

## **DigitalGlobe Acquisitions - Yesterday**



### Stereo DigitalGlobe Acquisitions All Time

TOTAL IMAGERY ACQUISITION

STEREC Cloud Cover < 20%

Map Updated: 2018-05-21 Data Updated: 2018-05-20

ANTARCTICA



## **Radiometric and Geometric Resolution** Idea of the capability of this satellite series



## Along-track stereo imaging



## **Convergence of HPC, Imagery and Software**

# Blue Waters Computing System









PGC – REMA Project As of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. PI Ian Howat 8m posting over ice 2m posting over rock LSF Filtered



San Francisco – Early Results Los Angeles – Early Results

Most of US Coastal region now done in partnership with F&W



# Inundation studies of urban centers and vulnerable coasts – With Steve Nerem & Southern-California with Bill Barnhart



Seal Beach, Los Angeles

Dark Blue: within 3 m of sea level

















#### Bangladesh



Color scale – 0 to 20 m

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ORTHO PHOTOS OF SUNDABUNS

Sundabun Mangroves, southern Bangladesh 2m posting – color scale 20m





#### ORTHO IMAGE OF MUMBAI



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# 2m Satellite DSM coverage of the New Zealand 2015 Kaikoura M7.8 earthquake affected region





#### Subsidence and building destruction after earlier Christchurch NZ





Supported by NSF RAPID Geomorphology and Land Use Dynamics, Tectonics and Engineering for Natural Hazards

Papatea Fault Rupture, Waipapa Bay, Kaikoura Earthquake, NZ

Allows strain and rupture close to faults to be examined. InSAR usually decorrelates close to a fault.

High-res provides more information on shallow depth strain to fault modelers. Improves models and understanding of seismic risk.



4 km

2

3





Comparison of Worldview DSM and Drone DSM. Mean difference of -0.01 m and standard deviation of ~2m

#### Marin Clark

#### Taan Fjord Landslide and Tsunami

**Collaborators:** 

Bretwood Higman, Ground Truth Trekking Dan Shugar, University of Washington – Tacoma + Many, many, many others

#### Funded by NSF EAR Geophysics.

Collaboration between various Universities in US and Canada, US Geological Survey, the National Park Service and local Alaskan 501c3 organizations.

Processed on local HPC resources.



Premise: Glacier retreat leaves behind fjord walls and mountain slopes that are "over steepened."

Tyndall Glacier has thinned rapidly in the last few decades. Landslide occurred in an area that had slumped before, in 1995.



Over-steepened slopes are prone to failure, especially in regions where earthquakes occur.

The resulting landslides, if they hit a fjord, produce the largest tsunami waves ever measured.

The implications for the cruise ship industry are clear, but the risks are extremely hard to quantify.



#### Taan Tyndall Landslide, Alaska NSF Award 1639010 The 2015 Taan Fiord landslide tsunami: An interdisciplinary study of cause & effect

Volume of slide, derived from difference of DSMs and converted to mass by assuming

rock density is in near perfect agreement with estimates derived from seismic observations by Stark and Ekstrom at LDEO.





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Combined field and remote sensing project is ongoing, examining morphology and sedimentology of tsunamigenic deposits on far side of fjord.





## Catastrophic Collapse of an Arctic Ice Cap

#### RATIONAL

- ARCTIC SEA ICE EXTENT, VOLUME AND PERSISTENCE IS DECREASING.
- MORE MOISTURE IS AVAILABLE TO THE ATMOSPHERE, RADIATION BALANCES ARE CHANGING
- PRECIPITATION PATTERNS AND INTENSITY ARE CHANGING (INCREASING NUMBER OF ARCTIC STORMS)
- HOW DO THESE CHANGES AFFECT COLD-BASED ICE CAPS OF THE RUSSIAN ARCTIC?

#### Location: Severnaya Zemlya



SEDIMENT BANDS CONTINUOUS AROUND CIRCUMFERENCE OF ICE CAP.

DISTORTED IN WEST WHERE ICE FLOW IS 20M/YR IN 1996.

LIKELY SOME SLOW BASAL SLIDING – MARINE SEDIMENTS?





#### March 2014



#### March 2015



## Severnaya Zemlya

#### March 2016



#### **Centerline Elevation Profiles**







Average mass change for Vavilov Ice Cap

1984 to April 2013:

-0.04 ±0.02 km<sup>3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> w.e.

April 2014 to April 2015:  $-0.84 \pm 0.004$  km<sup>3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> w.e.

April 2015 to April 2016: -4.48 ±0.004 km<sup>3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> w.e.  $(\sim 0.9 \%$  of the ice cap)





Questions remain:

 Why and how did the ice speeds and elevation changes occur so rapildy at an, until now, mostly cold based ice cap?

Influence of unconfined front? How is ice entrained into the floating piedmont? Influence of marine sediments? Cryohydrological warming? Happening elsewhere?

#### Conclusions

NEW CAPABILITIES ALLOW DETAILED INVESTIGATION OF THE ARCTIC.

VAVILOV ICE CAP, REALLY STARTED SURGING IN LATE 2015.

SURGE INITIATED AS THE ICE FRONT ADVANCED ONTO LOW FRICTION SEDIMENTS. INLAND SPEED INCREASE LIKELY GENERATING WATER – HAS TRANSITIONED FROM COLD BASED BED TO TEMPERATE ENVIRONMENT.

LARGEST SINGLE SOURCE OF MASS LOSS IN THE RUSSIAN ARCTIC.

#### **Summary and Future**

ABOUT 1/5<sup>TH</sup> OF THE PLANET NOW COVERED WITH 2M POSTING DEMS.

ACCURACY CLOSE TO AIRBORNE LIDAR

ARCTICDEM OPEN TO PUBLIC, INTERFACE IN ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT, NEW TILES WILL BE 2M INSTEAD OF 5M

EUTURE SETSM

PLANET LABS, WORLDVIEW SCOUT AND LEGION SATS?

DOING URBAN CENTERS AROUND THE PLANET + THE ENTIRE COUNTRY OF BOLIVIA.

#### **NEW FILTERS**

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