

# CHaMP Site CFD Modeling:

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# CHaMP Site CFD Modeling: Objectives

- Enable accurate hydraulic (CFD) modeling of large number of CHaMP sites over range of flow rates
  - Results sufficiently accurate, and reported on spatial scale suitable for, inputs to mechanistic fish-habitat models (HSI, NREI, shear-zone modeling, etc.)
  - Enable modeling of High volume of CHaMP sites (all CHaMP sites?)
    - Automation or near-automation of modeling

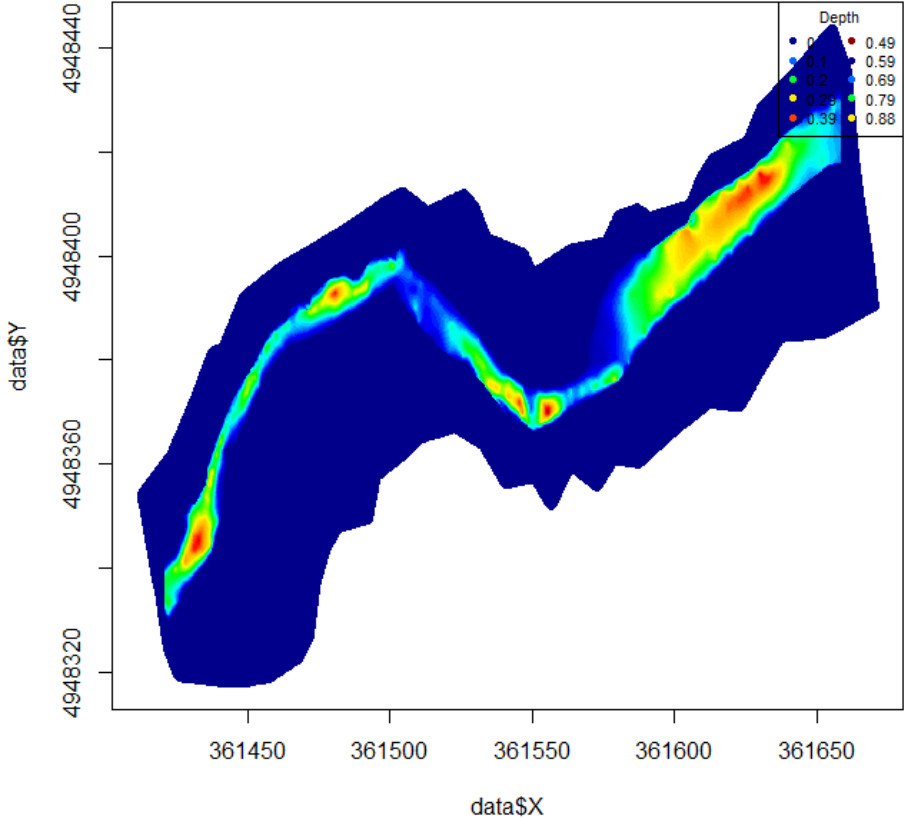
# CHaMP CFD Modeling Steps

- **Receive Input Data (CHaMP)**
  - DEM, WSE-DEM, Thalweg; Particle Size Distribution (D84), Discharge
- **Convert Raw Data into Delft-3D Input Files (R-Code)**
  - 8-10 Input files per sites
- **Run the Delft-3D Code (0.5 – 10 computational hours per site)**
  - Low flow rates require longer simulation times
- **Convert Output Files into text files (Matlab macro)**
- **Map Delft-3D results back onto DEM Grid (R-code)**
- **Create Curvilinear Grid and Map Delft-3D results onto Curvilinear Grid**
  - For NREI Inputs Only (R-Code)
- **Check Results for Convergence and Stability (R-code)**
- **Compare Results to validation data (R-Code) when available (R-Code)**
- **Ship Results!**

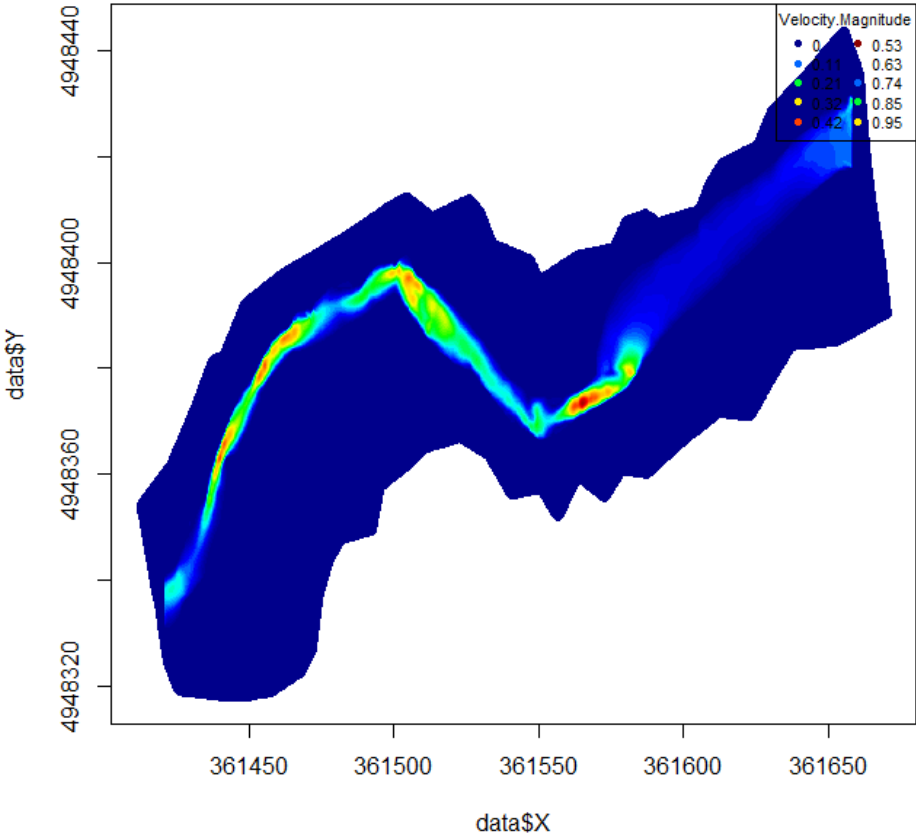
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## Depth and Velocity Magnitude

JD\_CBW05583-415218: Depth



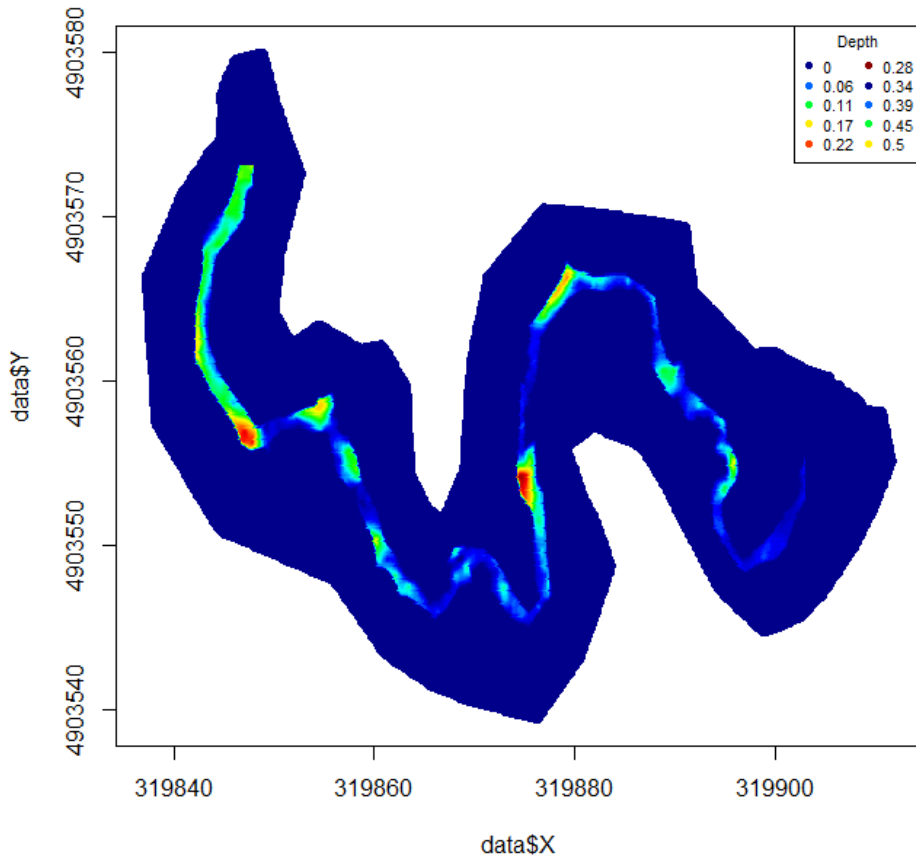
JD\_CBW05583-415218: Velocity.Magnitude



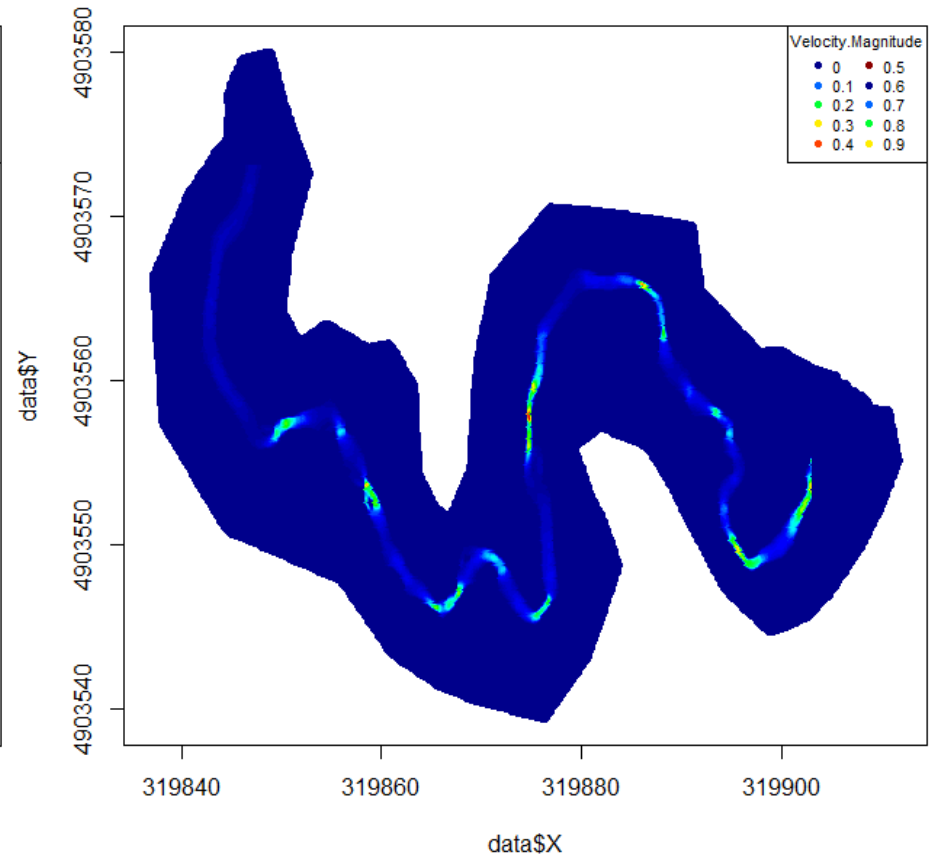
# Example Results:

