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Advancing Nearshore Berm Research, Guidance, Tool Development: Sediment Mobility Tool

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Nearshore Placement

- Sediment placed in the nearshore in either an elongate (bar-like) feature or a mound
  - Stable berms- remain stationary for years
  - Active/Feeder berms- sediment dispersed by waves and currents
- Typically consist of dredged sediment from navigation projects that is incompatible with natural beach sediment
- Goals:
  - Reduce O&M cost
  - Nourish adjacent beaches
  - Selectively move fine sediment offshore, while beach quality material moves onshore
  - Efficiently and beneficially utilize greater volumes of dredged material

Nearshore Placement

- Nearshore placement is increasingly utilized for beneficial use of dredged material
  - ► Less costly than beach nourishment, fewer restrictions, fewer environmental concerns
- Need a better understanding of sediment migration after placement
  - ► Stakeholder and regulatory agency questions
- Several programs at USACE ERDC are researching nearshore placement
  - ► CIRP, RSM, DOER, EWN

Important Questions

- Will sediment move once it is placed in the nearshore?
- Where will the sediment move?
- How much sediment will move?
- How long will it take for the sediment to move?

Sediment Mobility Tool

- Objective:
  - Determine frequency of sediment mobility and general transport direction without running a full numerical model
- Ideal for:
  - Preliminary Siting of a Nearshore Placement
  - Small Projects That Don't Warrant a Full Numerical Model
- Currently Being Developed into a Web App

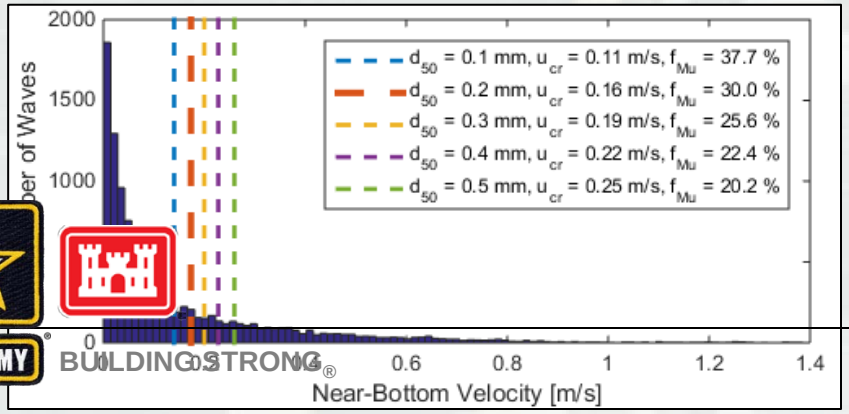
User Input

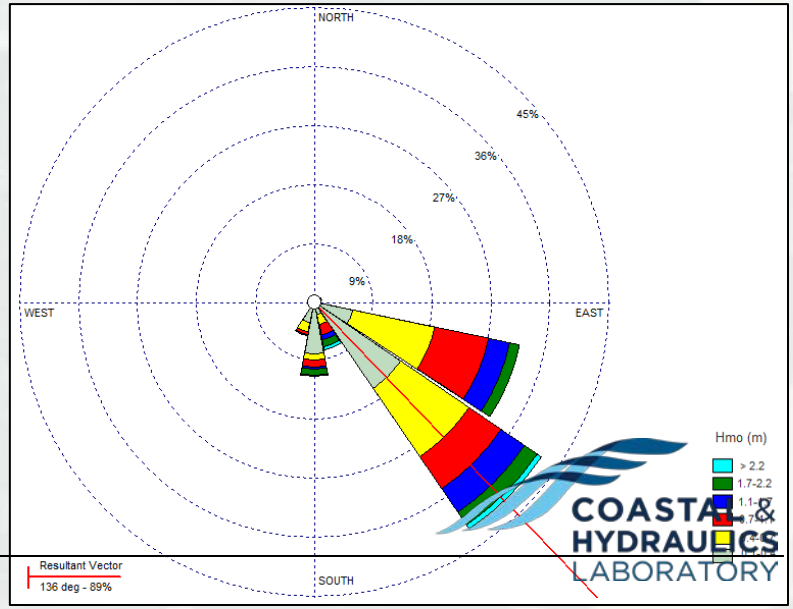
- Data Source
- Offshore Water Depth of Data Source
- Shoreline Orientation
- Median Grain Size
- Current Velocity 1 m above the Bed

Tool Output

- Frequency of sediment mobility using linear and non-linear wave theories
- On/Offshore migration direction
- Dominant axis of wave direction to estimate alongshore migration

d_{50} (mm)	Frequency of Mobilization	Predicted Sediment Migration
0.1	16 – 38%	83% Offshore
0.2	14 – 30%	60% Onshore
0.3	12 – 26%	84% Onshore





