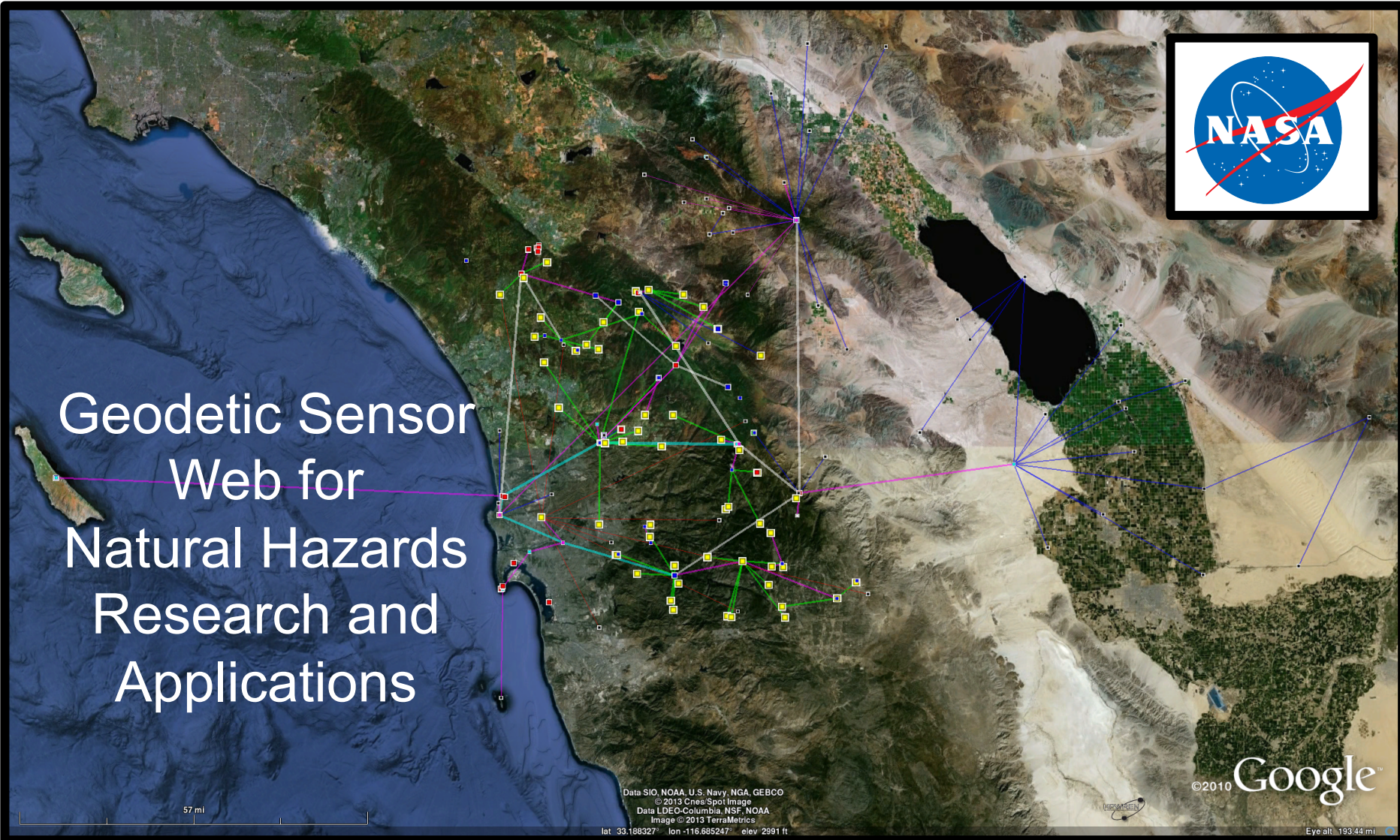


# Geodetic Sensor Web for Natural Hazards Research and Applications



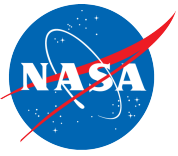
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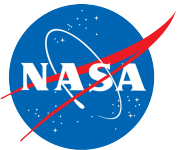
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# Objectives

- Develop and deploy SIO Geodetic Modules that transform ground based Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers into a web of sensors that provide advanced geophysical products to users for rapid response to natural hazards.
- To better forecast, assess, and mitigate risk for natural hazards, including earthquakes, tsunamis, and extreme storms and flash flooding to save lives and reduce damage to critical infrastructure.



# Data Fusion: Enhance GPS technology with low-cost sensors to mitigate risk for natural hazards



*GPS  
(in field)*

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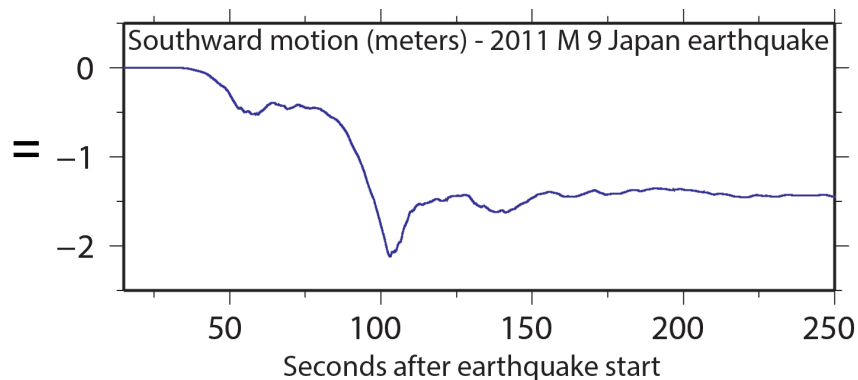
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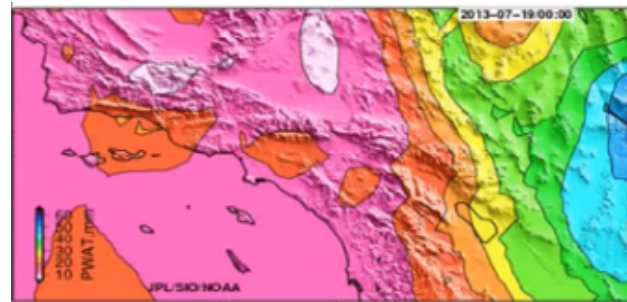
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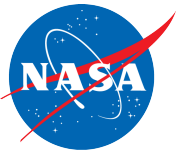
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*Continuous atmospheric water  
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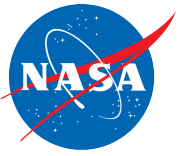
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# Geodetic Sensor Web

- Traditional Paradigm
  - Sensors transmit data to central processing facility
  - Advanced analysis to derive geophysical parameters
  - Transmission of results and alerts from central processing facility to users
  
- New Paradigm
  - Advanced analysis carried out a remote site
  - Transmission of results and alerts directly from remote sites to central facility and to users



# Project Phases

- Develop a power-efficient, low-cost, plug-in Geodetic Module to interface with MEMS accelerometer, met sensors, and other low-cost instruments (e.g. gyroscope)
- Generate on-the-fly millimeter-level ground motions and precipitable water ***within*** the geodetic module
- Develop a real-time autonomous sensor web to transmit and receive information among regional nodes, including directly to users
- Transfer capabilities to NOAA and California Integrated Seismic Network (CISN) as part of a technology infusion, for decision support and rapid response to earthquakes, tsunamis, severe storms and flash flooding



