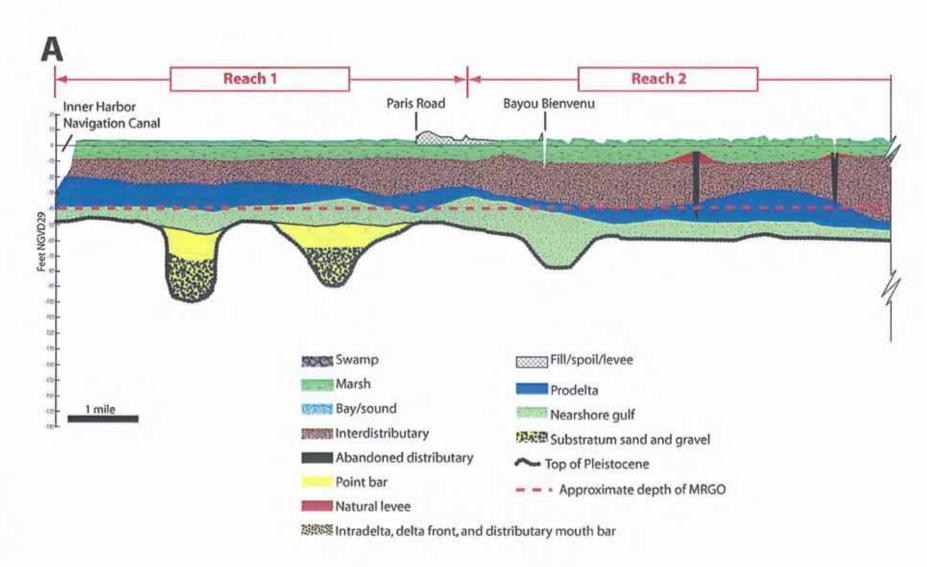
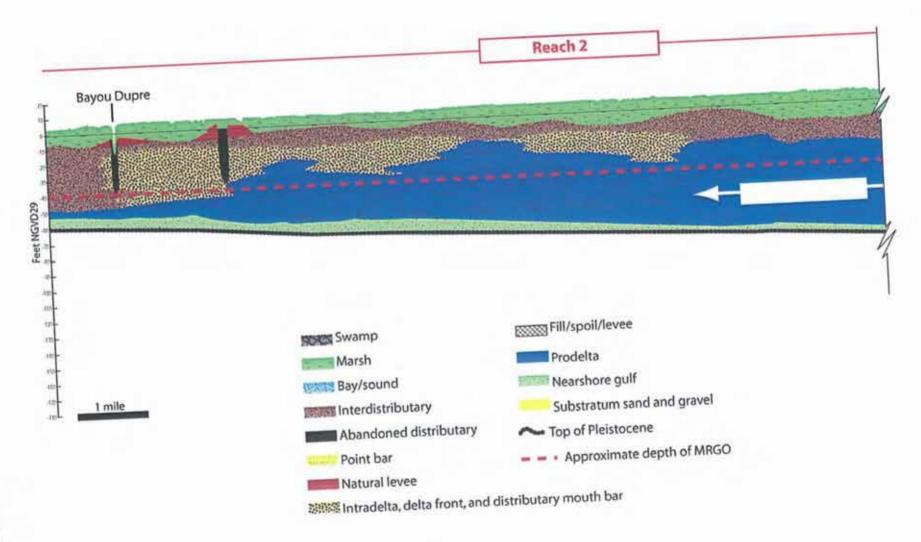


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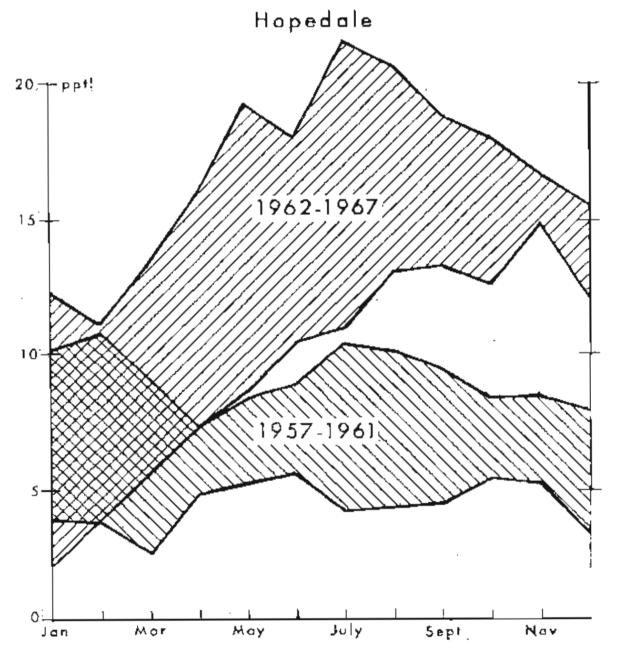


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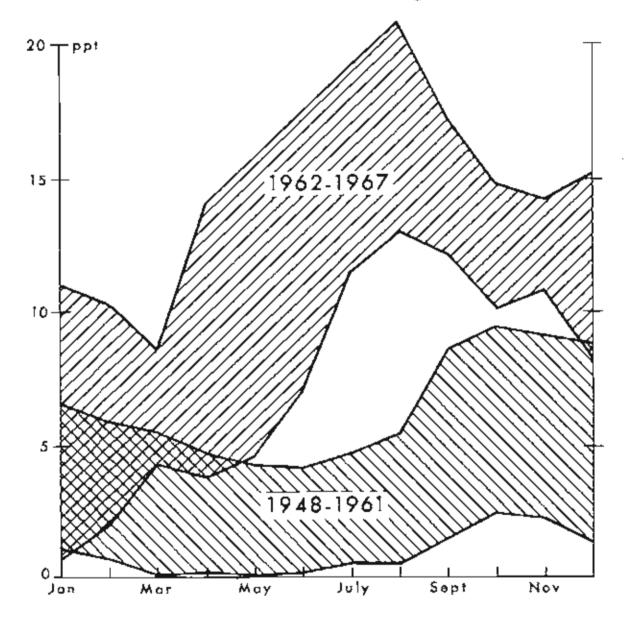


