



# ARSET

Applied Remote Sensing Training

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## Introduction to Remote Sensing for Disaster Management

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Week 1

## Course Structure

- **One session per week on June 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2016**
  - 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. EDT (UTC-4)
  - 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. EDT (UTC-4)
- **Each session may include**
  - Presentation
  - A homework assignment
- **Q&A following each session or by email to Tim Stough ([stough@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:stough@jpl.nasa.gov)) or Amita Mehta ([amita.v.mehta@nasa.gov](mailto:amita.v.mehta@nasa.gov))**

# Prerequisite

## Fundamentals of Remote Sensing: Session 1

<http://arset.gsfc.nasa.gov/webinars/fundamentals-remote-sensing>

- Session 1: Fundamentals of Remote Sensing
  - A general overview of remote sensing and its application to disasters, health & air quality, land, water resource, and wildfire management

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### Fundamentals of Remote Sensing

These webinars are available for viewing at any time. They provide basic information about the fundamentals of remote sensing, and are often a prerequisite for other ARSET trainings.

**Learning Objectives:**

Participants will become familiar with satellite orbits, types, resolutions, sensors and processing levels. In addition to a conceptual understanding of remote sensing, attendees will also be able to articulate its advantages and disadvantages. Participants will also have a basic understanding of NASA satellites, sensors, data, tools, portals and applications to environmental monitoring and management.

**Course Format:**

- One-hour sessions
- Currently two available sessions
- No certificates are available for this training

**Prerequisites:**

No previous remote sensing experience is required for this training.

**Audience:**

These webinars are appropriate for professionals with no previous experience in remote sensing.

**Registration Information:**

This webinar series is free, but you must register for each session before viewing the recording.

**Course Agenda:**

On Demand Agenda.pdf

**Session 1: Fundamentals of Remote Sensing**

A general overview to remote sensing and its application to disasters, health & air quality, land, water resource and wildfire management. [View the recording »](#)

- Presentation Slides

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**Upcoming Training**

**Disasters**

- Using NASA Remote Sensing for Disaster Management  
06/09/2016 to 06/30/2016

**Airquality**

- Fundamentals of Satellite Remote Sensing for Health Monitoring  
06/02/2016 to 06/30/2016

**Land**

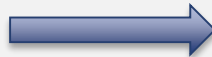
- Remote Sensing of Forest Cover and Change Assessment for Carbon Monitoring  
06/09/2016 to 07/07/2016

# Course Material

<http://arset.gsfc.nasa.gov/disasters/webinars/disaster-overview-2016>

Webinar presentations, exercises, homework assignments, and recordings

Links will be available on the ARSET course page



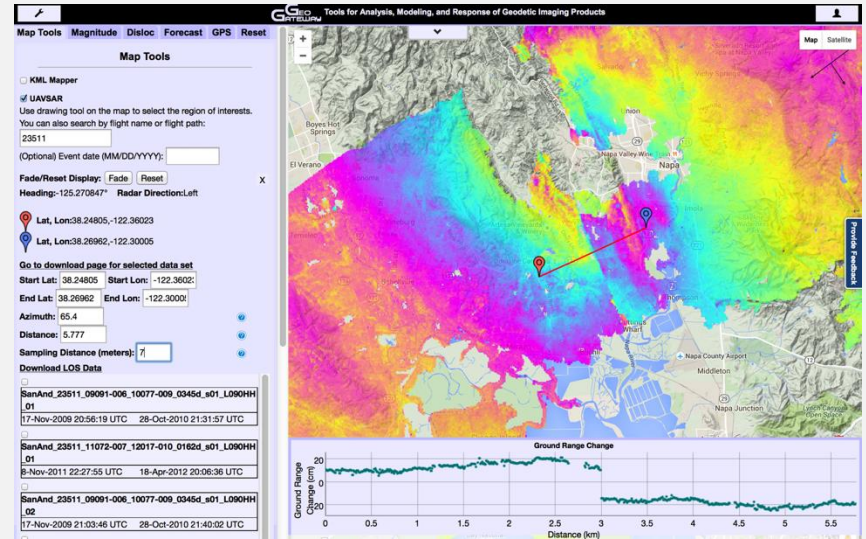
The screenshot shows the ARSET (Applied Remote Sensing Training) website. The header includes the NASA logo, the ARSET logo, and the text 'Applied Remote Sensing Training'. Navigation links for 'Home', 'About', and 'Trainings' are visible. A search bar is present on the right. The main content area features a grid of six satellite images illustrating disaster management. Below the grid, the webinar title 'Using NASA Remote Sensing for Disaster Management' is displayed, along with its dates (Thursday, June 9, 2016 to Thursday, June 30, 2016), times (11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m. EDT (UTC-4)), and registration closing date (Monday, June 6, 2016). A sidebar on the right contains a 'Disasters' section with links for 'Disasters Webinars' and 'Disasters Workshops', and an 'Upcoming Training' section listing the current webinar.

# Homework and Certificate

- **Homework**
  - Hands-on exercises
  - Answers to homework questions via Google form
  - Available at <https://arset.gsfc.nasa.gov/disasters/webinars/disaster-overview-2016>
- **Certificate of Completion**
  - Attend all 4 webinar sessions
  - Complete all homework assignments
  - Certificates will be emailed approximately 2 months after the course finishes by Marines Martins ([marines.martins@ssaihq.com](mailto:marines.martins@ssaihq.com))

# Course Objectives

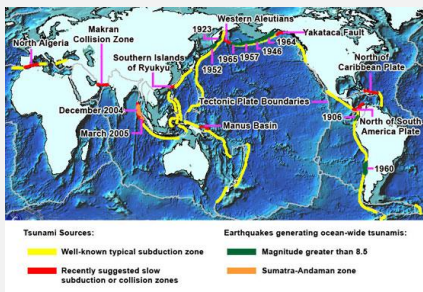
- Participants will become aware of available NASA resources for disaster management
- Participants will learn to access remote sensing observations for local disaster events



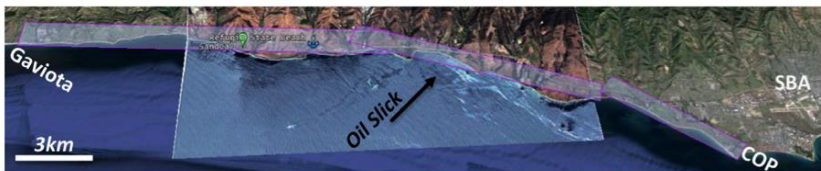
GeoGateway interface showing Napa earthquake interferogram with Line of Sight profile across the main rupture.

# Course Outline

Week 1: Monitoring Earthquakes, and Tsunamis Using NASA Remote Sensing and Models



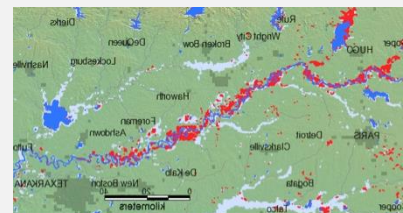
Week 3: Observation of Oil Spills Using Remote Sensing Measurements



Week 2: Overview of Remote Sensing for Wildfire Applications



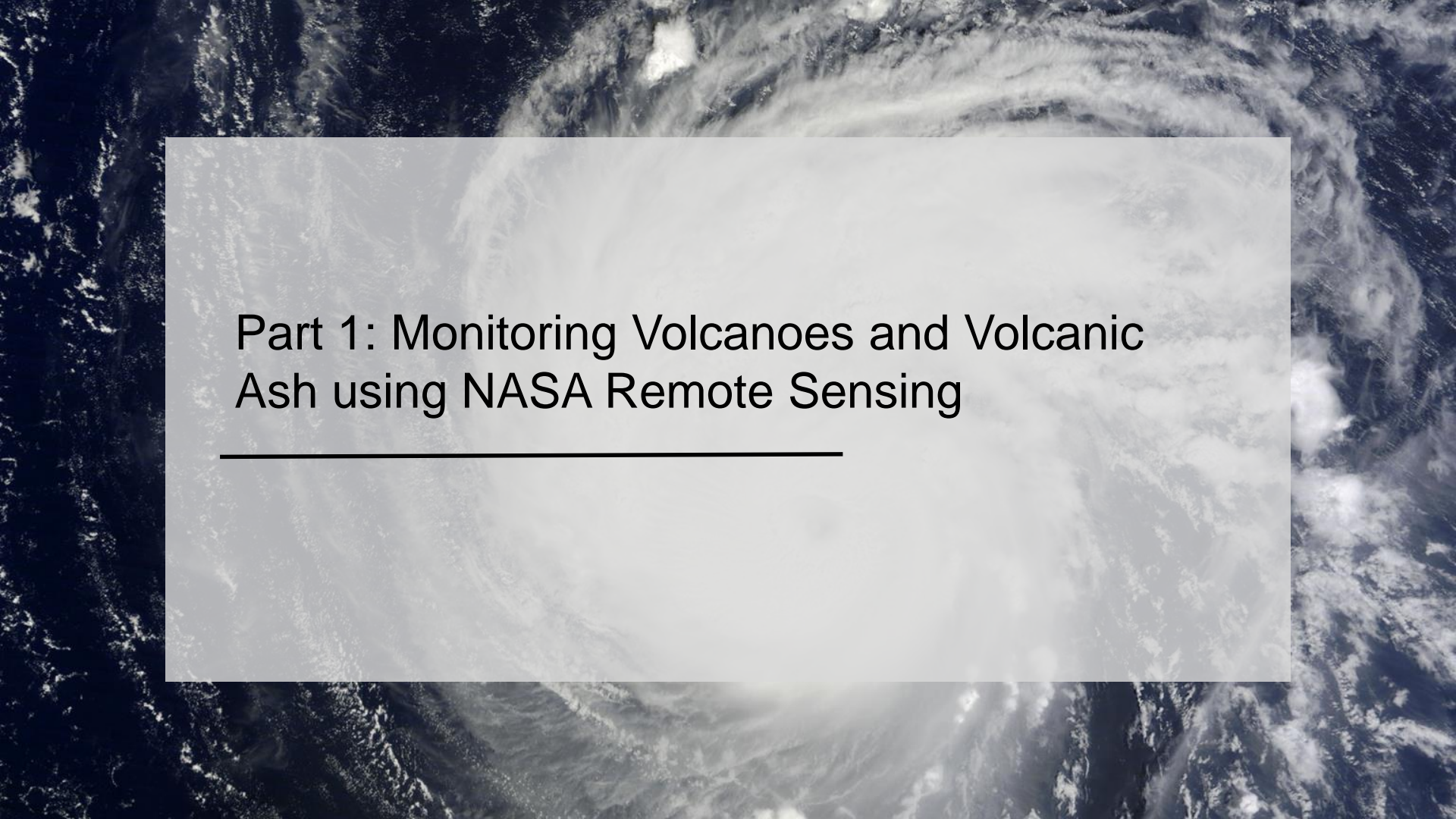
Week 4: Monitoring Storms, Flooding, and Landslides Using Remote Sensing Observations



# Agenda: Week 1

- Monitoring Volcanoes and Volcanic Ash
  - Pre-Eruption Monitoring
  - SAR-VIEWS
  - Volcanic Ash
  - Remote Sensing Resources
- Monitoring Earthquakes, and Tsunamis
  - How do we respond to earthquakes?
  - Remote Sensing Techniques to Monitor Earthquakes
  - Remote Sensing Techniques to Monitor Tsunamis