# Technology Demonstration – Earthquake and Tsunami Hazards

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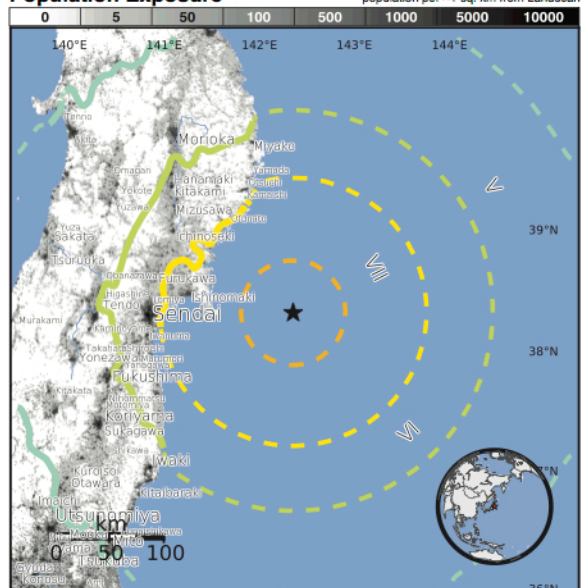
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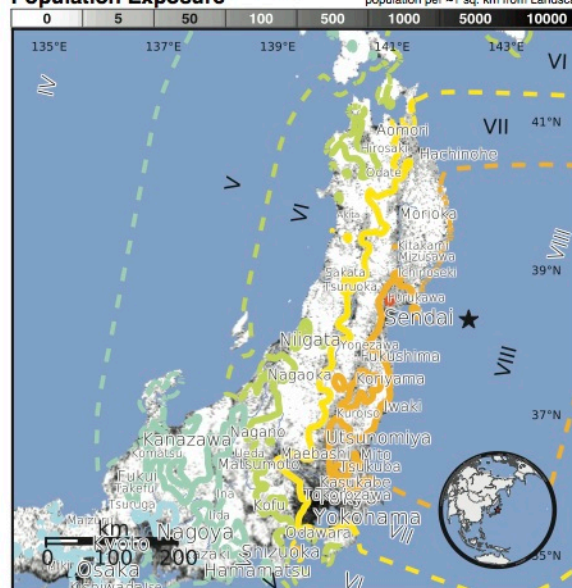
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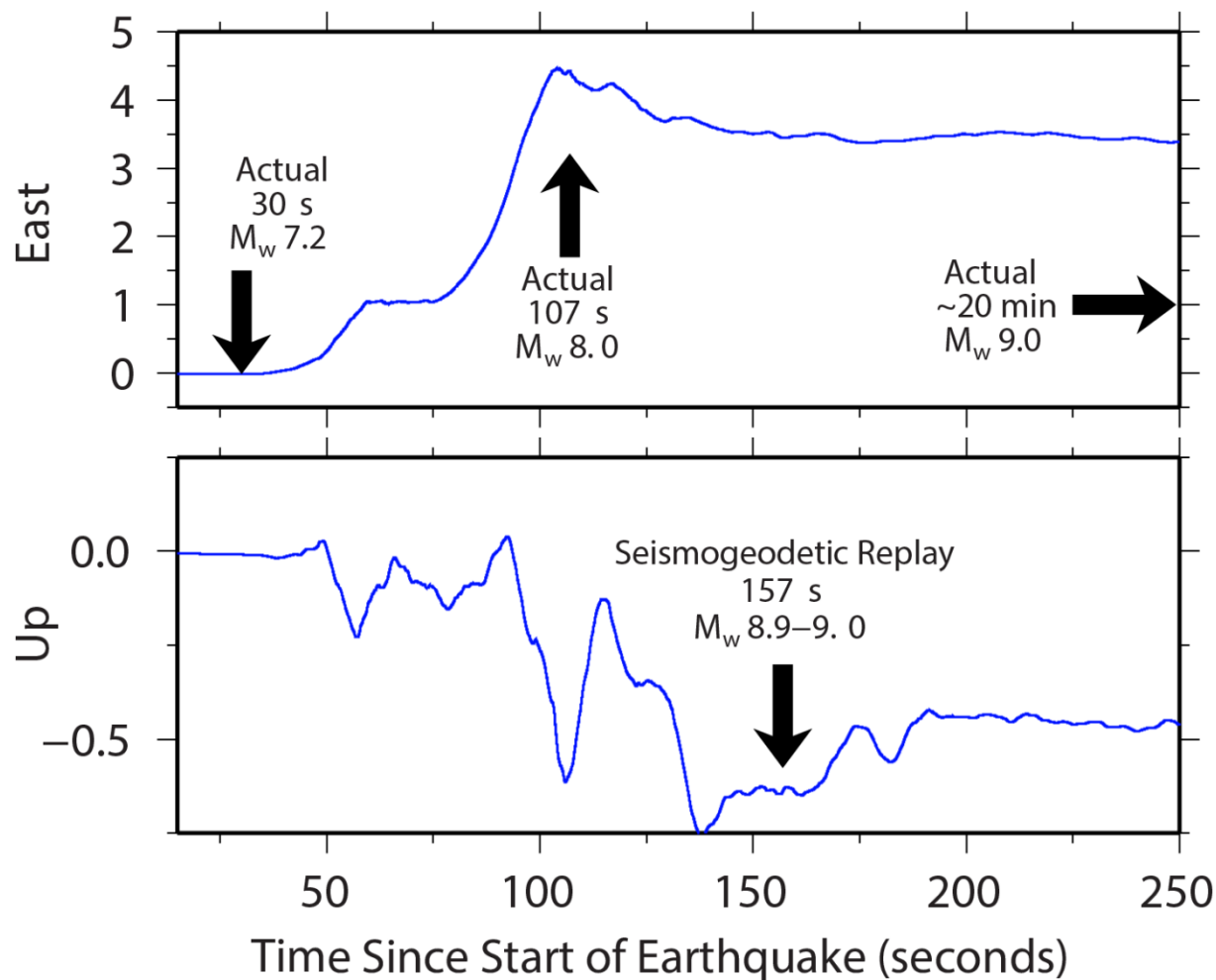
2011 Mw 9.0 Tohoku-oki earthquake was underestimated by traditional seismic methods





# GPS + accelerometer sensors = seismogeodetic waveforms

Ground Motion (meters)



Permanent displacement is DIRECTLY related to size of rupture and slip on fault, therefore earthquake size

Our system improves on traditional seismic monitoring by estimating ground acceleration **and permanent displacements**



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M 7.9 at 9 min  
Traditional seismic – point source

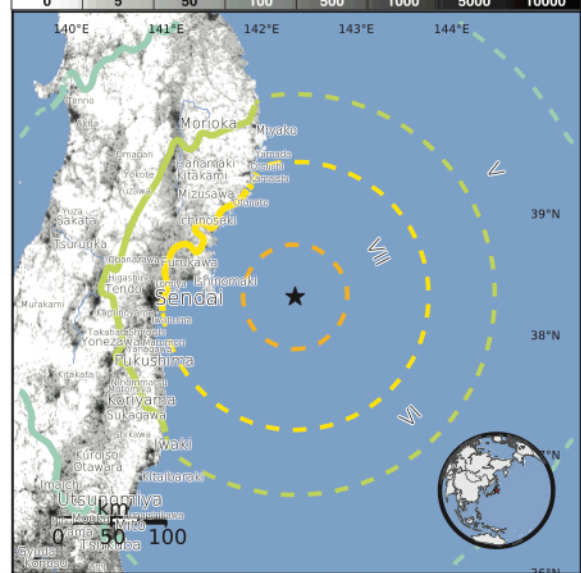
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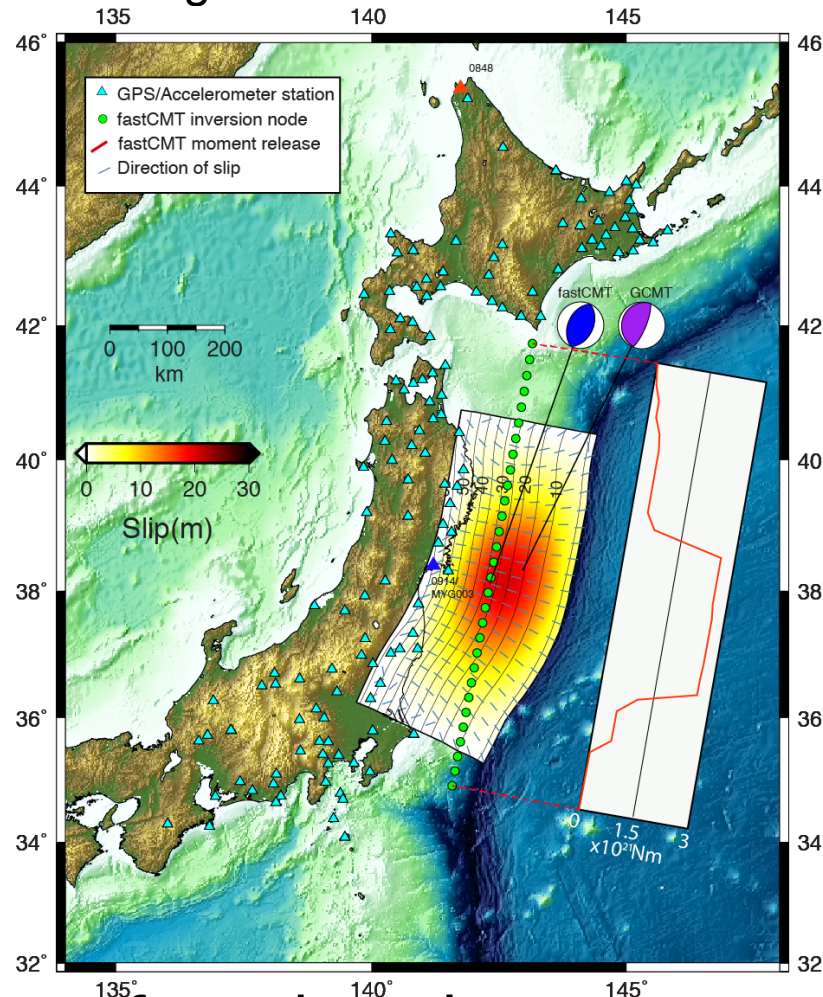
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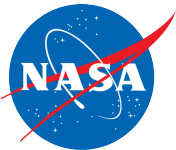
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Seismogeodetic – extended source



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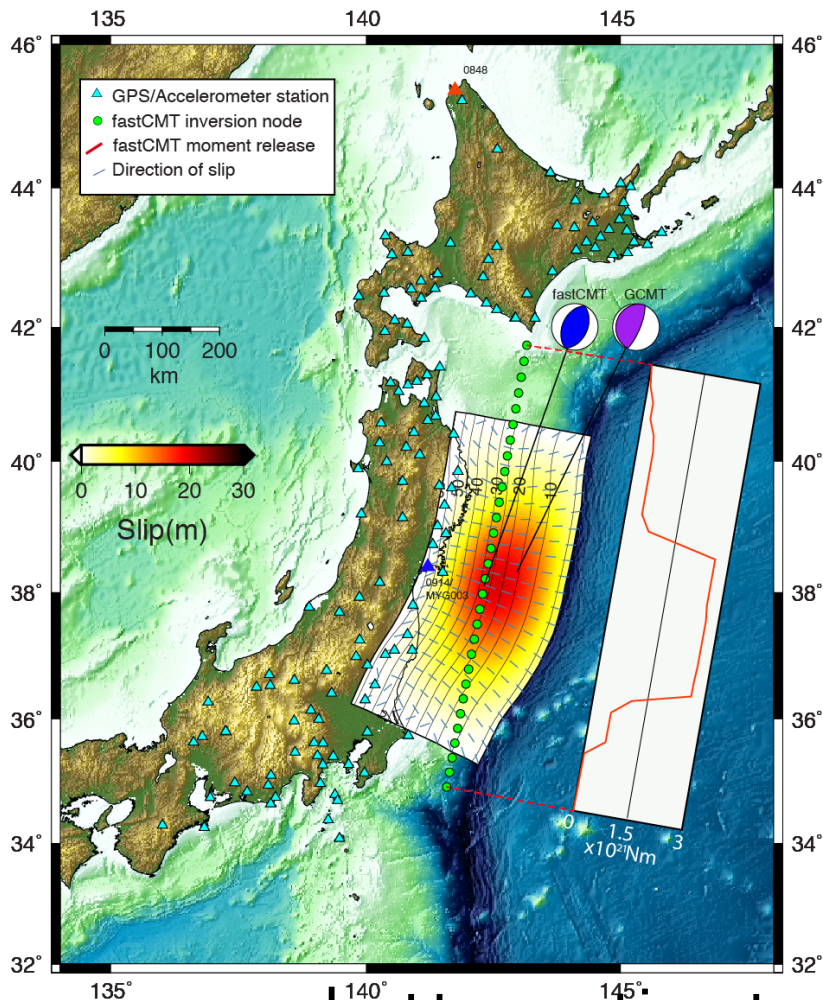




