

# Techniques of coastal environment diagnostic parameters

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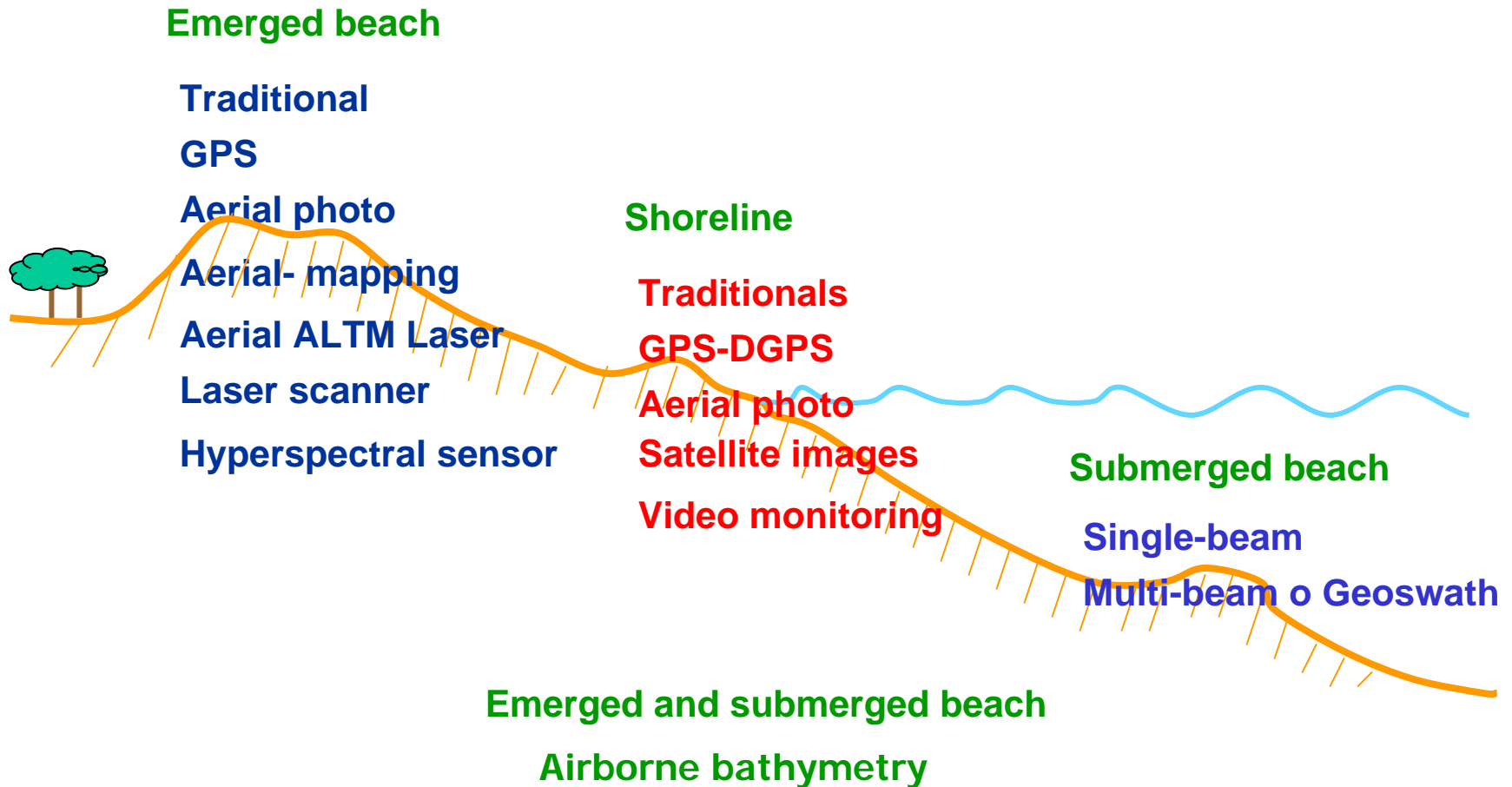
## SURVEY METHODS MORE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERING:

- required absolute precision
- survey extension
- littoral morphology
- number of required points (density per square km)
- survey duration considering velocity of studied processes
- costs

## ANALYSIS OF ASPECTS LIKE:

- coastal erosion relative to considered time scale
- shoreline definition and its variations in the time domain (natural and anthropic)
- linear, area and volumetric erosion
- methodological and statistical aspects for erosion calculation (software)

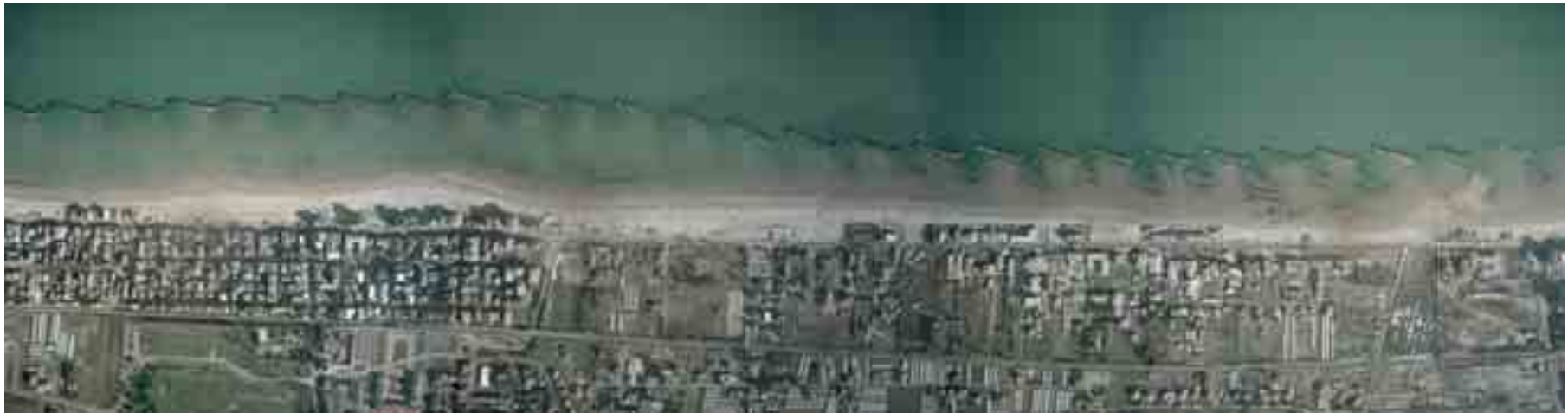
## Main survey techniques



# SURVEY TECHNIQUES AND RELATED PROBLEMS

1. LIDAR
2. REMOTE SENSING
3. WEBCAMS
4. SEA CONTROL POINTS

## LIDAR SURVEY



**There are 3 LIDAR systems in the world;**  
**Their technical characteristics are similar;**  
**Accuracy = 2,5 m (x,y); 0,25 m (z)**

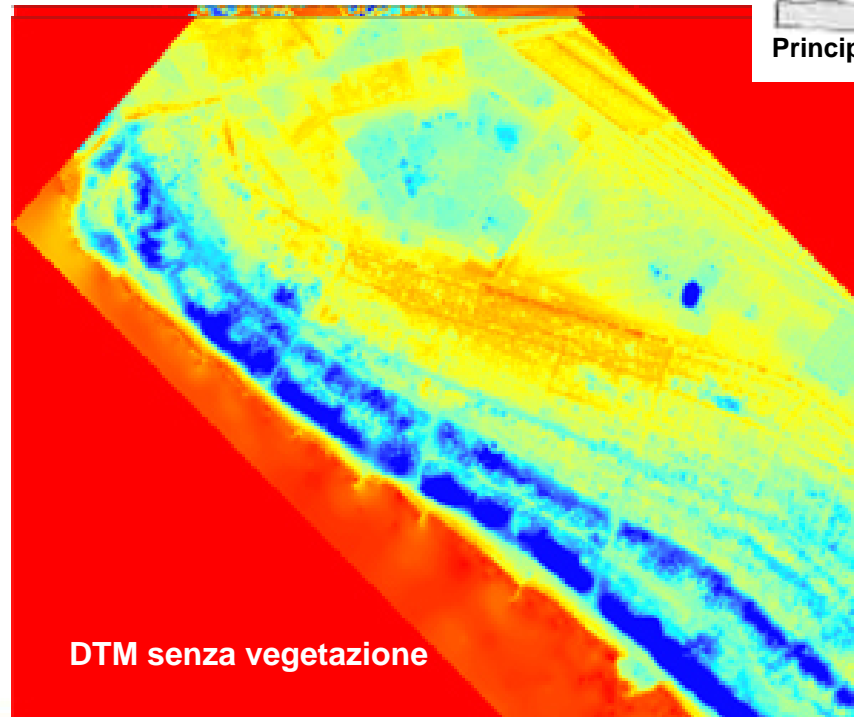
**Mob/demob costs = €100.000,**  
**Additional survey cost = €1.000 -2.000/km<sup>2</sup> (areas of circa 50-100 km<sup>2</sup>)**

