



# DSD 2016: XBeach and Earth Observation course: Assessment of Nature-based Flood defenses

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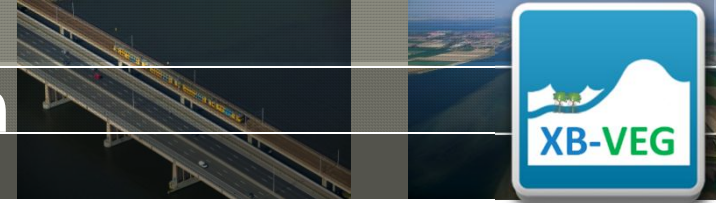


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**Part 1A. Theoretical background: recap**  
**THE DIFFERENT MODES OF XBEACH (STATIONARY,  
SURFBEAT, NONHYDROSTATIC)**

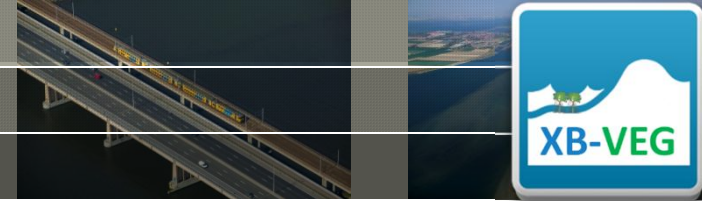
# Motivation to develop XBeach



Impact Hurricane Matthew. at Vilano Beach FL, 10/9, video credit Tom Kane  
Source: <https://twitter.com/StuOstro/status/785532989497368576?s=02>