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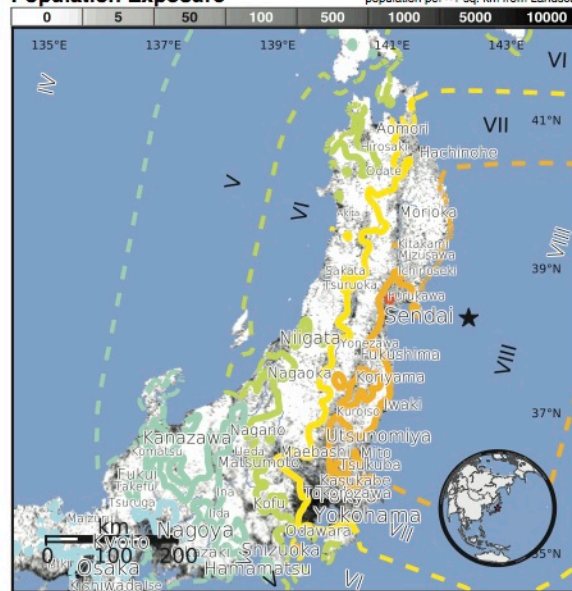


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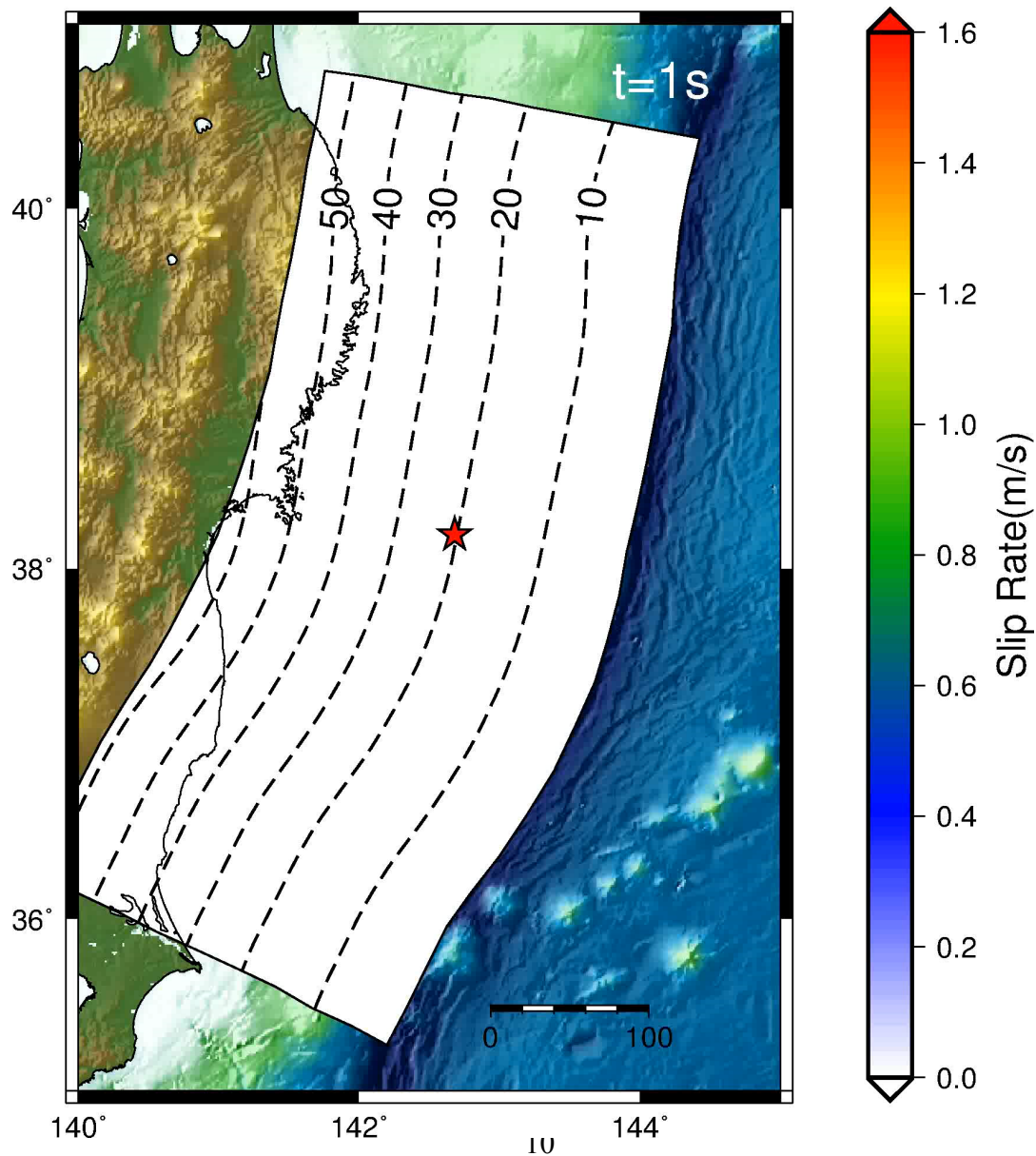
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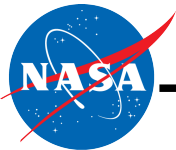
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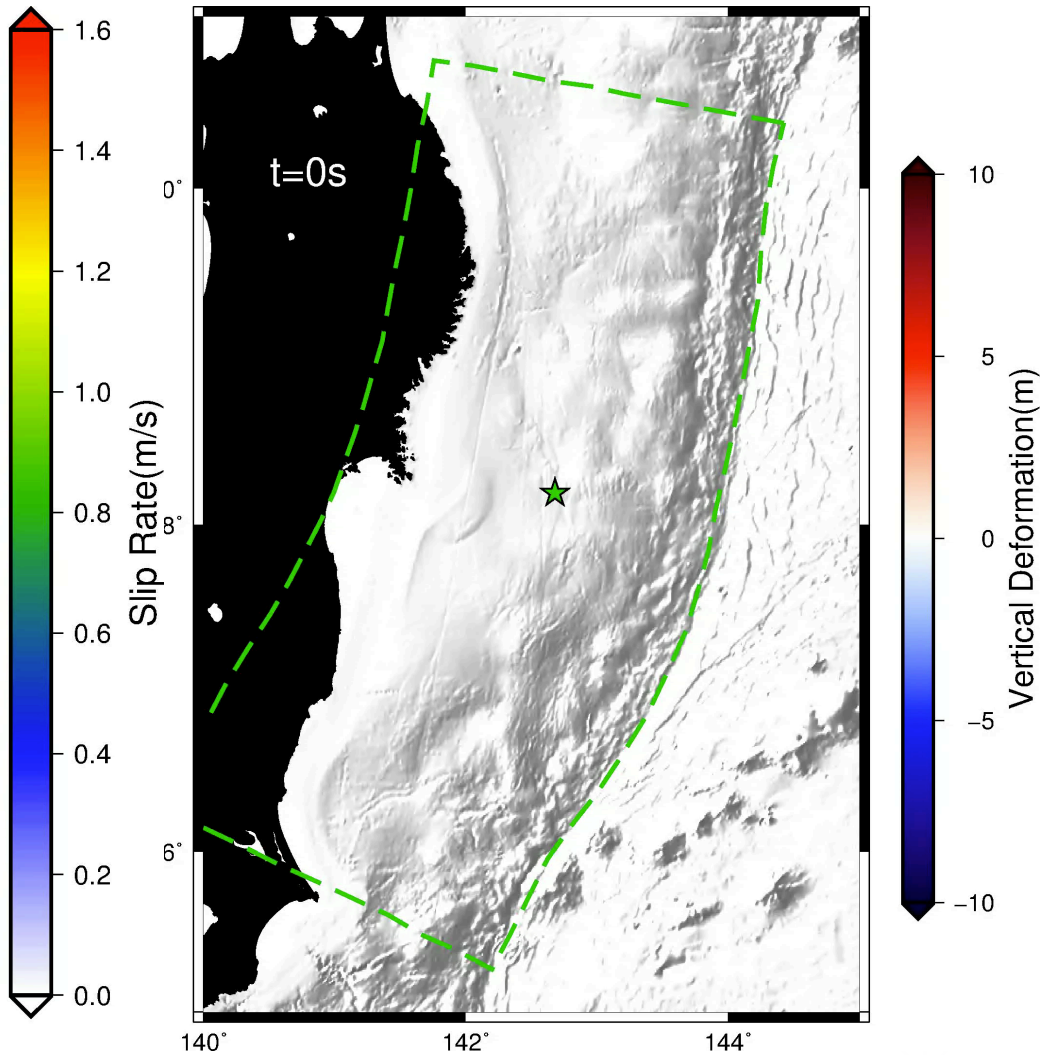
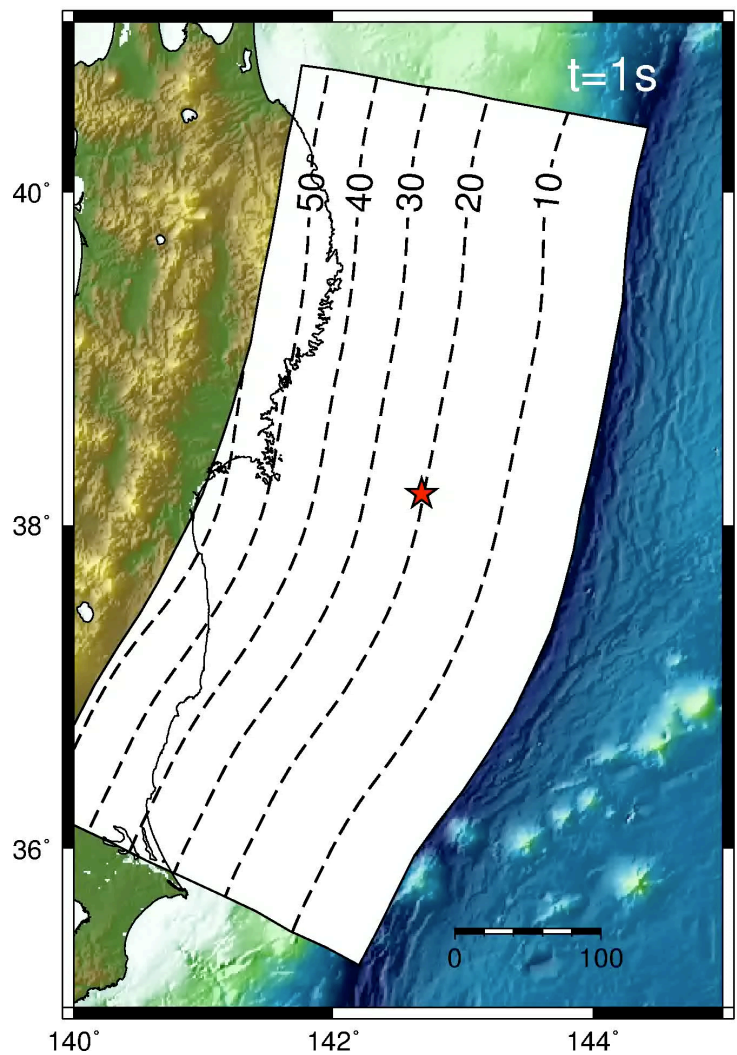


