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Integration of Regional Lidar to Expand Shoaling Rate Analytics Beyond Navigation Channels

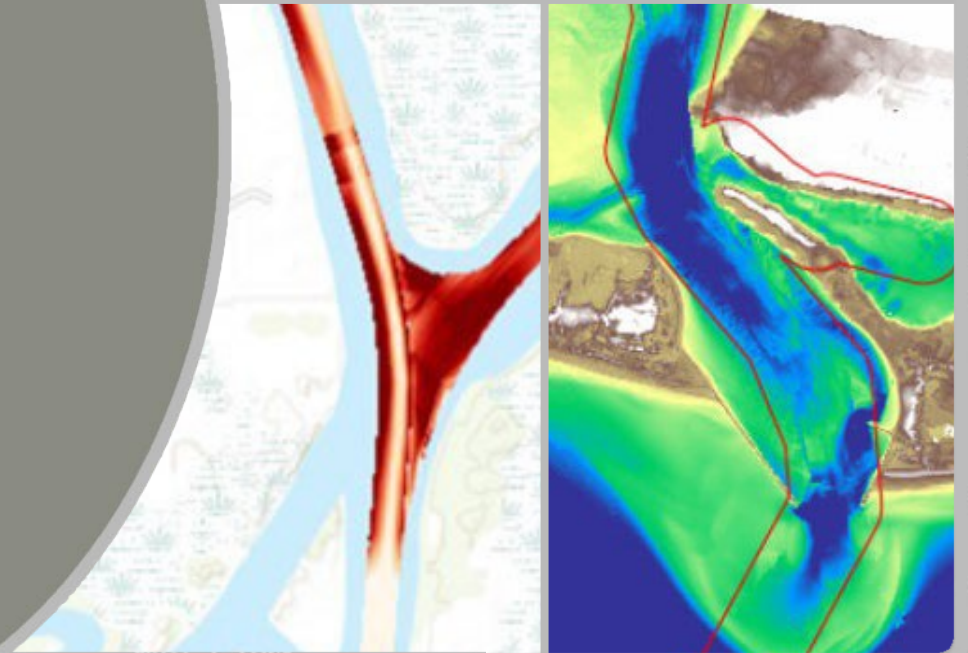
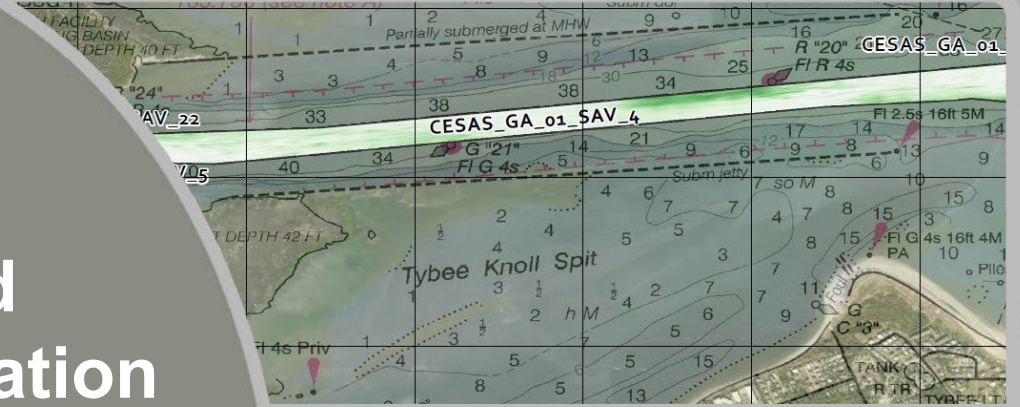
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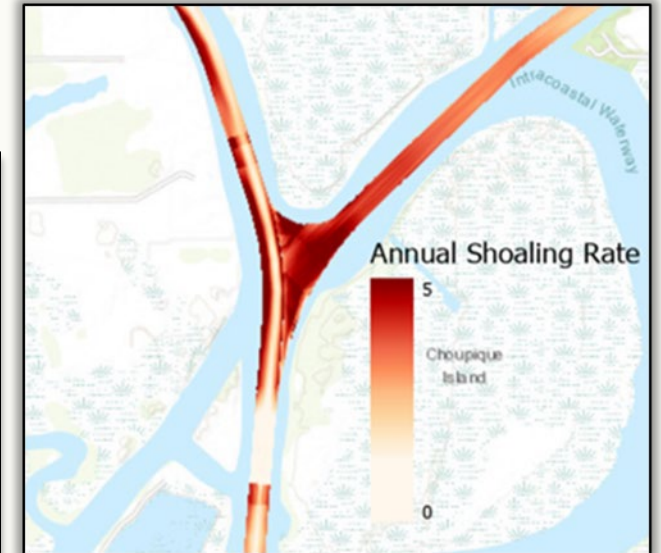
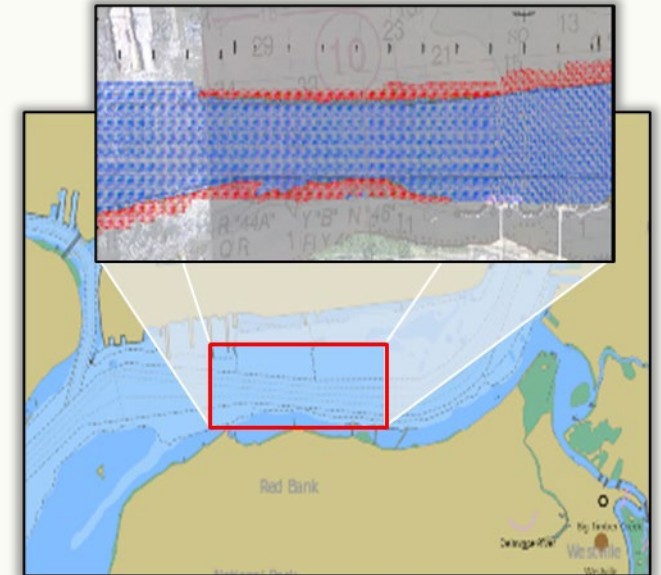
Problem

- Quantitative analysis of navigation channel conditions is critically important to supporting the USACE Navigation Mission area.
- Accurate shoaling estimation is critical for designing various aspects of navigation projects:
 - Advanced maintenance depth selections
 - Dredged material management plan development
 - Erosion control and sediment training structure designs.
- Current shoaling estimates limited to Federally authorized navigation channel dimensions

Sample report providing volumes at different depth/time intervals and shoaling rates