## Depth and Velocity Magnitude

JD\_CBW05583-347506: Depth



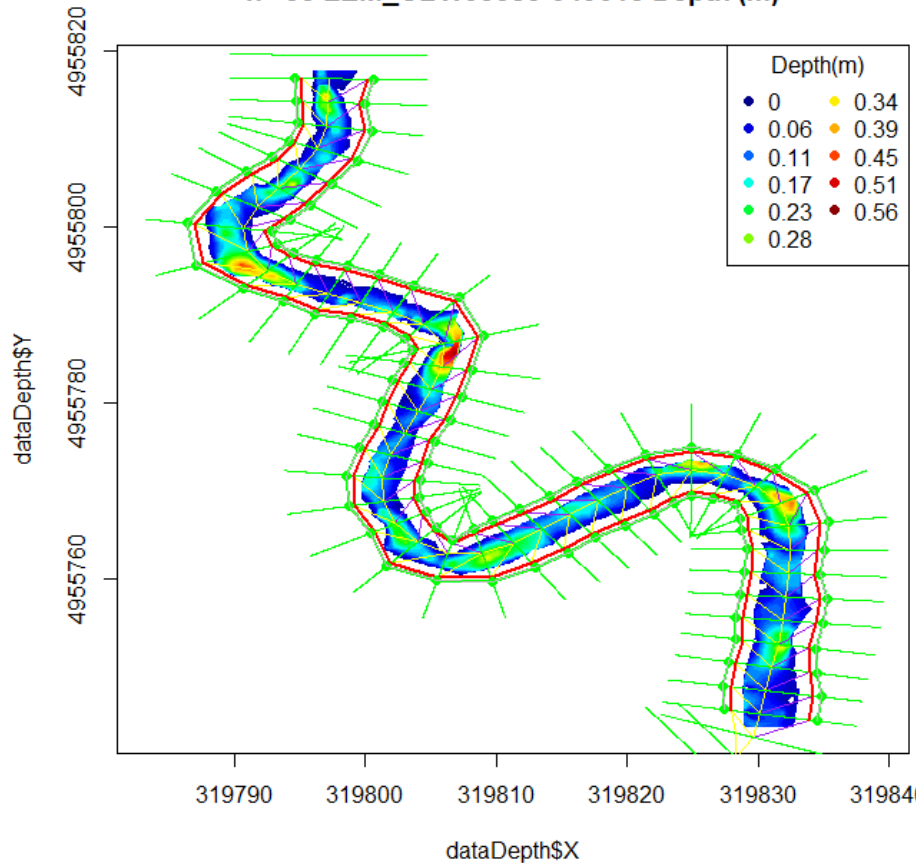
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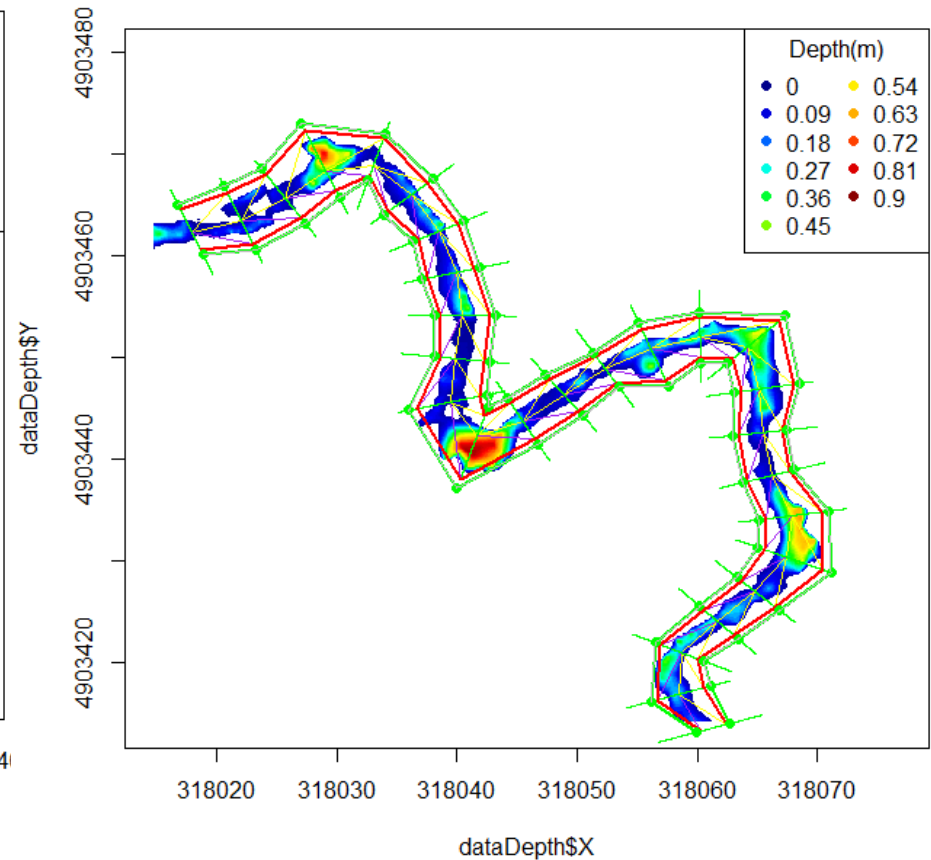
# Translating Results to Curvilinear Grids (for NREI)

Challenge: Build algorithm that takes CFD solution, create an orthogonal grid that follows just outside wetted edge, with reasonable cell geometry, that doesn't fold back on itself.

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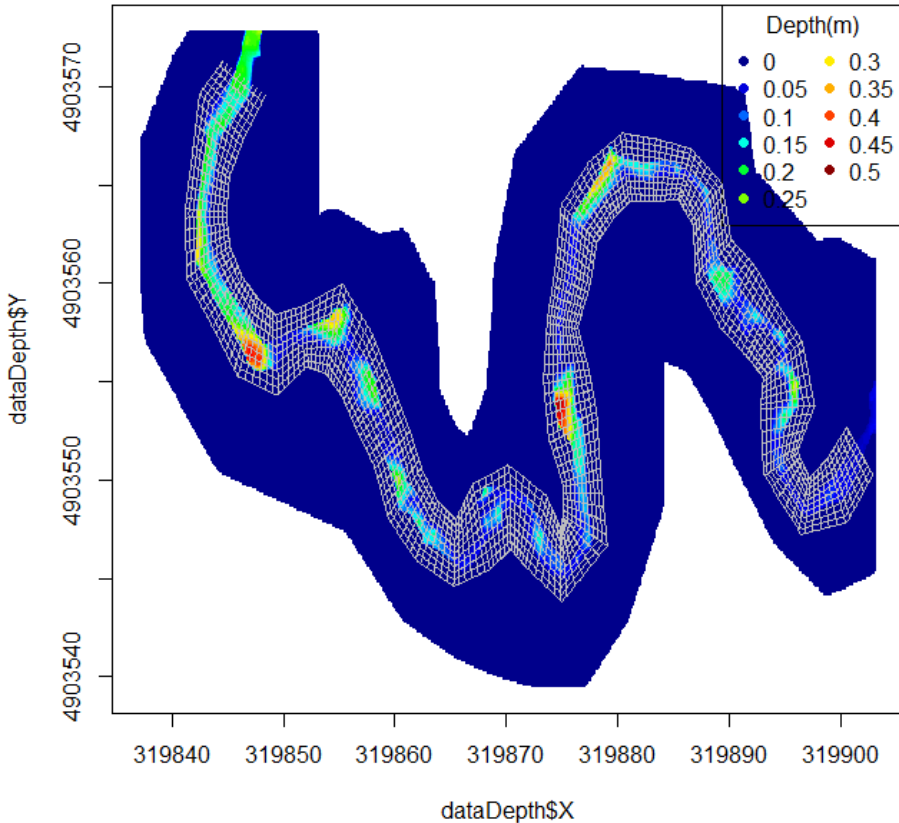
k= 45 JD\_CBW05583-363890 Depth (m)



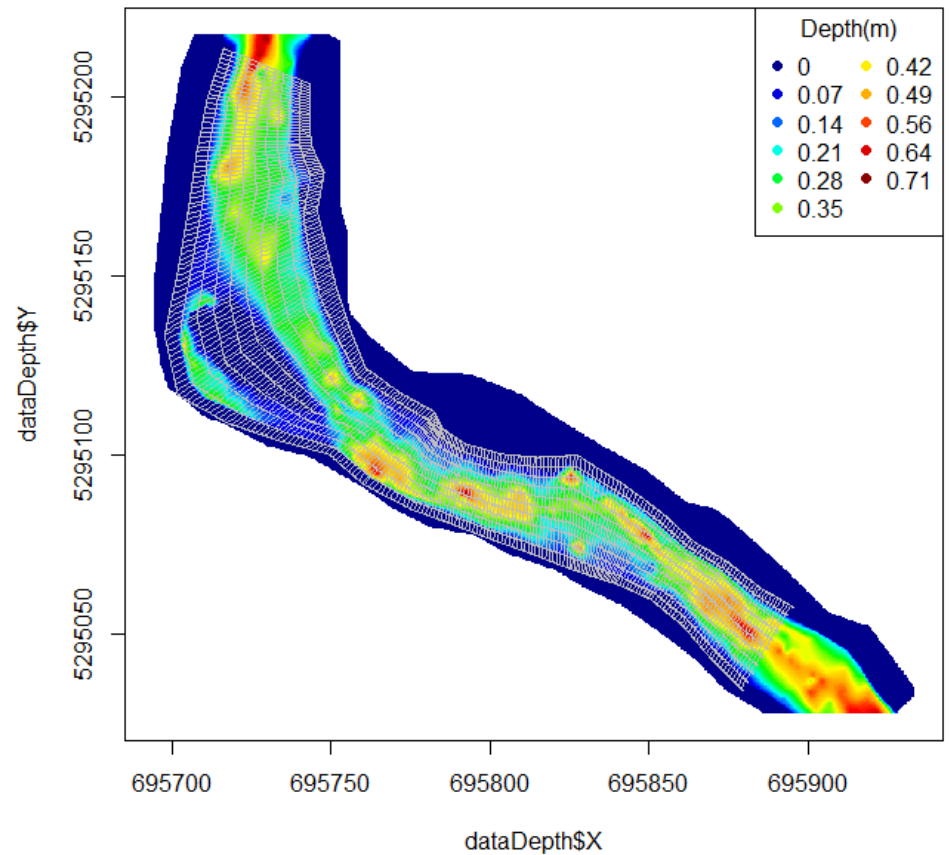
# Translating Results to Curvilinear Grids

(For NREI Inputs)

Curvilinear Grid for NREI Modeling: Site JD\_CBW05583-347506  
(1/5 of Grid Lines Displayed)



