

Geosystems Research Institute Annual Report 2008



Mississippi State University





Geosystems Research Institute

Our Vision is to be a world leader in advancing the state-of-the-art in spatial technologies and resource management.

Our Mission is to understand Earth's natural and managed systems and provide comprehensive solutions for socioeconomic and environmental requirements, leading to an improved quality of life.

The Geosystems Institute serves as a partner and research resource for government agencies at the state, local, federal, and international level, as well as for commercial entities desiring to expand their current technical capabilties or to diversify into new market opportunities. Our programs are built upon the wide range of expertise and infrastructure available across the University, and through cooperative agreements with other academic and research groups.

Using the infrastructure and expertise of one of the largest high-performance computing centers in the United States, the GRI provides capabilities in remote sensing, computational technologies, visualization techniques, natural resource management, and the transition of these into operational agency research, planning, and decision-support programs.





From the Director

"2008 proved to be an incredible year for the Geosystems Research Institute. New initiatives and expanded programs occurred with almost every program we have, leading to a funding

 $\label{lem:condition} \textit{The NOAA-funded Northern Gulf Institute, newest in NOAA's cooperative institutes program, is a \textit{proposition of the NoAA's cooperative}. \\$ partnership of five academic institutions - MSU (as lead), University of Southern Mississippi, Louisiana State University, Florida State University, and Dauphin Island Sea Lab. It is in strong partnership with NOAA units at Stennis Space Center and nationally, as well as a number of other federal and state agencies, as well as industry and non-governmental organizations. The fundamental philosophy of operations for the NGI is integration—integration of the land-coastal-ocean-atmosphere continuum; integration of research to operations; integration of the collaborating institution's research and technical strengths; and cooperative integration with

GRI has also taken the lead in developing a NASA-funded Small Satellite program, the first of its kind in the U.S. In partnership with Surrey Space Technology, Ltd., as well as several other companies, this program is focused on bringing small satellite technology to Mississippi and the U.S. Thus, it will be a tremendous engine for economic development. It also has a strong element of education – a new concentration in Small Satellite Engineering at the Ph.D. level in the Bagley College of Engineering is

The success that GRI has achieved comes through only one means - dedicated and innovative faculty, staff, and students. There are literally hundreds associated with the Institute, and teamwork and collaboration are the hallmarks of the many successful programs that have been built. GRI is committed to working closely with the departments and colleges at MSU, as well as researchers at other institutions and federal agencies, practitioners in the field, and policymakers in the federal and state government.

Through these new as well as our existing programs, GRI continues to demonstrate its commitment to high quality research and education/outreach that is relevant, visionary, and engaged. 2009 holds promise for even greater things!"

Dario R. Slaw

David R. Shaw Director and William L. Giles Distinguished Professor



SMALLSAT PROGRAM

Mississippi State University (MSU) has recognized the pressing need for advanced, low-cost spacecraft technology. Researchers at MSU's Geosystems Research Institute and the Bagley College of Engineering are responding to this need by developing a research, education, training, and applications program that will lead to a comprehensive low-cost space capability for federal agencies and the private sector. The small spacecraft capability emerging at MSU will offer a more compact and less expensive space capability meeting application needs ranging from earth observations (e.g. disaster response, ocean monitoring, agriculture, coastal management) to navigation and communication service.

