



# NEARSHORE PROCESSES/C2SHORE

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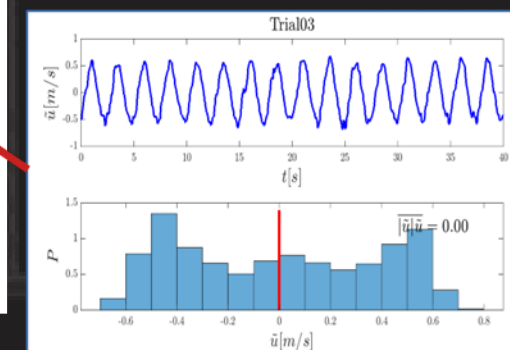
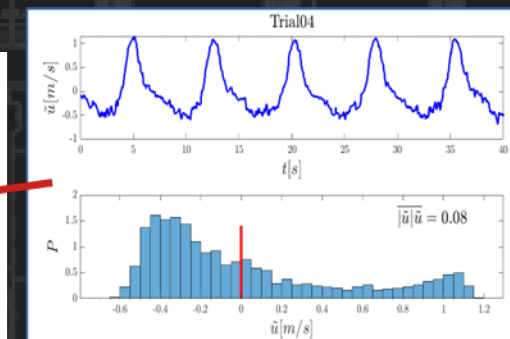
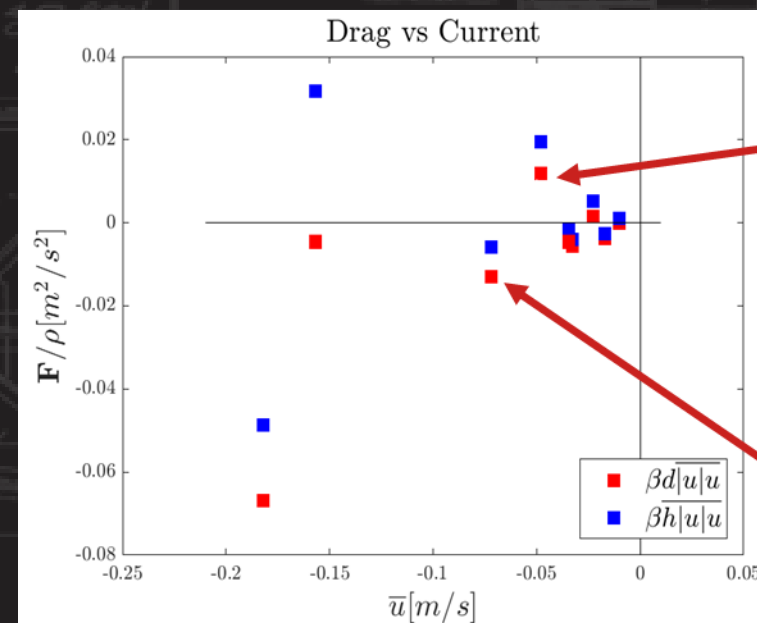
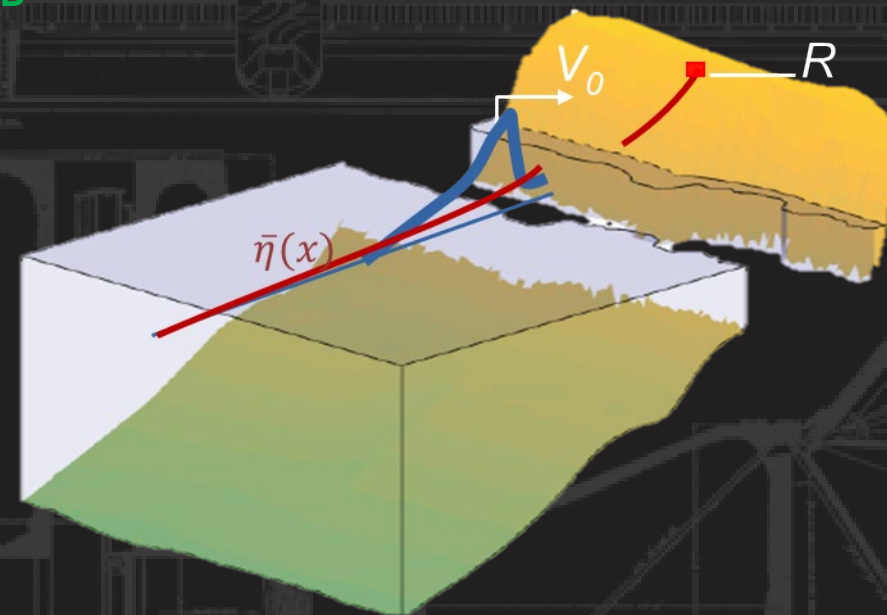
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# PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Nearshore waves, hydrodynamics, and sediment transport remain poorly understood. No comprehensive and general predictive technology exists for rational design and planning of coastal projects of relevance for USACE. Challenges include
- Navigation – sediment transport from open coasts to coastal inlets and channels
- BUDM – fate and evolution of nearshore nourishments
- FRM – design of flood protection dunes
- EWN – impact of NNBF

