



Projet BEACHMED – e  
La Gestion stratégique de la défense des  
littoraux pour un développement soutenable des  
zones côtières de la Méditerranée

# APPEL D' OFFRE

## Ligne d'action: Composante 2

Projet et réalisation d'instruments techniques pour la caractérisation du phénomène érosif à l'échelle Méditerranéenne et pour l'exploitation soutenable des ressources

Design and execution of technical instruments for the characterisation of erosive phenomena at Mediterranean scale and the sustainable exploitation of resources

### Mesure 2.1

Le suivi de l'érosion: suivi quantitatif du phénomène érosif à échelle régionale et locale

Erosion monitoring: quantitative monitoring of erosive phenomena at regional and local scales

## Sous-mesures

2.1.1  
Relèvement systématique  
des lignes de rivage à  
travers des technologies  
satellitaires

Systematic shoreline survey  
using satellite technologies

2.1.2 Méthodes innovantes dans la  
réalisation des réseaux de suivi pour une  
approche intégrée de la gestion de l'érosion  
et pour une évaluation, à l'échelle de  
plusieurs cellules sédimentaires, de  
l'ensemble des déplacements de sable

Innovative methods for the  
execution of monitoring  
for an integrated  
approach to erosion management  
and for the evaluation of sand  
movements at the scale of  
several sedimentary cells

2.1.3  
Méthodologie pour l'évaluation du  
recule de la ligne de rive et de la  
distribution des sédiments après les  
rechargements des plages

Methodology for the evaluation  
of shoreline retreat and  
distribution of sediments  
further to artificial renourishment

€ 1.053.530

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Shoreline drawn by different operators on low altitude air photographs

In blue – GPS shoreline – difference 3-4 m



GPS (green) vs. Lidar (red) - difference 1 m

Error on shoreline  
position:

Maximum error on  
shoreline:

Length of Italian beaches:  
km 4772

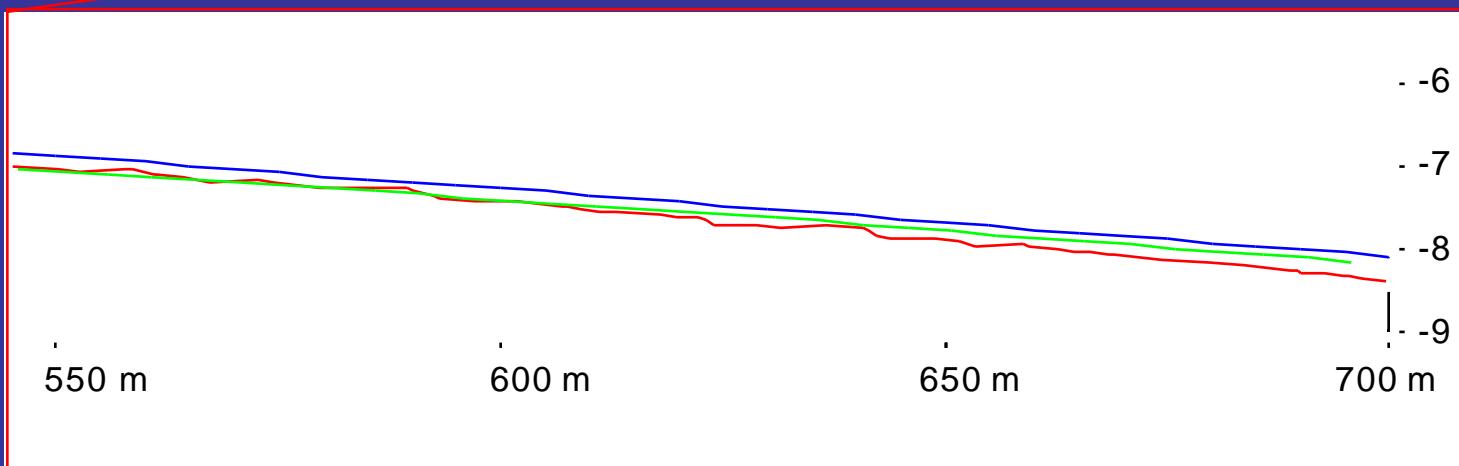
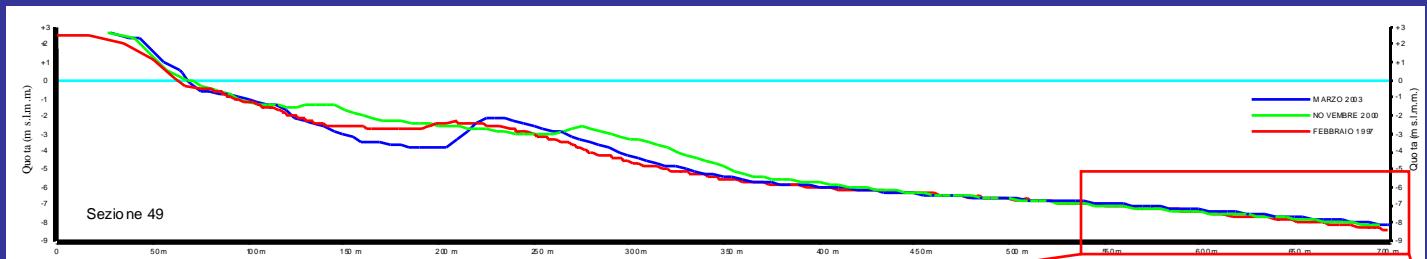
Maximum error on the  
estimation of beach  
variation:

Economic value of each  
square meter:

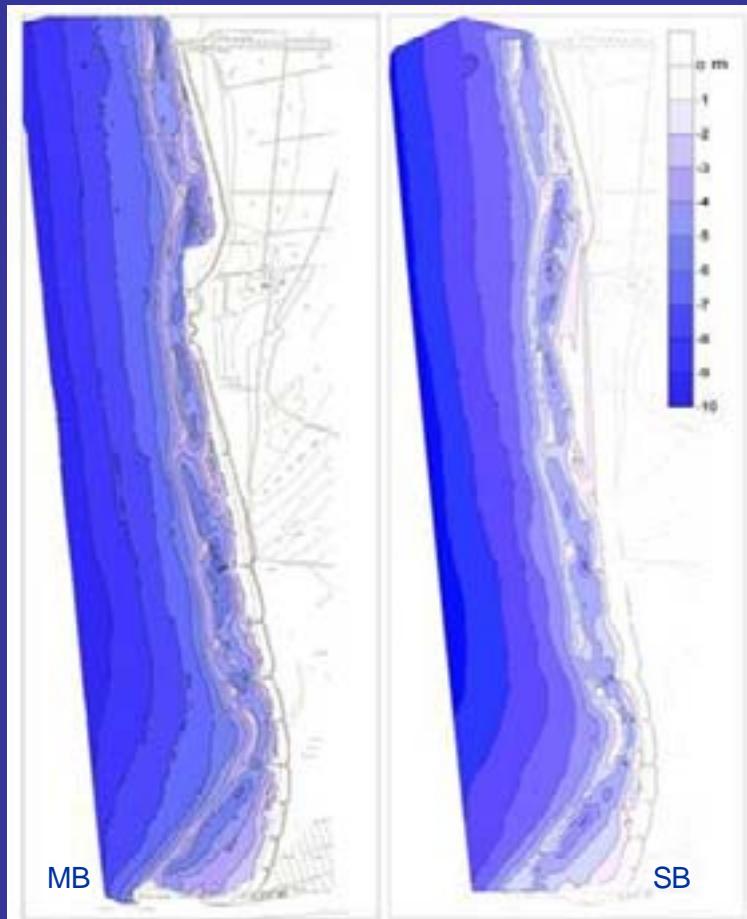
Consequent over/under  
estimation of beach value  
= € 14.160.000.000  
Budget: € 1.053.530