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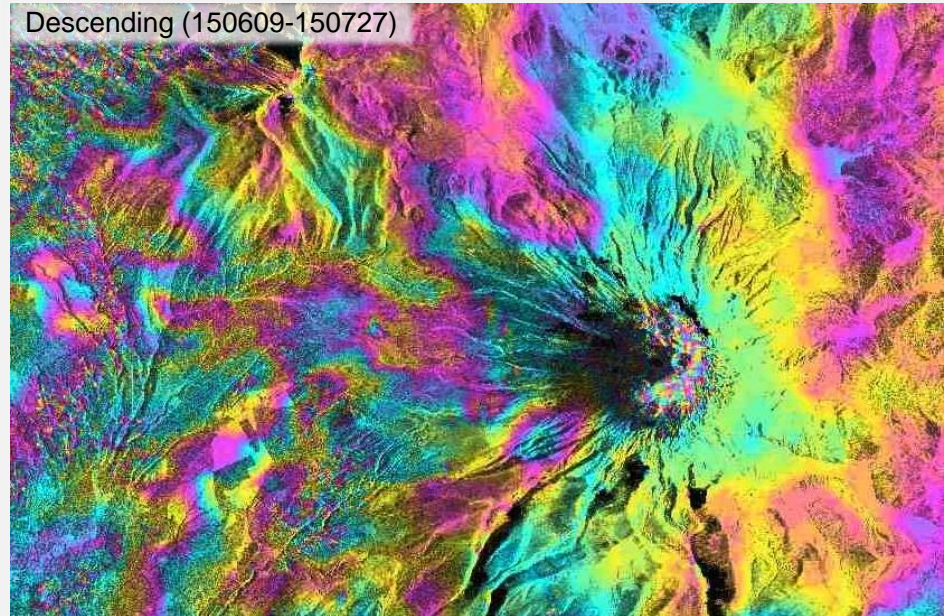
# Part 1: Monitoring Volcanoes and Volcanic Ash using NASA Remote Sensing

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# Pre-Eruption Monitoring

- Deformation
  - Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR)
  - Global Navigation Satellite System stations (GNSS, GPS, GLONASS)
  - Tilt meters
- Seismic Activity

## Cotopaxi Volcano 2015

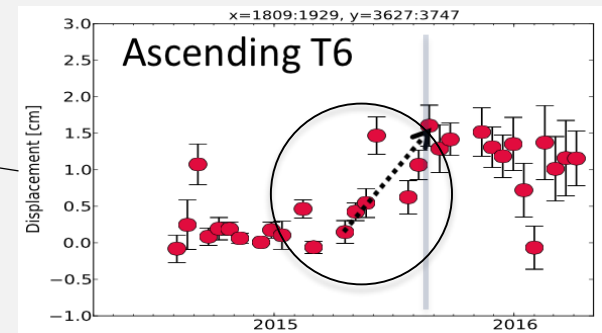
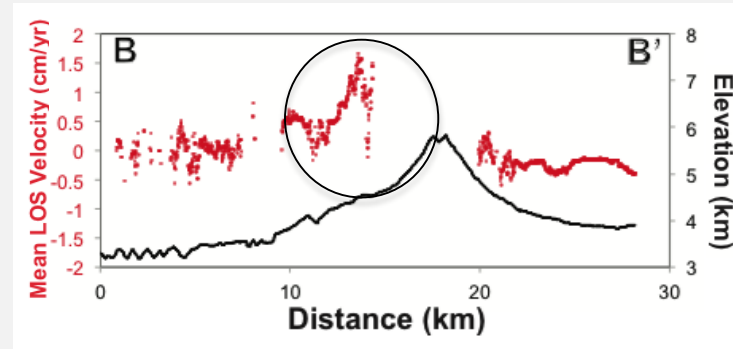
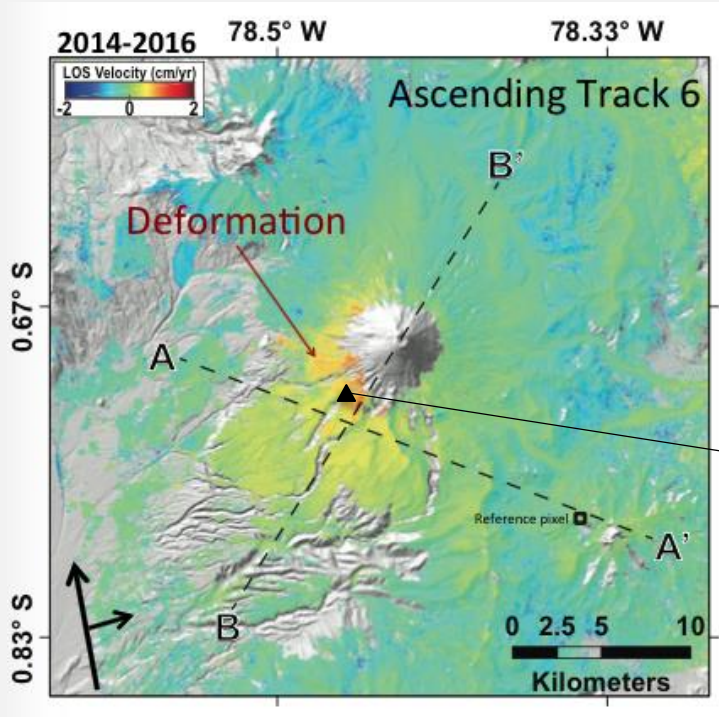


Cosmo-SkyMed InSAR – processed by Dr. Falk Amelung, University of Miami

# Cotopaxi Unrest and Steam Eruption, August, 2015

Analysis by Dr. Falk Amelung, University of Miami

InSAR based analysis allows inflation to be monitored without ground based sensors



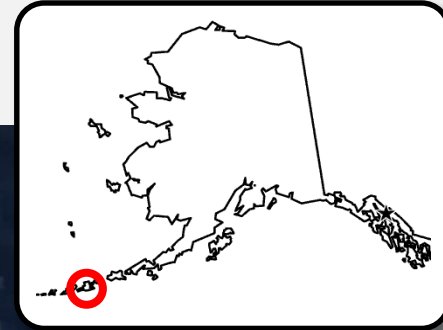
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University of Alaska Fairbanks, Dr. Franz Meyer

## Okmok Eruption, July, 2008

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Eruptive Period



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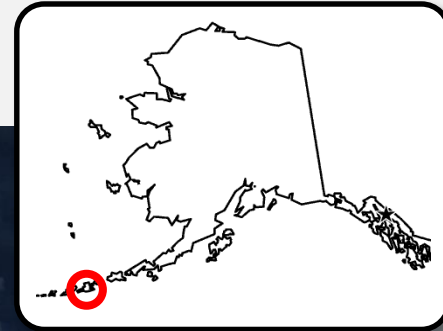
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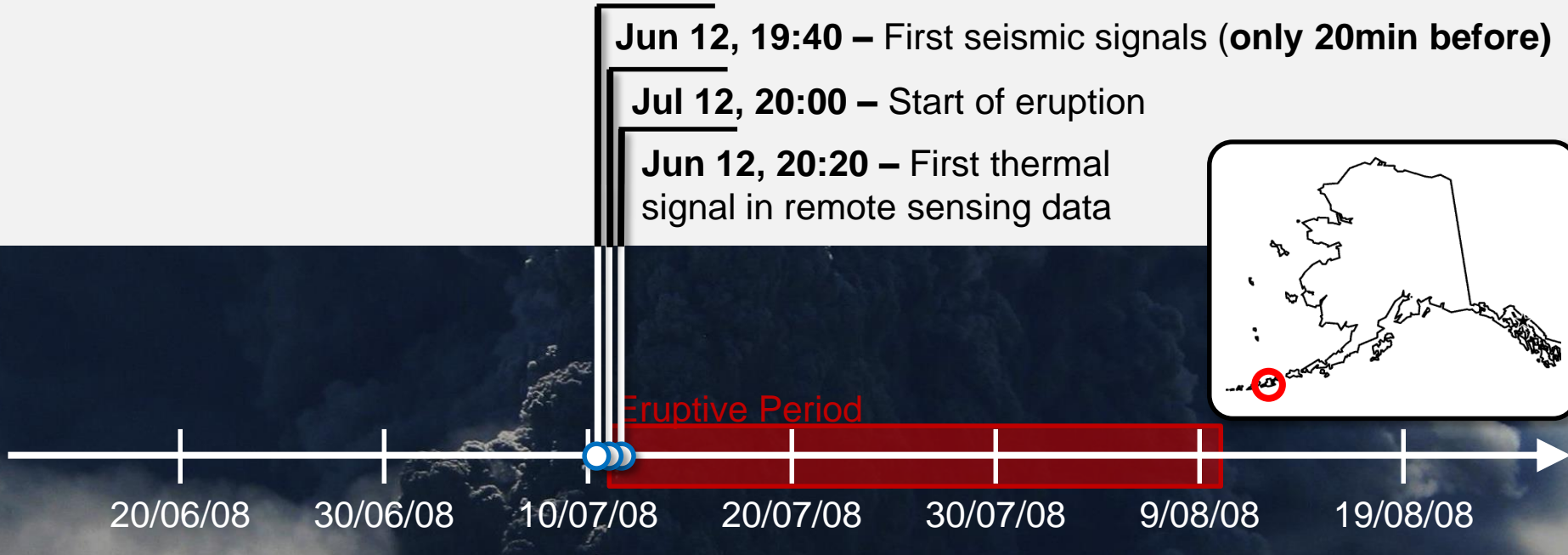
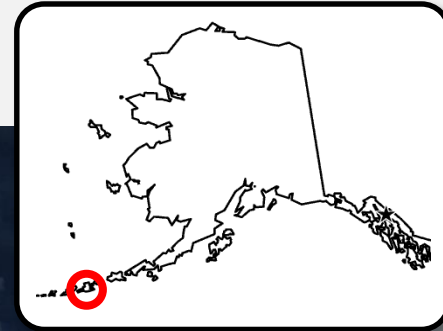
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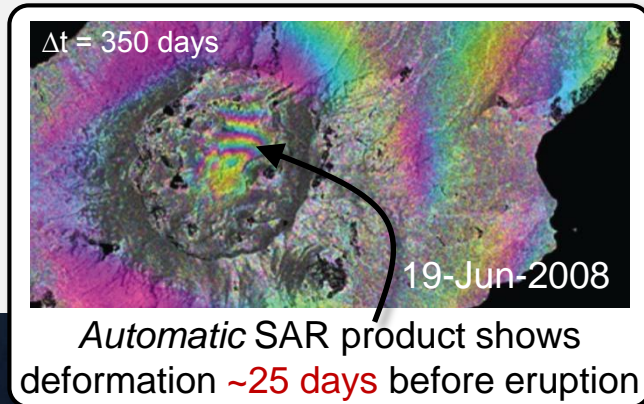
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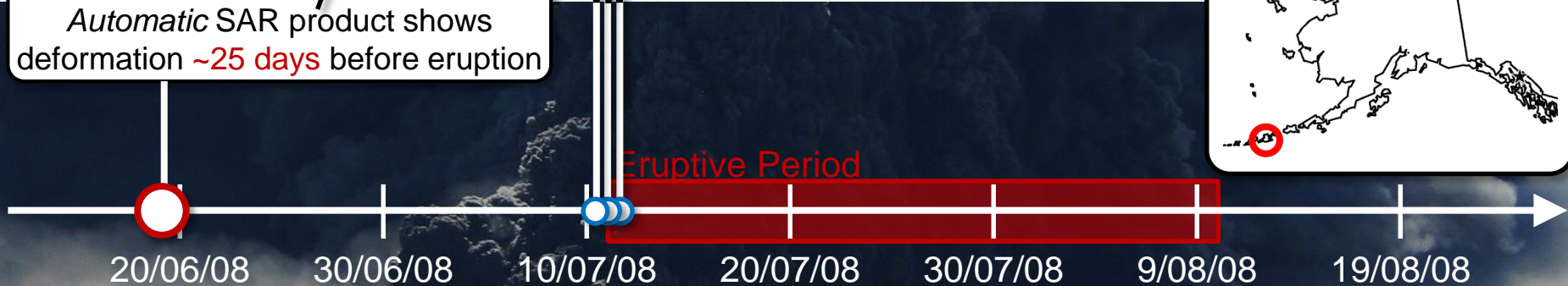
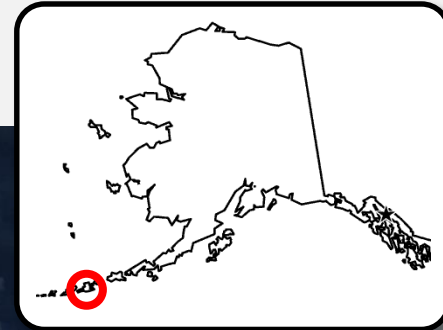
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# The Volcanic Ash Problem for Aviation

