



Nonlinear Waves over Dissipative Mud

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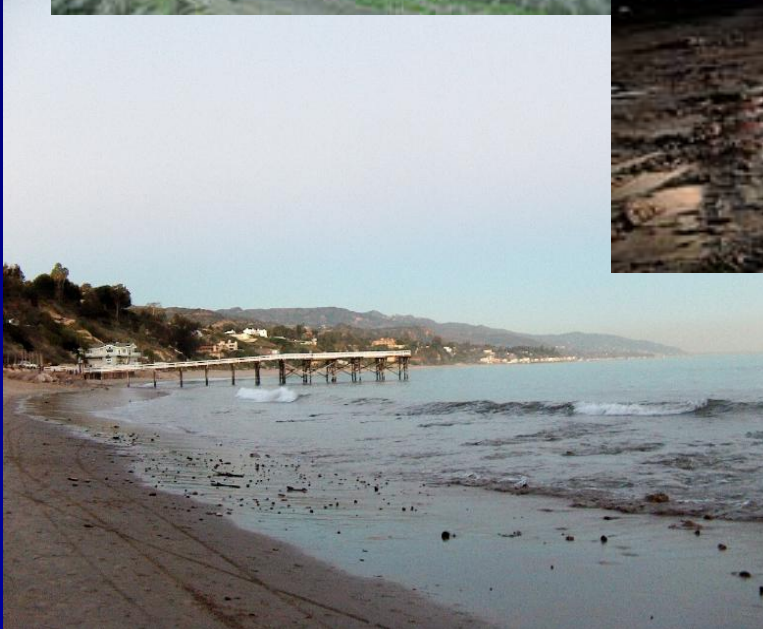
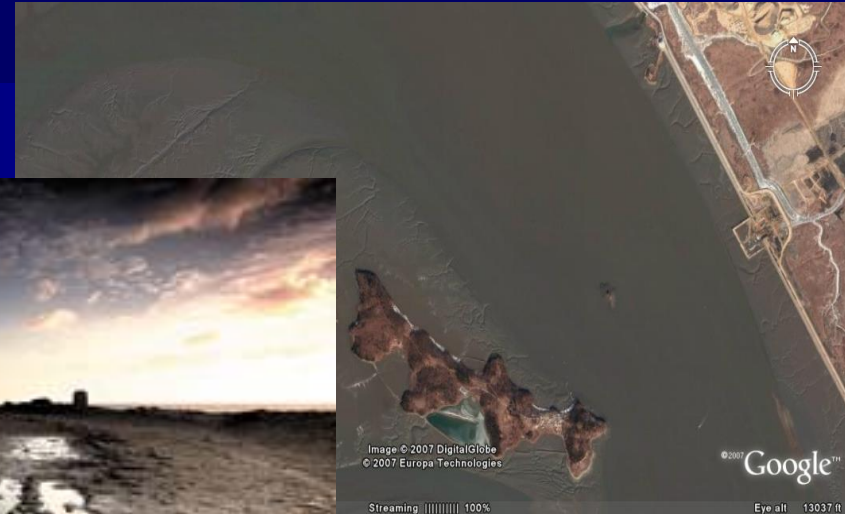
The Beach: Sand, Surf, Seashells



When you say "beach", this is what you think of...