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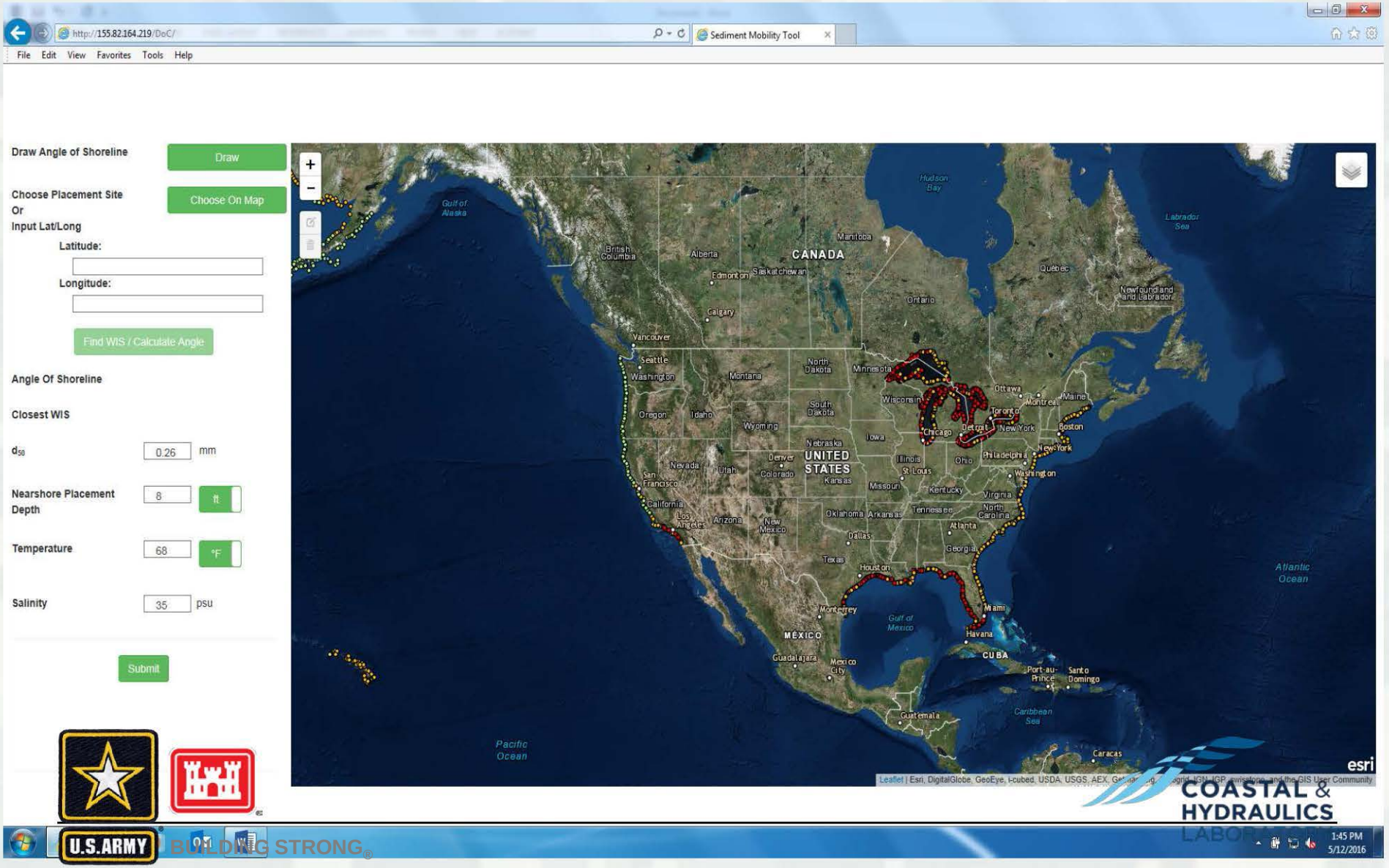

