

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

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COASTAL INLETS RESEARCH PROGRAM

FY22 IN PROGRESS REVIEW

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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

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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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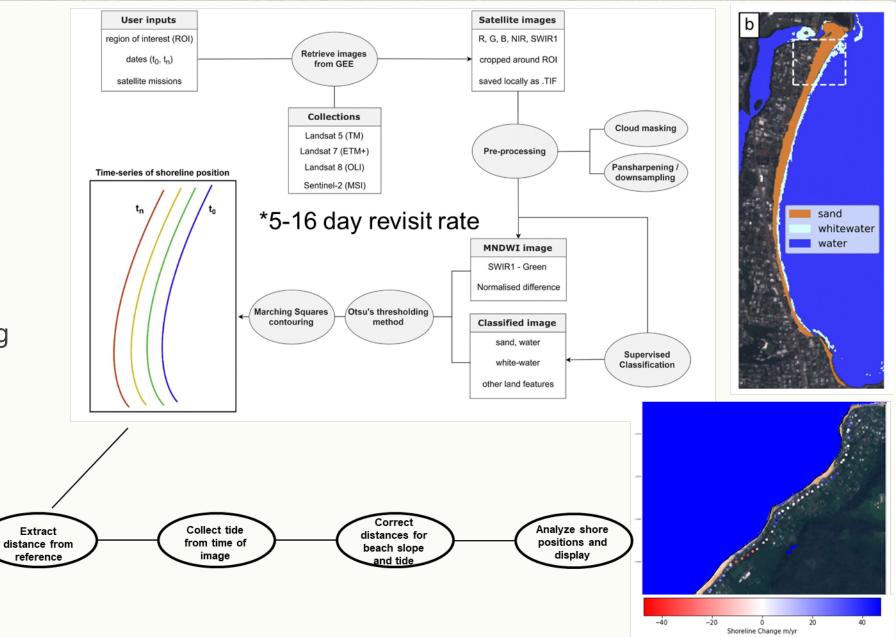
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ERDC Technical Advancements:

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

Shapefile tidal shifts

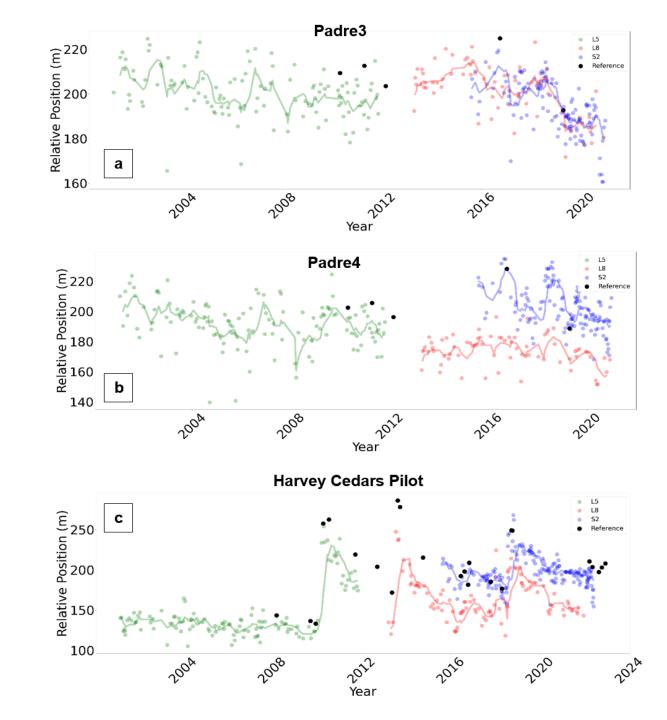


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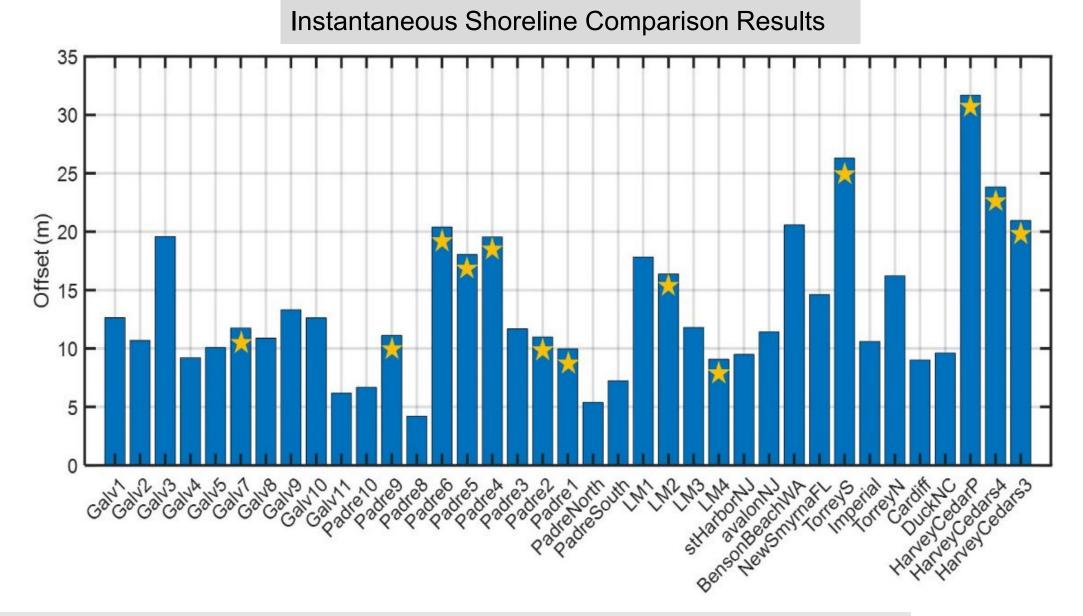
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Google Earth Engine Issue

- 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 (\cdot); corrected in CoastSat 2.0
- Mean horizontal offset from ground truth = **11.32** m; -3.51 m onshore bias

Instantaneous Accuracy by Satellite

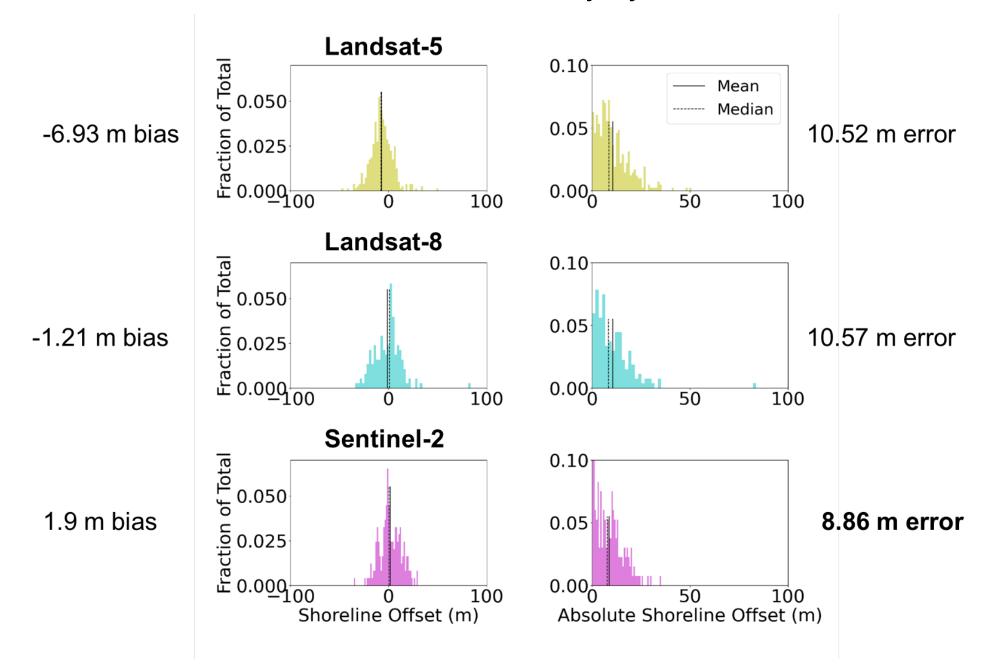
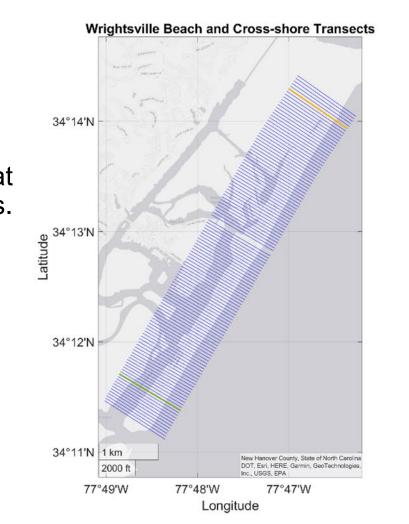
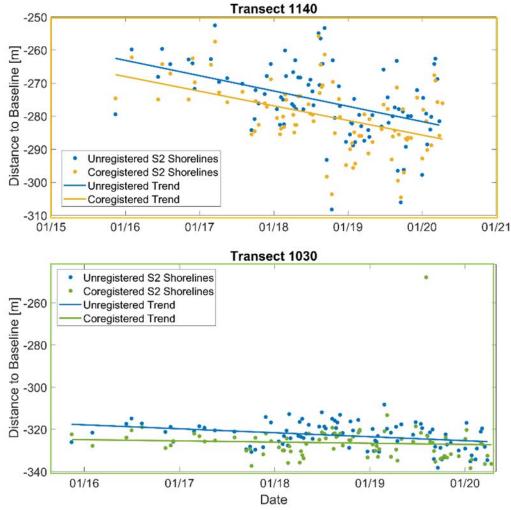


