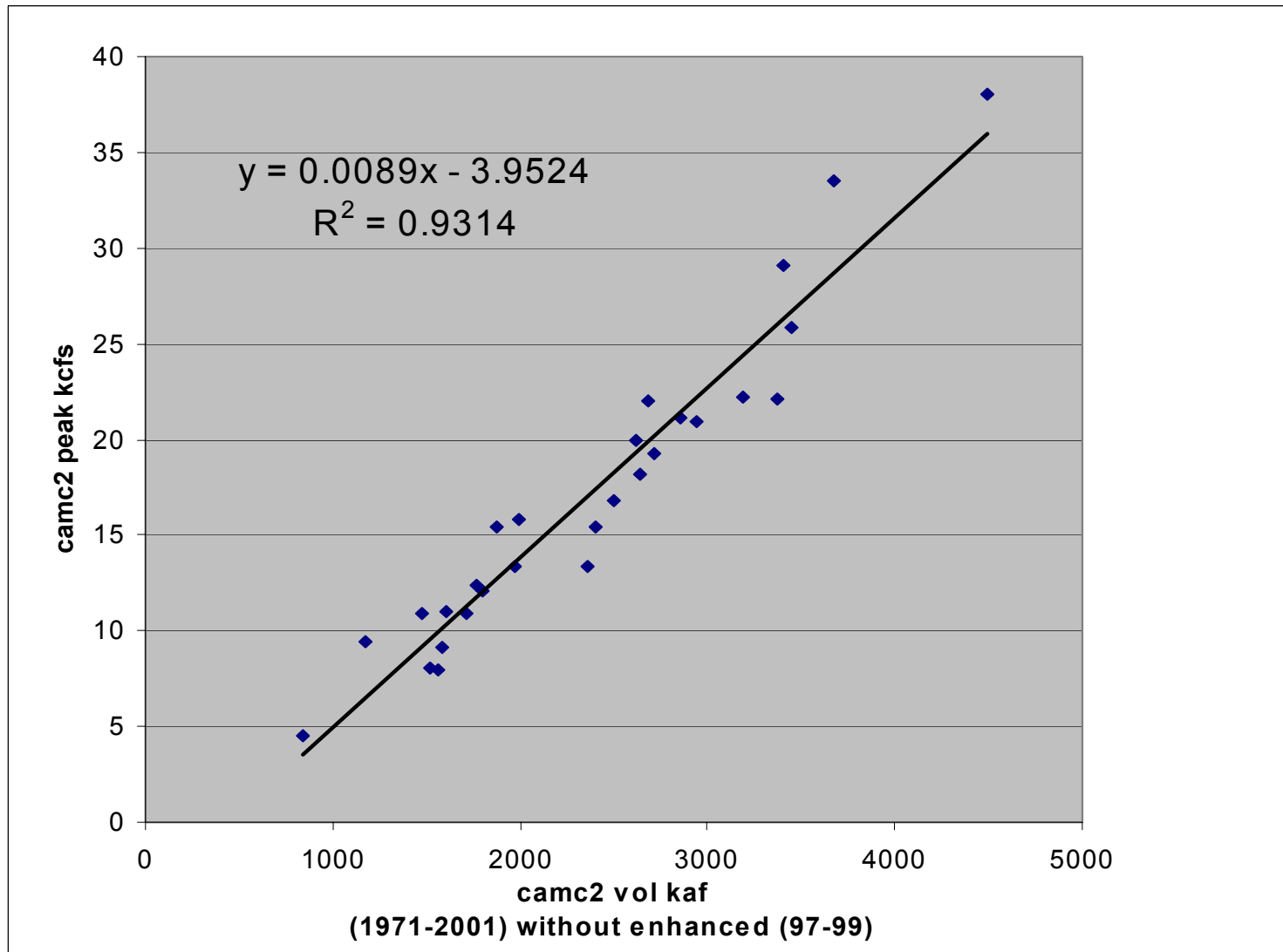
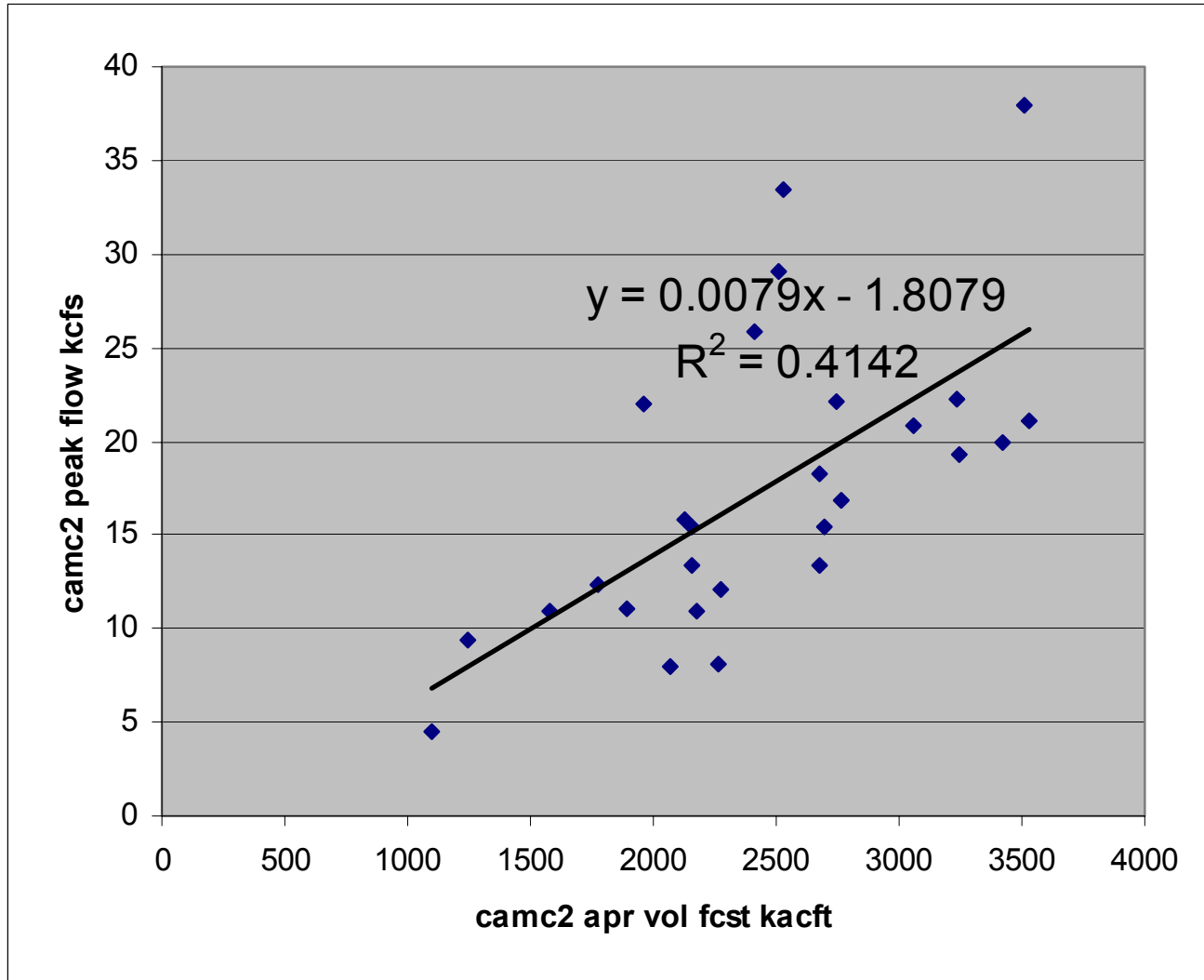


