

DEVELOPMENT OF A SATELLITE-DERIVED SHORELINE TOOL FOR DISTRICT USE

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COASTAL INLETS RESEARCH PROGRAM

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Existing coastal survey methods are often time-consuming, expensive and potentially hazardous

 to conserve limited operational resources (e.g., personnel and vessels), USACE Districts are often forced to narrow areas of interest or monitoring frequency, decreasing the likelihood of making datadriven management decisions



Capability and Strategic Impact Statement

Satellite-based tool is expected to provide USACE Districts access to a *new data source*, enabling wide-spread *frequent* coastal data with *low cost* and personnel commitment.

Adds ability to examine shoreline variability (short and long term), "*now state*" of coastline and help with preliminary planning for districts managing beach projects and storm impacts (e.g., nourishments, nearshore berms, dredging, etc.)





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Project Objectives

- Evaluate open-source satellite shoreline extraction algorithm accuracy at a range of test sites (CoastSat – UNSW; Vos et al., 2019)
- Assess how imagery can be used for management applications
- Create user-friendly ArcTool for USACE District use



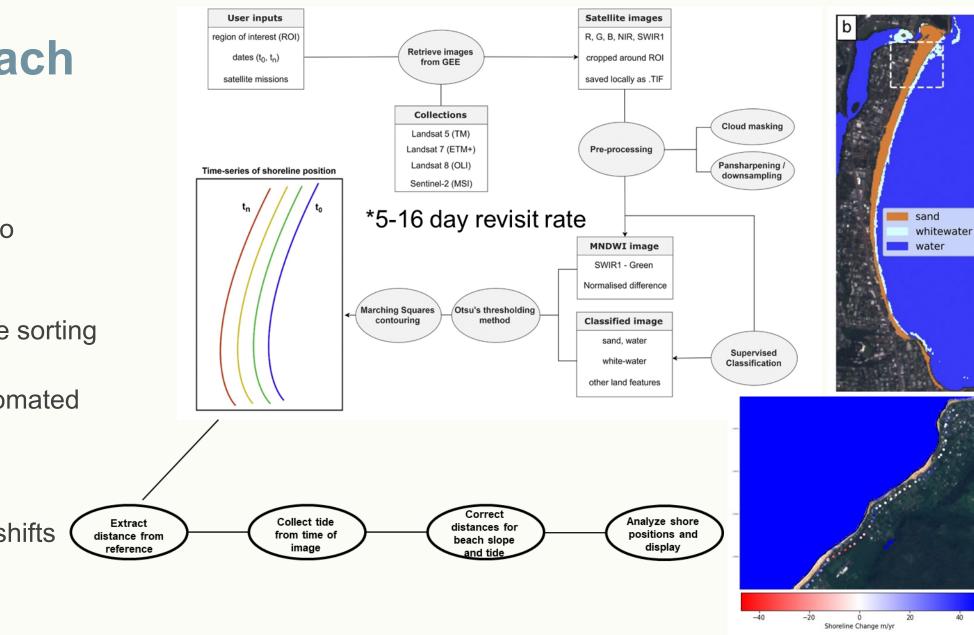
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Approach

ERDC Technical Advancements:

- Tool migration to CoastSat 2.0
- Improved image sorting
- Continuing automated QA/QC for bad shorelines

