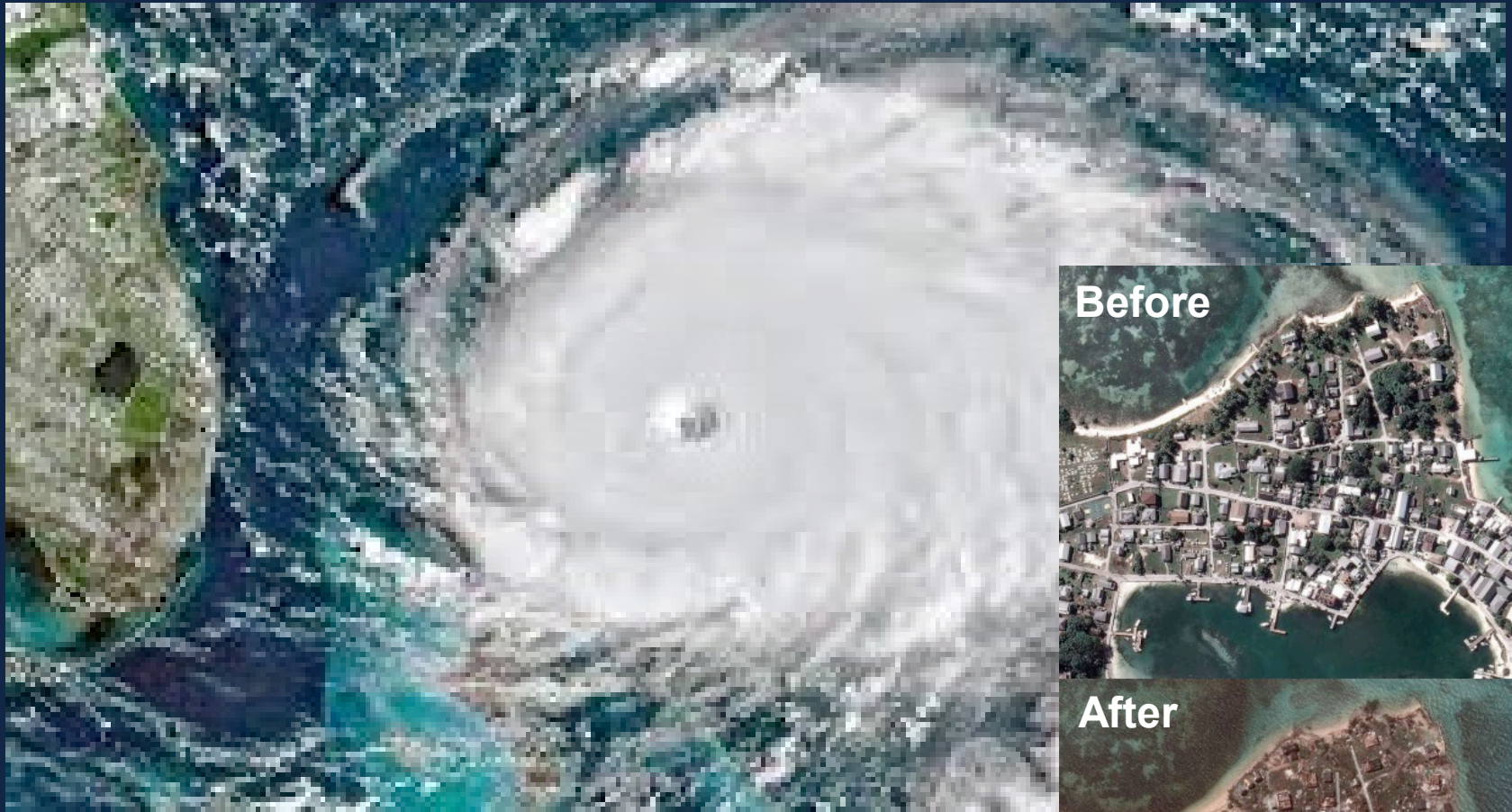




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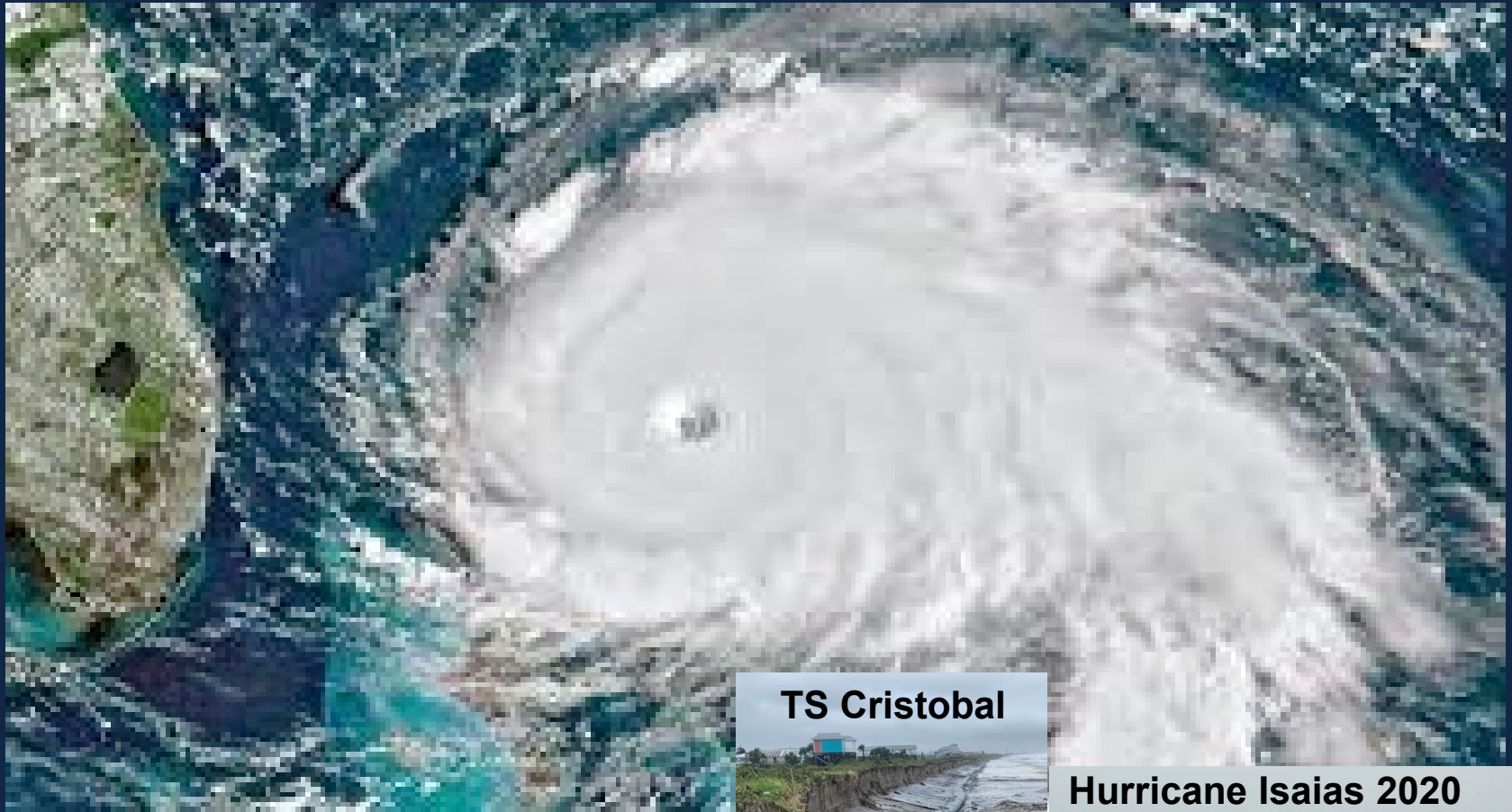
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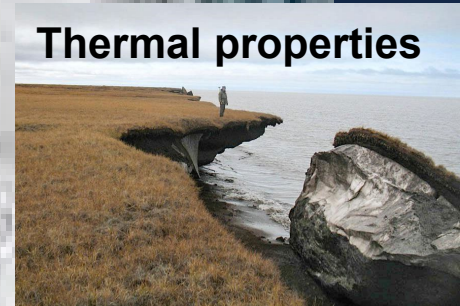
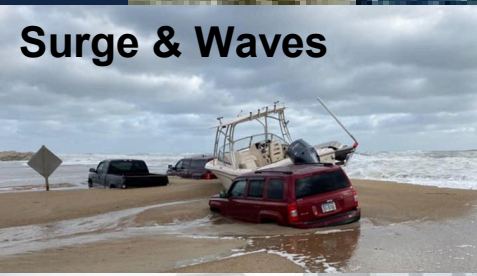


