

# Water Cost Tool and Bay-Delta SCHISM: Towards Fidelity in Planning Questions and Answers

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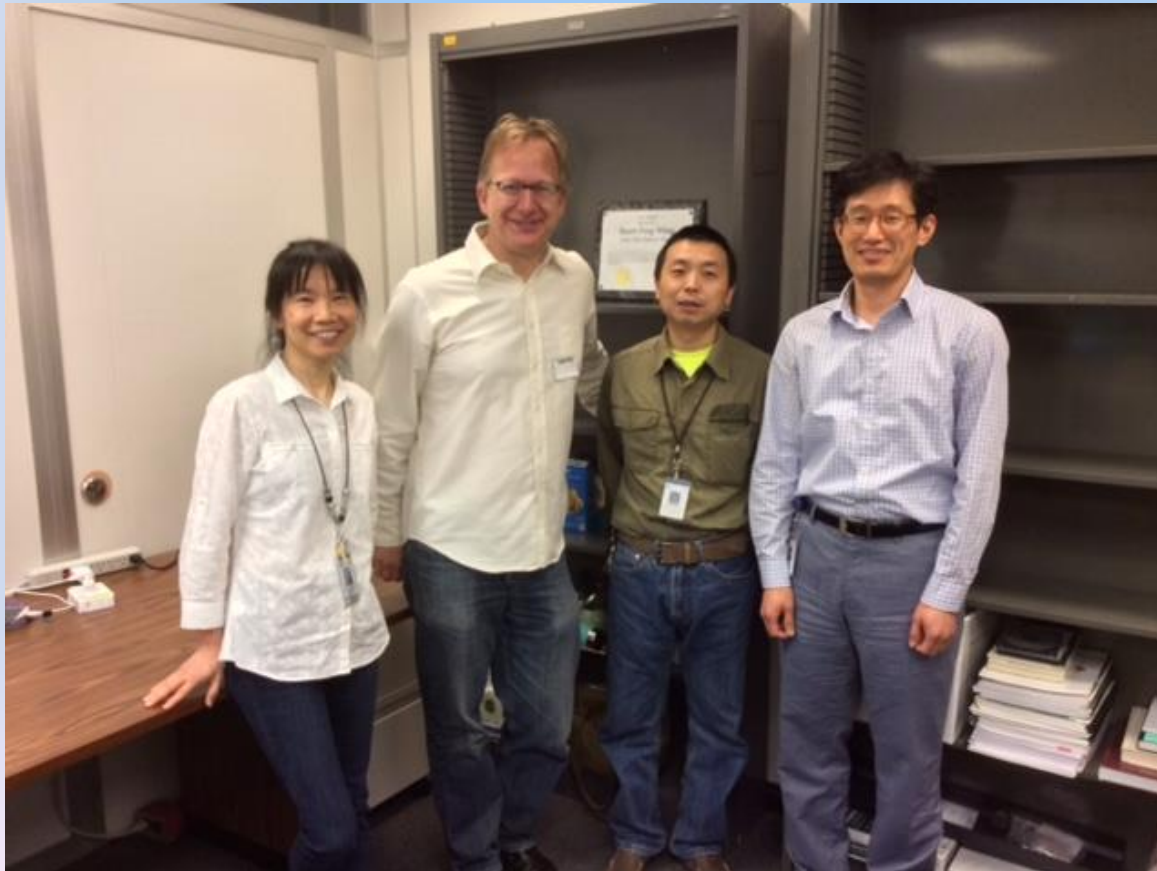
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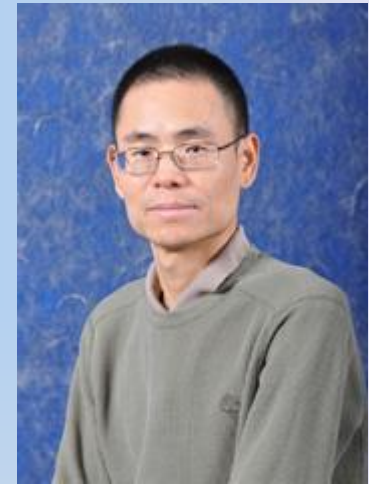


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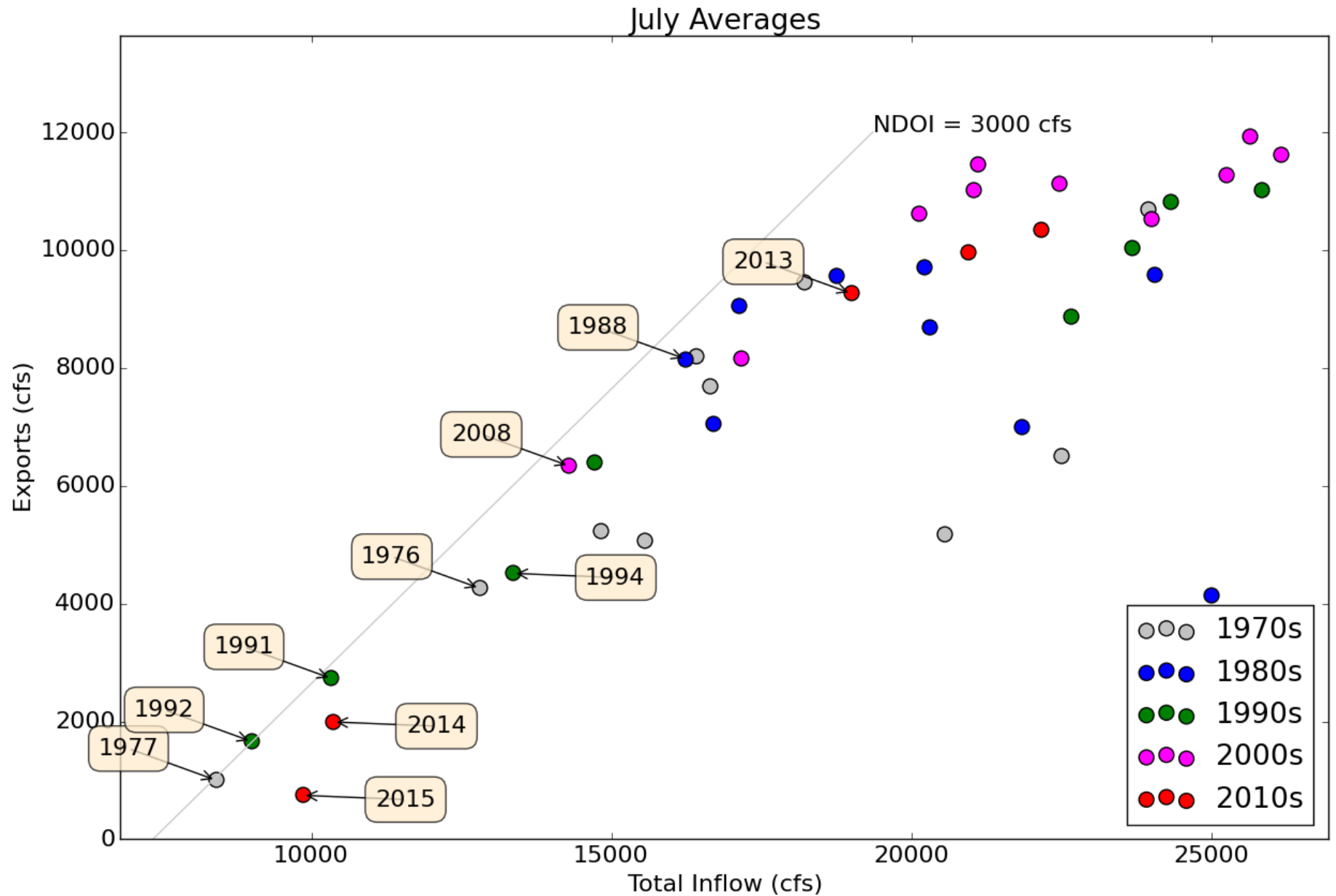


