

A Systems Approach to Monitoring and Predicting Nearshore Waves and Shoreline Change



Julie Thomas

Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP)
Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, CA

USACE – CERB/Portland
September 23, 2008

Coastal Data Information Program

- Based at SIO since 1975
- 35 Wave Stations
LIDAR & In-Situ Beach
Surveys
- 17 People
- \$3.5M+ / year budget
- Funded by:

USACE

CDBW

(SCCOOS

NOAA

CCC

ONR...)

Investigators:

Richard Seymour

Robert Guza

Bill O'Reilly

CDIP Mission:

Monitor and predict
nearshore waves and
shoreline change.

Systems Approach to CDIP Waves & Beaches

Observations

Models

Applications

Offshore



Shelf



Surf



Beach

<p>Waves: Directional Buoys</p>	<p>Regional Wave Prediction</p>	<p>Maritime Transportation</p>
<p>Waves: Directional Buoys</p> <p>Waves: PUVs</p>	<p>Nearshore Wave Prediction</p>	<p>Beach Safety</p> <p>Coastal Engineering and Planning</p>
<p>Waves: PUVs</p>	<p>Surfzone Wave & Current Prediction</p>	<p>Beach Safety (rips)</p> <p>Pathogen Transport (beach closures)</p> <p>Inundation</p>
<p>Sand: ATV & JetSki Surveys</p> <p>Sand: LIDAR Surveys</p>	<p>Sediment Transport Prediction</p>	<p>RSM</p> <p>(Coastal Evolution w/ Climate Change)</p>

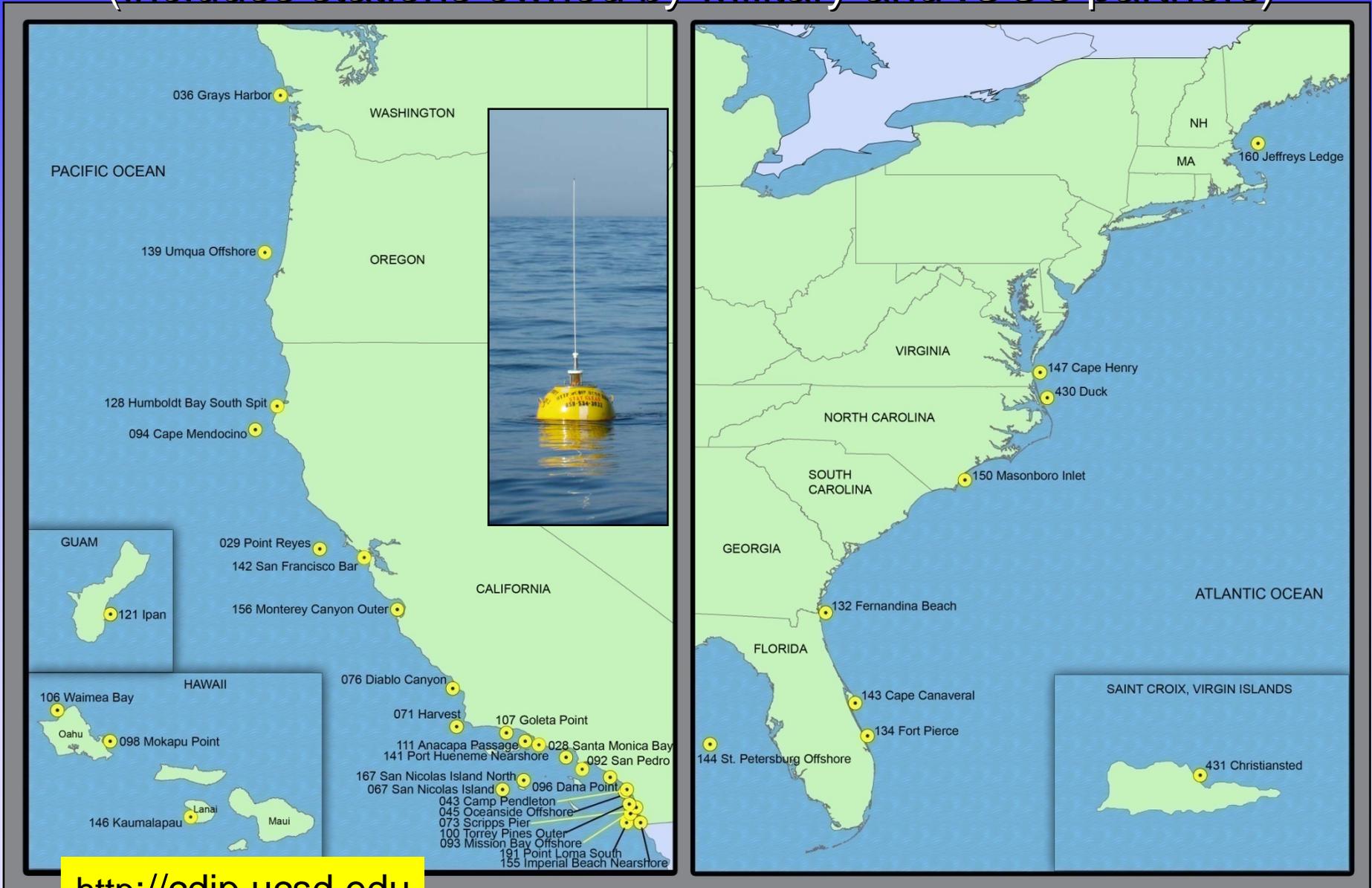


Information Flow



CDIP Wave Buoys

(includes stations owned by Military and IOOS partners)



<http://cdip.ucsd.edu>

Systems Approach to CDIP Waves & Beaches

Observations

Models

Applications

Offshore



Shelf



Surf



Beach

Waves: Directional Buoys	Regional Wave Prediction	Maritime Transportation
Waves: Directional Buoys Waves: PUVs	Nearshore Wave Prediction	Beach Safety Coastal Engineering and Planning
Waves: PUVs	Surfzone Wave & Current Prediction	Beach Safety (rips) Pathogen Transport (beach closures) Inundation
Sand: ATV & JetSki Surveys Sand: LIDAR Surveys	Sediment Transport Prediction	RSM (Coastal Evolution w/ Climate Change)



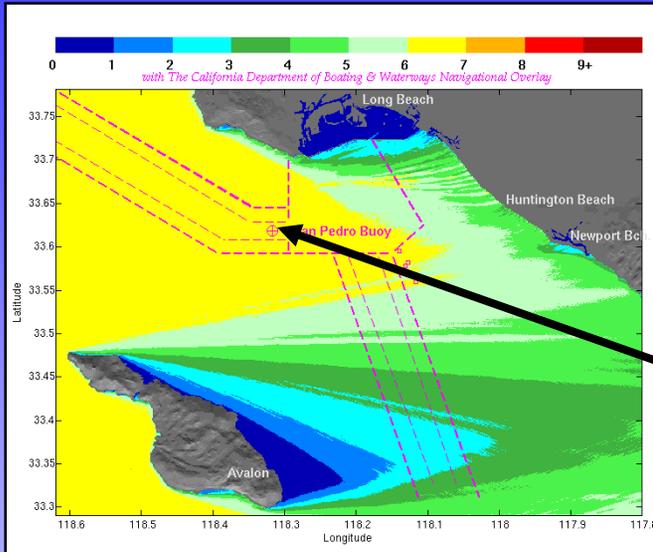
Information Flow



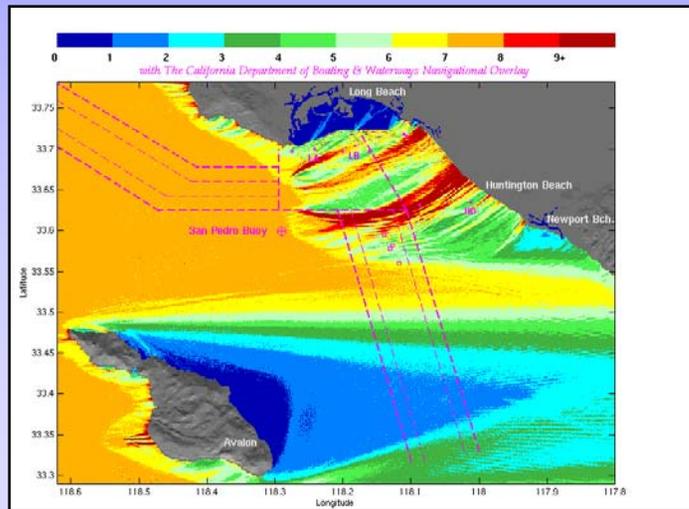
j1

Regional Wave Model Predictions

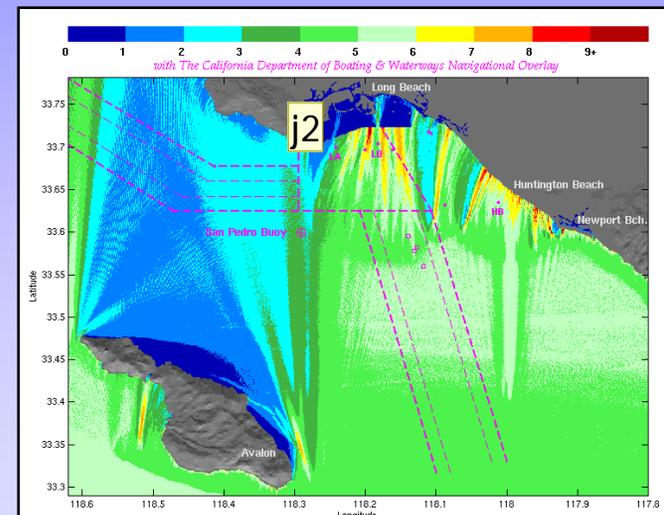
Leverage existing infrastructure for Wave products



