



# Uncertainty quantification in littoral erosion

## Ingredients

- + Morphodynamics by minimization principle
- + Design of defense structures and coastal engineering
- + Uncertainties on bed characteristics
- + Uncertainties on the state
- + Extreme scenarios

## Rappel fonctionnalités de la plate-forme :

- Saint-Venant+Bathy dynamique / minimisation d'énergie
- Optimisation de formes, adjoint auto par tapenade
- Scénarii extrêmes (Quantiles)
- UQ

## Evolution par rapport à l'année dernière :

- introduction de la vitesse orbitale équivalente
  - lien avec l'infragravité
  - amélioration de la partie incertitude

## Fluid/Bottom model

Dependency chain:  $\psi \rightarrow \{\mathbf{U}(\psi, \tau), \tau \in [0, T]\} \rightarrow J(\psi, T)$

Flow state equation:  $\mathbf{U}_t + F(\mathbf{U}, \psi) = 0, \quad \mathbf{U}(0) = \mathbf{U}_0(\psi)$

Cost fct:  $J(\psi, T) = \int_{(0, T)} j(\psi, \mathbf{U}(\psi, t))$

Bed motion:  $\partial_t \psi = -\rho(t, x) \nabla_\psi J, \quad \psi(t = 0, x) = \psi_0(x) = \text{given},$

Bed time and space variability through its response to flow perturbations.

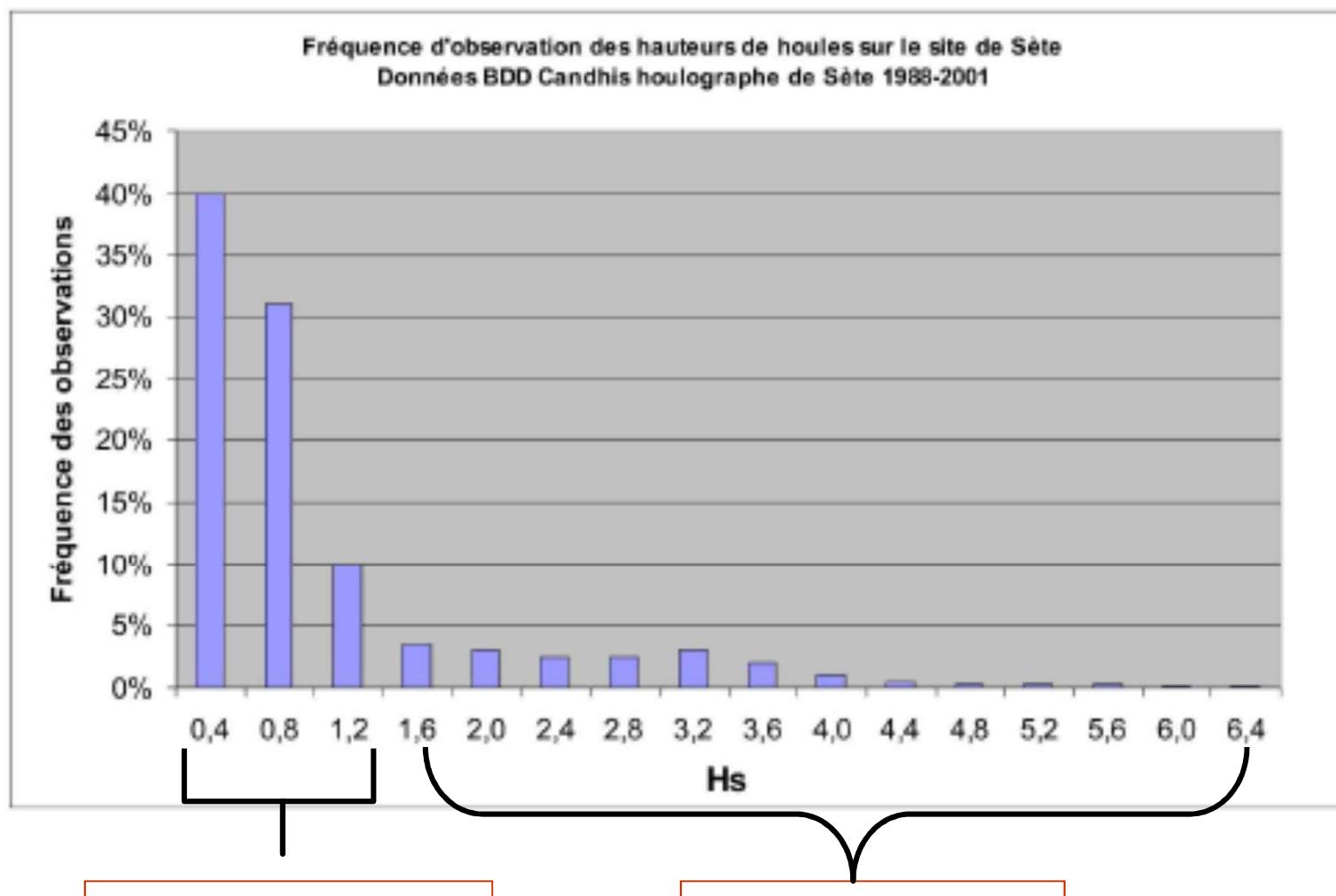
Aleatory uncertainties also present in initial and boundary conditions.

