

# Ocean & Geohazard Analysis

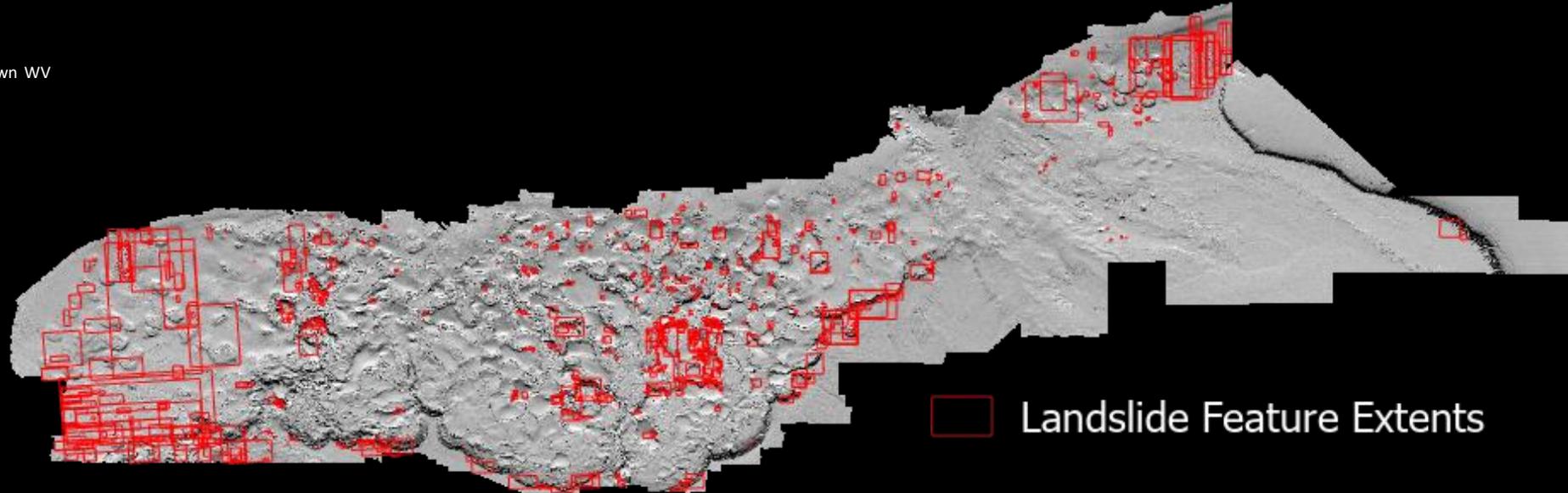
An AI/ML framework and Smart Tool to identify hazards to offshore infrastructure



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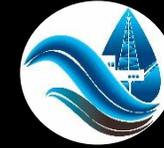
## Offshore FWP, Task 6

Solutions for Today | Options for Tomorrow



# Ocean & Geohazard Analysis

*Advanced analytics to predict hazards to offshore infrastructure*



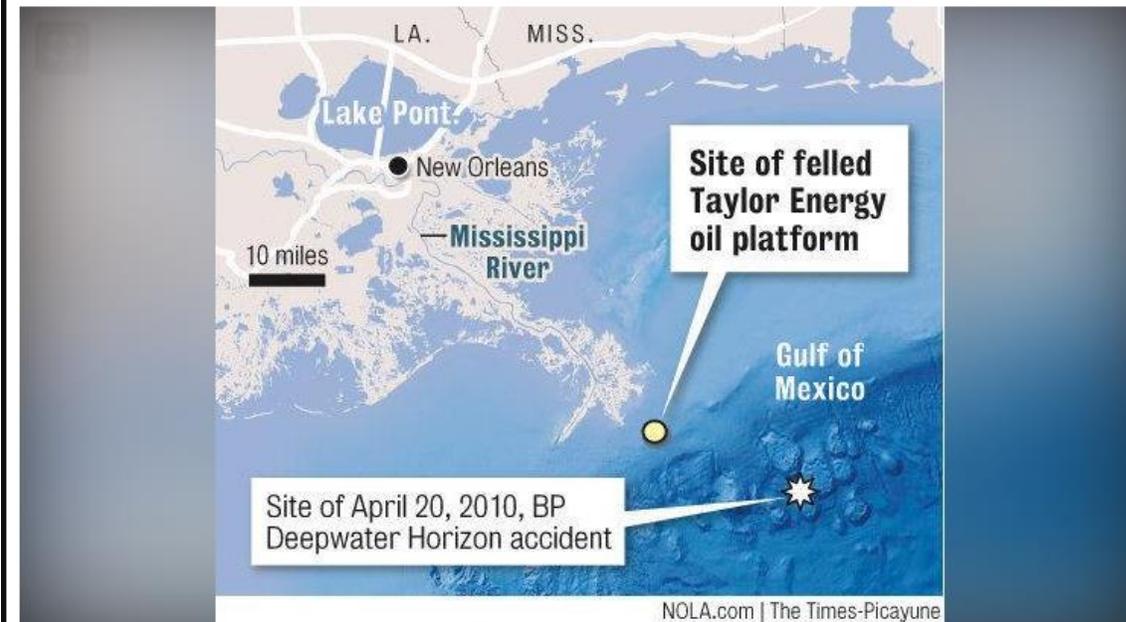
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## Taylor Energy oil platform, destroyed in 2004 during Hurricane Ivan, is still leaking in Gulf



Mark Schleifstein, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune JUL 1, 2013 - 5:05 PM  
5 min to read



## Why is this work important?

Success and longevity of offshore operations depends on avoiding hazards.

### Issue/R&D Need

- Technology that integrates big data and science-based analytics for offshore hazards does not exist.
- Advanced analytics can offer near real-time assessment of risks, and also forecast vulnerabilities.

# Task 6: Infrastructure & Metocean technology

## Motivation:

- Demand on offshore EEZ in the US and around the world is increasing.
- Offshore infrastructure is expected to increase 50–70% by 2028.
- Offshore structures include:
  - oil & gas
  - pipelines
  - renewable energies
  - bridges
  - tunnels
  - carbon storage
  - undersea internet cables

Exploratory drilling is one of the **riskiest, costliest,** and **most prospective** types of oil/gas operations -SINTEF



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# Offshore Unconventional FWP

## Task 6 - Infrastructure and Metocean Technology

### Research Problem:

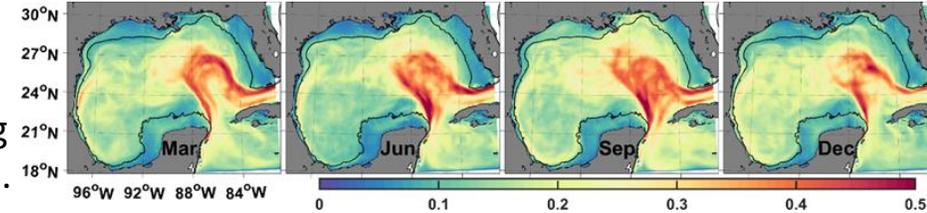
- Changes in the ocean environment (i.e., mudslides or burial from subsea currents, strong weather events or natural fluctuations) have been linked to **billions of dollars of impacts**.
- These events can have a significant effect on the **success and longevity** of offshore infrastructure, as well as affect **safety and cost** during exploration and production activities.

