

# Enhanced flushing of sediment deposits in the backwater reach of reservoirs

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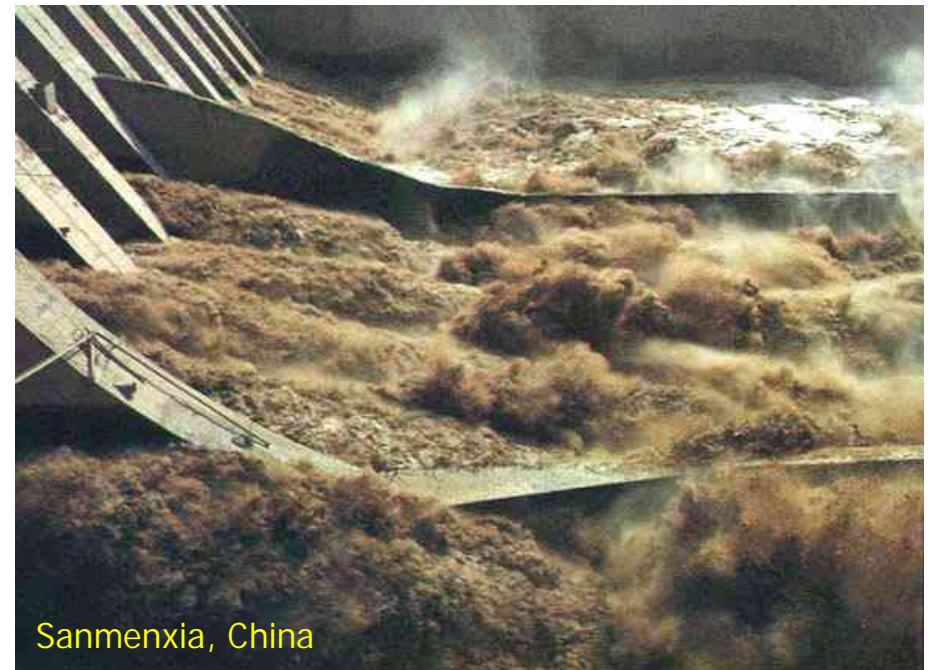
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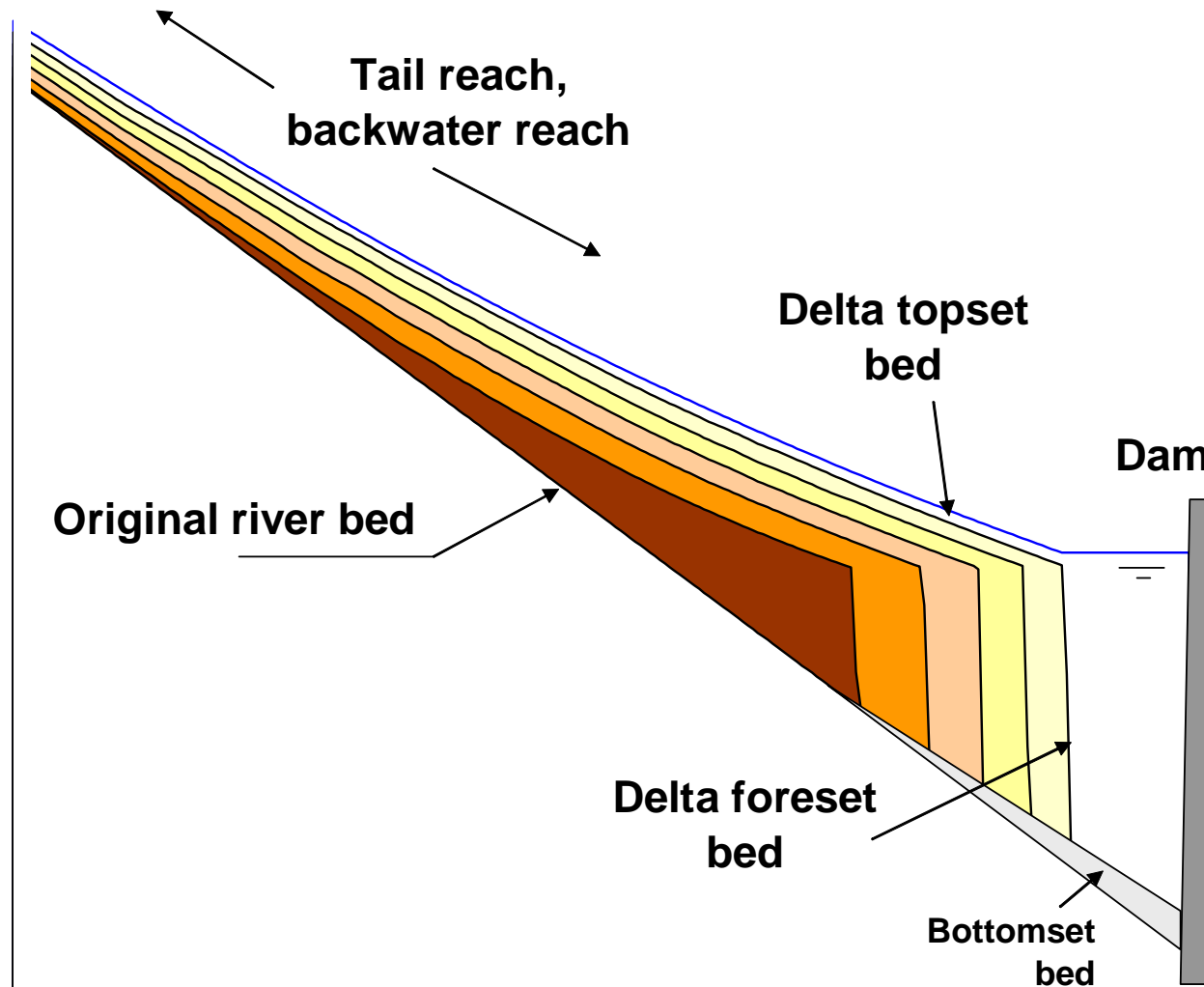
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- Reservoir sedimentation and backwater deposits
- Flushing, and enhanced flushing
- Sakuma Reservoir Japan
- Discussion