- 2024 BCER Initiative
- #1906: Quantification of Shoreline Response to Nearshore Berms
- #2101/2103 – Predictive Capability in Coastal Sediment Transport
- #2202 – CoPADD: Transition to New Coastal 3D Circulation Models for Water Quality and Sediment

FY23 was Year 3 of 3

Year over year advancements to date: 1 TD, 1 TR (in review), 2 conference presentations (ASBPA, ICCE)



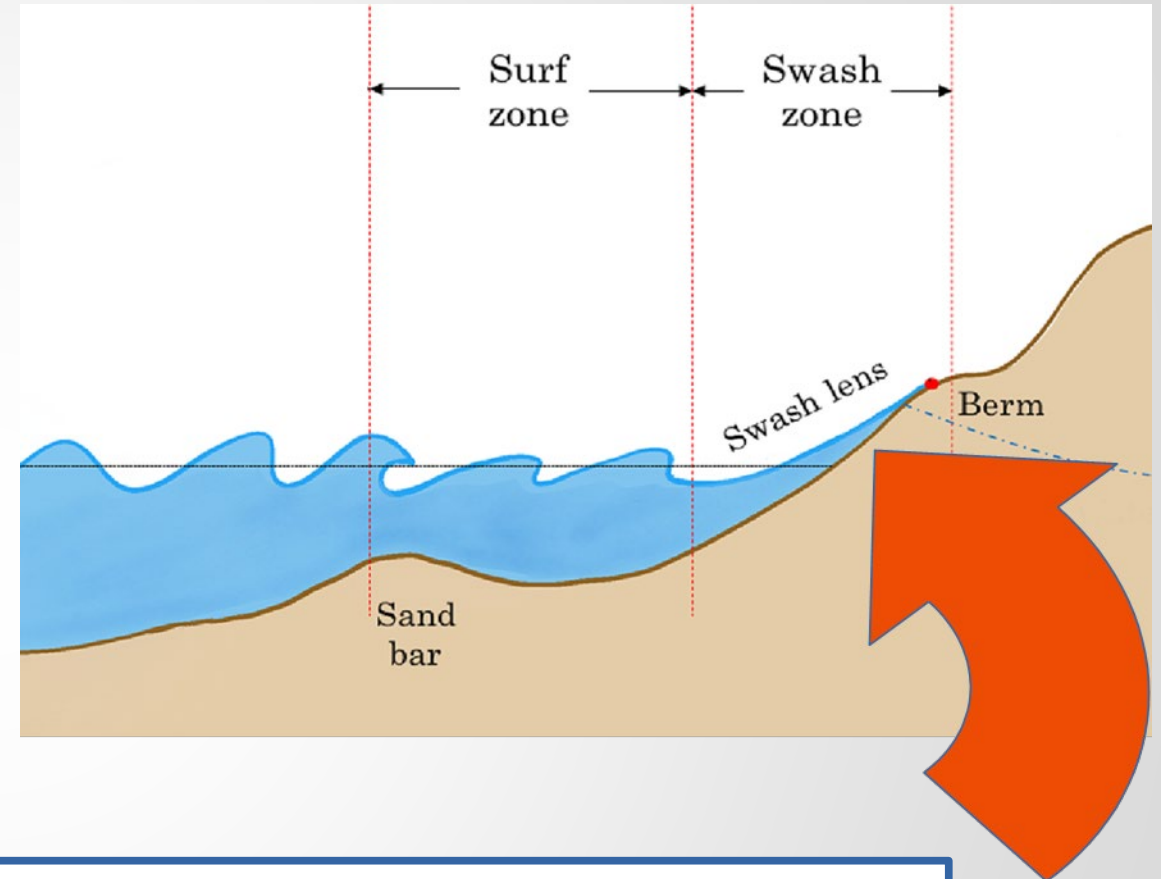


# CAPABILITY AND STRATEGIC IMPACT



- Improved nearshore sediment transport for prediction of beneficial use, channel infilling, etc.

