# Dominguez Channel Estuary Model Study

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DCEM Study Area





### Overview

- Field Program and Data Analysis
- Model Input Parameters
- Dry Weather Calibration
- Wet Weather Calibration



## Field Program

- Fixed Monitoring (ADP)
- Vessel Based Surveys
- Salinity Distribution
- Estuary Water Quality Sampling (CTD)
- Pullotograghs
- Dye Tracer Study
- Meteorological Data



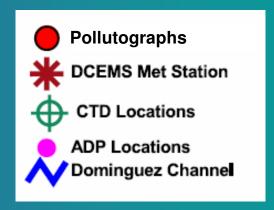
# **Fixed Monitoring**

- Continuous monitoring of pressure, velocity and temperature
- Dominguez Channel velocity profile



# **Monitoring Locations**





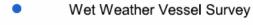




# Vessel Based Surveys



#### Vessel Based Surveys





Dominguez Channel



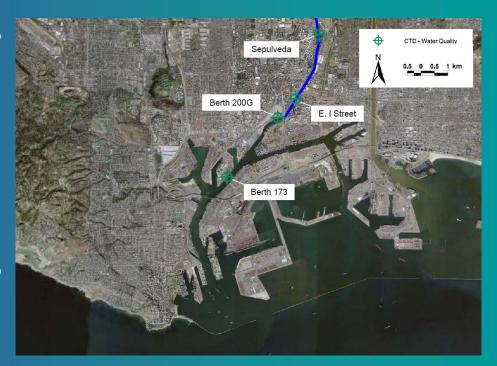
## **Salinity Distributions**

- Dry weather
  - May 17, 2005
  - August 18, 2005
- Wet weather
  - February 27-28, 2006
  - February 25-March 15,2006 (Continuous, fixed location)



## **Estuary Water Quality Sampling**

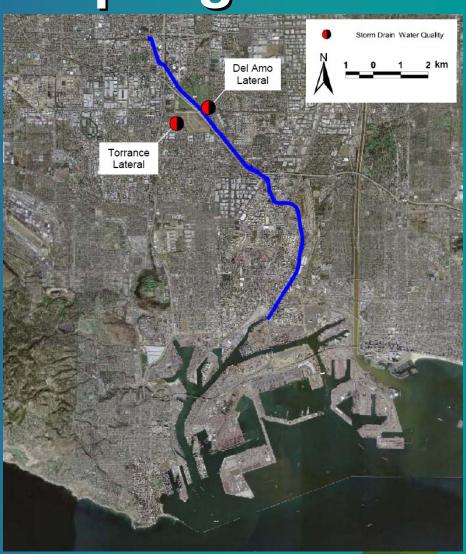
- 2 channel locations
- 2 harbor locations
- Monthly measurements
- Suite A parameters





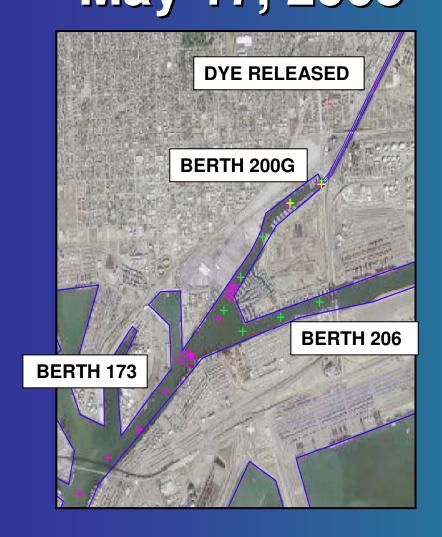
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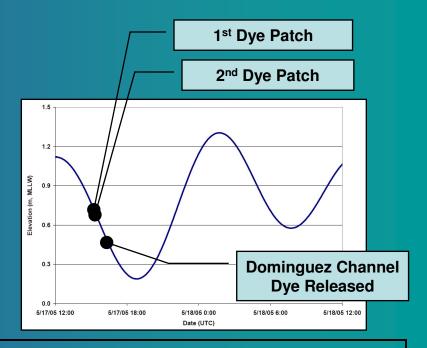
- Wet weather
- Suite B parameters

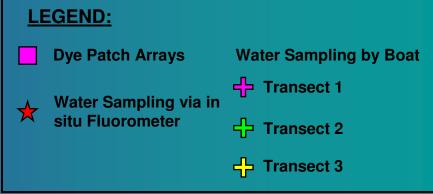


Dye Tracer Study

– May 17, 2005

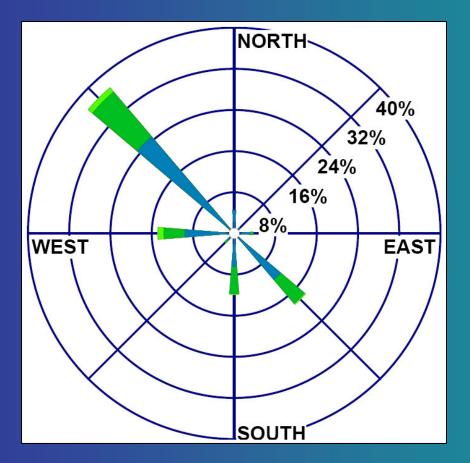


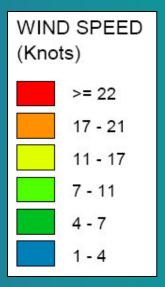






## Meteorological Data - Wilmington





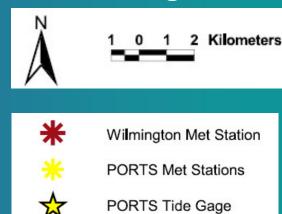
Data Range: 4/27/05 - 3/22/06, Wind Direction: Blow from



### Other Data Considered

- NOAA PORTS Meteorological Data
- ❖NOAA LA Outer Harbor Tide Gage







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POLA EnhancedWater QualityMonitoring Program



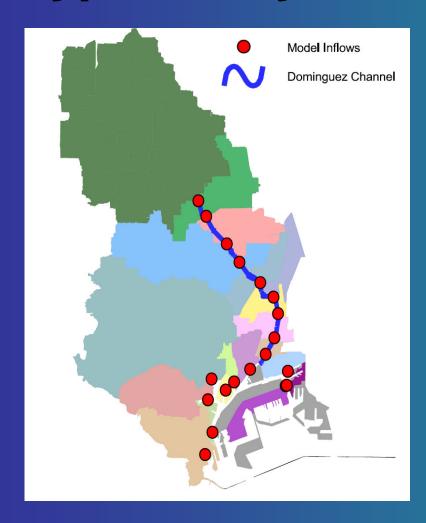


### Other Data Considered

- POLB/POLA Biological Baseline Study
- Bathymetry
  - USACE
  - POLA
- Sediment Quality
  - POLA Consolidated Slip Restoration Project
  - POLA Dominguez Channel Sediment Investigation



