TRADITIONAL BEACH TEMPLATE VS CROSS SHORE SWASH ZONE (CSSZ) PLACEMENT METHODS AT EGMONT KEY, FL

High Silt Content Beneficial Use Placement

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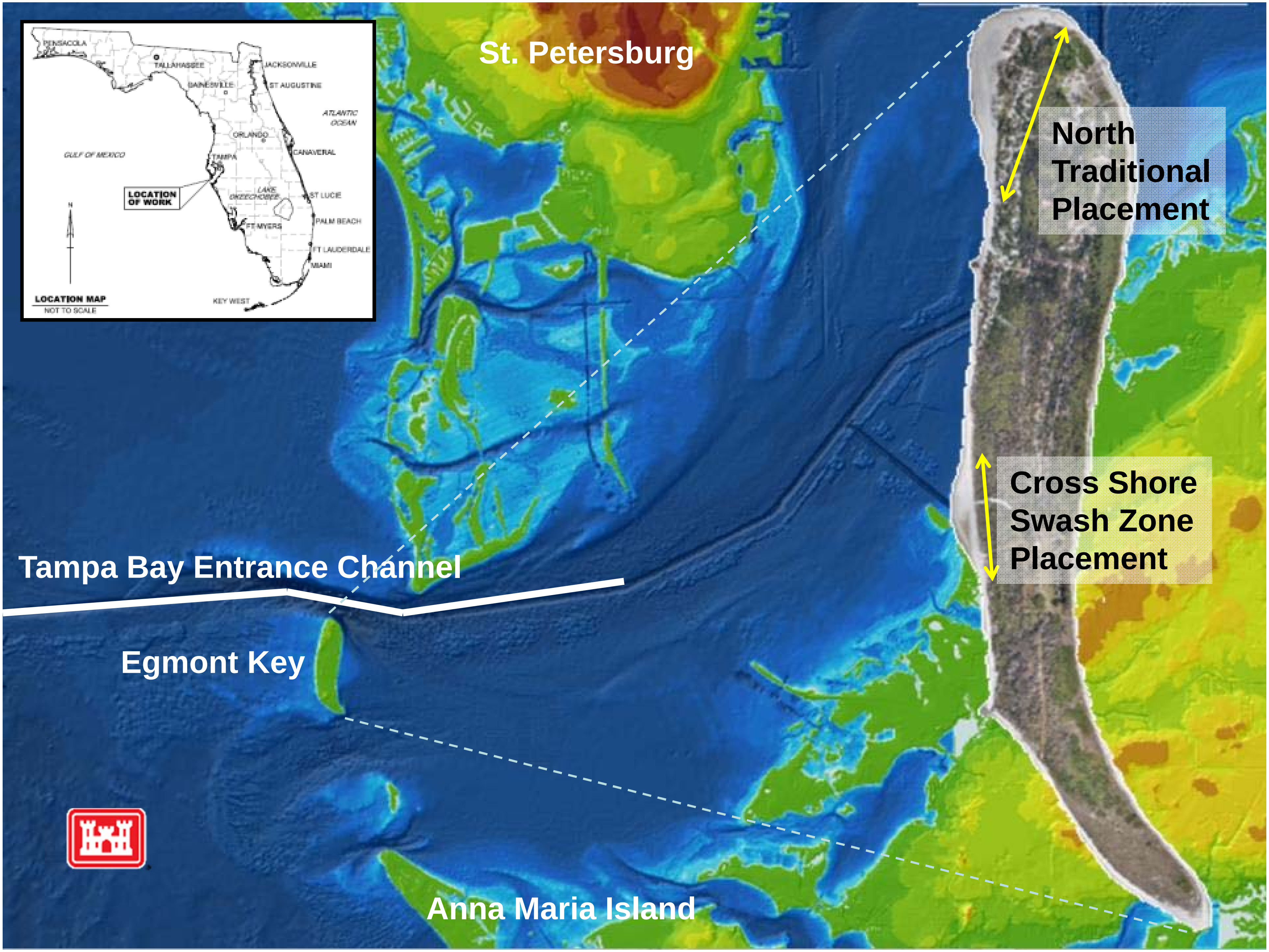
Outline

- **Background**
  - Ideal opportunity for R&D to address environmental concerns and regulations
  - Egmont Key National Wildlife Refuge – "Sand Rule"
  - Material is approx. 20% "fines" (passing 230 sieve)
  - Definitions and Example Projects
  - Beneficial reuse projects – 2001, 2006, and 2011
  - Time series aerials
- **Dredging and Placement**
  - Volumes
  - Compaction - Cone Penetrometer
  - Mass Balance of "fines"
  - Fines Content, Density, Munsell Color
  - Light Attenuation and Turbidity
  - Sea turtle nesting
- **Conclusions**
  - Traditional vs. Cross Shore Swash Zone Placement
  - Acknowledgments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Definitions

- **Traditional Placement** – placement of material to “build a beach” using longitudinal dikes to increase settlement. This projects purpose is to create a wide flat dry beach berm.

