

# CSHORE-VEG MODEL DEVELOPMENT & V&V

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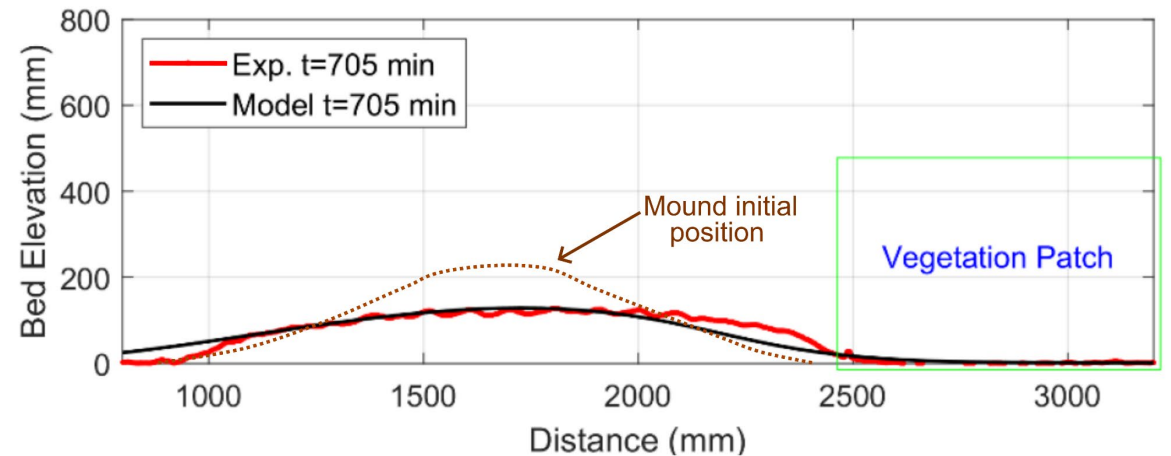
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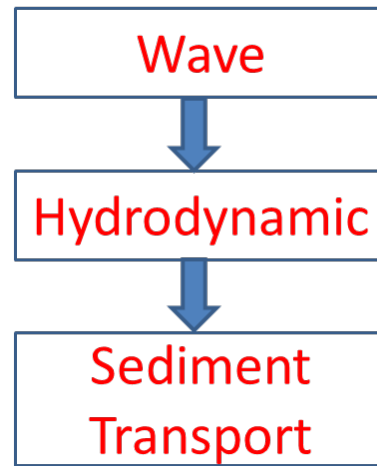
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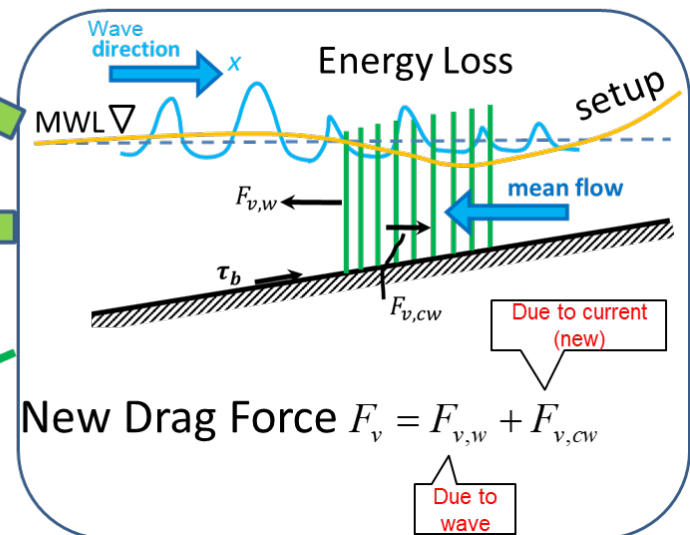
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## CSHORE



## Vegetation Model





# PROBLEM STATEMENT



Desire for NNBFs/NBS is great, requires understanding long-term hydrogeomorphic impacts of BUDM placement in coastal wetlands and estuaries. To address these uncertainties, a high-fidelity spatially explicit model that captures interaction of wave, flow, sediment, and vegetation dynamics is required .

Although CHL Model Modernization efforts have advanced the state of flooding prediction by hydraulic and hydrologic models, ***USACE is currently lacking in complementary advancement in sediment transport and geomorphology models that can help Districts identify opportunities for BUDM, particularly in vegetated environments.***

## Statement of Needs:

2024-N-1970: “Multi-scale analyses of BUDM impacts on long-term navigation channel maintenance”

2024-N-1921: “Investigation of how BUDM can help augment, restore, or create eelgrass habitat in estuaries along the Pacific Coast”

**FY24 was Year 1 of 3 (6 mo. delay)**

2 Team members added (ORISE)

1 Storyboard

1 PDT meeting



# CAPABILITY AND STRATEGIC IMPACT



CSHORE-Veg development continues the arc of CMS-CSHORE advancement by:

1. Expanding the toolbox of models used by Districts to predict regional-scale sediment transport
2. Beginning a framework to facilitate inter-model compatibility across hydro-geomorphic and ecological models

Improved sediment transport models ***reduce uncertainty associated with in-water placements***, potentially increasing BUDM locally as opposed to offshore placement. Geospatial model products can be visualized to ***help demonstrate to stakeholders the value*** of BUDM placement in vegetated areas.