San Pedro Wave Buoy



West Swell



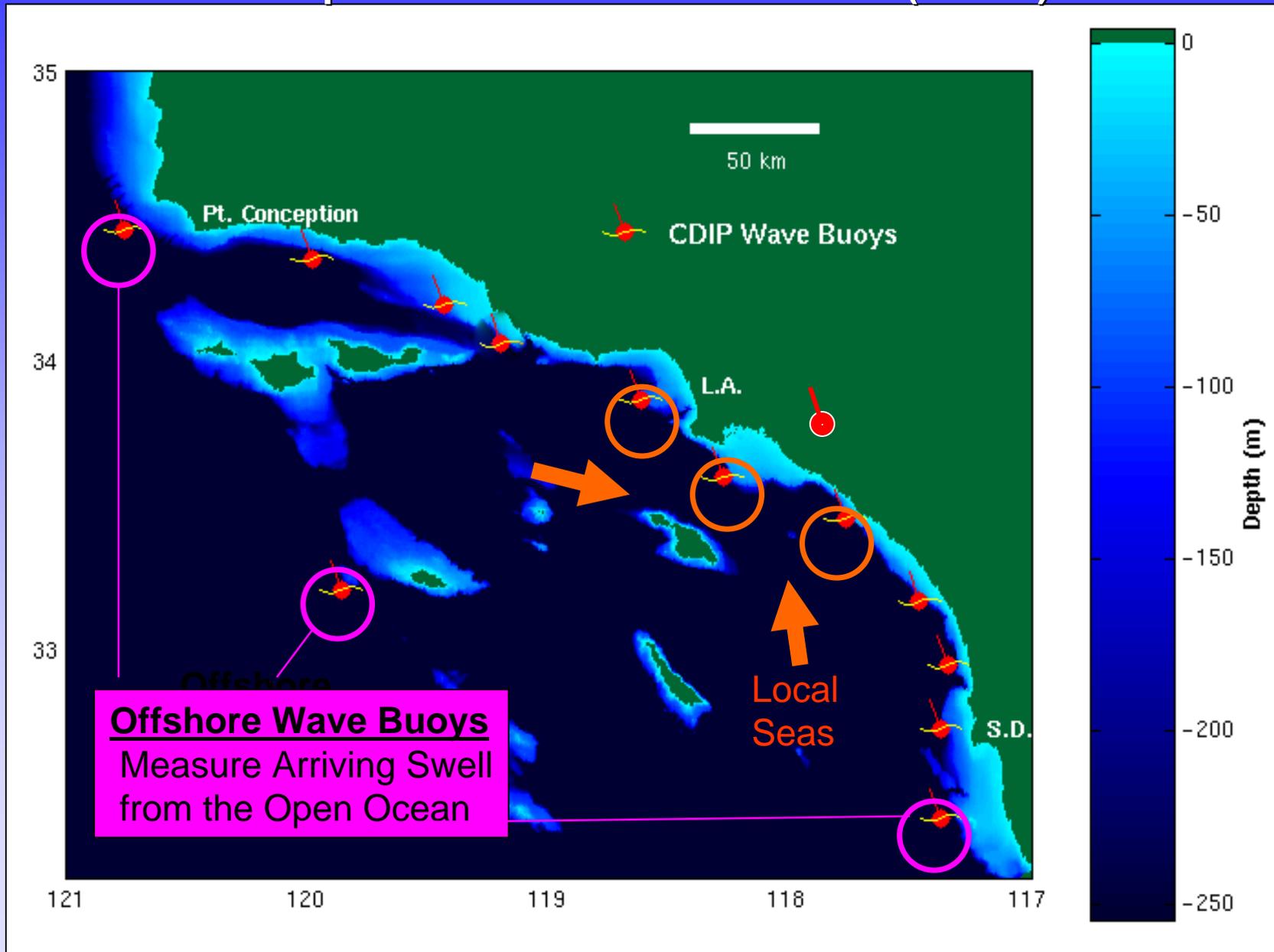
South Swell

Slide 6

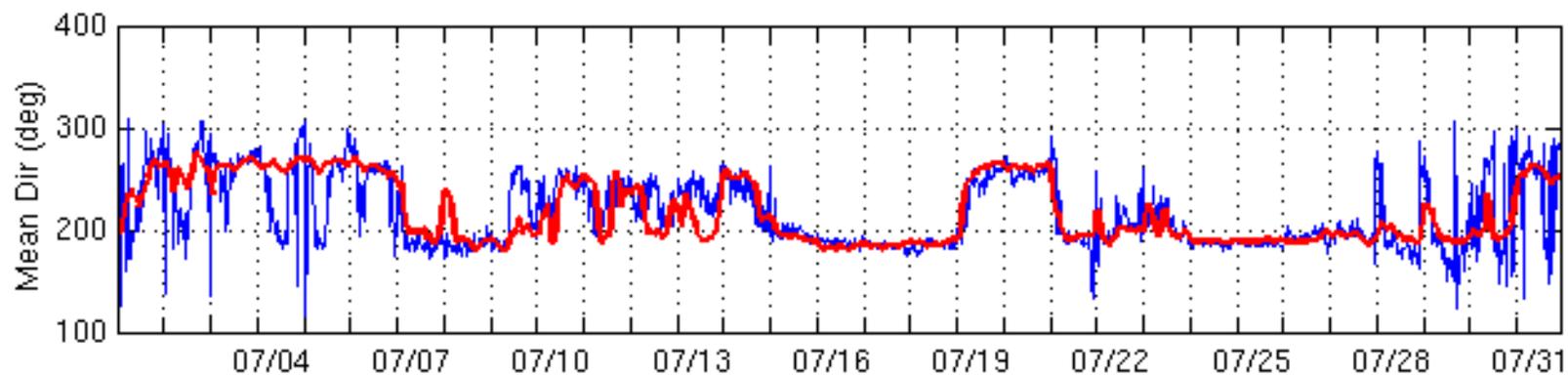
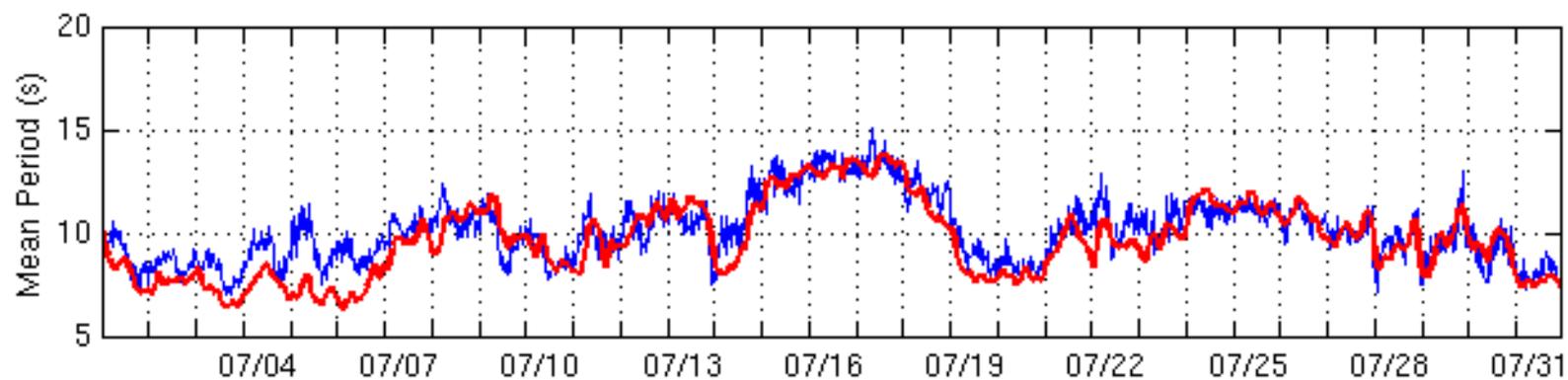
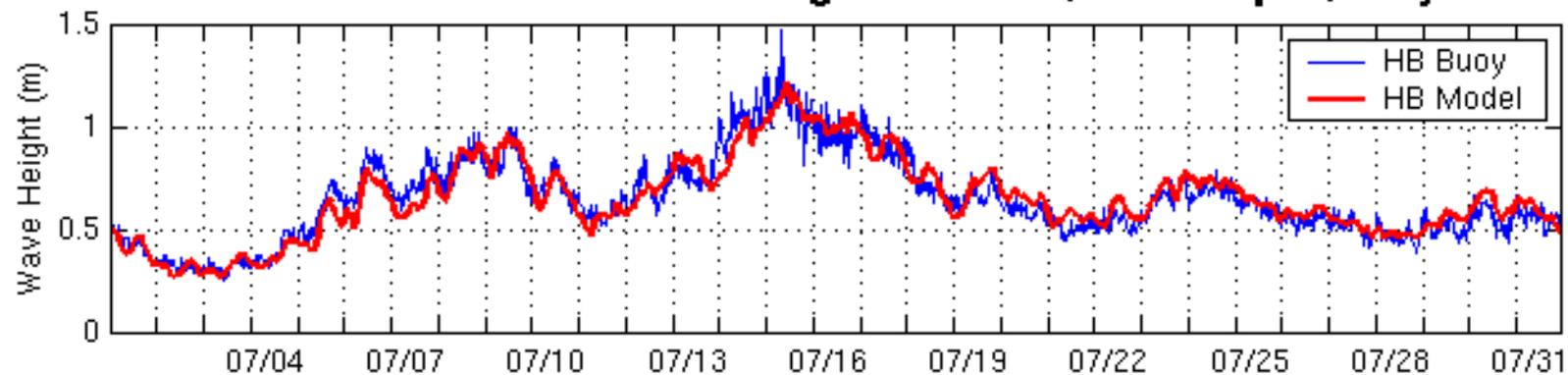
j1 Jan 31, 2000 1257 West Swell
jot, 7/27/2008

j2 9 May 2003 0645 PST
jot, 7/27/2008

“Buoy Network” Spectral Refraction Model – Provides both Sea and Swell Output = **Model Prediction Points (MOPS)**



Wave Model Validation: Huntington Beach, 20m depth, July 2005



Systems Approach to CDIP Waves & Beaches

Observations

Models

Applications

Offshore



Shelf



Surf



Beach

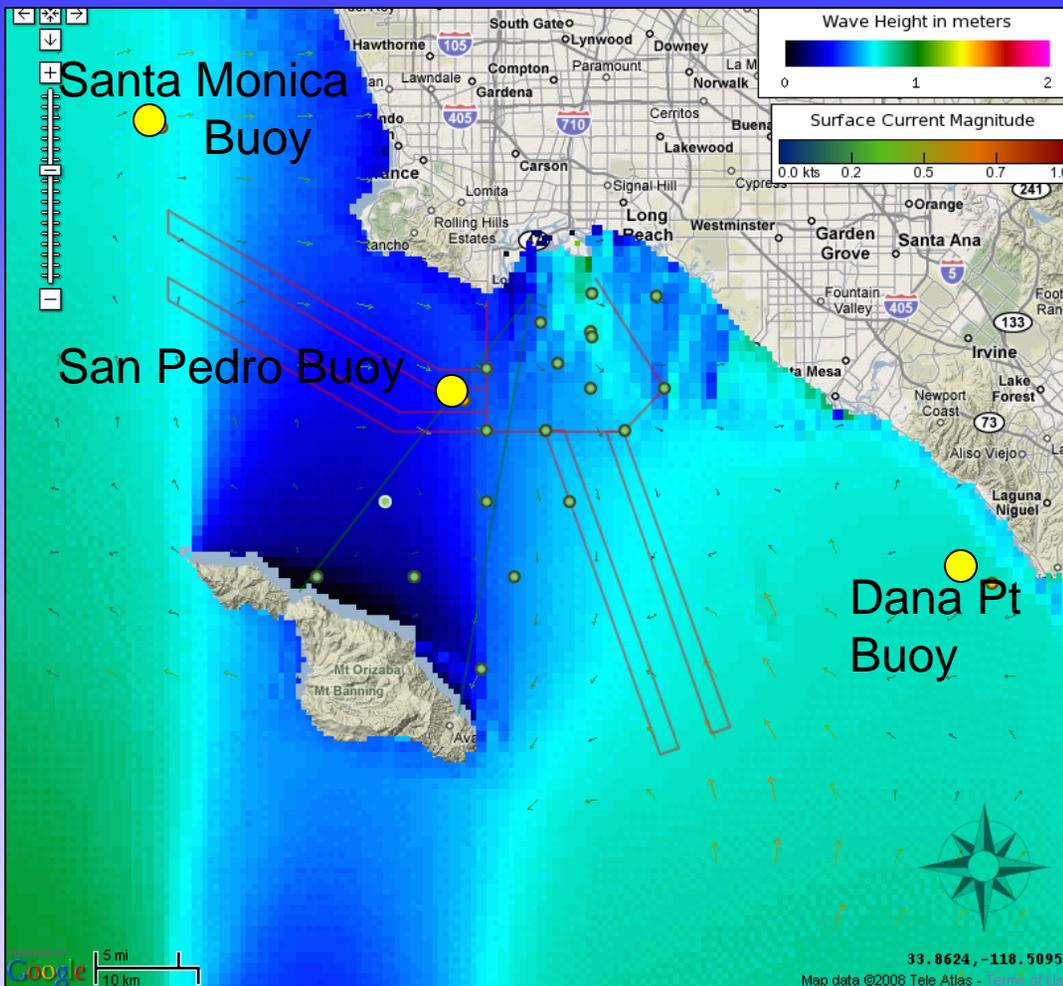
Waves: Directional Buoys	Regional Wave Prediction	Maritime Transportation
Waves: Directional Buoys Waves: PUVs	Nearshore Wave Prediction	Beach Safety Coastal Engineering and Planning
Waves: PUVs	Surfzone Wave & Current Prediction	Beach Safety (rips) Pathogen Transport (beach closures) Inundation
Sand: ATV & JetSki Surveys Sand: LIDAR Surveys	Sediment Transport Prediction	RSM (Coastal Evolution w/ Climate Change)