### Research Approach:

- Determine current state of knowledge regarding hazardous metocean and bathymetric conditions, and data availability regarding these conditions and historic events.
- EY19 - Evaluate if ML/AI model can be developed to better identify current hazardous metocean and bathymetric conditions.
- EY 20 + - develop, train, and test ML/AI model to identify current conditions and forecast changes and vulnerability that may impact offshore infrastructure and operations.

### Benefit:

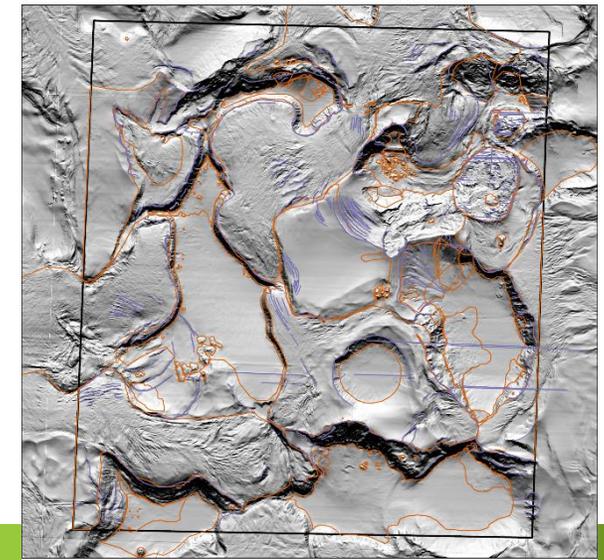
- Improved characterization of seabed related hazards in the offshore environment will help to manage and minimize costs and risks during drilling and production operations, and help prevent catastrophic incidents.



Example of data collected:  
Above - Avg. Bottom Current Velocity (12 yr. avg.)  
Below – high-resolution bathymetric data and labeled hazards  
(in orange and purple)

### Terrebonne Basin - Gulf of Mexico

High resolution bathymetry layer retrieved from BOEM (2017). Polyline (purple) and polygon (orange) layers resemble important subsurface features delineated by the NETL team.



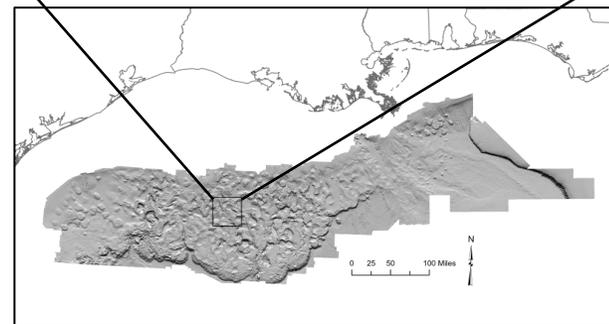
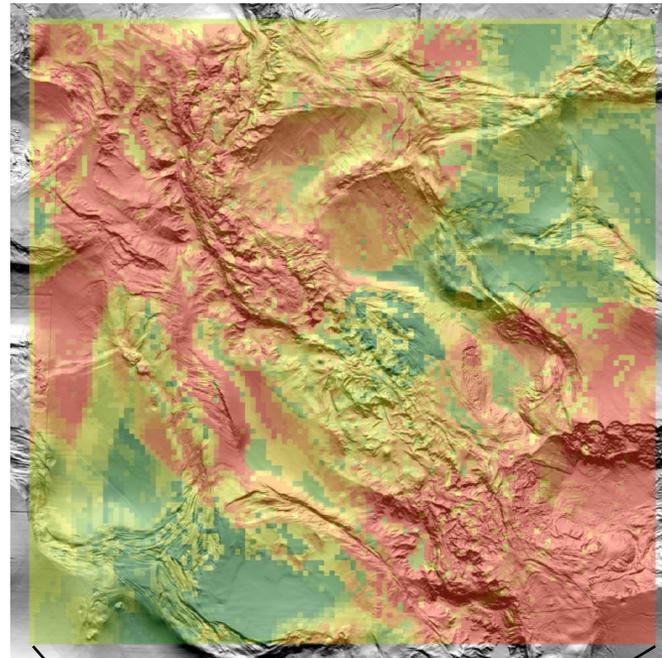
# Task 6: Infrastructure & Metocean background



- Mississippi Delta region is one of the areas most hit by major hurricanes in the U.S.; all of GoM at high risk of extreme metocean events
- Mississippi River provides a steady source of unconsolidated sediments
- Many areas in GoM are densely populated with aging infrastructure in regions of metocean and geohazards
- Between 2004–2008, 181 structures and 1673 wells in GoM were destroyed by five hurricanes

# Approach for Infrastructure and Metocean Technology: The Ocean & Geohazard Analysis Smart Tool

- Identify datasets for diverse hazard analyses
- Develop analytical framework for an **Ocean & Geohazard Analysis (OGA) Smart Tool**
- Train Machine Learning Models
- MetOcean statistical and probabilistic analyses
- Release data and models through the **online platform** hosted by **Energy Data eXchange (EDX)**



## Ongoing work:

Collect massive amounts of data, integrate from multiple sources to support analytics

- Digitizing old & unstructured data sets
- Aggregating all open-source data available nationally and internationally

Novel analyses of these datasets using:

- Machine Learning
- Nonlinear Dynamics
- Prediction Statistical Intervals
- Monte Carlo simulations

