

A photograph of a stream bank. In the foreground, there is a dense patch of tall, dry, yellowish-brown grass. To the right, a calm stream reflects the surrounding greenery. In the background, there are several large, dark green evergreen trees. On the left side, a black monitoring station is mounted on a wooden stand, with some equipment visible. The overall scene is a natural, outdoor setting.

MODELING STREAM BANK EROSION: QUANTIFYING FINE SEDIMENT SOURCE CONTROL IN AN SEZ

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PRESENTATION

- Overview of BSTEM and CONCEPTS
- Local Application Examples
- Enhancements of the Models
- Use in Stream Restoration
Evaluation & Management

BANK STABILITY AND TOE EROSION MODEL



New! BSTEM 5.3

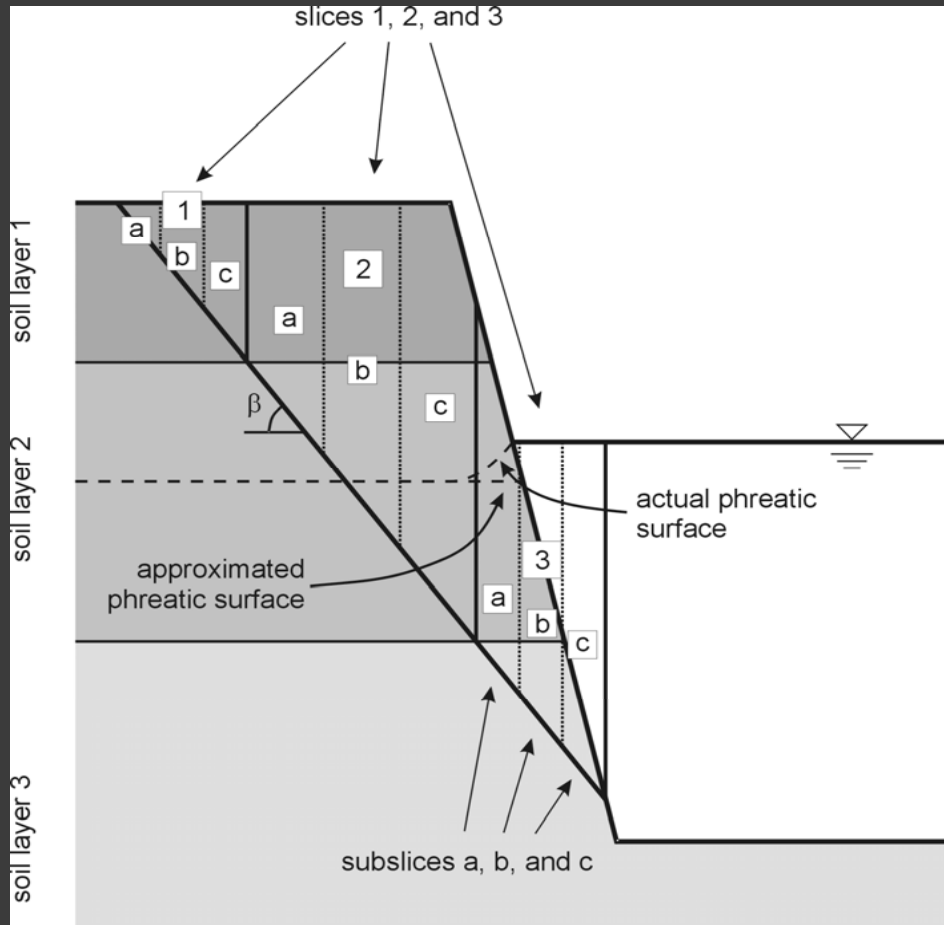
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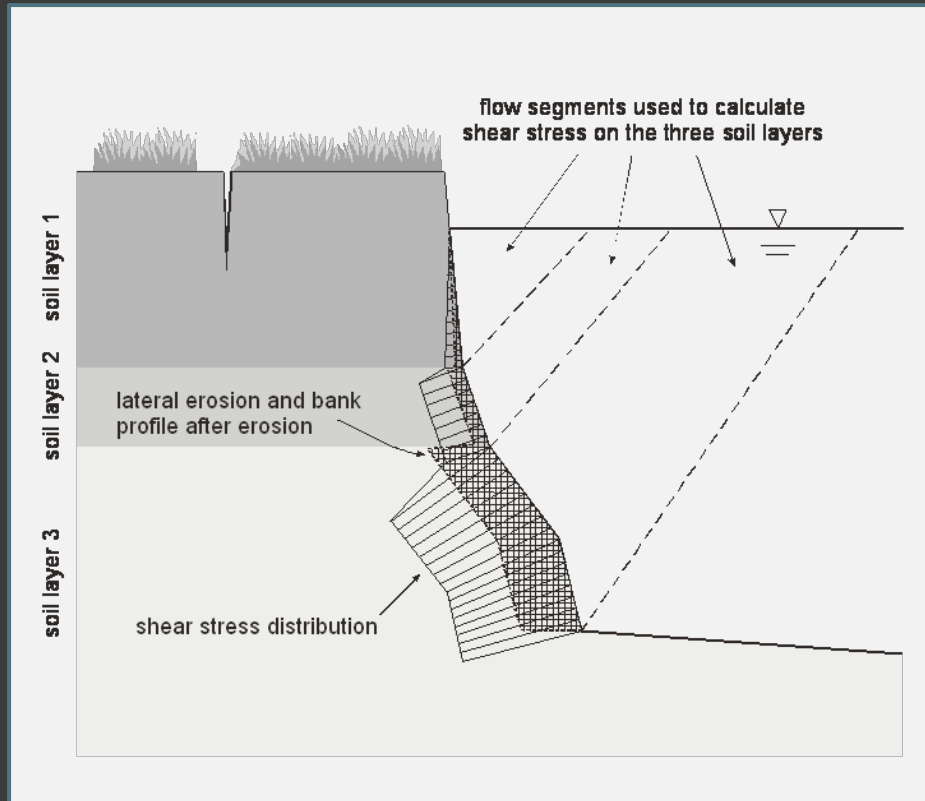
BANK STABILITY MODEL



