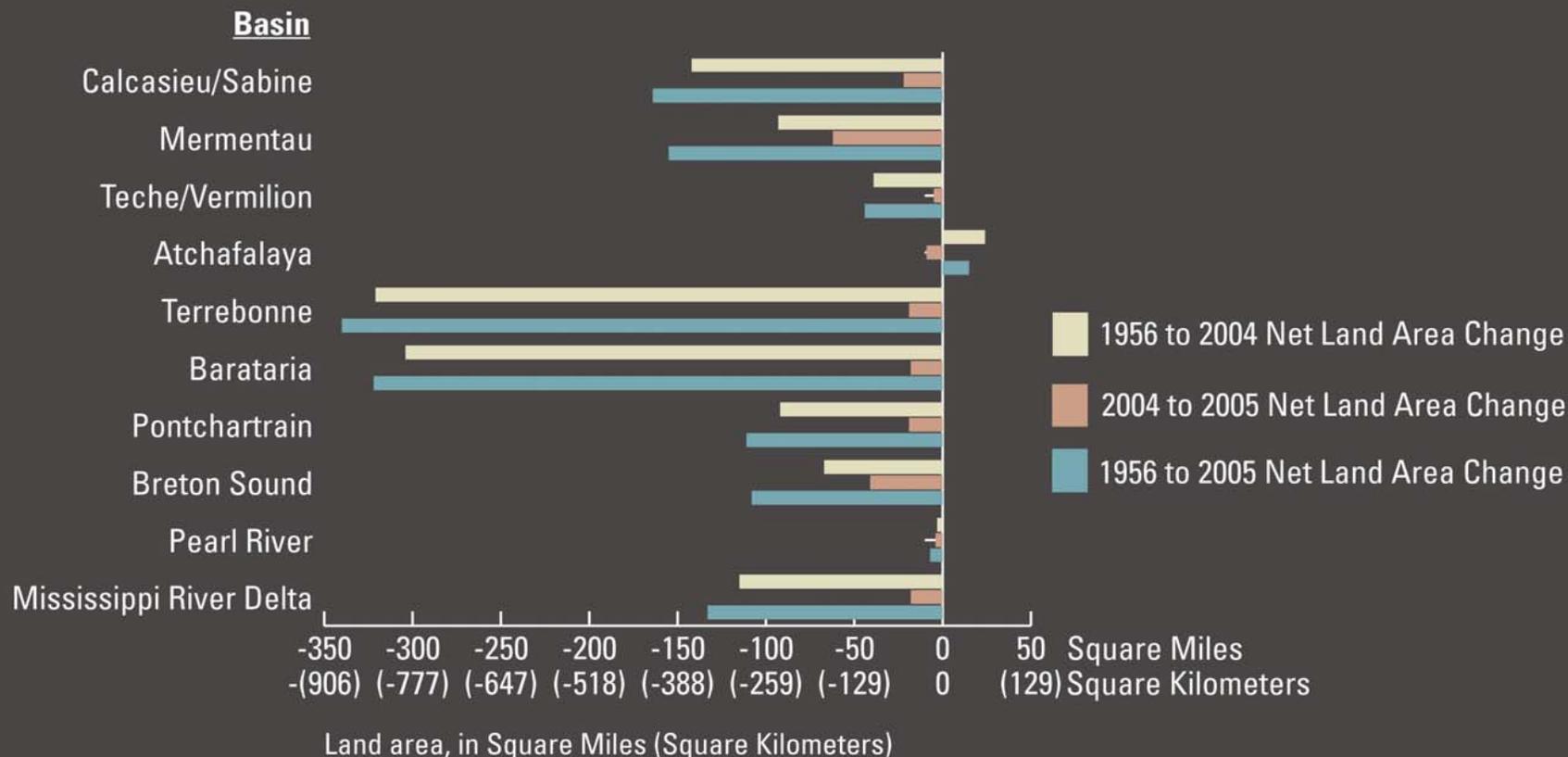


# Examples of LiDAR use in Louisiana's Coastal Restoration Efforts

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### 1956 to 2004 and 2004 to 2005 Net Land Area Changes Graph\*

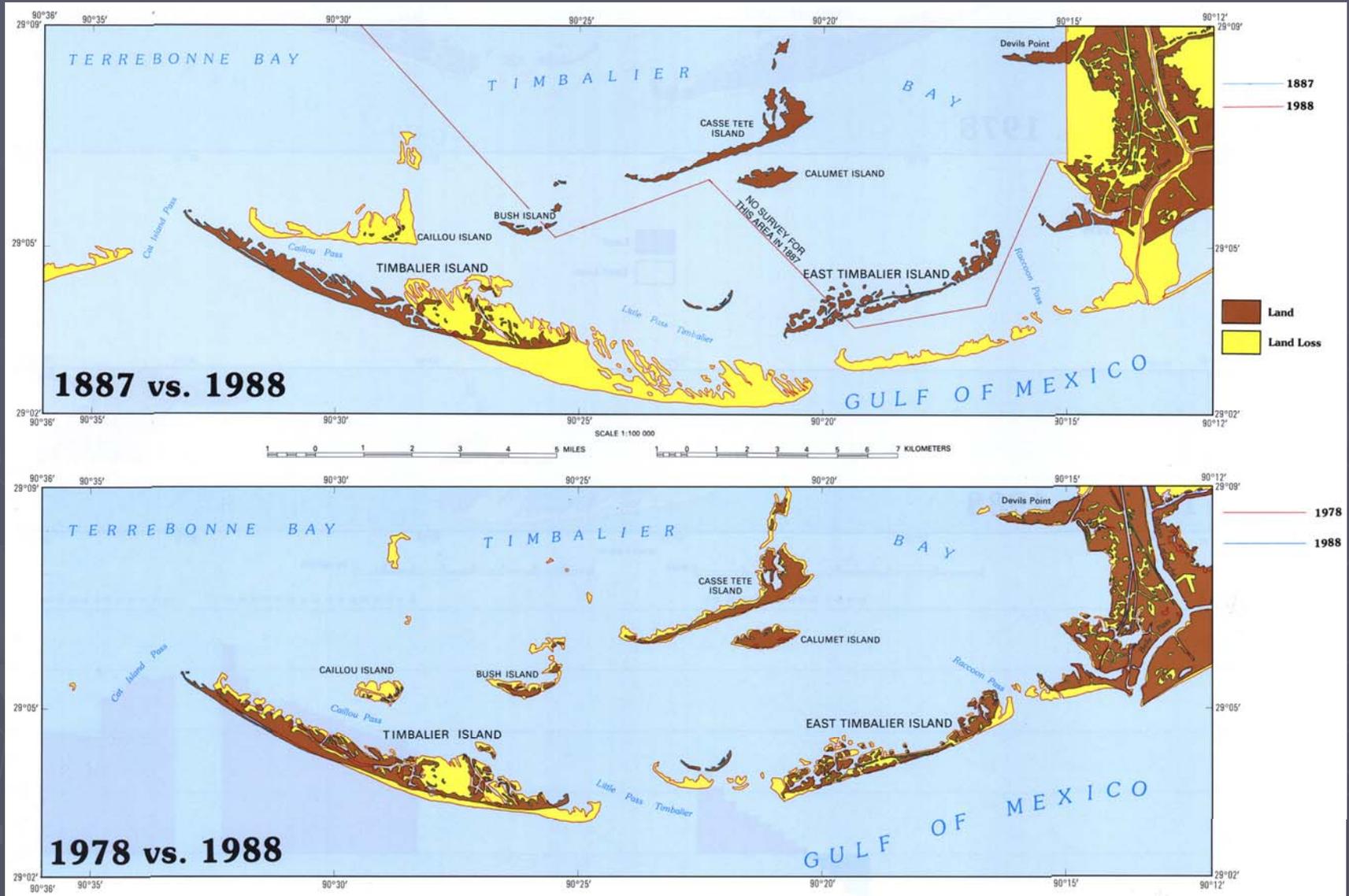


\*The 1956 to 2004 net land decrease is 1,149 mi<sup>2</sup> (2,975.91 km<sup>2</sup>). The 2004 to 2005 net land decrease is 218 mi<sup>2</sup> (564.62 km<sup>2</sup>), which slightly varies from the 217 mi<sup>2</sup> given elsewhere in this report. The variation results from matching the CZB (1956) and LCA (2004 to 2005) data sets, as discussed in this methodology.