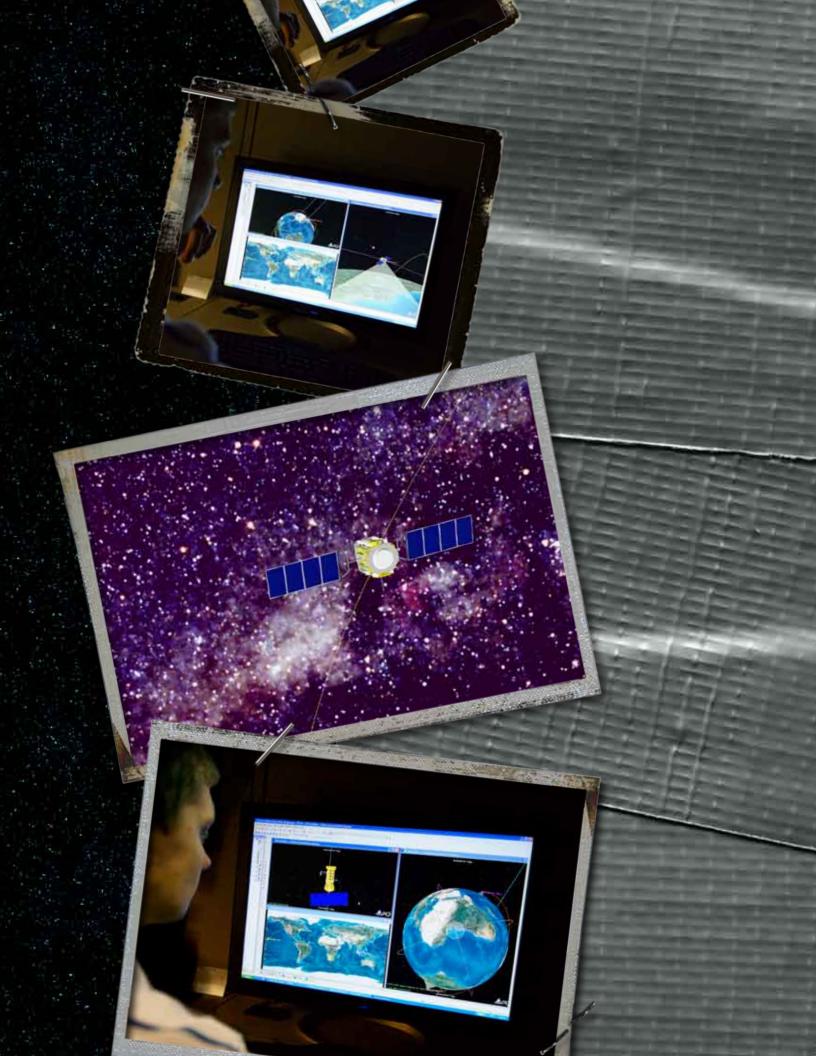
MSU has partnered with the Surrey Space Technology, Ltd (SSTL) in the U.K., the world leader in successful small satellite design, manufacturing, testing, and operations. With a 20-year history of remarkable innovations, SSTL has worked internationally with countries and private businesses to develop satellite capabilities and has notched over 25 successful spaceflight missions. MSU plans to extend that track record to the U.S., continue developing strategic partnerships, and significantly advance the technology and applications of small spacecraft systems along the way. With international collaboration and training already underway, MSU will be positioned as the leading U.S. research and development center for small, low-cost space system research, training and development.

The University has very strong intent in developing a spin-off company to work with

the U.S. research and operational



agencies in developing less expensive, but highly effective technologies that can be deployed quickly. A new partnership will be an institutional commitment to bring world-class capabilties to the Magnolia State. MSU has developed a mission control and ground station operations center that will enhance the University's research programs while fostering economic development through innovation and commercialization. MSU's Bagley College of Engineering also offers a cross-disciplinary graduate degree concentration in small satellite engineering. The degree programs are dynamic and will benefit from cooperative agreements between MSU, NASA, SSTL, and the University of Surrey in the U.K., as well as other industrial and government partners.







