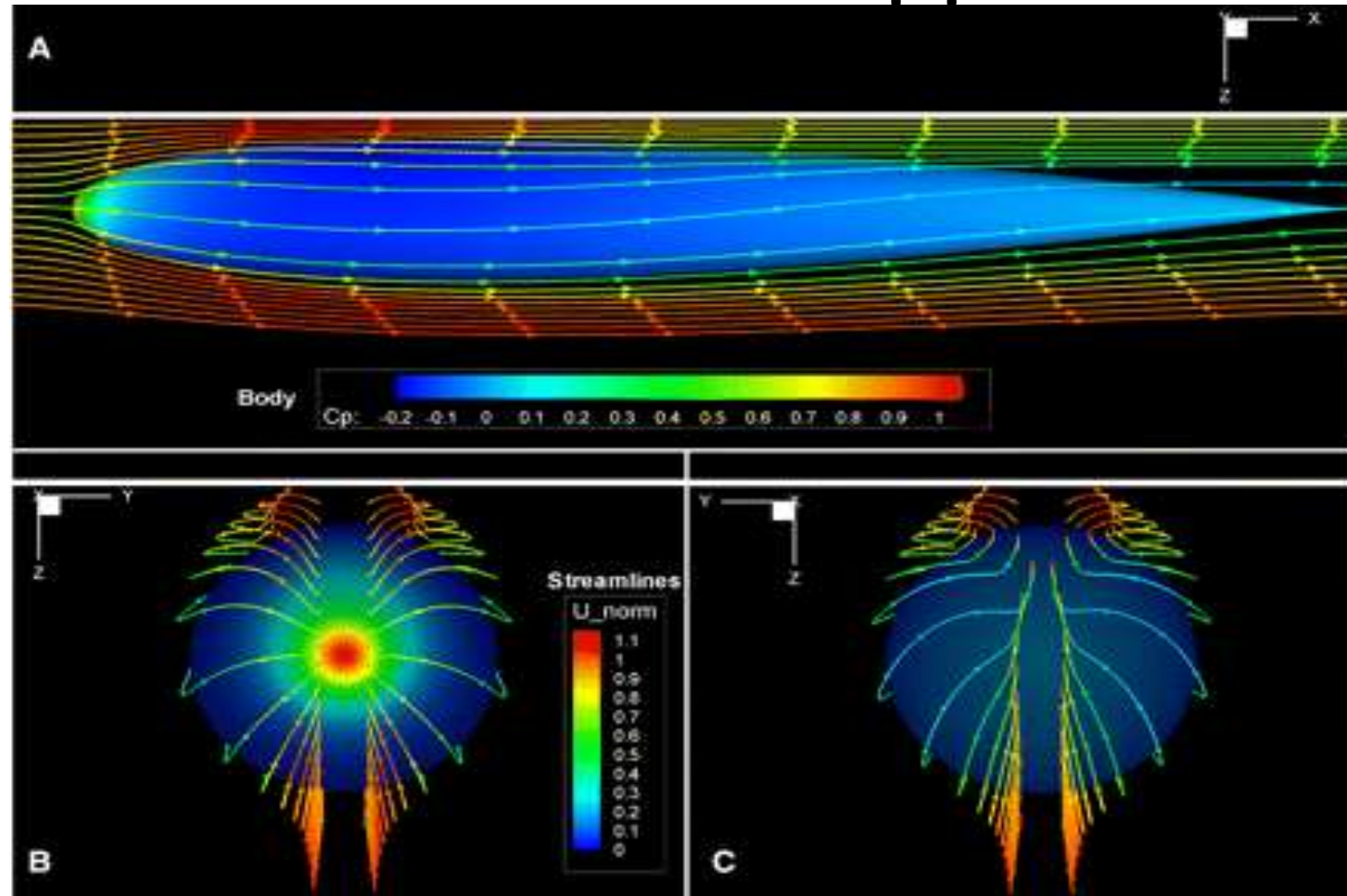


Fish swimming and hydrodynamics: a conservation approach



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Fish conservation and sustainability in rivers implies:

Interplay between fish (endogenous factors: motivation, physiology, fish life stage, species, size....) **and the environment** (exogenous factors: hydraulics, temperature, light, pH, oxygen, flow....)

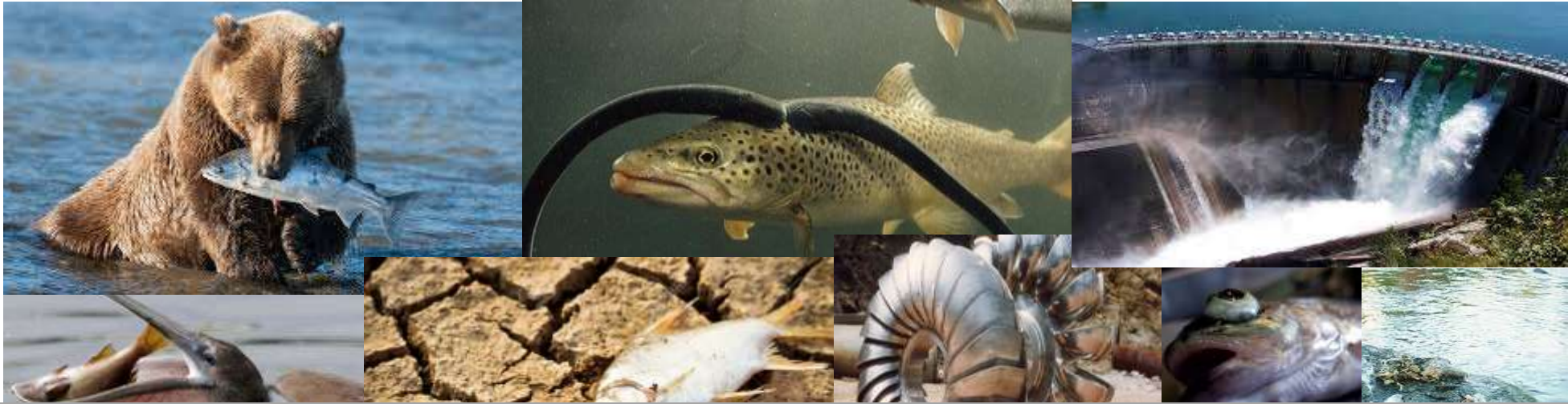
Multidisciplinary approach :

Biology, Physiology, Biomechanics, Hydraulics, Fish behaviour, Neurobiology, Ecology, Hydrology, Economy, Sociology

Energy expenditure ↑



penditure ↑

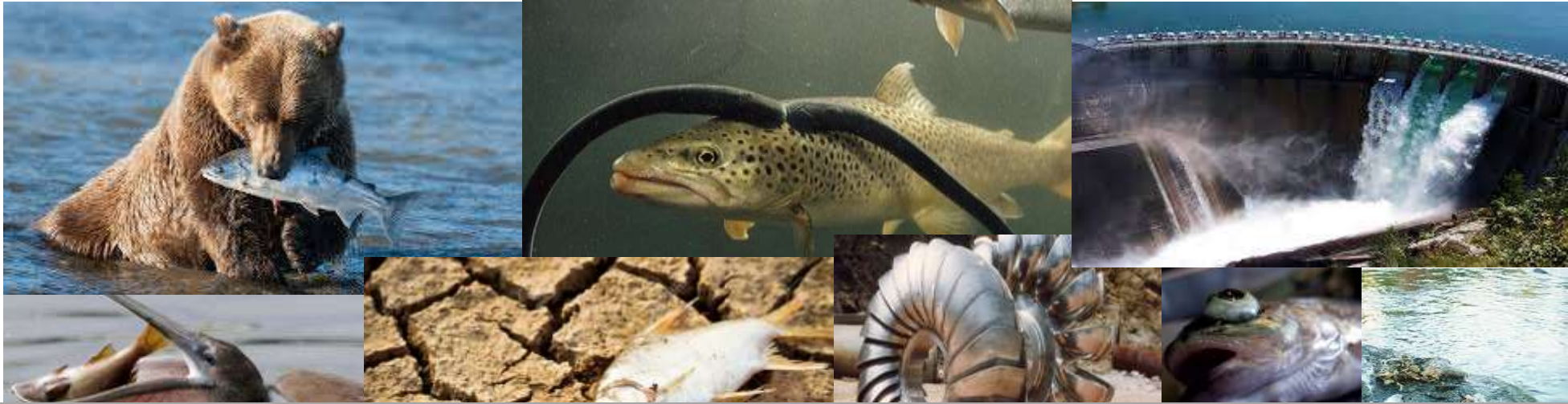


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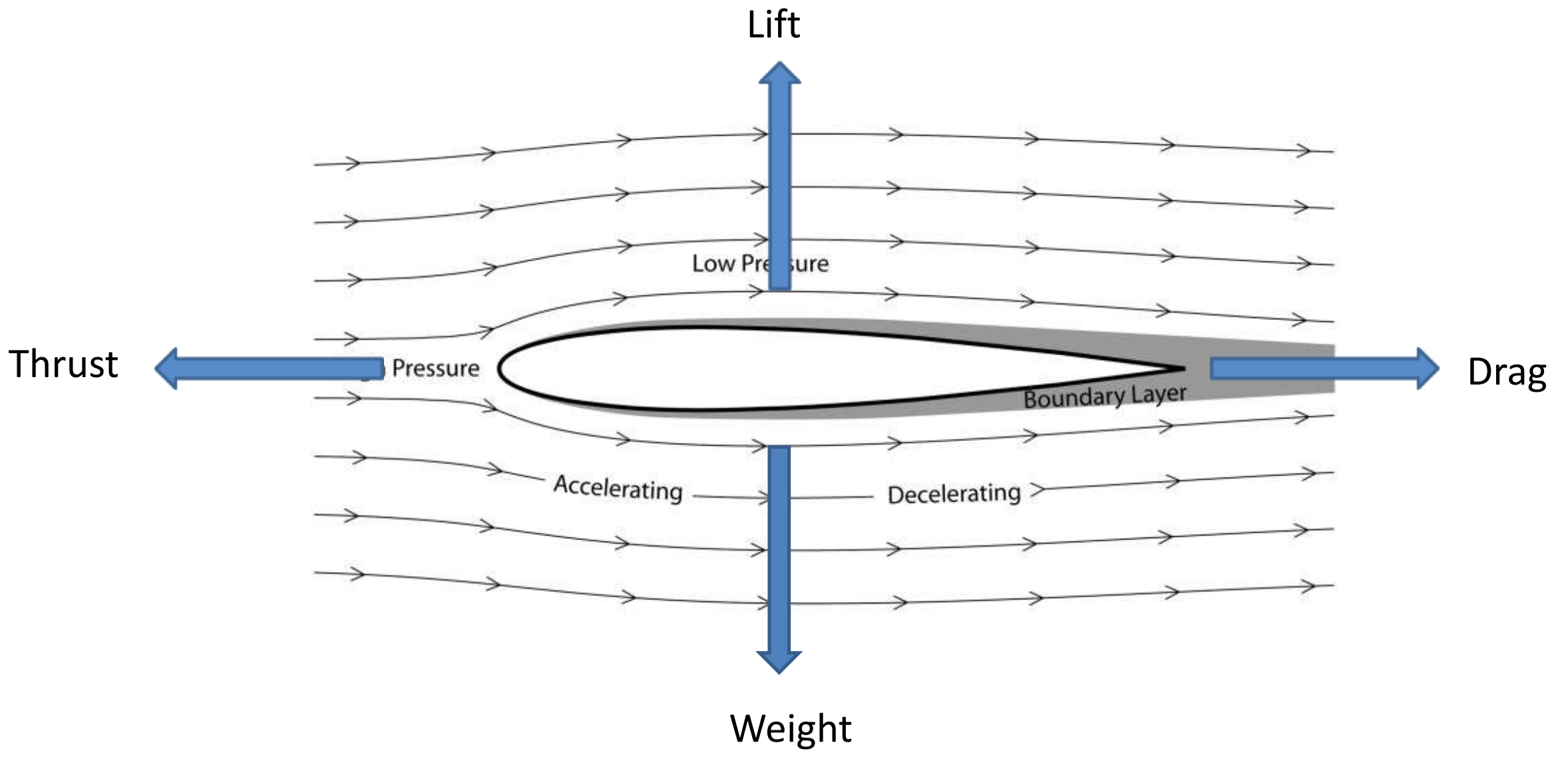