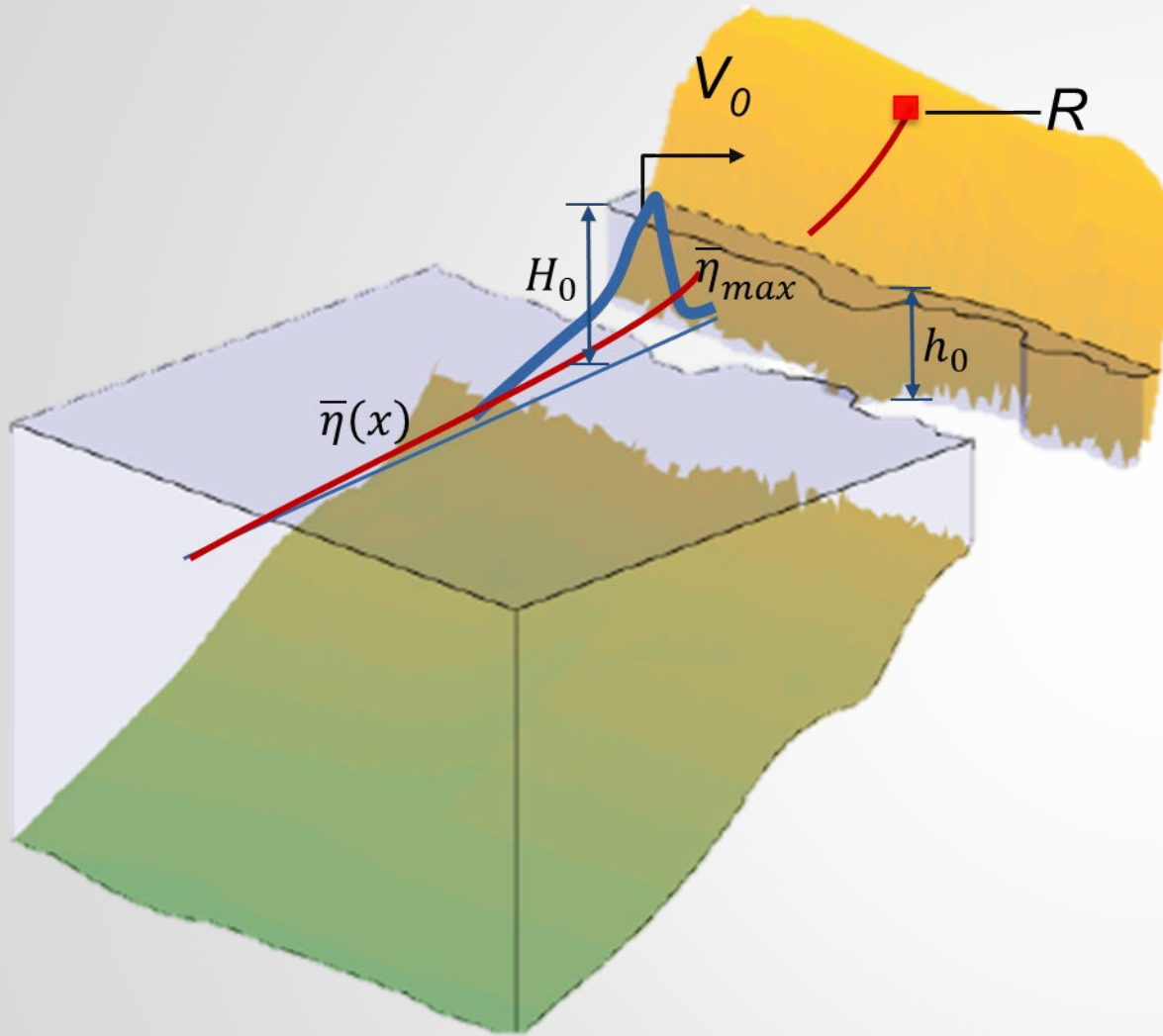
- New effort to properly include NNBF in both wave and circulation models.
- Consistent formulation permits prediction of benefit of dissipation elements (SAV, oyster, mangrove, etc.)