**Hurricane Isaias 2020**



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**Surge & Waves**

**Thermal properties**

**Wind**

**Rain, flooding, & hydrology**

**Geology & engineering**



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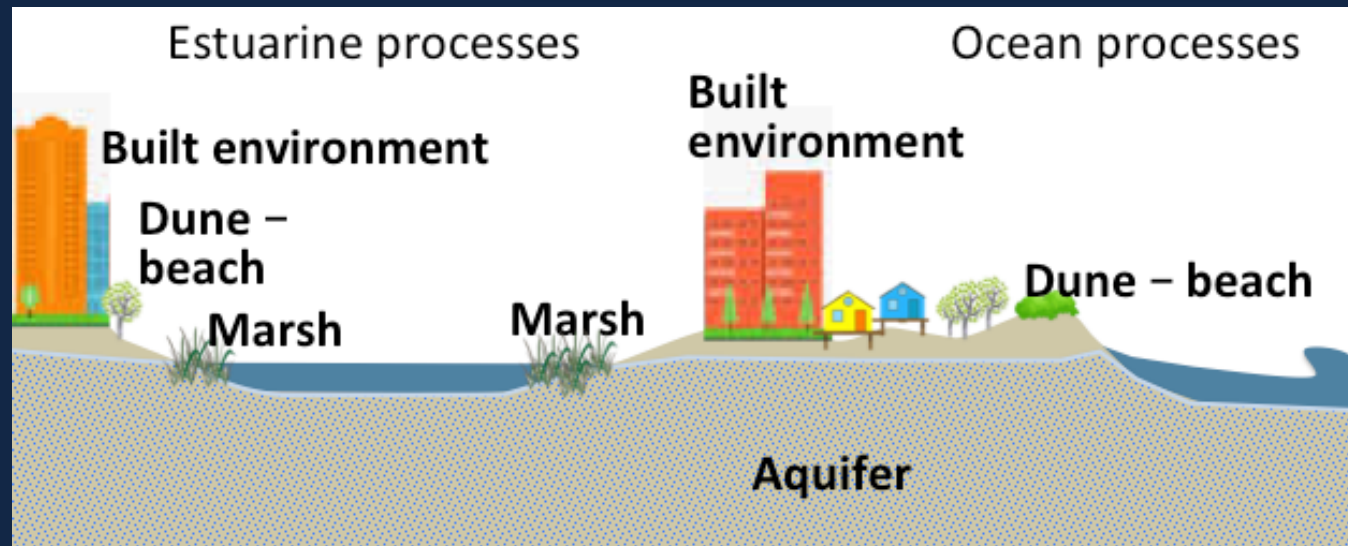
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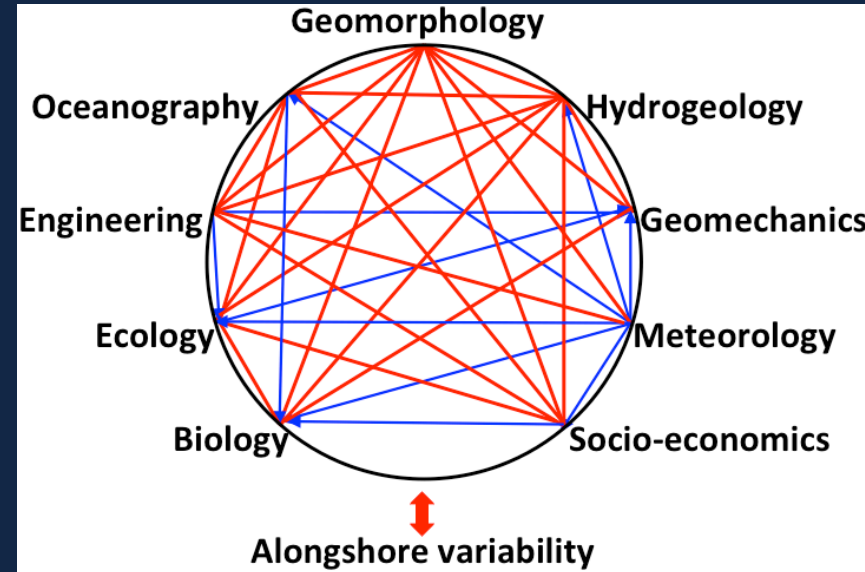


