

# ESRI FEDERAL GIS CONFERENCE 2019

## NASA DISASTERS PROGRAM

Geospatial Solutions Towards Weather &  
Climate Risk Reduction

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# NASA MISSION

Drive advances in science, technology, aeronautics, and space exploration to enhance knowledge, education, innovation, economic vitality and **stewardship of Earth.**



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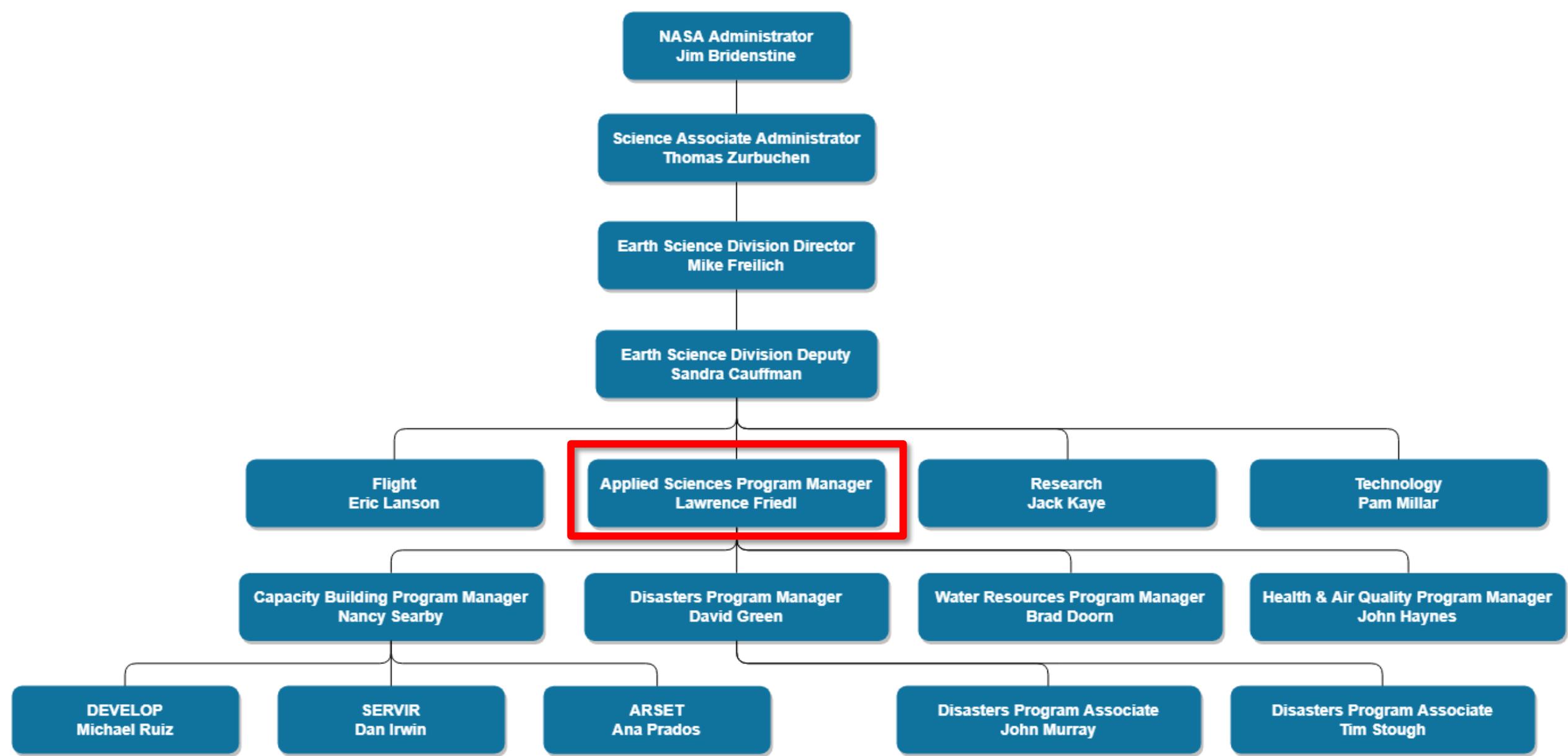
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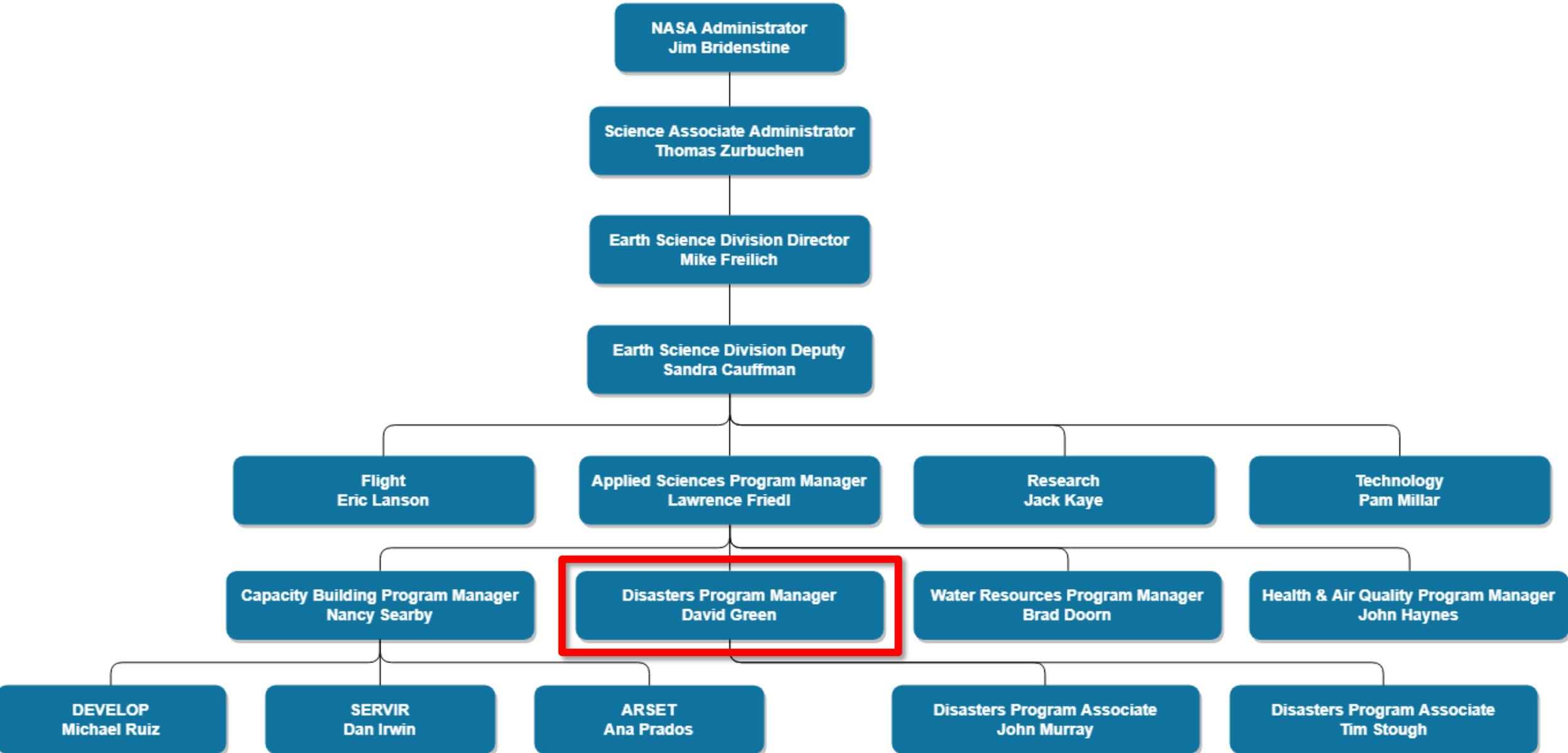
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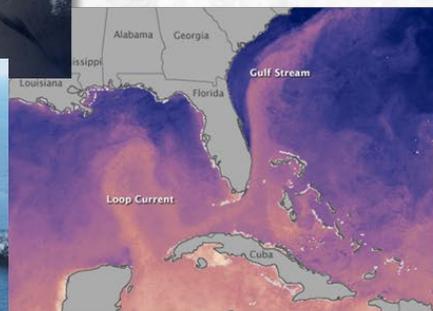


# DISASTERS PROGRAM

Disasters Applications promotes the use of Earth observations to improve prediction of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disaster situations.



*Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, 2010*



**Earthquakes**

**Volcanoes**

**Landslides**

**Floods**

**Fires**

**Land Subsidence**

*Multi-hazard and Global*

# RESEARCH / OPERATIONAL RELATIONSHIP



Kyle Mandli, Columbia University  
Simmi Sinha, NCAR | UCAR



# DISASTERS ARE NOT NATURAL

There is no such thing as a natural disaster only natural hazards.

Disasters often follow natural hazards.

A disaster's severity and cascading impacts depends on how much impact a hazard has on society and the environment.

The scale of the impact in turn depends on the choices we make for our lives and for our environment.

**Each decision and action makes us more vulnerable to disasters or more resilient to them.**

# DISASTERS PROGRAM SCOPE

Monitoring and Observing Local, Regional  
and Global

Transforming data to information to tools

Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience  
through strategic information sharing with  
critical decision-making end users

## New Zealand Flooding 2017

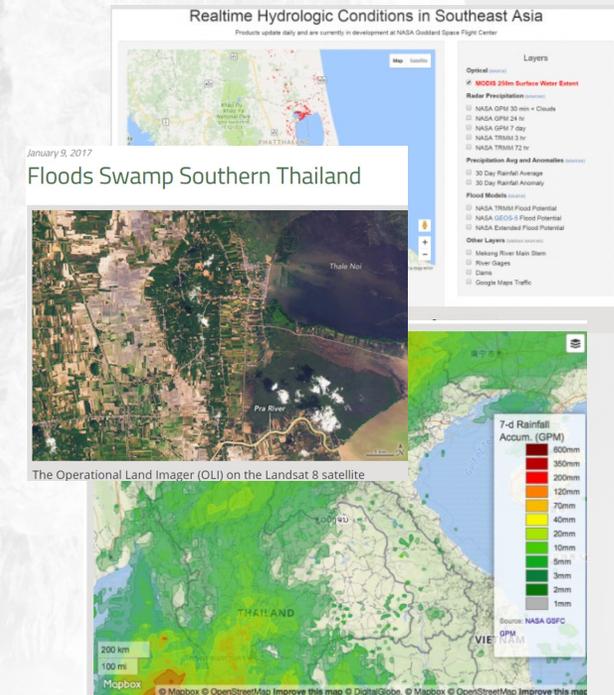
<https://disasters.nasa.gov/new-zealand-flooding-2017>

2017



## Thailand Flooding 2017

<https://disasters.nasa.gov/thailand-flooding-2017>



- (Pre)Formulation
- Implementation
- Primary Ops
- Extended Ops

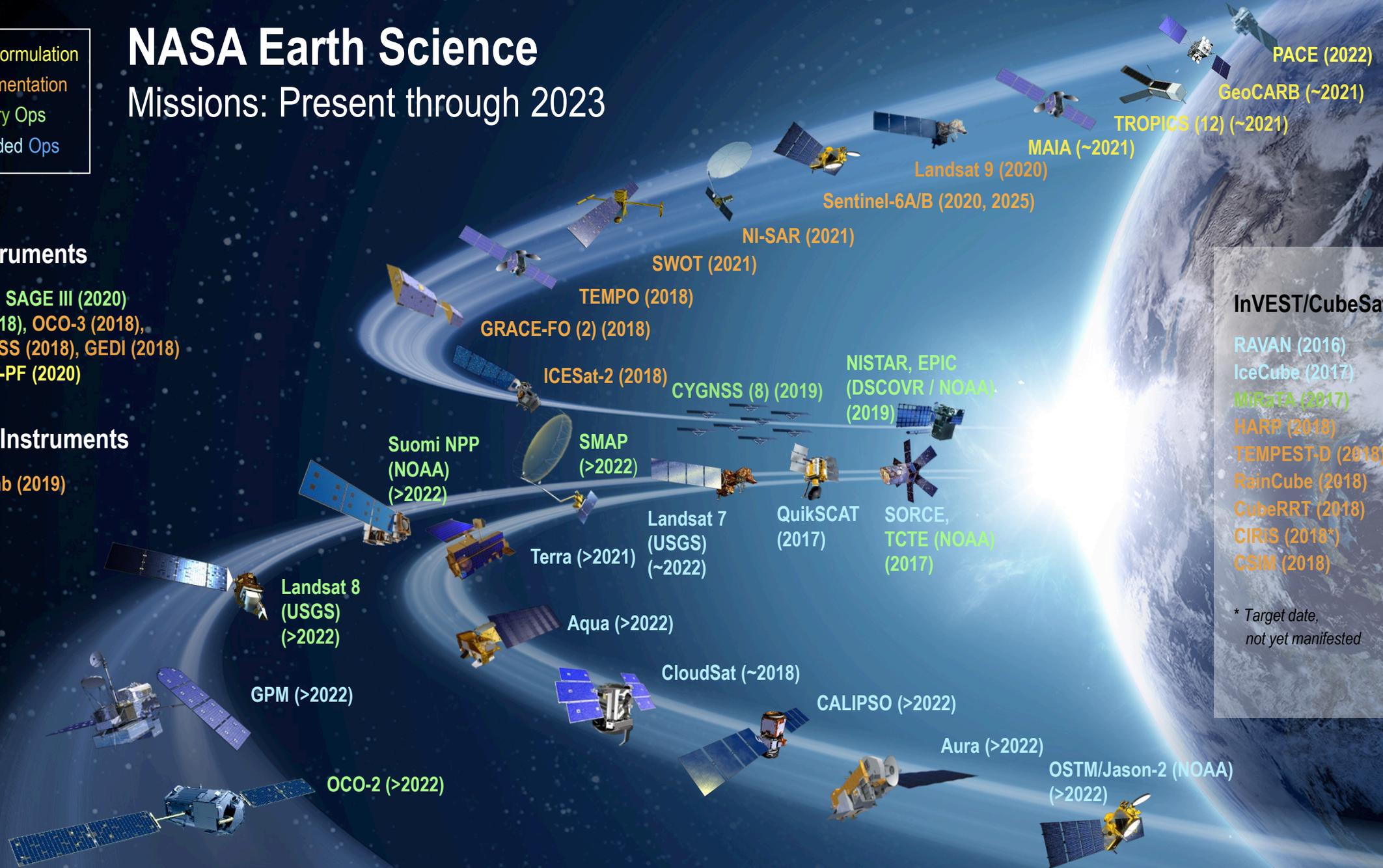
# NASA Earth Science Missions: Present through 2023

## ISS Instruments

LIS (2020), SAGE III (2020)  
 TSIS-1 (2018), OCO-3 (2018),  
 ECOSTRESS (2018), GEDI (2018)  
 CLARREO-PF (2020)

## JPSS-2 Instruments

OMPS-Limb (2019)



**InVEST/CubeSats**

- RAVAN (2016)
- IceCube (2017)
- MIRaTA (2017)
- HARP (2018)
- TEMPEST-D (2018)
- RainCube (2018)
- CubeRRR (2018)
- CIRIS (2018\*)
- CSIM (2018)

*\* Target date, not yet manifested*









### Disasters Program 2018 Highlights

When disasters occur, our researchers become providers and distributors of images, data, and damage assessments. The Disasters team and network of partners and volunteers assist with hazard assessment, evaluation of severity, and identification of impacts near vulnerable infrastructure, crops, and lifelines especially in remote areas where observations are sparse to provide guidance for action.