Example applications of CSHORE-Veg model include:

- Timing BUDM to coincide with optimal vegetation habitat characteristics, which may evolve considerably over inter-annual and seasonal cycles
- Quantifying short- and long-term environmental benefits of coastal wetland/marsh restoration for erosion reduction of shoreline and marsh edge, as well as flood risk reduction
- BUDM cited sited near existing SAV habitat that may either act as a sediment sink or source depending on modeled hydro- and sediment dynamics



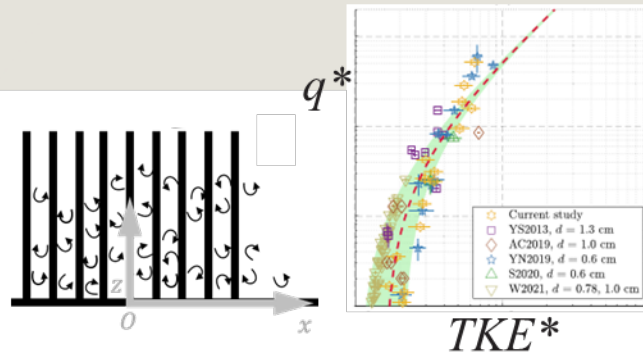
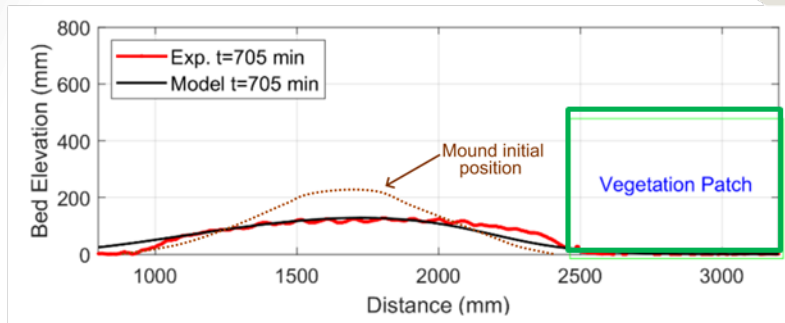
# ENHANCING + INTEGRATING EXISTING MODEL ADVANCEMENTS



## CSHORE-Veg (Y. Ding)

Sediment transport around/near vegetation

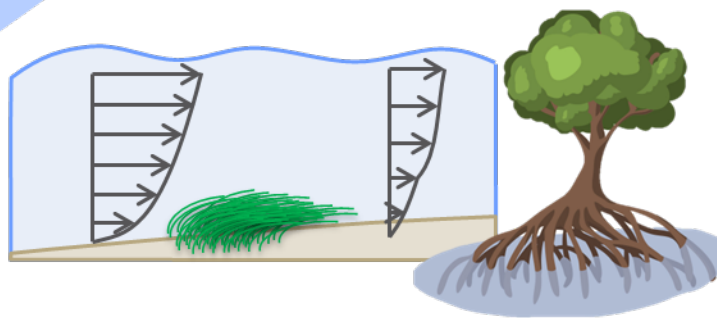
Stem-scale turbulence is the driver of between-stem transport



## CSHORE (B. Johnson)

Wave attenuation and impact on momentum balance

Drag-related characteristics can vary over depth (and with time)



*\*Without properly accounting for unique vegetation characteristics and their influence on waves, current, & sediment transport, we risk over/underpredicting their engineering services (FRM & Nav)*





# CSHORE WAVE MODEL WITH VEGETATION EFFECT



Phase-Averaged Wave Energy in Cross-Shore Direction (Chen et al. 2022; Johnson et al. 2012)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{E}{\omega} \left( C_s + \frac{Q_x}{h} \right) \right] = \frac{D_B + D_f + D_v}{\omega},$$

$E$  = Specific wave energy

$\omega$  = Intrinsic angular frequency

$Q_x$  = Cross-shore volume flux

$D_v$  = Energy Dissipation due to vegetation resistance (Mendez and Losada 2004, Zhao and Chen 2012)

$D_B$  = Energy loss due to wave breaking (Battjes and Stive 1985)

$$D_B = \frac{\rho g a_s Q H_B^2}{4T}$$

$Q$  = Fraction of breaking wave:

$H_m$  = local depth-limited wave height

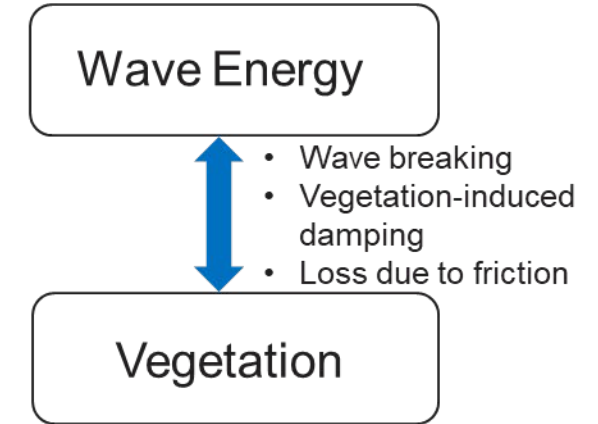
$a_s$  = slope effect parameter:

$$\frac{Q-1}{\ln Q} = \left( \frac{H_{m\epsilon}}{H_m} \right)^2$$

$$H_m = \frac{0.88}{k} \tanh \left( \frac{\gamma k h}{0.88} \right)$$

$$a_s = \frac{2\pi S_b}{3kh} \geq 1$$

$D_f$  = Energy loss due to bottom friction





# TWO ENERGY DISSIPATION MODELS IN CSHORE-VEG



The energy dissipation rate ( $D_v$ ) due to vegetation is calculated using the formulas proposed by:

1. *Bulk Dissipation*: Mendez and Losada (2004): Good for emergent vegetation and  $k_p h < 1$ , storm conditions

$$D_v = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \rho C_D b_v N_v \left( \frac{kg}{2\omega} \right)^3 \frac{\sinh^3(kh_v) + 3 \sinh(kh_v)}{3k \cosh^3(kh)} H_{rms}^3$$

\* Currently assumes vegetation blade/stem morphology

$b_v$  = the plant area per unit height of each vegetation stand normal to horizontal velocity (m)

$N_v$  = number of vegetation stands per unit horizontal area (m<sup>-2</sup>)

$C_D$  = depth-averaged drag coefficient



2. *Frequency-Distributed Dissipation*: Chen and Zhao (2012): Good for submerged vegetation (Jacobsen 2019)

$$D_v = \int S_{ds}(\omega) d\omega$$

with  $S_{ds}(\omega) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{C_D b_v N}{g} \frac{\omega^2}{\sinh^2 kh} \left\{ \int_{-h}^{-h+h_v} U_{rms}(z) \cosh^2[k(h+z)] dz \right\} E(\omega)$

$$U_{rms}(z) = \sqrt{2 \int \frac{\omega^2 \cosh^2 k(h+z)}{\sinh^2 kh} E(\omega) d\omega}$$





# CSHORE-VEG WITH VEGETATION EFFECT - FLOW MODEL



Phase- and Depth-Averaged Momentum equation in Cross-Shore Direction Including Wave Nonlinearity  
(Chen et al. 2022, Zhu et al. 2023, Johnson et al. 2012)

$$\rho gh \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ S_{xx} + \rho \frac{Q_x^2}{h} \right] + \tau_{sx} - \tau_{bx} - f_{v,w} - f_{v,m}$$

$S_{xx}$  = Cross-shore radiation stress (roller effect included)

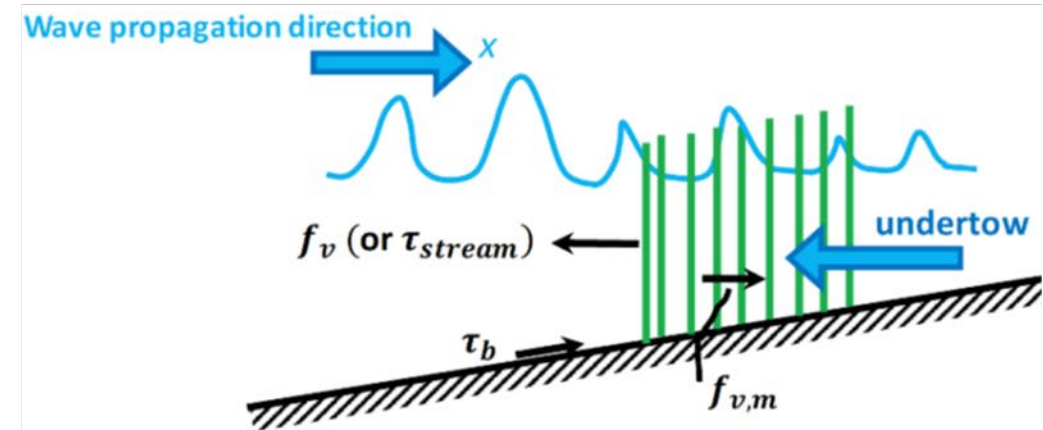
$f_{v,w}$  = drag force on water column by vegetation stem due to waves (Morison et al. 1950)

$$f_{v,w} = \frac{1}{T} \int_t^{t+T} \int_{-h_0}^{\eta} \frac{1}{2} \rho C_D b_v N_v |u_w| u_w dz dt$$

