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## Topographic-Bathymetric Lidar Total Propagated Uncertainty Modeling

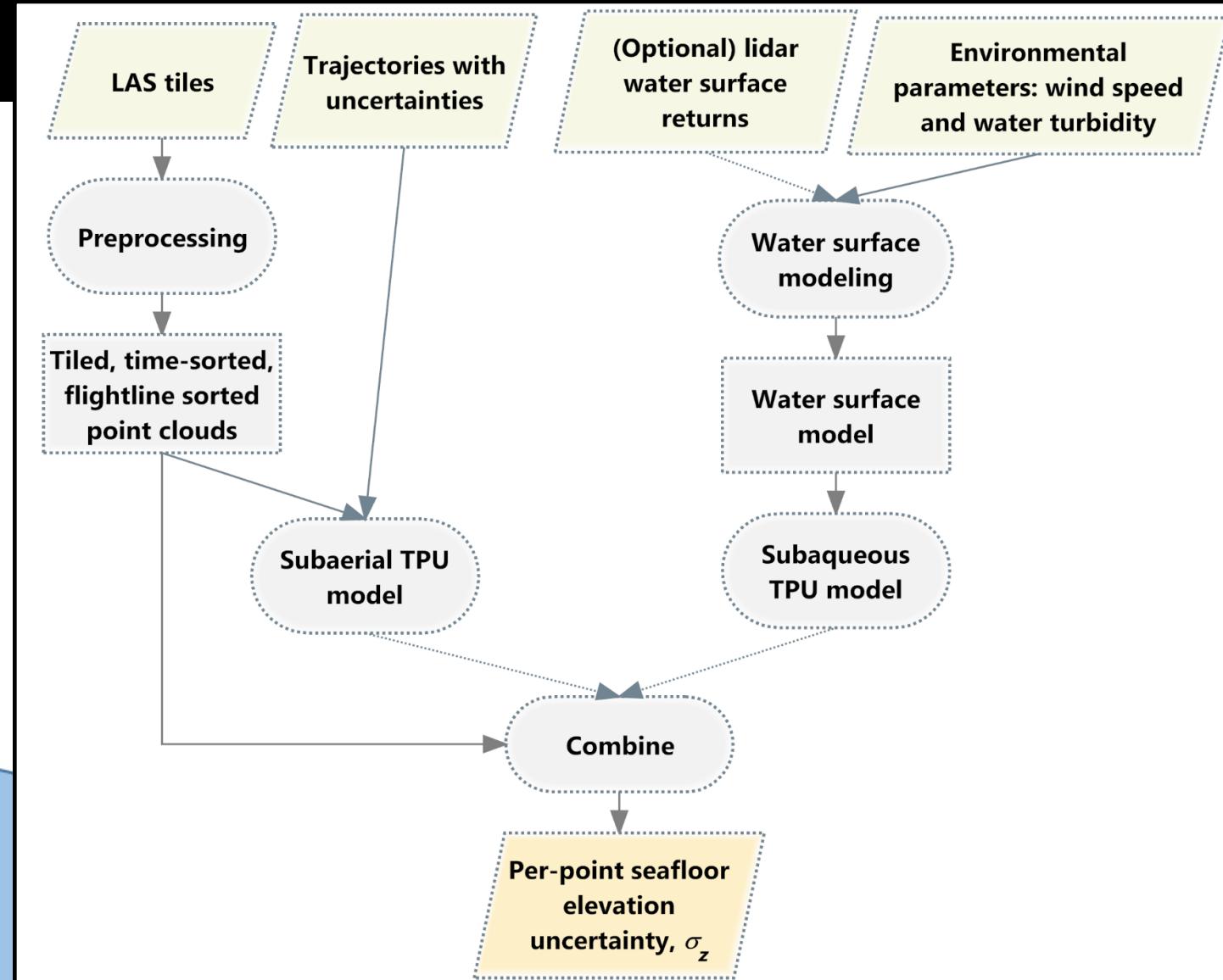
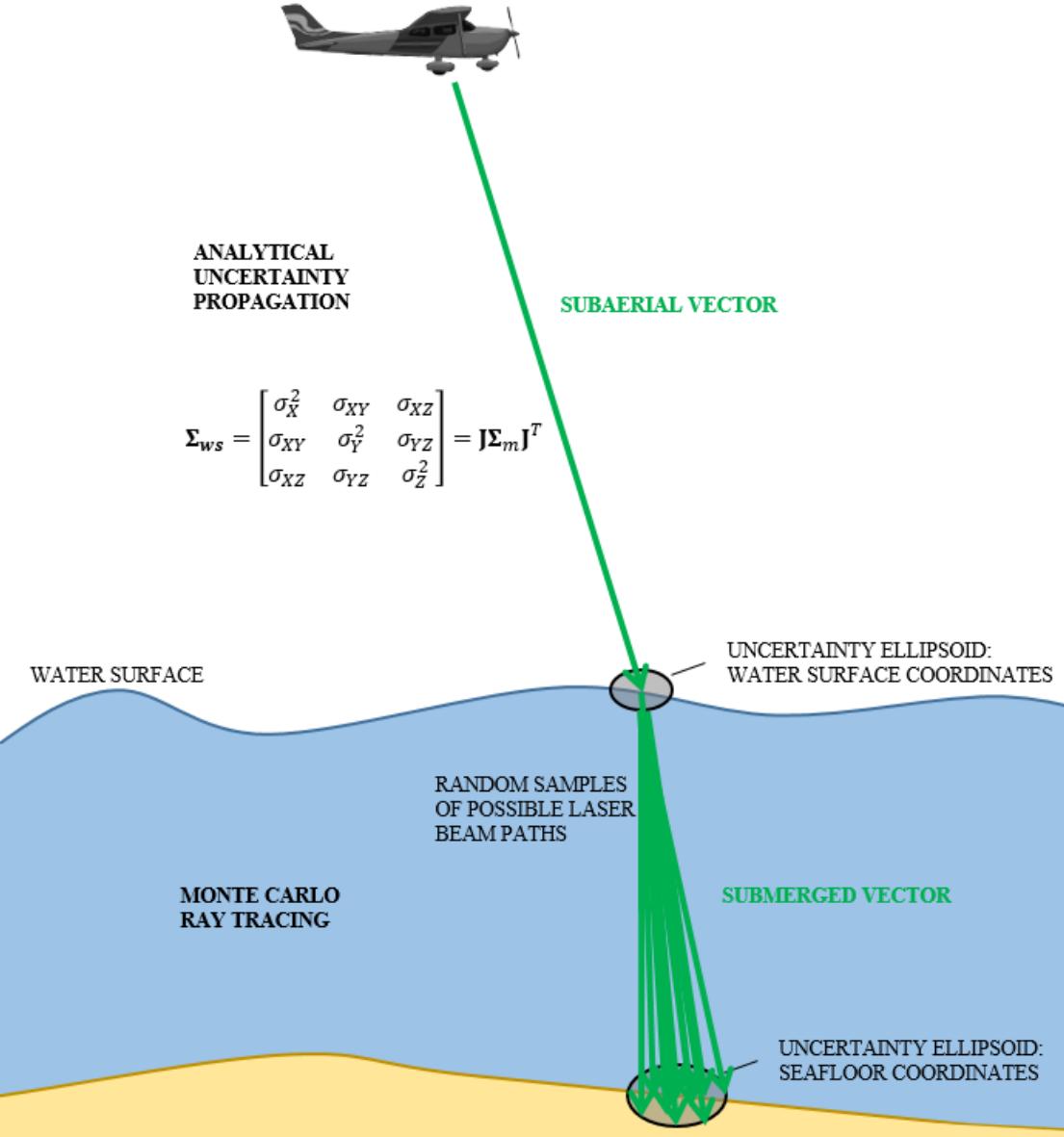
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# Project Overview

