



# Geo-information for Disaster Management

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## Extension of NASA's Science and Technology Results Earth Observations for Decision Support

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## **The NASA Vision**

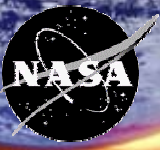
To improve life here,  
To extend life to there,  
To find life beyond.

## **The NASA Mission**

To understand and protect our home planet,  
To explore the universe and search for life,  
To inspire the next generation of explorers  
... as only NASA can.

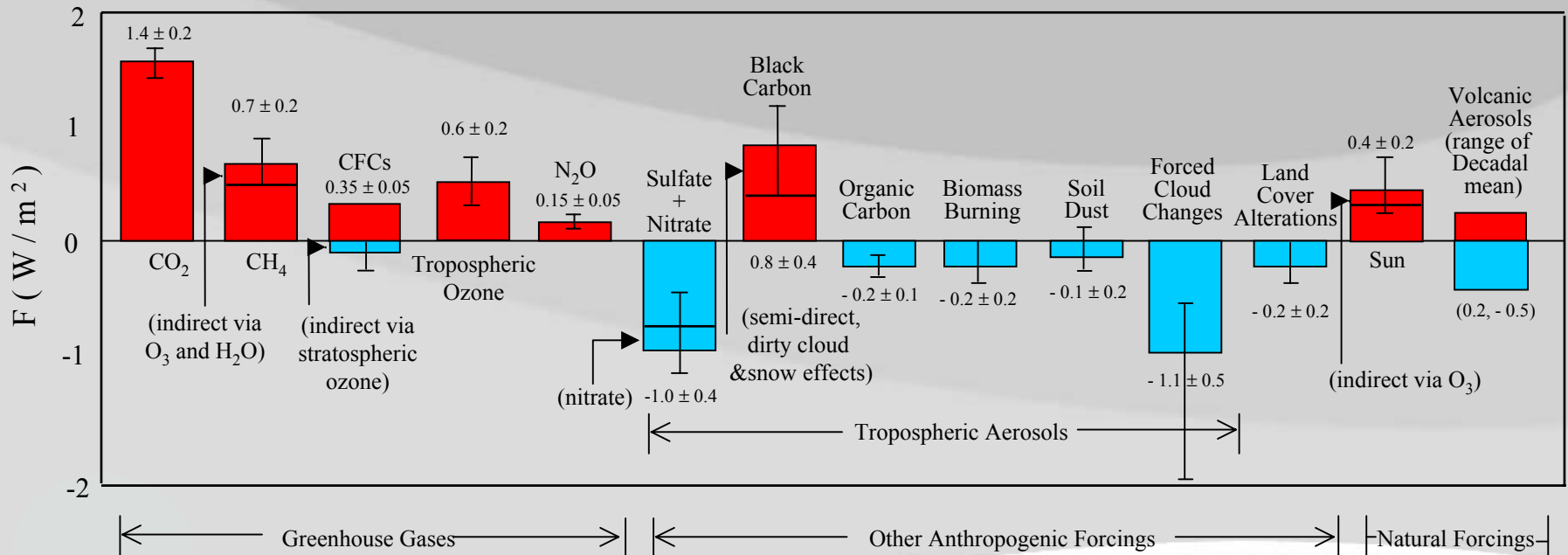
# Observing Systems





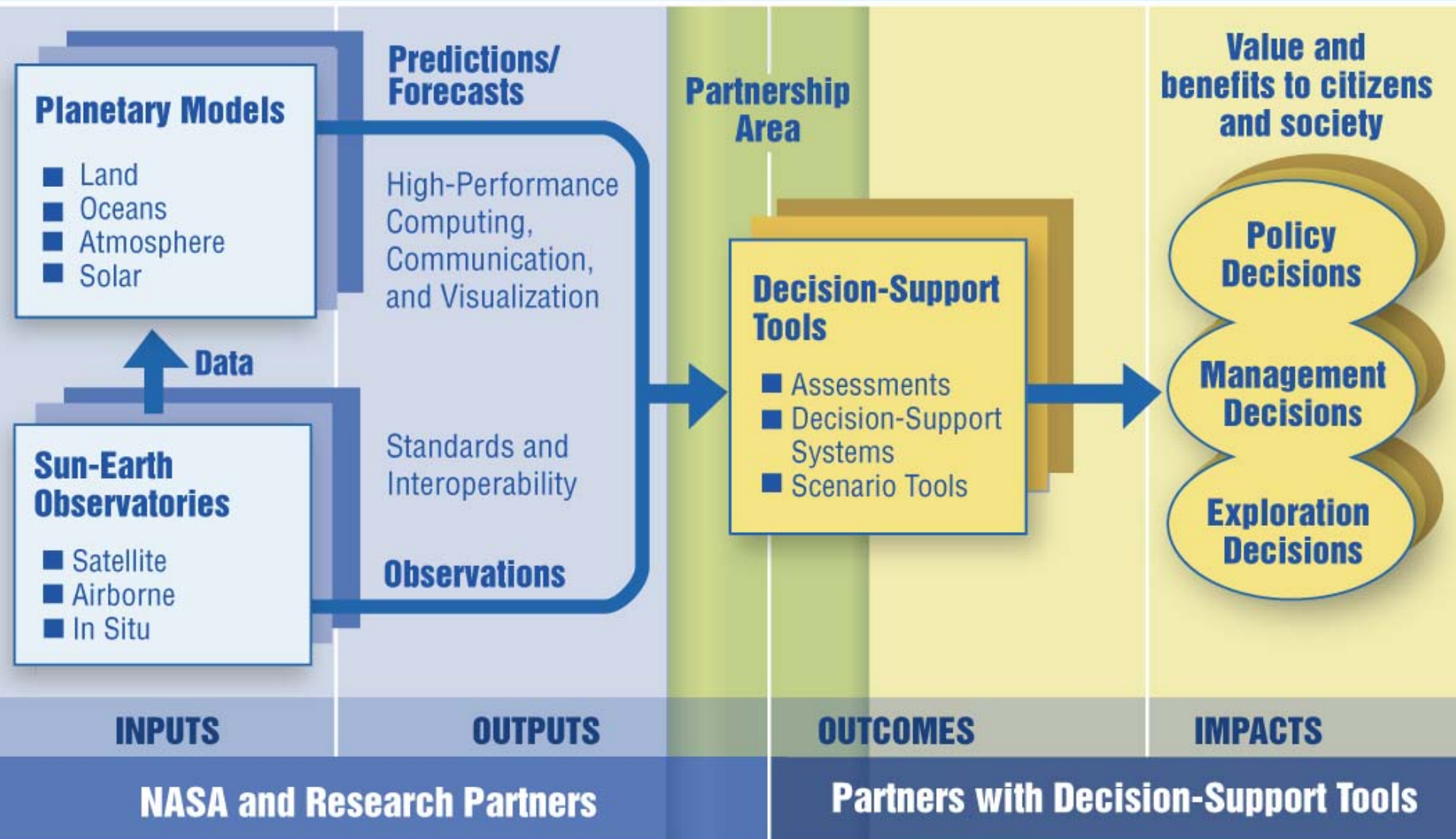
# Dynamic System

- How is the global Earth system *changing*?
- What are the primary *forcings* of the Earth system?
- How does the Earth system *respond* to natural and human-induced changes?
- What are the *consequences* of changes in the Earth system for human civilization?
- How well can we *predict* future changes in the Earth system?





# Integrating Knowledge, Capacity and Systems into Solutions





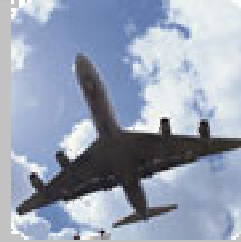
# Applications of National Priority



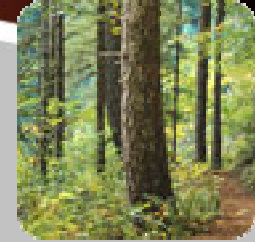
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Efficiency**



**Air Quality**



**Aviation**



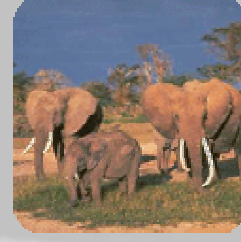
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**Coastal  
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**Disaster  
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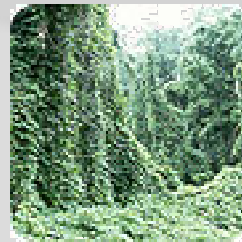
**Ecological  
Forecasting**



**Energy  
Management**



**Homeland  
Security**



**Invasive Species**



**Public Health**



**Water  
Management**

National Application	Partner Organizations	Decision-Support Systems
Agricultural Efficiency	USDA,NOAA	CADRE—Crop Assessment Data Retrieval and Evaluation (USDA)
Air Quality	EPA,NOAA,USDA	CMAQ—Community Multiscale Air Quality Modeling System AIRNow AQI—Air Quality Index
Aviation	DOT/FAA,NOAA	NAS-AWRP—National Air Space-Aviation Weather Research Program
Carbon Management	USDA,DOE,NOAA	CQUEST—Support to the Energy Act of 1992,Section 1605b
Coastal Management	NOAA,EPA,NRL	HAB—Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin/Mapping System CREWS—Coral Reef Early Warning System
Disaster Management	DHS/FEMA,NOAA,USGS,USFS	AWIPS—Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System HAZUS-MH—Hazards U.S.—Multi-Hazards
Ecological Forecasting	USAID,NOAA,NPS,CCAD,USGS	SERVIR—Regional Visualization and Monitoring System
Energy Management	DOE,UNEP,NOAA,NRC	RETScreen—Energy Diversification Research Laboratory (CEDRL) NEMS—National Energy Modeling System
Homeland Security	DHS,USGS,NOAA,NGA,DOD	IOF—Integrated Operations Facility IMAAC—Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center
Invasive Species	USGS,USDA,NOAA	ISFS—Invasive Species Forecasting System
Public Health	NIH,CDC,DOD,EPA	PSS—Plague Surveillance System EPHTN—Environmental Public Health Tracking Network MMS—Malaria Monitoring and Surveillance RSVP—Rapid Syndrome Validation Project
Water Management	EPA,USDA,USGS,BoR	RiverWARE—Bureau of Reclamation decision-support Tool AWARDS—Agricultural Water Resources and decision-support Tool BASINS—Better Assessment Science Integrating Point and Nonpoint Source



