# Examining shoreface disequilibrium morphodynamics and their influence on shoreline change


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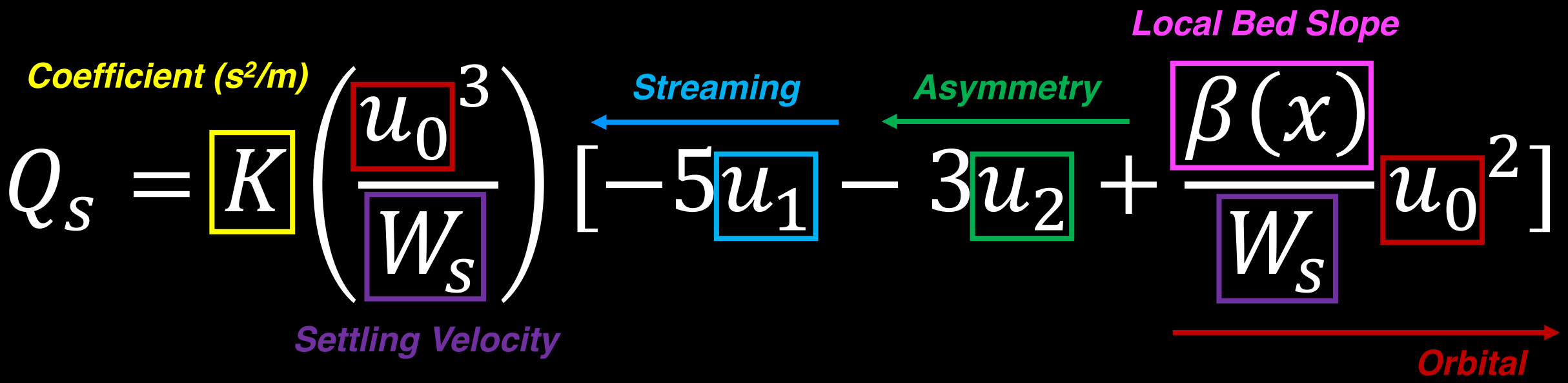
# *Background*

- Transitional zone on passive margins
- Morphodynamic evolution not well understood
  - Lack of sediment data
  - Long timescales ($10^1$-$10^3$ yrs)
- Steady-state assumptions

*(Ortiz & Ashton 2016; Derived from Bagnold 1963, Bowen 1980, Stive & deVriend 1995)*

# Energetics Transport Equation



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# Energetics Transport Equation

*Coefficient ($s^2/m$)*

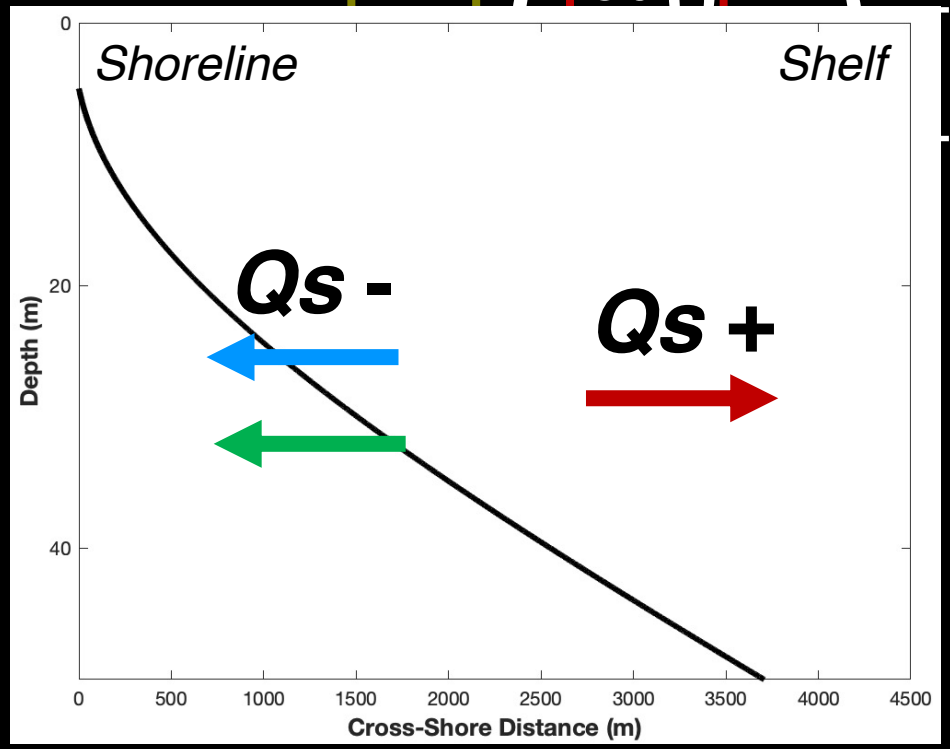
$$\left(u_0^3\right)\left[-5u_1 - 3u_2 + \frac{\beta(x)}{W_s}u_0^2\right]$$

*Streaming* ← $-5u_1$

*Asymmetry* ← $-3u_2$

*Local Bed Slope* → $\frac{\beta(x)}{W_s}u_0^2$

*Orbital* →



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# Energetics Transport Equation

Coefficient ($s^2/m$)

Settling Velocity

Streaming

Asymmetry

Local Bed Slope

Orbital

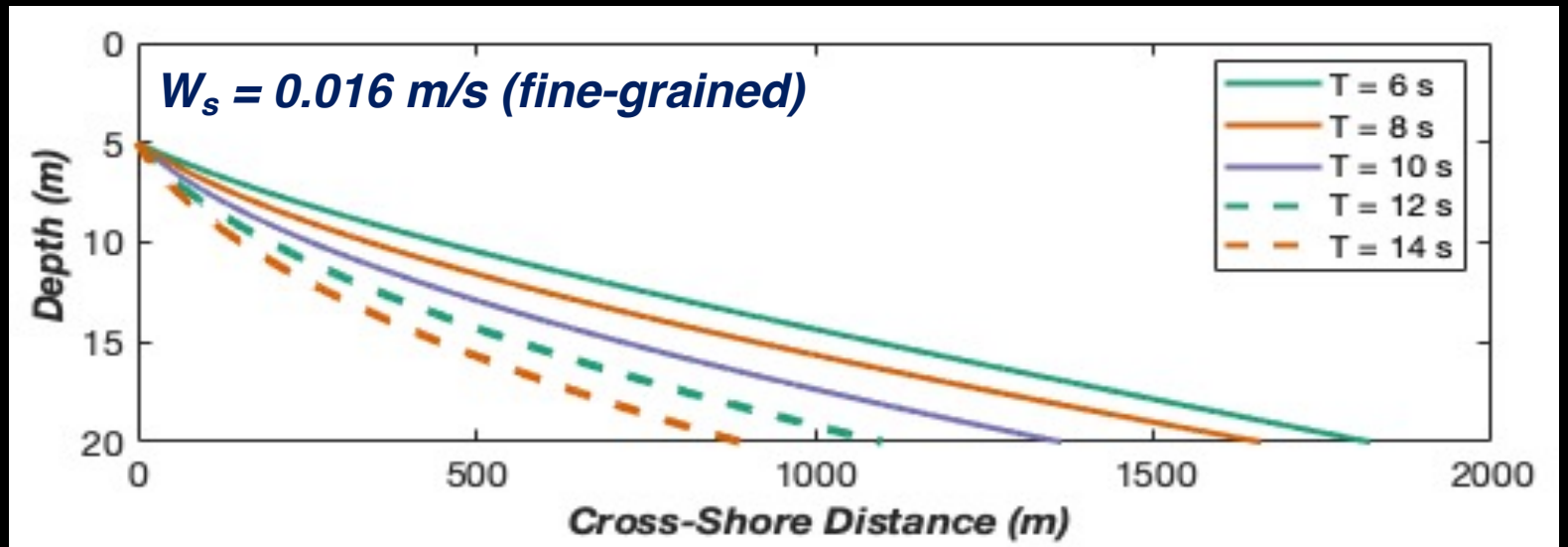
$$Q_s = K\left(\frac{u_0^{\,3}}{W_s}\right)\left[-5u_1 - 3u_2 + \frac{\beta(x)}{W_s}u_0^{\,2}\right]$$