## **Typical Dry Weather Flow**



Flow  $(m^3/sec) = 0.0024 * Area (km^2)$ 

Stein, E. and D. Ackerman (SCCWRP) - Unpublished Data





# **Artesia Water Quality Sampling**

- Dry weather pollutograph
  - May 17, 2005
  - August 18, 2005
- Wet weather pollutograph
  - February 27-28, 2006





## Field Data Analysis

- Tide elevations filter NOAA tide gage data
- Velocities transform to along channel velocities and filter

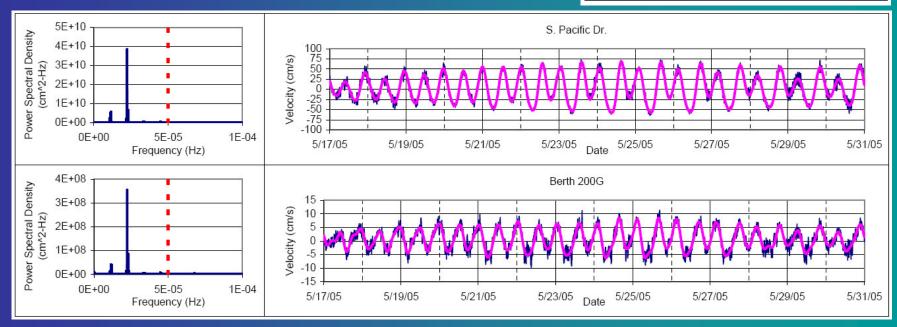


#### Field Data Analysis

# **Velocity Data**









# **Model Input Parameters**

- Bathymetry
- **\***Tide
- Power plant
- **❖**Wind
- Coriolis force
- Initial concentrations
- Dry weather flows and loadings



## **Bathymetry Data Sources**



#### LEGEND:



May 2005 (USACE)



October, 2002 (USACE)



March, 2001 (USACE)



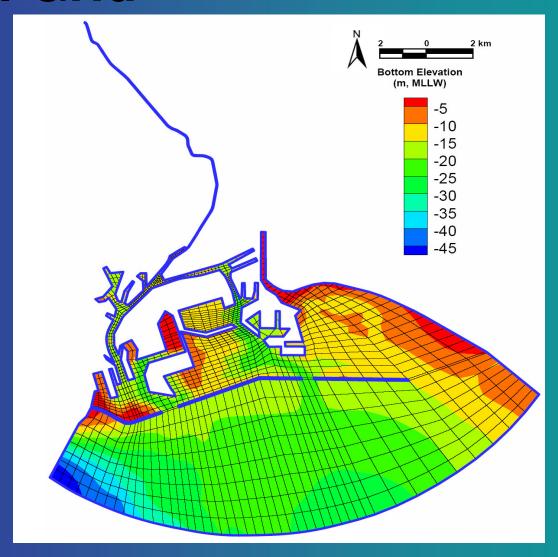
February, 2001 (USACE)

#### Note:

- 1. Dominguez Channel March, 2006 Survey (POLA)
- 2. Areas not colored NOAA Charts (2004) No. 18749 & 18751



### **Model Grid**





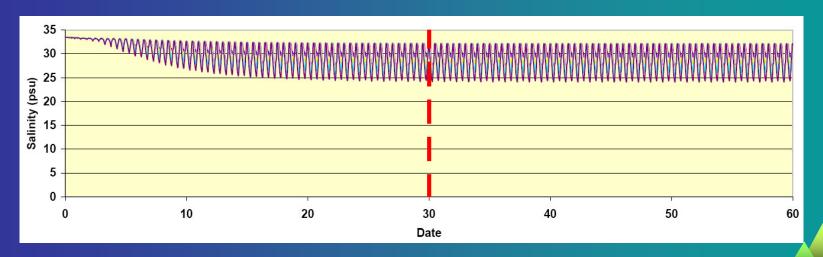
## **Power Plant**





### **Initial Conditions**

- Constant initial conditions for water column
- 30-day spin up time for vertical gradient
- Initial concentrations from data



# Initial Conditions – Water Column

Salinity	33.5 PSU	2000 Biological Baseline	
Dye	0 ppb	-1	
Cohesive Sediment	3.9 mg/L	DCEMS field data	
Noncohesive Sediment	0 mg/L		
Chromium	1.8 μg/L	POLA Enhanced	
Copper	1.7 μg/L	Water Quality	
Lead	1.1 μg/L	Project	
Zinc	10.2 μg/L	2005-2006 data	



# Initial Conditions – Sediment Bed

Dominguez Channel	30 Fines 70% Sands	Dominguez Channel Sediment Investigation
Consolidated Slip	90% Fines 10% Sands	2000 Biological Baseline
Cerritos Channel	70% Fines 30% Sands	2000 Biological Baseline
Other Model Areas	100% Sands	Assumed

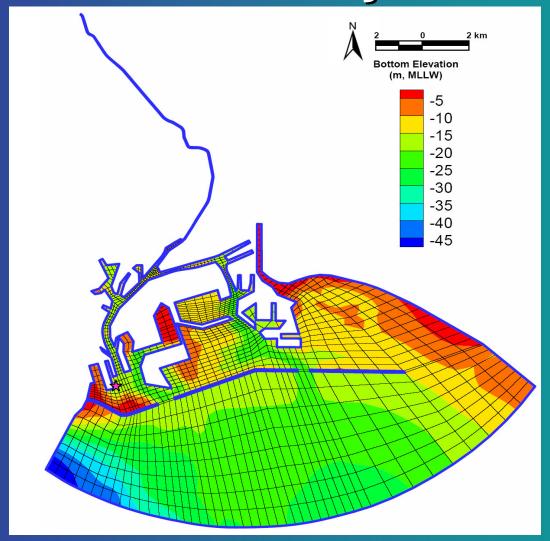


# Initial Conditions – Sediment Bed

Dominguez Channel	Cr 68 μg/L Cu 95 μg/L Pb 179 μg/L Zn 384 μg/L	Dominguez Channel Sediment Investigation
Consolidated Slip	Cr 246 μg/L Cu 408 μg/L Pb 360 μg/L Zn 1,137 μg/L	Consolidate Slip Restoration Project
Other Model Areas	No metals	Assumed