- Motivation
  - NOAA/NGS and partners currently collecting topo-bathy lidar data for mapping the National Shoreline
  - Growing interest in also using the lidar bathymetry for nautical chart updates
  - IHO S-44 TPU requirement: must account for “*all contributing measurement uncertainties*” using a “*statistical method, combining all uncertainty sources, for determining positioning uncertainty...at the 95% confidence level*” (IHO, 2008).
- Goals:
  - Develop, test and deploy ***operational TPU software*** for topo-bathy lidar
  - Start with Riegl VQ-880-G, then extend to other systems operated by JALBTCX partner agencies

# TPU Approach



# Subaerial component: Laser geo-location equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_L \\ Y_L \\ Z_L \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_T \\ Y_T \\ Z_T \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{R}_b^m \mathbf{M}_{lb}^b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\rho \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_L \\ Y_L \\ Z_L \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_T - \rho(r_{11}m_{13} + r_{12}m_{23} + r_{13}m_{33}) \\ Y_T - \rho(r_{21}m_{13} + r_{22}m_{23} + r_{23}m_{33}) \\ Z_T - \rho(r_{31}m_{13} + r_{32}m_{23} + r_{33}m_{33}) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta X \\ \Delta Y \\ \Delta Z \end{bmatrix}_{\text{offset}} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1^N \\ f_2^N \\ f_3^N \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_L \\ Y_L \\ Z_L \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_T \\ Y_T \\ Z_T \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cosh & -\sinh & 0 \\ \sinh & \cosh & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos p & 0 & \sin p \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin p & 0 & \cos p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos r & -\sin r \\ 0 & \sin r & \cos r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & \sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\rho \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1^N}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial f_1^N}{\partial \beta} & \frac{\partial f_1^N}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial f_1^N}{\partial p} & \frac{\partial f_1^N}{\partial h} & \frac{\partial f_1^N}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1^N}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_1^N}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial f_1^N}{\partial \rho} \\ \frac{\partial f_2^N}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial f_2^N}{\partial \beta} & \frac{\partial f_2^N}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial f_2^N}{\partial p} & \frac{\partial f_2^N}{\partial h} & \frac{\partial f_2^N}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2^N}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_2^N}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial f_2^N}{\partial \rho} \\ \frac{\partial f_3^N}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial f_3^N}{\partial \beta} & \frac{\partial f_3^N}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial f_3^N}{\partial p} & \frac{\partial f_3^N}{\partial h} & \frac{\partial f_3^N}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_3^N}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_3^N}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial f_3^N}{\partial \rho} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \sigma_{XY} & \sigma_{XZ} \\ \sigma_{XY} & \sigma_y^2 & \sigma_{YZ} \\ \sigma_{XZ} & \sigma_{YZ} & \sigma_z^2 \end{bmatrix} = J \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_\alpha & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_\rho \end{bmatrix} J^T$$

**M:** DCM: laser scanner to body frame

**R:** DCM: body frame to local level frame

**f:** geo-location equation

$\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z, \sigma_r, \sigma_p, \sigma_h$  : trajectory uncertainties: position and orientation (from SBETs)