Shapefile tidal shifts

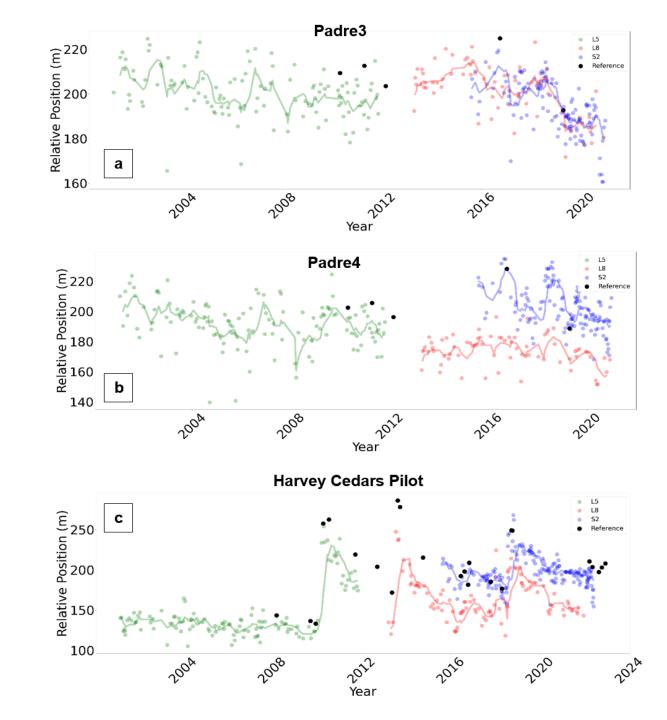


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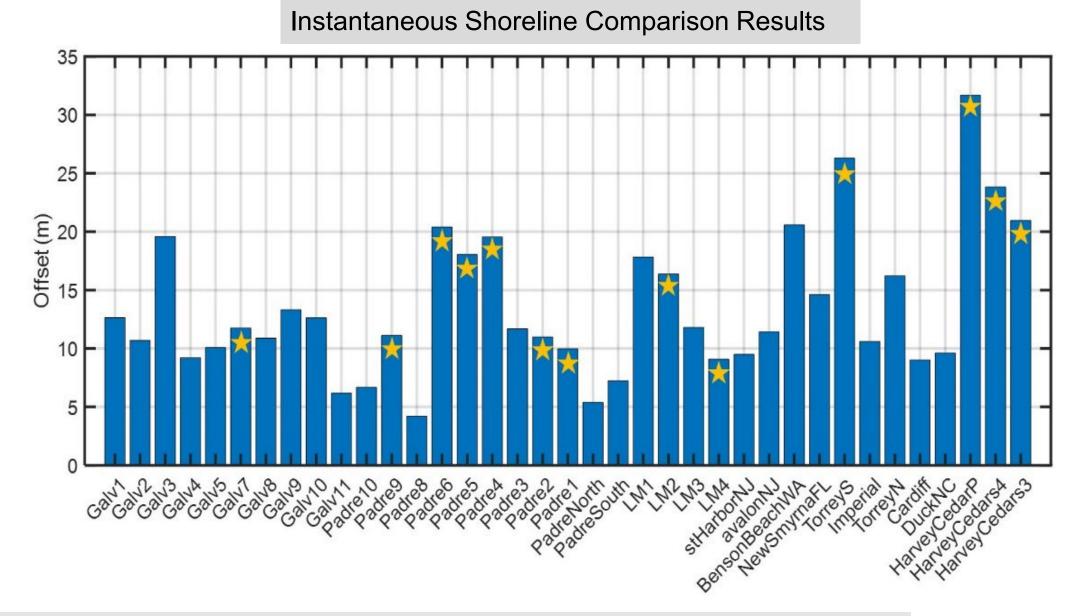


Google Earth Engine Issue

- Vos et al. validations on individual transects, small spatial scales
- Modified recently in CoastSat 2.1
- With focus on performance of ML shoreline selection algorithm, these sites were discarded







- Google Earth Engine image registration issue (\chi); corrected in CoastSat 2.0
- Mean horizontal difference from ground truth = **11.32** m; -3.51 m onshore bias

