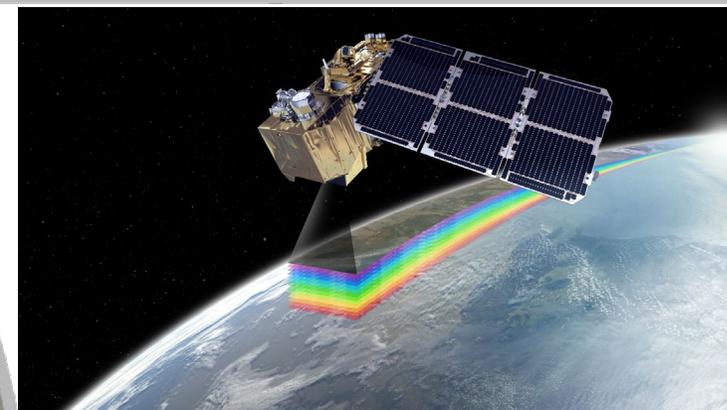




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# DEVELOPMENT OF A SATELLITE-BASED DISTRICT TOOL FOR QUANTIFYING COASTAL EVOLUTION AND PROJECT PERFORMANCE AT BEACHES AND INLETS

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## COASTAL INLETS RESEARCH PROGRAM

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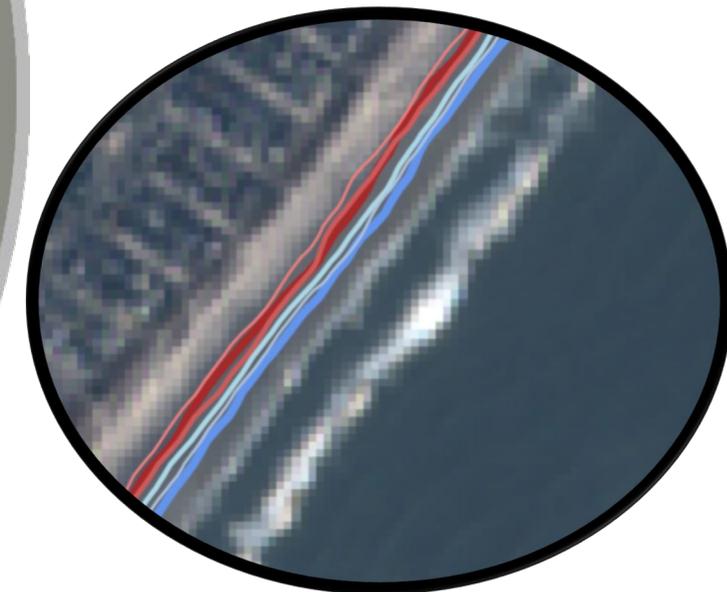
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# Problem Statement

- Existing coastal survey methods are often time-consuming and expensive
  - 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 data-driven management decisions



SoN  
- Satellite Imagery for  
Coastal Monitoring (1731)