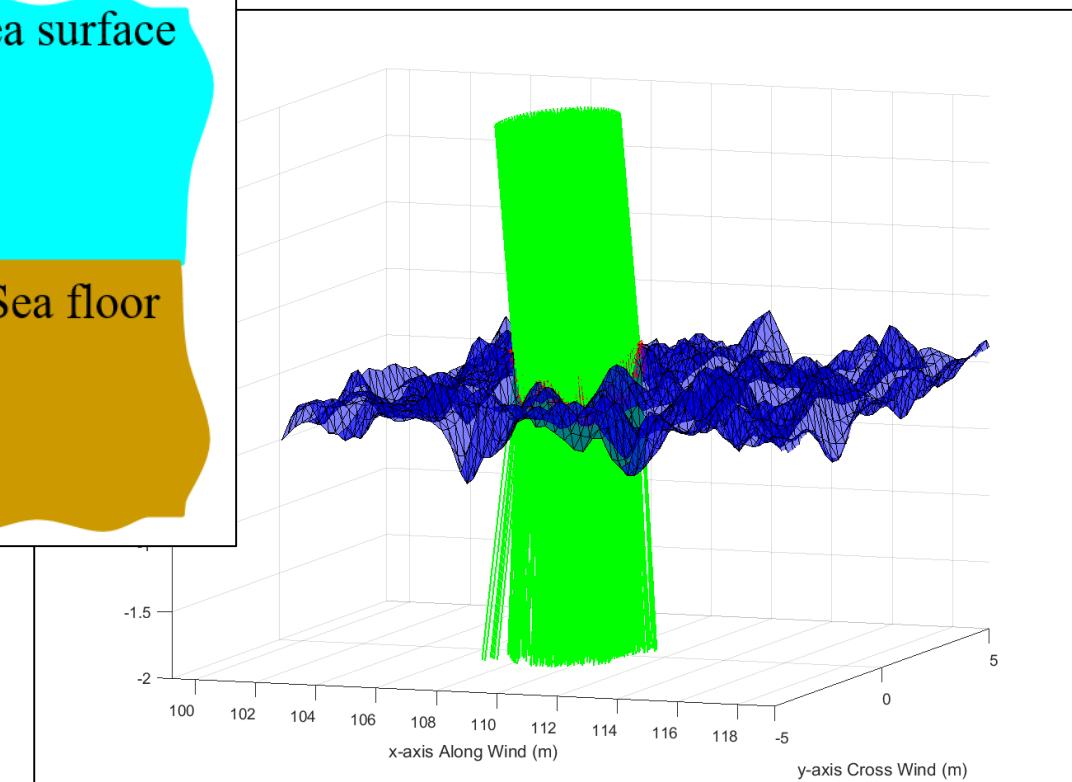
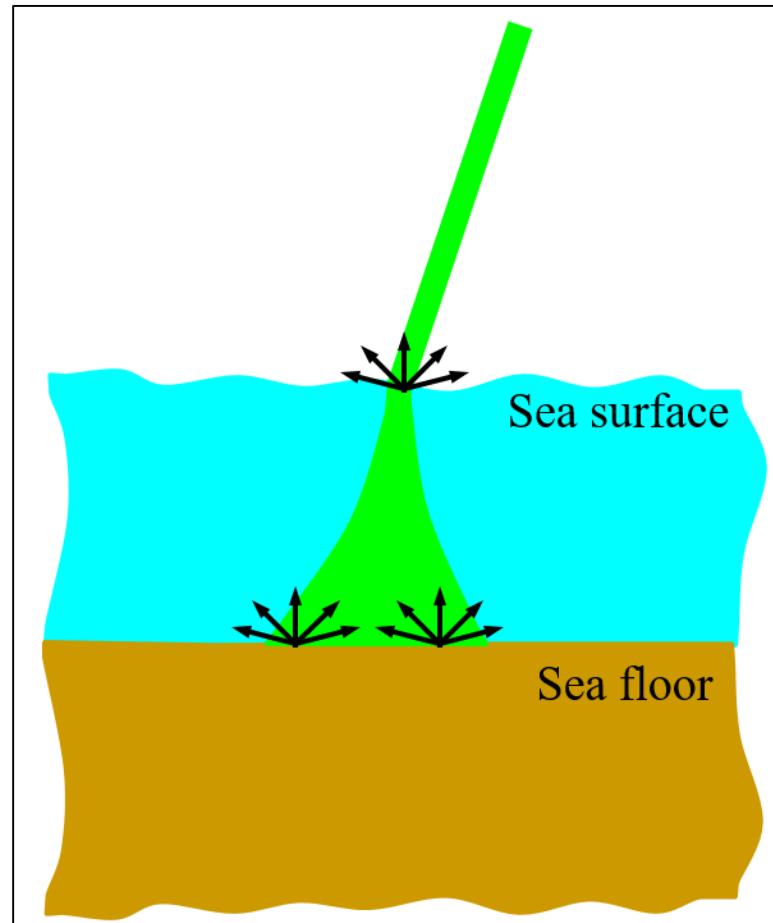
$\sigma_\alpha, \sigma_\beta$ : angular uncertainties of scanner (from specs and discussion with Riegl)

$\sigma_\rho$ : range uncertainty (from specs)

