

Texas High School Coastal Monitoring Program at Palacios High School: 2022-2023

December 2023

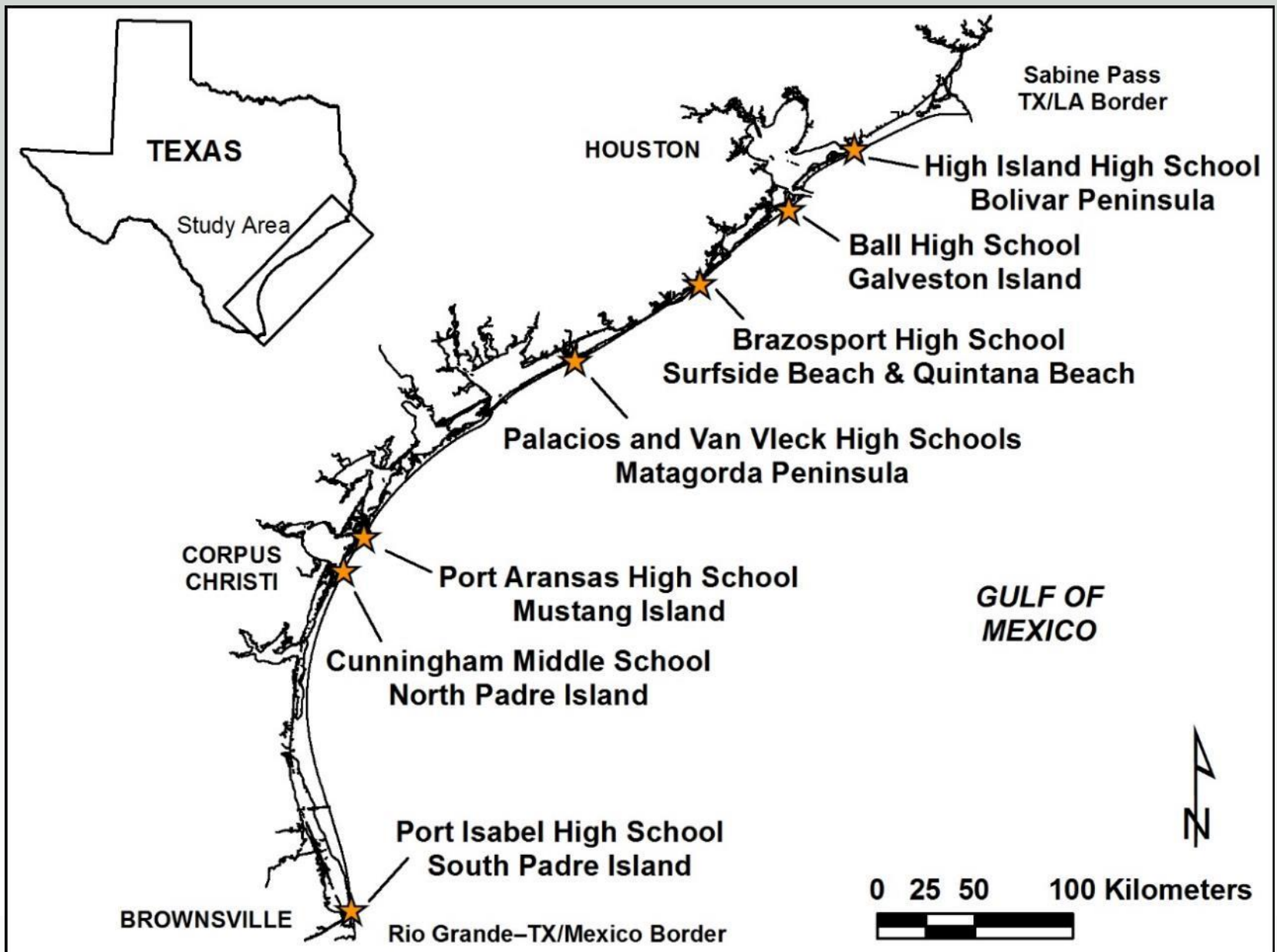


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Texas High School Coastal Monitoring Program

- Provide high school students with a real-world learning experience by monitoring the beach and dune environment.
- Obtain a better understanding of the relationship between coastal processes, beach morphology, and shoreline change
- Increase public awareness and understanding of coastal change, processes, and hazards by making data and findings available for coastal managers and scientists, students and teacher, and the general public.



