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# L'EROSIONE DELLE SPIAGGE E LE OPERE PER LA DIFESA

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Alcune spiagge sono caratterizzate da avanzamento della linea di riva, altre da erosione.

Perchè ?

Da dove proviene il sedimento di spiaggia ?

## ***Da dove proviene il sedimento di spiaggia ?***

Da depositi di sedimenti di erosione continentale per processi glaciali, fluviale, eolici, di versante e gravitativi



formazione della *spiaggia*

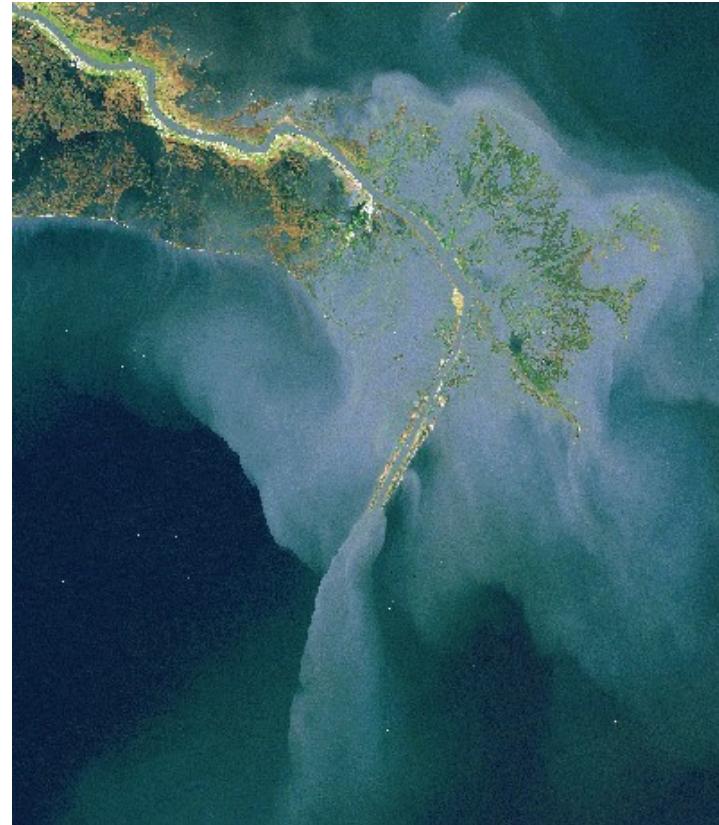
la morfologia della costa è sempre il risultato di due azioni concomitanti: l'apporto di sedimenti dall'entroterra e la loro ridistribuzione ad opera del moto ondoso.



## *Sedimenti dai corsi d'acqua*



Materiale eroso da un  
corso d'acqua

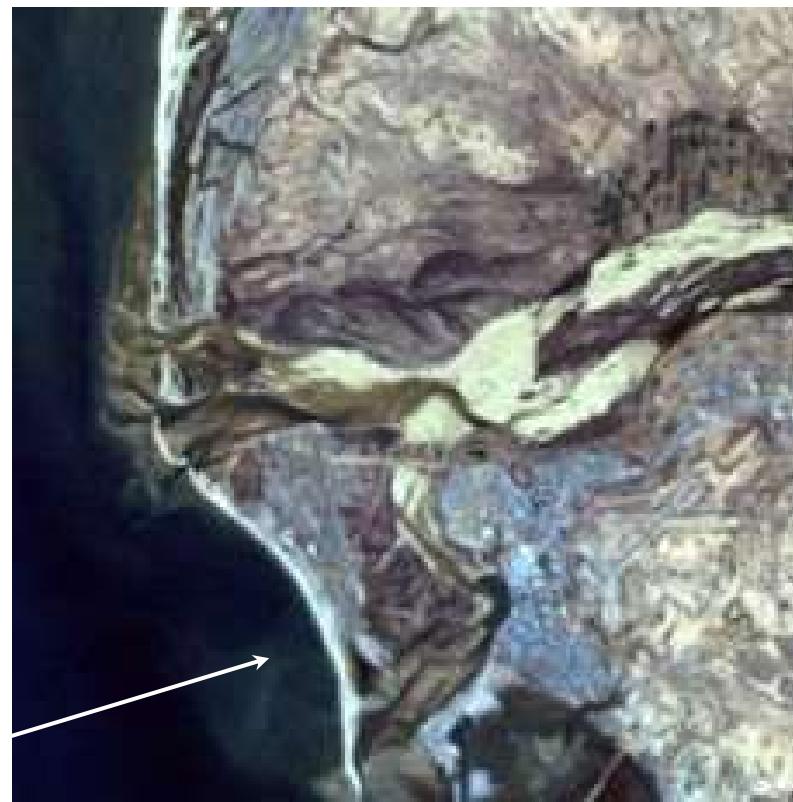


Delta del Mississippi

Quando il corso d'acqua sversa in un grande ricettore si verifica la riduzione dell'intensità delle caratteristiche cinematiche e i sedimenti depositano.

## *Sedimenti trasportati dall'azione del moto ondoso*

Le onde rimaneggiano il sedimento resosi disponibile alla foce e lo trasportano lungo il litorale



## ***Sedimenti ottenuti dall'erosione della costa***

I tratti di costa rocciosa esposti ad attacchi ondosi di forte intensità forniscono sedimenti alle spiagge limitrofe.



Sabbia scura

Black sand beach, Big Island, Hawaii

# **Dinamica dei litorali**

## **Uno schema semplice**



***Il clima ondoso medio per il paraggio è una costante***

***Dunque, l'erosione è dovuta al deficit di apporti***

## *Cause d'erosione dei litorali*

- Bonifica delle aree palustri
- Estrazione di inerti da alvei fluviali
- Invasi artificiali
- Opere marittime
- Reforestazioni
- etc...



*Un caso comune:  
le opere di  
sistematizzazione*

## ***Cambiamenti climatici - SLR***



## ***Come si muove il sedimento***

- *Beach drift*
- *Longshore drift*
- *Cross-shore*

I fronti d'onda giungono con una certa obliquità in corrispondenza della riva.



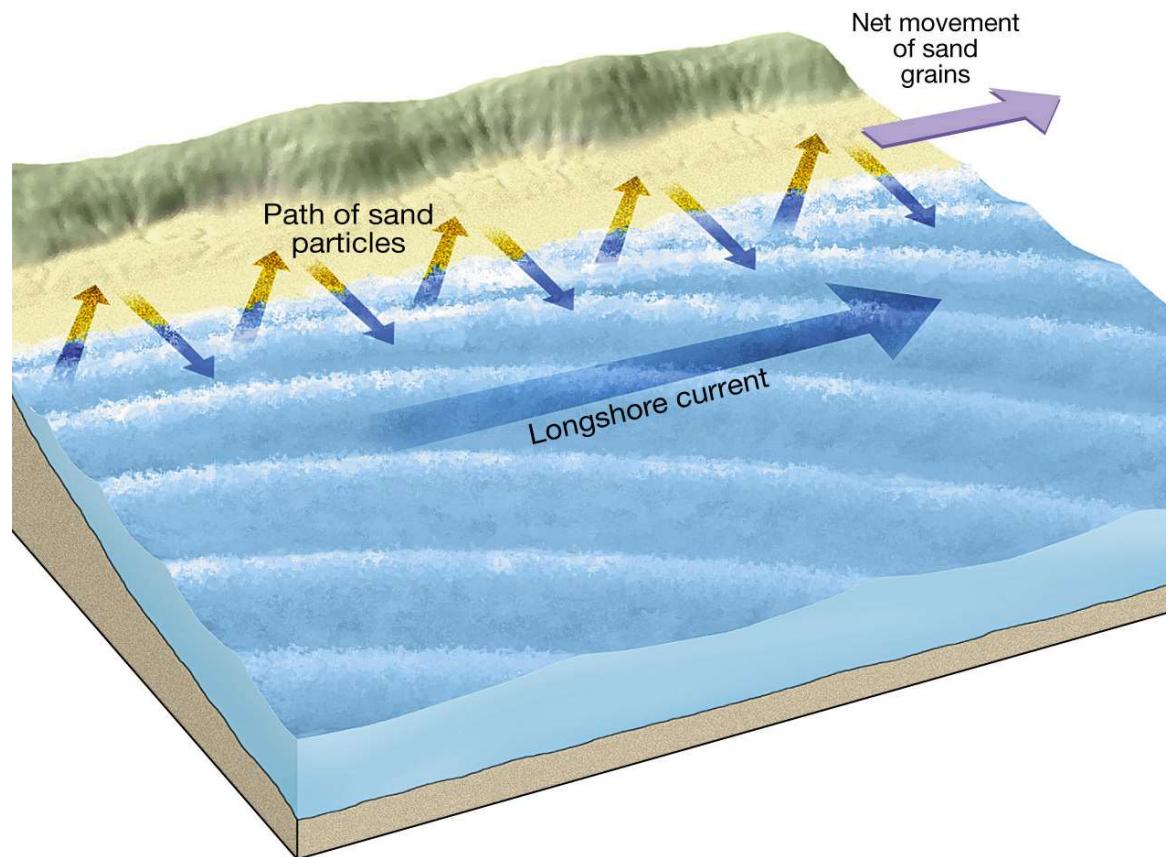
# ***Beach drift***

La risalita dell'onda sulla battigia (swash) è obliqua.

Il percorso del riflusso dell'onda è normale alla linea di riva.

Le particelle di sedimento compiono un percorso a zig-zag.

Il *beach drift* trasporta sabbia e ciottoli per centinaia o migliaia di metri al giorno.

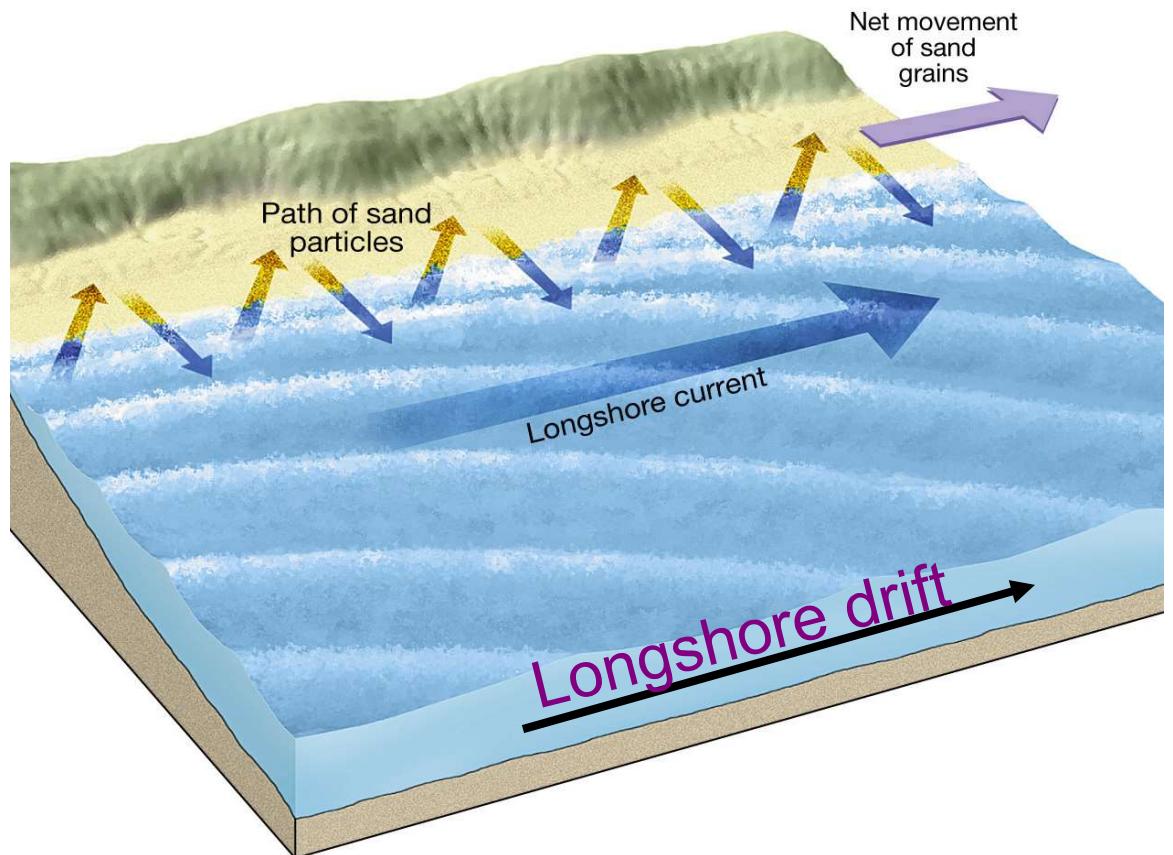


# **Longshore drift**

In modo analogo, la corrente indotta dal moto ondoso agisce pressoché parallela alla riva. La corrente litoranea.

Essa induce il movimento dei sedimenti della spiaggia sommersa.