# Subaqueous component: Monte Carlo ray tracing

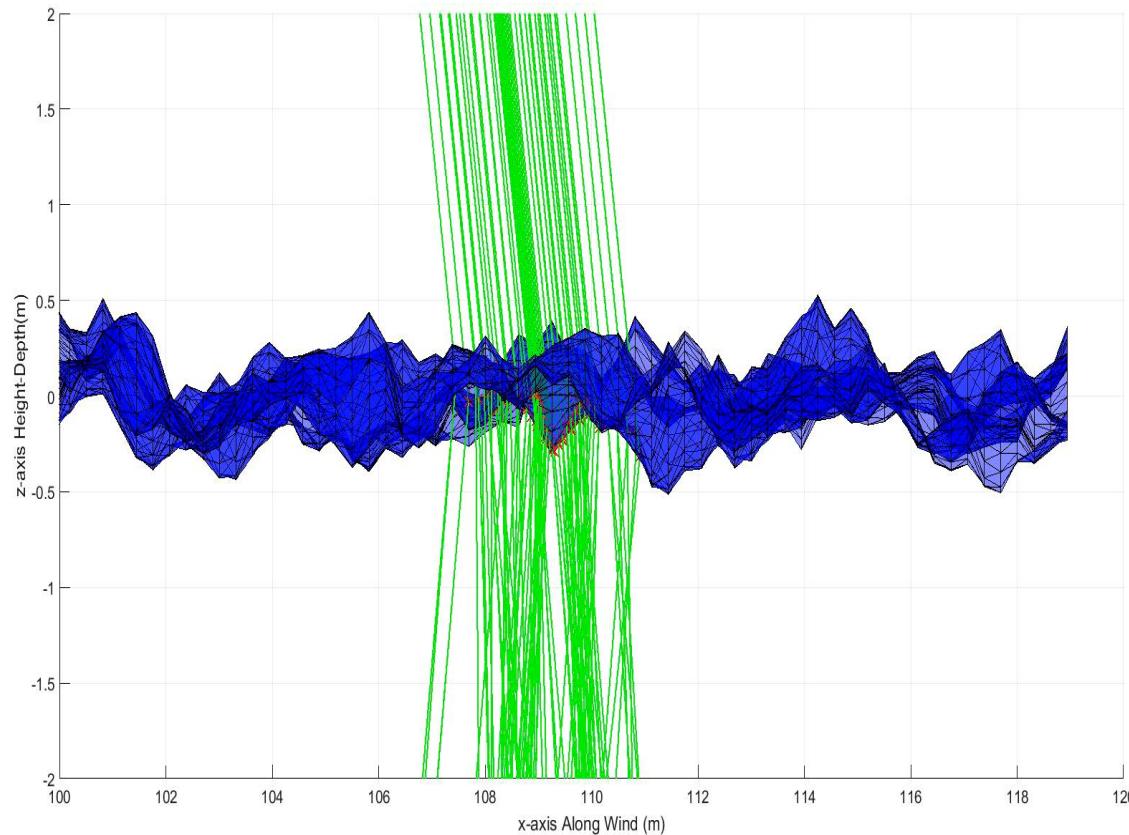
*What happens to the laser beam as it travels through the environment?*

- Complex interactions → Monte Carlo Ray tracing algorithm
  - Water surface refraction
  - Scattering and absorption in water column
  - Laser beam geometry and energy change in water column
  - How do these factors impact seafloor uncertainty?



**Movie: Wind speed 3 m/s**

**100 rays  $\Delta t = 0.1$  sec**



RIEGL VQ-880-G  
TOTAL PROPAGATED UNCERTAINTY (TPU) PROGRAM  
v1.0

### Data Directories

LAS TOOLS BIN: C:\LASTools\bin

SBET FILES: D:\NGS TPU Tool Test\Key West data set\FL1613\_Outer\_Reef\_TPU\_Sample

ORIGINAL LAS TILES: D:\NGS TPU Tool Test\Key West data set\FL1613\_Outer\_Reef\_TPU\_Sample

OUTPUT LAS FILES: D:\NGS TPU Tool Test\Key West data set\tpu\_tool\_output

### SUB-AQUEOUS Parameters

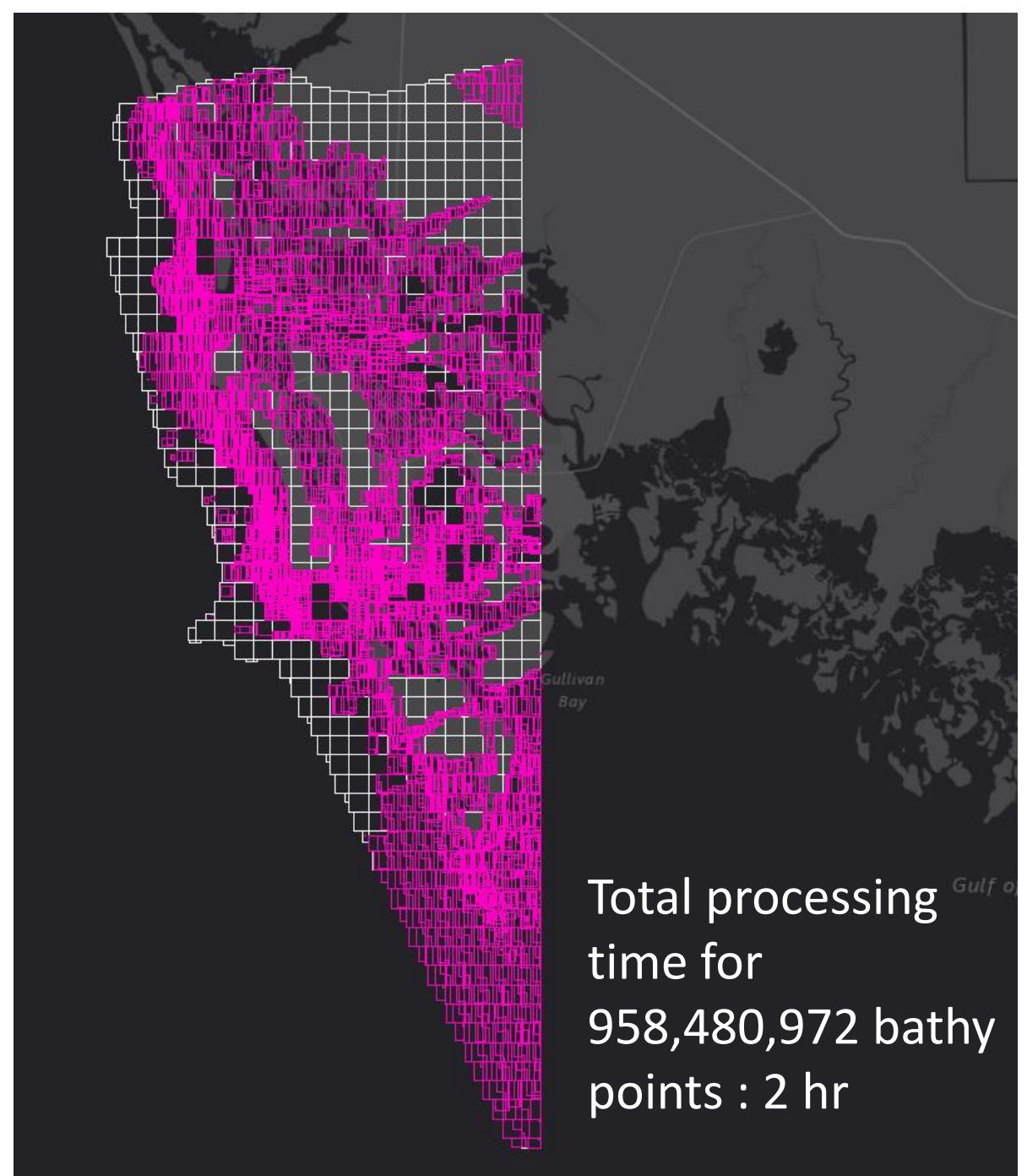
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### Regional VDatum Maximum Cumulative Uncertainty (MCU)