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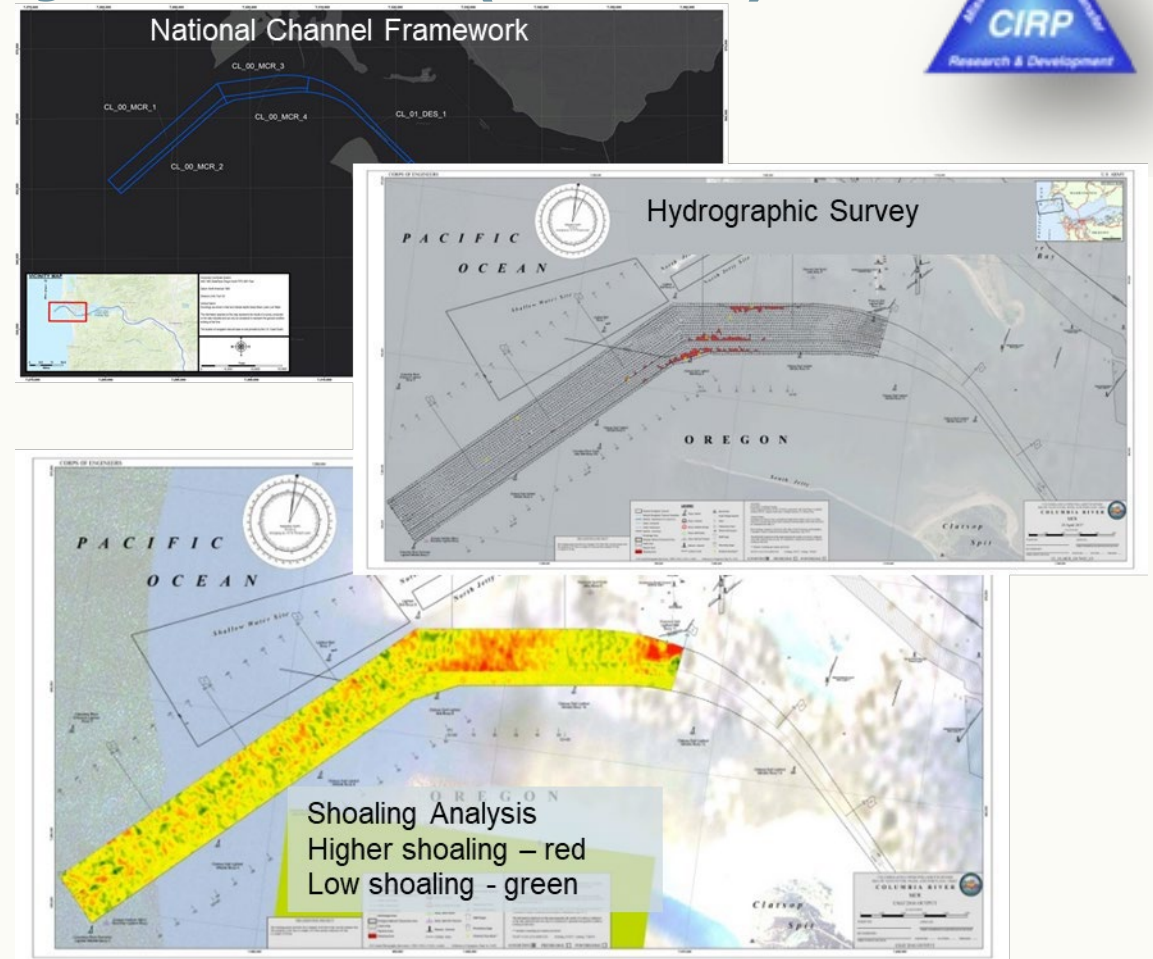
Corps Shoaling Analysis Tool (CSAT)



Description

- CSAT estimates shoaling rates using hydrographic surveys within the boundary of the National Channel Framework.
- CSAT uses the historical shoaling rates to predict future dredging volumes at various channel depth intervals.
- Where are shoaling 'hot spots' within the navigation channel?
- How has shoaling changed as a result of meteorological events (extratropical storm, rainfall or drought periods), dredge schedule change or dredge type change?

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National Channel Framework, hydrographic survey map sheet from eHydro, and the shoaling rate prediction for Columbia River, OR.

Capability and Strategic Impact Statement

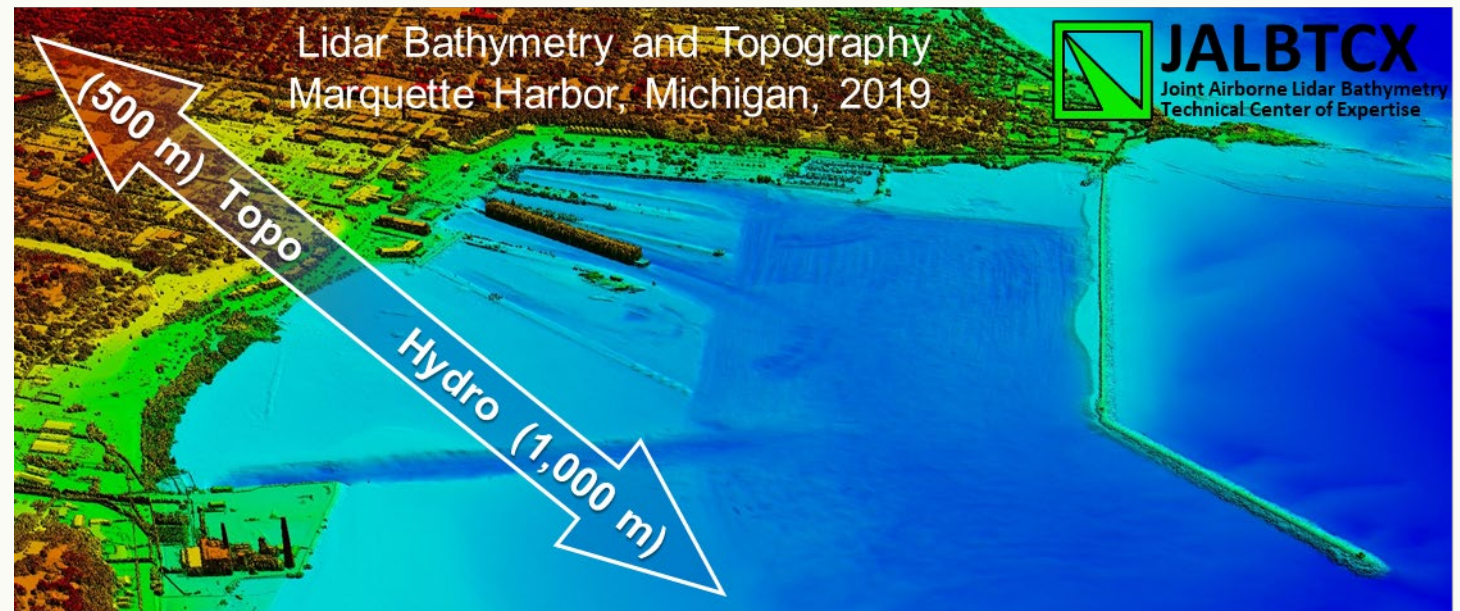
Shoaling rates can be used to identify hot spots or areas of increased sedimentation, ***allowing engineers and scientists to evaluate environmental and human-induced changes on the Navigation portfolio***. Additionally, CSAT shoaling rates and channel navigability supports decision makers efforts to ***maximize the use of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funding*** in the Navigation Business Line.

Expanding CSAT Capabilities beyond the NCF

- CSAT currently estimates shoaling rates using hydrographic surveys within the boundary of the National Channel Framework.
- Sediment migration patterns within the vicinity of the NCF are important to understand.
- Availability of high-resolution regional topobathy lidar datasets provides opportunity to expand CSAT capabilities.

