

Acquiring Data and Developing Applications for Coastal Zone Studies and Emergency Response



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GRACE Mission

Science Goals

High resolution, mean & time variable gravity field mapping for Earth System Science applications.

Mission Systems

Instruments

- HAIRS (JPL/SSL/APL)
- SuperSTAR (ONERA)
- Star Cameras (DTU)
- GPS Receiver (JPL)

Satellite (JPL/Astrium)

Launcher (DLR/Eurockot)

Operations (DLR/GSOC)

Science (CSR/JPL/GFZ)

Orbit

Launched: March 17, 2002

Initial Altitude: 500 km

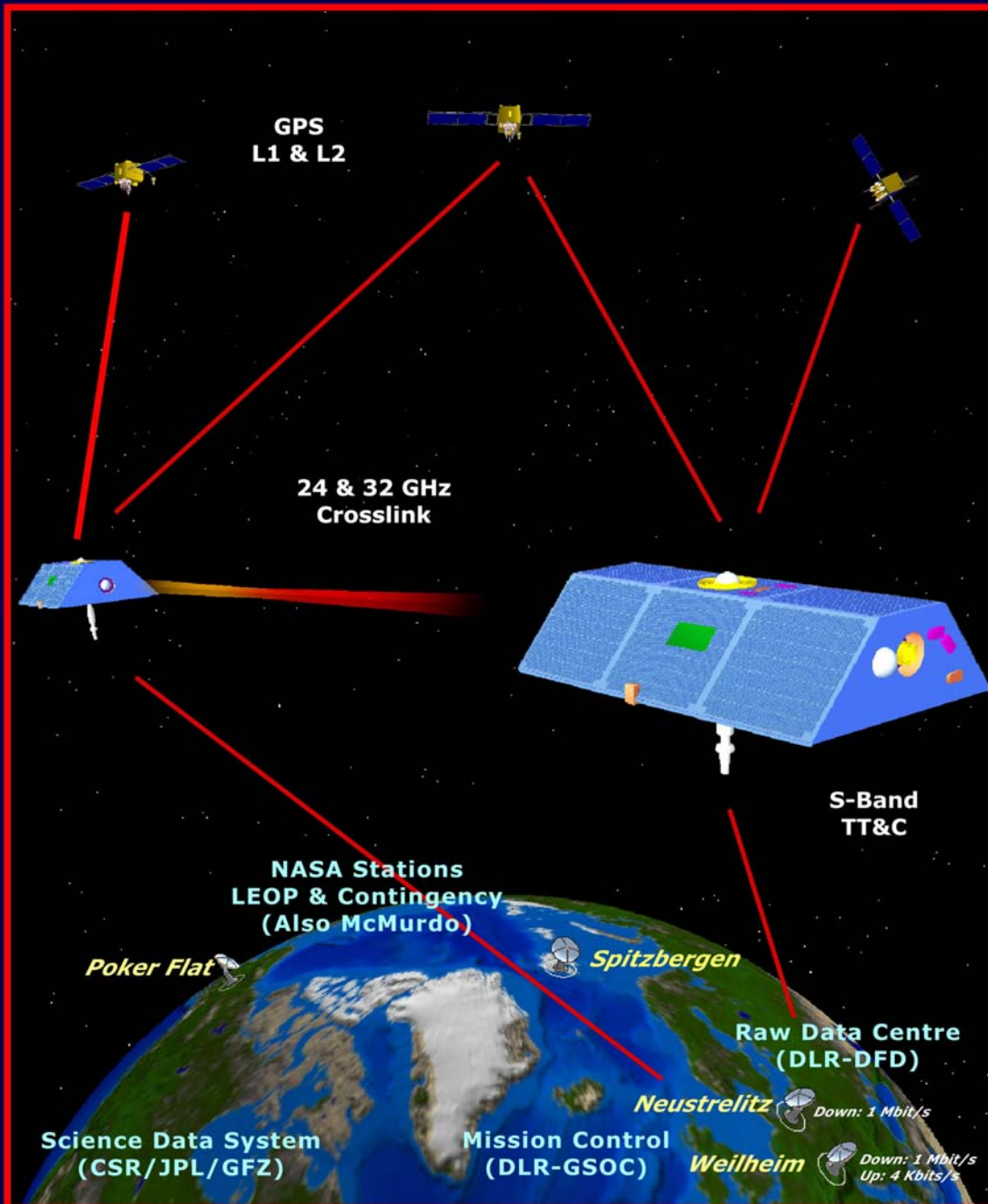
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Eccentricity: ~0.001

Separation Distance: ~220 km

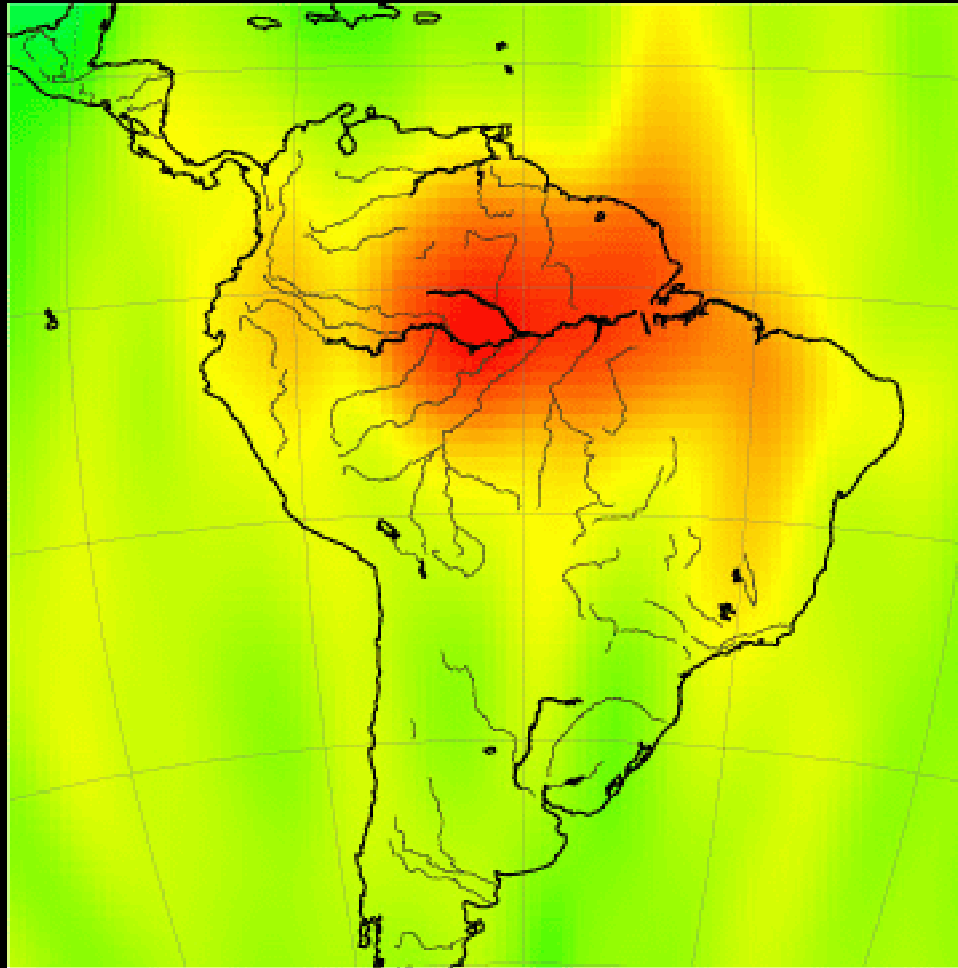
Lifetime: 5 years

Non-Repeat Ground Track, Earth
Pointed, 3-Axis Stable



Seasonal Variation in Geoid Height Measured by GRACE

March 2003

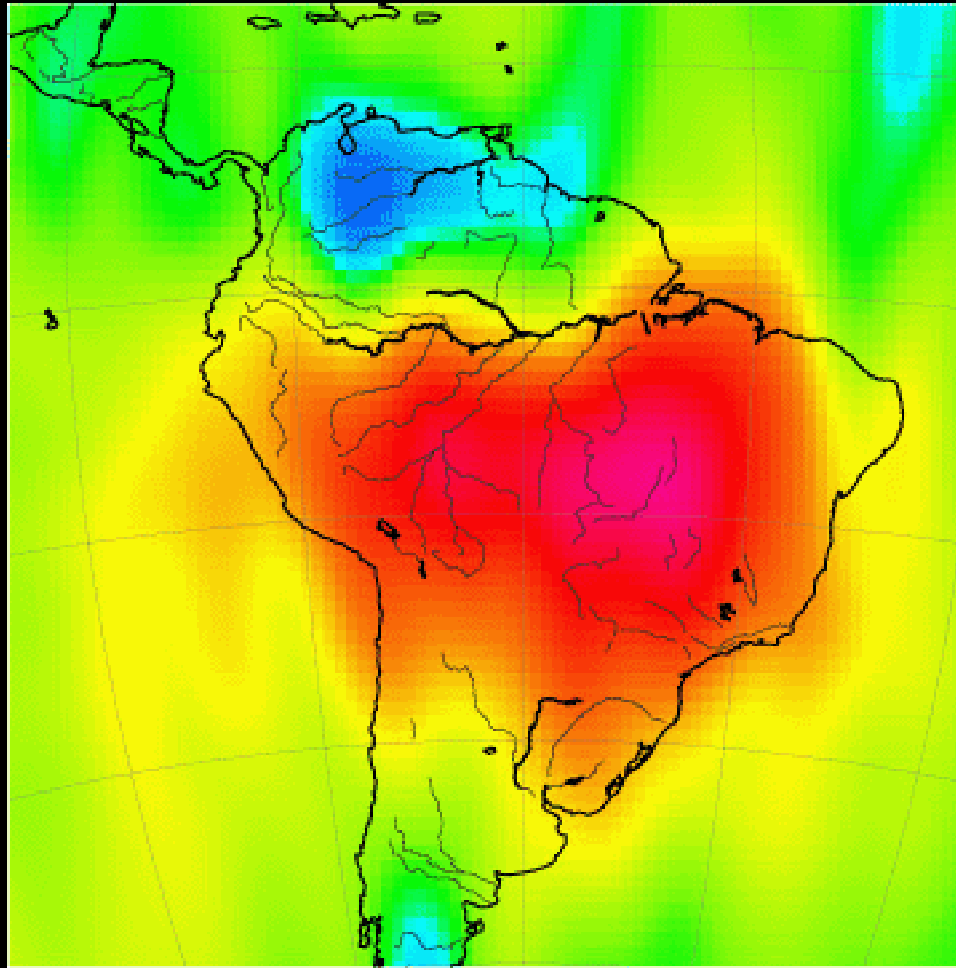


Geoid Height Anomaly (mm)



Seasonal Variation in Geoid Height Measured by GRACE

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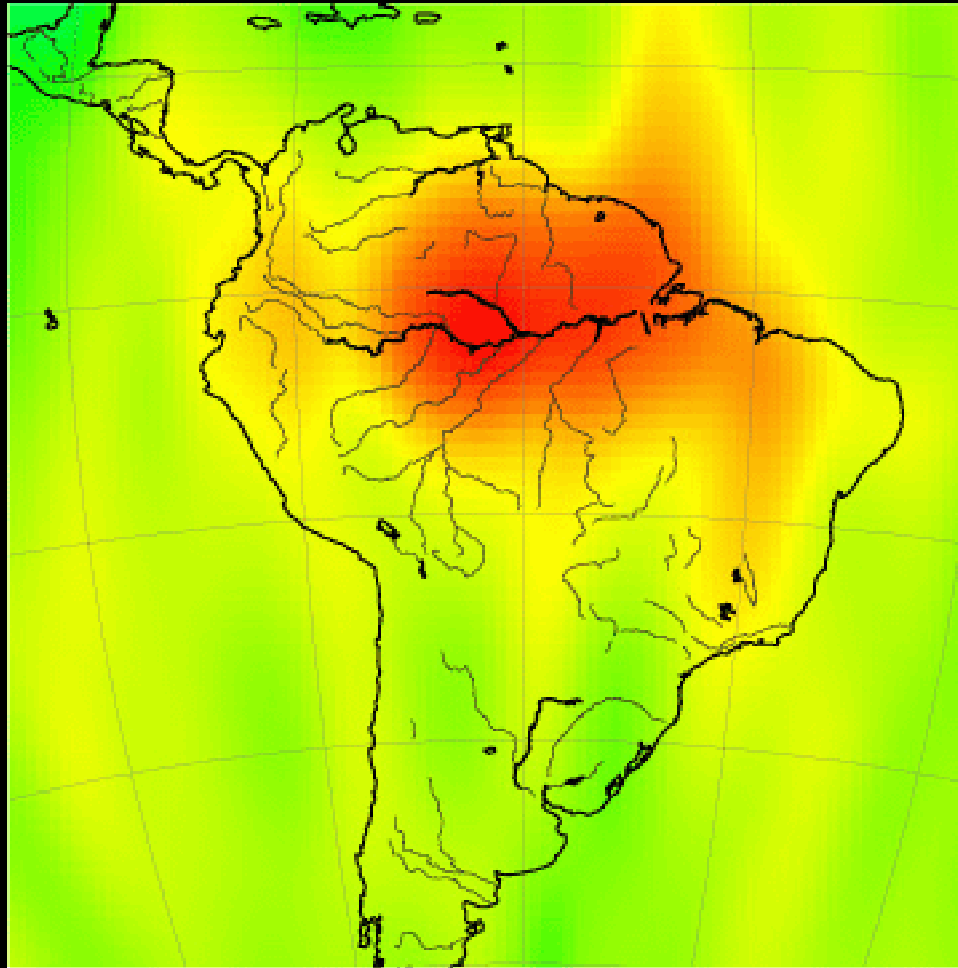


Geoid Height Anomaly (mm)



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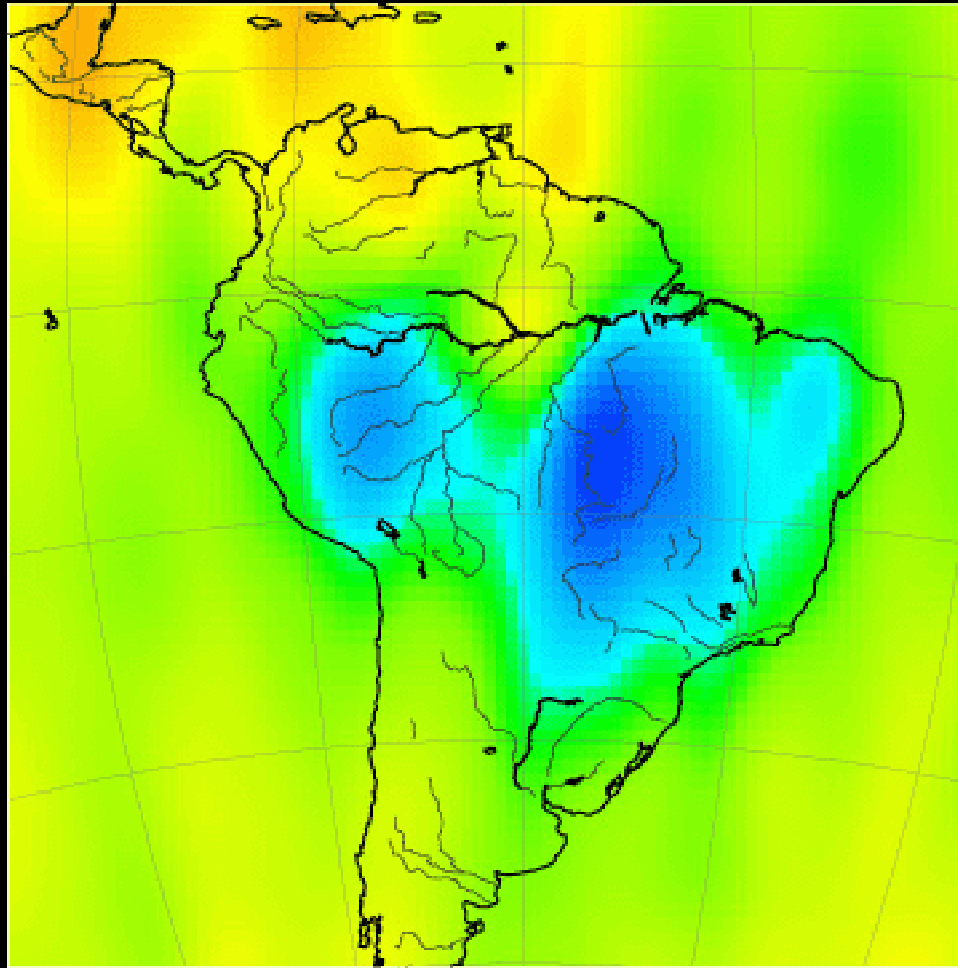


Geoid Height Anomaly (mm)



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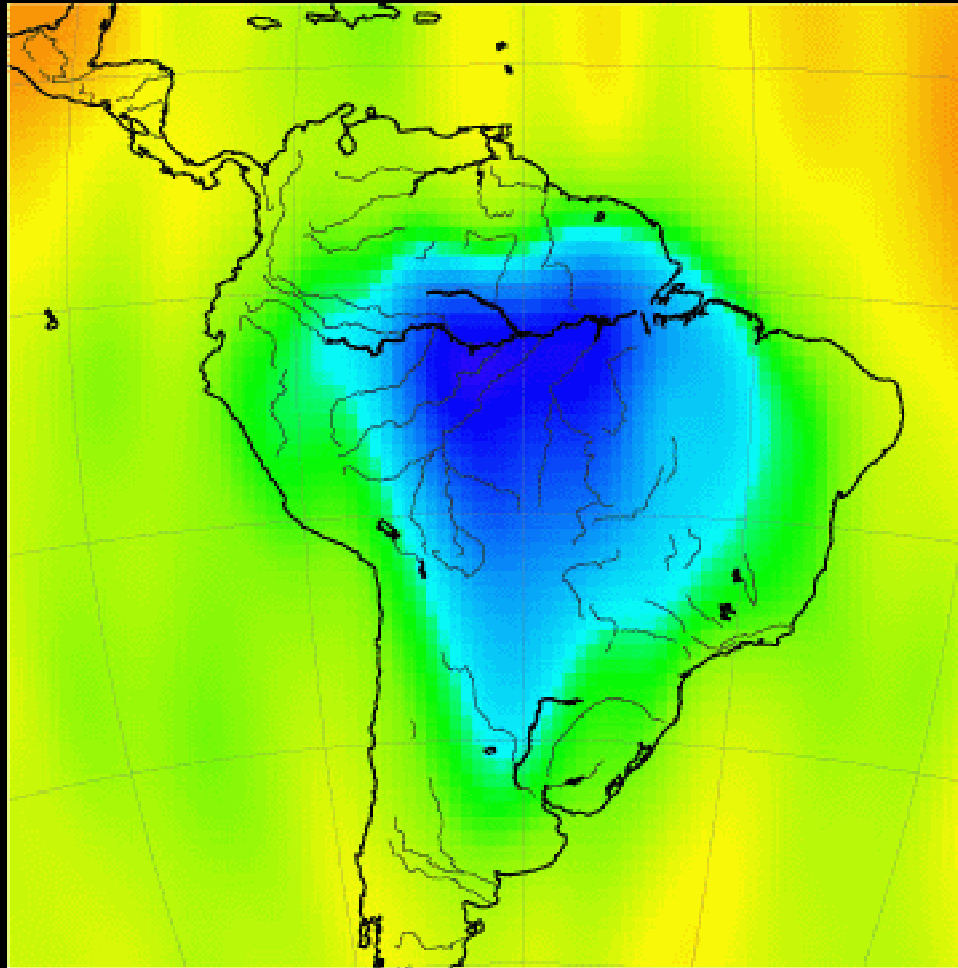


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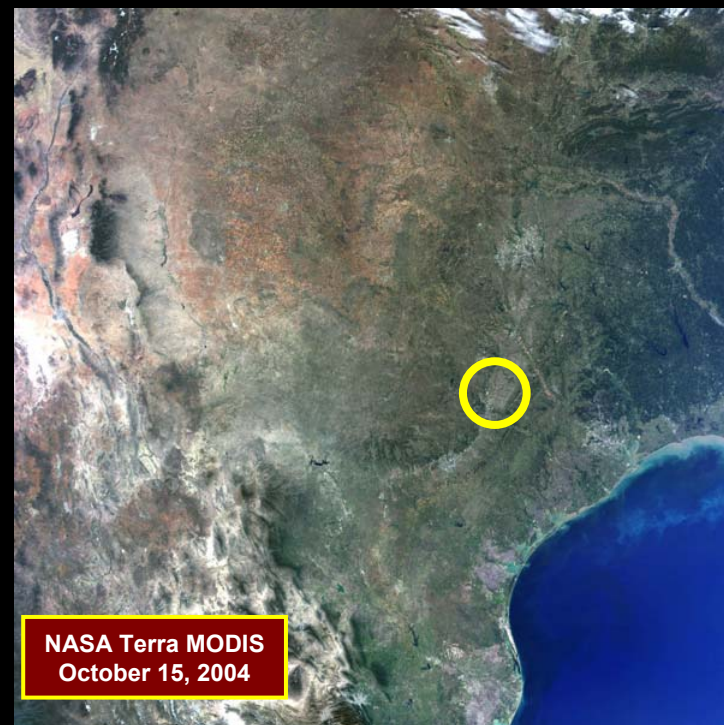
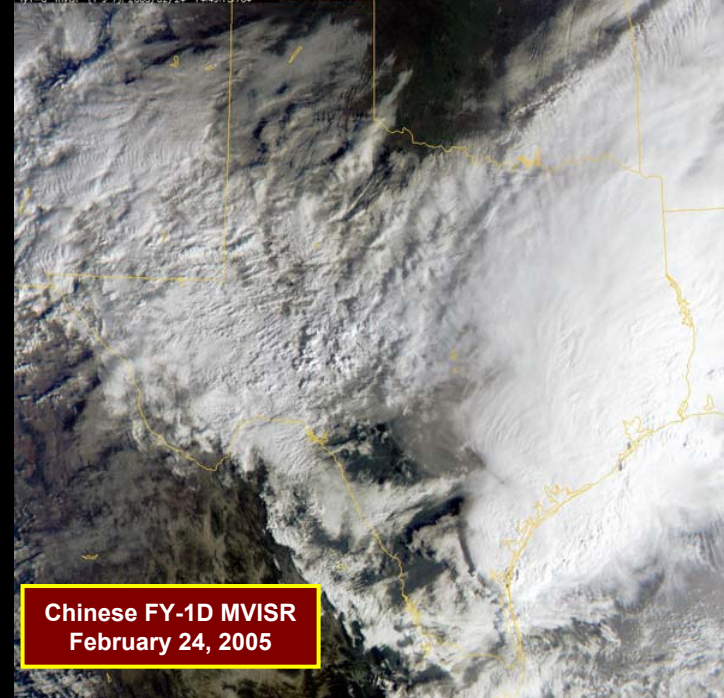
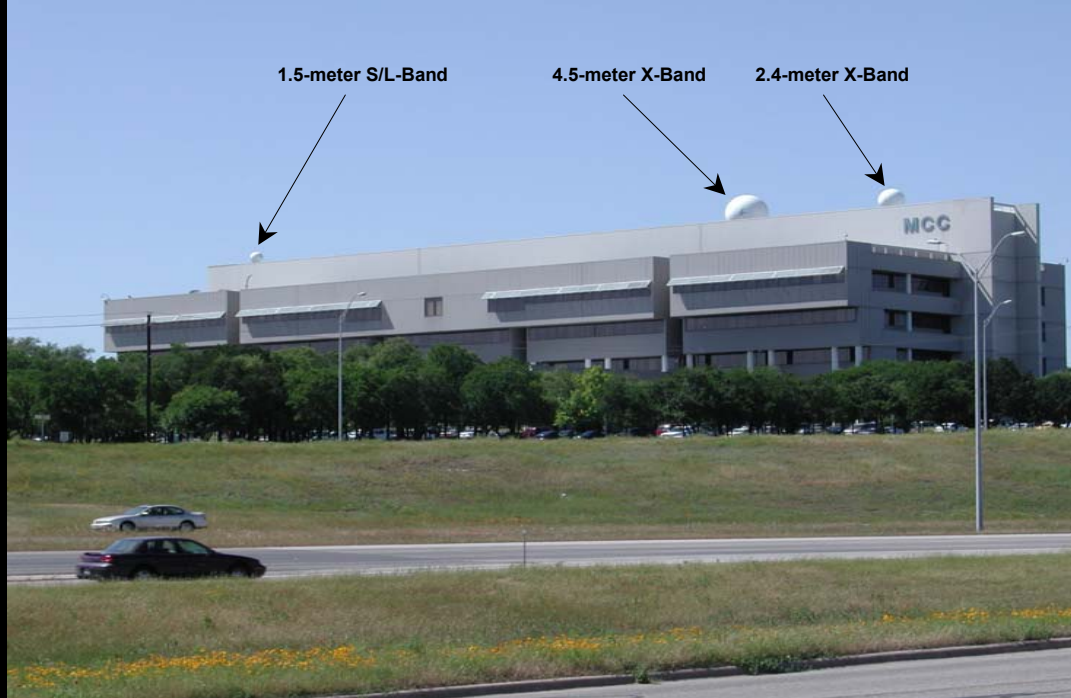
Seasonal Variation in Geoid Height Measured by GRACE