$f_{v,m}$  = drag force of vegetation against mean current (e.g. undertow) (Zhu et al. 2018)

## Model features for irregular waves:

- Steady State of mean flow
- Drag forcing of vegetation from linear wave theory
- $f_{v,m} = 0$  for Linear Wave,  $\neq 0$  for nonlinear waves
- Unidirectional wave direction





# CSHORE-VEG MODEL OF FLEXIBLE VEGETATION



## Flexible Vegetation Model

For stem and blades, a scaling law (Lei and Nepf, 2019) is used to determine the effective length  $h_{b,e}$

$$h_{b,e} = 0.94h_b(CaL)^{-1/4}$$

$$\text{Cauchy Number: } Ca = \frac{\rho b U_w^2 h_b^3}{EI}$$

$$\text{Length Ratio: } L = \frac{2\pi h_b}{U_w T}$$

Effective Total Height (ETH) = Effective Stem Height (EST) + Effective Blades Height (EBH):

$$h_{vt,e} = h_{stem,e} + \sum_i^n h_{blade,i,e}$$

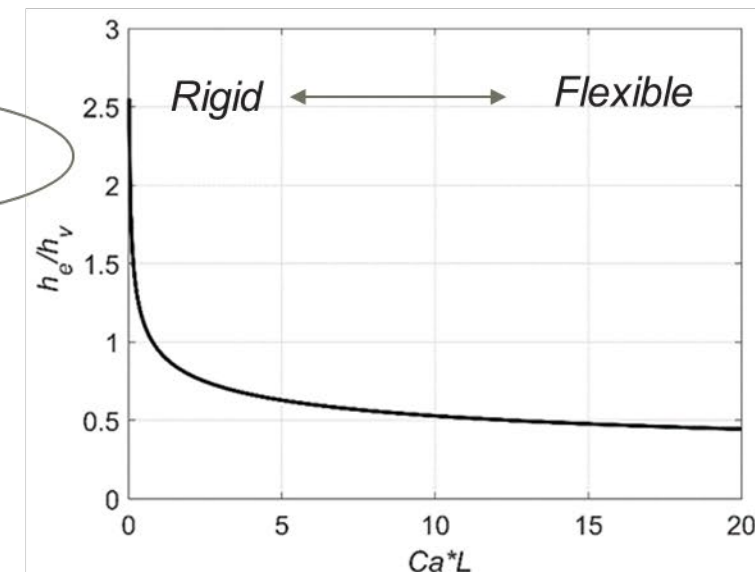
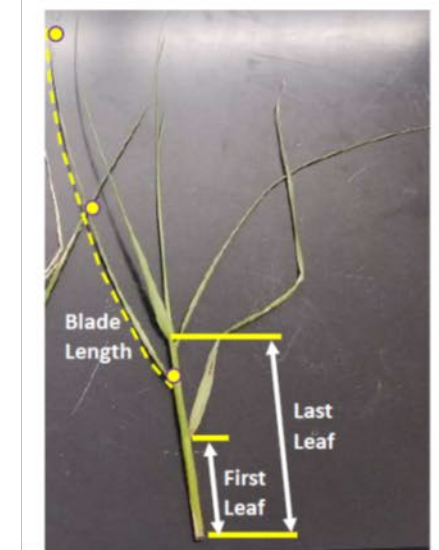
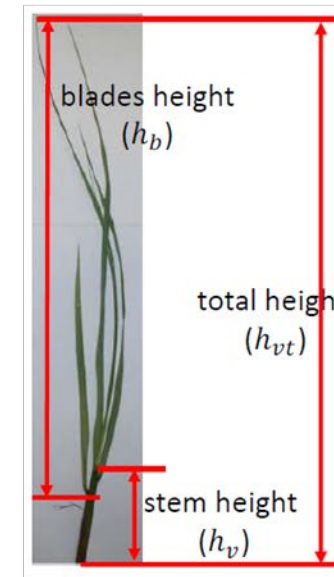
## Wave Energy Dissipation for flexible vegetation

$$D_v = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \rho C_D b_v N_v \left( \frac{kg}{2\sigma} \right)^3 \frac{\sinh^3(kh_v) + 3\sinh(kh_v)}{3k \cosh^3(kh)} H_{rms}^3$$

