

## Assessment of the attraction current of a fish passage



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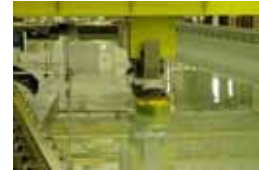
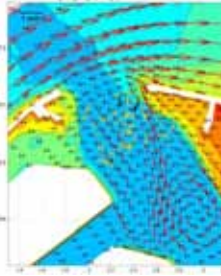


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## Research pillars

- Physical Models
- Laboratories
- Numerical Modelling
- Field Measurements

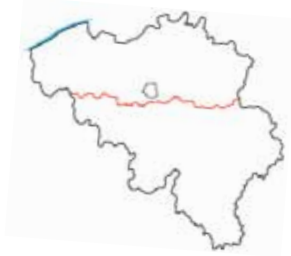


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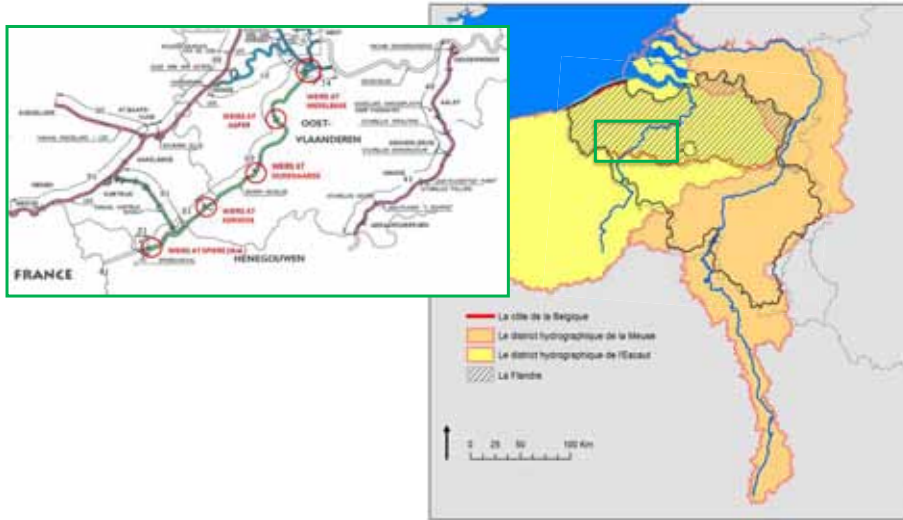
- Introduction
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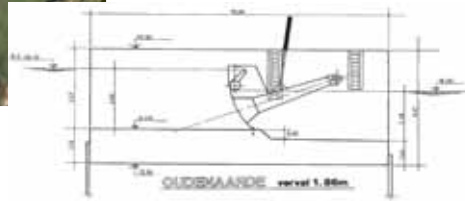
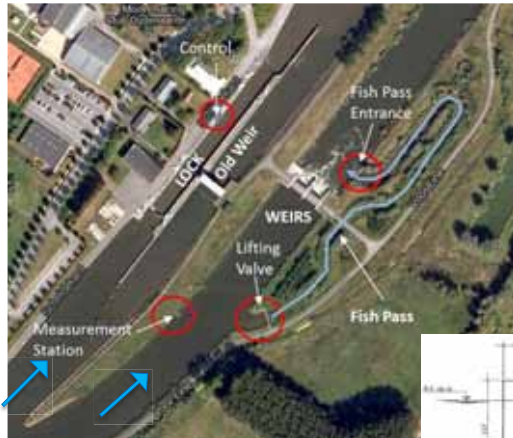
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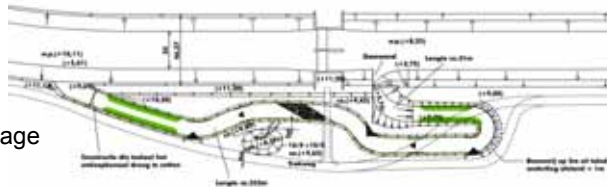