# Data Fabric

Inform

Analyze & Optimize

Integrate & Label

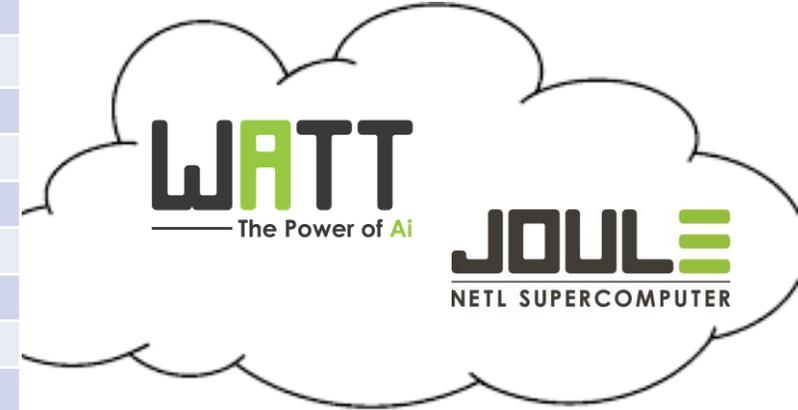
Explore & Transform

Move & Store

Discover & Collect

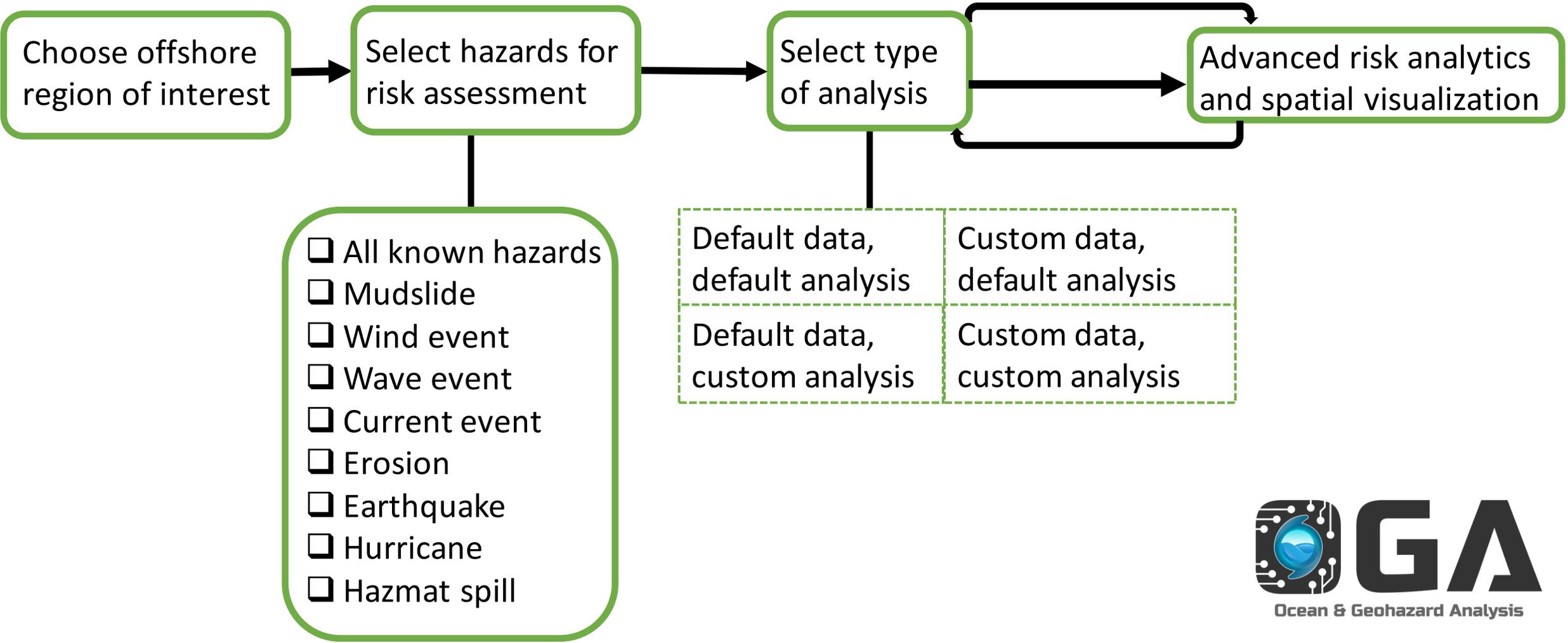


| Data Set                                    | Source   |
|---|--|
| BOEM bathymetry slope                       | BOEM, 2017   |
| BOEM bathymetry curvature                   | BOEM, 2017   |
| BOEM bathymetry profile curvature           | BOEM, 2017   |
| BOEM bathymetry plan curvature              | BOEM, 2017   |
| NOAA Coastal Relief Model (Vol, 3, 4, & 5)  | NOAA National Geophysical Data Center                |
| GEBCO 2020                                  | GEBCO Compilation Group (2020)                       |
| SRTM15+ V2.1 and V2                         | NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information. |
| Northern Gulf Coast Digital Elevation Model | NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information. |
| Dominant sediment type                      | Buczowski, et al., 2020 (usSEABED database)          |
| Sediment age                                |  |
| Vertical Sediment Accumulation Rate         | Integrated Earth Data Applications (IEDA).           |
| Sediment shear strength                     | Holcombe, L. & Holcombe, T., 2004                    |
| Geomorphology                               | Hance, et al., 2014                                  |
| Faults                                      | USGS Faults, Diegel et al, 1995                      |
| Sediment Thickness                          |  |
| Sediment shear strength                     | Digitized from diverse sources                       |
| Digitized Landslides                        | Several sources                                      |
| Ocean waves                                 | Several sources                                      |
| Ocean currents                              | Several sources                                      |
| Wind  | Several sources                                      |
| IBTrACS Tropical Storms                     | NOAA   |
| Ocean currents (bottom & surface)           | Several sources                                      |
| Landslide locations near Mississippi delta  | Nodine et al 2007                                    |
| Terrebonne Basin Mapping Area Landslides    | NETL Team (Task 5/6)                                 |
| Mass Wasting                                | Twichell (2005)                                      |
| Slumps                                      | BOEM (2016)  |
| Flows                                       | BOEM (2016)  |
| Landslide locations near Mississippi delta  | Nodine et al 2007 and others                         |



**FE's "Data Fabric" simplifies and integrates data management (EDX) with cloud and on-prem sci-compute to accelerate digital transformation**

# Ocean & Geohazard Analysis Smart Tool Workflow



# Landslide Detection

## *Locating critical parameters to identify mass wasting geohazards*

**Objective:** Using high-resolution seafloor images, develop a data driven neural network model to identify the locations of submarine landslides.

### Model Design

- We use as a base the Fully Convolutional ResNet101, a 101 layer network available with the PyTorch framework.
- The model performs semantic segmentation to create an output mask highlighting landslides given an input image.

### Challenges

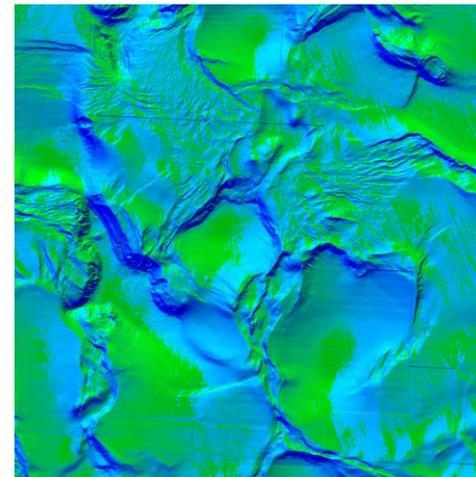
- Imbalanced dataset - causes model to favor predicting no landslides. We hope to improve performance with higher penalties for missed landslide predictions.
- Small dataset, to overcome we augment our dataset by flipping rotating and scaling existing images.
- Most models are designed for 3 band input images (Red/Green/Blue) while the images we use have 7 bands. To overcome this we modify an existing model to accept the 7-band input image.

The model trains on Image and Mask pairs shown below.

It is given an input image and scored on how accurately it can produce a mask for the image.

