



Mangrove RESCUE

Mangrove Resilience for Enhanced Safety of Coastal Urbanisations and Environments

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- PhD biophysical interactions in mangroves
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 - Combining field observations,
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TODAY'S TALK

- **Ecosystem Services**
- Wave Attenuation
- Sediment Trapping
- Mangrove Resilience
- Mangrove Management



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Gam - Indonesia



Trang - Thailand



Kukup - Malaysia

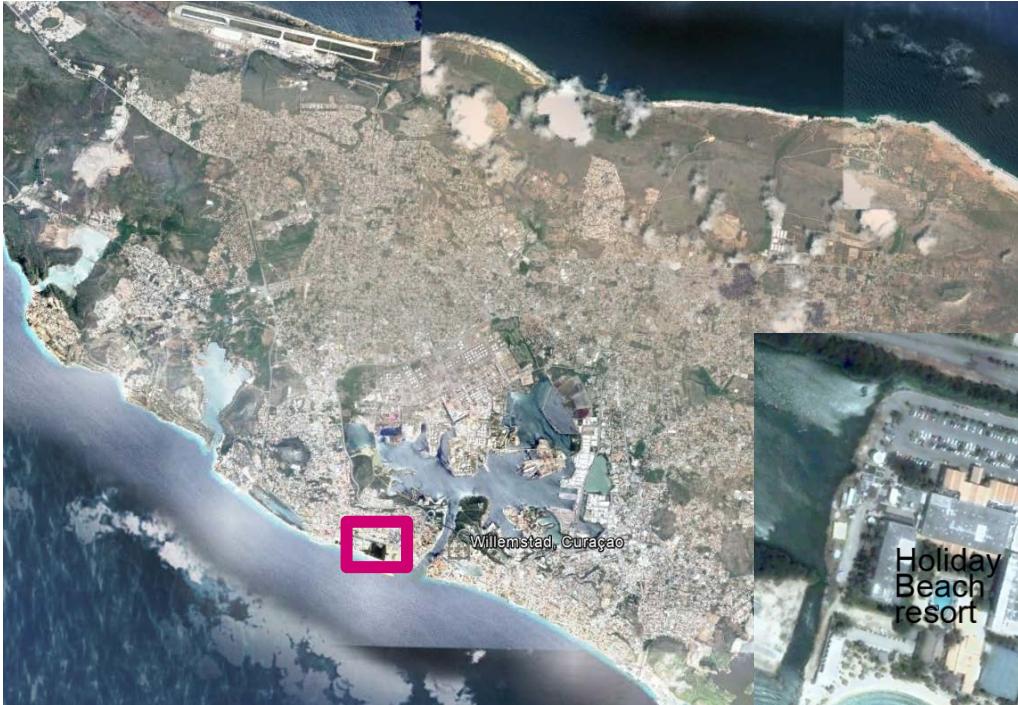


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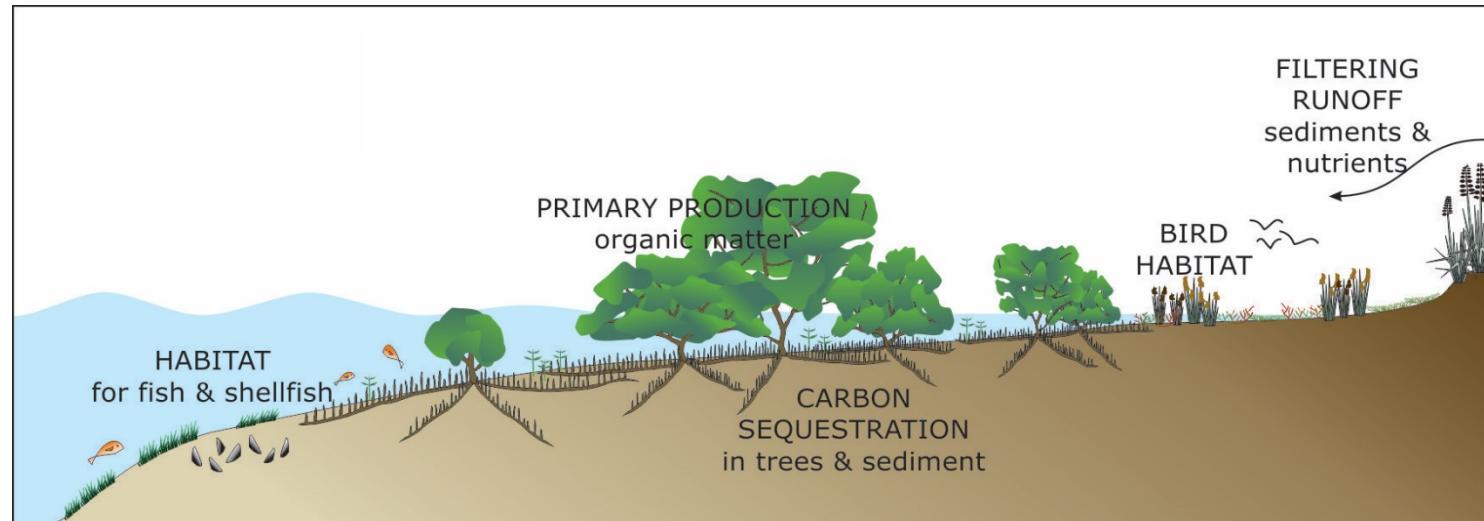
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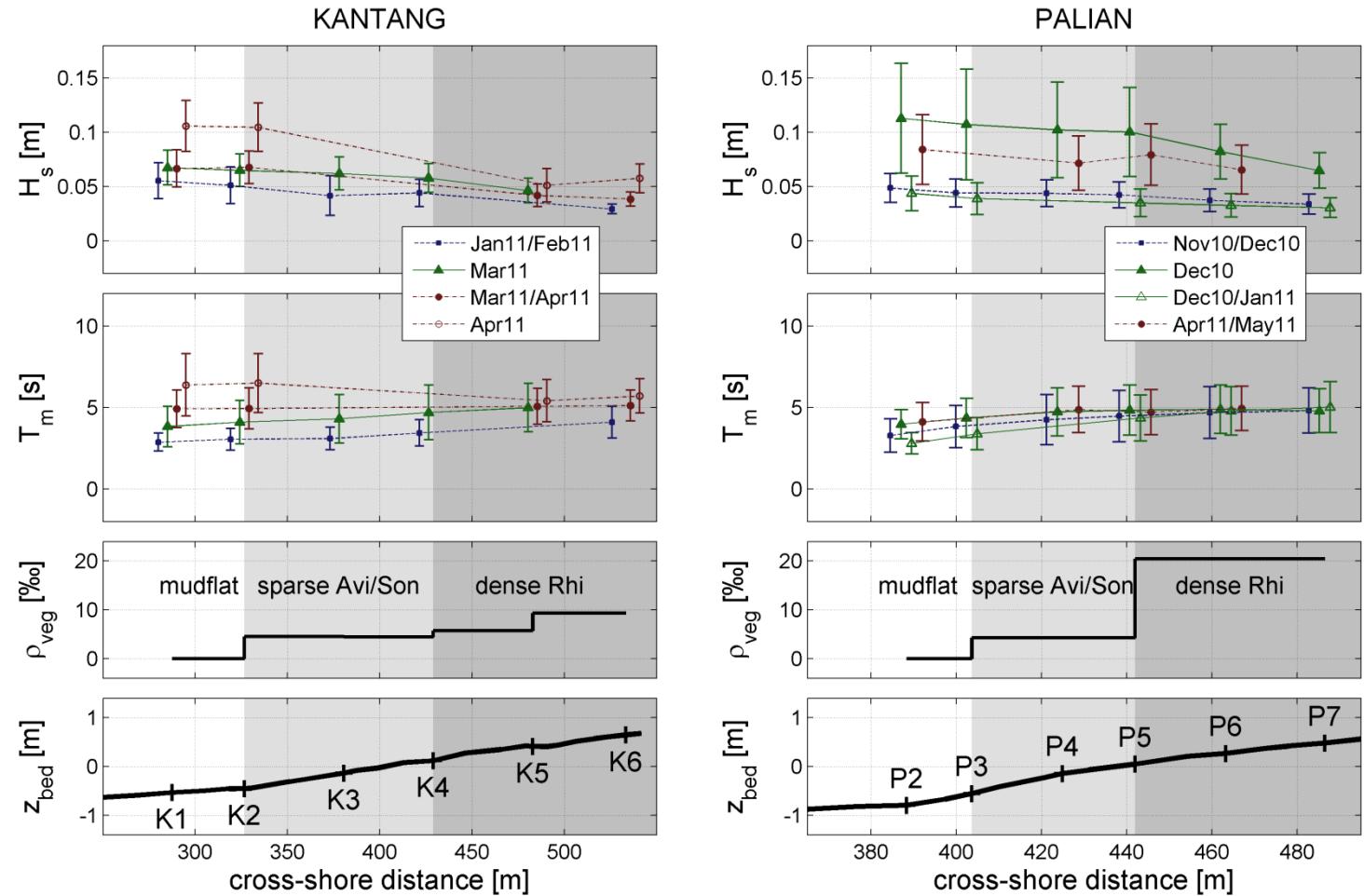
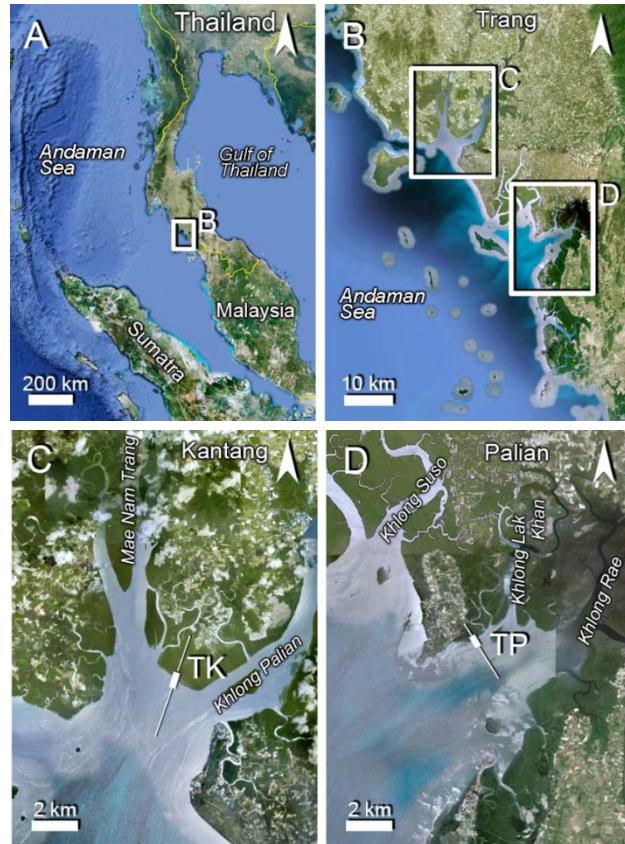


