
Watershed Sciences 6900

FLUVIAL HYDRAULICS & ECOHYDRAULICS

WEEK ONE – Lecture 1

Introduction to Course & Subject

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& ECOHYDRAULICS



TODAY'S PLAN

- I. Introductions
- II. Definitions
- III. Syllabus/Expectations
- IV. Assignments



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I WANT TO KNOW

- Your math and physics background
- What you think hydraulics is...
- How you think this might relate to your research
- What you want to learn
- What you think you already know
- Modeling experience



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DEFINITIONS ALWAYS HELP TO START

hydraulics [haz 'drɒlɪks]

n

(Physics / General Physics) (functioning as singular) another name for [fluid mechanics](#)

Collins English Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003

hydraulics (hɪ-'drɒ'lɪks)

1. The scientific study of water and other liquids, in particular their behavior under the influence of mechanical forces and their related uses in engineering.
2. A mechanical device or system using hydraulic components.

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flu-vi-al (floo-'vi-əl)

adj.

1. Of, relating to, or inhabiting a river or stream.
2. Produced by the action of a river or stream.

[Middle English, from Latin fluvialis, from fluvius, river, from fluere, to flow; see bhleu- in Indo-European roots.]

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1.2 The Role of Fluvial Hydraulics

The term **fluvial** means “of, pertaining to, or inhabiting a river or stream.” This book is about **fluvial hydraulics**—the internal physics of streams. In the civil engineering context, the subject is usually called **open-channel flow**; the term “fluvial” is used here to emphasize our focus on natural streams rather than design of structures.

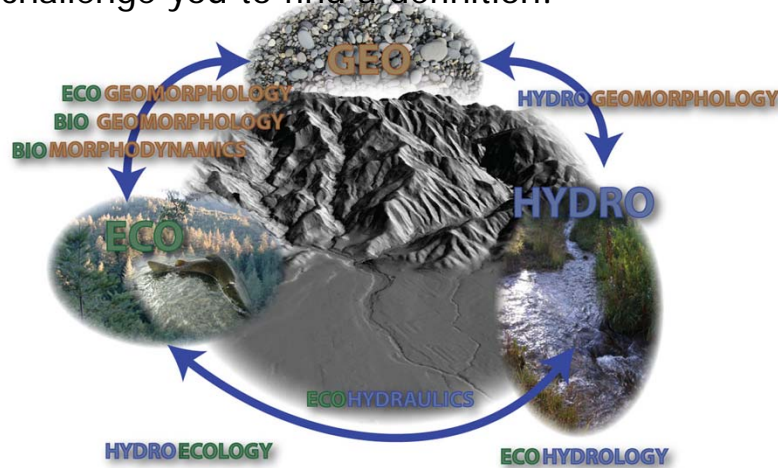
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ECOHYDRAULICS

- I challenge you to find a definition!



- Made up word.... But real discipline



HYDRAULICS IS NOT... BUT DEPENDS ON

- Climate
- Hydrology
- Geology
- Geomorphology
- What are the primary hydraulic variables?
- What are the secondary variables?



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Welcome to the *Fluvial Hydraulics & Ecohydraulics* course website.

Enrolled Students:

This website is the primary distribution point of information for the course. Unlike **Blackboard**, this site will be a resource you can return to after you are done with the course.

Prospective Students


This course is being offered during spring semester 2011 as WATS 6900 (special topics). To learn more about whether this course is right for you, see the [About the Course](#) pages.

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You will need a Quinney computer lab account to participate in labs. Please do this before you come to your first lab! Lab accounts are reset every semester. To request...
Posted Jan 4, 2011 10:21 PM by Joseph Wheaton

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Posted Dec 3, 2010 2:42 PM by Joseph Wheaton

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eddies and holes along Trome River gorge.

