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Melting ice sheets and sea level rise: Estimates, future projections and impacts

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Where are we now ?



Distribution of SLR

22 years SLR anomaly

Nerem et al., 2018

Recorded Mean SLR @ NYC

Mean Sea Level Trend 8518750 The Battery, New York



Where are we heading ?



Relative contribution to SLR



Sea Level Rise Potentials



West Antarctica – 6 m (21 ft.) East Antarctica – 52 m (170 ft.)

Greenland 7 m (24 ft.)





Antarctica mass loss



Greenland mass loss





How do we study the big ice sheets ?

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Models

Satellites

Fieldwork

The Icepod

























From Greenland ... to our coastlines



The Sea Level Threat To Cities Depends On Where The Ice Melts — Not Just How Fast



In New York, LSL change predictions are greatly sensitive to changes in the northeastern portions of the GrIS.

Projected contribution of GrIS to SLR in New York based on the SeaRISE experiments (Larour et al., 2018)

Hurricane Sandy response: merging satellite data, social media and YouTube videos







Improved response to floods and historical database creation using Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Satellite data

Thank you !