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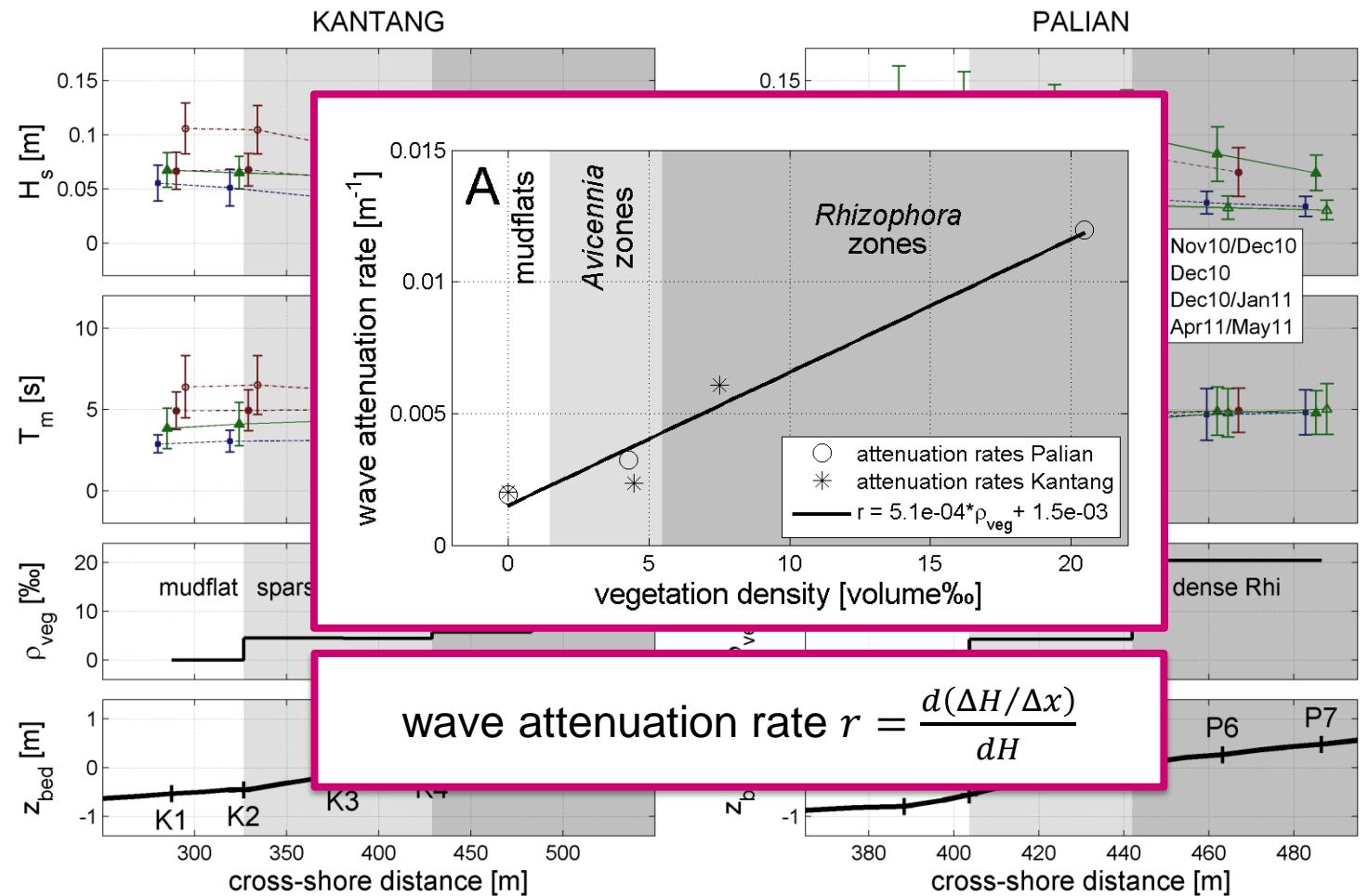
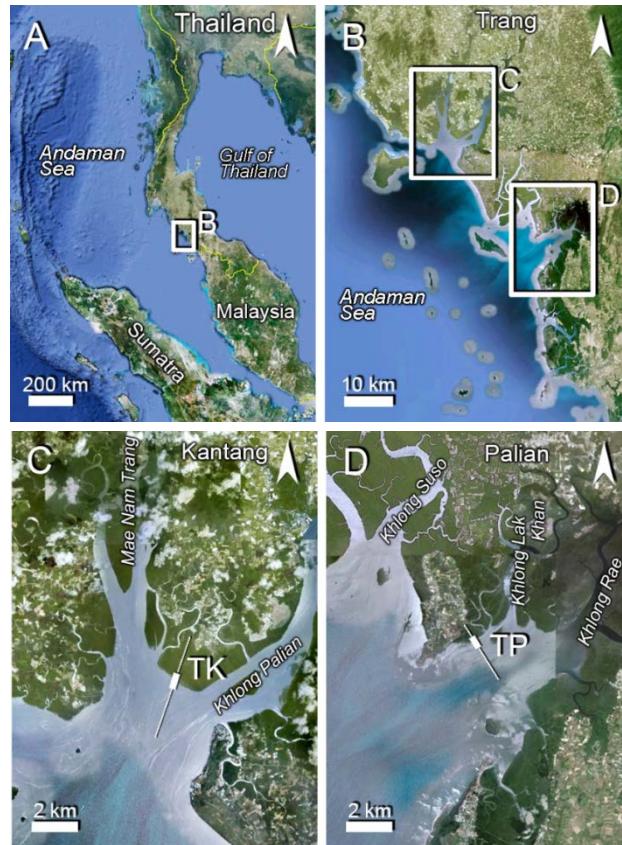
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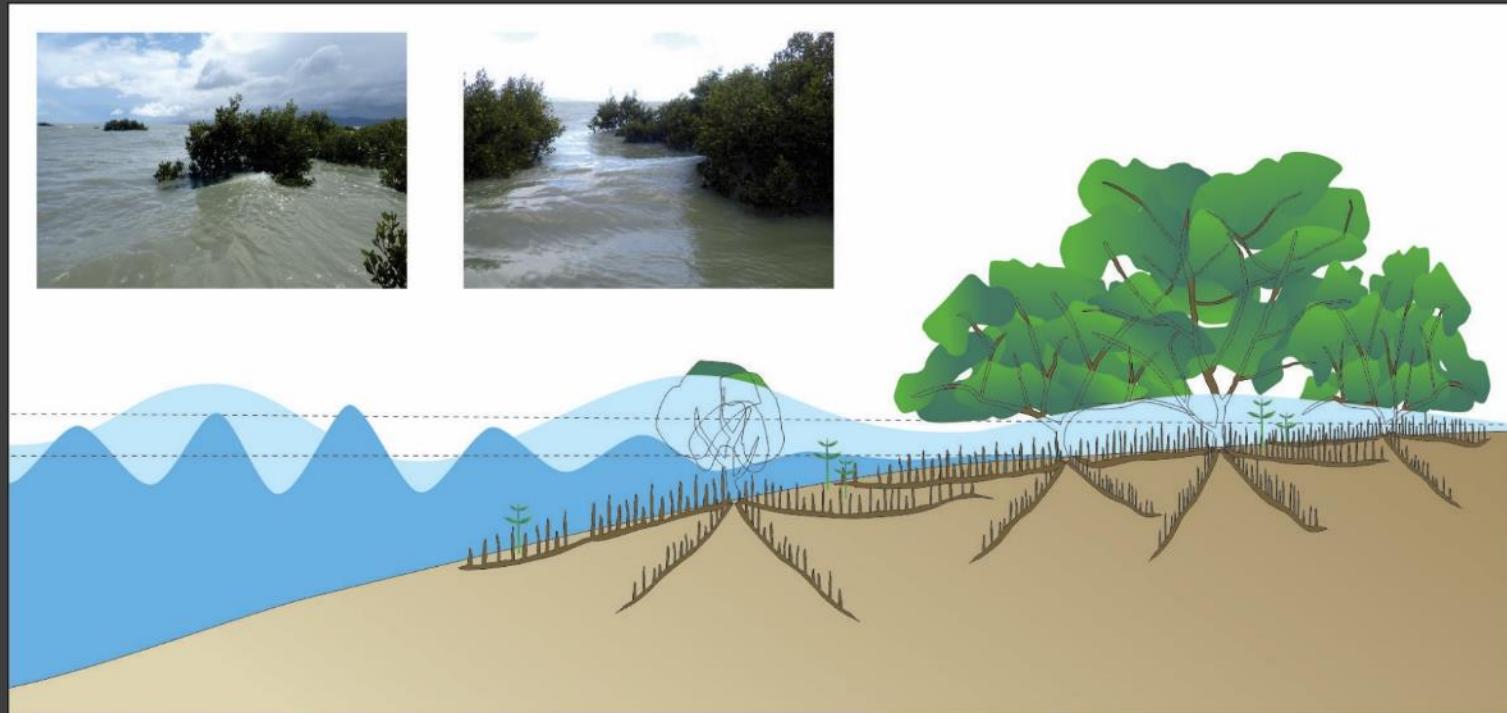
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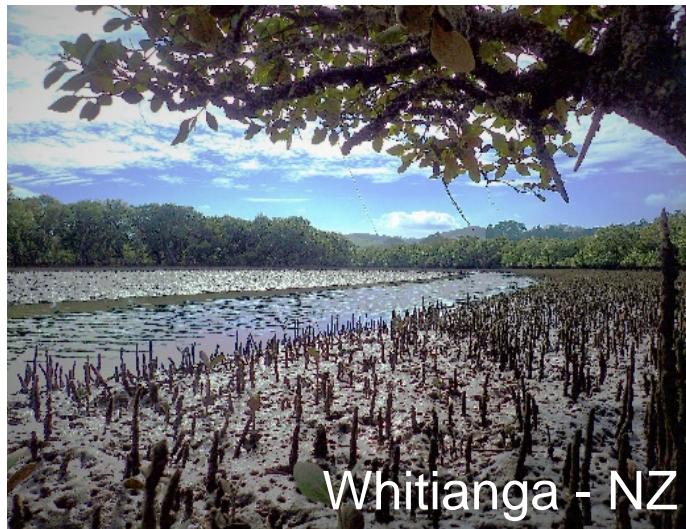
WHAT IF THE WAVE PERIOD INCREASES?