Image Coregistration: AROSICS and ArcPy

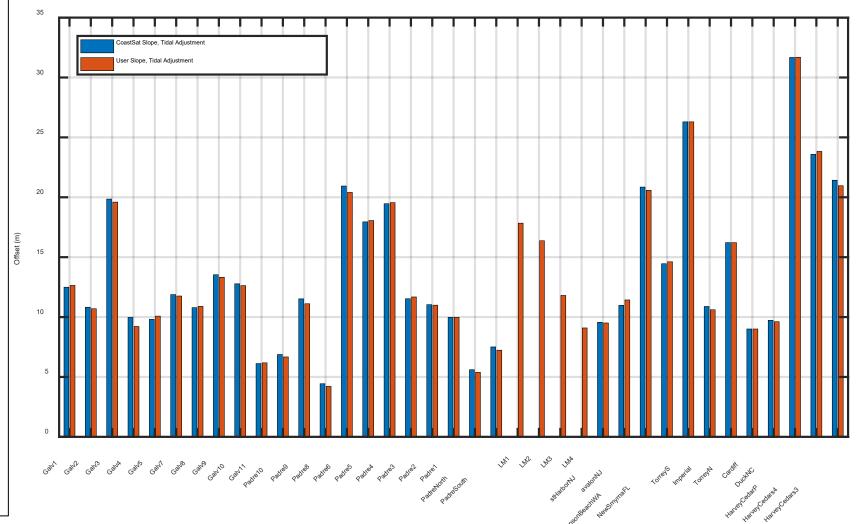
- Workflow integration challenges. ArcPy faster.
- Detrended std. dev. reduction of ~1-3 m at Wrightsville transects.
- Sentinel-2 coregistration only improved Duck shorelines by 6 cm.
- Mission to mission registration stronger influence.



