

State of GFDL

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Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory Review

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WELCOME TO NOAA/OAR/GFDL

The Legacy (our former Directors):

Drs. Joseph Smagorinsky, Jerry Mahlman, Ants Leetma

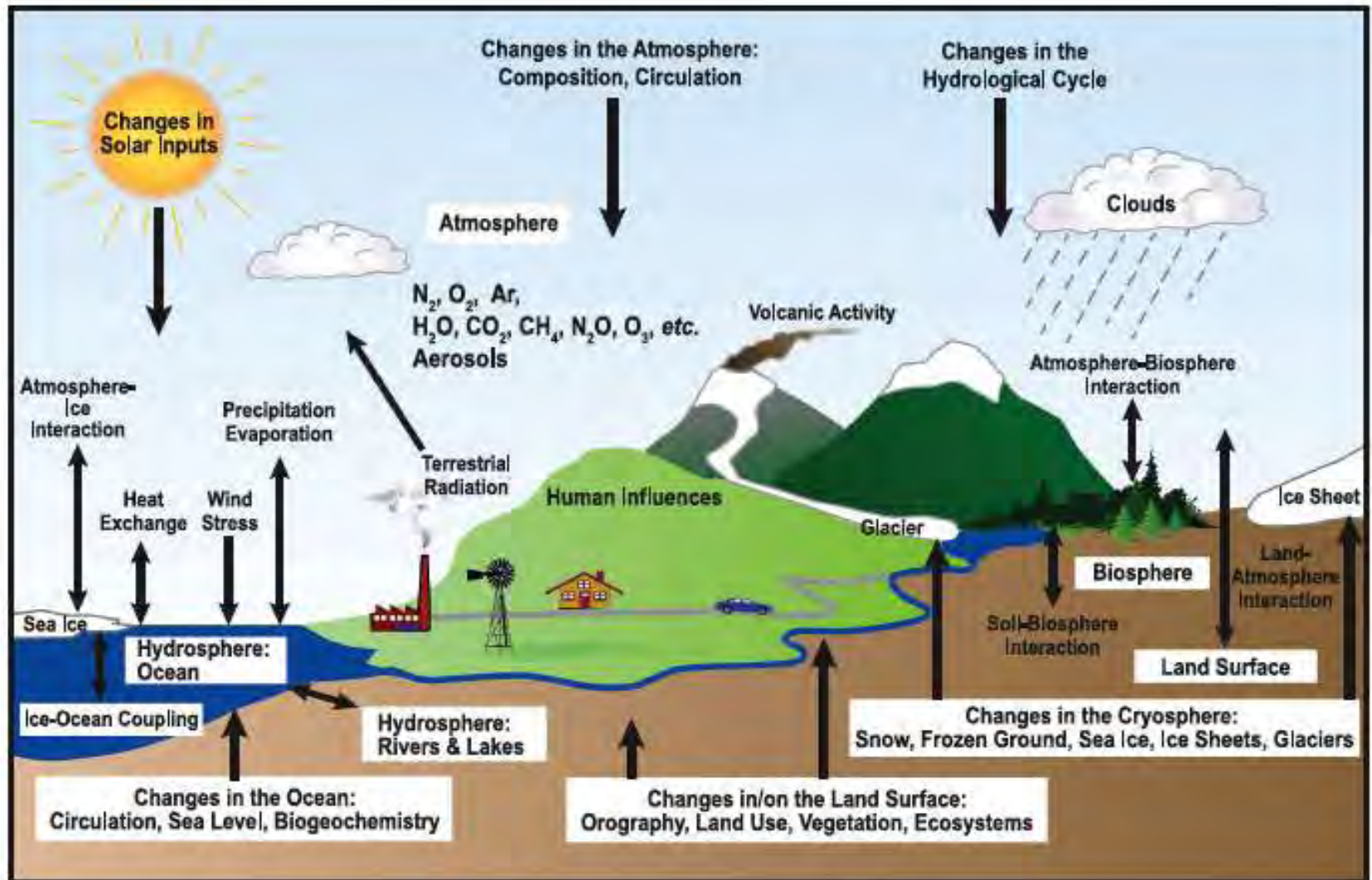


GFDL Mission Statement

*Directly supports the DOC,
NOAA and OAR Objectives*

“To advance scientific understanding of climate and its natural and anthropogenic variations and impacts, and improve NOAA’s predictive capabilities, through the development and use of world-leading computer models of the Earth System.”

Capturing the complex Earth system ...



Climate Adaptation and Mitigation

- *Improved scientific understanding of the changing climate system and its impacts*
- *Assessments of current and future states of the climate system that identify potential impacts and inform science, service, and stewardship decisions*
- *Mitigation and adaptation efforts supported by sustained, reliable, and timely climate services*
- *A climate literate public that understands its vulnerabilities to a changing climate and makes informed decisions*