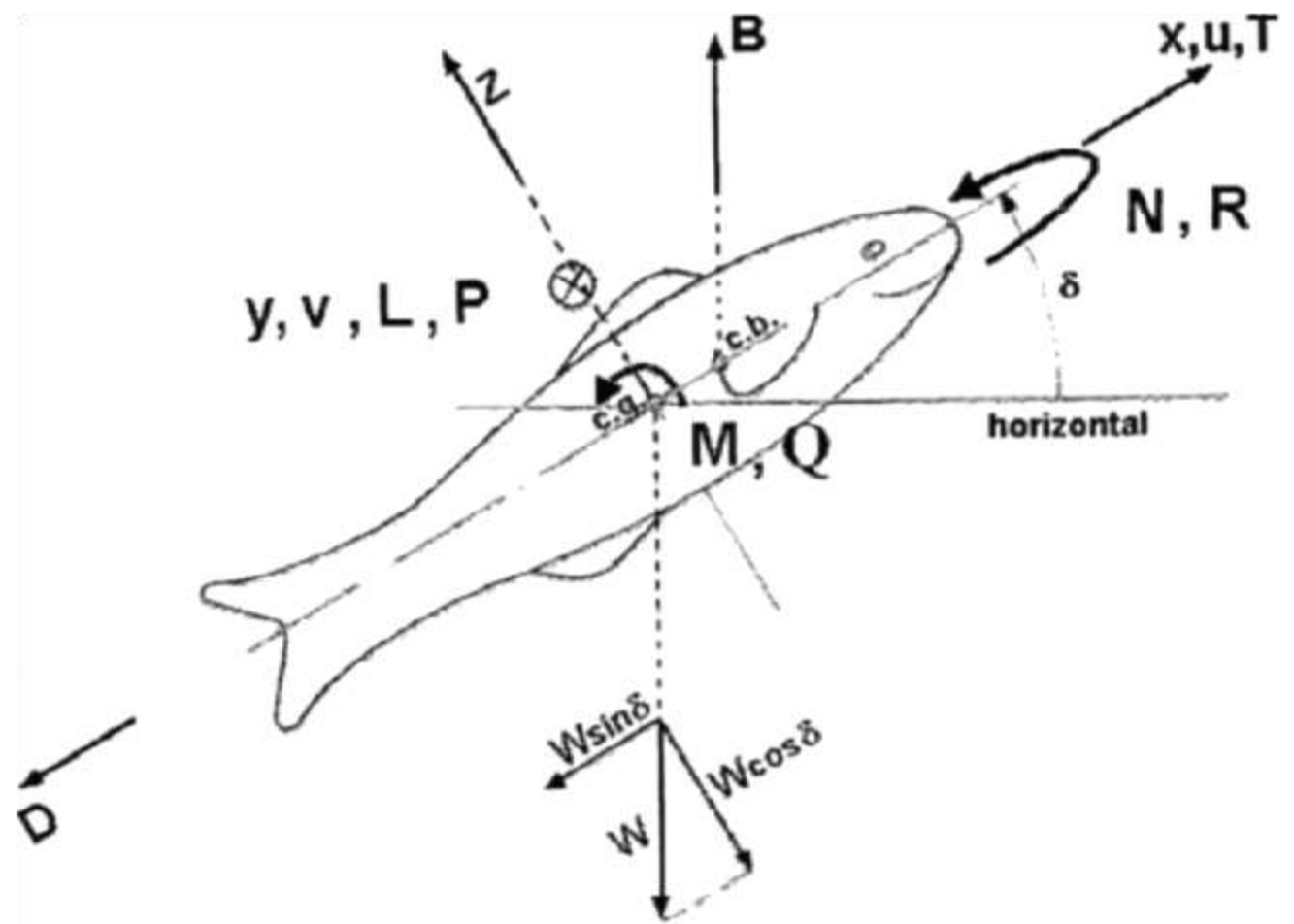
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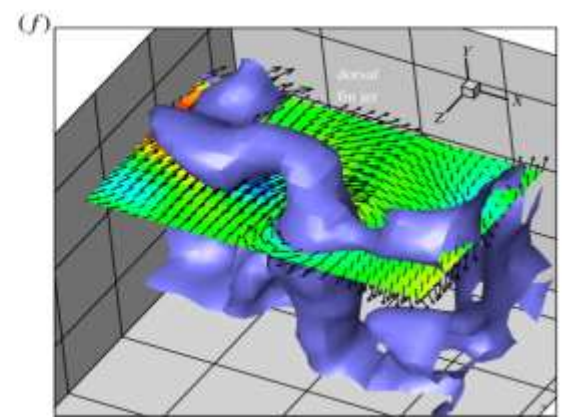
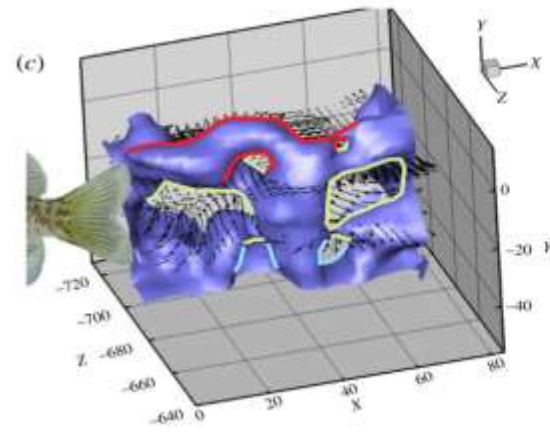
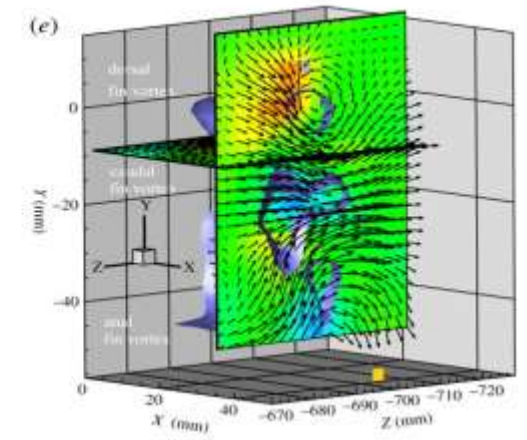
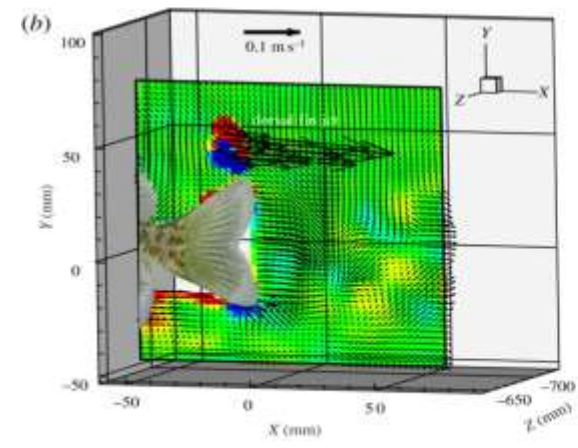
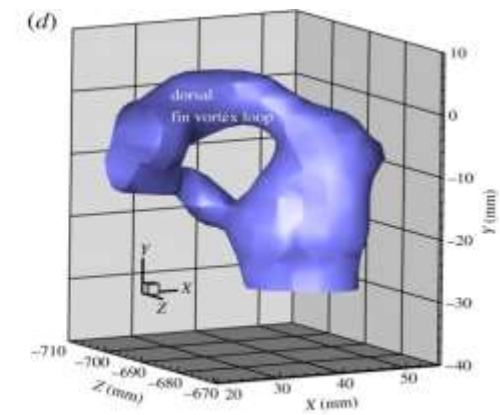
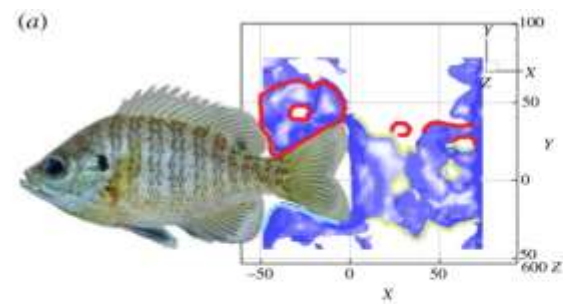
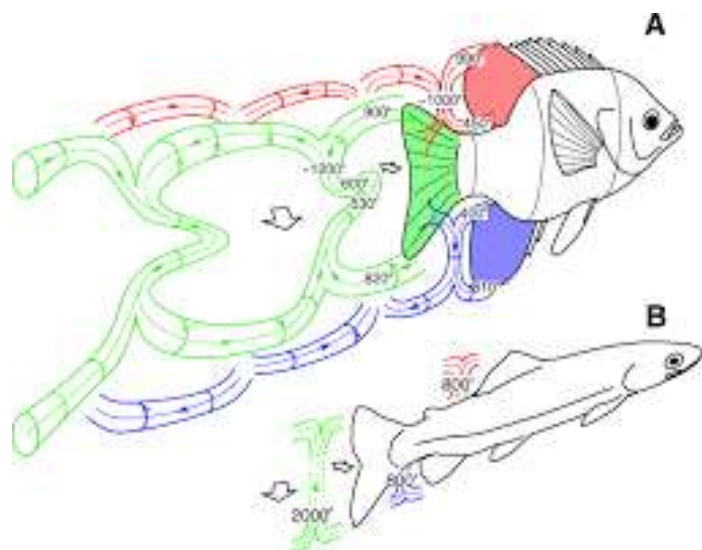




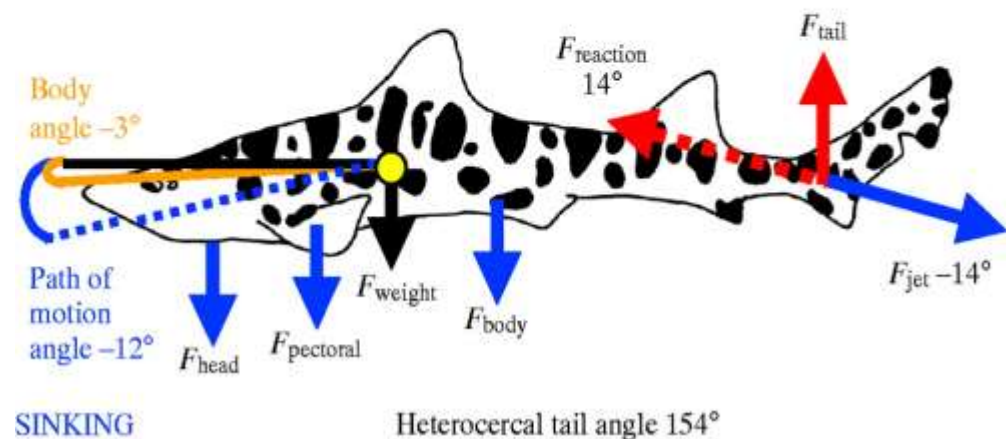
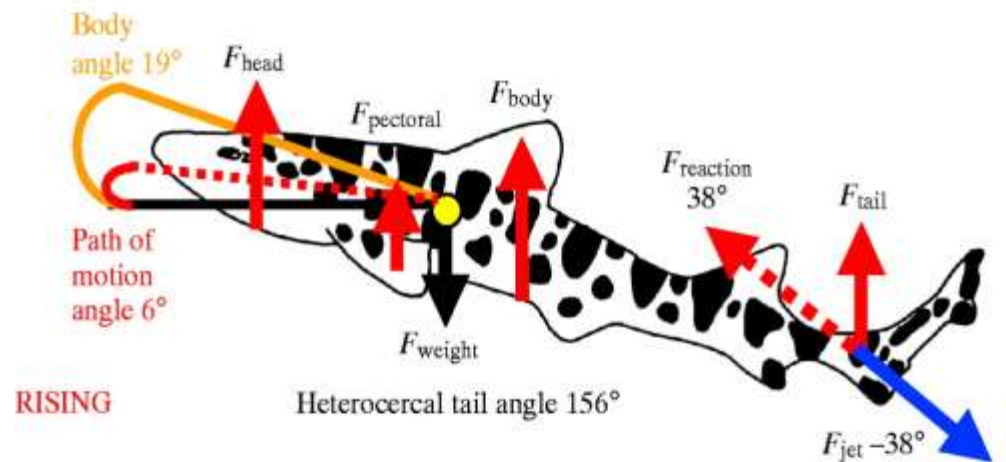
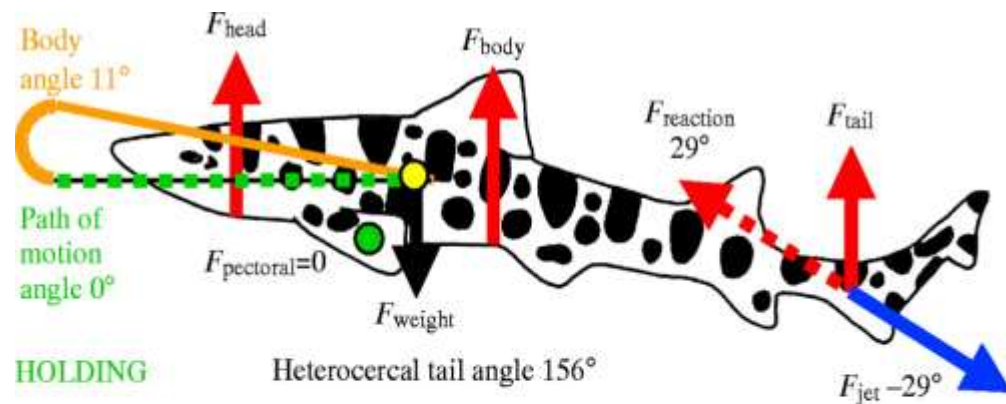
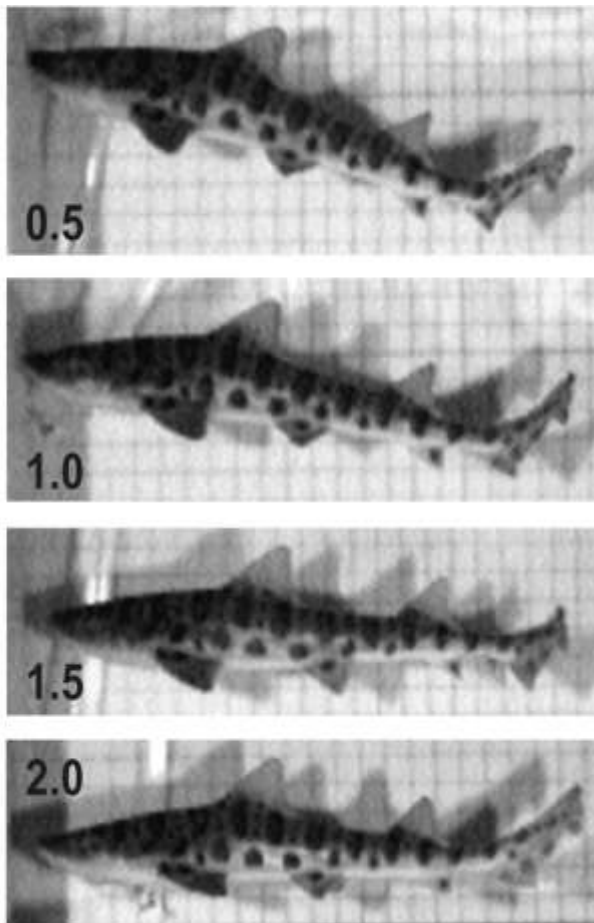
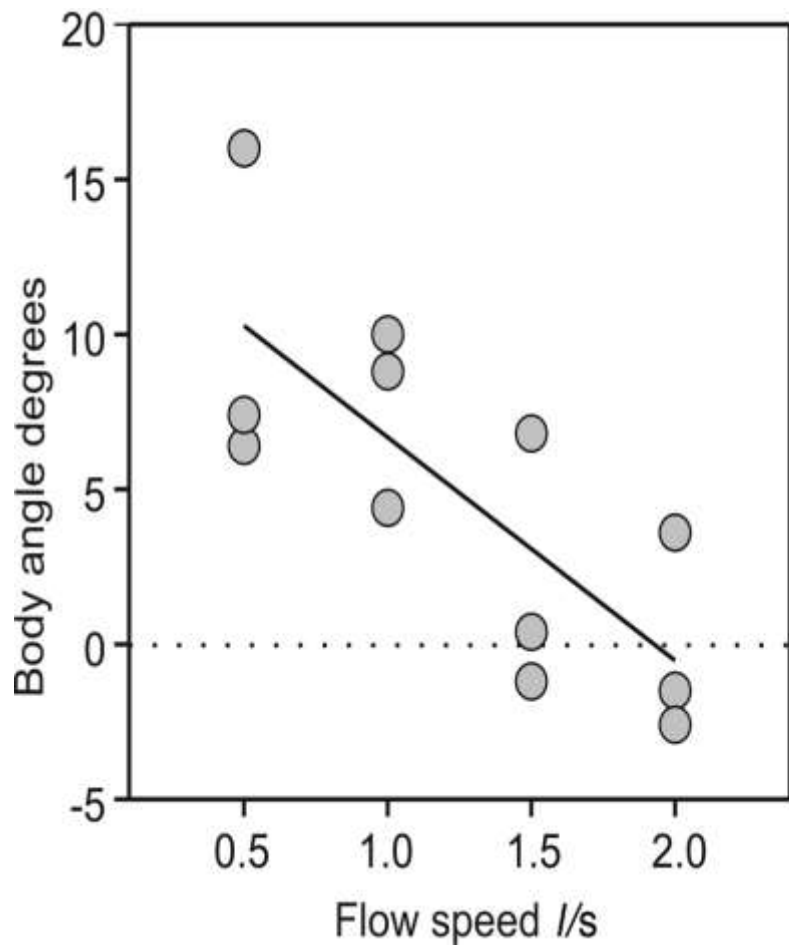


