

# Coastal Resilience and Sustainability Initiative

## Lightning Talks: Part I

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# NC STATE UNIVERSITY

# Climate Change & Society

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## Highlights

1-Year Masters Program  
4 Course Certificate  
Multidisciplinary curriculum  
Guest Speakers  
Applied Climate Experience  
Courses in person and online  
Part-time option available  
Student diversity  
Jobs in multiple fields

## Partner Institutions

SE Climate Adaptation Science Center  
NC Sea Grant  
State Climate Office  
NOAA  
National Park Service  
Local and state governments  
Non profit organizations  
Department of Design  
Department of Communication  
Office of Sustainability



## Curriculum

Core courses in climate change science, adaptation, data analysis, communication, research ethics, GIS, policy, 2 electives, capstone project

## Relevant Research

Extreme rain and sea level rise impact in Nags Head waste treatment  
NC Environmental Advisory Boards  
SE CASC Tribal Resources Webapp  
Greenhouse Gas Inventories  
Engaging Local Farmers on Climate Action Plan  
Comparing Crops to Solar PV in NC's Central Coastal Plain  
Framing Natural Disasters  
State Capacity to Implement FEMA Hazard Mitigation  
Disaster Risk Reduction and Communication  
Shifts in Perspectives on Biogenic Carbon Accounting  
Improving Communication Strategies for Conveying Flood Risk  
Daily Minimum Temperatures and Public Health  
GIS Mapping of Potential Geological Sequestration Areas

# **A Machine Learning Approach to Natural Phenomena Data: Long term prediction of Atlantic Hurricane Activity**

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jointly with T. Asthana and L. Xie

VISSTA Lab.

ECE Dept.

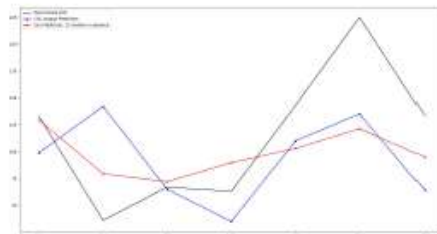
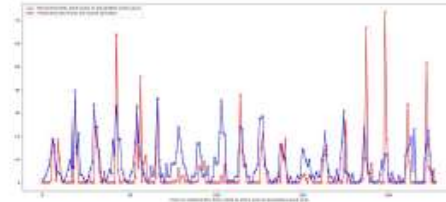
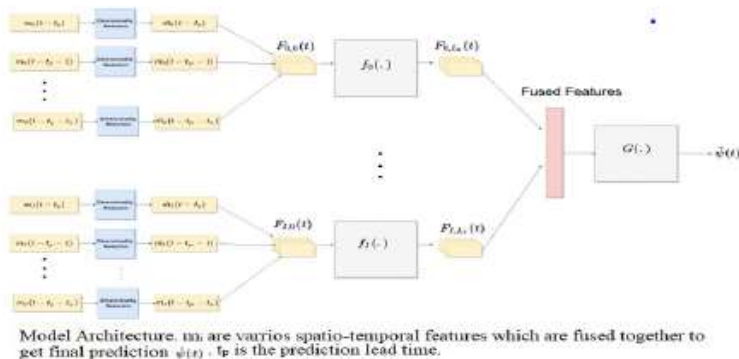
NCSU, Raleigh, NC

# Hurricane Impact on Coastal Ecosystems

- Strong hurricane winds can cause complete defoliation of forest canopies with dramatic structural changes in wooded ecosystems,
- The changing environmental conditions in coastal habitats imply **a cascade of direct and indirect ecological responses** with immediate to long-term impact
  - Potential destruction of oyster beds and crab habitats and displacement of fish thus impacting other large marine creatures.
  - Flood waters can move sewage and untreated chemicals from land ocean waters harming marine life and impacting coastal health.
  - Hurricanes [Harvey](#) and [Irma](#) set records with their power and devastation left
  - Harvey dumped [27 trillion gallons](#) of water over Texas and Louisiana, swelling floodwaters, (it is said that the planet's crust was [pushed](#) down by more than half an inch).
- Predicting hurricane risks can be consequential in saving lives, reducing loss and planning effective measurements and measures to protect our coastal ecosystem,

## From Information Fusion to Modeling

- Multiple temporal and spatial scales captured through a multi-modal sensing mechanism provide a comprehensive but complex snapshot of the hurricane process as a dynamical system, (e.g., sea-level pressure and winds, etc.).
- The non-linear interactions may be jointly learned and judiciously interpreted in contrast to a heuristic reliance on selected climatological indices,



# AI/ML at the Edge: Real-time Actionable Knowledge Discovery

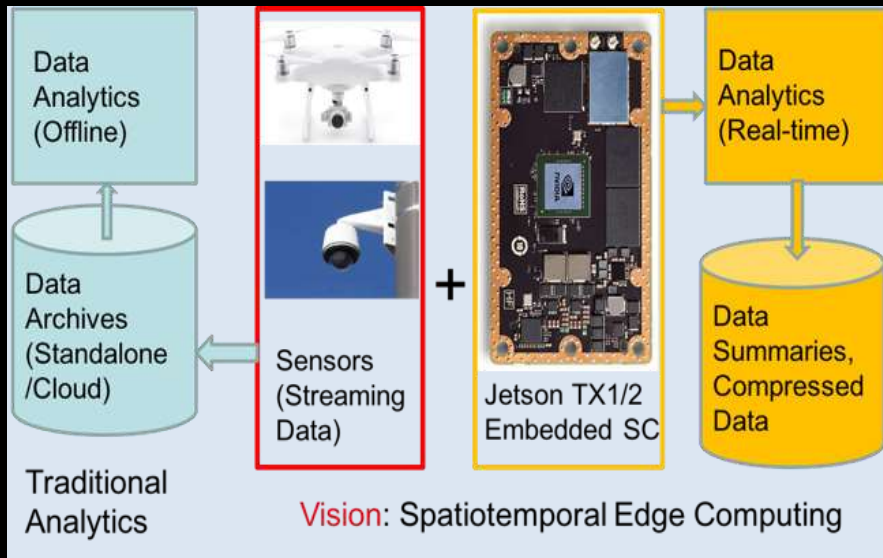
Ranga Raju Vatsavai

Computer Science Department and Center for Geospatial Analytics



# Vision: GeoEdge Platform

- Analyzing data as it is being acquired
- Using powerful computing devices
  - Low power, small size (embeddable), low cost
- Build a real-time analytics platform for near real-time geospatial knowledge discovery



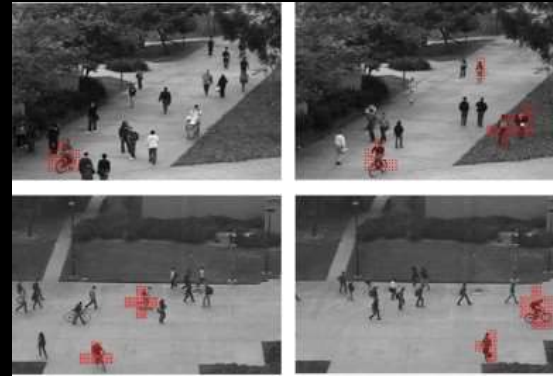


# Applications – Disease monitoring to Damage Assessments

Agriculture Monitoring



Security Applications



Coastal monitoring for erosion, pollution, damages, ...

