

Whychus Creek Preliminary UAS Velocimetry Analysis

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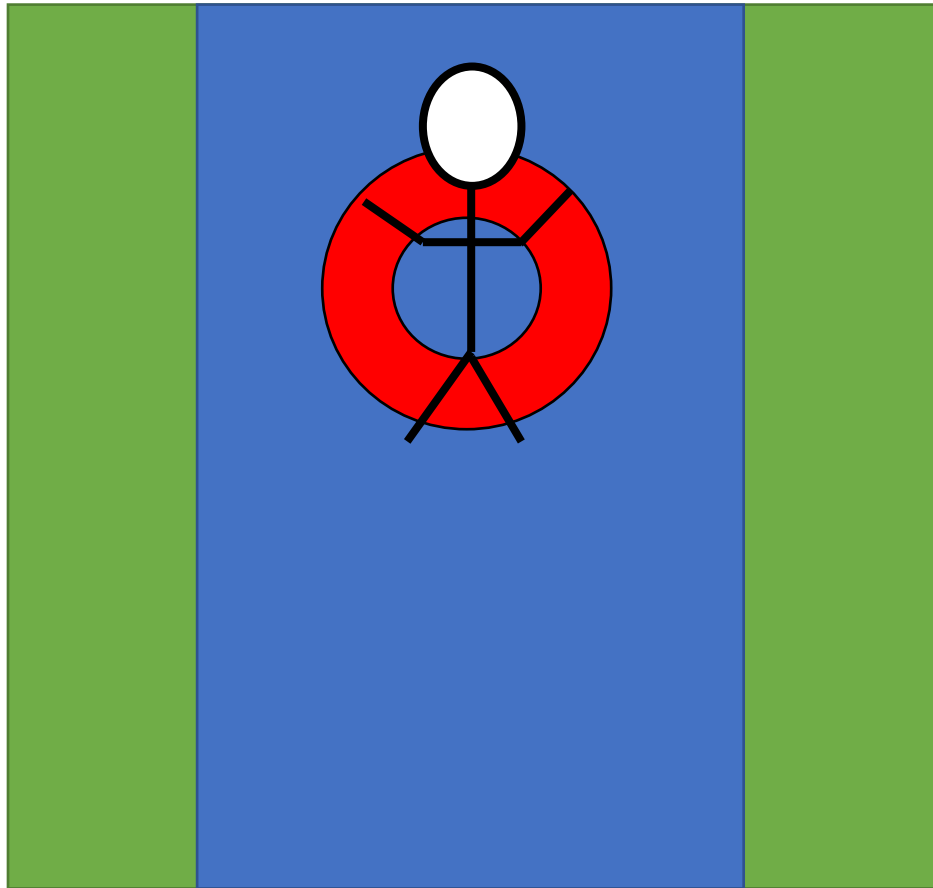
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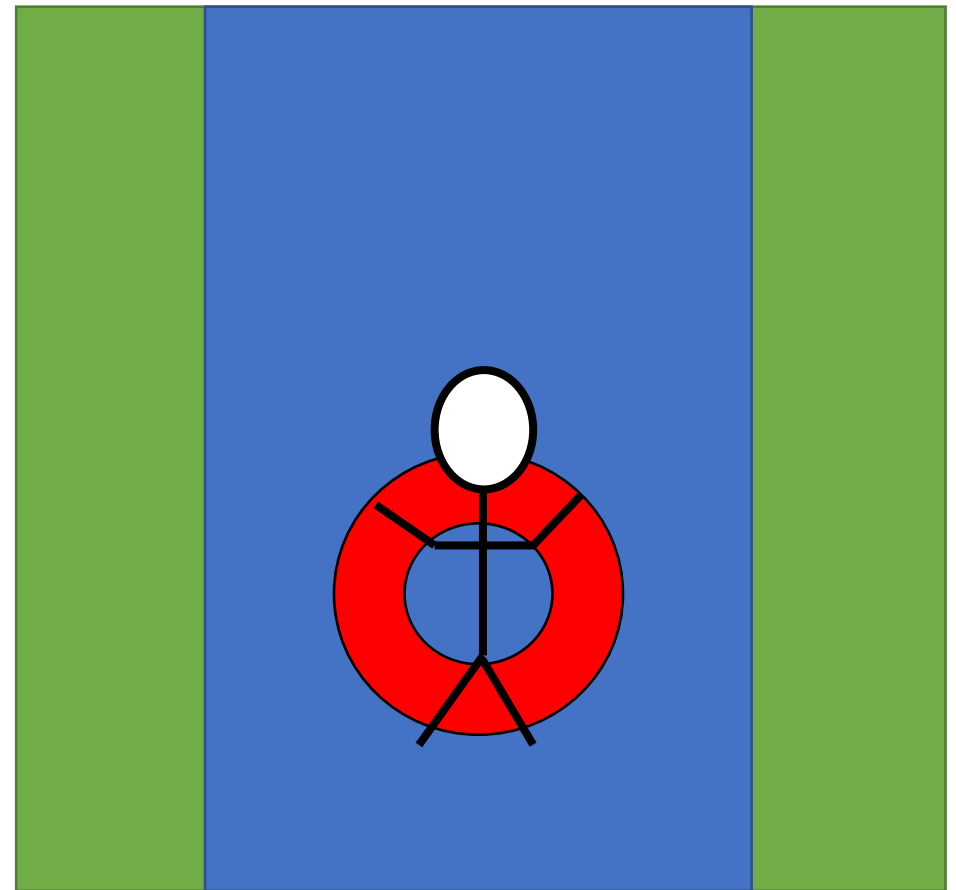


