

Geomorphic signatures of coastal change from multiple satellite-derived change indicators

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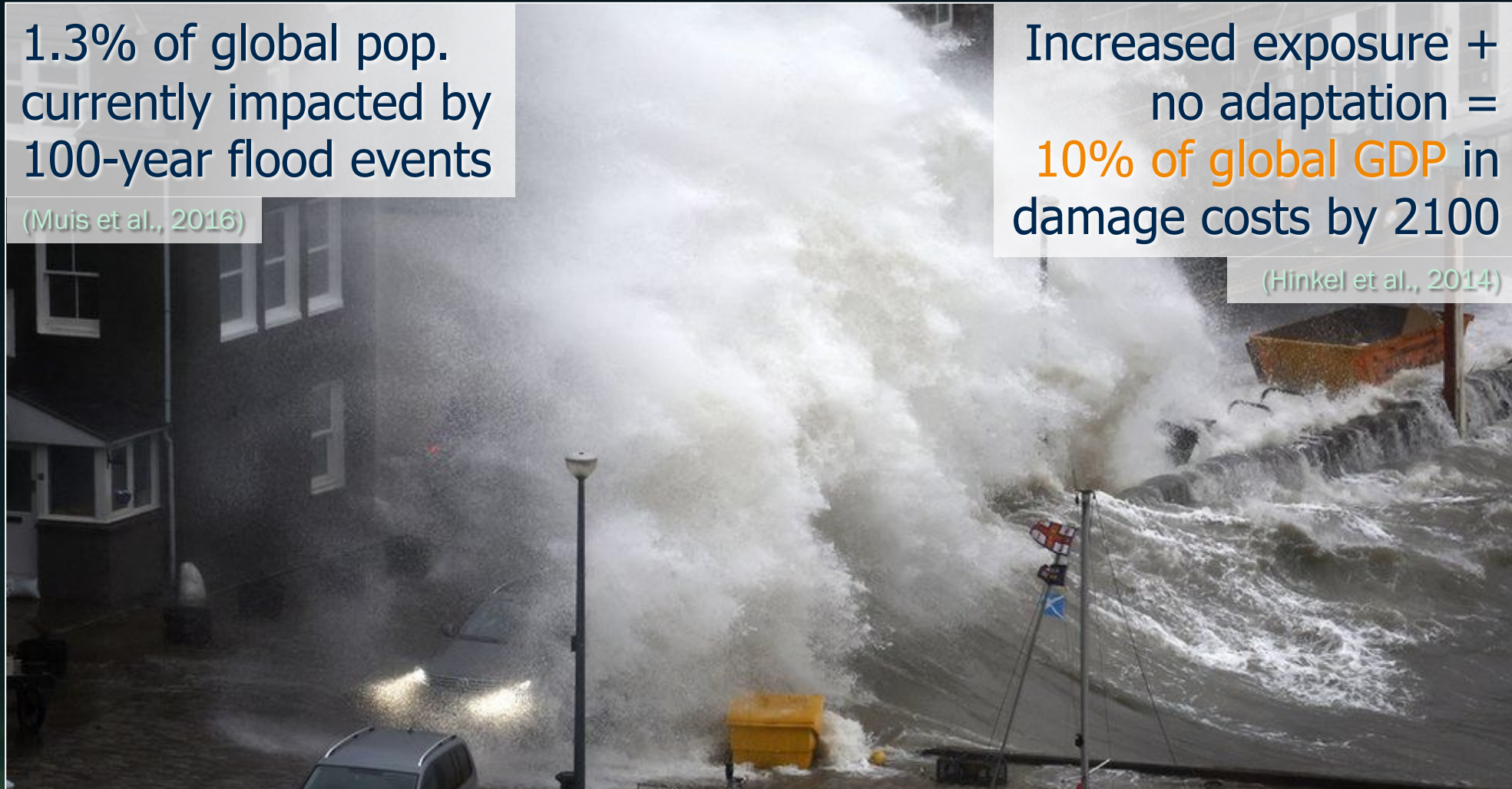
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1.3% of global pop.
currently impacted by
100-year flood events

(Muis et al., 2016)

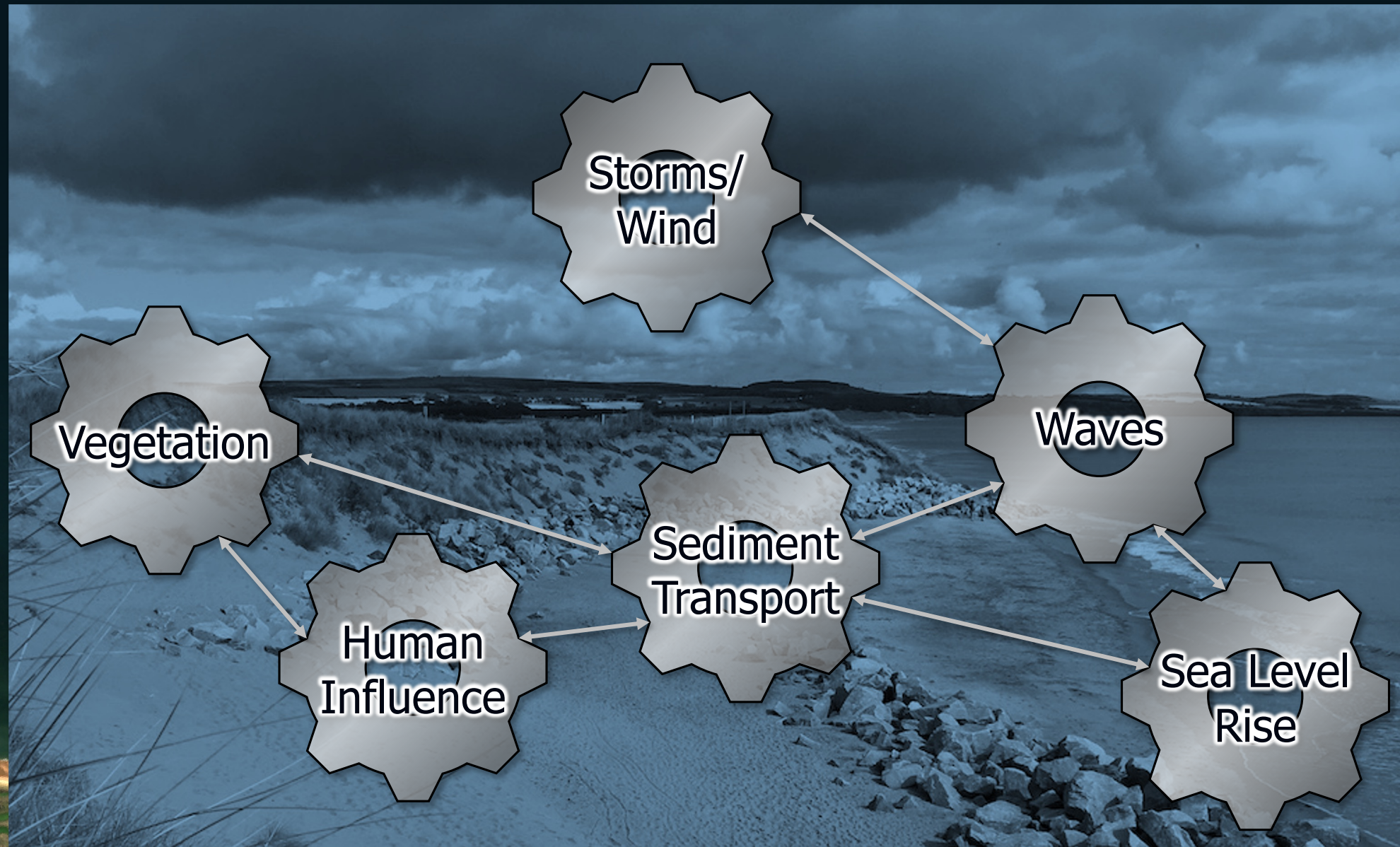
Increased exposure +
no adaptation =
10% of global GDP in
damage costs by 2100

(Hinkel et al., 2014)

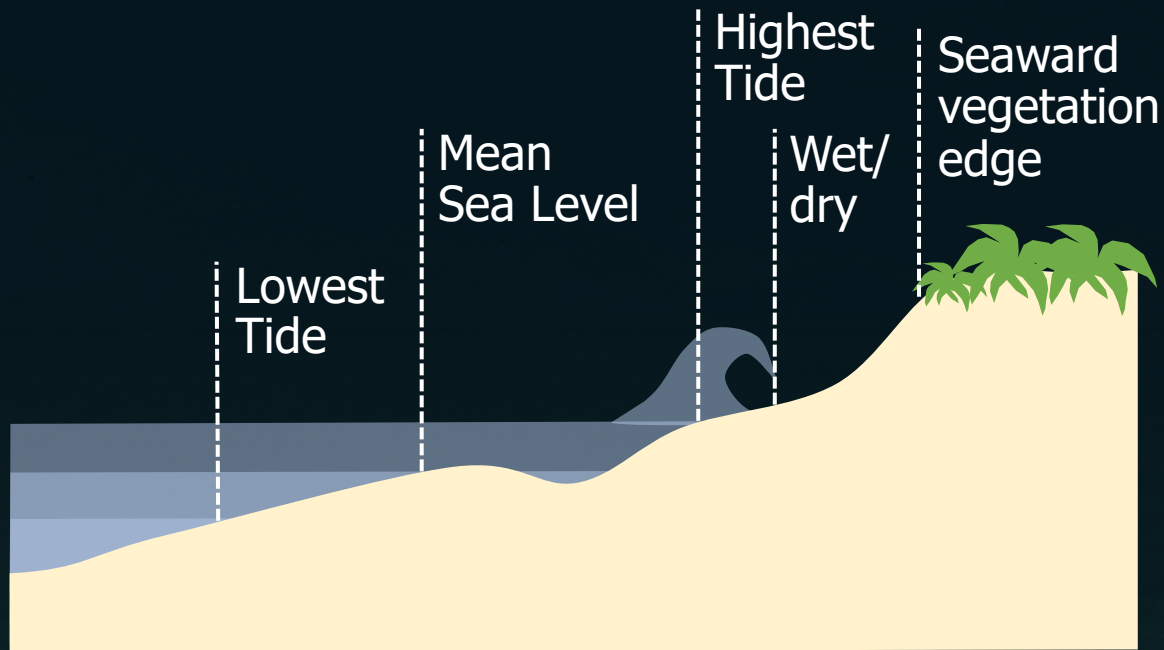


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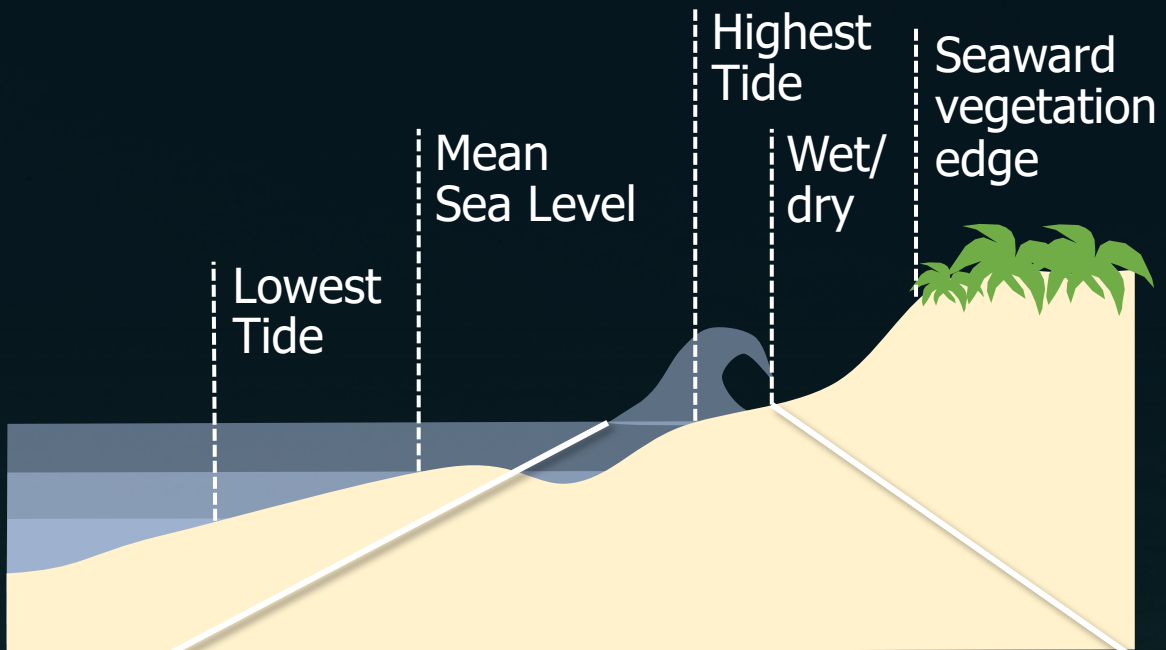


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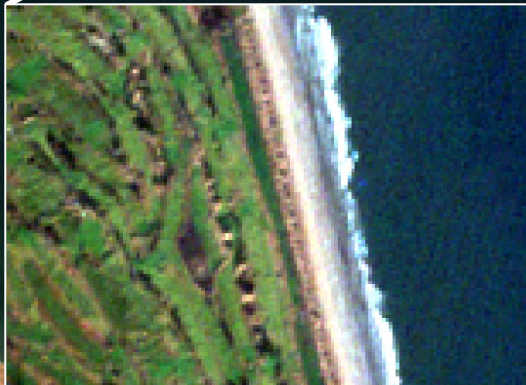