Epistemic uncertainties due to model & numerics.

→ Same platform used to design beach protection devices (geotube, sand dune, groyne, etc).

→ Long term experience with automatic differentiation in reverse mode

## Erosion and waves



## Ansatz

The bed adapts in order to reduce water kinetic energy (do know how !)  
with ‘minimal’ sand transport

We do not know details of microscopic mechanisms.  
We are interested by macroscopic features.

Example of functional  
for beach morphodynamics simulations

$T$ : Time interval of influence  
 $\Omega$  : observation domain

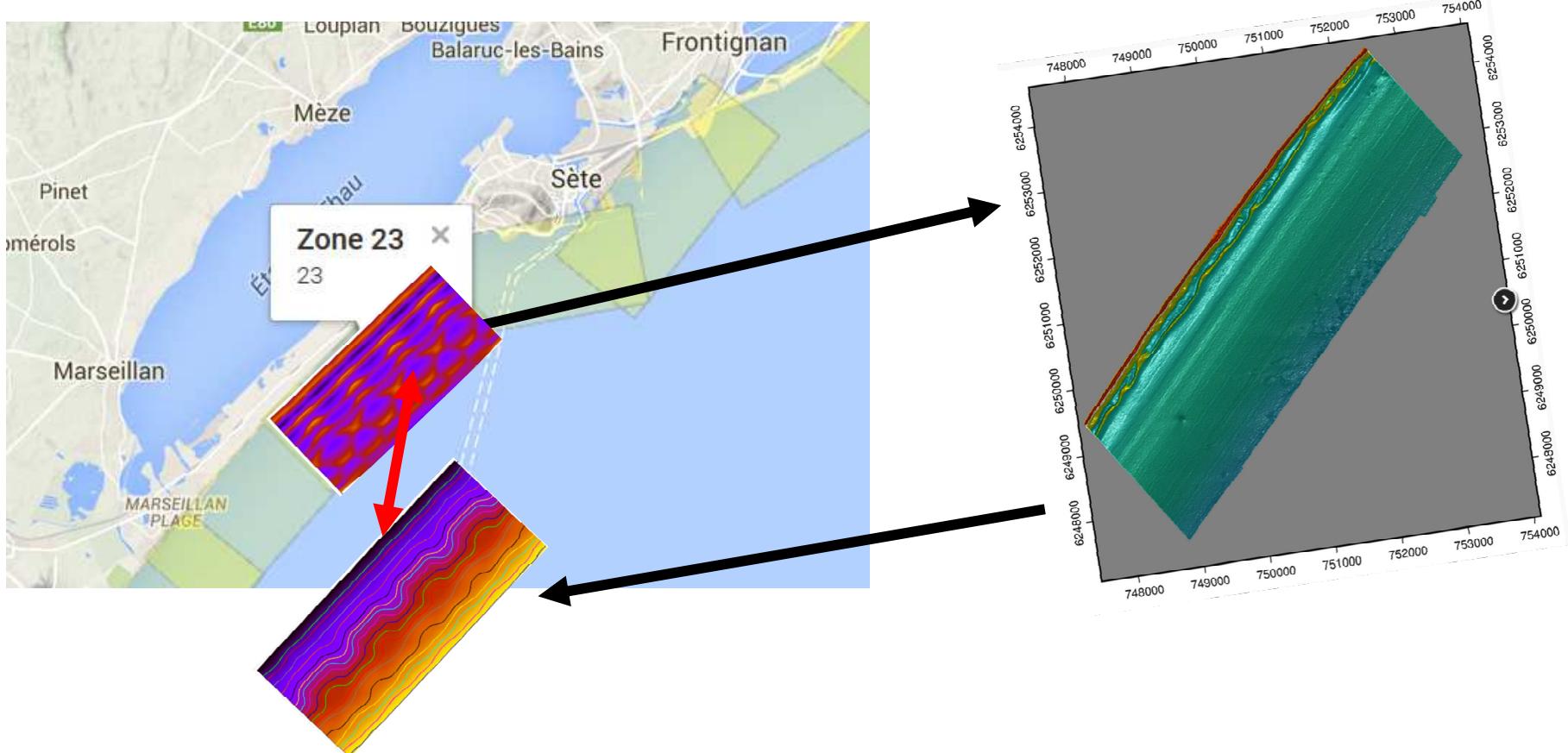
$$J(U(\psi)) = \int_{t-T}^t \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho_w g \eta^2 + \rho_s g (\psi(\tau) - \psi(t-T))^2 \right) d\tau d\Omega$$