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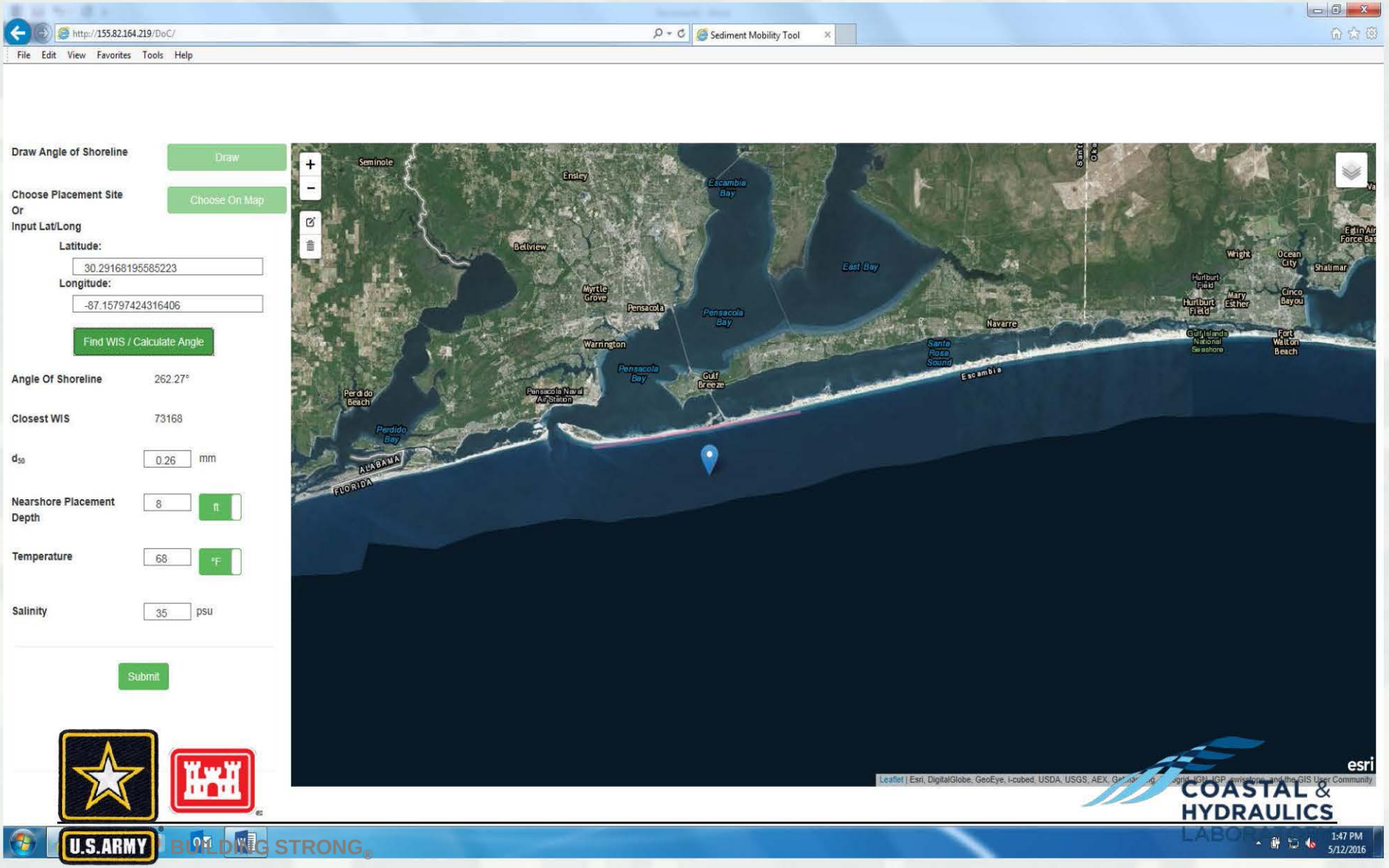
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Salinity 35 psu
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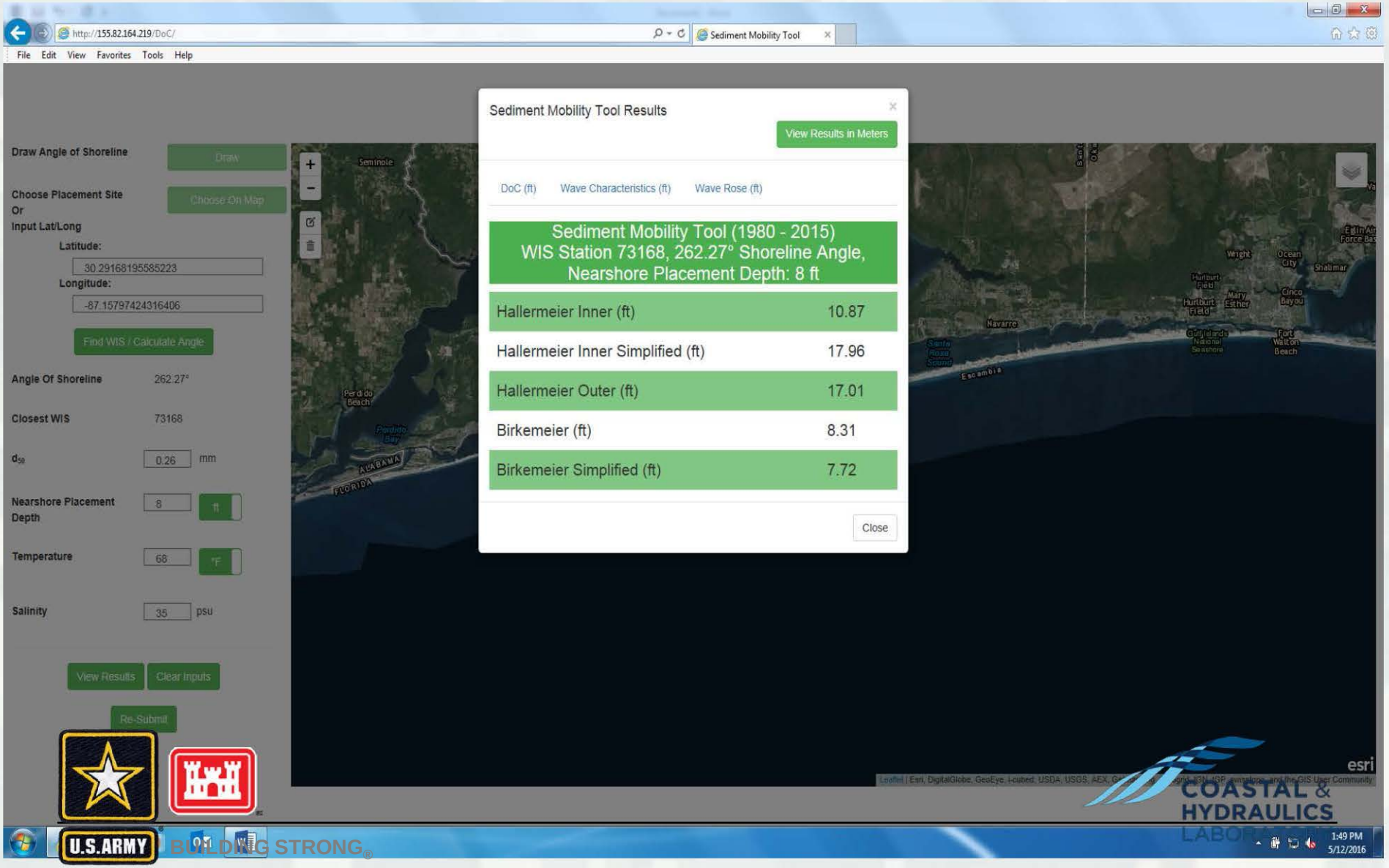
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Wave Rose (ft)
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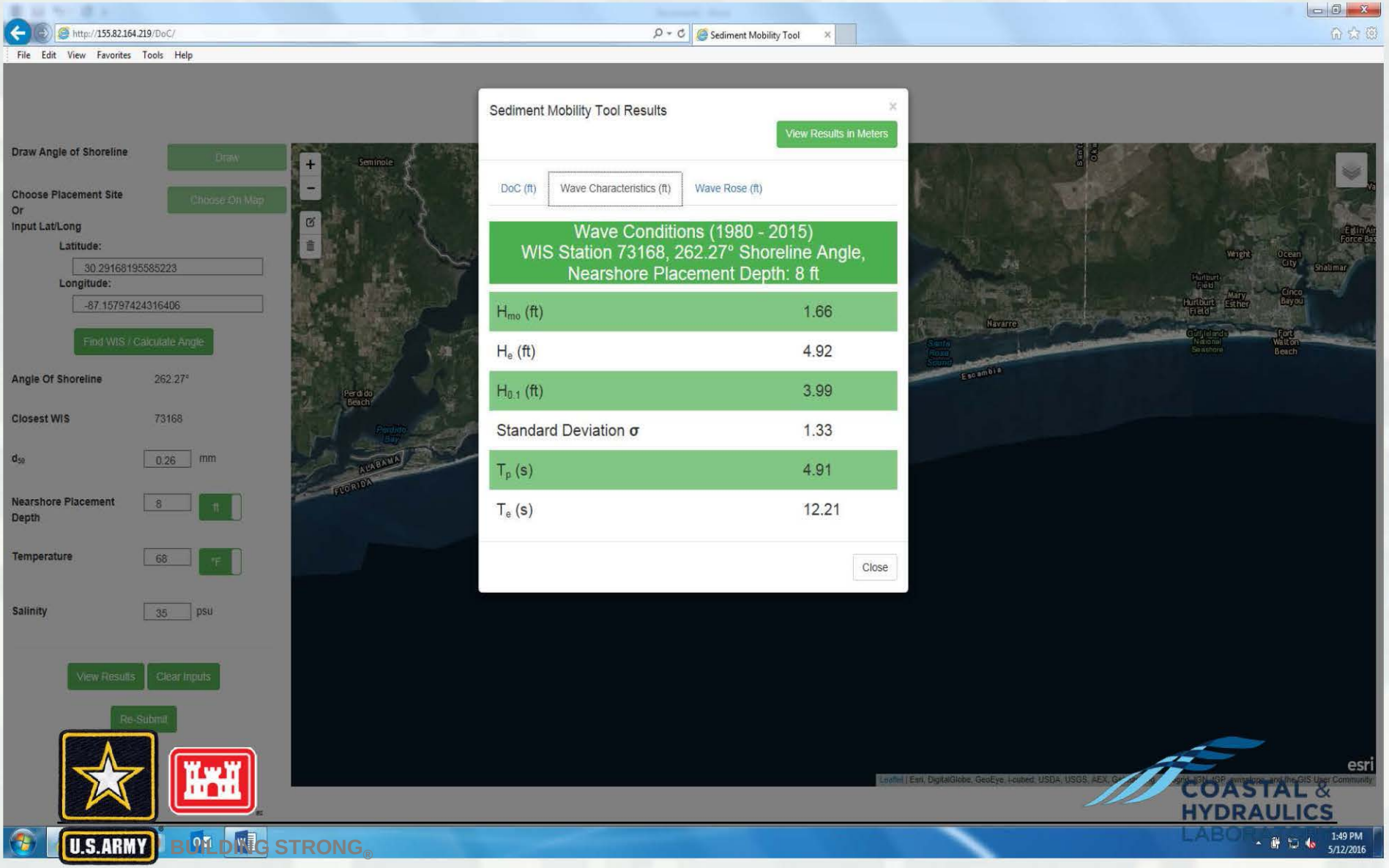
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H_e (ft) 4.92
$H_{0.1}$ (ft) 3.99
Standard Deviation σ 1.33
T_p (s) 4.91
T_e (s) 12.21
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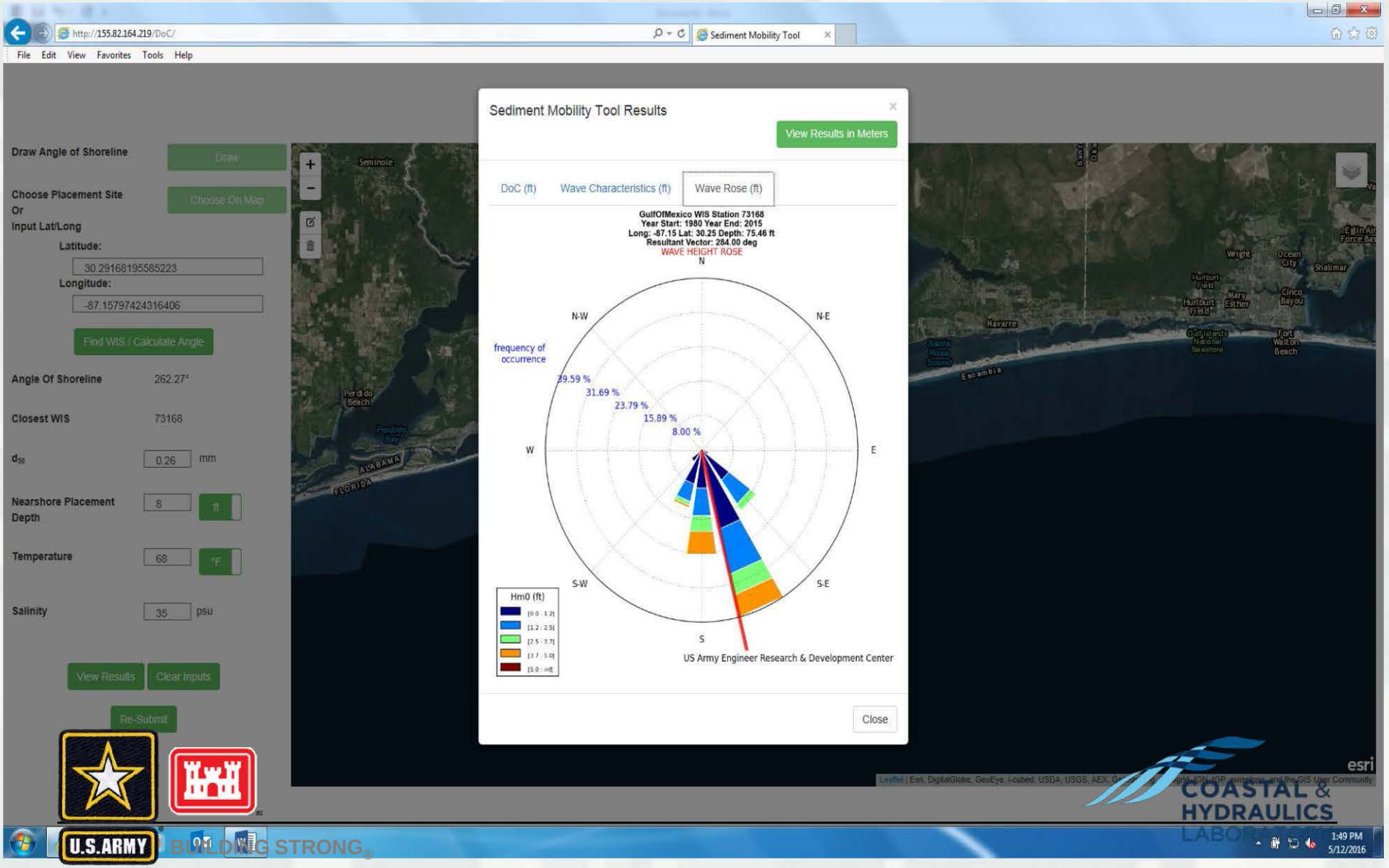

