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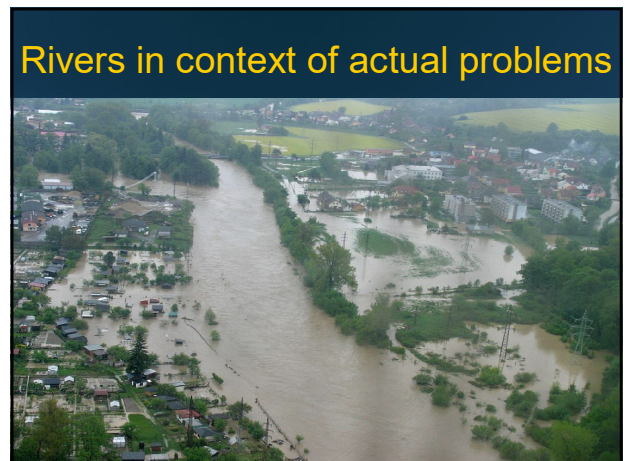
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Říční systémy - současné směry výzkumu a vybrané případové studie

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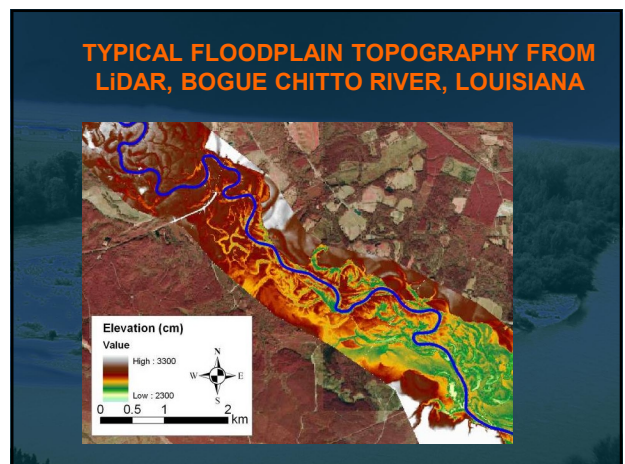
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Rivers – dynamics natural systems

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PRESENT STATE OF THE FORMER CHANNELS' SYSTEM

AFTER DANUBE DAMMING THE FORMER CHANNEL SYSTEM HAS BEEN ALMOST FULLY SEPARATED:

- WATER SUPPLY: THROUGH THE BARRAGE-SEASONAL FLOW VARIATION ($43 \cdot Q < 200 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$)
- WEIRS INSIDE THE FORMER CHANNEL SYSTEM CREATE A CASCADE OF SLOWLY FLOWING WATER BODIES

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Introduction

Overview of research topics

1. MEANDERING RIVER SYSTEMS
 - Spatiotemporal evolution of a unique meandering systems - SACRAMENTO, SAJO, MORAVA RIVER
2. RIVER RESTAURATION – RHONE RIVER
3. UAV MAPPING (in collaboration with Palacký university)
4. DELINEATION OF FLOOD EXTENDS BY GIS-TOOL
5. EROSION-SEDIMENTATION MODELLING IN SMALL CATCHMENTS

CHALLENGES: MOUNTAIN STREAMS AND FLUXES OF COARSE SEDIMENTS (in collaboration with Ostrava University)

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Projects

- 2013 – 2015: IVF Strategic Grant – **Detailed aerial mapping and flood impact monitoring in the V4 region**, Head of the Project
- 2012: IVF Small Grant – **Evaluation of a new remote sensing methodology for detailed international mapping in the V4 region**, Head of the Project
- 2003 - 2015 – Rhone River Restauration Project




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Case studies

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Research Article
Lateral erosion of the Sacramento River, California (1942–1999), and responses of channel and floodplain lake to human influences
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Spatiotemporal evolution of a unique preserved meandering system in Central Europe – The Morava River near Litovel
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Freshwater Biology

