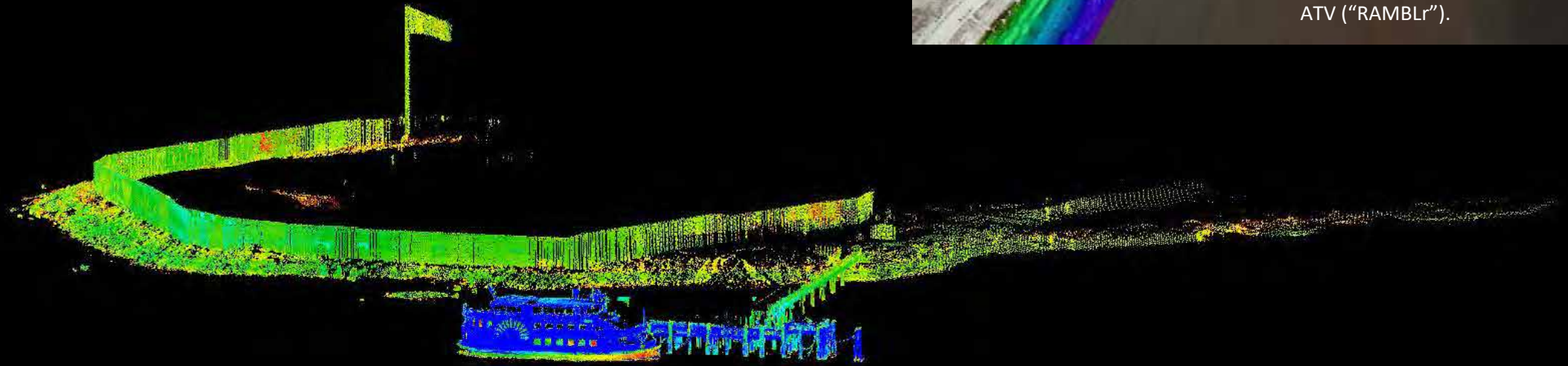


Survey Data- topographic

Mobile Lidar

- Systems on both boat and ATV
- Regularly used for beach renourishment surveys
- No RGB- intensity and elevation only
- Data is usually processed in cross sections.



Intensity of Fort Sumter Charleston, SC. Dynascan laser-scanner mounted to S/V Heiselman.

Data Availability

- [Ehydro](#)- sounding data from all USACE
- Raw data available to public via FOIA request
- Data used for government purposes usually provided without FOIA

The screenshot displays the 'Hydrographic Surveys' web application. The page title is 'Hydrographic Surveys' and it includes a disclaimer: 'The hydrographic surveys provided by this application are to be used for informational purposes only and should not be used as a navigational aid. Channel conditions can change rapidly and the surveys may or may not be accurate. Click help for additional details.'

The interface shows a navigation menu with 'Surf & Map' and 'US Army of Engineers'. The main content area is titled 'Hydrographic Surveys' and features a search bar and a 'Select Basemap' button. Below the search bar, there are dropdown menus for 'South Carolina' and 'CESAC_CH_01_CHE'. A table lists survey data with columns for 'Date', 'Survey Name', and 'Download'. A dropdown menu is open for the first row, showing download options: 'CH_01_CHE_20171219_CS.DAT', 'CH_01_CHE_20171219_CS.PDF', 'CH_01_CHE_20171219_CS.XML', 'CH_01_CHE_20171219_CS.XYZ', 'CH_01_CHE_20171219_CS_SCCR.TXT', and 'CH_01_CHE_20171219_CS.ZIP'. A map on the right shows the Charleston area with a green survey track overlaid. The map includes labels for 'Charleston (SAC)', 'Marine Park', 'Charleston Airport', and 'Kureh Island'. The bottom right corner of the map area contains the text 'Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors. CC-BY' and the number '11348'.

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Questions?

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Habitat Maps through Predictive Modeling

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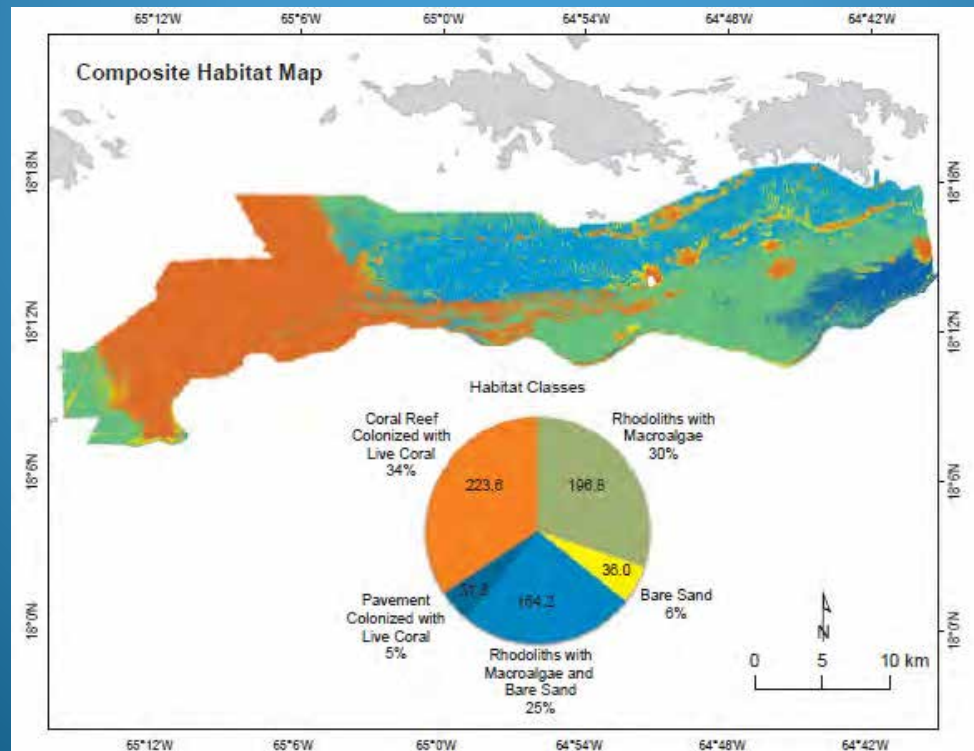
What is a “Habitat Map”?

OBJECTIVES:

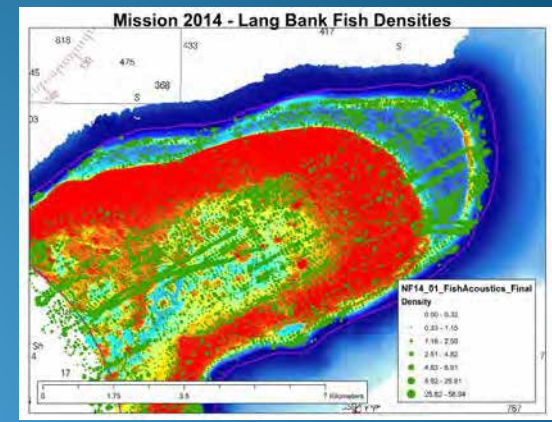
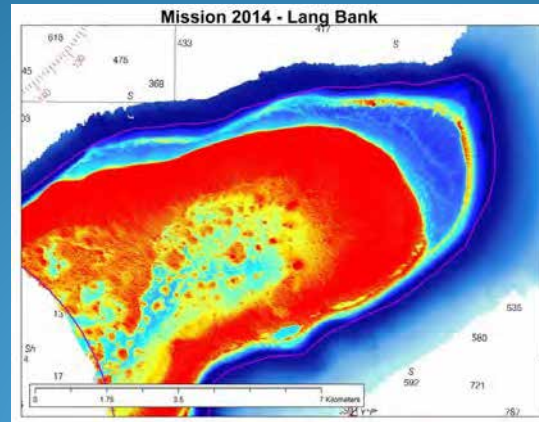
Establish common technical language

What do you want to see in a habitat map?

Minimum criteria / standards for baseline data to create a habitat map



“Habitat” Mapping



Focus

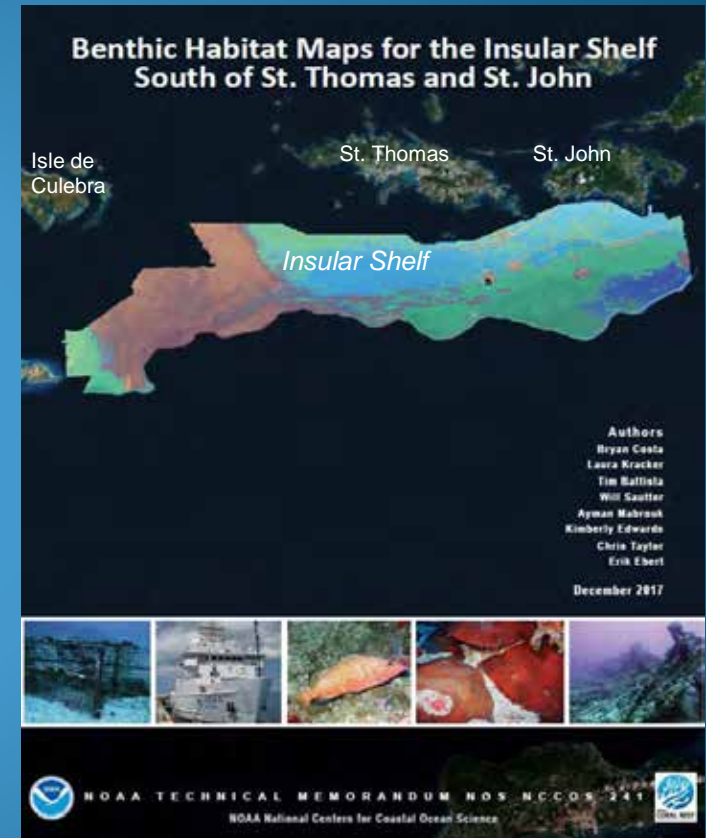
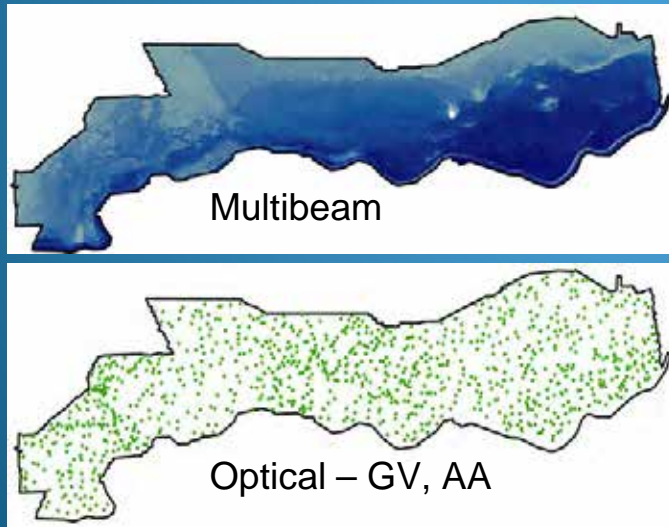
- Coral reefs
- Bathymetric features
- Fisheries, spawning aggregations
- Offshore energy
- Sand resources
- Archeological significance



Predictive Modeling

Today's Objective: Describe a predictive modeling approach for habitat mapping*

Project Objective: Develop a habitat map* (for USVI Insular Shelf south of St. Thomas and St. John) based on *multibeam* and *optical data*, as well as *machine learning* techniques



* *What is habitat mapping?*

Habitat Maps through Predictive Modeling

Pixel-based, machine learning vs. classification, delineation of polygons

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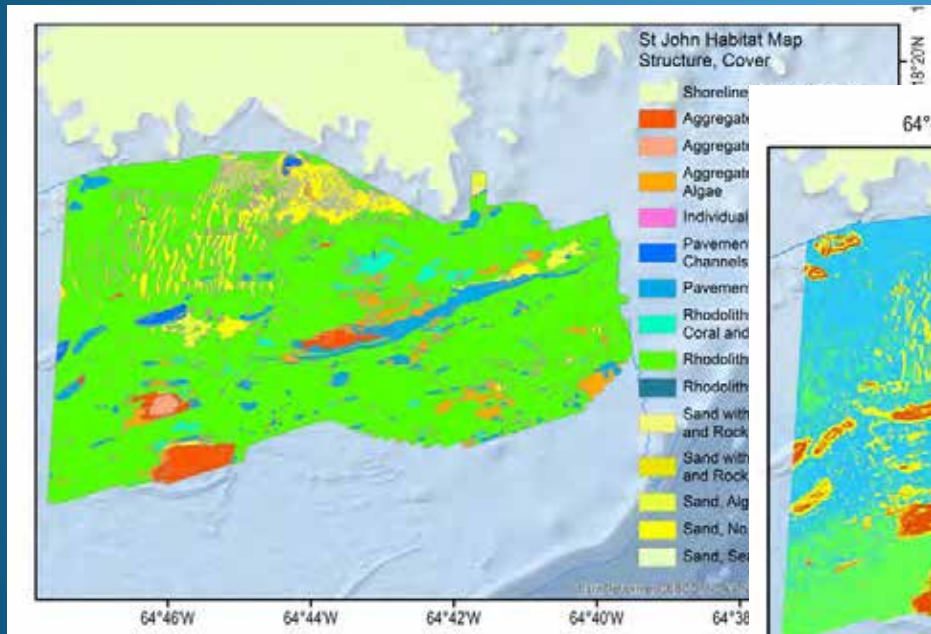
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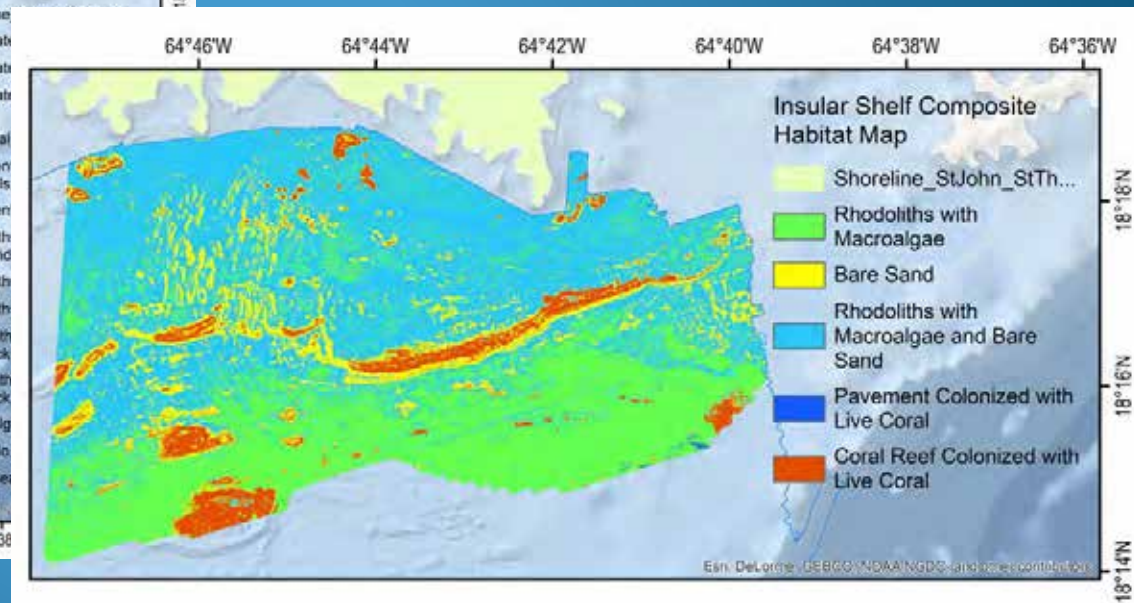
Habitat Maps through Predictive Modeling

Moderate depth benthic habitats of St. John



Delineation of polygons
Costa et al. 2009

East end of the Insular shelf study area south of St. John



Pixel-based predictive modeling
Costa et al. 2017

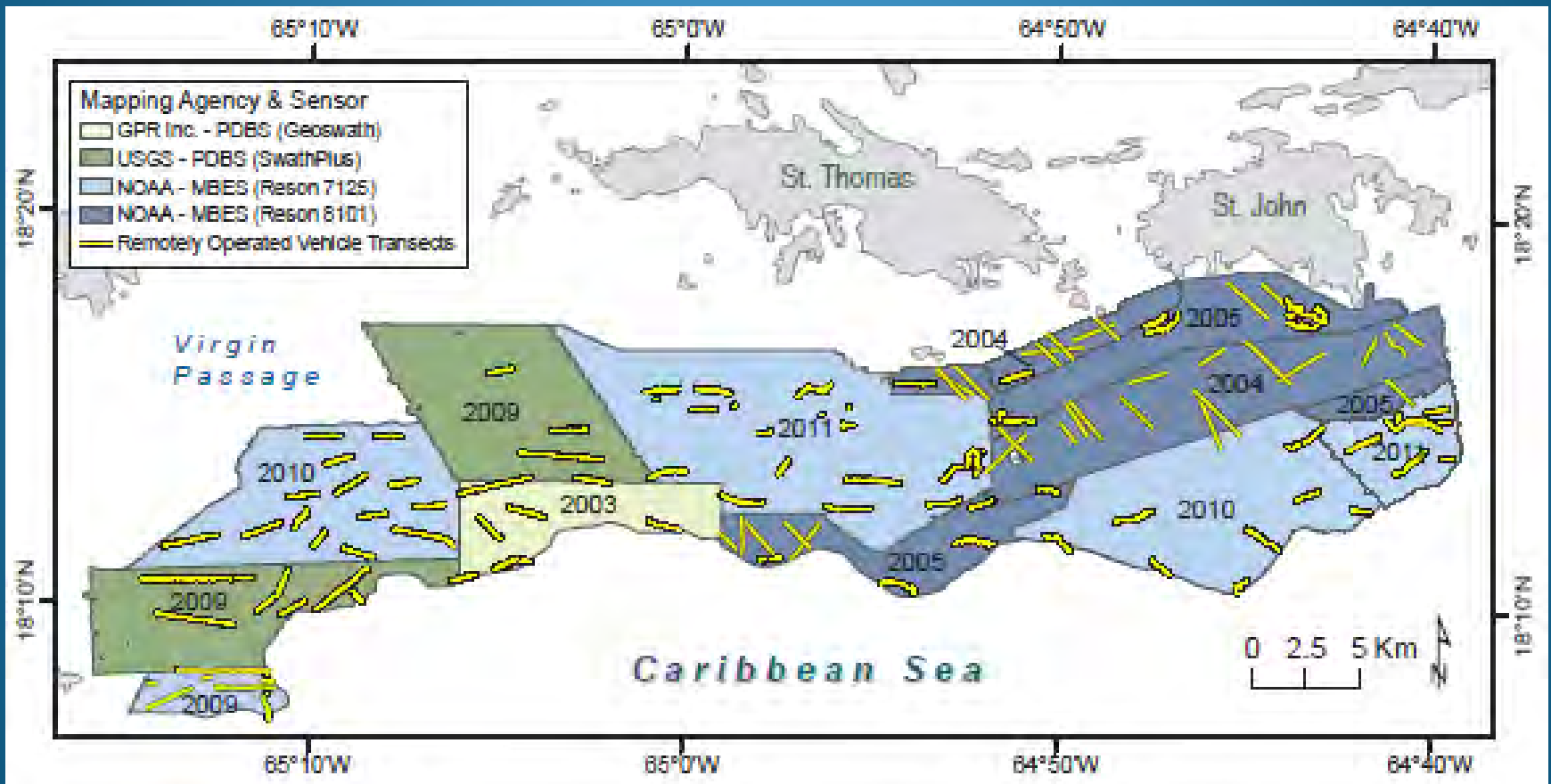
Predictive Modeling

Boosted Regression Trees

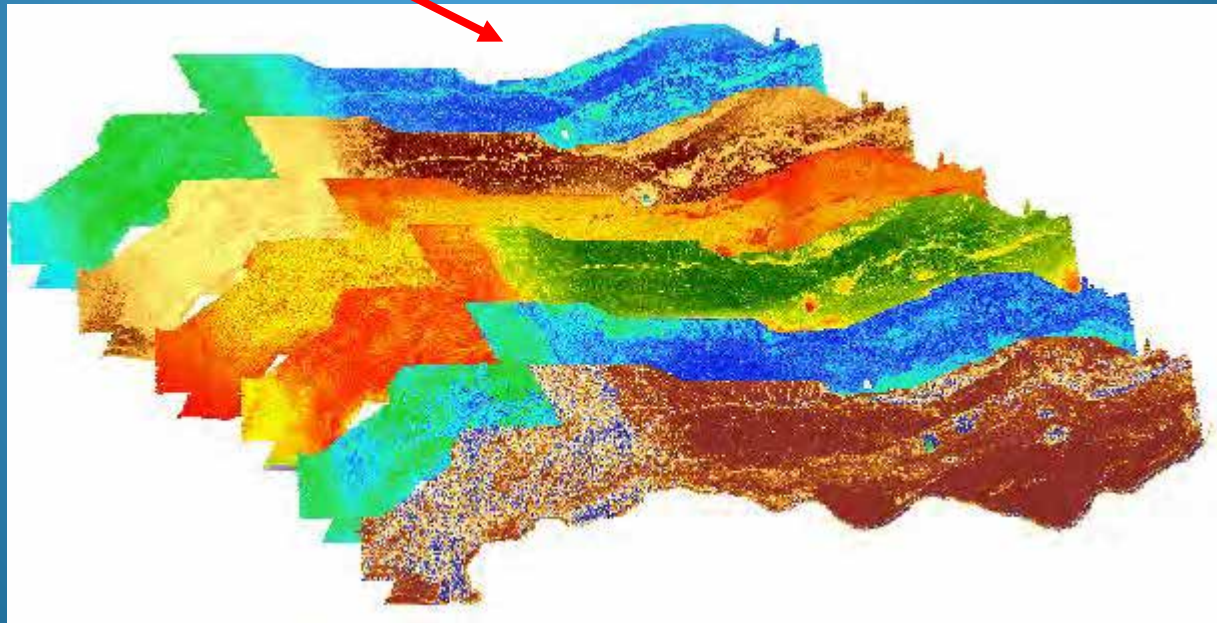
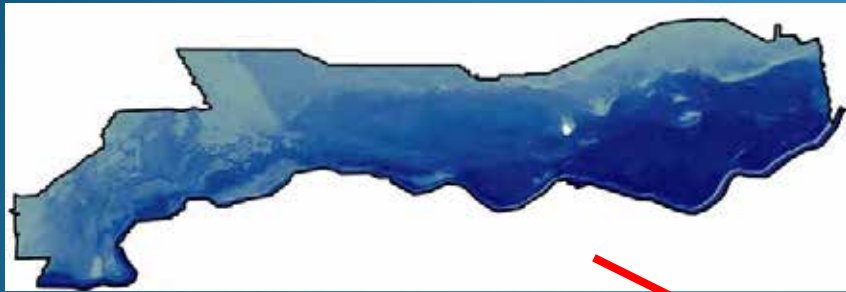
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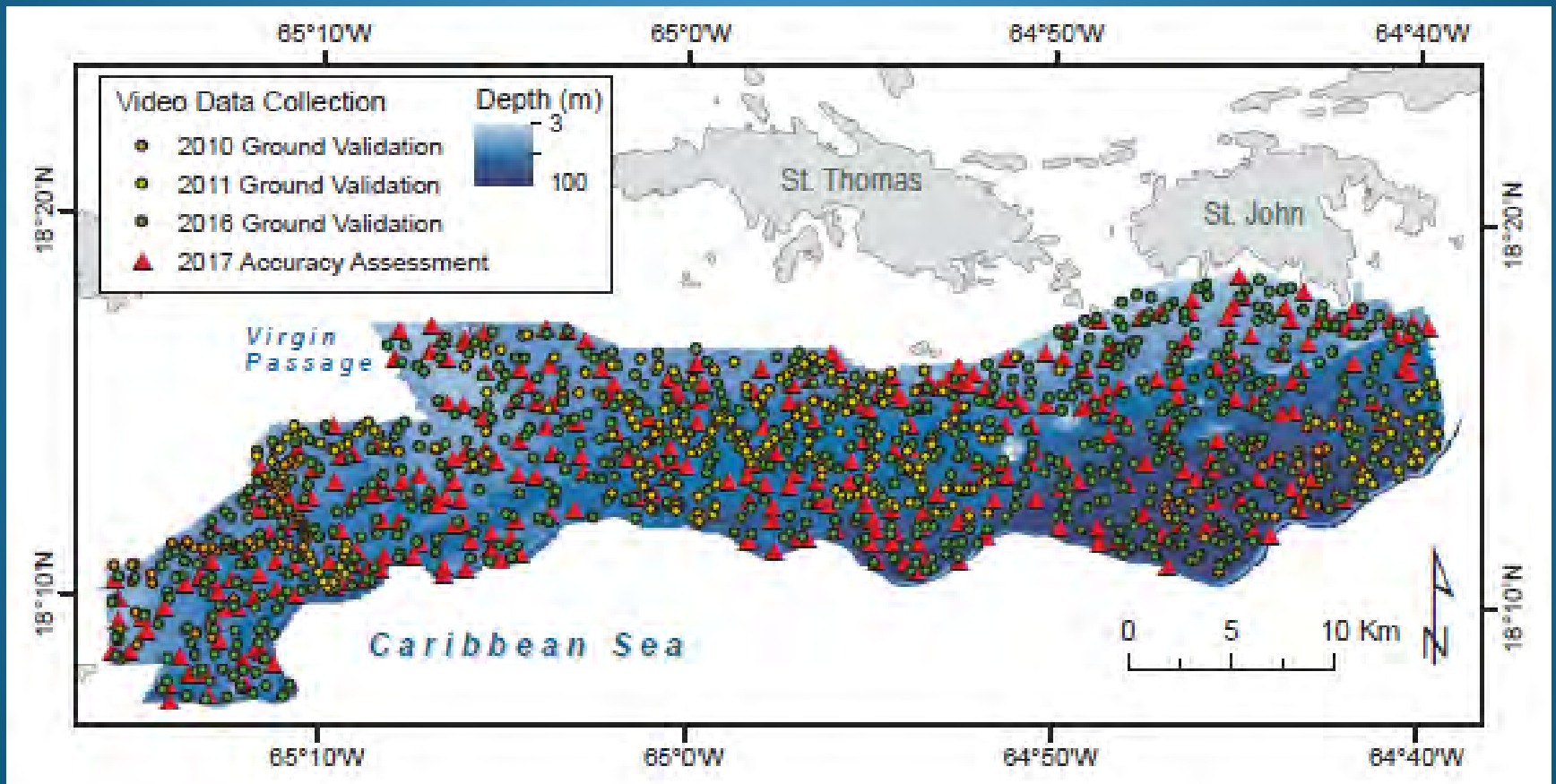
Multibeam surveys (2003-2011) with ROV tracks



Bathymetric derivatives



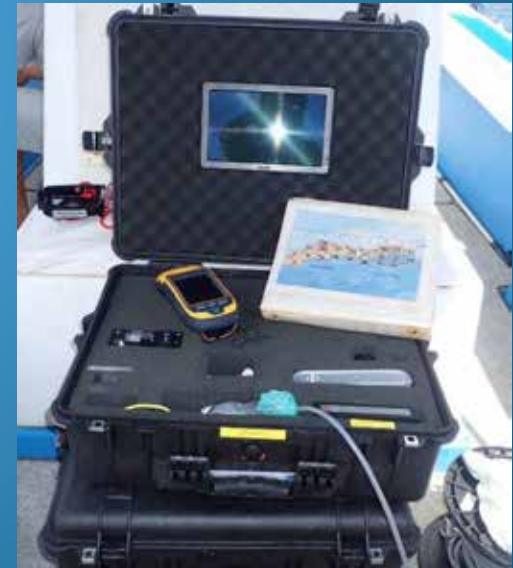
Ground Validation and Accuracy Assessment data collection sites



1. Take pictures of seafloor at GV and AA sites

Optical methods

When camera is 1-2 m above seafloor
(start annotation) |-----| (end annotation)
Time 0 → 10 sec



2. Review video; annotate substrate and cover type

RESPONSE:

presence-absence for each substrate and cover type

Coral
Reef

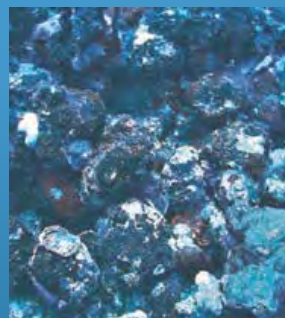
Pavement

Sand

Rhodoliths

Live hard
coral

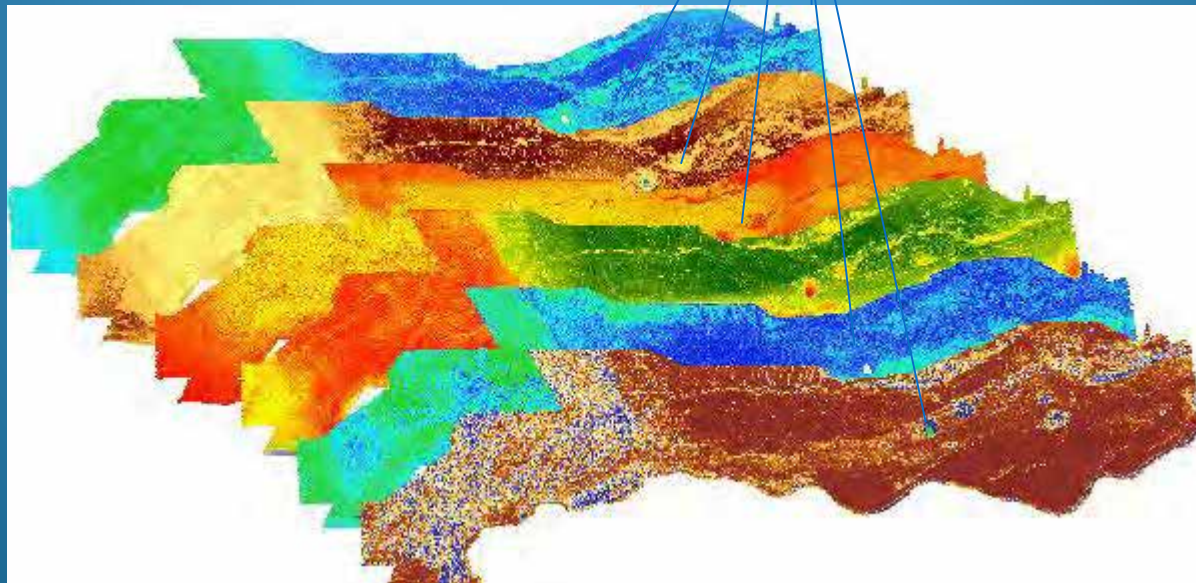
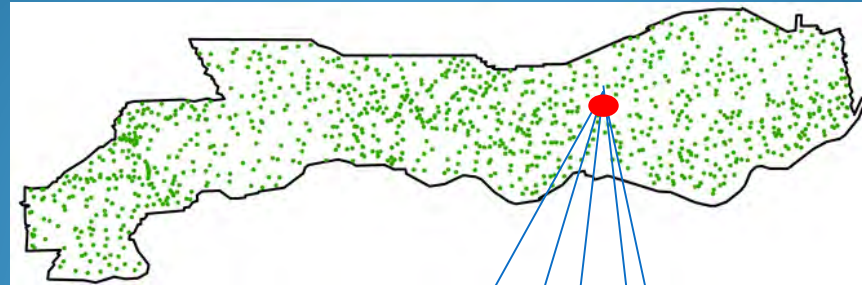
Live soft
coral



3. Extract seafloor metrics, etc. at each GV site

PREDICTORS:

Bathymetric, oceanographic, geographic attributes



Bathymetric data as Predictors

PREDICTORS

Bathy/Seafloor characteristics at GV

Seafloor metrics (n=8)

Depth

Depth std dev.

