



## RAPPORT TECHNIQUE-PHASE B

### Sous Projet: GESA

**GEstion des stocks SAbleux interceptés par les ouvrages côtiers.  
Récupération du transport solide.**

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# PHASE B

# 8 Partners



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# Multidisciplinary and Integrated Study



## PHASE A

### Problem

Rivers are often not able to provide enough sediments to the coast



Main causes are: dams and weirs, land uses and climate

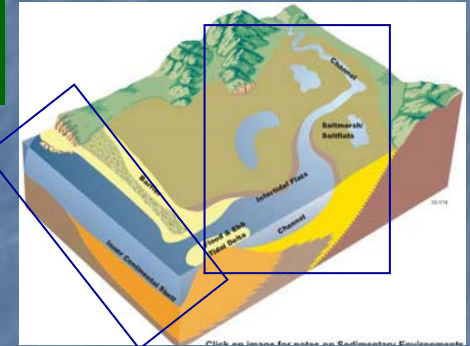
Recover sediments from rivers

Keep the sedimentary cycle stable

### Main goals

Accumulation areas with high hydraulic risk

Sediments entrapped by dams



**HYDROGRAPHIC  
BASIN & RIVER**

# Multidisciplinary and Integrated Study



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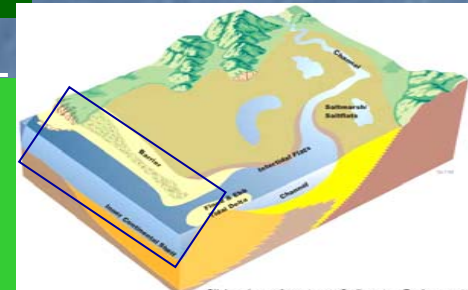
Periodical dredges

Beach nourishment

### Main goals

Morphodynamic evolution

Sand stocks availability

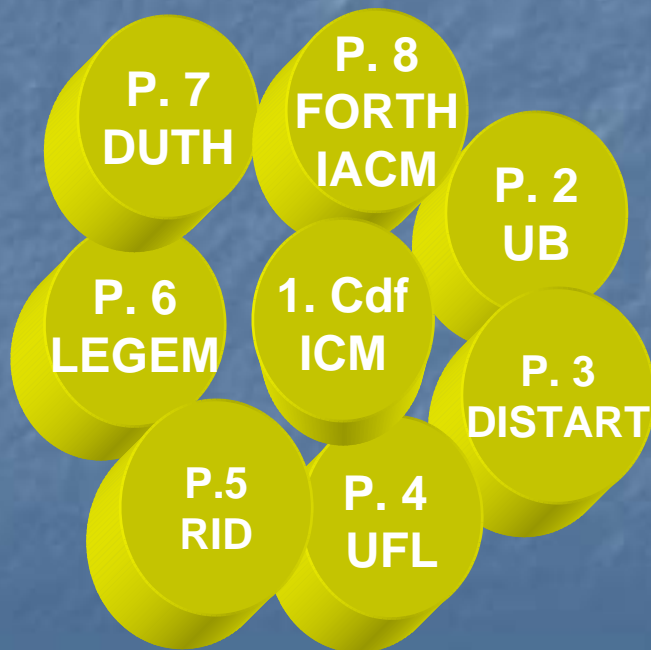


## COASTAL AREA

# PHASE B

- *Coordination/uniformities of the methodologies*
- *Establishment of the research strategies*
- *Cruise planned*
- *Elaboration of common data archive*

## 8 Partners



## 7 Regions



# RESULTATS - PHASE B: Layout

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## **I. RESEARCH STRATEGIES**

- HYDROGRAPHIC BASINS
- COASTAL AREA

## **II. METHODS**

## **III. COMMON DATA ARCHIVES**

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## Strategy

Analysis of sediments (laboratory)

Quantification of sediments and possible re-use

Quantification (numerical models)

# IA.- RS to the study hydrographic basin

## I. RESEARCH STRATEGIES

- Reduction to fluvial inputs by accumulation in the hydrographical basins
- Reduction to fluvial inputs by anthropogenic factors (dams)
- Reduction to fluvial inputs by turbidity currents
- Recovery of sediments in reservoirs (dams)
- River contribution from deltaic systems



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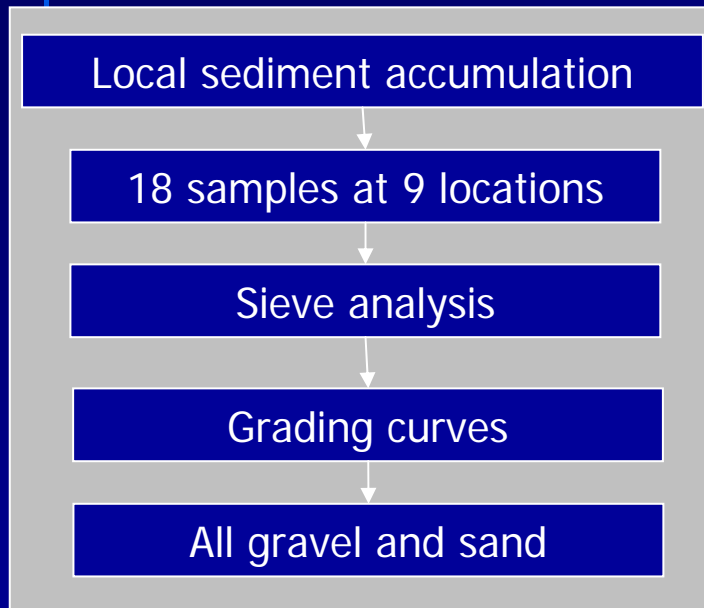


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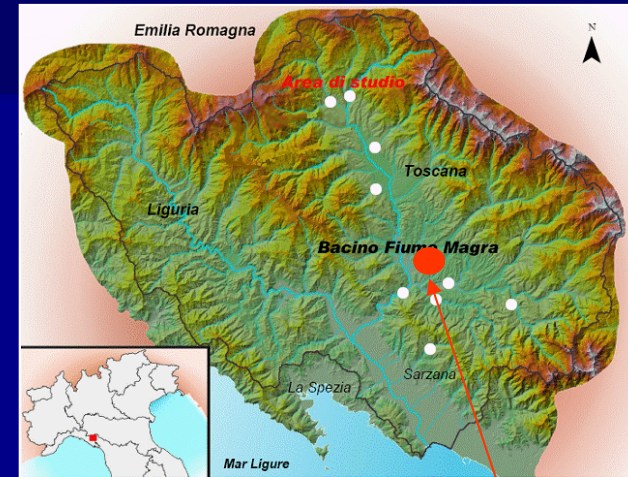
➤ *Analysis of accumulated sediments in the River Magra watershed*

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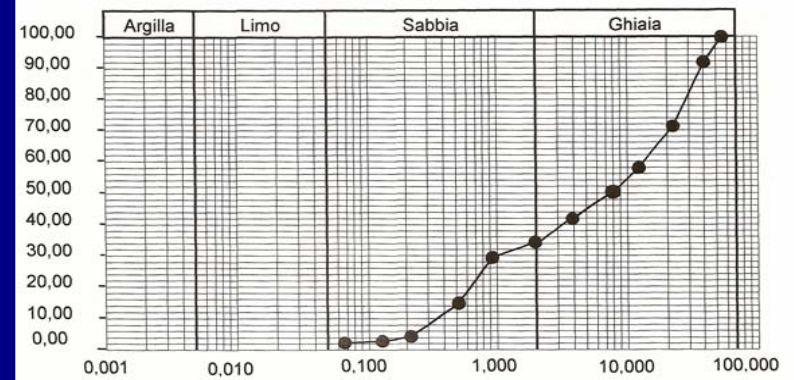
## Identification of sediments (Phase B)



Magra watershed: location map



Grading curve (T. Lucido, Loc. Gragnola)