# Relevant wave processes



— Short wave envelope

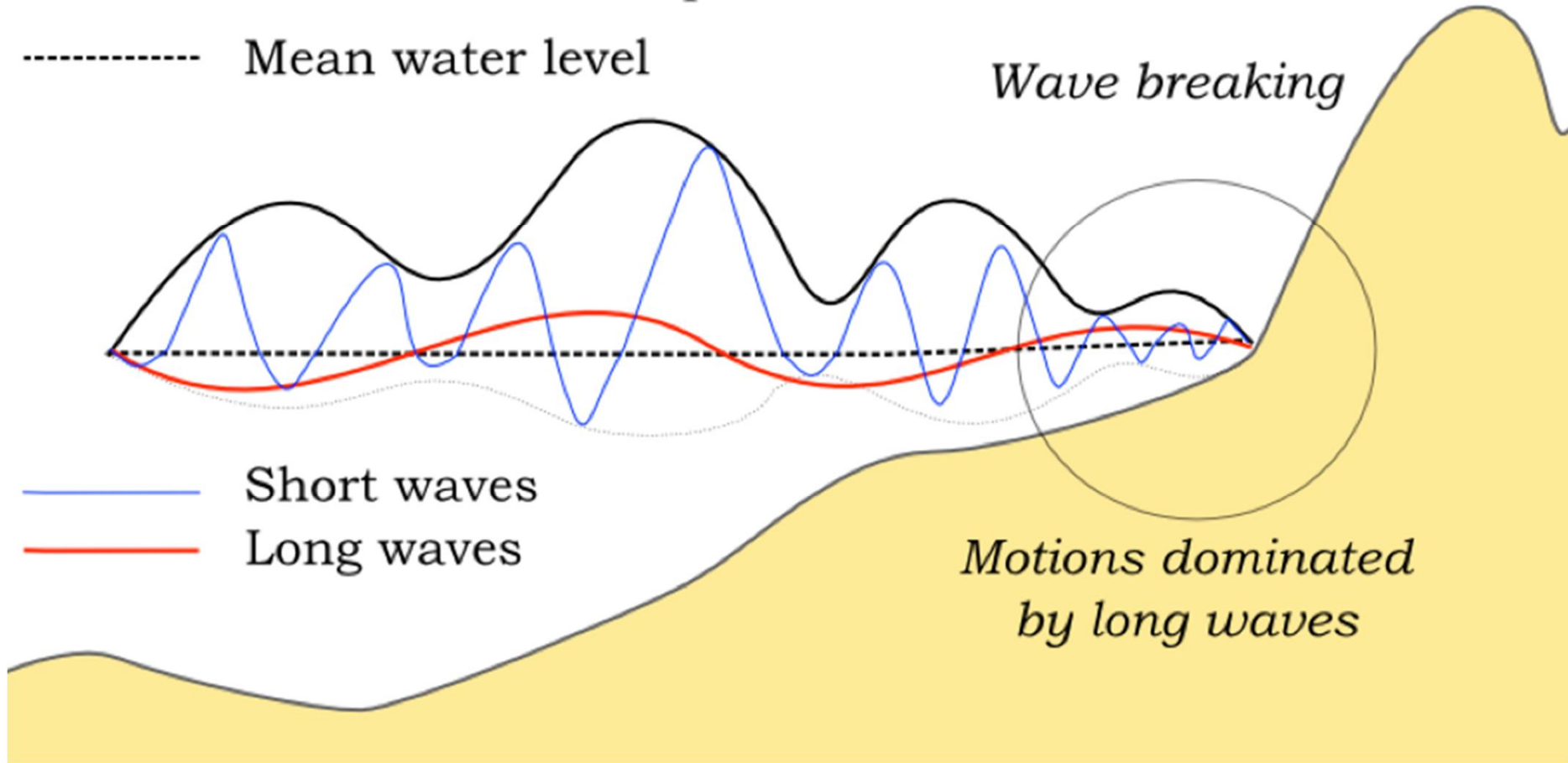
- - - Mean water level

*Wave breaking*

— Short waves

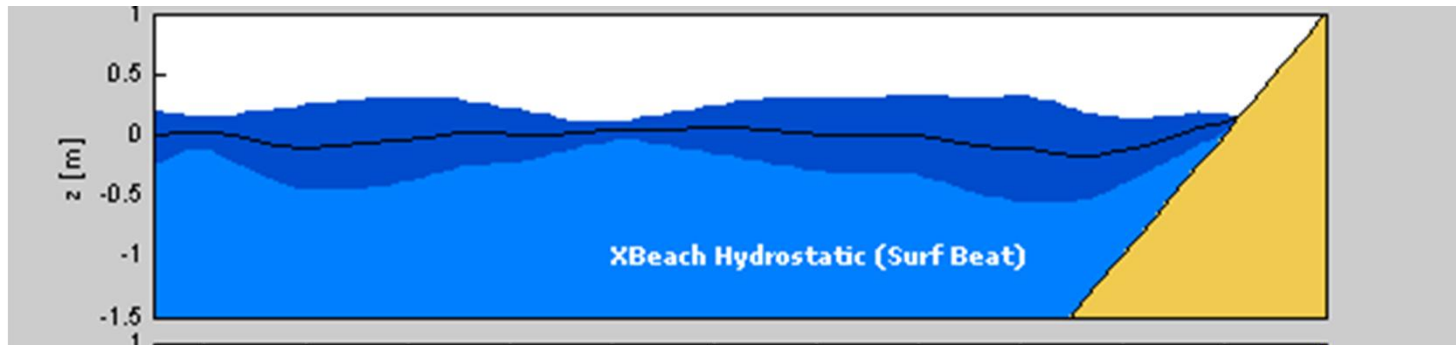
— Long waves

*Motions dominated by long waves*



Nederhoff (2014). Modelling the effects of hard structures on dune erosion and overwash. Hindcasting the impact of Hurricane Sandy on New Jersey with XBeach

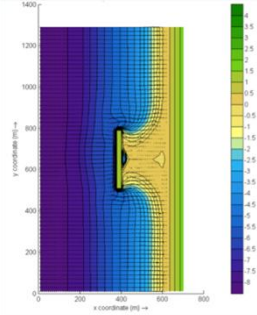
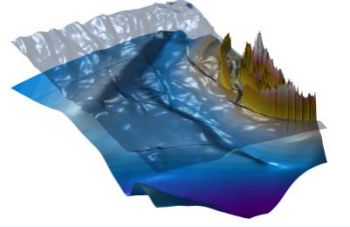
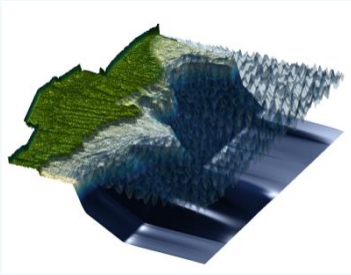
# Different XBeach hydrodynamic modes