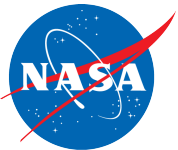
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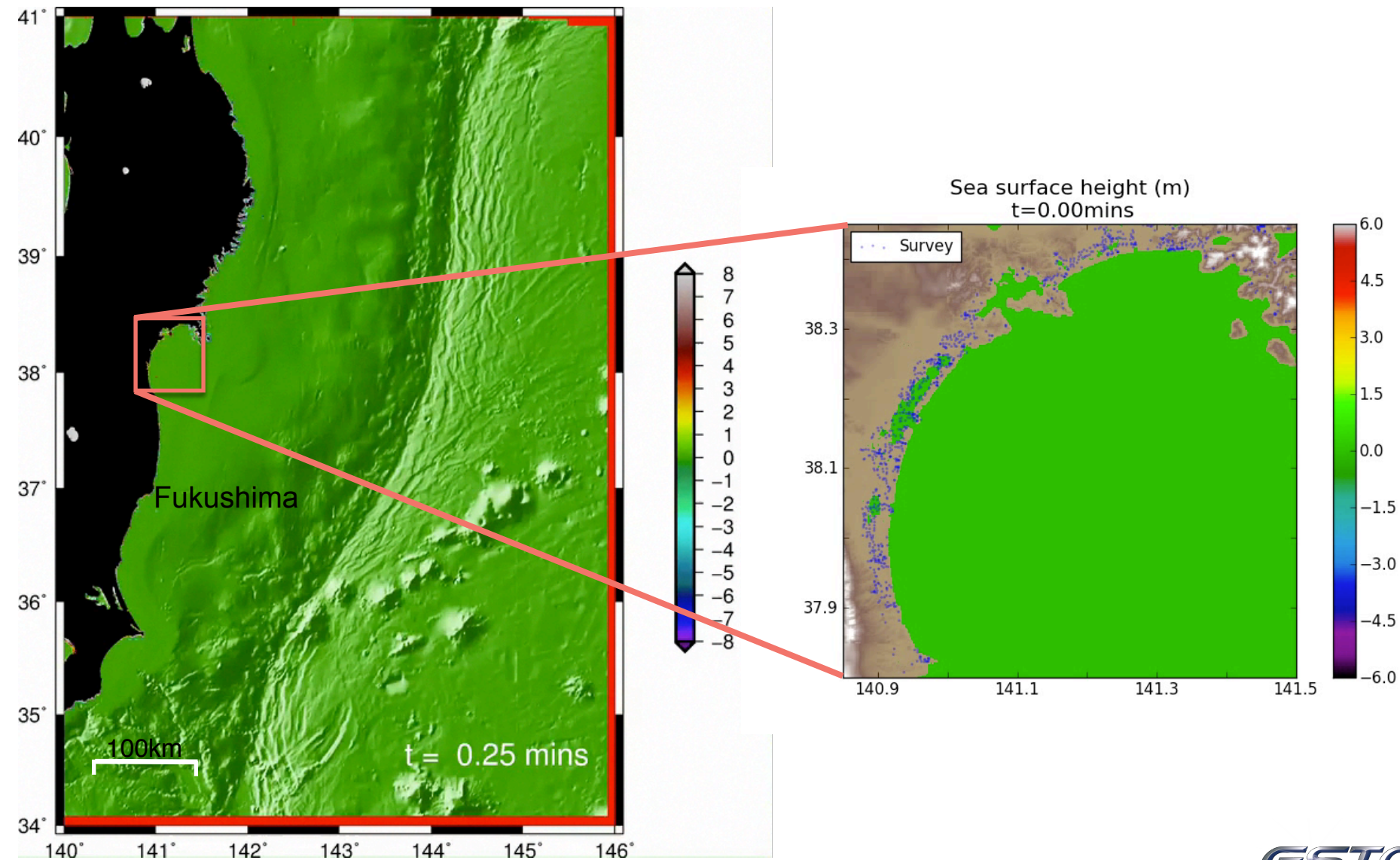


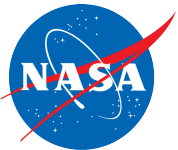
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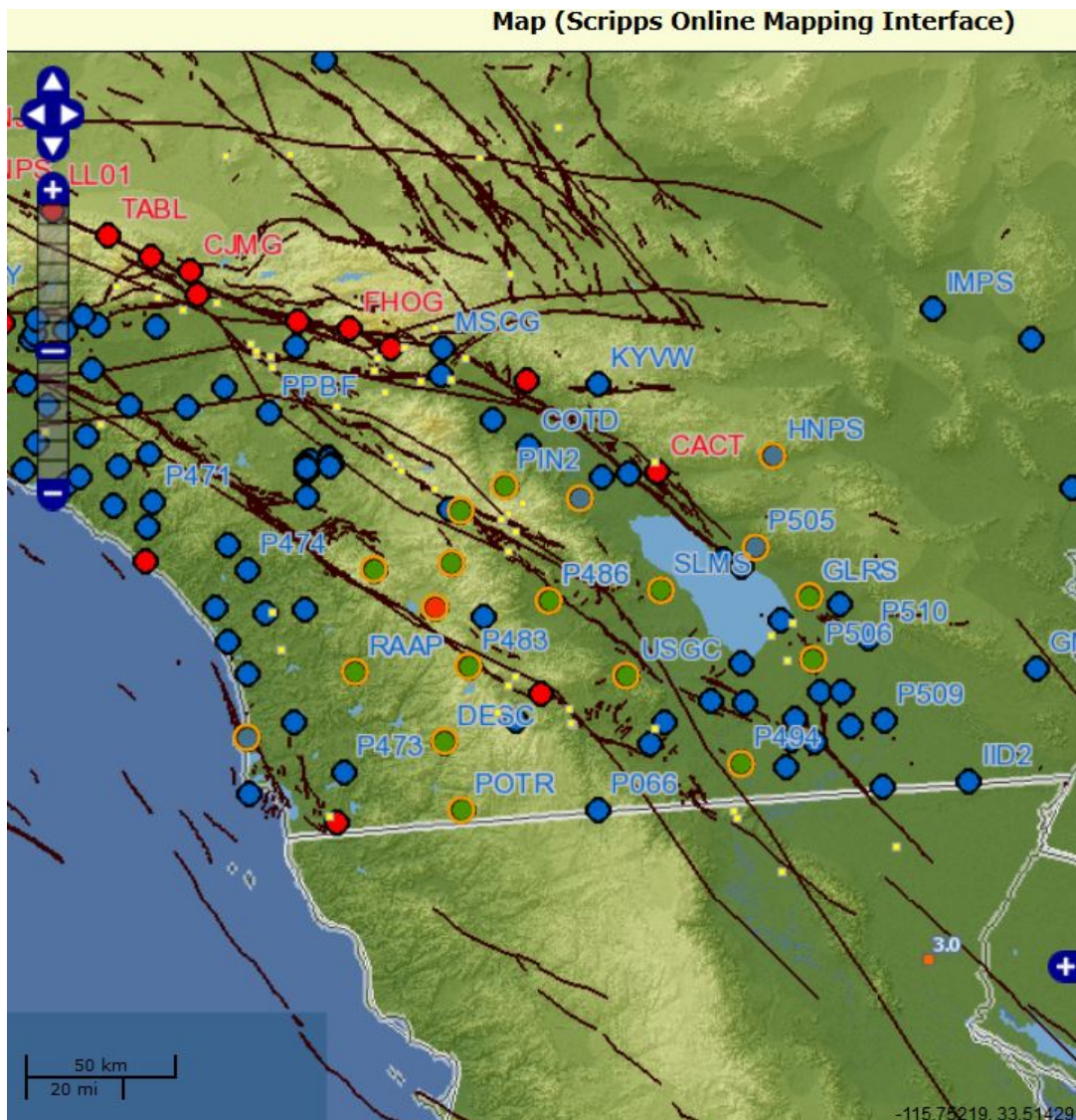


# Inundation prediction compared to post-event land survey



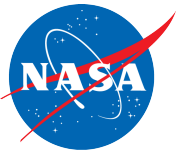


# Technology Implementation – San Andreas Fault



22% probability of an earthquake with  $M > 6.5$  in 30 years on the Coachella Segment of the San Andreas Fault (UCERF V3, 2014)

SIO Geodetic Modules and Accelerometer Packages have now been deployed and are operating at 17 stations (green dots along the southern San Andreas fault system in southern California).