**Equilibrium Slope**

$$\beta_e(z(x)) = \frac{W_{s_e}}{u_0^{\,2}}\left[5u_1 + 3u_2\right]$$

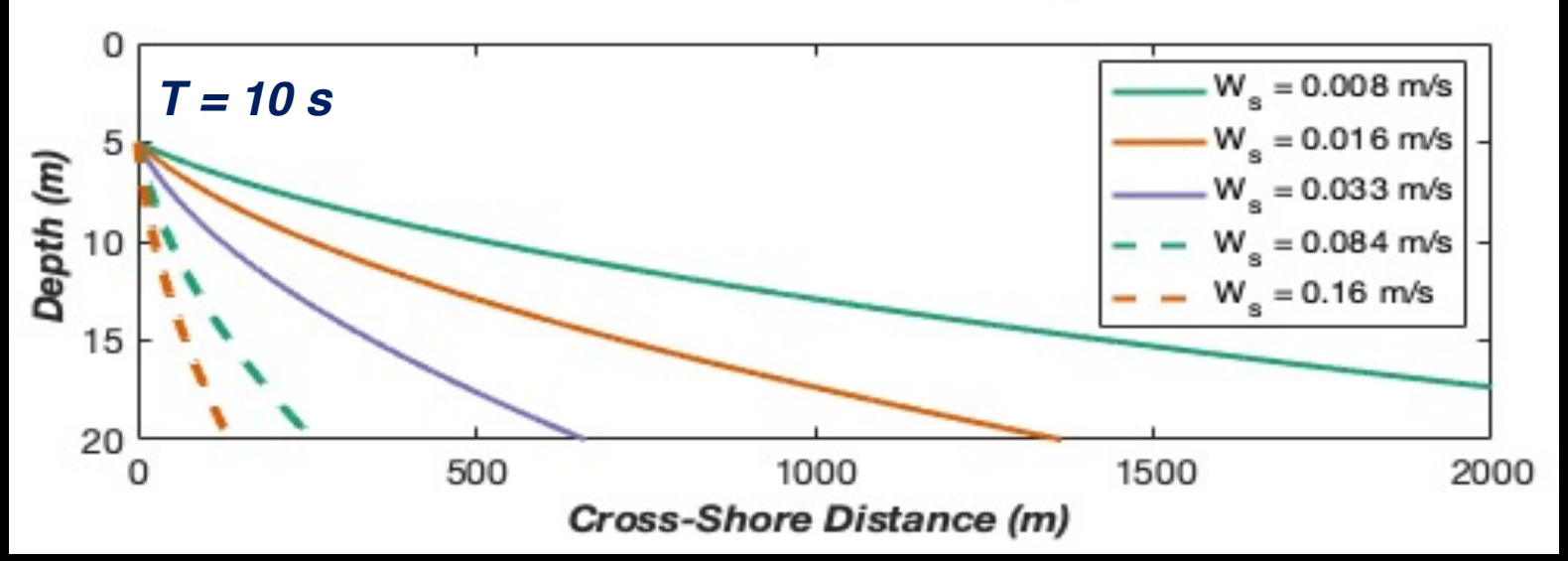
*Modified from Ortiz & Ashton 2016*

**Wave Period**




As $T$ ↑, profile steepens

**Settling Velocity**

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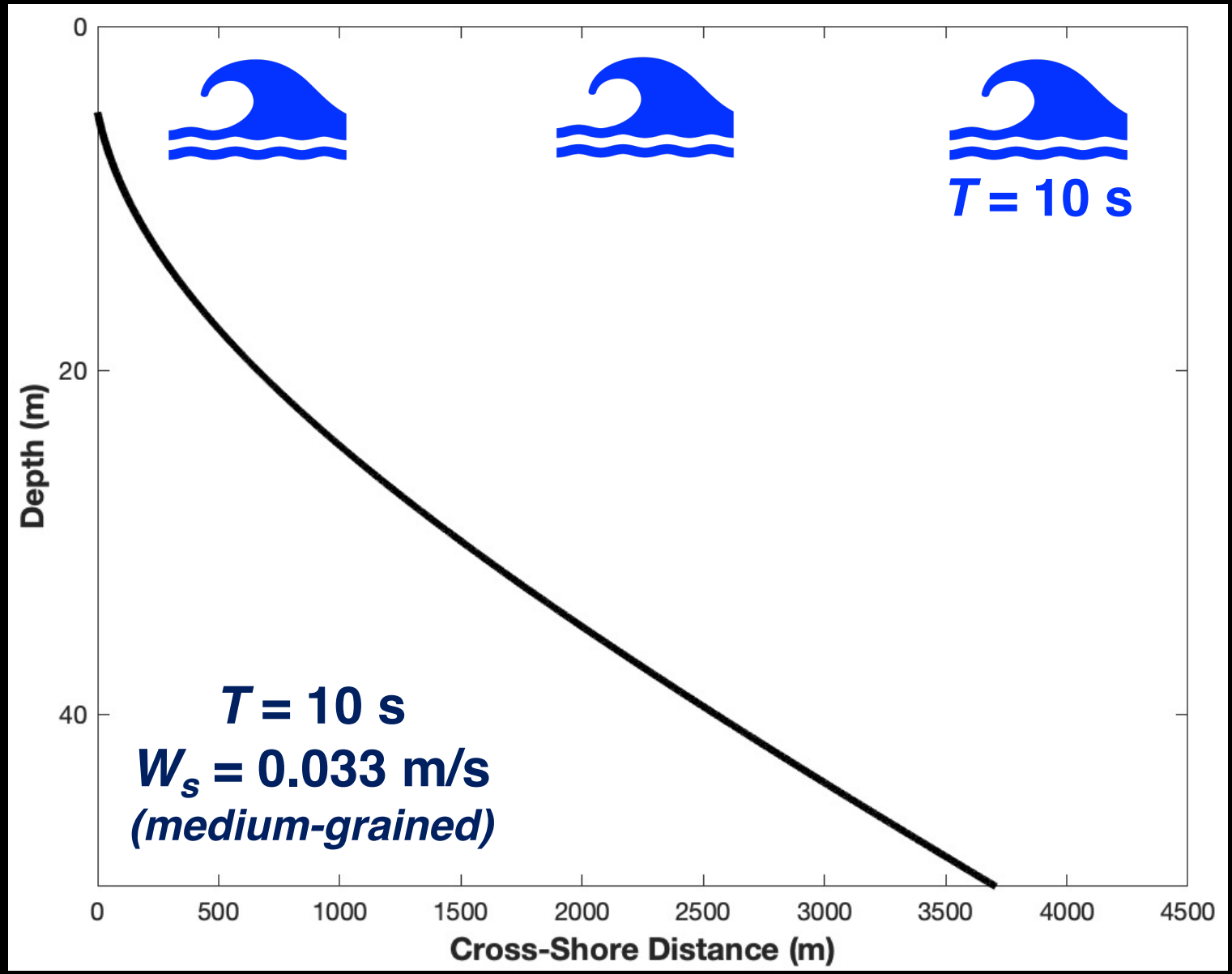
# Equilibrium Profiles