## Drag force using SFWT

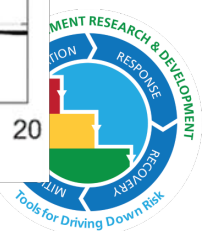
$$F_v = \frac{1}{16\sqrt{\pi}} \rho C_D b_v N_v \bar{\omega}^2 H_{rms}^3 \frac{\cosh^2 kh_v}{\sinh^2 kh_v} f_\alpha$$

$C_D$  = drag coefficient for marshes for both  $D_v$  and  $F_v$



Effective total height

Need  $C_D$







jupyter CSHORE\_GUI\_v2 Last Checkpoint: 08/07/2020 (autosaved) Python 3.0

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In [1]: %%javascript
        IPython.OutputArea.prototype._should_scroll = function(lines) {
            return false;
        }

In [2]: %matplotlib inline

In [5]: import os
        if os.path.exists("OSETUP_OLD"):
            os.remove("OSETUP_OLD")
        if os.path.exists("OSETUP"):
            os.rename('OSETUP', 'OSETUP_OLD')

In [4]: import CSHOREUI_v2
  
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CSHORE Model Run title: USDA wave setup run

Input Run Visualization

Offshore Wave Conditions:

Hrms (m): 0.5 Tp (s): 5  
 setup (m): 0.0000 SWL (m): 0  
 Weibull distribution:

Vegetation Conditions:

$N_v$  (#/m<sup>2</sup>): 3150 hv (m): 0.2 bv (m): 0.003175  
 Veg from (m): 11.5 to (m): 15.1  
 Minimum wetness height for visualization (m): 0.01  
 Drag coefficient to wave energy dissipation (Cd): 1  
 Drag coefficient to mean current (Cdm): 1.1  
 Vegetation mode: No veg. Varying properties Constant properties **New veg. advances**  
 Energy dissipation model: Mendez & Losada Chen & Zhao (JONSWAP spectrum) Chen & Zhao (Measured spectrum)  
 Phase-averaged drag model: current CSHORE parametric model **hybrid model**

Computational Domain:

Generate grids & depth files Load grids & depth files  
 dx (m): 0.005 Lx (m): 21.2 flat (m): 7.2  
 zb off (m): -1.0 zb on (m): 0.1  
 Run time (s): 50 Burst (s): 60  
 Bottom friction factor: 0.02

# JUPYTER NOTEBOOK: OPEN-SOURCE WEB APPLICATION



CSHORE GUI: Python; CSHORE-Vegetation: Fortran;  
 Platform: Win/MacOS/Linux

jupyter CSHORE\_GUI

- The front-end, Web-based user interface (UI) : (1) *INPUT*, (2) *RUN*, (3) *OUTPUT VISUALIZATION*, and (4) *BREAKAGE EVALUTION* ; built upon Jupyter notebooks, streamlines the workflow of model configuration, execution, and output visualization
- The back-end vegetation breakage evaluation engine conducts Monte-Carlo simulations, computes wave-induced bending stress through a trained neural network model, determines vegetation breakage fractions, and simulates wave height decay in response to the remaining vegetation stems using CSHORE-VEG.

