

# HEC-RAS 2D Sediment Workshop: Example Applications

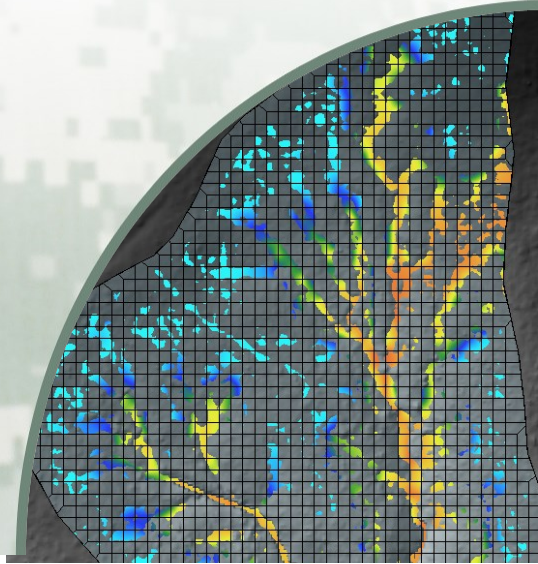
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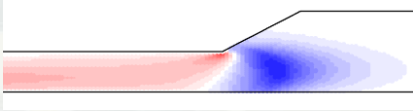
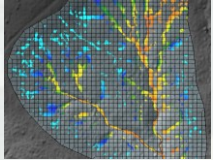
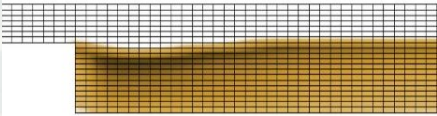

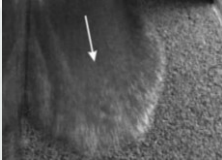
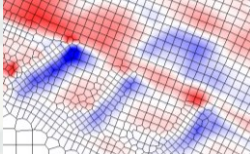
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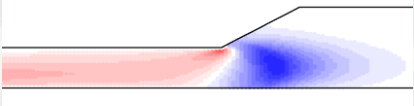
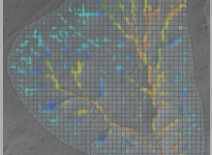

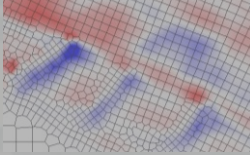
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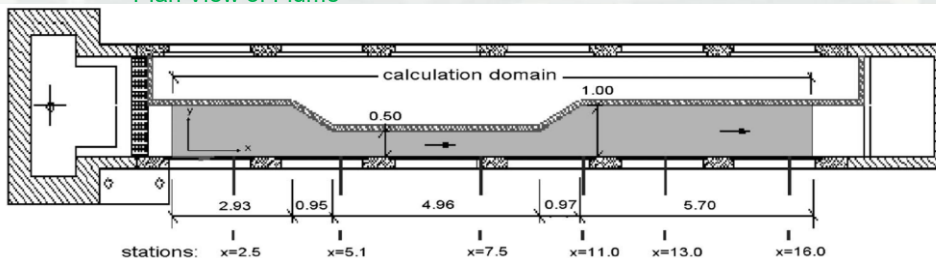
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## HEC-RAS 2D Sediment Validation: Flume Experiment of Weise (2002)

- Flow
  - ▶ Upstream flow: 150 l/s
  - ▶ Downstream depth: 0.312 m
- Sediment
  - ▶ Mean grain size: 5.5 mm
  - ▶ Geometric Standard Deviation: 1.47
- Duration: 130 min

Plan View of Flume



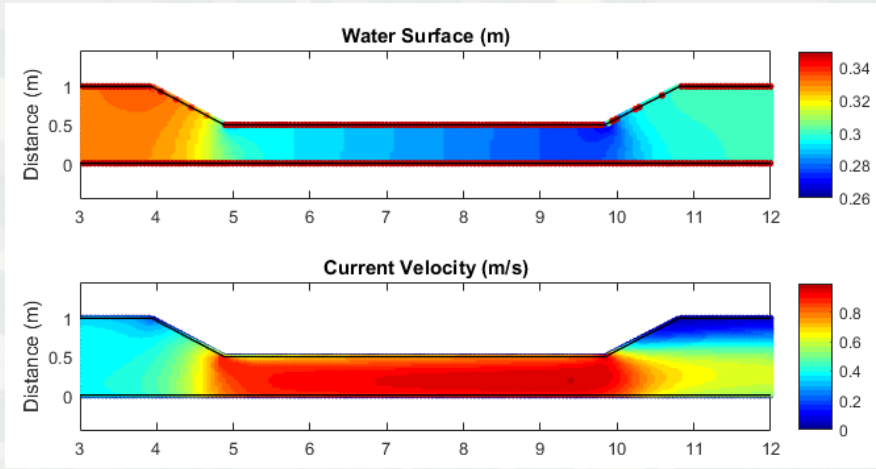
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# Results: Hydrodynamics