GFDL Research ⇒ Addressing NOAA Goals and Objectives

Weather-Ready Nation

- *Reduced loss of life, property, and disruption from high-impact events*

Healthy Oceans

- *Improved understanding of ecosystems to inform resource management decisions*

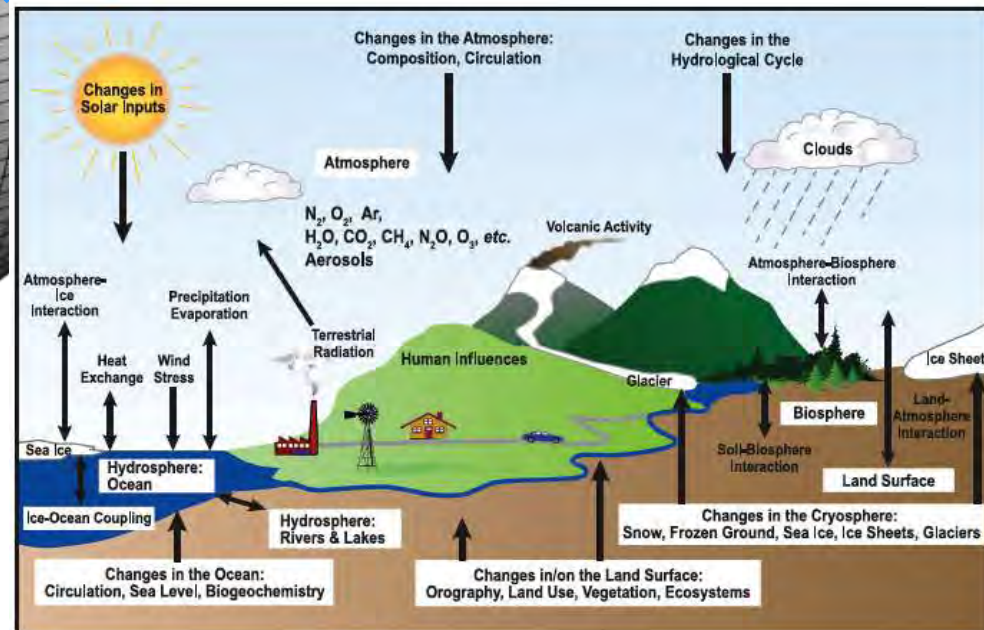
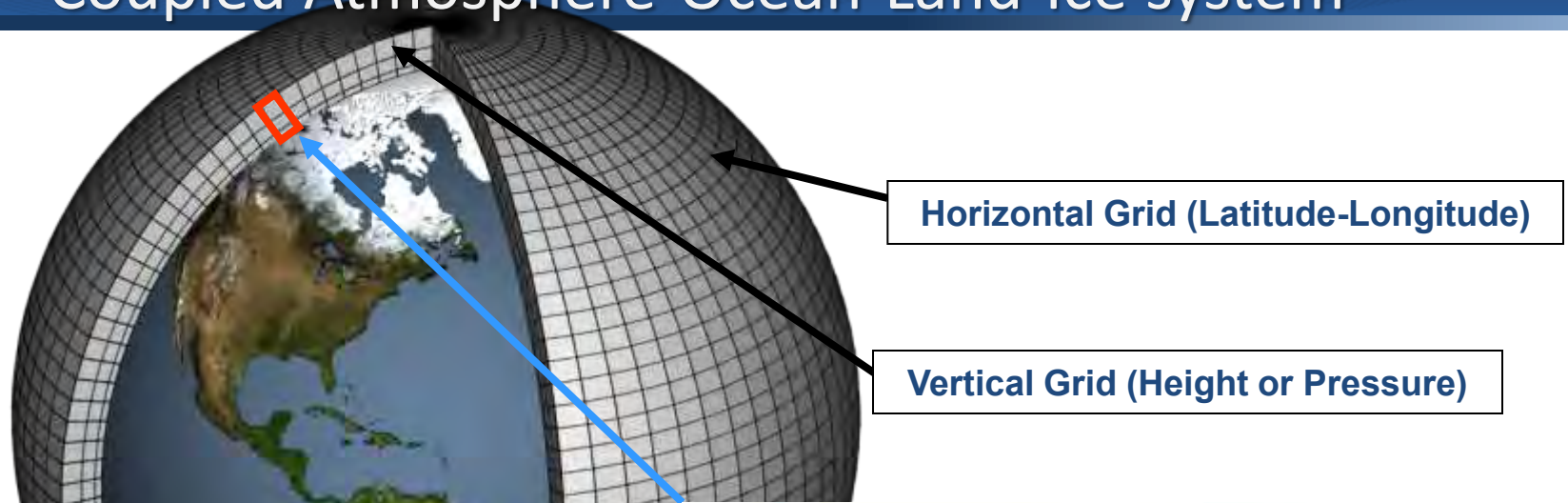
Science and Technology Enterprise

- *A holistic understanding of the Earth system through research*
- *An integrated environmental modeling system*

For GFDL to be a world leader:

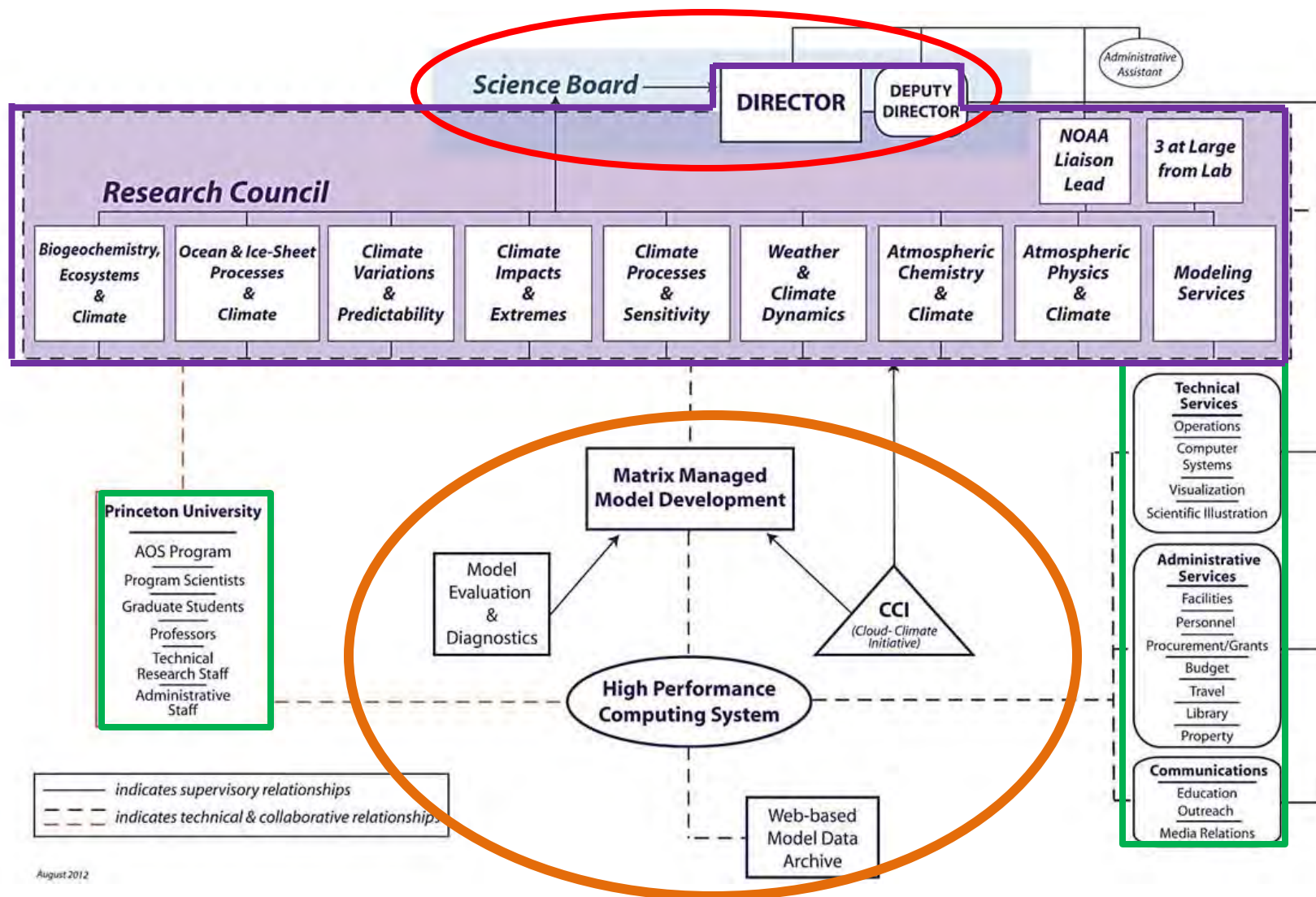
- **Recognition by the peer science community**
 - Journal publications
 - Assessments
 - Departmental/Agency internal and external acclaim
 - Lab reviews
- **Accomplish NOAA's objectives in**
 - Science directed to applications
 - Research towards operational purposes

Global Climate Model: Mathematical representation of the Coupled Atmosphere-Ocean-Land-Ice system



**NOAA/ OAR/ GFDL
CLIMATE and
EARTH SYSTEM
MODELING**

Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory Organizational Chart



How do we plan our scientific research?

