



## FY21 RSM Mid-Year IPR

### Improving Floodplain Sedimentation Analysis

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**BLUF:** One-dimensional sediment models consistently overpredict floodplain deposition. This work unit improves these methods, tests them against experimental data and applies them to measurements on the Missouri River.

#### Activities:

1. Solicited input from USACE SMEs and External Researchers
2. Developed Algorithms, Pseudo Code, and Design Document
3. Developed 1D and 2D sediment Models of Flume Data Set (for V&V)
4. Collected Sediment Samples from Missouri Floodplain Deposition
5. Developed 1D and 2D Sediment Models of Missouri River Reach
6. NWK/HEC Collaborative Modeling Week
7. HEC-RAS Development



Floodplain deposition at  
Locust Creek State Park, MO

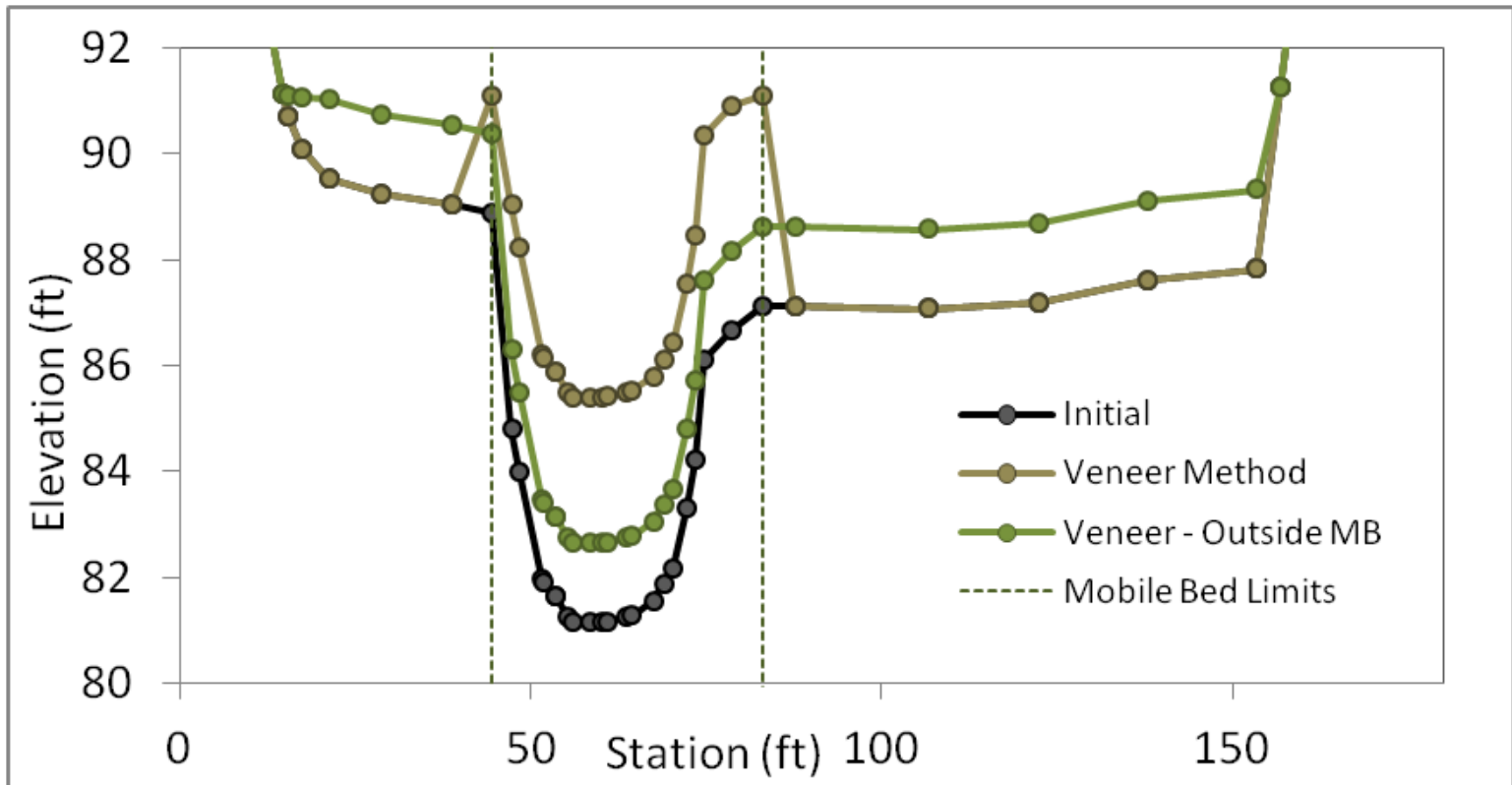
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### BLUF (summary): The Veneer Method Stinks!