Training Image

\*3 of 7 bands visualized

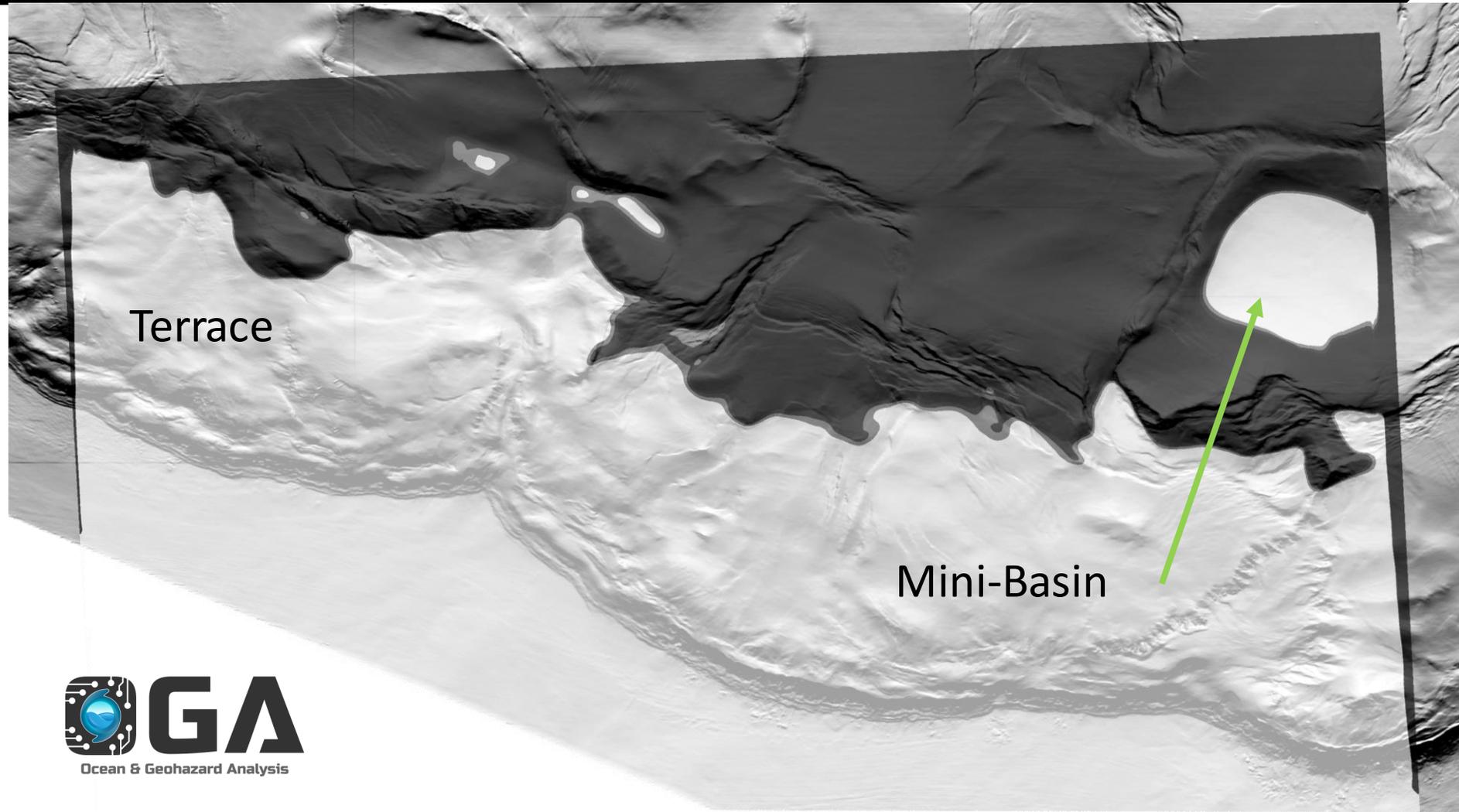


Training Mask

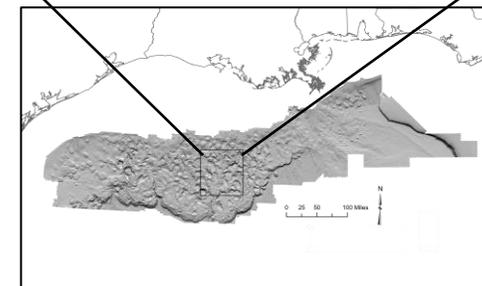
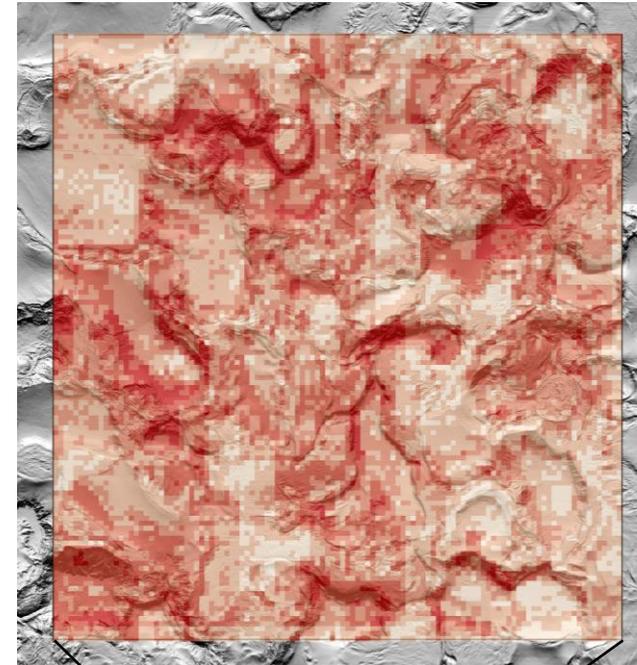
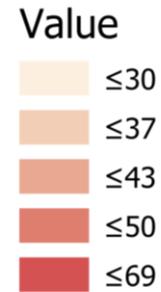
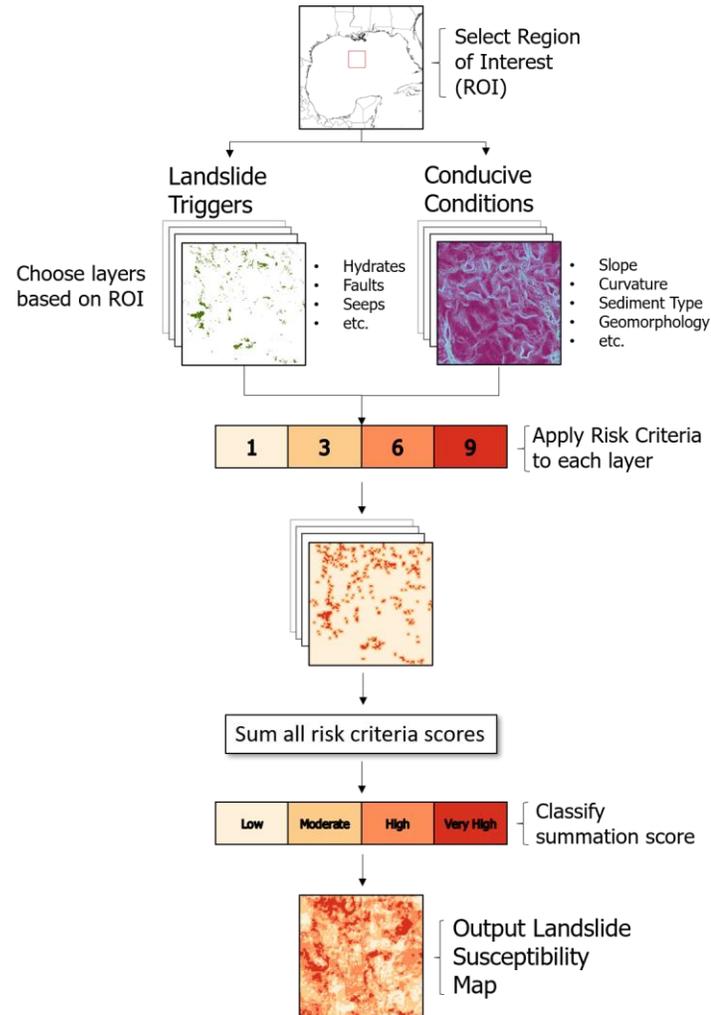


# Landslide detection results

Current model output showing low likelihood of landslide (black) and high likelihood of landslide (white). Results show model identifying terraces and basins as high likelihood of landslide areas.