Linear Regression of Observed April-July Natural Volume at Colorado near Cameo versus Observed Peak Flow



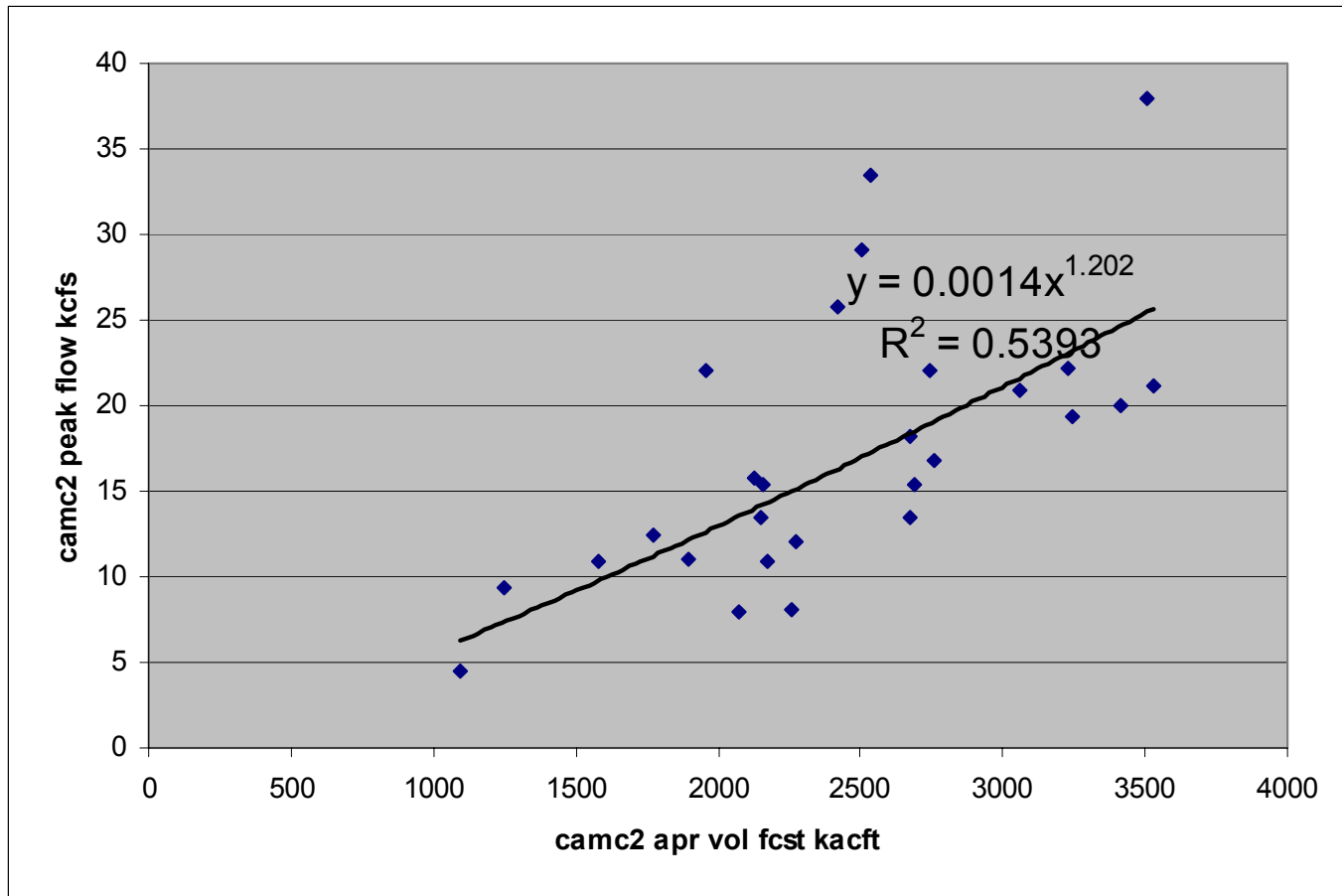
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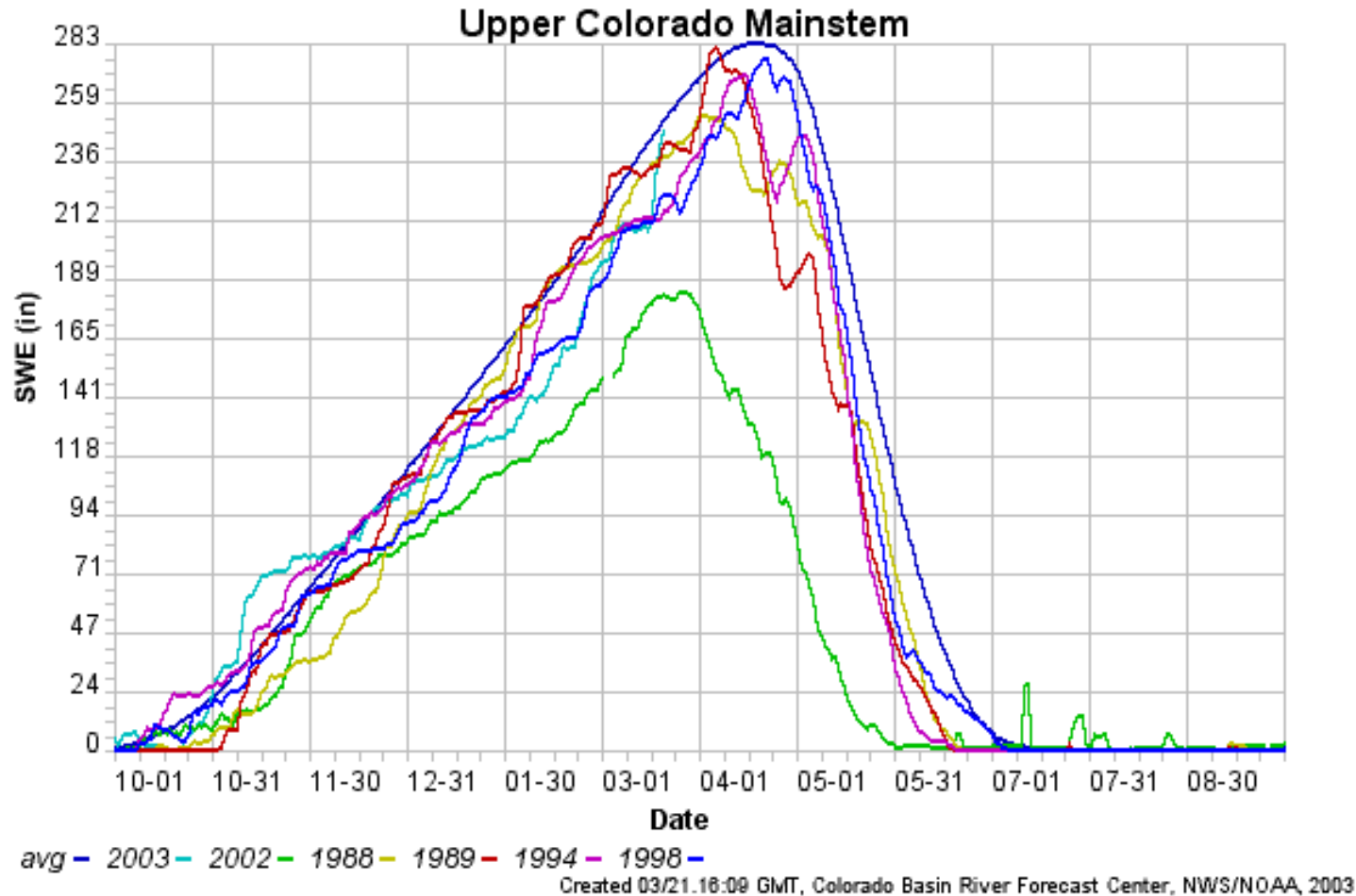
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Power Equation of Forecast April-July Natural Volume at Colorado near Cameo versus Observed Peak Flow