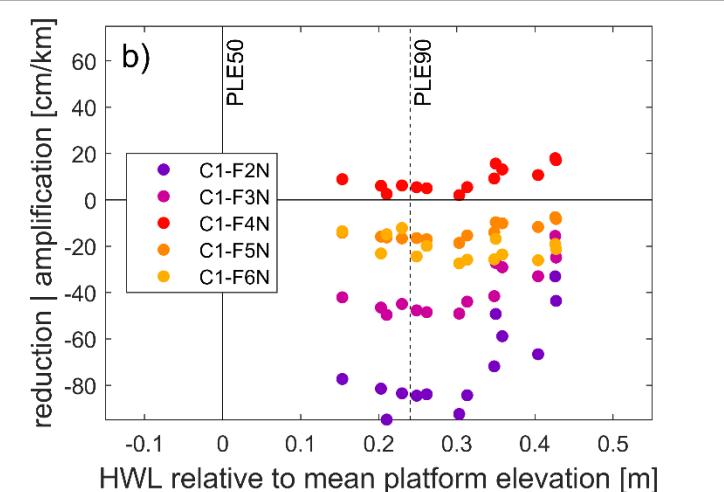
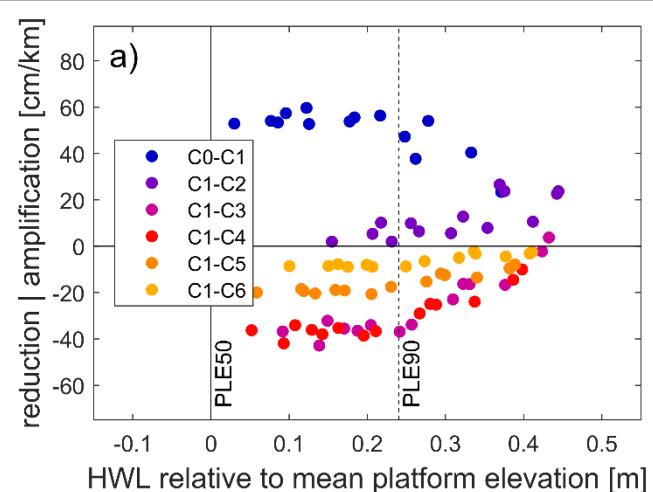
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TIDAL ATTENUATION IN MANGROVES

- High-water level reduction **varies** along ~1 km creek system
- Reduction of 9 cm/km within the creek over the full system length
- Reduction of 27 cm/km within the forest along the full system length

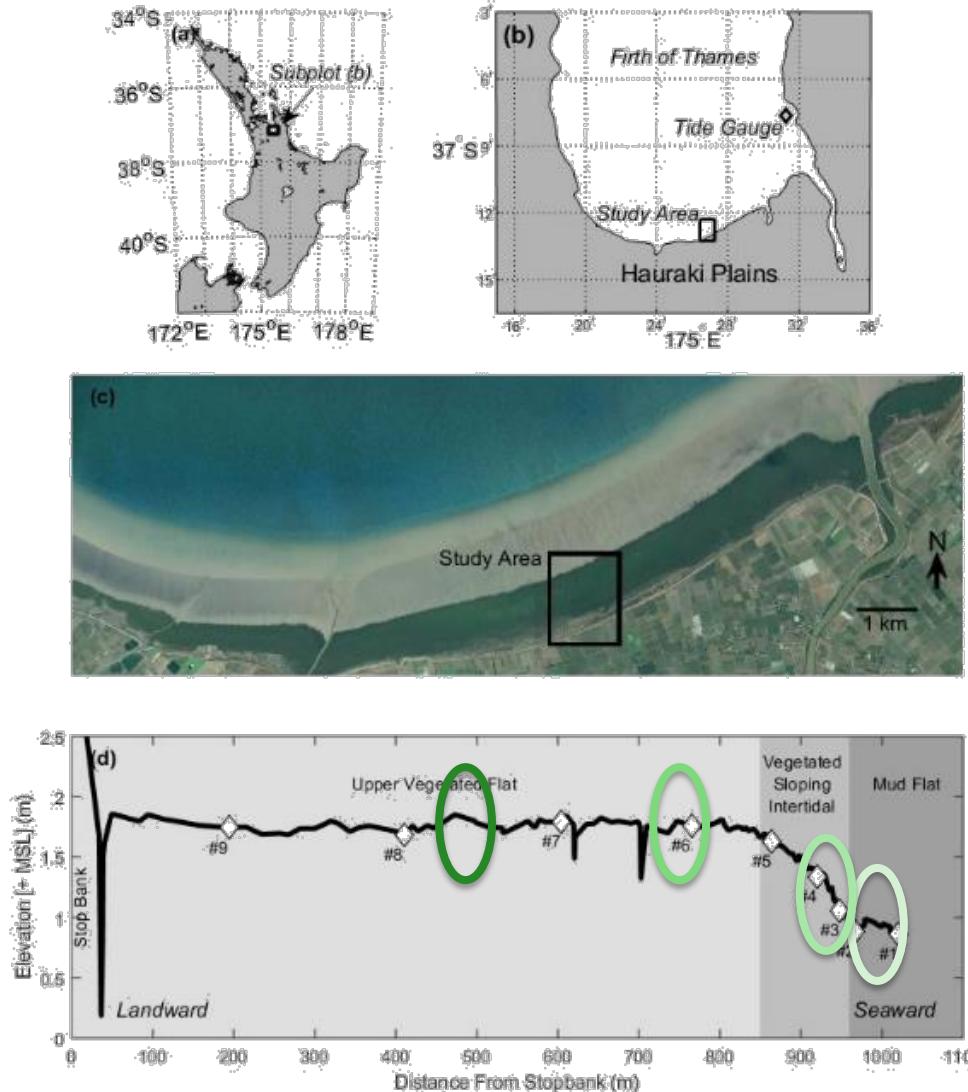


Whitianga - NZ



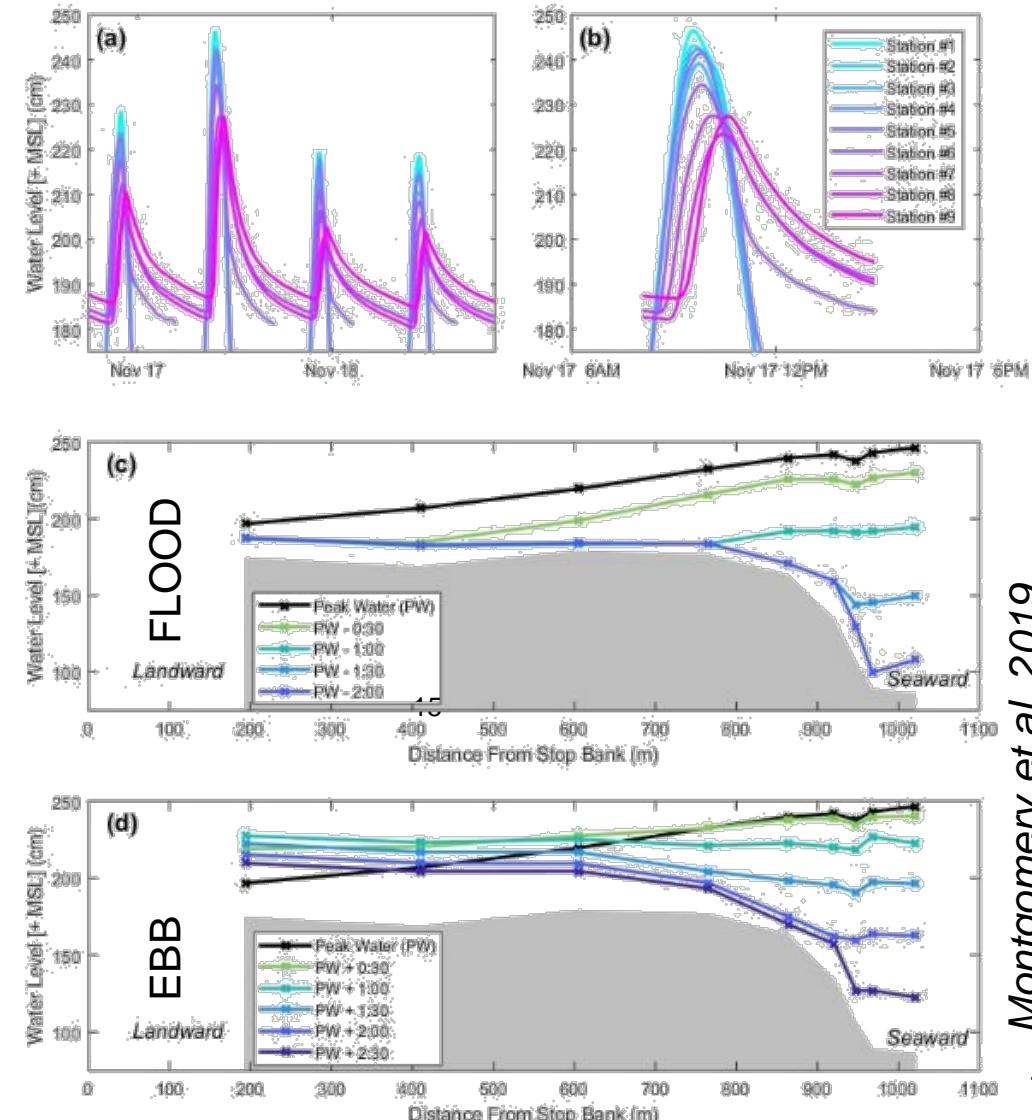
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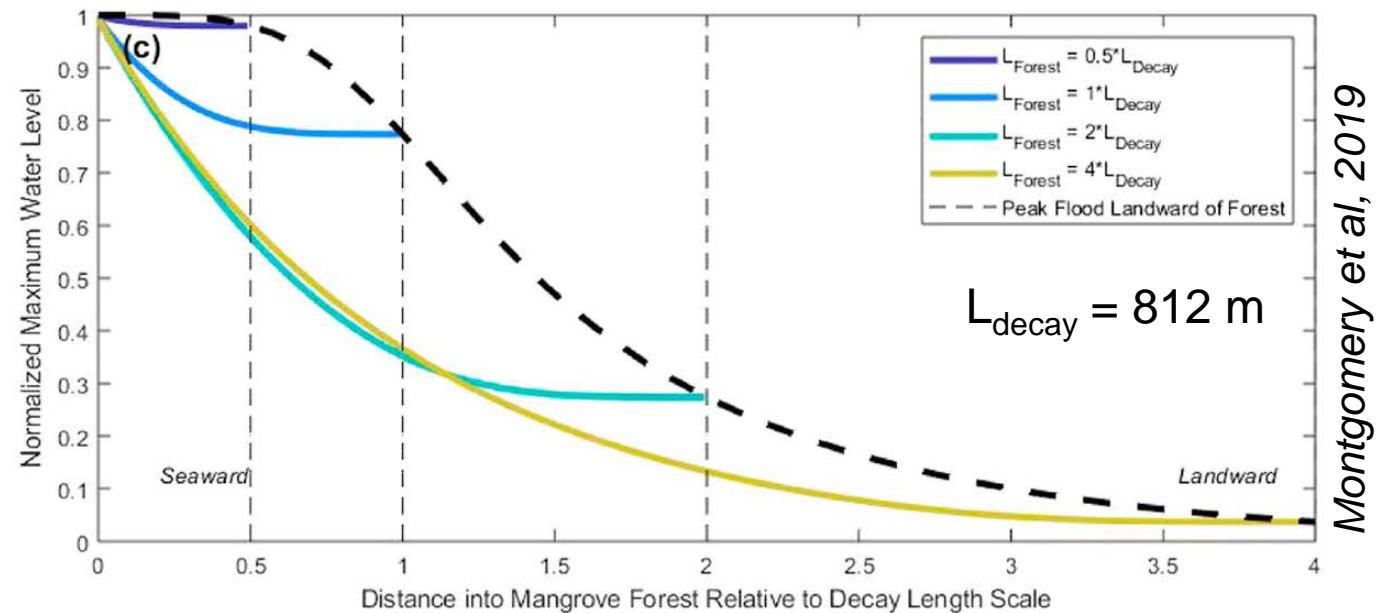
STORM SURGE ATTENUATION IN MANGROVES