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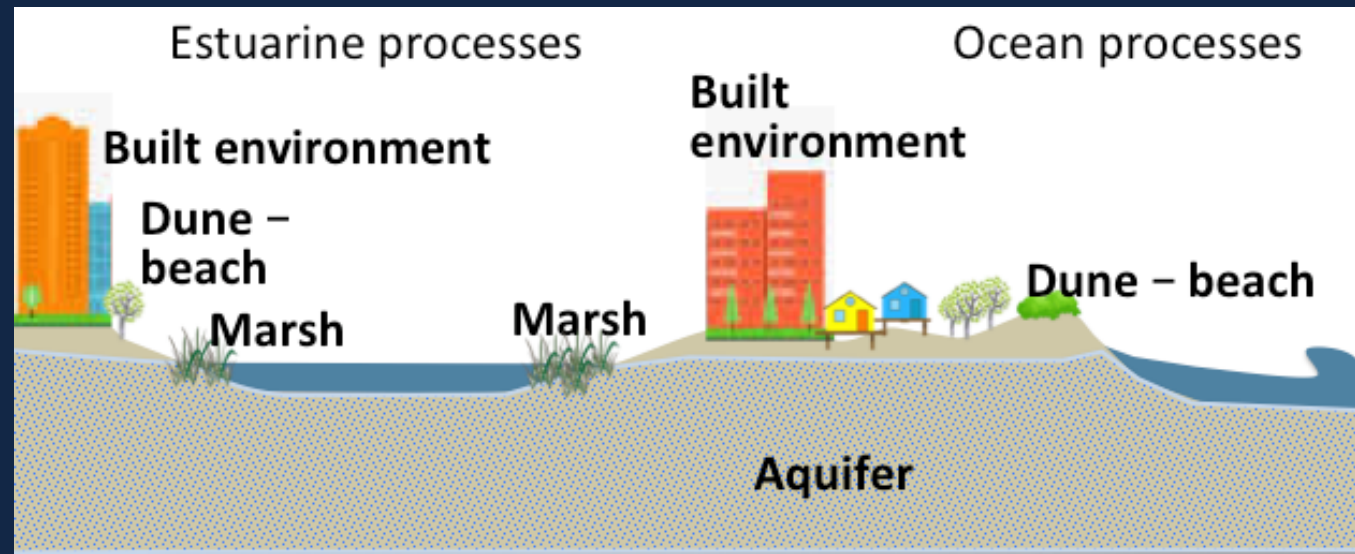
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**Vision:** Improve resilience of the “*nearshore system*” by obtaining and sharing observations that are critical to understanding and modeling event-driven interactions between natural-system processes (ocean, land, and atmosphere), the built environment, and societal responses and actions.