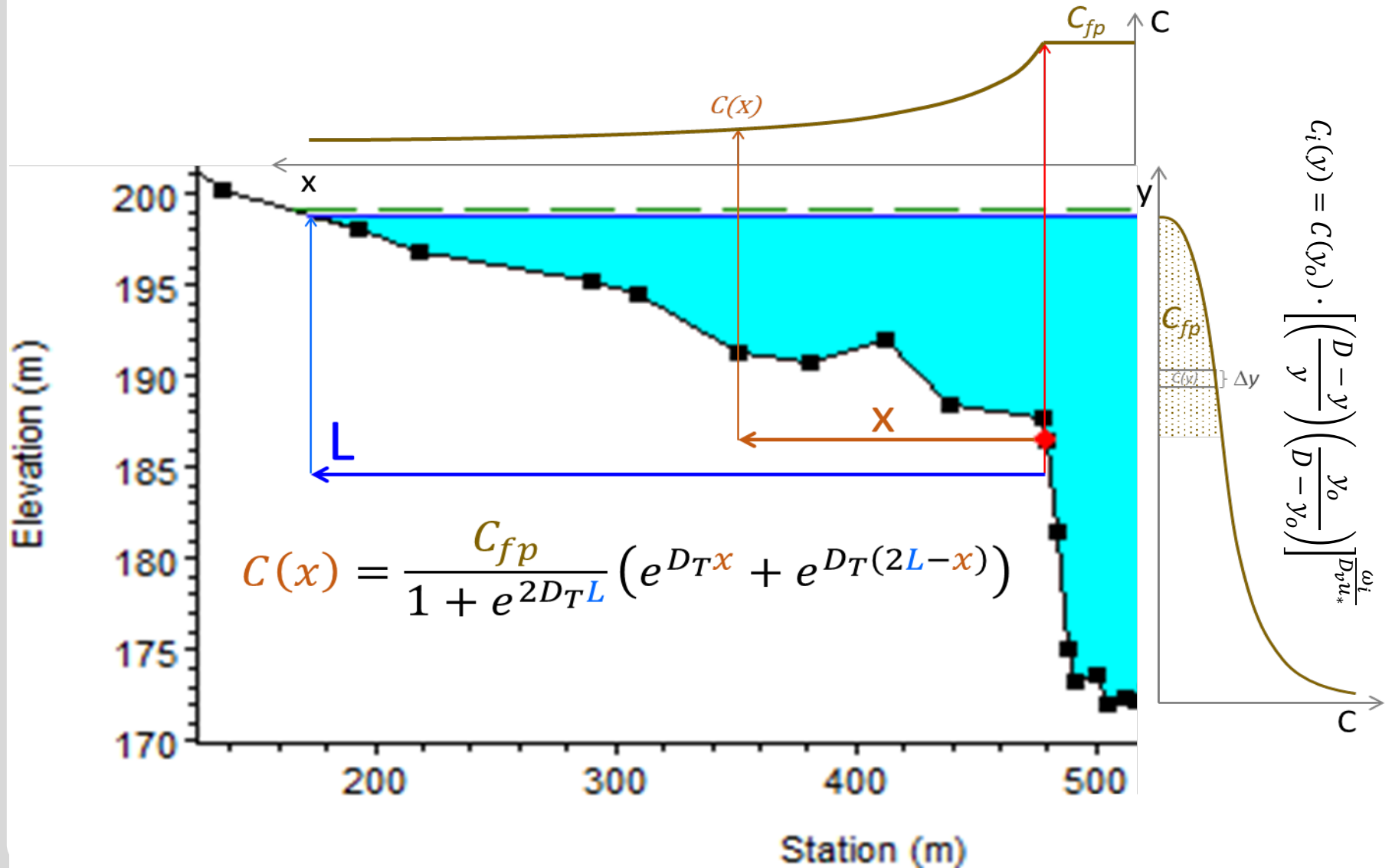
(...for floodplain deposition)





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### 1. Solicited input from USACE SMEs and External Researchers

#### Project Team:

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**Michael Mansfield (NWK)**

#### Q1 – Literature Review

12/8/2020 – Met with USACE sediment transport SMEs Dr. Calvin Creech (SAM), Zachary Corum (NWS), and Jonathan AuBuchon (SPA) to present the proposed algorithms and solicit feedback about floodplain deposition issues in other morphological settings.

