Testing New Approaches for Multiscale Oyster Mapping and Monitoring



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An Interdisciplinary Perspective on Data Collection and Analysis for the Study of Marine Environments

Study of the marine environment



Oyster Mapping

Study of structures is often limited in vertical and horizontal extents Changes in conditions are dynamic and adequate temporal monitoring is difficult Need for information at multiple scales CAN REMOTE SENSING HELP?



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Intertidal & subtidal systems



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Radar does not provide a reflectance value but an intensity value called "backscatter", which gives information on surface roughness and geometry



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Hypothesis (interdidal):

Intertidal coastal features can be delineated and subsequently identified using a combination of multispectral and radar imagery at a broad scale



Yuvaraj et al. (2015)

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<u>Subtidal</u>

Satellite-derived bathymetry and geomorphometry

Approaches: -Physical-based -Empirical-based -Photogrammetry





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Satellite-derived bathymetry and geomorphometry

Gemorphometry:

The discipline that helps derive quantitative measures of terrain morphology; digital terrain analysis









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Hypothesis:

The combination of geomorphometry with satellite-derived bathymetry can help target areas that are susceptible to be subtidal oyster reefs. However, validation will be necessary.



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UAS imagery with geomorphometry and object-based image analysis (OBIA)





+ slope, rugosity, relative position index, orientation of the slope, etc.

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<u>Object-based image analysis</u>

Instead of grouping similar individual pixels together, it first segments the imagery into objects based on spectral, topographic, and structural characteristics (segmentation)

Those objects are then classified (classification)





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1. Laplacian filter (edge detection) 2. Water mask 4. Segmented mosaic 3. Mosaic with intertidal habitat

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Provides information about horizontal and vertical extent, and 3D structural complexity

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Subtidal:

-UAS-derived bathymetry

-Acoustic mapping using autonomous surface vehicle



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Intertidal:

UAS imagery at low altitude





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Area to Volume Ratio









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Subtidal:

High-resolution acoustic data

Underwater photogrammetry



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-Radar and multispectral imagery

- -Satellite-derived bathymetry (Wenhao Liu)
- -Geomorphometry
- -Object-based image analysis



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- -Unmanned aerial systems (M. Espriella, W. Liu) -Autonomous surface vehicles
- -Geomorphometry (Vincent Lecours)
- -Object-based image analysis (Michael Espriella)



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-Low-altitude UAS (M. Espriella)
-Ground-truthing
-Underwater photogrammetry
-Geomorphometry (Kwan Kim)







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Remote sensing is not a panacea; all approaches have their limitations

If we don't try to apply these different approaches to our context, then we'll never know if they work or which kind of information they can provide

With the proper funding, we can possibly have answers in a few years

Thank you!





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