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Trumpet-shaped Estuary

frictional, SW

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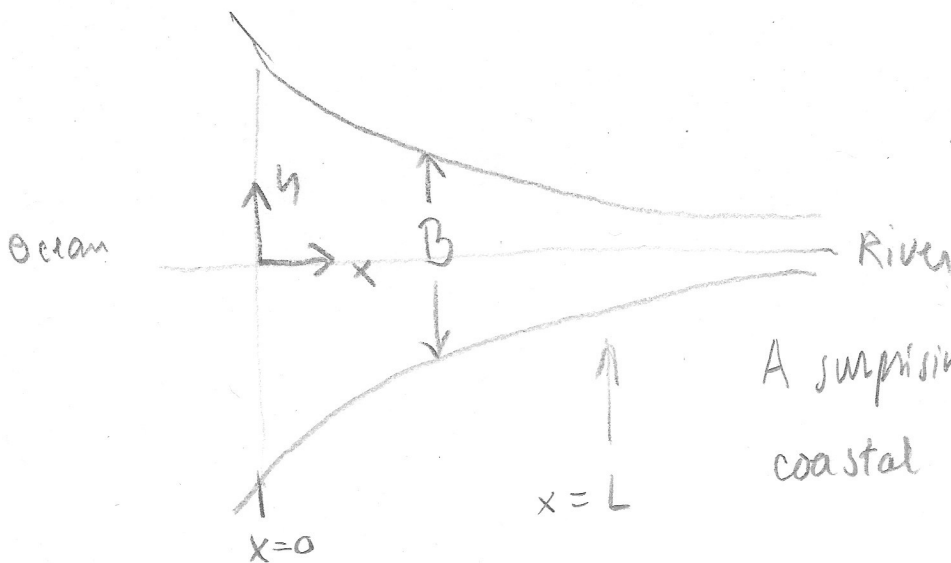
x mom

$$u_t + g\eta_x + Ru = 0$$

mass

$$B\eta_t + (HBu)_x = 0$$

← modified to allow for
changing channel width



$$B = B_0 \exp(-x/L)$$

A surprisingly common shape for
coastal plane estuaries.

Rewrite **mass**, for $H = cmf$, noting $\frac{B_x}{B} = -\frac{1}{L}$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_t + Hu_x - \frac{H}{L}u = 0 \quad \text{mass}$$

Assume solutions of the form

$$u = \text{Re} \{ u \exp i(kx - \omega t) \}$$

$$\eta = \text{Re} \{ E \exp i(kx - \omega t) \}$$

u & E are
complex constants,
 k can be complex.

No reflected wave, Converging channel will
increase u , but friction will decrease it!

Plugging in:

$$-i\omega U + igkE + RU = 0$$

$$-i\omega E + iHkU - \frac{H}{L}U = 0 \Rightarrow E = \frac{(iHk - H/L)U}{i\omega}$$

substitute

$$\Rightarrow \left(-i\omega + \frac{igk(iHk - H/L)}{i\omega} + R \right) U = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 + i\omega R - gHk^2 - igHk/L = 0 \quad \text{define } c^2 = gH$$

$$\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k^2 + i \left(\frac{\omega R}{c^2} - \frac{k}{L} \right) = 0 \quad (*)$$

This is a quadratic in k that we can solve, but a special simple case is when k has no complex part, meaning the amplitude of η and u are constant along the channel.

If u_{max} is just below the critical stress for sediment erosion, the channel morphology will not change, a state called "morphological equilibrium".

This happens where the imaginary part of

(*) vanishes $\Rightarrow \frac{\omega R}{c^2} = \frac{k}{L}$

a $L = \frac{c^2 k}{R \omega} = \frac{c}{R}$ (for $\frac{\omega}{k} = c$)

so this particular solution has its

channel length set by H & U

(as they affect $c = \sqrt{gH}$ and $R = CdU/H$)

For $R = 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$

and $c = \sqrt{g \cdot 20 \text{ m}} = 14 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$L = \frac{c}{R} = \frac{14}{1.5 \times 10^{-4}} \approx 10^5 \text{ m} = 100 \text{ km} \checkmark$