Bluff erosion along the eastern shore of Lake Michigan: Synergy between water levels and lithology

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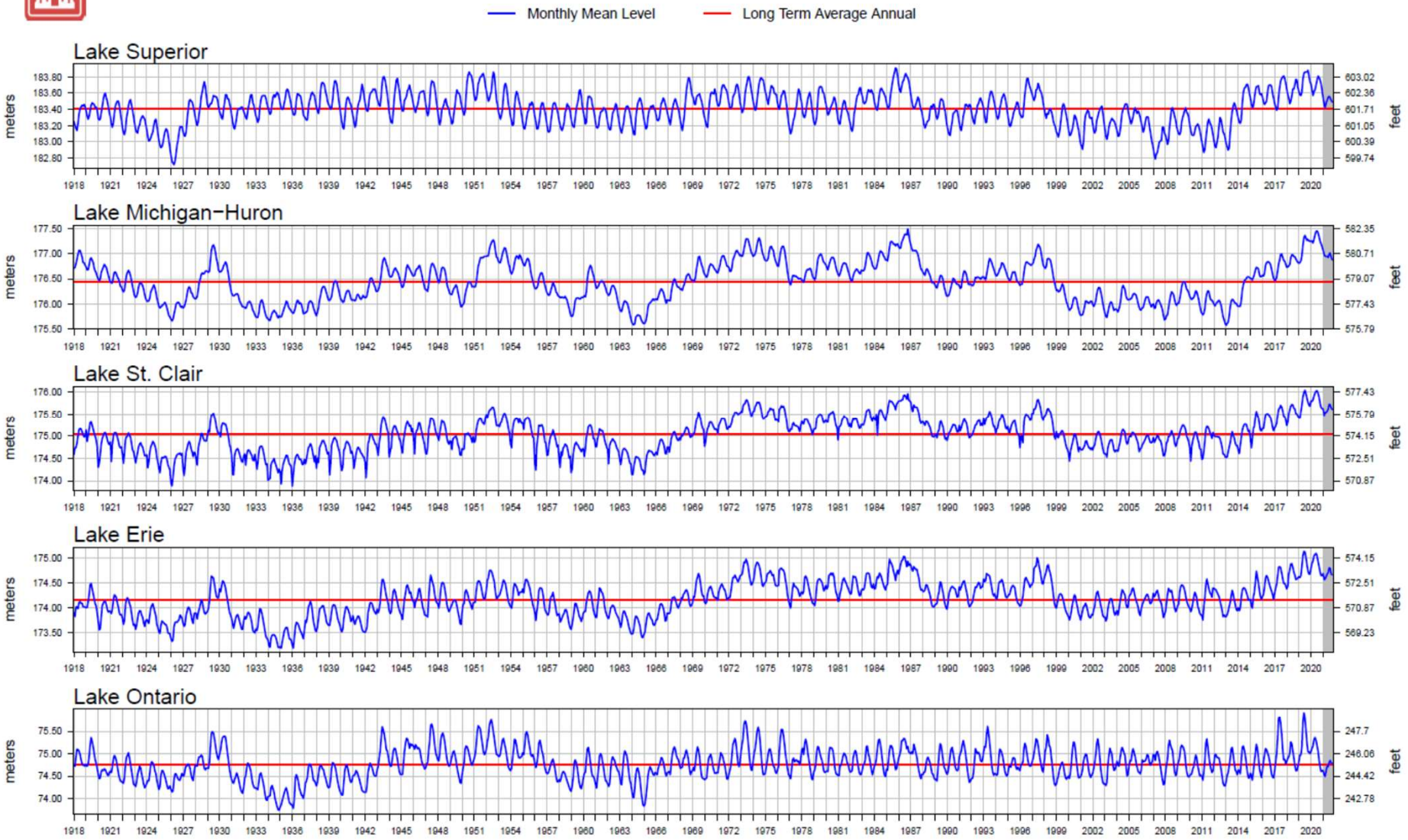
July 2017

Sept 2019

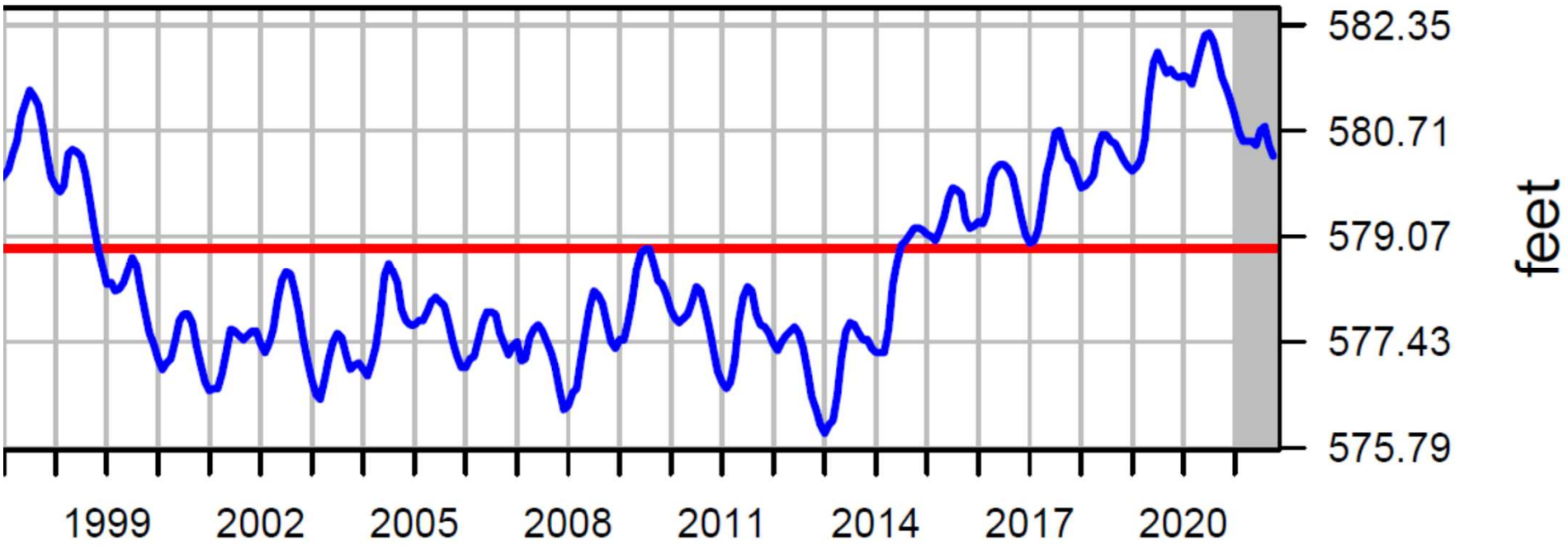
Great Lakes Water Levels (1918−2021)