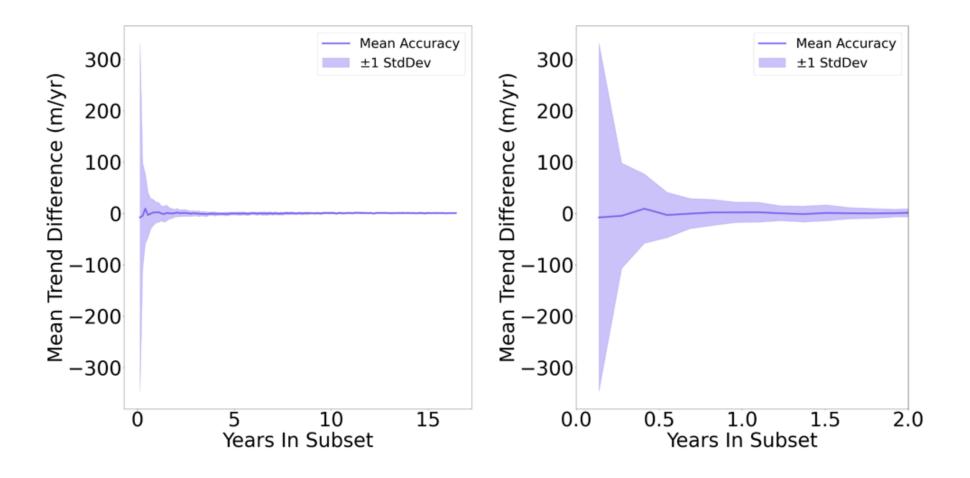


CoastSat Slope vs. User Slope

- 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

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

Harvey Cedars, NJ 05/2021 – 02/2022 43 Images

Duck, NC 10/2016 – 07/2022 475 Images

CoastSat.PlanetScope Sites

Encinitas, CA Narrow beach and cliff erosion

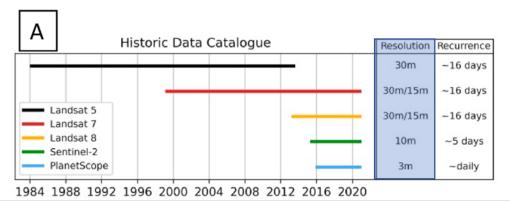
Ponto, CA Different environment, cobble beach

> Sunset Beach, HI Large erosion event

Harvey Cedars, NJ Monitoring berm placement

Duck, NC Validation data and storm impact

PlanetScope vs. CoastSat



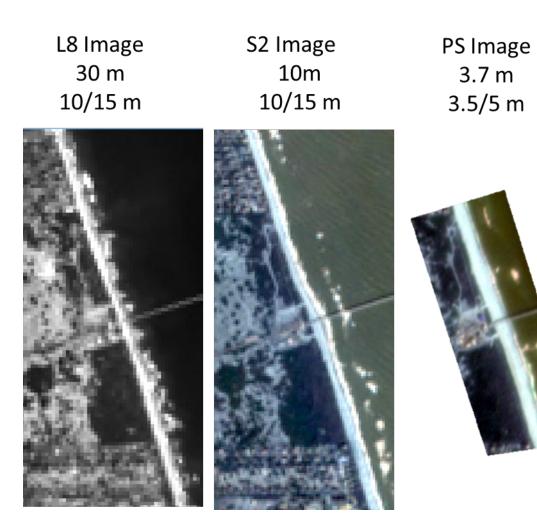
(Doherty et al. 2022)