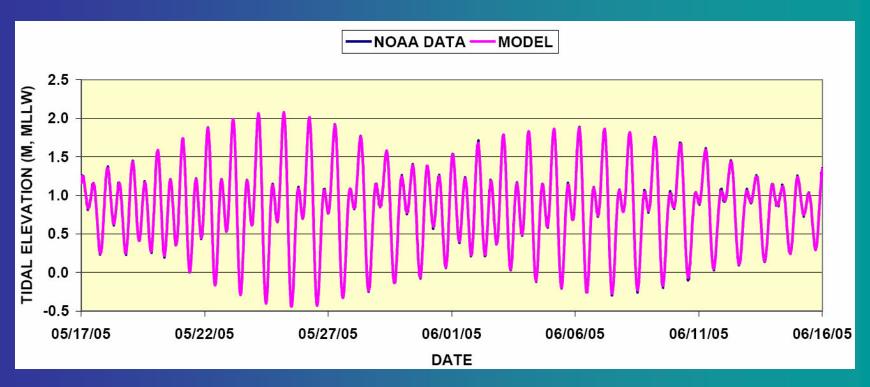


## **Verify Tide Boundary**



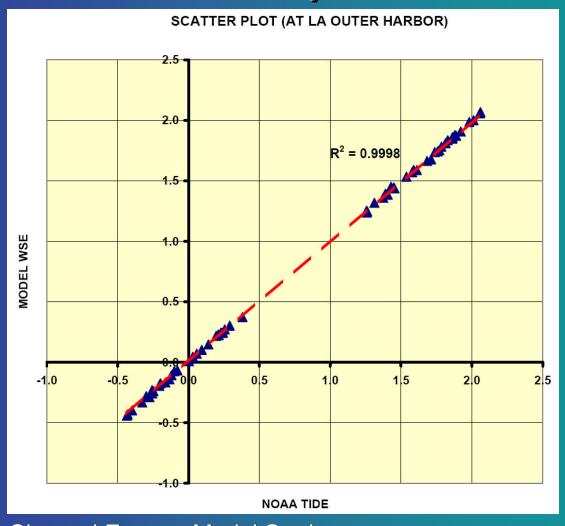


# Verify Tide Boundary (LA Outer Harbor)





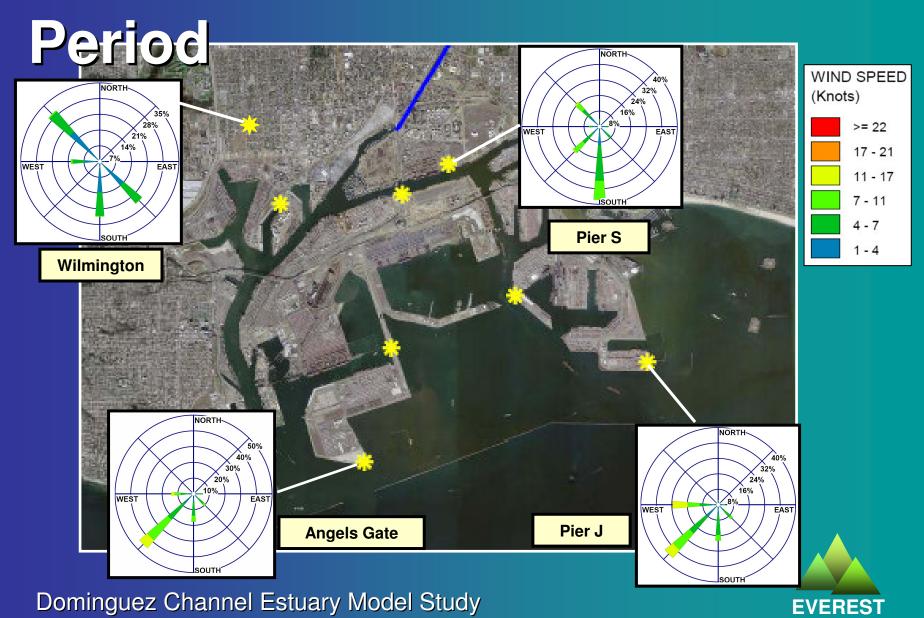
# Water Elevation Scatter Plot (LA Outer Harbor)





**Dry Weather Calibration** 

# Wind Roses – Calibration

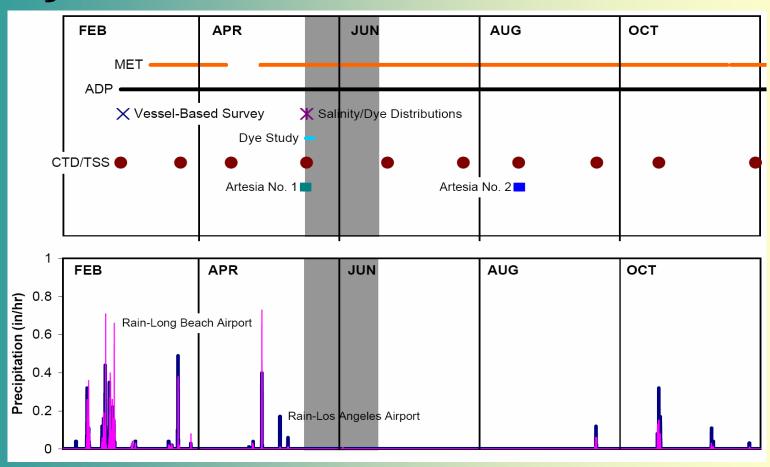


# **Multiple Winds**





# Dry Weather Calibration Period May 17 – June 17, 2005





### **Calibration Parameters**

- Horizontal and vertical viscosity/diffusivity
- Roughness height
- Cohesive settling velocity
- Equilibrium partition coefficient



## Hydrodynamics

Hydrodynamic Parameter	DC Locations	Other Locations	Model Comparison	Field Data
Water Surface Elevation	1	3	5/17/05 — 6/17/05	Fixed Velocity (ADP)
Along Channel Velocity	1	3	5/17/05 Peak ebb and flood (neap tide) 5/24/05 Peak ebb, peak flood, and slack tides (spring tide)	Fixed Velocity (ADP)
Along Channel Velocity Profile	1	0	5/17/05 — 6/17/05	Fixed Velocity (ADP)



# Water Quality

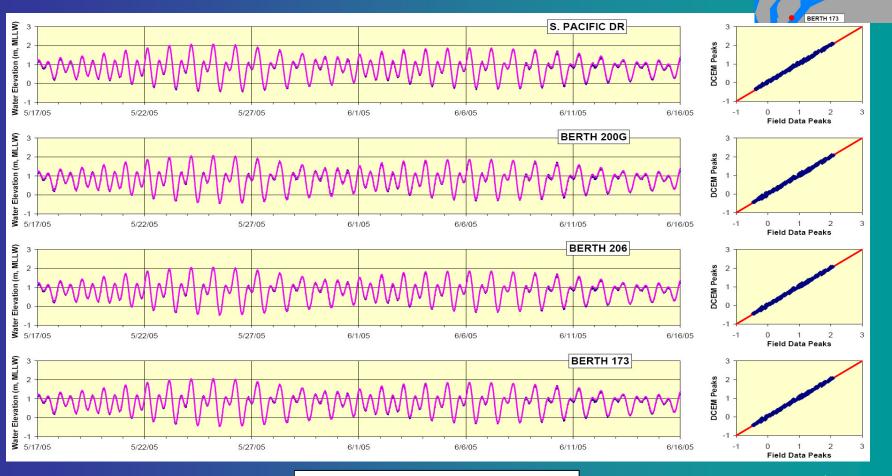
Water Quality Parameter	DC Locations	Other Locations	Model Comparison	Field Data
Salinity Vertical Profiles	2	2	Single measurement 5/17/05	Estuary CTD
	0	21	Periodically 5/17/05	Salinity Distribution
Dye	0	3	5/17/05 — 5/20/05	Dye Study
Dye Vertical Profile	0	21	Periodically 5/17/05	Dye Study
TSS	2	2		
Chromium (Cr)	2	2	Single sample 5/17/05 (2 depths for channel locations, 3 depths for	Estuary Water
Copper (Cu)	2	2		Quality Sampling –
Lead (Pb)	2	2	harbor locations)	Suite B
Zinc (Zn)	2	2		