Representation of vertical slices method

- Up to 5 layers
- Three failure modes
- Pore-Water pressure (+ and -)
- Confining pressure
- Vegetation reinforcement and surcharge

TOE EROSION MODEL



- Hydraulic Effects of boundary shear
- Straight or curved planform options
- Bank and Bank Toe resistance/erodibility
- Fixed bed
- Eroded material assumed removed

Representation of shear stress distribution

MODEL INPUT

Bank Stability Model

- ⊙ Bank Geometry
 - Height
 - Slope
- ⊙ Bank Materials
 - Layers
 - Composition
- ⊙ Water Table
- ⊙ Vegetation

Toe Erosion Model

- ⊙ Water Stage Relation
 - Depth/height of flow
- ⊙ Flow Duration
- ⊙ Channel Geometry
 - Planform
 - Slope
- ⊙ Bank Material
 - Layers
 - Erodibility

Select material types (or select "own data" and add values below)

Bank Material					Bank Toe Material
Layer 1	Layer 2	Layer 3	Layer 4	Layer 5	
Own data ▼	Own data ▼	Own data ▼	Own data ▼	Own data ▼	Own data ▼

Bank and bank-toe material data tables.

These are the default parameters used in the model. Changing the values or descriptions will change the values used when selecting soil types from the list boxes above. Add your own data using the white boxes.

Material Descriptors			Bank Model Input Data				
Bank material type	Description	Mean grain size, D_{50} (m)	Friction angle ϕ' (degrees)	Cohesion c' (kPa)	Saturated unit weight (kN/m ³)	ϕ^b (degrees)	Chemical concentration (kg/kg)
1	Boulders	0.512	42.0	0.0	20.0	15.0	-
2	Cobbles	0.128	42.0	0.0	20.0	15.0	-
3	Gravel	0.0113	36.0	0.0	20.0	15.0	-
4a and 4b	Angular sand	0.00035	36.0	0.0	18.0	15.0	-
5a and 5b	Rounded sand	0.00035	27.0	0.0	18.0	15.0	-
6a, 6b and 6c	Silt	-	30.0	3.0	18.0	15.0	-
7a, 7b and 7c	Soft clay	-	25.0	10.0	18.0	15.0	-
8a, 8b and 8c	Stiff clay	-	20.0	15.0	18.0	15.0	-
9	Own data layer 1						
	Own data layer 2						
	Own data layer 3						
	Own data layer 4						
	Own data layer 5						
	Own data Bank Toe						

Need to know the critical shear stress (τ_c) ?