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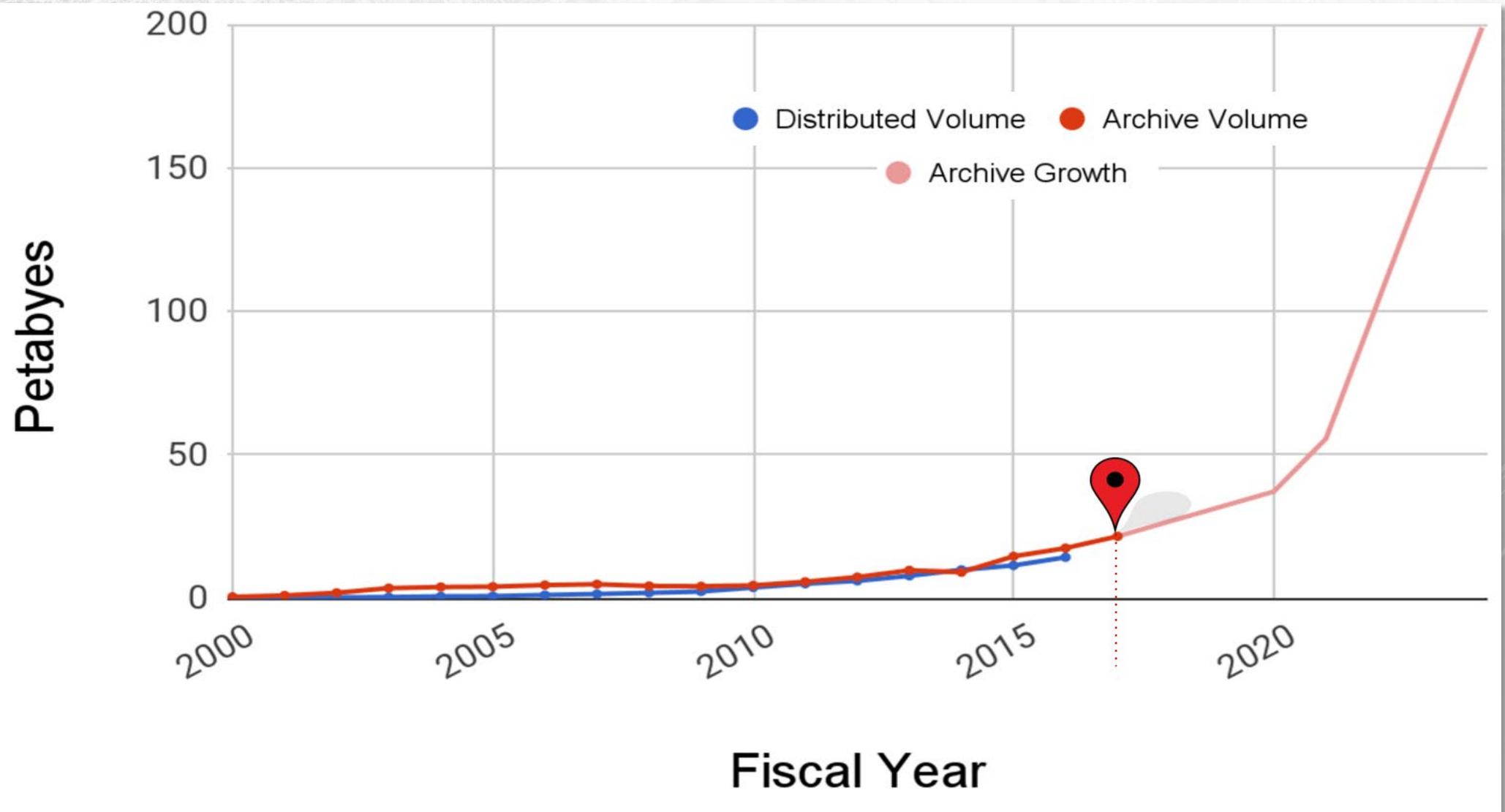
### Recent Responses

- [Alaska Earthquake 2018](#)
- [November 2018 California Wildfires](#)
- [Super Typhoon Yutu 2018](#)
- [Hurricane Willa 2018](#)
- [Hurricane Michael 2018](#)
- [Sulawesi Island, Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami 2018](#)
- [Super Typhoon Mangkhut 2018](#)
- [Hurricane Florence 2018](#)
- [Hokkaido Japan Earthquake 2018](#)
- [Manam Island Eruption August 2018](#)

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# IS THERE A PROBLEM?



# GEOSPATIAL ENABLEMENT

Turning [big] data into targeted, impactful, decision-making quality information.

Providing this information to the right people, in the right format.

In a temporally relevant manner.



# NASA Disasters Mapping Portal

TOOLS

TRAINING

NEWS

PREVIOUS EVENTS

## Featured Maps & Apps



Disasters Program Response ...



NASA Products for the Califor...



NASA Products for Hurricane ...



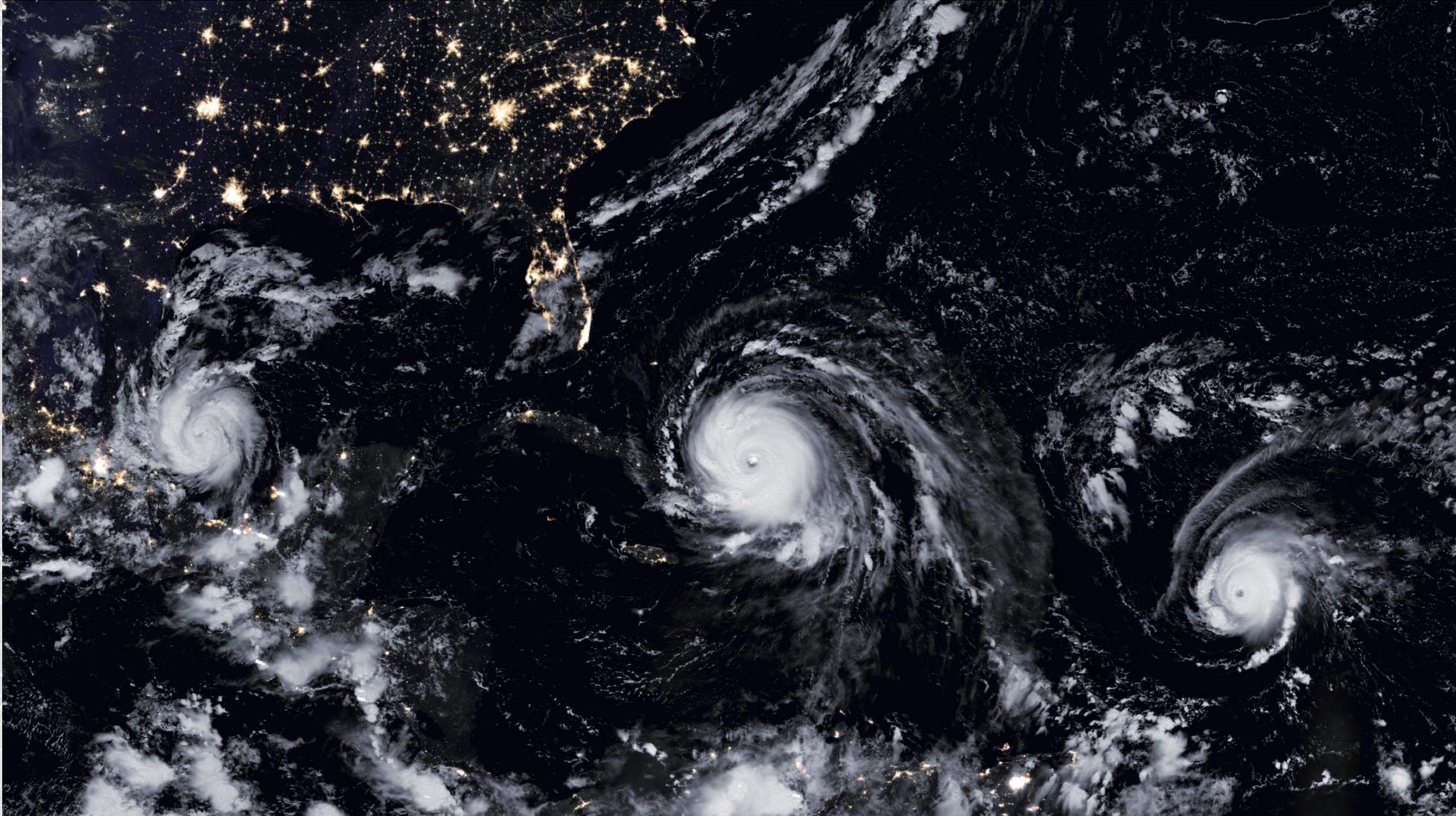
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[maps.disasters.nasa.gov](https://maps.disasters.nasa.gov)



# ENSURING AWARENESS & IDENTIFYING IMPACT



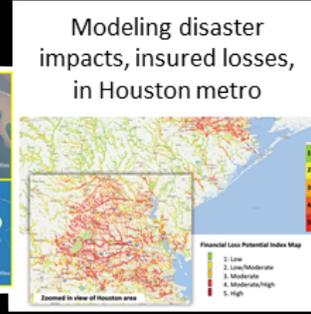
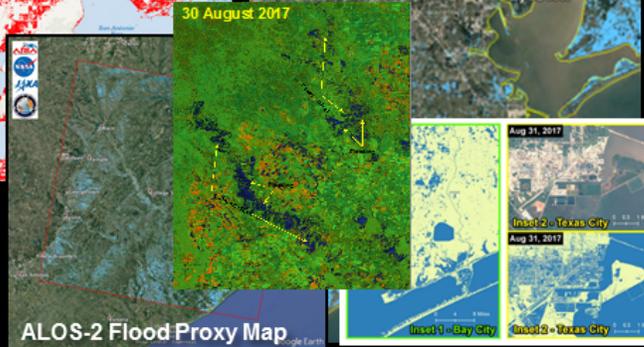
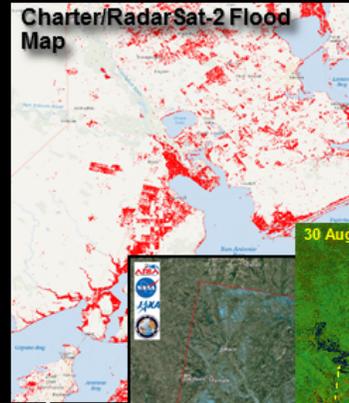
Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) on the Suomi NPP satellite captured the data for a mosaic of Katia, Irma, and Jose as they appeared in the early hours of September 8, 2017.



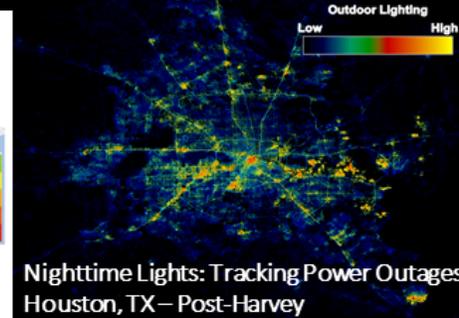
# HURRICANE HARVEY – EVENT RESPONSE TIMELINE

(AUG-SEPT 2017)

NASA, NOAA, ESA, International Space Station, and Charter data used collaboratively to map flooding from SAR/optical



Use of NASA Black Marble HD product to explore power outages during post-Harvey flooding



Forecasts for Harvey identify impacts to U.S. mainland, NASA team activates for coordination calls, product generation, and end-user engagement

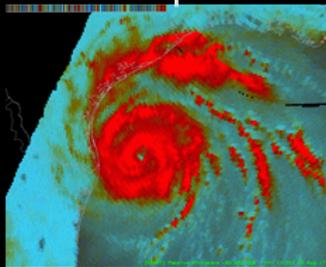


NASA Response Tier 0 1 [Numerous Flood Maps from NASA Teams] 2 1 0

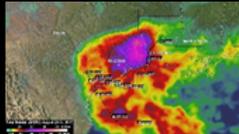
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← UAVSAR Flights →

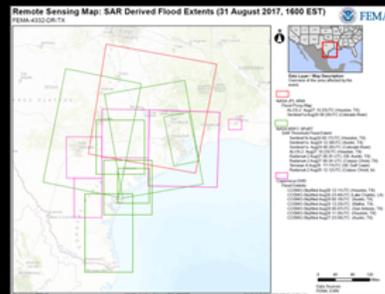
Daily calls begin to coordinate NASA team in generation of products, engagement of funded PIs, and coordination with federal end user partners including FEMA, USGS, National Guard, and others.