Curvature

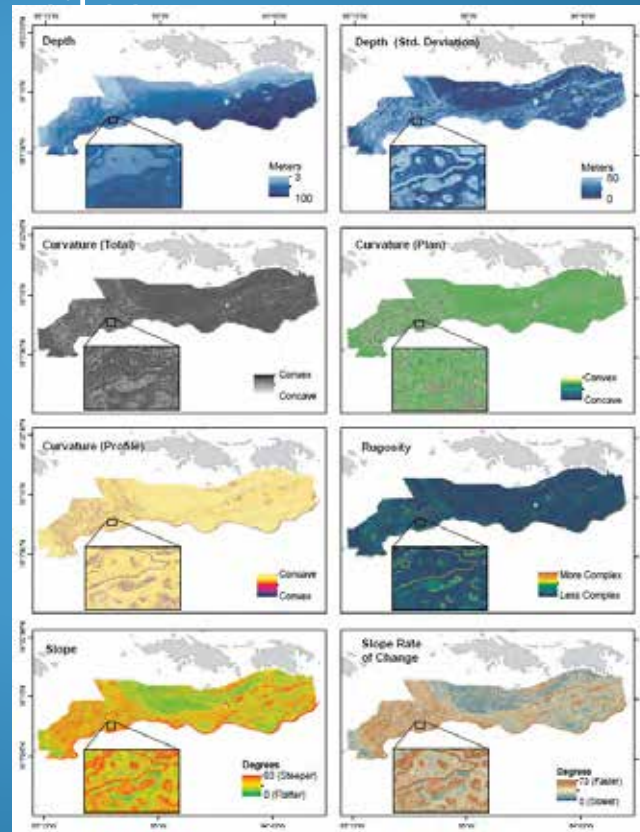
Curvature (plan)

Curvature (profile)

Rugosity

Slope

Slope rate of change



Oceanographic data as Predictors

PREDICTORS

Oceanographic characteristics at GV sites

Oceanographic variables (n=8)

Euphotic depth

Euphotic depth std error

Turbidity @547nm

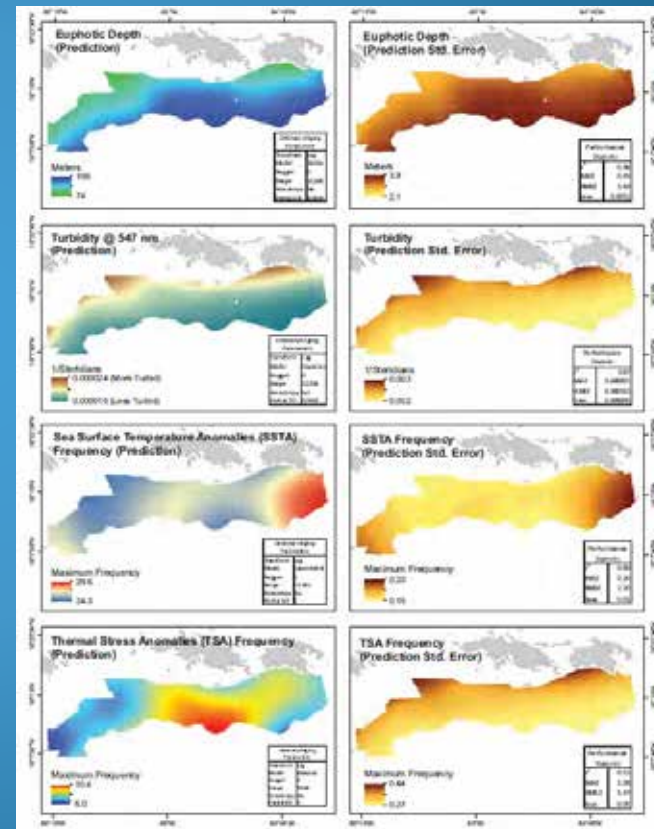
Turbidity std error

SST anomaly frequency

SSTA frequency std error

Thermal stress anomaly frequency

TSA frequency std error



Geographic data as Predictors

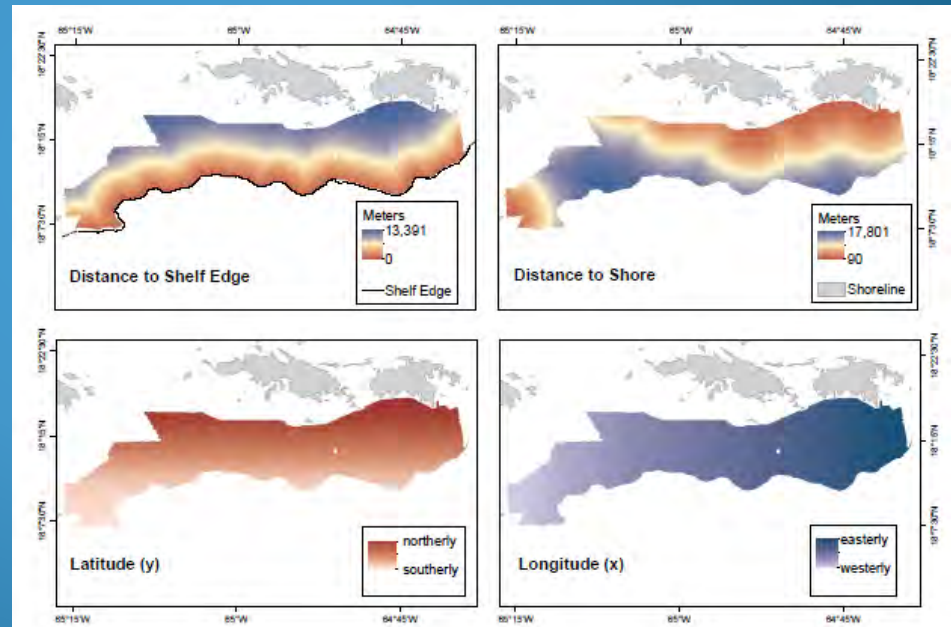
PREDICTORS

Geographic characteristics at GV sites

Geographic variables (n=4)

Distance to shelf edge
Distance to shore

Latitude
Longitude



Next



4. Run the BRT model many times and create:

- predictive surface of probability of occurrence
- coefficient of variation surface

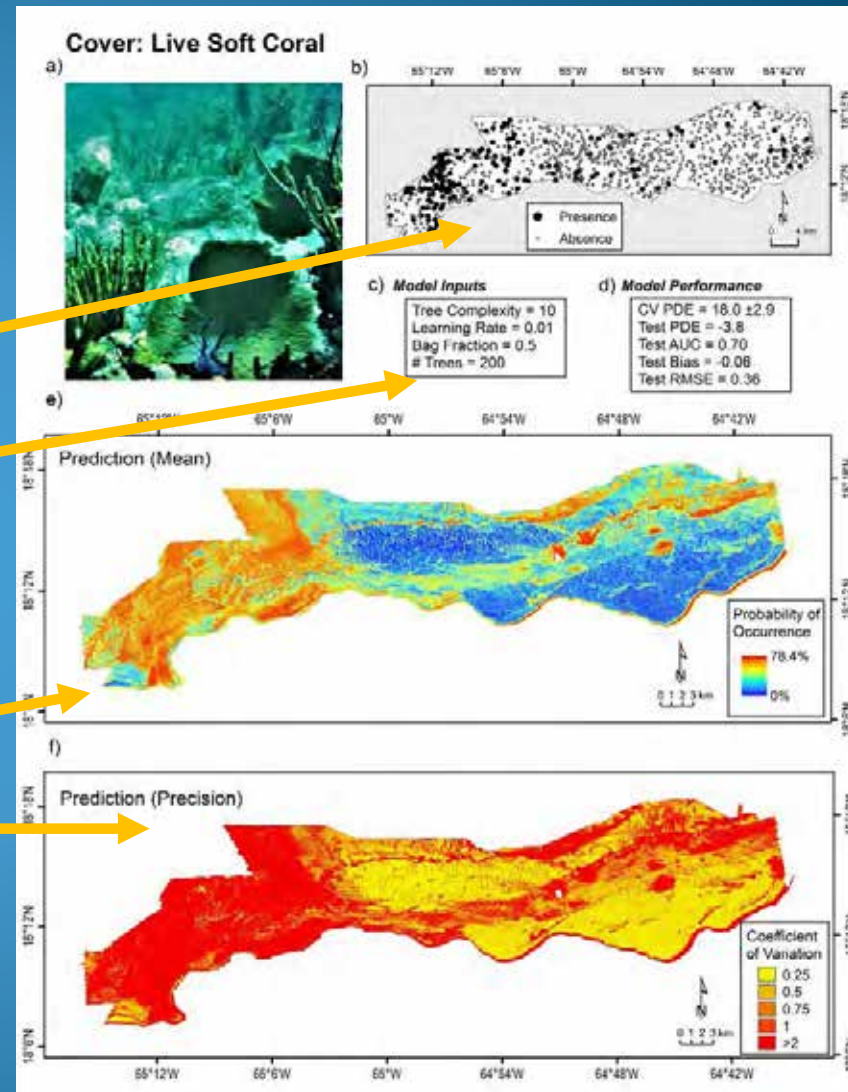
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Results:

Prevalence in GV data
Model parameters and performance

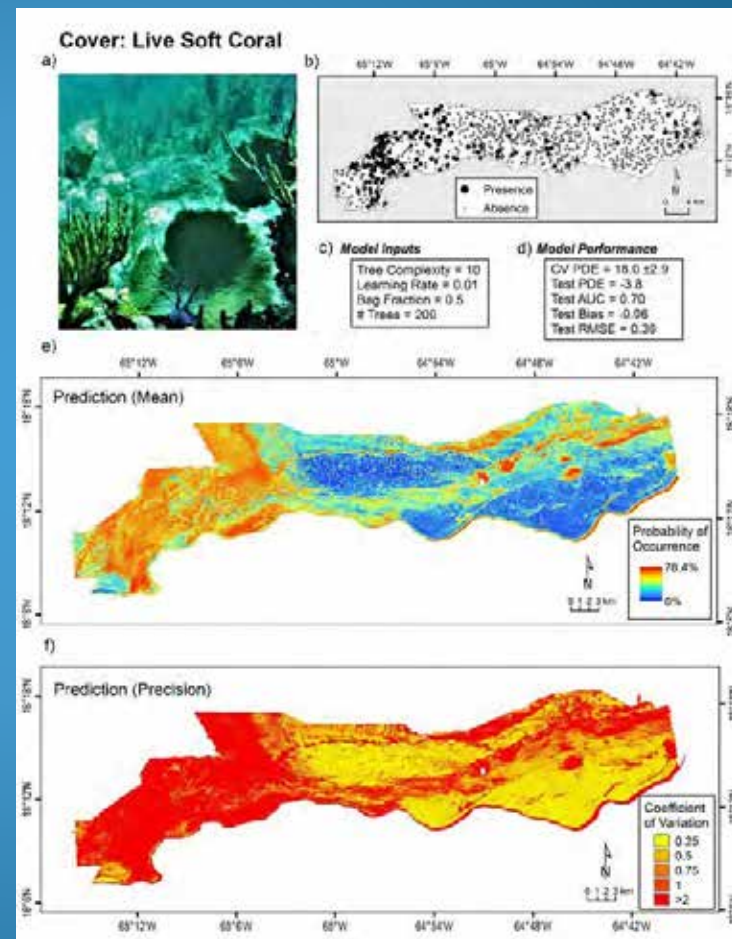
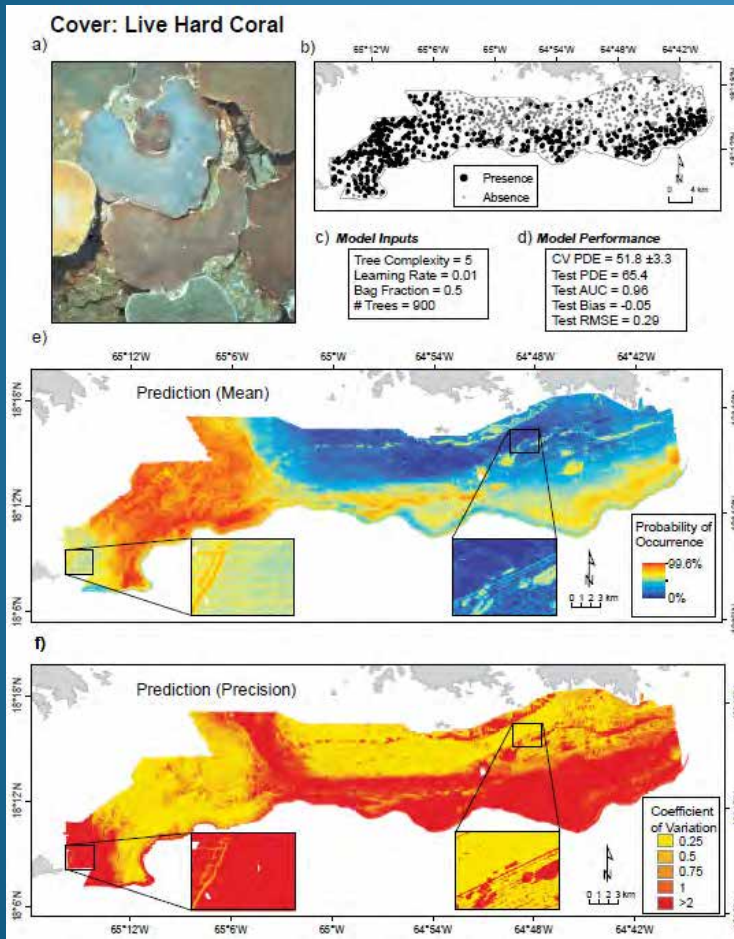
Predicted surfaces showing

- Probability of occurrence
- Coefficient of variation



Results: Cover

- Probability of occurrence and coefficient of variation



Results: Substrate

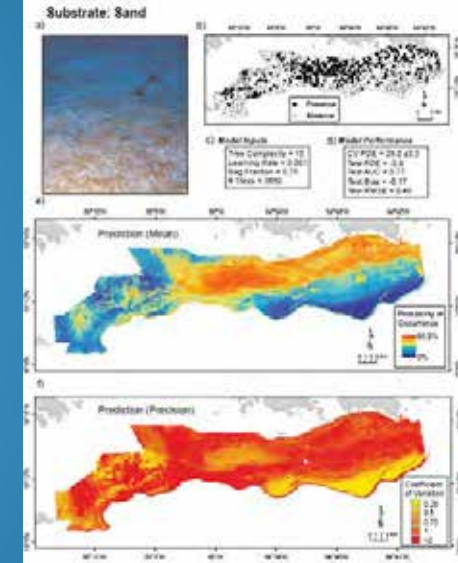
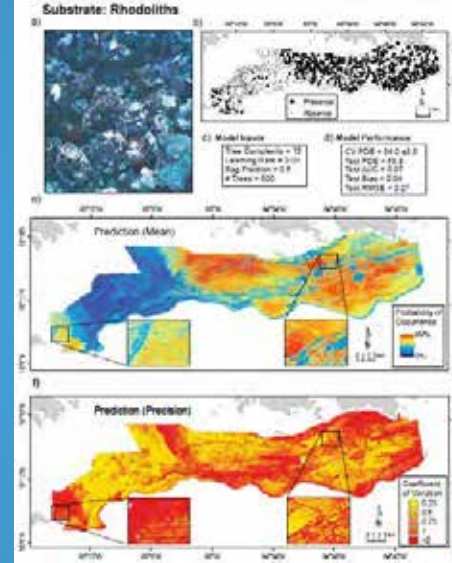
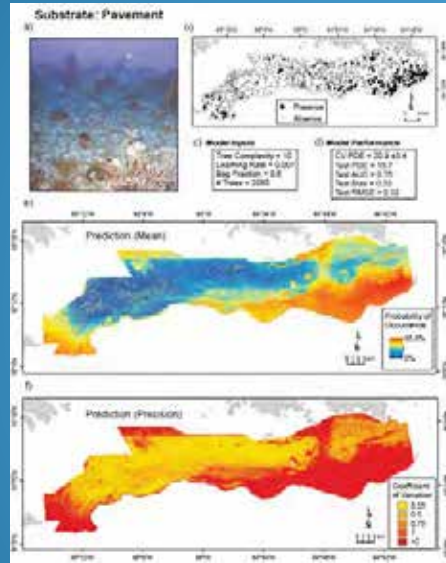
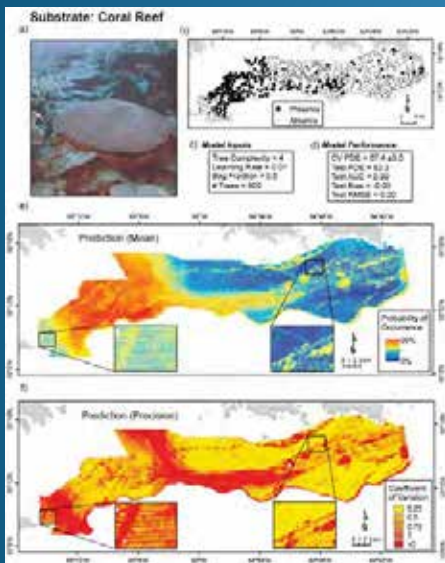
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Coral reef

Pavement

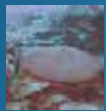
Rhodoliths

Sand



Model runs for each substrate and cover type

STEP 5. Cluster the predicted surfaces of each **substrate** and **cover** type into commonly co-occurring habitat classes (BCTs)



Coral Reef



Pavement



Rhodoliths



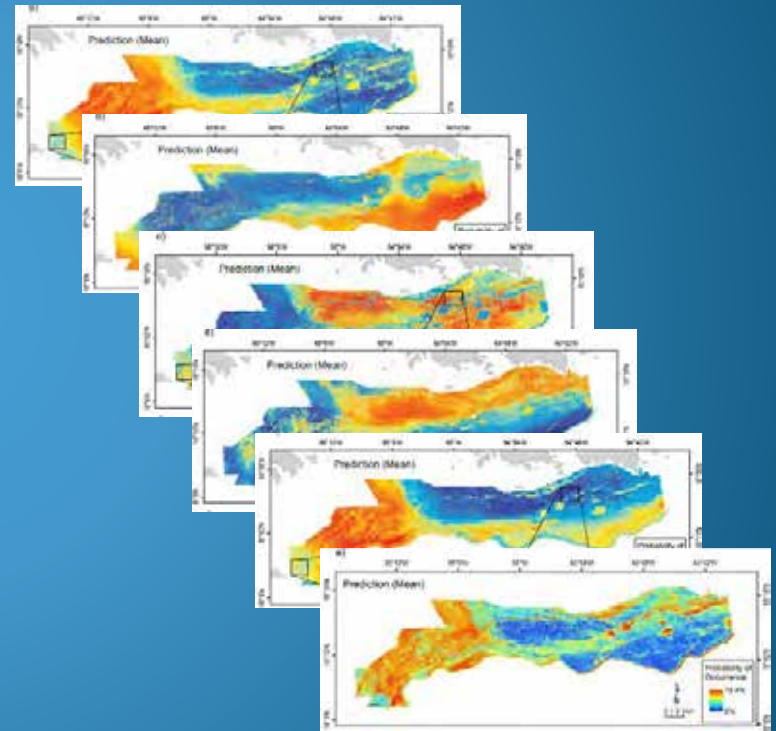
Sand



Live hard coral



Live soft coral



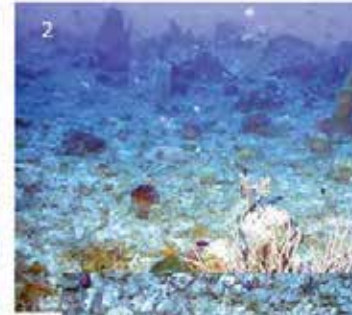
Results: Composite benthic habitat map

Cluster substrate & cover types into five commonly co-occurring habitat classes

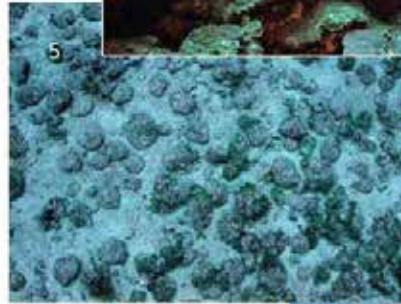
1. Coral reef colonized with live coral



2. Pavement colonized with live coral



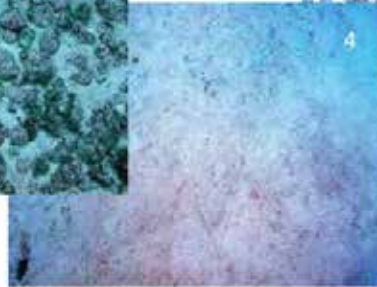
5. Rhodoliths with macroalgae and bare sand



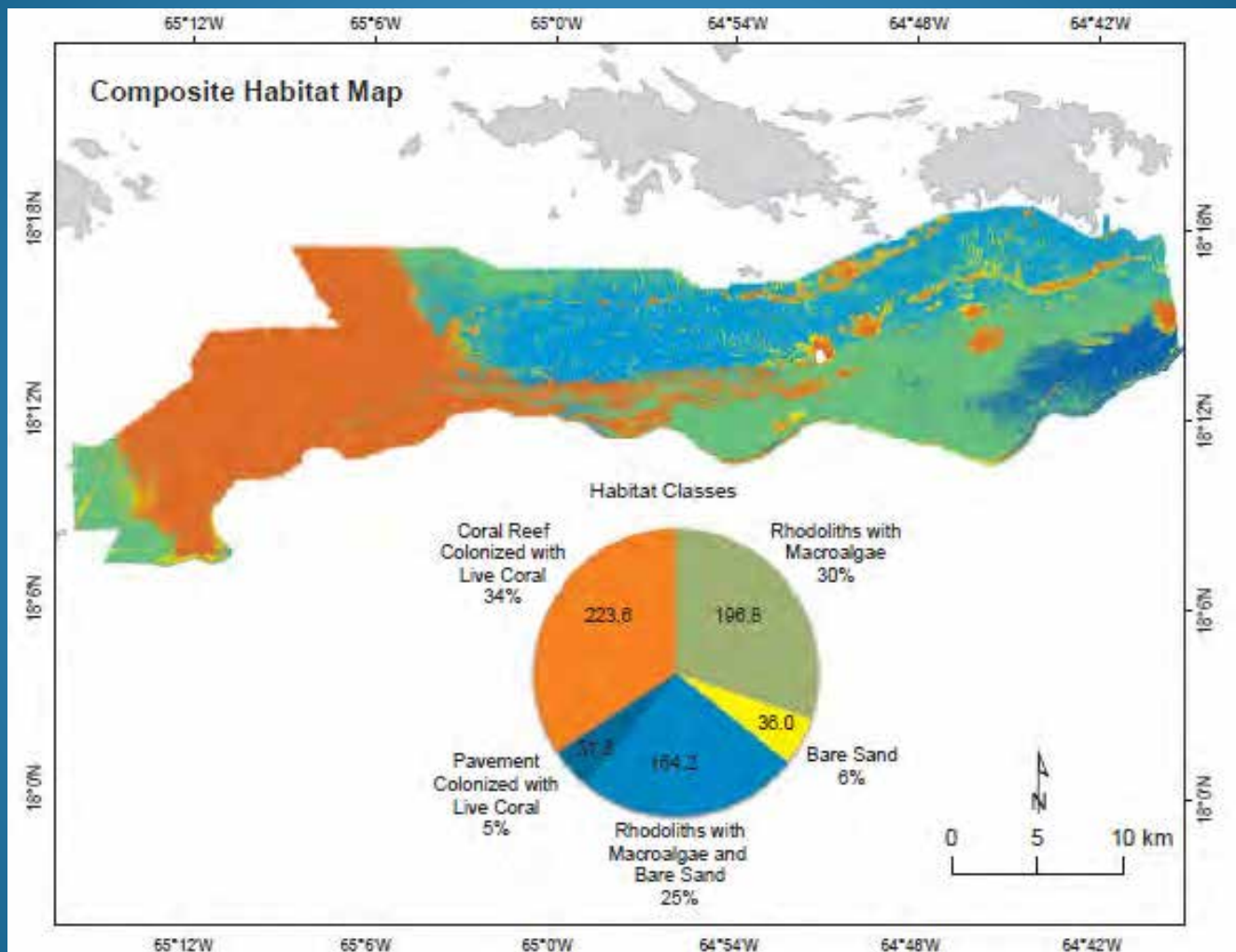
3. Rhodoliths with macroalgae



4. Bare sand



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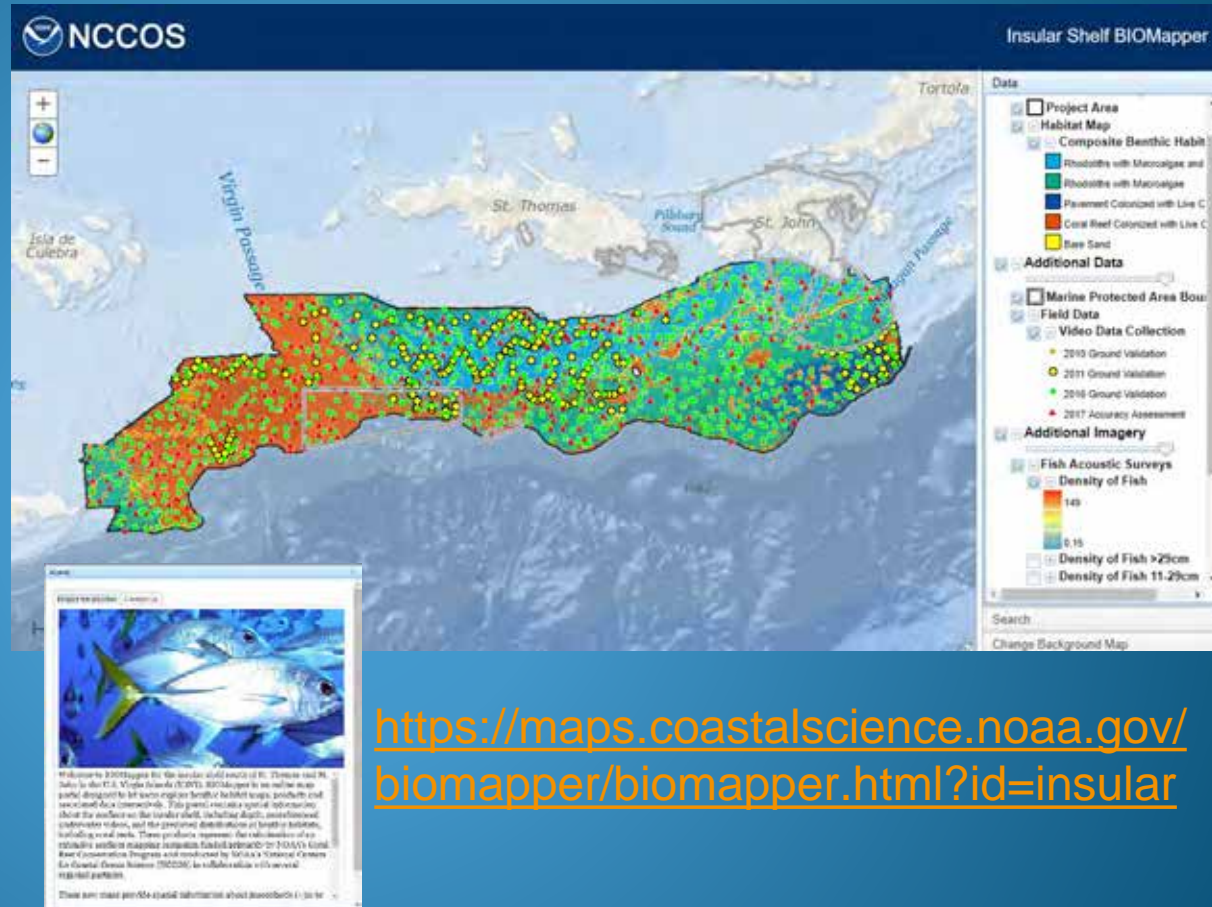
Results: Map Accuracy

348 underwater videos used to evaluate map accuracy

OA = 85.6% tau = 0.82

		AA (i)					n _j	User's Accuracy (%)
		Coral Reef Colonized with Live Coral	Pavement Colonized with Live Coral	Rhodoliths with Macroalgae and Bare Sand	Rhodoliths with Macroalgae	Bare Sand		
Map (i)	Coral Reef Colonized with Live Coral	119	8	2		5	134	89%
	Pavement Colonized with Live Coral		10		1		11	91%
	Rhodoliths with Macroalgae and Bare Sand		2	48	13	6	69	70%
	Rhodoliths with Macroalgae	1	1	1	104	3	110	95%
	Bare Sand		2	1	4	17	24	71%
	n _i	120	23	52	122	31	348	
Producer's Accuracy (%)		99%	43%	92%	85%	55%	OA = 85.6% Tau = 0.82 CI (±) = 0.05	

Products



[NOAA Tech Memo 241](https://www.noaa.gov/technical-memoranda/nos-nccos-241)

Questions?



