



# Development of Technology for Waterfront Creation and Case Study of Continuous Block System

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## ■ Current Status of Urban Streams

For the last decades before 21<sup>st</sup> century, stream management based on government-led planning had been mainly considered with the use of water and flood-control in urban areas. As results, the ecology of urban streams was more deteriorated due to

- Drying of stream
- Straightening of stream channel
- Concrete covering and bank protection
- Artificial riverbed
- Water pollution
- Covering and pavement of stream
- Crossing obstacle in stream
- Parking lot construction in stream



**Damaged aquatic ecosystem in stream**

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# 1. Introduction

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## Research Team Objectives

- Development of nature friendly waterfront technology to improve ecological function as well as hydraulic safety between river and bank
- Restoration of aquatic ecosystem and improvement of diversity in waterfront
- Improvement of aesthetic function nearby waterfront and securing nature-friendly leisure and resting places for the residents

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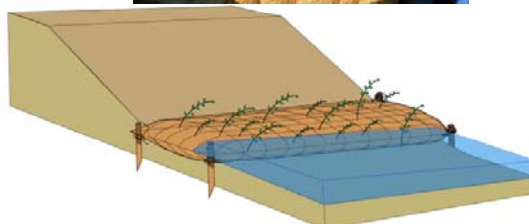
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## Development of Technology for Creation of Waterfront



Mattress groyne system composed of natural materials in streams



Soft-bag system for the creation of natural water front

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# 1. Introduction

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## Development of Technology for Replacement of Concrete Covering in Waterfront



Geo-green Loess Fiber Block



Grass-con system of continuous block system



Soil-layered system reinforced with fibers for vegetation



Frame system composed of burned woods

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## 2. Case Study of Continuous Block System

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- Background of Continuous Block System Development
  - ☞ Propelled River Restoration and Rehabilitation after 90's
  - ☞ Hydraulic Safety Problems of Existing Slope Protection Methods for Close-to-Nature Application
  - ☞ Sustainable Urban Drainage System
    - Pervious Area Reduction
  - ☞ New Method for Safe and Environmental Slope Protection and Urban Drainage
- Approaches
  - ☞ Review of Existing Block Application System for Slope Protection in River Banks
  - ☞ Hydraulic Analysis for GRASSCON
    - ▶ Physical Model Test ▶ Numerical Analysis

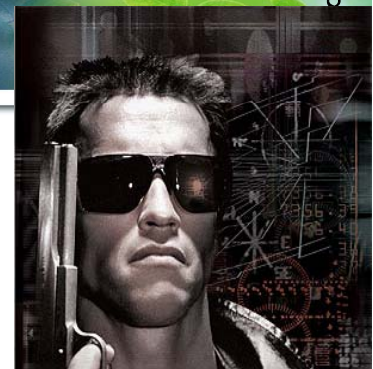
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Not Available of Co-existence  
between Hydraulic Safety and  
Vegetation ?



- Resistance against High Velocity Flood in River Bank Block System
- Any Problem of Existing Precast Block System?



**"I SAY THE DEBATE IS OVER  
— WE KNOW THE SCIENCE,  
WE SEE THE THREAT, & THE  
TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW"**  
ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