- Air traffic is periodically faced with the threat of a volcanic ash encounter
  - Ash immediately after eruption is most threatening
  - Even over many hours, ash may still cause serious problems for aircraft
  - No aircraft have crashed from an ash encounter, but there have been several close calls



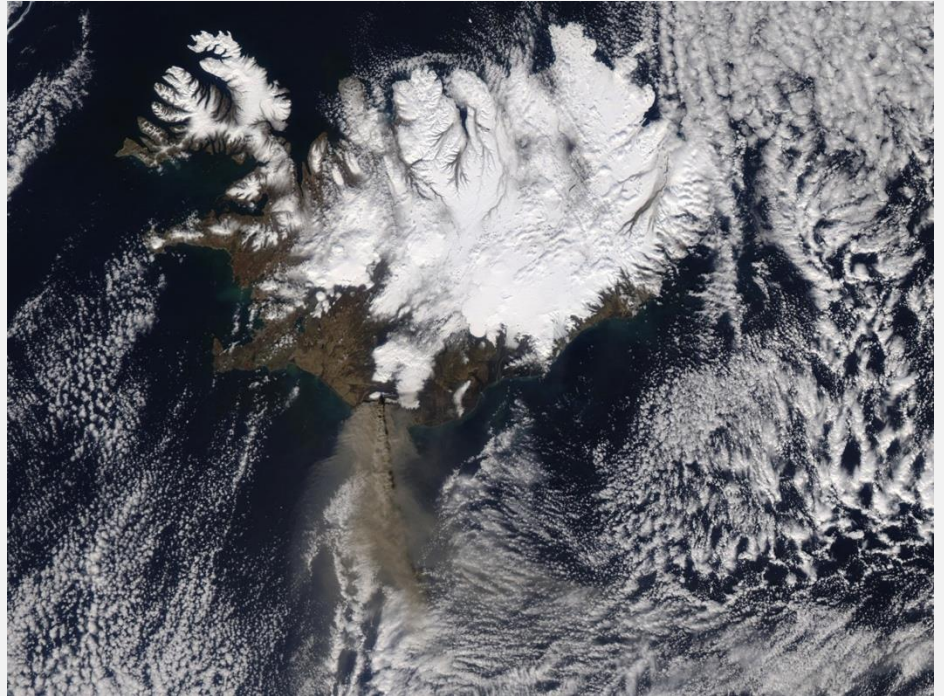
Sicily's Mt. Etna, October 2002; MODIS



# Detecting Volcanic Ash with Remote Sensing

Eyjafjallajökull Volcano, April 17, 2010

- Satellite imagers typically provide the best source of information about ash location
- This visible light image is the sort that typically comes to mind

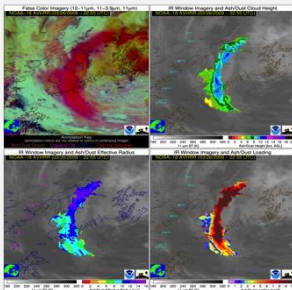


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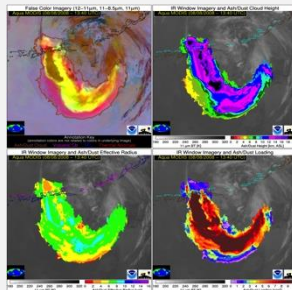
# Multi-Spectral Imaging

## Making Full Use of Space-Based Imagers for Volcanic Cloud Monitoring

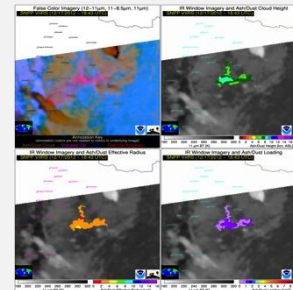
NOAA and MetOp AVHRR



Terra and Aqua MODIS

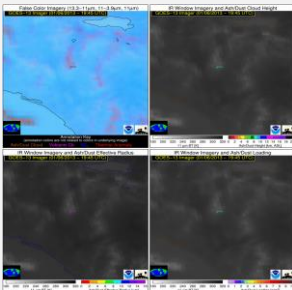


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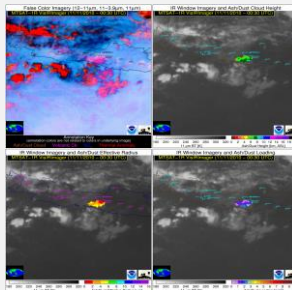


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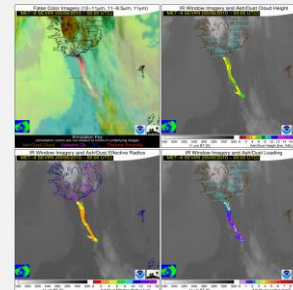
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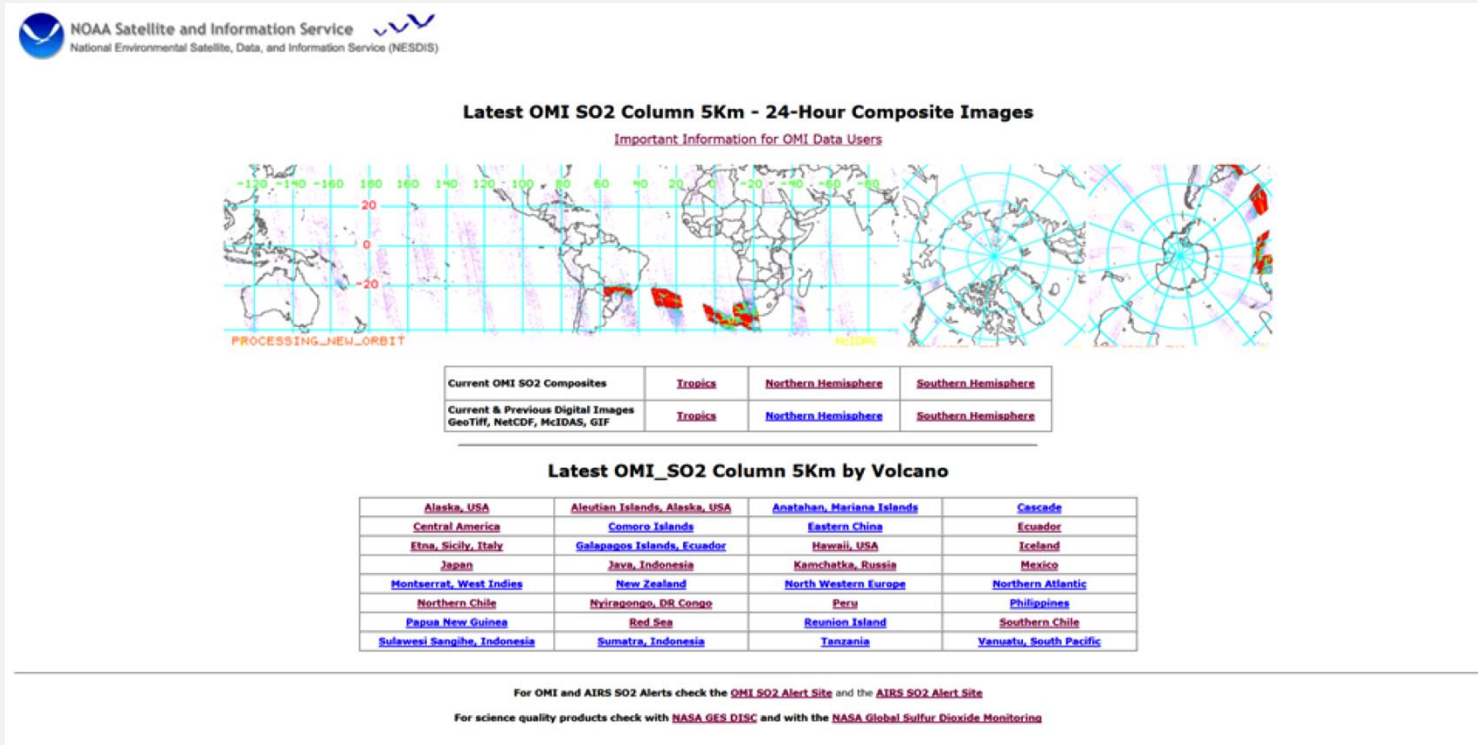


GEO

Courtesy UW NOAA CIMSS, Madison WI

# Aura/OMI SO<sub>2</sub> Data

NOAA/NESDIS Volcanic Alert System: [www.ospo.noaa.gov/Products/atmosphere/vaac/](http://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Products/atmosphere/vaac/)

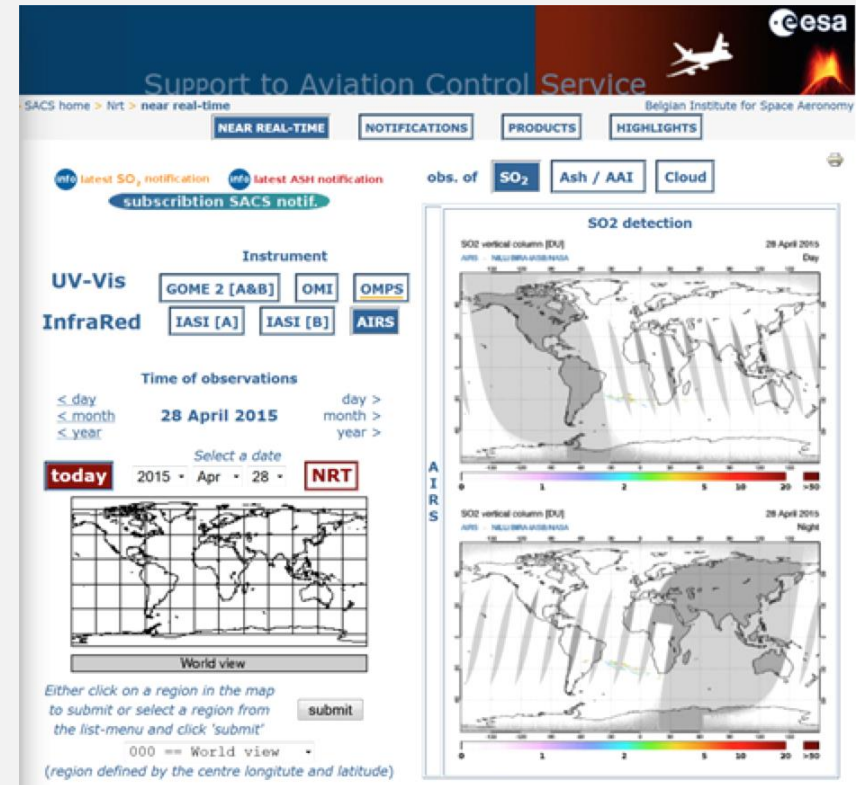


# AIRS, OMI, OMPS SO<sub>2</sub> Data

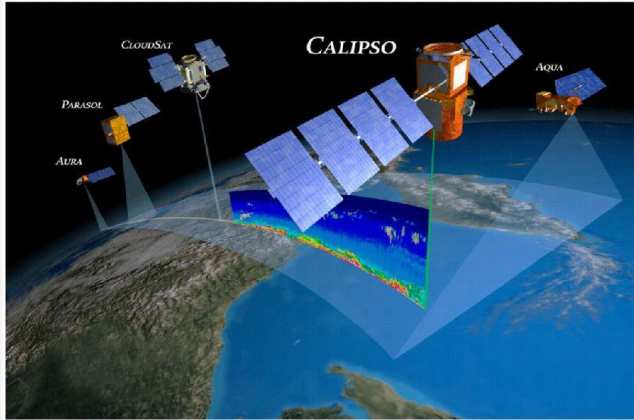
European SACS Volcanic Alert System: <http://sacs.aeronomie.be/>

The European Support Aviation Control Service (SACS) uses operational volcanic SO<sub>2</sub> column and Ash Index data from