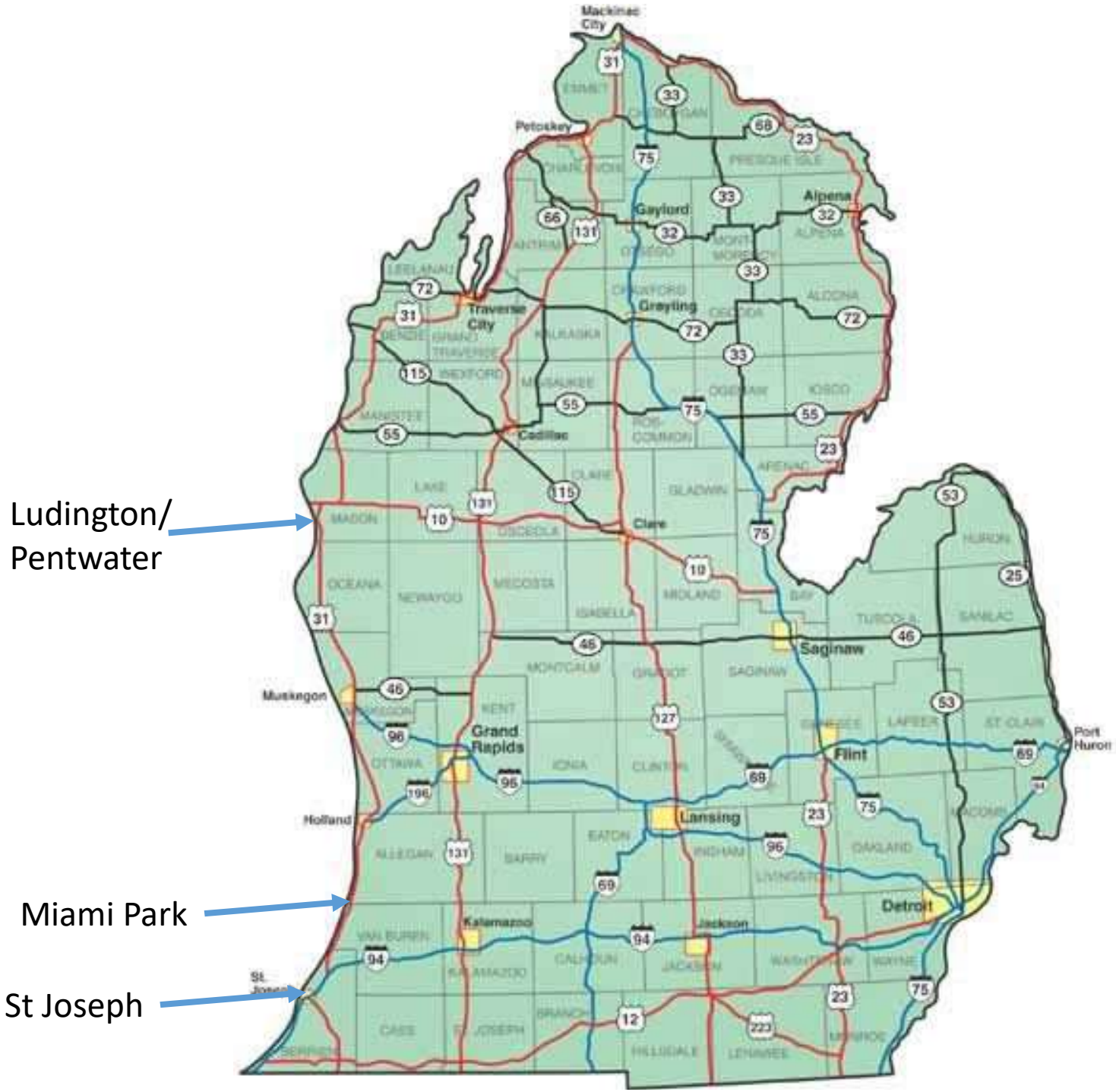


The monthly average levels are based on a network of water level gages located around the lakes.
Elevations are referenced to the International Great Lakes Datum (1985).

Water levels have been coordinated through 2020. Values highlighted in gray are provisional.

Lake Michigan-Huron Water Levels

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SfM (Structure from Motion)