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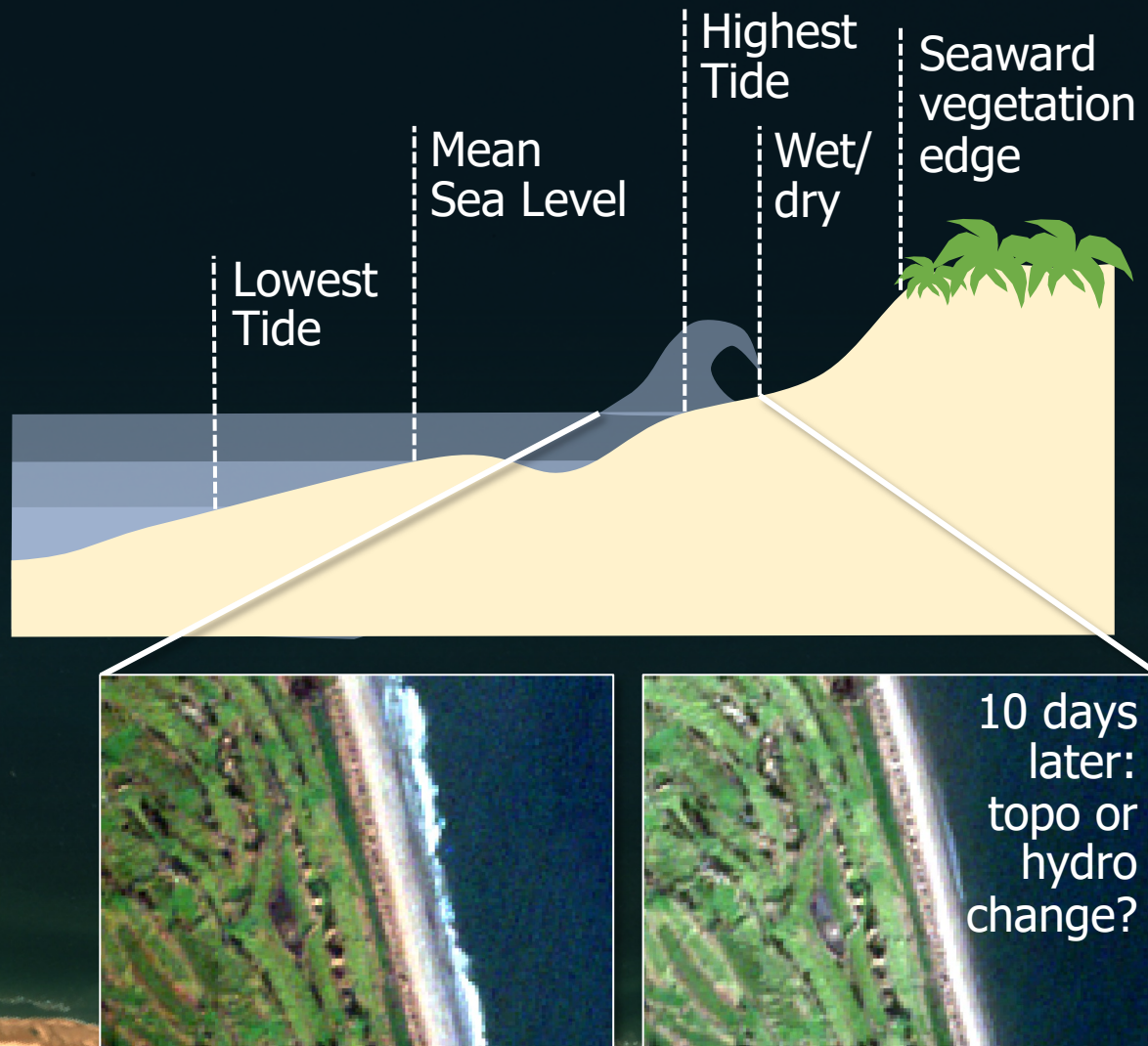
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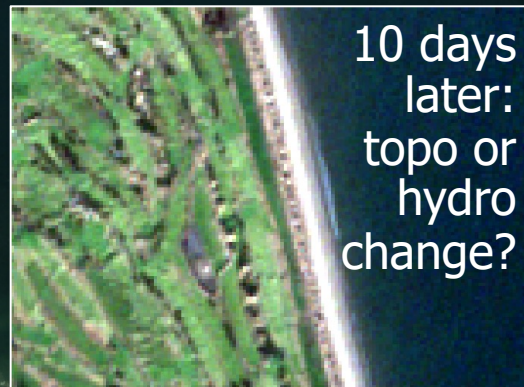
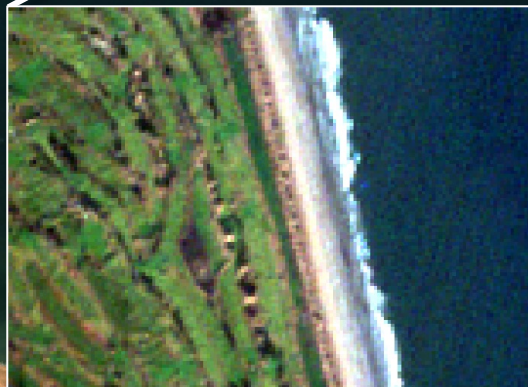
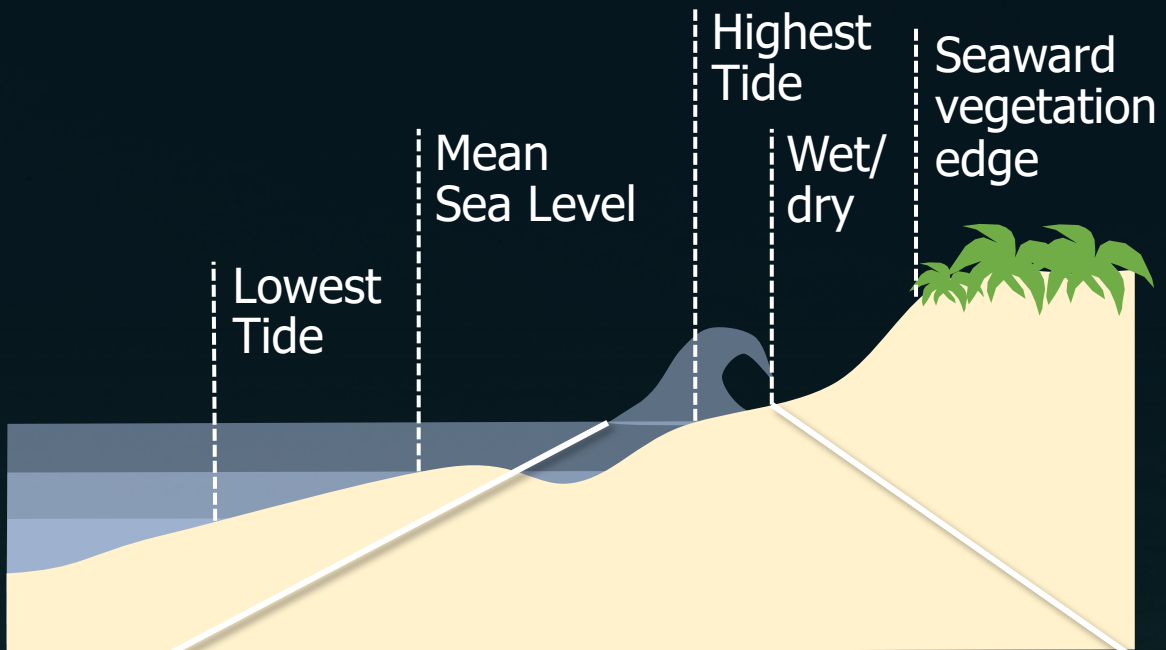
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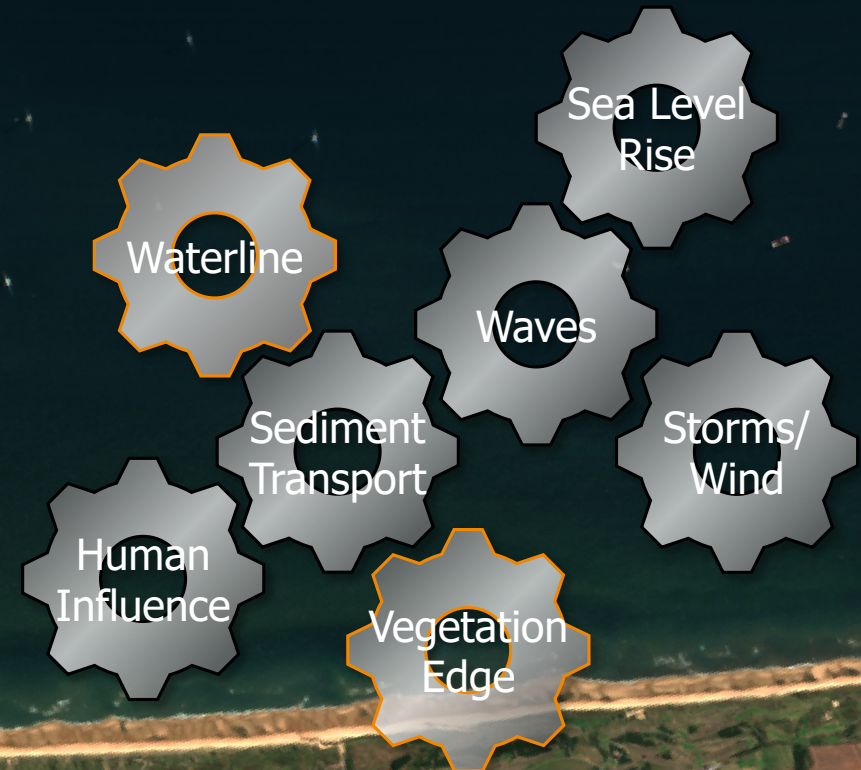
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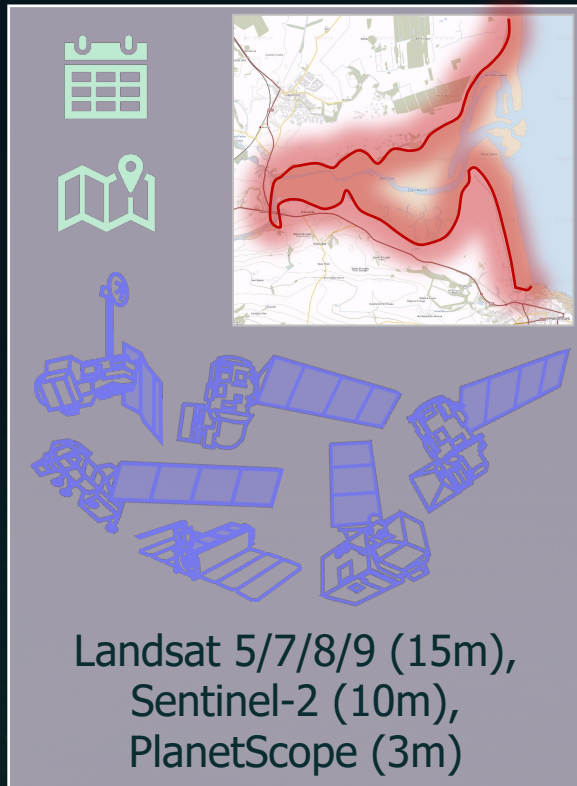
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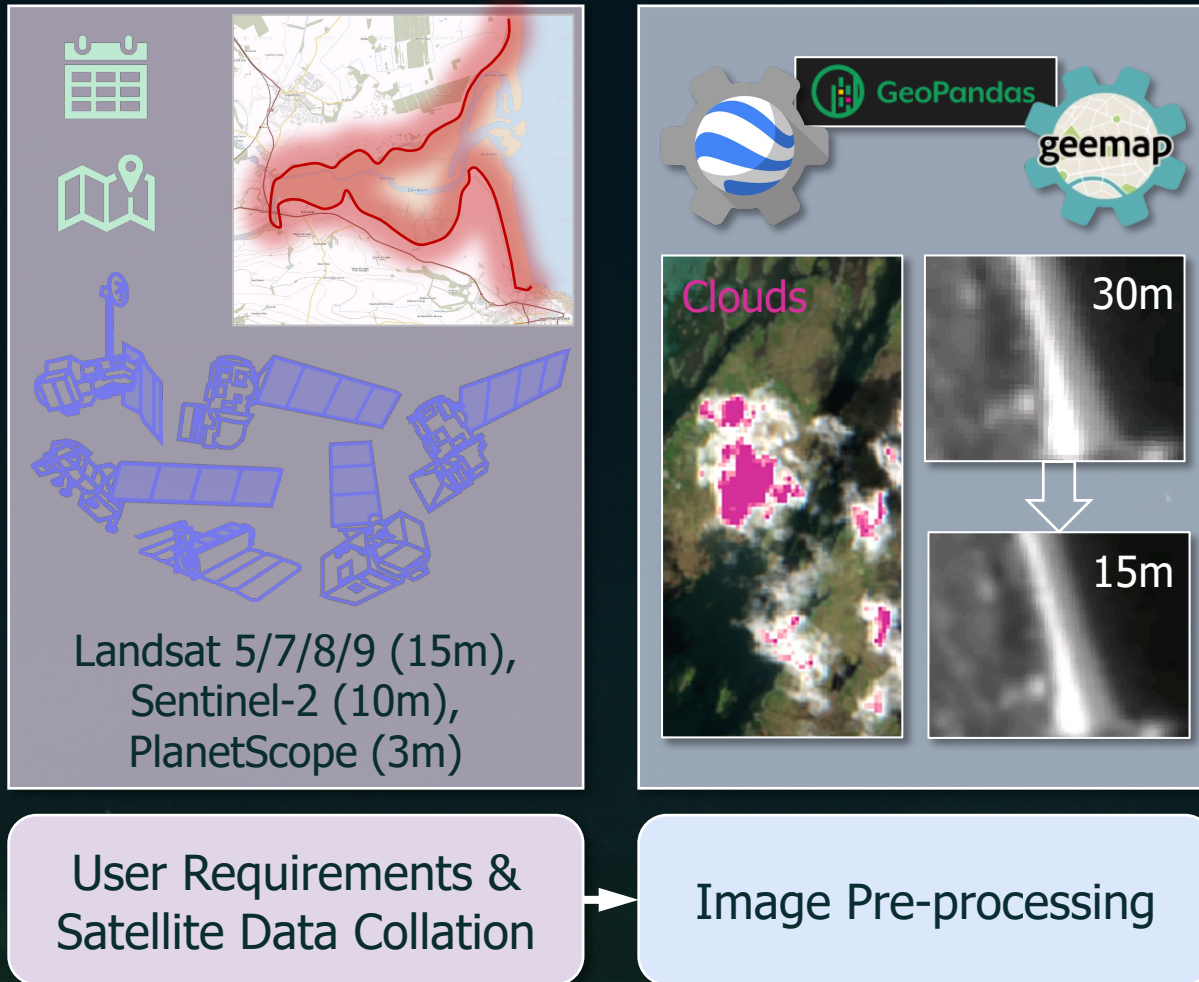
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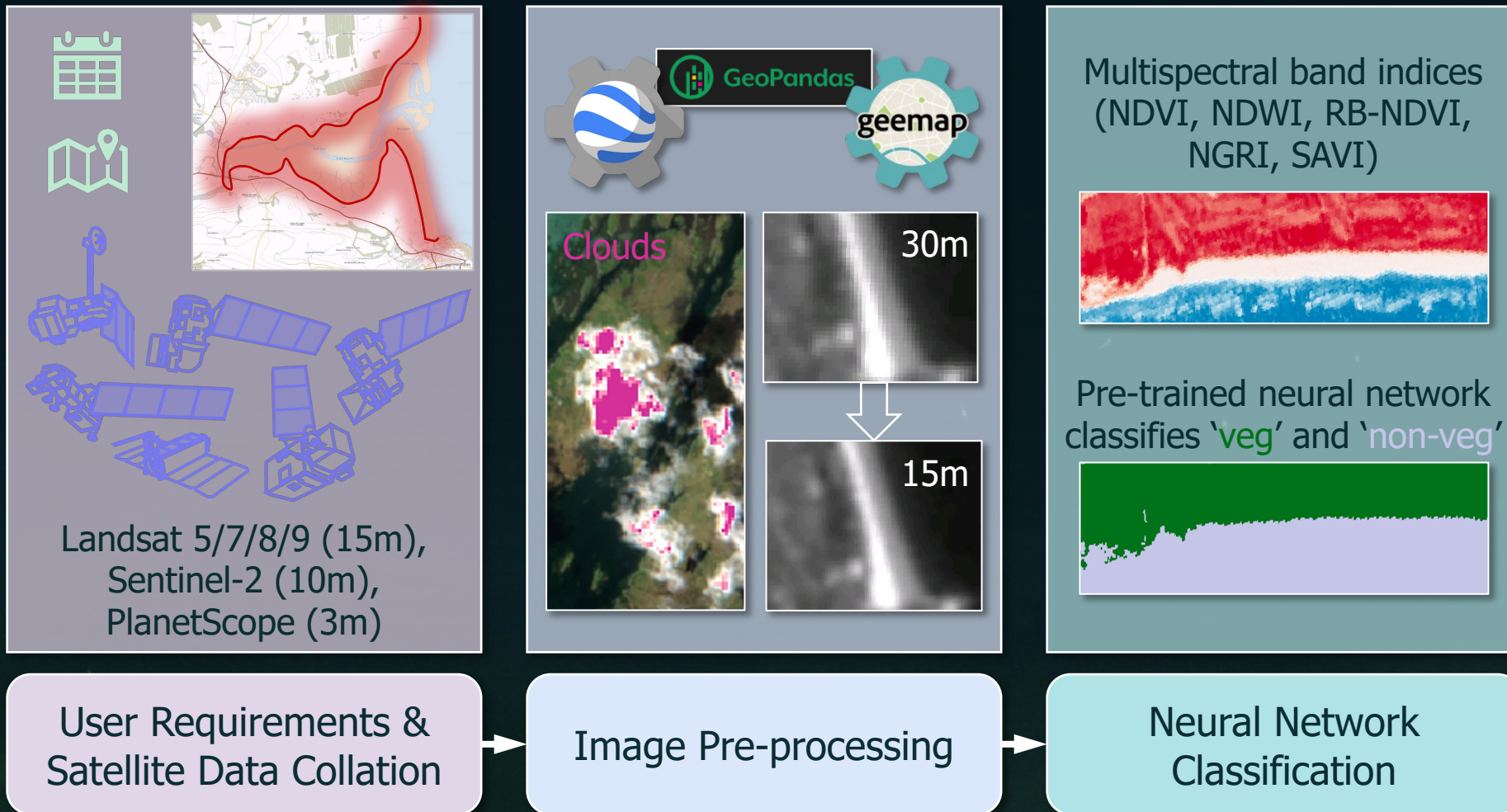
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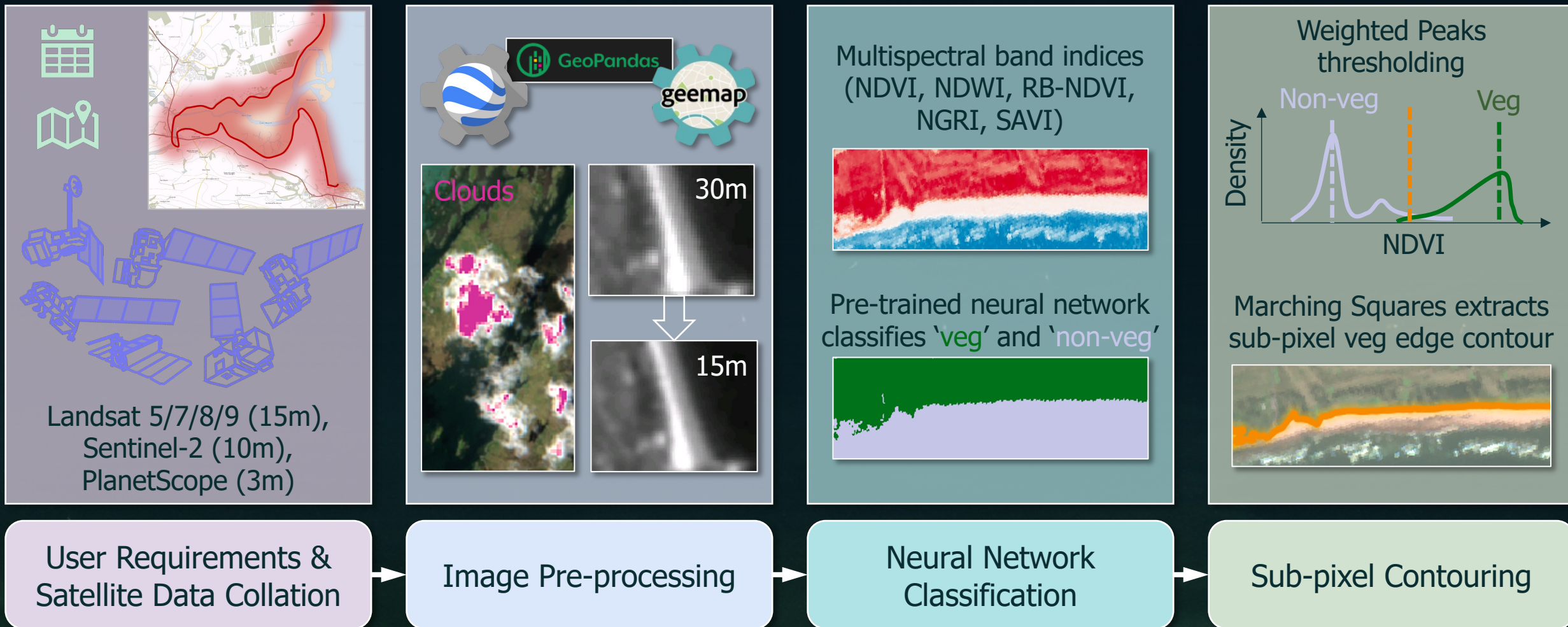