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## **Water Surface Elevations**



Field Data — DCEM



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# Velocity

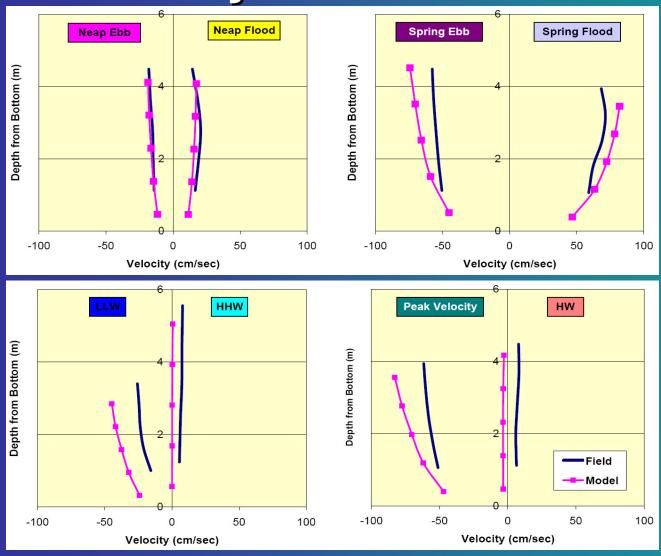


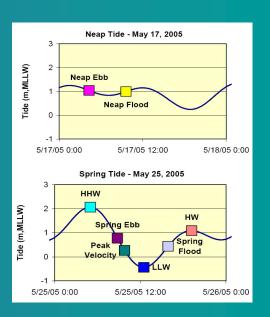
**DCEM** 

- Field Data



## Velocity Profiles – S. Pacific Dr

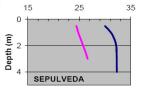


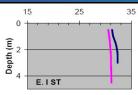


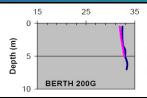


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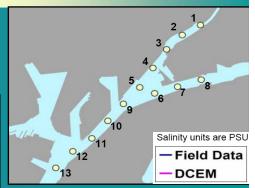




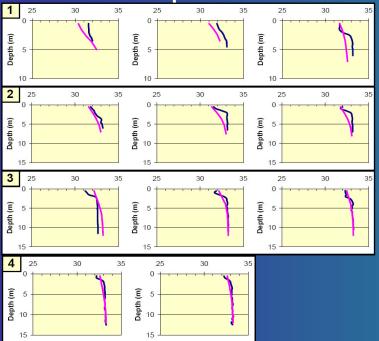






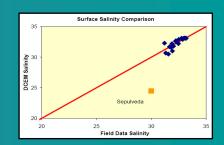


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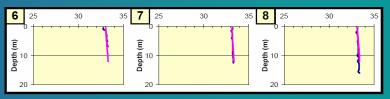


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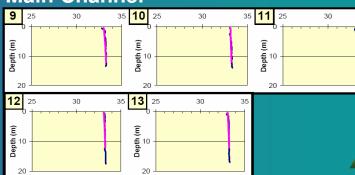




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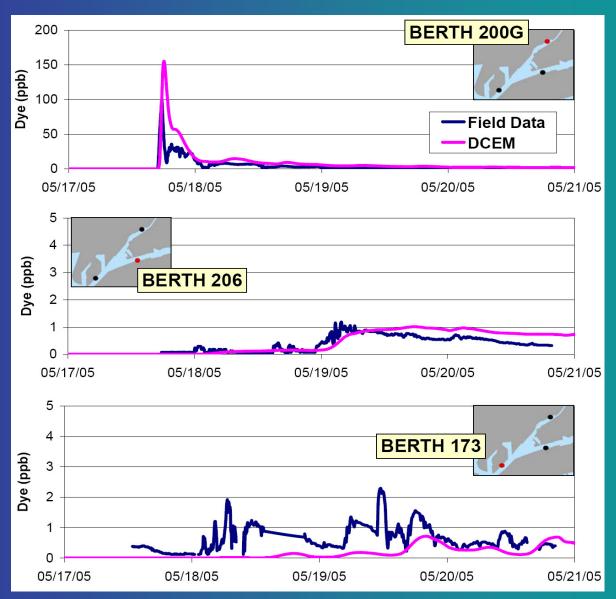


#### **Main Channel**





# Dye





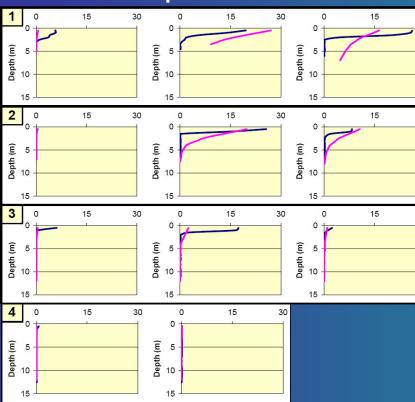
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**DCEM** 

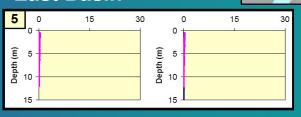
- Field Data

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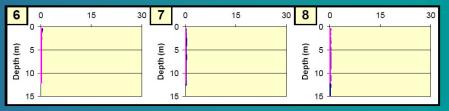
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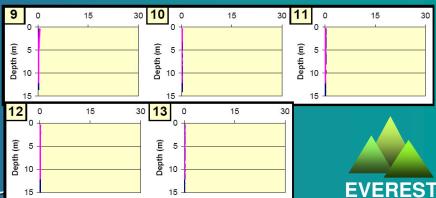