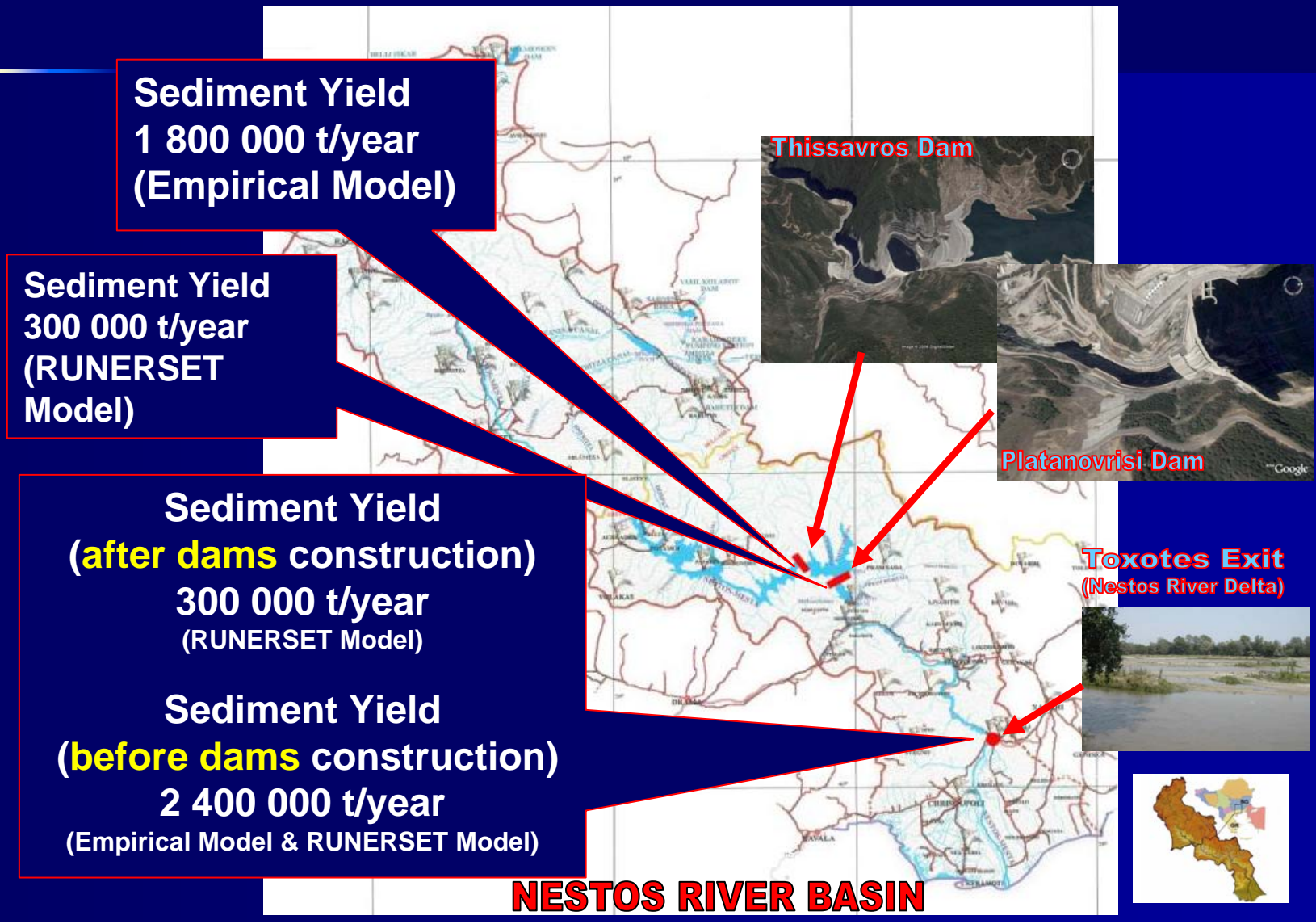
(Ia). RS to the study hydrographical basin

Diameter [mm]

• Reduction to fluvial inputs by antropogenic factors (dams)

➤ Elaborate the appropriate methodologies in order to calculate the reduction of the sediment yield at the mouth of rivers due to construction of dams.

(Ia). RS to the study hydrographical basin



**NESTOS RIVER BASIN**

# • Reduction to fluvial inputs by turbidity currents

DUTH-P7

➤ *Simulation of TC generated during floods at the rivers mouths (loss of sediment)*

- Simulation of hyperpycnal flows after extreme flood events using FLUENT (A robust CFD- Computational Fluid Dynamics- Solver).

Ia. RS to the study hydrographical basin

Nestos River Delta



• Possible formation of **Hyperpycnal flows** (Turbidity currents) during extreme flood events in Nestos river discharge into Aegean sea.



Evros River Delta

• Possible formation of **Hyperpycnal flows** (Turbidity currents) during extreme flood events in Evros river discharge into Aegean sea.

➤ *Examine in particular the importance of TC of R. Nestos & Evros* in the overall morphodynamics of the continental shelf

# • Recovery of sediments in reservoirs (dams)

RID-P5

➤ *Control of sedimentation in the artificial reservoirs and to evaluate the reservoirs effective capacity (lost during the time due to the filling phenomenon)*

Ia. RS to the study hydrographic basin

## Intervention strategies

## Objectives

- **"Active" Defense** → • To reduce the sedimentation (control the process of erosion & sediments transport to the reservoirs)

Techniques:

*Sediment routing (manage the route of sediments: sluicing/passing);  
Venting and flushing – "hydraulic drain"*

- **"Passive" Defense** → • Recovery of the effective capacity removing the settled material

Techniques:

*Consists in the hydraulic/mechanical removal of sediments*

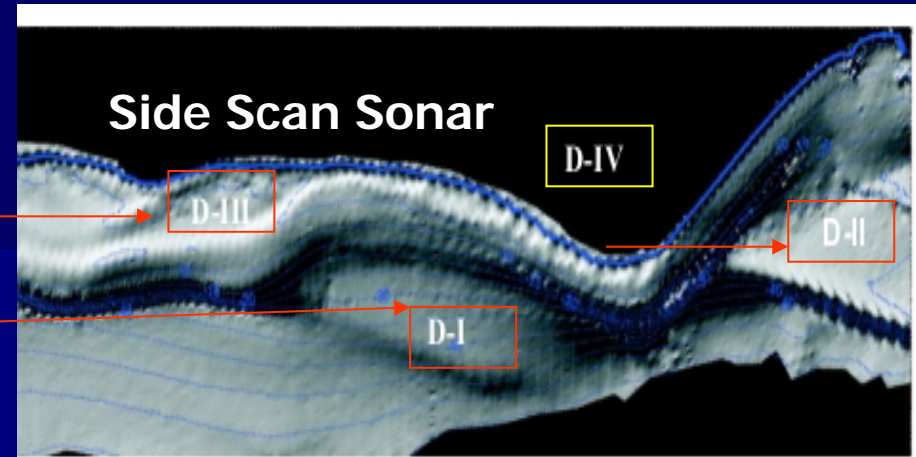
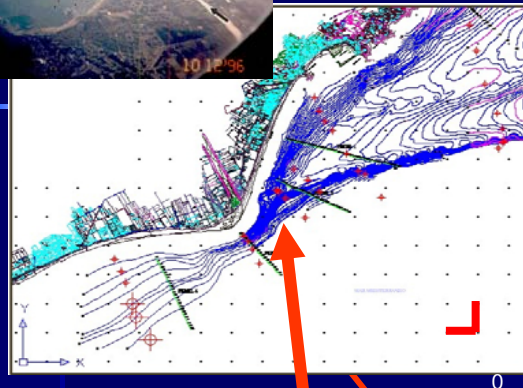
# • River contribution from deltaic systems

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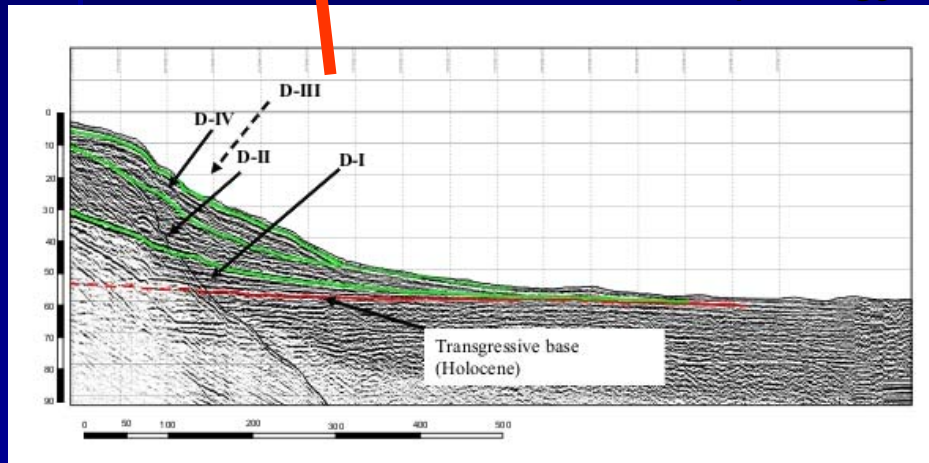
Ia. RS to the study hydrographical basin



Tordera Delta



➤ *Morphology, structure & quantified sand volume*



- Presence relict deltas
- 3 Relict deltas
  - D 1- 50 m-9,000 yrs
  - D II 30 m-7,500 yrs
  - D III 15 m
- D IV present

- An important value to stocked sands on those relict bodies
- At least a volume of sand 38 millions of cubic meters

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## Strategy

Infralittoral wedge  
(HRS, bathymetry, vibrocorer)

Sand intercepted by coastal structures  
(HRS, bathymetry, vibrocorer)

Sedimentary dynamic  
(physical & numerical models)

# IB.- RS to the study coastal area

## I. RESEARCH STRATEGIES

- Evaluate the sand stocks availability
- Define the best methodology for nourishment
- Understand of the morpho-dynamic and shoreface nourishment evolution