VDatum Region: Florida - South Florida, Naples to Fort Lauderdale FL, and Florida Bay

### Process Buttons

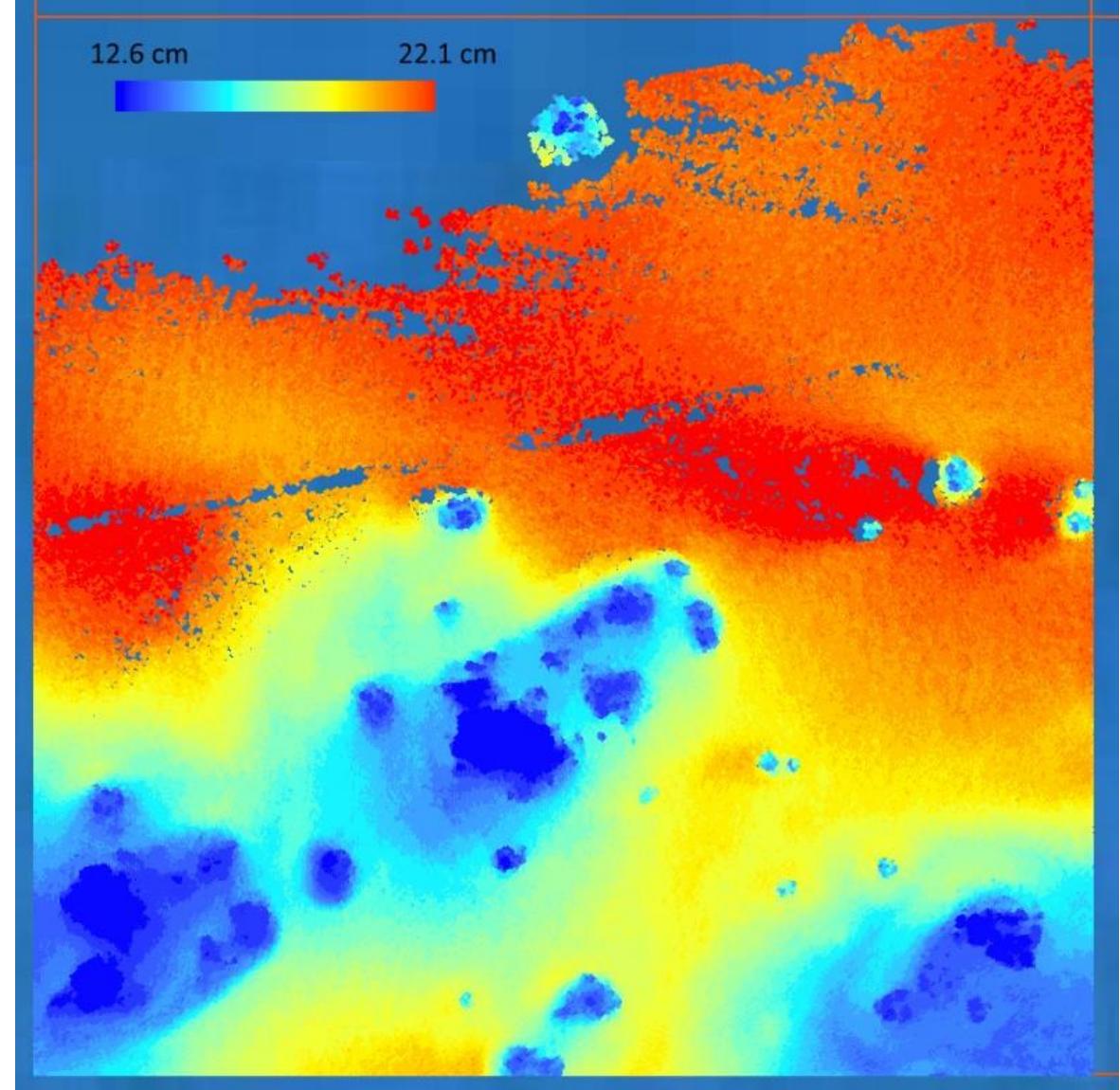
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# Outputs