Ocean Exploration in the Southeast FY17 and FY18

Kasey Cantwell & Derek Sowers
NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research
SECART 2018 Mapping Workshop



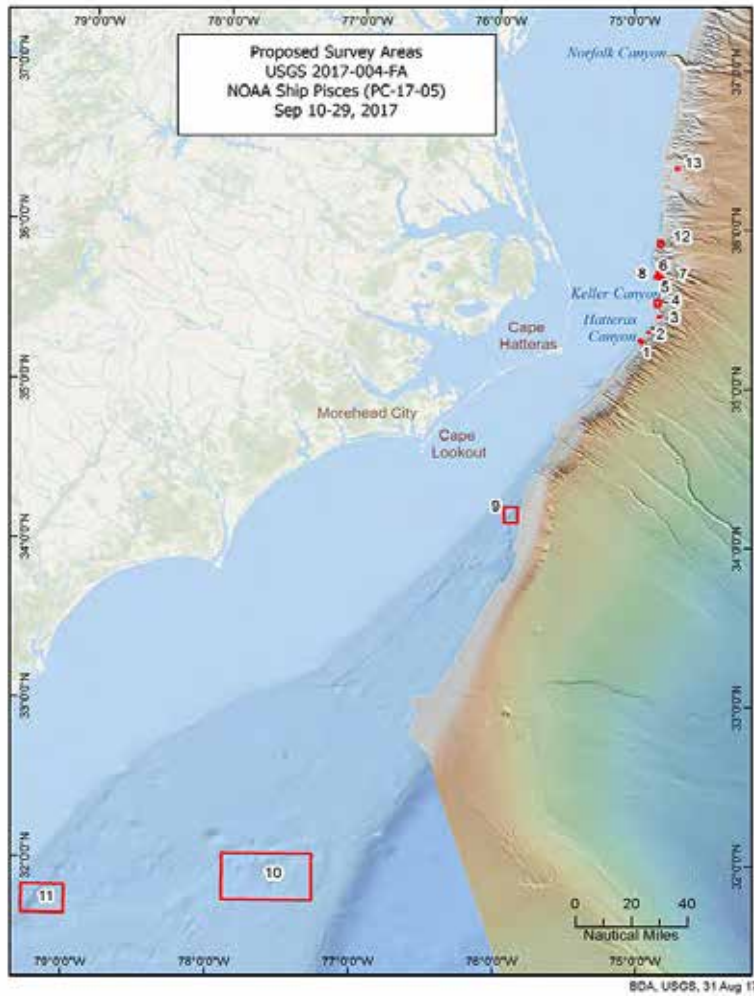
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- Support innovations in exploration tools and capabilities
- Encourage the next generation of ocean explorers, scientists, and engineers
- Provide a foundation of publicly available data and information to give resource managers the information they need to make informed decisions



DEEP SEARCH: Deep Sea Exploration to Advance Research on Coral/Canyon/Cold seep Habitats



- 4.5 yr BOEM-USGS-NOAA study
- BOEM contractor: TDI-Brooks International; project manager: Erik Cordes (Temple U)
- USGS supporting 5 complementary science teams; lead: Amanda Demopoulos
- Y1 field work: NOAA Ship *Pisces*, AUV *Sentry*
- Y2 field work: NOAA Ship *Nancy Foster* (April); R/V *Atlantis*, HOV *Alvin* (August)

NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer*

America's ship for ocean exploration

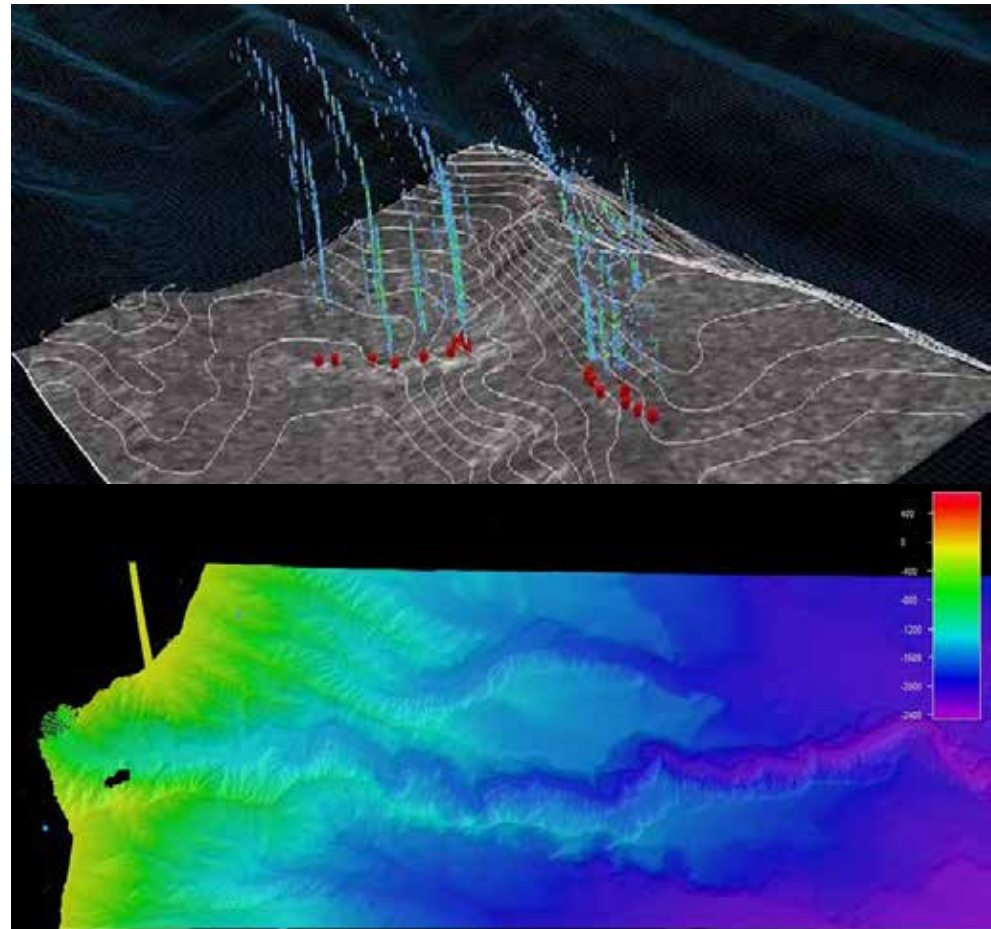
- 9 scientific sonars to map the seafloor and water column
- Custom-built, 6,000 m dual ROV system
- CTD with DO, LSS, and ORP
- Cutting edge telepresence technology
- Science team primarily based on shore



Mapping Sonars: Multibeam

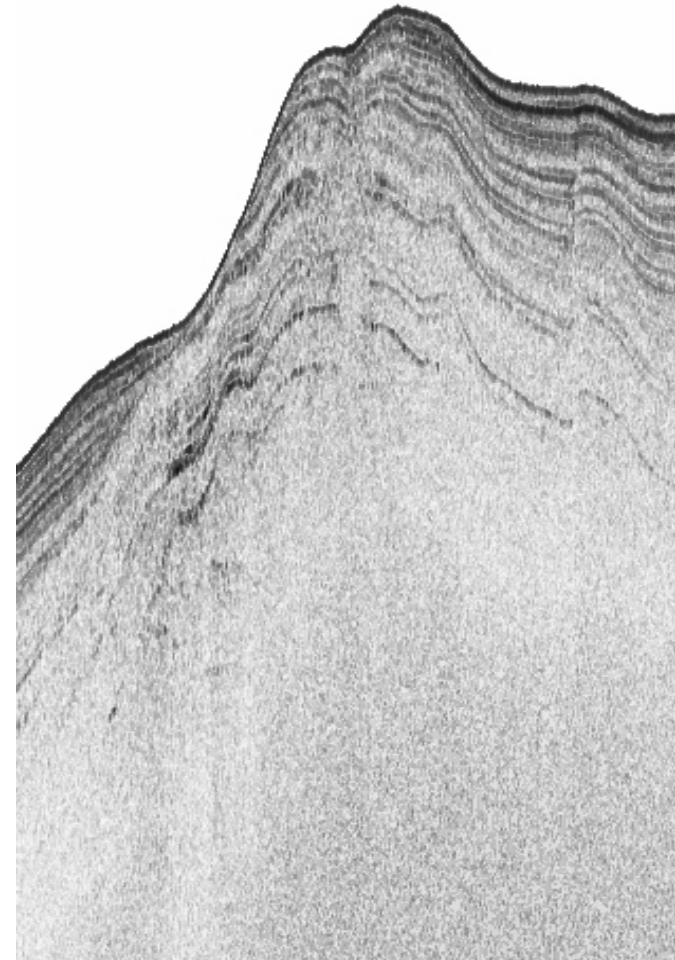
- Kongsberg 30 kHz EM302 Multibeam
- Operating efficiency depths ~250m – 6500m

Water Depth (meters)	Cell Size (meters)
100	1
300	3
500	4
1000	9
2000	17
3000	26
4000	35
5000	44
6000	52

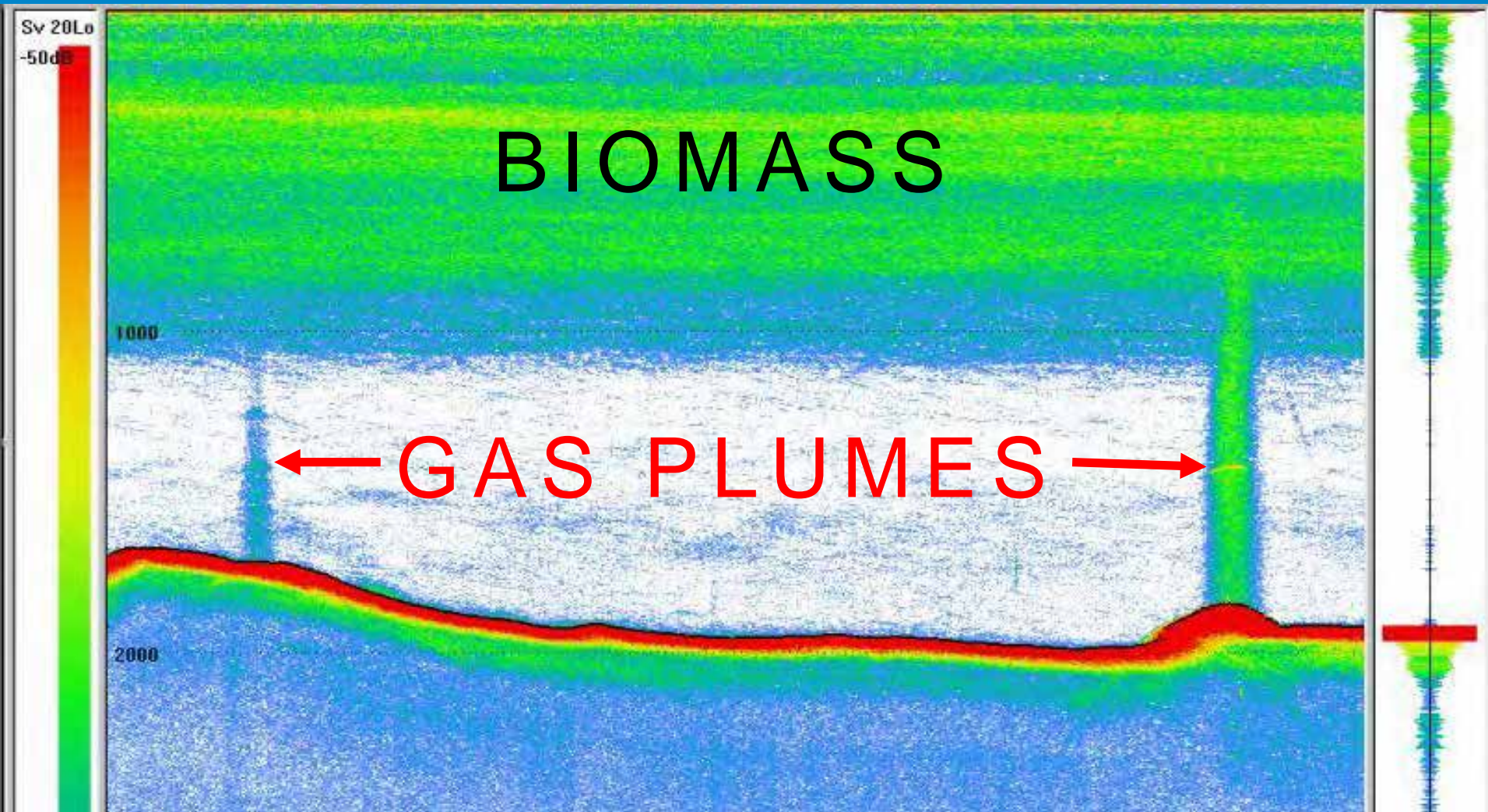


Knudsen 3260 Subbottom Profiler

- Knudsen Subbottom Profiler
 - Sub-seabed structures
 - Sediment layers
 - Gas
 - Buried channels
- 3.5 kHz chirp
- Up to ~ 80 m penetration below seabed



Simrad EK 60 Split beam sonars: 18, 38, 70, 120, 200 kHz



Teledyne ADCPs 38, 300 kHz

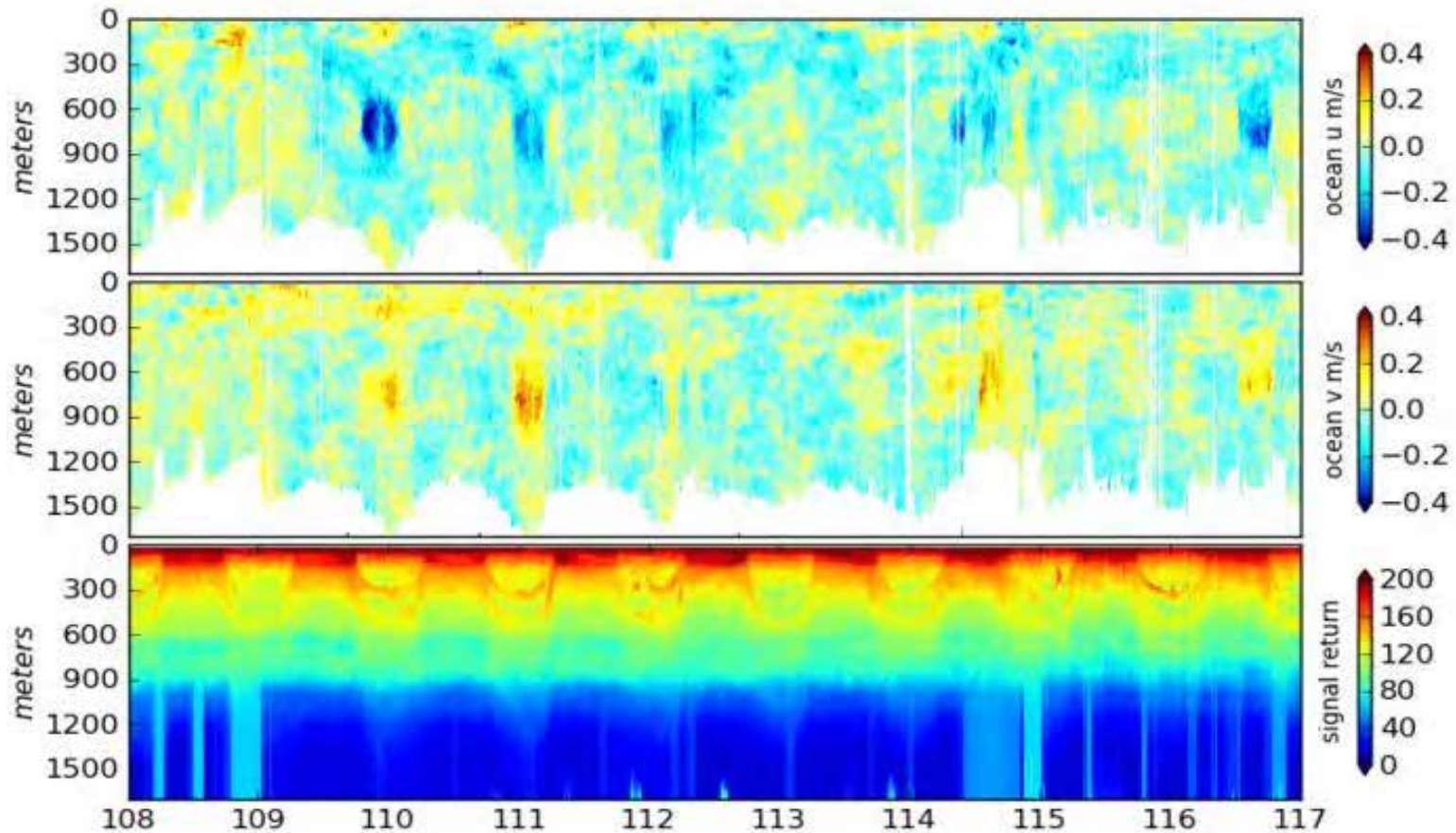
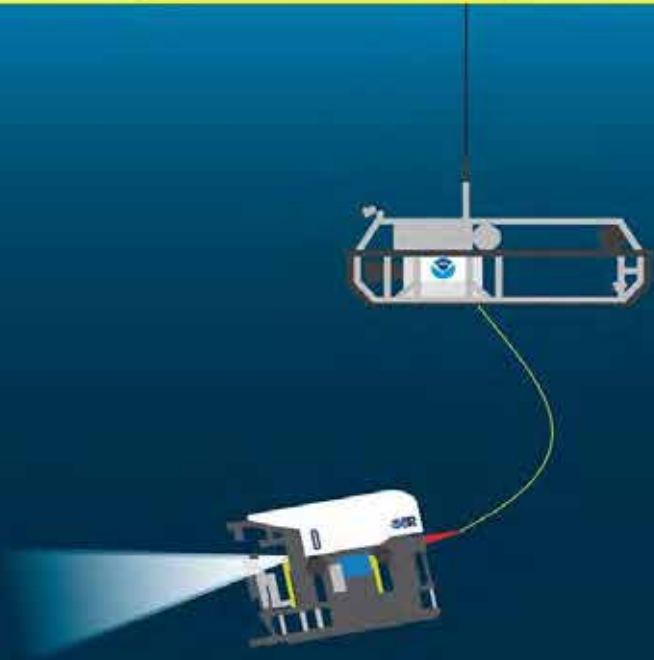
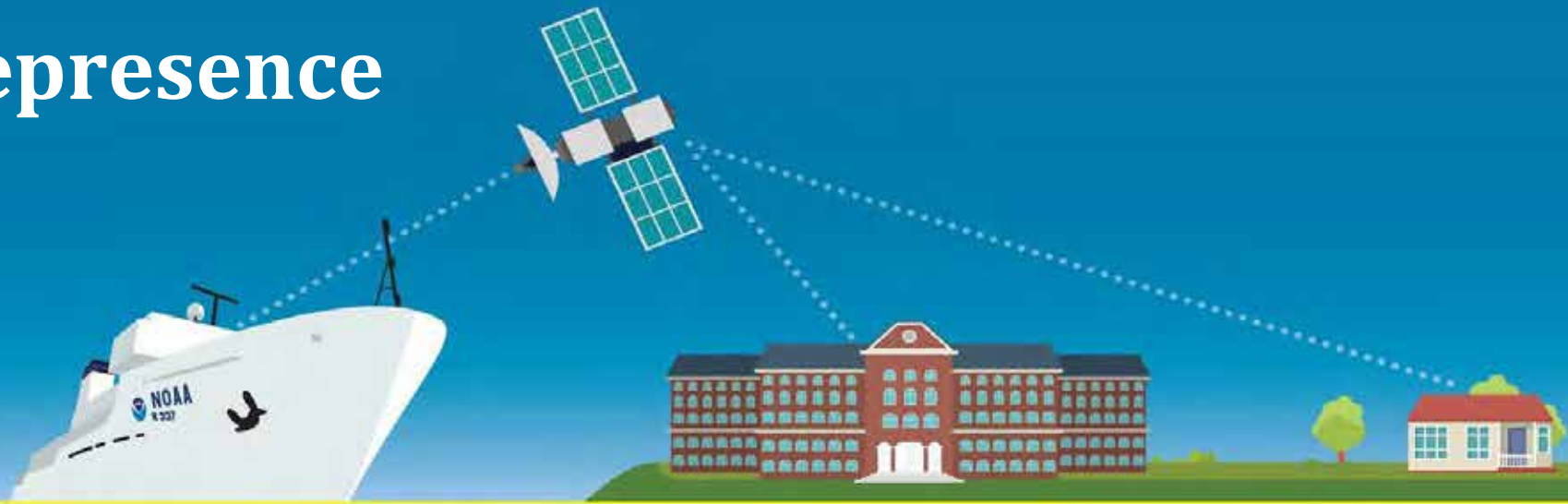
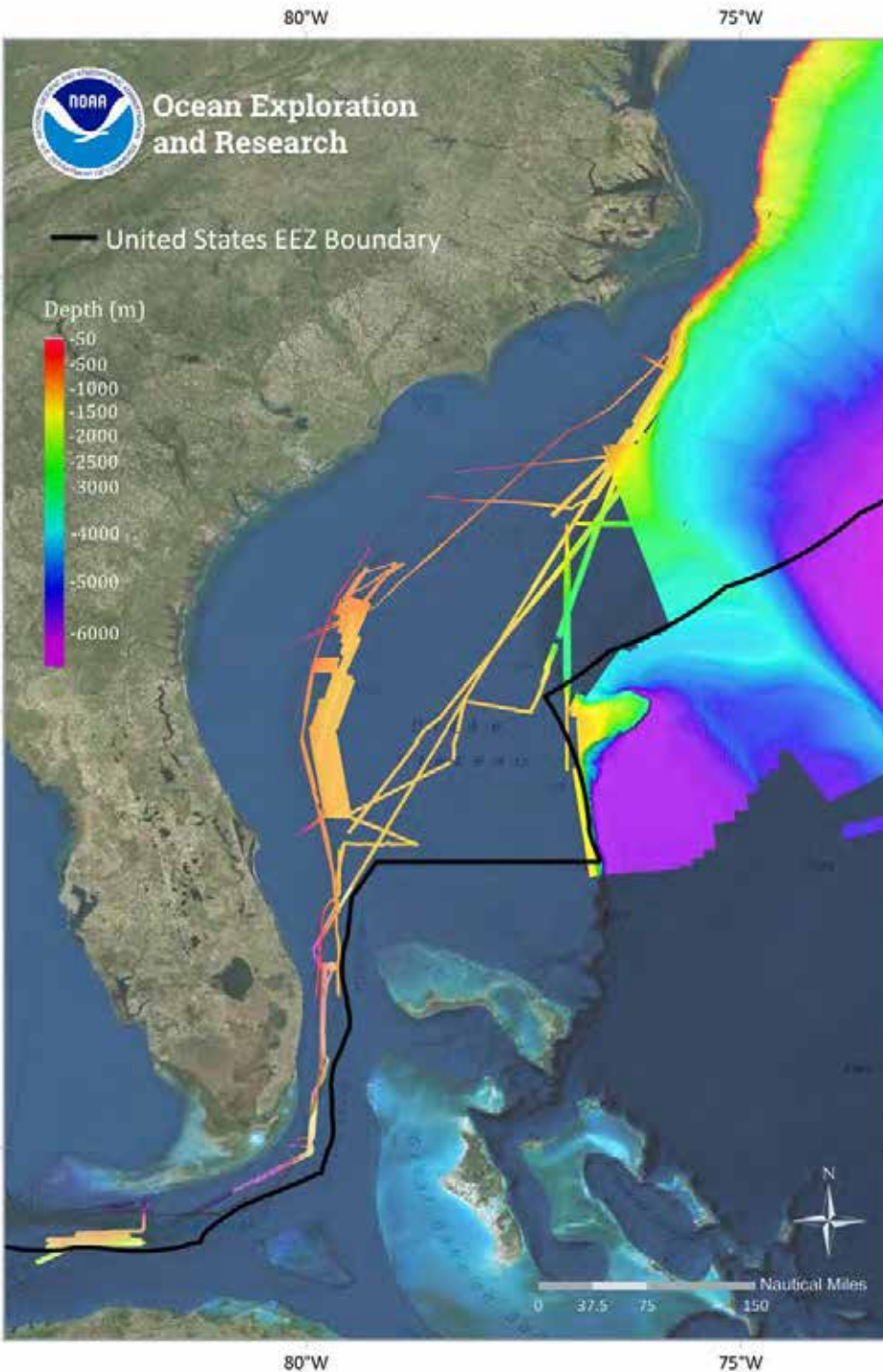