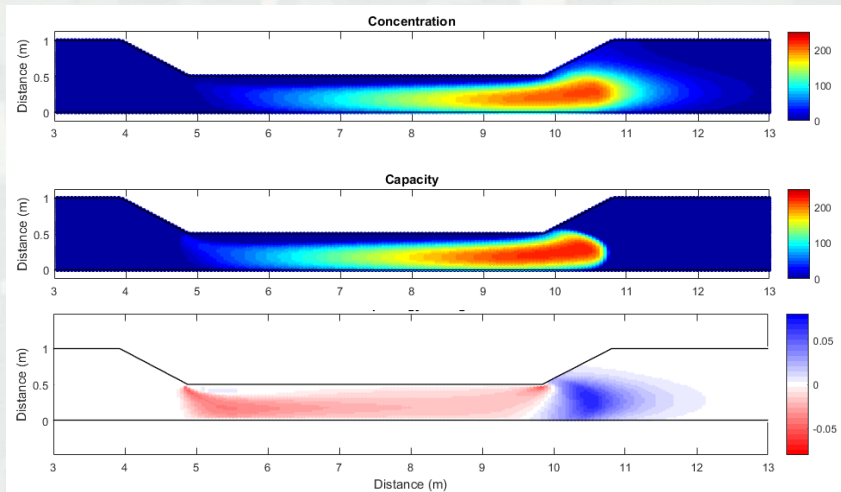
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# Results: Sediment Transport



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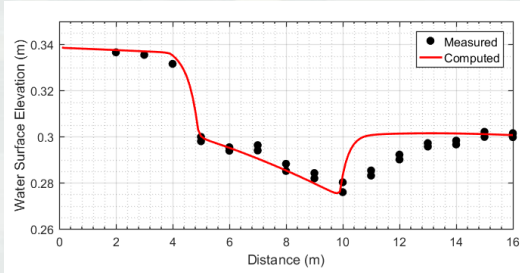


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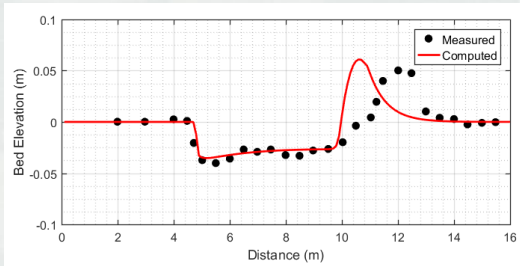
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## Results - Continued

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Water Level



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Bed Change



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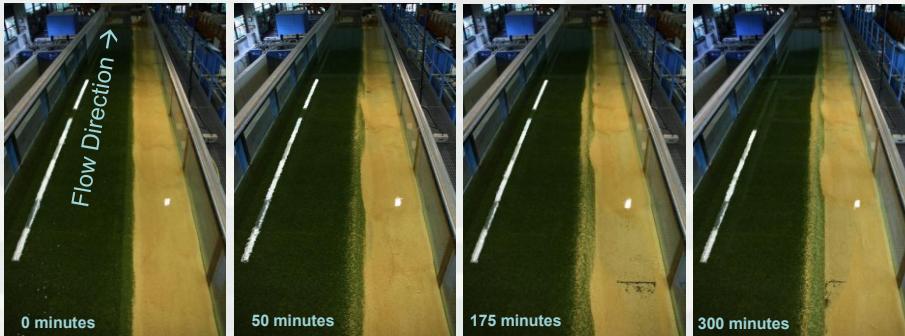
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# Floodplain Deposition

*River Flow 2016 – Constantinescu, Garcia & Hanes (Eds)*  
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Reproducing natural levee formation in an experimental flume

T. Branß, A. Dittrich & F. Núñez-González  
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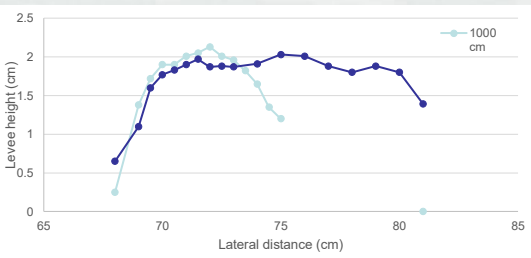
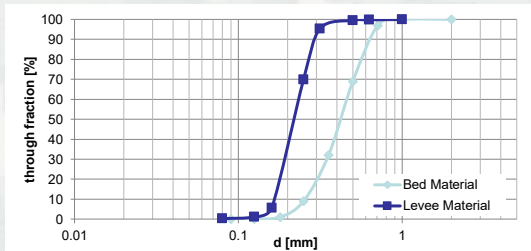
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# HEC-RAS 1D Model

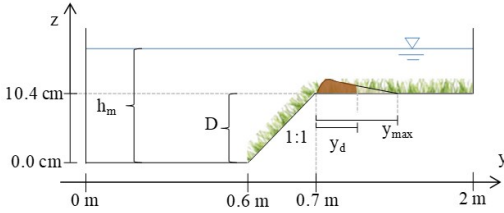
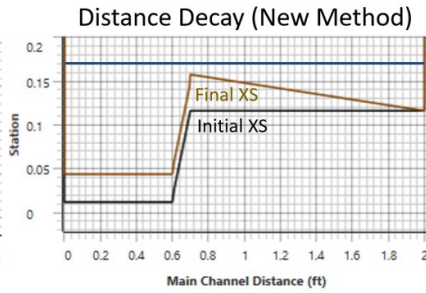
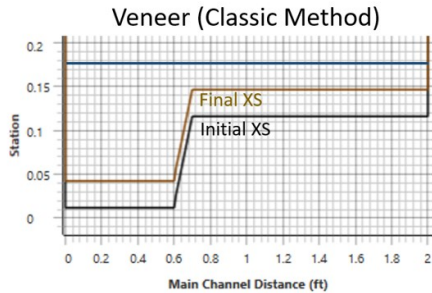


