Variations in Sea Levels -Implications for Water Management

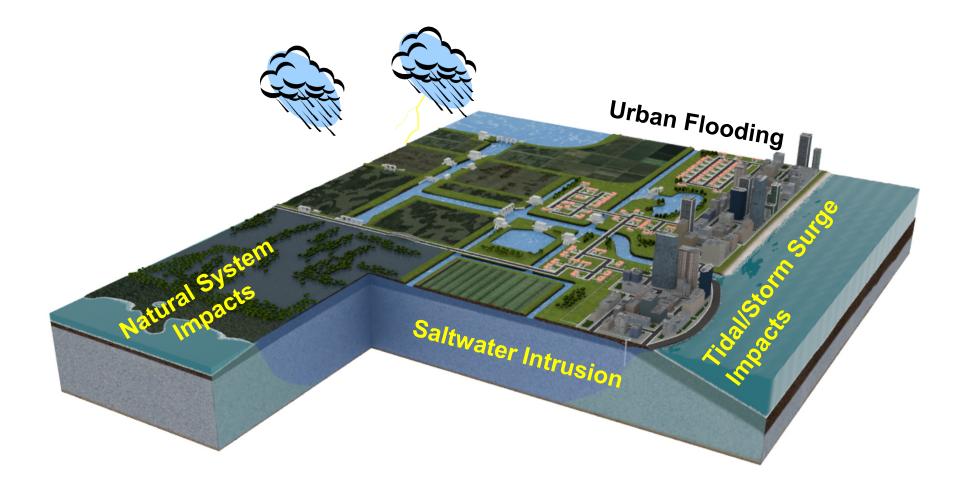
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Regional Water Management System



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Exposure & Vulnerability

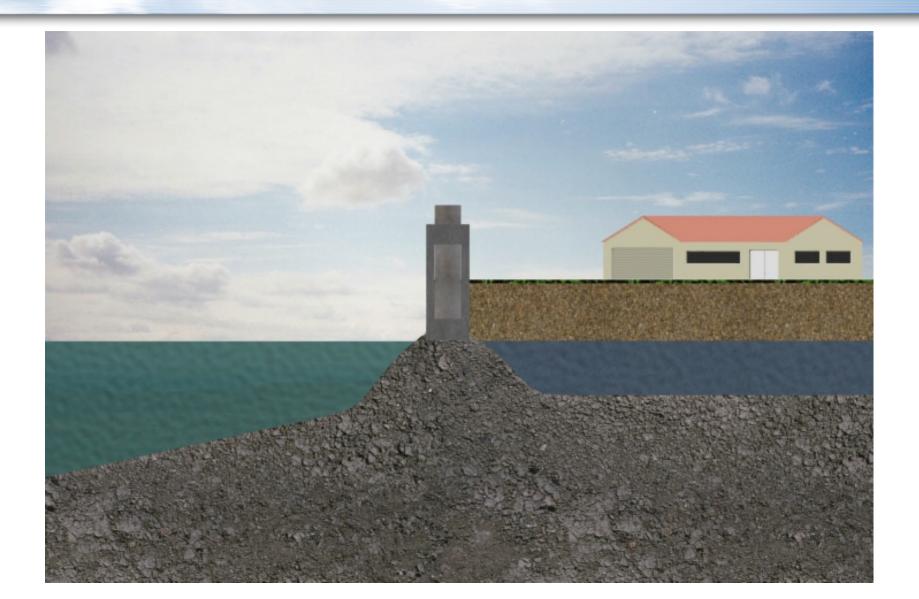
Most vulnerable structures are in Miami-Dade County Broward counties