- Aura/OMI
- SNPP/OMPS
- Aqua/AIRS



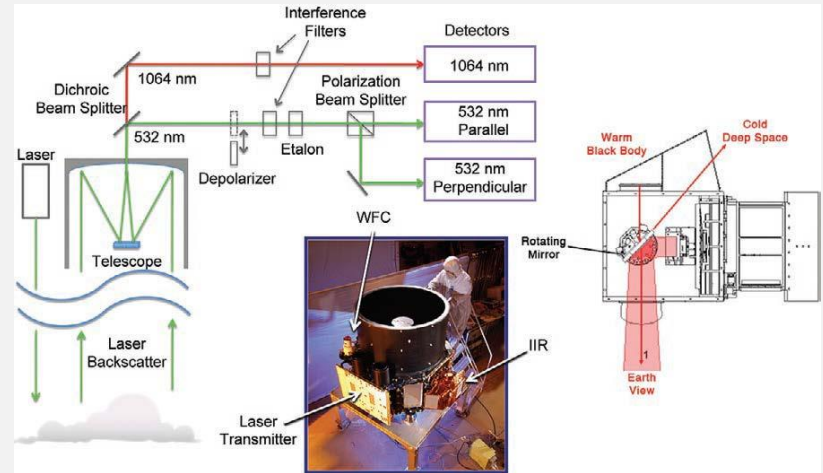
# CALIOP – the CALIPSO Lidar



NASA

- High vertical resolution (60m) of backscatter profiles
- Optical parameters provide unique capability to detect volcanic ash and its vertical structure

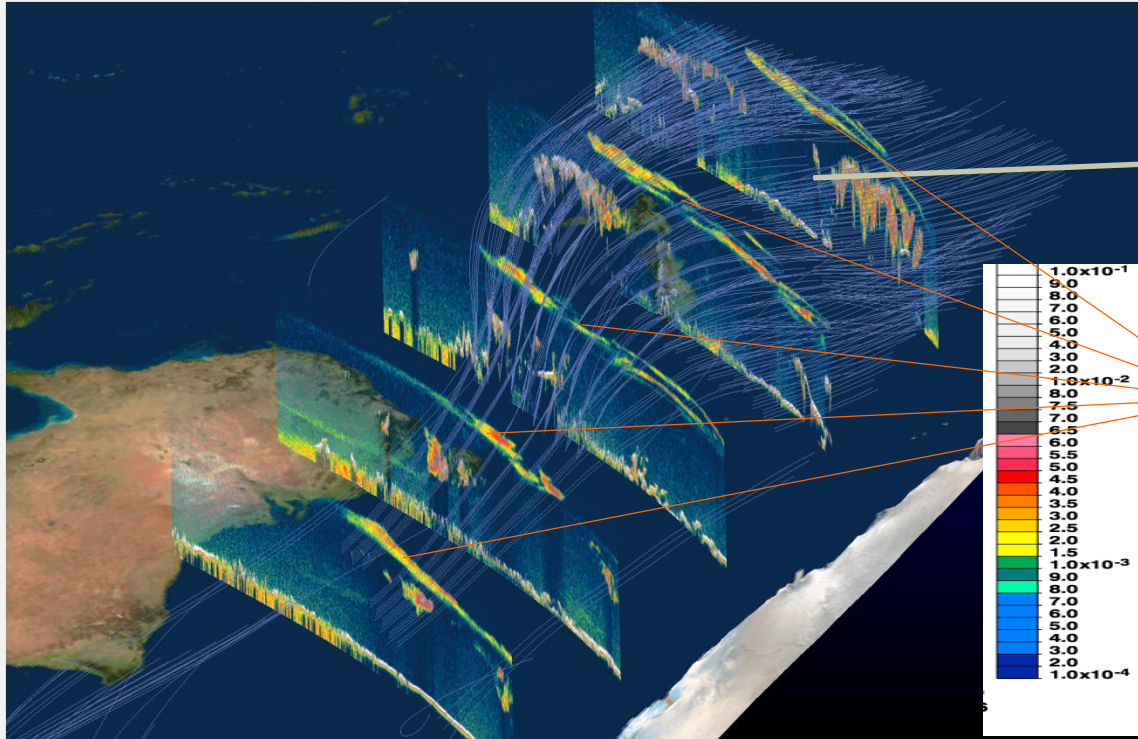
- Operating since 2006 in a polar orbit
- Equatorial crossing-time at 0130 and 1330 LET
- Repeat cycle of 16 days



NASA/LaRC, BATC; eoPortal

# Enhanced Characterization

## Assimilating Series of CALIPSO Curtains Into Dispersion Forecast Models

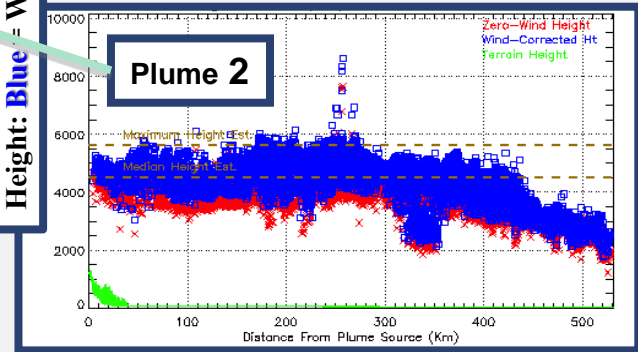
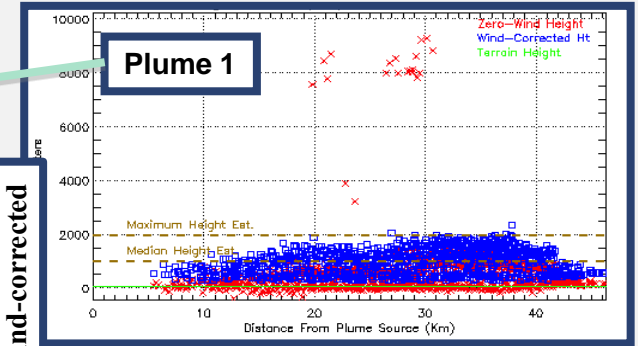
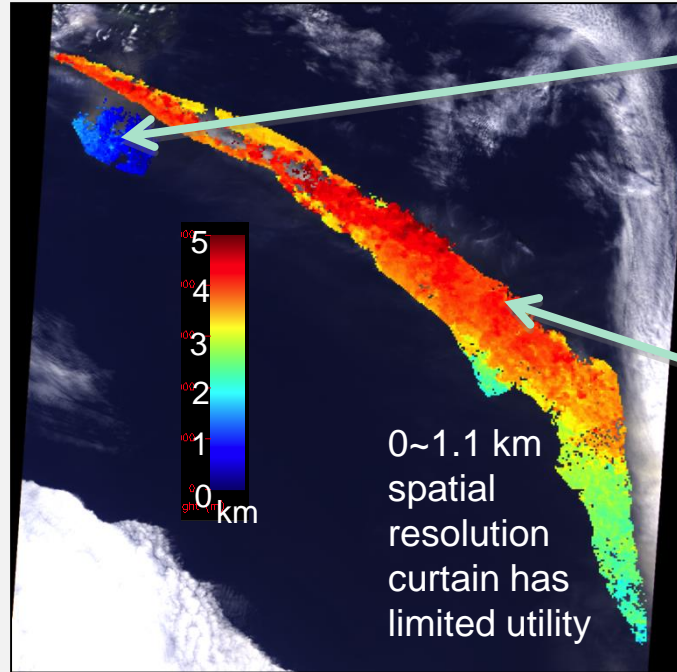
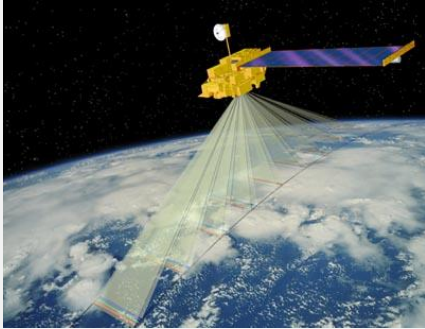


Ensemble of trajectories

Volcanic ash cloud

# Multi-angle Imaging SpectroRadiometer (MISR)

## Adding Stereo-Derived Plume Heights



R. Kahn, D. Nelson, and the MISR Team, NASA JPL and GSFC

# NASA Remote Sensing for Volcanic Ash Resources

- MODIS
  - Near Real-Time Data:  
<https://worldview.earthdata.nasa.gov>
- ASTER
  - Land Processes DAAC:  
[https://lpdaac.usgs.gov/data\\_access](https://lpdaac.usgs.gov/data_access)
  - Using ASTER for Volcano Monitoring:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A39FnHdSoNk>
- CALIPSO Lidar Curtains
  - [https://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/project/calipso/calipso\\_table](https://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/project/calipso/calipso_table)
- MISR Plume Height Project 2
  - <https://www-misr.jpl.nasa.gov/getData/accessData/MisrMinxPlumes2/>
- Aura, OMI, OMPS SO<sub>2</sub> Data
  - NOAA/NESDIS volcanic alert system website:  
[http://satepsanone.nesdis.noaa.gov/pub/OMI/O\\_MISO2/](http://satepsanone.nesdis.noaa.gov/pub/OMI/O_MISO2/)
  - Global Sulfur Dioxide Monitoring Home Page – NASA Goddard: <http://so2.gsfc.nasa.gov>
- The European Support Aviation Control Service (SACS)
  - <http://sacs.aeronomie.be>



A satellite image of Earth's ocean surface, showing a large-scale cyclonic or eddy-like pattern in the water. The water is dark blue, with white foam and lighter blue areas indicating wave activity. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title text.

## Part 2: Monitoring Earthquakes, and Tsunamis Using NASA Remote Sensing and Models


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# Monitoring Earthquakes and Tsunamis

Maggi Glasscoe

## Talk Outline

- Introduction
- How do we respond to earthquakes?
- Remote Sensing Techniques to Monitor Earthquakes
  - 2014 Napa, CA
  - 2015 Gorkha, Nepal
- Remote Sensing Techniques to Monitor Tsunamis
  - 2011 Northeast Japan Earthquake
- Conclusions

A satellite image of a tropical cyclone, showing a well-defined eye and spiral cloud bands over a dark ocean. The image is partially obscured by a semi-transparent white rectangular box.

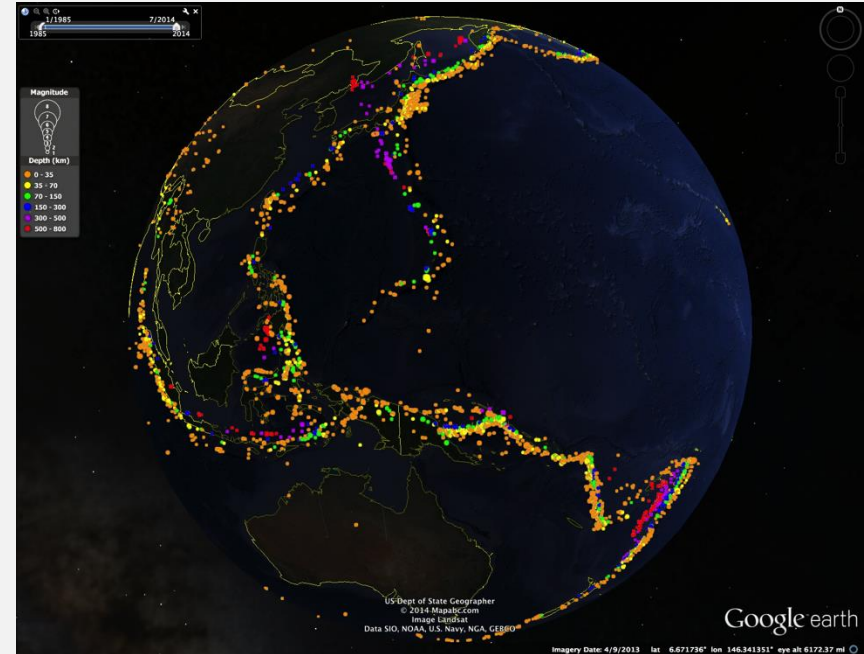
# Introduction

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## Earthquake and tsunami risk

- Annualized losses from earthquakes in the United States are \$5.3B (FEMA, 2008)
- From 2000 – 2009, earthquakes killed more people globally than other natural disasters (OFDA/CRED 2009)
- From 1980 – 2009 6 of the 7 natural disasters with the largest economic impact were earthquakes (OFDA/CRED, 2009)
- In the 21<sup>st</sup> century earthquakes are expected to kill 1.9 – 3.2 million people globally (Holzer and Savage, 2013)