Length of Mediterranean  
beaches = 21047 km

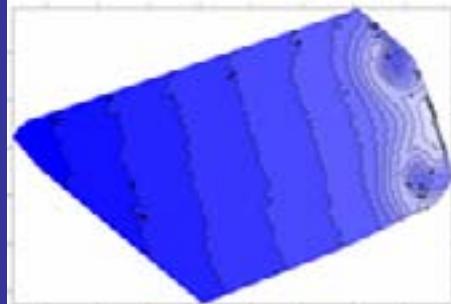




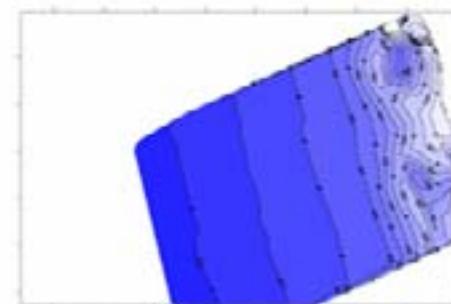
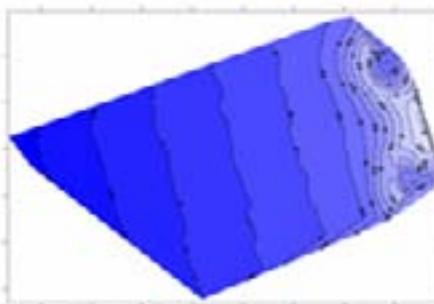
## Multibeam and Singlebeam data processing



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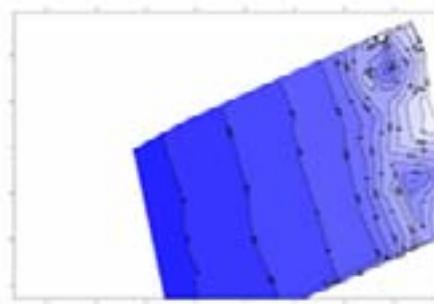


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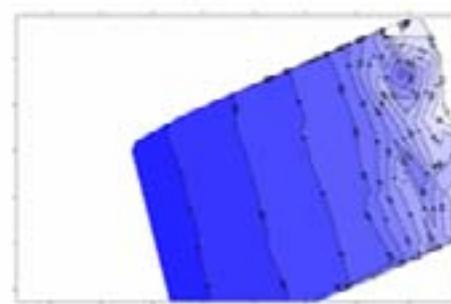


Distanza beam 50 m

Distanza beam 100 m



Distanza beam 150 m



Distanza beam 200 m



Artificial nourishment of 2 km of beach extended up to de

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Mean survey  
error

Maximum error  
on the comparison:

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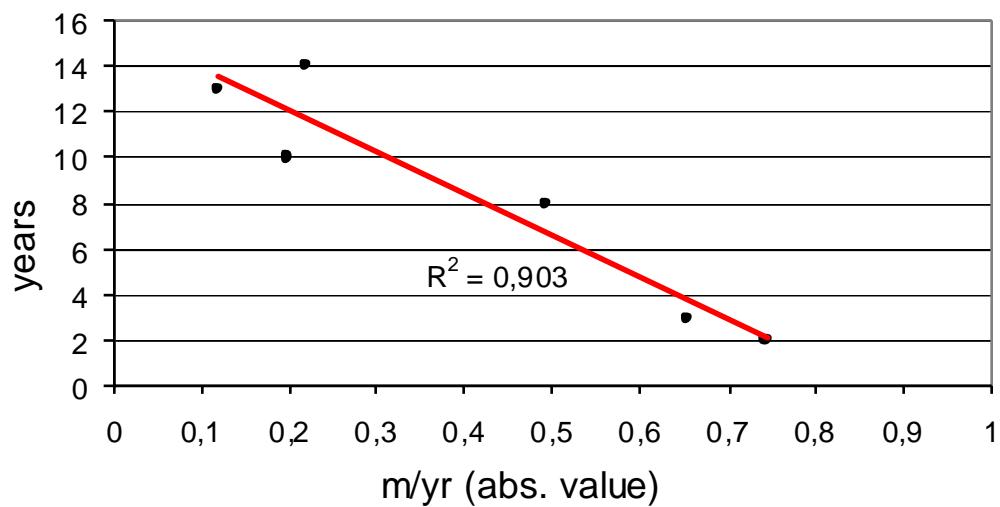
Maximum error on  
calculated volumes:

280

Cost of sand

Costo of error:  
€ 1.680.000  
€ 5.600.000

Budget: € 1.053.530





# Optimisation des Techniques Intégrées de Monitorage Appliquées aux Littoraux

March 2006 – April 2008



## PARTENARIAT

### **France:**

- 1) EID Méditerranée (Hérault)

### **Spain:**

- 2) Institut de Ciències del Mar (Catalunya)