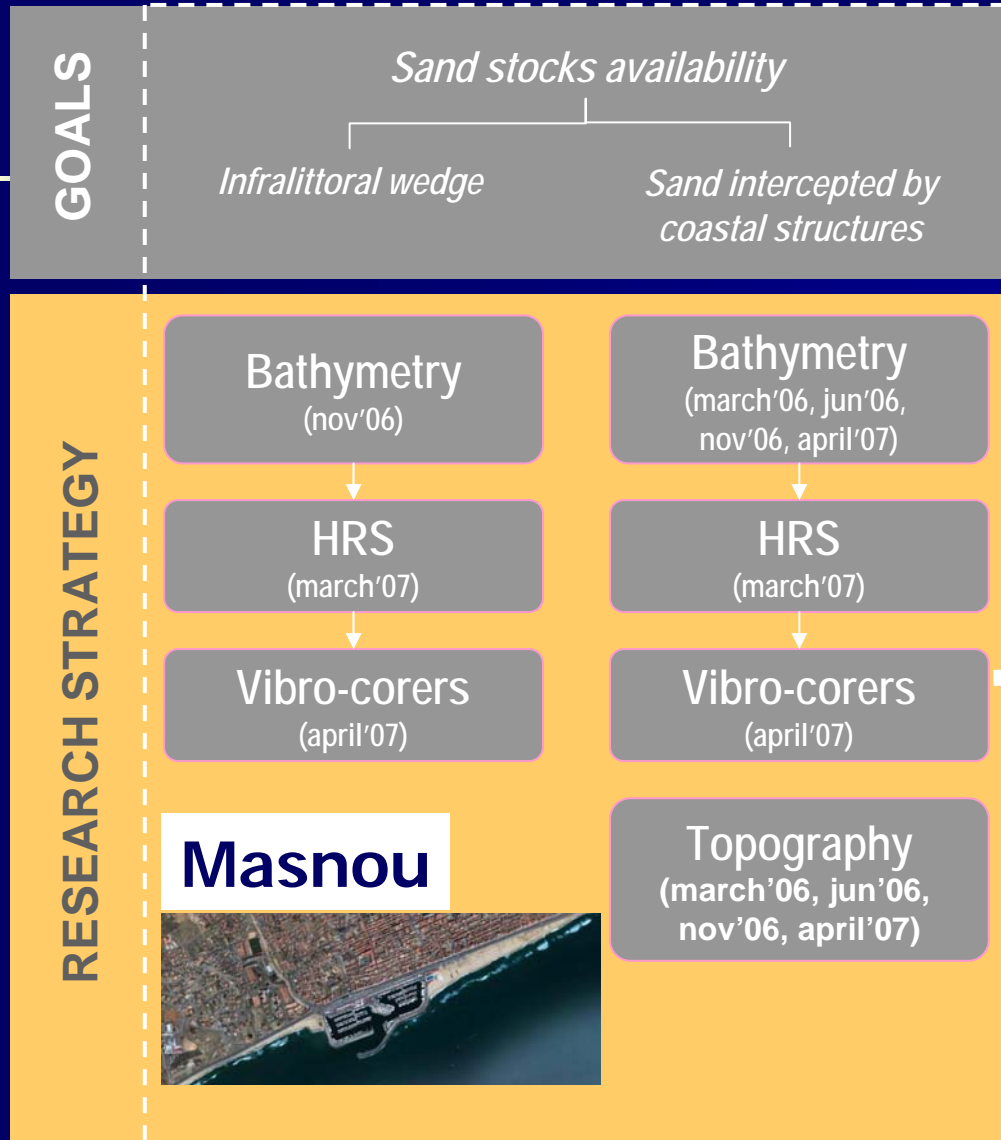
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• Evaluation the sand stocks availability

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Geopulse



Vibrocorer





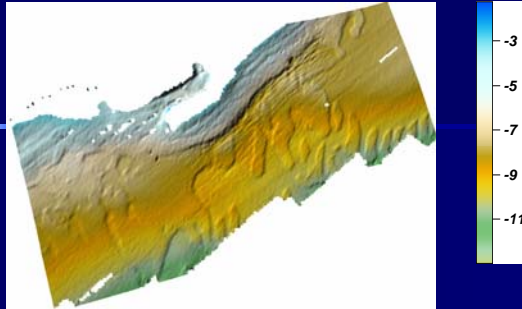
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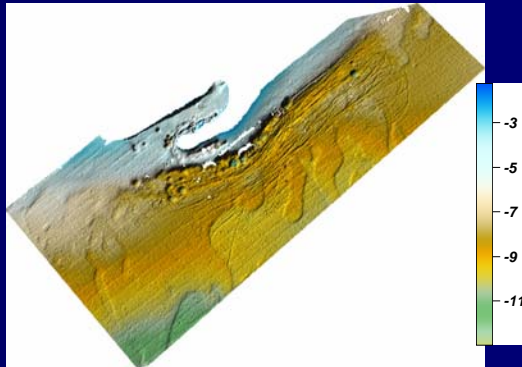
## Dredged area evolution

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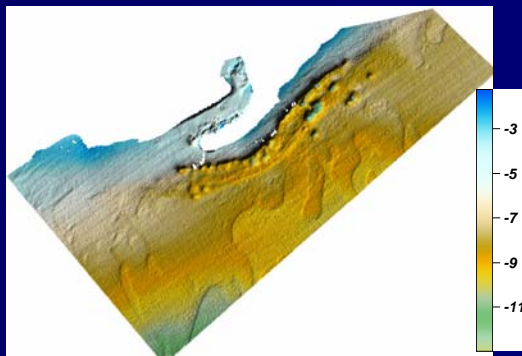
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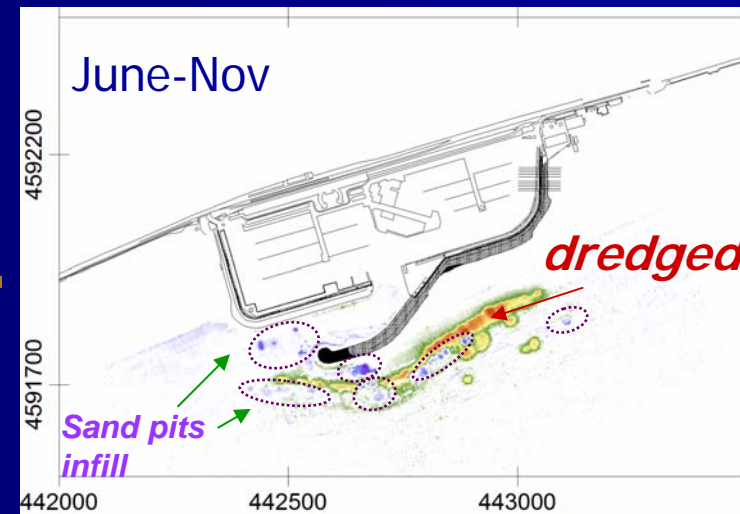
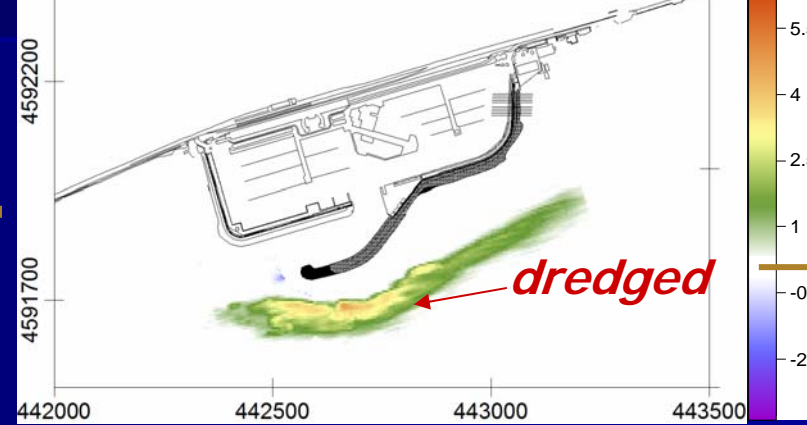
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March-June