Definitions

- **Cross Shore Swash Zone Placement** (CSSZ) – placement of dredged material by discharging material directly into the swash zone until a delta builds and then extending outfall shore perpendicular thus building a “point” (salient) feature.

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Case Examples – Mayport 1972

- Cross Shore Swash Zone Placement (CSSZ)

Clean Water Act (CWA)

Case Examples – Sand groynes Delfland 2009

- 3 concentrated nourishments 200k m^3 each
- Uniformly redistributed over a stretch of coast of about 2.5km by the impact of waves and currents
- https://publicwiki.deltares.nl/display/BWN/Building+Block+-+Feeder+beaches+-+Practical+Applications

Case Examples – Delfland Sand Engine 2011

- Concentrated nourishments 28M m^3
- Intertidal ponds were intentional for added habitat
- http://deltaproof.stowa.nl/Publicaties/deltafact/Sand_nourishments.aspx?pId=53#COSTS_AND_BENEFITS

Time-series aerial photos

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2014 1993 1982 2004

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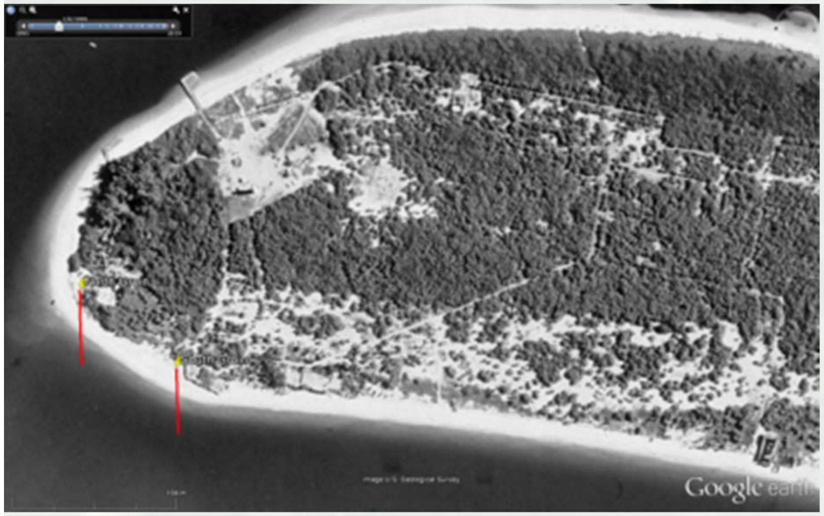
Previous Placement Events