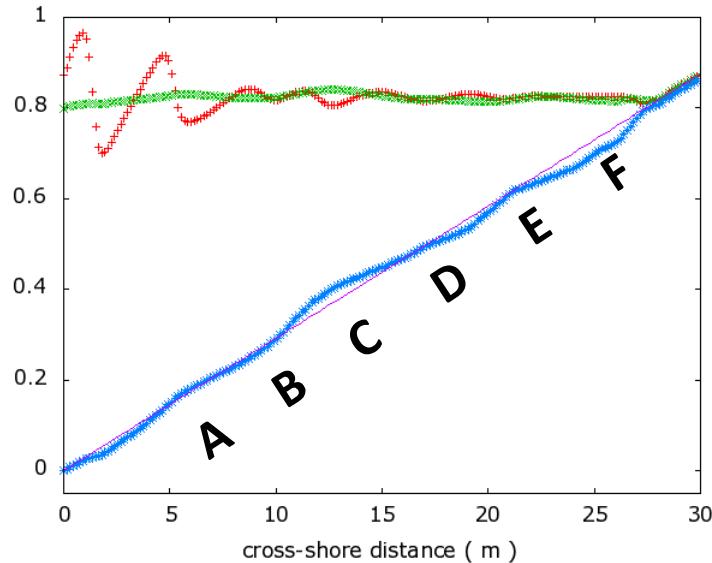
$$\eta(\tau, x, \psi) = h(\tau, x, \psi) - \frac{1}{T} \int_{t-T}^t h(\tau, x, \psi) d\tau$$