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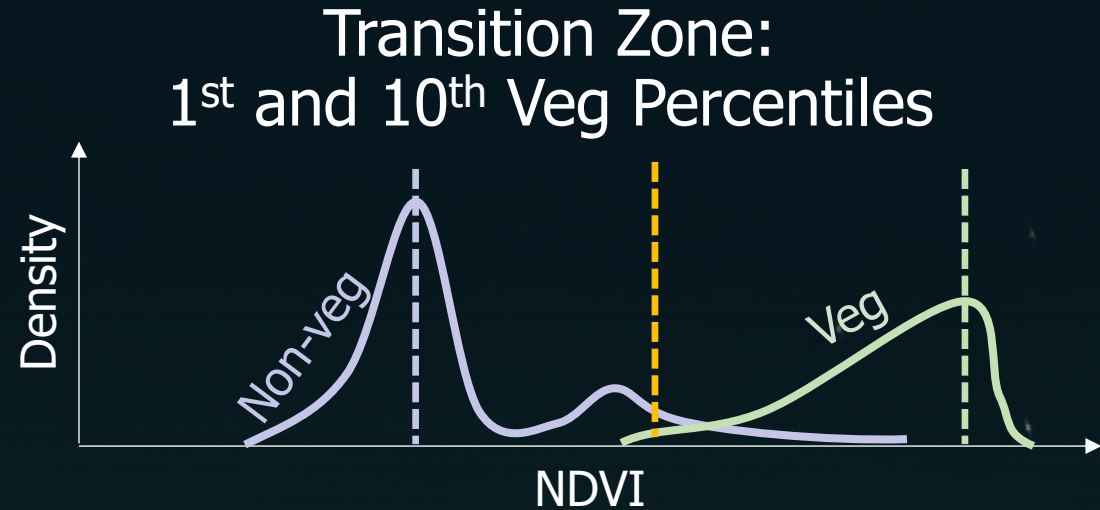