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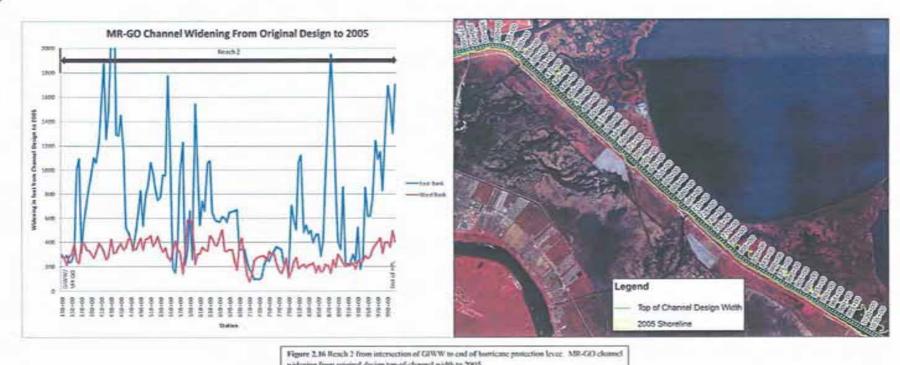




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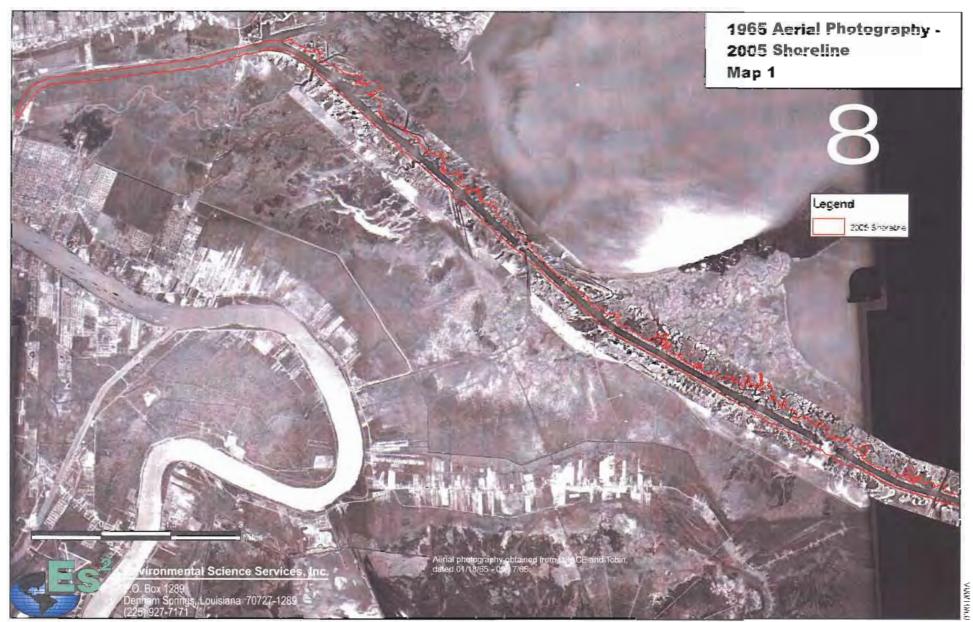
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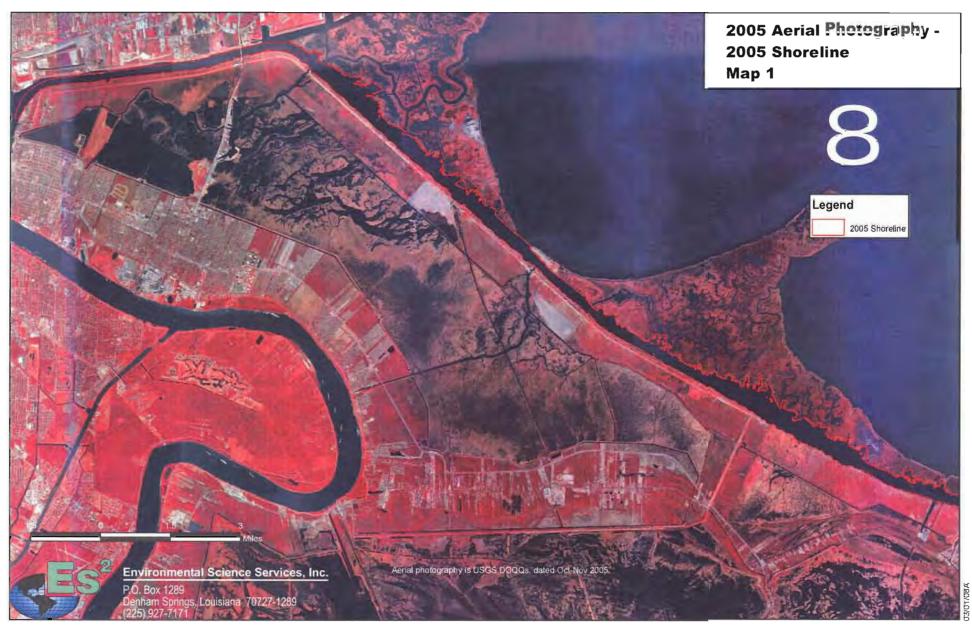












30. Figure 26 presents a historic timeline of the levee crest elevation at Station 497+00 from 1966 to 2007. At the time Hurricane Katrina hit the MR-GO area, the levee crest elevation had settled approximately 1.5 feet below the target crest elevation of +17.5 feet (NGVD). Also included on this plot are approximations of storm surge elevations (high water marks) near Station 497+00 from observations following Hurricanes Betsy (USACE, 1965) and Camille (USACE, 1970).