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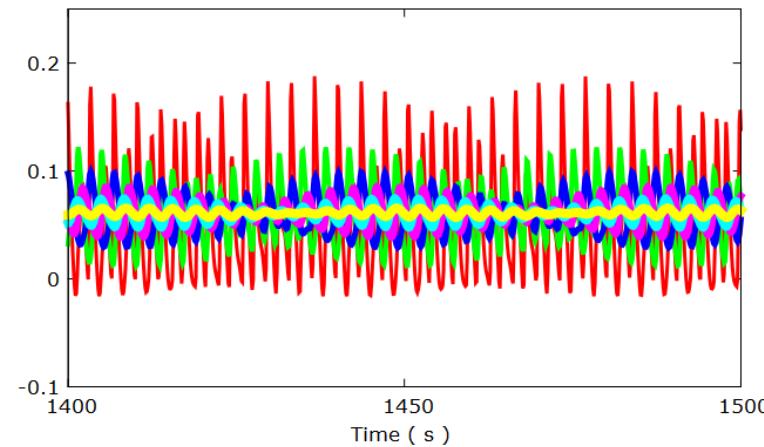
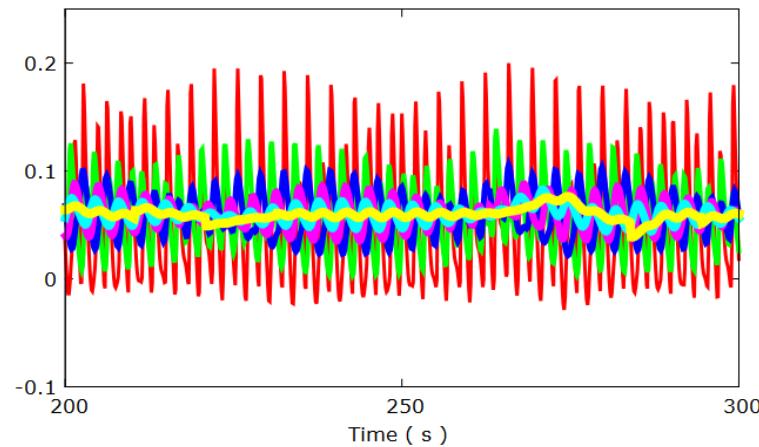
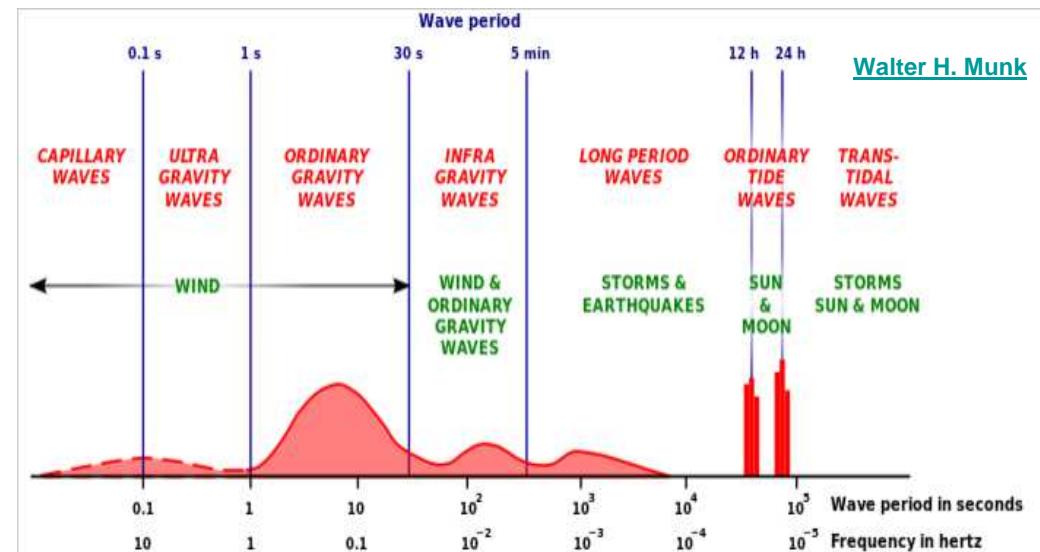
# Coupling water motion & bottom