# National Programs in a Global Context

Priority	National Programs	International Programs
<b>Vision for Exploration</b>	Understanding the Earth as the foundation for Planetary Exploration and Search for Life	<i>"Pursue opportunities for international participation to support U.S. space exploration goals"</i>
<b>Global Earth Observation</b>	<a href="#">NSTC CENR Interagency Working Group on Earth Observations</a> (IWGEO) Integrated Earth Observation System, 17 Agencies)	<a href="#">Group on Earth Observations</a> (GEO) Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) 10-Year Implementation Plan
<b>Climate Change</b>	<a href="#">Climate Change Science Program</a> (CCSP, 13 Agencies) <a href="#">Climate Change Technology Program</a> (CCTP, 12 Agencies)	<a href="#">Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</a> (IPCC))
<b>Weather</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Weather Research Program</a> (USWRP, 7 Agencies)	<a href="#">World Meteorological Organization</a> (WMO)
<b>Natural Hazards</b>	<a href="#">NSTC CENR Subcommittee on Natural Disaster Reduction</a> (SNDR, 14 Agencies)	<a href="#">International Strategy for Disaster Reduction</a>
<b>Sustainability</b>	CENR Subcommittee on Ecosystems	<a href="#">World Summit on Sustainable Development</a> (WSSD)
<b>President's Management Agenda: E-Government</b>	<a href="#">Geospatial One-Stop</a> (GOS, 12 Agencies) and the <a href="#">Federal Geographic Data Committee</a> (FGDC, 19 Agencies)	<a href="#">World Summit on the Information Society</a>





# Disaster Management



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Tasking

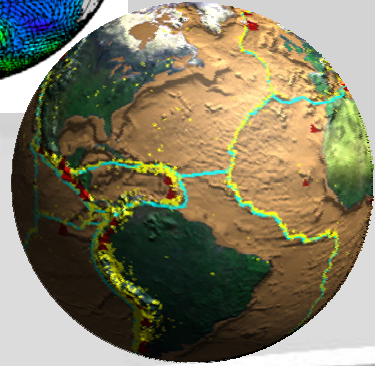
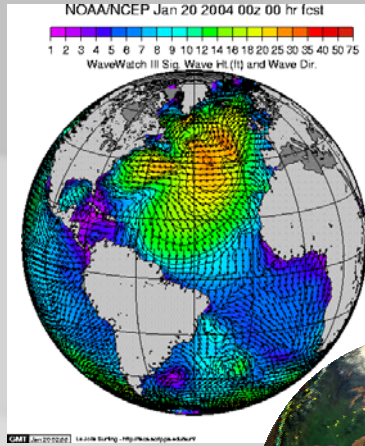


EDOS: Mission Control

Societal Benefits

Downlink

Exploitation



EODIS & DAACs

## Tools for Decision Makers

# HAZUS<sup>MH</sup>

EARTHQUAKE • WIND • FLOOD

### HAZUS<sup>MH</sup>

can estimate losses from earthquakes, hurricane winds, and floods.

Use GIS technology to combine hazard layers with national databases and apply a standardized loss estimation and risk assessment methodology.

**Nationwide database** includes datasets on demographics, building stock, essential facilities, transportation, utilities, and high-potential-loss facilities.

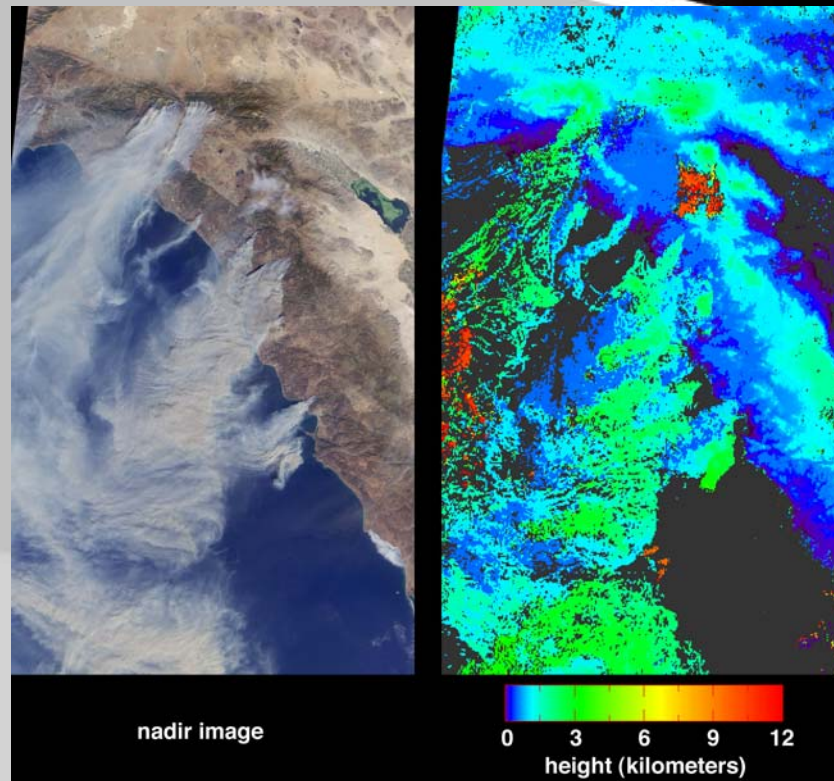
Visit [www.fema.gov/hazus](http://www.fema.gov/hazus) for more information.



# Disaster Management - Detection of Fires

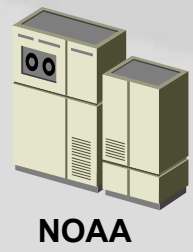
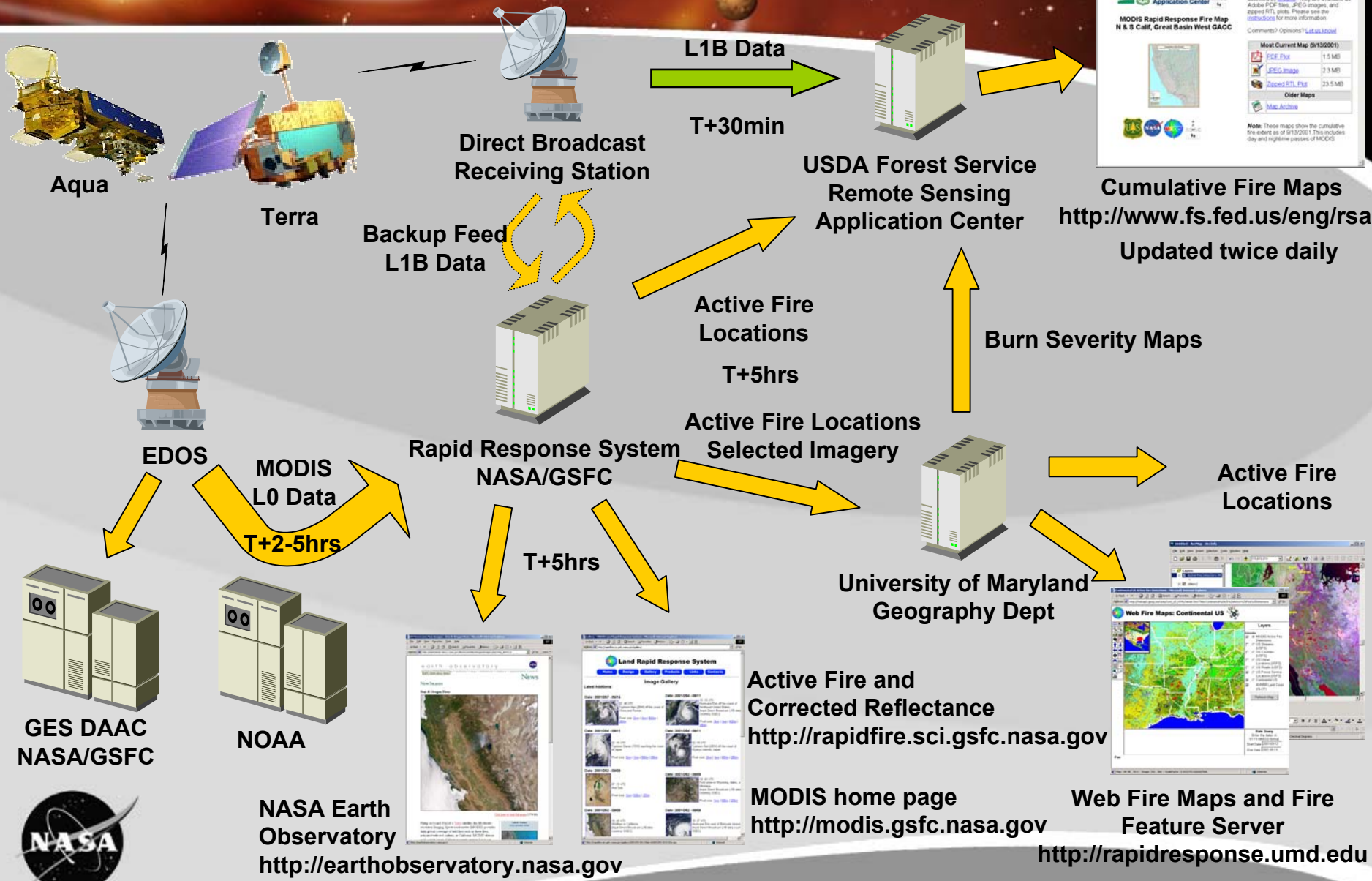