Original Article
Hydromorphological conditions in eighteen restored floodplain channels of a large river: linking patterns to processes
Jérémie Riquier^a, Hervé Piégay^a, Monika Šulc Michalová^b

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Research Article
Morphodynamics of the exit of a cutoff meander: experiment findings from field and laboratory studies[†]
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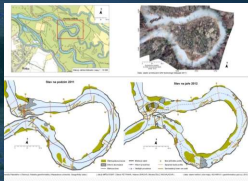
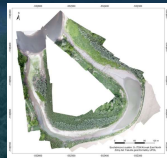
Research article
Detailed assessment of spatial and temporal variations in river channel changes and meander evolution as a preliminary work for effective floodplain management. The example of Sajó River, Hungary
László Berkes^{a, B. P.}, Jenő Andrács-Csernok^b, Zsuzsanna Kovács^c, Mária Szűcs^d, Miklós Szűcs^e, Zoltán Szűcs^f, Zoltán Szűcs^g, György Szűcs^h, Csaba Szűcsⁱ



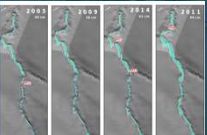
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1. Meandering Rivers - Morava case studies 2. UAV mapping

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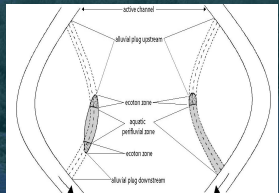
Research on meanders

- Empirical approach includes essentially 3 research directions including
- (1) reconstructions of planimetric development of meandering rivers from archival documents such as maps and aerial images,
- (2) repeated field surveys of meandering reaches illustrating rates of lateral channel migration, changes in channel geometry, and formation of oxbow lakes, and
- (3) physical modelling of cutoff process in laboratory experiments (flume studies).

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Floodplain lake

- a **floodplain lake** is an area of fluvial hydrosystem spatial delimited by an axis of ancient active channel.
- It is composed from two parts: humid perfluvial (aquatic perfluvial zone with ecoton zone) and terestic zone presented by an alluvial plug (Rollet, Citterio, Piégay, 2004).



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Aim of study

- to bring a new knowledges about selected characteristics of floodplain lakes as a part of a fluvial system.
- It responds to this issue with three specific tasks and work on different rivers and scales.
- Three main axes:
 - the first one presents a historical spatio-temporal analysis of the Sacramento River,
 - the second part includes a post-restoration analysis of the Rhone River
 - the third one brings the results from numerical and physical modeling of flow dynamics and sediment transport applied on the Morava River.

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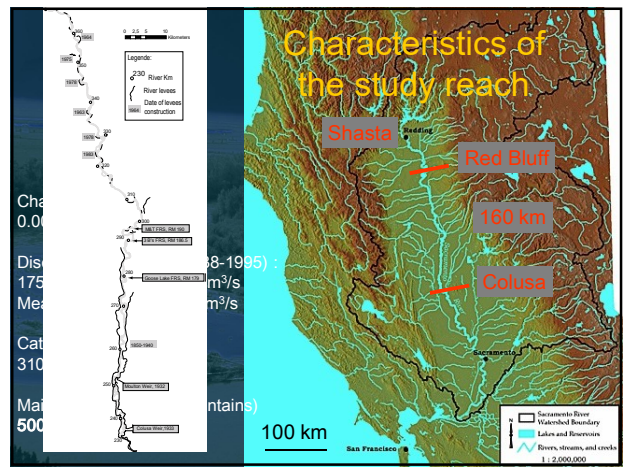
Lateral Erosion of the Sacramento River, California: Human influences and consequences for floodplain lake habitats