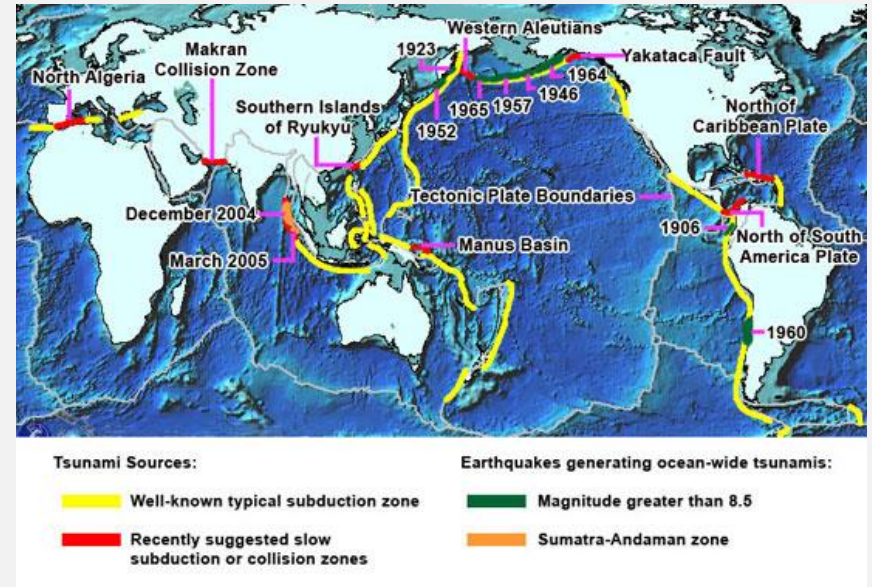
Damaging earthquakes are concentrated near coastal areas. Here two decades of potentially damaging earthquakes are displayed over East Asia and the Pacific, colored by depth. (Data are from the Advanced National Seismic System, Glasscoe, et al. 2016, Decadal Survey White Paper #2).

# Introduction

## Earthquake and tsunami risk

- 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami
  - Reached heights of 65-100 ft in Sumatra
  - Caused 200,000+ deaths across 11 countries
  - Registered on tide gauges globally
- 1964 Alaska Tsunami
  - Resulted in 110 deaths
- 1918 Earthquake & Tsunami
  - Killed 118 people in Puerto Rico alone
- 1700 Pacific Tsunami
  - Overran Native American fishing camps
  - Caused damage in Japan

(USGS fact sheet, 2006-3023)



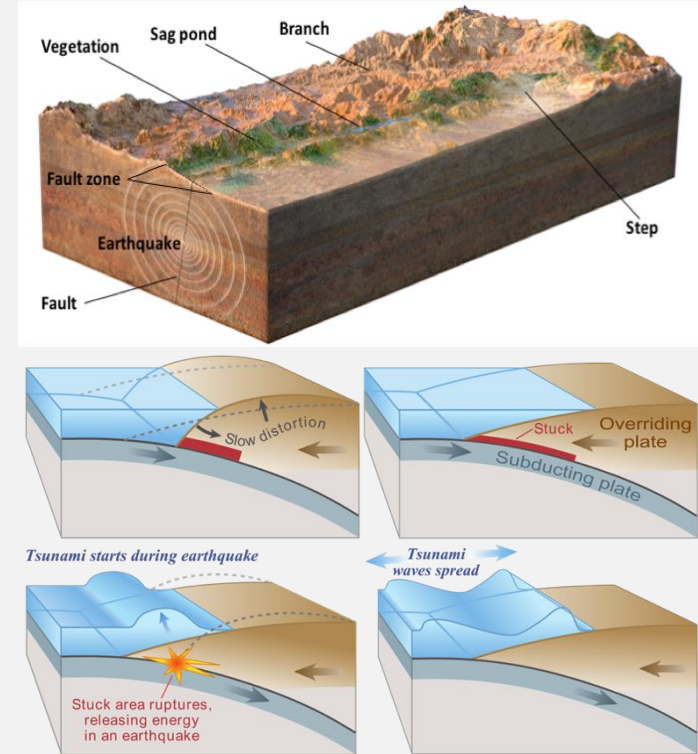
Global tsunami source zones highlighted by color.

Source: ITIC, [http://itic.ioc-unesco.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&id=1166&Itemid=1166](http://itic.ioc-unesco.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=1166&Itemid=1166)


# Introduction

## Earthquake and tsunami mechanism

- Faults are made up of a central core surrounded by a damage zone
- Earthquakes occur when stress builds on the fault lines and then it falls
- Ground shaking and displacement
  - lead to injury & loss of life
  - cause damage to infrastructure, homes, and injury
- Tsunamis occur when the seafloor is displaced by an underwater earthquake or landslide
  - generates waves that grow when they reach shore



(Top): Artwork Chuck Carter, JPL; Donnellan, et al., Decadal Survey White Paper #2. (Bottom) Surviving a Tsunami – Lessons from Chile, Hawaii, and Japan, USGS



How do we respond to earthquakes/tsunamis?

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# When an earthquake/tsunami occurs

How do we respond?

- Researchers gather information from various sources, including satellites
- The International Charter may be invoked in order to target space-borne assets for disaster response



Scenes from Banda Aceh, nearly 3 km from the coast, following a tsunami. Dec 26, 2004. Credit: *Where the first wave arrives in minutes*, UNESCO, 2010.

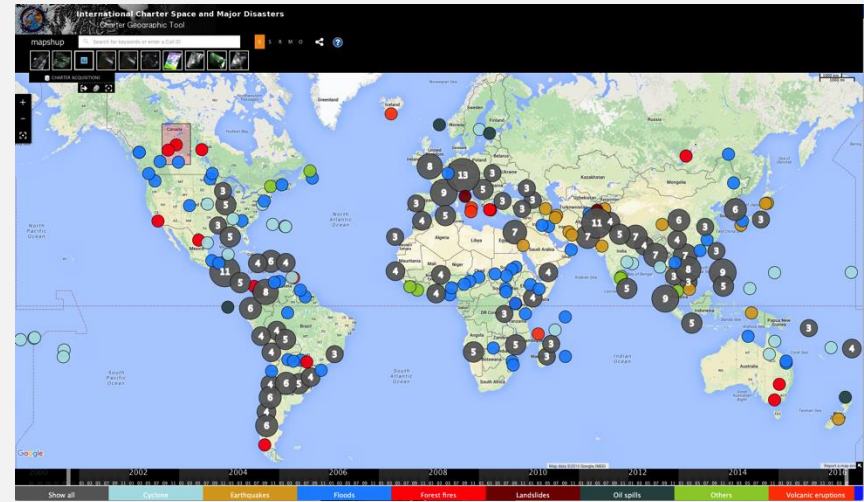


# The International Charter Space and Major Disasters

<http://www.disasterscharter.org>

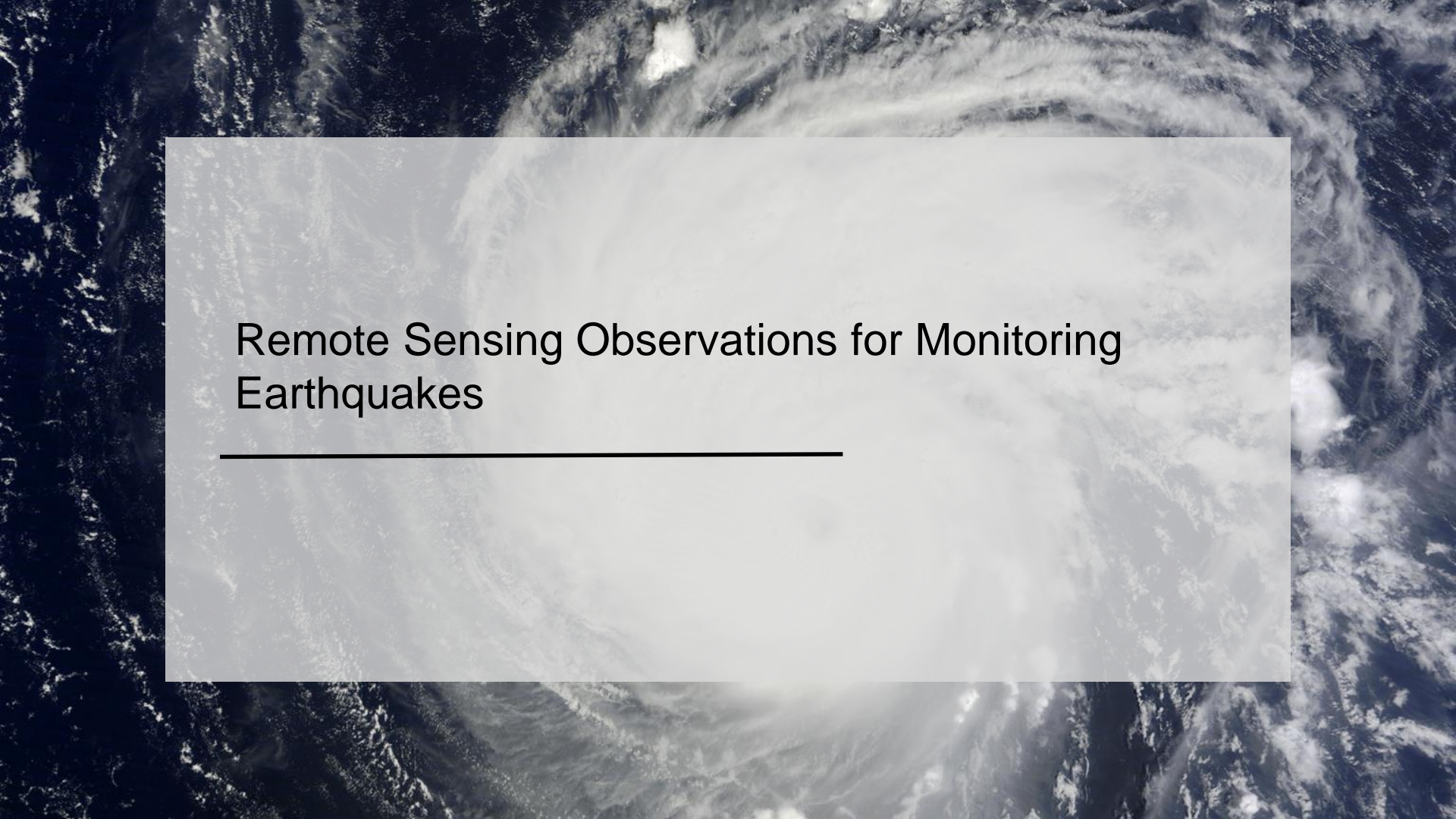
## The International Charter

- Provides a unified system of space data acquisition and delivery to those affected by disasters
- Mitigate the effects of disasters on human life and property through member agency resources



International Charter tool illustrating activations and disaster types.

<http://cgt.prod.esaportal.eu/>

A satellite view of Earth's surface, showing a large, semi-transparent white rectangular box in the center. The background is a high-resolution satellite image of the Earth, displaying various geographical features such as landmasses, oceans, and cloud cover. The text is centered within the white box.