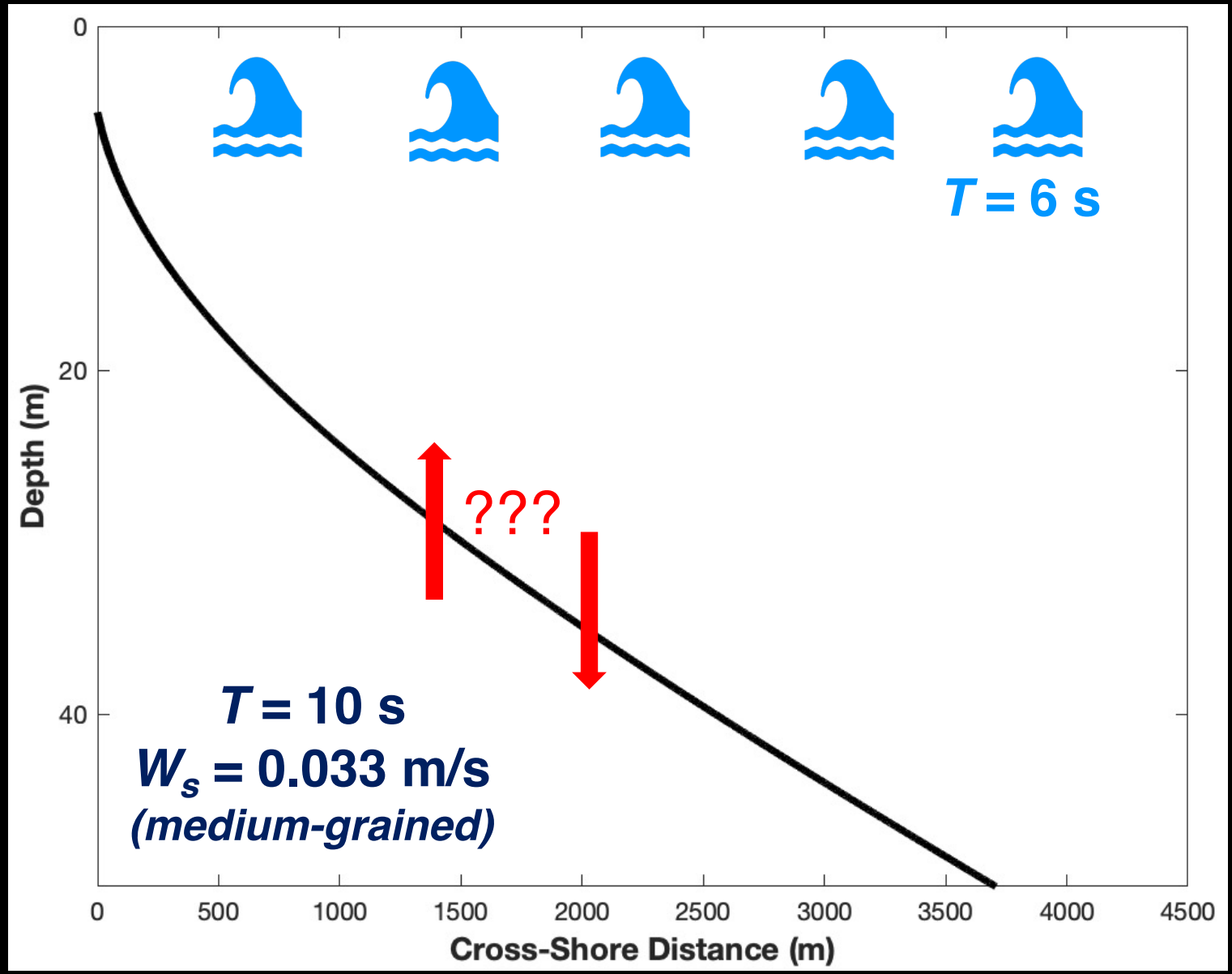
# *Outline*

I. Shoreface Disequilibrium Modeling

II. Disequilibrium Conditions

III. Time Series & Profile Change


0
20
40
Depth (m)
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500
4000
4500
Cross-Shore Distance (m)
T = 10 s
T = 10 s
W_s = 0.033 m/s
(medium-grained)


0
20
40
Depth (m)
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500
4000
4500
Cross-Shore Distance (m)
T = 6 s
???
T = 10 s
W_s = 0.033 m/s
(medium-grained)

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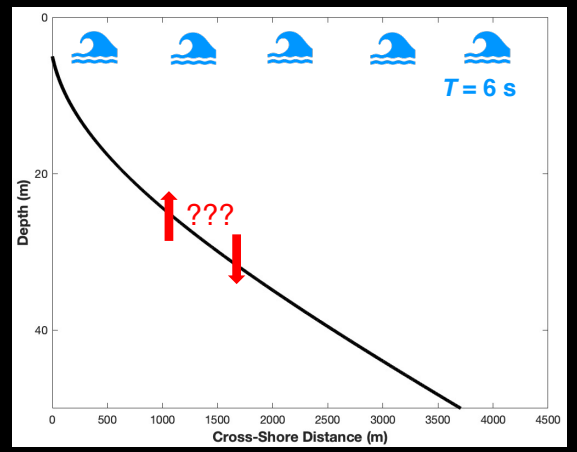
# Disequilibrium Sediment Transport

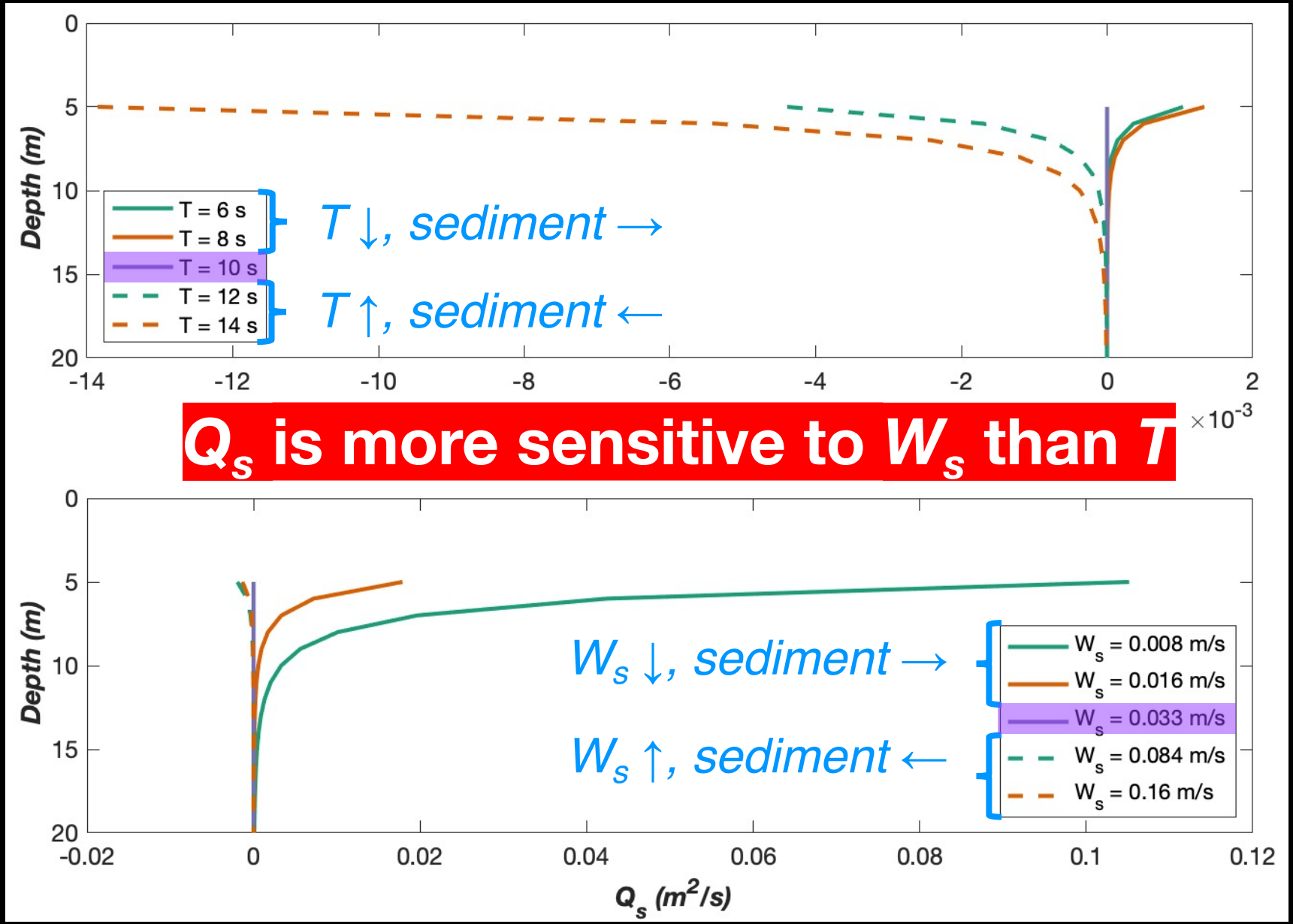



$T_e = 10\ s$
$W_{s_e} = 0.033\ m/s$
*(medium-grained)*

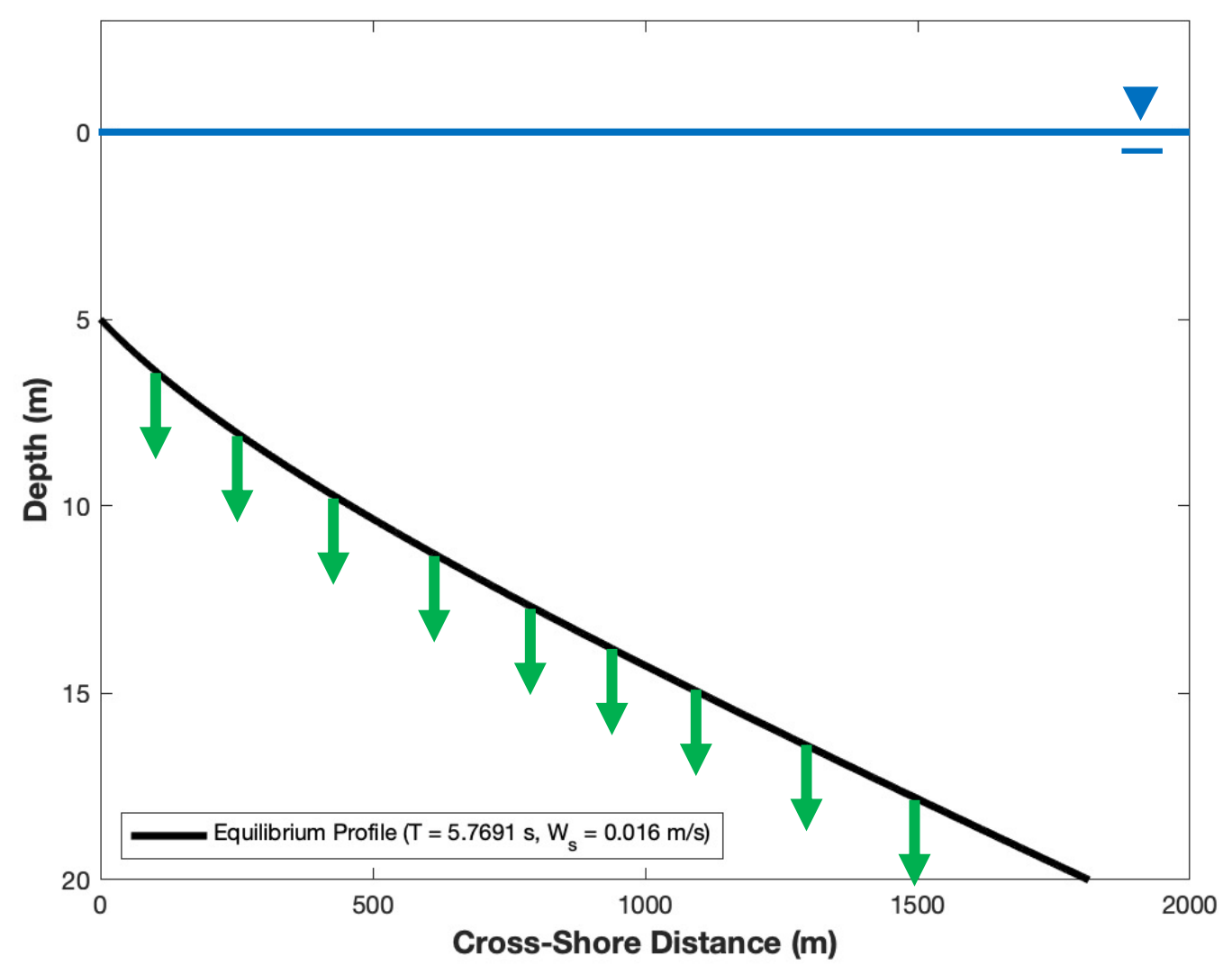
$$\beta_e(z(x)) = \frac{W_{s_e}}{{u_0}^2}\left[5u_1 + 3u_2\right]$$