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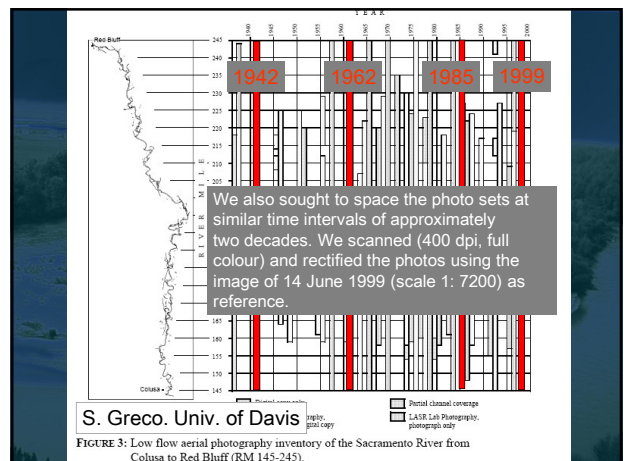
Objectives

- Problem statement** : on a local scale, causes of fluvial changes are difficult to determine because the location and time of causal factors not always the same as the associated changes
- our objective is** :
 - to work on a reach scale
 - to relate the spatial and temporal patterns to causal factors using a comparative approach and multifactorial analysis
- Why this case-study?**
 - Long alluvial reach with potential structural and spatial variability (160 km)
 - Numerous works have been carried out on local scales and a general background is needed
 - Continuing scientific debate on the factors of change and meandering process
 - A lot of data available of good quality



Material & methods

- Select and rectify aerial photos
- Describe relevant geomorphological units (**GIS mapping and measurements**)
 - Main channel (low flow + unvegetated bars)
 - Floodplain lakes
- Compare multiple components over space and time to identify differences among them and to order them on longitudinal and temporal gradients (**creation of GIS attribute tables, statistical analysis**)
- Literature review and analysis of existing data to identify the potential causal factors (**hydrological signal, geological settings, history of infrastructures...**)



Rektifikácia leteckých snímok



Active channel by segments

1) Channel boundaries from map or photo
Transsects
Channel centreline
Average of transect endpoints

Floodplain lakes

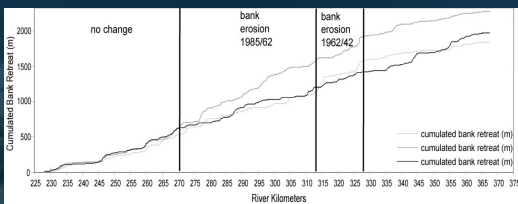
2) [Diagram of lake shapes]

3) [Diagram of channel and lake interaction]

To study the longitudinal organisation and character of the different features, we created a coverage of elementary segments of 250 m in length from which we extracted the active channel area, the low flow channel length and the area and eroded floodplain area.

Using channel centrelines mapped for a total of 19 dates from historical maps and aerial photographs dates 1896 to 1997, we dated historical cutoffs to within 5 years (within 3 years for more recent years).

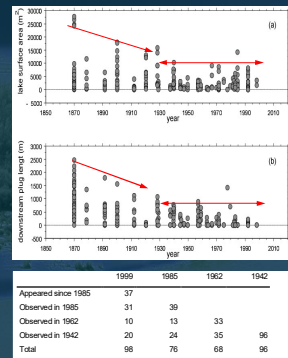
Evolution of bank erosion by 250m length segments of active channel



- Four distinct reaches were then distinguished statistically:
- the first one downstream of km 272 did not undergo any change in tendency of cumulative bank retreat whatever the period,
- the second one between km 272 and km 315 is characterised by an important increase in bank erosion during the period 1962-1985),
- the third section between km 315 and 330 with significant bank erosion period 1942-1962 (average bank retreat respectively 7.01, 5.41 and 3.63 m/yr).
- the fourth section presents showed two local peaks km 346 and km 358 during the most recent period and underwent from 1942 to 1999 a constant

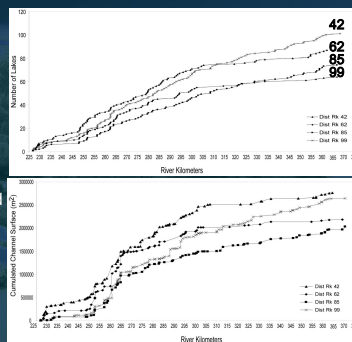
Evolution of the characteristics of floodplain lakes

- The size of newly-created lakes decreased from 1870 to 1940, reaching a minimum in the 1950's and increasing slightly from 1962-1985.