<http://www.soltc.org/database/lidar>

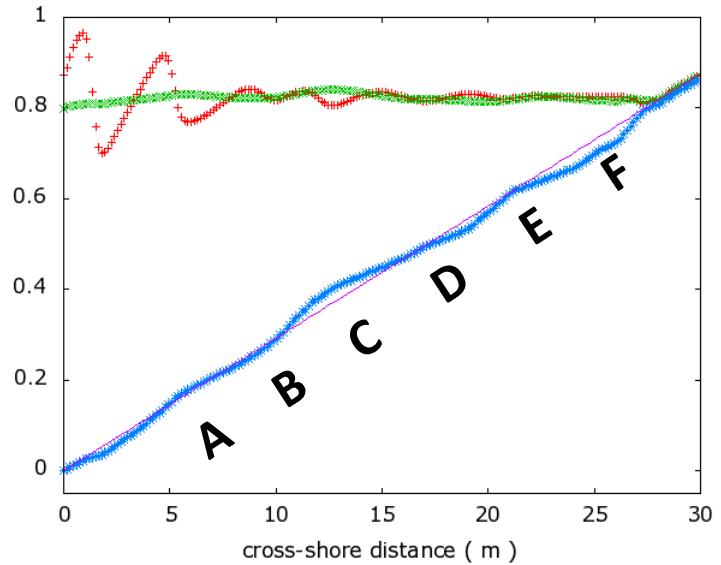




### Impact on local elevations in time



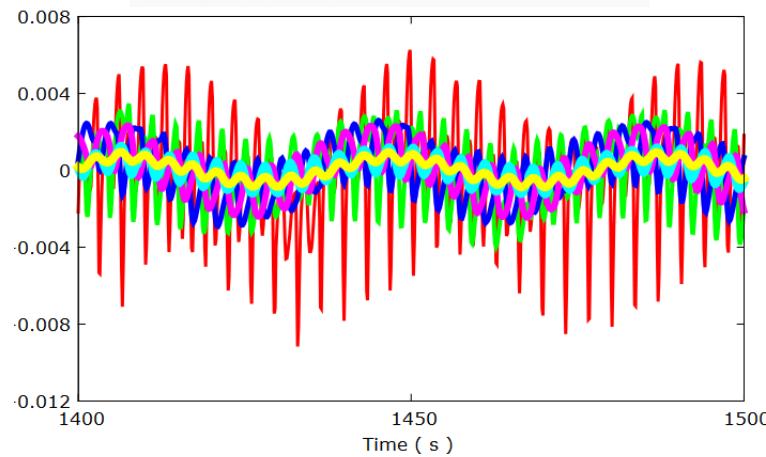
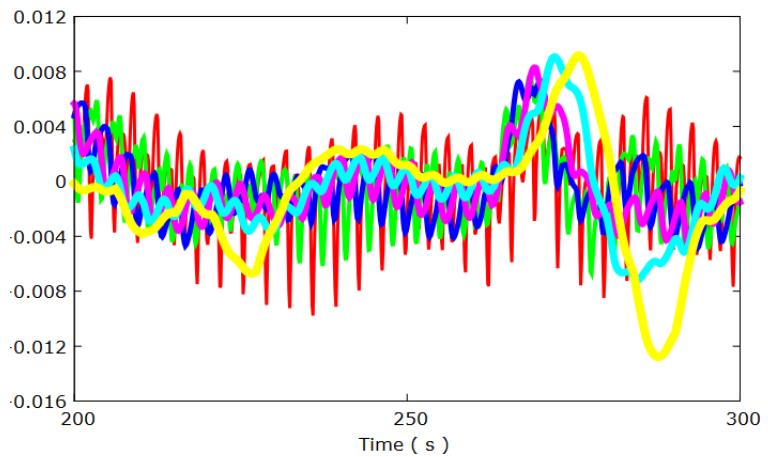
### Impact of bathy changes on water elevation



## Impact on infragravity waves (0.004-0.04 Hz)



Surf can be seen breaking as it crosses the sand bar offshore. Sandbars aid in generating infragravity waves and in turn are shaped by them.