Need to know the erodibility coefficient (k) ?

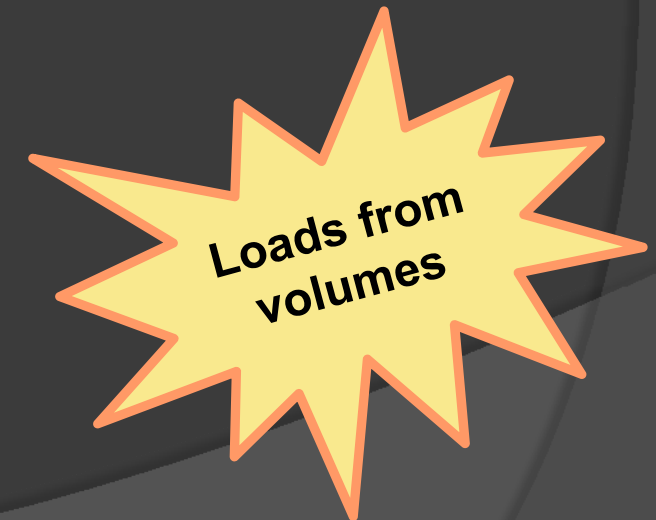
MODEL OUTPUT

◎ Bank Failure

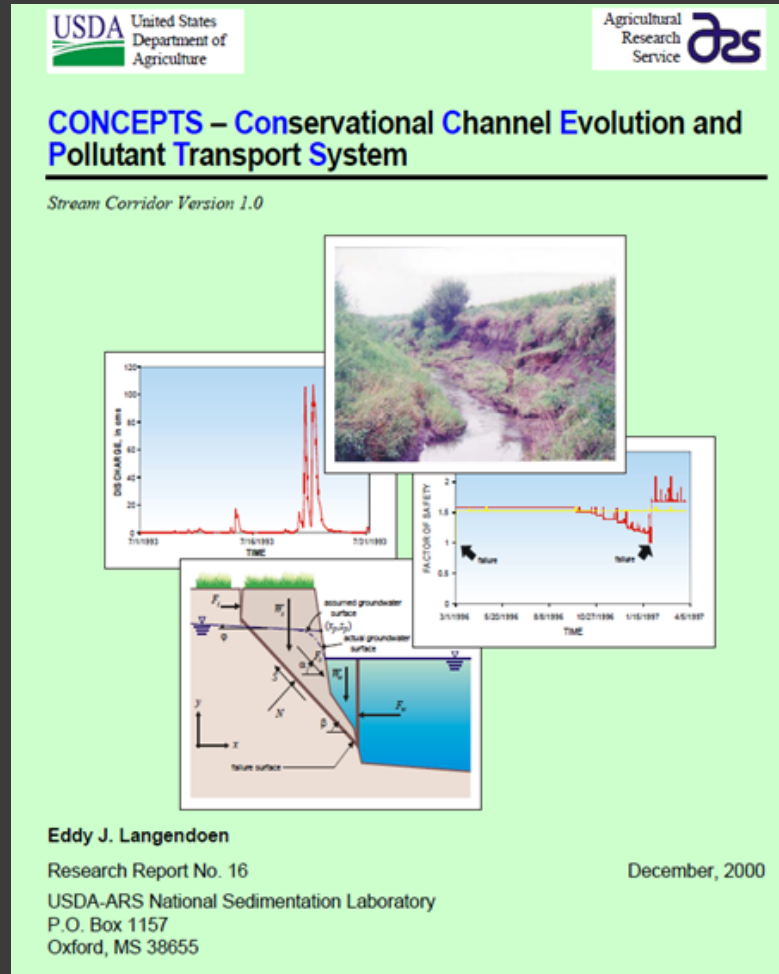
- Events/occurrences
- Eroded volumes
- Peak or drawdown conditions
- Modified geometry

◎ Toe Erosion

- Events/occurrences
- Retreat distances
- Eroded volumes
- Modified geometry



CONSERVATIONAL CHANNEL EVOLUTION AND POLLUTANT TRANSPORT SYSTEM



CONCEPTS
simulates response
of channels to
loadings of water
and sediment, and
to in-stream
structures

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/Research>

CONCEPTS INPUT

- ⦿ Channel Network
- ⦿ Channel Geometry
- ⦿ Roughness Characteristics
- ⦿ Bed and Bank Composition
- ⦿ Flow and Sediment
 - Upstream boundary
 - Tributaries