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Telepresence



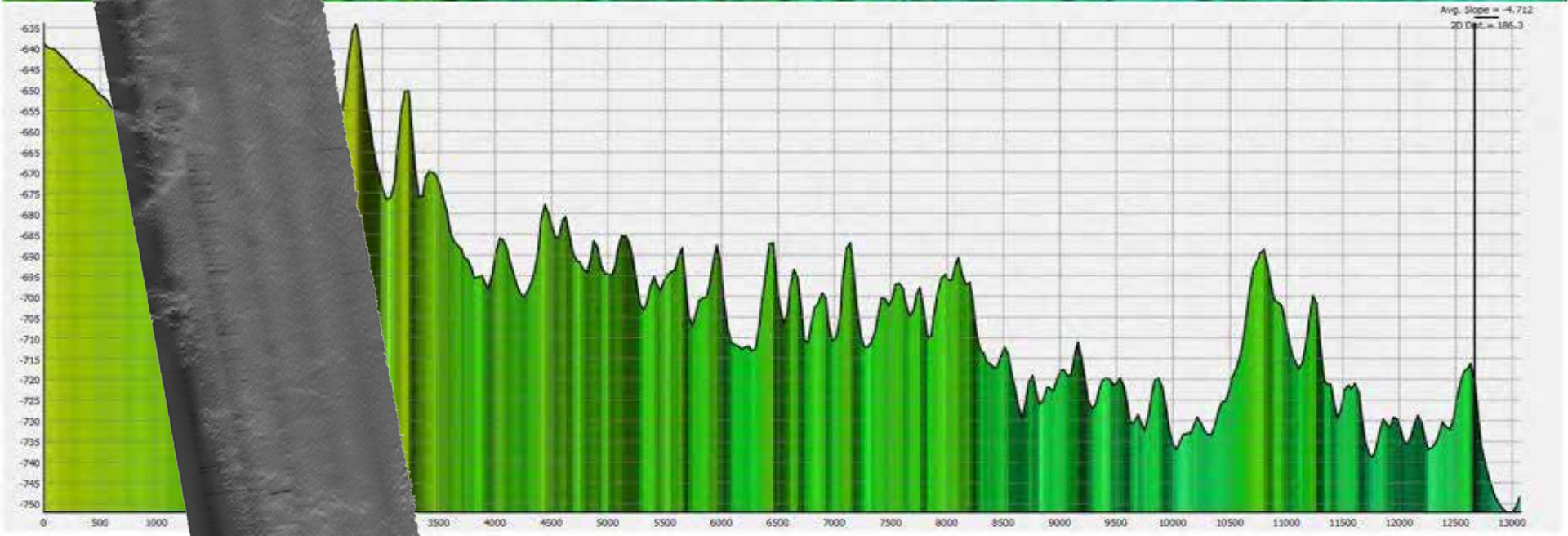
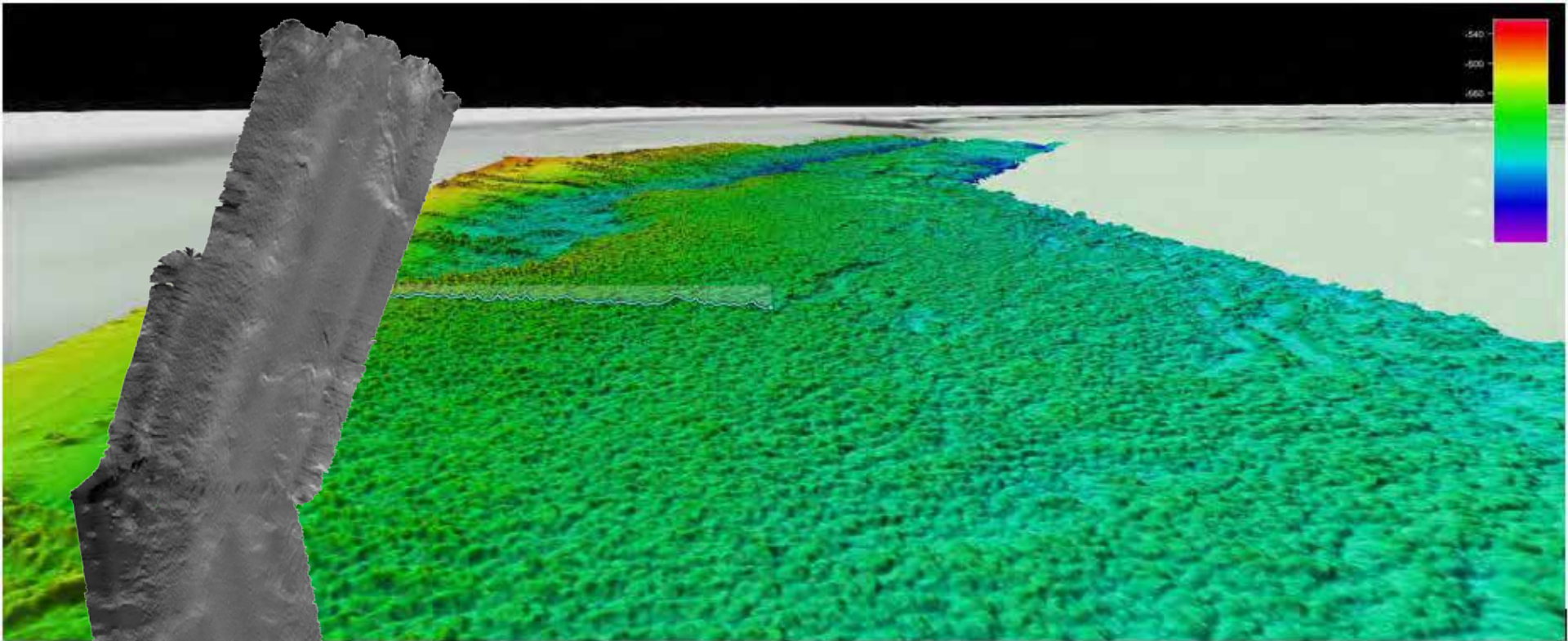


Atlantic Deepwater Data

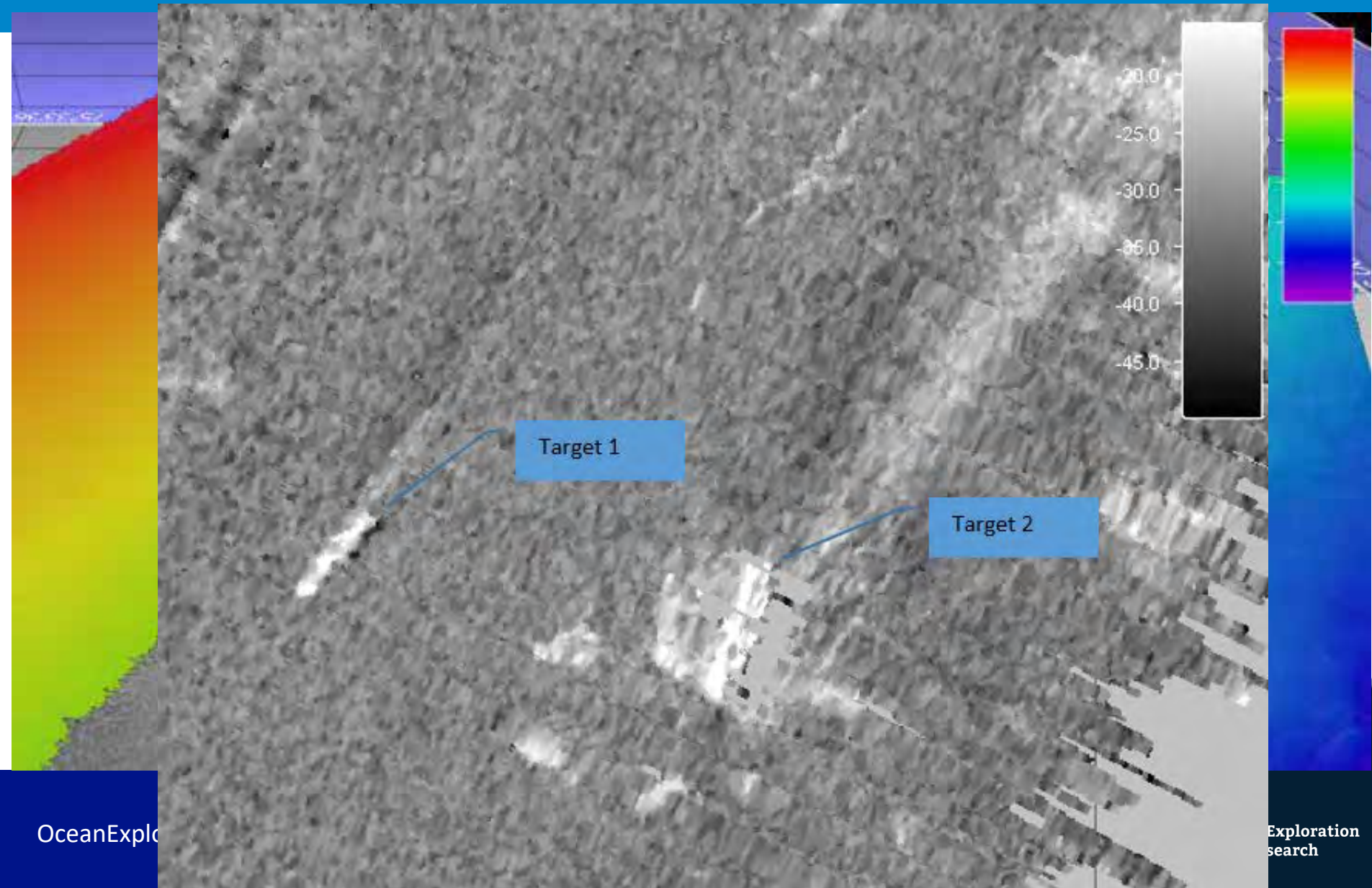
Okeanos Explorer (EX) and Extended Continental Shelf (ECS) mapping efforts

- Cumulative multibeam sonar coverage
- EX cruises
- ECS cruises (NOAA/UNH)
- 10- 30m resolution on shelf
- 50-100m resolution canyons/abyss





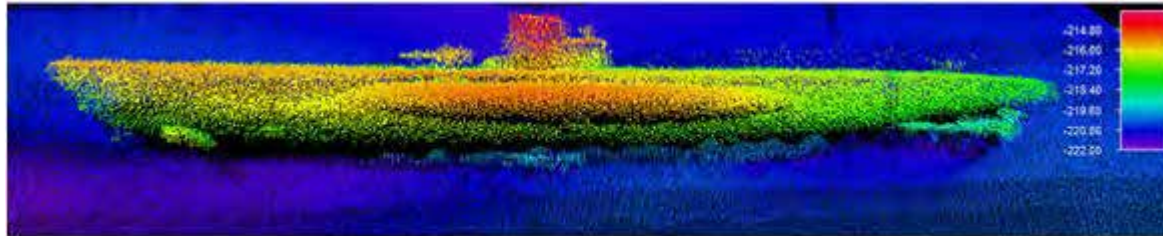
Searching for U-576



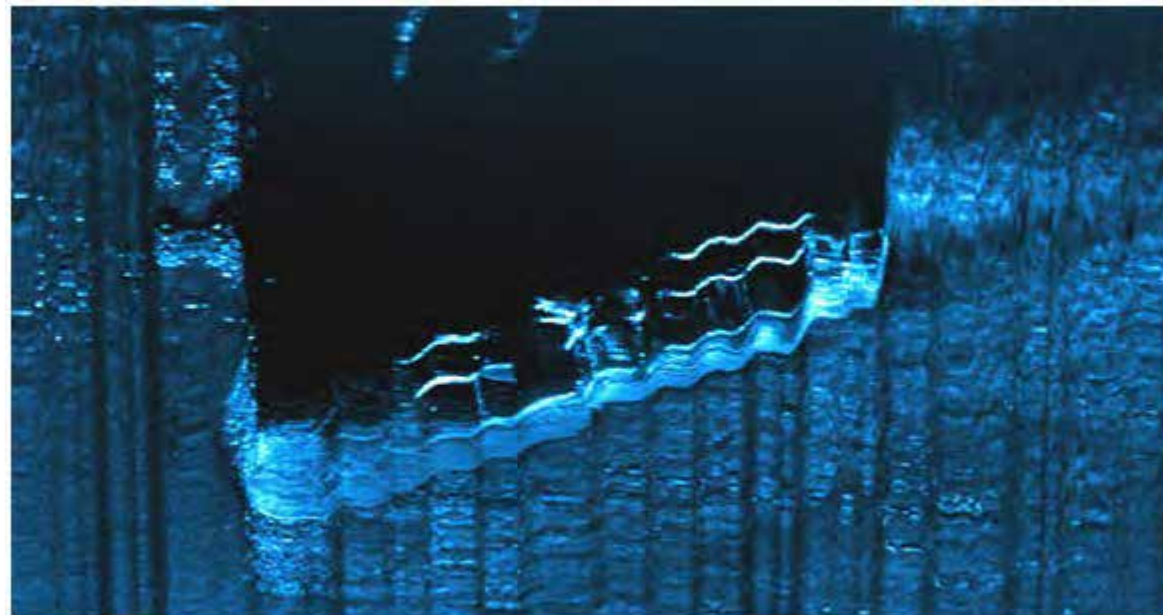
NOAA team discovers two vessels from WWII convoy battle off North Carolina

German U-boat 576 and freighter *Bluefields* found within 240 yards of one another

October 21, 2014



U-576 sonar image. Photo: NOAA



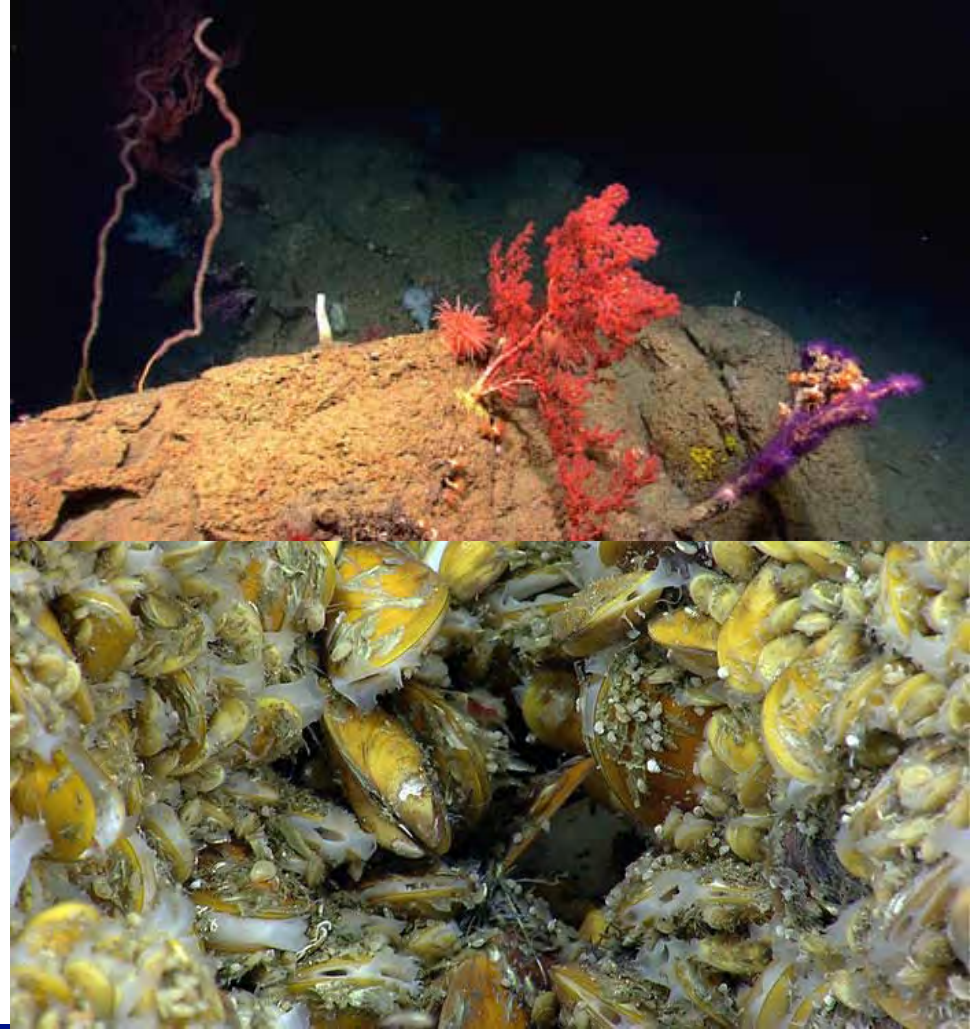
Bluefields sonar image. Photo: NOAA



The German U-576 departing Saint-Nazaire, France, circa 1940-1942. The submarine was sunk in 1942 by aircraft fire after attacking and sinking the Nicaraguan freighter *Bluefields* and two other ships off North Carolina. (Credit: With permission from Ed Caram)

2018 Planned Operations

- First year of new campaign — Atlantic Seafloor Partnership for Integrated Research and Exploration (ASPIRE)
- 32 DAS
 - 5/23-6/1: Mapping cruise (Mayport, FL to Charleston)
 - 6/6-6/27: ROV/Mapping cruise (Charleston, SC to Norfolk, VA)
- Deep sea corals, shipwrecks, canyons, Blake Plateau and Ridge, seeps, and geohazards

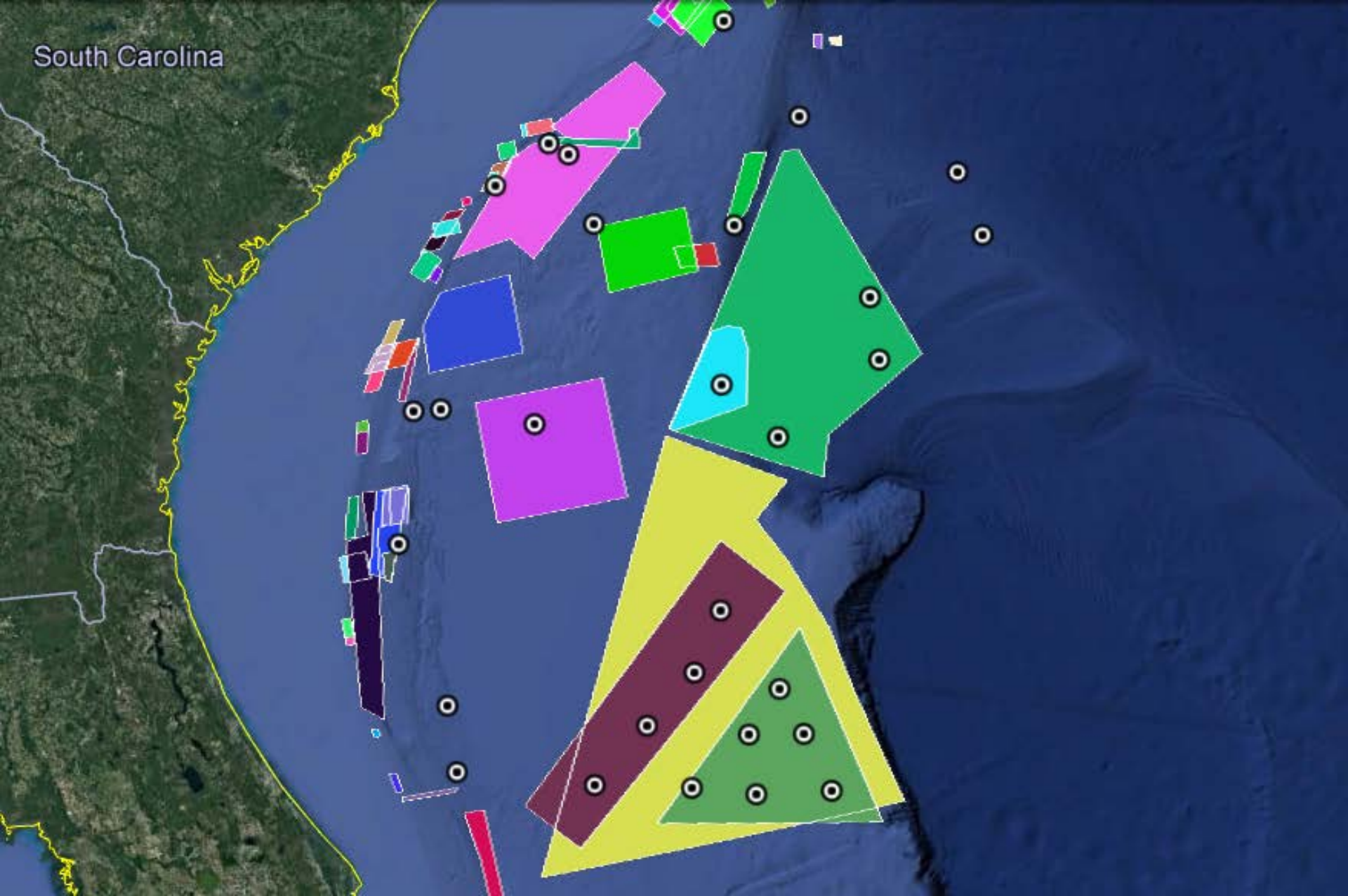


The Opportunity/ How to get involved

- FY19+**
 - Submit high level priorities
 - Identify regional data gaps
- FY18**
 - Participate and share expedition within your network
 - Engage with the ship via outreach opportunities



South Carolina





Timeline

January/February:

- Refine operating areas

February- April:

- Call for mapping and dive targets
- Regular planning calls begin (week of 5/1)

May-June:

- Participate!
- Real-time data available
- Outreach opportunities

July: Initial summary materials

July- September: Data and samples to archives

2019-2020: Continue Southeast work and potentially expand to Caribbean pending regional input and support



Questions?

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Ocean Exploration
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Marine Minerals Information System (MMIS)

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Dave Stein (NOAA COR)

Charleston, SC

April 18, 2018





- Background
- Data
- Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard (CMECS) Implementation
- Access
- MMIS Demo
- Mapping Plans

Why?

Data Steward

- Maintain marine minerals data

Physical Scientist / Analyst

- Characterize the subsurface to support leasing and environmental decisions

Planner

- Consume authoritative marine mineral datasets to identify conflicts with other OCS activities / regional planning

Manager

- To manage the resource, we need to know what we have

Leadership

- Oversee the development of marine mineral resources on the OCS

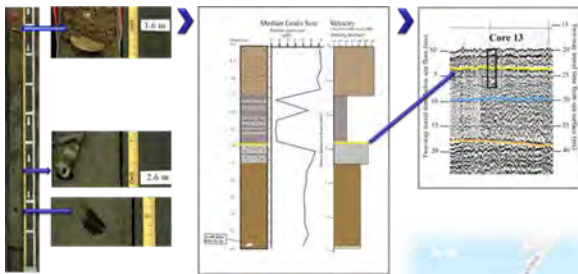
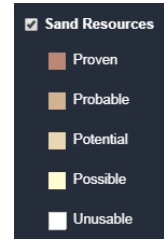
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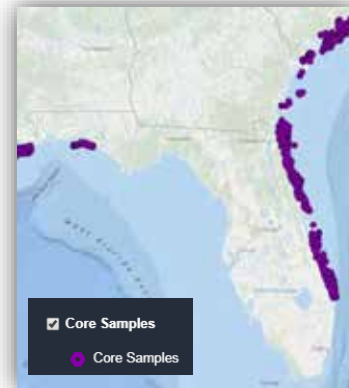
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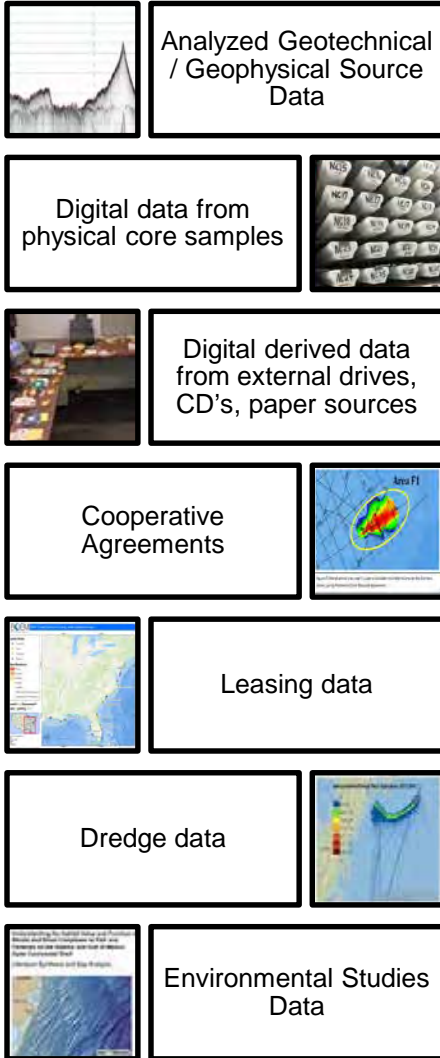
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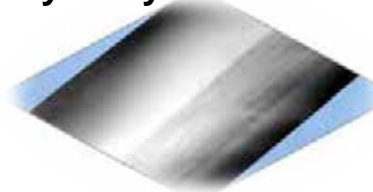


Collaboration with our Partners

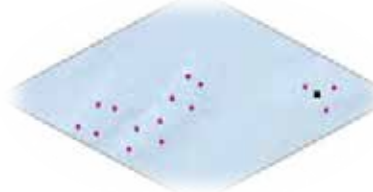


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Bathymetry & Backscatter



Environmental Data



Bottom Characteristics



Leasing / Planning/Construction



Discover

Analysis

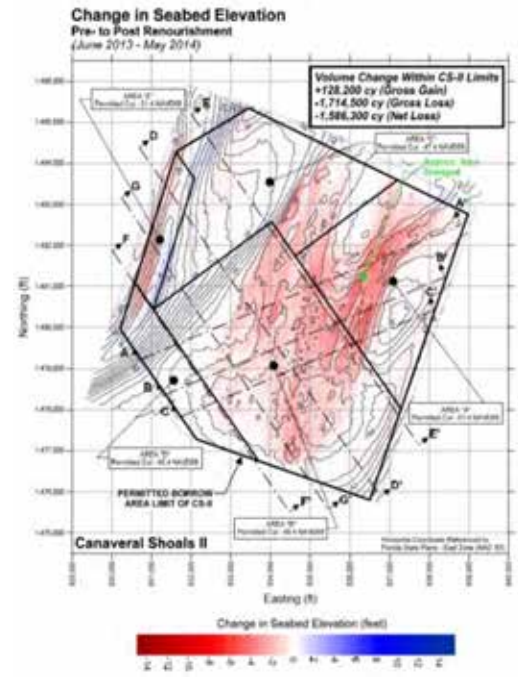
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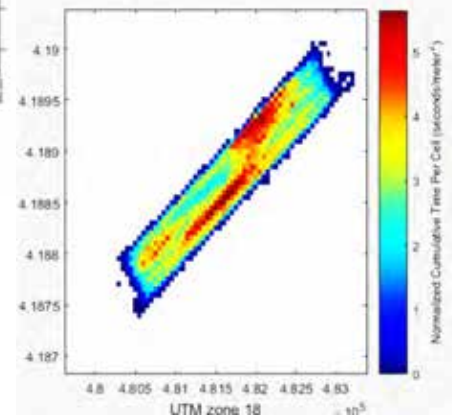


Data

- Data are being used to understand seafloor/subsurface composition as well as habitat
 - Interferometric Sidescan Sonar, Multibeam, Sub-bottom Seismic, Sidescan Sonar, Magnetometer, grab and core samples...
- Importance of Mapping**
 - OCS energy and mineral resource assessment
 - Locations of sensitive benthic habitats, submerged cultural resources, undersea cables, etc. for environmental analysis, reviews and post monitoring
 - Track Federal leases and resource utilization
 - Pre- and post-dredge bathymetric surveys



Florida Canaveral Shoals Dredge Area



Wallops Dredge Area



NC - BOEM
Cooperative Agreement

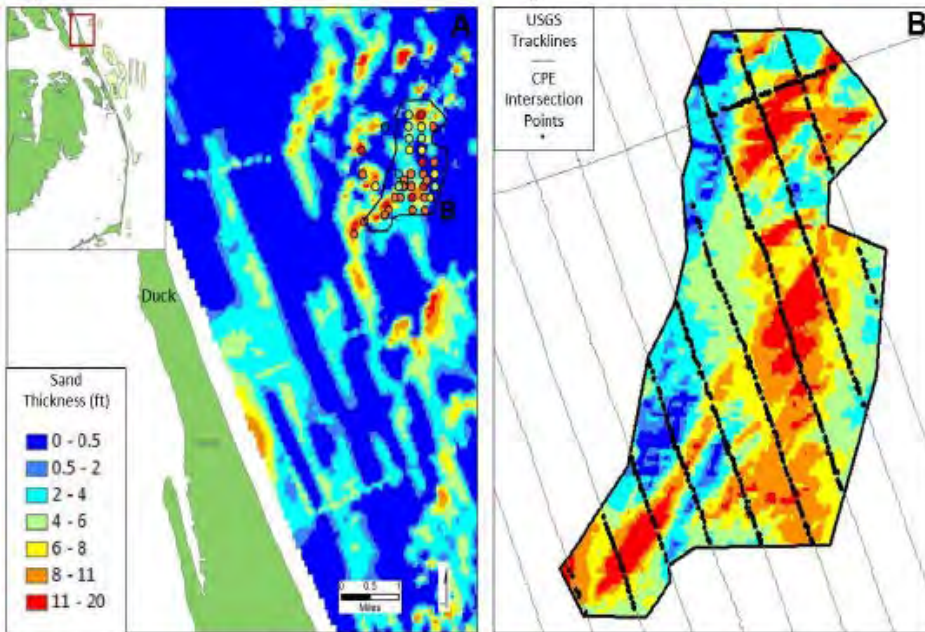


Fig. 5: Spatial comparison of sand resource assessment offshore Duck, NC.

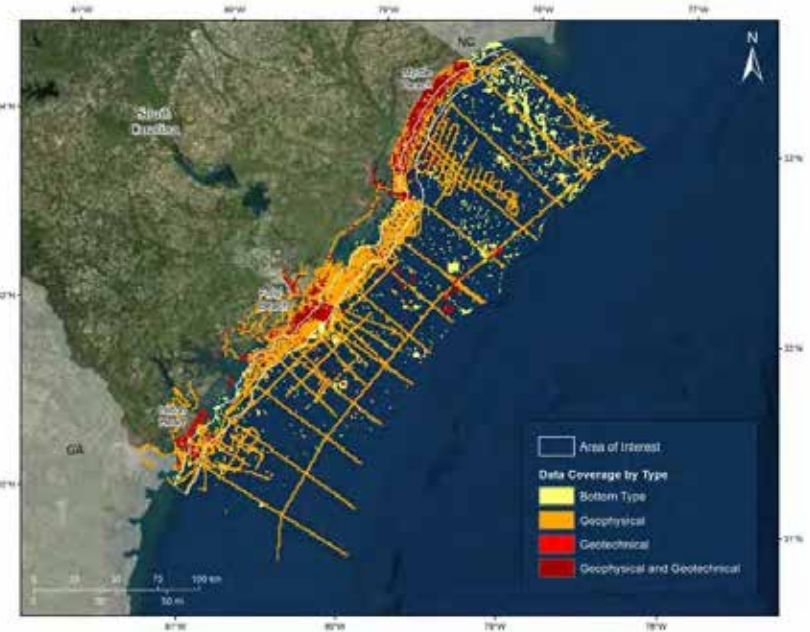


Figure 4. This map presents a grid of composite data coverage by data type (1 km² grid). The darker colors represent higher quality data. Inferred bottom type is classified as lower quality than the information collected through geophysical surveys, vibracores, and surficial grab samples. The highest quality coverage includes a combination of both geophysical and geotechnical data.