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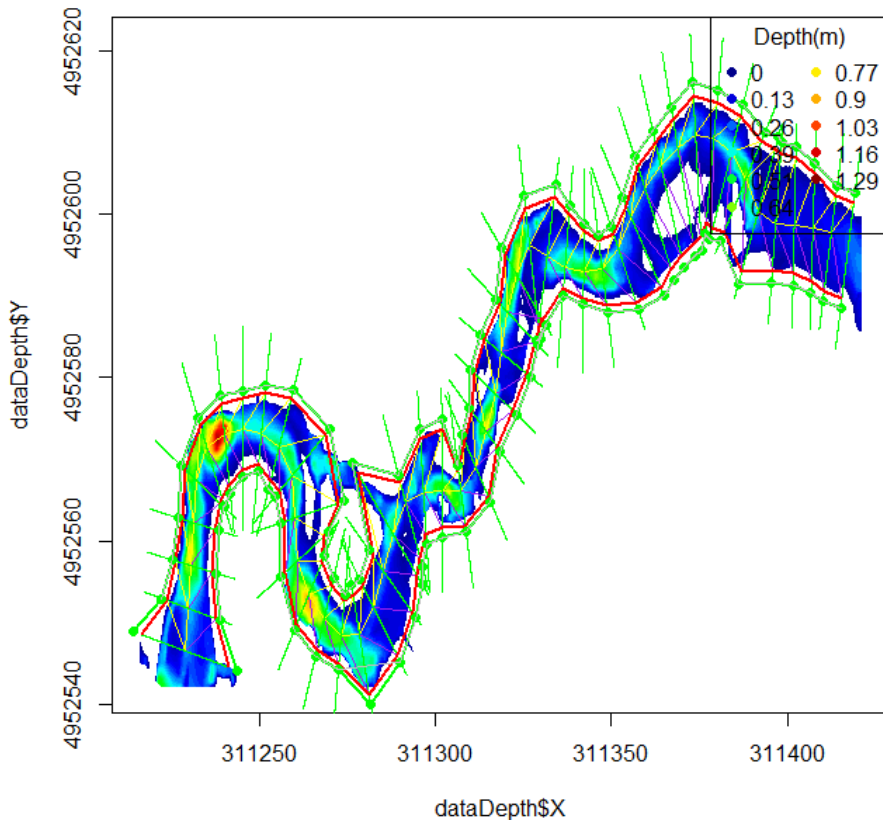




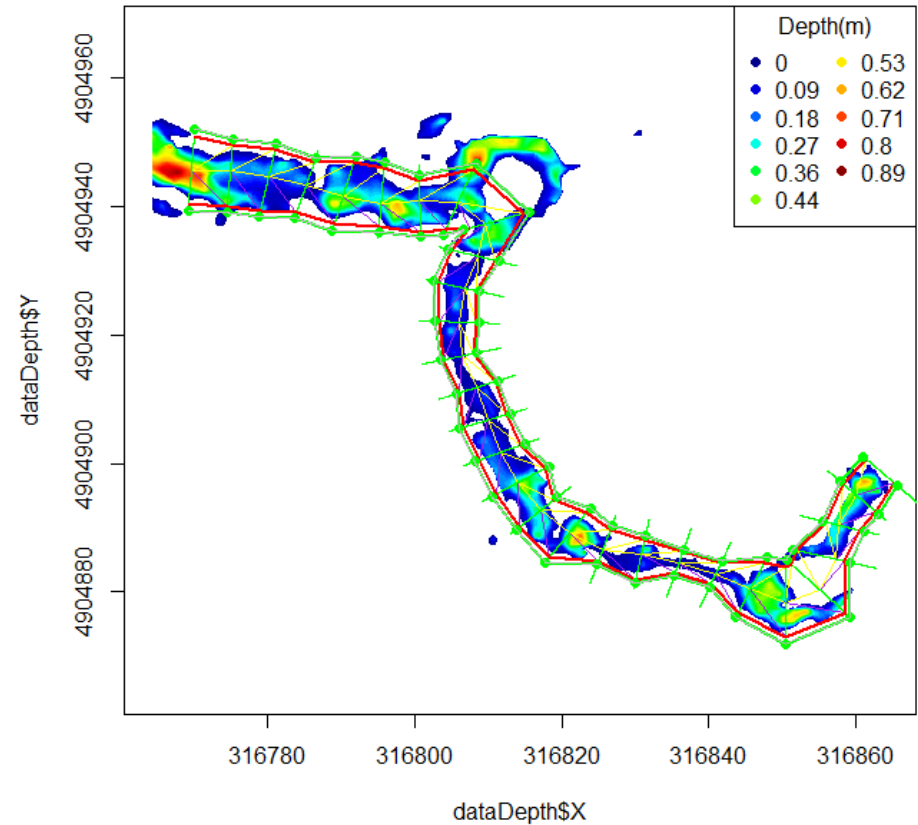
# Translating Results to Curvilinear Grids

Curvilinear Grid “Problem Children” sites, requiring manual manipulation to generate successful grid

k= 61 LEM\_CBW05583-452047 Depth (m)



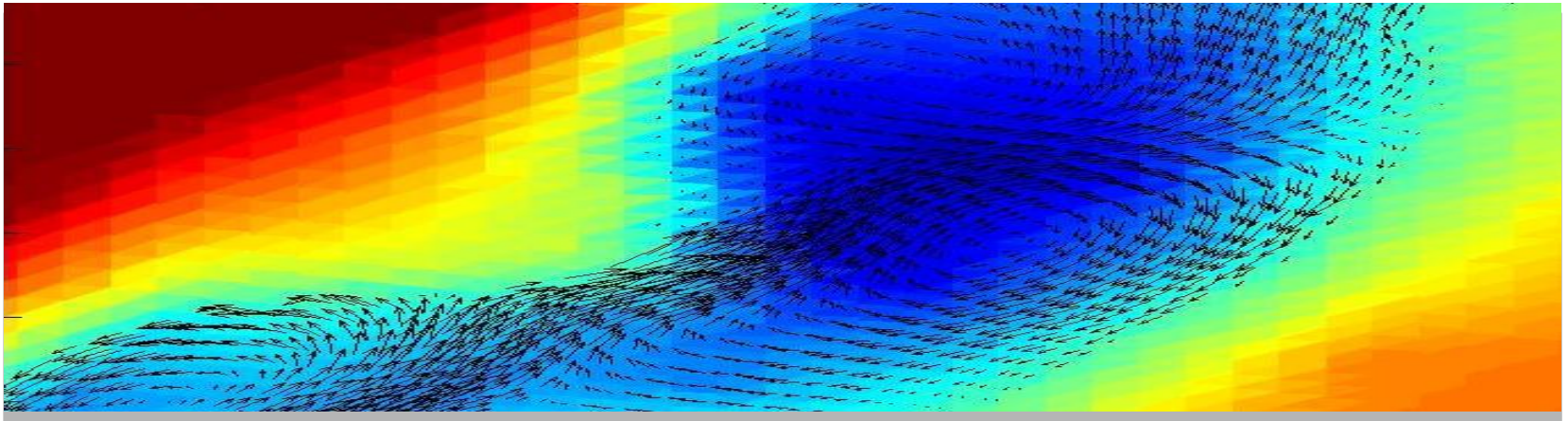
k= 42 JD\_CBW05583-208242 Depth (m)



10-20% of sites require manual manipulation to generate valid curvilinear grids

3 Input values created to manipulate algorithm to suit stream geometry

A few sites have “issues” that may or may not be problematic for NREI



CHaMP Site CFD Modeling Results

# **MODEL VALIDATION AND OPTIMIZATION**

# CHaMP Site CFD Modeling: Potential Error Sources

- Sources of Error\*:
  - Error in Discharge Estimates
  - **Error and Lack of Detail in Bathymetry data (DEM)**
    - **Important Geometry (pebbles, rocks) exists on a finer scale than DEM can map.**
      - DEM data tends to smooth out localized variability
    - **Features affecting flow may not be represented in DEM data**
      - Bushes, woody debris, etc.
    - **Porous or hidden features may be represented as solid features in DEM data**
      - Beaver Dams, Bank Undercuts
    - **Local variation in Surface roughness not currently used in model**
  - Boundary Conditions Imperfect
    - Distribution of discharge along inlet to modeled stream section
    - Water Surface elevation along outlet to modeled stream section
  - Numerical Simulation Imperfect
    - Grid Spacing or time step too effects
    - Turbulent and/or localized 3D flows not modeled accurately
      - Localized Eddies difficult to model accurately
    - Surface roughness inputs not optimal

\* Items in **BOLD** are what I believe are our current limiters for accuracy

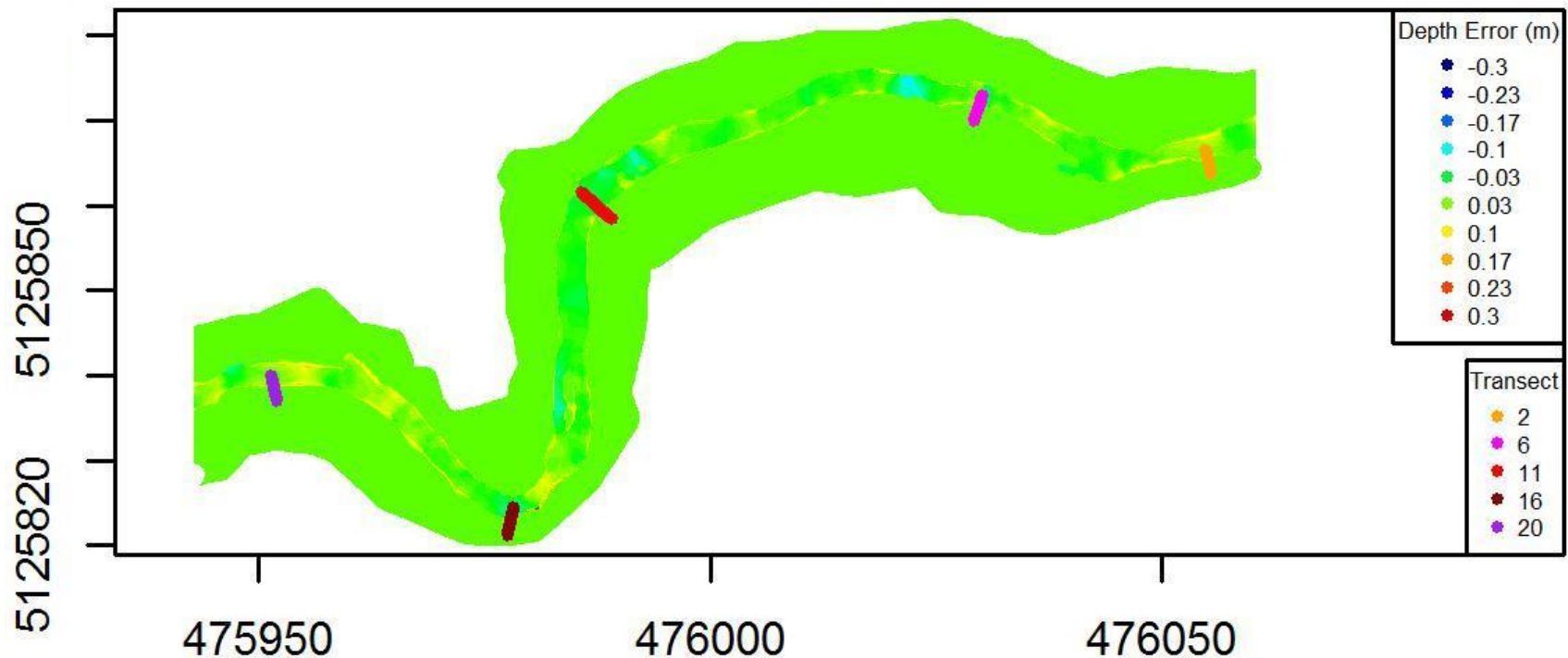
# CFD Model Output and Available Validation Data

- CFD Model Output Generate for each Site includes:
  - Velocity (m/s)
    - X and Y Component Vectors
  - Depth (m) and Water Surface Elevation (m)
  - Bed Shear Stress (N/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Vorticity (1/s)
- Field Data useful for validation includes
  - Depth
    - At all DEM points
    - Along Validation Transects
  - Velocity
    - Along Validation Transects