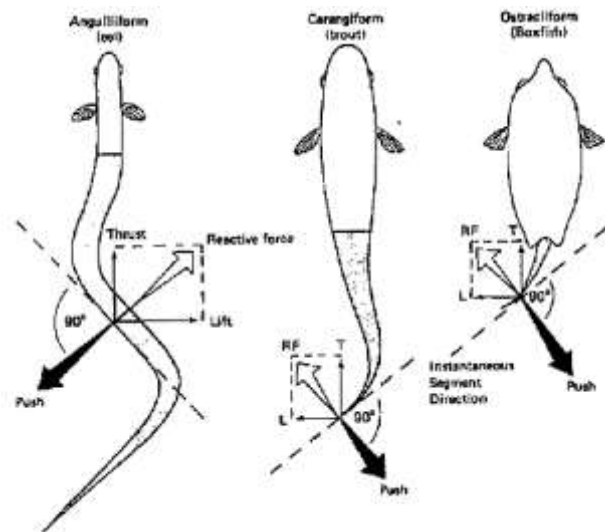
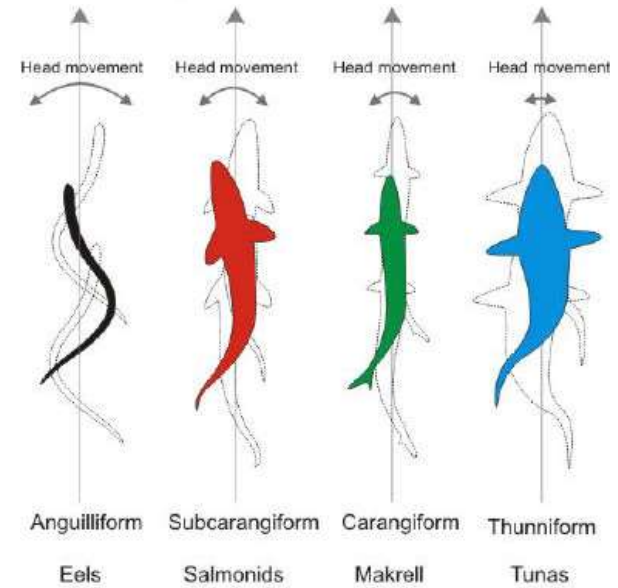
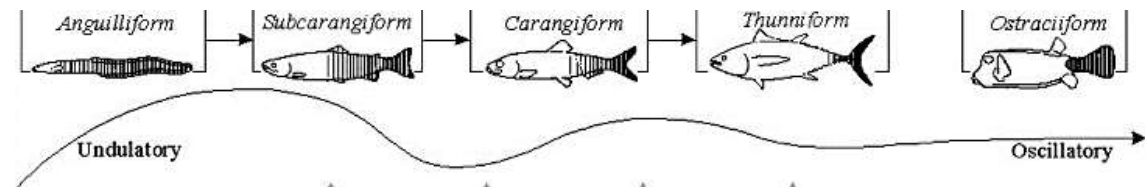
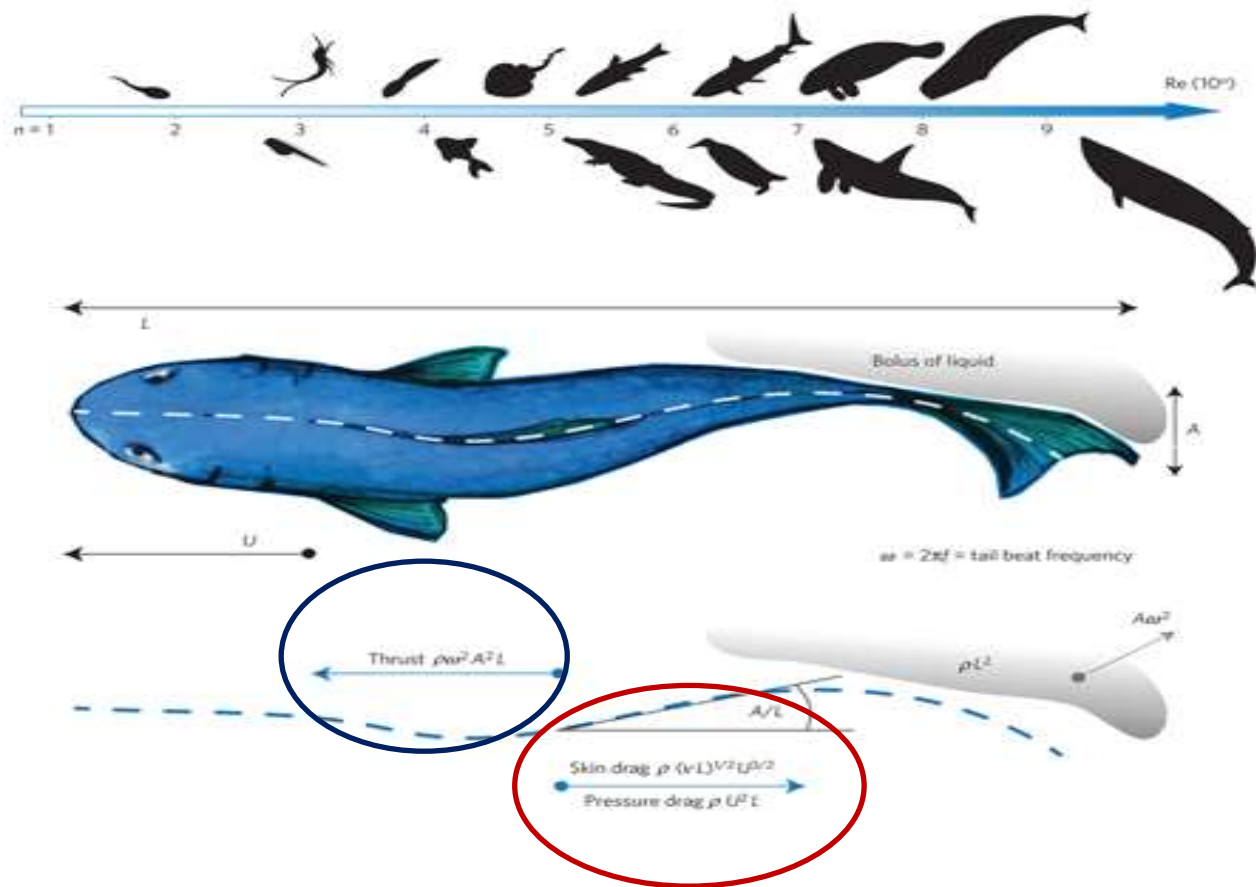


Fish use different appendices to swim and interact with flow hydrodynamics

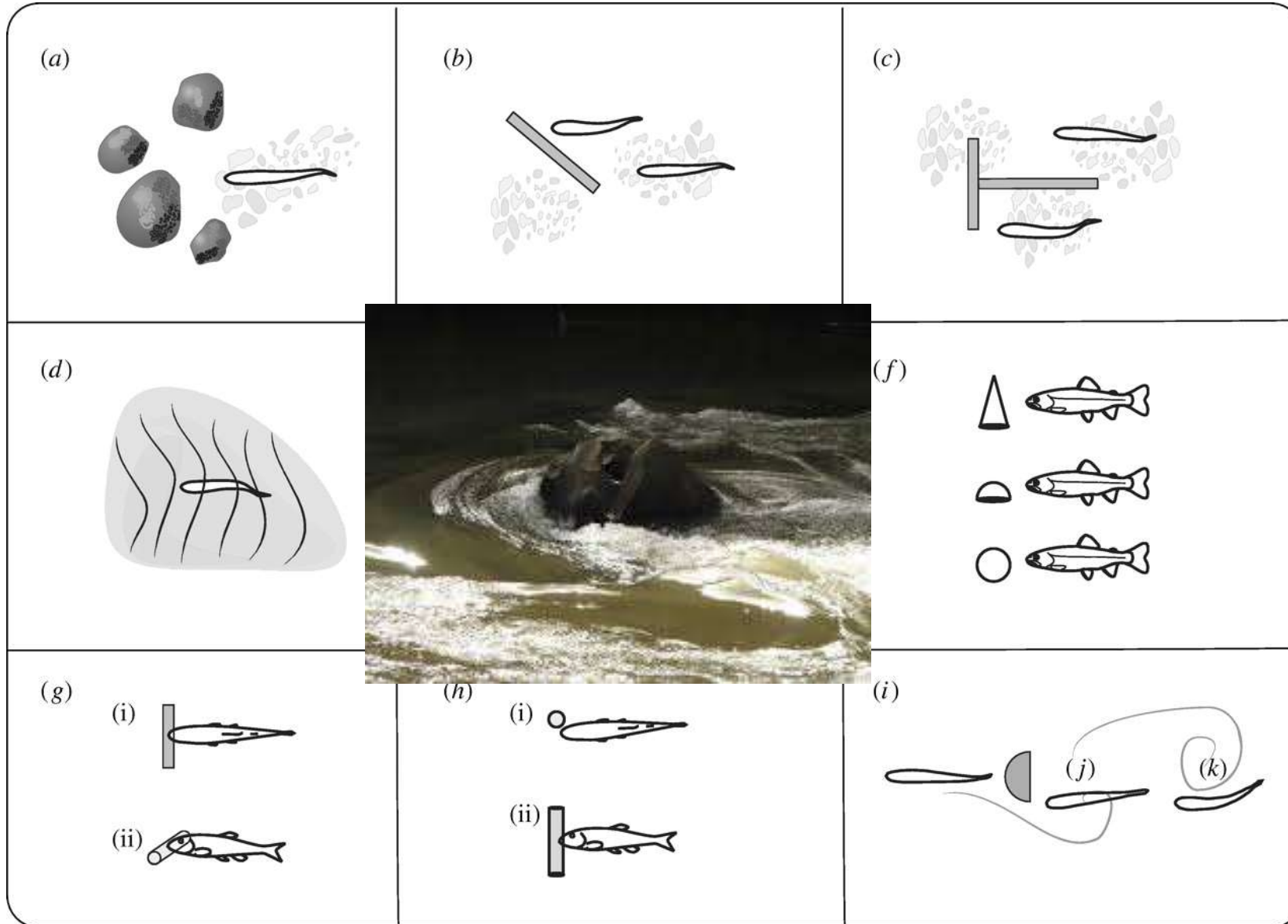


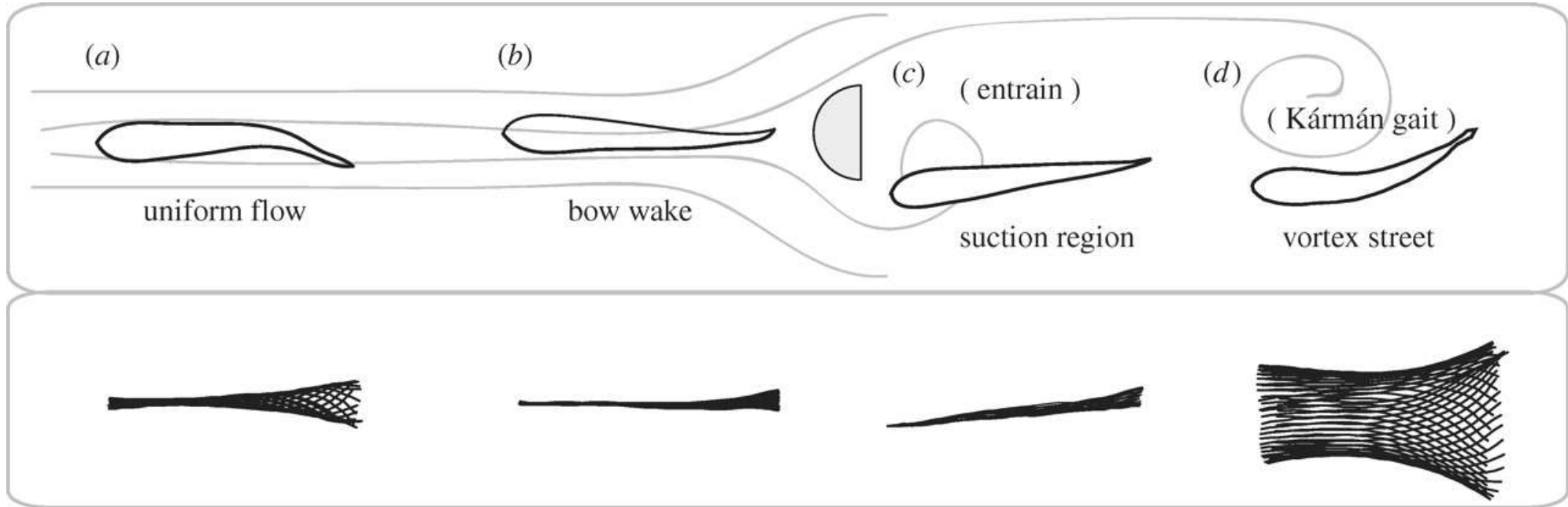
Fish use their body to interact with flow hydrodynamics