National Coastal Mapping Program

- Develops regional, repetitive, high-resolution, high-accuracy elevation and imagery data
- To build an understanding of how the coastal zone is changing
- Facilitates management of sediment and projects at a regional, or watershed scale



CSAT Input Generation Routine

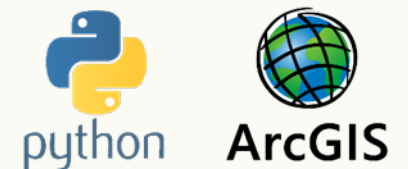
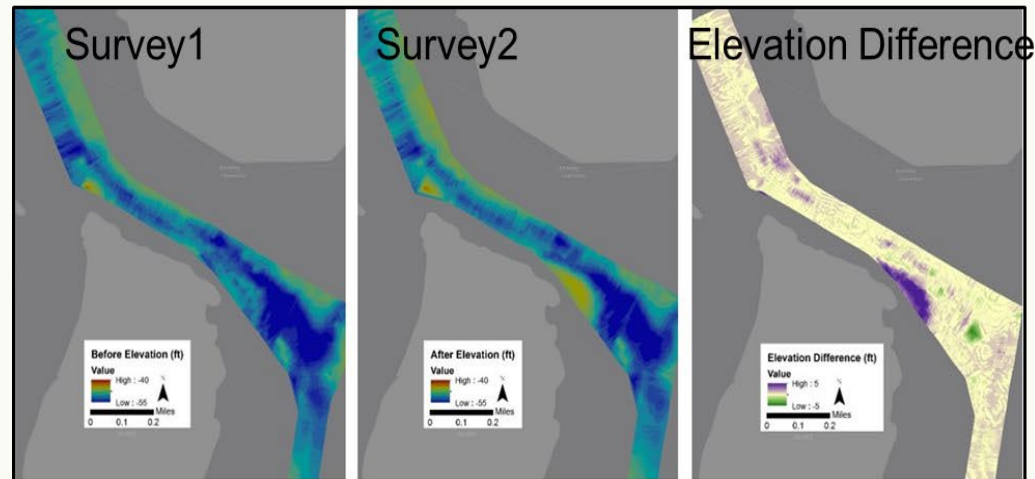
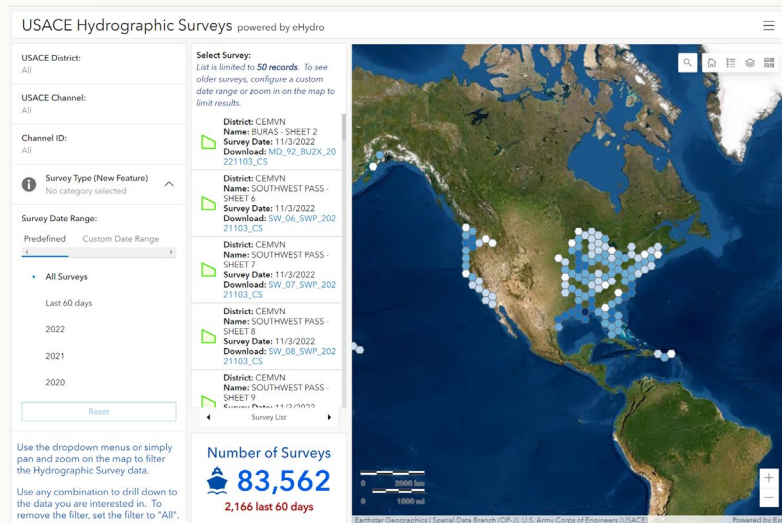


Survey Type
(After-dredge, Before
dredge, Condition)

Partial coverage

Duplicate surveys

User Classification
(Use/Do Not Use)

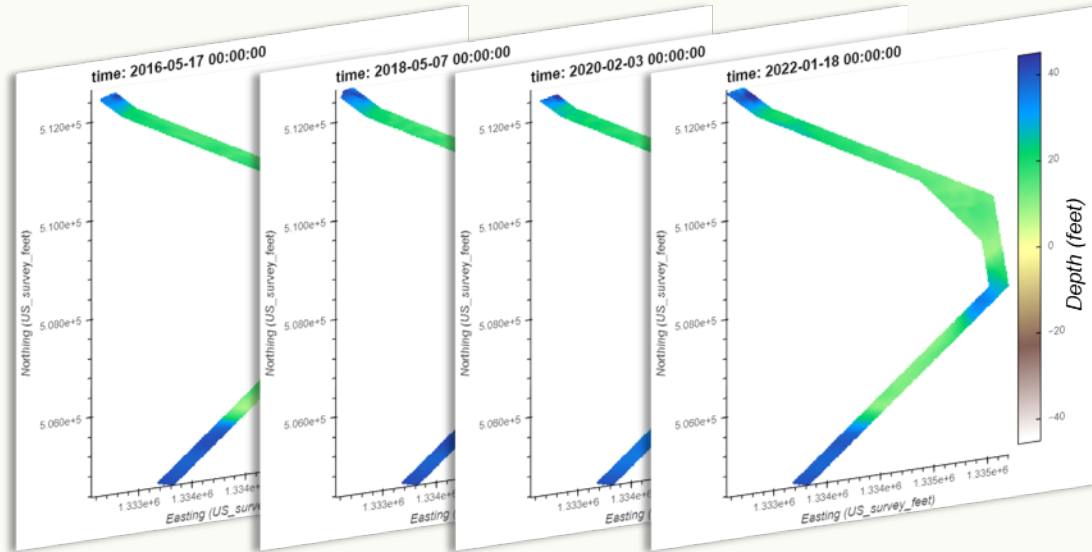


CSAT Input Generation

eHydro Viewer - <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/4b8f2ba307684cf597617bf1b6d2f85d>

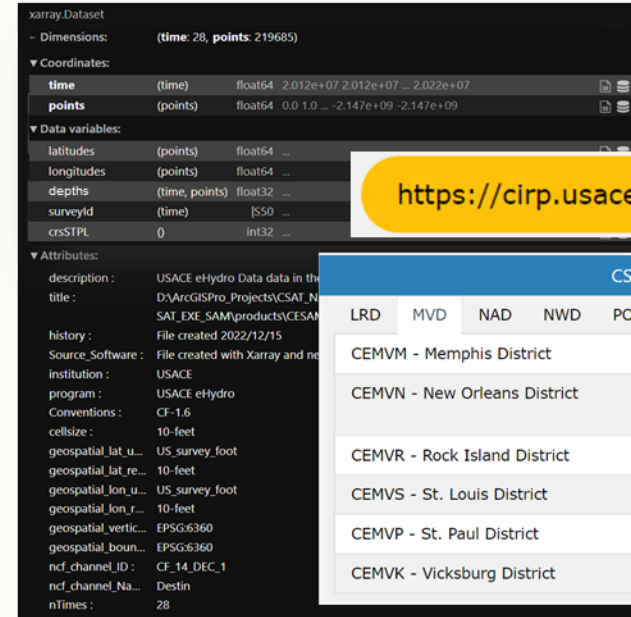
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CSAT Inputs and Formats



eHydro Survey Data
NetCDF

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CSAT Input/Output Files (by Division)							
LRD	MVD	NAD	NWD	POD	SAD	SPD	SWD
CEMVM - Memphis District					Input		Output
CEMVN - New Orleans District					Input	Output - SW Pass	Output - All others
CEMVR - Rock Island District					Input		Output
CEMVS - St. Louis District					Input		Output
CEMVP - St. Paul District					Input		Output
CEMVK - Vicksburg District					Input		Output

Latest survey
data inputs

Reach_ID	Sheet_Name	Reach_Name	Depth	Depth_Proj	Name	Projection	CCR_group	CCR_line_1	CCR_line_2	raster_cel
CF_01_PEC_1	Pensacola Civil Entrance Channel	Reach_1	35.0	35.0	CF_01_PEC	Florida North	PENSACOLA	Pensacola Civil Entrance Channel	Reach_1	10
CF_01_PEC_2	Pensacola Civil Entrance Channel	Reach_2	35.0	35.0	CF_01_PEC	Florida North	PENSACOLA	Pensacola Civil Entrance Channel	Reach_2	10
CF_01_PEC_3	Pensacola Civil Entrance Channel	Reach_3	35.0	35.0	CF_01_PEC	Florida North	PENSACOLA	Pensacola Civil Entrance Channel	Reach_3	10

Channel Reach Table
CSV

	SurveyDateStamp	SurveyID	Reach_Name	Reach_ID	Cell_Size	Use	% Coverage
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1	20120628	CF_14_DEC_20120628_CS	Destin Entrance	CF_14_DEC_1	10.0	1.0	57.32
2	20120910	CF_14_DEC_20120910_CS	Destin Entrance	CF_14_DEC_1	10.0	1.0	40.91
3	20130823	CF_14_DEC_20130823_CS	Destin Entrance	CF_14_DEC_1	10.0	1.0	58.51

Survey Information Table
CSV

JALBTCX NCMP Topobathy Integration

- Workflow to format NCMP topobathy lidar for integration with CSAT's eHydro input.
- Jupyter Lab notebooks leveraging custom CSAT Python environment and the ESRI REST API.

