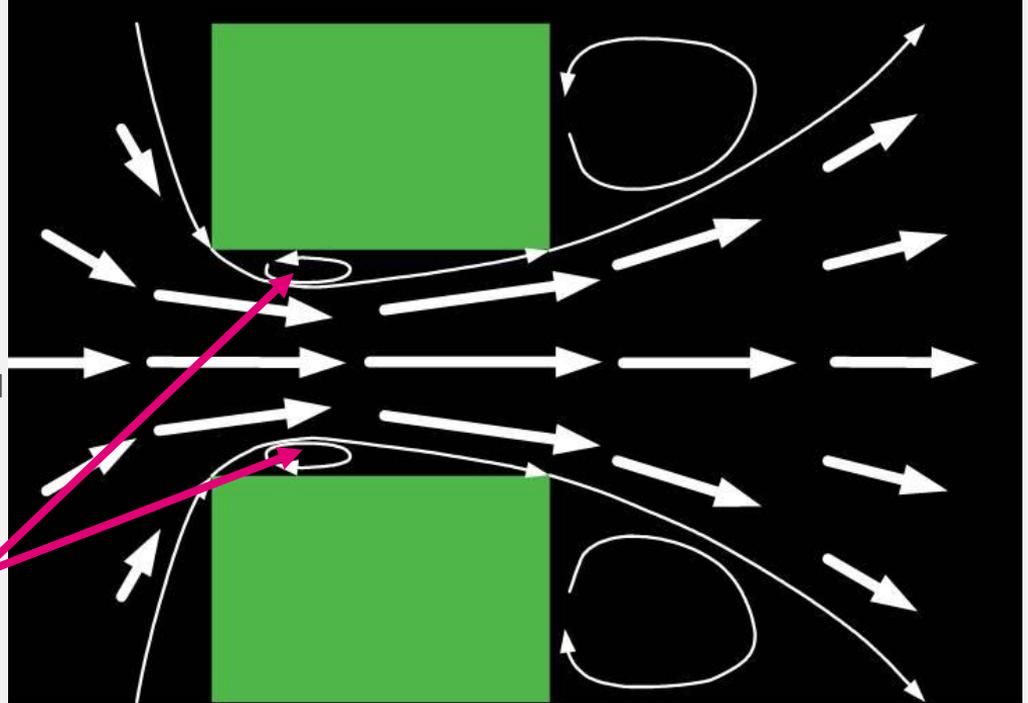
Options

- Add additional (small) form losses
- Use a finer mesh (often not practical though)

Other considerations

- Losses sub-cell need a good turbulence model

e.g. vena-contracta form losses need a very fine mesh



2D-1D-2D Approach

Can we apply 1D form losses, K_{en} and K_{ex} ?

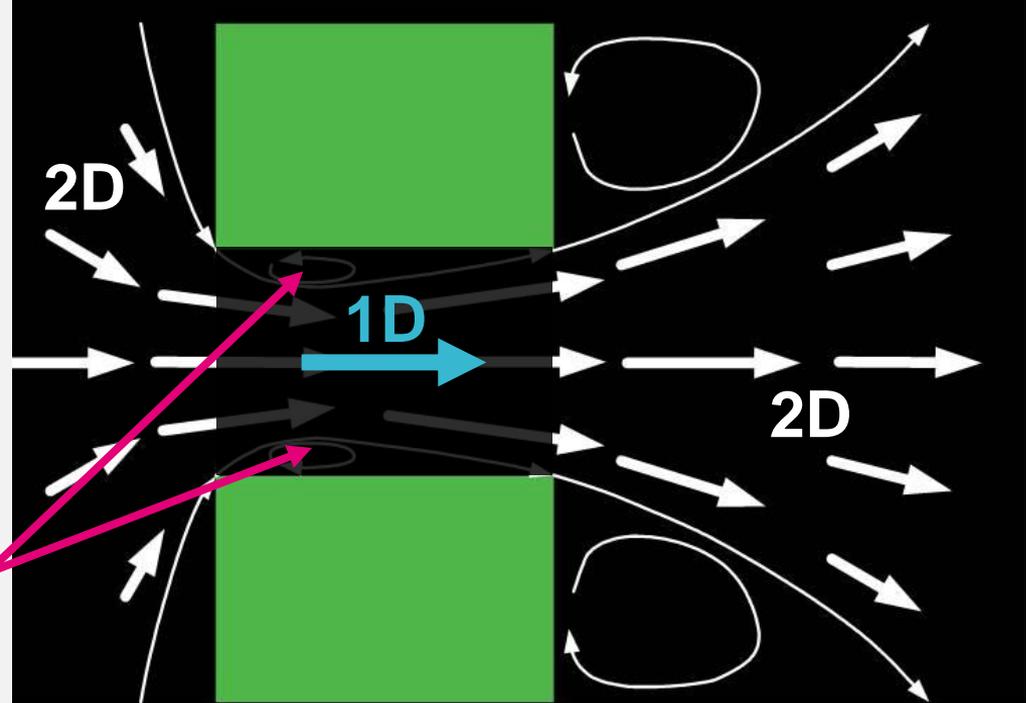
NO!

- 2D entrance losses will now mostly occur in 1D element
- But, partial or all exit losses still occur in 2D cells

Therefore, not correct to apply all 1D form losses

- Otherwise duplicates losses

Vena-contracta form losses
now occur in 1D element



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3D Approaches

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Layered 2D

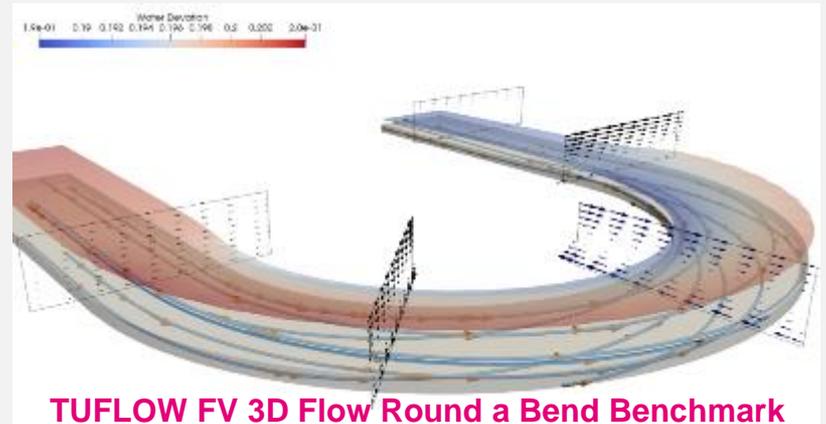
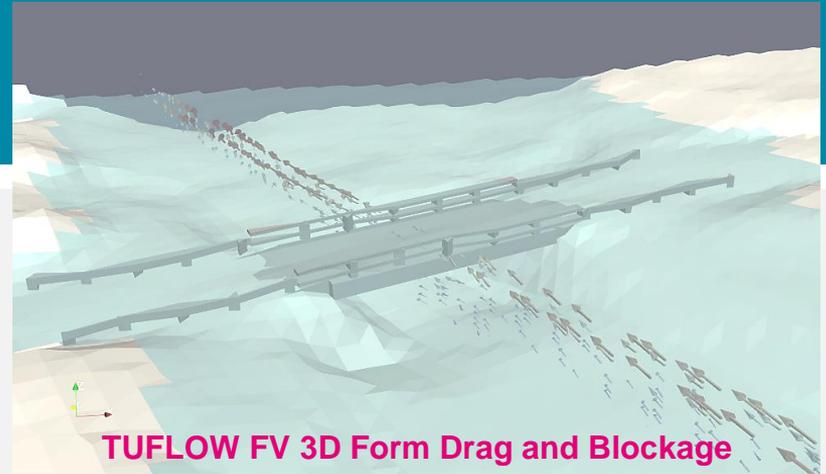
Horizontal mixing of mass and momentum

- Sigma, Z or Z-Sigma hybrid vertical geometry
- Eddy viscosity models used for sub-grid scale mixing (Wu, Smagorinsky, etc)

Vertical mixing of mass and momentum

- Mixed vertically due to shear between layers and associated turbulence
- Eddy viscosity models used for sub-grid scale mixing (e.g. k-epsilon, k-omega)
- Can be influenced by stratification/buoyancy
- Hydrostatic assumption
 - Vertical acceleration of fluid motion is assumed to be negligible

The next phase in hydraulic structure modelling?



3D Approaches CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics)

CFD solvers

- Compute full 3D fields for pressure, velocity and turbulence
- No hydrostatic assumption
- Full Navier-Stokes fluid equations

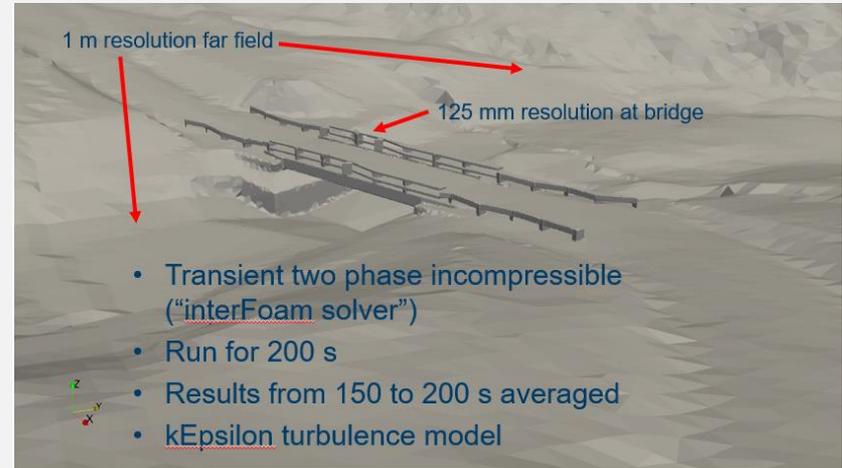
Mesh

- Very high resolution – represents structure in detail
- No sub-modelling of blockage factors or loss coefficients

Eddy viscosity model critical (for non-laminar flows)

Very long simulation times

- Not yet practical for most real-world flood study investigations



3D Approaches Physical Modelling

There is (was) a saying:

“No one believes a computer model
(except for the modeller)

but everyone believes a physical model
(except for the modeller)”



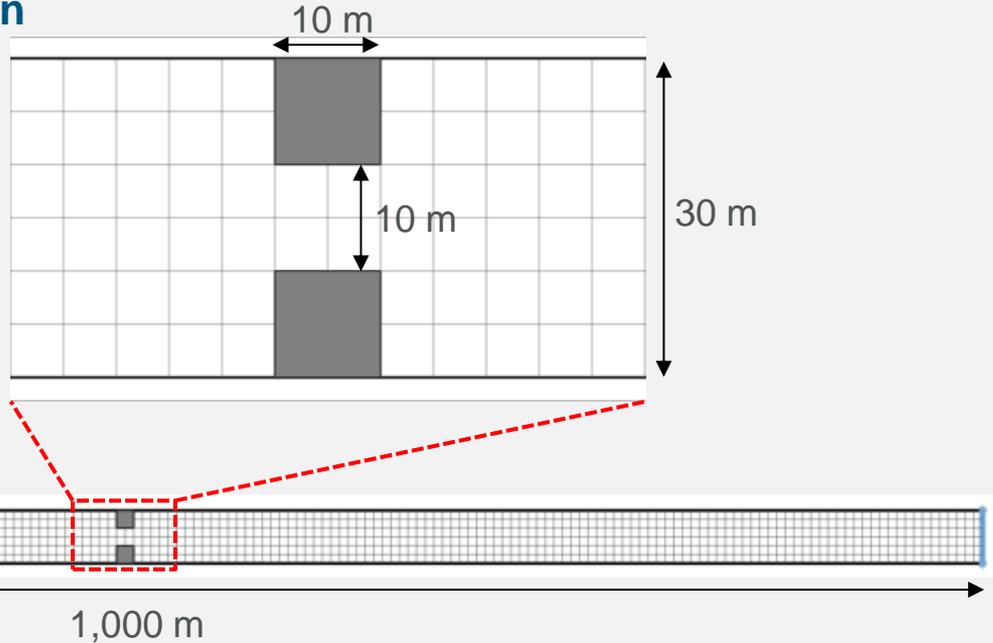
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Constrictions

Constrictions Benchmark Test

Test model square edged constriction

- 30 m wide, 1,000 m long channel
- 10 m wide, 10 m long culvert
- $Q = 45 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$, $h = 2 \text{ m}$
- $U = 0.75 \text{ m/s}$ without culvert
- Manning's $n = 0.030$
- Slope = 0.0002



Constrictions – Benchmark Test

1D-1D-1D Model

$$K_{en_adj} = K_{en} \left[1 - \frac{V_{app}}{V_s} \right] \text{ - based on testing}$$

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1D-1D-1D Model

- Afflux 1D solution = 276 mm

Desktop calculation of losses

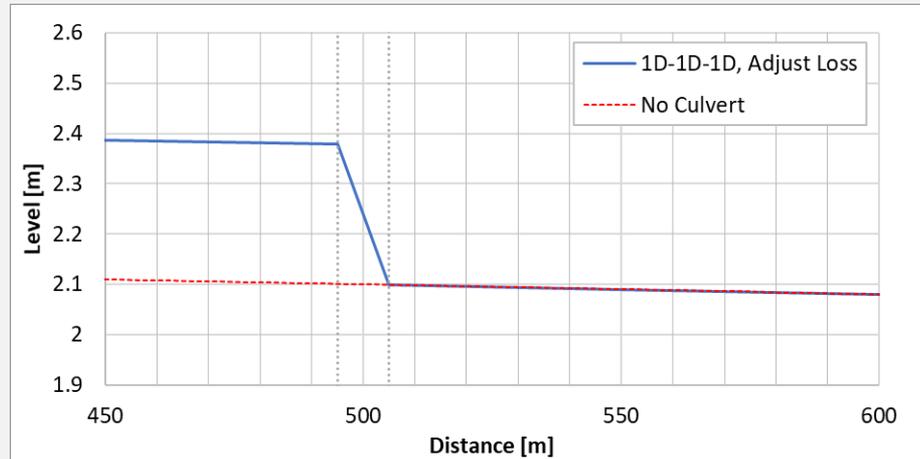
- $K_{en_adj} = 0.5 \left[1 - \frac{0.66}{2.4} \right] = 0.36$
- $K_{ex_adj} = 1.0 \left[1 - \frac{0.75}{2.4} \right]^2 = 0.48$
- $\Delta h_{form\ loss} = \frac{K_{en_adj} + K_{ex_adj}}{2g} V_s^2 = 250 \text{ mm}$
- plus $\Delta h_{Extra\ bed\ friction} = 21 \text{ mm}$
- Afflux = 271 mm

Reinforced concrete box:

Headwall parallel to embankment (no wing walls):

- square edged on 3 edges
- rounded on 3 edges to radius of 1/12 barrel dimension.