Source: Open-File Report 2006-1274, Land Area Change in Coastal Louisiana After the 2005 Hurricanes: A Series of Three Maps

Land Area Change in Coastal Louisiana After the 2005 Hurricanes: A Historical Perspective (from 1956)

# Timbalier Islands Shoreline Change: 1887-1988



# Trinity Island (TE-24)

February 1998 DOQQ



February/March 2001 Coast-wide Flight



# BASIC PROJECT GOALS

- ▶ increase the height and width of the islands using dredged sediments
- ▶ reduce the loss of dredged sediments through sand fencing and subsequent planting to establish a protective cover on the artificial fill surface
  - Elevation change ?
  - Volume change ?

# WHY LiDAR ?

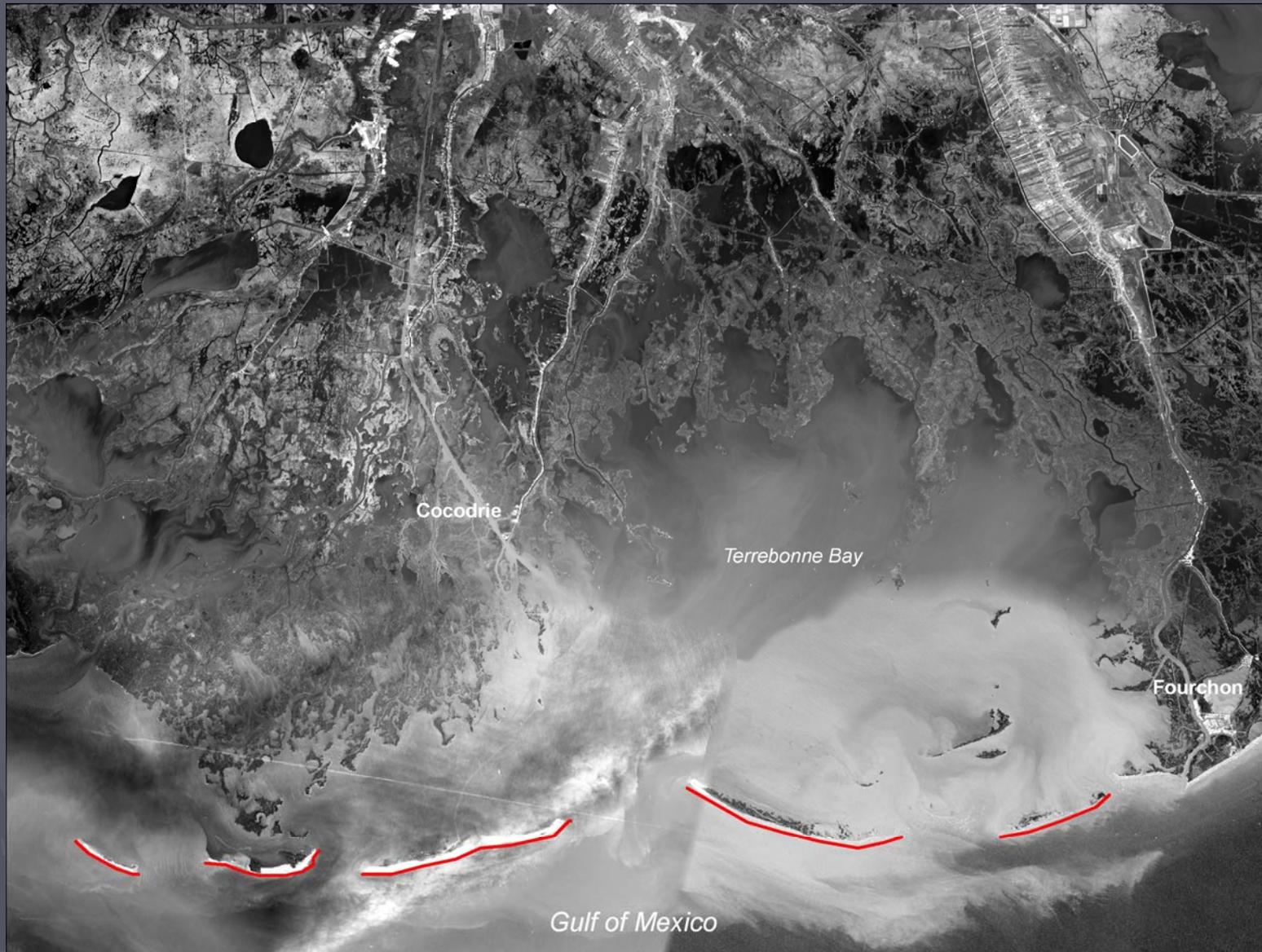
## ▶ Familiar Technology

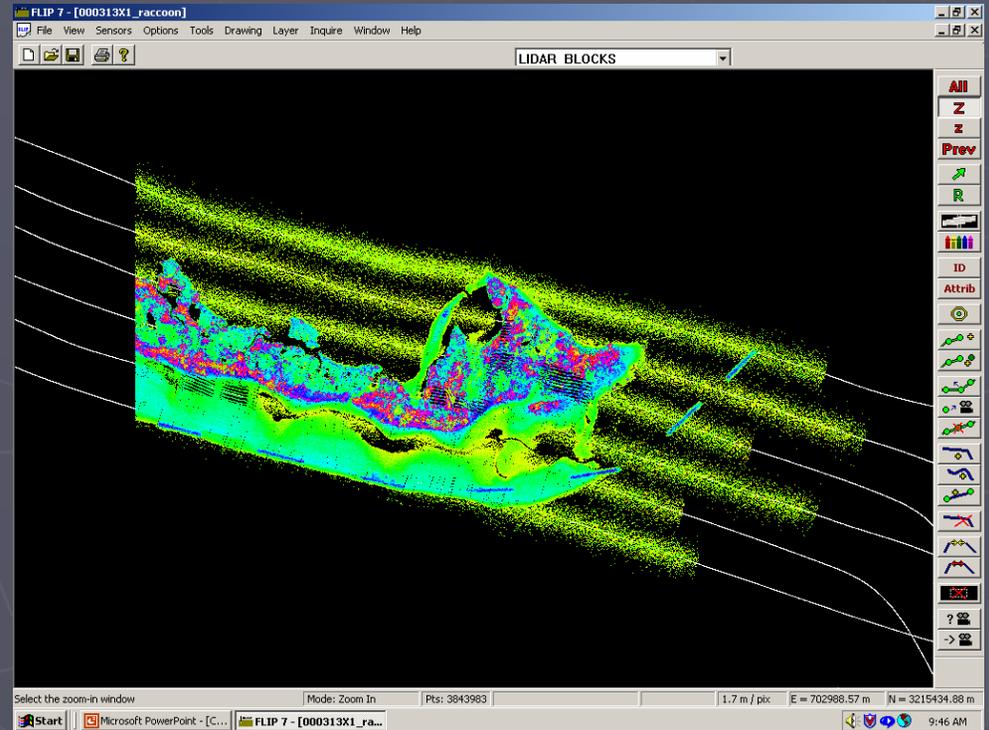
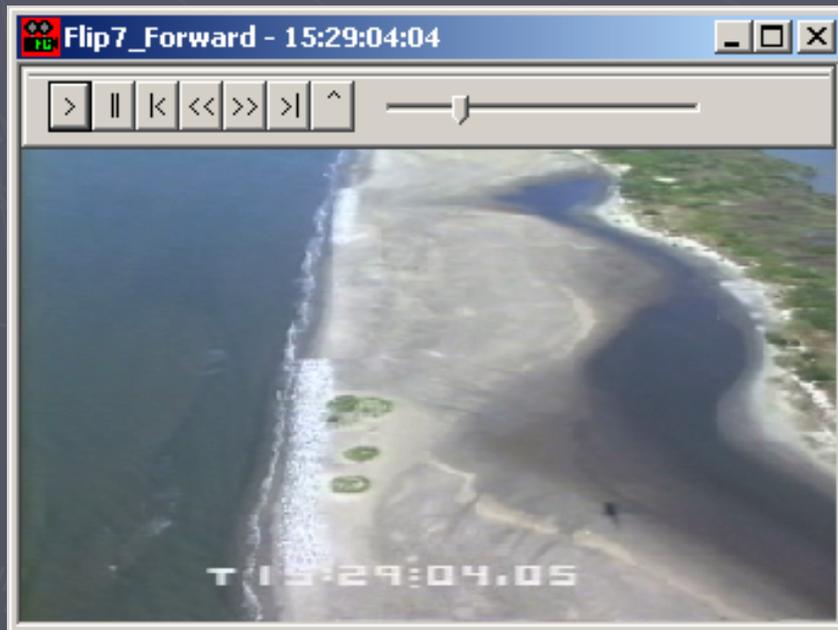
- SHOALS (Topography & Bathymetry ?)
- Airborne LiDAR Assessment of Coastal Erosion (ALACE) (1998/99)
- LA Oil Spill Coordinators Office