(1) Transform eHydro input from 2D to 3D NetCDF

2D eHydro NetCDF

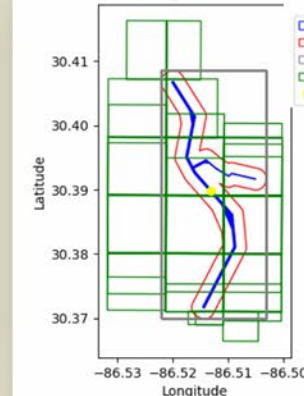
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Data variables:	
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3D eHydro NetCDF

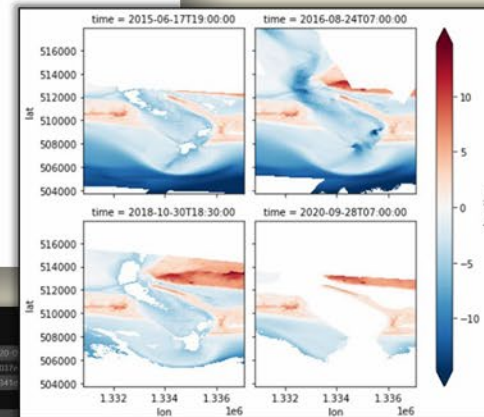
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(2) Query and extract NCMP topobathy and write to 3D NetCDF

NCMP Data Coverage for USACE NCF Destin



NCMP footprints and images from REST Image Service



Dimensions:	(time: 4, y: 4000, x: 4000)
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title:	JALBTCX Destin.nc
History:	File created with Xarray and netCDF4 modules for Python 3 in the ESP Fed JupyterLab.
Source Software:	USACE Joint Airborne Lidar Bathymetry Technical Center of Expertise
Institution:	USACE
Conventions:	CF 1.6
cellsize:	3.5 feet
channel_id:	CSAM_CF_14_DEC
channel_name:	Destin
nTimes:	4

3D NCMP NetCDF

(3) Combine eHydro and NCMP 3D NetCDFs → 2D

3D eHydro + NCMP NetCDF

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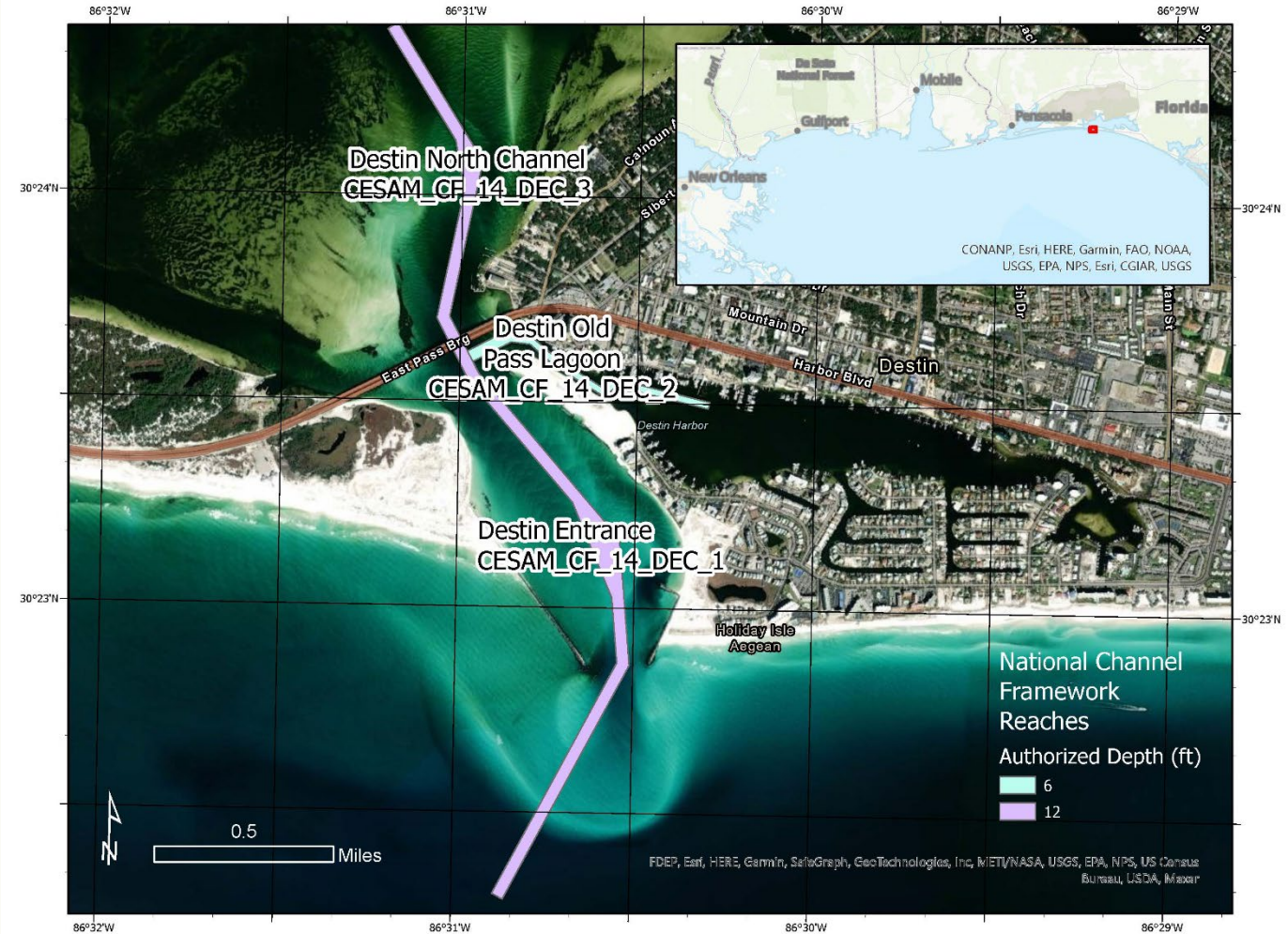
2D CSAT Input NetCDF

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Case Study from East Pass Inlet (Destin, FL)