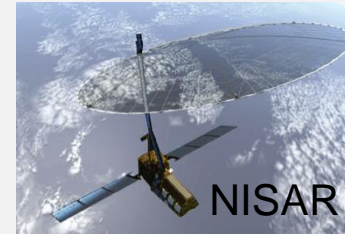
# Remote Sensing Observations for Monitoring Earthquakes

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# Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)

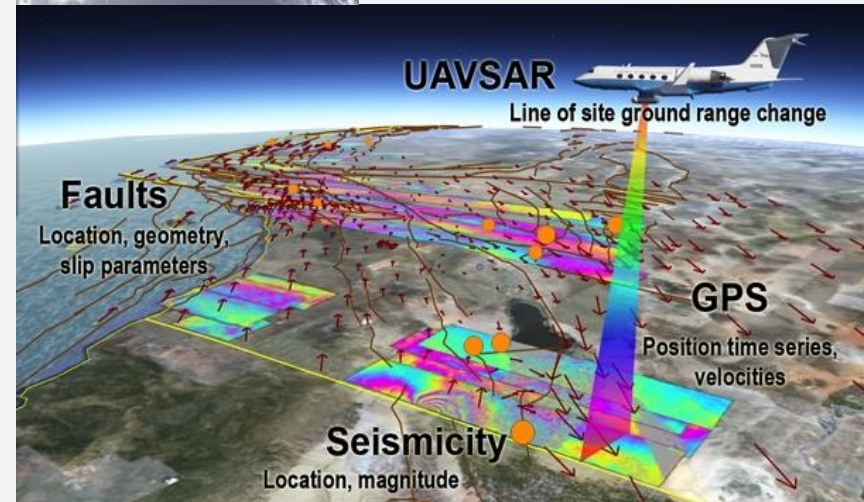
<http://uavsar.jpl.nasa.gov>; <http://nisar.jpl.nasa.gov>

- Radar is very useful for studying Earth processes
- Repeat visit allows creation of a landscape *change* image
- High definition:
  - 7m pixel size (UAVSAR)
  - 10m pixel size (Satellite)
- Sensitive: sees 1cm surface fault slip
- NASA instruments:
  - UAVSAR airborne
  - Planned NISAR satellite



Left: satellite for the NASA-ISRO SAR Mission (NISAR)

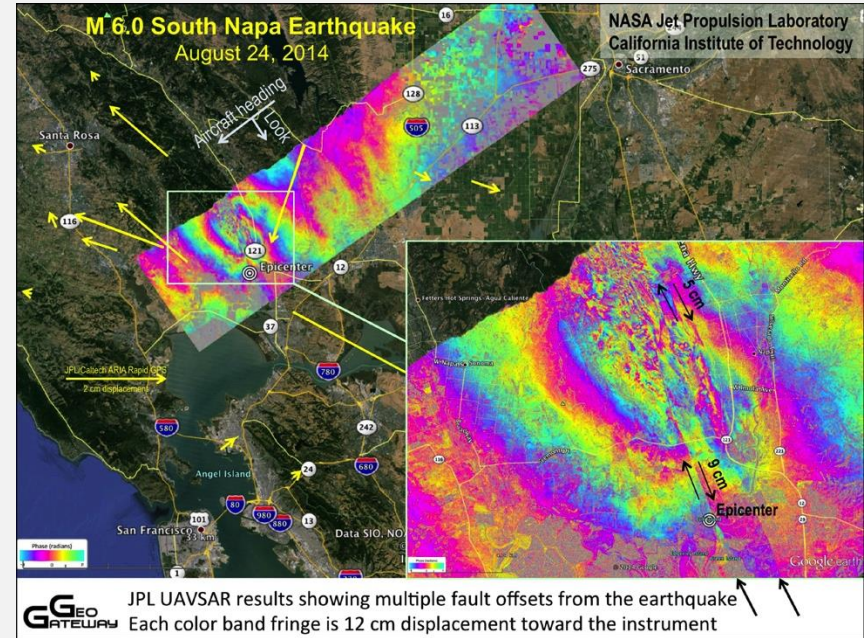
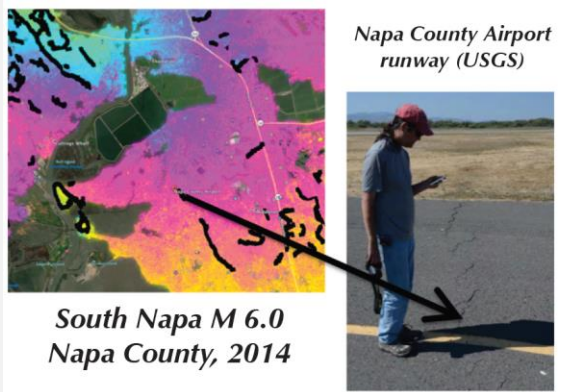
Below: Uninhabited Aerial Vehicle Synthetic Aperture Radar (UAVSAR)



# Uninhabited Aerial Vehicle Synthetic Aperture Radar (UAVSAR)

## 2014 Napa Earthquake Response

- Magnitude 6.0 earthquake: Aug 25, 2014
- Strongest to occur in San Francisco Bay Area since 1989
- NASA data aided in response & analysis
- UAVSAR instrument flew a week before and in subsequent months



Above: A comparison of UAVSAR data collected May 29, 2014 and Aug 29, 2014, revealing that multiple strands of the fault slipped near the quake's center. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASI/Google Earth; Left: Automated image processing identifying fractures in UAVSAR images to be validated in the field.

# Advanced Rapid Imaging and Analysis (ARIA)

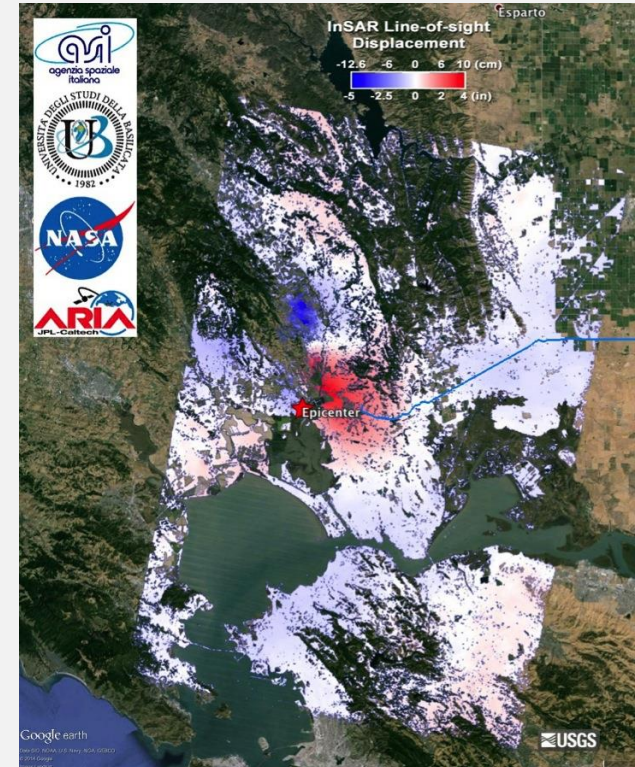
<http://aria.jpl.nasa.gov>

- Produced an Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) map of coseismic displacement
- Derived from COSMO-SkyMed data
- Produced a Damage Proxy Map (DPM)
- Technique uses a prototype algorithm for detecting surface changes



Right: InSAR image of ground deformation resulting from the Napa earthquake. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASI/Google Earth

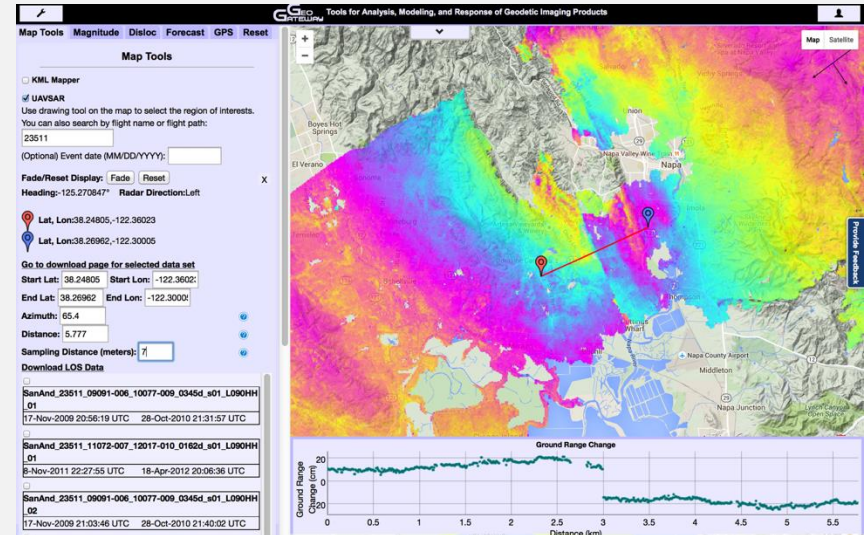
Left: DPM showing potential earthquake damage. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASI/Google Earth



# Geodetic Data Exploration (GEOGateway)

<http://geo-gateway.org>

- Allows users to find and use NASA geodetic imaging data products for analysis of deformation pre- and post-event
- Users can access and analyze UAVSAR repeat pass interferometry (RPI) products
- California faults can be displayed over UAVSAR RPI products
- Can extract line of site profiles
- Convention shows “ground range change”



GeoGateway interface showing Napa earthquake interferogram with Line of Sight profile across the main rupture.

# 2015 M7.8 Gorkha, Nepal, Earthquake Response

<http://weather.msfc.nasa.gov/sport/disasters/nepal/>

- April 25, 2015, aftershock May 12
- 8 million people affected
- 8,700 deaths
  - Including ~150 in May 12 aftershock
- 22,000 people injured
- 505,000+ homes destroyed
  - 279,000+ homes damaged
- Estimated 40% of Nepal affected
  - 39/75 districts reporting damage
- NASA and partners developed products using optical & radar satellites to support analysis and assessment efforts

**Gorkha (Nepal) Earthquake Response** NASA

**NASA Activities**

NASA and its partners are developing products using optical and radar satellites to support analysis and assessment efforts for the April 25, 2015, magnitude 7.8 earthquake in Nepal, referred to as the Gorkha earthquake. The products consist of maps and analyses used to determine the type and extent of earthquake-related damage, and are grouped into six thematic categories below.

For additional information, descriptive news, and images please go to the [Gorkha Earthquake Image Gallery](#) page on the NASA portal.

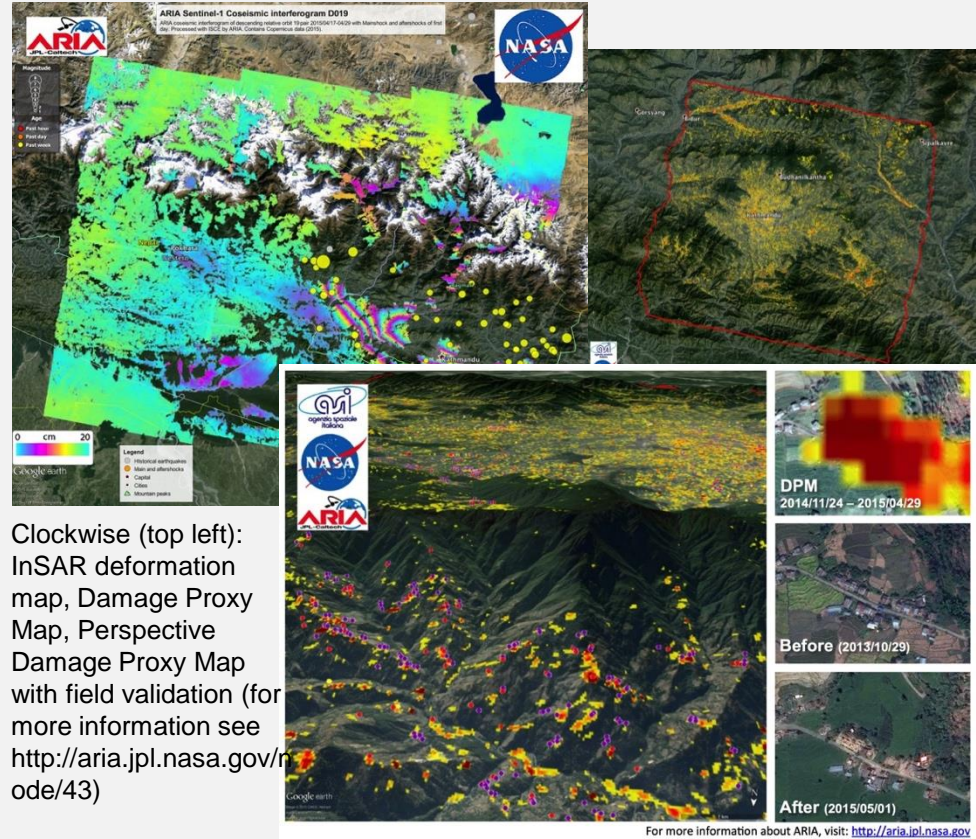
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- Damage and Vulnerability Maps**  
Assessment of impact using imagery and exposure analysis to determine the extent of damage and affected buildings and population.
- Damage Proxy Maps**  
Maps of Damage generated by algorithms to rapidly detect surface changes caused by natural or human-produced damage.
- Surface Deformation Measurements**  
Measurements of deformation of the Earth's surface made from analysis of satellite data. This includes deformation analysis of synthetic aperture radar (SAR), optical imagery, and Global Navigation Satellite System (or Global Positioning System, GPS).
- Surface Deformation Modeling**  
Modeling of the deformation of the Earth's Surface.
- Induced Hazards: Landslides and Floods**  
Induced Hazards Subgroup focuses on Landslide, flooding and other geohazards relating to the Gorkha earthquake and its aftermath. The group is involved with imagery analysis and product development to provide information to researchers and operational groups within the affected areas.
- Optical Imagery Products**  
Remotely sensed imagery of the Earth.