- Mangroves slow down and attenuate storm surge
- Increasing storm duration **diminishes** attenuating effect
- This study:
 - 19 cm over 800 m of mangroves (or -24 cm/km)
- USACE rule of thumb:
 - 1 m per 14.5 km of salt marsh (or -7 cm/km)



STORM SURGE ATTENUATION IN VEGETATION

- Storm surge attenuation critically depends on:
 - Wetland width (100s-1,000s meters needed!)
 - Vegetation density
 - Flood duration
 - Peak water level



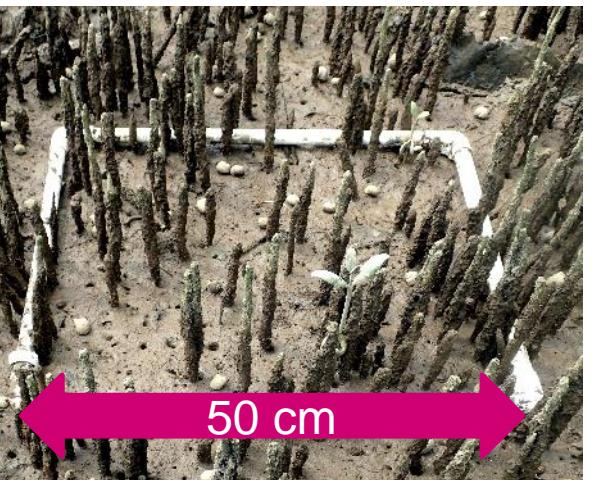
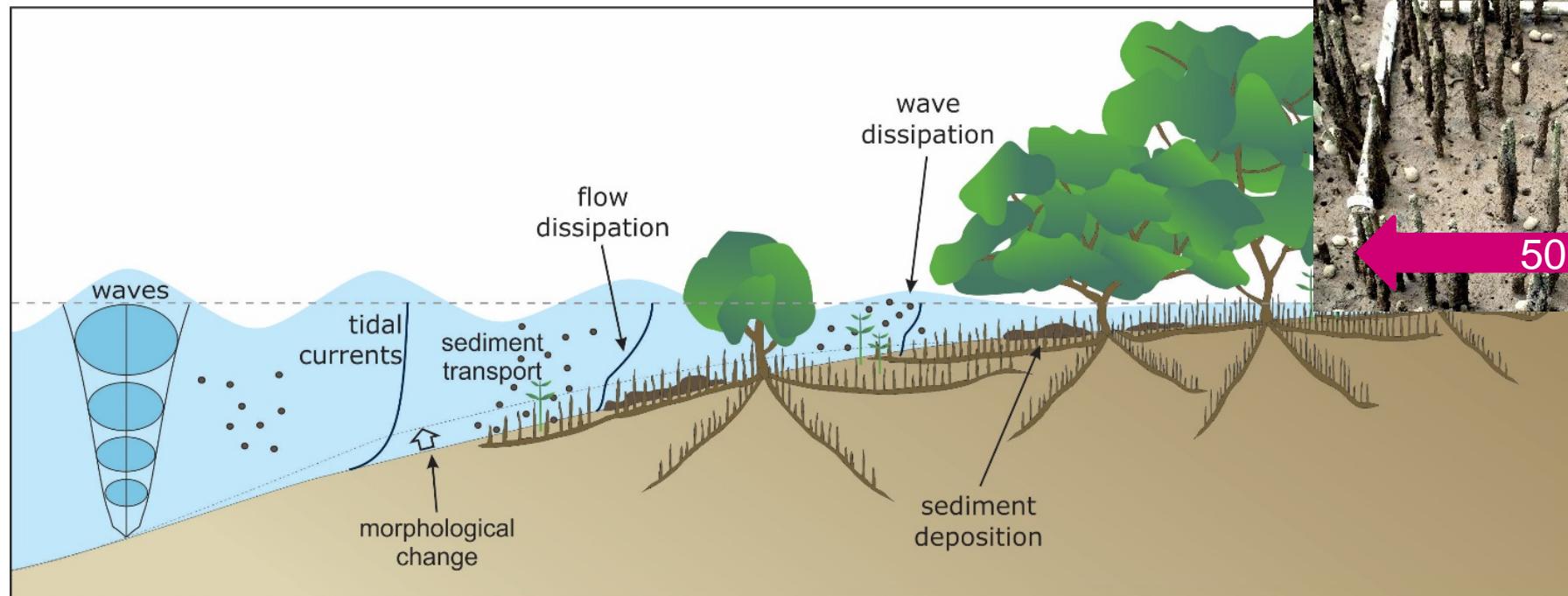
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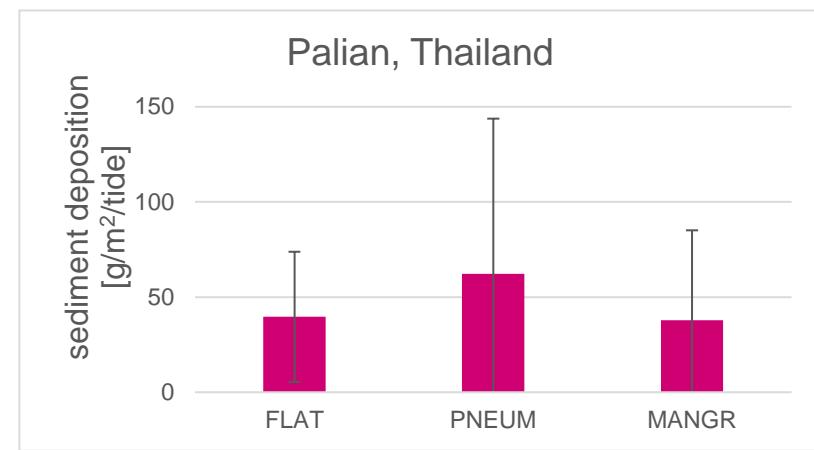
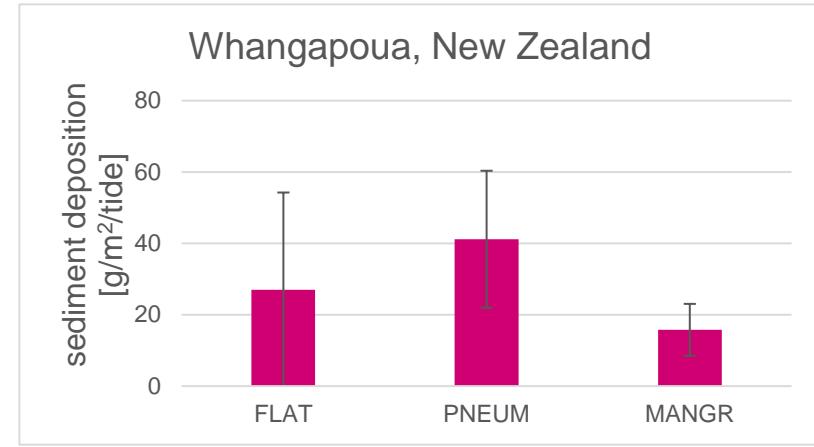
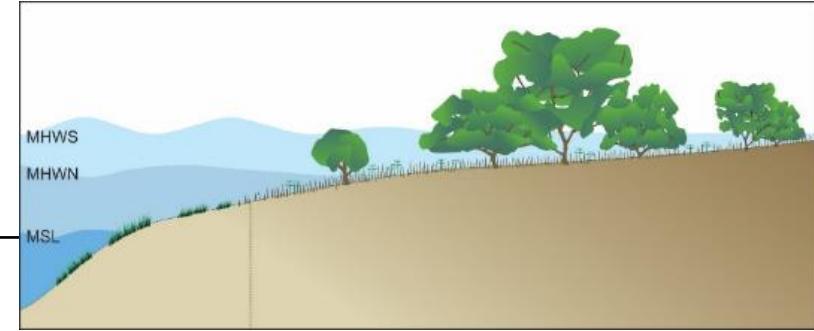
SEDIMENT TRAPPING IN VEGETATION

- Attenuation of currents, waves & turbulence in vegetation
- Cohesive sediments form flocs that settle rapidly



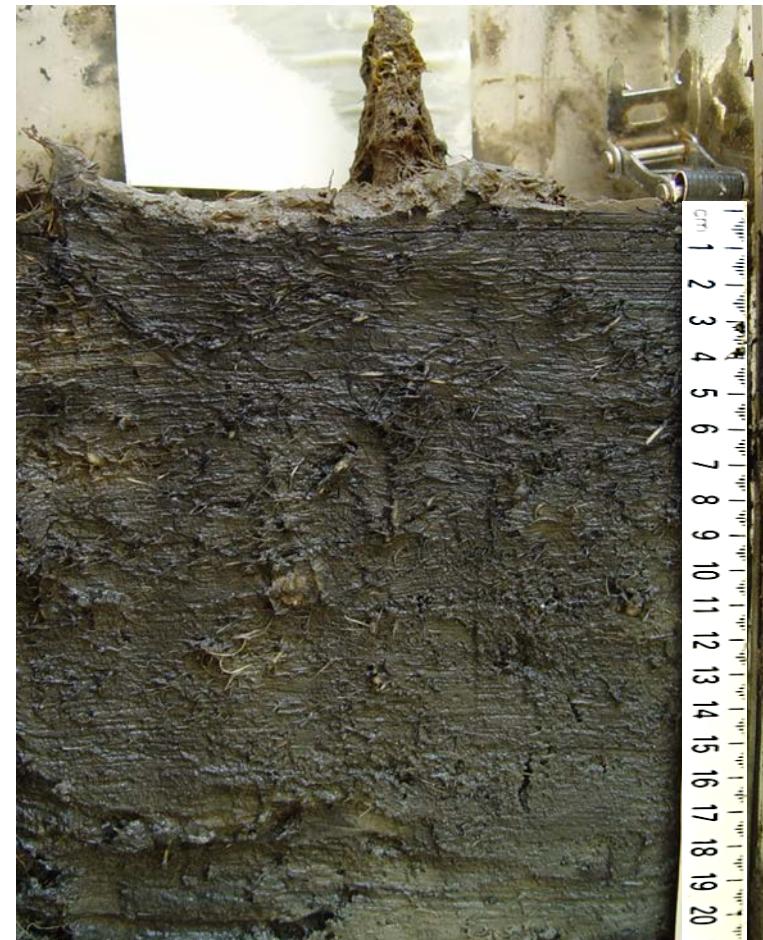
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- Rapid sediment deposition at forest fringe
- Reduced turbulence in very dense pneumatophores allows for sediment deposition