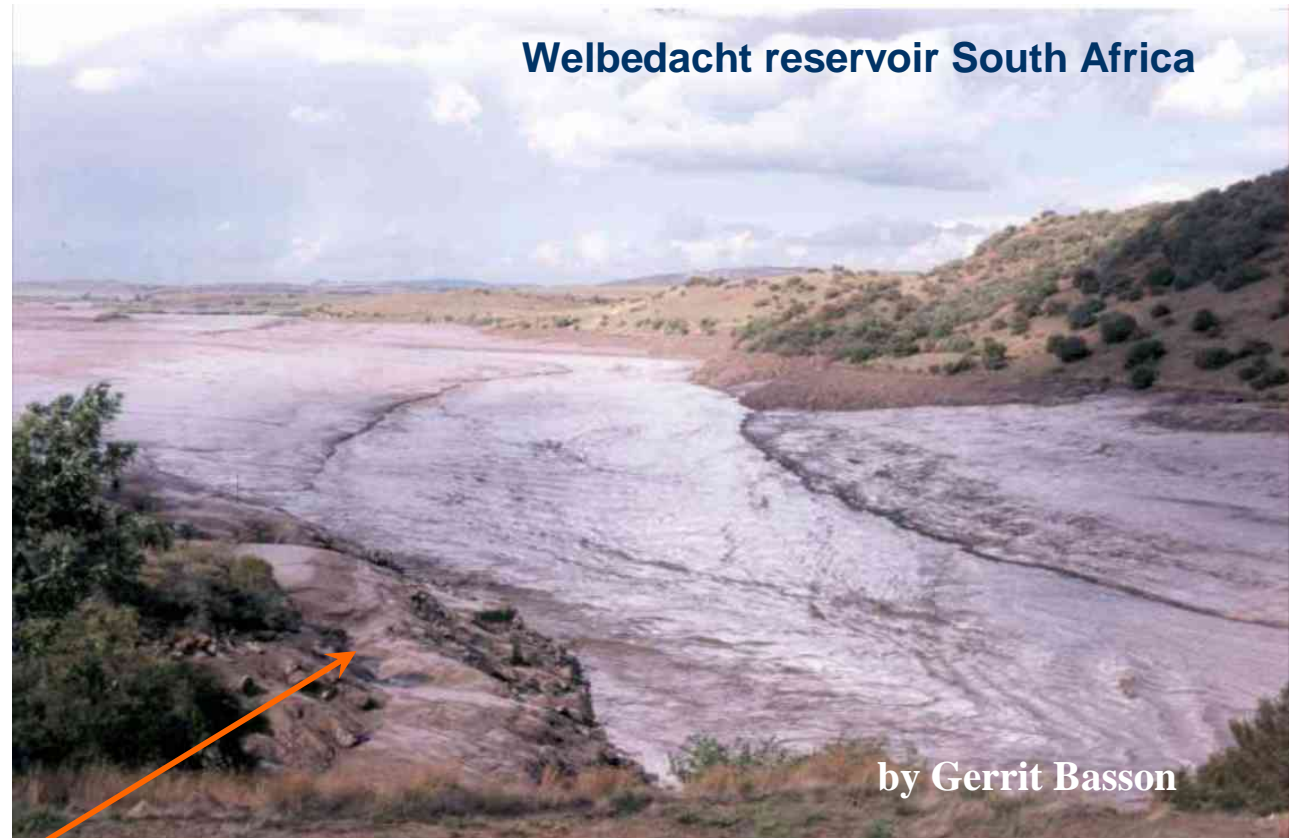
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# Processes

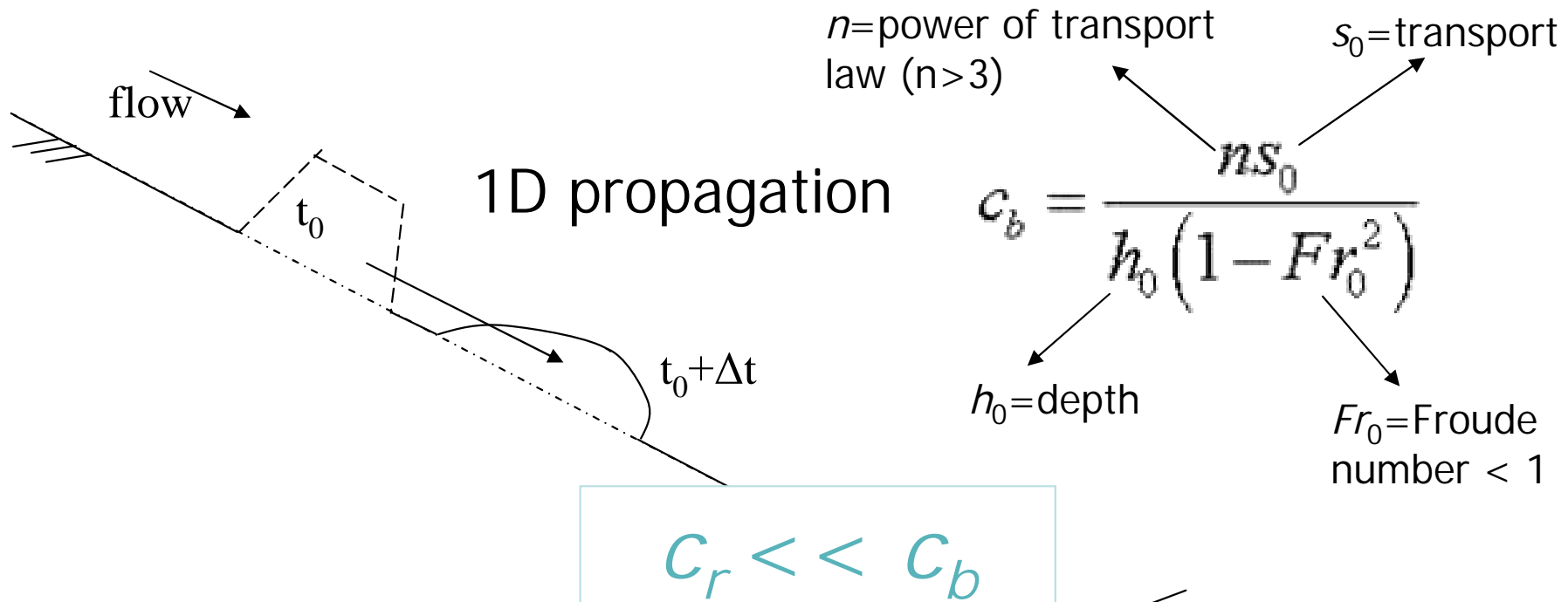


# Flushing

- Use floods to erode deposits
- Only a channel is eroded
- Use mechanical support to push the higher deposits into the channel