# Landslide susceptibility assessment workflow



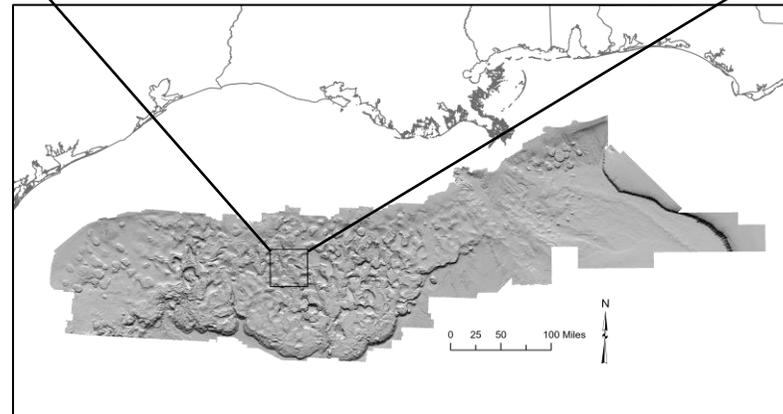
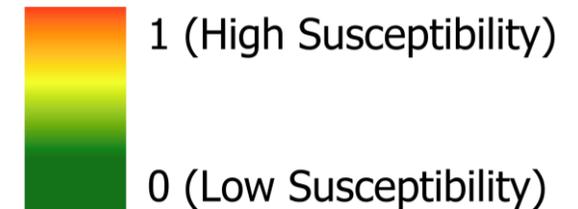
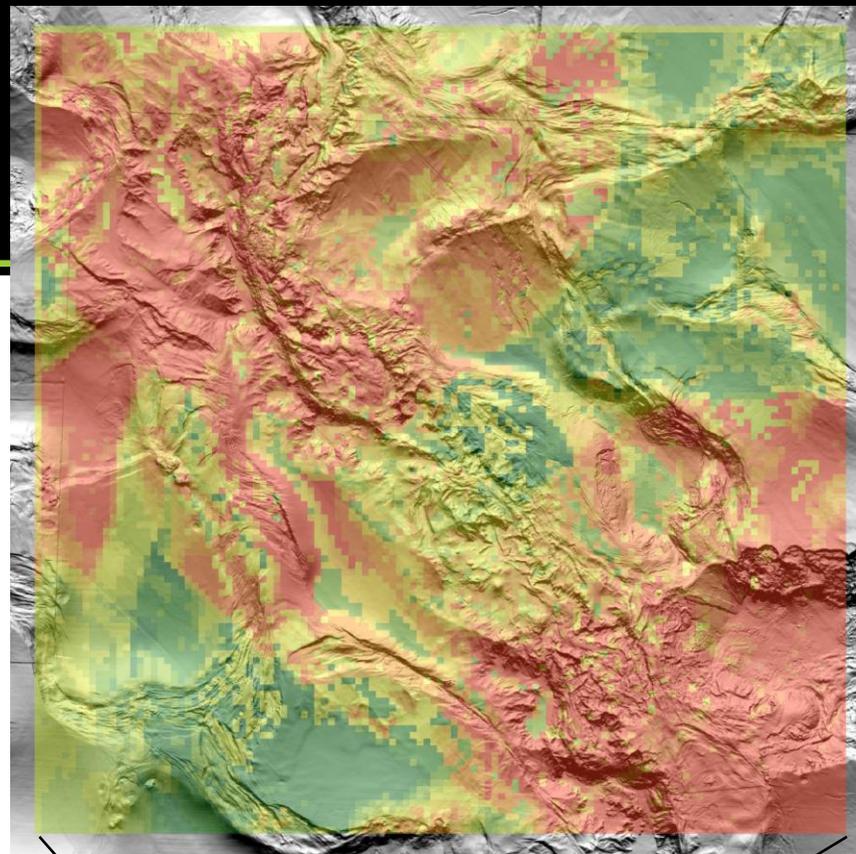
# Landslide susceptibility

## *Machine Learning Approach*

Utilizing the same input criteria along with common machine learning models to predict landslide susceptibility

