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Development of Artificial Reefs in China

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Research on: Fishery Engineering

At present, mainly on R&D of offshore cage and artificial reef technology

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I Artificial Reefs and Their Functions

Artificial reefs——

are men-constructed objects in waters to make a better habitat environment for aquatic organisms and to provide fish a ground for feeding, reproduction and growing up so as to protect and enhance fishery resources and improve the quality of catches

• Why artificial reefs have the function?

According to the experiments and deductions of some experts, we summarized the mechanism of artificial reefs as following 5 points:

I Artificial Reefs and Their Functions

Natural behaviors or instincts of marine animals

Experiments proved that most of fishes like moving towards the objects in waters

Effect of current

Artificial reefs make the current change and the flow of current brings nitrate and phosphate up. Thus feeds are abundant

Effect of feeds

Algae and other organisms grow on the reefs which provide fishes habitat and enough feeds

Effect of shadows

Some of the sea animals like staying in shadows, holes and slots

Effects of shelters

Reefs provide hiding and escaping places for fishes when attacked by enemy animals

II Status and Development of Artificial Reefs

1.General description in foreign countries

- Construction of artificial reefs in Japan
- **1976-1982 1511 billion (Japanese Yen)**
- **1983-1987 2290**
- 1988-1993 3299
- 1994-2000 4908

Japan is the earliest and most successful country in the construction of artificial reefs

Total 11860 billion

By the year of 2000, 53 million m³ of artificial reefs had been set up and the total area of artificial reefs accounts for 12.3% of the coastal fishing area of Japan.

From 2001, Japan began to construct artificial reefs in deeper water areas (40-70m)





Algae growing well in reef areas (Japan)



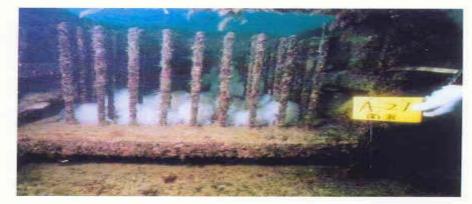


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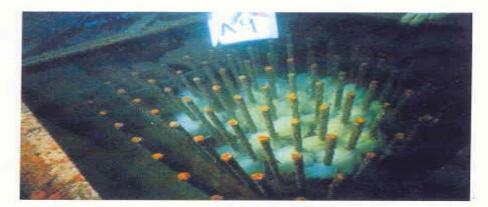
Cuttlefish spawning in reef areas (Japan)





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II Status and Development of Artificial Reefs

The United states of America

Artificial reef construction in America has a history of more than 100 years and mainly for the development of angling fishery and tourism

Other countries and regions

Korea, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand

Taiwan of China, HongKong etc.

II Status and Development of Artificial Reefs

2.General description of China

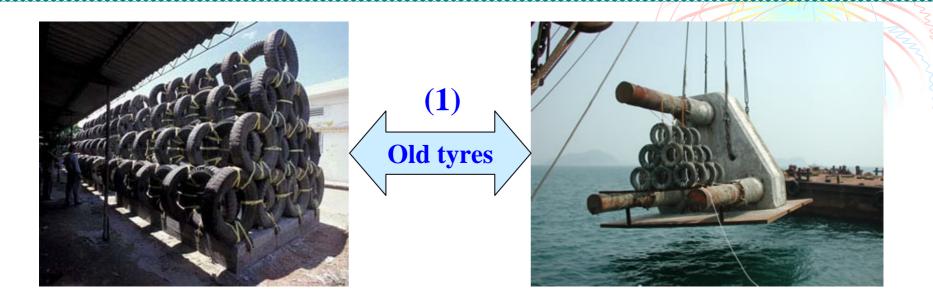
China started the experimental studies on artificial reefs in 1979, when the first set of artificial reefs was put into sea in the Bay of Beibuwan in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Generally, the development of artificial reefs in China can be divided into three periods:

First period(1979~1986): Experimental stage and the construction of artificial reefs in small scale, but acquired rich materials and experiences both in the theory and practice.

Second period(1987~2000): Stopped for some reason

Third period (from 2000): Studies, experiment and large scale construction of artificial reefs are carrying out all over the coastal areas of China.