NASA's GPM helps track Harvey with data provided to NOAA/NWS and NHC



GPM maps the record-setting rainfall in SE Texas from Harvey



NASA team collaborations provide **over a dozen** detailed flood maps from SAR used by FEMA's geospatial team



NASA provides daily flights of UAVSAR from September 1-4 to rapidly map evolving flood impacts

Houston, TX - September 1, 2017

Nighttime Lights: Tracking Power Outages Houston, TX – Post-Harvey

# HURRICANE FLORENCE RESPONSE

## NASA Products for Hurricane Florence



Home

Sentinel-1 RGB

Sentinel-1 Flood Map

UAVSAR Imagery

Black Marble Nighttime Imagery

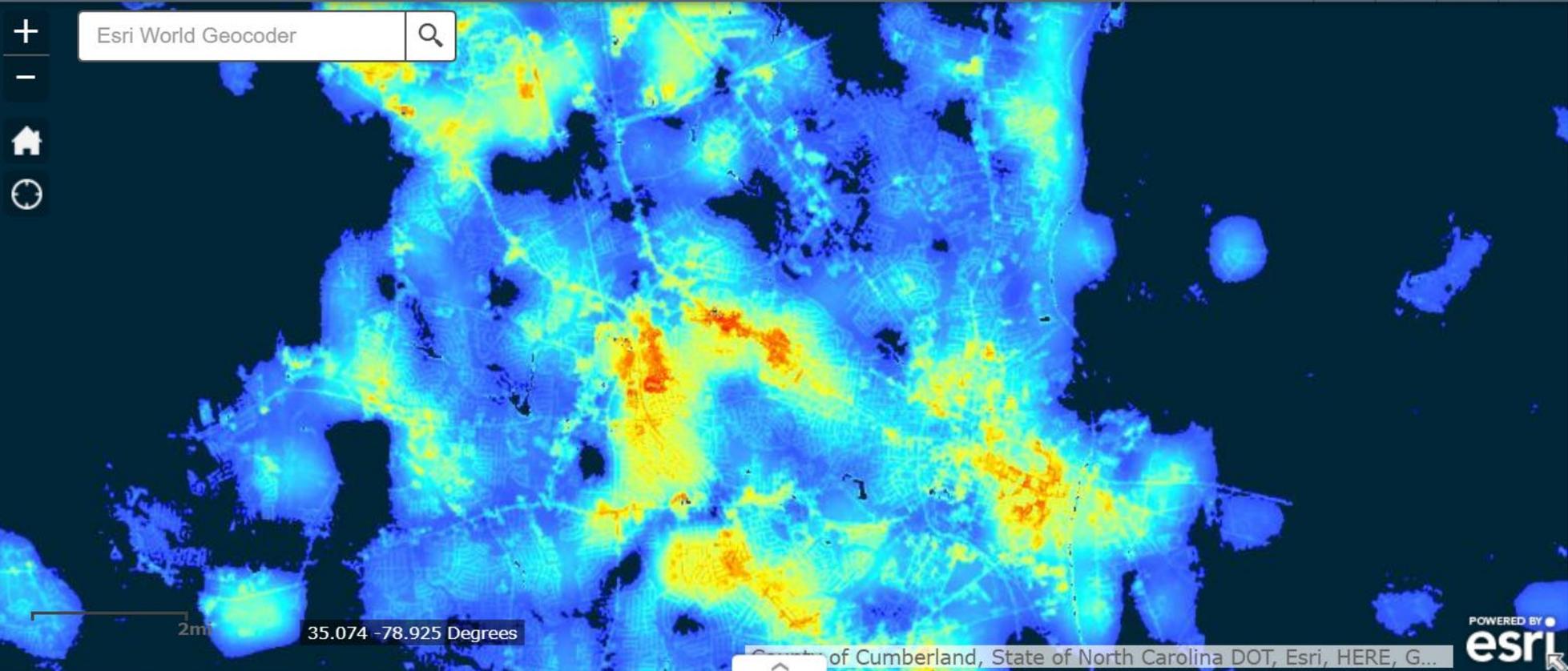
Black Marble HD Nighttime City Imagery



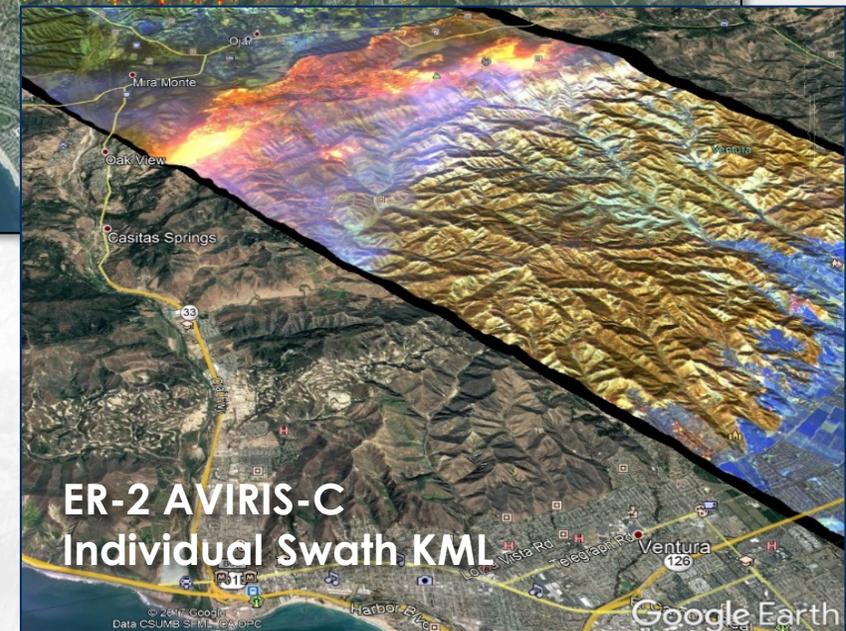
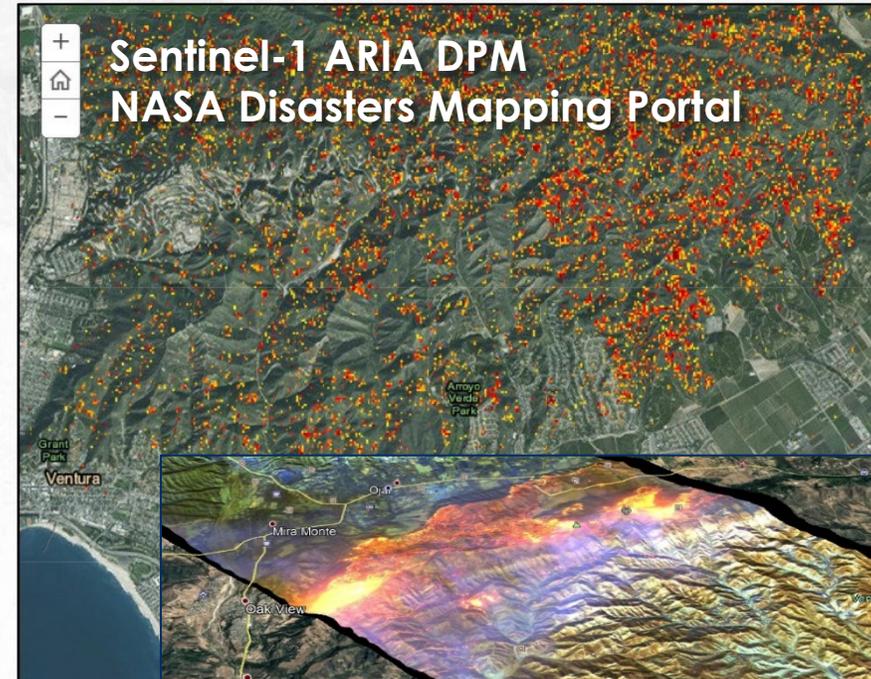
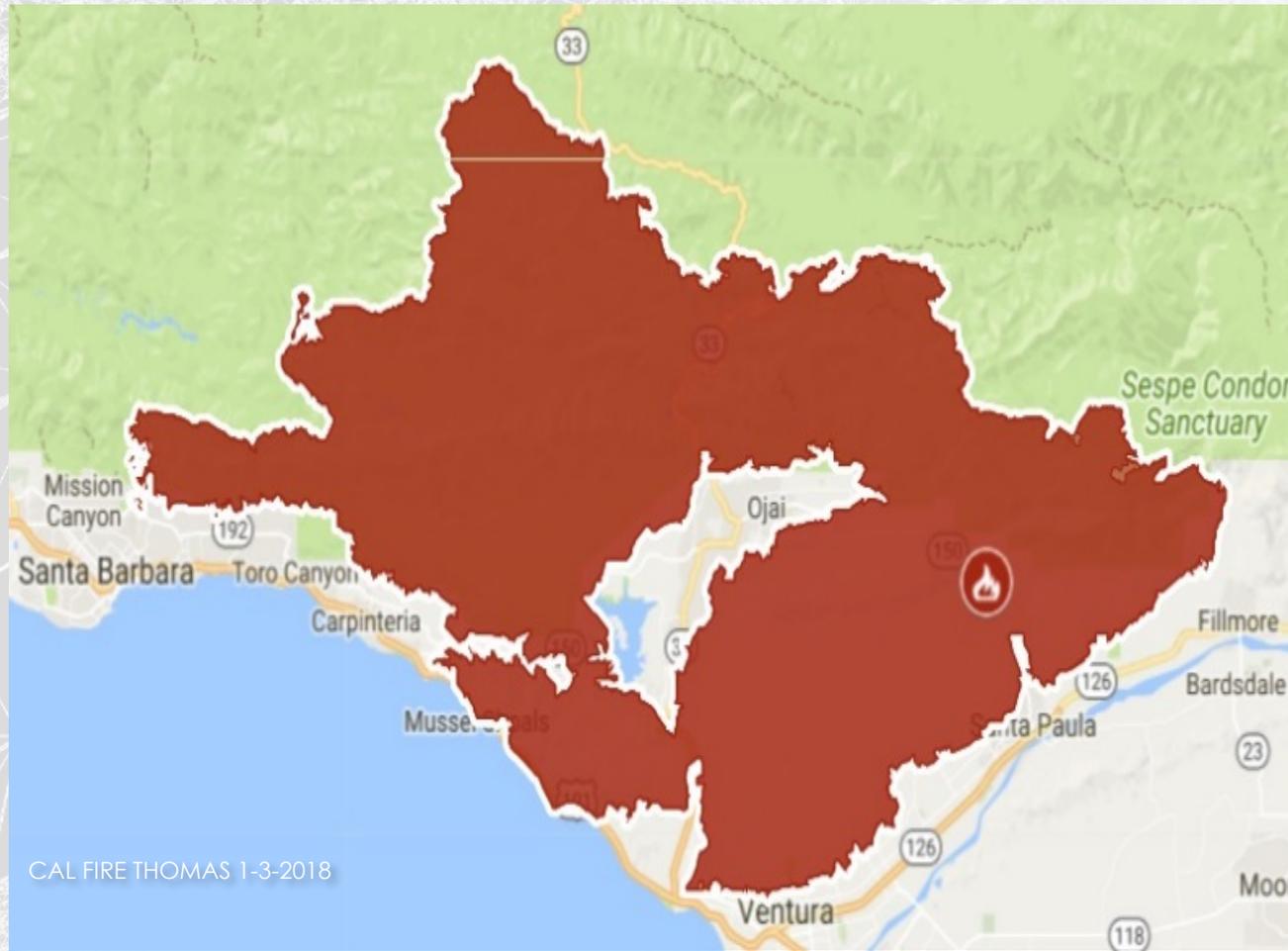
### Purpose/Summary:

From NASA Black Marble product suite, the images of nighttime lights in Hurricane Florence areas are based on data captured by the Suomi NPP satellite, with an equator crossing time of approximately 1:30 am local time. The data was acquired by the Day/Night Band (DNB) of the Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS), which detects light in a range of wavelengths from green to near-infrared, including city lights and lights from other activity. The NASA Black Marble standard product is available on a daily basis within 3-5 hours after acquisition at 500m spatial resolution from January 2012 to present. The Black Marble high definition (HD) product is being

### Black Marble HD Nighttime City Imagery



# CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES 2017



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## NASA Products for the California Wildfires in Fall 2018

NASA Disasters Mapping Portal



Home

Population Impacted

Structures Damaged

Air Pollution

Fuel for the Fire

Power Outages

Landsat 8 Imagery of Camp Fire



### Date of Imagery:

11/16/2018 at 6:00am PST

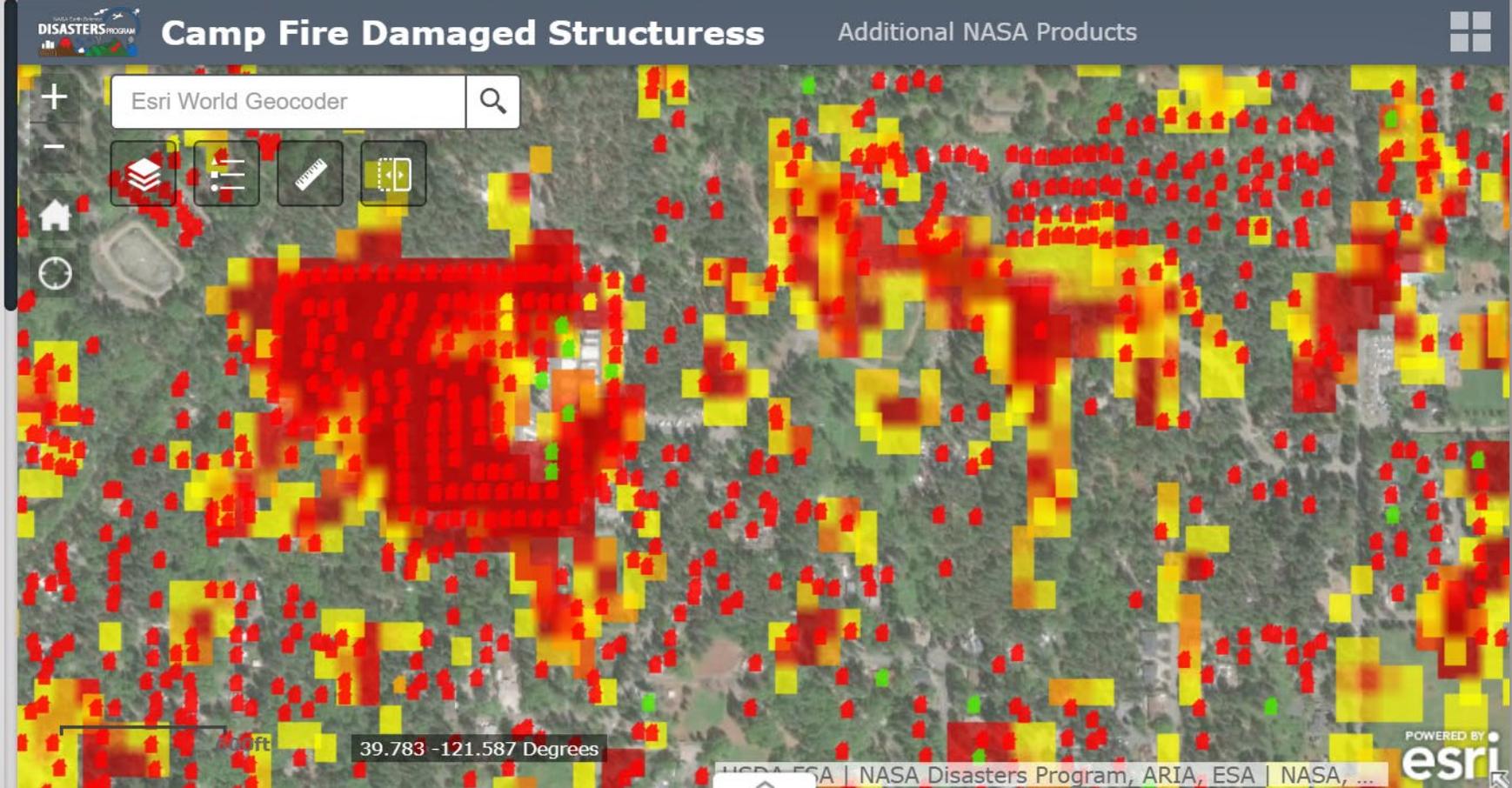
### Summary:

The Camp Fire has damaged over 12,000 structures. NASA's Advanced Rapid Imaging and Analysis (ARIA) team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, created this Damage Proxy Map (DPM) depicting areas that are likely damaged (shown by red and yellow pixels) as a result of the Camp Fire. CalFire is in the process of field verifying damaged structures, shown as red, yellow, and green house icons.

This Damage Proxy Map can help emergency responders identify areas that are likely severely impacted and prioritize where to respond first during such a large event. They can also identify critical infrastructure that may have been impacted by the fire.

The map is derived from synthetic aperture radar (SAR) images from the Copernicus Sentinel-1 satellites, operated by the European Space Agency (ESA). The pre-event images were taken before (November 5, 2018) and the post-event image was acquired during the fire (November 16, 2018).

The color variation from yellow to red indicates

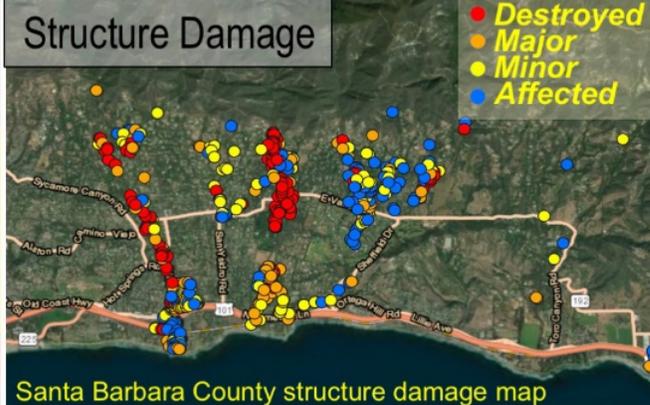
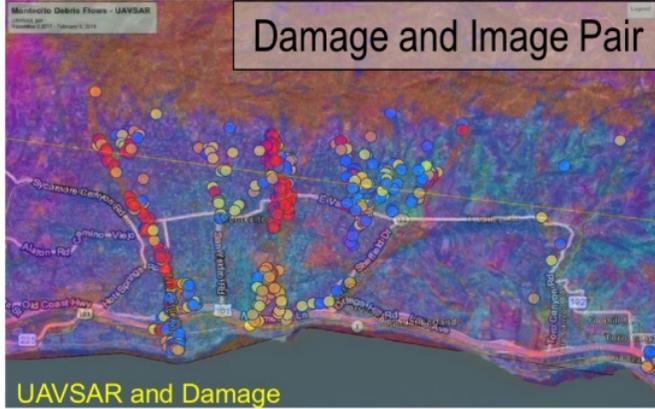
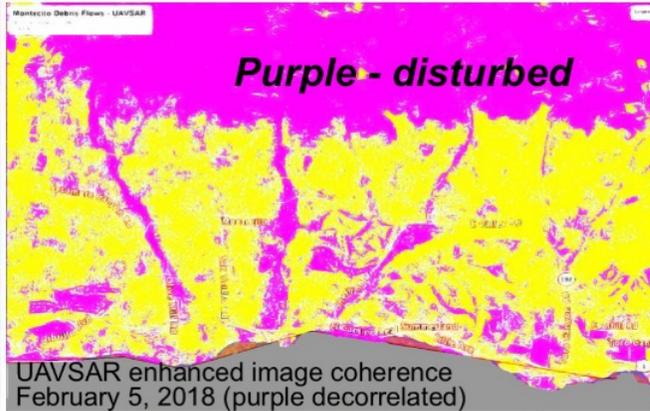
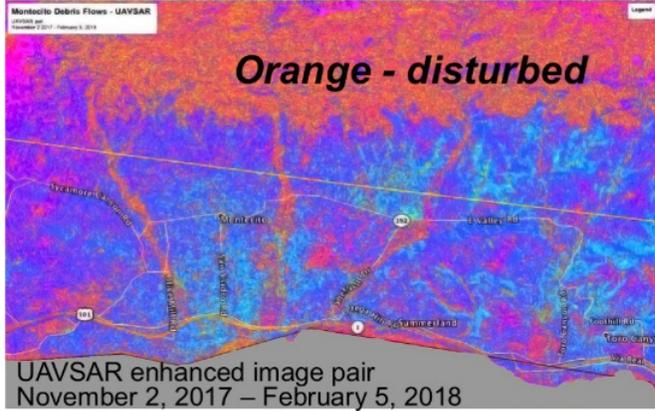


# Montecito Debris Flows Observed with UAVSAR

Image Pair

Image Coherence

# CALIFORNIA DEBRIS FLOWS JAN 2018

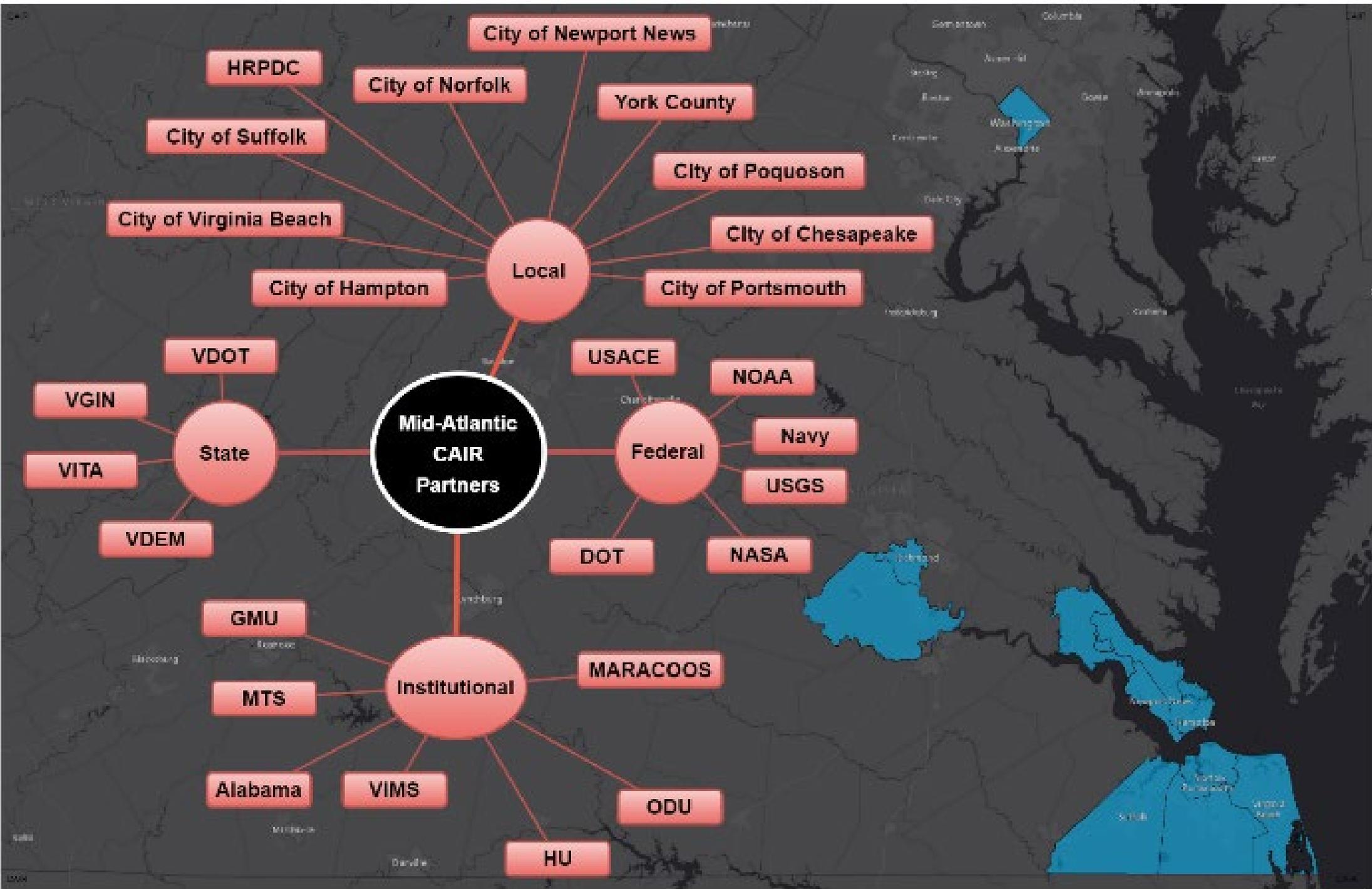


# MID-ATLANTIC COMMUNITIES AND AREAS AT INTENSIVE RISK DEMONSTRATION (CAIR)



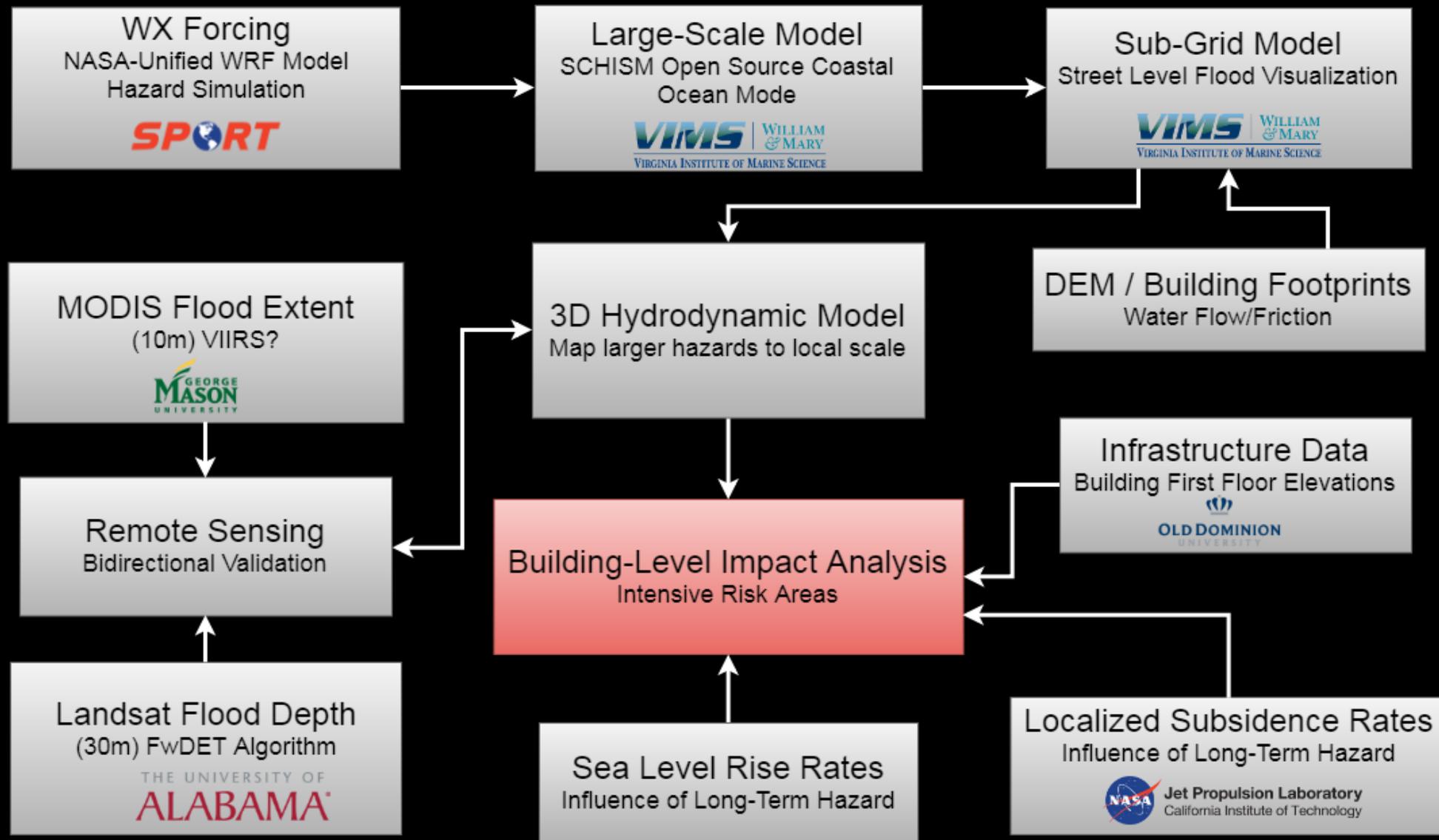
Virginian  
Pilot

- ▶ The mid-Atlantic CAIR project demonstrates the ability to integrate satellite derived earth observations and physical models into actionable, trusted knowledge.