- **Use-inspired research** (*“Pasteur’s Quadrant”*), guided by:
 - NOAA Next-Generation Strategic Plan
 - NOAA 5-year R&D Plan and Objectives
 - NRC documents (recent: “Advancing Climate Modeling”, 2012)
 - GFDL 5-10 year Strategic Plan
 - Outstanding issues raised by major assessments and reports
- Ideas and discussions: experts, Groups, Research Council, Science Board
- Long-lead-time required to address the scientific challenge, and high-performance computing resources needed
- Consultations with experts at other institutions
- Monitoring developments, course revisions, and calibrating expectations

NOAA Climate Objectives

[Exec. Summary: GFDL 5-10 year Strategic Science Plan, 2011]

GFDL HIRAM Forecast Model



Atmospheric
Dynamics, Physical
and Chemical
Processes

Marine and
Terrestrial
Biospheric
Processes

Role of Oceans in
Climate, and Sea-Level
change

Prediction and
Attribution

Model Development
and Infrastructure

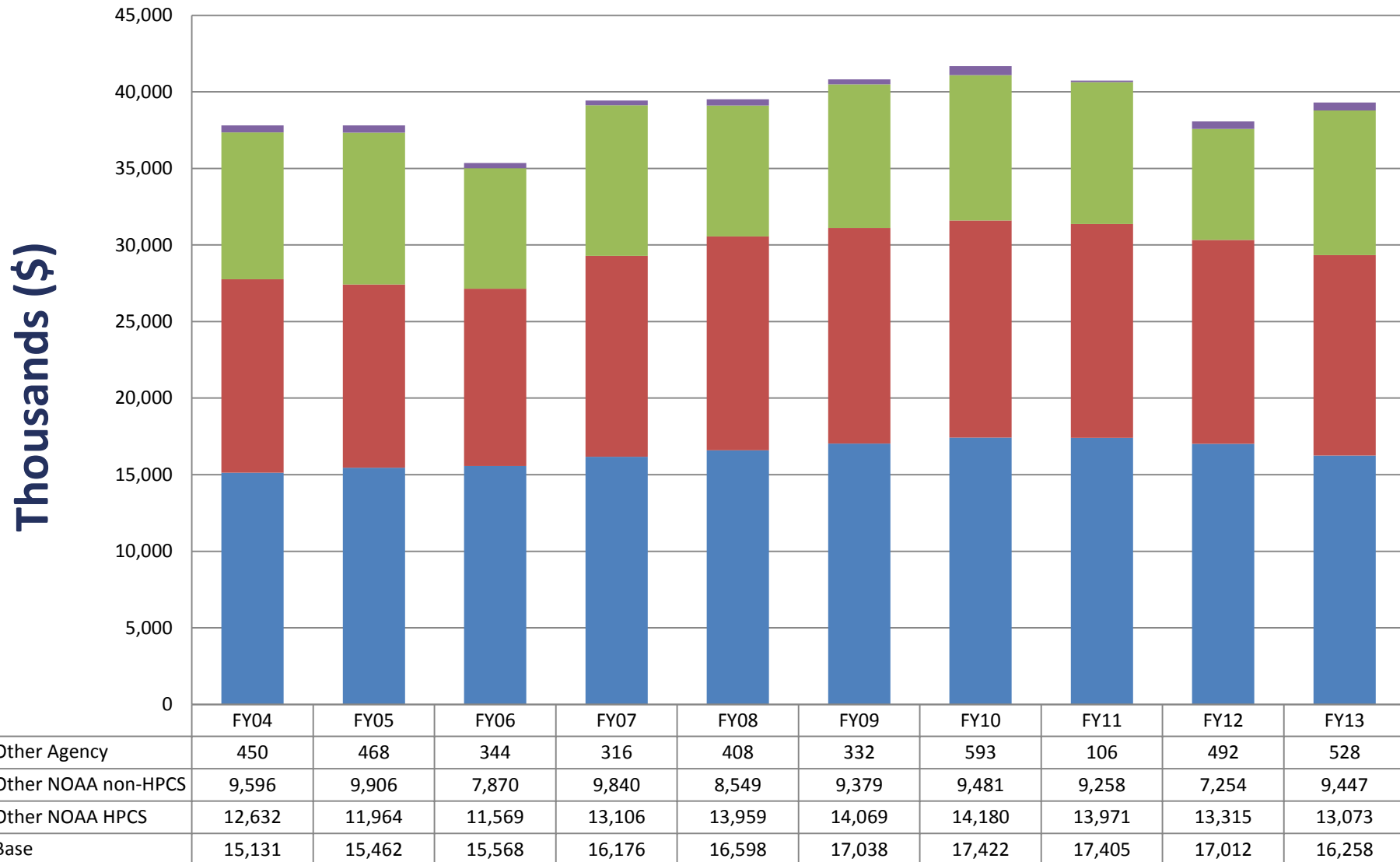


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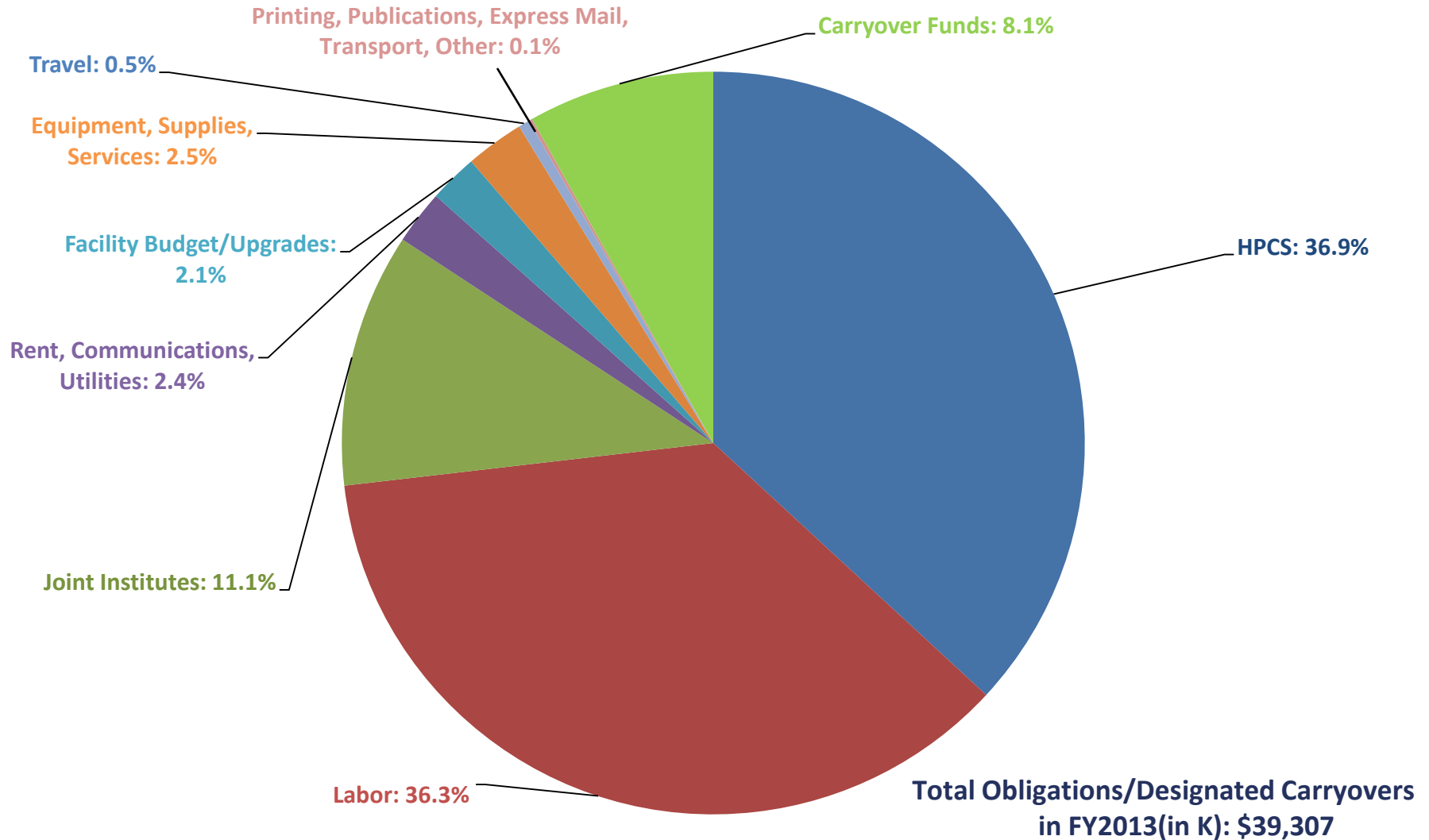


Budget (1k)

Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory 10-Year History Income Profile

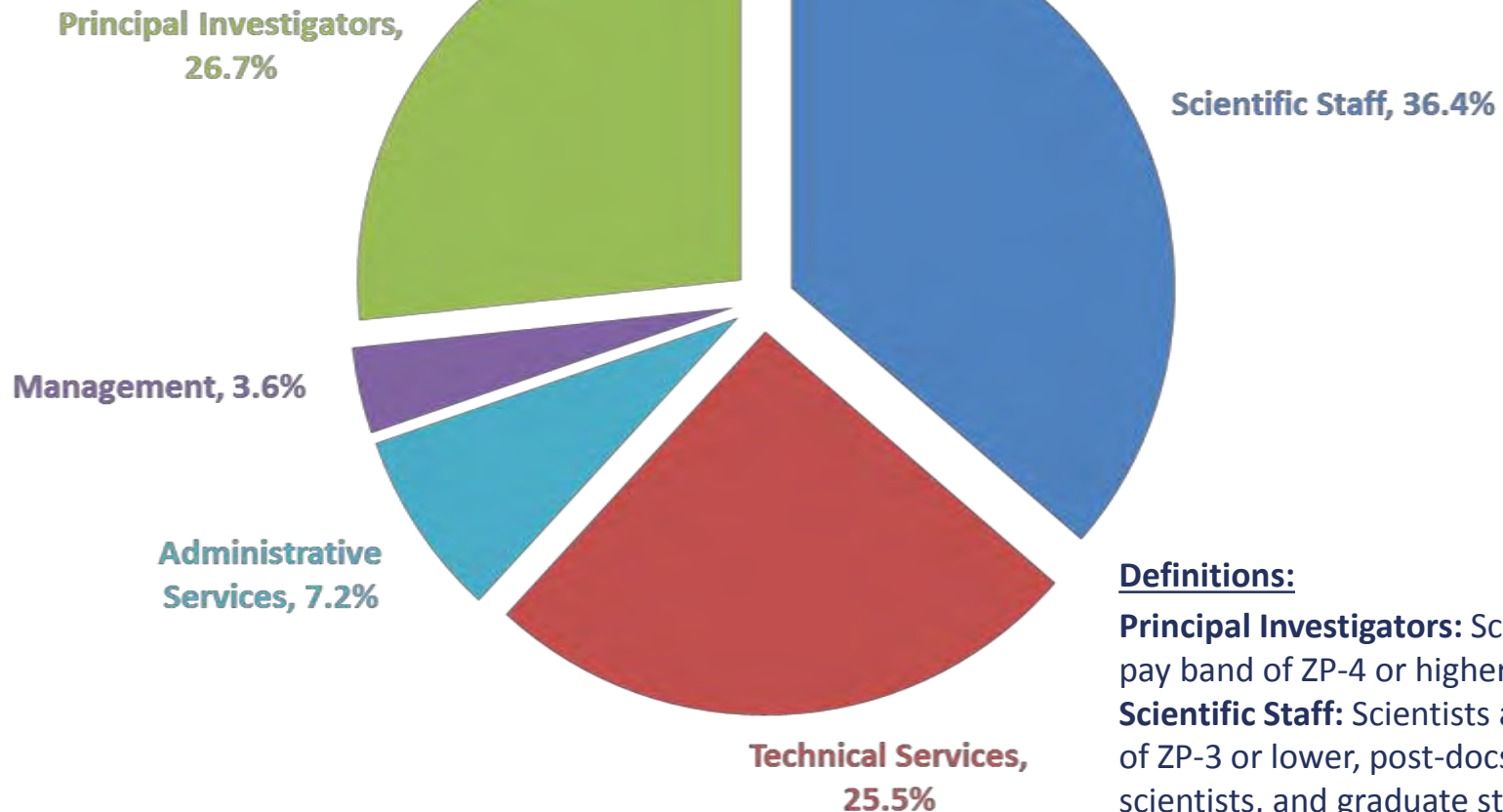


Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory FY 2013 Expenditures



Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory 2013 Workforce Distribution