November 2003



Geoid Height Anomaly (mm)


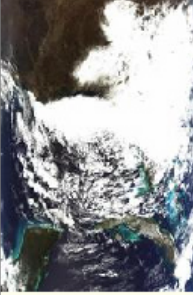
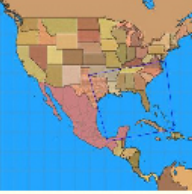






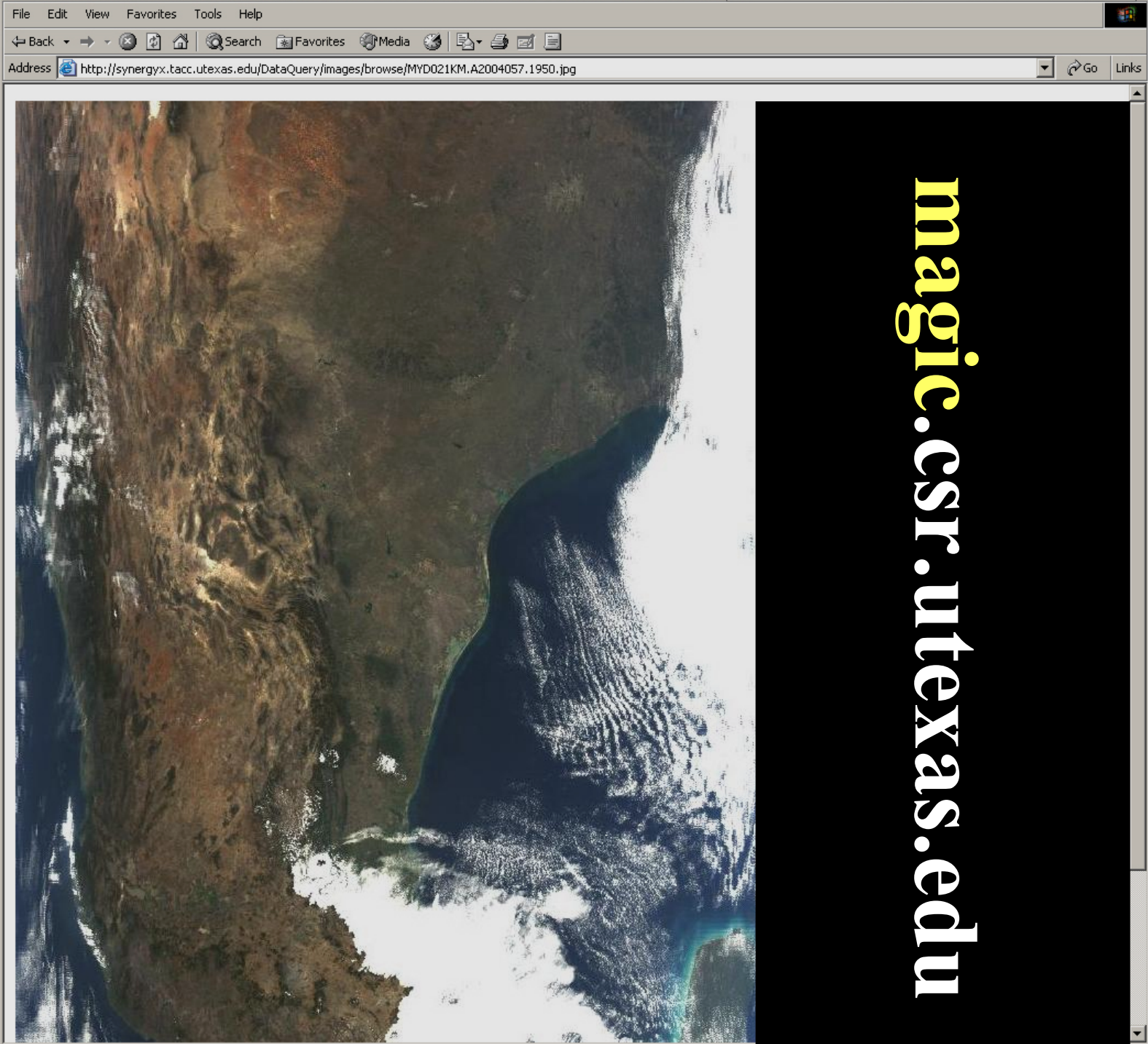


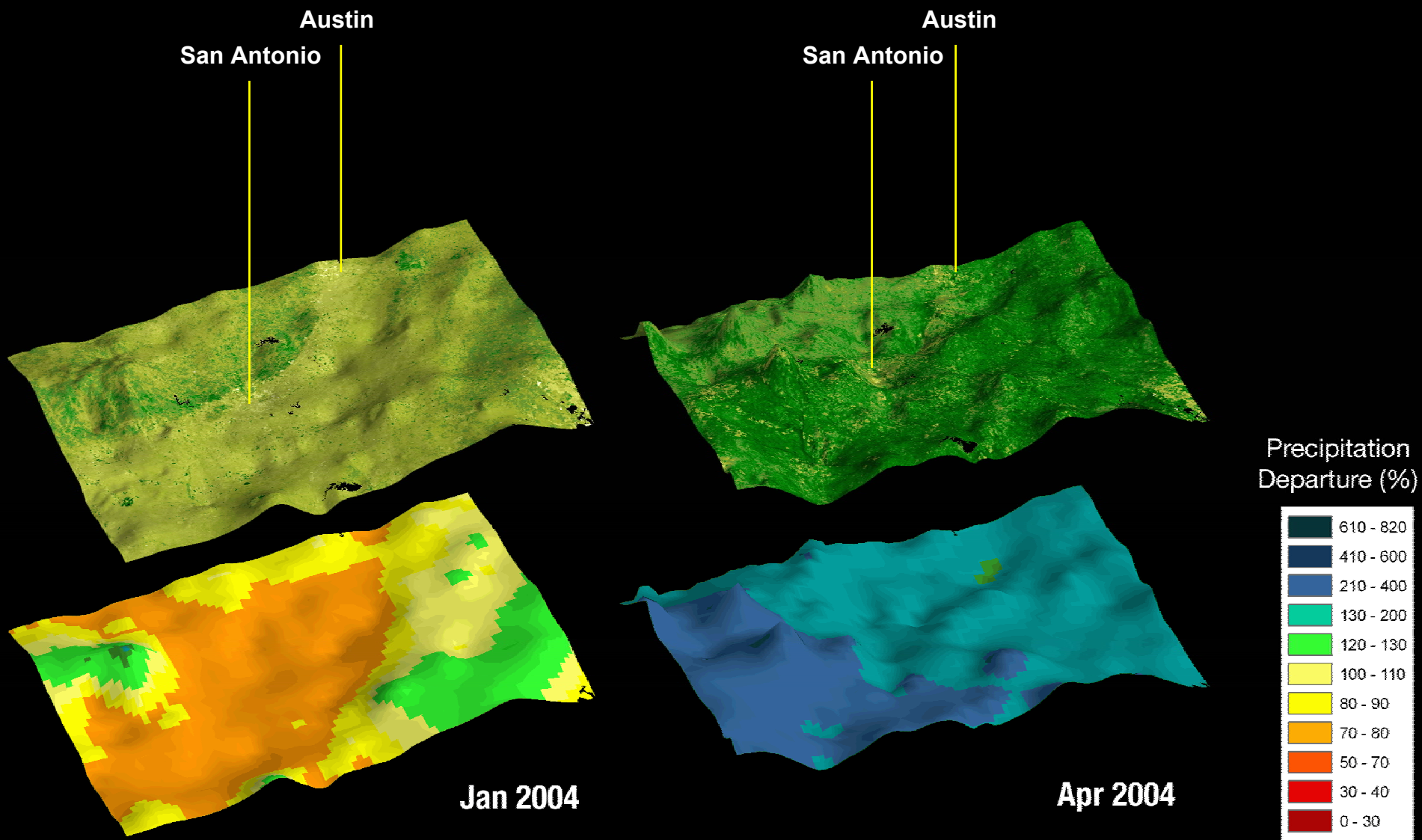


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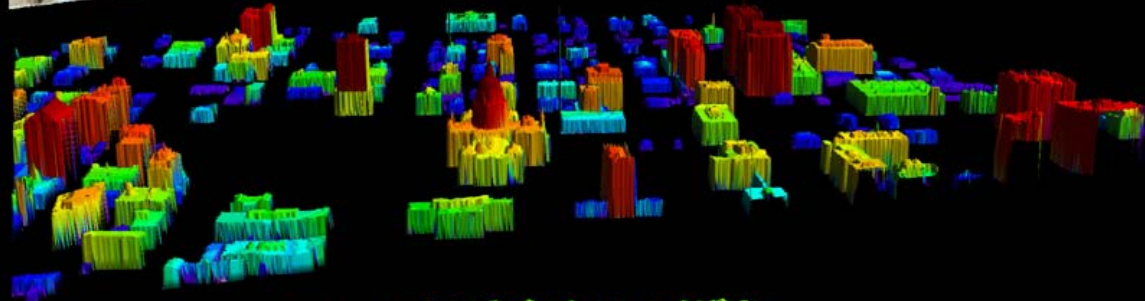


A comparison of Terra MODIS-derived NDVI images (top) from Central Texas and related normalized precipitation departure grids (bottom) illustrates the greening of vegetation as the result of changing hydrological conditions. The monthly precipitation departure topologies serve as the surfaces for both the precipitation and NDVI overlays.

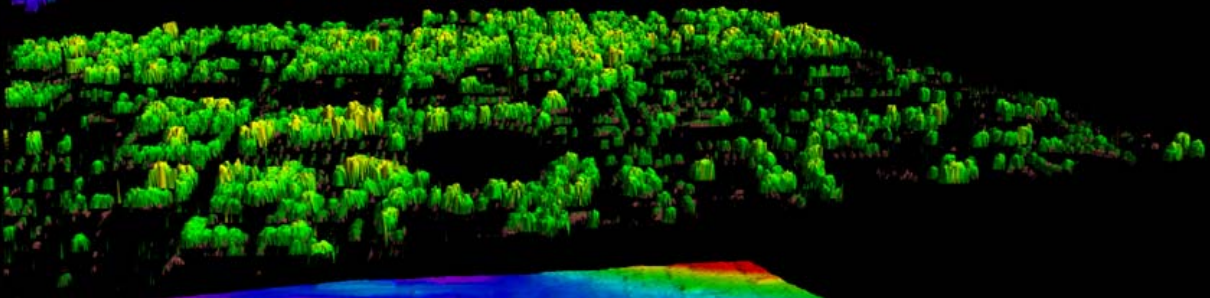
**UT LiDAR
+ QuickBird**



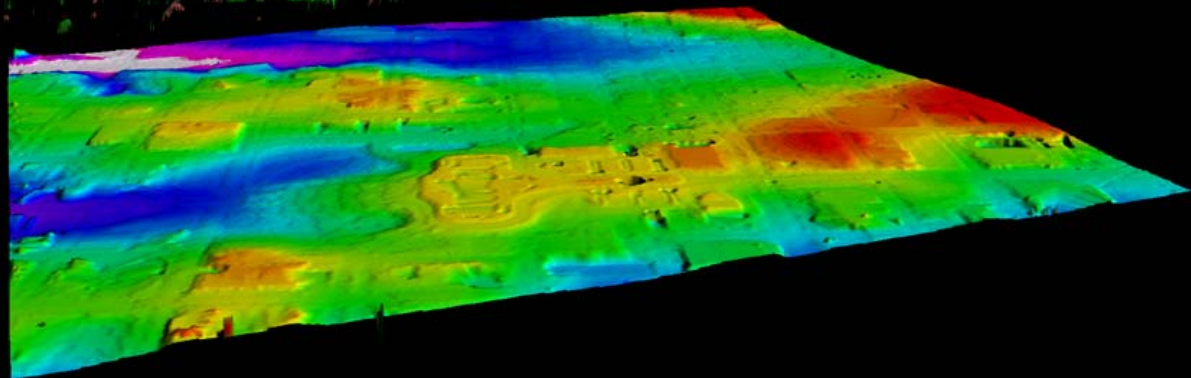
**LiDAR
Structures**



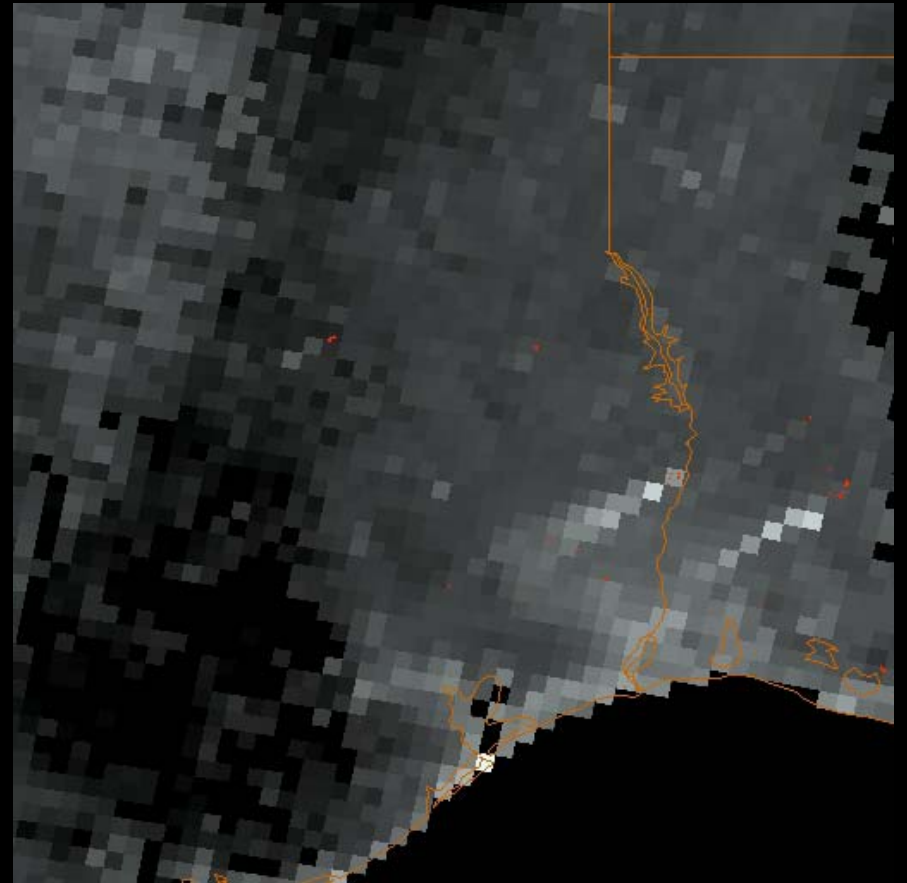
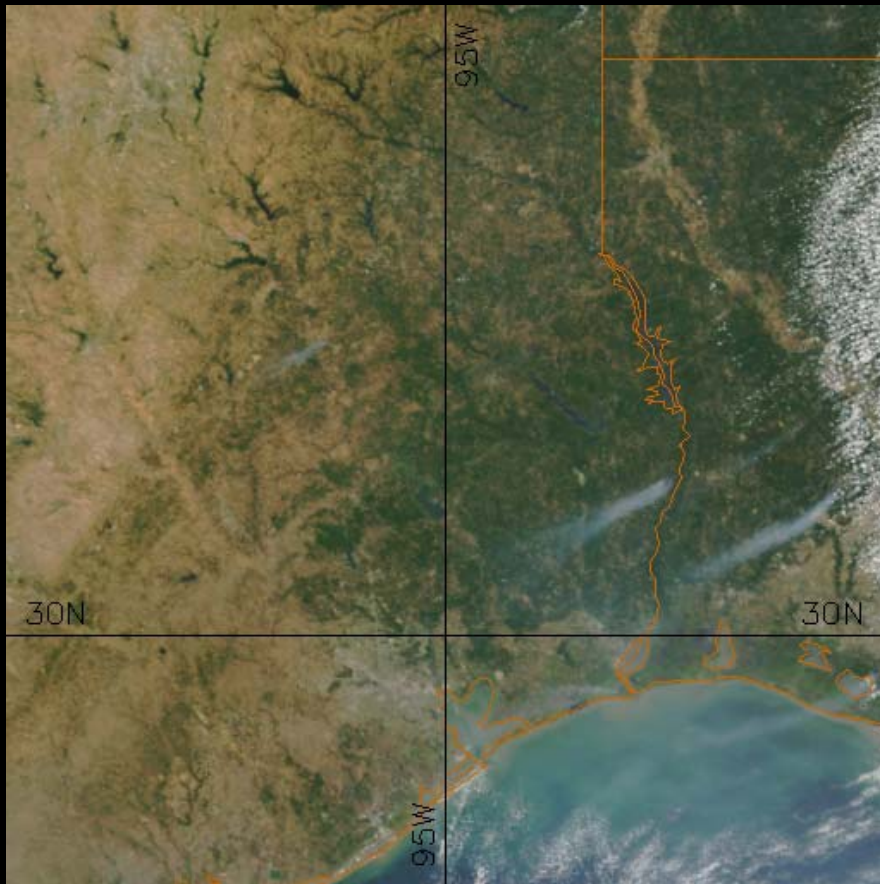
**LiDAR
Vegetation**



**LiDAR
Terrain
“Bare Surface”**

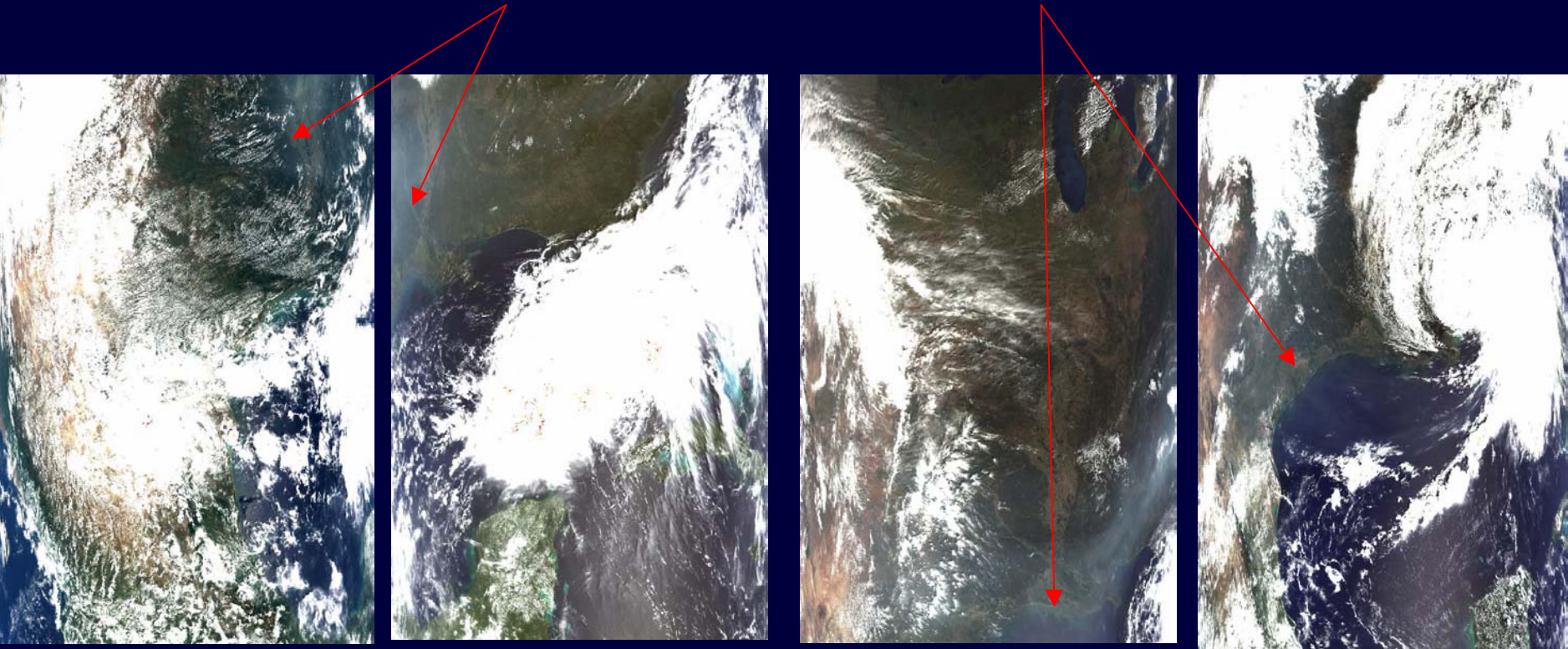


MODIS Aerosol Optical Depth Products



MODIS Imagery Proves Valuable for Monitoring Continental Haze Event*

Continental haze (ozone pollution) uniquely monitored in MODIS Imagery



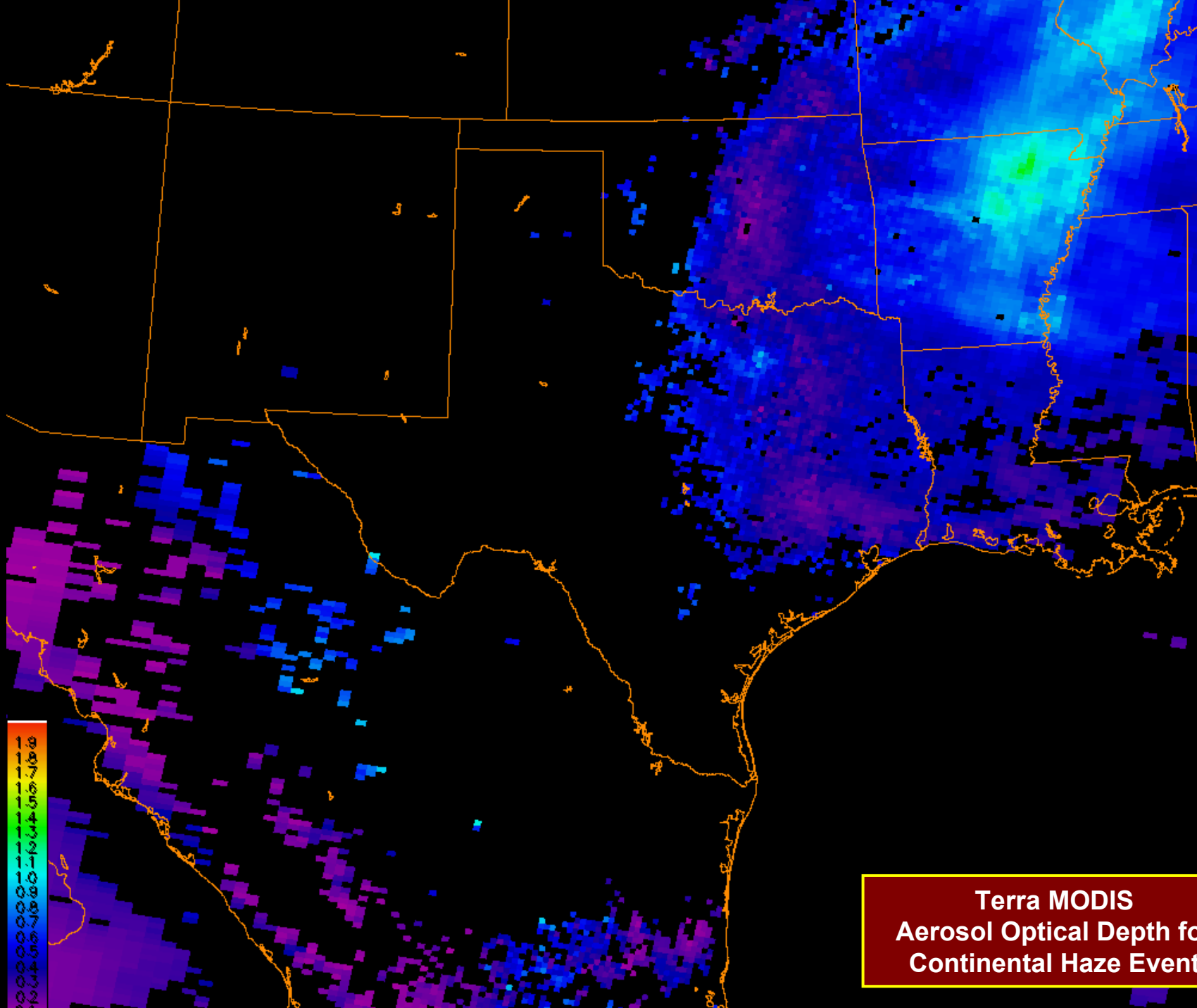
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* Hutchison, K. D., 2003: "Application of MODIS Data and Products for Air Quality Management across the State of Texas," **Atmospheric Environment** 37: 2403-2412.



**Terra MODIS
Aerosol Optical Depth for
Continental Haze Event**

Air Pollution Confirmed by TCEQ

Continuous Air Monitoring System Observations

Maximum ozone levels report by TCEQ ground-based instrument during continental haze event.