## **MISSION**

- 1. Obtain perishable data before, during, and after extreme coastal events**
- 2. Entrain a broad community of nearshore researchers**
- 3. Coordinate interdisciplinary teams studying nearshore systems**



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**Set guidelines for:**  
**Internal & external communications & coordination (Slack)**  
**Training, safety, and entraining emerging members**  
**Dissemination of preliminary and QC'd data (DesignSafe-CI)**  
**Sharing information about potential field sites**





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### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

**EVENT COORDINATION:** Broad membership enables organization of interdisciplinary teams to respond rapidly to extreme events on all U.S. coasts.

**SUPPORT:** Travel and equipment funding, RAPID-EF equipment rental, and coordination between Home and Field Teams and other rapid response groups, provides logistical support.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Interacting with a diverse group of researchers leads to new ideas and collaborations.

**FUTURE FUNDING:** Storm observations may form the basis for NSF Rapid proposals, or proposals to study the longer-term recovery of the system





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### COVID-19

- Local researchers and deployments, potentially including consecutive deployments by small groups traveling individually
- Virtual and remote studies, including gathering public imagery, phone and internet-based surveys, and remote (aerial, satellite) measurements
- Expanding network, including coordination with regional and national researchers, agencies, and managers





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Laura Moore  
Coastal  
geomorphologist



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of NORTH CAROLINA  
at CHAPEL HILL

## Pre- and Post- storm beach-dune and vegetation surveys:

- Improve & parameterize models of beach-dune-backbarrier dynamics
- Contribute to understanding of coupled human-natural dynamics
- Predict long-term recovery and evolution of the H-N coastal system
- Integrate across disciplines: geomorphologists, oceanographers, ecologists, engineers, *economists, behavioral scientists, demographers*
- Leverage complementary efforts, to extend reach and interactions

Cycles of beach-dune erosion and recovery  
(e.g., Cohn et al., 2019)

Effects of the built environment on coastal evolution  
(e.g., blocking of overwash; Rogers et al., 2015)



