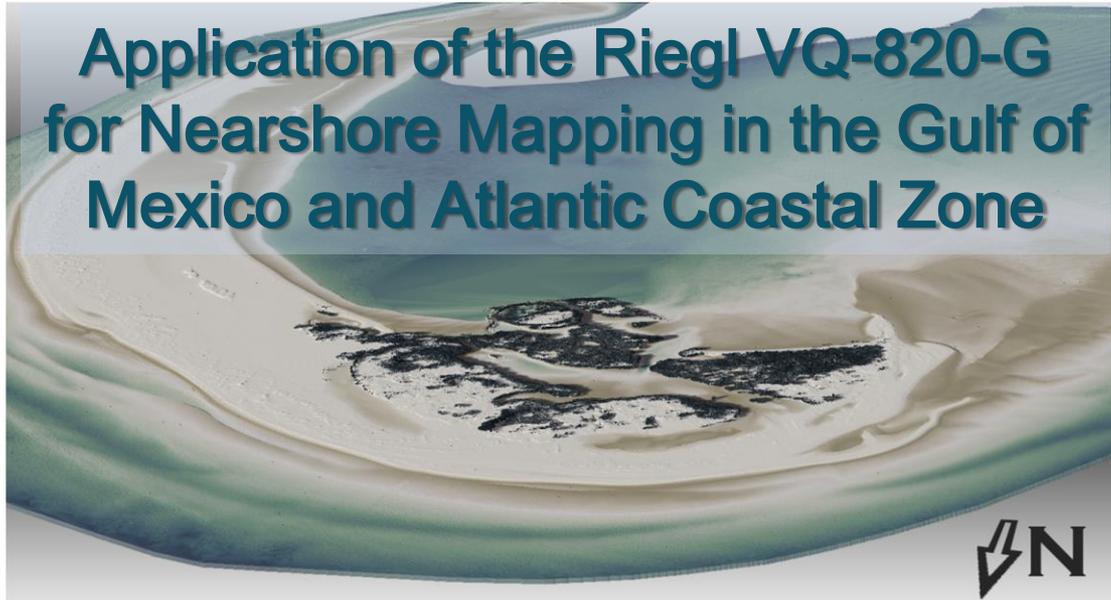


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**Application of the Riegl VQ-820-G
for Nearshore Mapping in the Gulf of
Mexico and Atlantic Coastal Zone**



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The Power of 3



the future is quantum



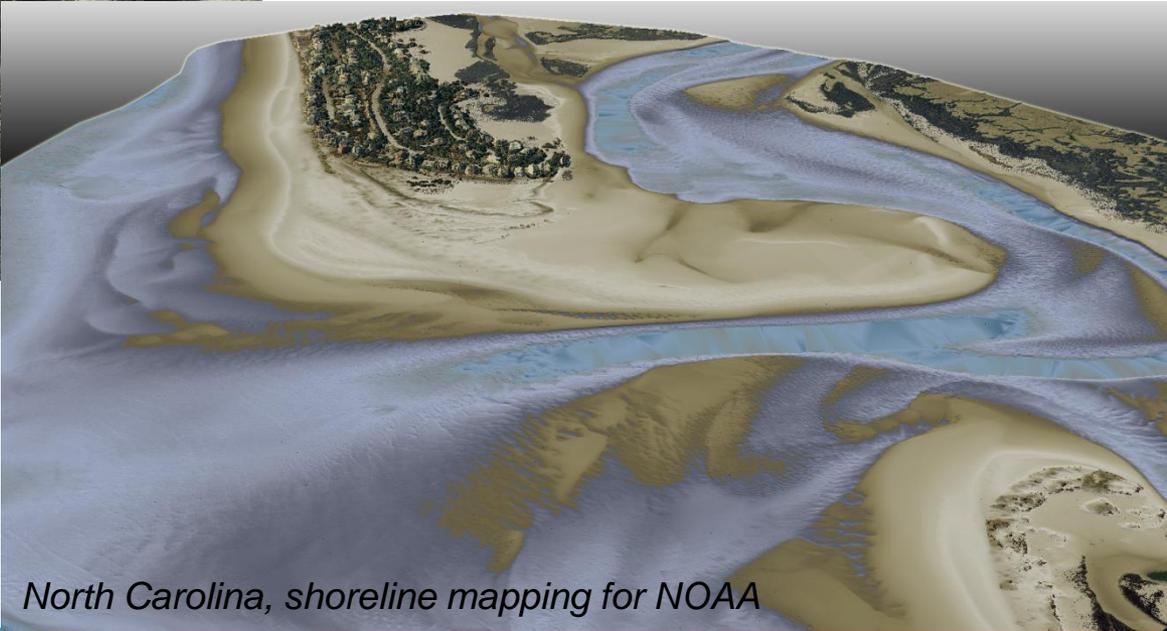


From Rivers to Coast



Toutle River, WA, flown for USACE

- Acquisition arm for NOAA NGS Shoreline mapping Program (Supplemental Sandy Topobathy LiDAR and Imagery Task)
- Calibration, Processing, QC, Imagery, Shoreline attribution



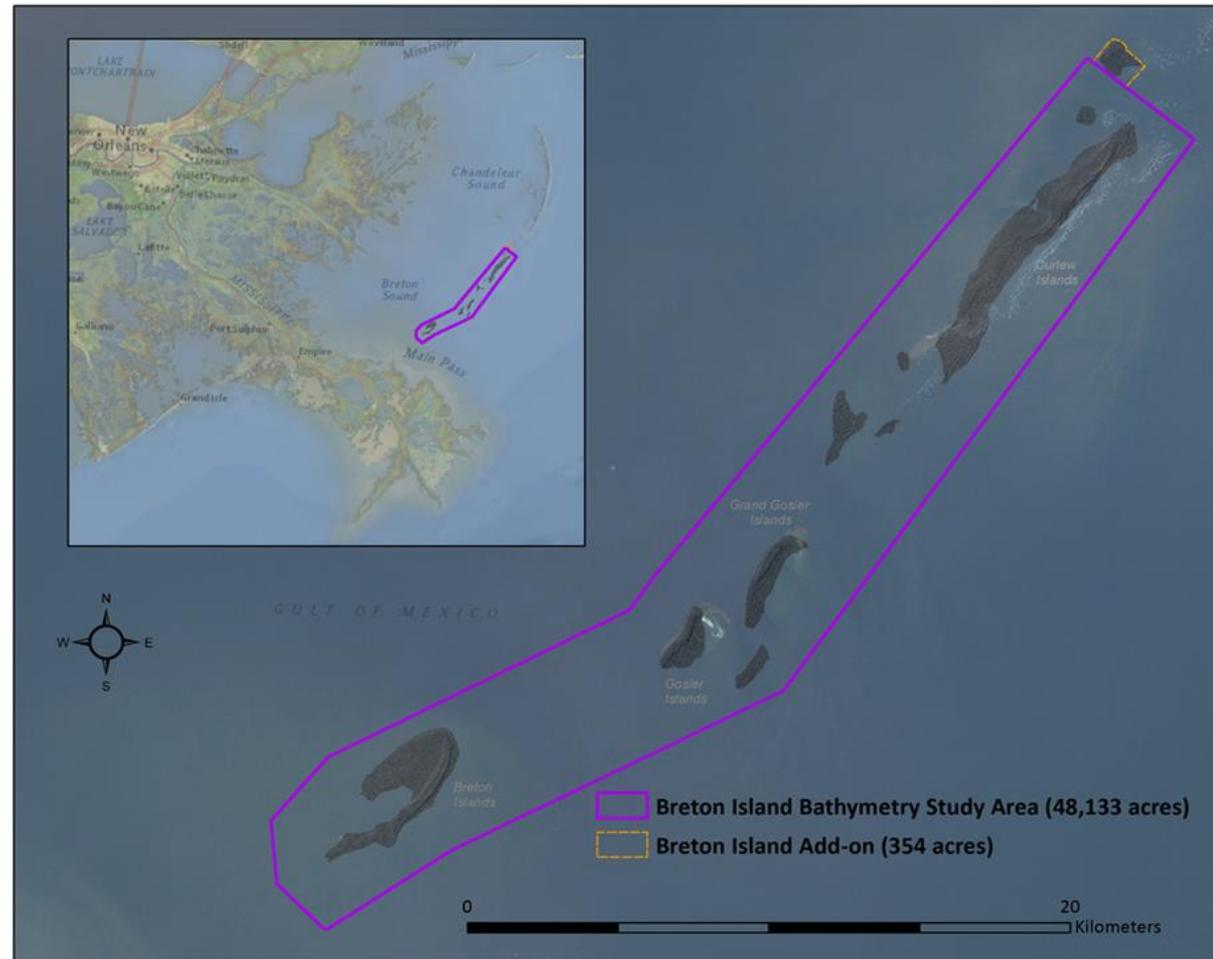
North Carolina, shoreline mapping for NOAA





Breton National Wildlife Refuge Topobathymetric Survey

- USGS Field Activity # 14LGC02
- 2.0 m NPS
- Landscape analysis and restoration efforts
- Specs based on USGS Spec v. 1.0





Sensor Selection

- Short laser pulse length
- High pulse rate
- High spatial accuracy for both terrestrial and bathymetric returns



Riegl VQ-820G Bathymetric Sensor

LiDAR Survey Settings & Specifications	
Acquisition Dates	01/16/2014 01/18/2014
Aircraft Used	Cessna Caravan
Sensor	Riegl VQ-820G
Survey Altitude (AGL)	600 m
Target Pulse Rate	284 kHz
Laser Spot Diameter	60 cm
Field of View	40°
GPS Baselines	≤13 nm
GPS PDOP	≤3.0
GPS Satellite Constellation	≥6
Maximum Returns	unlimited
Intensity	16-bit
Resolution/Density	≥ 4 pulses/m ²
Accuracy	RMSE _z ≤ 12.5 cm Land RMSE_z ≤ 25 cm Submerged Land

C.1.b.(vii)(c) Water Clarity:
(01) If possible, the USGS will monitor water clarity at the AOI. Ideal conditions would be 2.5' secchi disk depth or greater, however it is recognized that this is Louisiana and it rarely gets good water clarity, therefore, it will be flown at optimal water clarity.

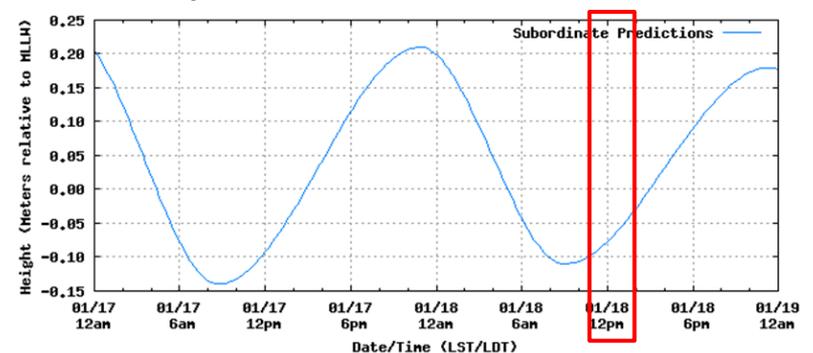
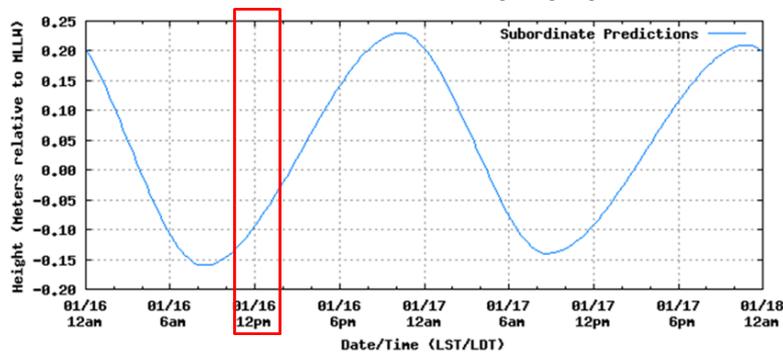


Acquisition

- Ground Control Survey conducted by USGS
 - 2 Monuments established
 - Land Cover check points collected
- Acquisition Window: Jan 6 – Feb 15 during +/- 2 hours of MLLW
- Mississippi River mud a real challenge