Particle Image Velocimetry

Time 1



Time 2

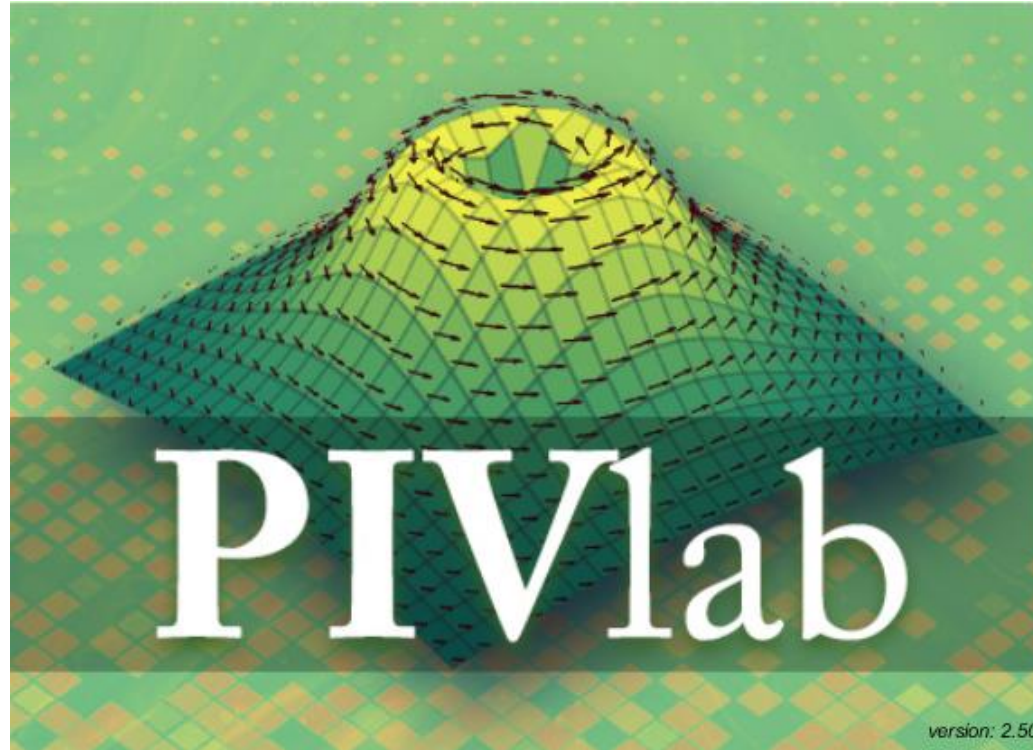




Tools



<https://riverdischarge.blogspot.com/>

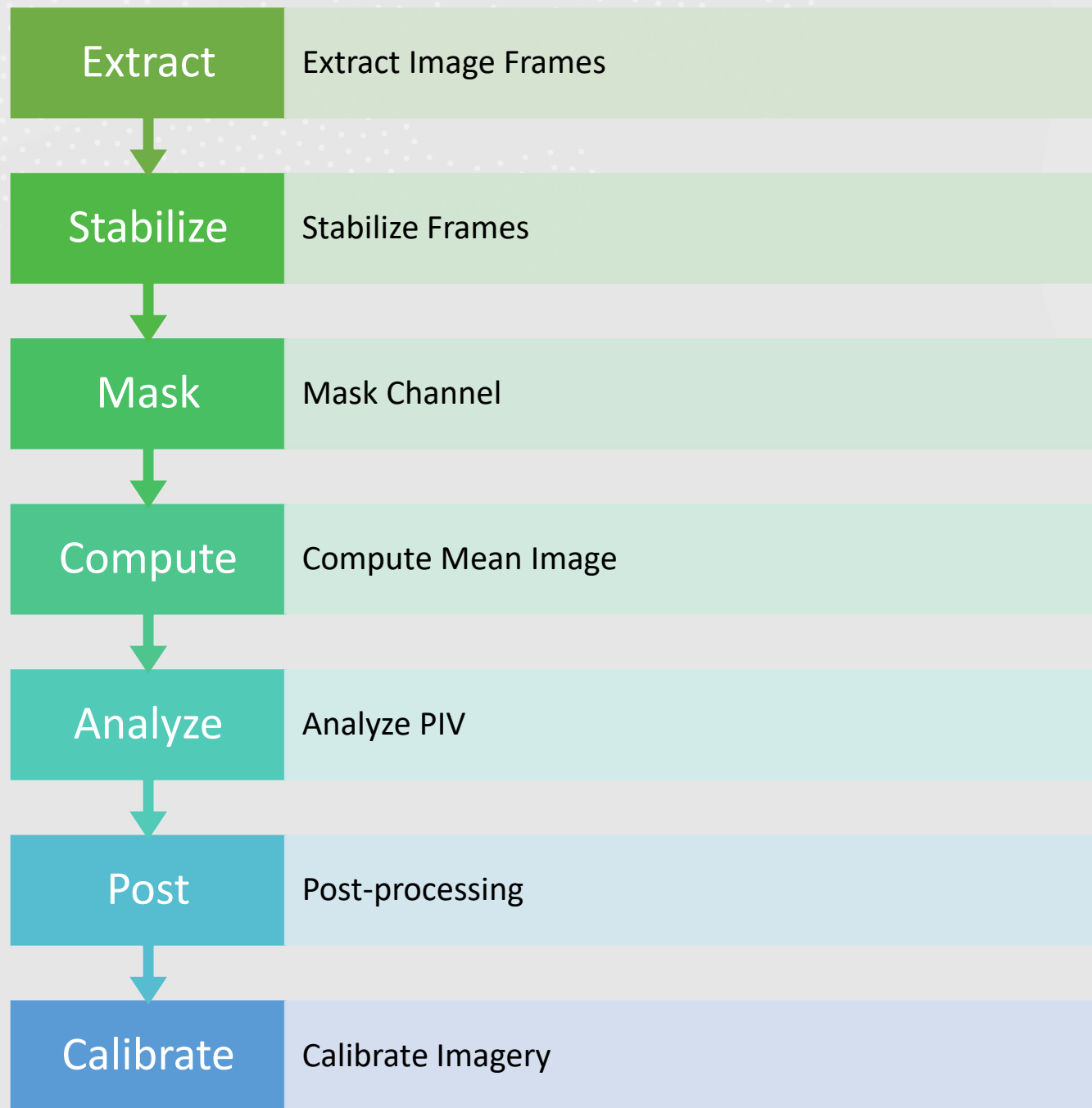


<https://pivlab.blogspot.com/>