Portugal fires August 4, 2003



California fires captured by MODIS October 26, 2003

# MODIS Rapid Response Process



**Active Fire and  
Corrected Reflectance**  
<http://rapidfire.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov>

**MODIS home page**  
<http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov>

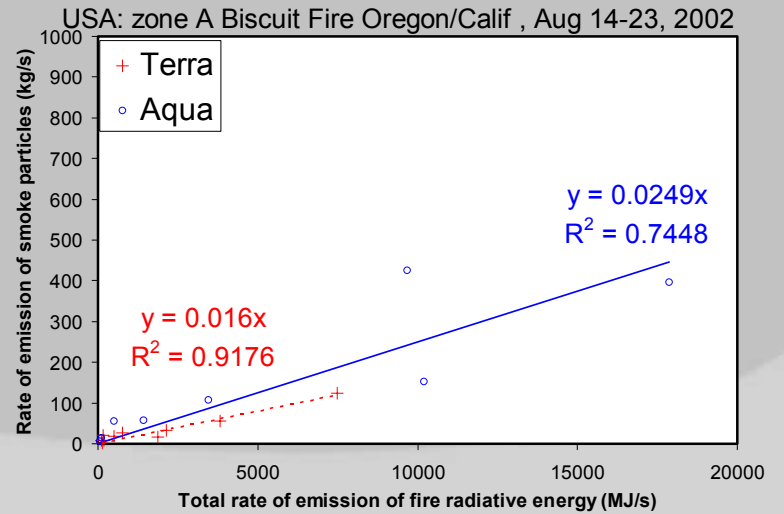
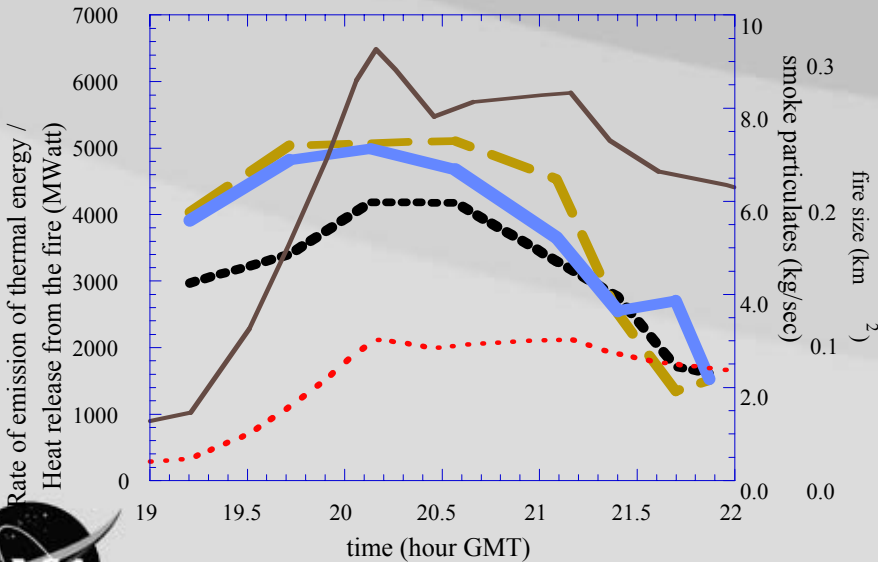
**Web Fire Maps and Fire  
Feature Server**  
<http://rapidresponse.umd.edu>



# Disaster Management-Fire Burn Information



- Forecast smoke/CO advancement and hazards – Partnership with USFS





# Landsat and MODIS Images

## Tsunami Destruction of Aceh Province, Sumatra

Landsat ETM+



December 29, 2004



December 17, 2004

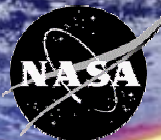
Terra MODIS



December 29, 2004



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# ASTER Images

- The Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER) is used to obtain detailed maps of land surface temperature, emissivity, reflectance and elevation.
- These simulated natural color ASTER images of Phuket, Thailand
- The images show a 25-km stretch of coast north of the Phuket airport 2 years prior to the tsunami and 5 days after the event.

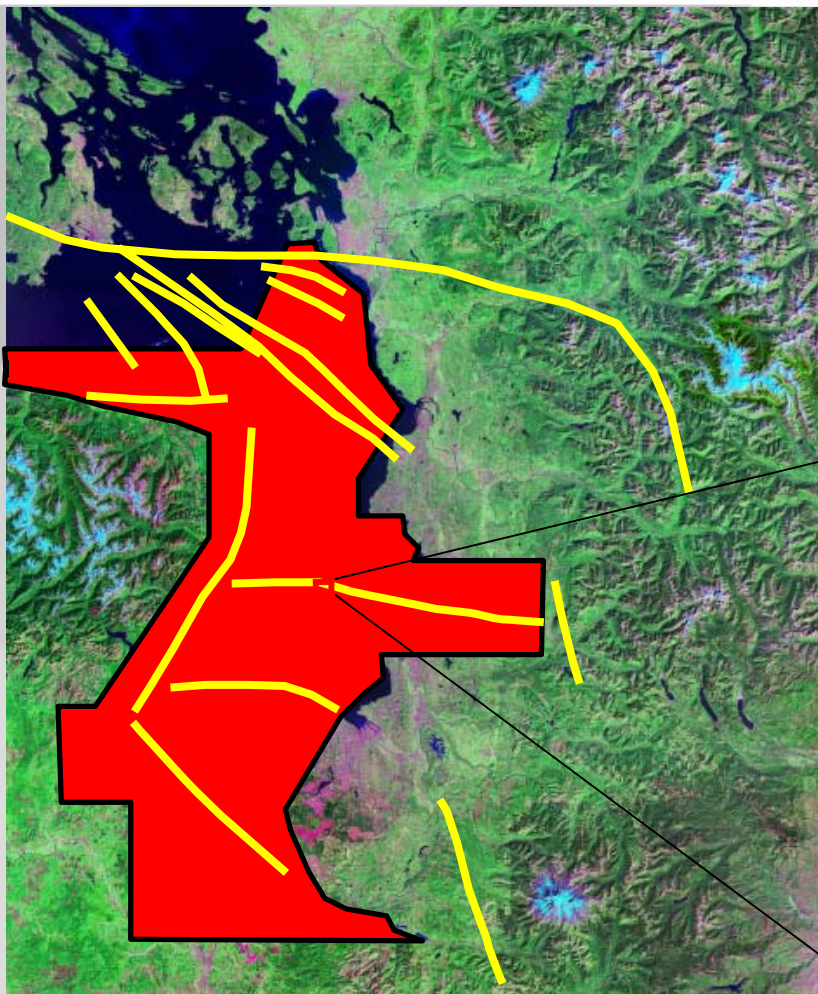


November 15, 2002

December 31, 2004



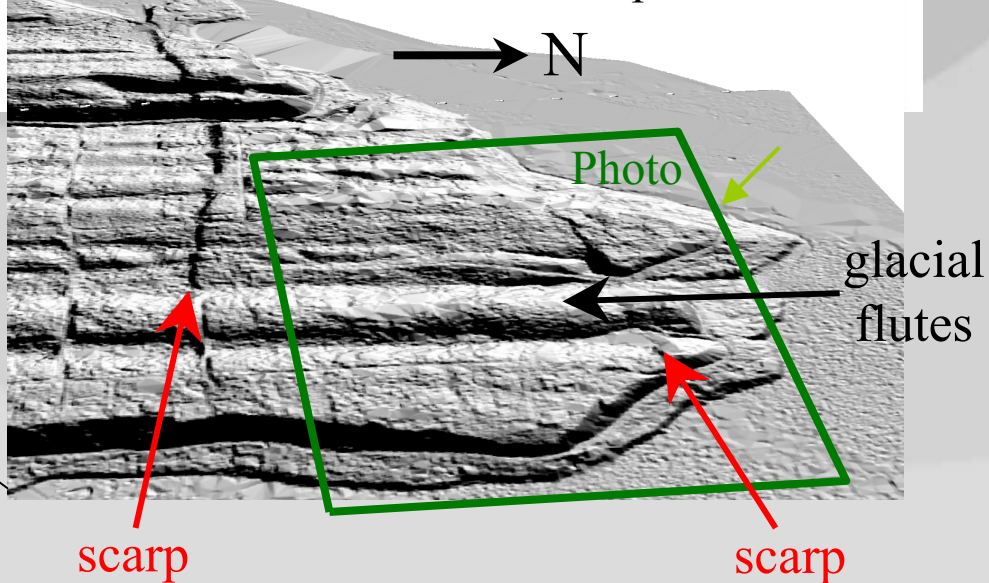
# Fault Scarps Revealed Under Vegetation

