## Ongoing CMS work in the Coastal Model Test Bed



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## Motivation

Automated evaluation of coastal numerical models in near realtime utilizing ERDC CHL Field Research Facility data to:

- Assess and quantify model uncertainty
- Assess model parameterizations in range of conditions
- Targeted model development cycle
- provide framework to develop data assimilation techniques



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Bias = -0.04 m

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model

### **FRF** Data

- 1 year continuous altimeter seafloor elevation data
- •150, 200, 300 m (red circles)





#### 2 years continuous lidar:

Elevation (m, NAVD88) 20170619-1200-01 UTC

• beach topography, wave runup, inner-surf waves



Virginia



30 years of wave

FRF XShore Wave and Current Array in operation since July 2008

- Directional waves and currents in 26, 17, 11, 8, 6, 4.5, & 3.5 m depth
- Non-directional waves at 100, 125, 150, 200 m cross-shore

• 8 m pressure gauge array

**30+ years of monthly bathymetric surveys** 



30 years of Argus video imagery

- Wave runup
- surface currents
- bathymetry inversion
- Sandbar placement

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**Goal:** Provide curated data observational datasets to test existing models for the evolution of sandy beach profiles.

- Start with relatively simple 1D cases (cross-shore, rather than alongshore, transport is the dominant process).
- Models can be physically based or • empirical/statistical.

#### **Current Status:**

Working to create database: Cardiff, Solana, Torrey Pines, Imperial Beach

#### **Future Goals:**

- Get CSHORE model setup and run, using SIO data
- Empirical, equilibrium-type model (Yates et al., 2009)
- Xbeach, Delft3D, Unibest
- Runup (SWASH model already setup) lidar data (Cardiff, Agate)



### International Coastline Observatory Network

#### In-situ measurements

 wave gauges, water level, MET, elevations (bathy & topo)

#### Remote sensing

- cameras, radar, infrared, satellite, lidar
- **Centralized** modeling to compliment the observation stations
  - Multiple models
  - Hind-cast, Now-cast, (maybe/probably) forecast
  - Explore option of centralized computing capability (cloud?)

### **CIRN** Vision

- Focus of monitoring efforts
- Multi-disciplinary scope
- Open access
- Environmentally diverse sites, parameter space
- Self-organized and funded
- open source mantra data sharing agreements
- meeting established data host/serving standards



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# Development Status

- Modular, open-source approach
- Models Running Operationally
  - STWAVE phase averaged wave model
  - CMS-WAVE phase averaged wave model
  - CSHORE 1D profile evolution Model
- Models in Development
  - SWAN phase averaged wave model
  - WaveWatch3 phase averaged wave model
  - Celeris Bousinessq wave model
  - CMS-FLOW circulation model
  - D3D FLOW circulation model
  - Xbeach 2D morphology model
  - C2SHORE 2D morphology model
  - D3D MOR 2D morphology model

#### Collaborative environment



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## CMS - Wave / Flow

Funded by CIRP leveraging work from CODS



Collaborators: Honghai Li, Mitch Brown, Zeki Demirbilek, Lihwa Lin

- Status:
  - CMS-wave running
- Highlights:
  - Added ASCII based input/output to CMS-Flow
  - Added Linux compatibility to source code
  - Identified and helped resolve bug fix for spectral wave model (stand alone only)



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# Quick Test:

- Initial evaluation period: 2 months
- Compared offshore of primary sandbar (3.5 m)
  - Under prediction of wave height during larger waves
- Large bias for directional resolution for waves approaching from the north

#### **Offshore Wave Conditions**



#### 3.5 m Aquadopp comparison





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# CMS-Flow Model grid

#### **Model setup**

- Variable cell resolution
  - 315 m > 5 m
- Domain
  - 8.5 Km in cross-shore
  - 15.5 Km in alongshore
- Spatially constant wind and water levels
  - Measured at end of pier
- Temporal Resolution:
  - Run Daily with 10 min. time-step
  - Cold Start with every measured bathymetry (~Monthly)
  - Hot Start: Each day
- Comparison Products:
  - Water Level and Directional Current Velocity at every appropriate gage.



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## Ongoing work with CMS-Wave / Flow

- Live Plot Delivery
- CMS-Wave
  - Investigate modeling domain size, shape, resolution
    - Direction poor performance (new domain?)
  - Examine Long duration model performance
  - Resolve spectral boundary bug issue for CMS-Wave in coupled source code
    - Develop external coupling
  - Examine wave breaking calibration over long durations
    - Calibrate over ~2 week period, look at performance in surf-zone over years of model runs
- CMS-Flow
  - Figure out bug related to ASCII input/output cold start
  - Finalize setup
  - Begin testing
  - Use optical current measurement techniques for large scale spatial field comparisons for nearshore currents (Argus)
    - Chickadel, C. C., Robert A. Holman, and Michael H. Freilich. "An optical technique for the measurement of longshore currents." *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans* 108.C11 (2003).
    - No permanent installations of current measurements inside of the surfzone
      - This is where the optical current measurement technique works best
- C2SHORE (morphology model)
  - Start



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## Conclusions



- FRF is a data rich environment
- Numerical models are run in real time and continually evaluated using FRF data products
- Continual assessment relates model skill to specific environmental conditions and improves operational guidance (i.e. best practices), identify poorly resolved physics, and improve models



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