1999



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2005

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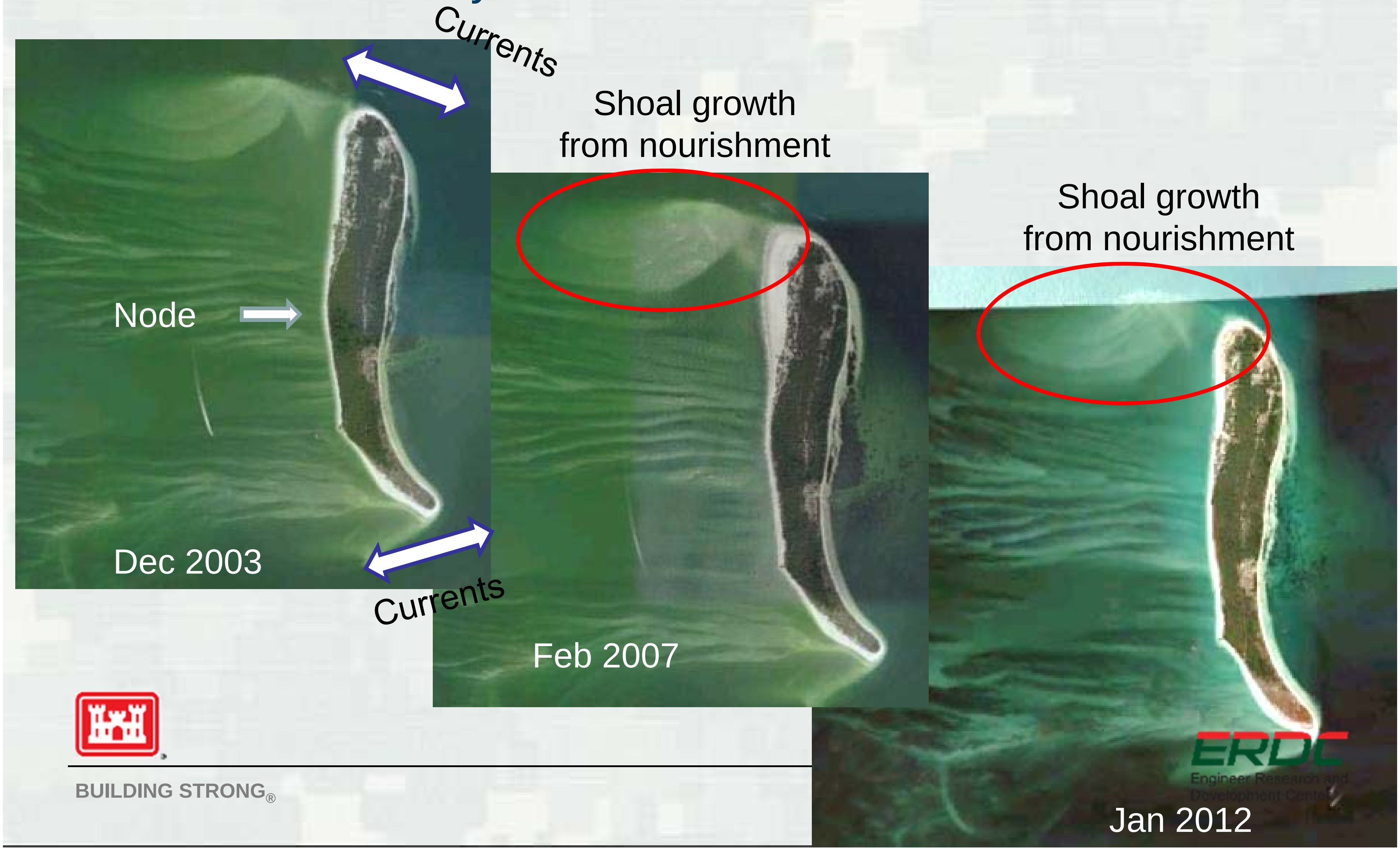
Previous BU – Egmont Key 2001, 2006 & 2011

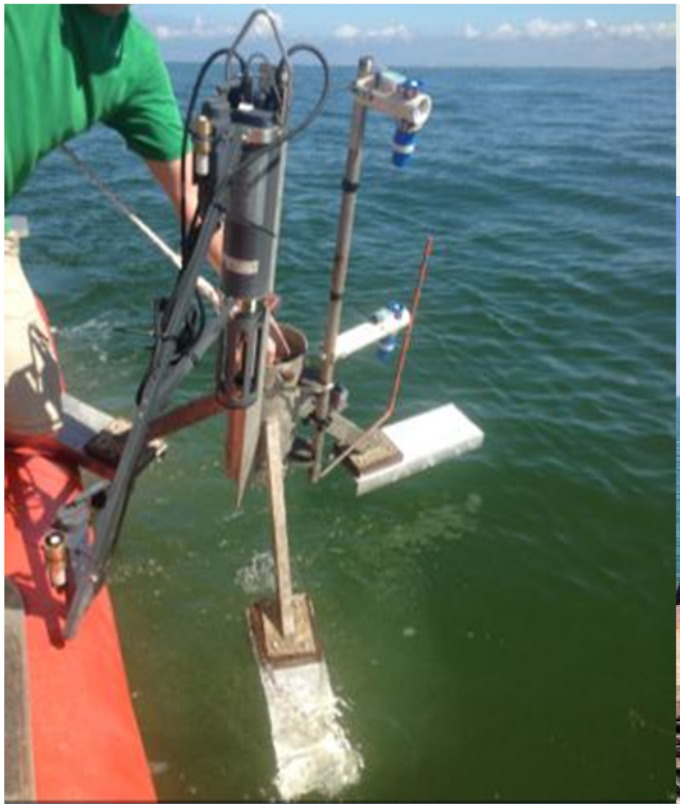
- Ebb dominated system



Dredging and Placement

UAV flight aerial 16 March 2015

Project Monitoring



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Cone Penetrometer

Pre-Placement

Depth (in)	0"-6"	6"-12"	12"-18"
Min (psi)	100	100	198
Max (psi)	580	700	617
Avg (psi)	293	406	457
Median (psi)	295	431	515
# samples	19	19	19
Refusals	1	4	5
% Refusal	5%	21%	26%