<https://github.com/frank-engel-usgs/Video-Stabilizer>

Workflow



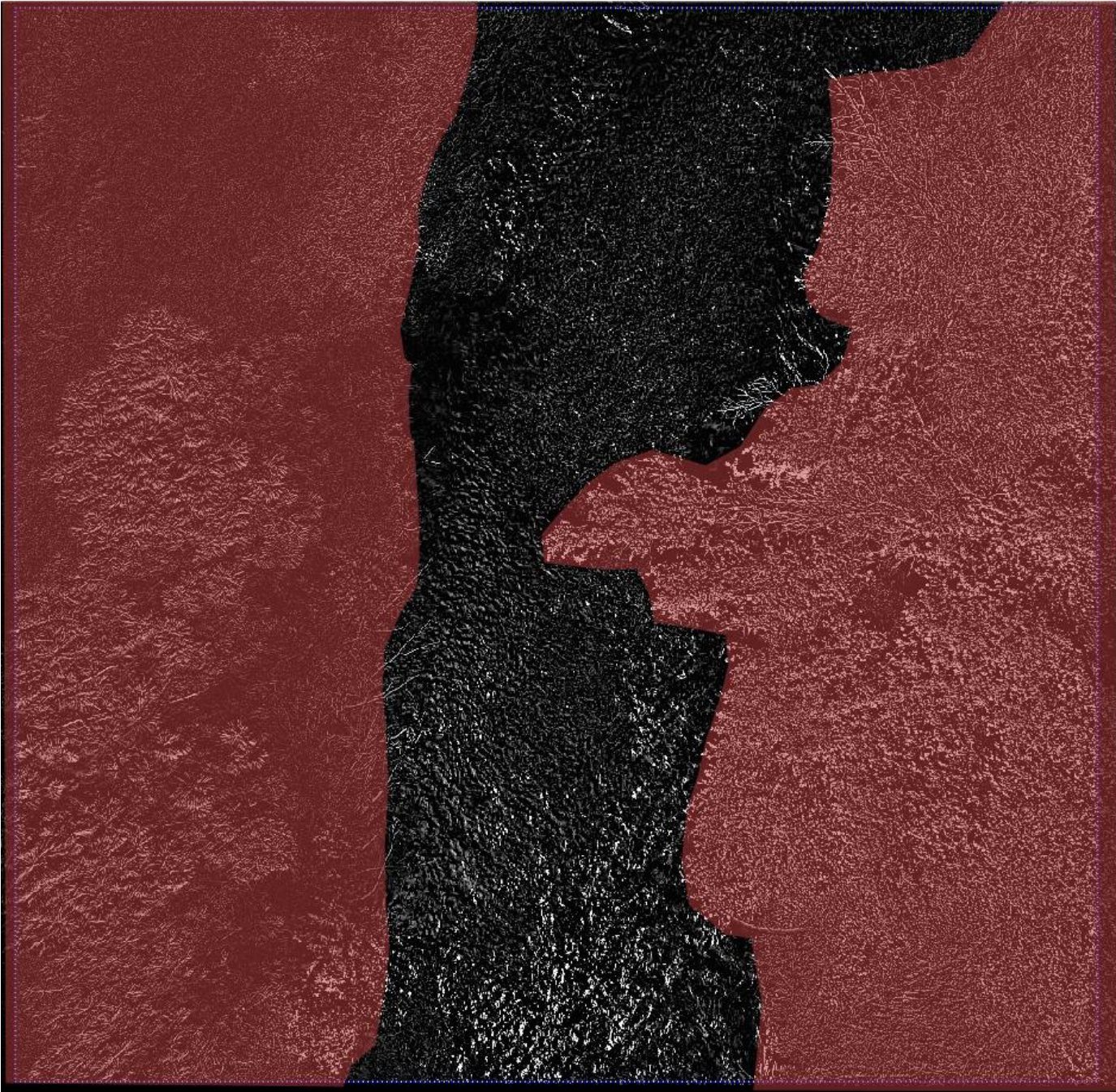
Create a channel
mask



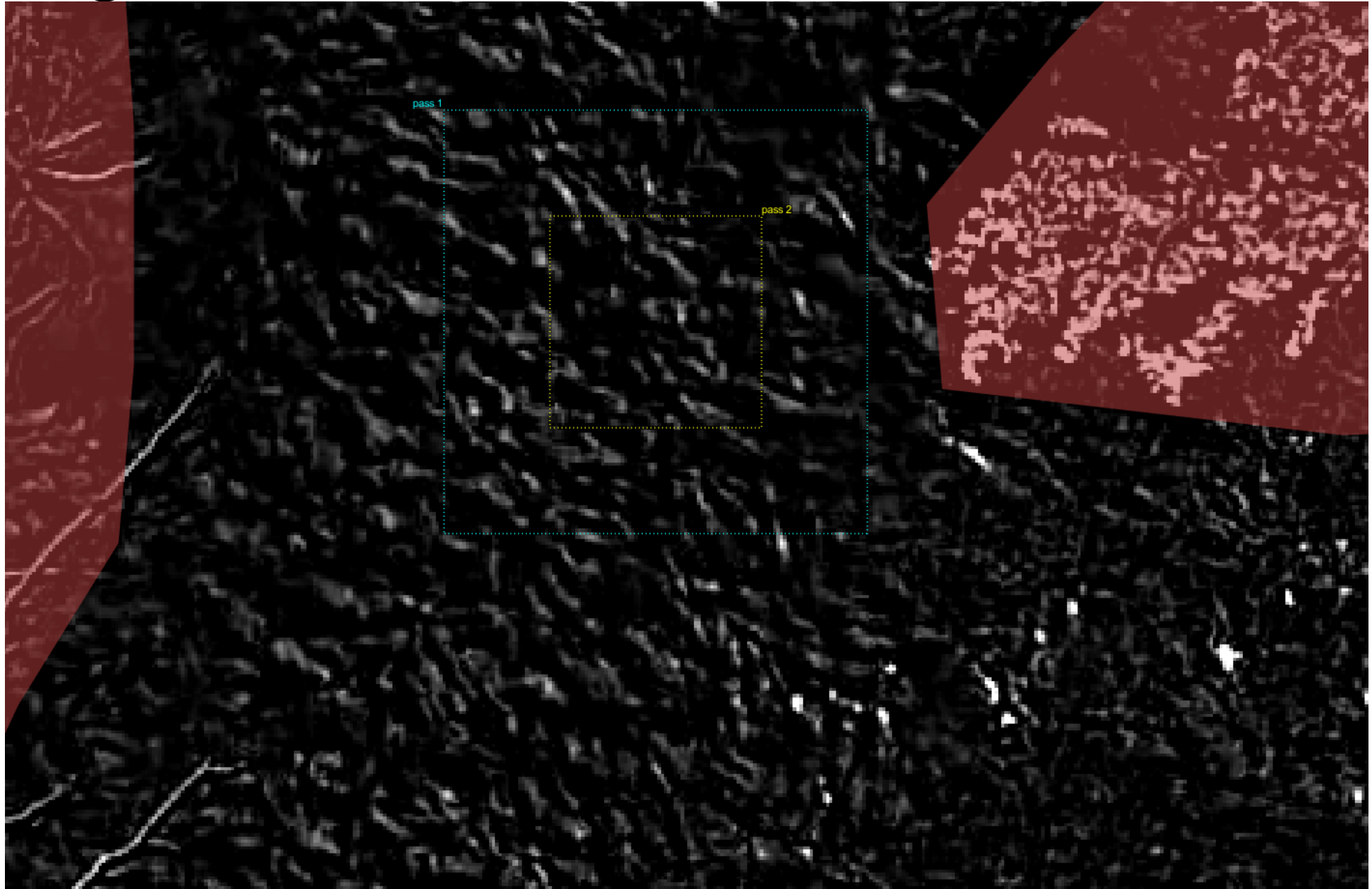
Compute mean image

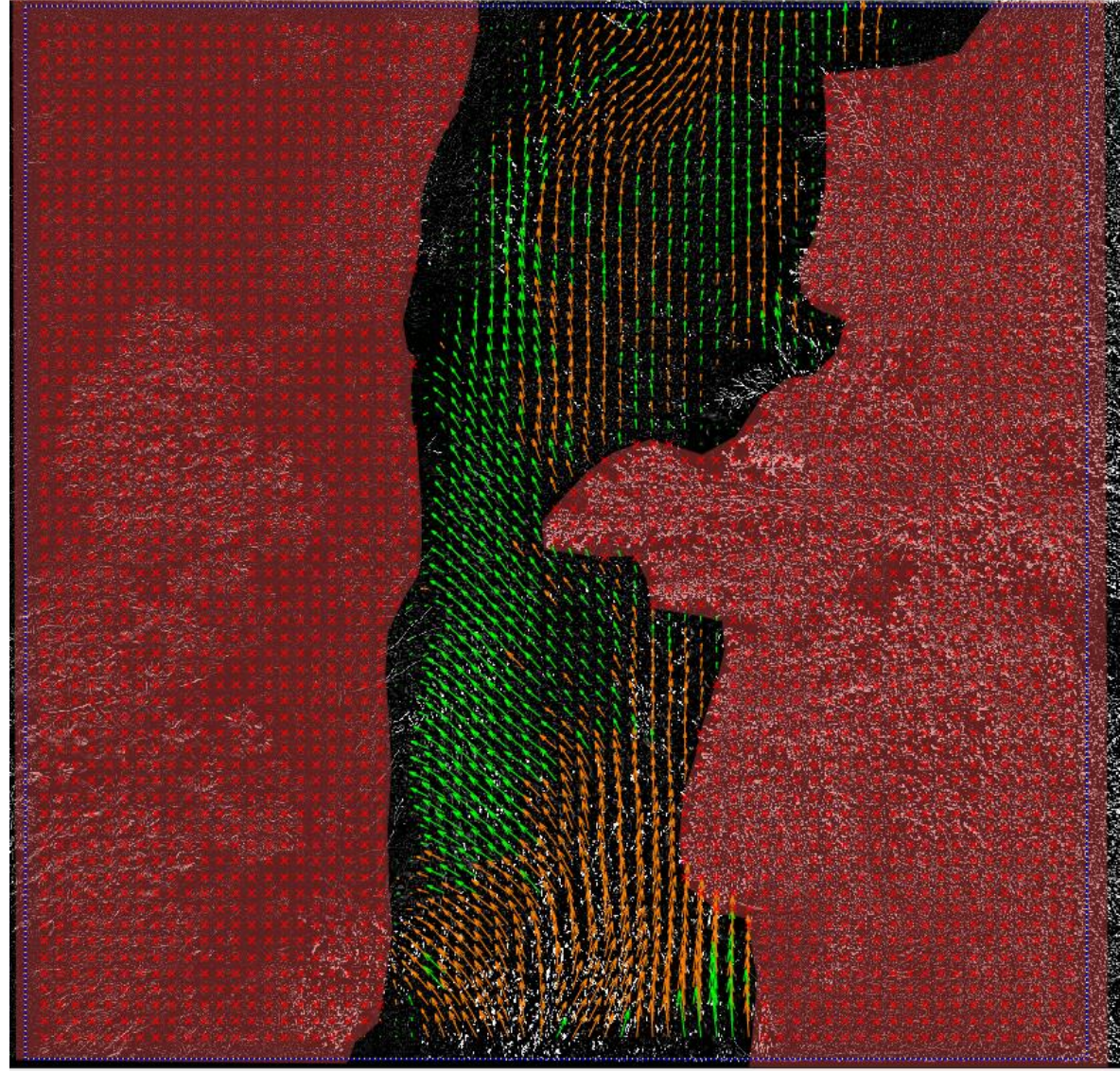


Subtract Mean
Intensity
Image



Interrogation Area





Calibration (CTRL+Z)

Load calibration image (optional)

Setup Scaling

Select reference distance

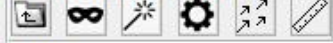
Real distance [mm]
time step [ms]

