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## **Objective**

Provide reliable vertical and horizontal forces on bridge elements during design hurricane storm event. Bridge elements to compute forces include deck slabs, girders, piles, pile caps, columns, and footings













## Scope

- Developing the design hurricane event parameters (water surface elevation and waves);
- Computing vertical and horizontal forces using different methodologies, including 90% AASHTO Guide; and
- Comparing the results of computations and selecting the recommended design forces.





## **Hurricane Event Return Periods**

## **Major Factors**

- Wind Speed
- Surge Elevation
- Minimum Pressure
- Size of Hurricane
- Storm Track
- Storm Speed





### Winds Return Periods (Recommended) Caminada Pass (based on Jagger and Elsner, 2006)







## CHE Approach Hurricane Event Return Periods

## **Major Factors**

- Wind Speed
- Surge Elevation





## **Surge Modeling**



## Surge Modeling (Modeling Grid)



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## **Modeling Real Katrina**



## **Katrina Surge Model Validation**



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## **100 Years Wind Event Modeling**







## **100 Year Wind Surge Modeling**



### 100-year Storm Surge Elevations Caminada Pass Landfall







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### Storm Surge Elevations Return Periods Caminada Pass (based on US Army COE)

Return Period [yr]	Storm Surge [ft NAVD88]
50	8.8
75	9.8
100	10.7
150	11.6
200	12.2
250	12.6
300	12.9
350	13.2
400	13.4
450	13.5
500	13.7





## **Storm Scenarios**

Scenario	Wind Return Period (years)	Wind Speed (mph)	Surge Return Period (years)	Surge (ft NAVD88)
1	100	182	100	10.7
2	100	182	50	8.8
3	50	173	50	8.8













## **Scenario 1 – Significant Wave Height**



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## **New Bridge Layout**

New Bridge

Abandoned Bridge

Existing Bridge

#### Cuomo & Tirindelli









### **Vertical Wave Loading**



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**3** Hypes of loading must be considered

#### **Evaluations of Uplift Loading**

Hs = 3.4m; Tp = 7.4s; Depth = 15.3m; Clearance = 1.4m; Deck length = 7.4m; Deck Width = 11.6m









### **Influence of Down-standing Beams**



### Wave Loading Design Criteria Influence of Down-standing Beams



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### **Scenario 1 – Max Crest Elevations**





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#### **Methods Used for Wave Force Evaluation**

Method	Year	Typology	Direct. of Force	Type of Force	Use
Cuomo et al.	2007a	Experimental	Horizontal / Vertical	QS <sup>[1]</sup> / Impact	Quantitative
Cuomo et al.	2007b	Experimental	Vertical	QS / Impact	Quantitative
AASHTO	2007	Experimental	Horizontal / Vertical	QS / Impact	Quantitative
Wallingford	2004	Experimental	Horizontal / Vertical	QS	Quantitative
VOF	2004	Numerical	Horizontal / Vertical	QS / Impact	Qualitative
Kaplan et al.	1995	Semi-analytical	Horizontal / Vertical	QS / Impact	Qualitative
Morison et al.	1950	Semi-analytical	Horizontal	QS / Impact	Quantitative





#### **Vertical Quasi-Static Positive Forces on Deck Slabs for Scenario 1**



#### **Vertical Impact Forces on Deck Slabs for Scenario 1**



#### **Vertical Quasi-Static Negative Forces on Deck Slabs for Scenario 1**



#### Horizontal Quasi-Static Forces on Girders for Scenario 1



#### **Horizontal Wave Forces on Piles for Scenario 1**



### Vertical Wave Forces on Deck Slabs at Caminada Bridge for Scenario 1

Bridge Span	Impact (Ibs/ft <sup>2</sup> )	QS+ (lbs/ft²)	QS- (lbs/ft²)	
7	1180	470	250	-
8	1110	450	230	
9	990	400	200	
10	930	370	180	
11-44	0	0	0	
45	570	230	120	
46	600	240	120	
47	640	260	130	
48	700	280	150	OR
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	Computed Wave Loads					
Bridge Elements	Vertical	Horizontal				
Deck slabs	20	n/a				
Girders	3	3				
Railings	n/a	20				
Pile Caps	33	33				
Piles	n/a	52				
Columns	n/a	13				
Footings	13	13				





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### Vertical Wave Loads on Piers, Decks, and Bridges during Extreme Events

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### **Influence of Down-standing Beams**



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## **Example Projects at Large Wave Channel**

Low Crested and Submerged Breakwaters in Presence of Broken Waves, EU, 2002









## **Example Projects at Large Wave Channel**

**Breaking Wave Impacts on Steep Fronted Coastal Structures (BWIMCOST, 2003)** 







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