Regional Water Control System



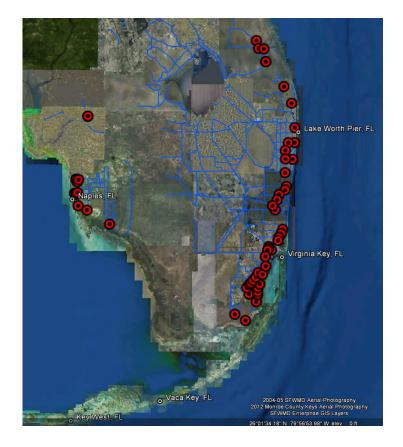
Flood risk due to rising sea levels

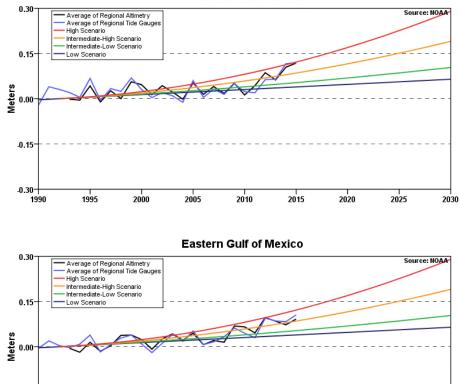


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-0.30+

Recent Sea Level Variations

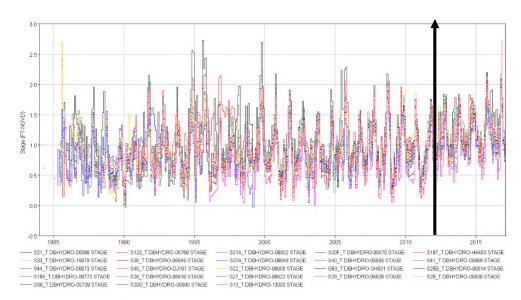




South Atlantic Coast

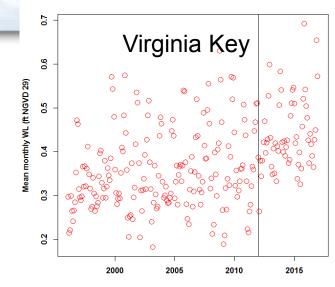
Mean Monthly Sea Levels

Ocean side of water control structure On East Coast

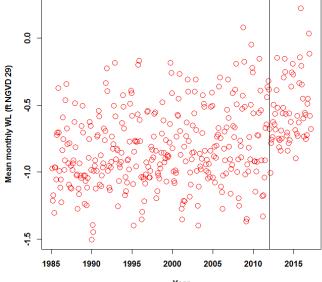


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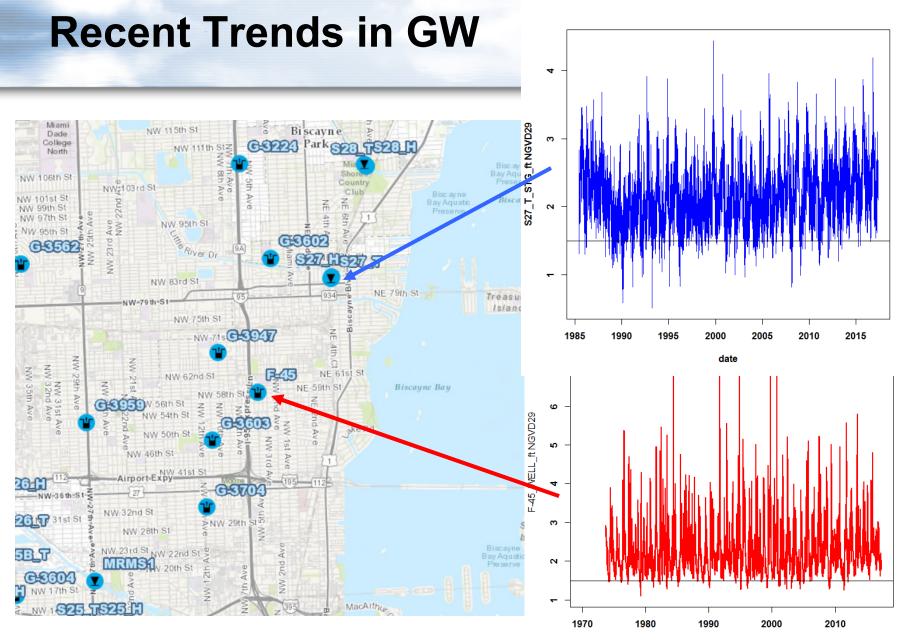