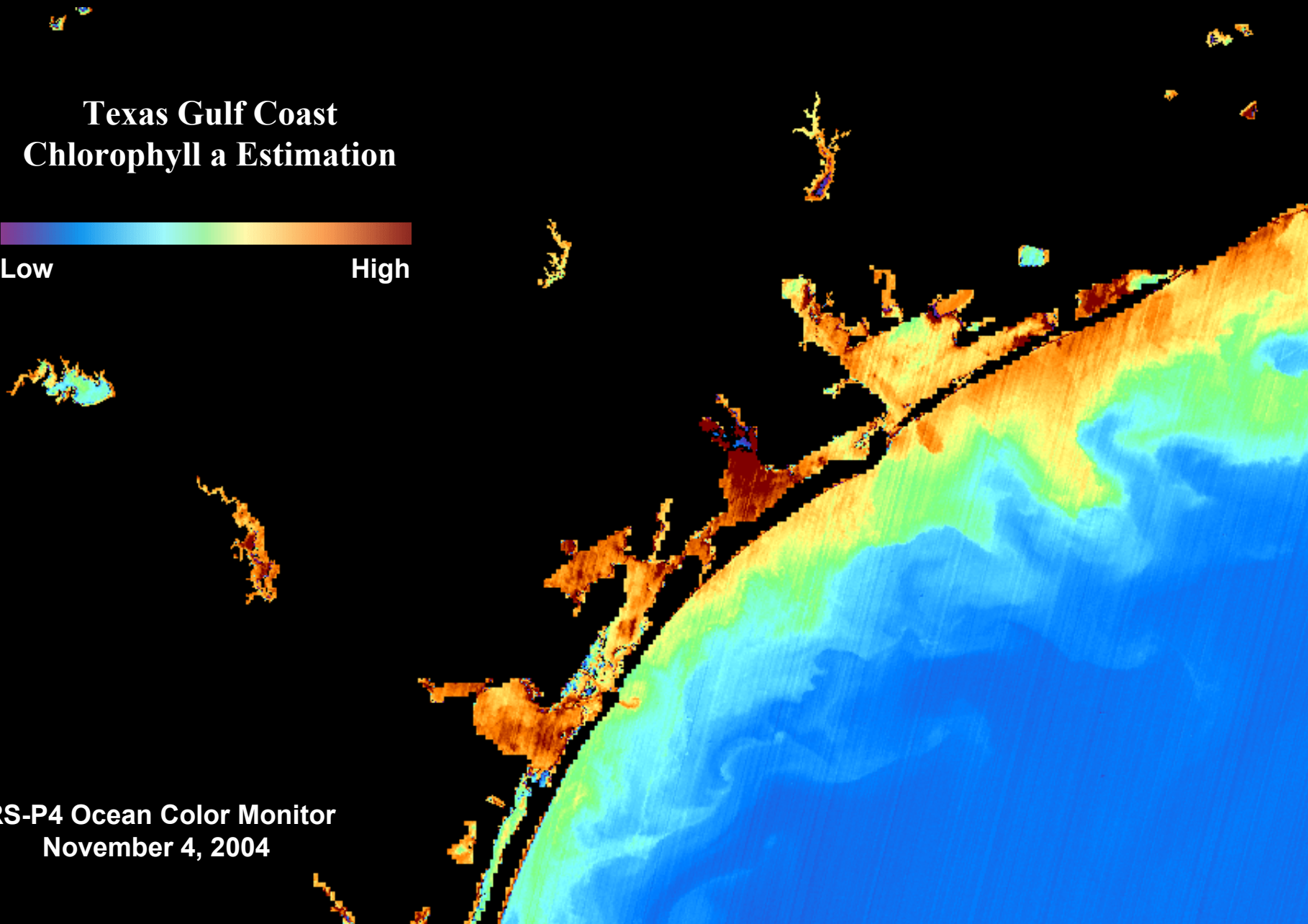
Location		Maximum	Ozone Levels	Reported in	Parts Per Billion	(ppb)		
(CAMS Sites)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
	9-Sep-02	10-Sep-02	11-Sep-02	12-Sep-02	13-Sep-02	14-Sep-02	15-Sep-02	16-Sep-02
Dallas Hinton St. C401/C60/ C161	56	78	109	102	95	101	69	62
Longview C19/C127	49	62	89	81	87	92	107	47
Beaumont C2/C112	36	67	79	95	81	98	69	24
Austin Northwest C3	39	56	80	100	103	103	53	33
Houston Deer Park 2 C35/139/1 001	36	75	93	145	161	102	74	22
San Antonio Northwest C23	38	63	79	130	99	101	52	40
Corpus Christi West C4	46	39	76	107	104	82	42	48
Brownsville C80/C180	47	33	29	48	88	55	25	32

Monitoring Bay and Estuarine Processes

Texas Gulf Coast Chlorophyll a Estimation



IRS-P4 Ocean Color Monitor
November 4, 2004

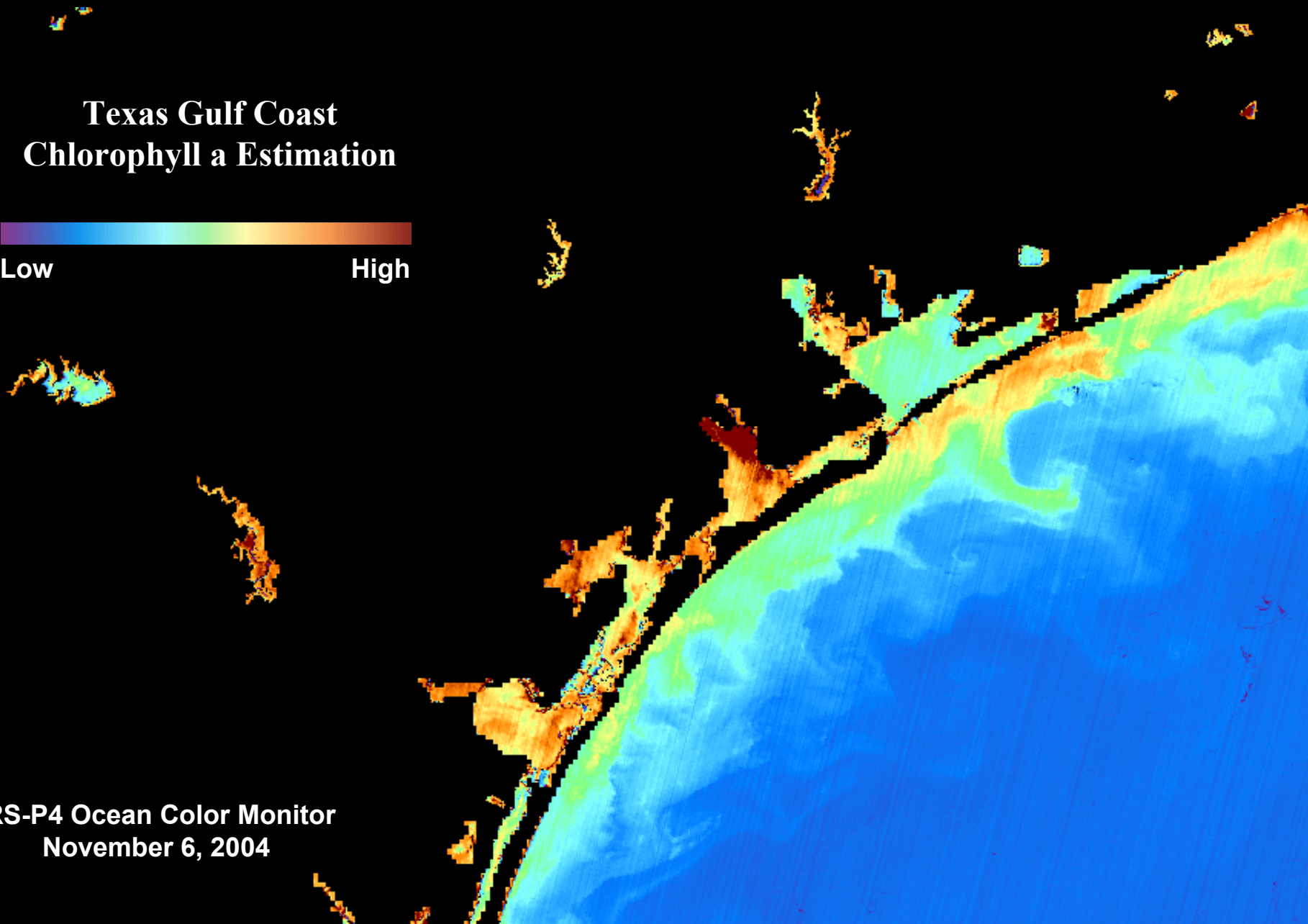


Monitoring Bay and Estuarine Processes

Texas Gulf Coast Chlorophyll a Estimation

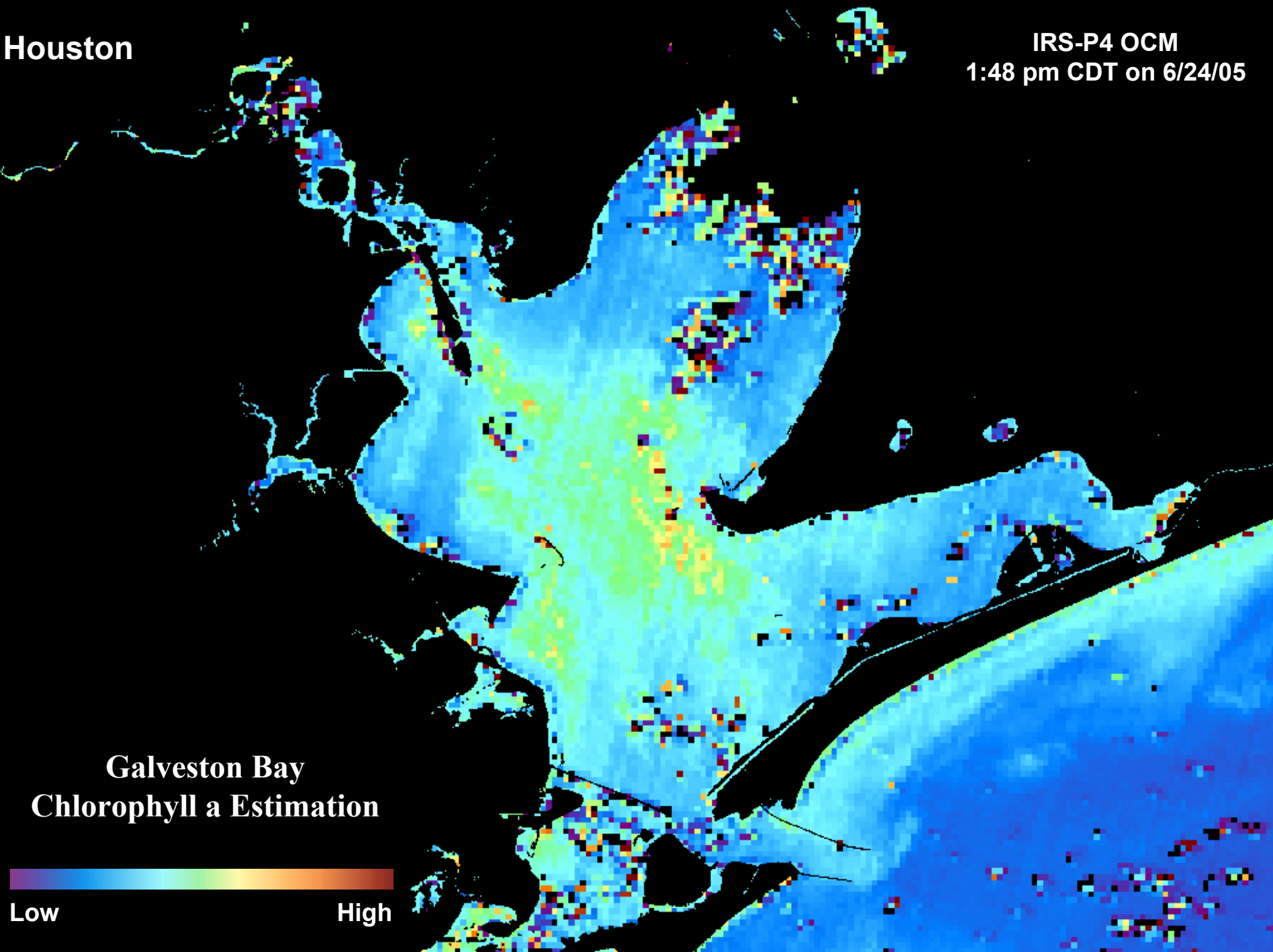


IRS-P4 Ocean Color Monitor
November 6, 2004



Houston

IRS-P4 OCM
1:48 pm CDT on 6/24/05

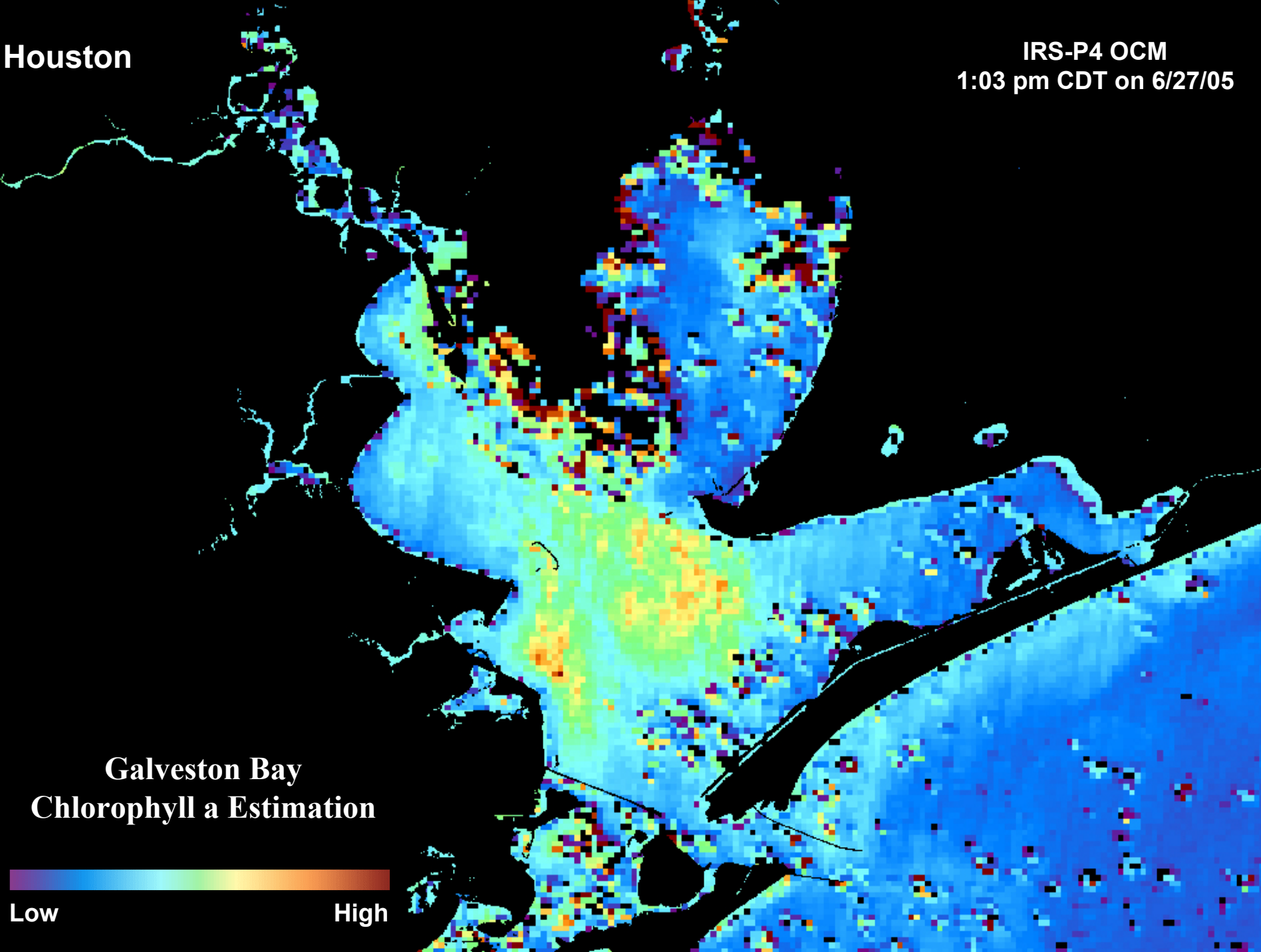


Galveston Bay
Chlorophyll a Estimation



Houston

IRS-P4 OCM
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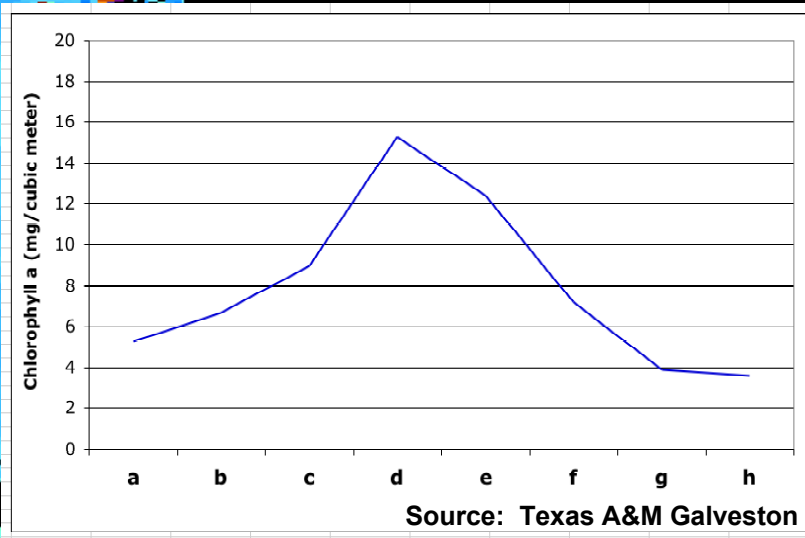


Galveston Bay
Chlorophyll a Estimation



Houston

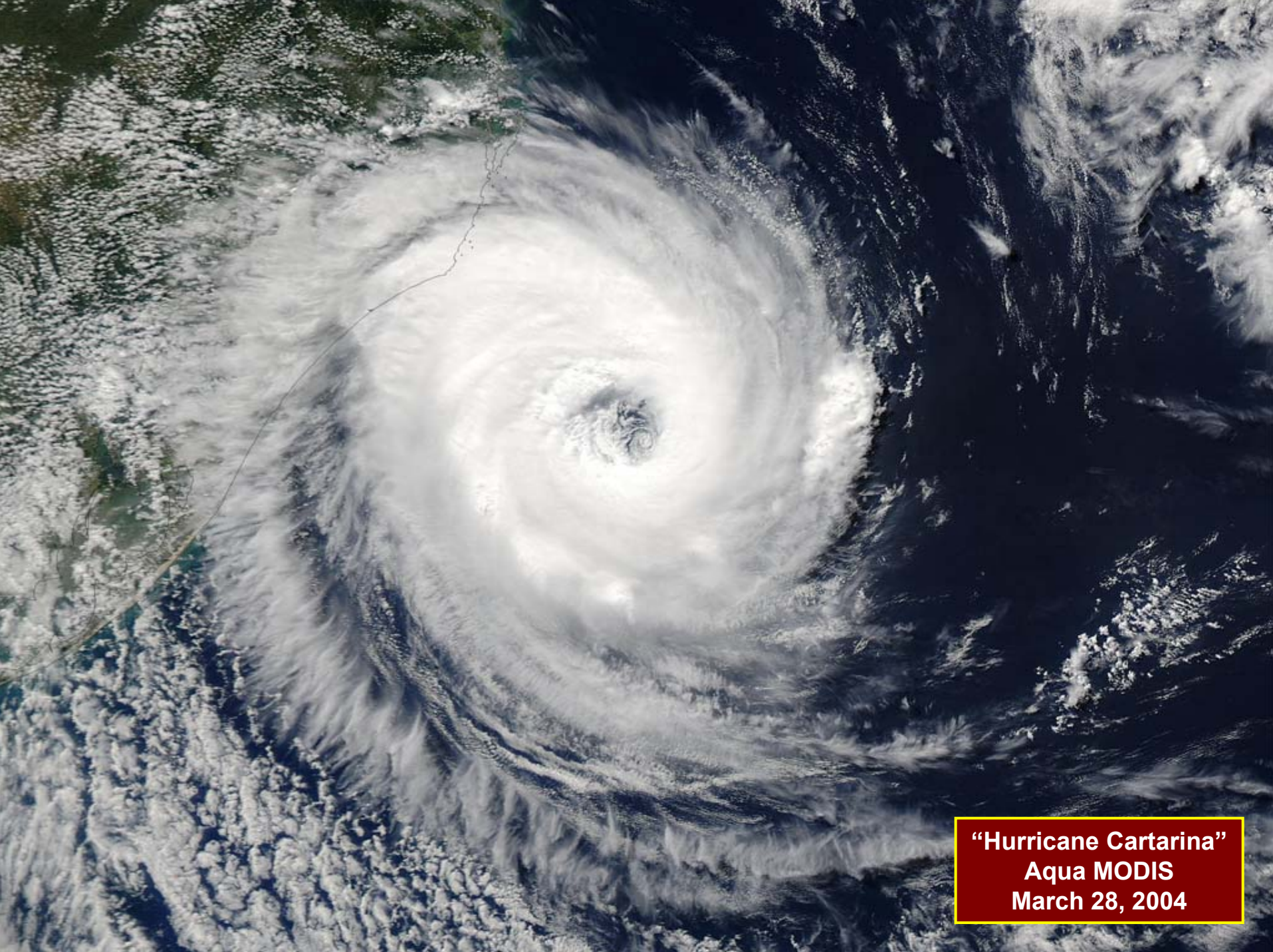
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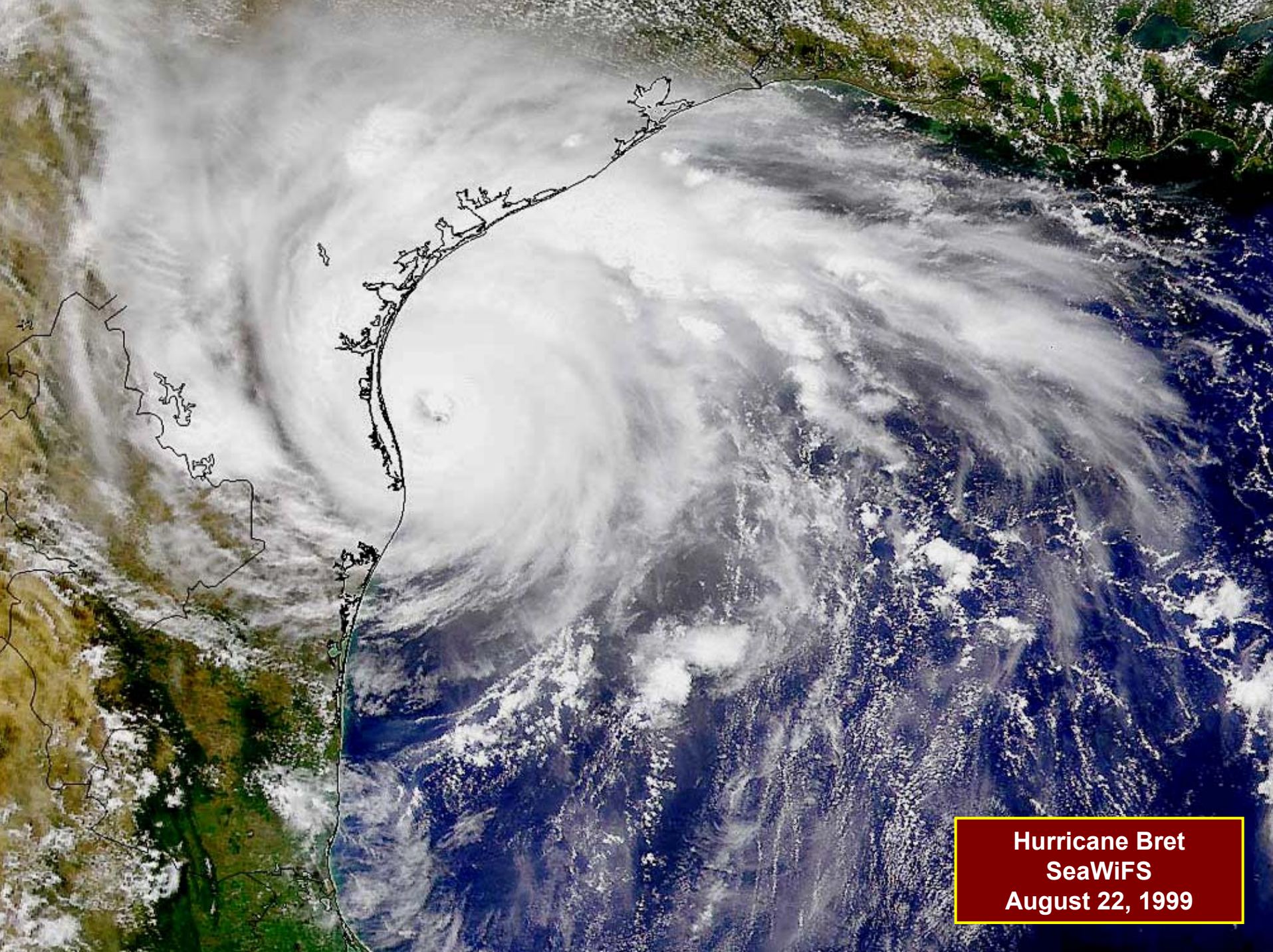
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"Hurricane Cartarina"
Aqua MODIS
March 28, 2004