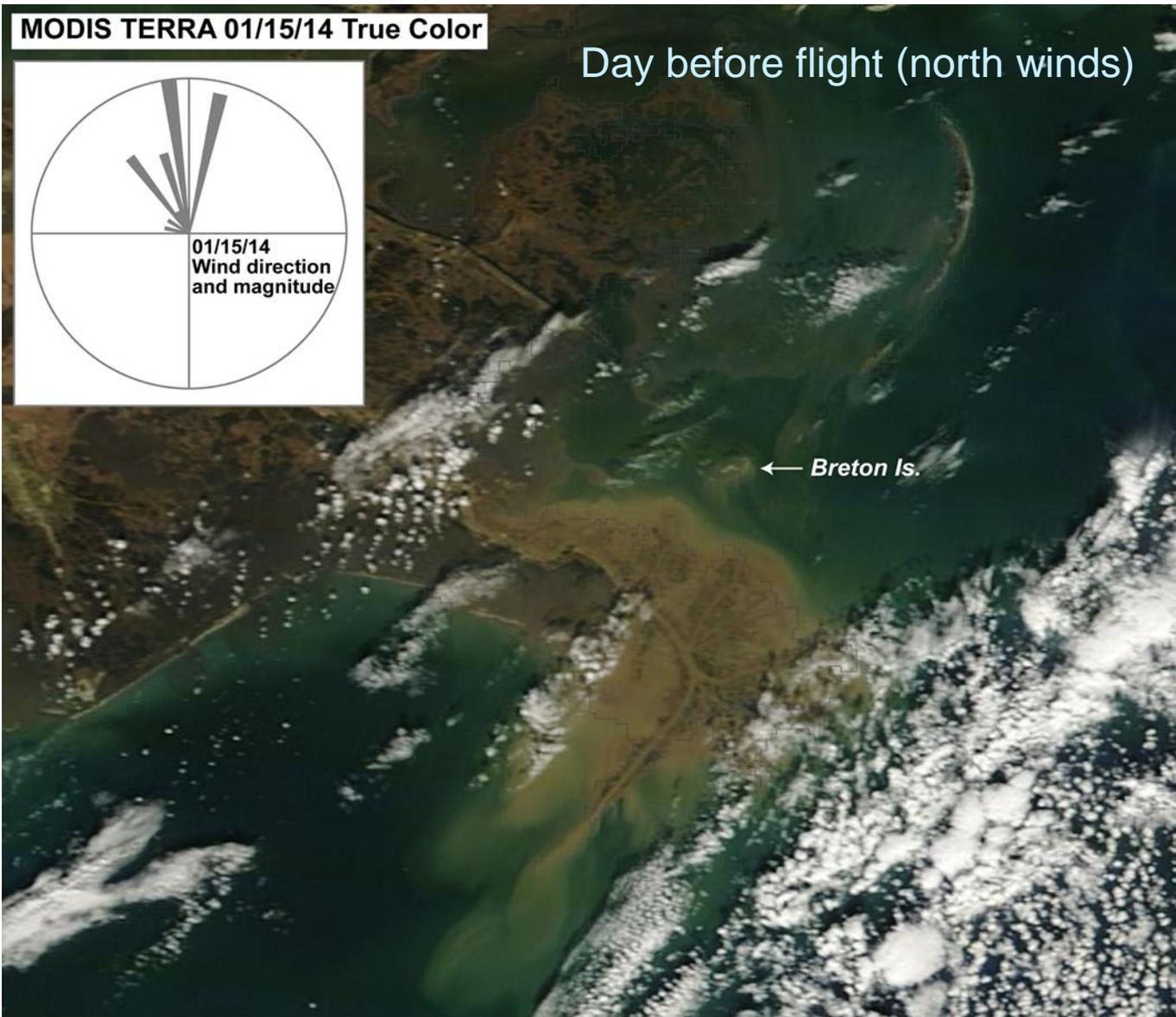
USGS gauging station no. 8760172 in Chandeleur Light, Louisiana





MODIS TERRA 01/15/14 True Color

Day before flight (north winds)



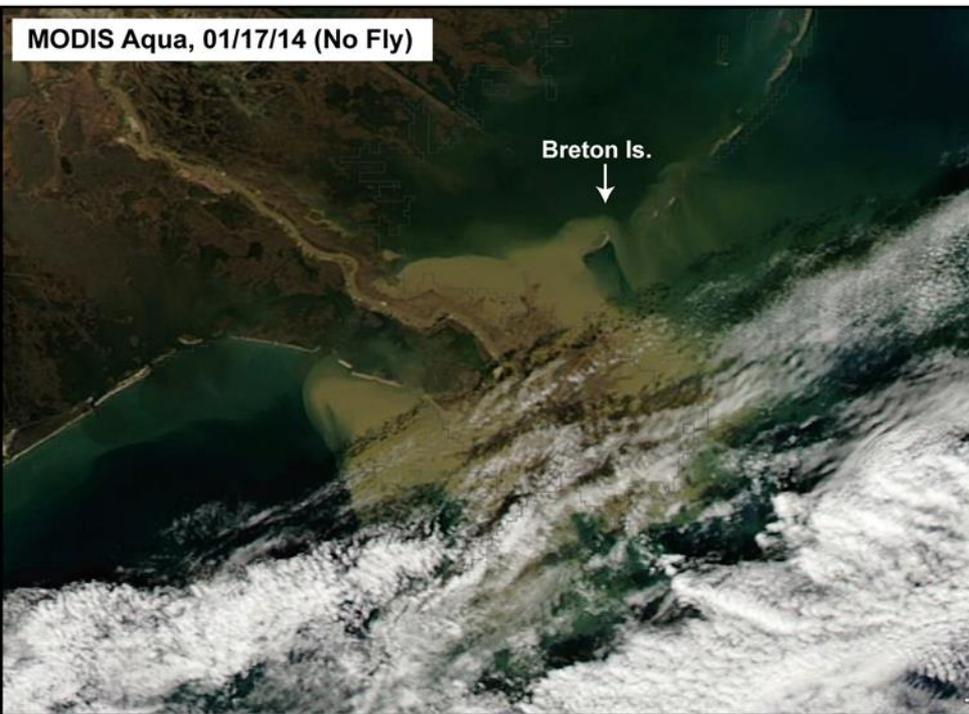


First day of flight





Day 2 (no fly)



Day 3 (optimal)

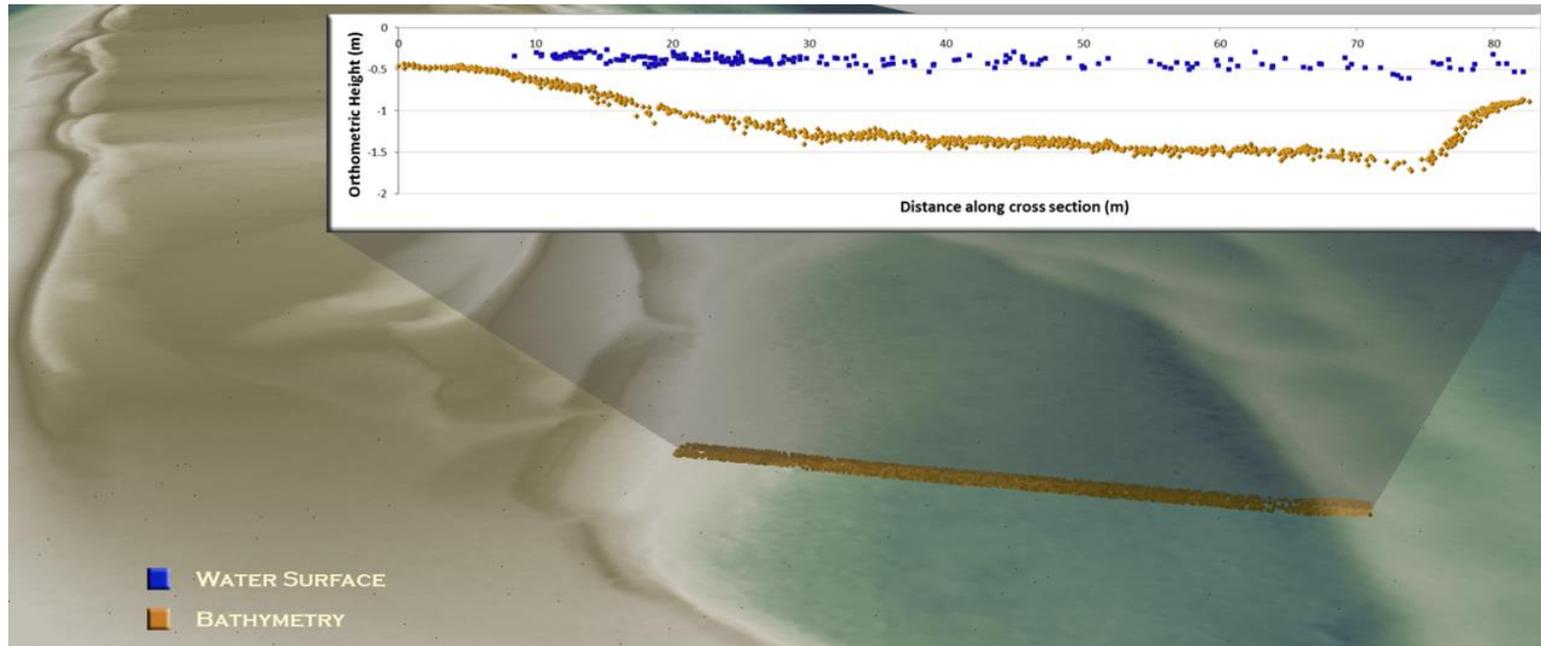


Secchi depths of 1 & 1.4 meters reported by USGS



Processing

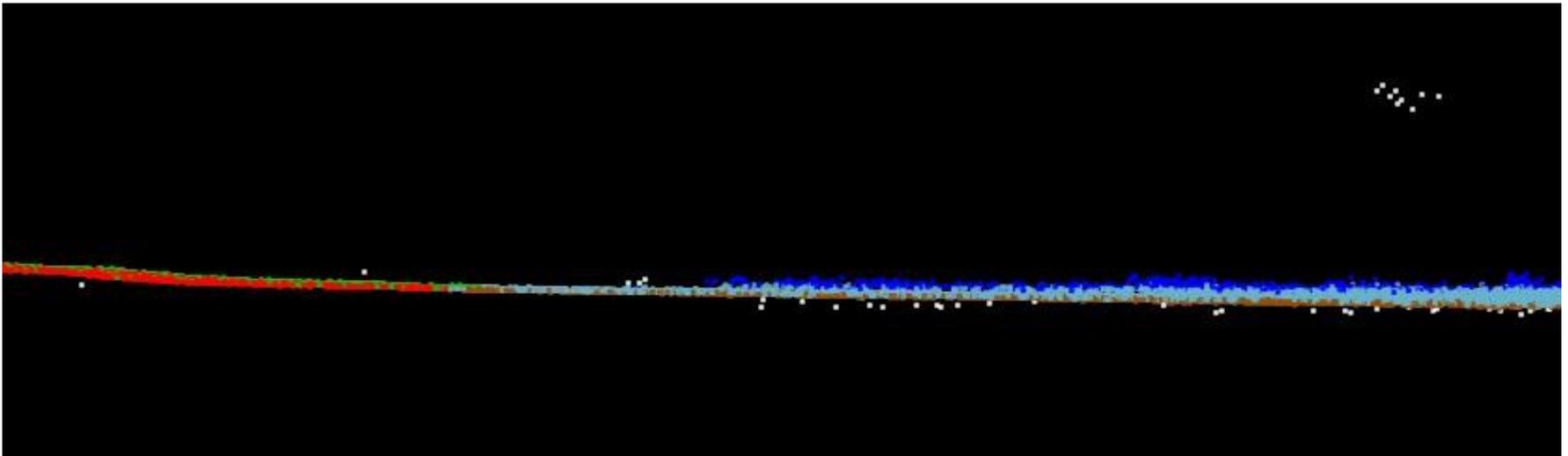
- Initial Calibration completed in RiProcess 1.5.9
- Refraction Correction processed in RiProcess 1.5.9
- Additional line to line and mission to mission calibration performed in TerraMatch 14





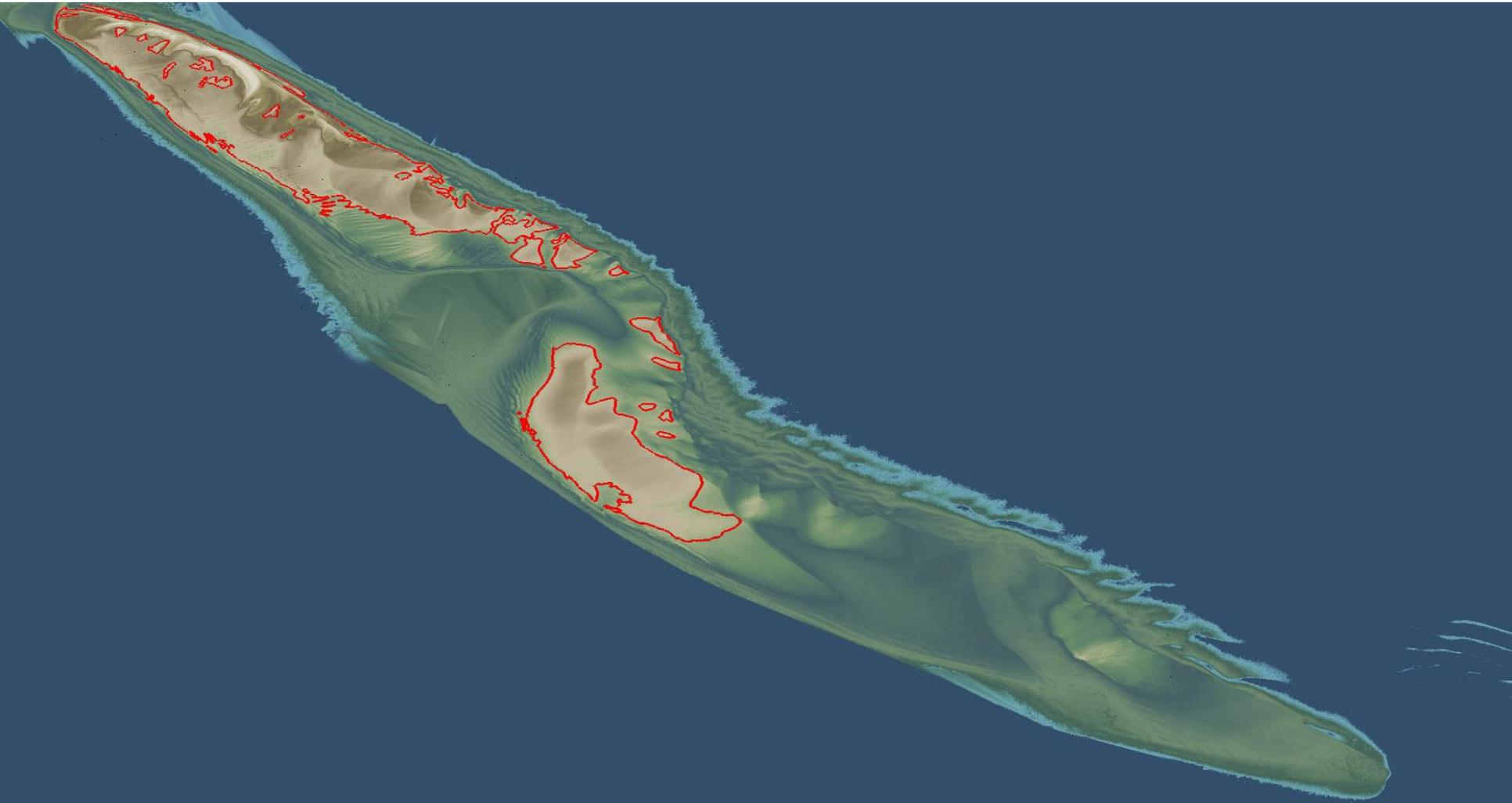
Classification

Classification Number	Classification Name	Classification Description
1 (green)	Default	Laser returns that remain unclassified
2 (red)	Ground	Bare earth ground, determined by a number of automated and manual cleaning algorithms
7 (white)	Noise	Laser returns that are often associated with birds, multipath, and atmospherics
25 (light blue)	Water Column	Water column
26 (brown)	Bathymetric Point	Submerged topography
27 (dark blue)	Water Surface	Water surface from bathymetric LiDAR