CSDMS  
community surface  
dynamics modeling system

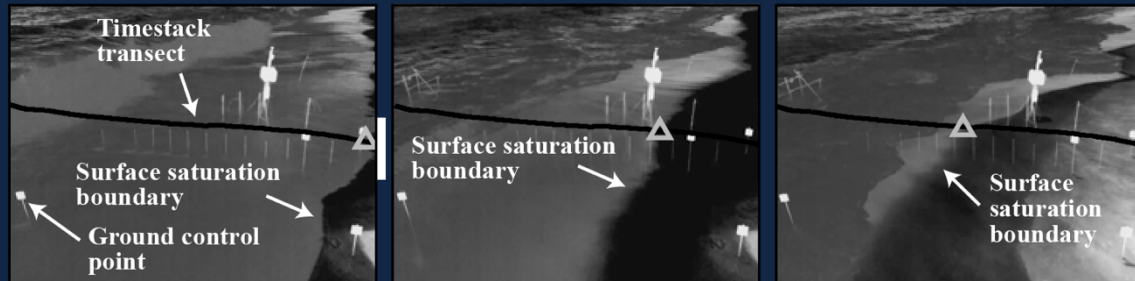


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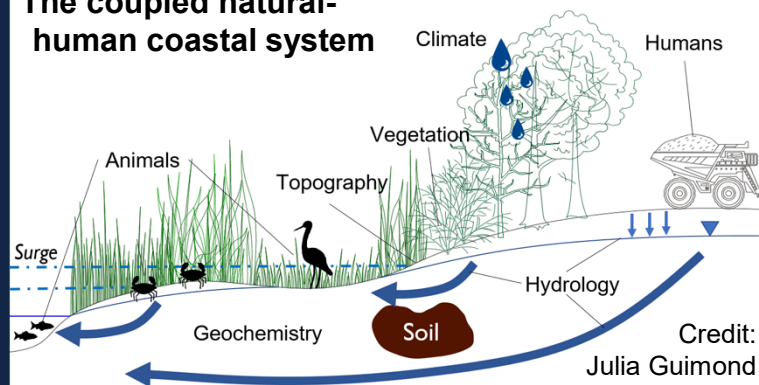
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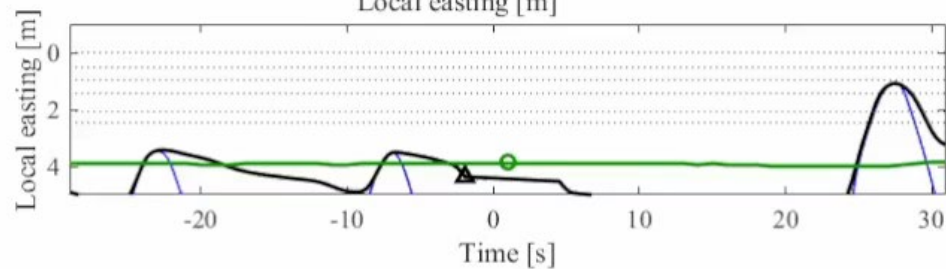
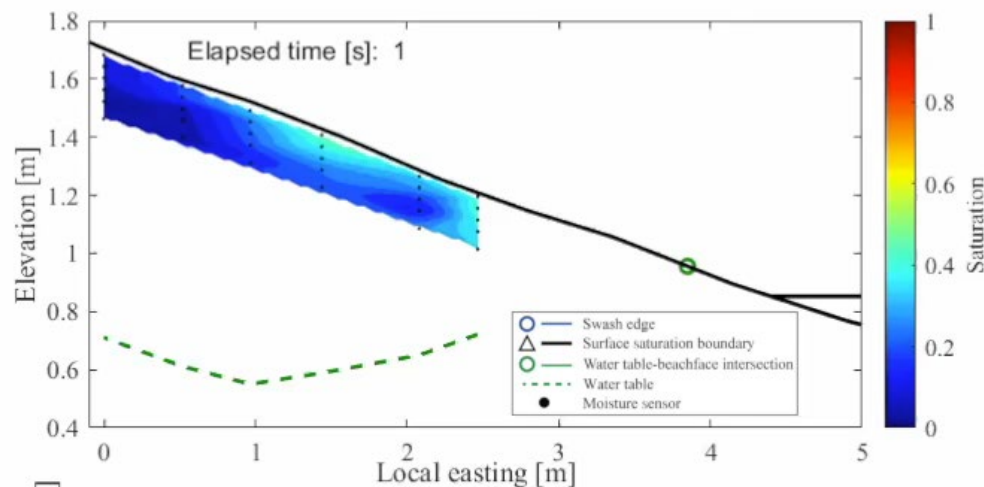


### The coupled natural-human coastal system



### Groundwater feedbacks with:

- Surface hydrology
- Sediment transport
- Geomorphology
- Biogeochemistry
- Land-sea fluxes
- Ecosystems (forest, wetlands)
- Management & decisions





