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The Reefline Snorkel Trail and Artificial Reef in Miami Beach, Florida

FSBPA 36th Annual National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology February 2, 2023 Jordon Cheifet, P.E., CFM – Cummins Cederberg Gina Chiello – Cummins Cederberg

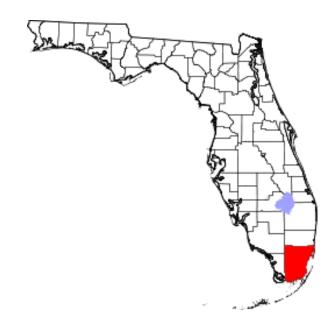
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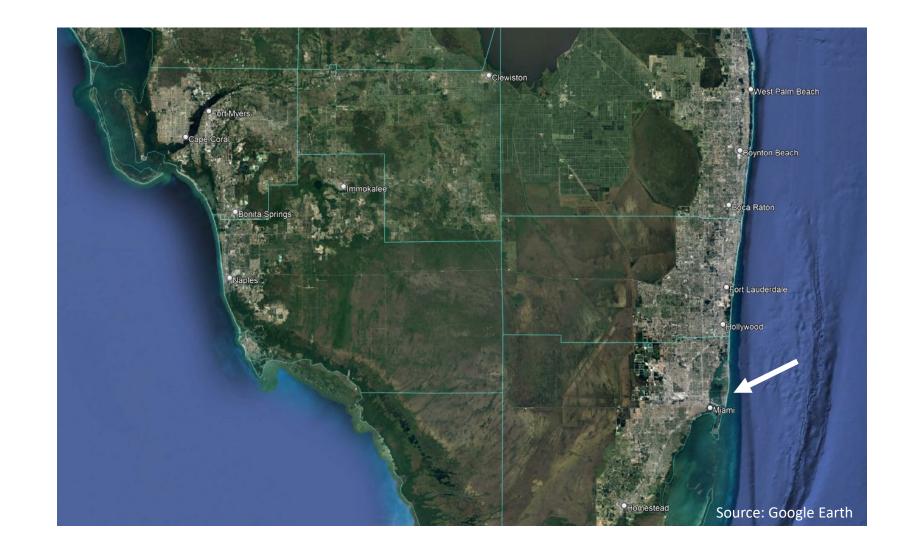
The Artificial Reef Reimagined