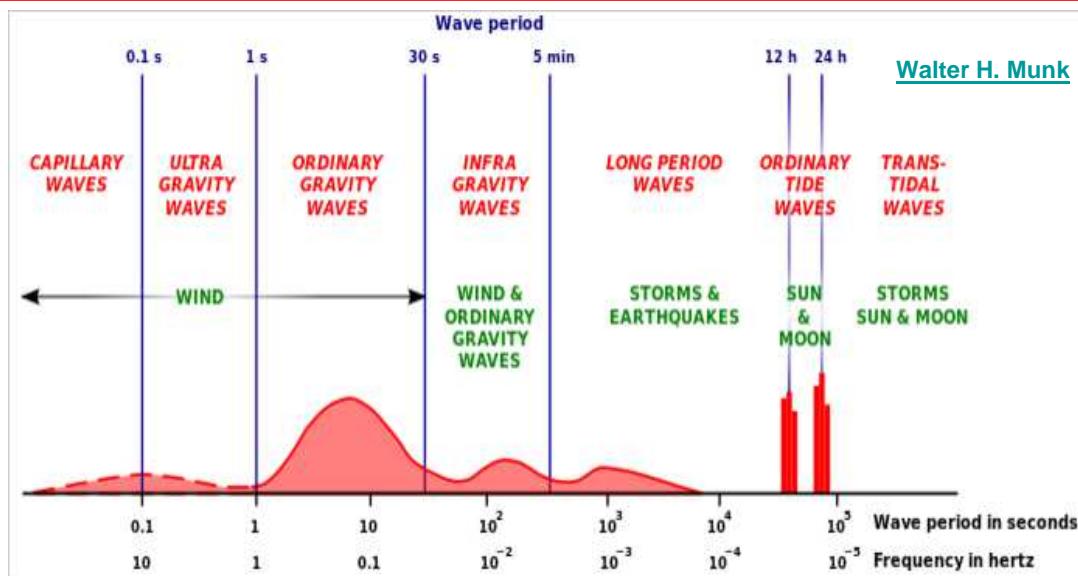
**Use infragravity waves in the functional**

# Swell memory

Infragravity waves need long time integration

Difficulty with time dependent adjoint

Need to express/control infragravity through gravity information



## Forward propagation

Impact of bed characteristics uncertainty

## Forward propagation

Randomness well located in the simulation chain.