# NASA Disasters Program Communities and Areas at Intensive Risk (CAIR) Mid-Atlantic Demonstration Schematic



# COMMUNITIES & AREAS AT INTENSIVE RISK (CAIR)

Mid-Atlantic Project

Sea Level Rise Projections

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

2018 SLR Report Cards – VA / NC



Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)

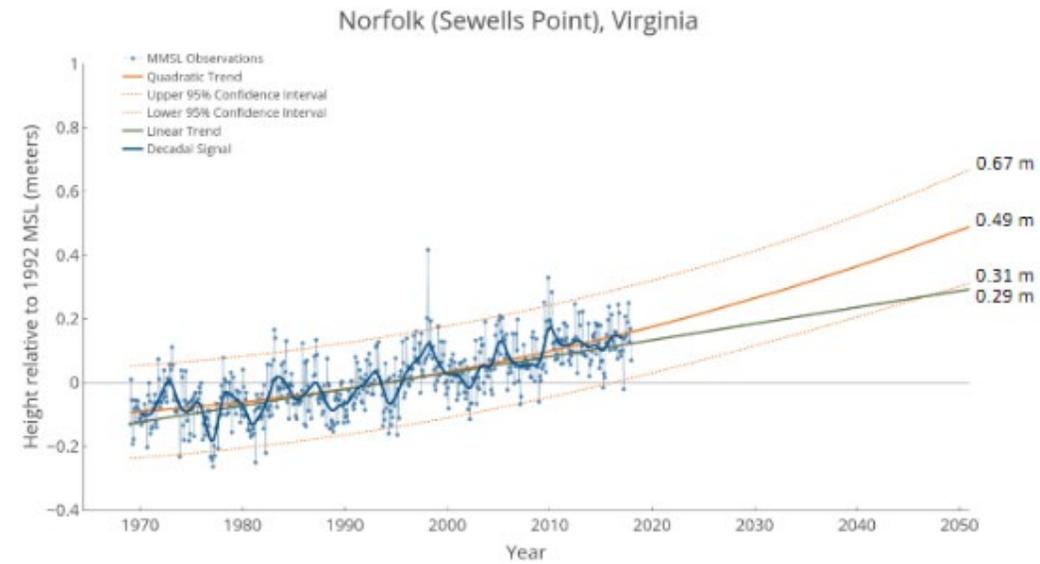


Figure IV-3. Plot of 1969-2017 MMSL, decadal signal, linear and quadratic trends, Norfolk, Virginia.

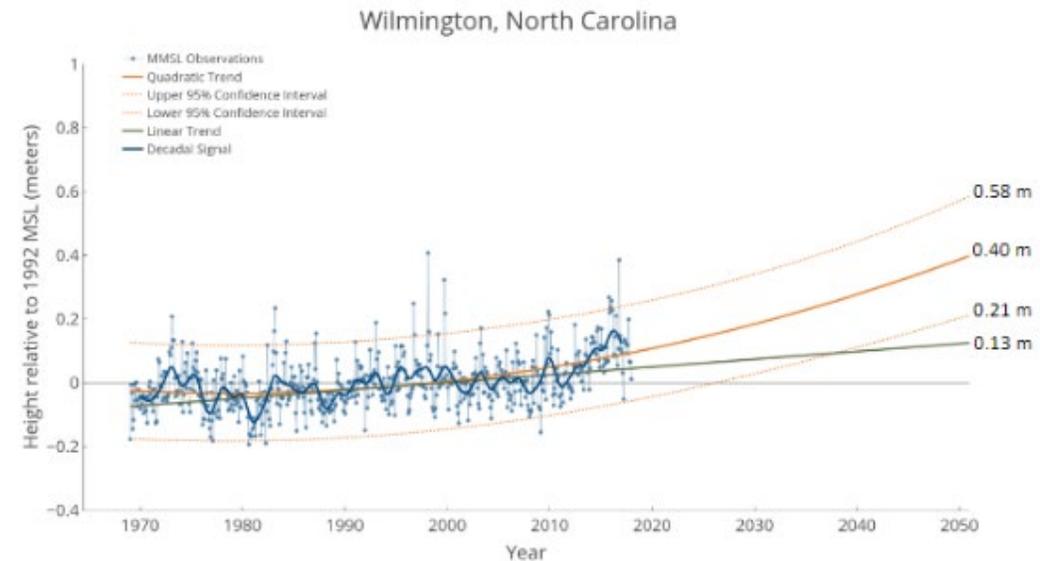
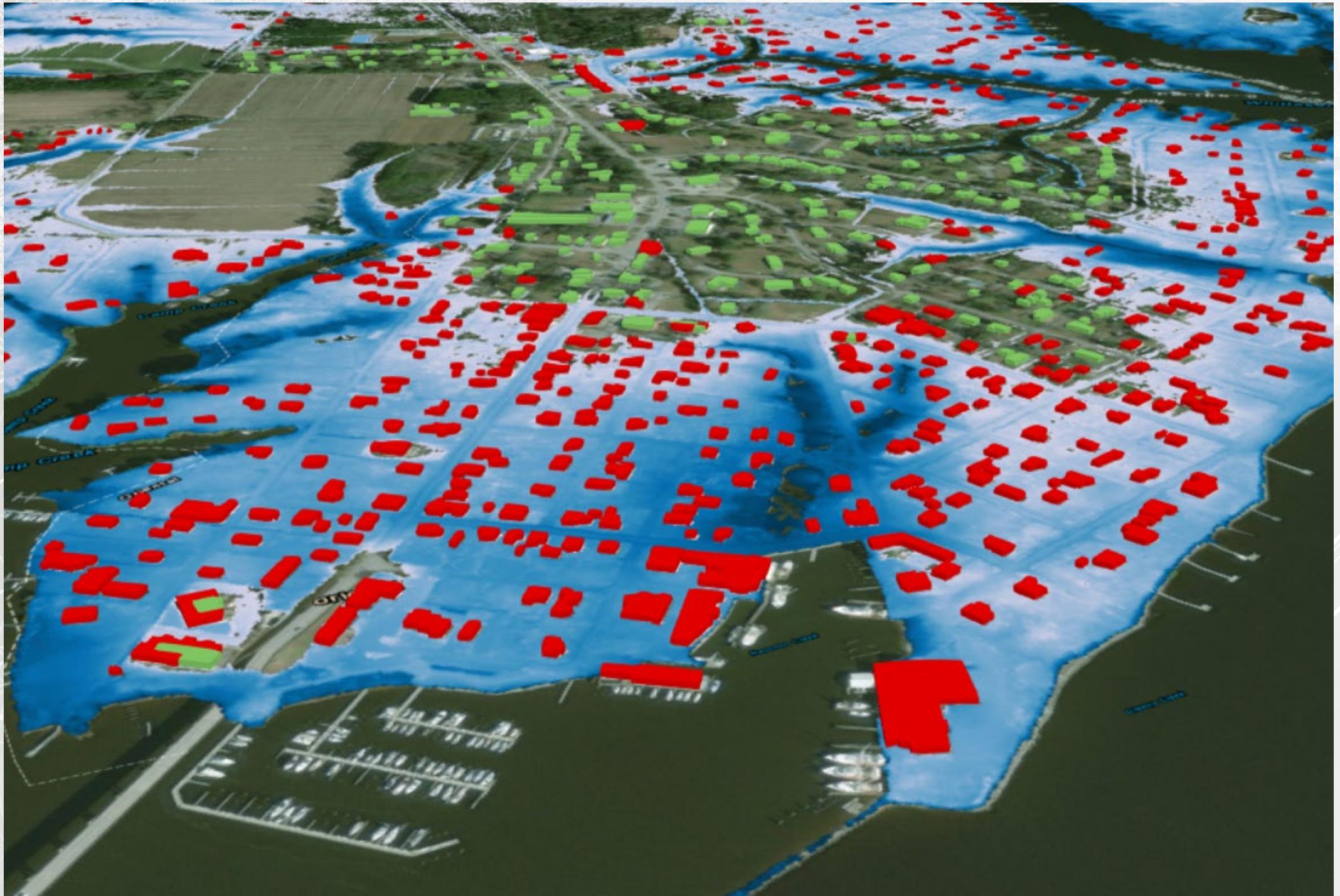
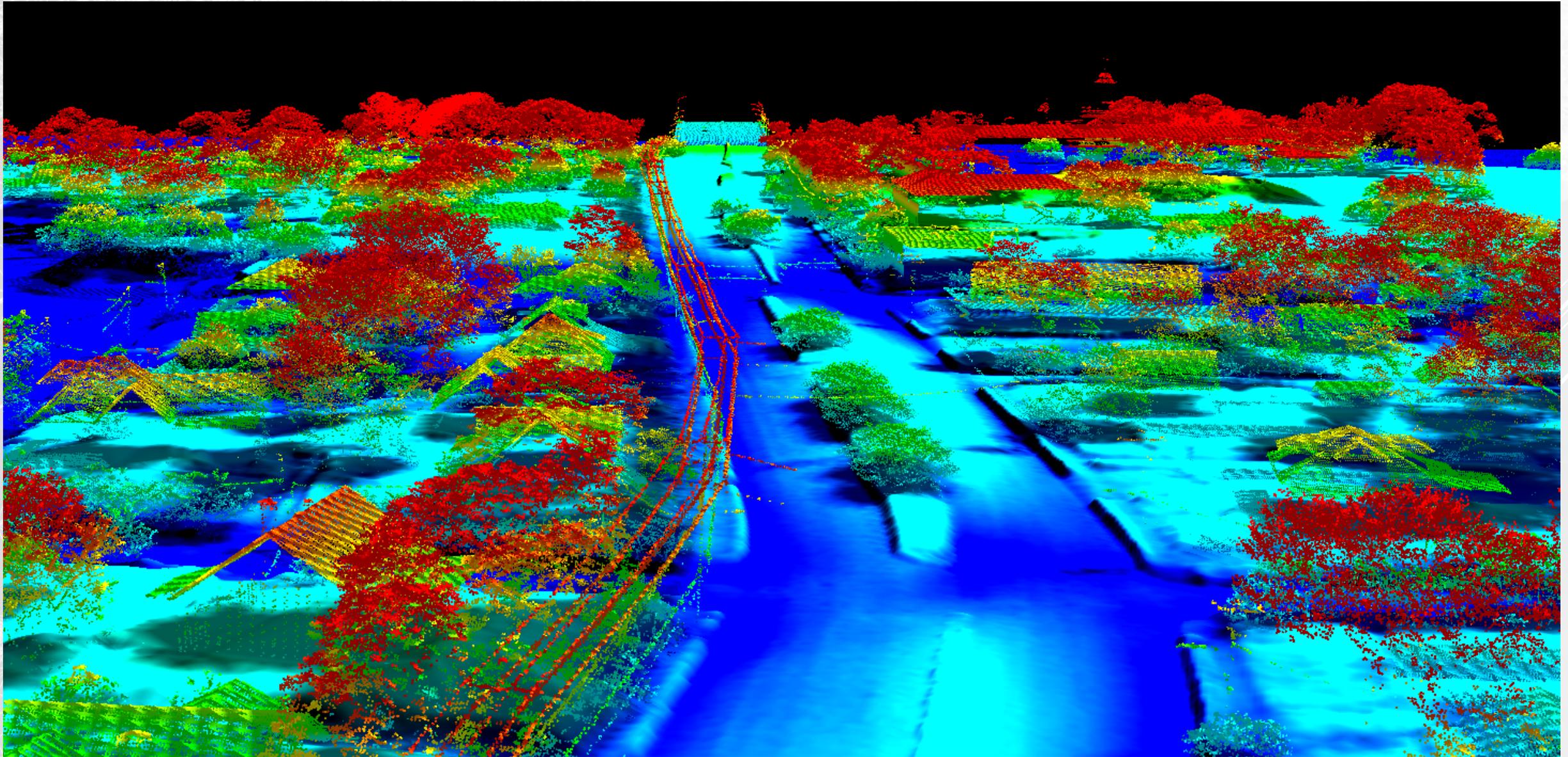