Dredged sand

Accumulated sand

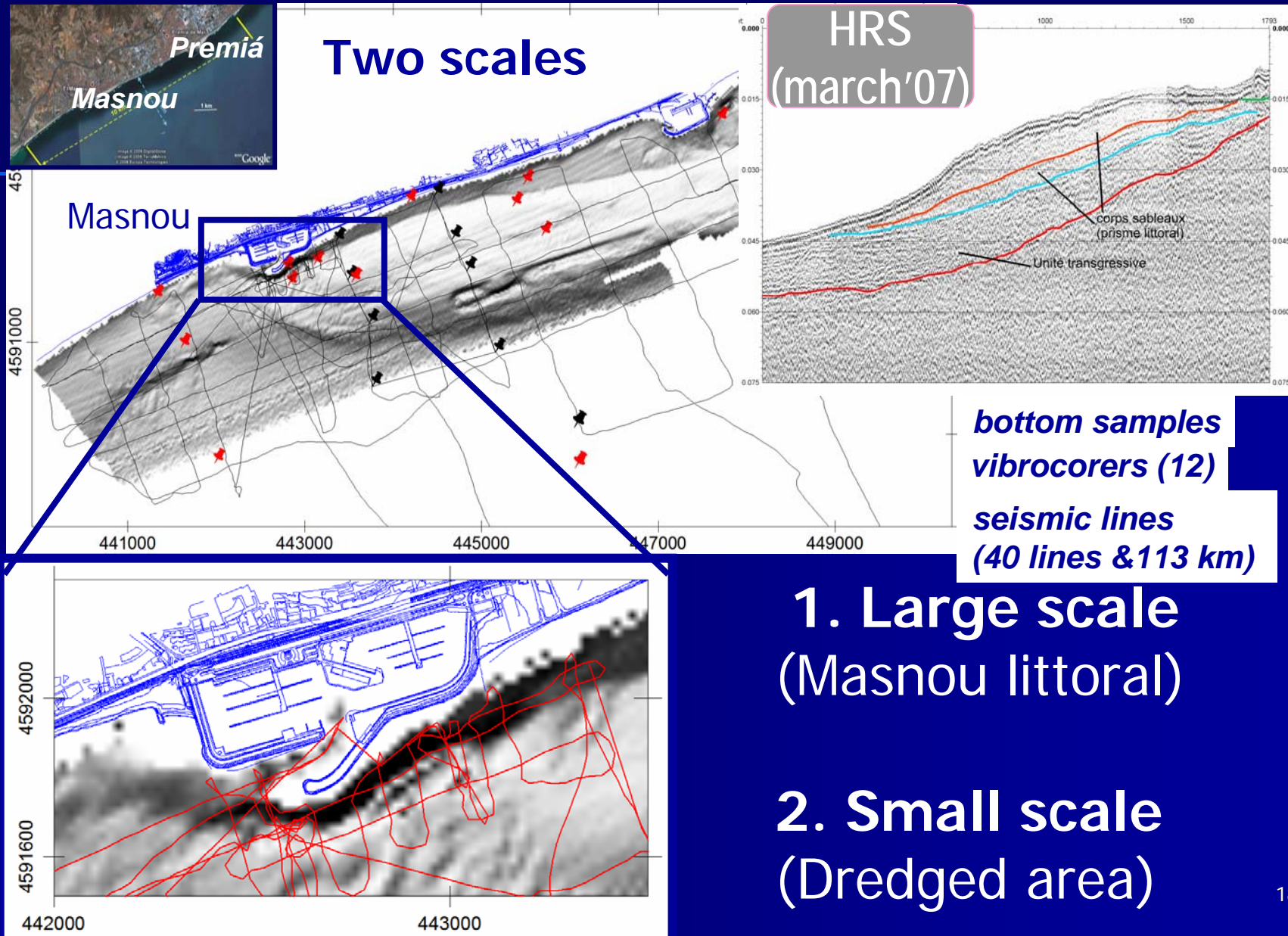
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• Evaluation the sand stocks availability

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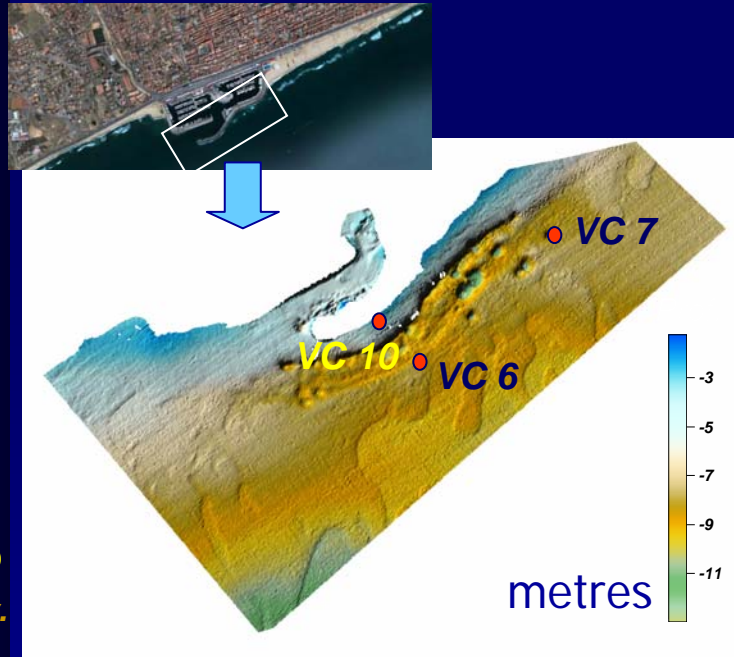
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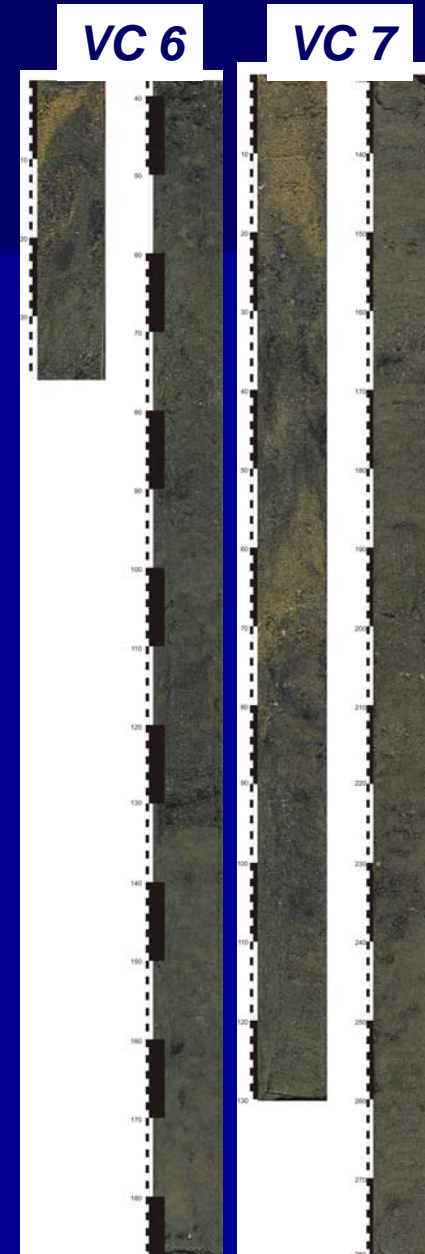
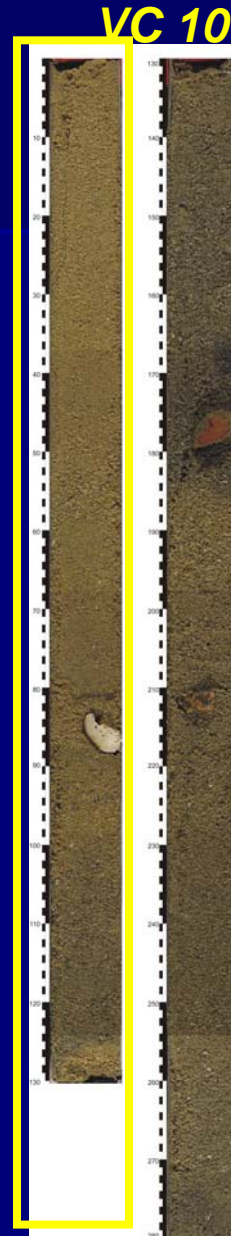
• Evaluation the sand stocks availability

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(Ib). RS to the study coastal area



- Yellow medium-coarse sand-quartz) in front the harbor  
Similar to the beach
- Underlay and surrounding sediments are finer- dark - mica



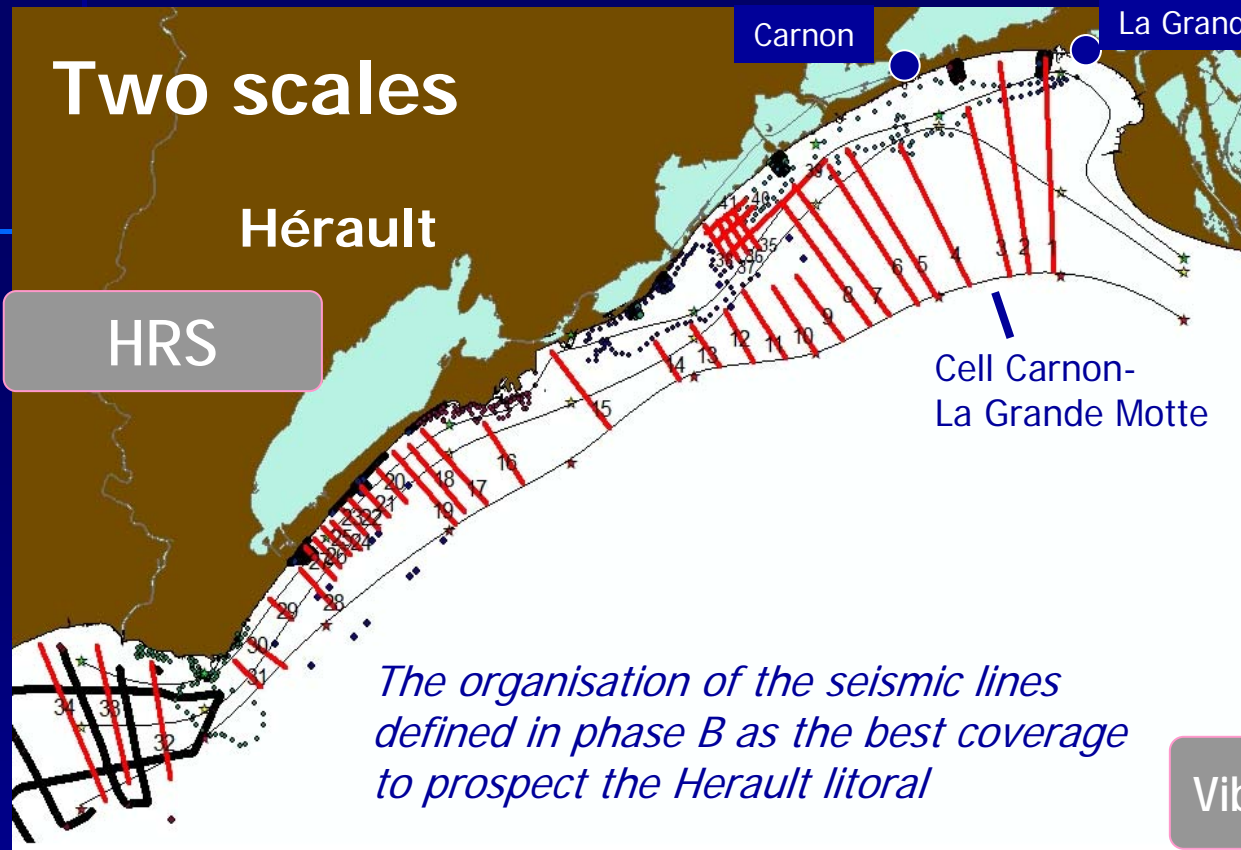
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LEGEM-P6