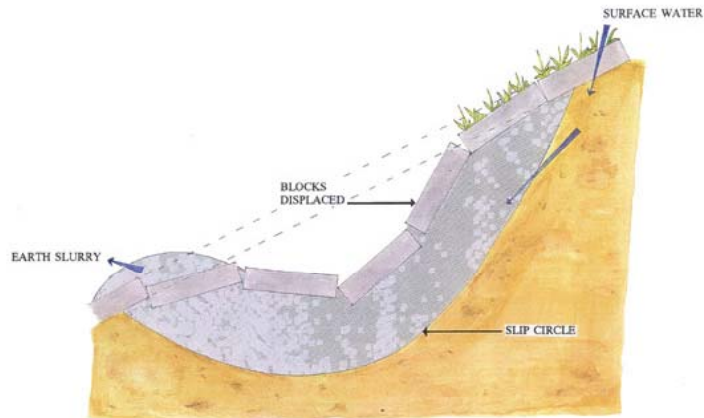


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### Existing Block System

#### CAUSES OF PRE-CAST BLOCK FAILURES



#### ROTATIONAL SLIP CIRCLE

Caused by Water Intrusion at the Top of the Slope

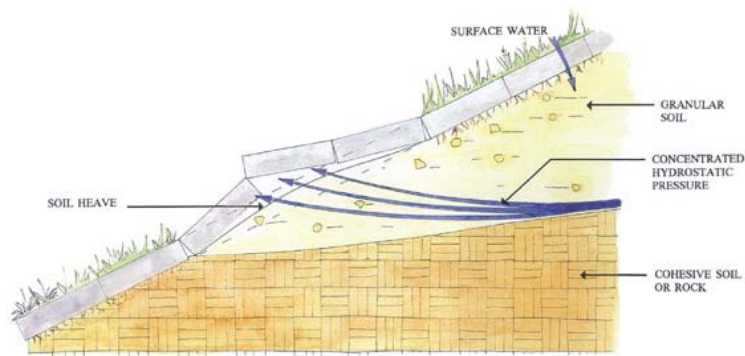
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### CAUSES OF PRE-CAST FAILURES



#### SURFACE HEAVE

Caused by Static Pressure between Two Impervious Layers

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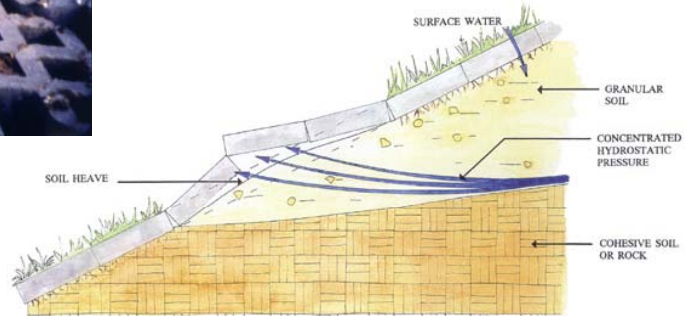
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### Review of Some Problems



#### SURFACE HEAVE



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Tractive Forces and Erosion against High Velocity



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### Review of Some Problems



Interlocking  
between Units



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## 3. Application of Continuous Block System

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### THE GRASSCON SYSTEM

PERFORMANCE  
OF REINFORCED  
MATERIAL with  
GRASS

In-Situ Applicable  
Continuous  
Structure

NO PRE-CASTi

Filler

Reinforcement

Former



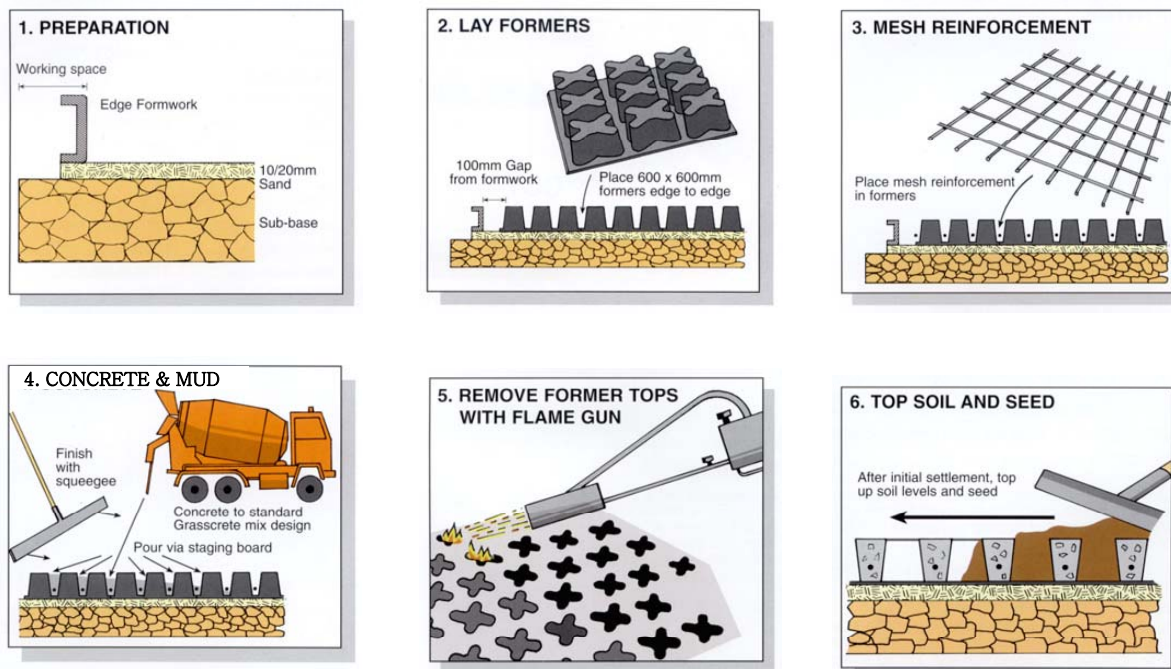
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## GRASSCON – APPLICATIONSEQUENCE