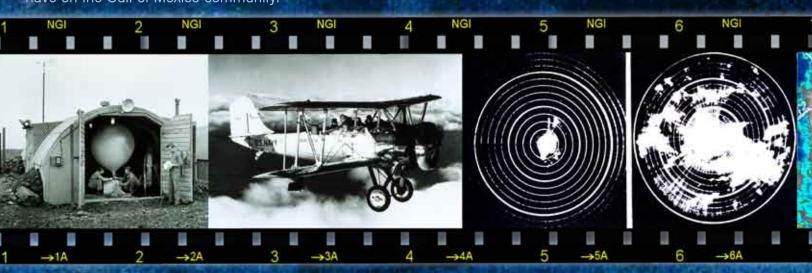


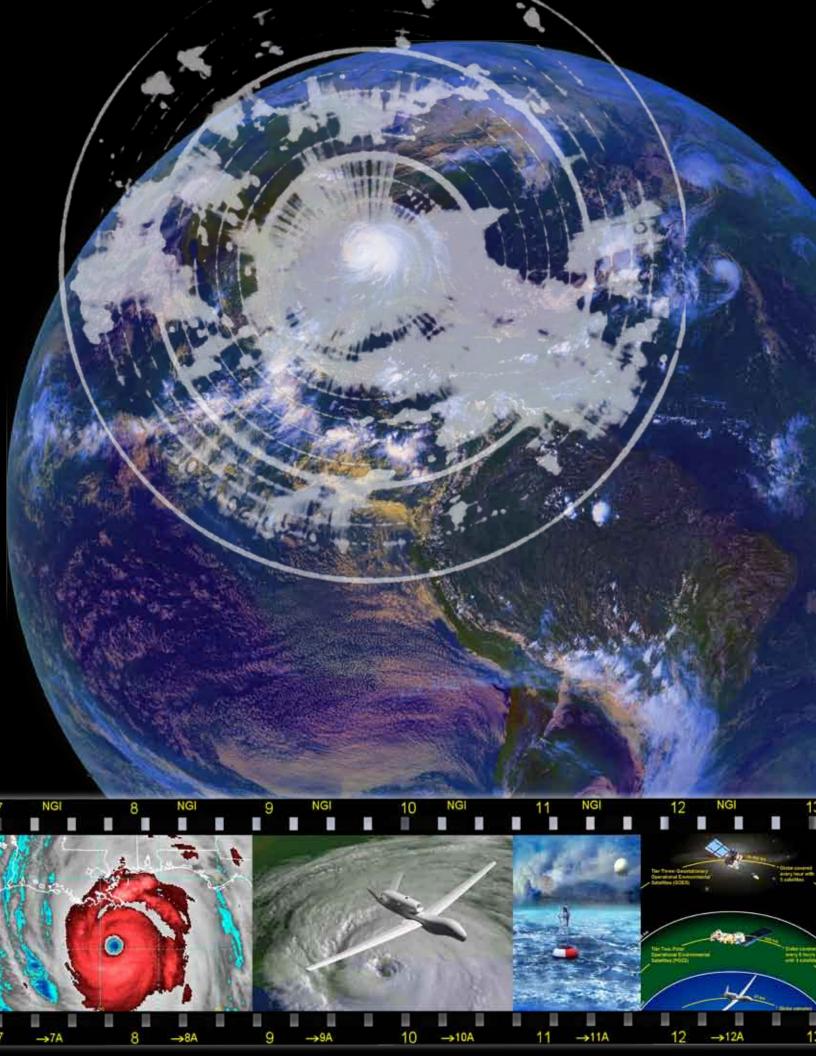
Hurricanes and tropical storms cause many deaths and average billions of dollars in damages each year. Increased forecast accuracy and lead-time in predication enable better planned evacuations, securing property and infrastructure before the storm hits. The stakes are high. Forecast errors in either direction are expensive. Money spent to improve the accuracy of hurricane prediction is a good investment.

Improved forecasts and warnings have demonstrably saved lives and property. They also reduce the costs inherent in responding to the hurricane threat. The devastating impacts of hurricanes like Katrina require that we make the best possible and most authoritative information available to decision-makers to help them determine whether to implement mandatory evacuations and other costly preparatory actions for approaching hurricanes. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) offer the ability to add critical time and knowledge needed for disaster preparedness, evacuation planning, and securing of critical infrastructure.