# ALTM

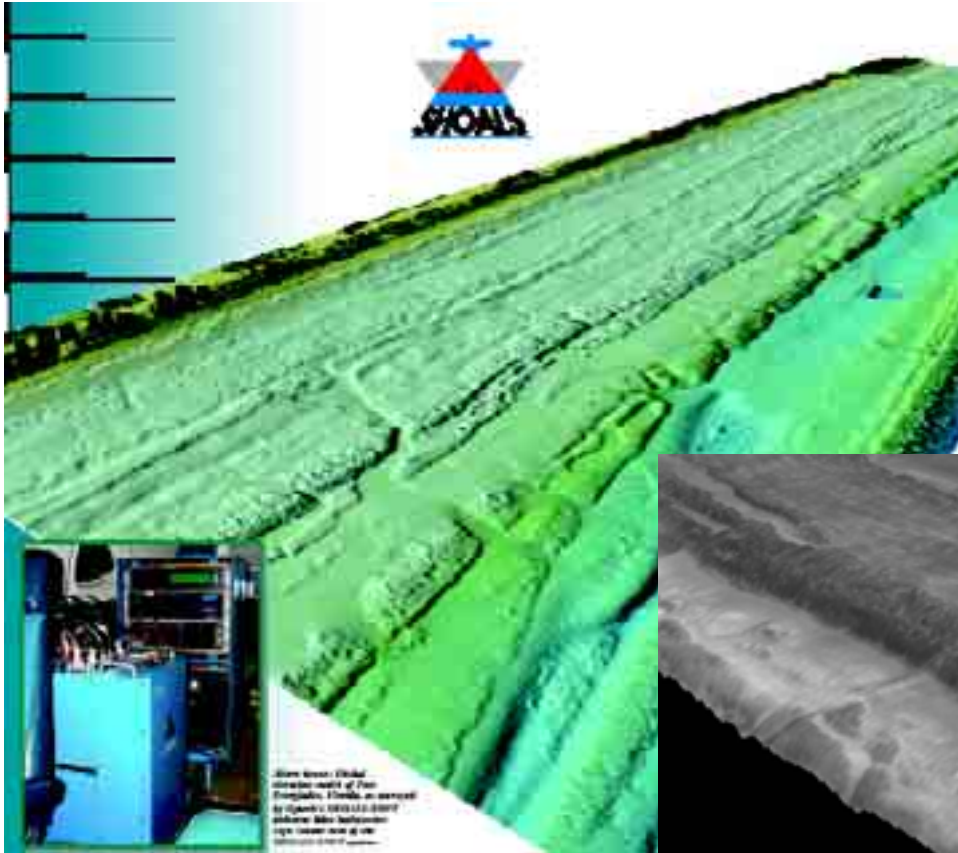
(Airborne Laser Terrain Mapping). Accuracy  $z = 15 \text{ cm}$  – flying altitude 400 m



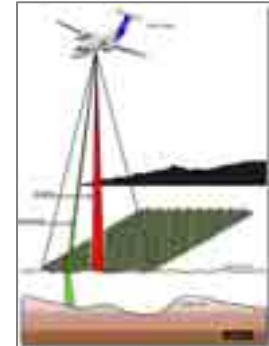
Example DEM  
(1x1m)



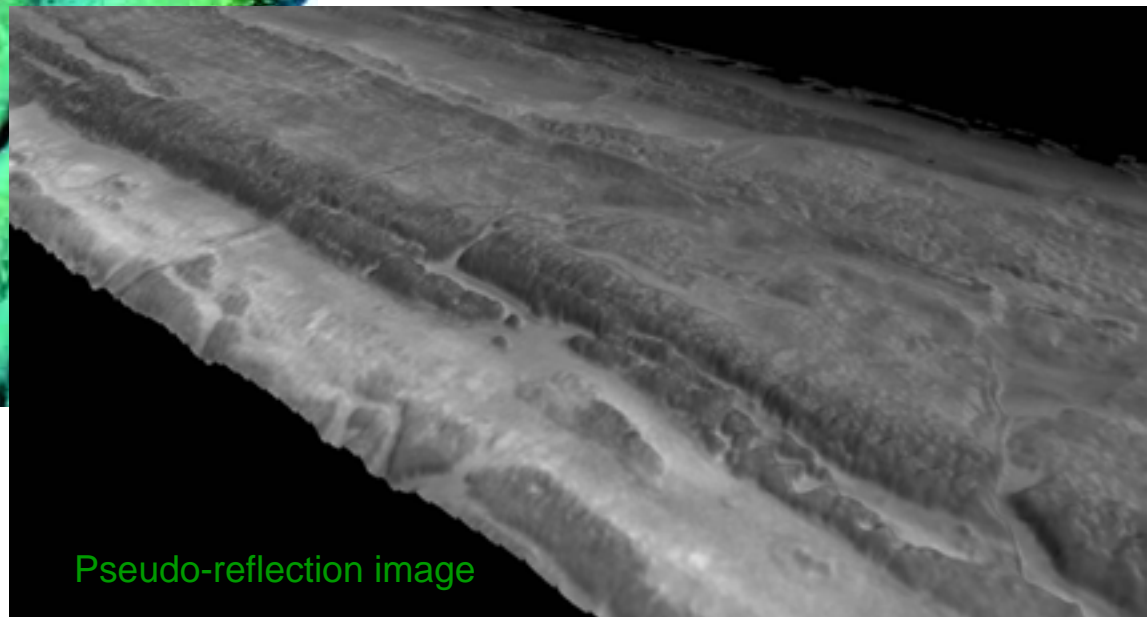
## ALB ( Airborne laser bathymetry)



is a technique to make bathymetric surveys in case of low water depth using laser pulses emitted by equipments installed on airplanes.



Principio del metodo



Limitations due to cleaning of water and the low reflection of the sea floor.

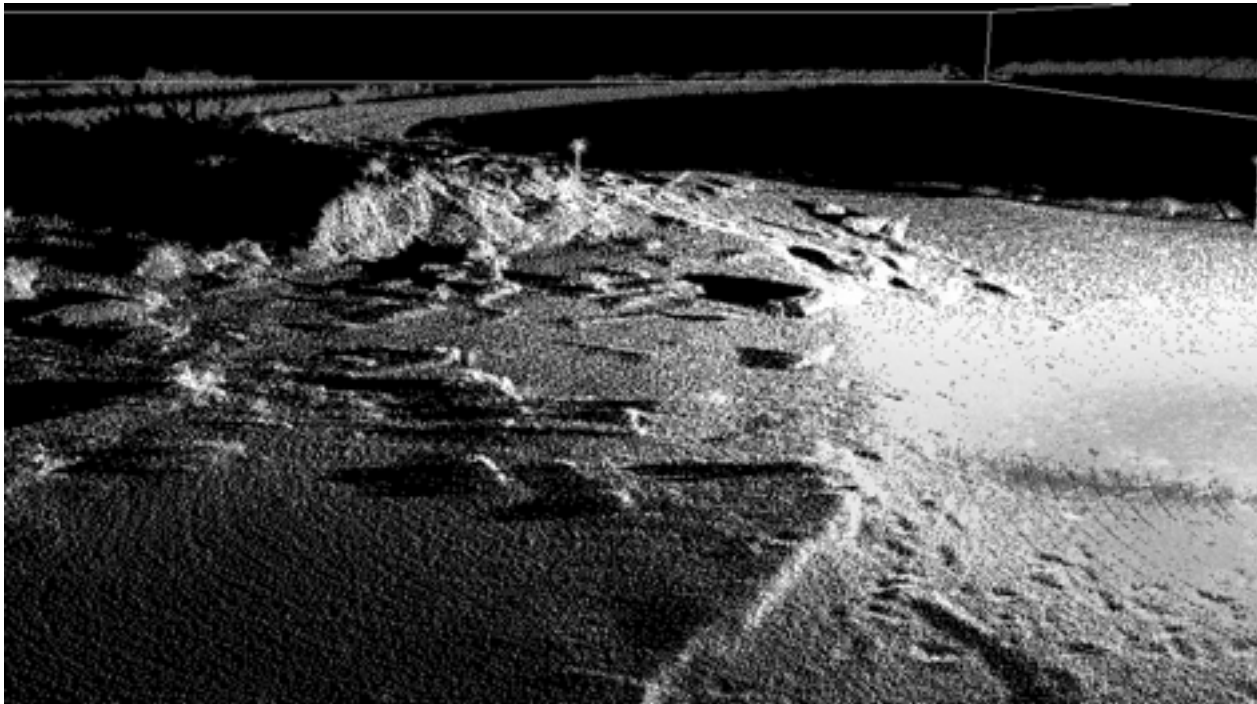


## LASER SCANNER

Tri dimensional laser scanning; measures distance, colour and reflection – precision 1 cm (*dist. max. 50 m*).