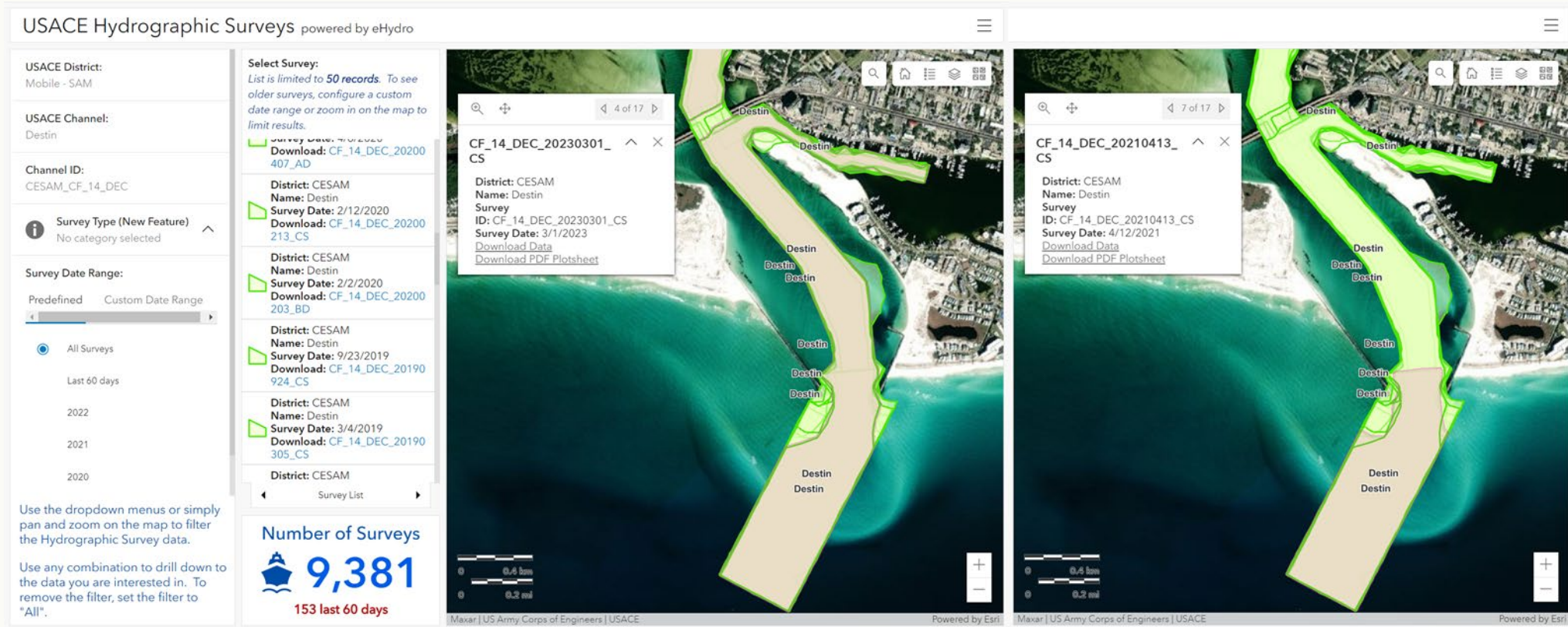
Overview

- Tidal connection between Gulf of Mexico and Choctawatchee Bay
- Authorized as Federal navigation channel in 1930 and re-authorized in 1951
- Dredged materials beneficially used for nourishment of beaches
- Develop understanding of broader shoaling patterns to inform dredging and nourishments
- Compare shoaling rates derived from combined eHydro + NCMP input vs. eHydro input alone



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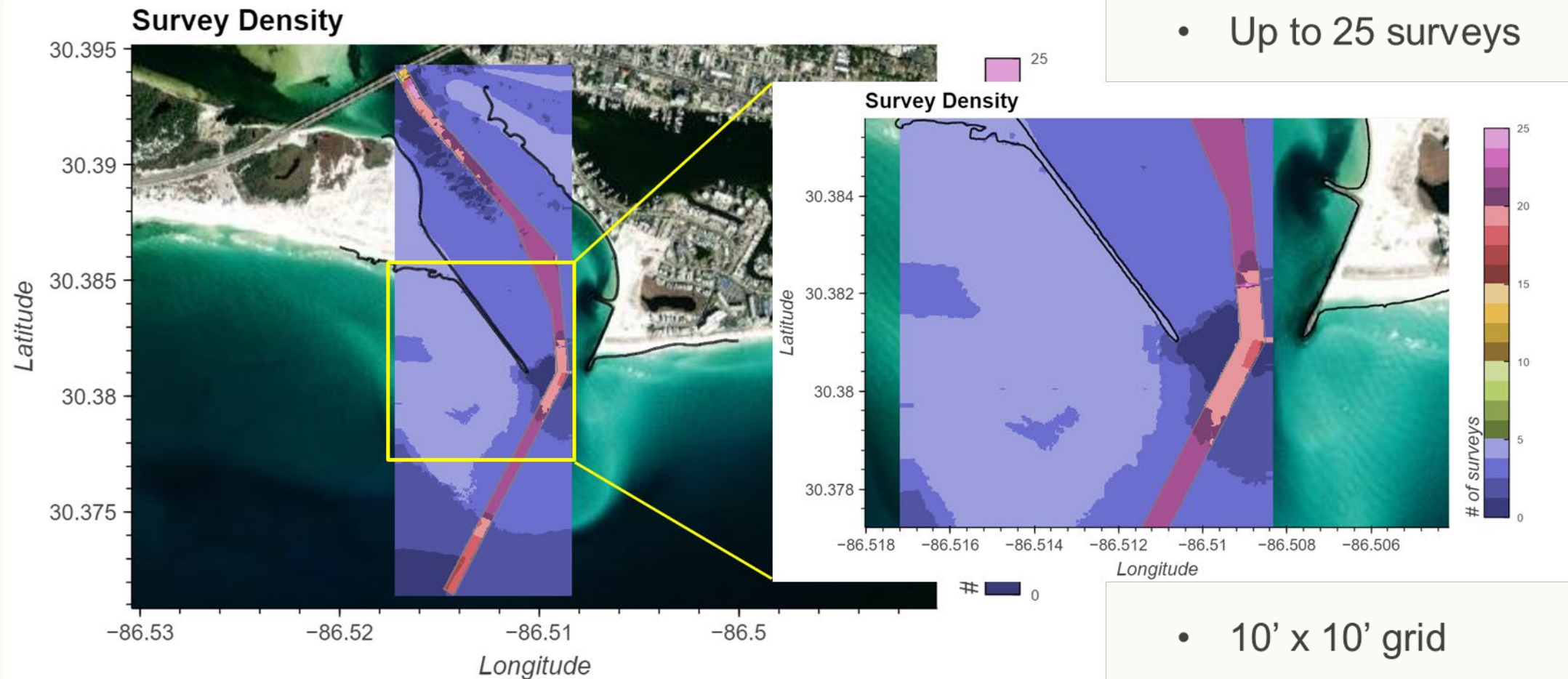
Spatial distribution of survey coverage



