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Improving Dredging Operations Through Data



Agenda



Pain Points



**Challenges &
Maturity**



Technologies



Solutions

Operational Pain Points



Inconsistent Operations

Different operators and shift crews produce variable results
Lack of standard procedures makes problems hard to diagnose



Inadequate Planning

Assumptions about readiness often fail mid-project
Critical equipment issues and timeline gaps emerge too late



Poor Visibility & Communication

Limited real-time insight into what happens between surveys
Remote managers receive delayed or incomplete information



Training & Knowledge Transfer

Historical data isn't reused to train new operators
Mistakes repeat and tribal knowledge remains siloed

Data & Management Pain Points



Lack of Central Oversight

Multiple dredges operate independently without coordination
Issues are discovered weeks after they occur



Fragmented & Manual Tools

Paper logs and spreadsheets lose critical data
No continuity across teams or shifts



Difficulty Evaluating Equipment

Investments are made without measuring performance
ROI remains unclear without before-after analytics



Environmental & Logistics Costs

Inefficient dredging wastes fuel, time and increases emissions
Moving and repositioning equipment inefficiently

Challenges & Maturity

Key Challenges

- Cultural resistance to data-driven decisions
- Fragmented tools and processes
- Delayed feedback loops
- Lack of standardization



Level 1: Reactive

No structured data collection
Experience-based decisions

Level 2: Basic Awareness

Limited metrics collected on site
Some reporting but shallow insights

Level 3: Informed Adjustment

Regular data collection & analysis
Dashboards guide adjustments

Level 4: Optimization

Integrated data across fleets
Continuous improvement & role-based insights

WHY IT MATTERS

Severe drought drops water level to historic low on the Paraguay River, a regional lifeline



Economies run off waterways

- Limited funds for projects
- Time sensitive
- Remote areas
- Expensive mistakes

How One of the World's Biggest Ships Jammed the Suez Canal

Four months after the megaship Ever Given got stuck in the canal, neither the canal nor the shipping industry has addressed some of the most critical issues that led to the grounding.

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Technologies to Improve Operations