Information Flow



Maritime Transportation – Ports of LA/LB



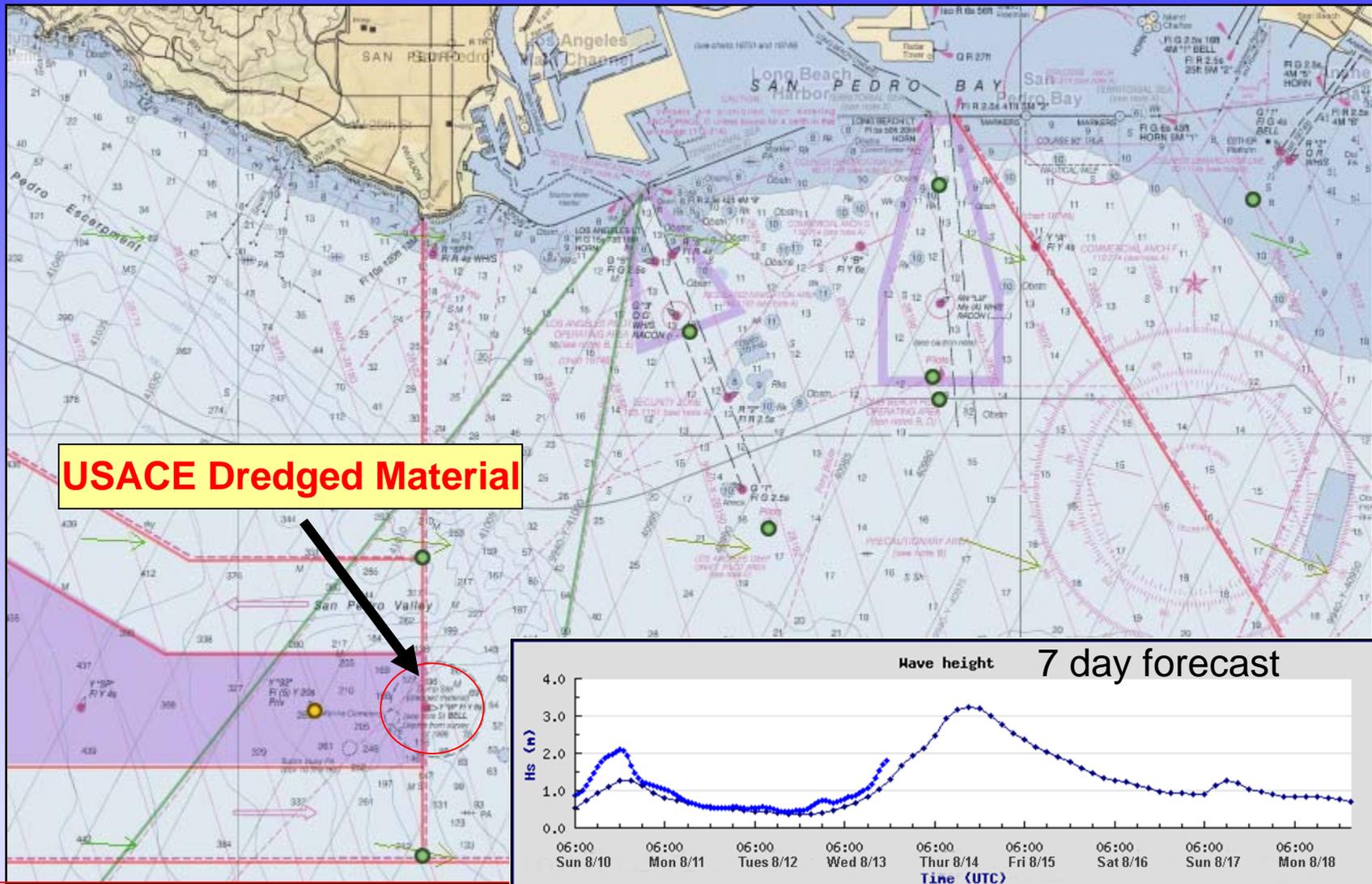
*CDIP - wave observations,
nowcasts and forecasts.*

*Southern California Coastal
Observing System (SCCOOS)
- HF Radar surface currents*

**USACE - LAD
Catalina Express
Fishing Community
Los Angeles Bar
Pilots
Long Beach Bar
Pilots
NOAA - Navigation
San Pedro Marine
Exchange
Sause Brothers
US Coast Guard**

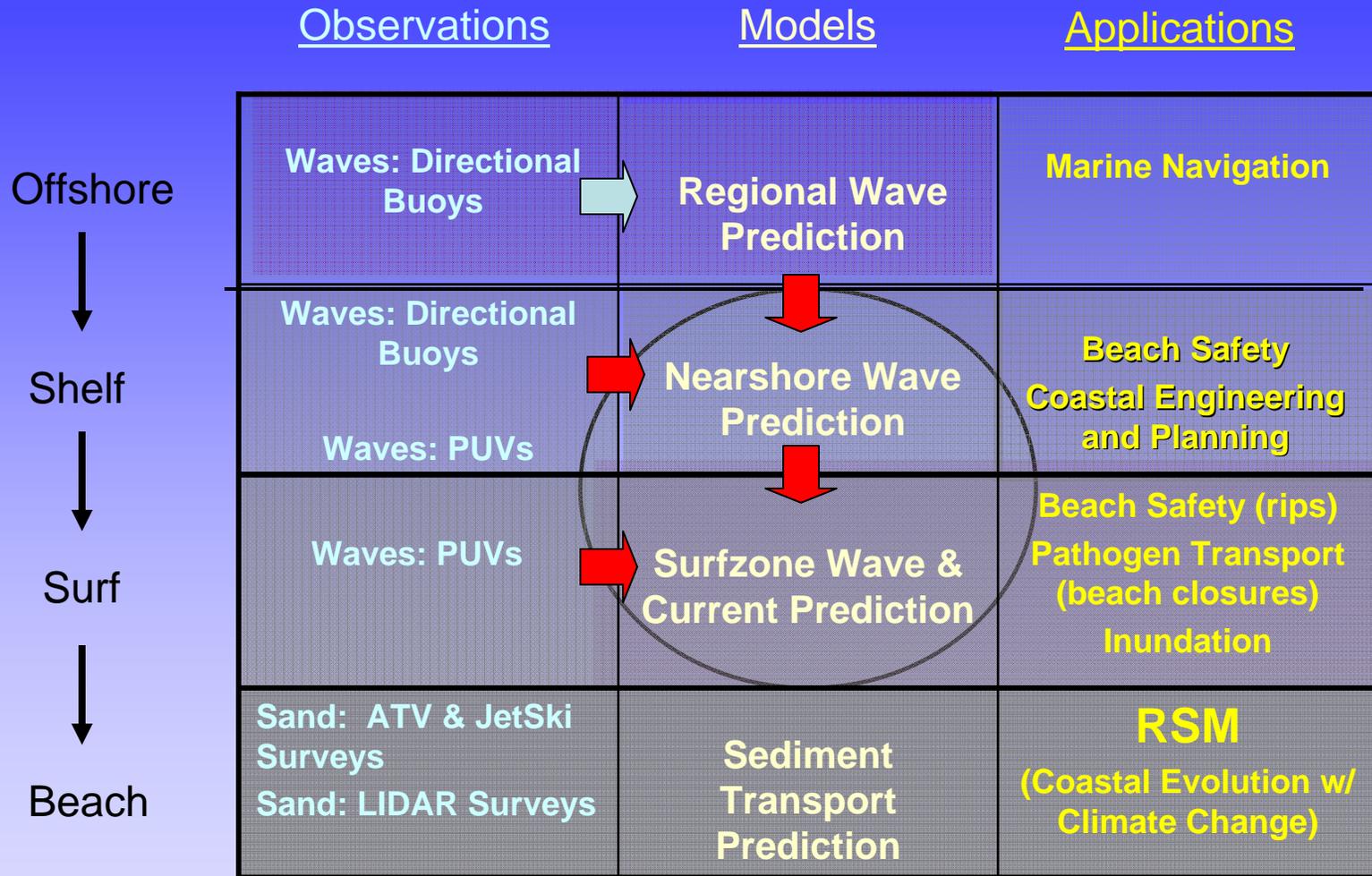
<http://www.sccoos.org/data/harbors/lalb/fullscreen.php>

Geo-referenced NOAA charts to Google San Pedro Channel

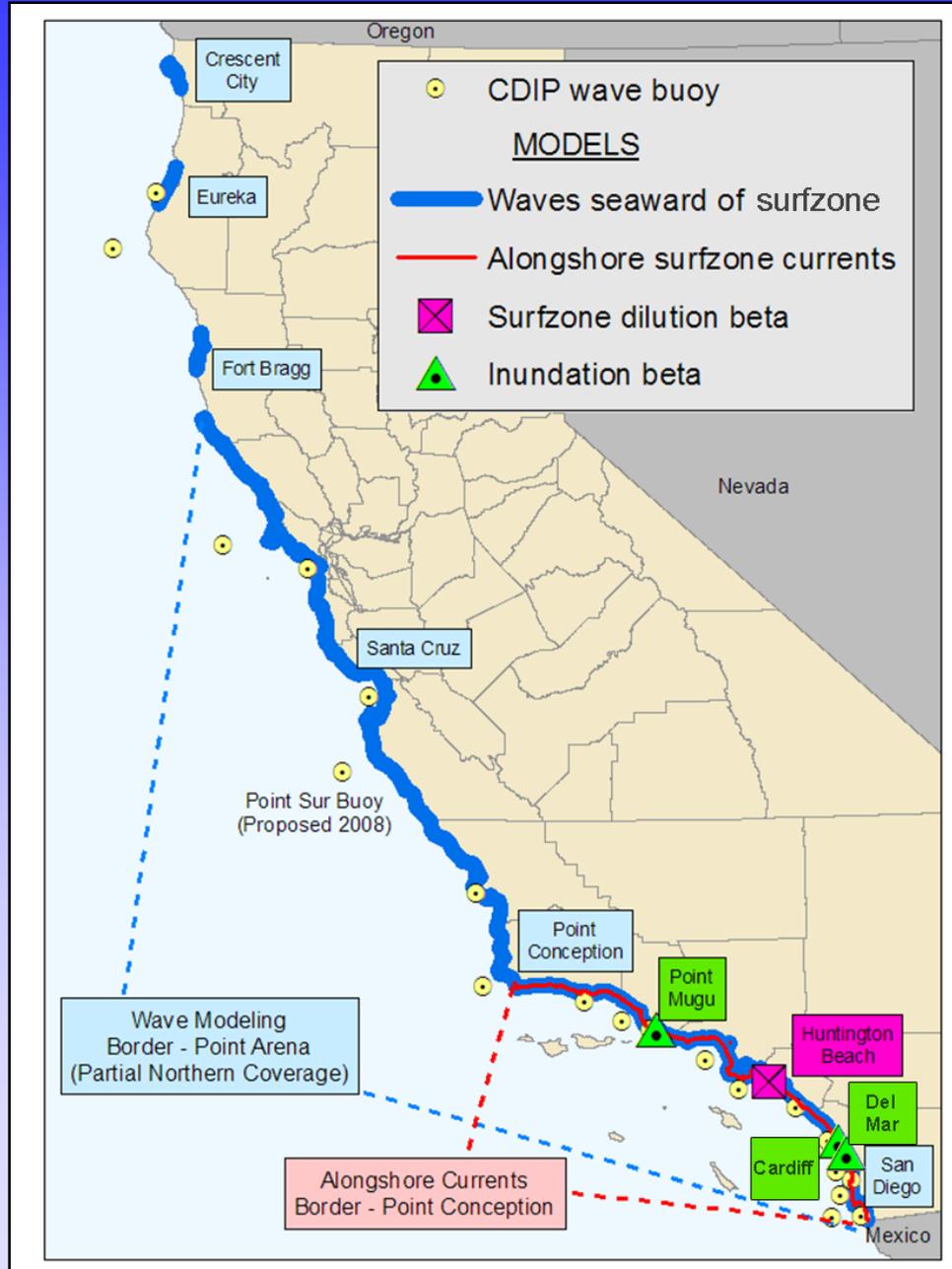


Capability to send automated notification when thresholds are exceeded!