**surfbeat** mode  
Wave conditions  
vary on wave  
group scale, IG  
waves resolved

# Overview different hydrodynamic modes



Type	Stationairy	Surfbeat	nonhydrostatic
Goal	Schematic short waves	Fully resolve long waves	Propagation of individual waves
Hydrodynamics	no	yes, but only for long waves	yes, for all waves
Morphodynamics	moderate wave conditions	extreme conditions (e.g. hurricanes)	<i>under development</i>
Computational time	Short	Medium	Long
Time-scale	Long-term	Short to medium	Short
Example			



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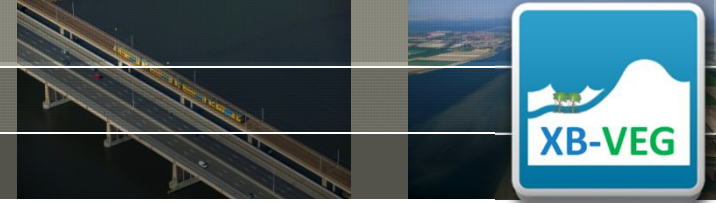
## **Part 1B. Theoretical background**

# VEGETATION MODULE IN XBEACH




Sheets used from Arnold van Rooijen

28 oktober 2016

**Deltares**



## Vegetation characteristics:

- Stem height ( $a_v \approx 0.3$  m) 
- Stem diameter ( $b_v \approx 0.003$  m) 
- Vegetation density ( $N$ ; varies with the seasons) 
- Drag coefficient ( $C_d \approx 0.15$ )

**Vegetation factor ( $A_v$ )**

## Physics:

- Effect of vegetation on incident (short) waves
- Effect of vegetation on infragravity waves and mean flow
- Effect of vegetation on wave setup

## Schematization:

- Vertically non-uniform vegetation (e.g. mangroves)
- Horizontally non-uniform vegetation (different types per location)

- Incident (short) waves (Mendez & Losada, 2004; Suzuki et al., 2011):

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial c_x A}{\partial x} = -\frac{D_w + D_v}{\sigma}, \text{ with}$$

$$D_v = \frac{\sinh^3 ks + 3 \sinh ks}{3k \cosh^3 kh} \cdot \frac{\rho \widetilde{C}_D b_v N_v}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \left(\frac{gk}{2\omega}\right)^3 H_{rms}^3$$

- Infragravity waves (surfbeat mode) and flow (Dalrymple et al. 1984):