**TOTAL GFDL, CICS, UCAR,
and Other Staff: 165**



50+ years of success

- **1955:** Collaboration established between Princeton's Advanced Study, the Weather Bureau, Air Force and Navy to develop a computerized model of atmospheric circulation
- **1967:** First model estimate of the impact of CO₂ on temperature
- **1969:** First model coupling the atmosphere and oceans completed (cited as a "Milestone in Scientific Progress")
- **1985:** First diagnosis of the impact of CO₂ on a warming world
- **1990:** First simulation of a warming world
- **1991:** First coupled ocean-atmosphere model completed (MOM1)
- **1995:** First coupled ocean-atmosphere-ice model made Operational
- **1996:** First coupled ocean-atmosphere-ice-land-based study of the impact of global warming on the climate system
- **2000:** Second generation of CM2.0 and CM2.1 completed, two of the world's leading climate models used in 2007 IPCC-AR4.

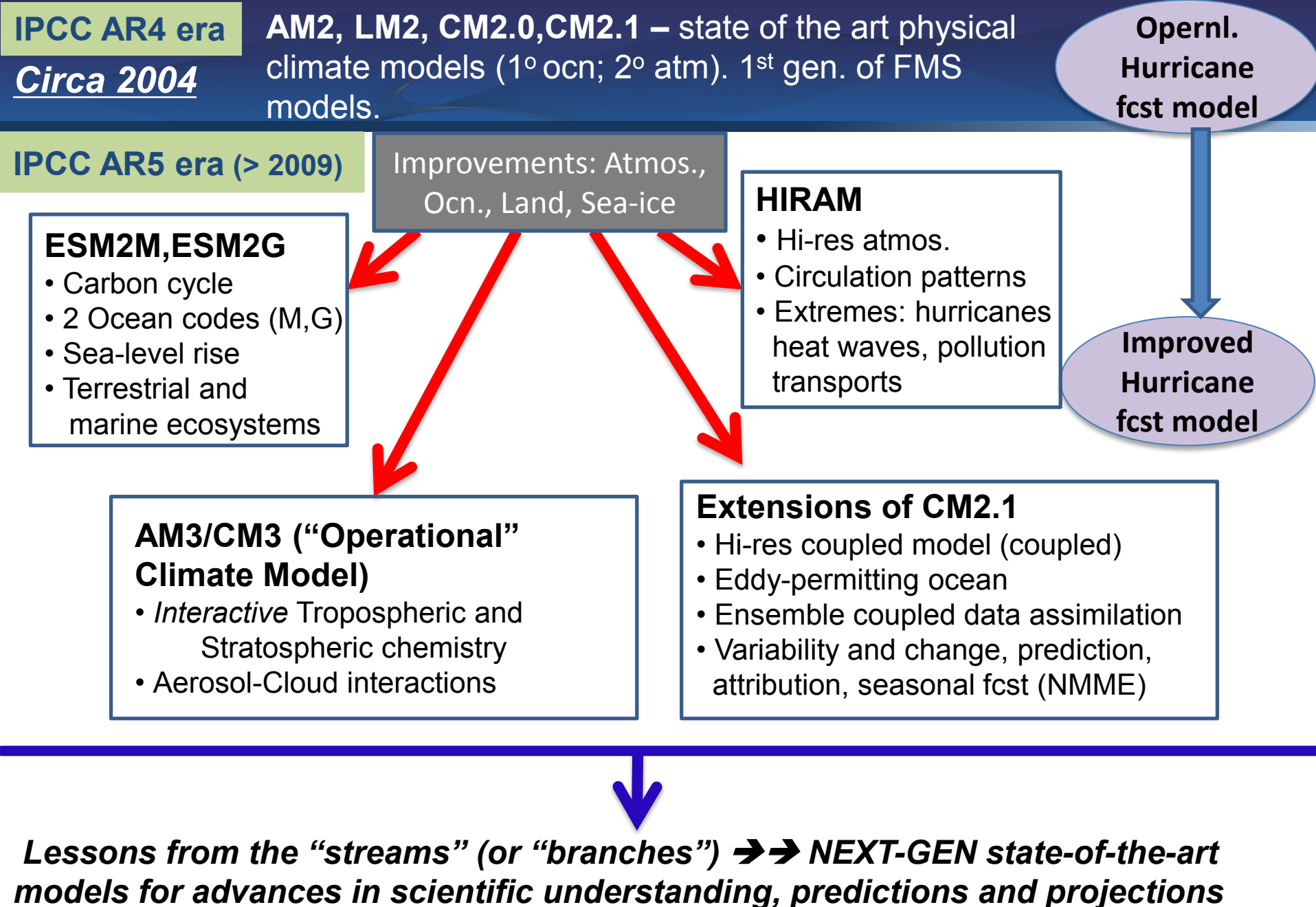
NOAA/ GFDL Climate Modeling (since ~2009)

Contributions to CMIP5, IPCC AR5, and NCA

Advancing the understanding of the climate and Earth System - the processes, mechanisms, and interactions

➔ *reliable global- to regional-scale projections and predictions:*

- 1. Role of pollutant particulates and other short-lived species compared to long-lived gases such as carbon dioxide.**
- 2. Carbon and other biogeochemical cycles, uptake of carbon by land and oceans, and their roles in climate change.**
- 3. High-resolution, atmosphere-ocean models for seasonal- to-centennial variability, predictability and regional change.**
- 4. High-resolution models for understanding “weather extremes” in climate (e.g. hurricanes, heat waves and droughts).**



GFDL's principal products and contributions

- State-of-the-art Climate & Earth System Models; Components; Process modules
 - Made publicly available after vetting process
- Model Output
 - Publicly available through GFDL's Data Portal
- Transitioning products for Operational agencies in U.S. and other countries
 - **MOM** ⇒ NCEP, Australia, Brazil, India, South Africa
 - **Hurricane model** ⇒ NCEP, U.S. Navy
 - **CM2.1 and FLOR** ⇒ North American MultiModel Ensemble [NMME]
 - **Hi-res atmospheric model** ⇒ Taiwan
 - **Dust-generation model** ⇒ Air Force
- Participation/ Leadership: IPCC/ NAS/ WMO Special Reports
 - **AR5 WG1** ⇒ 1 Lead Author (Summary for Policymakers), 2 Lead Authors, 2 Review Editors; **SREX**
- NRC Report on “Advancing Climate Modeling” (1 GFDL, 1 CICS)
- Presentations: Academic; National, International (exceeds 400 since last Review)

Princeton University/ CICS, and NOAA/ GFDL

→ A Vibrant, Synergistic and Productive Relationship



- **Graduate Teaching, Education & Visiting Scientists Programs:**

- 10-12 GFDL scientists on Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Program Faculty, who teach courses and are mentors or serve on Ph. D. committees.
- 8 Ph. D. theses (since 2009). AOS Program: 93 Ph. D. degrees awarded.
- Long-term CICS scientists (7) in key portfolios at GFDL.
- 68 Visiting Scientists (since 2009). 292 Visiting Scientists since inception.