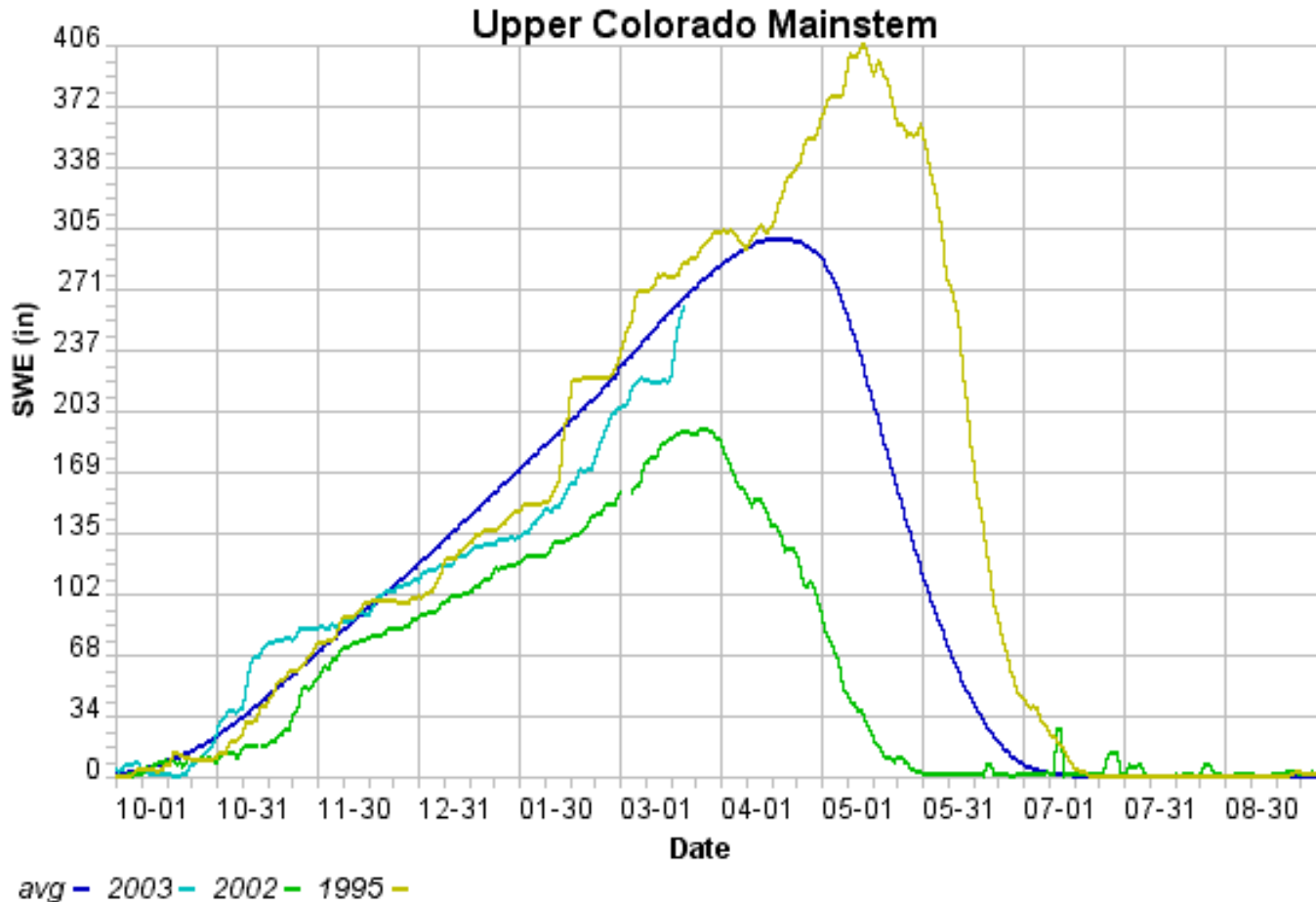
Forecast Volume of 1930 kaf would give peak of 12460 cfs