III Types and Materials of Artificial Reefs



Tyres are mostly used in America, Hongkong and Taiwan

Underwater effect

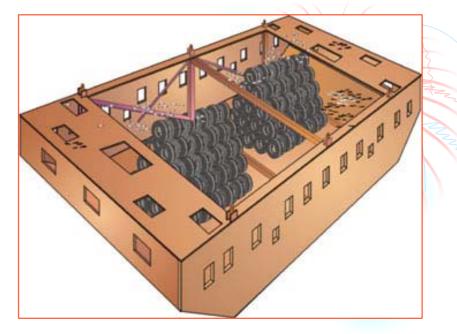
(2) Retired Airplane



ARSBC artificial reef society used the retired airplane of Boeing 737 made in 1960's for the construction of reefs (Vancouver, Canada)

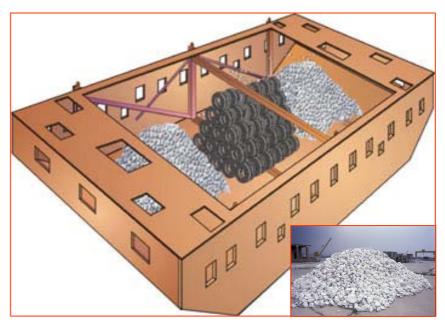
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(3) Ship shaped reefs—Hongkong





Underwater effects of the sunken ships (USA)





(4) Tanks and cars



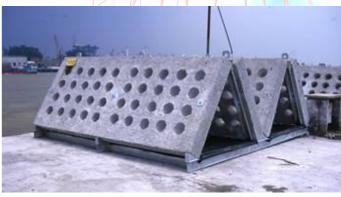












(5) Various types of artificial reefs





(6) Floating artificial reefs

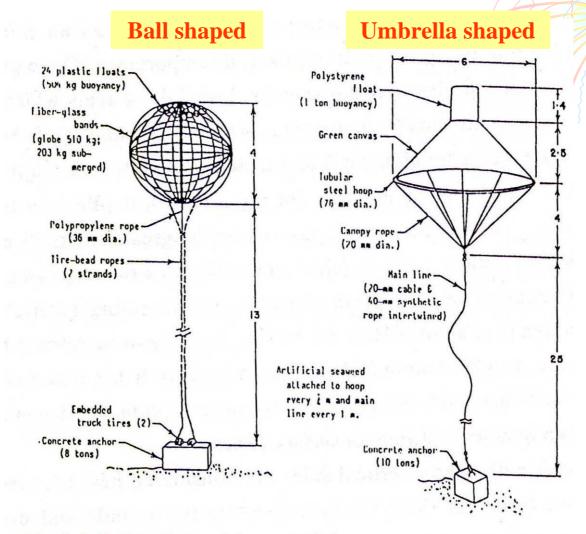


Fig 2.1.7. Floating mid-water fish attractors (dimensions in cm.)





Eternal Reef Inc. Florida, USA

More than 500 thousand reefs have been put into the sea in 3400 projects all over the world