SEDIMENT PRODUCTION AND STABILIZATION

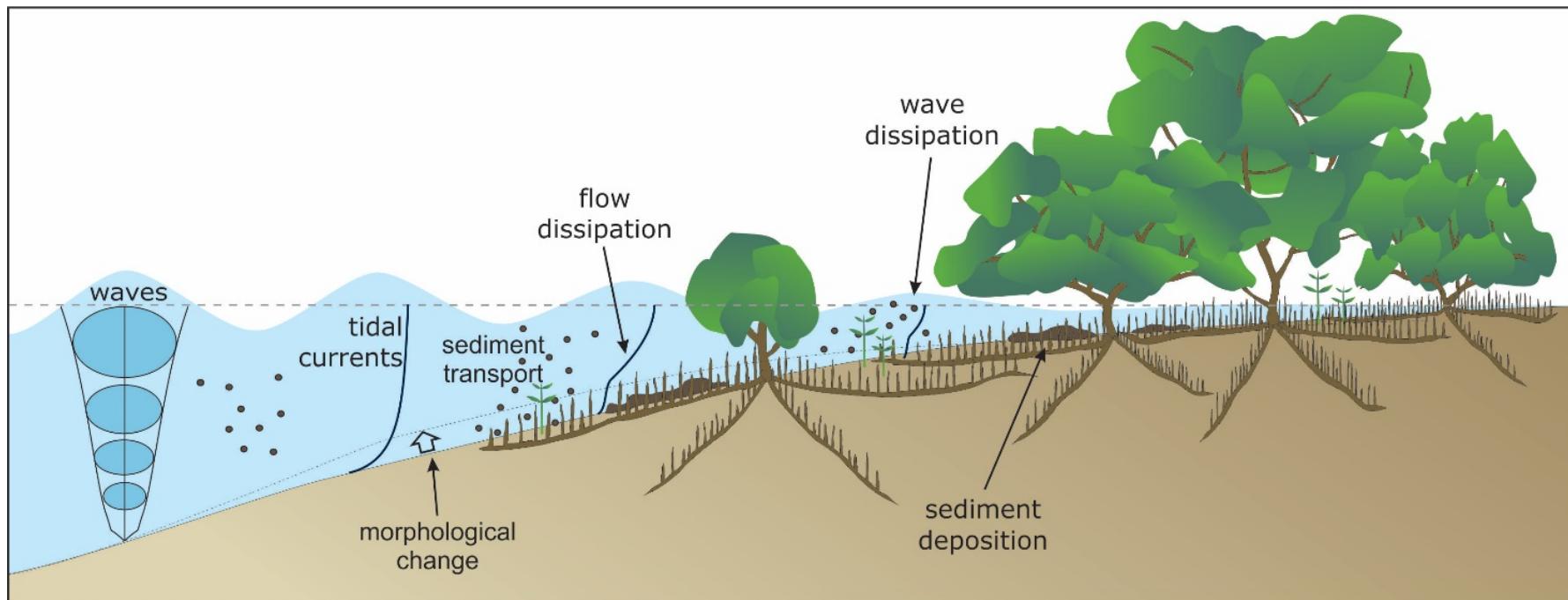
- Organic sediment sources
 - Leaf litter accumulation
 - Root growth
 - Benthic production
- Roots increase soil strength



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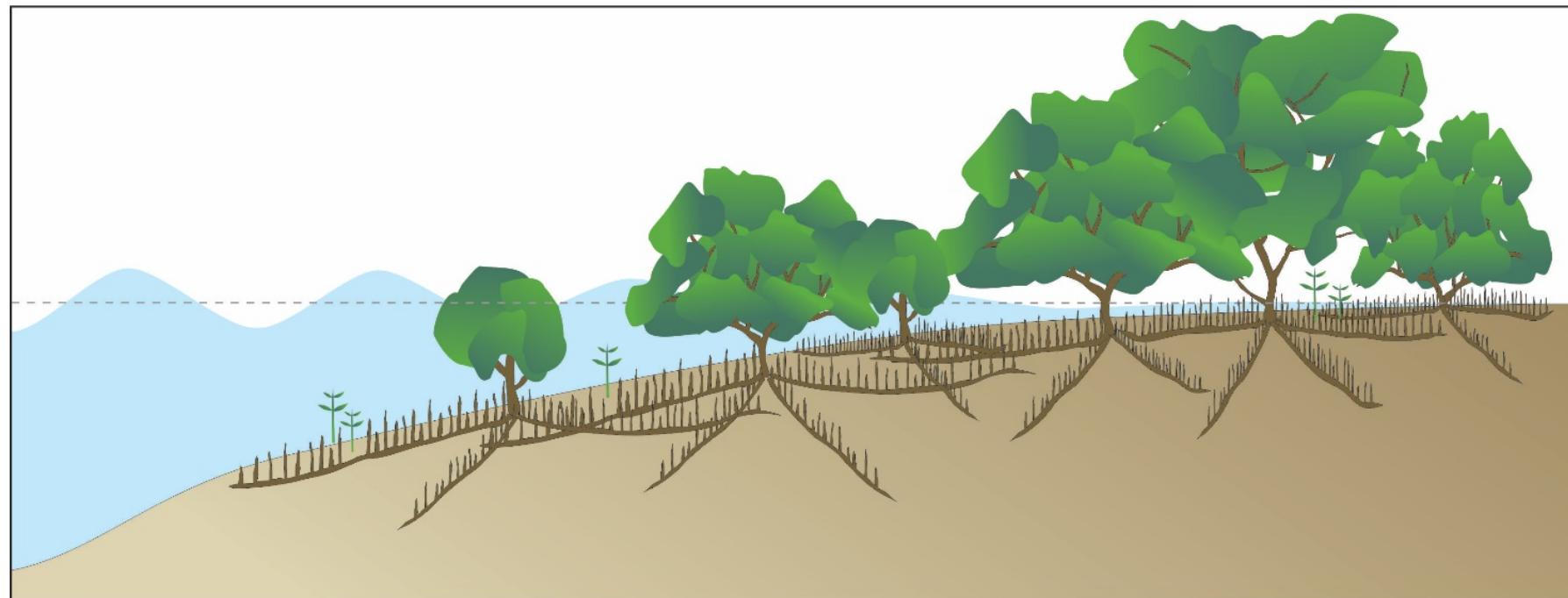
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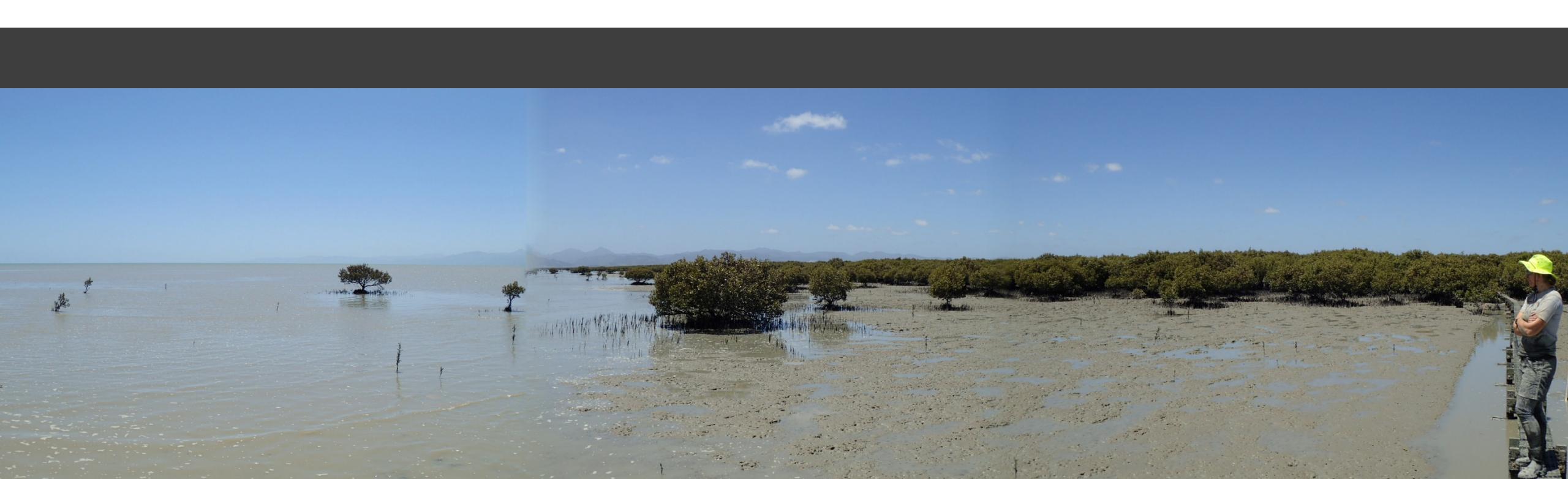


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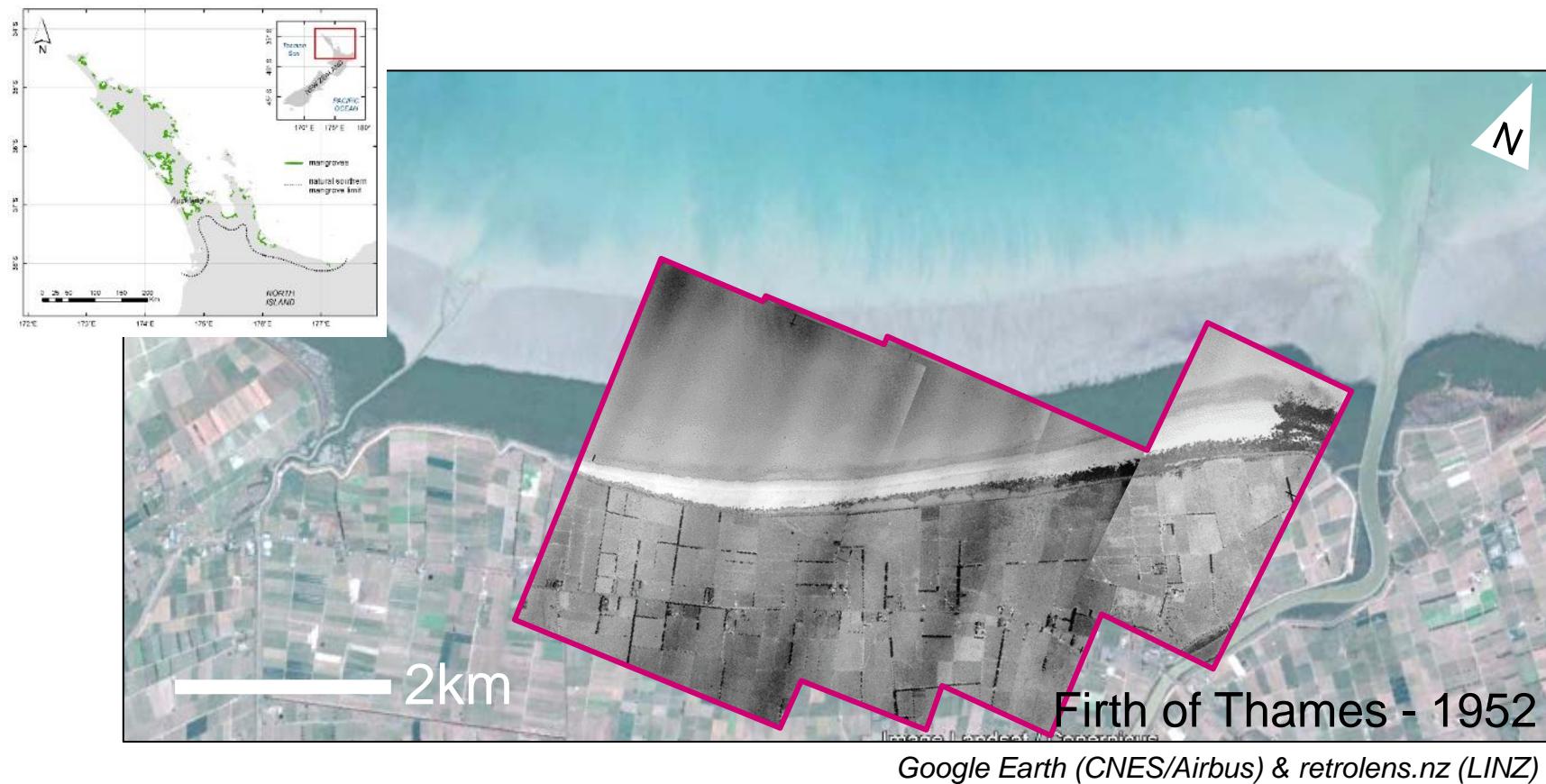


