

***HydroPEAK user group meeting
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WP 7

Physical effects of load fluctuations in rivers

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Research schedule:

Milestone / type of deliverable	Description	Reached by (month & year)
PhD start up	Welcome Stephan Spiller at the Department and within CEDREN	11-2010 Ok
Research plan	reviewing literature and demands of end user to establish a research plan	06-2011 Ok
Exams demaded within the PhD regulations	3 PhD level courses and 1 MSc level course	12-2011 Ok
Research start	Establish plan for measurement campaign in field & laboratory	03-2011 Ok
Progress report	Evaluation of progress by interims report	10-2012 Ok
Publishing; peer-reviewed conferance papers	It is planned to participate in 4-6 international conferences	12-2013 8 first author 3 co-author papers
Publishing; peer-reviewed journal paper	3 journal paper submissions are planned	06-2014 1 accepted 1 in review 1 in progress
Final report	Dissemination of final results to the end users	08-2014
Thesis	Defending the thesis	08.12.2014

Motivation:

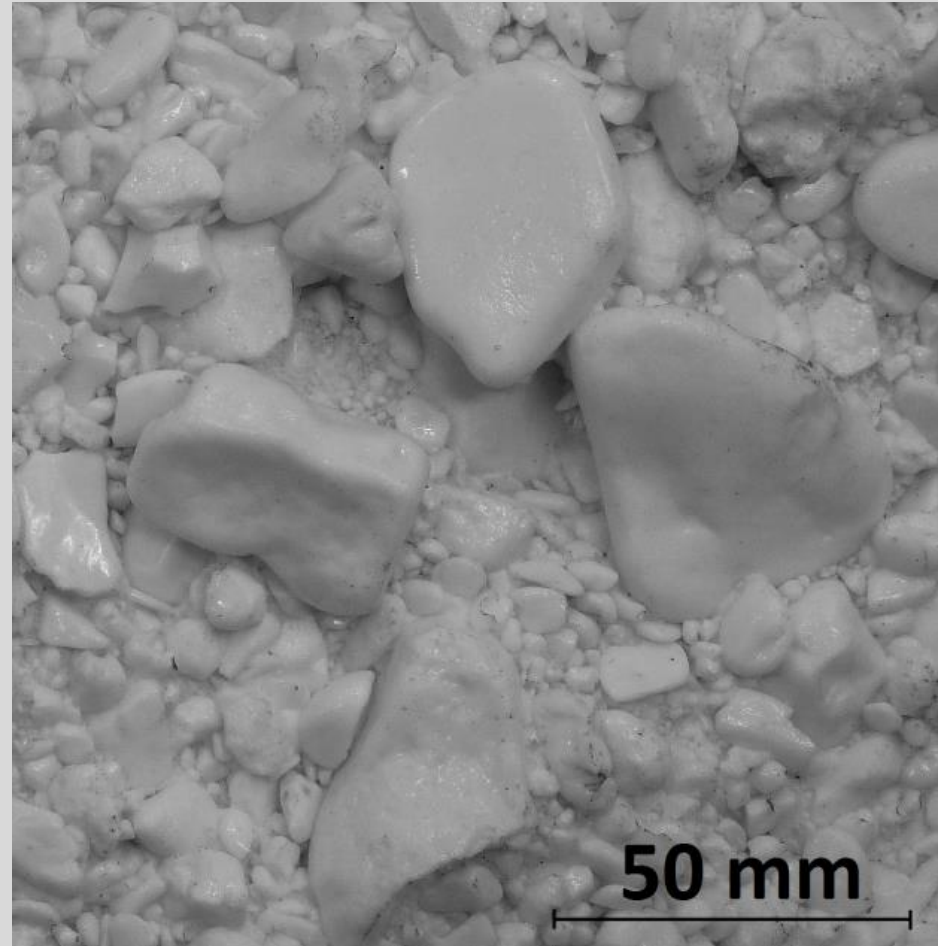
- *Increased importance of hydropower peaking due to flexible energy market*
- *How is bed stability affected by rapid flow fluctuations?*
- *How can effects on flow fluctuations be mitigated?*



*Tinfos power plant; hydropower reservoirs in Norway represent a great potential for a future European power system.
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Static armor layer



Artificial copy

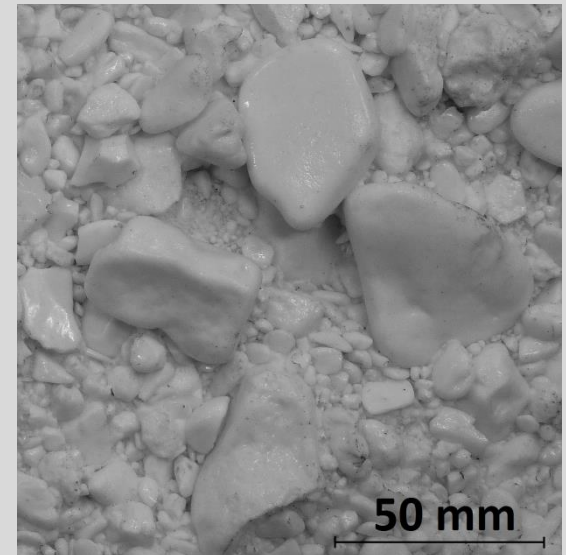
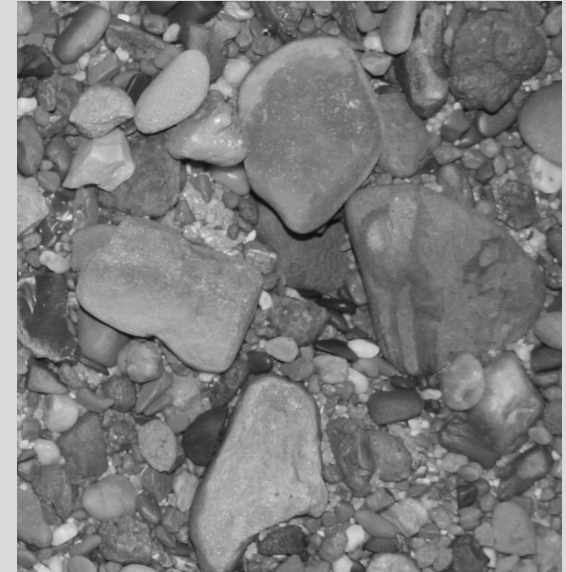
Artificial streambed :

Pro

- *Same prerequisite conditions for every experiment*
- *Possible to include discharges larger than the critical without destroying the bed.*
- *Streambed can be moved to other facilities (Germany, Norway, New Zealand)*

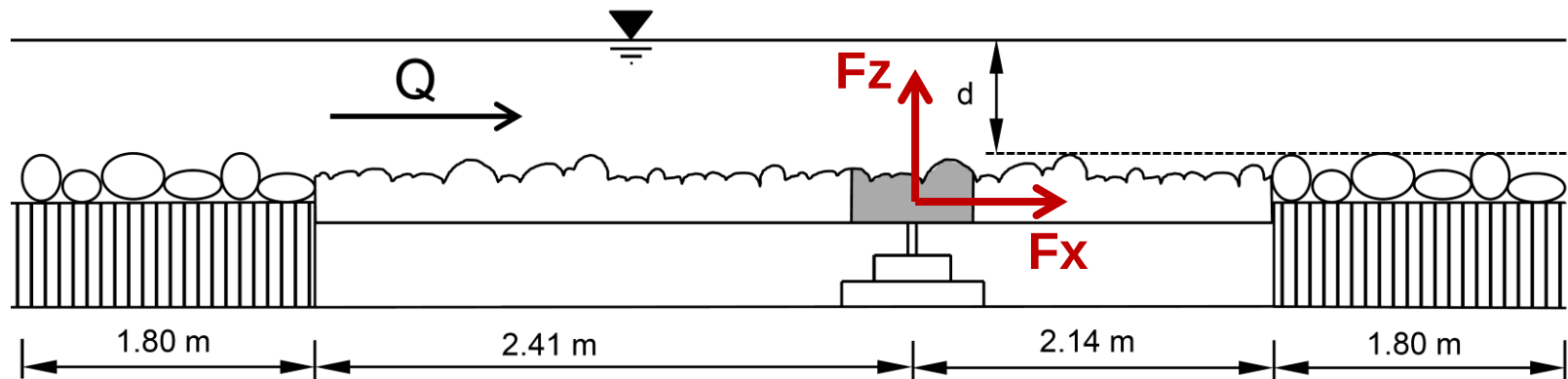
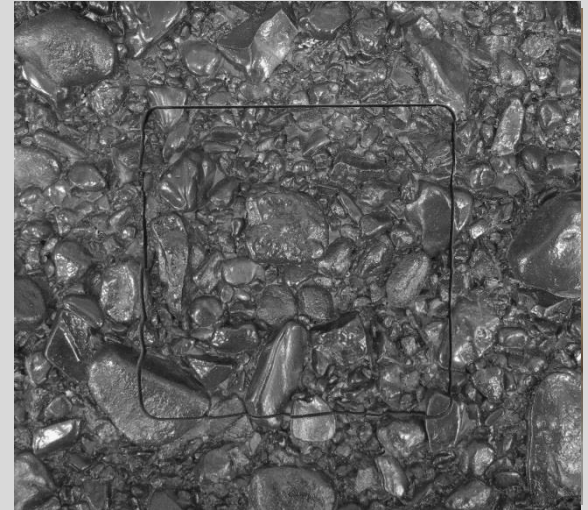
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- *No porosity*