0.5
0.2



Constrictions – Benchmark Test

1D-1D-1D – No Adjustment of Losses

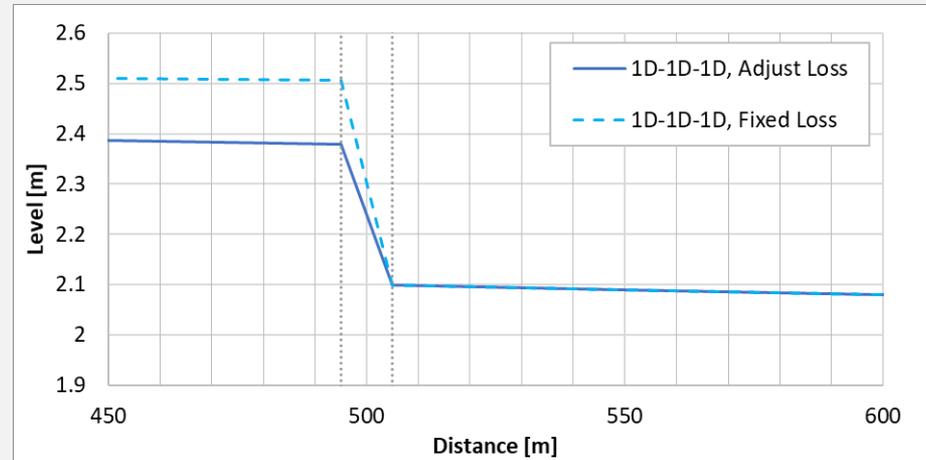
What happens if the structure losses are not adjusted?

- $K_{en} = 0.5$
- $K_{ex} = 1.0$

Afflux is over-predicted

- Represents the case of still water to still water (e.g. lake discharging to another lake)
- $V_{approach}$ and $V_{departure} \sim 0.0$

Note: Published K values are usually based on this scenario



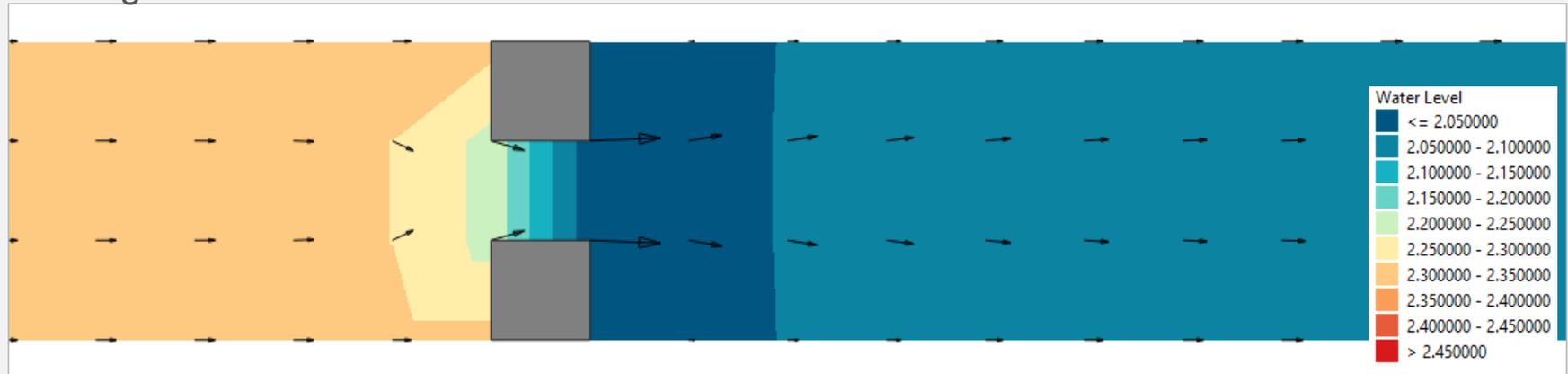
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2D-2D-2D – Cell Size Results Convergence

Let's model in 2D only

- 10, 5, 2.5, 1 and 0.5 m

10 m grid



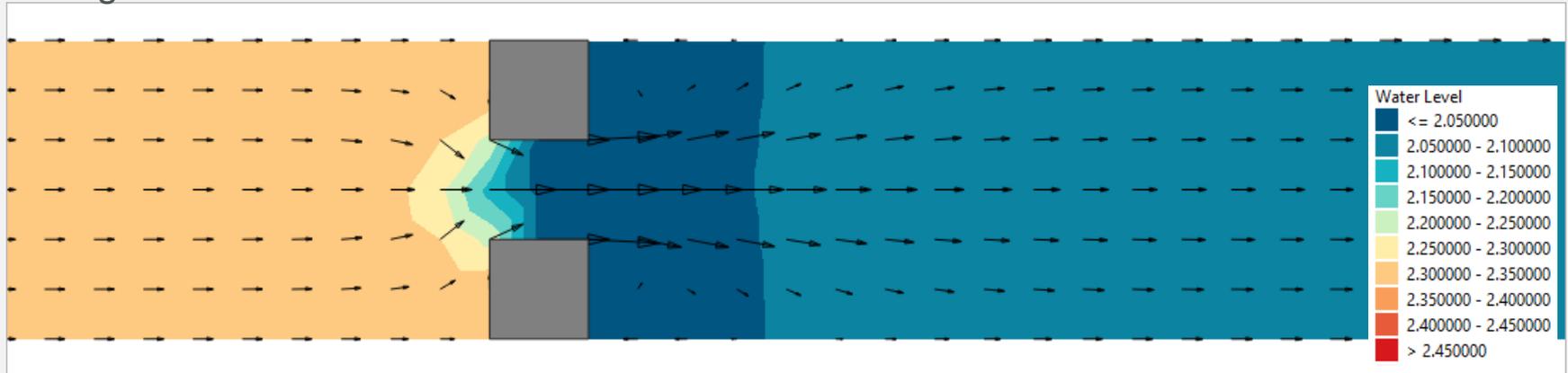
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- Afflux increases with smaller cell size

5 m grid



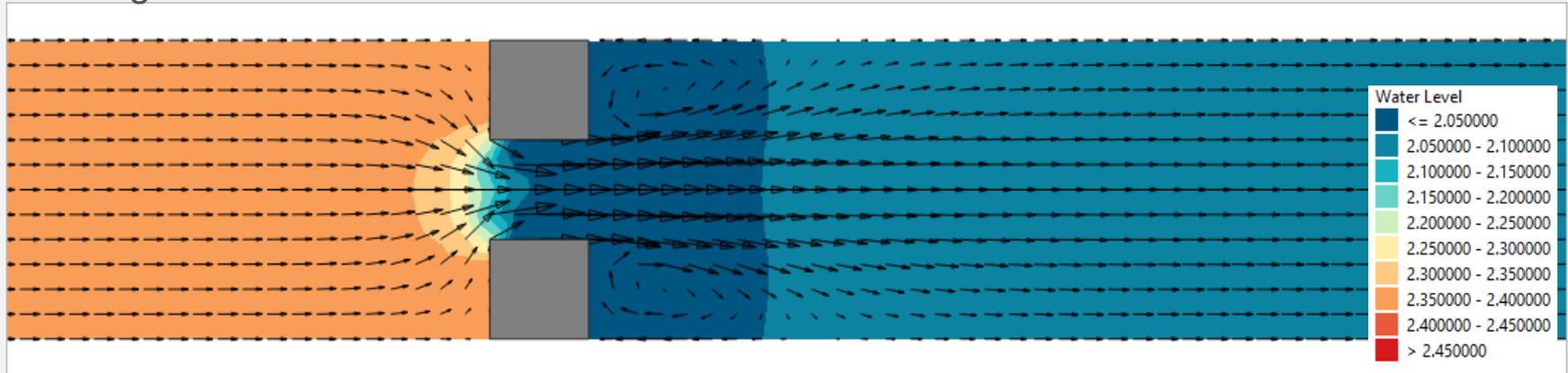
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 - Finer meshes better resolve form losses

2.5 m grid



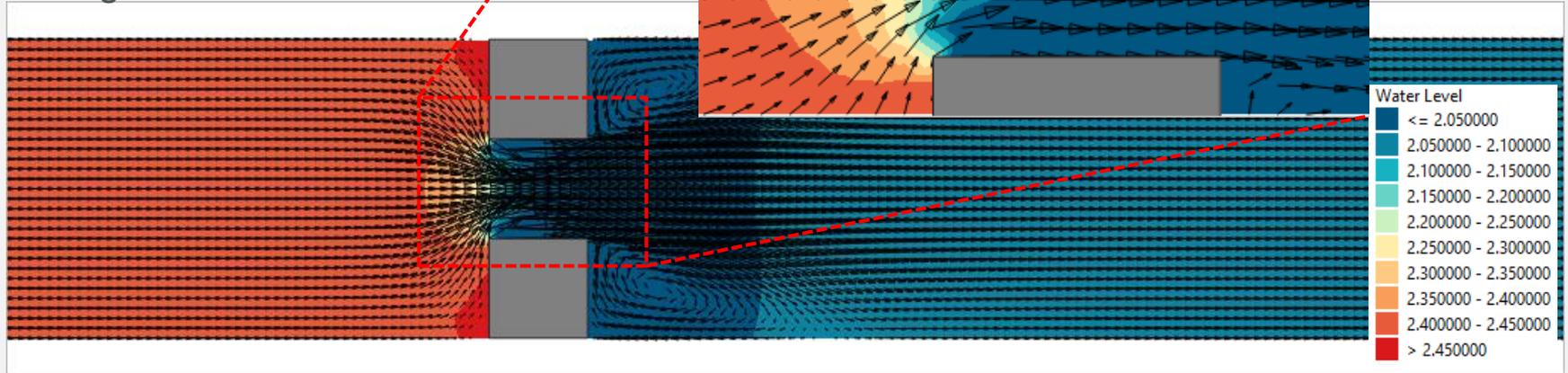
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1 m grid



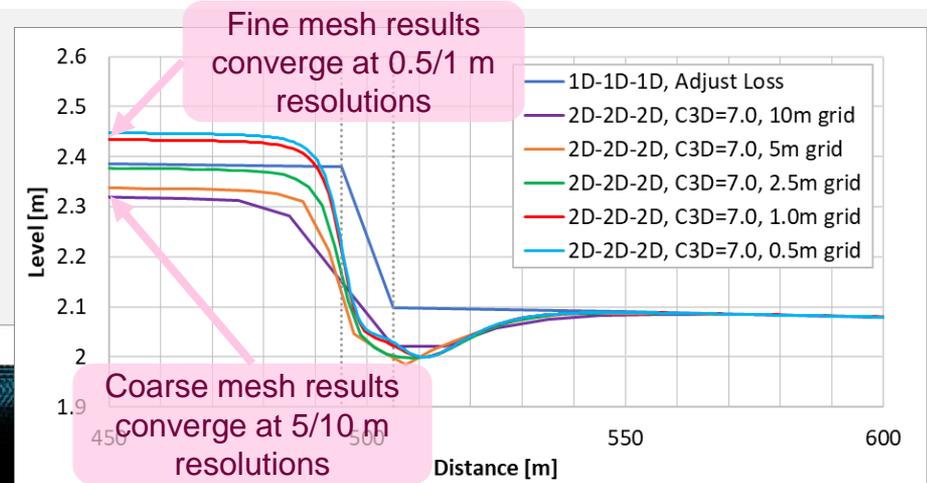
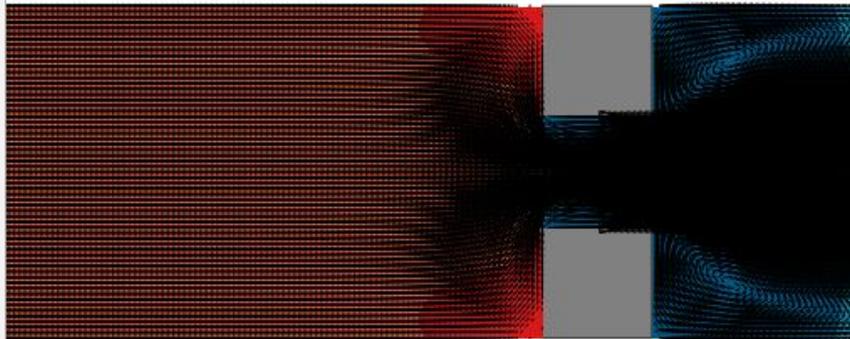
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0.5 m grid

