

A photograph showing a large ice jam in a river. The foreground is filled with a dense field of broken ice floes. In the background, a multi-story brick building with many windows is visible. The sky is overcast and grey.

**USA CRREL  
Ice Engineering  
Research Division**

**Cold Regions Engineering  
Hydrology and Hydraulics**

# CRREL



***Cold* Problem Solvers for the Nation**

# Cold Regions Engineering

- **Addresses Winter Impacts on Corps Missions**
- **Multidisciplinary Programs**
  - **Navigation**
  - **Flood Control**
  - **Water Resources**
  - **Sediment Control/Scour**
  - **Environmental**

# Navigation Problems



**Starved Rock**



**Soo Lock**

# Winter Dam Operations



**Dresden Island**

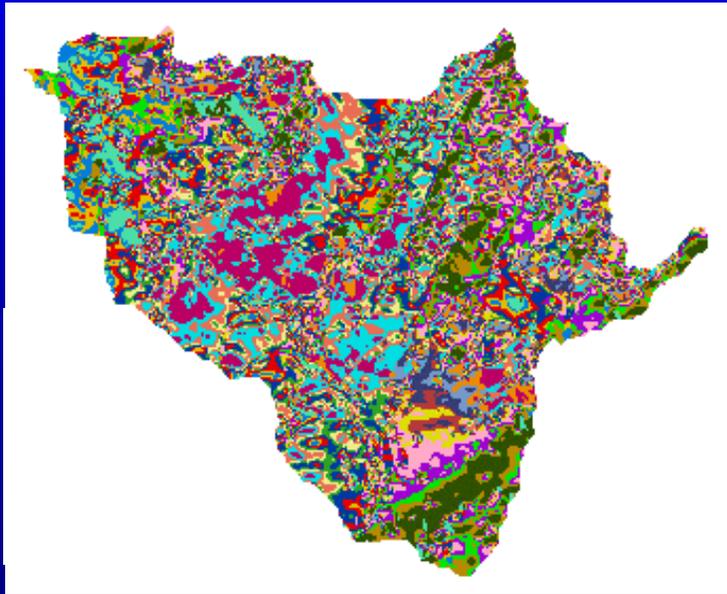
# **Winter Hydrology: Distributed Snowmelt Model**

- **Distributed snow melt for each grid element**
- **Sub-basin snow melt**
- **Snowmelt run-off hydrographs**
- **Flood prediction**

# CRREL Distributed Snowmelt Model

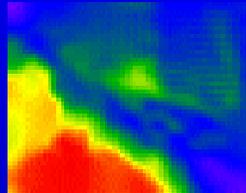
## INPUTS

### Surface Energy Balance Map

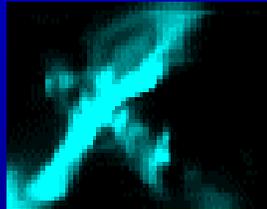


### Meteorology

#### Temperature



#### Precipitation



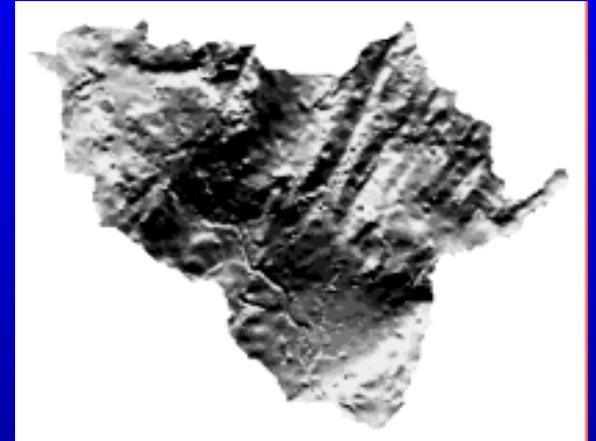
As available:

Windspeed  
Relative Humidity  
Cloud Cover  
Radiation Data

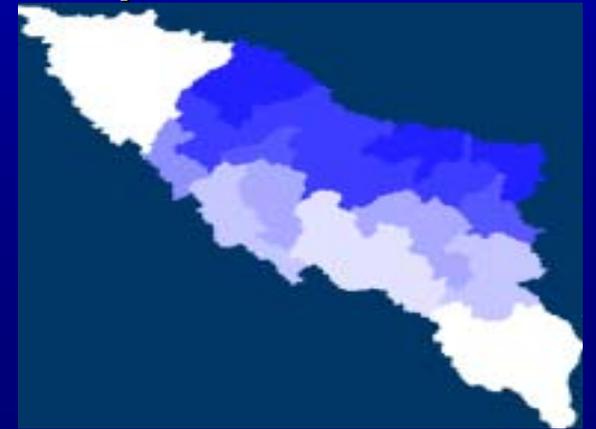
## OUTPUTS

### Time Series Data

#### Distributed Snow Melt



#### Lumped Basin Snow Melt



# Ice Jams



# Ice Jams

- **Cause flooding**
- **Suspend navigation**
- **Damage riverine structures**
- **Promote bed and bank erosion**
- **Remove or damage bank vegetation**
- **Flood upland wetlands**
- **May be important for maintaining near-stream habitat**





# **Ice Jam Database**

- **Geographic Data: state, river, nearest town, latitude & longitude, HUC, gaging station**
- **Other Data: date of event, flow, stage, likely causes, damages, mitigation measures, POC's, etc.**
- **Searchable on the Web: new interface**
- **To be linked with GIS mapping**

USA-CRREL Ice Jam Database Development - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Go Favorites Help

Back Forward Stop Refresh Home Search Favorites History Channels Fullscreen Mail Print Edit

Address <http://www.mvp-wc.usace.army.mil/ijdb/>



# Ice Jam Database

**State:** All States

**City:**

**River:** White

**USGS Gage Number:**

**WRC Unit Number:**

**Month(s):** January December

**Year(s):** 1870 2000

**Jam Type:** All Types

**Description:**

**Publication:**

**Contact:**

Query results output controls:

<input type="checkbox"/> USGS Gage	<input type="checkbox"/> WRC Unit Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinates
<input type="checkbox"/> Jam Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Damages	<input type="checkbox"/> Visuals
<input type="checkbox"/> CRREL Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> USACE Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Contact

Submit Request Reset All

Done Internet zone

# Ice Jam Database

- **Emergency response**
- **Ice jam characterization**
- **Reconnaissance studies**
- **R & U**

SECTION 206: FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

HISTORICAL ICE JAM FLOODING IN MAINE,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT



**United States Army  
Corps of Engineers**

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... Serving the Nation*

**New England Division**

OCTOBER 1980

# Capabilities

- **Ice jam response**
  - technical assistance
  - ice monitoring
- **Stage-frequency for ice affected rivers**
- **Numerical modeling**
  - determine flood inundation boundaries
  - design ice control measures
- **Ice control**
  - structural
  - nonstructural

# Ice Jam Mitigation

- **Advance Measures**
- **Emergency Measures**
- **Permanent Measures**
- **Freezeup Jam Control**
  - Control production & transport of frazil ice
  - Displace jam initiation location
- **Breakup Jam Control**
  - Control timing of ice breakup
  - Displace jam location