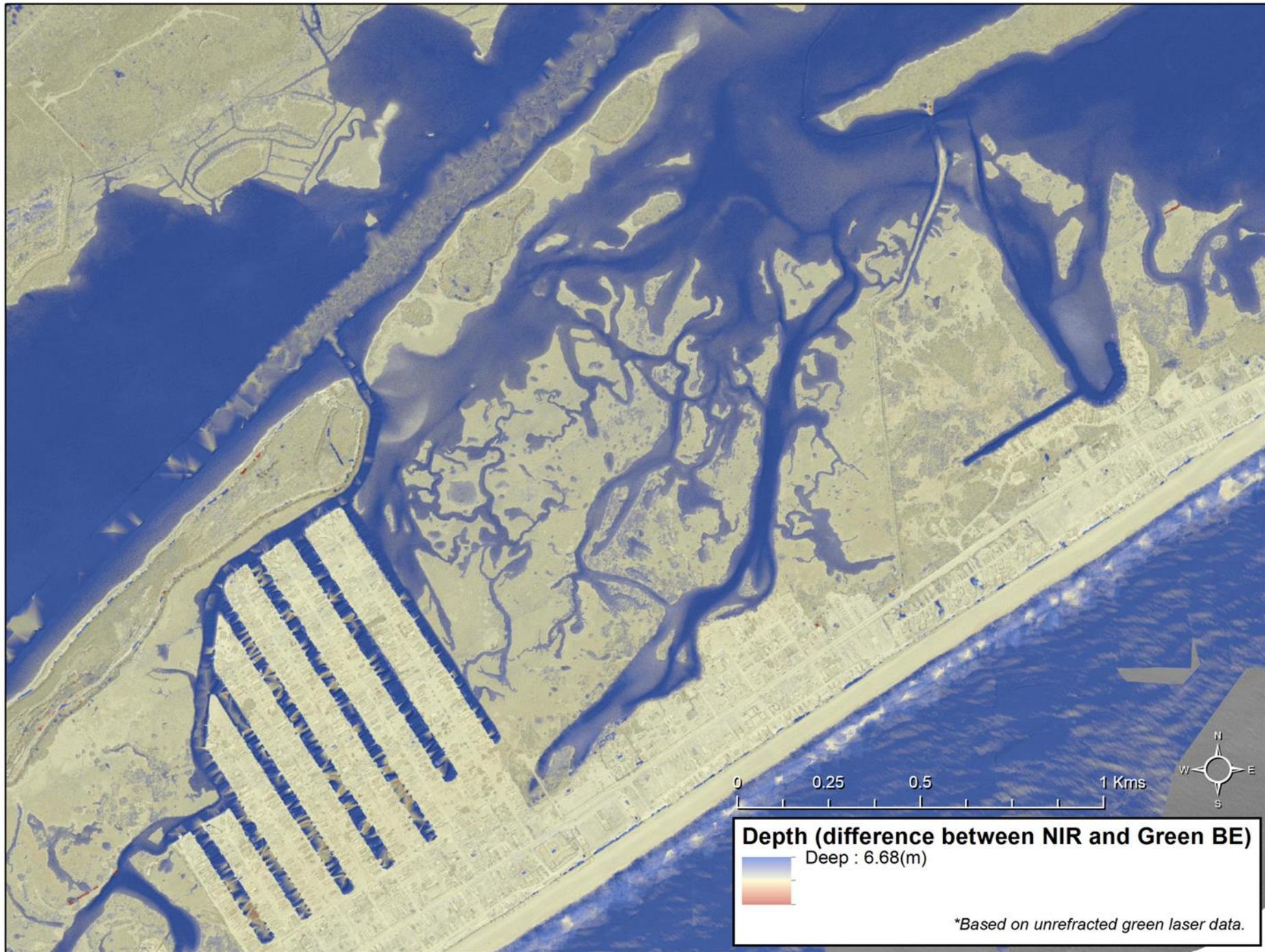




Breaklines



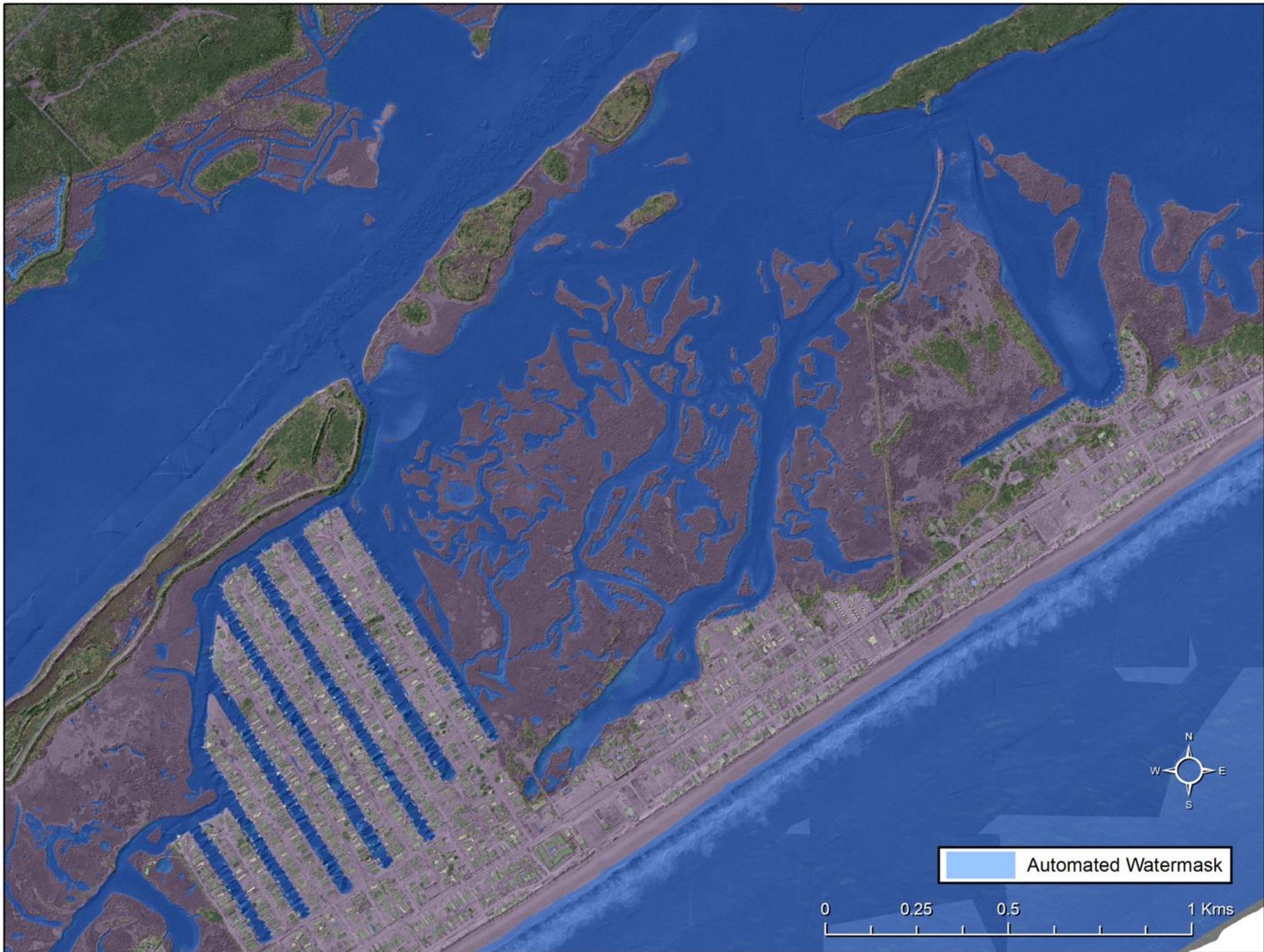






Automated Watermask

0 0.25 0.5 1 Kms



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0 0.25 0.5 1 Kms

Data layers used in water delineation

NIR Data:

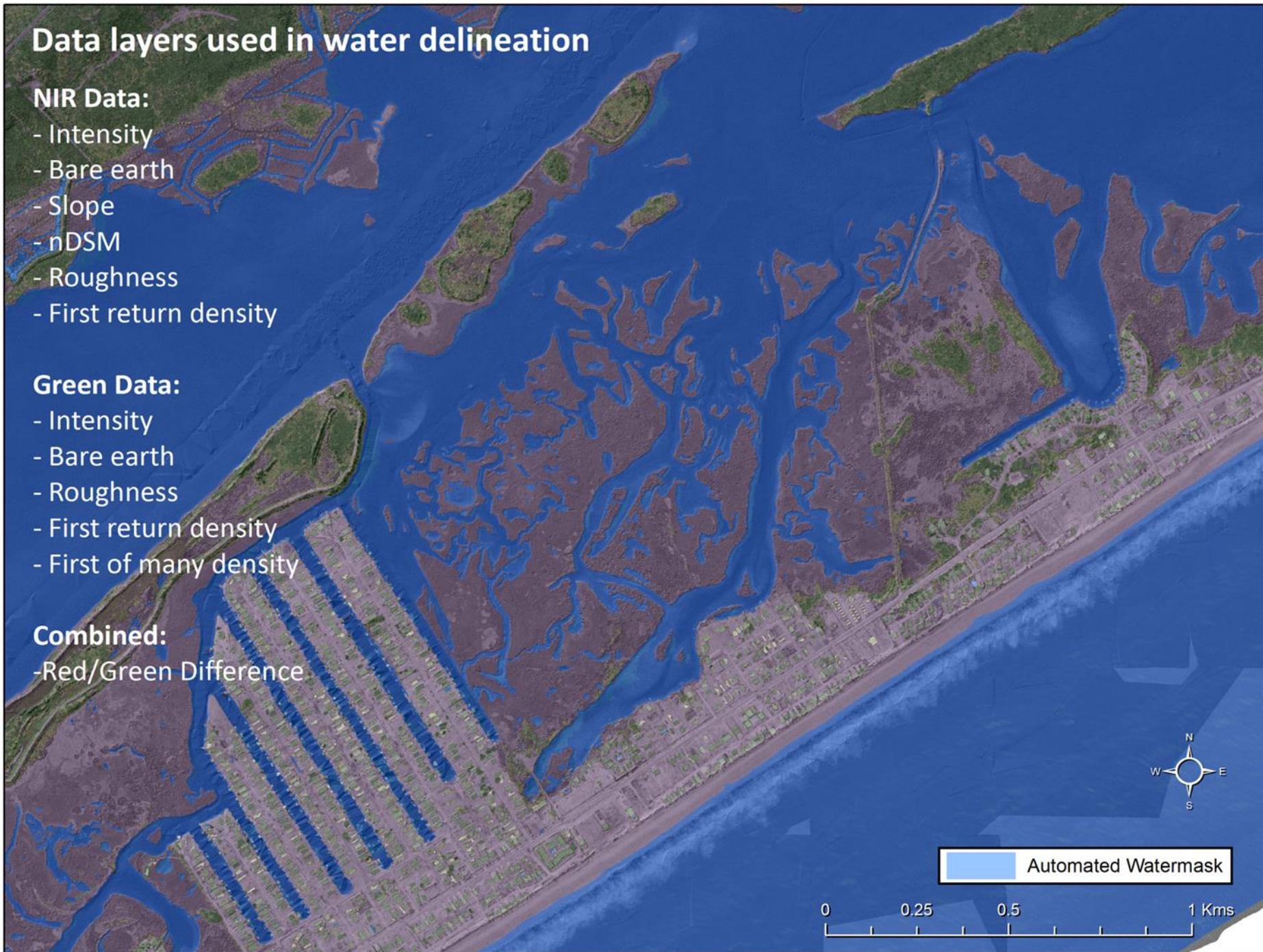
- Intensity
- Bare earth
- Slope
- nDSM
- Roughness
- First return density

Green Data:

- Intensity
- Bare earth
- Roughness
- First return density
- First of many density

Combined:

- Red/Green Difference



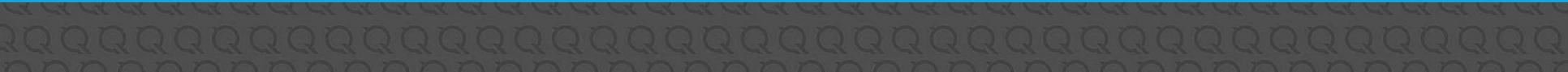


Products

Points	LAS v 1.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classified Point Cloud• Raw Swaths
Rasters	1.0 Meter ERDAS Imagine Files (*.img) and GeoTiffs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combined Topobathymetric Bare Earth Model (Uncropped)• Combined Topobathymetric Bare Earth Model (Cropped)*• Depth Model* 1.0 Meter GeoTiffs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intensity Images (All Returns)• Intensity Images (Bathymetry and Terrestrial Returns)*
Vectors	Shapefiles (*.shp) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site Boundary• LiDAR/DEM Tile Index• Water's Edge Delineation• Submerged Bathymetric Depth/Confidence

