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## **Body**

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2024 JAN 05 (NewsRx) -- By a News Reporter-Staff News Editor at Tech Daily News -- Investigators discuss new findings in remote sensing. According to news reporting originating from Austin, Texas, by NewsRx correspondents, research stated, "In 2017, **Bureau of Economic Geology** (BEG) researchers at the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) conducted an airborne lidar survey campaign, collecting topographic and bathymetric data over Lower Laguna Madre, which is a shallow hypersaline lagoon in south Texas."

Funders for this research include Texas General Land Office; Texas Water Development Board.

The news correspondents obtained a quote from the research from University of Texas Austin: "Researchers acquired 60 hours of lidar data, covering an area of 1600 km<sup>2</sup> with varying environmental conditions influencing water quality and surface heights. In the southernmost parts of the lagoon, in-situ measurements were collected from a boat to quantify turbidity, water transparency, and depths. Data analysis included processing of Sentinel-2 L1C satellite imagery pixel reflectance to classify locations with intermittent turbidity. Lidar measurements were compared to sonar recordings, and results revealed height differences of 5-25 cm where the lagoon was shallower than 3.35 m. Further, researchers analyzed satellite bathymetry at relatively transparent lagoon locations, and the results produced height agreement within 13 cm."

According to the news reporters, the research concluded: "The study concluded that bathymetric efforts with airborne lidar and optical satellite imaging have practical limitations and comparable results in large and dynamic shallow coastal estuaries, where in-situ measurements and tide adjustments are essential for height comparisons."

For more information on this research see: Analysis of Depths Derived by Airborne Lidar and Satellite Imaging to Support Bathymetric Mapping Efforts with Varying Environmental Conditions: Lower Laguna Madre, Gulf of Mexico. Remote Sensing, 2023,15(24):5754. (Remote Sensing - <http://www.mdpi.com/journal/remotesensing/>). The publisher for Remote Sensing is MDPI AG.

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Our news editors report that more information may be obtained by contacting Kutalmis Saylam, Near Surface Observatory, **Bureau of Economic Geology**, John A. and Katherine G. Jackson School of Geosciences, University of Texas Austin, Austin, TX 78758, United States. Additional authors for this research include Alejandra Briseno, Aaron R. Averett, John R. Andrews.

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