## Difference (m) between Modeled Depth Results - DEM Depth

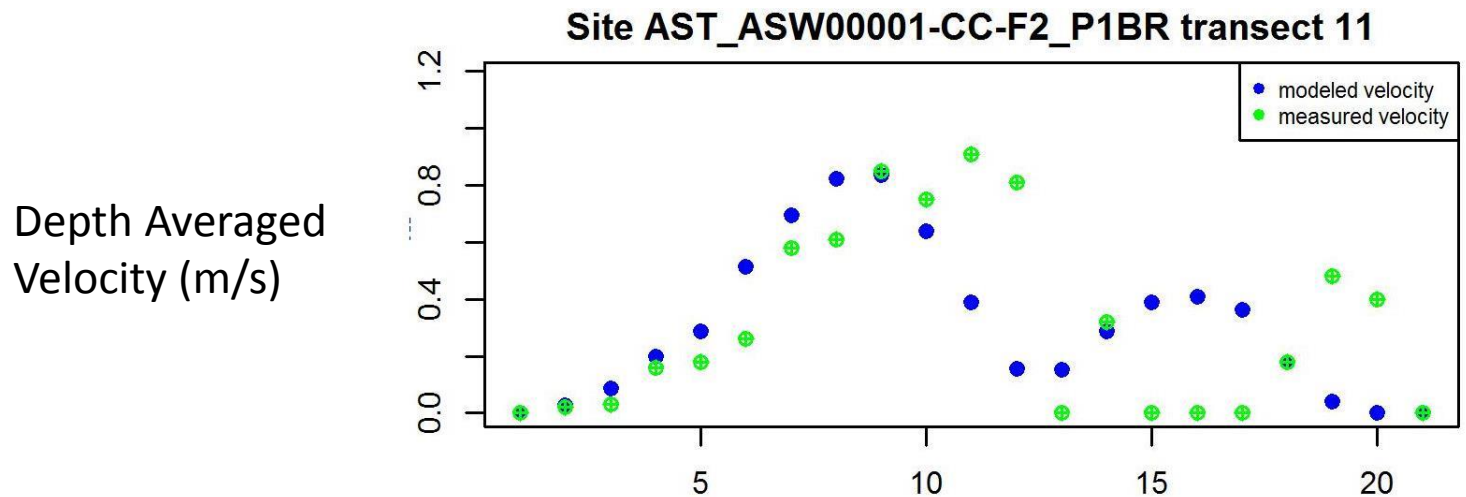
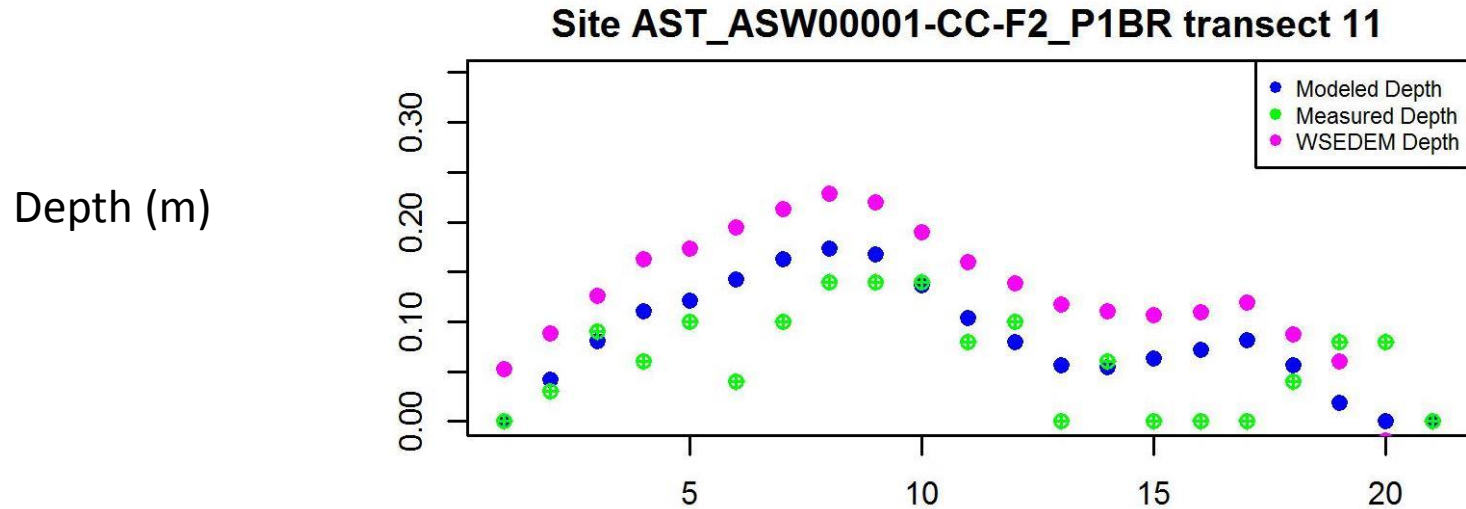
- A “perfect” match would be solid green
- Yellow through red indicates modeled depth greater than DEM
- Cyan through dark blue indicates modeled depth less than DEM Depth

### AST\_ASW00001-CC-F2\_P1BR WSE Error (model-WSEDEM)



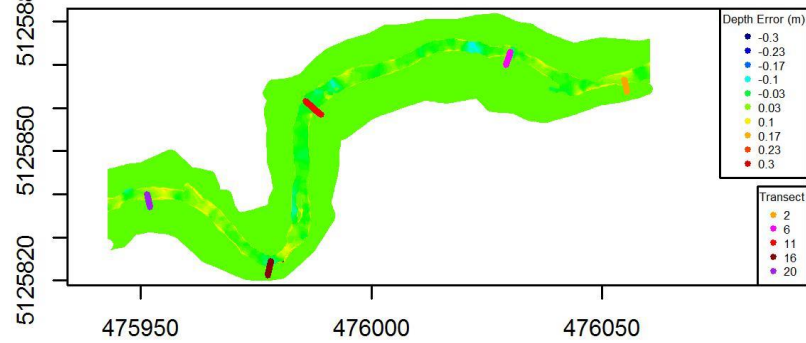
# Comparison Plots Between Modeled and Validation Data for Depth and Velocity

Plots Created for Each Validation Transect at Each Site

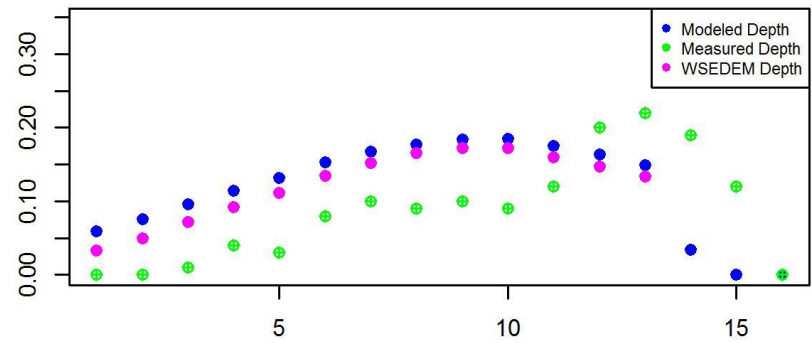


# Validation Plots Created for Each Site: Depth

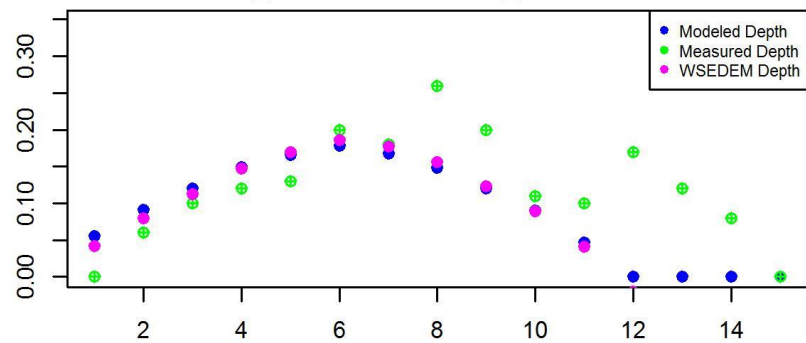
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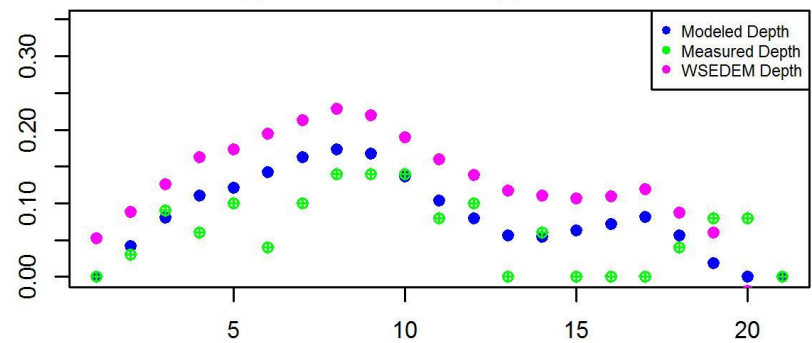
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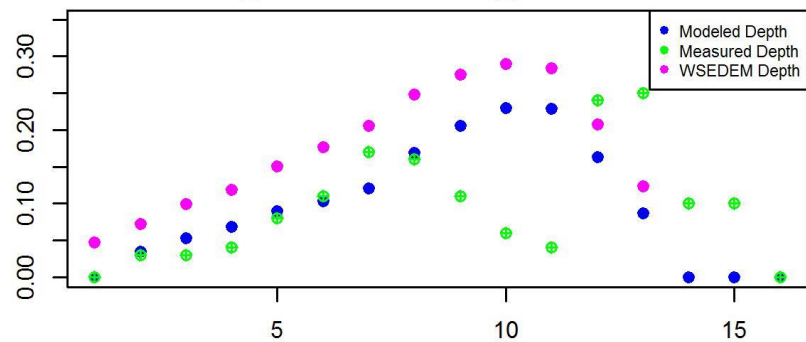
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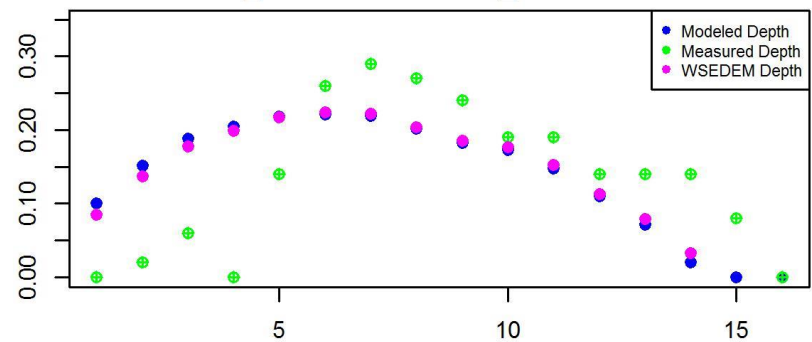
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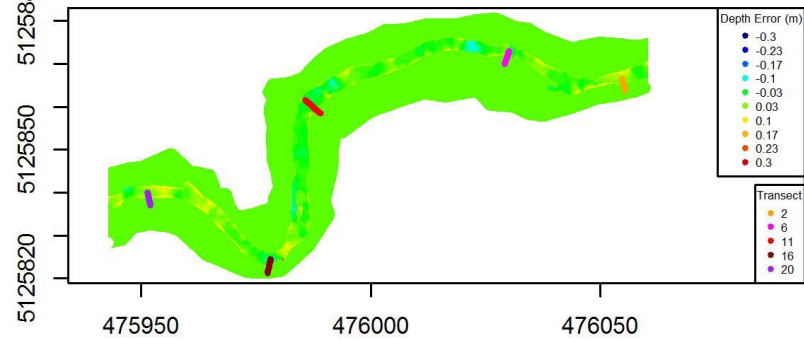