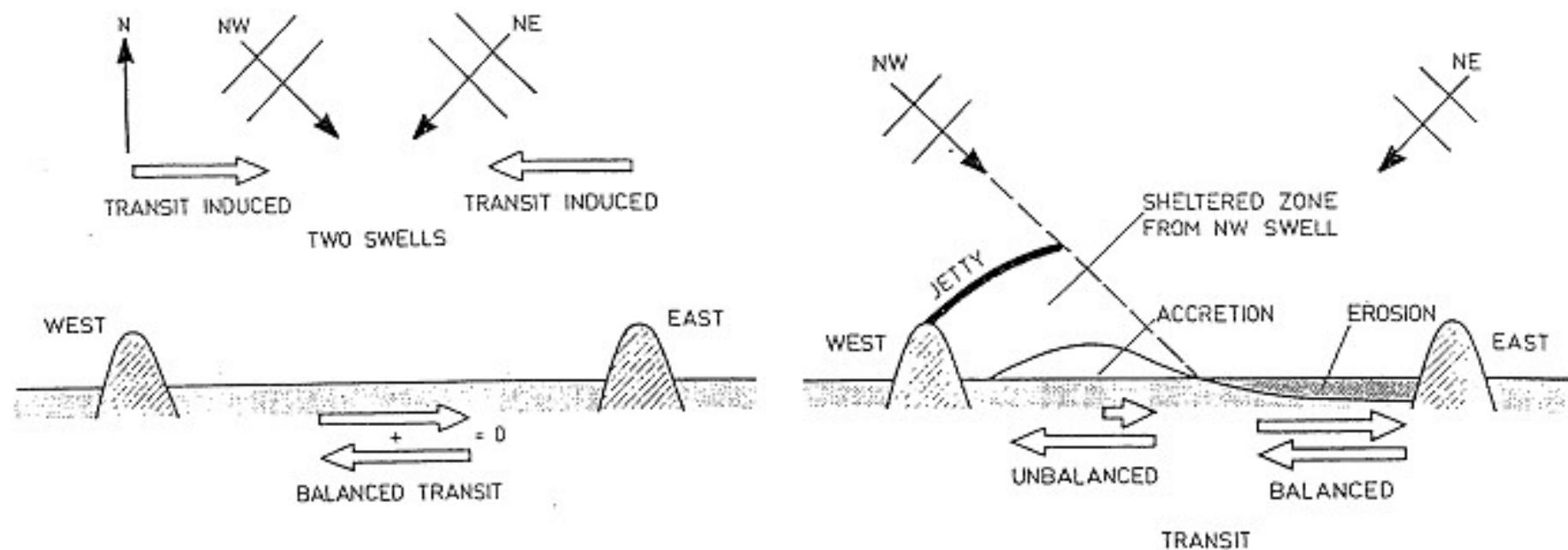
Si ha il trasporto litoraneo o *longshore drift*.

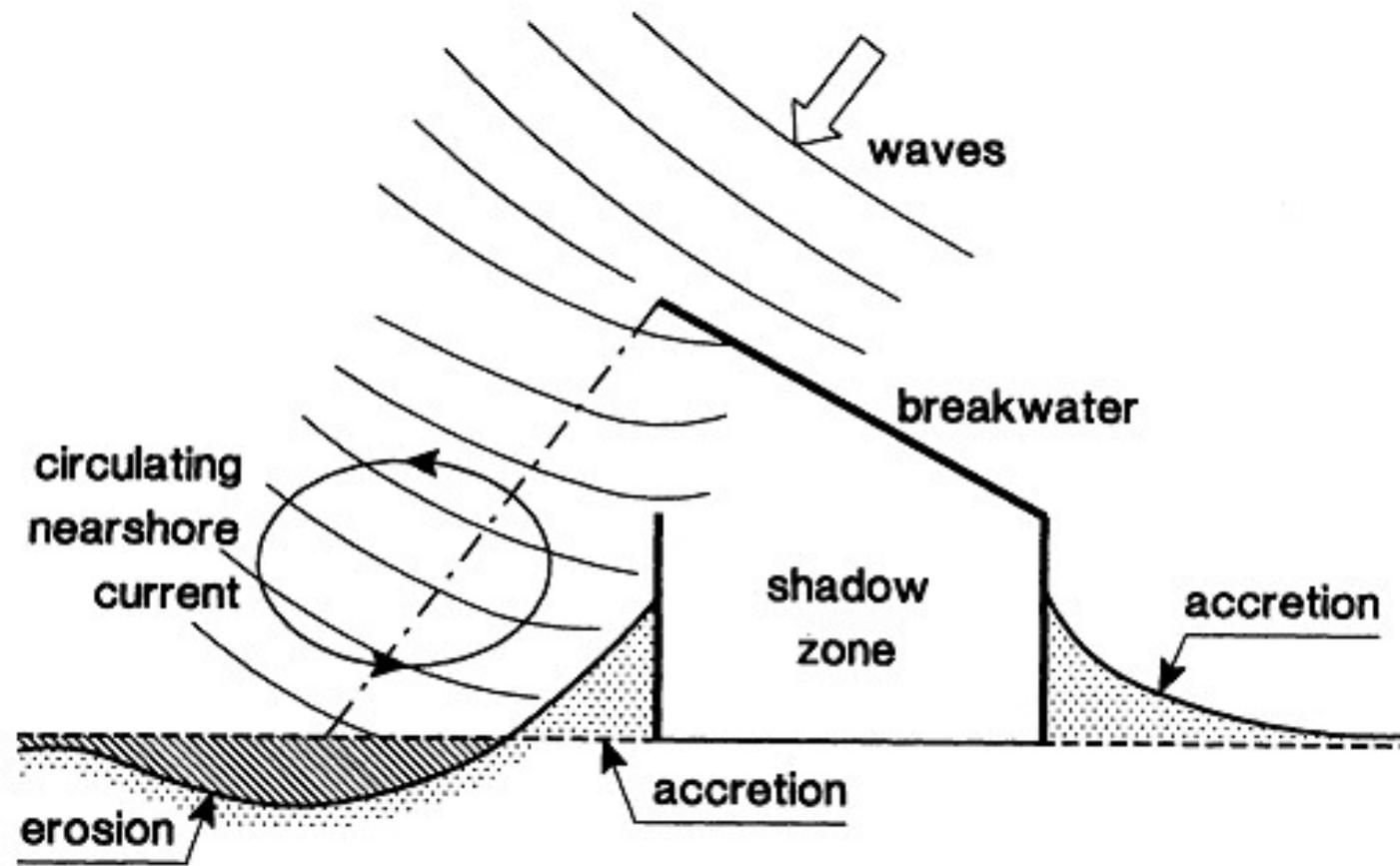




## The Littoral Cell

Defined as a reach of shoreline in which all sediment transport processes are related. In theory, it has zero alongshore sediment flow past its updrift and downdrift boundaries.

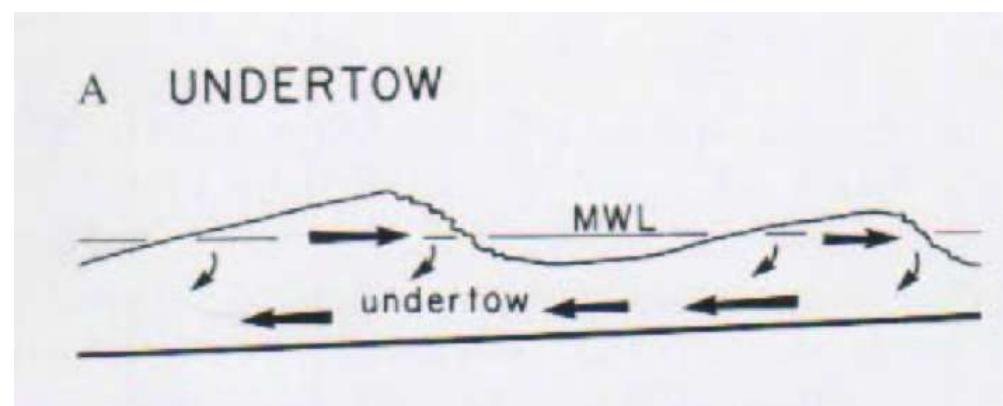


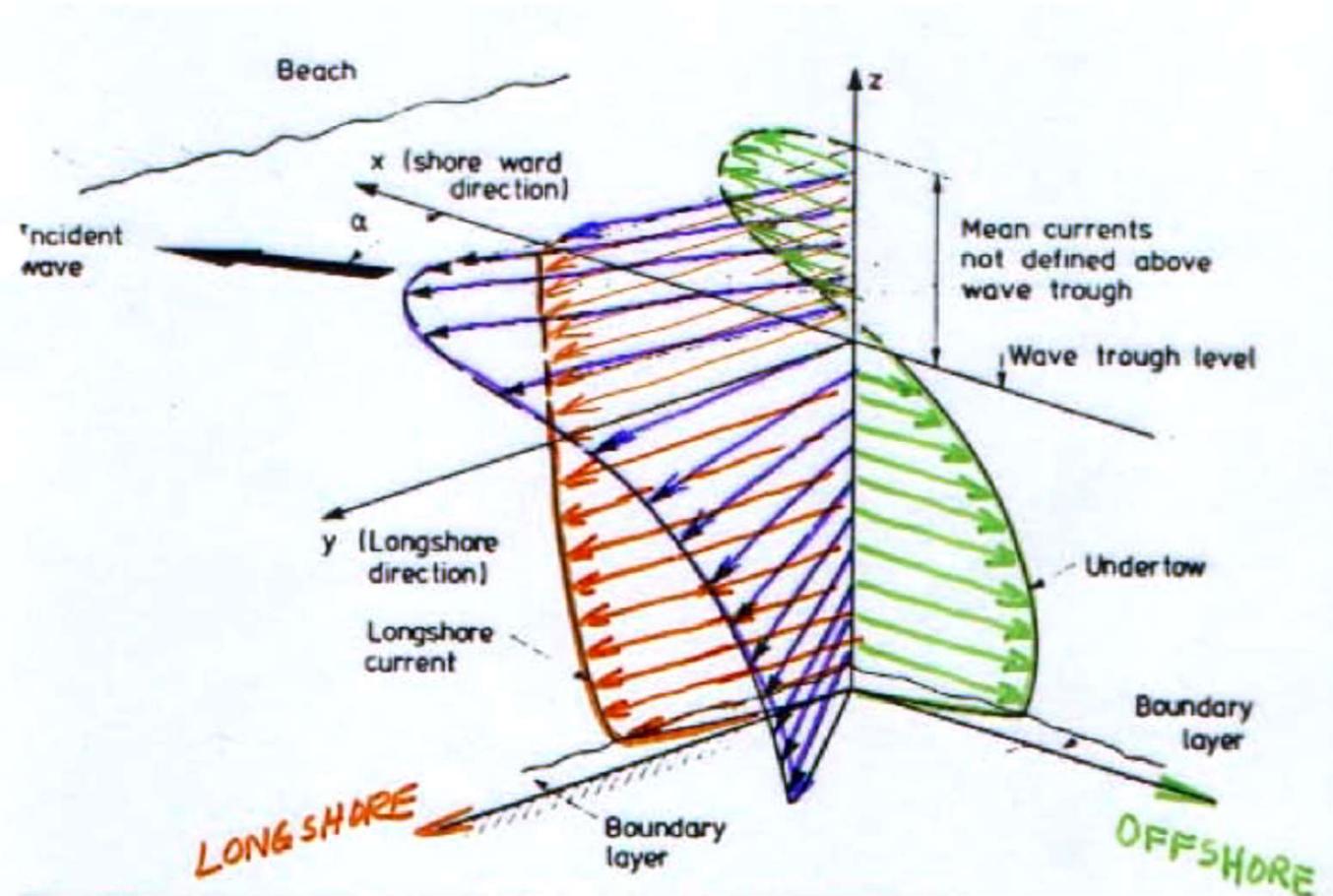


## ***Trasporto trasversale (cross-shore)***

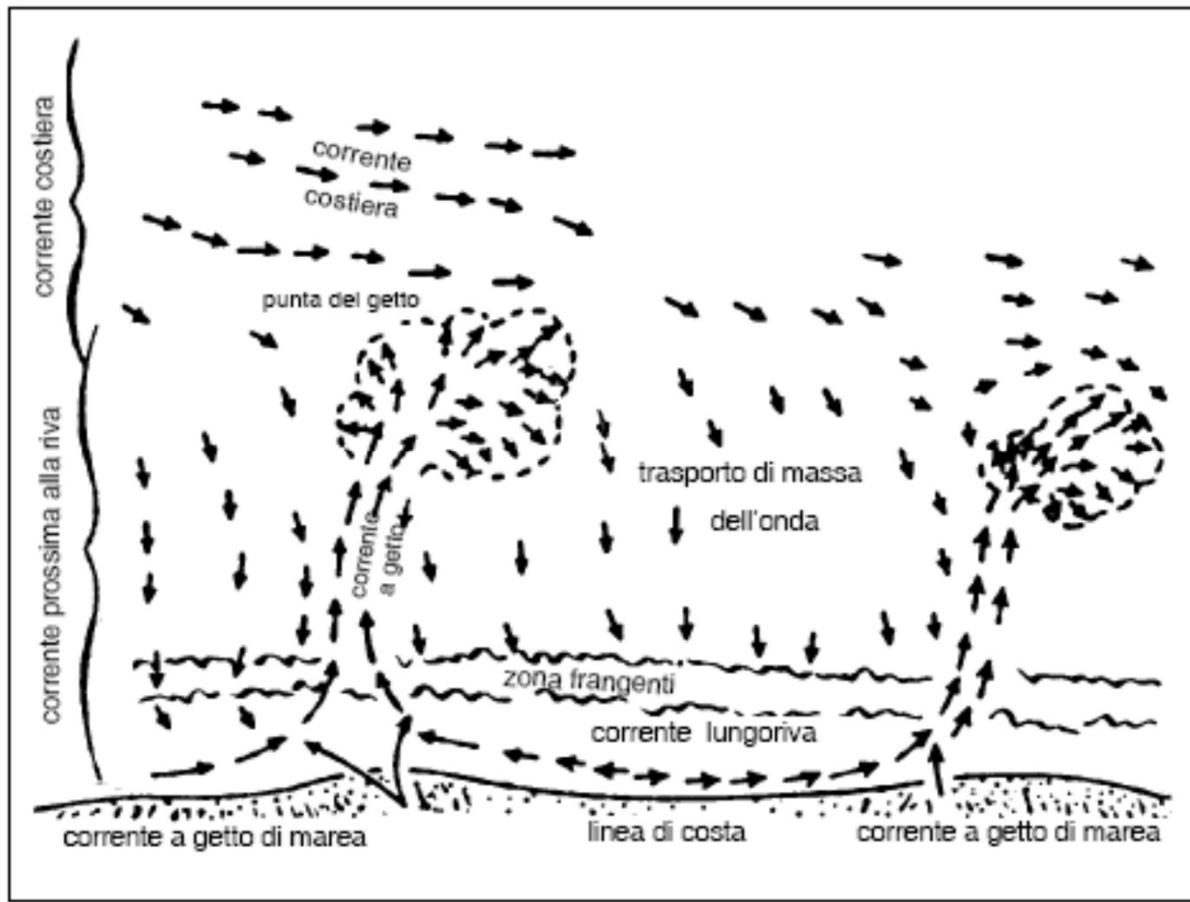


Il frangimento dell'onda convoglia verso riva un volume d'acqua che, per bilancio di massa, tende a ritornare al largo tramite la cosiddetta corrente di ritorno o undertow. In occasione di forti mareggiate l'undertow risulta di intensità tale da trasportare verso il largo copicui volumi di sedimenti di spiaggia.