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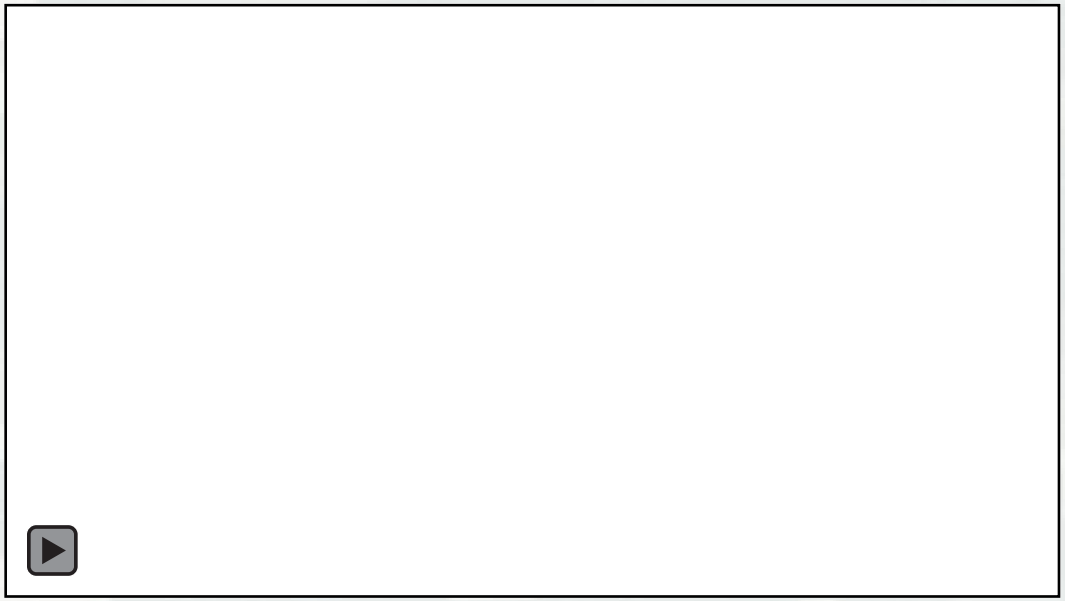
Application