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1 2016_413000e_2708500n TPU METADATA FILE
2
3 -----
4 PARAMETERS
5
6 water surface      : Model (ECKV spectrum)
7 wind               : Light breeze (3-6 knots)
8 kd                 : Clear
9 VDatum region      : Florida - Apalachicola to Anclote Key
10 VDatum region MCU : 0.102 (m)
11
12 -----
13 TOTAL SIGMA Z TPU (METERS) SUMMARY
14 -----
15 FILE ID   MIN     MAX     MEAN     STDDEV    COUNT
16 0          0.12694 0.19020 0.15310 0.01531 204983
17 1          0.12691 0.20547 0.15702 0.01978 567315
18 2          0.12624 0.21894 0.19762 0.00601 92338
19 3          0.12712 0.22121 0.16592 0.02391 390393
20 4          0.12713 0.21942 0.16005 0.02127 560137
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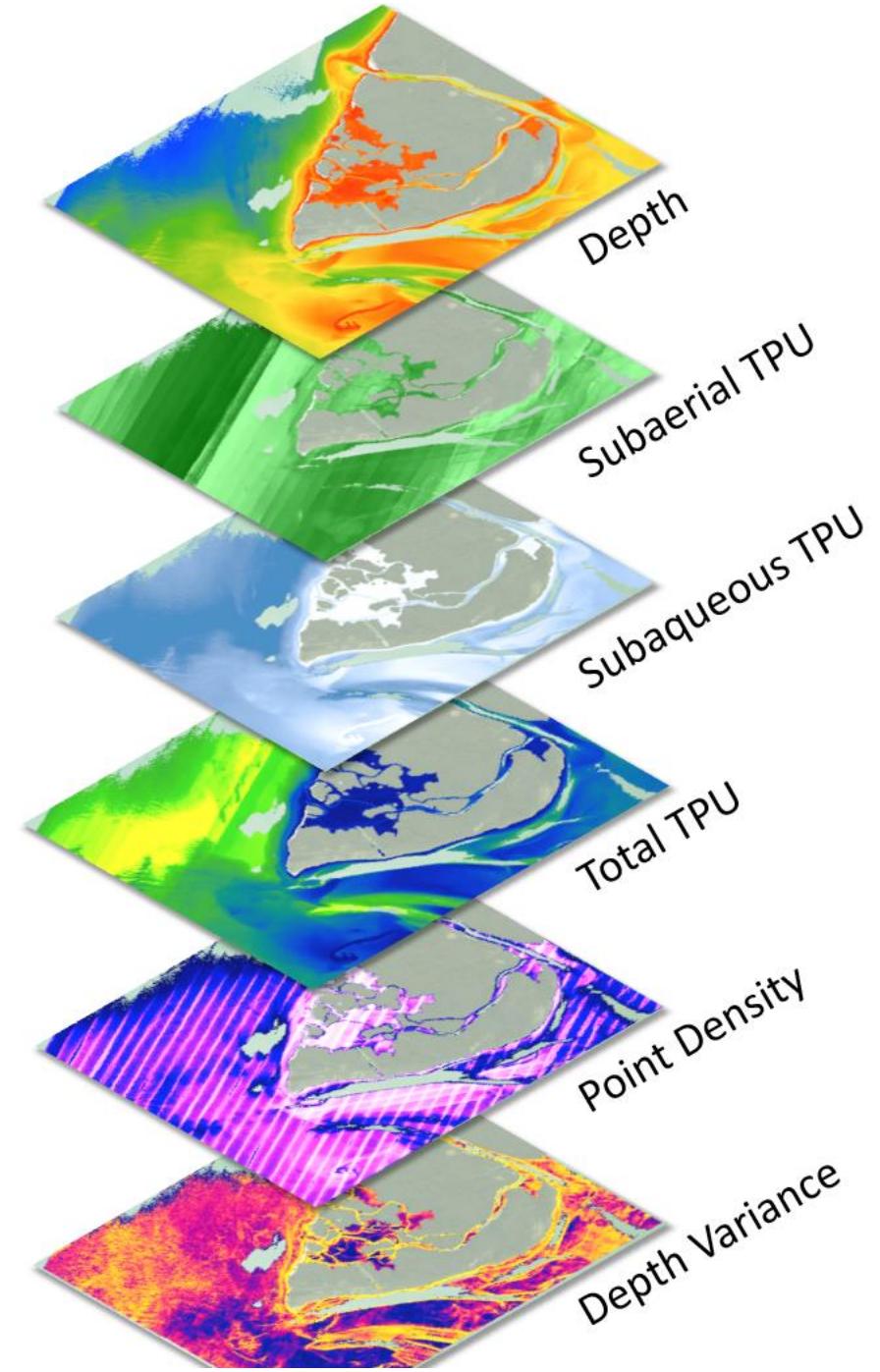
TPU Metadata File



Per-point TPU (displayed as uncertainty surface)

# Summary and next steps:

- Version 1.0 delivered to NOAA/NGS
  - Currently being evaluated for operational use
- Continuing to improve model by:
  - Accounting for additional component uncertainties
    - Boresight angle uncertainties
  - Improving how some component uncertainties are modeled
    - Range and scan angle uncertainties
- Extending to other bathy lidar systems
  - Leica Chiroptera II, EAARL-C, others, ...
- Assessing outputs for a number of project sites to gain enhanced understanding of TPU and the environment