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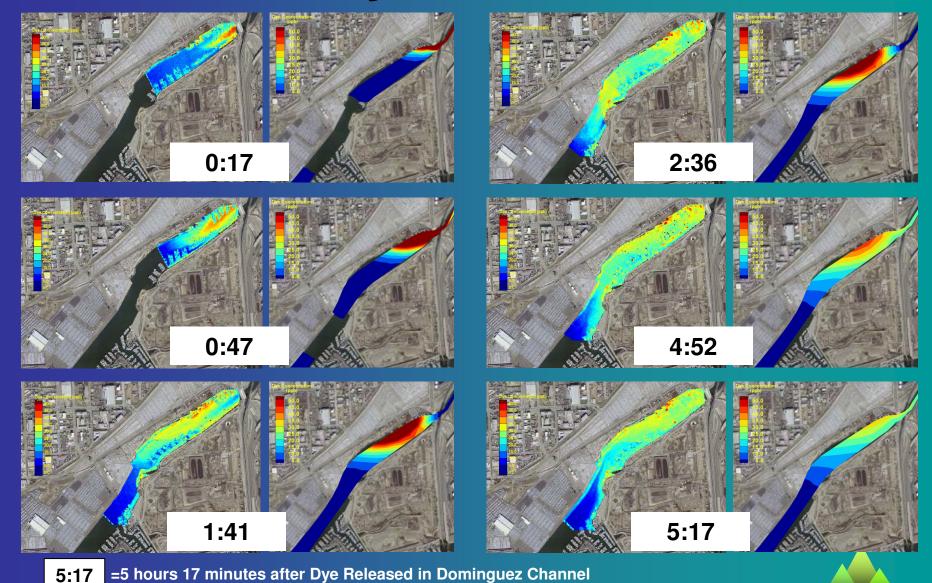
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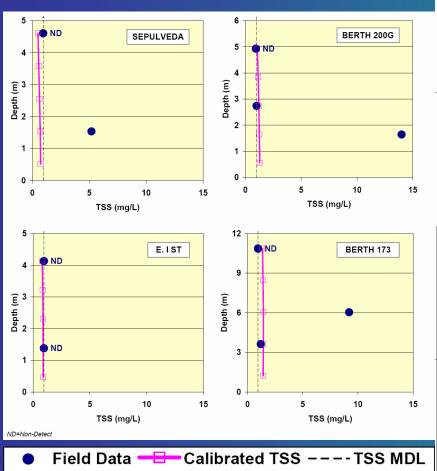


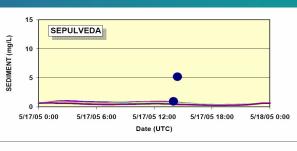
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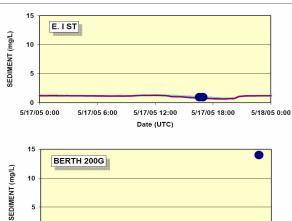
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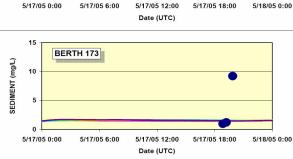


## **Calibrated TSS**















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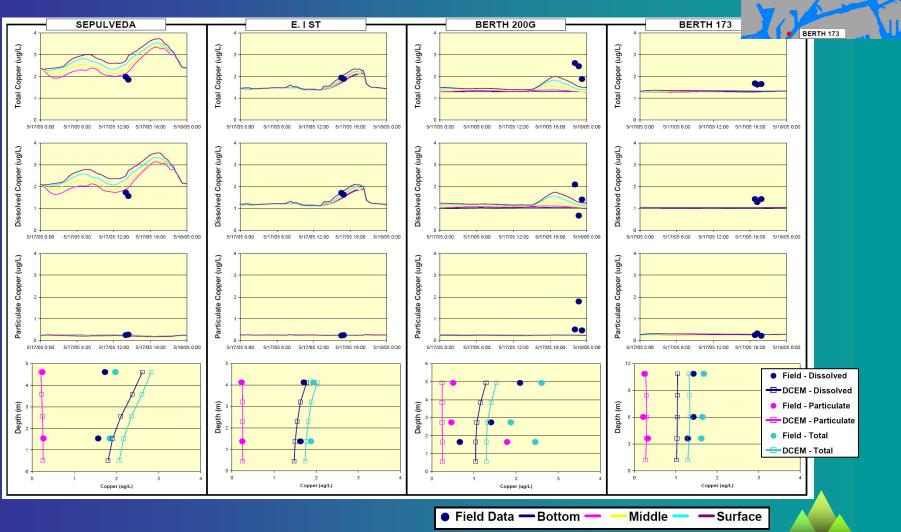
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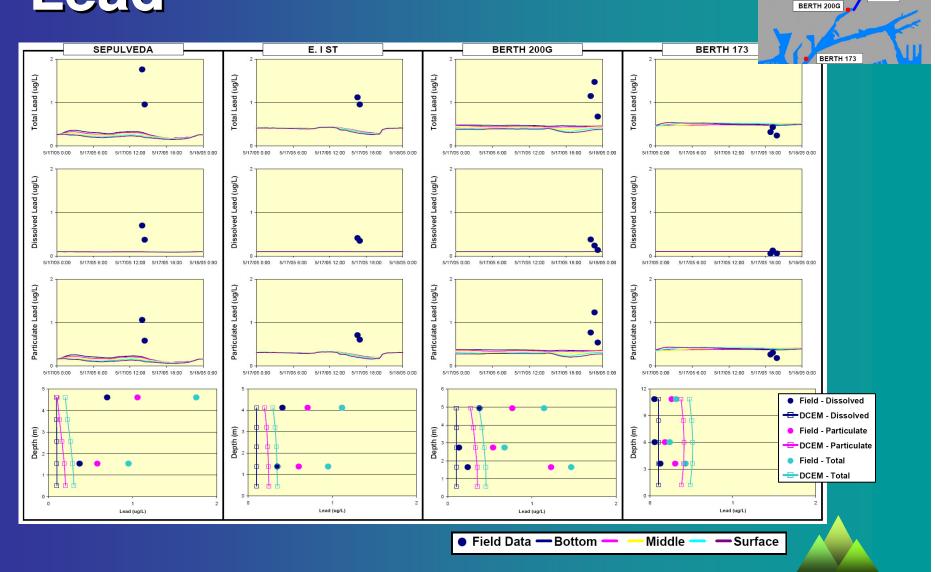
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# Copper



