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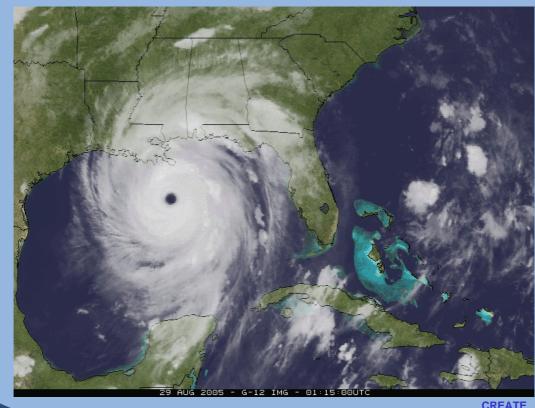
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# Facing Disasters - Key Questions

- What happened?
  - Sets the stage
- When did it happen?
  - Defines immediacy of need for response
- What kind of damage?
  - Multi-scale issue defining the nature of damage which defines the type of required response
- What is the extent of the damage?
  - Defines the scale of the response
- Where is the damage?
  - Identifies locations requiring response



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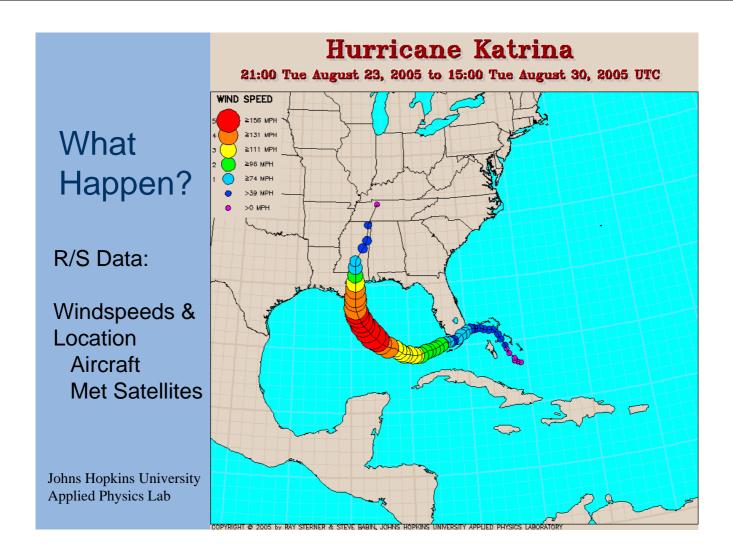
## How Can Remote Sensing Help Address These Fundamental Questions?

 It's about what happened and

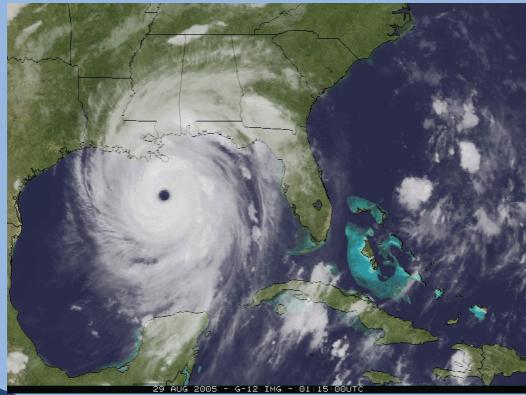
#### • Its about the scale!

- The scale of the disaster
- The scale of the damage
- The scale of the response