Past Years with Similar Snowpacks on March 21st



Year	2003	2002	1988	1989	1994	1998*
Vol	1930(f)	695	1801	1516	1610	2253
Peak	13000(f)	4020	12100	8050	11000	15100*

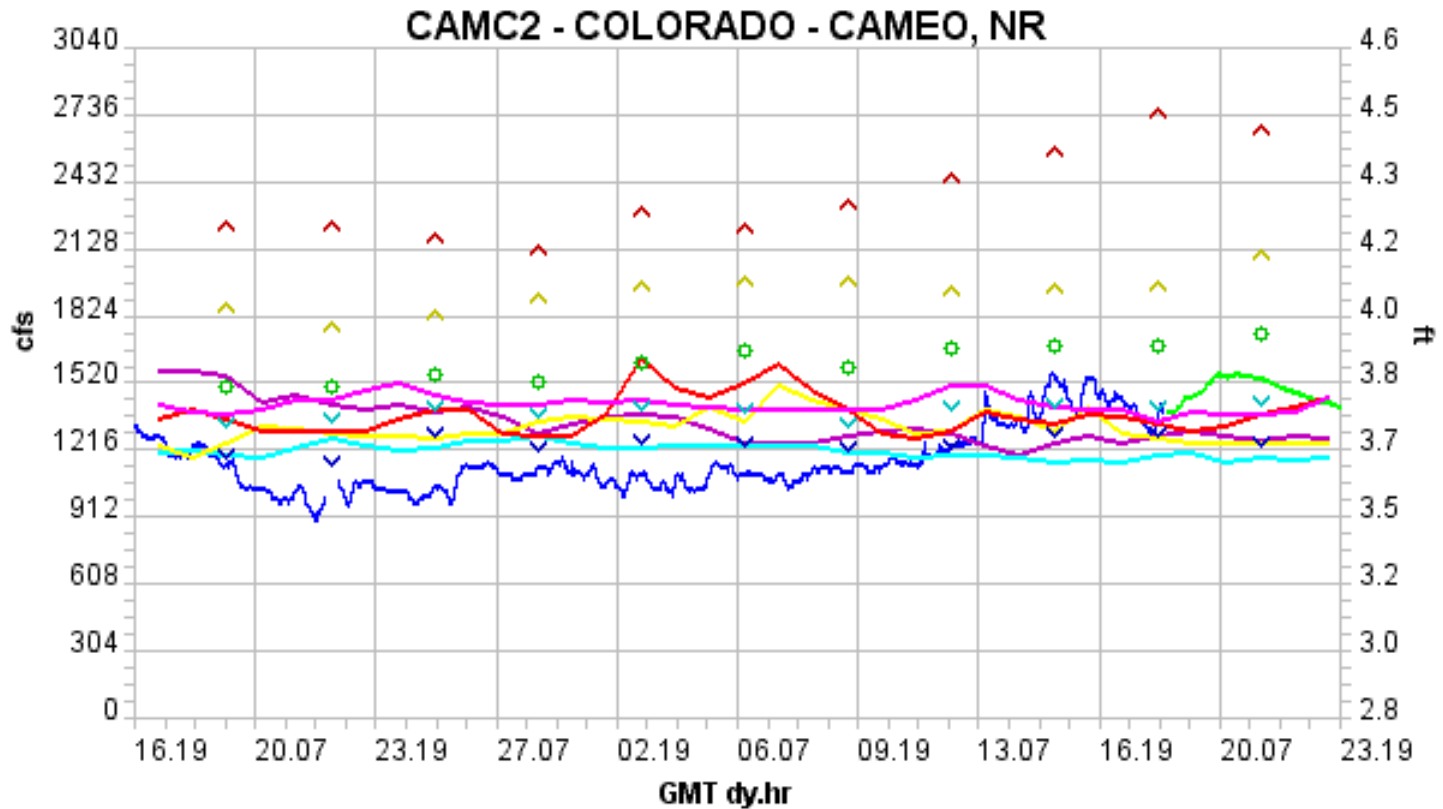
Past Years with Similar Snowpacks on March 21st