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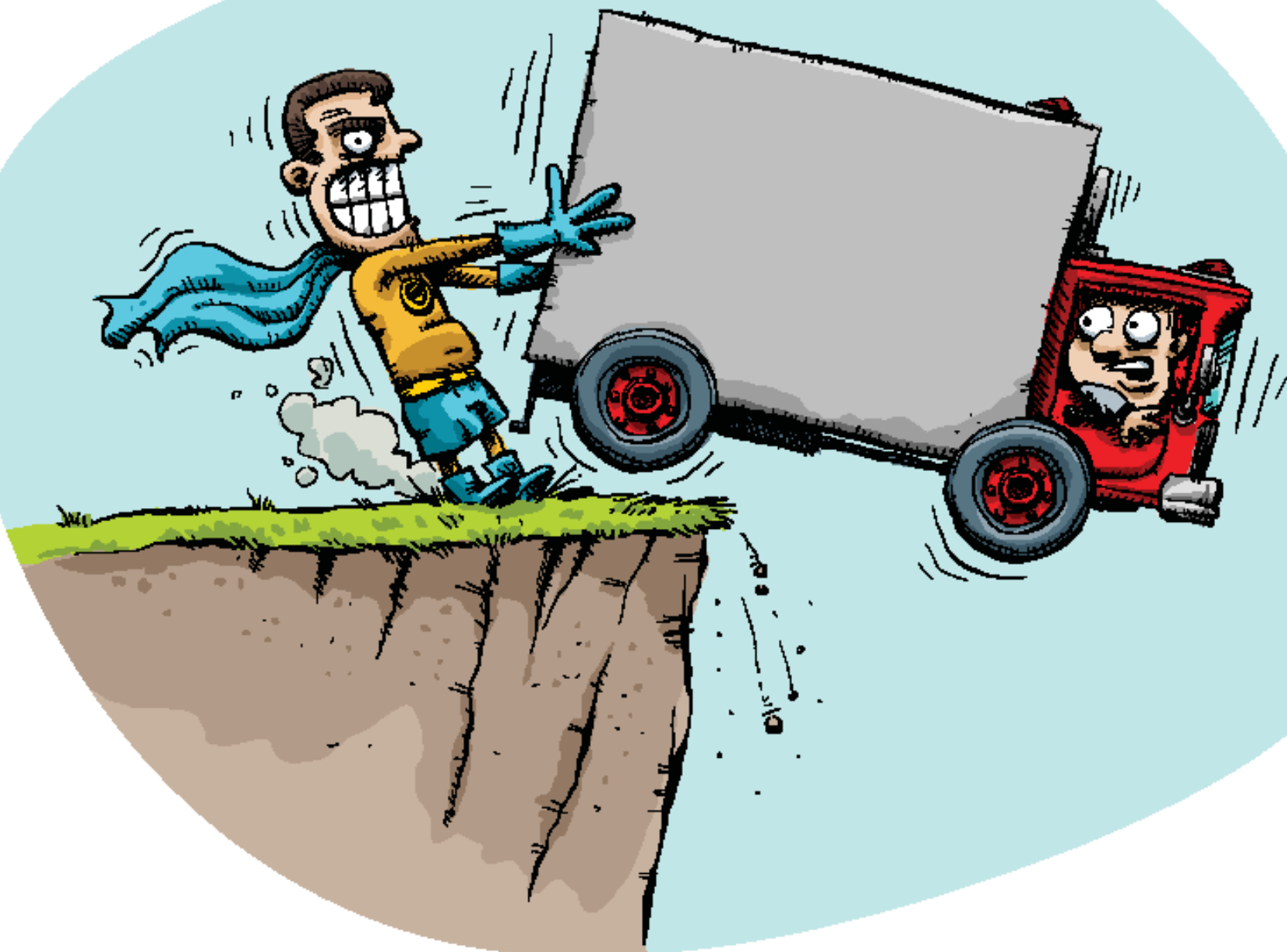


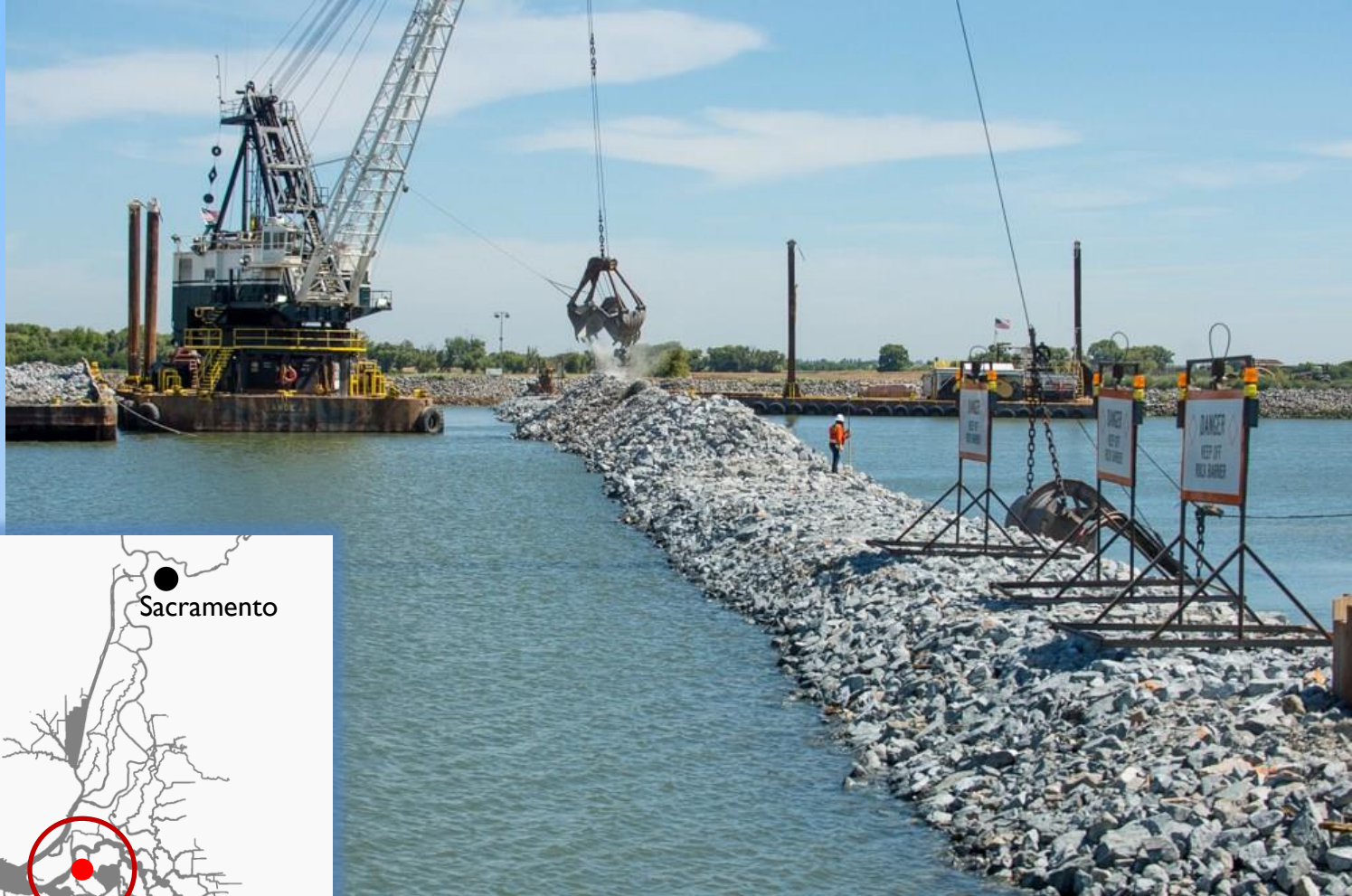
# Setting the Stage ...