## Two scales

Hérault

HRS



*The organisation of the seismic lines defined in phase B as the best coverage to prospect the Herault littoral*

1. Large scale  
Hérault littoral

2. Small scale  
Cell Carnon-La Grande-Motte  
(3 sectors)

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To obtain for the Hérault littoral the depth of geological substrate a map of the sedimentary layers above

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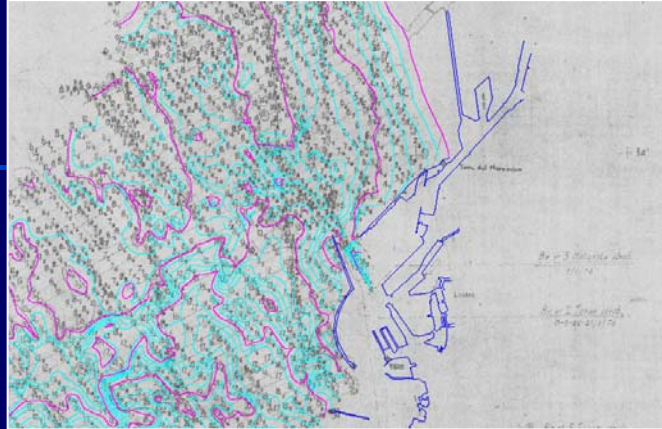
To have a precise estimation of sandy volume (quasi 3D image of the layers)

• Evaluation the sand stocks availability

UFLOR-P4

➤ Intercepted by Tuscan harbours

Livorno (1976)



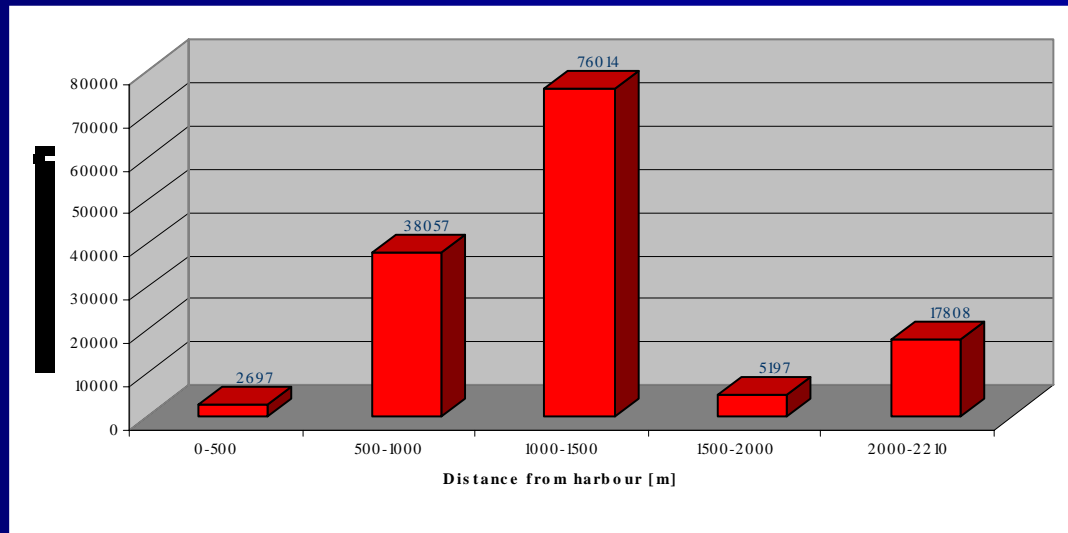
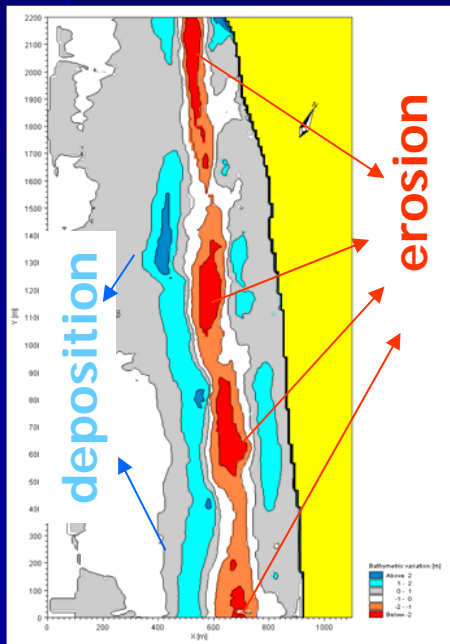
Old maps & recent bathymetric surveys

Georeference

Comparable bathymetric domains

Estimate of accumulated volumes

Viareggio 1997-2005



Accumulated sediments:  
139.000 m³

Accumulated sediments per year:  
Around 17.000 m³

(Ib). RS to the study coastal area

• Definition the best methodology for nourishment

DISTART-P3

➤ This preliminary investigation allows document and evaluate the effectiveness of the three identified methods.

(Ib). RS to the study coastal area



**Dredging & Transport**  
(Traditional method)



**Temporary deposit**  
off-shore  
(recently performed)



**Onshore pumping of**  
the water-sand mixture  
(Traditional method)

***NOURISHMENT IN LIDO DI SPINA***

**Temporary deposit**

- This method proved to be efficient
- Although it has some disadvantages/problems



- Definition the best methodology for nourishment

DISTART-P3

Temporary deposit of dredged sand

What are the possible problems?

### Structural problem

Can the structure fail? what risks are associated?



**METHOD to be used are :**  
Commercial Finite Element Models suited  
to Sheet Piling

**Simulations**

### Environmental impact/efficiency

Increased turbidity – loss of material



**METHOD to be used are :**  
User defined Finite Element Model  
accounting for Shallow water Equations  
and Dispersion

## (Ib). RS to the study coastal area

### I. RESEARCH STRATEGIES

- *Shoreface nourishments appear to be a good solution for fighting erosion, but how to optimize them?*



- Physical modelling (laboratory test) of sand and gravel beach profile evolution
- Numerical morpho-dynamic and shoreface nourishment modelling



## • Physical modelling (laboratory test)

LEGEM-P6

- Accretion phases are poorly described
- If we want a good evaluation of shoreface nourishment strategies,
- It seems necessary to understand better these accretion phases



In this way, experiment studies in Sediment Flume are a good alternative (not much used)

(Ib). RS to the study coastal area

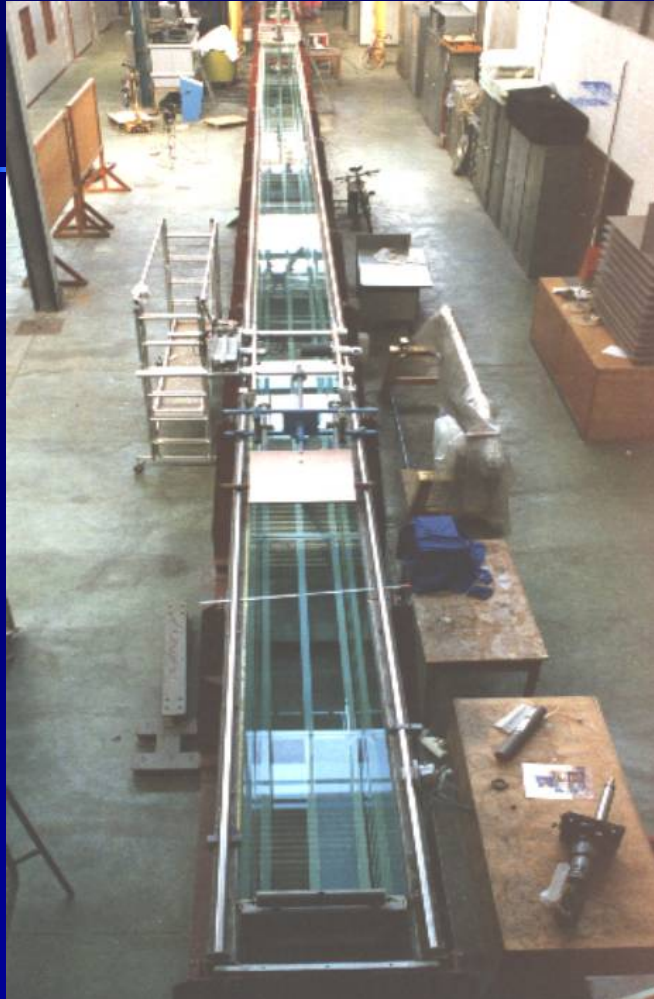
## • Physical modelling (laboratory test)

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➤ *To test of offshore nourishment scenarios on beach profiles in similitude with nature*

### Experiments:

- A flume of 36 m long with irregular waves.
- Reproduce correctly phenomenon on nature, in particular order magnitude for Hydrodynamic and Sediment Transport.
- Effect of short waves on sediment transport but also long-wave impact will be considerate.