# 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.**

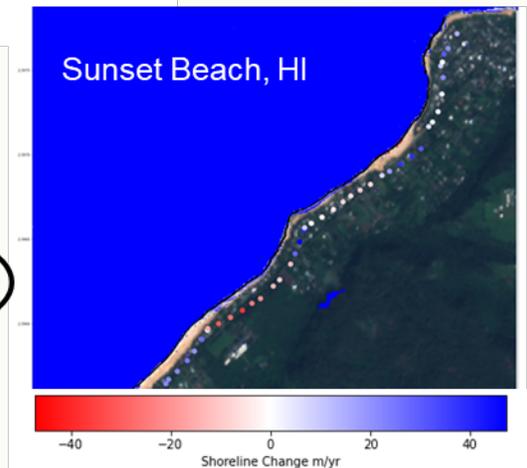
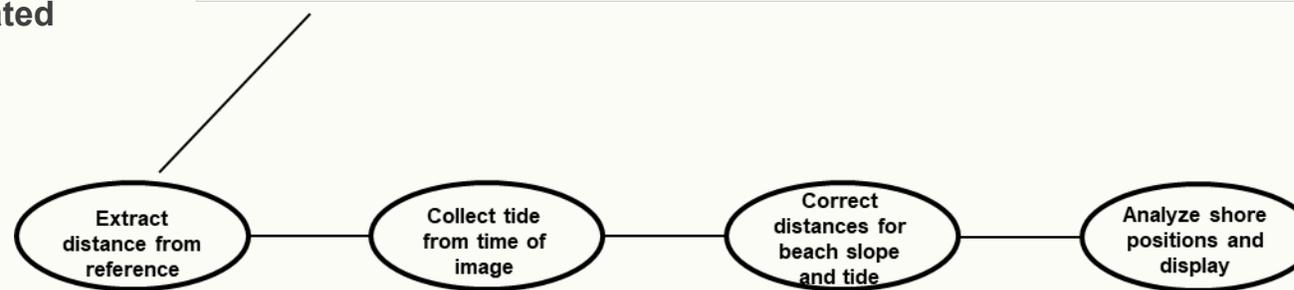
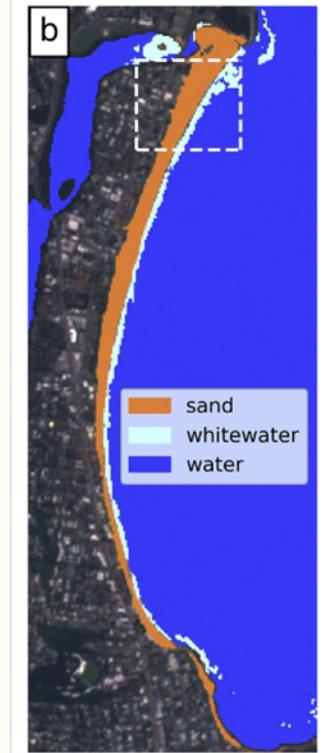
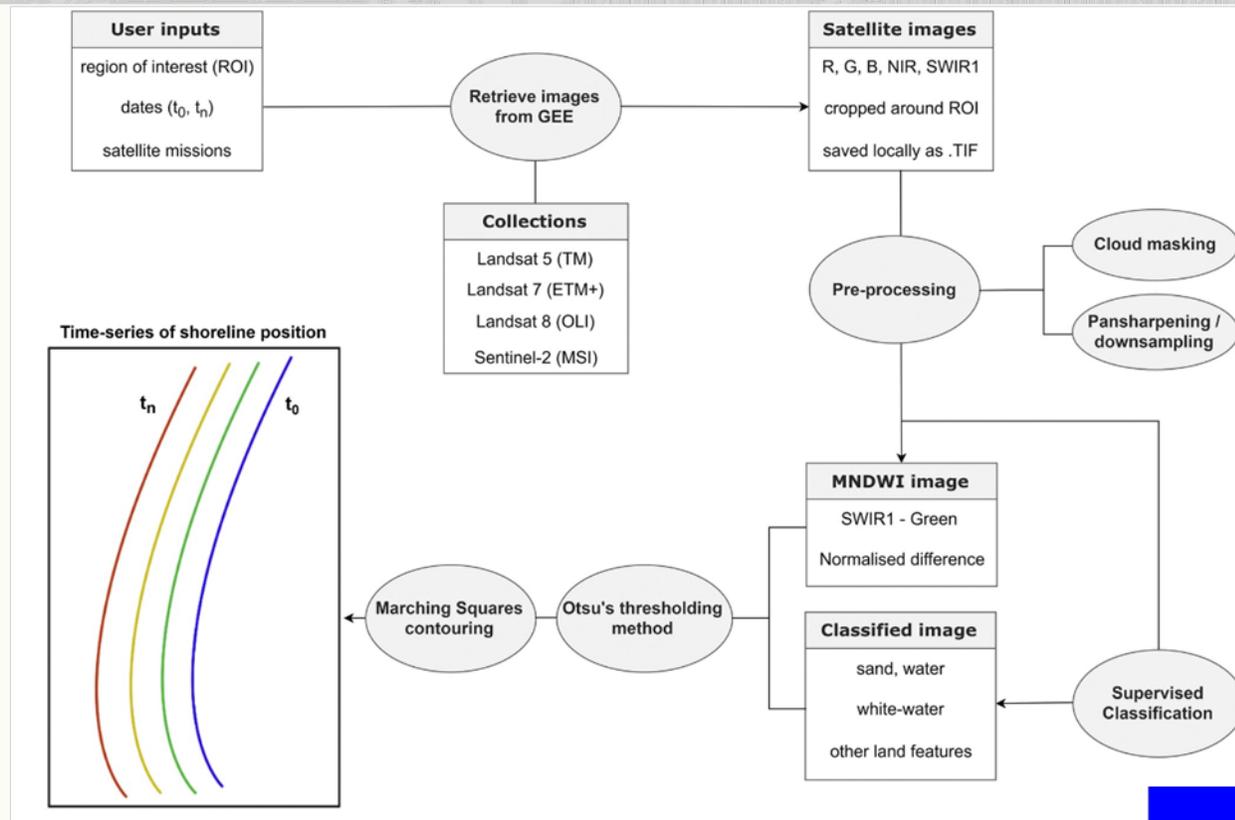
**Adds ability to examine shoreline variability (short and long term) and help with preliminary planning for districts managing beach projects or inlets (e.g., nourishments, nearshore berms, dredging, etc.)**