- New capability to model runup provides risk assessment, dune evolution; informs aeolian model coupling



## RUNUP

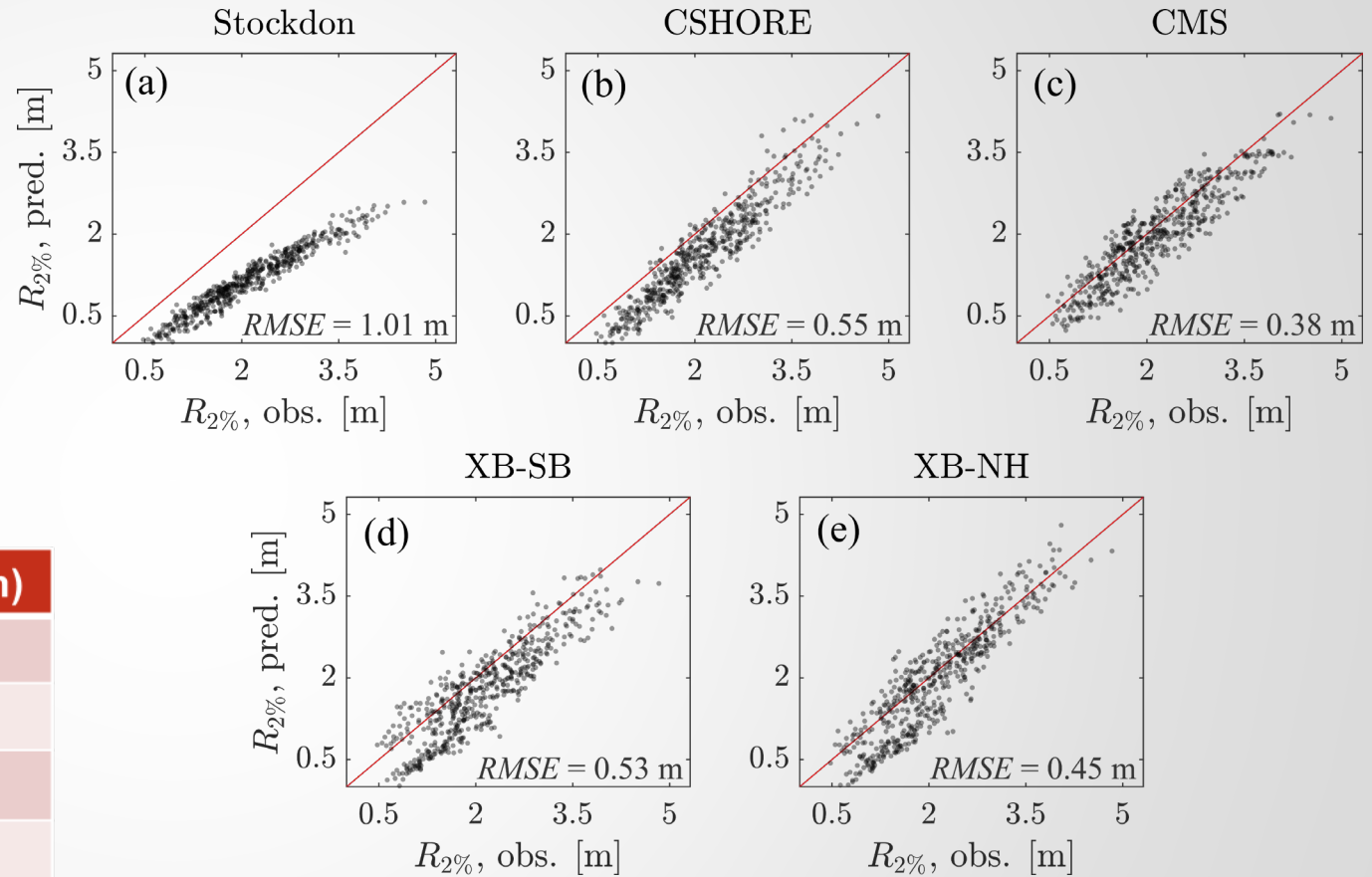


- Separate nearshore and swash domain, solve separately
  - Distinctly different WSL slopes indicate differing physics
  - Demarcation at point of max setup (not constant depth\*)
- Swash solution governed by:
  - Simplistic momentum flux balance, closed with empirical parameter  $A_0 (= R/2h_0)$
  - Bernoulli's velocity "head", Newtonian ballistics ( $R = V_0^2/2g$ )
  - Shallow water theory ( $V_0^2 \sim gh_0 \sim gH_0$ )
- Theoretical  $A_0 = 4$ , but can be adjusted to account for assumptions



# RUNUP (CONT)

- Compare new CMS formulation for  $R_{2\%}$  against 4 other models (3 numerical, 1 empirical)
- Validation set includes 533 unique observations of surf zone morphology, offshore wave and WL conditions, and runup statistics



	Runtime	RMSE (m)
Stockdon, et al. (2006)	0.18 s	1.01
CSHORE	25.0 s	0.55
<b>CMS – new <math>R_{2\%}</math> formula</b>	<b>4.1 min</b>	<b>0.38</b>
XBeach-Surfbeat	35.5 hr	0.53
XBeach-Nonhydrostatic	124.4 hr	0.45