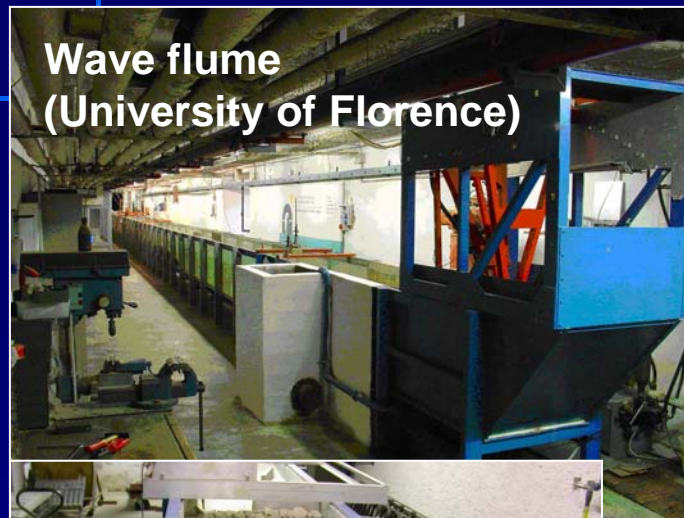


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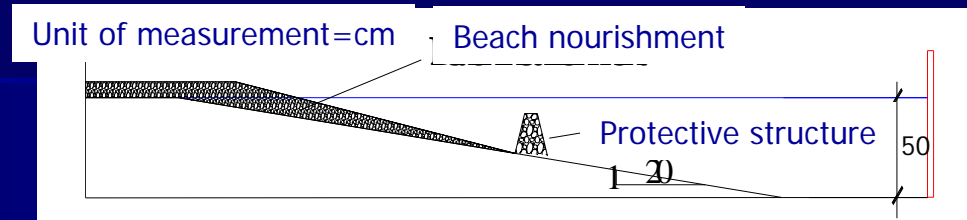
# • Physical modelling (laboratory test)

UFLOR-P4

## ➤ Test of offshore gravel nourishment



## Section of the flume with test layout



## Tests (24 tests planned):

- 6 wave attacks
- **2 gravel sizes**
- 2 beach profiles (with and without protective structures)

## Measures and measuring devices:

- Wave heights (wave gauges)
- Reflection coefficients (wave gauges)
- Beach profile (video-camera and bottom profiler)

## Expected results:

- Understanding the influence of submerged structure on the time to reach the equilibrium shape.

• Numerical morpho-dynamic and shoreface nourishment modelling



➤ *To used a numerical model to estimate the efficiency and the durability of a shoreface nourishment on beaches.*

- A validation of these results with the in-situ data will also be done

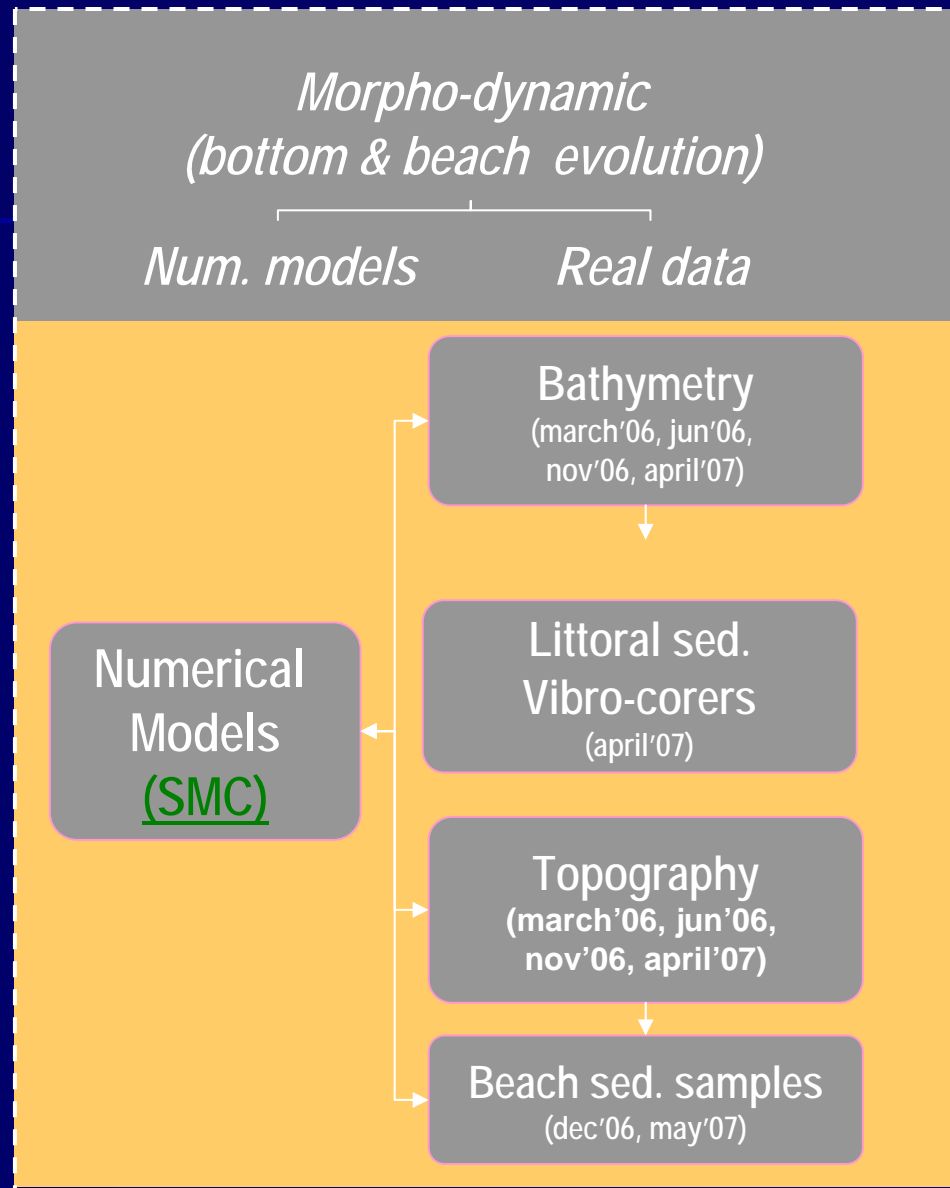
SMC (Coastal Modelling System)  
TELEMAC-model multi 1-DH&2DH  
MODHYS  
S-BEACH  
MIKE 21  
CEDAS (GENESIS)  
Model ALS  
sub-model Wave –L  
sub-model CIRC-L

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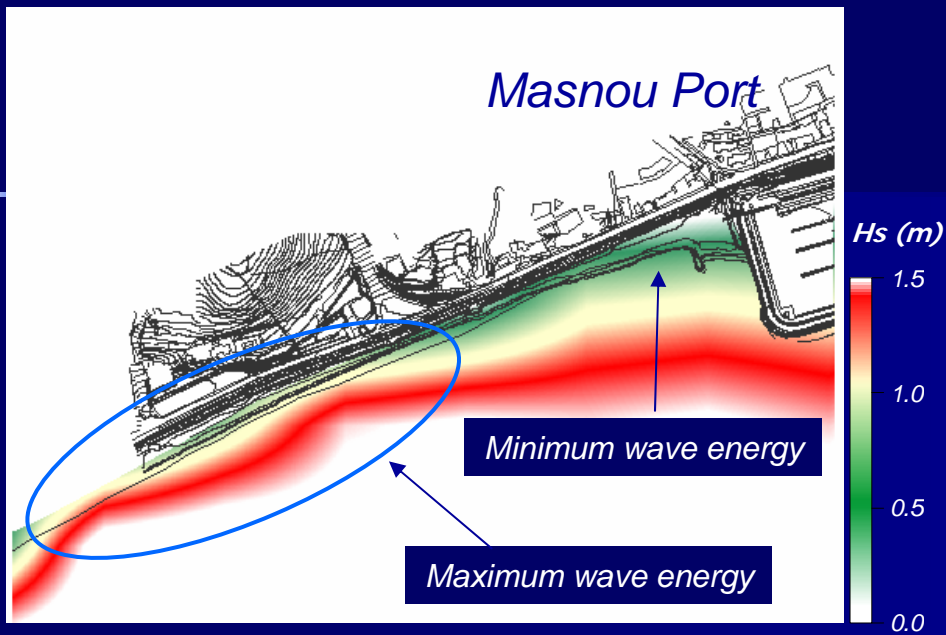
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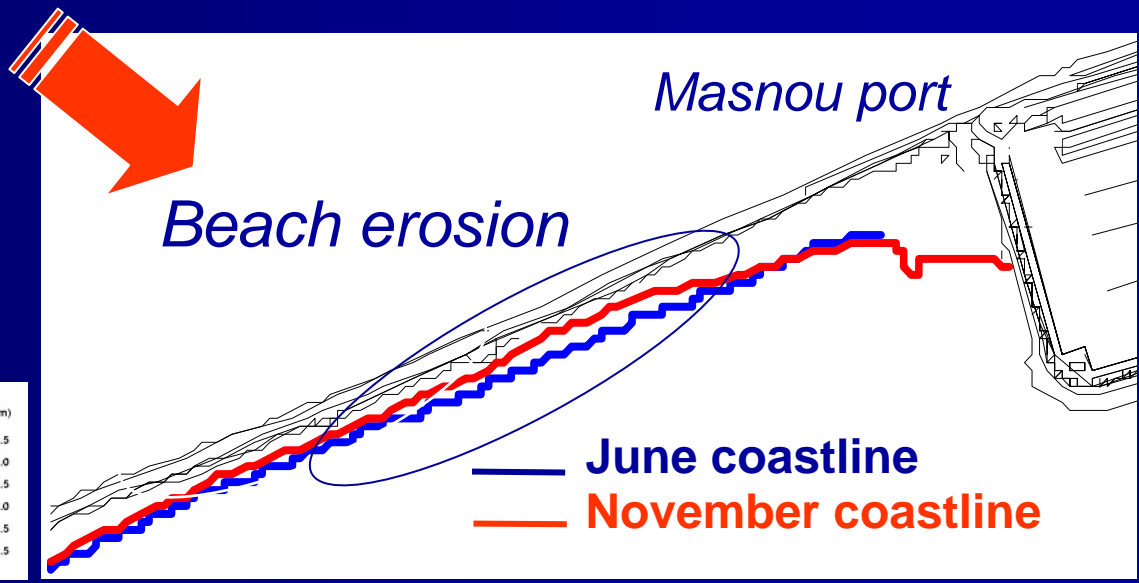
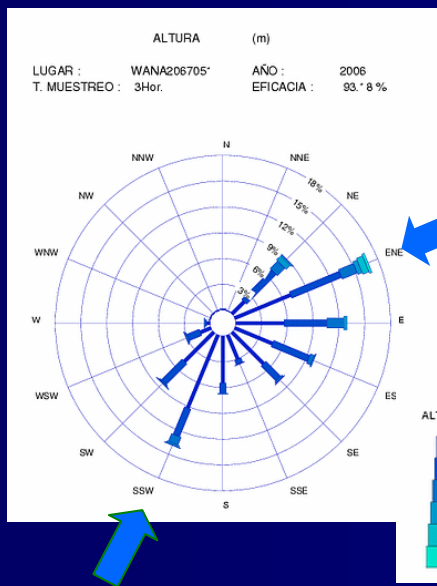
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SMC. propagations