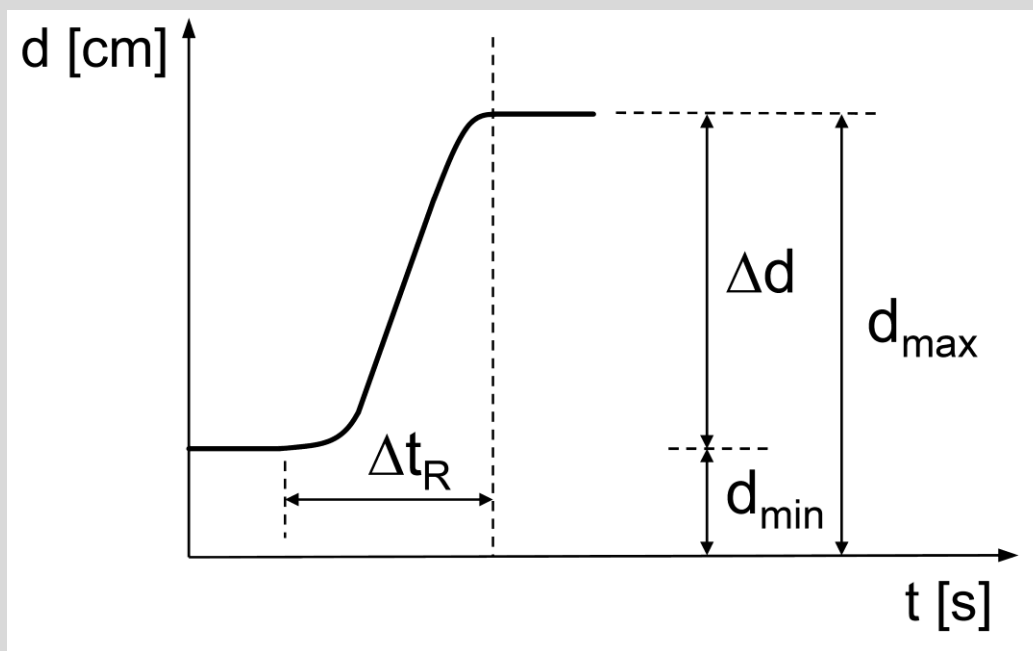


Experimental setup:

- *Flume: 18.5m long , 0.46m wide , slope 0.5%*
- *Artificial streambed*
- *10cm x 10cm target piece supported by force sensor*

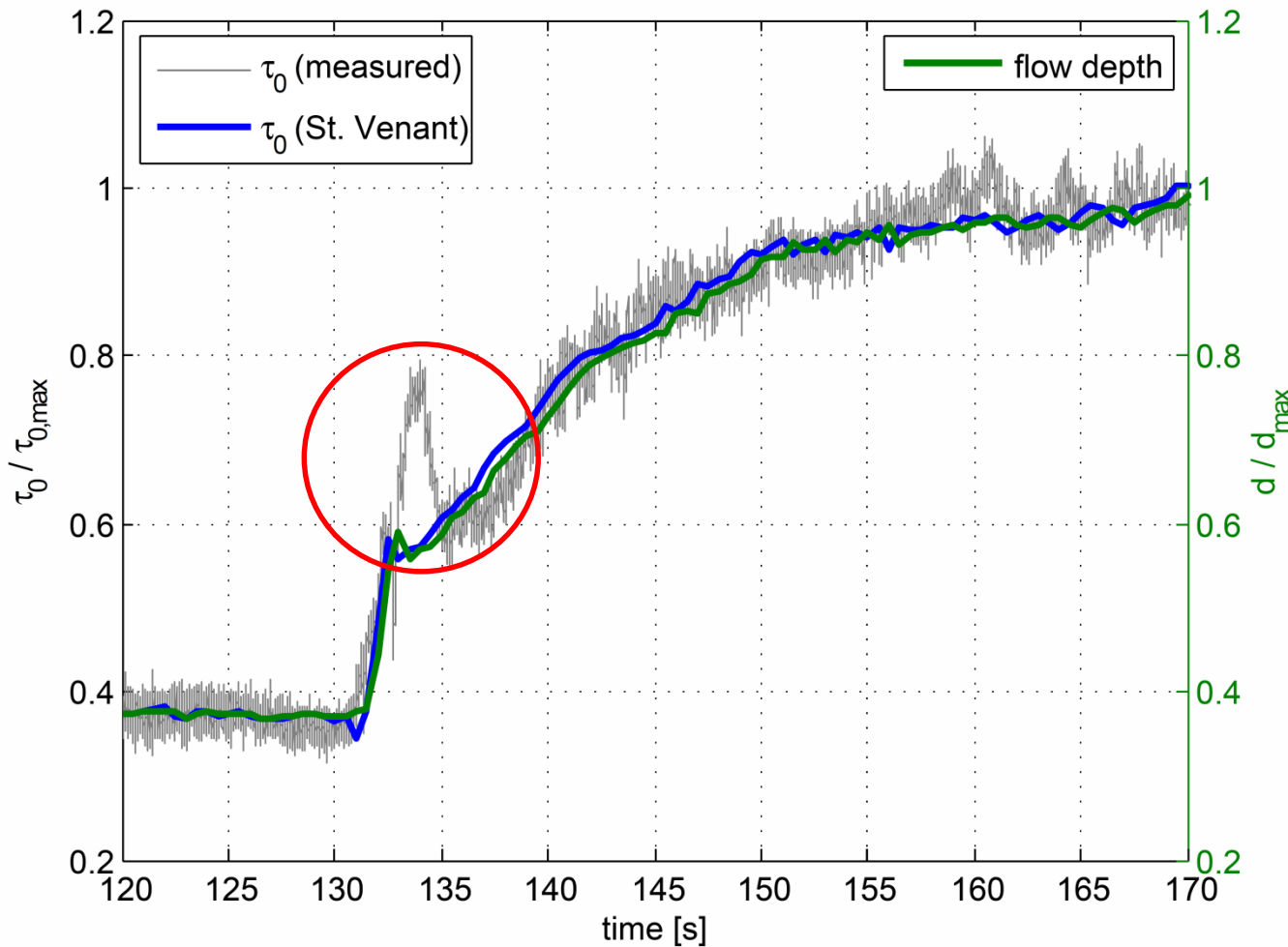


Experimental procedure:



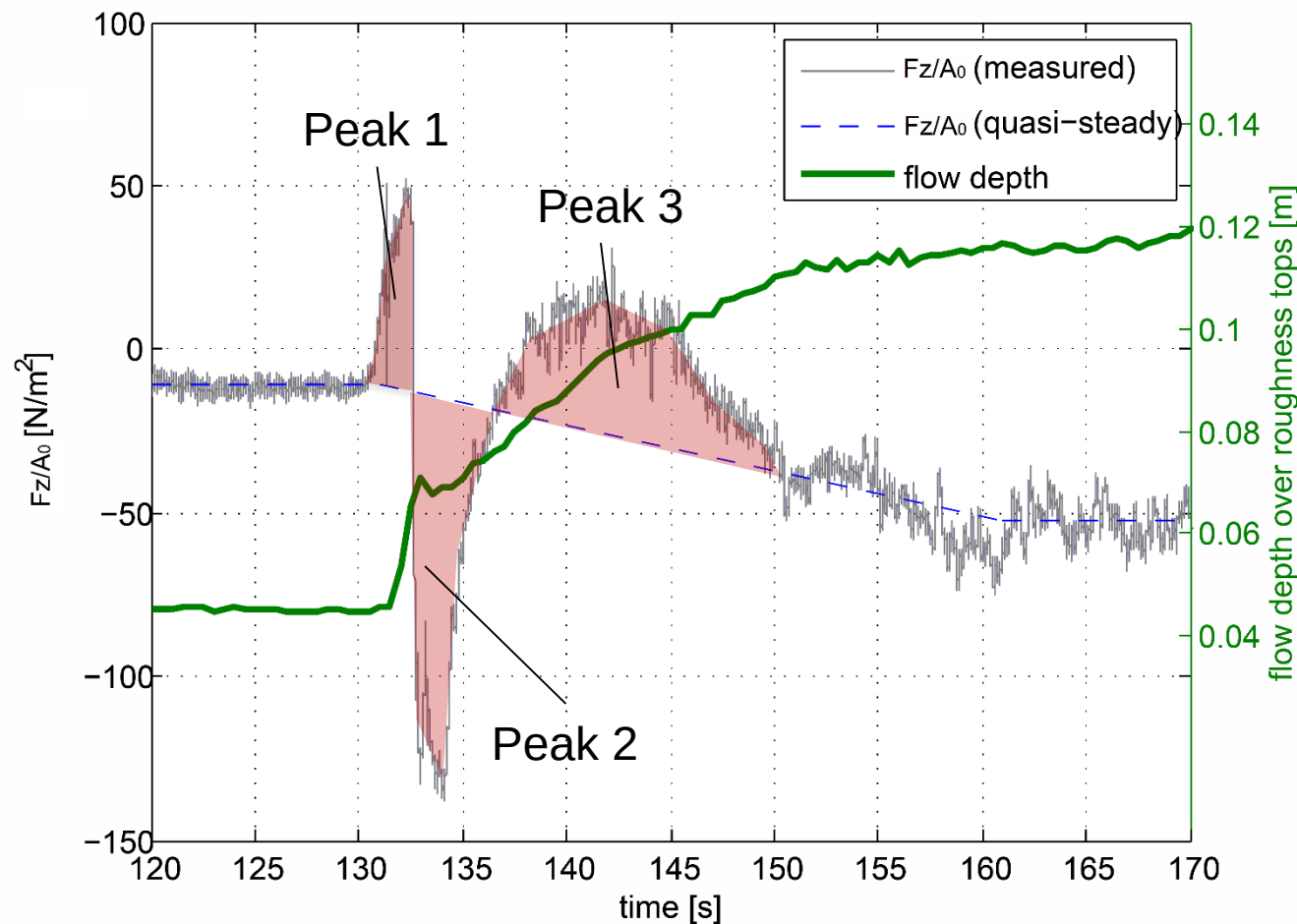
- Certain flow increase in a certain amount of time.
- >200 different hydrographs

Results – Shear stress:



- 6.5 l/s to 41.8 l/s in 24 seconds
- Relatively extreme example!
- Still no extreme difference between quasi steady and unsteady.

Results – Lift Force:

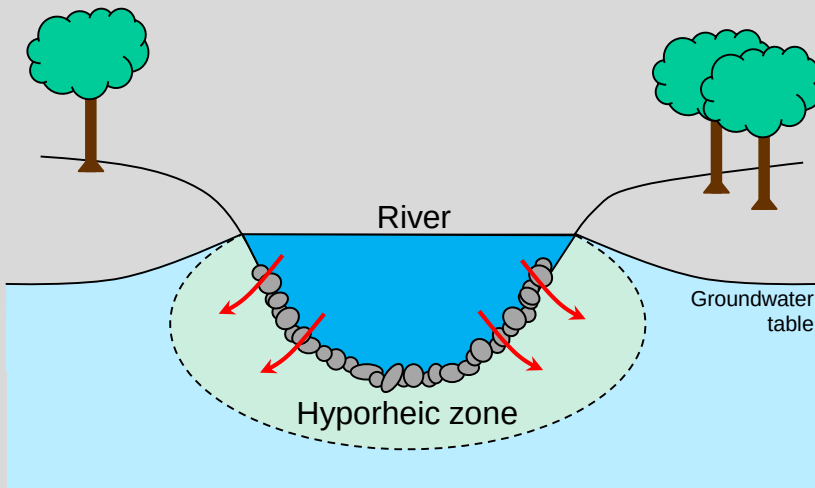


- 6.5 l/s to 41.8 l/s in 24 seconds
- Relatively extreme example!
- Severe lift forces 50N/m^2 ($\approx 5\text{kg/m}^2$)

The hyporheic zone during hydropower peaking (hyporheic zone = mixing zone of surface- and ground water)

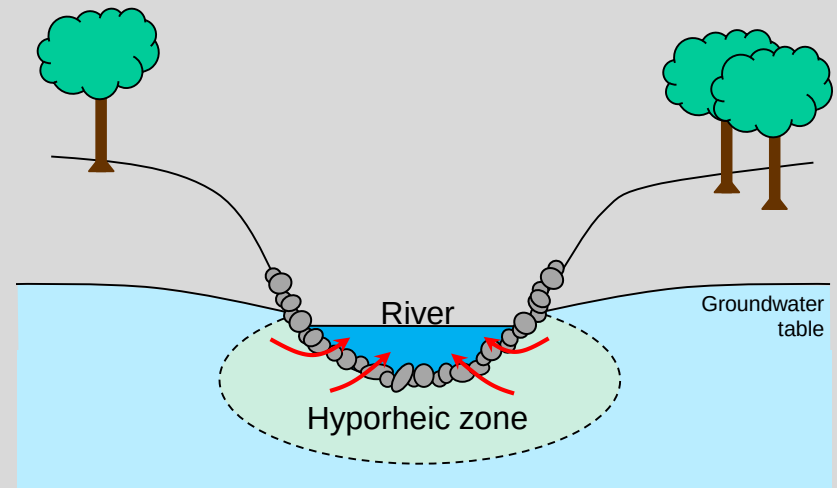
Situation 1:

Surface water stage > groundwater stage
“DOWNWELLING”



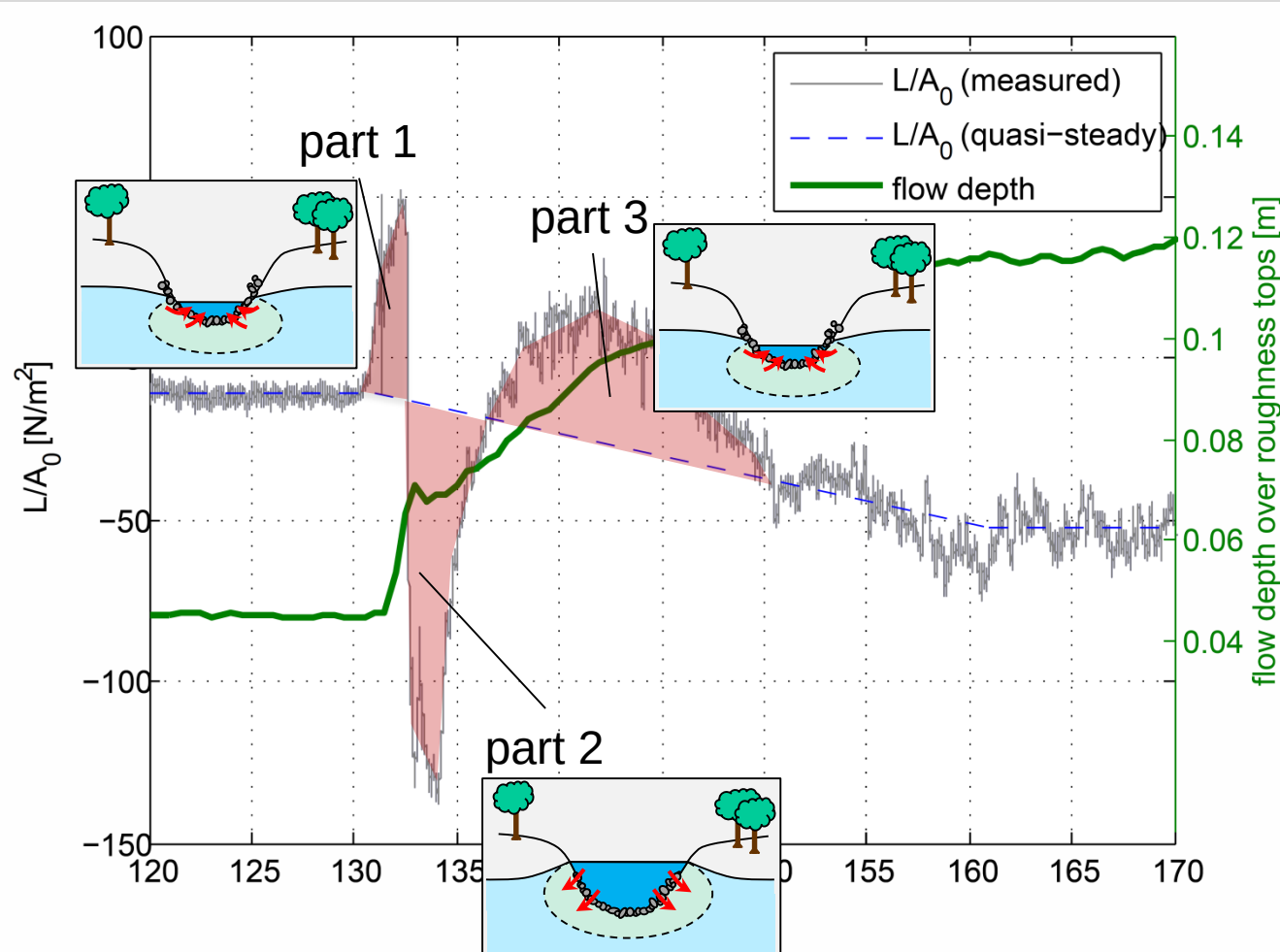
Situation 2:

Surface water stage < groundwater stage
“UPWELLING”



- Upwelling and downwelling are responses to the hydrostatic pressure difference between ground water table and surface water stage. They can be described as **“quasi-steady effects”** of hydropower peaking
- Are there additional **“dynamic” or “unsteady effects”** during hydropower peaking, affecting the hyporheic zone?

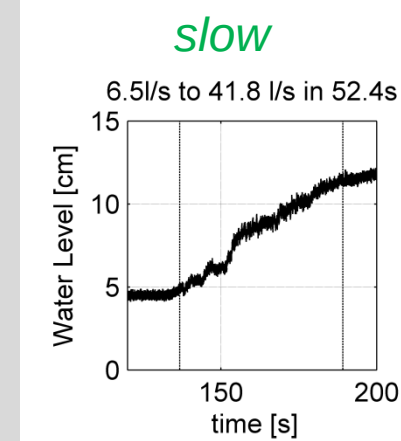
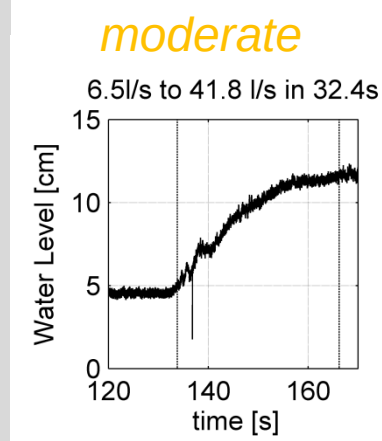
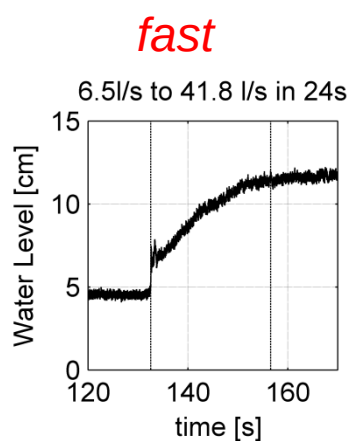
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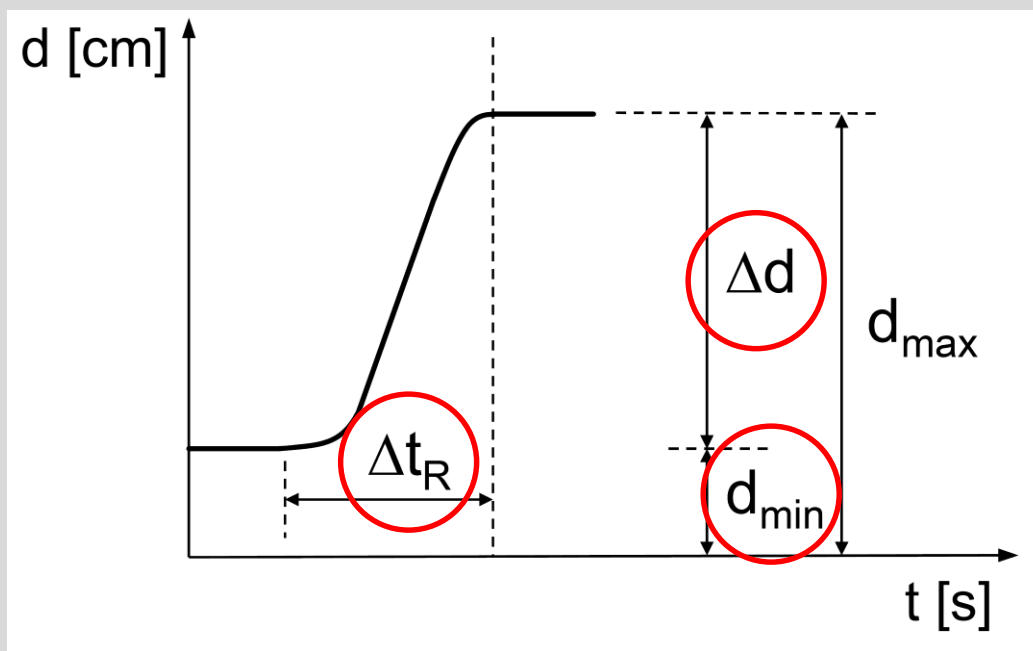


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Results:

Same change in
discharge in three
different “speeds”



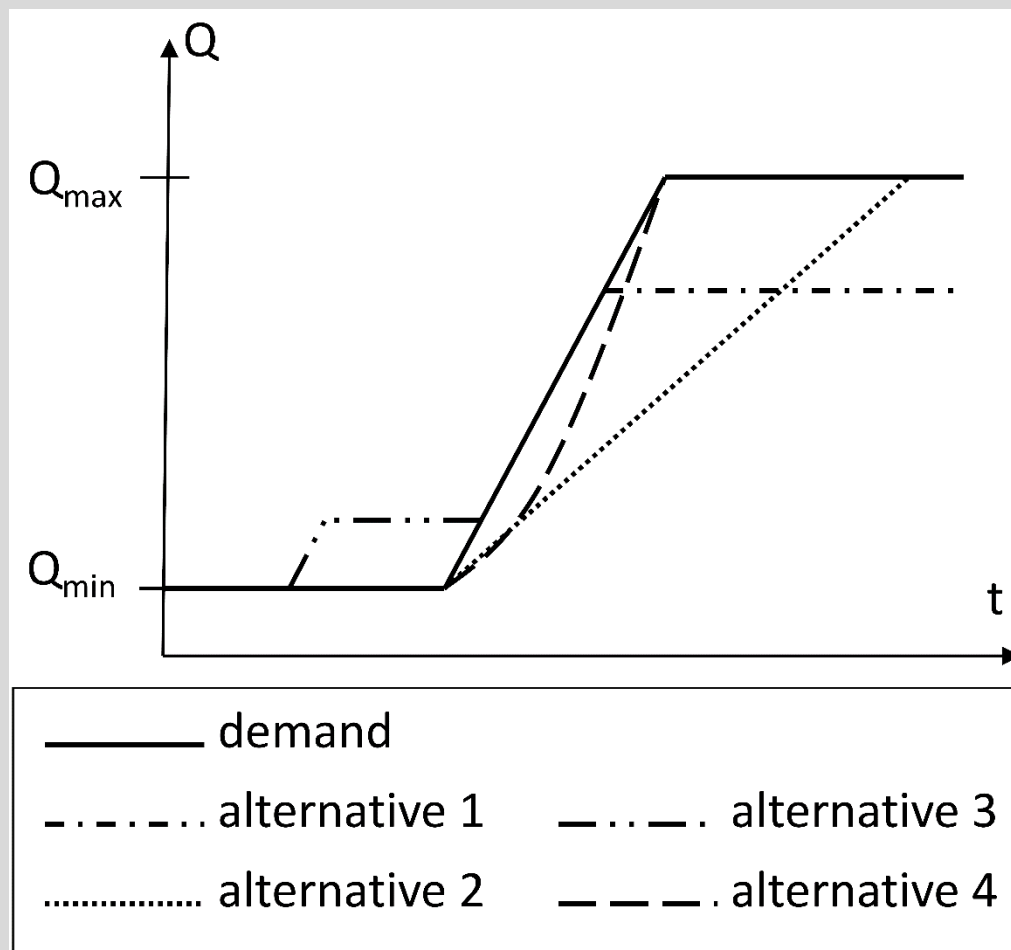
Results:

Three hydrograph characteristics affect the results:

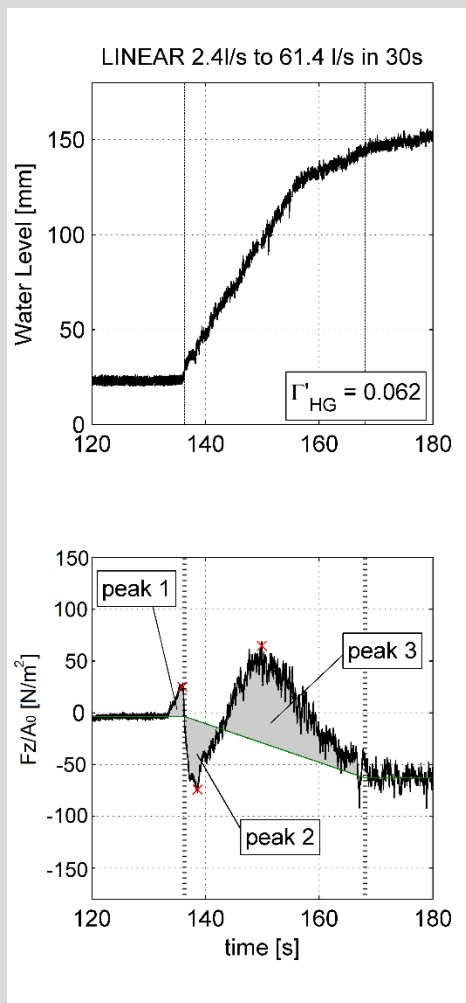
Δt_R , Δd and $d_{\min}$

→ With more than 200 hydrographs,
these can be isolated...

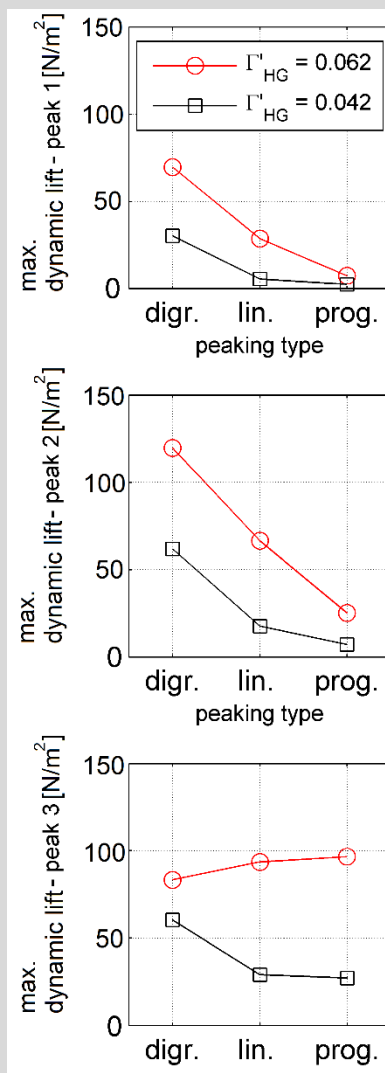
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Conclusions:

- Unsteady flow can have significant dynamic effects on the lift acting on a streambed compared to the bed-shear stress.
- Operational mitigation measures during hydropower peaking reduce the dynamic lift but often interfere with the hydropower plant's production schedule
- Non-Linear (progressive) peaking can be an operational mitigation measures that effectively reduces dynamic lift during flow increases without interfering with the production schedule of hydropower plants.

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3D Numerical modeling of flow over an
artificial gravel bed

Vincenzo Sessa

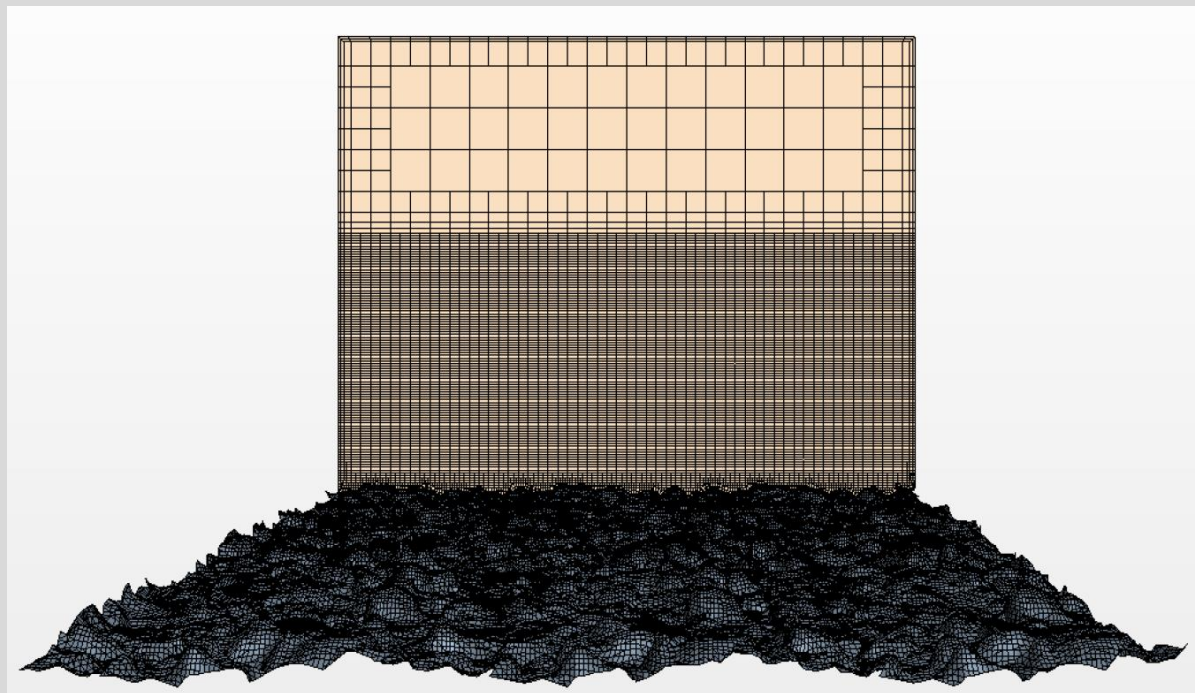
Civil and Environmental Engineering
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Supervisor: Nils Rüther, IVM
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Department of Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering



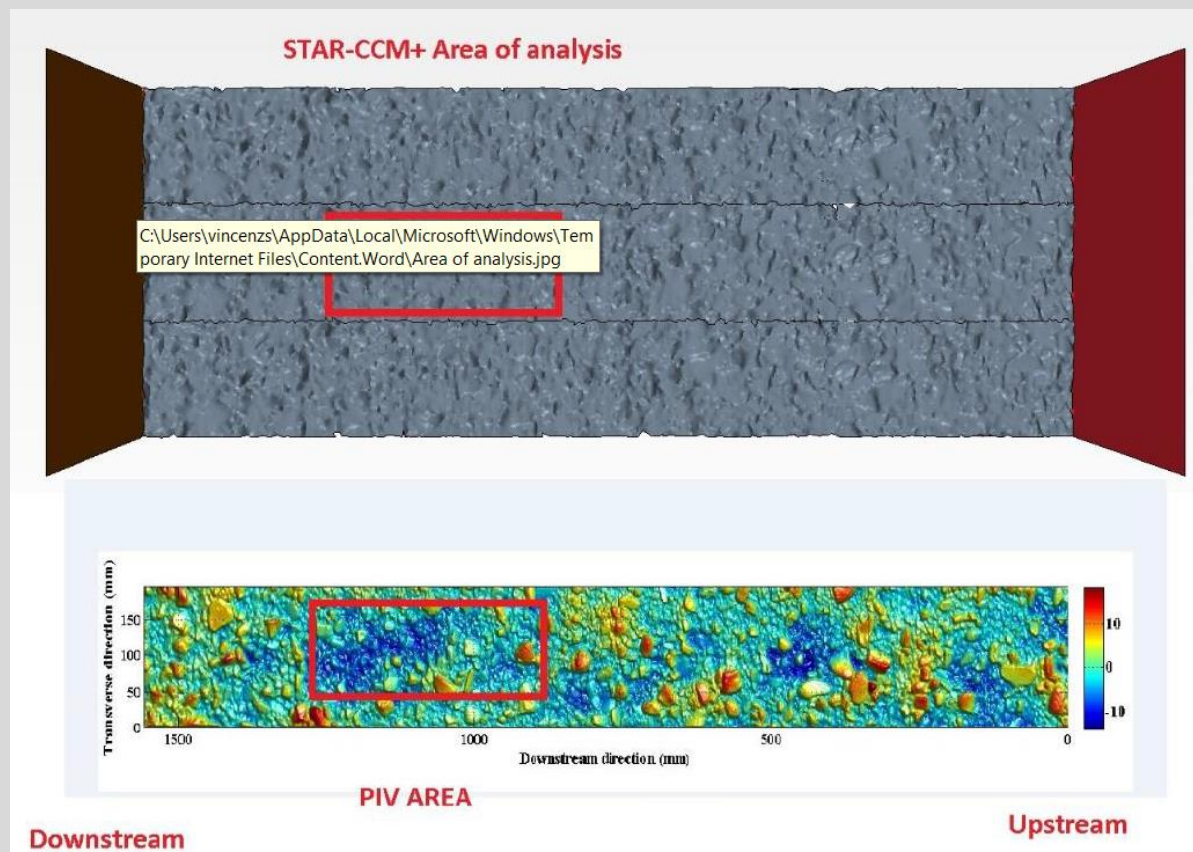
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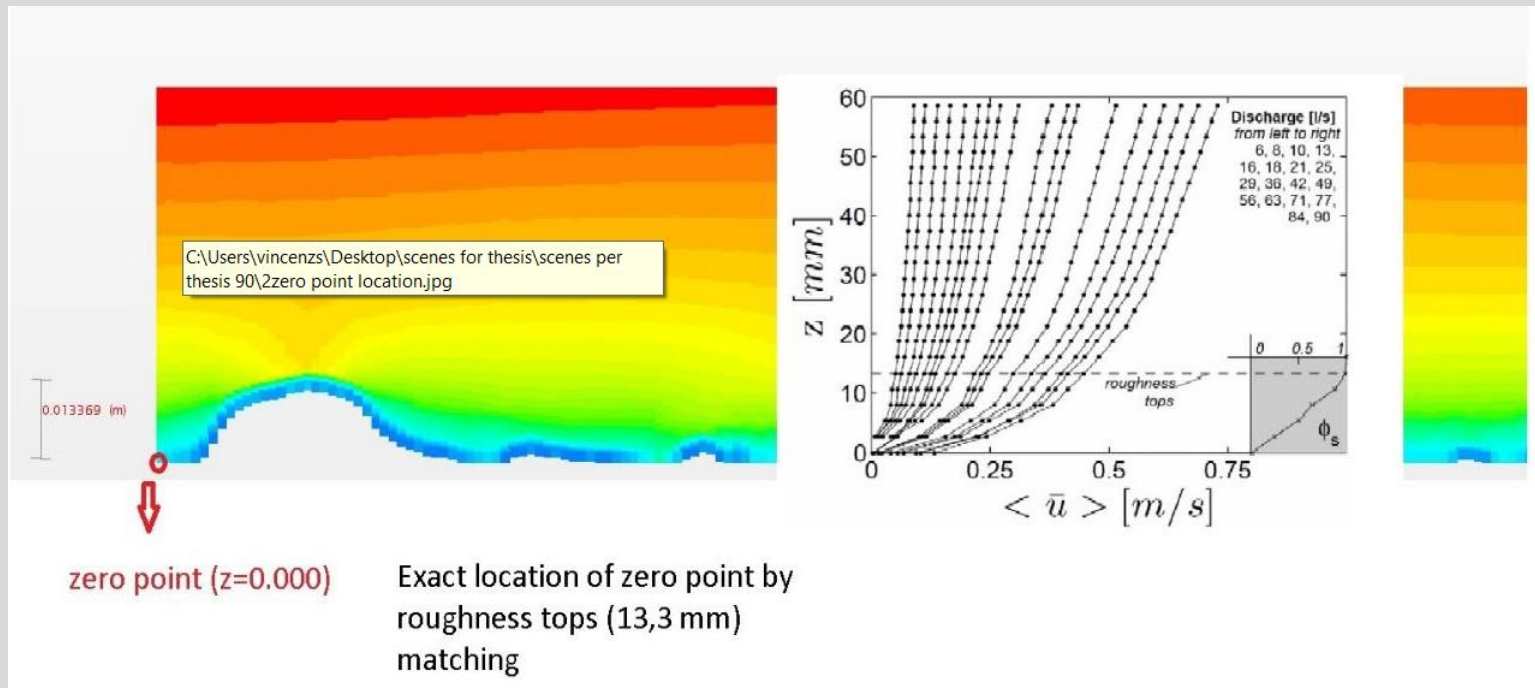
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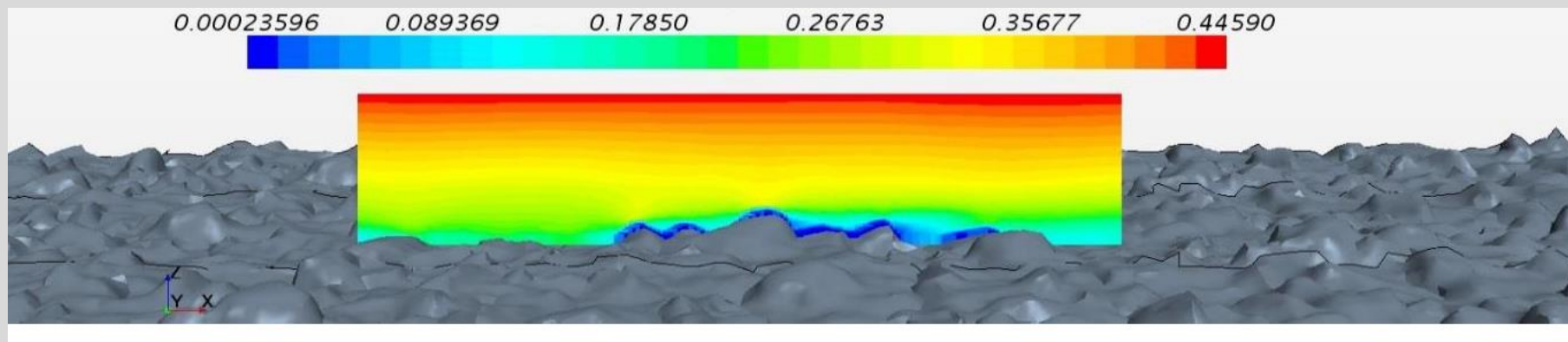
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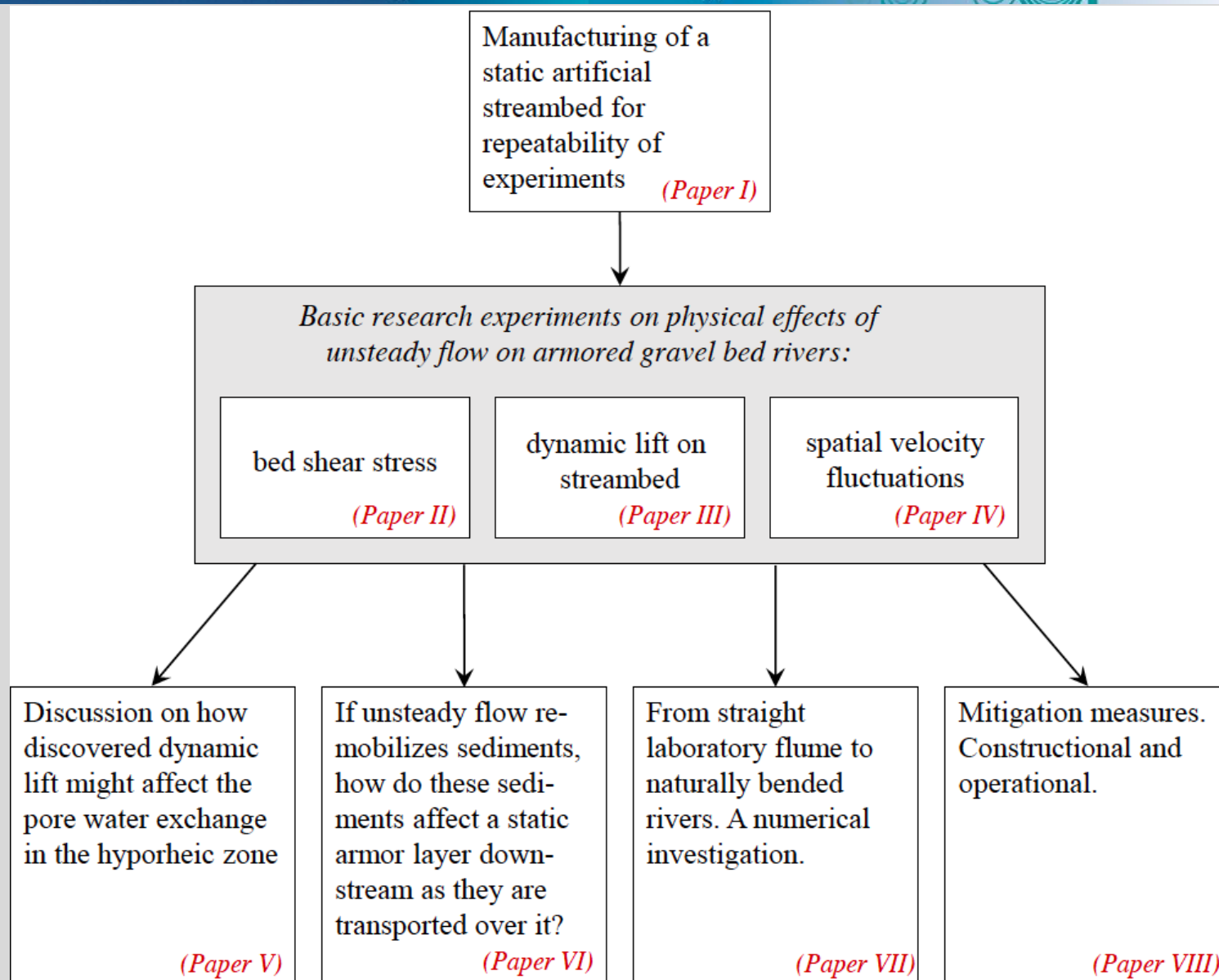
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*4 years of work!
outcome...*