- Survey coverage can be complete or partial

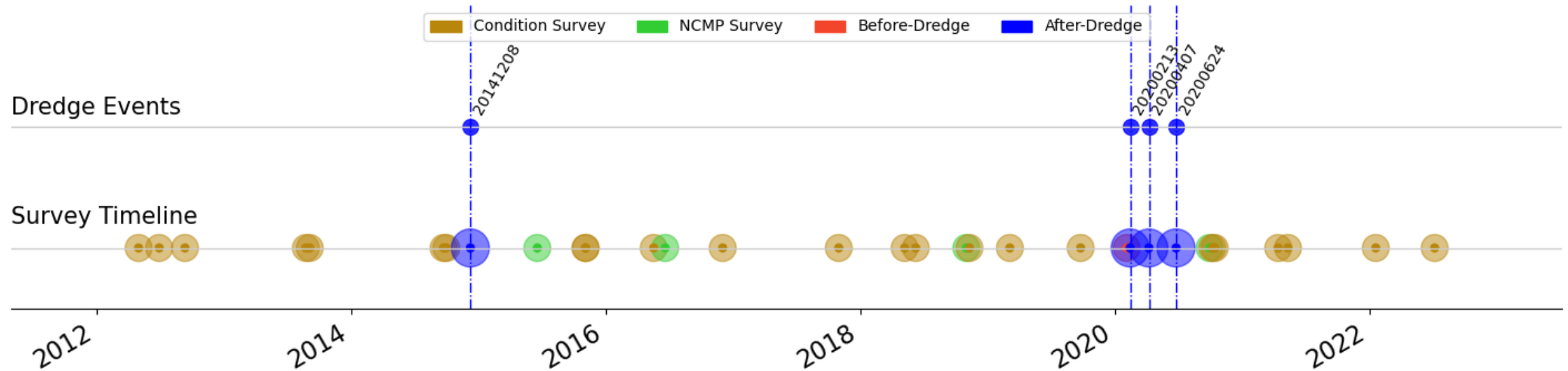
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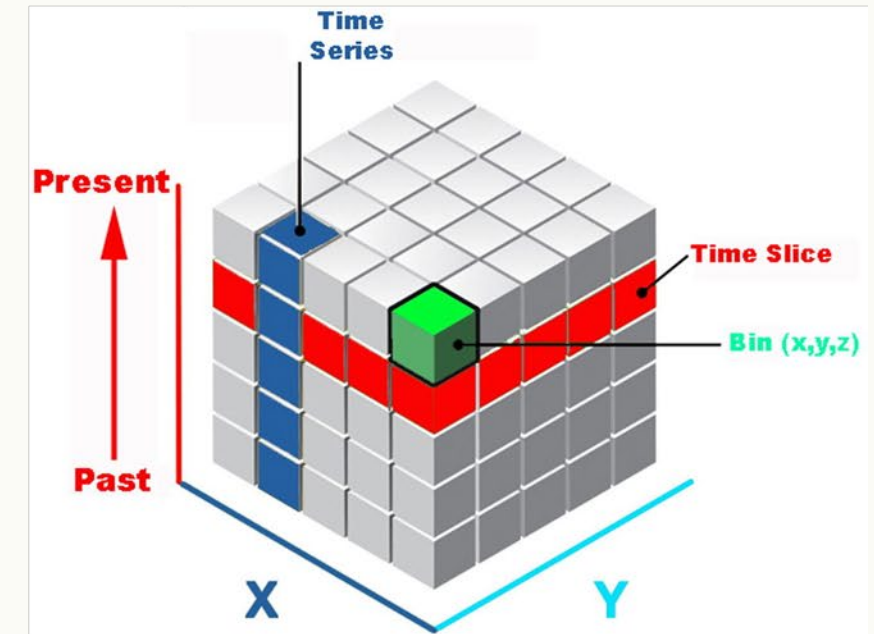
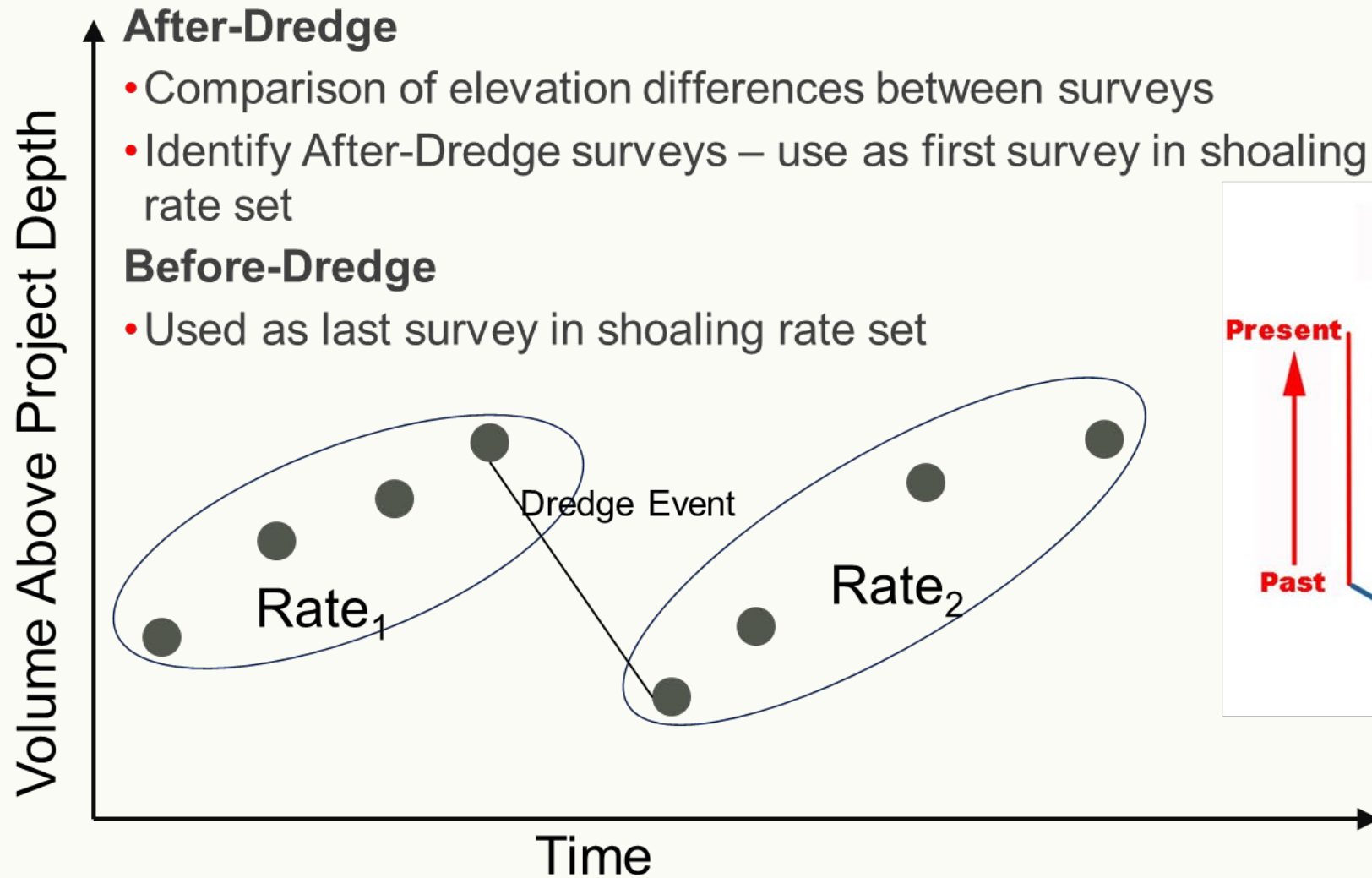
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Temporal distribution of surveys and dredge events



- Dredge events define the aggregation of survey pairs
- NCMP survey dates represent the mid-point of data acquisition operations
- CSAT mosaics surveys within 10-day window by default, can override