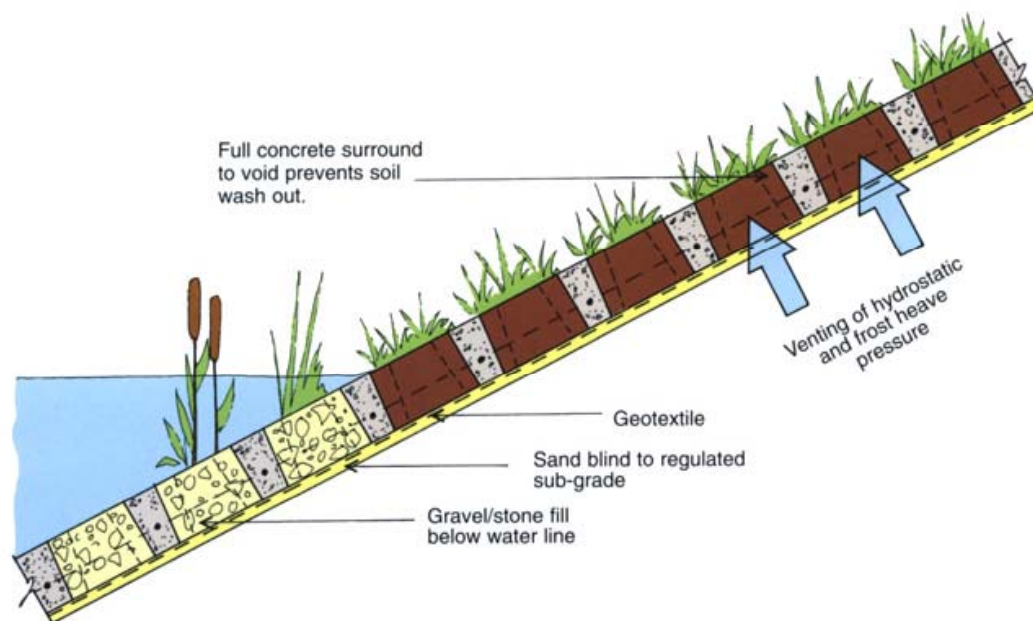
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## Grasscon



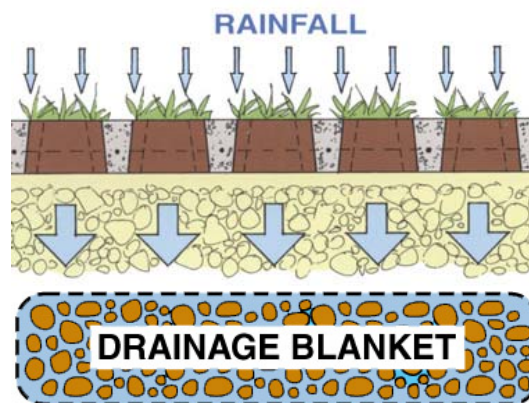
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- PREVENTION OF LOCAL FLOODS
- RETENTION OF SURFACE WATER
- INCREASED DRAINAGE LAG TIME
- REDUCED DOWNSTREAM FLOODING

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RESERVOIRS  
AND  
SPILLWAYS



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**REPAIRED RIVER  
EMBANKMENTS  
FROM FLOOD**



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**SUPPORTING  
A WIDE  
RANGE OF  
VEGETATION  
IN FLOOD  
STORAGE**