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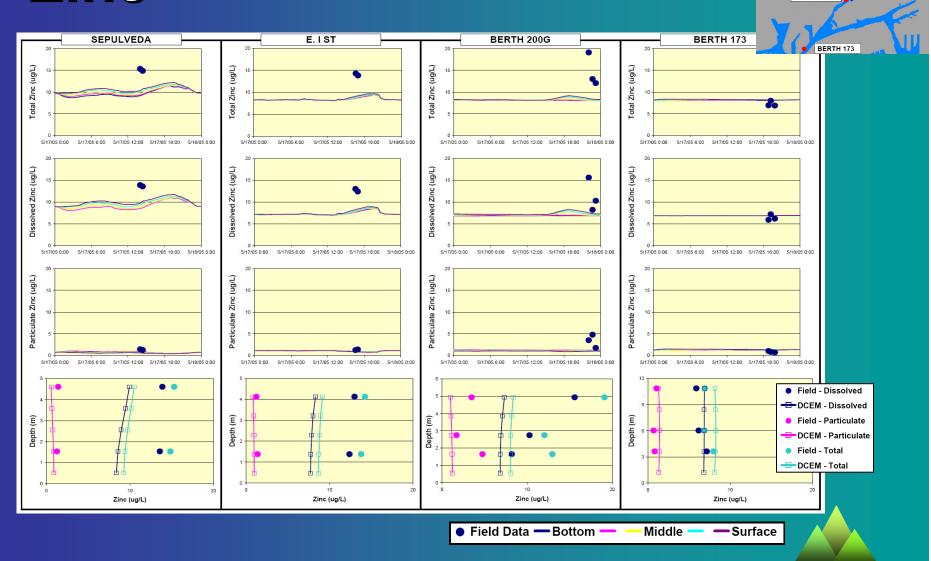
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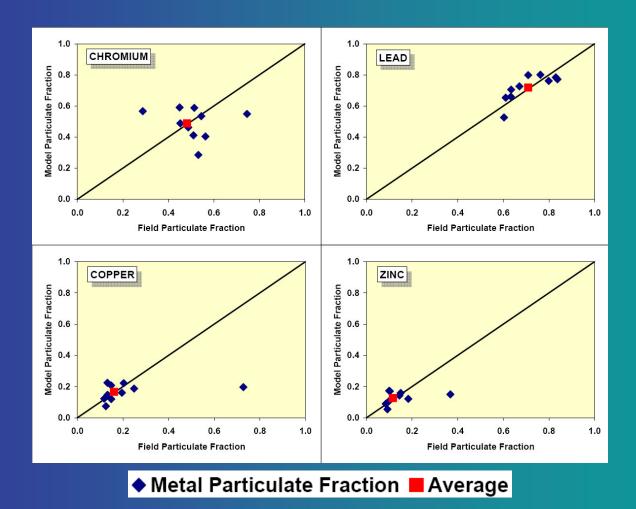
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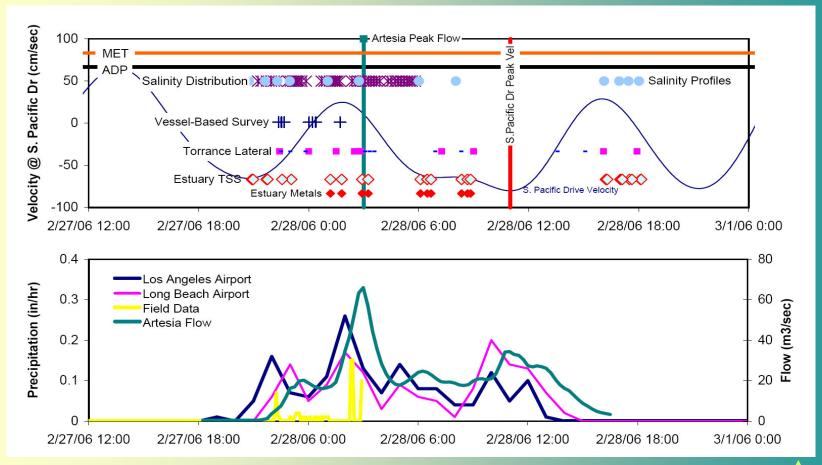


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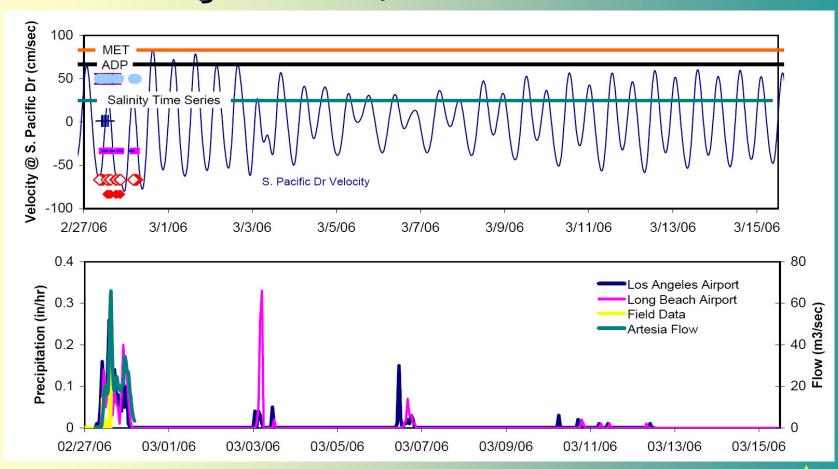


# Wet Weather Calibration February 27-28, 2006





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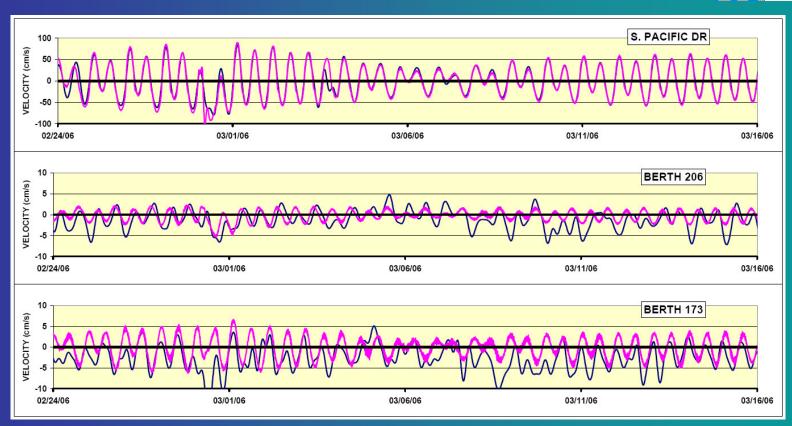


- Initial conditions same as dry weather
- Start calibration with dry weather parameters, then modify