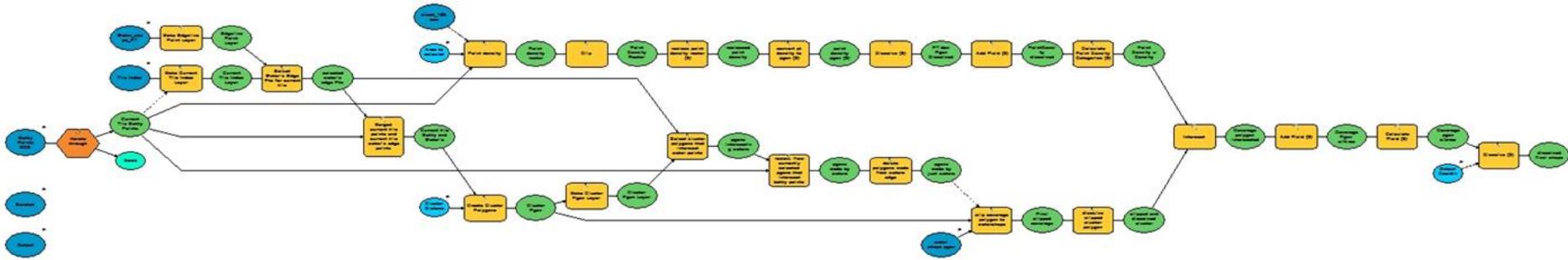


**QSI delivered these products in addition to contracted products*





Create Clipped DEM

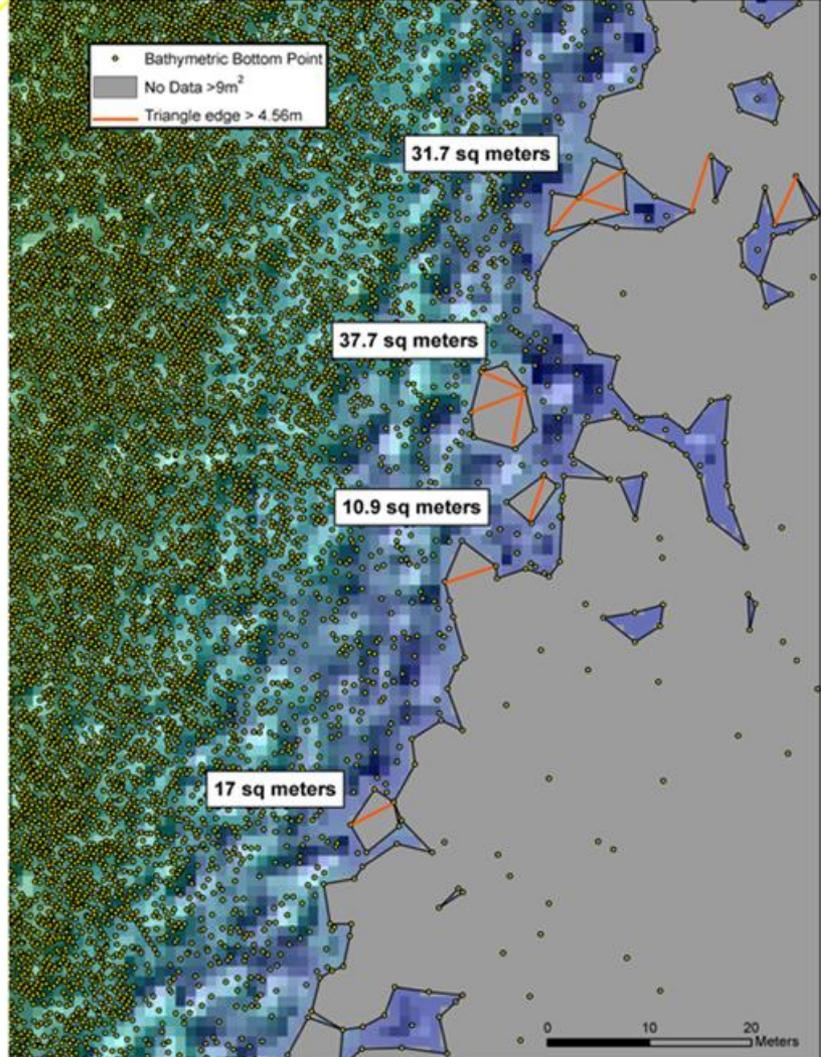
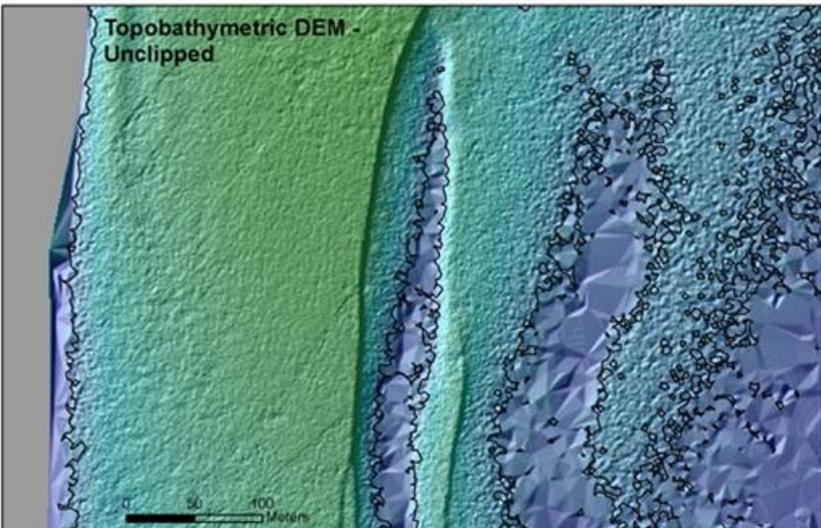
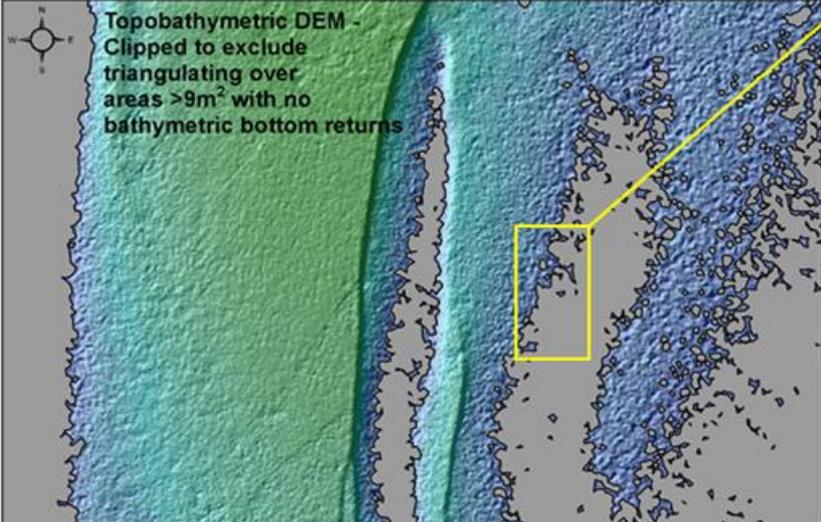


- Create cluster polygons

$$CT = \sqrt{(2 * \text{void area} / 0.866)}$$

CT = max Δ edge length, determined by area to be considered void

Inputs	Parameters
Bathymetric Bottom Points	CT
Water's edge polygon	Void area
Tile Index	Output coordinate system
Snap raster	





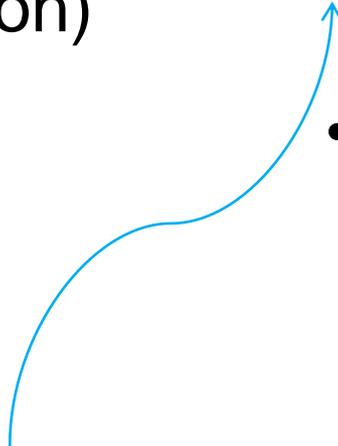
Confidently Dense...

Currently

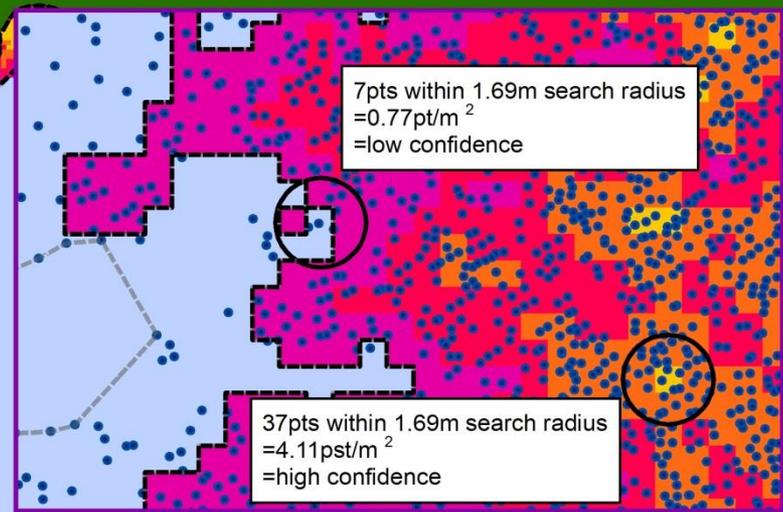
- Create a confidence layer (similar to contour production)
- Repeatability
 - Reliable?
 - Valid?
- Assumes higher density = more confident

Considerations

- Uncertainty
- Classification Accuracy
- Model with roughness, standard deviation, FWF attributes
 - See Chris Parrish's talk



- Create point density rasters from bathymetric points using neighborhood search (9m² area)
- Reclass density rasters to integer intervals
- Identify break between high and low confidence
- Convert density raster to polygon and clip to mapped area