Post-Placement

Depth (in)	0"-6"	6"-12"	12"-18"
Min (psi)	50	125	200
Max (psi)	600	700	600
Avg (psi)	328	482	436
Median (psi)	300	500	500
# samples	21	21	21
Refusals	3	6	10
% Refusal	14%	29%	48%

- Increase in refusals due to shell hash areas

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Mass Balance – Egmont Key 2014

Tampa Harbor MD - Egmont Key 2014		
	# of Samples	Sample by weight Fines (passing 230 sieve)
In-situ Channel	80	20.7%
Discharge Slurry	27	18.4% *
Swash zone	27	17.5%
Beach samples	22	0.5%

- Assumptions
  - 100% slurry water conveyed to the wash zone
  - Slurry and swash zone sampling a closed system
- Relationships
  - Swash Zone samples carried 13.2% of the Discharge Slurry fines out of the beach template, thus leaving 5.2% on the beach.

*Sampling methods at discharge slurry not ideal

 *Only Traditional Placement

Fines Content and Density

Tampa Harbor MD - Egmont Key 2014		
	# of Samples	Avg. % by wt. passing 230 sieve
In-situ	80	20.7
pre-Beach	6	0.03
post-Dredged	21	0.51
Traditional	14	0.52*
CSSZ	7	0.49 *

Tampa Harbor MD - Egmont Key 2014			
Density	# of Samples	Value avg. (kg/m3)	% Greator
pre-Beach	7	1405.1	0.0%
post-Dredged	17	1471.6	4.7%
Traditional	11	1476.0	5.0%
CSSZ	6	1463.5	4.2%

*Sampling occurred within 72 hours of placement completion

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Munsell Color

Tampa Harbor MD - Egmont Key 2014			
	# of Samples	Value avg.	
In-situ	80	4.36*	
pre-Beach	13	5.9	
post-Dredged	24	5.3	
Traditional	16	5.0	
CSSZ	8	5.9	

*Munsell color value<5 unacceptable for beach placement in Florida

NOTES: Triplicate measurements of hue, value, and chroma were collected from three areas on each moist sand sample using a digital colorimeter (CR-400, Konica Minolta, Osaka, Japan).