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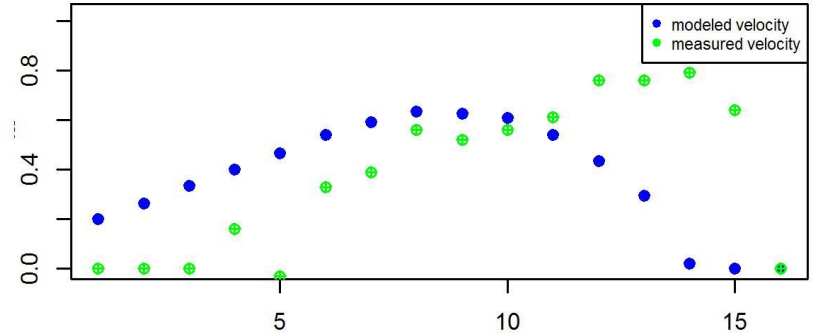


# Validation Plots Created for Each Site: Depth

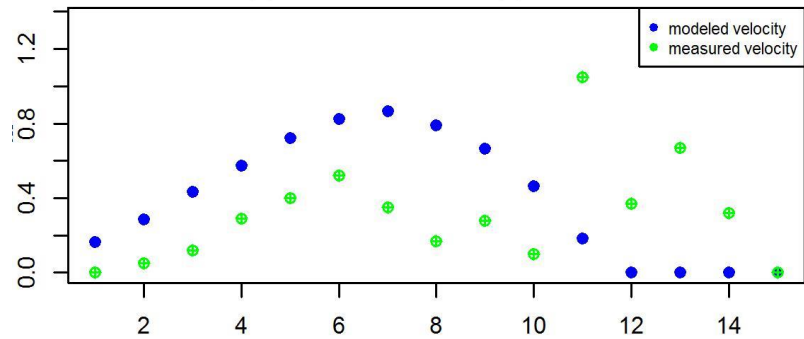
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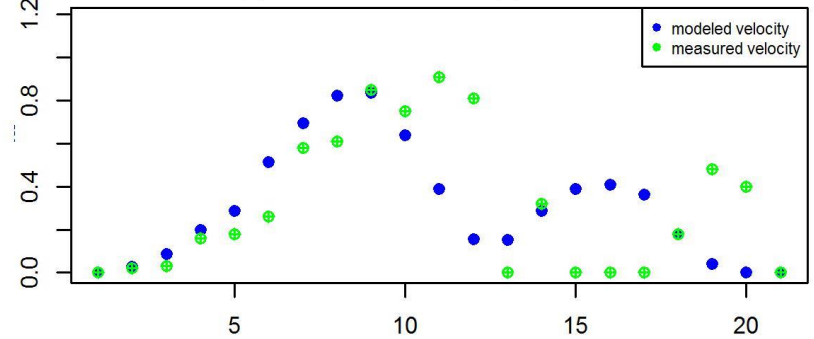
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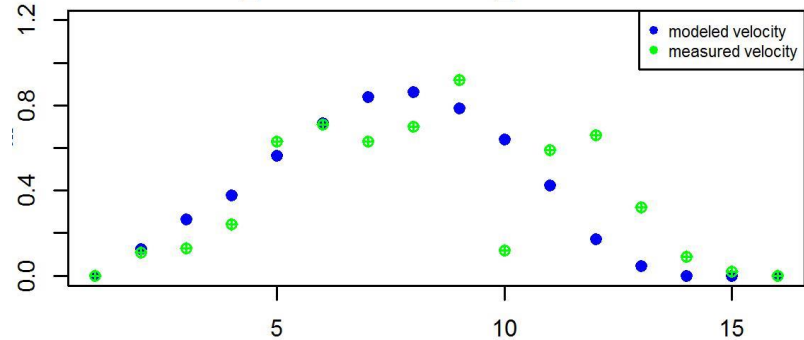
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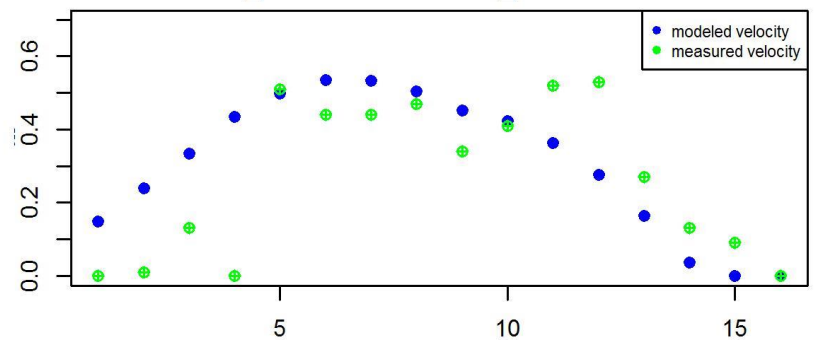
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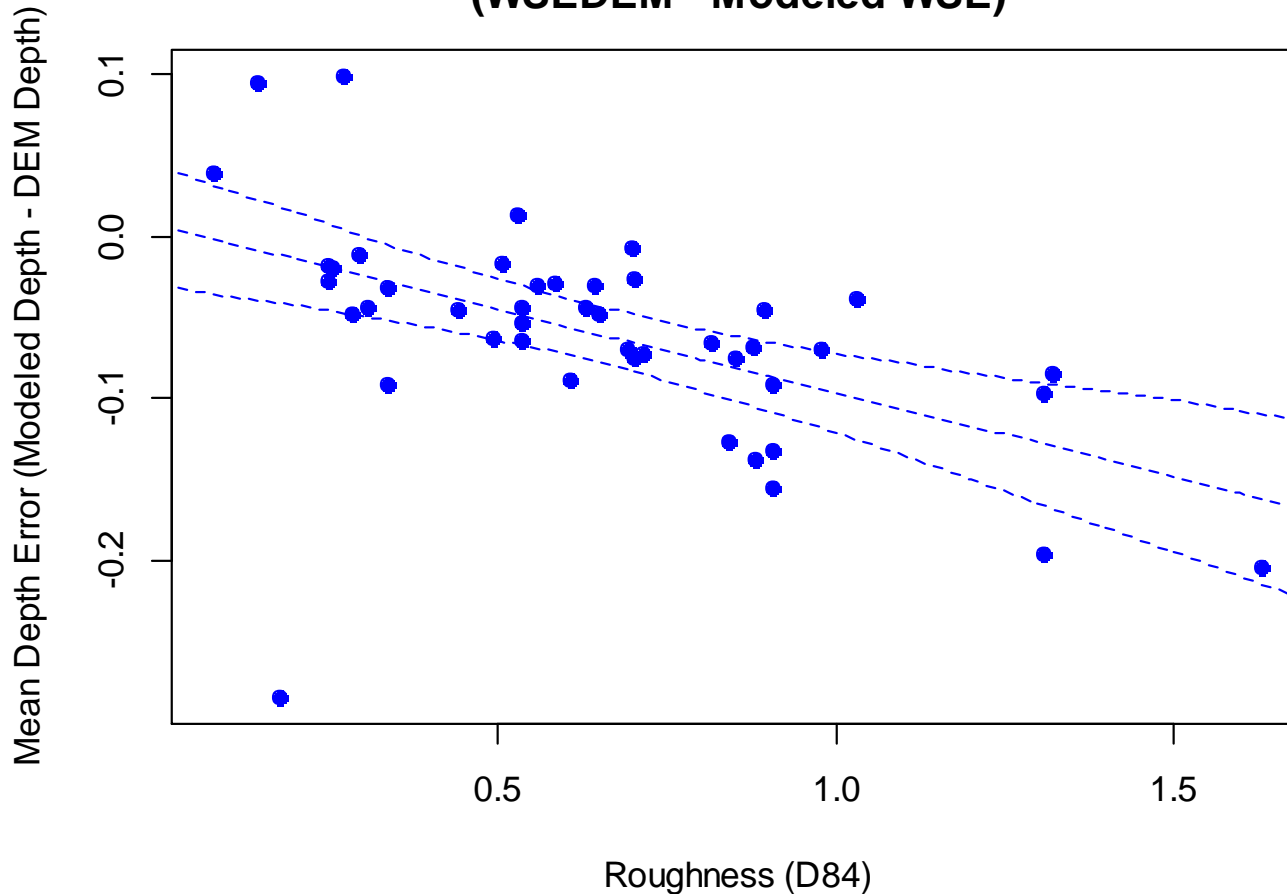




# Model Optimization

Initial Results (using D84 as roughness) showed relationship between increasing roughness, and increasing under-prediction of depth

**Roughness (D84) vs Mean Site Depth Error (WSEDEM - Modeled WSE)**





# Model Optimization

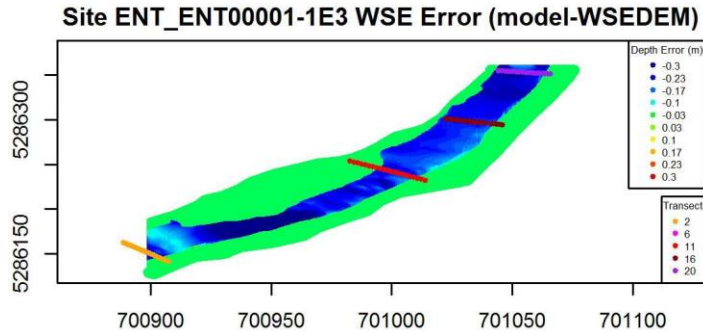
- Two “Fudge Factors” are available with which to fine-tune model.
  - Horizontal Eddy Viscosity
    - Generally appears that the “best” HEV is the smallest value that can be used, while still achieving a stable numerical solution.
  - Surface Roughness (White-Colebrook Coefficient)
    - Metrics of surface roughness (D16, D50, D84) are available.
    - Goal is to use a consistent, optimized function of one or more metrics to define White-Colebrook coefficient for each sites
      - A scalar on D84 is currently used
      - Chezy and Manning surface roughness models also available
    - A range of scalar values to convert D84 to a WC coefficient were used, and scalar the minimized bias over depth and velocity results, over all sites, was selected

# Optimization of WC Roughness Coefficient

## Depth: Modeled vs. DEM, by Roughness Coefficient

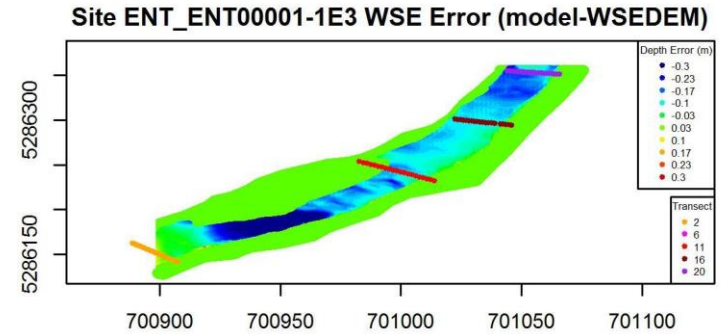
White-Colebrook  
Roughness  
Coefficient