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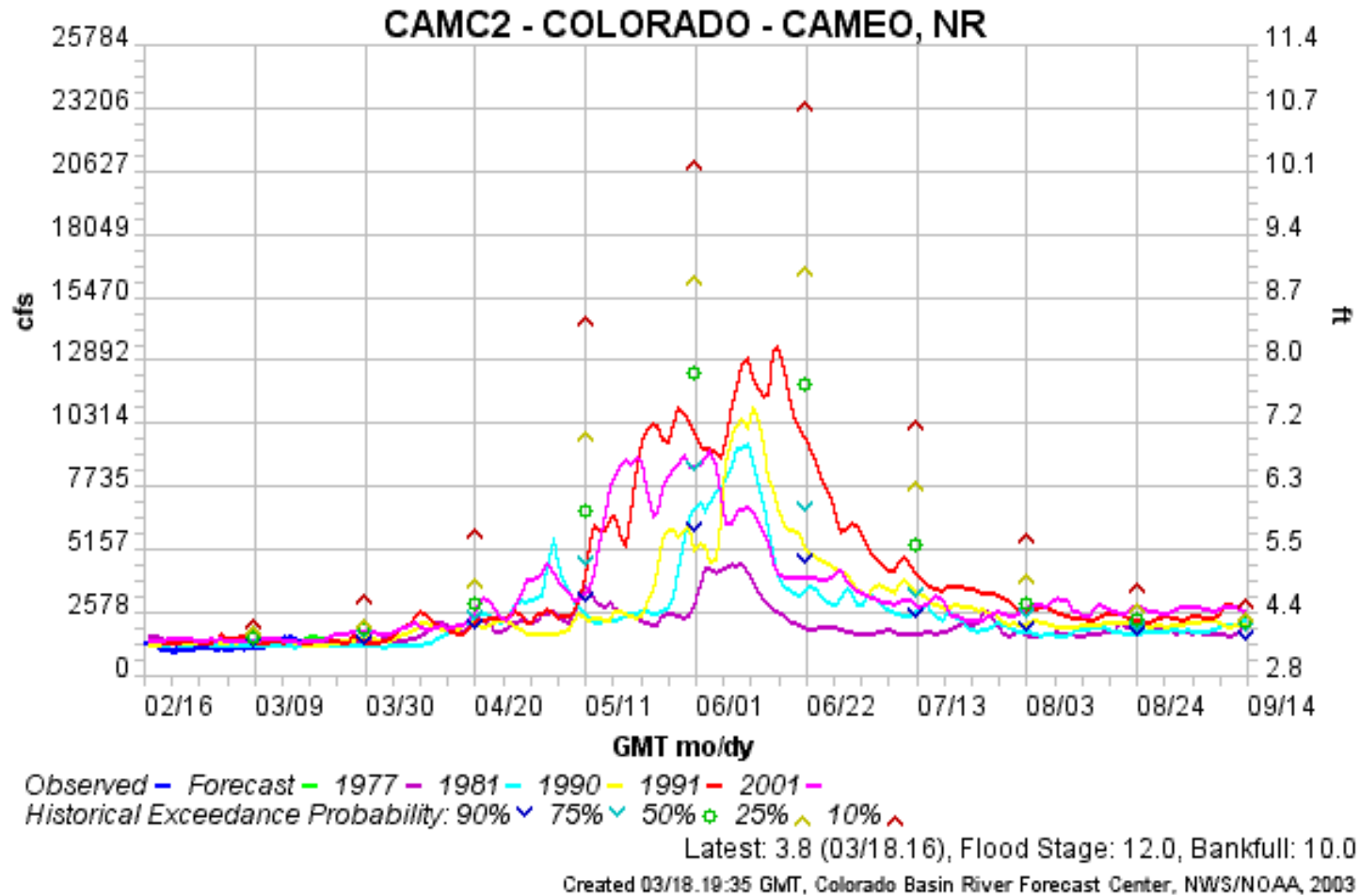
Year	1995	Similar El Nino signals as well, WWNNC-
Vol	3406	
Peak	29100	