The Gulf of Mexico region faces some of the most pressing environmental issues of our day, including hurricanes, hypoxia, wetland loss, ecosystem degradation, and water quality. To protect and enhance ecosystem and community resiliency, science must go beyond the current state-of-the-art in collecting critical data from the ocean and atmosphere. One of the emerging sensor platforms that has the potential to make significant advancements in this regard is Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

While the potential benefits of UAS technologies are great, efficient use of this emerging resource is needed if we are to effectively meet the diverse needs of the Gulf of Mexico community. The Geosystems Research Institute and the corollary Northern Gulf Institute at Mississippi State University are working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to bring together regional constituents to establish requirements that are best met through the use of UAS applications. This effort will rely upon a broad group of local, state, regional and federal stakeholders to help define UAS-based operational and research requirements that are specifically designed to help better understand, monitor, forecast and mitigate the potentially devastating impacts hurricanes can have on the Gulf of Mexico community.







GIS Outreach and Education in for Rural Mississippi

Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Mississippi Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005, obliterating buildings, coastal roads and street signs and emphasizing the need for county and local paper maps and records to be converted to Geographic Information

Systems (GIS). Under direction of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, MSU faculty and personnel went to emergency operations centers in the state's hardest-hit counties immediately after landfall and remained to assist and direct volunteers in the ongoing recovery effort. Without local landmarks to guide rescuers, state and local agencies became aware of how little georeferenced digital data was available to coordinate emergency management operations.

GRI Extension Professor Scott A. Samson, who along with others directed GIS volunteers in the field, saw the need for statewide geospatial education to aid local governmental agencies in making the

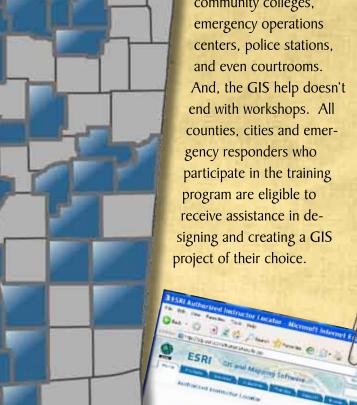
transition from paper maps to georeferenced digital databases. The Mississippi Coordinating Council for Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems, a consortium of GIS professionals from state agencies and educational institutions, adopted Dr. Samson's proposal to create and administer an Outreach and Education arm of the Mississippi Digital Earth Model, an ongoing paper-to-digital conversion initiative.

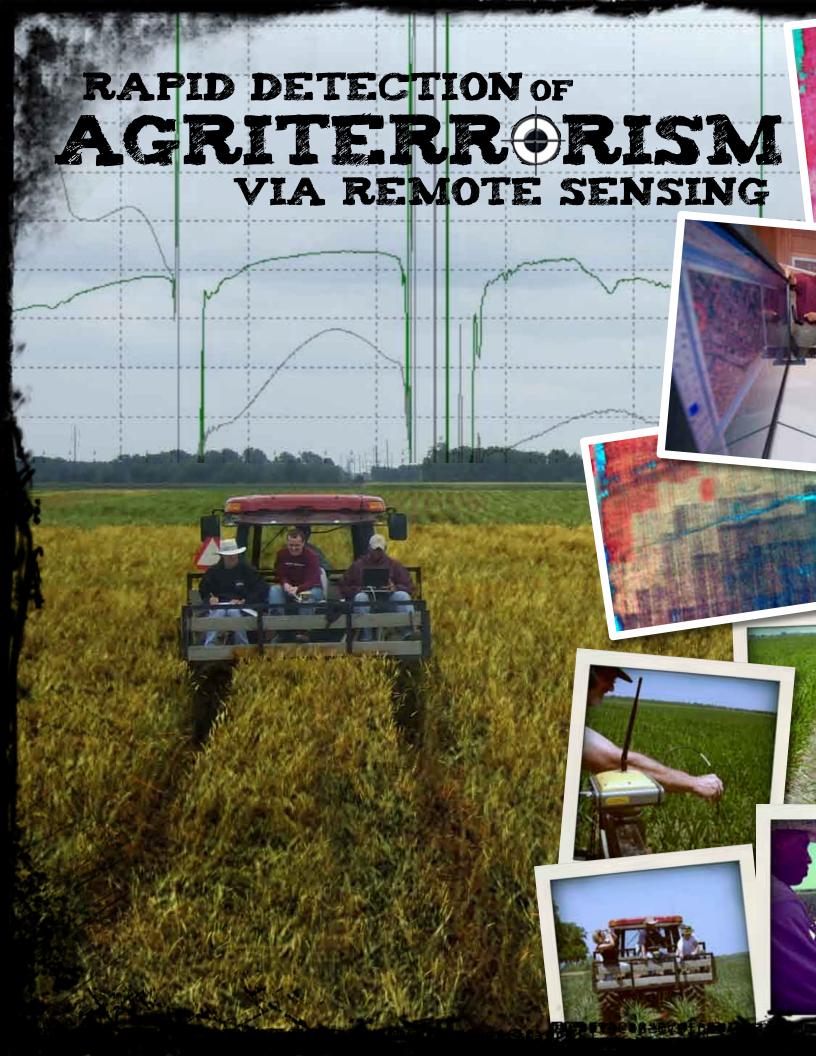
Instructors travel the state to help a broad spectrum of clients learn the basics of GIS in workshops all over