### **Greece:**

- 3) IACM-FORTH (Creta)
- 4) OANAK (Creta)
- 5) Université Democritus de Thrace / Laboratoire de l'Hydraulique et des Travaux Hydrauliques (East Macedonia / Thrace)

### **Italy:**

- 6) Università degli Studi di Genova / Department For The Study of the Territory and Its Resources (DIPTERIS) (Liguria)
- 7) Università degli Studi di Bologna / DISTART (Emilia Romagna)
- 8) Università degli Studi di Roma « La Sapienza » / Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra (Lazio)
- 9) ARPA / Ingegneria Ambientale (Emilia Romagna)
- 10) Università degli Studi di Firenze / Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra (Toscana)

Quantitative analysis of beach morphological and sedimentological evolution analysis

Required precision and accuracy according to reduced time scale for the observation of phenomena

Characteristics of data variability.

At European level, data standardisation and management.

Methodologies based on remotely sensed data, validated with traditional systems

Innovative method for the characterisation of the beaches according to their sedimentological and morphological variability

Procedures for data control (GCP & SCP)

Large partenariat – cross-validation of methodologies

The project will develop, certify and apply  
these methodologies on pilot areas  
defining a prototype with a model of erosion monitoring that can be  
directly used by local administrations.

# OBJECTIVES

1 - We will develop methodologies for beach morphology surveying directed towards monitoring of their evolution on different time scales, evaluating their precision

Satellite images  
Sea Control Points  
Intrinsic variability of beaches

2 - We will elaborate the means for the determination of shoreline position after renourishment works, and the distribution of sediments on emerged and submerged beaches

Granulometric characteristics  
Intrinsic variability of beaches  
Numerical models

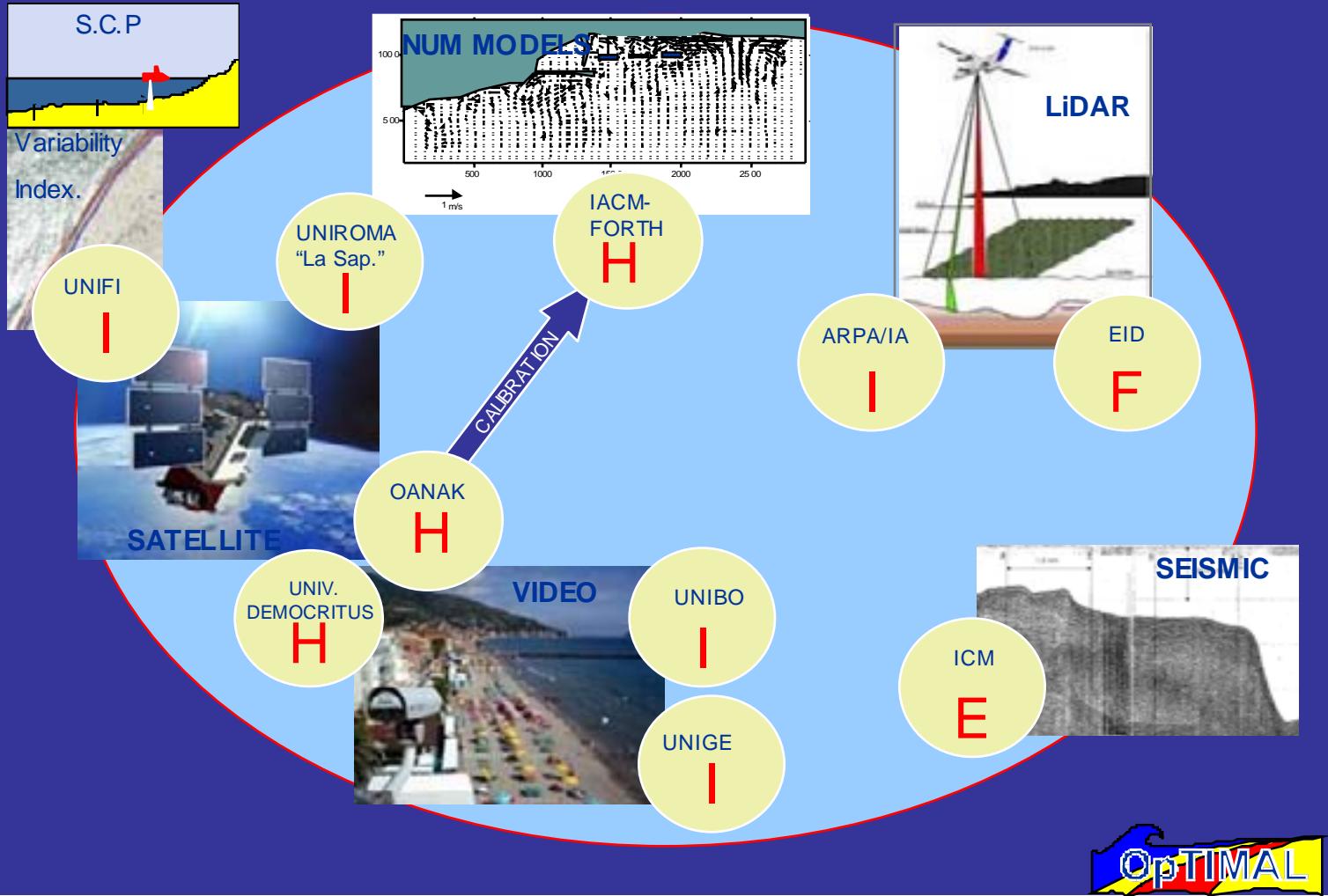
3 - We will define, verify and demonstrate new methods for the evaluation of sand movements at several sedimentary cells