The Beach : Silts, Clays, Mangroves



Cassino Beach, Brazil

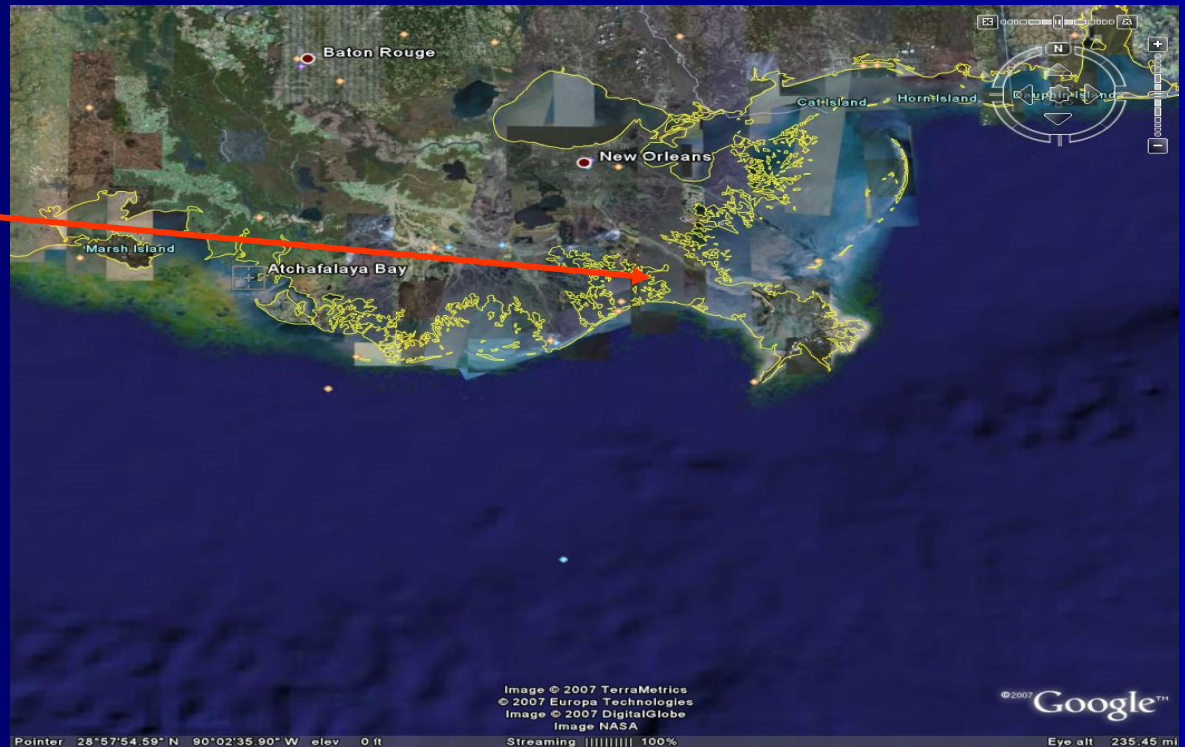


Waves
considerably
damped

Coastal Louisiana



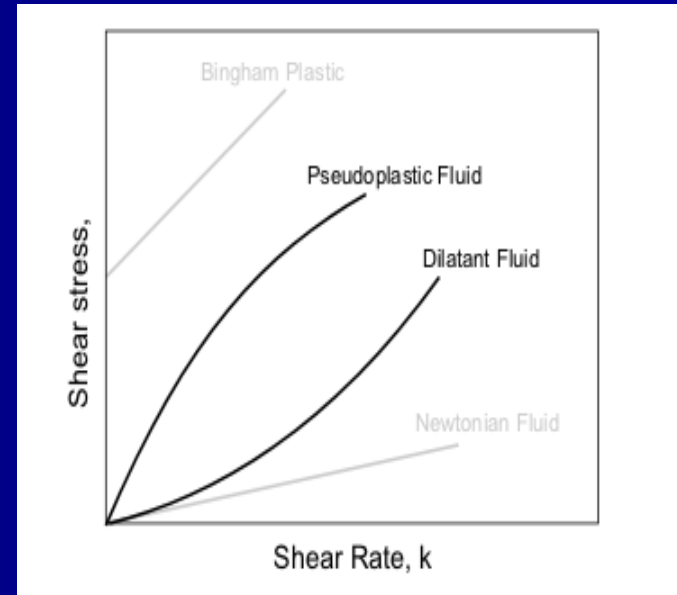
- Diversion channels proposed to build wetlands – drain off surge
- Potential for bringing large amounts of muddy sediment to coast and inner shelf
- Beneficial wave attenuation effects?



Wave Propagation Over Muds

Dissipation Mechanisms: Proxies for Mud

- *Two Layer Viscous Fluid*: waves propagating over a denser, more viscous fluid at the bottom
 - Gade (1958); Dalrymple and Liu (1978); Wen and Liu (1995); Ng (2000)
- *Visco-elastic medium*: waves propagating over a non-rigid bed (*Silly Putty, chewing gum*)
 - Hsiao and Shemdin (1980); Macpherson (1980); Sakakiyama and Bijker (1989); Maa and Mehta (1990); Jiang and Watanabe (1995)
- *Bingham plastic*: solid at low stresses, viscous fluid at high stresses (*toothpaste, tomato ketchup*)
 - Mei and Liu (1987)
- *More complex descriptions*:
 - Foda(1989): coupling viscoelastic bottom with surface sideband instabilities
 - Jiang and Mehta (1995): adjustable rheology



Wave Propagation Over Muds

Ng (2000 Coastal Engineering)

- Most theories lead to dispersion relations with complex wavenumber: many roots possible
- Ng (2000) – boundary layer reduction of Dalrymple and Liu (1978)
- Mud modeled as viscous fluid in thin layer over bottom
- Wavenumber perturbation:

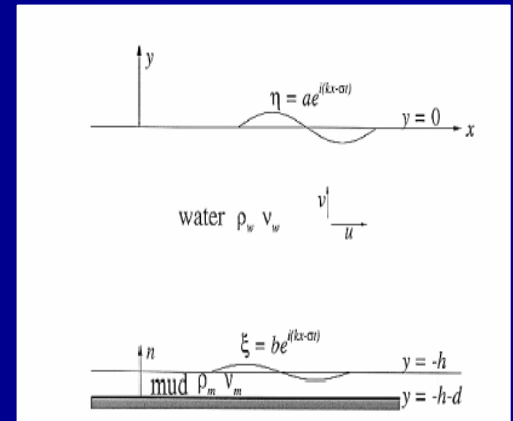
$$k = k_1 + \delta k_2 + \dots$$

- Dissipative wavenumber explicit in terms of nondissipative wavenumber

Real part of wavenumber affects wavelength

$$\eta = ae^{i(k_r x - \omega t)} e^{-k_i x}$$

Imaginary part of wavenumber dampens wave



From Ng (2000)