HydroPeak WP7 finished??!!

- PhD finished → Public defence on 8th of December → Rådssalen Gløshaugen*
- Nils Rüther applied for transfer of money to continue in 2015 → use of blue flume*



13 papers

2014

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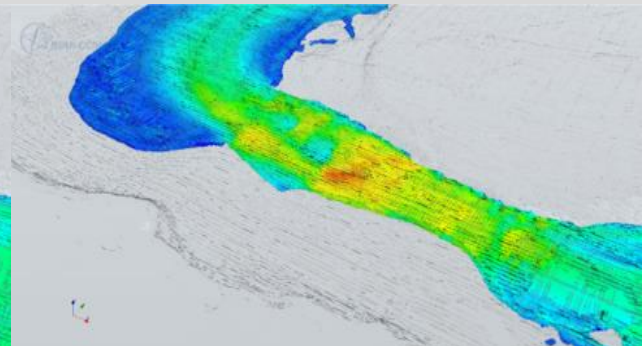
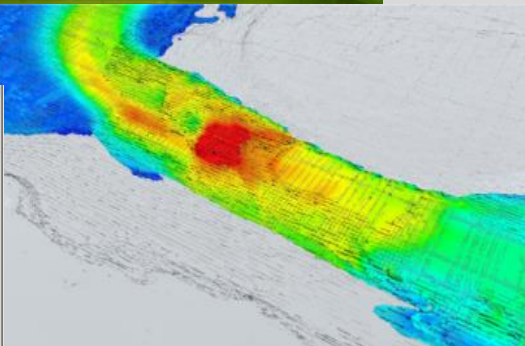
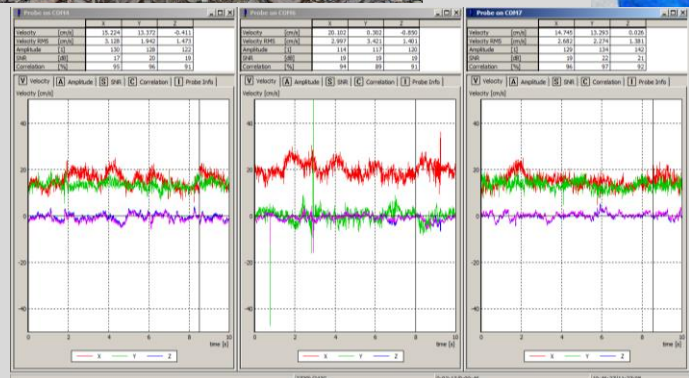
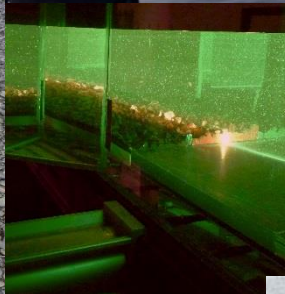
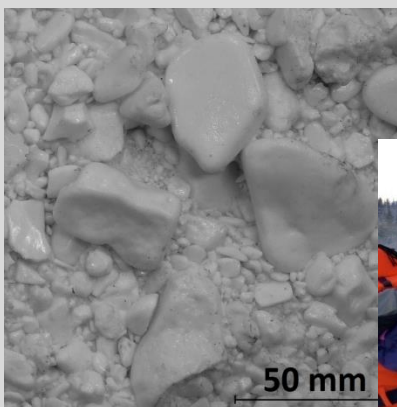
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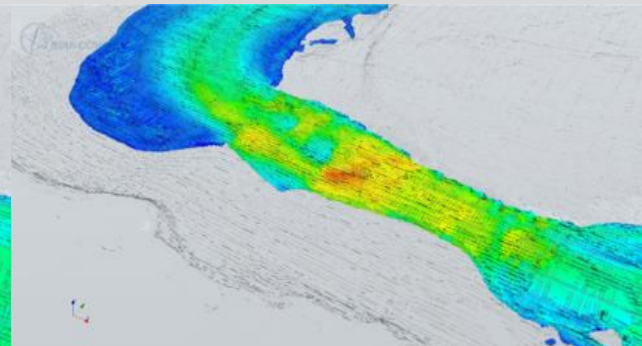
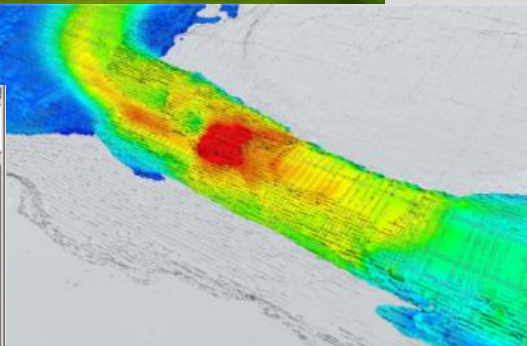
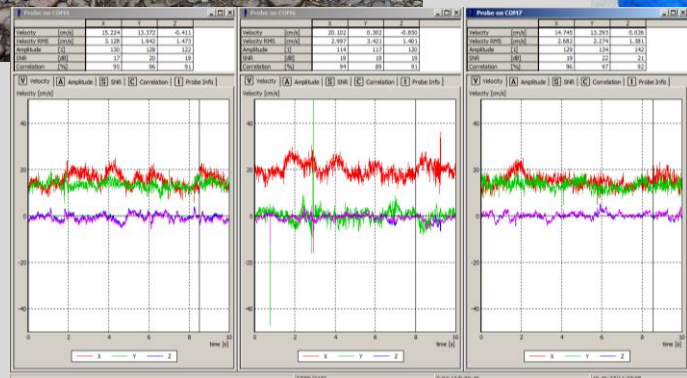
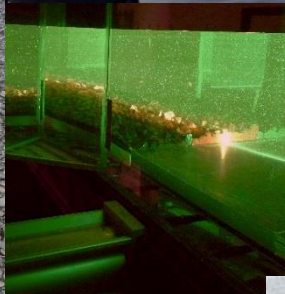
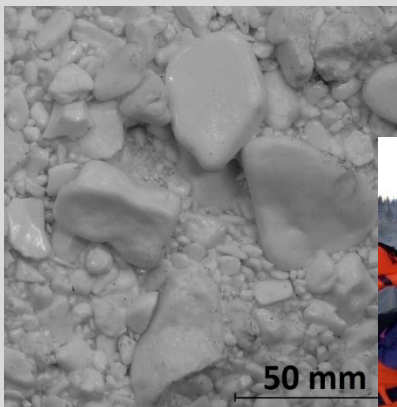
Methods and measurement devices