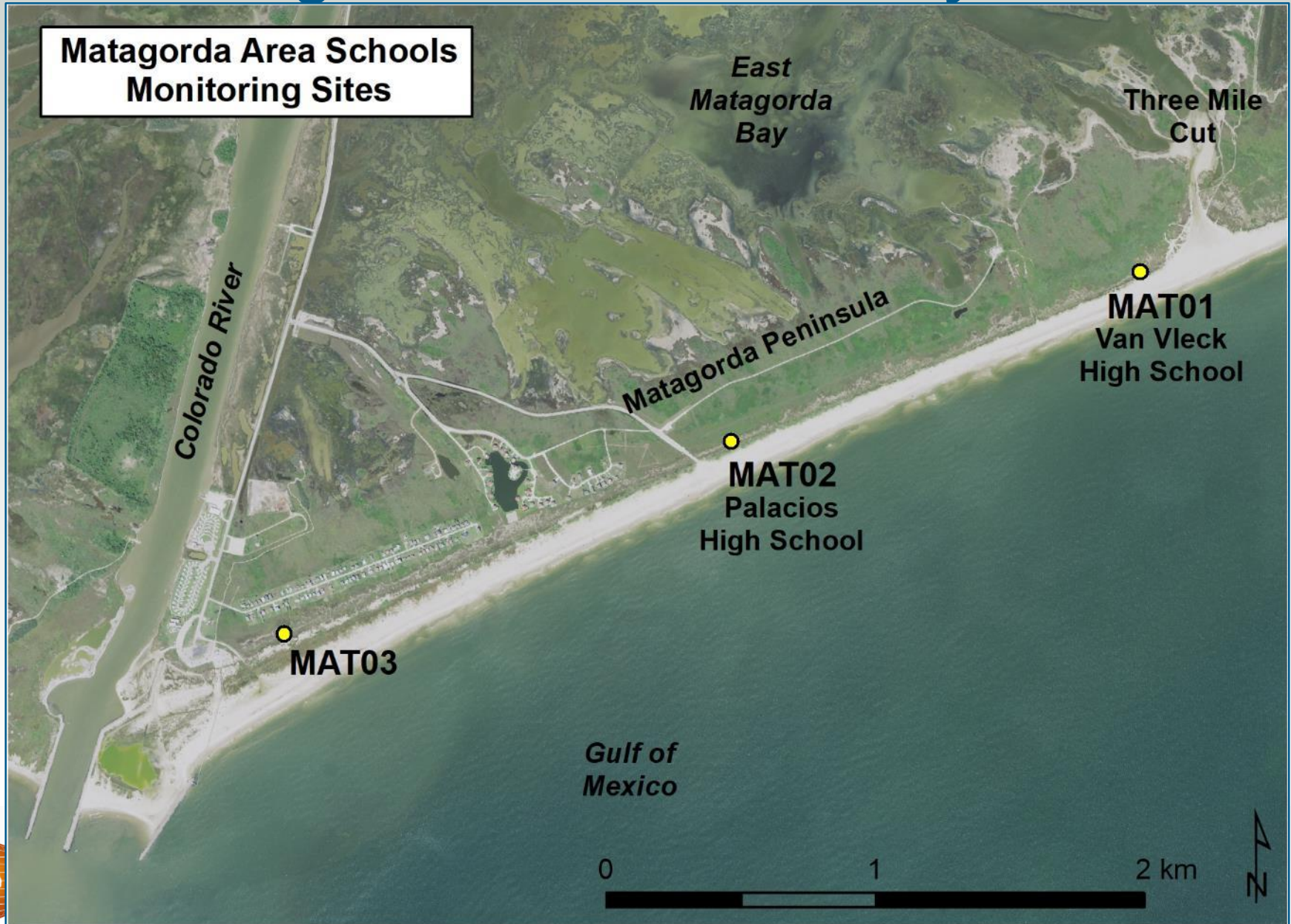


Student Collected Data

- Topographic transect oriented perpendicular to the shoreline
 - measured from the same starting point landward of the foredune and oriented in the same direction.
- Estimates of processes acting on the beach
 - wind direction and speed; wave direction, height, and period; and longshore current direction and speed
- GPS survey of the vegetation line and shoreline
 - quantitative data on the position of the shoreline and vegetation line