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Linear dispersion
relation for k_1

$$\longrightarrow \omega^2 = gk_1 \tanh k_1 h$$

Real part of dissipative
wavenumber k_2
(changes wavelength)

$$\longrightarrow k_{2r} = -\frac{\operatorname{Re}(B)k_1}{\sinh k_1 h \cosh k_1 h + k_1 h}$$

Imaginary part of
dissipative
wavenumber k_2
(dampens wave)

$$\longrightarrow D_n = k_{2i} = -\frac{\operatorname{Im}(B)k_1}{\sinh k_1 h \cosh k_1 h + k_1 h} = -\frac{\delta_m (B'_r + B'_i) k_1^2}{\sinh 2k_1 h + 2k_1 h}$$

$$B = f\left(d, \delta_m, \gamma = \frac{\rho_w}{\rho_m}, \zeta = \sqrt{\frac{v_m}{v_w}}\right)$$

d = depth of mud
layer

δ_m = mud boundary
layer thickness

Wave Propagation Over Muds

*Nonlinear triad wave model of Kaihatu and Kirby (1995)
with mud dissipation* (Kaihatu et al. 2007)

One-Dimensional

Surf Zone Dissipation (*Thornton and Guza 1983*)

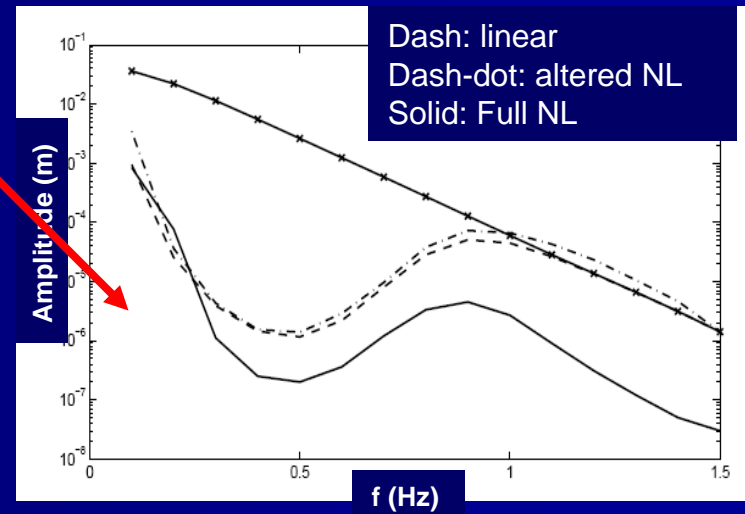
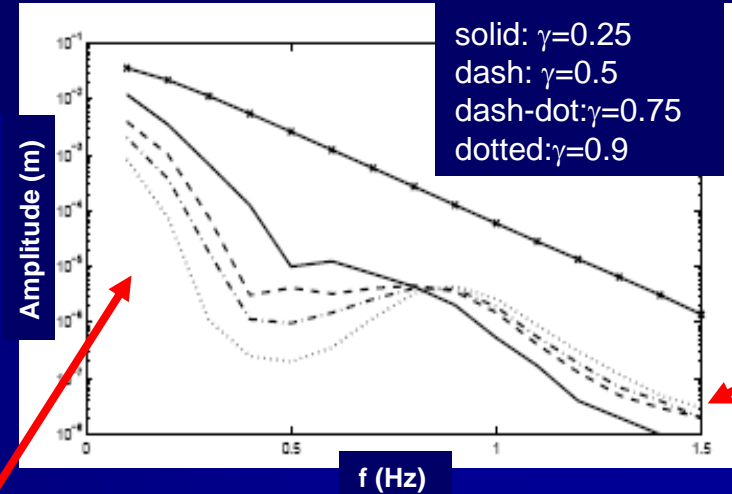
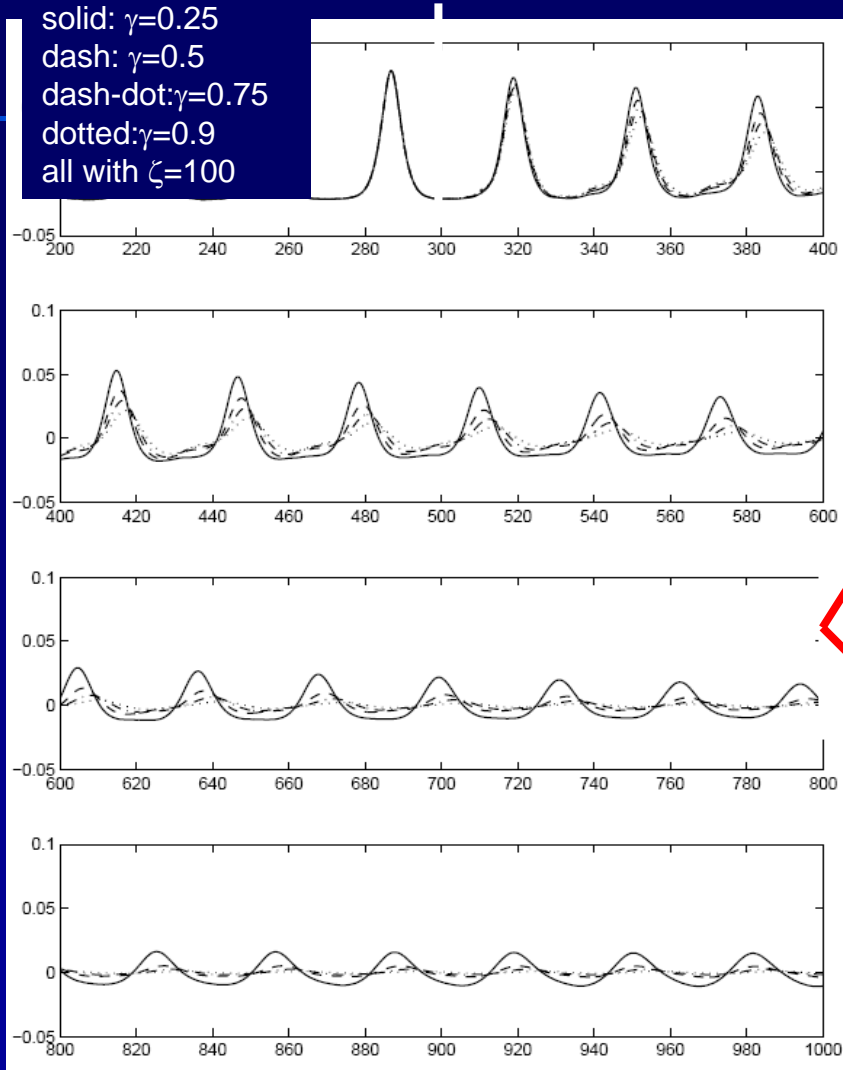
$$A_{n,x} + \frac{C_{gn,x}}{2C_{gn}} A_n + \underbrace{D_n}_{\text{Surf Zone Dissipation}} A_n + \alpha_n A_n = -\frac{i}{8\omega_n C_{g,n}} \left[\sum_{l=1}^{n-1} R A_l A_{n-l} e^{i\Theta_{l,n-l}} + 2 \sum_{l=1}^{N-n} S A_l^* A_{n+l} e^{i\Theta_{n+l,-l}} \right]$$