1 x  
D84

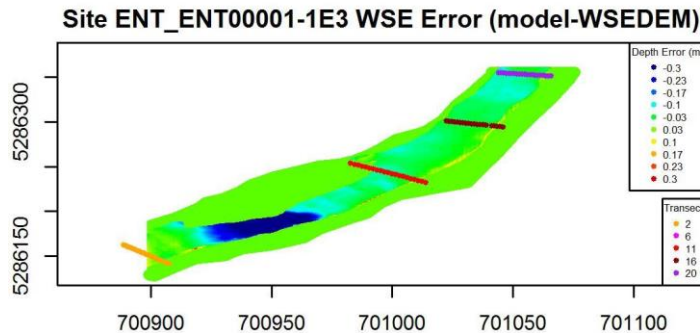


White-Colebrook  
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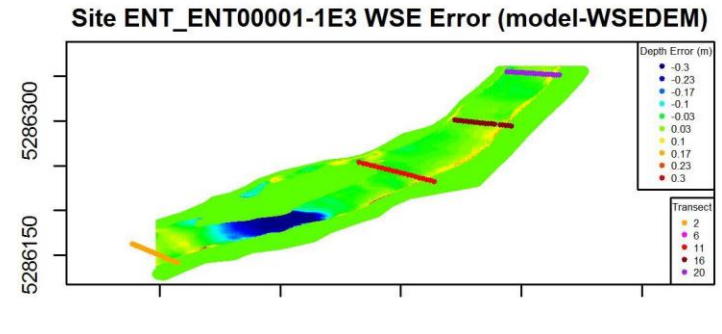
2 x  
D84



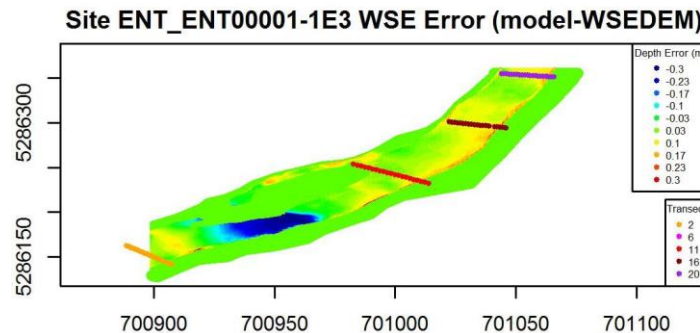
4 x  
D84



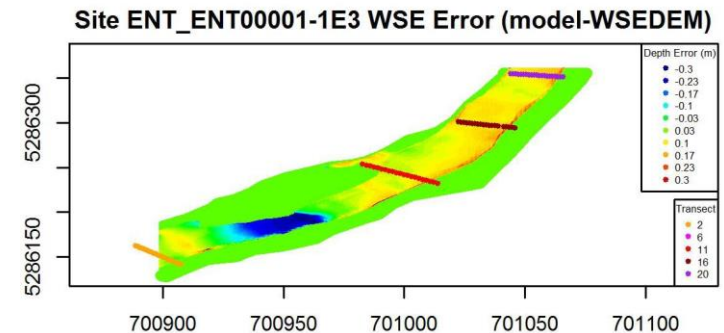
6 x  
D84



8 x  
D84

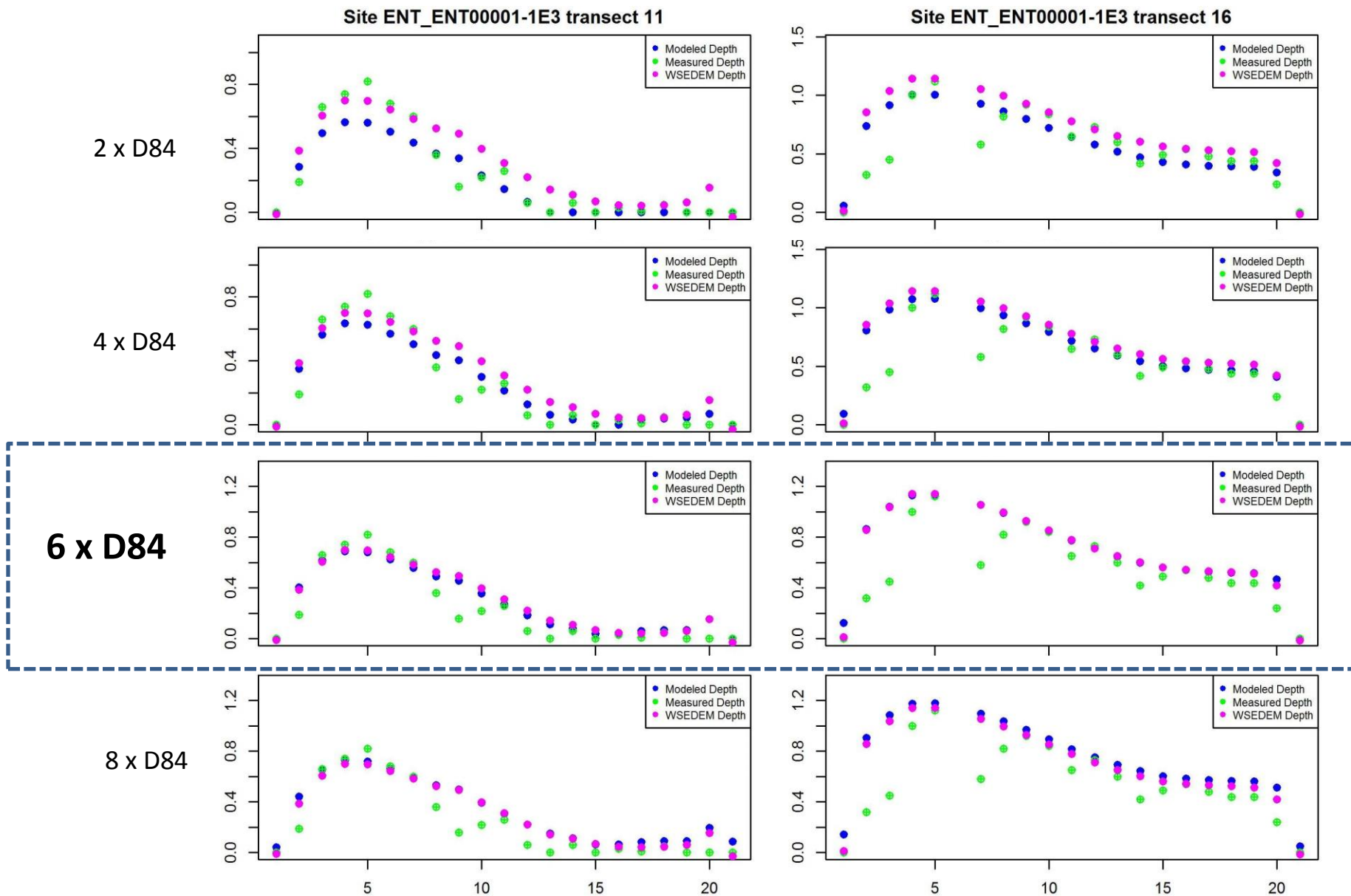


10 x  
D84



# Optimization of Roughness Coefficient

## Depth: Modeled vs. Measured by Roughness Coefficient

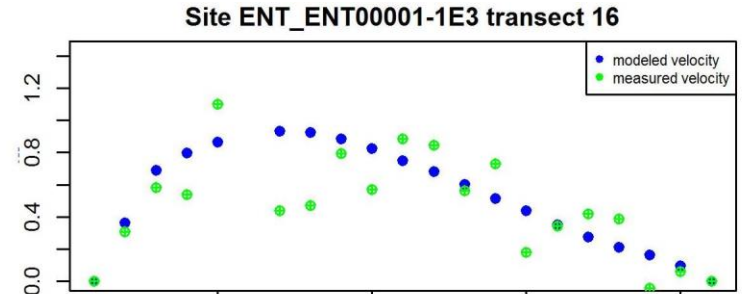
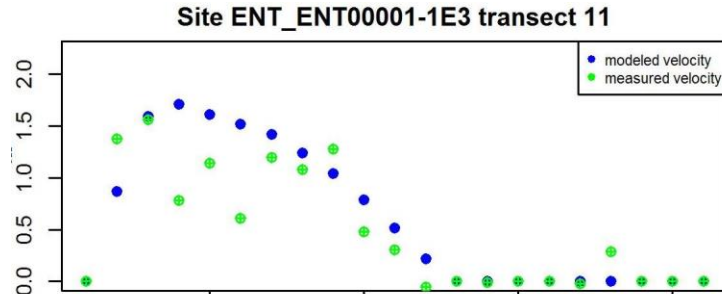


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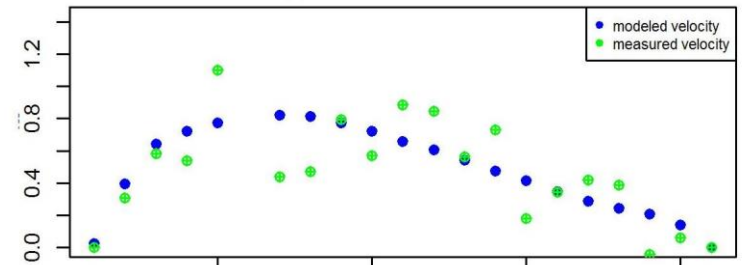
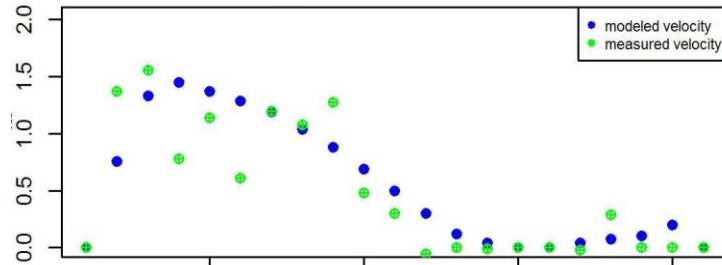


White-Colebrook  
Roughness  
Coefficient

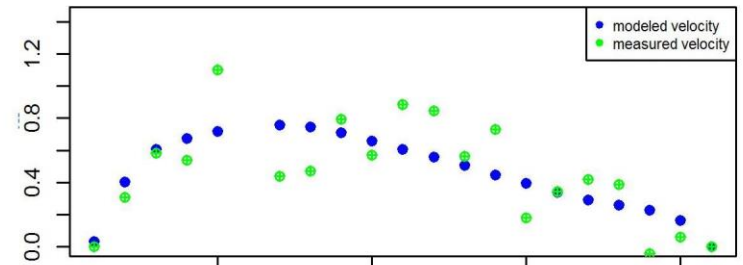
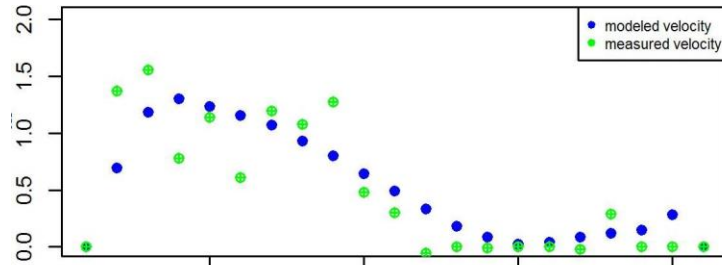
2 x D84



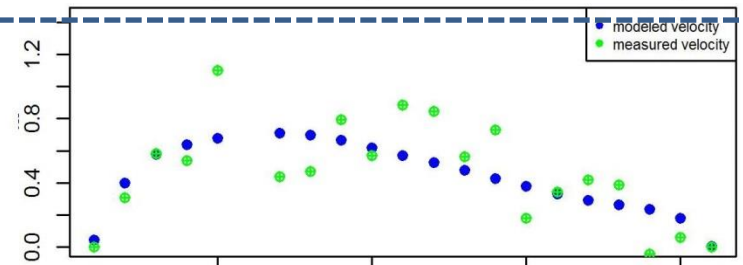
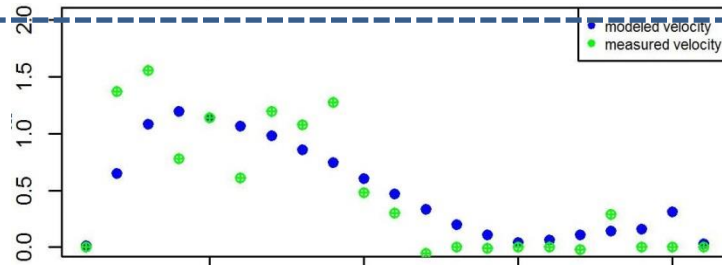
4 x D84