Il profilo a spirale della corrente come composizione della corrente litoranea, o longshore, con quella trasversale, o di undertow (da Svendsen e Lorenz, 1989)



*Schema di circolazione tridimensionale in prossimità della spiaggia.  
La lunghezza della freccia indica la intensità della corrente*

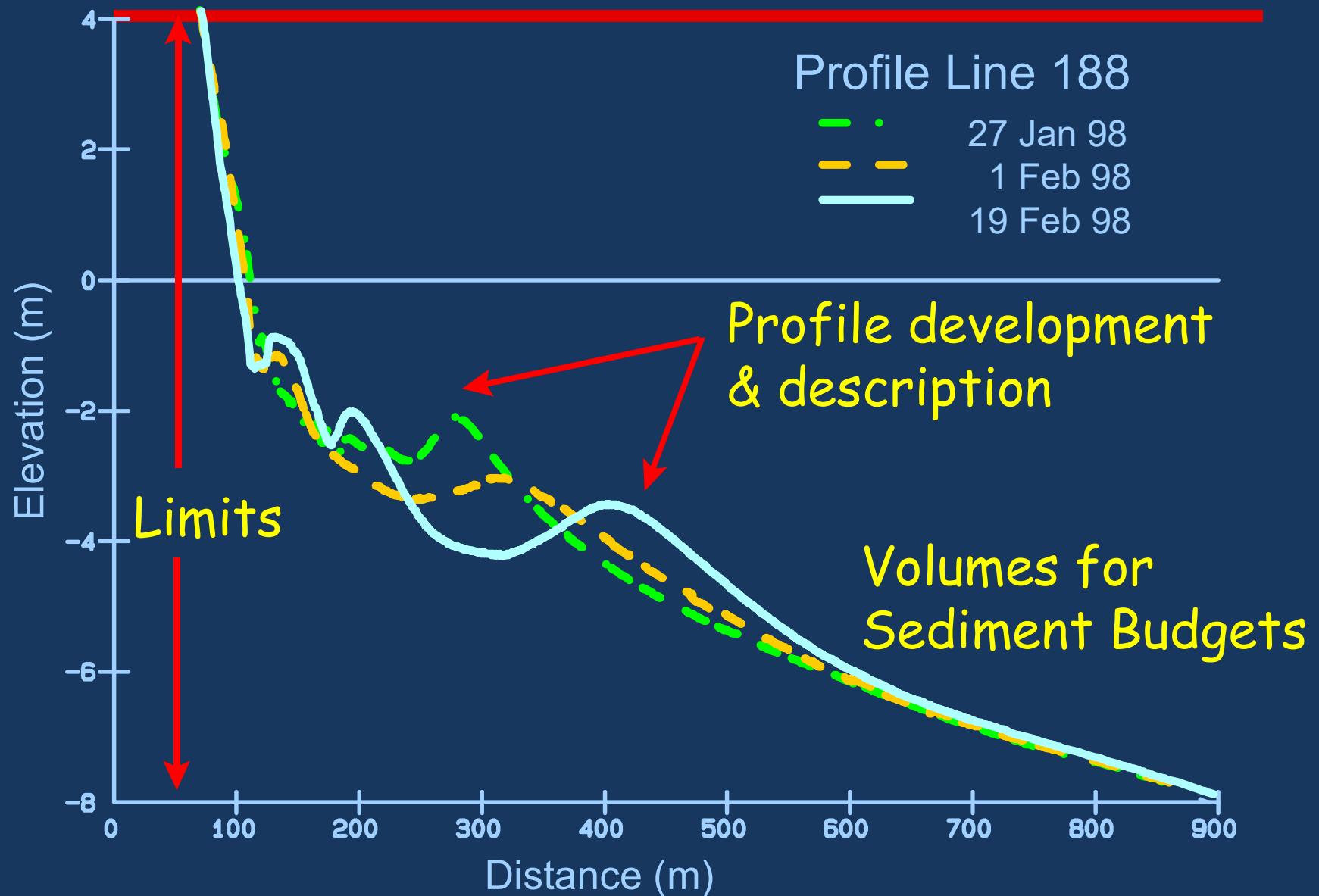


*Foto in campo e relativo schema grafico delle rip currents*

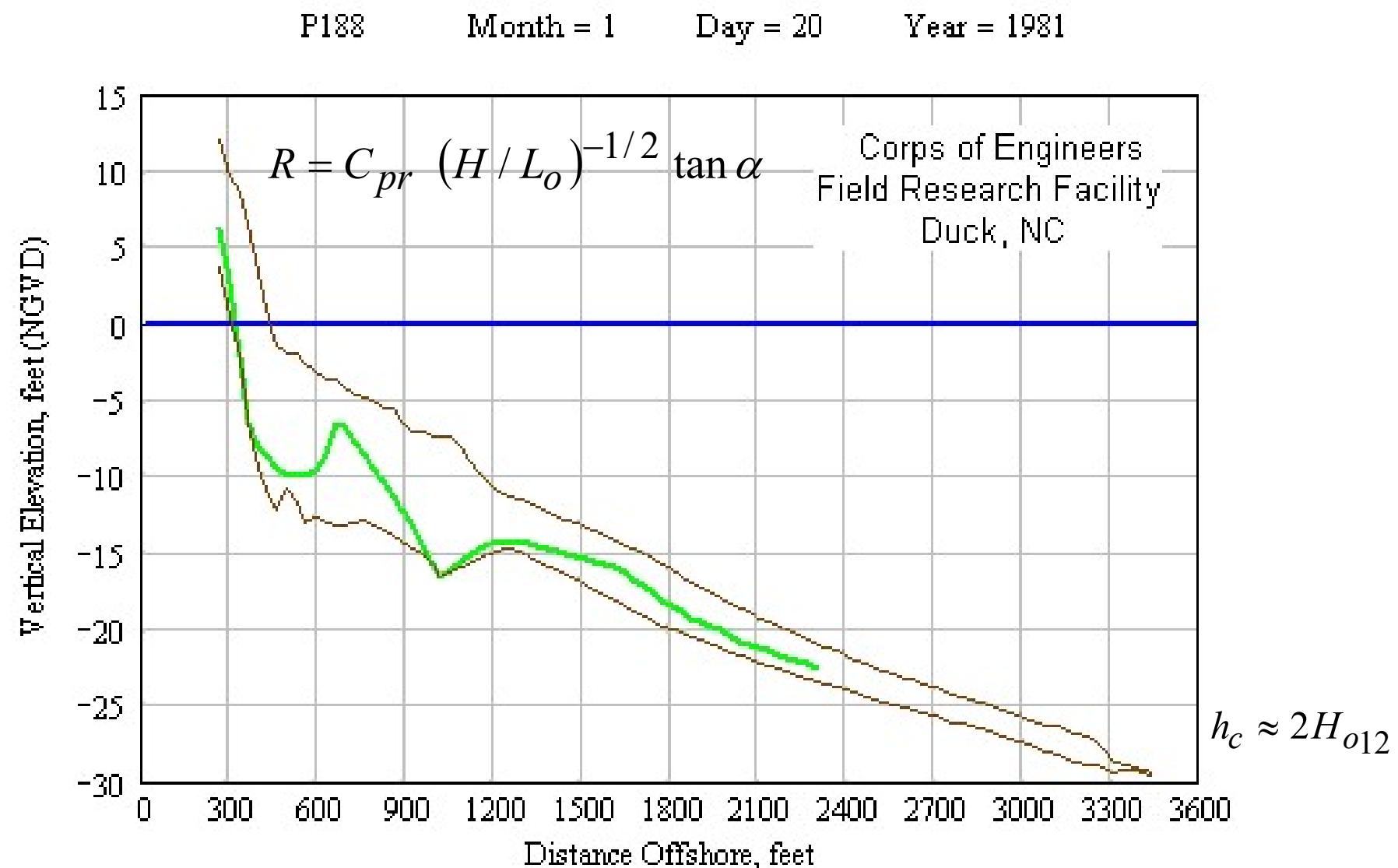


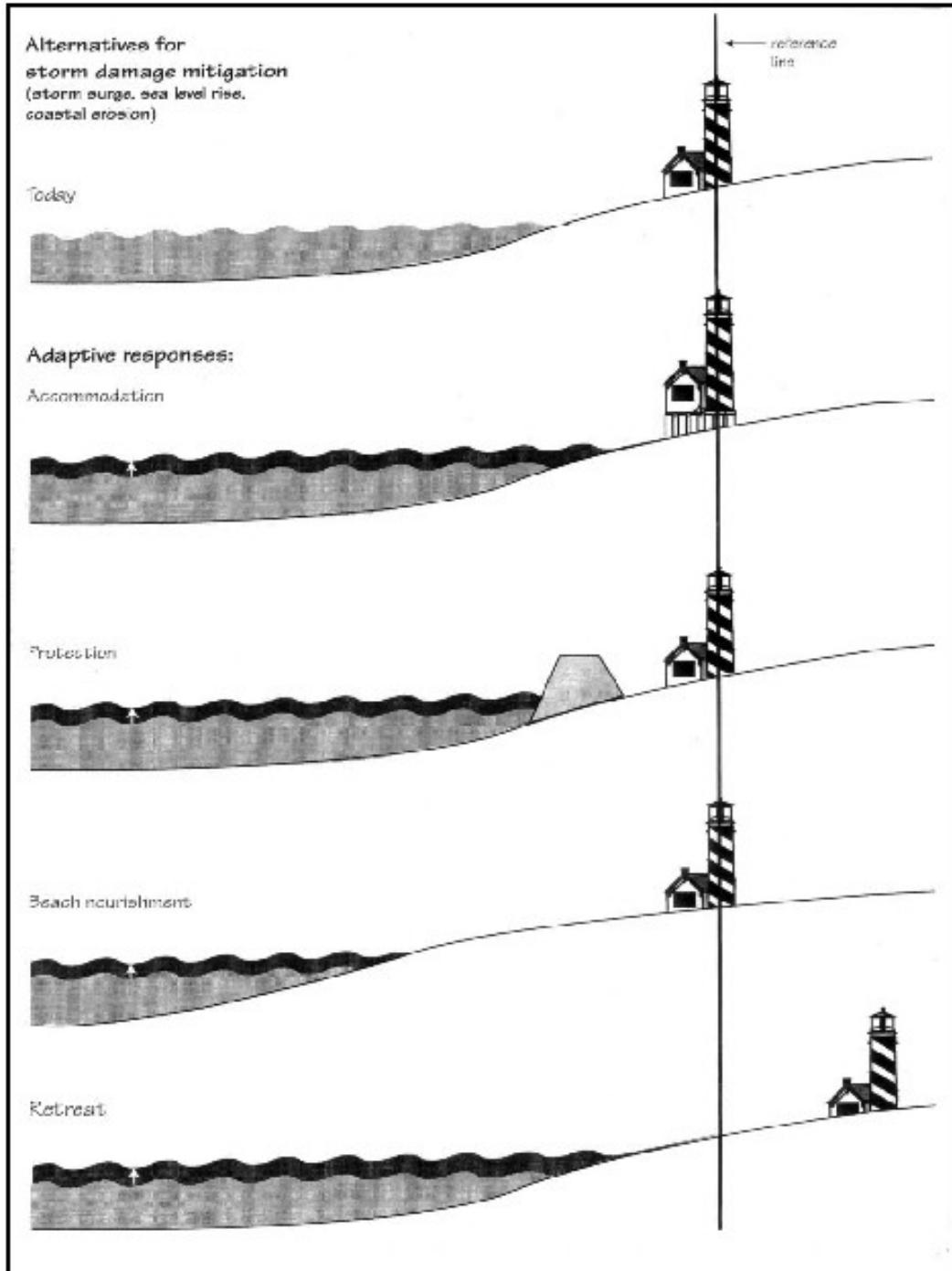
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# Active beach