2/22/2021 - Met with Dr. Jim Pizzuto, University researcher who has been most prolific on floodplain deposition.



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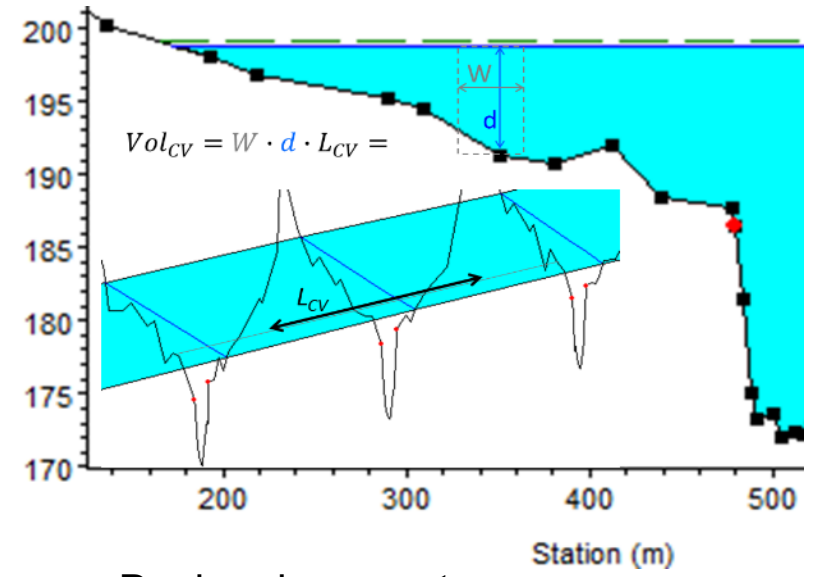
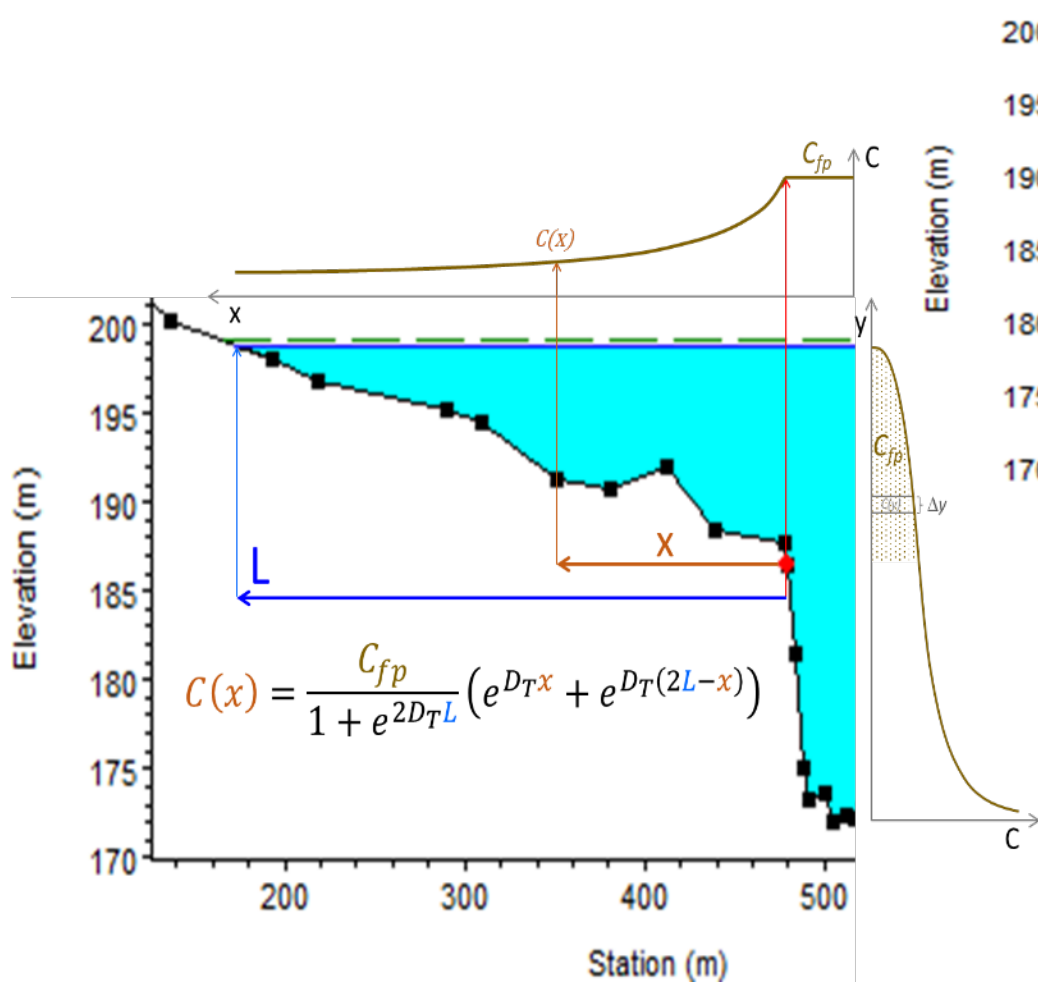
Floodplain deposition at  
Elwood Conservation Area  
Missouri River 2019 Flood