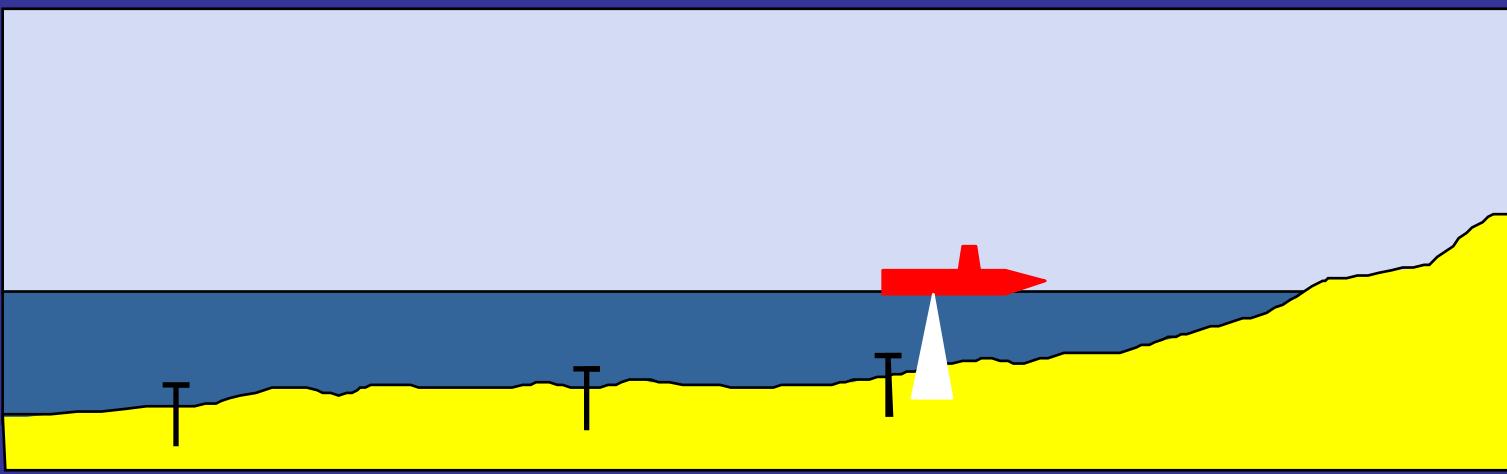
LiDAR  
Mathematical models  
VHR Seismic Reflexion  
Webcams

