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## FOREWORD

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## ABSTRACT

Karst regions of the world that receive relatively similar amounts of precipitation display a wide variety of landscapes. It has been suggested (Groves and Meiman, 2005) that climates exhibiting larger discrete storm events have more dissolving power and consequently higher rates of conduit growth than climates with more uniform precipitation distributions. To study this concept, a computer program “Cave Growth” was developed that modeled the growth of a cross-section of a cave passage under dynamic flow and chemical conditions. A series of 46 simulation datasets were created to represent different climatic conditions. These simulations had the same total annual discharge, but demonstrated a range of flow distributions quantified by use of a gamma distribution index, along with two special theoretical cases.

After simulating a year of conduit growth for each of the various flow distributions in a series of model runs, and repeating these sets of simulations for three different passage cross-section geometries, it was evident that the annual temporal distribution of flow did indeed impact the amount of cave growth. However, an increase in the “storminess” of the climate did not simply equate to more dissolution and thus conduit growth. Rather, the quantity and duration of surface contact between water and the conduit walls combined with dissolution rates to affect the total growth. The amount of wetted perimeter (contact between fluid and passage floor/walls) generated by specific

flow levels depended upon the shape of the passage. Flow conditions that filled the conduit to capacity were shown to be very effective at growing the cave. Above this level, the dissolving power of additional water was essentially wasted. This investigation suggests that the maximum amount of passage growth occurs under flow conditions that result in the most wetted perimeter for the longest period of time at the highest dissolution rate.

## INTRODUCTION

One of the quintessential tasks assumed by the discipline of Geoscience has been that of explaining the regional variation in the natural phenomena that are encountered across the globe. An example of this effort is the research that has been conducted in order to understand the unique scenery and subterranean features that characterize karst environments. Indeed, geologists and physical geographers have studied the processes and underlying conditions affecting the evolution of karst aquifers and their associated surface landscapes in great depth. This research has included the examination of many aspects of the relationships between the growth of the subsurface drainage networks that define these aquifers and the availability of groundwater. It has been shown that the total amount of groundwater that flows through a karst system each year has a direct impact on the rate of overall karst landscape denudation that occurs (White, 1988; Smith and Atkinson, 1976; Kiefer, 1990; Groves and Meiman, 2005). However, the influence of the annual temporal distribution of that flow, closely related to precipitation input rates, has been considered less carefully.

The rate of discharge in a system throughout the year is largely a reflection of the distribution of precipitation occurring at the surface. Precipitation quickly becomes recharge to the karst aquifer as well developed karst flow systems are characterized by low resistance and very rapid response to storm recharge events (White, 1988; Palmer, 1991; Ford and Williams, 2007). Based on analysis of one year of high resolution flow and chemical data from Logsdon River in Kentucky's Mammoth Cave System, Groves and Meiman (2005) suggested that flow distributions (and by inference, climates) exhibiting larger discrete storm events, that is, with less uniform rainfall distributions,

have more dissolving power and consequently higher rates of conduit growth than climates with more uniform annual flow distributions. If it is generally true that the temporal distribution of discharge can affect the rate of cave passage expansion in an aquifer, this knowledge may help geoscientists to better understand the variety of landscapes found throughout the world's karst regions.



Figure 1a (left). High-relief karst towers developed in Paleozoic limestones of the Guangxi Autonomous Region, China.

Figure 1b (right). Low relief sinkhole plain developed on Paleozoic limestones of Kentucky.

Photos by Chris Groves.

For example, a region such as the Guangxi Autonomous Region in Southern China, that annually receives about the same amount of precipitation as Southern Kentucky and is in some ways geologically similar, displays a quite different karst landscape. Its impressive karst towers (Figure 1a) and huge underground river passages (Yuan, 1988, 1991), in some places with widths in excess of 100m, contrast sharply with Southern Kentucky's gently rolling sinkhole plains (Palmer, 1981, White *et al.*, 1970) (Figure 1b). While the factors that contribute to the evolution of these disparate karst landscapes are complex and multifaceted, and potentially involve differences in tectonic settings, an interesting distinction is that the annual precipitation in this region of China is

concentrated into a short summer monsoon season (Ding, 1994), whereas Southern Kentucky experiences a comparatively uniform distribution of annual precipitation. Different recharge and discharge patterns in these landscape/aquifer systems may be an influential factor in the evolution of these two karst environments.

Any processes that influence an increase in the capacity of the underground drainage network to accept drainage consequently affect the speed at which the connected surface geography undergoes a transition from a fluvial to a karst landscape. As regions with soluble bedrock evolve, their surface topography shifts from landscapes defined by fluvial processes to those shaped primarily by subterranean drainage. Once most or all of a region's drainage has been diverted underground, non-fluvial landscape forming processes subsequently dominate surface forms. As more water is diverted underground through ever-enlarging conduits, surface streams become intermittent, and swallets eventually form. This can result in intermittent streams or dry valleys at the surface. Other karst features including sinkholes and fractures further disrupt surface drainage patterns and redefine a region's landscape. Ultimately, the rate of landscape denudation occurring in a karst region is shaped by factors that influence the growth of caves and conduits.

This research strives to explore the relations between one of these factors, the annual variability of discharge flowing through a karst aquifer, and evolution of the primary conduits carrying that water. To accomplish this task, a computer program "Cave Growth" was developed and simulation discharge datasets representing a series of varying climatic conditions, quantified by varying the temporal distribution of a fixed total annual quantity of water draining through the system (considered to be equal to

precipitation minus evapotranspiration), were created and processed. Through this application, the growth of a specific cross-section of a karst conduit was analyzed under varying flow distributions in an attempt to gain insight into the relationship between these flow/precipitation distributions and conduit growth, and thus karst landscape evolution.

## METHODOLOGY

Computer simulations and environmental models provide investigators with a means of analyzing conditions and processes that would otherwise be too large or small, too complex, or too time consuming to study in the real world (McCuen, 2002). The influence of climate on conduit growth within a karst aquifer is a good example of a subject that is difficult to study in the field. Underground sites are difficult to access and precise measurement of factors affecting conduit growth requires the undisturbed use of remotely implemented equipment over an extensive period of time. Thus, the purpose of the “Cave Growth” application developed for this research was to provide a method of exploring scenarios and conditions that affect this phenomenon that could be used to compliment real field studies.

While benefits such as those described are significant, there are caveats to simulating the real world environment that must be recognized when using them to make interpretations and draw conclusions. The most obvious problem with predictive modeling is that the simulation cannot hope to fully account for the complex conditions that exist in the real world. Additionally, the structure and design of the program can itself have impacts on the results that it generates. For example, the choice of grid cell size in a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) process that models surface drainage can

affect the delineation of a drainage basin (Usery *et al.*, 2004). Therefore, this discussion of the methodology utilized in this research attempts to clarify both the assumptions that were made and the logic of the programming code behind the Cave Growth application. The code itself is written in Microsoft's object oriented and event driven Visual Basic 6.0 programming language, and is listed in Appendix I.

Cave Growth was developed for this research project as an effort to create a computer model that could simulate the growth of cave conduits under dynamic flow and chemical conditions and also serve as a means of visually analyzing that growth. In an effort to isolate and study certain manageable facets of this highly complex phenomenon, the program represents conduit growth as the expansion in area of a two-dimensional cross-section of a cave passage that contains a flowing stream of potentially varying discharge. The rate and shape of that expansion are determined by evaluating the geometry of the cross-section in conjunction with the dissolution rate and the portion of the conduit that is underwater during each of a given series of time steps. The total change in the cross-sectional area of the cave over the course of a simulation run is considered a measure of growth associated with a particular combination of input parameters and simulation duration. By holding those parameters constant, while processing a series of simulation datasets demonstrating a broad spectrum of flow conditions, the Cave Growth application was utilized to examine the influence of flow distributions, and thus this aspect of climate on the rate of conduit growth.

The program's graphical user interface consists of a display grid (Figure 2-A), a toolbar (Figure 2-B), a message panel (Figure 2-C), and a configuration panel (Figure 2-D). These features allow the user to configure a simulation run and also to examine the

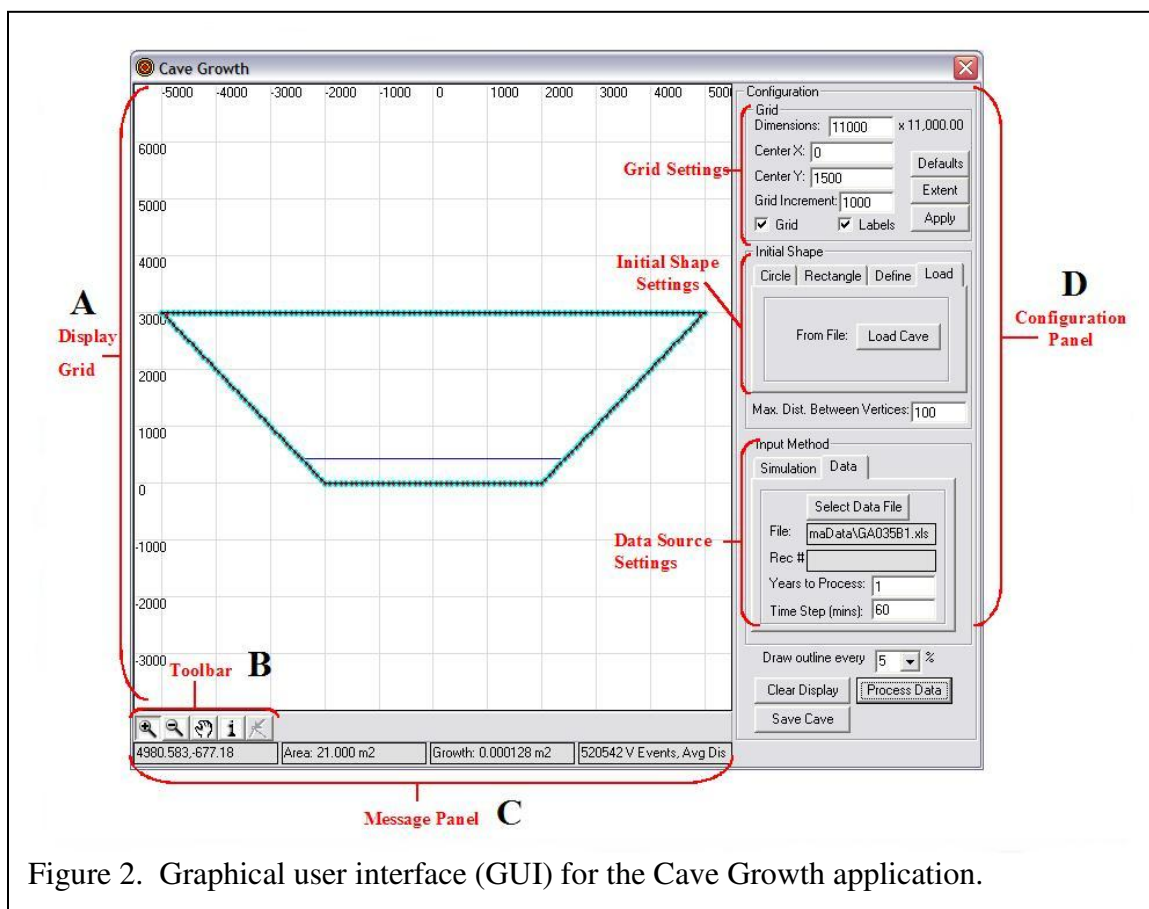


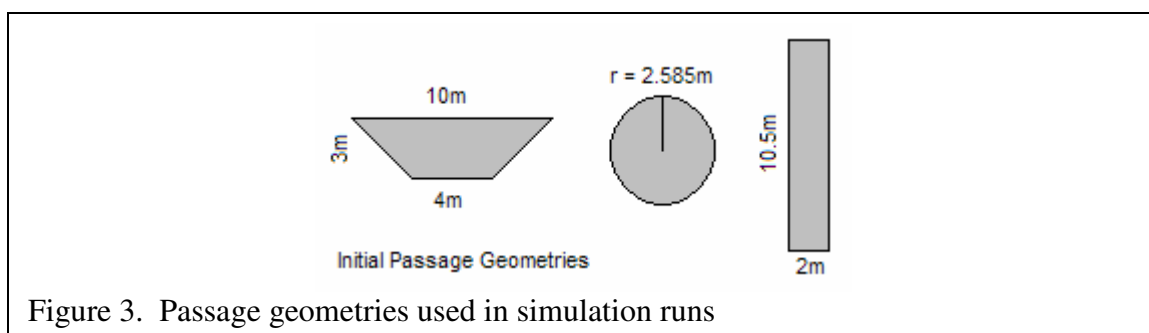
Figure 2. Graphical user interface (GUI) for the Cave Growth application.

results of that run. The display grid dominates the screen and is used to view the conduit cross-section and the accompanying reference grid. The tools that accompany the grid provide the user with simple navigational functionality allowing them to zoom in and out and pan around the viewing area and also provides them with the ability to identify vertices, which are specific points that together when connected define the passage cross-section. The change in a passage cross-section depends on the movement of the individual vertices. The message panel reports the location of the mouse cursor relative to the grid, the current cross-sectional area of the cave passage, the amount of growth recorded during a simulation, and the average dissolution rate and number of “vertex events” (described in more detail below) for the run. Among other things, the



configuration panel of the application allows the user to set up the display grid, establish the geometric parameters, select a data source, specify processing time, and begin a simulation.

The initial shape of the conduit cross-section is one of the geometric parameters that must be established for a simulation run. Cave Growth has been designed to work with basic symmetrical profiles. In the configuration panel one can choose from a circular, rectangular, or user-defined initial shape. Once the geometry has been defined it can be stored and reloaded for efficiency across multiple runs. For this experiment, a  $21\text{m}^2$  trapezoid representing the Logsdon River study site on which much of this research is based, a  $21\text{m}^2$  circle, and a  $21\text{m}^2$  ( $2\text{m} \times 10.5\text{m}$ ) rectangle were defined and reloaded for each run. These initial passage geometries are shown below in Figure 3. The shape chosen influences the amount of wetted perimeter that exists under given flow conditions and therefore affects the evolution of the passage and ultimately the amount of growth that occurs in a simulation run.



Although the cross-section is presented in the display grid as a polygon, within the application code, the cave walls are actually represented as a dynamic array of vertices. These vertices are individually evaluated and moved in accordance with shifting environmental conditions to reflect the retreat of the passage wall resulting from

limestone dissolution. For every time step, each vertex is assessed to determine if it is underwater based on the current flow conditions and passage geometry. Only those vertices that are determined to be underwater are subject to dissolution in this model. The proximity of the vertices to one another is a configuration setting that was developed to allow the researcher to control the “geometric granularity” of the study (how many vertices are used to represent the passage wall). This setting establishes a maximum distance allowed between vertices, which is maintained after each time step by the insertion of a new vertex between any adjacent vertices that have strayed beyond the ascribed tolerance. A finer grained analysis can obviously be achieved by requiring vertices to be closer, but this has the cost of slower computational speed as more cave vertex objects have to be processed by the program. In the simulation runs for this experiment the maximum distance between vertices was set to 100 mm.

In the Cave Growth application, the continuous process of dissolution is represented as a series of discrete events, the temporal frequency of which can be varied, again at the cost of additional computer processing time for finer temporal resolution. The user is provided the means to determine this temporal resolution of the simulation run. While the program was designed to be able to utilize data containing varied time intervals, in the simulations reported here it processes those data in equal time steps, the length of which are defined by the user. This allows the user to examine the cumulative effect of multiple small-scale events that could be lost in a series of larger generalized events. For instance, the impact of shorter storm surges that bring the cave roof into contact with water would be averaged out with large processing steps. To evaluate the data in equal time intervals through the program code, dissolution rates and discharge

information are multiplied by their corresponding duration and accumulated until the user-defined increment is met at which point average values for that increment can be determined. The datasets created to consider the question posed by this research were generated with uniform time intervals to make this task simpler. The time step value was set to one hour and the “years to process” was set to one year for the comparative simulation runs in this research.

As described, continuous variables such as the surface of the cave and the passage of time are simplified into discrete objects in this program. Furthermore, in order to model the complex subject of conduit growth in a karst aquifer, Cave Growth’s processing structure is based on certain assumptions outlined below.

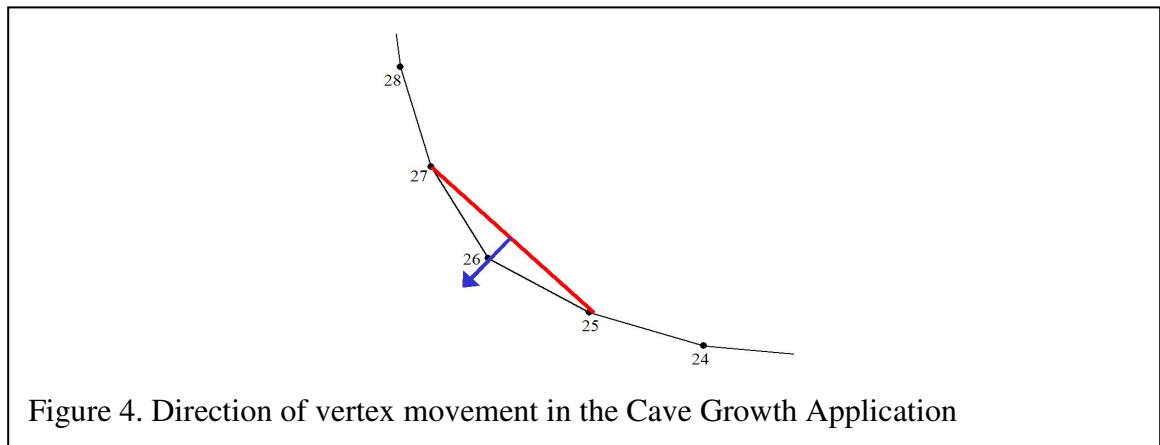
- 1) Zero permeability exists outside the conduit (all water flows through the conduit).
- 2) All conduit growth is by limestone dissolution, and abrasion by through-flowing sediments is negligible.
- 3) Limestone dissolution rates (in this work expressed as mm/yr of wall retreat) are assumed to be a function of bulk water chemistry, quantified by the Plummer *et al.* (1978) rate equation, and independent of fluid velocity at the conduit wall. Plummer *et al.* (1978) assumed reaction-limited dissolution kinetics by conducting stirred tank experiments, increasing velocities until dissolution rates became independent of stir velocity.
- 4) Limestone composition in these simulations is assumed to be homogenous.
- 5) All conduit walls are bare rock and no impacts of sediment barriers are considered in the current runs, though the program could be readily modified to explore this in future investigations.

The program affords two processing modes: a simulation mode in which static conditions (water flow rates and chemistry) are set and processed for a given number of events; and a data mode in which dynamic environmental conditions are read from an Excel spreadsheet. Regardless of the mode, for each time step, the water level that corresponds to a given cross-sectional area of water must be established in order to identify which vertices are underwater and therefore subject to dissolution.