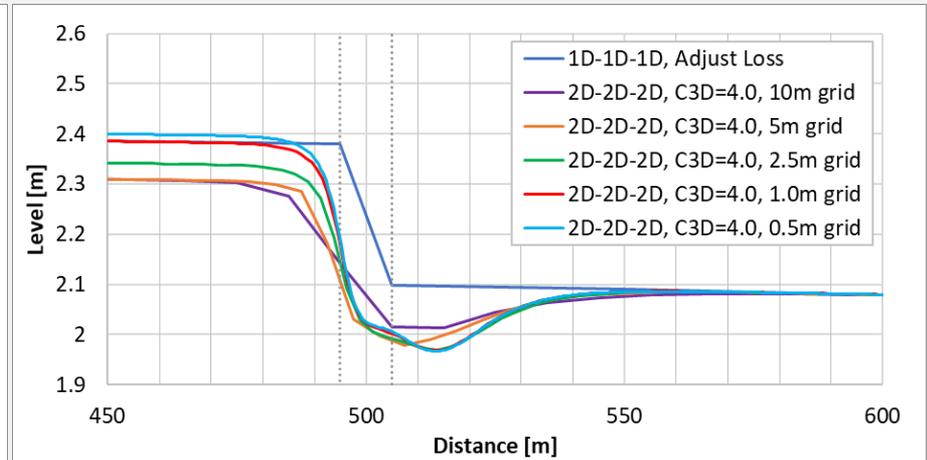
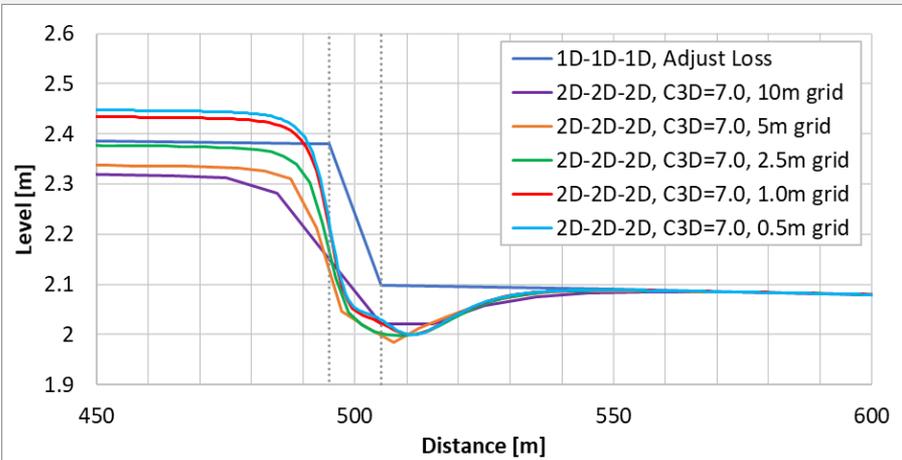


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2D-2D-2D – Calibration

Fine mesh

- Sub-grid turbulence representation critical
- $Wu = 4$ best match to theoretical result
- 0.2 m pressure / 0.1 m turbulence

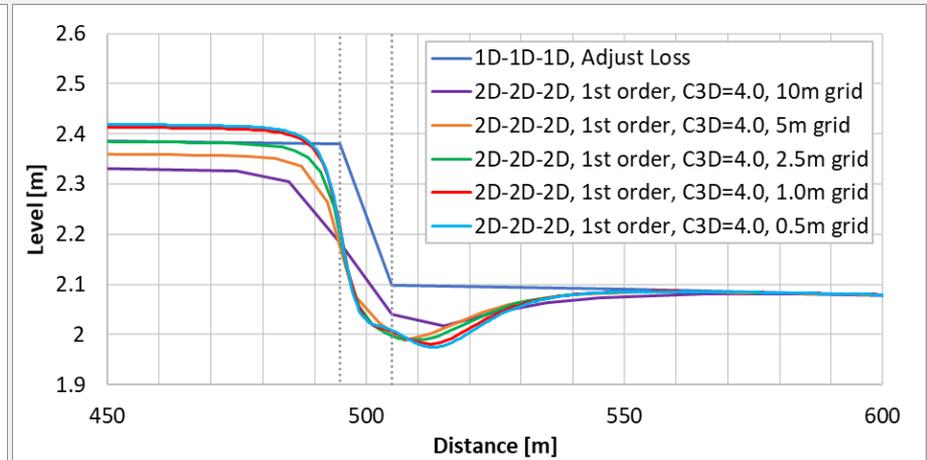
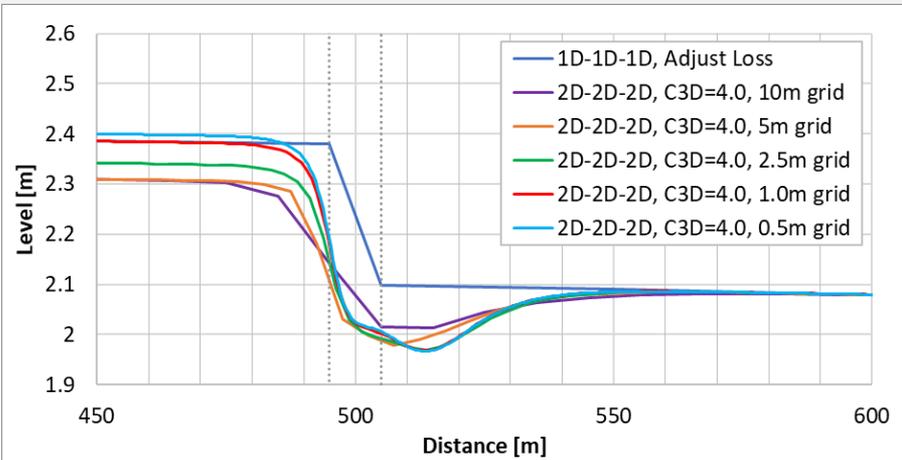
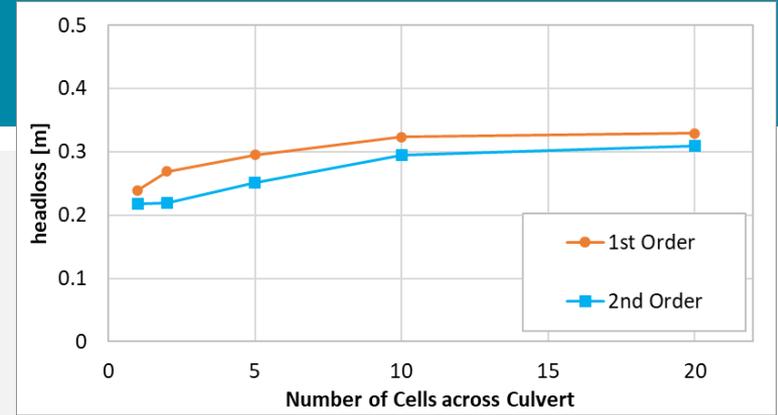


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2D-2D-2D – 1st Order Check

Not all 2D solvers are the same!

- Repeat runs using TUFLOW HPC's 1st order option
- Numerically diffusive – causes artificial energy losses
- Reduced Manning's n or turbulence needed

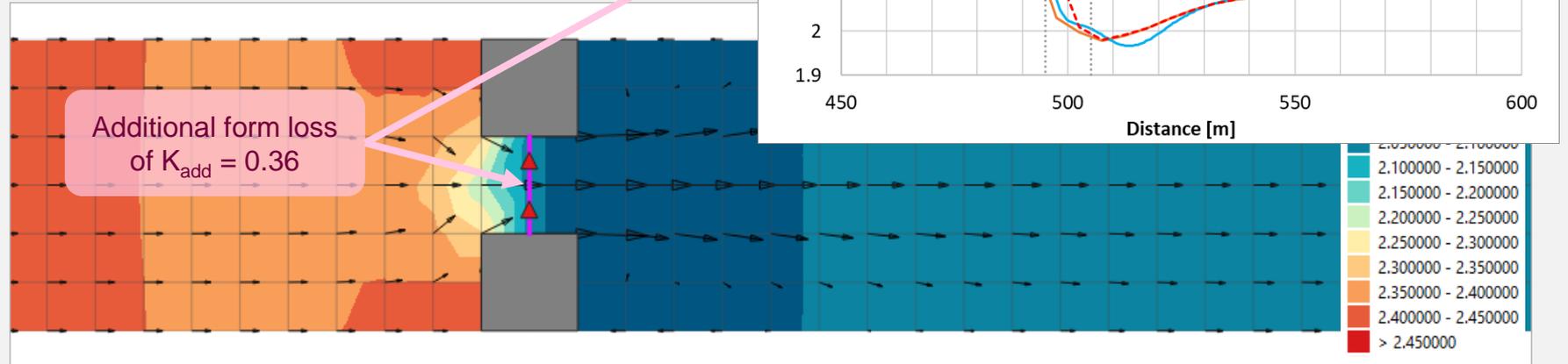


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2D-2D-2D Coarse Mesh with Additional Form Loss

Coarse meshes need additional form losses to compensate

- 5 m mesh needs additional form loss of ~ 0.36
- Matches well with 1D K_{en} of 0.36

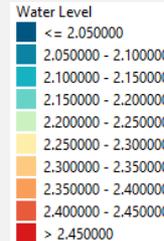
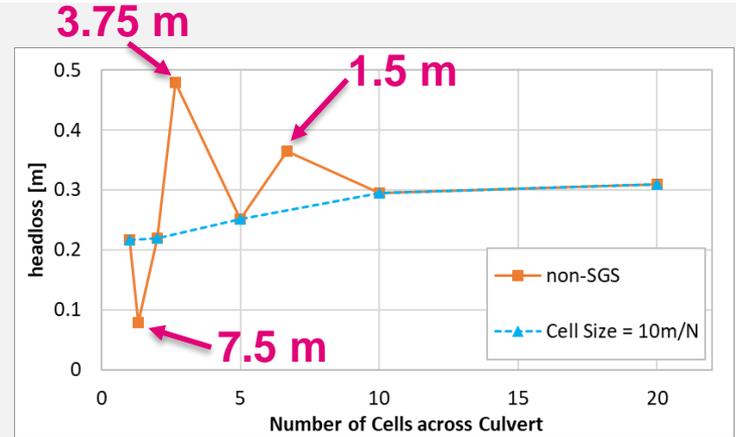


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2D-2D-2D Coarse Mesh Mismatch

What if the 2D cell size mismatches opening?

- Common issue for fixed grid solvers
- Poor reproduction of afflux

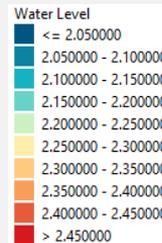
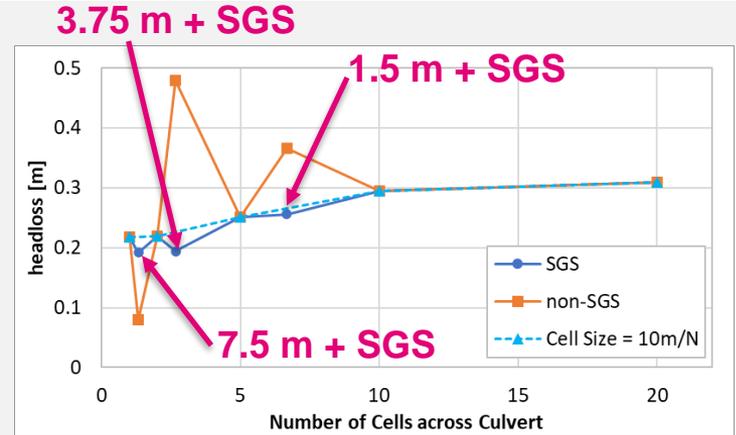
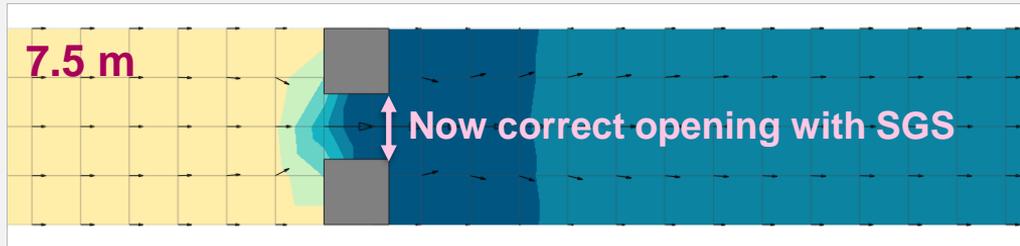


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2D-2D-2D Coarse Mesh Mismatch with SGS

What if the 2D cell size mismatches opening?