Concepts

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Cross sections

- 8077.944 (EC)
- 7977.576 (EC)
- 7885.523 (EC)
- 7764.184 (synthesized) (EC)
- 7642.845 (EC)
- 7552.245 (EC)
- 7434.016 (EC)
- 7269.085 (EC)
- 7143.147 (EC)
- 7008.021 (EC)
- 6815.262 (EC)
- 6676.565 (EC)
- 6524.749 (EC)
- 6390.881 (EC)
- 6210.181 (EC)
- 6089.143 (EC)
- 5931.772 (EC)
- 5792.552 (EC)
- 5570.905 (EC)
- 5388.192 (EC)**
- 5149.219 (EC)
- 4994.876 (EC)
- 4843.094 (EC)
- 4699.568 (EC)
- 4517.457 (EC)
- 4375.542 (EC)
- 4225.615 (EC)
- 4133.776 (EC)
- 3972.264 (EC)
- 3738.267 (EC)
- 3542.949 (EC)
- 3383.411 (EC)
- 3257.604 (EC)
- 3144.825 (EC)
- 2990.209 (EC)
- 2825.383 (EC)
- 2661.833 (EC)
- 2491.416 (EC)
- 2348.630 (EC)
- 2184.272 (EC)
- 2023.584 (EC)
- 1851.796 (EC)
- 1707.608 (EC)

Name: 5388.192 (EC)

River station: 0.825

Geometry

ID	Station	Elevation
1	0.0	1917.2773
2	1.271016	1917.192
3	1.581912	1917.1554
4	2.9138882	1916.8872
5	16.364712	1916.8872
6	19.235928	1916.7593
7	21.720049	1916.6586
8	23.375113	1916.5824
9	25.301449	1916.5824
10	32.004	1916.3721
11	34.603943	1916.2776
12	34.95751	1916.2776
13	35.987736	1916.2319
14	38.60597	1916.1587
15	39.508175	1916.1252
16	40.654224	1916.0978
17	42.297096	1915.9728
18	44.037502	1915.9728
19	44.738544	1915.8387
20	45.24756	1915.7716