## Drought Barrier



Note: high flow years 1983, 1995, 1998, 2011 outside plot bounds





False River Emergency Barrier 2015

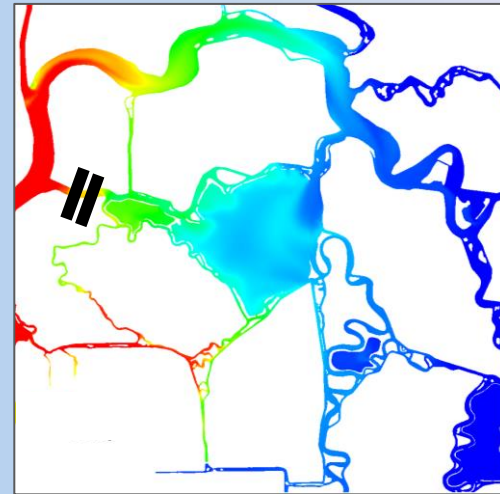
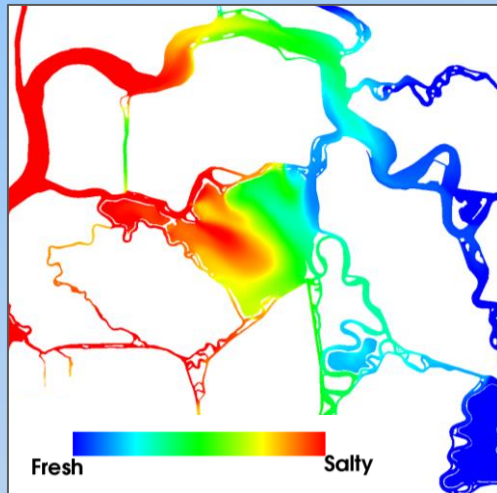


# Tidal Pumping

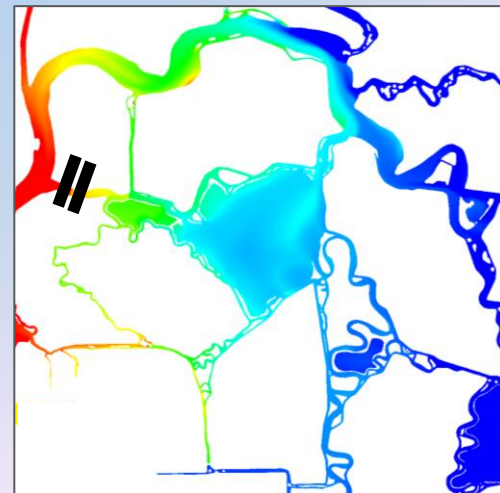
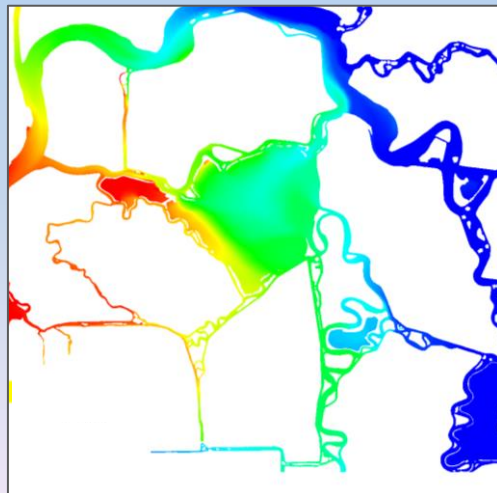
No Barrier