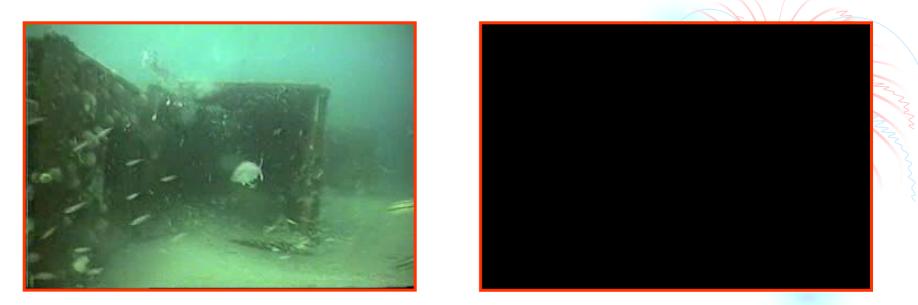




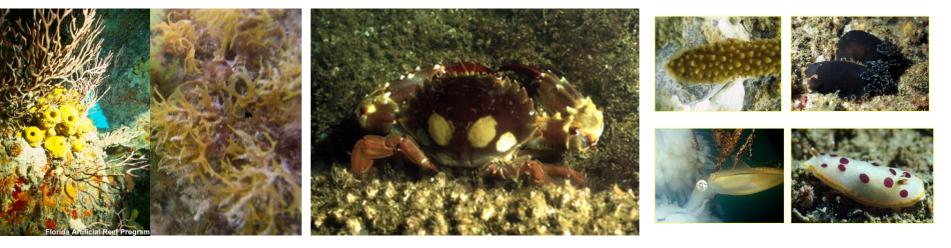


Performance of the artificial reefs





Except for schooling and enhancement of fish, artificial reefs can be used for the enhancement of other valuable sea animals such as sea cucumber, abalone, cuttlefish, etc.



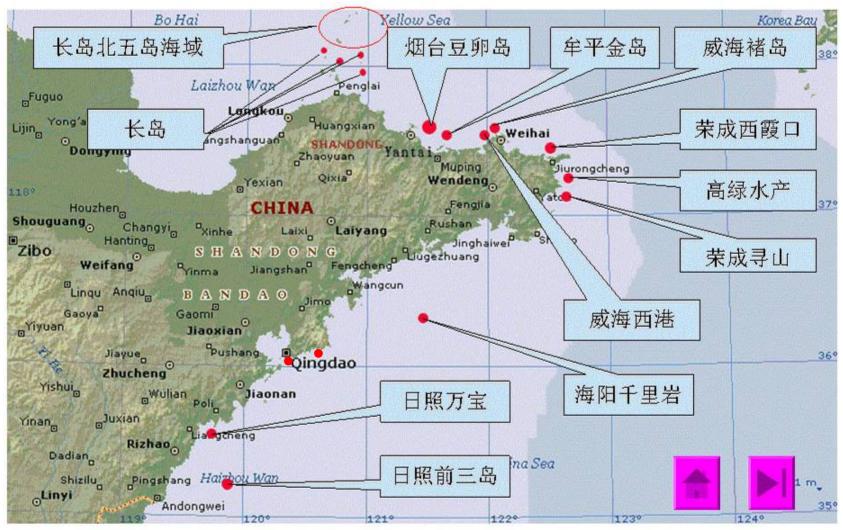
Algae

crustacean

Other valuable species

Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute started the studies and experiment on artificial reefs in 1981 (One of the earliest institutions in China carried out the studies). About 1000 artificial reefs covering the total areas of 120 thousand m² were set up in the coastal areas of Qingdao and Yantai.

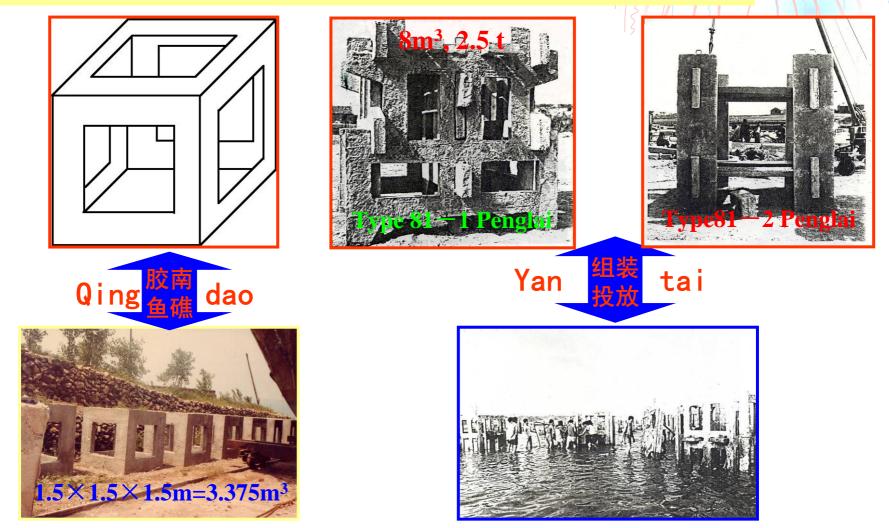
During the past five years, the Plan for the Meliorating Fishery Resources were carried out in Shandong Province, which greatly accelerated the development of construction and studies of artificial reef engineering. By the year of 2006, 11 artificial reef areas had been set up along the coast of Shandong Province. 890 retired fishing ships 14.5 million m³ of stone blocks 30,543 concrete reefs 421 old cars