# Approach

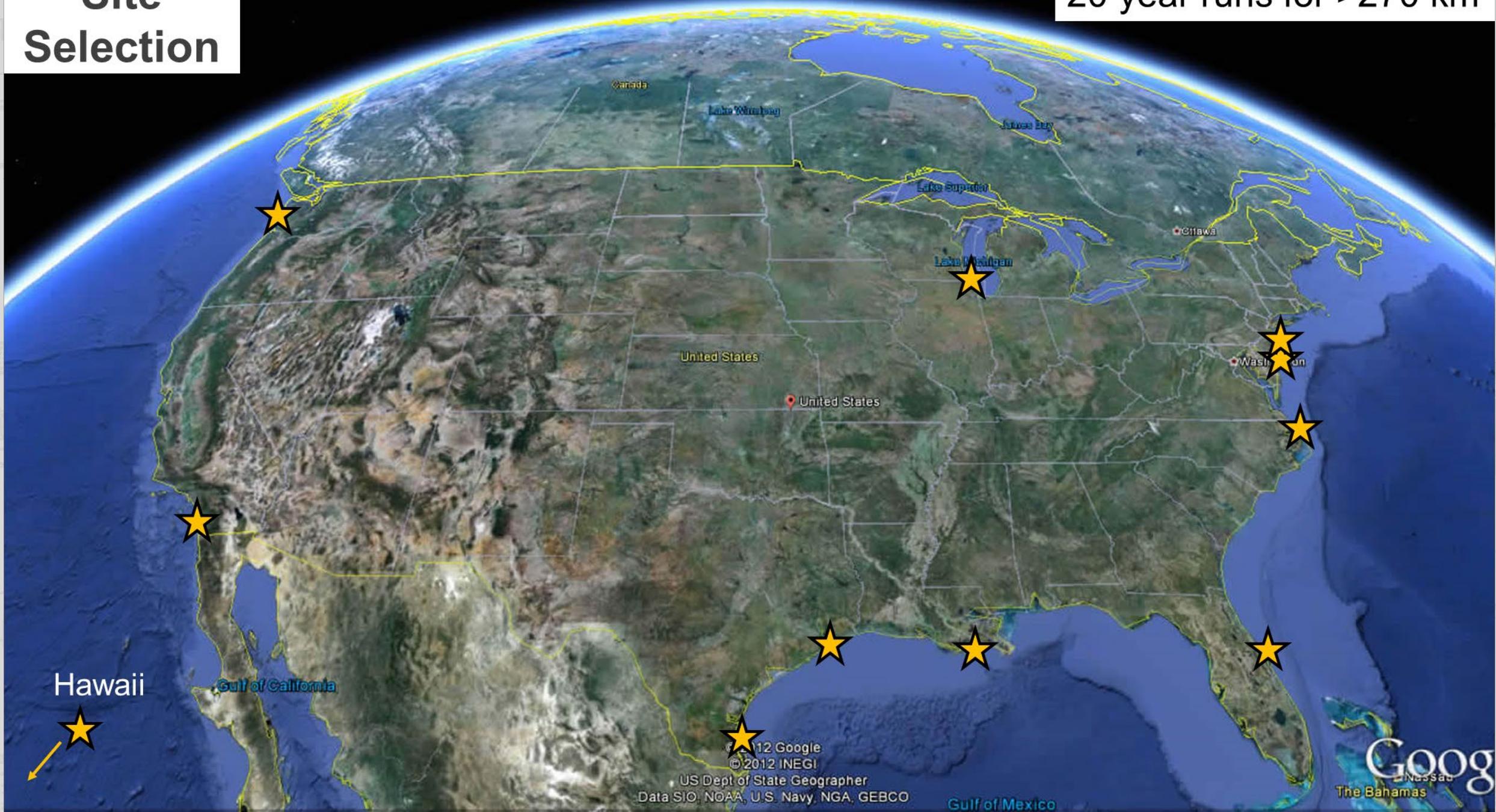
## Technical Advancements:

- Improved image sorting code
- Tide station and correction code
- CoastSat output post-processing: shift output shorelines based on slope + tide
- CoastSat output post-processing: removal of onshore artifacts
- Shoreline comparison preliminary code
  - Lidar point cloud automated shoreline contour code
- CoastSat version updates



# Site Selection

20 year runs for >270 km



# Instantaneous Shoreline Comparisons

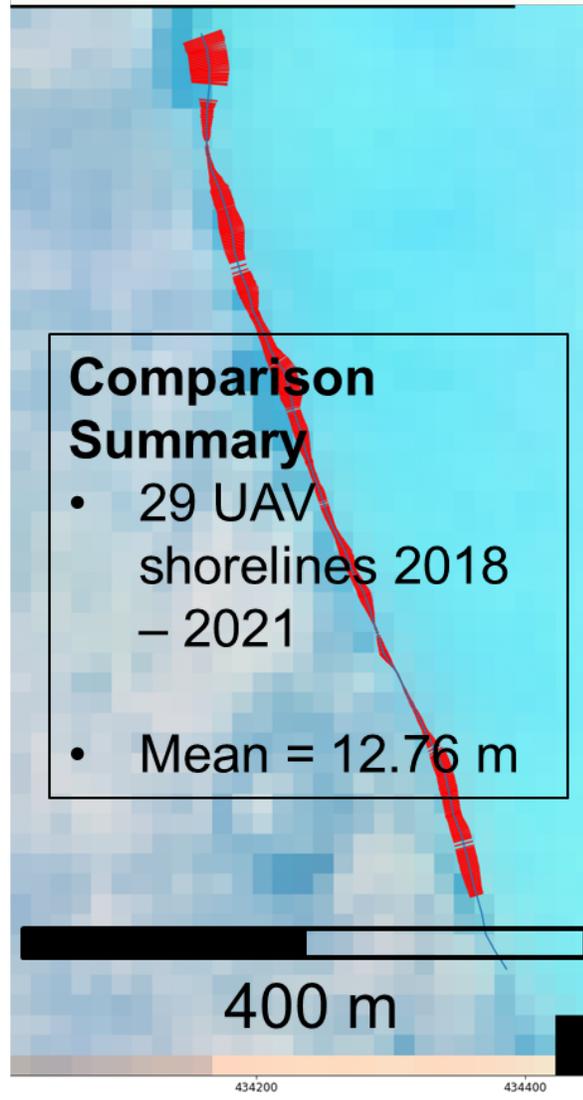
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Lake Michigan