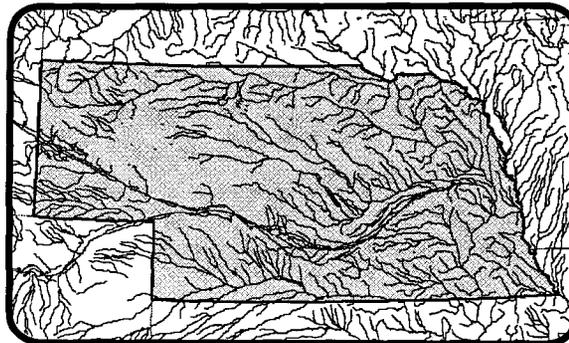
# Advance Measures

## Lower Platte River Ice Jam Flooding Final Draft

Section 22  
June 1994

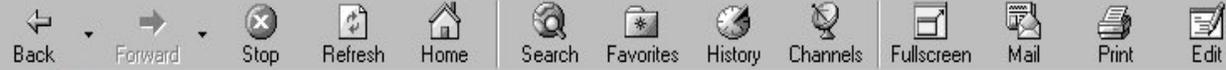


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# Advance Measures



# Emergency Measures

## Ice Jam at the Minneapolis Water Works

November 26, 1991

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
St. Paul District

January 1992



## INTERAGENCY HAZARD MITIGATION TEAM REPORT



IN RESPONSE TO  
FEMA-938-DR-VT

PREPARED BY THE REGION I  
INTERAGENCY HAZARD MITIGATION TEAM

AUGUST 1992

# Permanent Measures

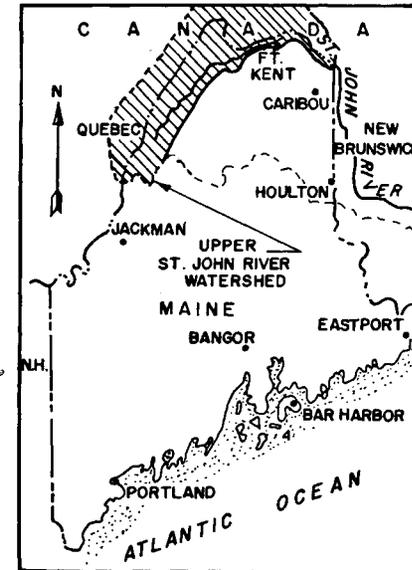
- Ice control structures (ICS's)
- Diversion channels
- Flow control
- Thermal discharge
- Levees, floodwalls
- Floodproofing
- Land management