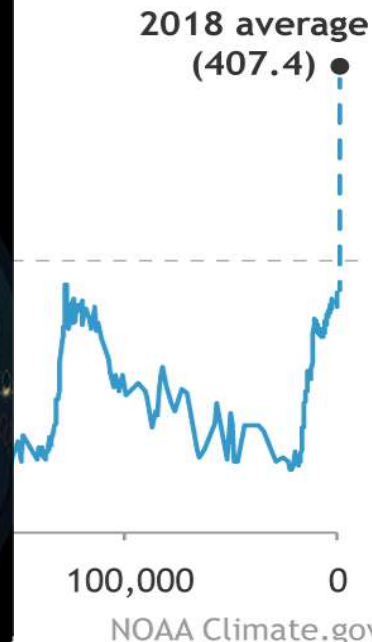
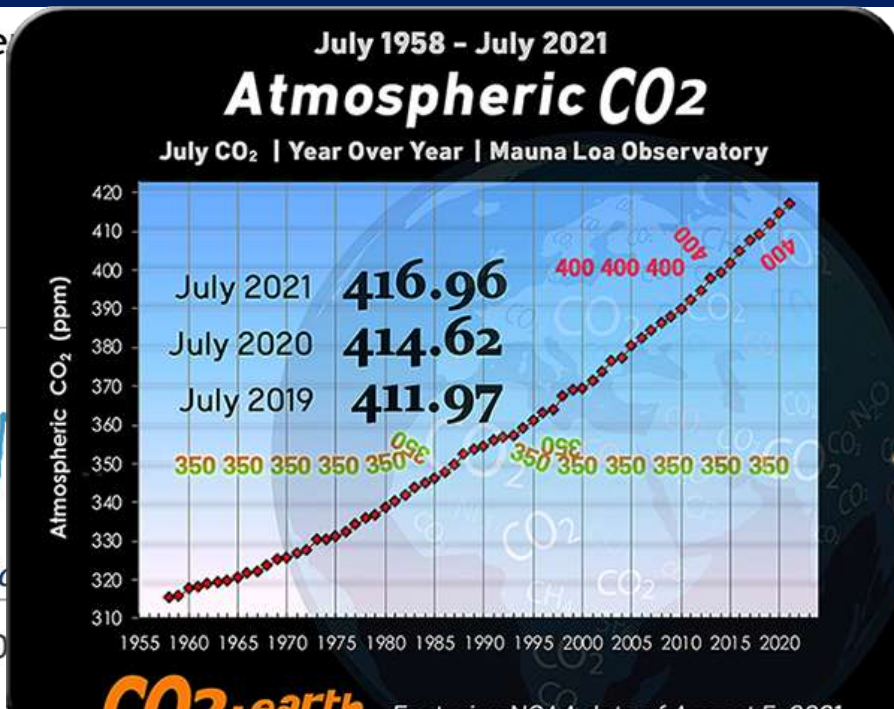
# Understand the Past, Present and Future Sea-Level Changes

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# In 2019 alone, the Greenland lost 600 billion tons of ice

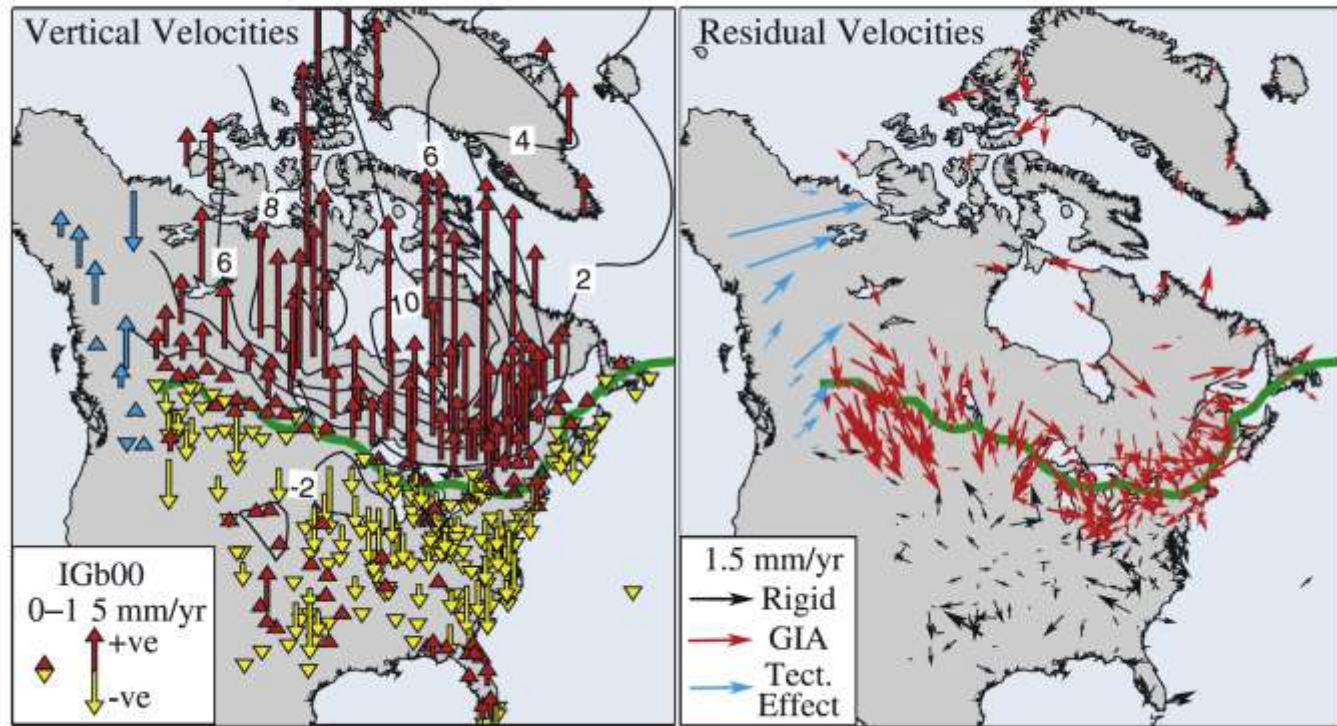
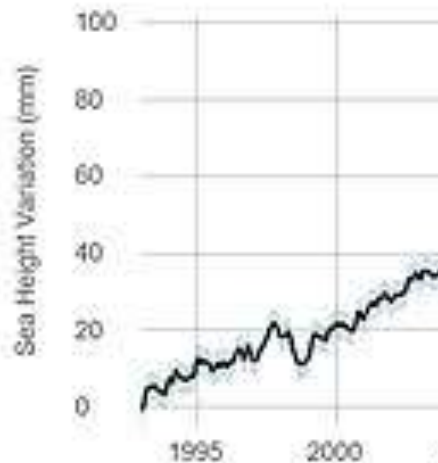
During the exceptionally warm Arctic summer of 2019,

Greenland lost 600 billion tons of ice (which raised global sea levels by nearly 1 millimeter) in just two months.