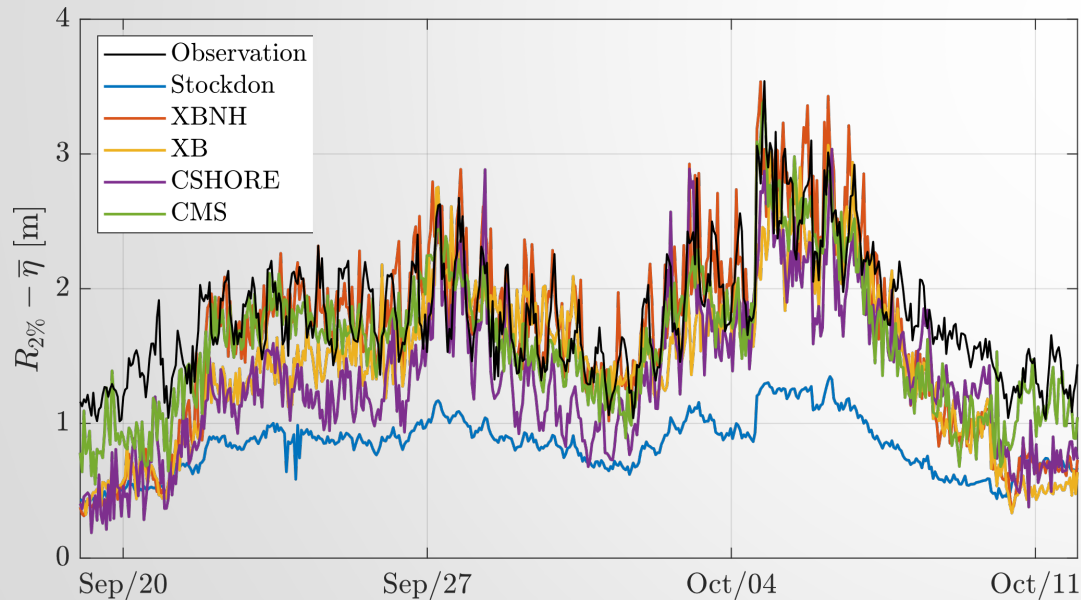


# RUNUP – KEY FINDINGS



- Shoreface geometry/surf similarity parameter alone insufficient to capture observed tidal-scale variability in  $R_{2\%}$
- Numerical models are needed to predict dynamic wave transformation over bar to the edge of the swash zone  
*Correlation ( $R^2$ ) between  $R_{2\%}$  and:*  $Ib^* = 0.39$ ,  
 $H(x = x_b)^* = 0.53$ ,  $h(x = x_b) = 0.81$ ,  $H(x = 504m) = 0.90$

- New (rapid) CMS  $R_{2\%}$  formulation is a valuable, critical step forward to predicting surf- and swash zone morphodynamics
- CMS wave heights comparable to or better than XBNH and XBSB in nearshore, but
- In swash zone, CMS wave heights worse than all numerical models tested; indicates  $A_0$  is significantly tuning in addition to simply “closing” solution



		CSHORE	<b>CMS</b>	XBNH	XBSB
x = 403 m	RMSE [m]	0.17	0.13	0.31	0.43
	B [m]	-0.08	0.09	0.21	0.33
x = 453 m	RMSE [m]	0.15	0.24	0.3	0.54
	B [m]	0.13	0.22	0.23	0.45
x = 463 m	RMSE [m]	0.13	0.25	0.37	0.58
	B [m]	0.06	0.19	0.28	0.48
x = 494 m	RMSE [m]	0.2	0.17	0.23	0.25
	B [m]	-0.16	-0.09	0.12	0.13
x = 504 m	RMSE [m]	0.29	0.33	0.21	0.15
	B [m]	-0.26	-0.29	0.07	-0.07