Homework Assignments

Reading / Homework for Thursday, January 13th
Read Skim the Preface to Dingman (2009) Read thoroughly Chapter 1: Introduction to Fluvial Hydraulics (pp 3-19) of Dingman (2009) Read:
Lederer M. 2005. Ecohydraulics: A New Interdisciplinary Frontier...
Posted 23 hours ago by Joseph Wheaton

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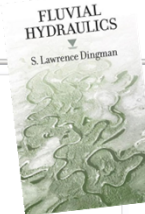
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• Student Flume



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<http://www.neng.usu.edu/classes/cee/3500/openchannel.htm>



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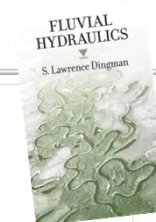
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- Make sure you understand the governing equations & how they are represented in the model
- Then focus on the technician skill of running a model



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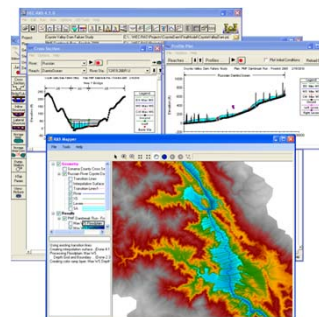


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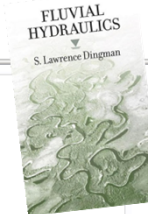
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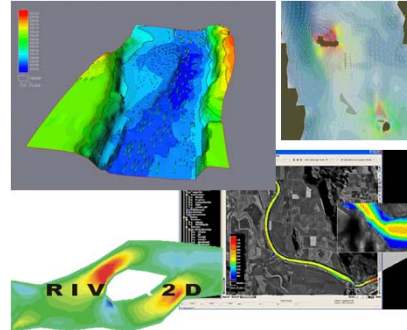


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- Other Readings...
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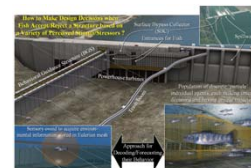
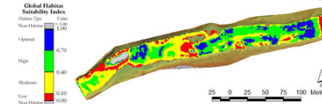
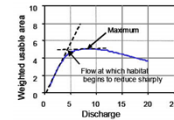
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- We'll 2D PHABSIM & CaSiMiR



From Andy Goodwin & Dave Smith (ERDC):
<http://el.erc.usace.army.mil/emrrp/nfs/individualfish.htm>



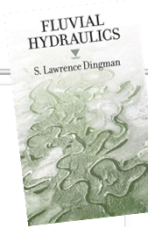
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- I'll synthesize and pull everything together...
- We'll see you present your term papers...



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WHAT IS YOUR TERM PAPER?

- A review article on the portion of the hydraulic and/or ecohydraulic literature relevant to your research
- We'll define more in about a month



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THE WAY I WAS TAUGHT...

Every lecture:

- hour of monotone derivations
- no hints for solving problems
- absolutely no mention of practical utility or scientific significance



We will not
cover
everything!

Here's what we're going to experiment with:

- Lectures (50 min)
 - I will assign reading for next lecture (you need to do it first night)
 - I will choose core topics to lecture from (30 min)
 - I will post a pole on our forum, you will vote from a list of other topics to spend 10-15 minutes on
 - We will spend last 10 minutes discussing questions



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LETS GO THROUGH REST OF SYLLABUS...

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This website is the primary distribution point of information for the course. Unlike Blackboard, this site will be a resource you can return to after you are done with the course.

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On Thursday, we will be going on a field trip up Logan Canyon. We will be hiking in the snow (we'll provide snowshoes). If you have your own snowshoes bring them. You will need good water-proof snow boots, pants, gloves, parka and a hat. You should also bring layers . Come prepared for the snow. . dress warm! Also bring something to write notes with and a camera if you've got one.

In addition to coming prepared for the elements, come ready to discuss how fluvial hydraulics differs from traditional hydraulics courses and open channel flow. Also, be prepared to discuss the review article.

Register as a user for [course discussion board](#). Post questions from reading if you have them!

Attachments (1)

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THIS WEEK'S LAB

Lab 01 – Hydraulic Observations

- Reset what you think you know
- Just make basic observations
- Discuss Reading
- Snowshoes provided (bring food, water, and whatever you need to keep warm)
- Leave at 2:00 from NR Parking
- Return to car by dark



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NEXT LECTURE

On Tuesday:

- Lecture/Discussion on Natural Streams (i.e. Chap 2)
- Check Friday for Reading Assignment



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QUESTIONS??

- Post other questions to our Class Forum at <http://forum.bluezone.usu.edu/gis>