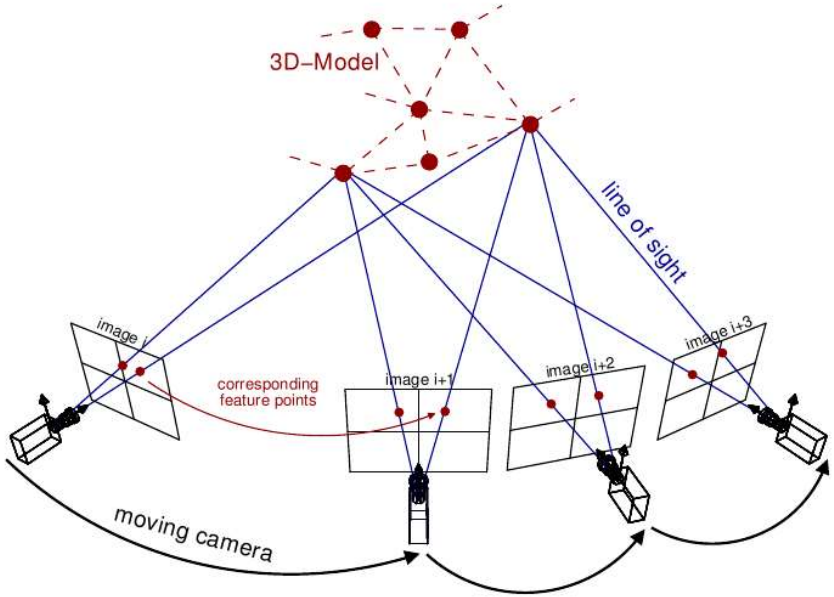


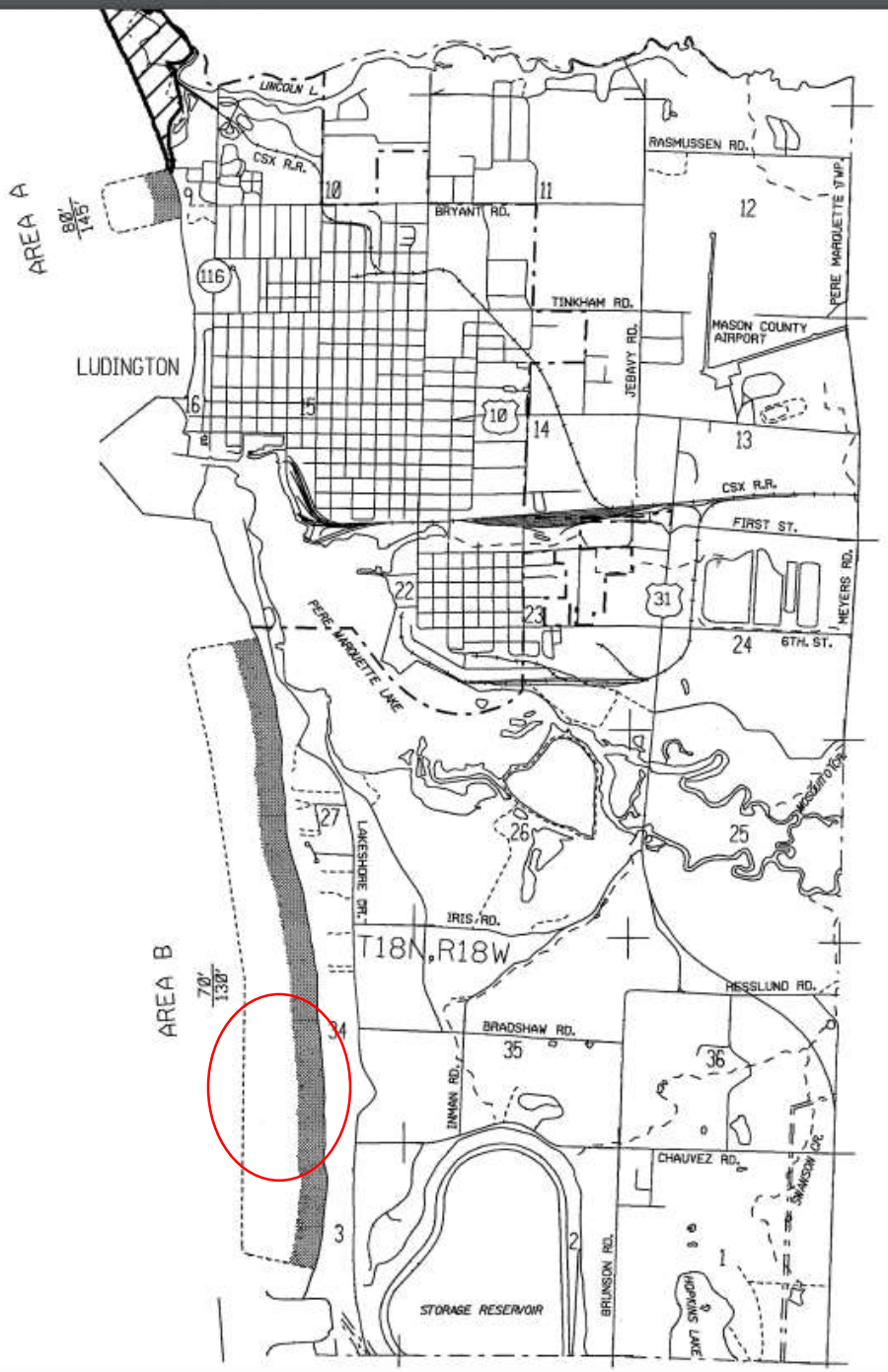
Image Acquisition

- 2017: DJI Phantom 3 Pro (July)
- 2019: DJI Phantom 3 Pro, DJI Mavic Enterprise (July, August, Sept, Oct)
- 2021: DJI Phantom 4 Pro, DJI Mavic Enterprise (July)

- Propeller Ground Control Points (2019,2021)
  - 4 Hour data collection
  - Corrected to CORS network

- Processed in
  - Agisoft
  - Drone Deploy
- Analysis
  - Cloud Compare
  - USGS R routines

Ludington/
Pentwater



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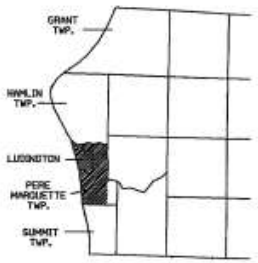
HIGH RISK EROSION AREAS & CRITICAL DUNE AREAS

MASON COUNTY



HIGH RISK EROSION AREAS

60' 120' THE NUMBER REPRESENTS, IN FEET, THE 30 YEAR PROJECTED RECESSION DISTANCE. THE NUMBER REPRESENTS, IN FEET, THE 60 YEAR PROJECTED RECESSION DISTANCE.

HIGH RISK EROSION AREA (shading alongshore)

THESE AREAS ARE LEGALLY DEFINED BY PART 323, SHORELANDS PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT, OF THE NATURAL RESOURCE & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1994 PA 451 BEING GREAT LAKES SHORELAND AREAS DOCUMENTED TO RECEDE AN AVERAGE OF ONE FOOT OR MORE PER YEAR.

CRITICAL DUNE AREAS

BARRIER DUNES
BARRIER DUNE FORMATIONS DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO PART 353, SAND DUNE PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT, OF THE NATURAL RESOURCE & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1994 PA 451.

AREAS NOT INCLUDED IN DESIGNATED BARRIER DUNE FORMATIONS THAT ARE COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF DUNE SAND AND EXHIBIT SEVERAL DUNE-LIKE CHARACTERISTICS.

EXEMPLARY DUNE ASSOCIATED PLANT COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE DESIGNATED DUNE FORMATIONS. MICHIGAN NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY REFERENCE CODE INDICATED.