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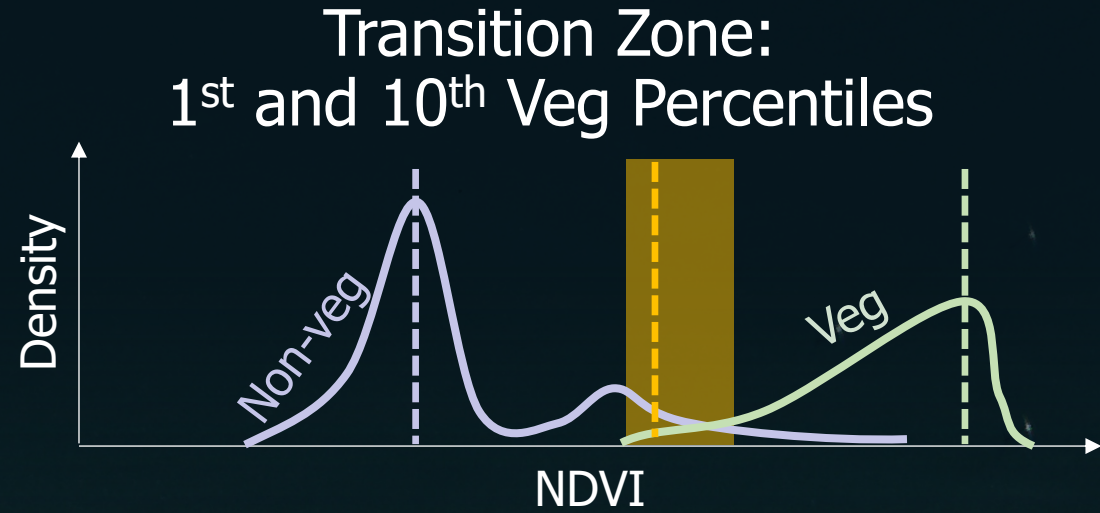
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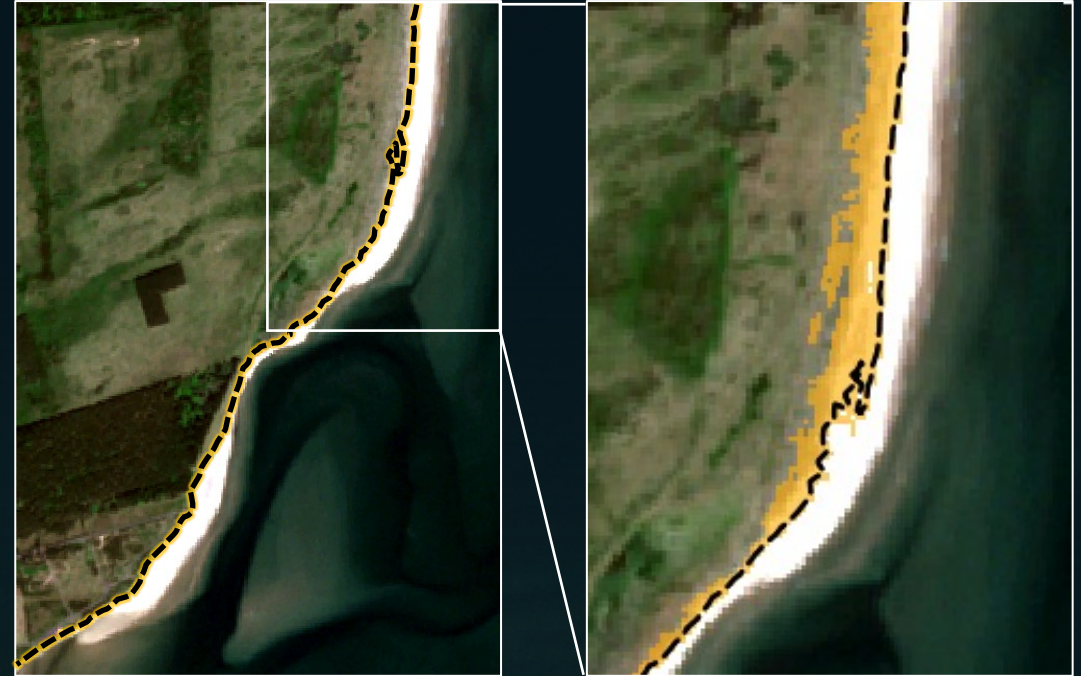
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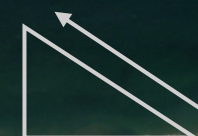
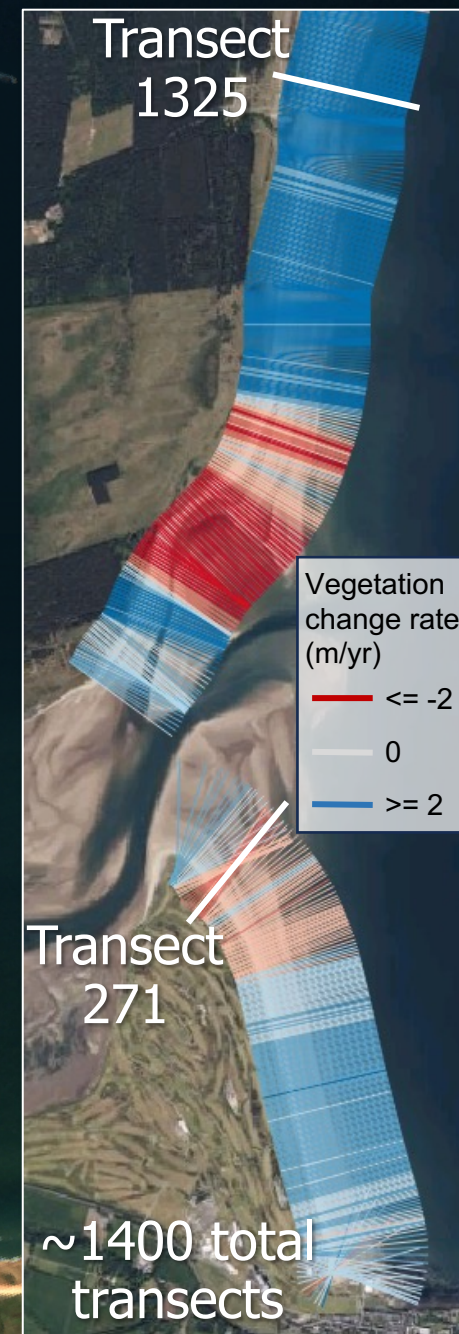
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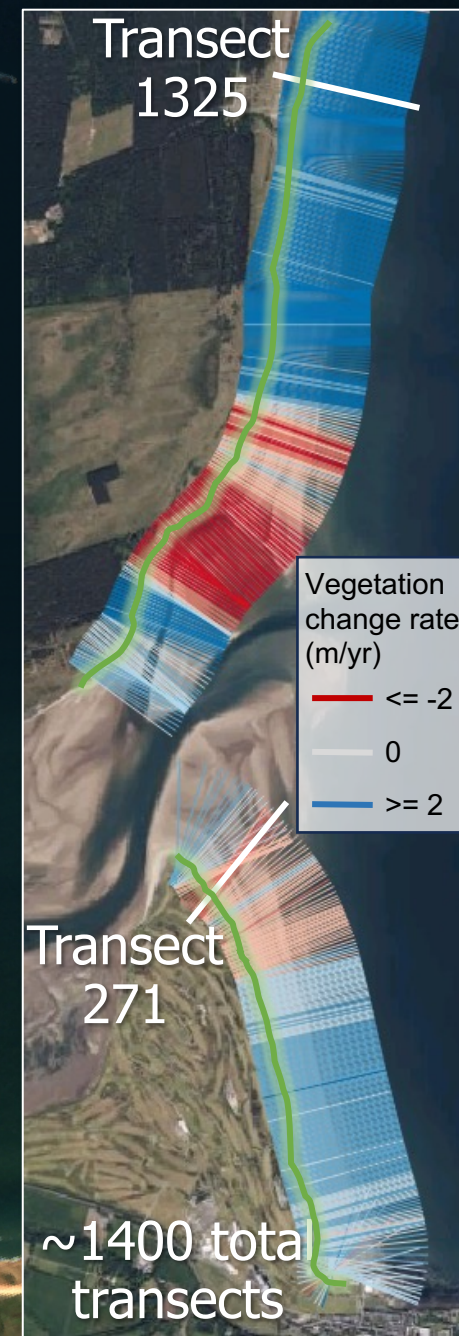
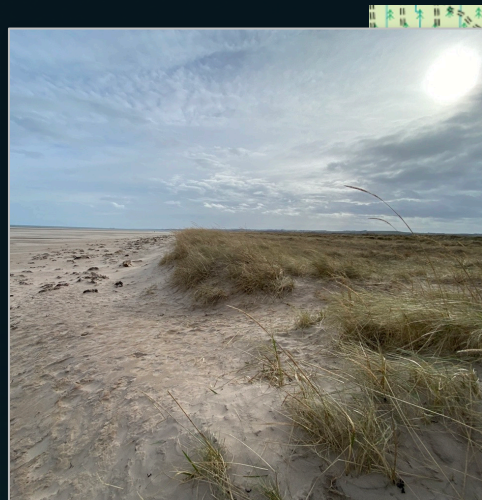


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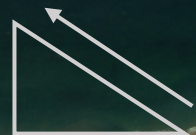
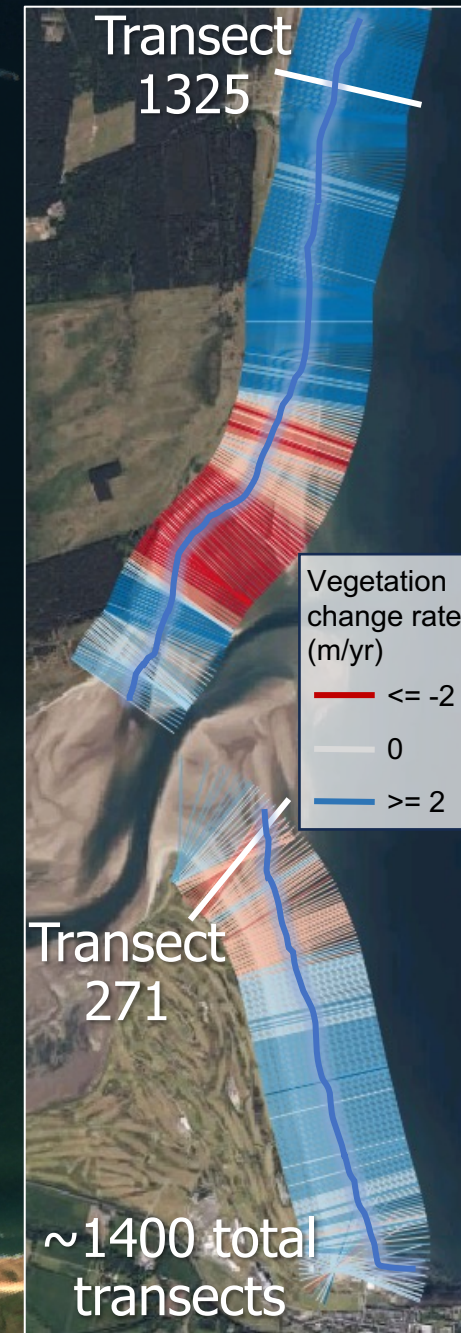


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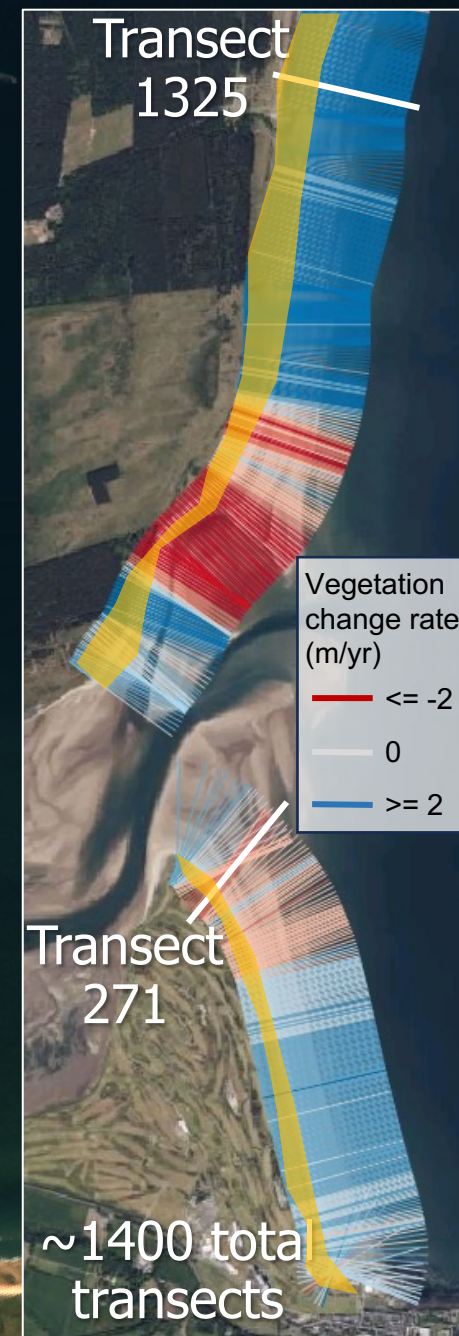