Figure 2. Floodplain Deposition Flume Experiments



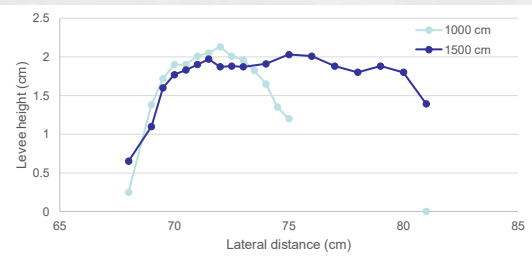
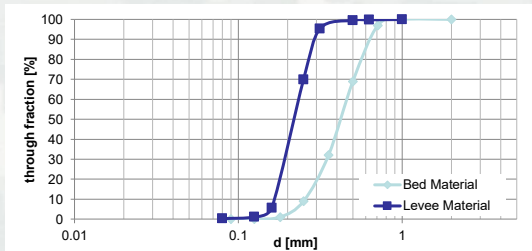
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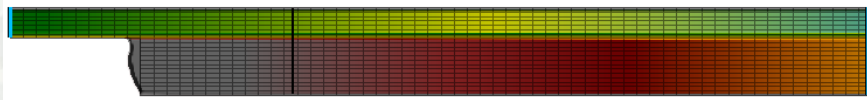
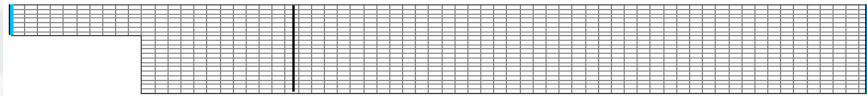
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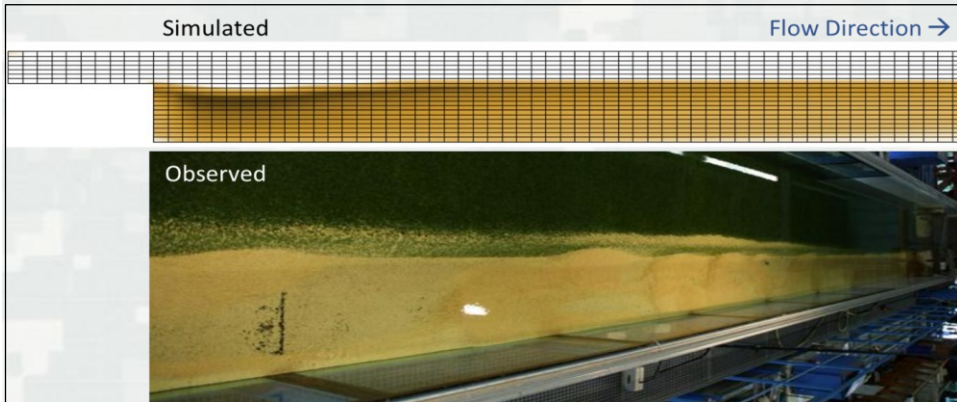


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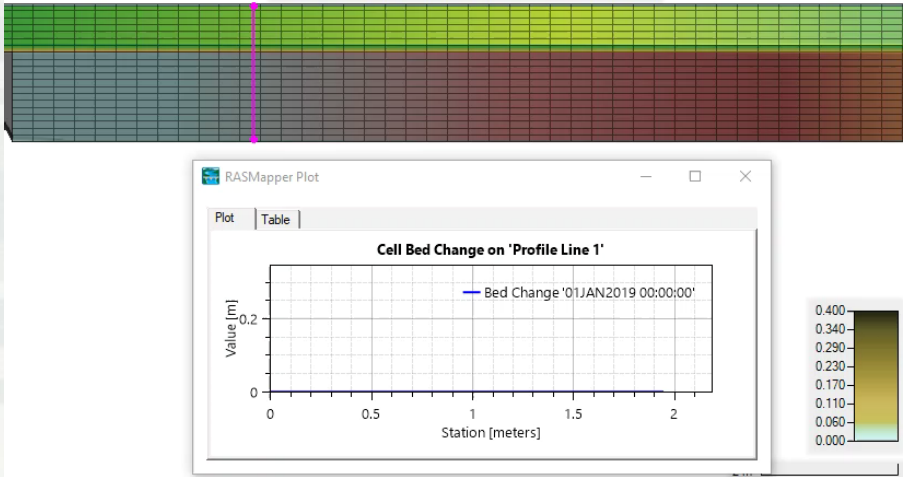


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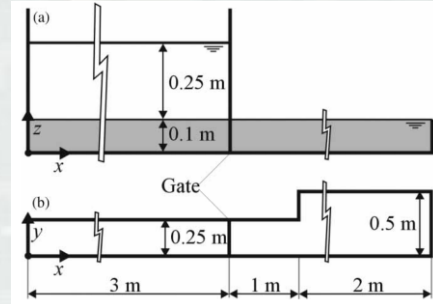
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## Lab Dam Break Experiment

- Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL)
- Gate opening:  $< 0.1$  s
- Median diameter: 1.72 mm
- Bed layer thickness: 10 cm
- Froude number:  $< 3.8$

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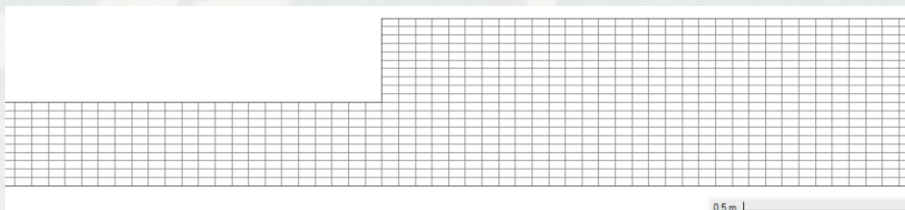
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## Model Setup

- Resolution: 5 x 2.5 cm
- Manning's  $n$ :  $0.02 \text{ s/m}^{1/3}$
- Single grain class
- Diameter: 1.72 mm
- Transport potential: Wu et al.
- Fall velocity: Soulsby
- Hindered settling: Richardson and Zaki