Indices of the toe and top of the bank

Top of left bank: 70

Toe of left bank: 81

Top of right bank: 97

Toe of right bank: 88

Groundwater table

Left bank: 1911.0

Right bank: 1911.0

Bedrock elevation: 1908.25

Plot geometry

Boundary roughness

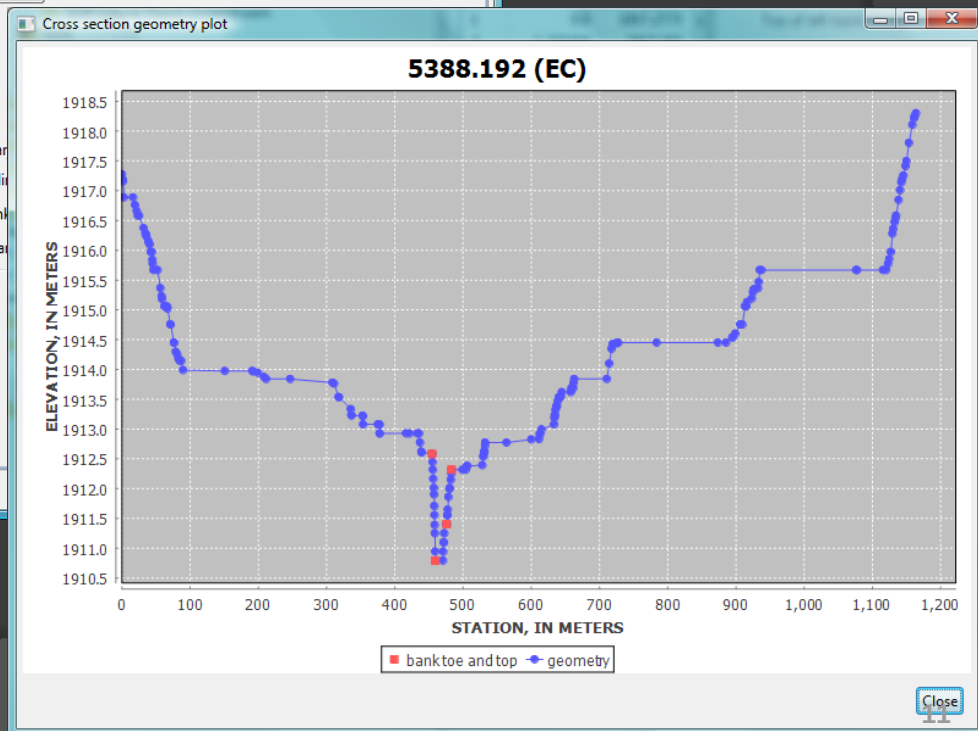
Left floodplain: 0.048

Left bank: 0.038

Streambed: 0.038

Right bank: 0.038

Right floodplain: 0.048



GEOMETRY

Concepts

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Concepts Project

- CONCEPTS model input data
 - Physical data
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 - Golf Course Reach Default
 - Golf Course Reach Downstream
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 - Run data
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 - Output options sets
 - Output options (EC) - All
 - Output options (EC) - Coarse spacing
 - Scenarios

Selected Object: Golf Course Reach Default

Name: Golf Course Reach Default

Particle density: 2650.0

Porosity: 0.35

Resistance to erosion

Critical shear stress: 0.0

Erodibility: 0.0

Resistance to failure

Cohesion: 0.0

Friction angle: 0.0

Suction angle: 0.0

Grain size distribution

Total clay: 0.0

Very fine silt: 0.0

Fine silt: 0.0

Medium silt: 0.0

Coarse silt: 0.0

Very coarse silt: 0.0

Very fine sand: 0.0

Fine sand: 0.0

Medium sand: 3.21

Coarse sand: 8.87

Very coarse sand: 13.63

Very fine gravel: 17.89

Fine gravel: 25.78

Medium gravel: 35.63

Coarse gravel: 53.8

Very coarse gravel: 82.34

Small cobbles: 100.0

Plot distribution



SEDIMENTS

Concepts

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Concepts Project

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 - Golf Course Reach Default
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 - Soils
 - GSD II Low
 - GSD II Low Developed
 - GSD II Low Dry Meadow
 - GSD II Low Lodgepole Pine Forest
 - GSD II Low Revegetated Dry Meadow
 - GSD II Low Willow Scrub
 - GSD II Low Wet Graminoid Meadow
 - GSD II Low Mesic Graminoid Meadow Mixed with Willow
 - GSD II Low Wet Graminoid Meadow Mixed with Willow
 - GSD II Low Revetment
 - GSD II Low Riprap
 - GSD II Low Rootwad
 - GSD II Moderate
 - GSD II Moderate Mountain Alder/Mixed Willow Riparian Scrub
 - GSD II Moderate Developed
 - GSD II Moderate Dry Meadow**
 - GSD II Moderate Lodgepole Pine Forest
 - GSD II Moderate Willow Scrub
 - GSD II Moderate Mesic Graminoid Meadow Mixed with Willow
 - GSD II Moderate Wet Graminoid Mixed with Willow
 - GSD II Moderate Revetment
 - GSD II Moderate Riprap
 - GSD II High
 - GSD II High Developed
 - GSD II High Dry Meadow
 - GSD II High Wet Graminoid Meadow
 - GSD III Moderate
 - GSD III Moderate Lodgepole Pine Forest
 - GSD III Moderate Mountain Sagebrush Scrub
 - GSD III Moderate Willow Scrub/Mesic Forb Community
 - GSD II US control