General Investigation Study

Reconnaissance Report

## SAINT JOHN RIVER, MAINE ICE DAMAGE CONTROL



January 1993



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New England Division

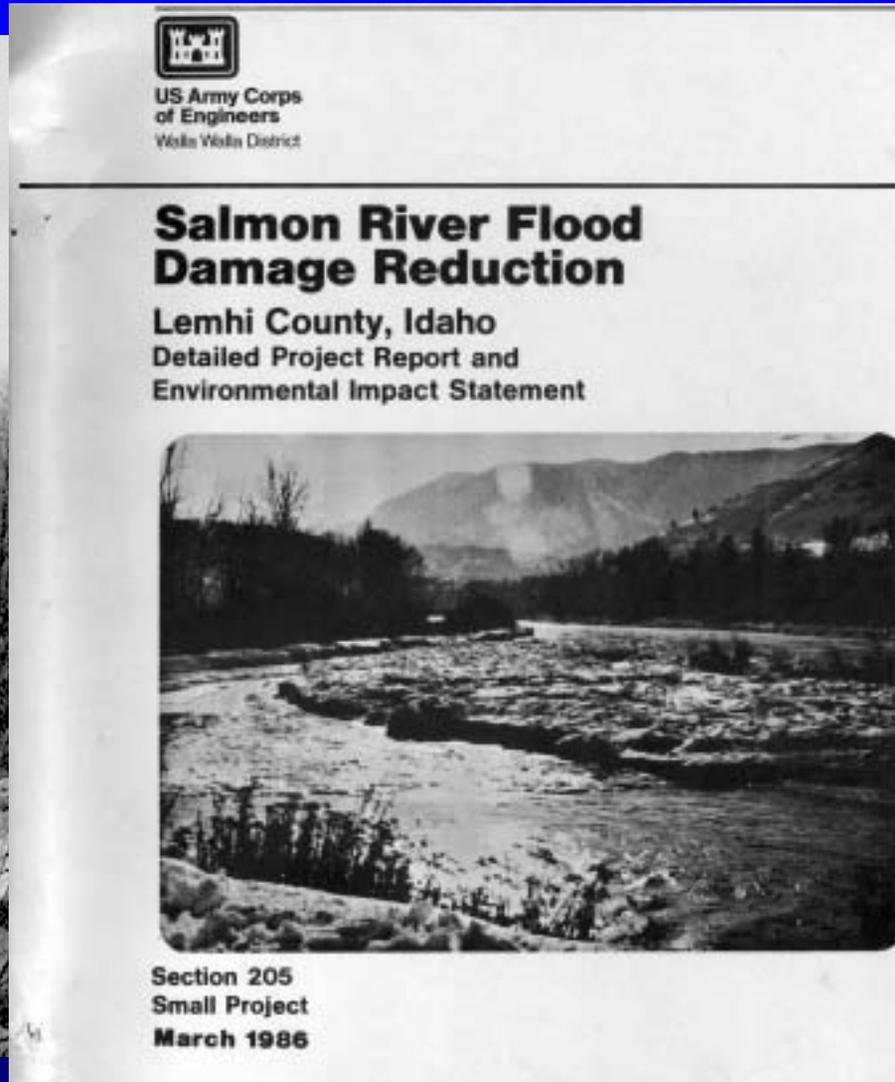
# Cazenovia Creek ICS



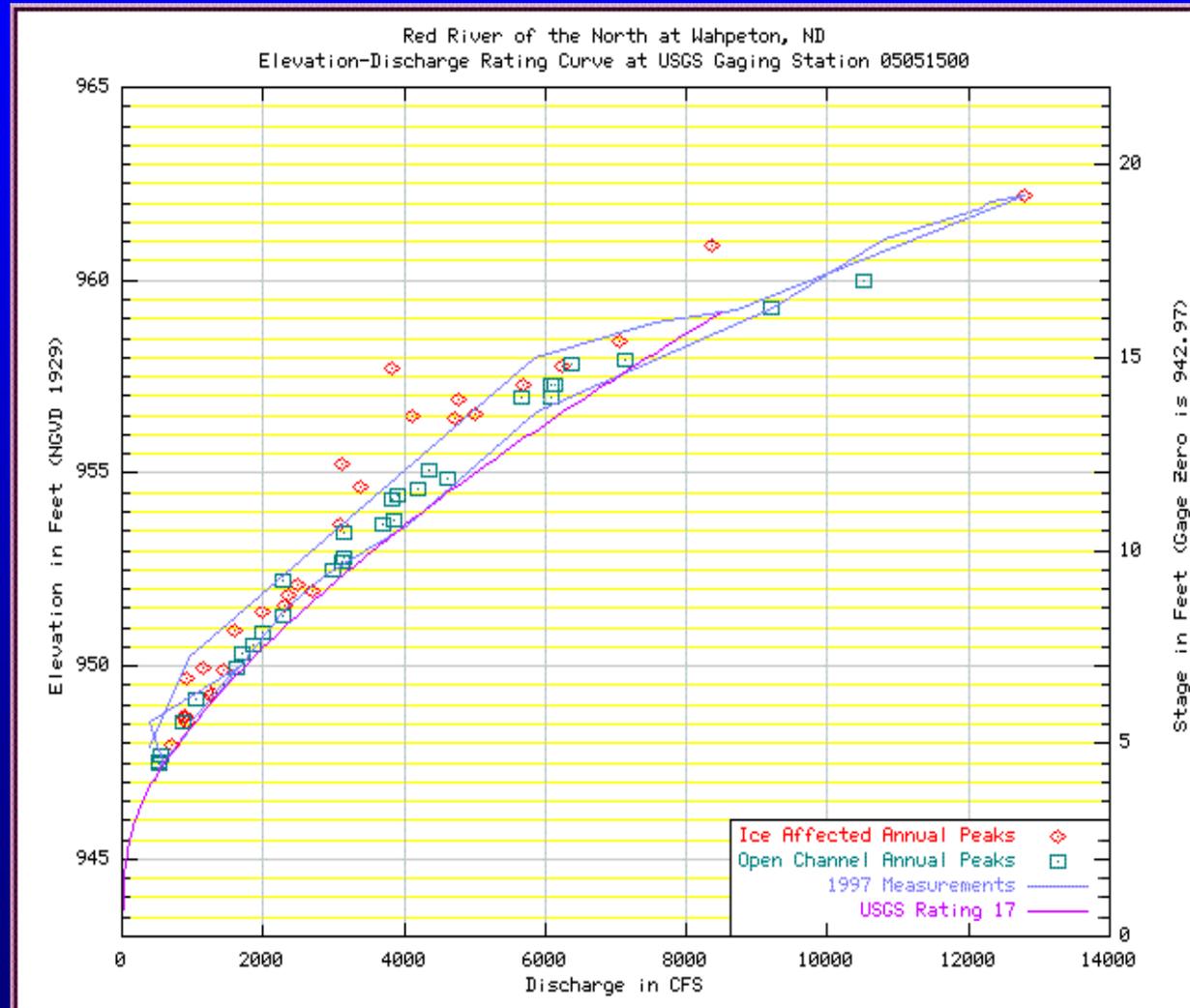
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New < \$1M