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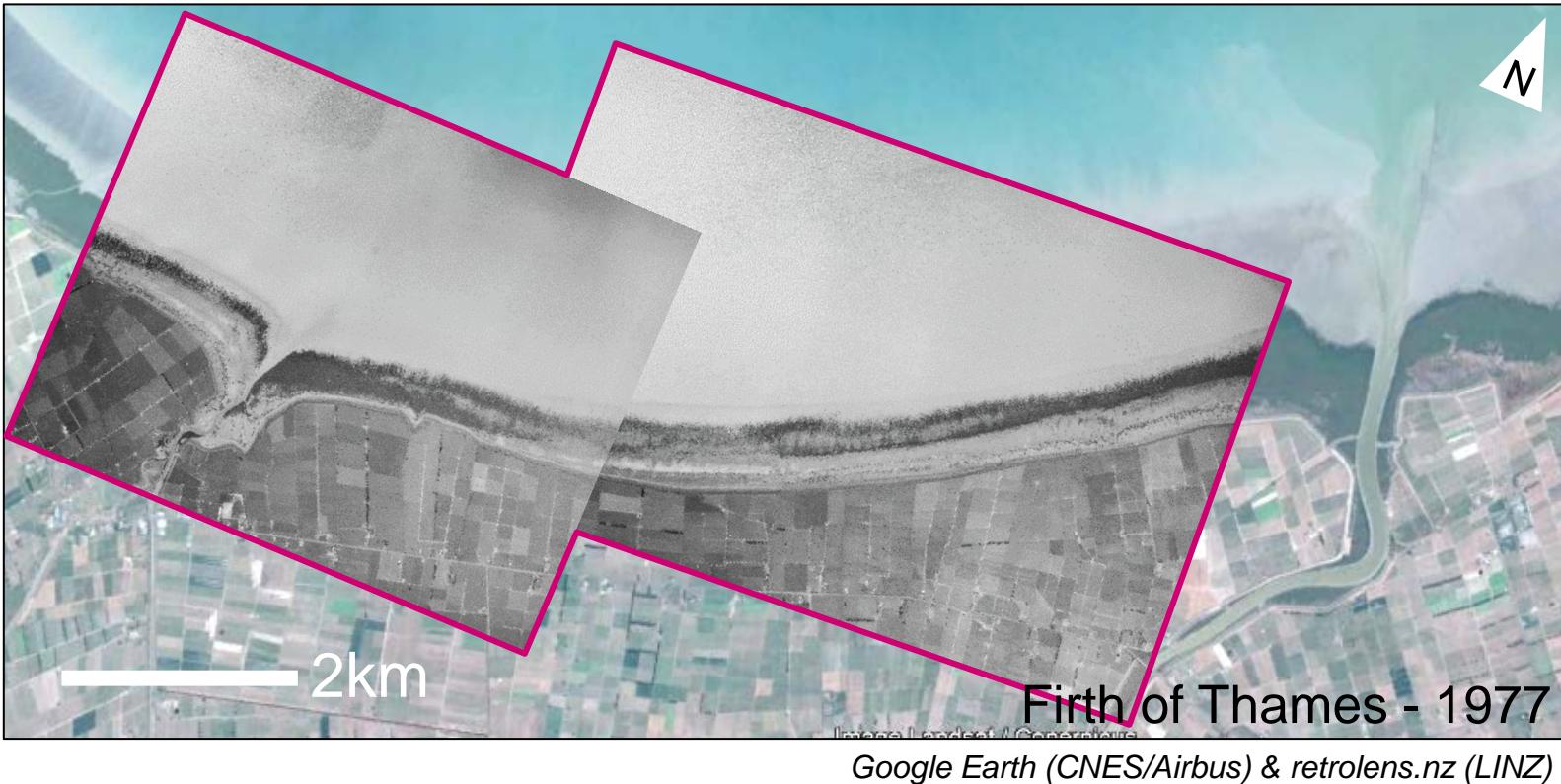


Firth of Thames, NZ

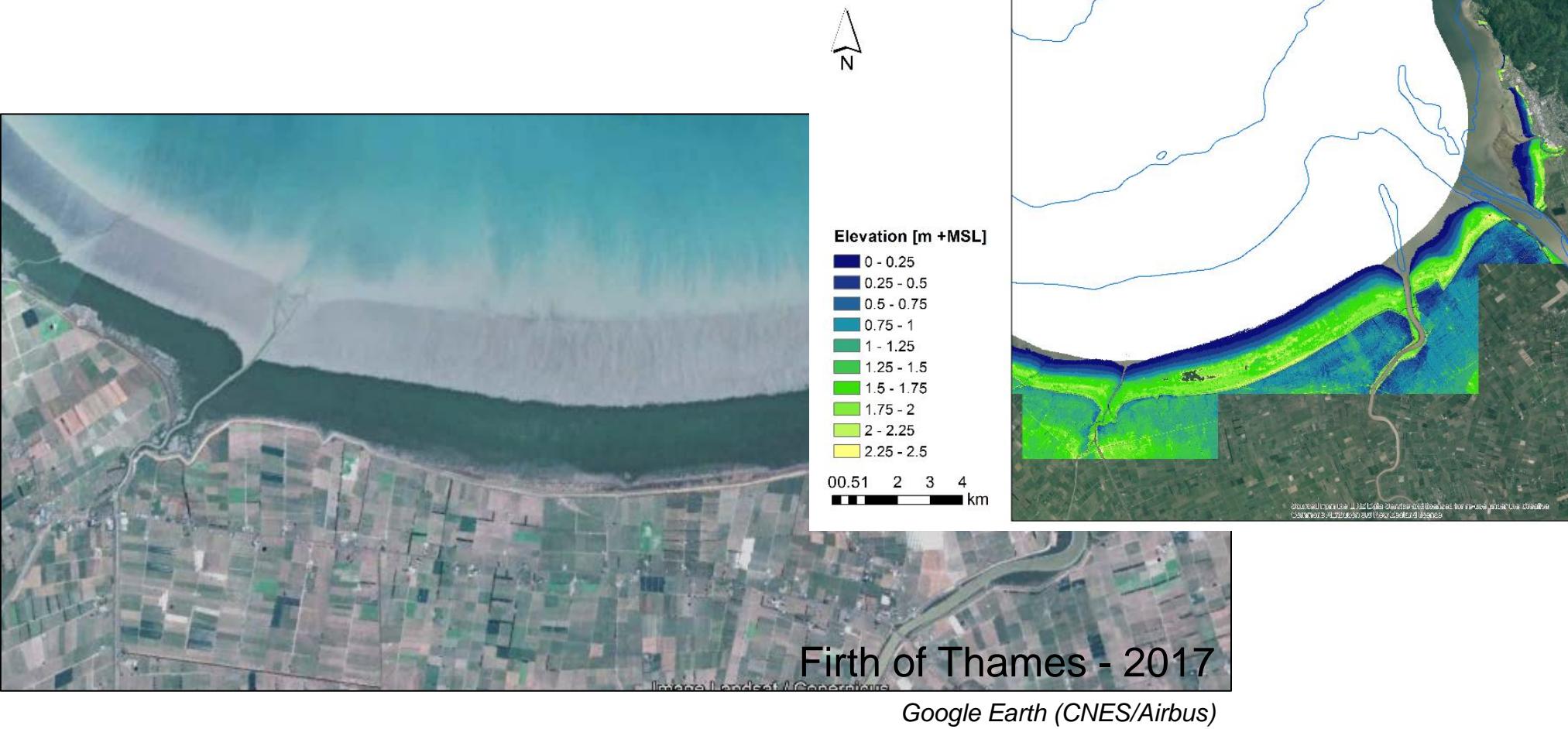
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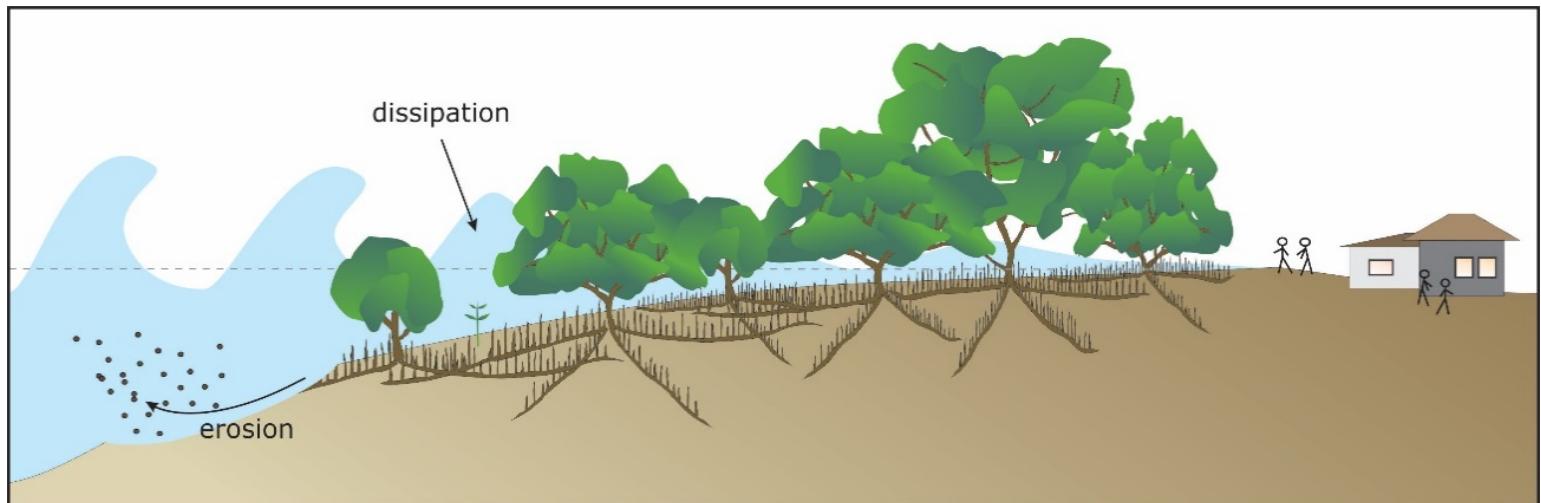
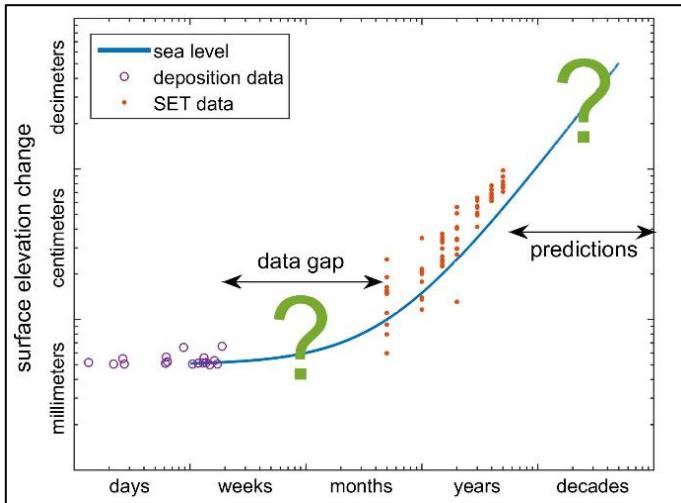
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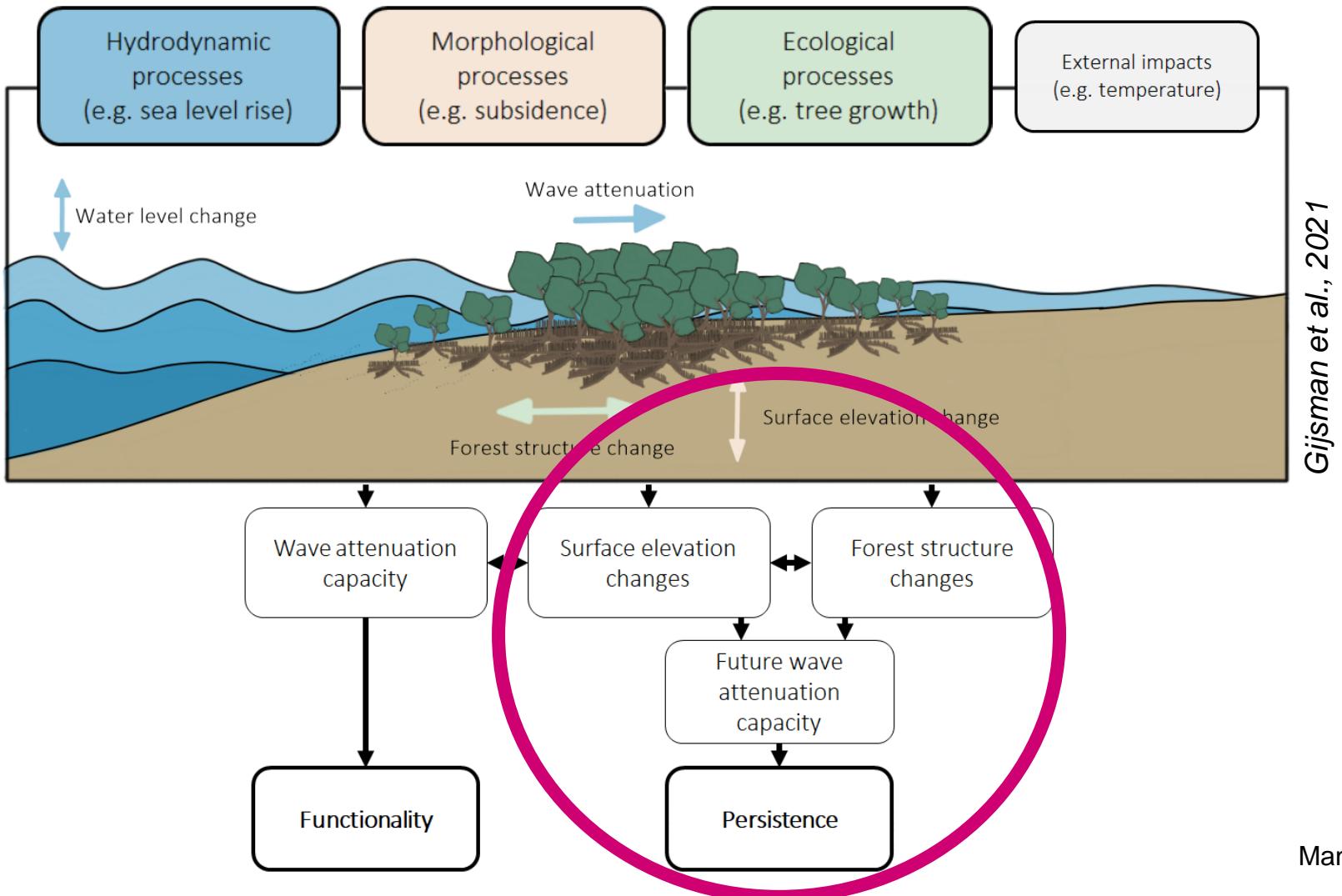
MANGROVE RESILIENCE