# Real Time Autonomous Sensor Web

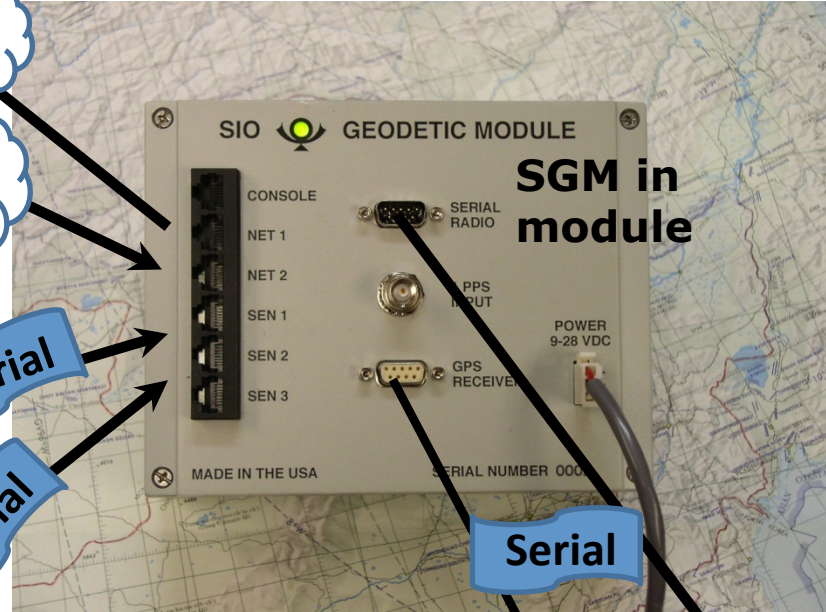
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GAM client  
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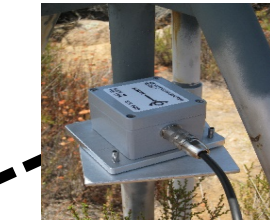
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**GAM:** GPS, Accelerometer, Met (raw) data  
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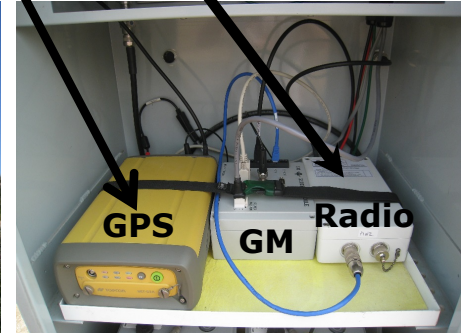
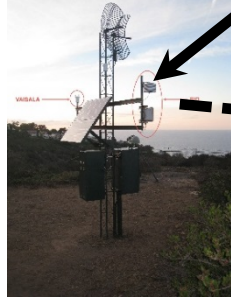


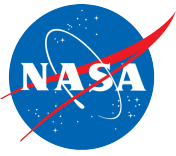
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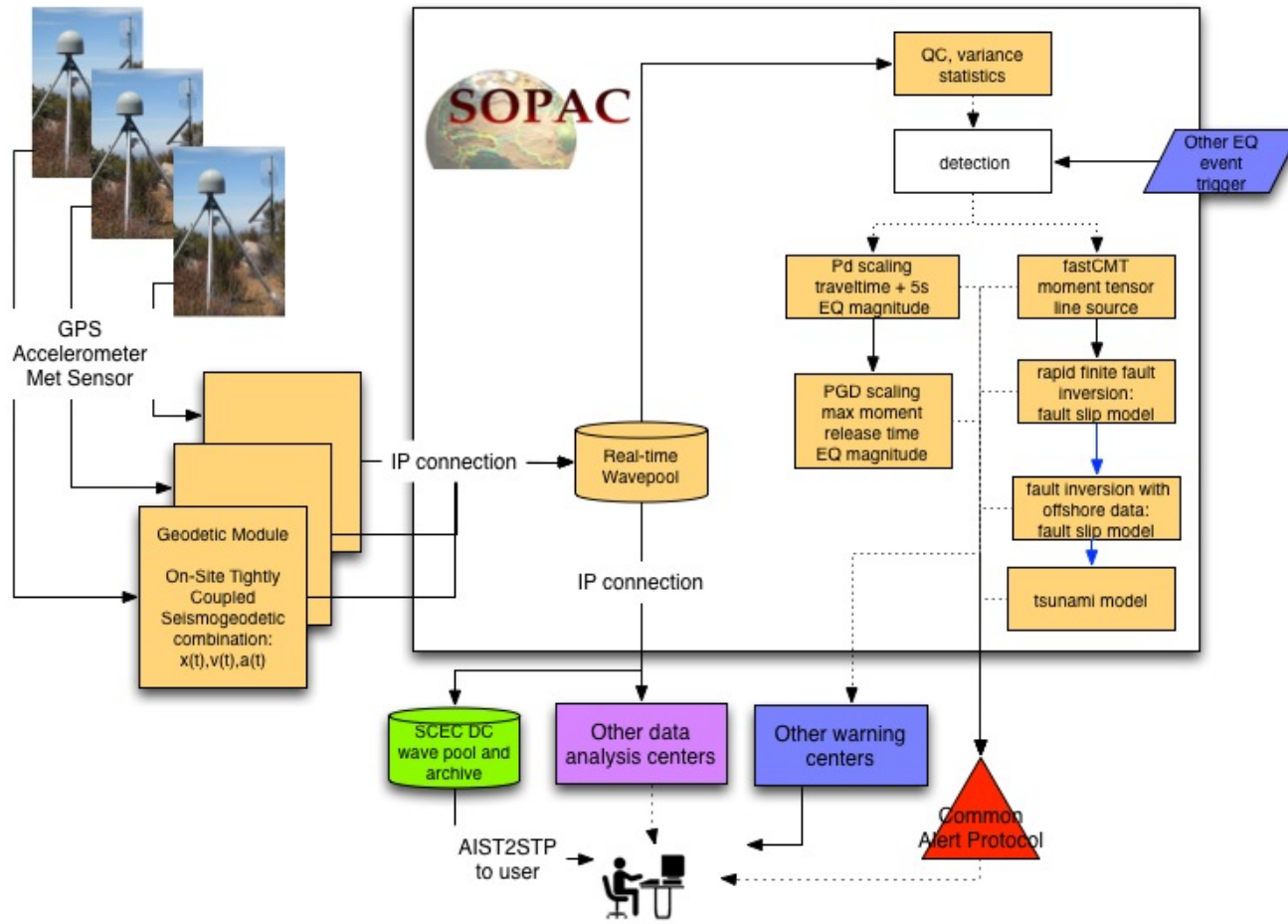


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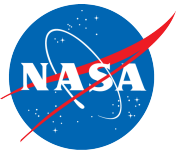




# Complete AIST Technology Fusion and Export to Users



Develop a real-time Sensor Web to allow autonomous sensors to transmit and receive information with the geodetic module via regional nodes and central facilities to allow for control functions, data, data product, model exchanges and alarming