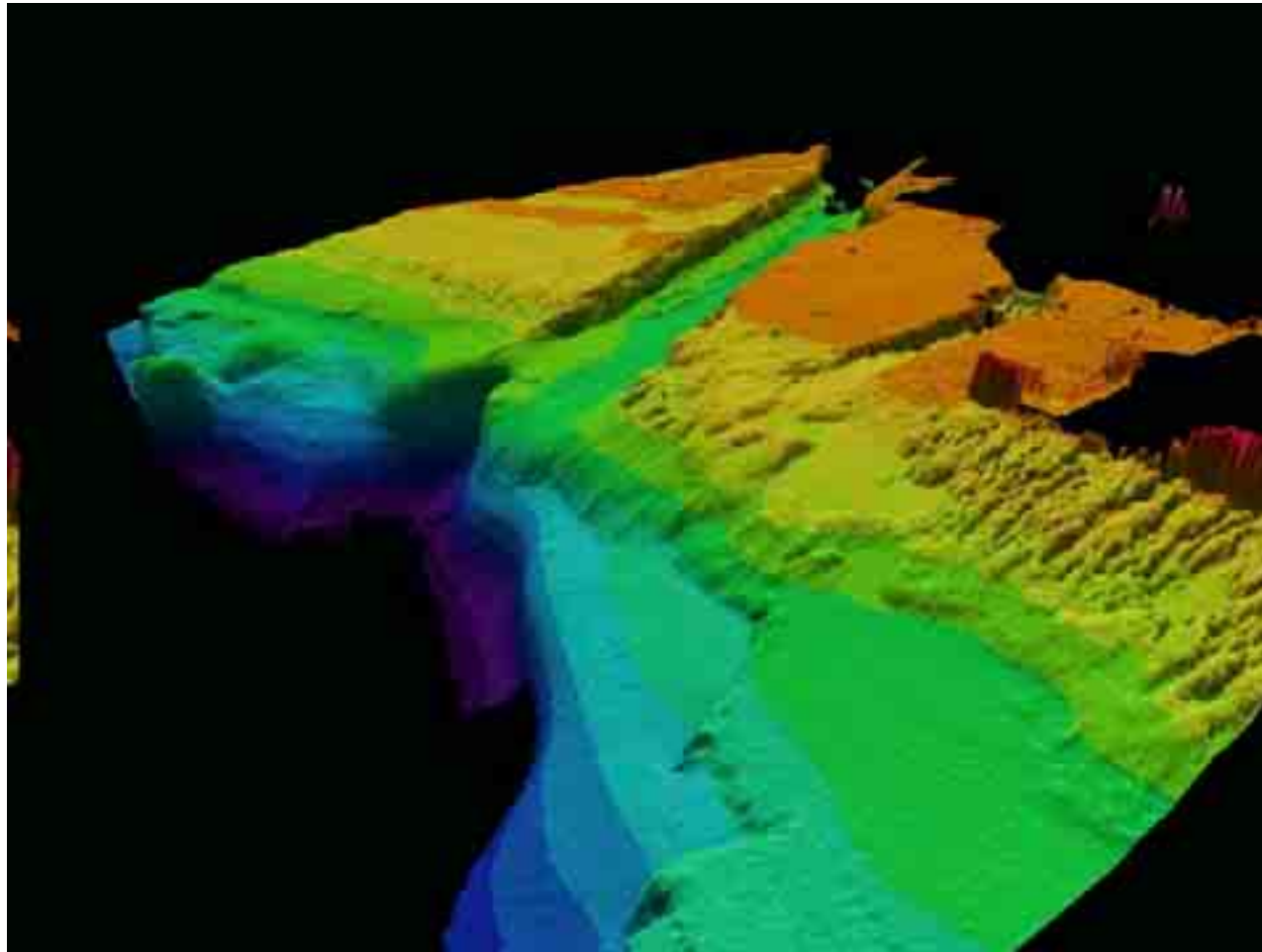
Geo referencing



GPS

Riflettore





**Aerial bathymetric survey (Shoals 1000)**

## REMOTE SENSING

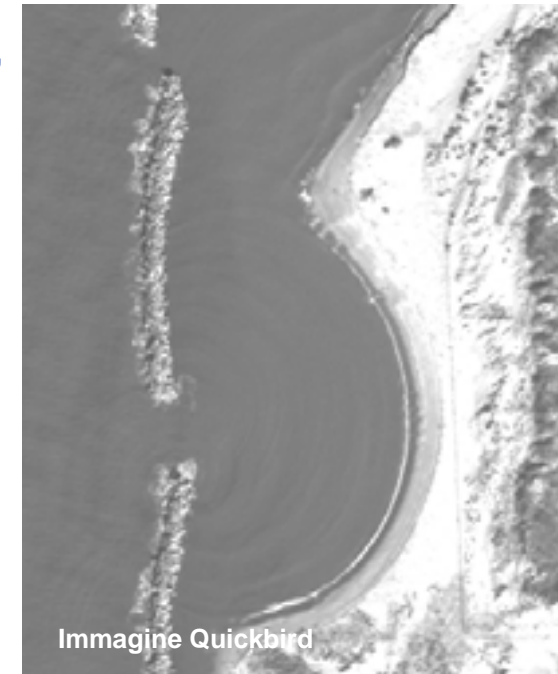


Zoom orto image

## SURVEY OF SHORELINE USING ELABORATION OF SATELLITE IMAGES

Methods for low cost plan survey which, with the last generation satellites, can lead to sub-metric precisions.

Satellite	Orbit altitude	Panchromatic in grey tones	Multi spectral	New data cost
Quickbird II	450 Km	0.61 m	2.44 m	40€/km <sup>2</sup>
Ikonos	680 Km	1 m	4 m	40€/km <sup>2</sup>



### V Verifications:

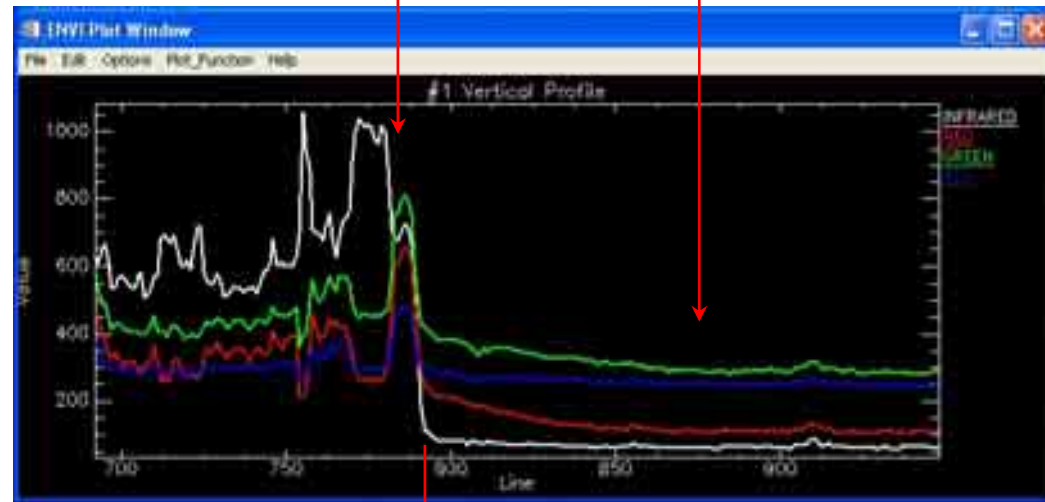
- V geo referencing with known points on maps and GPS survey and shoreline tracing
- Pre sampling procedures to make better theoretical resolution of satellite sensor
- S solution to geometrical problems due to sea level variations
- S development of procedures to trace automatically the shoreline
- V contemporaneous GPS survey
- V data validation through compatibility with the precision topographic survey along the coast