$$Q_s = K\left(\frac{{u_0}^3}{W_s}\right)\left[-5u_1 - 3u_2 + \frac{\beta_e(x)}{W_s}{u_0}^2\right]$$

$T = 6\ s$
$W_s = 0.016\ m/s$ *(fine-grained)*


Depth (m)
T = 6 s
T = 8 s
T = 10 s
T = 12 s
T = 14 s
T ↓, sediment →
T ↑, sediment ←
×10^-3
Q_s is more sensitive to W_s than T
W_s ↓, sediment →
W_s ↑, sediment ←
W_s = 0.008 m/s
W_s = 0.016 m/s
W_s = 0.033 m/s
W_s = 0.084 m/s
W_s = 0.16 m/s
Q_s (m^2/s)

# Sea-level Rise (SLR)



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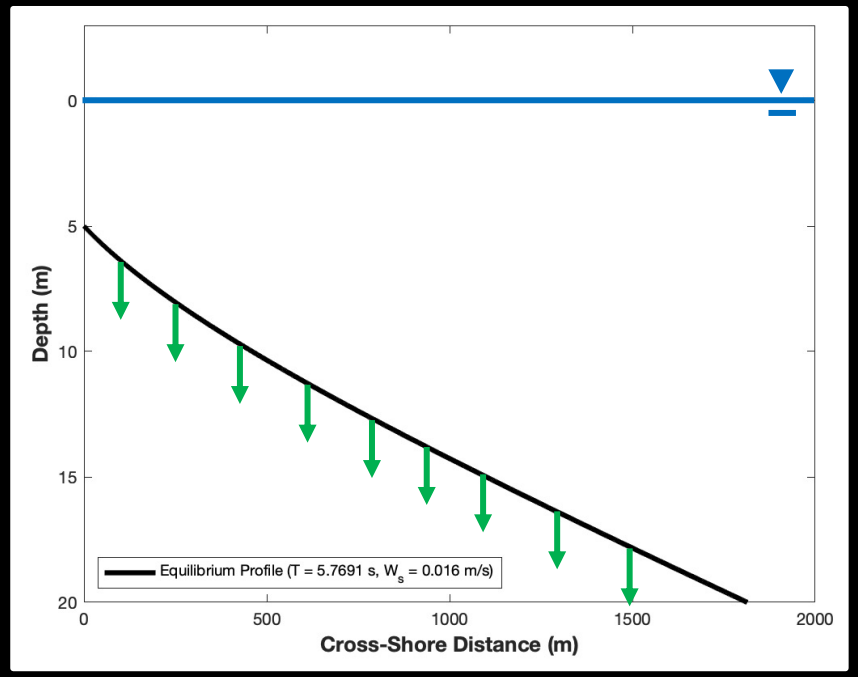
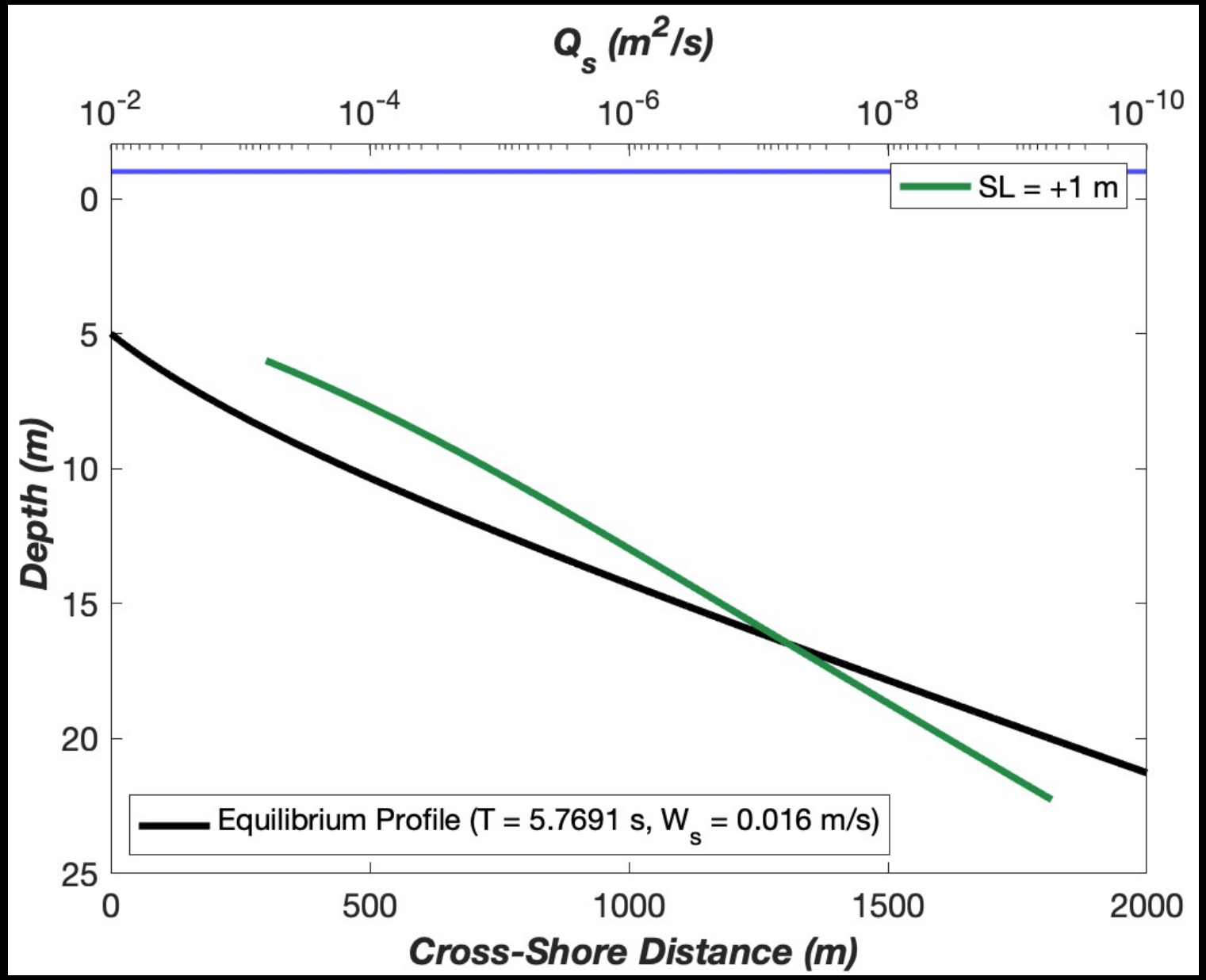
# SLR Transport & Timescales

$$Q_s(z+1) = K\left(\frac{{u_0}^3}{W_s}\right)\left[-5u_1 - 3u_2 + \frac{\beta_e(x(z_o))}{W_s}{u_0}^2\right]$$