Traditional CoastSat

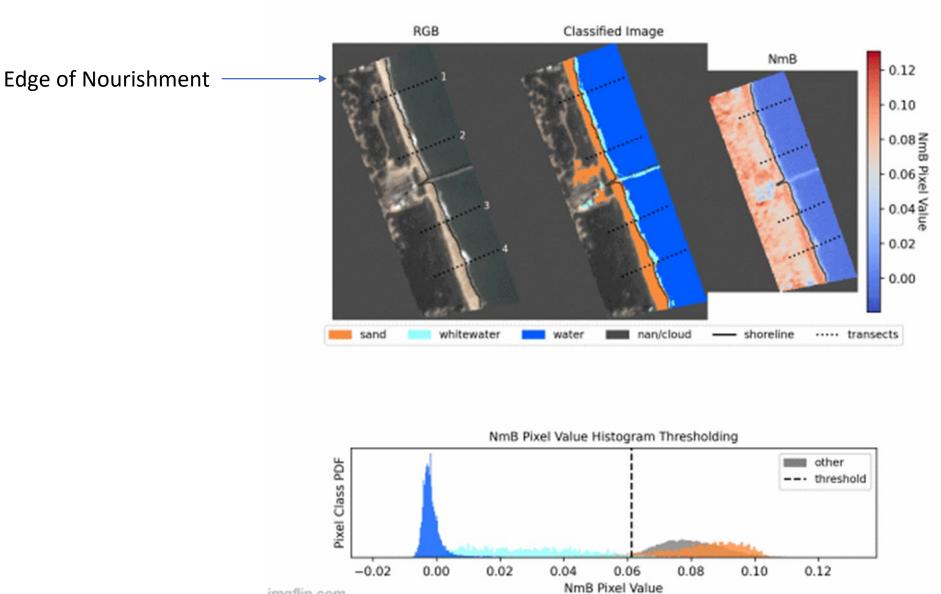
- 1 shoreline/ week
- Longterm change

PlanetScope

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

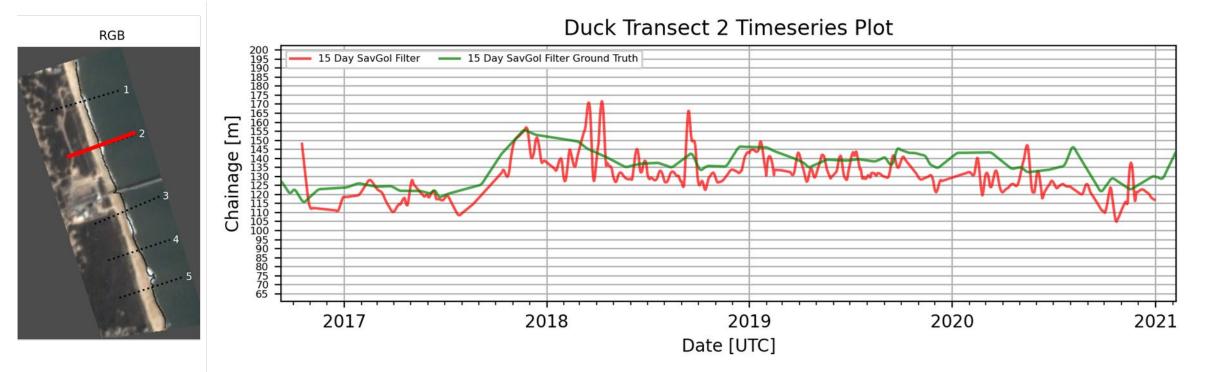


NmB Water Index with Peak Fraction Thresholding 2016-10-30 14_59_06 016- PS2



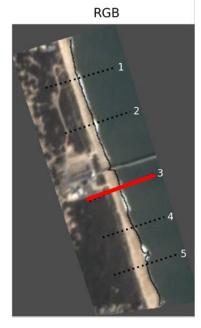
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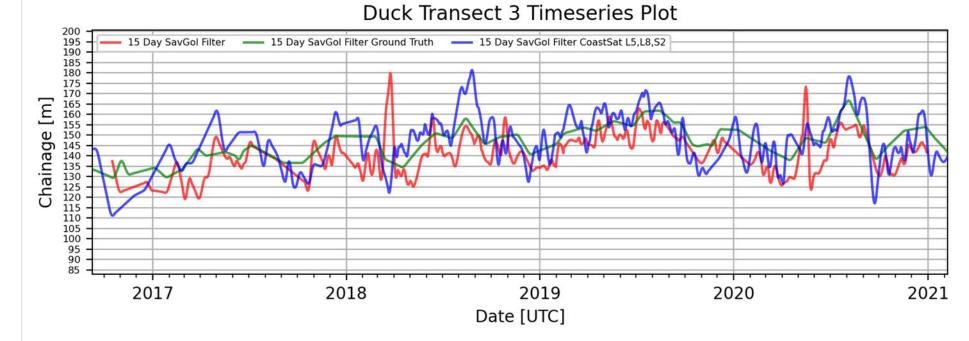
Duck, NC Ground Truth



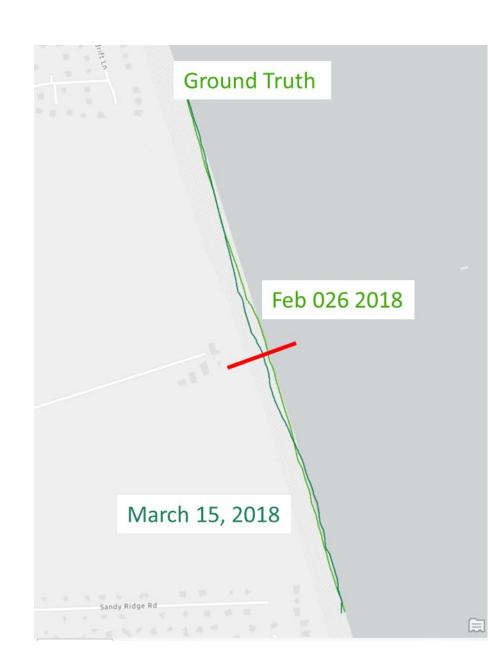
- 430 CoastSat.Planetscope shorelines (red) compared to 97 LARC shorelines (green)
- RMSE = 4.7 m
- Bias = -0.01 m
- Can see seasonal fluctuations in Coastsat.Planetscope