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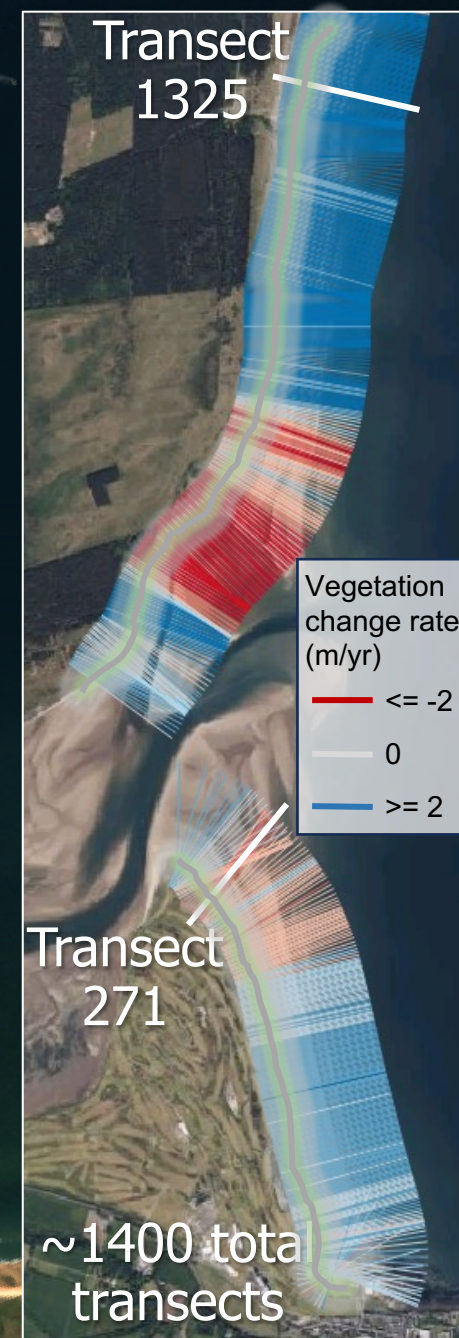
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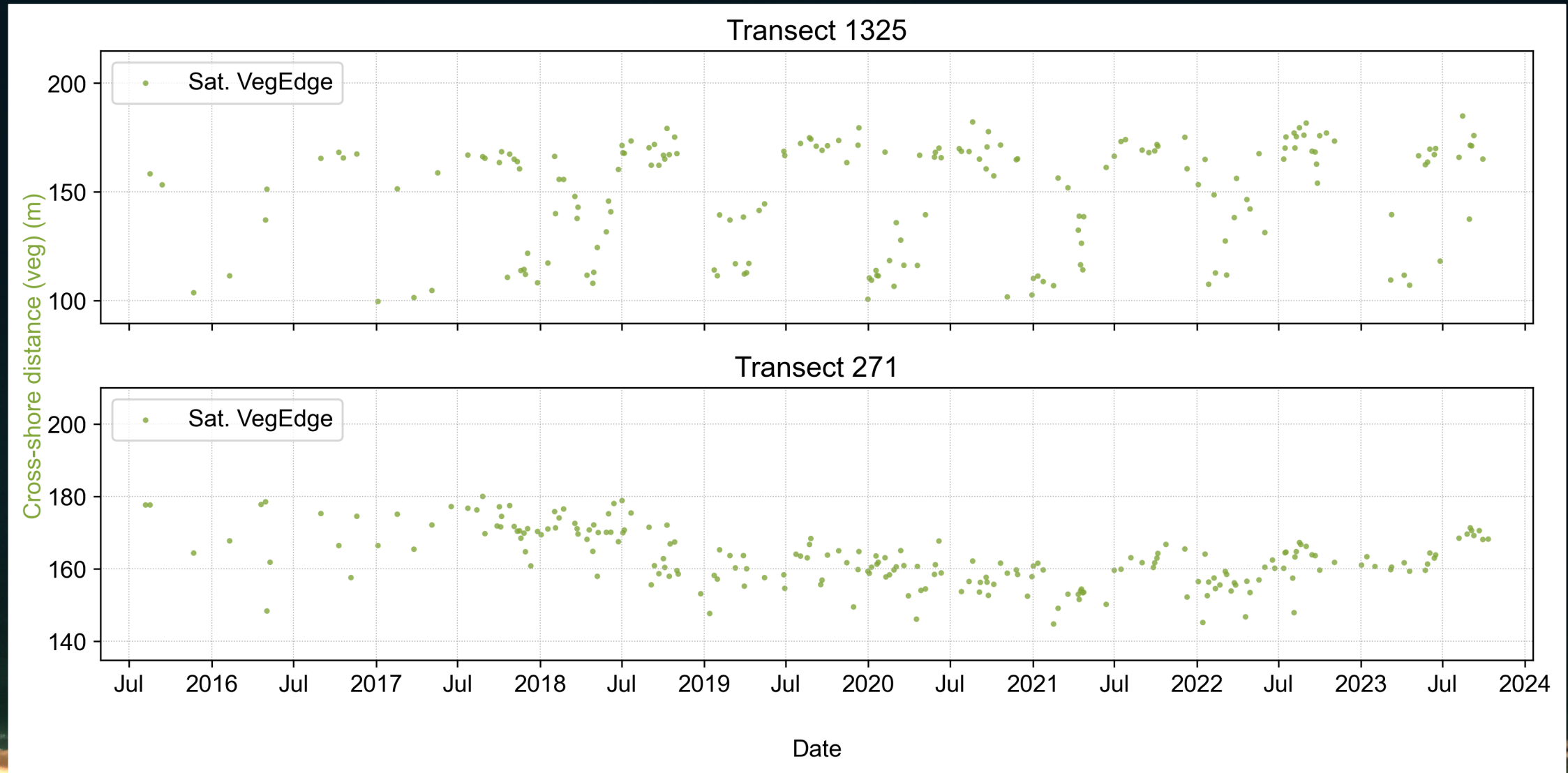
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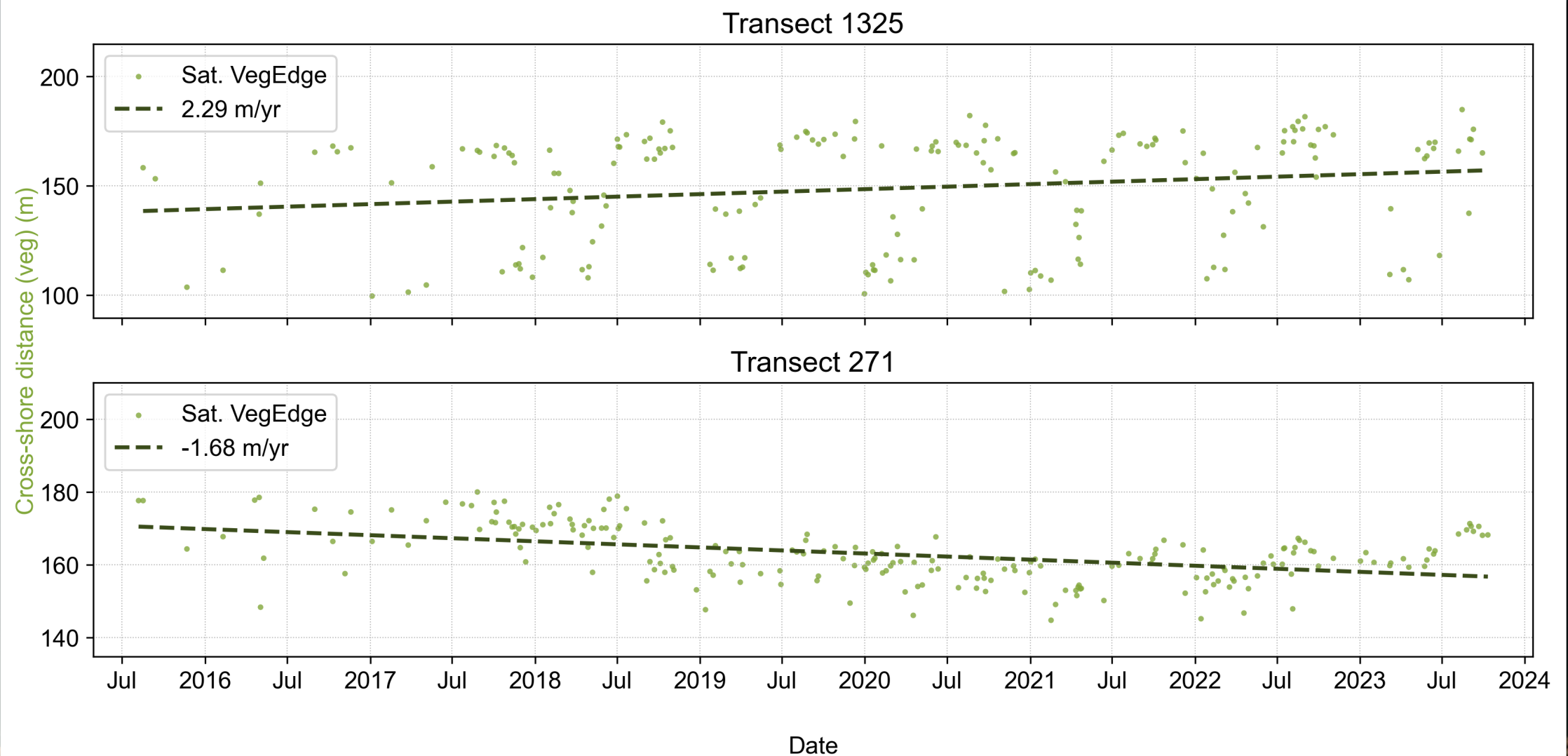