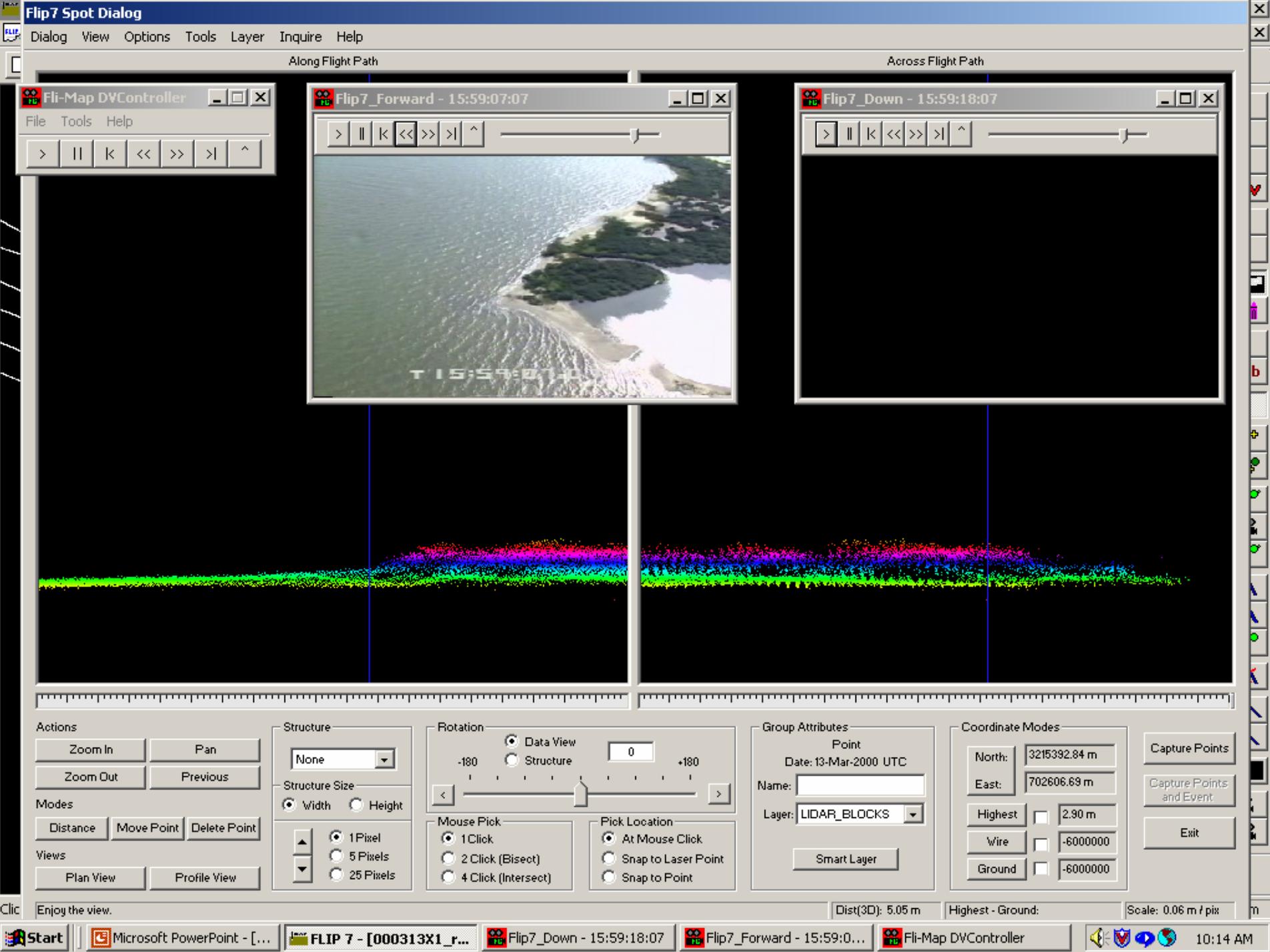
## ▶ Advantages

- Rapid
- Sufficient Accuracy for Monitoring & Planning
- Dense coverage
- Cost-effective
- Comparable to traditional surveys
  - ▶ Develop x-sections
- Comparable to future LiDAR