# RUNUP – 2DH MILESTONE



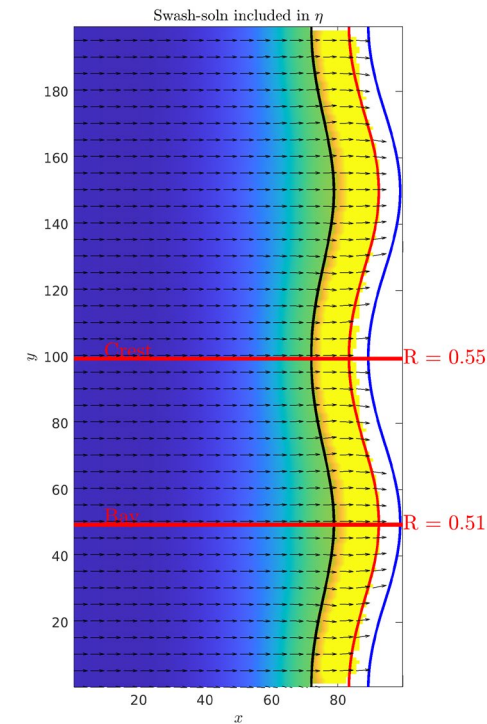
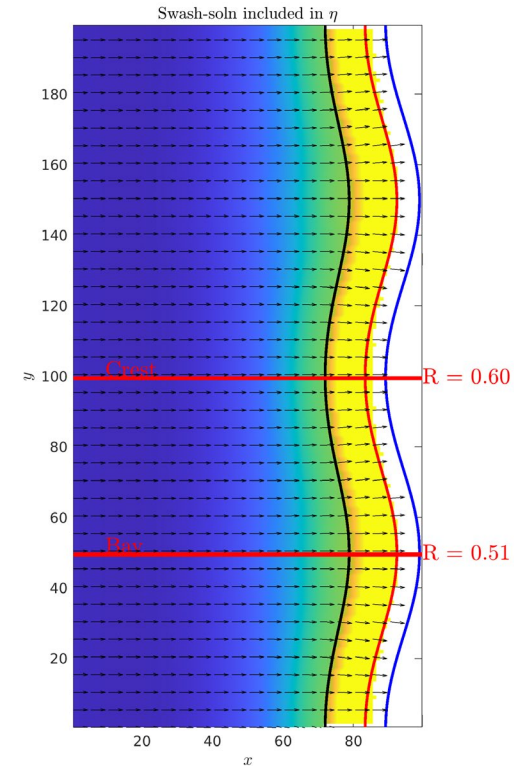
1D longshore-uniform computations

- Demonstrates proper slope-dependence
- Doesn't include realistic momentum veering where velocities SHOULD veer away from crest

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = \frac{-\left\{\frac{\partial z_b}{\partial x} + c_f\right\}}{2A_0} - \frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial y} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

## CMS-2D swash

- Now include veering and momentum focus/defocus
- Runup reduced at ridges
- Formulation now requires predictor-corrector scheme
- Localized nature of CMS presents a challenge
- Data is required to verify simple formulation, but processing is challenging





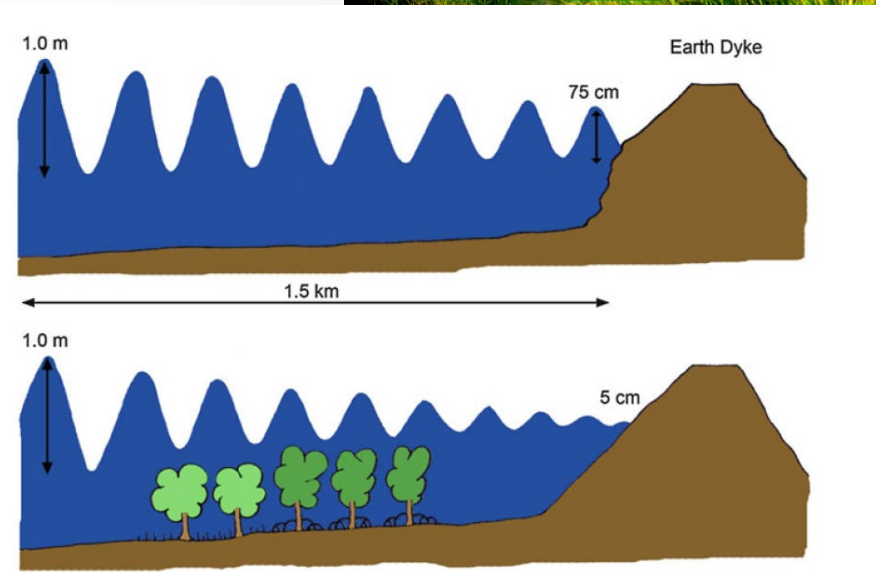
# HAZARD REDUCTION by NNBF



- Recent emphasis on EWN and NNBF
- Fringing vegetation, such as mangrove stands provide a degree of coastal protection
  - ...The global annual avoided damages due to the presence of mangroves have been estimated at USD\$65 billion....