Parabolic Two-Dimensional (**REF/DIF-S** with nearshore nonlinear interactions)

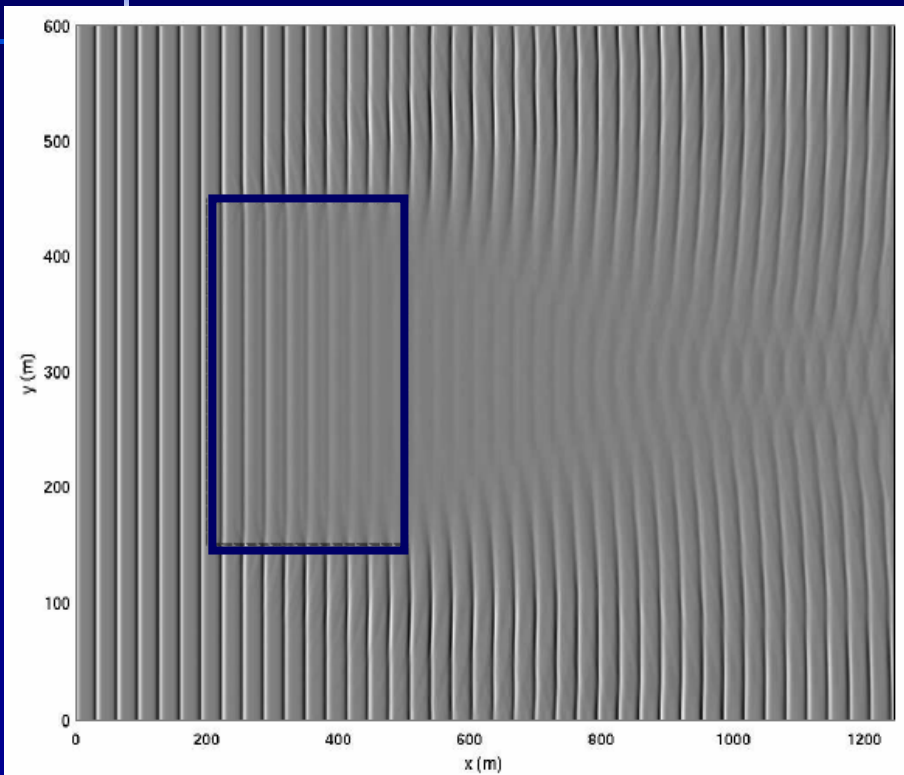
$$2i(kCC_g)_n A_{n,x} + i(kCC_g)_{nx} A_n - 2(kCC_g)_n (\bar{k}_n - k_n) A_n + \left[(CC_g)_n A_{ny} \right]_y + 2i(kCC_g)_n \underbrace{D_n}_{\text{Surf Zone Dissipation}} A_n$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\sum_{l=1}^{n-1} R A_l A_{n-l} e^{i\Theta_{l,n-l}} + 2 \sum_{l=1}^{N-n} S A_l^* A_{n+l} e^{i\Theta_{n+l,-l}} \right]$$