Light Attenuation Long-term Monitoring

Egmont Key, FL
Long-term
Deployment Map
14 Nov – 15 Dec

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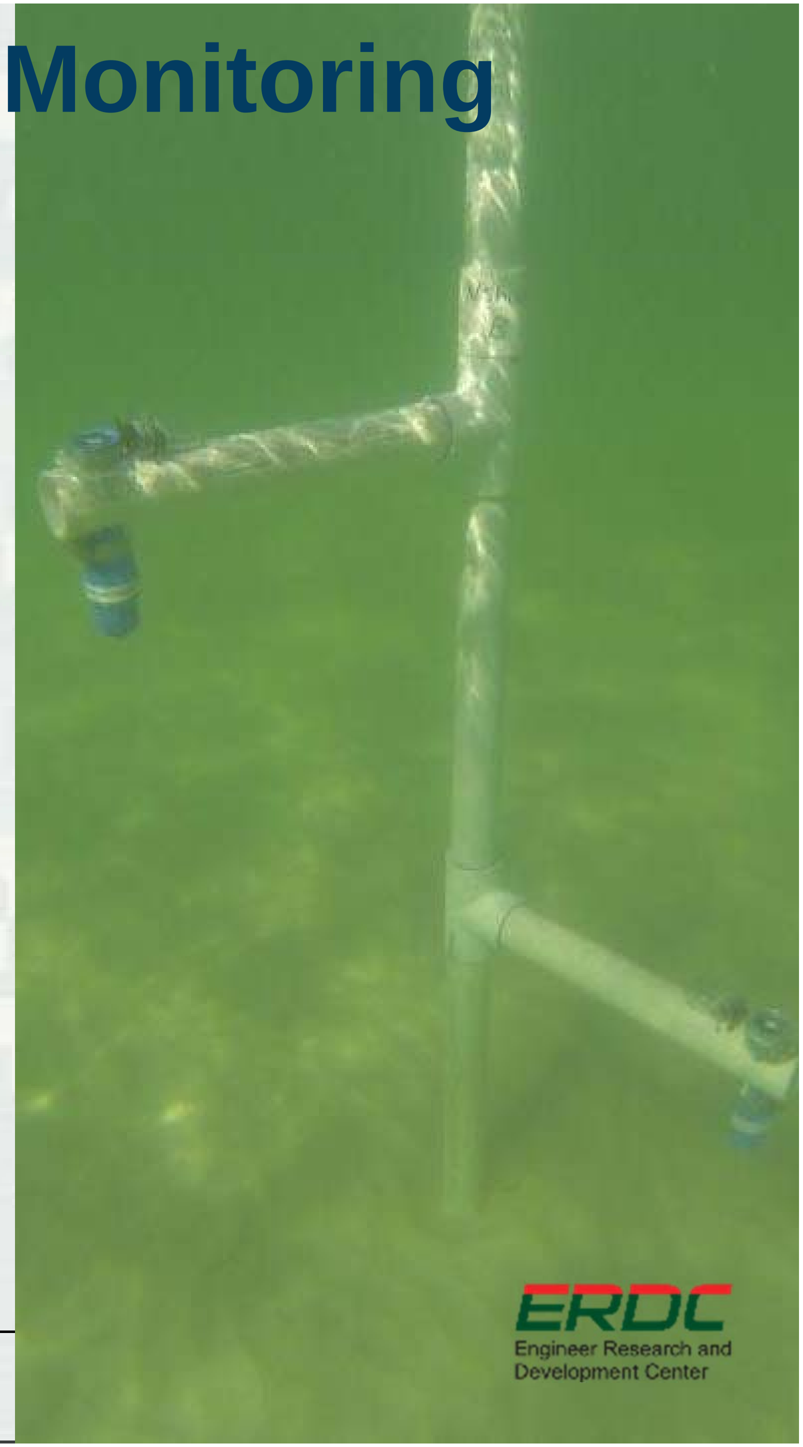
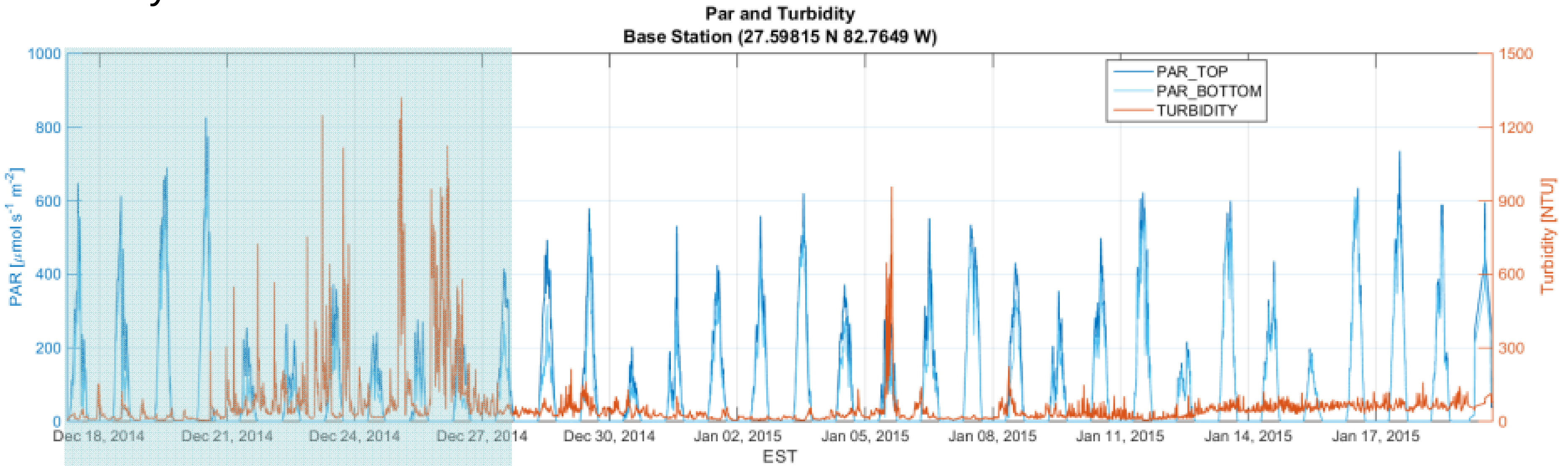
Light Attenuation Monitoring