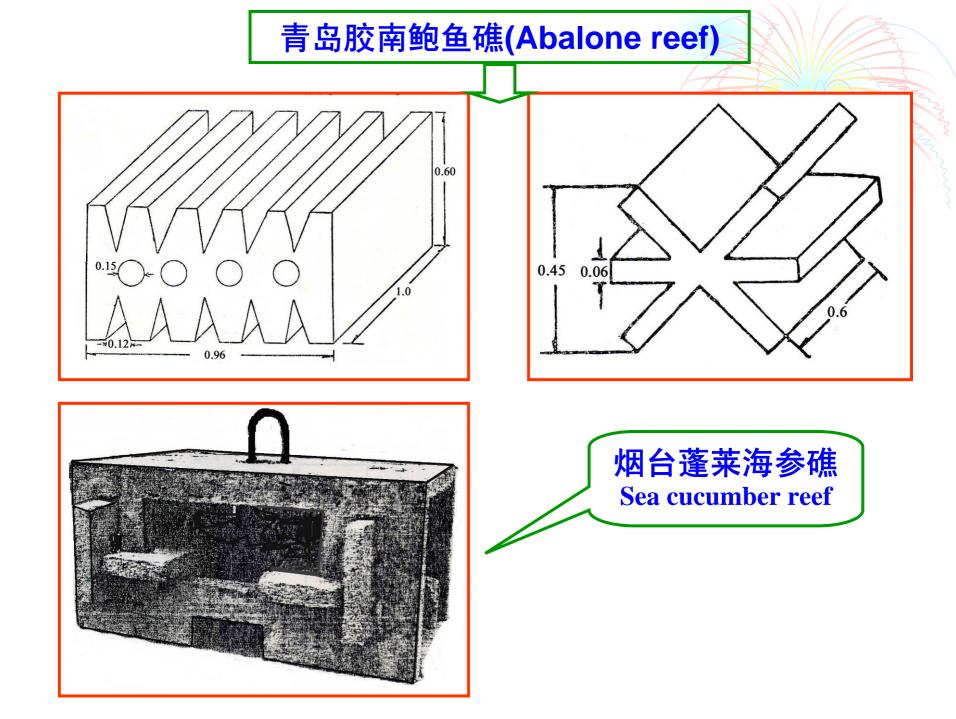


Distribution of artificial reef areas in Coast of Shandong Province

- 1. Related studies and experiment on reefs
- Mechanism and conditions for the formation of fishing ground after setting up artificial reefs
 Studies on current field in reef areas
- (3) Experimental studies on setting up artificial reefs and enhancement investigation in reef areas
- (4) Studies on composition of biological community
- **(5)** Enhancement of sea cucumber (*Stichopus japonicus*) by setting up artificial reefs
- (6) Enhancement of abalone (*Haliotis discus hannai*) by setting up articial reefs