SELLA ET AL.: OBSERVATION OF GLACIAL ISOSTATIC ADJUSTMENT

SATELLITE DATA: 1993-PRESENT

Data source: Satellite sea level observations  
Credit: NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center



(left) Vertical GPS site motions with respect to IGB00. Note large uplift rates around Hudson Bay.

# Observing and Predicting Historical, Current and Future Coastal Environmental Conditions

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# Observing and Predicting Historical, Current, and Future Coastal Conditions

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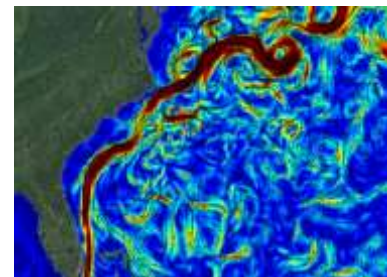
Ocean Observing and Modeling Group  
<http://go.ncsu.edu/oosg>



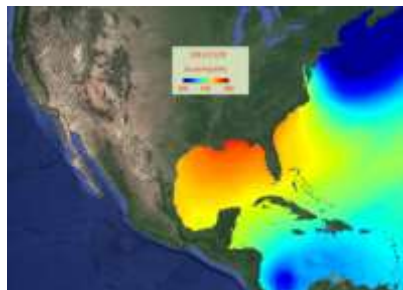
## Research Expertise

Ocean Circulation Dynamics  
Marine Physical-Biogeochemical Interactions  
Air-Sea interactions  
Satellite Oceanography  
Data Analytics and Numerical Modeling  
Data Assimilation  
Coastal Ocean Observing System

Climate Downscaling; Gulf Stream  
Circulation Dynamics and Sea Level Prediction

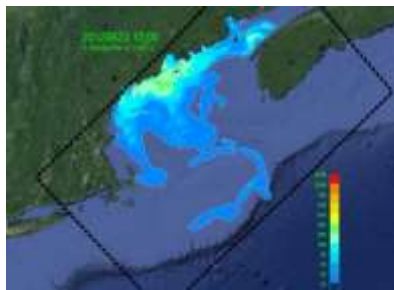


Coupled (air-sea-wave) Northwest  
Atlantic Prediction System (CNAPS)

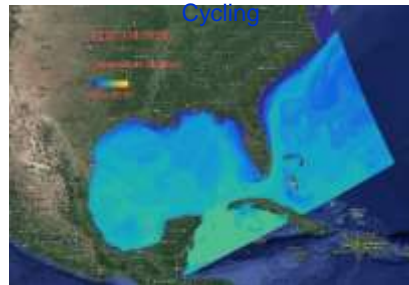


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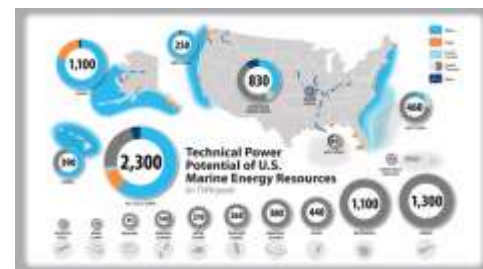
Harmful Algal Bloom Population  
Dynamics Prediction



Land-Sea Coupled Ecosystem  
Dynamics; Nutrient and Carbon  
Cycling



Marine Renewable Energy Resource  
(current, wave, wind) Assessment



(Image credit: DOE)

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# Observing and Predicting Historical, Current, and Future Coastal Conditions

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**NSF AI institute AI<sup>2</sup>ES: Artificial Intelligence for Weather, Climate and Coastal Oceanography**

(2020-2025)



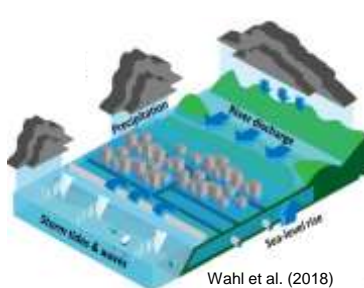
NCSU team will develop trustworthy AI/ML augmented predictions for:

i) Ocean currents and eddies

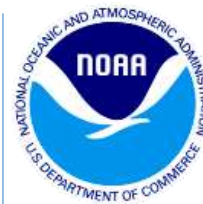
ii) Compound flooding



(Image credit: NASA)

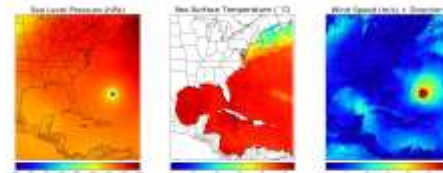


Wahl et al. (2018)



- Marine Operations
- Coastal Hazards and Climate Variability
- Water Quality and Living Marine Resource

**Delivering actionable coastal and ocean information from high quality science and observations for the Southeast (2021-2026)**





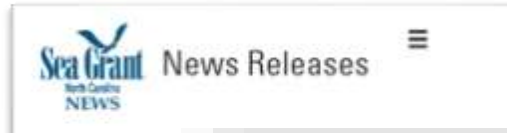
# Forecasting Water Quality in Coastal Systems

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# Forecasting Water Quality in Coastal Systems – Dan Obenour