Hurricane Bret
SeaWiFS
August 22, 1999

Hurricane Bret

- ▲ Category 1
- ▲ Category 2
- ▲ Category 3
- ▲ Category 4
- Tropical Depression
- Tropical Storm

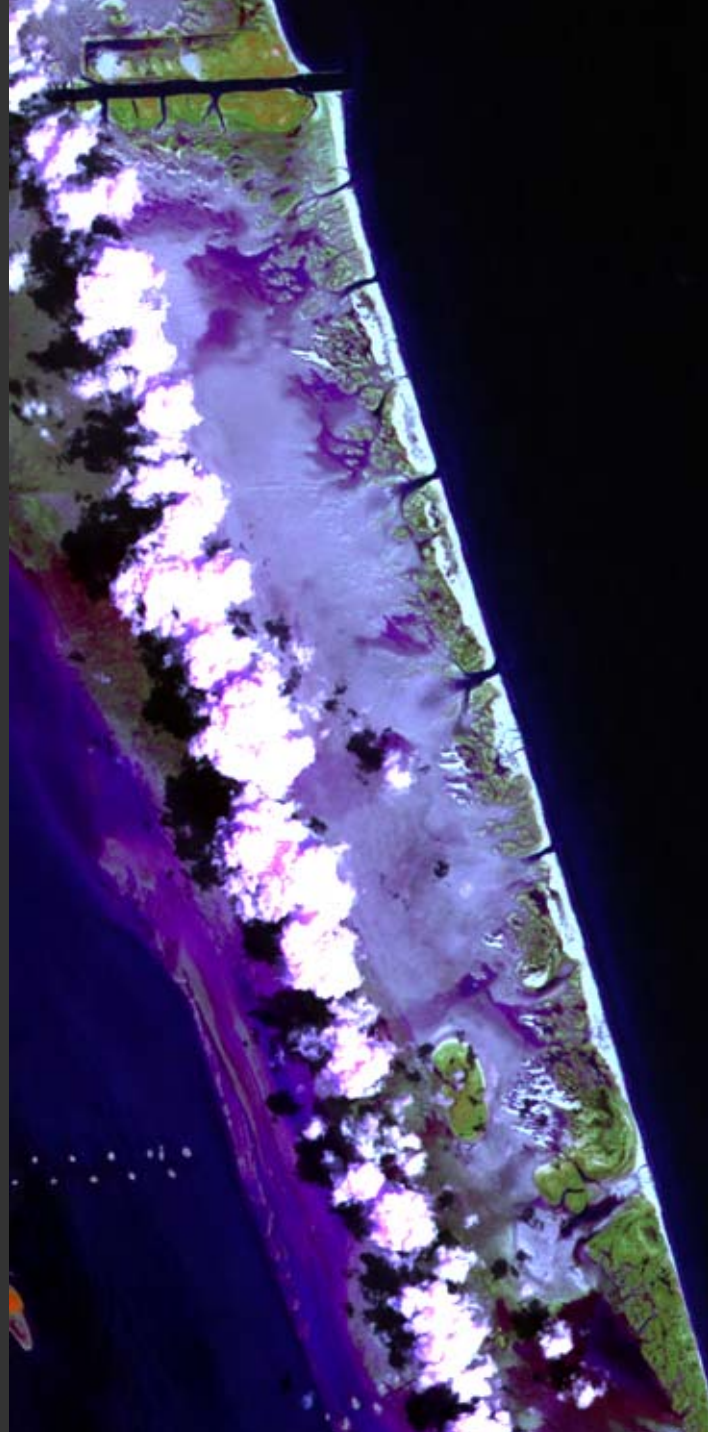


Hurricane Bret

August 21-24, 1999

(May 19, 1995)

(Landsat 5 TM)

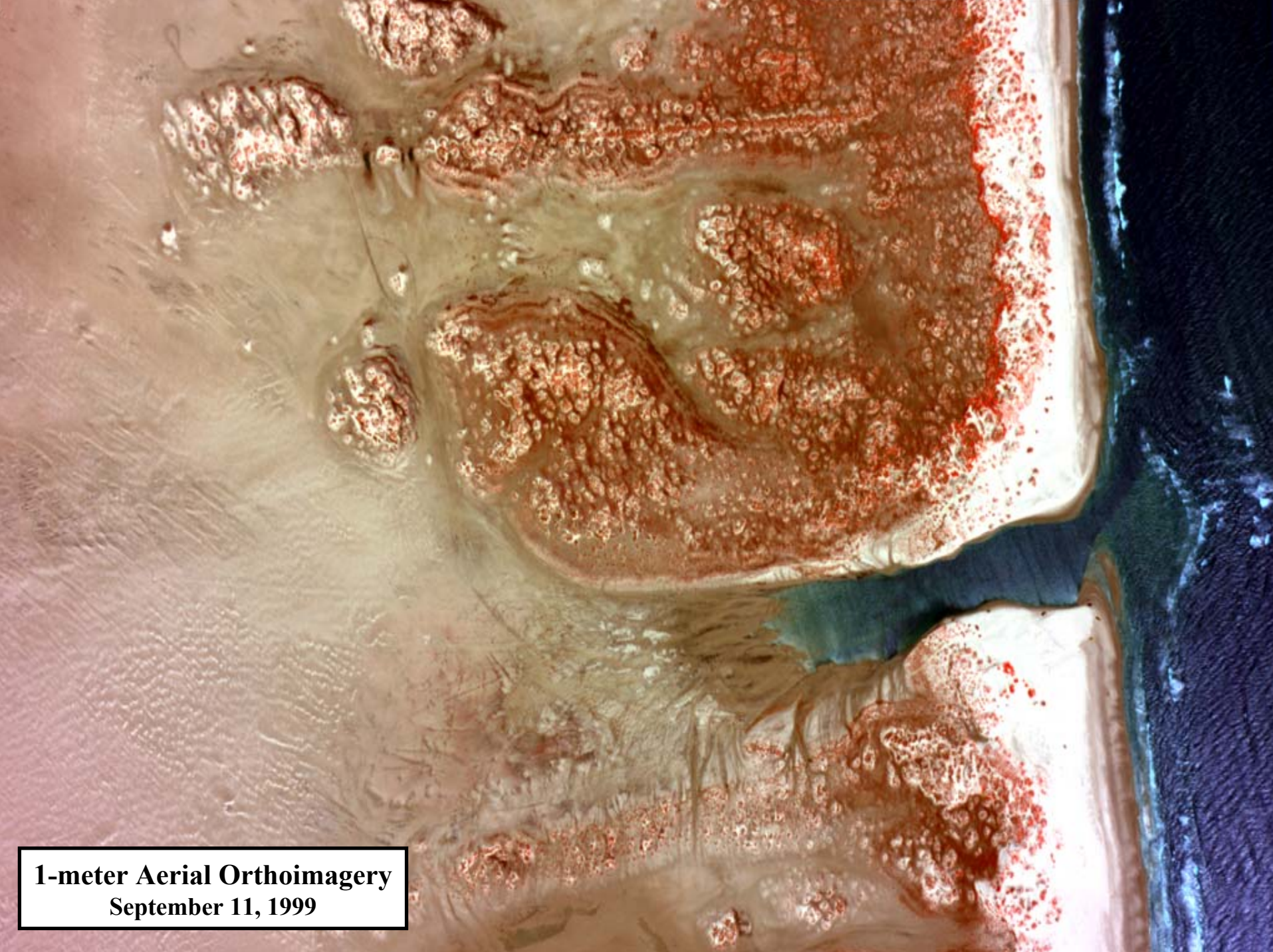


(September 11, 1999)

(Landsat 7 ETM+)



1-meter Aerial Orthoimagery
February 2, 1995



1-meter Aerial Orthoimagery
September 11, 1999

HOUSTON

+ 5.4 feet

Pasadena

+ 4.8 feet

La Porte

Anahuac

League
City

Alvin

+ 3.0 feet

Texas City

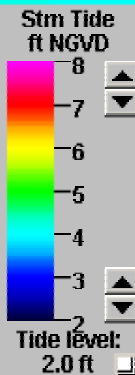
+ 4.5 feet

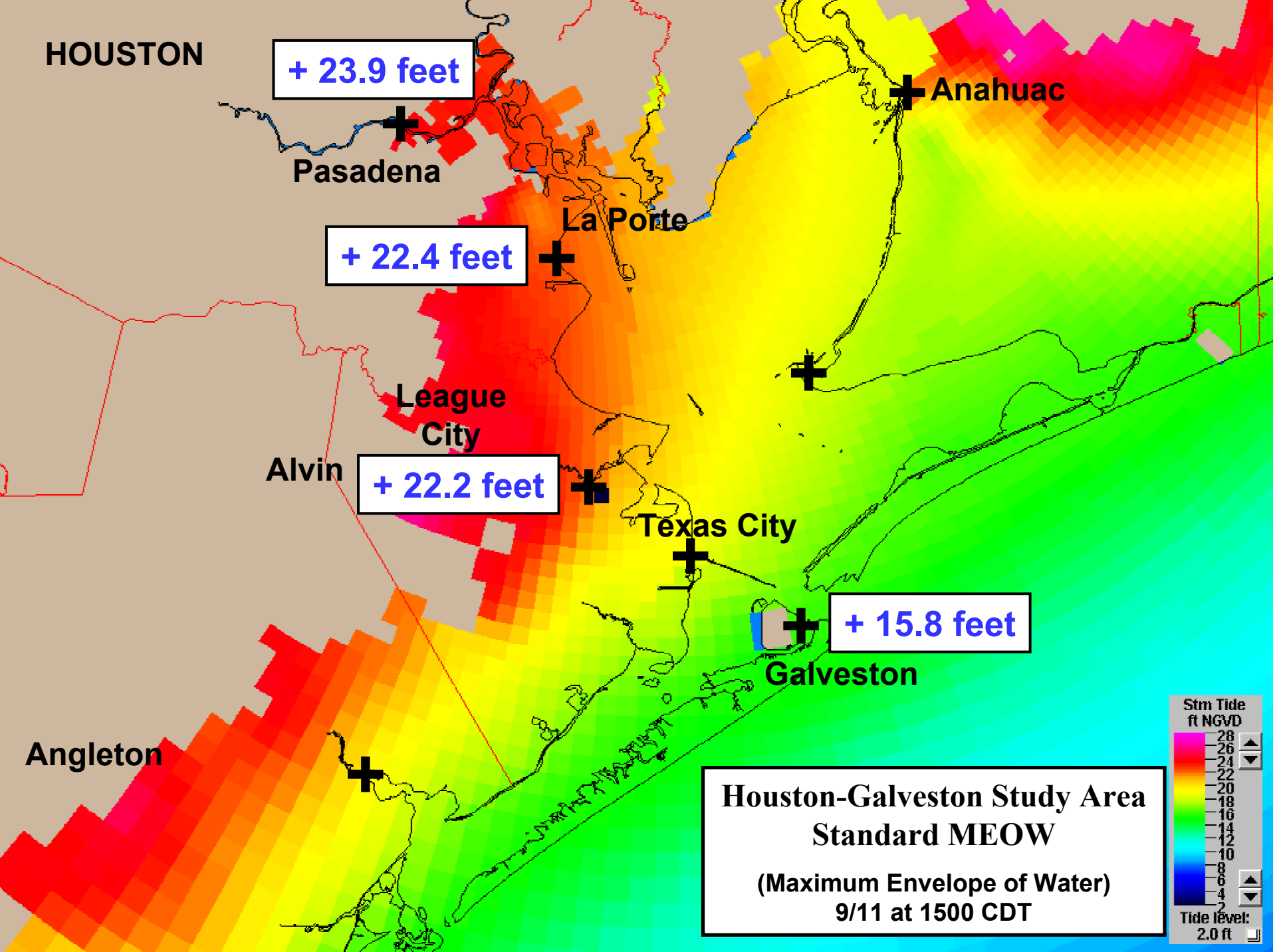
Galveston

Angleton

Houston-Galveston Study Area Standard MEOW

(Maximum Envelope of Water)
9/11 at 0100 CDT





An aerial photograph showing the coastal region of Texas at mean sea level. The image highlights the areas around Dickinson, Texas City, and Galveston. Dickinson is located in the upper left, Texas City in the center, and Galveston in the lower right. The surrounding water is a deep blue-green, and the land is a mix of green fields and urban development. A yellow box in the bottom right corner contains the text 'Houston-Galveston Study Area Mean Sea Level'.

Dickinson

Texas City

Galveston

Houston-Galveston
Study Area
Mean Sea Level

An aerial photograph showing the coastal region of Texas during Hurricane Carly. The image captures significant flooding, with large areas of land submerged in water. The city of Dickinson is visible in the upper left, Texas City in the center, and Galveston in the lower right. The water is a deep blue, and the flooded areas are a lighter, murky blue. The coastline is irregular, with many small islands and peninsulas. The overall scene depicts the impact of a major hurricane on a coastal area.

Dickinson

Texas City

Galveston

**Hurricane Carly
9/11 at 0100 CDT
MEOW NW at 8 MPH
Surge: 4.5 Feet**

An aerial photograph showing extensive coastal flooding. The land is a patchwork of green fields and brownish-grey urban areas, mostly submerged under a deep blue-grey water. A long, straight causeway or bridge extends from the top left towards the center. Several smaller islands and peninsulas are visible, some with buildings and roads exposed. The water appears calm but covers a vast area.

Dickinson

Texas City

Galveston

Hurricane Carly
9/11 at 0500 CDT
MEOW NW at 8 MPH
Surge: 8.5 Feet

An aerial photograph showing extensive coastal flooding. The land is partially submerged in a deep blue water. The coastline is irregular, with several small islands and peninsulas. The water is a uniform blue color, and the land is a mix of green and brown. The flooding is most prominent in the lower right and center of the image.

Dickinson

Texas City

Galveston

**Hurricane Carly
9/11 at 1000 CDT
MEOW NW at 8 MPH
Surge: 12.8 Feet**

An aerial photograph showing extensive coastal flooding. The land is mostly obscured by a deep blue water, with only some green and brown patches of land visible. A long, thin strip of land runs diagonally from the top left towards the bottom center. To the right of this strip, there is a small, rectangular area of land with some buildings and vegetation. Further down and to the right, there is a larger, more irregularly shaped area of land, also with some buildings and vegetation. The overall scene depicts a significant inundation of coastal areas.

Dickinson

Texas City

Galveston

Hurricane Carly
9/11 at 1500 CDT
MEOW NW at 8 MPH
Surge: 15.8 Feet

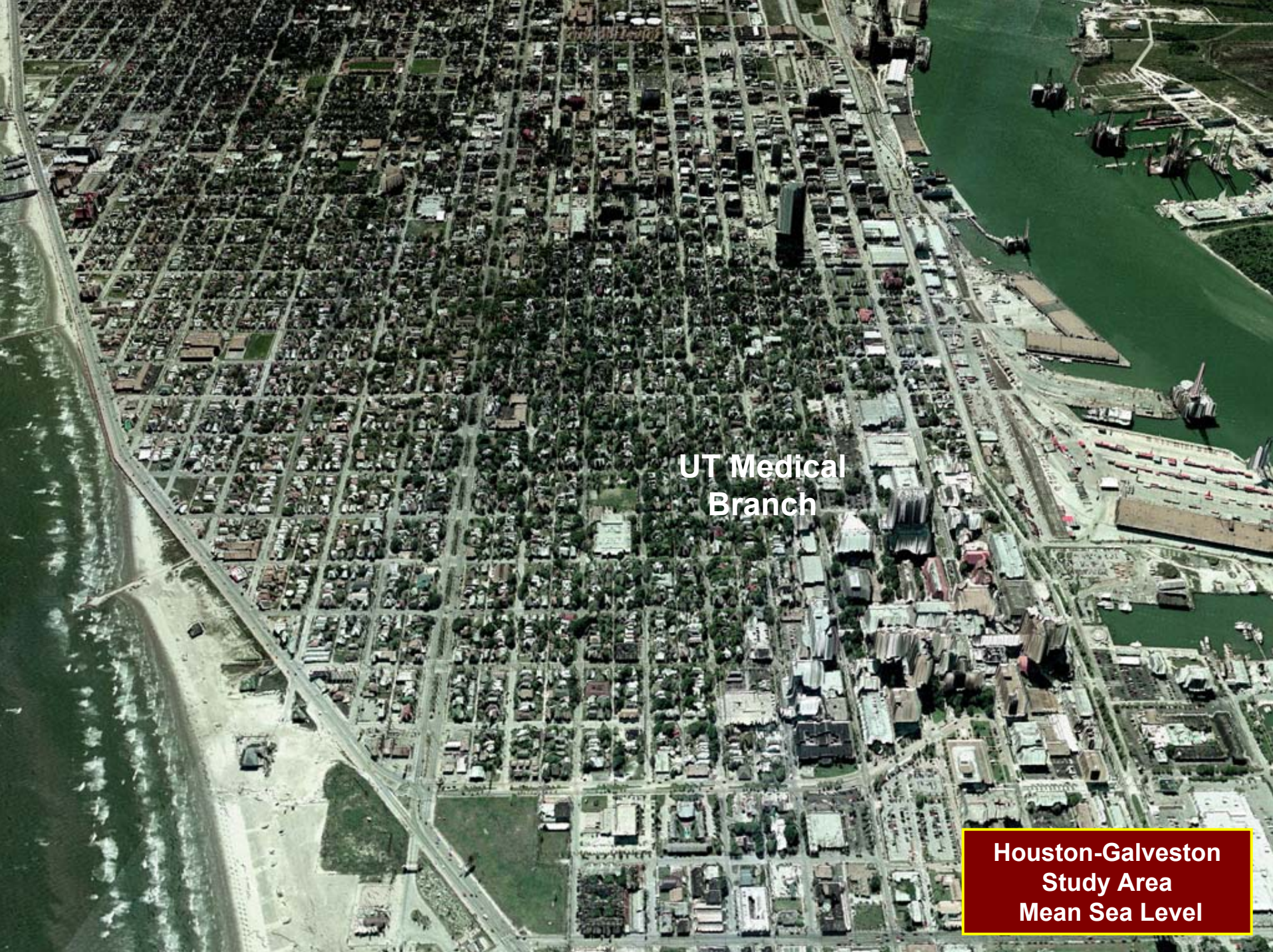


Dickinson

Texas City

Galveston

Hurricane Carly
Category 5
MEOW NW at 8 MPH
Surge: 19.0 Feet



UT Medical
Branch

Houston-Galveston
Study Area
Mean Sea Level

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely New Orleans, showing a dense grid of streets and buildings. The city is surrounded by water, and a large surge of water is visible on the left side, indicating a hurricane impact. The text "UT Medical Branch" is overlaid on the image.

UT Medical
Branch

Hurricane Carly
9/11 at 0100 CDT
MEOW NW at 8 MPH
Surge: 4.5 Feet

An aerial photograph of a city grid, likely New Orleans, showing extensive flooding. The water is a light blue color, covering large areas of the city and surrounding regions. The city's street grid is visible, with buildings and trees interspersed. A yellow text box is located in the bottom right corner, containing information about Hurricane Carly. The text 'UT Medical Branch' is overlaid in the center of the image.

UT Medical
Branch

Hurricane Carly
9/11 at 0500 CDT
MEOW NW at 8 MPH
Surge: 8.5 Feet

An aerial photograph showing a city grid almost entirely submerged in floodwater. The water is a deep blue-grey color, contrasting with the brown and green of the buildings and trees. A major highway runs diagonally from the bottom left towards the center. In the top right, a large body of water contains several ships and industrial structures. A yellow rectangular box with black text is located in the bottom right corner.

UT Medical
Branch

Hurricane Carly
9/11 at 1000 CDT
MEOW NW at 8 MPH
Surge: 12.8 Feet

An aerial photograph showing a city grid almost entirely submerged in floodwater. The water is a uniform light blue color, covering the streets and surrounding areas. The city buildings and trees are visible as dark, irregular shapes protruding from the water. A major road or highway runs diagonally from the bottom left towards the center. In the upper right, there are some larger industrial or commercial structures, including what looks like a ship or a large barge. The overall scene depicts a severe flooding event.

UT Medical
Branch

Hurricane Carly
9/11 at 1500 CDT
MEOW NW at 8 MPH
Surge: 15.8 Feet



UT Medical
Branch

Hurricane Carly
Category 5
MEOW NW at 8 MPH
Surge: 19.0 Feet



**Houston-Galveston
Study Area
Mean Sea Level**



Hurricane Carly
Category 5
MEOW NW at 8 MPH
Surge: 19.0 Feet

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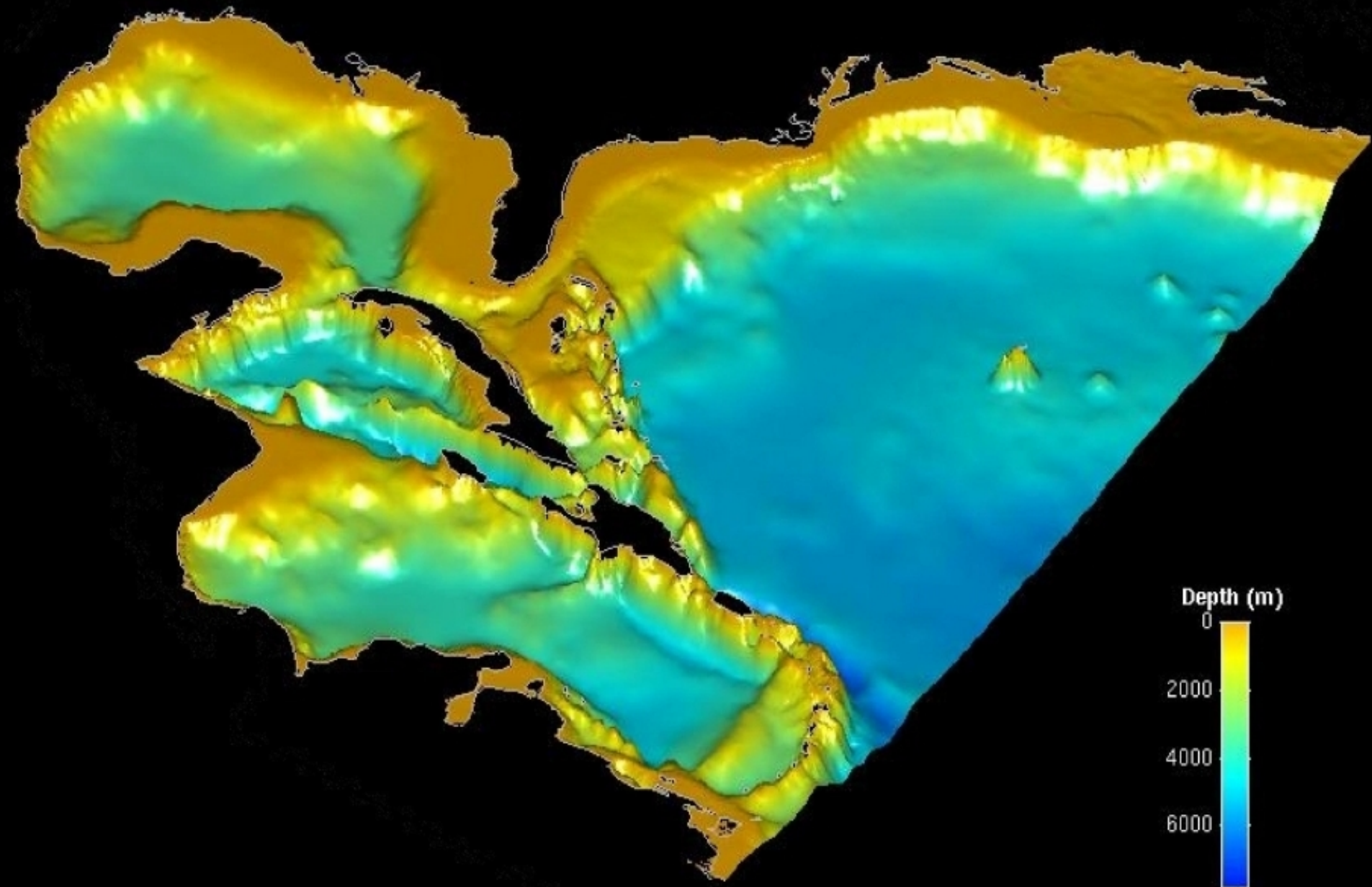
ADCIRC
Development