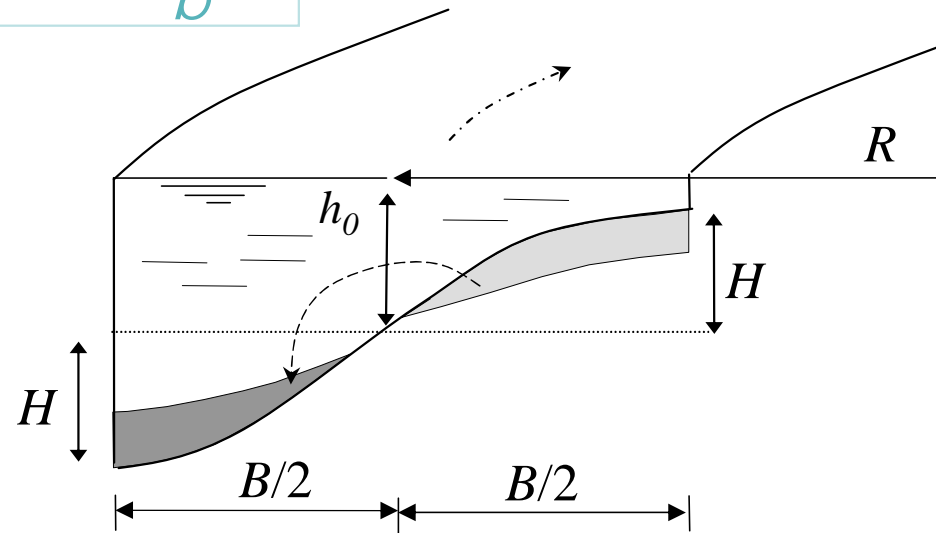
# Downstream propagation



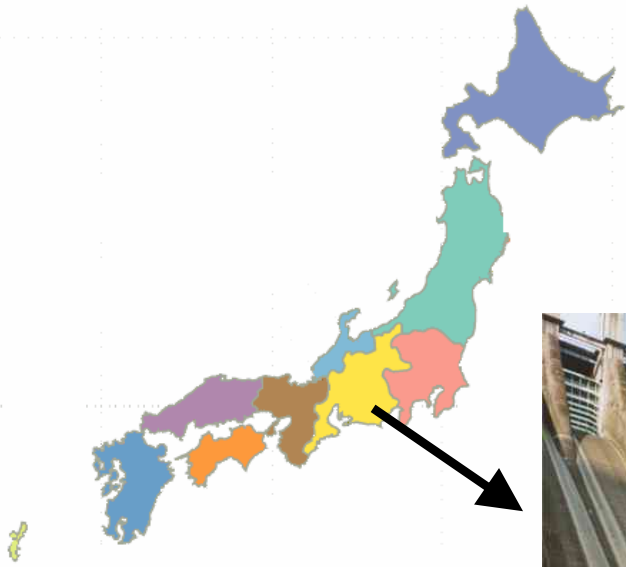
2D propagation

$$c_r = \frac{s_0}{h_0} \frac{k'^2 - \left(\frac{n-3}{2}\right)}{k'^2 + 1}$$

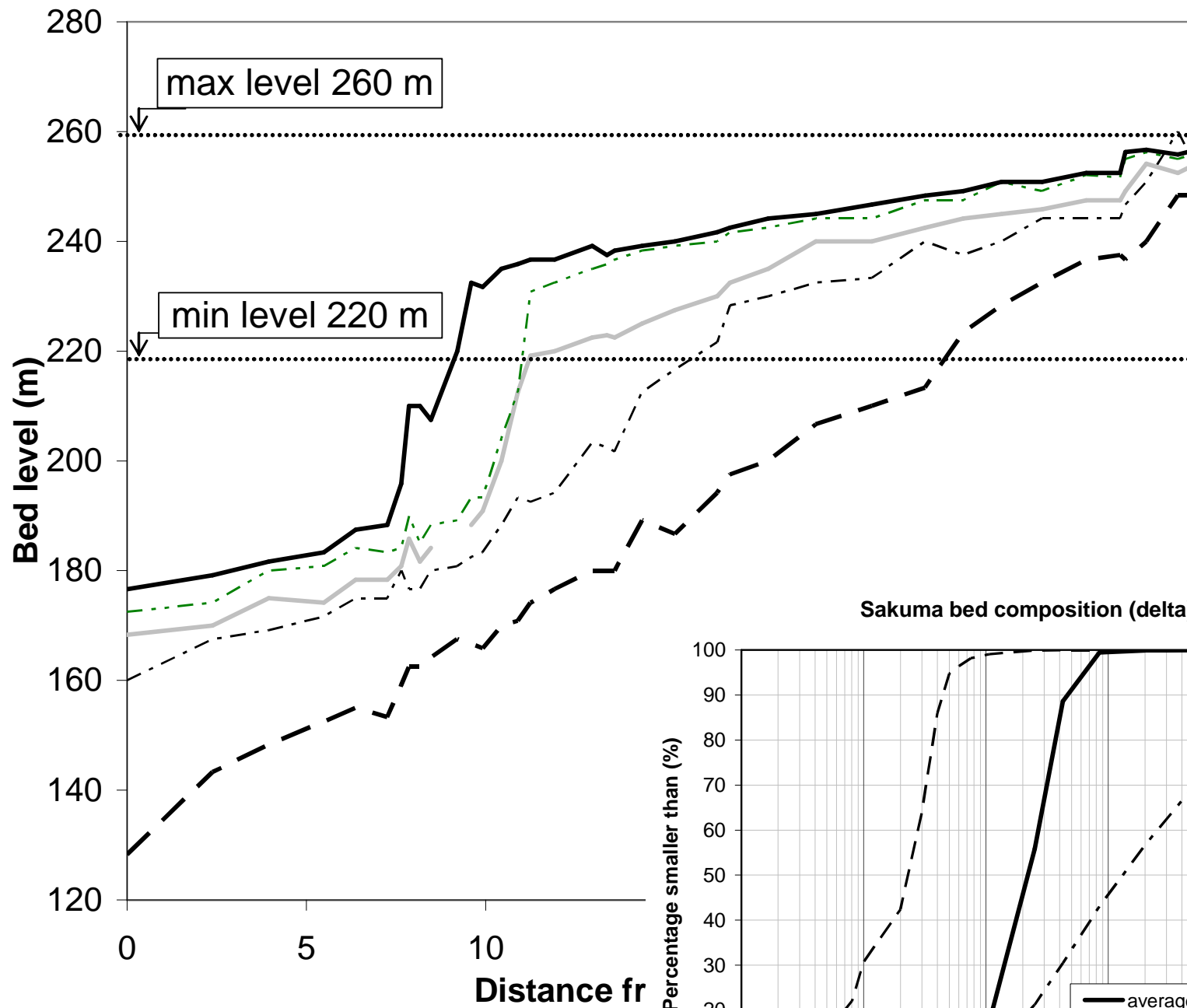
$k' = \text{wave number of bed disturbance}$