# MARCH 2000

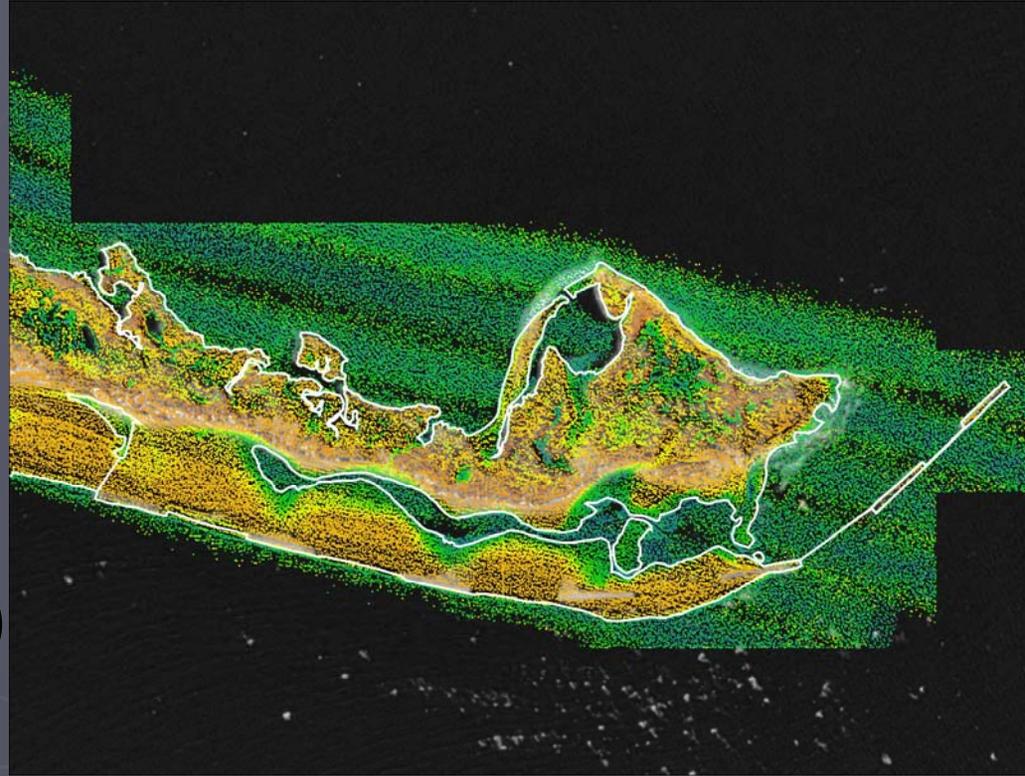




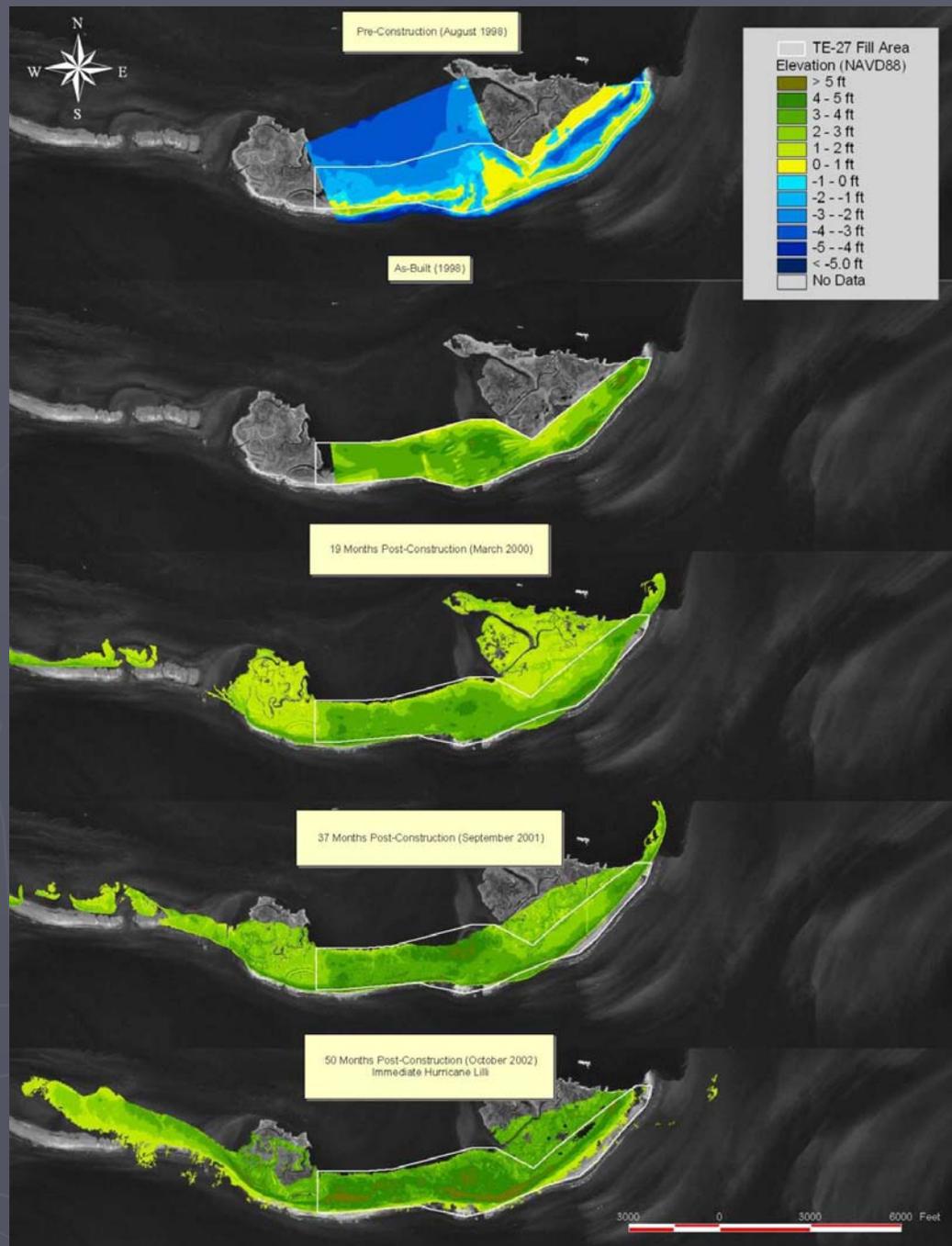


# Data Processing

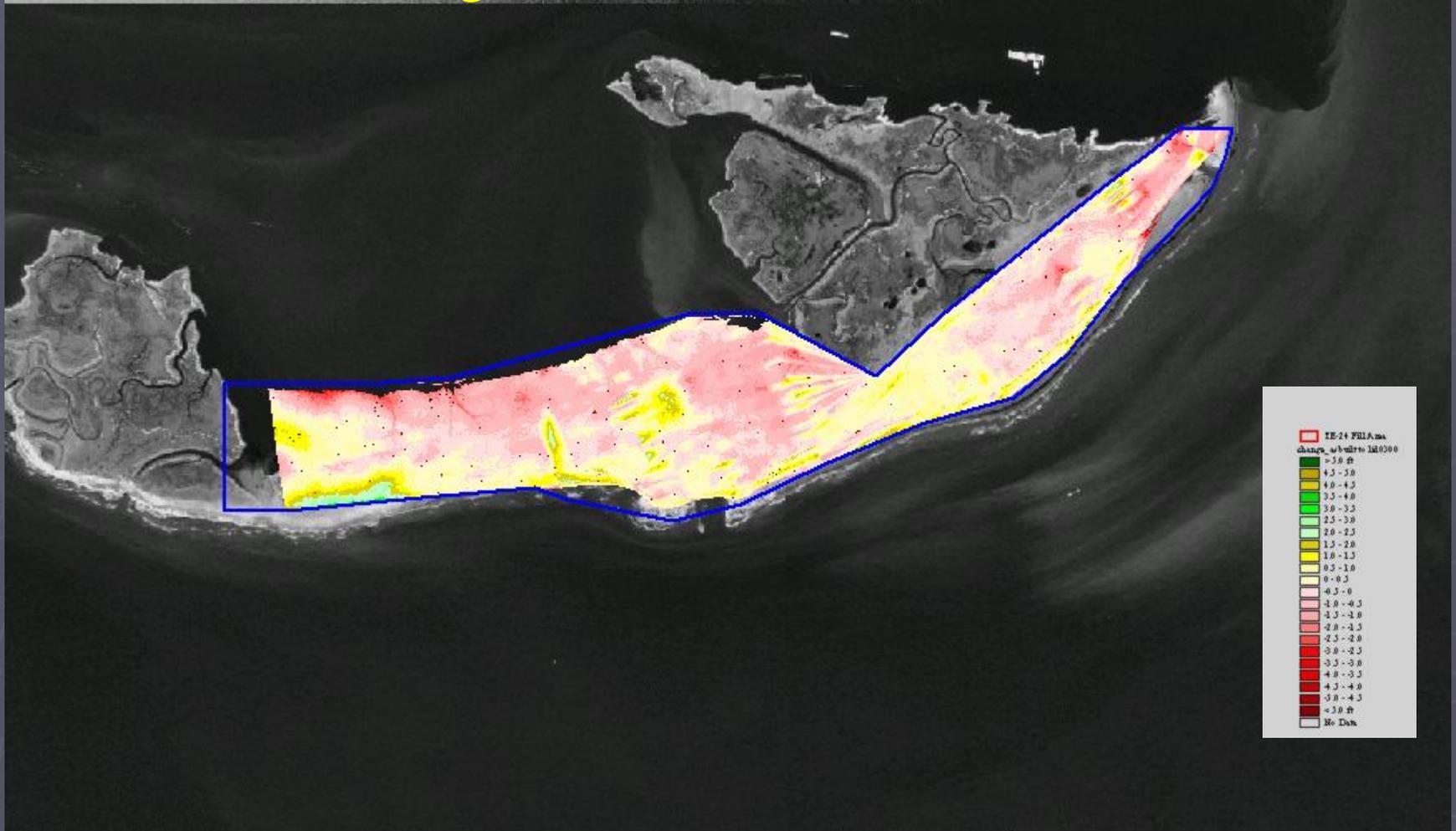
- ▶ Filter Data
  - Nearest neighbor analysis
- ▶ Digitize waterline polygons
  - Utilize geo-referenced video
- ▶ Remove outliers (SAS)
- ▶ Develop TIN & GRID models