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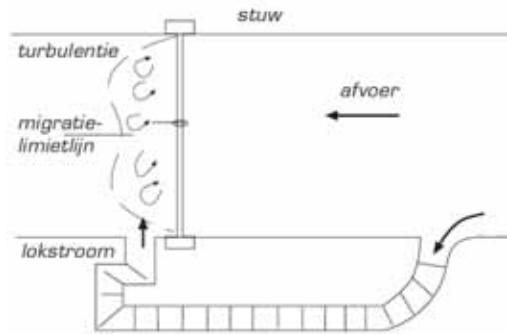
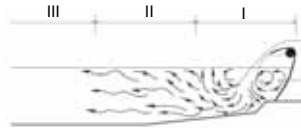
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Previous scale model research



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Attractivity

Discharge

Location entrance

Passability

Roughness

Optimizing length



$Q_{riv} = 20 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$   
 $Q_{fish} = 2,5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$   
 Location = 20 – 30 m

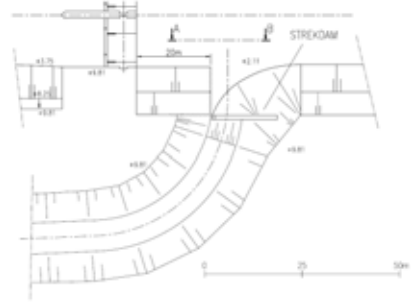
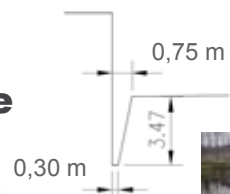
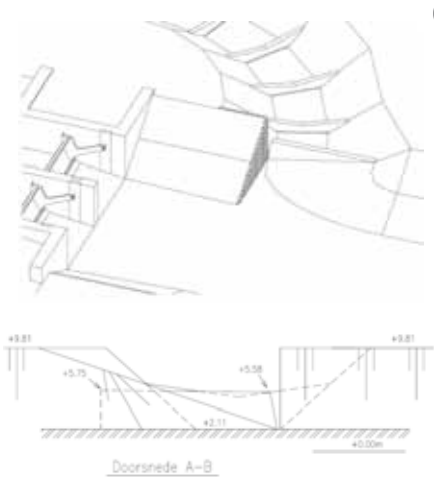


$v_{max} = 1 \text{ m/s}$  &  $h_{min} = 0,40 \text{ m}$   
 $n = 0,100 \text{ s/m}^{1/3} \rightarrow L_{tot} \approx 350 \text{ m}$

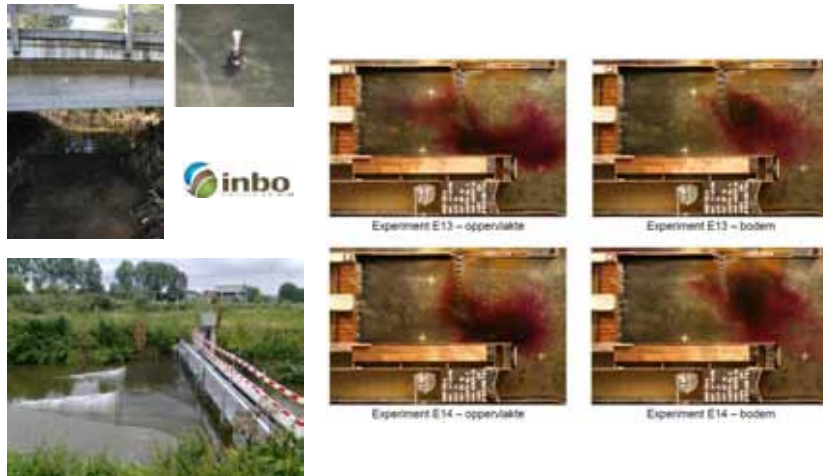
## Previous scale model research



## Fish pass entrance



## Further (scale model) research

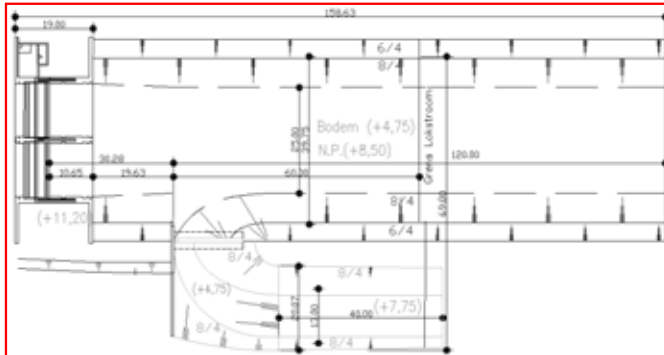


## Research goal(s)

- Assessment of the attraction current
- Dual purpose:
  1. Flow velocities & Extent are assessed quantitatively
    - a) Attraction current
    - b) Contraction at entrance
  2. Compare results of scale model with data of the field measurements