the state. Federal seed grants make it possible to take GIS training directly to Mississippi counties and municipalities, offering the training to local agencies and first responders free of charge. Workshops are

presented at MSU Extension

Service county offices, community colleges, emergency operations centers, police stations, and even courtrooms. And, the GIS help doesn't end with workshops. All counties, cities and emergency responders who participate in the training program are eligible to







TRANSPORTATION:

STREAMLINING ENVIRONMENTAL

In a study sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), new and innovative approaches to streamlining environmental and planning processes (SEPP) for transportation corridors are being demonstrated by the application of commercial remote sensing data and spatial information technologies. Partner research institutions led by the Geosystems Research Institute at MSU, including Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Michigan Tech Research Institute, are collaborating with partner DOT agencies to compare and quantify benefits of new and innovative approaches versus traditional methods for completing tasks in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. A completed EIS for a planned segment of I-69 that traverses Memphis, TN, and Northwest Mississippi, serves as the research test bed to quantify benefits delivered by the technology deployment project. In addition, the project also addresses Hurricane Katrina lessons learned to derive nationally significant motivations toward enhanced geospatial preparedness for application to transportation planning practices.

A consortium of research and agency partners are conducting research guided by an organized Advisory Panel that comprises local and national representatives spanning the combined competencies of transportation project development processes. Key components of the research project include tasks and activities typical of a transportation corridor planning and environmental assessment process, but each activity considers how remote sensing and spatial information technologies may add efficiencies, reduce costs, and/or improve the quality and outcomes of the task or activity. Advisory panel input ensures targeted development of key project aspects to make sure that focus is placed on activities that will deliver the best payoffs and will ensure that the project is highly connected to relevant communities of practice and ensure that communities of practice receive feedback in an ideal manner about project progress and outcomes.

Hwy 51 Mississippi Arkansas -240Memphis, TN Streamlined

Proposed Action

Background

Background and Purpose/Needs

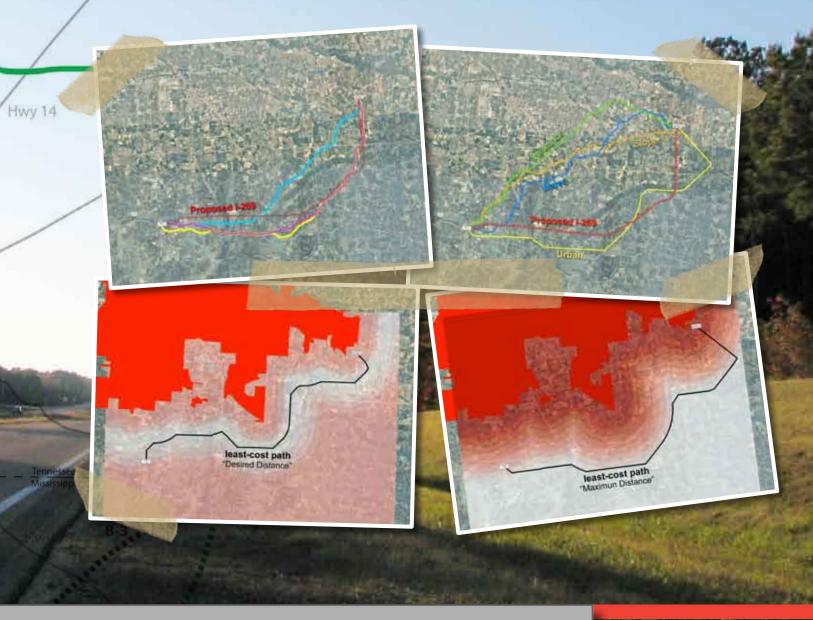
Planning
-integration of plans
-state
-national
-local
-MPO
-Gathering of data