Longitudinal Evolutions of Floodplain Lakes

- many lakes downstream disappeared from 1942 to 1962, but were partly compensated for by creation of new lakes over the entire period through 1999
- In upstream reaches (km 300 to 360), many new lakes appeared from 1962-1985 and from 1985-1999. The longitudinal distribution of lakes did not change (regardless of lake type), but the cumulative values differed from one photo set to another.



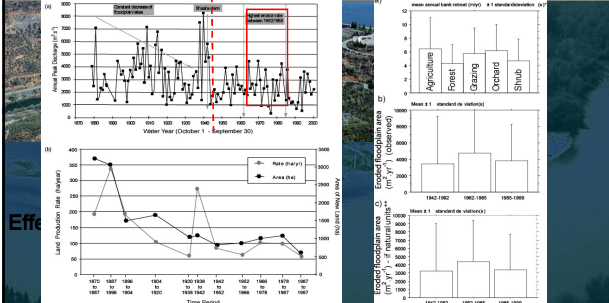
-nPCA analysis test the geometrical differences between floodplain lakes according to their inter-date evolution (new, stable, disappeared) and the dates of observation

F1 axis distinguished the permanent floodplain lakes channels whatever the years of observation

The lakes "42-62" have the highest surface areas, axial length, sinuosity rate, but also

- F1) downstream distance between downstream edge of active channel and the edge of floodplain lake
- F2) upstream distance between the outline of the water body edge and the floodplain lake and
- F3) upstream distance between the edge channel and active channel
- F4) F2/F3 total distance of the reached land
- F4) direct distance between the scar lake edge
- F5) channel centreline distance

River regulation has reduced the magnitude and frequency of high-flow events and has increased low-flow discharges during the summer and autumn irrigation seasons. At Red Bluff, records from the longest-running streamflow gauge show 2 and 10-year flood peaks reduced from 3310 and 5840 m³/s respectively pre-dam to 2170 and 3790 m³/s post-dam.



Summary and interpretation

The history showed that the floodplain habitats of the Sacramento underwent significant changes during the 20th century:

- i) channel narrowing induced a longitudinal simplification of the aquatic channel and gravel bar habitats, providing new riparian pioneer habitats upstream
- ii) large oxbow lakes have not been created since the late 20th century.

More active bank erosion upstream of km 260 from 1962-1985, increased the rate of new lake creation, but these new lakes were smaller and less sinuous and straighter, reflecting their creation by chute cutoff rather than by neck cutoff.

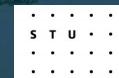
Conclusions

- Major impacts of bank protection on channel erosion and floodplain lake formation and geometry
- Change in peak flow as a result of the construction of Shasta Dam would have induced greater changes in bank erosion and lake formation if the bank protection measures have not been in place.
- Artificial bank protection has affected the distribution and character of floodplain lakes and the floodplain ecosystem.
- Shasta Dam and other influences have served to homogenise the channel geometry along the entire 140-km reach, reducing the active channel width.