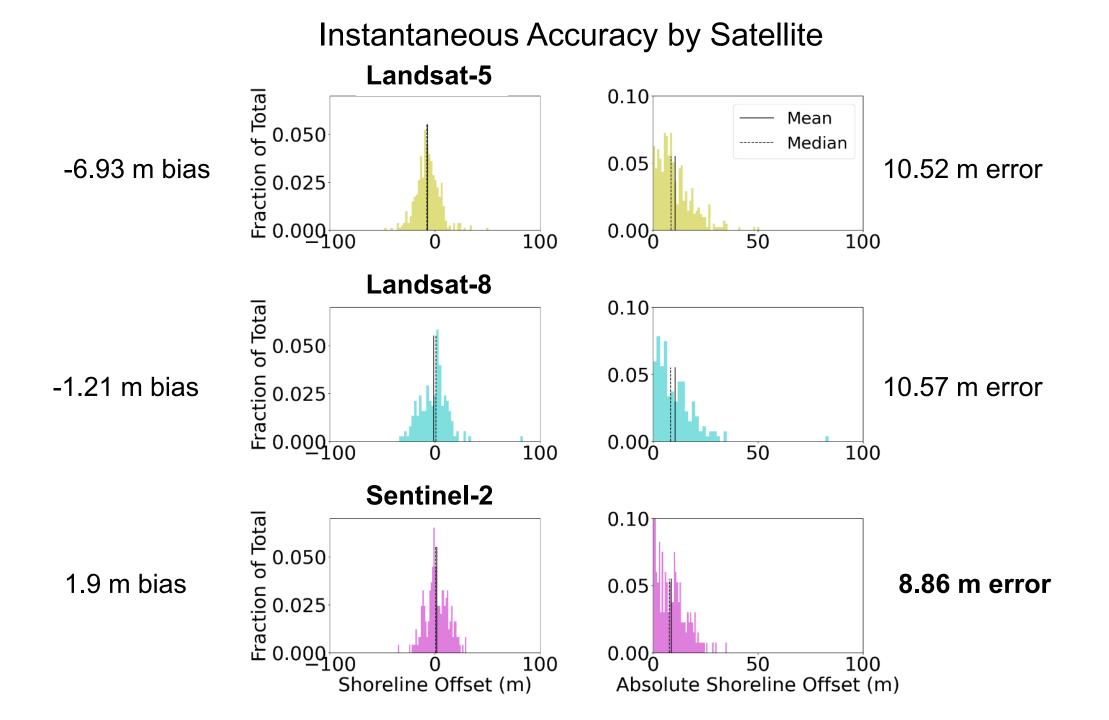
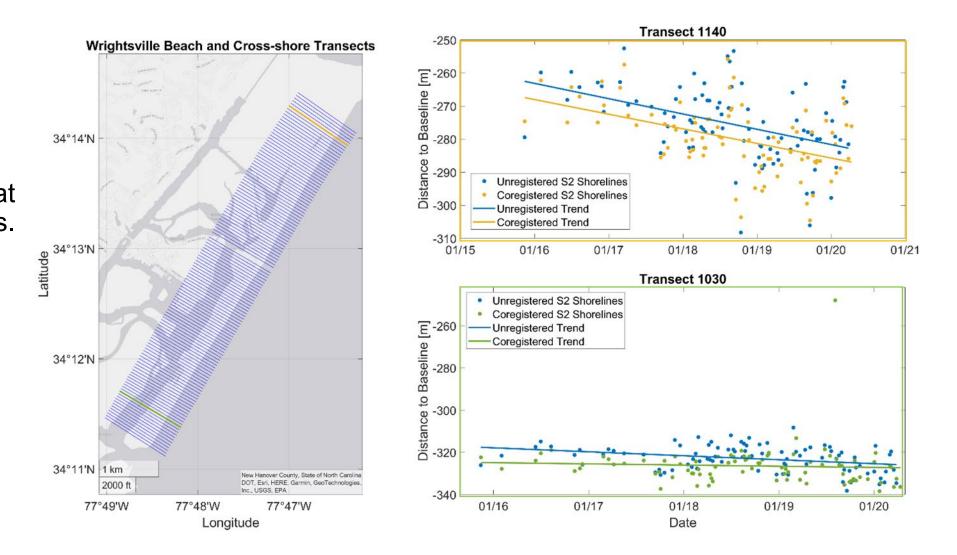


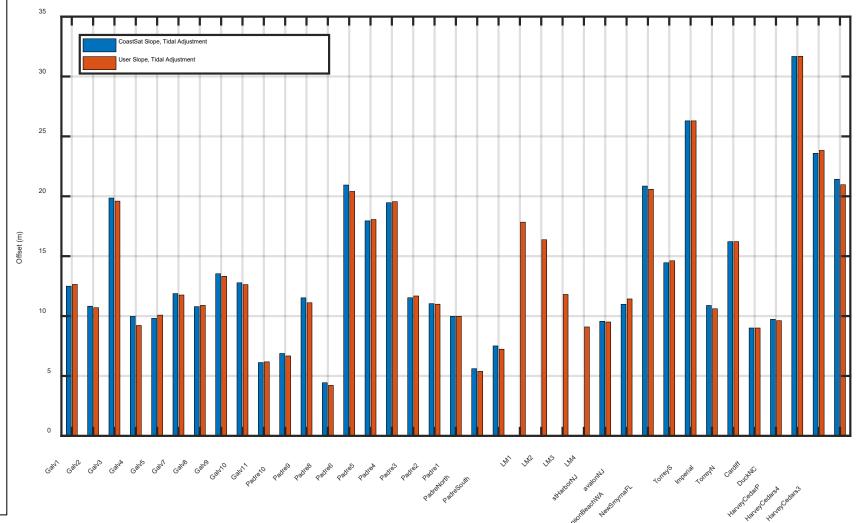
Image Coregistration: AROSICS and ArcPy

- Workflow integration challenges. ArcPy faster.
- Detrended std. dev. reduction of ~1-3 m at Wrightsville transects.
- Sentinel-2 coregistration only improved Duck shorelines by 6 cm.
- Mission to mission registration stronger influence.