# Animation of Beach Profiles 1981-1993





## WHAT TO DO ? STRATEGY ?

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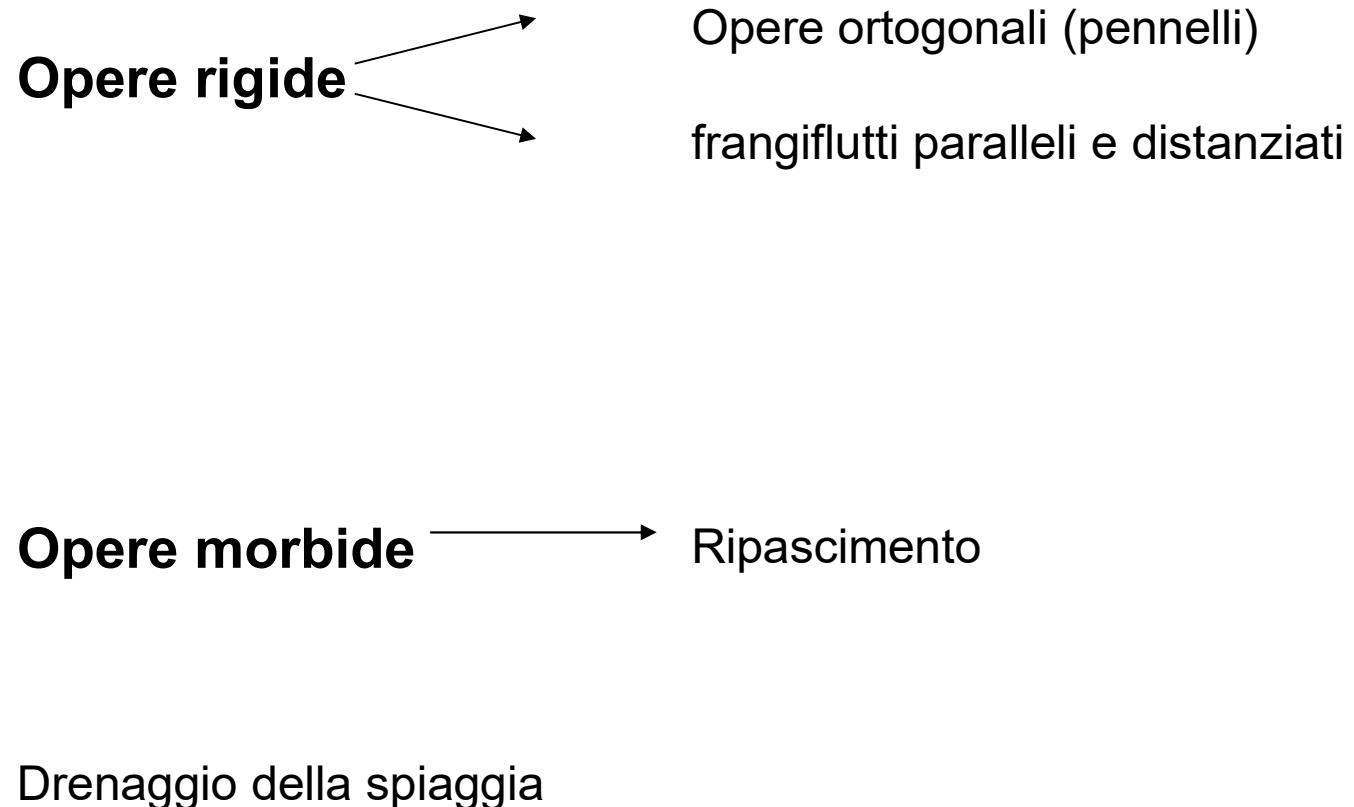
adapt

(well known at areas with Hurricanes)

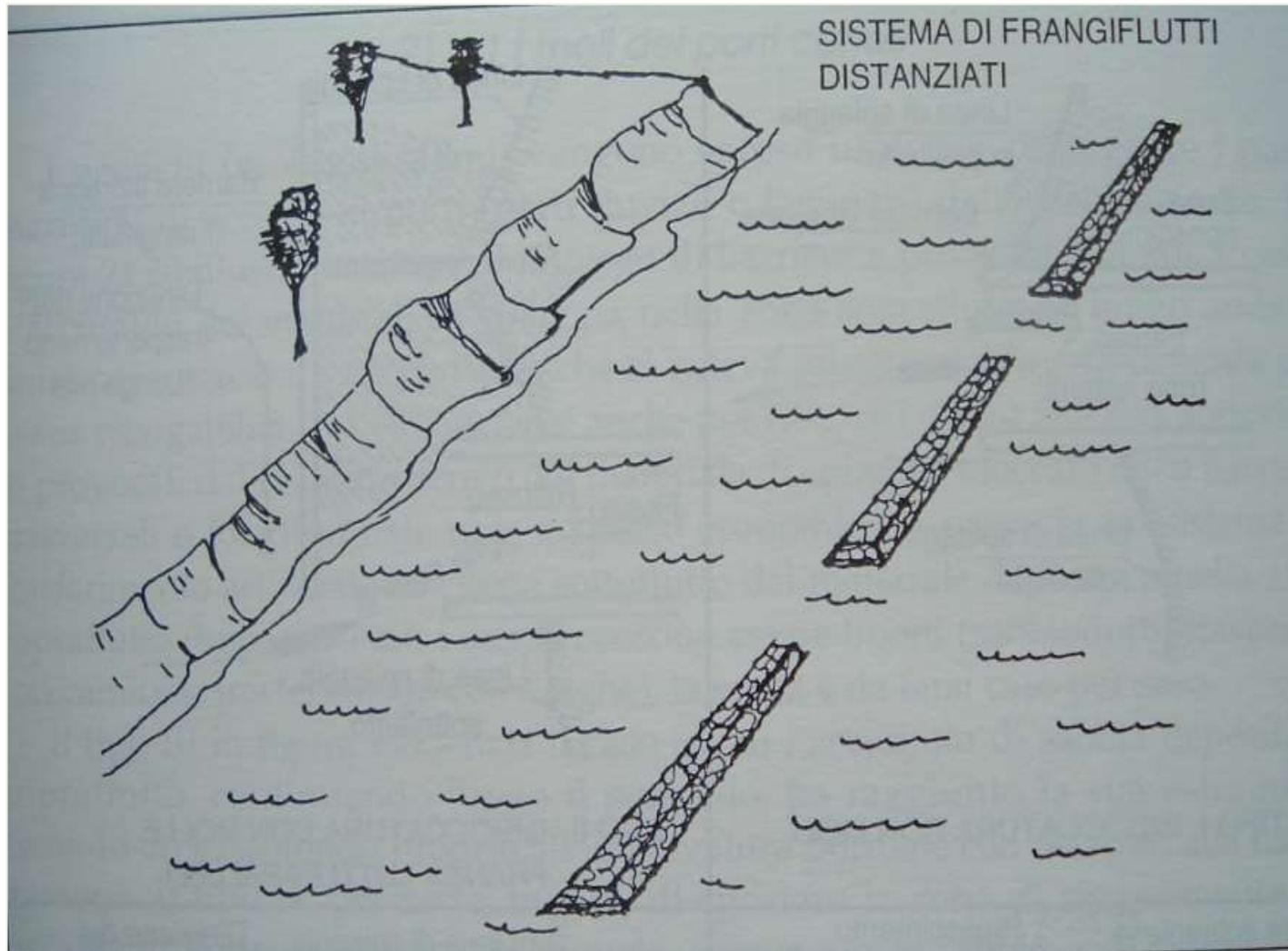
} defence (hard or soft)

retreat

# ***Opere marittime di difesa dei litorali***



## DETACHED RUBBLE MOUND BREAKWATERS



## **DETACHED RUBBLE MOUND BREAKWATERS**

**Detached breakwaters – Pescara – Adriatic Sea - Italy**



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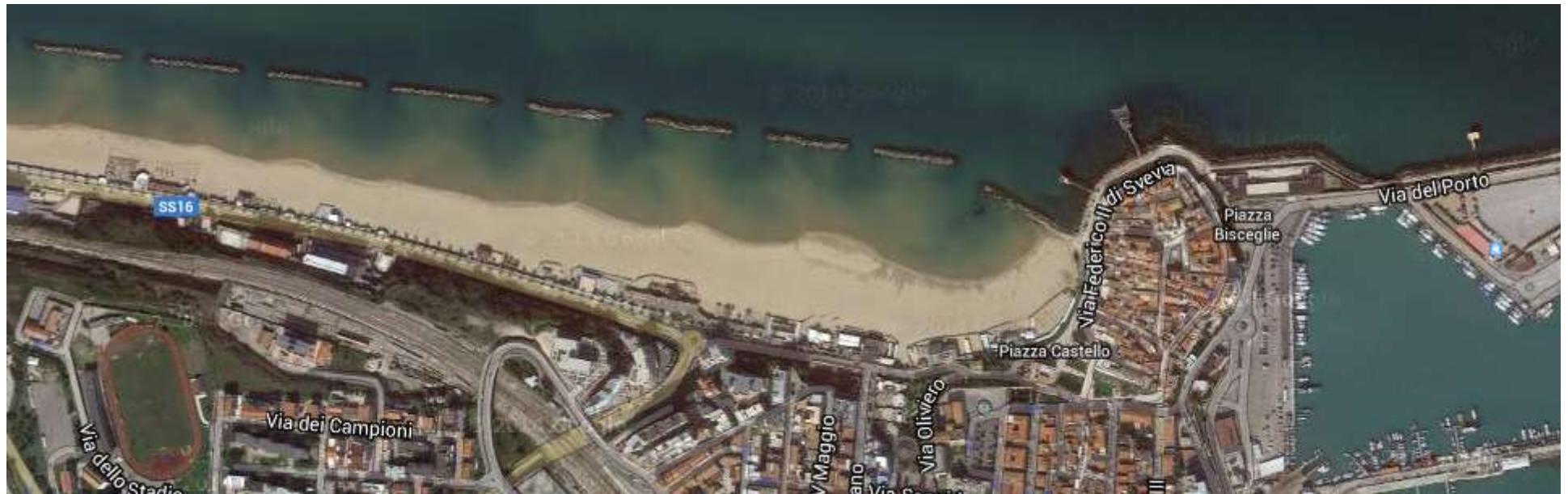
tombolos – sand beach (*Fano, Marche*)

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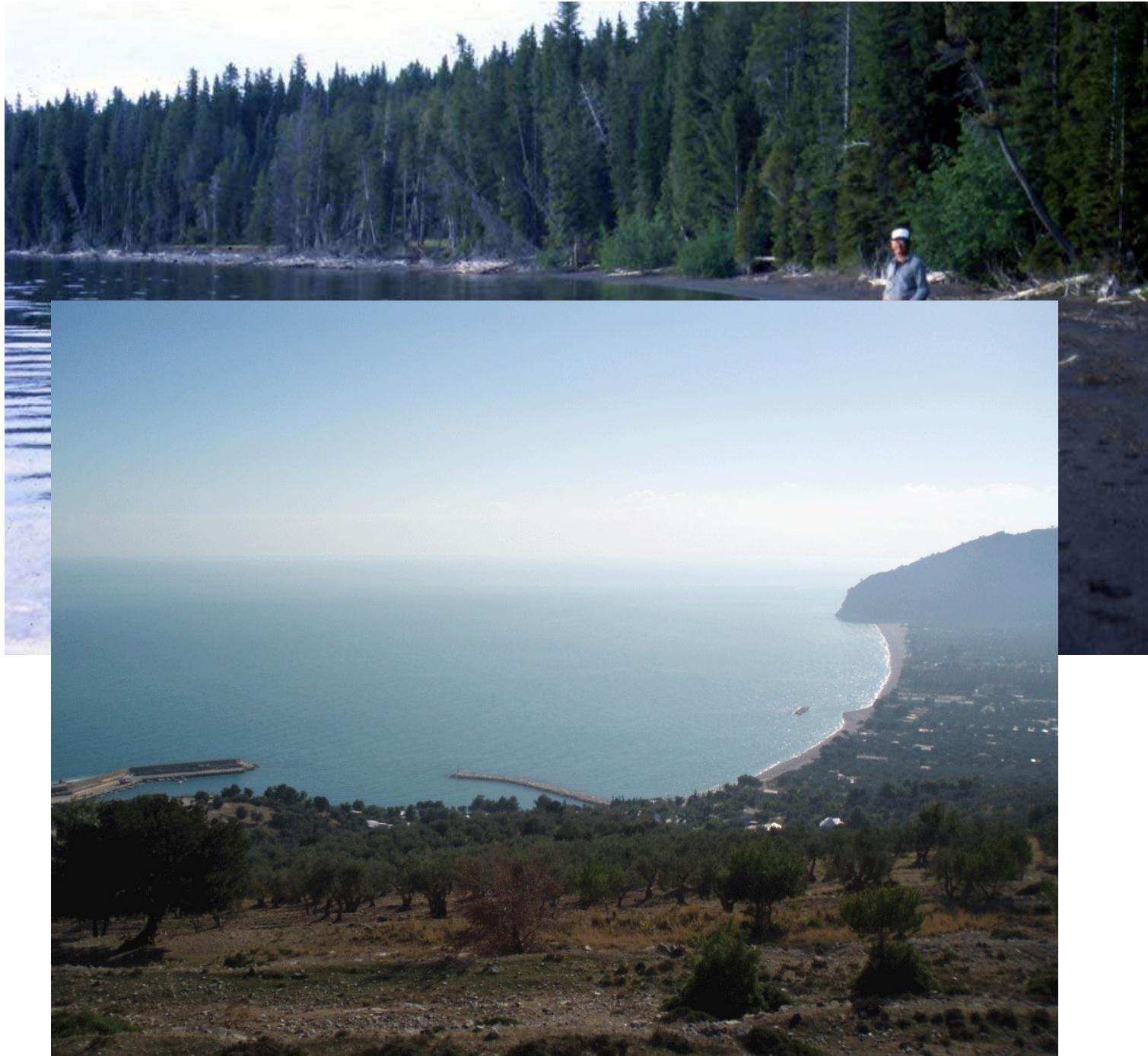


tombolos – sand beach (*Brindisi south, Salento*)

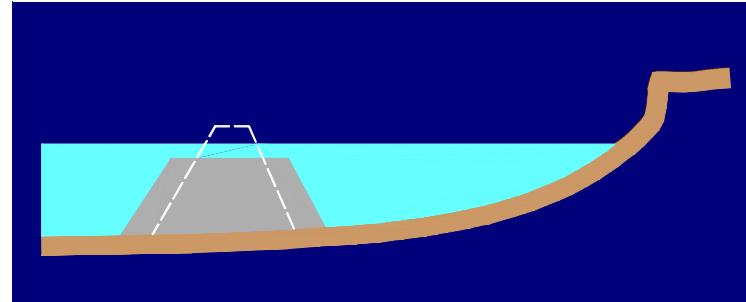
## DETACHED RUBBLE MOUND BREAKWATERS



salients – sand beach (*Termoli, Molise*)