# Modeling data

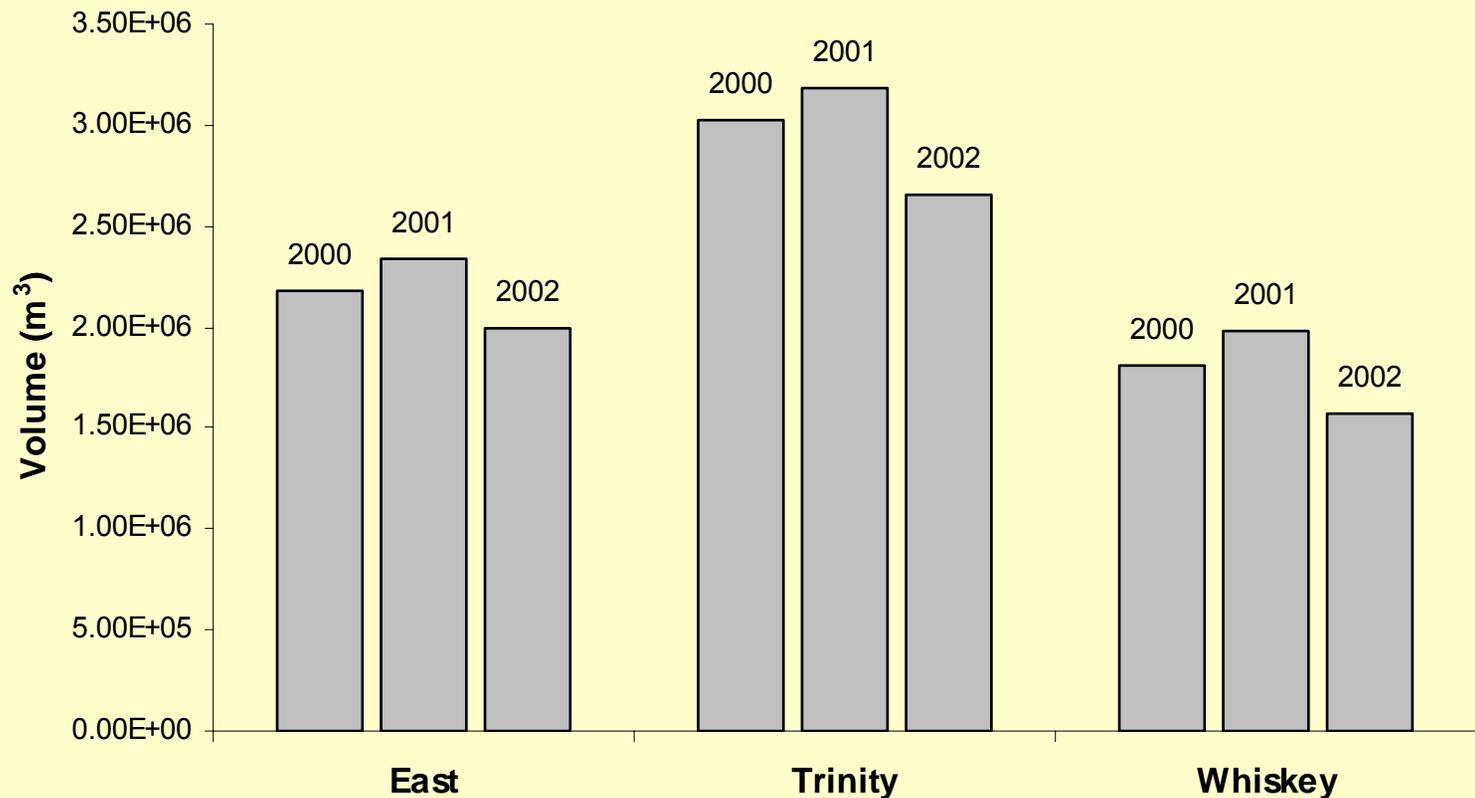


# Change As-built to LiDAR 2000



# Volume & Elevation Changes

Isles Dernieres (TE-20, TE-24, and TE-27) volumes calculated from LiDAR surveys in 2000, 2001, and 2003



# LiDAR Partnerships

- ▶ USGS Center for Coastal Geology
  - September 2001 (pre-storm baseline)
    - ▶ Repeat of ALACE datasets
    - ▶ Sandy Shorelines of the Deltaic Plain only
    - ▶ Interest in storm impacts to shoreline/beaches
  - October 2002 (post-Lili and Isidore)