## Methods & materials

- Field measurements and scale model
- Area of interest



## Field measurements



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- Velocity profile – Propeller type velocimeter

Physical model



$Re = \frac{v \cdot R}{\nu}$   
 $R = \frac{A}{P}$   
 With  
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 Re: Reynolds number [-]  
 A: Wetted area [m²]  
 P: Wetted perimeter [m]  
 R: Hydraulic radius [m]  
 ρ: Density of water [kg/m³]  
 v: Averaged water speed [m/s]  
 ν: Dynamic viscosity of water [kg/m·s]

Cross-section 3:

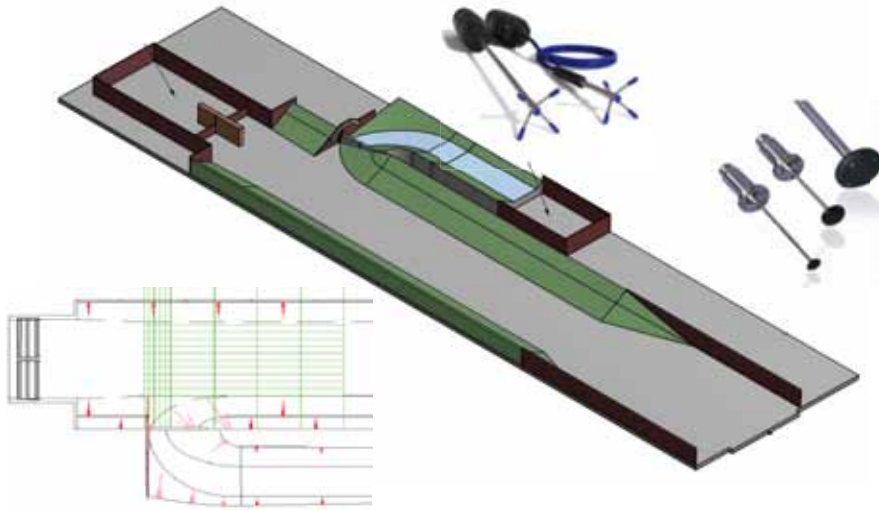


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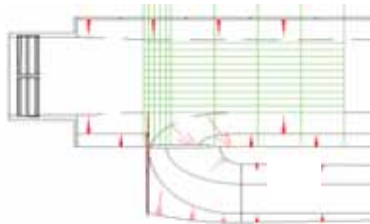
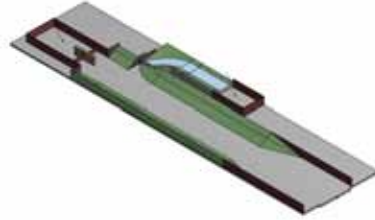


$u_3 = u_4 = u_1 = 15$   
 $u_2 = \sqrt{u_3} = \sqrt{15} = 3.87$   
 $u_2 = u_2 \cdot u_3 \cdot u_4 = 15 \cdot 15 \cdot 3.87 = 871.40$   
 With  
 m: The width scale  
 m: The height scale  
 m: The length scale  
 m: The velocity scale  
 m: The discharge scale