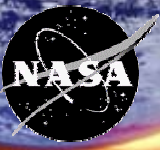


**Laser Altimeter Applications  
in Natural Hazards and Forestry  
Puget Lowland Near-Surface Faults**



Laser Altimeter Bald Earth Perspective View



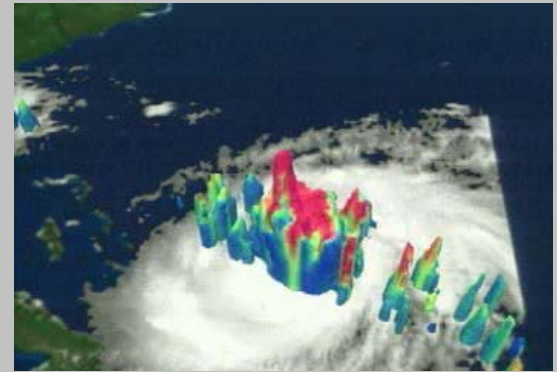
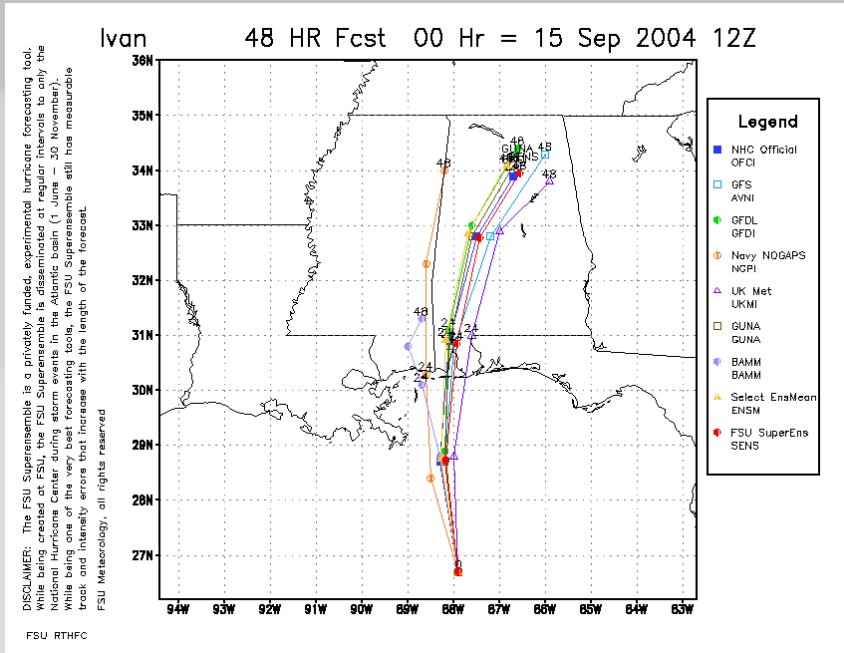


# Improve Hurricanes forecasts

Assimilation of TRMM rainfall location, intensity and vertical structure into hurricane forecast models leads to improvements in forecasts of future position

## Hurricane Visualization with TRMM

### Hurricane Ivan Forecast, September 2004



Reduced track errors can save money (\$600K - \$1M per mile of coast evacuated) and save lives by more precise prediction of eye location at landfall



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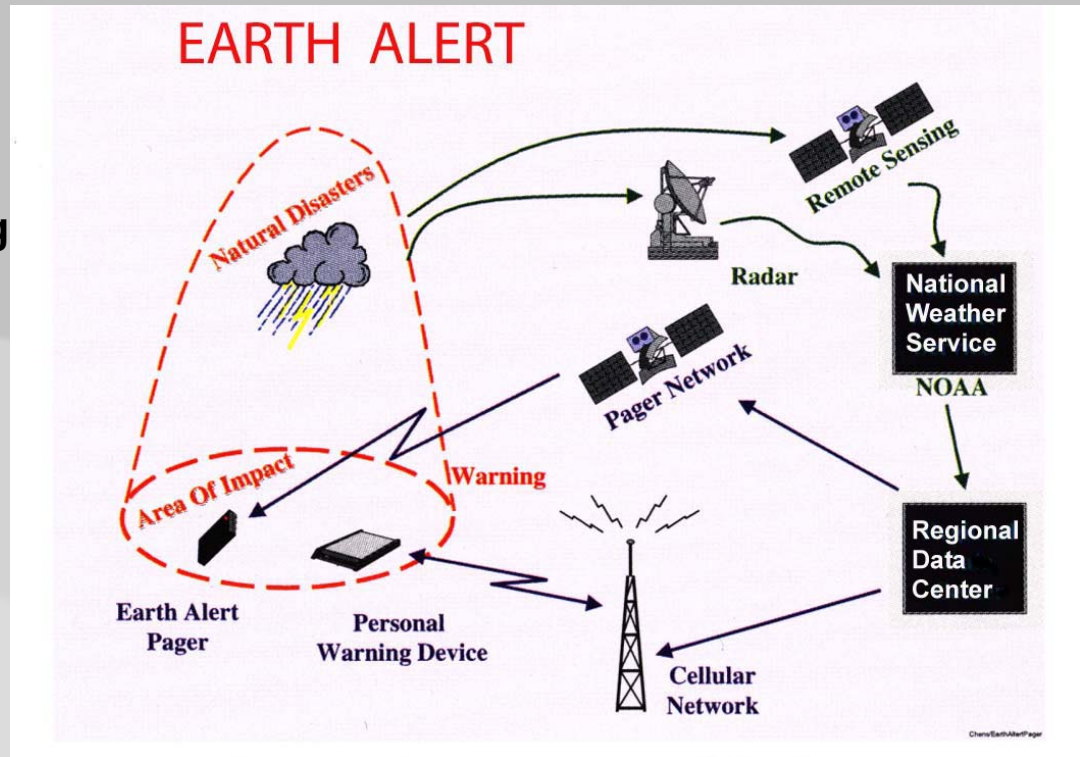






# Cellular Technology for Early Warning

- NASA's Earth Alert Emergency Management System
- Economically utilizes existing satellite pager and cellular technologies
- Increases warning time for impending disasters
- Economical hardware and receivers
- GPS and Wireless 2-way communications





# Disaster Management

## HAZUS-MH - Risk Assessment and Loss Estimation

**State 2- Improved**  
 Hurricane prediction  
 Flood prediction  
 Severe Storm prediction  
 Wildfire prevention and prediction  
 Earthquake prediction

January 12, 2004,  
 S. Ambrose

### Primary Partners:



Transfer of advanced event-modeling capabilities using next-generation hardware, software, and communications

**Outcomes:**  
 Improvement of FEMA capabilities across all hazards and phases

**Impacts:**  
 Reduce losses across all disasters

Land use/Land cover, changes in earth's surface topography and Improved geodetic imaging, ocean measurements to track hurricanes

**Outcomes:**  
 Improvement of FEMA planning, and response capabilities to weather and natural hazards

**Impacts:**  
 Reduce losses across all weather-driven Disasters and earth movement

Improved measurements of soil moisture, global precipitation, water vapor, and wind

**Outcomes:**  
 Improvement in wildfire prediction, HAZUS-MH High Winds Module Final Version

**Impacts:**  
 Reduce losses related to hurricane, fire, and high wind disasters.

Understanding of Earth's gravity field And terrestrial reference frame changes in geomagnetic field and understanding of sea level change and climate

**Outcomes:**  
 Improvement of the HAZUS-MH earthquake assessments And flood inundation for coastal areas

**Impacts:**  
 Reduce losses related to hurricanes and earthquakes.

Production of assimilated data sets, reanalysis of long period observations

**Outcomes:**  
 Improvement in climate data and information for risk assessments

**Impacts:**  
 Reduce losses related to flood and wind disasters. Better community planning

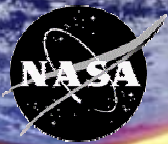
**State 1- Earthquake Damage assessment**



QuikSCAT Terra Aqua TRMM SeaWinds OcnTopo Hydros \* OSWinds Aquarius NPOESS \* Pre-formulation 2004 2005 2006 2008 2010 2020

Socioeconomic Impact

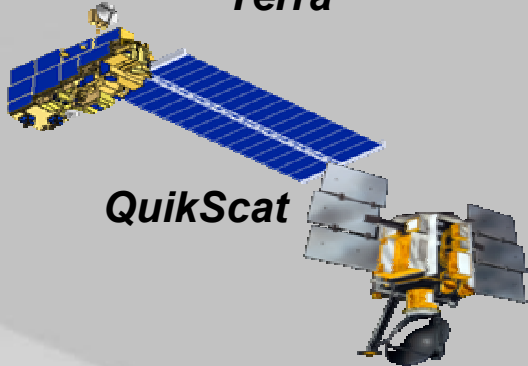
An operational decision support system for quantification and verification of solutions for natural hazard predictions.