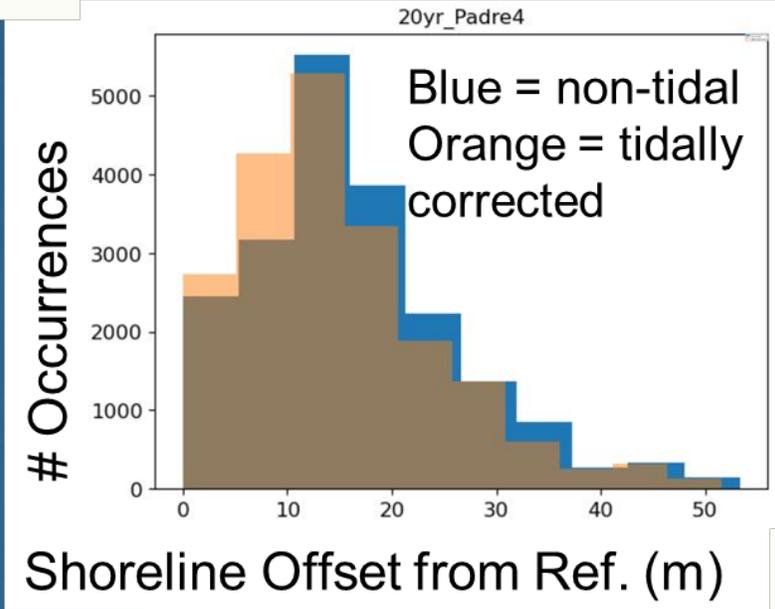
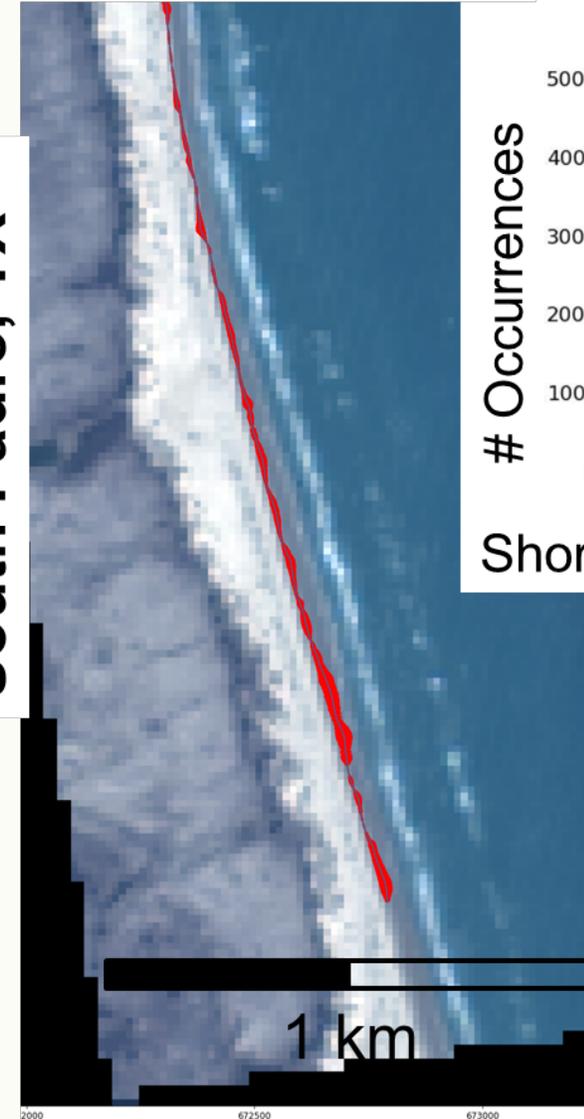