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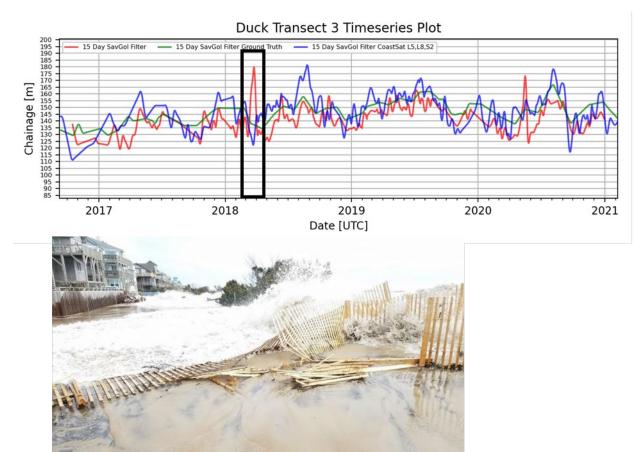




- 387 CoastSat shorelines (blue) compared to 97 LARC shorelines (green)
- RMSE = 8.5 m
- Bias = -0.4 m



Duck, NC Nor'Easter March 4, 2018

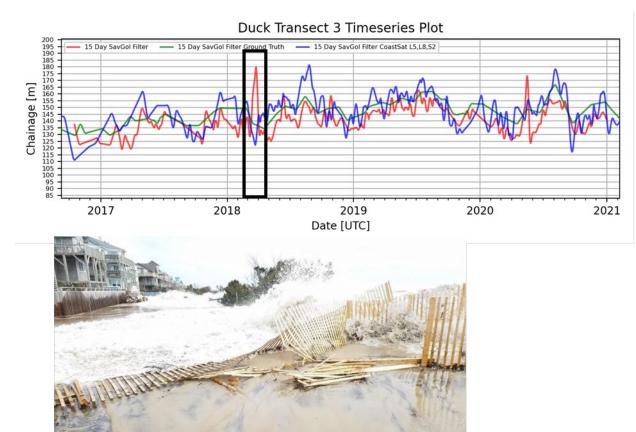


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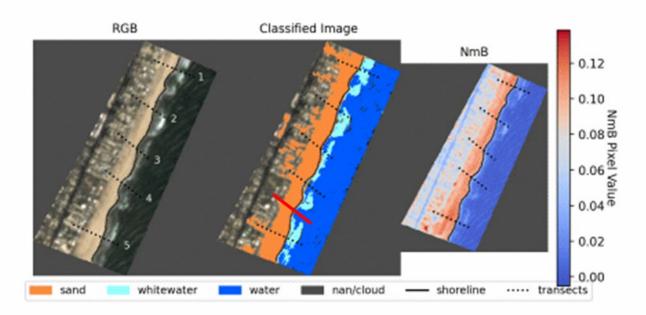