Zhu et al. (2022) ERDC/CHL CHETN-IV-DRAFT



# EXAMPLE CASE: TERREBONNE BAY WAVES FROM TS LEE (2011)



## Wave boundary conditions:

Hrms0: 0.5813 m  
Tp: 3.1850 s  
angle: 0 deg  
mwl: 0 m  
swl: 0 m

## Process:

breaking ratio: 0.90

## Vegetation:

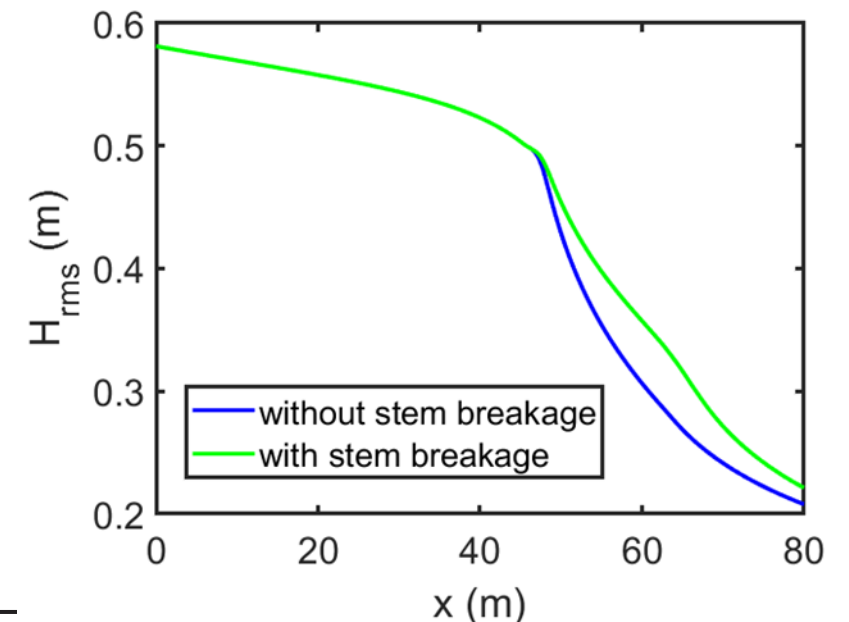
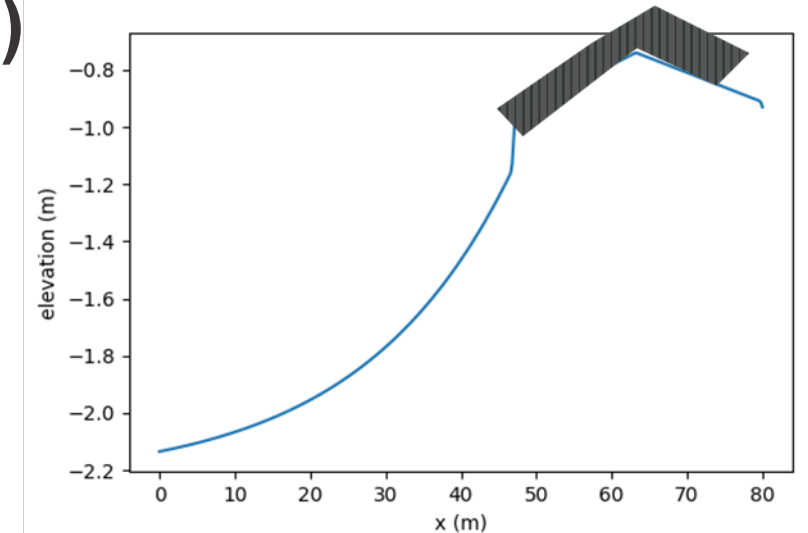
extent: from 47.0000 m to 79.7000 m

## flexible vegetation

### stem breakage

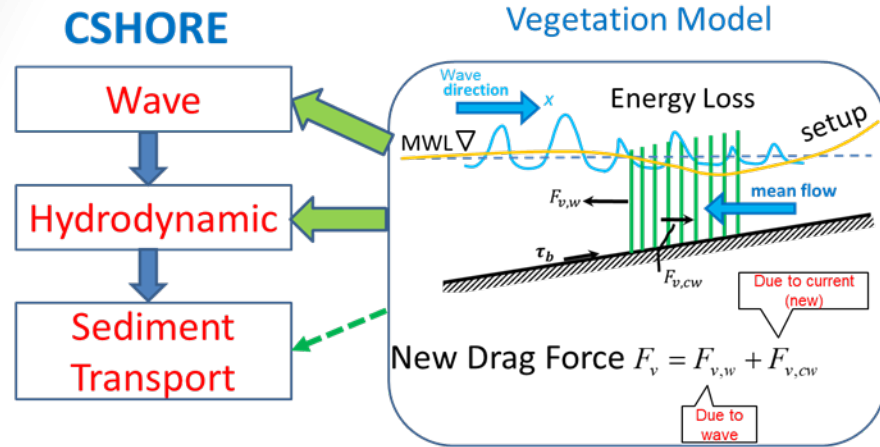
Nv: 400 stems/m<sup>2</sup>  
mean hstem: 0.1578 m  
std hstem: 0.1436 m  
mean bv: 0.0079 m  
std bv: 0.0028 m  
mean flexural strength: 6000000 Pa  
std flexural strength: 4600000 Pa  
Young's E: 80000000 Pa

Cd should be 0.8323





# INTERACTION BETWEEN SEDIMENT TRANSPORT AND VEGETATION: A GENERAL FRAMEWORK



## Bed Elevation Change ( $Z_b$ ) Model

$$(1 - p) \frac{\partial Z_b}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0$$

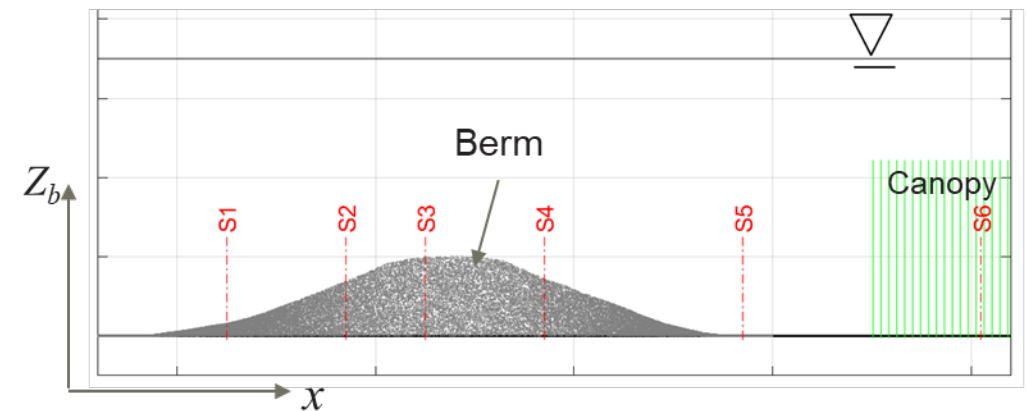
$Q$  = sediment transport flux induced by waves and currents