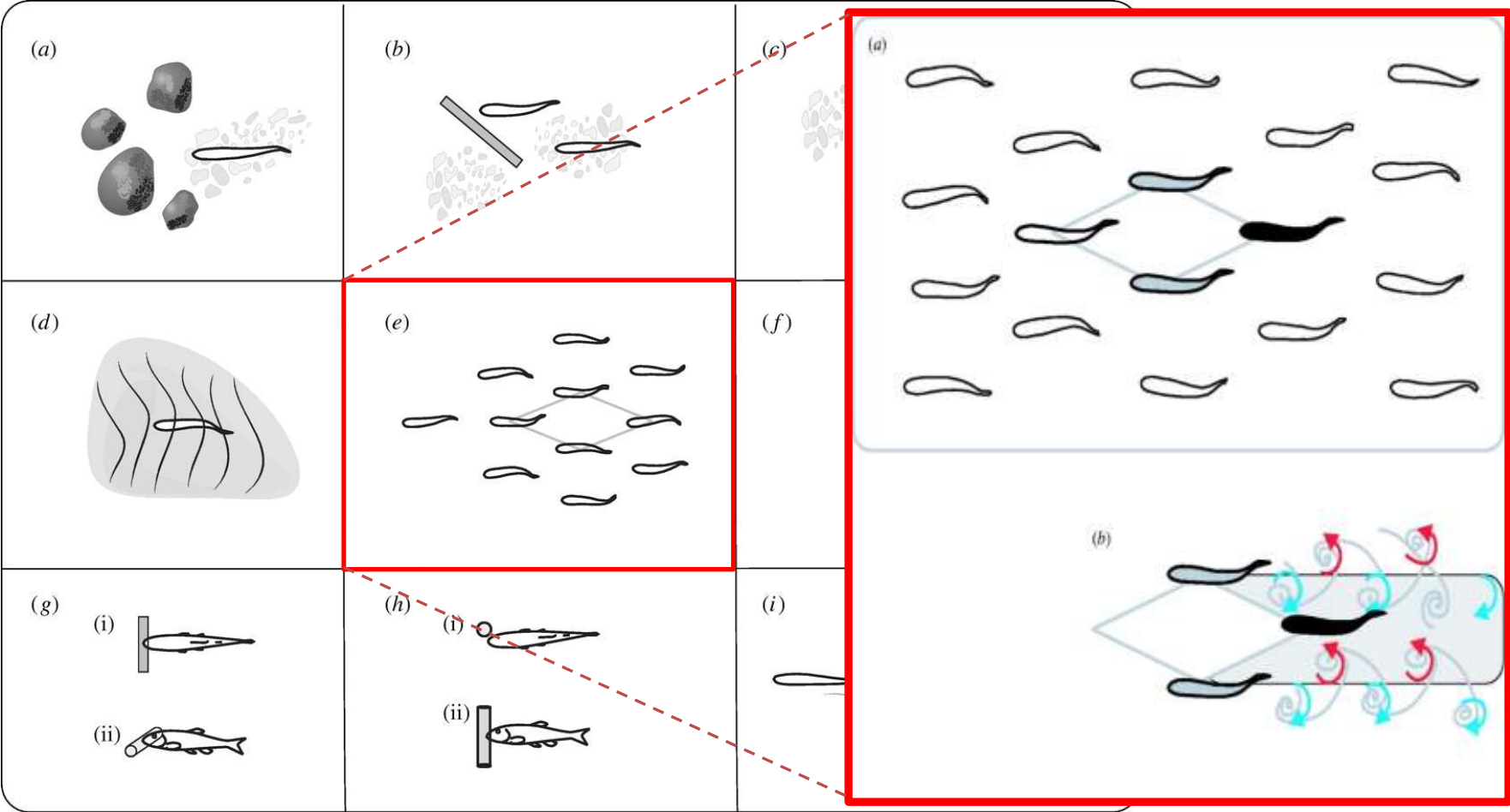


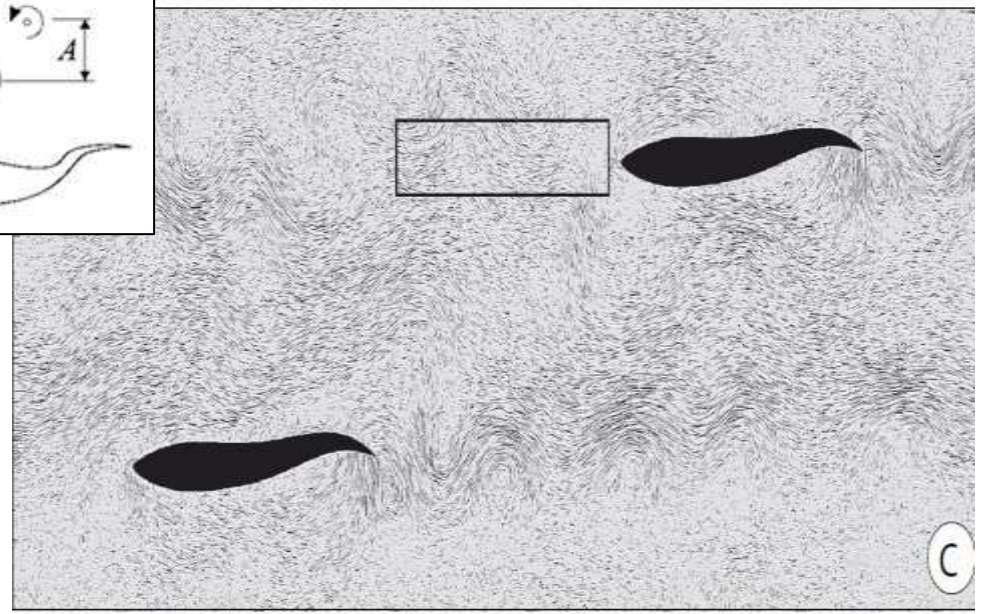
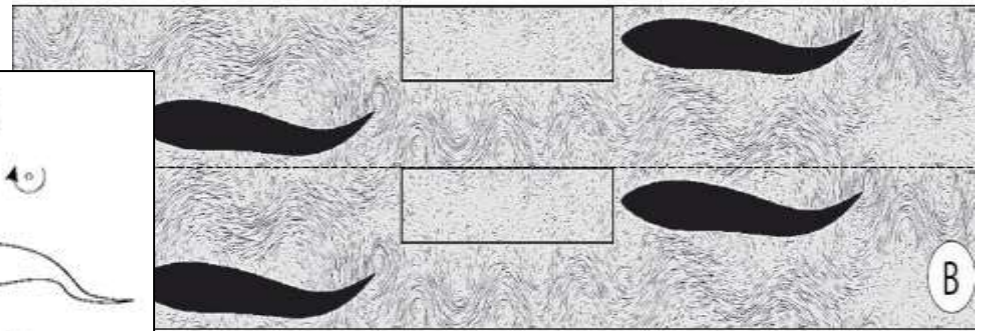
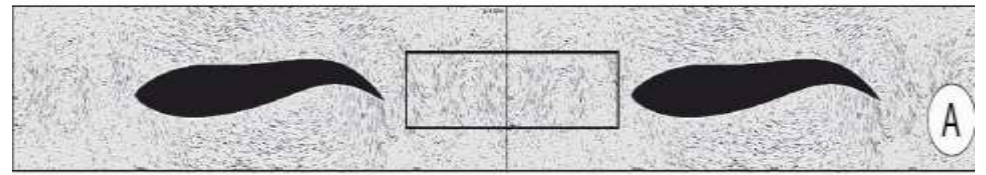
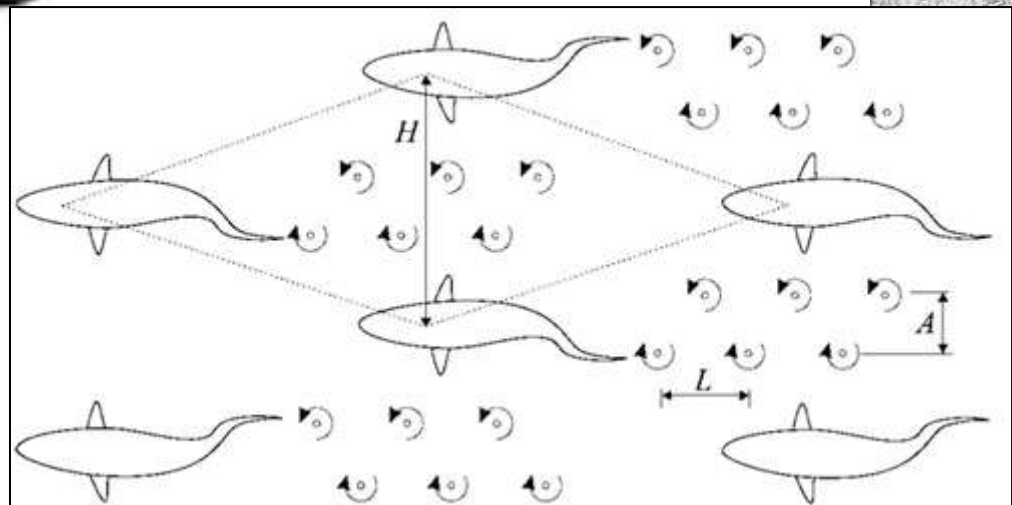
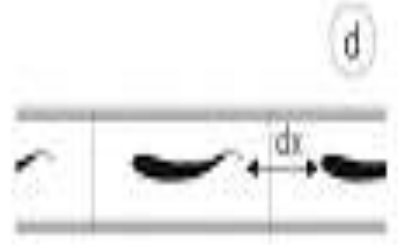
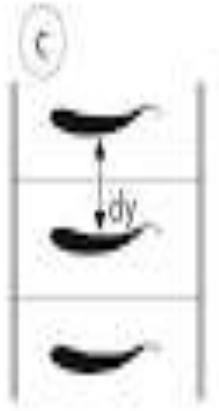
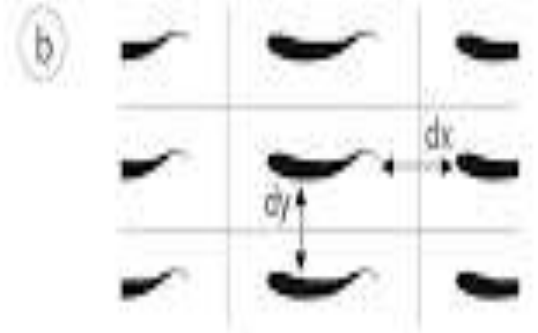
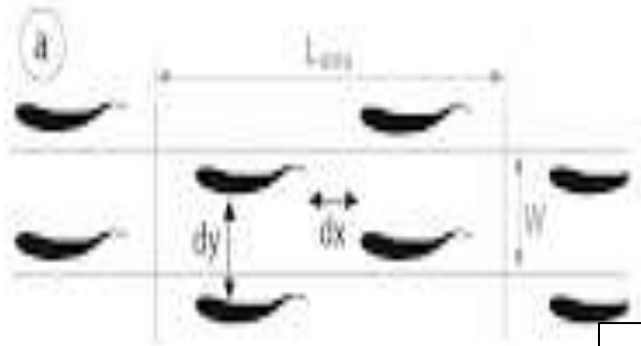
Interaction with fluid dynamics in Nature