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### 2. Developed Algorithms, Pseudo Code, and Design Document



Design document:

- 1) Communicates design to solicit SME feedback
- 2) Formalizes algorithms for contract bid
- 3) Documents algorithm for the user manual.



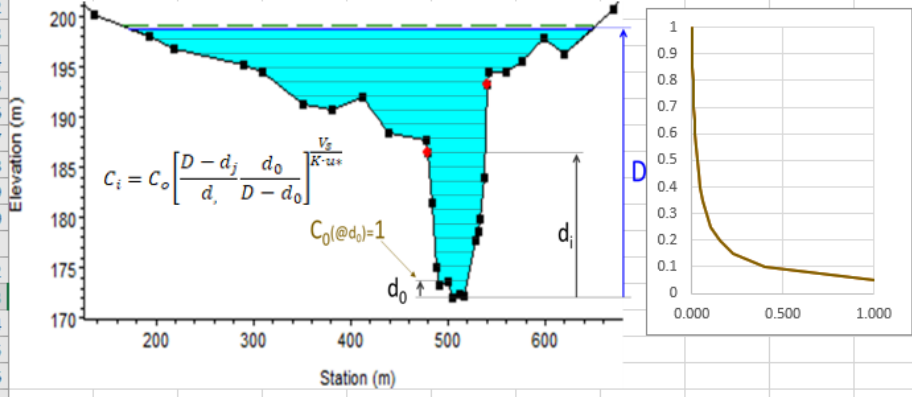
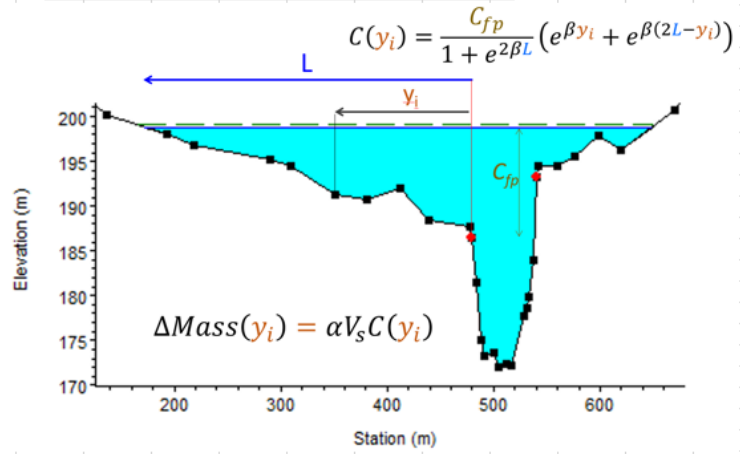
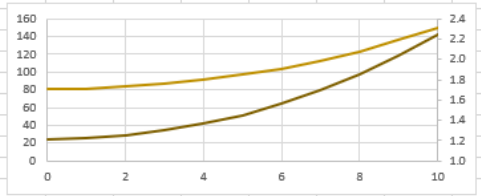
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Vs	0.03	m/s	Fall Velocity								
2	Cfp	150	mg/L	Concentration at the edge of a floodplain (x=0)								
3	Alpha	0.5	Adaptation Coefficient									
4	Dy	Transvers Dispersion										
5	Beta	0.12247										
6	L	10	Inundation Extent									
9	Conc	Channel	Farthest									
10	↑Bank	Bank	Wet Node									
11		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
12		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13	Conc	150	136	123	113	104	97	91	87	84	82	81
14	Depositi	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	
1	Co	1	Reference Concentration at d0 - 5% (1/20th) up the									
2	K	0.41	Von Karmen Constant									
3	Vs	0.1	m/s	Fall Velocity for Grain Class								
4	u*	0.2	m/s	Shear Velocity								
5	Vs/u*	0.5	Ratio of Fall Velocity to Shear Velocit (dimensionless)									
6	Depth	15	m/s	Actual Water Depth (WSE-thalweg)								
7	B	Calibration Factor										
8	Mass Flux	300	tons	Sediment Transported into control volume during time step								
9	do	0.05	distance to first layer (1/n layers - where n is 20)									
11			Parker	Classic								
12	i	relative di	Ci/Co	Ci/Co								
13	20	1	0.000	0								
14	19	0.95	0.001	0.001								
15	18	0.9	0.002	0.002								
16	17	0.85	0.003	0.003								
17	16	0.8	0.005	0.005								
18	15	0.75	0.007	0.007								
19	14	0.7	0.010	0.010								
20	13	0.65	0.013	0.013								
21	12	0.6	0.017	0.017								