But these studies are based on an incomplete view of the hazard and impact of vegetation

- Coastal hazard derives from waves and surge, and frictional dissipation impacts both
- a consistent modeling system includes impact of vegetation in both energy and momentum balances







# CONVENTIONAL ENERGY BALANCE

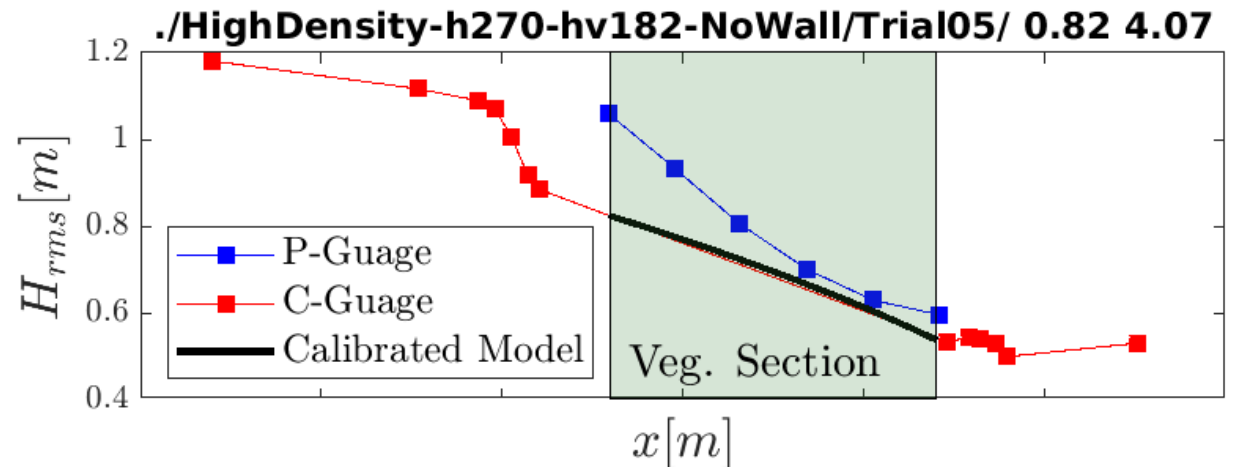
Energy loss in waves with depth- and phase-averaged energy balance

$$\frac{\partial E_f}{\partial x} = -\overline{\tau u} - \overline{\int_{zb}^{\eta} f u dz}$$

$f$  = the incremental fluid force on the vegetation per unit area.

$$f = \rho \frac{C_D}{2} b_v N |u| u = \beta |u| u$$

- New OSU flume data with emphasis on investigating wave decay in artificial mangrove
- Free surface, pressure, velocities
- All of the vegetation unknowns are tailored to match the energy decay, making full use of the measured data





# A Consistent Wave/Circulation Application



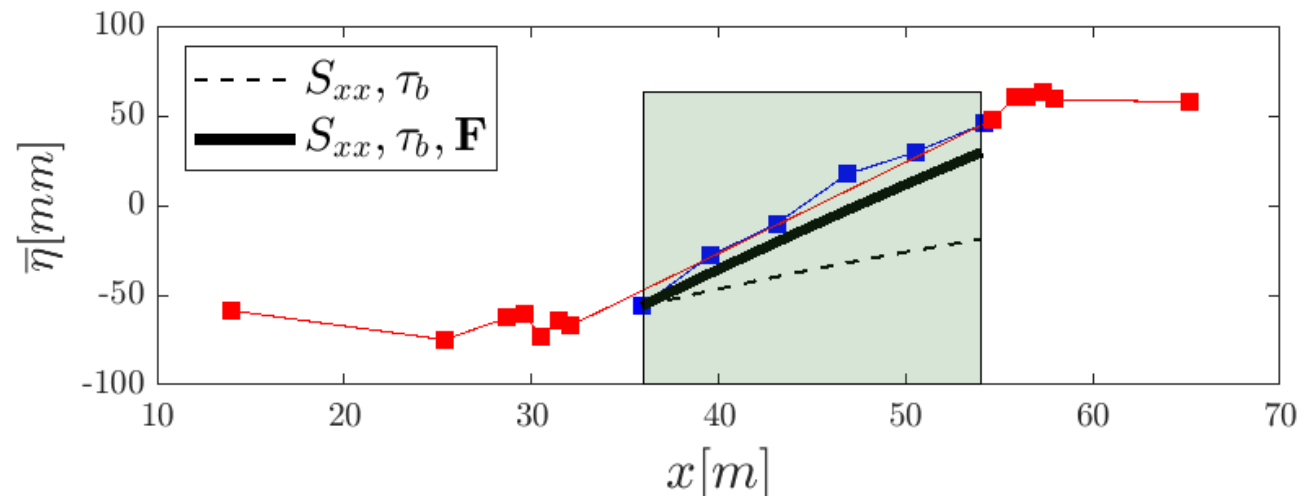
- While waves lose energy (thus providing coastal protection) the vegetation force results in larger free-surface slopes.