Hs: 3.5 m T: 9 s  
ENE wave direction

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• Numerical morpho-dynamic and shoreface nourishment modelling

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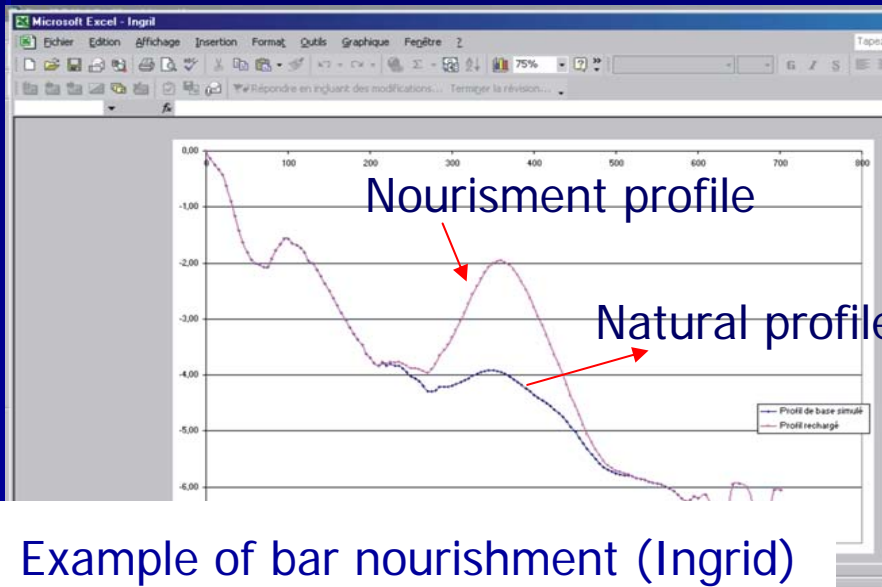
- *Different scenarios (Littoral Bar , Troughs) are defined*
- Four numerical models are used: TELEMAC & the multi 1-DH model (LEGI). MODHYS (IMFT), S-BEACH 2D model (CEREGE).

(Ib). RS to the study coastal area

They require in-situ data

• Natural beach profile

• Incoming waves characteristics



	Hs,o (m)	Ts (s)
Exceptional storm ES	4	10 s
Classical storm CS	2,5	7 s
Waning storm conditions WS	1	6,5

*e.g. Natural beach profile and the incoming waves characteristics.*

## Numerical morpho-dynamic and shoreface nourishment modelling

DUTH-P7



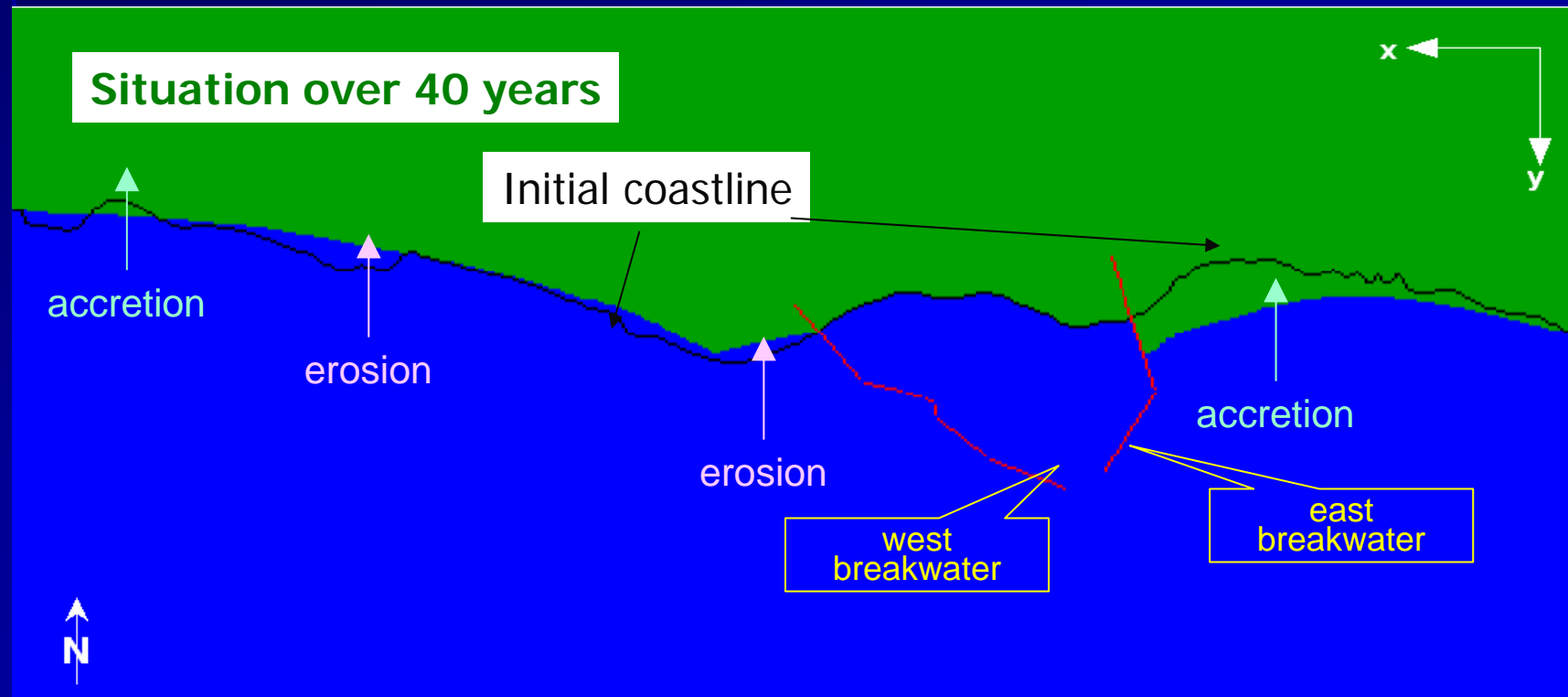
➤ Prediction of shoreline change in Thrace using CEDAS (GENESIS) software .

• Due the construction of large dams or coastal structures.