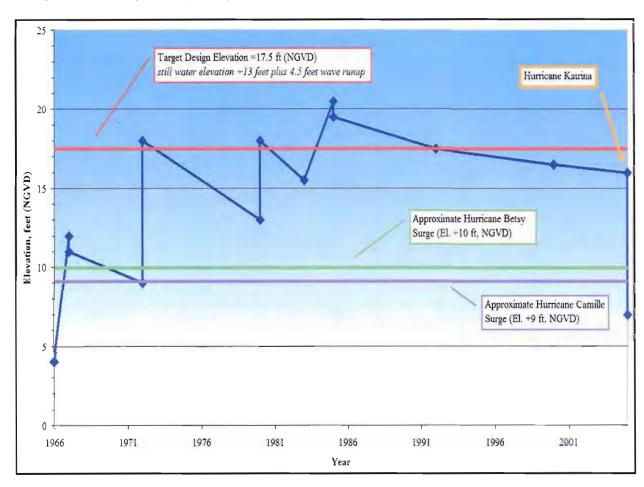


Figure 26: Plot of levee crest elevation from 1966 to 2007, when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans (Bea and Storesund 2008).

113. Fitzgerald et al continue (Figure 10):

"Conceptual model for lateral displacement of the interdistributary deposits into the MR-GO channel excavation due to overburden loading and the high-angle of channel walls as built by the USACE. This phenomenon was predicted prior to construction by USACE (1958) and resulted in the need for continual channel maintenance dredging as noted in USACE (1976). The migration of sediments into the channel from the underlying interdistributary deposits results in subsidence of the land surface and increases rates of landloss along the channel. Waves produced by wind and the passage of large oceangoing vessels accelerate the rate of bank failure and landloss within the marsh deposits."