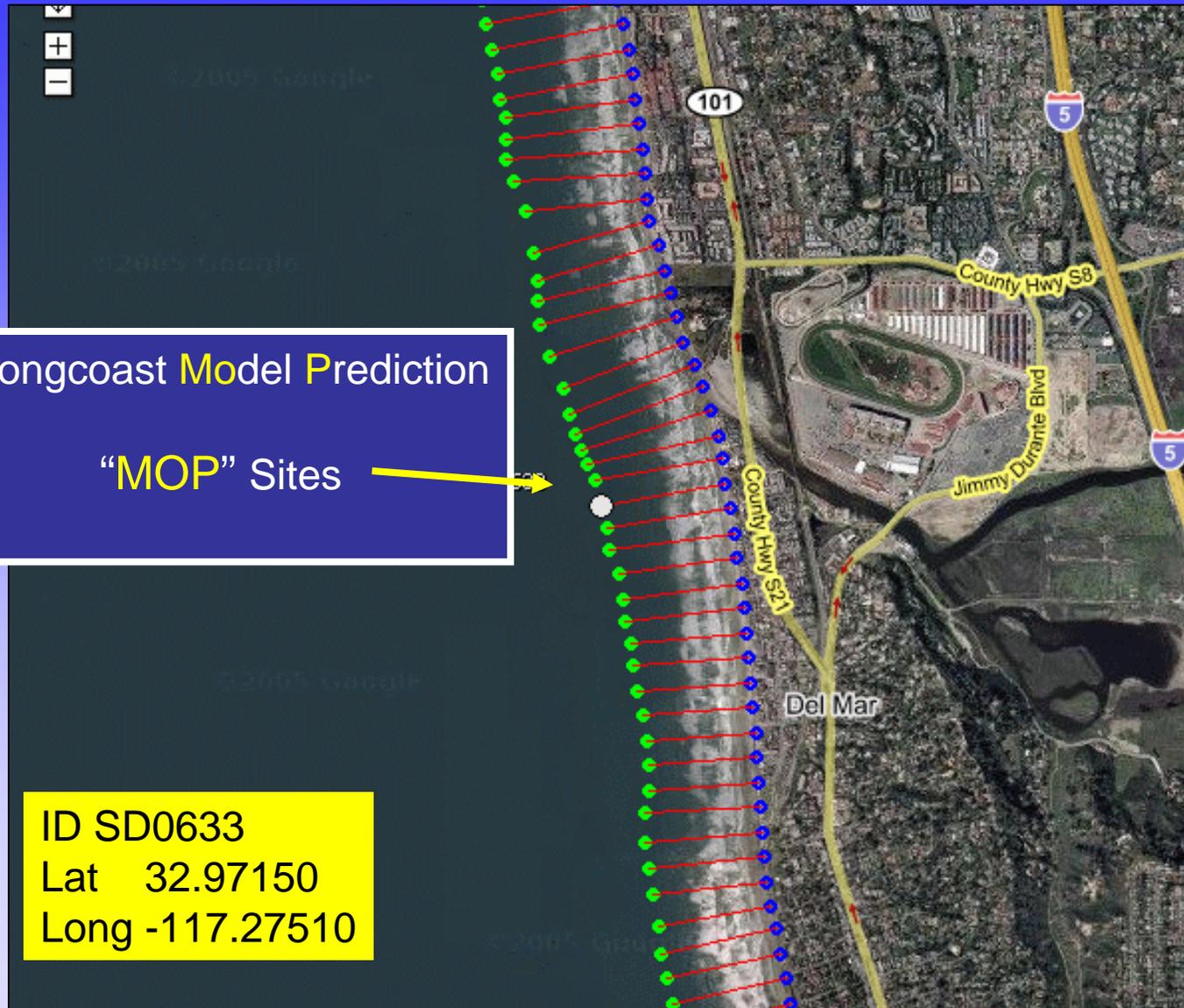
CDIP Waves & Beaches : The “Buoy Network Wave Model”



Models - Beach Safety and Coastal Engineering



NEARSHORE WAVE PREDICTIONS



MOPs – South of Pt. Conception: 10m water depth, 100m alongshore spacing
North of Pt Conception : 15m water depth, 200m alongshore spacing

CDIP Waves & Beaches

Observations

Models

Applications

Offshore



Shelf



Surf



Beach

Waves: Directional Buoys	Regional Wave Prediction	Maritime Transportation
Waves: Directional Buoys	Nearshore Wave Prediction	Beach Safety Coastal Engineering and Planning
Waves: PUVs	Surfzone Wave & Current Prediction	Beach Safety (rips) Pathogen Transport (beach closures) Inundation
Sand: ATV & JetSki Surveys Sand: LIDAR Surveys	Sediment Transport Prediction	RSM (Coastal Evolution w/ Climate Change)



Information Flow



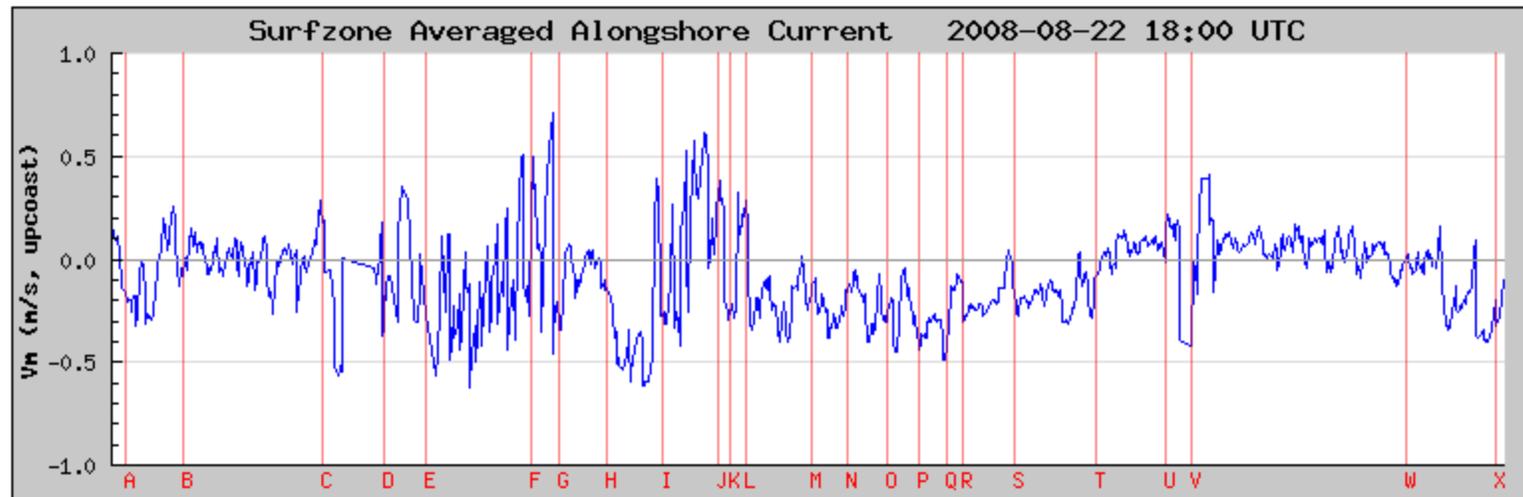
BEACH SAFETY – RIPS

MOP- Alongshore Currents

Used by Lifeguards and NWS in Santa Monica

San Diego County Alongcoast Wave Conditions

Parameter to plot: Hs Tp Dp Ta Sxy Sxx Dm Vm Hb [Click plot to zoom](#)



A : Border Field State Park (D0013)

B : Imperial Beach Pier (D0053)

C : Coronado Beach (D0179)

D : San Diego Harbor Entrance (D0232)

E : Point Loma, Southern Tip (D0250)

F : Sunset Cliffs (D0333)

G : Mission Bay Channel Entrance (D0361)

H : Crystal Pier, Pacific Beach (D0405)

I : Windansea Beach (D0453)

J : La Jolla Shores Beach (D0502)

K : Scripps Pier, La Jolla (D0513)

L : Blacks Beach (D0528)

M : Torrey Pines Beach (D0587)

N : 15th Street, Del Mar (D0618)

O : Fletcher Cove, Solana Beach (D0655)

P : Cardiff Reef (D0683)

Q : Swamis, Encinitas (D0709)

R : Moonlight Beach (D0722)

S : Batiquitos Lagoon (D0768)

T : Tamarack, Carlsbad (D0843)

U : Oceanside Pier (D0906)

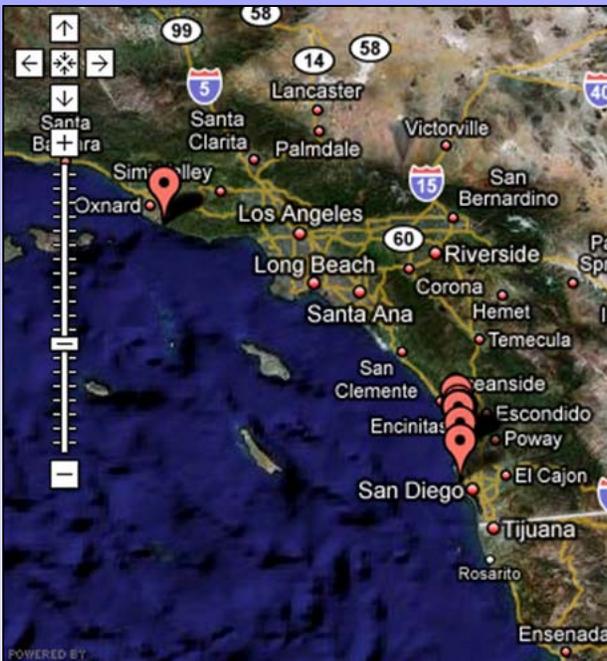
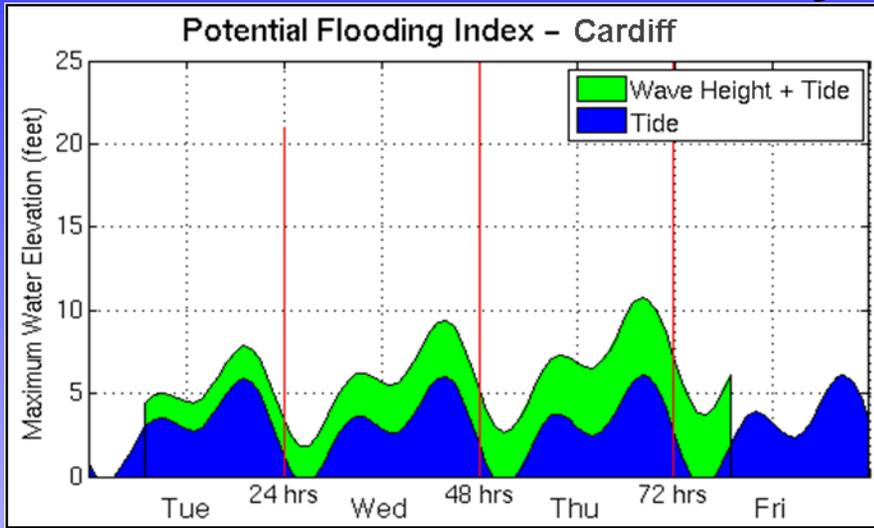
V : Oceanside Harbor Entrance (D0929)

W : San Onofre State Beach (D1124)

X : Trestles (D1206)