• Simulated time period is 40 years

• Calculated volumetric change due to the construction of Alexandroupolis port (west of river Evros) :  $+1.67 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$  (accretion)

(Ib). RS to the study coastal area





## • Numerical morpho-dynamic and shoreface nourishment modelling

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➤ *Model ALS (two submodels) is used for sediment transport monitoring and the methodology followed has been analysed*

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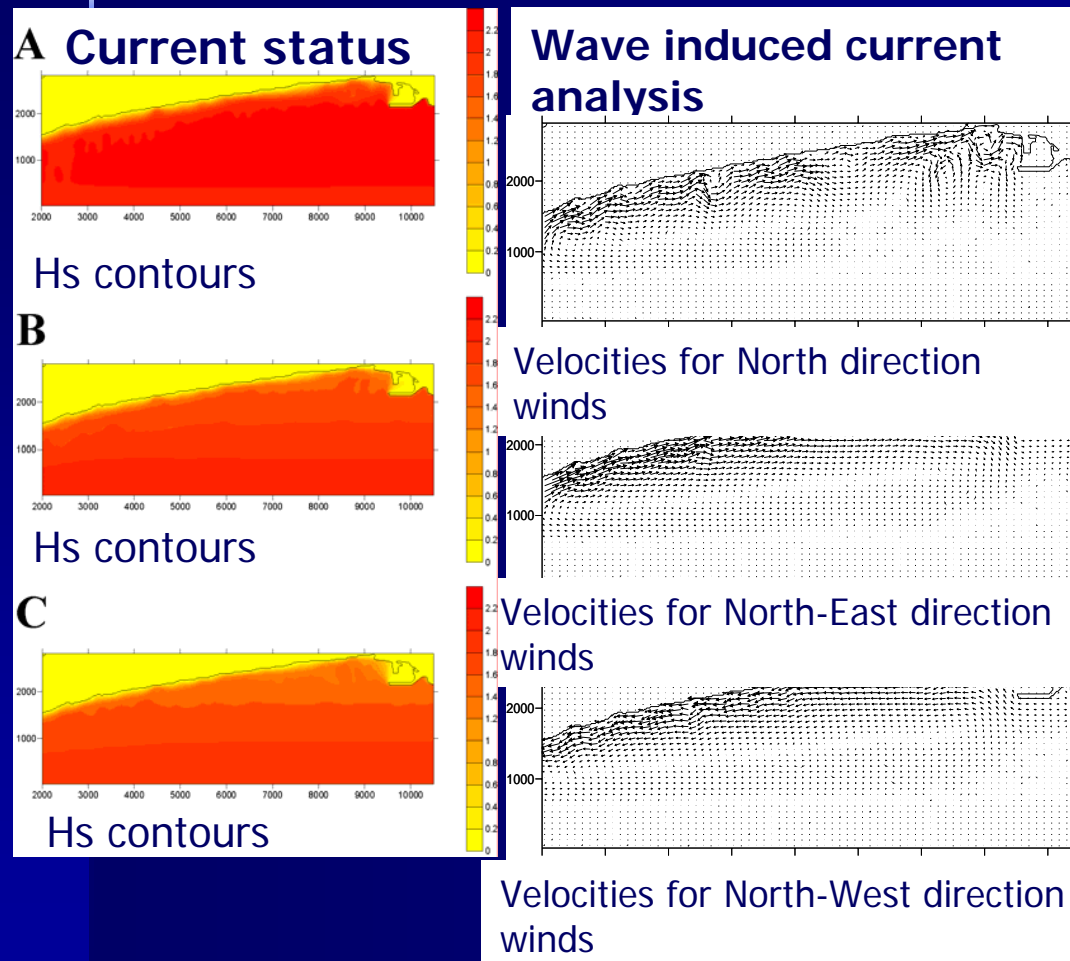
- They are base on the shoreline change models.
- These models have advantage of being very fast, and they can predict **long-term** shoreline changes very well after suitable calibration.
- But they cannot accurately predict the impact of morphological changes in the vicinity of coastal structures that are due to **short-terms** storms.

# Numerical morpho-dynamic and shoreface nourishment modelling

IACM-P8

- The wave sub model-WAVE-L and sediment transport sub-model CIRC-L have been applied for the Region Rethimo (N. Crete)

(Ib). RS to the study coastal area



- In order to determine:
- the wave climate and
  - the current pattern

- Sediment balance** of the coast is significantly influenced by the harbour on the west corner of the beach.

## II. METHODS-TECHNIQUES



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✓ BATHYMETRIC

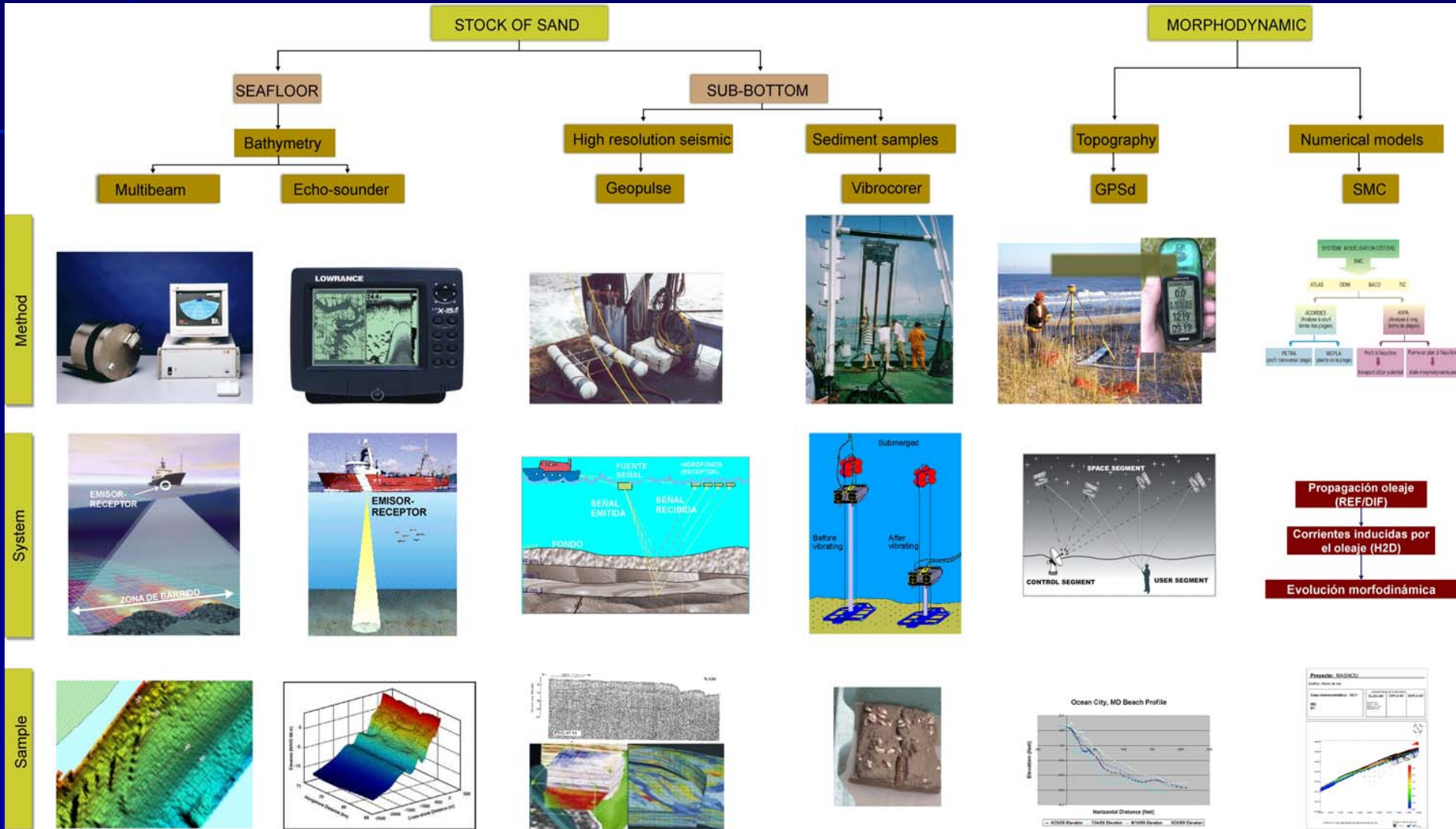
✓ TOPOGRAPHIC

✓ SEDIMENT SAMPLES

✓ SEISMIC

✓ MODELS: PHYSICAL & NUMERICAL

# II. METHODS-TECHNIQUES



## II. METHODS-TECHNIQUES

	Seismic reflexion	Single beam	Multibeam	Side scan sonar	Dredges	Box corer	Vibrocorer	Topography	Aerial photos	Wave-climate	Dredging data	Physical models	Numerical models
Catalunya	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X		X
Emilia-Romagna								X	X	X			X
Toscana		X	X			X			X	X	X	X	
Languedoc-Roussillon							X					X	X
Macédonia l'Est													X
Crète										X			X

# III. COMMON DATA ARCHIVE



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- **GESA has contributed to compilation of some coastal data:**

- Bathymetry

- Aerial photos

- Dredging

- Wave climate

- New data acquisition

- **Integrated central-access on GESA Page web**
- **Dissemination of data between the partners**

# III. COMMON DATA ARCHIVE

<b>BATHYMETRIC DATA</b>								
GESA (2006-2008)								
Beachmed-e								
<i>Partner/ Institution</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Harbour</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>	<i>Technique</i>	<i>Water depth</i>

<b>METEO-MARINE CLIMA DATA</b>								
GESA (2006-2008)								
Beachmed-e								
<i>Partner/ Institution</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Register Years</i>	<i>Ondemetre</i>	<i>N° Bouye</i>	<i>Geographic coordenates</i>	

<b>AEREA PHOTOS DATA</b>							
GESA (2006-2008)							
Beachmed-e							
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<b>DREDGING DATA</b>						
GESA (2006-2008)						
Beachmed-e						
<i>Partner/ Institution</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Dredging Area</i>	<i>Recharge Area</i>	<i>Source</i>

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