Data



Sediment Thickness

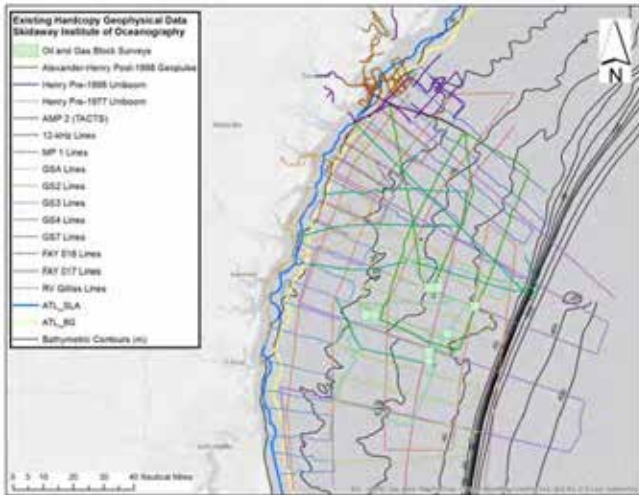
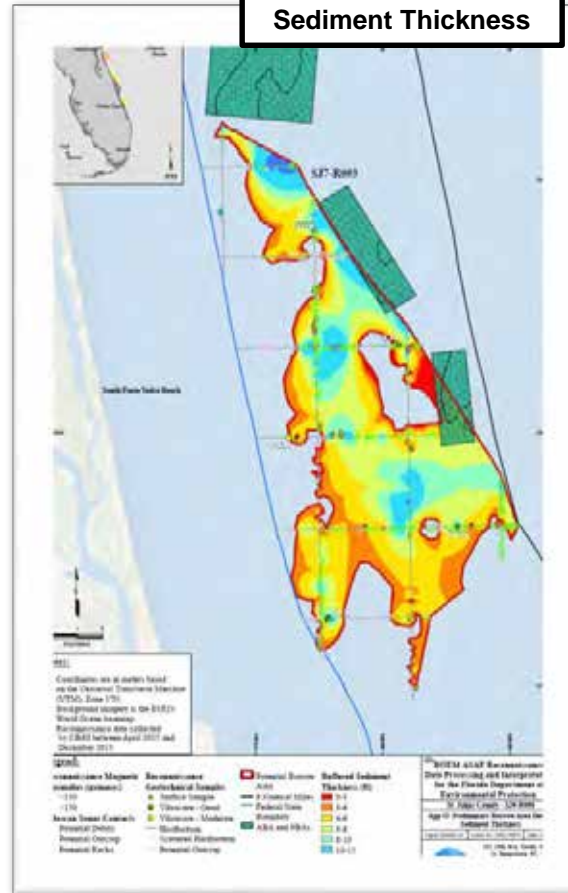


Figure 3: Track lines of legacy geophysical datasets existing in the archive at the Georgia Southern University Applied Coastal Research Laboratory on Skidaway Island. Note that five lines cover the 3-8 km region of interest.



Reconnaissance Offshore Sand Search Inventory (OSSI)

DATA.GOV

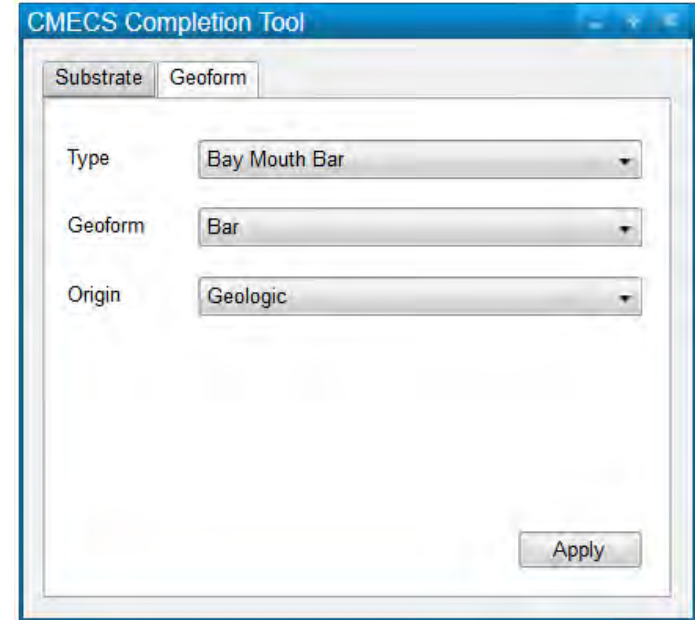
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UK Atlantic Coast Reconnaissance Inventory

OSSI registered with DATA.GOV



- MMIS crosswalk completed
- Incorporated CMECS attributes into MMIS schema
- QSI development towards a CMECS completion tool



Substrate Component

Attributes and Domains

Affected Feature Class:

- Sample Table
- Sediment Primary
- Sediment Secondary

New Attribute

- Domain

SCOrigin

- Anthropogenic
- Biogenic
- Geologic

SCClass

- Rock
- Unconsolidated Mineral
- Algal
- Coral
- Organic
- Ooze
- Shell
- Worm
- Anthropogenic Rock
- Anthropogenic Wood
- Construction Materials
- Metal
- Trash

SCSubclass

- Many

SCGroup

- Many

SCSubgroup

- Many

Geoform Component

Attributes and Domains

Affected Feature Class:

- Seabed Features (Poly, Arc, Pnt)
 - Keep Feature Description Attribute
 - Remove Feature Type Attribute

New Attribute

- Domain

GCLLevel

- Level 1 (>1km²)
- Level 2 (<1km²)

GCOOrigin

- Anthropogenic
- Biogenic
- Geologic

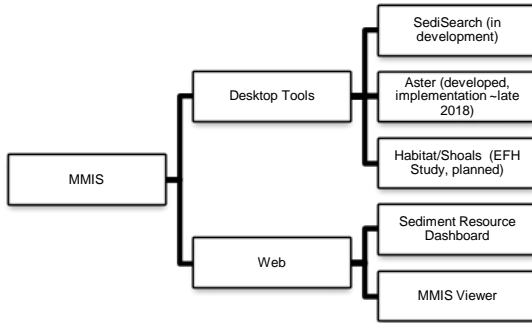
GCGeoform

- Many

GCType

- Many





MMIS Demo

Planned for the Public



5 Year Mapping Plans

- **Collection** - currently no new acquisition plans
 - (ASAP Phase 2 / GSAP - tbd)
- **Evaluate existing offshore data** – ongoing
 - Geophysical data: multi-beam, chirp sub-bottom profiling, swath bathymetry, sidescan sonar and magnetometer
 - Geotechnical data: sediment samples (vibracores and surface grab samples) analyzed for texture (grain size) and composition (organic, mineral and shell content, color and sand percentage)
- **Identify data gaps / priority areas** - ongoing
- **Assess future sand / sediment needs** - ongoing
- **Identify potential sources** – ongoing
- **Facilitate public accessibility of data** – in progress

Lease Borrow Areas

- **USACE Pre Dredge Surveys**
 - Martin – Jan 2018
 - Longboat Key - tbd
 - Patrick AFB - tbd
 - Collier – tbd
- **USACE Post Dredge Surveys**
 - Brevard – tbd
 - Myrtle Beach –tbd

Agreements / Partnerships

- Cooperative Agreements (2014-2018) (processing)
- USACE MOA (2017) (collaboration)
- AASG MOA (2015-2020) (collaboration)
- IA with NOAA OCM (2017-2022) (acquisition)

BOEM Cooperative Agreements with FL, GA, SC, NC

New Cooperative Agreements with our partners

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022



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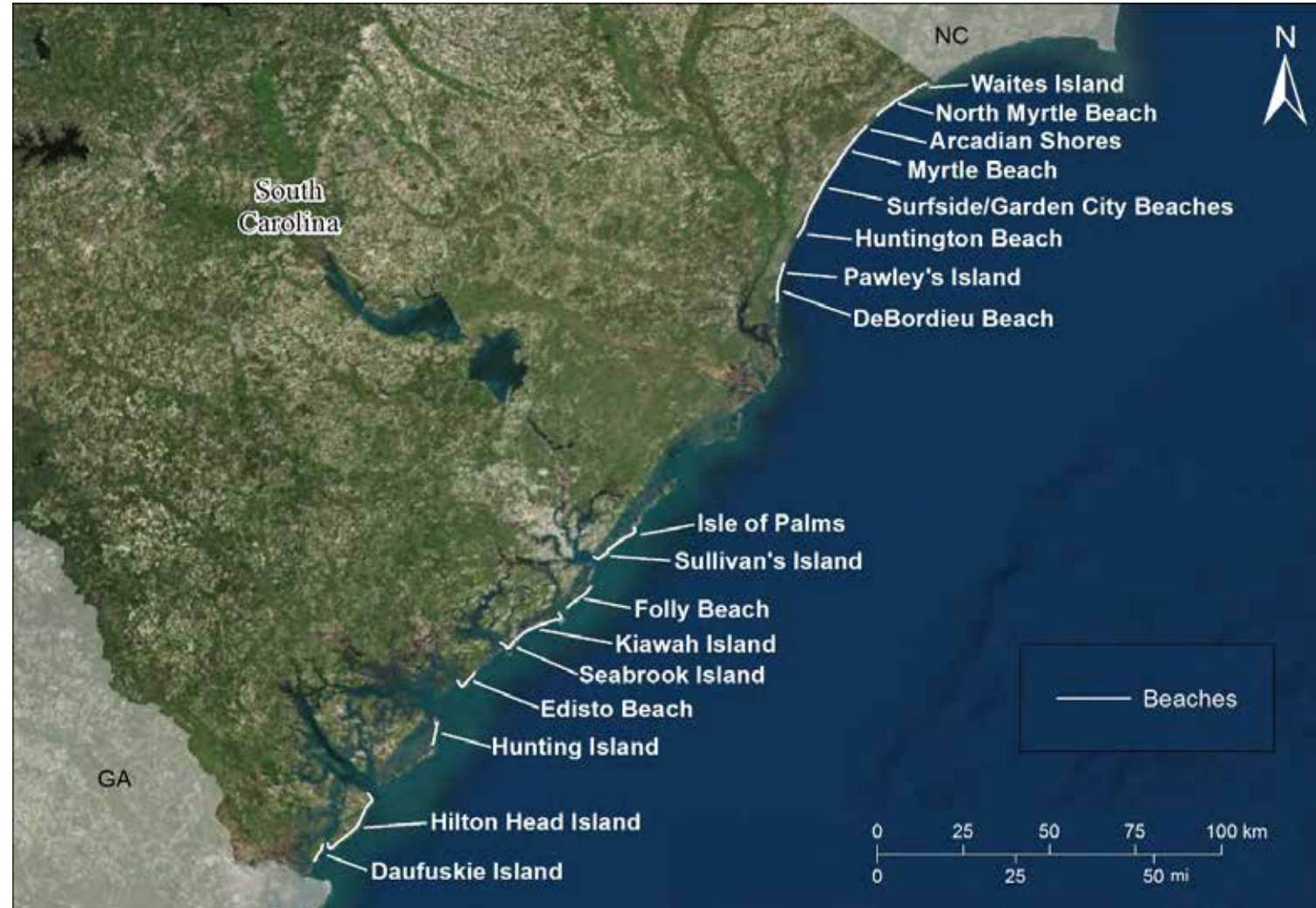


Investigations Into South Carolina's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Sand Resources: Data Inventory, Resource Assessment, and Recent Data Collection and Analysis Efforts

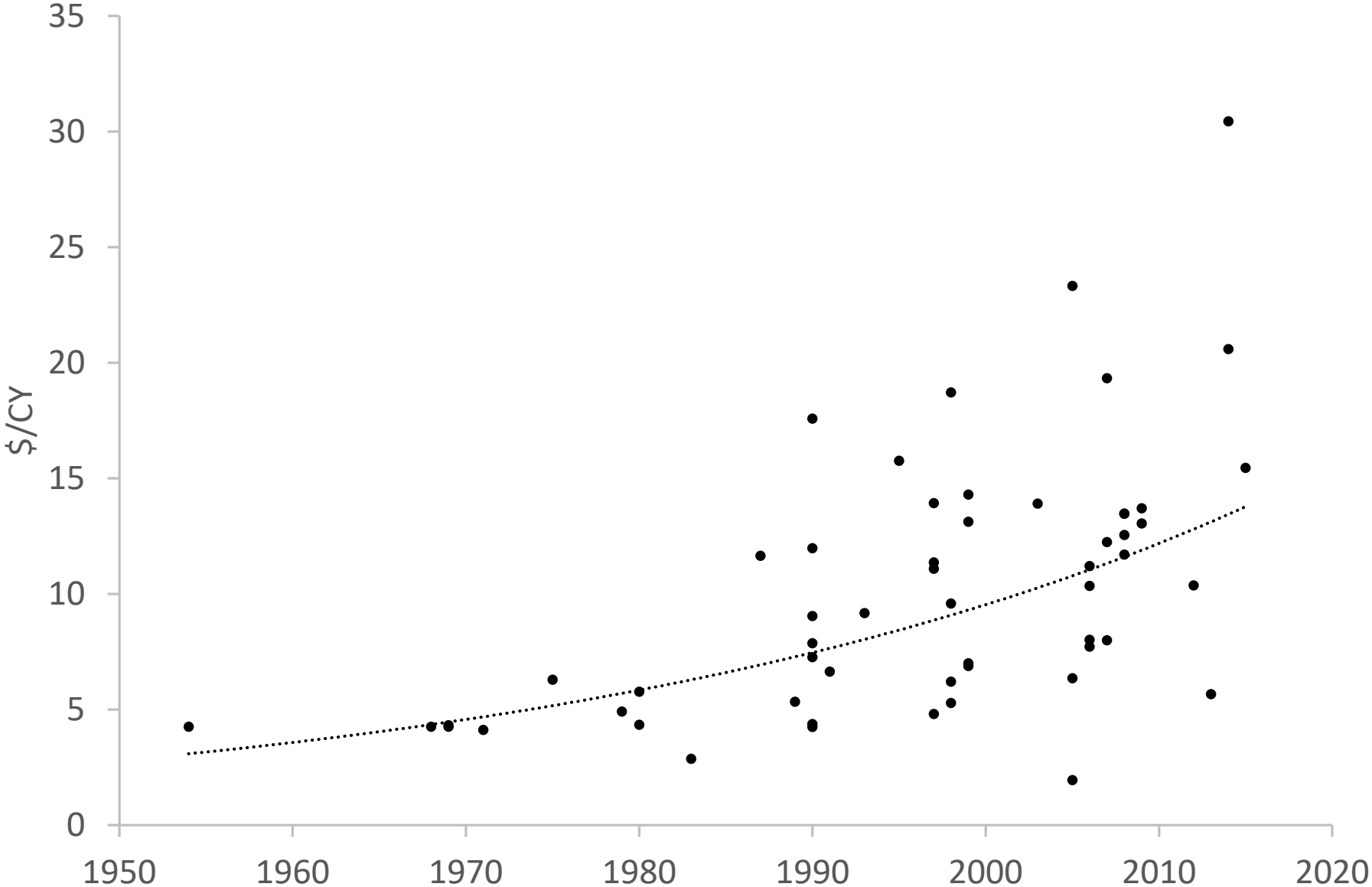
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Increase in Offshore Borrow Cost Over Time



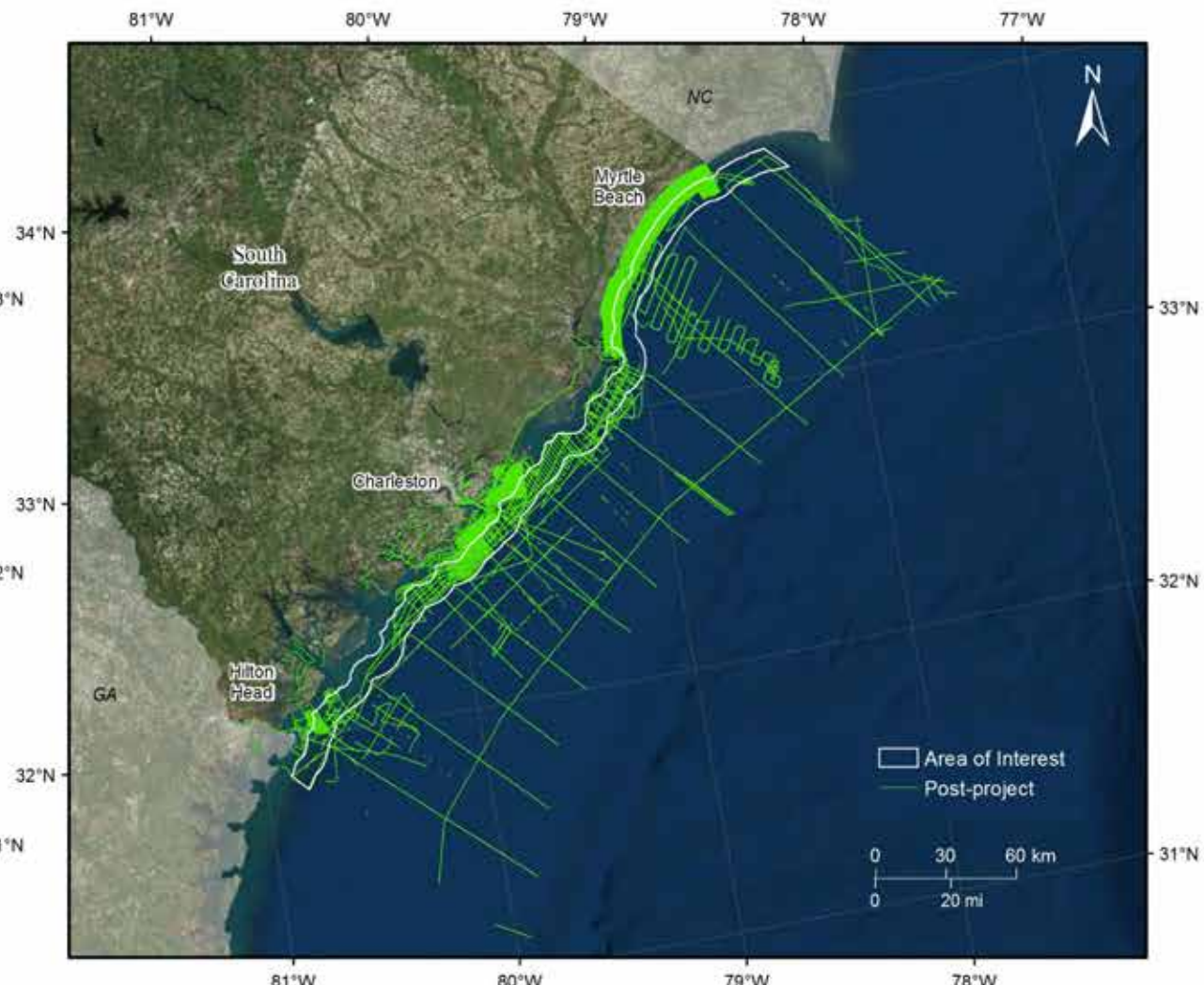
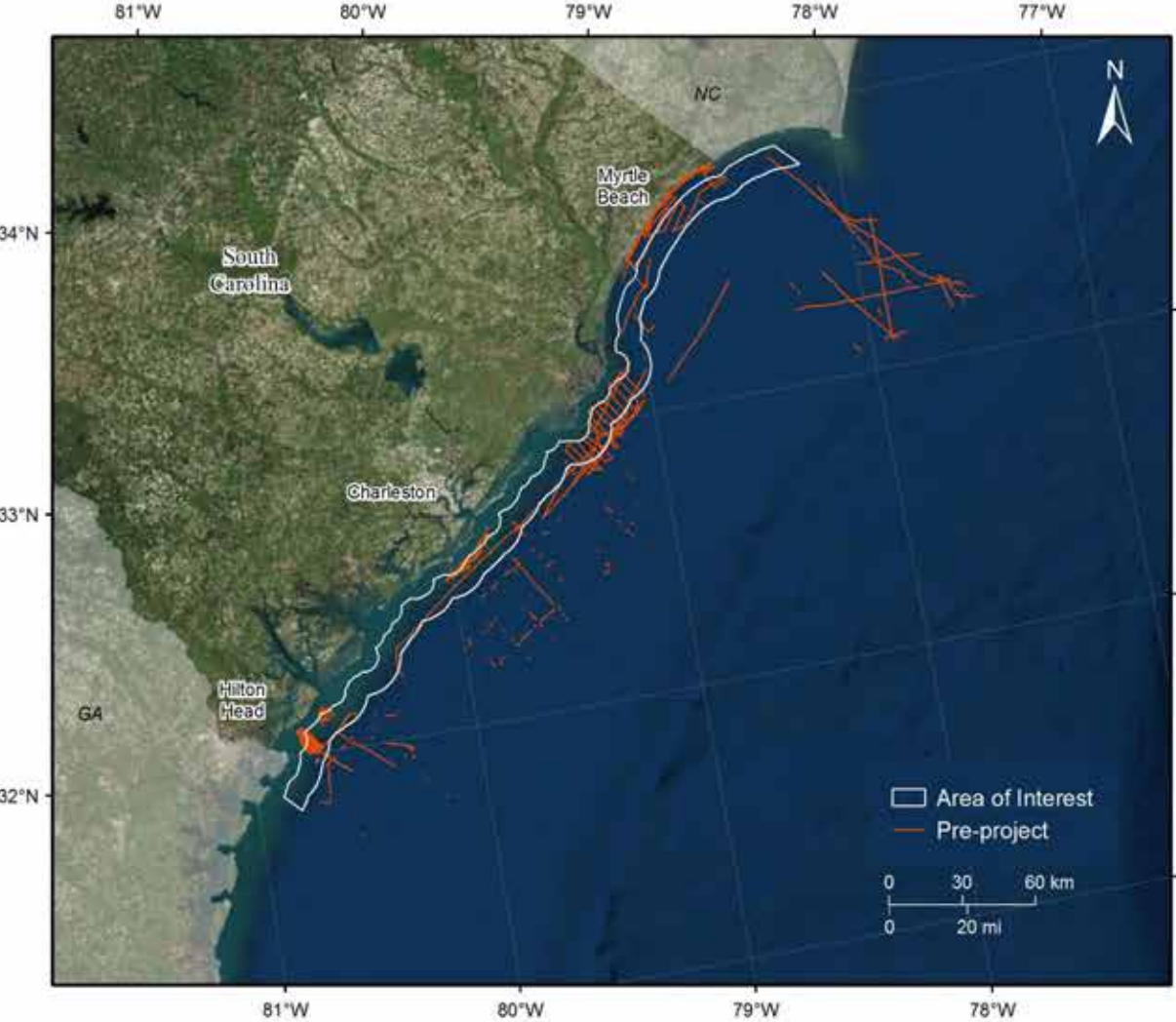
Goals for the BOEM SC State Cooperative Project I (2014 – 2016):

1. Identify existing geophysical/geotechnical data and acquire data, where possible
2. Assess South Carolina's coastal communities' sand needs in relation to identified data gaps
3. Compile data and provide to BOEM with FGDC-compliant metadata and in a compatible format

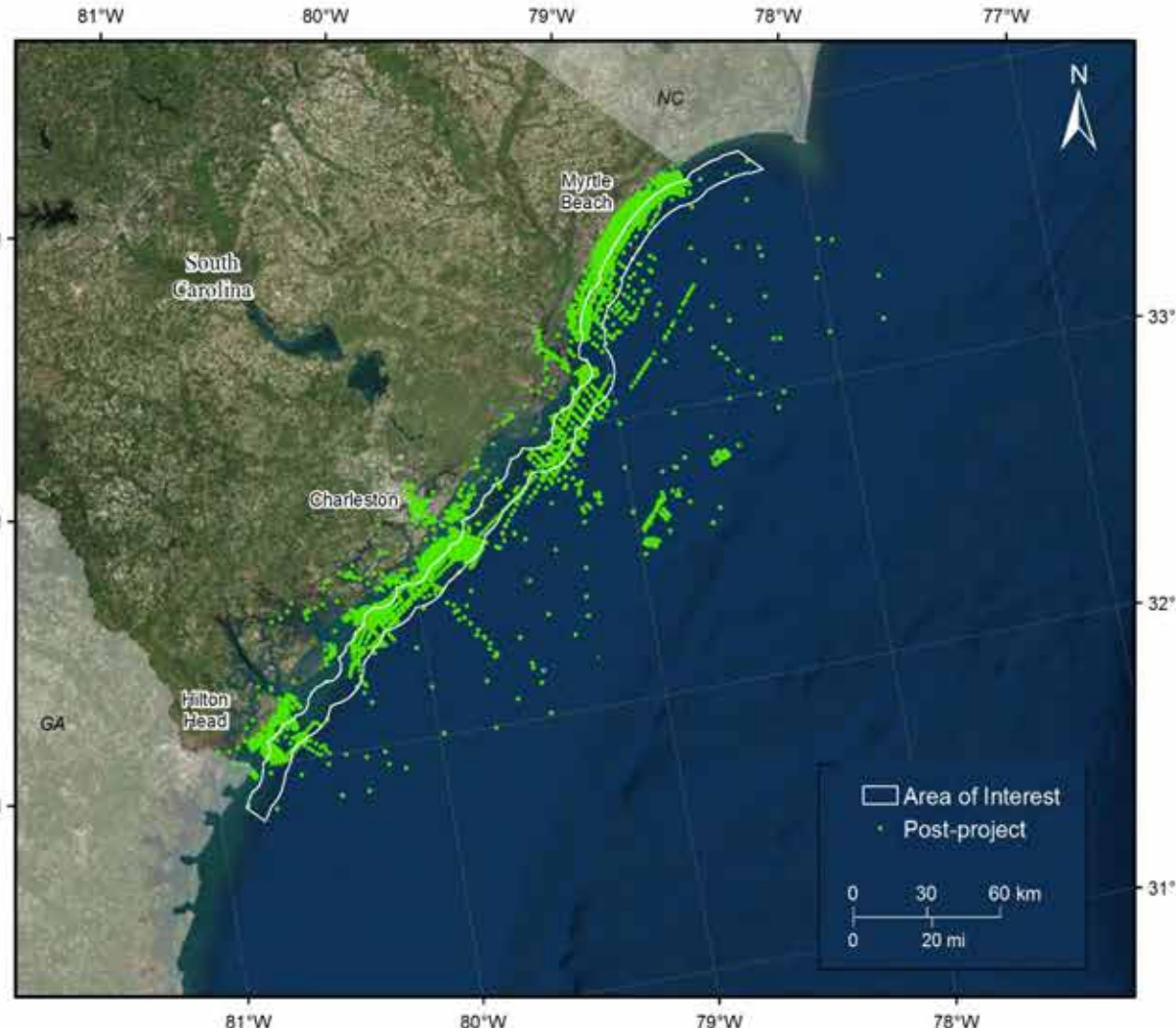
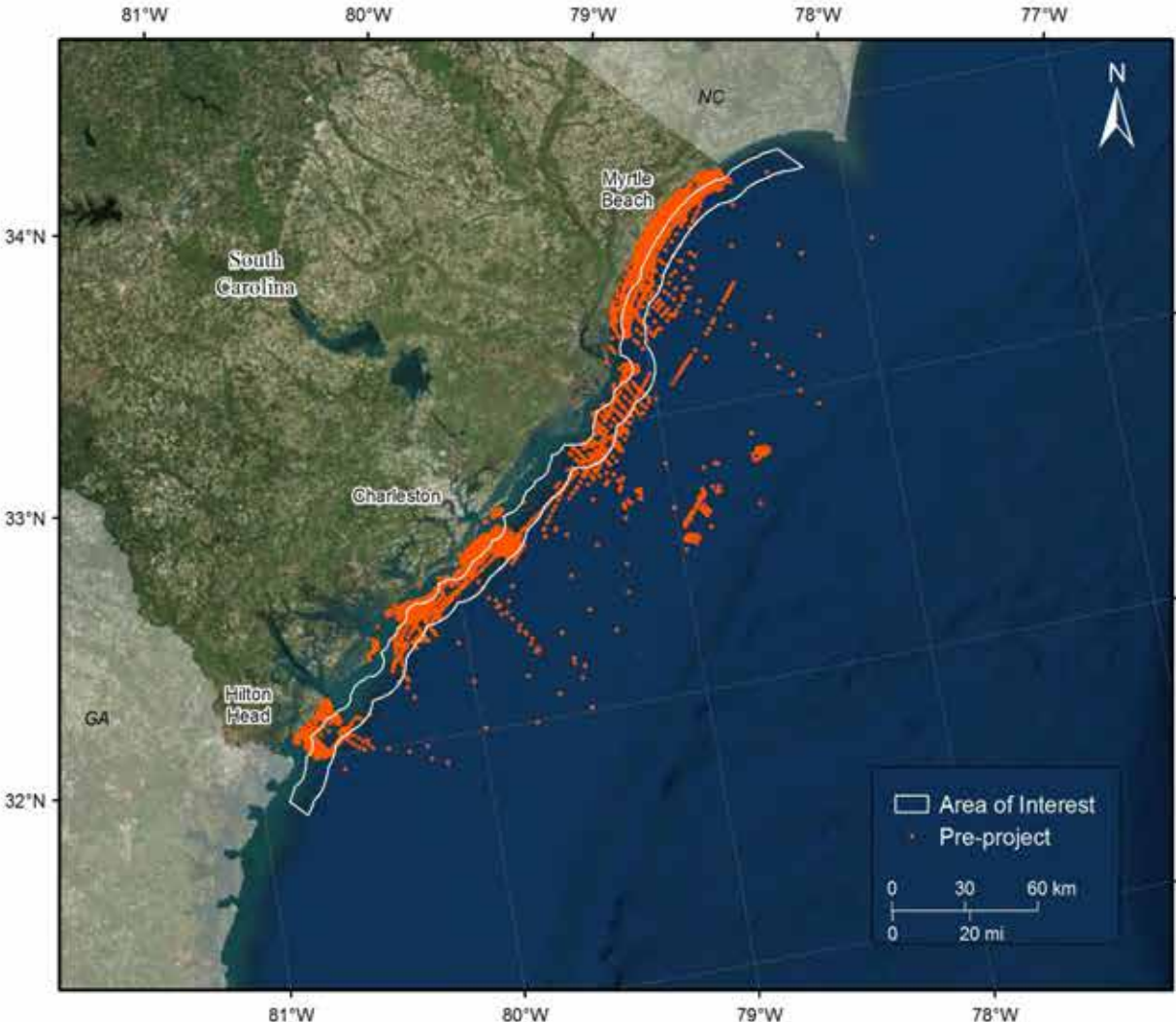
Goals for the BOEM SC State Cooperative Project II (2016 – 2018):