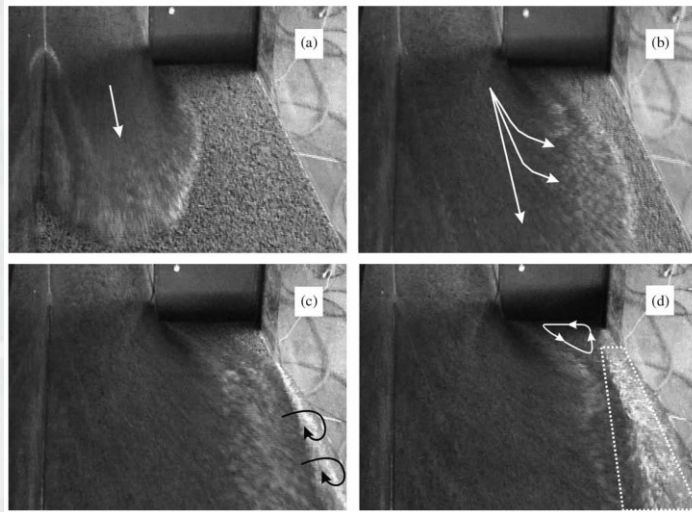
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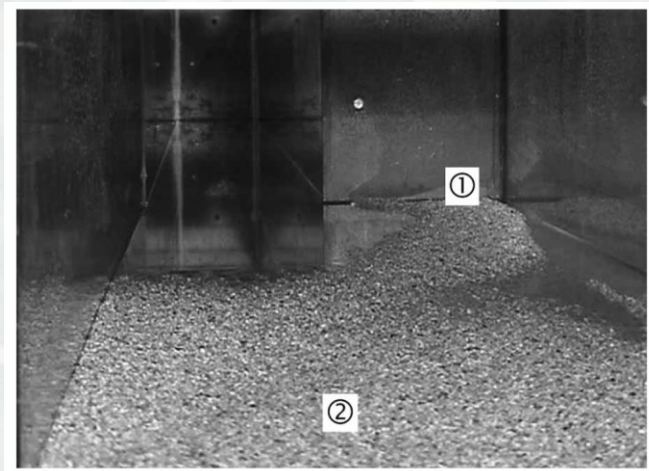


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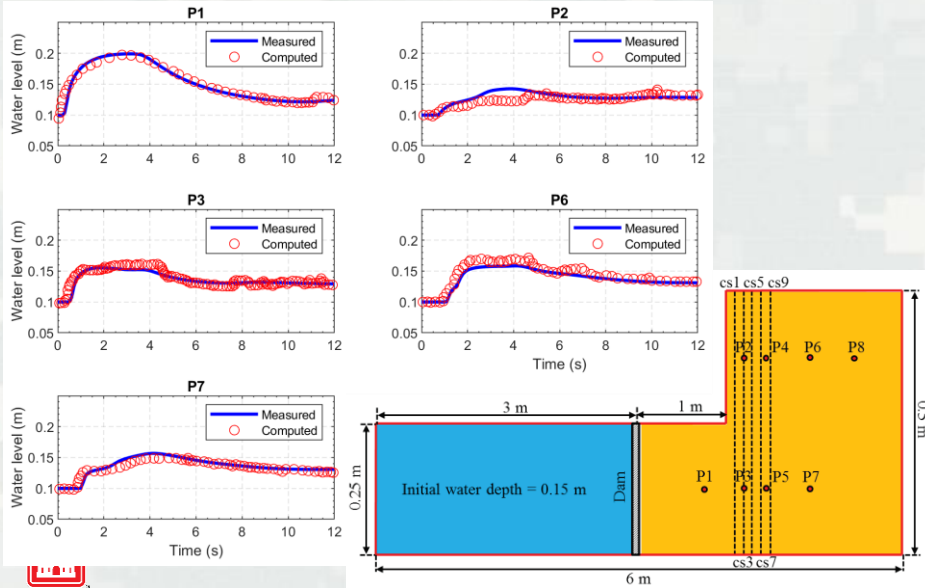


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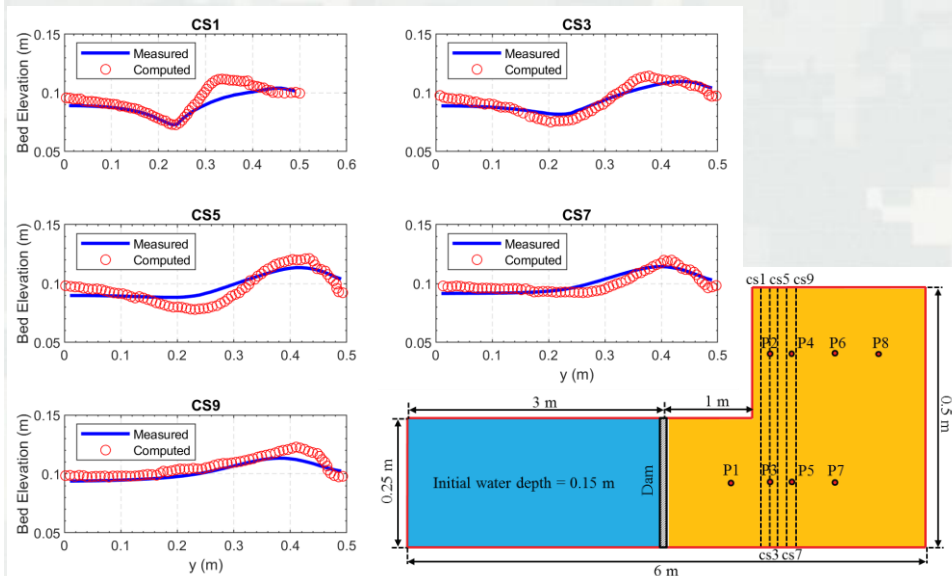