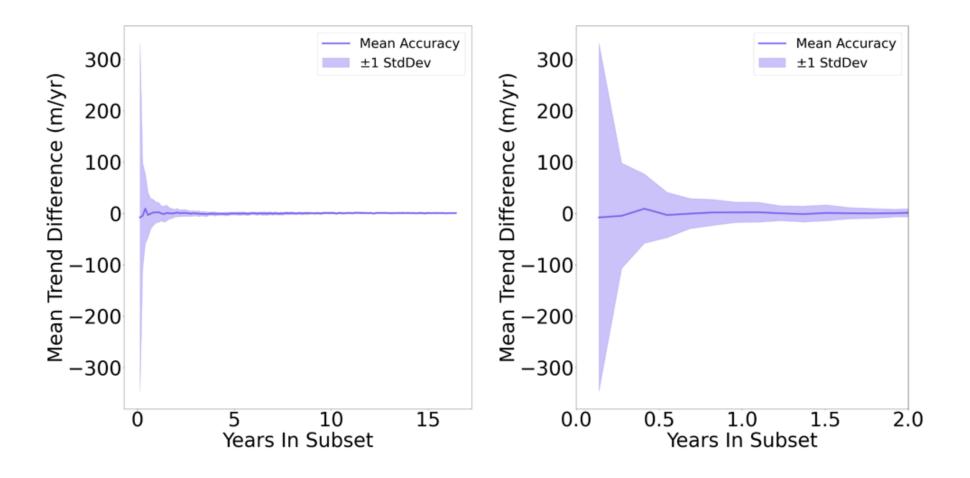


CoastSat Slope vs. User Slope

- Vos et al., 2022: Gentle and steep beaches have best predicted slopes; intermediate beaches worst
- Benson Beach, WA
 - CoastSat slope = 0.08
 - User-defined slope = 0.025
- Galveston, TX
 - CoastSat slope = 0.035
 - User-defined slope = 0.04
- Lake Michigan
 - CoastSat slope = 0.25
 - User-defined slope = 0.25



Decadal Trends



- Good trend agreement with ground truth
- 200 days data mean difference = -3.10 m/yr; 650 days of data mean difference = -0.04 m/yr

CoastSat.PlanetScope Sites

Encinitas, CA 06/2018 – 05/2022 176 Images

Ponto, CA 10/2018 – 03/2020 62 Images Harvey Cedars, NJ 05/2021 – 02/2022 43 Images

Duck, NC 10/2016 – 07/2022 475 Images

Sunset Beach, HI 03/2017 – 03/2020 74 Images

CoastSat.PlanetScope Sites

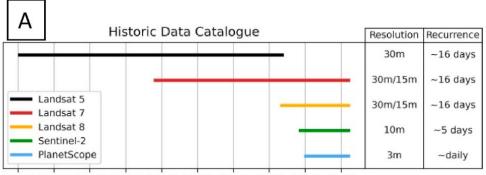
Encinitas, CA Narrow beach and cliff erosion

Ponto, CA Different environment, cobble beach Harvey Cedars, NJ Monitoring berm placement

Duck, NC Validation data and storm impact

Sunset Beach, HI Large erosion event

Coastsat.PlanetScope vs. CoastSat



 $1984 \ 1988 \ 1992 \ 1996 \ 2000 \ 2004 \ 2008 \ 2012 \ 2016 \ 2020$

(Doherty et al. 2022)

Traditional CoastSat

- 1 shoreline/ week
- Longterm change

CoastSat.PlanetScope

- 1 shoreline/ day
- Enables storm response
- Smaller management project monitoring