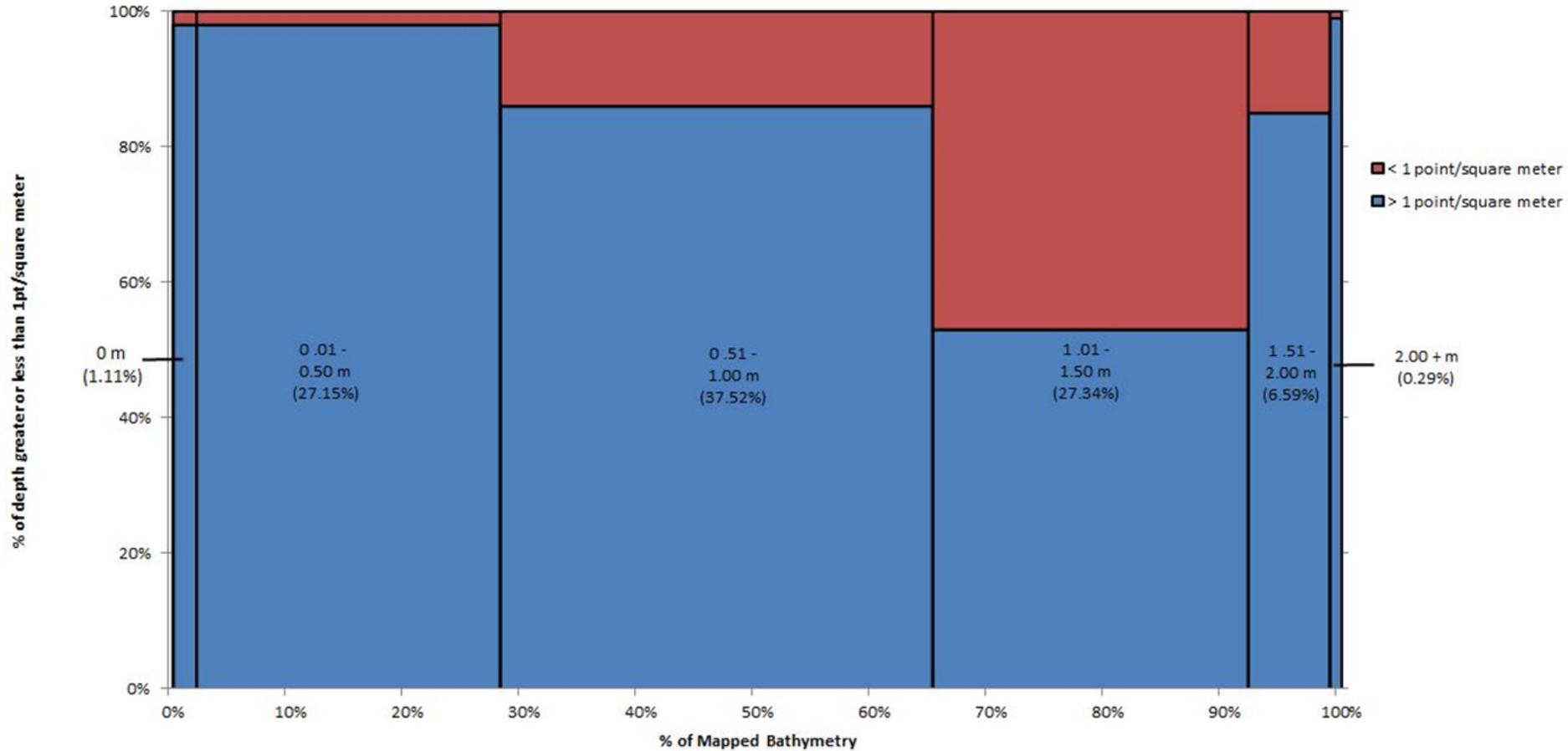


Points/m²



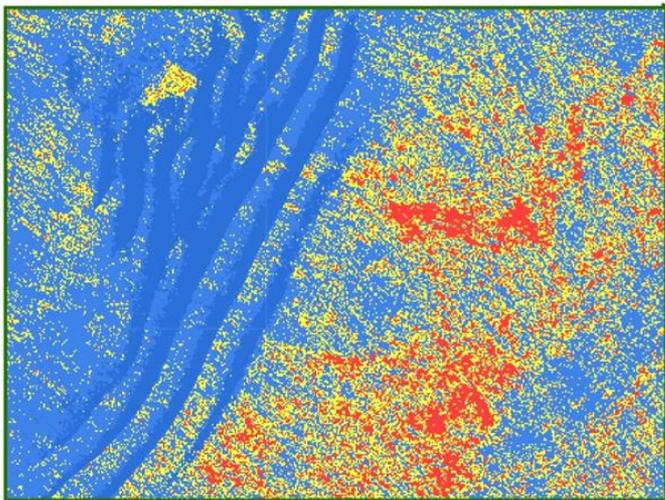


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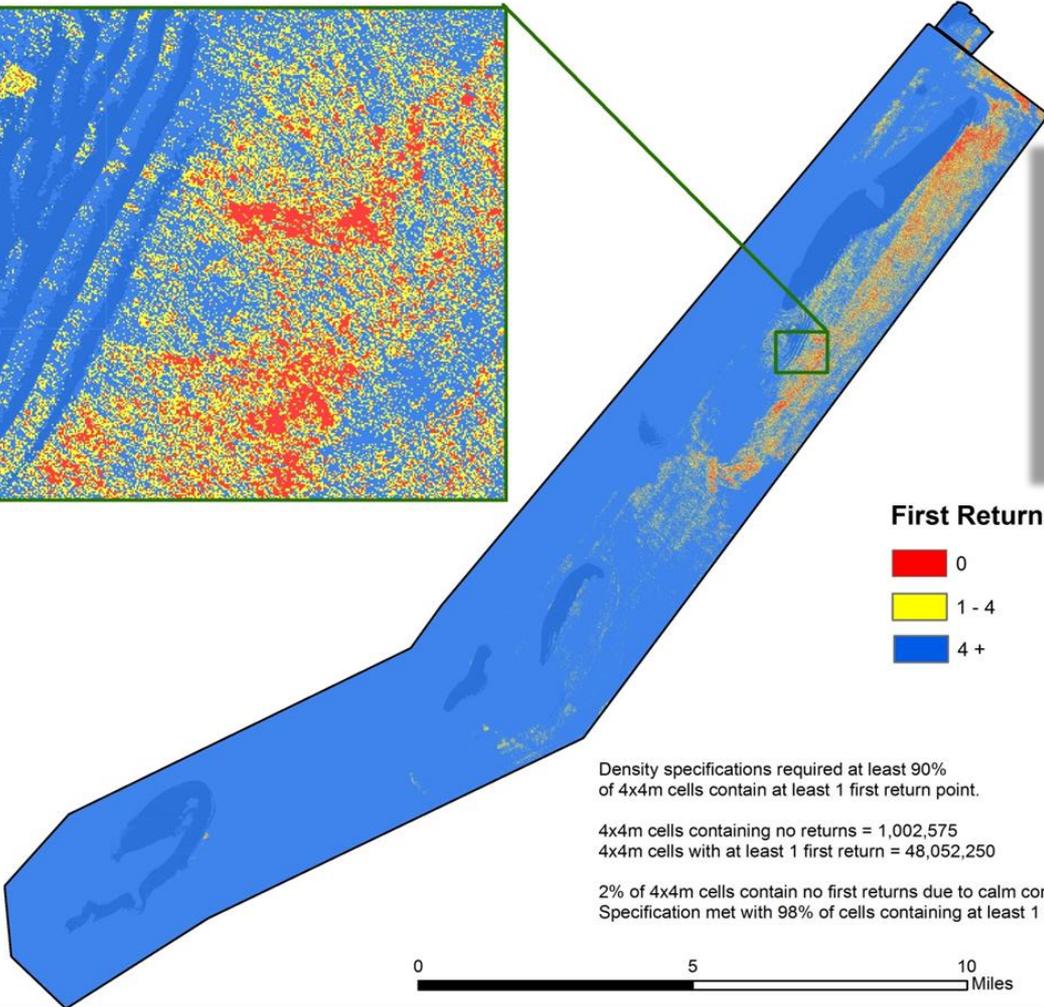




Results



Classification	Point Density
First-Return	4 ppsm
Ground Classified	6 ppsm
Bathymetric Bottom	2 ppsm



First Returns/4m²

- 0
- 1 - 4
- 4 +

Density specifications required at least 90% of 4x4m cells contain at least 1 first return point.

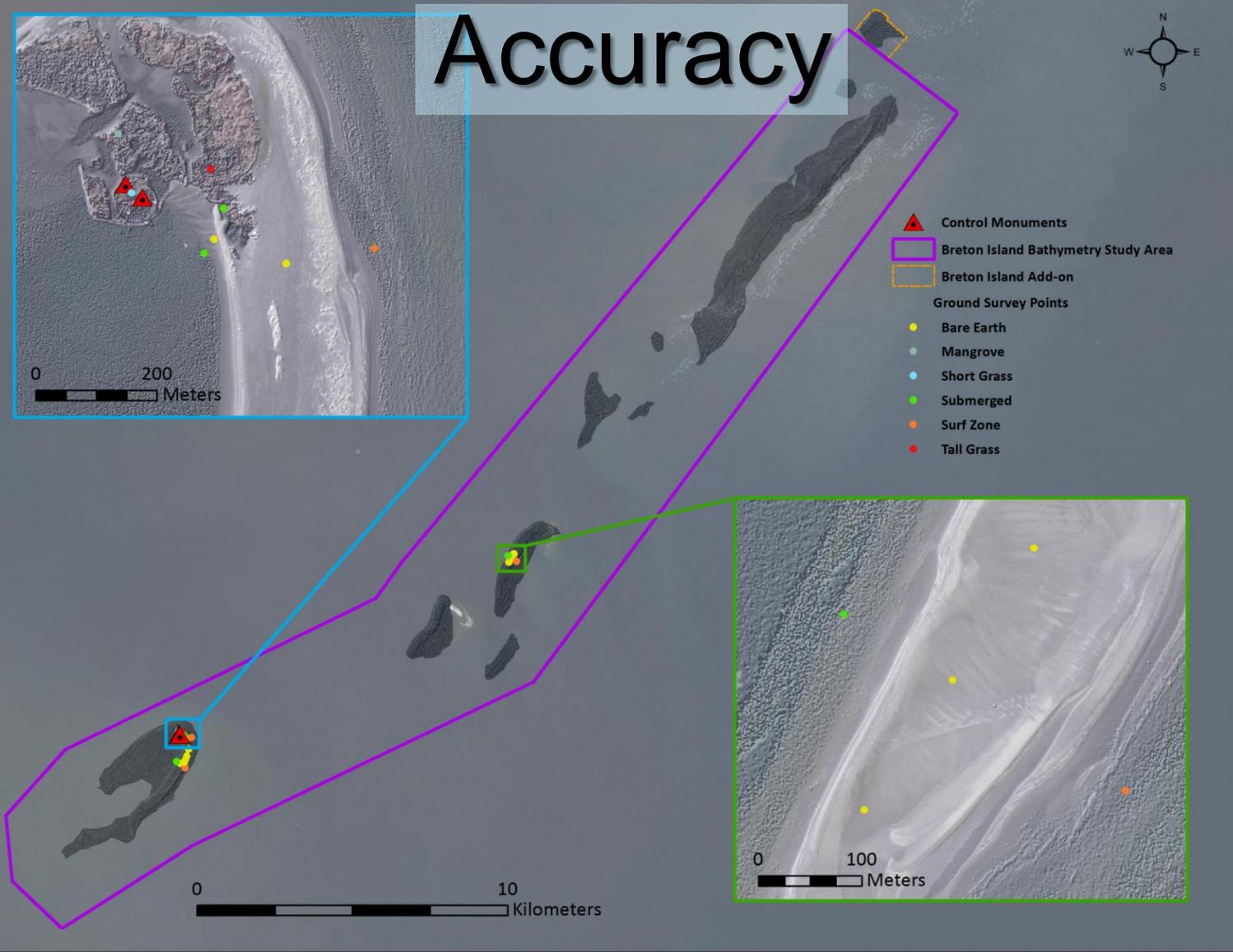
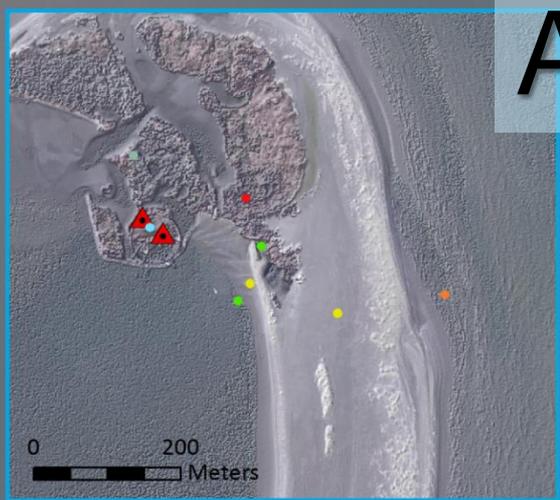
4x4m cells containing no returns = 1,002,575
4x4m cells with at least 1 first return = 48,052,250

2% of 4x4m cells contain no first returns due to calm conditions.
Specification met with 98% of cells containing at least 1 first return point.

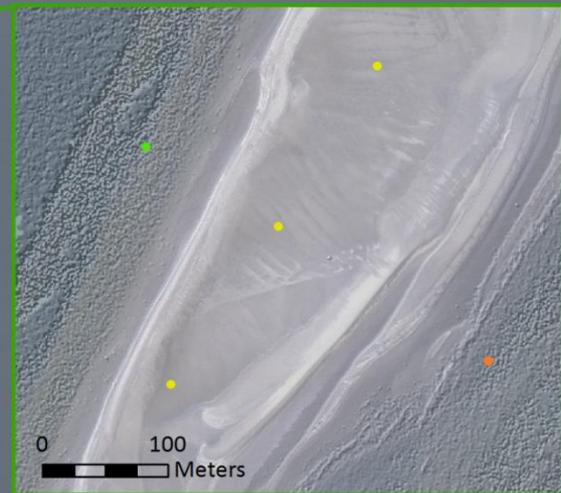




Accuracy



- ▲ Control Monuments
- ▭ Breton Island Bathymetry Study Area
- ▭ Breton Island Add-on
- Ground Survey Points
 - Bare Earth
 - Mangrove
 - Short Grass
 - Submerged
 - Surf Zone
 - Tall Grass





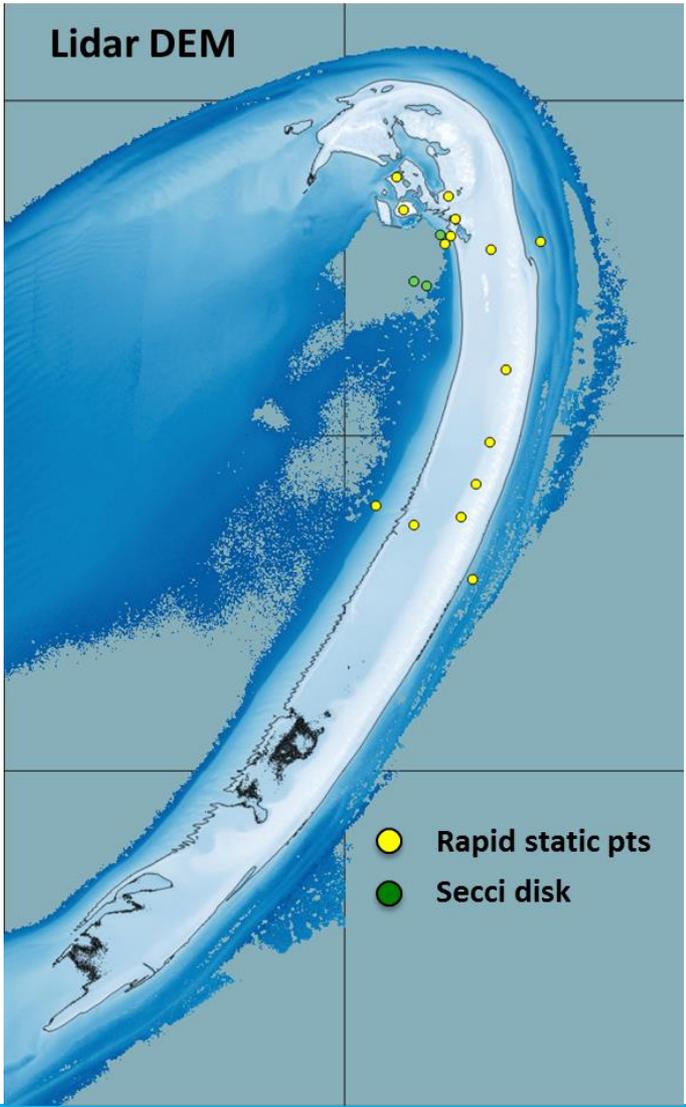
Accuracy

Fundamental Vertical Accuracy	
Sample	10 points
Average	0.012 m
Median	0.021 m
RMSE	0.032 m
Standard Deviation (1σ)	0.031 m
FVA (1.96*RMSE)	0.061 m

Supplemental and Consolidated Vertical Accuracies							
Land Cover Class	SVA						CVA
	Bare Earth	Submerged	Surf Zone	Tall Grass	Short Grass	Mangrove	All Land Cover Classes
Sample	10 points	4 points	3 points	1 point	1 point	1 point	20 points
Average Dz	-0.018 m	-0.082 m	-0.017 m	0.075 m	0.148 m	0.01 m	-0.016 m
Median	-0.018 m	-0.066 m	-0.038 m	n/a	n/a	n/a	-0.026 m
RMSE	0.037 m	0.095 m	0.116 m	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.077 m
Standard Deviation (1σ)	0.034 m	0.056 m	0.141 m	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.077 m
95 th Percentile	0.068 m	0.148 m	0.145 m	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.149 m



USGS – Comparison with Control Points (preliminary)



Cover	control	lidar	difference
Bare earth	-0.097	-0.078	0.019
Bare earth	0.438	0.427	0.011
Bare earth	0.255	0.088	0.167
Bare earth	0.622	0.587	0.035
Bare earth	0.681	0.522	0.159
Bare earth	0.534	0.497	0.037
Bare earth	0.573	0.600	0.027
Mangrove	0.425	0.440	0.015
Short grass	1.869	2.009	0.140
Submerged	-1.045	-1.080	0.035
Submerged	-1.037	-1.156	0.119
Submerged	-0.662	-0.653	0.009
Surf	-0.752	-0.823	0.071
Surf	-0.818	-0.699	0.119
Tall	0.272	0.369	0.097