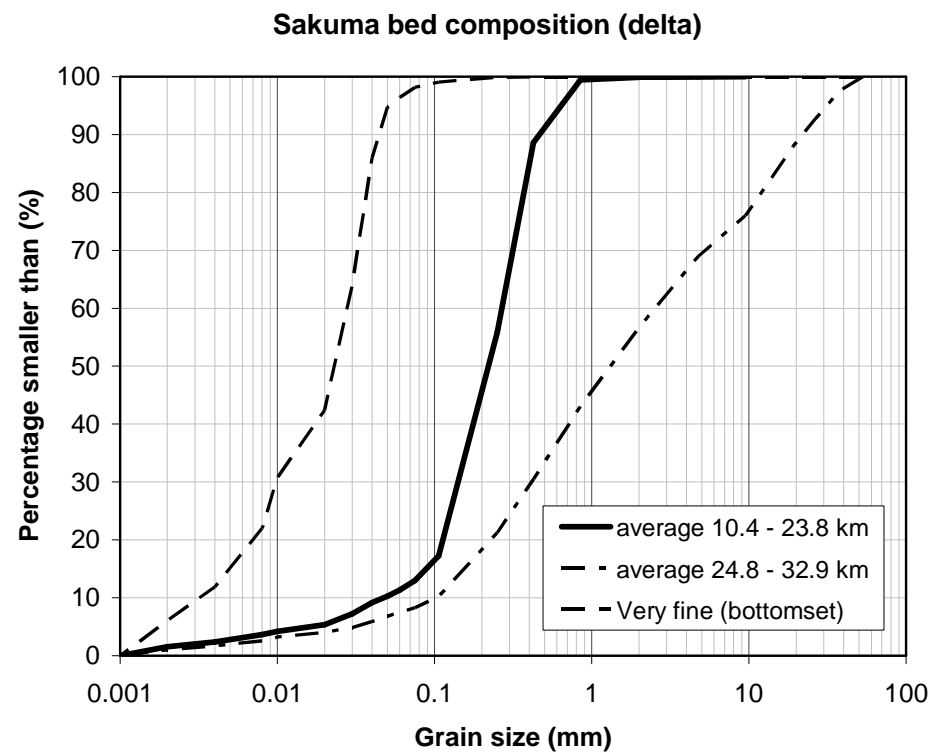
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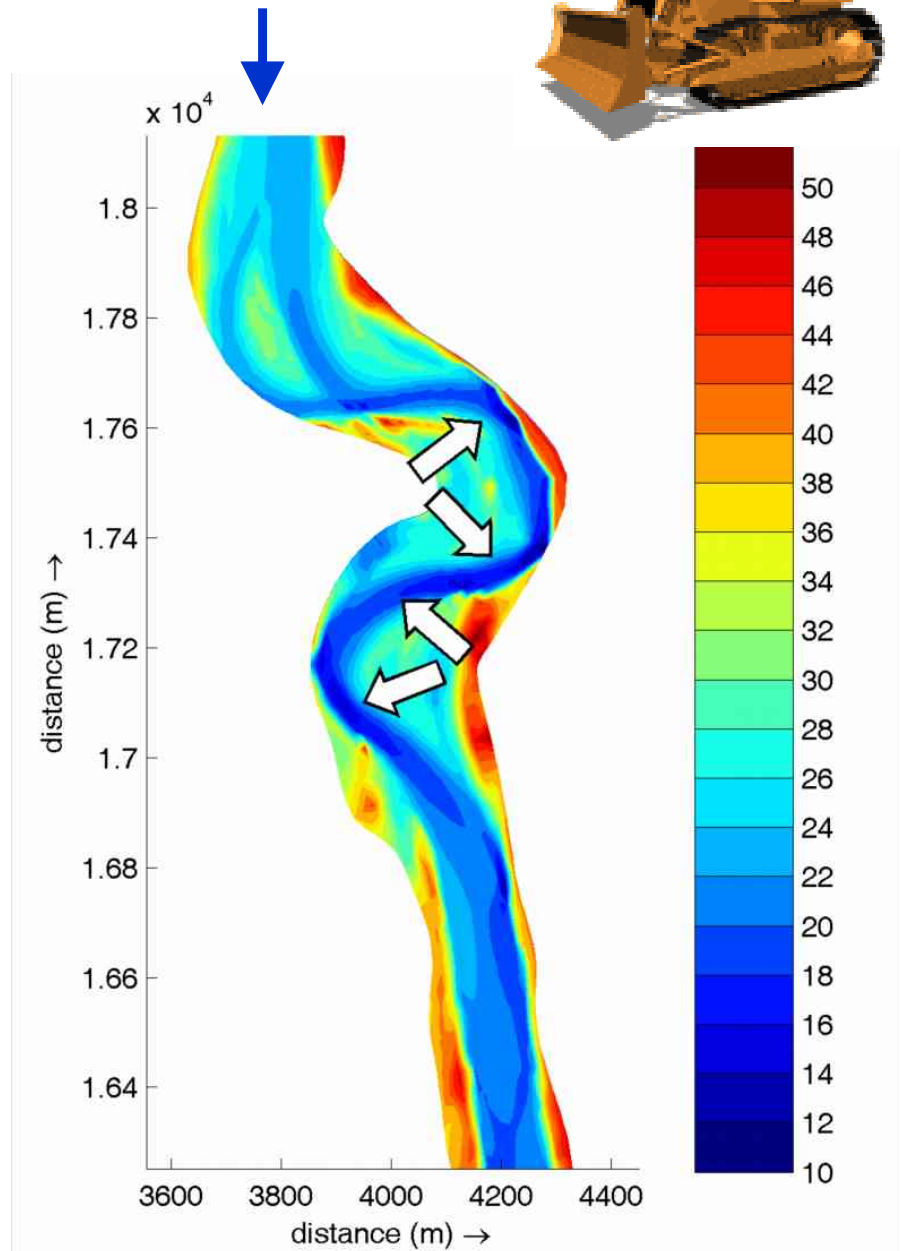
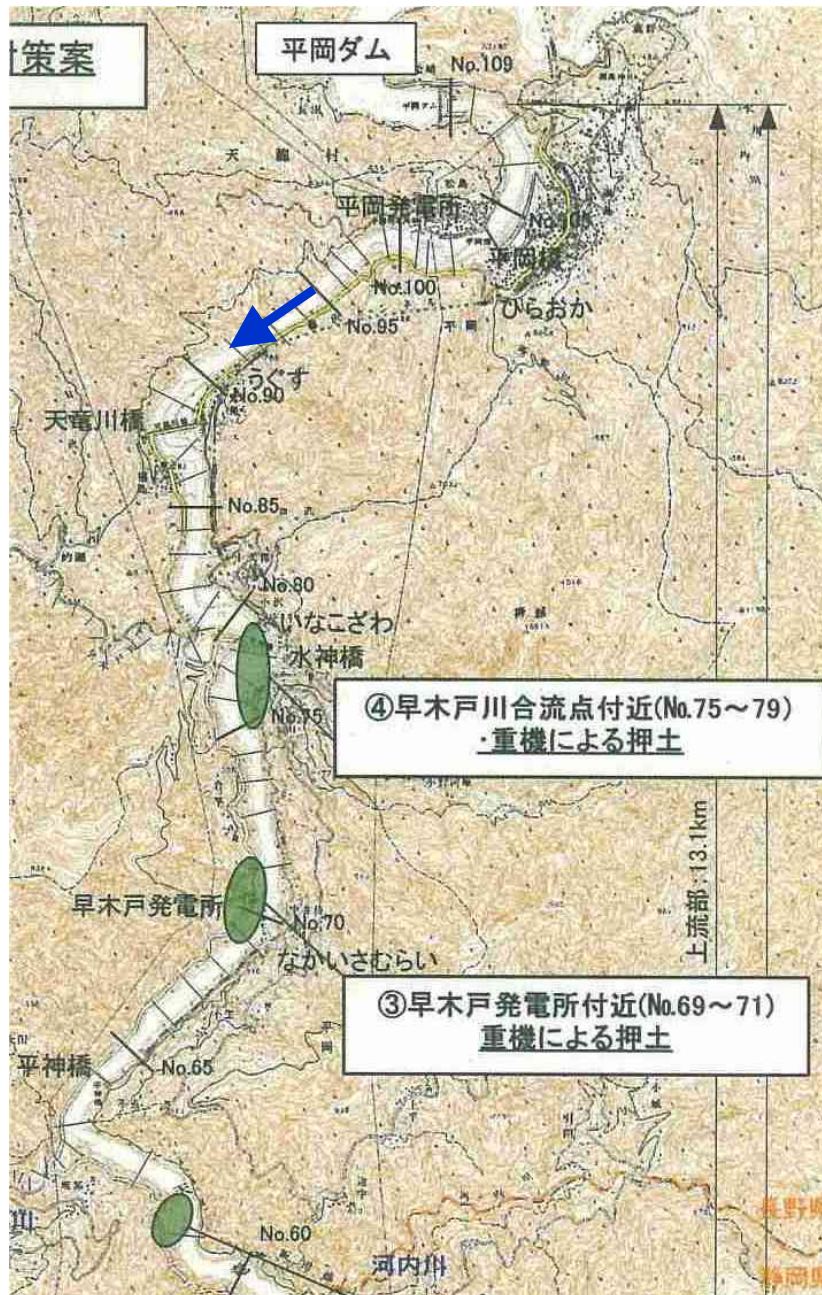