# Salmon River Ice Boom



# Ice-Affected Stage Frequency



# Modeling Ice-covered Rivers

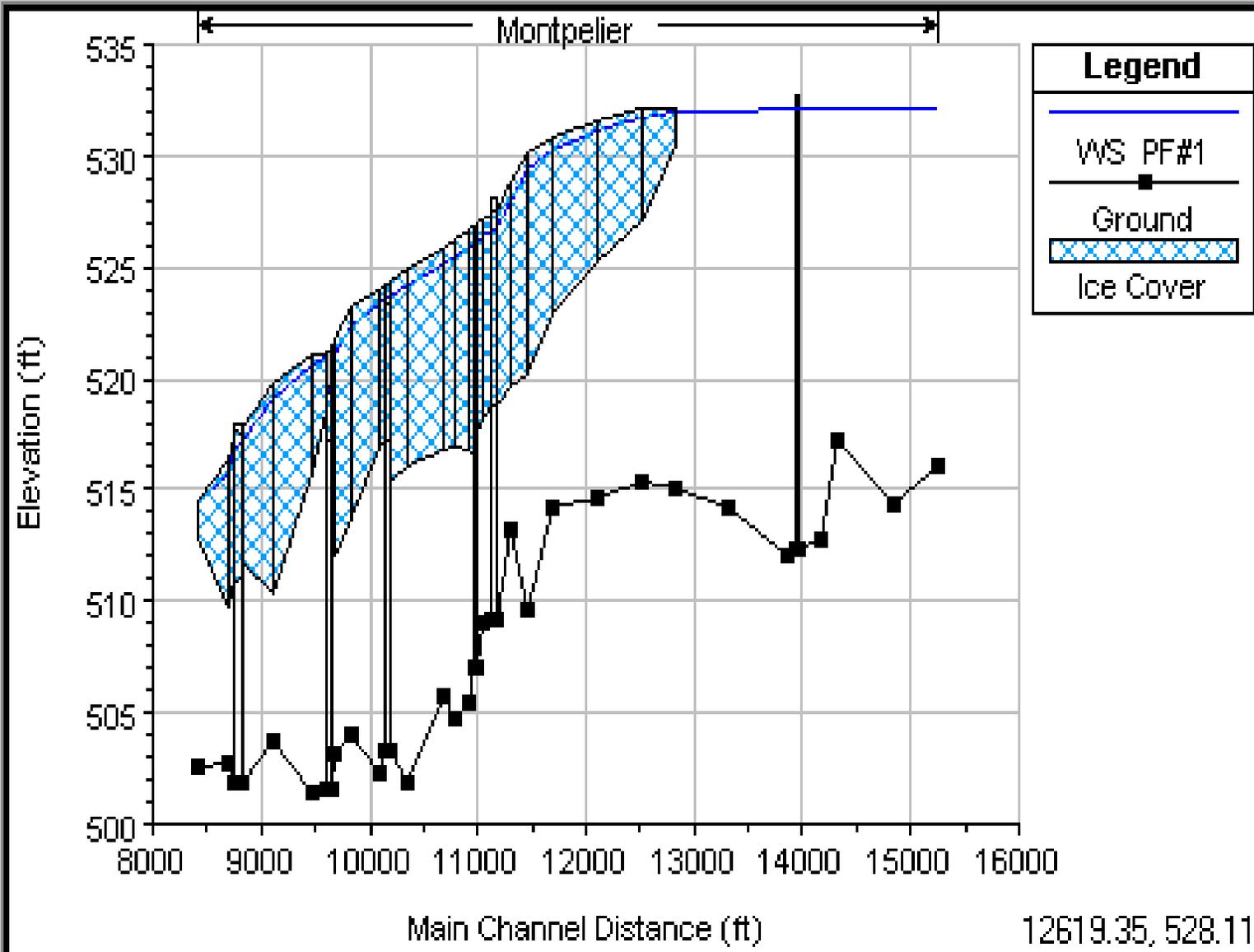
- **Steady Flow**
  - HEC-2 with ICETHK
  - HEC-RAS
- **Unsteady Flow**
  - UNET
  - Discrete Element or  
Discrete Parcel Models
- **2 Dimensional Flow**
  - Currently in development