High frequency damping – effect of subharmonic interaction

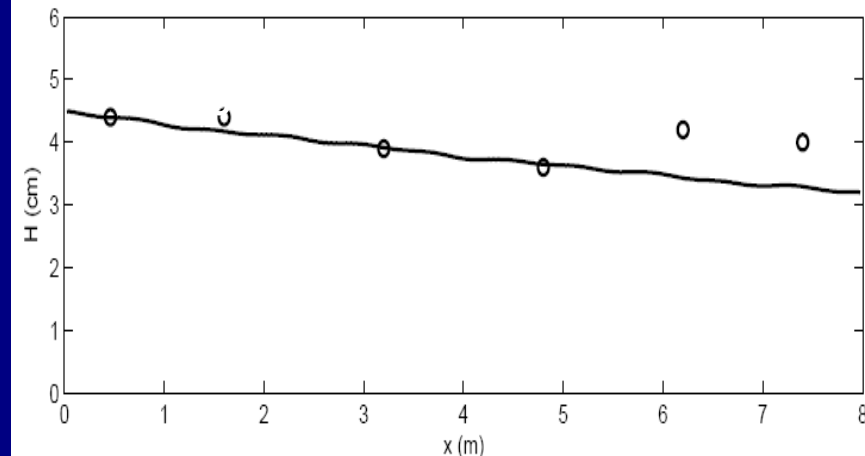


Two-Dimensional Wave-Mud Interaction



Two-Dimensional damping
of cnoidal waves over flat
bottom

Comparison to DeWit (1995)



- $h = 0.325 \text{ m}$
- $\rho = 1300 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- $d_m = 0.115 \text{ m}$
- $\nu_m = 2.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$
(maple syrup)

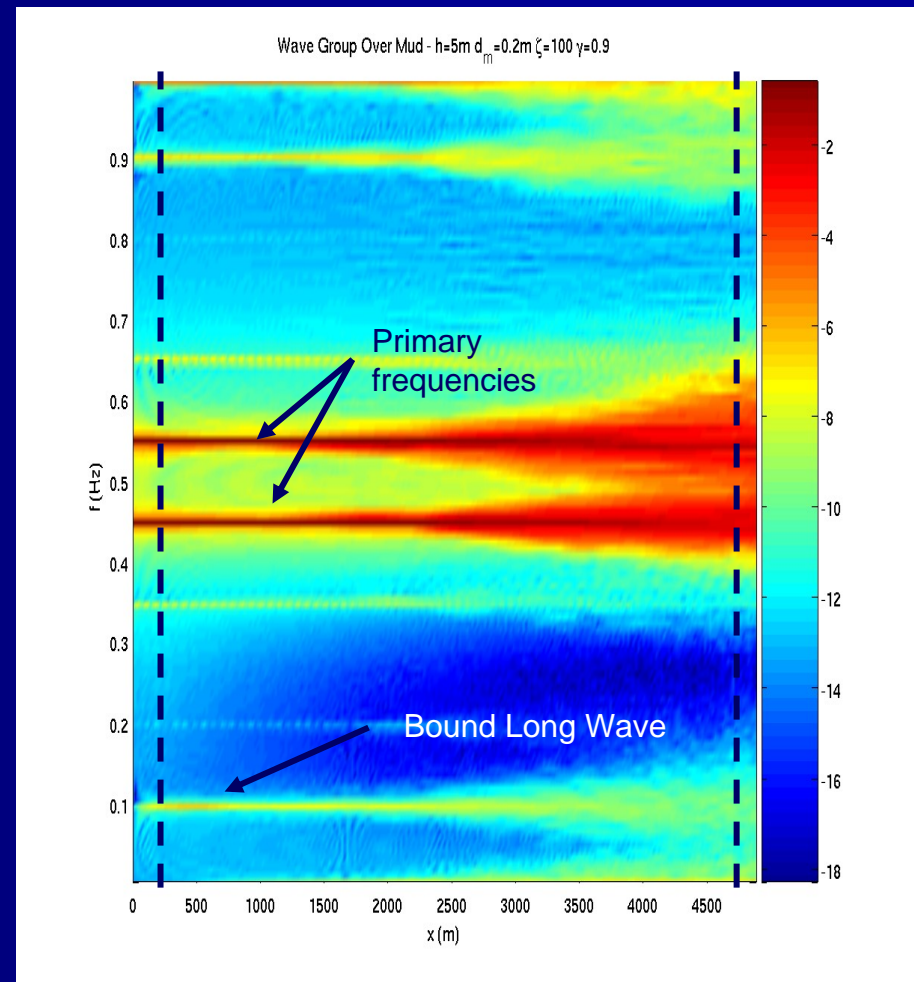
- $H = 0.045 \text{ m}$
- $T = 1.5 \text{ s}$

$$\gamma = 0.76 \quad \zeta = 44.7$$

Kaihatu et al (2007)