- Random Forests (at right)
- Gradient Boosting
- Decision Trees

**90% accuracy on test set**

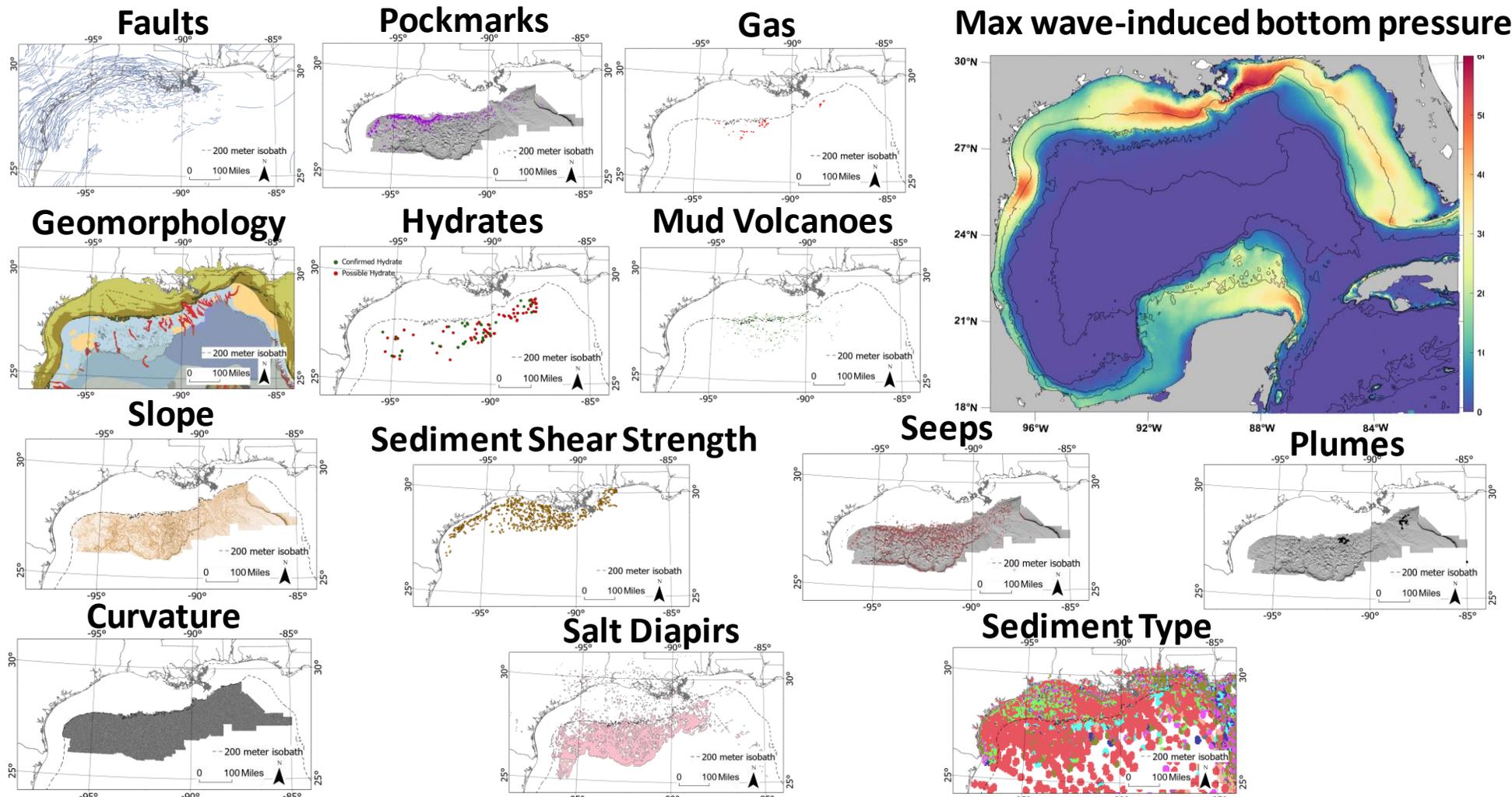


# Landslide susceptibility

## Diverse Approaches

### Different approaches:

- GIS Layered Analysis
- Machine Learning Modeling
- Wave-induced bottom pressure vs sediment shear strength
- Erosion due to extreme bottom currents and waves



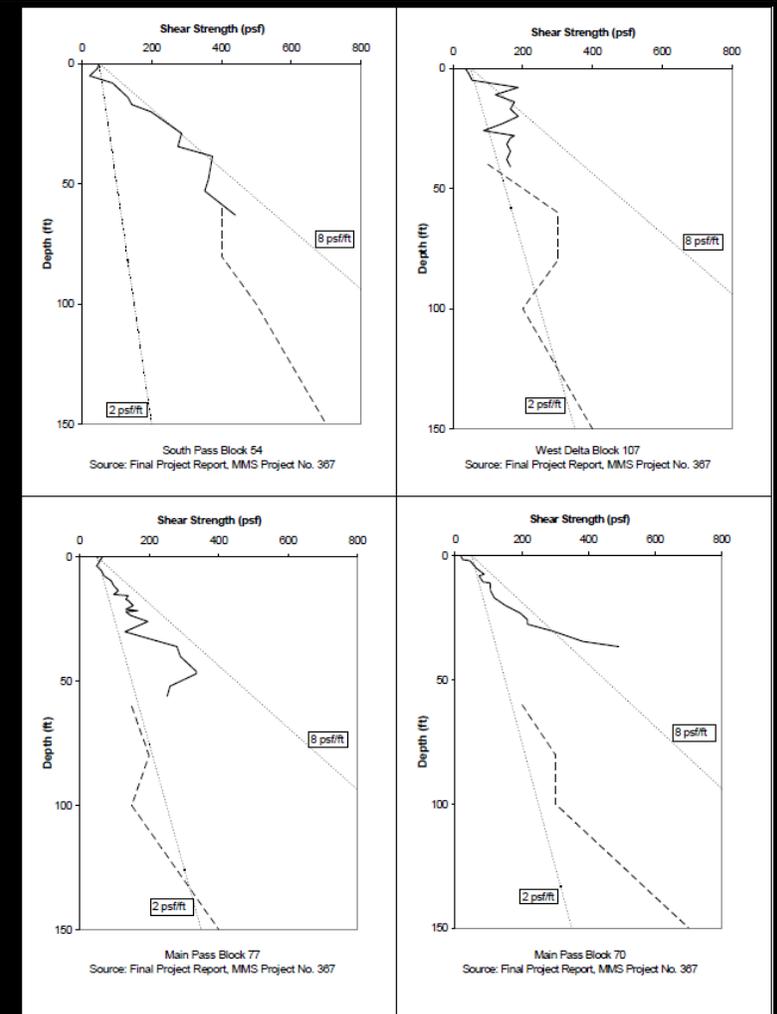
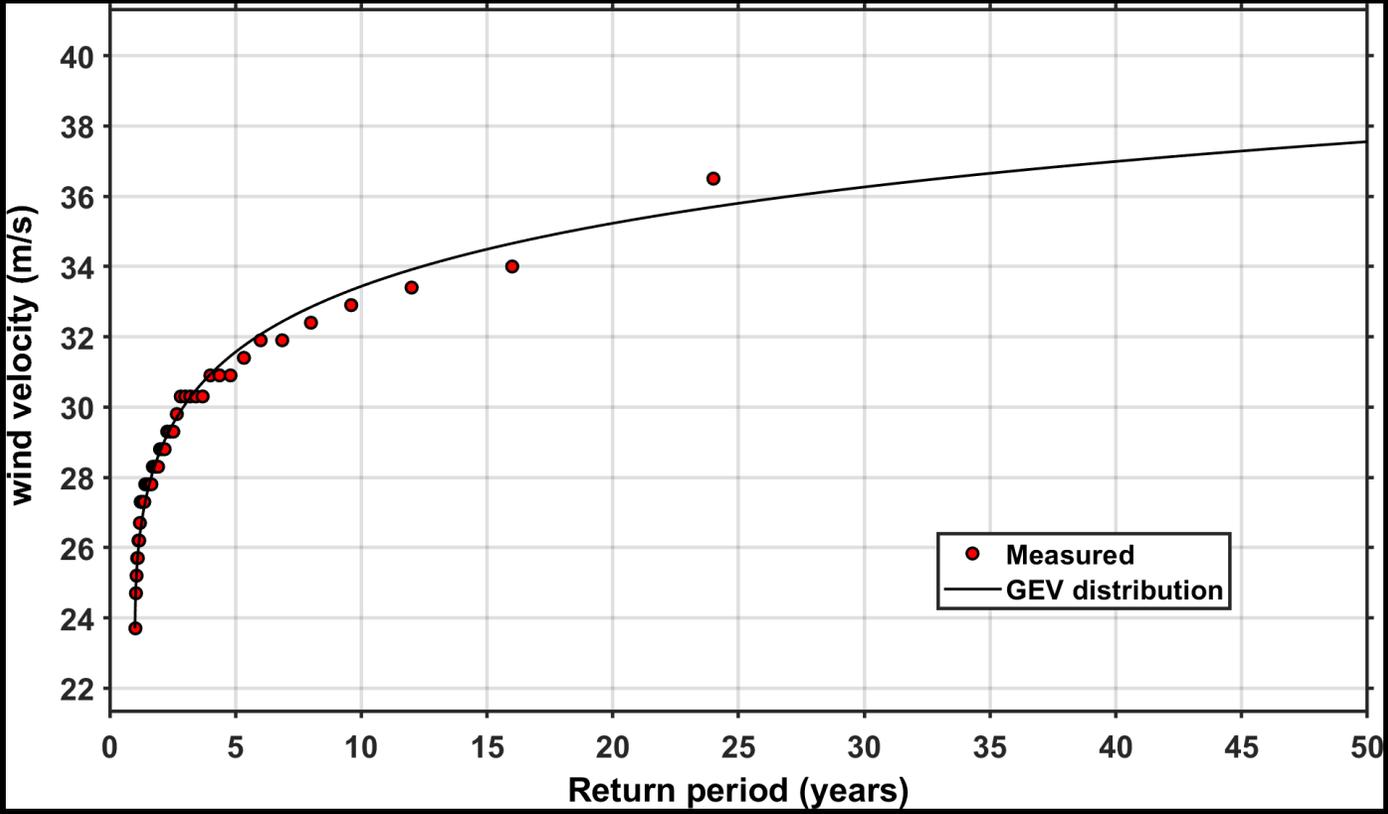
# Advanced Probability and Statistics