# HEC-RAS Ice Subroutine

- **Developed by CRREL and HEC**
- **Backwater for ice-covered rivers**
  - **Known ice thickness, or**
  - **Equilibrium ice jam**
- **Models ice at bridges**
- **User inputs ice properties or selects default values**
- **All HEC-RAS graphical features available**

# Profile Plot

File Options Help



Main Channel Distance (ft)

12619.35, 528.11

# X-Y-Z Perspective Plot

File Options

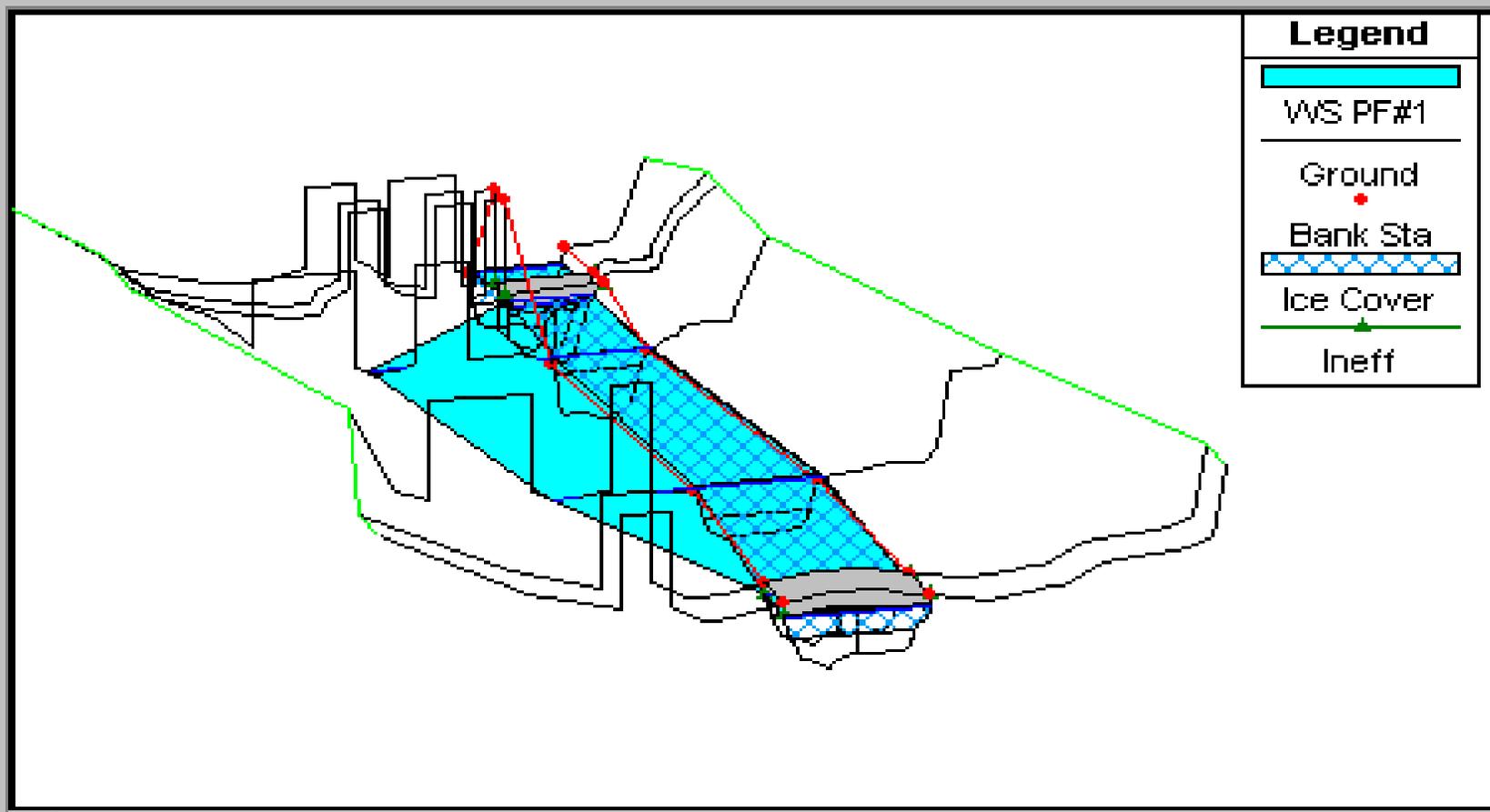
River Sta. Start : 9791

River Sta. End: 8791 BR



Rotation Angle 15

Azimuth Angle 28



Legend	
	WS PF#1
	Ground
	Bank Sta
	Ice Cover
	Ineff

# UNET Ice Subroutine

- **Time dependent modeling of**
  - **Water temperature**
  - **Surface ice transport**
  - **Frazil ice transport**
  - **Extent of stationary ice cover**
- **Full interaction between ice cover and flow**
- **Model update based on observations**
- **All data can be written to DSS database**

# Numerical Modeling

Maine Flood Plain Management Services

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## Assessing the Effects of River Geometry and Dam Operation On Upstream Ice Conditions: Aroostook River at Fort Fairfield, Maine

June 1995



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
New England Division

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## DRAFT RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

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## OAHE DAM TO LAKE SHARPE, SOUTH DAKOTA

SEPTEMBER 1995



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Omaha District  
Missouri River Division