SOURCE

STATE OF MICHIGAN RECESSION RATE MAPS & ATLAS OF CRITICAL DUNE AREAS

INFORMATION

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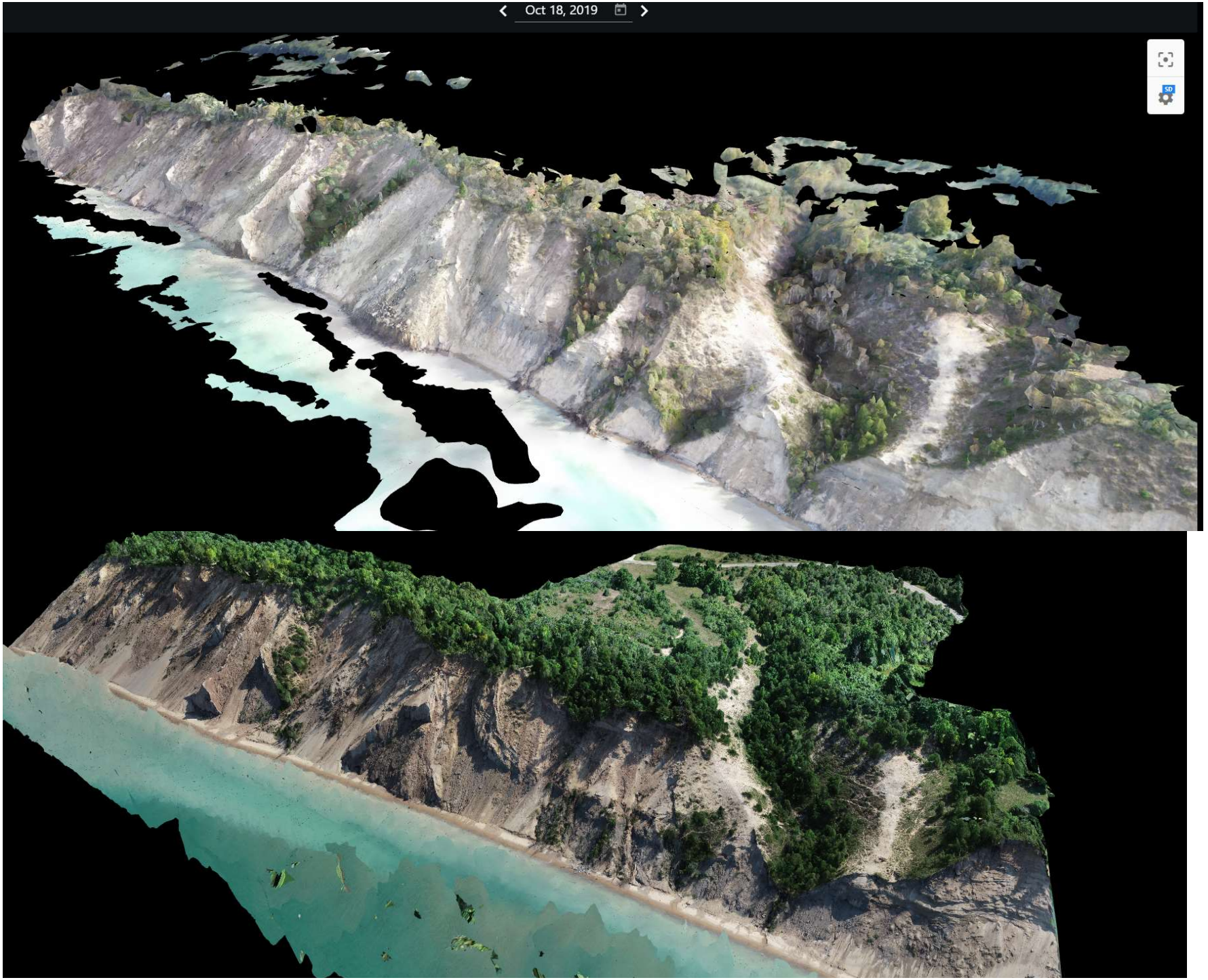
2019 Data Aquisition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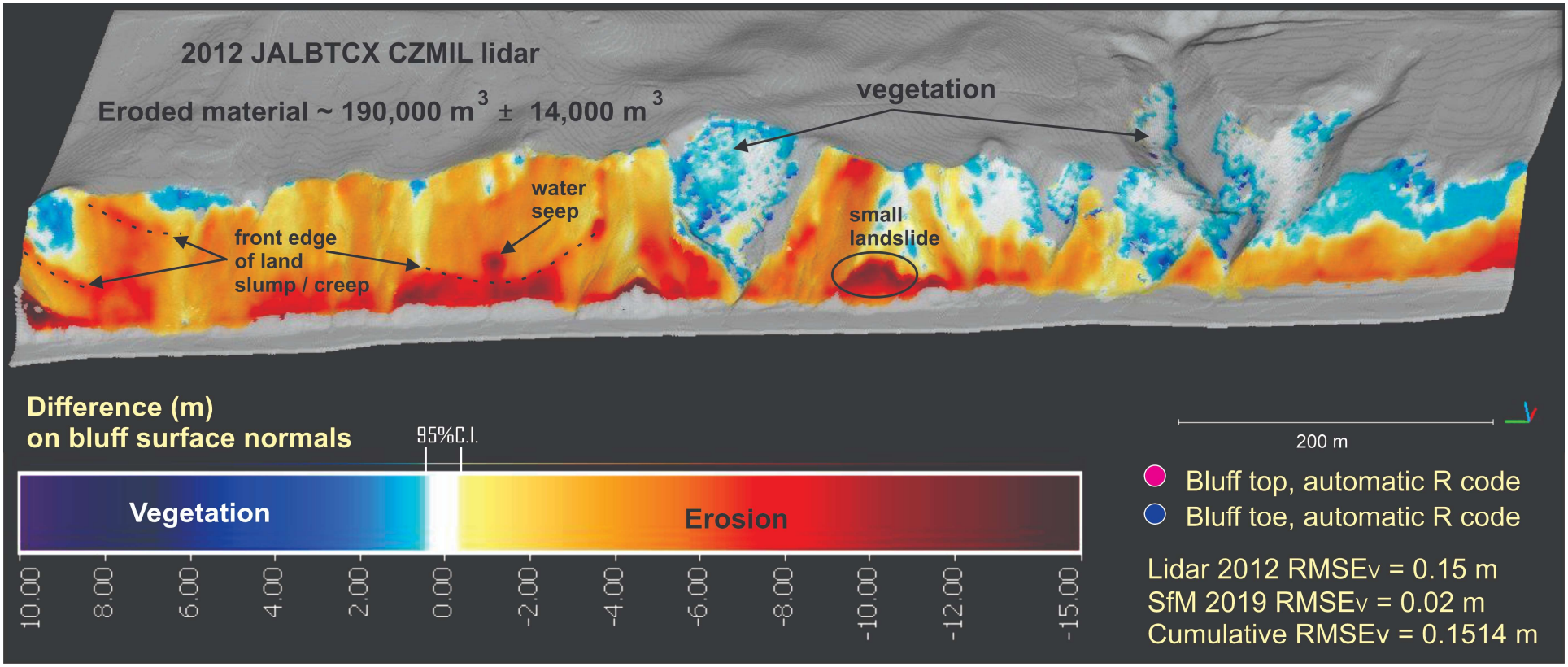