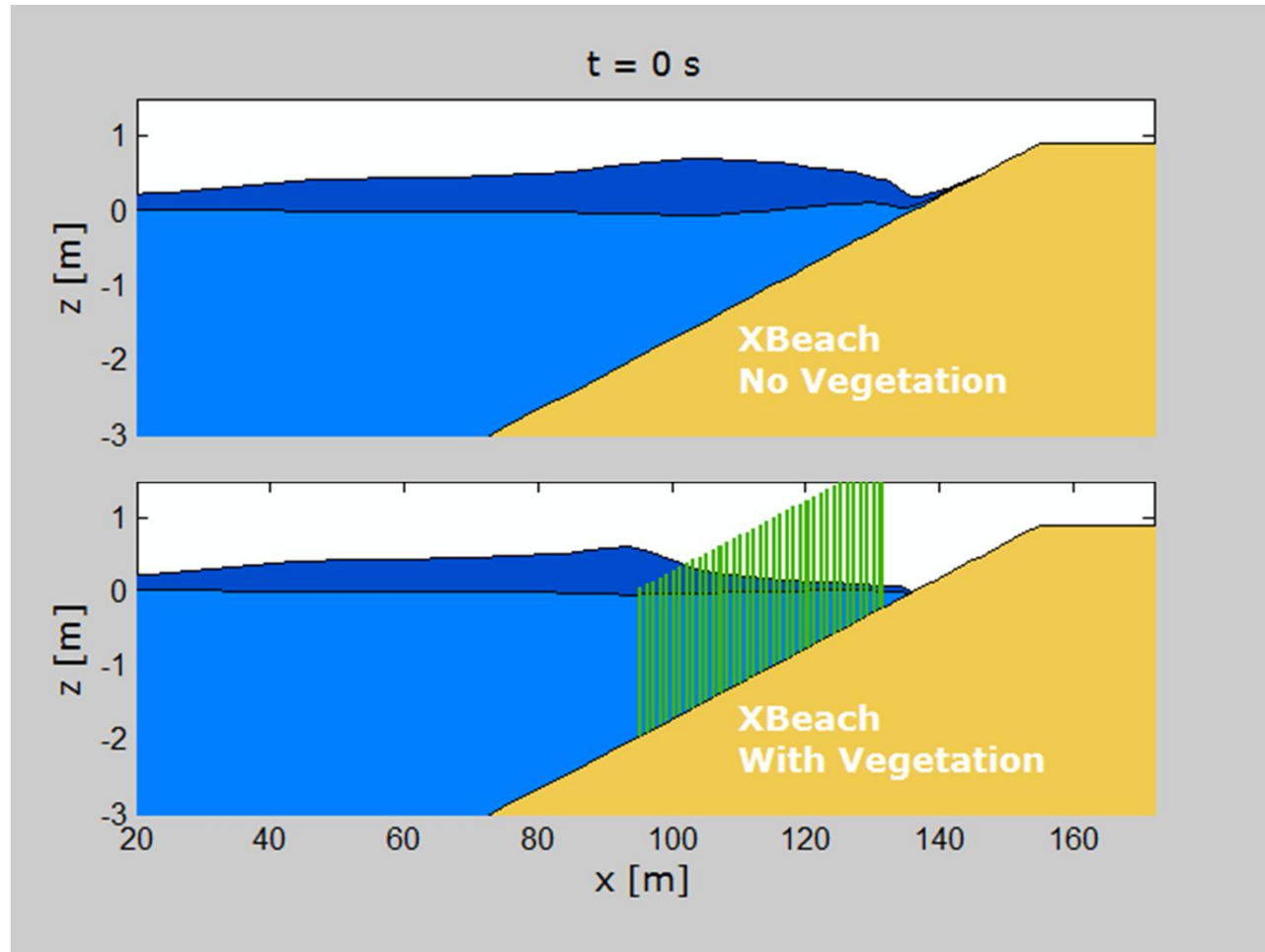
$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u^L h}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u^L}{\partial t} + u^L \frac{\partial u^L}{\partial x} = -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - \frac{\tau_{b,x} + F_w + F_v}{\rho h}$$

$F_v = F_{vm} + F_{vw}$  → Short wave effects (non-linear)

IG waves and mean flow  
 $F_{vm} = 0.5 \rho C_D \cdot (Av) \cdot u^E |u^E|$

# Visual: impact vegetation in surfbeat mode



# Implementation: non-hydrostatic mode



- **Non-hydrostatic mode resolves the incident wave shape**
  - no need for wave shape parameterization
- Vegetation effects can be included by **adding drag force** (Dalrymple et al., 1984) to **momentum equations**:

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial uh}{\partial x} = 0$$

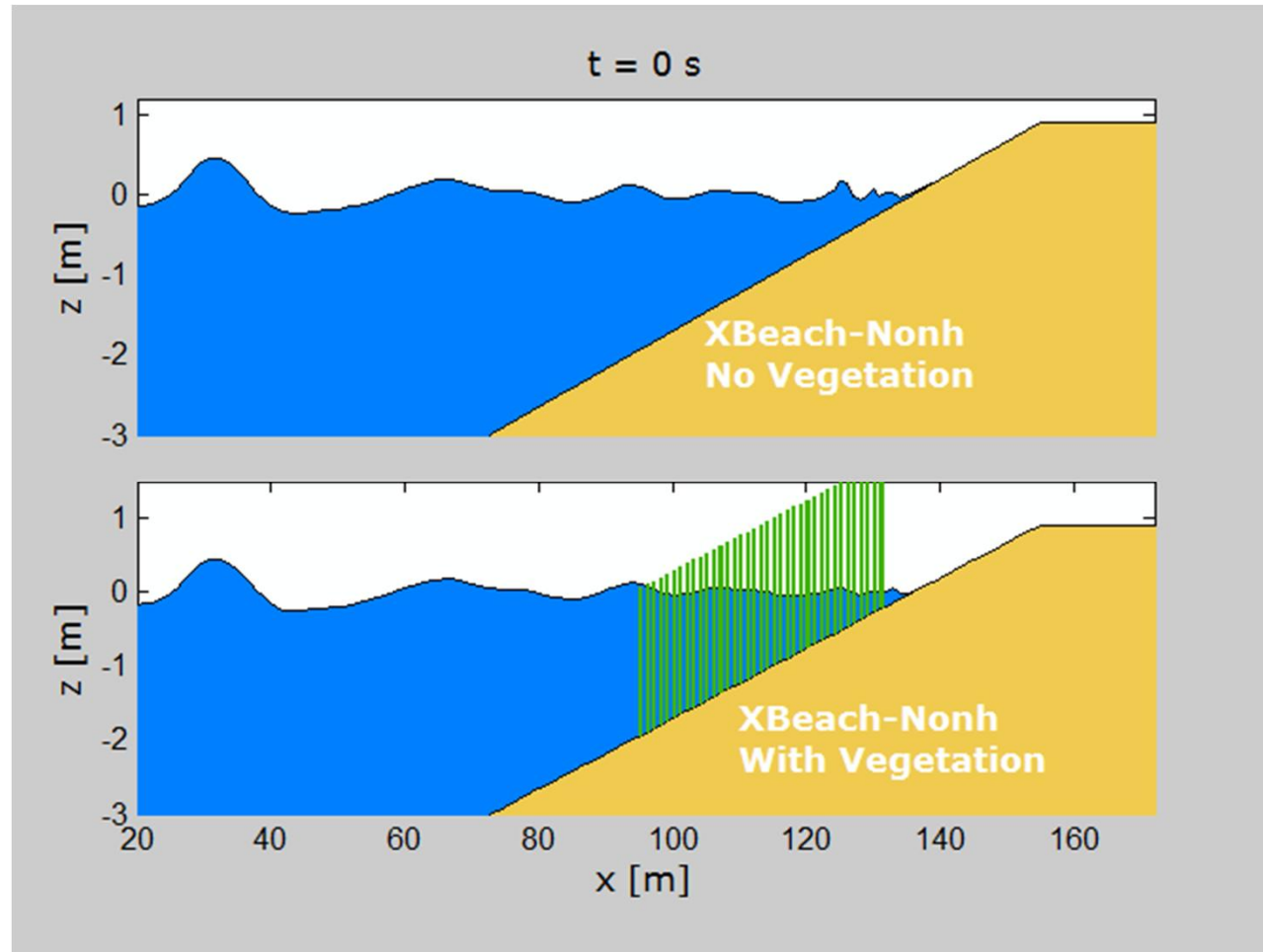
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - v_h \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \bar{q}}{\partial x} - \frac{\tau_{b,x}}{\rho h} + \frac{F_{v,nh}}{\rho h}$$