Data Capture

- Sensors (GNSS, angle, pressure, density)
- Digital lever log



Data Management

- Local database
- Cloud data sync
- Logical data organization



Visualization & Summarization

- Dashboards
- Big data architecture



Analytics & Intelligence

- Forecasting & simulation
- Machine learning / AI

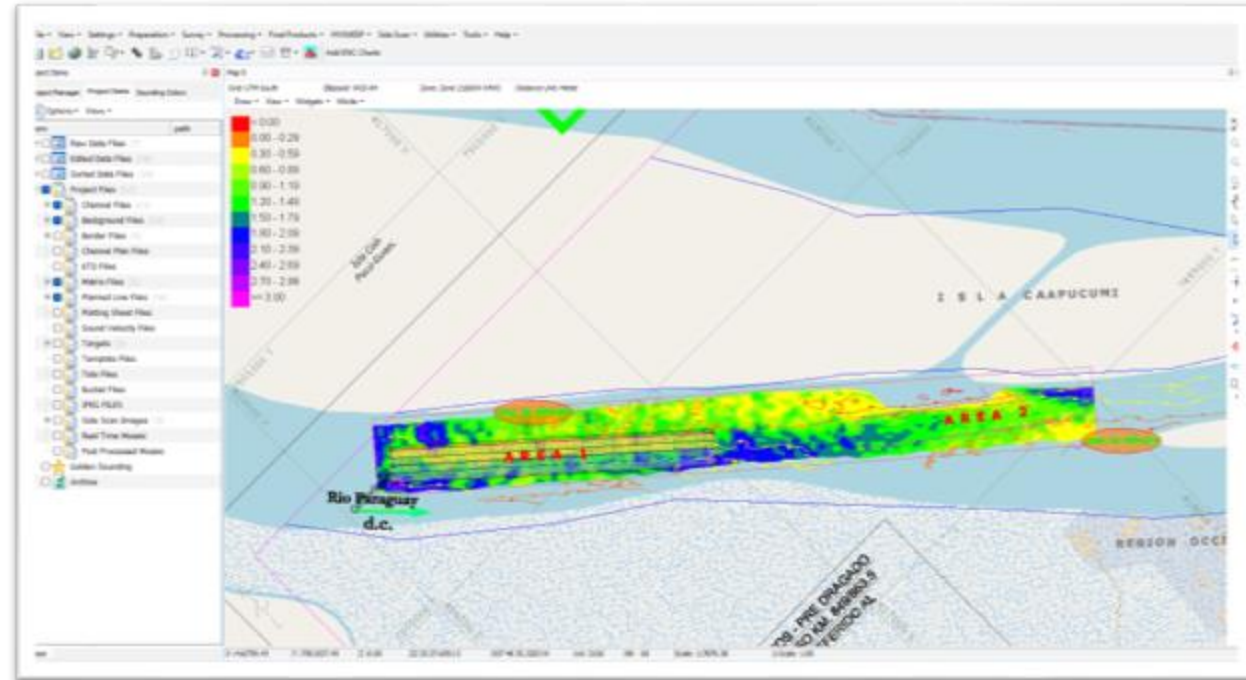
Paso Progreso Project - Rio Paraguay

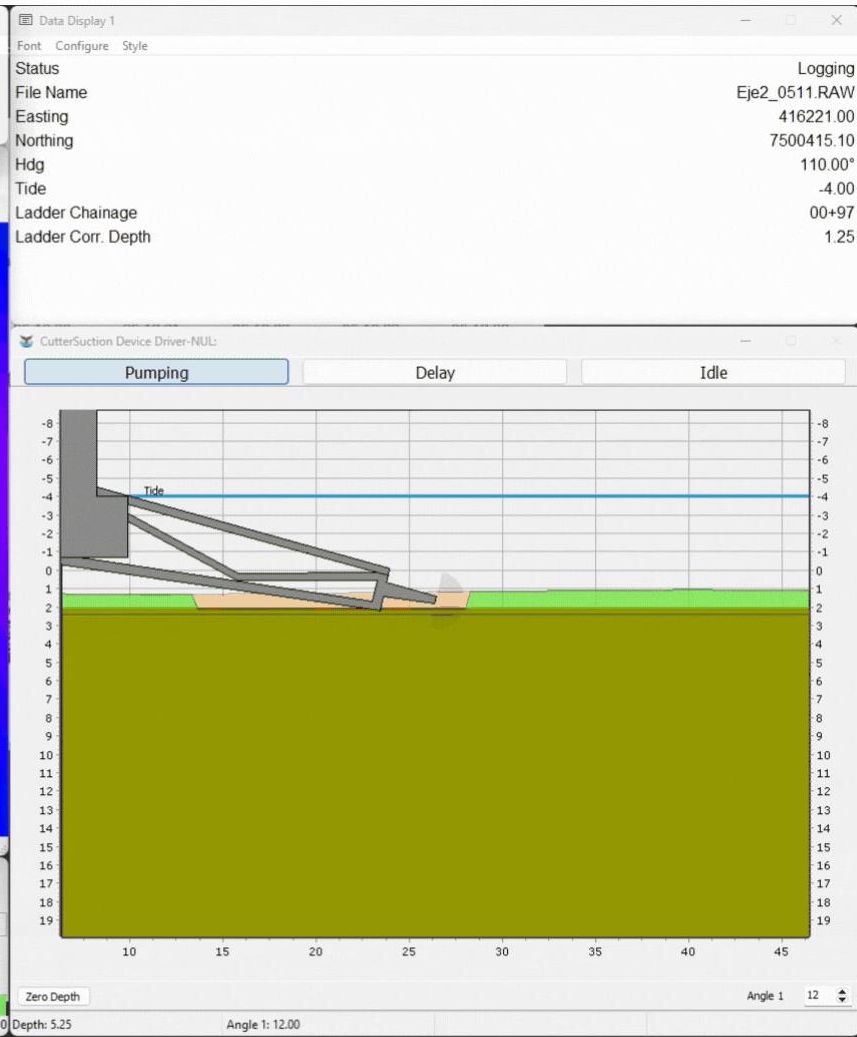
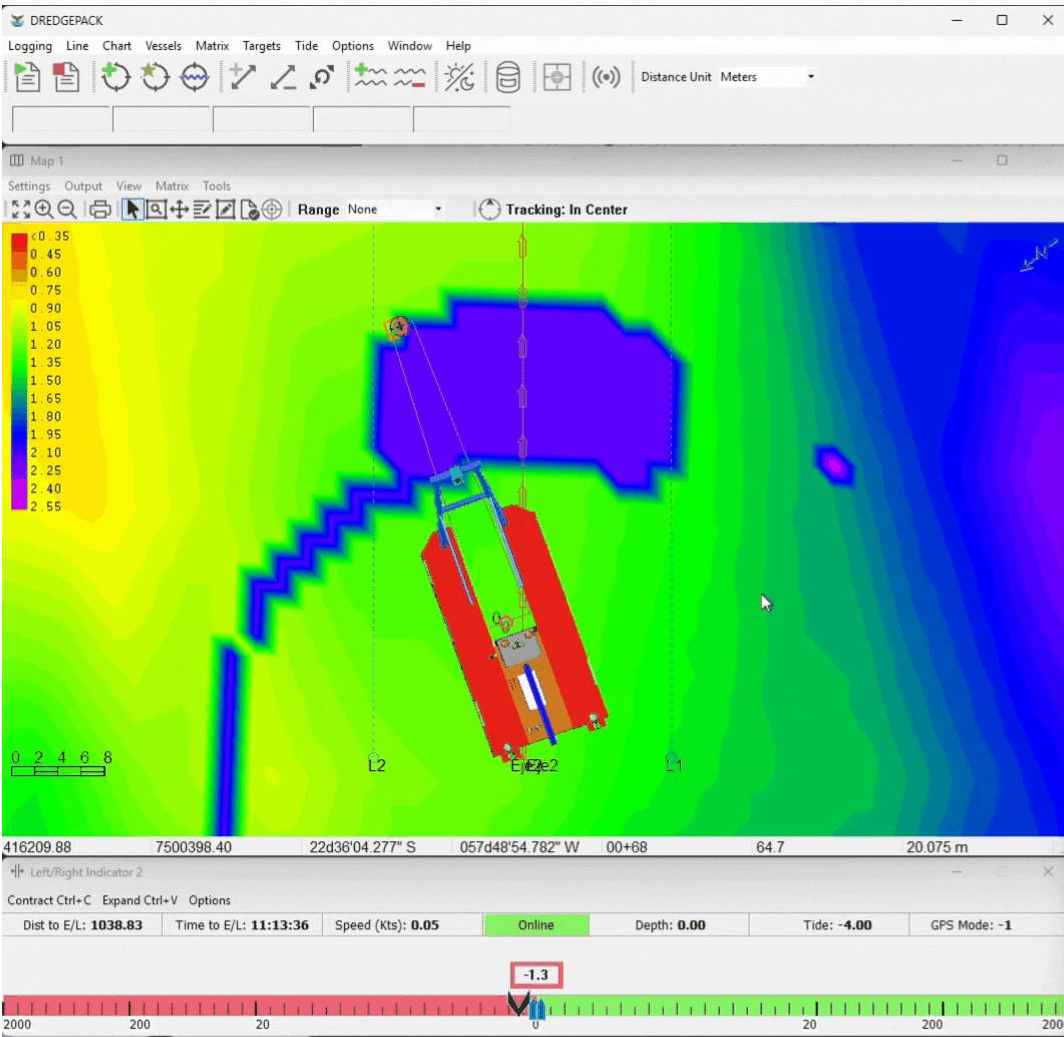
Cutter Suction Dredge