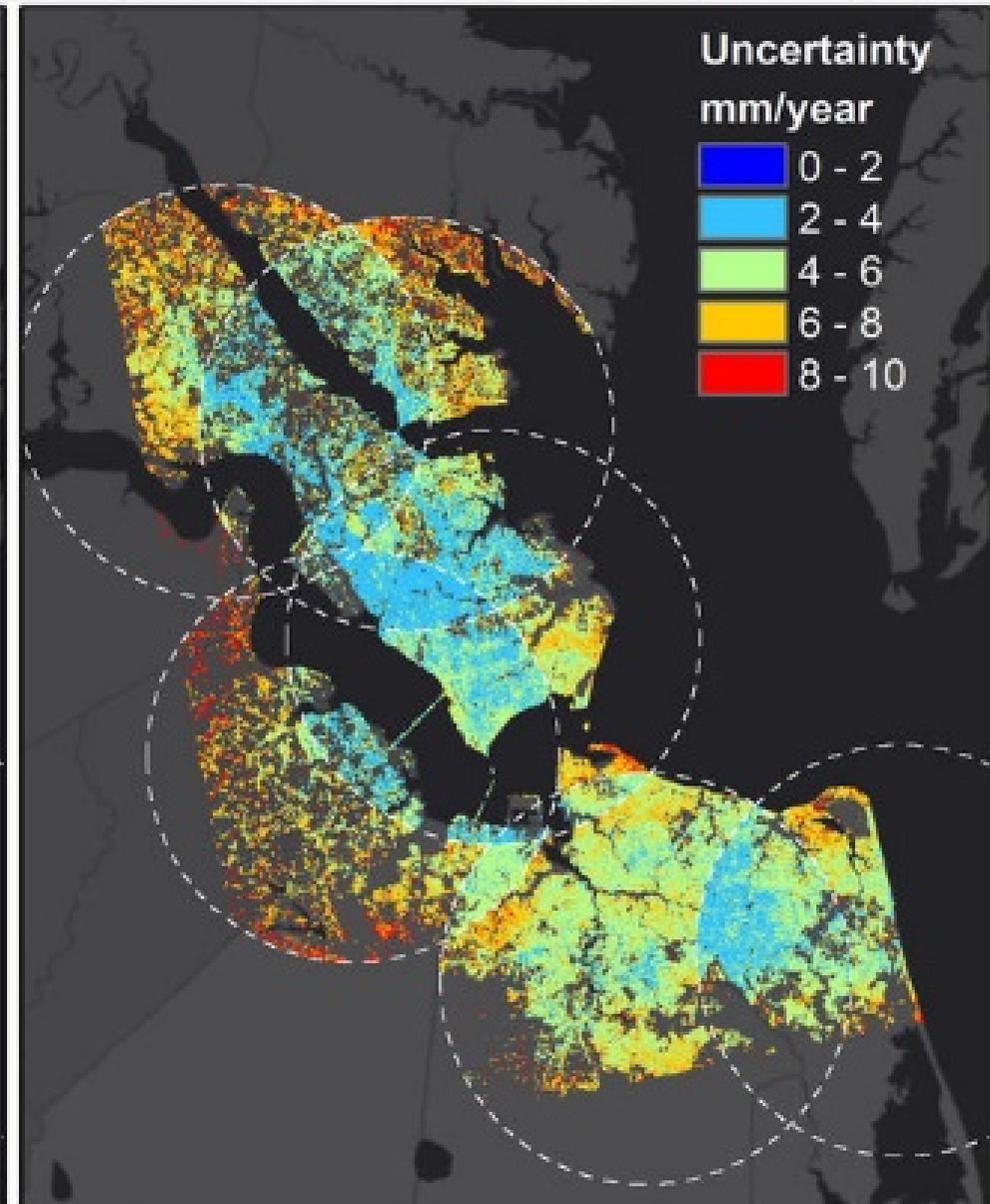
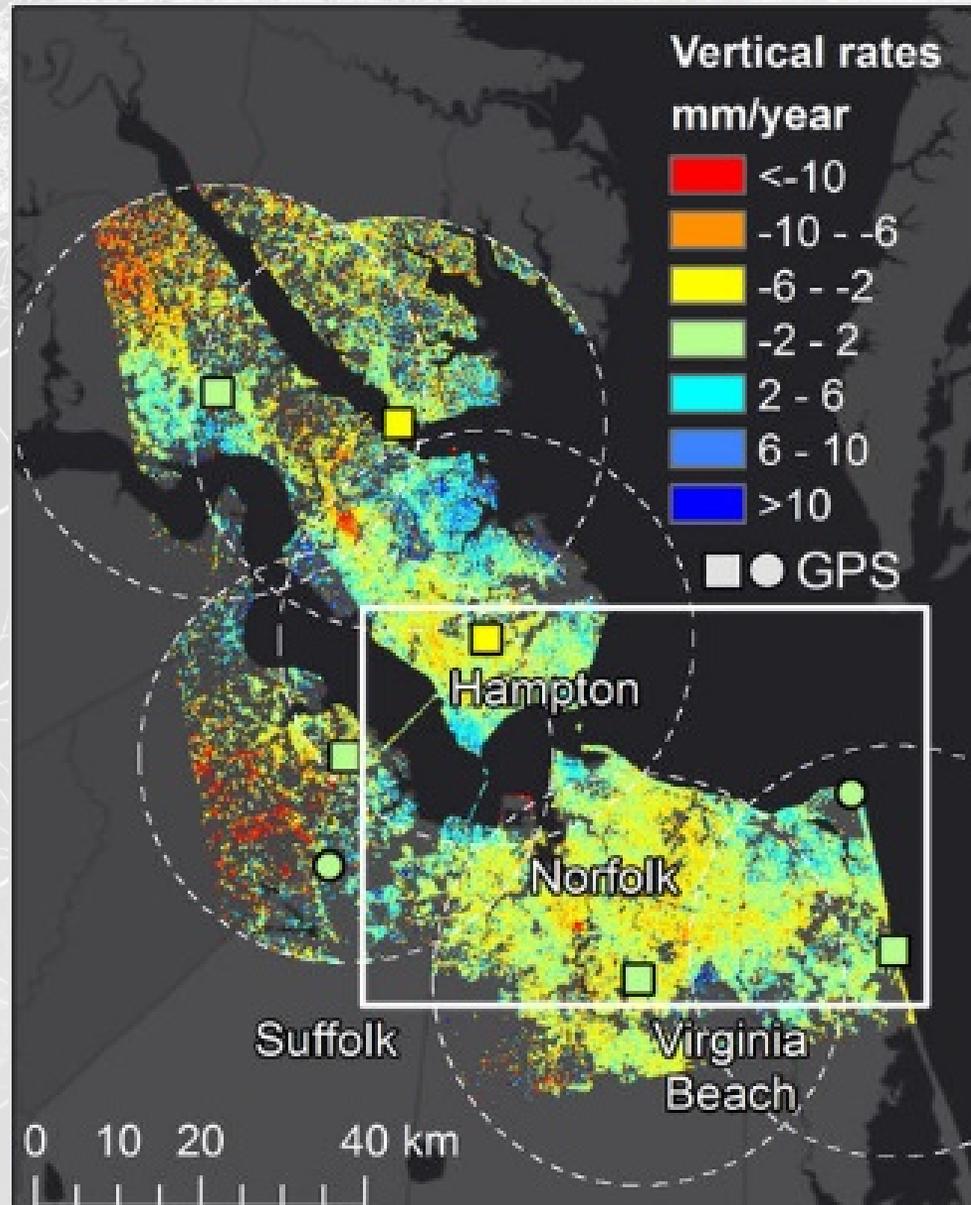
Figure IV-4. Plot of 1969-2017 MMSL, decadal signal, linear and quadratic trends, Wilmington, North Carolina.



# AIRBORNE LIDAR – NORFOLK, VA



# DISPLACEMENT/SUBSIDENCE DATA



David  
Bekaert,  
Ben  
Hamlington,  
NASA JPL

# IMPACTFUL DECISION INFORMATION

Blue

2011

Hurricane Irene

Reanalysis

Red

2045

Storm Surge +  
+ SLR + Subsidence



# LOOKING FORWARD

## OGC Disasters Interoperability Study

- ▶ Lack of integrated policy and operational framework
- ▶ Inability with existing metadata approaches to quickly discover and understand information sources
- ▶ Inability to properly fuse and synthesize multiple data sources
- ▶ Need for a persistent platform to organize and manage disaster related geospatial information and tools



Open Geospatial Consortium

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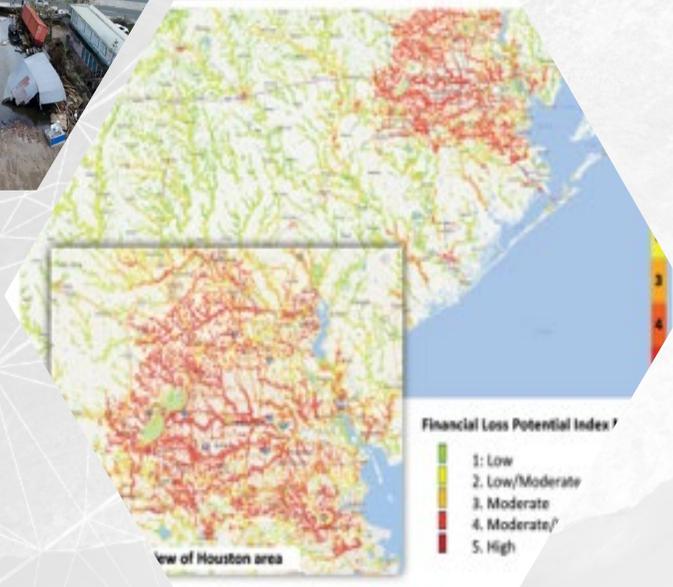
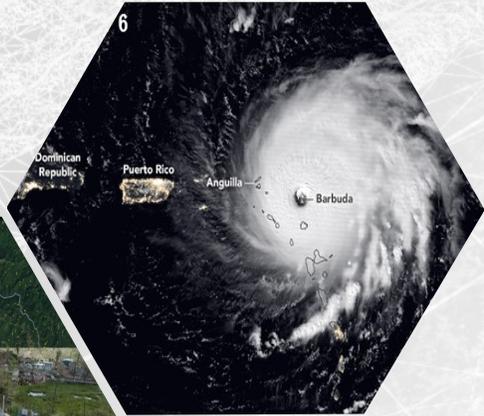
# DISASTERS PROGRAM

Visual, Scalable, Flexible

Making Cascading Hazards and Risks  
VISUAL

Driving Decisions with Data that is  
SCALABLE

Providing Tools and Building  
Capability to be FLEXIBLE



# HURRICANE IRMA – EVENT RESPONSE TIMELINE

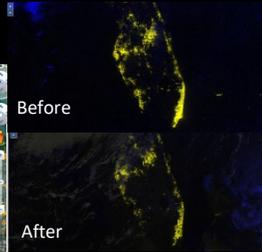
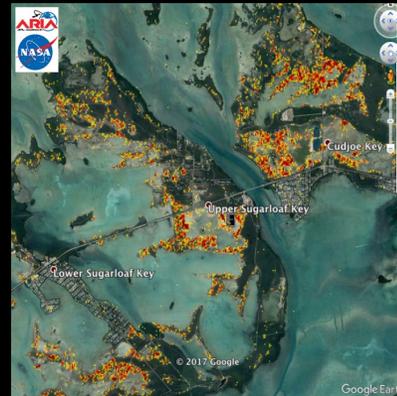
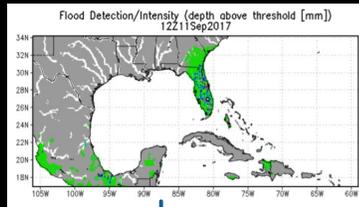
(SEPT 2017)

SAR damage proxy maps generated from ESA Sentinel 1 to identify changes resulting from Irma's winds and flooding

NASA team initiates response in collaboration with end user partners focused on preparedness and recovery from Hurricane Irma

Partners model likely flood and inundation impacts from Irma's predicted rainfall

Preliminary mapping of flooding in Key West via ESA Sentinel 1



Daily maps of nighttime lights to help understand power loss and recovery



NASA team contributed numerous SAR/optical flood and damage maps to FEMA along with other ESA and commercial partners

NASA Response Tier



Day 1  
Sept 5

Day 2  
Sept 6

Day 4  
Sept 8

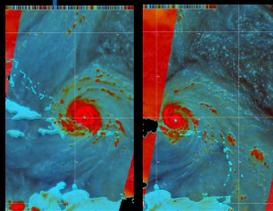
Day 6  
Sept 10

Day 8  
Sept 12

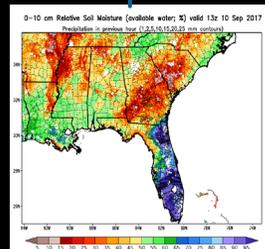
Day 9  
Sept 13

Day 15  
September 19

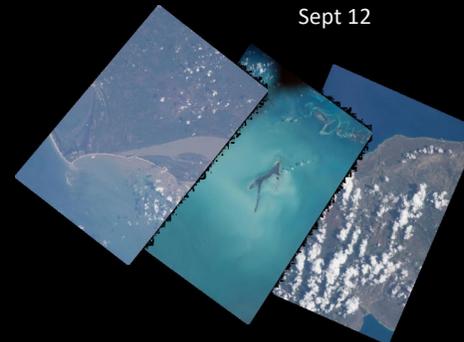
Continuing from Harvey, daily coordination calls and user engagement with partners including FEMA, National Guard, USGS and others



GPM and constellation satellites provide mapping of Irma's track through the Caribbean, data to NOAA/NHC, NRL



Daily NASA LIS captures saturated soils and flooding in FL/SE



ISS astronaut photography provides imagery of impacts in Caribbean/Florida



GPM/IMERG rainfall product measures rainfall across the impacted area

# HURRICANE MARIA – EVENT RESPONSE TIMELINE

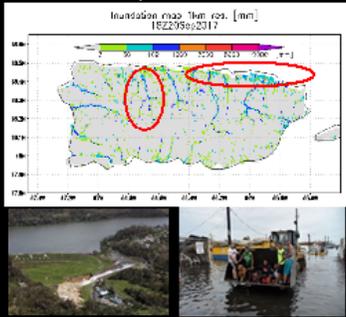
(SEPT-OCT 2017)

**Daily:** FEMA Remote Sensing and Geospatial Teams incorporate NASA information into daily briefings and use analysis to understand recovery needs.

**Remote Sensing**  
 NASA Support Team  
 FEMA HQ

NASA team initiates response in collaboration with end user partners focused on preparedness and recovery from Hurricane Maria

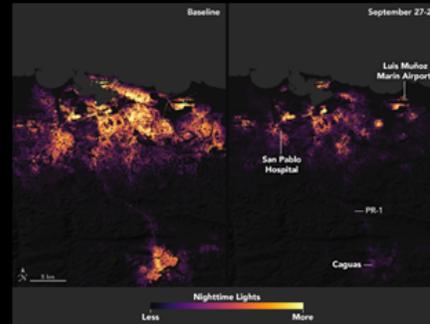
Flood modeling by partners for impacts in Puerto Rico



ESA Sentinel SAR imaging used to produce damage proxy maps for affected regions in Puerto Rico



NASA Black Marble HD captures Puerto Rico outages, used by partners and major media to keep public informed of local power conditions on neighborhood scales.



Damage proxy maps extended to Dominica using ESA S1 data



NASA Response Tier **0**

**1**

Daily Power and Light Analysis w/Black Marble → **0**

Day 1  
 Sept 18

Day 3  
 Sept 20

Day 4  
 Sept 21

Day 5  
 Sept 22

Day 7  
 Sept 24

Day 10  
 Sept 27

Day 13  
 Sept 30

Day 14  
 Oct 2

Day 15  
 Oct 3

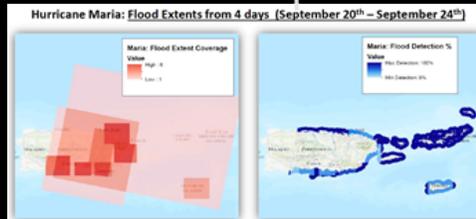
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GPM and constellation satellites map Maria, data for NOAA/NHC and NRL



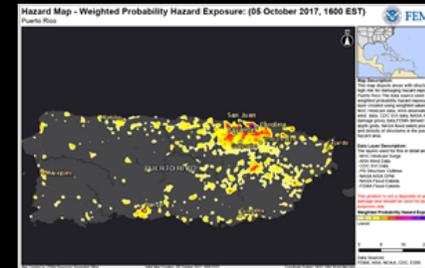
Flood mapping by the NASA team using ESA and Charter SAR and optical assets



Multiple flood-mapped scenes from NASA and commercial partners combined by FEMA to assess flood extent



NASA Black Marble by National Guard teams for daily situational awareness.