Past Years with Similar Flows on March 18th

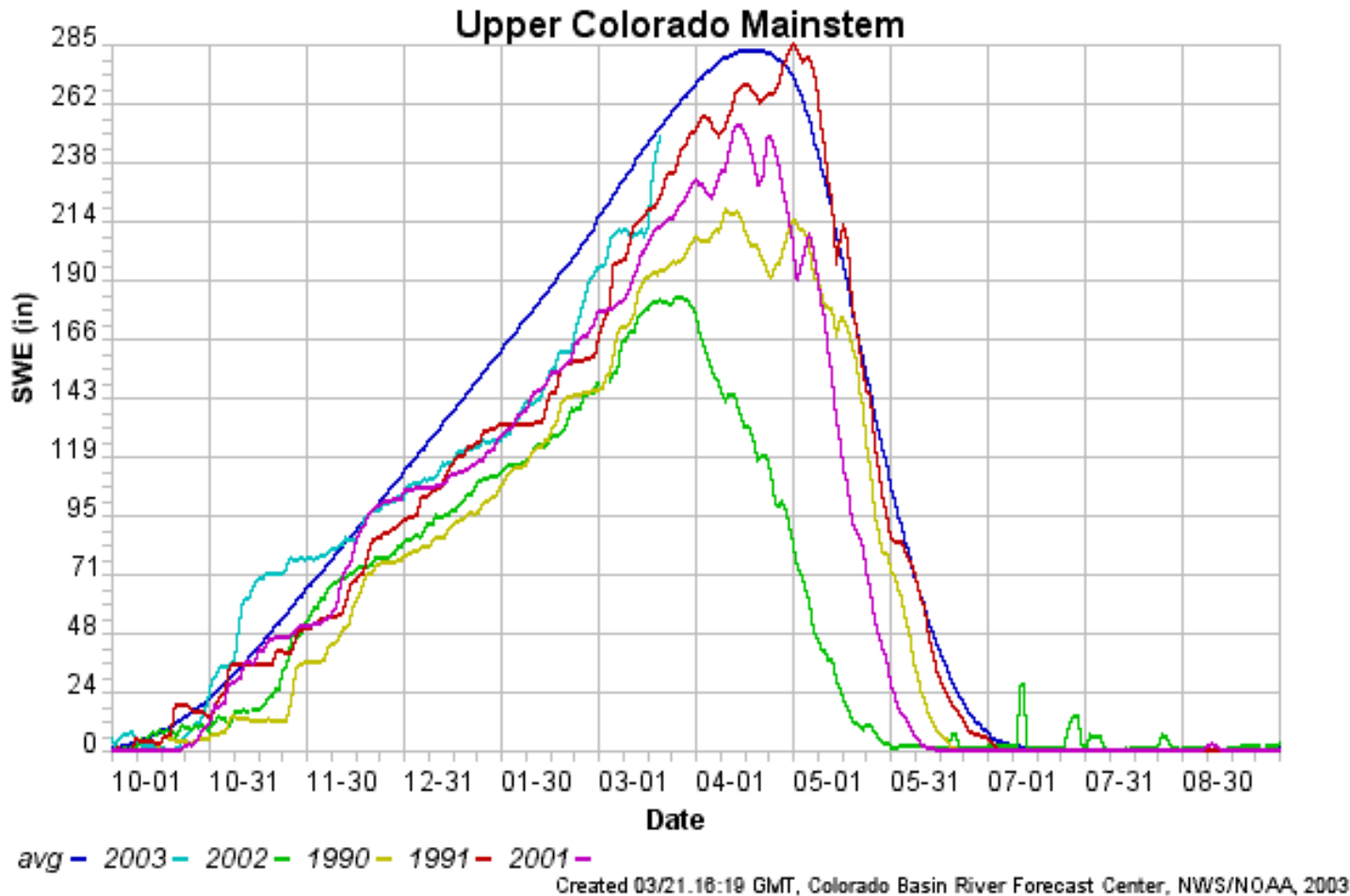


Observed - Forecast - 1977 - 1981 - 1990 - 1991 - 2001 -
 Historical Exceedance Probability: 90% ▾ 75% ▾ 50% ○ 25% ▲ 10% ▲
 Latest: 3.8 (03/18.16), Flood Stage: 12.0, Bankfull: 10.0
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Past Years with Similar Flows on March 18th

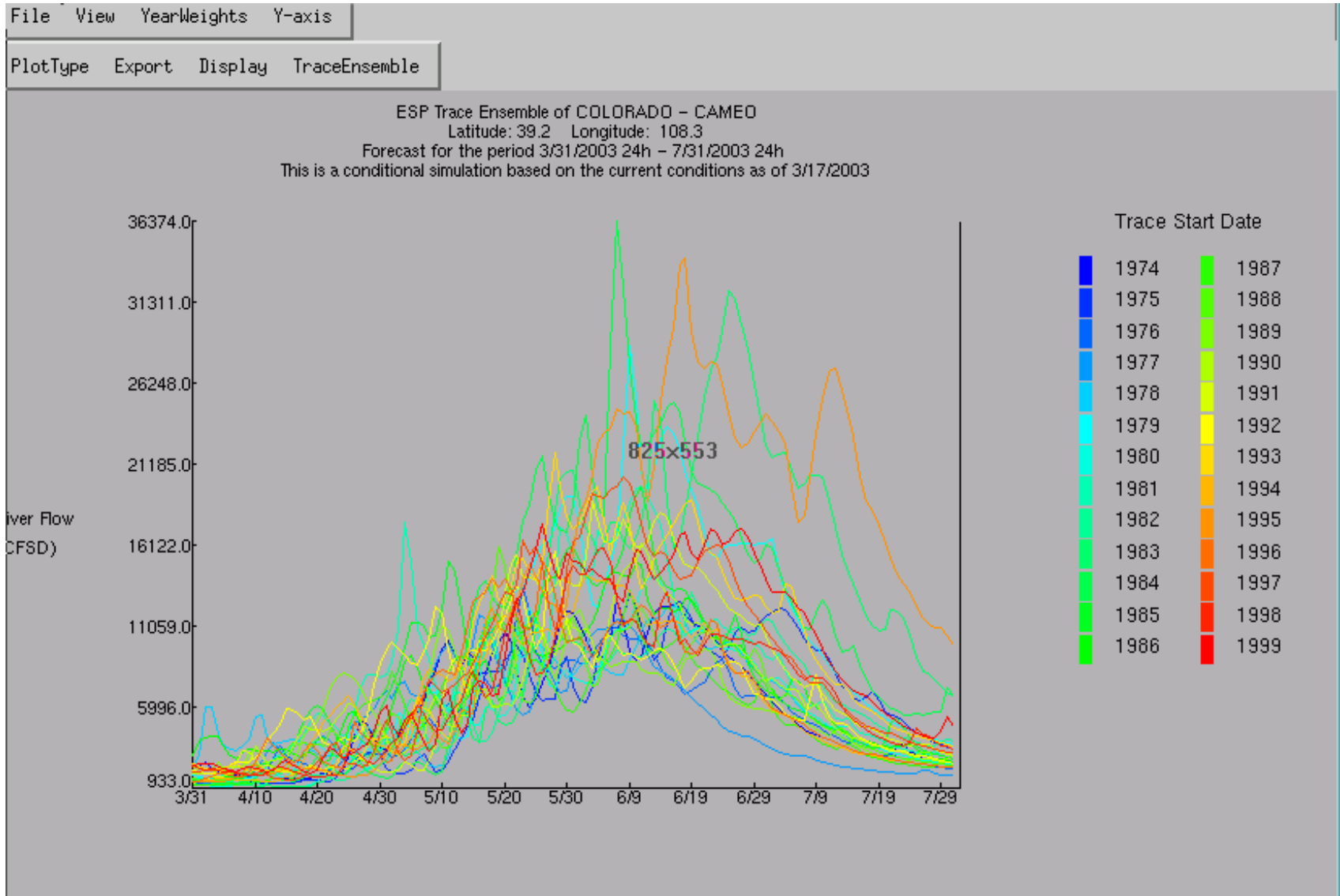


The Snow from Past Years with Similar Flows on March 21st



Year	2003	2002	1990	1991	2001
Vol	1930(f)	695	1478	1972	1586
Peak	13000(f)	4020	10900	13400	9180

