The USACE Dredged Material Management Decisions (D2M2) Tool



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Background

- The US Army Corps of Engineers spends nearly \$1 billion annually dredging sediments from public waterways.
- This secures access for over 2.2 billion tones of commercial shipping, plus national security and recreation.
- Strategic placement of dredged material can be complex, involving many objectives, interactions, & constraints.







Background

- Typical complexities include:
 - Multiple stakeholders with opposing interests.
 - Public interest in both costs & environmental effects.
 - Many potential site factors/variables to consider.
 - Limited placement site availability & timing.
- Decision analysis & multi-objective optimization can help.



D2M2: The "Dredged Material Management Decisions" Tool

Three D2M2 Modules:

- Optimization: Networked system of dredging & placement sites, routes, and links, optimization criteria, and tradeoff weights to calculate optimal and alternative solutions.
- <u>Decision Analysis</u>: Tools to screen/rank potential sites or management plans.
- <u>GIS:</u> Input regional dredging sites, link to national datasets, generate routes between sites (or, alternatively, upload site data from an Excel template).



D2M2 Optimization Module

- Originally developed several decades ago, recently updated
- Provides a dynamic optimization-model-builder tool
- "Mixed Integer Linear Programming" approach
- Flexible, unique model formulation in each case:
 - Min/Max weighted sum of some multi-objective value function
 - Subject to set of volume & user defined system constraints
 - Given fixed and variable costs/impacts/effects for links and source & sink nodes (piecewise linear by volume & distance)
- Exclude prior solutions to explore near-optimal space



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D2M2 Optimization Module

- Typical data requirements (can be flexible):
 - Identify dredging sites and volumes over time.
 - Identify placement sites and capacities.
 - Identify any transfer sites (e.g., where cost curves transition).
 - Identify site details related to placement & transfer site costs, benefits, timelines for availability, O&M, material reuse, constraints, etc.
 - Develop links between possible source-sink site pairs.
 - Develop cost & benefit curves that relate the outcomes of moving material from site A to site B. (These can be generalized, with components drawn from the source site, placement site, and transportation link.)



Two Case Studies to Summarize

1. Long Island Sound

- Based on data from the LIS dredged materials management plan.
- ► Completed in 2013/2014.
- 2. Galveston Bay and Houston Ship Channel
 - Ongoing phased project for the Galveston district & RSM program.
 - Part of a larger team involving USACE staff & researchers from ERDC and the Galveston and Mobile districts.





Long Island Sound Dredged Material Management Plan Working Group

38.5 million cubic vards of dredged material produced in 30 years Majority of combined needs from CT: New Haven ~8.7 million cy Bridgeport ~4.6 million cy New London ~2.5 million cy Connecticut River ~2.4 million cy Clinton/Westbrook ~2.4 million cy Norwalk ~2.2 million cy

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Long Island Sound: D2M2 Case Study Scope



LIS Case Study Approach

- Strategically connect each dredging site with a subset of relevant placement sites to represent the <u>system network</u>.
- Add <u>capacity and volume</u> information for dredging and placement sites in each of six five-year time periods.
- Include <u>basic details</u> about placement site acquisition time and cost, lease end dates and potential renegotiation costs, O&M management costs, potential for beneficial reuse, etc.
- Include <u>additional details</u> about material bulking factors, transfer sites, site-specific costs and effects, equipment use, etc.
- Add <u>constraints</u> for links & sites by type, year and volume.





LIS Case Study Data

- Cost estimates from USACE New England engineering team:
 - Relative comparison for LIS region based on placement type.
 - Costs defined in terms of an initial cost and per unit (cy*mi) costs.
 - ► 50 cost curves generated for each type of equipment, volume, & distance.