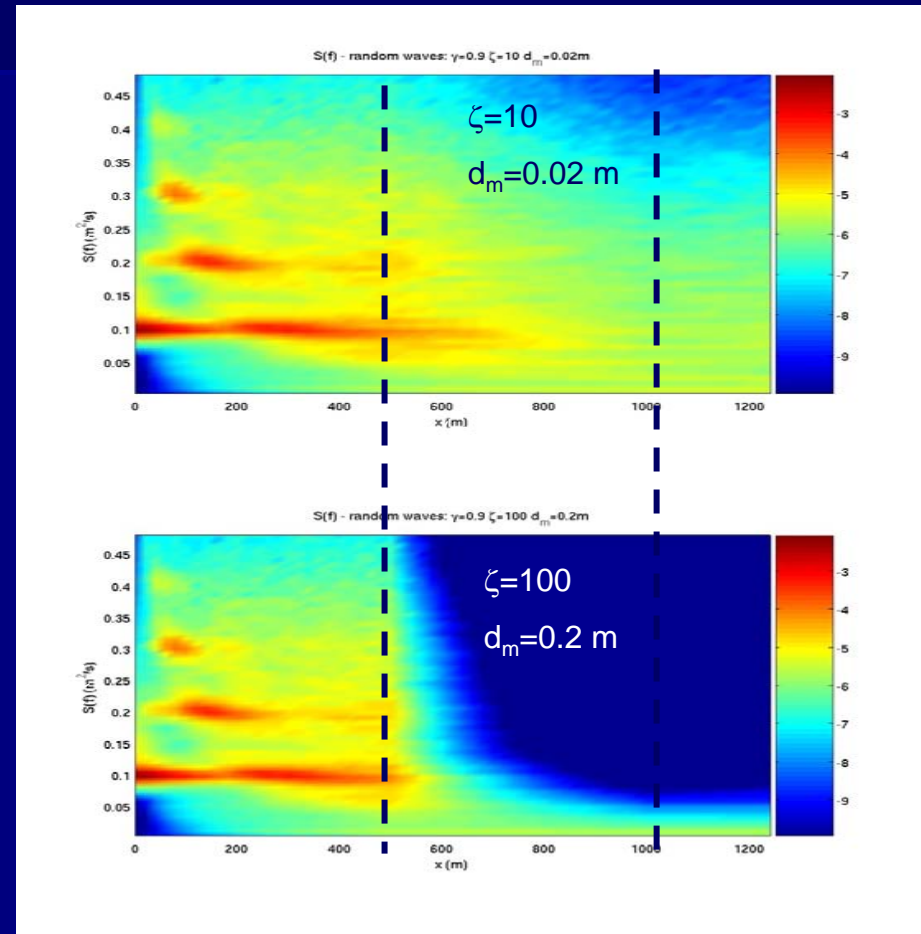
Wave Groups over Mud Patch

- Sheremet and Stone (2003): high frequency damping due to mud event
- Sheremet et al (2005): damping of high frequencies caused by dissipation of bound long wave exerting energy drain on entire system
- We run wave groups through the model; primary wave frequencies in deep water
- Bound long wave generated and dissipates slowly over 5km
- No significant damping of wave group frequencies, but higher frequencies do appear to damp



Random Waves Over Mud Patch

- Random waves (TMA with random phase) with peak period of $T_p=10$ s at input
- $\gamma=0.9$; $\zeta=(10, 100)$; $dm=(0.02$ m, 0.2 m)
- $h=1$ m
- Very strong cross-spectral damping with the high damping case (high frequencies feel bottom)