- Common issue for fixed grid solvers
- Sub-Grid Sampling (SGS) helps enormously



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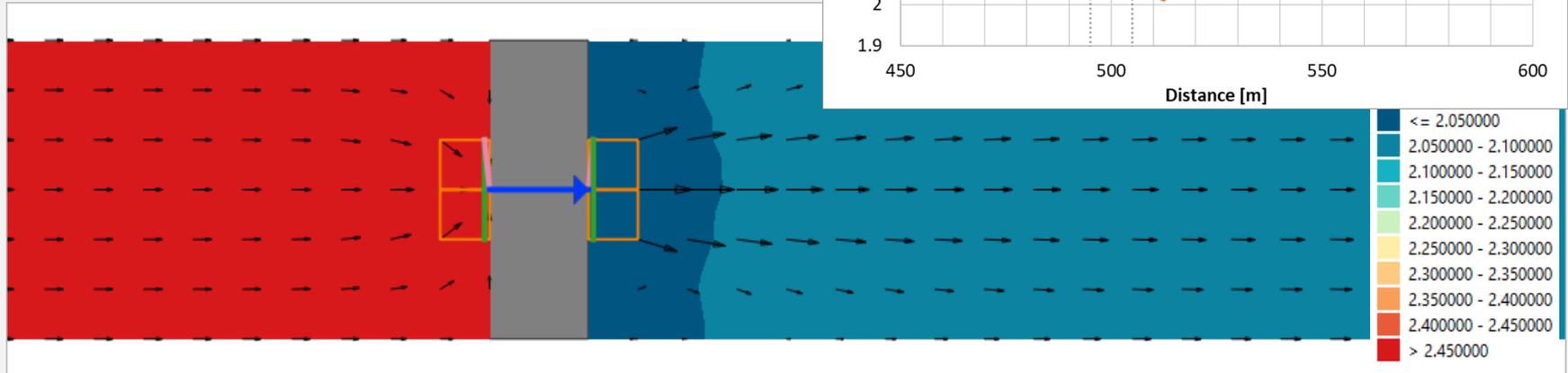
2D-1D-2D – Unadjusted Loss Coefficients

Let's insert a 1D constriction

- Source transfer of water in/out of 1D element (SX Link in TUFLOW)

Overpredicts afflux

- As expected due to duplication of losses

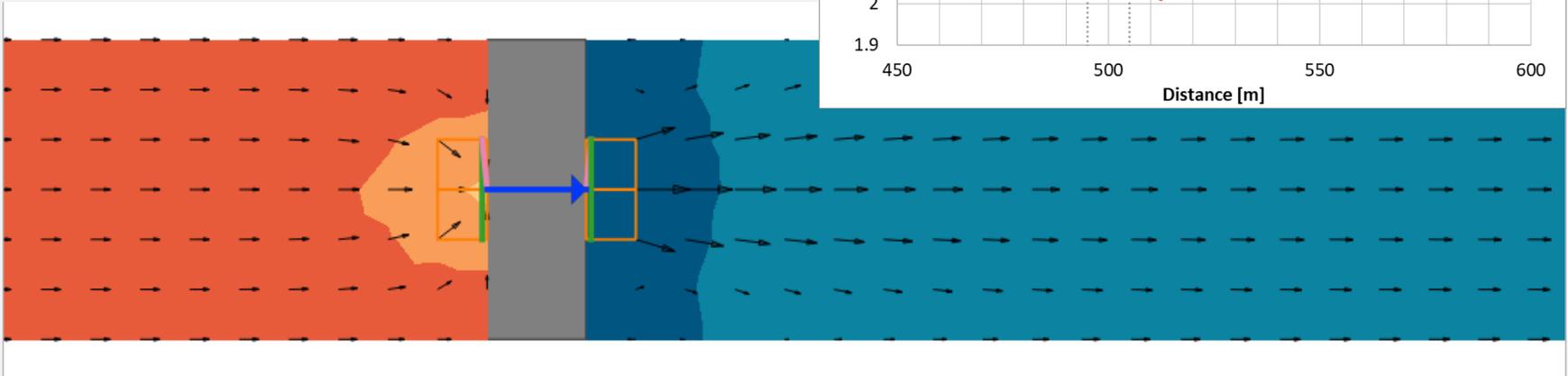
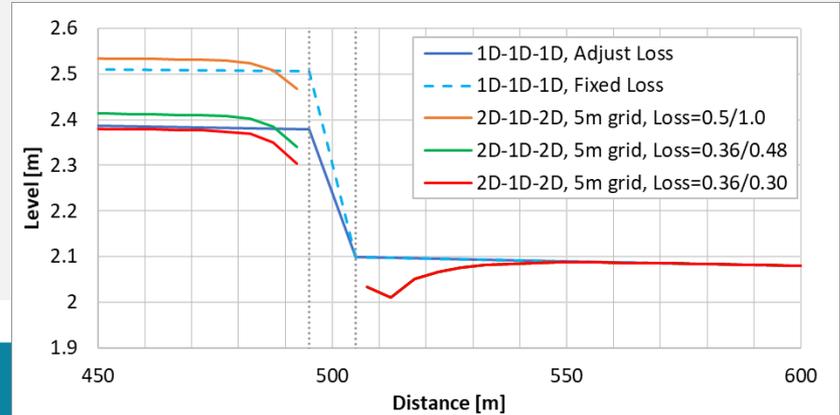


Constrictions – Benchmark Test

2D-1D-2D – Adjust Loss Coefficients

Reduce 1D form losses to account for duplication

- Try 1D adjusted losses (0.36 / 0.48)
 - Still too high an afflux
- Reduce exit form loss
 - 0.36 / **0.30** provides good match

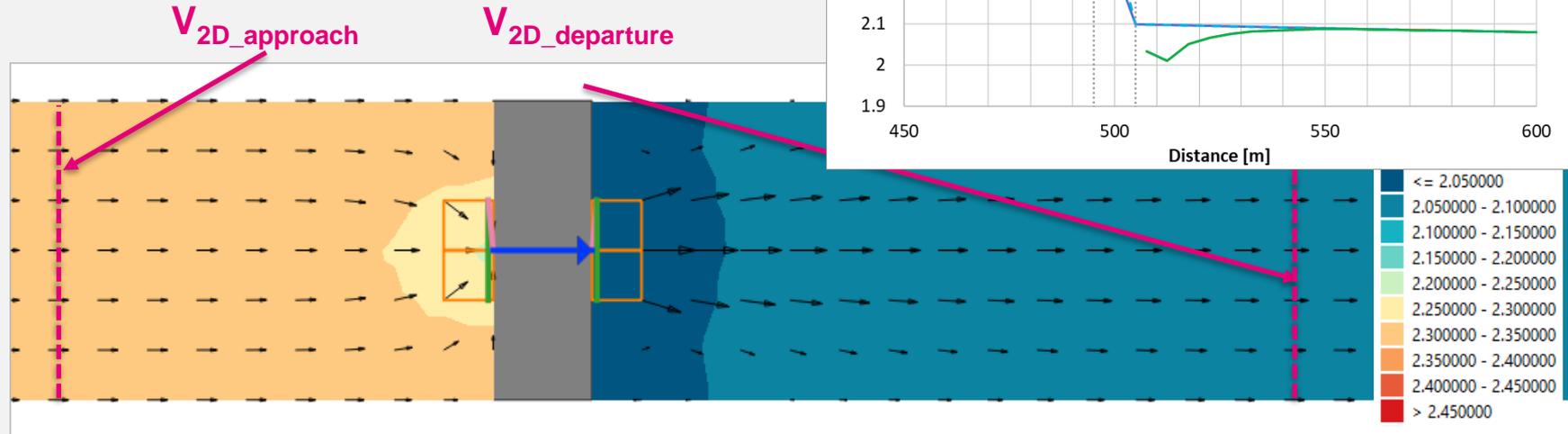


Constrictions – Benchmark Test

2D-1D-2D – 2D Velocity Adjustment

What if we adjust losses according
2D approach/departure velocities?

- Feature under development in TUFLOW HPC
- Solves issue of what adjustment is needed on 1D



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Piers using Fine Mesh

Piers Cause a Constriction

1D approach

- Apply form loss (e.g. K_p HBW)

2D fine mesh

2D using form losses

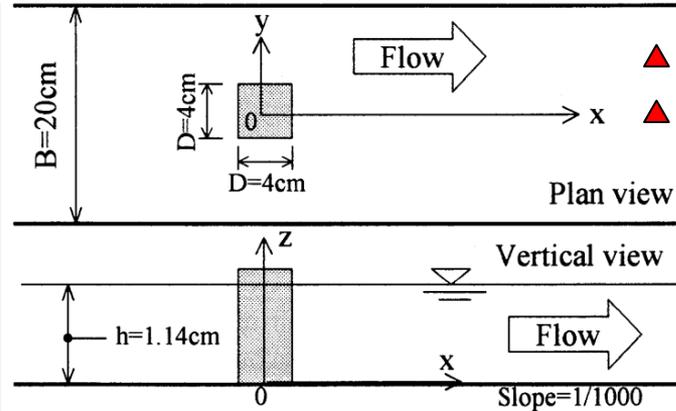
- Apply form loss
- But how to apply 1D K_p values?
 - Across whole waterway, or
 - Factor up by waterway cell ratio



Piers using a Fine Mesh Flume Benchmark Test

Flume test by Kimura et al (2005)

- 20 cm wide, 10 m long flume
- 4 cm by 4 cm square pier
- $Q = 415 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$
- Depth = 1.14 cm
- Slope = 1/1000
- Manning's n estimated to be 0.0088



▲ Gauge 2: $x=24\text{cm}$, $y=6\text{cm}$

▲ Gauge 1: $x=24\text{cm}$, $y=0\text{cm}$

図-2 流れ場の模式図



Piers using a Fine Mesh Flume Benchmark – Fine Mesh

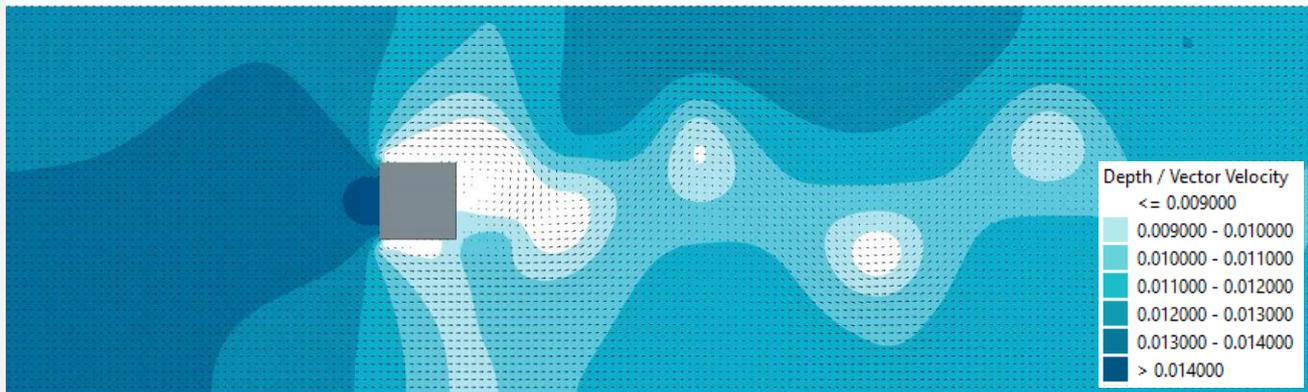
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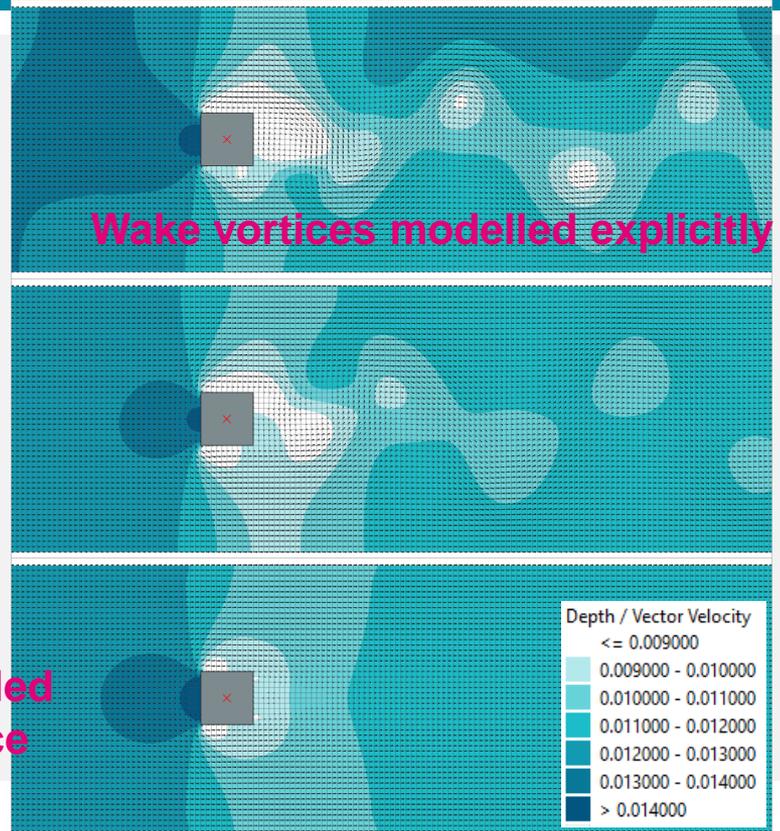
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C3D = 0.2
(Kimura et al
2005)