If the wetted area from the spreadsheet (flow cross-section) is greater than that of the cave cross-section, all vertices are automatically classified as being underwater. Otherwise a vertex is picked and grouped with its equivalent from the opposite wall (one is created if necessary) and with all other vertices that are below this pair. The area of the polygon formed by these vertices is compared to that of the flow cross-section. If the polygon is larger than the flow cross-section, the water level is dropped to the next lower vertex and the process is repeated incrementally until the area formed by the group of vertices matches or is less than the flow cross-section area. The same approach is used in reverse if the wetted area is initially larger than the vertices being examined. Through this iterative process, the vertices that are underwater based on a specific flow and passage geometry can be deduced even though the precise water level has not been determined. Those vertices with y elevations at or beneath the vertex pair marking the approximate water level are flagged as being underwater and are passed to a function that moves them based on the dissolution rate and their position relative to their neighbors.

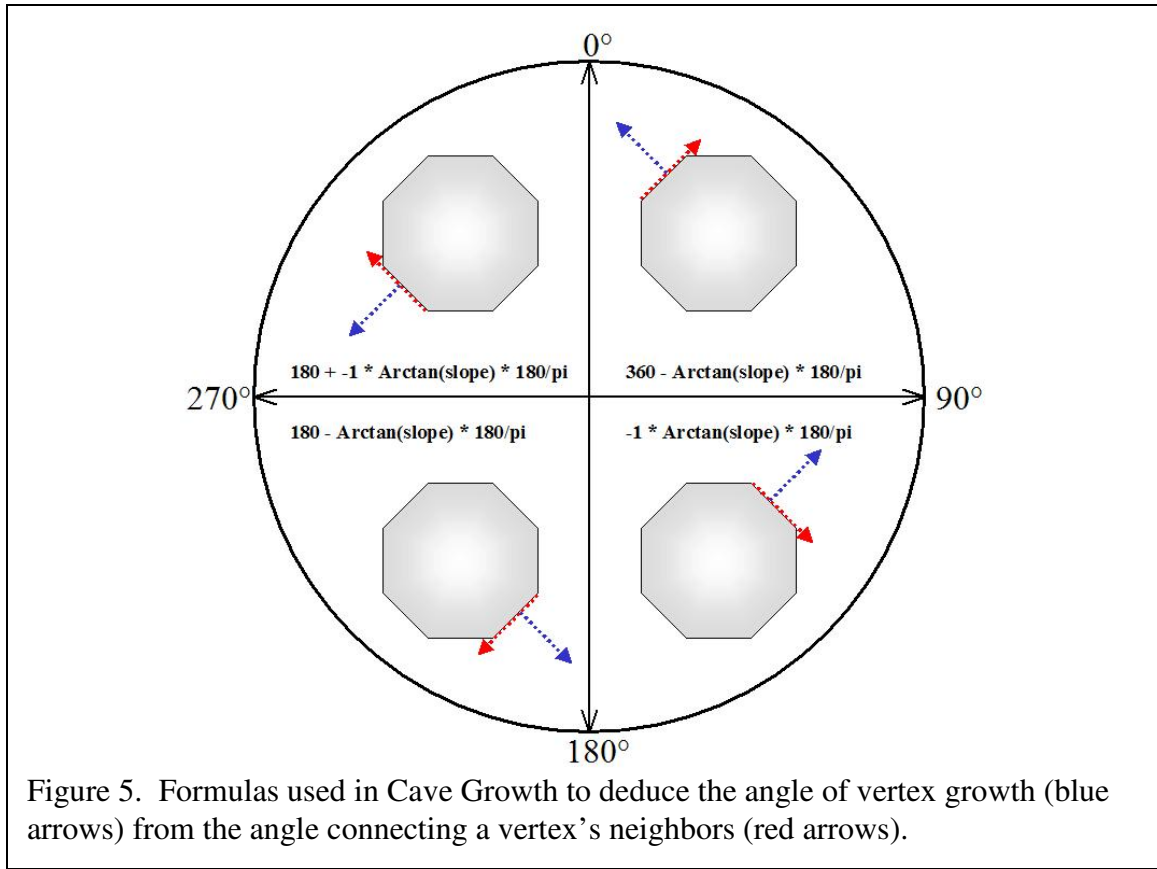
Cave Growth assumes that the solutional retreat of any vertex on the passage wall is perpendicular to the line segment formed between its immediate neighbors. To determine the direction in which to move a vertex (blue arrow in Figure 4), the slope of

the line connecting its neighbors (red line in Figure 4) is calculated. The slope is entered into one of four equations, depending upon which quadrant the angle of the connecting line falls within (Figure 5). The angle returned is always perpendicular to the connecting line and external to the conduit polygon. In Figure 4, the angle of the red line joining vertices 25 and 27 is between  $270^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$ , thus, according to the chart in Figure 5, its slope is entered into the Arctan function, multiplied by  $180/\pi$  (to convert radians to degrees), multiplied by negative one, and finally added to  $180^\circ$  to arrive at the correct angle in which vertex 26 will travel (blue arrow).



The x coordinate value of the new position of the vertex is ascertained by multiplying the dissolution distance (mm) with the sine of the bearing and adding that value to the existing x. Similarly, a vertex's new y position is determined by multiplying the dissolution distance with the bearing's cosine and adding it to the existing y. The effect of this process is visible in Figure 6, in which the display grid is focused on a section of a cave that has experienced an exaggerated amount of growth to illustrate this point.

In this manner, each underwater vertex is moved perpendicular to the existing



cave wall at that location for each time step. The movement of an individual vertex is termed a “Vertex Event” in the Cave Growth application and the number of these events that occur over a simulation run is tracked and recorded in the message panel.

Accumulating the distances traveled in each vertex event during a simulation run and dividing this value by the total number of events yields an average dissolution rate for the events that is also displayed in the message panel.

In addition to the application structure, this analysis was dependent upon the construction of a set of simulation datasets with realistic properties. Relationships that existed within a field generated dataset (Groves and Meiman, 2005) were used to develop a series of simulation datasets demonstrating a range of flow distributions. In turn, these flow distributions, based on a discharge-stage relationship specific to that field dataset,

are presumed to result from a range of precipitation distributions varying from completely uniform to one in which almost all flow for the year came as a result of a few stormy hours. Manipulating climatic conditions in this manner, while holding total annual flow constant, allowed their impact on the amount of cave growth to be measured.

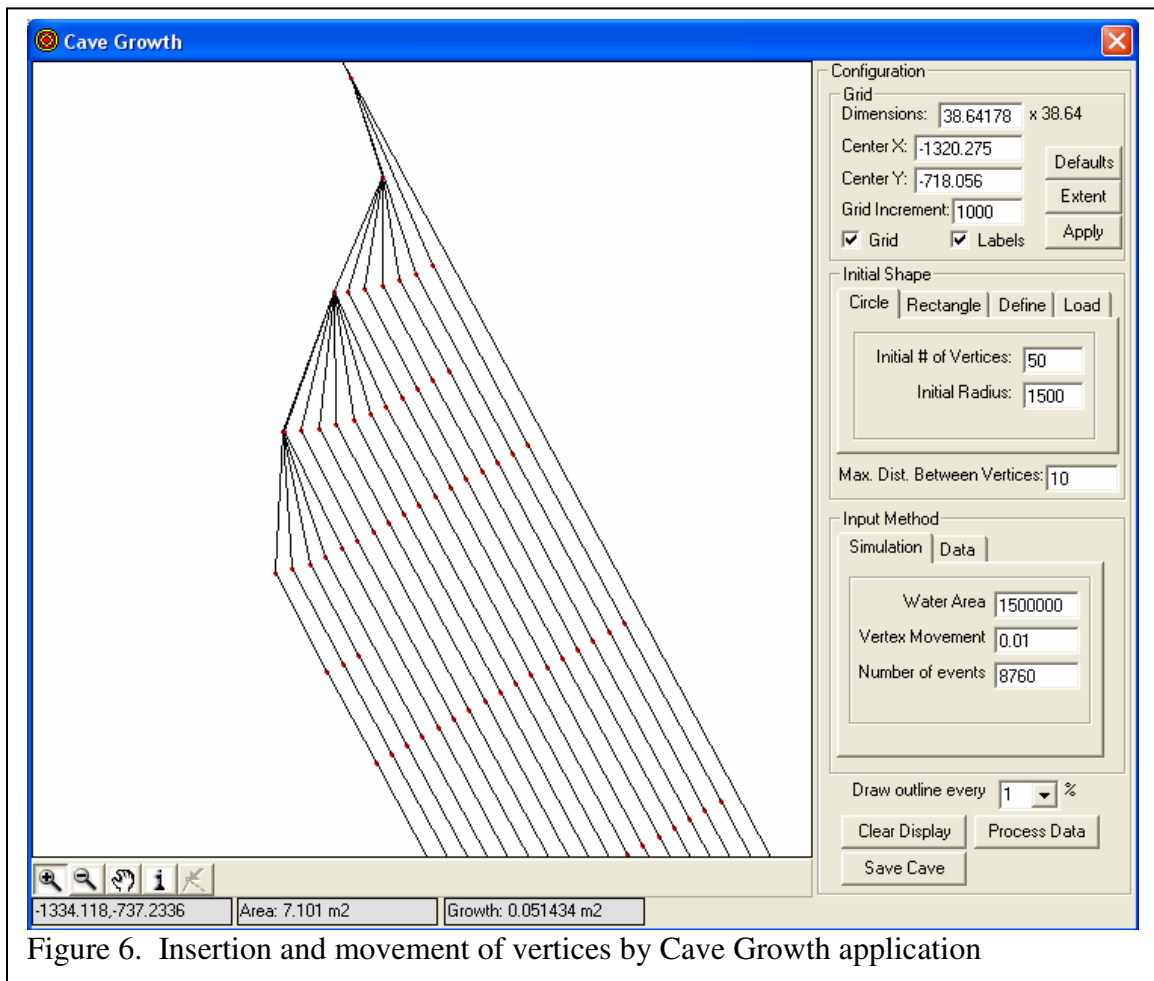


Figure 6. Insertion and movement of vertices by Cave Growth application

To generate the field data used as the basis for this investigation, Groves and Meiman (2000, 2001, 2005) conducted high-resolution hydrochemical monitoring at a study site in Logsdon River, a major underground stream within the Mammoth Cave System that drains the 25 km<sup>2</sup> Cave City groundwater basin. At this site (shown in Figure 7), there are two 145 m deep observation wells, one for collecting water samples



Figure 7. Observation wells at the Logsdon River study site, Mammoth Cave, KY  
Photo: Chris Groves

from the surface with a pump while the other contains electronic probes that collect data on stage, velocity, temperature, and specific conductance. A Campbell CR10 multi-channel data logger queried the four probes every two minutes and recorded changes in their values. Over one year, between May 5th 1995 and May 4th 1996, 21,473 observations were made in this manner. Throughout the year and under a variety of flow conditions pH, calcium, and bicarbonate were physically measured from water samples taken at the site. Regression analysis determined a linear relationship between these three factors and specific conductance. As specific conductance was measured every two minutes, these relationships combined with temperature values allowed a dissolution rate to be calculated for each time step using the rate law of Plummer *et al.* (1978), where



$$Rate = k_1[H^+] + k_2[H_2CO_3^*] + k_3[H_2O] - k_4[Ca_2^+][HCO_3^-] \quad (1)$$

with *Rate* expressed in mass of mineral lost per time per surface area of fluid/mineral contact, and where the *k*'s are temperature dependent kinetic rate constants (Plummer *et al.*, 1978). For input into the Cave Growth program used in the current research, dissolution rates were expressed as the rate of conduit wall retreat (mm/yr) following the example of Palmer (1991), assuming a constant calcite density of 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

A spreadsheet was derived from this detailed field data that contained columns for time (Julian days), flow cross-section area (m<sup>2</sup>), a rate of passage wall retreat (mm/yr), and mean velocity (ft/s). The flow cross-section area had been determined by comparing the water level recorded by the stage probe with a detailed chart mapping out the actual cross-section of the Logsdon River conduit at the study site. From these data, discharge values were determined for each observation. Subsequently, the discharge units were converted into liters per second and multiplied by the interval in seconds that the record represented to arrive at a measurement of flow in liters for each record. Using this approach, it was determined that an estimated 12,255,649,896 liters of water had passed through the conduit over the course of a year. It was decided that for the “virtual” datasets created for this project the total annual flow would be held constant at this realistic level for each scenario. By controlling total flow, but varying its temporal distribution throughout the year in each dataset, it was possible to isolate the impact of this variable.

Each simulation dataset generated for this research contained a year's worth of data broken into 8,760 discrete records representing equal time increments of one hour. The challenge was to apportion the total annual flow across these time steps in patterns

that satisfactorily represented different flow distributions. Furthermore, a timestamp in Julian years, a dissolution rate, and a wetted cross-sectional area had to be calculated for each record in these datasets.

As it has been shown to model precipitation distribution and other climatic variables effectively (Mooley, 1973; Ison *et al.*, 1971; Thom, 1958), the “Gamma Distribution” was selected as the method for allocating the hourly flow values. The gamma distribution is a non-symmetric, continuous probability distribution with one-parameter (shape), two-parameter (shape and scale), and three-parameter (shape, scale, and location) versions (Aksoy, 2000). In this research, the statistical analysis software “S-Plus” was used to generate random flow values. A simple S-Plus script (Appendix II) was written based on that application’s “rgamma” function. This function follows the two-parameter form of the gamma distribution and requires as inputs an alpha (shape) value, a beta (scale) value, and a total number of values to generate (8,760 in this case). By holding beta constant with a value of one and increasing the alpha parameter exponentially, it was possible to generate a series of flow distributions ranging from almost uniform to extremely concentrated. The script then scaled these random values to sum up to the required total flow. Holding beta at one and not including a location value effectively reduced the gamma probability distribution function to its simpler one-parameter form, also known as the standard gamma distribution (Nastos and Zerefos, 2007) that can be expressed as:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x}; x \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

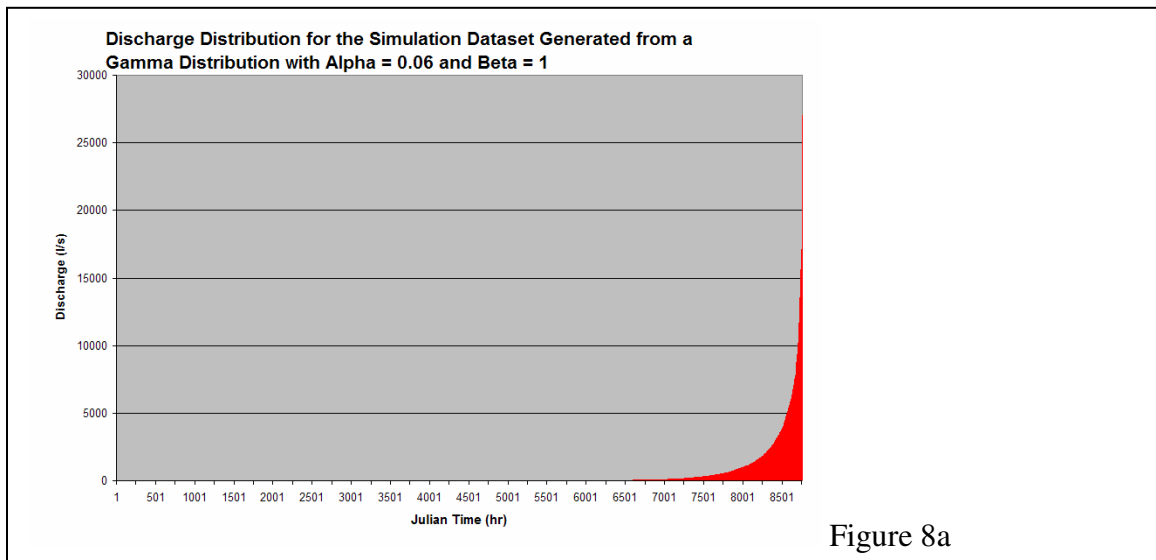
where  $\alpha$  is the shape parameter and  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  is the gamma function defined by the following

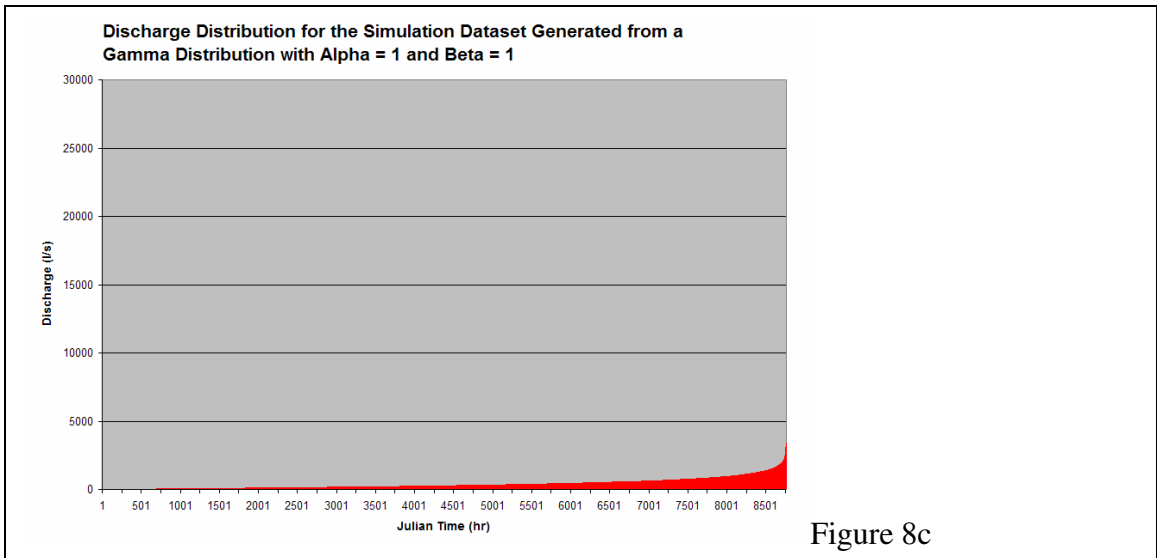
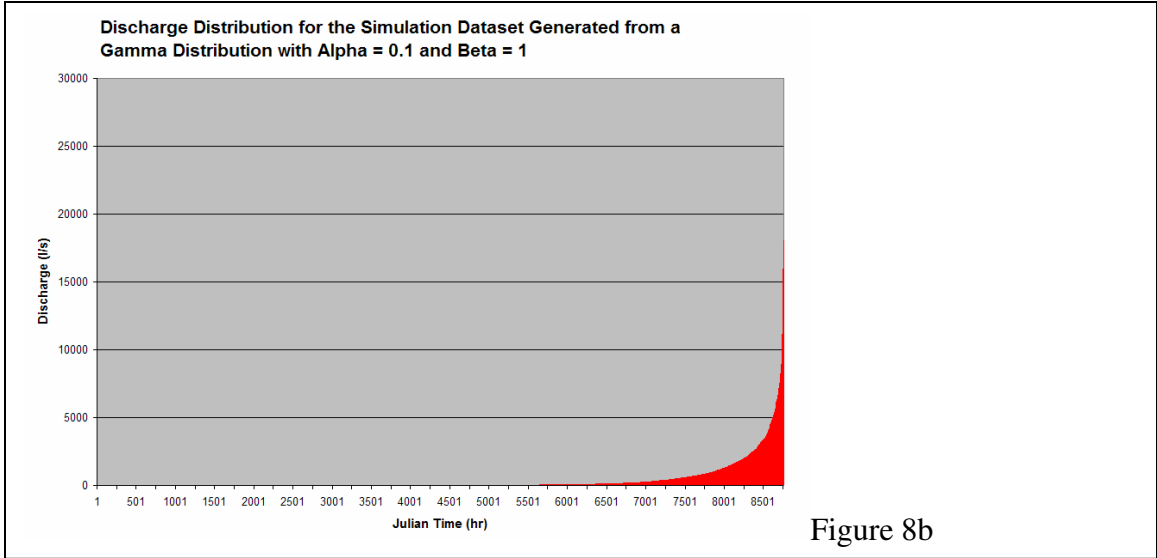
integral:

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx; \alpha > 0 \quad (3)$$

In this manner, the shape could be isolated and manipulated for each simulation dataset.