LIS Case Study Data

Effect (impact/benefit) data from LIS reports & SME judgment:

Cultural EffectsShipwrecks, Historic Districts, Archaeological SitesEnvironmentalWetlands, Federal and State Listed Species, Shellfish, Federally Managed Species, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Marine Protected Areas, Birds, Marine Mammals, Terrestrial WildlifeInfrastructure EffectsMooring Areas, Navigation Channels and Shipping, Ports, Coastal Structure, Cable/Power/Utility Crossings, Recreational Areas, Commercial and Industrial Facilities, Aquaculture, Dredged Materials Disposal SitesPhysical EffectsSediments, Littoral Drift, Currents, Waves	<u>Criteria</u>	Sub-Criteria
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LIS Case Study Data

Placement site effect (impact/benefit) data from LIS reports & SME judgment:

		Cultural Effects						Environmental Effects							Infrastructure Effects									Physical Effects				s			
Case Study Placement Site	Site Type	Description	Shipwrecks	Historic Districts	Archaeological Sites	Total	Wetlands	Federal and State Listed Species	Shellfish	Federally Managed Species	SAV	Marine Protected Areas	Birds	Marine Mammais Terrestrial Wildlife		IOtai Monring Areas	Navigation Channels and Shinning	Ports	Coastal Structure	Cable/Power/LItility/ Crossings	Recreational Areas	Commercial and Industrial Facilities	Anuaculture	Dredged Material Disposal Sites	Total	Sediments	Littoral Drift	Currents	Waves	Total	Total Effects Score
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*Note: Positive values represent impacts, negative values represent benefits. Here, these values derived from expert judgment informed by the LIS report details. In practice, these values should come directly from relevant studies.



LIS Case Study System Network



*Note: Straight line indicate logical connection between site pairs, nonlinear transit distance can be used in the calculations.

LIS Case Study Modeling Scenarios

- Compare optimal recommended dredging plan under three scenarios: 100% cost, 100% effects (split evenly), & 50/50.
- Results show:
 - Cost-centric scenario favors open water disposal, with minimal other (e.g., beneficial) uses.
 - Effects-centric scenario favors beneficial uses, with minimal open water or landfill placement.
 - 50/50 scenario uses a mix of open water, landfill, and beneficial uses for placement, depending on how the location, costs, and effect implications play out for each potential pair of sites.





LIS Case Study Results

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Galveston Bay & Houston Ship Channel Case Study

(Ongoing project)





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Galveston Projects: D2M2 Case Study Scope



- Houston Ship Channel

--- GIWW: High Island to Brazos River

RSM Placement Area Optimization and DMMP Modernization

Project 1: RSM Placement Area (PA) Optimization for the Houston Ship Channel (HSC) in Galveston Bay. Evaluate optimization of the navigation channel network, historical sedimentation and dredging, and system of placement areas within the Galveston Bay region focusing on the Houston Ship Channel (FY14/15).

Project 2: DMMP Modernization Gulf Intracoastal WaterWay: High Island to Brazos River Reach. Populate enterprise databases, integrate tools, and transfer technology which will assist SWG in streamlining Preliminary Assessments and DMMP technical analyses (FY15).



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D2M2 in Relation to Other Data & Tools



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Galveston HSC Dredging Needs: Bathymetry



Galveston HSC Dredging Needs: Shoaling Rates



Galveston HSC Placement Areas & Capacities



Galveston HSC Placement Area Details

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Galveston HSC Data for Impact Layers



D2M2: System Network



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D2M2: ArcMap Plugin with Connection to National Data



Summary Results: D2M2Galveston HSC Case Study

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75%

If costs and impacts are considered equally important, the optimal routing costs 50% more than the minimize cost scenario, and has a significant relative impact savings for oysters and oil/gas leases

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· Layers

SWG RSM Houston Ship Channel Placement Area Optimization Viewer

This viewer displays the output of the various tools created by ERDC to manage dredged material placement.

Help Basemaps **Detailed Results:** Cost



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Conclusions

D2M2 is a spatial Multi-Objective Optimization tool that helps solve complex & multifaceted material management problems:

- Enables exploration of large sets of potential solutions.
- Enables explicit consideration of multiple objectives (e.g., economic, environmental, stakeholder, etc.).
- Shows opportunity cost/benefit of policy scenarios, etc.
- Adds transparency & replicability to help justify analyses.
- Enables easy scenario & "what if" analysis for future conditions.



Thank You!

Any Questions?

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