ESP Traces



ESP

Log Normal

Empirical

```
# Analysis Period: 3/17/2003 24 - 9/29/2003 24 MST
# Interval: 3/31/2003 - 7/31/2003 MST
```

```
# Statistics based on all years.
```

```
# EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITY ESTIMATES
```

```
# Distribution: LogNormal
```

```
# CS: Mean: 9.74, StdDev: 0.37
```

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# HS: Mean: 10.03, StdDev: 0.44
```

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# ER1: Mean: -999.00, StdDev: -999.00
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# ER2D: Mean: -999.00, StdDev: -999.00
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# ER2S: Mean: -999.00, StdDev: -999.00
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# ER3D: Mean: -999.00, StdDev: -999.00
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# ER3S: Mean: -999.00, StdDev: -999.00
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# OBS: Mean: 10.07, StdDev: 0.39
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```
# BIAS: Mean: -999.00, StdDev: -999.00
```

```
# Exceedance Conditional Historical Historical
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```
# Probabilities Simulation Simulation Observed
```

```
#-----
0.900      10513.708      12875.006      14300.800
0.750      13180.782      16865.395      18102.564
0.500      16939.395      22756.652      23515.352
0.250      21769.805      30705.787      30546.594
0.100      27292.281      40222.523      38667.188
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# Analysis Period: 3/17/2003 24 - 9/29/2003 24 MST
# Interval: 3/31/2003 - 7/31/2003 MST
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# Statistics based on all years.
```

```
# EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITY ESTIMATES
```

```
# Distribution: Empirical
```

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# CS: Mean: 18153.79, StdDev: 6996.22
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# HS: Mean: 25118.19, StdDev: 11736.32
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# ER1: Mean: -999.00, StdDev: -999.00
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# ER2D: Mean: -999.00, StdDev: -999.00
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# ER2S: Mean: -999.00, StdDev: -999.00
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# ER3D: Mean: -999.00, StdDev: -999.00
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# ER3S: Mean: -999.00, StdDev: -999.00
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# OBS: Mean: 25353.94, StdDev: 10220.05
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# Exceedance Conditional Historical Historical
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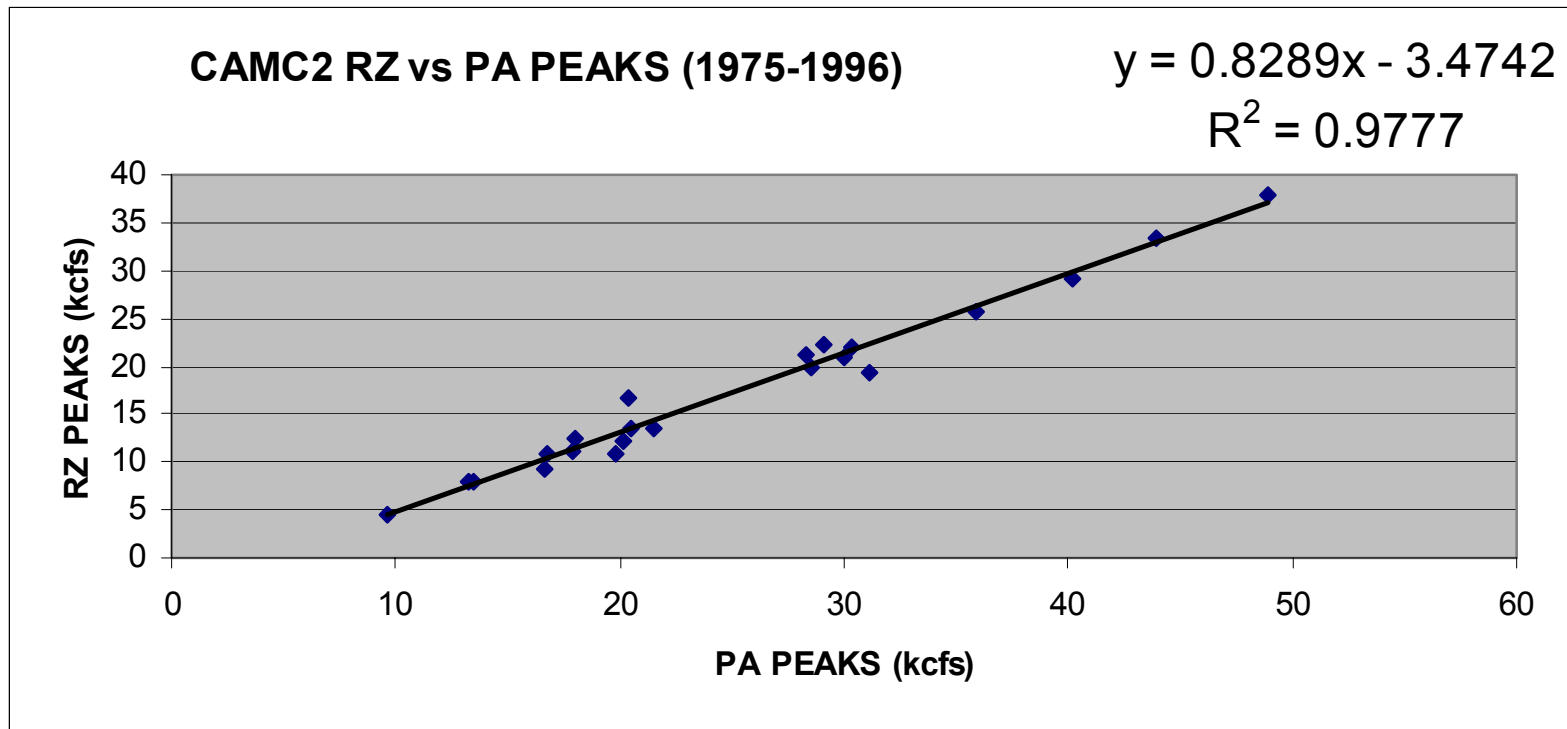
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# Probabilities Simulation Simulation Observed
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#-----
0.900      12186.835      14376.983      13330.094
0.750      13191.306      15786.938      17872.221
0.500      15780.010      21483.121      21003.541
0.250      19876.930      35324.258      30923.506
0.100      32586.141      39737.715      42008.832
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Also have ability to weight years based on similarity to current snowpack or El Nino/La Nina or CPC guidance.