**HEC-2 with ICETHK**

**UNET**

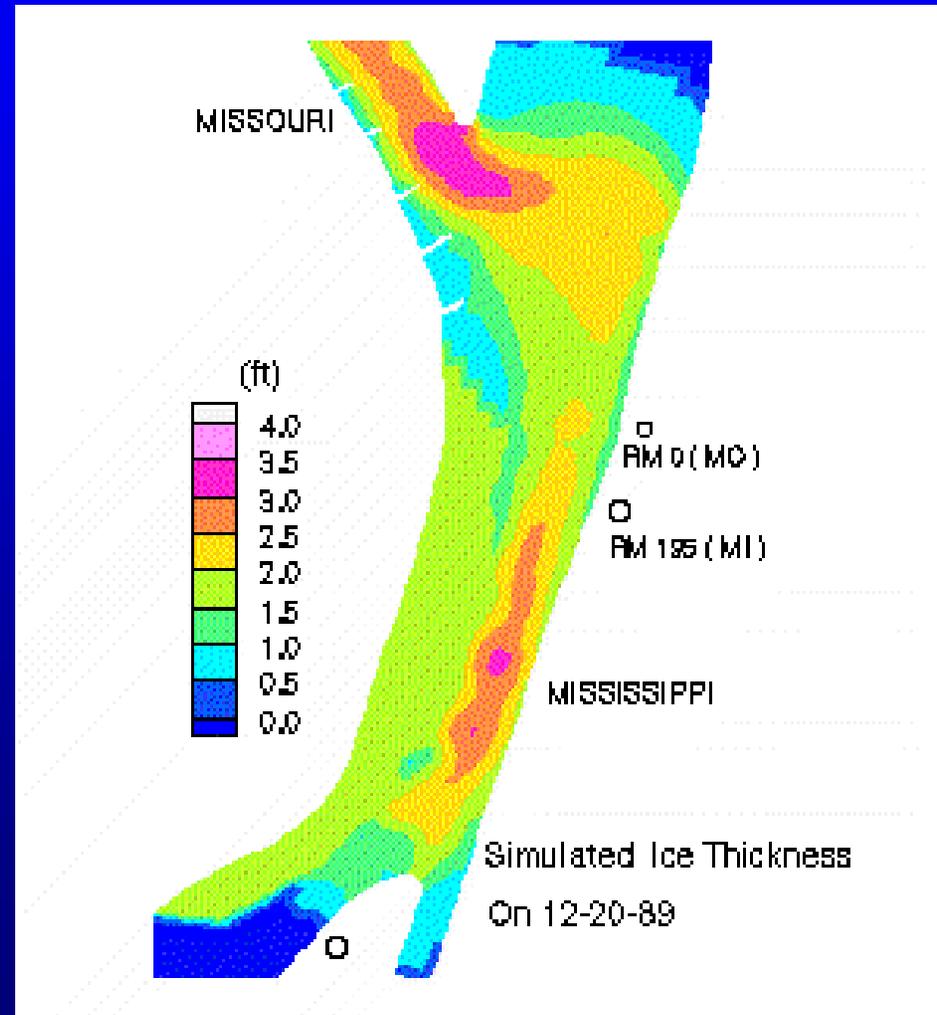
# **Discrete Element Simulation of Ice Transport**

- **Simulation tracks 2000 to 5000 ice pieces**
- **2-D ice-block interaction simulation**
- **1-D hydraulic model with seepage through ice mass**
- **Output: ice thickness, stage, flow velocity, forces on banks or structures**

# DynaRICE© Ice Dynamic Model

- **Developed through university contract**
- **Unsteady, 2-D, finite element, hydrodynamics coupled with ice parcel dynamics to simulate**
  - **River ice transport**
    - **spatial distribution of ice and velocity of ice parcels**
  - **Ice jam initiation and development**
    - **ice concentration and thickness**
- **Model Applications:**
  - **Analyze ice-structure interaction**
    - **bridges, dams, lock approaches, ice control structures, etc.**
  - **Estimate effect of channel changes on ice processes**
    - **dredging, bank protection, bendway weirs etc.**

# DynaRICE Simulation of 20 Dec. 1989 Jam Mississippi-Missouri Confluence



# Ice Jam Prediction

- **Models under development:**
  - Empirical threshold models
  - Multiple linear regression
  - Logistic regression
  - Discriminant function analysis
  - Canonical discriminant or cluster analysis
  - Deterministic (analytical) model

# Ice Jam Prediction

- **Combined empirical and discriminant function analysis for Oil City, PA (Pittsburgh District)**
- **Provides risk associated with incorrect prediction**
- **Web-based with password**
- **Used to predict jams**
- **Can be used to determine project benefits**