# 2015 Nepal Earthquake Response (ARIA)

<http://aria.jpl.nasa.gov>

- Analyzed interferometric SAR images from Copernicus Sentinel-1A
- False-color map shows permanent surface movement
- Produced a Damage Proxy Map
  - Uses X-band interferometric SAR data from ASI's COSMO-SkyMed
- Uses a prototype algorithm to detect surface changes
- Color variations (yellow-red) indicate significant ground surface change
- DPMs can be field verified





# Short-Term Prediction Research and Transition (SPoRT)

<http://weather.msfc.nasa.gov/sport>

- Transition unique observations and research capabilities to operational weather community
- Produced as an experimental image showing a decrease in emitted light
- Derived from comparing pre- and post-earthquake imagery
- Warm colors indicate largest reduced light emissions; purple indicates clouds
- This can help relief operations determine areas that may be affected by electrical outages

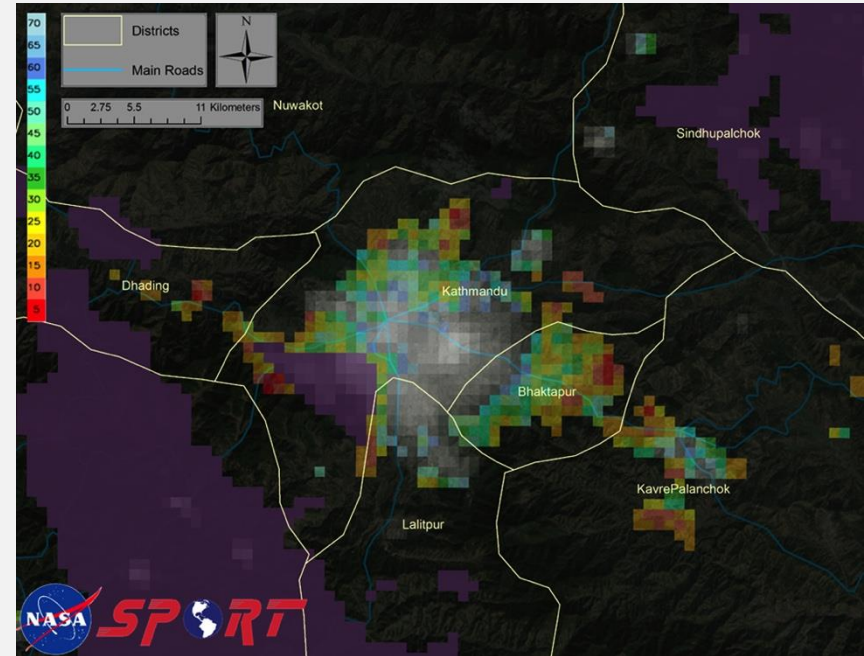


Image Credit: NASA SPoRT, MSFC

# Landsat 8 Images of Earthquake-induced Ground Failure

<http://landsat.gsfc.nasa.gov>

- First obtained April 30
- Acquired first (mostly) cloud-free image of Langtang Valley
- Scientists analyzed imagery and compared with pre-earthquake imagery
- Part of Langtang village was completely buried – Eastern part appears to have been destroyed by pressure wave from related avalanche
- Large landslides or avalanches affected other villages
- Extent of damage will require further investigation using higher-res imagery

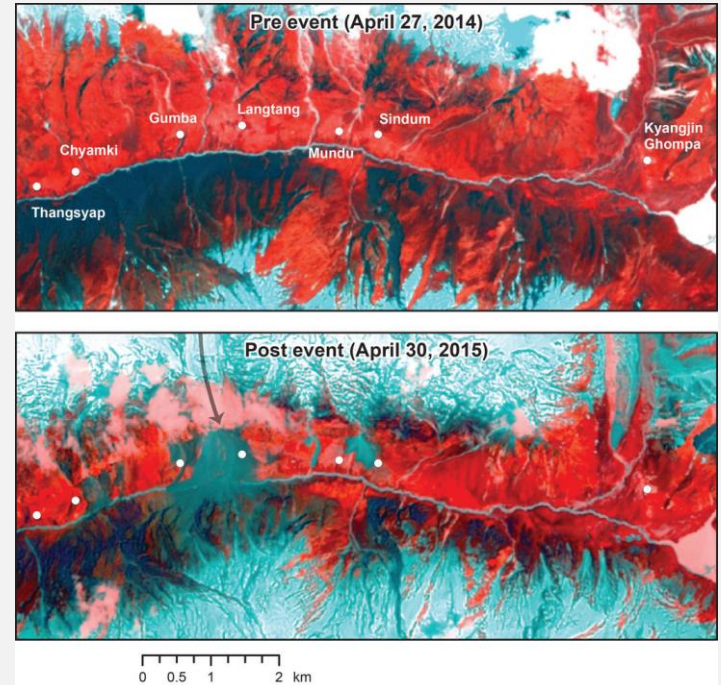
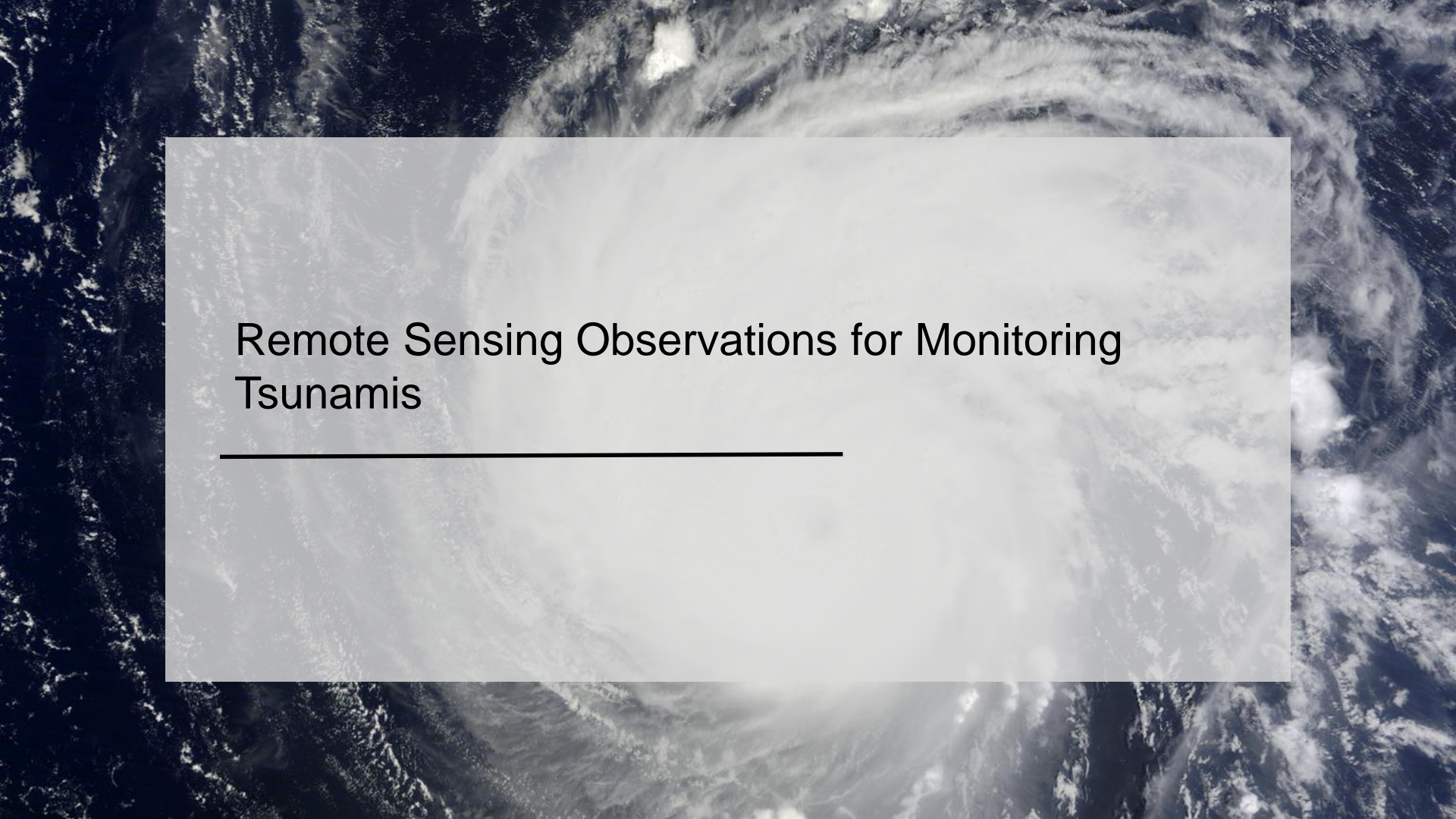


Image Credit: USGS/NASA

A satellite image of a tropical cyclone, showing a well-defined eye and spiral cloud bands. The image is in grayscale, with the clouds appearing in shades of gray against the darker background of the ocean. The cyclone is centered in the upper right quadrant of the frame.

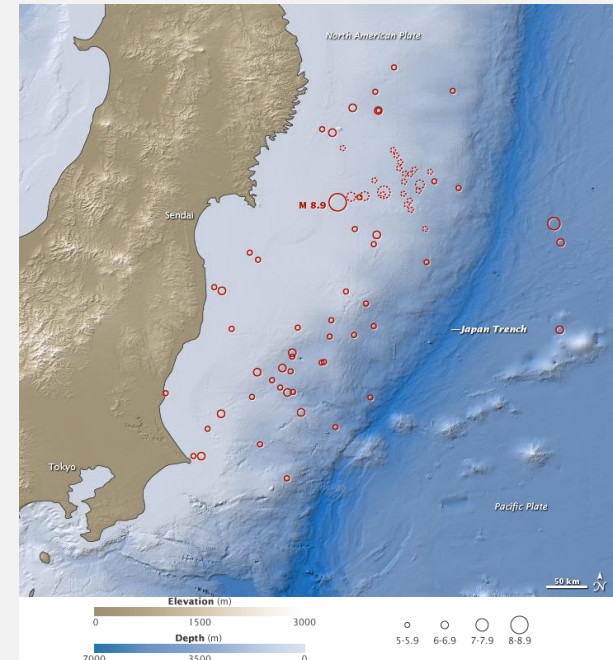
# Remote Sensing Observations for Monitoring Tsunamis

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# M9 Northeast Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

March 11, 2011

- Largest earthquake in Japan's modern history
  - 4<sup>th</sup> largest recorded in the world
- Japan Meteorological Agency and NOAA reported max tsunami heights:
  - Iwate Prefecture: 38.9m
  - Kamaishi: 4.1m
  - Soma: 7.3 m
  - Oarai: 4.2 m
- Max tsunami inundation distance of 7.9 km inland
- 15,800+ deaths
  - 6,000+ injured
  - 228,000+ displaced
- 127,000+ buildings collapsed
  - 272,000+ 'half collapsed'
  - 747,000+ buildings partially damaged