- **Earth System Research leverage:** Ocean Biogeochem., Land-Surface Modeling, Ecology

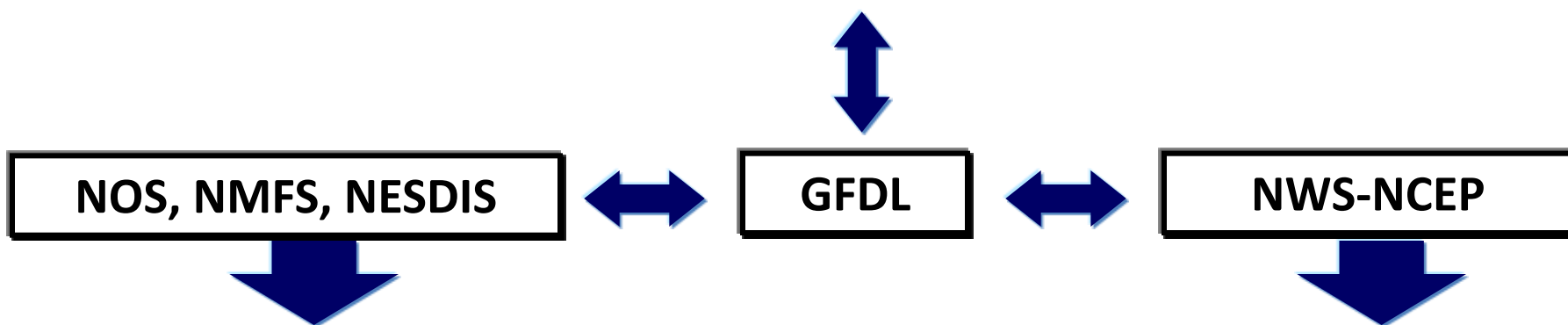
- **Leveraging PU Carbon Mitigation Initiative (BP)** – developing capability to monitor carbon sources and sinks

- ❑ **AOS Program (Geosciences), and Princeton Environmental Institute**

- ❑ **Departments:** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Woodrow Wilson School, PICSciE (comp. science),...

GFDL's modeling and linkages with NOAA LOs

R & D in OAR: Simulation-Observation synergy, analysis, understanding



Activities (NOS):

- Restoration and Response: DWH plume modeling
- Sea-level rise

Activities (NMFS):

- Climate and Fisheries
- Climate and Marine Ecosystems

Activities (NESDIS):

- Coral bleaching

Activities (NCEP)

- NOAA modeling framework for Earth System Models
- Seasonal-Interannual
 - Experimental forecasts (NMME)
 - Seasonal hurricane outlook
 - ENSO outlook
- Modular Ocean Model (MOM)
- Oper. hurricane model, forecasts

GFDL's Modeling Collaborators, Stakeholders and Customers [Federal Agencies]

R & D, applications: Use of models and simulations

DOE, NASA, NSF(NCAR),
USDA, USGS*, USACE



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Activities:

- Dynamical cores. Model development
- Understanding model biases
- Community based modeling framework
- Joint projects on high resolution models, model-observation (satellite, surface, aircraft) comparisons,
- Projects on climate, chemistry, carbon cycle, and Earth System modeling
- Weather-climate Impacts and extremes

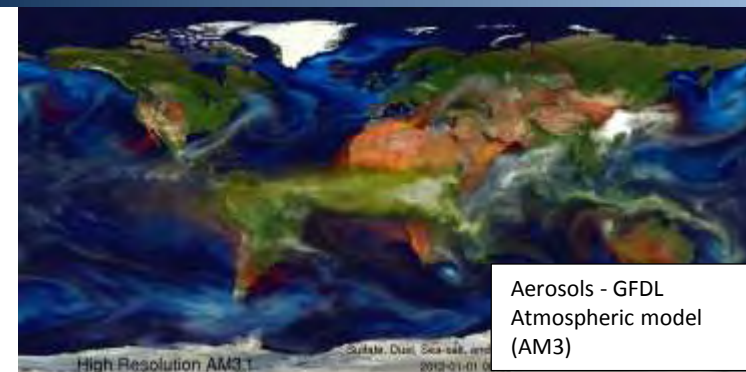
Inter-agency modeling links → USGCRP - IGIM

GFDL's Collaborators/ Partnerships... continued

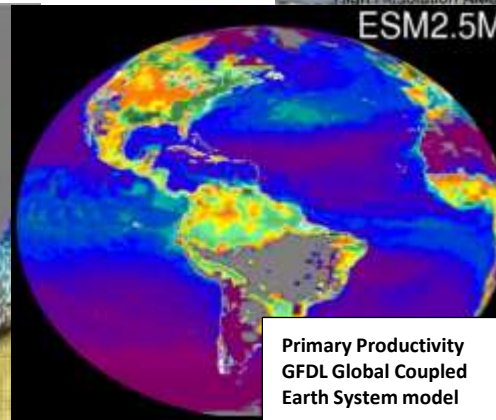
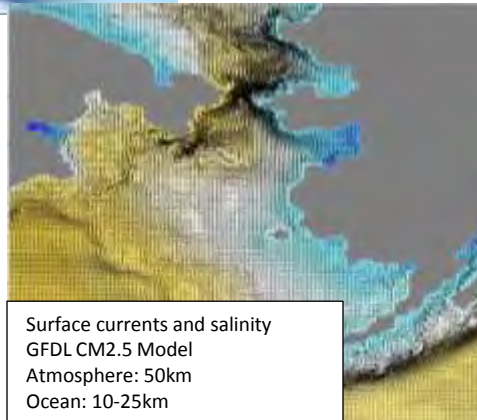
- Climate diagnostics; climate change [CICAR/ Lamont, Columbia University]
- Climate Process Teams [“CPTs” on Atmosphere, Oceans]
- South Central Climate Science Center [University of Oklahoma, DOI]
- NOAA (and multi-agency) field campaigns [ICARTT, VOCALS, CalNex, SENEX]
- Joint workshops, research [NOAA (Grand Challenges, CPO, NMFS, CINAR); DOE/ ARM; NASA; EPA]
- UCAR [**41** Visiting Scientists]
- Internships [**102**: NOAA (Hollings, NCAS/CREST), Princeton, MPOWIR,.....]
- International [WMO, WCRP (*CLIVAR*, *GEWEX*, *SPARC*, *CLiC*) , IGBP, UNEP,....]
- Governmental [Australia, Taiwan, South Korea, India, China/Hong Kong, Japan, UK, European Union, France,.....]
- US Federal and non-Federal partners: **30**. Institutions abroad: **23**
- Private sector: [BP/CMI, Atmos. Research, Willis Re]