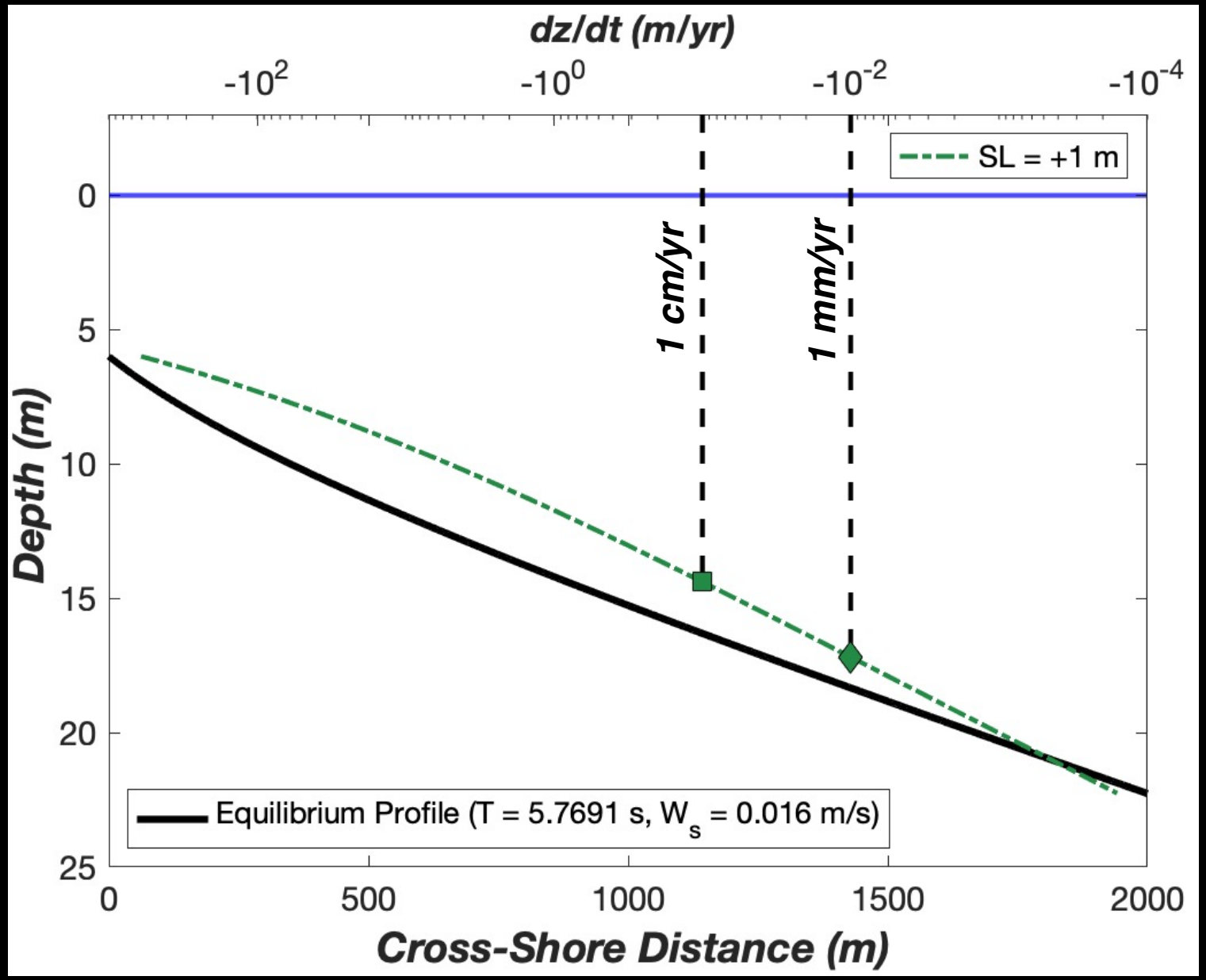



# SLR Timescale

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\frac{\partial Q_s}{\partial x}$$

$H_{eff}$: 4.1 m

*(Fire Island, NY est.; Ortiz & Ashton 2016)*

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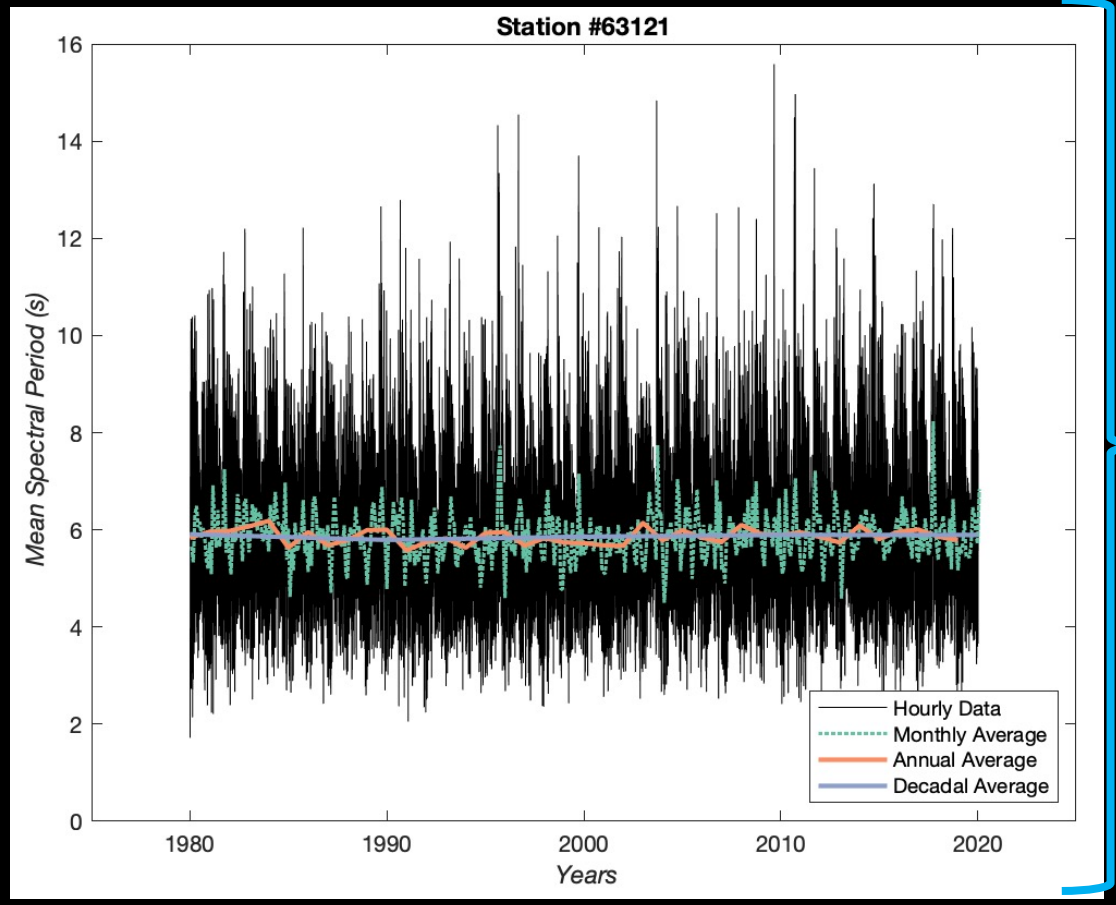


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$$Q_s = K\left(\frac{{u_0}^3}{W_s}\right)\left[-5u_1 - 3u_2 + \frac{\beta(x)}{W_s}{u_0}^2\right]$$