since 1956  
dam 155 m  
max 350 MW  
 $V_0 = 327 \text{ Mm}^3$   
 $V_{\text{lost}} = 117 \text{ Mm}^3$   
 $L_{\text{backwater}} =$   
20 to 30 km  
 $Q_{\text{design}} =$   
7700 m<sup>3</sup>/s



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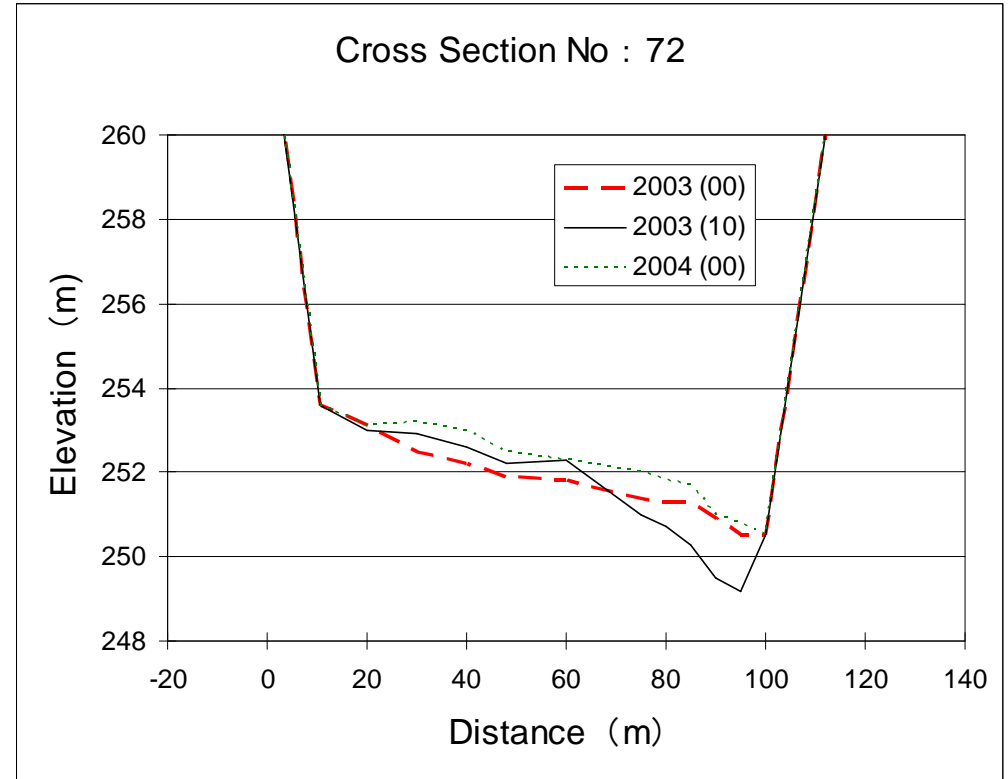
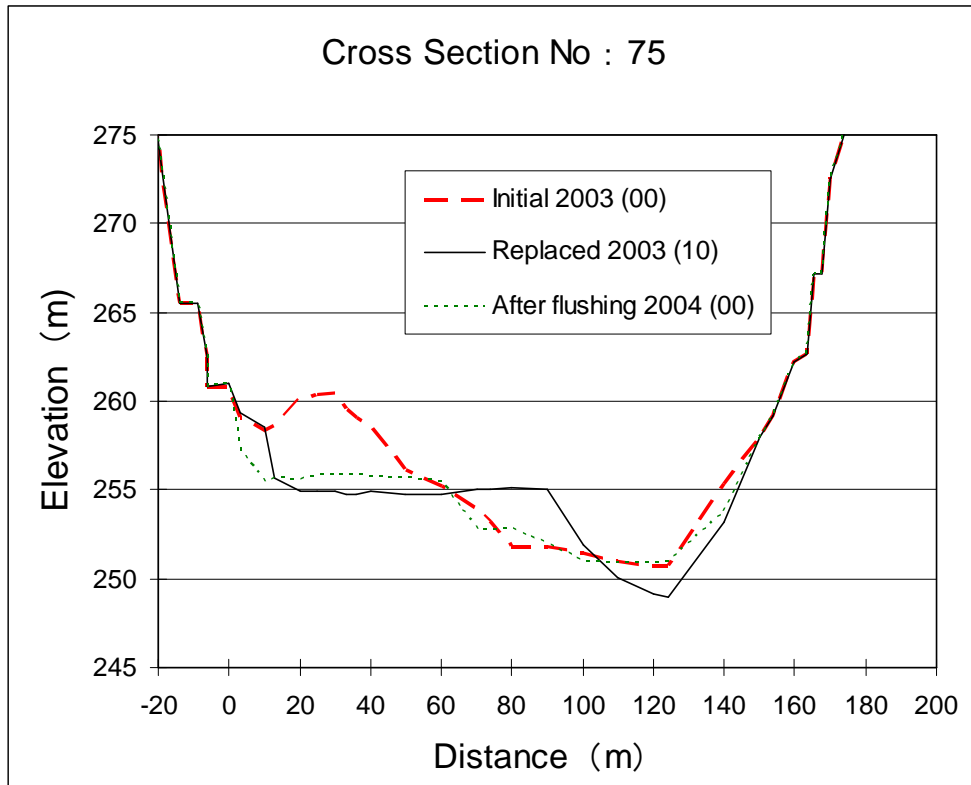
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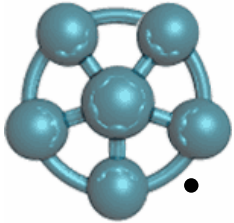
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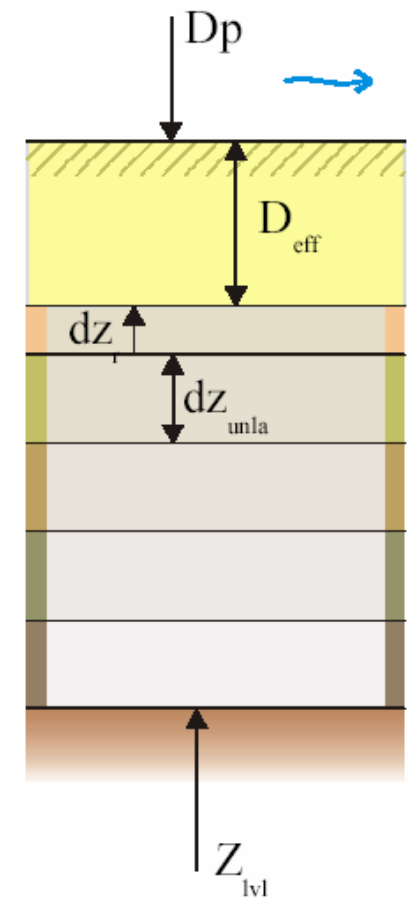