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## Bed Elevations

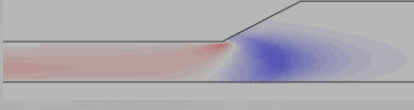
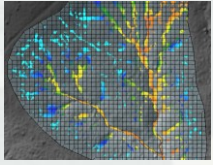

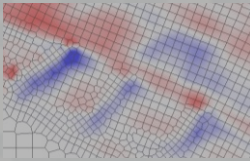


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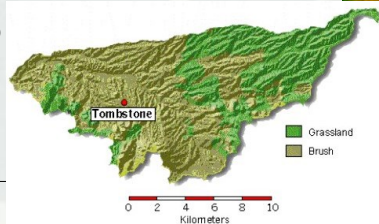
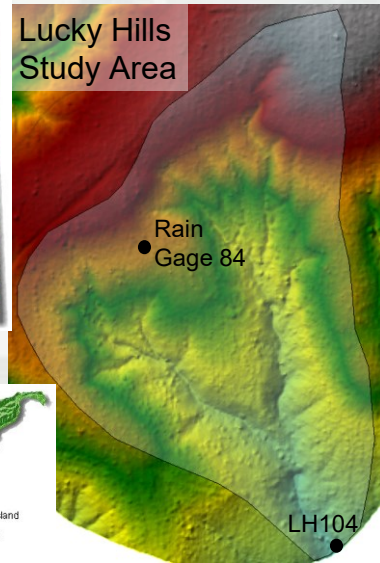
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## Validation: Lucky Hills Study Site

- USDA Walnut Gulch Experimental Watershed
- Area: ~1 ac
- Sandy Loam
- Cover
  - ▶ Rock: 67%
  - ▶ Basal: 5%
  - ▶ Litter: 5%



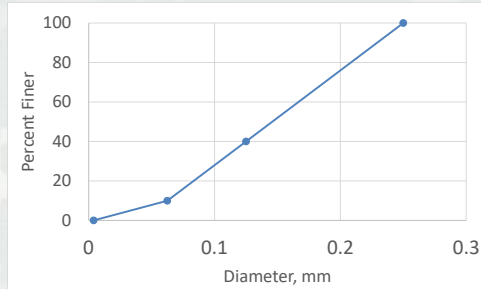
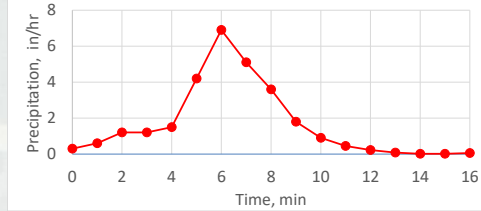
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## Model Setup

- Precipitation:
  - ▶ Gage 84
- Sediment
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  - ▶ Krone and Partheniades
  - ▶ Clay: 10%
  - ▶ Silt: 30%
  - ▶ Sand: 60%

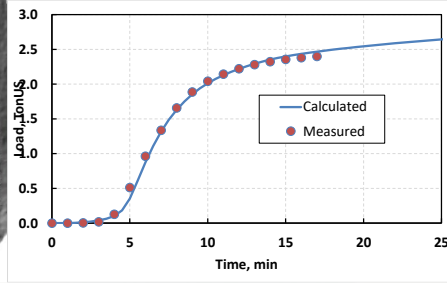
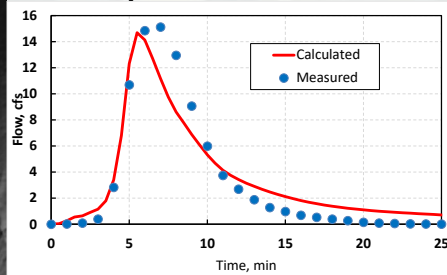
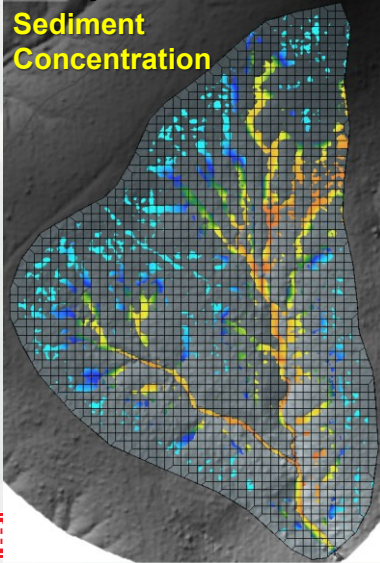


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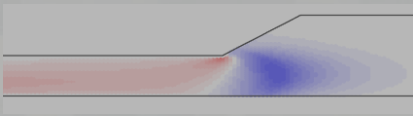
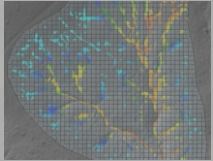
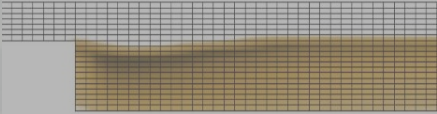

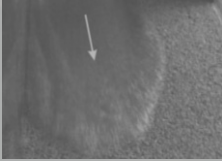
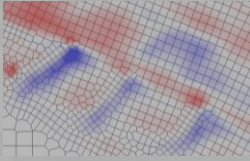
### Lucky Hills USDA Walnut Gulch Experimental Watershed