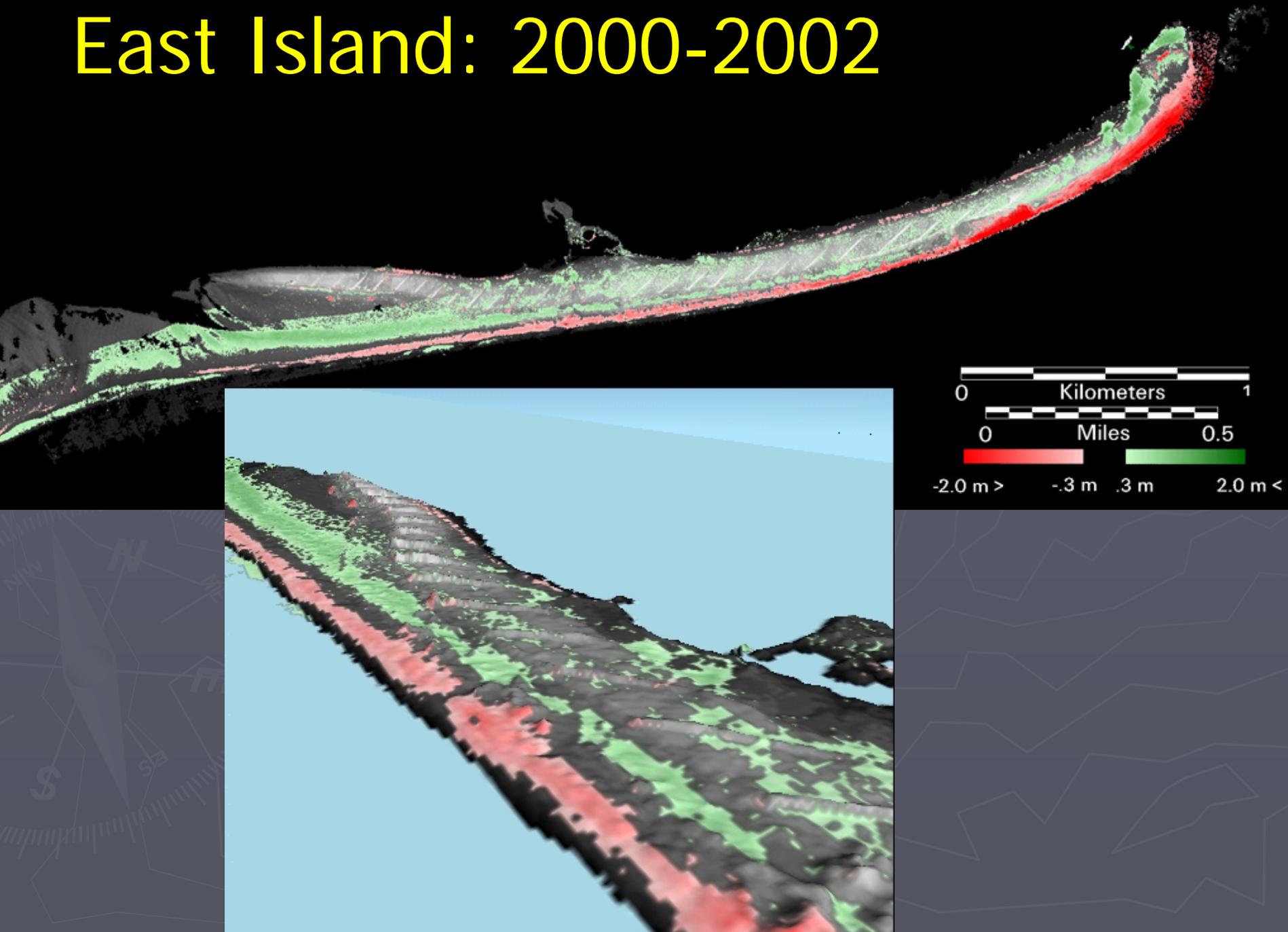
Different interests

Survey Datum

Time frame for deliverables

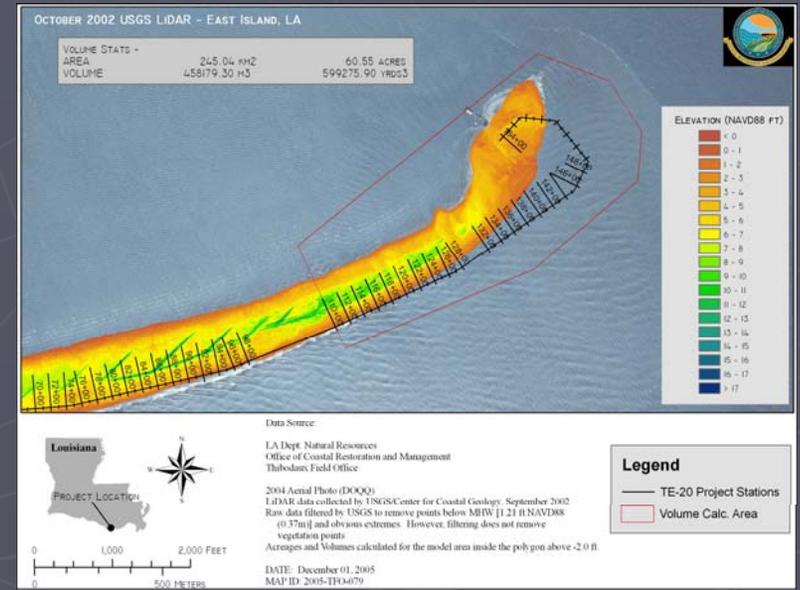
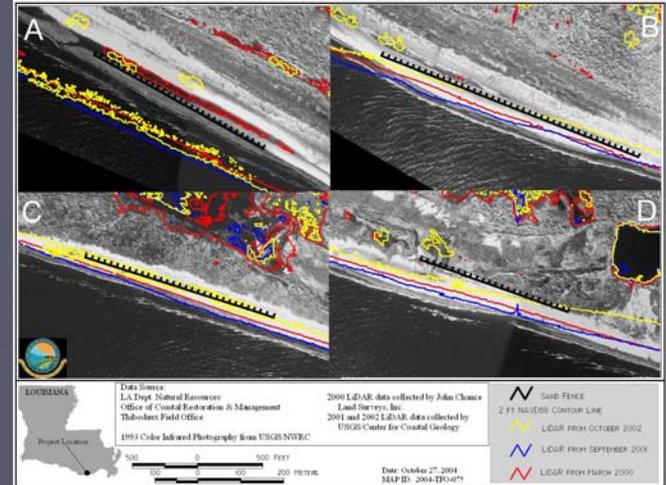
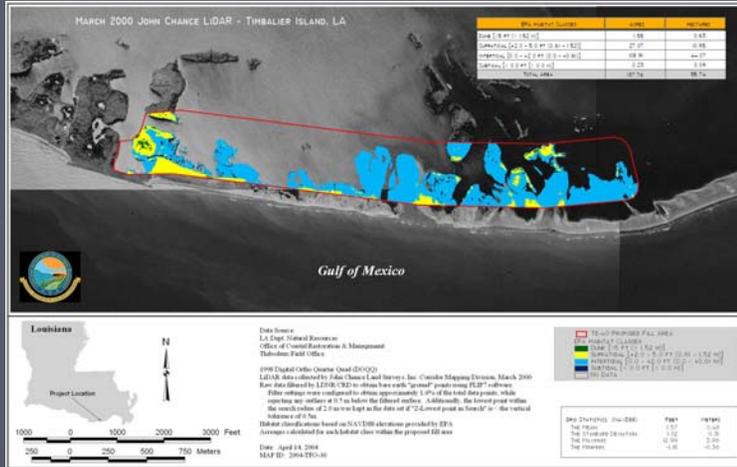
Coast-wide scale