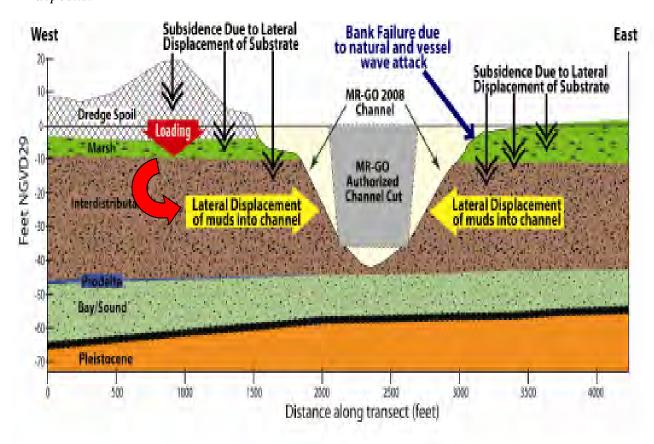
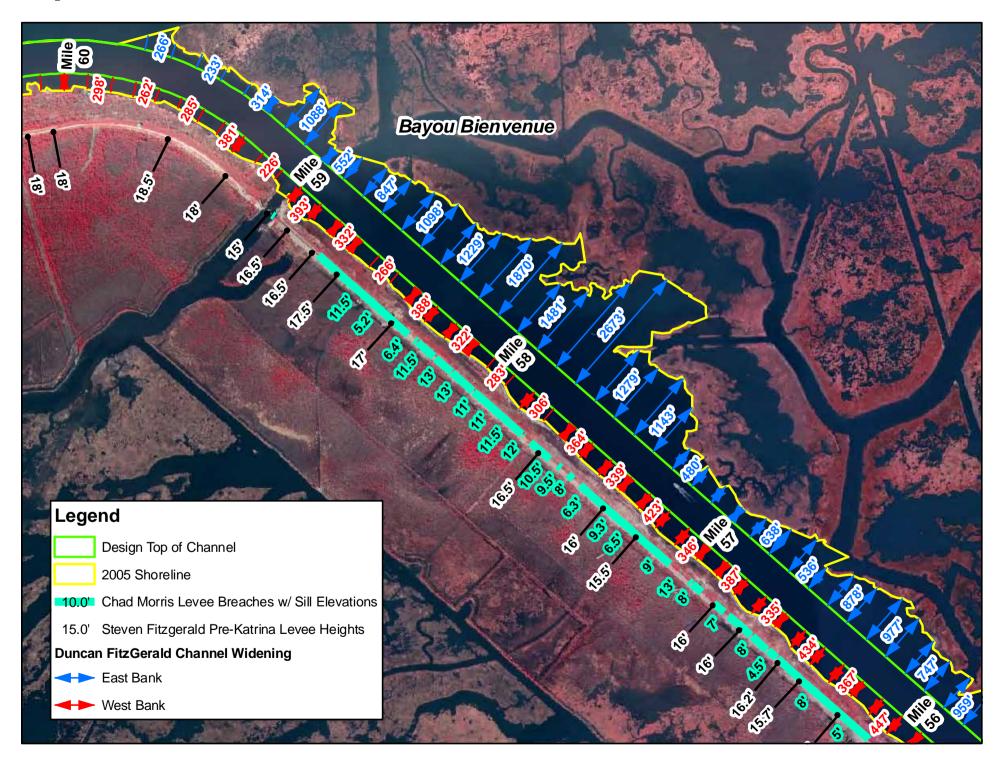
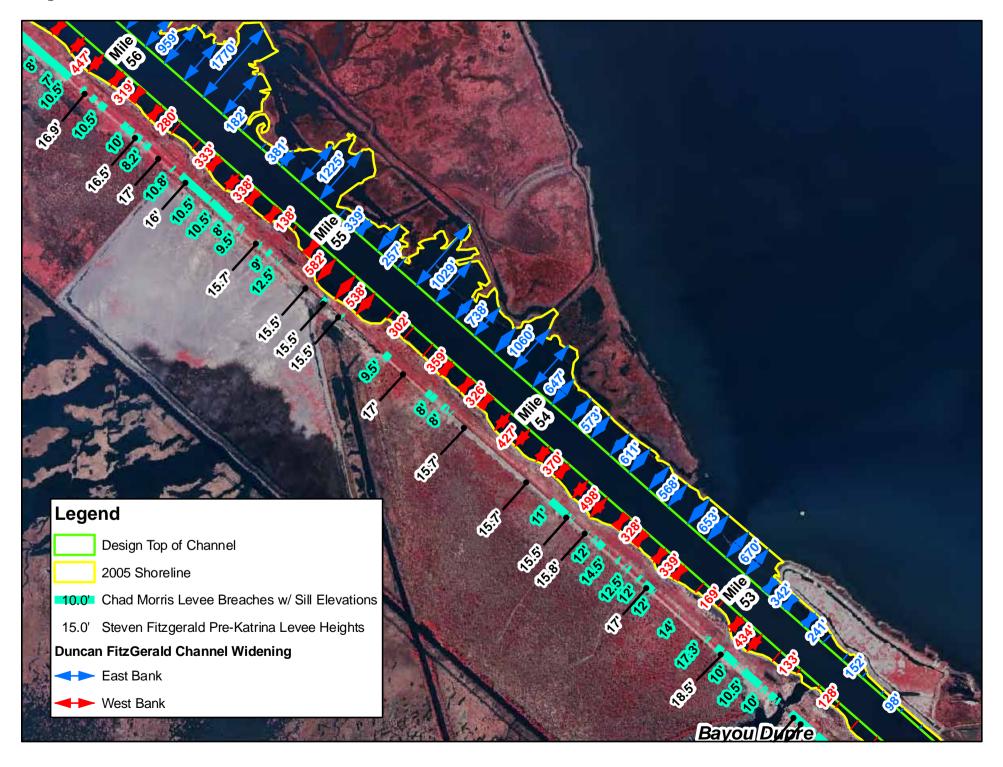
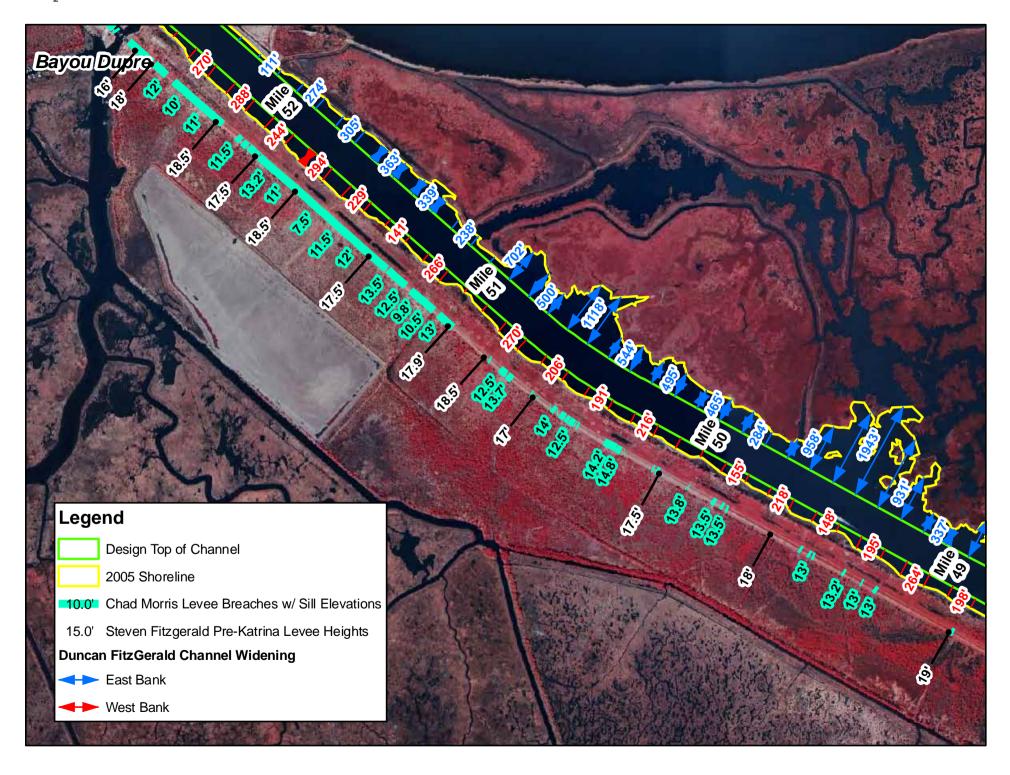
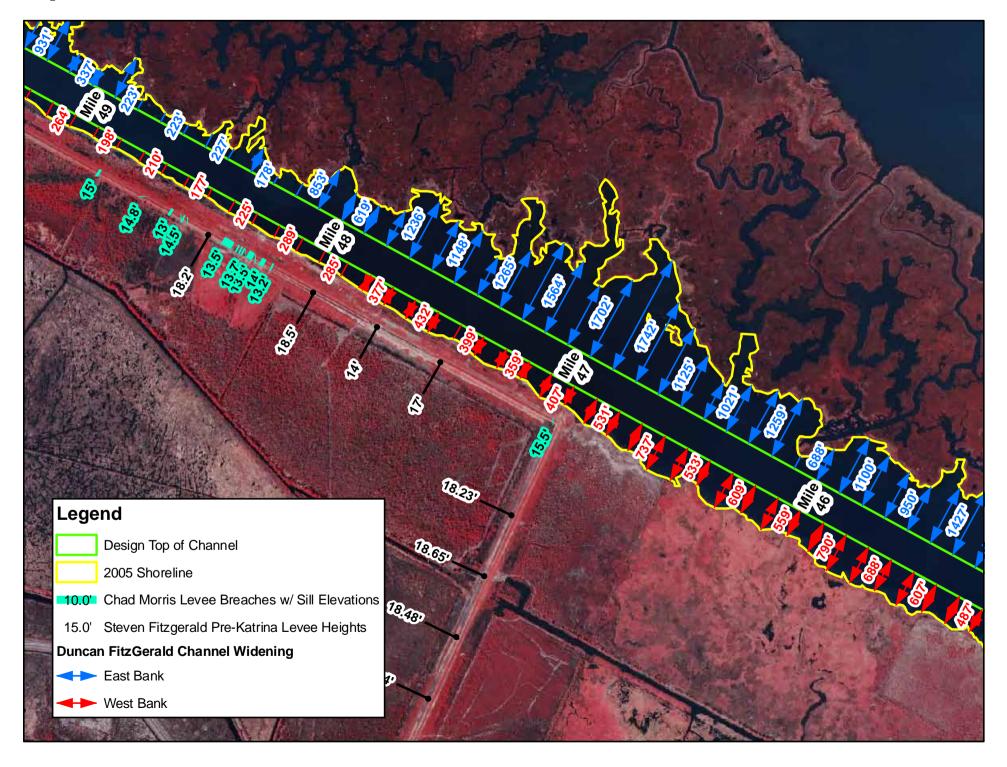