protocols  
workshops

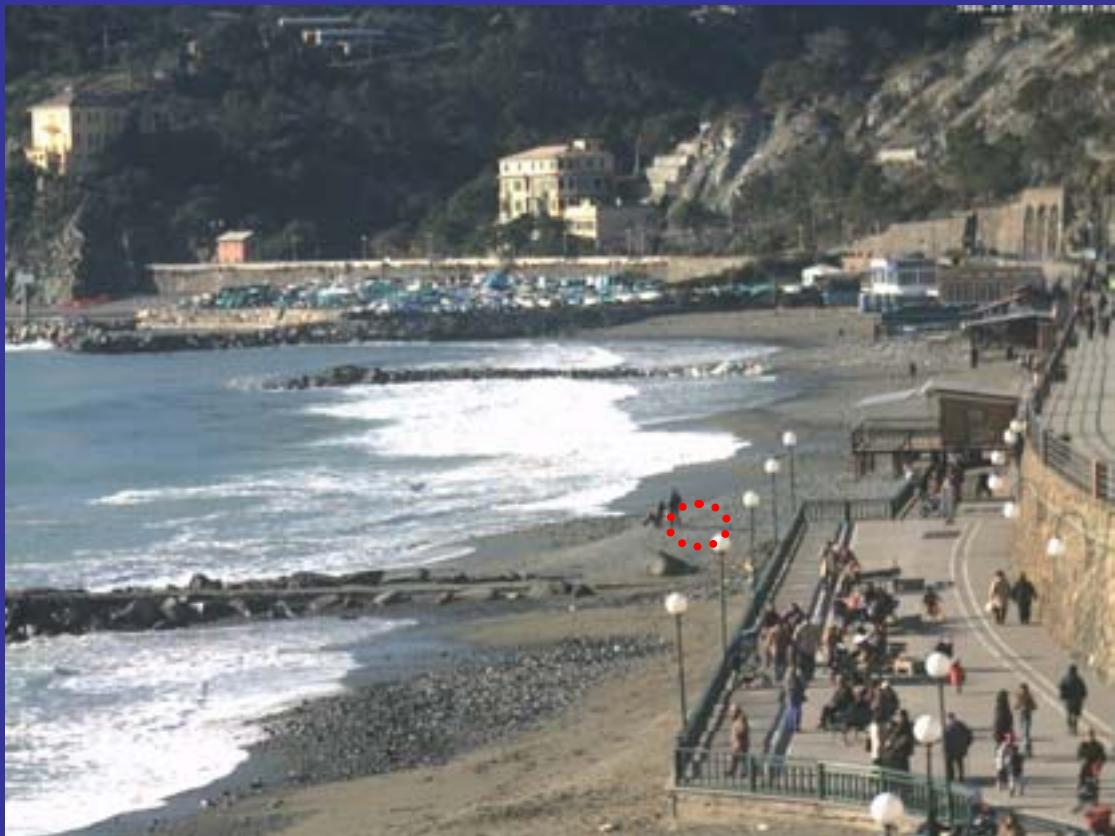


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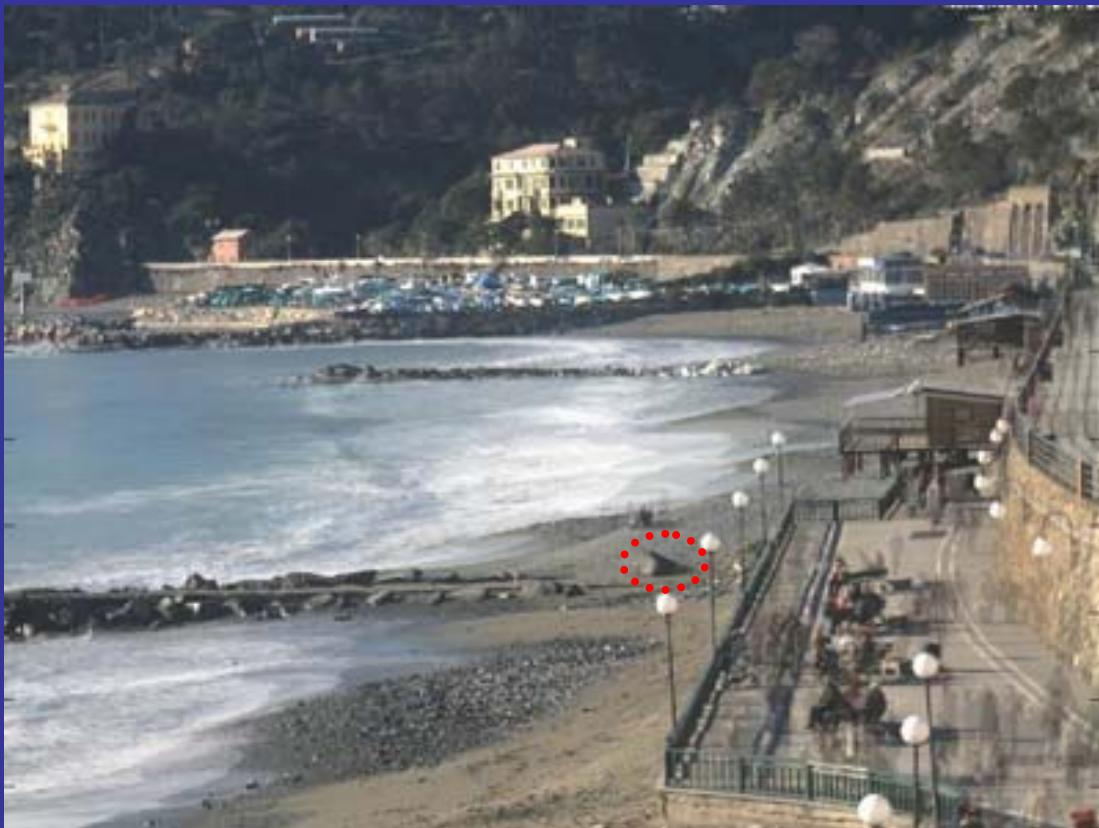
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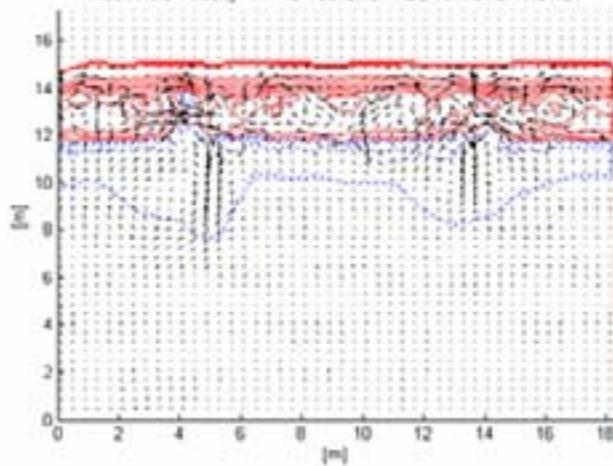