## QUICKBIRD SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING

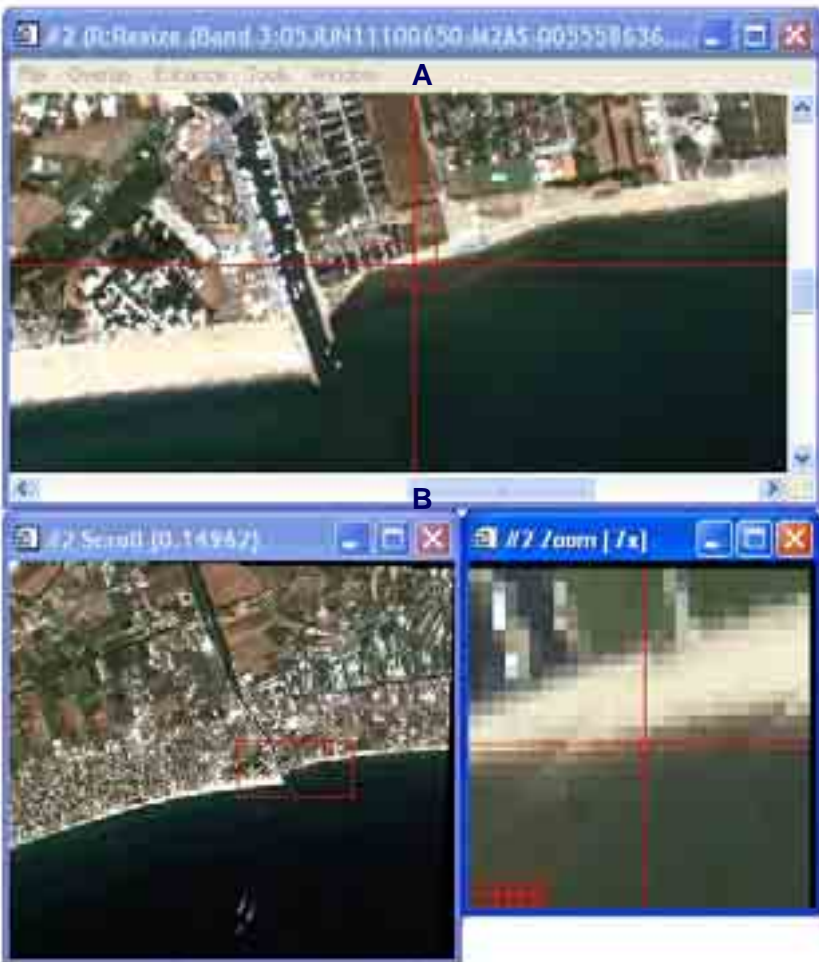
- Infrared Profile
- Red Profile
- Green Profile
- Blue Profile

beach

sea

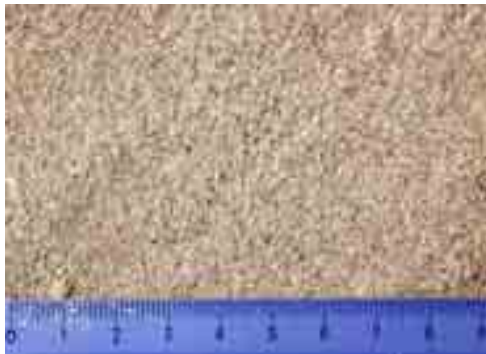


Beach/sea interface

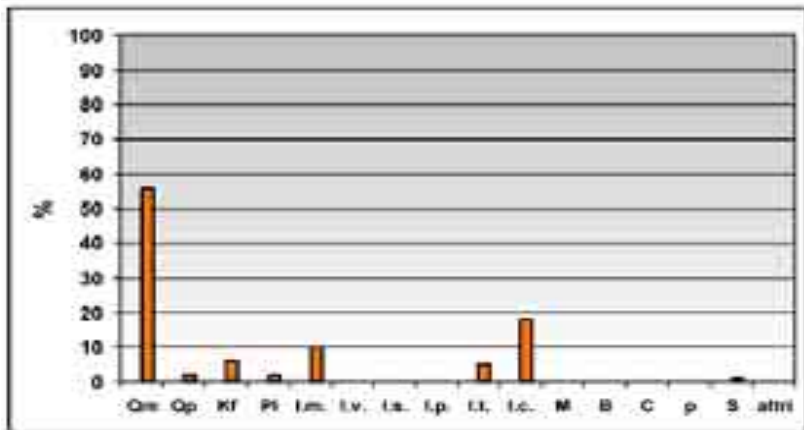
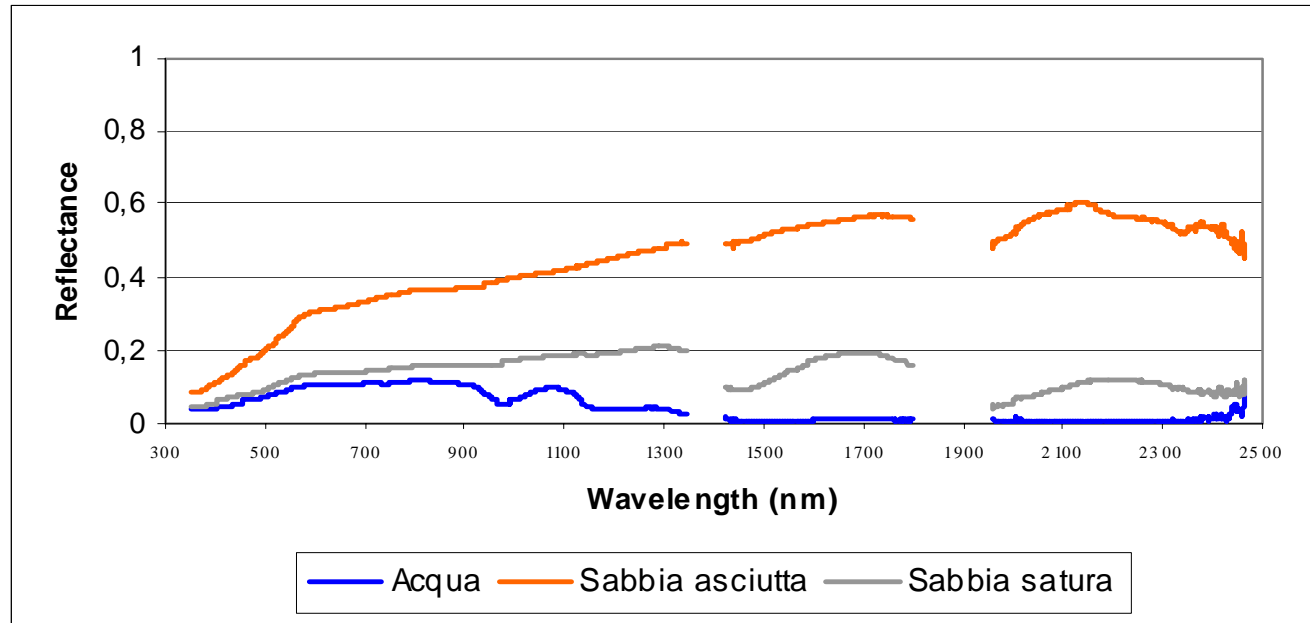


A-B Profile (X=6038)