Sediment profiles

Soil profiles

Cross sections

Reaches

Structures

Name: GSD II Moderate Dry Meadow

Bulk density: 1800.0

Particle density: 2650.0

Porosity: 0.5

Permeability: 0.0

Resistance to erosion

Critical shear stress: 1.5

Erodibility: 9.2E-7

Resistance to failure

Cohesion: 1200.0

Friction angle: 27.2

Suction angle: 12.0

Grain size distribution

Total clay: 2.72

Very fine silt: 3.8

Fine silt: 5.73

Medium silt: 8.13

Coarse silt: 11.16

Very coarse silt: 16.61

Very fine sand: 32.24

Fine sand: 55.01

Medium sand: 73.1

Coarse sand: 83.79

Very coarse sand: 92.5

Very fine gravel: 95.11

Fine gravel: 97.36

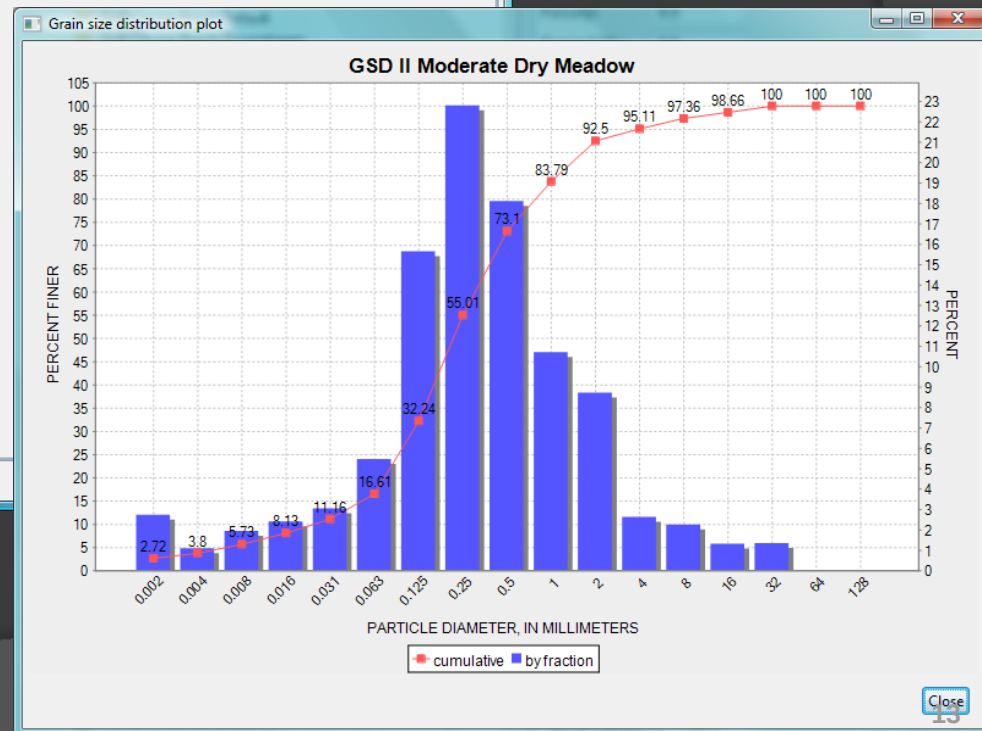
Medium gravel: 98.66

Coarse gravel: 100.0

Very coarse gravel: 100.0

Small cobbles: 100.0

Plot distribution



SOILS

RUN CONTROL OPTIONS

The screenshot displays the Concepts software interface with the 'Run control data (EC)' dialog box open. The left sidebar shows a project tree with 'Run data' expanded, and 'Run control data (EC)' selected. The main panel contains various configuration options for the simulation.

Name: Run control data (EC)

Processes simulated

- ☒ Hydraulics
- ☒ Sediment transport
- ☒ Toe erosion
- ☒ Bank stability
- ☐ Riparian processes

Simulation period

Start time: 2009-12-31 21:00:00
End time: 2010-12-31 22:00:00
Initial time step: 100

In/outflow info

Upstream inflow file: C:\CONCEPTS\data\CA\V.Mahacek\Simulations\HEC-Swanson\5-1 Browse

Downstream boundary condition:

☒ Automatic ☐ Rating curve ☐ Water level

Sediment transport options

Wash load size class: < 0.250 mm
% fines for cohesion: 100.0
Downstream grade control: 1.0
Upstream capacity weighting: 0.0

Upstream boundary condition

☐ Time series
☒ Fraction of transport capacity
☐ AnnAGNPS

Class	Fraction
1	0.0
2	0.0
3	0.0
4	0.0
5	0.0

Streambank erosion options

Processes included in bank stability analyses:

- ☒ Positive pore-water pressures
- ☒ Matric suction
- ☒ Confining pressures
- ☐ Groundwater table dynamics

Number of shear emergences: 4
Tension crack depth: 0.0
Skipped time steps: 100
Block retention time:

CONCEPTS OUTPUT

⦿ Parameters

- Channel Geometry
- Hydraulic Variables
- Sediment Yield

⦿ Formats

- For a location (XS) at a specific time step
- For a location (XS) over time period
- For an event (time step or period) for a reach (XSs)