# Public Health



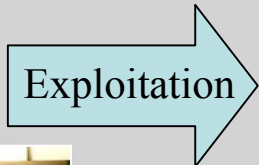
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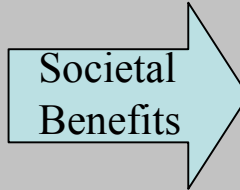
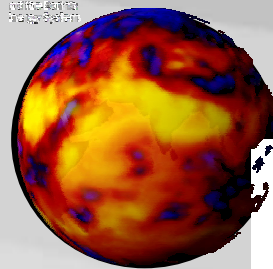
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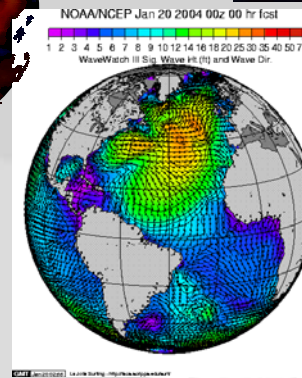
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EOSDIS & DAACs



Environmental  
Public Health  
Tracking Network





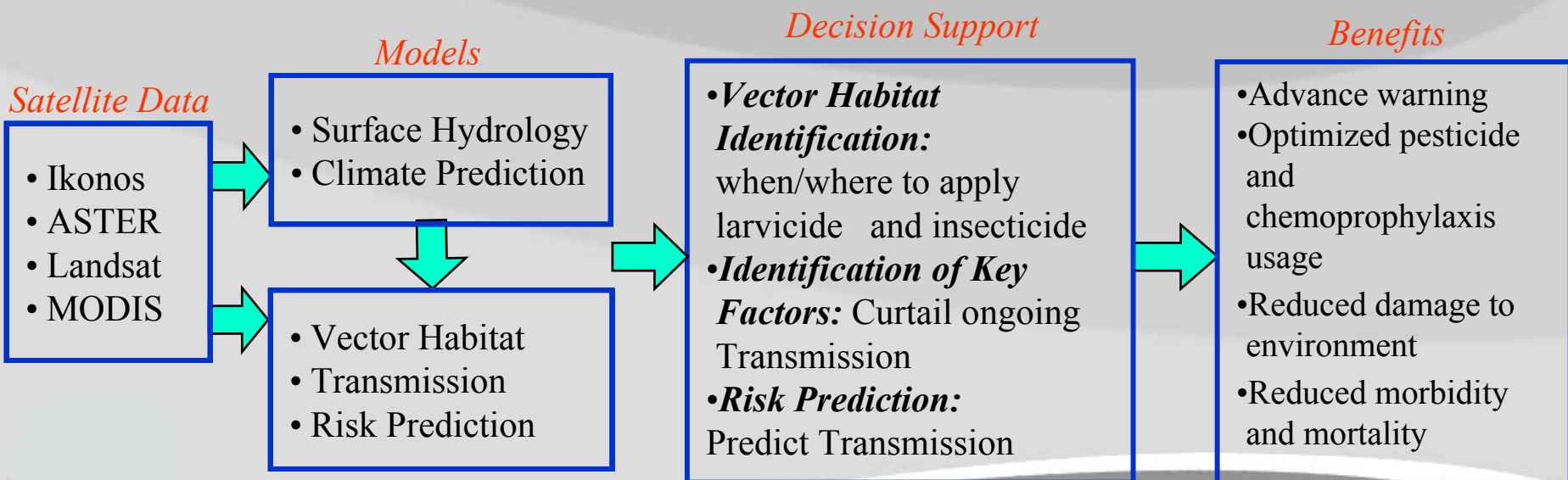
# Public Health - Mekong Malaria and Filariasis

## BACKGROUND

- The Greater Mekong Sub-region is the world's epicenter of multi-drug resistant *falciparum* malaria
- Lymphatic filariasis has incapacitated more than 50 million people worldwide

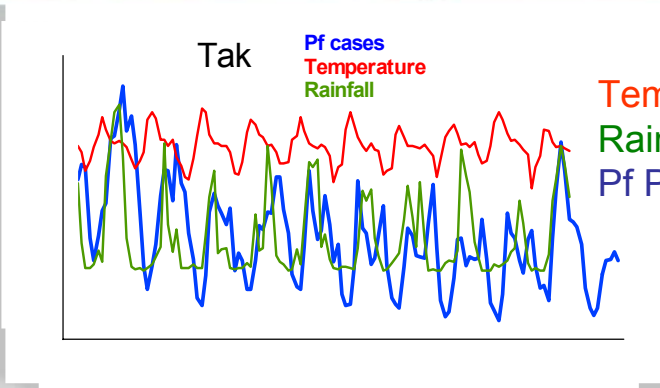
## PARTNERS

- Armed Forces Res. Inst. for Med. Sciences
- US Army Med. Res. Inst. for Infec. Disease
- Uniformed Services Univ
- Naval Dis. Vec. Ecology & Control Cente)
- Mahidol University, Thailand

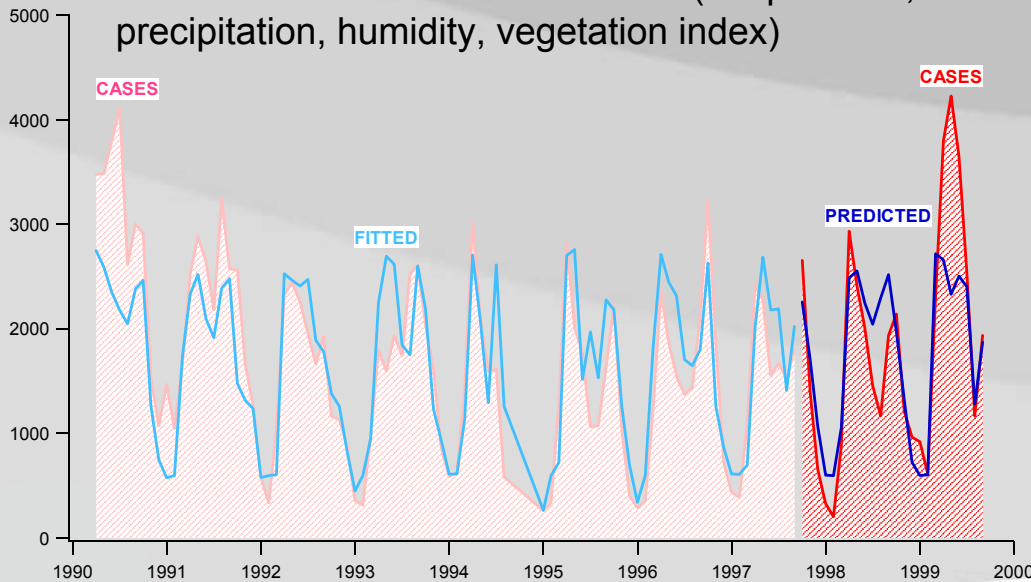




# Public Health - Mekong Malaria in Tak, Thailand



2-Year Prediction of Malaria Cases Based on Environmental Parameters (temperature, precipitation, humidity, vegetation index)



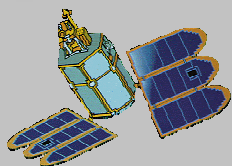
Satellite Vegetation Data used for Insecticide Planning



# Air Quality



TOMS-EP



Aqua



Tasking



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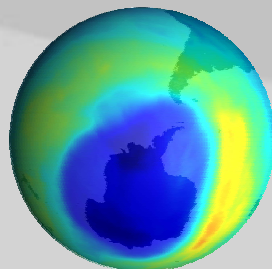
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Exploitation

Societal Benefits

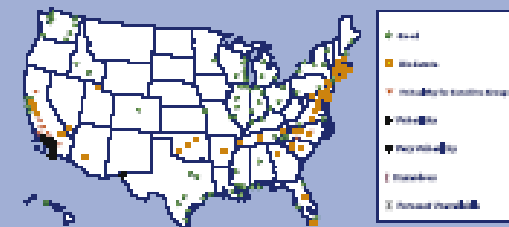


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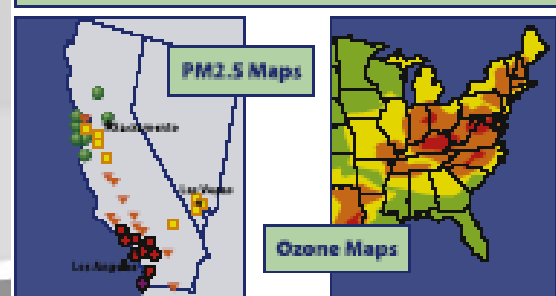


The U.S. EPA has developed the AIRNow website to provide the public with easy access to national air quality information. This website offers daily Air Quality Index forecasts as well as real-time conditions for over 300 cities across the U.S.