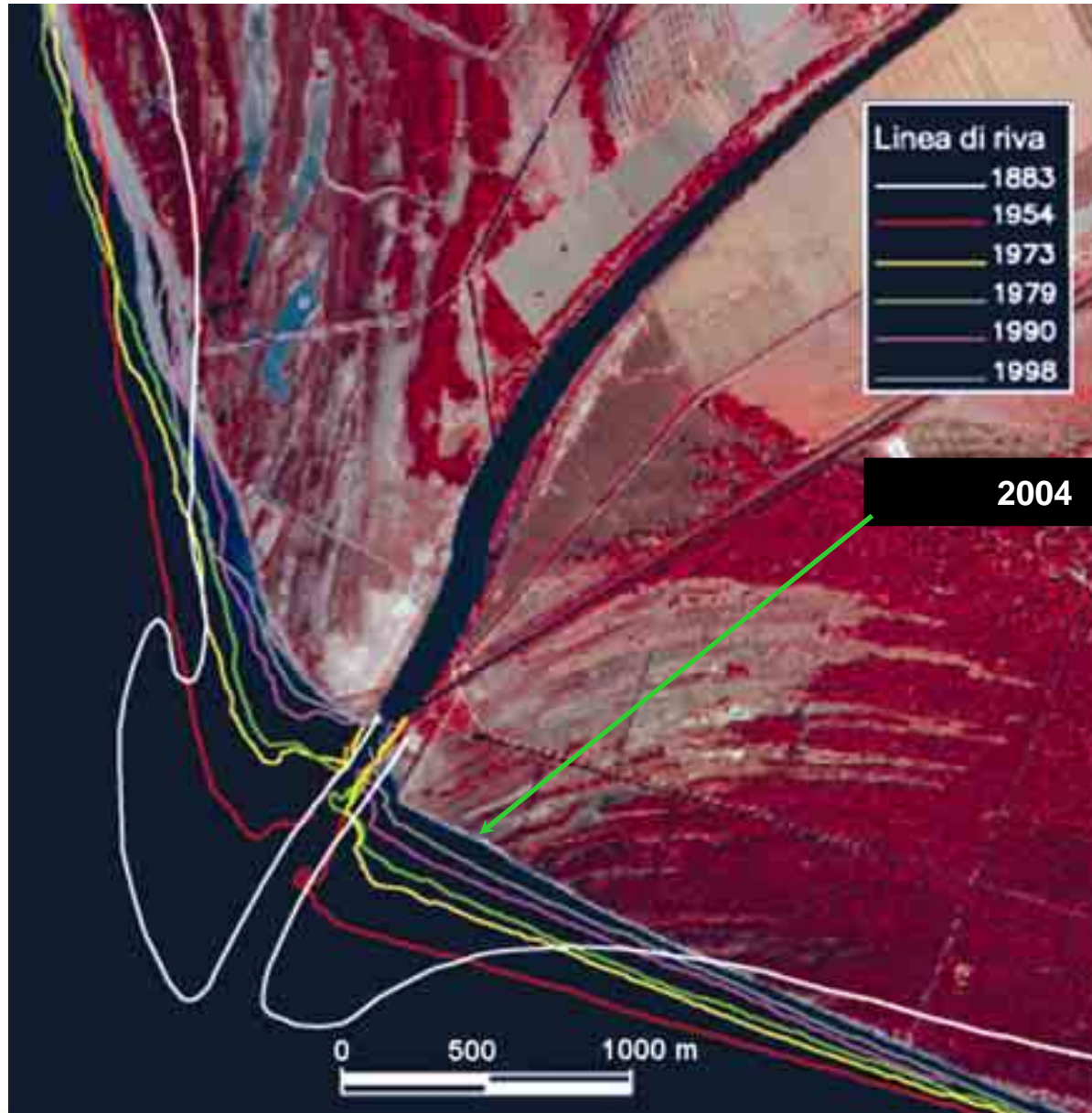


## SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING



Qm = quarzo monocristallino  
Op = quarzo policristallino  
Kf = feldspato potassico  
Pl = plagioclasio  
Im = litici metamorfici  
I.v. = litici vulcanici  
I.s. = serpentino  
I.p. = litici plutonici  
It = litici terrigeni

I.c. = litici carbonatici  
M = muscovite  
B = biotite  
C = clorite  
p = pesanti  
S = selci  
altri minerali





## WEBCAMS

### Shoreline survey with video monitoring

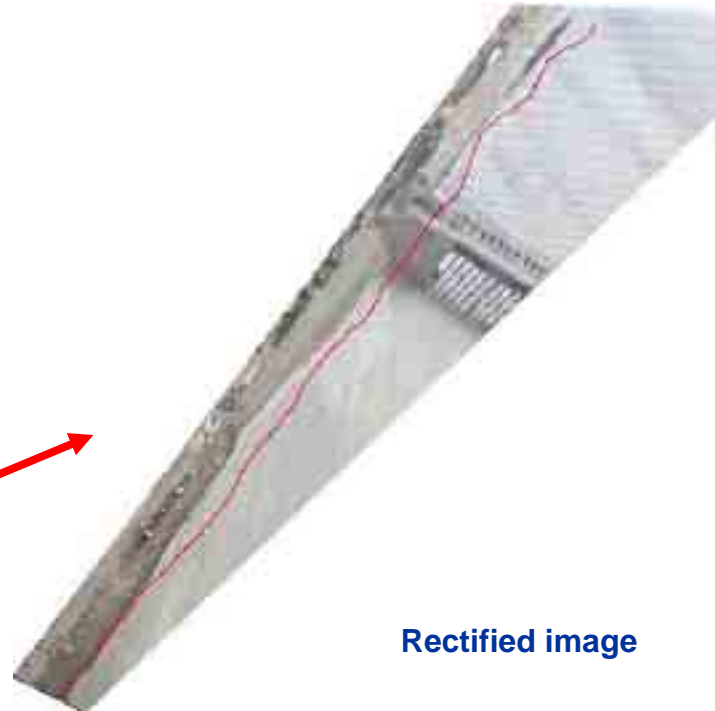
Autonomous system which collect, elaborate and transmit images of the coast.  
 (www.seatech.it/alassio/)



Alassio- tracciamento linea di riva)



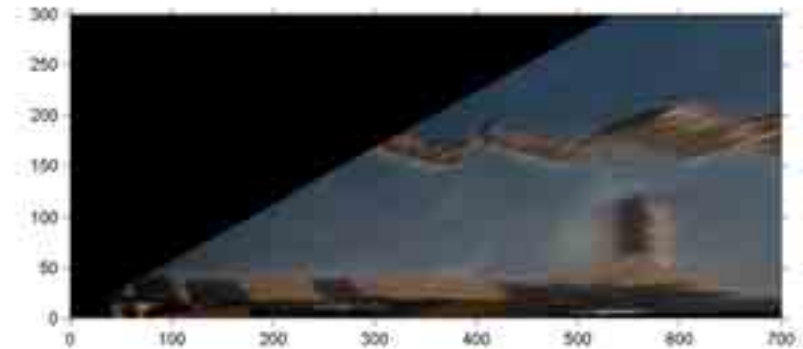
Sovrapposizione linea di riva iniziale



Rectified image

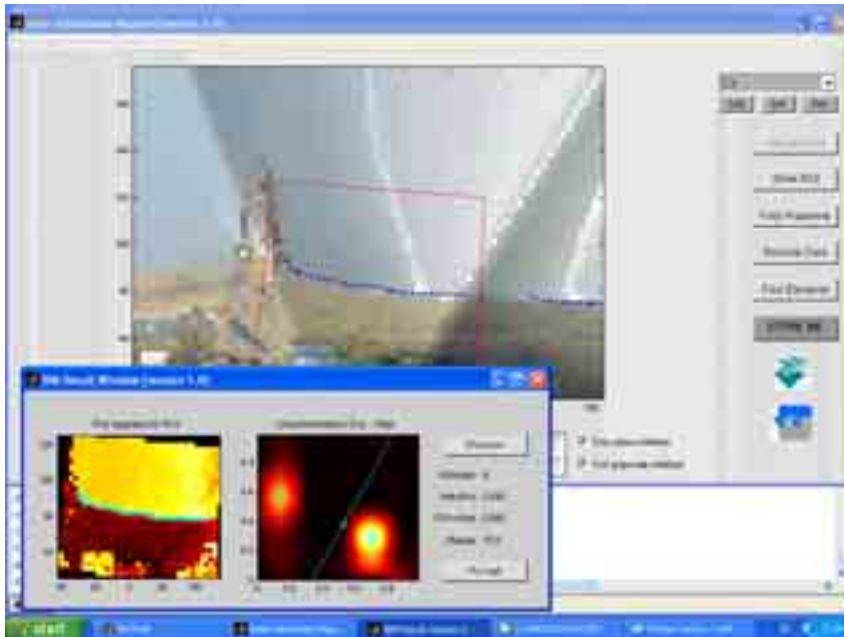


## IMAGE ANALYSIS SHORELINE DETECTION ORTHO-RECTIFICATION



## ANALYSIS OF SHORELINE EVOLUTION

**PIC** (*Pixel Intensity Clustering*)  
(Aarninkhof e Roelvink, 1999)



**RGB**

(*Red Green Blue*)



**HSV**

(*Hue Saturation Value*)

Pixels (dry-wet) form two separate groups in the HS space



## INTERTIDAL BEACH MAPPER

Using tides, for all hours of the day:

- shoreline is identified (x, y) based on colour or luminescence;
- sea level is associated

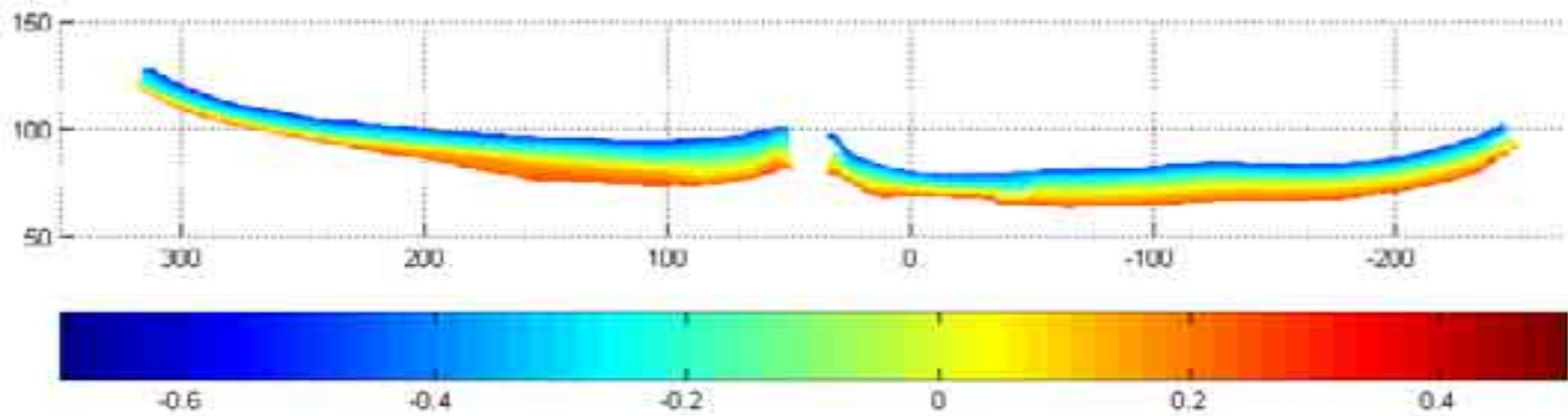
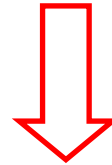
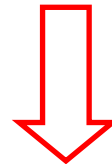


Image acquisition (commercial system)



Development of software for data elaboration  
(Timex, Snapshot, Variance, rectification, shoreline digitalisation)

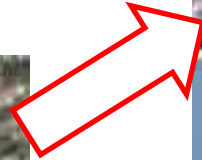


Interpretation of beach evolution and evaluation of beach nourishment



Field work to reduce error of interpretation and of calculations  
(Detailed bathymetry, Topographical surveys of emerged beach,  
Topographical surveys of emerged beach, Grain-size analysis)







## SEA CONTROL POINTS

### Geodetic frame

**Precision polygonal with benchmarks every 2 Km.**

Connected at extremes to national levelling benchmarks network.

**Sea level station for bathymetric survey**, located close to the survey area.

**More GPS benchmarks with static methodology and correction of elevation.**

**Local geodetic frames**



## Emergед beach survey

**Different survey methods, using the same reference system:**

Projection UTM Zone 32 datum WGS84 Spheroid WGS84 Ellipsoid elevations

**Traditional:** equally spaced profiles every 50m with a suitable topographic instrument



**GPS:** equally spaced profiles every 5m with GPS type “RTK”



## Shoreline survey with GPS technology

### Geodetical GPS

With precision of about 5 mm (static), mono - dual frequency with phase measurement.

### GPS “palm”

With precision of about  $\pm 0.5 - 1$  m with collection of phase measurement data



## Survey with Single and Multi beam eco sounder

The Multi beam systems can survey a large belt of sea floor, of a width proportional to water depth.

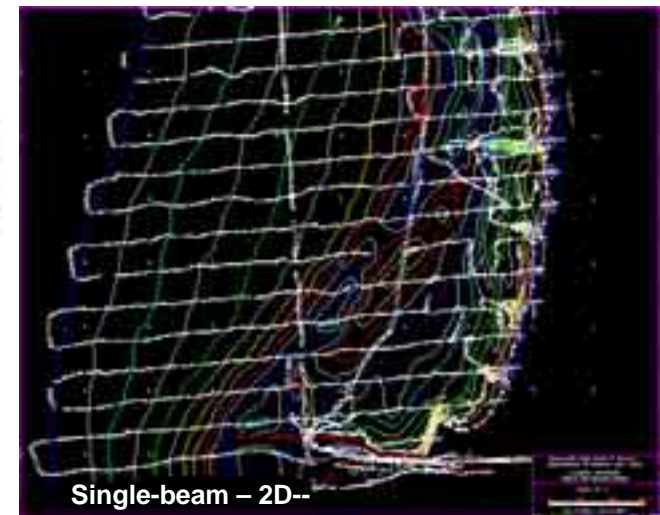
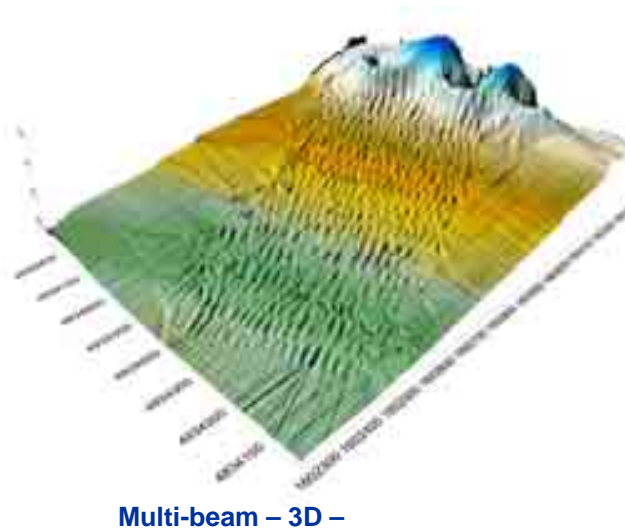
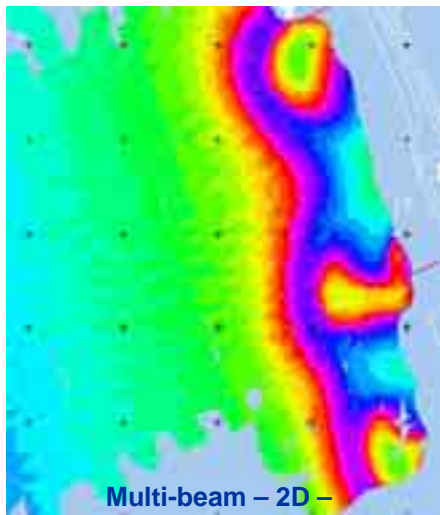
Contemporaneous survey should use the same reference system:

**Single beam:** section spaced 50 - 100 m

**Multi-beam:** Area 6 km<sup>2</sup>

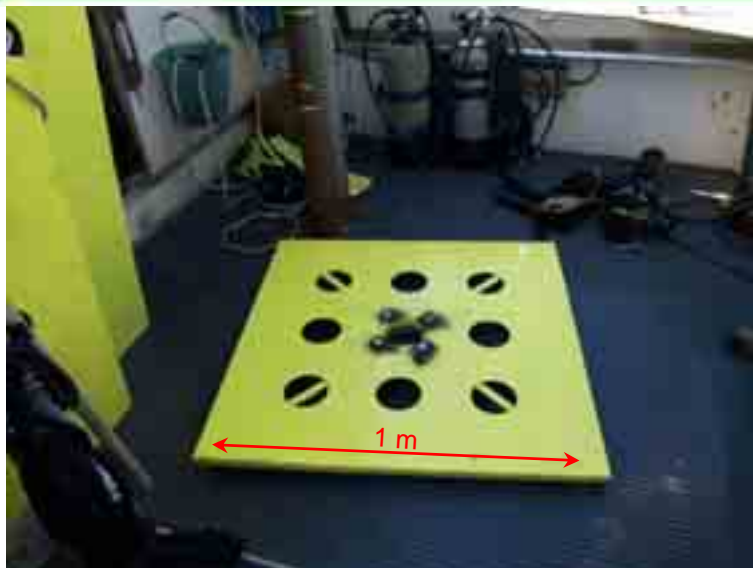
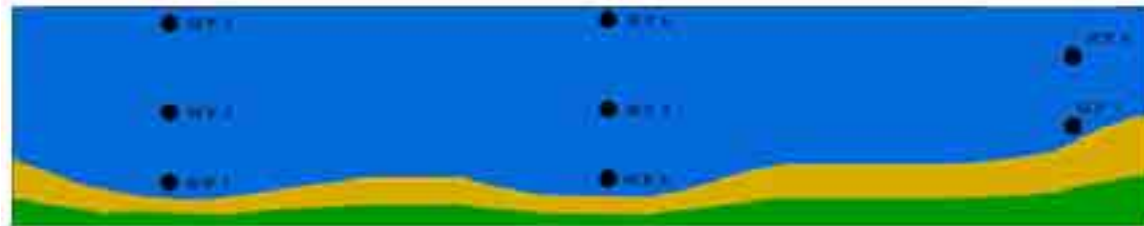