1. Continue integrating historical datasets into database through sub-projects with the College of Charleston and the University of South Carolina
2. Process and analyze all data collected offshore of South Carolina by CB&I in 2015
3. Integrate historical data and ASAP data, along with high-resolution bathymetry, to identify potential areas of beach-compatible sand material in the 3-8 nautical mile Outer Continental Shelf

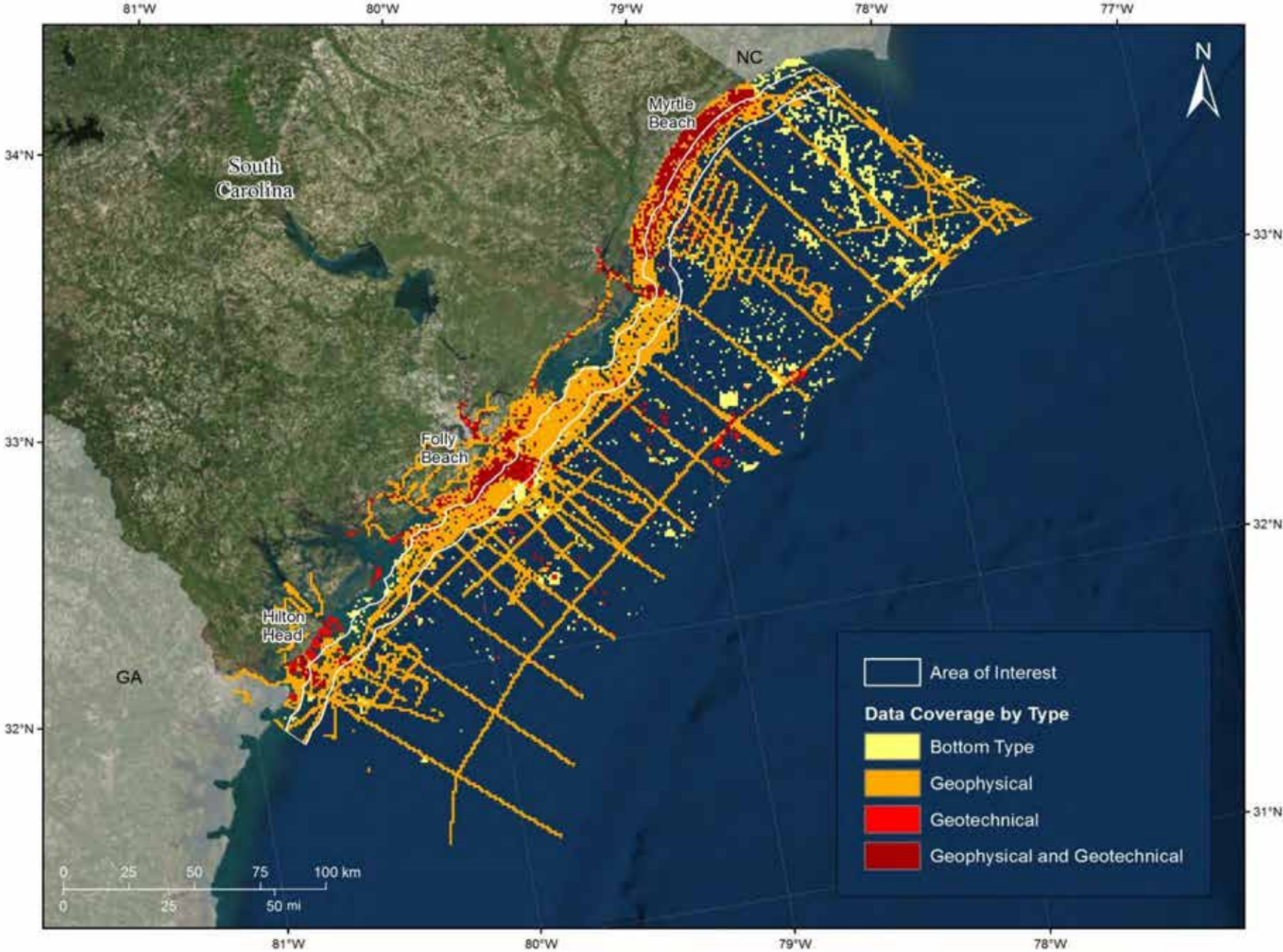
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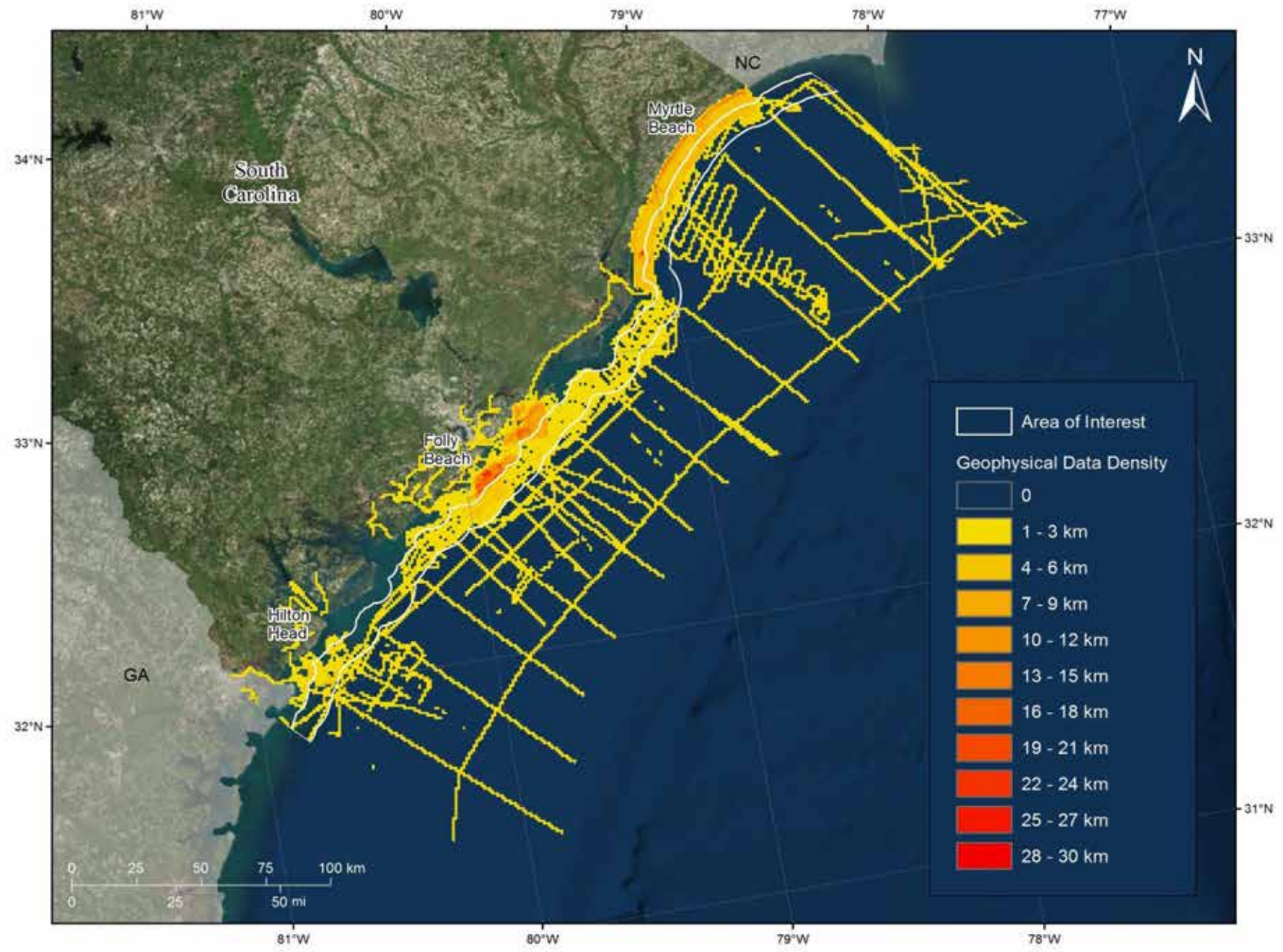
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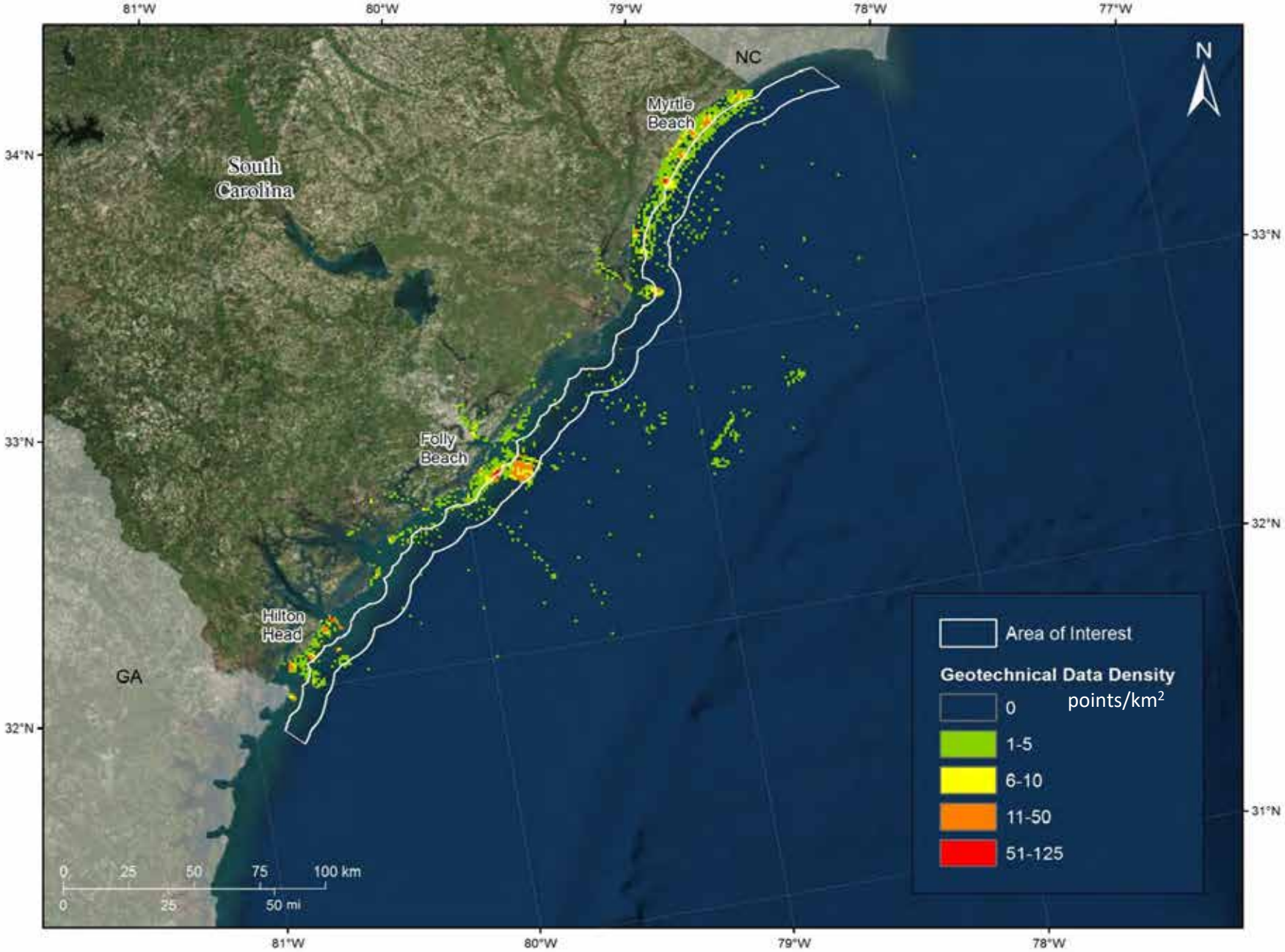
Understanding Where Data Gaps Exist: Data Coverage by Type



Understanding Where Data Gaps Exist: Geophysical Data Density



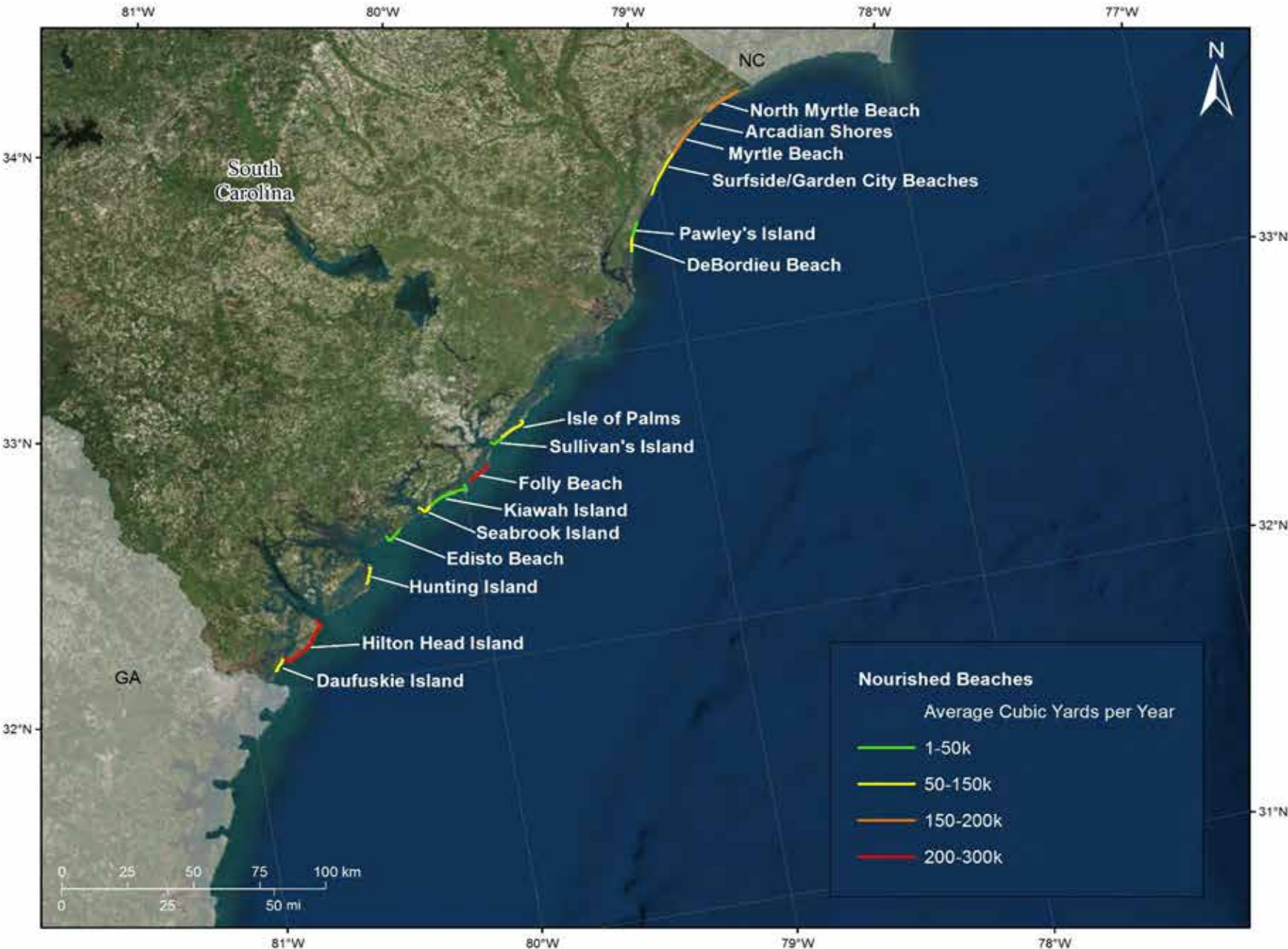
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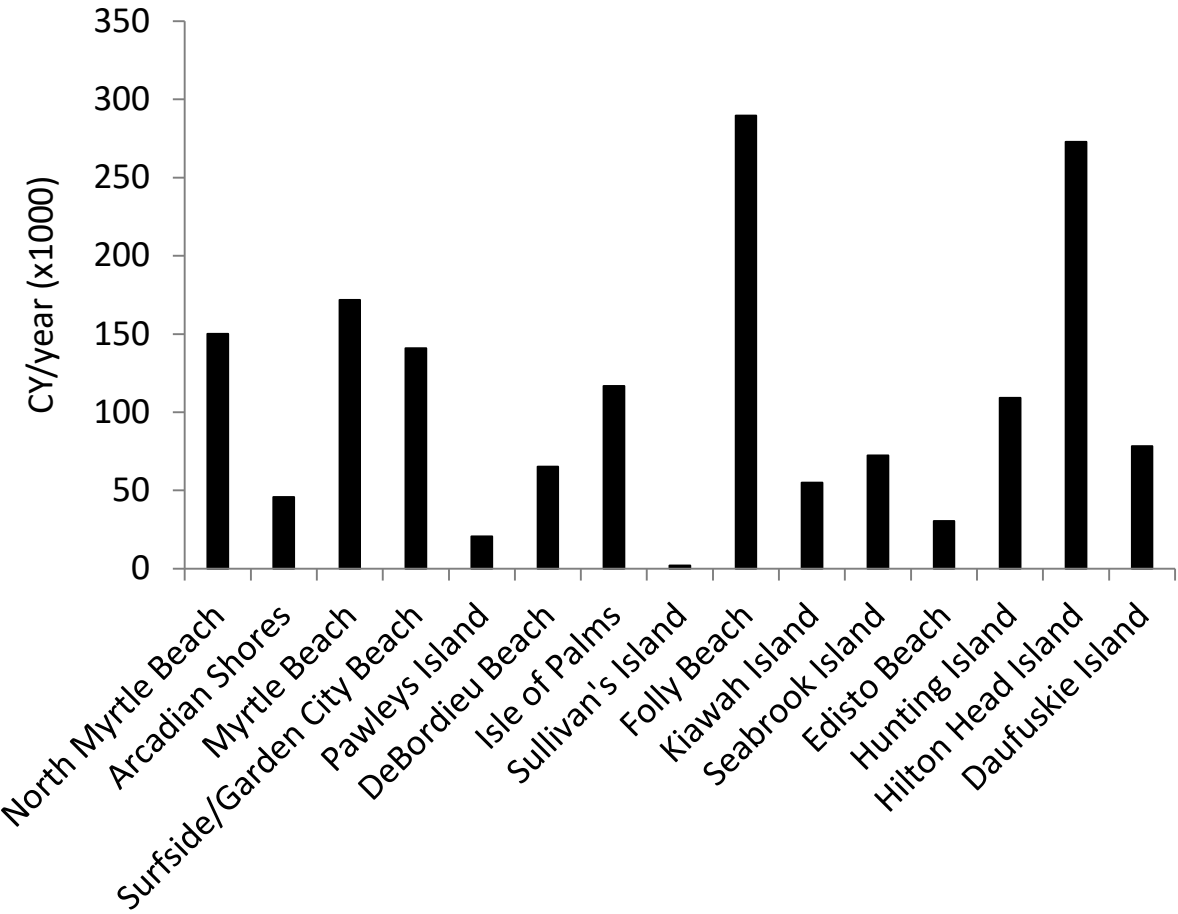
Identified Data Gaps



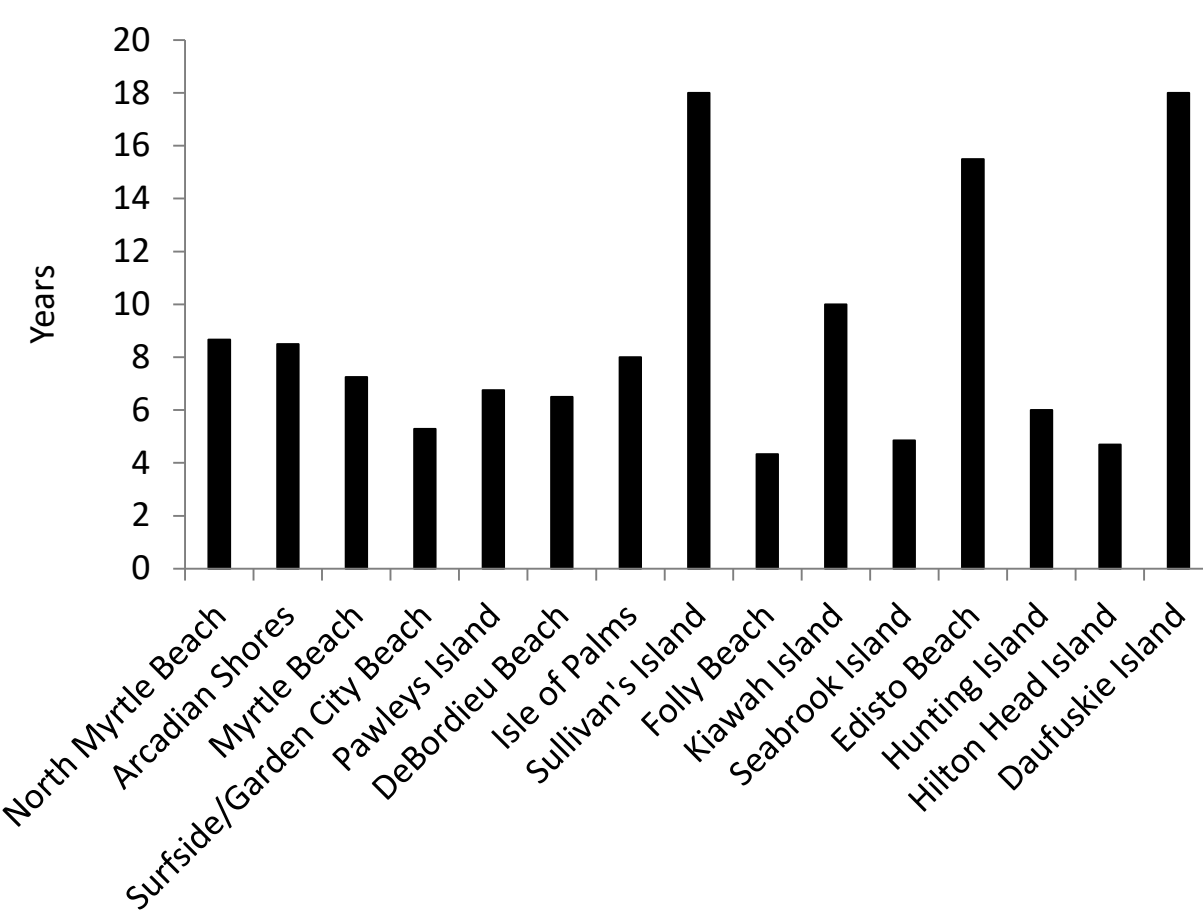
Needs for South Carolina's Nourished Beaches:



Needs for South Carolina's Nourished Beaches: Past Sand Usage



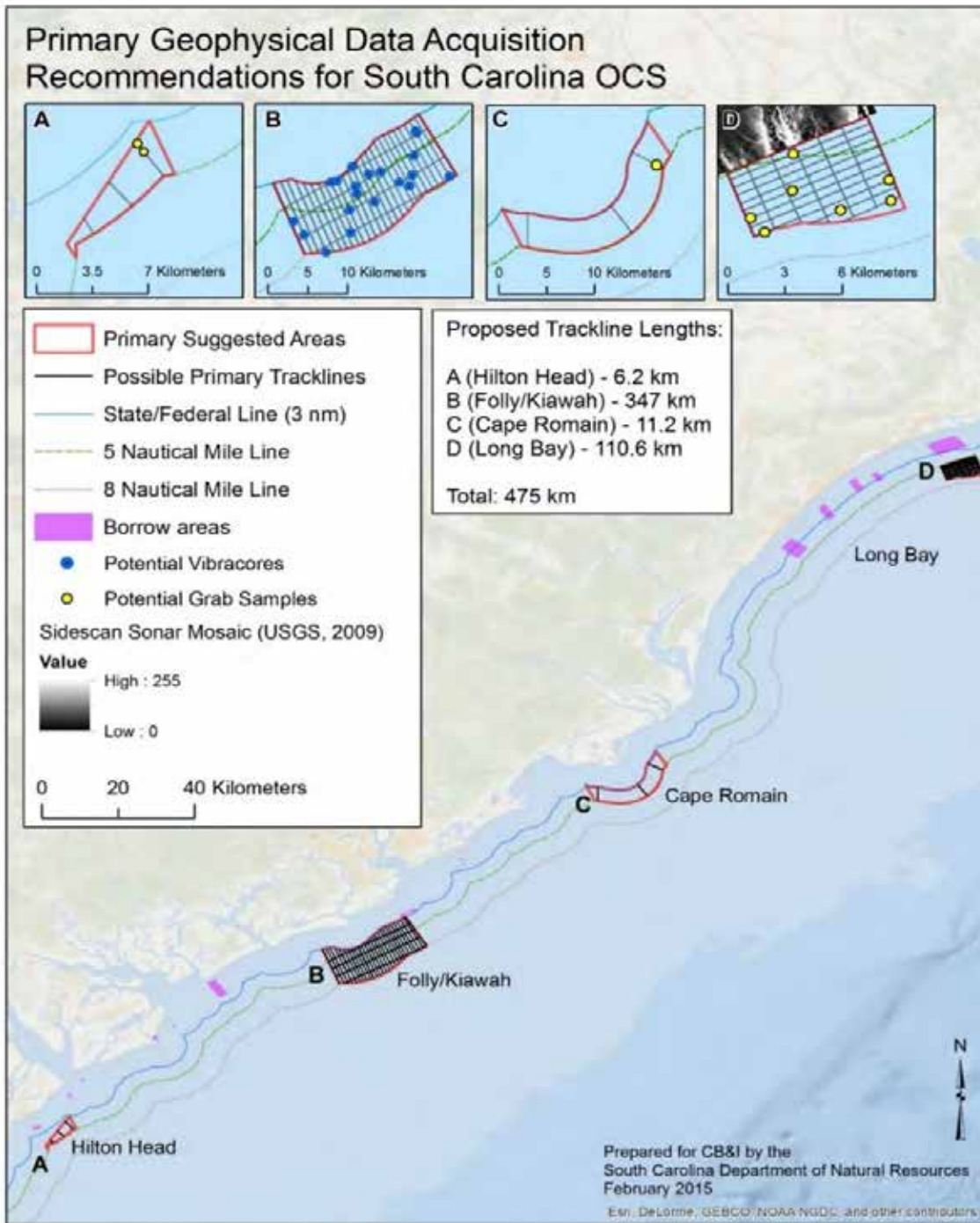
Time-average sand usage by beach community