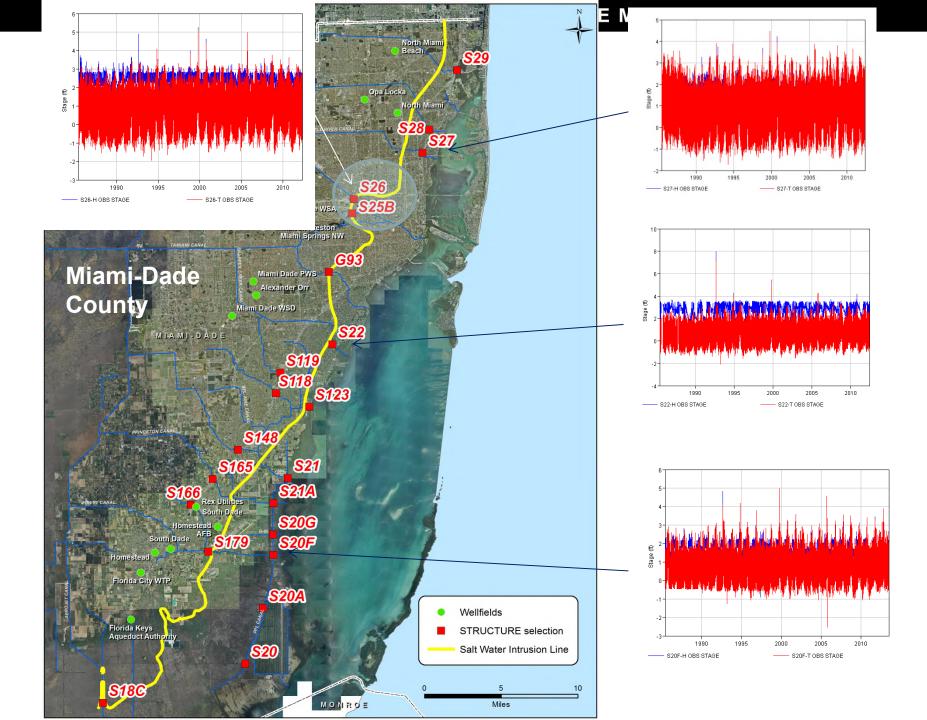


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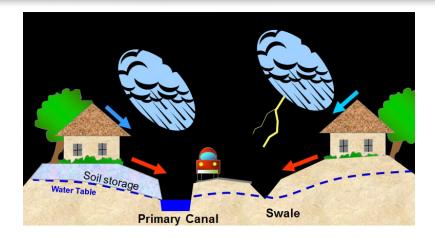
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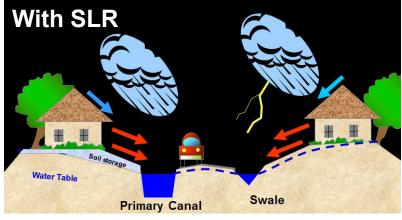




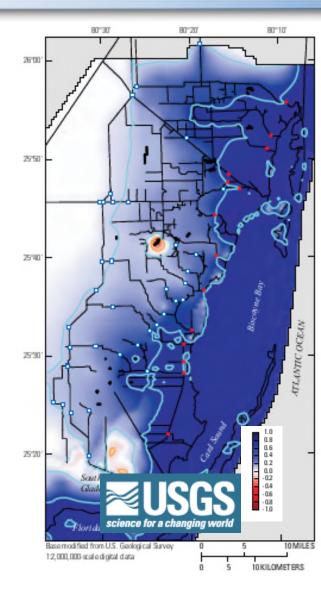
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Non-uniform water table increase: modeling (USGS/M-D WSD) results



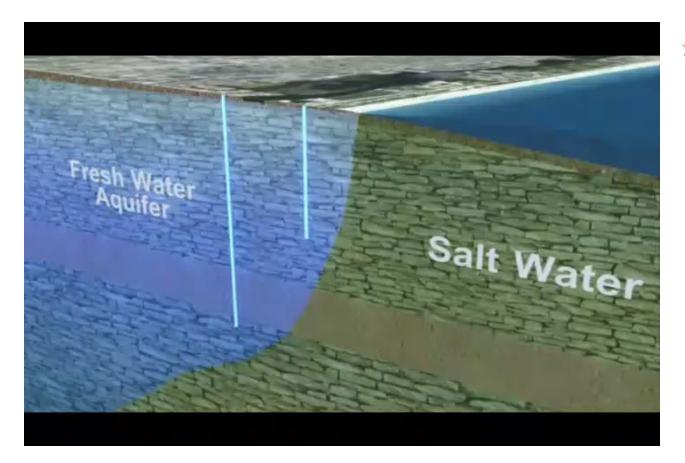


Higher water table & more runoff



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Will Sea Level Rise Accelerate Saltwater Intrusion?

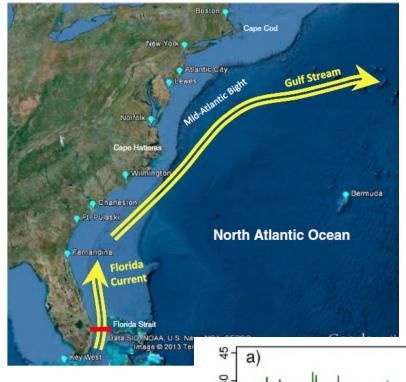


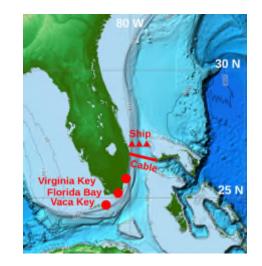


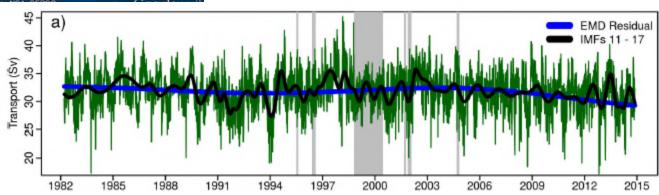
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Decline in Florida Current Transport?







Latest Regional Sea Level Projections