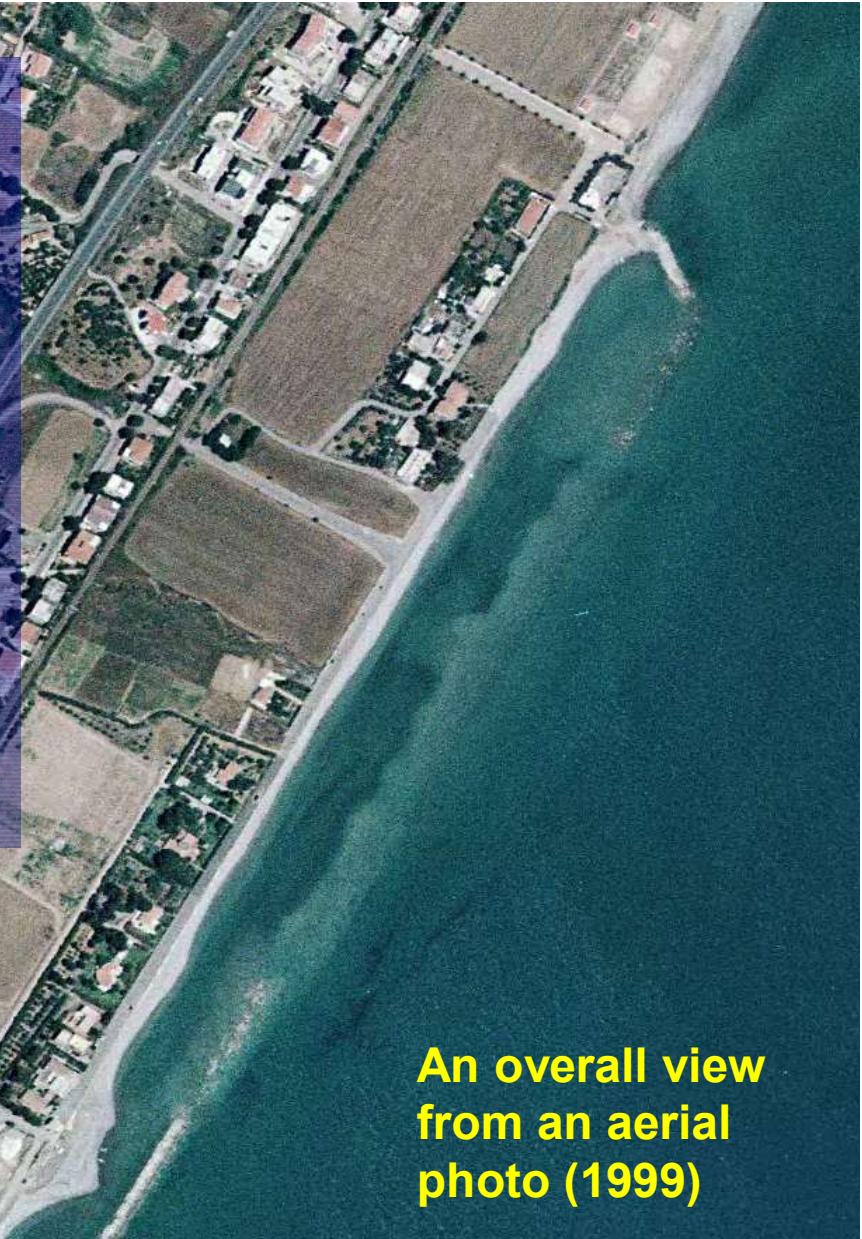


## **Dighe di tipo sommerso (reef breakwaters)**



***Submerged breakwaters at Fano (PU)***

- After the 1993 and '94 sea storms, the Local Office for Maritime Works of the Ministry of Public Works designed a new intervention made of 5 submerged detached breakwaters for a total length of 725 m with a submergence of 0.50 m, a berm of 12 m, a seaward slope of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and a landward slope of 1/1.
- The construction ended late in 1998
- The submergence at the gaps is 1.5 m to allow navigation of small boats. The breakwater was composed of natural stones weighting 3000-5000 kg; it's parallel to the original shore-line with a distance from the seawall protecting the promenade in the range of 80 to 90 m.



An overall view  
from an aerial  
photo (1999)

***Dighe di tipo sommerso***

## *Dighe di tipo sommerso*

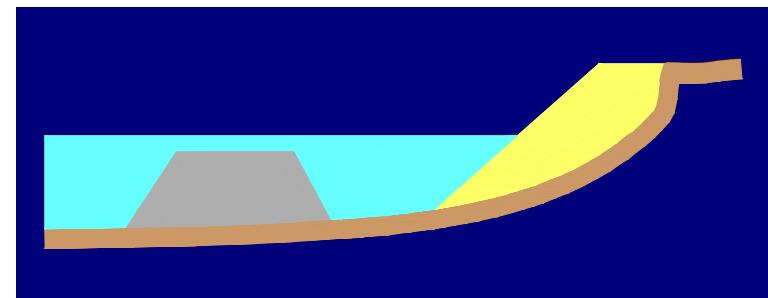


*Defence submerged structures of beach of Monte Marciano (AN)*

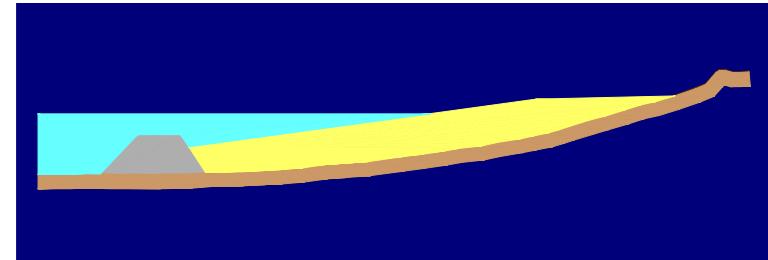
*A volte si verifica un'erosione sottoflutto*

## *Tipologie di submerged structures*

RIPASCIMENTI PROTETTI  
DA FRANGIFLUTTI DI TIPO  
SOMMERSO



SPIAGGE SOSPESE

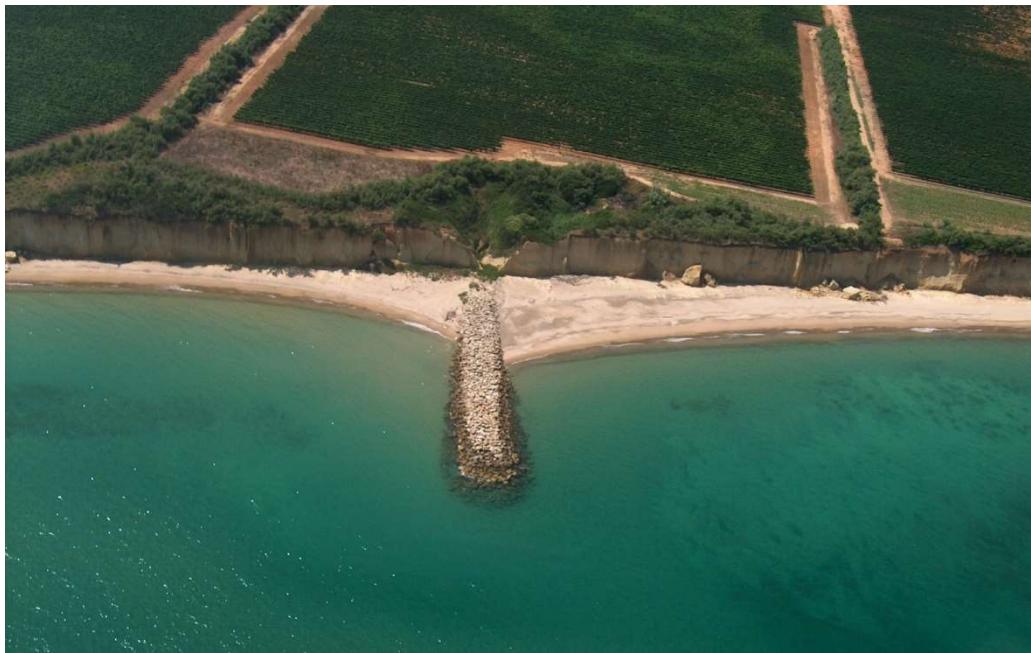


## **Submerged breakwaters submerged breakwaters and groins**



*submerged coastal defence at Pellestrina - Venezia*

## GROINS

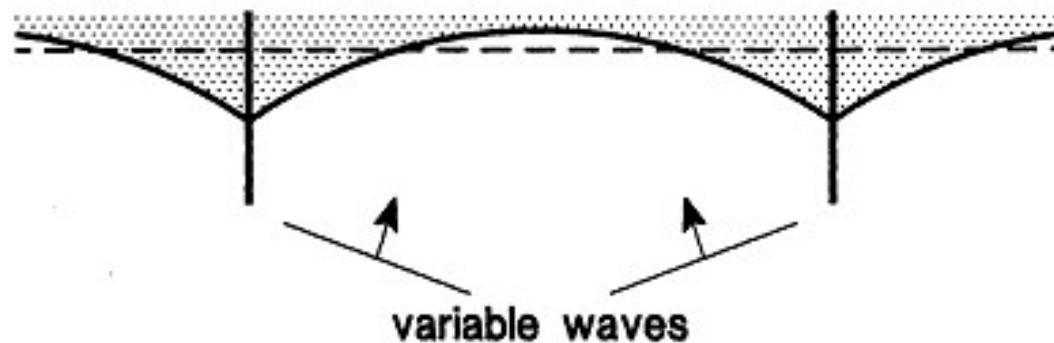
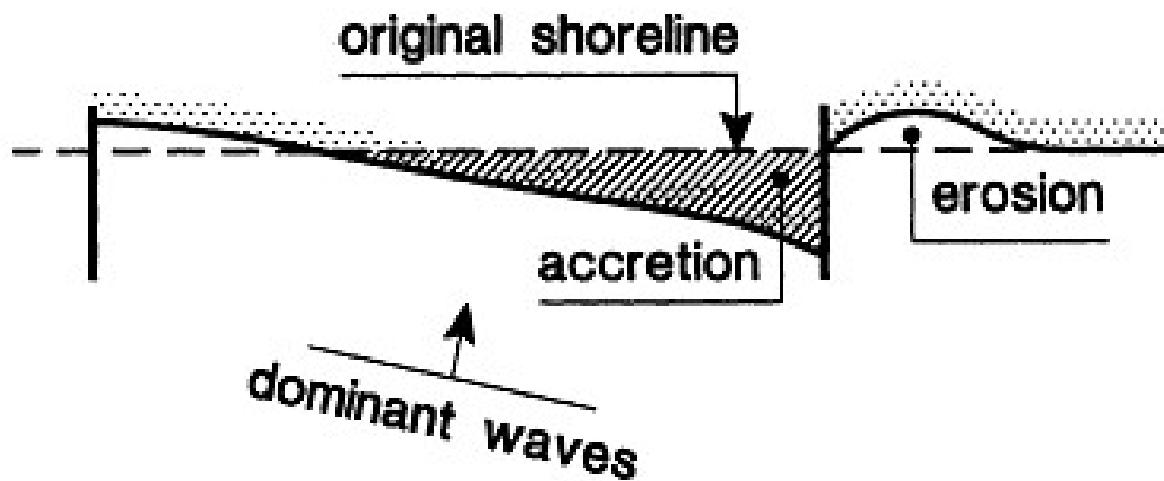


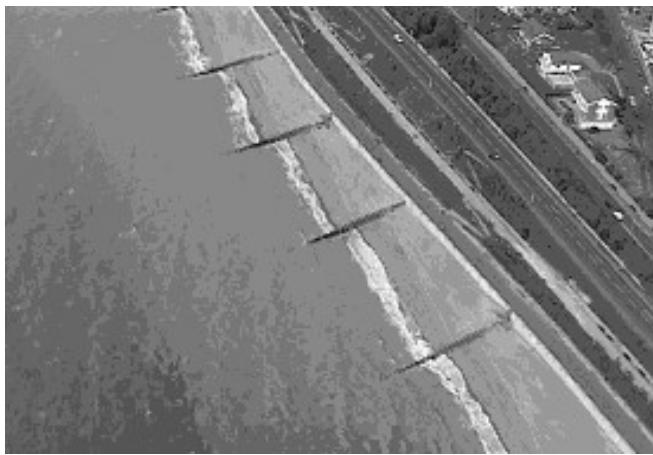
Sandy beach at Ugento - Lecce - Italy



## HARD COASTAL STRUCTURES

**Groins - Jesolo - Venice**





## HARD COASTAL STRUCTURES

**Scogliere radenti  
(Murazzi) - Venice**

**Revetments or Sea walls  
(Murazzi) - Venice**



## Weak points:

- profile steepening
- delayed beach recovery after storms
- increased longshore transport
- sand transport far offshore
- increase average, long-term erosion rate