NOAA/ OAR/ GFDL Modeling: Advancing the Science

Use-inspired research

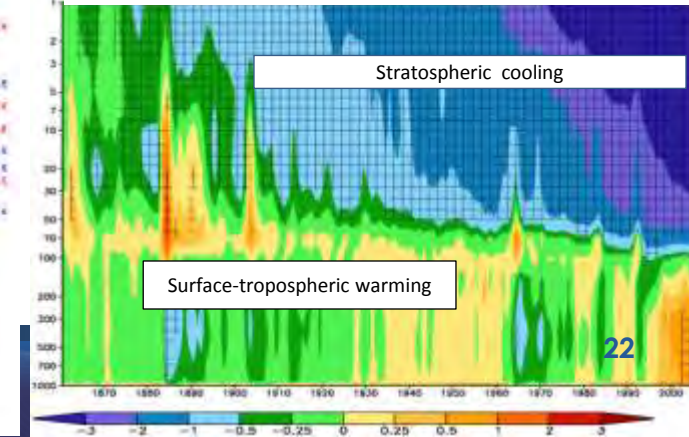
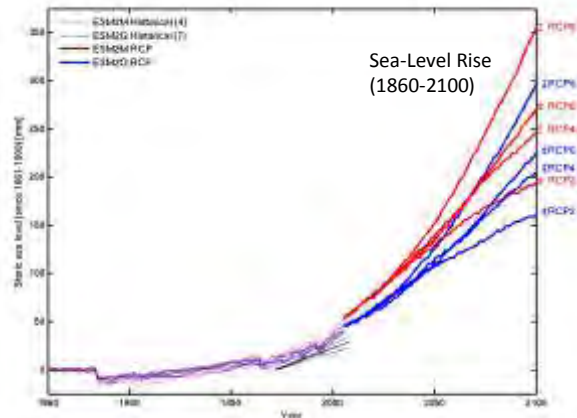
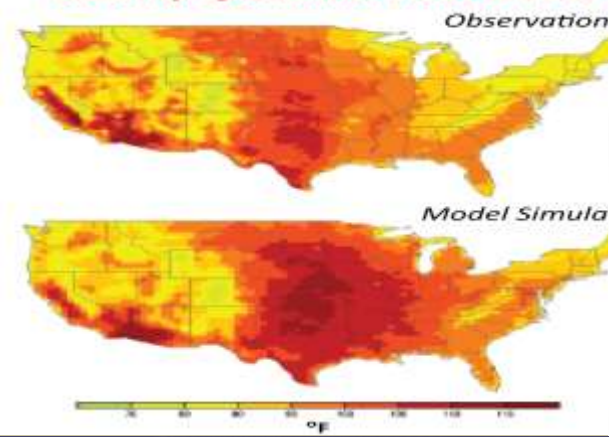


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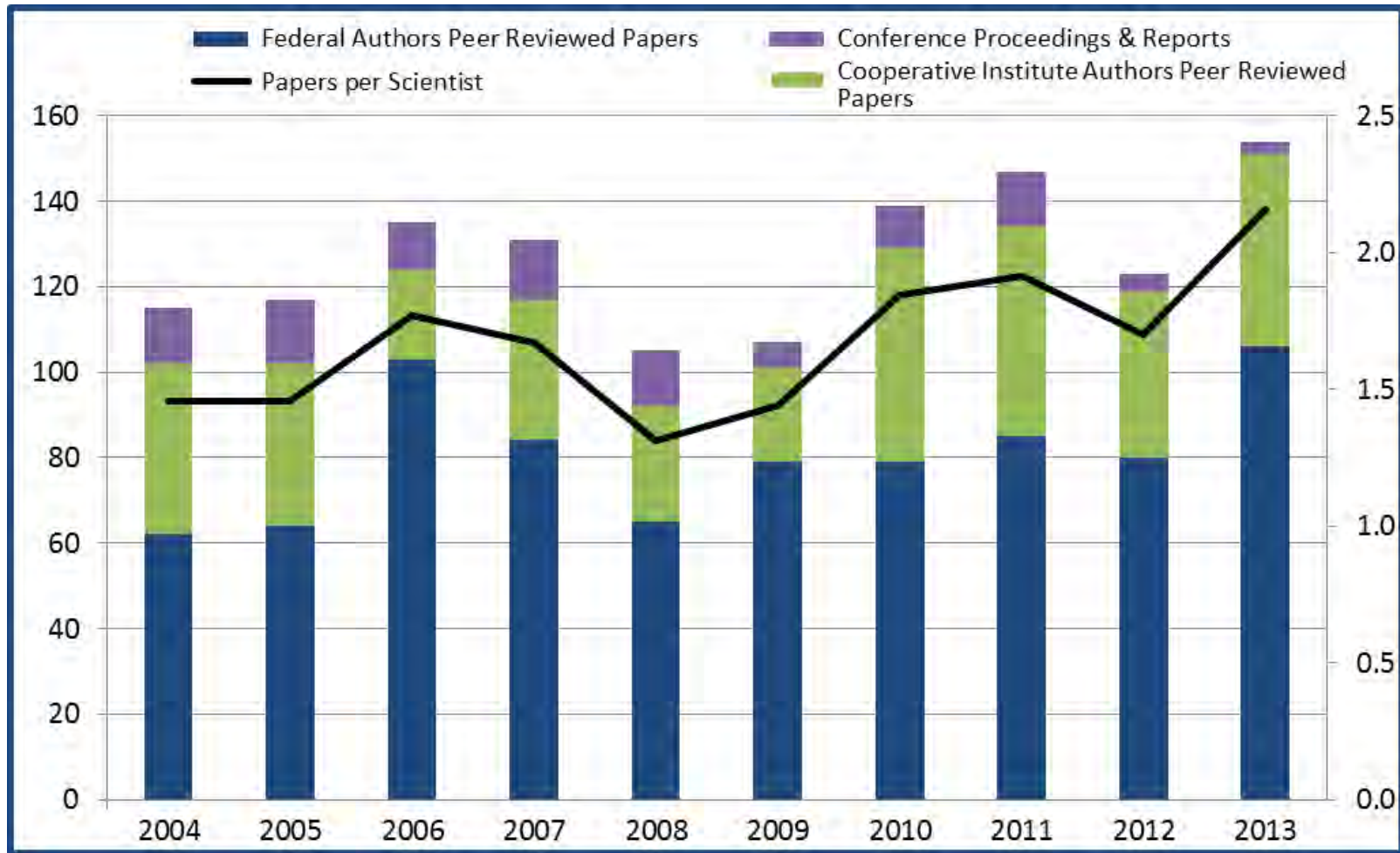