**Average $T_m$, $H_s$**

$$\beta_e(z(x)) = \frac{W_{se}}{{u_0}^2}\left[5u_1 + 3u_2\right]$$

# *WIS Buoy Transport and Profiles*

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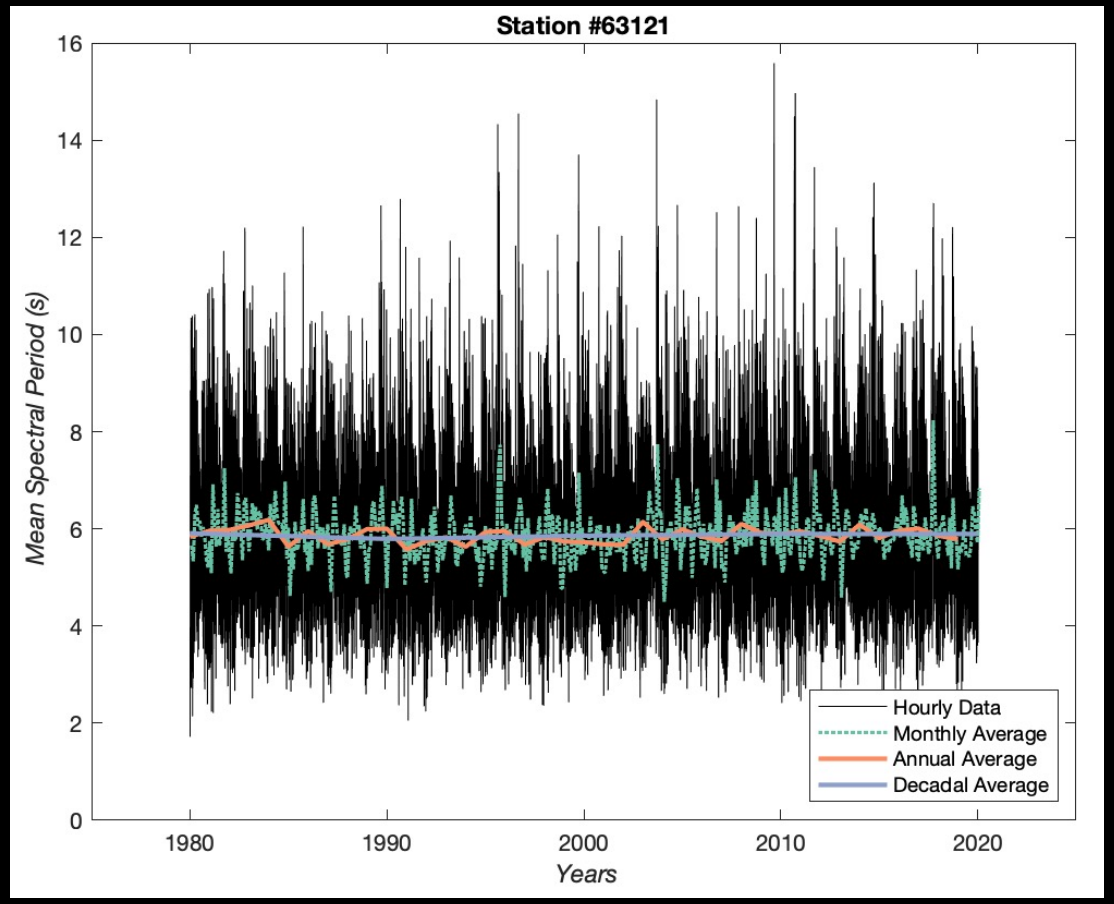


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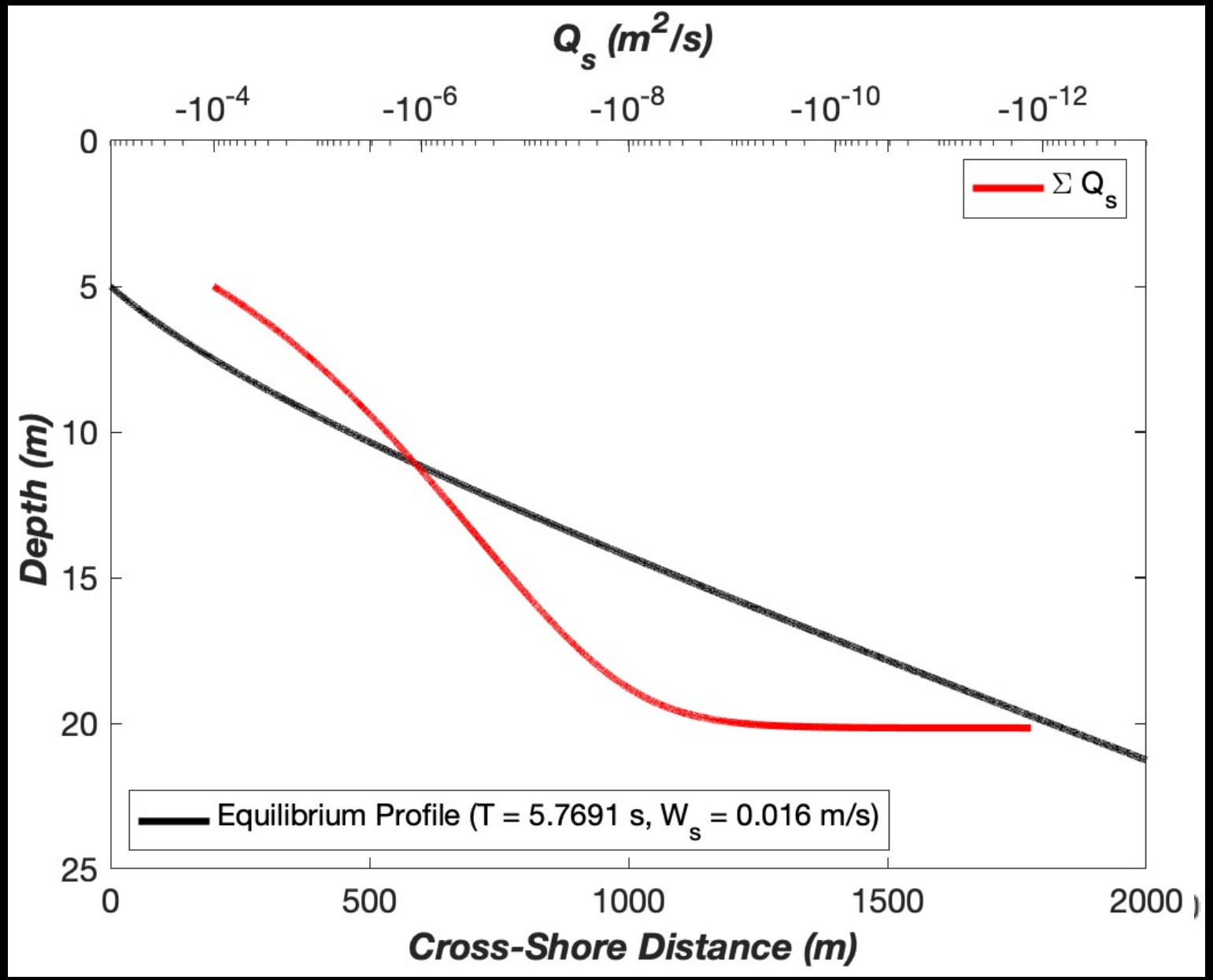
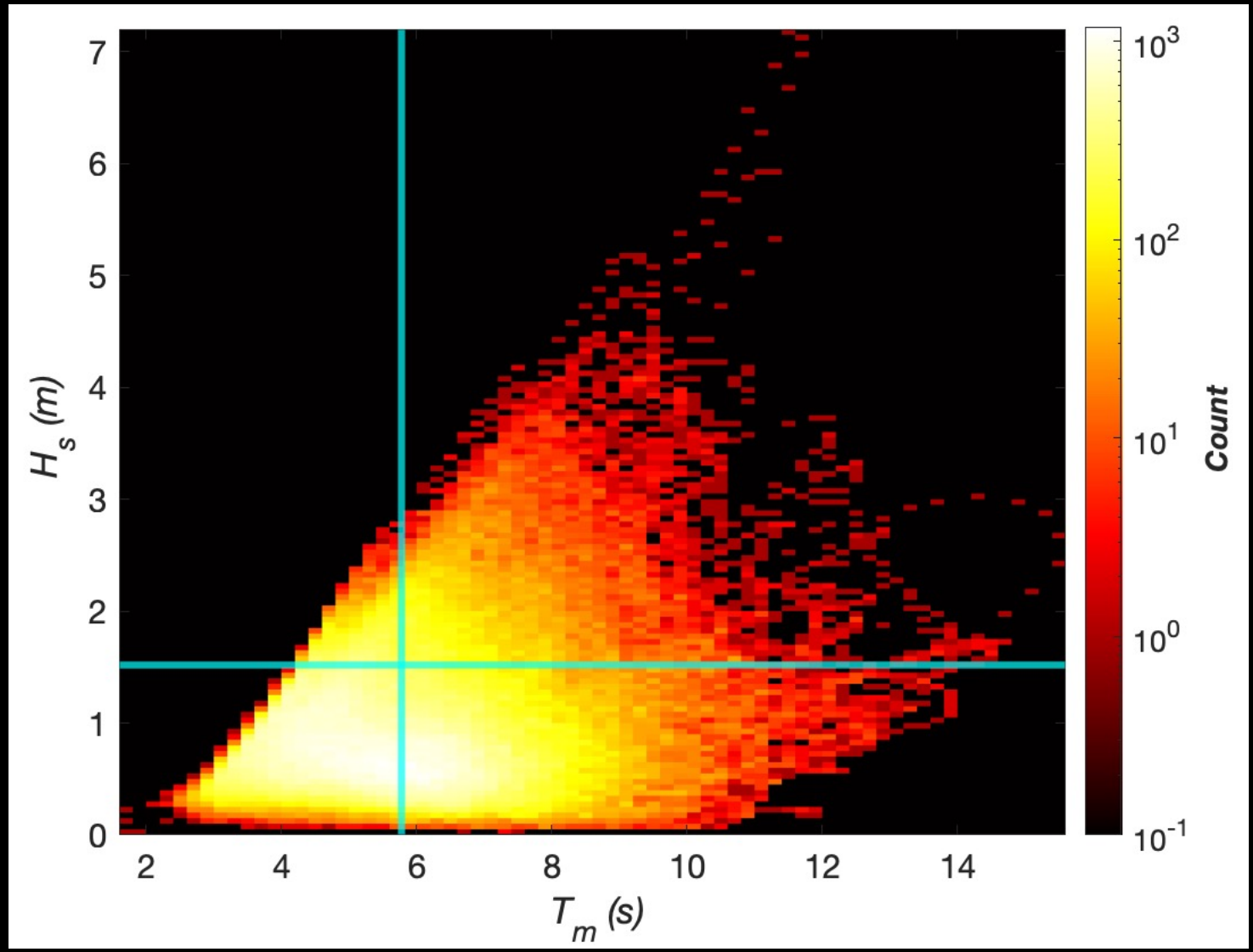
$$Q_{s_i}(T_{m_i}, H_{s_i}) \text{ @ time } i$$