Matagorda Peninsula Study Sites



2022-2023 field trips

October 4, 2022



January 18, 2023



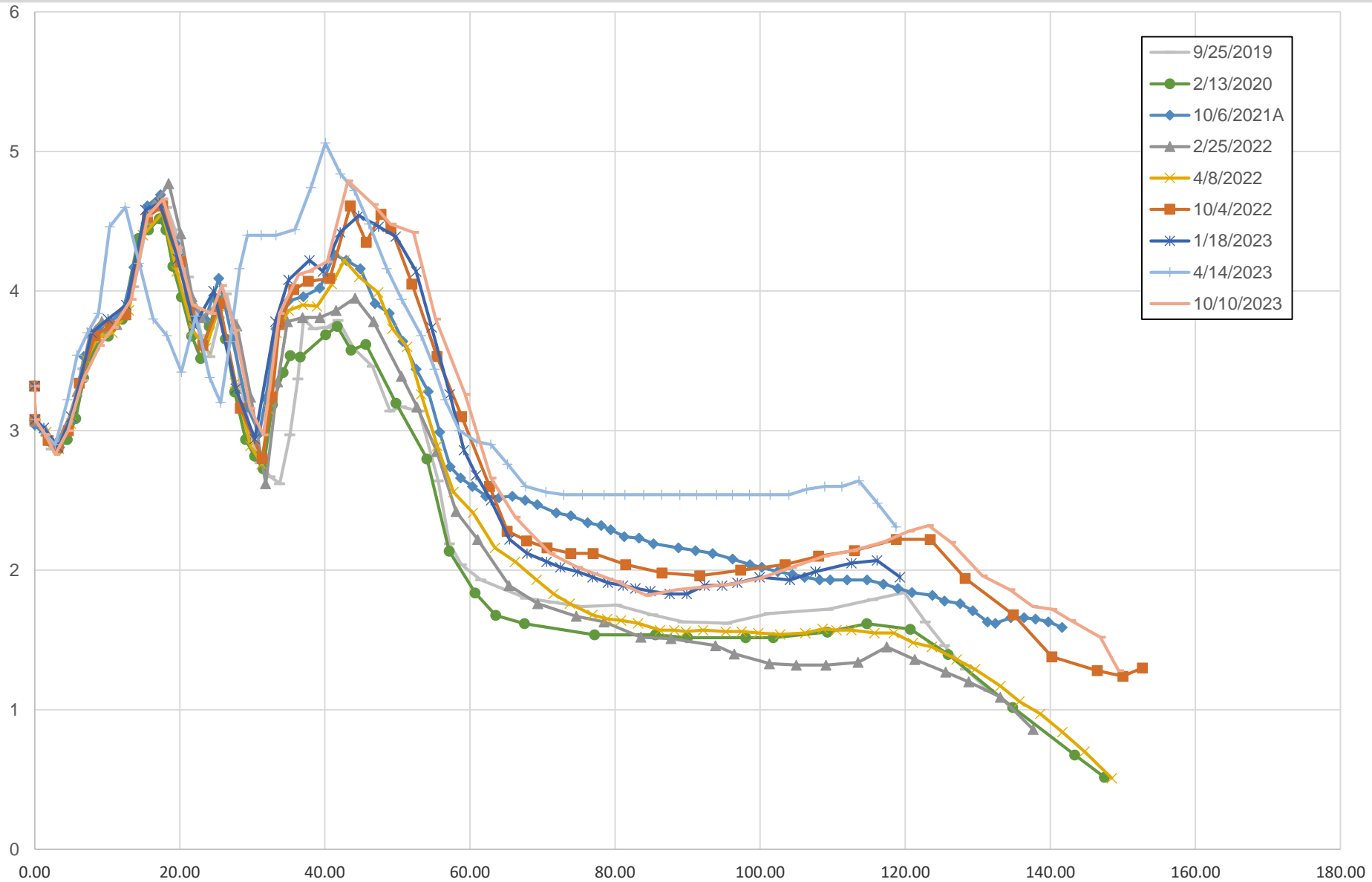