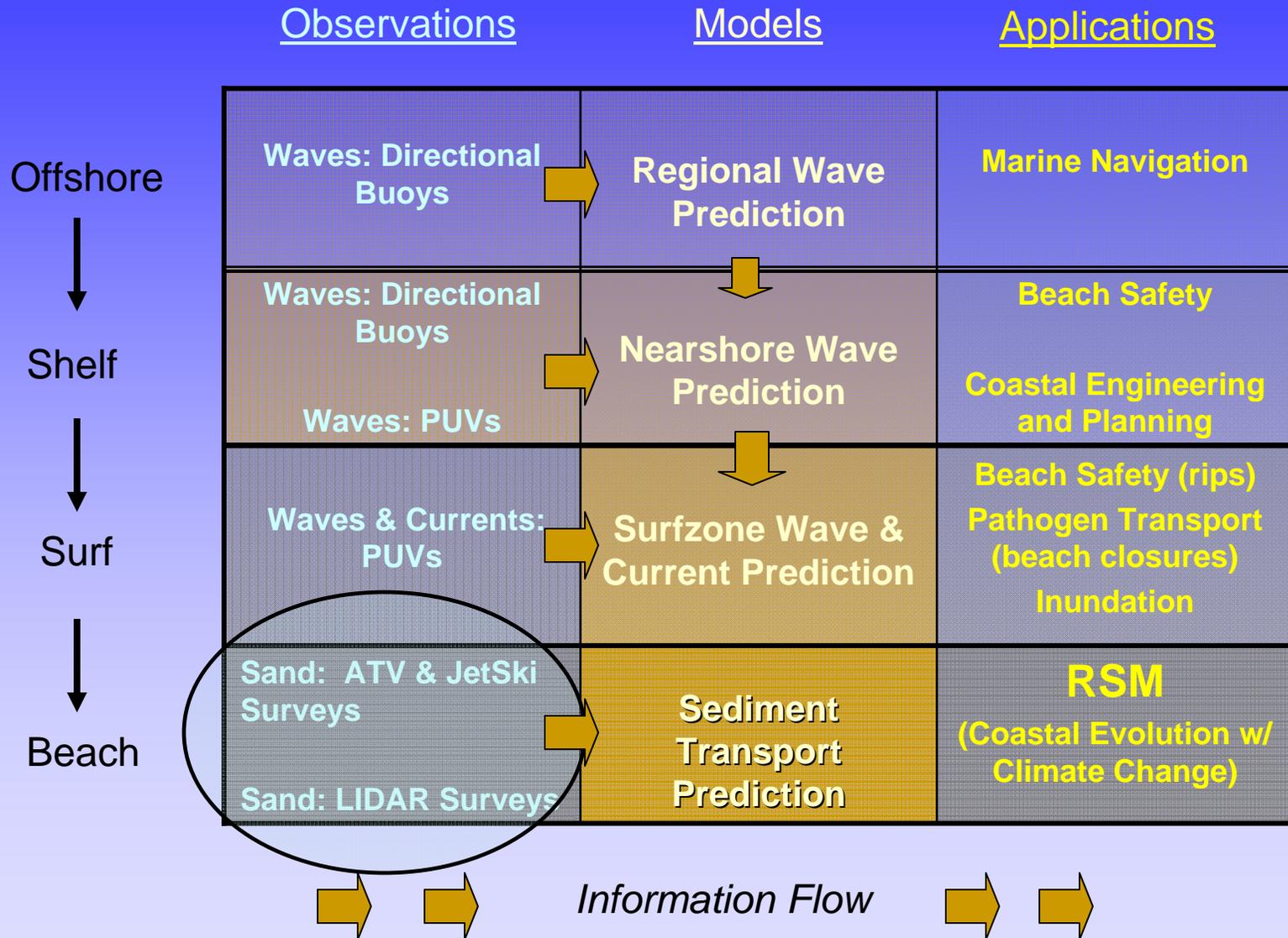
Beach Safety, Wave Inundation Predictions

3-day forecasts

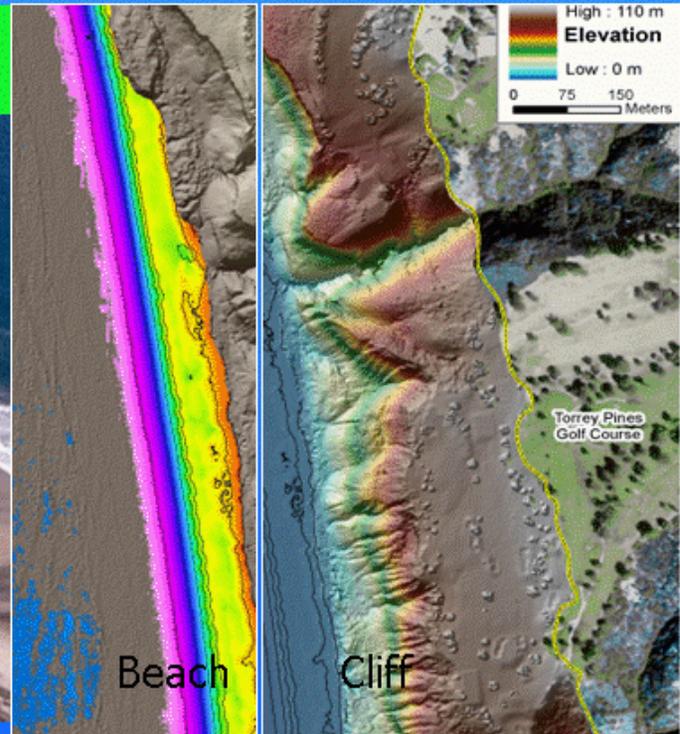


ID	Date	Latitude	Longitude	MOP ID	Hs	Dp	Tp	Observer	Region
1	2008-01-06 07:30:00	32.85058	-117.261977	D0502	0.69	277	8.33	Bob Guza	La Jolla
2	2008-01-06 08:00:00	32.75989	-117.256365	D0361	2.79	269	18.18	Bob Guza	Mission Bay
3	2007-12-05 06:15:00	32.75749	-117.254864	D0361	4.61	270	18.18	Bob Guza	Mission Bay
4	2008-01-06 07:00:00	32.93730	-117.261934	D0587	1.79	265	11.76	Bob Guza	Torrey Pines
5	2008-02-05 07:30:00	32.93238	-117.260878	D0587	1.30	264	11.76	Bob Guza	Torrey Pines