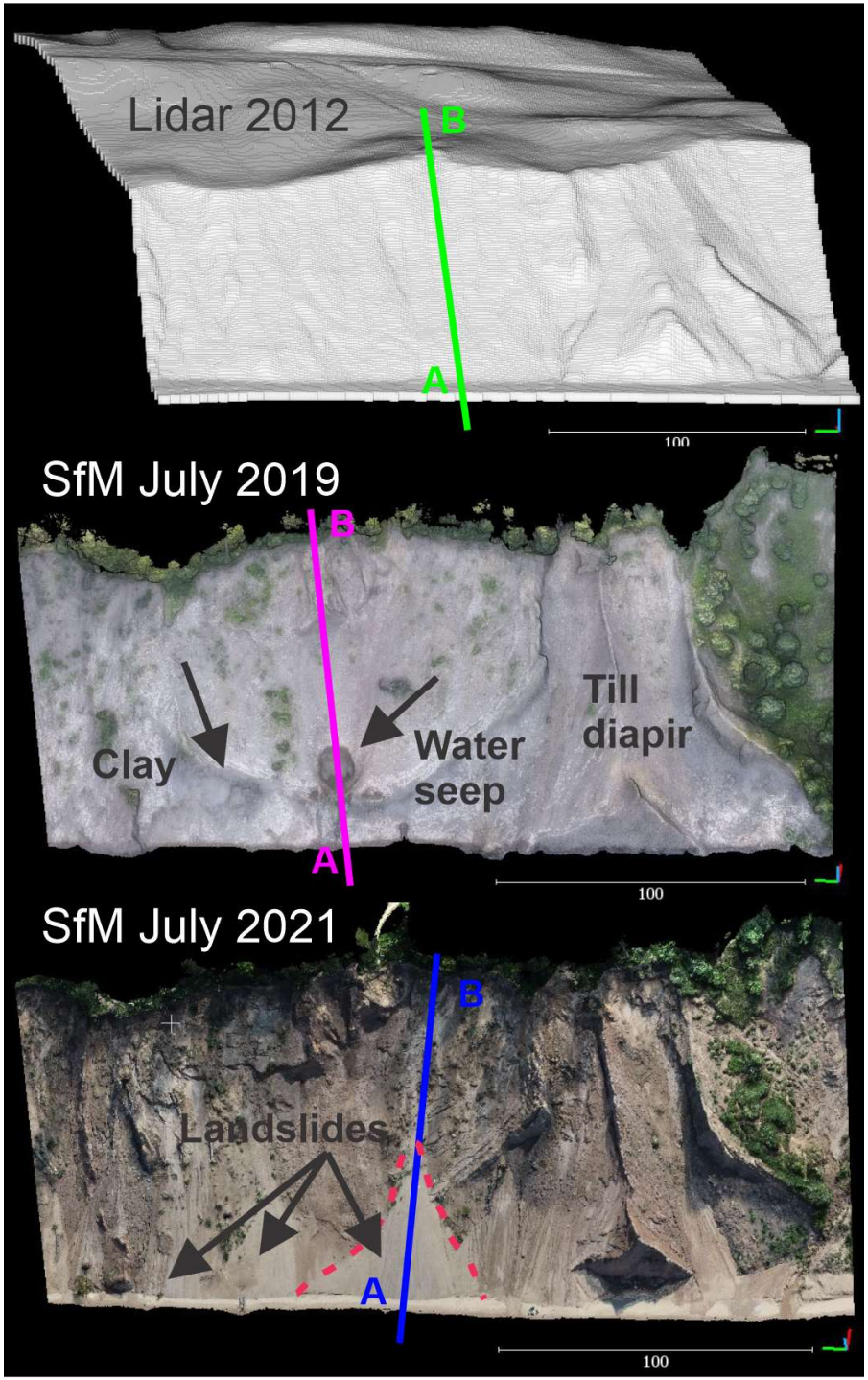
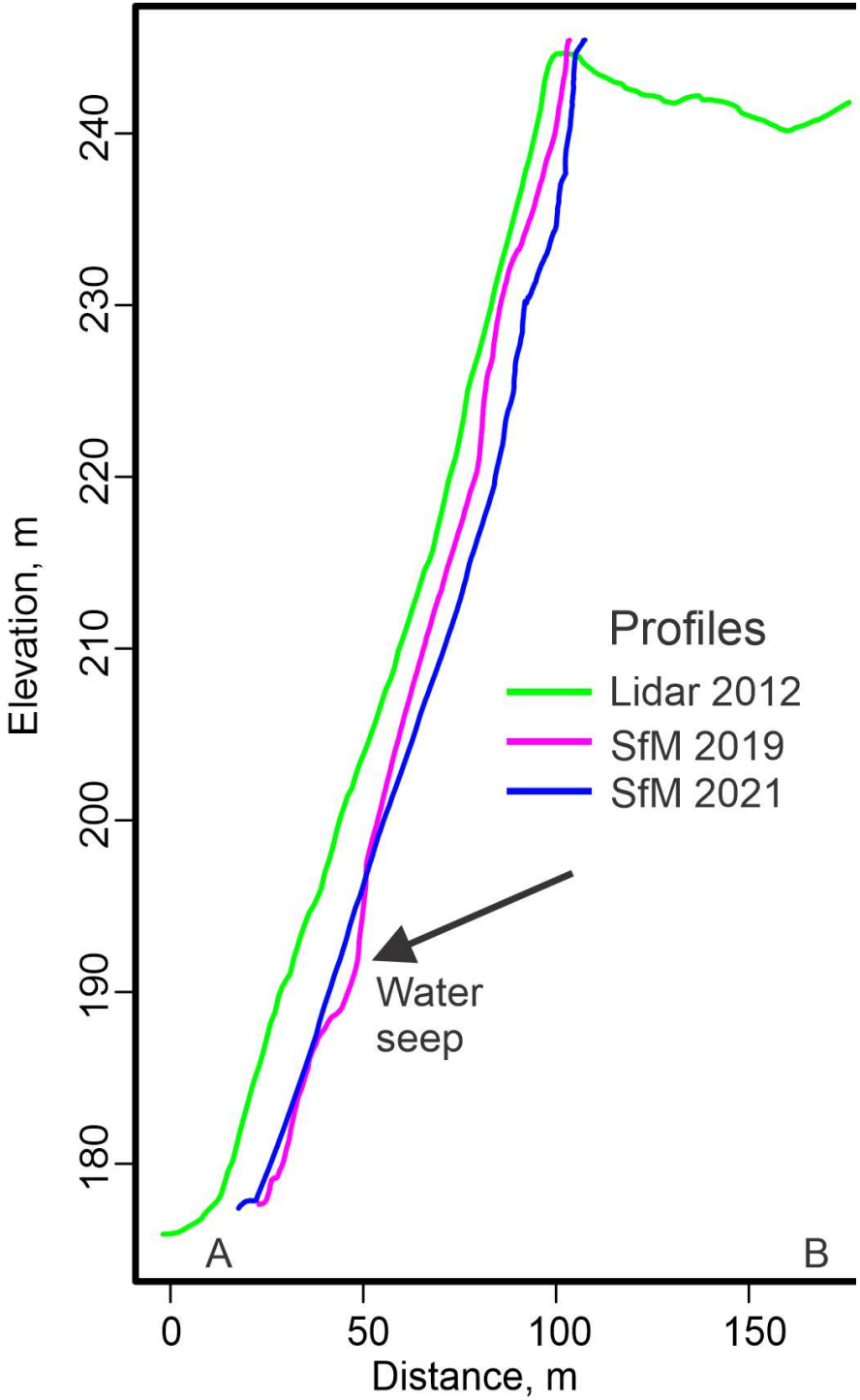
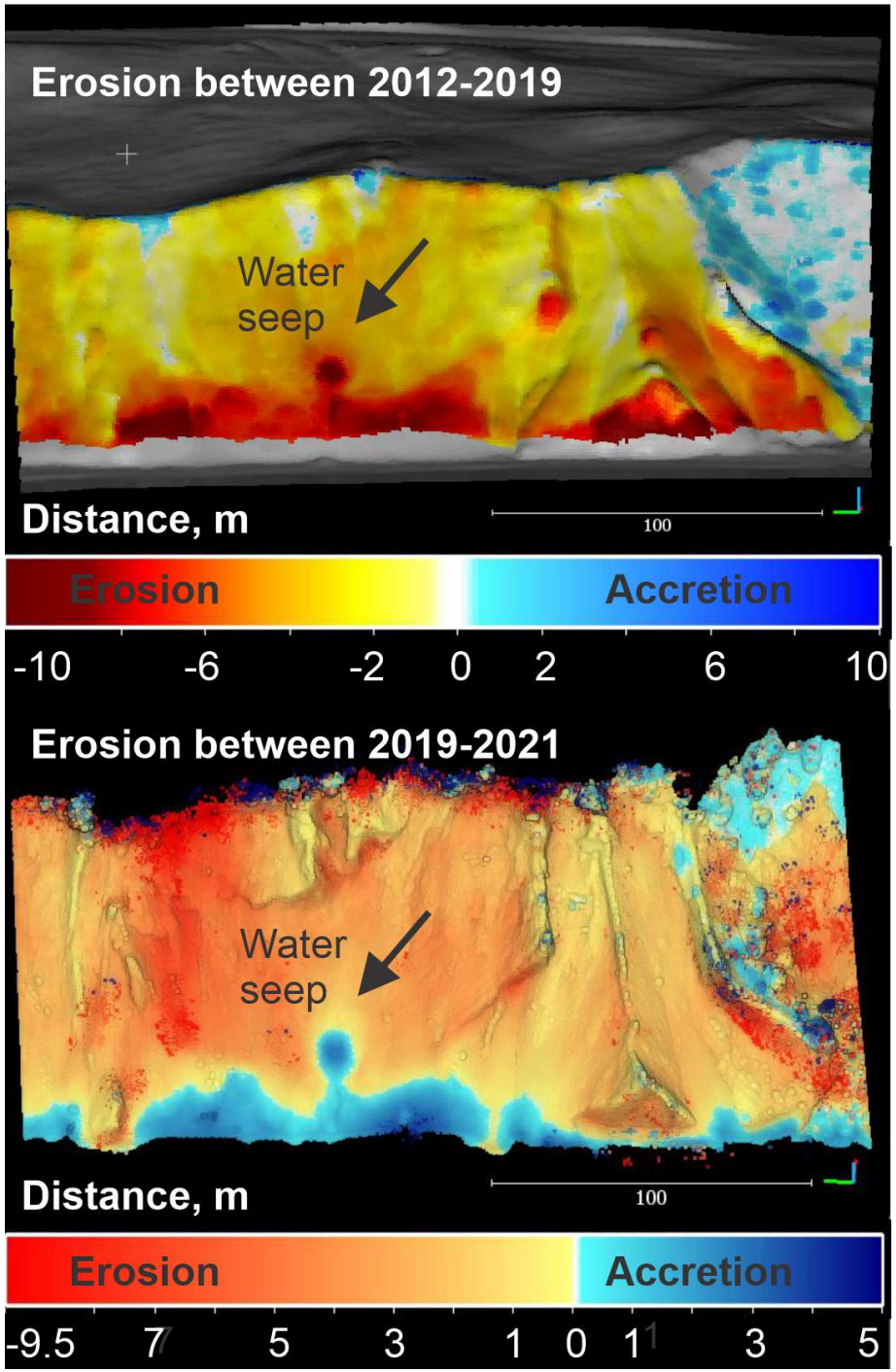
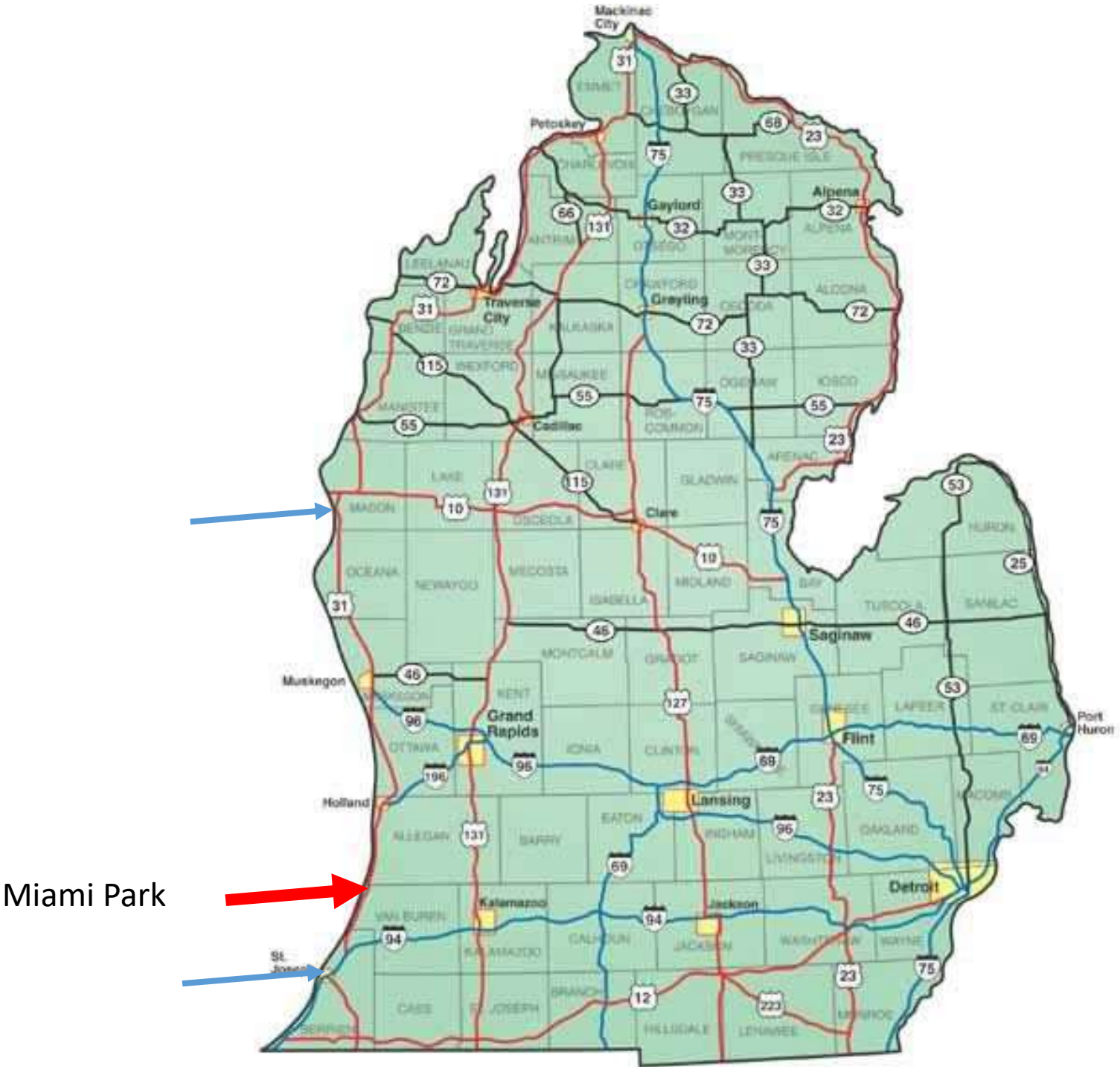