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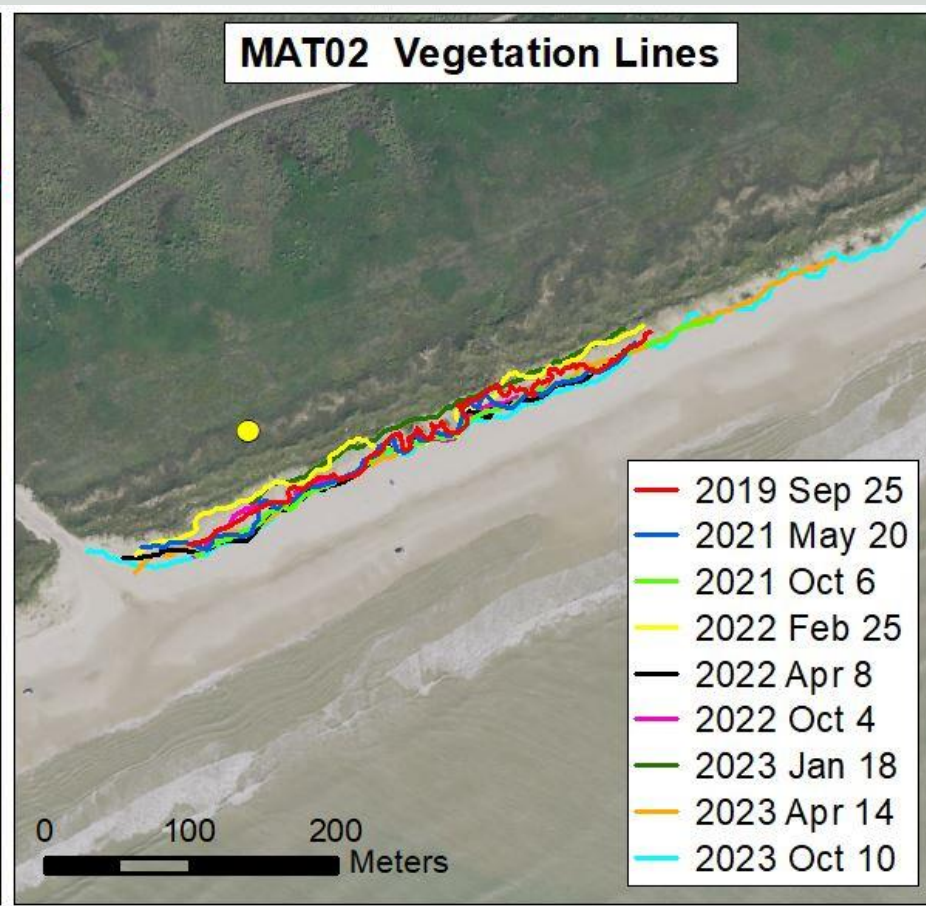
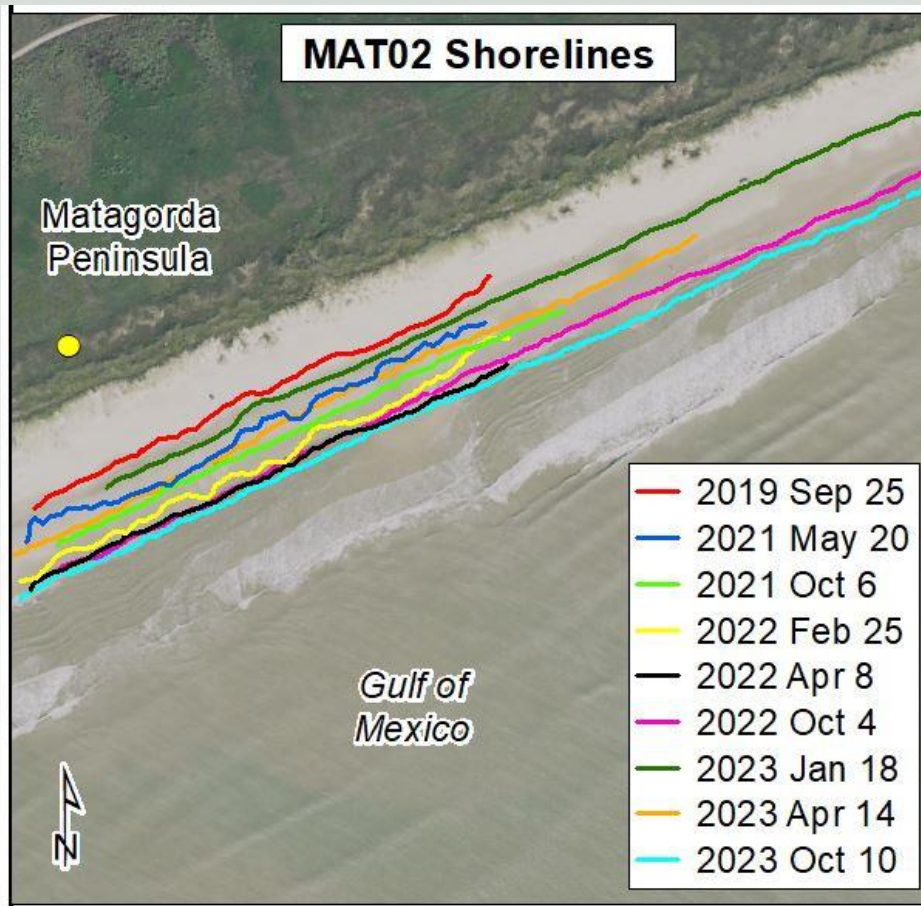