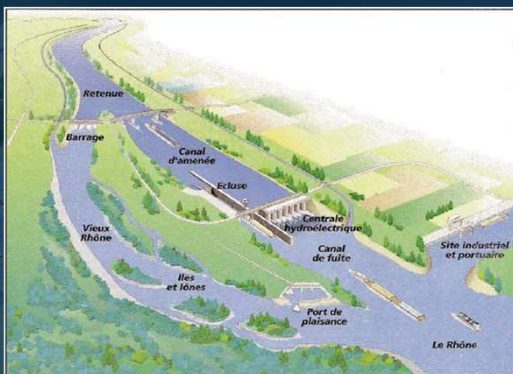
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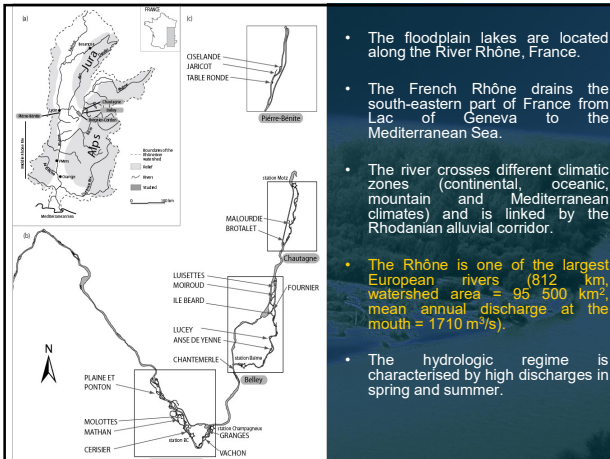


Feedbacks on Restored Floodplain Lakes Sedimentation of Upper Rhône River



Rhone River





- The floodplain lakes are located along the River Rhône, France.
- The French Rhône drains the south-eastern part of France from Lac of Geneva to the Mediterranean Sea.
- The river crosses different climatic zones (continental, oceanic, mountain and Mediterranean climates) and is linked by the Rhodanian alluvial corridor.
- The Rhône is one of the largest European rivers (812 km, watershed area = 95 500 km², mean annual discharge at the mouth = 1710 m³/s).
- The hydrologic regime is characterised by high discharges in spring and summer.

Objectives

The objectives of study is to:

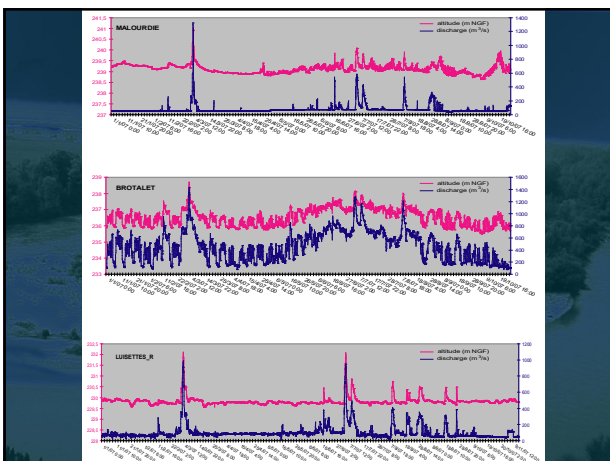
- i) to evaluate the variability in habitat conditions inside of floodplain lakes from inter-lake comparison,
- ii) to advise the time evolution of habitat conditions.

Methodology

- From methodological point of view, we used the methodology of sediment survey established recently by Citterio & Piégay, 2008.
- Two steps were considered:
 - i) the measurement of the sedimentation rates based on the ratio between the mean sediment thickness and the date of the revitalisation;
 - ii) the statistical analysis of the relationships and inter-lake analysis (the characterisation of connexion frequency and to define the life expectancy of former channels).

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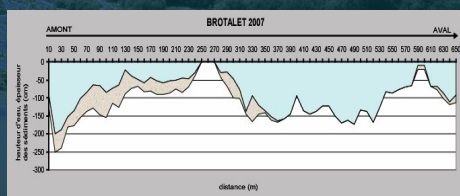
and hydrologic data of discharge (source: CNR)