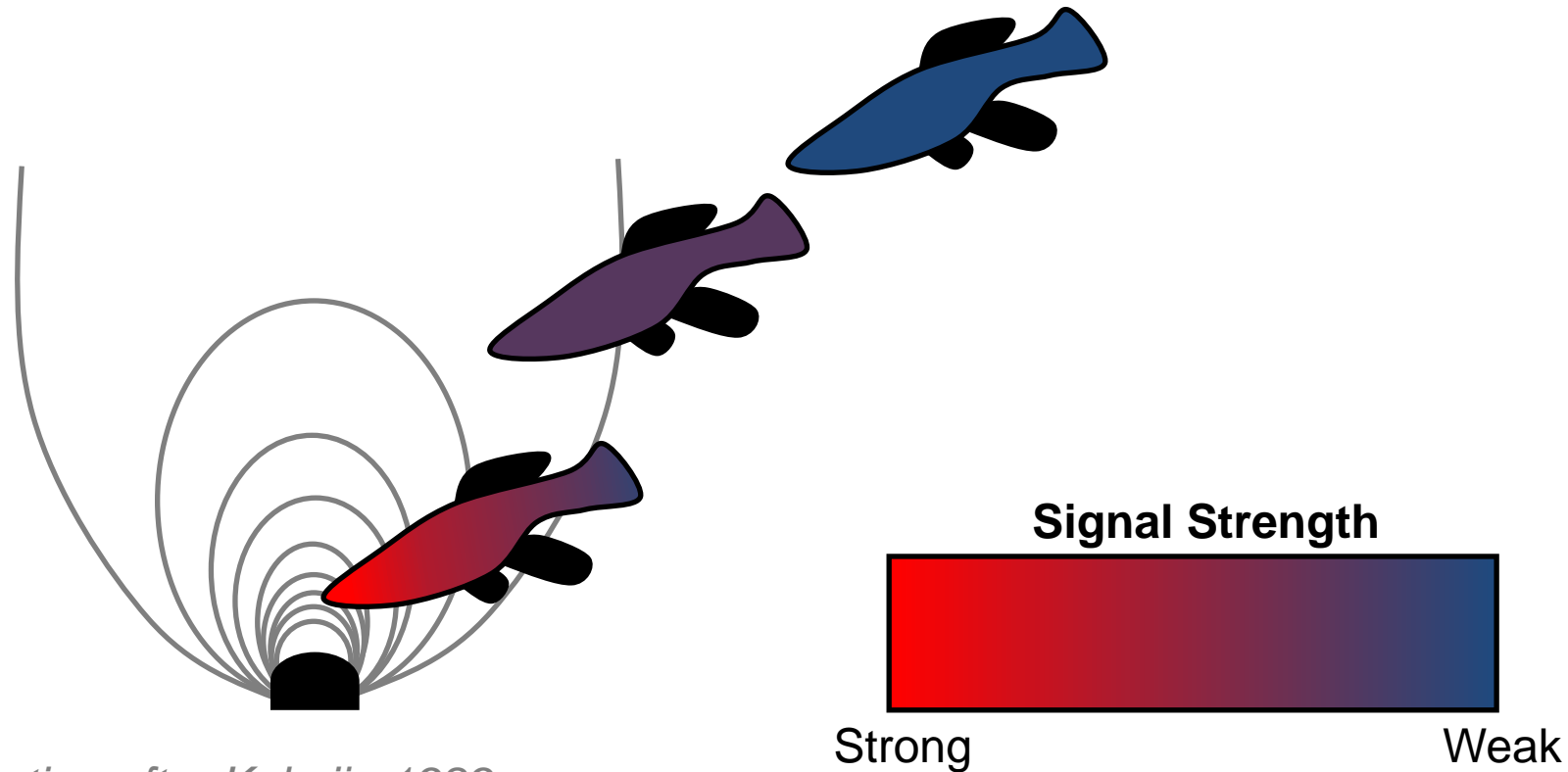


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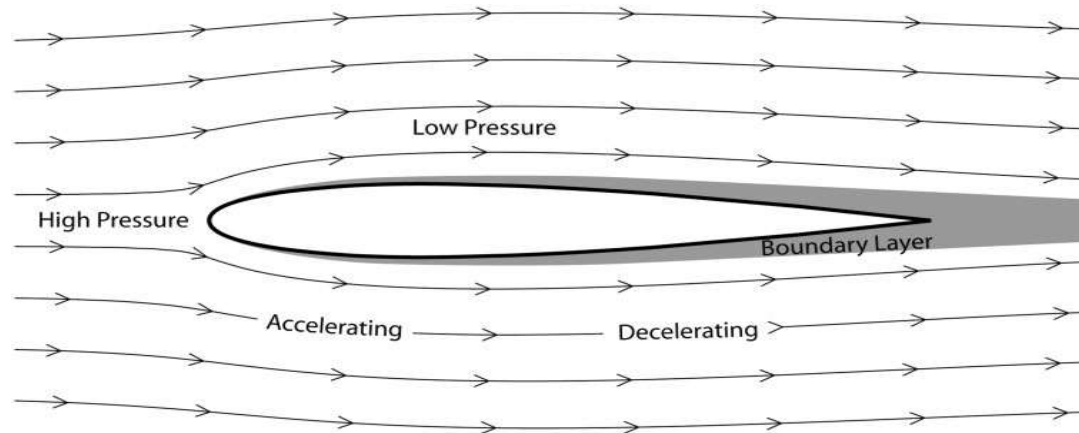
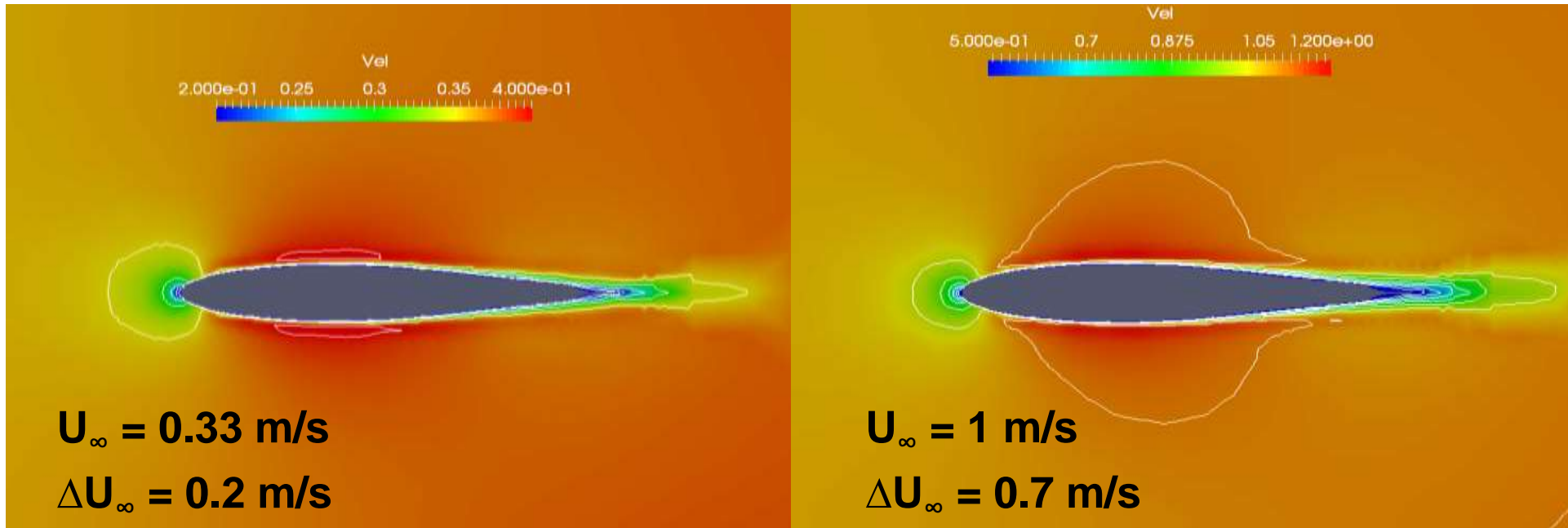


Hydrodynamic detection of **vibrational signals**[‡], including sound consists of the **inner ear**, **superficial** and **canal neuromasts**

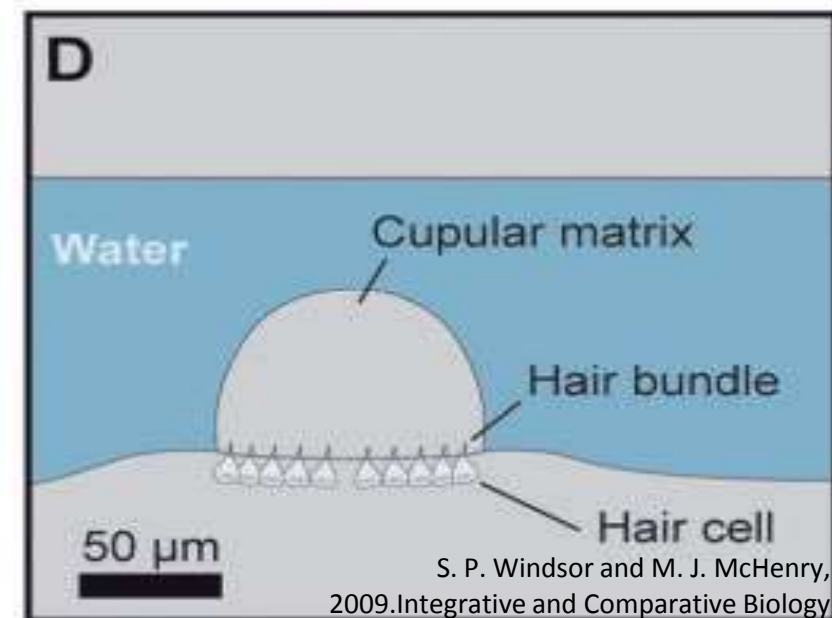
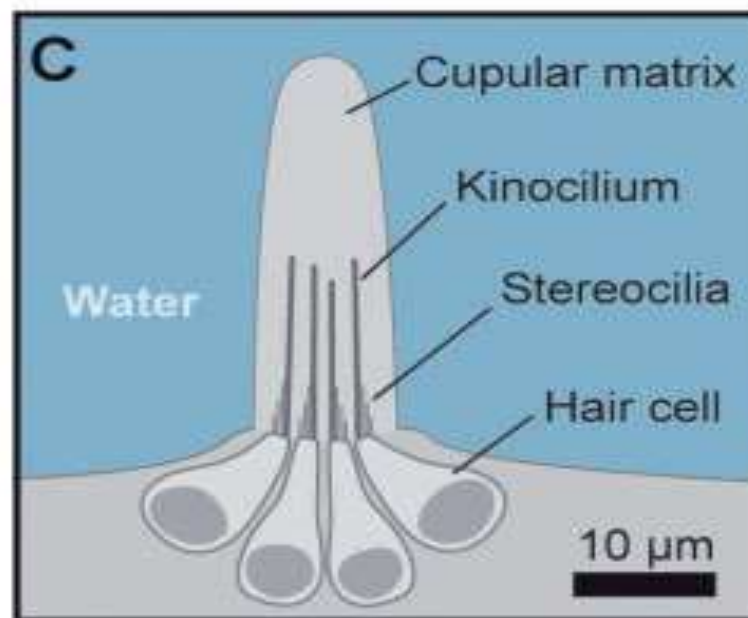
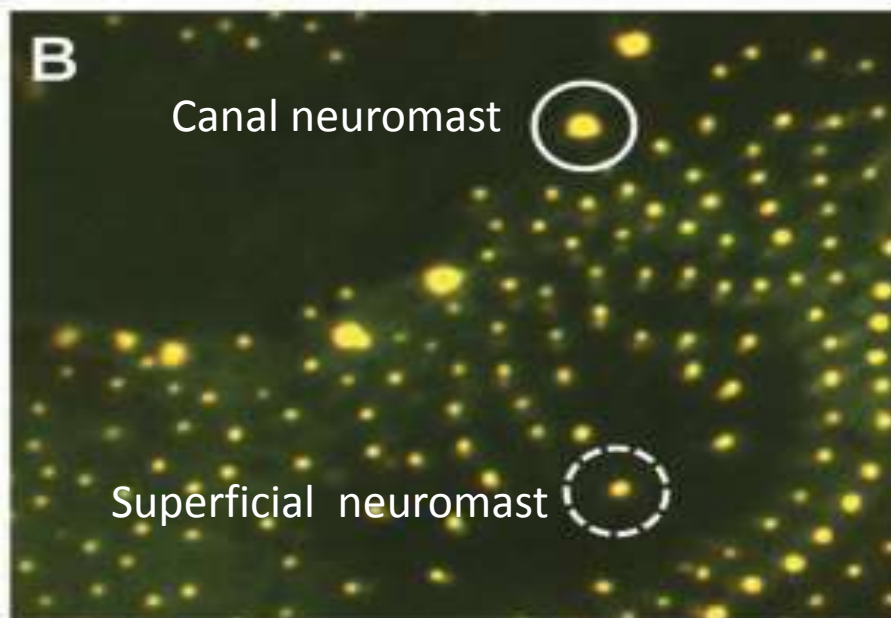
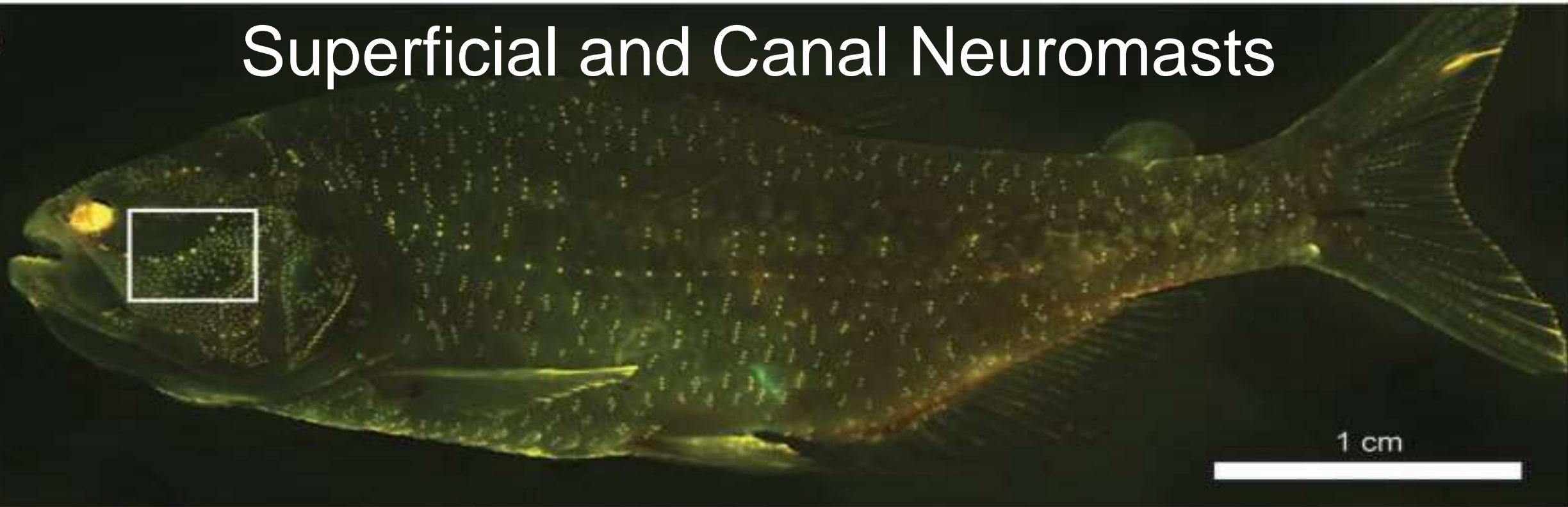


[‡]Illustration after Kalmijn 1989

A fish is not a point.

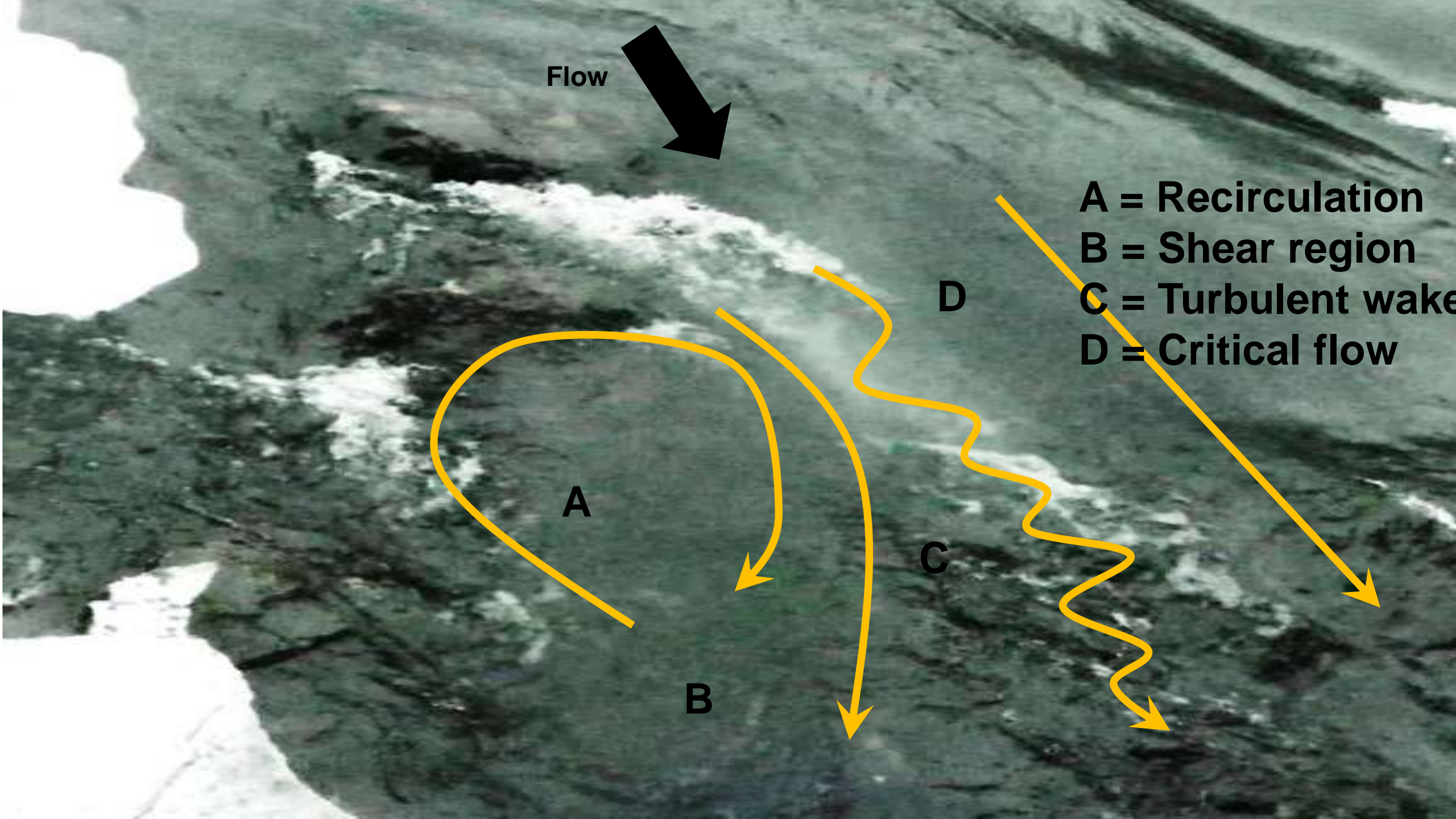


A Superficial and Canal Neuromasts



The turbulent world....