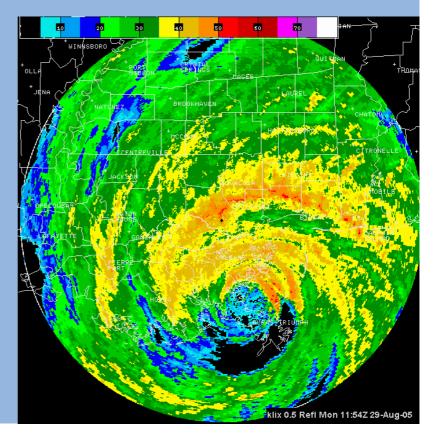


## The Character & Scope of the Disaster



# NEXRAD

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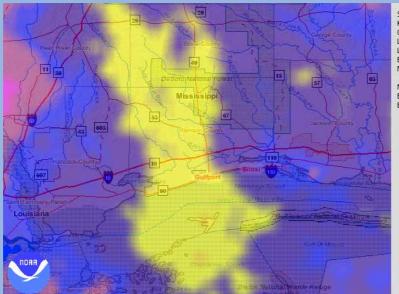
#### NEXRAD Animation - Mobile, AL - KMOB

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#### NEXRAD Animation - New Orleans, LA - KLIX Last data transmitted at 13:54 GMT (8:54 CDT)

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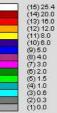
# Katrina - Storm Total Precipitation



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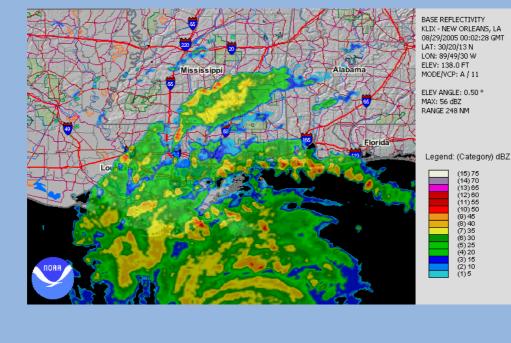
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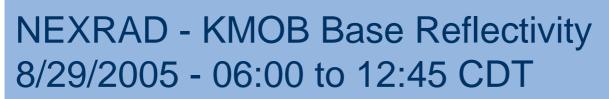






# NEXRAD - KLIX Base Reflectivity Aug 28- 29,2005 - 19:00 to 8:54 CDT





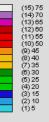


BASE REFLECTIVITY KMOB - MOBILE, AL 08/29/2005 11:00:26 GMT LAT: 30/40/44 N LON: 88/14/23 W ELEV: 289.0 FT MODE/VCP: A / 121

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ELEV ANGLE: 0.50 ° MAX: 53 dBZ RANGE 248 NM

Legend: (Category) dBZ





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# The Format Issue of NEXRAD Data

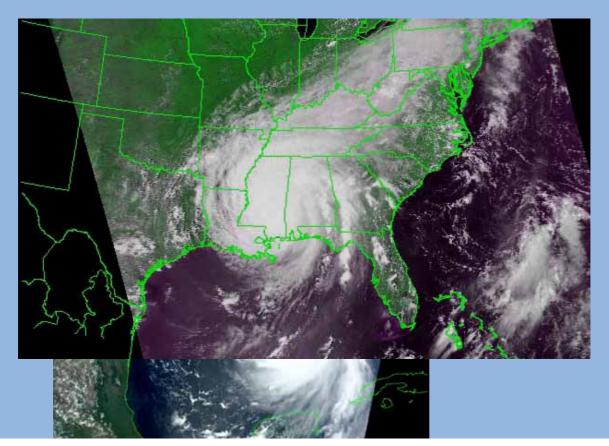
- GRIB Radial Data not compatible with most GIS systems
- NOAA JAVA NEXRAD Data Viewer
  Reformats data for import to GIS



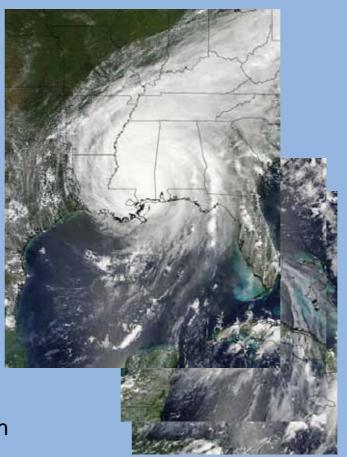
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