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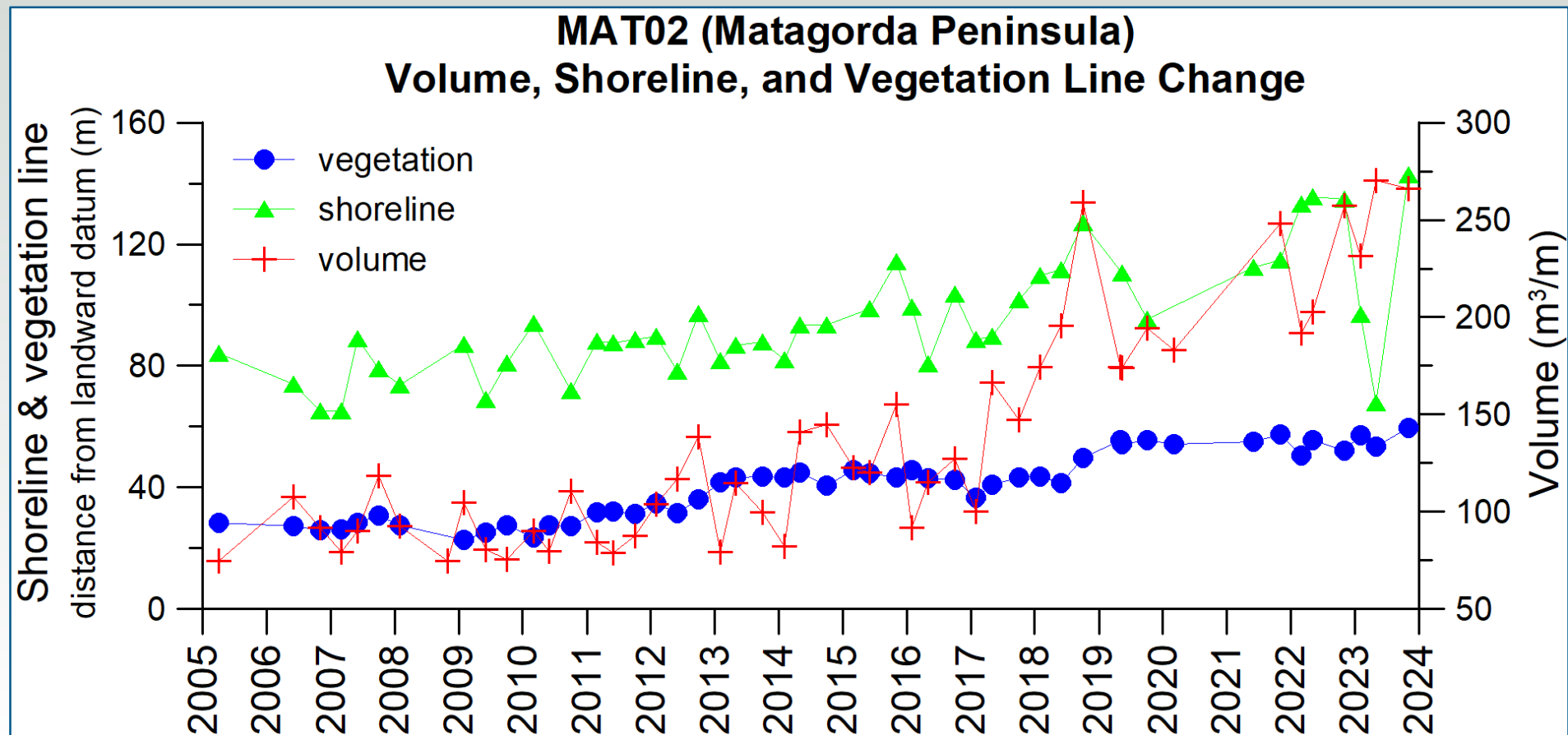
MAT02: fall 2019-fall 2023