CSAT Workflow – Survey Type

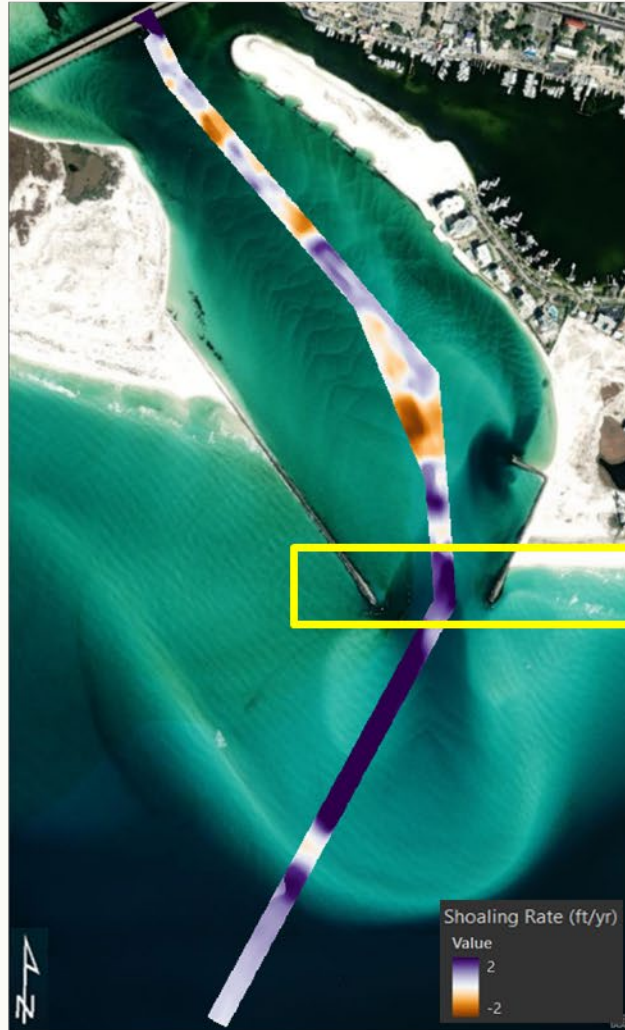


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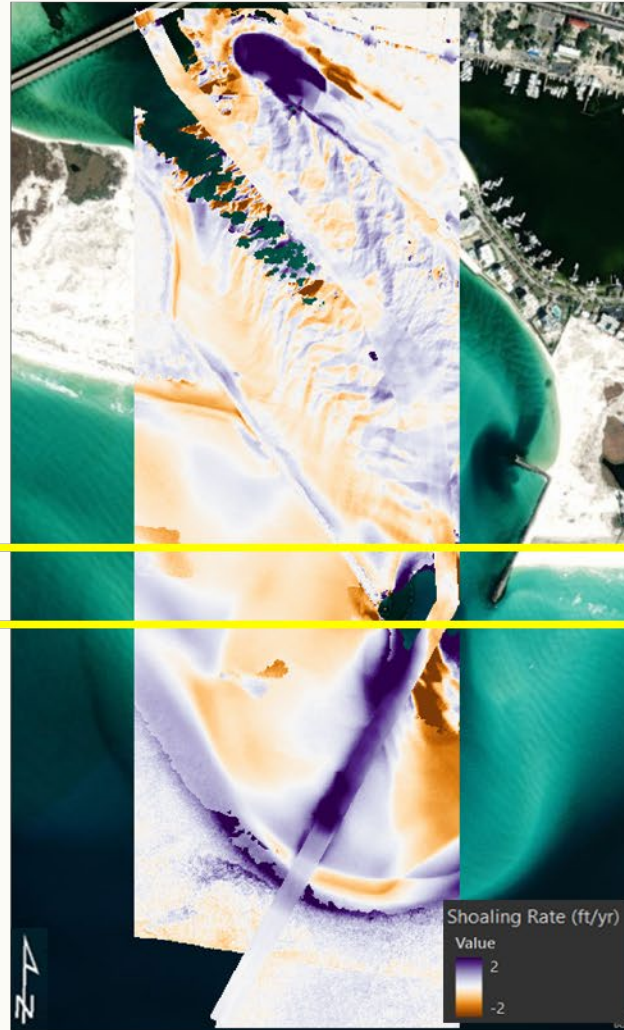
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CSAT Results – Shoaling Rates