- 6 Sites
- Different Data Sets:
  - ► WIS
  - ► NACCS
  - ► Wave Buoy

Vilano Beach, FL



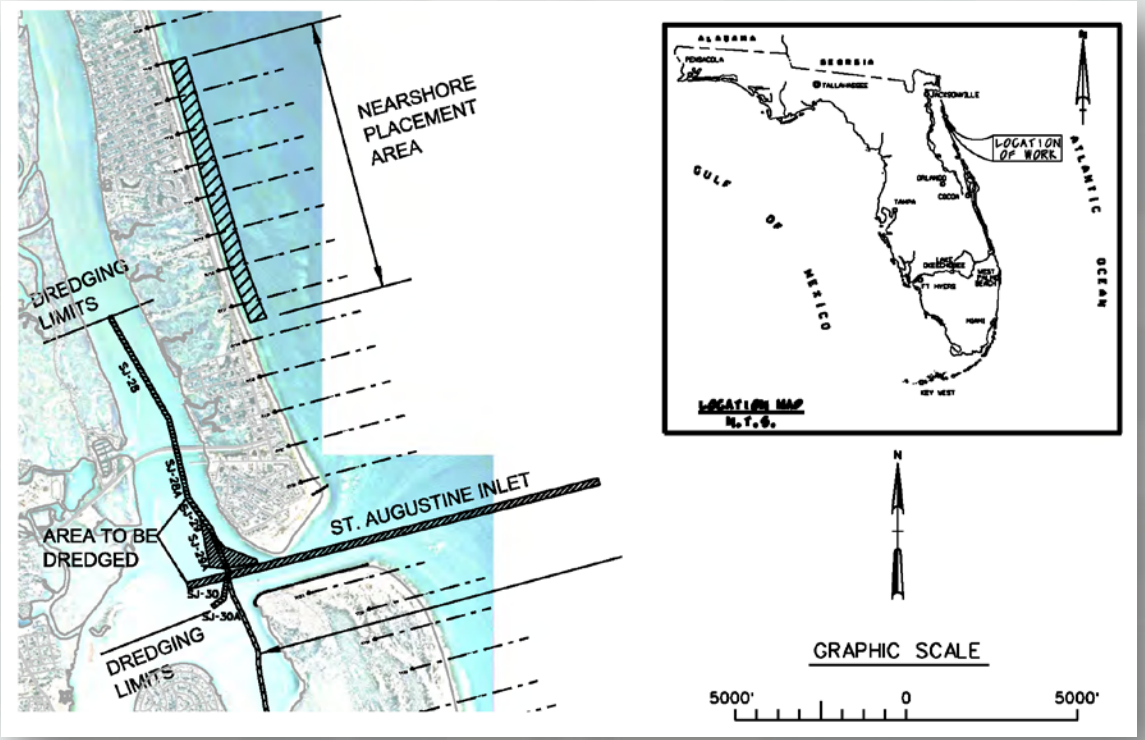
- 150,000 cy
- St. Augustine Inlet ebb shoal, flood shoal and part of the IWW
- *Murden* 500cy hopper, light loaded for NS access ~350-400cy
- Sediment coarse sand-sized shell hash and fine to medium sand

Vilano Beach, FL

- Between T-114 and R-115 and R-116 and R-117
- In front of the two property clusters
- Worked with SAJ and HOA
- Two berm methods to see if there is a differing outcome
- Validate SMT using survey data, CMS modeling, RIOS