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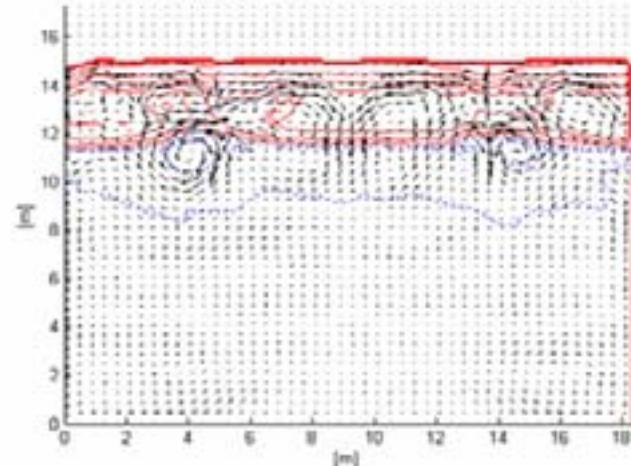
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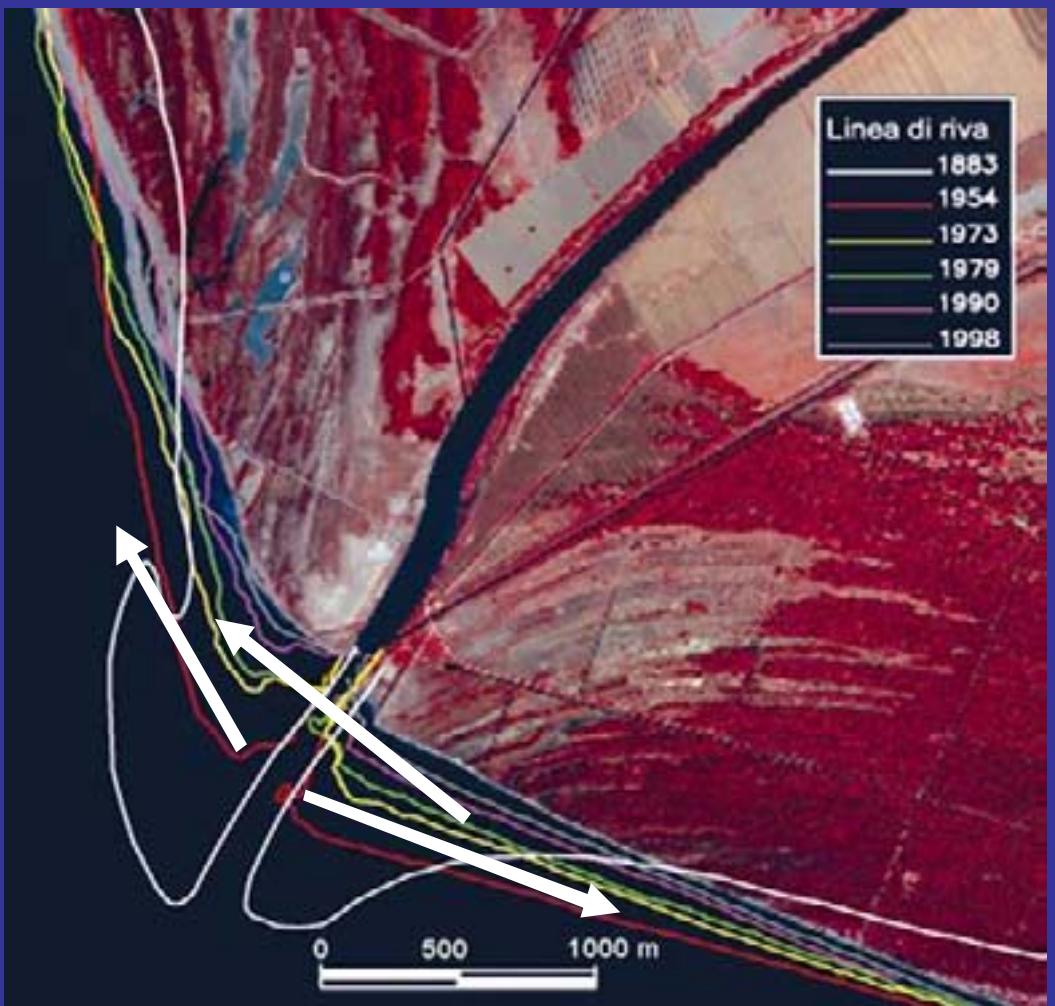