## A. Neuse River Estuary



### Model Fore through Au

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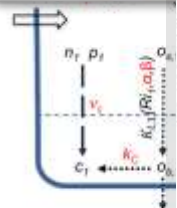
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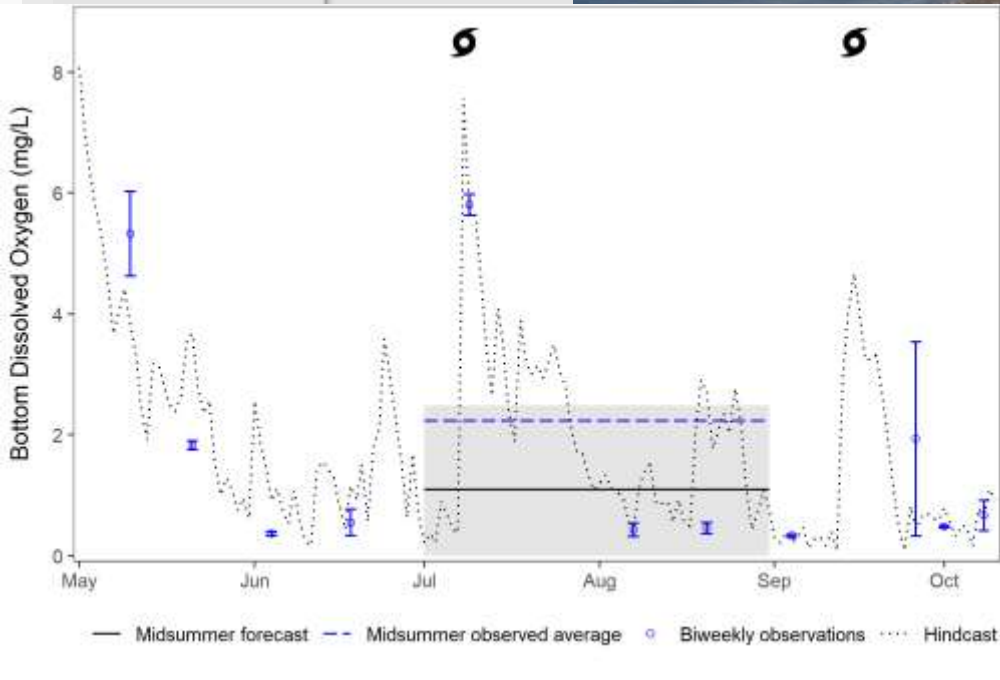
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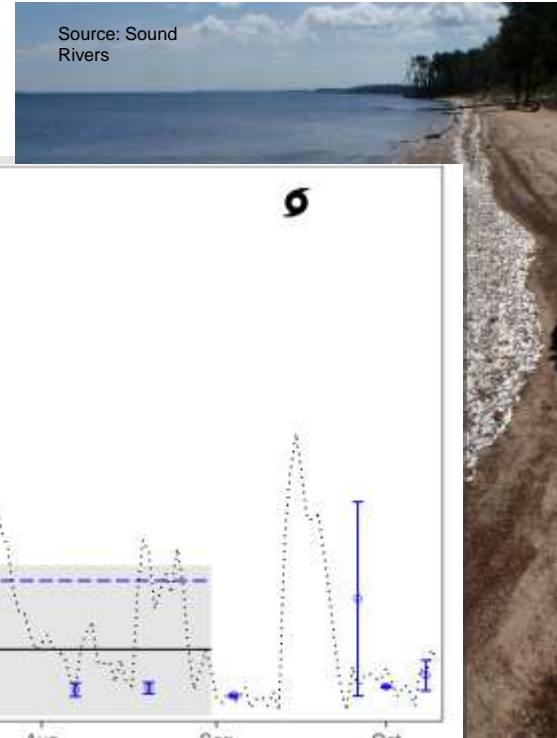
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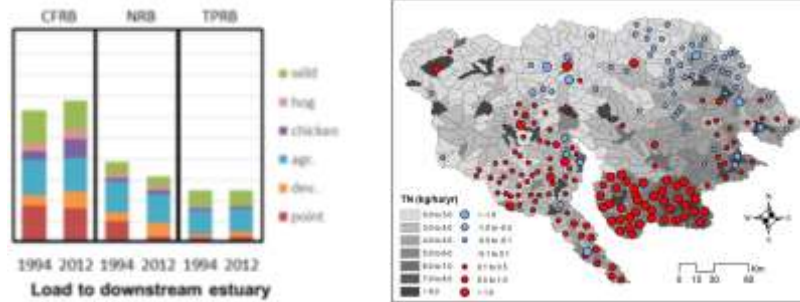
Legend  
— Flow  
- - - Nutrients



Source: Sound  
Rivers



## B. Nutrient load modeling



# **Novel methods for microplastics collection and removal using active particle microcleaners**

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# NSF EFRI: Engineering the elimination of end-of-life plastics



C. Hall



O. Velev



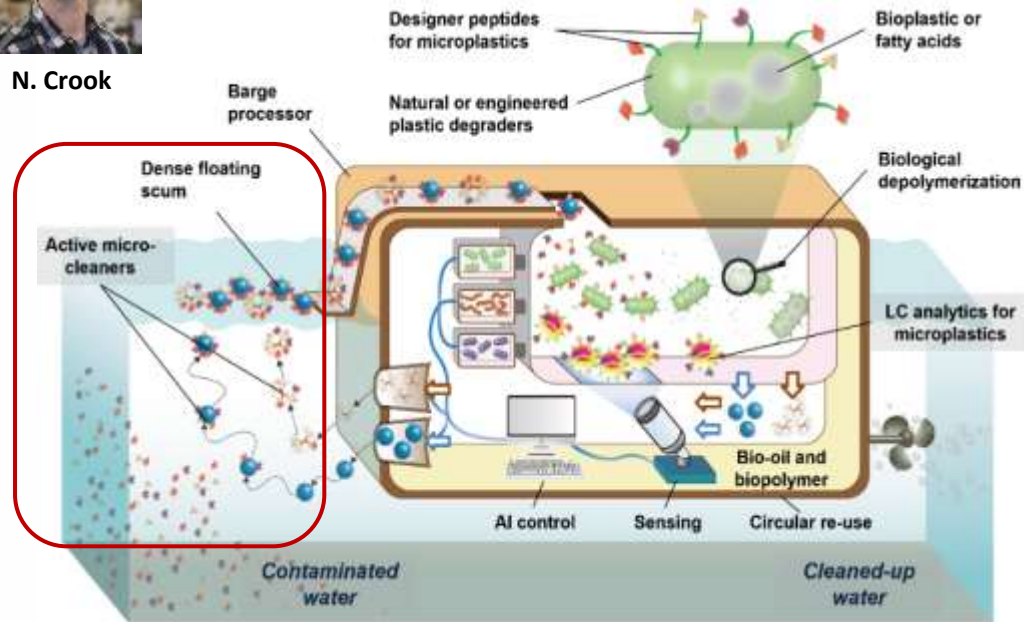
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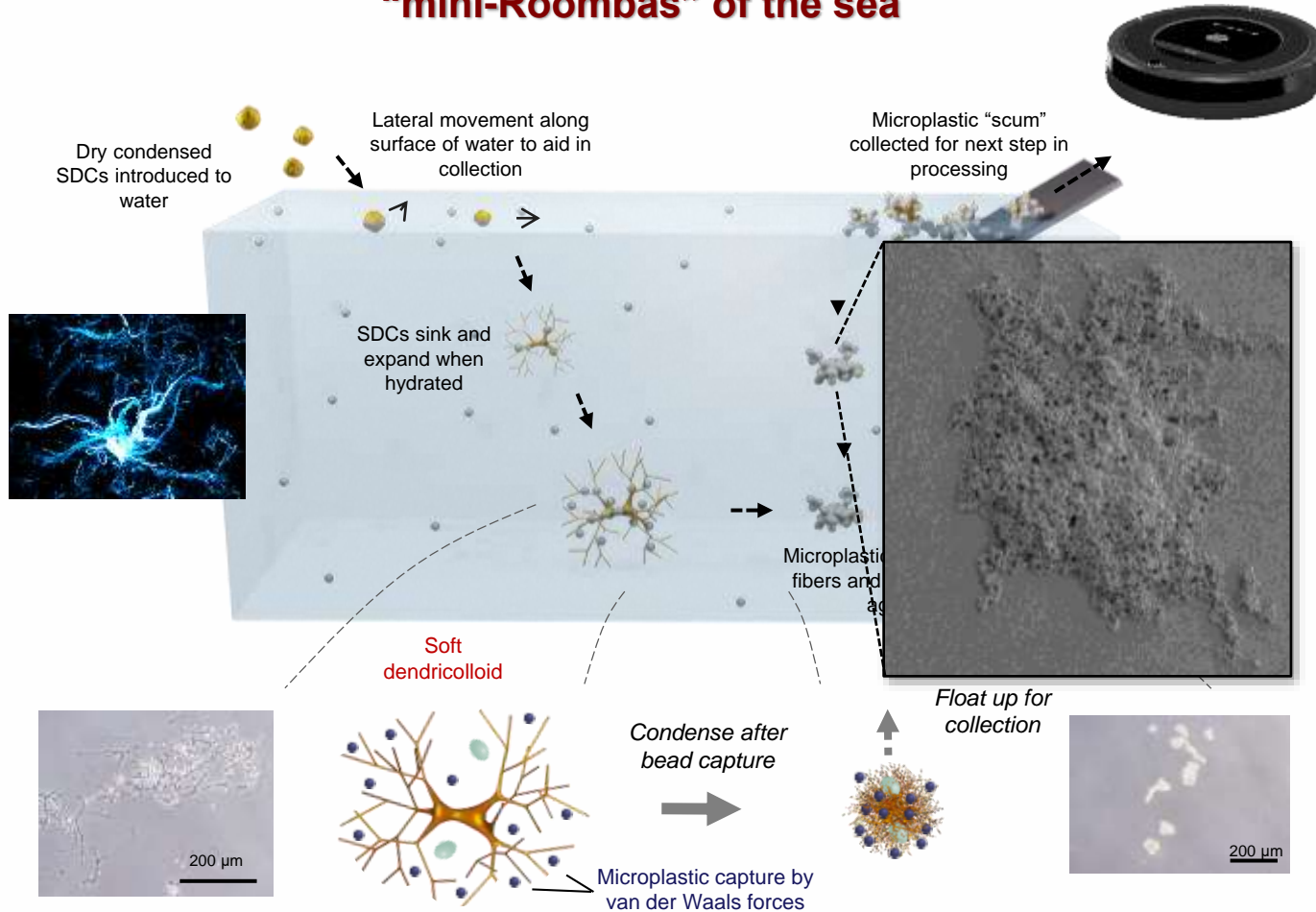


