## TELLUS South West Regional Lidar Survey



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## Who we are - NERC Air Fleet (as of Q4 2013)





- BAS and wider NERC family engineers, specialists and scientists
- Four de Havilland Twin Otters
- de Havilland Dash 7
- Dornier 228
- Four survey aircraft
- Survey Dash 7 (enhanced survey capability 2014)
- Environmental instrumentation geophysics, imaging (mapping), metrological, atmospherics
- Available for use; FBL used in Tellus South West regional lidar survey



#### What - TELLUS South West Lidar Platform









- Mobilised from Canada and onsite for Survey in under 2 weeks
- Expertise Helica, ARSF-DAN, MAGIC, Air Unit, engineers, scientists, NERC
- Optech 3100EA Lidar
- One day install (Helica / BAS)
- One test and calibration flight (Duxford)
- 5 days operational training (software planning to processing)

# Where - Lidar Airborne Survey (Cornwall/Devon)





- Newquay airport (base) and Lands End airport (service)
- Temperatures +22°C
- High work tempo
- 2 flights per day in first fortnight (91 % complete)
- 26 flights over 30 days including regulatory pilot rest days and aircraft service
- Nominal 1100m altitude at approx 120 knots (20%-25% overlap)
- Area covered: 9400 km<sup>2</sup>

#### Lidar Airborne Survey (Cornwall/Devon)





- GPS base stations at South Zeal, Newquay and Land's End
- Kinematic GPS ground survey and static GPS check points
- OS virtual GPS base stations



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Latest Optech and mapping software; Optech Zinview, Optech LMS processing (LAS output), Applanix POSPac MMS, Novatel Waypoint, ArcGIS, TerraSolid (TerraScan)

## Survey and QC



- Alignment to our GPS check points and kinematic surveys
- Accuracy vertical 0.14 m, with a standard deviation of 0.1 m (Req. 0.25m)
- Point density of one point per metre squared (Req. 1 point/m<sup>2</sup>)



## Survey and QC





Eden Project (elevation) – Jordan et al

#### **Eden Project Bio-Domes**



Eden Project (10 metre swath elevation) – Jordan et al



#### Survey and QC (one final check)



arcGIS and Google Map data – ambiguities in data, water bodies e.g. ponds



# **Final Thoughts**

- TELLUS SW (lidar phase 1 full leaf canopy) delivered effectively
- Collaboration and engagement remain key to achieve larger airborne surveys
- NERC has flown a wide range of survey and scientific instrumentation
- New equipment and Dash 7 survey modifications
- NERC facility allows scientist and the wider community to investigate and explore in all regions of the globe