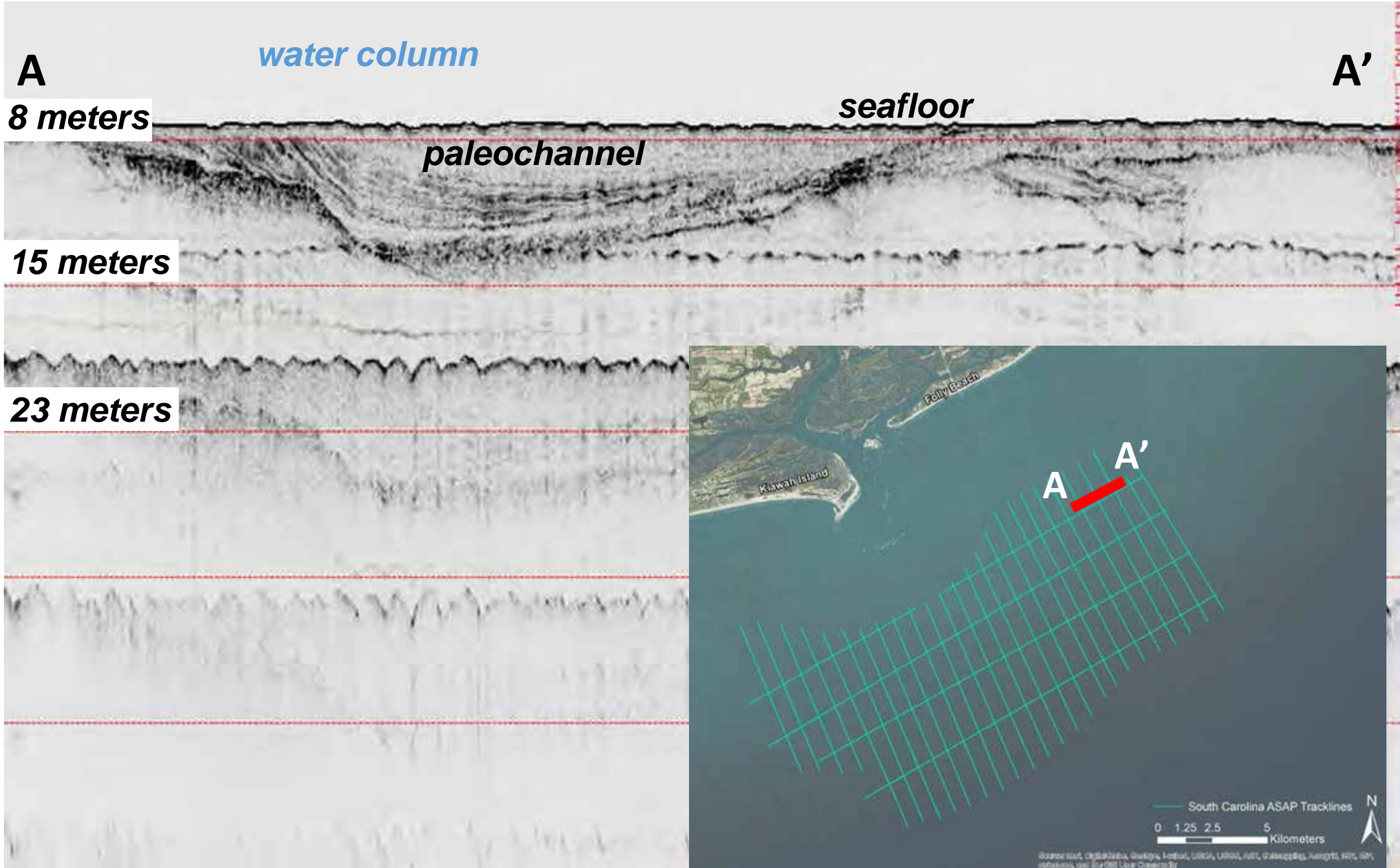
Average time span between nourishment events

Addressing Known Data Gaps: Recommendations for ASAP Data Collection

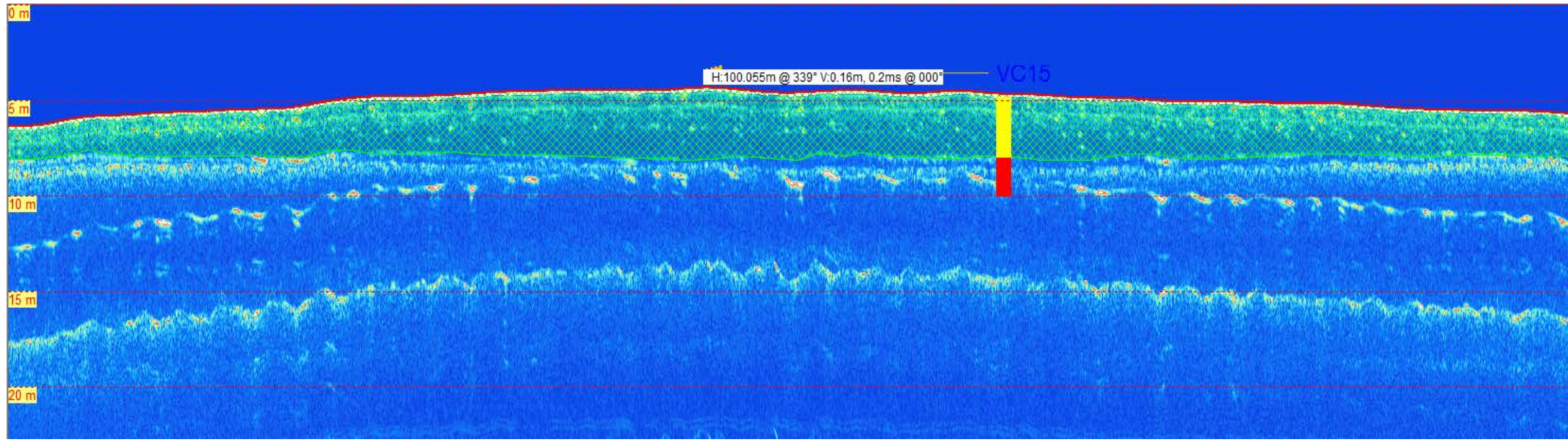
- BOEM contractor CB&I, North Carolina and Georgia state cooperative partners, and representatives from the Charleston and Wilmington district USACE met in early 2015 to discuss data acquisition
- Based on known data distribution, age and quality of the available data, and past need for nourishment quality sand resources, several areas were recommended
- South Carolina was allocated 475 km of trackline and 30 geologic samples (19 vibracores, 11 grab samples)



Processed ASAP Data : Chirp Subbottom Profiler



BOEM ASAP Data – Chirp Subbottom + Vibracore



- Data obtained from ASAP project includes information on grain size, mineralogy, shell content
- Additional analyses are currently being conducted to learn more about the sedimentology, mineralogy, and relative ages of the surficial and sub-surface materials

ELEV. (ft)	DEPTH (ft)	LEGEND	CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS Depths and elevations based on measured values
-29.1	0.0		
-30.9	1.8		SAND, fine grained, quartz, trace shell hash, trace silt, dark gray (5Y-4/1), (SP).
-33.5	4.4		SAND, fine grained, quartz, trace shell fragments, trace shell hash, trace silt, shell fragments up to (0.5" x 0.25"), olive gray (5Y-4/2), (SP).
-39.5	10.4		SAND, fine grained, quartz, trace shell fragments, trace shell hash, trace silt, shell fragments up to (0.5" x 0.25"), very dark gray (5Y-3/1), (SP-SM).

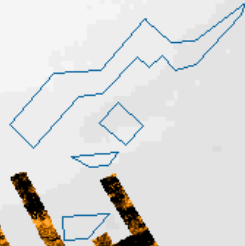




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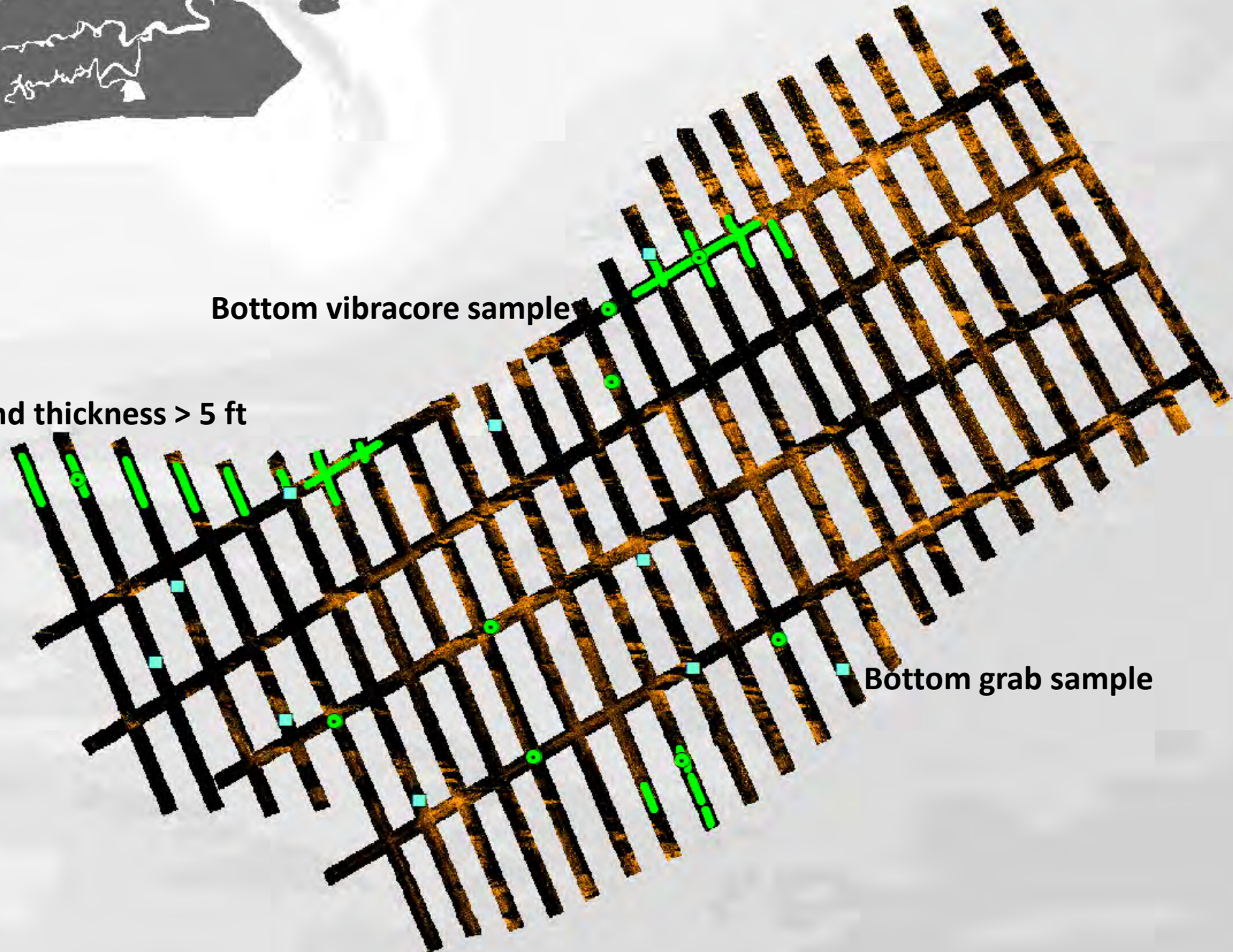
2014 Folly
borrow area
~ 4 miles
~ 1.5 million cubic yards



Sand thickness > 5 ft

Bottom vibracore sample

Bottom grab sample





Potential sand resources

Thicker / thinner





Previous Folly nourishment:
1.5 million yd³ (mcy)

Estimated sand deposit*

11 mcy
5 to 12 ft thick
~ 5 miles



23 mcy
5 to 12 ft thick
~ 8 miles



4 mcy
5 to 10 ft thick
~ 10 miles



*Very preliminary data, subject to change

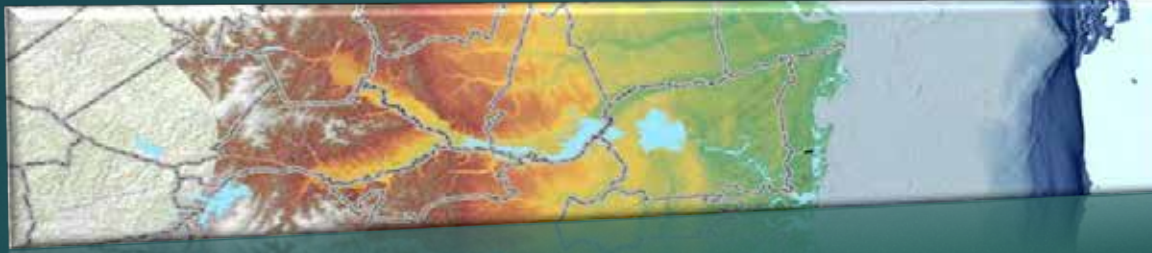


A photograph of a sandy dune with tall grasses and a path leading up to it. The dune is covered in light-colored sand and dense, tall grasses. A path of sand leads up the dune from the bottom left. In the background, there are several dark, cylindrical objects, possibly barrels or markers, scattered across the sand. The sky is bright and clear.

Thank You!

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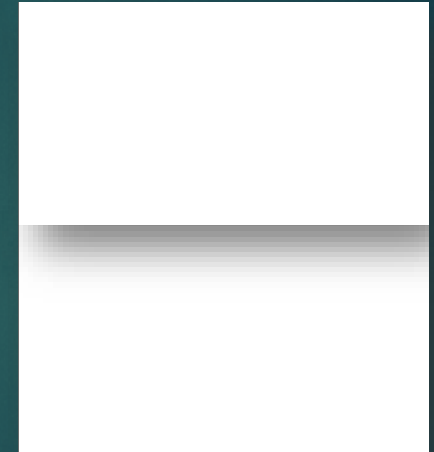
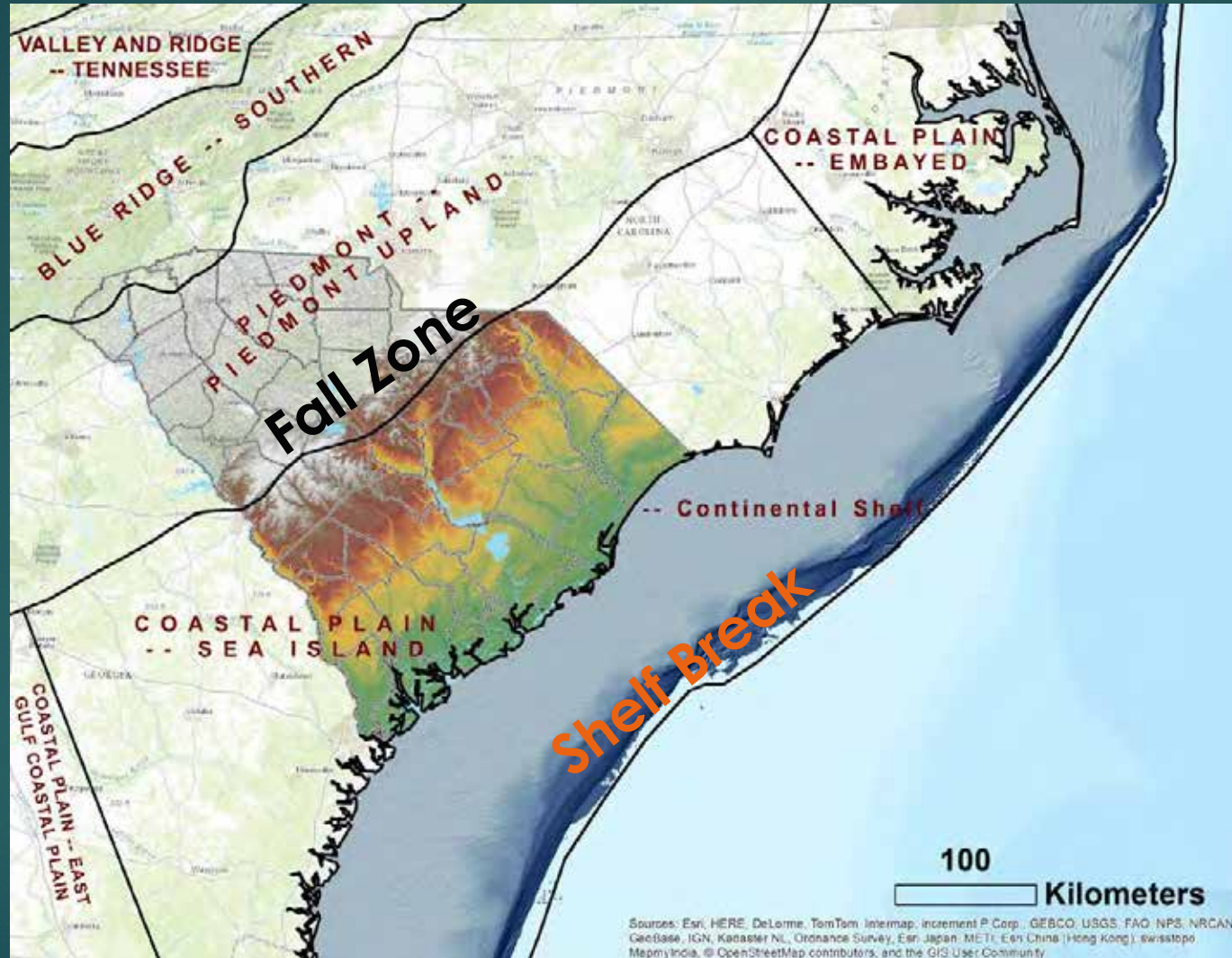
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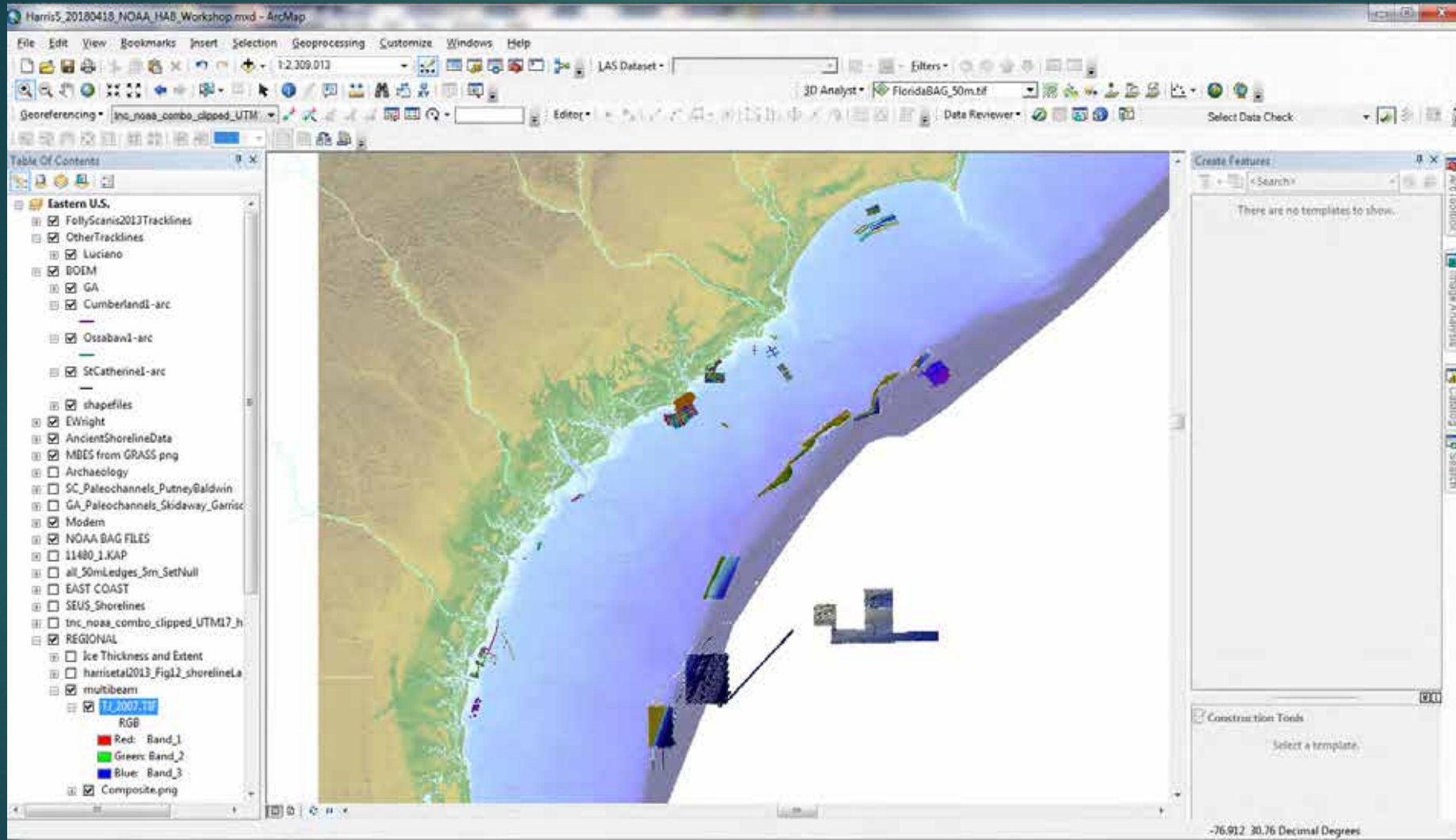
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Elevations



Data



Data

- ▶ BOEM/
CCU/
NOAA
- ▶ Inshore
USGS

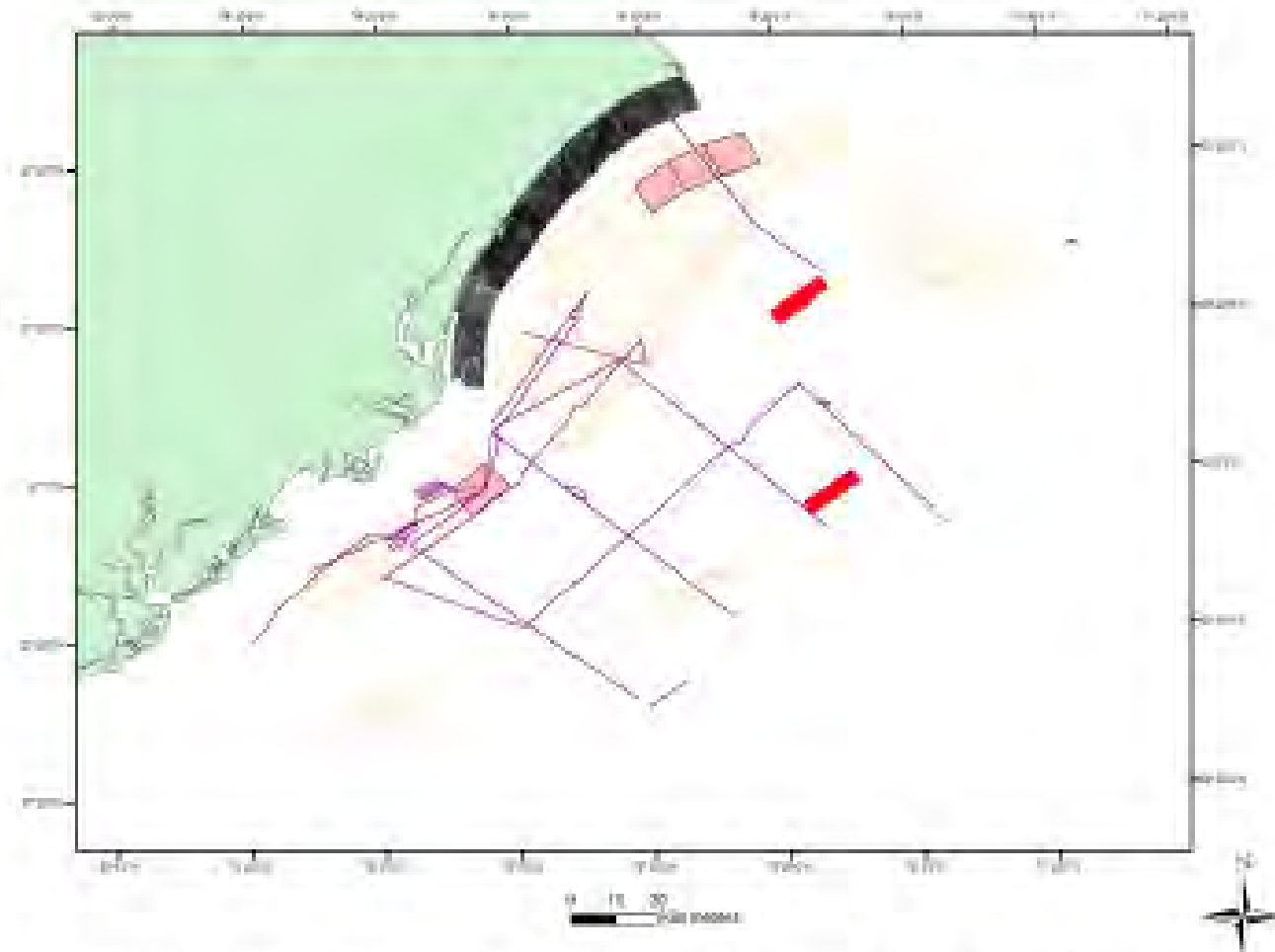
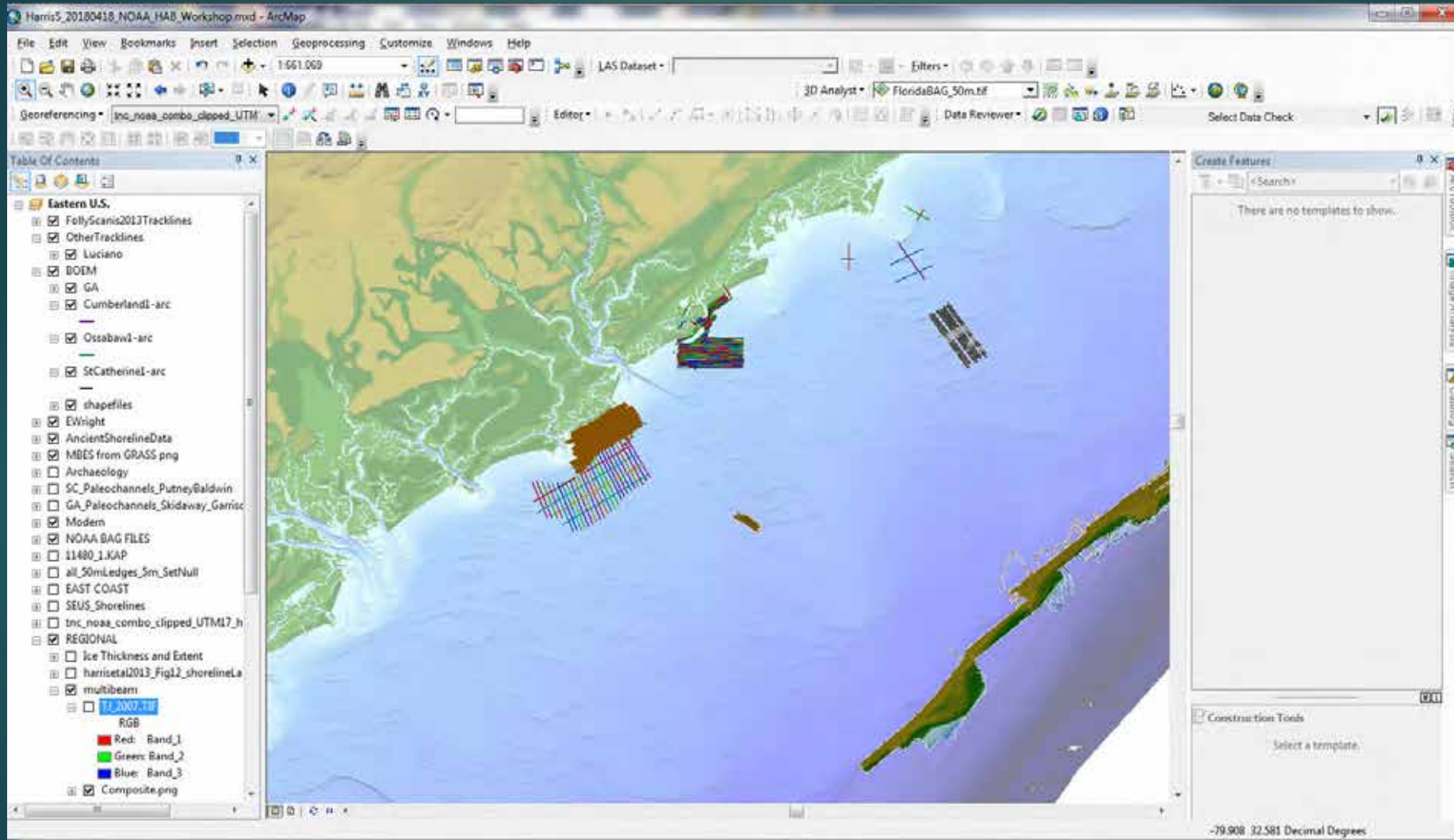


Figure 4. CCU-NOAA survey lines contributed in July 2015 to the SC BOEM initiative. The purple tracklines represent multibeam, chirp, side scan and split beam fish sonar data intended to test NOAA's thematic habitat mapper over a regional scale following a series of paleovalleys across the shelf to shelf break as well as an area of paleo-iceberg keel marks on the upper shelf near Georgetown Hole published in *Geology* (Hill et al., and *Nature Geoscience*; Hill et al.). Two areas of detail multibeam, chirp, side scan and fish sonar data are shown in red. The inshore area had complete complete side scan and chirp data along with multibeam and fish sonar. The offshore site was predominately multibeam, fish sonar and more limited chirp data. In the detailed study areas NOAA completed numerous camera drops to verify habitat / fishery data.