N. Abbott



Issue must be tackled from multiple directions with expertise in various specialties

# Velev group results: Active SDCs microcleaners as “mini-Roombas” of the sea



# The Economics of Coastal Wastewater Management

Stay Tuned

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# Oceans and Human Health

22 September 2021

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Global WaSH Cluster



Coastal waters receive fecal waste from:

- Wastewater treatment plants
- Combined sewer overflows during heavy rain
- Urban and agricultural runoff
- Domestic and wild animals
- Swimmers

Swimmers can ingest pathogens from the ocean when they swallow water

Antimicrobial resistant bacteria are detected in coastal waters

The risk of acquiring antimicrobial resistant infections from the ocean is unquantified

There are >2 billion beach visits in the US per year



**Children spend more time in the water, swallow water more frequently and in larger amounts – 4 times as much as adults**

**Children experience the highest burden of enteric infections from water recreation**

**There are fewer antibiotics approved for children's use**

**Children have higher risk of fatality from antimicrobial resistant infections**

**What is the risk of acquiring antimicrobial resistant bacteria among swimmers at North Carolina beaches, including vulnerable populations such as children?**





# The Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center

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NCSU Coastal Resilience Working Group  
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# A New Paradigm for Climate Adaptation for Ecosystems

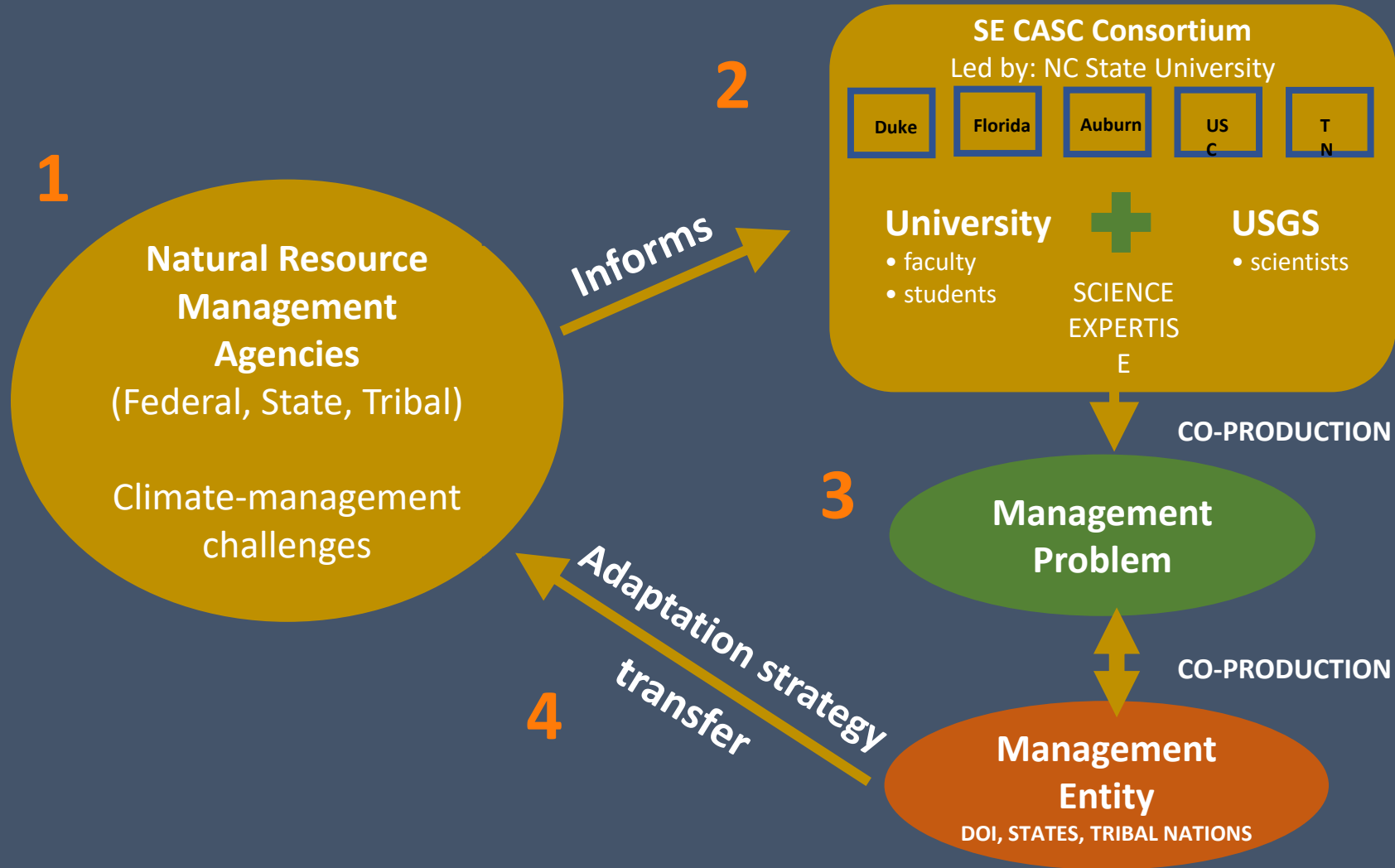
- Established under Sec. Order in Sept. 2009
- Address impacts of climate change on America's water, land, and other natural and cultural resources.