MAT02 shore and vegetation line positions

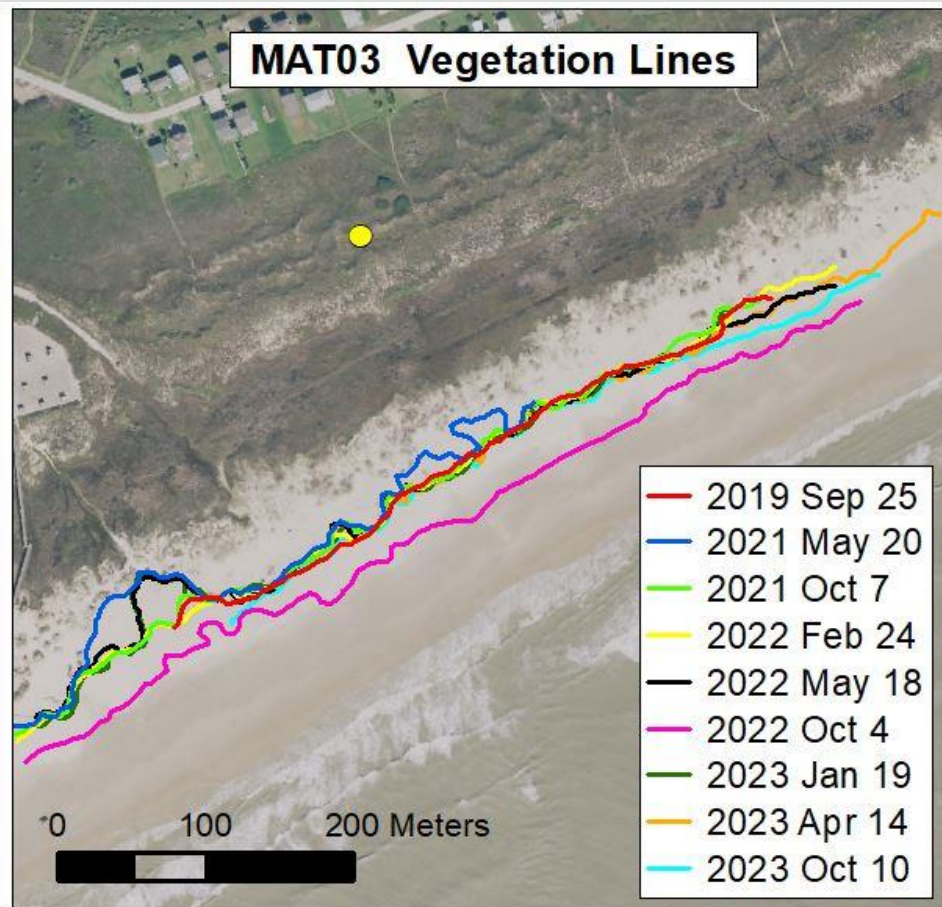