Ozone and PM2.5 Forecasts



Current Air Quality Conditions



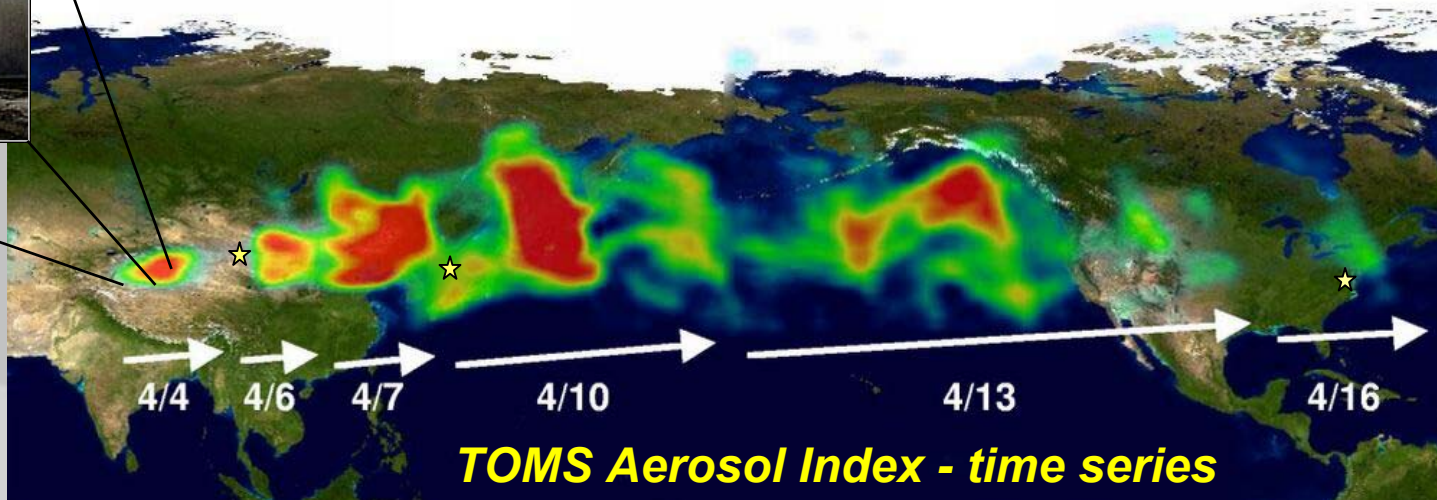


# Asian Dust & microbes? Long Range Transport

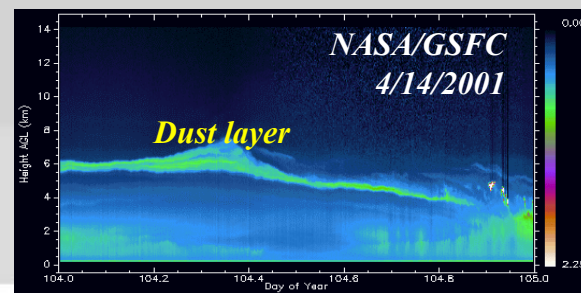
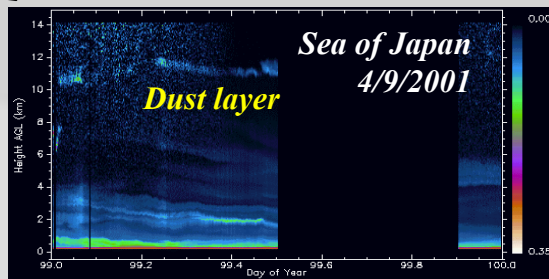
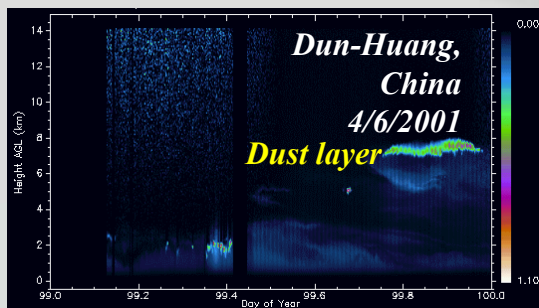
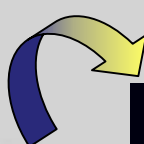
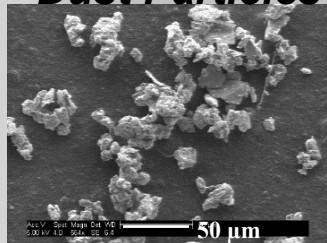
Source Regions



"2001 Perfect Dust Storm"



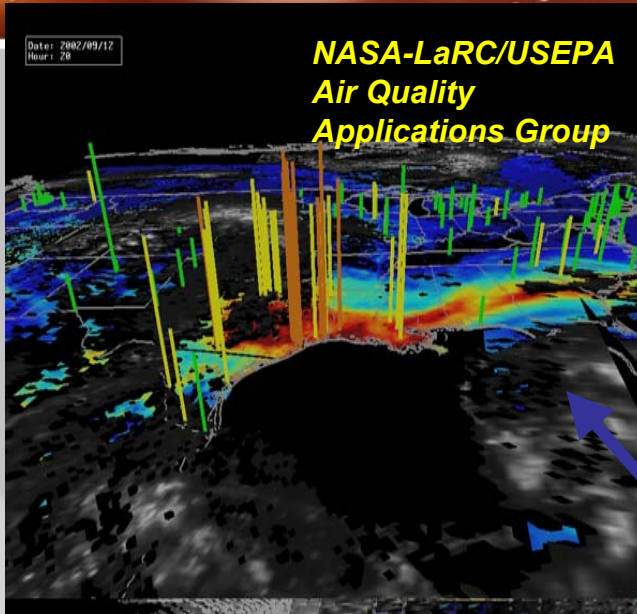
Dust Particles



Lidar Profiling

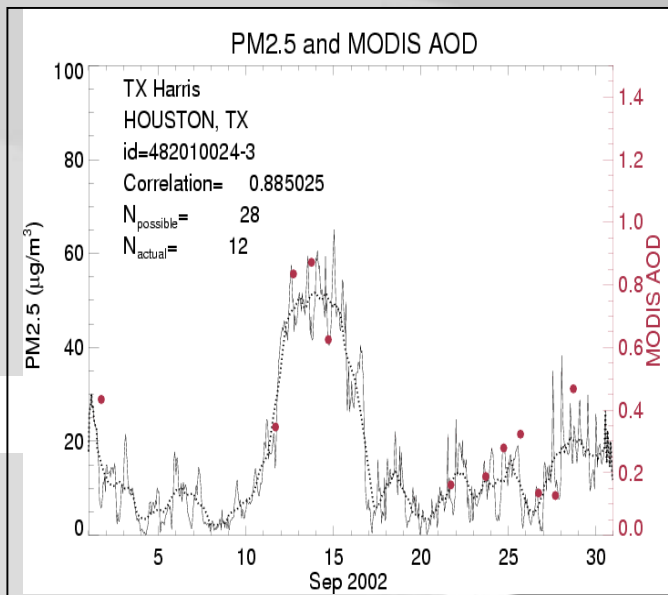


# Air Quality (Regional) – Adapting MODIS Aerosol Data for EPA



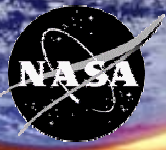
- Evaluating EPA network for regional areas
- Finding correlation between MODIS aerosol optical thickness and EPA ground based measurements
- Developing finer resolution MODIS products for variable urban regions

Evaluate current EPA observational network (posts) as to its ability to show regional aerosol events as resolved by MODIS (colored background).



Relate MODIS AOD observations (red dots) to EPA ground station PM measurements (black time series)





# Invasive Species Management

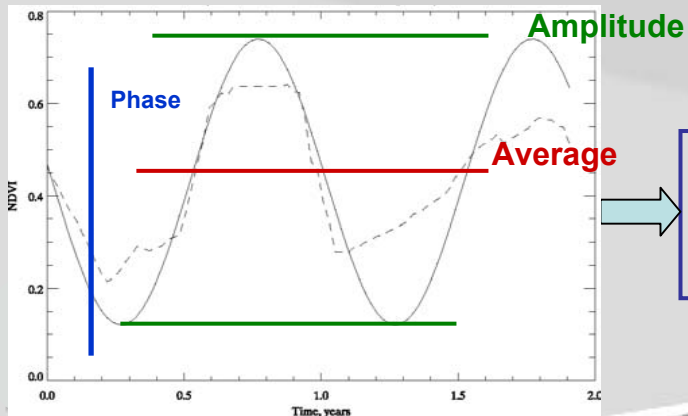
- NASA and USGS developing a National Invasive Species Forecasting System. This uses MODIS data, aerial imagery, and ground data of various resolutions to map biological resources.
- Strong partnership with DoI, USDA and USGS

## Cheat Grass (*Bromis tectorum*)

- Reduces soil moisture
- Increase fire loading
- Re-establishes early in burnt areas



Data from MODIS,  
LandSat, EO-1



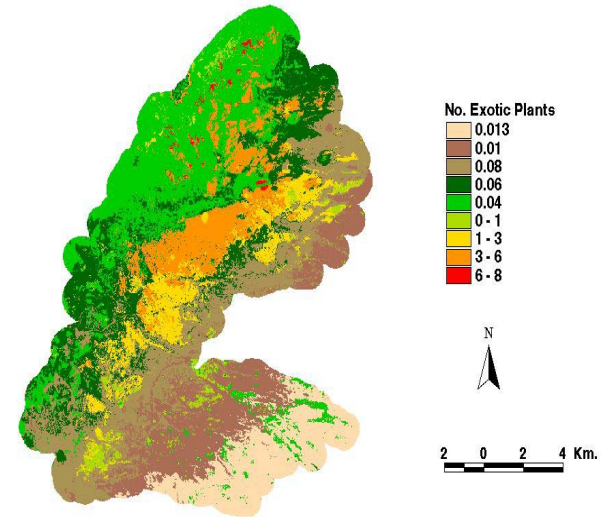
Trending  
&  
modeling

- Hot spots of native biodiversity
- Distribution of non-native species
- Potential spread of invasive species

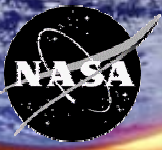
Decision Support

- Economic and environmental risk assessment
- Priorities for control and Containment

Predicted Spatial Map for Number of Exotic Species Richness with Mapping Unit of 30 Meters at Cerro Grande Wildfire Site, New Mexico.