Imperative that "*scientists work in tandem with those managers who are confronting climate change impacts.*"



[secasc.ncsu.edu/science](http://secasc.ncsu.edu/science)





# Design for Rural Resilience

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**fire stations**

established community trust  
strategic outreach locations

**health stations**

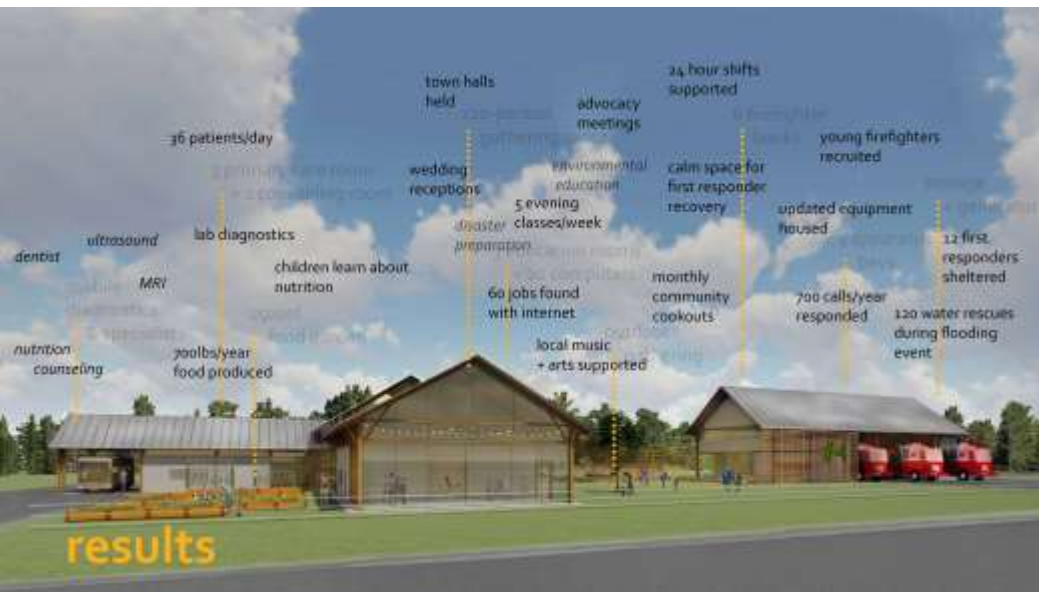
clinics & community hubs at fire stations  
provide outreach & preventative care

**proposal**

**pender health stations**

**pender memorial hospital**

existing underutilized hospital  
central hub for network



pender health stations would...

... increase residents' sense of security in their **health and disaster safety**

... increase their sense of **connection to their community**

... support **first responder health & infrastructure**

# Coastal Zone Soil Research

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# North Carolina Coastal Zone Soil Survey

- 2 million acres in NC need (re)classification/mapping
- Major need for updated interpretations
- **Coastal zone blue carbon storage**
  - Saltwater intrusion, tidal swamp-ghost forest-marsh transitions
  - Coastal inundation, subaerial-subaqueous soil carbon dynamics
- **Coastal septic system functionality w/ sea level rise**

## Contacts

- **M.C. Ricker**, Chair, SE Region Coastal Zone and Subaqueous Soils Committee
- **Greg Taylor**, USDA-NRCS, Senior Soil Scientist for Special Projects (Raleigh, NC)
- Visit: [CZSS Website](#)

First NC Subaqueous Soil Cores



# Climate Adaptation through Agriculture and Soil Management (**CASM**)

- Interdisciplinary climate change initiative
- Saltwater intrusion in agricultural lands
- **Field and laboratory studies**
  - Soil salinity mapping
  - Soil health and carbon storage
  - Green house gas production
  - Risk maps/extension materials



## Contacts

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- Visit: <https://casm.cals.ncsu.edu/>



# Watersheds: The Key to Resilient Landscapes

**Chuck Flink, FASLA**  
**Landscape Architect**



# North Carolina Watersheds



Fall Line – Piedmont/Coastal Plain



# Geology Defined Settlement



# Strategic tidal marsh creation contributes to coastal resiliency

Michael R. Burchell II  
Biological and Agricultural Engineering



# North River Farms Tidal Marsh Creation

1. Dampens and stores storm surge



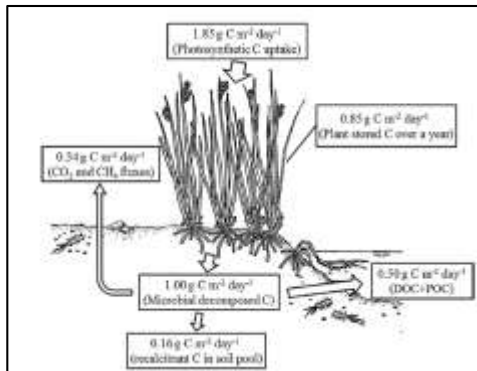
2. Treats runoff to protect shellfish waters



3. Methane emissions are low



4. The marsh shows net storage of Carbon



5. Adjusting to SLR!





# "FloodWise" Practices: Assessing Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) to Mitigate Flooding in Eastern, Rural North Carolina

Presented at: NCSU Coastal Resilience and Sustainability Initiative  
Meeting, 22 September 2021

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1. NC State University
2. Environmental Defense Fund
3. NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation

Partial Funding from UNC NC Policy Collaboratory & NC DOJ Environmental Enhancement Grant



# Preferred NBS Flood Mitigation Measures for Rural North

Categories	Best Practices and Descriptions
<b>Agricultural</b>	
<b>Cover crops and no-till</b>	(1) Including legume and non-legume cover crops on fields during winter
<b>Hardpan breakup</b>	(2) Breaking up compacted hardpan layers to allow for soil water infiltration
<b>Afforestation</b>	Planting (3) bottomland hardwood or (4) pine forest species
<b>Agroforestry</b>	(5) Combining mixed pine trees and pasture fields
<b>Wetland and Stream</b>	
<b>Wetland restoration</b>	Restoring natural wetlands along streams or in flat lands with (6) the use of grasses, sedges, and water control structures (flood control wetland), or (7) bottomland hardwood wetland banks on prior converted agriculture land
<b>Stream restoration</b>	(8) Restoring previously straightened streams to the original configuration
<b>Structural</b>	
<b>Water Farming</b>	(9) Creating small catchment areas and berms to store water during flooding also referred to as "water farming" (e.g. rice paddies, almond groves)
<b>Land Drainage Features</b>	(10) Installing land drainage ditch controls, such as tiles and tiling outlets