Multi-beam



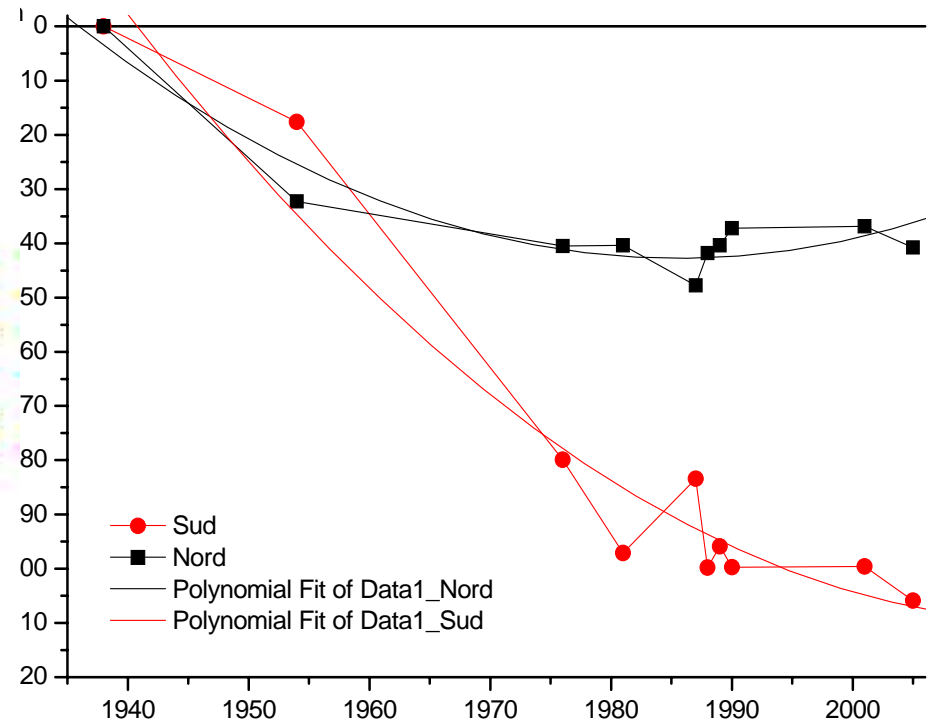
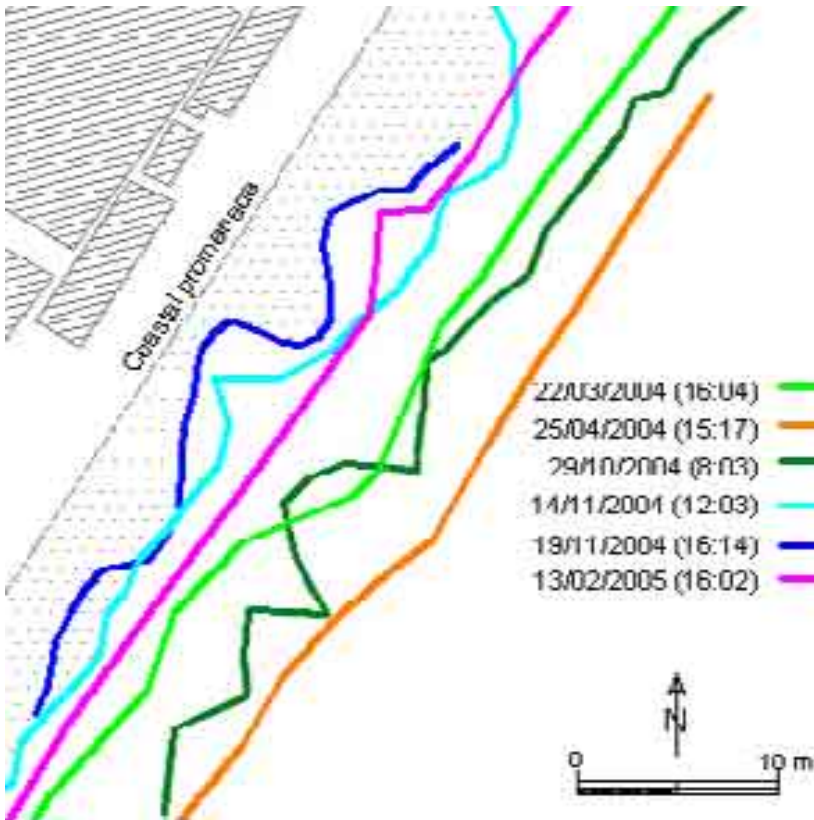
**VVerifications:** comparison of accuracy , volume calculations and profiles spacing, evaluations of times and costs, evaluations on low depth operability