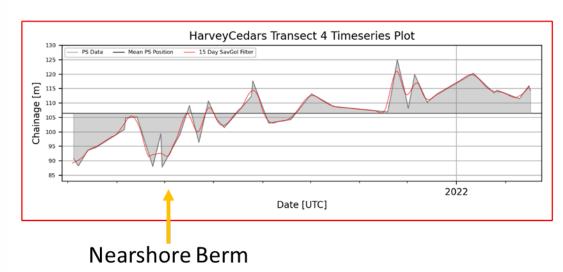
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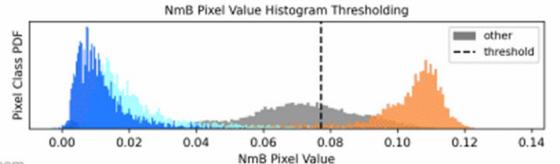
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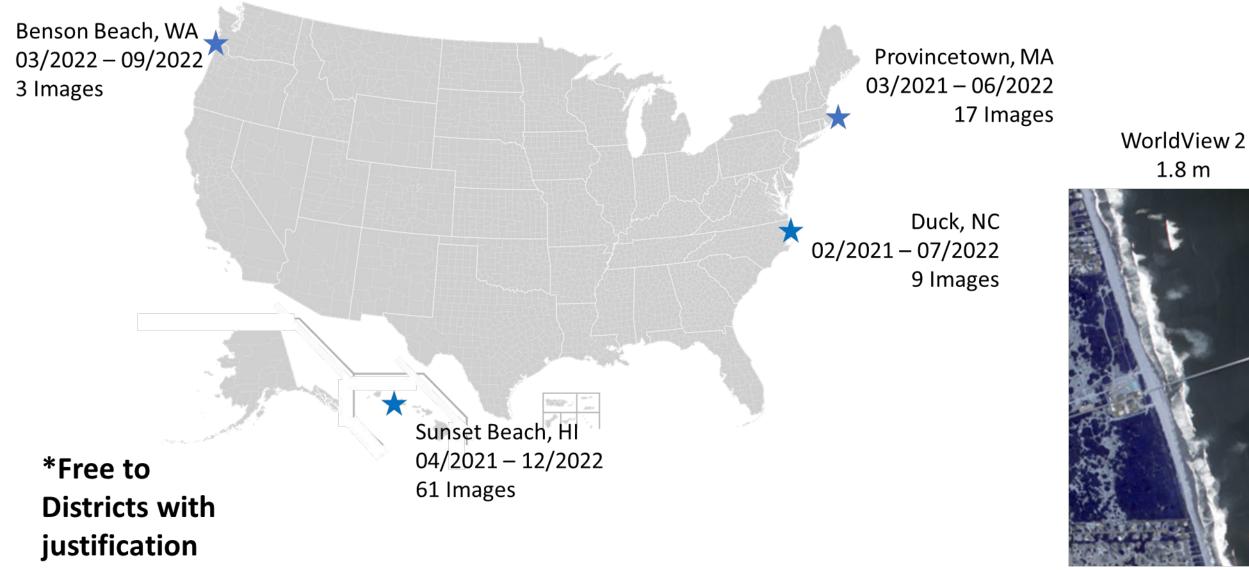


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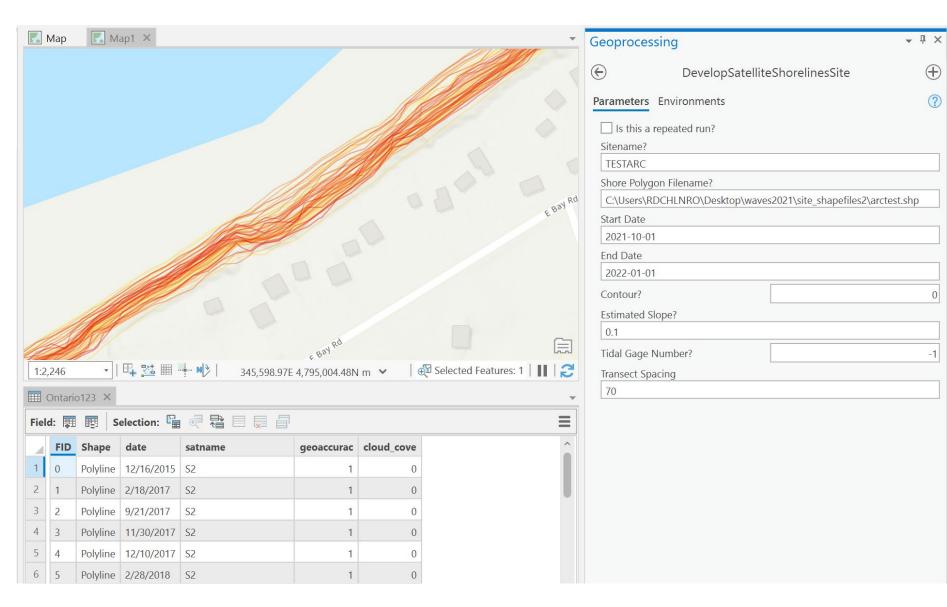