To further tie the simulations to the Logsdon River data, distributions were limited to those producing hourly discharge rates that did not exceed 30,000 l/s, a ceiling derived from the approximated highest hour of flow found in the measured field data. Flow values were sorted in ascending order to facilitate the visual comparison of the associated discharge distributions. A selection of these distributions is displayed in figures 8a-8d demonstrating a broad range of flow patterns. Due to the extremely small magnitude of the conduit growth occurring over one year, it was assumed for this project that the influence of the order of these discrete dissolving events was negligible.





A Visual Basic program (Appendix III) was written to generate Excel spreadsheets from these flow distributions and populate the three fields required by the Cave Growth application (Julian time, dissolution rate, and wetted cross-sectional area) using relationships found in the field data. First, discharge was obtained by dividing hourly flow values by 3,600 to produce a rate in liters per second. Regression analysis conducted on the Logsdon River data using the “Exponential rise to maximum” curve fitting method in the SigmaPlot software package produced the following formula that related “y” the dissolution rate (mm/yr) to “x” discharge (l/s).

$$y = 0.3412(1 - e^{-1.168 \times 10^{-4} x}) \quad (5)$$

A scatter plot demonstrating this relationship in the original field data is shown in Figure 9. The  $r^2$  value of 0.65 confirms a relationship between the dissolution rates and discharge that makes physical sense as higher discharges *tend* to produce waters more undersaturated with respect to calcite. There is noise in the relationship however,

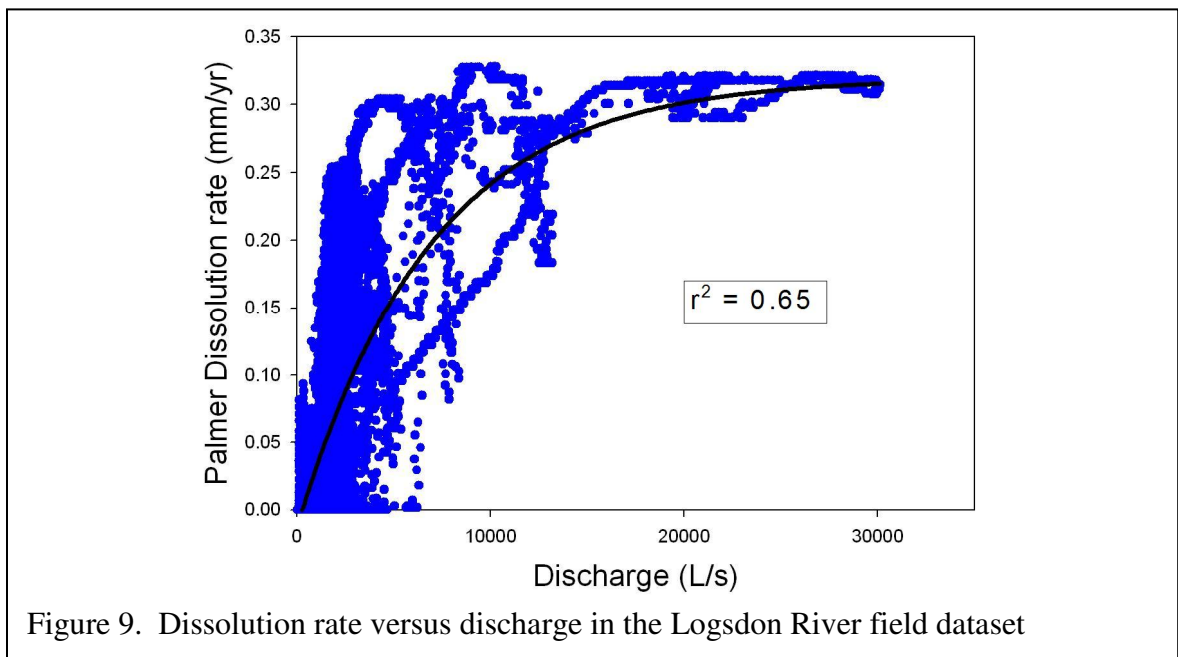


Figure 9. Dissolution rate versus discharge in the Logsdon River field dataset

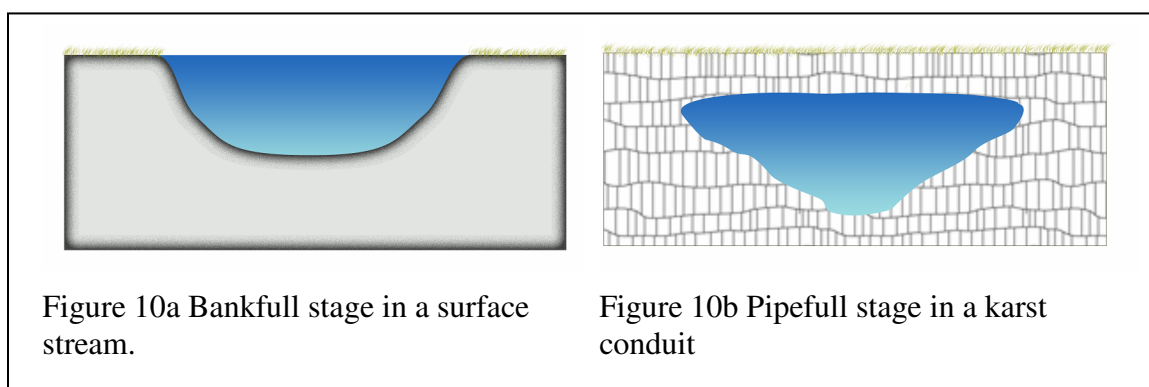
primarily because water chemistry, on which dissolution rates are based, is not a unique function of discharge.

Further analysis of the field data established a two-part relationship between wetted cross-sectional area and the discharge rate. This relationship, developed from the inverted trapezoid passage at Logsdon River was applied to each of the three passage geometries in the simulation sets considered in this research. It was determined that discharge rates above 3,500 l/s would completely fill any of these 21 m<sup>2</sup> conduit geometries with water. Therefore, the program generating the virtual datasets simply ascribed a constant wetted cross-sectional area representing a full conduit to records with discharge rates at or above this limit. Below that threshold, the cross-sectional area could be described as a function of discharge using the formula below, which again was generated using SigmaPlot's regression analysis tools. This formula defined a relationship with an r<sup>2</sup> value of 0.781.

$$y = 9.284 * 10^{-3} x + 1.867 \quad (6)$$

Based on a wide spectrum of alpha inputs to the gamma function, forty-four datasets were created in this manner exhibiting a broad range of flow distributions. Two special simulation sets were also created to represent unique theoretical circumstances. The first, named "Even" in this discussion, contained a completely uniform distribution of flow representing a climate in which precipitation and the resultant discharge through the karst aquifer were non-varying throughout the year, with a total equal to the annual Logsdon River flow discussed above. The second dataset, referred to here as "Pipefull", was one in which full-passage conditions (Figure 10b) were met, but not exceeded, for

the greatest length of time possible given the total amount of flow. The term “pipefull” in this research refers to flow conditions that fill the conduit exactly. This idea borrows from the conceptually similar “bankfull” stage in surface stream modeling in which a stream is full to the brim of its banks without actually overflowing them (Figure 10a). In fluvial geomorphology, this stage has been described as the discharge level “at which channel maintenance is most effective, that is, the discharge at which moving sediment, forming or removing bars, forming or changing bends and meanders, and generally doing work that results in the average morphologic characteristics of channels” (Dunne and Leopold, 1978, p608-609). While these surface processes are mechanical, the “pipefull” dataset was included in this study to consider if this “exactly full” discharge level had an influence on the effectiveness of work conducted in karst conduits by chemical dissolution.



To create the “Pipefull” distribution, the amount of flow required to fill the  $21\text{m}^2$  inverted-trapezoid for one hour was determined. The total annual flow was then divided by this value to calculate the number of records that would be given this “pipefull” hourly flow value of 7,515,000 liters. After the annual flow was allocated in this manner, the remaining flow was assigned to one record and all other time steps did not receive any

flow.

Following the creation of the datasets, the simulation runs were configured and executed within the Cave Growth application. Three separate runs were generated from each of the 46 simulation datasets; one for each initial passage shape examined (a 21m<sup>2</sup> trapezoid, circle, and rectangle.) In each run reported here, the configuration options were held constant (Figure 11). The maximum distance between vertices was set to 100 mm, and the time step was set to 60 minutes. At the completion of each run, the name of the data file, the initial geometry, and the measure of flow distribution (alpha input into the gamma function used to generate that dataset) were recorded in a spreadsheet. Corresponding values for total 2D passage growth, the average dissolution rate, and the number of “vertex events” were also recorded.

Conduit Geometry	Vertex Spacing	Time Step	Data
21m <sup>2</sup> Trapezoid	100mm	60 minutes	46 Simulation datasets: Pipefull, Even, and 44 $\Gamma$ distributions
21m <sup>2</sup> Circle	100mm	60 minutes	46 Simulation datasets: Pipefull, Even, and 44 $\Gamma$ distributions
21m <sup>2</sup> Rectangle	100mm	60 minutes	46 Simulation datasets: Pipefull, Even, and 44 $\Gamma$ distributions

Figure 11. Configuration options used in the simulation runs

## RESULTS

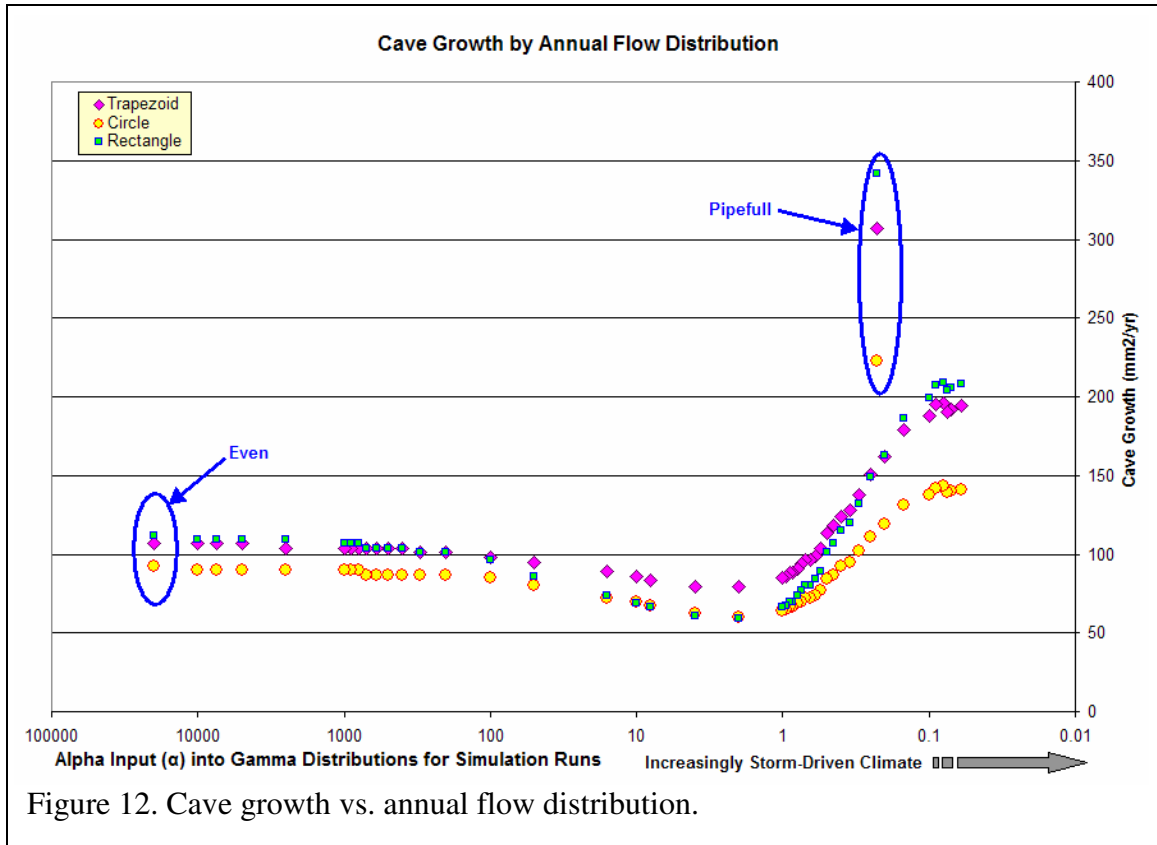
The results presented in this section are an effort to display the output from the 138 simulation runs (three runs for each of the 46 datasets) in a manner that addresses the question of whether the “storminess” of a climate’s precipitation distribution has an effect on the evolution of karst aquifers. To accomplish this task, it is necessary to compare the



amount of cave growth that occurred during each simulation run with a measure of climatic variability for that run. Climatic variation in this analysis is represented by the annual temporal distribution of flow within the aquifer and can be viewed in the form of discharge distribution graphs such as those in Figures 8a-8d. It is assumed, for the sake of this study, that the distribution of flow is directly related to the patterns of recharge producing precipitation occurring at the surface. It is understood that factors such as the delayed release of precipitation held in snow accumulation can confound this assumption in the real world.

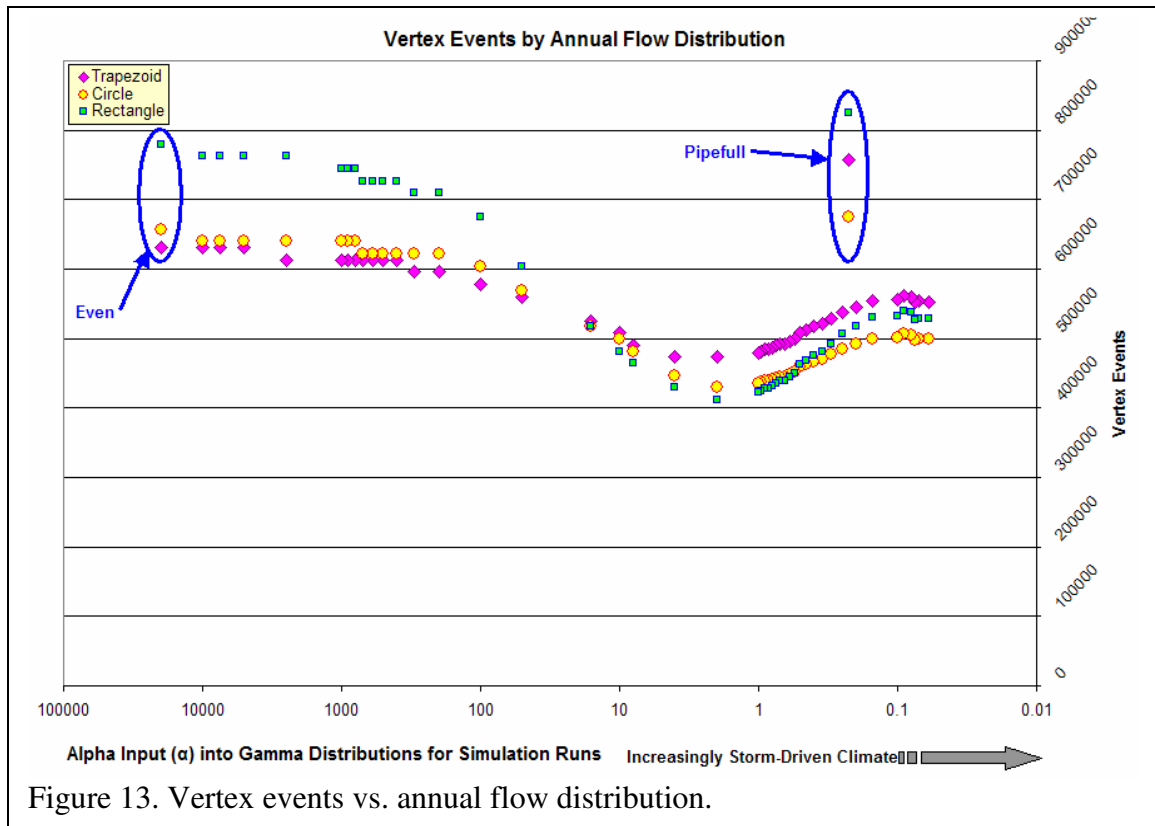
The variability of discharge distributions within the simulation runs discussed here is related to the alpha (shape) parameter input into the gamma distribution formula from which the underlying datasets were derived (beta being held constant). Datasets with lower alpha input values reflect climates in which the distribution of precipitation is increasingly more discrete storm-driven and thus less uniform. Accordingly, the alpha input values were recorded for each dataset and used as a measure of climatic variability in the following graphs. As the pipefull and even datasets were not created from the gamma formula, faux alpha values of 0.225 and 20,000 respectively were generated for them so that they could be displayed on the graphs. A relationship between the alpha values and the standard deviation of the flow distributions in the gamma datasets provided a method to derive these coarse values.

The following graph (Figure 12) shows the two dimensional growth of the cave passage as a function of flow variability, or how storm-driven the climate is. The x-axis uses a logarithmic scale to display the input alpha values in a meaningful manner. Runs based on the three different initial passage geometries are identified by different symbols.