Flow



A = Recirculation

B = Shear region

C = Turbulent wake

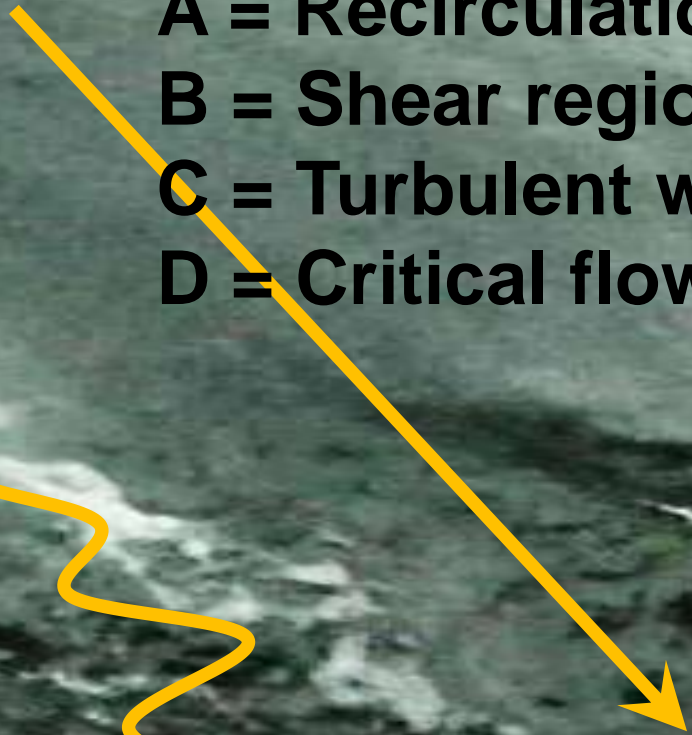
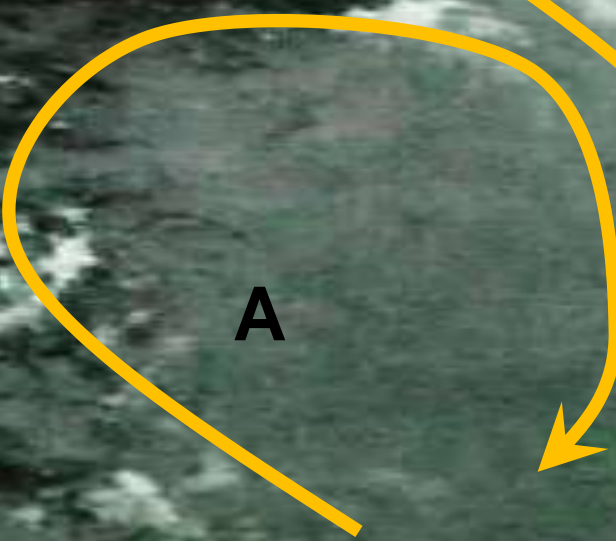
D = Critical flow

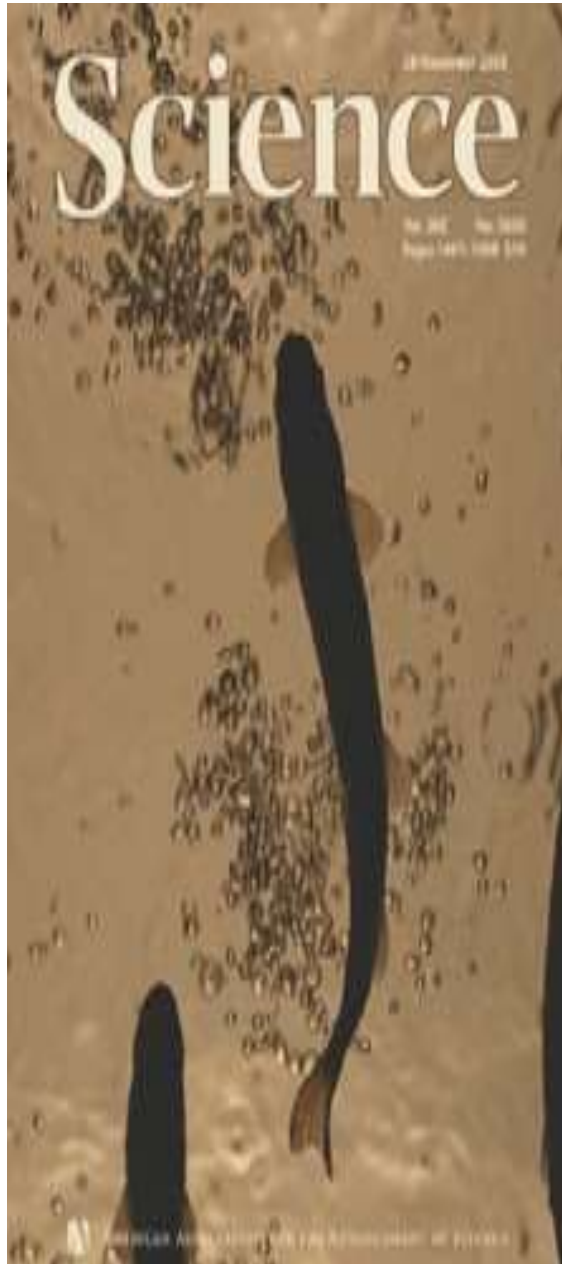
A

B

C

D





Turbulence influence fish swimming behaviour

Turbulence intensity
Turbulence kinetic energy
Reynolds shear stress
Eddies size and vorticity

Shear stress strongly impacts fish behaviour

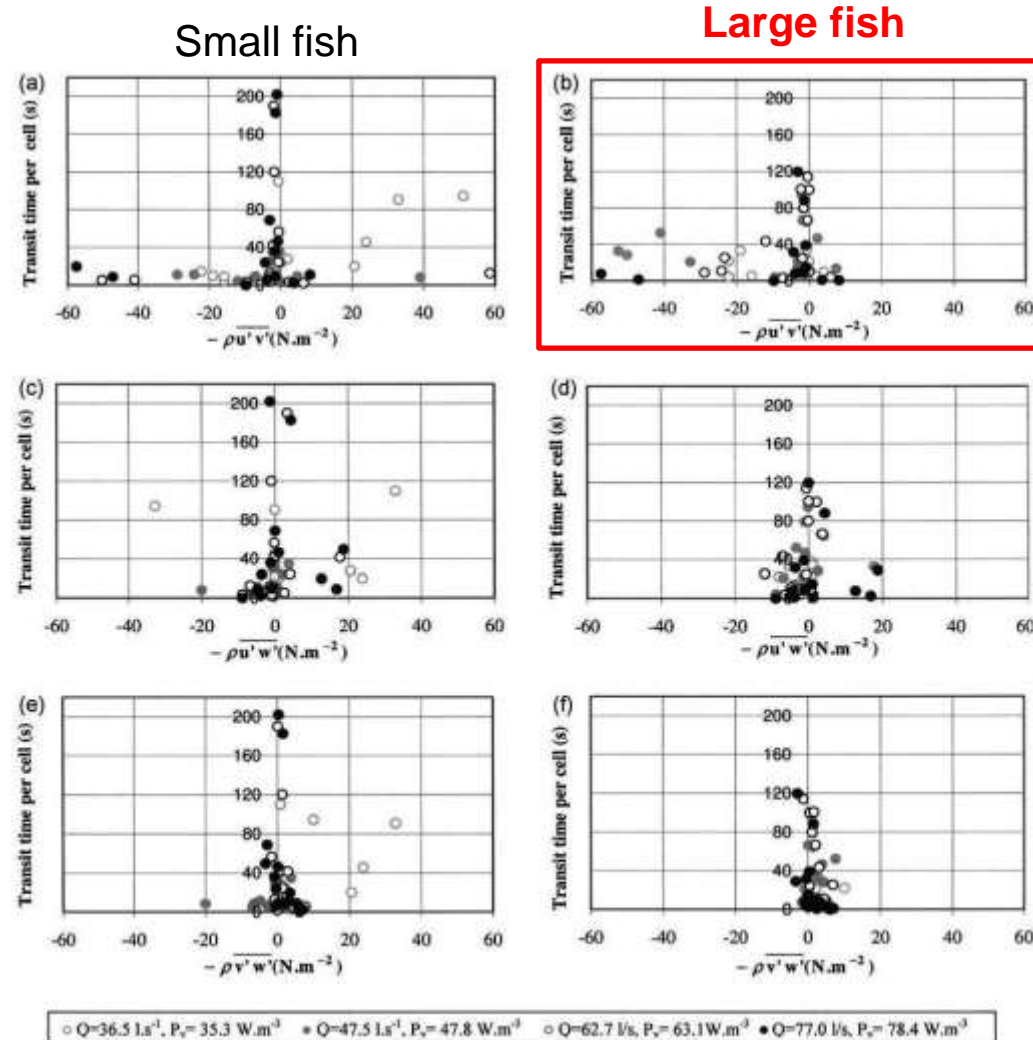


Figure 9. Distribution of fish transit time per cell(s) versus Reynolds shear stress ($-\rho u'v'$, $-\rho u'w'$ and $-\rho v'w'$) in each cell at $z=0.25 h_m$: (a), (c), (e) respectively, for small adults (15 < TL < 25 cm) and (b), (d), (f) respectively, for large adults (25 ≤ TL < 35 cm).