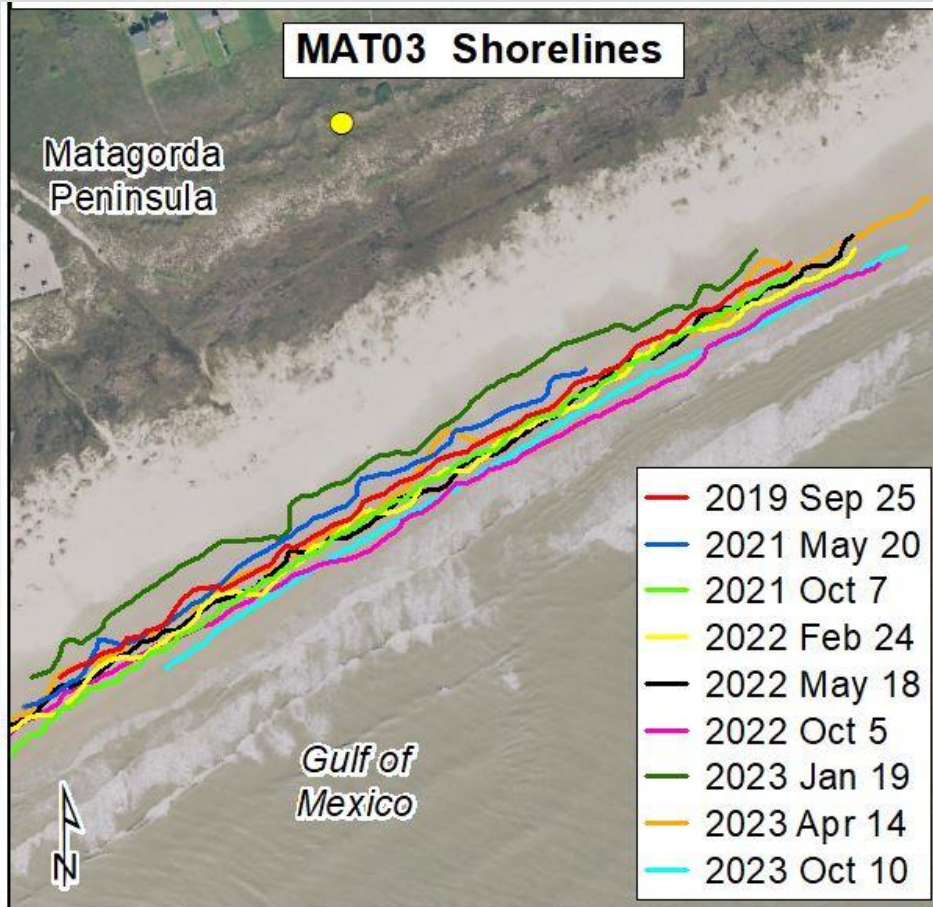