Earth System Complexity

Severity of Summer Heat Waves



Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory Publications, FY 2004 - FY 2013



Response to the 2009 Review

- Move to the Main Campus
- National Climate Service
- Preserving core strengths
- Strategic Plan
- Recruit leader in biogeochemistry for ESM
- More engagement with the Decadal Prediction problem
- Expand partnerships: NOAA, Feds, and academia
- Strengthen opportunities for junior scientists
- Nominations committee for achievement awards
- Address minority and gender balance
- Greater transparency and wider Lab participation
- *Review*: synthetic assessment; informal meeting time

Honors, Awards (since 2009)

Major recognitions:

NATIONAL

- Presidential Rank for Distinguished Sr professional
- Bowie Medal (Emeritus)
- Roger Revelle Medal (CICS)
- AGU Hydro. Sciences (USGS)
- 2 AGU Fellows (1 USGS)
- 2 AMS Fellows
- AMS Hydology (USGS)
- AGU Macelwane
- AMS Meisinger
- Presidential Early Career
- Bernhard Haurwitz Lecturer
- Houghton Lecturer (MIT)
- AGU James Holton Young Sc.
- AGU Ascent
- Penn State Alumni Fellow
- 4 Foreign Policy's Leading Global Thinkers of 2013
- 4 Journal Editors' citations
- Student presentation recognitions (AMS, AGU)

DOC / NOAA / OAR

- 17 DOC Gold Medalists
- 15 DOC Silver Medalists
- 32 DOC Bronze Medalists
- NOAA Administrator award (2)
- Distinguished Career award (2)
- Employee of the Year (2)
- NOAA General Counsel (2)
- OAR Graduate Studies Program
- Green Steward
- EEO Counselor
- Energy and Water Management (9)

*Models in 3 of the 4
"streams" for CMIP5 have
won DOC medals (4th
submitted)*

INTERNATIONAL

- Kyoto Earth Hall of Fame (Emeritus; Japan)
- BBVA Frontiers of Science (Spain)
- 3 WMO Norbert Gerbier-MUMM Awardees
- Sir Gilbert Walker Chair Professorship (India)
- EGU Nansen Medal (Europe)
- Noble Lecturer – University of Toronto (Canada)
- Bert Bolin Lecturer (Sweden)
- WCRP Open Science Conference: Oral papers (3)
- RAICES Prize (Argentina)
- CSIRO Distinguished Visiting Scientist (Australia)
- Wei Lun Distinguished Visiting Professor (Hong Kong)
- SPARC Conference paper

Understanding, leading to improved Projections and Predictions [from the GFDL 5-10 year Strategic Science Plan, June 2011]

➔ Higher spatial resolution and increased Earth System realism

- Short-lived species effects in the 21st C (Aerosols, Ozone)
- Aerosol-cloud-precipitation-climate feedbacks
- Hydrologic cycle: regional-to-local aspects
- Tropical storms : frequency, trajectory, landfall, trends
- Seasonal-to-decadal Predictability: natural variation and forcing
- Detection-and-Attribution
- Land-ice and cryosphere; polar (Arctic , Antarctic) climates
- Extremes and abrupt changes in the Earth System
- Biogeochemical cycles, exchanges between atmosphere, ocean and land, and interactions with the physical climate
- Climate change impacts on sea-level rise and ecosystems

“Gaea” → Next HPC... 2016??



Computational challenges

Capability: Maximum simulated years per day of a single model instance.

Capacity: Aggregate Simulation Years Per Day (SYPD) on available hardware.

Computational capacity gets consumed along 3 axes

- **Resolution**: N^4 increase in capacity → only N increase in resolution
- **Complexity**: new processes and components
- **Ensemble size**: quadratic in resolution (increased resolution → larger ensembles)

Model choices (*resolution, complexity, ensemble size*) based upon

- capability requirements (e.g., 5-10 SYPD for Dec-Cen, 50-100 SYPD for Carbon Cycle)
- available allocation

→ **balanced investment between hardware and software**

Challenges in sustaining world-leading science

- State-of-the-art, high-end, climate and Earth System models – science, service, and stewardship in modeling and applications
- Demand for increased realism → complexity, increased resolution, and ensemble runs
- Uncertainties in budgeting process
- Barriers impeding clarity of purpose e.g., “weather vs climate”
- Matching Lab internal and external expectations
- Federal-level shakiness e.g., shutdown/ furlough, travel restrictions, hiring freezes

GFDL credo

- Strive for exceptional scientific quality and integrity
- Scientific underpinning of NOAA 's Mission through creative, focused research, delivering timely products
- Recruit the best talent, and nurture a healthy environment for research into the hard, long lead-time problems
- Maintain a healthy “brainware-to-hardware” ratio
- Recognize that new opportunities occur at existing boundaries and across traditional disciplines
- Do not compromise on quality and rigor for short-term illusory gains

Arrangement of this Review

TUESDAY

THEME I. Modeling the Earth System

AM: Component models with applications.

Lunch: Hurricane model and CMIP presentation.

PM: GFDL's next-gen model development. Posters.

Panel meets with selected scientists. Review panel (CLOSED). GFDLEA cookout (ALL).

WEDNESDAY

THEME II. Climate Variability and Change: Understanding and Prediction

AM: Prediction.

Understanding internal variability and forced change.

Lunch: Posters. Panel meets with AOS/ CICS graduate students.

THEME III. Chemistry, Carbon, Ecosystems, and Climate

PM: Presentations.

PM: Review Panel meets with Stakeholders.

Concurrent meeting of OAR, Director, Deputy Director with LO reps.

Panel meets with RC, SB, OAR AA and DAA [Dinner].

THURSDAY [ALL sessions CLOSED]

- Panel meets with Cooperative Institute for Climate Science [Princeton University]
- Q&A with GFDL and OAR Management

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“Climate science has its own stamp” - Earth Day, April 22, 2014