# East Island: 2000-2002



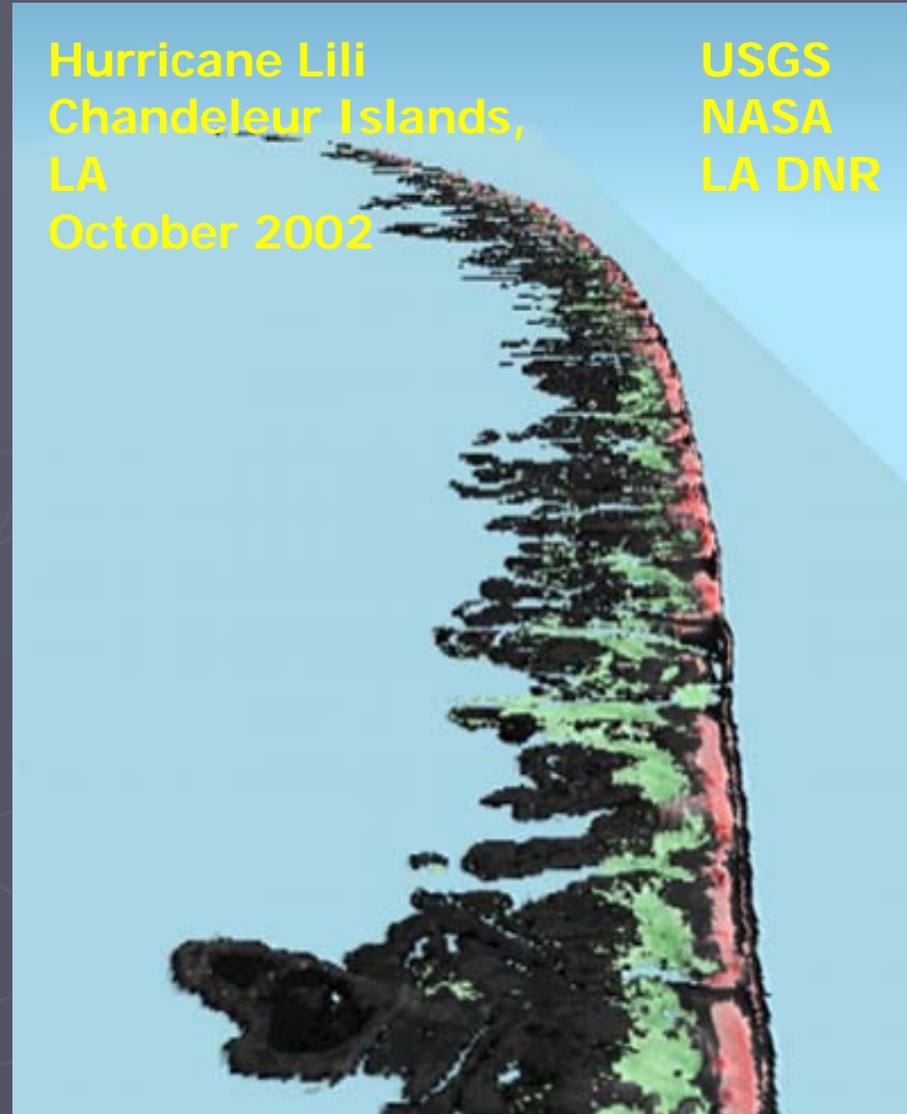
# ADDITIONAL DATA USE

- ▶ PLANNING
- ▶ MAINTENANCE
- ▶ MONITORING
- ▶ MODELING
- ▶ FEMA Claims



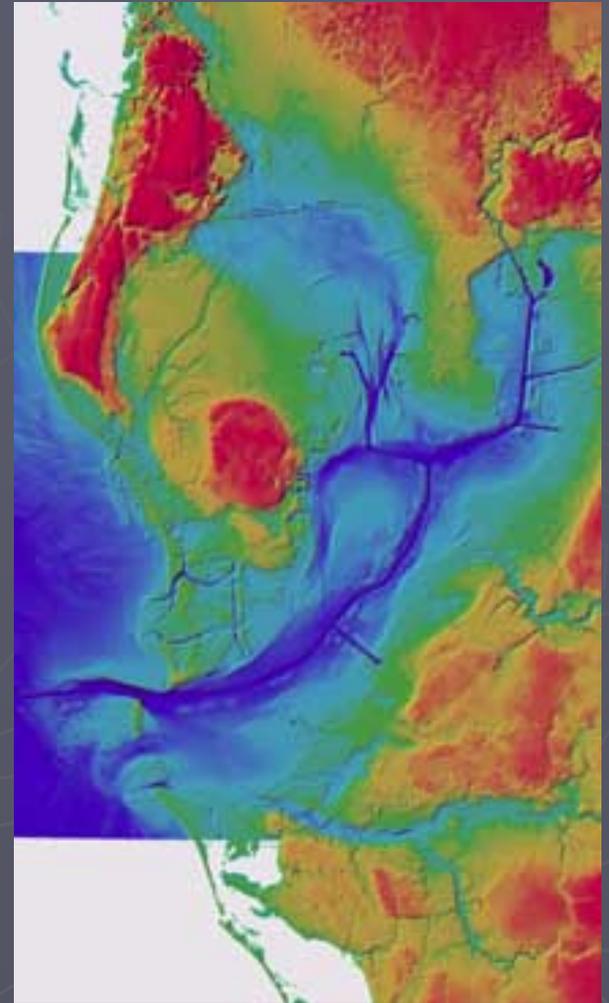
# LiDAR ISSUES

- ▶ Data accuracy
- ▶ Data coverage
  - Little chance for bathymetry in LA
  - Does not cover whole Island or Project
- ▶ Standard Formats
- ▶ Standard Analysis
  - How to filter
  - DEM's vs DTM
- ▶ Data Availability
  - Large Datasets
  - RAW vs FILTERED
- ▶ Confidence Intervals
  - Develop statistical CI for change detection
  - Type I vs Type II errors



# LiDAR's Future in LA

- ▶ Barrier Island Comprehensive Monitoring (BICM)
  - Coast-wide data collection every 5 years
  - Process and response variables
  - Data Delivery
- ▶ Morphodynamic Classification
  - after Brock et al. 2004
- ▶ Topo/Bathy Model for LA coast
- ▶ FEMA/Damage Assessment



USGS/NOAA  
Tampa Bay, FL  
Topo/Bathy data

# BICM – data collection every 5 years

## Aerial Photos –

Shoreline position – 1880's, 1920-30's,  
1998, 2004, 2005

Habitat Mapping (7 habitats – beach,  
marsh, bare land, barrier  
vegetation, inter-tidal, structure,  
water)

Land Loss

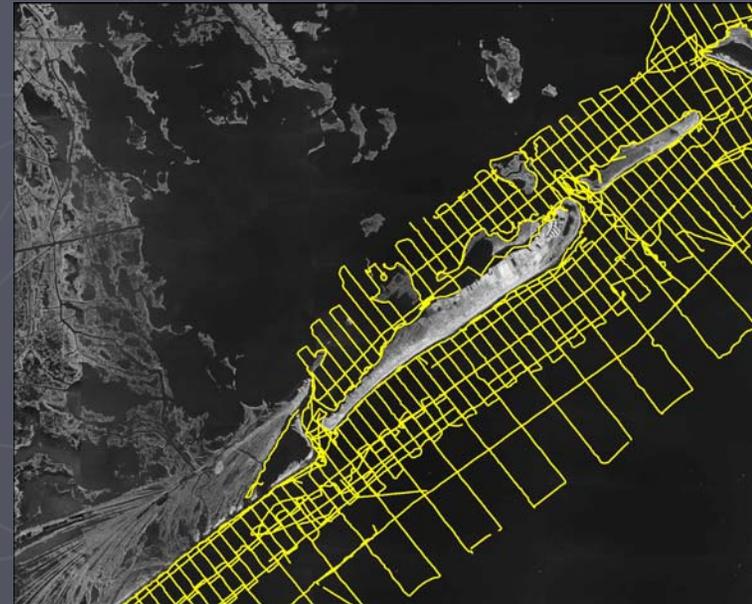
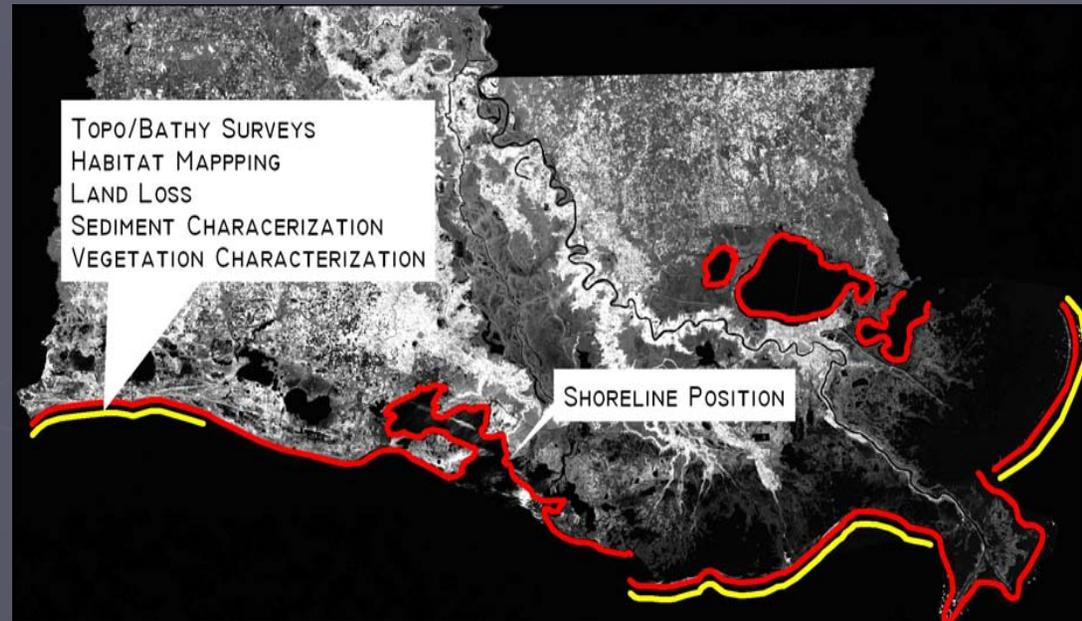
**Topographic Surveys** - LiDAR (entire  
sandy beach or entire island if not  
attached to headland)

**Bathymetric Surveys** - 1500' perpendicular line spacing  
bayside to 6600' offshore, 3000' and 6000' shore  
parallel lines, 2500' grid outside of 2 mi