C3D = 1.0

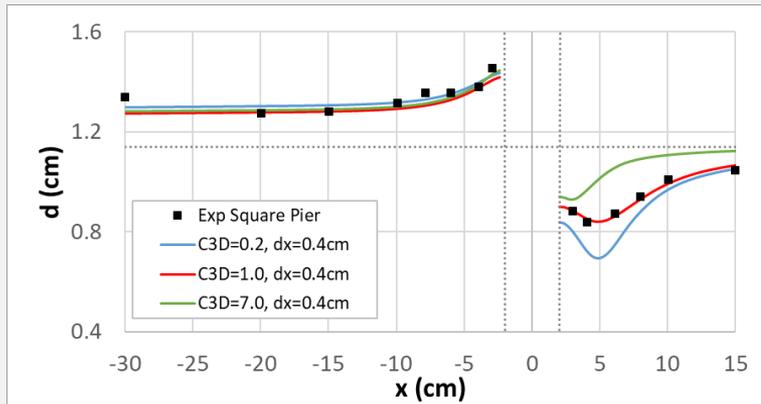
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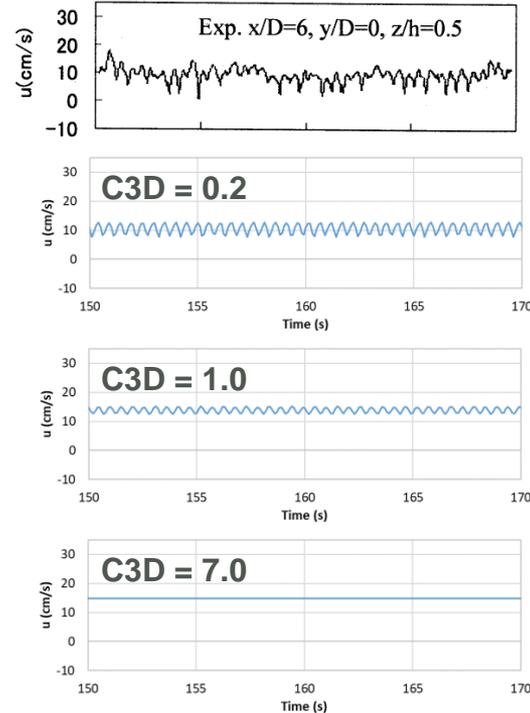
Piers using a Fine Mesh Flume Benchmark – Fine Mesh Observations

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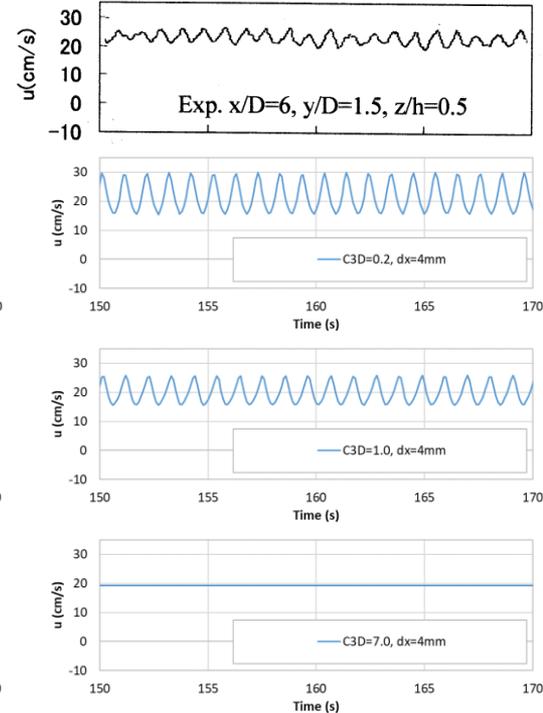
- Tested Wu parameter 0.2 to 7.0
- Good match to measured afflux in all cases
- Lower eddy viscosity needed to reproduce wake vortices



Gauge 1



Gauge 2

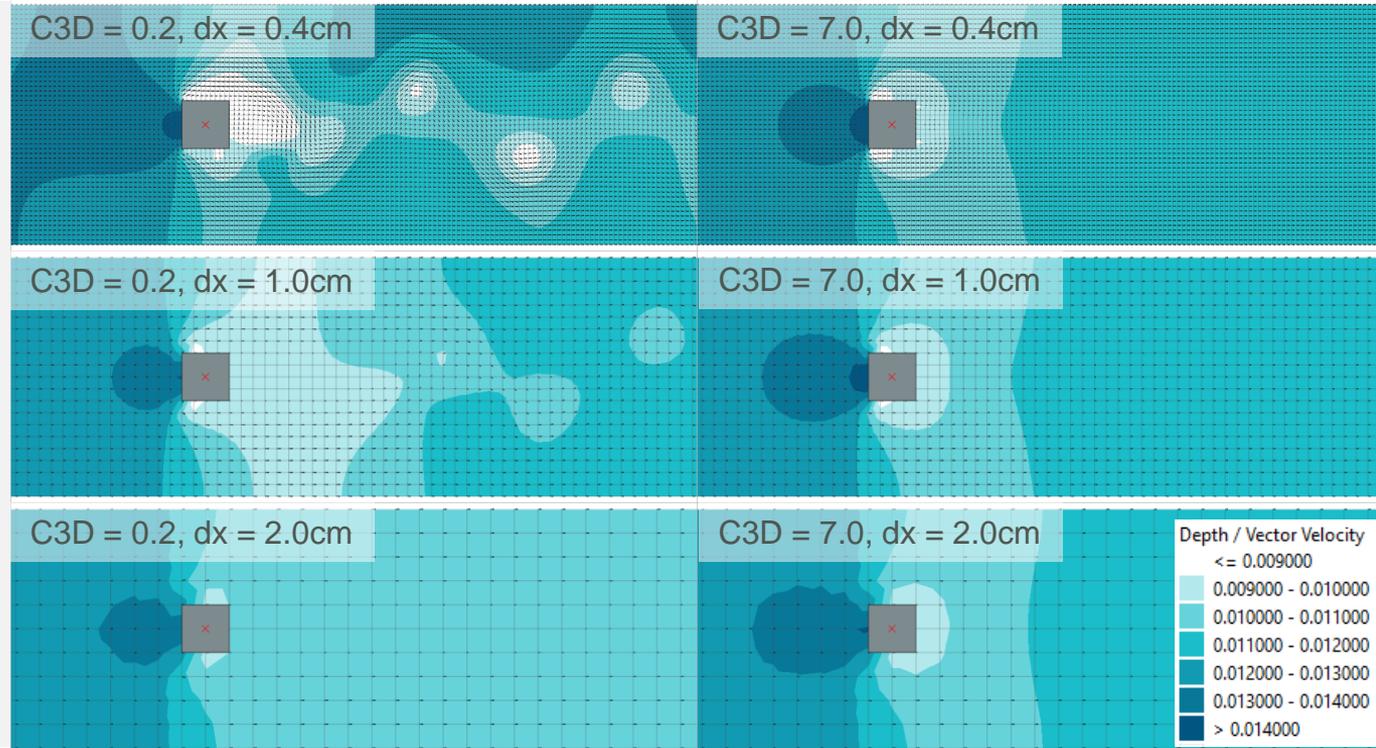


Piers using a Fine Mesh

Flume Benchmark – Cell Size Results Convergence

Cell size results convergence test

- Increased cell size from
 - 0.4 cm (10 cells across pier), to
 - 2.0 cm (2 cells across pier)

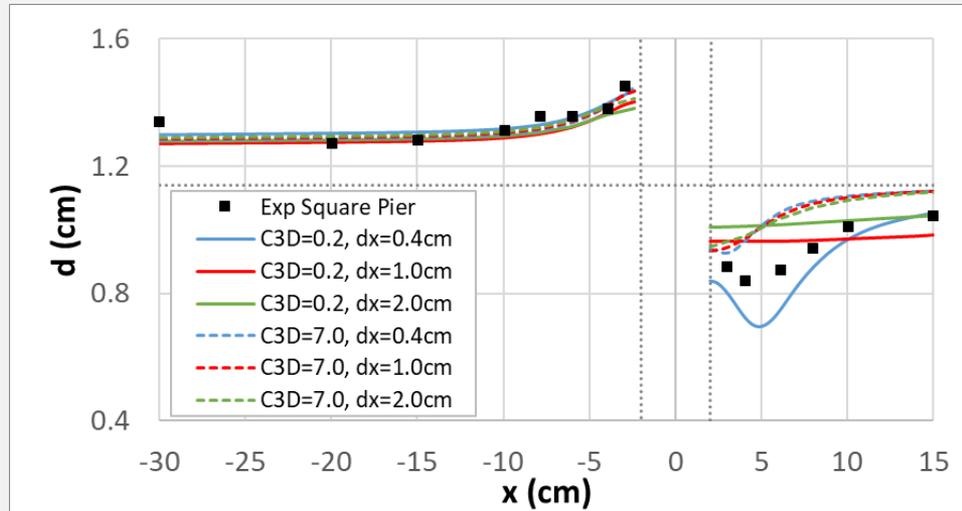


Piers using a Fine Mesh

Flume Benchmark – Cell Size Results Convergence

Increasing cell sizes

- Still provides reasonable reproduction of afflux
- Loses ability to simulate downstream eddy structure

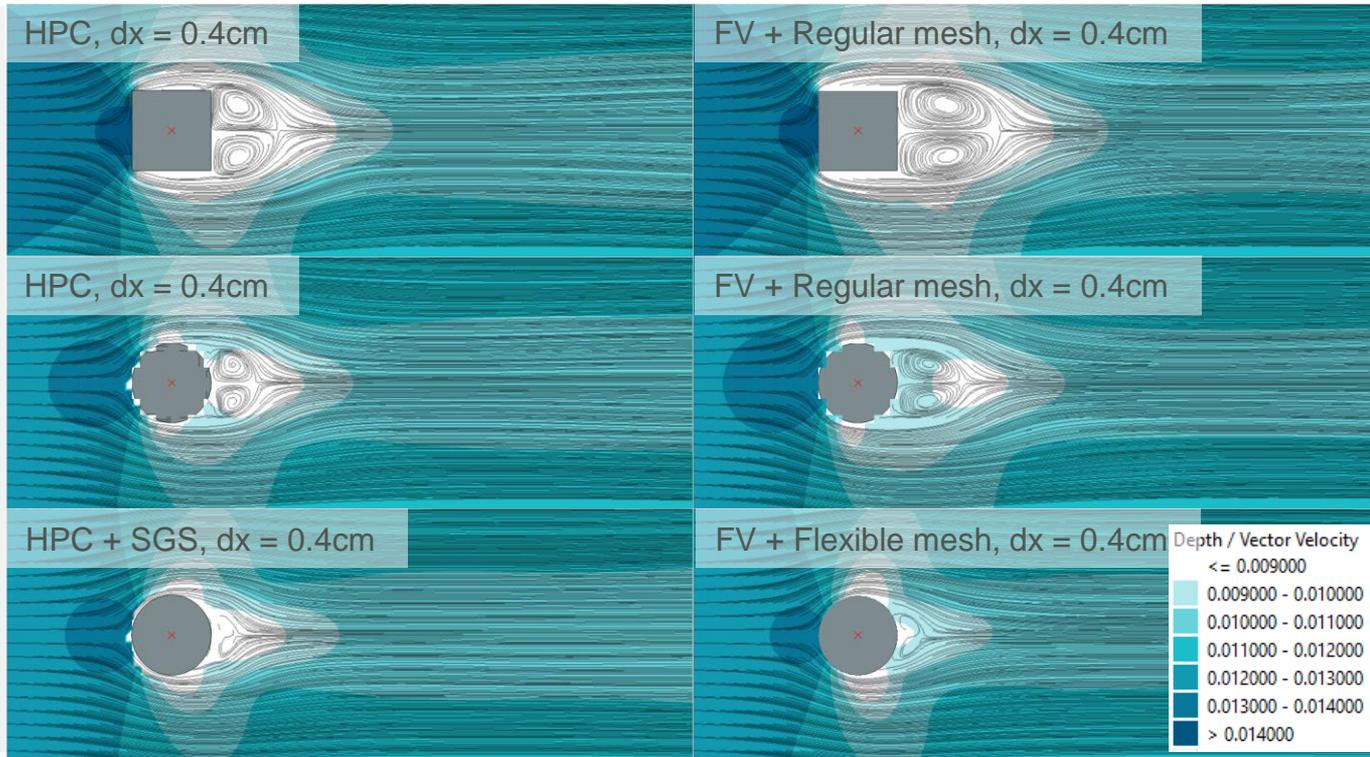


Piers using a Fine Mesh

Circular Piers

Circular pier cell sizes

- Most of the real-world piers are hydraulically “smooth”



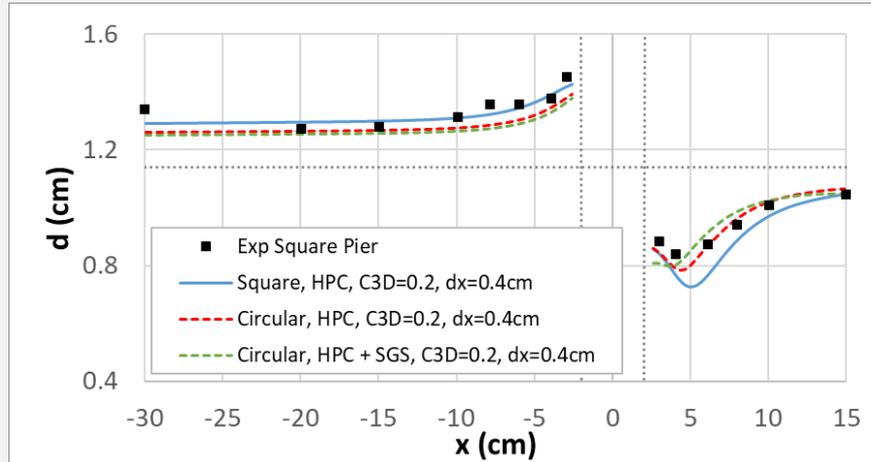
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Circular Piers