Barrier

Flood



Ebb

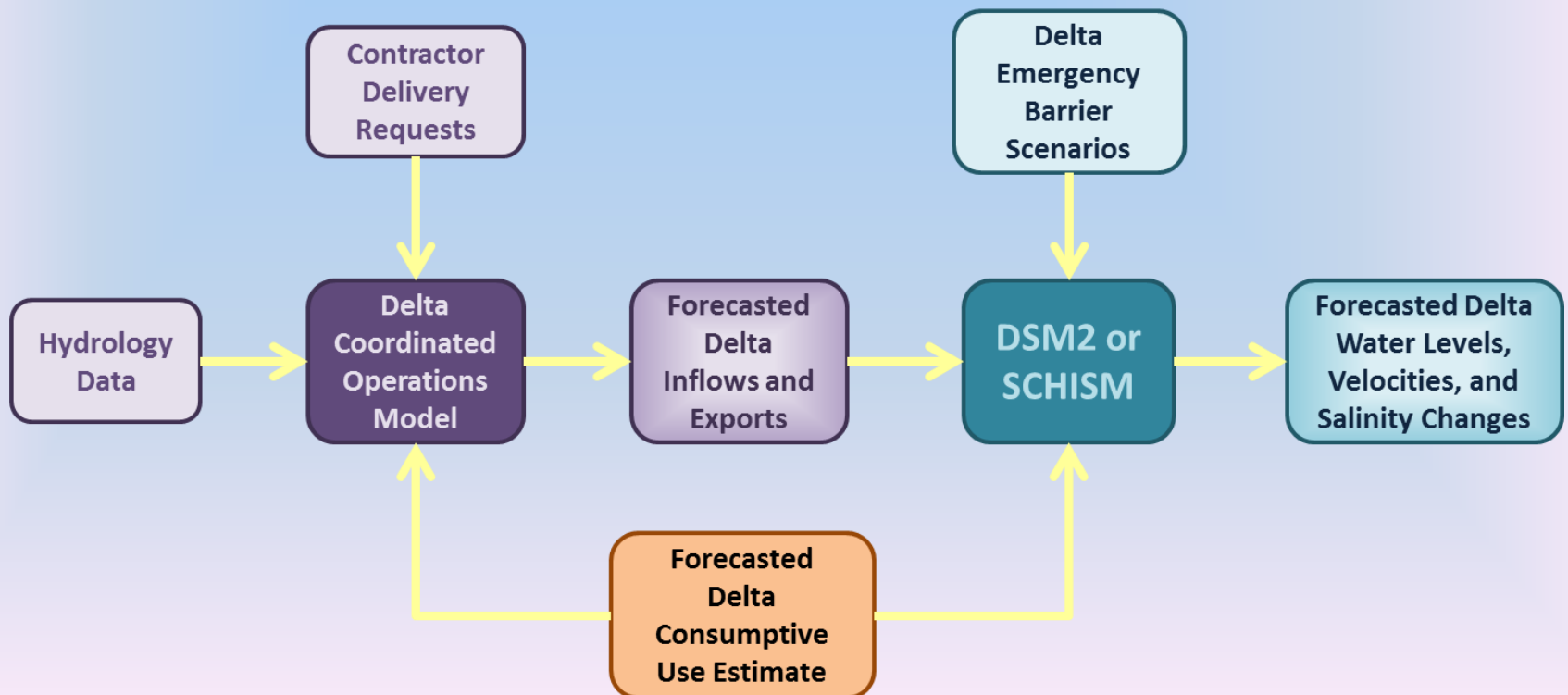


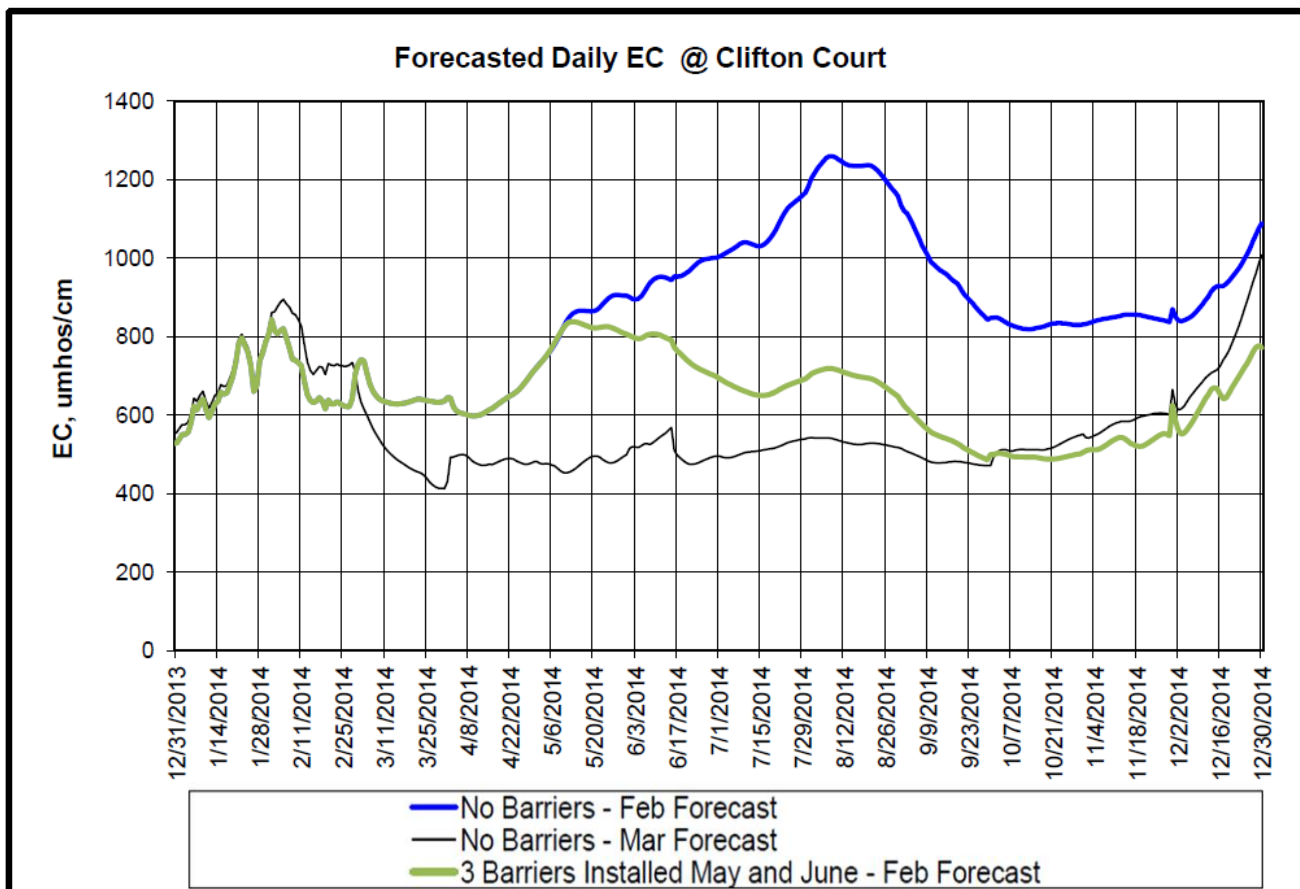
# Realistic Questions: Water Cost Analysis



# Tradition

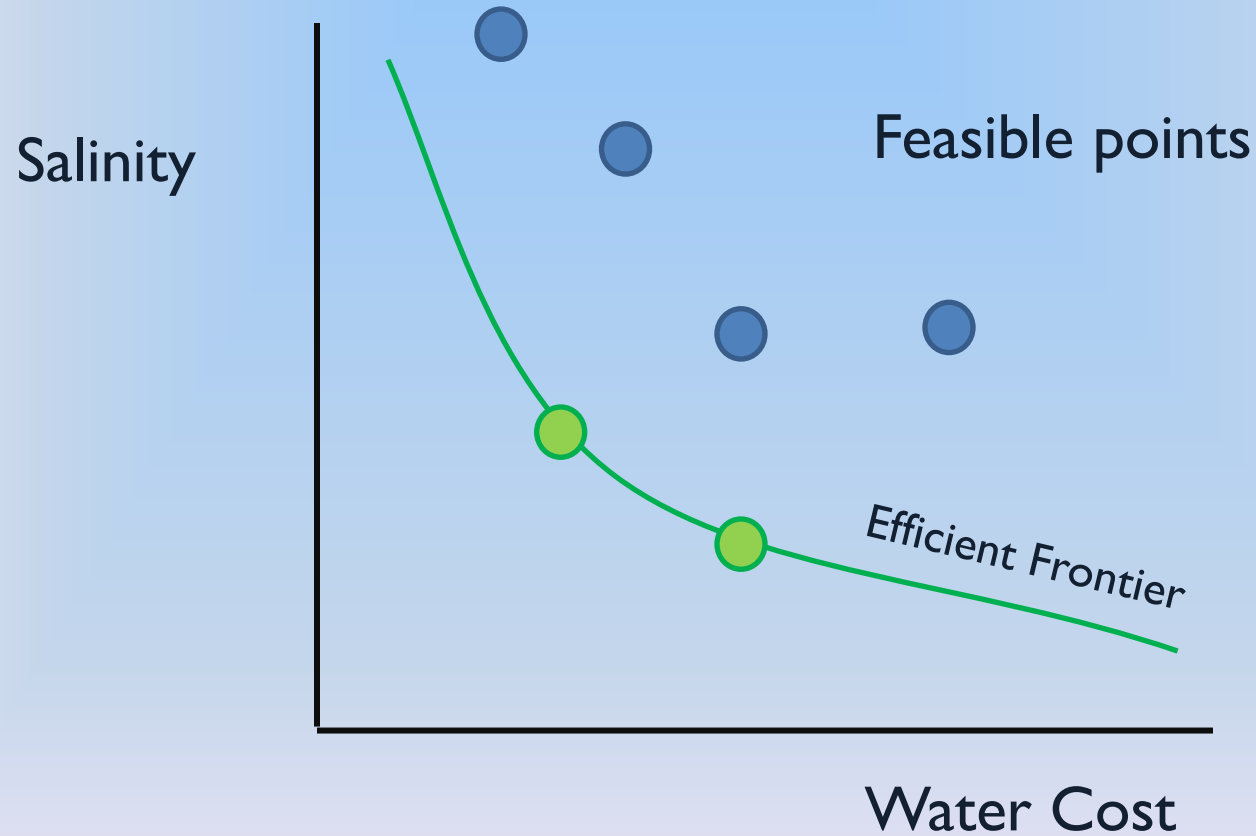
- Simulate *barrier* and *no barrier*, same inputs
- Sensitivity → defense, appendix