## Generalized Extreme Value (GEV) distributions

## Prediction Intervals & Monte Carlo Simulations

$$[\underline{x}_p, \tilde{x}_p] = [\bar{x} + g'_{(\alpha/2; 1-p, n)} S, \bar{x} + g'_{(1-\alpha/2; 1-p, n)} S]$$

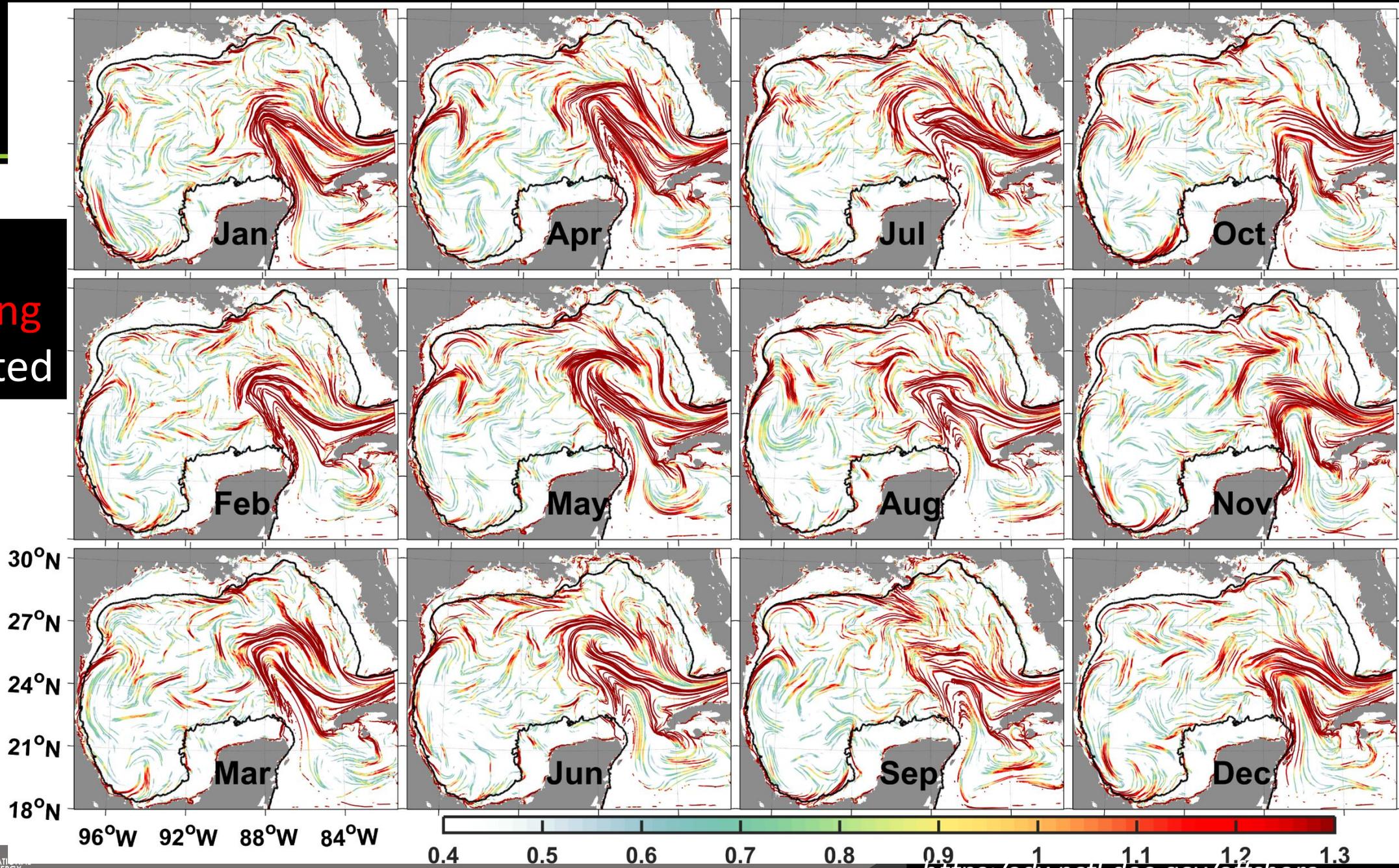
$$G(z) = \exp \left\{ - \left[ 1 + \xi \left( \frac{z - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \right]^{-1/\xi} \right\}$$



Pathways:  
 Red=attracting  
 White=isolated

Large shelves are isolated:

- WFS
- LaTex
- Yucatan



# NETL's Offshore Risk Modeling Metocean Simulation Tool, CIAM, Continues to Garner International Adoption/Use



## Key Pubs:

- Duran, R.; Beron-Vera, F. J.; Olascoaga, M. J. [Extracting quasi-Steady Lagrangian transport patterns from the ocean circulation: An application to the Gulf of Mexico](#) *Scientific Reports* **2018**, *8*, 10. DOI:10.1038/s41598-018-23121-y.
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## External CIAM Users