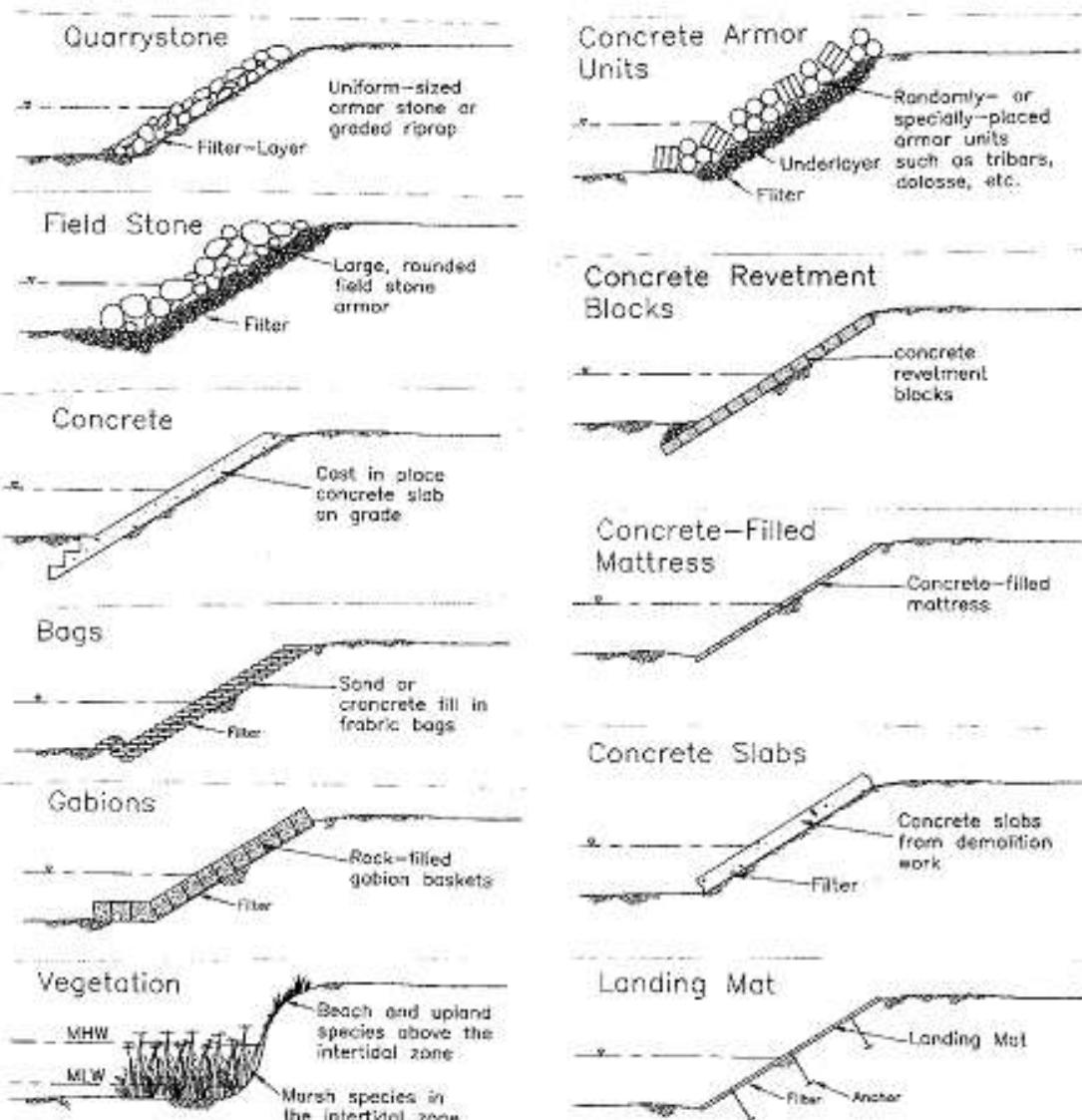


Figure V-3-8      Summary of revetment alternatives

Figure V-3-8      Summary of revetment alternatives (continued)

Caparica, Lisbon - SCACR Technical visit – June 2013

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## BEACH NOURISHMENTS - SOFT STRUCTURES

“Artificial addition of suitable (in terms of beach quality) sediment to a coastal area that has a sediment deficiency in order to rebuild and maintain that beach at a certain width and height which provide storm protection and/or a recreation area”

(CBNP, 1995 – Committee on Beach Nourishment and Protection).

Beach Nourishment in Barcelona, spring 2008



# *Ripascimento*

**MATERIALE PROVENIENTE DA CAVE A TERRA**

**MATERIALE PROVENIENTE DA CAVE SOTTOMARINE**

**MATERIALE PROVENIENTE DA DRAGAGGIO NEI PORTI**



Construction of first hydraulically pumped  
beachfill at Coney Island NY, 1922



Coney Island, New York  
1941

Figure I-3-10. Coney Island in 1941, on the eve of World War II. For only a 5-cent subway ride, workers from the sweltering city could relax at the beach (from Beach Erosion Board archives)

**The oldest beach nourishment intervention was at Coney Island (New York), 1922-1923**



VASCO DA GAMA



#### HOPPER DREDGERS

	Hopper capacity
VASCO DA GAMA	33.000 m <sup>3</sup>
GERARDUS MERCATOR	18.000 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>UNDER CONSTRUCTION</b> (to be commissioned in January 2002)	<b>16.500 m<sup>3</sup></b>
J.F. DE NUL	11.750 m <sup>3</sup>
ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT	9.000 m <sup>3</sup>
CRISTOFORO COLOMBO	7.000 m <sup>3</sup>
CAPITAN NUÑEZ	6.000 m <sup>3</sup>
SANDERUS	5.338 m <sup>3</sup>
MANZANILLO II	4.000 m <sup>3</sup>
JAMES ENSOR	3.800 m <sup>3</sup>
AMERIGO VESPUCCI	3.900 m <sup>3</sup>
NIÑA	3.400 m <sup>3</sup>
PINTA	3.400 m <sup>3</sup>
GALILEI 2000	2.339 m <sup>3</sup>



#### CUTTER SUCTION DREDGERS

	Dredging depth	Total installed diesel engine power
LEONARDO DA VINCI	32 m	20.250 kW
MARCO POLO	30 m	16.115 kW
VESALIUS	25 m	9.220 kW
KAERIUS	20 m	7.150 kW
ORTELIUS	20 m	3.190 kW
MERCATOR	20 m	4.890 kW
DIRK MARTENS	18 m	2.380 kW
HONDRIUS	16 m	2.625 kW
PETRUS PLANCUS	10 m	1.140 kW



#### SELF-PROPELLED SEAGOING SPLITHOPPER BARGE

	Hopper capacity
VERRAZZANO	1.000 m <sup>3</sup>
MAGELLANO	1.000 m <sup>3</sup>
NIJPTANGH	1.000 m <sup>3</sup>
GEELVINCK	1.000 m <sup>3</sup>
WESELITJE	1.000 m <sup>3</sup>



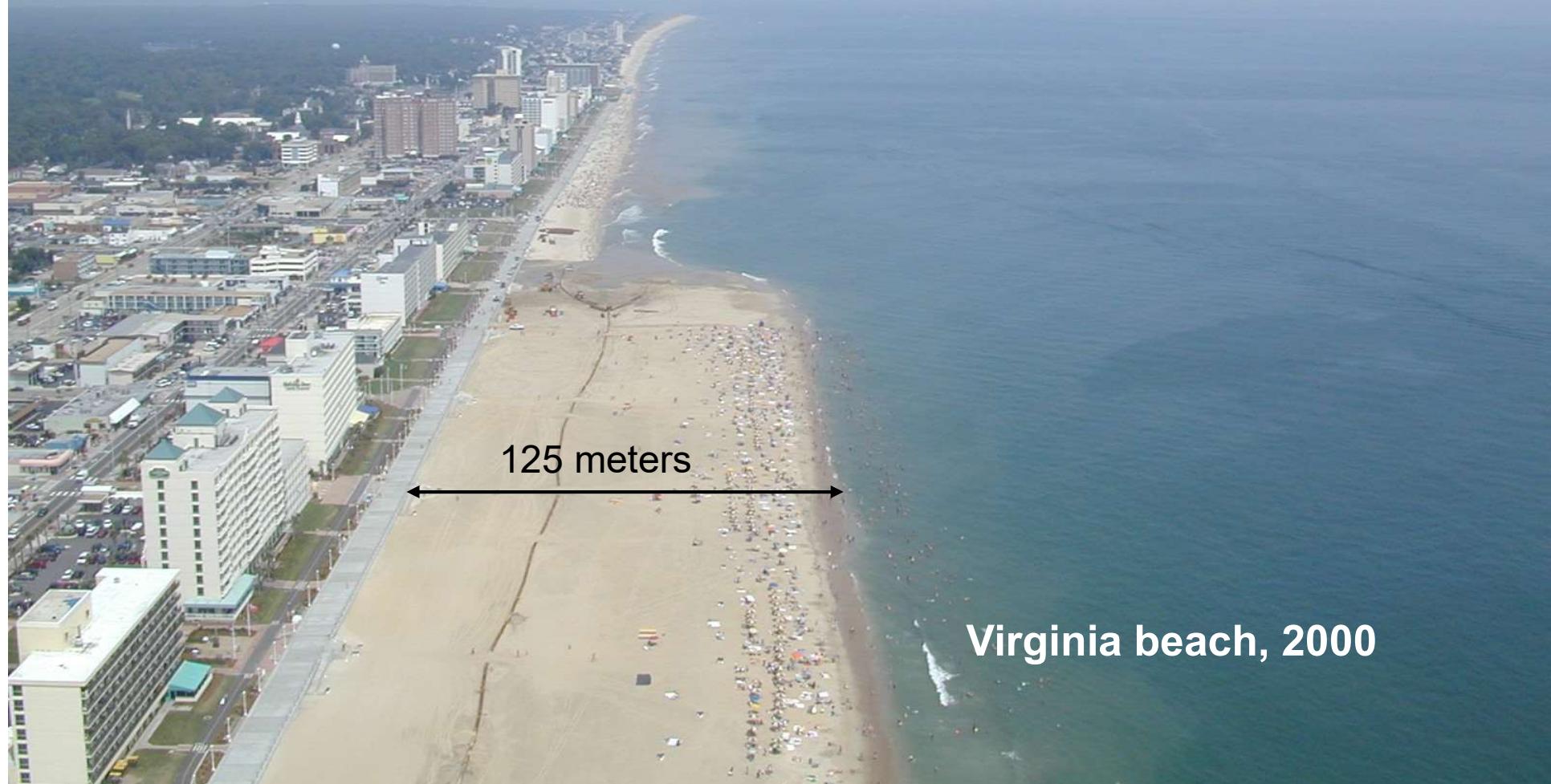
#### BACKHOE DREDGER

	Max dredging depth	Bucket	Engine
JEROMMEKE	18 m (constant) 22 m (extreme)	4.5 m <sup>3</sup> /lm <sup>3</sup>	736 kW



# The Beach

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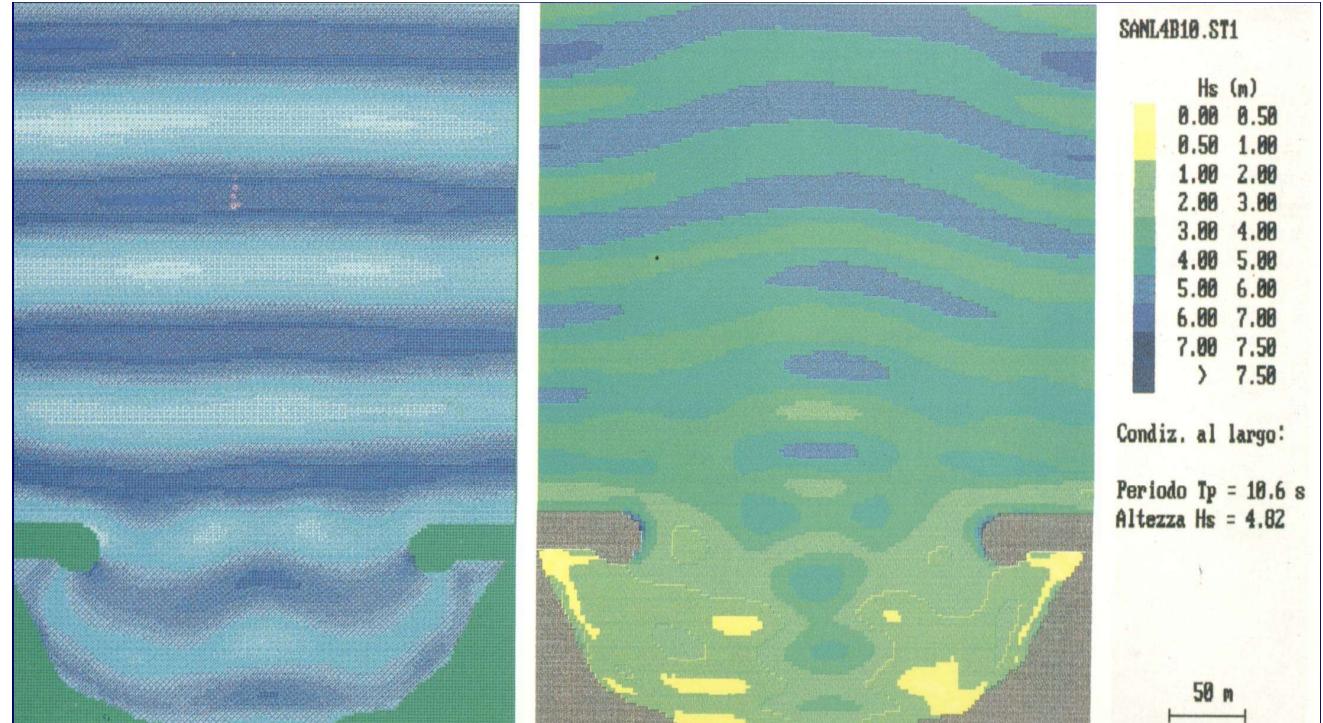


Virginia beach, 2000

Torre del Mar.  
Málaga.