Avg.: 0.054

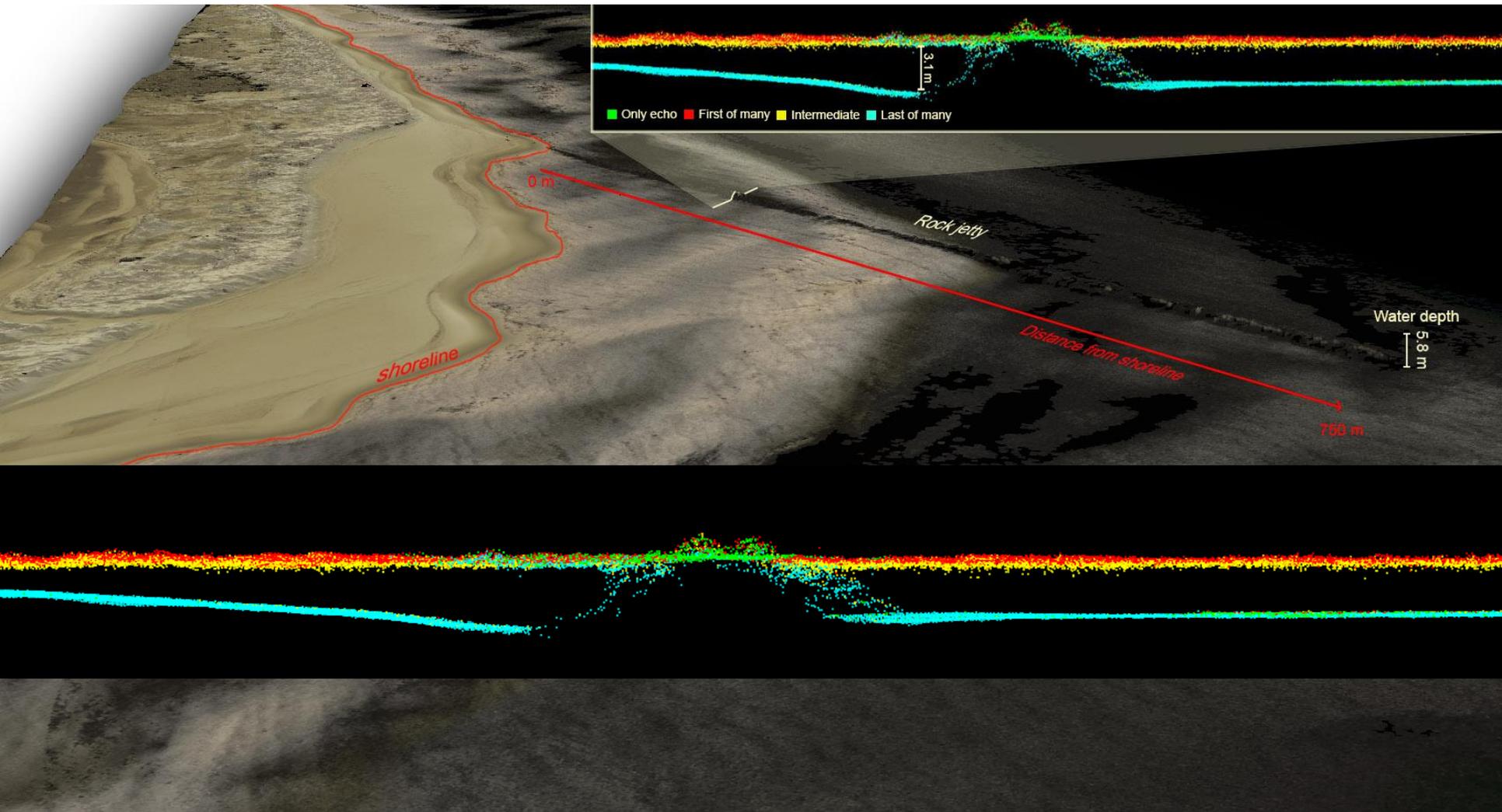
Avg.: 0.095

min	0.009
max	0.167
avg	0.071



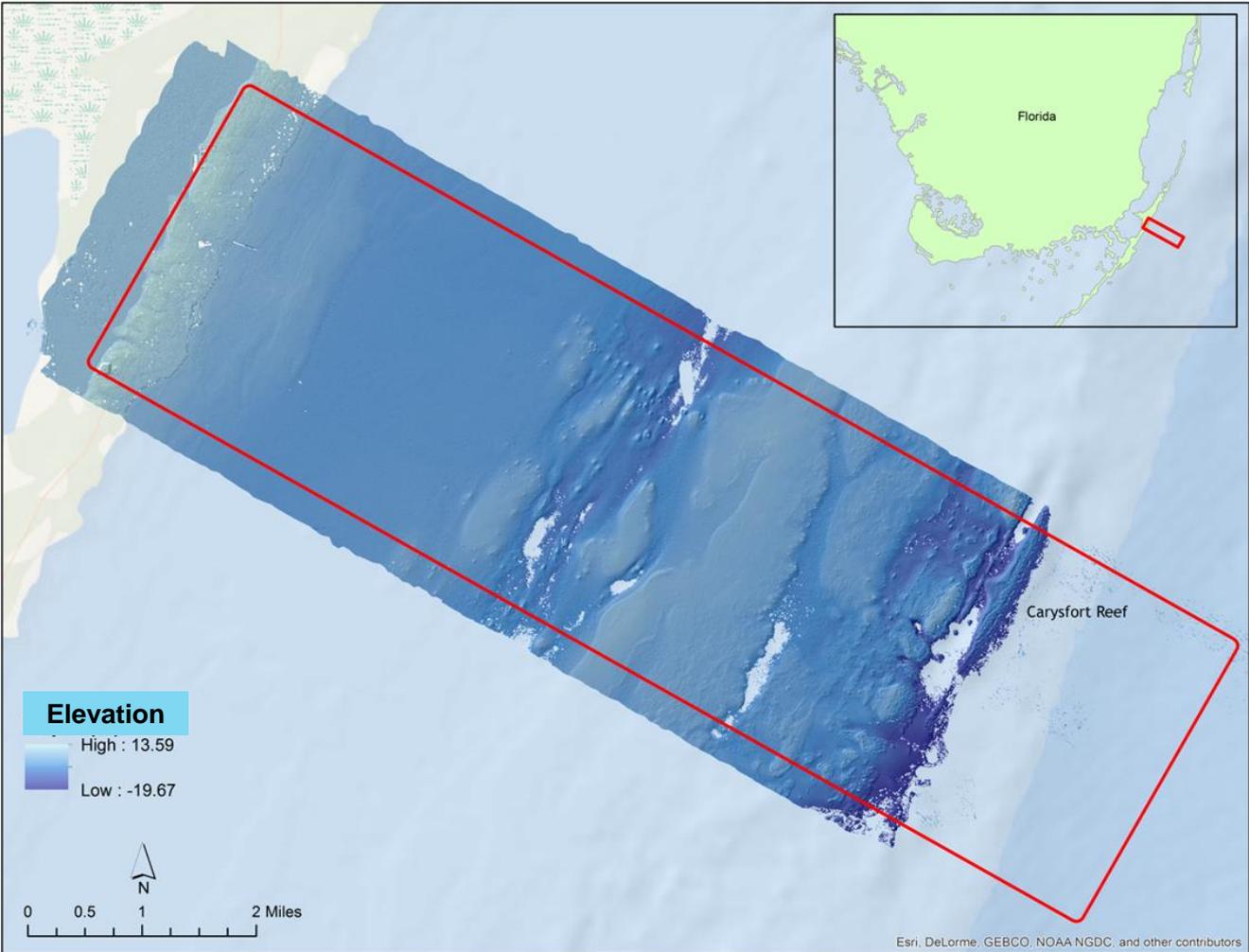
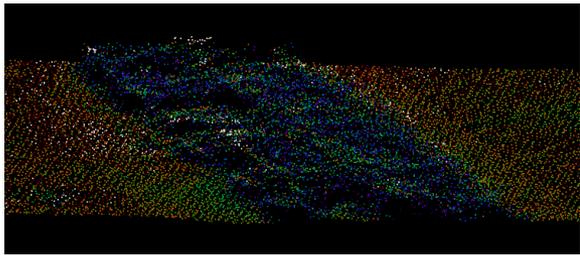
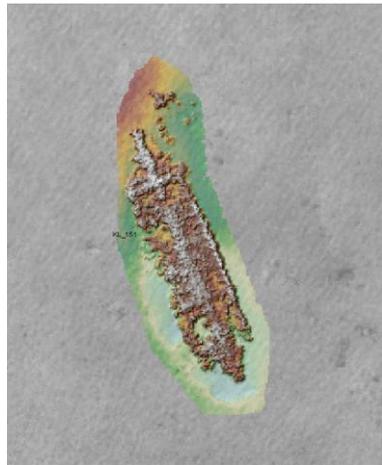
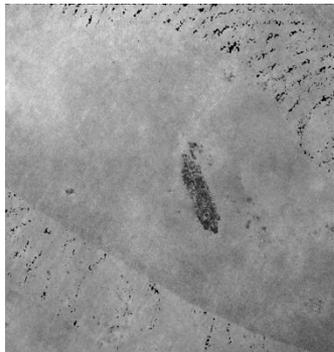


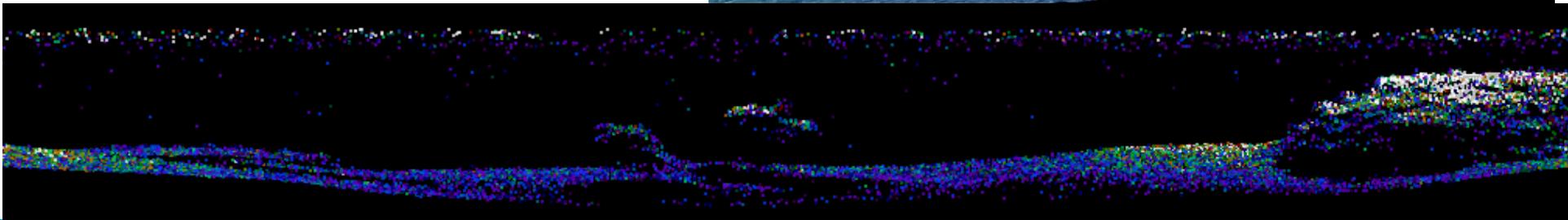
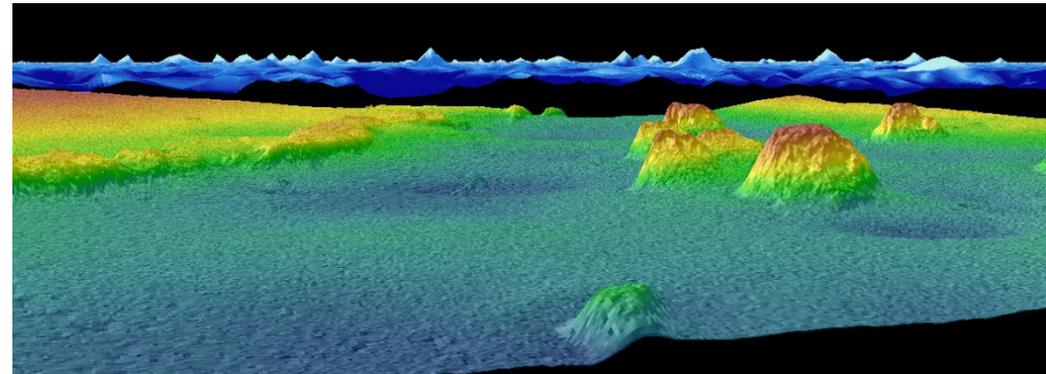
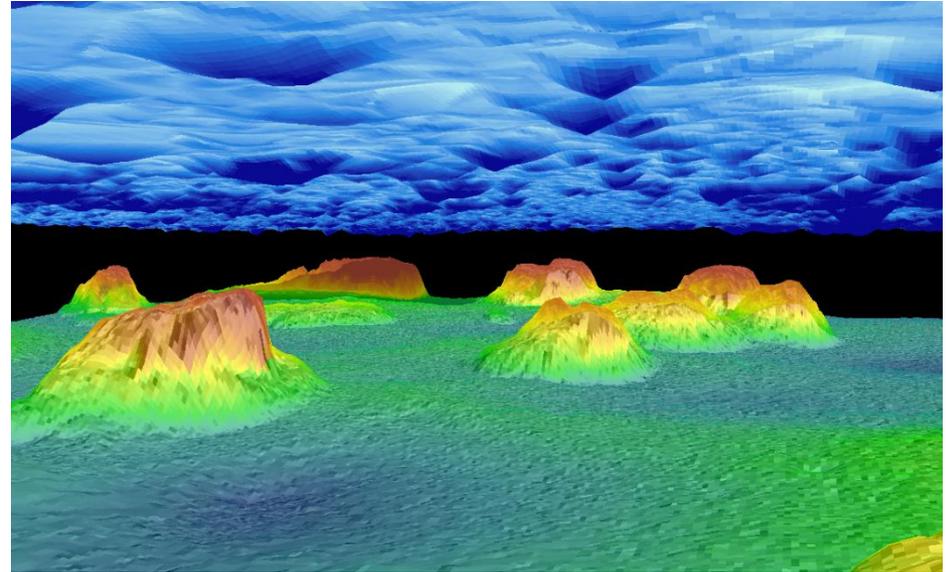
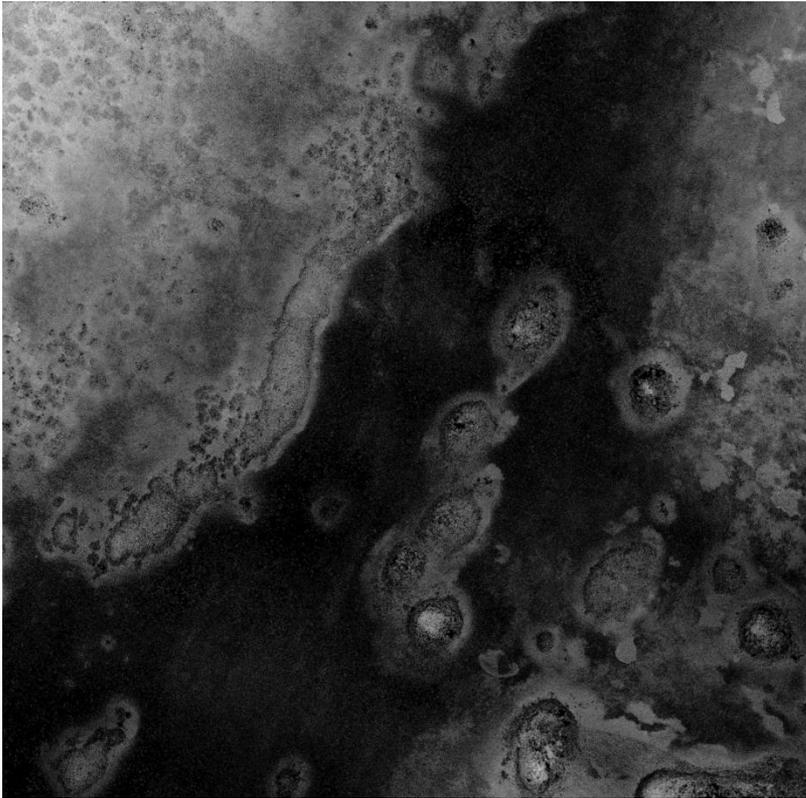
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Florida Keys