Model Significant Variables:  
UTM-X, UTM-Y, Native Plants, TM-Band (4),  
Vegetation Indexe (Bands 5/4, 4/3, NDVI), and  
TM-Tasseled Cap (Band 5); with R<sup>2</sup> = 58.2 %



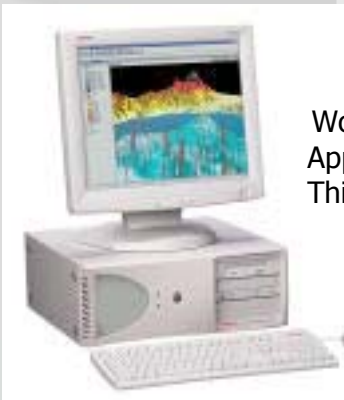
# Earth Sun Gateway Concept



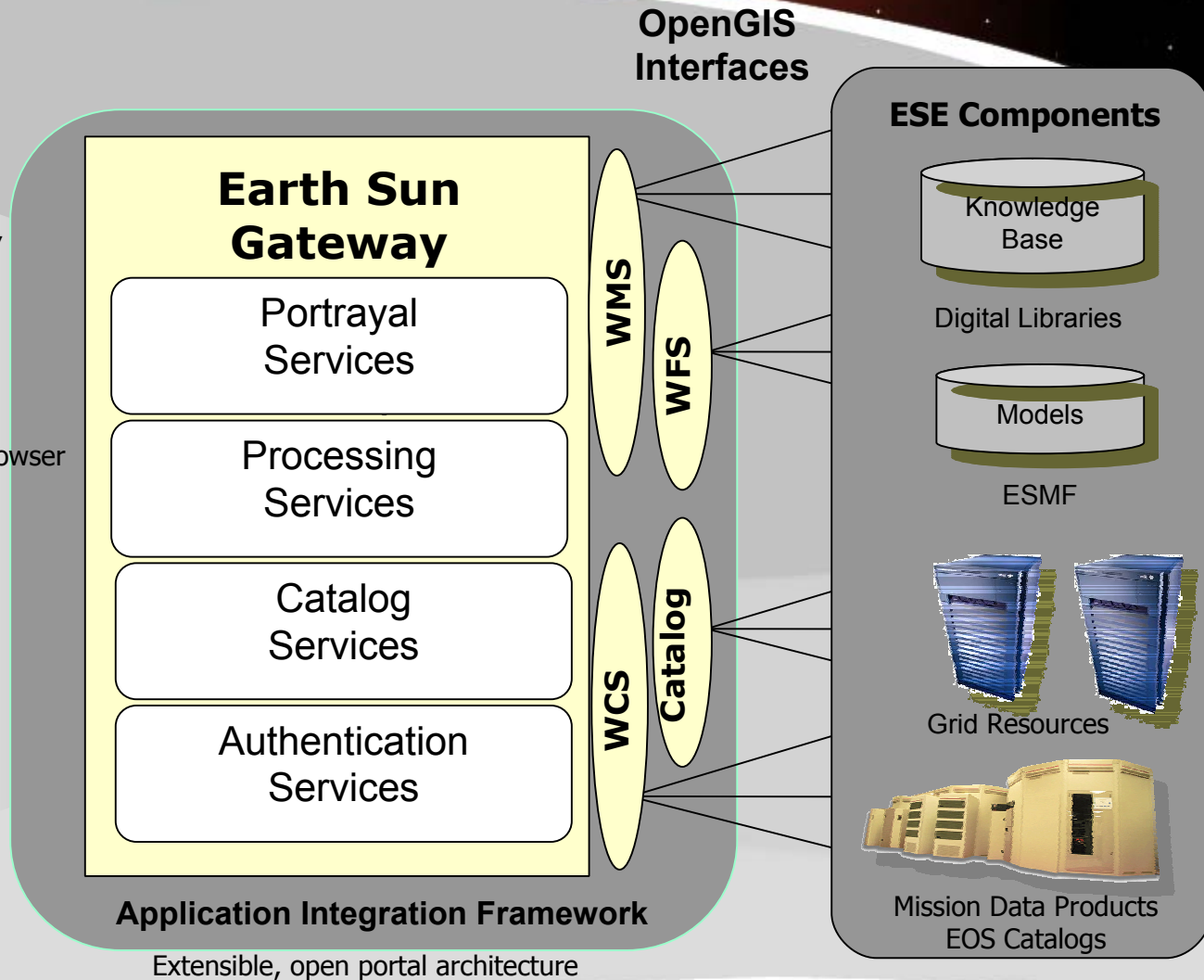
Standard Browser,  
Web Mapping



3D GeoBrowser



Workstation  
Applications,  
Thick Clients

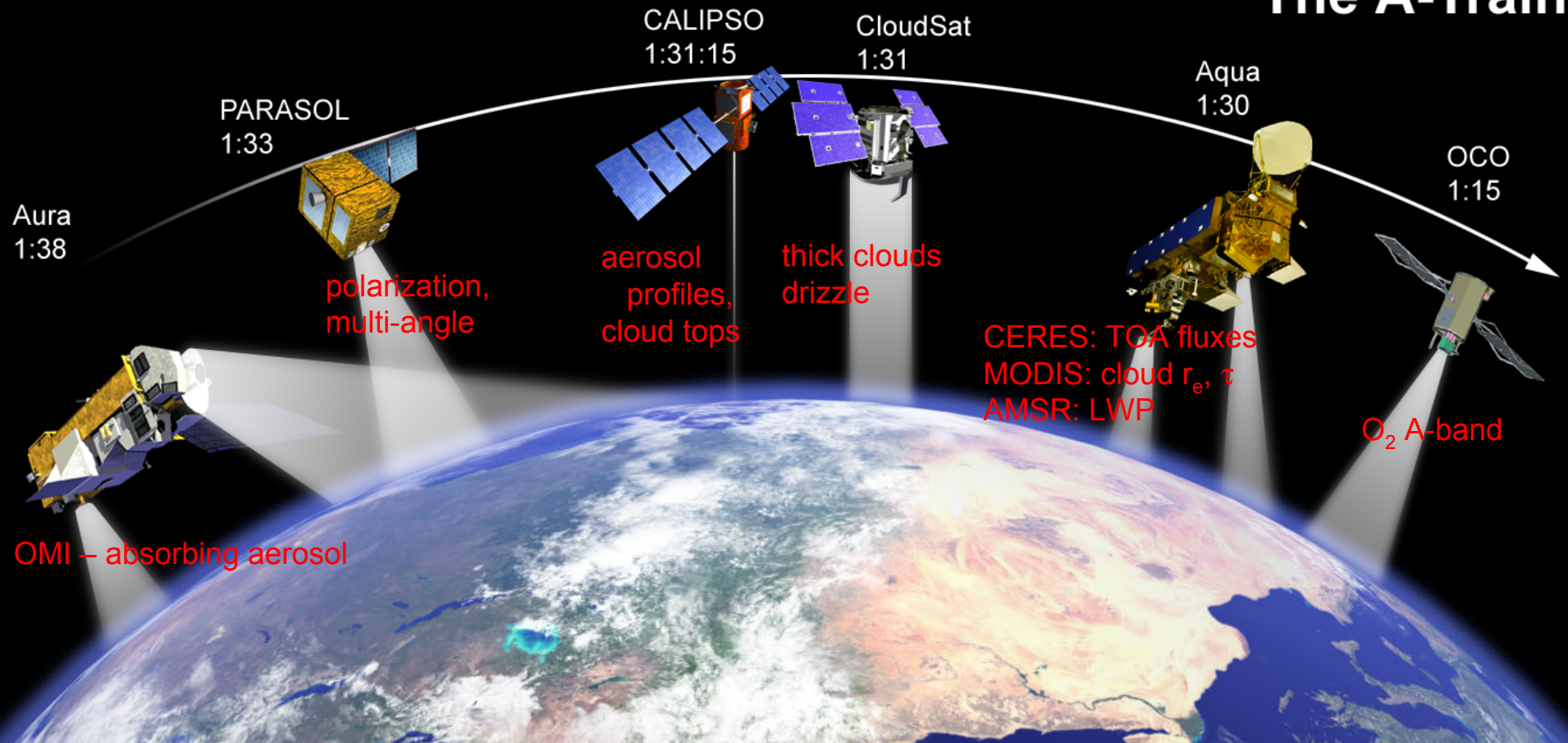






# Earth Observation System A-Train: Aerosol/Clouds/Radiation

## The A-Train





# Global System for Earth Observation

## Vantage Points

## Capabilities

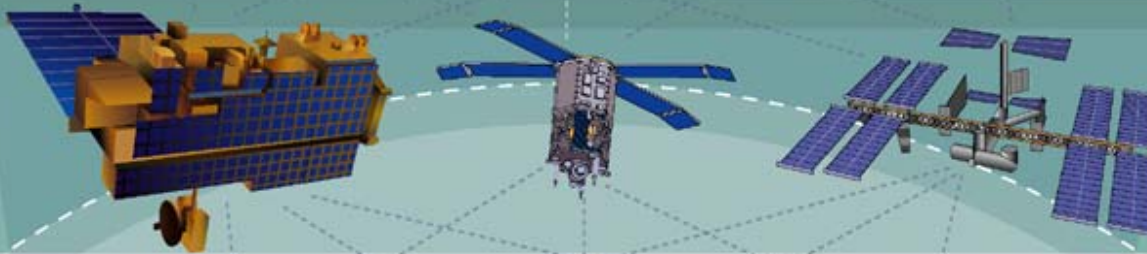
Far-Space



Permanent

LI/L2/HEO/GEO  
Sentinel satellites for  
continuous monitoring

Near-Space



LEO/MEO

Active & passive  
sensors for trends  
& process studies

Airborne



Deployable

Suborbital

In situ measurement  
in research campaigns  
& validation of new  
remote sensors

Terrestrial



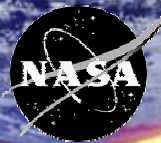
Surface-Based Networks

Ocean buoys, air samplers,  
strain detectors, ground  
validation sites

Information Systems

Data management, data  
assimilation, modeling  
& synthesis





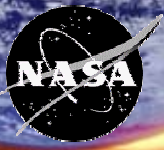
# Challenges Ahead

- Characterizing, understanding & predicting the interactions among the Sun, the Earth, and life
- Evolution of a comprehensive, coordinated and sustained Earth observation system
- Forging the partnerships required to sustain the system and its uses for scientific exploration and practical applications
- Applying the knowledge, capacity and systems from Earth-Sun System Science to Exploration
- Training the next generation of scientists, engineers, and decision-makers