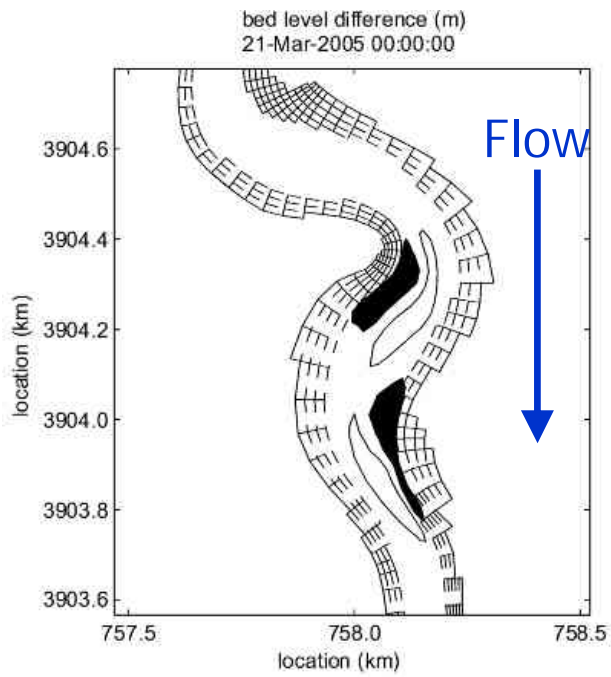




# 2D morphological modelling

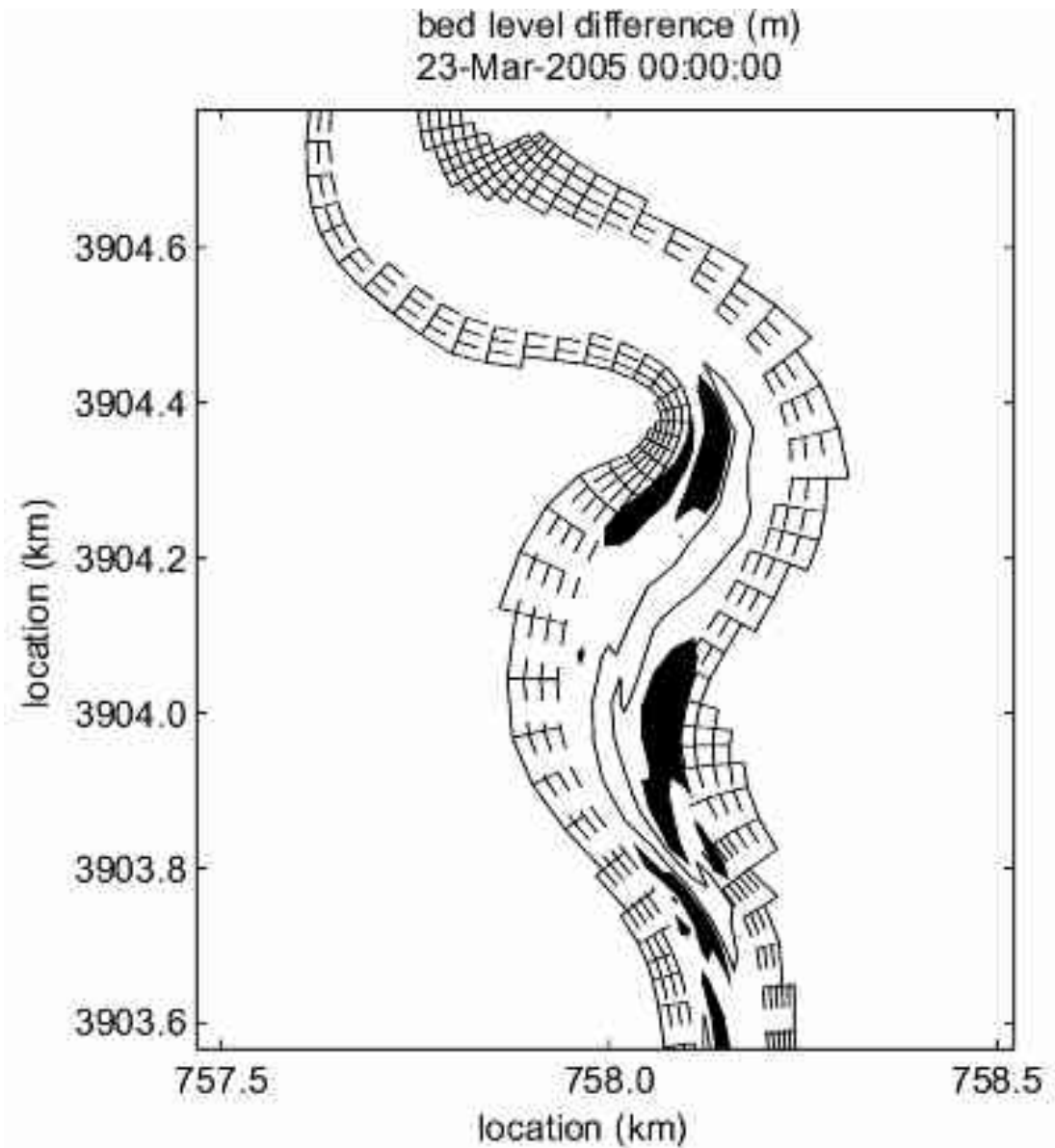


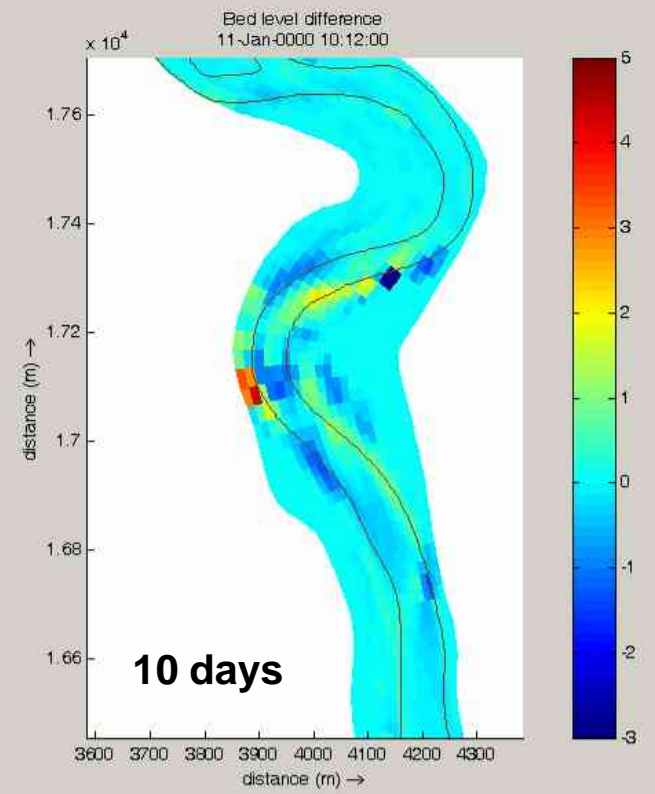
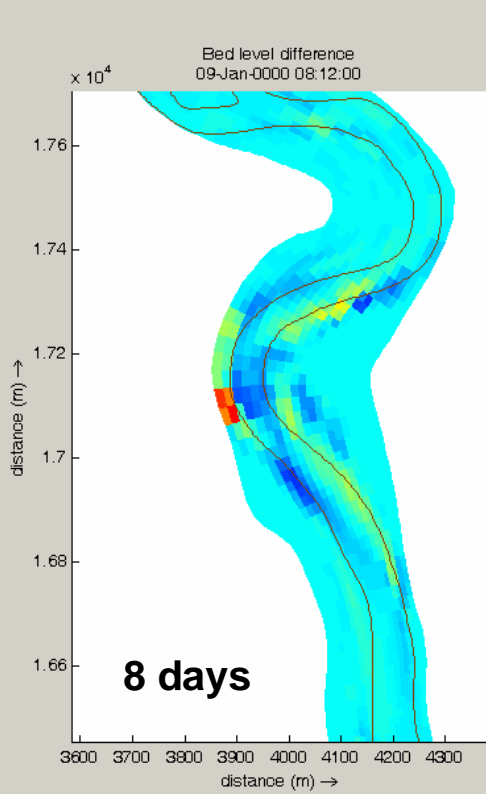
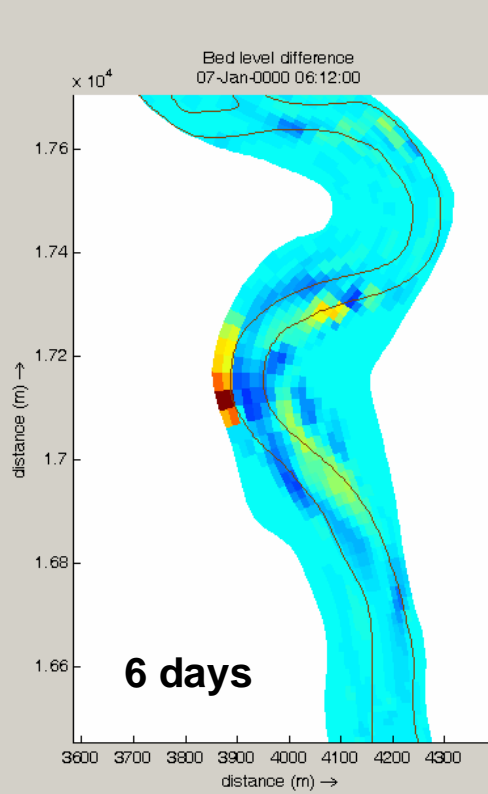
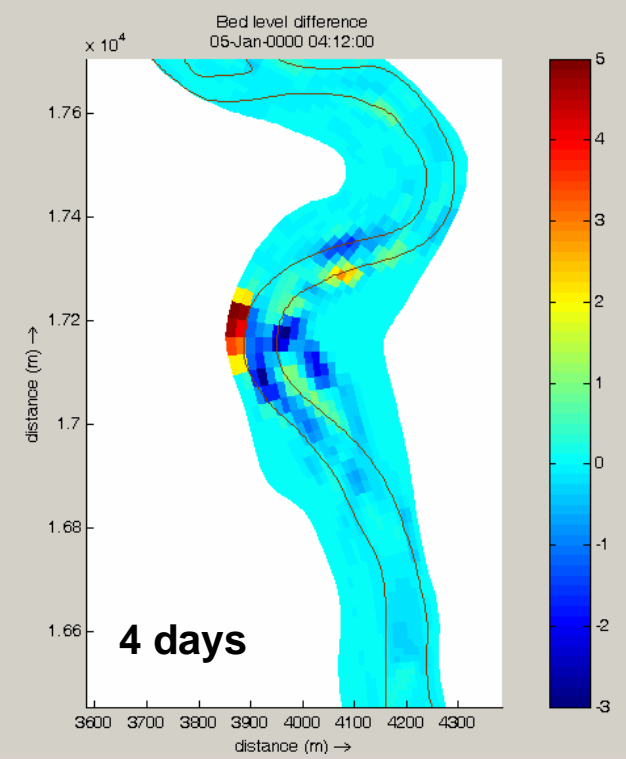