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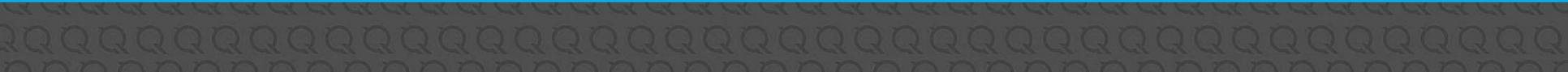
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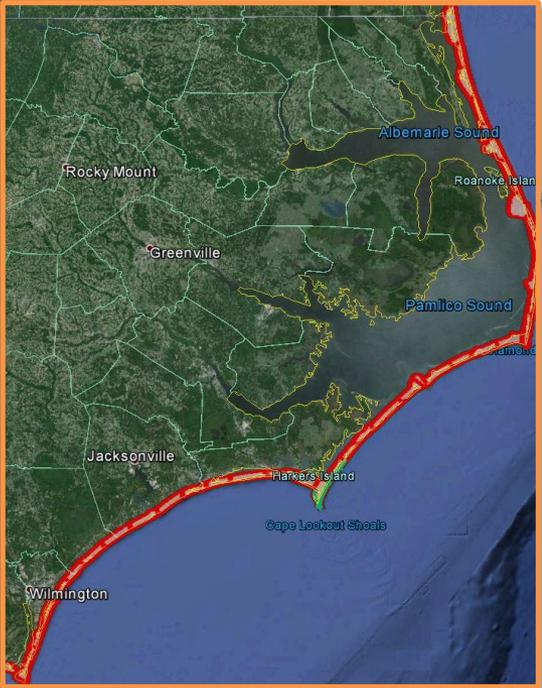
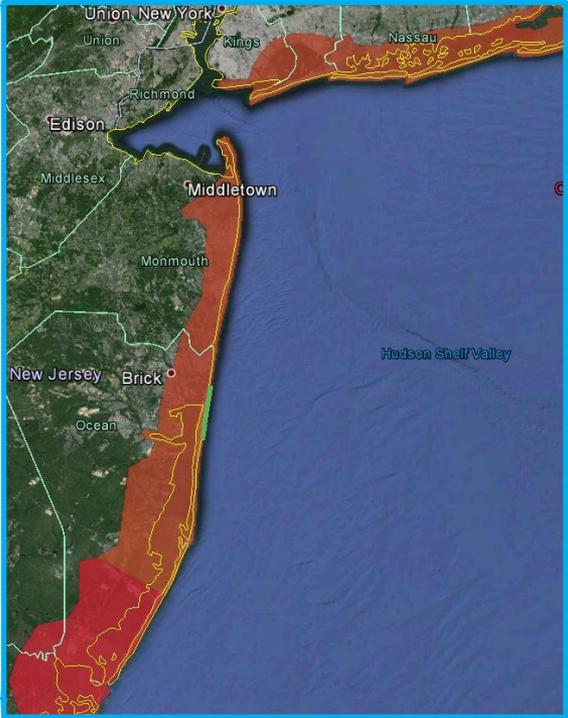
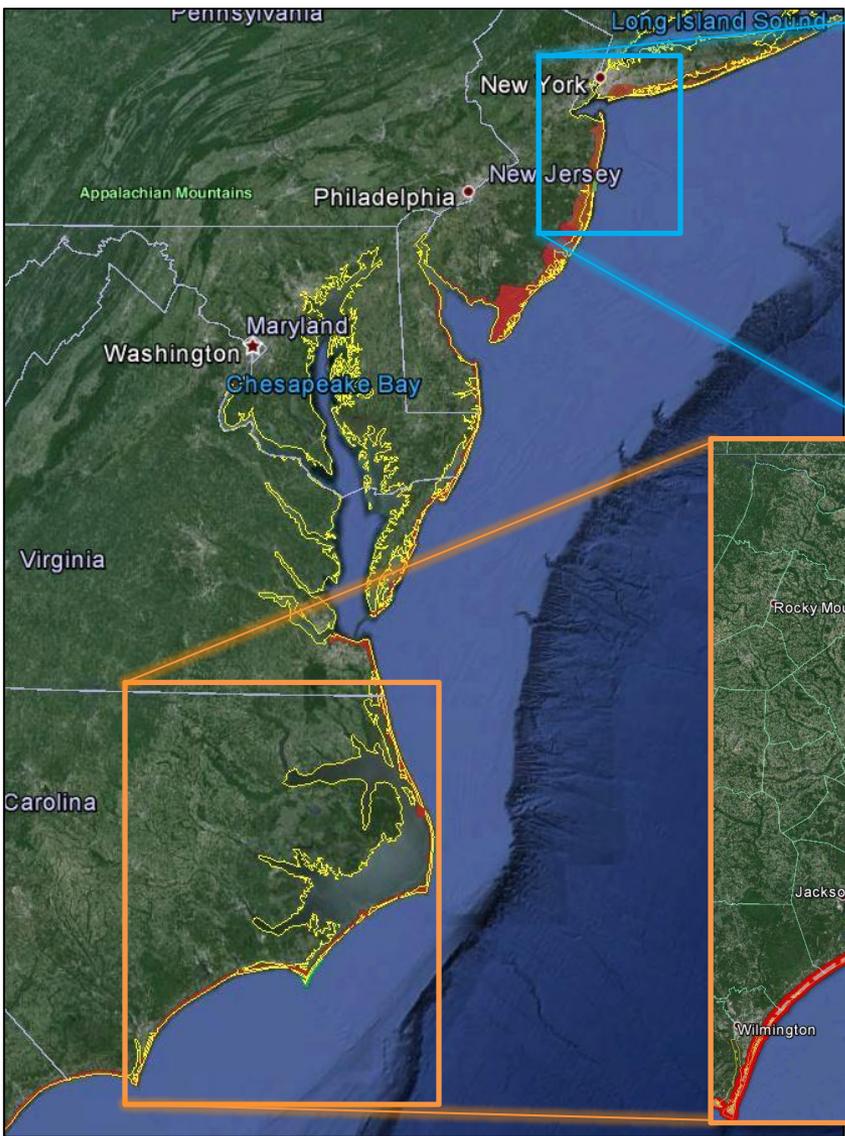
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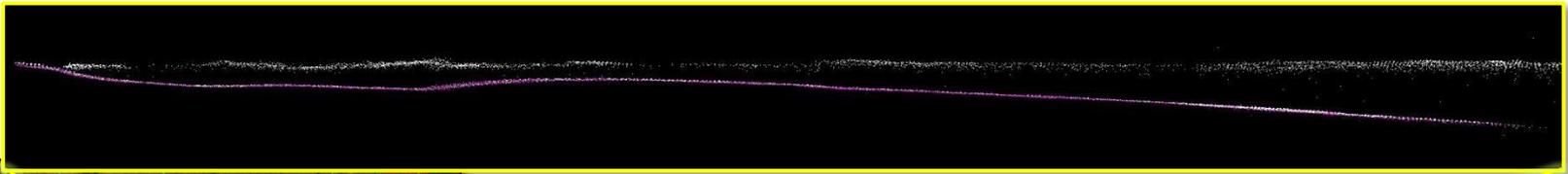
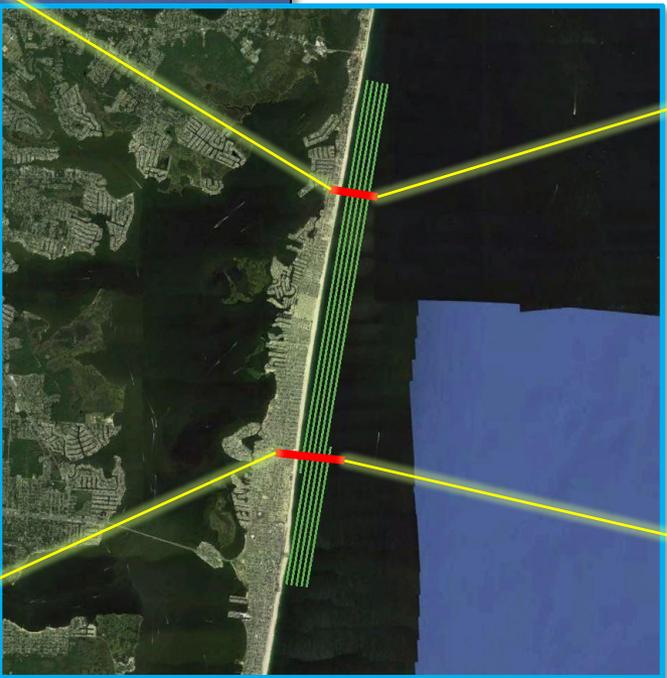
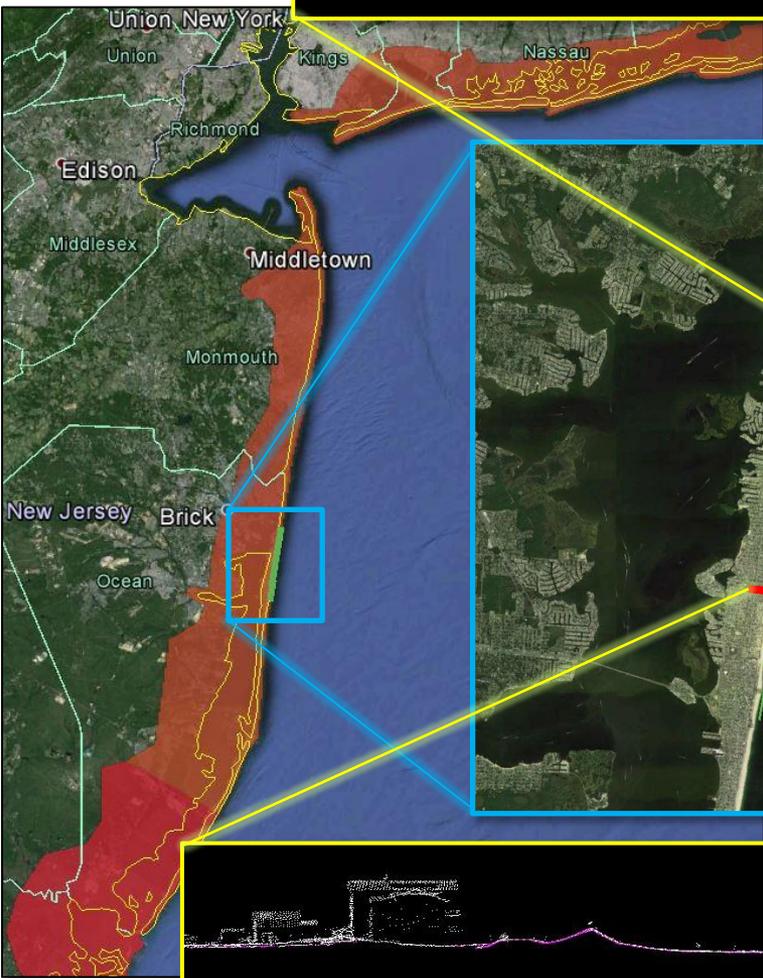