Pseudo-Code

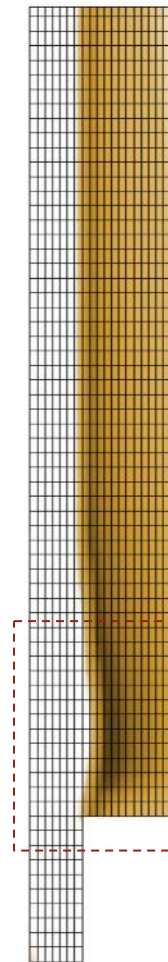
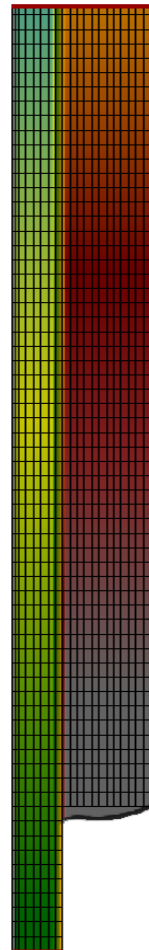


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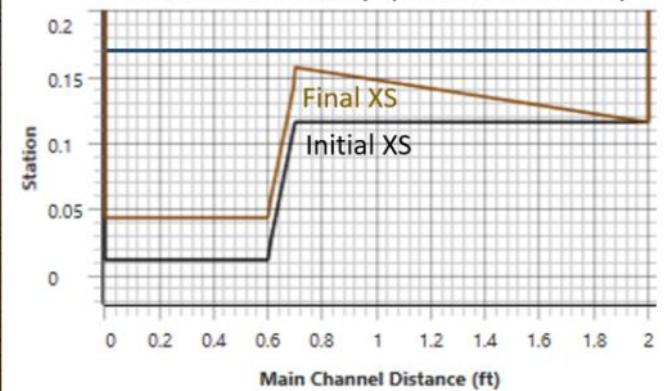
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Flow Direction →

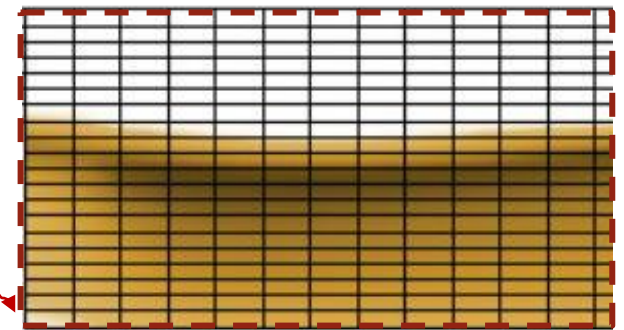


#### 1D HEC-RAS Deposition

Distance Decay (New Method)



#### 2D HEC-RAS Deposition





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### 4. Collected Sediment Samples from Missouri Floodplain Deposition