Figure 10: Model for lateral displacement of interdistributary deposits into the MR-GO channel excavation due to overburden loading (after Fitzgerald et al 2008).









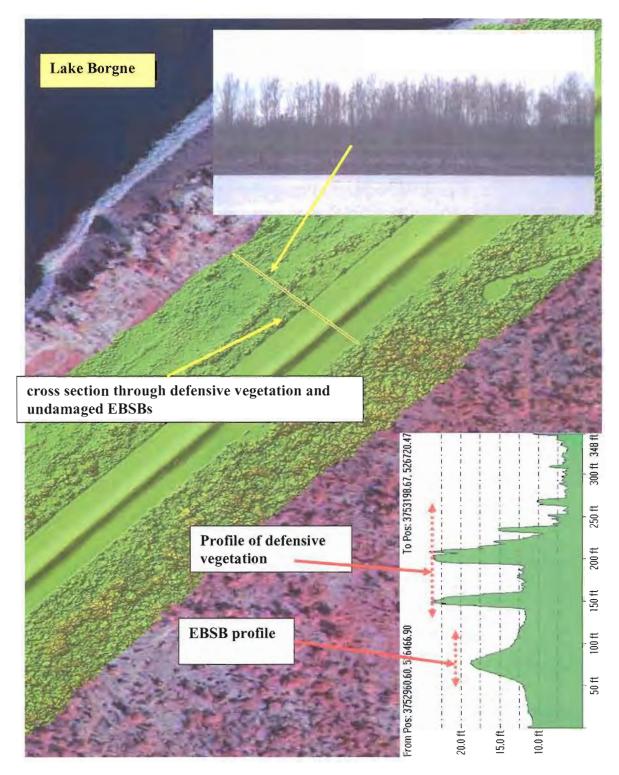


Figure 45: Processed LiDAR post-Hurricane Katrina survey data showing the substantial defensive line of vegetation outboard of the MR-GO Reach 2 EBSBs and the undamaged profile of the EBSBs in this section of the alignment (Morris 2008).

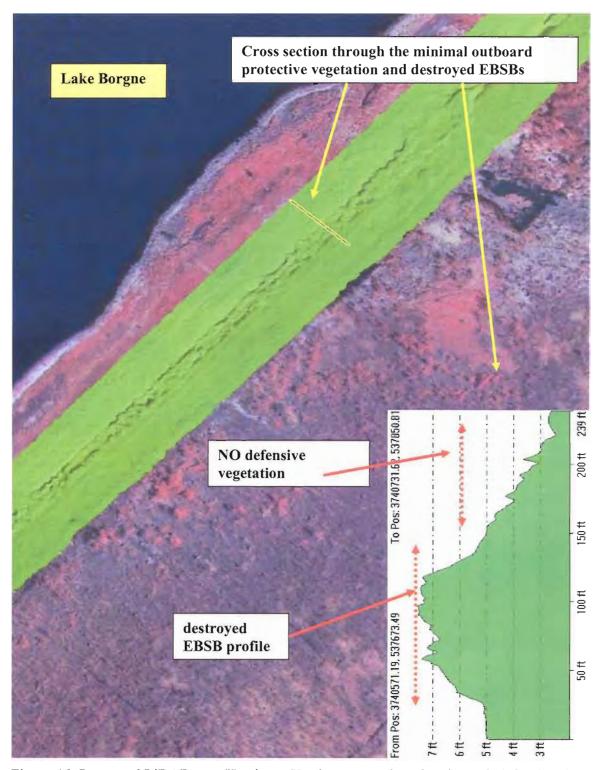


Figure 46: Processed LiDAR post-Hurricane Katrina survey data showing NO defensive line of vegetation outboard of the MR-GO Reach 2 EBSBs and the breached profile of the EBSBs in this section of the alignment (Morris 2008).



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Subject : Comparison flood depth development between Katrina event and Scenario 2C

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Comparison flood depth development between Katrina event and Scenario 2C

The flooding of the bowls in New Orleans has been simulated with the use of the 1D2D flood simulation program SOBEK, see Kok et al. (2007). In that report three bowls have been distinguished, the Orleans Metro bowl, the New Orleans East bowl and the Saint Bernard bowl. For the three bowls flood simulations are constructed. Following on that report this memorandum will present the flood depth development over time for five specific locations. These locations are all situated in the Saint Bernard bowl (figure 1). In the table and picture below the five locations are shown.