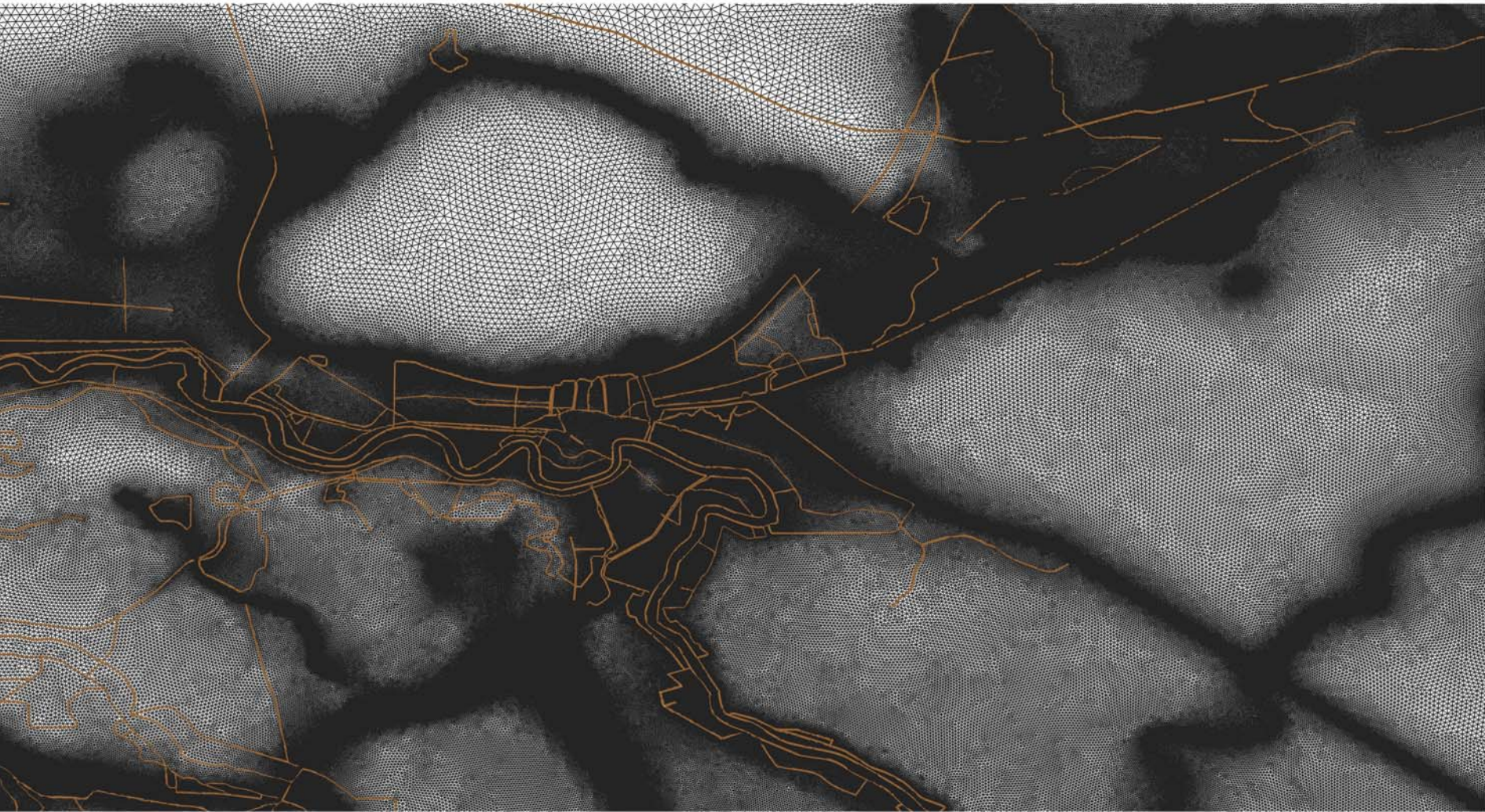
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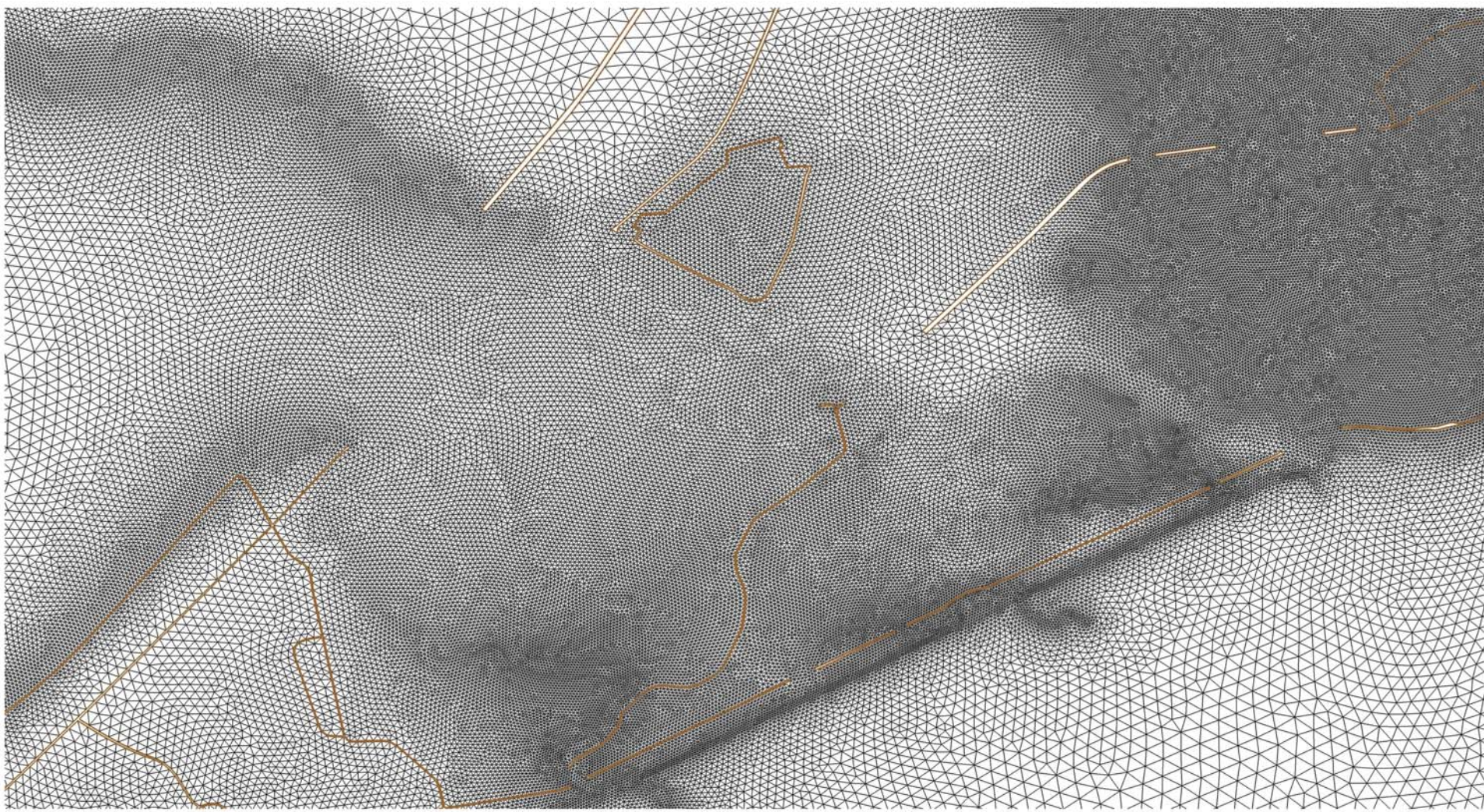
West Atlantic / Gulf Coast ADCIRC Model Domain



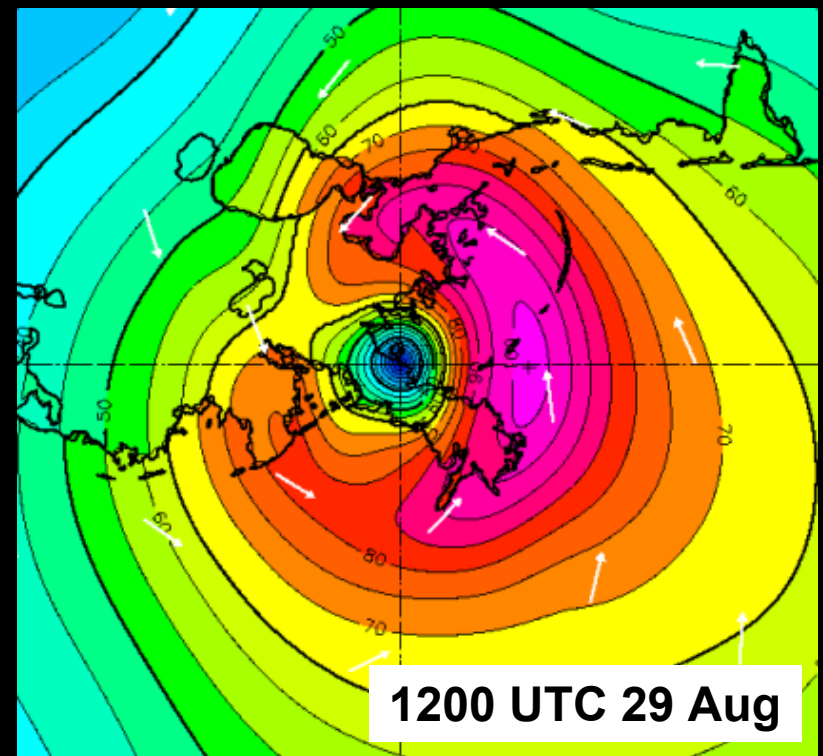
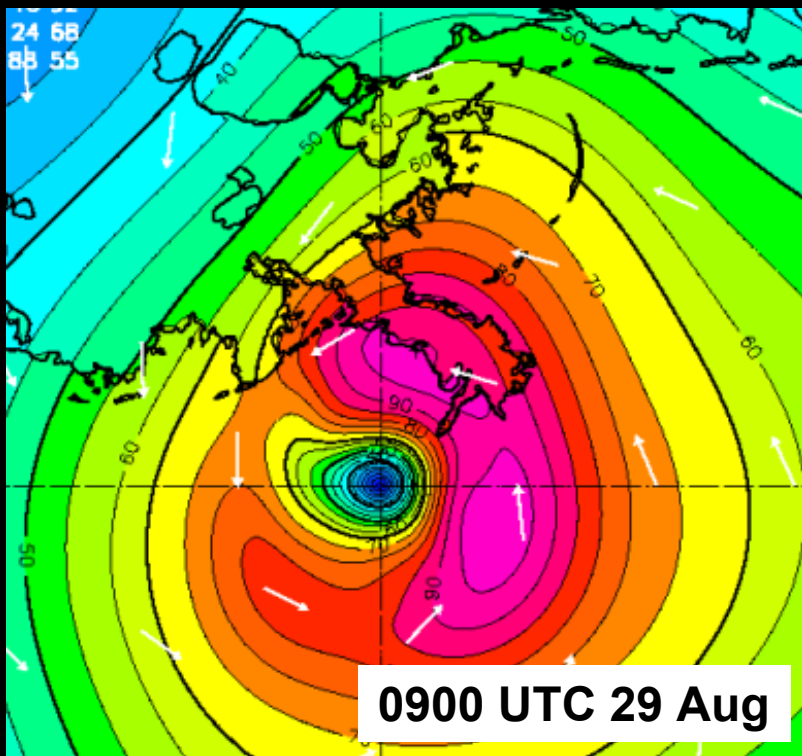
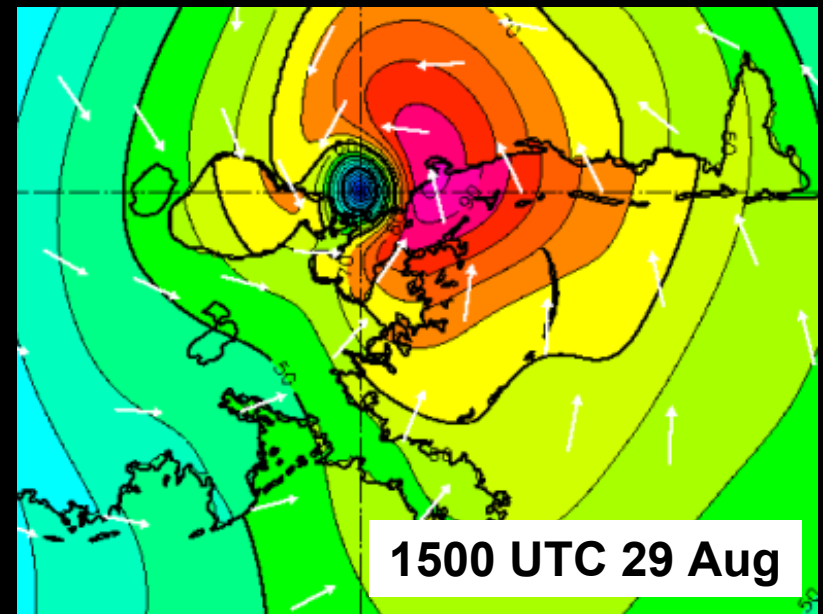
ADCIRC Model Grid for New Orleans, Louisiana



ADCIRC Model Grid for Lake Ponchartrain Outlet

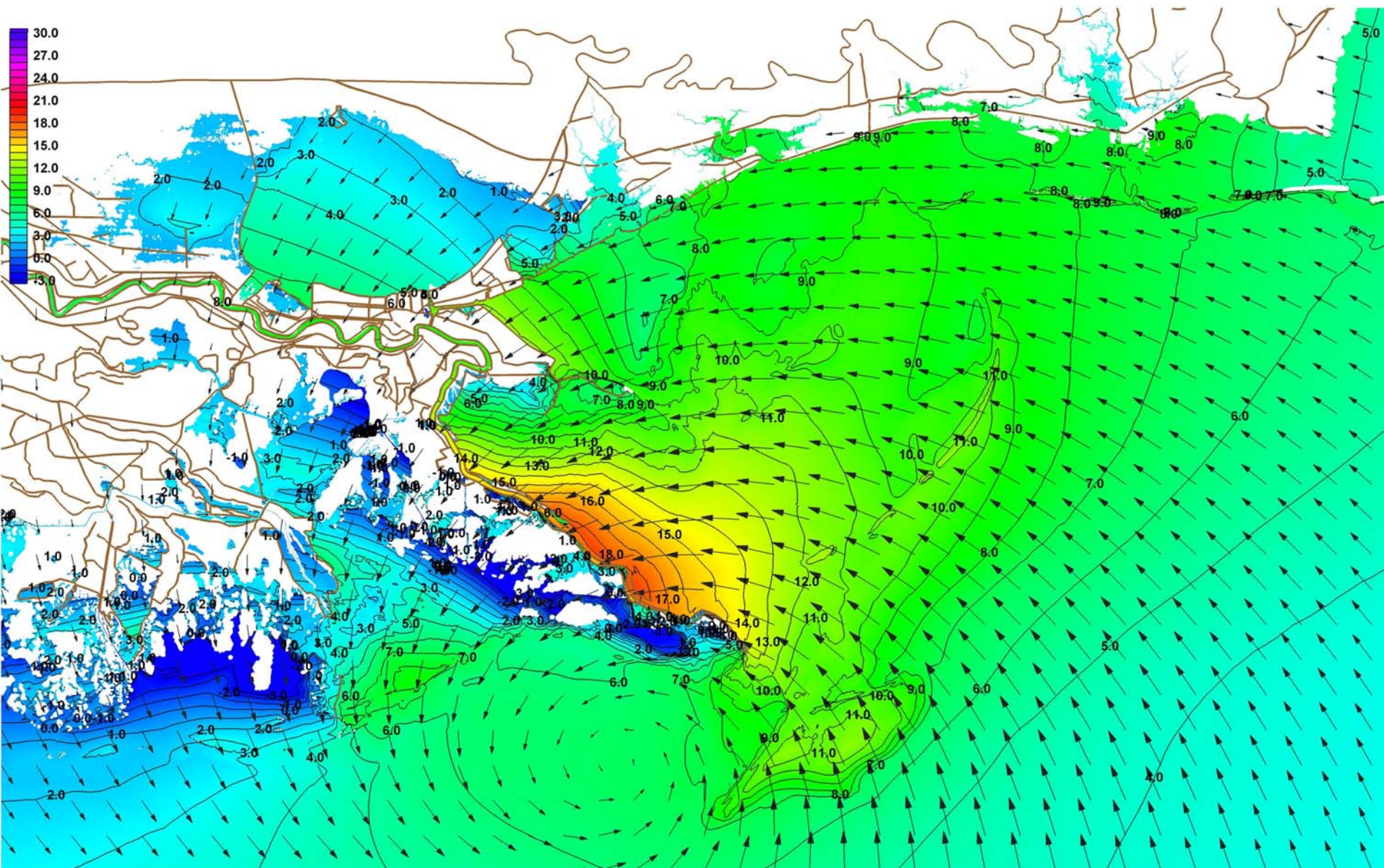


H*Wind Snapshots Near Landfall



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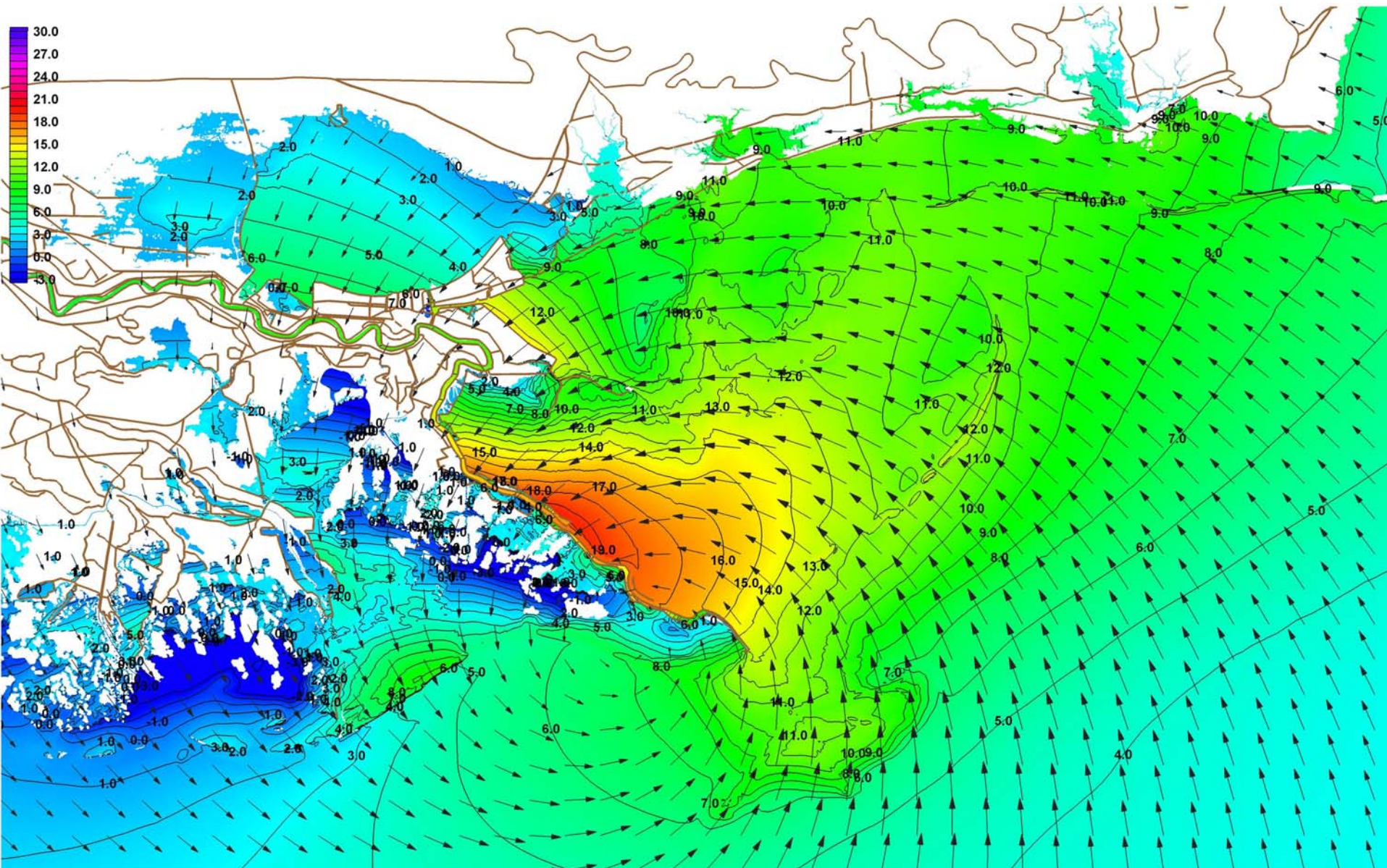
Hurricane Katrina Storm Surge



