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Critical dependence of morphodynamic models on transverse slope effects

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Transverse slope effect

Major influence large-scale morphology









Calibrating with slope parameter

- Calibrating on sediment transport: effect morphology
 - Bed slopes
 - Dimensions bars/bends/bifurcations

Calibrating on bed slopes: sensitivity sediment transport?

Calibration on bed slopes Ikeda ($\alpha_{bn} = 30$) Koch & Flokstra ($A_{sh} = 0.05$) ×10⁵ 3.86 86 3.84 84 3.82 82 -10 3.8 3.8 -15 3.78 78 3.76 76 sea sea 3.74 74 land land 3.72 5.5 6.5 5 5.5 6.5 7.5

(Van Dijk et al., in prep.)

Difference in transport vector

■ 19 million m³ difference in dredged volume over 20 years

Magnitude

Direction

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(Van Dijk et al., in prep.)

Conclusions

Calibrating with slope effects:
Either sediment fluxes or bed slopes calibrated
Change morphology & time scales

Transport predictor determines tendency to incise

Slope parameterization influences bar/channel stability