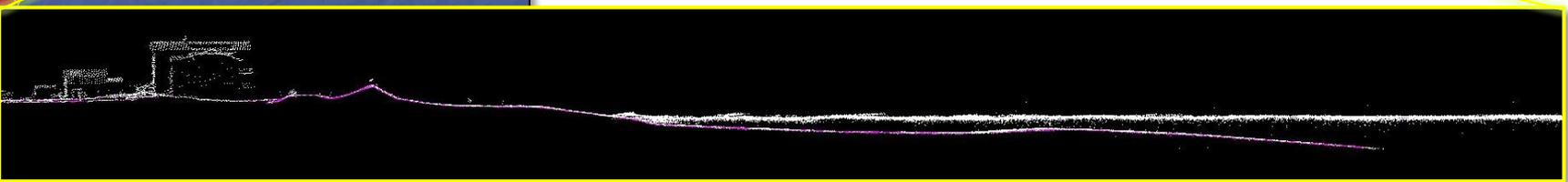
Breton Island – Mississippi Mud





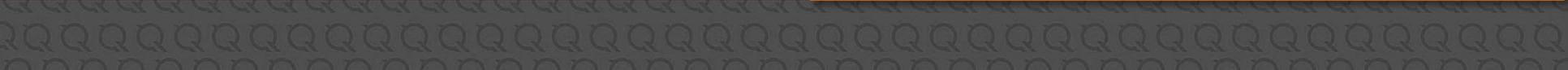
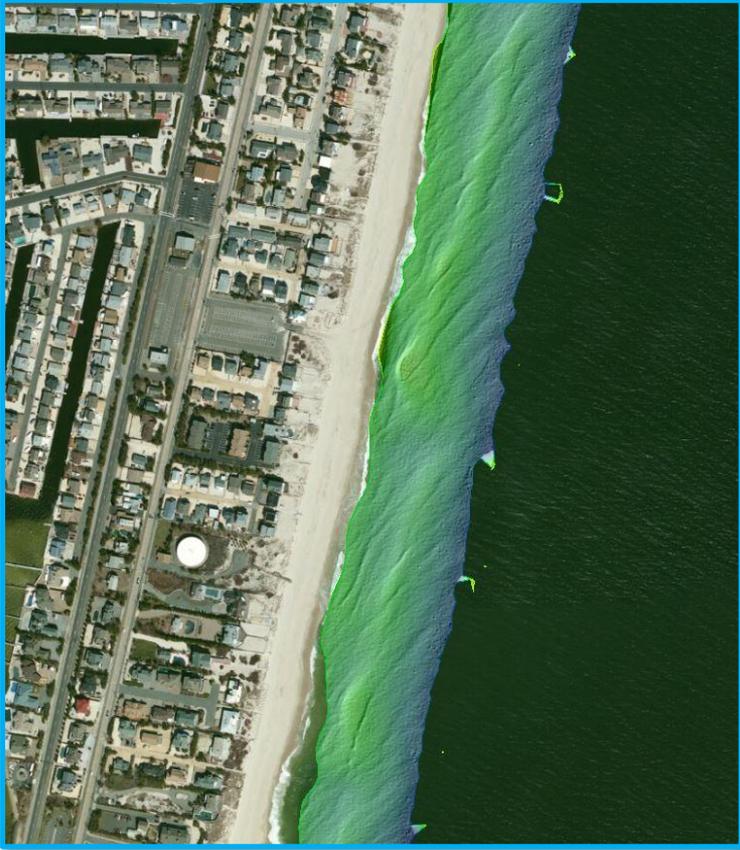


6 meters at deepest extent



6.5 meters at deepest extent

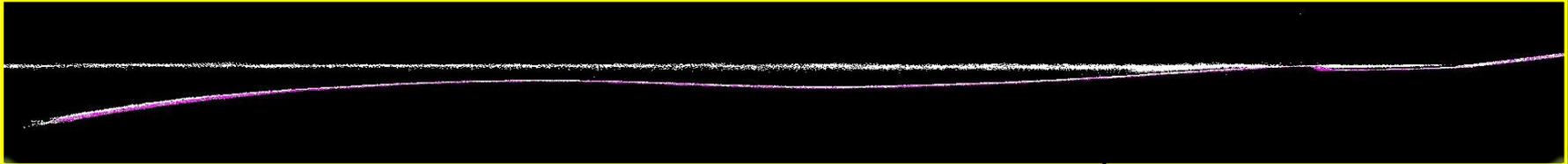




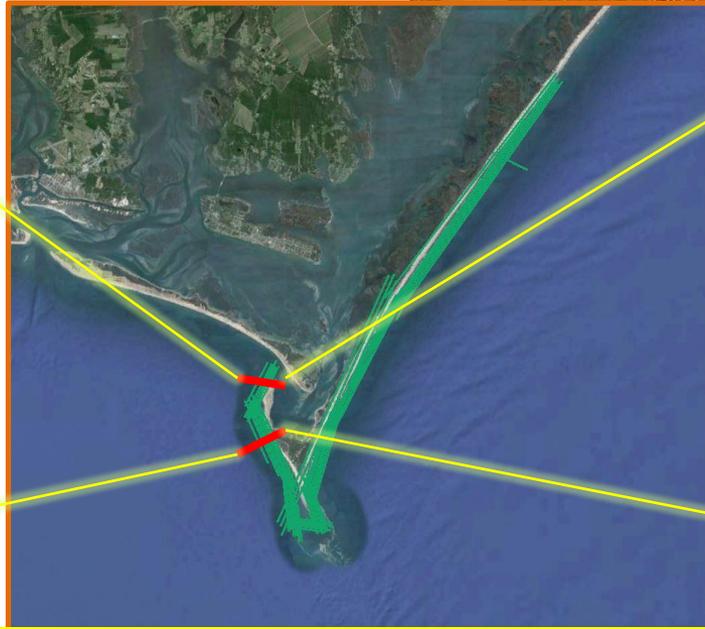
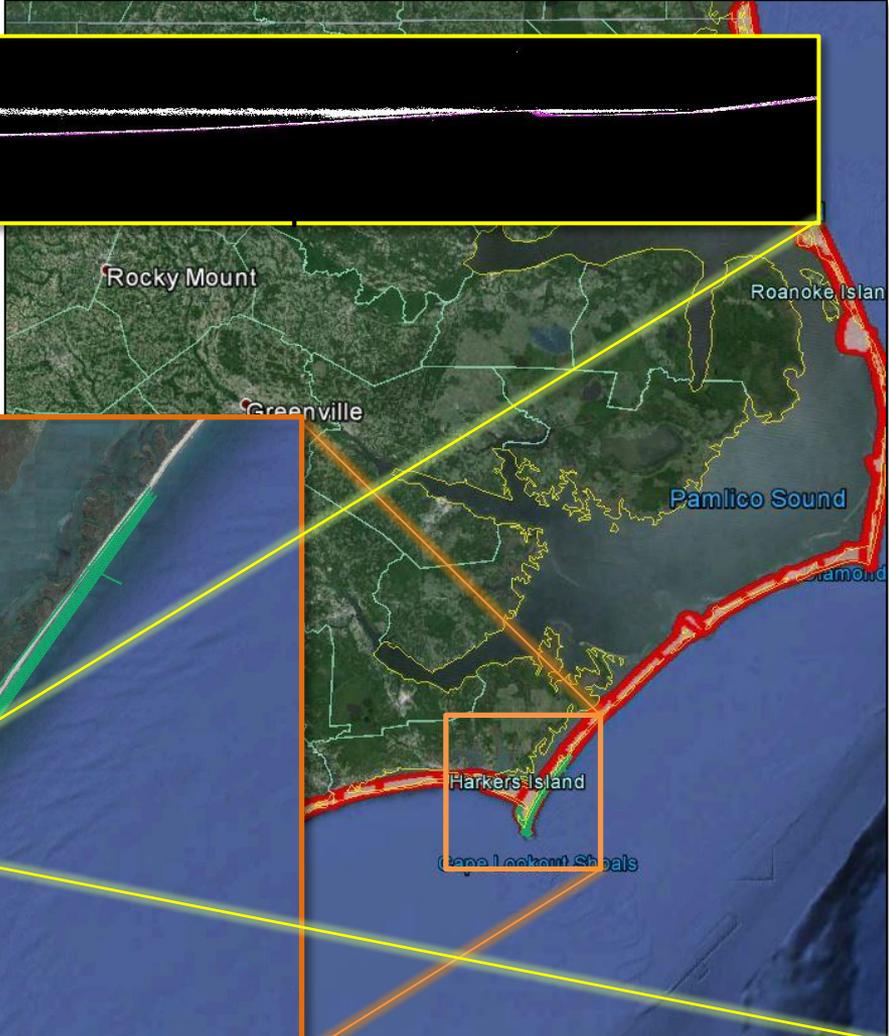


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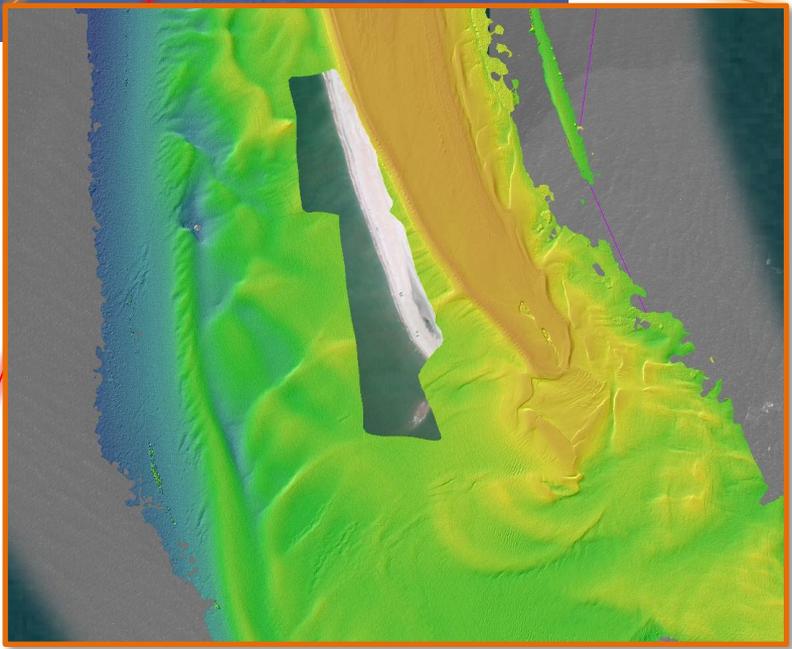
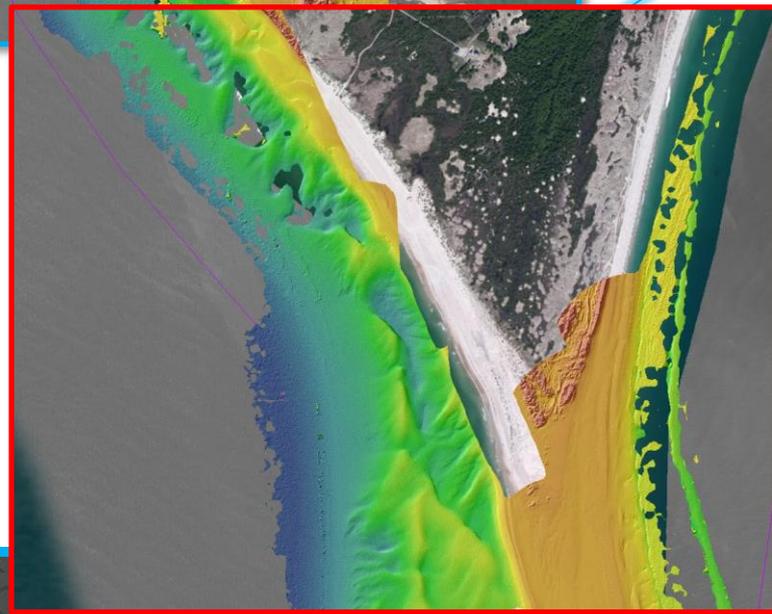
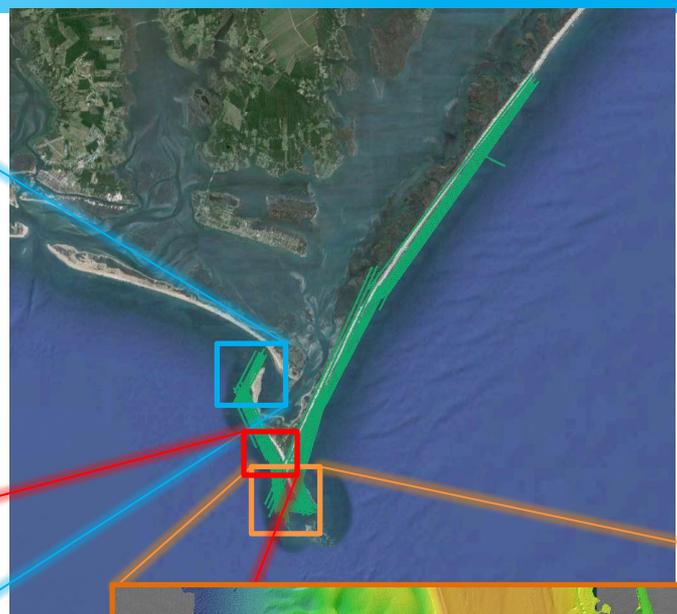
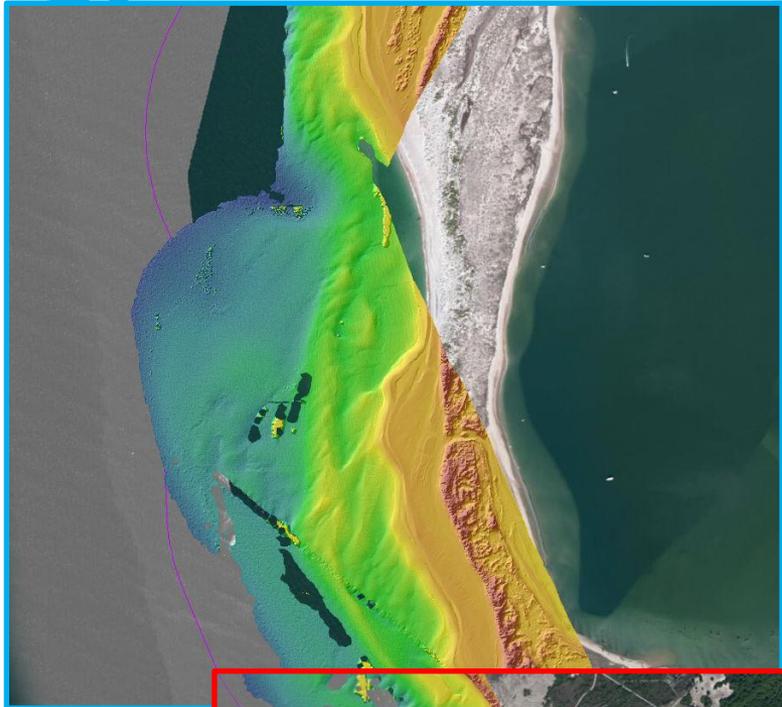


7 meters at deepest extent



11 meters at deepest extent, bathy extending nearly 800 meters offshore







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