6 x D84

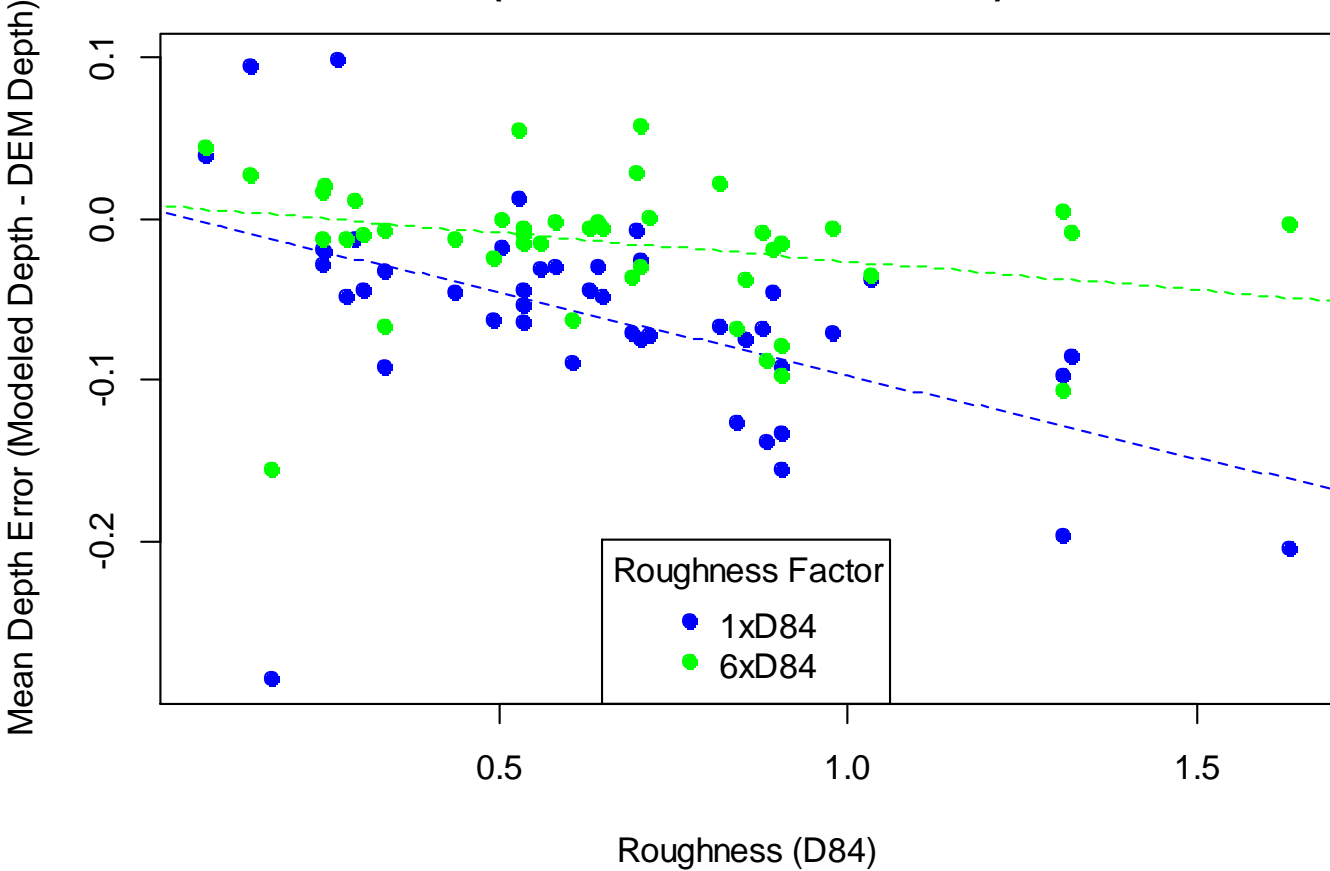


8 x D84



# Model Optimization

**Roughness (D84) vs Mean Site Depth Error  
(WSEDEM - Modeled WSE)**

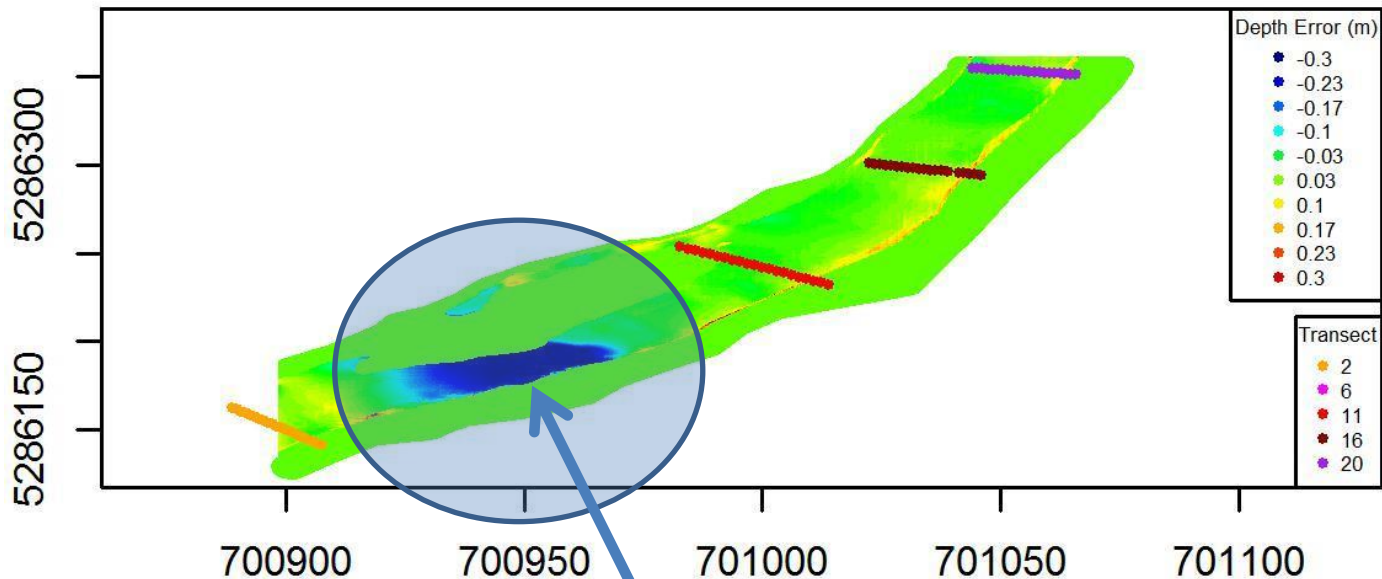


## Optimization Results:

White-Colebrook Roughness Coefficient = 6x D84

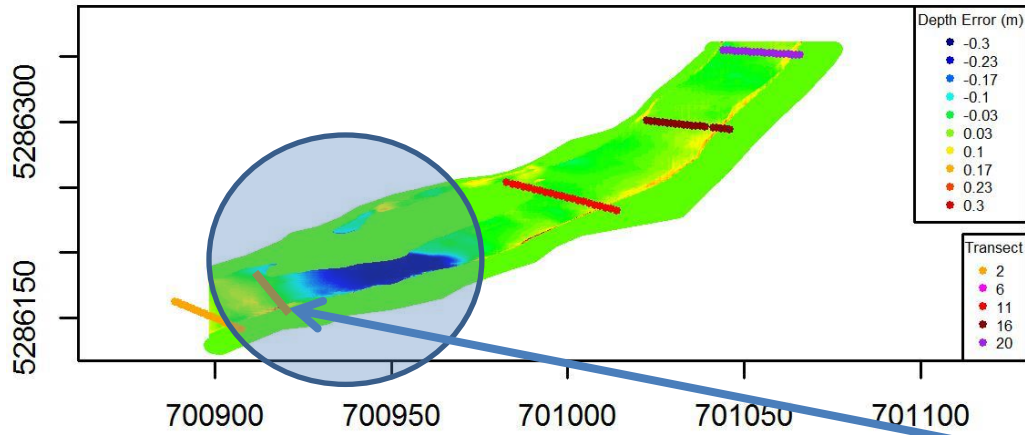
Horizontal Eddy Viscosity = .01

Site ENT\_ENT00001-1E3 WSE Error (model-WSEDEM)



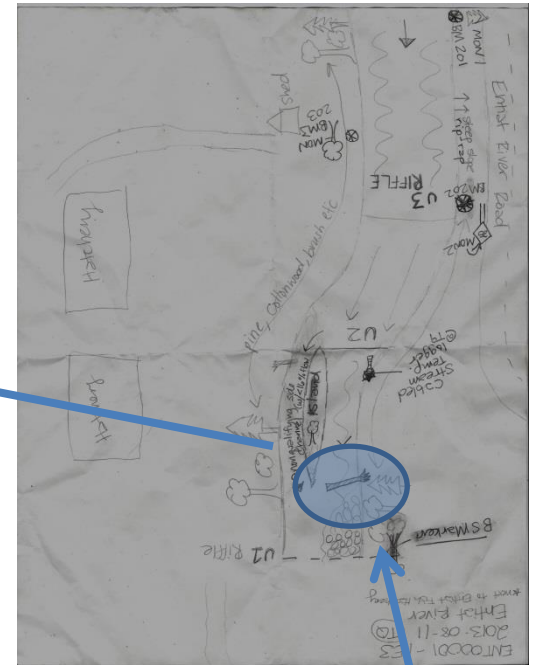
**What about that localized error?**

# Site ENT\_ENT00001-1E3 WSE Error (model-WSEDEM)



Site ENT\_ENT00001-1E3 transect 11

# Site Map



## Likely Source of Error:

- Fallen Tree in River
- Not reflected in DEM
- **Unable to Model**

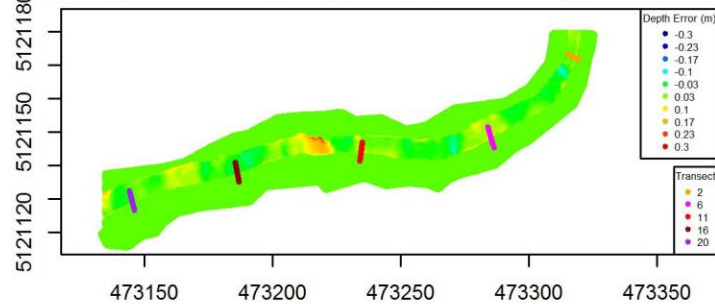


# Site ASW00001-NF-F4-P1BR: Modeled vs. Measured Depths

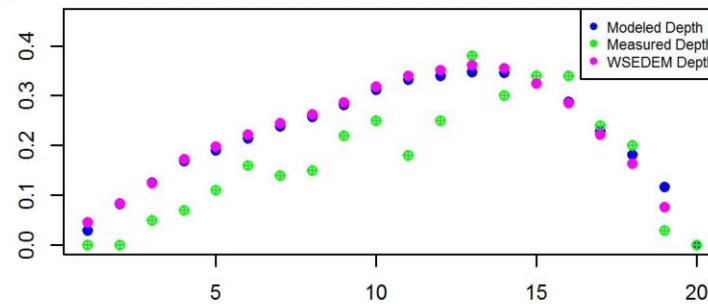
Generally good agreement between modeled and DEM depths