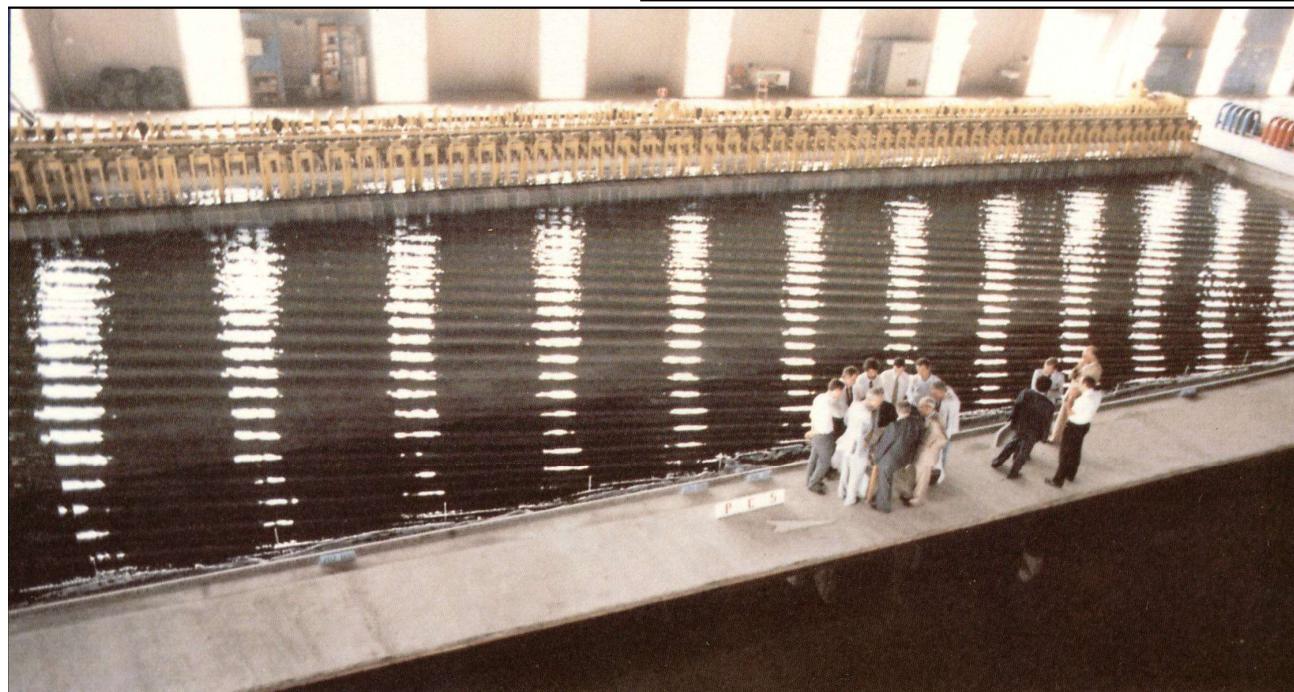
# DESIGN OPTIMIZATION STUDY



Numerical model

Wave flume  
physical model  
tests

# **DESIGN OPTIMIZATION STUDY**

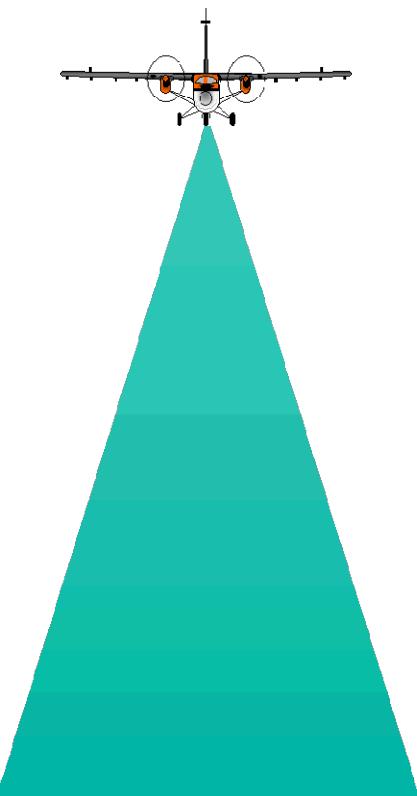
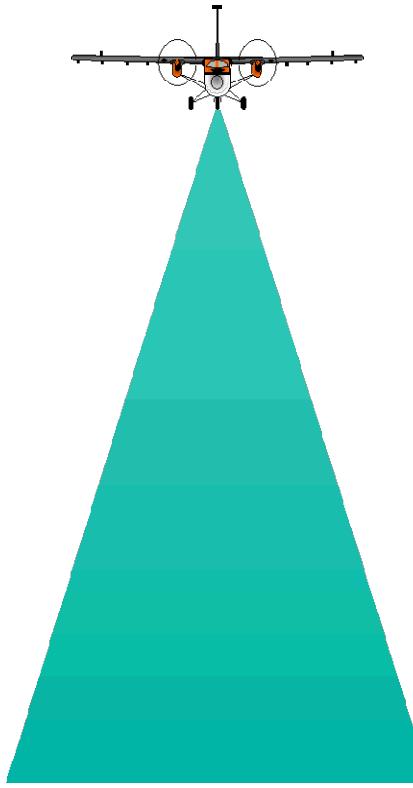


**3D physical model  
tests in a wave  
basin**

<b>Coastal problem</b>	<b>Type of structures (hard and soft)</b>
Safety	seawall (exposed sites) dune revetment dune enlargement offshore reefs and breakwaters (exposed sites)
Land reclamation	seawall (exposed sites) artificial dunes (sheltered sites) offshore reefs and breakwaters (exposed sites)
Recreational beaches	beach nourishment long groynes enclosing artificial beach/pocket beach (exposed sites) artificial headlands (sheltered sites) detached emerged breakwaters (sheltered sites) detached submerged breakwaters/perched beach (sheltered sites)
Mitigation of shoreline erosion and restoration of sand budgets	beach and shoreface nourishment offshore feeder berms detached submerged breakwaters (sheltered sites) groyne field (at sites with dominant longshore currents; near inlets)
Stabilisation of inlets	long jetties (exposed sites) detached emerged breakwaters sand bypassing methods (dredging)



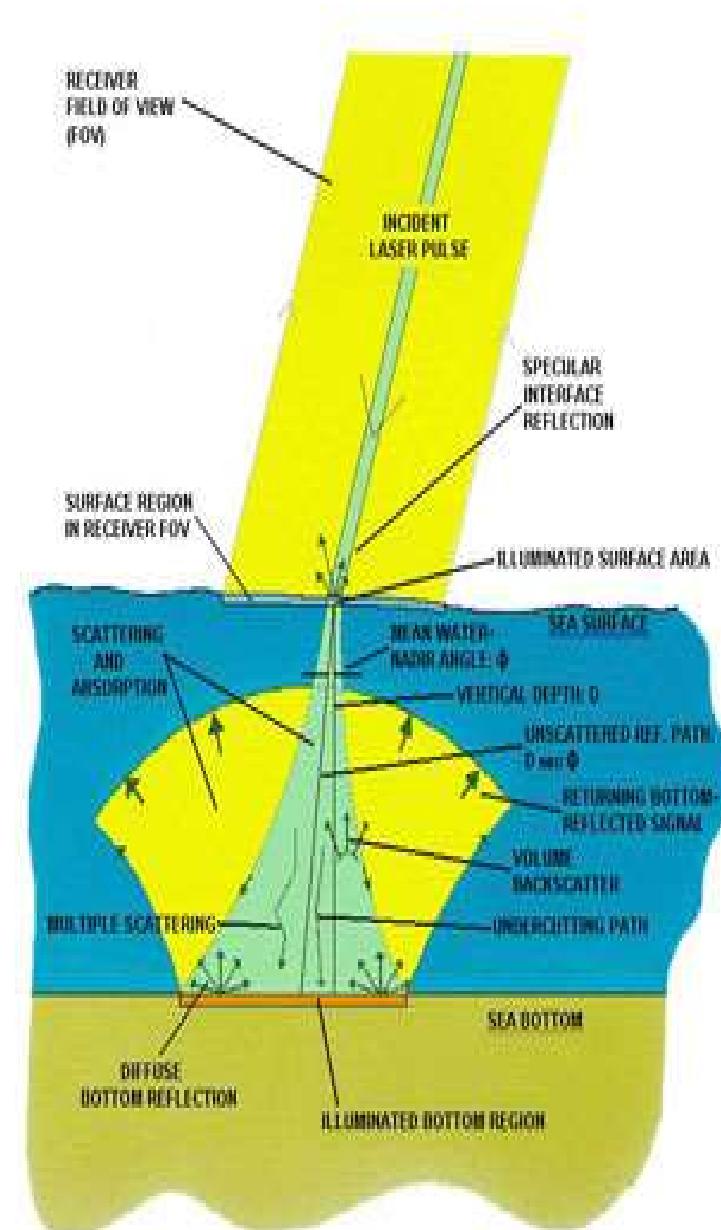
MONITORAGGIO



Airborne Lidar Bathymetry Survey  
(Light Detection And Ranging)

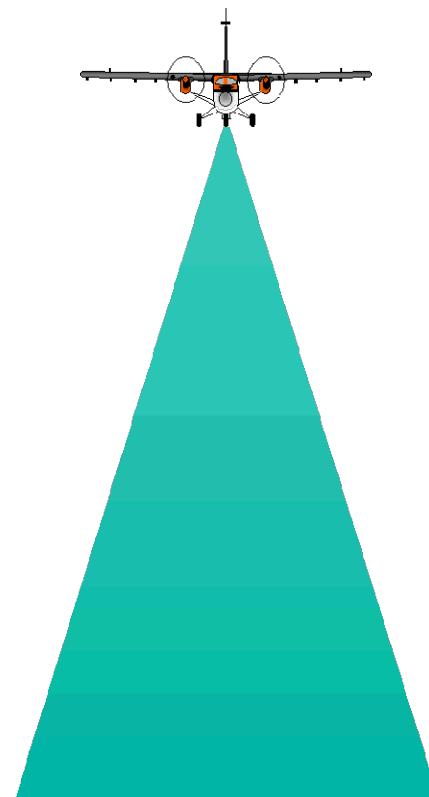
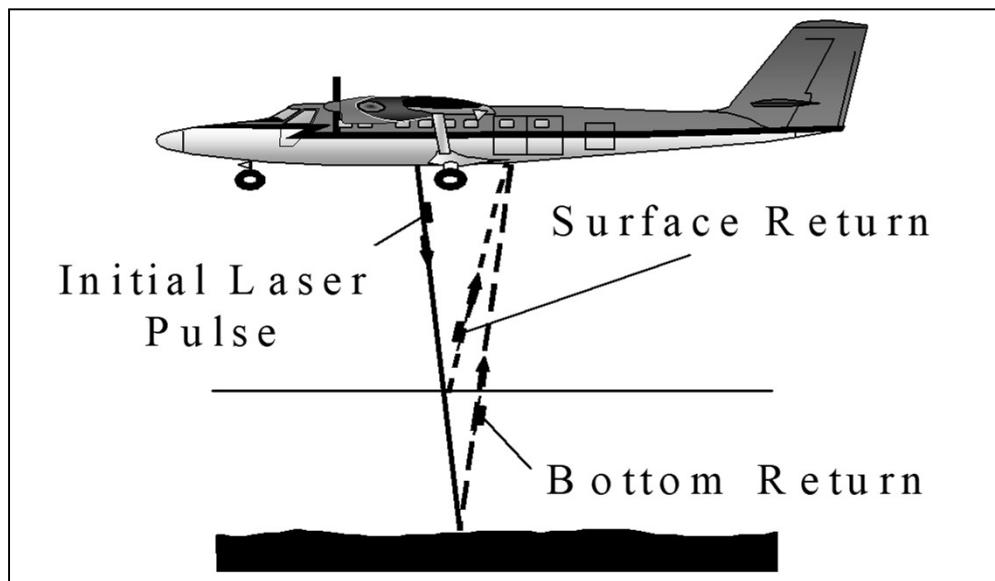
## Lidar Principles

Lidar technology utilizes the reflective and transmissive properties of water and the sea floor to enable measurement of water using a laser. When a light beam hits a column of water, part of the energy is reflected off the surface and the rest, unless absorbed by particles in the water, is transmitted through the column. As the light travels through the water column and reflects off the seafloor, scattering, absorption, and refraction all combine to limit the strength of the bottom return, and therefore the system's maximum extinction depth. This depth is a function of water clarity, and is generally about three times the secchi depth.

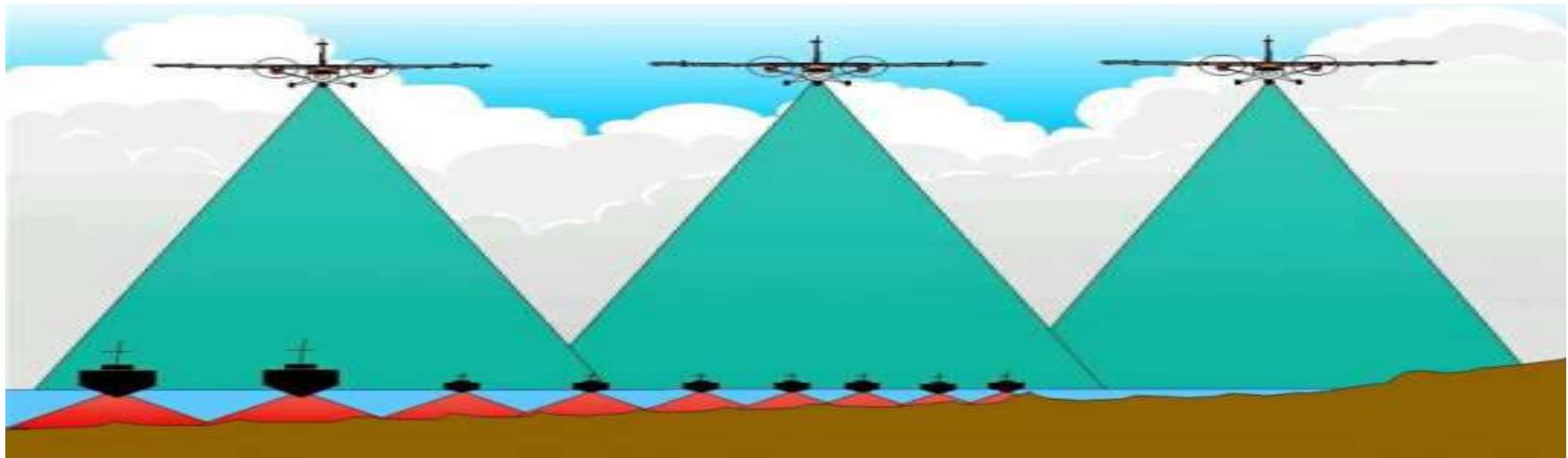


## Why Use Airborne Lidar Bathymetry?

Airborne Lidar Bathymetry (ALB) overcomes the limitations of acoustic sensors in some key areas. This is not to say that ALB supplants such systems, but that it can complement them in a way that maximizes the efficiency of both technologies.