- 100m long
- 27m ladder

Area 1

- 1000m long
- 100m wide
- 25 m wide cuts





CURRENT PROJECT
PASO PROGRESO

DREDGE
DRAGON 1

LAST STATUS REPORTED
PUMPING

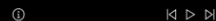
Total Material Removed in range: 10,178.181
Total Area Covered in range: 55,550

AVG Speed: 0.46
Min Volume in range: 420.658

Estimated days remaining: 25

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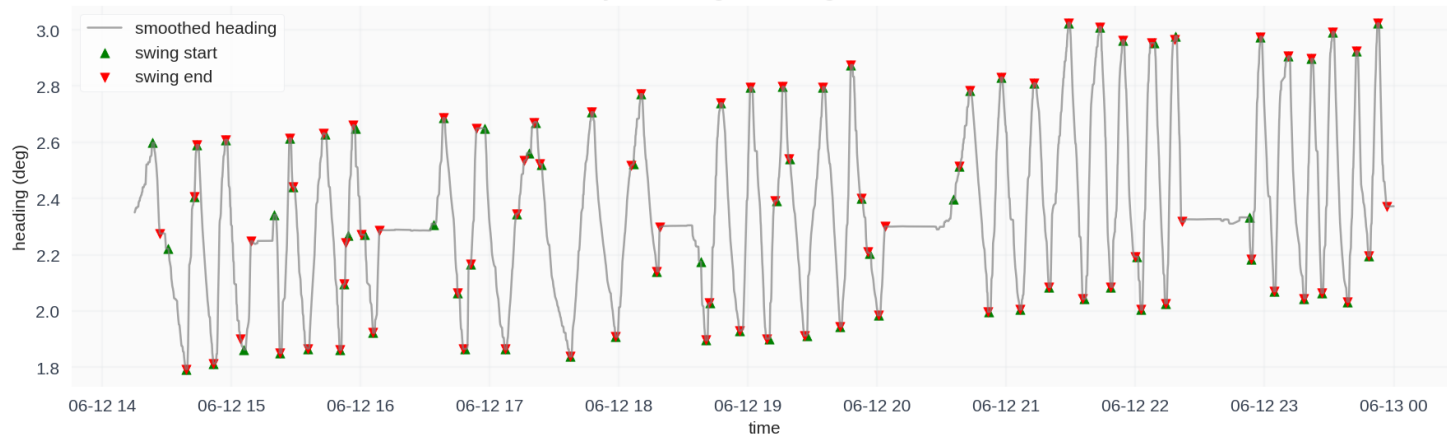




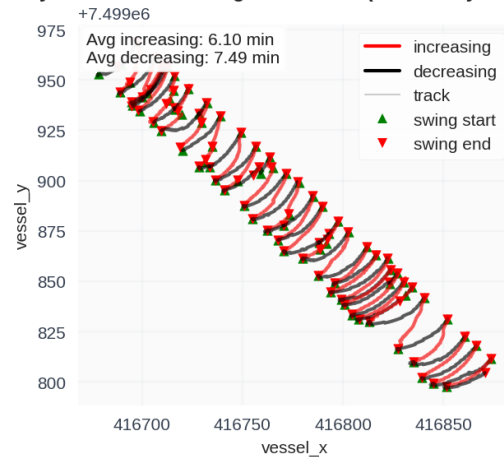




Day 7: Heading with swing starts/ends



Day 7: Track with swing starts/ends (colored by direction)



Data Insights

- Inconsistent Pattern
- Slow Swing Times

Turn Data Into Decisions

Add Booster Adjust Dig Plan

- How is Runtime Effected
- How is Production Effected

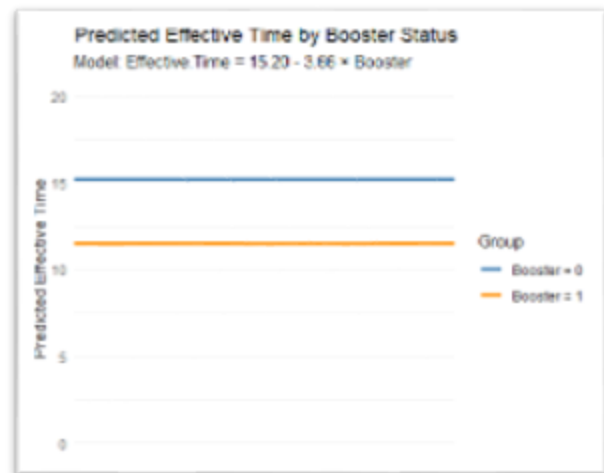
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> mod.4 <- lm(Effective.Time~Booster, data = Dredge_Data)
> summary(mod.4)

Call:
lm(formula = Effective.Time ~ Booster, data = Dredge_Data)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-14.7843  -2.7029   0.9638   3.1304   8.7138