## SEA CONTROL POINTS



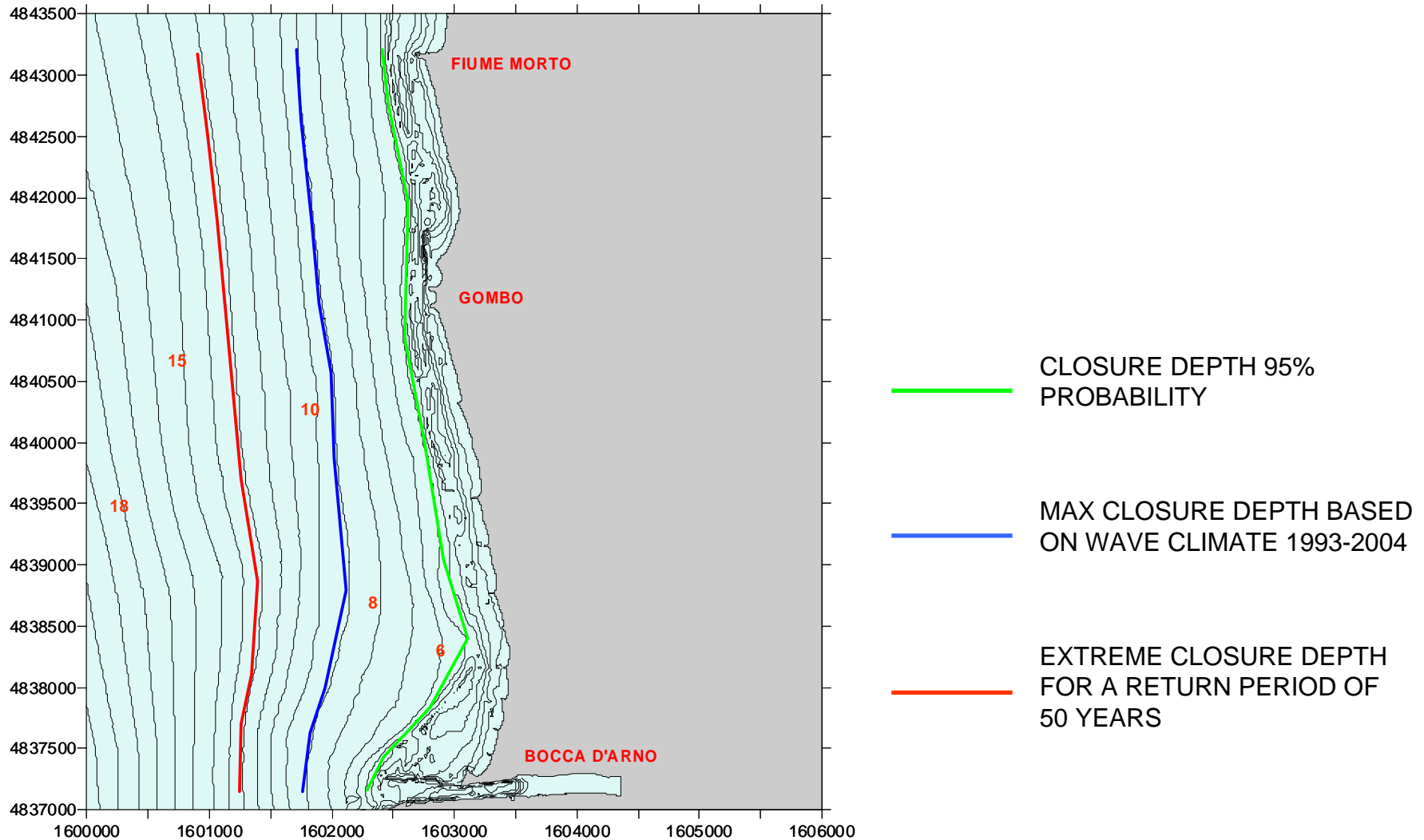


## INTRINSEC BEACH VARIABILITY

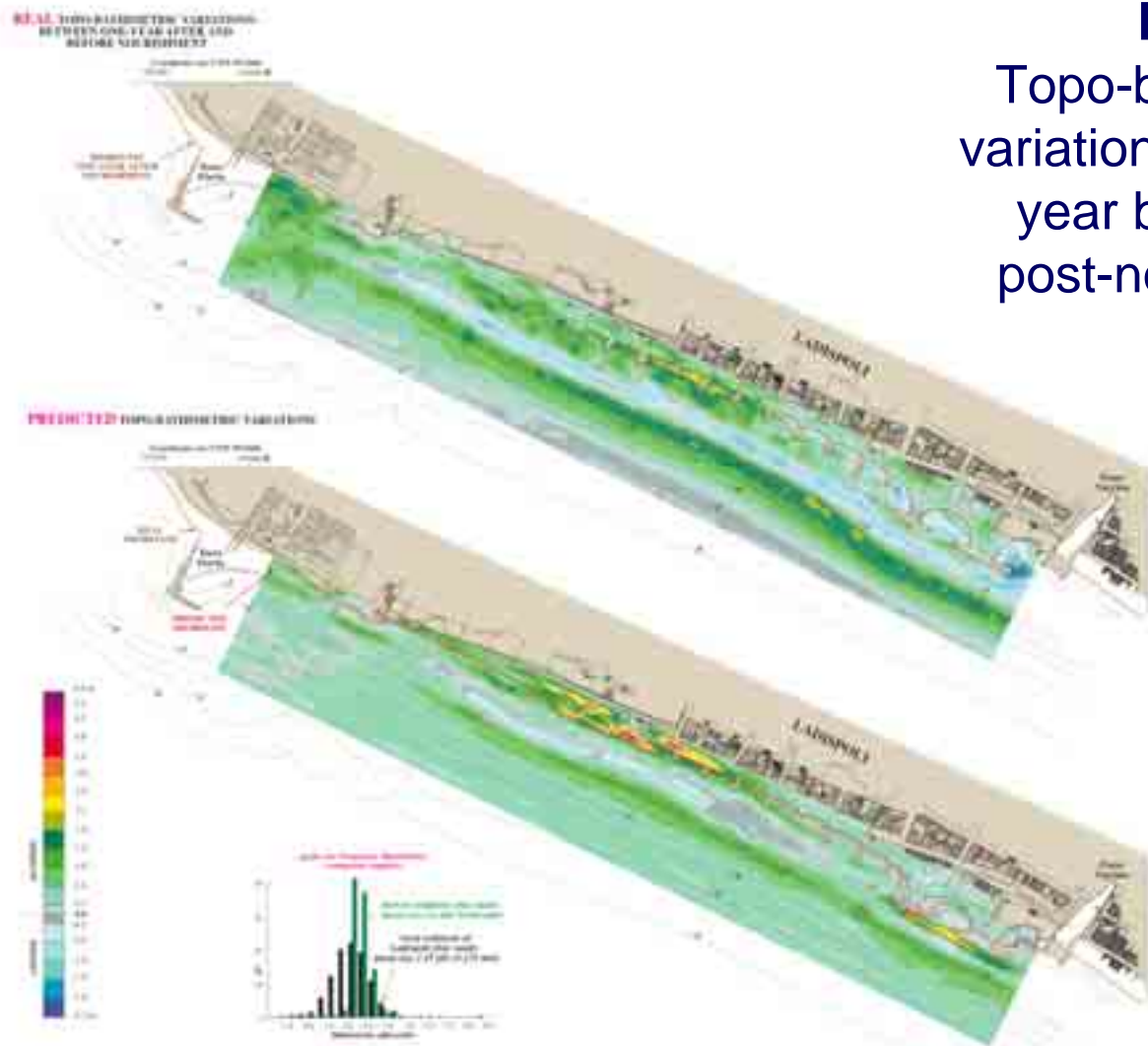




## EXAMPLE: LITTORAL AREA NEAR PISA



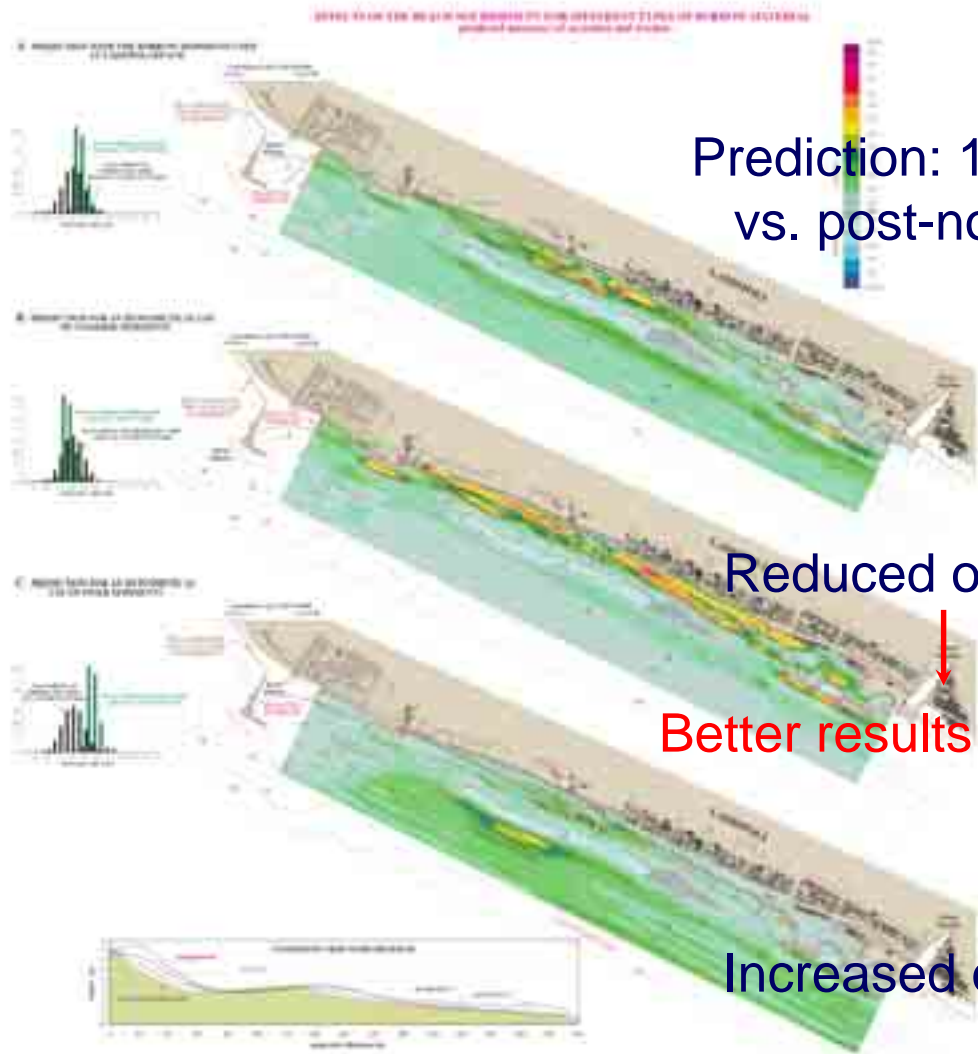
# CALIBRATION FOR MODEL APPLICATIONS



Ladispoli, April 2003: 367.000 m<sup>3</sup>

## Model sensibility for different grain size characteristics

# CALIBRATION FOR MODEL APPLICATIONS



Prediction: 1 year before  
vs. post-nourishment

Reduced of 1 phi

Better results on beach accretion

Increased of 1 phi