$P$  = sand porosity

## Q: Need a Cross-Shore Sediment Transport through Vegetation

### Contributors to Cross-Shore Transport:

- Orbital motion of nonlinear waves (on-offshore)
- Undertow in 3-d current structure by waves (offshore)
- Gravitational slope effect (offshore)
- Stokes drift: a net drift velocity in the direction of wave propagation.
- Overwash and overtopping (not included in the present model)
- Sandy bar migration (at on-offshore directions)
- Turbulence induced by vegetation
- Suspension and bed materials in vegetation due to waves and currents

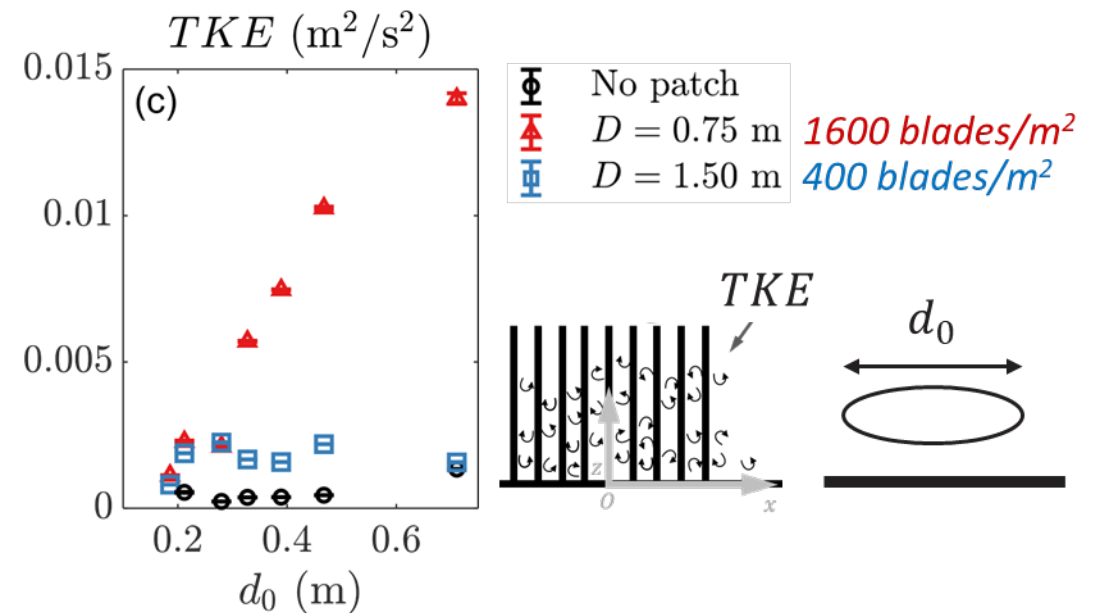
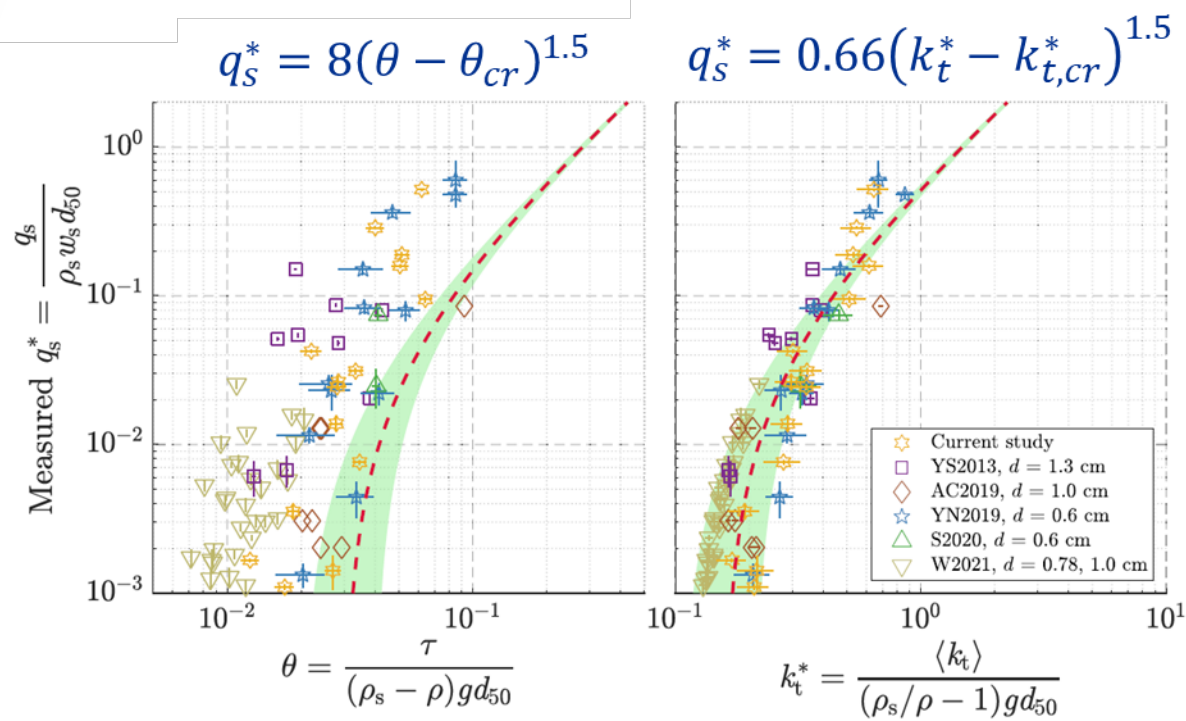