Mean Field Velocity -  $M=40$  -  $C=0.15$  - RDS from OMDA Run164



Mean Field Velocity -  $M=70$  -  $C=0.15$  - RDS from OMDA Run163





# CURRENT PROBLEMS

- Non uniform methods, little is known (or declared) on their precision.
- Some methods are internationally known, but procedural standards still need to be defined (e.g. webcams & satellite images).
- Some methods have not yet been tested on certain parts of the Mediterranean coast, such as LiDAR
- Other methods must be improved and applied, such as numerical models and networks for calibration of data
- The public administration is often unaware both of what is necessary for the quantification of erosive phenomena, and of the existing methods that have a good cost-benefit rapport.

# METHODOLOGIC APPROACH

## Phase A :

Depart of projet;

Bibliographical research;

Research and organisation  
of existing data  
within each region;

Exchange of first  
experiences and data  
among partners

## Phase B :

Deeper studies on methodologic aspects;

Evaluation of innovative methodologies;

Methodological exchanges about most adequate common practices;

Planning of data acquisition surveys;

First field works;

Methodologic tests;

Divulgation of first results

## Phase C :

Realisation of Pilot projects  
(study cases);

Divulgation of results and conclusions

Transfer of knowledge

# EFFECTIVE RESULTS

- Optimisation cost/benefit - Innovative techniques evaluation  
- Protocoles
- Technical reports
- Cartography
- Updating of websites (regions, Beachmed)
- Exchange of experience among partners
- Training and professional qualification for public administration
- Workshops for public administration

## LONG TERM IMPACTS

- Increase in the autonomy of regional administrations on design and execution of coastal defence within coastal planning
- Contribution to a concept of high precision monitoring of erosion and the effects of defence strategies (especially renourishment activities) allowing to include this component systematically in the integrated coastal zone management for sustainable development in the Mediterranean

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