Eddies can affect or help fish swimming

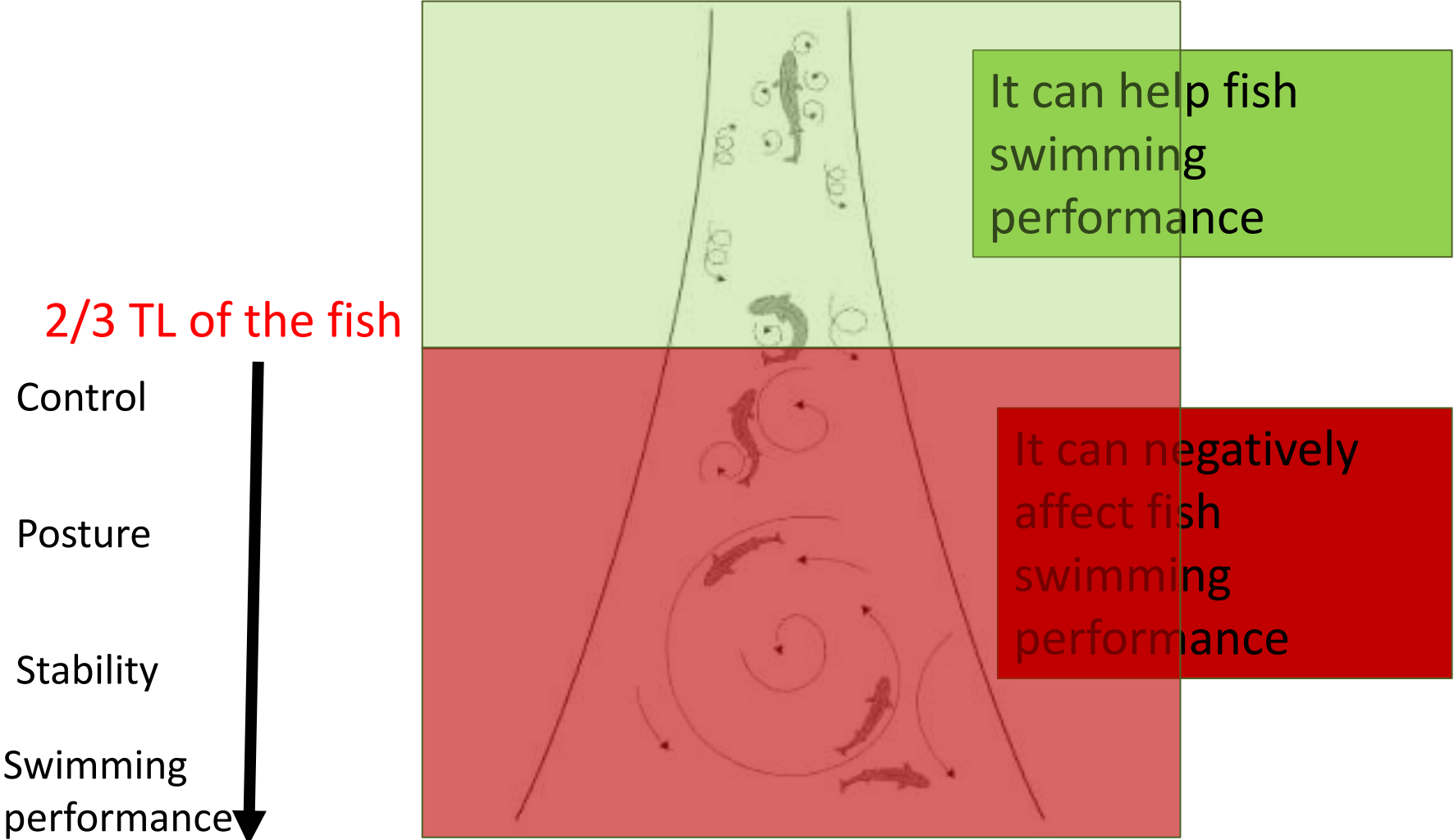
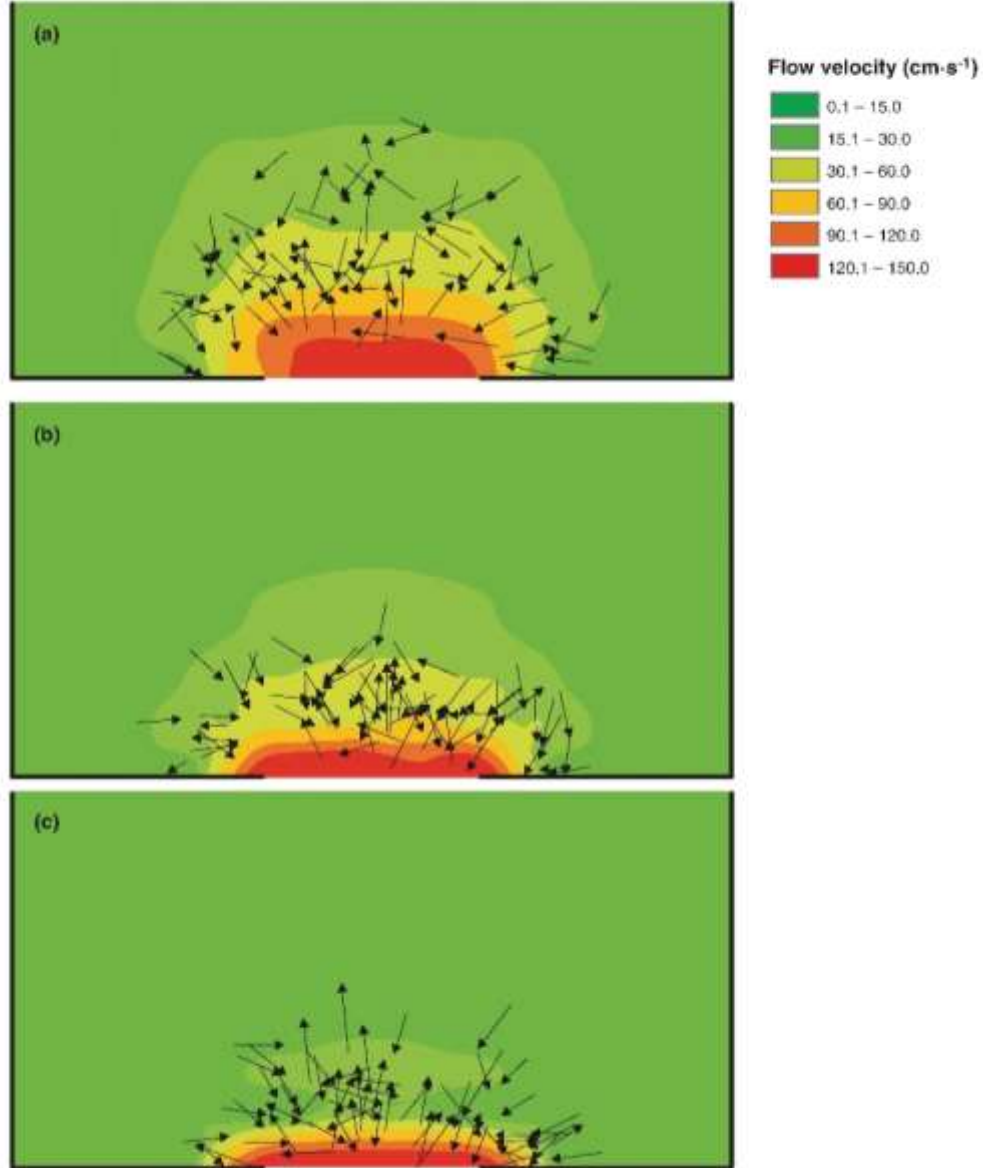


Fig. 2. Maps of velocity (V) in the test arena of the experimental flume under (a) high-, (b) medium-, and (c) low-flow conditions. The positions at which smolt displayed typical avoidance response to the accelerating flow are indicated by arrows. The arrowhead symbolizes the position of the fish head.

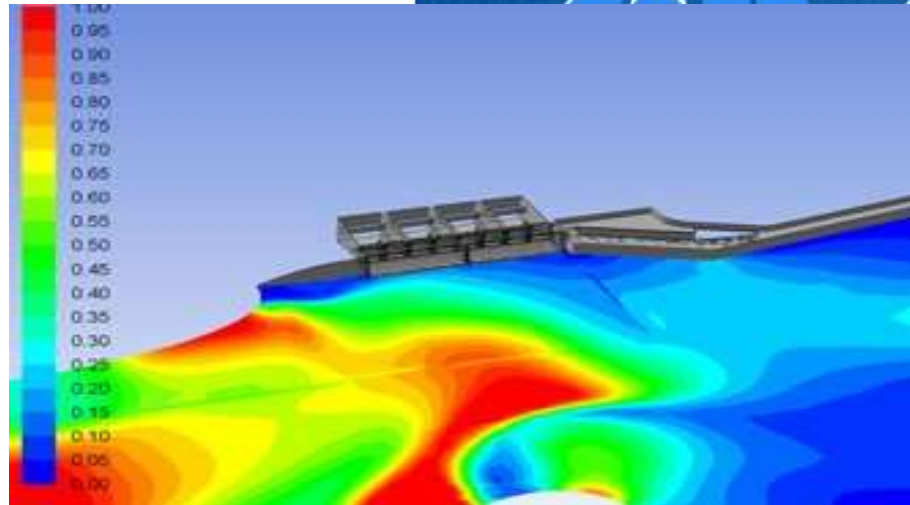
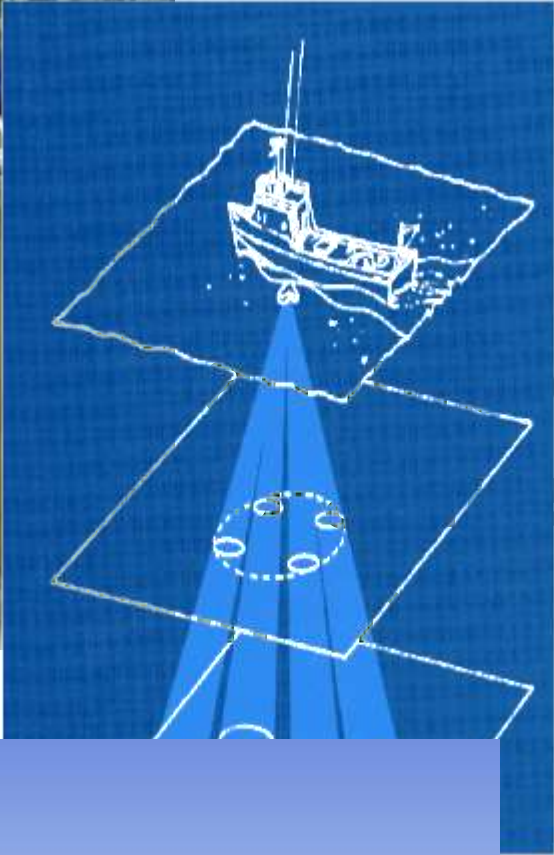


Avoidance of Acceleration

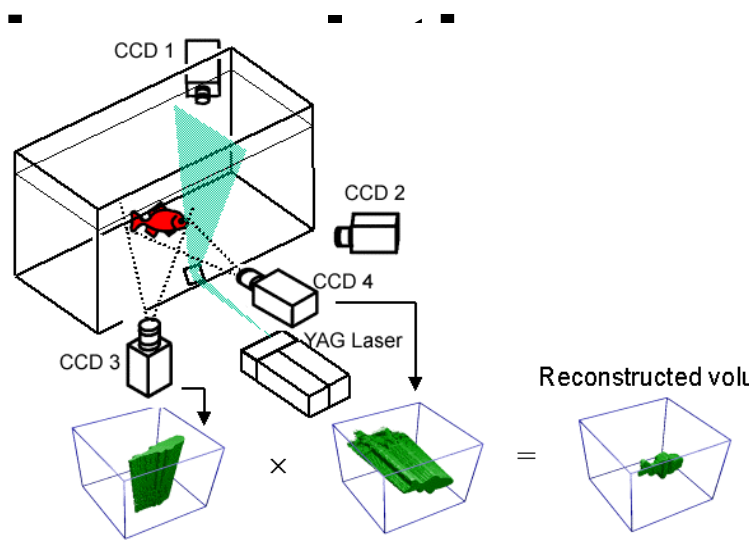
But acceleration can also attract fish!

A school of salmon swimming in clear water. The fish are arranged in a loose formation, moving towards the left. The water is a clear, light blue-green color. The fish have silvery scales with dark spots along their sides. The text "Which route? What to follow?" is overlaid on the left side of the image in a yellow, sans-serif font.

Which route?
What to follow?



fish

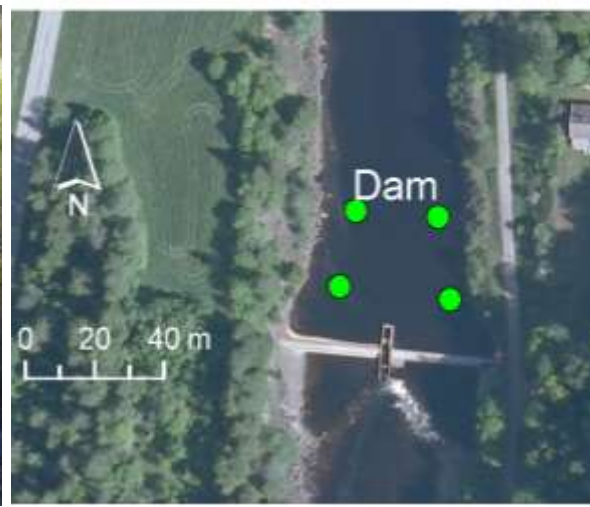
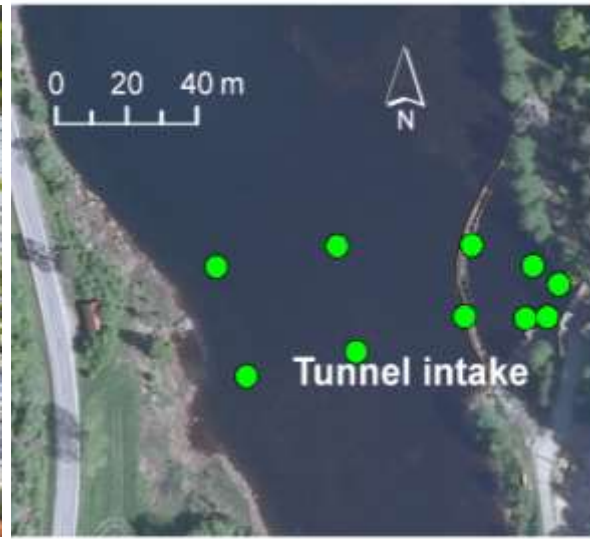
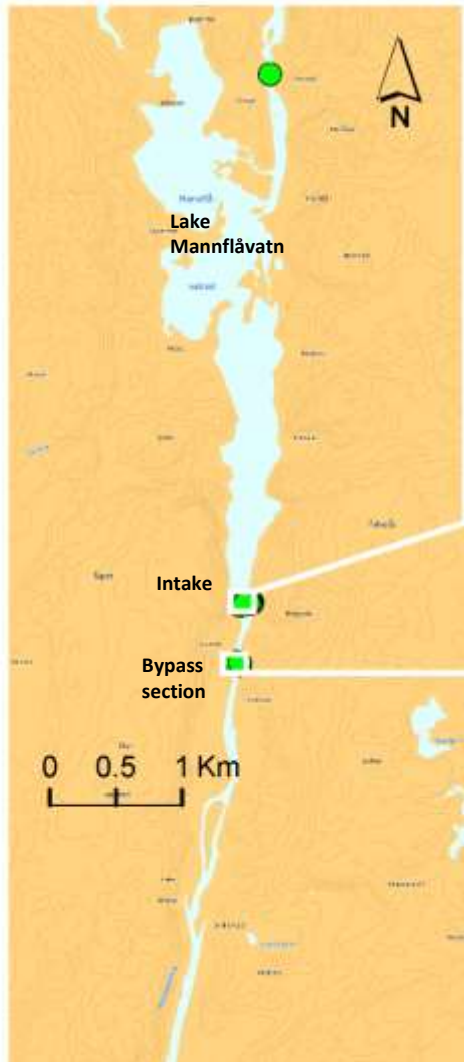