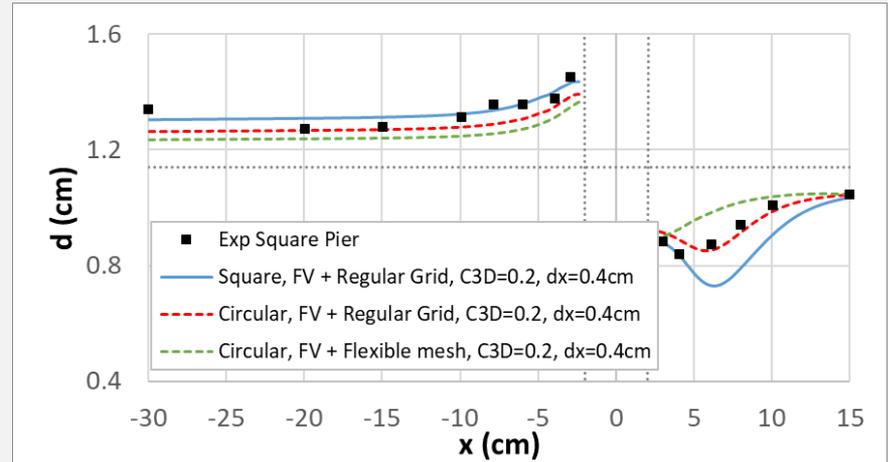
Circular pier cell sizes

- High resolution flexible mesh is needed to represent hydraulically “smooth” pier
- Regular grid may overestimate the head loss, even with SGS

HPC



FV



Modelling Hydraulic Structures

Piers using Form Losses

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Case Study

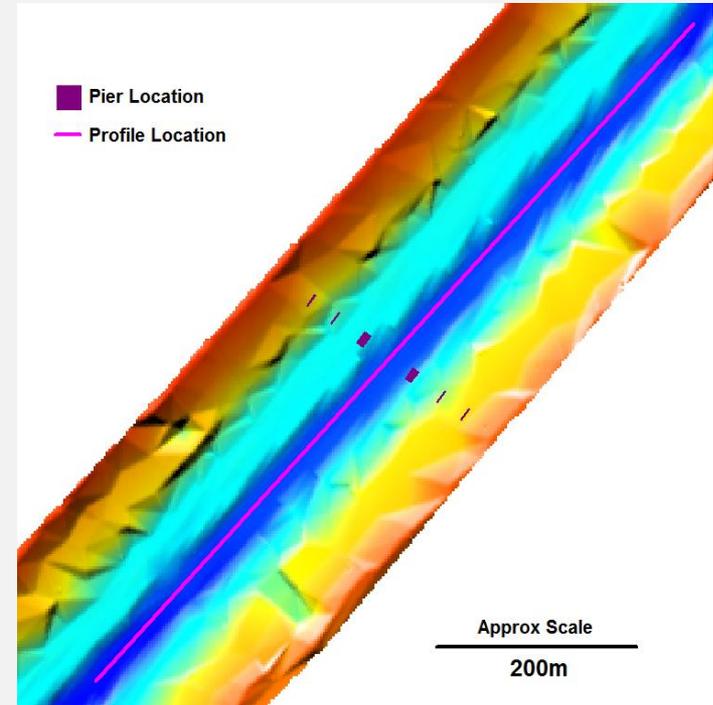
Case Study: Jingling Bridge, China

Pier widths sub-cell or less than several cells

Options

- Try blocking cells with piers (quick to do)
- Apply 1D form loss (e.g. HBW K_p) across waterway
- Apply form losses individually to pier cell(s)

Q: Should we reduce the cell flow area by the pier area when applying form losses?



Piers using Form Losses

Apply Pier Blockage?

Apply pier blockage?

- 2D solution uses the velocity at the cell
- If pier blockage applied, 2D velocity slightly higher, therefore, slightly higher afflux
- Clarify the basis for K_p
 - For HBW, K_p assumes area of the piers is not used in the determination of the velocity
 - Therefore, should not apply blockages from piers
 - Or, reduce K_p to allow for the higher velocities caused by applying pier blockages
- Applying pier blockage is usually slightly conservative (which may not be a bad thing!)

A_1 = total water area at section I - sq ft.

If piers are present in the constriction, these are ignored in the determination of A_{n2} . The velocity V_{n2} does not represent an experimentally measured velocity but rather a reference velocity readily computed for both model and field structures.

For practical purposes, the backwater is simply the product of K^* , the backwater coefficient, which was determined experimentally, and the velocity head $V_{n2}^2/2g$. The expression

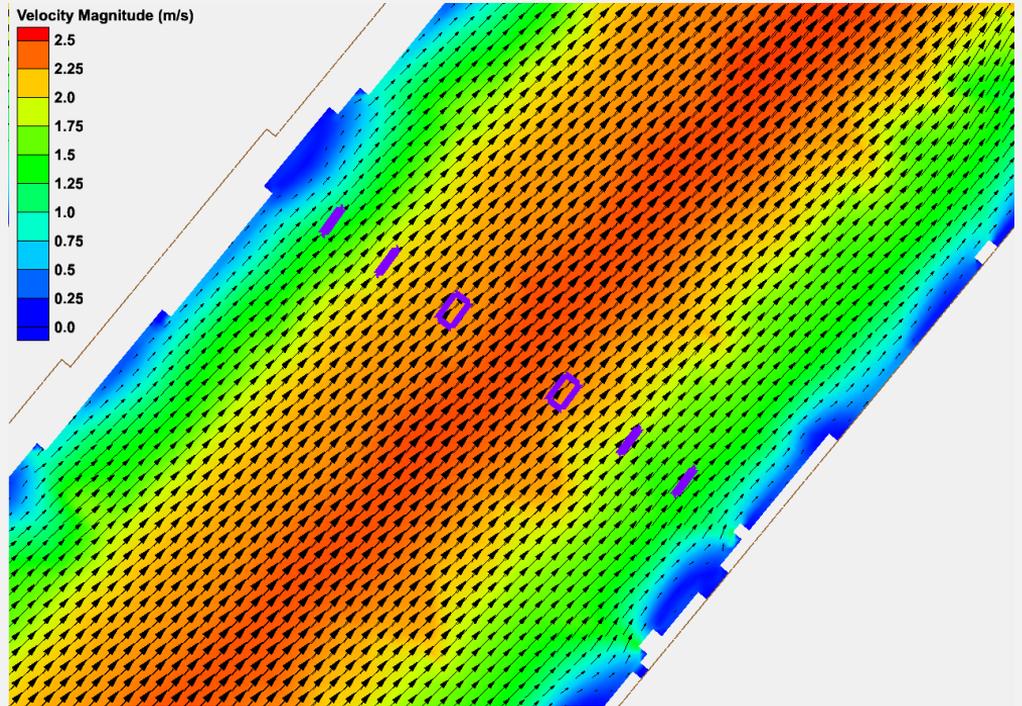
$$\alpha \left[\left(\frac{A_{n2}}{A_4} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{A_{n2}}{A_1} \right)^2 \right]$$

https://wiki.tuflow.com/index.php?title=TUFLOW_FAQ#What_form_loss_coefficient_.28FLC.29_values_should_I_use_for_2d_lfsh_bridge.3F

Piers using Form Losses

Case Study Velocity Field

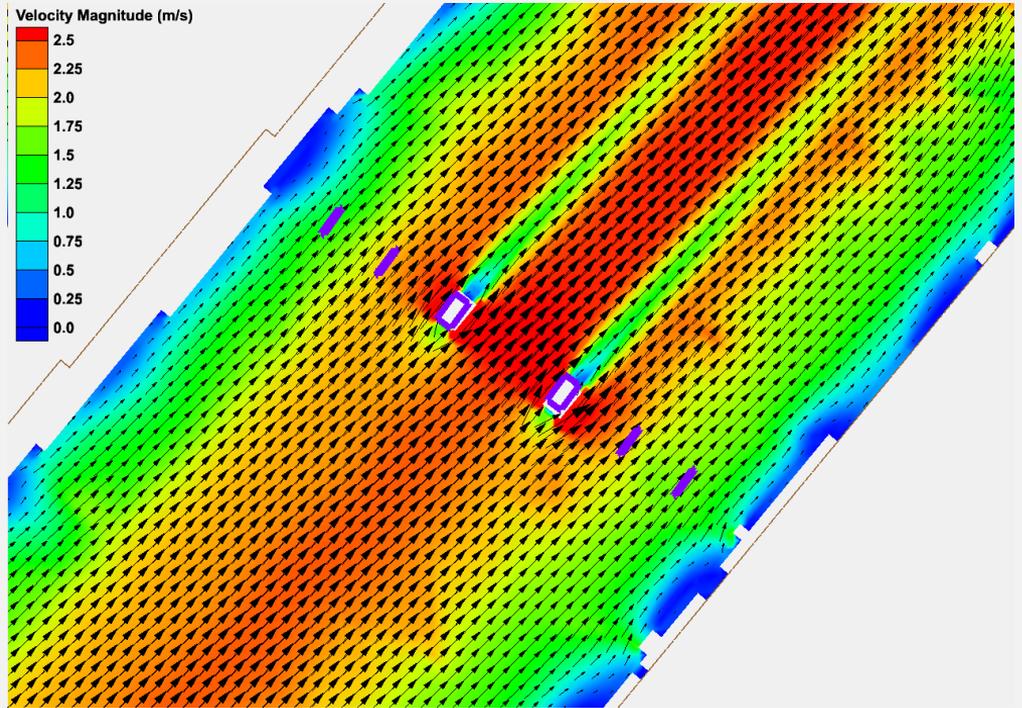
No bridge velocity field



Piers using Form Losses Whole Cells Blocked Out

Pier cells blocked out (no SGS)

Always problematic for fixed grid
or coarse flexible mesh?

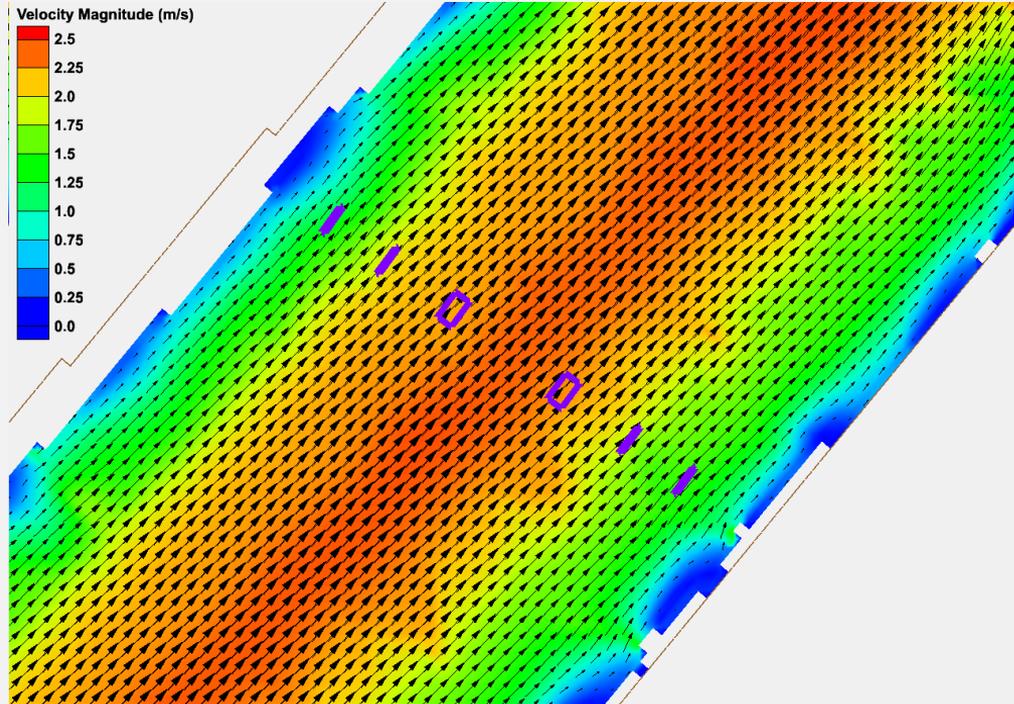
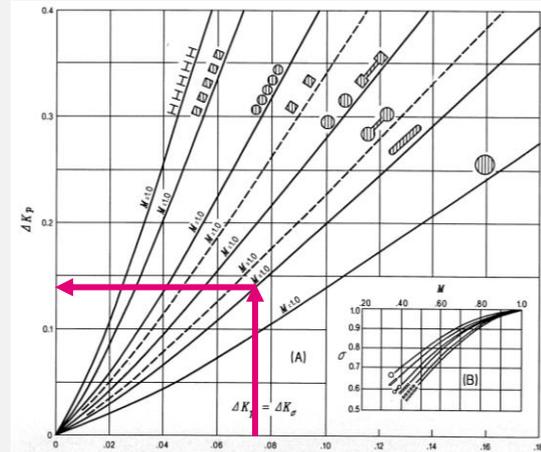


Piers using Form Losses

Apply HBW K_p Pier Form Loss

HBW analysis: $K_p = 0.14$ ($J = 0.073$)

- Must apply across entire waterway
- Presence of piers does not show in velocity field