$$A_v = \int_0^{h_{v,i}} N_i * b_i$$

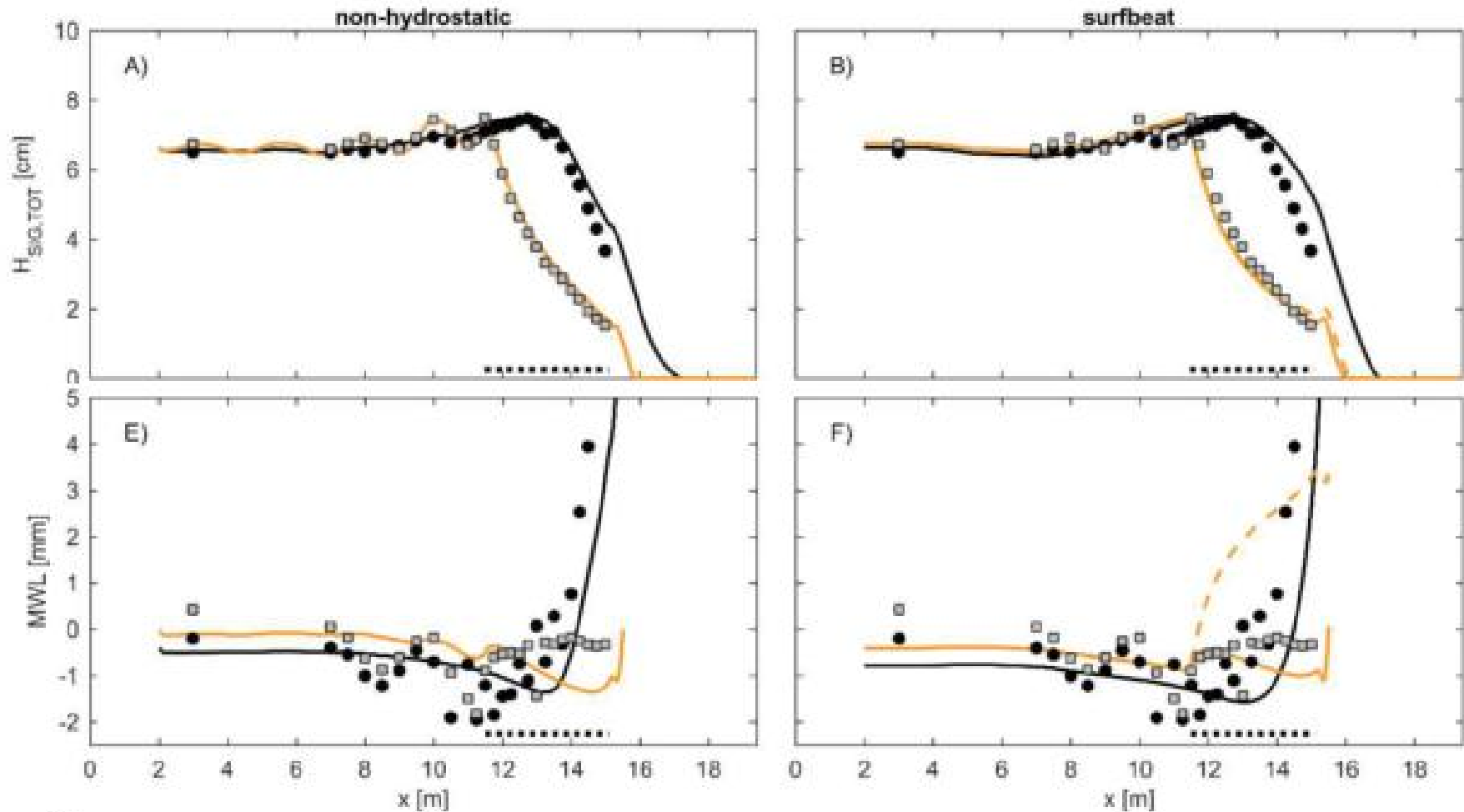
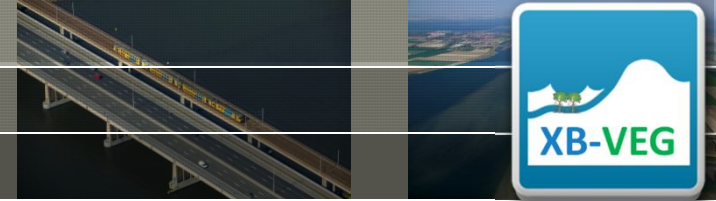
$$F_{vnh} = 0.5 \rho C_D \cdot (A_v) \cdot u |u|$$



# Visual: impact vegetation in nonh mode



# Validation XBeach-VEG



Van Rooijen et al. (2016). Modeling wave setup on vegetated coasts.  
Experiment r40091240 reported by Wu et al. [2011].