Vilano Beach, FL

- h = 10 ft
- WIS Station 63416
- d_{50} = 0.33 mm



Vilano Beach, FL

Linear Wave Theory

$$M = \left(\frac{\tau_{max} - \tau_{cr}}{\tau_{cr}} \right)$$

Nonlinear Stream-Function Wave Theory

$$M_u = \left(\frac{u_{max} - u_{cr}}{u_{cr}} \right)$$

Sed. Migration Direction

- Dean Number

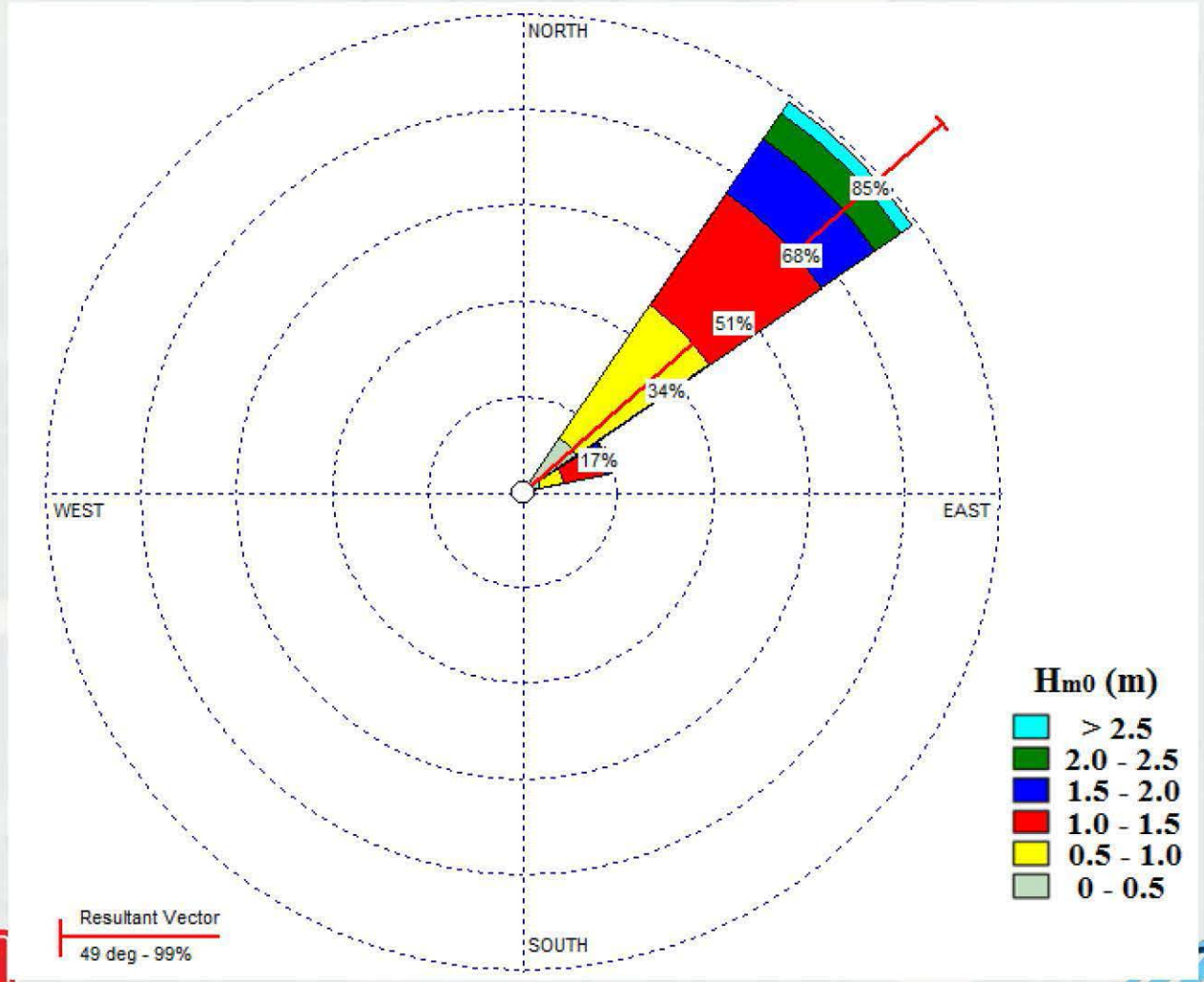
$$D = \frac{H_0}{\omega\, T}$$

> 7.2, Offshore Migration

< 7.2, Onshore Migration *(Larson & Kraus, 1992)*

Grain Size (mm)	Predicted Sediment Migration
0.1	79% Offshore
0.2	94% Onshore
0.3	100% Onshore
0.33	100% Onshore
0.4	100% Onshore

Wave Direction



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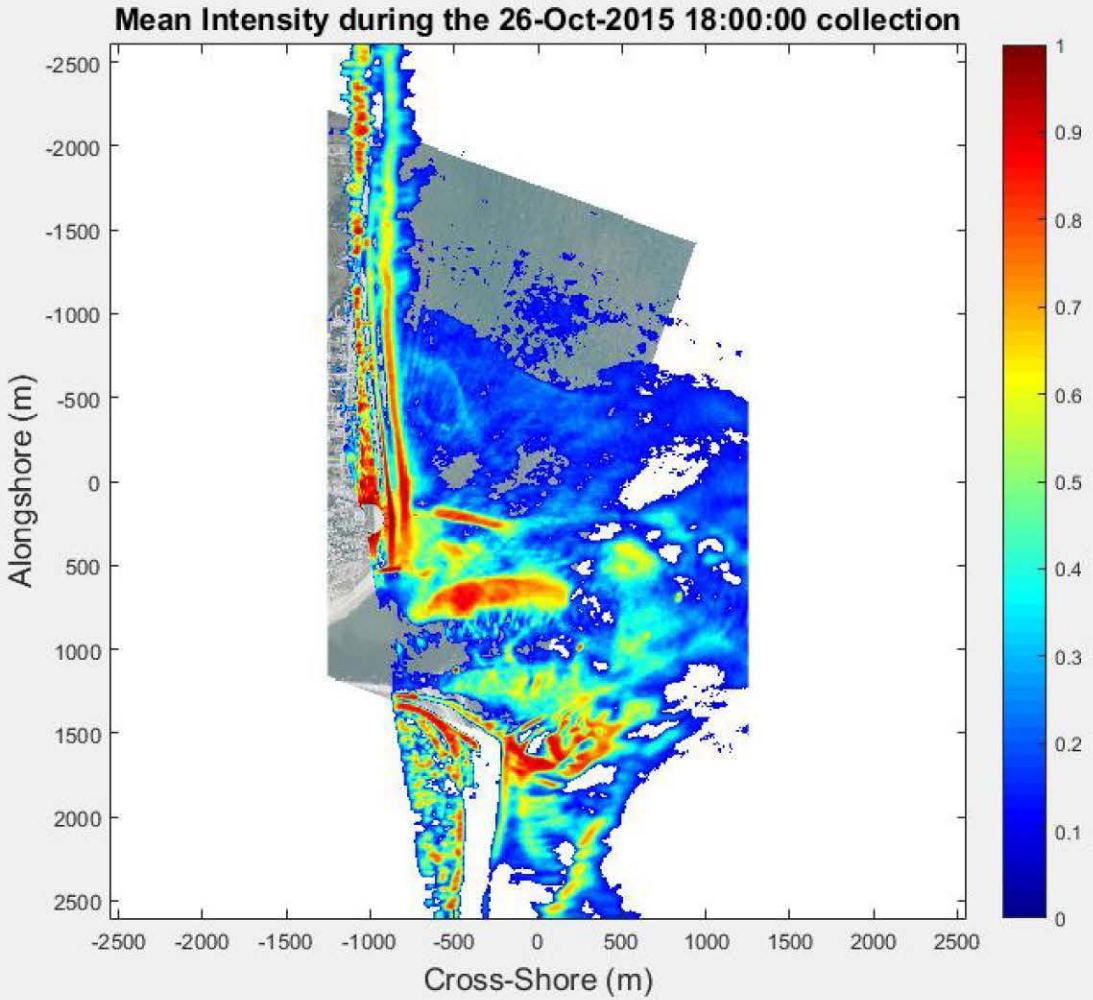
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Alongshore (m)
Cross-Shore (m)
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-2000
-1500
-1000
-500
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500
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1500
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0.3
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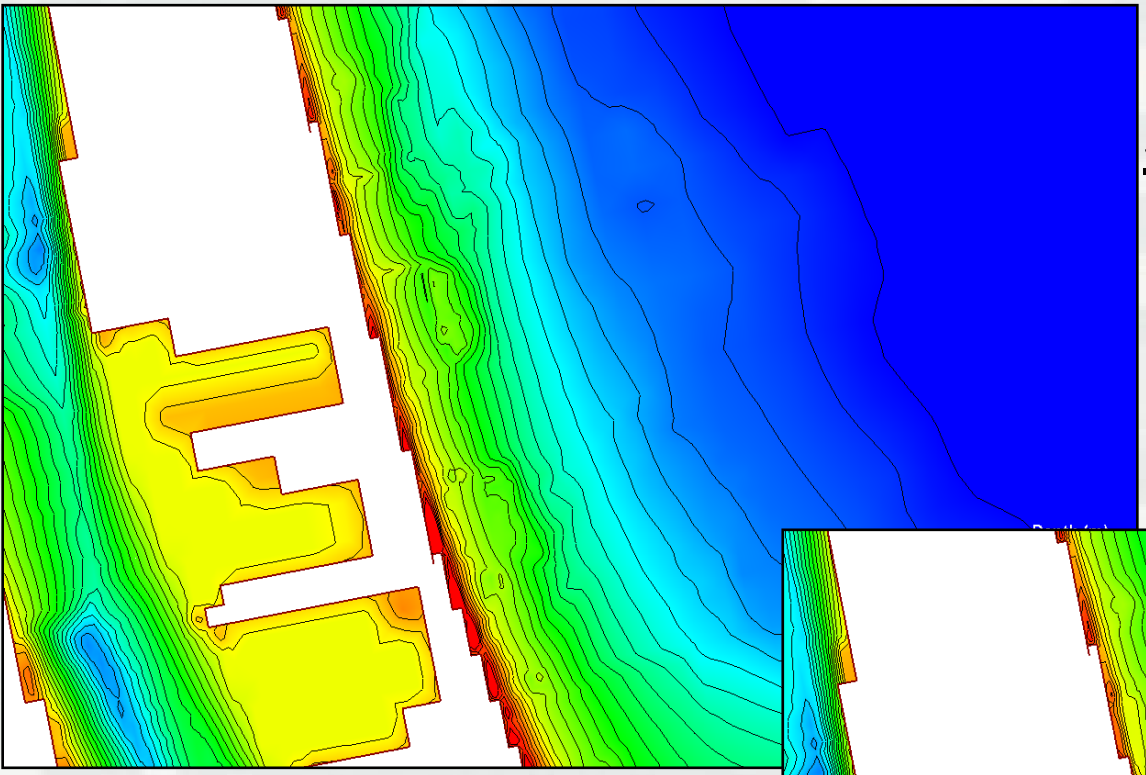