**RESIST  
EROSION  
UNDERNEATH**



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## 3. Application of Continuous Block System

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TESTED VELOCITY  
RESISTANCE  
AGAINST FAILURE  
TO OVER  
8METRES/SECOND

CONTINUOUS  
REINFORCED  
STURCTURE



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### Samples of GrassCon



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# 4. Hydraulic Analysis and Physical Model Test

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## ● Physical Model Test

### ☞ Scale

- ▶ Froude Similarity 1/50

### ☞ Prototype

- ▶ Length 212m,
- ▶ Width 35m
- ▶ Bed Slope 1.6%
- ▶ Bank Slope : L(1:2.0), R(1:3.0)

### ☞ Discharge Condition (Bohyun River) :

- ▶ 200m<sup>3</sup>/sec (100yr Design Flood)
- ▶ 400m<sup>3</sup>/sec
- ▶ 600m<sup>3</sup>/sec (PMF)



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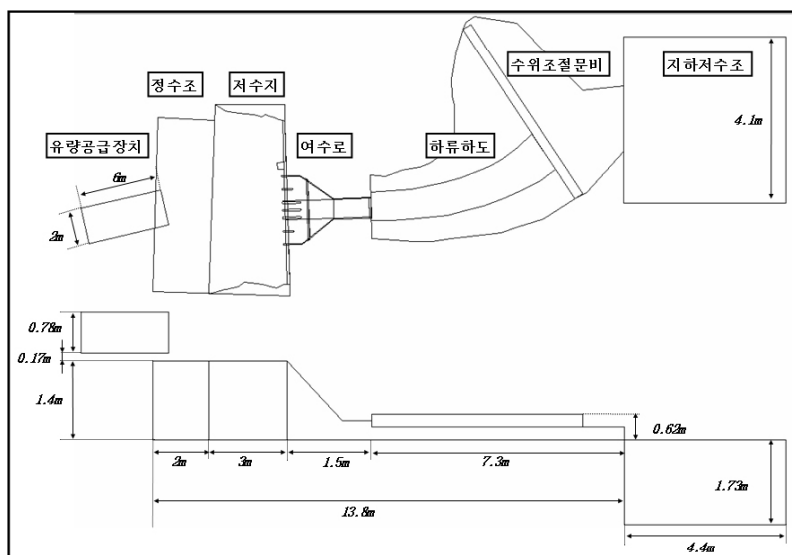


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## ● HYDRAULIC Model Test

### ☞ Facilities



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## ● Hydraulic Model Test

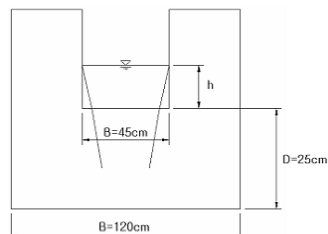
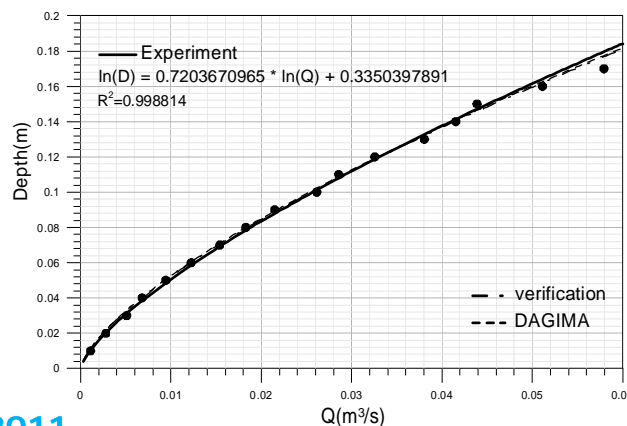
### ☞ Measurement

- ▶ Water Level : Digital Point Gauge
- ▶ Velocity : 1 D Current Meter

### ☞ Supply Discharge Verification

- ▶ Idea-Dejima Eq.

$$\ln(h) = 0.72 \times \ln(Q) + 0.335$$



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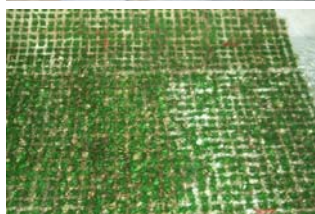
## ● Hydraulic Model Test