# Velocity

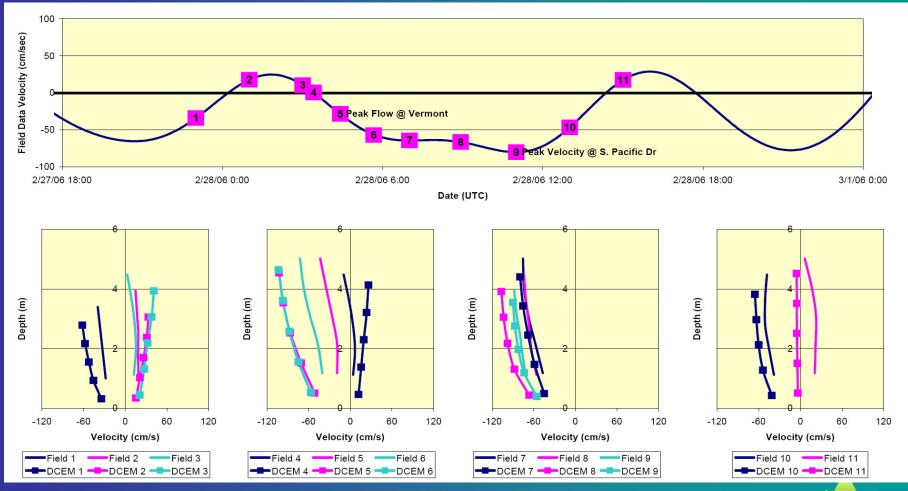




─Field Data — DCEM



# Velocity Profiles – S. Pacific Drive





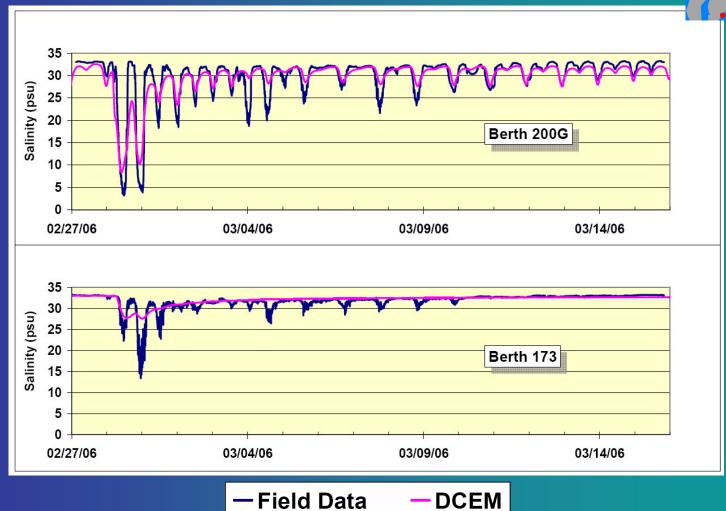
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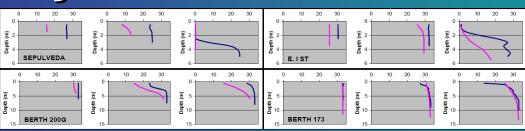
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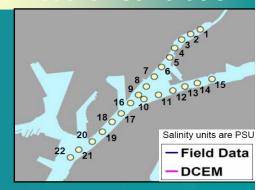




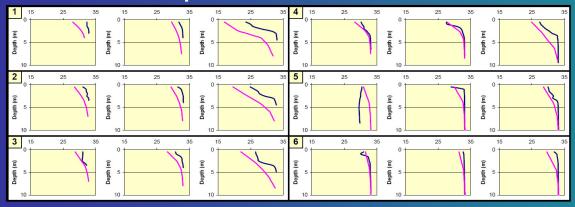
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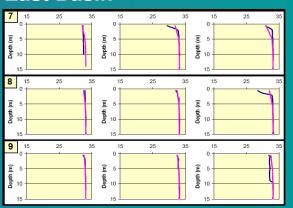




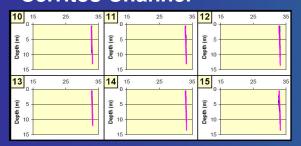
## **Consolidated Slip**



#### **East Basin**



#### **Cerritos Channel**

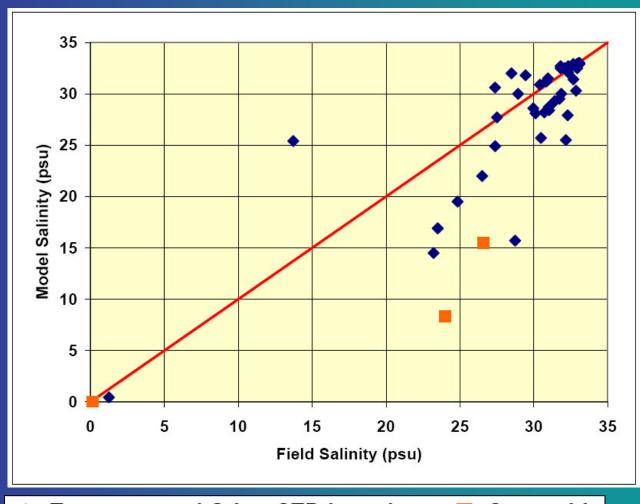


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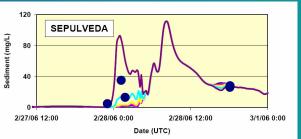
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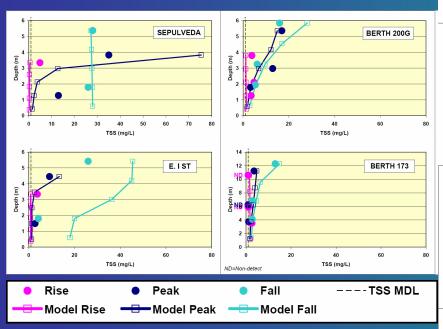


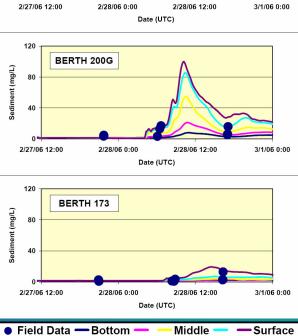
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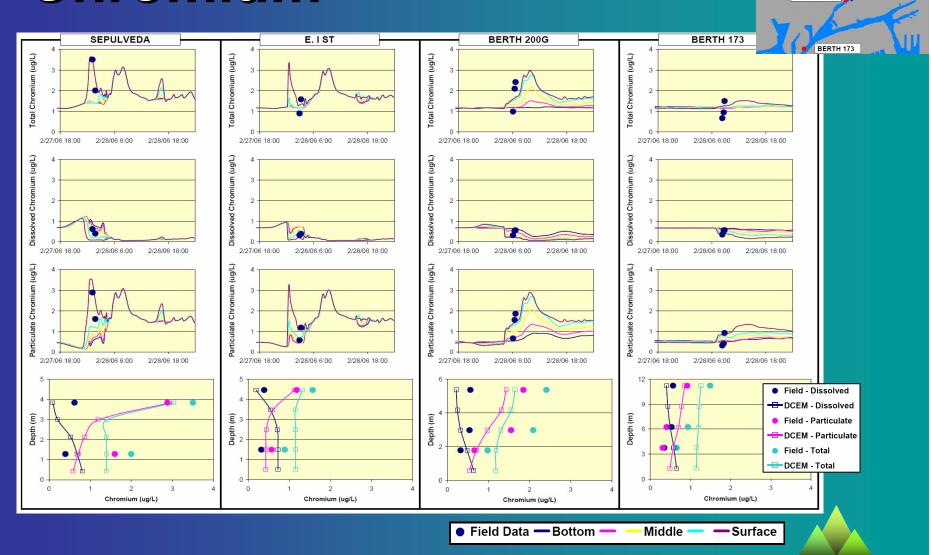