# TURBULENT KINETIC ENERGY (TKE) & VEGETATION



- Growing body of literature based on laboratory and field studies support TKE as a better predictor of sediment transport in vegetation canopies than bed shear stress
- Zhao and Nepf (2021) recast MPM bedload transport equation as  $f(TKE)$  instead of  $f(\theta)$
- TKE generally increases with stem packing density and velocity (e.g., Holzenthal et al. 2022)





# NON-UNIFORM VEGETATION GEOMETRY



Mangrove flume experiment validated in CSHORE (Johnson FY24); drag prediction simplified to focus on momentum balance and veg impact on mean water level

- Energy

$$\frac{\partial \overline{E}_f}{\partial x} = -D_B - D_f - \int_{z_b}^{\eta} \rho \frac{C_D}{2} d_v N |u|^3 dz$$

- Momentum

$$\frac{\partial S_{xx}}{\partial x} = -\rho g h \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial x} - \tau_b - \int_{z_b}^{\eta} \rho \frac{C_D}{2} d_v N |u| u dz$$

$d_v$  = plant diameter/width [m]

$N_v$  = number of stems/plants per unit area ( $m^{-2}$ )

$C_D$  = drag coefficient

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

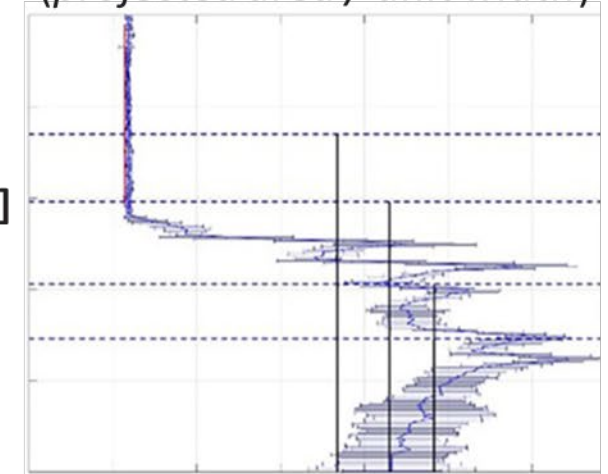
$$\beta(z) \sim \rho \frac{C_d}{2} D_e(z) n_R(z)$$

*Kelty et al. (2022)*



$A_t$  [ $m^2/m$ ]

(projected area / unit width)



$$D_e(z) \sim b_v \sim d_v$$

$$D_e = \frac{\overline{A}_t}{(1 + \overline{n}_R)}$$

$D_e$  = effective diam.

$n_r$  = num. roots



# SUMMARY



## FY24 Major Advancements in Capability

- 2 Contracts managed/awarded (ORISE)
- New team members (ORISE) to perform V&V of model advancements made by team leads
- Preliminary literature review and plan for formulation additions/enhancements

## FY24 Major Products & Collaborations

- PDT meeting
- Periodic meeting with EL GenVeg team members
- TN on CSHORE-Veg GUI submitted into EPAS\*\*

## FY25 Products & Advancements

- 1D validation of hydro, vegetation, sediment formulations with TKE-induced transport
- 1D validation of wave, vegetation, and drag formulations for species with large depth-variation (i.e., mangroves)
- JP/TR draft on TKE-induced transport advancements in CHSORE-Veg
- JP/TR draft on drag formulations for mangroves in CHSORE-Veg
- TN draft on spatial and temporal scales of data needed by CHL and EL models; identify possible model coupling framework
- White paper on CSHORE-Veg formulations (in comparison with CSHORE and C2SHORE)