*McGill et al. 2022

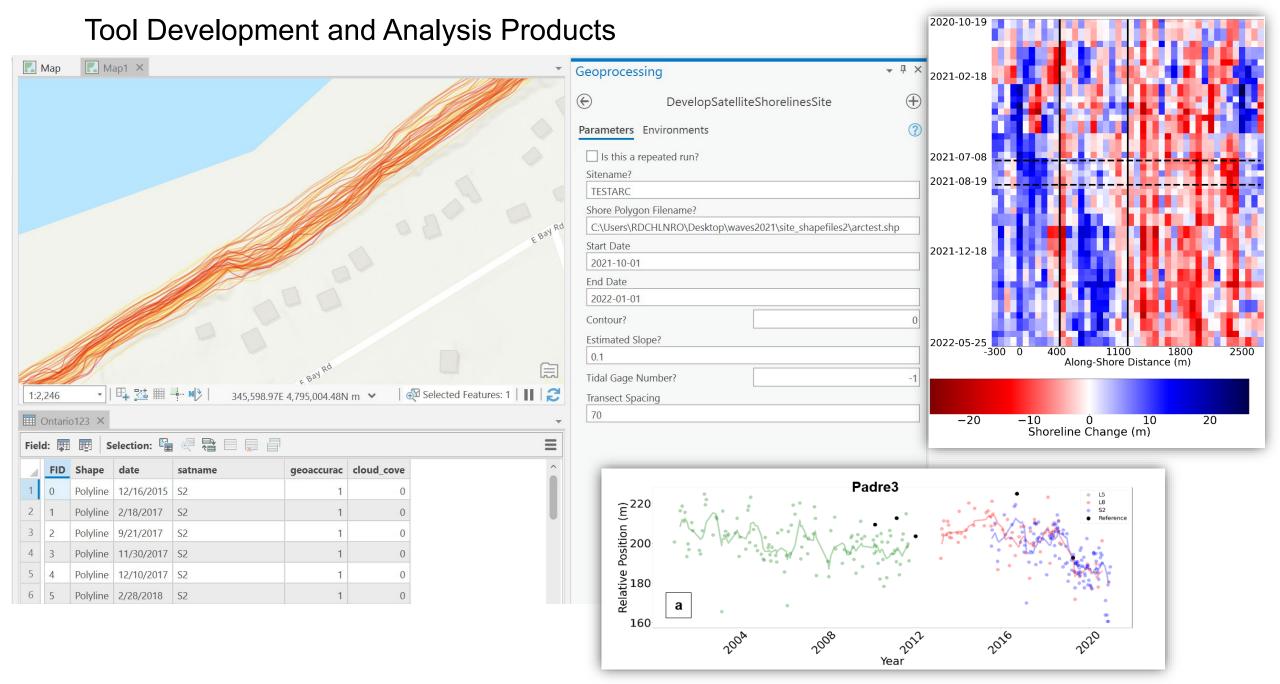
Maxar Sites



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



* Open to suggestions!

Summary

FY22 Major Advances in Capability

- Tool upgrade to CoastSat version 2.0, bug fixes
- Improved analysis products for management
- PlanetScope imagery acquisition at 5 sites, troubleshooting and runs at 4 sites
- Maxar imagery acquisition at 4 sites, 2 attempted runs
- Team re-structuring FY23

FY22 Major Products & Collaborations

- TR on CoastSat Accuracy (in pub.)
- CHL seminar
- CIRP TD
- Ocean Sciences Conference Presentation
- CODS IPR and meetings
- Lake Ontario Reimbursable (25%)
- Y. Ding Probablistic Shoreline Modeling (CODS)
- S. McGill Water Level Cameras (CODS)
- USGS and NOAA discussions

Planned Outyear Products/Advances

- Runup correction paper using FRF lidar tower data (FY24/Q1)
- Submit PlanetScope TN
- District Training Webinar
- Incorporate tool feedback
- Tool release