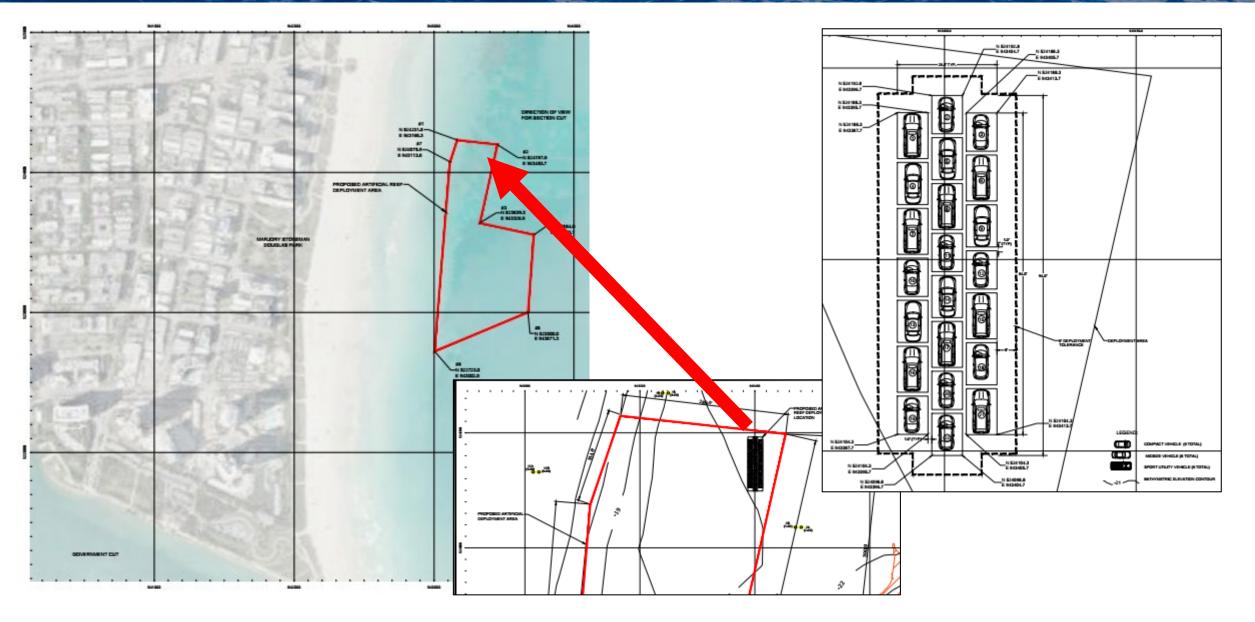
Blue Line Preservation Society

Project Location

- Miami Beach, Florida
- 4th Street







Background

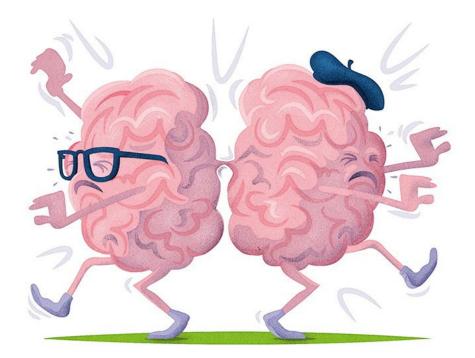
- Miami Art Week 2019
- Leandro Erlich
- Order of Importance



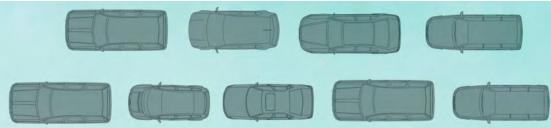


- Left vs. Right Brain
- Client's Vision vs. Constructability
- Typical FSBPA Project





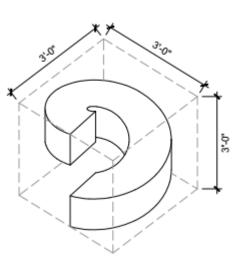
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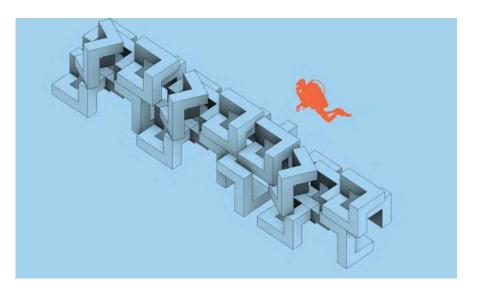


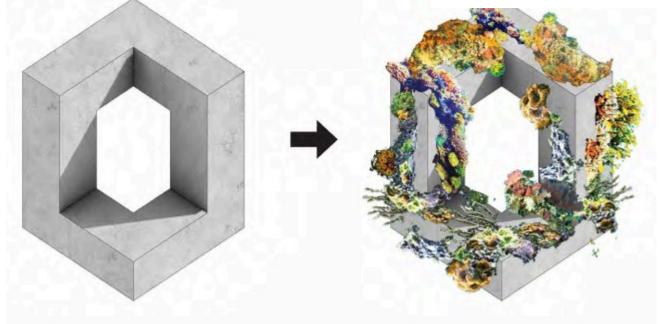
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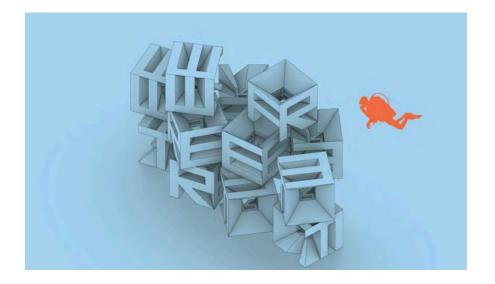
- Initial Artist Concepts
- Minimum Weight

Base Module







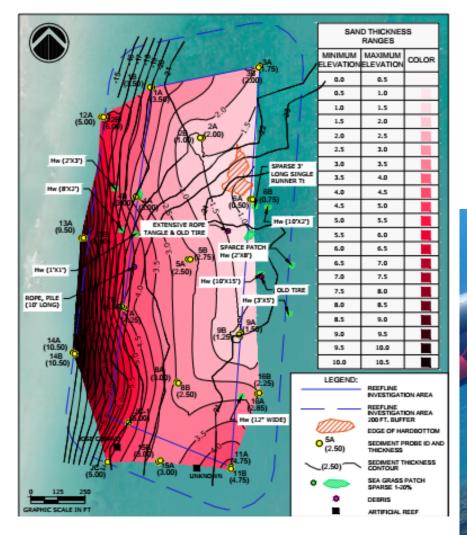






Field Investigations

Sediment Probes & Benthic/Bathy Survey





Stability Analysis







Sliding Wide Base

Rolling

High Center of Gravity

Modeling Techniques Desktop Modeling

• FIT Wave Tank & Stability Analysis of Reef Balls – Prof. Lee Harris

$$F_{wave} = F_{drag} + F_{inertia} = F_{resistance} = \mu (F_{weight} - F_{buoyancy} - F_{lift})$$