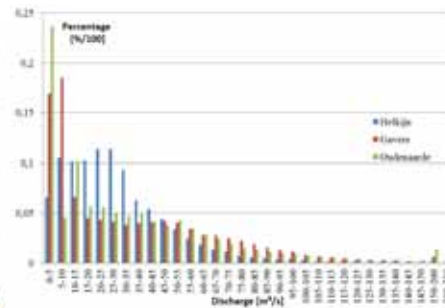
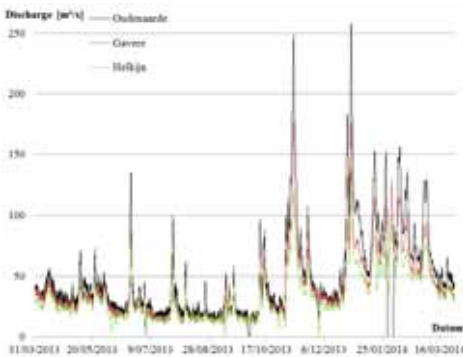
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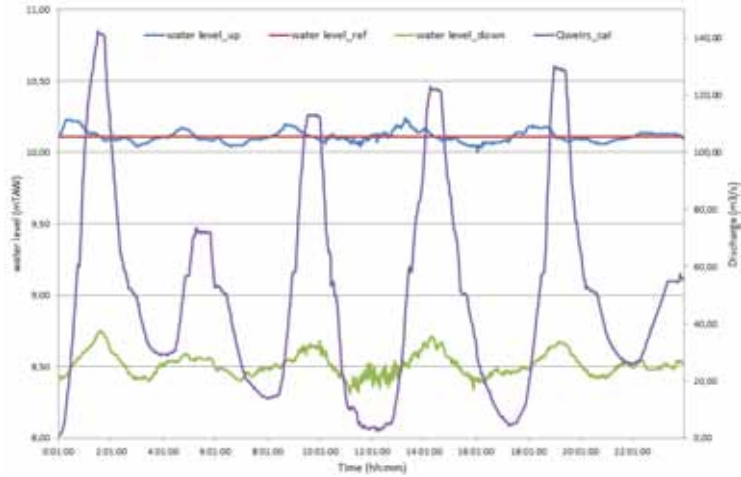
## Results discharge



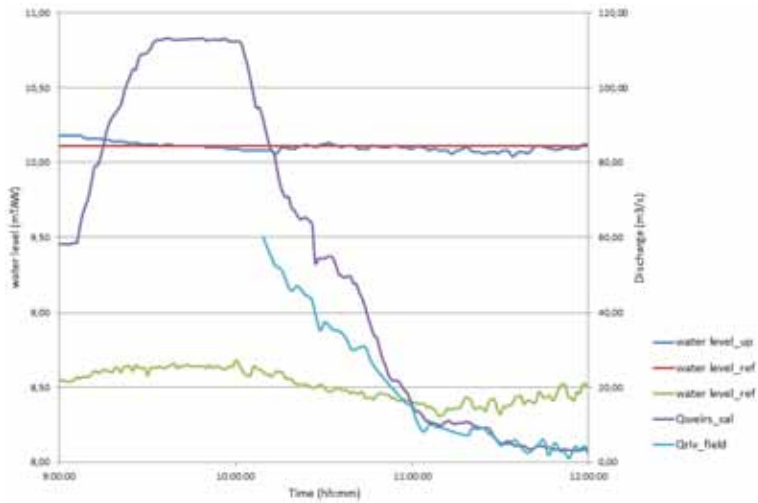
		Helkijn	Oudenaarde	Gavere
Mean discharge	Jan-Jan	29.74	36.51	34.73
	Mar-Oct	24.68	26.9	24.68
Most common class	Jan-Jan	20-25	0-5	5-10
	Mar-Oct	5-10	0-5	5-10