CDIP Waves & Beaches : Modeling Framework

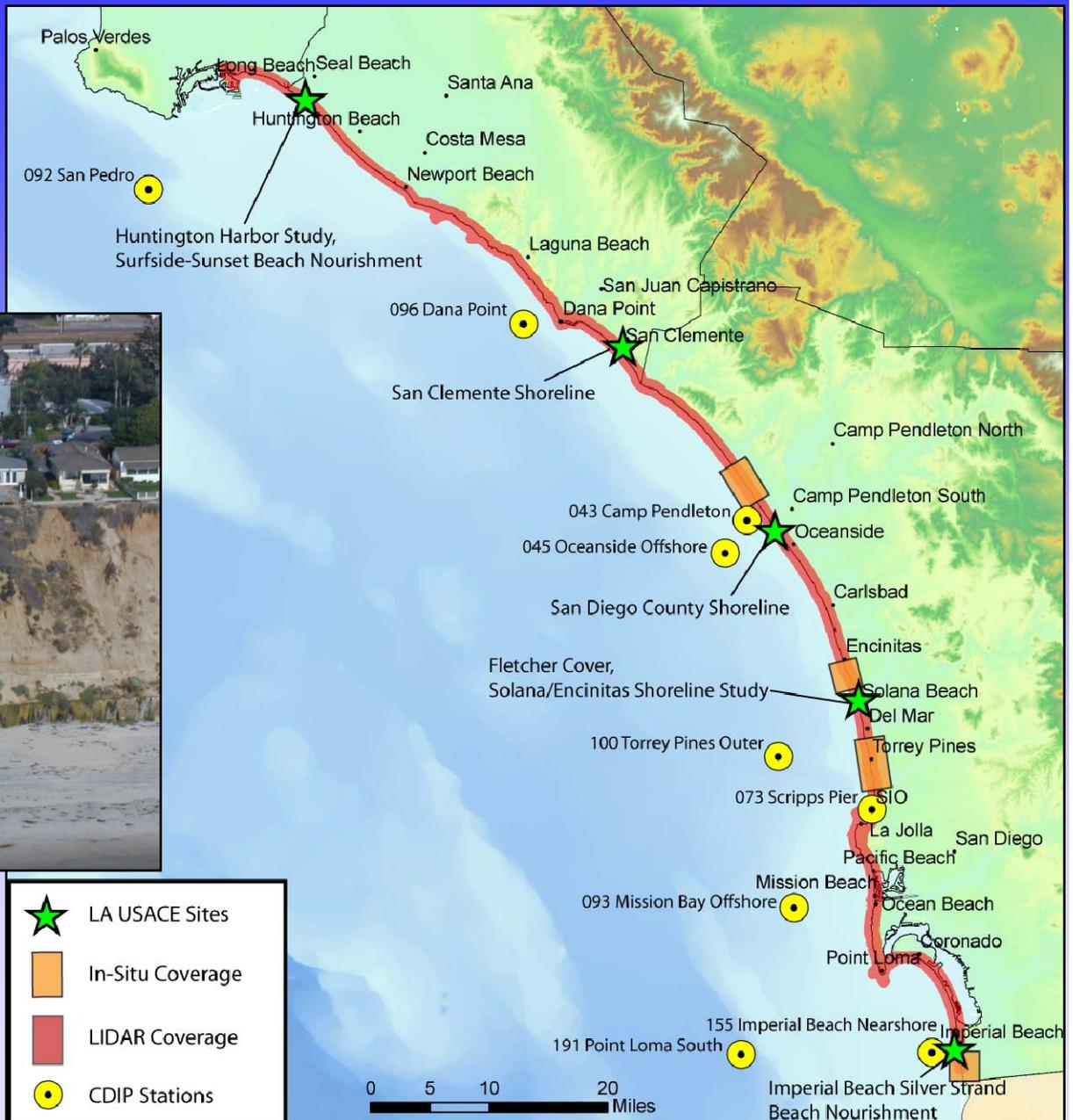


CA Beach Monitoring & Prediction



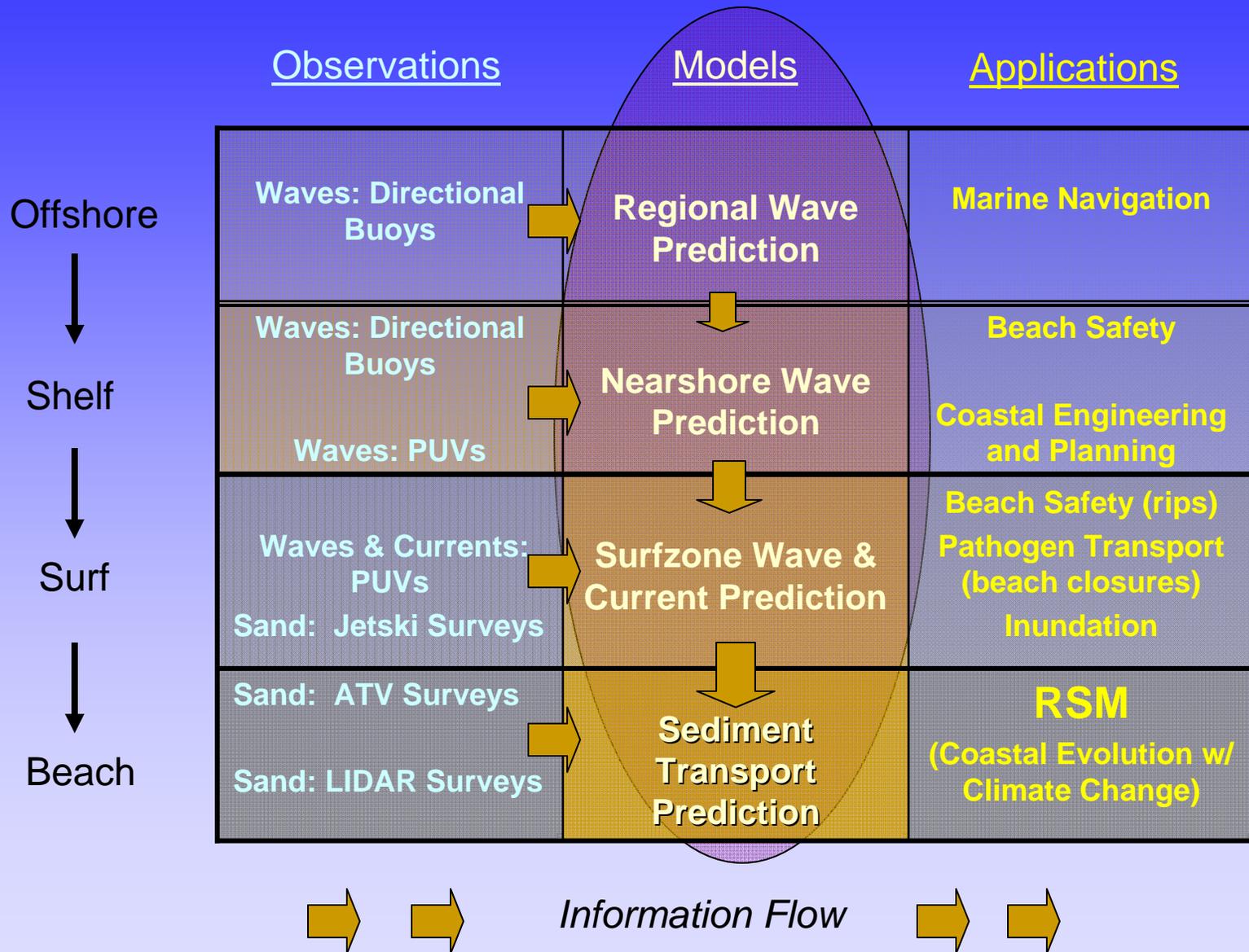
Coastal Engineering

- USACE LAD Projects
- In-Situ Surveys
- LIDAR Surveys
- Wave Buoys

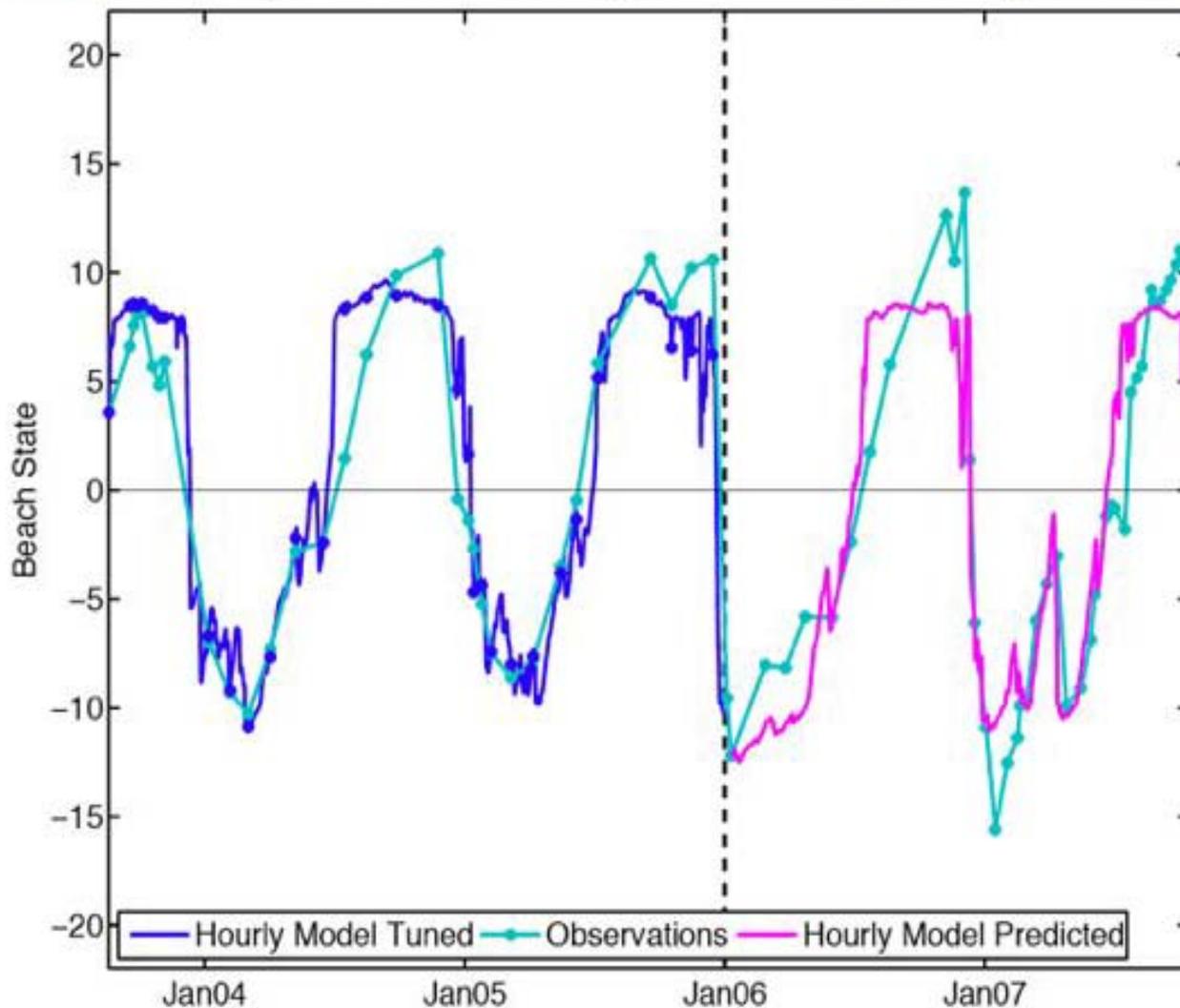


- ★ LA USACE Sites
- ▭ In-Situ Coverage
- ▬ LIDAR Coverage
- CDIP Stations

CDIP Waves & Beaches : Modeling Framework

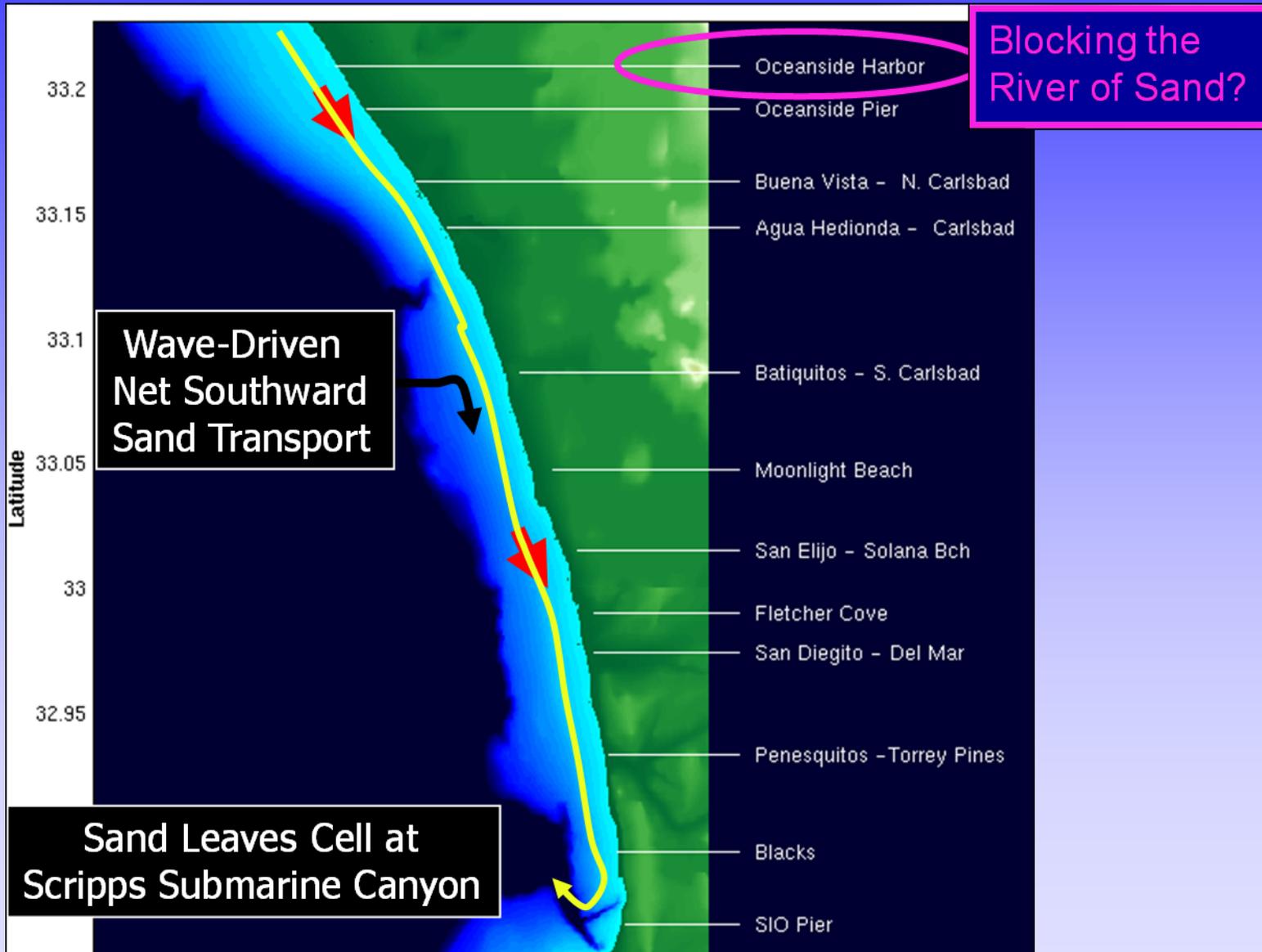


Train beach-wave response model with 2+ yrs of observations,
predict next 2 yrs : Preliminary result for Torrey Pines

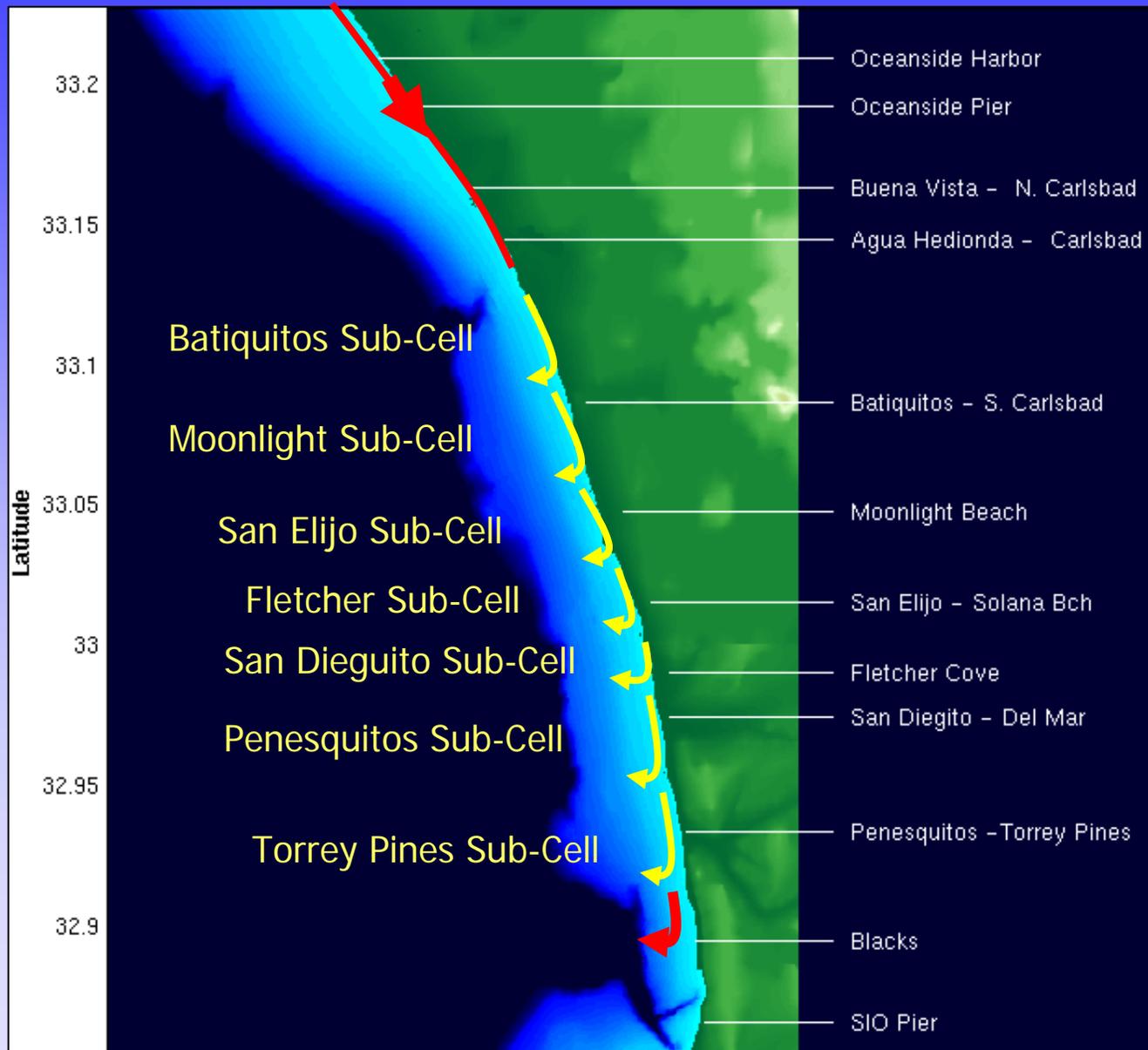


Data Adaptive Model

Oceanside Littoral Cell: The "River of Sand"