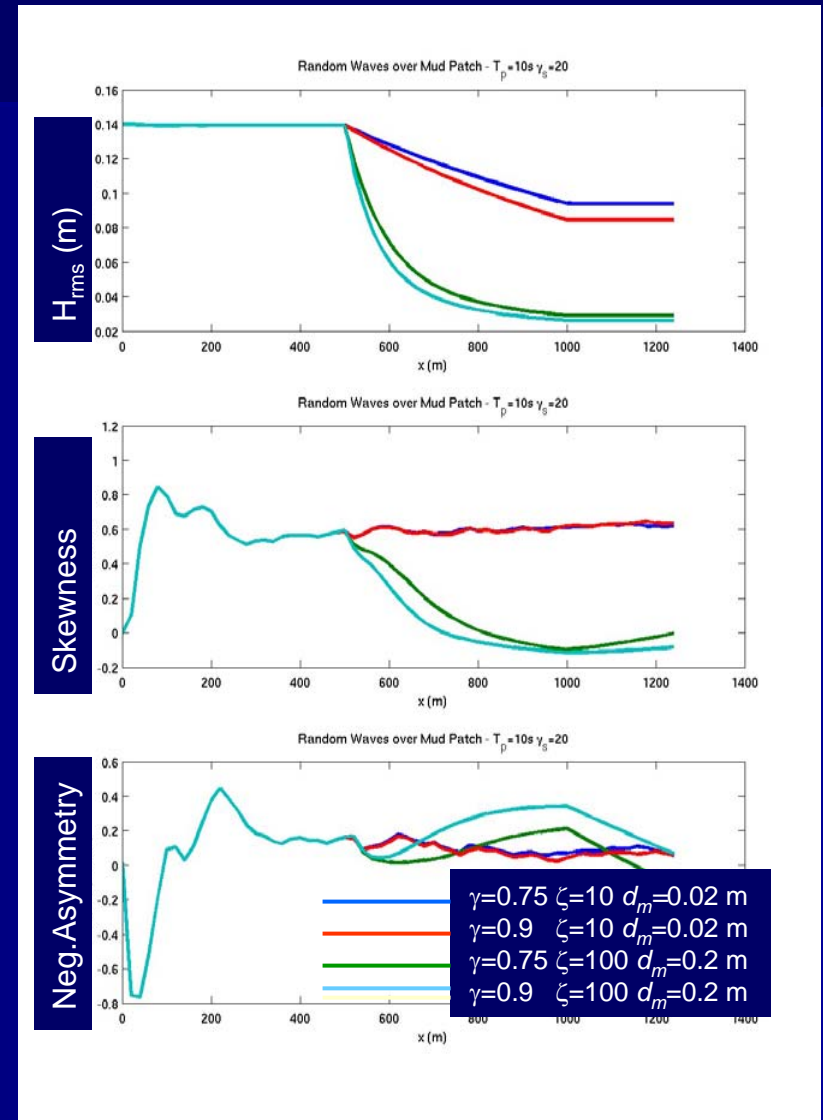


Color shade plots of log of spectral density

Random Waves Over Mud Patch

Random Waves over Mud – Effect on Wave Shape Statistics

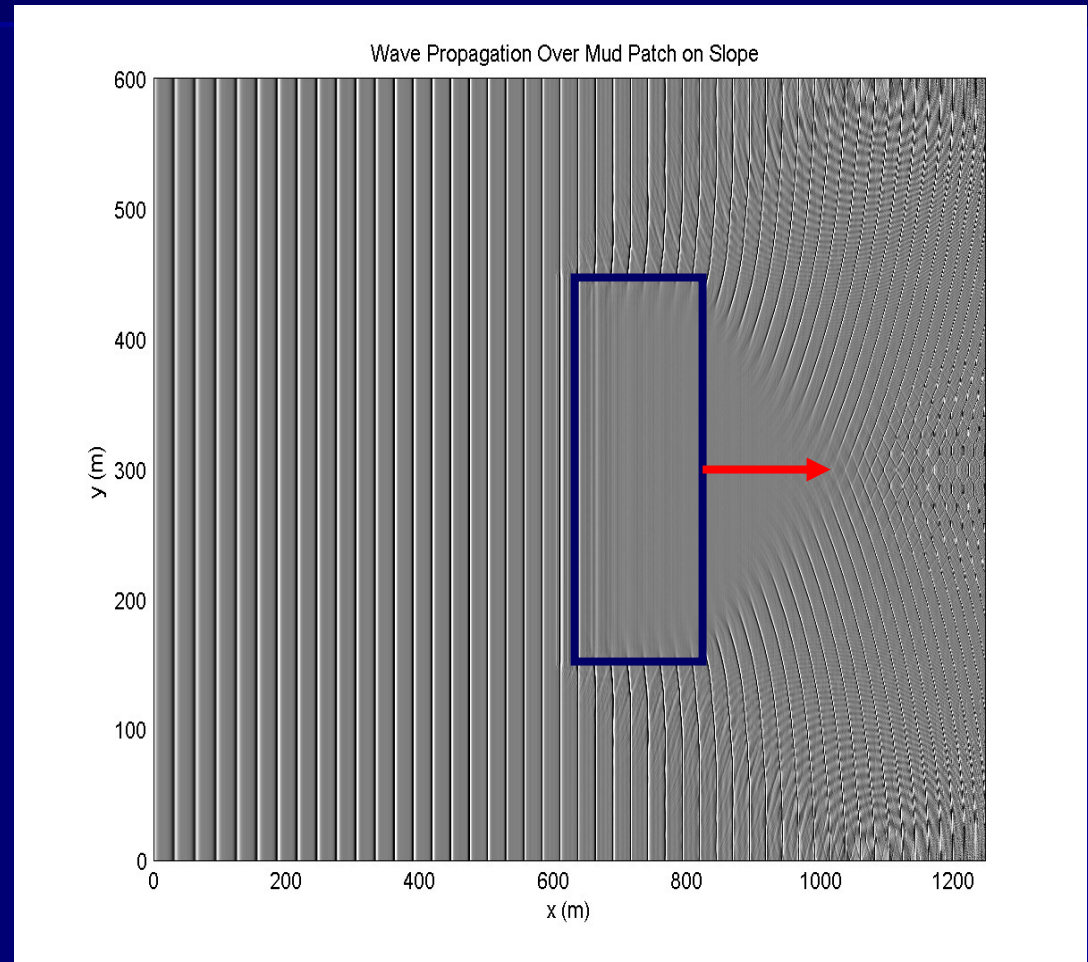
- Significant effect of mud damping on waveheight (energy)
- High-damping case strongly affects skewness
- Mud does not have a strong effect on asymmetry
- Asymmetry not high for this situation