$$\psi \longrightarrow u(\psi) \longrightarrow j(u(\psi))$$

PDF of  $\psi$  known and in particular its VaR

**Want to avoid any sampling of the parameter space and propagation of the uncertainty in the simulation chain.**

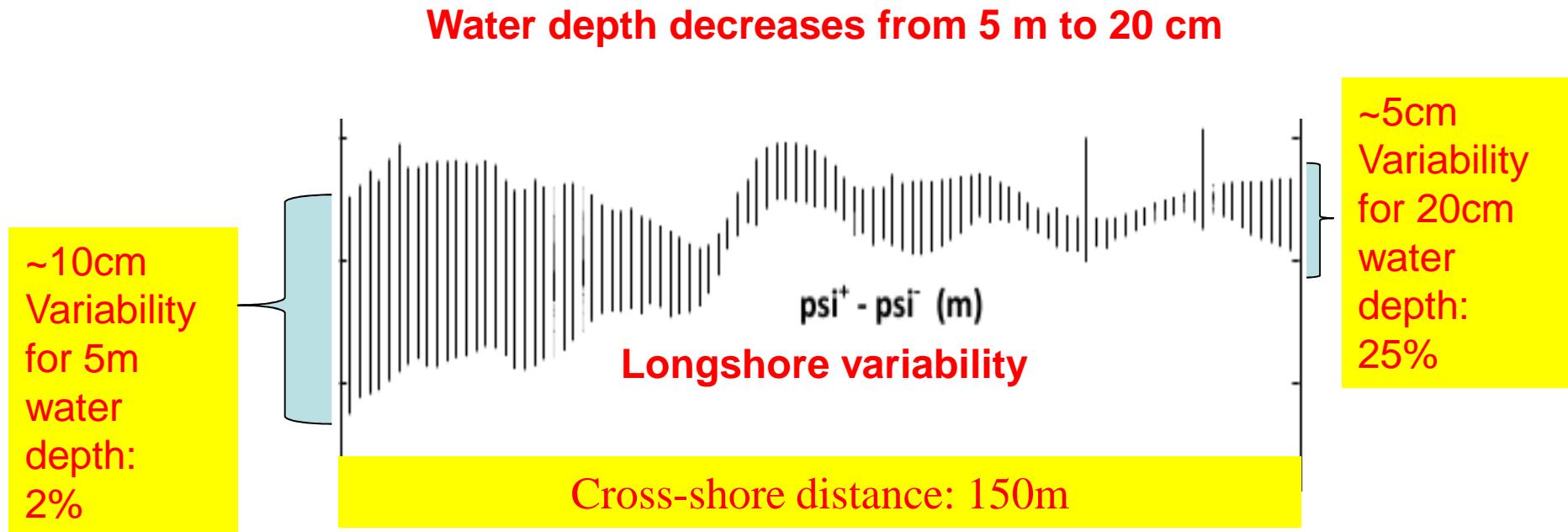
## Introduce

VaR-based directional extreme scenarios.

## Bed variability due to bed mobility variability

Assumption: sand mobility variability increases toward the beach:  
from 0 to 50%

This also accounts for imperfect modelling (epistemic UQ)



## Reverse propagation

### Impact of state/observation uncertainty

- Directional Extreme Scenarios (DES)

Covariance matrix by:

- Cumulative adjoint based construction

- Ensemble analysis (EnKF / UKF)  
→ Ensemble DES

-2015, Backward uncertainty propagation in shape optimization, IJNMF.

-2015, Ensemble Kalman Filters and geometric characterization of sensitivity spaces for UQ, CMAME.

-2016, Uncertainty quantification in littoral erosion, C&F

**Adjoint-based variance estimation  
linear relationship between control and state**

$$u = J x \quad \xrightarrow{\text{ }} \textcolor{red}{Cov(x) = (J^t \ Cov(u)^{-1} \ J)^{-1}}$$

**Cumulative construction**

$$\mathbb{E}(u) = \mu, u = \mu + \delta u, \delta u = J \delta x, J = \nabla_x u$$

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(u) &= \mathbb{E}(uu^t) - \mu\mu^t \\ &= 2\mathbb{E}(u \ \delta u^t) + \mathbb{E}(\delta u \ \delta u^t) = \mathbb{E}(\delta u \ \delta u^t) \quad (\text{H1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(u) &= J \mathbb{E}(\delta x \ \delta x^t) J^t \\ Cov(\delta x) &= J^{-1} \ Cov(u) \ J^{-t} = (J^t \ Cov(u)^{-1} \ J)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(\delta x) &= \mathbb{E}(\delta x \ \delta x^t) - \mathbb{E}(\delta x) \mathbb{E}(\delta x)^t \\ \mathbb{E}(\delta x) &= 0 \quad (\text{H2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(x + \delta x) &= Cov(x) + Cov(\delta x) + 2Cov(x, \delta x) \\ &\sim Cov(\delta x) \quad (\text{H3}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\nabla_x j$  by adjoint and  $\mathcal{J} = (\frac{\partial j}{\partial u})^{-t} \ (\nabla_x j - \frac{\partial j}{\partial x})^t$

## Directional Extreme Scenarios to estimate the robustness of the design

Two - step construction

$$1/ \quad x^* = \arg \min_x (j(u(x)))$$

$$2/ \quad (x^*)^{+/-} \text{ with } j \leftarrow j(u(x)) + \|u(x) - (u^*)^{+/-}\|$$