Note that we have something useful here:

$$D_v = \overline{\tau_v u} = \beta \overline{h |u|^3} \rightarrow \tau_v = \beta \overline{h |u| u}$$

Now we are well-positioned to examine the consistent momentum balance

$$\rho g \bar{h} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial x} = - \frac{\partial S_{xx}}{\partial x} - \bar{\tau} - \underbrace{\beta \overline{h |u| u}}_{\mathbf{F}}$$



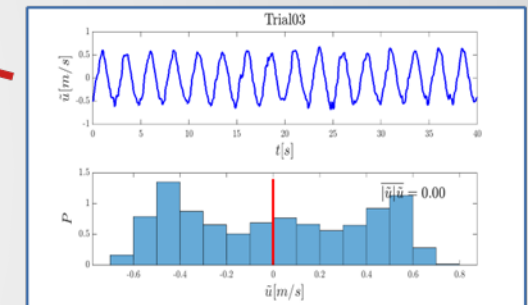
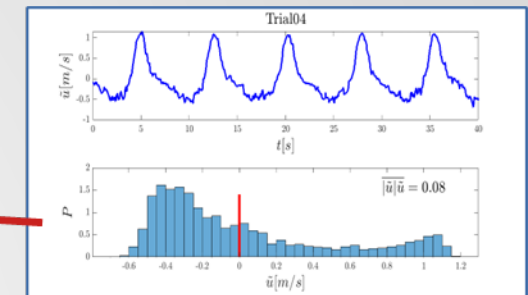
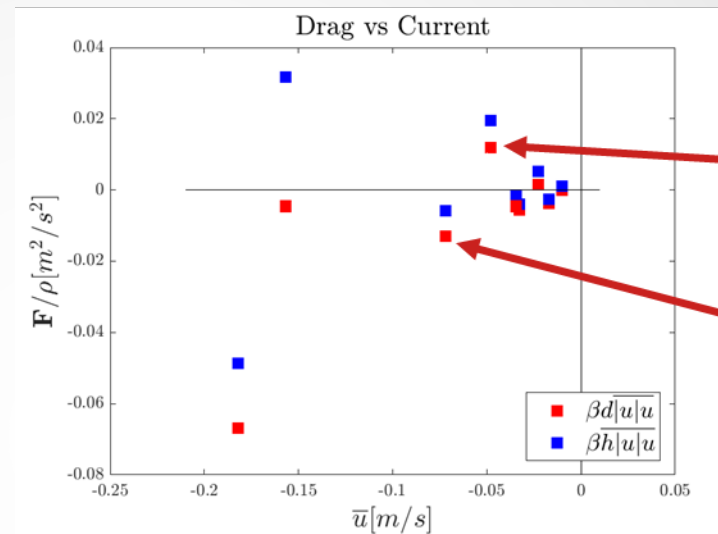


# A Consistent Wave/Circulation Application (cont)



What contributes to non-zero  $\mathbf{F}$ ?

- Non-zero current  $\bar{u} \neq 0$
- Departure from symmetric  $u$  (skew)  $\mathbf{F} \propto Sk$
- Impact of emergent vegetation:  $f_{crest} > f_{trough}$ ,  $\mathbf{F} = \bar{f} > 0$



Based on  
steady  
mean water  
depth

Based on  
fluctuating  
water depth

	Setup $\bar{\eta}$
Current $\bar{u} \uparrow$	$\downarrow$
Skewness $\uparrow$	$\downarrow$
Free-Surface Variation $\uparrow$	$\downarrow$

This demonstration uses measured data and does not reflect the real fight! The real battle is formulating the methods to predict currents, skewness, free-surface effect. Inclusion in CMS is then relatively simple.



# SUMMARY



## FY23 Major Advancements in Capability

- Improved CMS-flow stability with corrected boundary pressure formulation
- Completed runup extension
- Initial testing of 2DH runup
- Initiated comprehensive effort to include impact of friction elements into CMS

## FY23 Major Products & Collaborations

- New code version
- TR on runup (in review)
- 2-3 TD's on swash, setup in high-friction environments

## FY24 Products & Advancements

- Two Related New Starts for SoN-N-1970:
  - Explore swash morphology change
  - Develop multi-scale modeling approach as a means to provide process-based closures in phase-averaged models could include