Setup Offsets

x increases towards
y increases towards

1 px = 0.00899 m
1 px/frame = 0.26929 m/s
x offset: 0 m
y offset: 0 m

Main tasks quick access

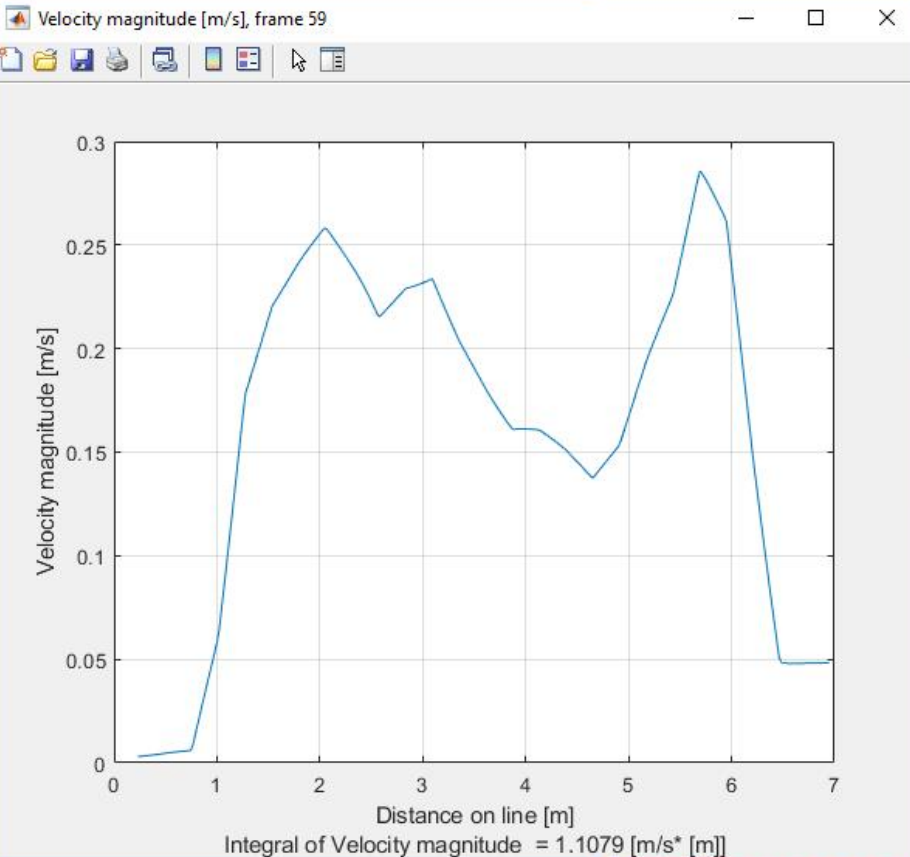


Tools

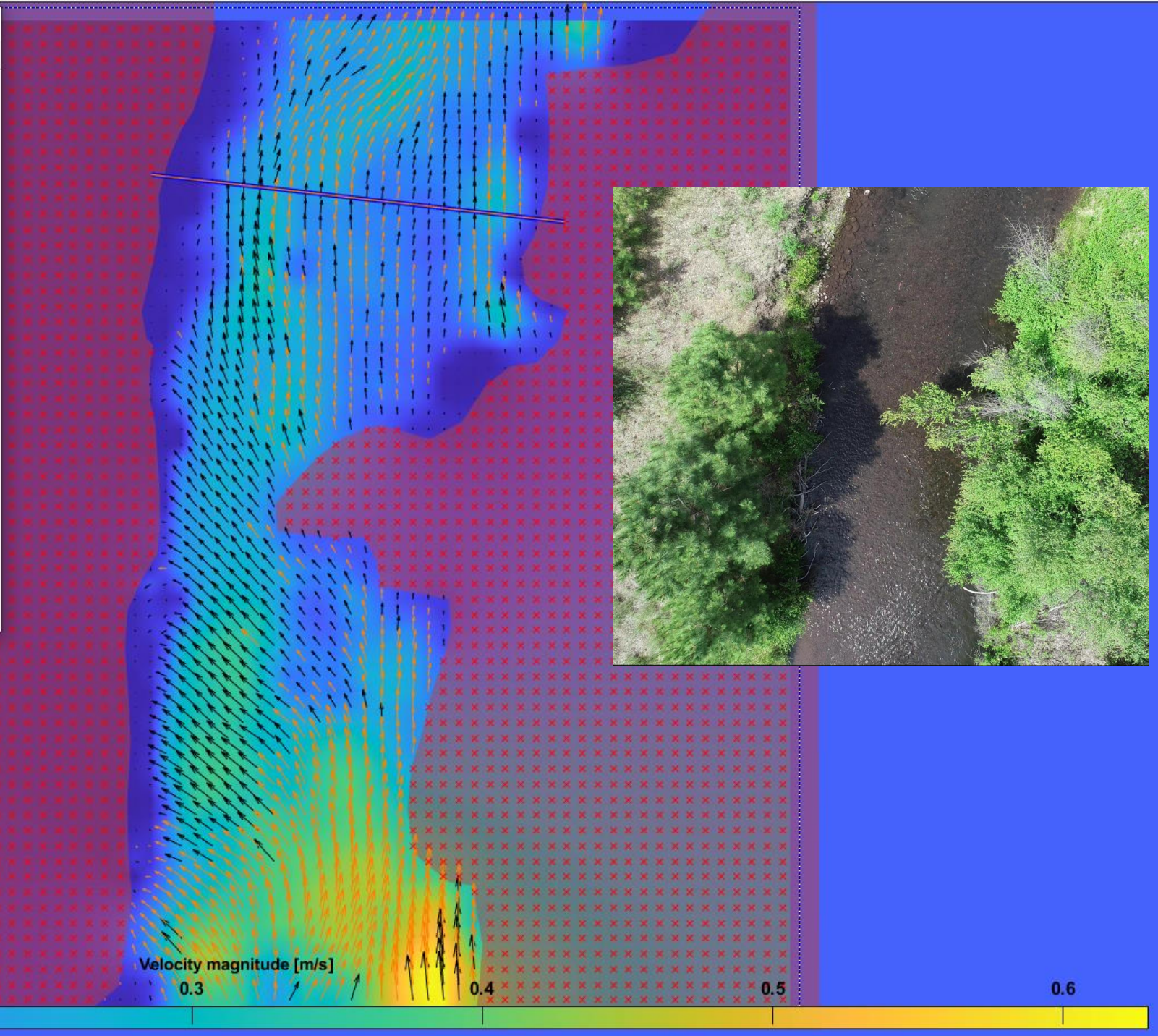
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N/A N/A
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N/A