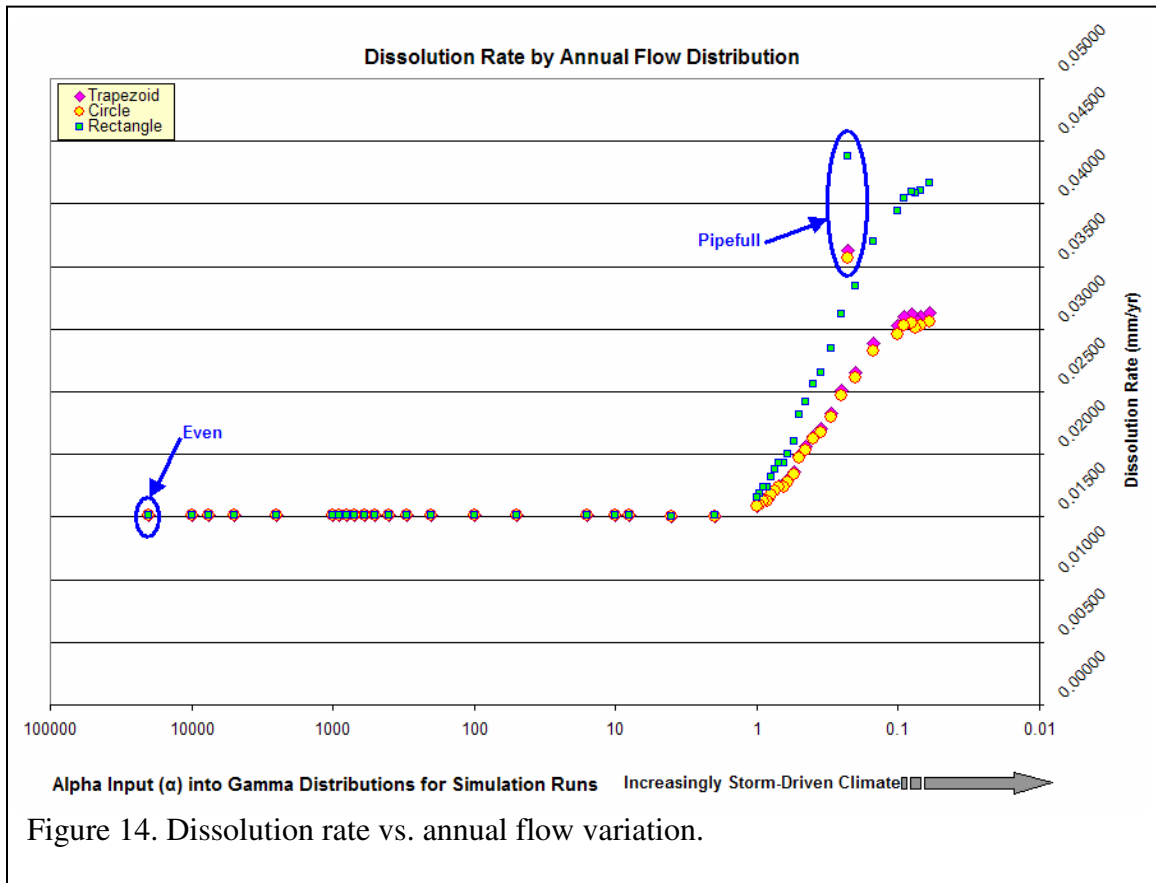


Another quantity that was recorded was the number of “vertex events” that transpired during each simulation run. A “vertex event”, in this research, is each occurrence of a vertex being moved as part of the Cave Growth application’s modeling of passage wall retreat. For each time step in the simulation run, every vertex that is in contact with dissolving water, and is consequently moved, is counted and added to the total number of “vertex events”. This measure can be considered an expression of the amount of wetted perimeter in the conduit multiplied by time over the course of a simulation run. On the graph below (Figure 13), the number of vertex events for each simulation run are plotted against climatic variability for the three different geometries considered.

An average dissolution rate, measured in mm/year was also recorded for every



simulation run processed by the Cave Growth application. For every vertex that the program moved during a simulation run, the dissolution rate associated with that particular vertex event was accumulated. At the end of the run, this total was divided by the number of vertex events to generate the average dissolution rate. Once calculated, the average dissolution rate for each run was plotted against the non-uniformity of a climate's precipitation distribution, in the same manner described for generating the previous graph. The resulting graph of the relationship between average dissolution rate and climate is displayed below in Figure 14.



## DISCUSSION

Before discussing the specific details of this research, it is worthwhile reiterating that a computer model, such as that presented here, allows researchers to isolate and study certain aspects of a system. It is understood that this model does not consider all the factors that affect the amount of cave growth that takes place within a karst system in the real world. For instance, in a real karst conduit the bedrock is not uniform and fractures in the limestone are exploited by water in ways that are not currently considered by the Cave Growth application. Similarly, conduits may contain a sediment layer across their floor that can act as a barrier to dissolution. If required, the application could be modified to consider these and other aspects of the physical world.

Another acknowledgment is that using annual discharge distributions to differentiate climates assumes a direct relationship between recharge producing precipitation on the surface and discharge rates within the aquifer. While evapotranspiration, snow accumulation, overland flow, and other factors can distort this relationship over different time scales, this approach remains a useful tool by which to represent climate. However, if discharge data were collected from field studies across a range of climates and normalized for total flow a more comprehensive analysis could be conducted.

A relationship between the amount of two dimensional cave passage growth and the “storminess” of the climate is clearly discernable from the graph of Cave Growth by Annual Flow Distribution (Figure 12). Indeed, a similar pattern is visible for all three sets of runs that are each based on different original passage geometries. From a starting point at the “even” simulation run, the observed amount of cave growth steadily declines as the climate represented by the simulation runs becomes progressively more storm-driven. This continues until an inflection point is reached, after which, observed cave growth increases as precipitation is concentrated into fewer, more intense, intervals until an apparent peak is reached. Beyond this, growth levels off and begins to decline slightly. For all three sets of runs, the passage growth generated by the pipefull dataset exceeds that of the even and gamma distribution runs by more than one third. It does not align with the other sets of results because its flow values do not follow the same type of distribution pattern. To graph the variability of flow distributions that are unrelated to the gamma formula, a different measure could be developed.

Based on the evidence visible in this graph, the relationship between climate and

conduit growth in karst aquifers cannot be explained as one in which either 1) conduit growth is independent of rainfall and groundwater flow distributions, or in which 2) stormier climates simply equate to more conduit growth occurring. To better comprehend the inflections of the data exhibited on the graph described above, it is necessary to consider factors that are influenced by climate that impact the dissolution of the walls of a karst conduit. In the virtual environment discussed here, it should be possible to derive an explanation of the observed pattern from a closer examination of the limited number of variables that are considered by the Cave Growth application. Therefore, the average amount of wetted perimeter and the average dissolution rate (mm/yr) observed in each simulation run were studied in greater detail.

To consider the amount of passage wall exposed to the effects of dissolution, under different climatic conditions, the total number of vertex events for each run was graphed against the non-uniformity of flow distributions in Figure 13. It is apparent from this graph that climates in this study with more uniform annual precipitation distributions actually generated the most vertex events, except when compared to the results for the pipefull scenario. For each of the three sets of simulation runs, the average amount of wetted perimeter measured begins to decline as flow distributions becomes more concentrated. After a turning point is reached, the number of vertex events generated in a run increase as the simulated climates and associated patterns of flow become more storm-driven. Finally, a peak is reached and is then followed by a gradual decline.

To attempt to understand the nature of this relationship, it is useful to focus on the influence of the passage geometry on the amount of wetted perimeter that exists under given flow conditions. For instance, a very small amount of water flowing through a

conduit with a wide level floor can contact a comparatively large amount of rock surface. As flow increases, the wetted perimeter will increase in relation to the geometry of the cave. If the passage widens as the water's depth increases, there will be a diminishing rate of return in terms of vertex events compared to any increase in flow as more of the underground river surface is exposed to the air rather than being in contact with the cave walls. Conversely, if the passage narrows as the depth increases, each additional unit of flow will generate progressively more wetted perimeter. After pipefull conditions are met, and the entire passage is in contact with the river, any increase in flow will just be converted to greater velocity in this model, as there is nowhere for the extra water to go. The wetted perimeter generating capacity of this additional water in the system is essentially "wasted" for discharges above that level.

Logically, more vertex events will be generated by a simulation run with flow conditions that maximize the proportion of wetted perimeter to the amount of flow cross-section area, for the greatest length of time. This situation is essentially a description of the pipefull simulation dataset explained earlier in this research. Depending upon the geometric details of their passages, changes in flow conditions across the study datasets induce different responses from the three simulation sets. However, once flow conditions are such that the entire passage is full, the excess water flowing during those stormy hours is wasted equally for each scenario.

The initial decline in the number of vertex events as the climates become more storm-driven is caused by more time in the simulation runs being spent in conditions that are geometrically inefficient at generating vertex events. Interestingly, the point on the graph where this decline ends, and the number of vertex events begin to increase with the

non-uniformity of flow conditions, closely coincides with the first occurrence of the pipefull stage being met within the simulation datasets. The gamma dataset with an input alpha value of two is the first with time steps that contain enough flow to completely fill the conduit with water. The impact of the vertices along the cave roof being brought into contact with water varies according to the shape of the passage. Due to its wide level roof, the trapezoidal passage is affected most by this event. Consequently, the number of vertex events generated by the trapezoidal runs shifts from being the least to the most productive of the three simulation sets after the appearance of the pipefull events.

Those runs based on a rectangular passage generated significantly greater numbers of vertex events under the more stable of the simulated climates compared to the corresponding trapezoidal and circular runs. For example, 762,120 vertex events were observed for the simulation run based on the rectangular passage and the gamma dataset created with an alpha input of 1,000 and a beta input of one. The same dataset produced only 639,480 vertex events when the circular geometry was processed and just 630,720 when the initial geometry was the trapezoid (a reduction of more than 17%). The shape of the tall narrow rectangular passage meant that it did not lose much of its vertex event generating ability at these steady flow rates that filled only about a quarter of the passage. Comparatively, the circular and trapezoidal passage geometries resulted in much wider exposed water surfaces at these flow levels and, as a result, generated less wetted perimeter per unit of flow.

For all three sets of runs, as the number of time steps meeting or surpassing pipefull conditions rises with progressively stormier climates, the amount of vertex events also increases. It is important to remember that because all the simulations carry



the same amount of total flow, higher flow conditions in these datasets are counteracted by more time also being spent under lower flow conditions. It is the interaction between the full spectrum of flow conditions in a simulation run and a specific passage geometry that culminate in the total number of vertex event produced. As the precipitation distribution within a dataset becomes more extreme, all three sets of runs eventually reach a second inflection point after which the average amount of wetted perimeter begins to level off. This is interpreted to mean that, after this point, any gains from meeting pipefull conditions are more than offset by wastage of vertex-event productivity during extreme storm events as discharge continues to increase above the exactly pipefull stage.

The average dissolution rate for the vertex events that took place in a simulation run is the other variable that warrants further exploration in this effort to understand the relationship between cave growth and climate in this study. Accordingly, this rate, measured in mm/yr was graphed against the non-uniformity of flow distributions in Figure 14. The relationship between the variables on this graph begins with an almost imperceptible decline in the average dissolution rate for all three simulation sets as the flow distributions contain more concentrated discharge events until a low point is reached. Subsequently, average dissolution rates increase sharply in response to higher dissolution rates associated with augmented flow conditions combined with greater numbers of vertex events occurring during those high flow events. Eventually, this increase levels off and a gradual decline ensues which is interpreted to be a result of the wasting of vertex events at higher flow levels described above. This would help explain why the pipefull scenario, which fills the passage to capacity with the least wastage of

water, generated noticeably higher average dissolution rates for the vertex events than those produced by any of the gamma runs.

It is apparent from this discussion that the total number of vertex events and the average dissolution rates generated by a simulation run are closely connected. The combination of these factors helps explain the relationship between cave growth and the intensity of the annual flow distribution exhibited in the graph in Figure 12. At first, despite high rates of contact between water and the cave walls, the dissolution rates are comparatively low resulting in low levels of annual cave growth. Cave growth declines further as flow distributions tend toward those that are less efficient at generating wetted perimeter and still exhibit low average dissolution rates. The point of inflection on the graph where cave growth begins to rise with progressively more storm driven climates is that at which both average dissolution rates and the number of vertex events begin to increase. Annual cave growth eventually tapers off and begins to decline because the amount of wetted perimeter again starts to decrease as flow becomes too concentrated and pipefull stage is surpassed, wasting more of the dissolving power of the annual flow budget.

The different ranges of growth exhibited by the three simulation sets appear to be related to differences in the perimeters of their passage geometries. While all three conduit cross-sections in this investigation encompass the same  $21\text{m}^2$  area, each has a different perimeter and ultimately a different degree of exposure to the dissolving effects of water when filled to capacity. The rectangular conduit has the largest perimeter at 25m and it also has the largest maximum cave growth ( $342\text{mm}^2/\text{yr}$ ). In comparison, the trapezoidal cave has a smaller perimeter of roughly 22.5m and lower maximum growth

values. The circular passage generated the least amount of wetted perimeter under pipefull conditions having a circumference of only about 16.25m. Indeed, the simulation runs for the circular passage generated both the smallest range of growth values and the lowest maximum cave growth of only 223mm<sup>2</sup>/yr, more than a third less than the maximum for the rectangular simulation runs.

After examining the graphs, it is clear that the amount of cave growth occurring in a passage is affected by the intensity of precipitation events throughout a year. It is the interrelationship between the annual temporal distribution of discharge, the geometry of the passage, and the dissolution rate that influences the amount of dissolution that takes place. Climates that generate the most wetted perimeter per unit of flow at higher average dissolution rates appear to be those that conduct the greatest amount of “geomorphic work” in terms of conduit growth. In the case of a specific cross-section of a karst conduit, discharge distributions filling that passage to the brim for extended periods prove to be most effective at dissolving its walls.

It is important to realize that the flow conditions required to fill a particular section of an individual conduit with water does not represent pipefull conditions for the entire, three-dimensional, underground river basin. However, it could be conjectured that the same principals would apply to an entire system. Those climates with precipitation distributions that generate the highest combination of wetted perimeter and dissolution rates throughout the entire system would be most efficient at developing the drainage network.

The amount of flow required to meet these “network-full” conditions would depend on the volume and geometry of connected void space within the vadose zone of

the aquifer. Logically, a younger system with a less developed drainage network would be less able to accommodate the amount of flow generated by storms. Therefore, much of the dissolving power of this water would be lost to overland flow or simply higher velocities of water passing through the cave passages. In contrast, based on the observations made in this analysis, it may be inferred that cave growth in mature systems with well-developed passages would respond more quickly to a precipitation distribution concentrated into storm events large enough to fill the passages to capacity.

## CONCLUSION

Clearly, in an aquifer characterized by its soluble rock, the total amount of flow passing through the system affects the amount of dissolution that takes place. Therefore, climates that experience more precipitation and generate more groundwater flow will tend to give rise to more rapid development of underground drainage networks. Less obvious is the idea suggested by this research, that the temporal distribution of that flow, combined with the geometric configuration of the conduit network, can also have an important effect on the amount of geomorphic work (passage expansion) conducted in these subterranean drainage basins. Specifically, more dissolution occurs under precipitation conditions that result in more wetted perimeter for longer periods of time at higher dissolution rates. The results of this research suggest that climates exhibiting moderate storm events are more “efficient” at growing karst aquifer conduits than those in which precipitation and consequently flow are more evenly distributed.

Ultimately, understanding the impact of the temporal distribution of flow on the growth of karst conduits provides geoscientists with another tool to help interpret the rate

of development of underground drainage networks, surface karst landscapes, and indeed overall landscape denudation. At a more specific level, knowing the frequency and “dissolving efficiency” of different flow levels as they relate to an individual cave may help explain its particular growth rate. Further refinement of the Cave Growth program could provide a more accurate understanding of these factors by including additional variables that affect the development of caves. Much would also be gained by ground truthing the findings presented here through analysis of field data on flow distributions and conduit growth collected from karst regions around the globe.



Figure 15. Very large river cave passage in Da Long Dong (Big Dragon Cave) in western Hunan Province, southwest China. In some places the width of this passage exceeds 100 meters. Photo: Kevin Downey

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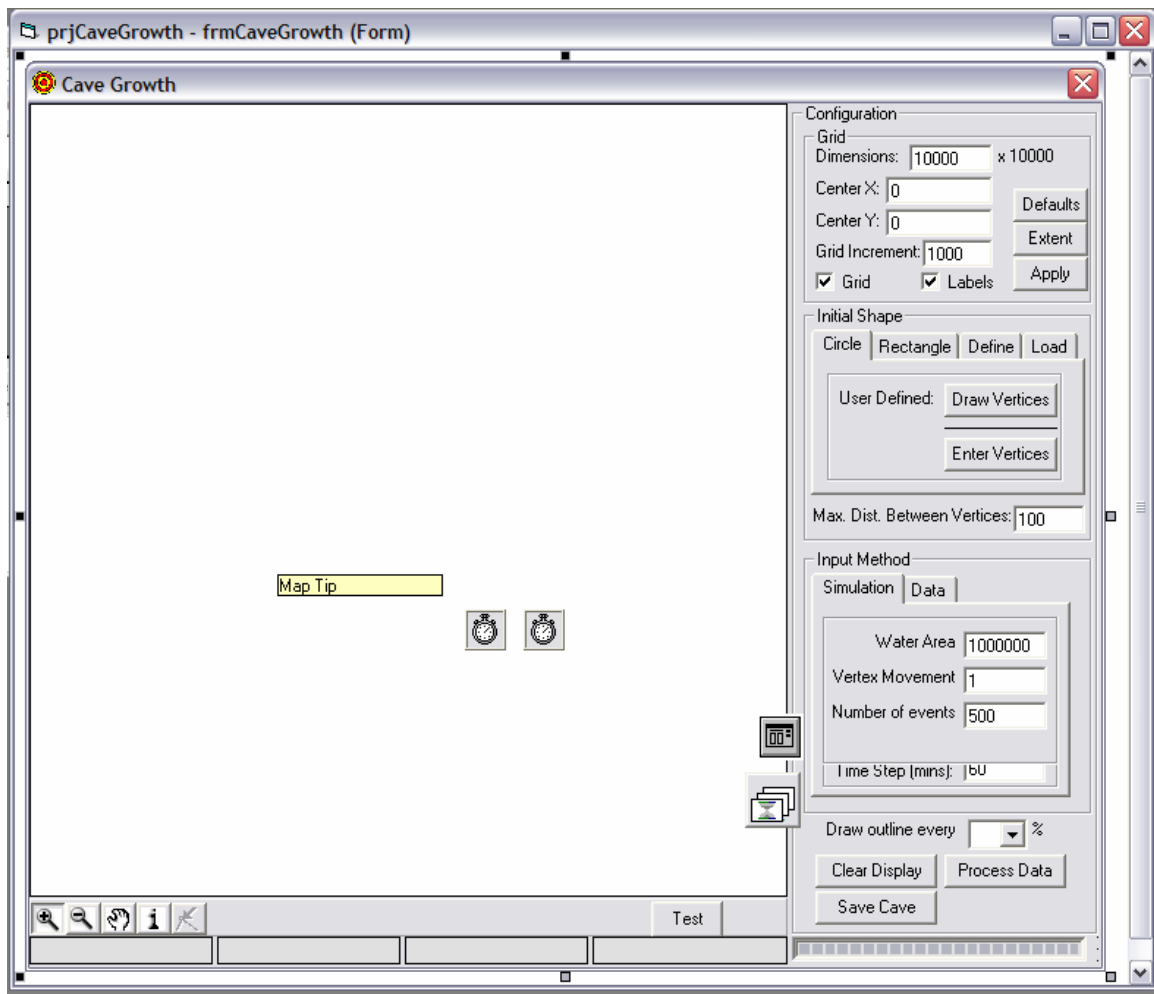
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APPENDIX I