eHydro Survey Input Alone



eHydro & NCMP Survey Input

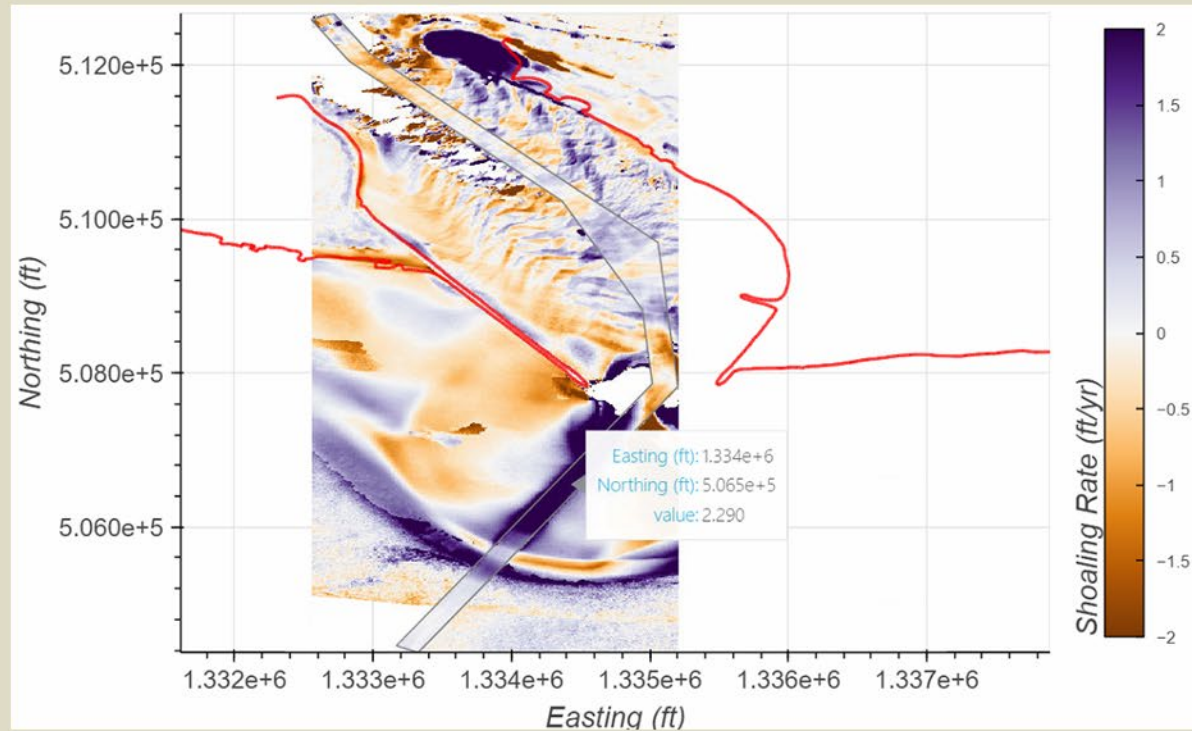


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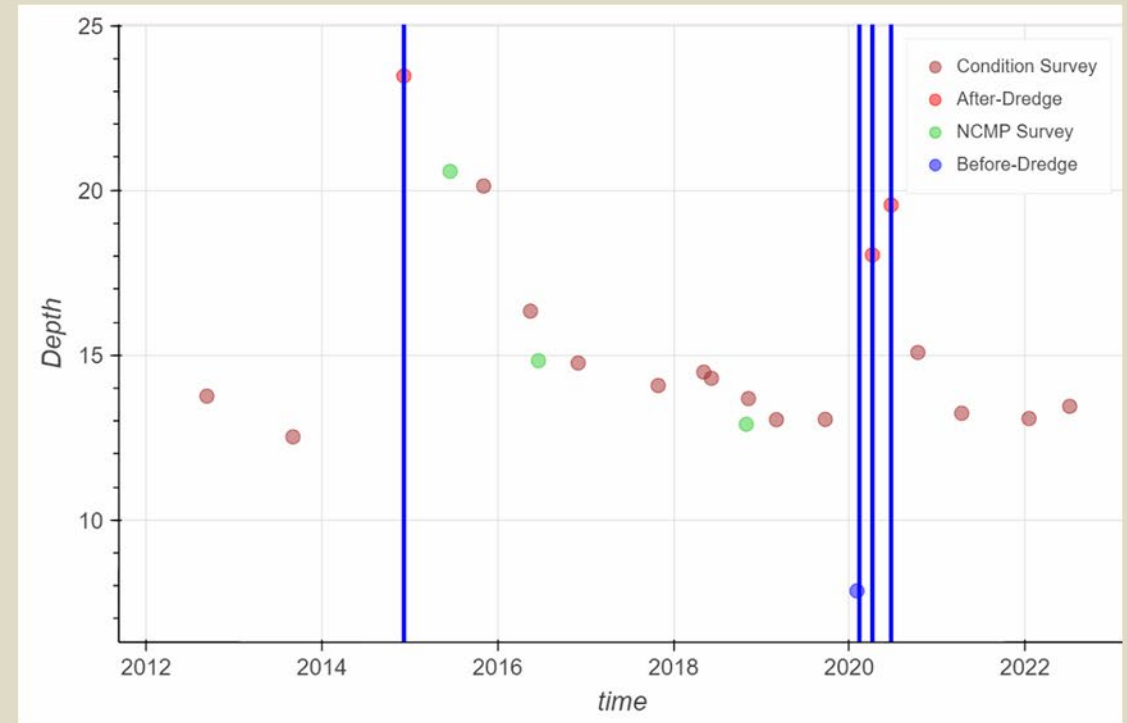


CSAT Results – Shoaling Rates

Shoaling Rate Map



Depth Timeseries



- + Shoaling Rate: Shoaling
- Shoaling Rate: Deepening

CSAT Results – Reach-level Volume Tables

- Report volumes at different depth/time intervals and shoaling rates

TimeToDredge	VA_p5	VA_p4	VA_p3	VA_p2	VA_p1	VA_p0	VA_s1	VA_s2	VA_s3	VA_s4	VA_s5
0 months	5,277,326	4,709,810	4,161,942	3,637,607	3,143,820	2,685,010	2,267,012	1,900,817	1,611,541	1,414,314	1,264,837
6 months	5,377,743	4,807,305	4,256,127	3,727,511	3,227,841	2,760,954	2,332,280	1,956,409	1,656,259	1,450,644	1,295,512
12 months	5,481,160	4,907,247	4,352,916	3,820,777	3,315,999	2,843,267	2,406,436	2,019,254	1,707,176	1,491,756	1,330,476
18 months	5,587,514	5,010,668	4,452,785	3,916,886	3,407,575	2,929,596	2,486,705	2,090,484	1,766,414	1,538,328	1,369,736
24 months	5,695,672	5,116,441	4,555,766	4,016,596	3,502,759	3,019,377	2,571,062	2,167,815	1,834,612	1,592,922	1,414,221
30 months	5,805,431	5,223,905	4,660,757	4,118,769	3,601,437	3,113,169	2,659,079	2,249,659	1,908,714	1,656,348	1,465,723
36 months	5,916,642	5,332,968	4,767,489	4,222,800	3,702,391	3,210,065	2,750,819	2,335,663	1,987,463	1,726,626	1,524,763
42 months	6,029,186	5,443,500	4,875,794	4,328,618	3,805,313	3,309,294	2,845,555	2,425,053	2,070,282	1,802,202	1,590,258
48 months	6,142,960	5,555,394	4,985,523	4,435,985	3,909,987	3,410,762	2,942,680	2,517,291	2,156,354	1,881,611	1,661,307
54 months	6,257,877	5,668,471	5,096,614	4,544,815	4,016,213	3,514,097	3,042,170	2,612,088	2,245,415	1,964,139	1,736,753
60 months	6,373,870	5,782,732	5,208,877	4,654,943	4,123,891	3,618,999	3,143,705	2,709,253	2,337,389	2,049,595	1,815,615

0_months row is equivalent to Summary Planning Quantities (SPQs)

Summary and Future Work

Summary

- Quantitative analysis of navigation channels is critically important to supporting the USACE Navigation Mission Area
- The Corps Shoaling Analysis Tool (CSAT) provides shoaling rates within the boundary of the National Channel Framework (NCF) and predictions for future dredging volumes
- CSAT capabilities show potential for expansion beyond the NCF and opportunities for linkages with other tools to support Navigation O&M
- Semi-automated production of consistent data analytics for the Corps' coastal navigation portfolio ensures limited financial resources are rationally allocated according to channel maintenance needs

FY23 Advances in Capability

- **Extending CSAT capabilities beyond the NCF**
 - Formalizing workflow for integrating JALBTCX topobathy lidar data into CSAT's Input Generation routine
 - Adding capability for shoaling rate computations with user-supplied polygons
- **Improved QA/QC Tools**
 - Jupyter Notebooks with interactive widgets to explore input surveys, dredging events and intervals, and shoaling rates
- **Documentation**
 - Verification and validation of NavPortal Integration
 - Streamline installation and update the User Guide

Planned Outyear Products/Advances

- Improved Datum Transformation Support
- Continued integration with USACE NavPortal web interface
- Implementation of additional shoaling rates

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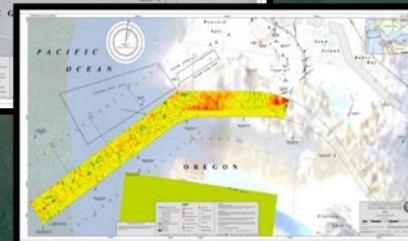
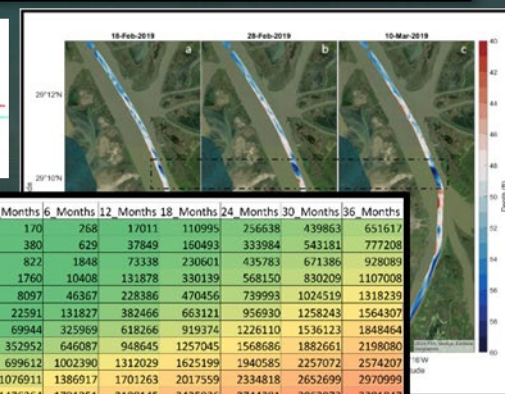
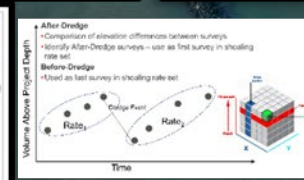
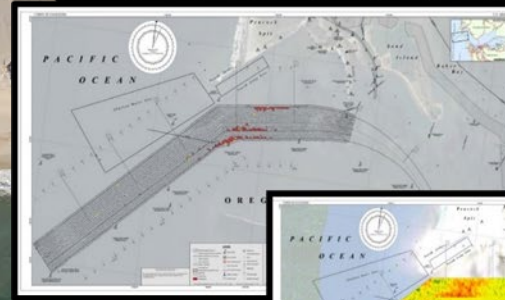
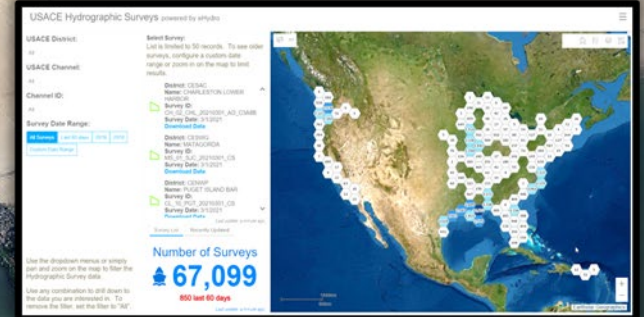
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