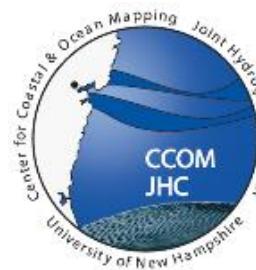
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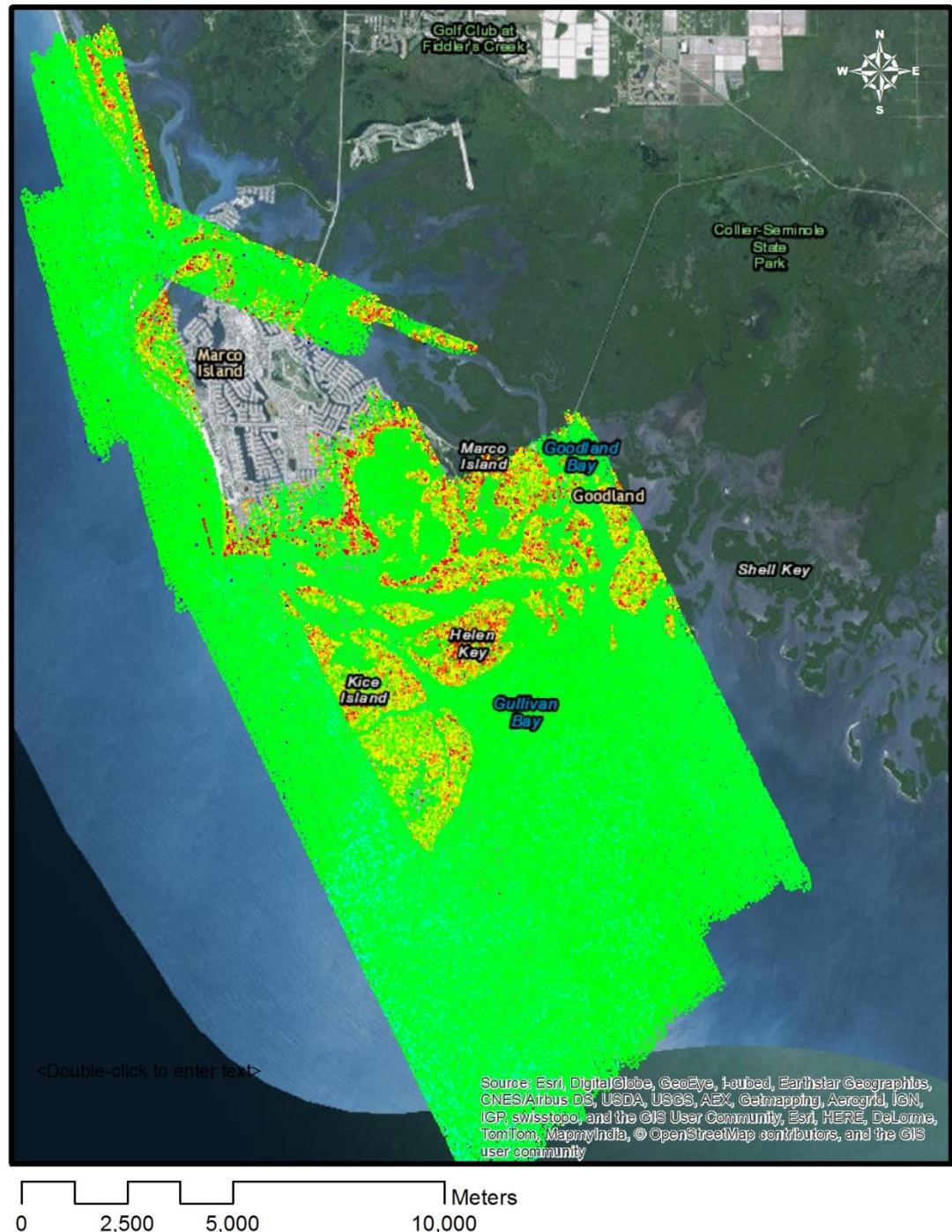


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# Backup Slides

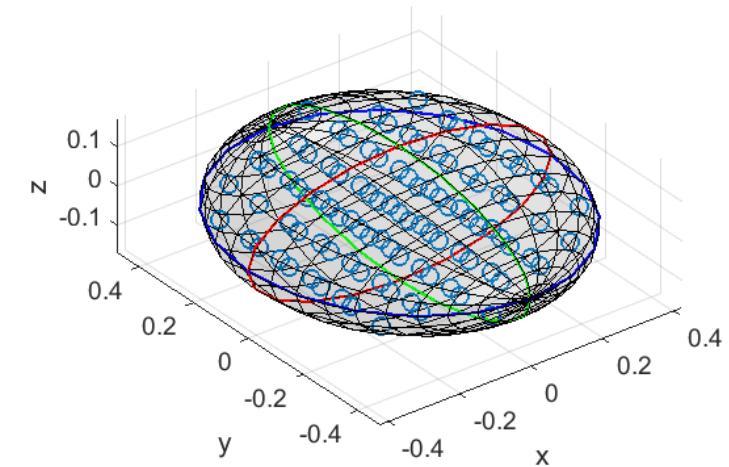
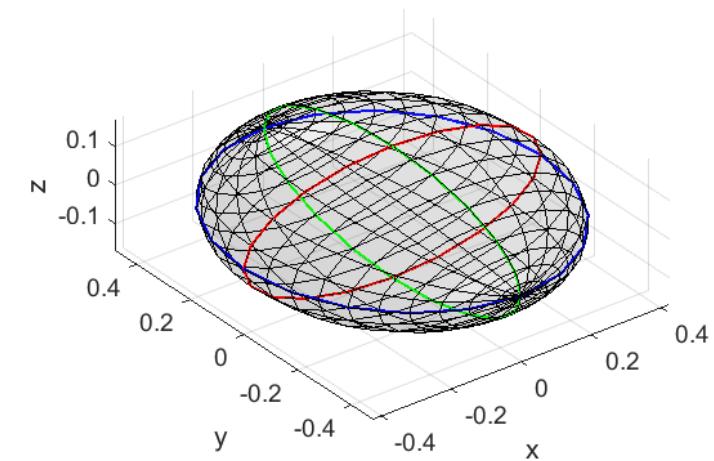
# Initial study site

- Southwest Florida
  - Cape Romano/Marco Island/Gullivan Bay
  - $> 150 \text{ km}^2$
- Flown by NOAA/NGS/RSD in May 2016 with Riegl VQ-880-G
- Data provided by NOAA
  - SBET ascii output with standard deviations:  $\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z, \sigma_r, \sigma_p, \sigma_h$
  - Wind speed, direction and fetch
  - NOAA NCCOS (Stumpf, et al.)  $K_d$  grid product
  - LAS file with Riegl reflectance and pulse shape deviation in LAS ExtraBytes