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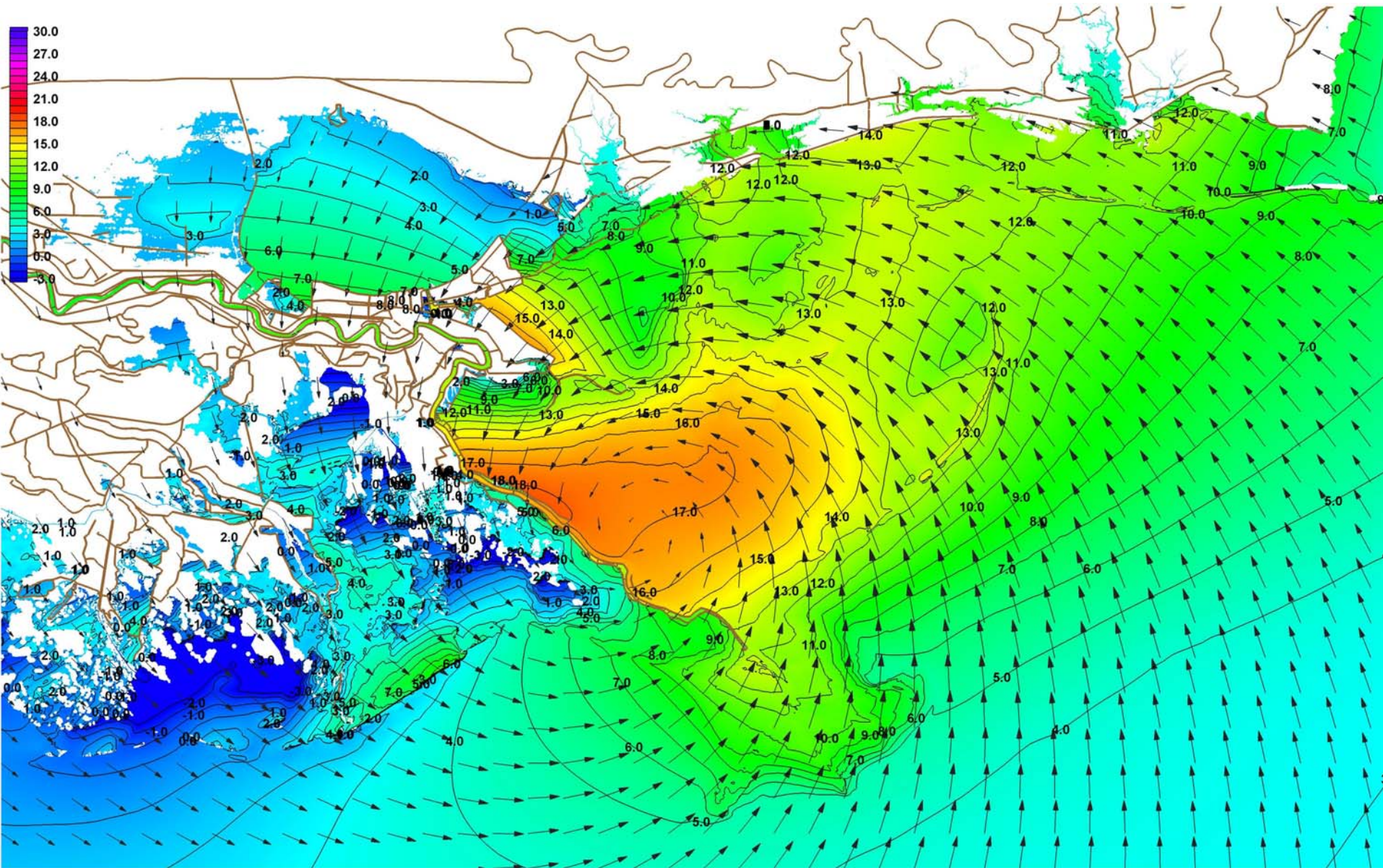
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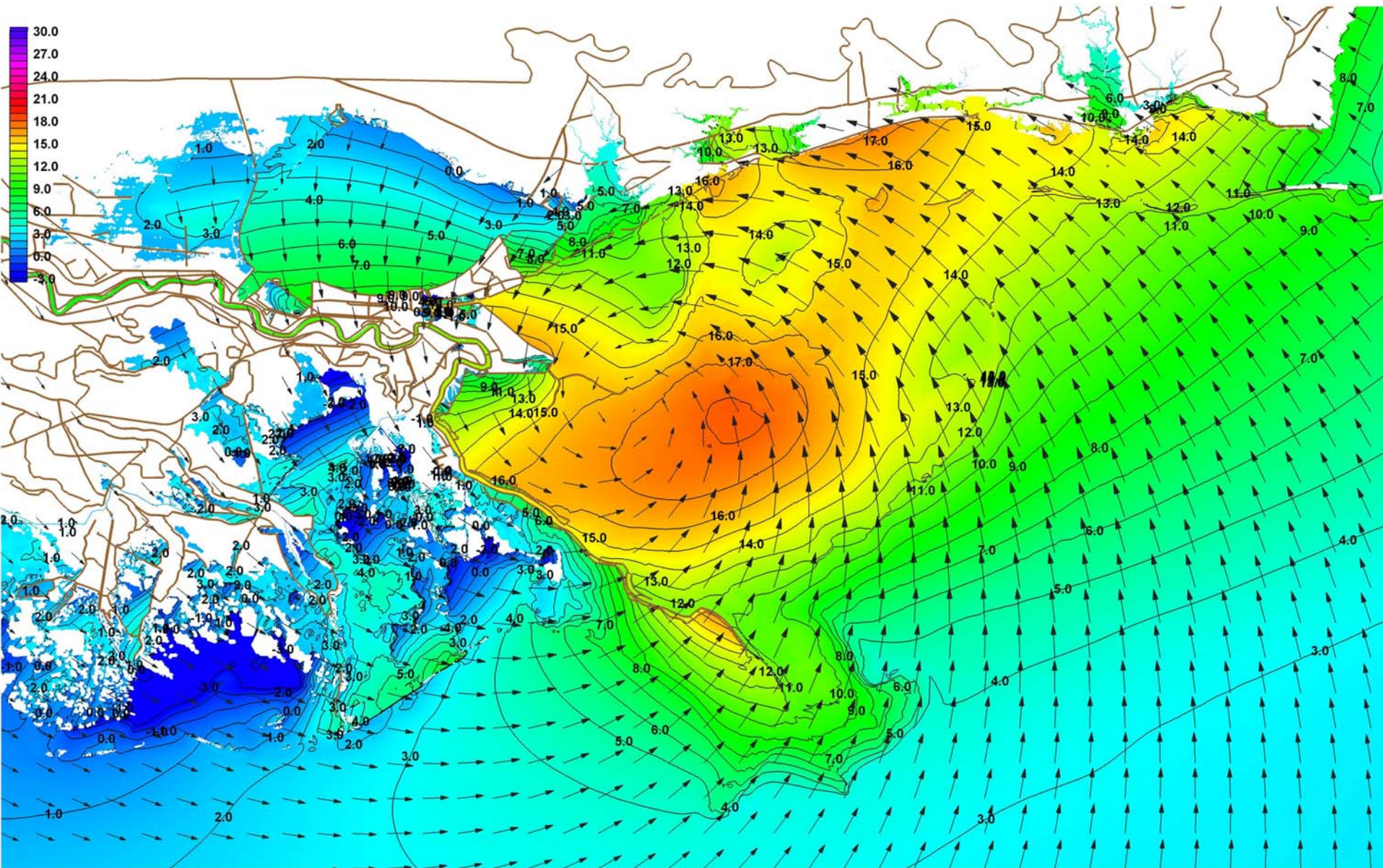
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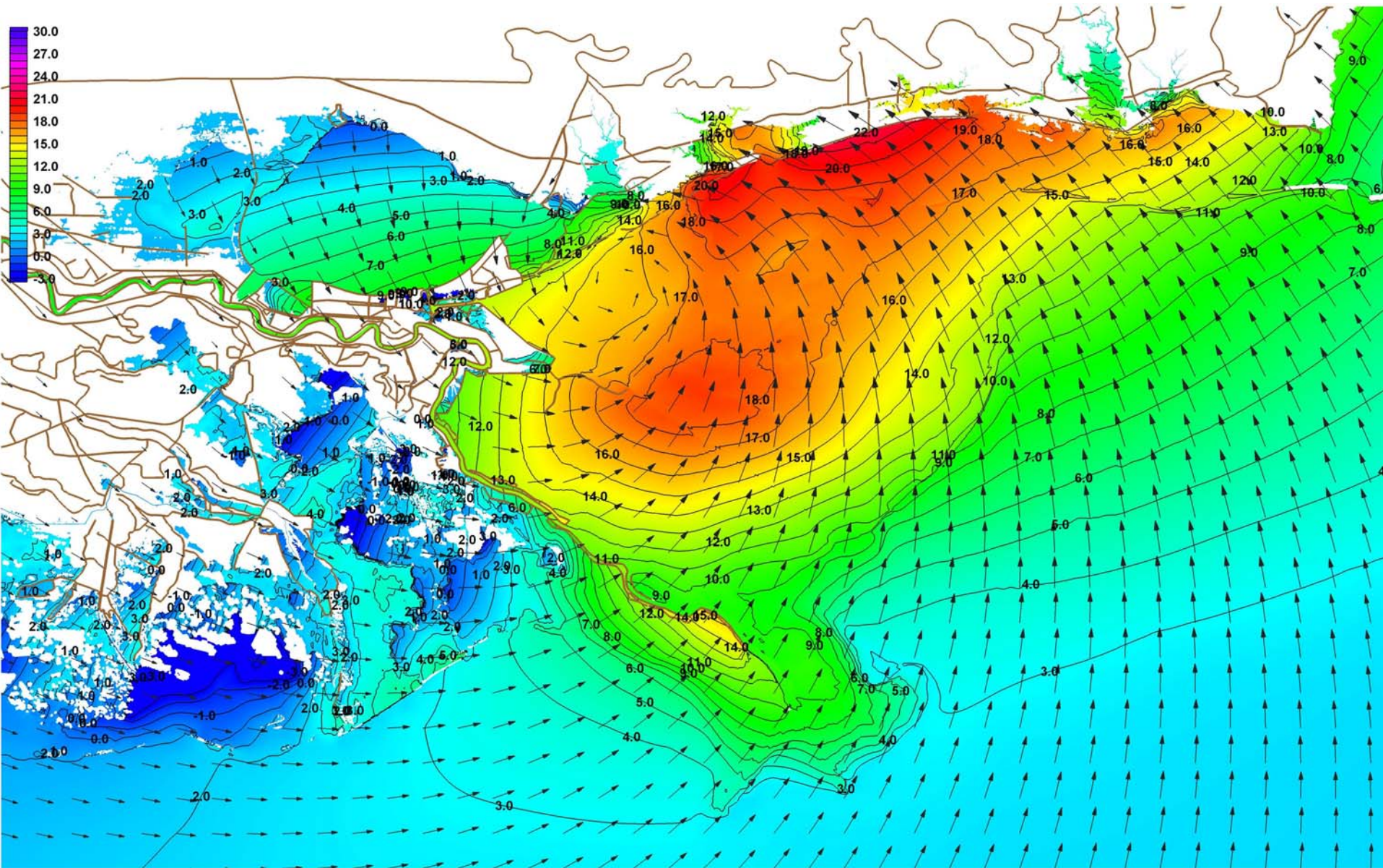
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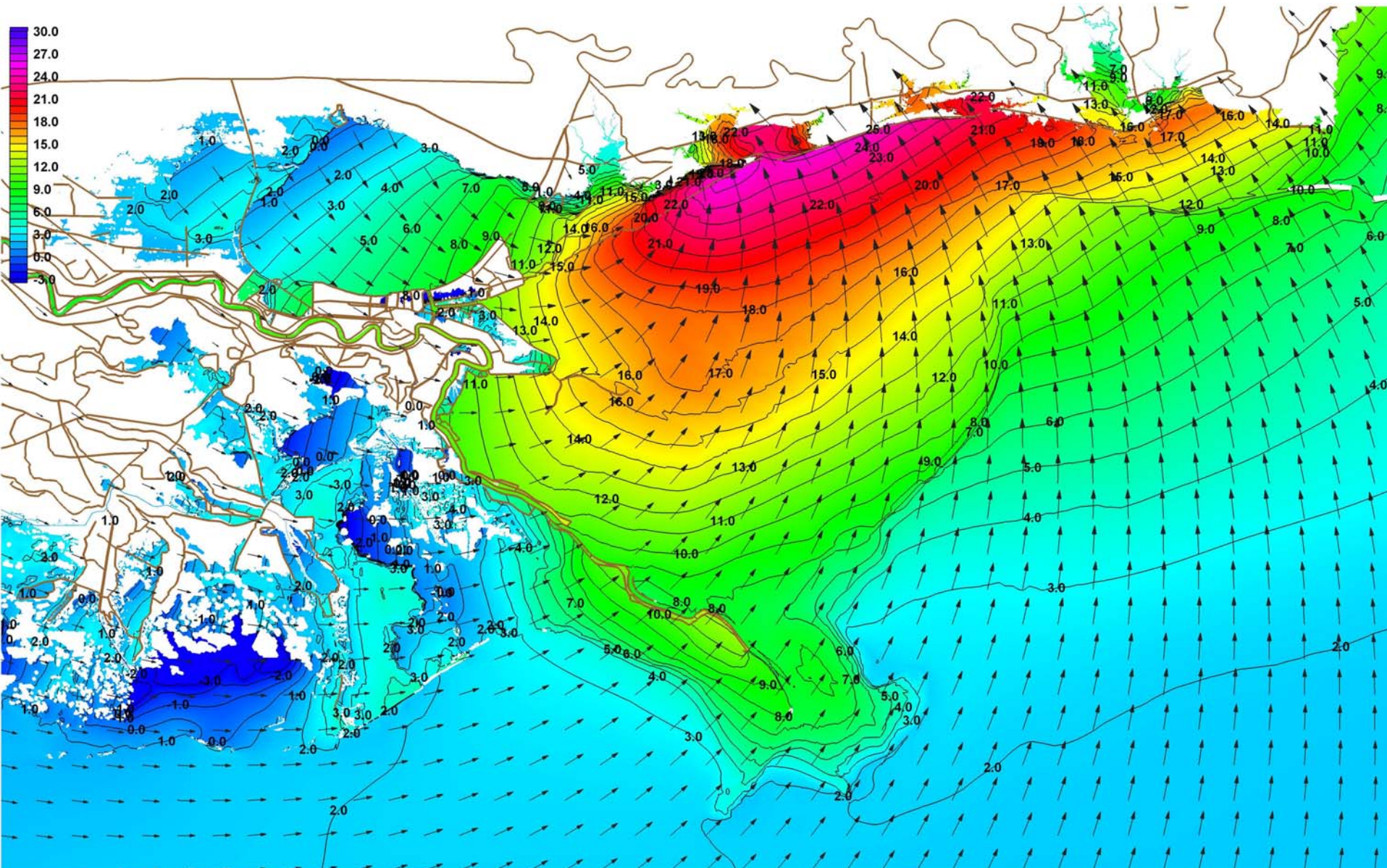
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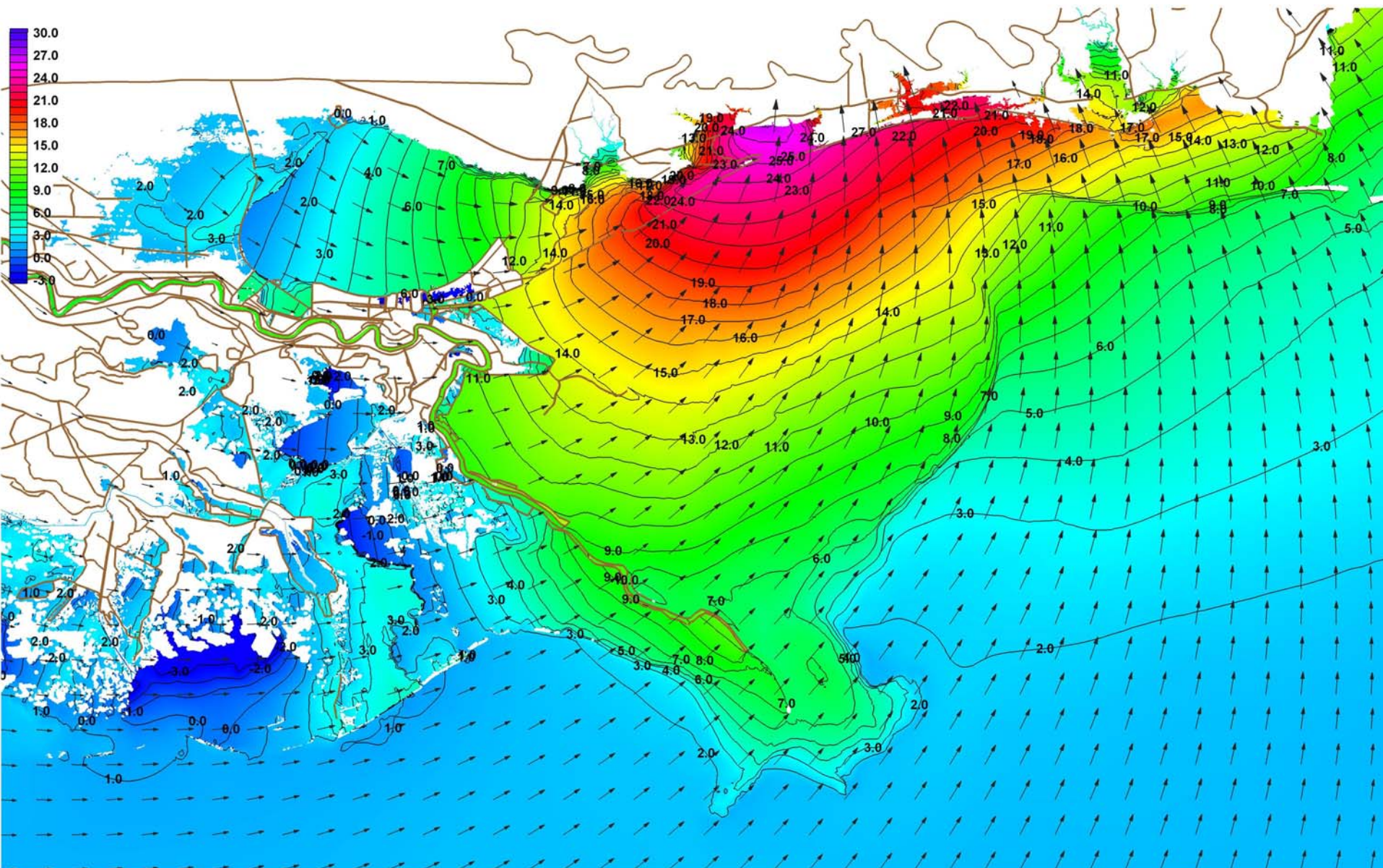
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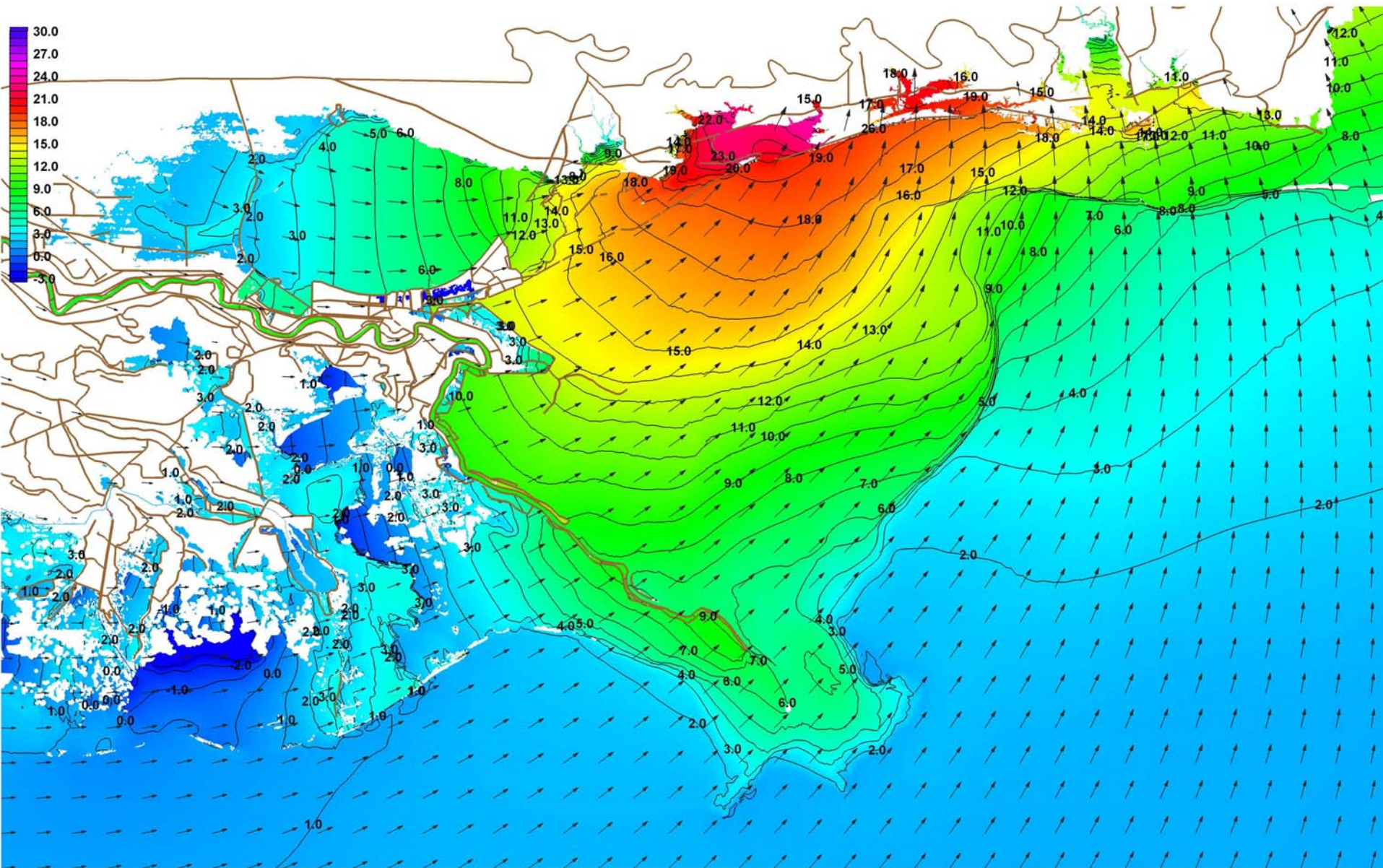
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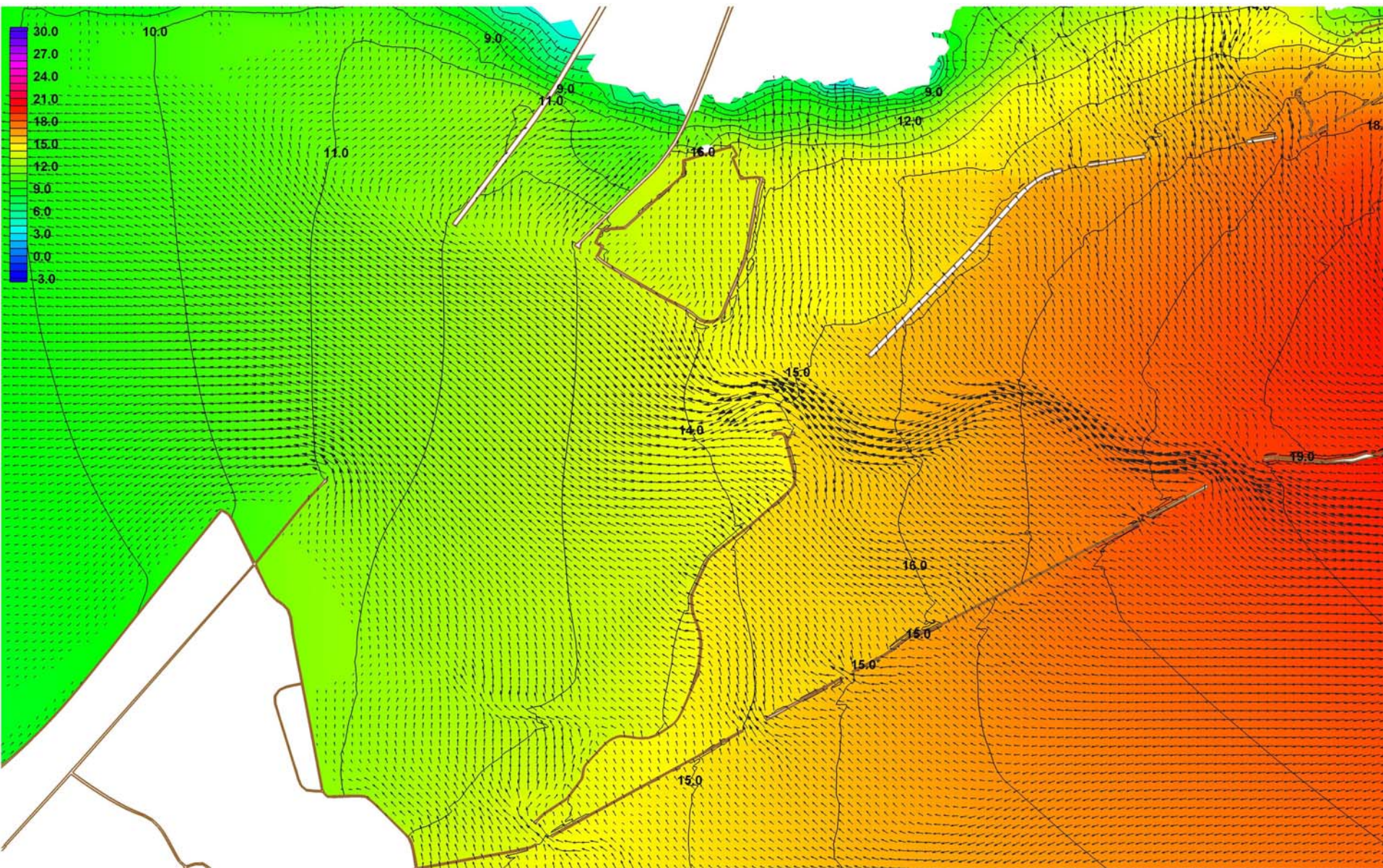
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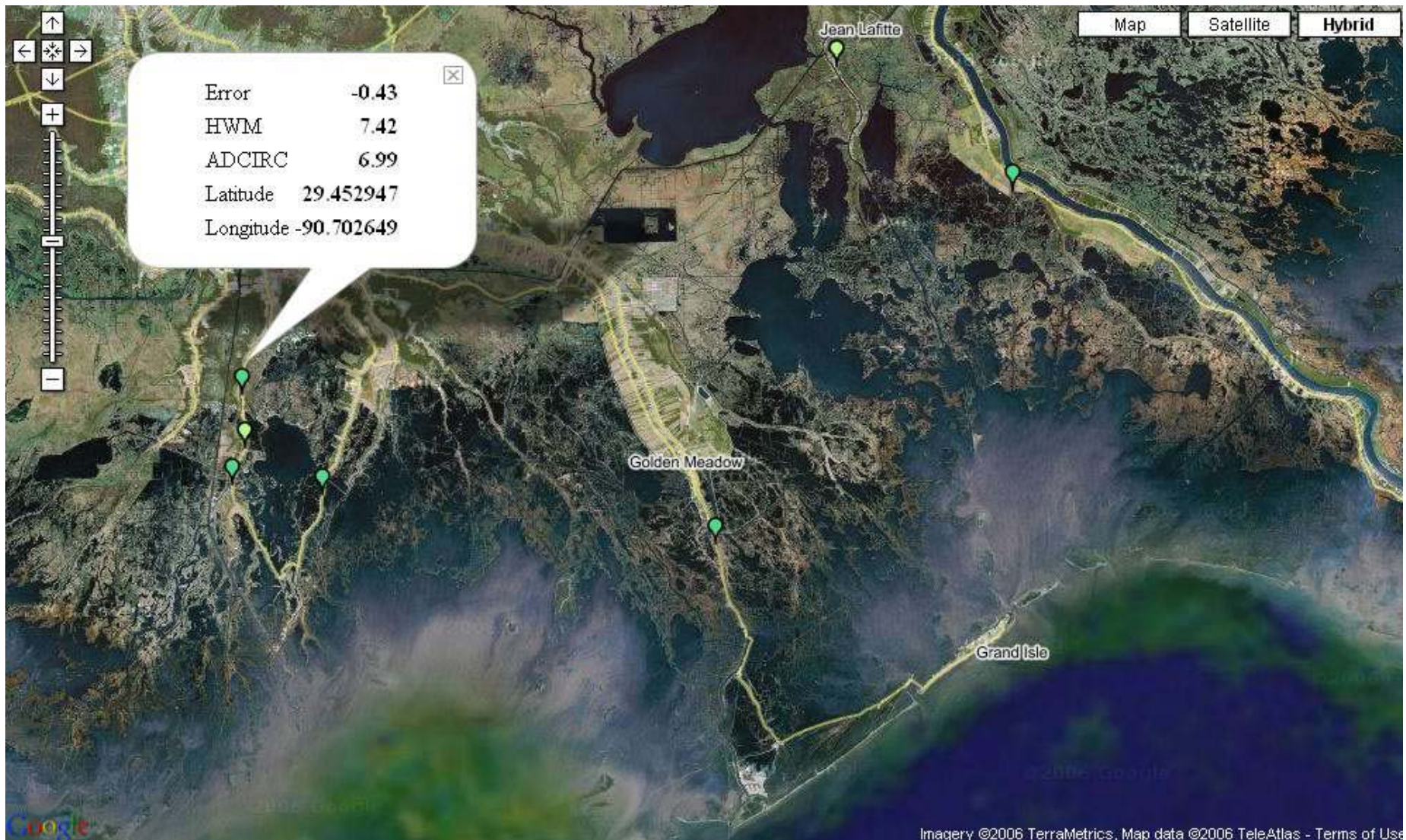
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Hurricane Katrina Storm Surge (Detail)