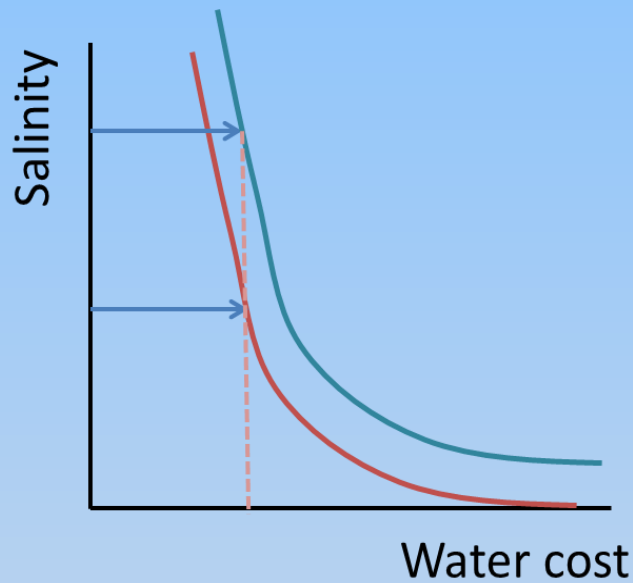




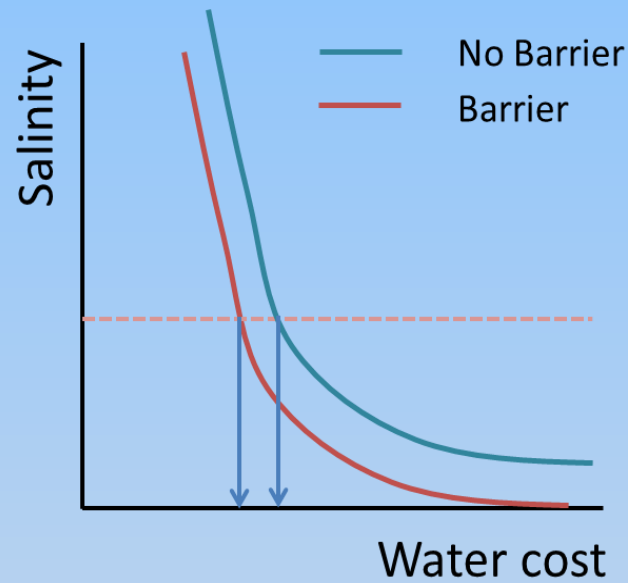
# Water Cost Analysis

# The Quality-Quantity Frontier





Large salinity change for  
fixed flow pattern



Small water cost savings  
for fixed salinity  
constraint

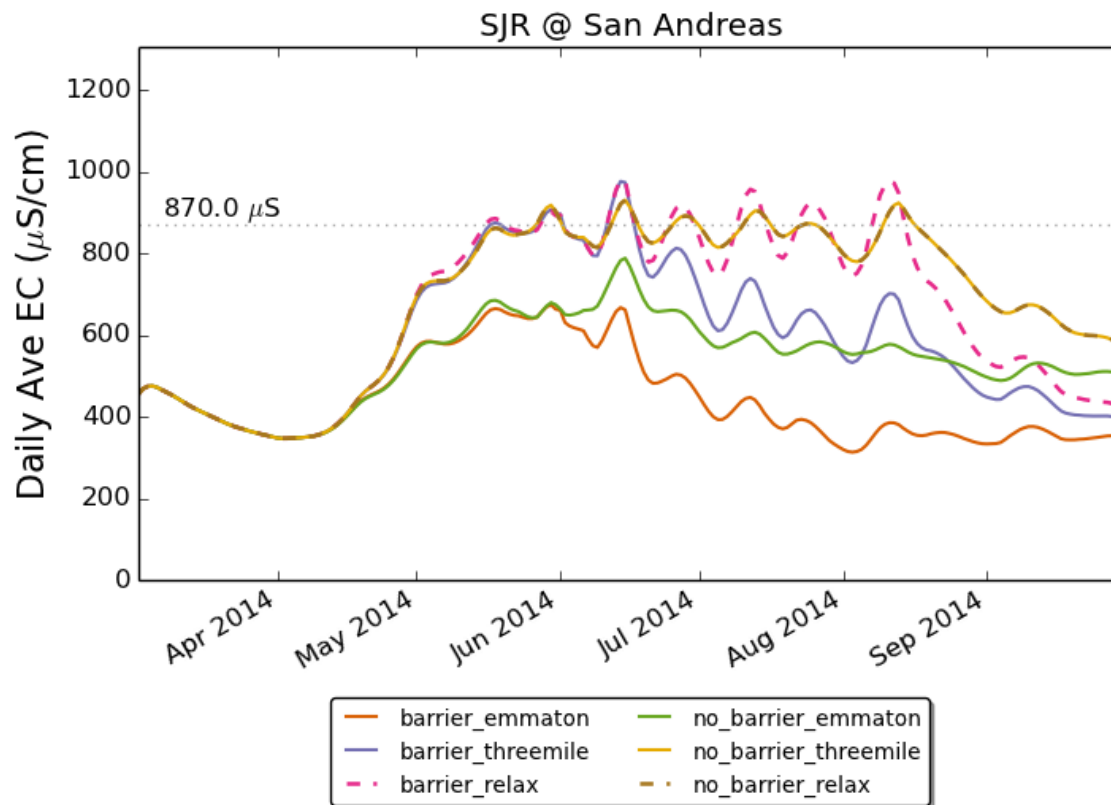
Water cost is a more robust metric.

# Water Cost is an Inverse Problem

- Minimize sum of outflow that ...
- Meets D-1641 EC (or anything you want)
- Constrained Optimization By Linear Approximation (COBYLA)
- Regularization to get rid of whacky results
- (Most) solutions are “in the calibration zone”



# Binding Standards



# The Main Result

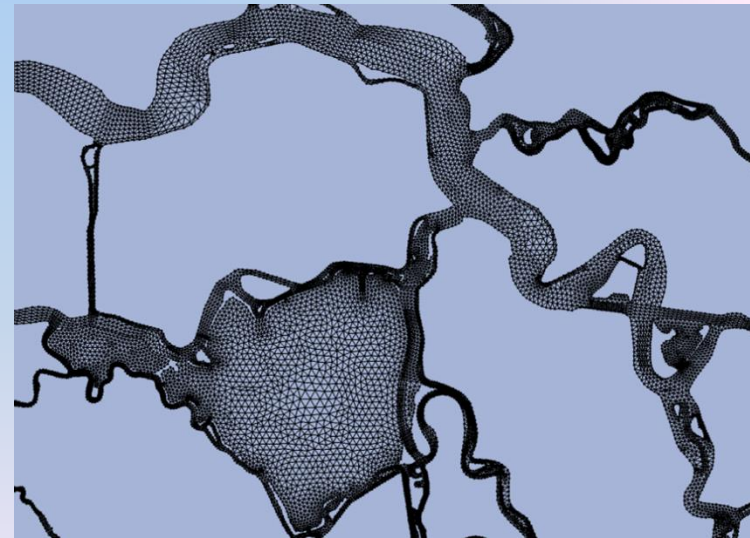
Objective	Emergency Barriers	Without Barriers
Emmaton	3893 cfs	3657 cfs
Three Mile	3050 cfs	3045 cfs
Relaxed	2769 cfs	3045 cfs