# Capital Budgeting Analysis Comparison, @ 6% Discount Rate

NBS Scenarios	NPV (\$/acre)	LEV (\$/acre)	AEI (\$/acre)	IRR (%) (Only applicable to forestry practices)
Cover Crop (Soybean/Winter Wheat/No-Till BAU)	\$2,799	\$3,389	\$203	N/A
Cover Crop (Corn/Cool Season Pasture/No-Till BAU)	\$3,569	\$4,321	\$259	N/A
Hardpan Breakup	-\$215	-\$260	-\$16	N/A
Afforestation (Bottomland Hardwoods)	-\$749	-\$772	-\$46	-1.9%
Afforestation (Loblolly Pine)	\$368	\$480	\$29	9.7%
Agroforestry (Loblolly Pine)	\$71	\$93	\$6	9.1%
Wetland Restoration (Flood Control Wetland)	-\$88,026	-\$106,583	-\$6,394	N/A
Wetland Restoration (Bottomland Hardwood Forest Bank)	-\$11,738	-\$63,043	-\$3,783	N/A
Stream Restoration	-\$772	-\$934	-\$56	N/A
Water Farming	-\$3,454	-\$4,182	-\$251	N/A
Land Drainage Features	-\$1,508	-\$1,826	-\$110	N/A



# Climate Impacts in Animal Agriculture Productivity

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# CLIMATE IMPACTS IN ANIMAL AGRICULTURE PRODUCTIVITY

Sara Shashaani (ISE), Mahmoud Sharara (BAE), Sarah Larson (MEAS)

## Climate change vulnerabilities due to

- warmer temperatures,
- excessive rainfall and altered seasonal patterns, and
- extreme weather / climate events (flooding, hurricanes)

## can result in

- reduced **NC animal agriculture** productivity,
- degraded environmental quality through nutrient / pathogen leakage to ground / surface waters,
- negative health outcomes and wellbeing of rural communities.



## Step 1: Hog lagoon spill risk

Hog lagoon spills due to increased rainfall negatively impact:

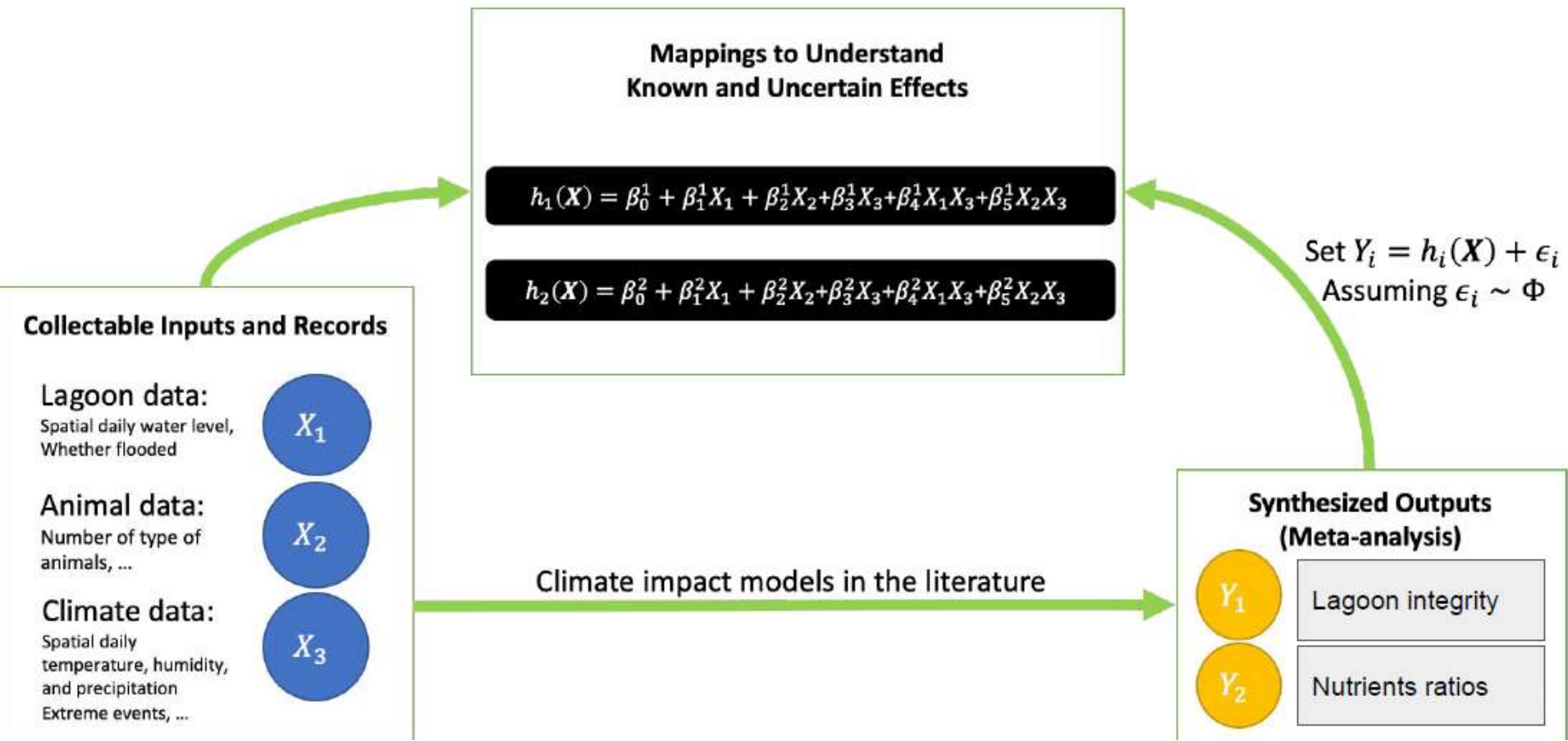
- water quality,
- farm sustainability, and
- neighboring communities wellbeing.
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## Using climate variables, can we predict

- probability of lagoon level exceeding the maximum storage capacity, and
- volumes of nutrients in the water?



# We study the uncertain climate impact in animal agriculture productivity through the following framework:



# Economics of Saltwater Intrusion on Coastal Agricultural Lands

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# Current Research on Saltwater Intrusion

- **Objective:** To examine farm-level economic impacts of saltwater intrusion in coastal agricultural lands
  - Evaluate the **productivity** (yield) and **profitability** impacts of saltwater intrusion in selected farmer fields in Hyde county
    - With the expected negative impact of saltwater intrusion, will it be better to abandon the fields versus convert to coastal wetland (to sequester carbon), and get payments from CRP?
  - Collaboration with Dr. Matt Ricker (Crop & Soil Science) and the Climate Adaptation through Agriculture & Soil Management (CASM) Initiative
- Interest in assessing economic impacts of saltwater intrusion for wider geographical scale
  - Panel county-level analysis requiring data on saltwater intrusion (perhaps remote sensing data?) and merged with yield data





# Related Work & Interests

- Looking to collaborate with other scientists interested in **assessing economic impacts of saltwater intrusion in coastal agricultural lands and its interactions with adaptation strategies**
- Email: [rmrejesu@ncsu.edu](mailto:rmrejesu@ncsu.edu)
- Previous climate change & agriculture work published in:
  - Science*, *Am. J. of Ag. Econ.*, *Ag. Econ.*, *Field Crops Research*, *Food Policy*, *Euro. Rev. of Ag. Econ.*