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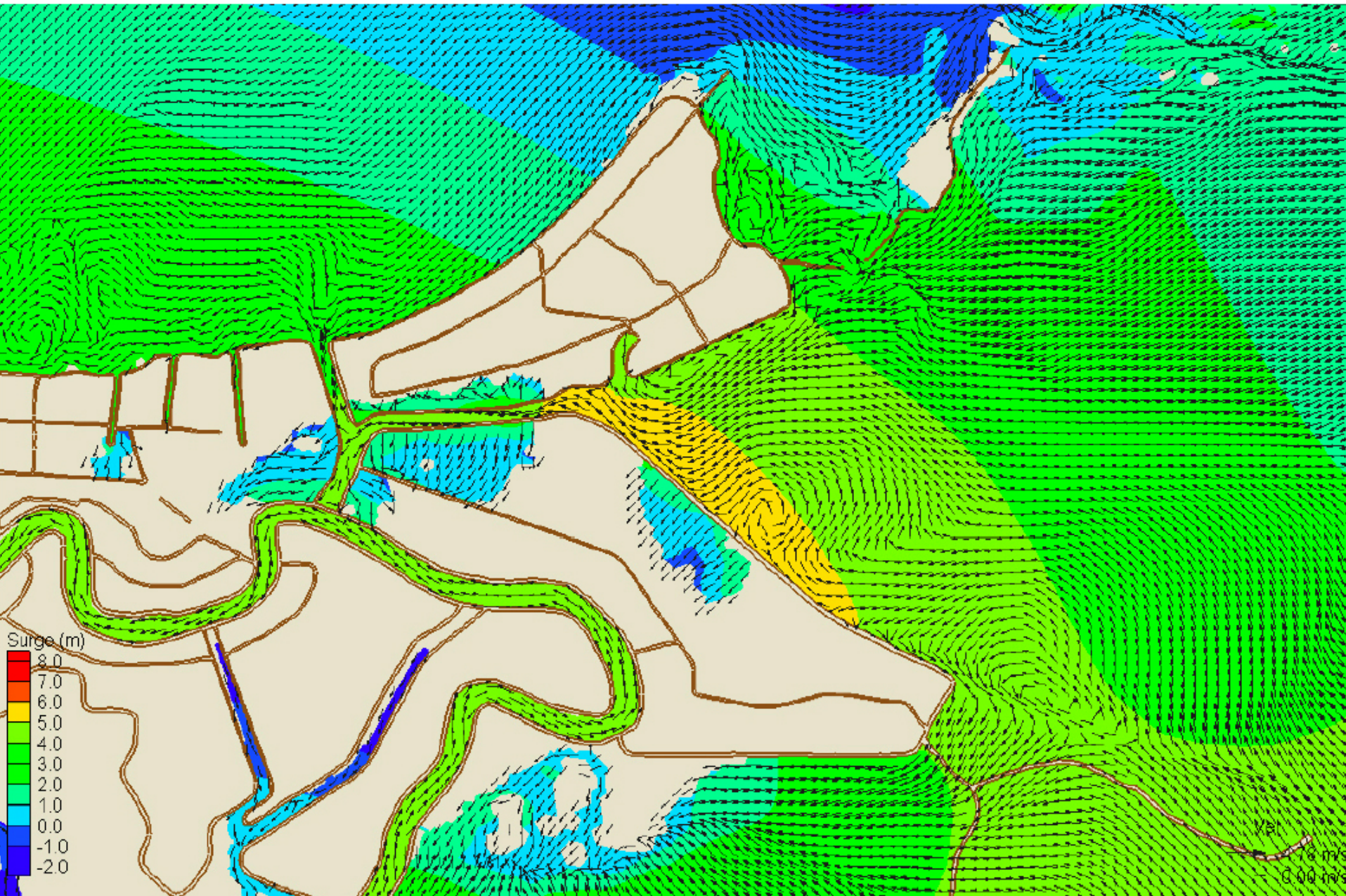


ADCIRC MODEL Validation

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Hurricane Katrina Storm Surge Flow Vectors

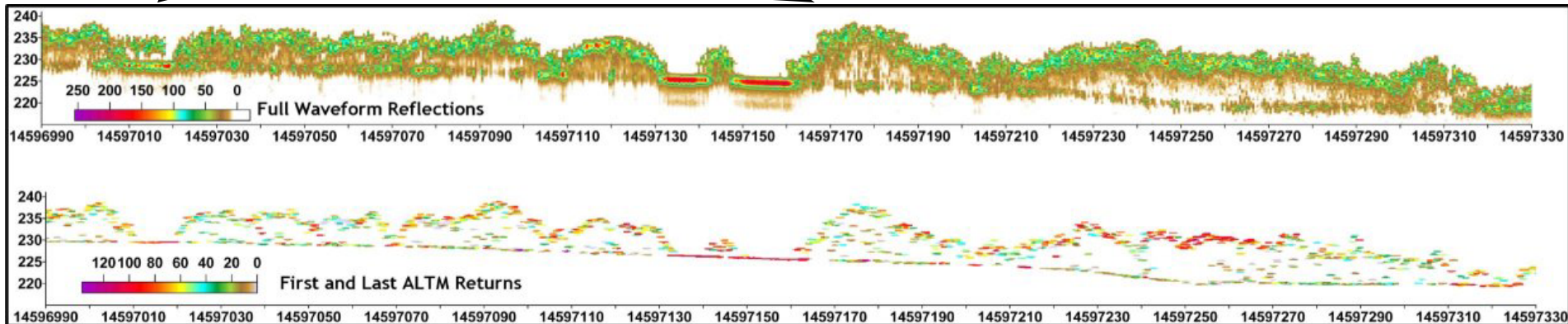
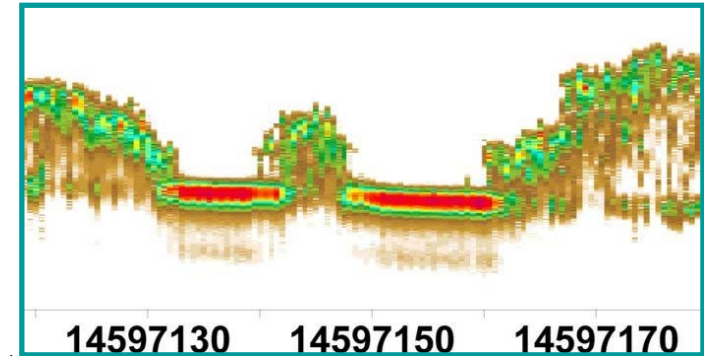
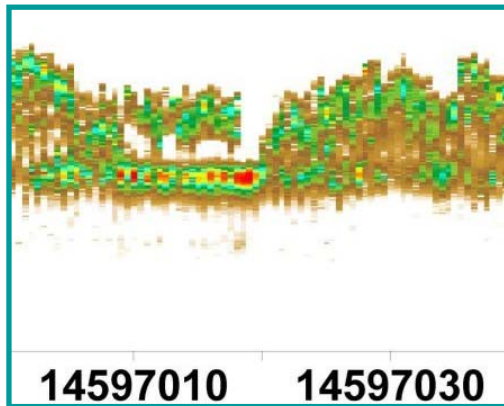
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**BP Amaco, Texas City
Storm Surge Vulnerability
at 9.5 feet AMSL**

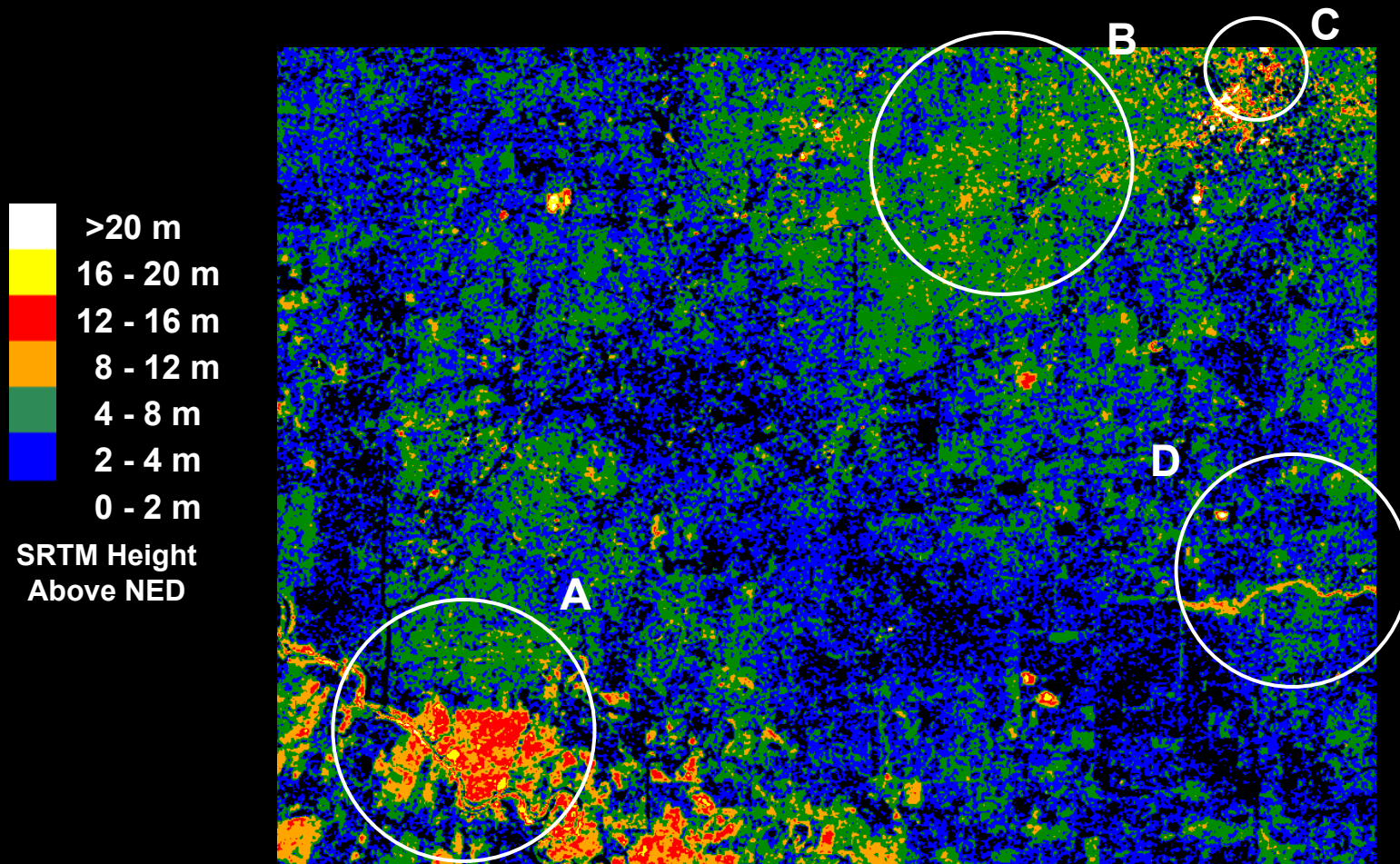
UT LiDAR Waveform Digitization



Freeman Ranch:
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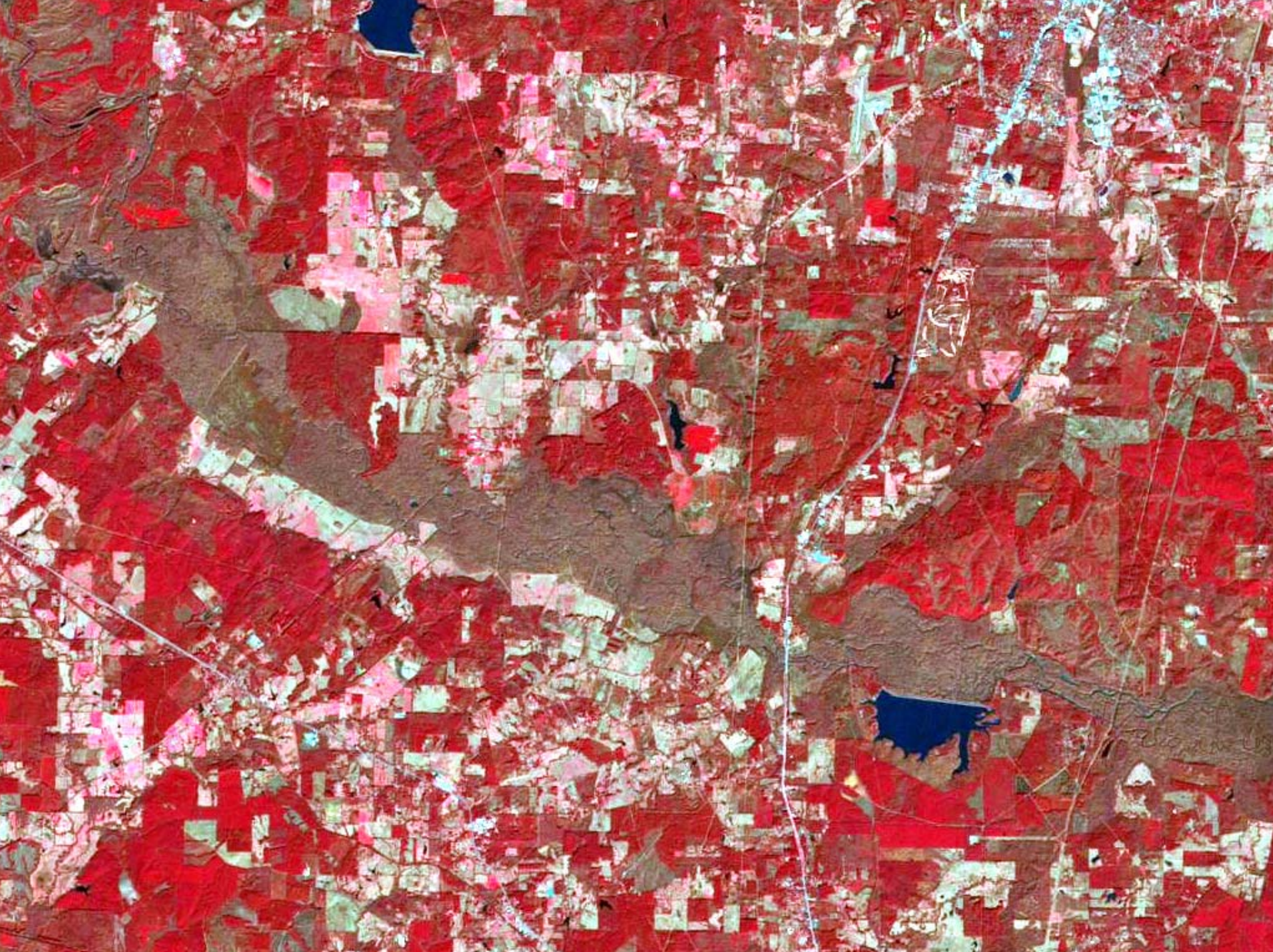


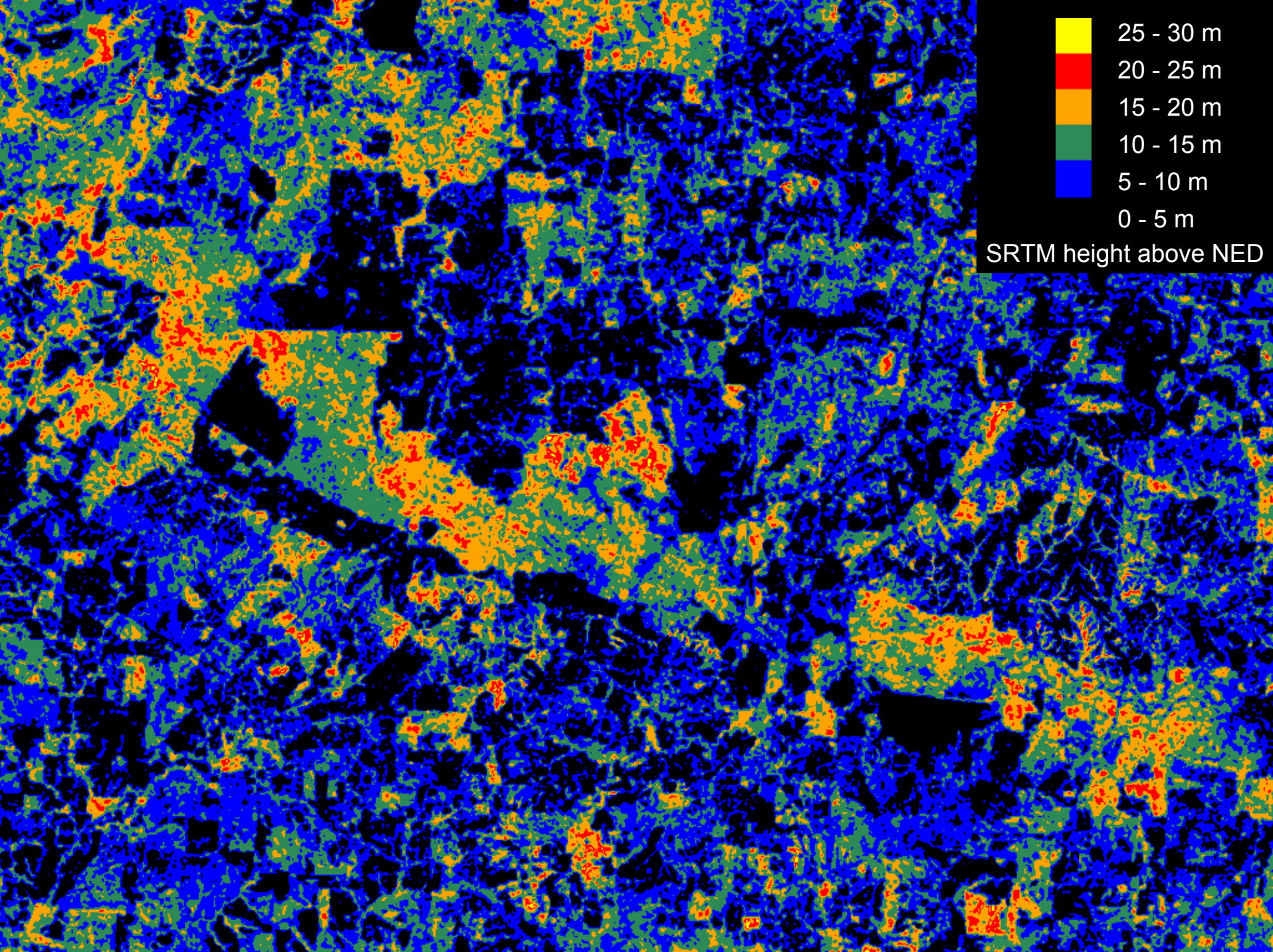
Shuttle Radar Topography Mission / National Elevation Dataset 30-meter resolution



Houston Area:

- (A) Hardwoods along the Brazos River
- (B) Older neighborhood with taller trees than adjacent residential areas
- (C) Texas Medical Center
- (D) Riparian corridor





25 - 30 m

20 - 25 m

15 - 20 m

10 - 15 m

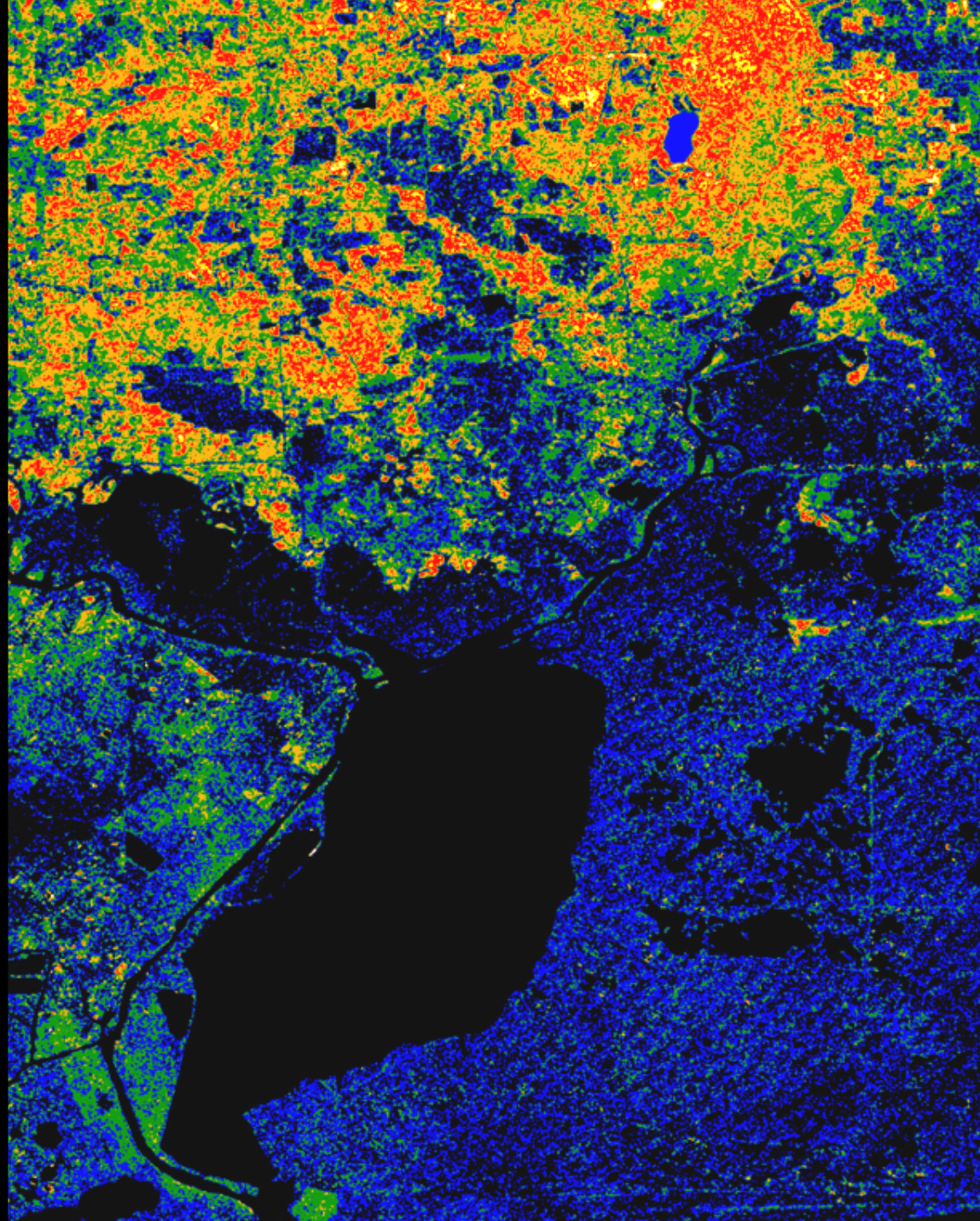
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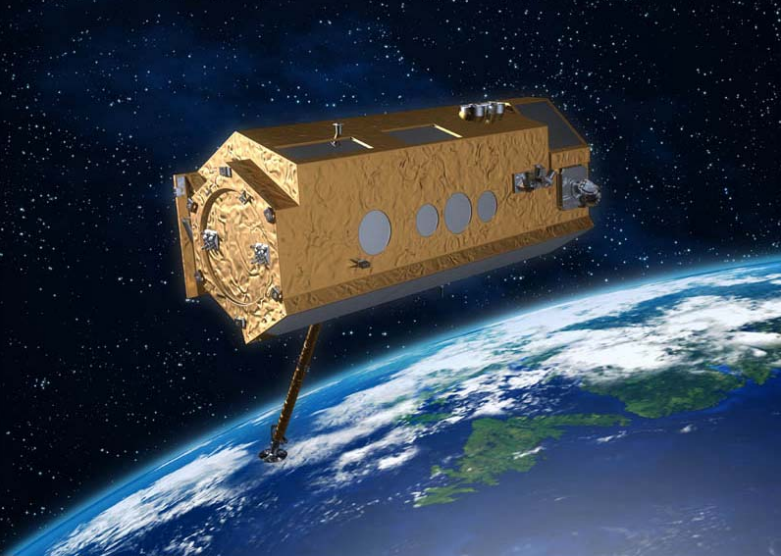
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SRTM height above NED