MAT02: shoreline, vegetation line, and volume changes

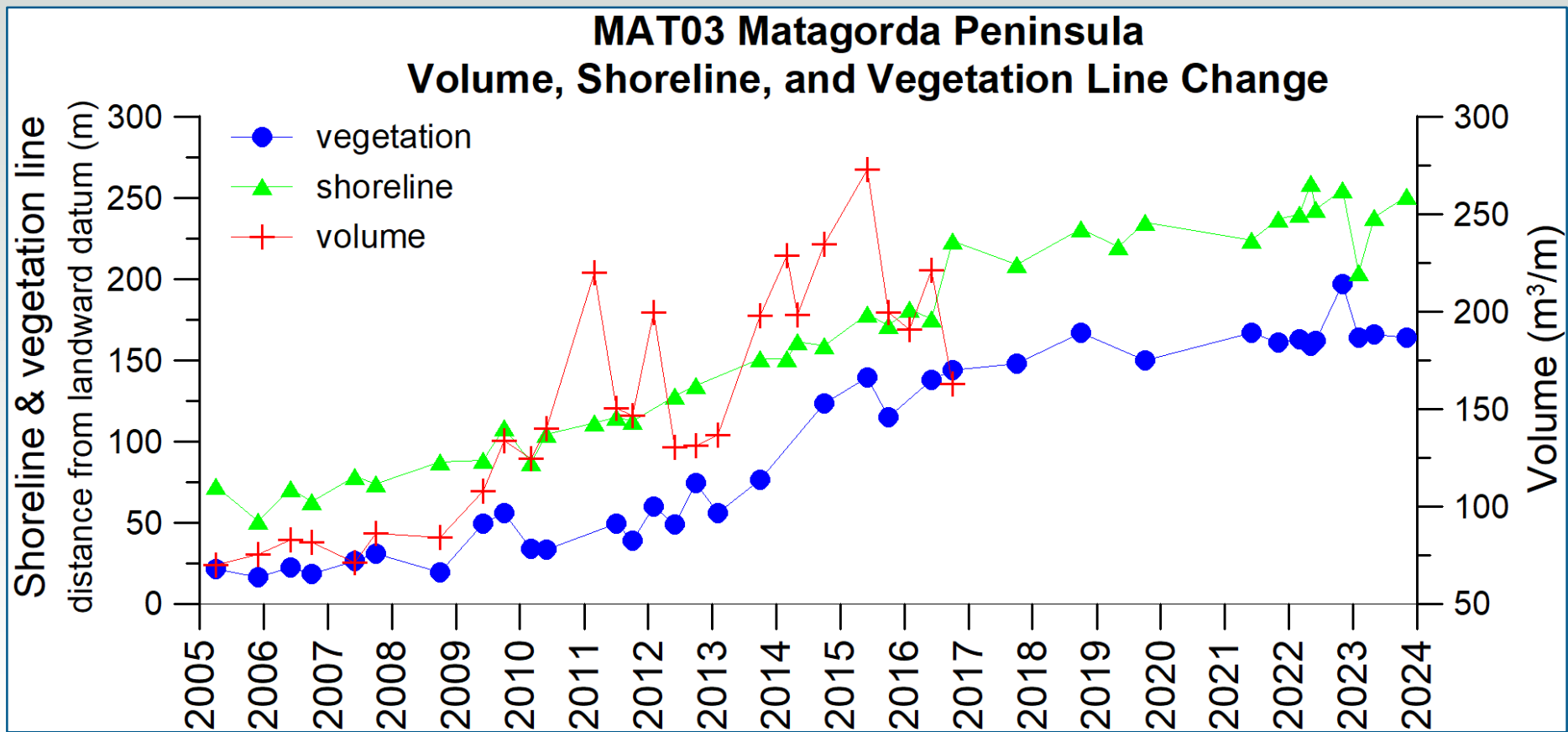


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MAT03 shore and vegetation line positions



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