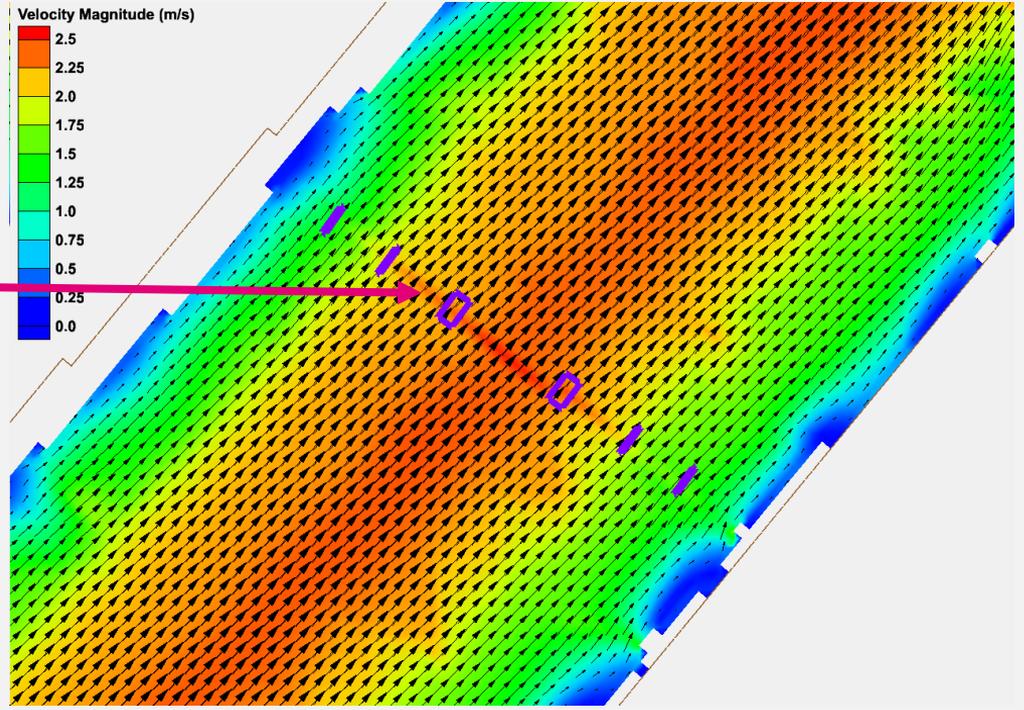


Piers using Form Losses

Apply HBW K_p Pier Form Loss + Blockage

$K_p = 0.14$ and pier blockage = 7.3%

- Must apply across entire waterway
- Presence of piers does not show in velocity field
- Blockage causes line of slightly higher velocities across entire waterway



Piers using Form Losses

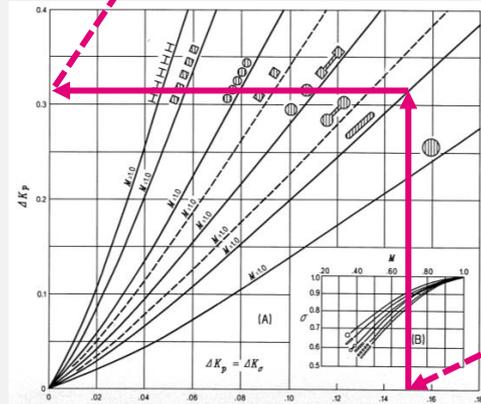
Form Loss Pier Cell(s) Only

K_p individually calculated per pier

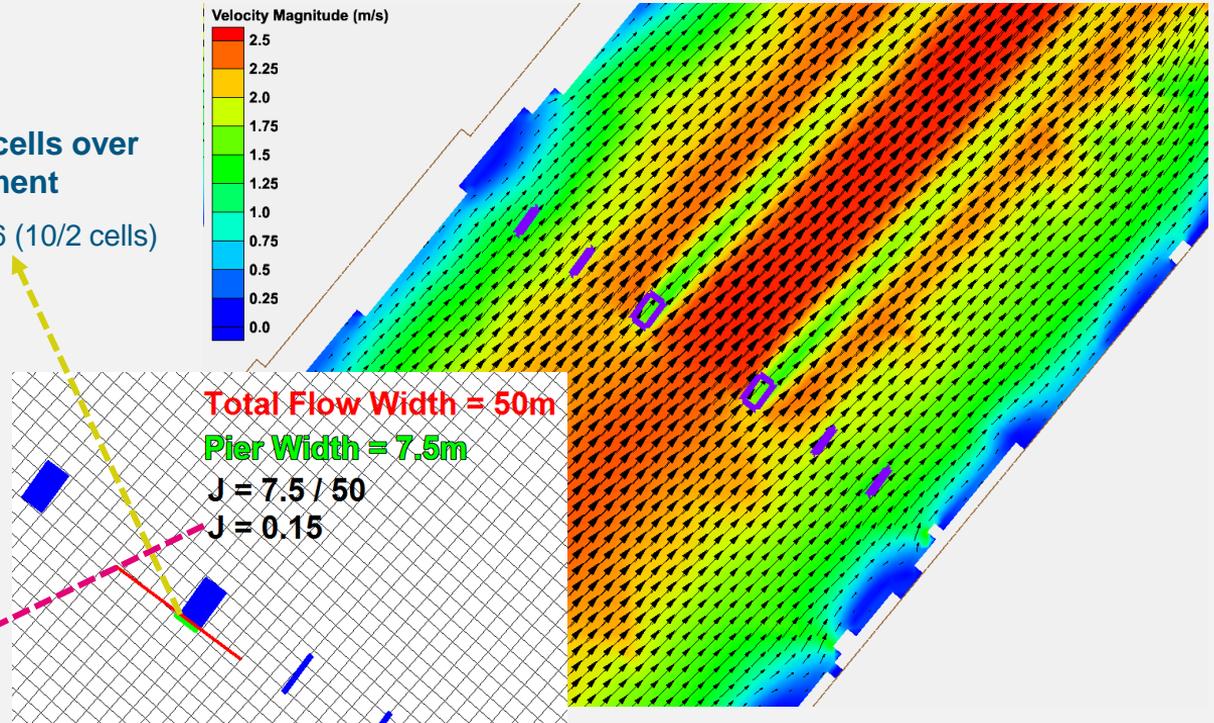
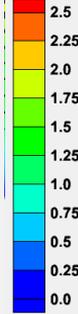
- Large pier $K_p = 0.32$

K_p factored up by ratio of number cells over number of pier cell(s) for pier segment

- Large pier factored K_p from 0.32 to 1.6 (10/2 cells)



Velocity Magnitude (m/s)



Total Flow Width = 50m

Pier Width = 7.5m

$J = 7.5 / 50$

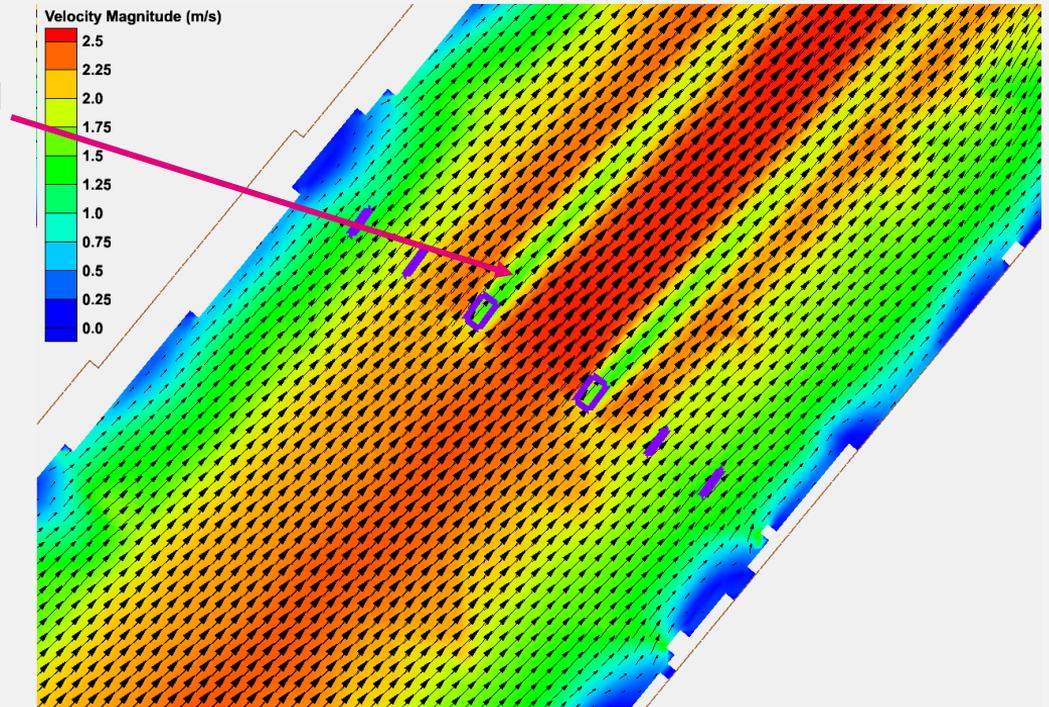
$J = 0.15$

Piers using Form Losses

Form Loss Pier Cell(s) Only

Apply factored up K_p to pier cells

- Presence of piers shows in velocity field
- Effect of individual piers can be assessed

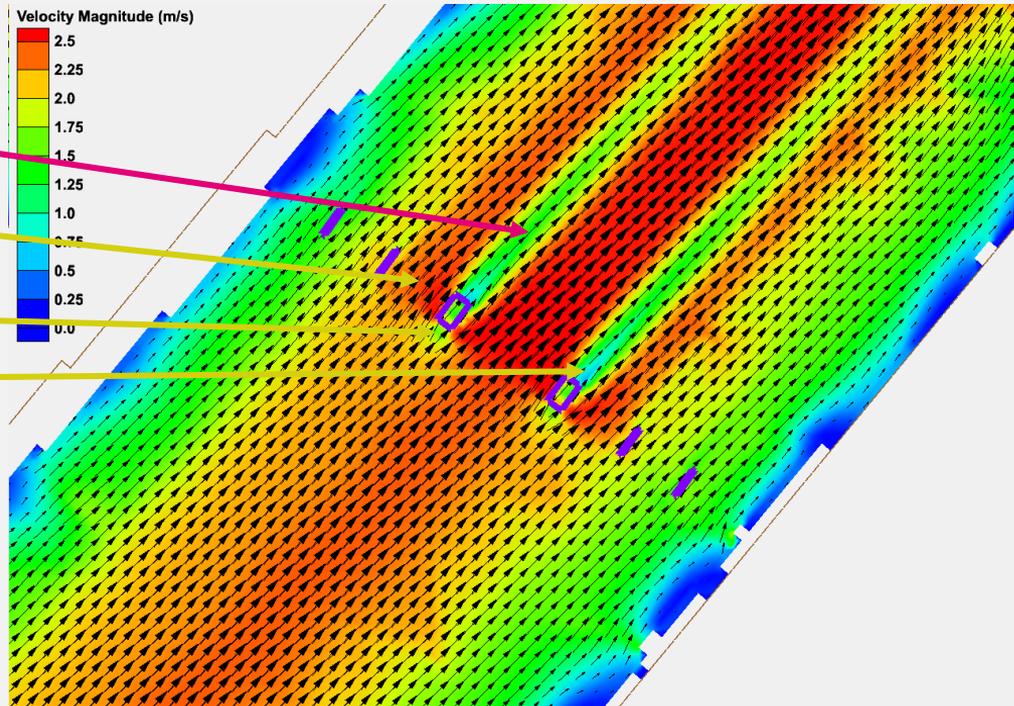


Piers using Form Losses

Form Loss Pier Cell(s) Only + Blockage

Apply factored up K_p to pier cells plus, pier blockage

- Presence of piers shows in velocity field
- Higher (more accurate) velocities between piers
- Surcharging in front of piers
- Set down behind piers
- Effect of individual piers can be assessed



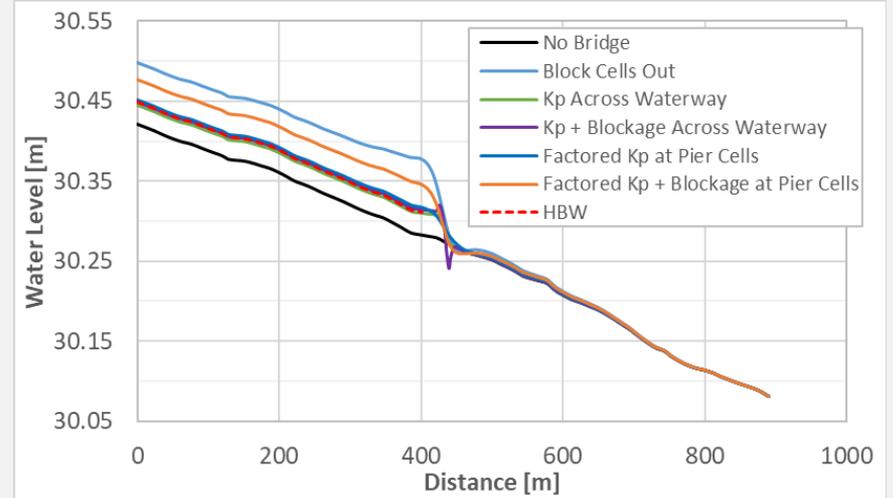
Piers using Form Losses

Case Study – Afflux Comparison

Desktop check

- Average $V_s \sim 2.0$ m/s gives an afflux ~ 29 mm

Approach to Pier Losses	Afflux (mm) (Compared to No Bridge)	
	TUFLOW Classic (2011-09)	TUFLOW HPC (2020-10)
HBW Desktop Analysis	29	
Block whole cells out	51	78
Kp Across Waterway	28	25
Kp + Blockage Across Waterway	33	29
Factored Kp at Pier Cells	33	31
Factored Kp + Blockage at Pier Cells	40	57