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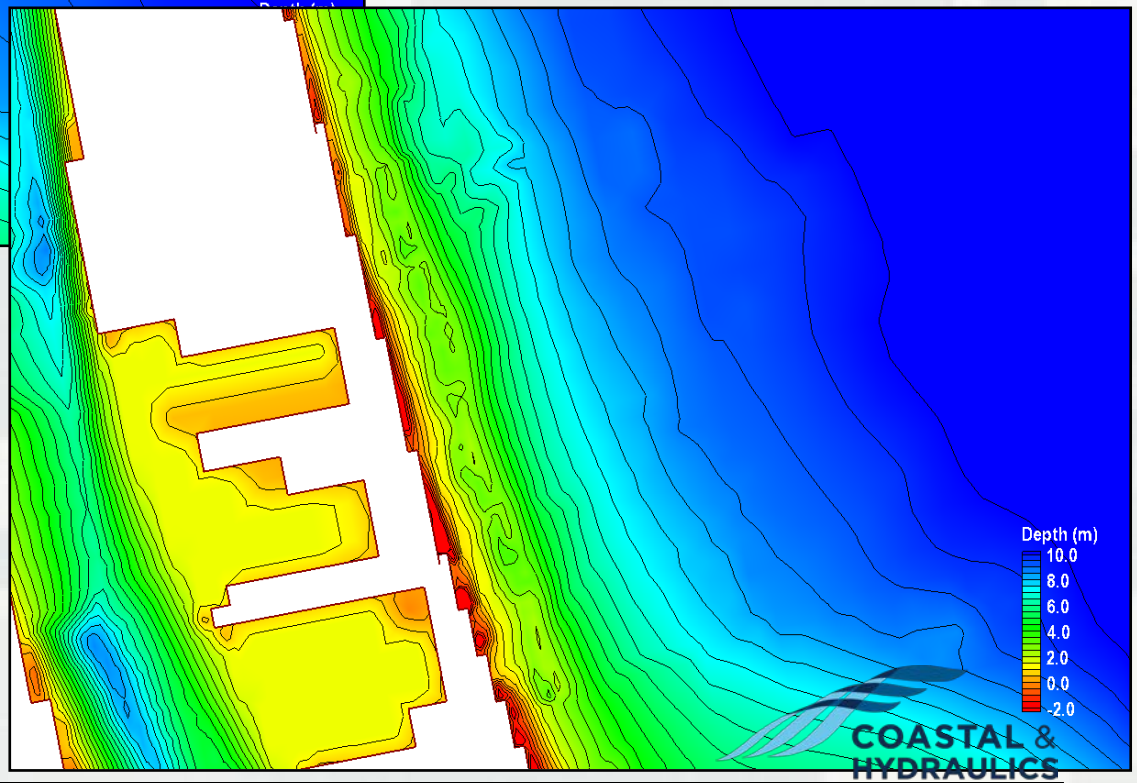