Cave Growth Application Code

**VB6 Project: prjCaveGrowth**  
**Form: FrmCaveGrowth**



Option Explicit  
 Private WaterArea As Double  
 Private WaterLevel As Long  
 Private Pi As Double  
 Private TErosionDist As Double  
 Private CenterX As Double  
 Private CenterY As Double  
 Private Radius As Double  
 Private CurX As Single  
 Private CurY As Single  
 Private TimerX As Single  
 Private TimerY As Single  
 Private DataFile As String  
 Private NumRecs As Long  
 Private oConn As ADODB.Connection  
 Private oRS As ADODB.Recordset

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Private ActiveTool As Integer
Private ExtX As Double
Private ExtY As Double
Private OldX As Double
Private OldY As Double
Private InitArea As Double
Private TotalVertices As Long
Private TotalDistance As Double

Private Sub cmdDefs_Click()
    On Error GoTo ErrHandler
    txtDimensions.Text = 10000
    txtCenX.Text = 0
    txtCenY.Text = 0
    txtGridInc.Text = 1000

    picDisplay.ScaleTop = Val(txtCenY.Text) + Val(txtDimensions.Text) / 2
    picDisplay.ScaleLeft = Val(txtCenX.Text) - Val(txtDimensions.Text) / 2
    picDisplay.ScaleHeight = Val(txtDimensions.Text) * -1
    picDisplay.ScaleWidth = Val(txtDimensions.Text)
    'Calculate position for cave center
    CenterX = picDisplay.ScaleLeft + picDisplay.ScaleWidth / 2
    CenterY = picDisplay.ScaleTop + (-1 * picDisplay.ScaleHeight / 2)

    'Calculate Grid
    picDisplay.Cls
    DispGrid.XDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
    DispGrid.YDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
    DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
    DrawCaveWalls
    Exit Sub
ErrHandler:
    MsgBox "Error in cmdDefs_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
    Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub cmdEnterVertices_Click()
    On Error GoTo ErrHandler
    picDisplay.Cls
    DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
    NumVertices = 0
    Erase Vertice()
    Erase CaveWall()
    Erase CaveWalls()
    CaveExists = False

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frmEnterVertices.Show vbModal
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
    MsgBox "Error in cmdAddVertex_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine &
Err.Description
    Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub cmdFullExtent_Click()
    On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
    Dim i As Long
    Dim lX As Double
    Dim hX As Double
    Dim lY As Double
    Dim hY As Double

    If CaveExists Then
        lX = Vertice(0).X
        hX = Vertice(0).X
        lY = Vertice(0).Y
        hY = Vertice(0).Y
        For i = 1 To NumVertices - 1
            If Vertice(i).X < lX Then lX = Vertice(i).X
            If Vertice(i).X > hX Then hX = Vertice(i).X
            If Vertice(i).Y < lY Then lY = Vertice(i).Y
            If Vertice(i).Y > hY Then hY = Vertice(i).Y
        Next i
        If hX - lX > hY - lY Then
            txtDimensions.Text = (hX - lX) * 1.1
        Else
            txtDimensions.Text = (hY - lY) * 1.1
        End If
        txtCenX.Text = lX + (hX - lX) / 2
        txtCenY.Text = lY + (hY - lY) / 2
        picDisplay.ScaleTop = txtCenY.Text + txtDimensions.Text / 2
        picDisplay.ScaleLeft = txtCenX.Text - txtDimensions.Text / 2
        picDisplay.ScaleHeight = txtDimensions.Text * -1
        picDisplay.ScaleWidth = txtDimensions.Text
        'Calculate Grid
        picDisplay.Cls
        DispGrid.XDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
        DispGrid.YDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
        DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
        DrawCaveWalls
    Else
        MsgBox "No Cave Exists Yet", , "Undefined Cave"
    End If
End Sub

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End If
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
  MsgBox "Error in cmdFullExtent_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine &
  Err.Description
  Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub cmdLoad_Click()
  On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
  Dim CGWname As String
  Dim FileNum As Integer
  Dim NumCaves As Long
  Dim NumVs As Long
  Dim InX As Double
  Dim InY As Double
  Dim i As Long
  Dim j As Long

  picDisplay.Cls
  DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
  NumVertices = 0
  Erase Vertice()
  Erase CaveWall()
  Erase CaveWalls()
  CaveExists = False
  cdg1.DialogTitle = "Load Cave File"
  cdg1.Filter = "*.cgw|*.cgw"
  cdg1.FileName = ""
  cdg1.ShowOpen
  CGWname = cdg1.FileName
  FileNum = FreeFile
  If CGWname = "" Then Exit Sub
  Open CGWname For Input As #FileNum
  Input #FileNum, NumCaves, NumVs
  ReDim CaveWalls(0 To NumCaves)
  NumVertices = NumVs
  Do While Not EOF(FileNum) ' Check for end of file.
    For i = 0 To NumCaves - 1
      ReDim CaveWall(0 To NumVs - 1, 1 To 2)
      For j = 0 To NumVs - 1
        Input #FileNum, InX, InY
        CaveWall(j, 1) = InX
        CaveWall(j, 2) = InY
      Next j
      CaveWalls(i) = CaveWall
    Next i
  Loop

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    Next
Loop
Close #FileNum

ReDim Vertice(0 To NumVertices - 1)
For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
    Set Vertice(i) = New CaveVertex
    Vertice(i).X = CaveWalls(0)(i, 1)
    Vertice(i).Y = CaveWalls(0)(i, 2)
Next
InitArea = PolyArea(Vertice())
ReDim Vertice(0 To NumVertices - 1)
For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
    Set Vertice(i) = New CaveVertex
    Vertice(i).X = CaveWalls(UBound(CaveWalls) - 1)(i, 1)
    Vertice(i).Y = CaveWalls(UBound(CaveWalls) - 1)(i, 2)
Next
CaveExists = True
DrawCaveWalls
txtArea.Text = "Area: " & FormatNumber(PolyArea(Vertice()) / 1000000, 3) & " m2"
txtDiffArea.Text = "Growth: " & FormatNumber((PolyArea(Vertice()) - InitArea) /
1000000, 6) & " m2"
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in cmdLoad_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Close #FileNum
End Sub

Private Sub cmdProcess_Click()
    On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
    Dim i As Long
    Dim j As Long
    Dim JDay As Double 'current julian date in decimal days
    Dim JDay1 As Double 'initial record's julian date stored so that intervals are right from
the start of each loop (may not start at zero)
    Dim PreviousJDay As Double 'variable to store the last julian date processed
    Dim JYrs As Double 'accumulated interval of time that has been processed in decimal
days
    Dim dInterval As Double 'interval of time the current record represents
    Dim JInterval As Double 'interval of time in decimal days since the last record(s)
were/was processed
    Dim WallNum As Integer
    Dim TempWaterArea As Double
    Dim TempDist As Double
    Dim IntervalCounter As Long
    Dim DRate As Double

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Dim WArea As Double
Const MinsInDay As Double = 1440

TotalVertices = 0
TotalDistance = 0
If tabShape.SelectedItem.Index = 1 Or tabShape.SelectedItem.Index = 2 Then 'if circle
or rectangle are chosen
    If txtNumVertices(tabShape.SelectedItem.Index - 1).Text < 4 Then
        MsgBox "A minimum of four vertices must be specified for this program to run.",
vbCritical, "Insufficient Number of Vertices"
        Exit Sub
    End If
End If

ReDim CaveWalls(0 To 100 / Val(cbxDraw.Text)) 'set up array to store cave walls
dependent on how many are to be drawn

tbr1.Buttons(5).Enabled = False 'disable the add vertex button
frmCaveGrowth.MousePointer = vbHourglass
txtArea.Text = ""
txtArea.Refresh
txtDiffArea.Text = ""
txtDiffArea.Refresh
txtTotals.Text = ""
txtTotals.Refresh
pbr1.Visible = True
pbr1.Value = 0
WaterLevel = 0

'Display Grid
picDisplay.Cls
DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC

'Calculate and display cave center
CenterX = picDisplay.ScaleLeft + picDisplay.ScaleWidth / 2
CenterY = picDisplay.ScaleTop + picDisplay.ScaleHeight / 2
'picDisplay.PSet (CenterX, CenterY), vbGreen

'Generate cave vertices
Select Case tabShape.SelectedItem.Index
    Case 1
        VerticesFromCircle
    Case 2
        VerticesFromRect
    Case 3
End Select

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'store first cave wall
ReDim CaveWall(0 To NumVertices - 1, 1 To 2) 'set up array to hold X,Y pairs
For j = 0 To NumVertices - 1 'store vertice locations
    CaveWall(j, 1) = Vertice(j).X
    CaveWall(j, 2) = Vertice(j).Y
Next j
CaveWalls(0) = CaveWall 'store the cave wall into an array

'Display initial cave
DrawVertices
picDisplay.Refresh
InitArea = PolyArea(Vertice())

If fraInput(0).Visible Then 'simulation
    'Simulate dissolution events
    WaterArea = txtWaterLevel.Text
    For i = 0 To txtNumEvents.Text - 1
        TErosionDist = txtDistance 'distance to move vertices
        'determine which vertices are underwater and thus get more erosion
        'Debug.Print "Event # " & i
        CalcWaterLevel
        SelectUnderWater
        'move vertices to new positions
        CalcCoords

        AddNewVertices (txtMaxDist.Text)

    If i <> 0 Then
        If (txtNumEvents.Text - 1) / (100 / cbxDraw.Text) >= 1 Then
            If i Mod (txtNumEvents.Text - 1) / (100 / cbxDraw.Text) = 0 Then
                DrawVertices
                WallNum = i / ((txtNumEvents.Text - 1) / (100 / cbxDraw.Text))
                ReDim CaveWall(0 To NumVertices - 1, 1 To 2)
                For j = 0 To NumVertices - 1
                    CaveWall(j, 1) = Vertice(j).X
                    CaveWall(j, 2) = Vertice(j).Y
                Next j
                CaveWalls(WallNum) = CaveWall
                DrawUnderWater
                picDisplay.Refresh
                If i <> 0 Then
                    pbr1.Value = i / (txtNumEvents.Text - 1) * 100
                    pbr1.Refresh
                End If
            End If
        End If
    End If

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    End If
  End If
Next

Else 'real data
  If Not oRS Is Nothing Then 'make sure the recordset exists
    NumRecs = oRS.RecordCount
    'oRS.MoveFirst 'move to start of recordset
    'initialize counters
    i = 0
    JYrs = 0
    JInterval = 0
    Do While Round(JYrs, 8) < Val(txtYrs.Text) * 365 'repeat for the number of years
specified by the user
      oRS.MoveFirst 'move to start of recordset
      Do While Not oRS.EOF And (Round(JYrs, 8) <= Val(txtYrs.Text) * 365) 'read in
data until end of file
        'exit if a null record is encountered - user needs to fix data
        If IsNull(oRS.Fields(0).Value) Or IsNull(oRS.Fields(1).Value) Or
IsNull(oRS.Fields(2).Value) Or IsEmpty(oRS.Fields(0).Value) Or
IsEmpty(oRS.Fields(1).Value) Or IsEmpty(oRS.Fields(2).Value) Then
          MsgBox "Missing or null value encountered in data file at record " & i + 1 &
vbNewLine & "Please correct and process again", vbCritical, "Errors Occurred"
          Exit Sub
        Else
          'read values from current dataset
          JDay = oRS.Fields(0).Value 'Decimal Julian Date
          DRate = oRS.Fields(1).Value 'mm/yr
          WArea = oRS.Fields(2).Value * 1000000 'm2 (therefore convert to mm2)
          If i = 0 Then 'if the first record in the file
            PreviousJDay = JDay
            AddNewVertices (txtMaxDist.Text) 'Fill gaps with new vertices
            JDay1 = JDay 'record of start date in file (may not be zero)
          End If
          'due to the following line the first record is not evaluated so must be a row of
zeros
          dInterval = JDay - PreviousJDay 'interval represented by the record being read
          'next line seems odd - idea of multiplying area by time is to later divide by time to
determine an average and then determine area for the interval being processed
          TempWaterArea = TempWaterArea + (WArea * dInterval) 'units of area*time =
mm2*days
          TempDist = TempDist + (DRate * dInterval / 365) '(mm/yr)*(days/365)=mm

          JYrs = JYrs + dInterval 'Julian Years Counter stored in decimal days used to
know when to stop running

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JInterval = JInterval + dInterval 'keep tally of Julian time interval until it reaches
user specified interval
If Round(JInterval, 8) >= Round((txtTimeInterval.Text / MinsInDay), 8) Then
'only process if time passed is greater than user defined interval
Do While Round(JInterval, 8) >= Round((txtTimeInterval.Text / MinsInDay), 8)
'repeat as last record added may represent time greater than one user defined interval
WaterArea = (TempWaterArea / JInterval) 'average area over interval
TErosionDist = TempDist * ((txtTimeInterval.Text / MinsInDay) / JInterval)
'avg distance rate over interval multiplied by time =mm
'Need to reduce TempWaterArea, TempDist, and JInterval to carry over unused
portions of both into the next equation
TempWaterArea = TempWaterArea - (WaterArea * (txtTimeInterval.Text /
MinsInDay))
TempDist = TempDist - TErosionDist
JInterval = JInterval - (txtTimeInterval.Text / MinsInDay)
'Calculate Water Levels
CalcWaterLevel
'select underwater
SelectUnderWater
'move vertices
CalcCoords
'add new vertices
AddNewVertices (txtMaxDist.Text)
Loop
Else 'user defined interval was not yet reached so don't process - accumulate
values
End If

'determine if it is necessary to draw the cave walls
If i <> 0 Then
If NumRecs / (100 / cbxDraw.Text) >= 1 Then
If i Mod NumRecs / (100 / cbxDraw.Text) = 0 Then
DrawVertices
WallNum = i / (NumRecs / (100 / cbxDraw.Text))
ReDim CaveWall(0 To NumVertices - 1, 1 To 2)
For j = 0 To NumVertices - 1
CaveWall(j, 1) = Vertice(j).X
CaveWall(j, 2) = Vertice(j).Y
Next j
CaveWalls(WallNum) = CaveWall
DrawUnderWater
picDisplay.Refresh
If i <> 0 Then
pbr1.Value = (i / NumRecs * 100) Mod 100
pbr1.Refresh
End If

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        End If
    End If
End If
PreviousJDay = JDay 'previous record's timestamp is incremented to the current
record's timestamp (processing complete)
oRS.MoveNext 'move cursor to next record
If Not oRS.EOF Then
    i = i + 1 'increment record counter
    txtRec.Text = i + 1 'display record number
    txtRec.Refresh
Else
    i = i
End If
Loop
PreviousJDay = JDay1 'reset previous each loop to make sure that intervals are
correct
lblYrs.Caption = FormatNumber(JYrs / 365, 1) & " Year(s)" 'display number of
years that have passed
frmCaveGrowth.Refresh 'refresh the form
Loop

'Process any left over portion of time smaller than the specified increment
If Round(JInterval, 8) > 0 Then
    WaterArea = TempWaterArea / JInterval
    TErosionDist = TempDist / JInterval
    CalcWaterLevel 'Calculate Water Levels
    SelectUnderWater 'select underwater
    CalcCoords 'move vertices
    AddNewVertices (txtMaxDist.Text) 'add new vertices
End If
txtRec.Text = ""
lblYrs.Caption = "-"
Else
    MsgBox "Please select a data file", vbOKOnly, "No Data Selected"
End If
End If

'Display final cave shape and water level
DrawVertices

txtArea.Text = "Area: " & FormatNumber(PolyArea(Vertice()) / 1000000, 3) & " m2"
txtDiffArea.Text = "Growth: " & FormatNumber((PolyArea(Vertice()) - InitArea) /
1000000, 6) & " m2"
txtTotals.Text = TotalVertices & " V Events, Avg Dis Rate = " & TotalDistance /
TotalVertices * txtYrs * 525600 / txtTimeInterval.Text

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frmCaveGrowth.MousePointer = vbDefault
pbr1.Visible = False
CaveExists = True
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in cmdProcess_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub cmdSave_Click()
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
Dim CGWname As String
Dim FileNum As Integer
Dim OutX As Double
Dim OutY As Double
Dim i As Long
Dim j As Long

cdg1.DialogTitle = "Save Cave File"
cdg1.Filter = "*.cgw|*.cgw"
cdg1.ShowSave
CGWname = cdg1.FileName
FileNum = FreeFile
Open CGWname For Output As #FileNum
Write #FileNum, UBound(CaveWalls), NumVertices
For i = 0 To UBound(CaveWalls) - 1
On Error Resume Next 'this accounts for earlier caves having less vertices
For j = 0 To NumVertices - 1
OutX = CaveWalls(i)(j, 1)
OutY = CaveWalls(i)(j, 2)
Write #FileNum, OutX, OutY
Next j
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
Next
Close #FileNum
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in cmdSave_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Close #FileNum
End Sub

Private Sub cmdSelectData_Click()
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
Dim cat As New ADOX.Catalog
If Not oRS Is Nothing Then
oRS.Close

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oConn.Close
DataFile = ""
txtDataFile.Text = ""
End If
picDisplay.Cls
DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC

cdg1.DialogTitle = "Select Input Data"
cdg1.FileName = ""
cdg1.Filter = "*.xls|*.xls"
cdg1.ShowOpen
DataFile = cdg1.FileName
If DataFile = "" Then Exit Sub
Set oConn = New ADODB.Connection
Set oRS = New ADODB.Recordset
oConn.Open "Provider=Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0;" & "Data Source=" & DataFile &
";" & _
    "Extended Properties=""Excel 8.0;HDR=YES;""