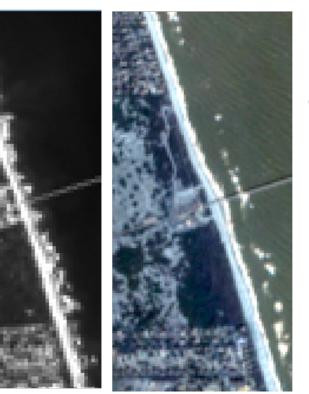
S2 Image 10m 10/15 m

L8 Image

30 m

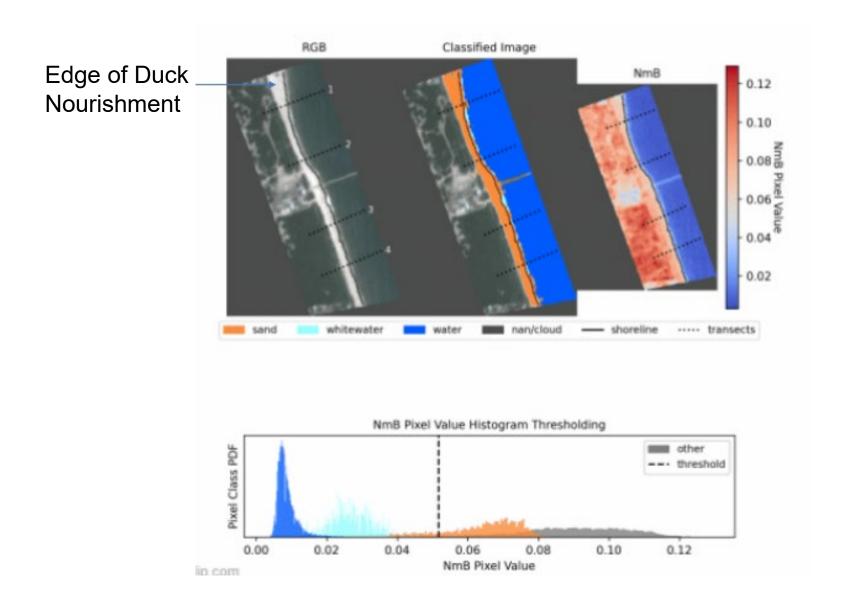
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PS Image 3.7 m 3.5/5 m