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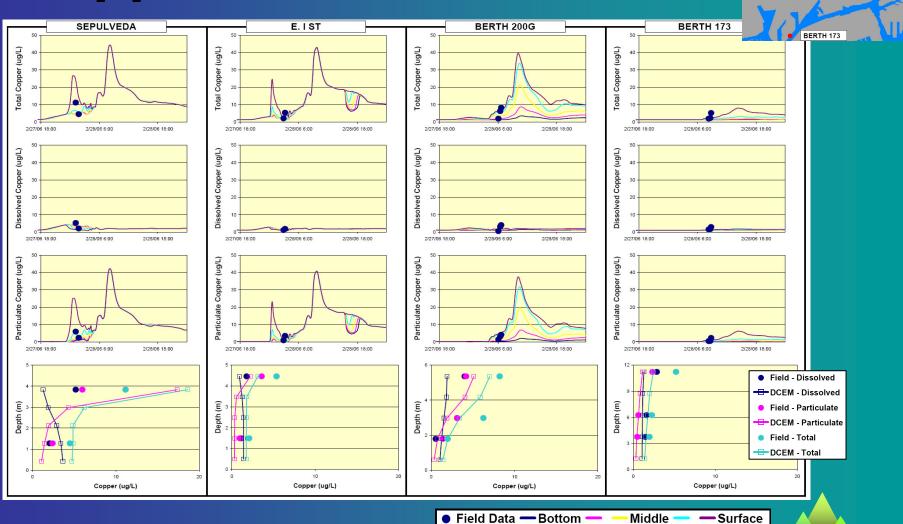
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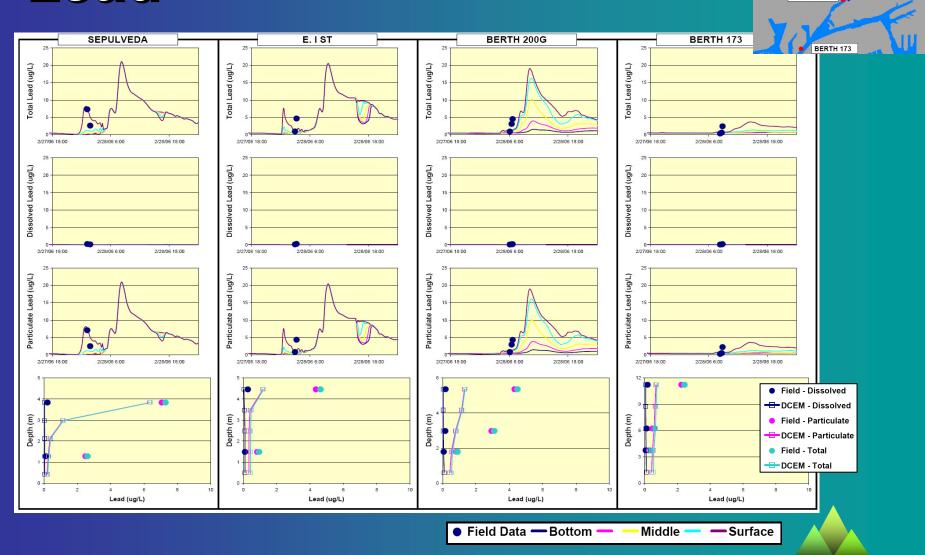
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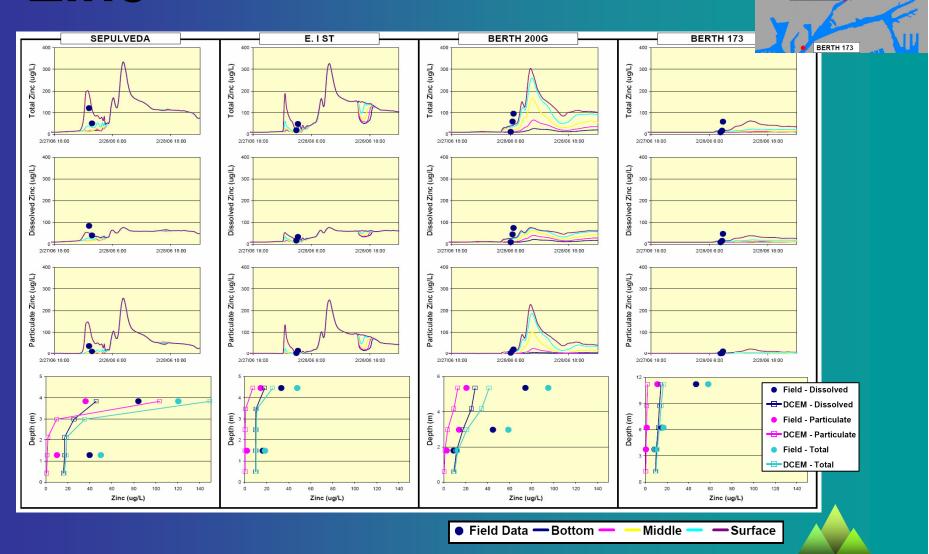
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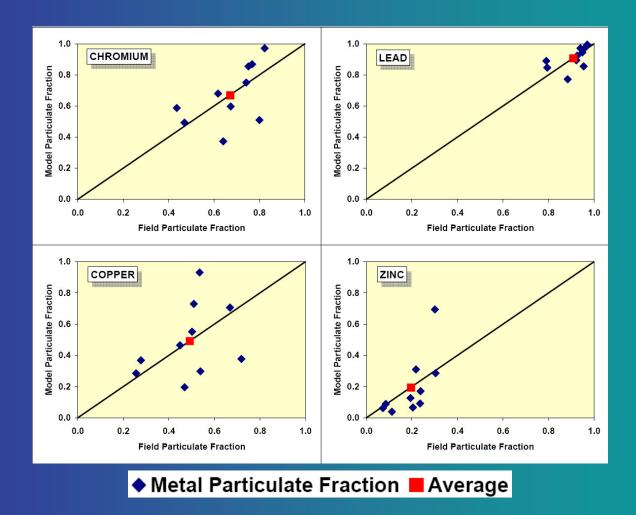
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## **Particulate Fraction**





# Summary

- A 3-D hydrodynamic and water quality model (DCEM) was developed
- A field program was designed to collect suitable data for model calibration and verification
- The DCEM was calibrated for the dry and wet weather conditions, and was verified for the dry weather only



# Thank You!!