1. Compliance point relaxation saves water
2. Barriers yield no further water cost reduction if ag standards on Sac/SJR are limiting
3. Barriers reduce interior salinity and make it possible to safely make use of the relaxed compliance point

# Realistic Answers: Bay-Delta SCHISM

# Bay-Delta SCHISM

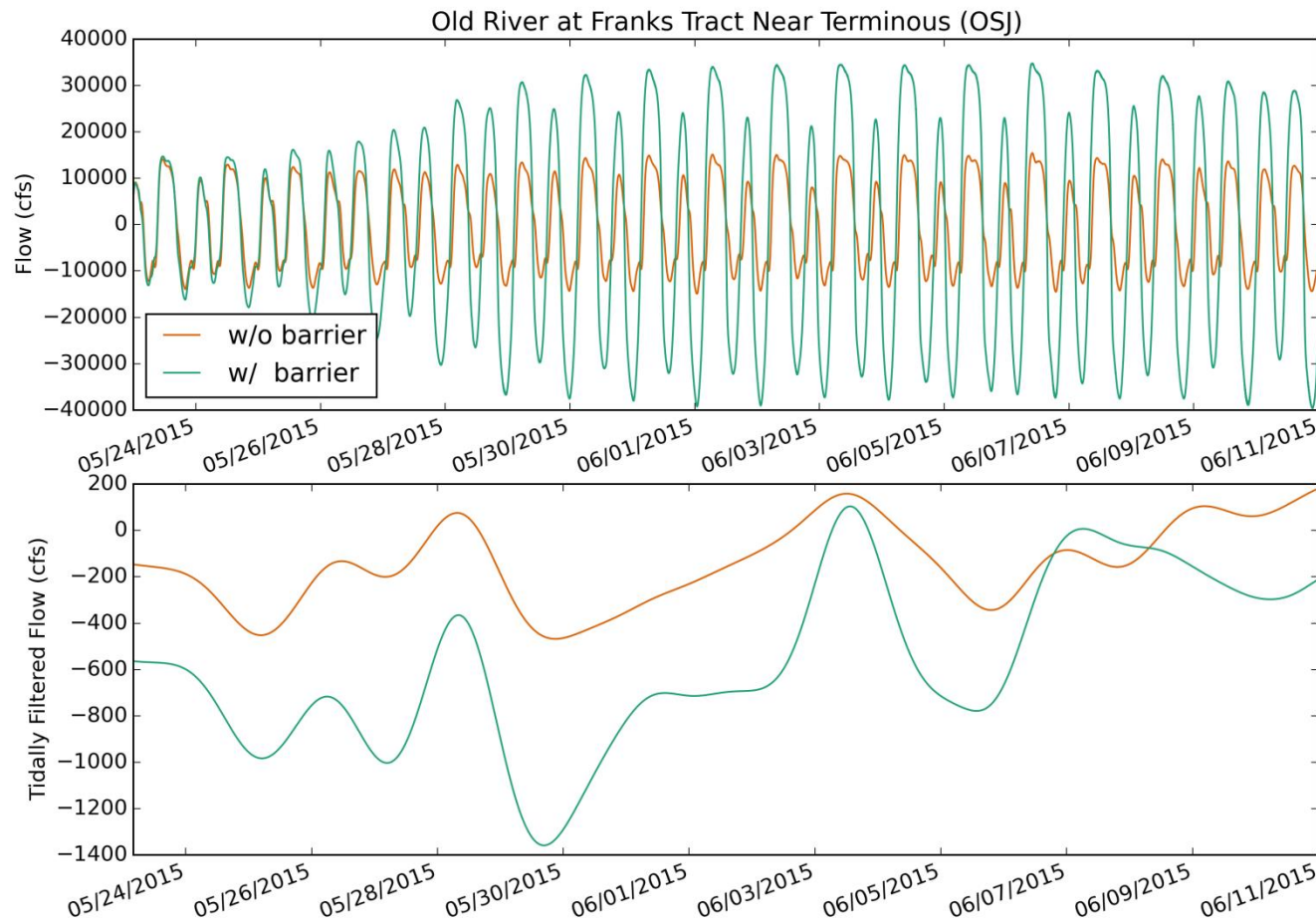
- Under development since 2011
- Collaboration with Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)
- Public: first workshops in 2015
- Infrastructural intent/scope
- 3D circulation and dynamics
- Resolves primary currents
- Drought was our Big Break



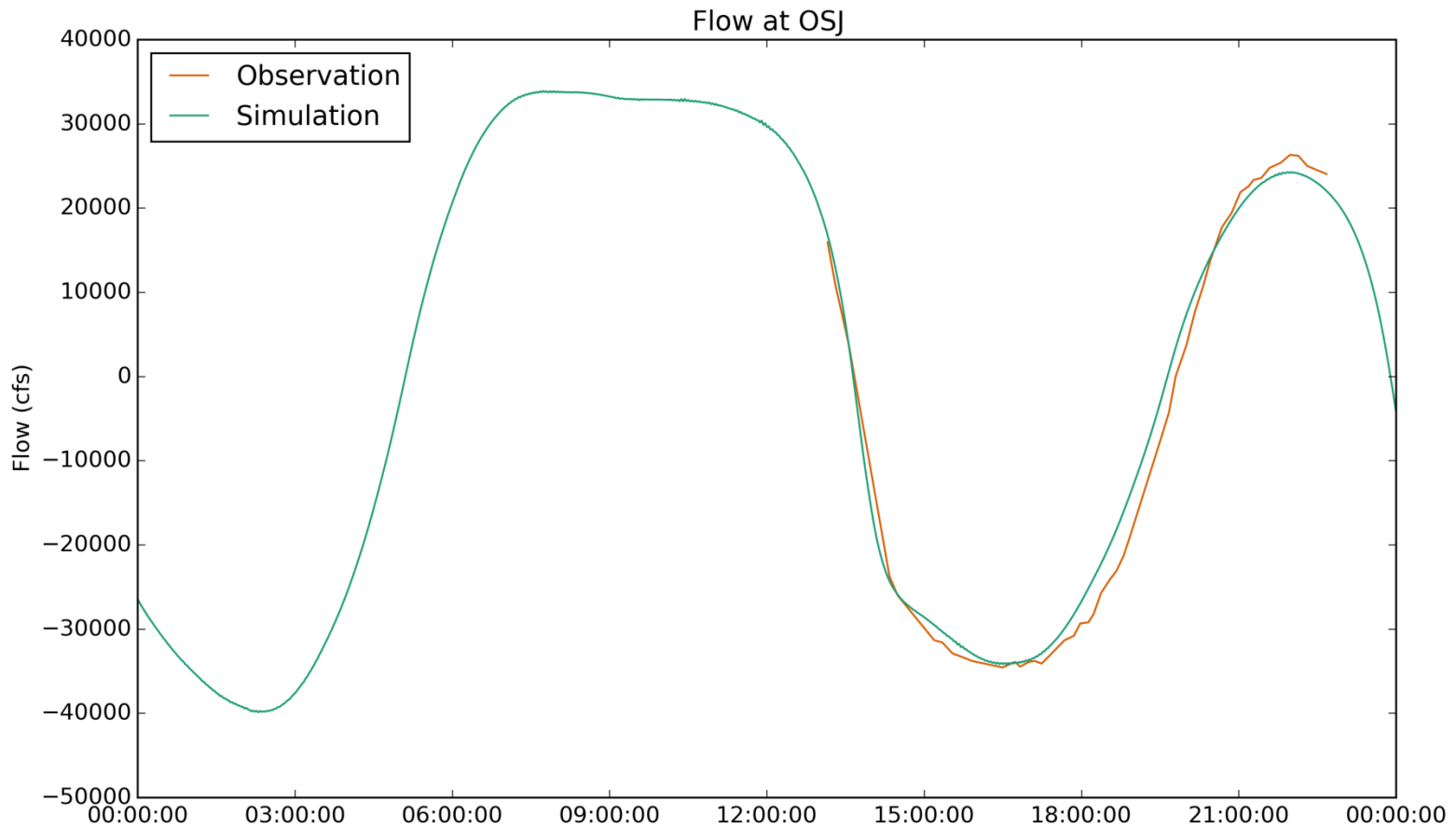
[http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/modeling/deltamodeling/models/bay\\_delta\\_schism/](http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/modeling/deltamodeling/models/bay_delta_schism/)