There are several key factors that distinguish ALB in comparison to acoustic methods:



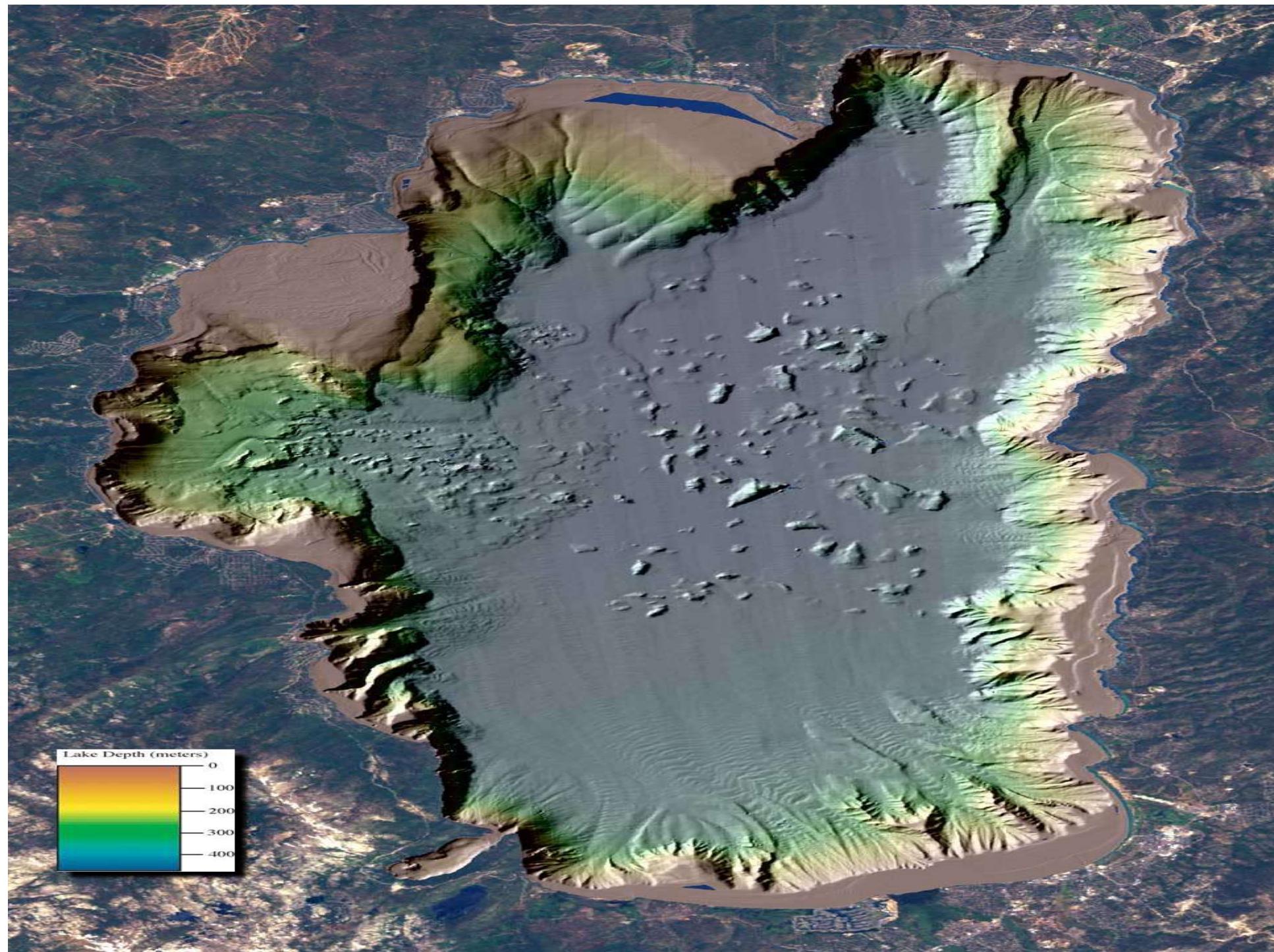
ALB is inherently mobile, making a RAPID RESPONSE to evolving survey needs possible.

It is a specialized SHALLOW WATER tool.

It allows surveys of hazardous coastal areas to be conducted in comparative SAFETY.

The use of a plane provides unparalleled FLEXIBILITY.

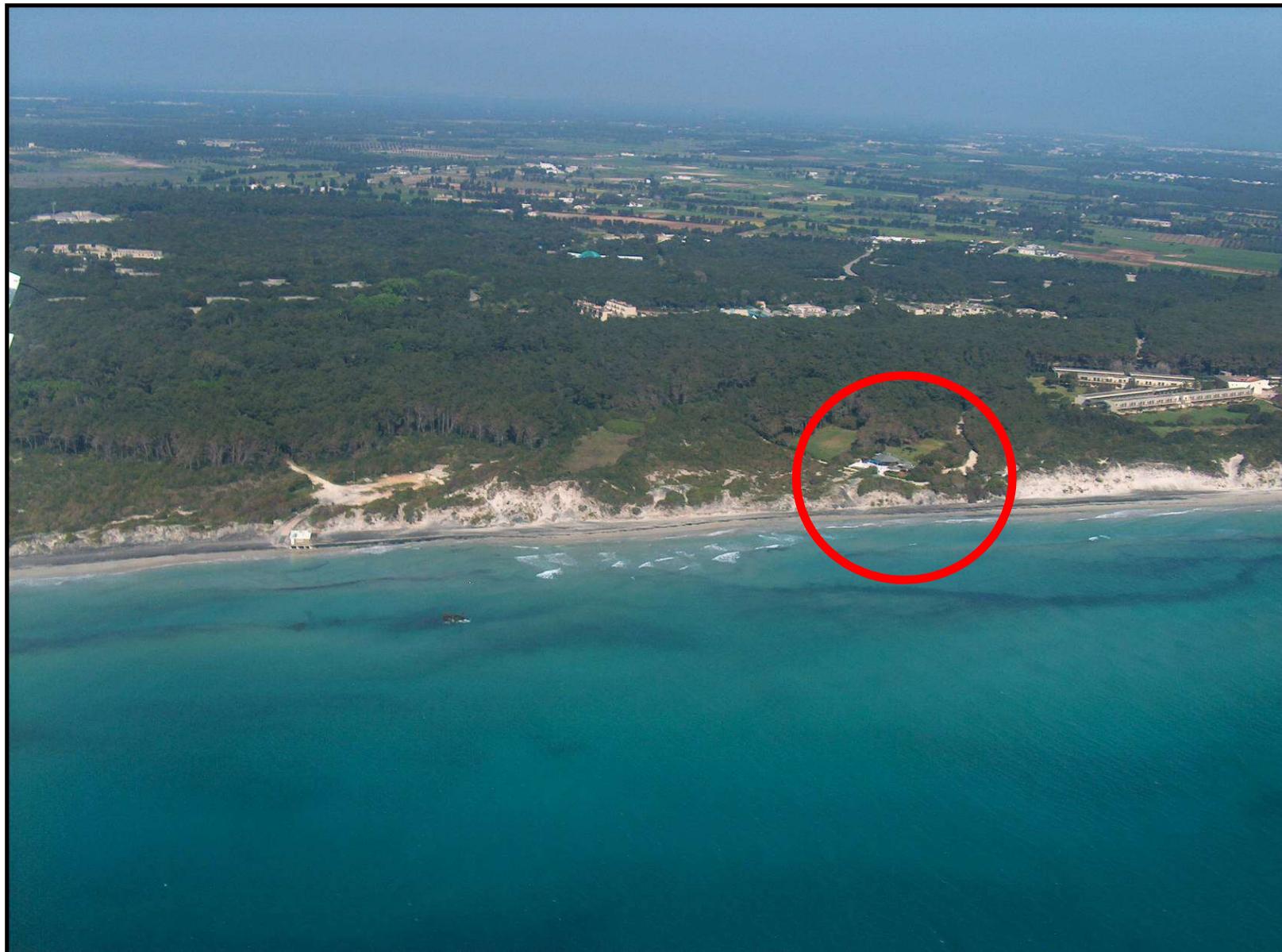
Large areas can be covered quickly providing advantages of ECONOMY.





# *VIDEO MONITORAGGIO DELLA LINEA DI RIVA*

# L'impianto di Alimini



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# Elaborazione delle immagini

## (1) Media



**MEDIA DEI 20 SCATTI**

DEPURATA DAGLI OGGETTI IN MOVIMENTO E  
VIENE MEMORIZZATA SIA IN ALTA RISOLUZIONE  
(BMP) SIA A BASSA RISOLUZIONE (COMPRESSA  
JPG PRONTA PER ESSERE TRASMESSA).

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MEDIA



## (2) Ortorettificazione





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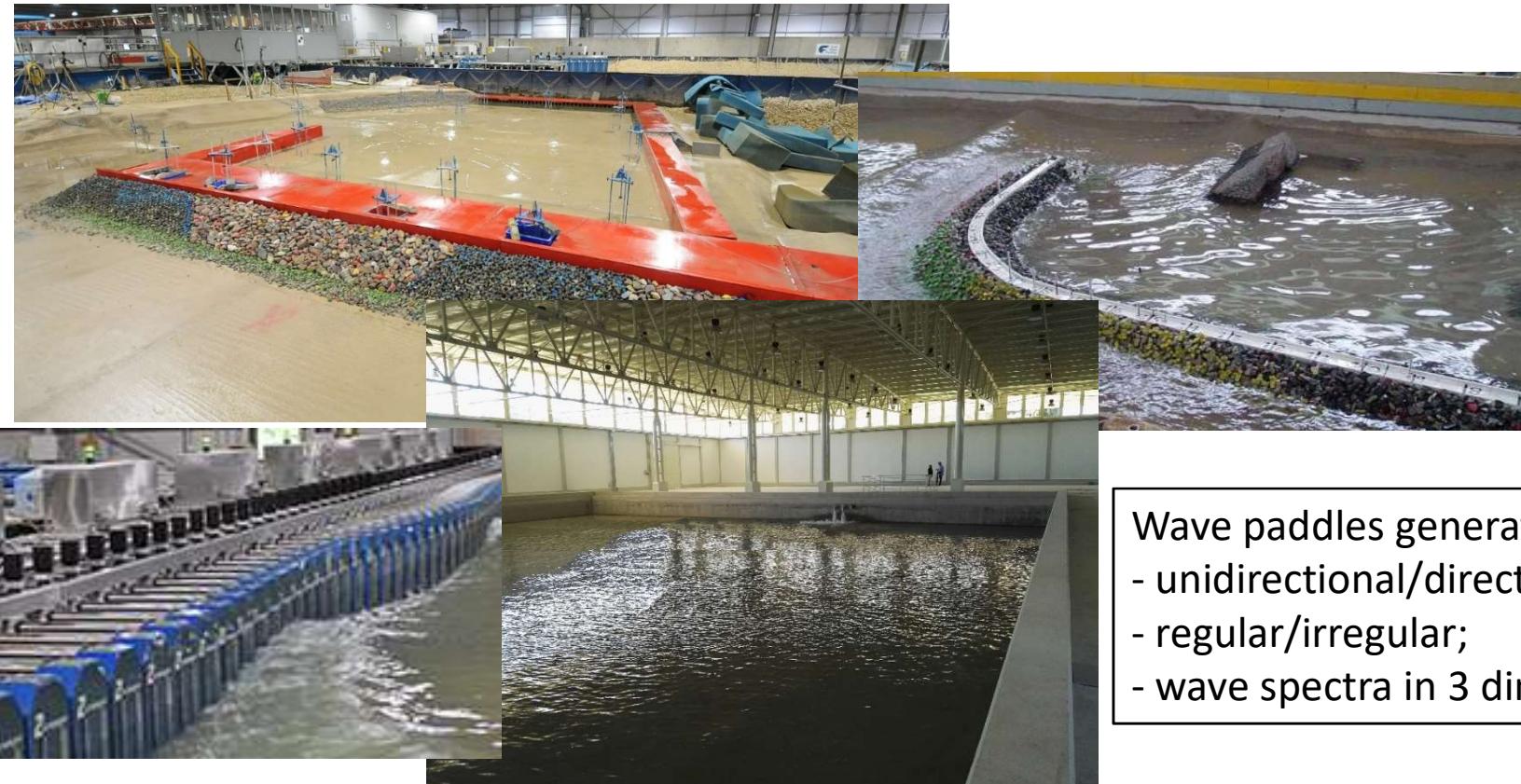
3000 sq. meters

2 levels with meeting room, 2 informatics rooms, 1 meeting area, 1 conference room,  
9 office rooms



## Dept. of Engineering for Innovation – Hydraulic Laboratory

**WAVE BASIN:** 29.5 m long, 28 m wide, 1,6 m deep – 4 x 4 x 4.5 m pit for offshore studies  
waves generator: 24 individually controlled hinged flaps



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- Wave paddles generate
- unidirectional/directional;
  - regular/irregular;
  - wave spectra in 3 dimensions.
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**WAVE FLUME:** 45 m long, 1.2 m wide, 2.0 m deep  
the glass wall along the flume



Wave maker generates  
regular/irregular waves

It has a reflected waves  
compensation system