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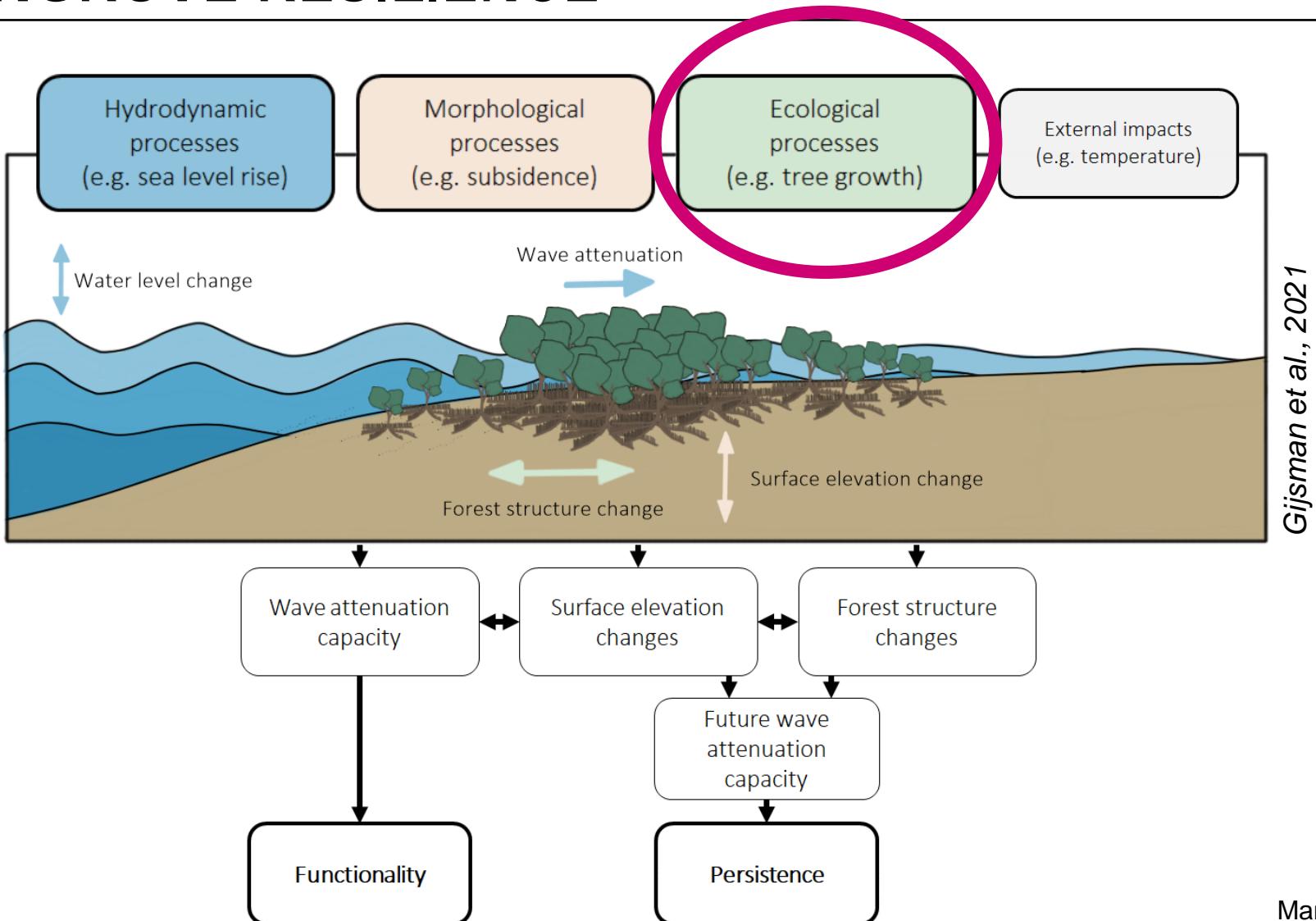
- Protect against storm waves/surges and erosion
- Trap sediments and recover from storm damage
- Keep up with sea level rise?