Table 1: The five considered locations

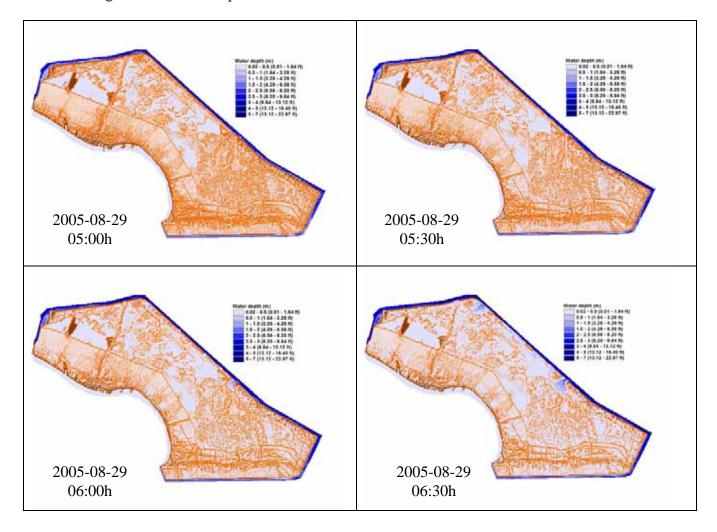
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1	3701833.15	558522.32	-7,06	-2,15	30° 01' 44.79" N	90° 00' 10.35" W	Norman Robinson	6965 Mayo Blvd
2	3711112.77	526786.89	5,02	1,53	29° 56′ 29.58″ N	89° 58' 29.07" W	Kent Lattimore	2100 Marcelle Dr
3	3710323.83	526941.93	4,32	1,32	29° 56′ 31.20″ N	89° 58' 38.02" W	Lattimore & Associates	9117 W Saint Bernard Hwy
4	3723163.88	530081.29	0,72	0,22	29° 57' 00.75" N	89° 56' 11.64" W	Tanya Smith	3920 Despaux Dr
5	3698969.91	533470.55	1,53	0,47	29° 57' 37.14" N	90° 00' 46.21" W	Lucille and Anthony Franz	5926 Saint Claude Ave



Figure 1: Visual representation of the five locations

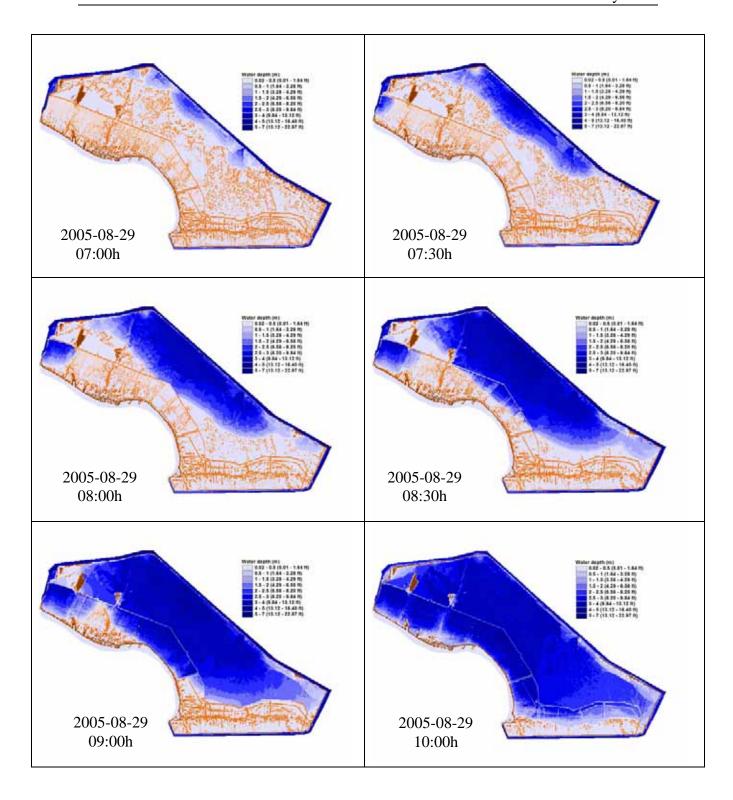
Because the locations 'Lattimore & Associates' and 'Kent Lattimore' are close together and the 50 by 50 meter grid that is used in the simulations these two locations will be considered as one.

In our model simulations no overtopping occurs before 7:00am, and the two breaches start at 7:00am. Therefore no water, except rain water, prior to 7:00am is visible inside the Lower 9th Ward in the simulation results. ILIT gives an alternative explanation for the early water mentioned by eye witness reports in IPET. ILIT mentions under seepage, water migrating from the channel, under pressure, beneath the IHNC floodwalls as a possible explanation for the early flood water in the Lower 9th Ward. Under seepage through a levee is not captured in the simulation.













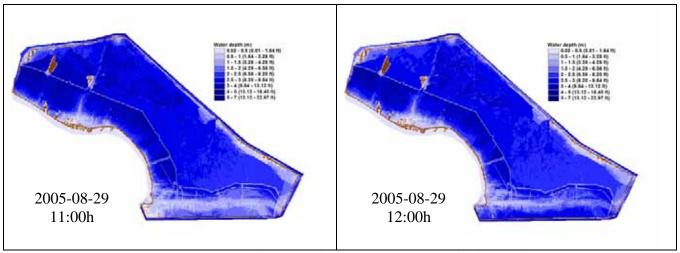


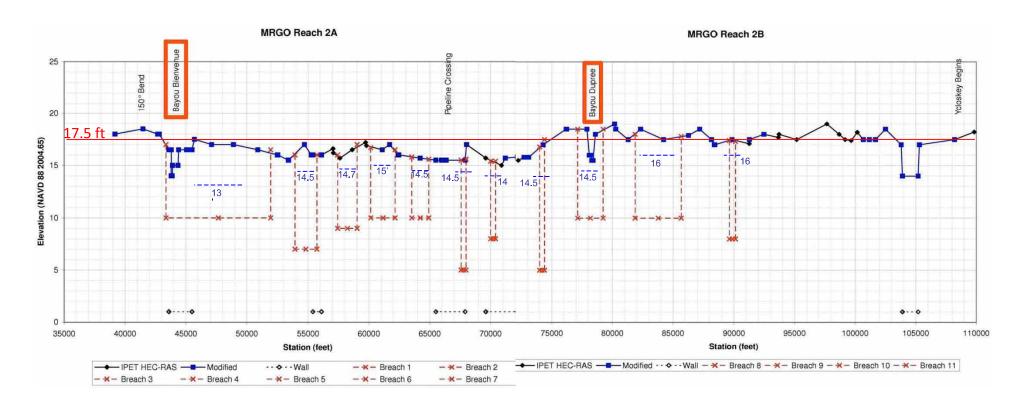
Figure 5.2 Progressing snapshots of the computed internal flooding water depth inside the St. Bernard bowl