... or just google “Bay-Delta SCHISM”

# Lots of Plumbing Changes!!



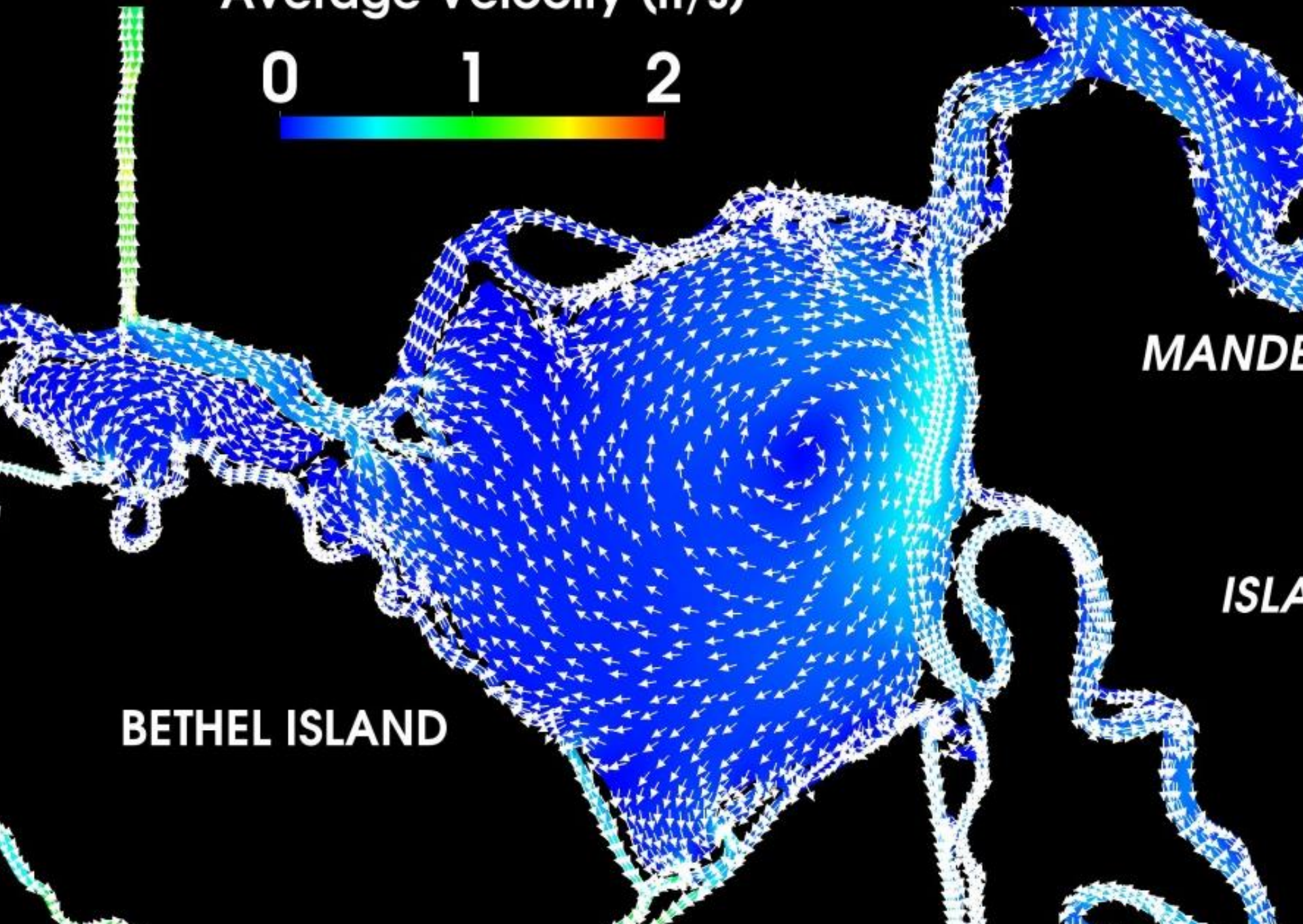
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Average Velocity (ft/s)

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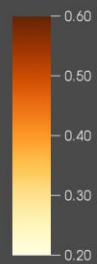
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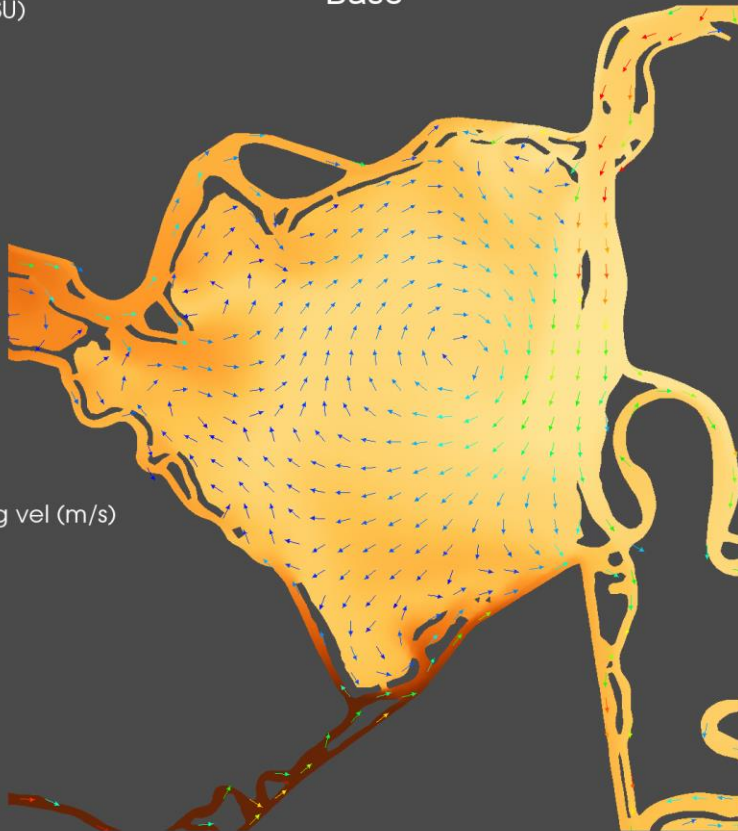
BETHEL ISLAND