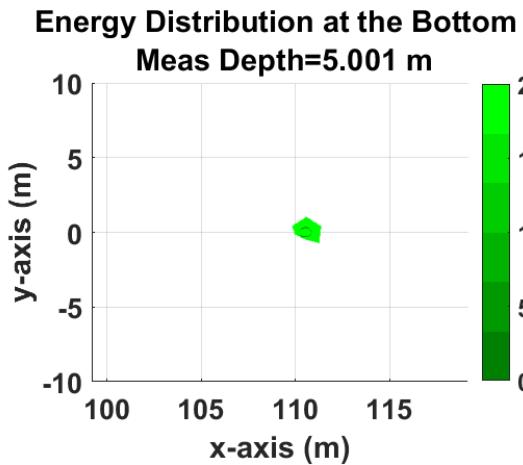
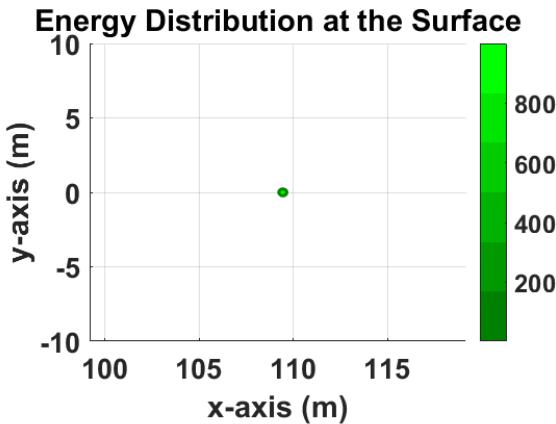
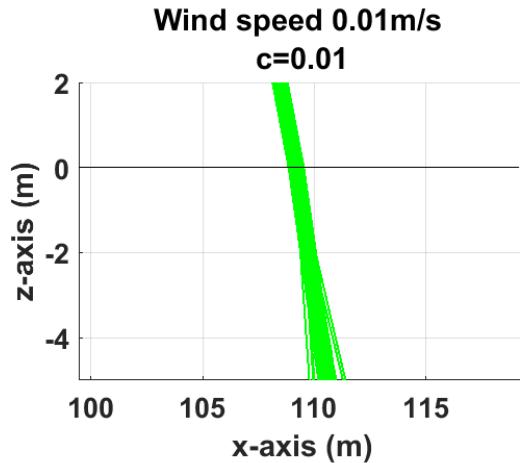
# Combining subaerial and subaqueous uncertainties

- Surface  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$  and  $\sigma_z$  values are determined through geolocation equations
- Generate an uncertainty ellipsoid around a single laser point on the water surface.
- $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$  and  $\sigma_z$  propagated to the seafloor through MC simulations

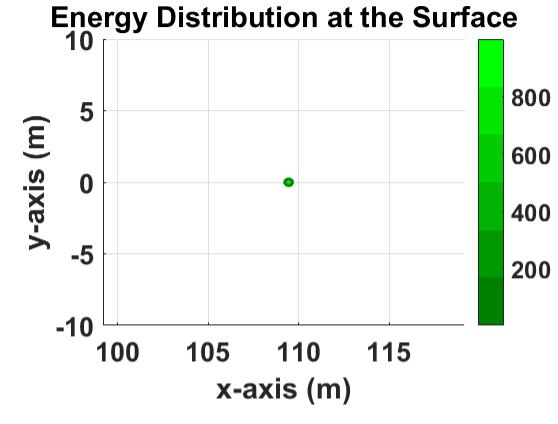
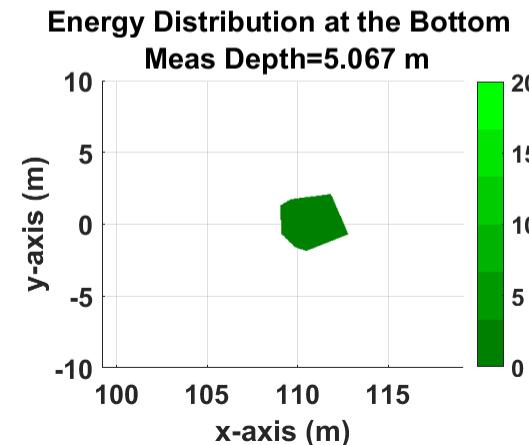
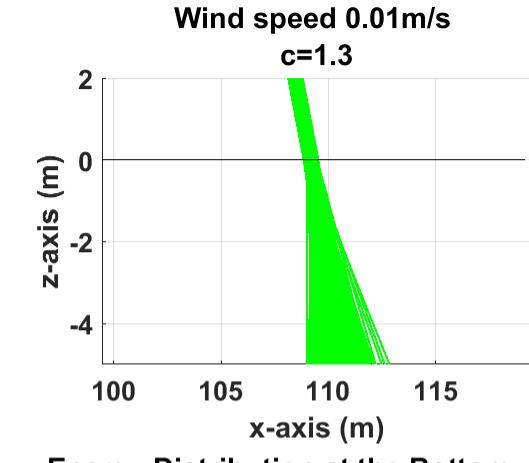


Uncertainty ellipsoids on water surface (top) and seafloor (bottom)

# Effects of water turbidity:



less turbid water



more turbid water

# Key to reasonable runtime: polynomial fits of $\sigma_z$ (subaqueous) to input parameters!

- Determined that polynomial surface fits of  $\sigma_z$  to water clarity, depth and wind speed (or Riegl water surface) provide good results
- Eliminates need to time-consuming Monte Carlo ray tracing each time user hits: “Compute TPU”
  - Just need to pre-compute and store polynomial coefficients