- Artificial gravel bed
- Direct force measurement
- Freeze cores
- Suspended sediment
- Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV)
- Acoustic Doppler Velocimetry (ADV)
- Numerical methods



Basis for further research

- New PhD student at NTNU
- Master students
- Projects at other institutes in Norway, Germany, New Zealand



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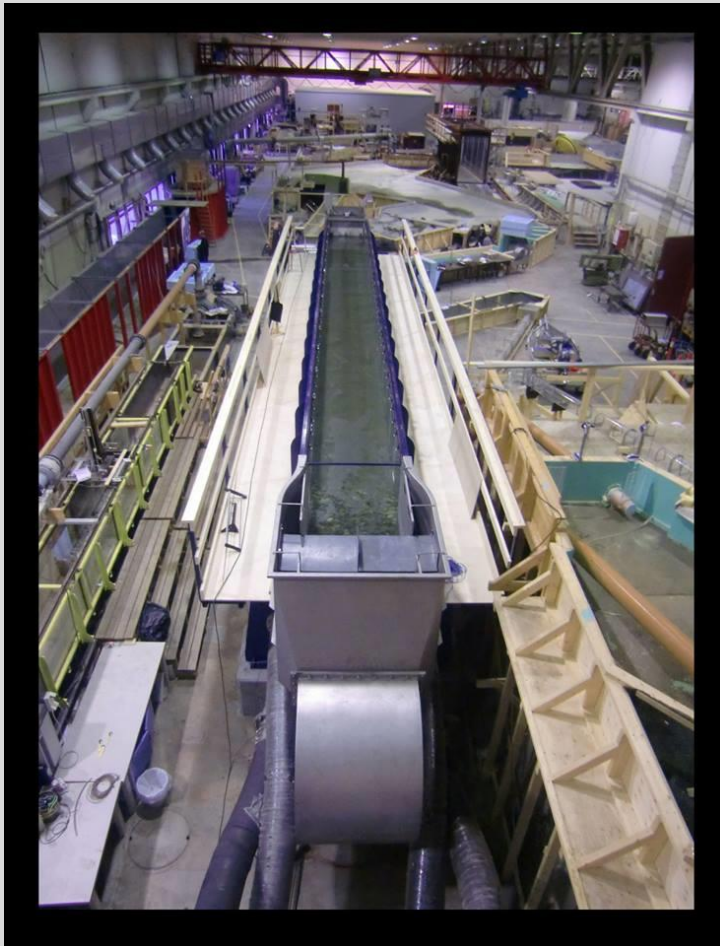


Connections within CEDREN and NTNU

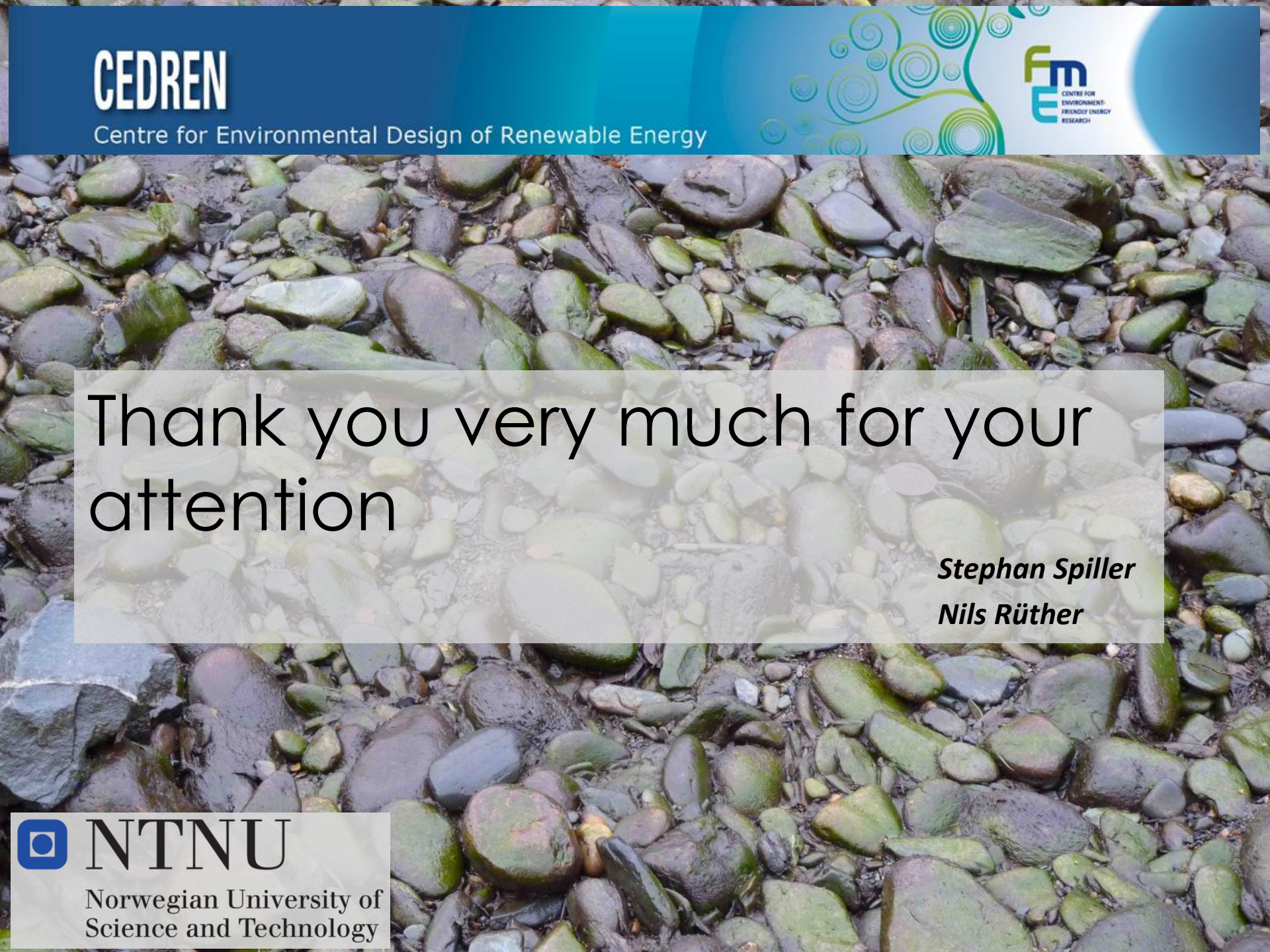


- Nils → EnviPEAK
many project collaborations
- Roser Casas-Mulet is co-Author in Ecohydraulics paper
- Marine Technology PIV group

New flume installed at NTNU



- Flume installed
 - gangway
 - working platform
 - staircase
 - downstream weir
 - 5 tons of sediments
 - Automatic valves
 - Inductive discharge measurement
 - Connection to high reservoir
 - Connection to low reservoir
 - Traverse
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- Several Master theses
 - 4 Months cooperation with Hungarian PhD student
 - Collaboration with MARINTEK
 - New PhD Student at NTNU



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Thank you very much for your
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