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South Padre, TX

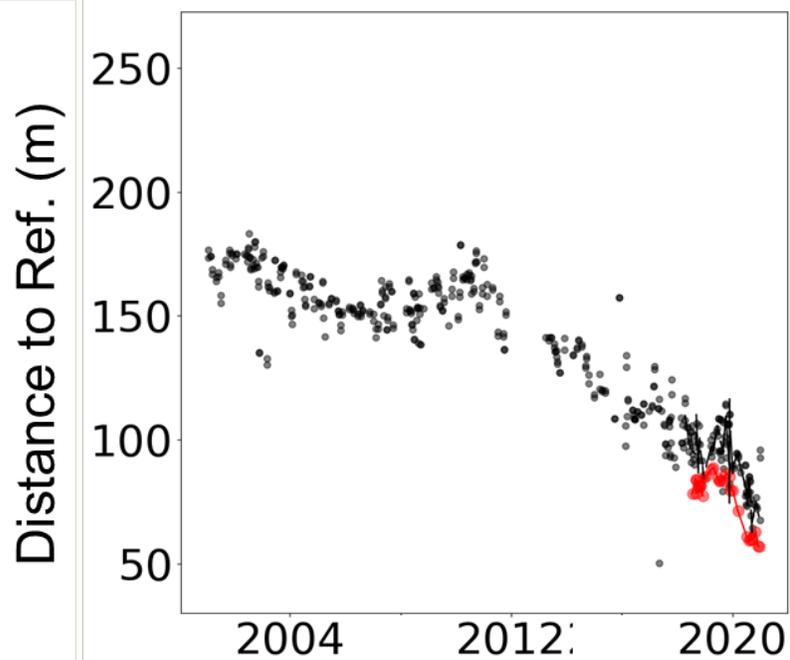


**Comparison Summary**

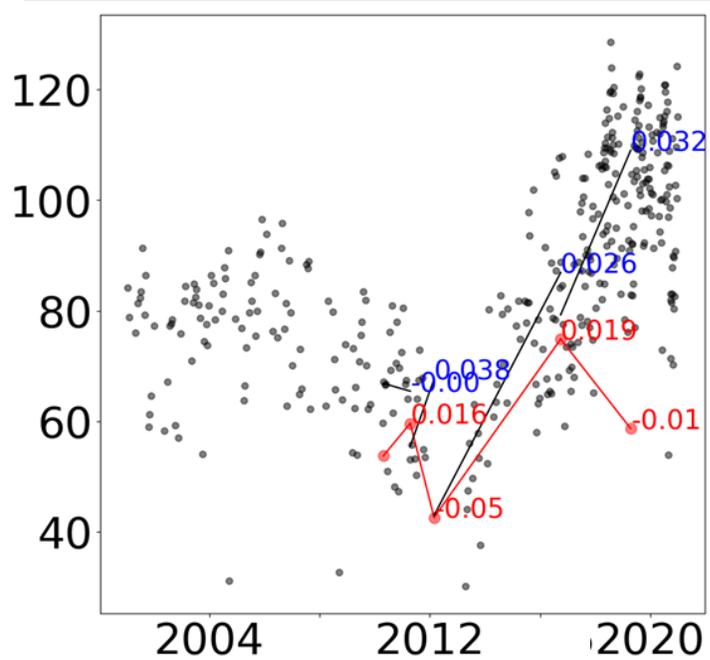
- 2010, 2011, 2012 2016 and 2019 lidar shorelines
- Mean = 7.13 m

# Shoreline Trend Comparisons

## Lake Michigan



## South Padre, TX



## New Smyrna Beach, FL



# Summary

## FY21 Major Advances in Capability

- 20 year runs at >270 km
- Improved image sorting code
- Tide station and correction code
- CoastSat output post-processing: shift output shorelines based on slope + tide
- Shoreline comparisons, trends and analysis

## Planned Outyear Products/Advances

- Wrap up shoreline comparison/trend analysis
- Submit TR
- Test other shore types (e.g., marsh)
- Tool development feedback

## FY21 Major Products & Collaborations

- Extensive District meetings/collaboration (sites)
- TR in progress
- Fall/Winter TD?
- Leveraging RAFTER 6.1, CODS (Mini Argus)
- District communication of other potential satellite use/products