$(u^*)^{+/-}$  : VaR based extreme scenarios

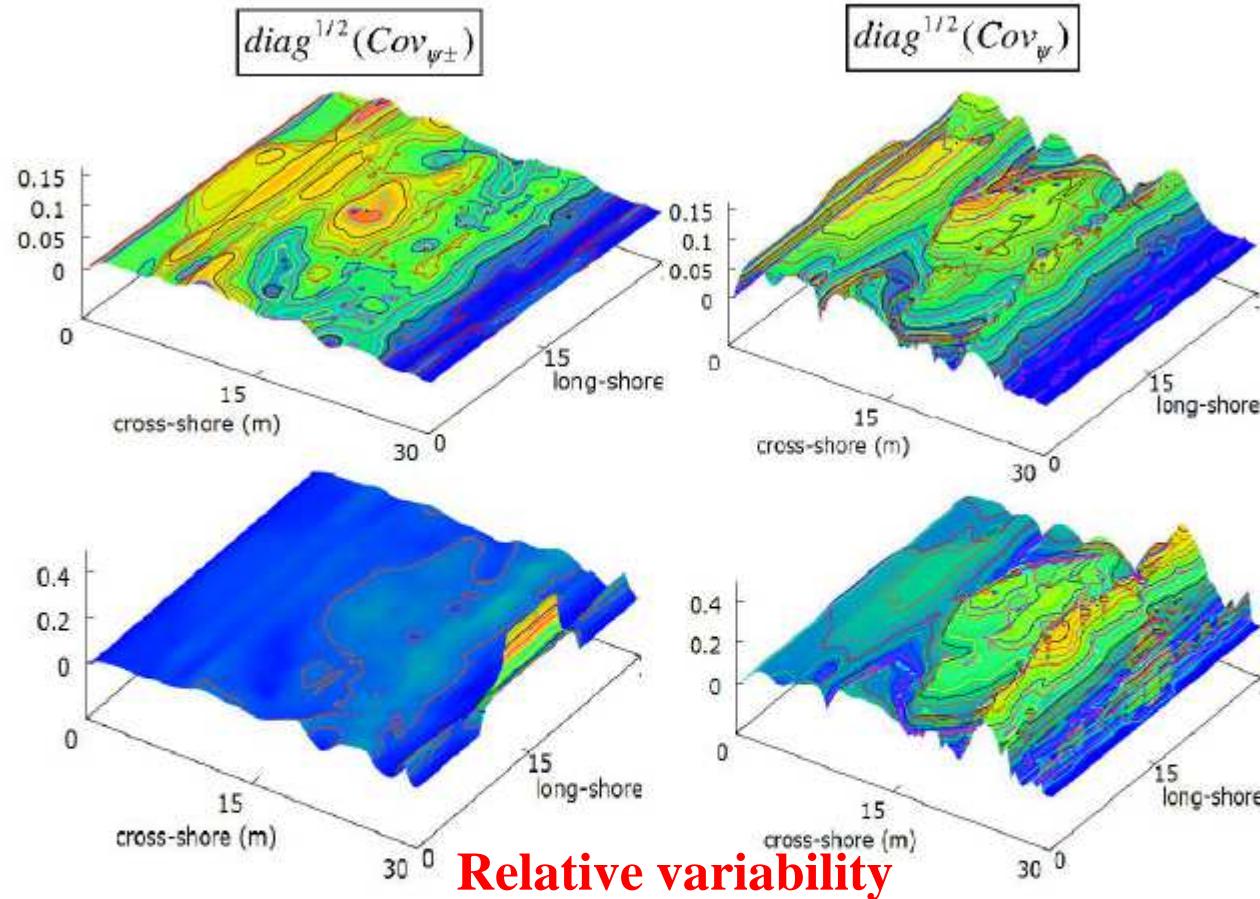
$Cov_{u^*}$  known & modelling

aleatoric and epistemic uncertainties

$x^*$  &  $(x^*)^{+/-}$  give an indication on the robustness of the design

## Bed covariance

### Extreme scenarios vs. Adjoint-based



State uncertainty induces  
large variability in swash zone,  
up to 40% of the predicted bathymetry.

## Remarks

- Morphodynamics by minimization principle
- Quantile-based directional extreme scenarios
  - Different bed covariance estimations accounting for epistemic & aleatory state variability
  - Open sea not basin
- Applications: Aeronautics (Dassault Aviation, Airbus), seismic (TOTAL, GM, Labex Numev), Biomed network circulatory systems (CHU MTP), Littoral (GDR Egrin, GM), Thin films (GDR Fast)