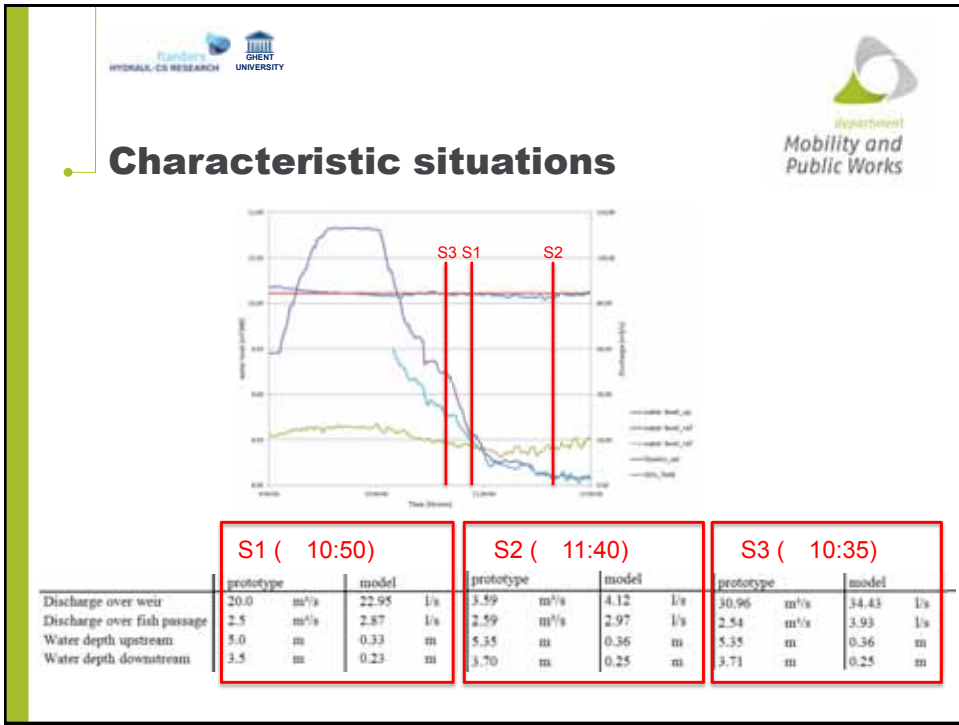
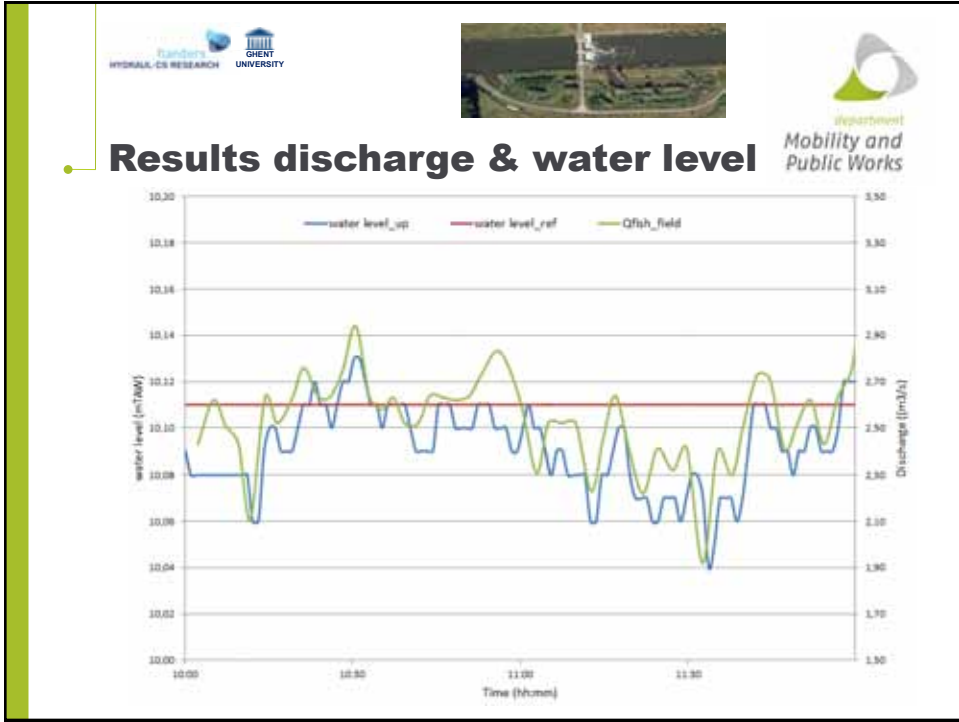


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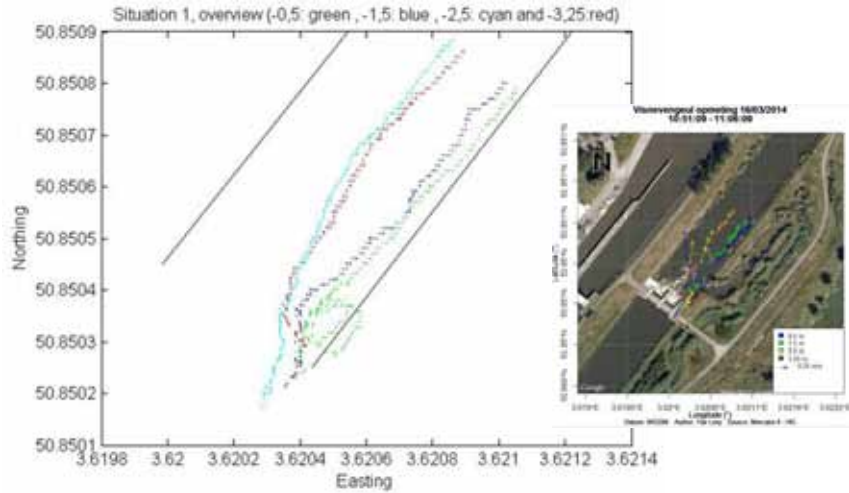