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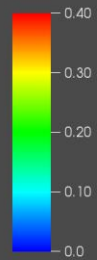
salinity (PSU)



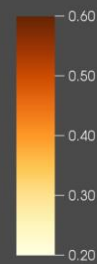
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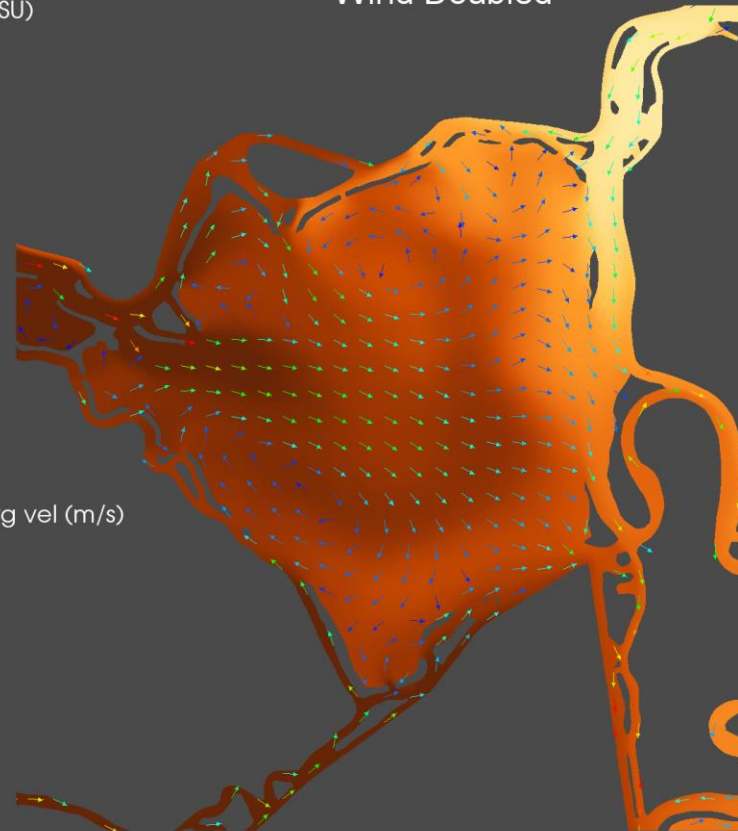
depth-avg vel (m/s)



salinity (PSU)



Wind Doubled



depth-avg vel (m/s)

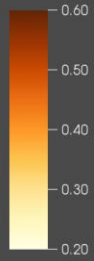




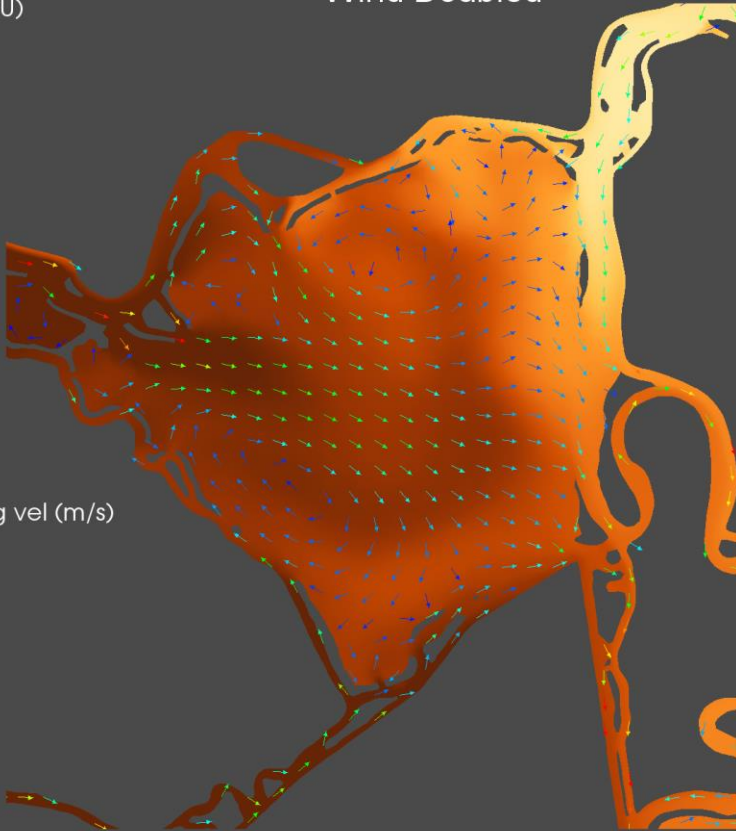
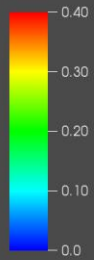
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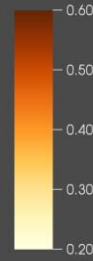


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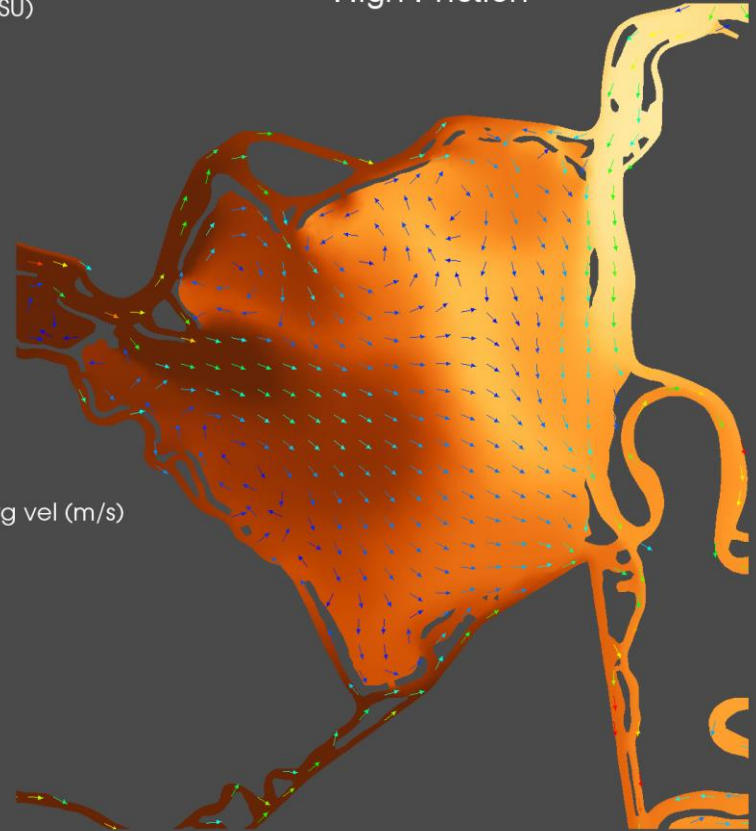
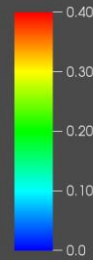


High Friction

salinity (PSU)



depth-avg vel (m/s)



# Bay-Delta SCHISM Marches On

- Climate Change basis for WSIP
- Nutrients and vegetation on Franks Tract
- Two flavors of Yolo
- Flooded Islands
- Multifidelity algorithms for combining DSM2/SCHISM/surrogates

# Parting Thought

- Sometimes the Devil is in the Details



...sometimes he is in the primary flow field





# Modeling and Data Analysis