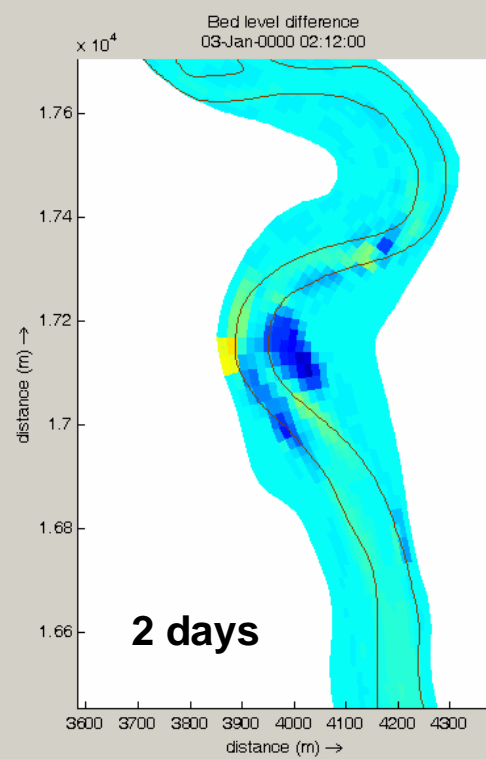
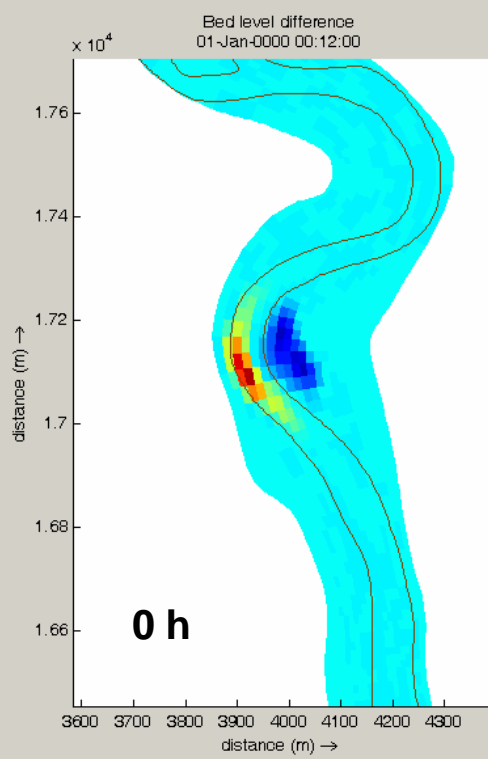
- Delft3D modelling system
- 2D flow with parametrised 3D helical flow
- Curvi-linear grid
- Layer concept with under layers
- 11 size fractions
- Ashida and Michiue transport (2D by S. Egashira)