Data



Source Rocks (Fall Zone)



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Barrier systems and need

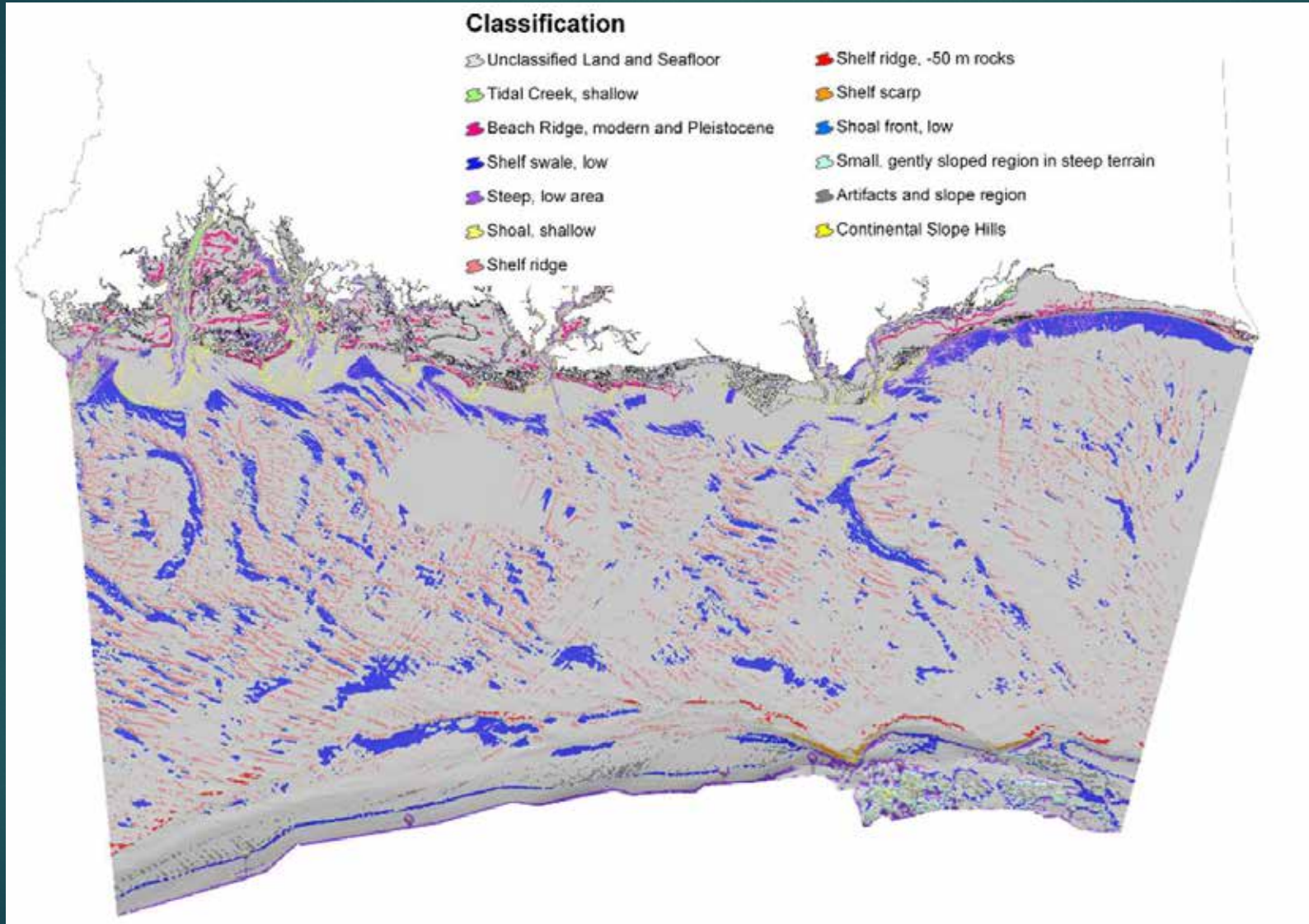


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History of Continental Shelf Geology



Harris et al., 2009

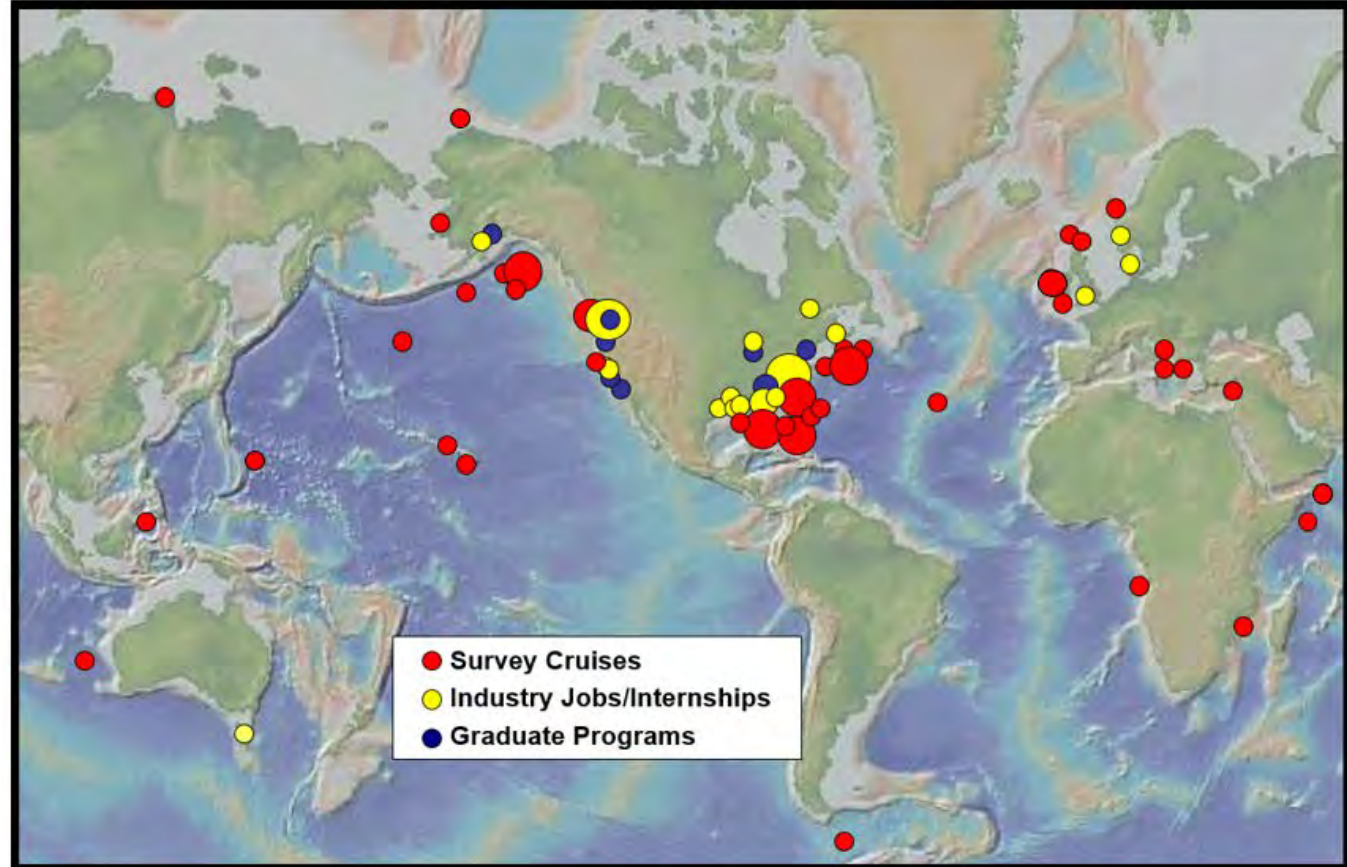
The Stats: Since 2007...

- 142 students have completed the CofC BEAMS Program as of Spring 2017.
- 68 of the 124 students who have graduated (55%) are currently in the marine geospatial workforce
 - in private, government or academic positions
 - 32 of these students (47%) are women.



CofC BEAMS

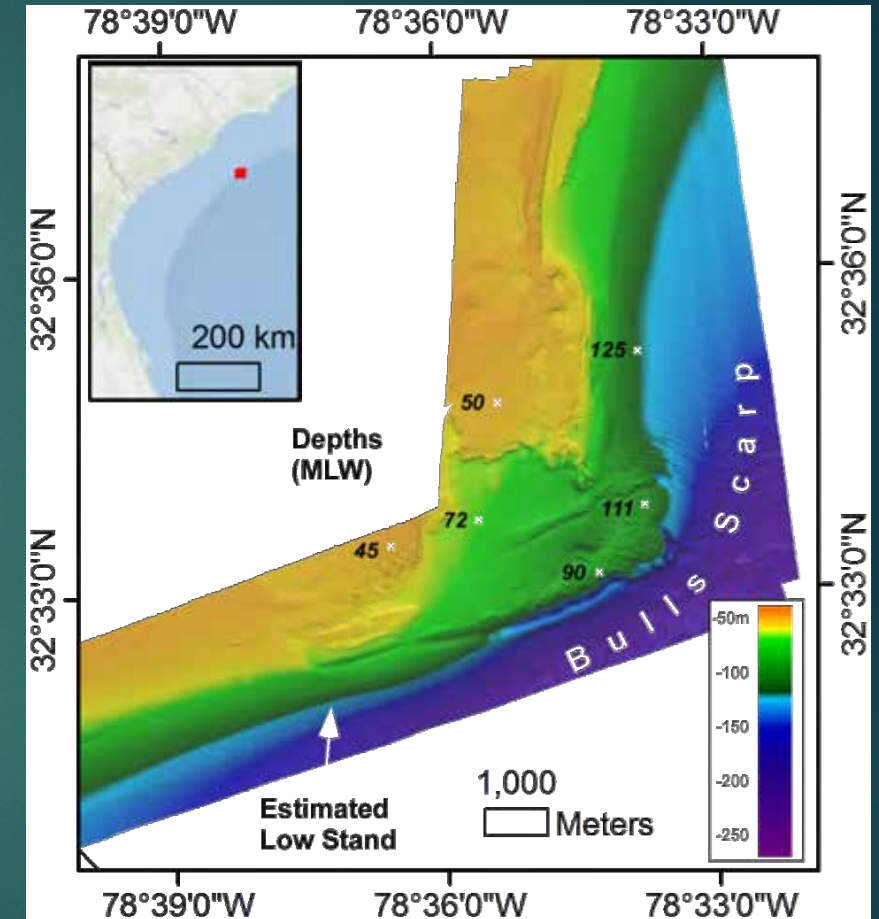
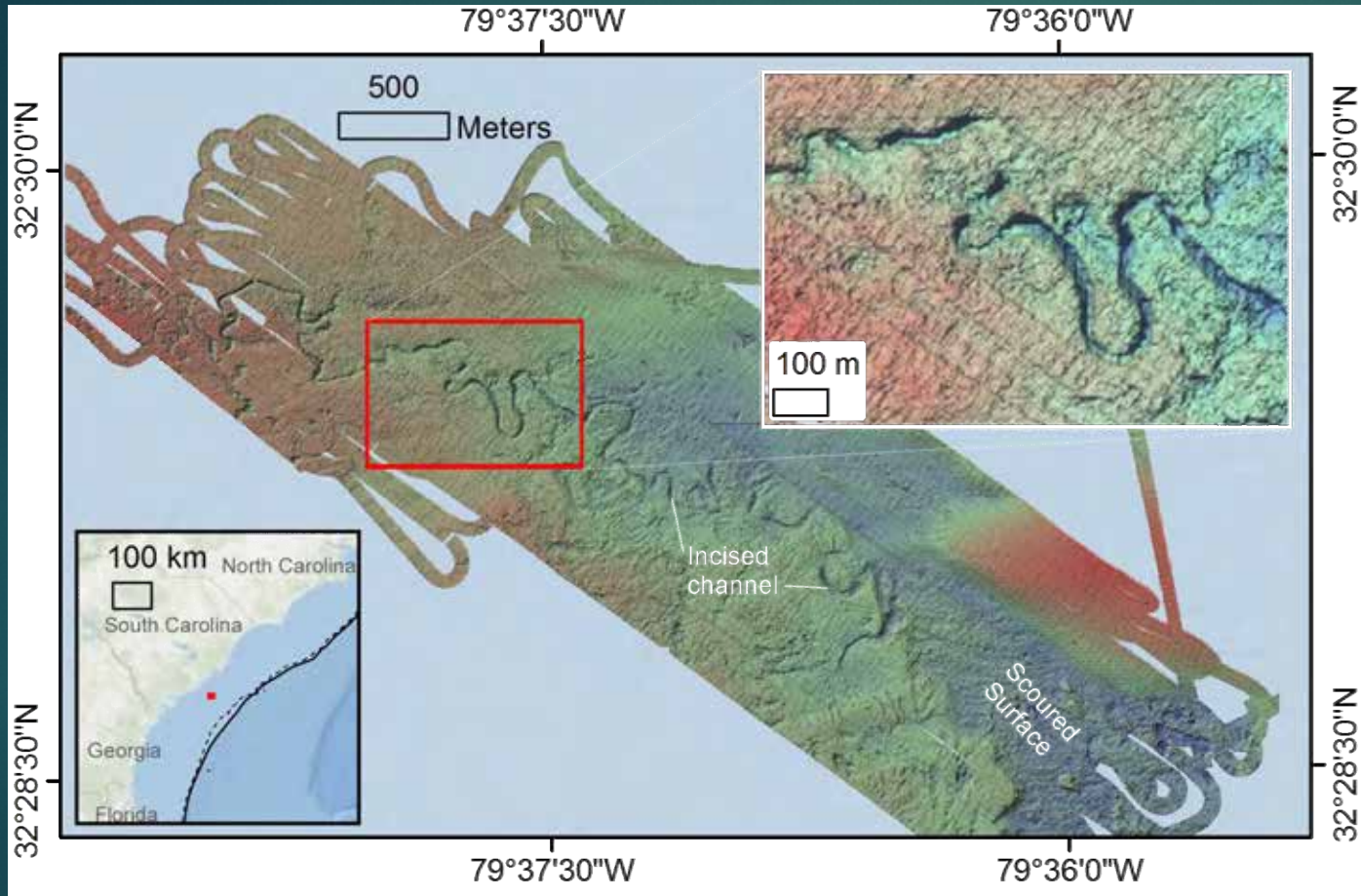
Where have they gone?



BEAMS Program Students and Alums (2007-2017)

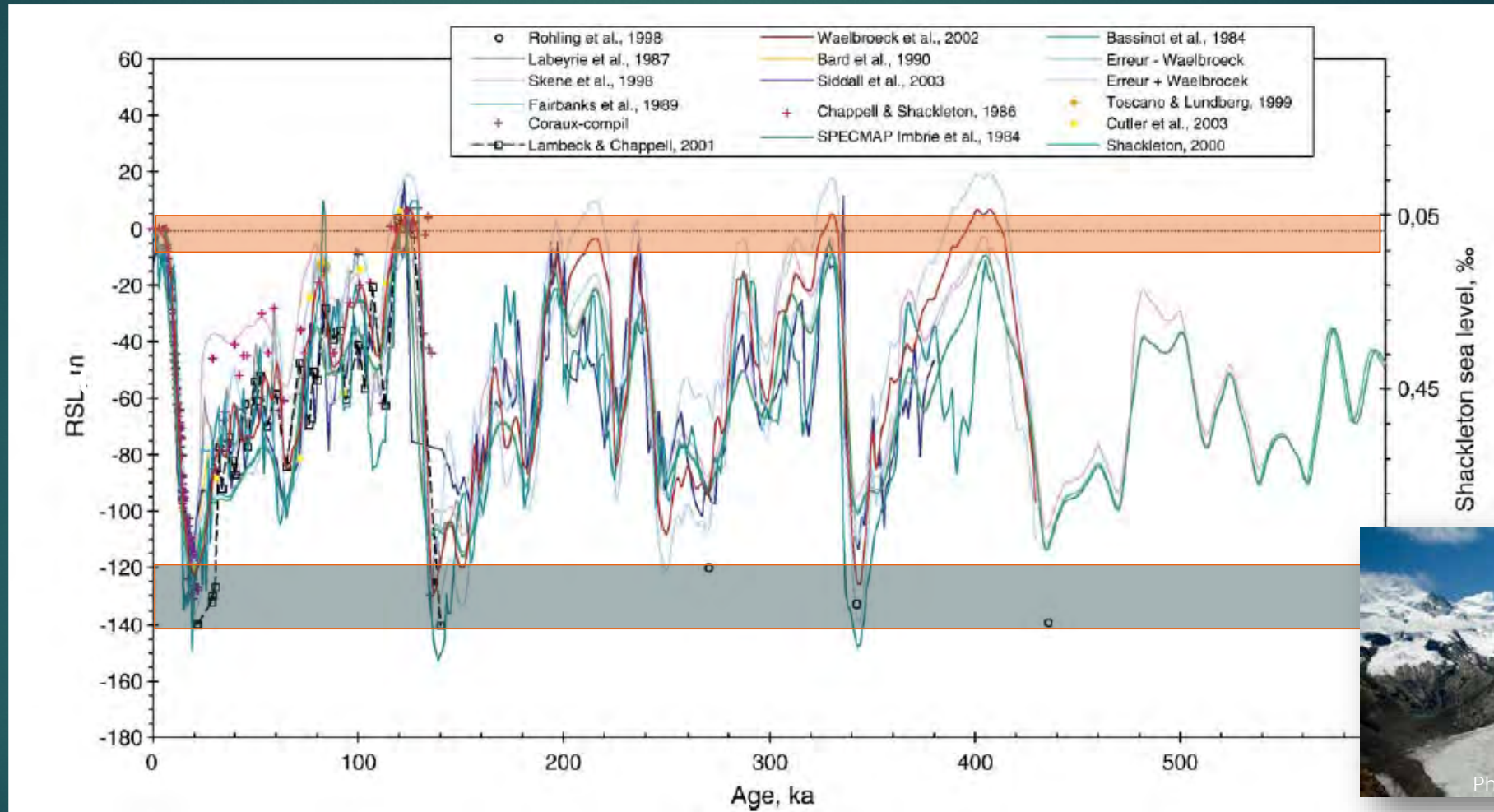


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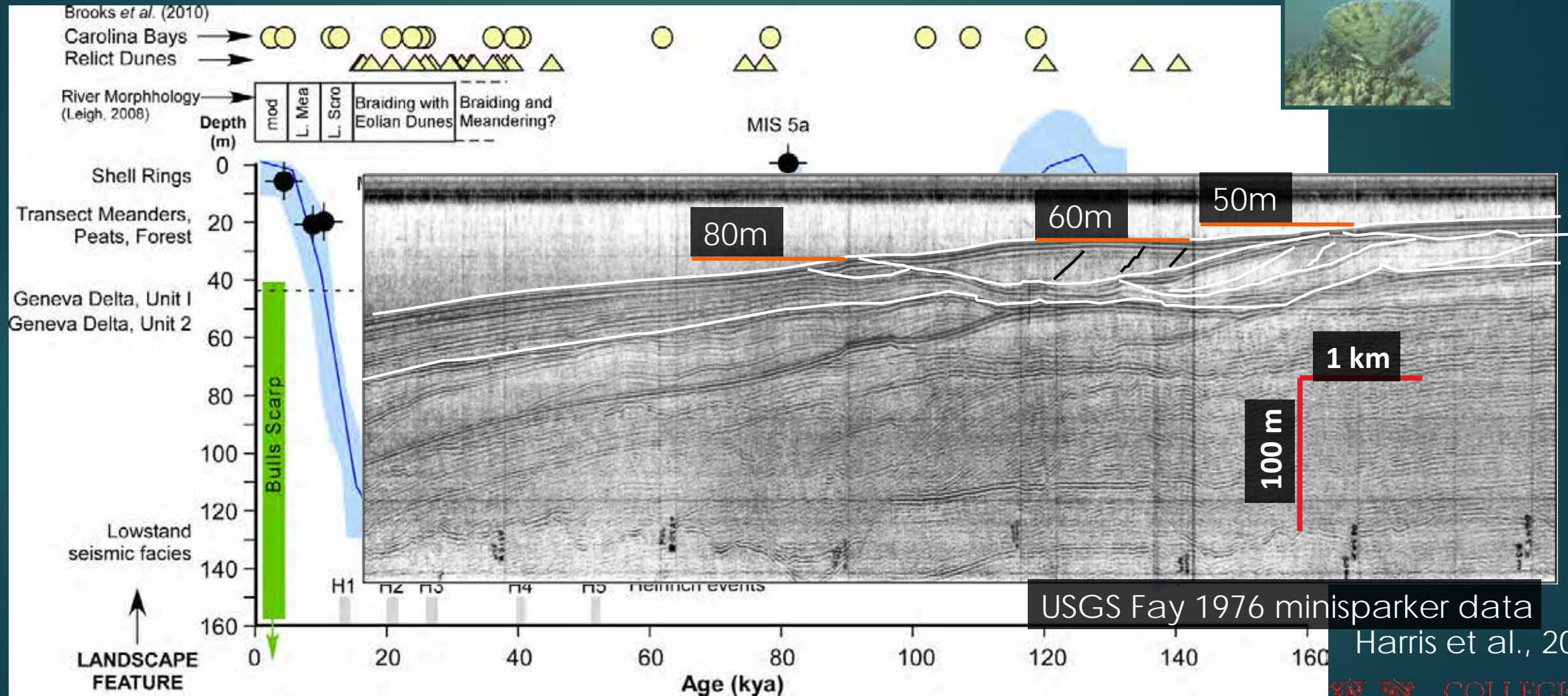
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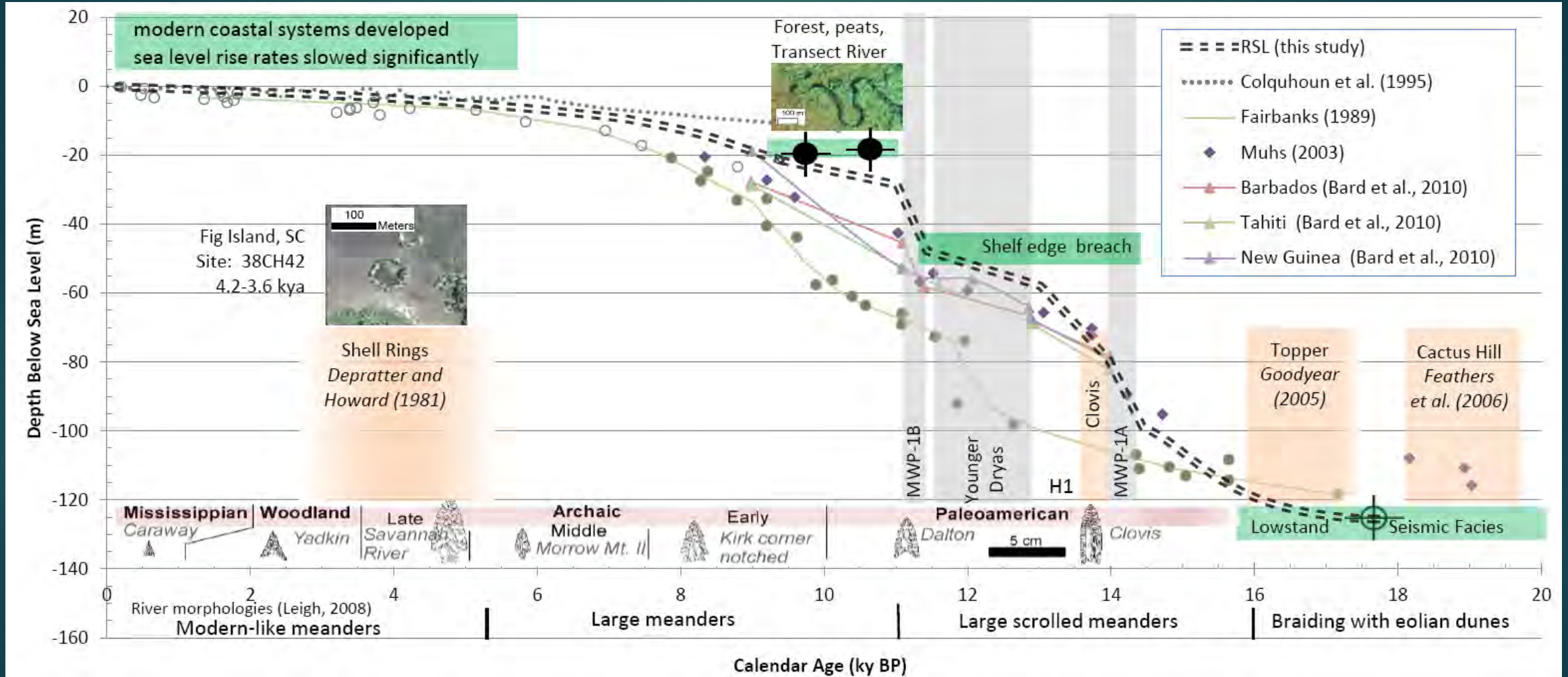


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Last Interglacial to Present



Recent Sea Level Rise

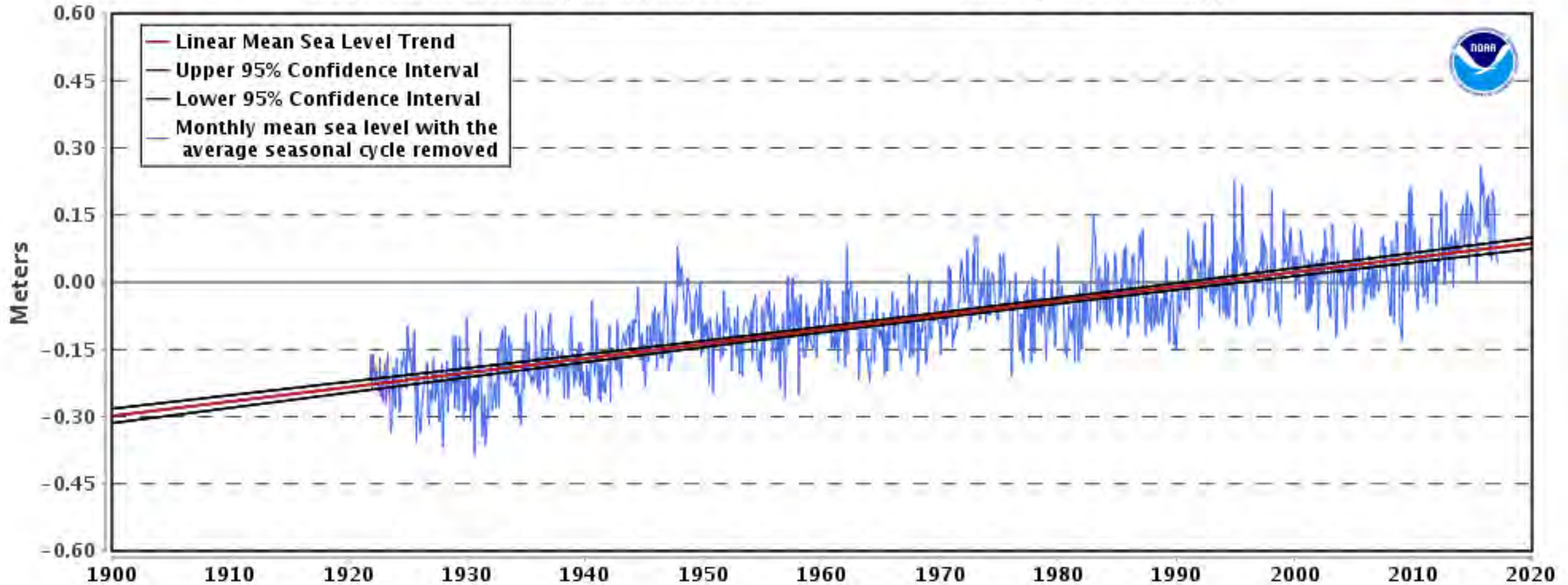


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Recent Years and Sea Level RISE

8665530 Charleston, South Carolina

3.21 +/- 0.22 mm/yr



https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/sltrends/sltrends_station.shtml?stnid=8665530

Transitions



Photo Credit: M. Scott Harris

May 14, 2014
Renourishment
Folly Beach, SC

Targeting ancient heritage and former coasts (Paleogeography)

- ▶ Where were the shorelines?
- ▶ Apply glacial isostatic adjustments to compensate for rebound effect of ice melting since LGM

Findings: Shorelines Through Time 26,000



26,000 years ago

Estimated shoreline
with adjustments for
glacial isostatic
adjustment

Positions on shelf
likely +/- 10 km

Harris, 2018

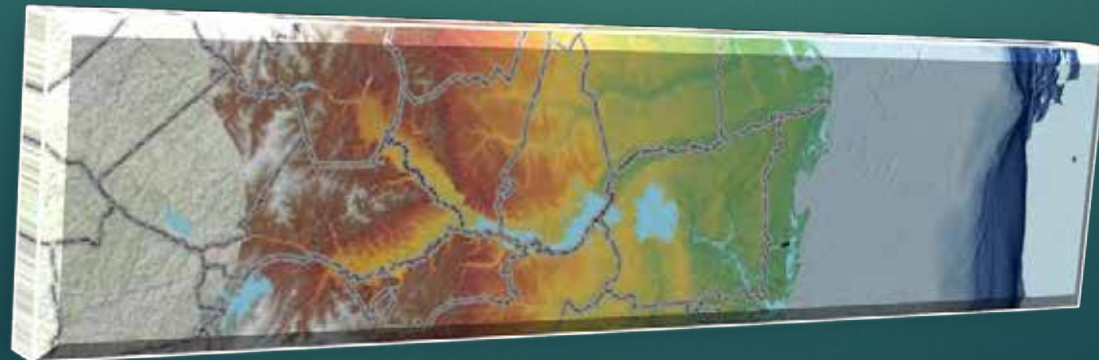
Transitions



Modern Coast
6,000 ya

Where do we go from here?

- ▶ We are continuing our offshore paleolandscapes work with BOEM ASAP and BOEM Wind partners
- ▶ Attempting to more efficiently map the OCS— maybe bathymetric LiDAR – excellent visibility offshore!!!
- ▶ Setting up a program bridging between CP and CS using alternate geophysical techniques
- ▶ Finishing up the CP and CS map to establish working areas for cadre of students over the next decade



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▶ **Topography: USGS; Bathymetry: NOAA and TNC**