Breaking Wave and Mud Dissipation

Cnoidal Wave Propagation over Sloping Bottom

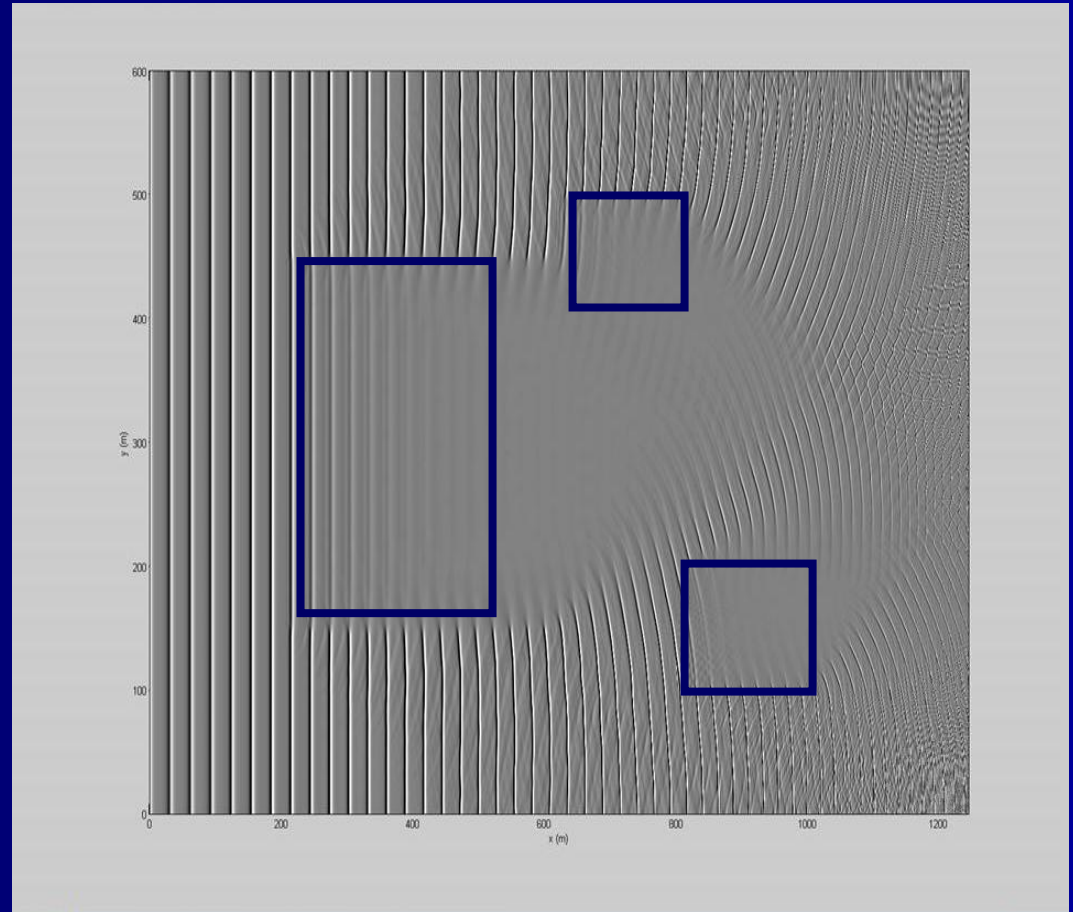
- Interest – Invert free surface for mud properties
- Strong diffraction effects behind mud patch
- Large effect on surface



Breaking Wave and Mud Dissipation

Cnoidal Wave Propagation over Sloping Bottom

- Isolated mud patches
- Interacting diffraction patterns
- Diffraction pattern will complicate inversion



Summary

- Effects of mud deposits on waves
 - Beneficial side effects?
- Nonlinear wave model with viscous mud dissipation (Kaihatu et al. 2007)
 - Mud dissipation affects subharmonic interactions
 - Indirect damping of high frequencies
 - Favorable comparison to experimental data (DeWit 1995)

Summary

- Wave groups: some indirect draining of high frequency energy
- Random waves: strong frequency dependence of damping
 - Affects third moment estimations
- Two-dimensional wave-mud interactions on slope
 - Dissipation from breaking and mud
 - Diffraction effects behind patch dependent on local depth
 - Excessive mud patchiness complicates surface image inversion