Figure 5.2 shows the calculated maximum internal flooding depths in the St. Bernard bowl as a consequence of the breaches and overtopping initiated by hurricane Katrina. Figure 5.4 shows the comparison between our computed internal flood hydrographs and those presented by IPET for the St. Bernard bowl. The locations of the hydrographs are indicated in figure 5.1, location A corresponds with Lower 9th Ward NW., B with Lower 9th Ward E. and C with Chalmette. IPET based its hydrographs on eye witness accounts, stopped clock times and time/date stamped digital photographs. Our computed flood hydrographs are very similar to the data presented by IPET. The predicted peak flood level is within a foot of IPET's measurements. The peak in the model is a couple of hours earlier and the water level starts to decrease earlier than in the IPET hydrographs. The final water descent rate in the model is about equal to the IPET hydrograph.

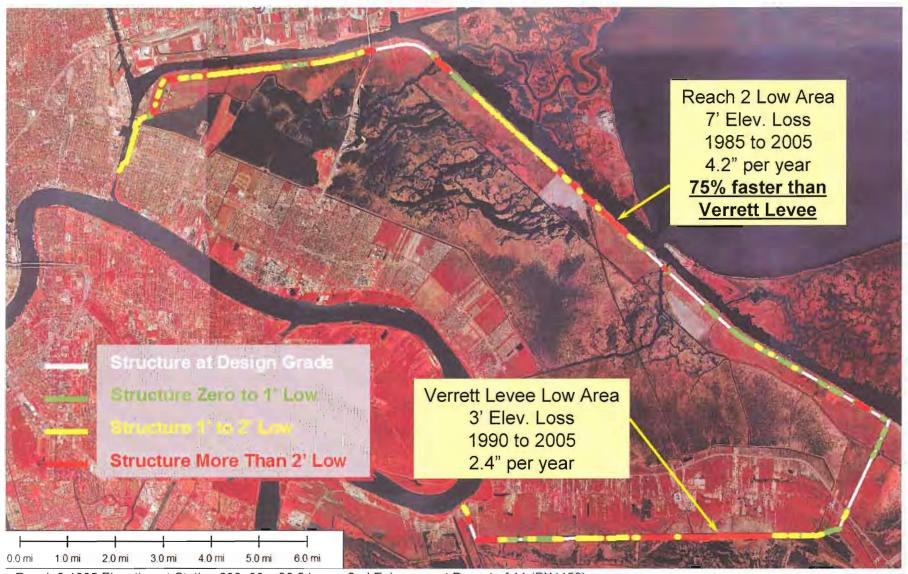
As discussed previously, in extreme events such as Katrina is difficult if not impossible to get direct measurement of some input data such as water levels at the time of a breach, especially right at the breach location. However, the differences between the computer model results and the calibration data are fully acceptable. For the purpose of this study the model results are very credible.