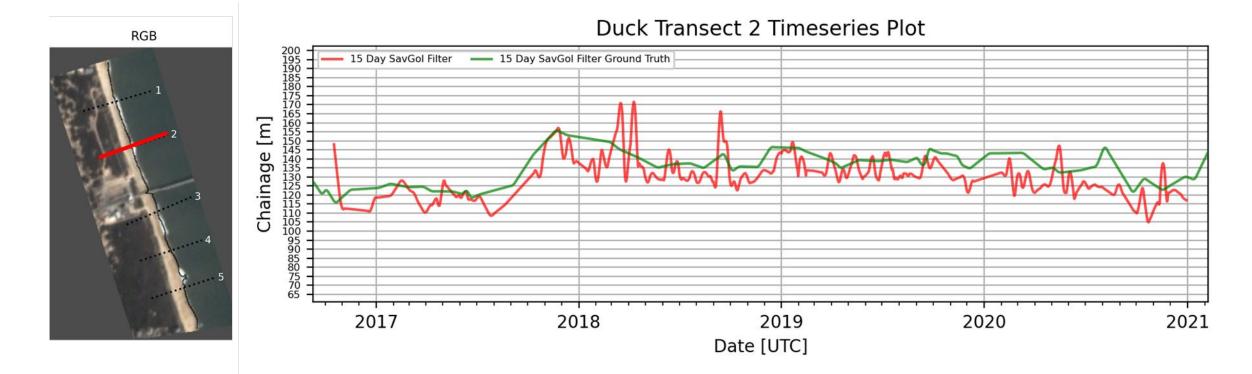




Coastsat.Planetscope Duck Shoreline Timeseries

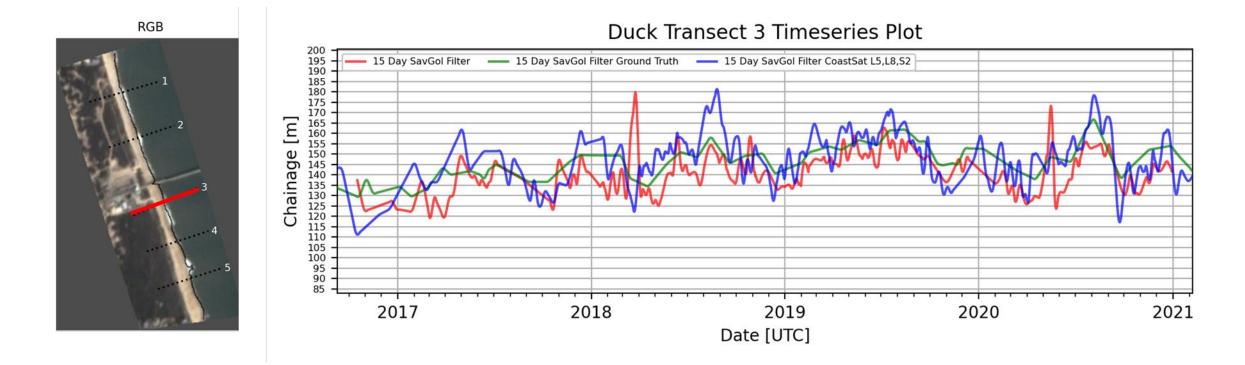


CoastSat.PlanetScope vs. Ground Truth



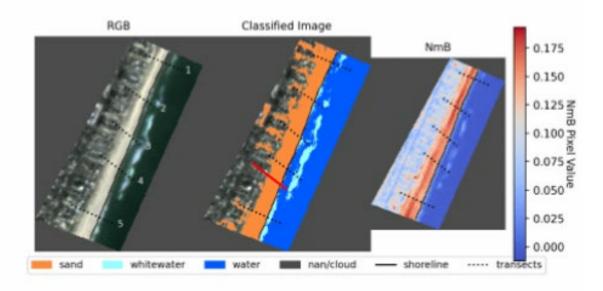
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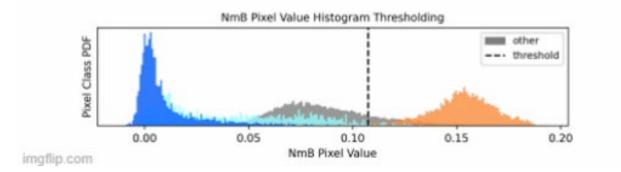
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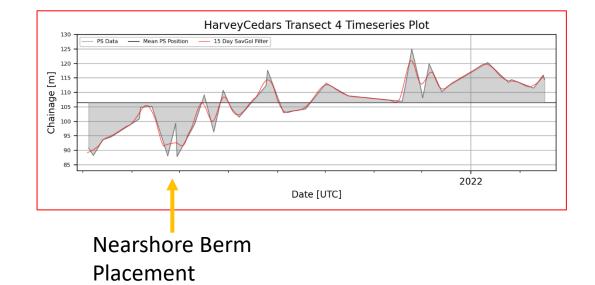
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NmB Water Index with Peak Fraction Thresholding