NASA team damage proxy and flood information synthesized with other FEMA data to map impacts



NSPIRES

NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System

# NASA DISASTERS ROSES PROPOSALS

Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science (ROSES)

*A.37 Earth Science Applications*

*Disaster Risk Reduction and Response*

Due Date delayed to 29 June 2018

<https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary!init.do?sollid=%7B9CEF8BAC-CBF7-809C-51BD-8334579799C8%7D>



# EARTHQUAKE CHARACTERIZATION - GNSS

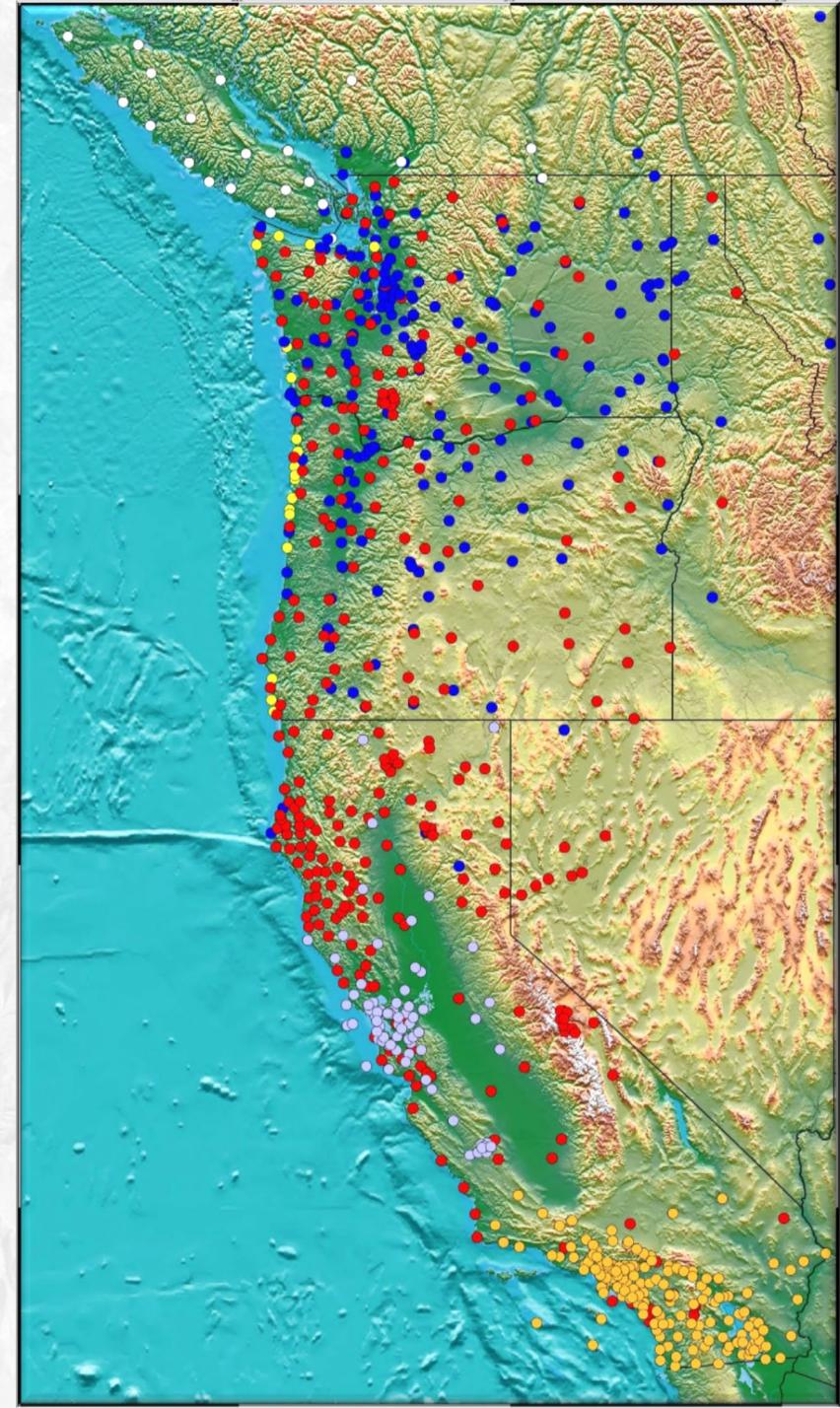
Magnitude, Location, Faulting Mechanism,  
Spatial Extent

Real-Time GNSS Point Positioning

Earthquake Early Warning

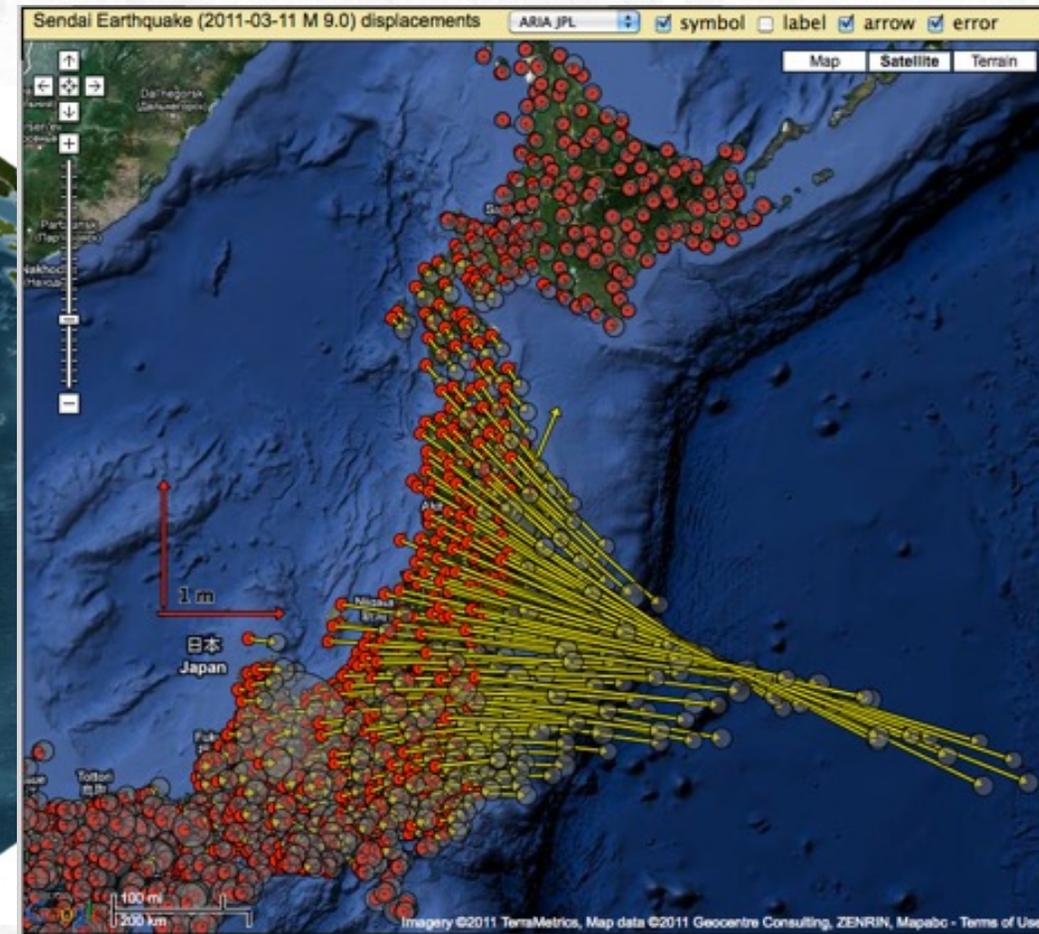
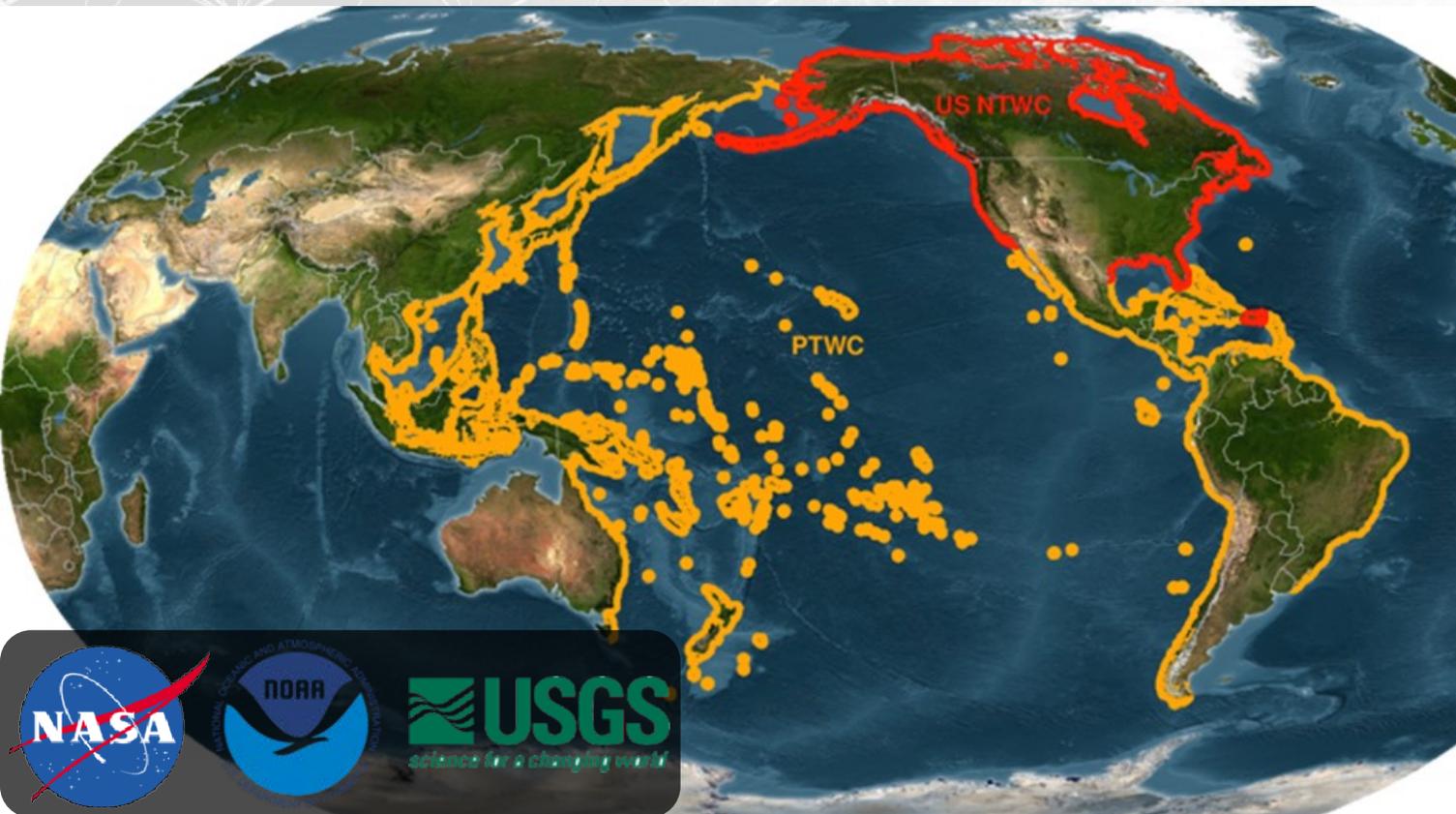
Advancing research toward applications

Application of research improves readiness



# GNSS-AUGMENTED TSUNAMI EARLY WARNING

Tsunami early warning to augment the speed and accuracy of the NOAA NTWC/PTWC response process



# PACIFIC COMMUNITIES AND AREAS AT INTENSIVE RISK (CAIR) INITIATIVE

Leveraging GNSS-Augmentation Success

Determine specific focus region

Engagement at local and regional level

Increase network of partners and stakeholders

# SUBSEA – NASA AMES

Systematic Underwater Biogeochemical Science and Exploration Analog (SUBSEA)

*“SUBSEA science is focused on fluid venting isolated seamounts in the deep ocean as analog environments to hydrothermal systems on other Ocean Worlds”*