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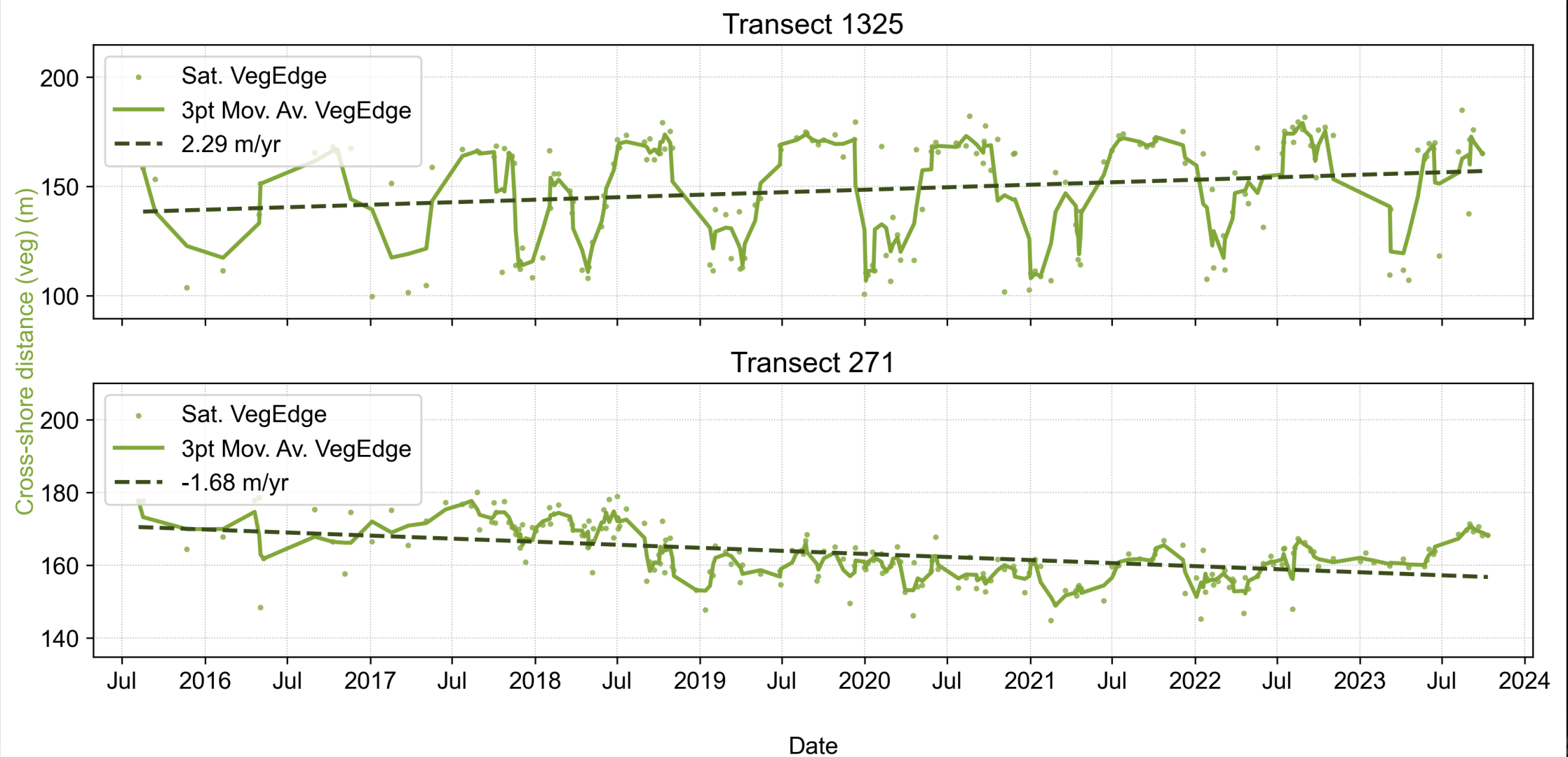
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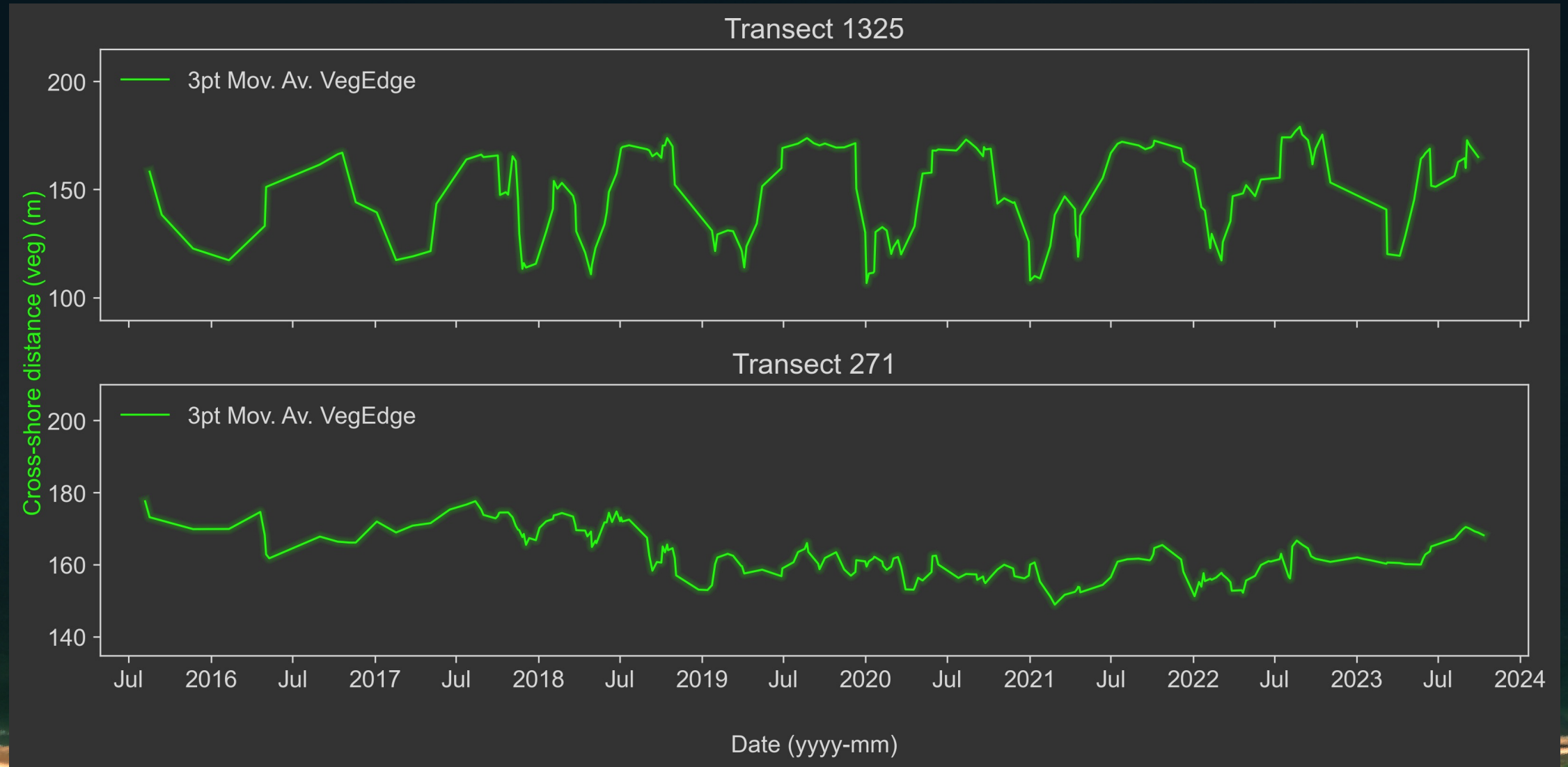
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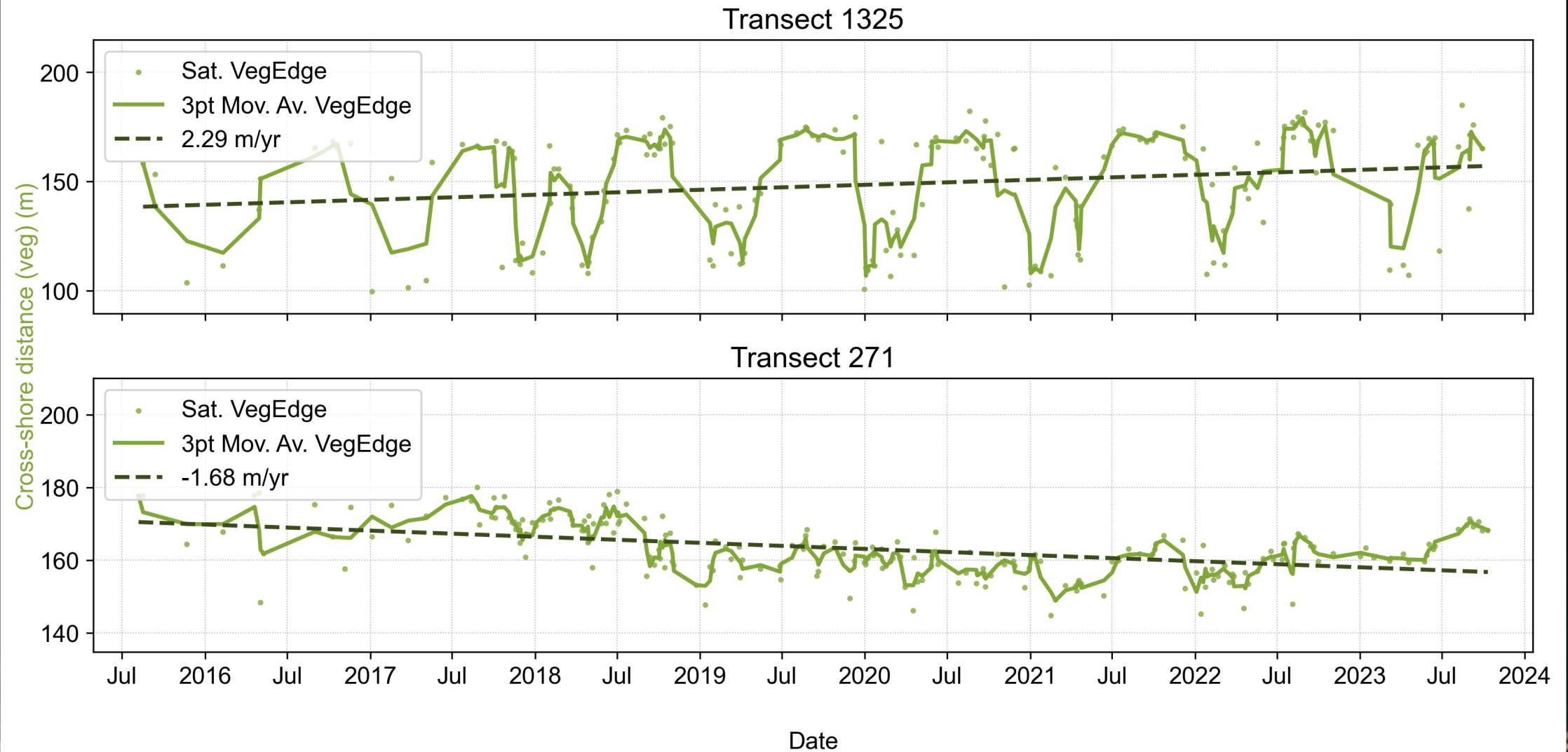
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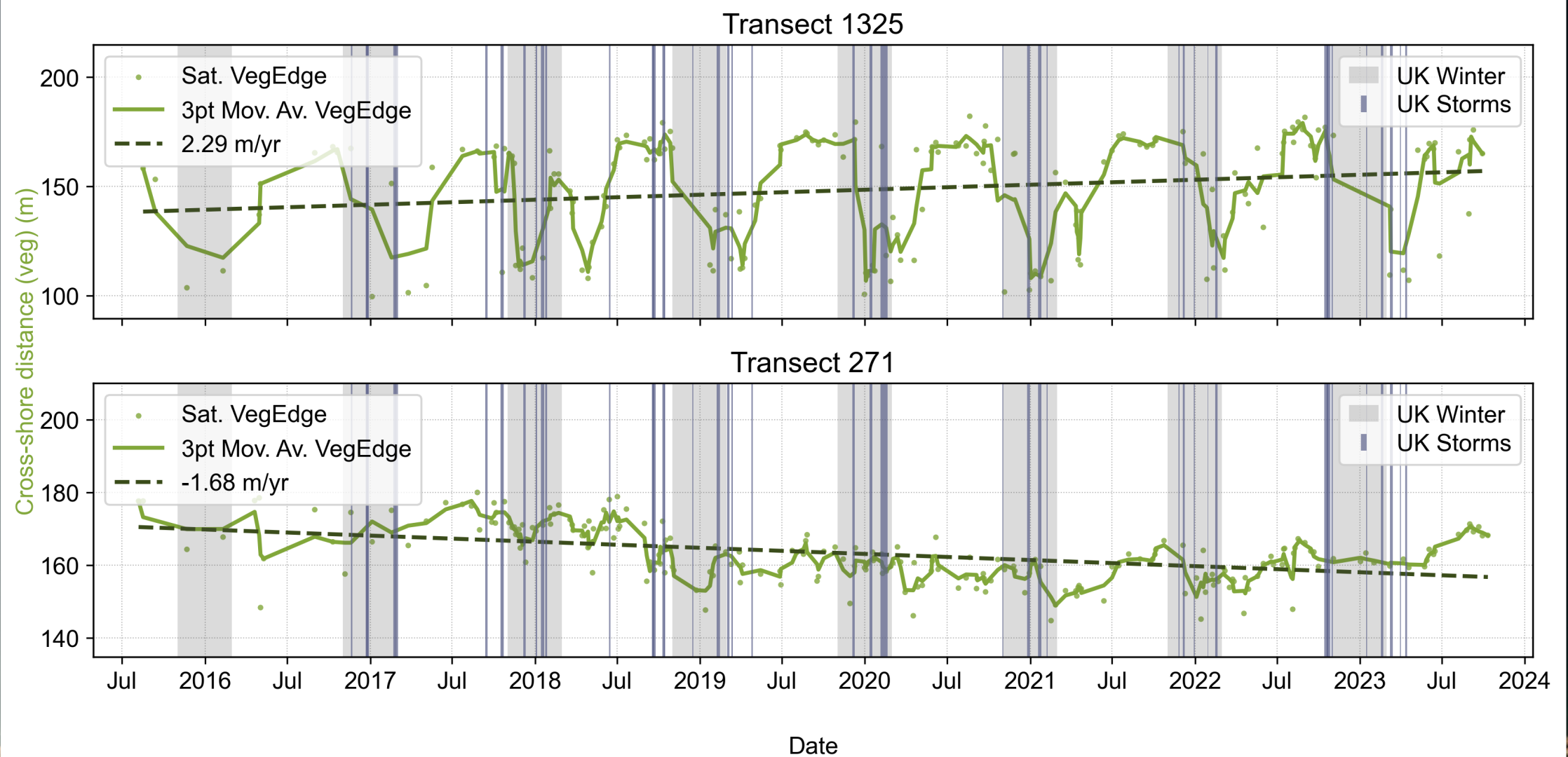
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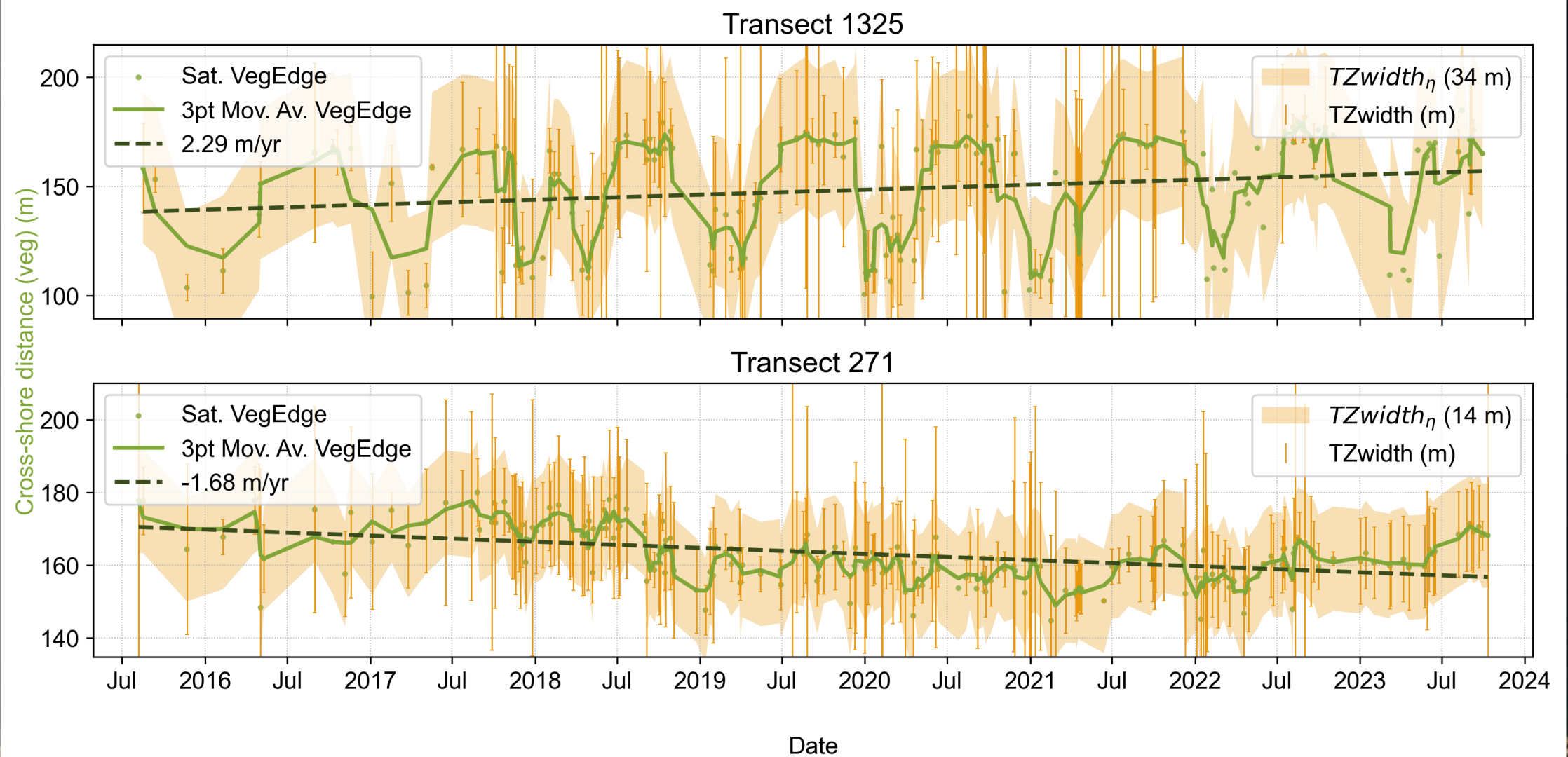
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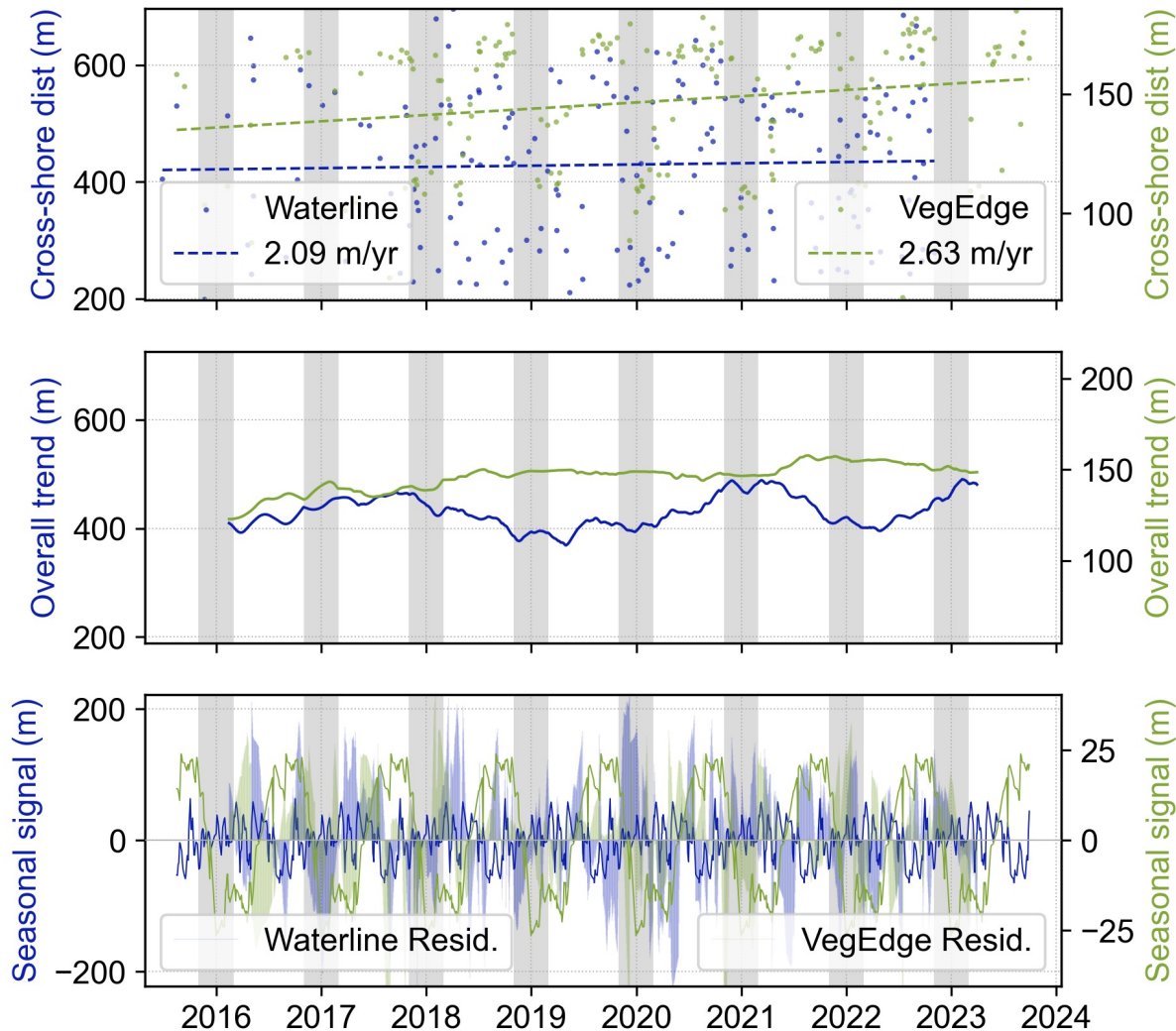