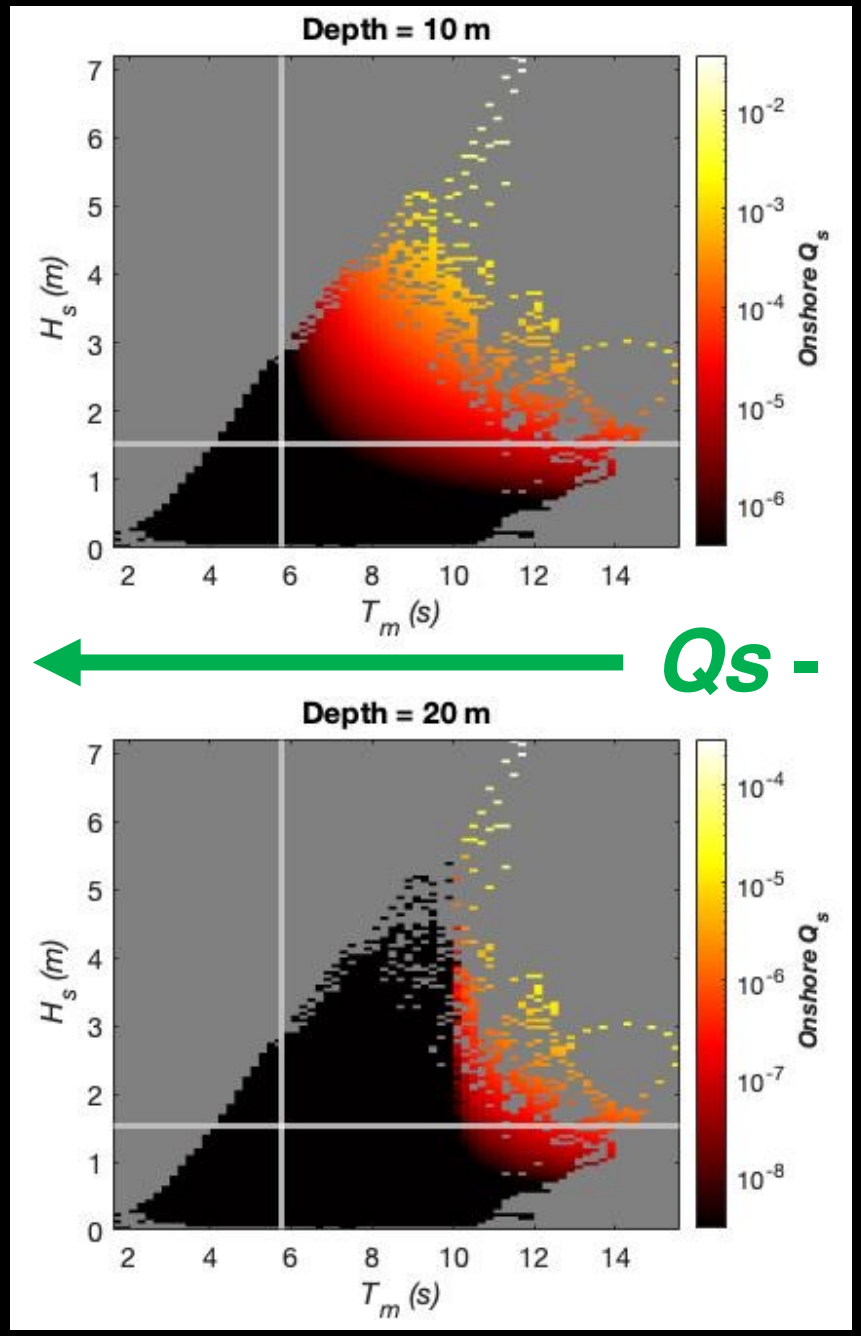
$$Q_{s_e} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Q_s * \Delta t}{D}$$