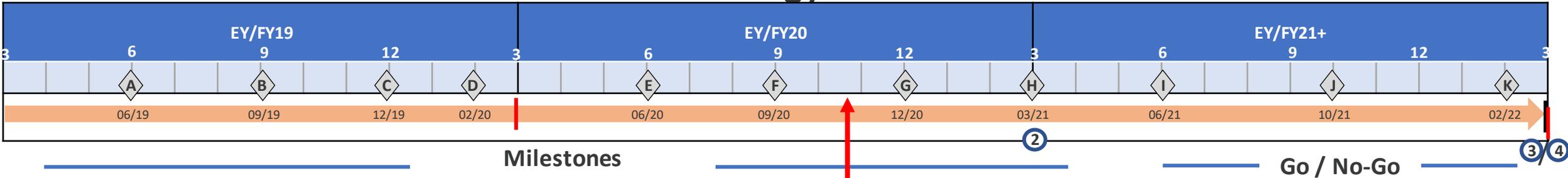
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|--------------|---|--|--|
| Spain        | ICM Marine Science Institute Spain.   | Mediterranean                              | Work in progress   |
| India        | National Institute of Oceanography India                                    | Gulf of Bengay surface                     | Preliminary results obtained   |
| Mexico       | Engineering & Coastal Processes UNAM Mexico                                 | Tropical Atlantic surface                  | Preliminary results obtained   |
| Brazil       | National Institute for Space Research Brazil                                | Tropical Atlantic off Brazil coast surface | Peer-reviewed paper under review.  |
| Mexico       | CICESE Ensenada Center for Scientific Research and Higher Education, Mexico | Deep GoM                                   | Maslo, A., et al. (2020). <i>Journal of Marine Systems</i> . <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marsys.2019.103267">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marsys.2019.103267</a> |
| Mexico       | CICESE Ensenada Center for Scientific Research and Higher Education, Mexico | NW GoM Surface                             | Gough, M. K., et al. (2019). <i>Journal of Physical Oceanography</i> <a href="https://doi.org/10.1175/JP-O-D-17-0207.1">https://doi.org/10.1175/JP-O-D-17-0207.1</a> |
| Saudi Arabia | Red Sea Modeling and Prediction Group KAUST                                 | Red Sea                                    | Preliminary results obtained KAUST <a href="https://assimilation.kaust.edu.sa/Pages/Home.aspx">https://assimilation.kaust.edu.sa/Pages/Home.aspx</a>                 |
| USA          | UNC at Chapel Hill  | Atlantic wind                              | Preliminary results obtained   |

# Offshore Unconventional FWP

Key Team Members: PI – Jen Bauer, Kelly Rose - CO-PI – Makenzie Mark-Moser, Rodrigo Duran



## Task 6 - Infrastructure and Metocean Technology



- End of EY/FY19: Ensure sufficient data are available to support future work; if it is, plan to continue into EY/FY20. Determined sufficient data are available to build robust ML/AI model (02/2020)
- End of EY/FY21: Evaluate TRL for smart tool and determine if additional development or enhancements are needed to obtain target TRL (4).

| Number   | Expected Completion Date | Description  |
|----------|--------------------------|--|
| EY19.6.A | 06/19                    | Develop internal catalog documenting data resources collected.   |
| EY19.6.B | 09/19                    | Document libraries and software used to help collect, process, and label data.                                       |
| EY19.6.C | 12/19                    | Statistics summarizing metocean and bathymetric metadata.  |
| EY19.6.D | 02/20                    | Determine if sufficient data are available to support future work; if it is, plan to continue into EY/FY20.          |
| EY20.6.E | 06/20                    | Begin developing analytical framework plan for metocean and bathymetry data.   |
| EY20.6.F | 09/20                    | Outline analytical logic to support the development of a beta smart tool.  |
| EY20.6.G | 12/20                    | Draft presentation or report detailing current analytical framework.   |
| EY20.6.H | 03/21                    | Report current model evaluation offering details on model success.   |
| EY21.6.I | 06/21                    | List summarizing identified improvements and enhancements for analytical logic and smart tool.                       |
| EY21.6.J | 10/21                    | Statistics demonstrating success of enhancements on key smart tool functions.  |
| EY21.6.K | 02/22                    | Evaluate TRL for smart tool and determine if additional development or enhancements are needed to obtain target TRL. |

Additional milestones will be defined based off Go/No-Go decision.

# Ocean & Geohazard Analysis Smart Tool

## Timeline (present to March 2021)



### Upcoming Deliverables

| Date  | Description   | Status   |
|-------|---|----------|
| 03/21 | Beta Smart Tool software version for internal release | On track |

### Upcoming Milestones

| Date  | Description   | Status   |
|-------|---|----------|
| 12/20 | Draft presentation or report detailing current analytical framework | On track |
| 03/21 | Report current model evaluation offering details on model success   | On track |

### Next steps

- Build out Smart Tool user interface
- Continue integrating datasets
- Train object detection algorithms
- Assess model accuracy and success

# Publications & Presentations

## Upcoming & Past



### Publications

- Duran, R., T. Nordam, M. Serra and C. Barker (under review, 2020). Horizontal transport in oil-spill modeling. Book chapter in Marine Hydrocarbon Spill Assessments, Elsevier. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.12954>
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### Upcoming Presentations

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Dyer, A., Zaengle, D., Mark-Moser, M., Duran, R., Bauer, J., Rose, K. accepted. Deep Learning to Locate Seafloor Landslides in High Resolution Bathymetry. AGU Annual Fall Meeting (Virtual), 2020. Session: NH007 - Data Science and Machine Learning for Natural Hazard Sciences II Posters.

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# Key Takeaways

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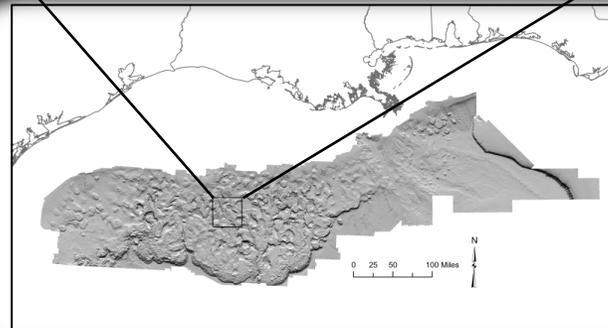
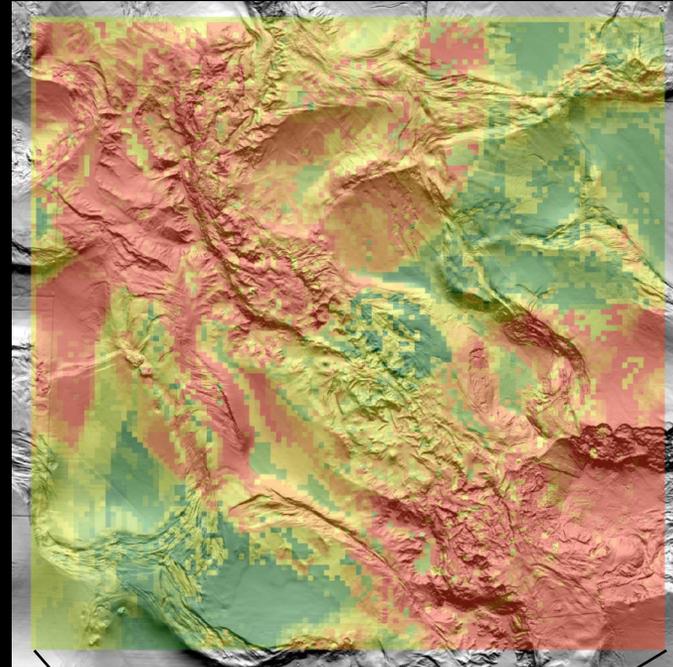


## Values Delivered

Advancing the current state of knowledge, improving infrastructure longevity, supporting offshore activities.

Improved characterization of seabed related hazards in the offshore environment will help to manage and minimize costs and risks during drilling and production operations, and help prevent catastrophic incidents.

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- Technology that integrates big data and science-based analytics for offshore hazards does not exist
- Advanced analytics can offer **near-real time assessment** of risks but also **forecast vulnerabilities**
- **Smart Tool:**
  - adapts to data availability/quality
  - adapts to different regions
  - incorporates new analytics and datasets



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