Modelling Hydraulic Structures

Decks

Bridge Decks – TMR/TUFLOW Investigation Objectives

Improve bridge deck representation in flood models

- Reduce uncertainty of hydraulic model results and lead to better bridge designs

Benchmarking and comparison testing

- Measured data
- CFD modelling
- TUFLOW modelling

Joint research Qld TMR and TUFLOW

Slides courtesy of:

Urs Baeumer

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Transport and Main Roads Dept, Qld Gov

Presentation scheduled for TMR Tech Forum, Feb 2022

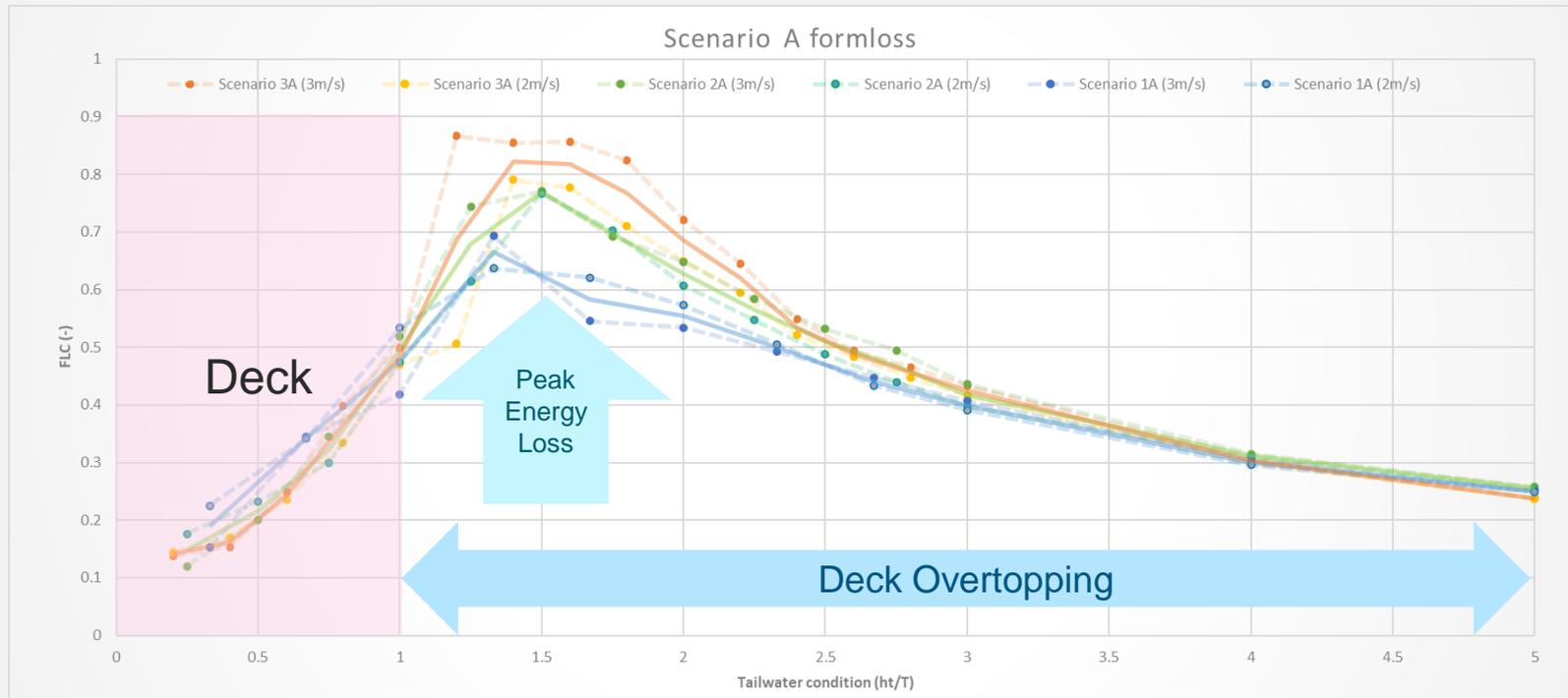
New Hydraulic Loss Model for bridge decks

A joint research study between the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and TUFLOW

Urs Baeumer, Manager, TMR, and
Bill Syme, TUFLOW Software Manager, BMT Group

Bridge Decks – TMR/TUFLOW Investigation

Preliminary CFD Modelling of Standard Decks

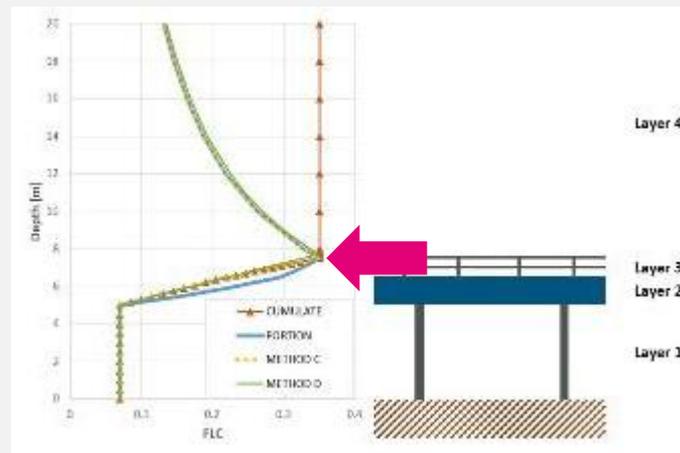
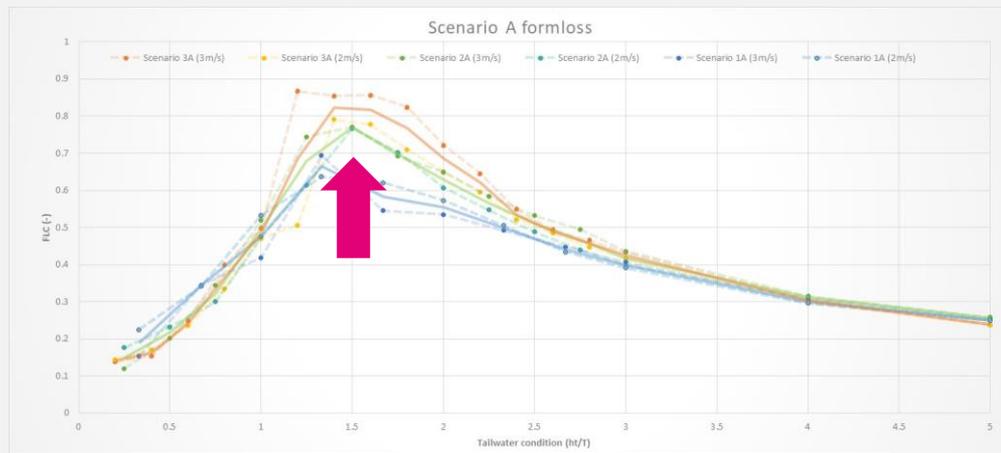


Bridge Decks – TMR/TUFLOW Investigation

New Approaches in 2D and 3D

Benchmarking

- New methods for modelling bridges in 2D using TUFLOW HPC
- New 3D layer blockage and form drag feature in TUFLOW FV
- Improve representation for pressure flow and submergence



Bridge Decks – TMR/TUFLOW Investigation Gordon Rd Bridge – Field Data Gauges

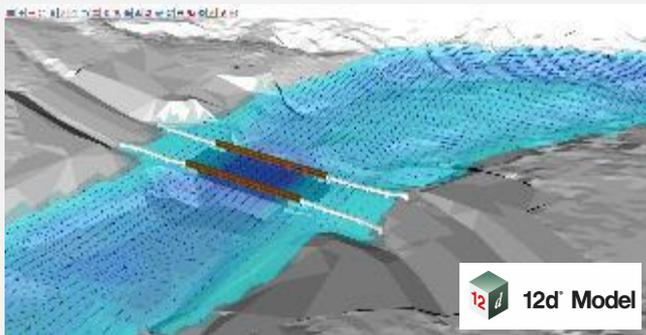


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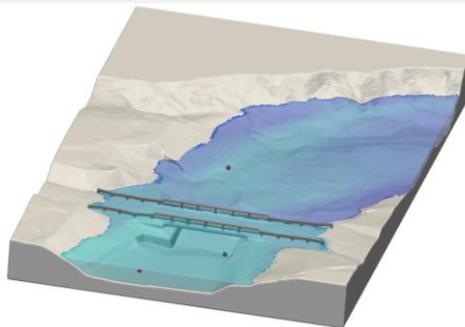


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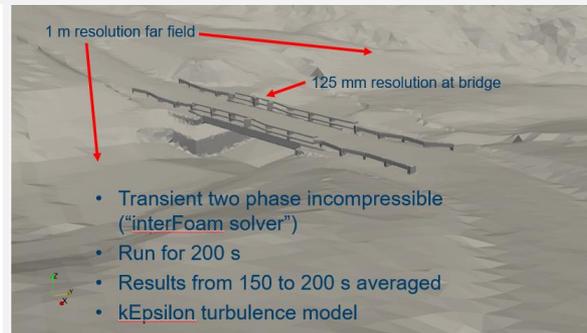
Gordon Rd Bridge – Modelling



TUFLOW



FLOW-3D (CFD)



OpenFoam (CFD)

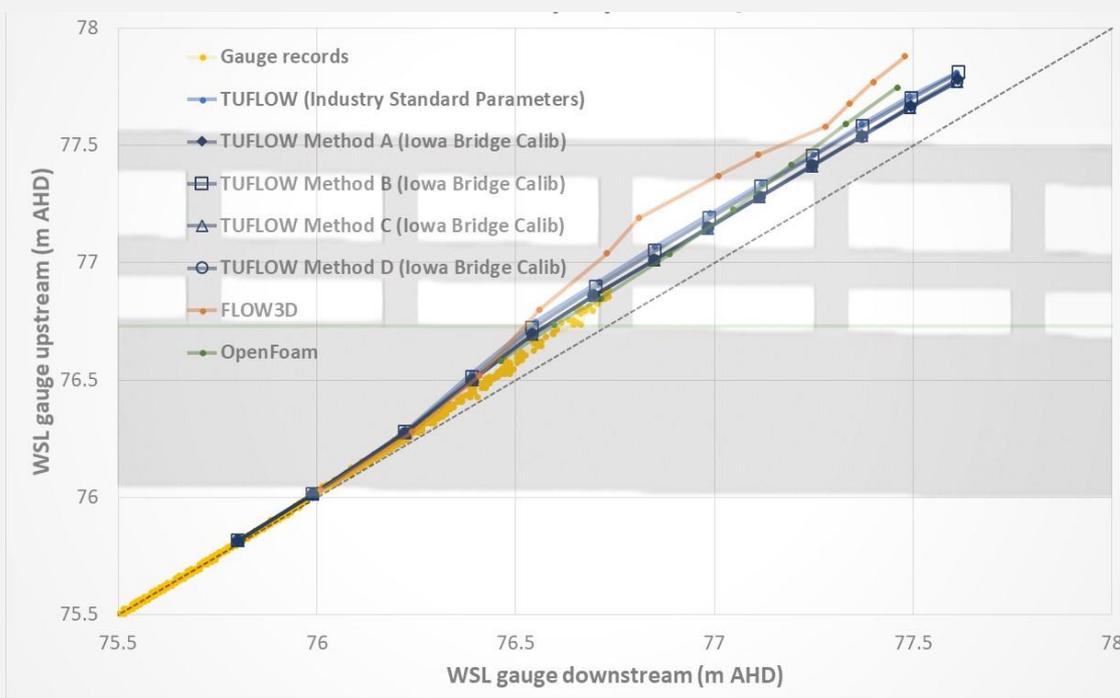


Bridge Decks – TMR/TUFLOW Investigation

Gordon Rd Bridge Modelling – Early Results

Early Results

- From first event good to reasonable match between gauges, FLOW-3D, OpenFoam and TUFLOW
- Good match using same TUFLOW calibration parameters as derived for Iowa Bridge, USA
- Hoping(!) for significant overtopping flood events this summer
- So far increased confidence in ability of TUFLOW and CFD modelling to reproduce reality



Modelling Hydraulic Structures

Conclusions

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Constrictions

2D models contract and expand flow lines

- Implicitly models form losses if using complete version of the 2D equations

Not all losses are represented

- Coarse meshes will not reproduce losses to same degree as fine meshes
- 3D (vertical) and sub-cell, fine-scale losses not represented
- Need ability to add (minor) form losses (benchmark and calibrate)

1st Order 2D schemes diffusive and overpredict losses – benchmark your software!

Linking 1D structures into 2D

- Useful when the structure is small relative to the 2D cell size
- Large structures (relative to 2D cell size) may duplicate (over predict) losses
- May need to reduce entrance/exit losses (benchmark and calibrate)

Conclusions

Piers

Piers

- Fine mesh, preferably flexible mesh can reproduce affluxes
 - Sub-grid sampling (SGS) helps for fixed grid meshes
 - Quality sub-cell turbulence scheme needed for modelling wakes
- Using form losses best approach for coarse meshes
 - Produces accurate affluxes
 - Can represent piers individually by treating each pier separate K_p analysis and factoring up
 - Careful applying pier blockage to flow area – K_p values may assume this is not the case

Conclusions Decks

TMR/TUFLOW Investigation

- Provide improved approaches and guidelines for representing decks
- Benchmarked against
 - CFD modelling
 - Field measurements

Finally, as always, benchmark, cross-check and understand your results

- A simple “*What proportion of the $V^2/2g$ has been lost?*” check will often do!

Thank you