*Vegetation Height
Classification*



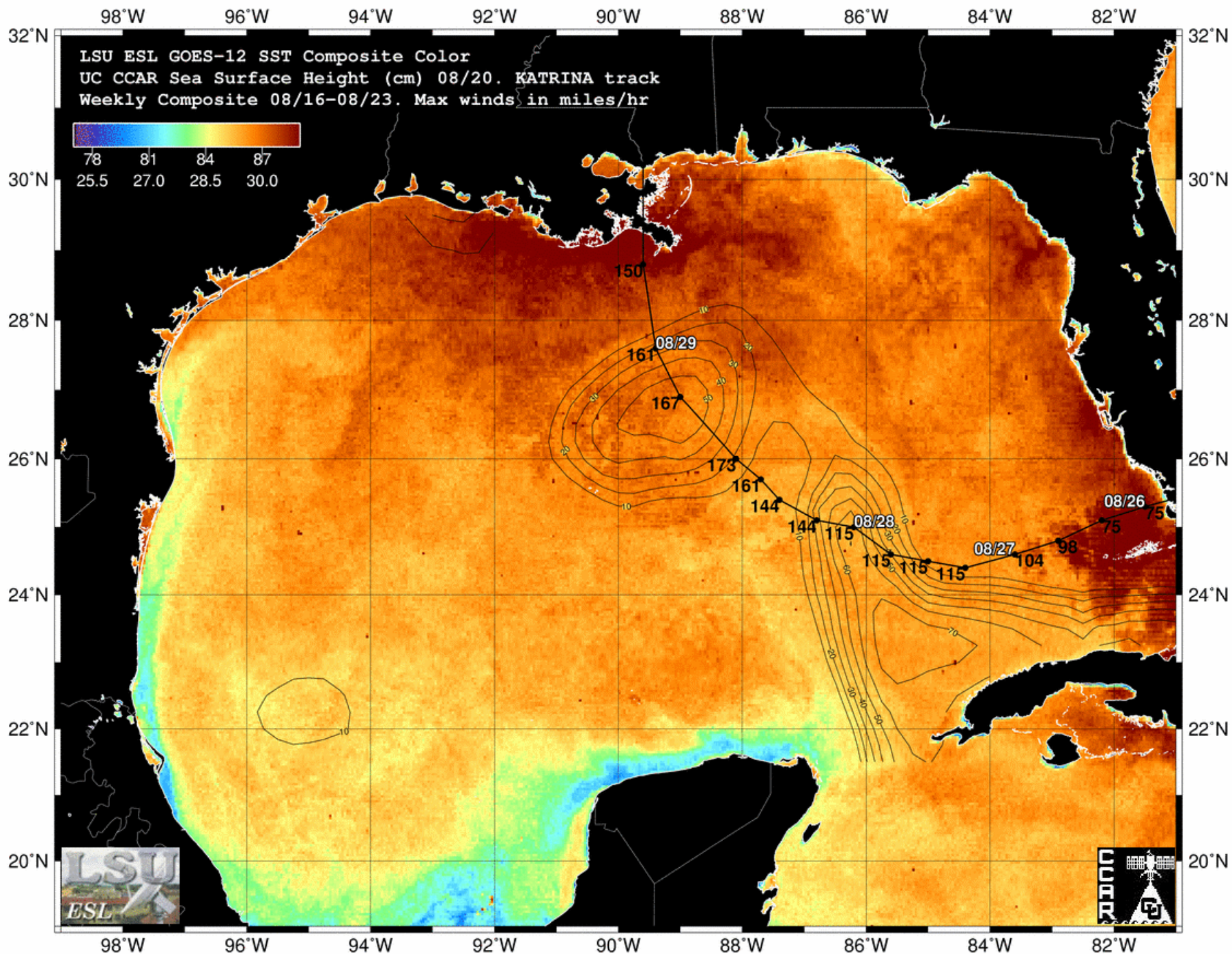


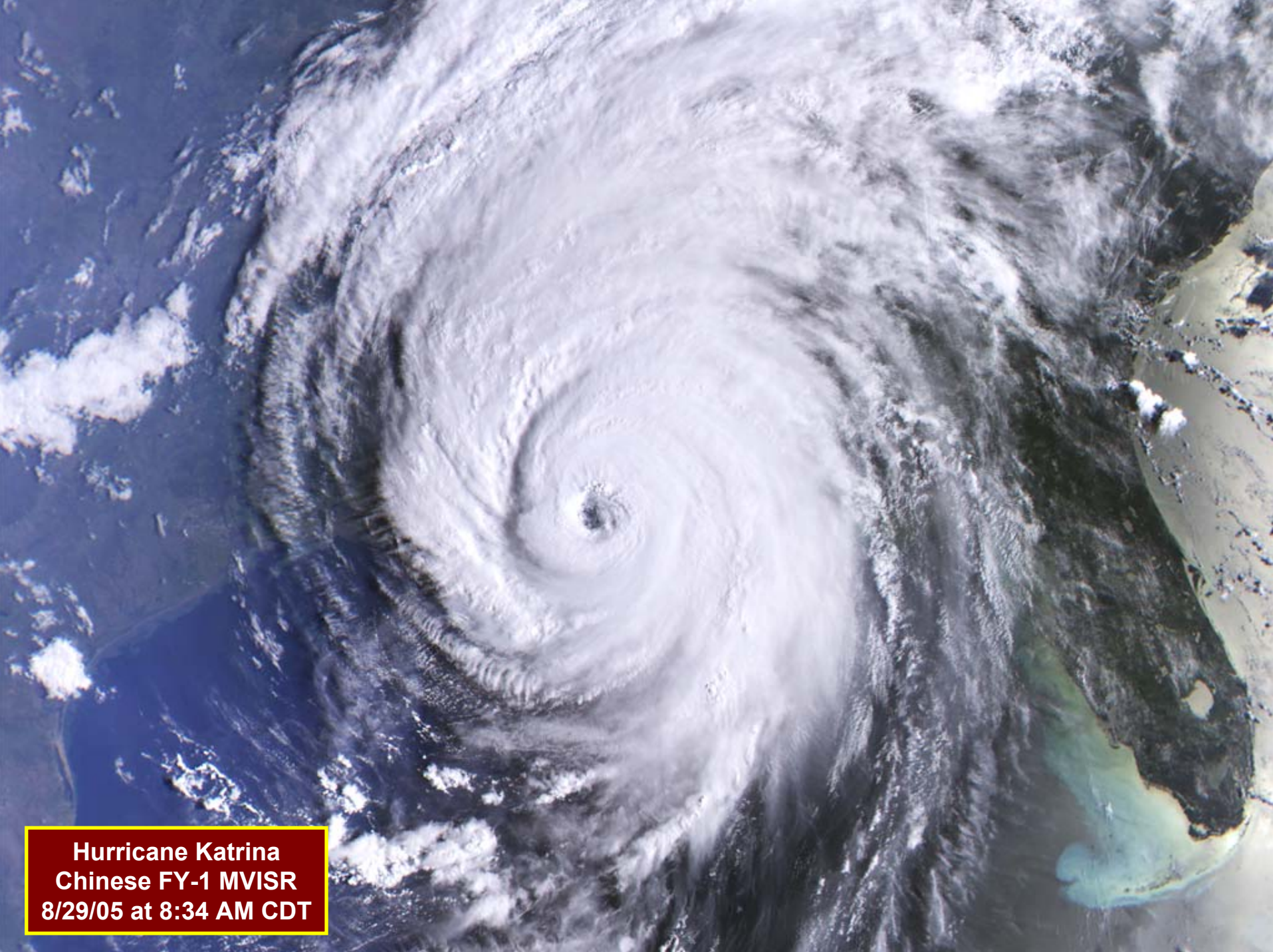
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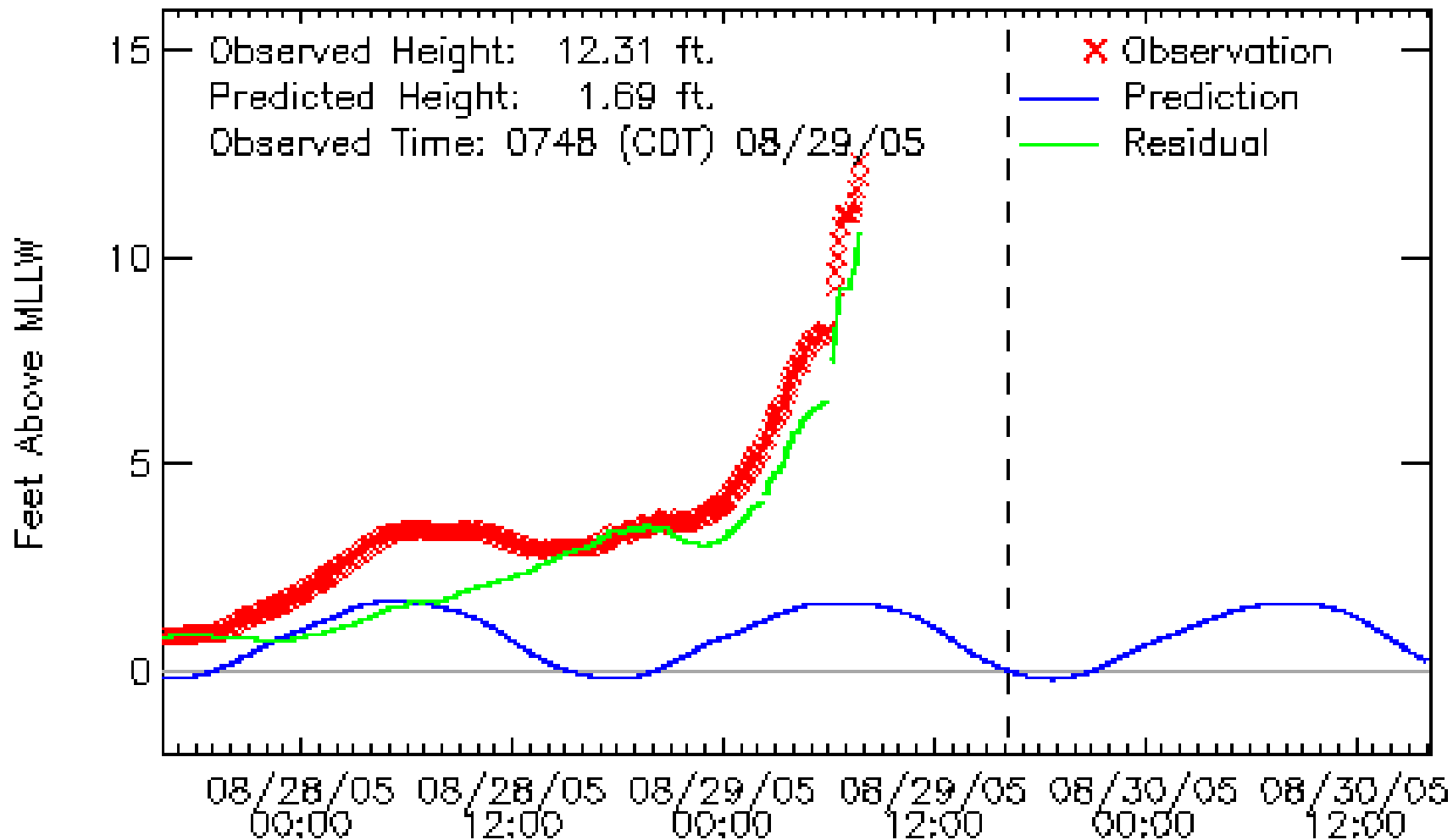




Hurricane Katrina
Chinese FY-1 MVISR
8/29/05 at 8:34 AM CDT

8743281 Ocean Springs, MS

Water Levels



On the morning of August 29, the tidal gauge at Oceans Springs indicated a very large storm surge measured almost four hours before the landfall of Hurricane Katrina. The gauge was destroyed at 7:48 AM CDT.



New Orleans Post-Levee Breach Inundation (SPOT 4 XS 8/30/05)



Industrial Canal Breach
NOAA DSS 8/31/05



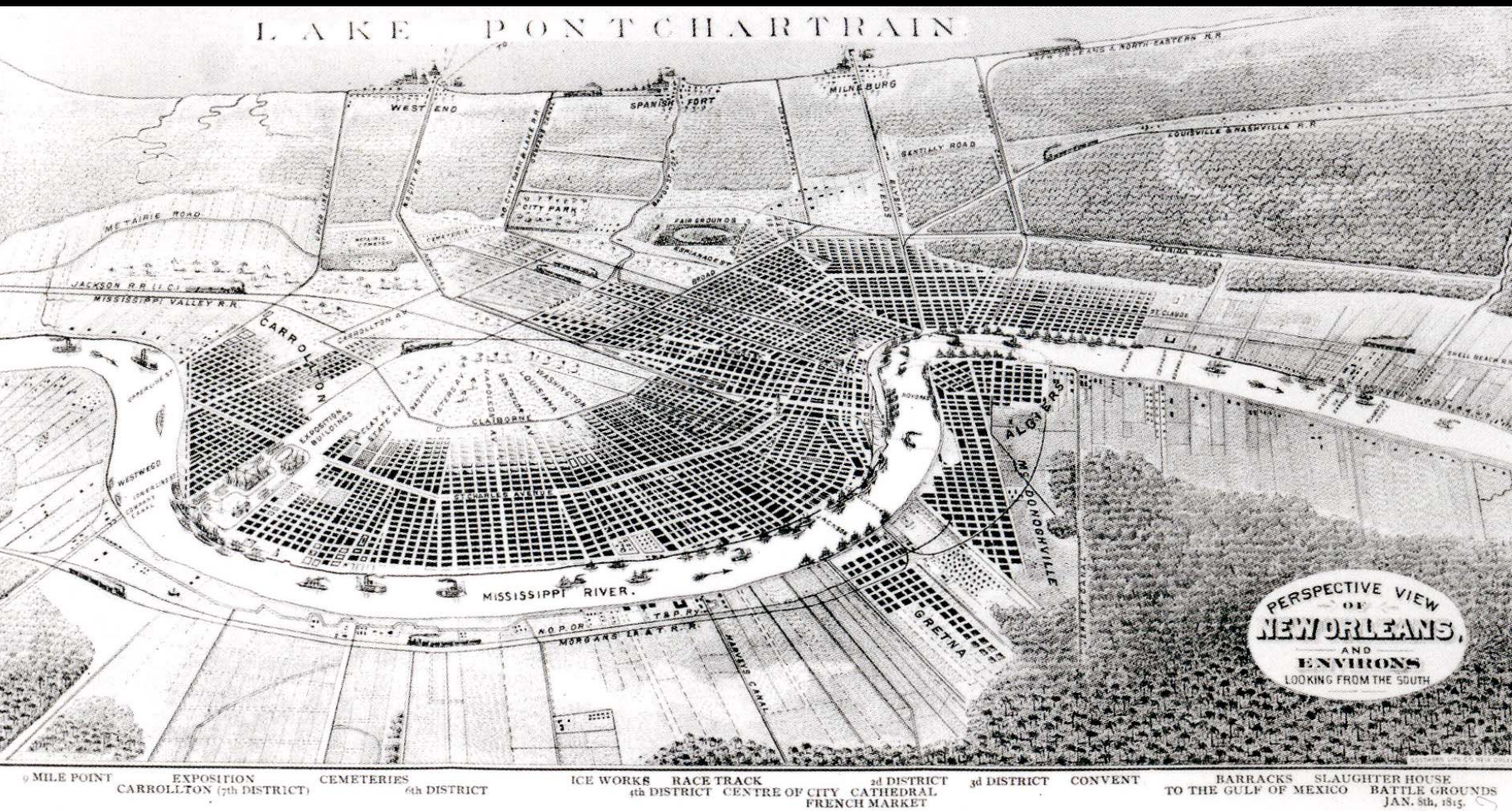
-6 Feet Below Water Level (9/02/05)

75 North Park Place

**Texas Task Force One
New Orleans Search and Rescue
September 4, 2005**



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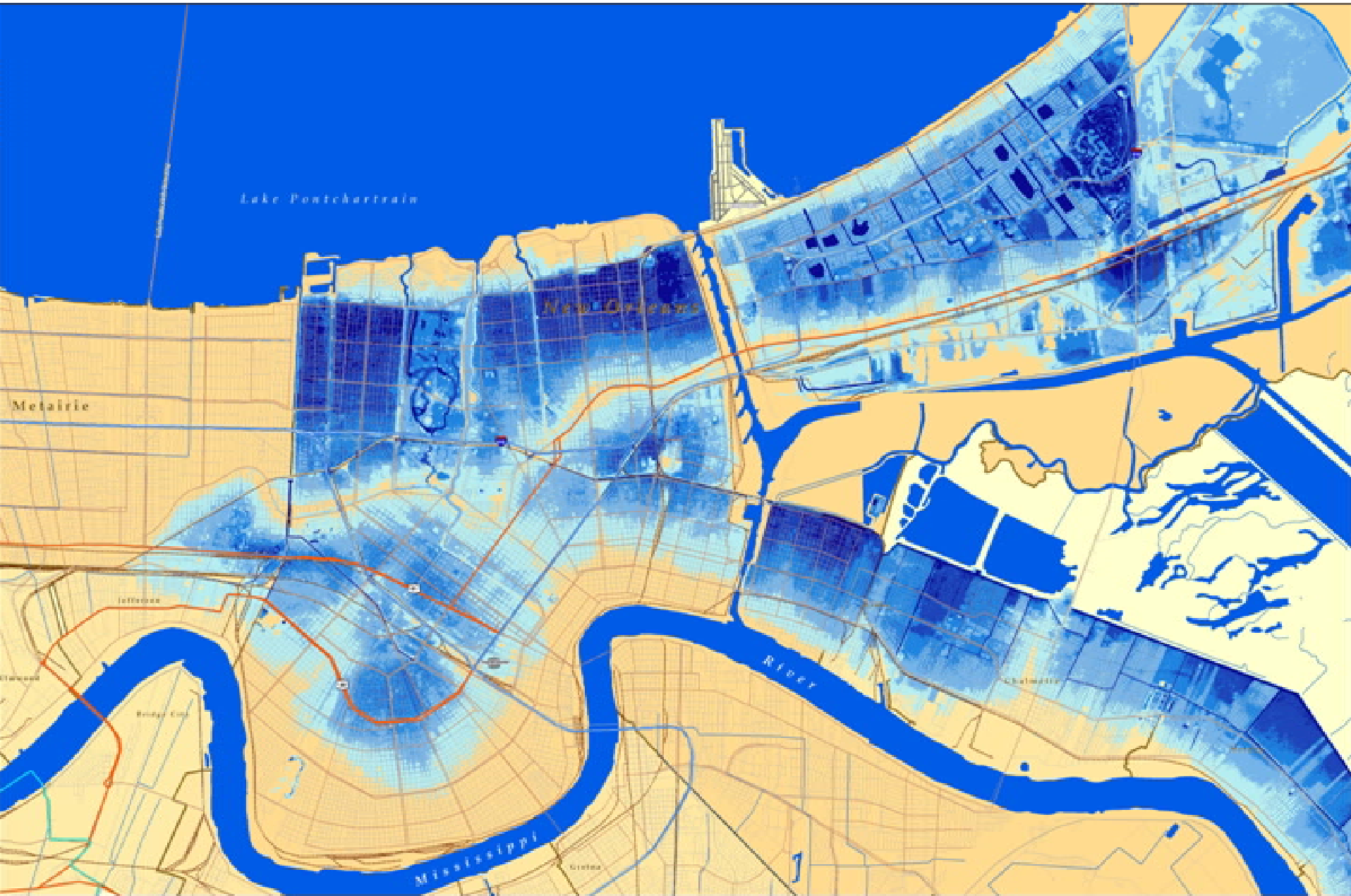
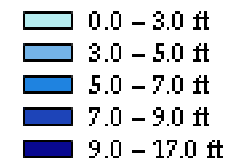


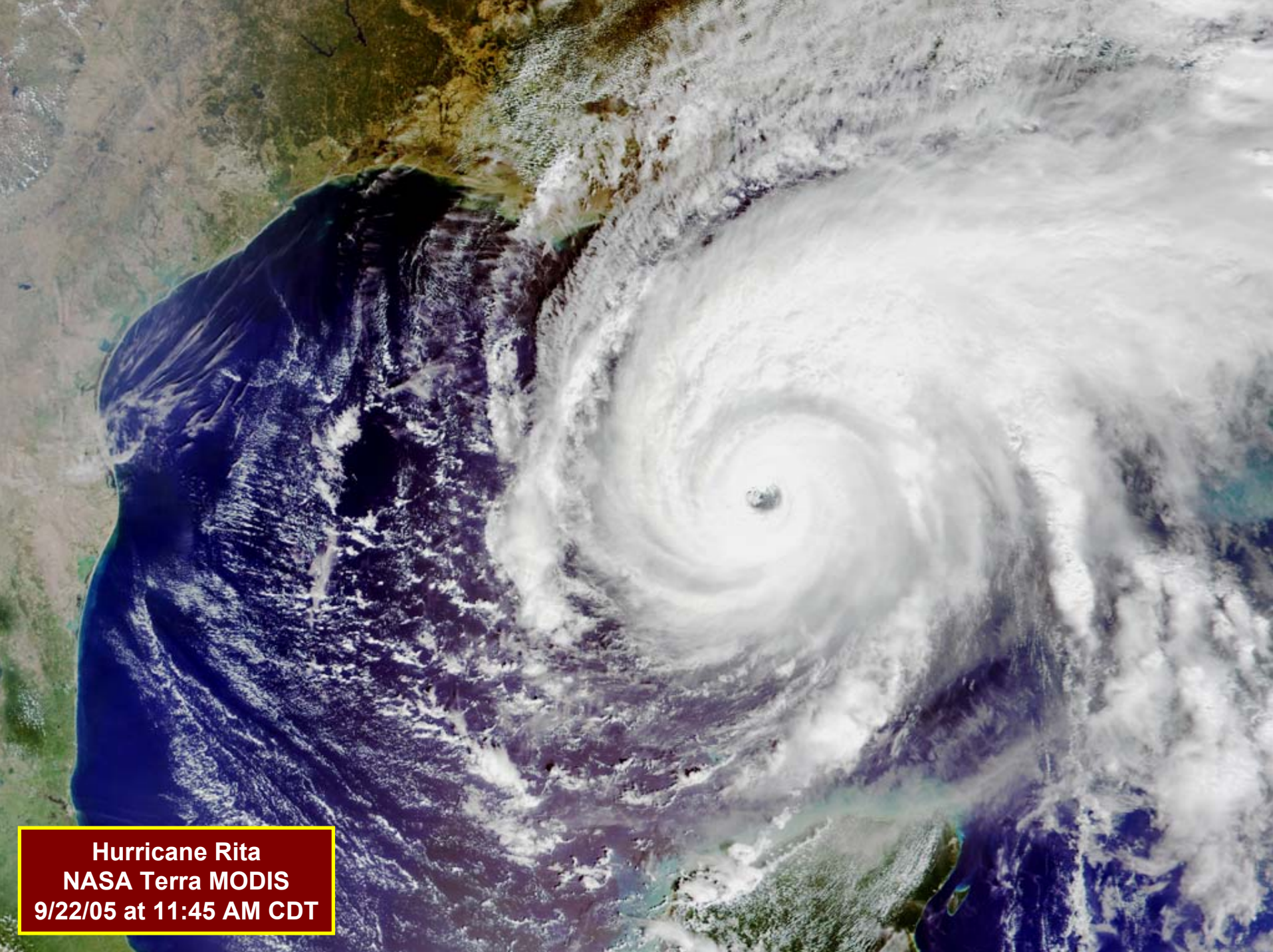
Bird's Eye View of New Orleans

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August 31, 2005





Hurricane Rita
NASA Terra MODIS
9/22/05 at 11:45 AM CDT

Radarsat Image collected on
September 25, 2005, at 7:22 AM CDT



Port Arthur

Sabine Lake

[2] Source

Source [3]

Source [4]

Source [1]

- [1] 29°46'00.93" N, 93°53'42.62" W
- [2] 29°56'42.29" N, 93°53'42.62" W
- [3] 29°57'01.06" N, 93°46'23.24" W
- [4] 29°52'32.91" N, 93°48'12.85" W

Possible Pollution Slicks
Detected in Sabine Lake



Slick No. 2 confirmed by Civil Air Patrol
photography on September 26, 2005



29/09/2005



Lake Livingston Dam, Liberty County (Texas CAP)
8-foot standing waves removed protective rip-rap
and eroded the clay core of the earthen structure.



Emergency Response

Rita Data: [Imagery](#) | [Maps](#) |

Geospatial Support for Hurricane Rita

Persons involved in the Hurricane Rita recovery will find data to support damage assessment, environmental monitoring and general mapping in the following categories:

Imagery

- Post-landfall USACE ADS40 aerial sensor imagery
- Post-landfall NOAA Applanix-Emerge aerial sensor imagery
- Post-landfall oblique aerial imagery by the Texas Civil Air Patrol

rita.csr.utexas.edu

- Texas Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Photo Collection Points
- TEA Impacted ISDs

GIS data

- GIS data and maps can be obtained from the Texas Natural Resources Information System's [Hurricane Rita](#) website.

Situation Reports

- [Situation Reports](#) from the Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

As new data are created and made available, they will be posted to this site.

Summary

- Real-time satellite observations offer tremendous benefits to monitoring the coastal environment.
- Satellite remote sensing can be used to document the impacts of high-magnitude, low-frequency storm events.
- LiDAR and SAR data collection and processing techniques can extract features of importance to the modeling of storm surges.
- Real-time satellite observations aid pollution detection following a natural disaster.
- Better remote sensing technology coupled with improved modeling and simulation can save lives and protect property.

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