Loihi Seamount Cruise, Hawaii

Planned diversion to Kilauea volcano ocean entry points

Providing data to USGS HVO

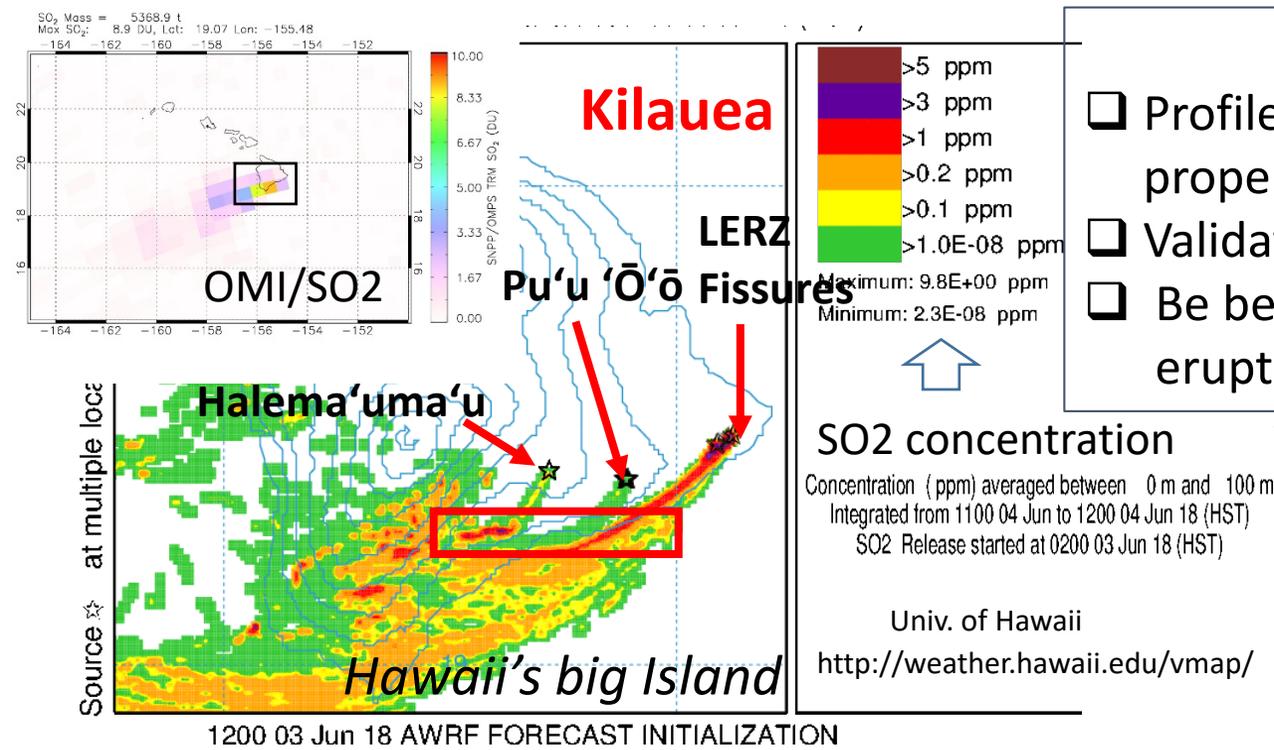


SUBSEA



# VolKilauea: Volcano Rapid Response Campaign after the Kilauea eruptions

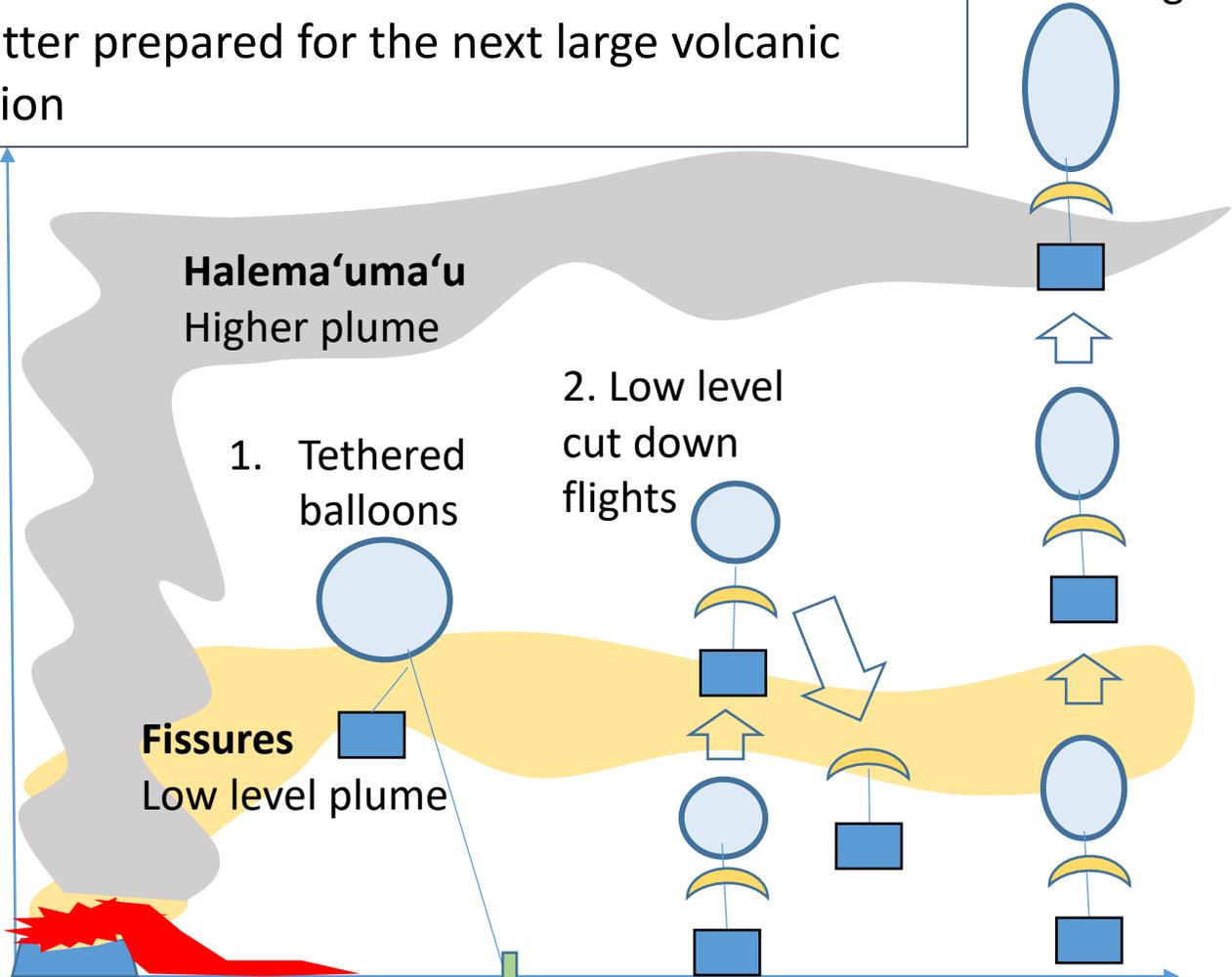
J.-P. Vernier(1), J. Diaz (2) and L. Kalnajs (3) ; (1) NIA/NASA Langley, (2) Univ. of Costa Rica, (3) Univ. of Colorado



## Science Objectives

- Profile SO<sub>2</sub>, aerosol physical, optical and chemical properties for air quality and model validation
- Validate satellite observations of SO<sub>2</sub> and aerosols
- Be better prepared for the next large volcanic eruption

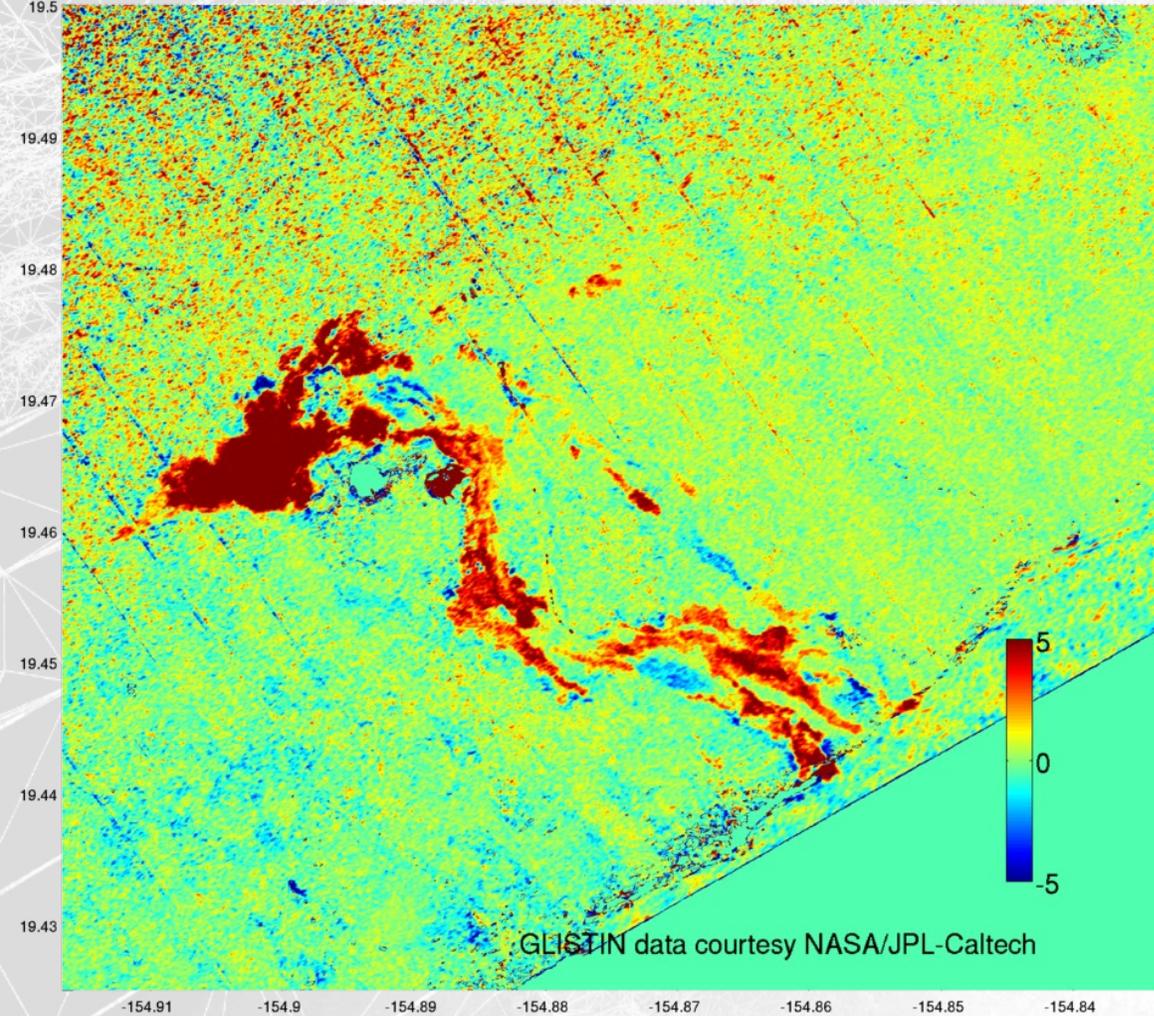
3. Free released balloon flights



## Deployment

- ✓ Where: Downwind from fissures and Halemaumau crater
- ✓ When: June 11th to June 17<sup>th</sup> 2018

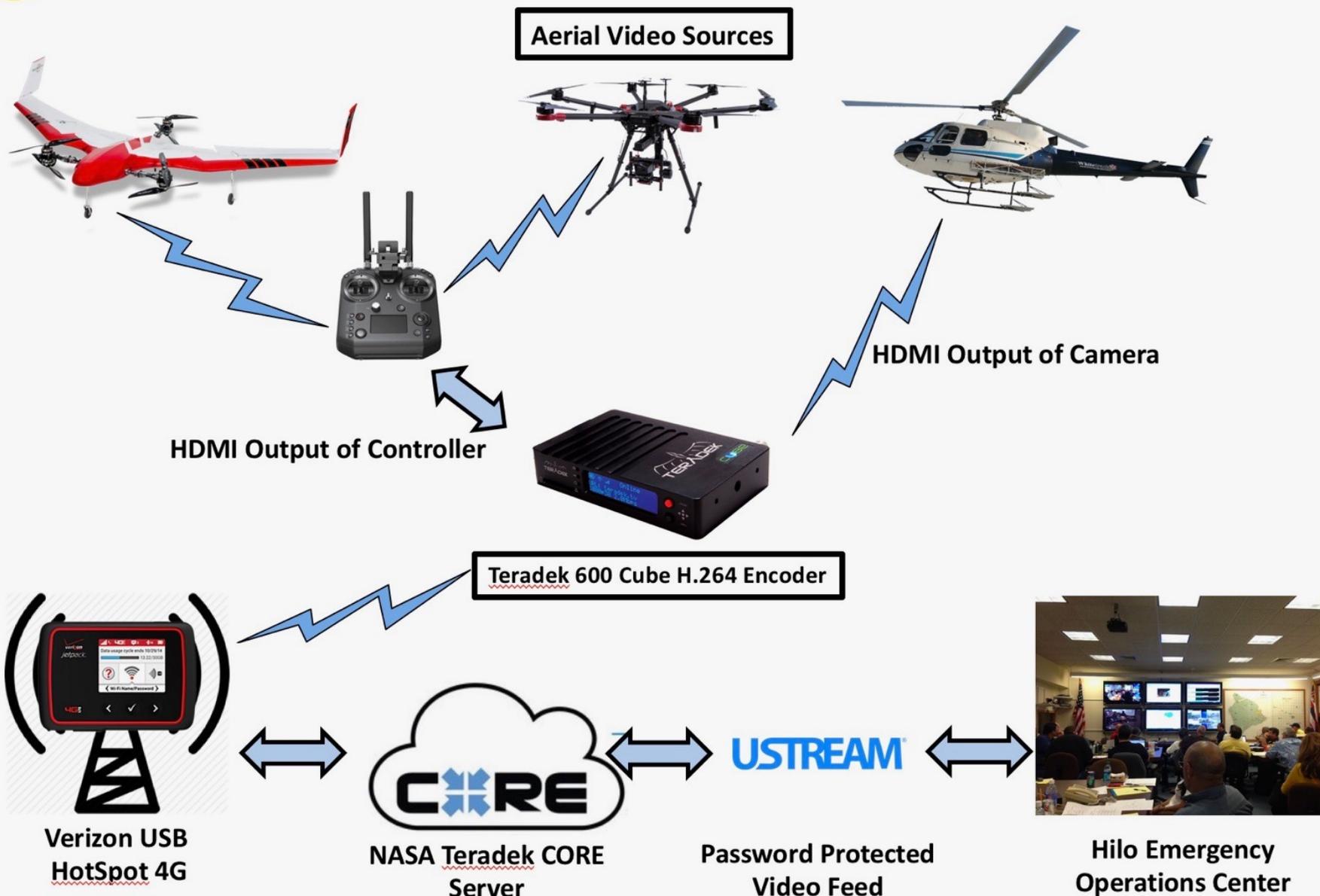
Payloads	Measurement
MiniGas sensor	SO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> S concentration
Optical Particle Counter	Aerosol size distribution, concentration
COBALD sonde	Aerosol Backscatter at 470 and 940 nm
Aerosol Impactor	Aerosol composition



- ▶ Glacier and Ice Surface Topography Interferometer (GLISTIN)
- ▶ Topography Difference Maps



# NASA/DOI Live Video Streaming Configuration Hawaii Kilauea Eruption Support



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