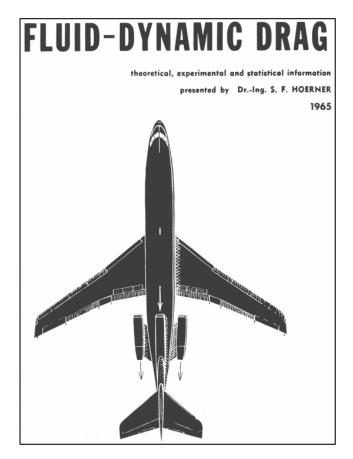


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Desktop Modeling

• Limited drag coefficient data





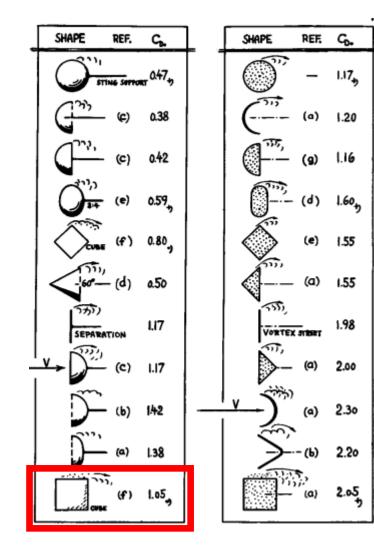




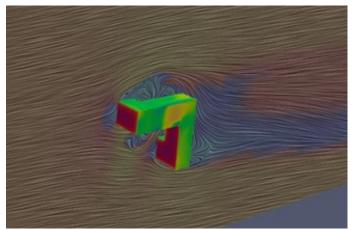
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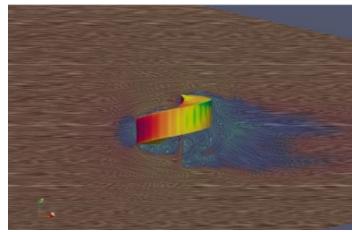
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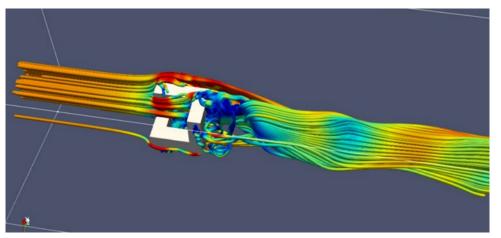
Numerical Modeling