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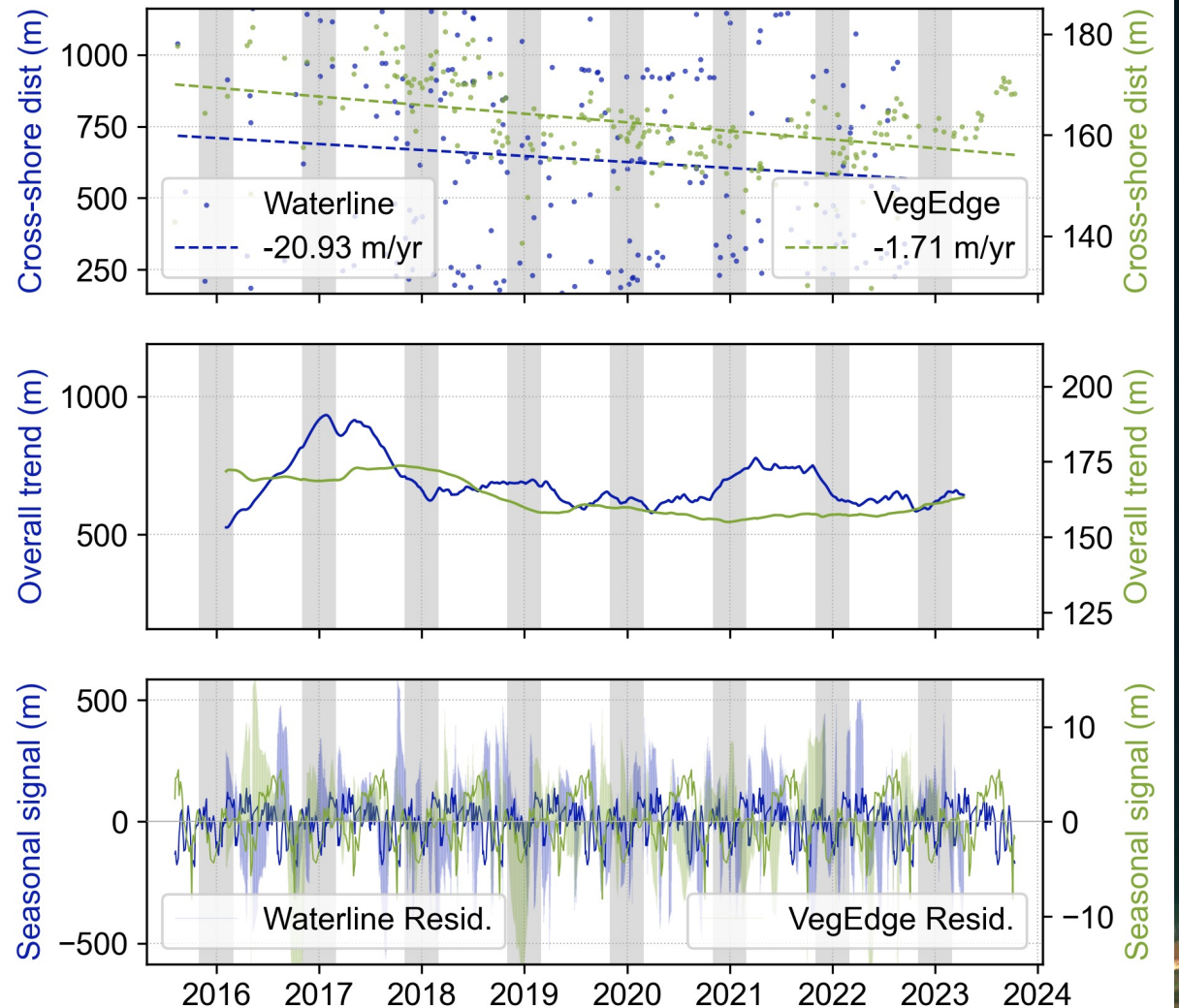


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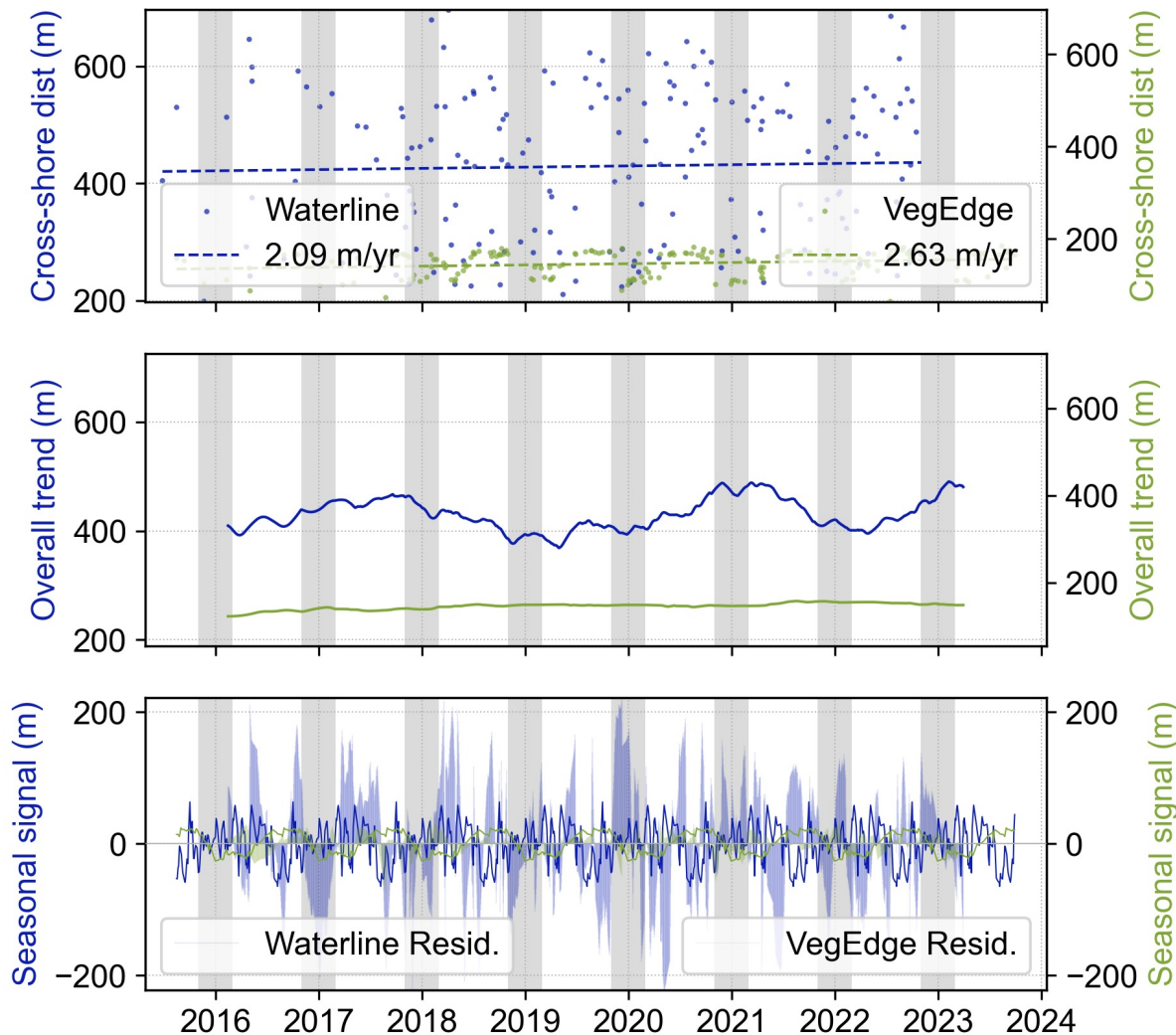


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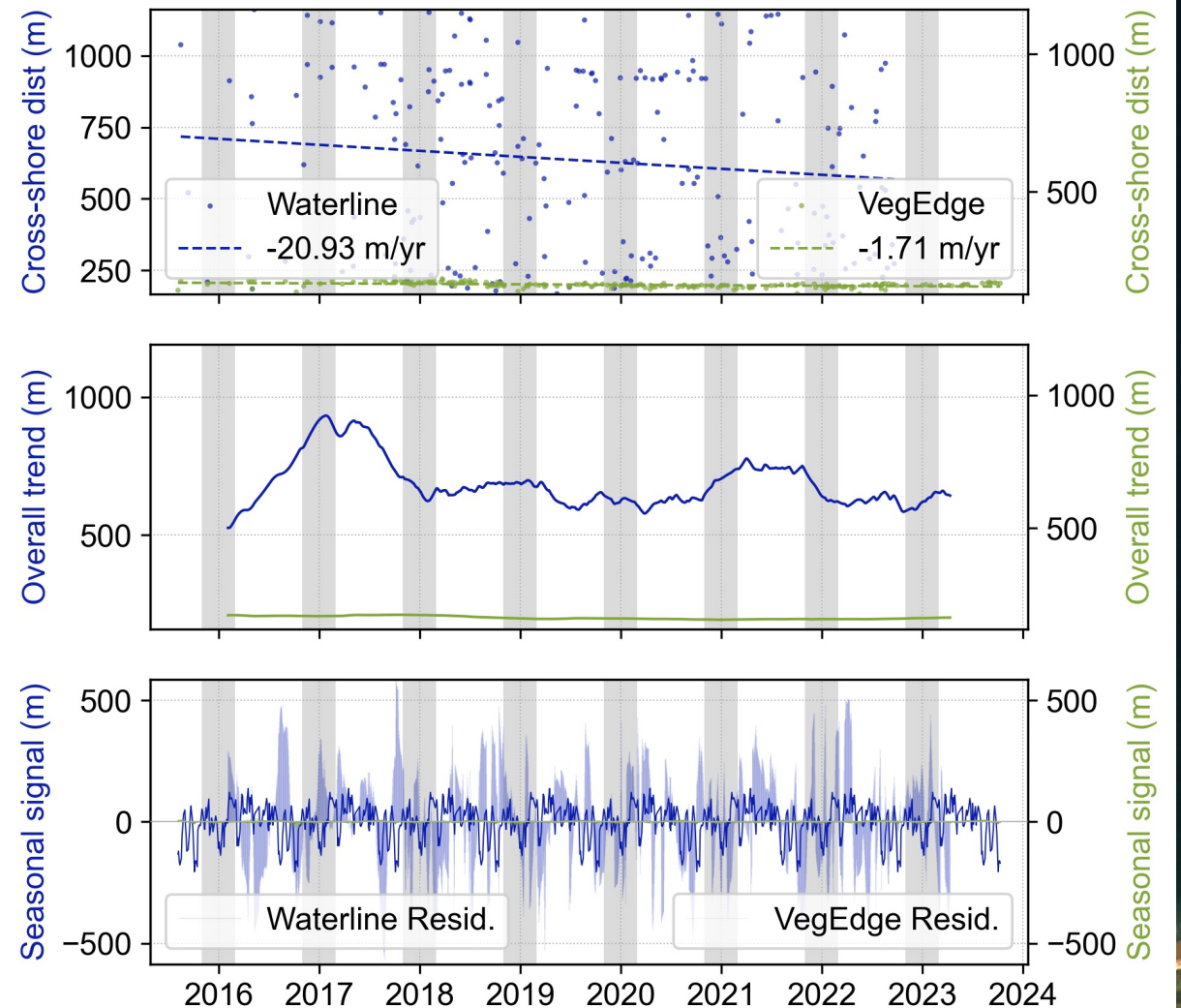