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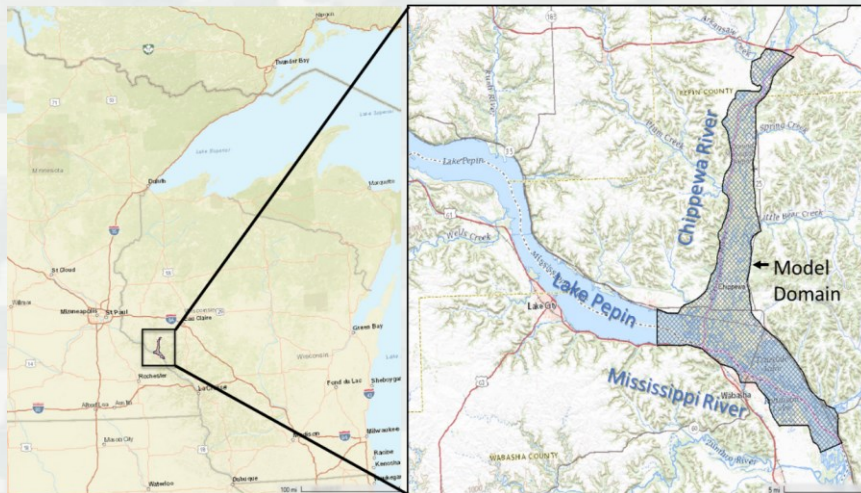
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# Chippewa River, Wisconsin



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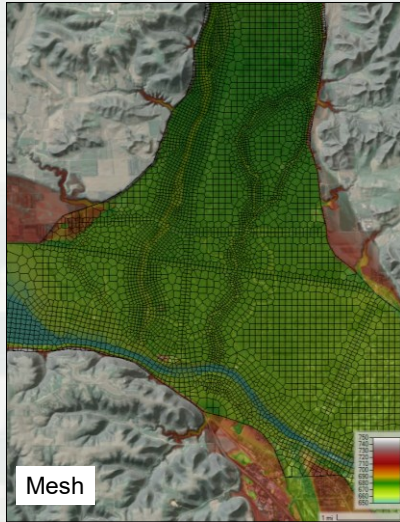
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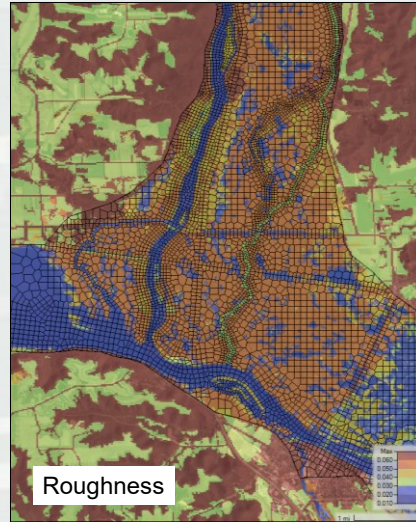
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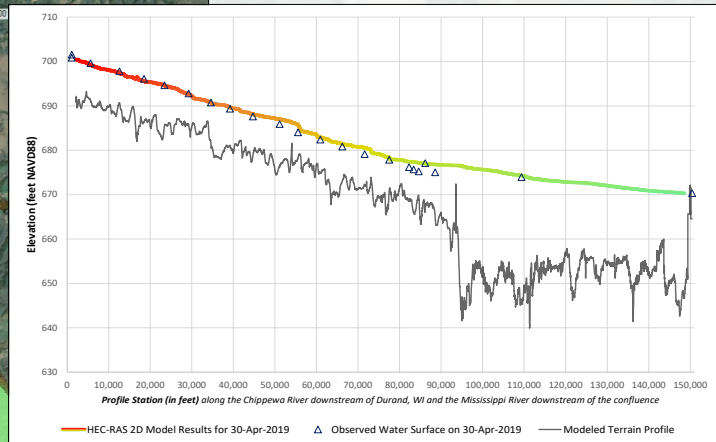
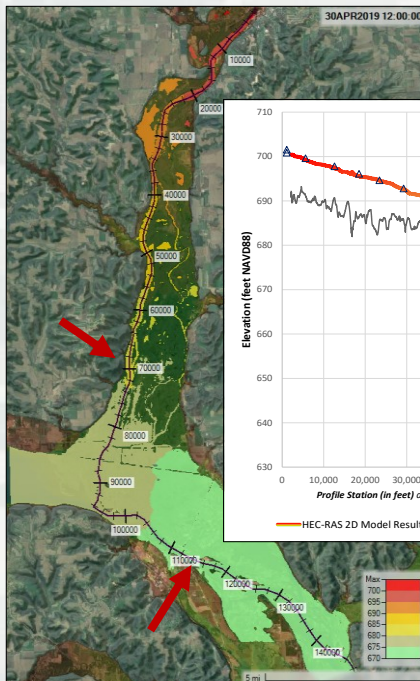