SWIMMING BEHAVIOUR v.s HYDRAULICS

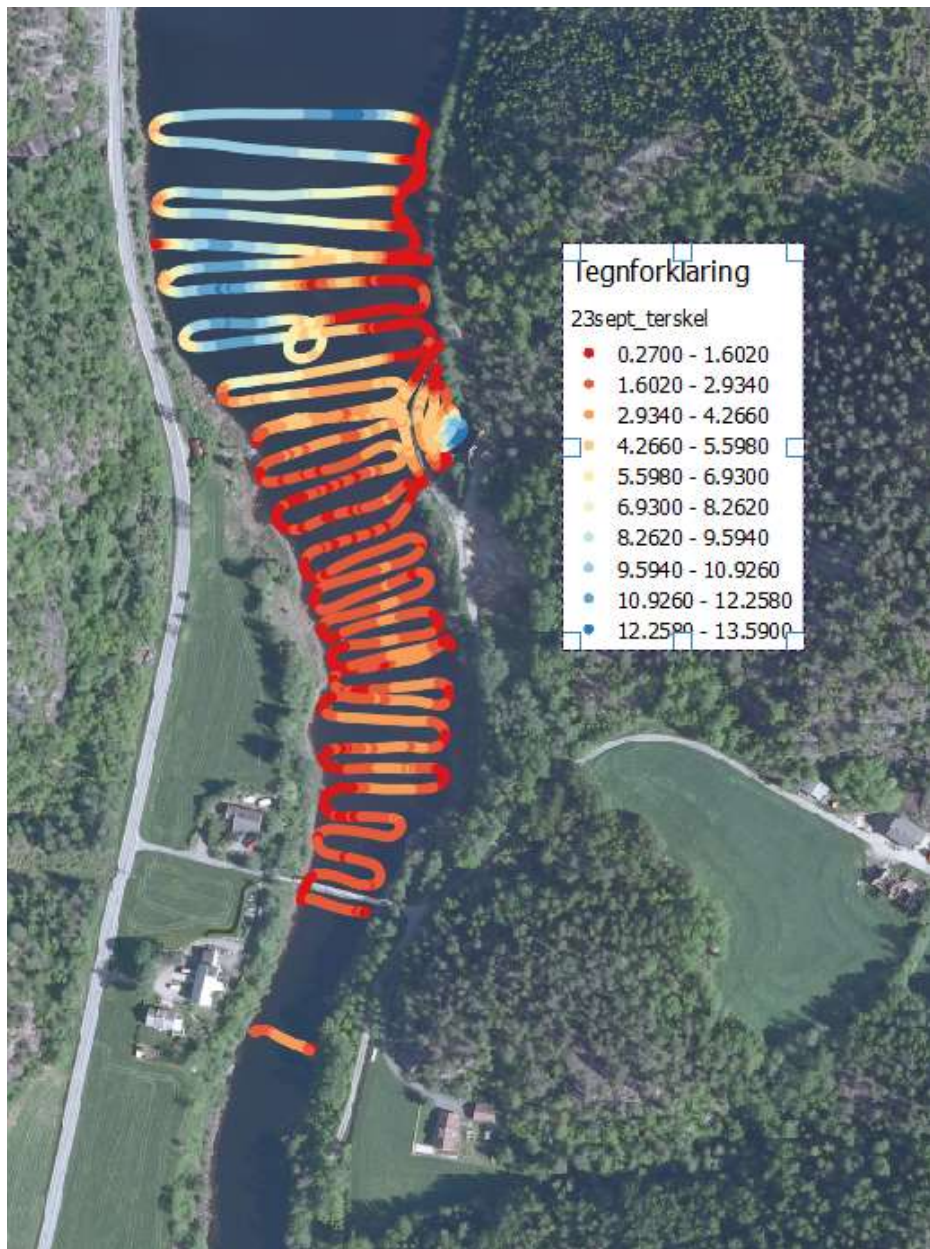
CASE STUDY: MANDAL RIVER

(SAFE PASS - Safe and efficient two-way migration for salmonids and European eel past hydropower structures)

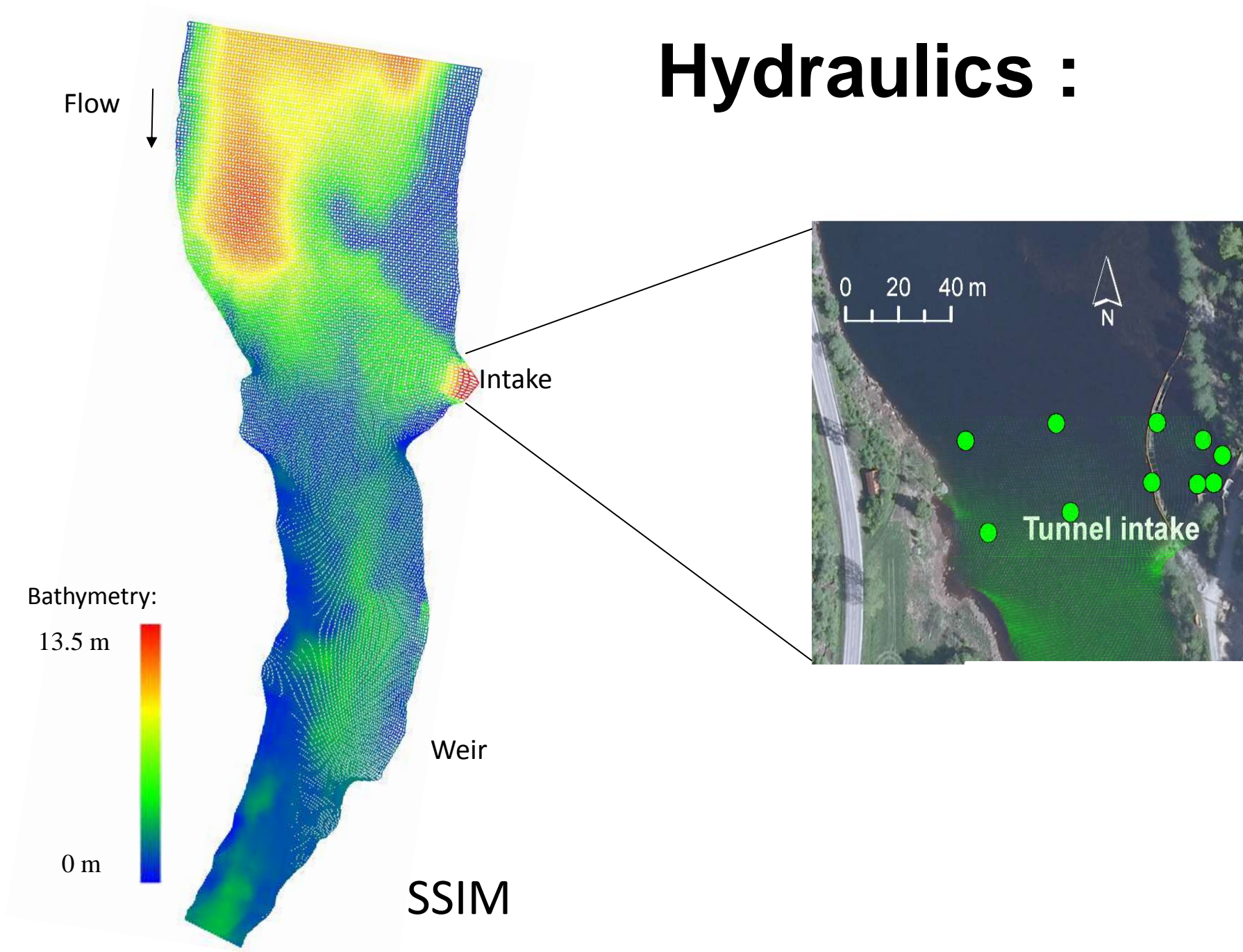
2D and 3D Telemetry



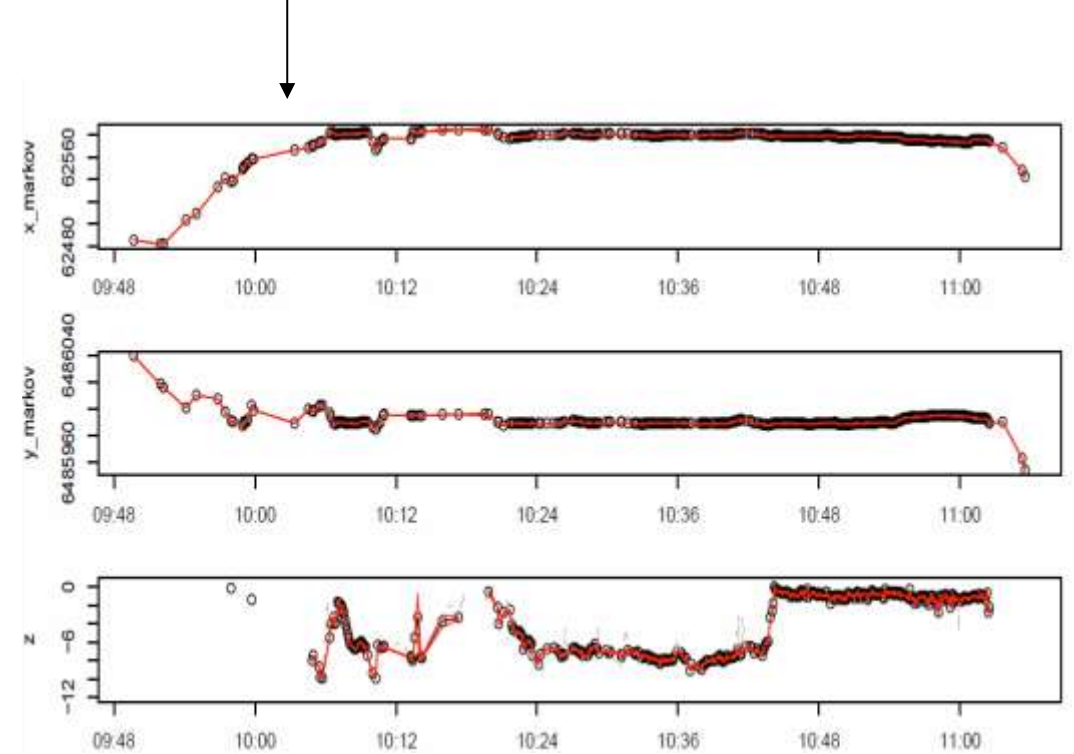
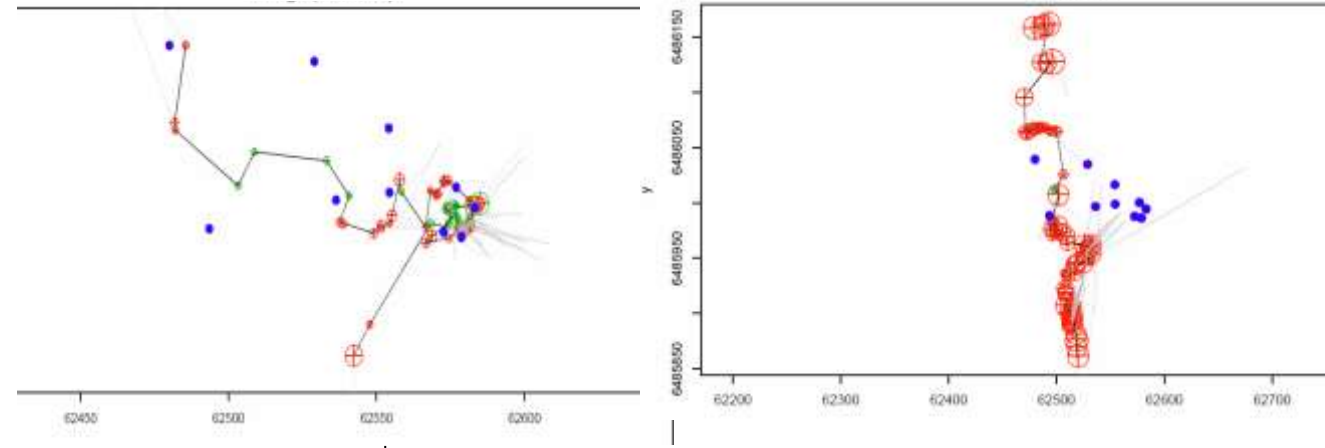
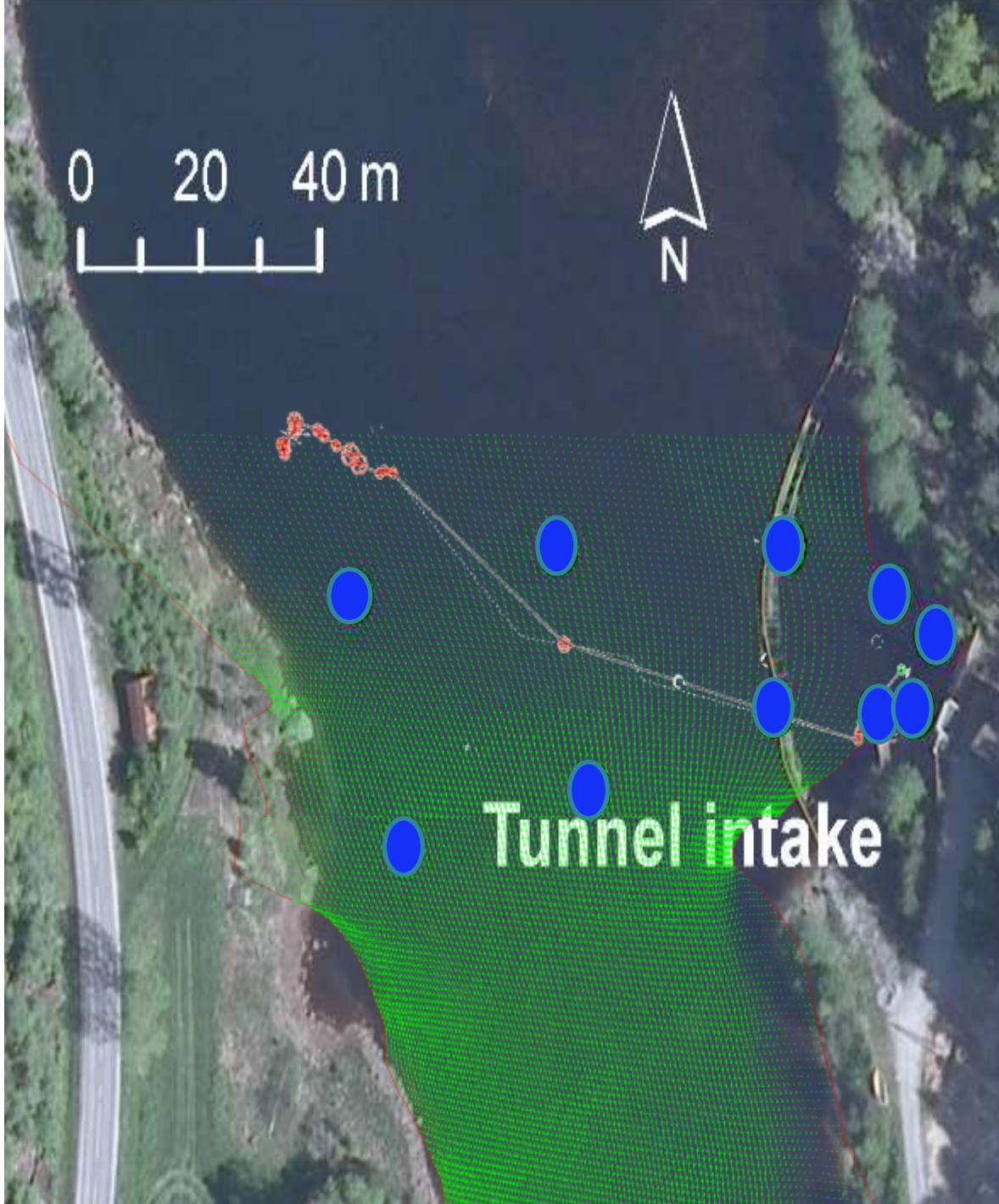
- 200 kHz acoustic telemetry hydrophones (Lotek).
- Small tags (15x6.5 mm), burst interval of 5 s last for 45 days.
- 99 tagged smolts



Hydraulics :



Migratory route of fish



Take home message

An interdisciplinary approach that combines disciplines like fish biology and hydraulics is needed to achieve:

- Fish conservation in a ecological, evolutionary, and socioeconomic sustainability
- Animal welfare and fisheries
- Environmentally engineering solutions.

Thank you !