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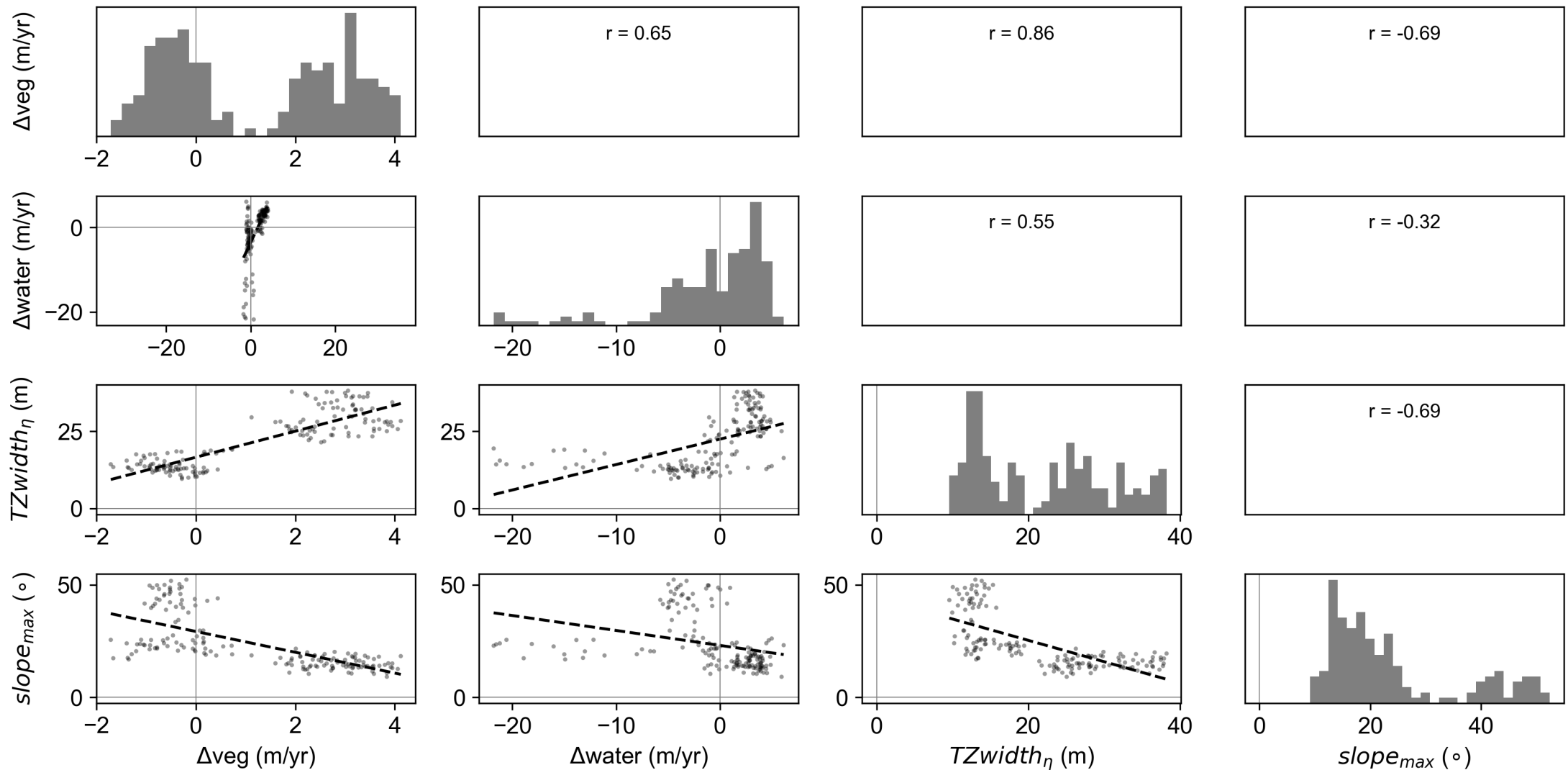
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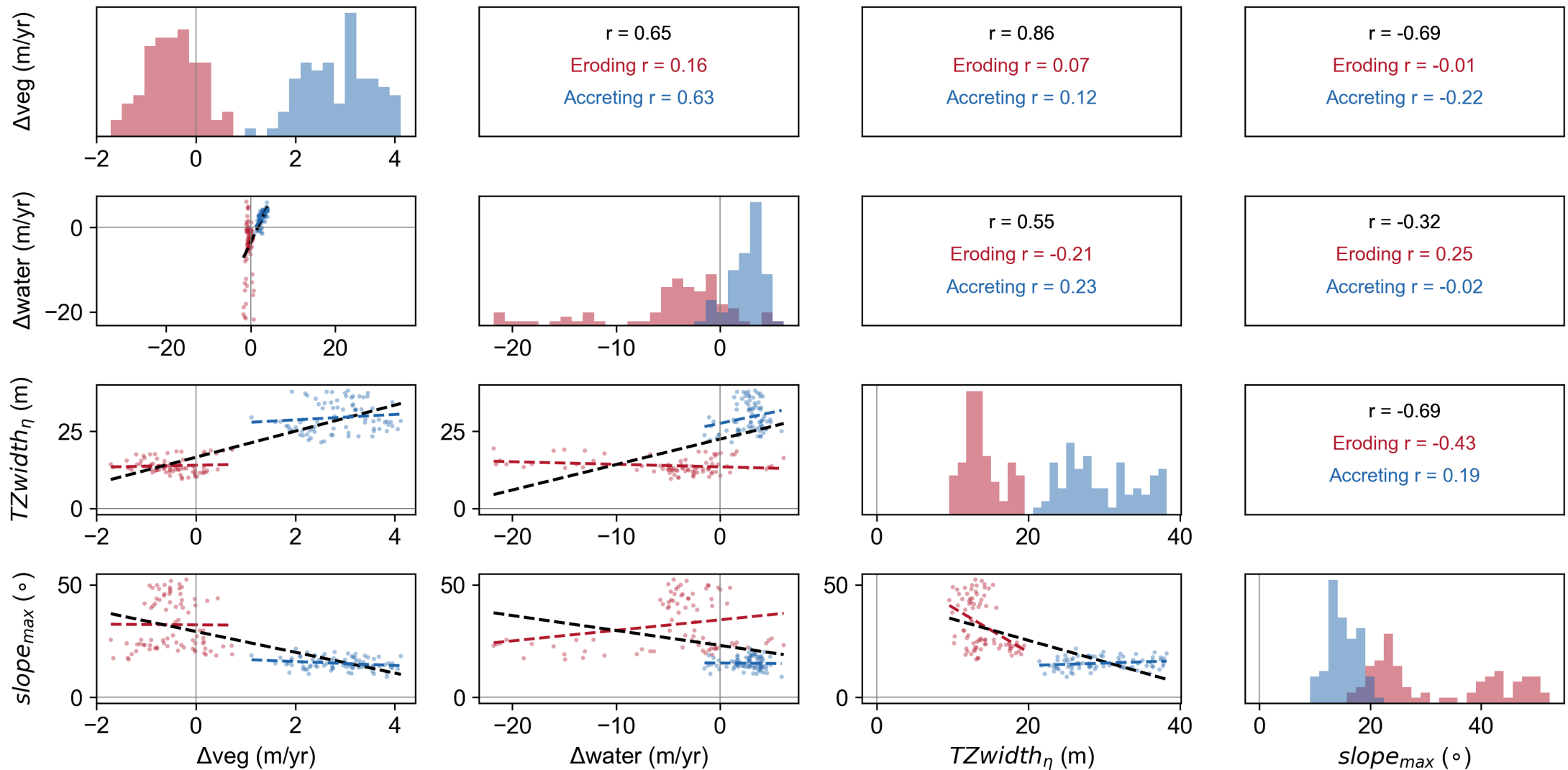
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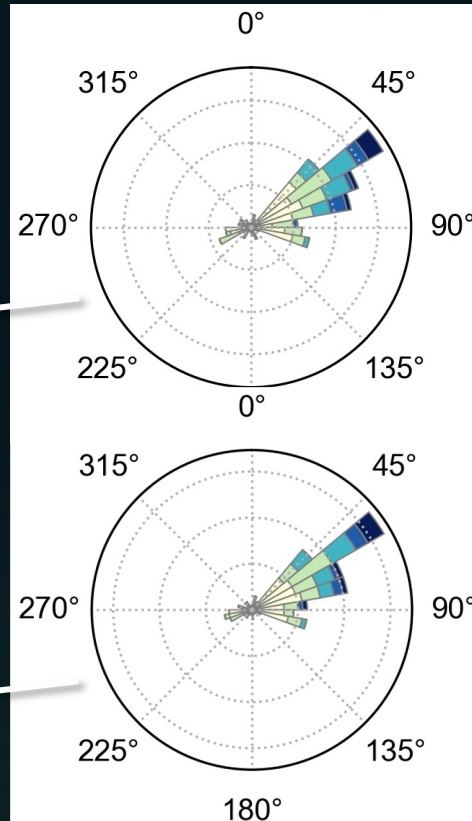
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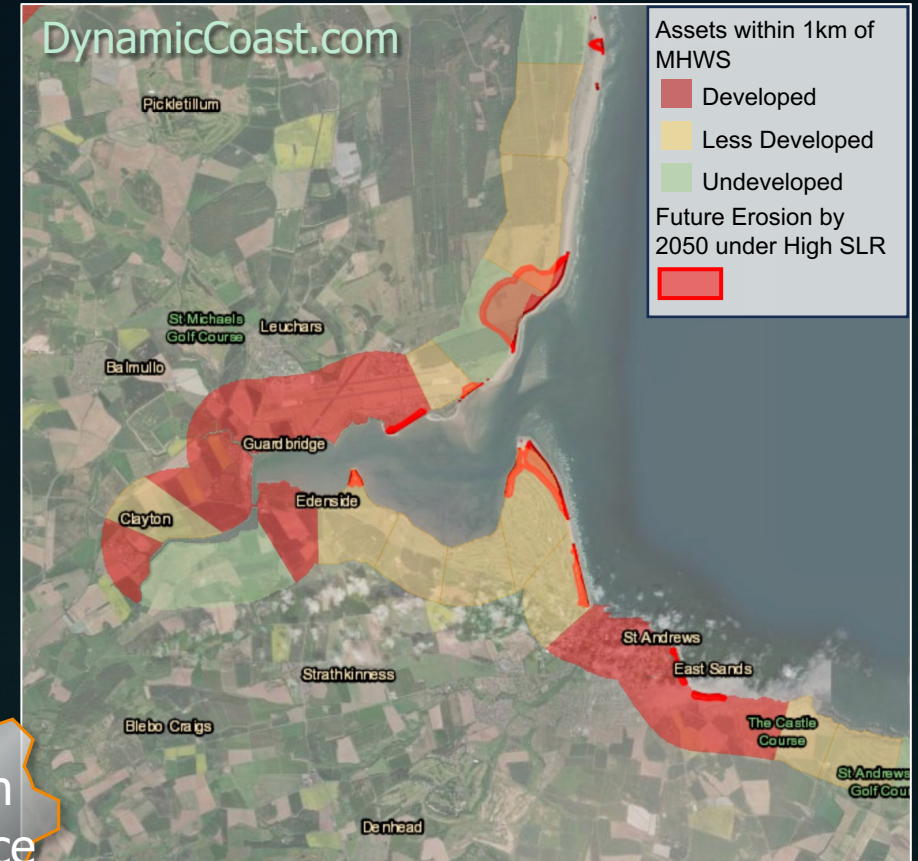


Future directions



Waves

- Bring in wave data
 - Hindcast analysis of veg vs. wave climate
 - Forecasting of vegetation response using data-driven modelling



Human Influence

- Bring in anthropogenic data
 - Intersecting observed past and modelled future vegetation with coastal assets
 - Natural System Resilience supports Community Resilience

Big coastal datasets offer novel geomorphic insights



Variability of veg edge much less than instantaneous waterline across macrotidal regions
→ better indicator of long-term coastal change



Nuanced metrics like the transition zone width offer a measure of coastal geomorphic resilience
→ helps inform adaptation decisions to improve coastal community resilience



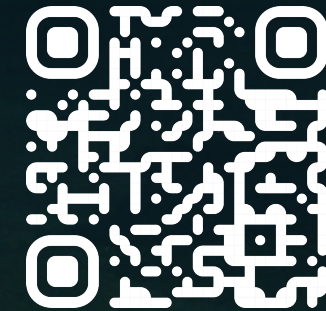
Value of monitoring both veg- and water-based edges; important for practical applications with limits on scope

Thank you!

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VedgeSat tool
(COASTGUARD Github)

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