Frame (298/298):
A: s W57 00299.jpg

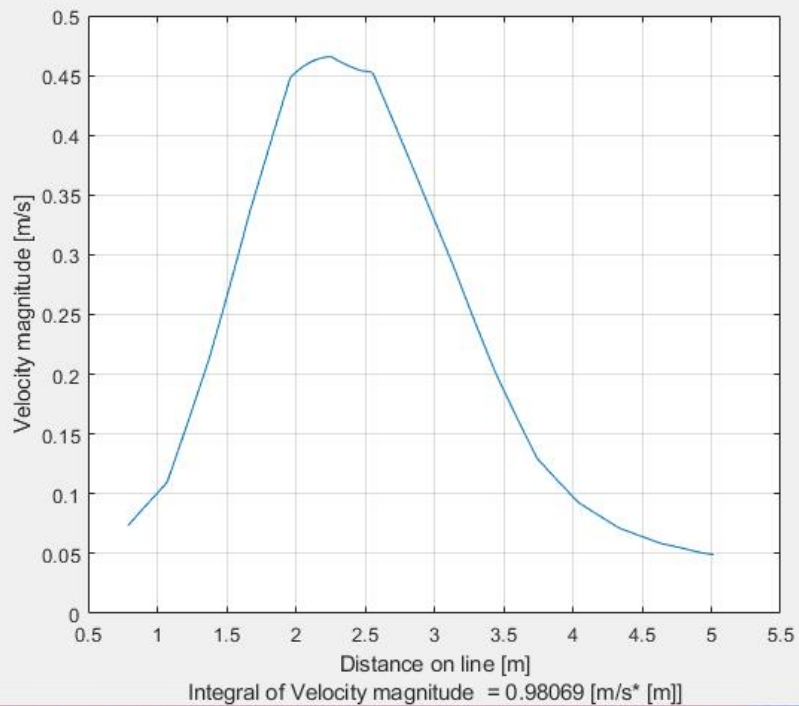




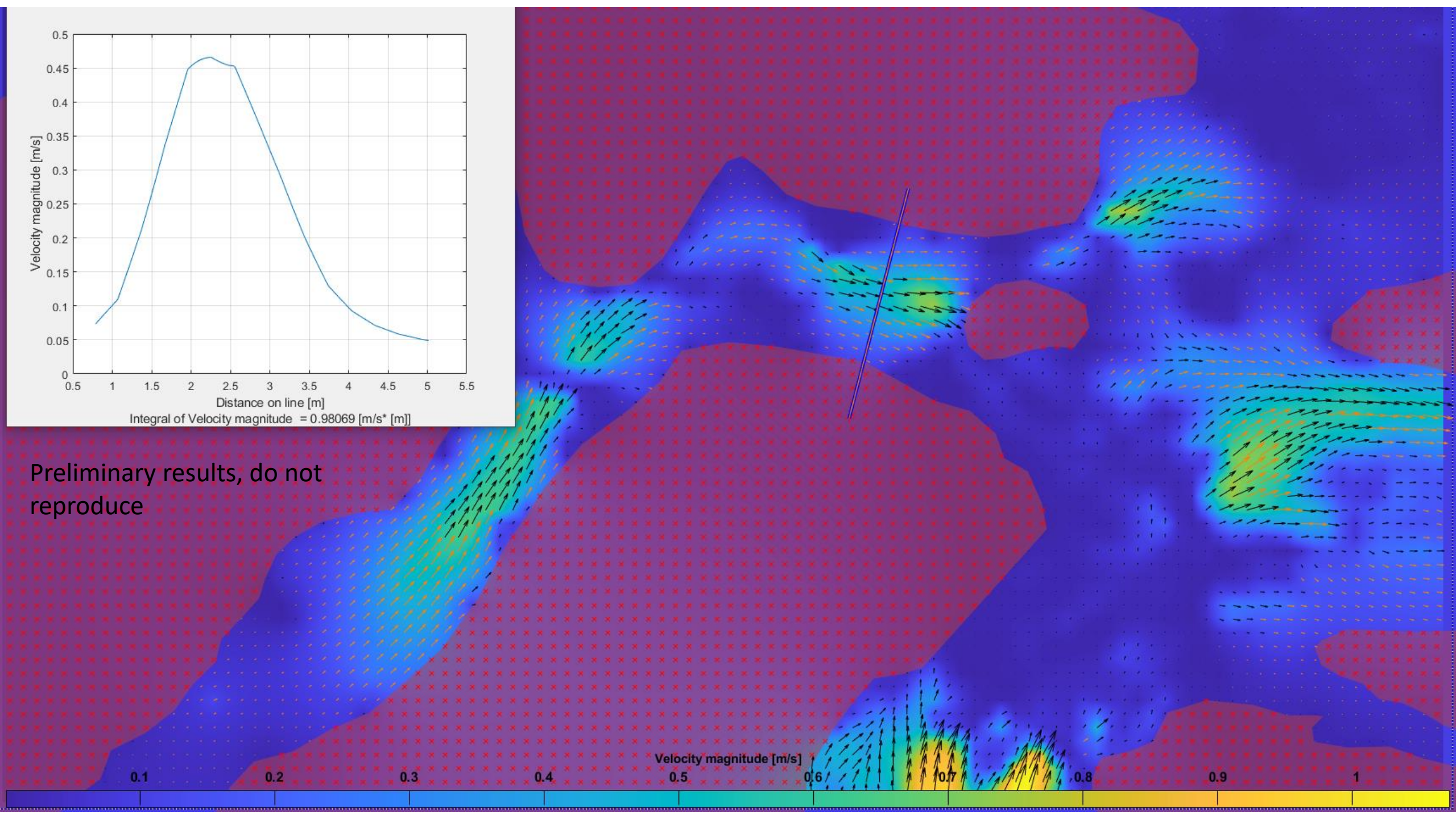
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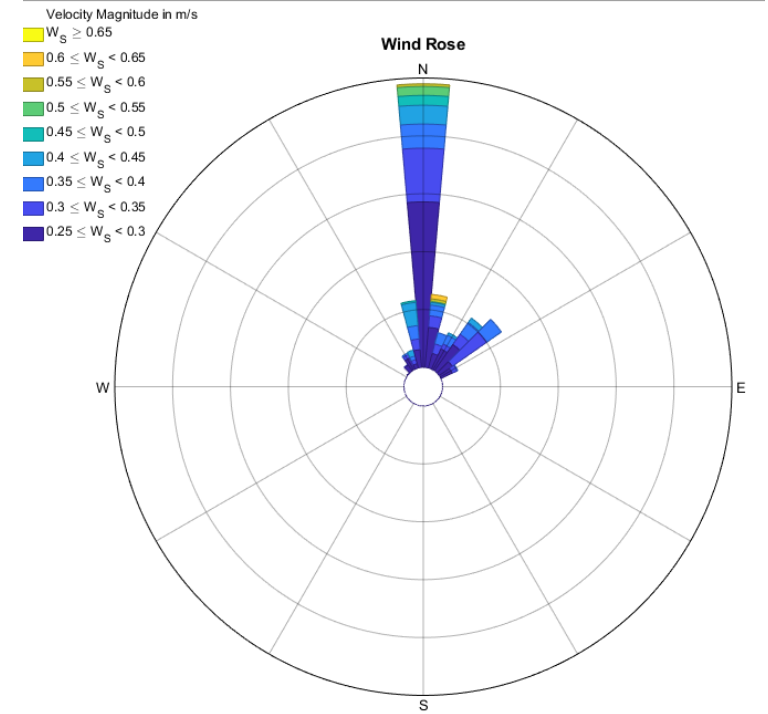