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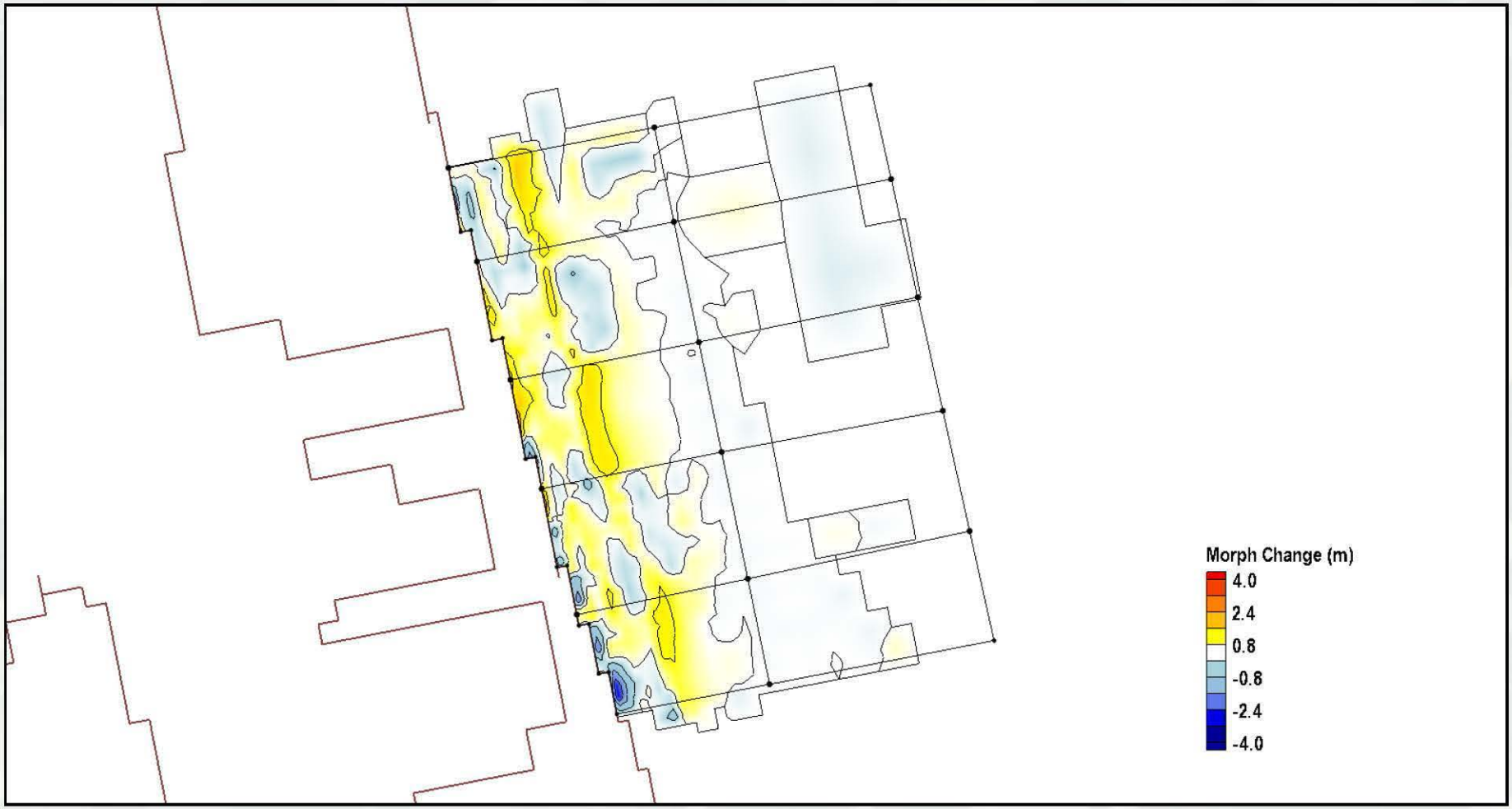
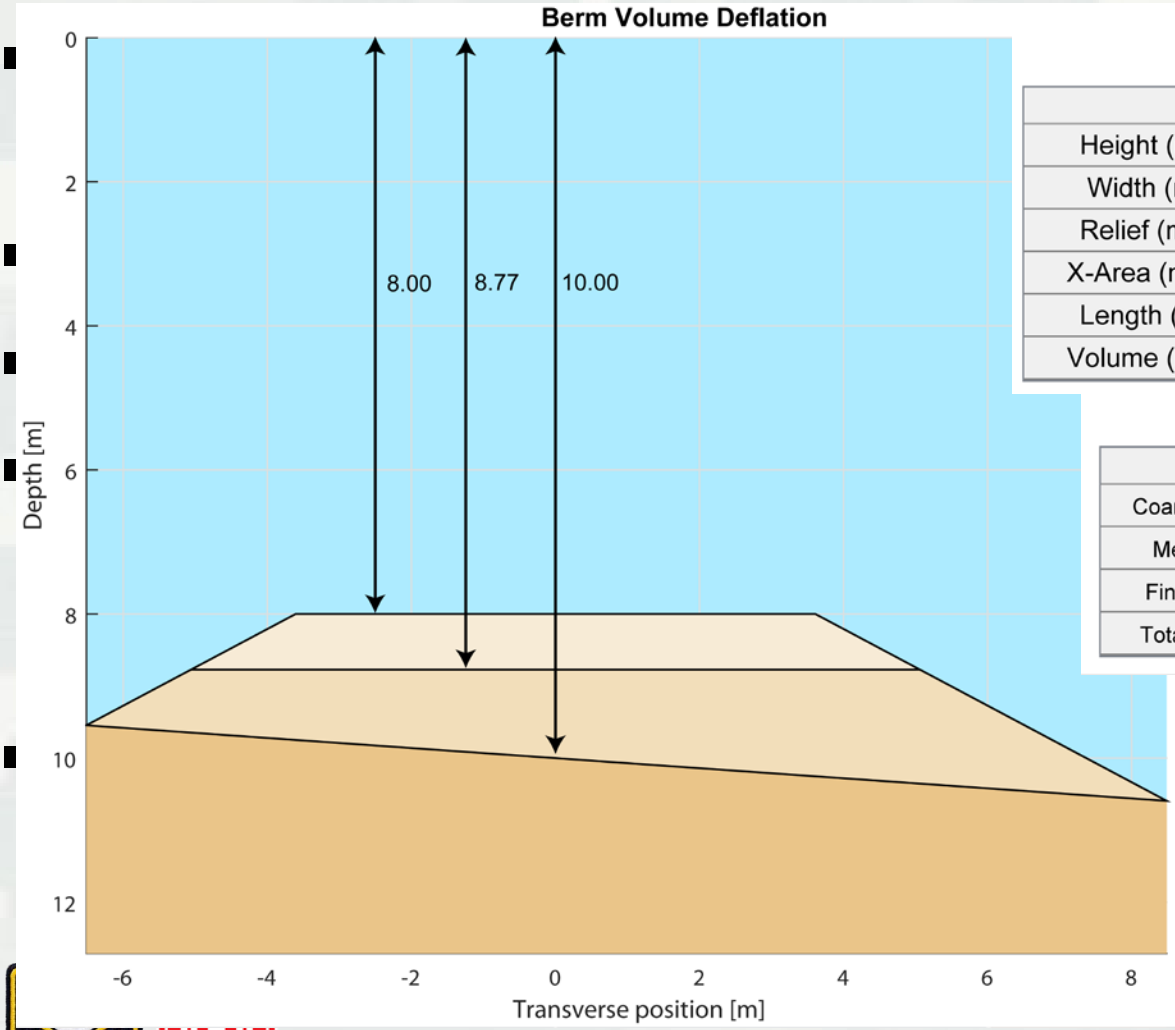
Sediment Volume Change (m^3) September 21 – December 16, 2015



Results

- Vilano Beach project is being used to help validate SMT
  - Correctly predicted that material would mobilize
  - Gain of sediment in the nearshore may indicate onshore movement of the berms
  - Alongshore dispersion of sediment

Future SMT



Berm Characteristics

	Before	After	diff	diff %
Height (m)	2.00	1.23	-0.77	-38.56
Width (m)	15.00	15.00	0	0
Relief (m)	8.00	8.77	0.77	9.64
X-Area (m^2)	22.47	15.78	-6.68	-29.75
Length (m)	20.00	20.00	-	-
Volume (m^3)	440.93	310.57	-13.37	-29.75

Sediment Characteristics

	tau_cr	h_cr	f%_before	f%_after
Coarse	0.26	8.00	10.00	14.24
Med	0.20	8.50	30.00	34.95
Fine	0.14	9.00	60.00	50.82
Total	-	-	100.00	100.00