### A Brief Overview of CSDMS, the **Community Surface Dynamics Modeling System**

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**CSDMS Goal:** Develop and disseminate software modules that predict the erosion, transport, and deposition of sediment & solutes in landscapes and their sedimentary basins.



CSDMS Domain: The Earth surface — the dynamic interface between lithosphere, atmosphere, cryosphere, and hydrosphere, including the oceans and their seafloor.





### What is CSDMS?

- An integrated community of experts to promote the modeling of earth-surface processes.
- Protocols for the library of community-generated, continuously evolving, open software.
- Cyber-infrastructure to distribute software tools & models in aid of applied and education uses.
- Partnerships with related scientific programs, providing strong linkage between predictions and observations.



Prediction of landscape evolution

Conservation of natural resources

Prediction of geotechnical properties

Geotechnical support of infrastructure Mitigation of analysis natural hazards

Stewardship of the environment

Understanding environmental change

Global security

NRC National Imperatives will be addressed by the CSDMS Effort

Estimates of inaccessible terrain







### **CSDMS** is developing industrial consortiums: (Environment & Engineering; and Geological)









http://csdms.colorado.edu/models/data.html



# The CSDMS Model/Tools Repository

CSDMS welcomes stand-alone models/languages & tools relevant to surface dynamics, including novel computational strategies, moving boundary methods, distributed source terms, & nested modules



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## The CSDMS Education Repository

CSDMS will also distribute: 1) model simulations, 2) Educational PPTs,
3) Reports, Publications\*, 4)
Short Course Materials, 5)
Images, 6) Meeting presentations.



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# The CSDMS Compliant Repository

	CORBA	COM	.NET	Babel
BlueGene, Cray, Linux, AIX, & OSX	No	No	No	Yes*
Fortran	No	Limited	Limited	Yes
Multi-Dim Arrays	No	No	No	Yes
Complex Numbers	No	No	No	Yes
Licensing	Vendor Specific	Closed Source	Closed Source	Open Source

Performance (in process)



#### Language interoperability:

Components written in different languages can be rapidly linked with little performance cost, allowing for open-source solutions (e.g. libraries), and access to both procedural and object-oriented strategies (legacy and modern code), with graphics & within GUIs.



### **CSDMS Working Groups & Focus Research Groups**







# The CSDMS Integration Facility

• Maintains the CSDMS Repositories: 1) Data Repository; 2) Model/Tools Repository; 3) Education Repository; 4) Compliant Repository; 5) Membership Repository; 6) CSDMS Communication Repository & 7) CSDMS Governance

• Facilitates CSDMS Communication: 1) Business Meetings (SC, ExCom, Partners, Directorate); 2) Working Group Meetings; 3) Workshops, 4) Short Courses; 5) Web Pages, 6) Teleconference, 7) Videoconferences, and 8) Email Communication

- Facilitates Community coordination & public relations
- Facilitates Product Penetration
- Conducts Tool/Model Protocol testing & evaluation on varied platforms
- Evaluates hardware & software configurations with CSDMS products
- Develops the CSDMS cyber-infrastructure (e.g. coupling frameworks; licenses; protocols)
- Provides CSDMS software modeling guidance (expertise)

• Maintains the CSDMS Vision & Energy & Cooperation between disparate communities, & between field and modeling communities.



### **CSDMS** Integration Staff

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Beichuan Yan **Software Engineer** 



Ph.D. Student



Mark Hannon



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Yun-zhen (Jane) Chen Visiting Ph.D. Student

Chad Stoffel **System Administrator** 





## **CSDMS** Working Group Model Challenges







## **CSDMS** Working Group Activities

Identify: processes that should be in their disciplinary toolkit, gaps in knowledge, and areas for numerical tool development.

Set: scientific modeling priorities for their discipline.

**Recommend: resource prioritization** to ExCom & the Integration Facility.

**Create / manage:** the environmental process modules related to their discipline.

**Ensure: quality control** for the algorithms and modules for their area of expertise (benchmarking and model testing).

**Coordinate:** the **evaluation of numerical codes** according to interoperability, scientific contribution, and technical documentation. Ensure adequacy of supporting boundary conditions and boundary initializations.

Address: a CSDMS proof-of-concept challenge. Provide community continuity to meet long-term CSDMS objectives.

Stimulate proposals and input from the community.

Report progress annually.





## Membership has its privileges

- Advantages in staying current for education and application
- Opportunities for integrated & collaborative proposals
- Recognized service opportunities; academic & public recognition for code development
- Penetration of one's models, data & simulation products; Increased outreach and knowledge-transfer opportunities
- Interaction with industry, NGO partners & government agencies
- Mechanism to fulfill Federal requirement that states that code developed on Federal \$ is to be both open-source & made public
- Access to the CSDMS-dedicated HPC Cluster (>6 Tflops) with links to Tier 3 (150 Tflops) & Petascale (Tier 2) high performance computers



### The Promise of CSDMS

- Better predict the evolution of Earth's varied surface environments, while understanding the uncertainties in the predictions.
- Provide tools/models in support of surface-dynamic research.
- Address the complexities of feedbacks and linkages known in surface science, employing a wide variety of experts.
- •Develop useful products for the benefit of broader society.