Localized Over-Prediction of Water Depth

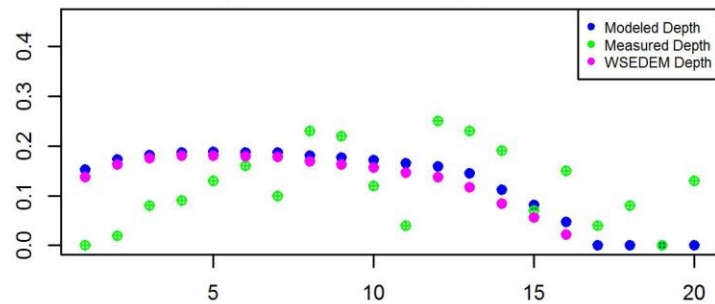
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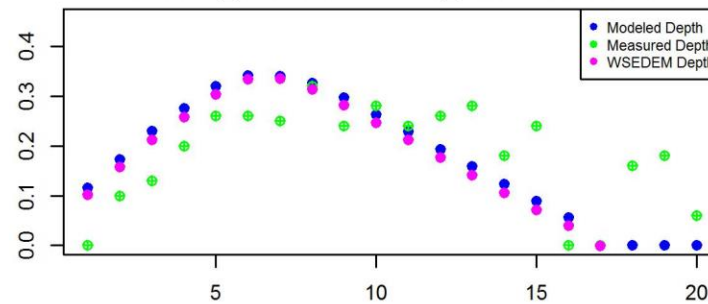
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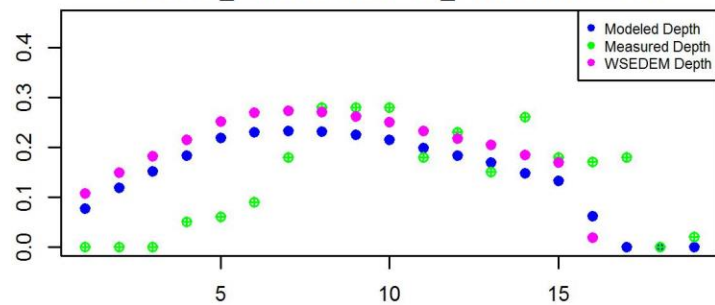
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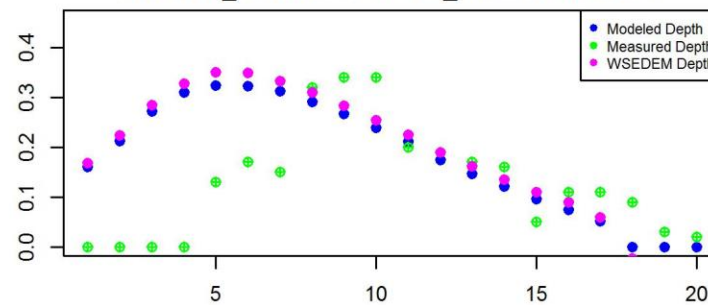
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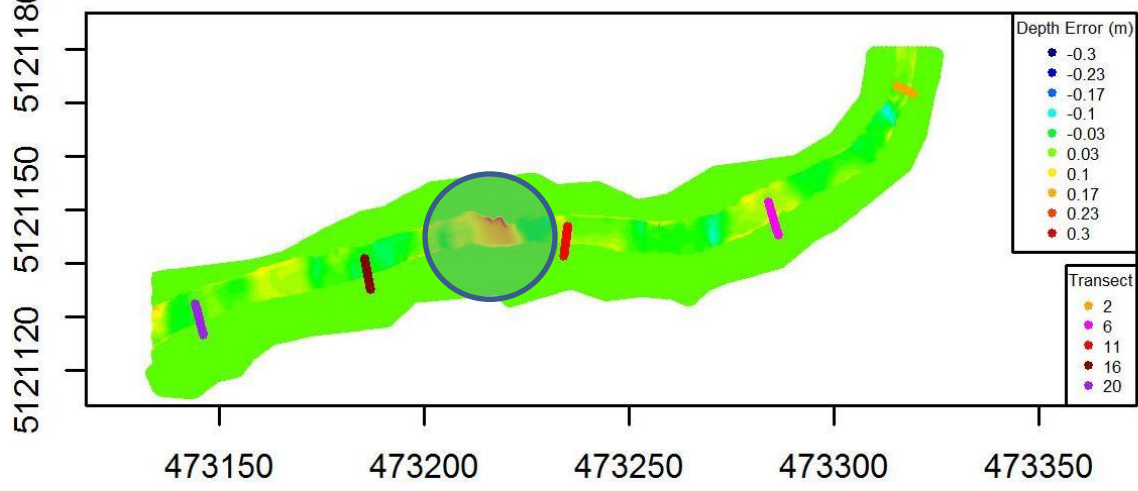
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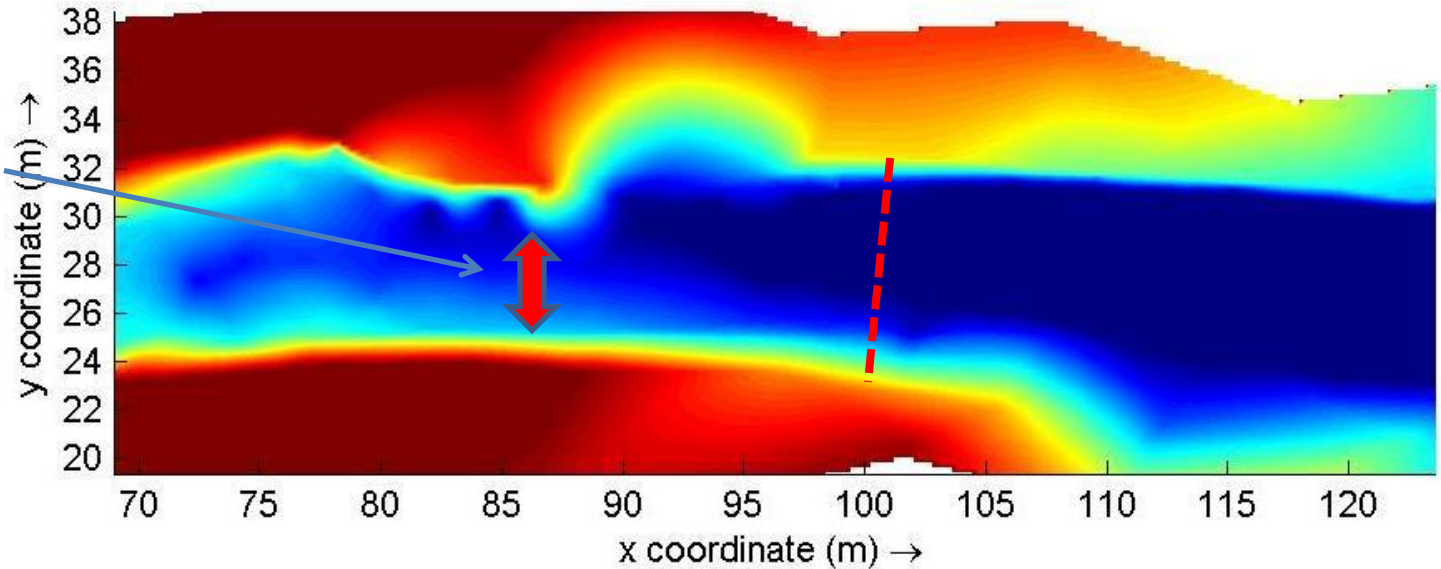
### Site AST\_ASW00001-NF-F4\_P1BR WSE Error (model-WSEDEM)



Note localized area where model as over-predicted depth

initial bed level (m)  
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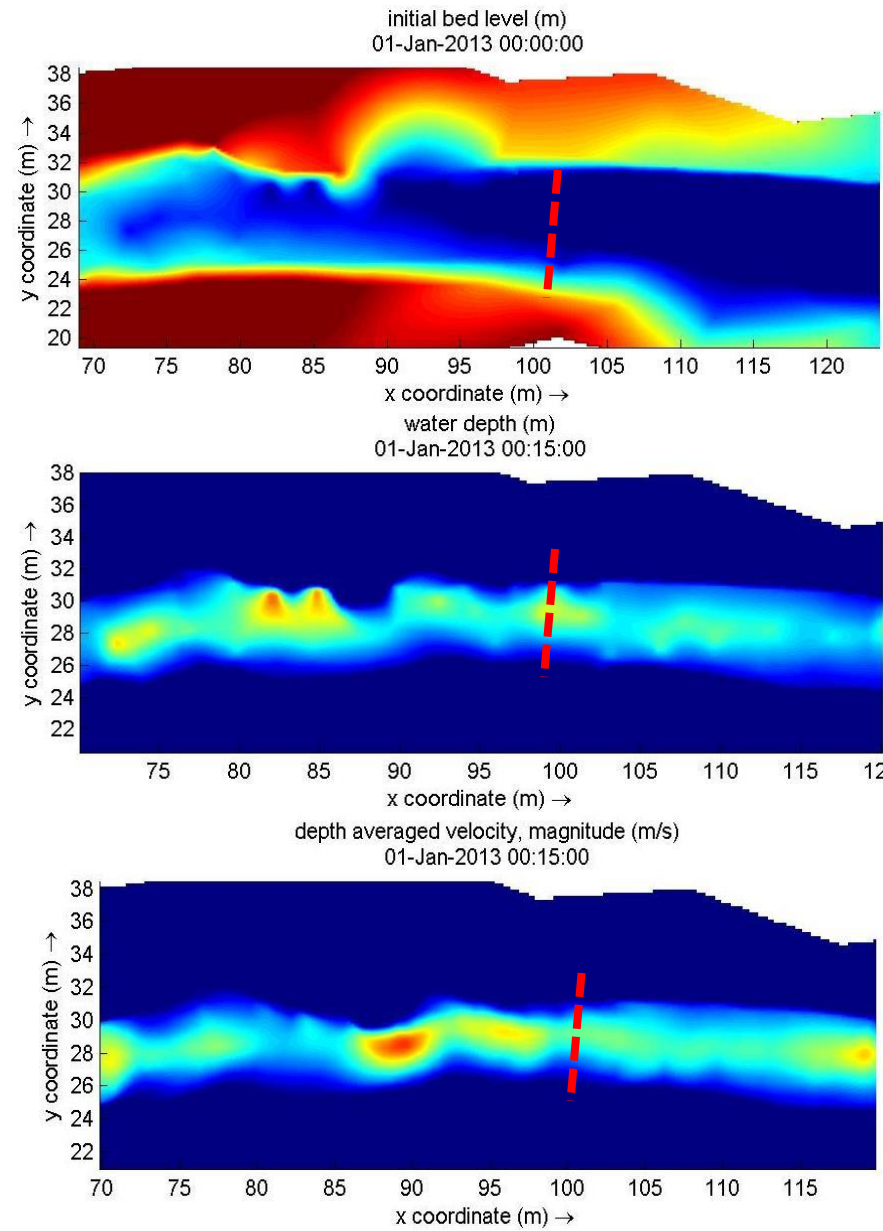
DEM suggest channel narrows, resulting in deeper, faster modeled flow



## Site ASW00001-NF-F4-P1BR

### View Upstream from Transect 11:

Note Undercut on Bank (or possibly large boulder further upstream), possibly not reflected accurately in DEM model and leading to localized over-prediction of depth (and velocity)



CHaMP Site CFD Modeling Results

# **ADDITIONAL VALIDATION PLOTS**

# CHaMP Site CFD Modeling: Next Steps

- Input spatially explicit surface roughness
  - D84 by channel unit
- Simulate selected sites at range of flow rates
  - Determine sensitivity to induced exit boundary condition errors
- Explore sensitivity to 2½D vs. 3D solutions
- Continue push toward automation