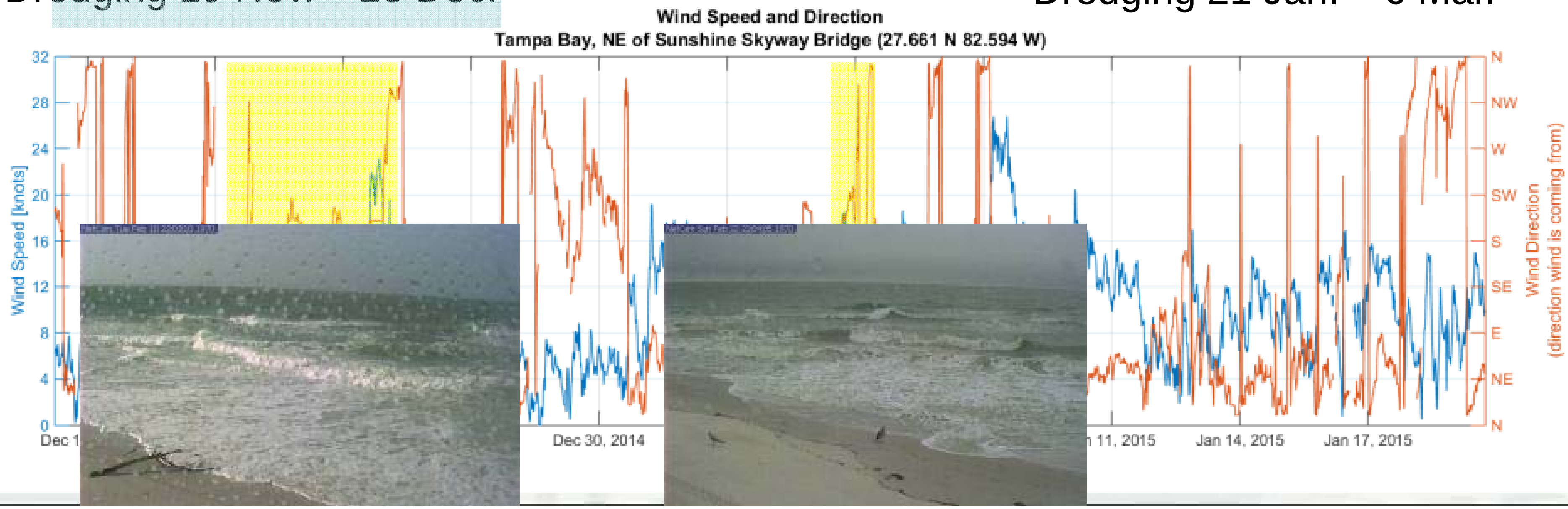
Light Attenuation Long-term Monitoring

Turbidity versus PAR values



Dredging 19 Nov. – 28 Dec.

Dredging 21 Jan. – 6 Mar.



Sea Turtle Nesting 2015

Nesting as of 16 August 2015

CSSZ Drawbacks vs. Traditional Placement

- **Issues**
  - Material is not immediately visible to public
  - Remediation for unacceptable material far more difficult
  - Egmont Key not identical to other projects, low energy, with inlets
  - Each contractor’s crew has their preferred operational techniques: longitudinal dike length, equipment, and methodology

- **Risks**
  - If parameters imposed on nearshore placement are more restrictive this placement method could become more expensive than traditional beach placement
  - Project shutdowns for turbidity
    - Instantaneous vs. chronic

CSSZ Benefits vs. Traditional Placement

- **Less linear feet of beach impacted for equivalent volume**
- **Reduced environmental Impacts**
  - Turtle nest relocations
  - Ponding
  - Cementation
  - Munsell Color
  - Shorebird impacts
- **Lower cost**
  - Construction – less beach equipment
  - Reduced pipeline extensions
  - Maintenance – less escarpment, tilling
- **Reduced beach traditional use impacts**
  - Sunbathing and Water sports
- **Another tool in the BU toolbox**
- **Purely performance based regulations**
  - More beneficial reuse
  - Lower costs - better bids due to more equipment able to perform work