2. Structures and layout of artificial reefs





威海西岗鱼礁投放 Artificial reefs in Xigang, Weihai



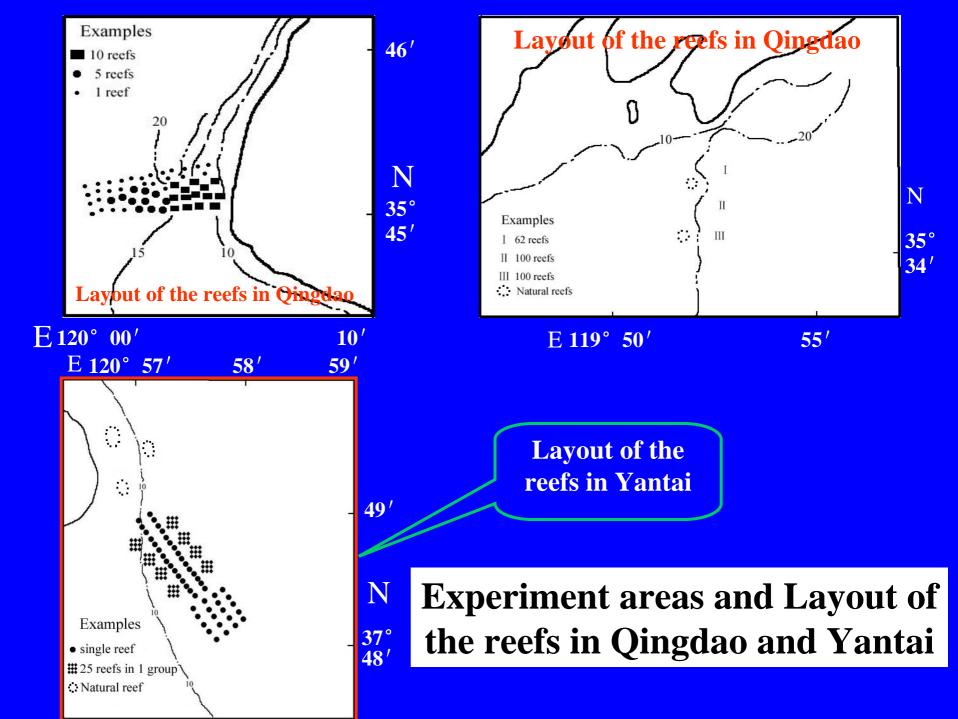






Roof shaped reef



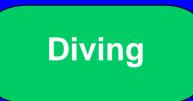


3. Recent progress

- 1. Investigation on the reefs set up more than 20 years ago
- 2. Proved that some types of the artificial reefs are still in good condition after 20 years
- 3. Investigation on biological and environmental effect in reef areas
- 4. Established the method of numerical modeling on reefs in the current field
- 5. Physical tests on reef hydrodynamics is in progress now