# *WIS Buoy Transport and Profiles*

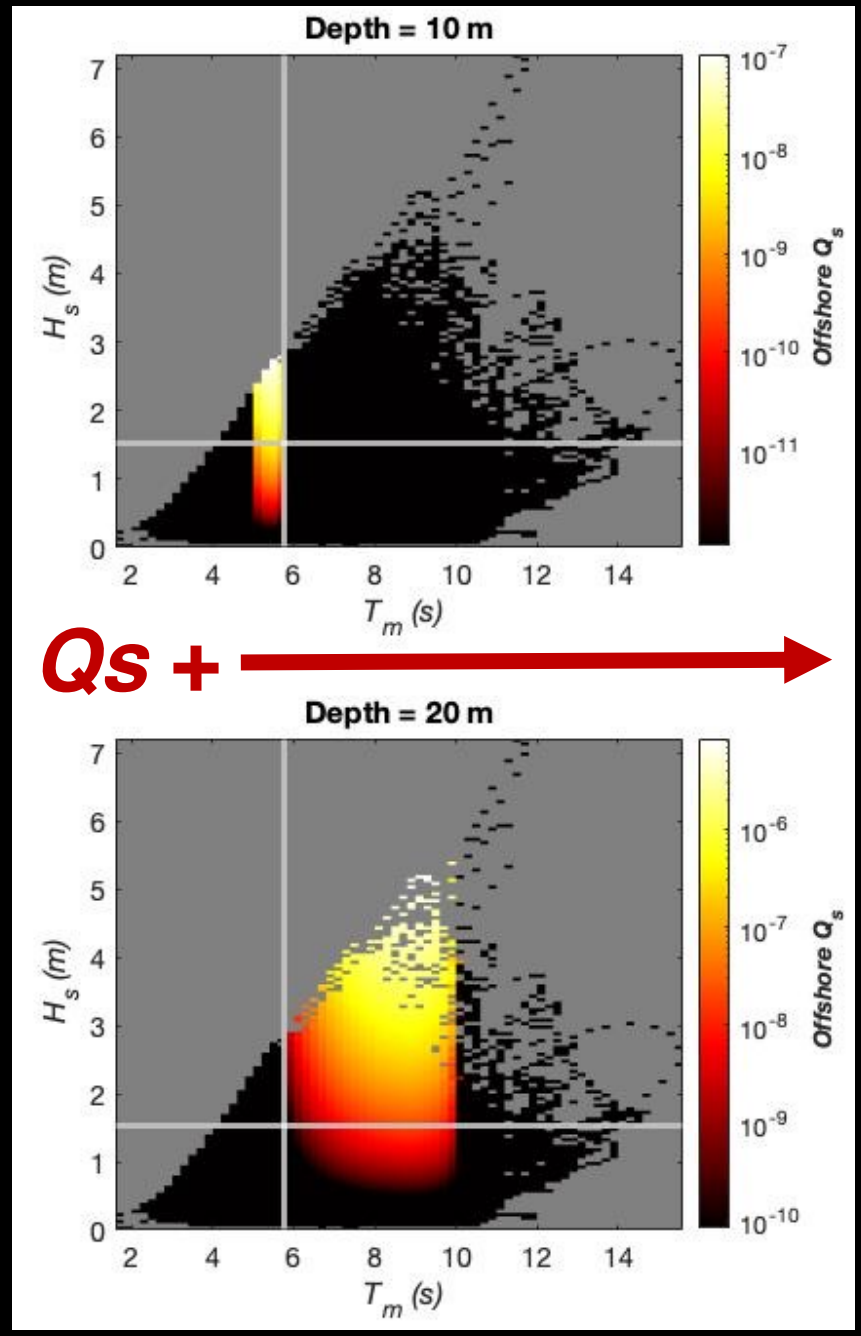



# $\sum Q_s$ Transport over Avg. Profile

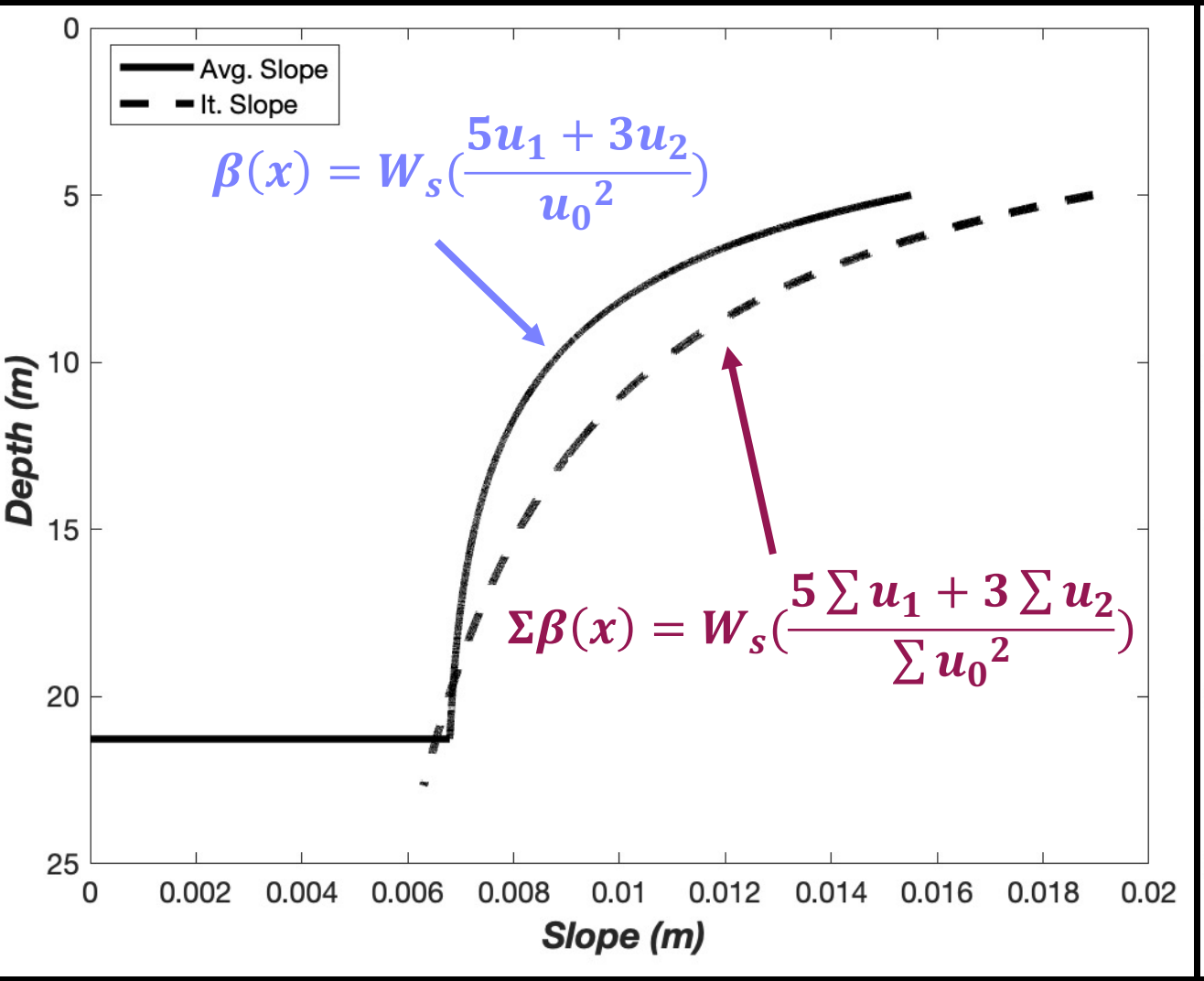

7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0
$H_s$ (m)
2
4
6
8
10
12
14
$T_m$ (s)
$10^3$
$10^2$
$10^1$
$10^0$
$10^{-1}$
Count

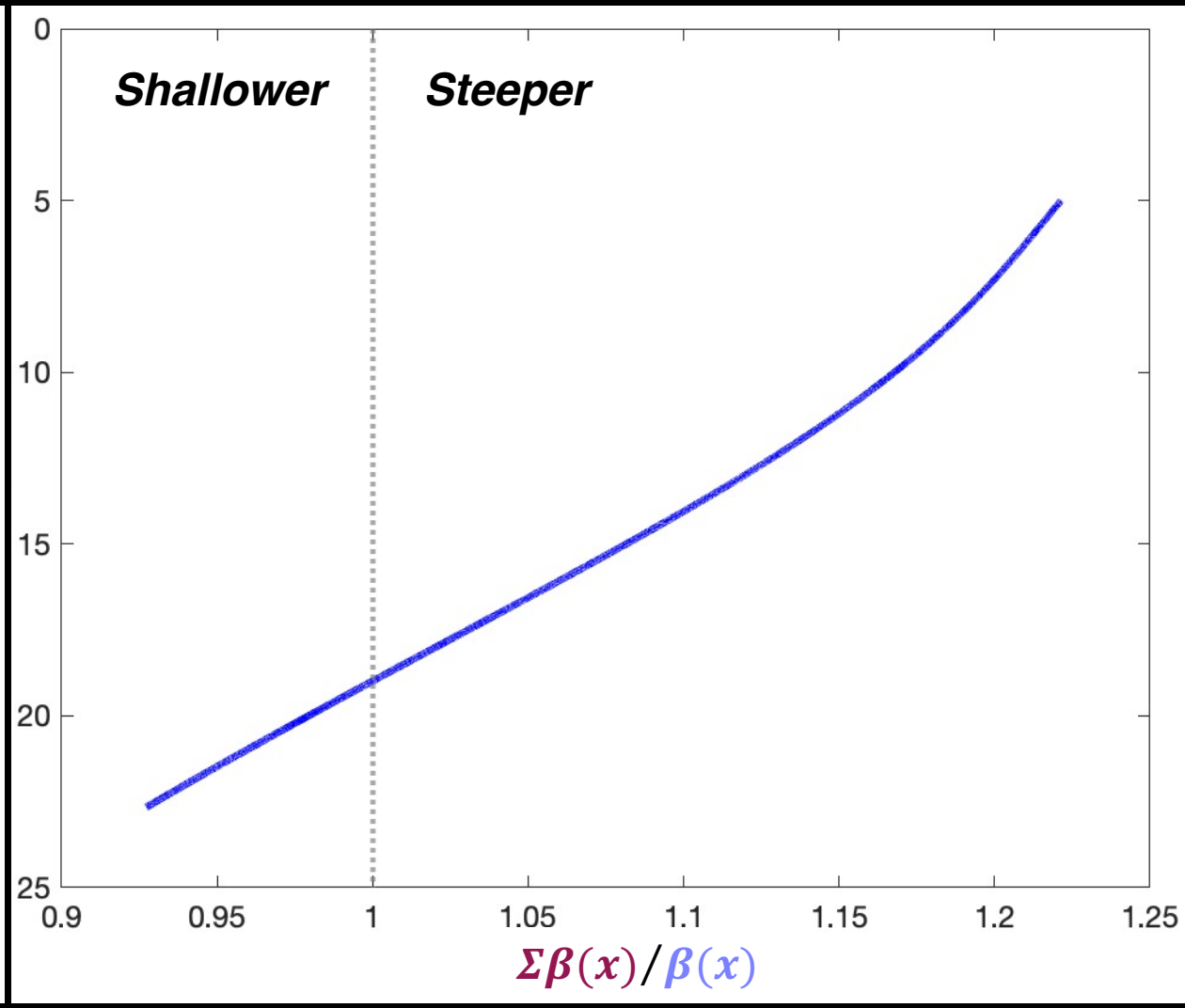

Depth = 10 m
$H_s$ (m)
$T_m$ (s)
Onshore $Q_s$
$10^{-2}$
$10^{-3}$
$10^{-4}$
$10^{-5}$
$10^{-6}$
Depth = 20 m
$10^{-4}$
$10^{-5}$
$10^{-6}$
$10^{-7}$
$10^{-8}$

**Qs -**


Depth = 10 m
$H_s$ (m)
$T_m$ (s)
Offshore $Q_s$
$10^{-7}$
$10^{-8}$
$10^{-9}$
$10^{-10}$
$10^{-11}$
Depth = 20 m
$10^{-6}$
$10^{-7}$
$10^{-8}$
$10^{-9}$
$10^{-10}$

**Qs +**


Avg. Slope
It. Slope
$\beta(x) = W_s(\frac{5u_1 + 3u_2}{u_0{}^2})$
$\Sigma\beta(x) = W_s(\frac{5\sum u_1 + 3\sum u_2}{\sum u_0{}^2})$
Depth (m)
Slope (m)
0
5
10
15
20
25
0
0.002
0.004
0.006
0.008
0.01
0.012
0.014
0.016
0.018
0.02


Shallower
Steeper
$\Sigma\beta(x)/\beta(x)$
0
5
10
15
20
25
0.9
0.95
1
1.05
1.1
1.15
1.2
1.25

# *Summary*

- Shoreface sediment transport is sensitive to variations in wave climate and geology
- Energetics approach can model shoreface change in response to SLR
- Different averaging techniques yield different profiles for WIS time series data

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