Wave-driven Lagoon Sub-Cells



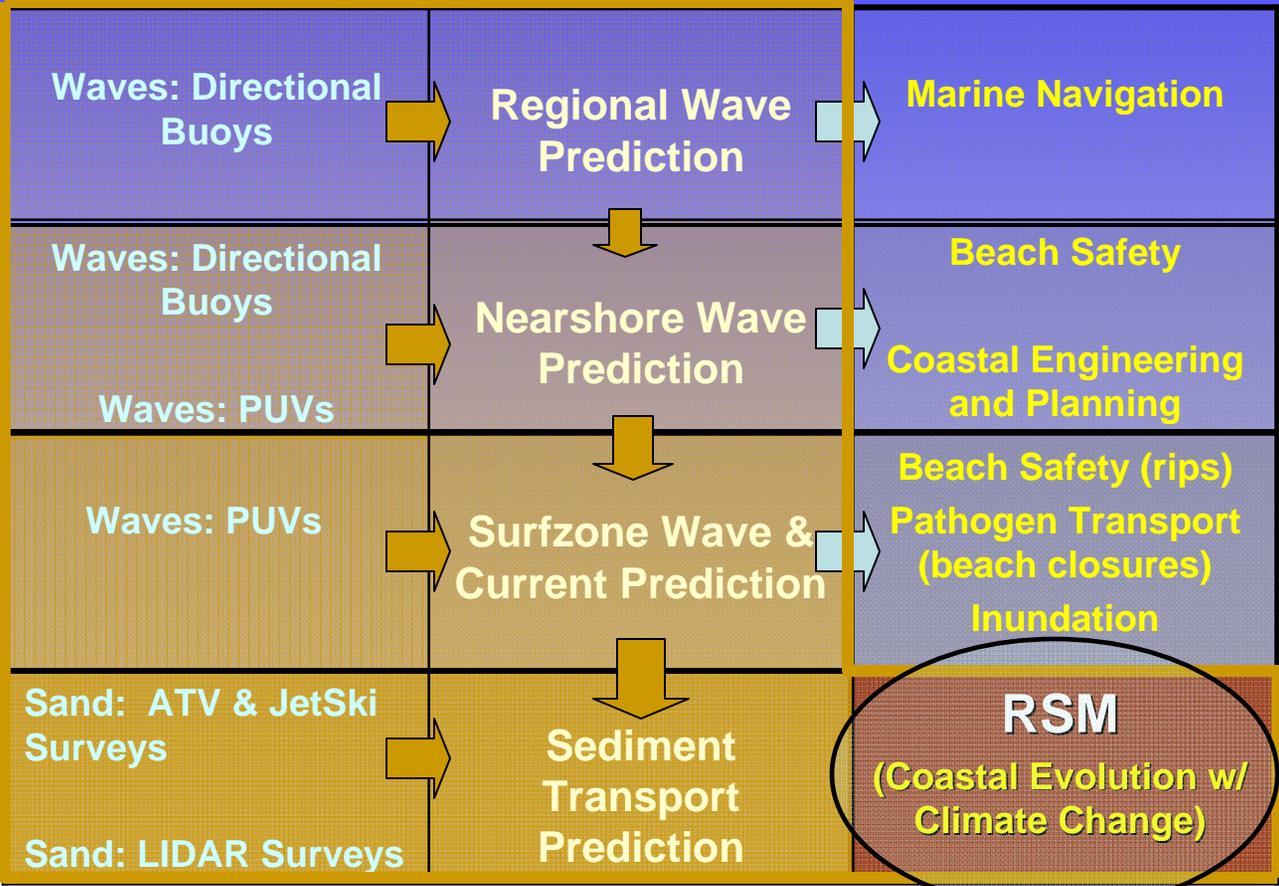
RSM – At Last!

Observations

Models

Applications

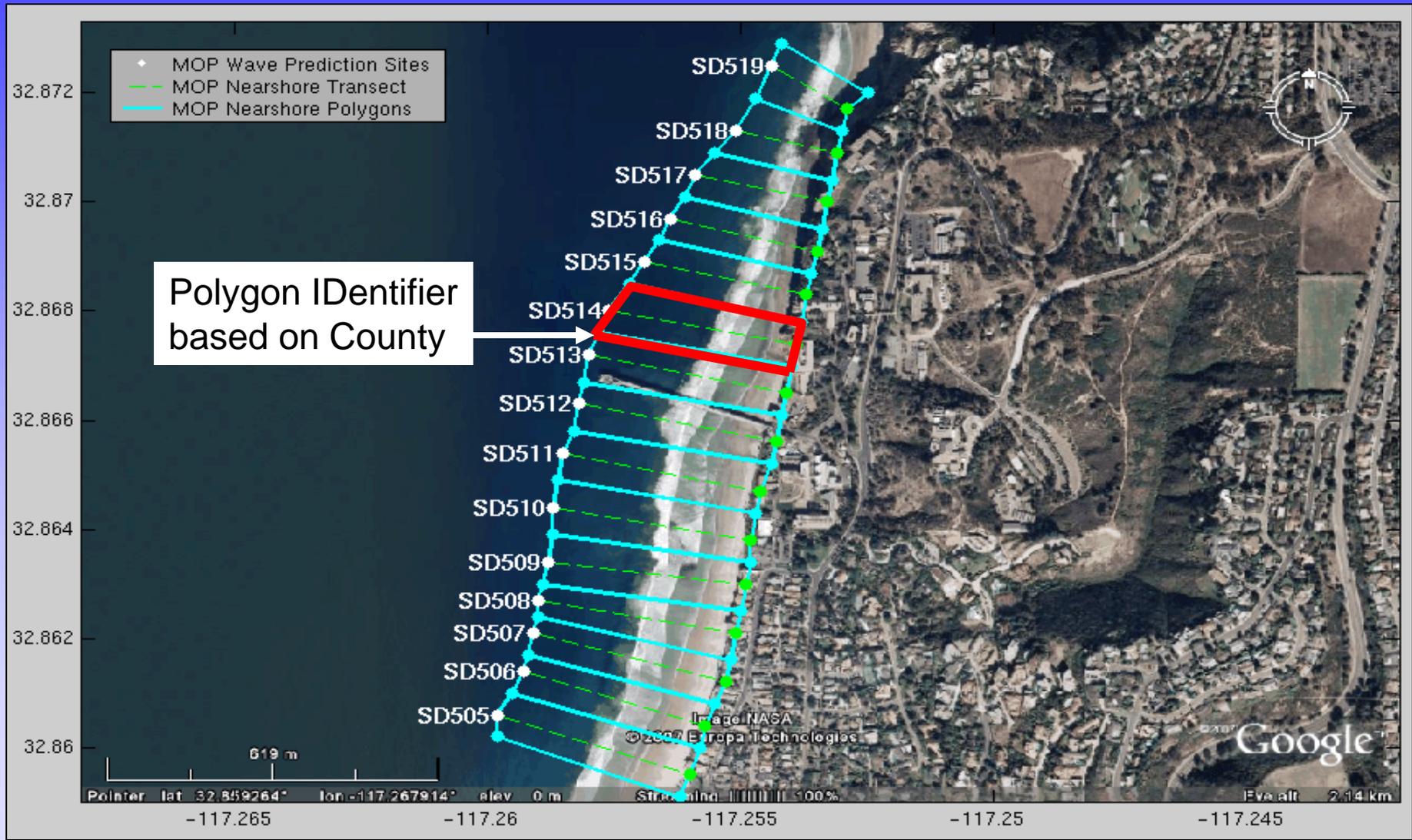
Offshore
↓
Shelf
↓
Surf
↓
Beach



⇒ ⇒ Information Flow ⇒ ⇒

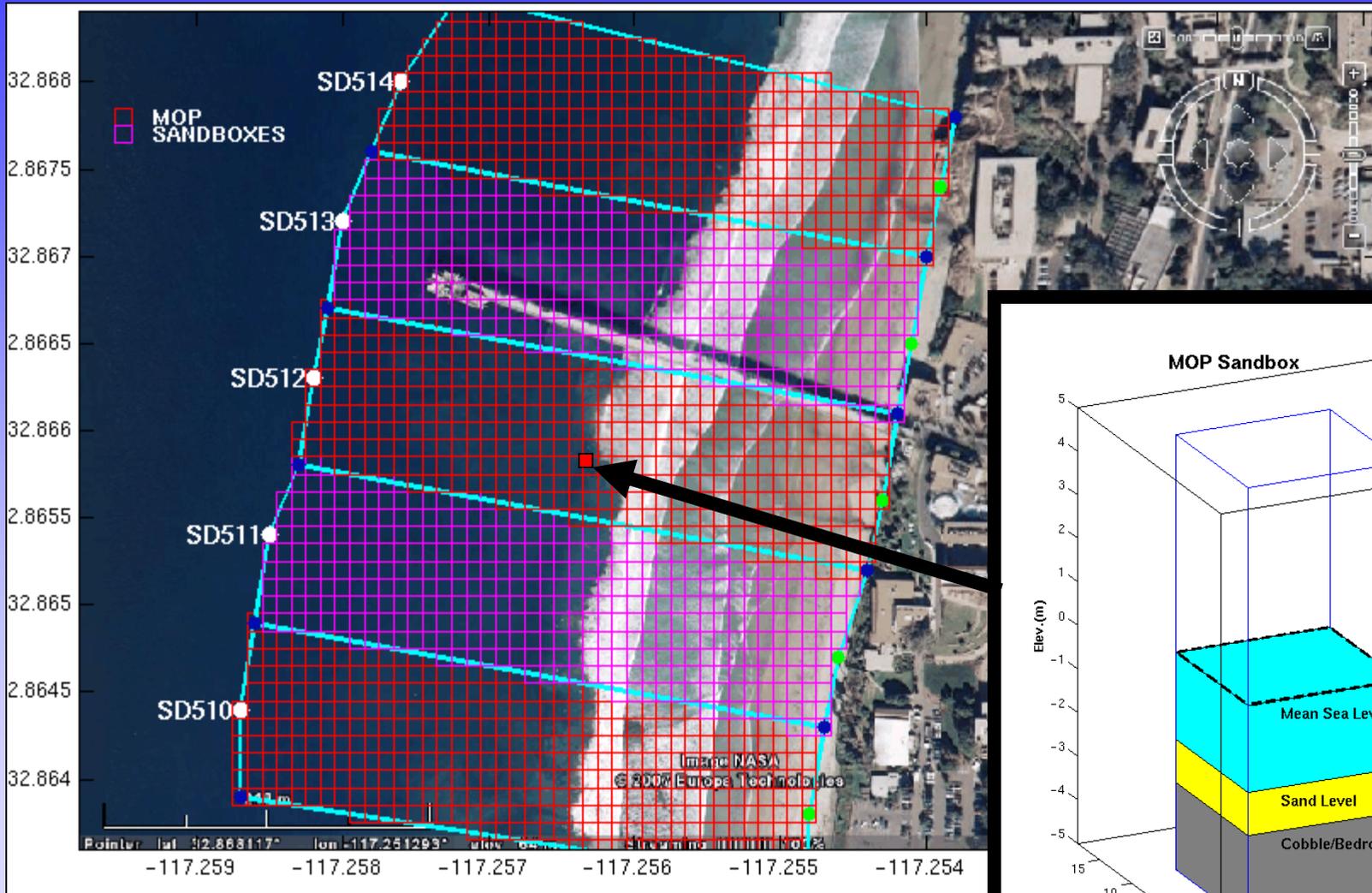
REGIONAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT

Each MOP Transect is bounded by a MOP Nearshore Site and a MOP Backbeach Site

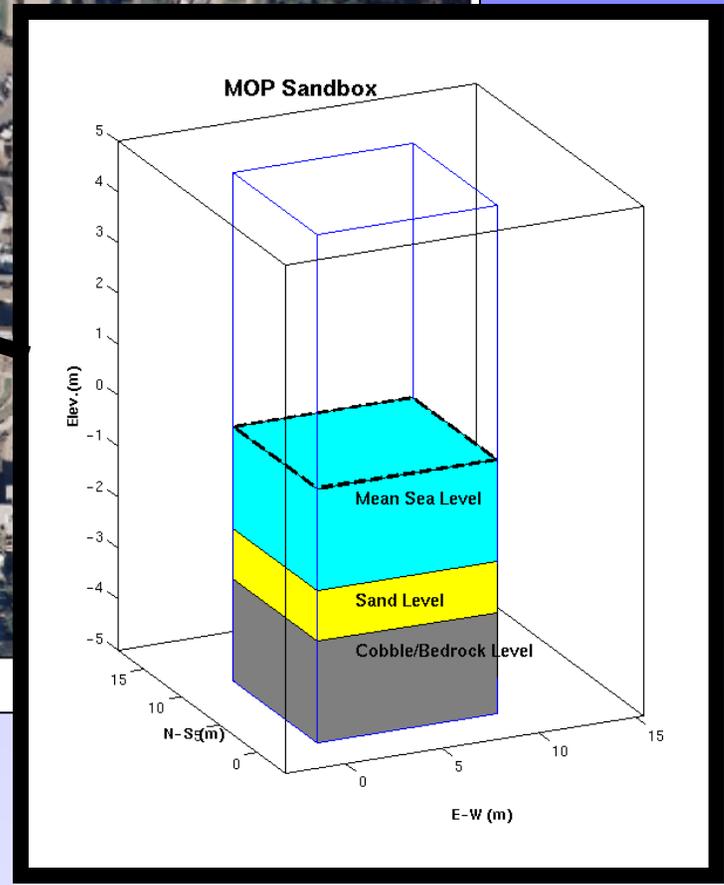


Future Goal

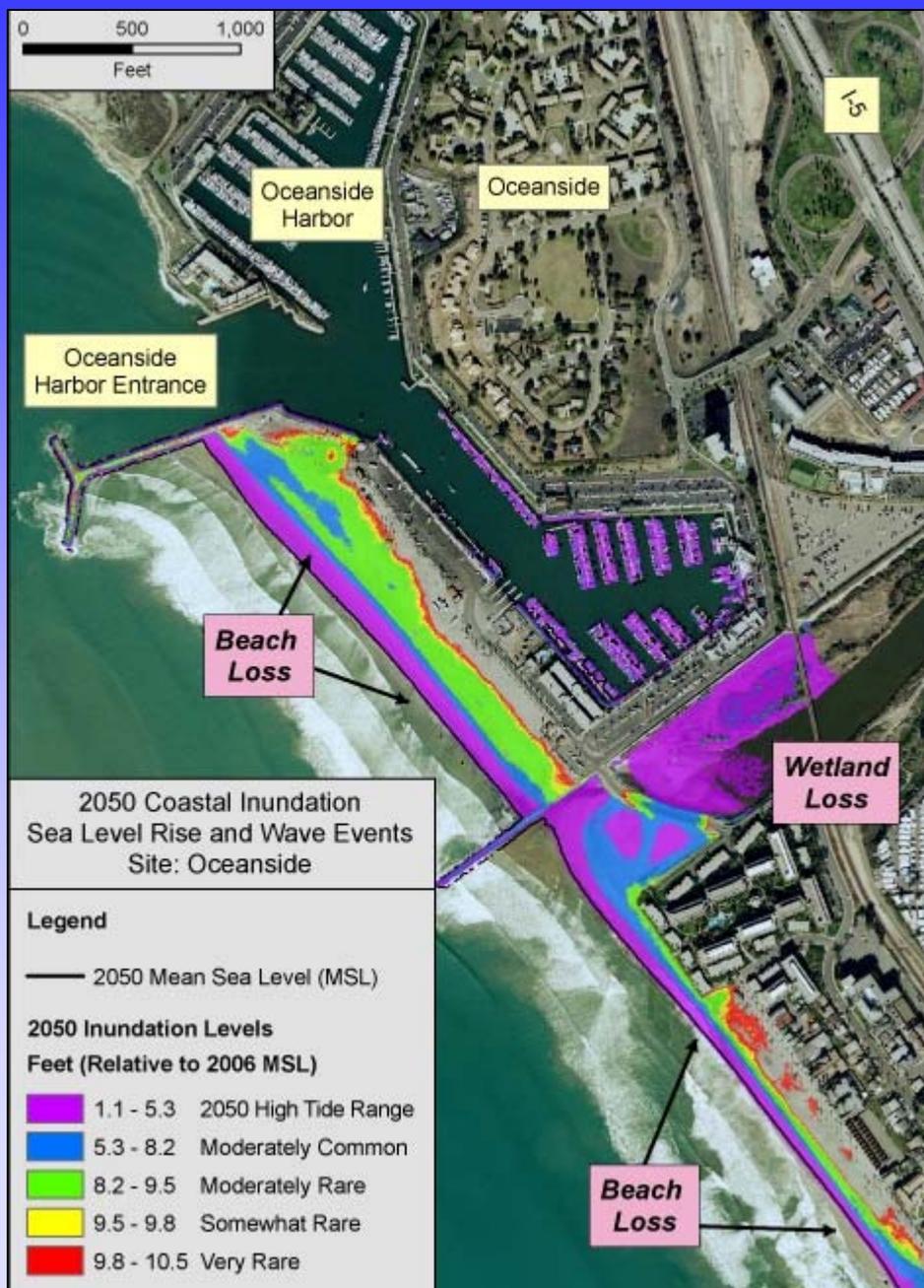
Provide Quantifiable measurements of sand transport



Each MOP Polygon contains a set of MOP Sandboxes.



Sea Level Rise Prediction for 2050 – Oceanside Harbor



- Wave Watch III forecast to 2050 (offshore)
- CDIP waves inside SoCal bight
- Tides
- 0.4 run-up coefficient
- LIDAR Surveys

**COASTAL EVOLUTION
W/ CLIMATE CHANGE**

Tri-State Governors Agreement

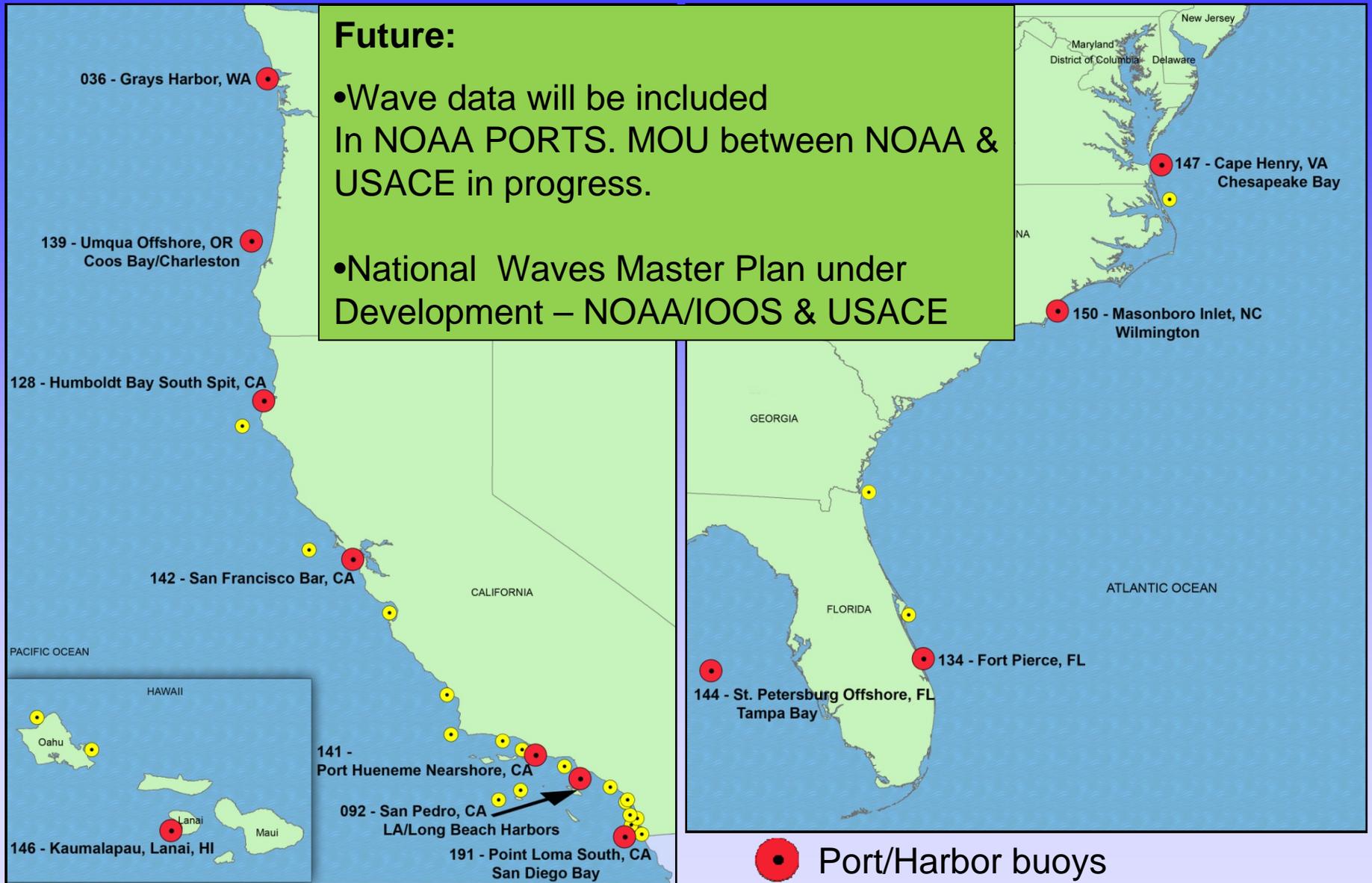


“Sediment management has implications for the coastal economy... Changes to sediment availability impact beaches, tourism, marina infrastructure, and vessel traffic. Erosion affects critical existing coastal structures, such as jetties.”

(West Coast Governors' Agreement on Coastal Health, May 2008)

-  Port/Harbor buoys
-  Other CDIP wave buoys

CDIP Wave Buoys Near Ports and Harbors



CONCLUSION

CDIP'S SYSTEM APPROACH to
***“Monitor and predict nearshore waves
and shoreline change” CAN BE
APPLIED TO THE ENTIRE COASTAL
US.***

*Regional assets and unique conditions and
challenges must be taken into account.*