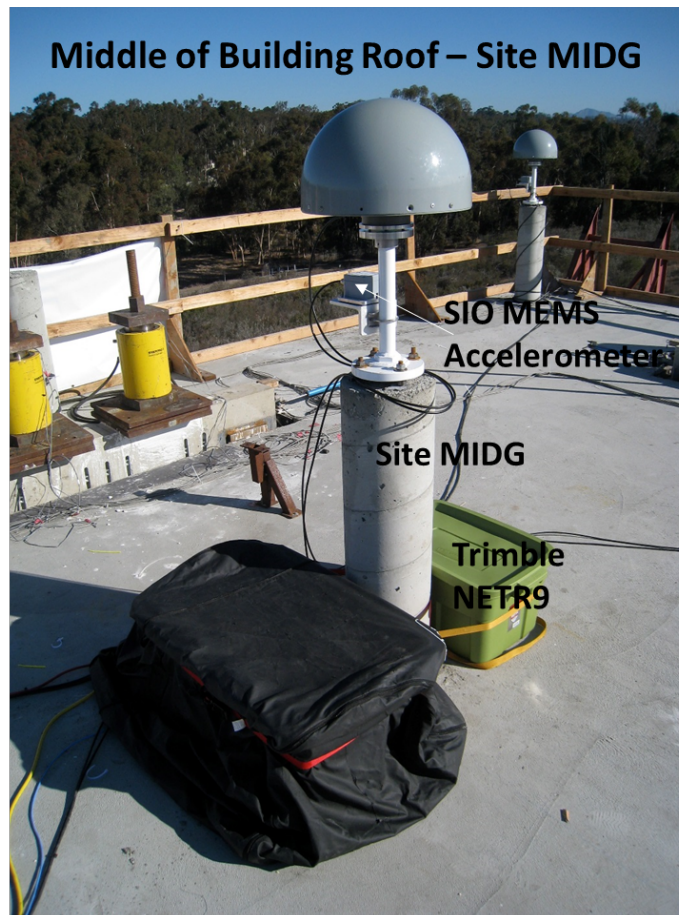


# Real-time Earthquake Exercise Shake Table Experiment

**NEES/UCSD LHPOST  
Inertial Force Limiting Anchorage System  
Experiments  
(December 2013 – January 2014)**

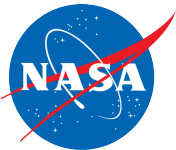


**LHPOST: Large High Performance Outdoor Shake Table**

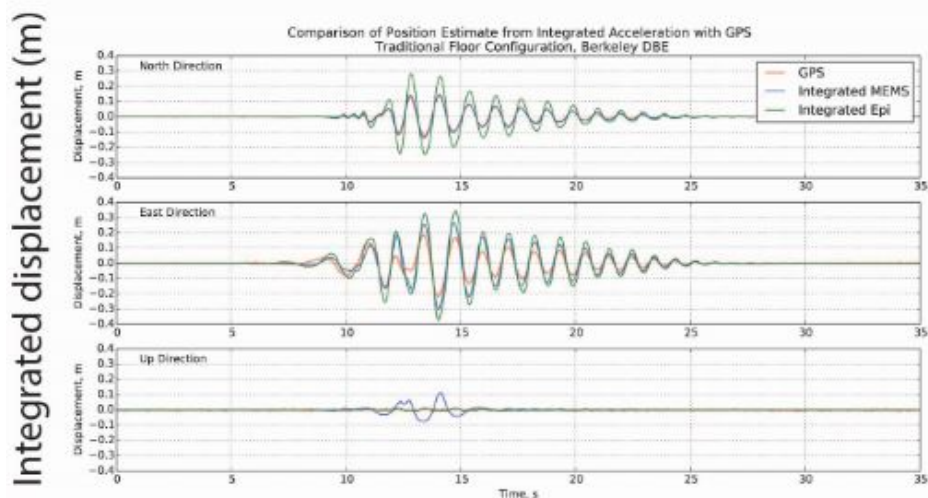
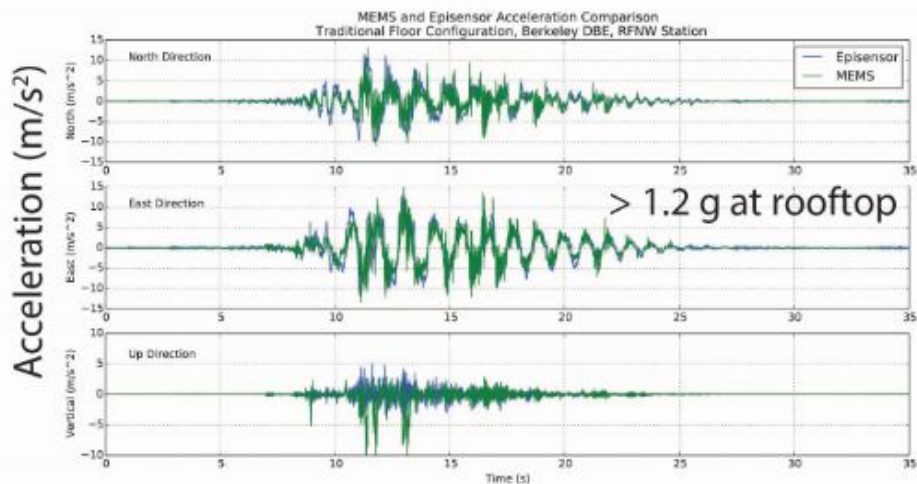


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# 2013-14 Shake Table Tests: Comparison of SIO MEMS and High-End Accelerometers

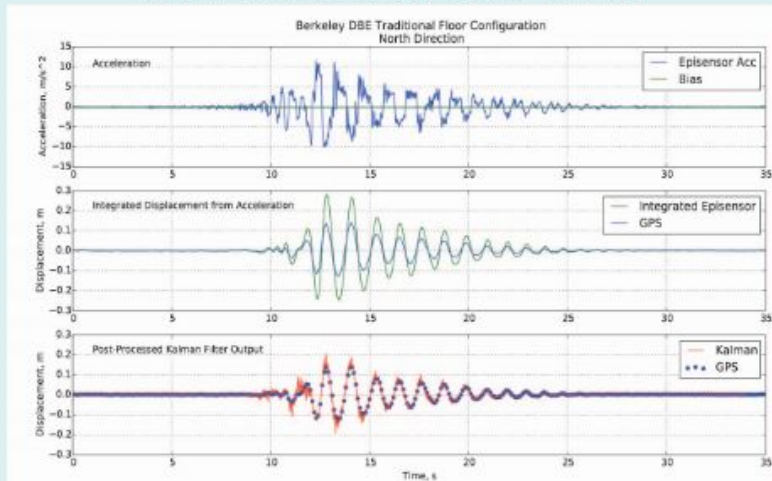


- Overall performance of MEMS is good
- Reliable in the range  $\sim 4.0$  to  $.1$  s period
  - Comparable to Episensor
  - Isolated negative spikes in vertical
  - Some possible 30Hz noise
  - Instances of interference (one day)

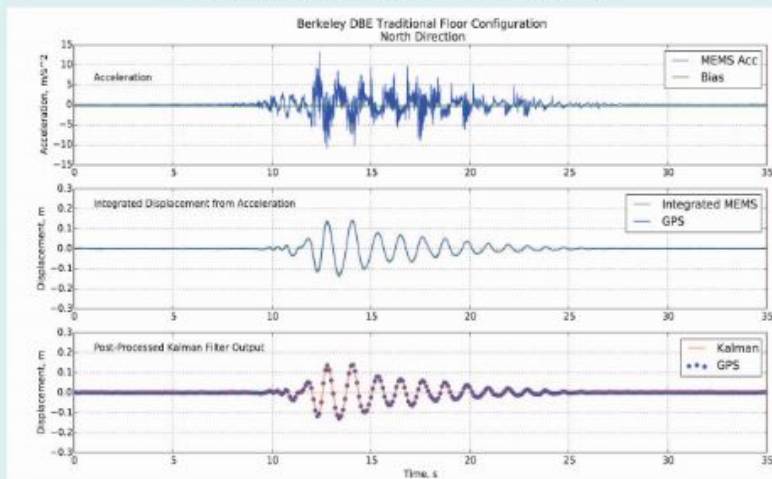


# 2013-14 Shake Table Tests: Input of SIO MEMS and High-End Accelerometers to Kalman Filter

## EPISENSOR NORTH COMPONENT



## MEMS NORTH COMPONENT



### Real-time Process Active During Tests:

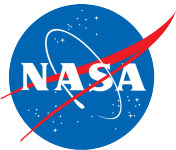
- GPS phase data and MEMS acceleration were streamed in real-time to SOPAC
- GPS RTD network solution calculated and streamed for real time network adjustment
- GPS PPP-AR solution calculated in real-time
- Positions streamed in real-time to loosely coupled Kalman filter combination with MEMS data
- Seismogeodetic solution streamed in real-time to archive

### Areas for improvement:

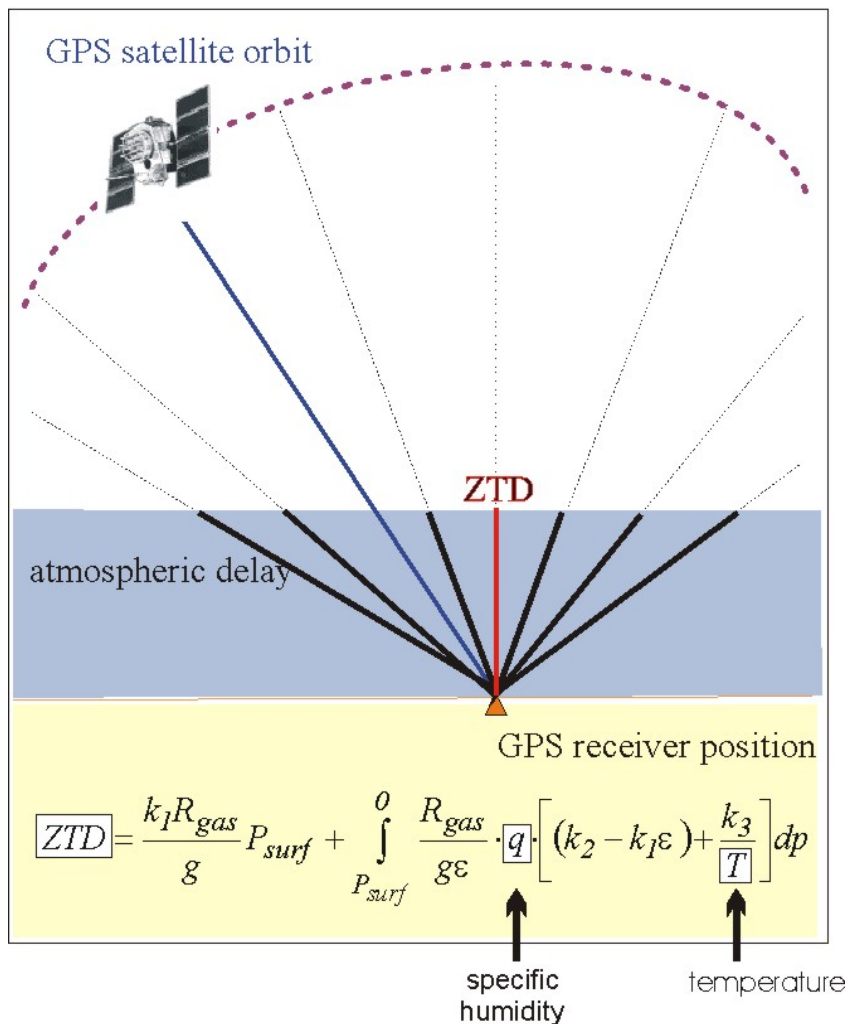
- Kalman filter variance adjustment
- Automated QC for MEMS noise

### Post-analysis:

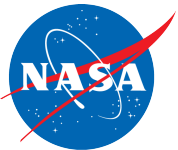
- Higher amplitude Episensor may be due to
  - uncertainty in instrument response
  - rotation of roof=>impacts combination negatively
- MEMS 30Hz noise may be due to
  - electronic contamination=>little visible impact on seismogeodetic solution for long period rooftop motions