#### Sample Locations



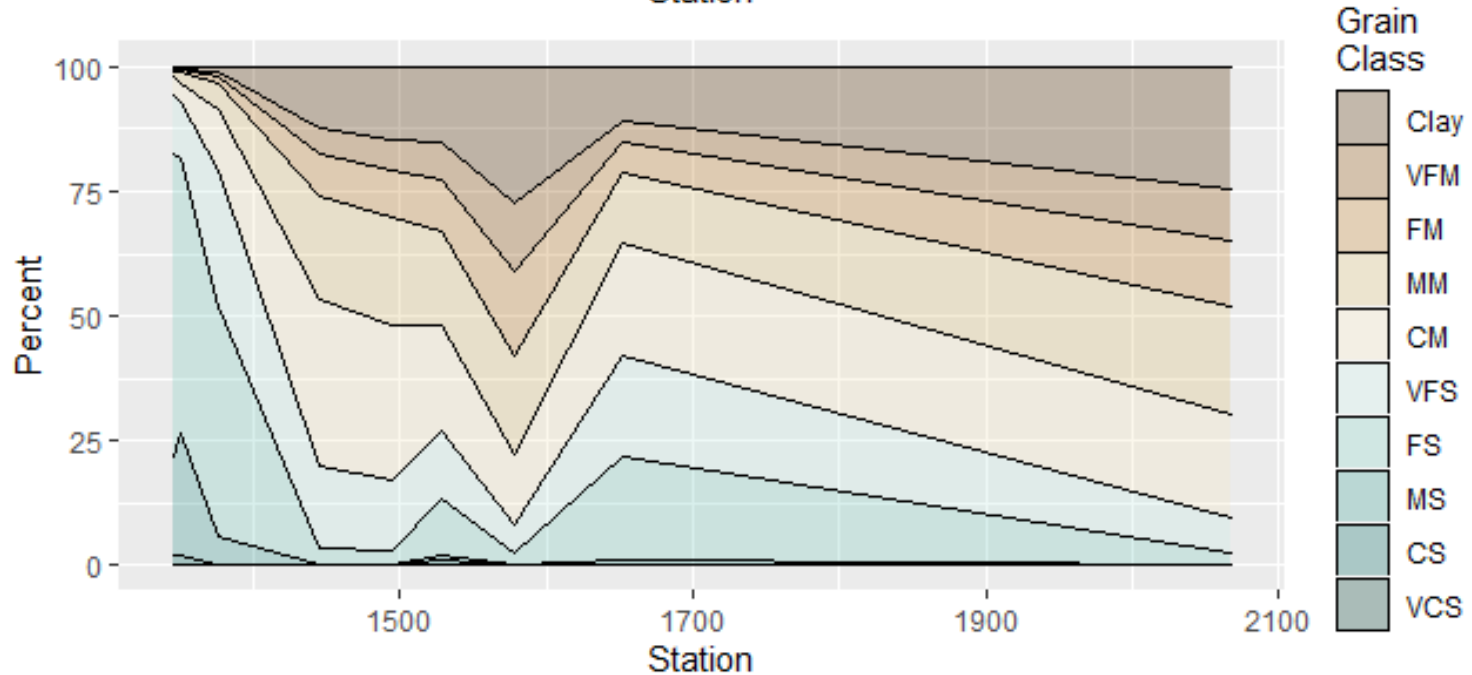
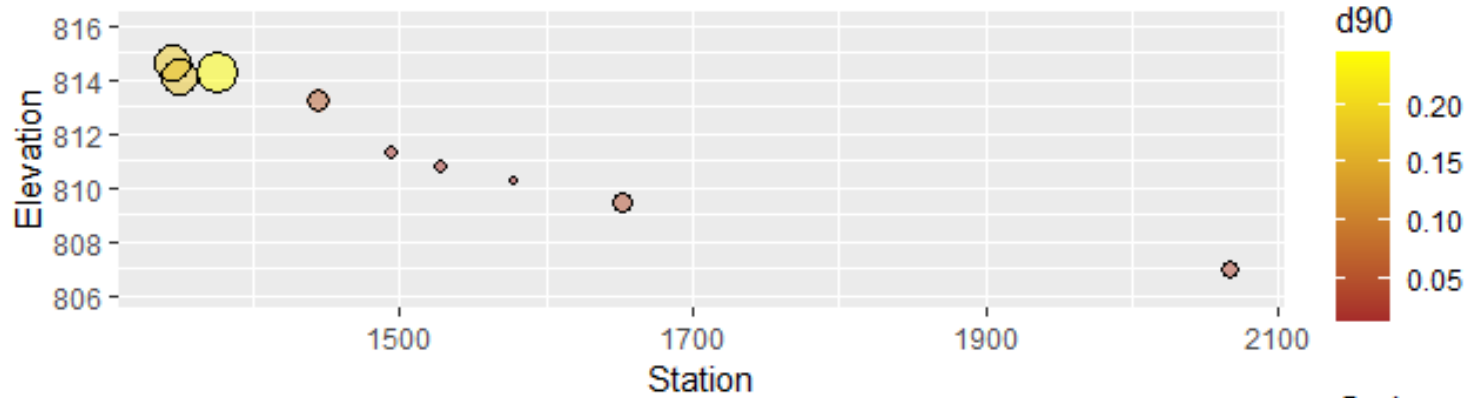