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Conclusions

- CSSZ placement operations within intent of
  "Sand Rule" – reasonable assurance
- CSSZ material spread longshore very quickly
- Grain Size sampling indicates significant "fines" losses
  - 2.4% of original (in-situ) "fines" remaining on beach = 0.5% total
  - 98% of "fines" lost
- Munsell Color and Compaction similar to pre-conditions
- Better RSM practice, better environmental practice, and better economic practice
- Engineering with Nature (EwN)

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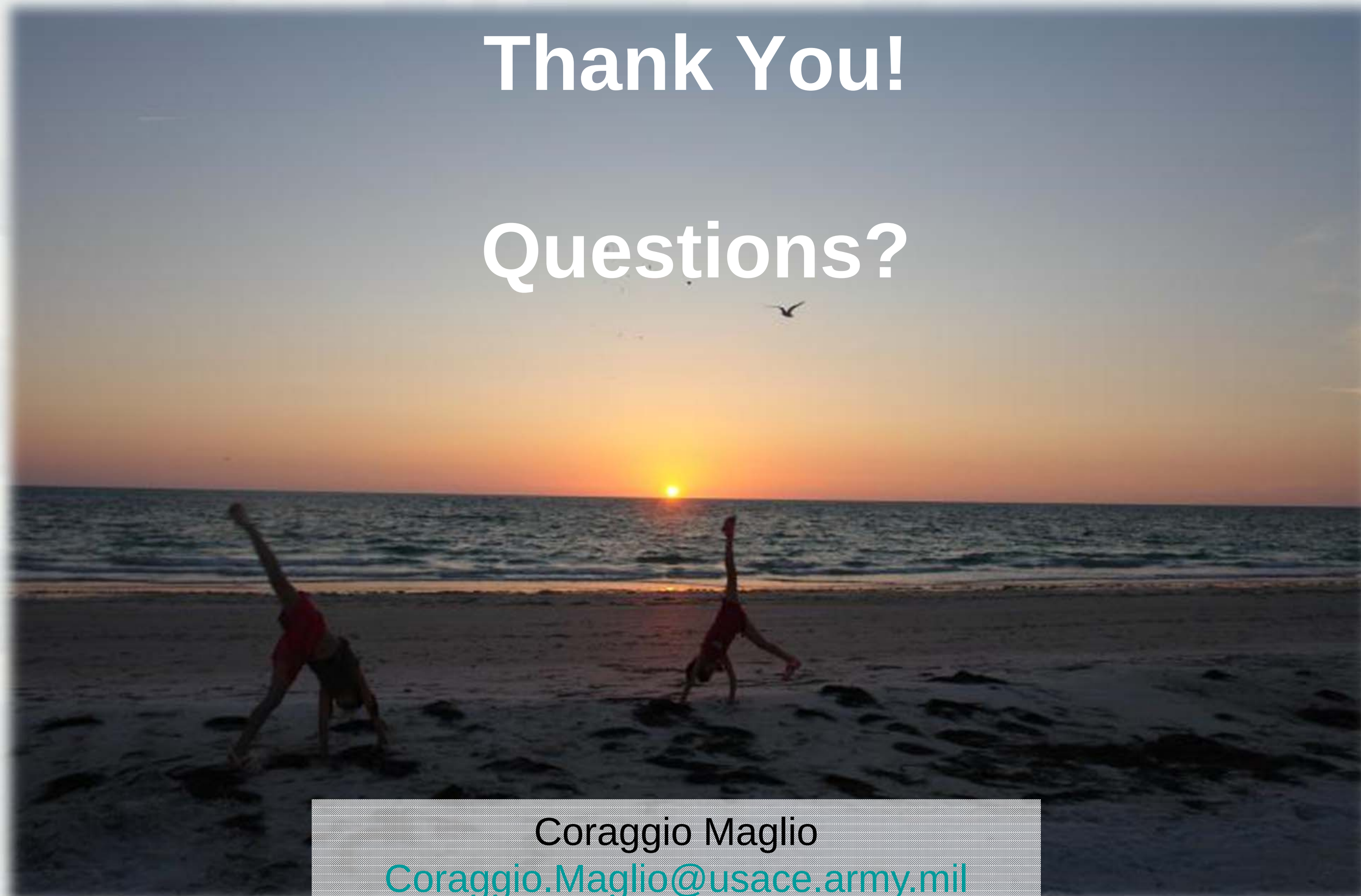

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