Set cat.ActiveConnection = oConn
'oRS.Open "[Sheet1$]", oConn, adOpenStatic, adLockOptimistic
'oRS.Open "[" & cat.Tables(0).Name & "]", oConn, adOpenStatic, adLockOptimistic
oRS.Open "[SimData$]", oConn, adOpenStatic, adLockOptimistic
txtDataFile.Text = DataFile
txtDataFile.SetFocus
txtDataFile.SelStart = 0
txtDataFile.SelLength = Len(txtDataFile)
Set cat = Nothing
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
Set cat = Nothing
MsgBox "Error in cmdSelectData_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine &
Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub cmdSet_Click()
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
picDisplay.ScaleTop = Val(txtCenY.Text) + Val(txtDimensions.Text) / 2
picDisplay.ScaleLeft = Val(txtCenX.Text) - Val(txtDimensions.Text) / 2
picDisplay.ScaleHeight = Val(txtDimensions.Text) * -1
picDisplay.ScaleWidth = Val(txtDimensions.Text)
'Calculate position for cave center
CenterX = picDisplay.ScaleLeft + picDisplay.ScaleWidth / 2
CenterY = picDisplay.ScaleTop + (-1 * picDisplay.ScaleHeight / 2)

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'Calculate Grid
picDisplay.Cls
DispGrid.XDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
DispGrid.YDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
DrawCaveWalls
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in cmdSet_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub Command1_Click()
AddNewVertices (txtDistance.Text)
End Sub

Private Sub cmdCLS_Click()
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
picDisplay.Cls
DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in cmdCLS_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub Form_Load()
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
'Pi = 3.141596
ActiveTool = "1"
Pi = 4 * Atn(1)
picDisplay.ScaleTop = Val(txtCenY.Text) + Val(txtDimensions.Text) / 2
picDisplay.ScaleLeft = txtCenX - Val(txtDimensions.Text) / 2
picDisplay.ScaleHeight = Val(txtDimensions.Text) * -1
picDisplay.ScaleWidth = Val(txtDimensions.Text)
Set DispGrid = New GridLines
DispGrid.XDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
DispGrid.YDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
cbxDraw.AddItem 1
cbxDraw.AddItem 5
cbxDraw.AddItem 10
cbxDraw.AddItem 20
cbxDraw.AddItem 25
cbxDraw.AddItem 50
cbxDraw.AddItem 100

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cbxDraw.Text = 5
CaveExists = False
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in Form_Load: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub picDisplay_MouseDown(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y
As Single)
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
If ActiveTool = 1 Or ActiveTool = 2 Or ActiveTool = 3 Then
ExtX = X
ExtY = Y
picDisplay.DrawMode = vbInvert
End If
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in picDisplay_MouseDown: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine &
Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub picDisplay_MouseMove(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y
As Single)
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
txtXY.Text = X & "," & Y
CurX = X
CurY = Y
tmrDisp.Enabled = True
tmrTip.Enabled = False
lblMapTip.Visible = False
If picDisplay.DrawMode = vbInvert Then
If ActiveTool = 3 Then 'Pan
picDisplay.Line (ExtX, ExtY)-(OldX, OldY)
picDisplay.Line (ExtX, ExtY)-(X, Y)
Else
If ActiveTool = 1 Or ActiveTool = 2 Then
picDisplay.Line (ExtX, ExtY)-(OldX, OldY), , B
picDisplay.Line (ExtX, ExtY)-(X, Y), , B
End If
End If
End If
OldX = X
OldY = Y
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:

```

ErrorHandler:

```
MsgBox "Error in picDisplay_MouseMove: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine &
Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub picDisplay_MouseUp(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y
As Single)
```

```
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
```

```
Dim IDList() As String
```

```
Dim i As Long
```

```
Dim Message As String
```

```
Dim lX As Single
```

```
Dim hX As Single
```

```
Dim lY As Single
```

```
Dim hY As Single
```

```
Dim g_Dim As Single
```

```
Dim PanX As Single
```

```
Dim PanY As Single
```

```
Select Case ActiveTool
```

```
Case 1 'Zoom In
```

```
picDisplay.DrawMode = vbCopyPen
```

```
If ExtY > Y Then
```

```
hY = ExtY
```

```
lY = Y
```

```
Else
```

```
lY = ExtY
```

```
hY = Y
```

```
End If
```

```
If ExtX > X Then
```

```
hX = ExtX
```

```
lX = X
```

```
Else
```

```
lX = ExtX
```

```
hX = X
```

```
End If
```

```
If hY - lY > hX - lX Then 'height of zoombox greater than its width
```

```
g_Dim = hY - lY
```

```
picDisplay.ScaleTop = hY
```

```
picDisplay.ScaleLeft = (lX + hX) / 2 - g_Dim / 2
```

```
Else 'width of zoombox greater than its height
```

```
g_Dim = hX - lX
```

```
picDisplay.ScaleLeft = lX
```

```
picDisplay.ScaleTop = (lY + hY) / 2 + g_Dim / 2
```

```
End If
```



```

If g_Dim > 0 Then 'make sure the user did not just click on the map without dragging
picDisplay.ScaleHeight = g_Dim * -1
picDisplay.ScaleWidth = g_Dim

'Calculate Grid
picDisplay.Cls
DispGrid.XDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
DispGrid.YDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
DrawCaveWalls
'DrawVertices
txtDimensions.Text = g_Dim
txtCenX.Text = picDisplay.ScaleLeft + g_Dim / 2
txtCenY.Text = picDisplay.ScaleTop - g_Dim / 2
End If

Case 2 'Zoom Out
picDisplay.DrawMode = vbCopyPen
If ExtY > Y Then
hY = ExtY
lY = Y
Else
lY = ExtY
hY = Y
End If
If ExtX > X Then
hX = ExtX
lX = X
Else
lX = ExtX
hX = X
End If
If hY - lY <> 0 Or hX - lX <> 0 Then
If (hY - lY) > (hX - lX) Then
'diff between zoombox height and the extent height is smallest (short wide zbox)
g_Dim = picDisplay.ScaleHeight / (hY - lY) * picDisplay.ScaleHeight
Else
'diff between zoombox width and the extent width is smallest (short wide zbox)
g_Dim = picDisplay.ScaleWidth / (hX - lX) * picDisplay.ScaleWidth
End If
picDisplay.ScaleTop = lY + (hY - lY) / 2 + g_Dim / 2 'centerY of zbox - half the
new extent
picDisplay.ScaleLeft = lX + (hX - lX) / 2 - g_Dim / 2 'centerX of zbox - half the
new extent
If g_Dim > 0 Then 'make sure the user did not just click on the map without
dragging

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```
picDisplay.ScaleHeight = g_Dim * -1
picDisplay.ScaleWidth = g_Dim
```

```
'Calculate Grid
picDisplay.Cls
DispGrid.XDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
DispGrid.YDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
DrawCaveWalls
txtDimensions.Text = g_Dim
txtCenX.Text = picDisplay.ScaleLeft + g_Dim / 2
txtCenY.Text = picDisplay.ScaleTop - g_Dim / 2
End If
End If
```

#### Case 3 'Pan

```
picDisplay.DrawMode = vbCopyPen
PanX = picDisplay.ScaleLeft + ExtX - X
PanY = picDisplay.ScaleTop + ExtY - Y
picDisplay.ScaleTop = PanY
picDisplay.ScaleLeft = PanX
txtCenX.Text = PanX
txtCenY.Text = PanY
```

```
'Calculate Grid
picDisplay.Cls
DispGrid.XDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
DispGrid.YDiv = Val(txtGridInc.Text)
DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
DrawCaveWalls
```

#### Case 4 'ID

```
If SelectVertex(X, Y) <> "" Then
  IDList = Split(SelectVertex(X, Y), ",")
  For i = 0 To UBound(IDList)
    Message = Message & "Vertex: " & IDList(i) & vbNewLine
    Message = Message & "X: " & Vertice(Val(IDList(i))).X & vbNewLine
    Message = Message & "Y: " & Vertice(Val(IDList(i))).Y & vbNewLine
    Message = Message & "Underwater: " & Vertice(Val(IDList(i))).Underwater &
vbNewLine
    Message = Message & vbNewLine
  Next i
  MsgBox Message, vbOKOnly, "Vertex Info"
End If
```

#### Case 5 'Add Vertex

```
If fraShape(2).Visible Then
```

```

picDisplay.Cls
DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
ReDim Preserve Vertice(0 To NumVertices)
Set Vertice(NumVertices) = New CaveVertex
Vertice(NumVertices).X = X
Vertice(NumVertices).Y = Y
NumVertices = NumVertices + 1
DrawVertices
End If
Case Else
End Select
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in picDisplay_MouseUp: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine &
Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

Public Sub DrawVertices()
Dim i As Long

For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
picDisplay.PSet (Vertice(i).X, Vertice(i).Y), vbRed
'picDisplay.Print Vertice(i).X & ", " & Vertice(i).Y
picDisplay.DrawWidth = 1
If i > 0 Then
picDisplay.Line (Vertice(i - 1).X, Vertice(i - 1).Y)-(Vertice(i).X, Vertice(i).Y)
End If
If i = NumVertices - 1 Then picDisplay.Line (Vertice(0).X, Vertice(0).Y)-
(Vertice(i).X, Vertice(i).Y)
picDisplay.DrawWidth = 3
Next i
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in DrawVertices: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub DrawWaterLevel()
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
picDisplay.DrawWidth = 4
picDisplay.Line (picDisplay.ScaleLeft, Vertice(WaterLevel).Y)-(picDisplay.ScaleLeft +
picDisplay.ScaleWidth, Vertice(WaterLevel).Y), vbCyan
picDisplay.DrawWidth = 3
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:

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MsgBox "Error in DrawWaterLevel: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub DrawUnderWater()
On Error GoTo ErrHandler
Dim i As Long
For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
If Vertice(i).Underwater = True Then
picDisplay.PSet (Vertice(i).X, Vertice(i).Y), vbBlue
End If
Next
Exit Sub
ErrHandler:
MsgBox "Error in DrawUnderWater: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

```

```

Private Function SelectUnderWater() As String
On Error GoTo ErrHandler
Dim i As Long
Dim VList As String

VList = ""
For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
'If Vertice(i).Y <= Vertice(WaterLevel).Y Then
If Round(Vertice(i).Y, 6) <= Round(Vertice(WaterLevel).Y, 6) Then
Vertice(i).Underwater = True
If VList = "" Then
VList = i
Else
VList = VList & "," & i
End If
Else
Vertice(i).Underwater = False
End If
Next
SelectUnderWater = VList
Exit Function
ErrHandler:
MsgBox "Error in SelectUnderWater: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Function

```

```

Private Function PolyArea(Point() As CaveVertex) As Double
' On Error GoTo ErrHandler

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```

Dim i As Long
Dim s1 As Double, s2 As Double
Dim Area As Double
Dim VCount As Integer

VCount = UBound(Point)
s1 = 0
s2 = 0
For i = 0 To (VCount - 1)
    s1 = s1 + (Point(i).X * Point(i + 1).Y)
    s2 = s2 + (Point(i).Y * Point(i + 1).X)
Next
s1 = s1 + Point(VCount).X * Point(0).Y
s2 = s2 + Point(VCount).Y * Point(0).X
PolyArea = 0.5 * Abs(s1 - s2)
Exit Function
ErrorHandler:
    MsgBox "Error in PolyArea: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
End Function

Private Sub CalcCoords()
    Dim i As Long
    Dim Slope As Double
    Dim Bearing As Double
    Dim PosX As Boolean
    Dim PosY As Boolean
    Dim Max As Integer
    Dim Distance As Double
    Dim Undefined As Boolean
    Dim Xarray() As Double 'arrays to hold values while originals are being use in
calculations
    Dim Yarray() As Double

    ReDim Xarray(0 To NumVertices - 1)
    ReDim Yarray(0 To NumVertices - 1)
    Max = NumVertices - 1
    For i = 0 To Max
        Undefined = False
        If Not i = 0 Then
            If Not i = Max Then
                If Round(Vertex(i + 1).X, 6) <> Round(Vertex(i - 1).X, 6) Then
                    Slope = (Vertex(i + 1).Y - Vertex(i - 1).Y) / (Vertex(i + 1).X - Vertex(i - 1).X)
                Else
                    Undefined = True
                End If
                'PosX = IIf(Vertex(i + 1).X >= Vertex(i - 1).X, True, False)
            
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    PosX = IIf(Round(Vertice(i + 1).X, 6) >= Round(Vertice(i - 1).X, 6), True, False)
Else
  If Round(Vertice(0).X, 6) <> Round(Vertice(Max - 1).X, 6) Then
    Slope = (Vertice(0).Y - Vertice(Max - 1).Y) / (Vertice(0).X - Vertice(Max - 1).X)
  Else
    Undefined = True
  End If
  'PosX = IIf(Vertice(0).X >= Vertice(Max - 1).X, True, False)
  PosX = IIf(Round(Vertice(0).X, 6) >= Round(Vertice(Max - 1).X, 6), True, False)
End If
Else
  If Round(Vertice(1).X, 6) <> Round(Vertice(Max).X, 6) Then
    Slope = (Vertice(1).Y - Vertice(Max).Y) / (Vertice(1).X - Vertice(Max).X)
  Else
    Undefined = True
  End If
  'PosX = IIf(Vertice(1).X >= Vertice(Max).X, True, False)
  PosX = IIf(Round(Vertice(1).X, 6) >= Round(Vertice(Max).X, 6), True, False)
End If
If Undefined = False Then
  Bearing = Atn(Slope) * 180 / Pi
  If Bearing < 0 Then
    If PosX = True Then
      Bearing = Bearing * -1
    Else
      Bearing = Bearing * -1 + 180
    End If
  Else
    If PosX = True Then
      Bearing = 360 - Bearing
    Else
      Bearing = 180 - Bearing
    End If
  End If
Else
  If i = 0 Then
    'PosY = IIf(Vertice(1).Y >= Vertice(Max).Y, True, False)
    PosY = IIf(Round(Vertice(1).Y, 6) >= Round(Vertice(Max).Y, 6), True, False)
  ElseIf i = Max Then
    'PosY = IIf(Vertice(0).Y >= Vertice(Max - 1).Y, True, False)
    PosY = IIf(Round(Vertice(0).Y, 6) >= Round(Vertice(Max - 1).Y, 6), True, False)
  Else
    'PosY = IIf(Vertice(i + 1).Y >= Vertice(i - 1).Y, True, False)
    PosY = IIf(Round(Vertice(i + 1).Y, 6) >= Round(Vertice(i - 1).Y, 6), True, False)
  End If
  If PosY = True Then

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    Bearing = 270
Else
    Bearing = 90
End If
End If
If Vertice(i).Underwater = True Then
    Distance = TErosionDist '+ WErosion
    TotalVertices = TotalVertices + 1 'keep track of how many vertices are moved
    TotalDistance = TotalDistance + TErosionDist 'keep track of the total combined
distance moved
Else
    Distance = 0 'TErosionDist
End If
Xarray(i) = Vertice(i).X + Distance * Sin(Pi / 180 * Bearing)
Yarray(i) = Vertice(i).Y + Distance * Cos(Pi / 180 * Bearing)
Next
For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
    Vertice(i).X = Xarray(i)
    Vertice(i).Y = Yarray(i)
Next i
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
    MsgBox "Error in CalcCoords: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
    Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub CalcWaterLevel()
    On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
    Dim i As Long
    Dim UW() As String
    Dim UWVertex() As CaveVertex
    Dim Increasing As Boolean
    Dim ChangeDir As Boolean
    Dim UWArea As Double
    Dim sUWList As String
    Dim dCaveArea As Double

    dCaveArea = PolyArea(Vertice())
    If WaterArea > dCaveArea Then
        'all vertices are wet
        For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
            If Round(Vertice(i).Y, 6) > Round(Vertice(WaterLevel).Y, 6) Then WaterLevel = i
        Next i
        SelectUnderWater
        DrawPoly Vertice()
    Else

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ChangeDir = False
Do While ChangeDir = False
  sUWList = SelectUnderWater
  If sUWList <> "" Then
    UW = Split(sUWList, ",")
    'could check for consecutive here
    ReDim UWVertex(0 To UBound(UW))
    For i = 0 To UBound(UW)
      Set UWVertex(i) = Vertice(Val(UW(i)))
    Next
    If UniqueVertexY Then
      If NextHighest <> -1 And NextLowest <> -1 Then
        'another vertex needs to be added as this one does not have a pair
        ReDim Preserve UWVertex(0 To UBound(UW) + 1)
        Set UWVertex(UBound(UWVertex)) = New CaveVertex
        UWVertex(UBound(UWVertex)).Y = Vertice(WaterLevel).Y
        UWVertex(UBound(UWVertex)).X = GetIntersectX
      End If
    End If

    UWArea = PolyArea(UWVertex())
    If WaterArea > UWArea Then
      'raise level - find next vertex with a greater y value
      If Increasing = False Then
        ChangeDir = True
      Else
        Increasing = True
        If NextHighest <> -1 Then
          WaterLevel = NextHighest
        Else
          ChangeDir = True
        End If
      End If
    ElseIf WaterArea = UWArea Then
      ChangeDir = True
    Else
      'drop level
      If Increasing = True Then ChangeDir = True
      Increasing = False
      If NextLowest <> -1 Then
        WaterLevel = NextLowest
      Else
        ChangeDir = True
      End If
    End If
  End If
End If

```



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Loop

'Debug.Print "Water Level: " & WaterLevel

    DrawPoly UWVertex() 'draw the water level
End If
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in CalcWaterLevel: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub TabInput_Click()
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
Dim i As Integer
For i = 1 To 2
If TabInput.SelectedItem.Index = i Then
fraInput(i - 1).Visible = True
Else
fraInput(i - 1).Visible = False
End If
Next
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in TabInput_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub tabShape_Click()
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
Dim i As Integer
For i = 1 To 4
If tabShape.SelectedItem.Index = i Then
fraShape(i - 1).Visible = True
Else
fraShape(i - 1).Visible = False
End If
Next
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in tabShape_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub tbr1_ButtonClick(ByVal Button As MSComctlLib.Button)
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler

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If ActiveTool > 0 Then
    tbr1.Buttons(ActiveTool).Value = tbrUnpressed
End If
Button.Value = tbrPressed
ActiveTool = Button.Index
tbr1.Refresh
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
    MsgBox "Error in tbr1_ButtonClick: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
    Resume Next
End Sub

Private Sub tmrDisp_Timer()
    On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
    Dim IDList() As String
    Dim i As Long
    Dim Message As String

    If TimerX = CurX And TimerY = CurY Then 'no movement
        If SelectVertex(CurX, CurY) <> "" Then
            IDList = Split(SelectVertex(CurX, CurY), ",")
            For i = 0 To UBound(IDList)
                Message = Message & "Vertex: " & IDList(i) & vbNewLine
                Message = Message & "X: " & Vertice(Val(IDList(i))).X & vbNewLine
                Message = Message & "Y: " & Vertice(Val(IDList(i))).Y & vbNewLine
                Message = Message & "Underwater: " & Vertice(Val(IDList(i))).Underwater &
vbNewLine
            Next i
            lblMapTip.Caption = Message
            If CurX - lblMapTip.Width < picDisplay.ScaleLeft Then
                lblMapTip.Left = picDisplay.ScaleLeft
            Else
                lblMapTip.Left = CurX - lblMapTip.Width
            End If
            If CurY + lblMapTip.Height > picDisplay.ScaleTop Then
                lblMapTip.Top = picDisplay.ScaleTop
            Else
                lblMapTip.Top = CurY + lblMapTip.Height
            End If
            lblMapTip.Visible = True
            tmrTip.Enabled = True
        End If
    End If
    TimerX = CurX
    TimerY = CurY
Exit Sub