# Elwood, KS Sediment Sampling



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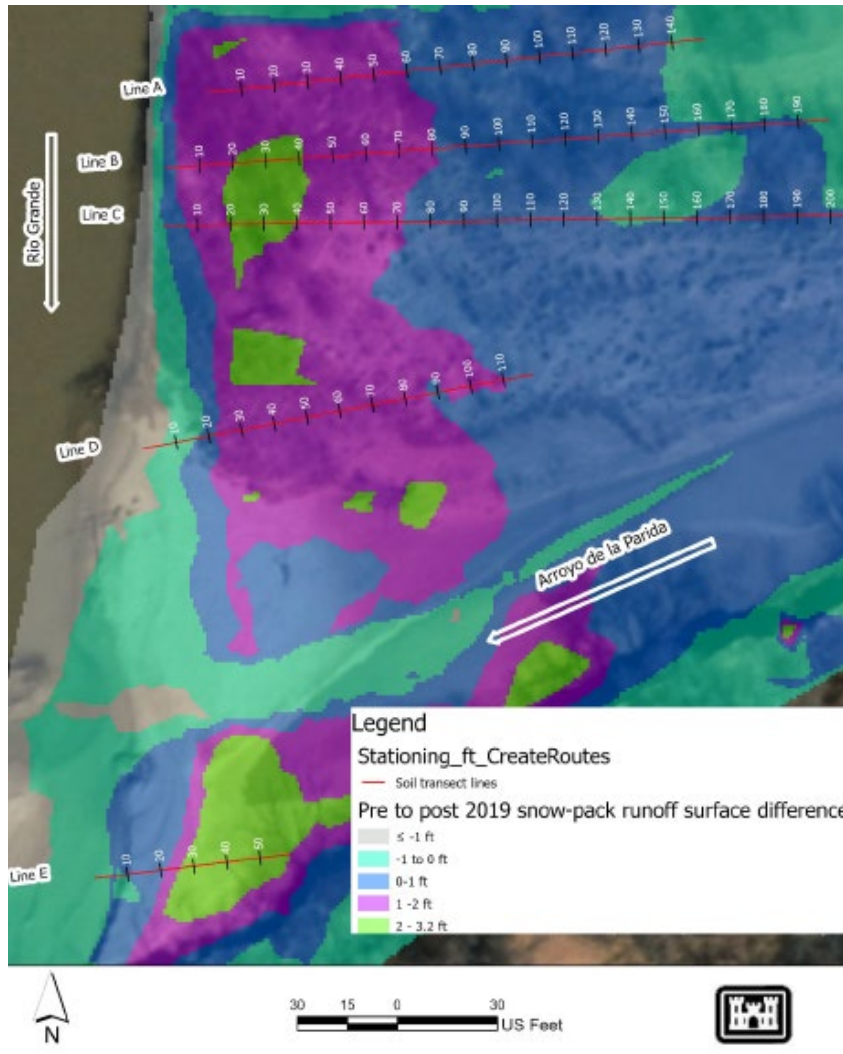




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### 4b. Collected Sediment Samples from Rio Grande Floodplain (Bonus)