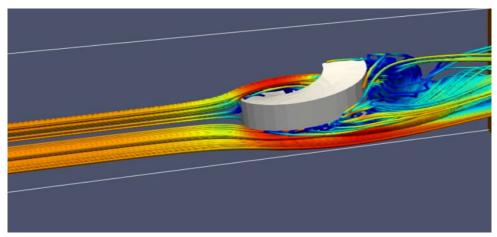
2D Streamlines - Topiary



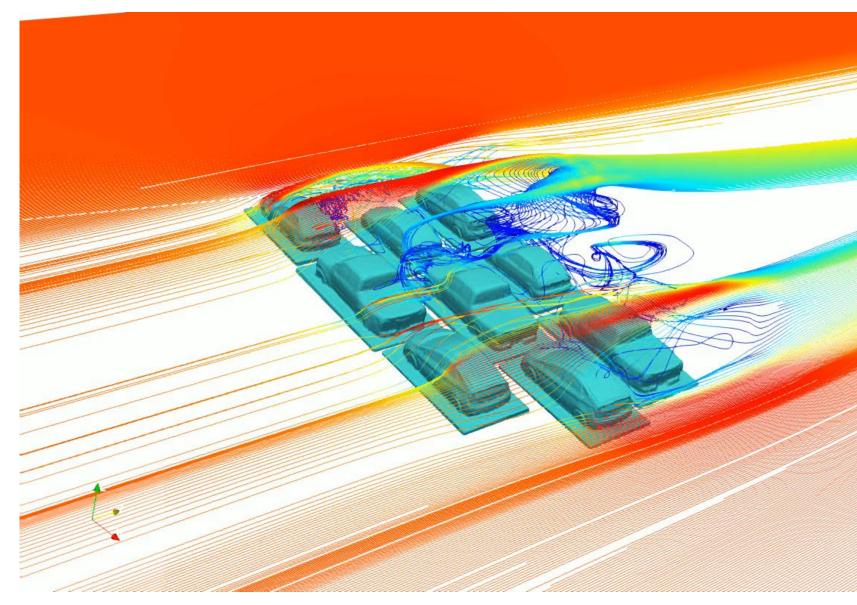
2D Streamlines - Spiral



3D Streamtubes - Topiary



3D Streamtubes - Spiral



Scaling Slabs

- Foundation
- Beams
- Straight Lanes

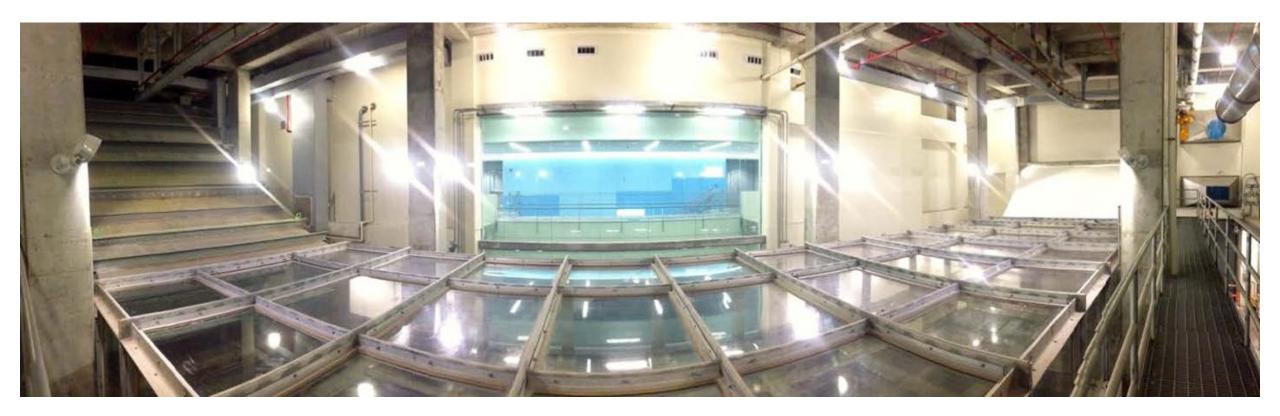
Physical Modeling Alfred C. Glassell Jr. SUSTAIN Laboratory

- Category 5 Winds (155 mph)
- Wave Paddle
- Total dimensions: 23-m long x 6-m wide x 2-m high





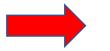
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Wind & Waves