```

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ErrorHandler:
  MsgBox "Error in tmrDisp_Timer: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
  Resume Next
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub tmrTip_Timer()
  On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
  lblMapTip.Visible = False
  tmrDisp.Enabled = False
  Exit Sub

```

```

ErrorHandler:
  MsgBox "Error: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
  Resume Next
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub txtDimensions_Change()
  On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
  lblDimensions2.Caption = "x " & FormatNumber(txtDimensions.Text, 2)
  Exit Sub

```

```

ErrorHandler:
  MsgBox "Error in txtDimensions_Change: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine &
  Err.Description
  Resume Next
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub MaxDistCirc()
  On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
  Dim Bearing As Double
  Dim Hypot As Double
  Dim Vertex1 As CaveVertex
  Dim Vertex2 As CaveVertex
  Dim NumVerts As Long

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If Not IsNumeric(txtNumVertices(0).Text) Then Exit Sub

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  Radius = txtRadius.Text
  NumVerts = txtNumVertices(0).Text
  Bearing = 360 / NumVerts * 0
  Set Vertex1 = New CaveVertex
  Vertex1.X = CenterX + Radius * Sin(Pi / 180 * Bearing)
  Vertex1.Y = CenterY + Radius * Cos(Pi / 180 * Bearing)
  Bearing = 360 / NumVerts * 1
  Set Vertex2 = New CaveVertex
  Vertex2.X = CenterX + Radius * Sin(Pi / 180 * Bearing)
  Vertex2.Y = CenterY + Radius * Cos(Pi / 180 * Bearing)

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Hypot = Sqr((Vertex1.Y - Vertex2.Y) ^ 2 + (Vertex1.X - Vertex2.X) ^ 2)
```

```
Set Vertex1 = Nothing
Set Vertex2 = Nothing
txtMaxDist.Text = Round(Hypot, 1)
Exit Sub
```

```
ErrorHandler:
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```
MsgBox "Error: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub VerticesFromCircle()
```

```
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
Dim Bearing As Double
Dim i As Long
```

```
Radius = txtRadius.Text
NumVertices = txtNumVertices(0).Text
ReDim Vertice(0 To NumVertices - 1)
For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
    Bearing = 360 / NumVertices * i
    Set Vertice(i) = New CaveVertex
    Vertice(i).X = CenterX + Radius * Sin(Pi / 180 * Bearing)
    Vertice(i).Y = CenterY + Radius * Cos(Pi / 180 * Bearing)
Next
Exit Sub
```

```
ErrorHandler:
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```
MsgBox "Error: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub cmdAddVertex_Click()
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```
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
picDisplay.Cls
DispGrid.DrawGrid picDisplay, chkShowGrid, chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
NumVertices = 0
Erase Vertice()
Erase CaveWall()
Erase CaveWalls()
CaveExists = False
tbr1.Buttons(ActiveTool).Value = tbrUnpressed
tbr1.Buttons(5).Value = tbrPressed
tbr1.Buttons(5).Enabled = True
ActiveTool = 5
MsgBox "Add vertices by clicking on the display in a clockwise order.", vbOKOnly,
"Add Vertices"
```

```

Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
  MsgBox "Error in cmdAddVertex_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine &
  Err.Description
  Resume Next
End Sub

Function NextHighest() As Integer
  On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
  Dim i As Long
  Dim gap As Double
  Dim NextNum As Integer

  gap = -1
  For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
    If Round(Vertex(i).Y, 6) > Round(Vertex(WaterLevel).Y, 6) Then
      If gap = -1 Then
        gap = Vertex(i).Y - Vertex(WaterLevel).Y
        NextNum = i
      Else
        If Round(Vertex(i).Y - Vertex(WaterLevel).Y, 6) < Round(gap, 6) Then
          gap = Vertex(i).Y - Vertex(WaterLevel).Y
          NextNum = i
        End If
      End If
    End If
  Next i
  If gap = -1 Then NextNum = -1
  NextHighest = NextNum
Exit Function
ErrorHandler:
  MsgBox "Error in NextHighest: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
  Resume Next
End Function

Function NextLowest() As Integer
  On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
  Dim i As Long
  Dim gap As Double
  Dim NextNum As Integer

  gap = -1
  For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
    If Round(Vertex(i).Y, 6) < Round(Vertex(WaterLevel).Y, 6) Then
      If gap = -1 Then
        gap = Vertex(WaterLevel).Y - Vertex(i).Y

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    NextNum = i
Else
    If Round(Vertice(WaterLevel).Y - Vertice(i).Y, 6) < Round(gap, 6) Then
        gap = Vertice(WaterLevel).Y - Vertice(i).Y
        NextNum = i
    End If
End If
End If
Next i
If gap = -1 Then NextNum = -1
NextLowest = NextNum
Exit Function
ErrorHandler:
    MsgBox "Error in NextLowest: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
    Resume Next
End Function

Private Function SelectVertex(X As Single, Y As Single) As String
    On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
    Dim i As Long
    Dim tolerance As Double
    Dim ReturnString As String
    Dim ExtMinX As Double
    Dim ExtMaxX As Double
    Dim ExtMinY As Double
    Dim ExtMaxY As Double

    tolerance = picDisplay.ScaleX(3, vbPixels, vbUser)
    ExtMinX = X - tolerance
    ExtMaxX = X + tolerance
    ExtMinY = Y - tolerance
    ExtMaxY = Y + tolerance
    For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
        If Vertice(i).X < ExtMaxX And Vertice(i).X > ExtMinX And Vertice(i).Y < ExtMaxY
And Vertice(i).Y > ExtMinY Then
            If ReturnString = "" Then
                ReturnString = i
            Else
                ReturnString = ReturnString & "," & i
            End If
        End If
    Next i
    SelectVertex = ReturnString
Exit Function
ErrorHandler:
    MsgBox "Error in SelectVertex: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description

```

End Function

Private Function LargeGapList(Dist As Double) As String

On Error GoTo ErrHandler

Dim i As Long

Dim Hypot As Double

Dim SpaceList As String

For i = 0 To NumVertices - 2

Hypot = Sqr((Vertice(i).Y - Vertice(i + 1).Y) ^ 2 + (Vertice(i).X - Vertice(i + 1).X) ^ 2)

If Hypot > Dist Then

SpaceList = SpaceList & i + 1 & ","

End If

Next i

Hypot = Sqr((Vertice(NumVertices - 1).Y - Vertice(0).Y) ^ 2 + (Vertice(NumVertices - 1).X - Vertice(0).X) ^ 2)

If Hypot > Dist Then

SpaceList = SpaceList & NumVertices & ","

End If

LargeGapList = SpaceList

Exit Function

ErrHandler:

MsgBox "Error in LargeGapList: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description

Resume Next

End Function

Private Sub DrawCaveWalls()

On Error GoTo ErrHandler

Dim i As Long

Dim j As Long

If CaveExists Then

For j = 0 To UBound(CaveWalls) - 1

For i = 0 To UBound(CaveWalls(j))

picDisplay.PSet (CaveWalls(j)(i, 1), CaveWalls(j)(i, 2)), vbRed

picDisplay.DrawWidth = 1

If i > 0 Then

picDisplay.Line (CaveWalls(j)(i - 1, 1), CaveWalls(j)(i - 1, 2))-(CaveWalls(j)(i, 1), CaveWalls(j)(i, 2))

End If

If i = UBound(CaveWalls(j)) Then picDisplay.Line (CaveWalls(j)(0, 1), CaveWalls(j)(0, 2))-(CaveWalls(j)(i, 1), CaveWalls(j)(i, 2))

picDisplay.DrawWidth = 3

Next i

Next j

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End If
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in DrawCaveWalls: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
' Resume Next
End Sub

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Private Sub DrawPoly(Point() As CaveVertex)
Dim i As Long

For i = 0 To UBound(Point)
picDisplay.DrawWidth = 6
picDisplay.PSet (Point(i).X, Point(i).Y), vbCyan
picDisplay.DrawWidth = 1
If i > 0 Then
picDisplay.Line (Point(i - 1).X, Point(i - 1).Y)-(Point(i).X, Point(i).Y), vbBlue
End If
If i = UBound(Point) Then picDisplay.Line (Point(0).X, Point(0).Y)-(Point(i).X,
Point(i).Y), vbBlue
picDisplay.DrawWidth = 3
Next i
Exit Sub

```

```

ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in DrawPoly: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

```

```

Private Function UniqueVertexY() As Boolean
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler

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Dim i As Long
Dim VCount As Long
Dim WL As Double

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WL = Vertice(WaterLevel).Y
For i = 0 To NumVertices - 1
If Vertice(i).Y = WL Then VCount = VCount + 1
Next i
If VCount > 1 Then
UniqueVertexY = False
Else
UniqueVertexY = True
End If
Exit Function

```

```

ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in UniqueVertexY: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description

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```
Resume Next
End Function
```

```
Private Function GetIntersectX()
' On Error GoTo ErrHandler
```

```
Dim i As Long
Dim WL As Double
Dim Vs As String
Dim V() As String
Dim Slope As Double
Dim X As Double
Dim P() As String
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Vs = ""
WL = Vertice(WaterLevel).Y
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'Find vertice pairs containing the waterlevel Y value
If WaterLevel <> 0 And WaterLevel <> NumVertices - 1 Then
  If Vertice(0).Y <= WL And Vertice(NumVertices - 1).Y >= WL Or _
    Vertice(0).Y >= WL And Vertice(NumVertices - 1).Y <= WL Then
    Vs = NumVertices - 1 & ",0 "
  End If
End If
For i = 0 To NumVertices - 2
  If i <> WaterLevel And i + 1 <> WaterLevel Then
    If Round(Vertice(i).Y, 6) <= Round(WL, 6) And Round(Vertice(i + 1).Y, 6) >=
Round(WL, 6) Or _
    Round(Vertice(i).Y, 6) >= Round(WL, 6) And Round(Vertice(i + 1).Y, 6) <=
Round(WL, 6) Then
      Vs = Vs & i & "," & i + 1 & " "
    End If
  End If
Next i
Vs = Trim(Vs)
If Vs <> "" Then
  V = Split(Vs, " ")
  For i = 0 To UBound(V)
    P = Split(V(i), ",")
    'Point Slope Formula.....  $y-y_1 = m(x-x_1)$ 
    If Round(Vertice(P(0)).X, 6) = Round(Vertice(P(1)).X, 6) Then
      X = Vertice(P(0)).X
    Else
      Slope = (Vertice(P(0)).Y - Vertice(P(1)).Y) / (Vertice(P(0)).X - Vertice(P(1)).X)
      X = (Vertice(WaterLevel).Y - Vertice(P(1)).Y) / Slope + Vertice(P(1)).X
    End If
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    Next i
End If
GetIntersectX = X
Exit Function
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in GetIntersectX: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Function

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```

Private Sub AddNewVertex(Position As Long)
Dim i As Long

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ReDim TempVertice(NumVertices)
If Position = 0 Then
TempVertice(Position) = New CaveVertex
'Populate new vertex
For i = 1 To NumVertices - 1
Set TempVertice(i) = Vertice(i - 1)
Next i
ElseIf Position > 0 Then
For i = 0 To Position - 1
Set TempVertice(i) = Vertice(i)
Next i
Set TempVertice(Position) = New CaveVertex
'Populate new vertex
TempVertice(Position).X = (Vertice(Position - 1).X + Vertice(Position).X) / 2
TempVertice(Position).Y = (Vertice(Position - 1).Y + Vertice(Position).Y) / 2
For i = Position + 1 To NumVertices
Set TempVertice(i) = Vertice(i - 1)
Next i
Else
MsgBox "Error - new vertex position cannot be negative", vbCritical, "Error in
AddNewVertex"
End If
Vertice = TempVertice
Erase TempVertice
DrawVertices
End Sub

```

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Private Function AddNewVertices(MaxDist As Double)

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```

On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
Dim i As Long
Dim j As Long
Dim Hypot As Double
Dim NumVs As Long
Dim PosDist As Double

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Dim NewVertex As CaveVertex
Dim NumNewVs As Long

'Debug.Print "START"
NumNewVs = 0
For i = 0 To NumVertices - 2

    ReDim Preserve TempVertice(i + NumNewVs) 'increment the temparray appropriately

    Set TempVertice(i + NumNewVs) = Vertice(i)
    Hypot = Sqr((Vertice(i).Y - Vertice(i + 1).Y) ^ 2 + (Vertice(i).X - Vertice(i + 1).X) ^
2)
    'Debug.Print Hypot
    If Hypot > MaxDist Then 'if the distance is greater than the maximum then split it by
adding vertices
        NumVs = Int(Hypot / MaxDist) 'divide the distance by the max distance to determine
the number of vertices to add

        For j = 1 To NumVs
            NumNewVs = NumNewVs + 1 'increment number of new vertices
            ReDim Preserve TempVertice(i + NumNewVs)
            Set NewVertex = New CaveVertex
            NewVertex.X = Vertice(i).X + ((Vertice(i + 1).X - Vertice(i).X) / (NumVs + 1)) * j
            NewVertex.Y = Vertice(i).Y + ((Vertice(i + 1).Y - Vertice(i).Y) / (NumVs + 1)) * j
            Set TempVertice(i + NumNewVs) = NewVertex
        Next j
    End If
Next i
'deal with distance between penultimate and last vertex
ReDim Preserve TempVertice(i + NumNewVs)
Set TempVertice(i + NumNewVs) = Vertice(i)
Hypot = Sqr((Vertice(i).Y - Vertice(0).Y) ^ 2 + (Vertice(i).X - Vertice(0).X) ^ 2)
If Hypot > MaxDist Then
    NumVs = Int(Hypot / MaxDist) 'divide the distance by the max distance to determine
the number of vertices to add
    For j = 1 To NumVs
        NumNewVs = NumNewVs + 1 'increment number of new vertices
        ReDim Preserve TempVertice(i + NumNewVs)
        Set NewVertex = New CaveVertex
        NewVertex.X = Vertice(i).X + ((Vertice(0).X - Vertice(i).X) / (NumVs + 1)) * j
        NewVertex.Y = Vertice(i).Y + ((Vertice(0).Y - Vertice(i).Y) / (NumVs + 1)) * j
        Set TempVertice(i + NumNewVs) = NewVertex
    Next j
End If
Vertice = TempVertice
NumVertices = UBound(Vertice) + 1

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Erase TempVertice
DrawVertices
'Debug.Print "END"
Exit Function
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error in AddNewVertices: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine & Err.Description
Resume Next
End Function

Private Sub txtNumVertices_Change(Index As Integer)
If Index = 0 Then
MaxDistCirc
Else
MaxDistRect
End If
End Sub

Private Sub VerticesFromRect()
On Error GoTo ErrorHandler
Dim Bearing As Double
Dim i As Long
Dim RectWidth As Double
Dim RectHeight As Double
Dim Perimiter As Double
Dim AvSpace As Double
Dim VSpace As Double
Dim HSpace As Double
Dim VNum As Long
Dim HNum As Long
Dim MinX As Double
Dim MinY As Double
Dim MaxX As Double
Dim MaxY As Double
Dim OddFlag As Boolean
Dim OddSpace As Double

OddFlag = False
RectWidth = txtWidth.Text
RectHeight = txtHeight.Text
NumVertices = txtNumVertices(1).Text
ReDim Vertice(0 To NumVertices - 1)
If NumVertices Mod 2 = 1 Then OddFlag = True 'is the number of vertices odd?

Perimiter = RectWidth * 2 + RectHeight * 2
If OddFlag = False Then
AvSpace = Perimiter / NumVertices

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Else
  AvSpace = Perimeter / (NumVertices - 1) 'extra vertice will be added to the bottom
End If
'HNum and Vnum represent the number of spaces
If Int(RectHeight / AvSpace) < RectHeight / AvSpace Then
  If Int(RectWidth / AvSpace) > 0 Then 'width smaller than average spacing
    'If Int(RectWidth / AvSpace) Mod 2 > 0 Then
      VNum = Int(RectHeight / AvSpace) + 1 'height gets extra vertices
    Else
      VNum = Int(RectHeight / AvSpace) 'detract one for the width
    End If
  Else 'evenly divisible by the average spacing
    If Int(RectWidth / AvSpace) > 0 Then
      VNum = Int(RectHeight / AvSpace)
    End If
  End If
HNum = Int(RectWidth / AvSpace)

If VNum = 0 Then '(height is less than an average space)
  VSpace = RectHeight
Else
  VSpace = RectHeight / VNum
End If
If HNum = 0 Then '(width is less than an average space)
  HSpace = RectWidth
  OddSpace = RectWidth / 2 'if odd, the base needs to accomodate an extra vertice
Else
  HSpace = RectWidth / HNum
  OddSpace = RectWidth / (HNum + 1) 'if odd, the base needs to accomodate an extra
vertice
End If

'determine rectangle bounds
MinX = CenterX - RectWidth / 2
MinY = CenterY - RectHeight / 2
MaxX = CenterX + RectWidth / 2
MaxY = CenterY + RectHeight / 2

Set Vertice(0) = New CaveVertex
Vertice(0).X = MinX
Vertice(0).Y = MaxY
For i = 1 To NumVertices - 1
  Set Vertice(i) = New CaveVertex
  If Round(Vertice(i - 1).X, 6) = Round(MinX, 6) Then 'Left side
    If Round(Vertice(i - 1).Y, 6) < Round(MaxY, 6) Then
      Vertice(i).X = MinX