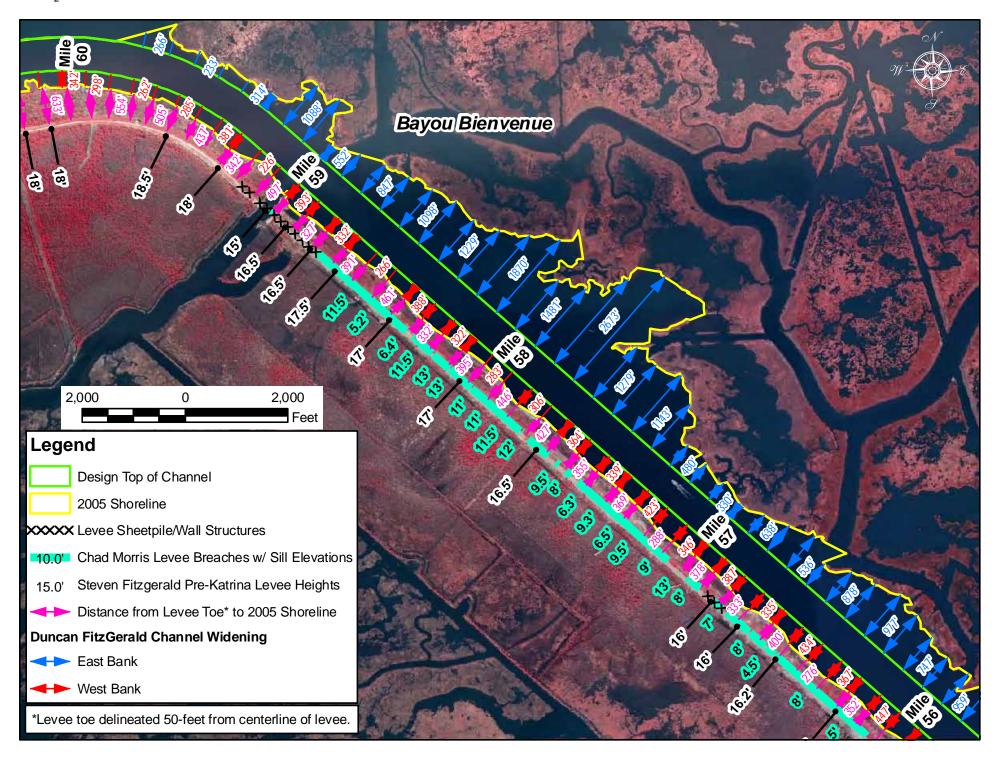


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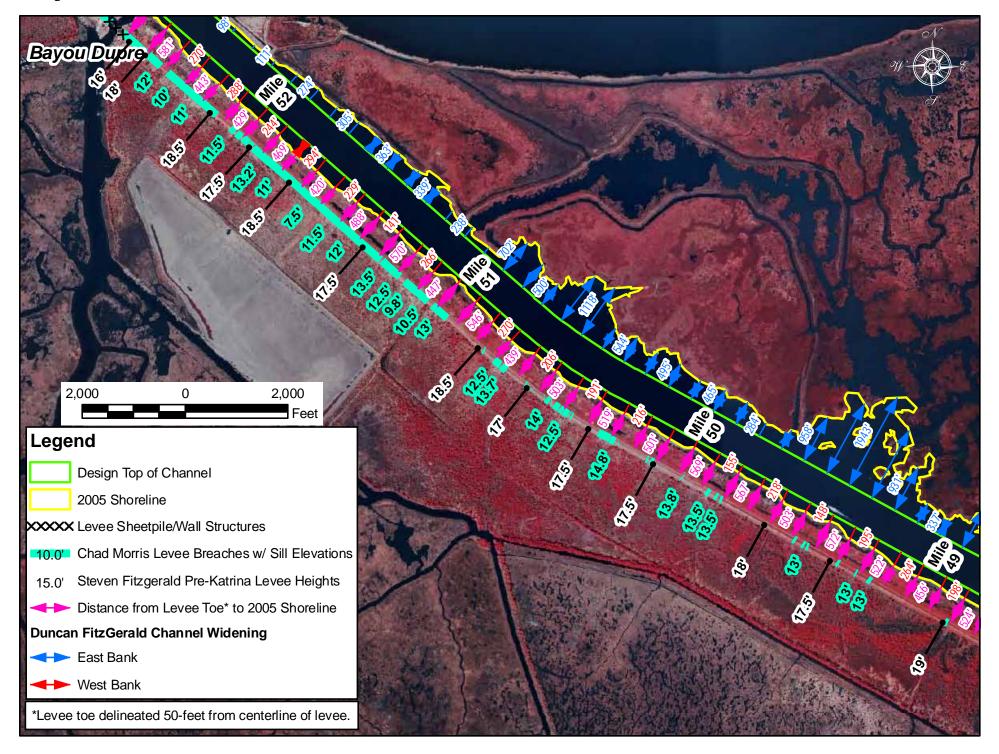


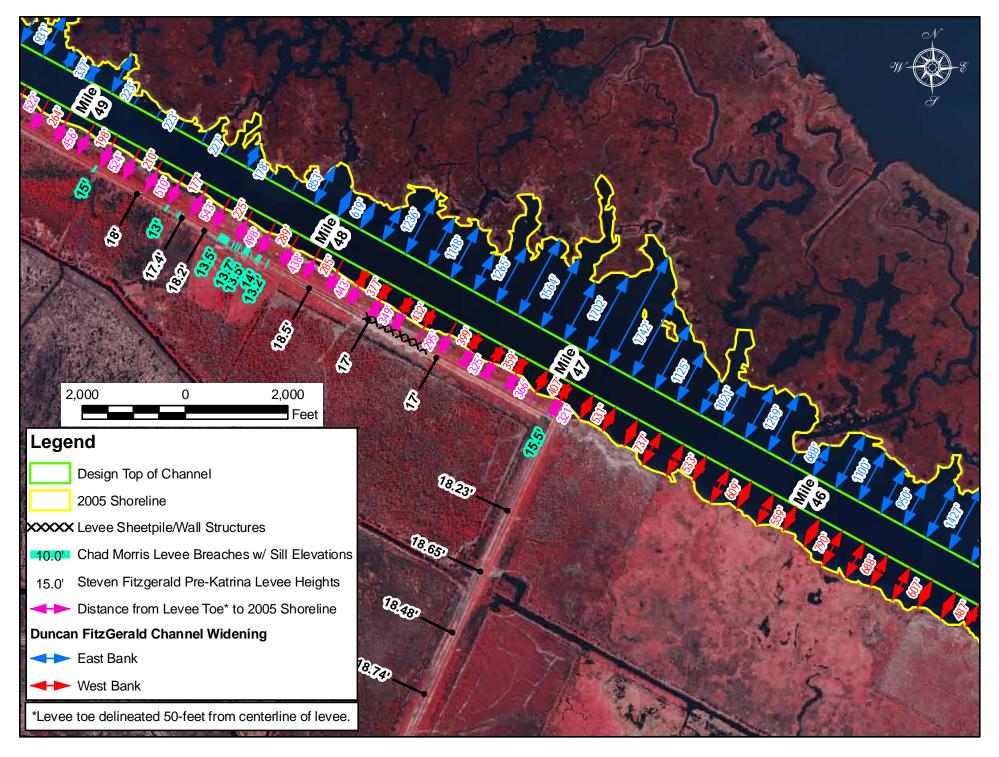
Reach 2 1985 Elevation at Station 630+00 = 20.5 Levee 2nd Enlargement Dwg. 4 of 11 (PX1153) 2005 Ground Elev. at Sheet Pile 13.5' Based on Pre-Katrina 1' Lidar (PX1851)

Verrett Levee 1990 Elevation 1300+00 = 17.5' Verrett to Caernarvon, 2nd Enlargement, Dwg 3 of 13 2005 Ground Elev. 14.5' Based on Pre-Katrina 1' Lidar (PX1851)









Observed, Modelled, and Adjusted Katrina Hydrographs: IHNC @ Lock