# Health and Behavior Sensors for Mussels, Fish and Plants

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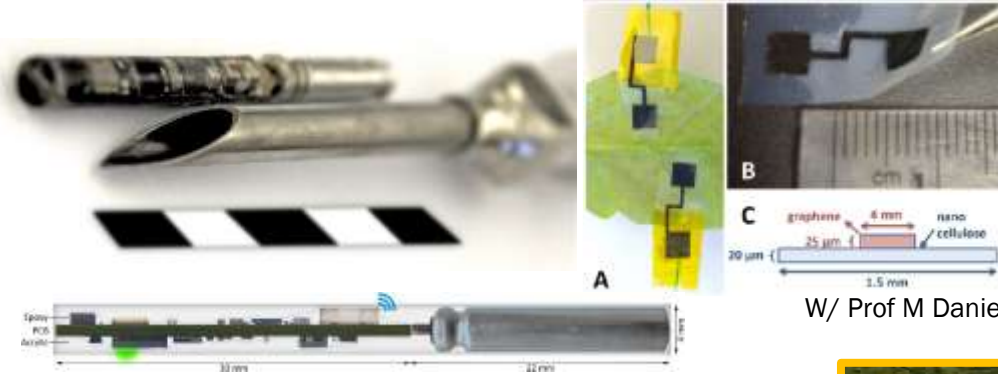
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## ■ Internet of Bionic Systems (novel data)

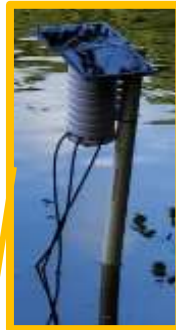
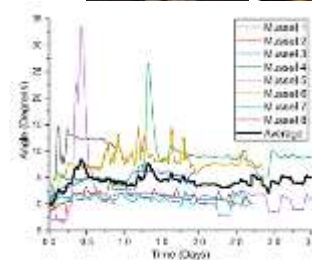
- Instrumented animals and plants
  - behavior, physiology, stress response
- Environmental sensors
  - air, soil
- Local recording or wireless transmission

## ■ Pilot project (Mussel gaping behavior monitoring)

- Co-lead by Prof. Jay Levine
  - Aquatic Epidemiology and Conservation Laboratory
  - Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
- Mussel health (wild or aqua-cultured)
- Mussels as aquatic sensors



W/ Prof M Daniele



# StriperHub: Striped Bass Aquaculture

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# Fish Physiology, Breeding, and Genomics in Aquaculture (Fish Farming)

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Applied Ecology: Associate Professor & University Faculty Scholar

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- 9 out of 10 seafood products consumed in the US are imports and this is a \$14 Billion trade annual deficit for the country (USDA + NOAA *Marine Aquaculture Initiative*)
- Development of a strong, domestic seafood industry is required for future food security in the global market
- Industry requires a consistent and reliable source of fish for growout (*Supply Chains*)
- Genetic improvement (domestication) of cultured fish species will allow the industry to expand
- Understanding genomes to phenomes using advanced analytical platforms, such as machine learning, are required for transformative progress in breeding and physiology research in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century of biology

## CAPABILITY (ACHIEVEMENTS)

- Research Interests:
  - ✓ Basic physiology and applied breeding (animals; fish)
  - ✓ Understanding genomes to phenomes
  - ✓ Translational science through extension and outreach
  - ✓ Artificial intelligence and machine learning informatics
- Faculty Director *Pamlico Aquaculture Field Laboratory & Lake Wheeler Field Laboratory Fish Barn* (NCSSU)
- Co-Coordinator *National Breeding Program for the Hybrid Striped Bass Industry* (with USDA ARS)
- Aquaculture Coordinator *NRSP-8 National Animal Genome Program* (USDA NIFA)
- Member *Southern Regional Aquaculture Center* (USDA NIFA)
- Member *AquaFish Innovation* (USAID Feed the Future)
- > 50 journal articles and book chapters; > 160 presentations
- Over \$10M in funding as PI, Co-PI, or Collaborator
- FFAR *New Innovator in Food and Agriculture Research*

## SCIENTIFIC APPROACH

- Selective breeding of fishes and dissemination of broodstock to industry stakeholders (*Extension*)
- Congruent work with academic, industry, and government partnerships to ensure project success from science through to seafood production and retail (*Impact*)
- Discover and implement machine learning approaches that provide meaningful results with wide applications (*Apply*)



## FUTURE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- Address national and global food security grand challenges with industry stakeholders and the publics (NOAA Sea Grant *StriperHUB*, 2020-Present)
- Continue to lead advances in striped bass broodstock development (\$50 million per year farm-gate value)
- Pioneer and expand striped bass farming as a new mariculture industry in the country and centered in NC
- Develop and refine novel machine learning approaches to analyzing “omics” data for widespread applications in bioinformatics (*Systems Biology*; *AEC 510*)
- Content expert liaison for the industry to government
  - USDA, NOAA, US House, US Senate, US WH
  - US Intelligence Community (USDHS, ODNI)
- Follow us on FaceBook: [Striped Bass Genome Community](#)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IGNzgssxN0>



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**Executive Order: Promoting American Seafood  
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EO 13921 Issued on: May 7, 2020



**Homeland  
Security**

**“The U.S. government needs to promote  
domestic aquaculture for food production”**

# **Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center Coastal Resilience Working Group**

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*Solving the wicked problems related to global change will require the scientific expertise and collaboration of university and federal researchers.*



**Mission:** **Actionable Science** that meets needs of natural & cultural resource managers

**Science:** **Exposure, Impacts, Adaptation**

> USGS-funded research focused on coastal areas

**Working Groups:** Multi-disciplinary, multi-sector

> Identify, address regionally-relevant emerging issues.

> Develop syntheses of topics to inform science needs and improve co-production.



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# Coastal Resilience to Global Change Working Group

SE CASC Working Groups bring together multi-disciplinary teams of academics, USGS staff, Tribal Nations, representatives from state agencies, other stakeholders, and students to address regionally-relevant emerging issues and to develop syntheses of topics to inform science needs and improve co-production.



## Working Group Goals:

Elucidate the needs/gaps and opportunities for coastal resilience in the southeastern U.S. region through development of a network of researchers among consortium members, leveraging existing efforts and stakeholder connections.

## Working Group Leads:

[Karen McNeal](#) (Auburn University), [Lydia Olander](#) (Duke University), [Michael Allen](#) (University of Florida)

[secasc.ncsu.edu/coastal-resilience-to-global-change-working-group/](https://secasc.ncsu.edu/coastal-resilience-to-global-change-working-group/)

## Activity and Products:

- > Identified key researchers at each consortium university for monthly meetings.
- > Identified key areas of interest, expertise, and opportunities for SE CASC.

## Southeast Coastal Resilience Database

- > Editable & searchable database of organizations working on coastal resilience in SE.

## SE CASC Coastal Resilience Working Group Report

- > Research priority: System-based modeling of the Land-Ocean Continuum
- > Watershed Modification Effects on Coastal Ecosystems: A Synthesis from Selected Gulf of Mexico Estuaries

**Future:** Potential workshop series with partner stakeholders and researchers.

A sunset over a beach with a water tower in the background. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow over the sky and the water. Silhouettes of houses and a prominent water tower are visible against the bright sky. People are walking on the beach in the foreground.

**Questions about today's presentations?**

**Contact individual presenters for questions about their work.**

**Questions about the Coastal Resilience and Sustainability Initiative?**

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