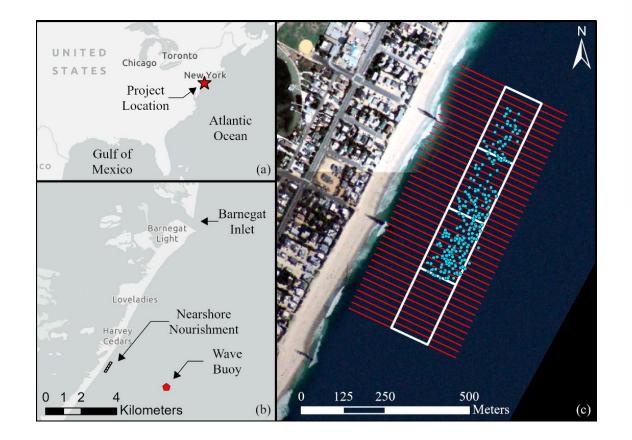


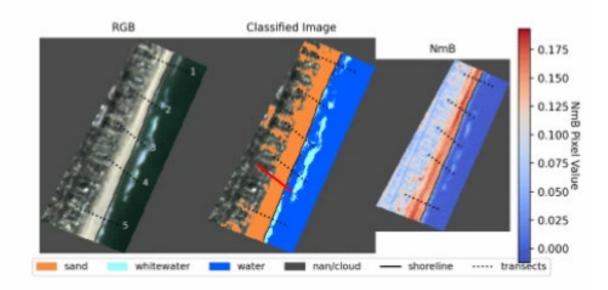
Harvey Cedars, NJ

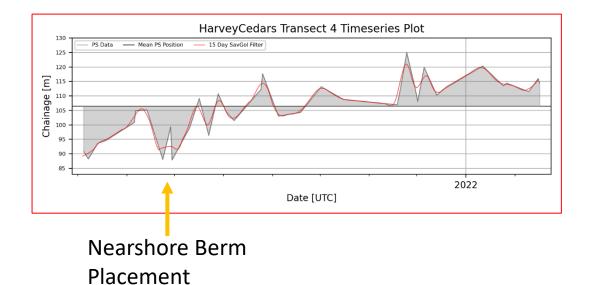


*McGill et al. 2022

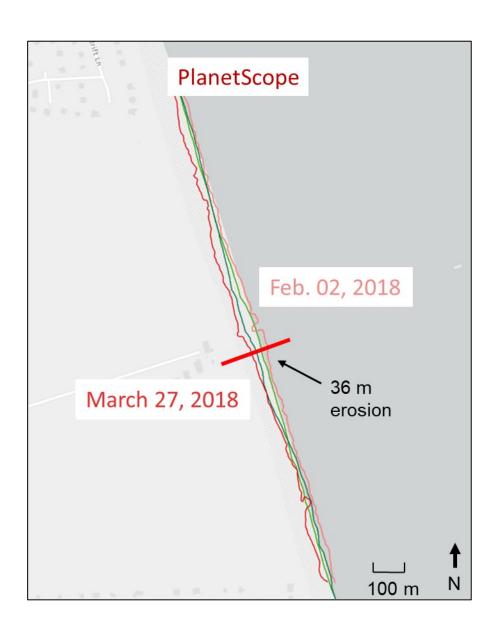
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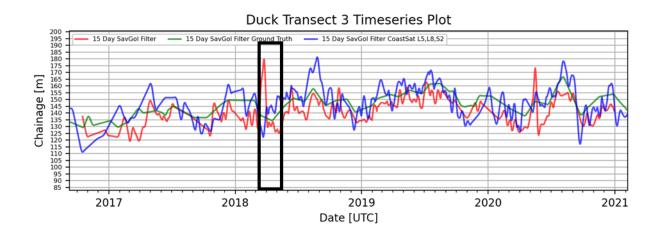




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Duck, NC Nor'Easter March 4, 2018





https://www.wral.com/nor-easter-leaves-some-outer-banks-islands-inaccessible/17391444/

Maxar Sites

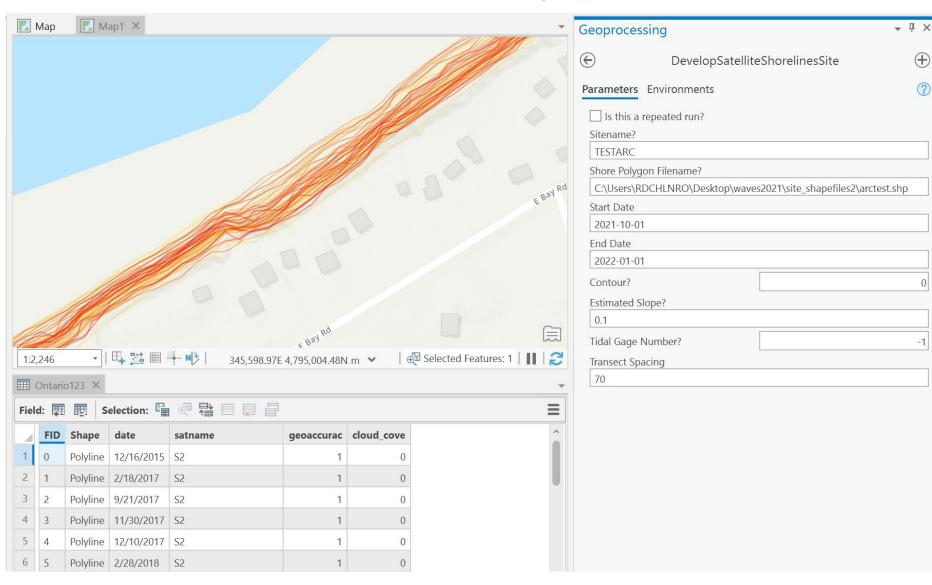
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1.8 m

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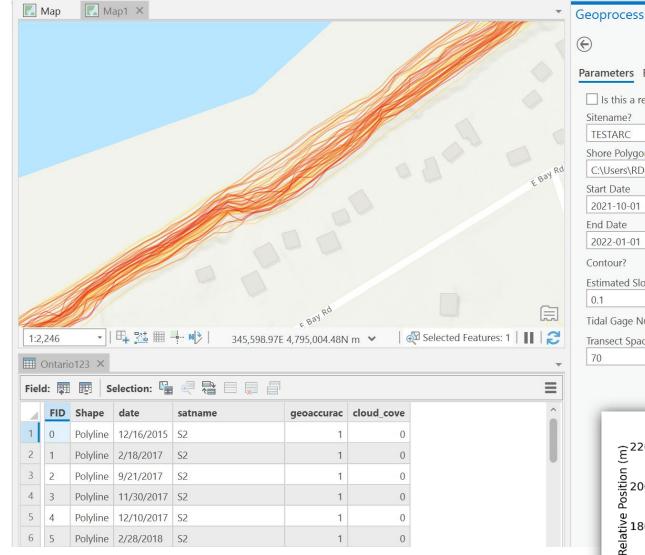
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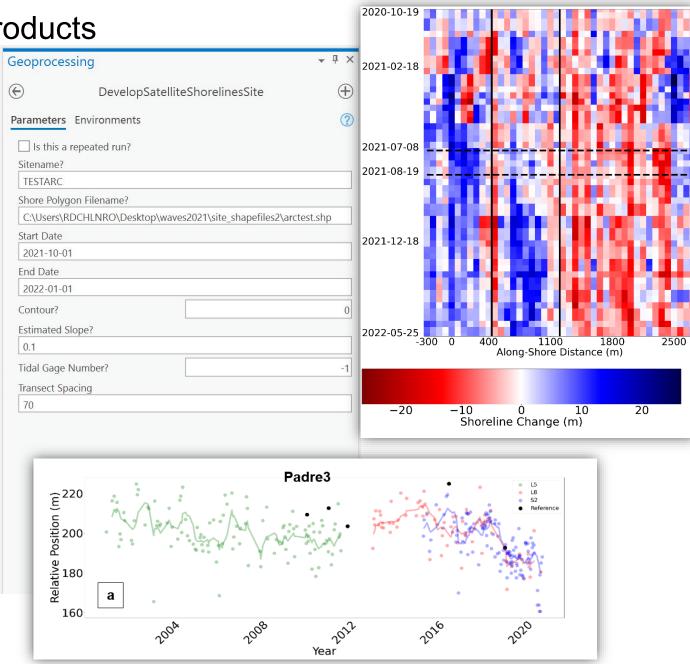
Tool Development and Analysis Products