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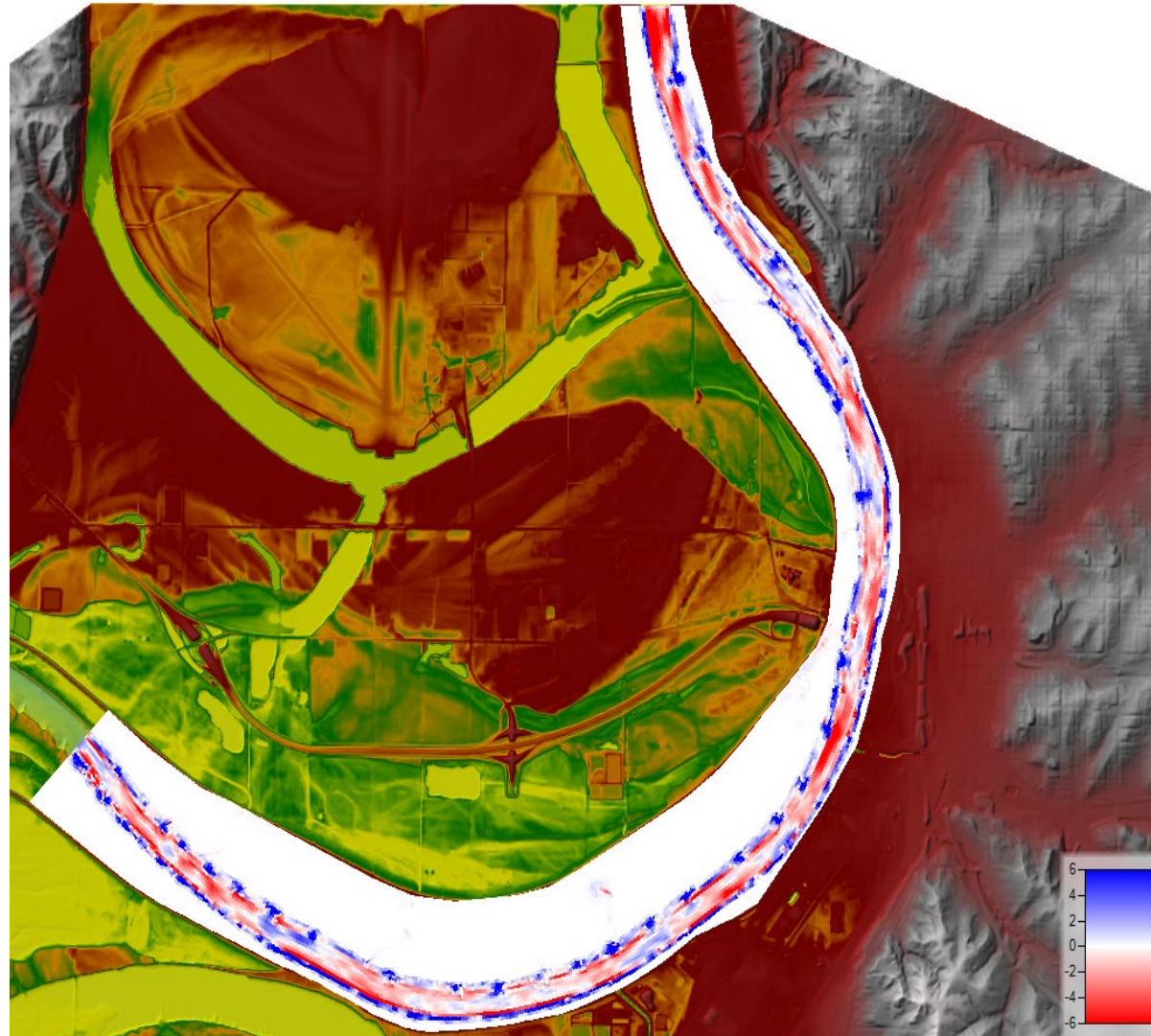


### 5. Missouri River Model

Added DSS Sediment Boundary Conditions for 2D Models to HEC-RAS Version 6.1

### 6. Collaborative Modeling Session

Bed Change on Draft Missouri River Model shows erosion in the channel and deposition in the floodplain



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### 7. HEC-RAS Development

Bed Change Options

Global Bed Change Options

	Channel	Overbank		Overbank Mass Method	
Deposition	Veneer	Distance Decay	$\lambda$ 1.	Rouse	$\beta$ 1.
Erosion	Veneer	None		None	
				GC Filter	
				Rouse	
				Diffusion	

- Actively Developing
- Interface complete, 80% prototype of computations.
- Delayed by contracting
- Features targeted for 6.1 (January) and 6.2 (Late Q2/Early Q3)

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### What challenges did you face?

- **Contracting**
- **Advection > Dispersion**
- **The Math Got Weird**

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### How is this project benefiting the USACE and Nation?

- The Missouri River deposited over 25 million m<sup>3</sup> in the floodplain (according to conservative calculations by Alexander et al, 2013) during the 2011 event alone. The channel lost over 20 million m<sup>3</sup> in the same time period, in approximately the same locations (Gibson and Shelley, 2019). Scour on the Missouri has caused \$300 million of infrastructure impacts. Understanding, predicting, and managing floodplain deposition can help the USACE and their partners mitigate scour damages.
- Incorporating floodplain algorithms into 1D sediment models will save time and money on sediment analyses and could avoid costly failure modes in our projects that emerge from the numerical issues with the legacy methods.