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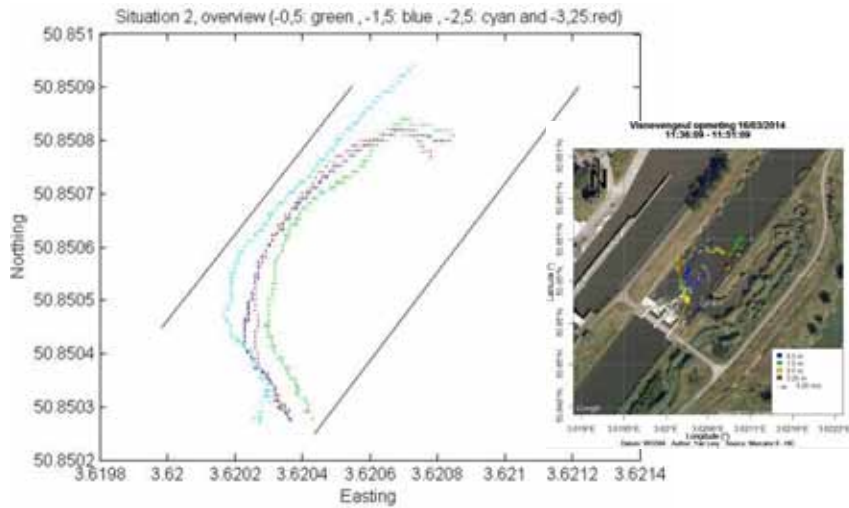




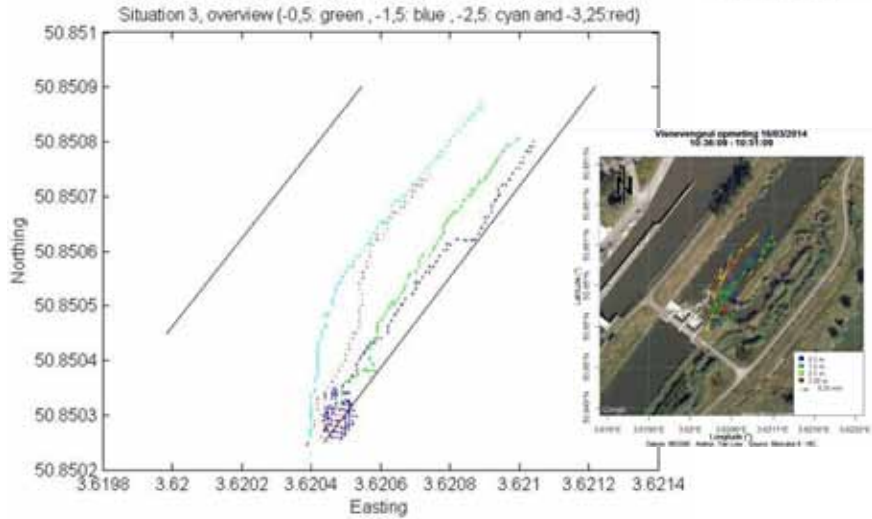
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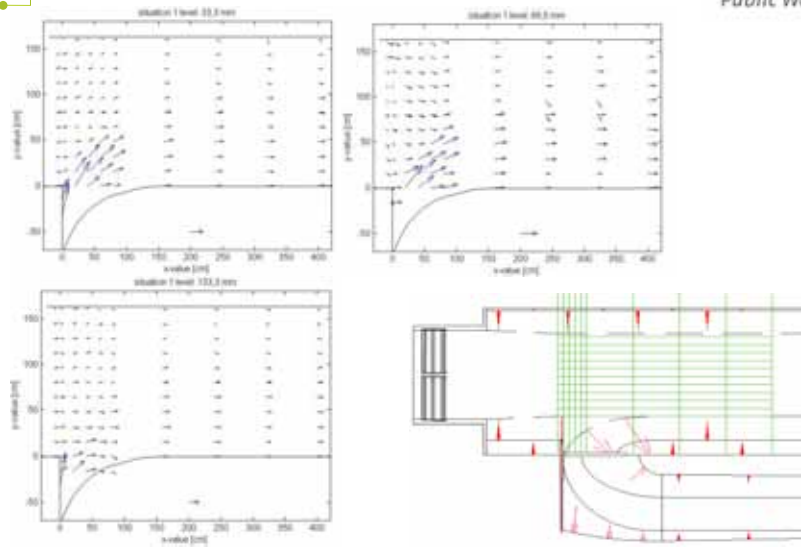
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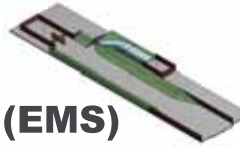