- Beta tool version
- M. Forte Arc
- User manual
- District Training Webinar in summer
- Potential to incorporate PlanetScope and Maxar in future

Tool Development and Analysis Products





* Open to suggestions!

Lake Ontario Shoreline Mapping – Detroit District



Summary

• CoastSat instantaneous differences from ground truth ranged from 4 to 20 m.

- Overall mean of 11.32 m and slight onshore bias of -3.51 m.
- CoastSat-generated slopes produced similar accuracies as user-defined slopes.
- Decadal trends agree well with ground truth data. Provide much more context.
- Satellite-derived shorelines useful for free, high frequency project monitoring/design, feasibility studies, storm impact assessments, etc.
- Collaborations and exploration of other products crucial
- User-friendly ArcTool in development. Stay tuned for webinar.

Integrated Coastal Observations

<u>Goal:</u> layered technology to monitor USACE coastal project sites continuously ensuring timely information on coastal state is available, which enables:

Rapid Pre-Storm Risk Assessments

Post-Storm Damage Assessments

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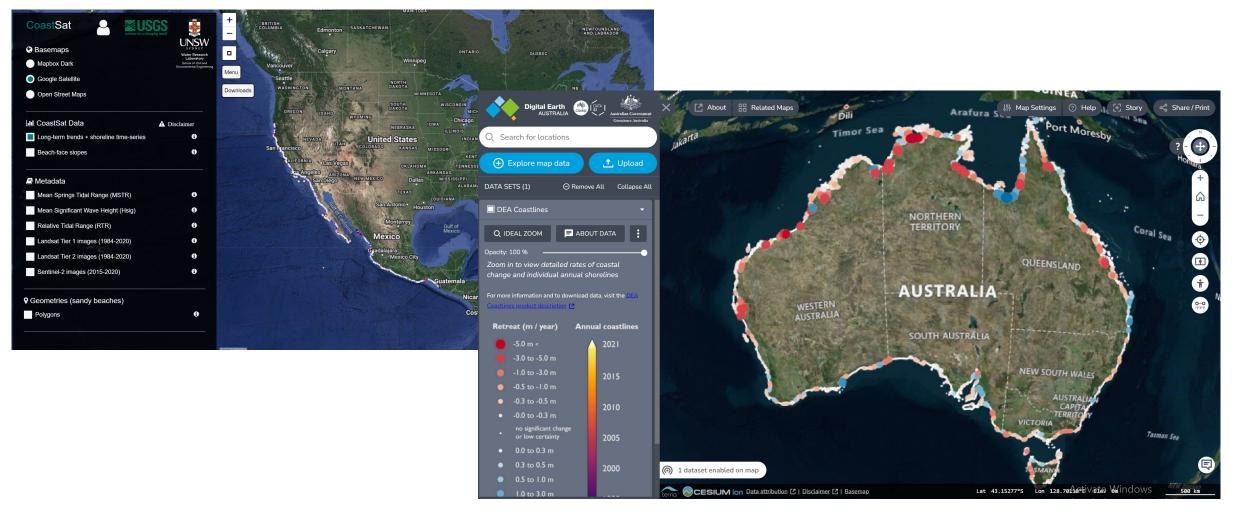
Adaptive Management Strategies





Vision questions: Kate Brodie and Spicer Bak

Down the road...



 Next lofty goal: full, scale, automated, national implementation Comprehensive Water Risk Management SFA

Group Discussion

- What analysis products would help you and your projects?
- What time scales are you interested in? Short-term or historical trends?
- Any other Maxar users?
- What scale of error is acceptable?
- We need tool testers!

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