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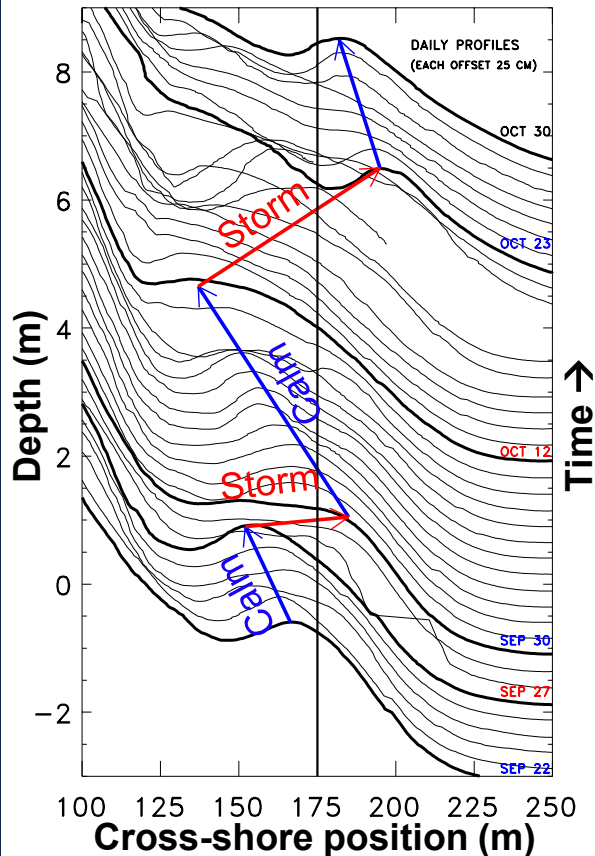
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Steve Elgar  
Physical  
oceanographer



- During storms, sand bar moves offshore and beaches erode.
- After storms, sand bar moves onshore and beaches accrete

## Sandbar migrates on & offshore



Hydrodynamics and geotechnical processes affect post-storm recovery.

Do storms change geotechnical properties enabling easier sand movement?

NEER enables new collaborations, and pre-storm measurements to study recovery



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- Coastal wetlands exert vegetal drag on flows, reducing storm surge and waves.  
- NEER and RAPID enable the study of TS Cristobal's impact to Louisiana marshes.

Home Team (HT, NU) worked with Field Team (FT) at LSU developed a rapid deployment plan.

HT & RAPID Facility shipped equipment to FT overnight.

LSU Field Team deployed & retrieved an array of sensors, and did surveys.

HT & FT are jointly analyzing the data.

LSU Field Team led by Navid Jafari

- Deployment decision made on June 3rd

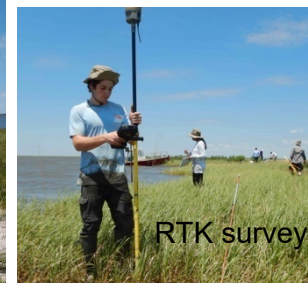
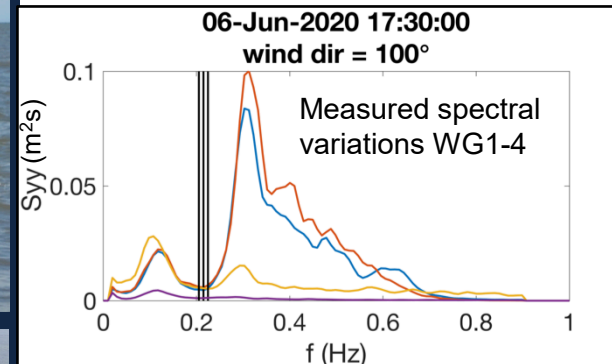
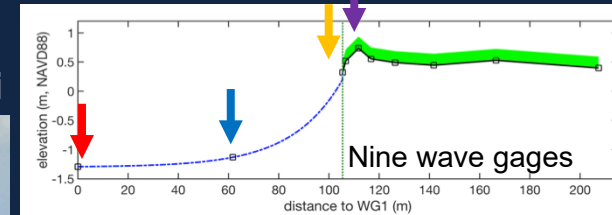


- Deployed sensors by airboat on June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Cristobal made landfall on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Sensor retrieval & surveys on June 12



Wave gages, sediment traps, cameras, Pore pressure gages, penetrometers, RTK, Drone (DJI Matrice 210), etc.







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