Consulting the old fisherman







Biological and environmental sampling













Underwater video camera

08年3月礁体附着情况



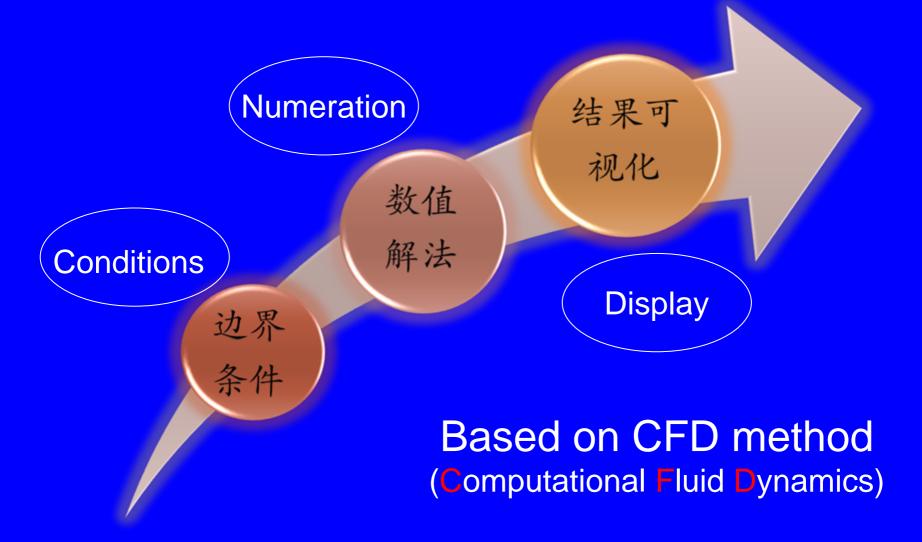
Double M shaped reef

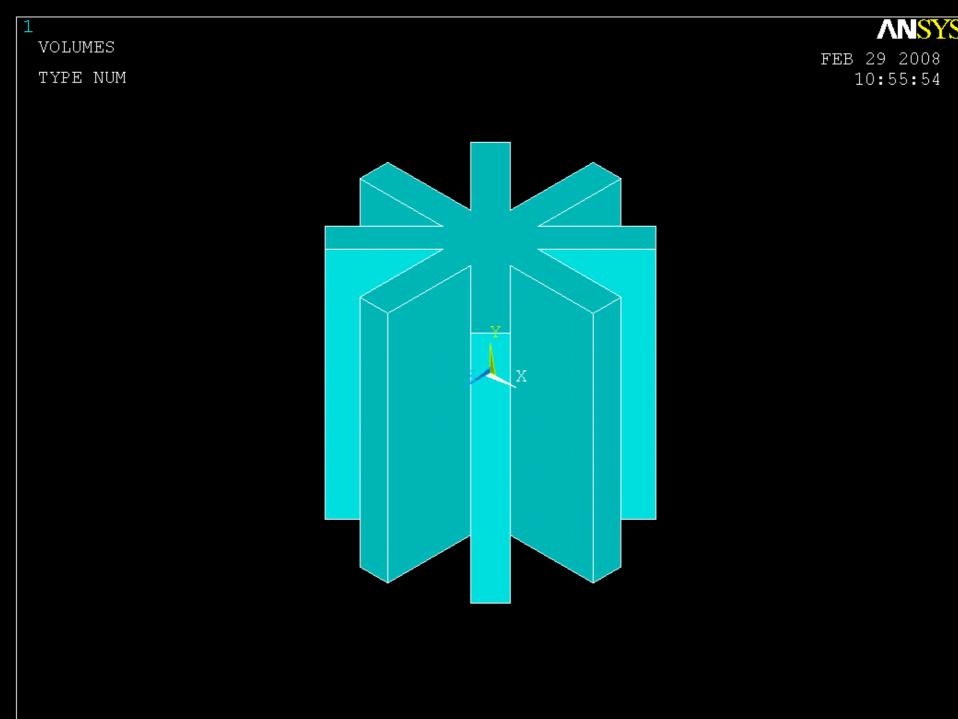
Underwater video camera

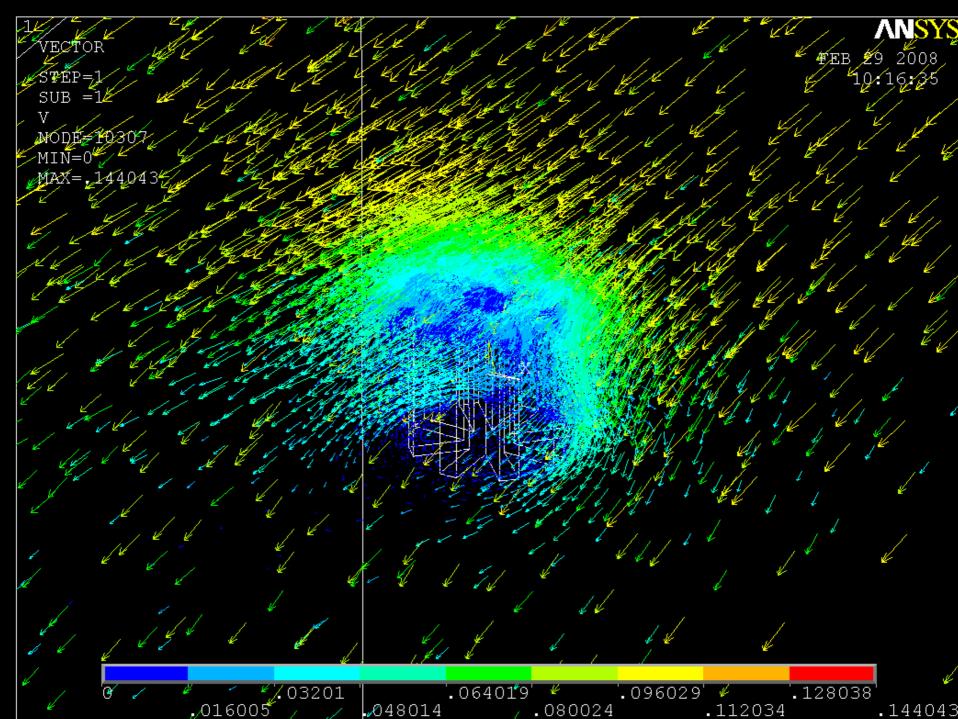
Star shaped reef

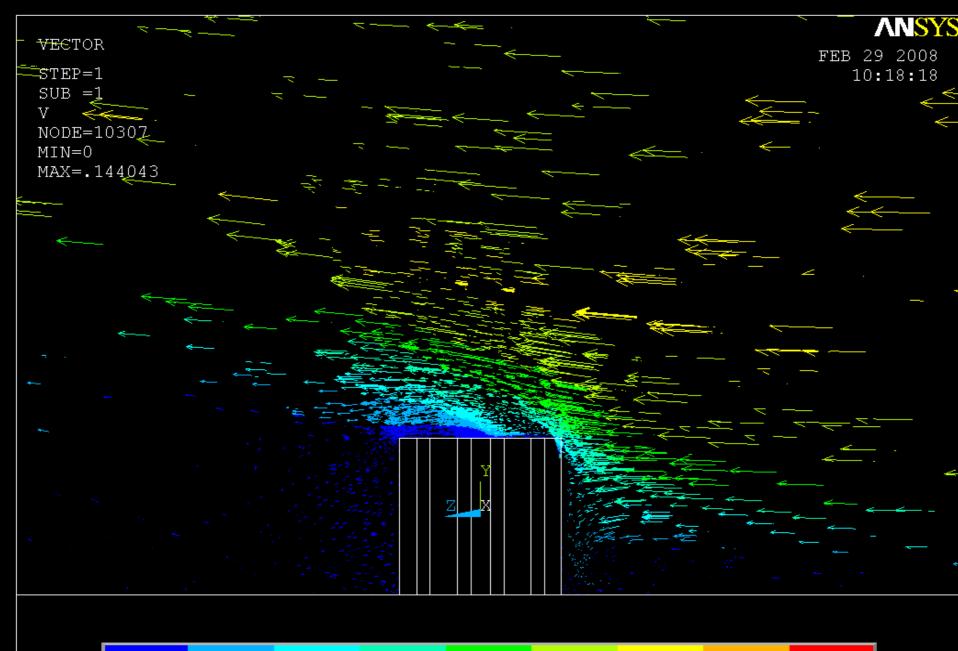