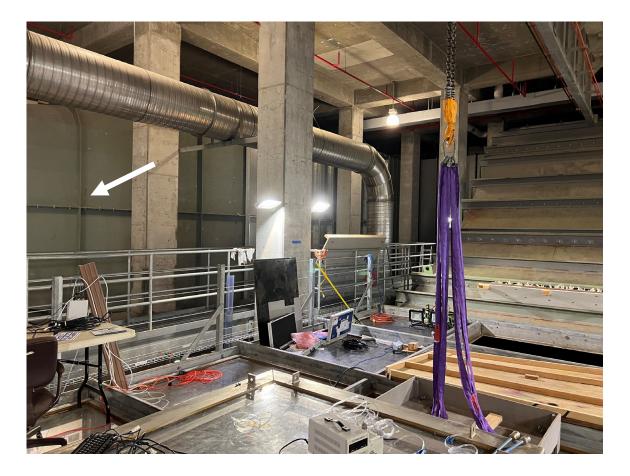


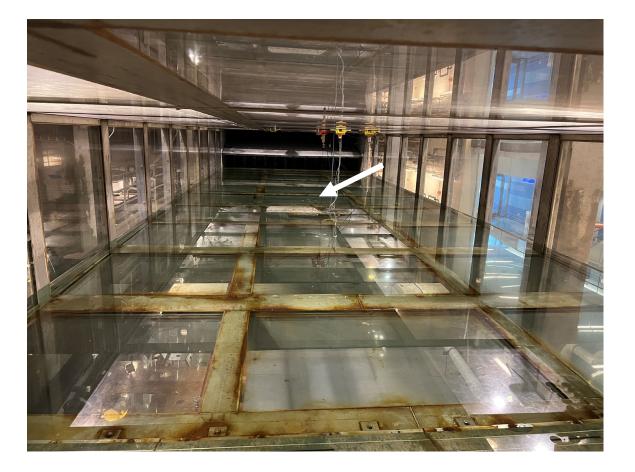


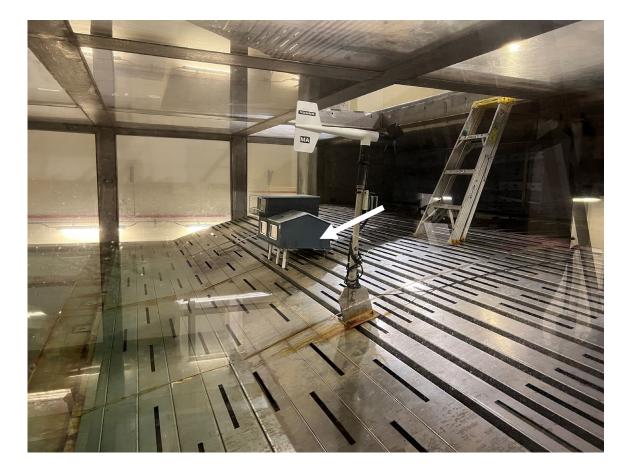


Sloped Shoreline





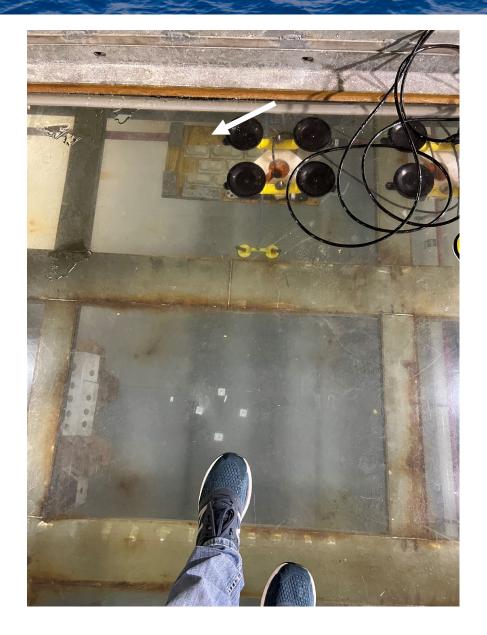












Extreme and Surfing Waves



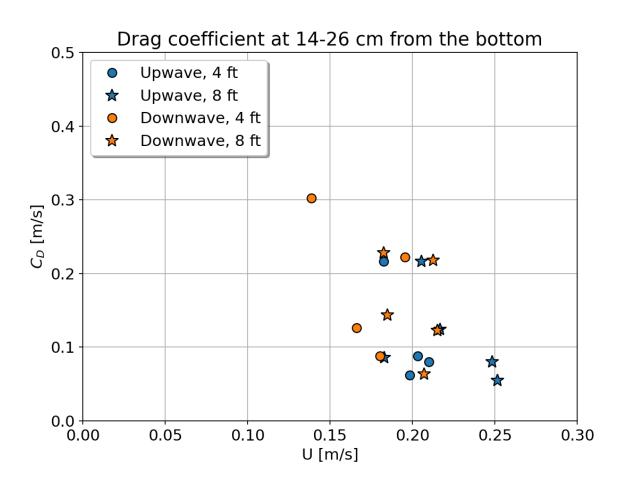
Conclusions

Results Comparison

- Published Cd = 1.05
- Numerical Modeling Cd = 0.5
- Physical Modeling Cd = 0.3

Factor of Safety

- 100% 200% difference
- Initial ~15 Ton Minimum Weight
- Final ~10 Ton Minimum Weight



Optimization through Numerical & Physical Modeling

Lower wave forces on the individual artificial reef units

- Lighter/smaller units with the same stability
- Reduced fabrication & installation costs

More units per barge/truck load (fewer trips)

- Smaller crane to handle units (more contractor bids)
- Increased ability to handle upland using smaller equipment

Increases in efficiency during deployment for same footprint

- Fewer crane remobilizations (i.e., less time) to install units
- Smaller upland staging area

Next Steps



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