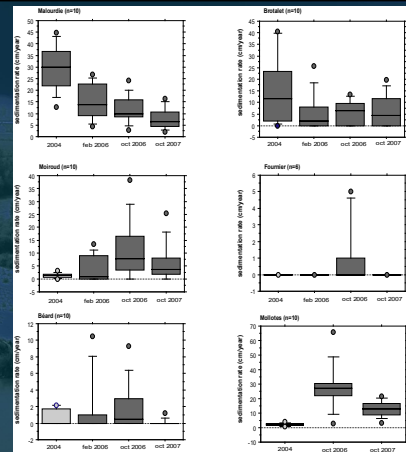
Measurements « HE+ES » and granulometry

Water depth and sedimentation

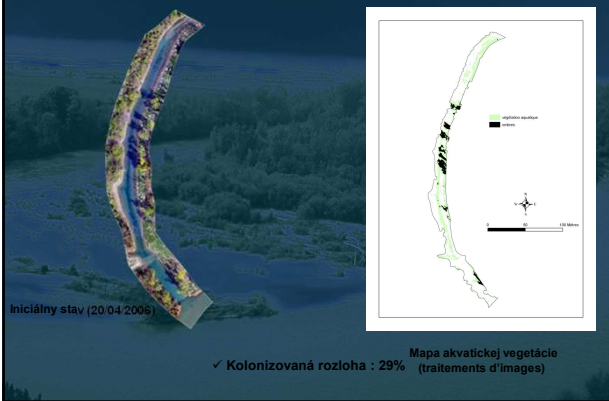
Catchment	Annual mean sedimentation rate (cm/year)			Mean water level (cm)		
	T	T+1	T+2	T	T+1	T+2
MAL	29.93	14.62	11.47	7.7	74.4	106.02
BRO	13.47	5.57	6.06	6.56	104.6	181.28
Belley	T+1	T	T+2	T+1	T	T+2
LUI	0	0	0	110	102.5	98
MCH	1.22	1.1	1.12	6.27	67.2	116.46
FOU	0	0	0.83	0	61.67	125.2
BEA	0.7	1.75	1.87	0.12	7.3	76.02
LUC	0	0	0.95	0.42	98.8	112.4
YEN	0	0	0	3.75	119.25	101.88
CHA	ND	2	ND	ND	151.6	ND
Bregnier-Cordon						
GRA	0	2.32	0	in 2008	0	129.2
VAC	0	0	0	in 2008	96.7	96.4
CER	0.27	9.16	7.08	in 2008	65.4	76.48
MAT	0.76	8.4	in 2007	in 2008	22.4	95.8
MDL	2.26	27.7	17.34	in 2008	54.8	145.2
PLA	5.05	33.9	18.77	in 2008	55.1	165.2
				in 2008		182.15



Sedimentation rates in floodplain lakes T-1 (before), T (rest year), T+1 (after)



> Monitoring « îlône de la Malourdie » - Vegetalizácia koryta



> Monitoring « îlône de Brotalet »



Conclusions

- The unique methodology of floodplain lake monitoring has been presented. The annual measurements have been done.
- The first feedbacks permit to visualise the lake types. Also the connecting discharges and the shear stress have been calculated.
- The duration of the post-restoration period concerning the floodplain lakes of Bregnier-Cordon and Belley is relatively short and so the comparison pre- and post-restoration state is only just possible.

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Morphodynamics of the Exit of a Cut-off Meander: Experimental Findings from Field and Laboratory Studies

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Objective

- The main goal of this study is to investigate the flow and erosion/deposition processes taking place in the exit of an floodplain lake.
- Such a situation is common during ordinary floods, as the inundation frequency is usually much higher at the exit than at the entrance.
- This kind of 'backflow' into the downstream part of the abandoned channel is a key-process for the infilling of oxbow-lakes (Shields and Abt, 1989).

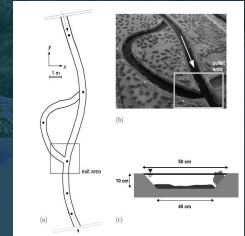
- Experiments were conducted on a 8.60m × 19m physical model built within the VUVH hydraulic facility (Bratislava, Slovakia).