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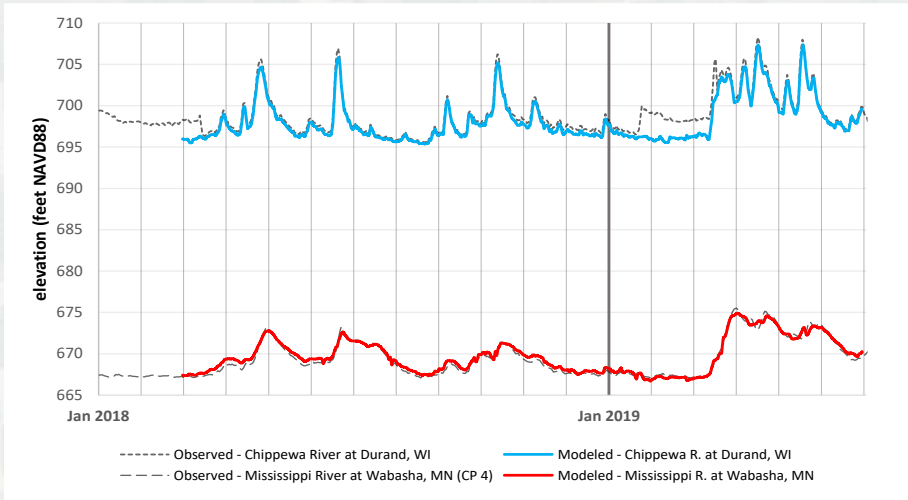


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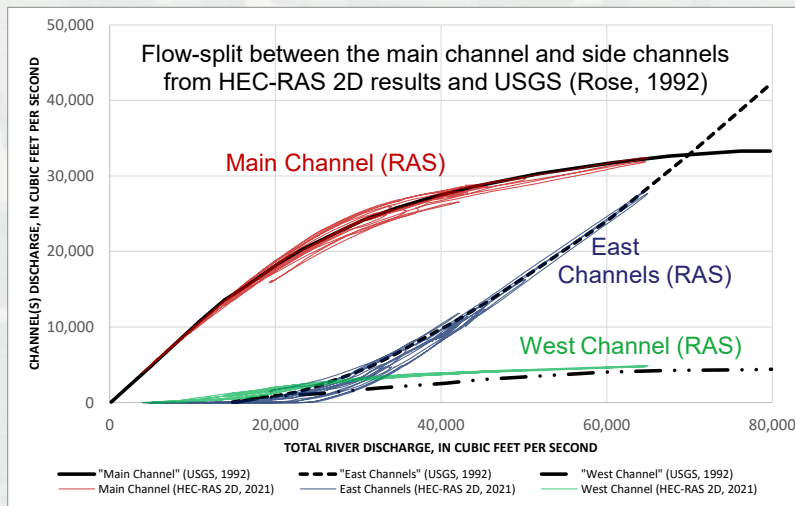
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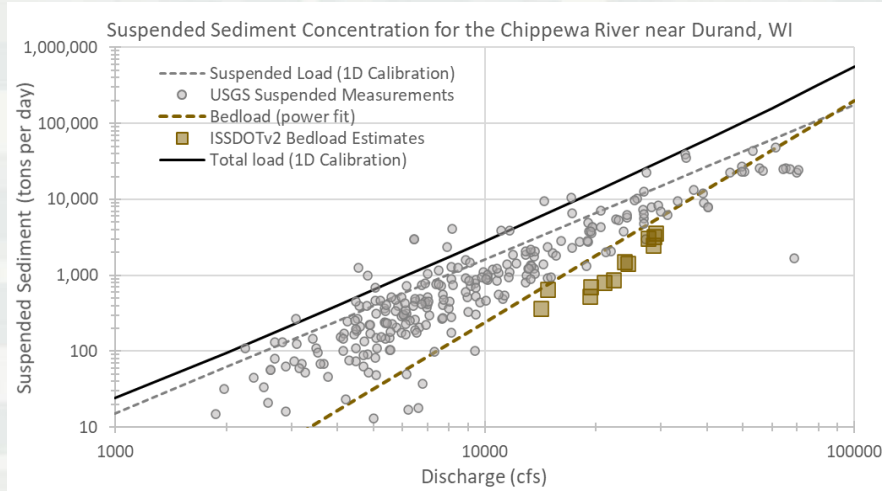


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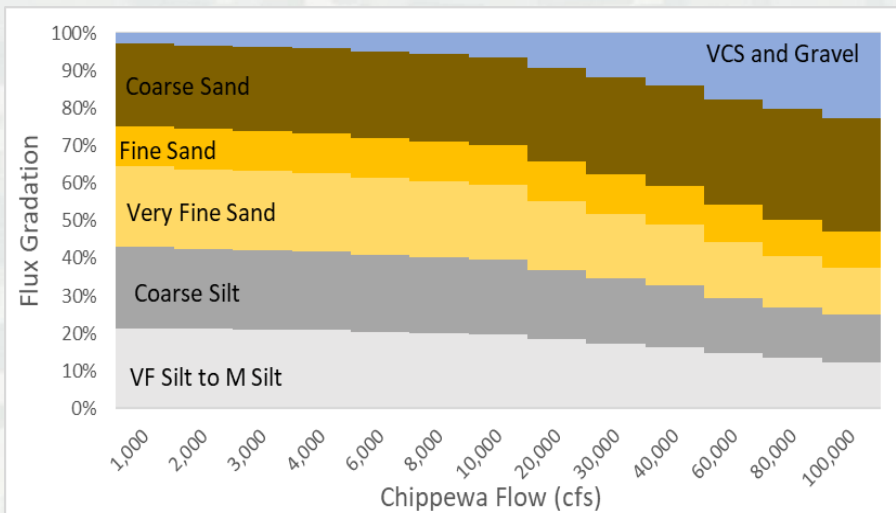