Phase 2B (W77)

Measured surface velocity
= 1.16 m/s

Mean LSPIV Vel. = 0.32
m/s

Max LSPIV Vel. = 0.66 m/s
StdDev Velocity = 0.06 m/s

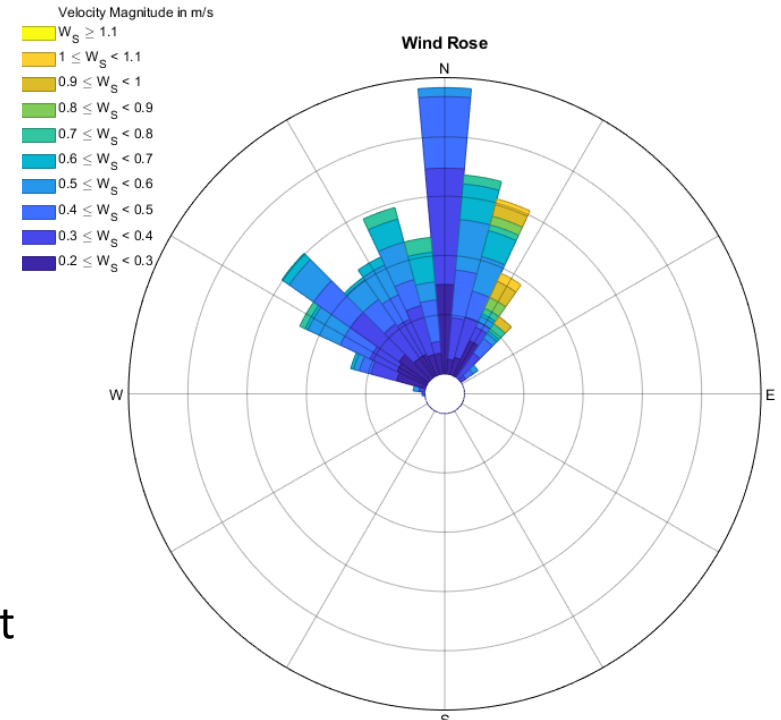


Whychus Canyon (W57)

Measured surface velocity
= 0.89 m/s

Mean LSPIV velocity = 0.45
m/s

Max LSPIV Vel = 1.07 m/s
StdDev Velocity = 0.16 m/s



Preliminary results, do not
reproduce

Considerations and next steps

- Requires visible texture on the water surface. Many pool areas do not have adequate tracers
- Camera orientation is key to highlight texture while minimizing sun glint saturation
- Pools may require seeding
- 30 second videos at 30 fps provided more than enough data for LSPIV analysis. Lower frame rates seems to produce similar results.
- Current analysis uses ground scaling. Could use UAS height (AGL) to calculate GSD
- Aircraft position and attitude could allow georeferencing velocity outputs which would facilitate surface velocity mapping

References

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Next steps

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Exclusions (CTRL+E)

Region of interest
ROI active

Select ROI Clear ROI

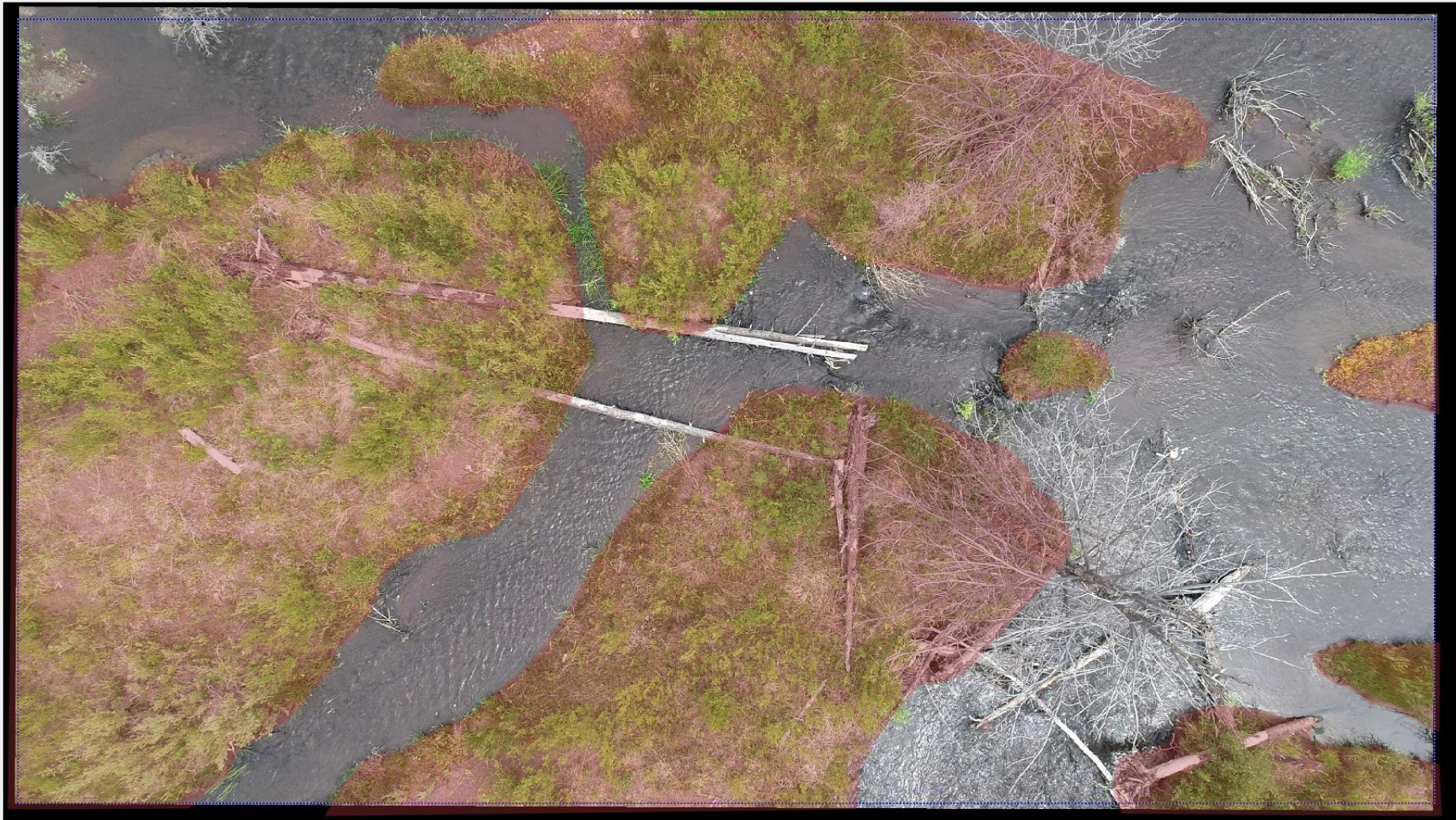
x: y: width: height:
40 45 3740 2088

Object mask
Mask active

Draw mask(s) for current fra...