2012 JALBTCX CZMIL lidar
Eroded material ~ 190,000 m 3 ± 14,000 m 3
vegetation
water seep
front edge of land slump / creep
small landslide
Difference (m) on bluff surface normals
95%C.I.
Vegetation
Erosion
10.00
8.00
6.00
4.00
2.00
0.00
-2.00
-4.00
-6.00
-8.00
-10.00
-12.00
-15.00
200 m
Bluff top, automatic R code
Bluff toe, automatic R code
Lidar 2012 RMSEv = 0.15 m
SfM 2019 RMSEv = 0.02 m
Cumulative RMSEv = 0.1514 m


Lidar 2012
B
A
100
SfM July 2019
B
Clay
Water
seep
Till
diapir
A
100
SfM July 2021
B
Landslides
A
100


Elevation, m
180
190
200
210
220
230
240
Profiles
Lidar 2012
SfM 2019
SfM 2021
Water
seep
A
B
0
50
100
150
Distance, m


Erosion between 2012-2019
Water seep
Distance, m
100
Erosion
Accretion
-10
-6
-2
0
2
6
10
Erosion between 2019-2021
Water seep
Distance, m
100
Erosion
Accretion
-9.5
7
5
3
1
0
1
3
5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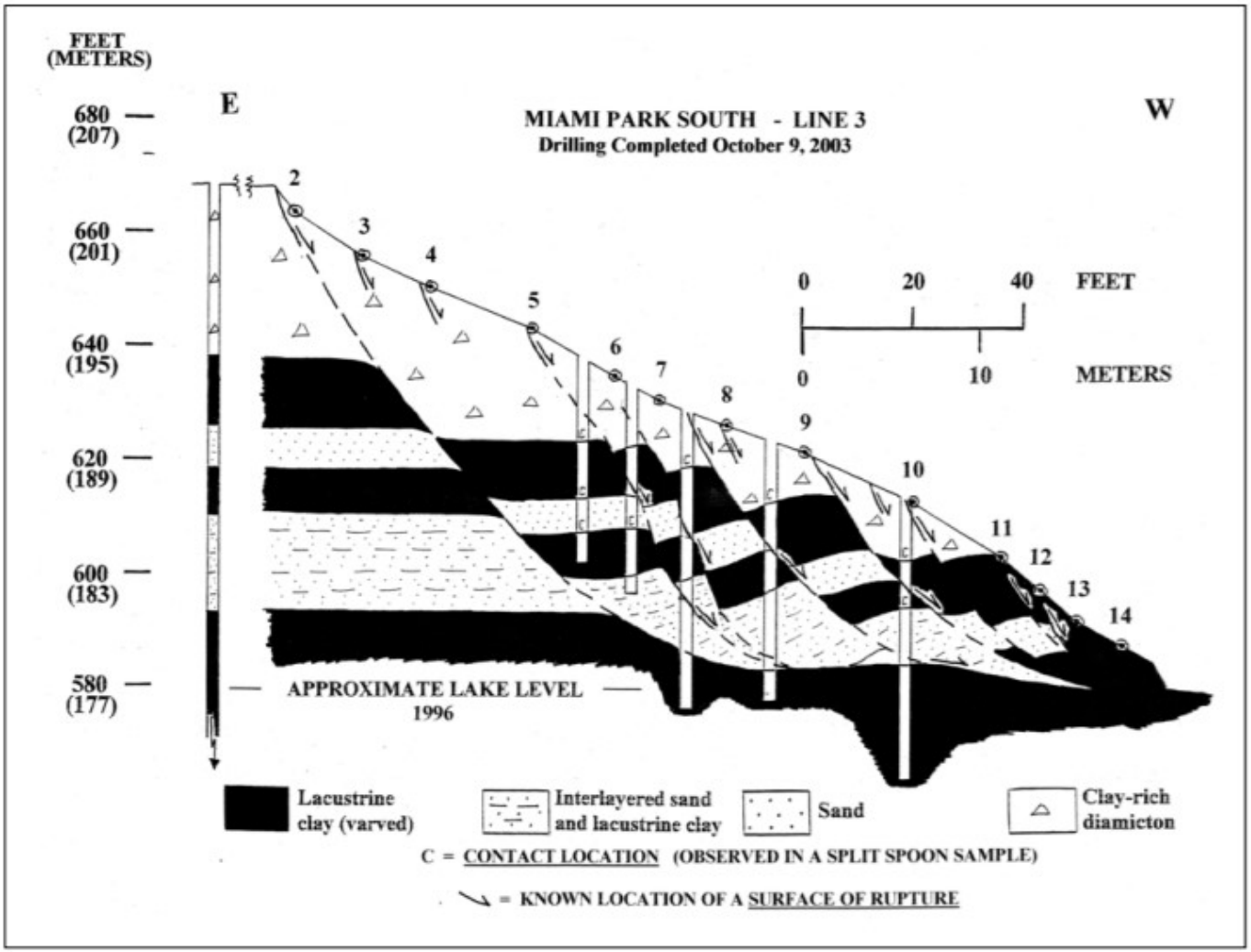
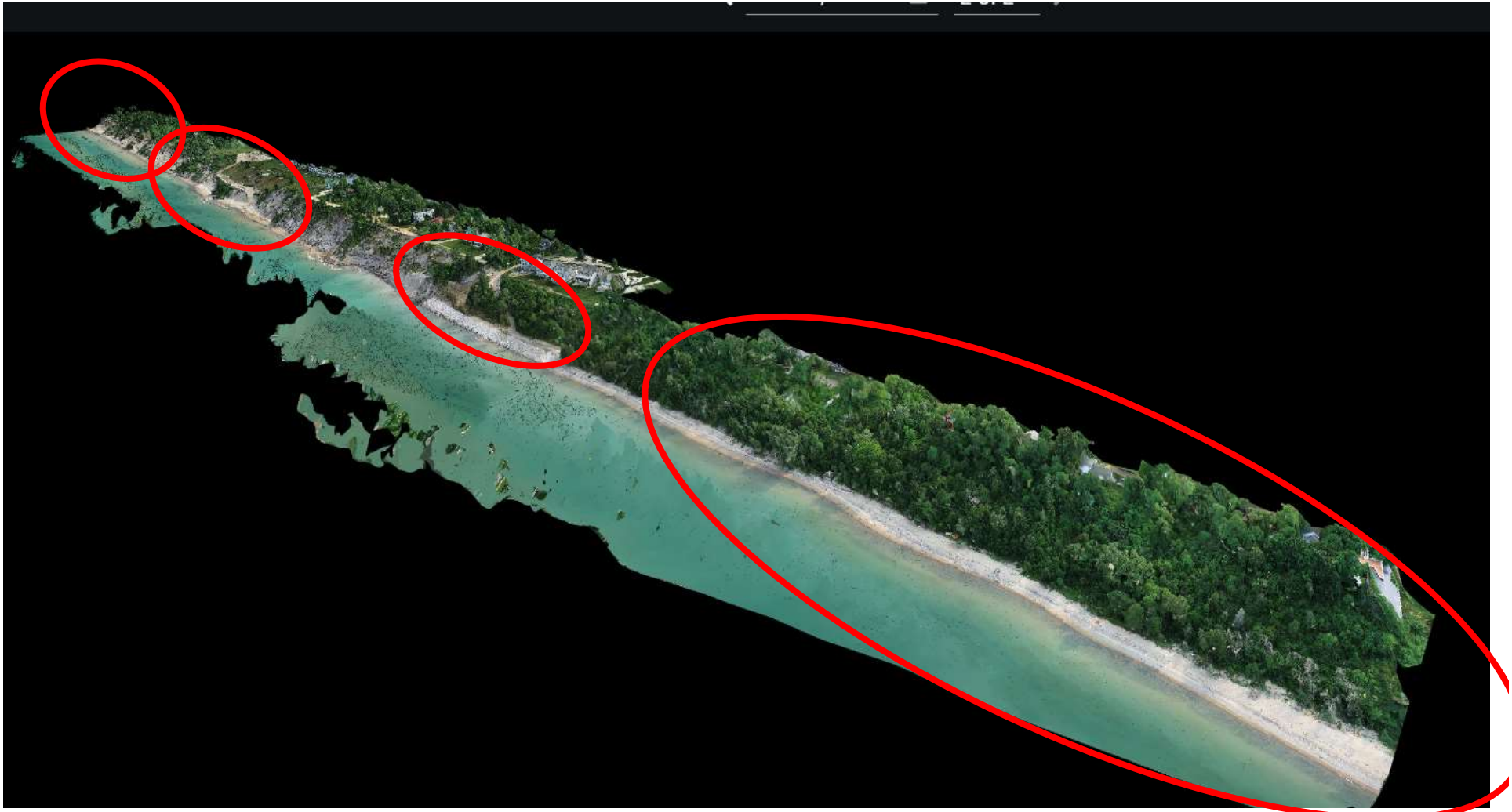
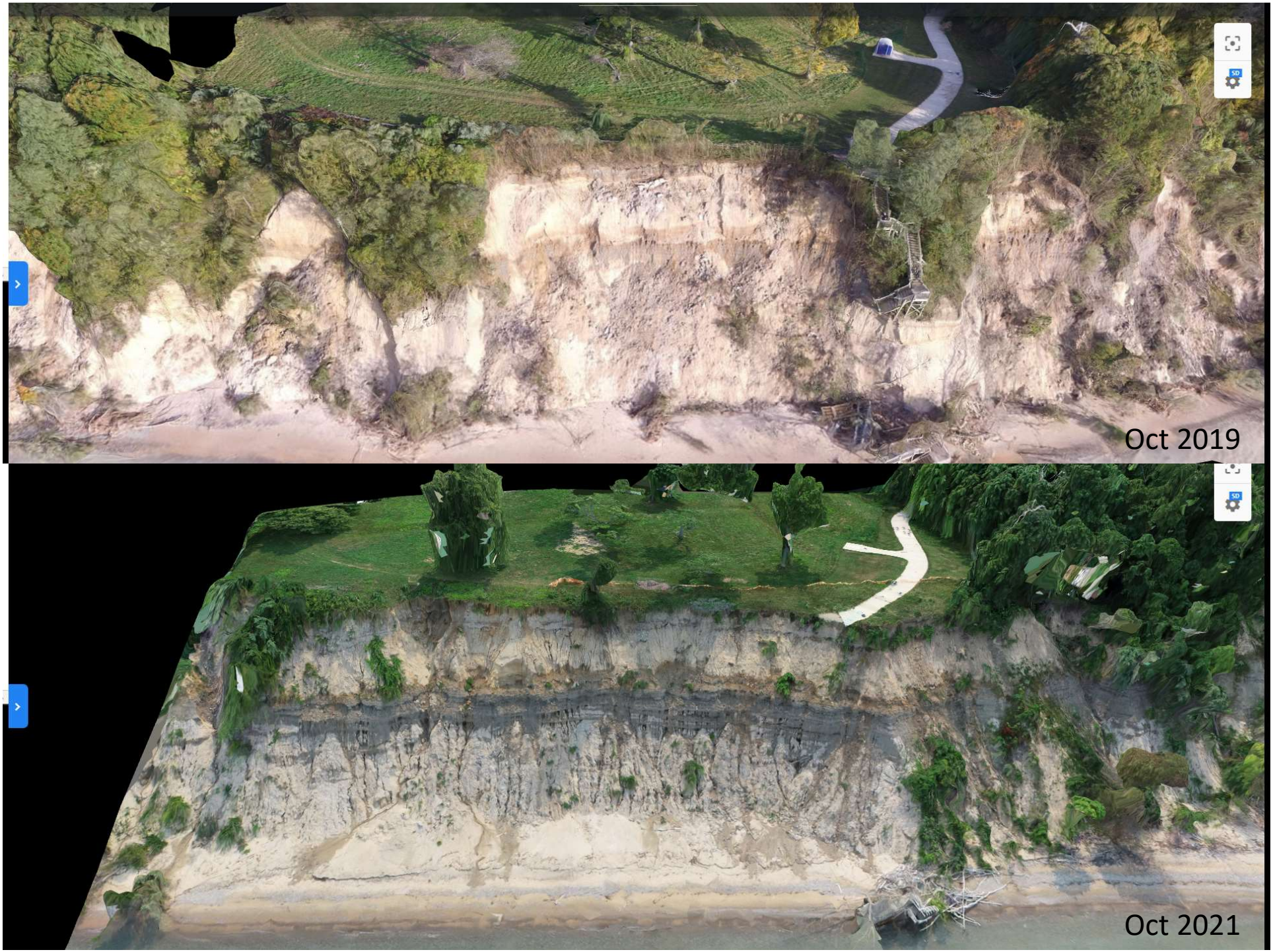
Miami Park, MI