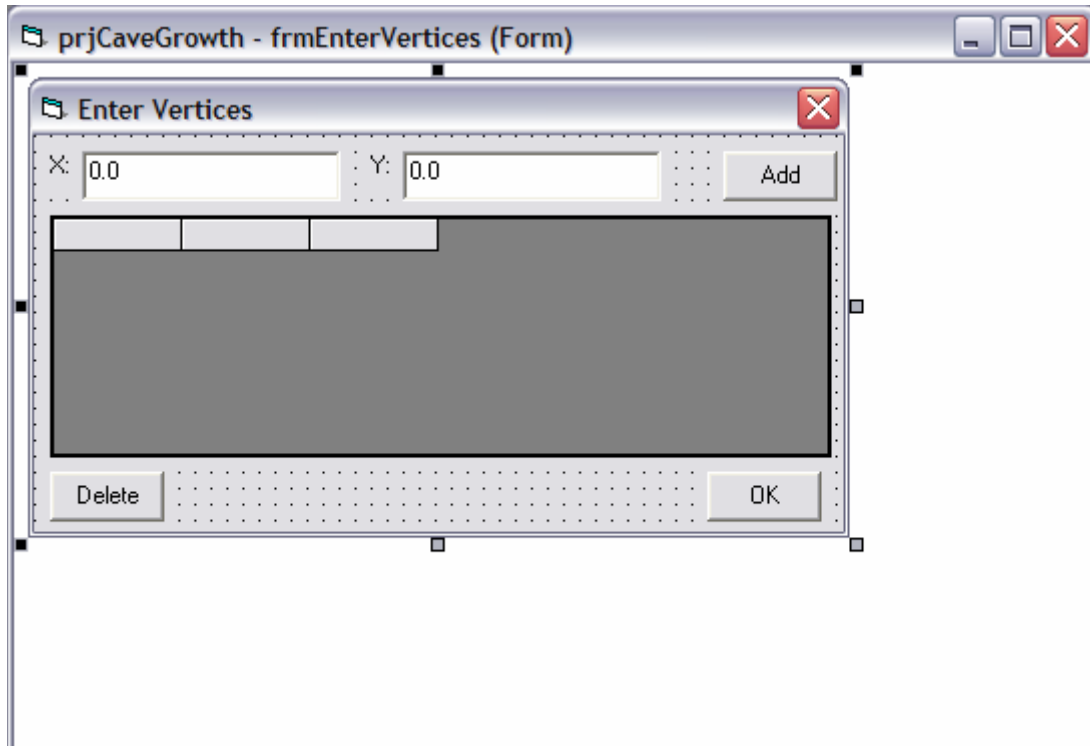
```

```

    Vertice(i).Y = Vertice(i - 1).Y + VSpace
Else 'Start along top
    Vertice(i).X = MinX + HSpace
    Vertice(i).Y = MaxY
End If
ElseIf Round(Vertice(i - 1).Y, 6) = Round(MinY, 6) Then 'Bottom
    If OddFlag = False Then
        If Round(Vertice(i - 1).X, 6) > Round(MinX, 6) Then
            Vertice(i).X = Vertice(i - 1).X - HSpace
            Vertice(i).Y = MinY
        End If
    Else 'odd number of vertices so add one to bottom
        If Round(Vertice(i - 1).X, 6) > Round(MinX, 6) Then
            Vertice(i).X = Vertice(i - 1).X - OddSpace
            Vertice(i).Y = MinY
        End If
    End If
ElseIf Round(Vertice(i - 1).X, 6) = Round(MaxX, 6) Then 'Right side
    If Round(Vertice(i - 1).Y, 6) > Round(MinY, 6) Then
        Vertice(i).X = MaxX
        Vertice(i).Y = Vertice(i - 1).Y - VSpace
    Else 'Start along bottom
        Vertice(i).X = Vertice(i - 1).X - HSpace
        Vertice(i).Y = MinY
    End If
ElseIf Round(Vertice(i - 1).Y, 6) = Round(MaxY, 6) Then 'Top
    If Round(Vertice(i - 1).X, 6) < Round(MaxX, 6) Then
        Vertice(i).X = Vertice(i - 1).X + HSpace
        Vertice(i).Y = MaxY
    End If
End If
Next
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
    MsgBox "Error in VerticesFromCircle: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine &
    Err.Description
    Resume Next
End Sub

```

**VB6 Project: prjCaveGrowth**  
**Form: frmEnterVertices**



Option Explicit

```
Private Sub cmdAdd_Click()
    frmCaveGrowth.picDisplay.Cls
    DispGrid.DrawGrid frmCaveGrowth.picDisplay, frmCaveGrowth.chkShowGrid,
    frmCaveGrowth.chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
    ReDim Preserve Vertice(0 To NumVertices)
    Set Vertice(NumVertices) = New CaveVertex
    Vertice(NumVertices).X = txtXCoord
    Vertice(NumVertices).Y = txtYCoord
    'lstVertices.AddItem "Vertice " & NumVertices & ": " & Vertice(NumVertices).X & ",
    " & Vertice(NumVertices).Y
    flx1.AddItem NumVertices + 1 & vbTab & Vertice(NumVertices).X & vbTab &
    Vertice(NumVertices).Y
    NumVertices = NumVertices + 1
    frmCaveGrowth.DrawVertices
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub cmdDelete_Click()
    Dim SelRow As Long
    Dim i As Long
    Dim NewVertex As CaveVertex
```

```

SelRow = flx1.RowSel
flx1.Row = SelRow
ReDim TempVertice(UBound(Vertice) - 1) 'increment the temparray appropriately
If SelRow > 1 Then
    For i = 0 To SelRow - 2 'vertice() is zero based and row number includes title
        Set TempVertice(i) = Vertice(i)
    Next i
    For i = SelRow - 1 To UBound(TempVertice)
        Set TempVertice(i) = Vertice(i + 1)
    Next i
Else
    For i = 0 To UBound(TempVertice)
        Set TempVertice(i) = Vertice(i + 1)
    Next i
End If
Vertice = TempVertice
NumVertices = UBound(Vertice) + 1
Erase TempVertice
PopulateFlexGrid
frmCaveGrowth.picDisplay.Cls
DispGrid.DrawGrid frmCaveGrowth.picDisplay, frmCaveGrowth.chkShowGrid,
frmCaveGrowth.chkShowLabels, &HDCDCDC
frmCaveGrowth.DrawVertices
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub cmdOK_Click()
    Dim l As Long
    ReDim CaveWalls(0 To 1)
    'store first cave wall
    ReDim CaveWall(0 To NumVertices - 1, 1 To 2)
    For l = 0 To NumVertices - 1
        CaveWall(l, 1) = Vertice(l).X
        CaveWall(l, 2) = Vertice(l).Y
    Next l
    CaveWalls(0) = CaveWall
    CaveExists = True

```

```

Unload Me
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub Form_Load()
    flx1.Row = 0
    flx1.Col = 0
    flx1.Text = "Vertex"
    flx1.Col = 1

```



```
flx1.Text = "X"  
flx1.Col = 2  
flx1.Text = "Y"  
flx1.ColWidth(0) = 700  
flx1.ColWidth(1) = 2500  
flx1.ColWidth(2) = 2500  
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub PopulateFlexGrid()  
    Dim l As Long  
    flx1.Rows = 1  
    For l = 0 To UBound(Vertice)  
        flx1.AddItem l + 1 & vbTab & Vertice(l).X & vbTab & Vertice(l).Y, l + 1  
    Next l  
End Sub
```

**VB6 Project: prjCaveGrowth**  
**Module: basGlobals**

Option Explicit

Public Vertice() As CaveVertex  
Public TempVertice() As CaveVertex  
Public NumVertices As Long  
Public DispGrid As GridLines

Public CaveExists As Boolean  
Public CaveWalls() As Variant 'array of CaveWall arrays  
Public CaveWall() As Double '2 dimensional array of cave vertices (X,Y)

**VB6 Project: prjCaveGrowth**  
**Class Module: CaveVertex**

```
Option Explicit
Private m_X As Double
Private m_Y As Double
Private m_UnderWater As Boolean

Public Property Get X() As Double
    X = m_X
End Property

Public Property Let X(ByVal NewX As Double)
    m_X = NewX
End Property

Public Property Get Y() As Double
    Y = m_Y
End Property

Public Property Let Y(ByVal NewY As Double)
    m_Y = NewY
End Property

Public Property Get Underwater() As Boolean
    Underwater = m_UnderWater
End Property

Public Property Let Underwater(ByVal NewUnderwater As Boolean)
    m_UnderWater = NewUnderwater
End Property

Private Sub Class_Initialize()
End Sub
```

**VB6 Project: prjCaveGrowth**  
**Class Module: GridLines**

Option Explicit

Private m\_Xmin As Double

Private m\_Xmax As Double

Private m\_Ymin As Double

Private m\_Ymax As Double

Private m\_XDiv As Double

Private m\_YDiv As Double

Public Property Get XDiv() As Double

    XDiv = m\_XDiv

End Property

Public Property Let XDiv(ByVal Div As Double)

    m\_XDiv = Div

End Property

Public Property Get YDiv() As Double

    YDiv = m\_YDiv

End Property

Public Property Let YDiv(ByVal Div As Double)

    m\_YDiv = Div

End Property

Public Sub DrawGrid(PicBox As PictureBox, grid As Boolean, labels As Boolean,  
LineColor As Long)

    Dim Xmin As Double

    Dim Xmax As Double

    Dim Ymin As Double

    Dim Ymax As Double

    Dim startX As Double

    Dim startY As Double

    Dim CurrentX As Double

    Dim CurrentY As Double

    Dim OldWidth As Integer

    If m\_XDiv = 0 Then

        MsgBox "XDiv is zero", vbCritical, "Invalid Grid Increment Value"

        Exit Sub

    End If

    OldWidth = PicBox.DrawWidth

    PicBox.DrawWidth = 1

    Xmin = PicBox.ScaleLeft

```

Xmax = PictureBox.ScaleLeft + PictureBox.ScaleWidth
Ymin = PictureBox.ScaleTop + PictureBox.ScaleHeight
Ymax = PictureBox.ScaleTop

PictureBox.ForeColor = vbBlack
startX = (Xmin \ m_XDiv) * m_XDiv \ returns an integer
CurrentX = startX
Do While CurrentX < Xmax
  If grid Then
    PictureBox.Line (CurrentX, Ymin)-(CurrentX, Ymax), LineColor
  Else
    PictureBox.CurrentX = CurrentX
    PictureBox.CurrentY = Ymax
  End If
  If labels Then PictureBox.Print CurrentX
  CurrentX = CurrentX + XDiv
Loop
startY = (Ymin \ m_YDiv) * m_YDiv \ returns an integer
CurrentY = startY
Do While CurrentY < Ymax
  If grid Then
    PictureBox.Line (Xmax, CurrentY)-(Xmin, CurrentY), LineColor
  Else
    PictureBox.CurrentX = Xmin
    PictureBox.CurrentY = CurrentY
  End If
  If labels Then PictureBox.Print CurrentY
  CurrentY = CurrentY + YDiv
Loop

PictureBox.DrawWidth = OldWidth
End Sub

```

## APPENDIX II

### S-PLUS Gamma Function Code

**SPLUS Script: CaveDataGamma.ssc**

Function:

```
CaveDataGamma<-function(numrecs, alpha, beta){  
  df1<-data.frame()  
  df1$FLOW<-rgamma(numrecs,alpha,beta)  
  df1$FLOW2<-df1$FLOW*(12255649896/sum(df1$FLOW))  
  df1  
}
```

Commands Window Usage Example:

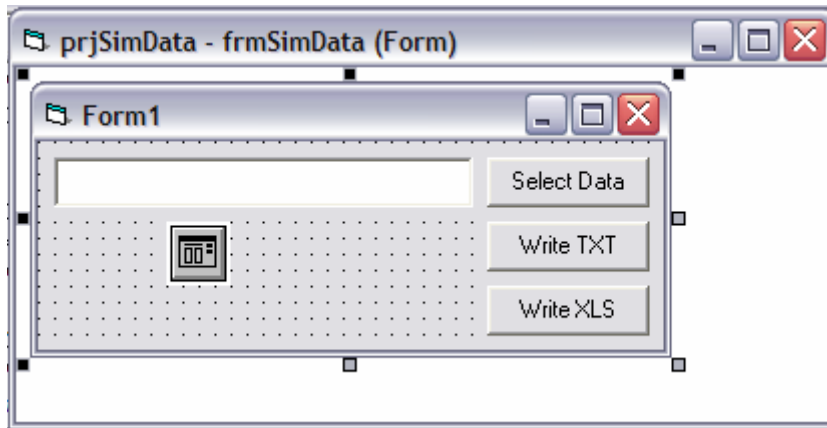
```
GA001B1 <- CaveDataGamma(8760, 0.01, 1)
```

## APPENDIX III

### Simulation Data Generation Code



**VB6 Project: prjSimData**  
**Form: FrmSimData**



Option Explicit

```
Private oConn As ADODB.Connection
Private oRS As ADODB.Recordset
Private DataFile As String
```

```
Private Sub cmdGenerate_Click()
```

```
    Dim FileName As String
```

```
    Dim i As Long
```

```
    Dim JDay As Double 'Julian Days
```

```
    Dim Flow As Double 'Flow in Liters
```

```
    Dim Disch As Double 'Discharge in Liters per Second
```

```
    Dim Diss As Double 'Dissolution Rate in mm per year
```

```
    Dim XArea As Double
```

```
    Const FullPassage = 25 'Full Passage is about 24.75
```

```
    cdg1.DialogTitle = "Save Output Textfile"
```

```
    cdg1.FileName = Mid(DataFile, InStrRev(DataFile, "\") + 1, Len(DataFile) -  
InStrRev(DataFile, "\") - 4) & ".txt"
```

```
    cdg1.InitDir = App.Path
```

```
    cdg1.Filter = "Text (*.txt)*.txt"
```

```
    cdg1.ShowSave
```

```
    FileName = cdg1.FileName
```

```
    Open FileName For Output As #1
```

```
    i = 0
```

```
    If Not oRS Is Nothing Then 'make sure the recordset exists
```

```
        Print #1, "Julian Day, Dissolution Rate (mm/yr), Wetted X-Section (m2), Flow (L),  
Discharge (L/s)"
```

```
        Print #1, "0, 0, 0, 0" 'Line of zeros so that the first real time increment is not ignored in  
the program
```

```

oRS.MoveFirst 'move to start of recordset
Do While Not oRS.EOF 'read in data until end of file
  i = i + 1
  JDay = i / 24 'decimal days - presumes records are in hours
  Flow = oRS.Fields(1).Value 'l
  Disch = Flow / 3600 'assumption that # of records is in hours
  Diss = 0.3412 * (1 - Exp(-0.0001168 * Disch))
  XArea = IIf(Disch <= 3500, 0.009284 * Disch + 1.867, FullPassage)
  Print #1, JDay & ", " & Diss & ", " & XArea & ", " & Flow & ", " & Disch
  oRS.MoveNext
Loop
Close #1
End If
End Sub

Private Sub cmdSelect_Click()
  On Error GoTo ErrHandler
  Dim cat As New ADOX.Catalog

  If Not oRS Is Nothing Then
    oRS.Close
    oConn.Close
    DataFile = ""
    txtDataFile.Text = ""
  End If

  cdg1.DialogTitle = "Select Input Data"
  cdg1.FileName = ""
  cdg1.Filter = "*.xls|*.xls"
  cdg1.ShowOpen
  DataFile = cdg1.FileName
  If DataFile = "" Then Exit Sub
  Set oConn = New ADODB.Connection
  Set oRS = New ADODB.Recordset
  oConn.Open "Provider=Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0;" & "Data Source=" & DataFile &
";" & _
    "Extended Properties=""Excel 8.0;HDR=YES;""

  Set cat.ActiveConnection = oConn

  oRS.Open "[" & cat.Tables(0).Name & "]", oConn, adOpenStatic, adLockOptimistic
  txtDataFile.Text = DataFile
  Set cat = Nothing
Exit Sub
ErrHandler:

```

```

MsgBox "Error in cmdSelectData_Click: " & Err.Number & vbNewLine &
Err.Description
Resume Next
End Sub

```

```
Private Sub cmdXLS_Click()
```

```

Dim NewRS As ADODB.Recordset
Dim cat As New ADOX.Catalog
Dim NewTable As ADOX.Table
Dim NewCol As ADOX.Column
Dim i As Long
Dim JDay As Double 'Julian Days
Dim Flow As Double 'Flow in Liters
Dim Disch As Double 'Discharge in Liters per Second
Dim Diss As Double 'Dissolution Rate in mm per year
Dim XArea As Double
Const FullPassage = 25 'Full Passage is about 24.75

```

```

"Julian Day (Days), Dissolution Rate (mm/yr), Wetted X-Secton (m2), Flow (L),
Discharge (L/s)"

```

```
i = 0
```

```
If DataFile = "" Then Exit Sub
```

```
cat.ActiveConnection = "Provider=Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0;" & "Data Source=" &
DataFile & ";Extended Properties=""Excel 8.0;HDR=YES;"""
```

```
Set NewTable = New ADOX.Table
```

```
NewTable.Name = "SimData"
```

```
Set NewCol = New ADOX.Column
```

```
NewCol.Name = "Julian Day (Days)"
```

```
NewCol.Type = adDouble
```

```
NewTable.Columns.Append NewCol
```

```
Set NewCol = Nothing
```

```
Set NewCol = New ADOX.Column
```

```
NewCol.Name = "Dissolution Rate (mm/yr)"
```

```
NewCol.Type = adDouble
```

```
NewTable.Columns.Append NewCol
```

```
Set NewCol = Nothing
```

```
Set NewCol = New ADOX.Column
```

```
NewCol.Name = "Wetted X-Secton (m2)"
```

```
NewCol.Type = adDouble
```

```
NewTable.Columns.Append NewCol
```

```
Set NewCol = Nothing
```

```
Set NewCol = New ADOX.Column
```

```
NewCol.Name = "Flow (L)"
```

```
NewCol.Type = adDouble
```

```
NewTable.Columns.Append NewCol
```

```

Set NewCol = Nothing
Set NewCol = New ADOX.Column
NewCol.Name = "Discharge (L/s)"
NewCol.Type = adDouble
NewTable.Columns.Append NewCol
Set NewCol = Nothing
cat.Tables.Append NewTable
Set NewRS = New ADODB.Recordset
NewRS.Open "[SimData]", oConn, adOpenStatic, adLockOptimistic
If Not oRS Is Nothing Then 'make sure the recordset exists
    oRS.MoveFirst 'move to start of recordset
    NewRS.AddNew 'Line of zeros so that the first real time increment is not ignored in
the program
    NewRS.Fields(0).Value = 0
    NewRS.Fields(1).Value = 0
    NewRS.Fields(2).Value = 0
    NewRS.Fields(3).Value = 0
    NewRS.Fields(4).Value = 0
    NewRS.Update 'save record
Do While Not oRS.EOF 'read in data until end of file
    i = i + 1
    JDay = i / 24 'decimal days - presumes records are in hours
    Flow = oRS.Fields(1).Value 'l
    Disch = Flow / 3600 'assumption that # of records is in hours
    Diss = 0.3412 * (1 - Exp(-0.0001168 * Disch))
    XArea = IIf(Disch <= 3500, 0.009284 * Disch + 1.867, FullPassage)
    NewRS.AddNew
    NewRS.Fields(0).Value = JDay
    NewRS.Fields(1).Value = Diss
    NewRS.Fields(2).Value = XArea
    NewRS.Fields(3).Value = Flow
    NewRS.Fields(4).Value = Disch
    NewRS.Update 'save record

    oRS.MoveNext
Loop
MsgBox "Done"
Set oRS = Nothing
Set oConn = Nothing
Set cat = Nothing
Set NewRS = Nothing
End If
End Sub

```