Alternatives
Considered
Communication
with:
Resource Agencies
Citizens
Gathering of Data

Background Data Conversion to GIS

National Consortium for Remote Sensing in Transportation Streamlining Environmental and Planning Processes

+ PLANNING PROCESSES



Environmental Impact Statement

l m p a c t A n a l y s i s

Land Use Economic Impacts Environmental Justice

"FEMI "GIS "Remote Sensing

Wetland Impacts Protected Species Section 4(f) Hazardous Materials Cultural Impacts

*Remote Sensing *GIS *REM

Integration of Spatial Technology Impact Data Distribution of Data and Communication

Communication

-Resource Agencies

-Planning Agencies

If no prefered alternative is selected, other alternative must be chosen and analyzed.

-Citizens

Preferred Alternative Selection

and Data Warehousing Permitting

Signed Environmental Impact Statement Construction and Design Phase

Awards and Recognitions

Cai, S. S. 2008. Graduate Research Assistant of the Year Award Nominee. Graduate Student Association, Mississippi State University.

Cheshier, J. C. 2007. South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society 2007 Scholarship. South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society.

Du, Q. 2008. Outstanding Researcher. Bagley College of Engineering, Mississippi State University.

Ervin, G. N. 2007. Beverly B. and Gordon W. Gulmon Dean's Eminent Scholar. MSU College of Arts & Sciences.

Prasad, S. 2008. Centers and Institutes Graduate Student Research Award. Mississippi State University.

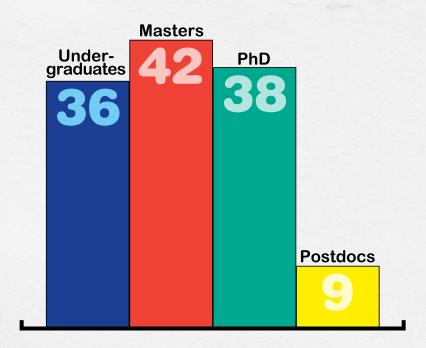
Shaw, D. R. 2007. Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Wersal, R. M. 2007. Awarded 1st place in the student poster competition. 47th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society.

Wersal, R. M. 2007. Awarded 3rd place in the student paper competition. 47th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society.

Wersal, R. M. 2008. Awarded 3rd Place in the Student Paper Competition. Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society 28th Annual Meeting, March 1-3, Sanduskey, OH.

Wersal, R. M. 2008. Geosystems Research Intitute Research Associate of the Year, May 2 2008.



125 Students involved in GRI Research

GRI Expenditures



\$8,023,595 FYO5

\$7,172,915 **FY06**

\$12,253,767 FYO7

\$19,454,973 **FY08**

GRI Proposal Submissions

\$20,305,021 FYO4

\$11,317,965 FY05

\$68,847,805 **FY06**

\$43,805,384 FY07

\$27,566,620 **FY08**

Books and Book Chapters

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Du, Q., N. Chang, C. Yang. 2008. Combination of Multispectral Remote Sensing, Variable Rate Technology and Environmental Modeling for Citrus Pest Management. Journal of Environmental Management. Vol. 86, No. 1. 14-26.

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