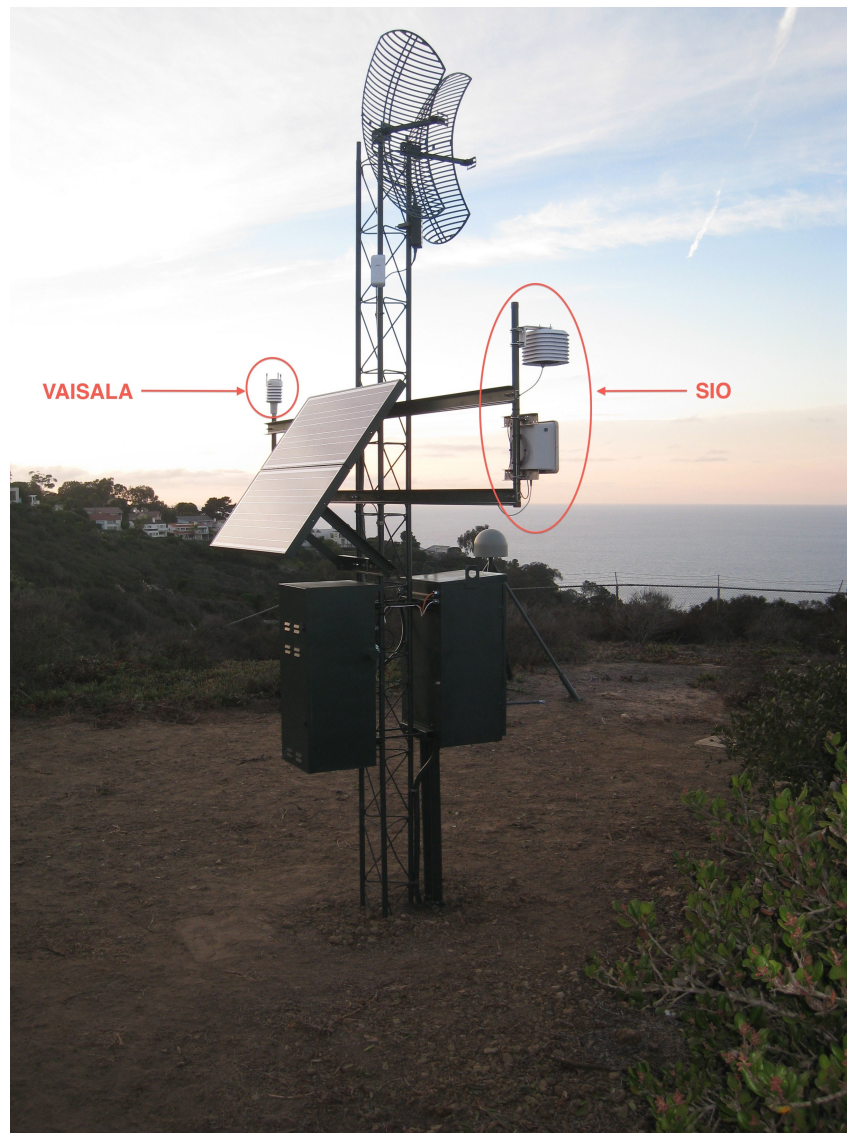
# Technology Demonstration – Extreme Weather Hazards



Because signals from the GPS satellites are affected by moist air, when we measure the position of a GPS station, we automatically also measure the total amount of atmospheric water vapor above.

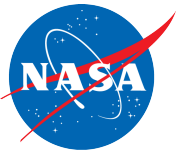


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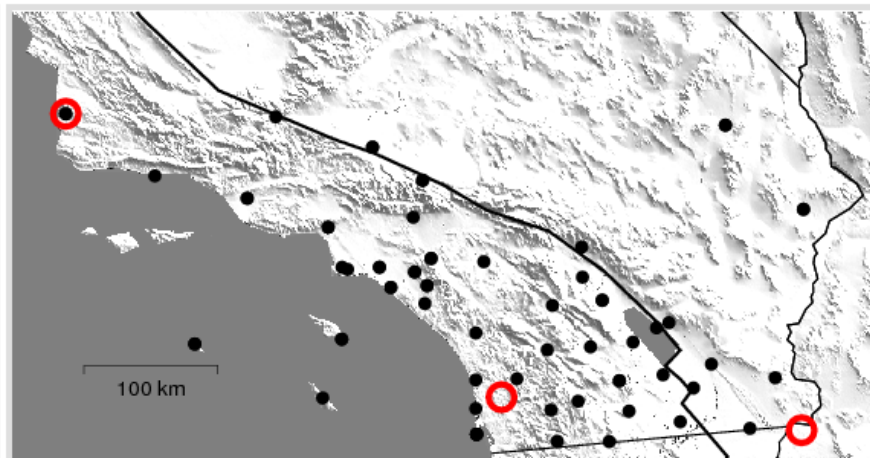
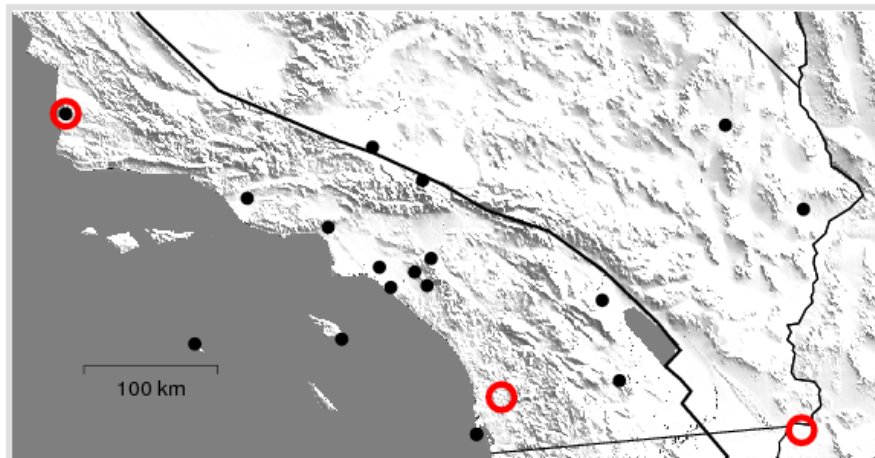


Station SIO5 on Mount Soledad, La Jolla has been upgraded with SIO GAM (Geodetic Module, MEMS Accelerometer Package and MEMS Meteorological Package). A high-end Vaisala WXT-510 Multi-Weather Sensor has been deployed to serve as a comparison with the less expensive prototype SIO met package.

Time-tagged 1 Hz GPS, 100 Hz accelerometer data, and 5 s pressure and temperature data are being continuously streamed to SIO. The GPS and met data provide estimates of precipitable water above that location.

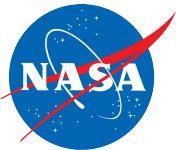


# Technology Implementation – Augmentation of NOAA monitoring sites

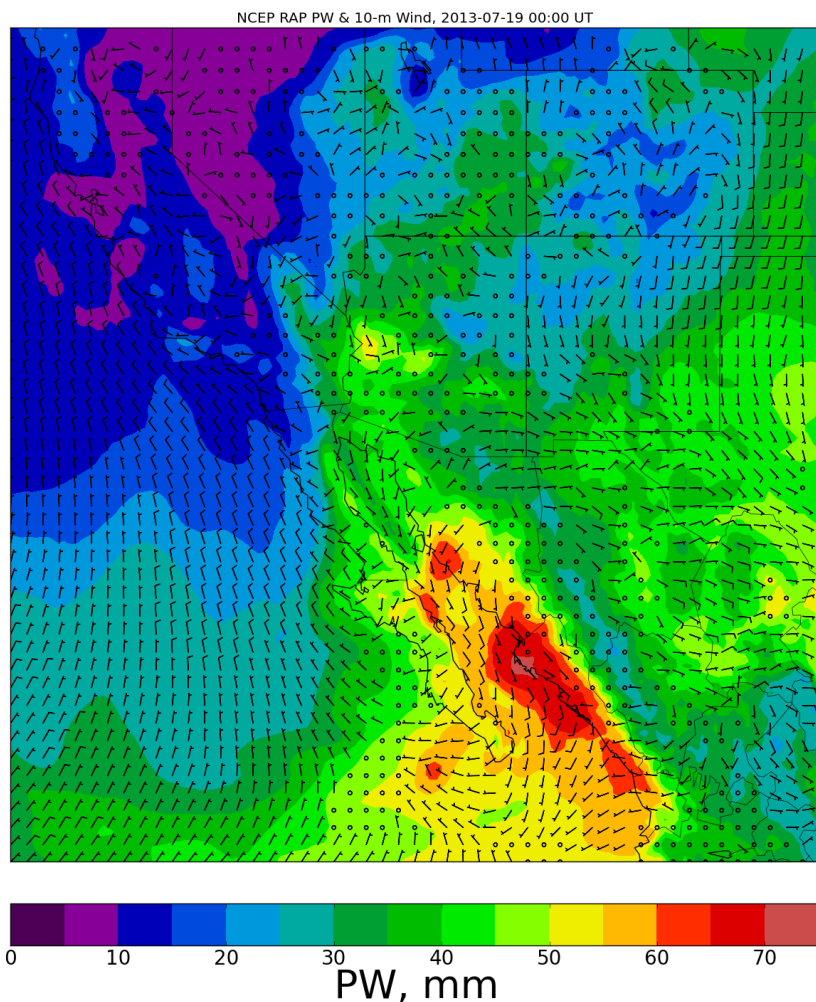


- Southern California stations analyzed by the NOAA GPS-Met project prior to the start of this AIST project.

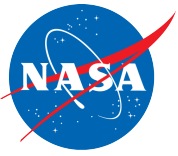
- The station set including 37 additional stations following the implementation of AIST. Red circles indicate radiosonde sites



# North American Monsoon Event



- NCEP Rapid Refresh model precipitable water with 10m winds on 19 July 2013 illustrating monsoonal moisture surge from the Gulf of California



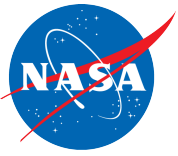
# North American Monsoon Season 2013

Forecasters noted the use of GPS PW in their Area Forecast Discussions:

“SUBTROPICAL MOISTURE MOVING INTO THE DESERTS OF SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA THIS MORNING. GPS PRECIPITABLE WATER VALUES HAVE ALREADY CLIMBED TO AROUND 1.7 INCHES FOR AREAS AROUND THE SALTON SEA. “

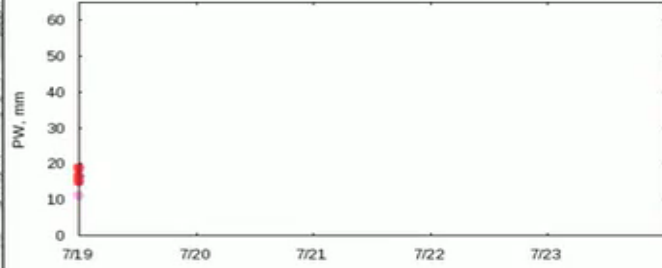
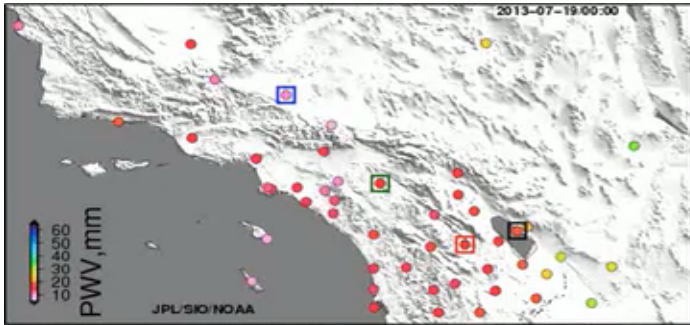
"ITS POSSIBLE THAT THIS INVERSION IS HELPING TO SQUELCH SIGNIFICANT CONVECTIVE ACTIVITY THIS AFTERNOON...BECAUSE A GPS-MET INTEGRATED PRECIPITABLE WATER STATION IN LA QUINTA WITH A VALUE NEAR 1.8 INCHES AND DEW POINTS IN THE 70S IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY WOULD INDICATE THAT THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH MOISTURE FOR CONVECTION.”