### ☞ Experiments Performed

- ▶ GrassCon Application for with/without Vegetation Condition
- ▶  $Q = 200, 400, 600m^3/sec$
- ▶ Measurement for Water Levels, Velocities



&gt; without Vegetation



&gt; with Vegetation

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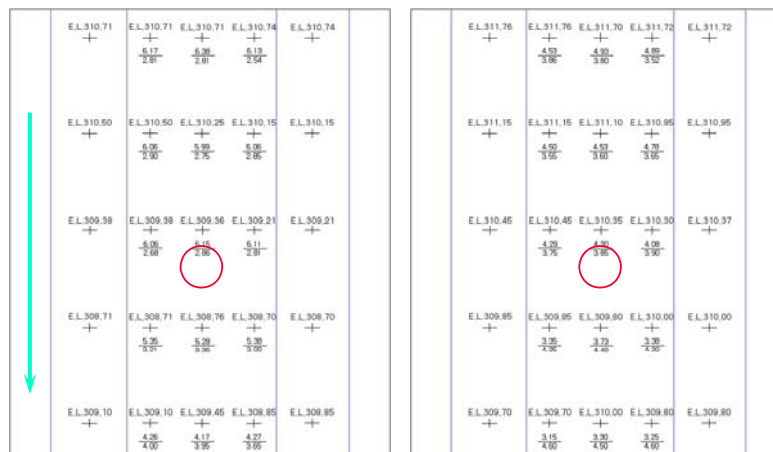
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## ● Results of Physical Model Test

☞ Q=200m<sup>3</sup>/sec Condition

- ▶ Velocities : 6.15 → 4.30m/sec(3.5%~19% decrease)
- ▶ Water Level : 2.86 → 3.85m (1.4%~28% increase)

**Reduce Delivery Time of Flood**



without Veg.

With Veg.

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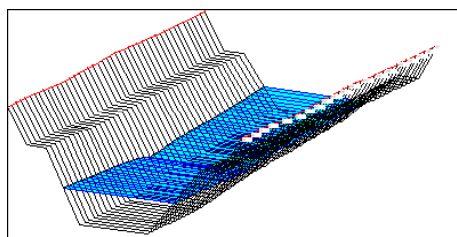
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☞ Simulation

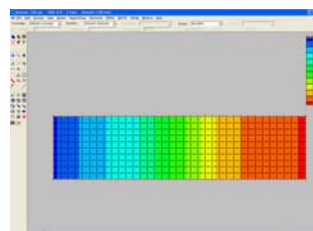
- ▶ 1-D Model : HEC-RAS(45 section structure)
- ▶ 2-D Model : SMS(1141 nodes structure)

☞ Model Calibration

- ▶ Parameter (Roughness Coefficient) : 1-D Model
  - without Vegetation : 0.017~0.035
  - with Vegetation : 0.040~0.060



1-D Model



2-D Model

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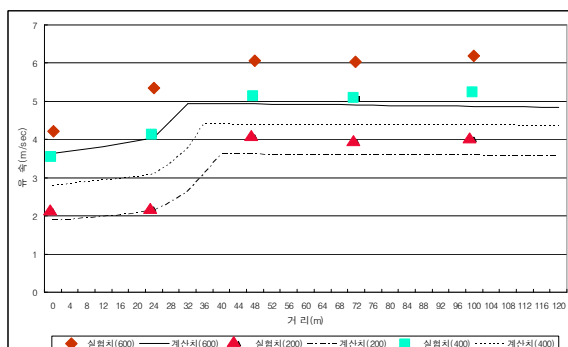
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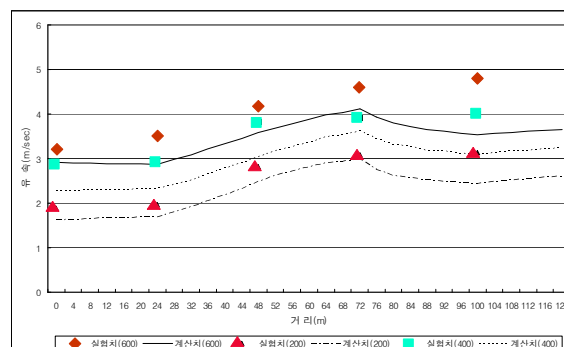
### Results of 1-D

#### Difference Comparison with Physical Model

- $Q=200\text{m}^3/\text{sec}$  without Veg 4.93~11.74%
- with Veg. 2.02~13.00%
- $Q=600\text{m}^3/\text{sec}$  without Veg. 18.87~26.50%
- with Veg. 7.34~16.62%



without Veg.



with Veg.

