## Delineating the Littoral Zone Using Topographic and Bathymetric LIDAR









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Foundations for Tidal Datum Modelling

- Hydrodynamic Tide Models
- Interpolated/Extrapolated Tide Models





















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## Tidal Lines - Sorrento, Victoria

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Data Integration Issues (in addition to vertical datum offset)

Narrow Overlap
Data Gaps
<ul> <li>Resolution</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Lack of Height Control</li> </ul>
Data Noise

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## Summary

- Topographic LIDAR provides a means for accurately delineating the line of HAT. Likewise,
- Bathymetric LIDAR provides an accurate means for delineating the line of LAT
- Hydrodynamic tide model is preferred as a means to define tidal datums.
- Interpolation between tide gauges can be used in locations with a sufficiently dense tide a gauge network.
- Differences between the topographic and bathymetric LIDAR datasets need to be overcome if a seamless, integrated LIDAR DEM is to be used to derive the littoral zone boundaries.

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