(2) Numerical modeling on artificial reefs in current field



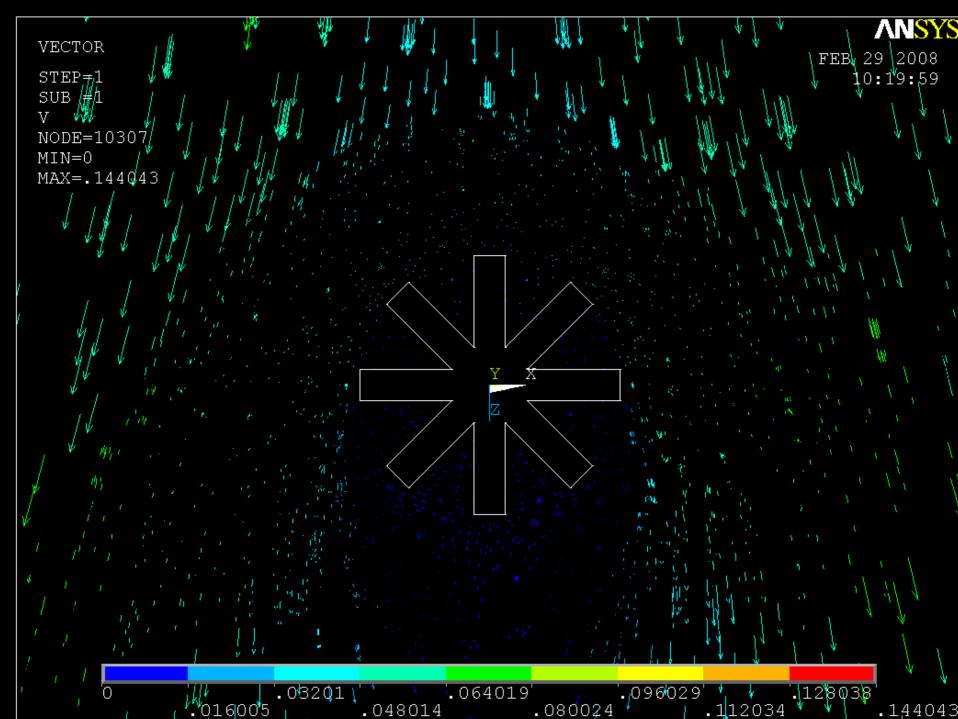






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(3) Physical test on reef hydrodynamics









The test is in progress now, result may be presented next!

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