(Glynn et al, 2012)

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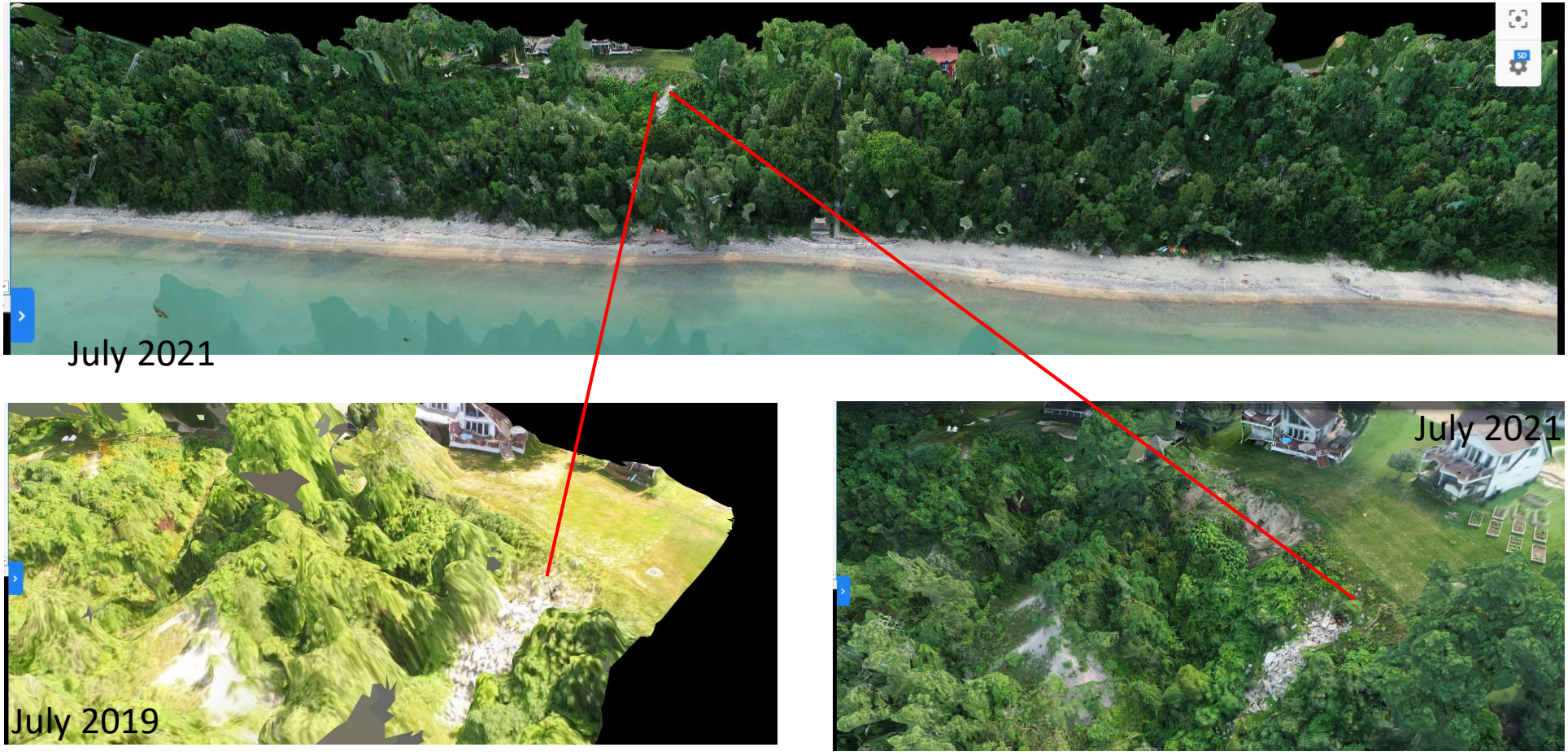
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Conclusions

- UAV SfM highly effective in examining specific bluff failure locations
- High Lake levels removed large amounts of material at base of bluff
- Following toe removal, in-bluff characteristics impact how bluff continues to respond
  - Seeps
  - Impermeable layers
  - Sewage drainage (septic vs treatment plant away from bluff)
  - Saturation/ pore pressure

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