Here is where MRF temperature forecasts will come into play. May not cause huge difference in peak forecast out a couple of months due to variety of tools, but could be major player as we get within a few weeks of peak both as to magnitude and date of peak. Time will tell...

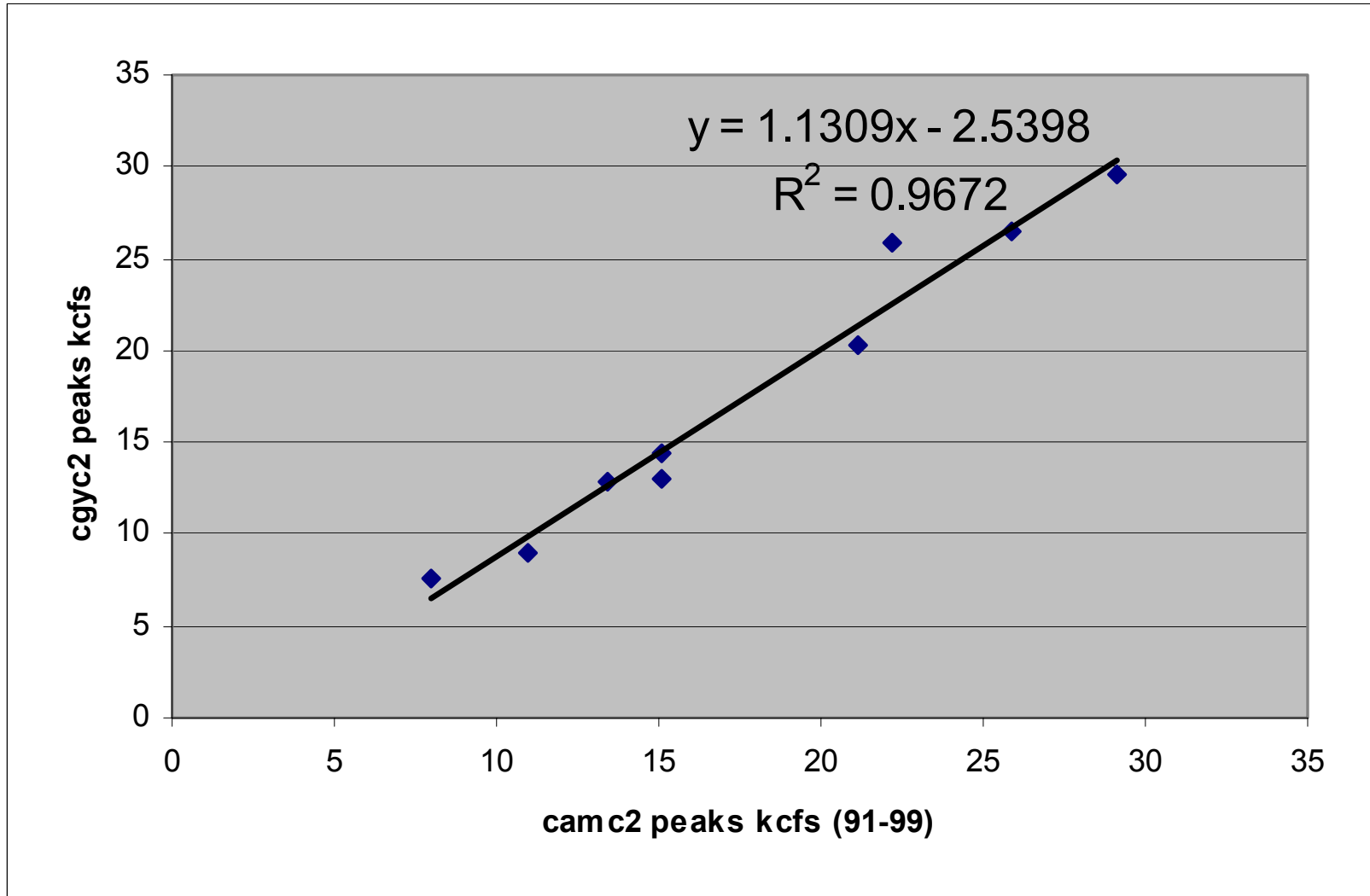
Linear Regression of Natural Peak Flow at Colorado near Cameo versus Observed Peak Flow



Log Normal Forecast Peak (18895) = 12190 cfs

Empirical Forecast Peak (16820) = 10470 cfs

Linear Regression of Observed Peak Flow at Colorado near Cameo versus Observed Peak Flow at Colorado below Grand Valley Diversion near Palisade



When will peak occur?

Several tools...

- 1) NDMX (number of days to maximum) in ESP. MRF temperature forecasts may be big help here.
- 2) Use IFP (Interactive Forecast Program) out 1 to 2 weeks (some regulation included in shorter term).
- 3) Knowledge of “normal period of peak” to watch more closely.
- 4) Subjectively watch melt and flows and compare to past years (generally at least 50% of snow must have melted at index of 13 Snotel sites before we'll see peak).

Current Forecast for Cameo Peak Flow

STATION NAME	Historic	Average	Flood*	2002	2002	2003 Forecast Exceedance Probability					Normal time of peak
	Peak	Peak	Flow	Peak	Date	90%	75%	50%	25%	10%	
COLORADO - CAMEO, NR	38,000	17,500	28,550	4,020	6/02	7,000	10,000	13,000	16,000	20,000	5/29 - 6/18