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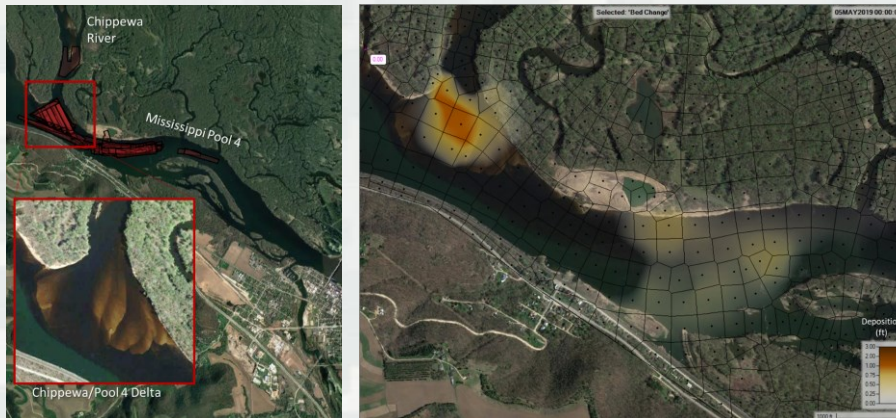


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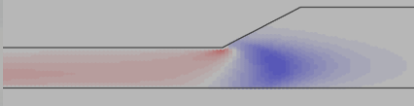
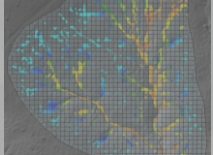

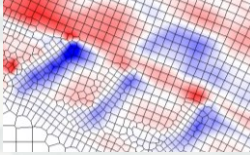


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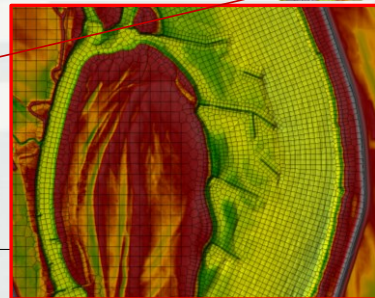
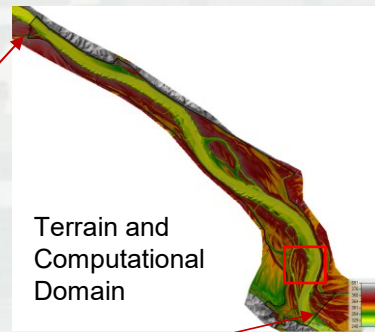
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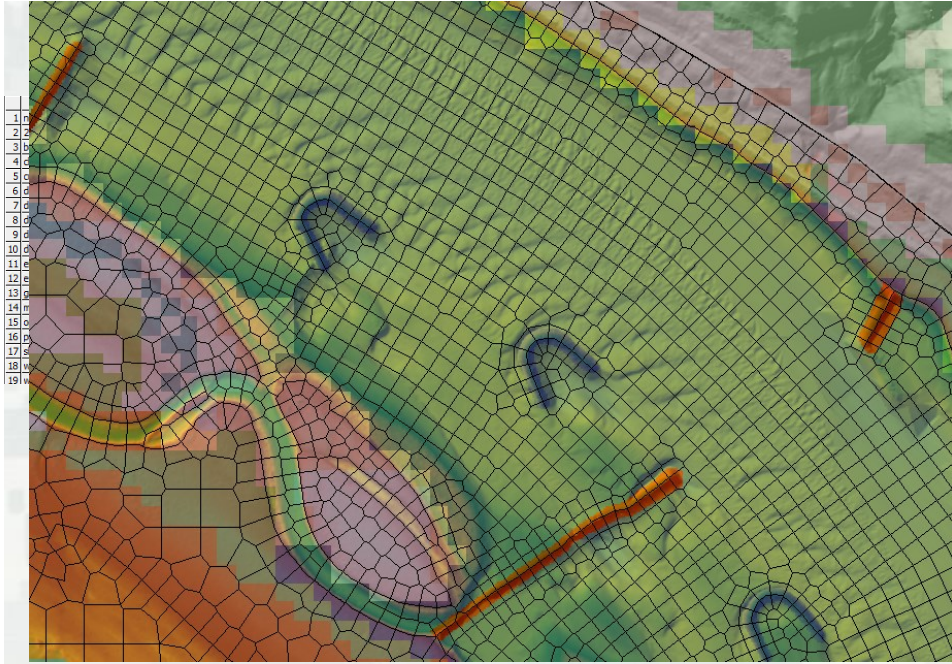
## Validation: Upper Mississippi

- **Time Period:** 2014 to 2016
- **Study Extent:** River Station 110 (Chester Gage) to River Station 92 (two miles downstream of Red Rock Gage)
- **Upstream Boundary Condition:** Chester Flow Hydrograph
- **Downstream Boundary Condition:** Normal Depth, Red Rock Rating Curve



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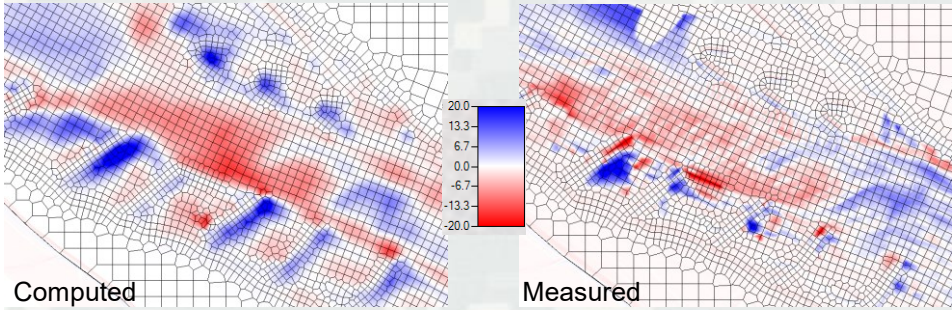


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## Results – In Progress Calibration

Comparison of measured and computed bed change



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