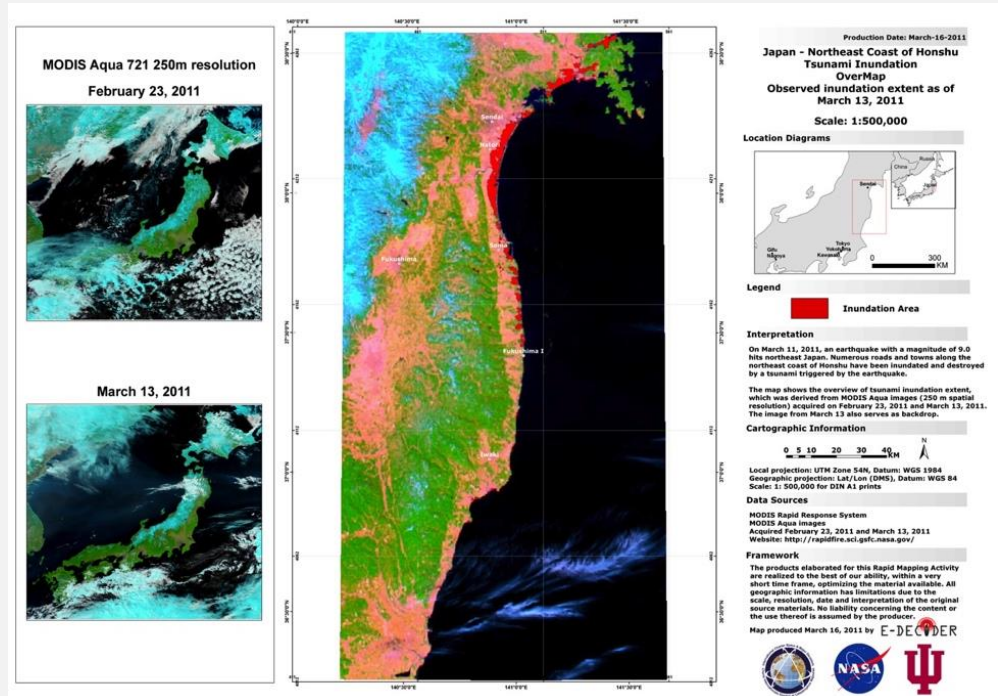


NASA Earth Observatory with data from  
USGS and ORNL

# Tsunami Inundation

<http://e-decider.org>

- Emergency Data Enhanced Cyber Infrastructure for Disaster Evaluation (E-DECIDER)
- Provides decision support for disaster management and response
- Provided map data response products as part of the International Charter activation

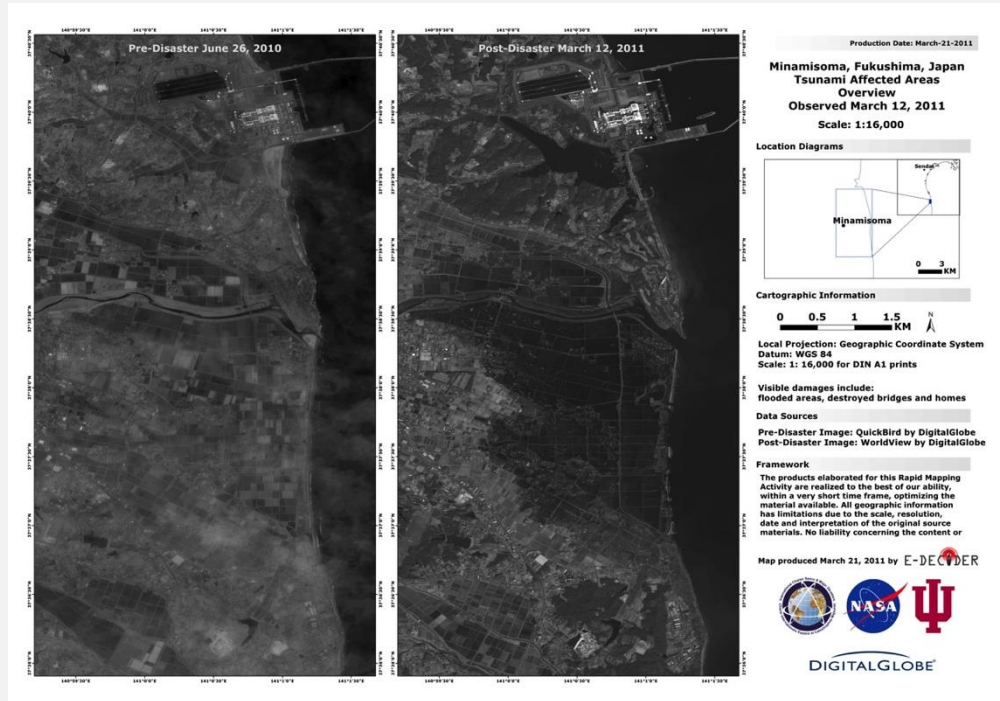


Change detection product using two MODIS images to estimate tsunami inundation extent. Credit: JPL/Indiana University

# Tsunami Inundation

<http://e-decider.org>

- International Charter also provides access to high resolution commercial satellite imagery for disaster response purposes
- E-DECIDER provided the map on the right to the Charter and Japanese government to assess tsunami damage

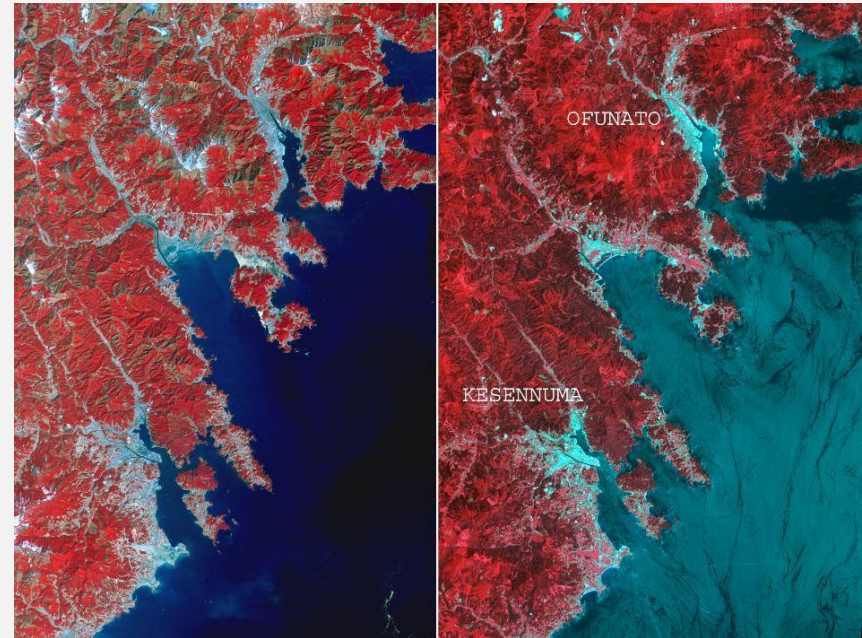


Extent of inundation, and high resolution allows identification of damaged buildings and bridges. Credit: Digital Globe/JPL/Indiana University.

# ASTER Images Showing Effects

<http://asterweb.jpl.nasa.gov/>

- Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER)
- Obtains hi-res (15-90 sq m per pixel)
  - 14 different wavelengths
- Areas covered by vegetation are shown in red
- Cities (and unvegetated areas) shown in blue-gray
- In after image, many areas are no longer vegetated

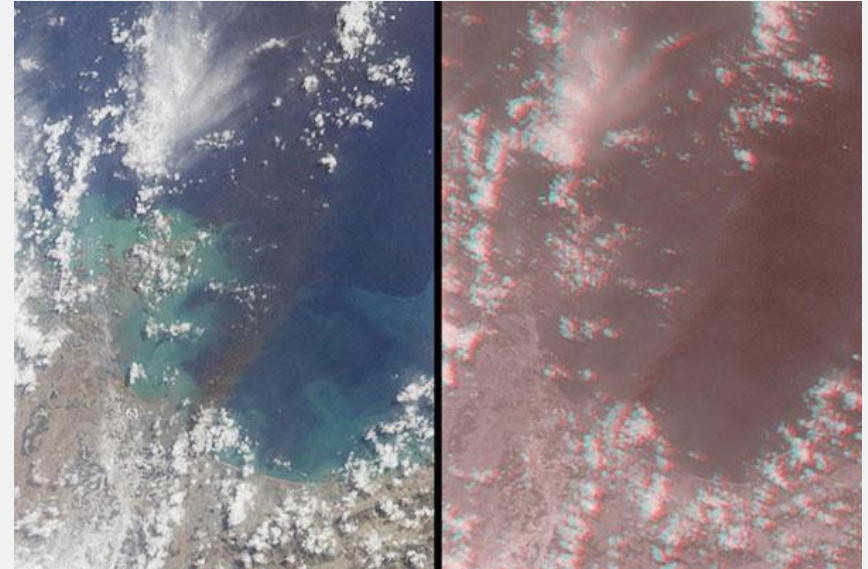


Two ASTER images (left: March 14, 2011, right: August 2008 ) compare Northeastern coastal cities of Ofunato and Kesenuma. Image Credit: NASA/GSFC/METI/ERSDAC/JAROS

# MISR Images of Tsunami Damage

<http://www-misr.jpl.nasa.gov/>

- Multi-angle Imaging Spectroradiometer
- Views Earth simultaneously at 9 widely spaced angles
- Provides ongoing global coverage with accurate measures of brightness, contrast, and color of reflected sunlight
- Provides stereoscopic images
  - Allows viewers to distinguish and measure height of plumes of smoke and aerosols
- During Tshoku earthquake, MISR identified oil refineries and industrial complexes on fire



MISR images show a large smoke plume that appears to be associated either with Shioyama incident or Sendai port fires. Right image is an anaglyph, showing the plume as an airborne feature. Image Credit: NASA/GSFC/LaRC/JPL, MISR Team



# GPS Modeling of Tsunami Wave Heights

<http://www.gdgps.net/>; [http://cddis.gsfc.nasa.gov/Techniques/GNSS/GNSS\\_Overview.html](http://cddis.gsfc.nasa.gov/Techniques/GNSS/GNSS_Overview.html)

- GPS – using Global Navigation System Satellites (GNSS) – can estimate tsunami potential
- Can be used to:
  - detect severity and direction after an earthquake
  - estimate tsunami wave heights within minutes
- Figure on right uses 3 historic earthquakes to predict resulting tsunamis
- Pink arrows are GPS displacement measurements

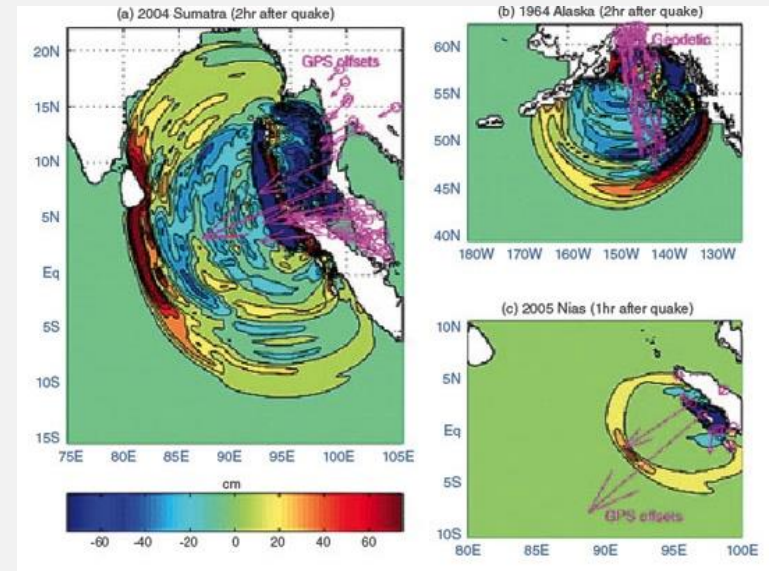



Image courtesy of T. Song, 2007, *Geophysical Research Letters*

A satellite image of a tropical cyclone, showing a well-defined eye and spiral cloud bands over a dark ocean. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image.

# Conclusions

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# Part 2: Monitoring Earthquakes & Tsunamis

## Conclusions

- Earthquakes and tsunamis pose substantial risk globally
- Remote sensing techniques can be used to effectively assess the effects of earthquakes and tsunamis
- A number of NASA and other remote sensing platforms, including UAVSAR, satellite InSAR, MODIS, ASTER, MISR, Landsat, SPoRT, GPS and commercial optical imagery can be used to assess and monitor effects of the disaster
- In large natural or man-made disasters, the International Charter may be invoked in order to target space-borne assets for disaster response