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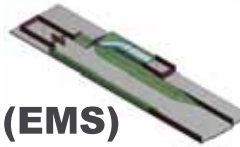
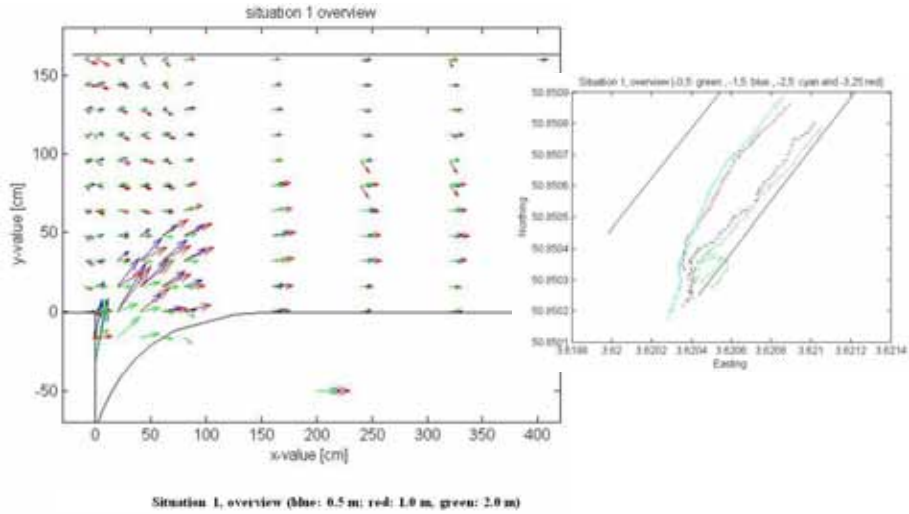


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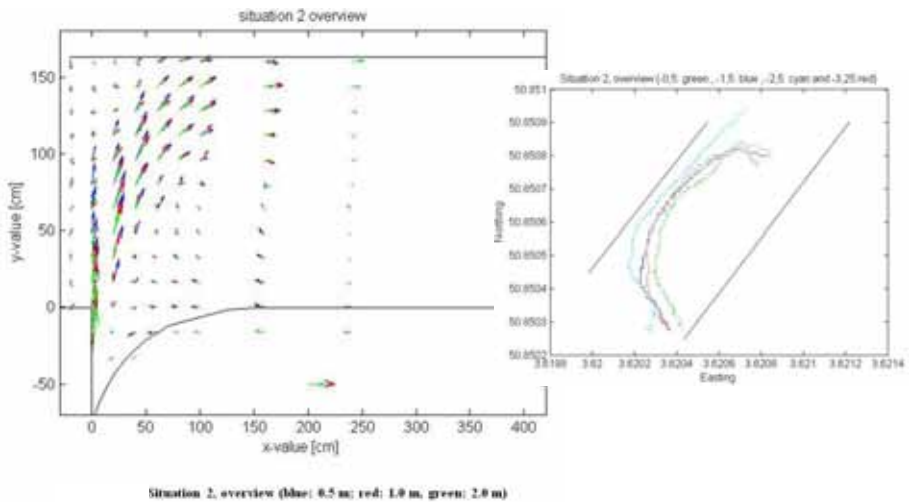