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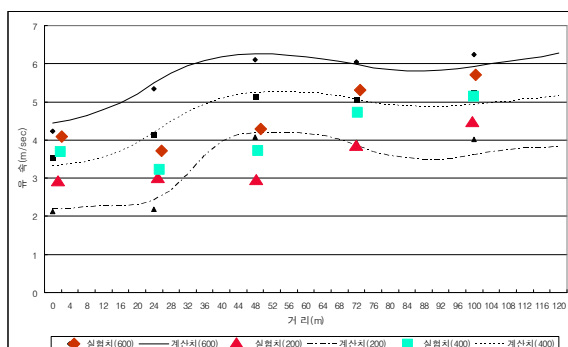
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## Numerical Models

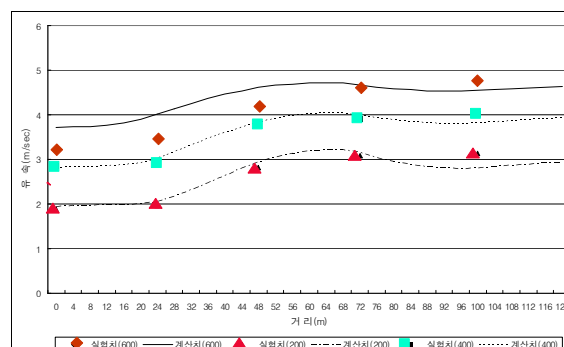
### 2-D Results

#### Difference Comparison with Physical Model

- $Q=200\text{m}^3/\text{sec}$  without 1.21~10.22%
- with 2.50~10.54%
- $Q=600\text{m}^3/\text{sec}$  without 0.12~5.20%
- with 2.34~10.86%



without Veg



with Veg.

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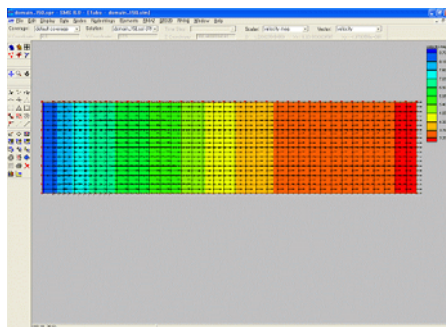
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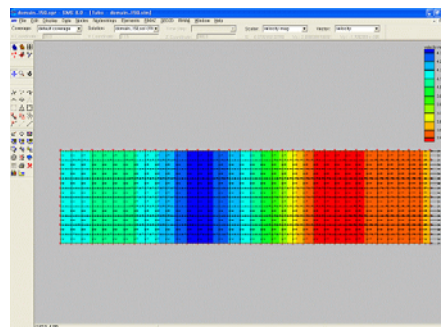
### ● Numerical Analysis

#### ☞ 2-D Simulation Results

- ▶ Closer Results to Physical Model Results than 1-D
- ▶ 2-D Simulation is more Rational



Velocity Vectors without Veg.



Velocity Vectors with Veg.

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## 5. Summary and Conclusion

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- Review Characteristics between Existing Pre-cast Block System and Continuous Block System in Terms of Hydraulic Safety and Environment
  - Application Feasibility for Close-to-Nature Stream River Works and Sustainable Urban Drainage
- Verification through Hydraulic Model Test for CBS
  - Velocities Decrease, Water Level Increase
- Numerical Analysis Application
  - 1-D, 2-D Simulation : Roughness Coefficient Verification
  - 2-D Simulation Analysis is More Rational

Further Study Goes :

→Flow Resistance and Maximum Allowable Velocities

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