Apply current mask(s) to fra...
Apply to frames: 1:end

Clear current mask(s)
Clear all masks
Save mask Load mask
Load external masks



Main tasks quick access

Tools

Current point:
N/A N/A
N/A N/A
N/A

Frame (3/298):
B: s: W57 00005.ipa

Toggle

PIV settings (CTRL+S)

Help: [Suggest settings](#)

PIV algorithm

- FFT window deformation
- Ensemble correlation
- DCC (deprecated)

Pass 1

Interrogation area	Step
128	64
= 50%	

Pass 2...4

Interrogation area	Step
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass 2	32
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass 3	16
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass 4	16

Sub-pixel estimator

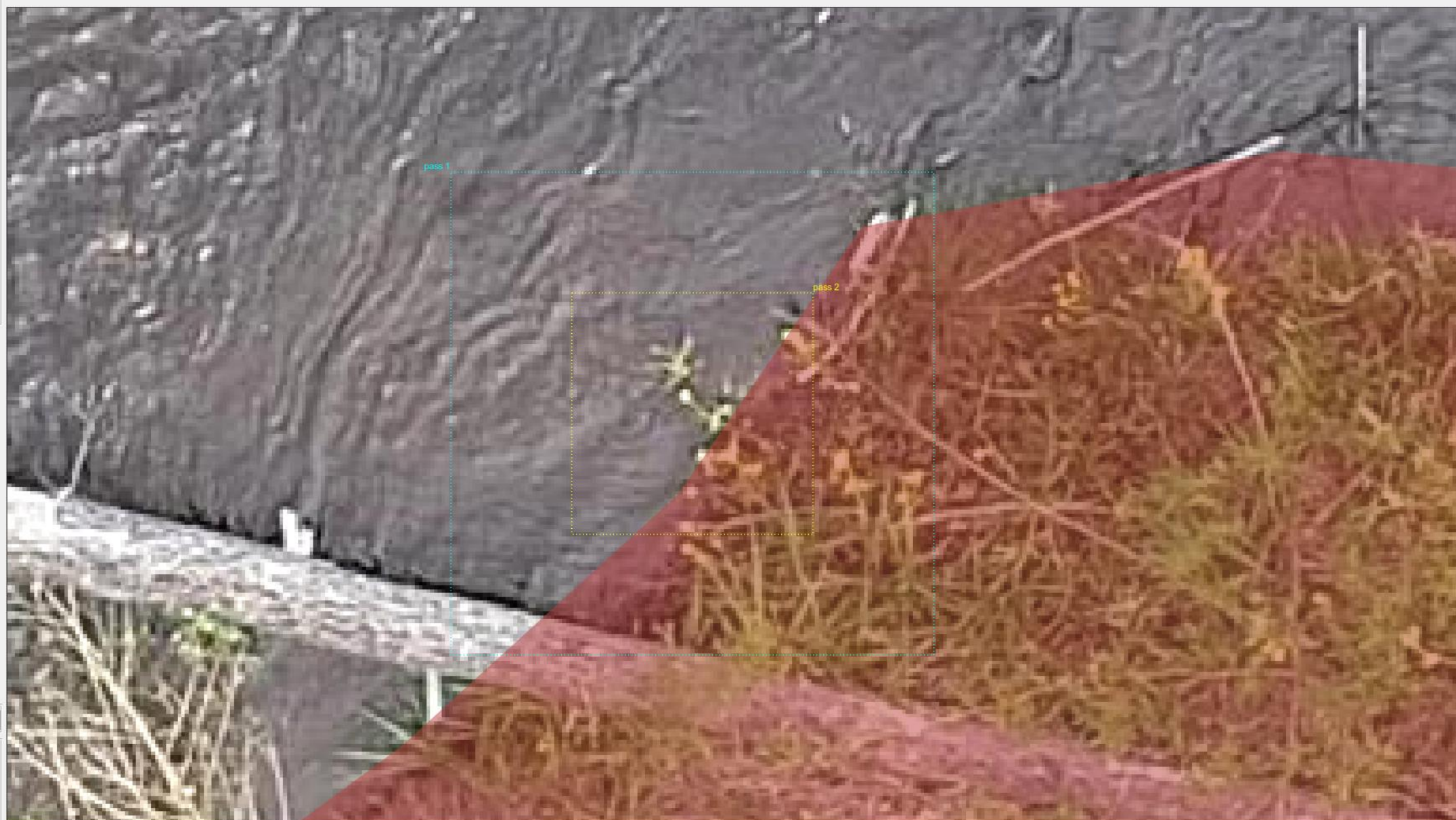
Gauss 2x3-point

Disable auto-correlation

Correlation robustness

Standard (recommended)

Analyze current frame



Main tasks quick access

Icons for: Home, Eye, Magnifying Glass, Gear, Arrow, Eraser

Tools

Current point: N/A

Frame (1/298): A: s_W57_00002.jpg

Navigation and zoom controls



Image pre-processing (CTRL+I)

- Enable CLAHE
Window size [px]
- Enable highpass
Kernel size [px]
- Enable intensity capping
- Wiener2 denoise and low pass
Window size [px]
- Auto contrast stretch
minimum: maximum:

Background Subtraction

- Subtract mean intensity

[View background image](#)

Apply and preview current frame



Main tasks quick access

Icons for: Home, Mask, Crop, Settings, Zoom, and Erase.

Tools

Current point:
N/A N/A
N/A N/A
N/A N/A

Frame (208/301):
A: s_W57_00209.jpg

Navigation arrows and a **Toggle** button.

Icons for: Zoom in, Zoom out, and a hand cursor.