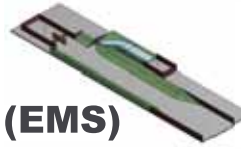
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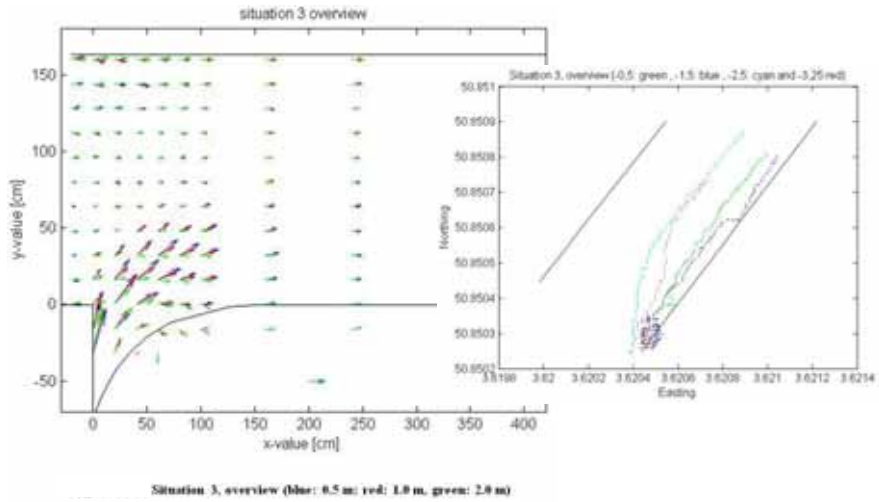
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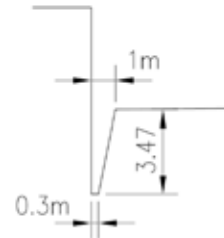
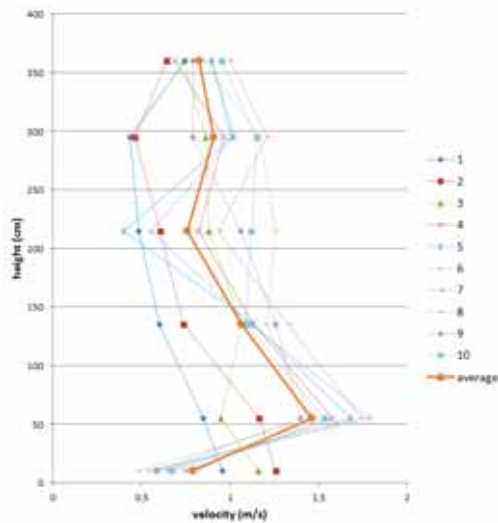




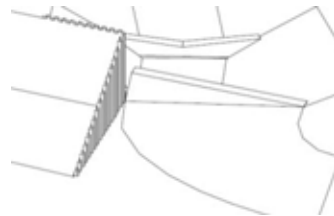
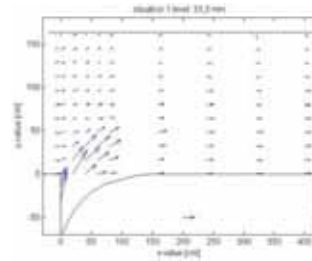
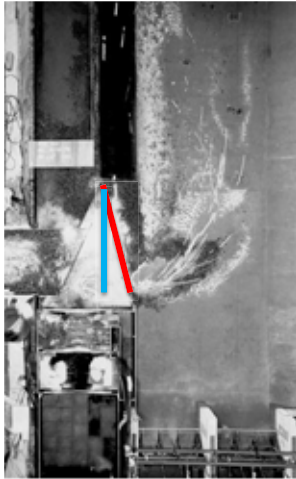
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## Results Velocity Profile



## Comparance

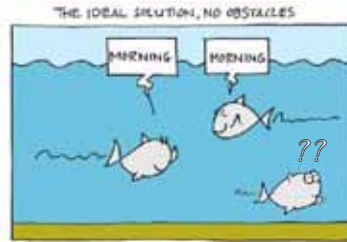


## Conclusions

- Maximum velocities are slightly higher than original design rules
  - But: enough alternative locations in vertical profile where velocities are lower than design rules
- The extent of attraction current is less than in previous physical model studies due to changes in design of fish pass entrance
- Goal of quantifying the attraction current is met, but further refinements can (/need to) be done, for example:
  - Vertical profile in entrance
  - Refining the grid of the measurements of the attraction current

→ Further research on perpendicular attraction flow needs to be placed within broader research of design rules for fish passages (for example the difference between parallel and perpendicular orientation of the fish pass entrance)

## Questions?..



Thank you for your attention!