**Sediment Sampling** - 7 grab samples from offshore  
DoC, cross-shore to bays

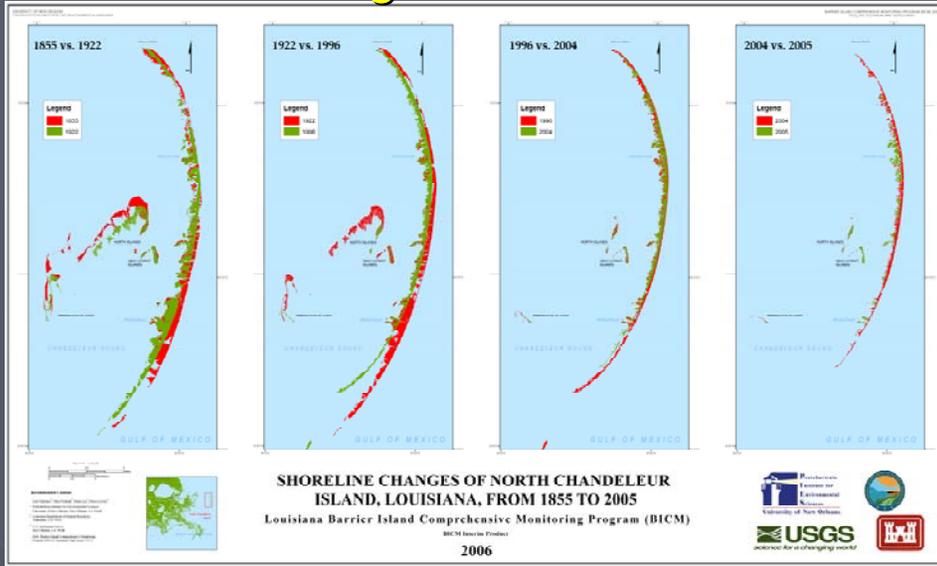
**Vegetation Sampling** – to be determined

**Process Data Sampling** – to be determined (winds,  
waves, currents, precipitation, etc...)

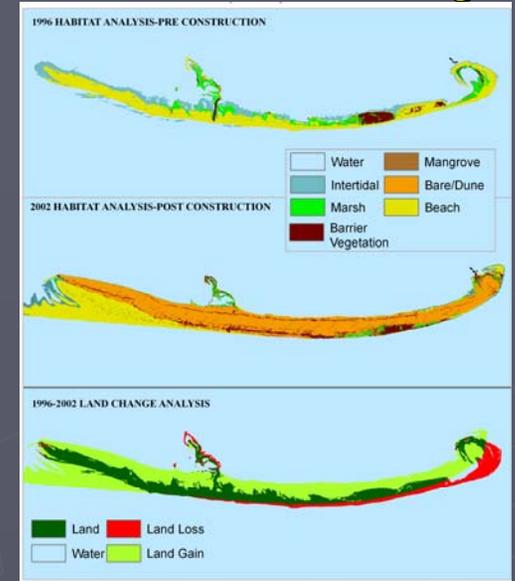


# BICM Products

## Shoreline Change/Land Loss



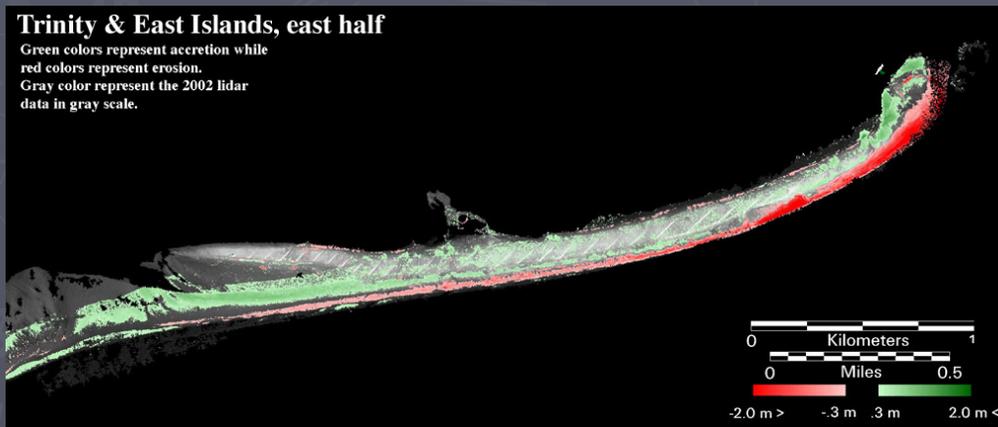
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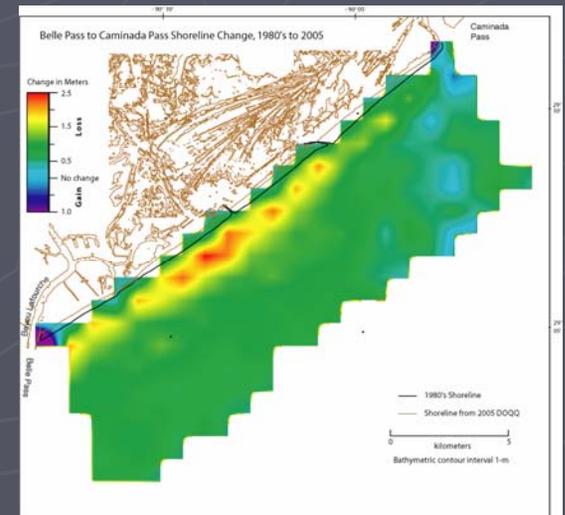
## Topographic Change

### Trinity & East Islands, east half

Green colors represent accretion while red colors represent erosion. Gray color represent the 2002 lidar data in gray scale.

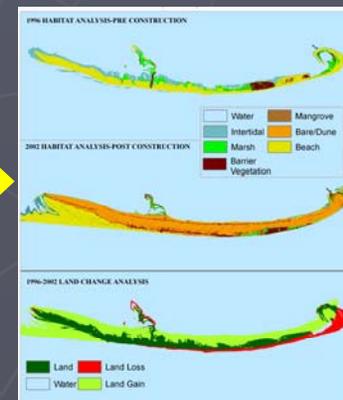
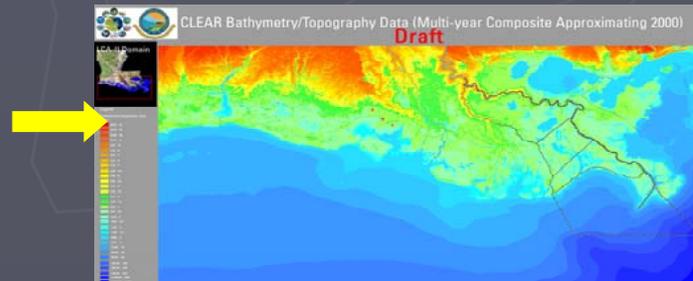
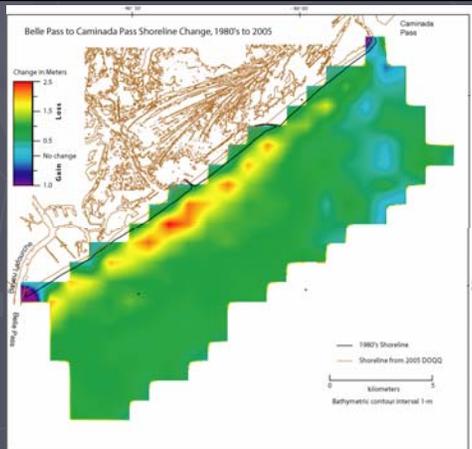
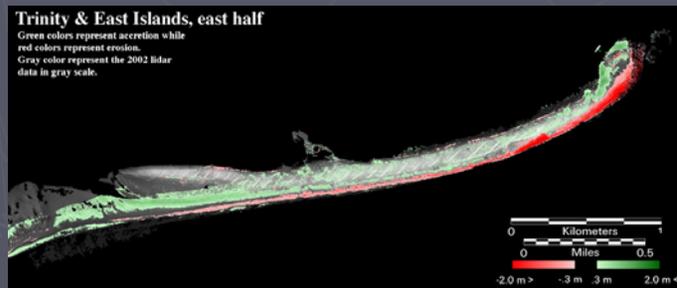


## Bathymetric Change



# BICM Integration into SWAMP

- ▶ Improved Modeling grids
- ▶ Improved characterization of long shore sediment transports and sediment budgets
- ▶ Better understanding of processes on geomorphologic changes
- ▶ Ability to link hydrologic and storm surge models with biotic and physical landscape configuration



# Questions ?