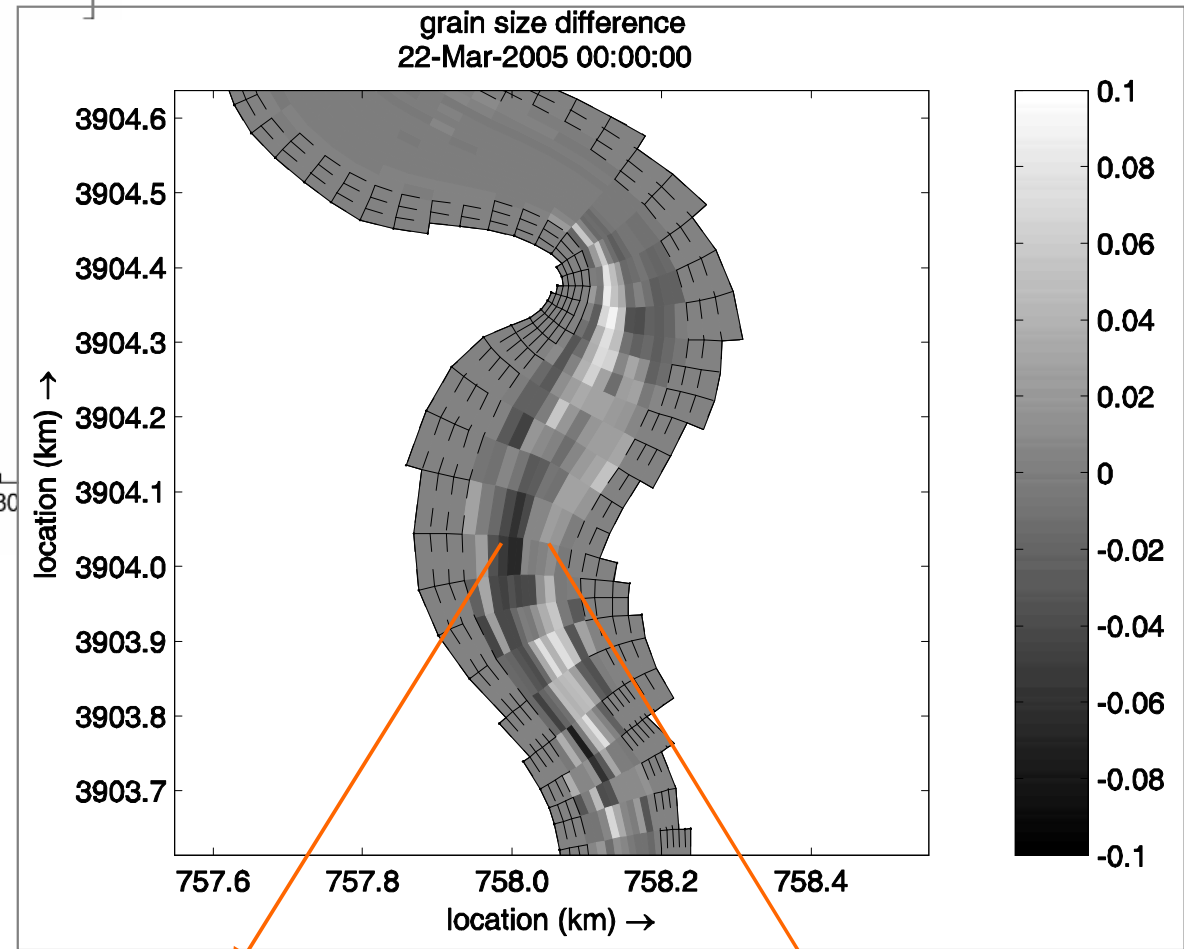
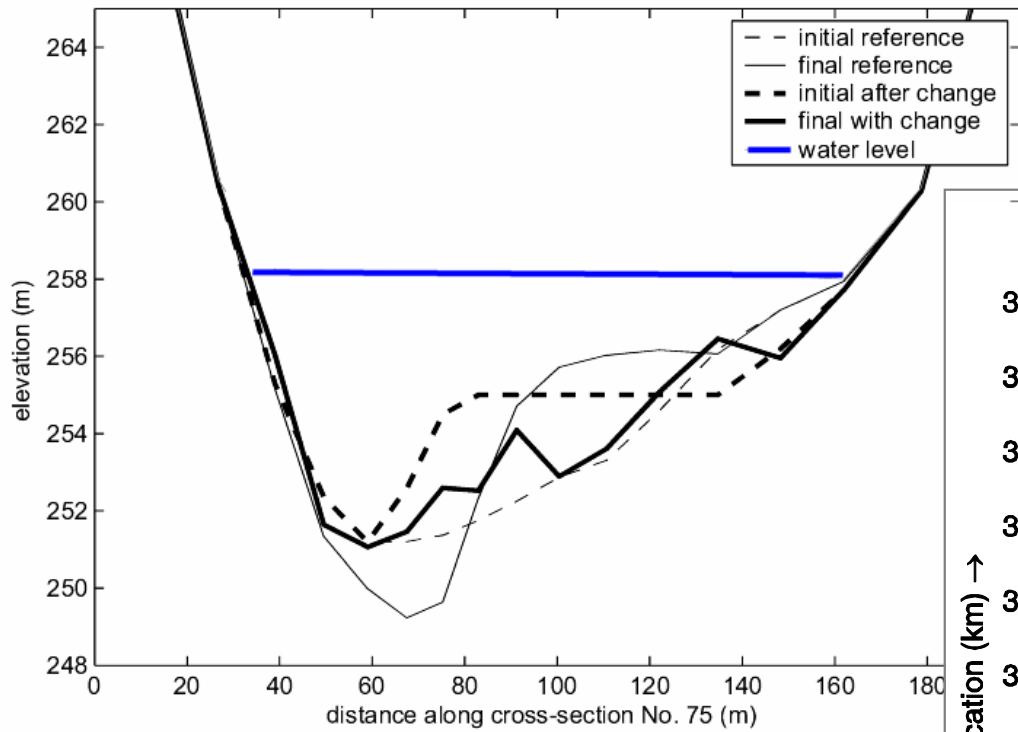




-  Lowered > 1 m
-  Raised > 1 m







Finer in outer bend

Coarser in outer bend



# Conclusions

- Displaced sediment leads to a combined 1-D and 2-D response of the riverbed
- In situations with reasonably uniform sediment (no sorting) 1-D propagation is faster and more effective than the 2D behavior.
- Efficacy is improved if:
  - sediments are distributed evenly over the cross-section of the flushing channel,
  - and water levels are lowered to such an extent that the flow is concentrated within this channel.
  - particularly the fine sediments are pushed into the channel
- For practical applications the effect of sediment sorting and unsteadiness of flow need to be accounted for, as these effects appear to have an important impact