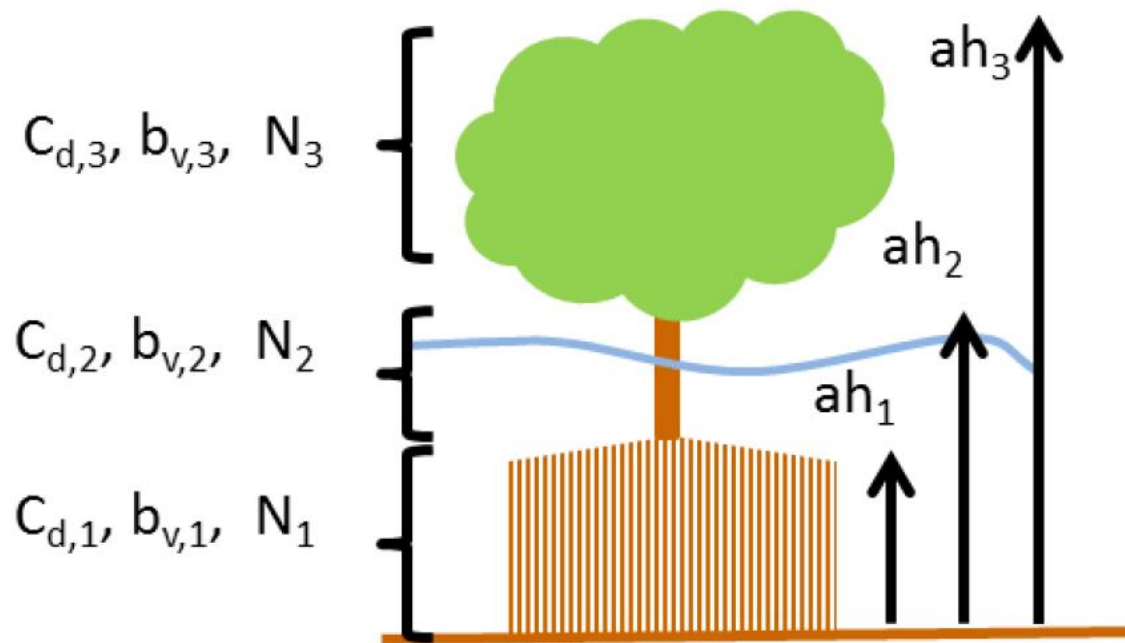


- XBeach Vegetation Module (XBeach-Veg)
  - Incident (short) wave dissipation
  - Infragravity wave and (mean) flow dissipation
  - Wave setup effect
  - Vertical schematization of plants + horizontal distribution
  - Implementation for stationary, surfbeat and nonh mode
- **Summarized in IAHR conference paper (van Rooijen et al., 2015) and JGR-Oceans publication (van Rooijen et al., 2016)**
- Work was funded through the Office of Naval Research (ONR) Coastal Geosciences Program 'Modeling the Mekong Delta'

# Practical: how to apply in XBeach (1/2)?



- Define
  - The different vegetation species *veggiefile*
  - The location of the vegetation *veggiemap*



Deltares (2015). XBeach technical reference

# Practical: how to apply in XBeach (2/2)?



- **In params.txt**

- Vegetation = 1
- Veggiesfile = veggiesfile.txt;
- Veggiemapfile = veggiemapfile.txt;

- **Veggiesfile.txt**

- seagrass.txt
- mangrove.txt

- **Veggiemap.txt**

- 0 is no vegetation
- 1 refers to first listed, 2 to second etc.
- e.g. [ 0 0 1 1 2 2 1 1 0];

## seagrass.txt

```
ah = 0.2  
Cd = 1.0  
bv = 0.02  
N = 1200
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## mangrove.txt