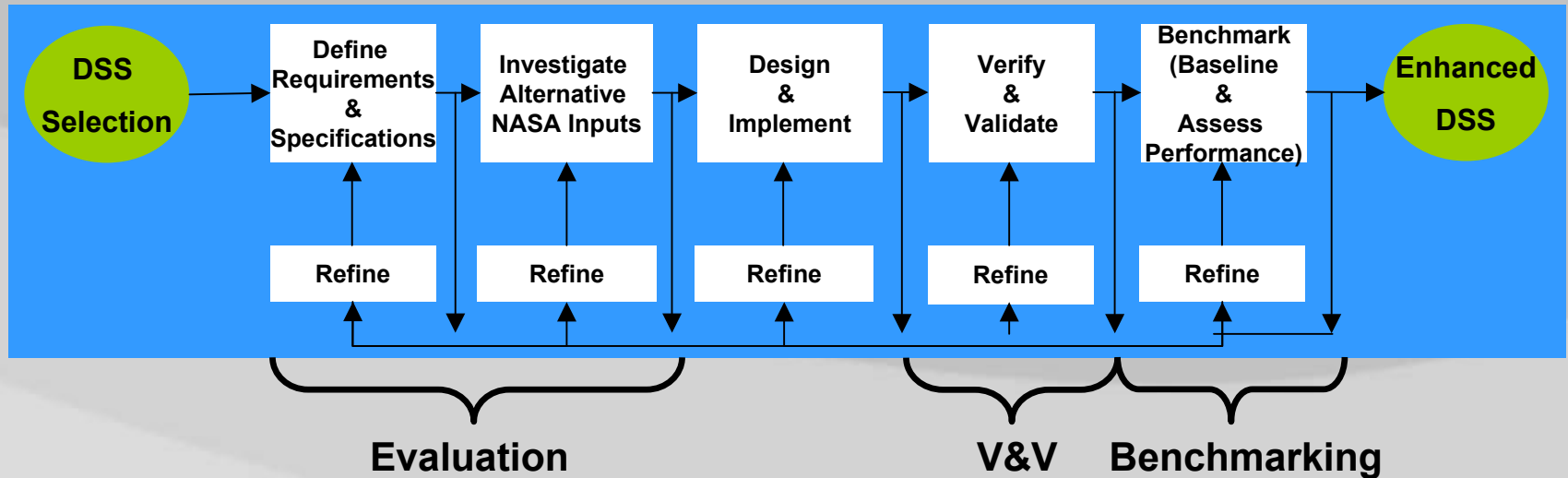




**Backup**

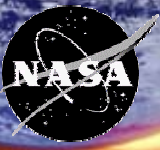


# Using Systems Engineering



DSS – Decision Support System





# Data Acquisition to Data Access

## Data Acquisition

## Flight Operations, Data Capture, Initial Processing & Backup Archive

## Data Transport to DAACs

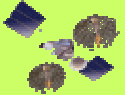
## Science Data Processing, Data Mgmt., Data Archive & Distribution

## Distribution, Access, Interoperability & Reuse

Spacecraft



Tracking & Data Relay Satellite (TDRS)



Ground Stations



Data Processing & Mission Control



NASA Integrated Services Network (NISN) Mission Services

EOSDIS Science Data Systems (DAACs)



REASoNs

WWW IP Internet

Science Teams

Measurement Teams

Research

Education

Value-Added Providers

Interagency Data Centers

International Partners

Use in Earth System Models

Benchmarking DSS

Polar Ground Stations

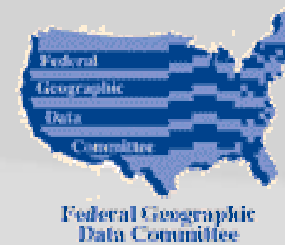


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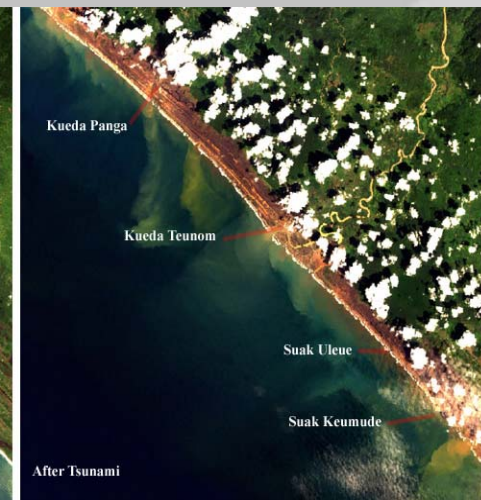
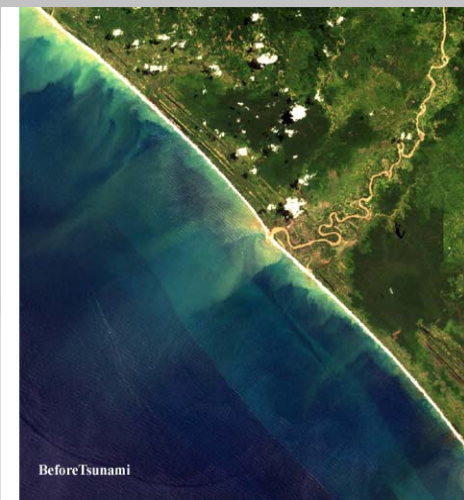
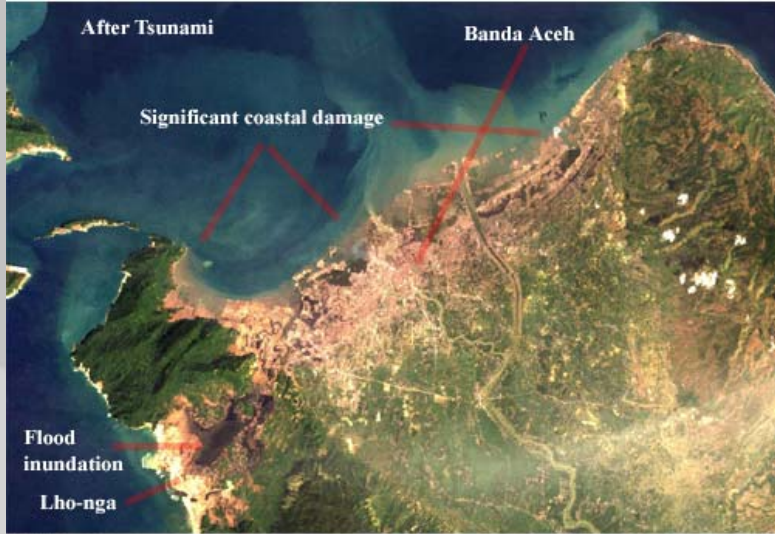
# NASA/GIO - Agencywide Representation

- Open Geospatial Consortium
  - [www.opengeospatial.org](http://www.opengeospatial.org)
  - Not for profit consortium
- ISO TC211- Geographic Information
  - [www.isotc211.org](http://www.isotc211.org)
  - Technical Committee of ISO
  - US Delegation; INCITS - L1
- Federal Geographic Data Committee
  - US Federal government directive
  - [www.fgdc.gov](http://www.fgdc.gov)
  - GAI WG
  - Homeland Security Working Group





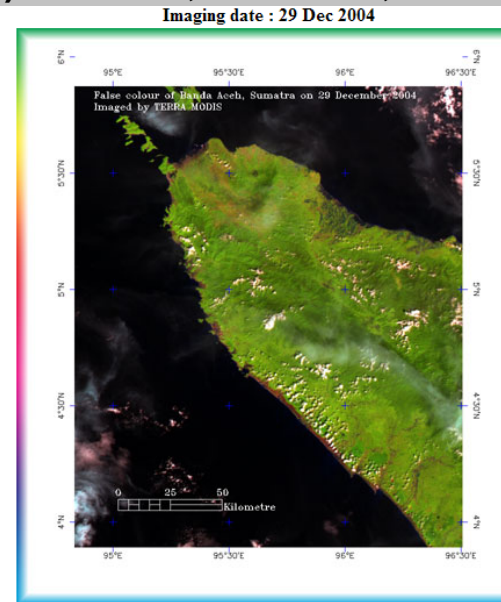
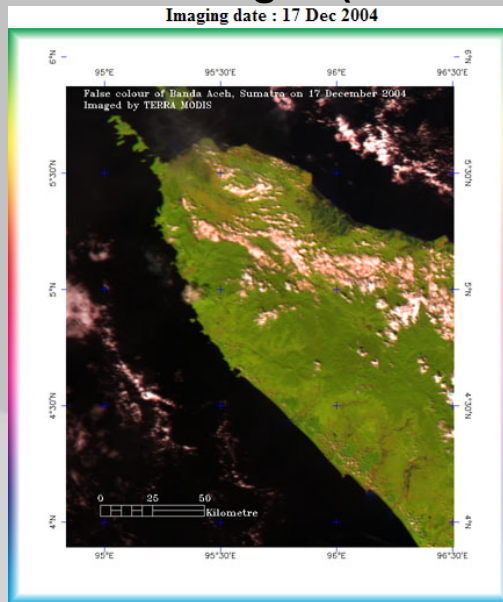
# Landsat Images Pre- and Post- Sumatra Earthquake/Tsunami





# NASA Satellite Views of Earthquake and Tsunami

Terra MODIS images (250m res.) of Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia



Source:  
<<http://www.crisp.nus.edu.sg/tsunami/>>



Equivalent devastation extends 225 km southeast along the Sumatran Coast, in a band up to 3 km (1.9 miles) deep. Imagery from the **MODIS** (above) shows the affected area as a thin strip of brown color along the coast.

Source: NASA Earth  
Observatory  
<<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>>