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  15.2009    0.3545  42.881  < 2e-16 ***
BoosterYes   -3.6647    0.5200  -7.047  1.3e-11 ***
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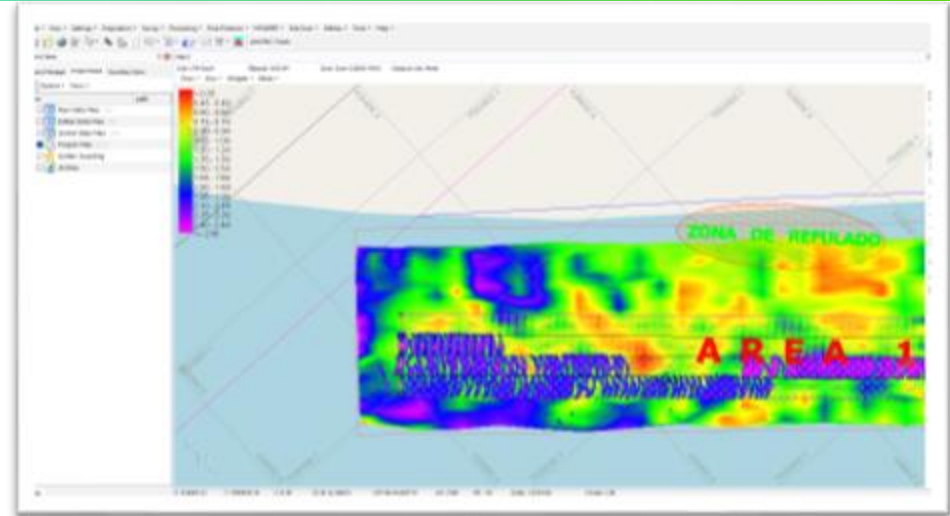
Residual standard error: 4.47 on 295 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.1441,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.1412
F-statistic: 49.66 on 1 and 295 DF,  p-value: 1.297e-11
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Turn Data Into Decisions

Adjust Swing Pattern

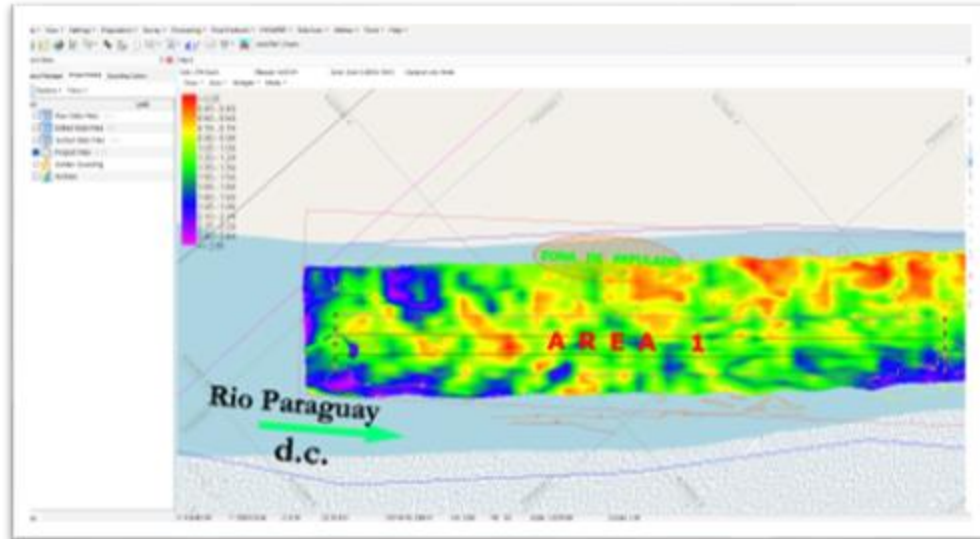
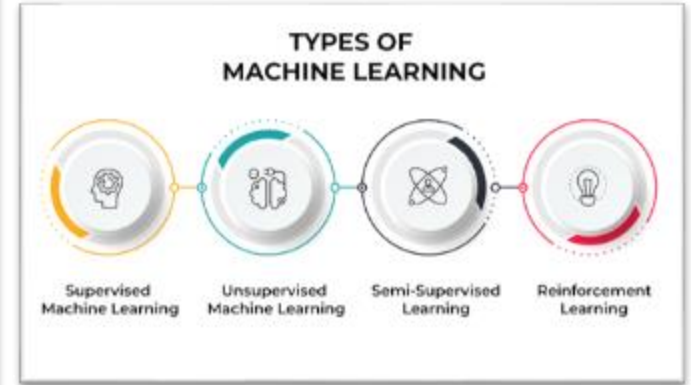
- Can we reduce the number of cuts
- Can we finish the job faster



Simulation Scenarios	
Cycle Time 25 m	7.50
Cycle Time 33 m	9.90
Estimated Advance for 25 m	24.00
Estimated Advance for 33 m	15.10
Daily Advance 25 m	249.45
Daily Advance 33 m	190.90
Days per cut 25 m	4.21
Days per cut 33 m	5.56
Days to complete 25 m	15.84
Days to complete 33 m	16.67
Transit time/Change cut time	-4.2
Total Days to complete 25 m	17.365
Total Days to complete 33 m	17.62

Next Steps

- Implement Additional sensors
- Predictive Modeling
- Feedback
- Improve Maturity Level



Thank You!

Questions & Discussion

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