```
nsec = 3  
ah = 0.5 0.8 1.3  
Cd = 2.0 1.0 2.0  
bv = 0.05 0.15 0.1  
N = 1000 50 500
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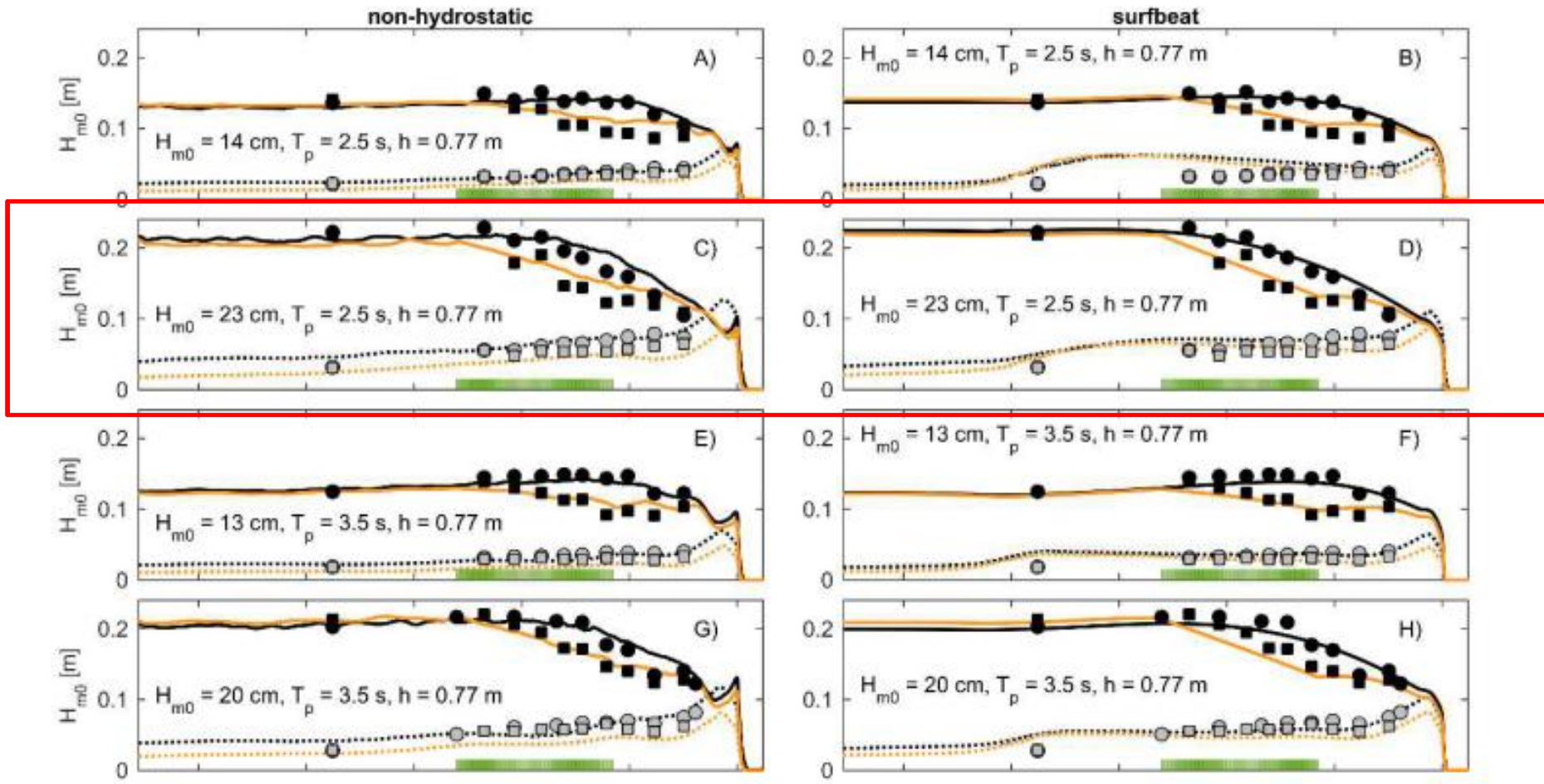
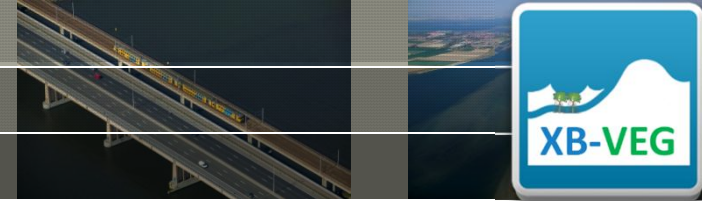
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**Part 1C. Hands on  
LOVAS (2000) EXPERIMENTS  
(MODELS CREATED BY VAN ROOIJEN ET AL., 2016)**

# Experiments of Lovas (2000)



Van Rooijen et al. (2016) Modeling the effect of wave-vegetation interaction on wave setup