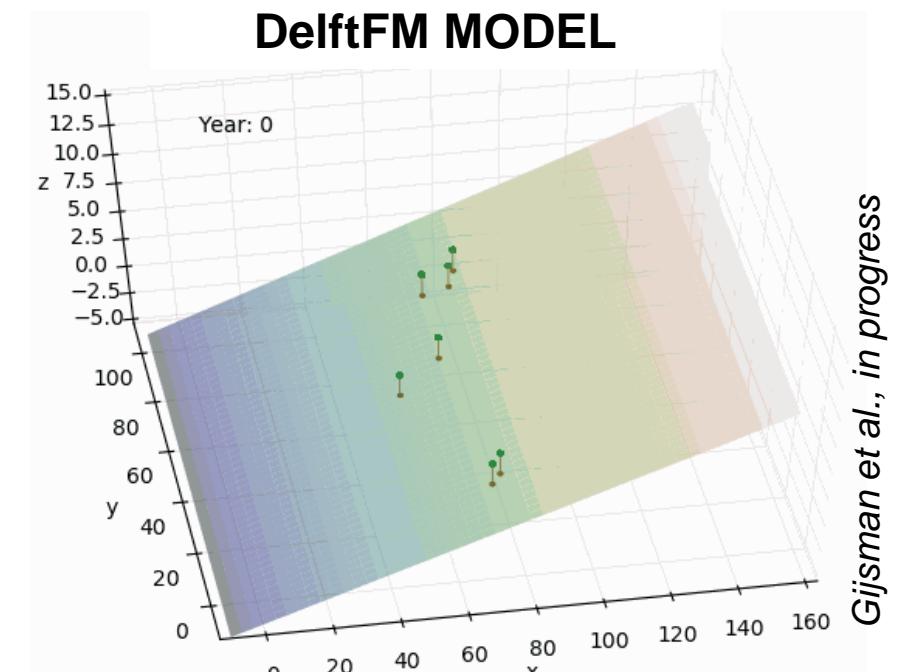
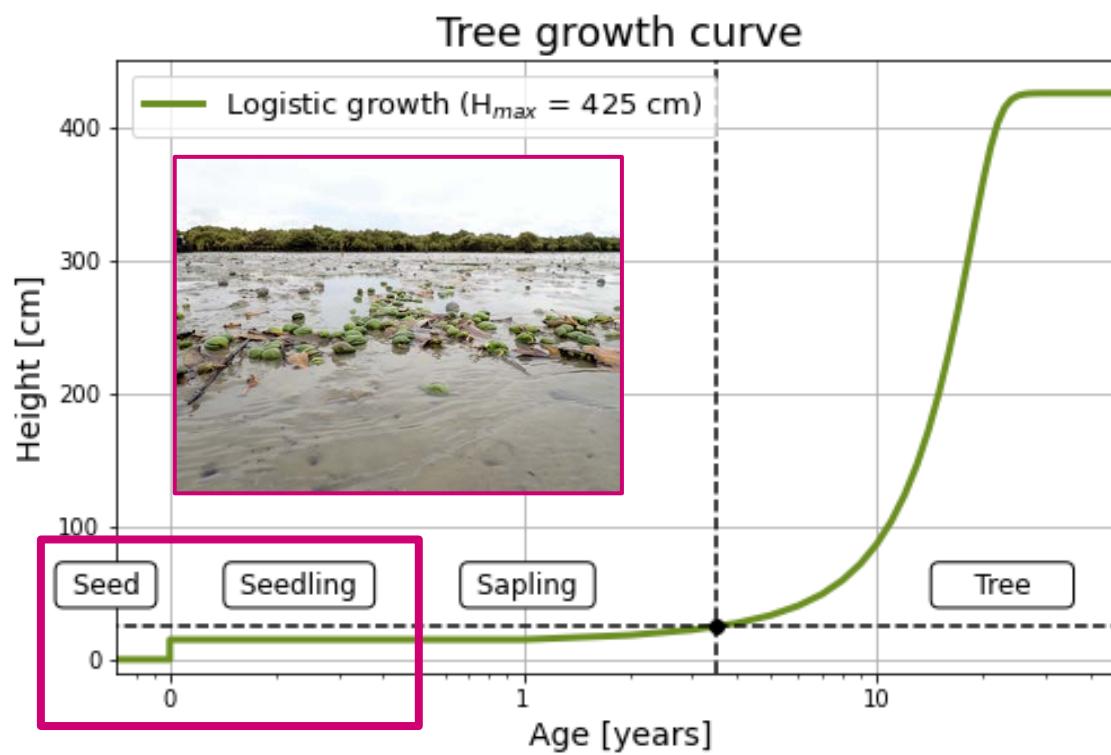
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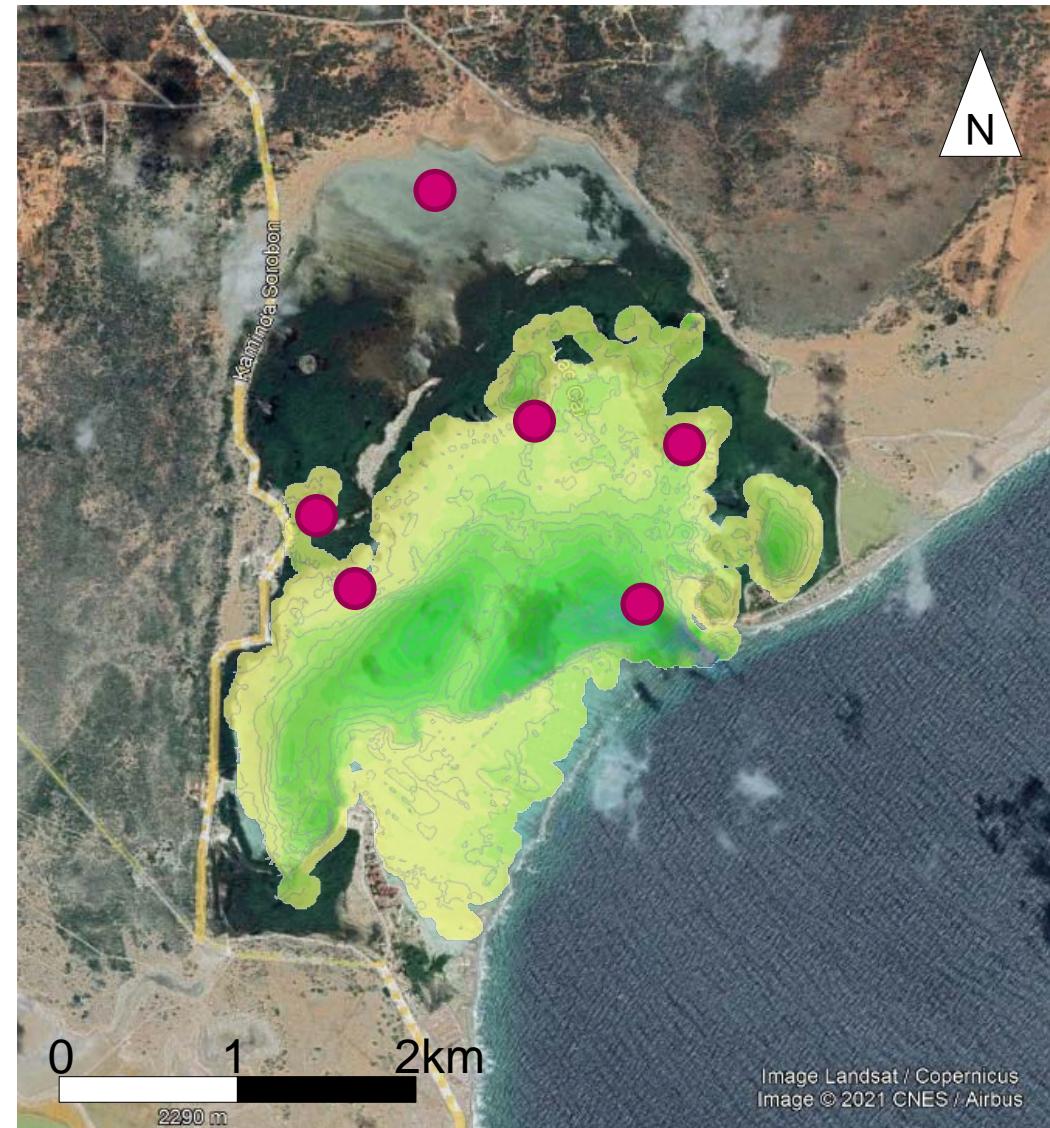


MODELLING MANGROVE DYNAMICS IN LAC BAY



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- Mapping
 - Forest floor elevation
 - Mangrove properties
- Monitoring
 - Water levels
 - Current speeds
 - Sediment concentrations
 - Surface elevation changes
 - Propagule dynamics



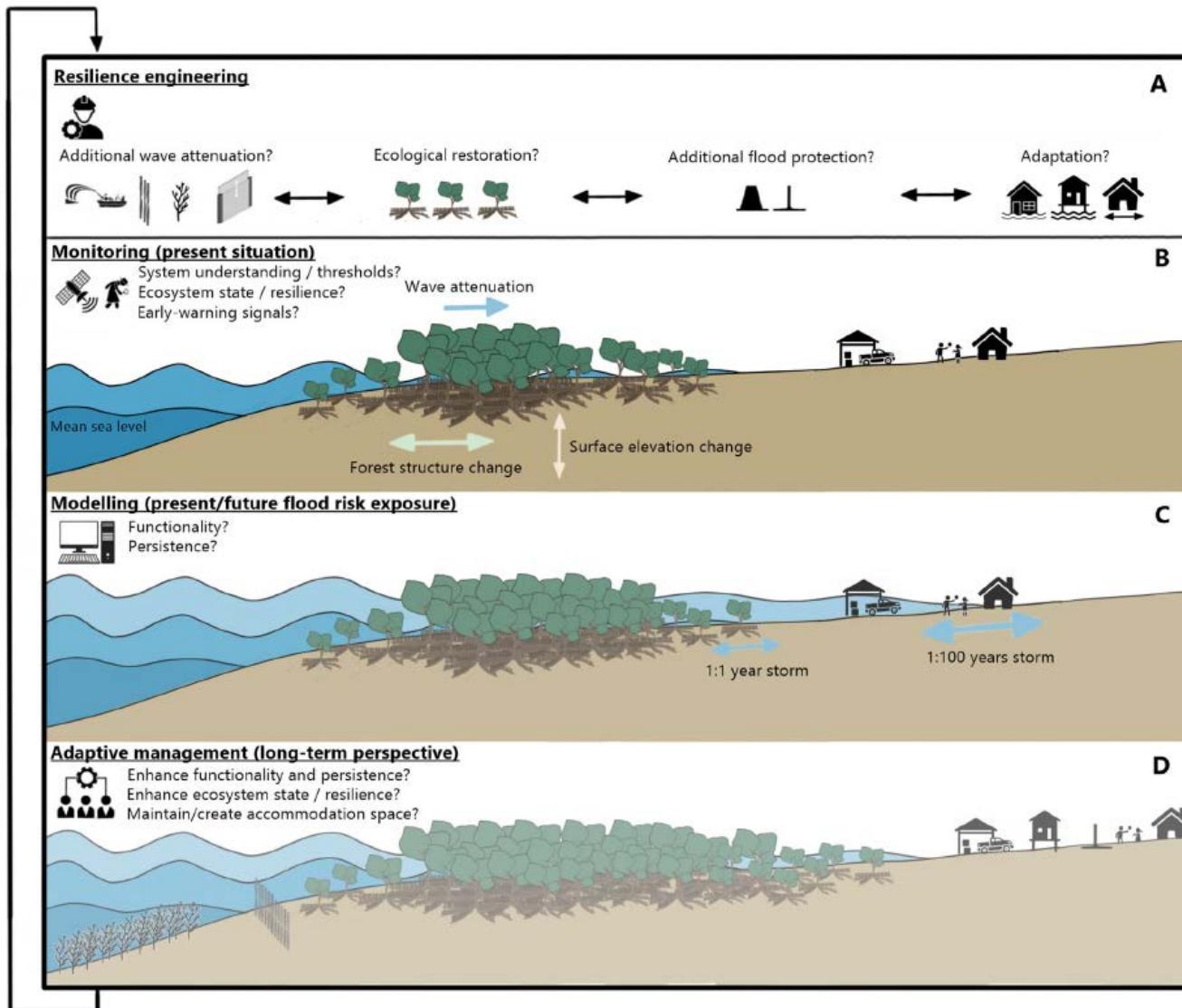
Google Earth / Engel, 2017

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