San Diego SFO Science & Operations Officer Ivory Small wrote a white paper on the use of GPS IPW in the July event, in the absence of a Yuma sounding, to issue a flash flood warning prior to verified flooding.



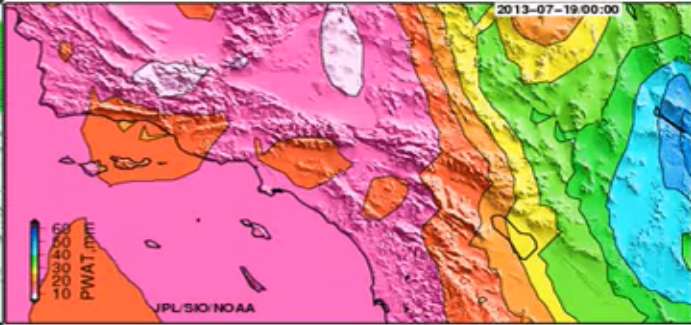
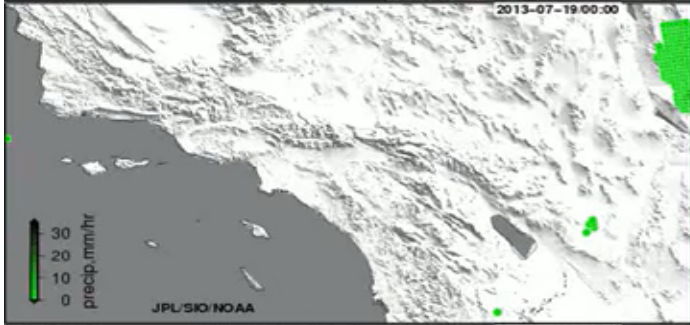
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Precipitable  
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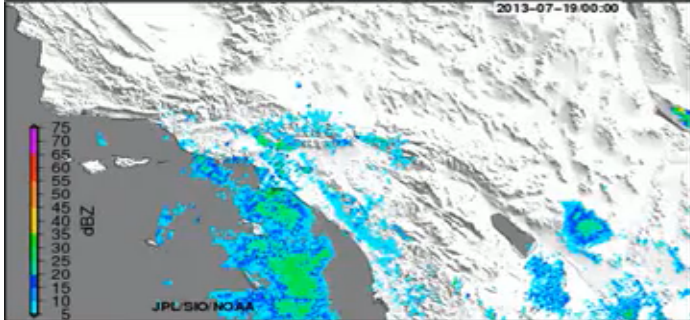
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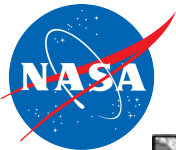


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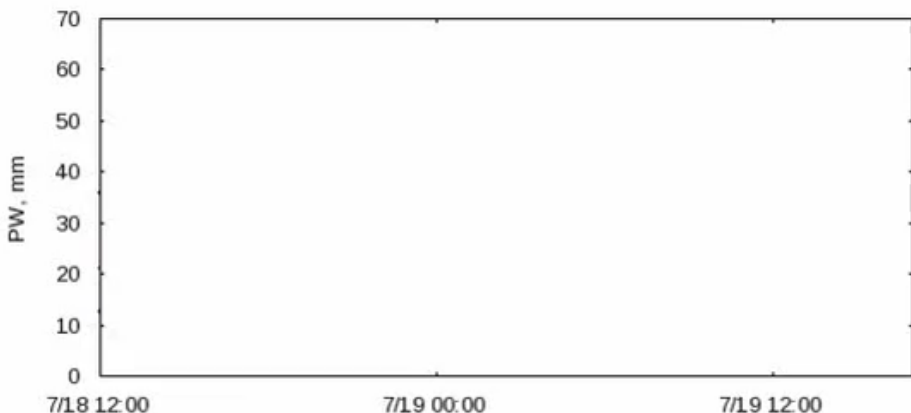
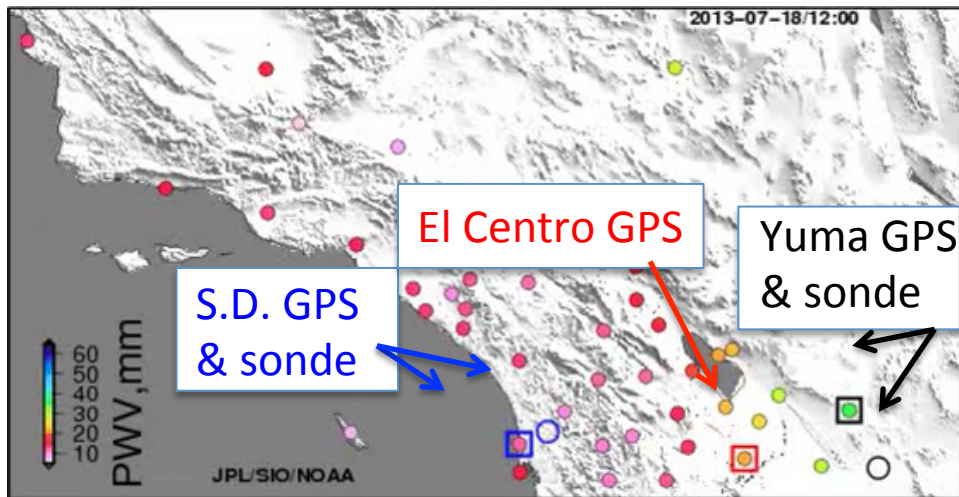
Creating views of various data types, to stimulate thought on what types of displays forecasters would prefer to see in AWIPS II used for interactive viewing by NOAA forecasters







# July 2013 Monsoon Event: Successful Flash Flood Warning



## Forecaster remarks from NWS Weather Forecast Office in San Diego

“Realtime GPS precipitable water estimates were trending higher over eastern portions of the forecast area... a flash flood watch will be needed for Saturday”

“In order to see the character of the precipitable water values between Yuma and San Diego in the absence of a morning Yuma sounding, the GPS meteorology data was utilized.”

## Storm reports

“Highway 78 flooded in two locations at Yacqui Pass with 30 vehicles trapped between the two flooded locations. Many large rocks in the roadway.”

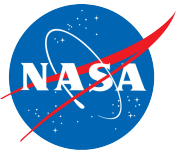
“Battalion Chief flagged down by the public to report debris moving across the roadway on Sunrise Highway”





# Primary Accomplishments and Technical Findings: GPS Sensor Fusion and Proof of Concept

1. Completed deployment of 17 Geodetic Modules and MEMS Accelerometer packages at GPS stations in southern California – 1 Hz GPS and 100 Hz accelerometer data flowing to SOPAC server from all stations. The accelerometer data are archived at California Earthquake Data Center (SCEDC).
2. Conducted extensive testing of our Geodetic Module and MEMS Accelerometer Packages on a four-story building atop the UCSD outdoor shake table. In a series of earthquake simulations we collected more than five weeks of data on the roof and foundation of the building. Initial results indicate good performance of SIO instruments compared to observatory-grade accelerometers.
3. Incorporated data from 37 stations into NOAA ESRL's ongoing operations, resulting in roughly a 50% decrease in PWV uncertainty. GPS PW estimates were assimilated hourly and half-hourly into two NOAA rapid-refresh numerical weather prediction models – nRAP with 13 km horizontal resolution and 1-hr assimilation cycle and LAPS at 3 km horizontal resolution with 1/2-hr resolution.
4. NOAA weather forecasters in San Diego used upgraded network to forecast a summer monsoon event in July 2013 and issue an accurate and timely flood warning (press conference at Fall AGU meeting in San Francisco). Forecasters at Oxnard have been utilizing this system since 2012 via ESRL's web page operationally and found it to be an effective tool, in some cases preferring the GPS measurements over models in making forecast decisions.
5. Meteorological prototype deployed at GPS station SIO5 validated MEMS approach for PWV estimation – preparing final package design.



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# Social Media Coverage - Fall AGU 2013 Press Conference (SIO/JPL/NOAA):

## **Press release:**

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.php?release=2013-359>

<https://scripps.ucsd.edu/news/14104>

## **Press conference (youtube):**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcPIShxFpvQ>

## **Print and Internet:**

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(was on Google News front page for about a day)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/2013EO520003/pdf> (EOS article)

<http://www.spaceref.com/news/viewpr.html?pid=42106>

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<http://www.malaysiasun.com/index.php/sid/219043143/scat/89d96798a39564bd>

## **TV:**

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/video/#/on-air/as-seen-on/NASA-Scientists-Work-on-Predicting-Natural-Disasters/235331241>

<http://www.10news.com/news/new-technologies-merge-for-public-safety-010914>

## **Radio:**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-25467873>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03mff43>

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2013/sep/30/san-diego-researchers-lead-the-way-in-earthquake-e/>