- The model simulates a 2400m-long reach of the lower Morava river, which forms the boundary between Slovakia and Austria. This originally free-meandering tributary of the Danube was heavily regulated and channelized in the mid XXth century.

- The physical model was used to study several reopening scenarios for two disconnected meanders, as part of a European Phare project (Holubova *et al.*, 1999).

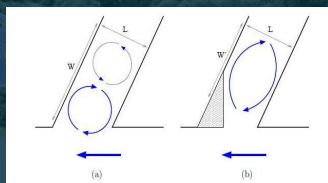
- The main channel and the floodplain, including disconnected meanders, were reproduced from bathymetry surveys and aerial photographs. The floodplain (coarse sand) and the channel banks and substratum (concrete) were inerodible.

- In this study, the entrance of the main meander was closed. Observations were focused on the downstream exit, which was directly open to the main channel.



Measurements

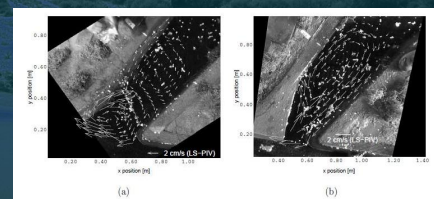
- For two different simulation runs, contrasting shapes were given to the downstream corner of the exit. Run 1 was conducted with a smooth corner (flow incidence angle roughly 60°), whereas run 2 was conducted with a sharp corner and a reduced mouth (flow incidence angle roughly 90°).



- During run 1 (smooth corner, a), a 2-gyre system developed, as observed in spanwise elongated open-channel side cavities.

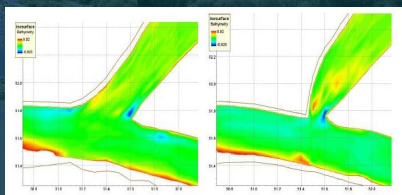
- The gyre at the mouth of the channel had a mean surface velocity magnitude that was roughly 3 cm/s in the inflow and less than 2 cm/s in the outflow.

- The velocities measured near the downstream corner suggested a highly 3D flow structure, confirmed by visual observation of liquid particles traced by dye injection.



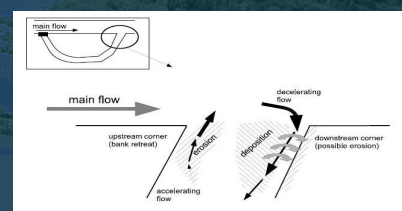
Results

- Topography surveys for both experimental runs yielded similar erosion/deposition spatial patterns in the meander exit and in the main channel.
- Some elongated deposits developed in the vicinity of the downstream side of the exit.
- In run 1, this effect was less visible because 3D currents were not as strong because of the smoother shape of the downstream corner. Visual observation indicated an movement of particles inward.



Consistency of Local Morphodynamical Processes

- Erosion and deposition areas appear to be associated with acceleration (outflow) and deceleration (inflow) trends, and also with 3D currents induced by the solid boundaries.
- In contrast, sand and silt are deposited in the cavity wherever the velocity magnitude.



Conclusion

- In agreement with previous studies on open-channel side-cavity flows, a main recirculating flow always develops in the entrance.
- In the laboratory case, a change in the shape of the downstream corner of the cavity induced a two-gyre system instead.
- In the field case, three regimes of complex flow patterns were distinguished according to the discharge in the main channel.
- In both cases, a simple analogy - in rectangular cavities was used to explain the observations.

General Conclusion

- Floodplain lakes have mostly been studied by ecologists, because their evaluation of river habitats. But the essential element to know is the structure and functioning of this part of a fluvial hydrosystem.
- The factor of anthropic pressure cannot be excluded from analyses of the functioning of floodplain lakes.
- The examples studied in our work join the hydrological processes and morphological consequences on a fluvial system.
- The scientific monitoring was the response to different projects developed by river managers. This can help with the construction of the coordinated management of a fluvial system, where the evolution of different parts (such as floodplain lakes) is included.