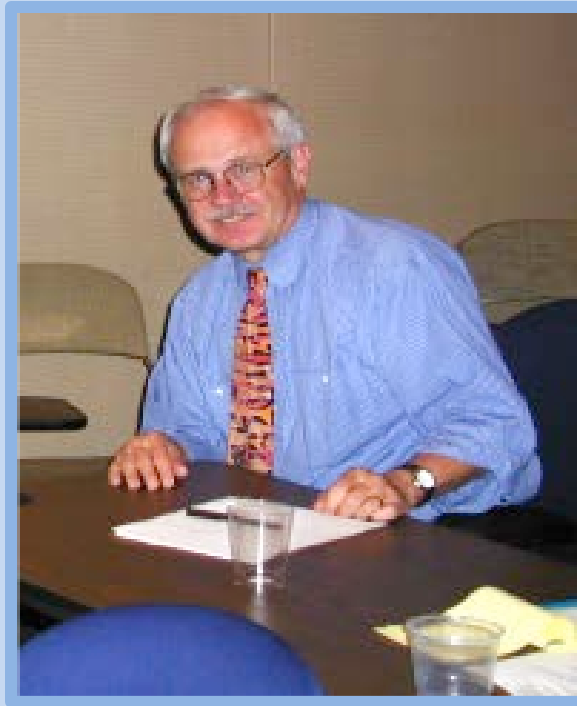


# Welcome to NOAA/ OAR/ GFDL Symposium

V. “Ram” Ramaswamy

Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory Fall Science Symposium  
November 2, 2017





SYMPOSIUM is dedicated to the  
Memory of  
**ANTS LEETMAA**  
(1942 – 2017)

# Logistics

- Please silence your cellphone during the Symposium
- Breaks will be upstairs (note: Taylor Auditorium is on B Level)
- No food or beverages allowed in the Taylor auditorium
- Restrooms are located on the A Floor – right side
- The GFDL “bell” will be used to call you all back from the breaks.
- See Dale Walton or Morina Royer for any logistics questions.



# DOC Strategic Objective NOAA - Alignment of Strategy



Research

Development

Transition

CLIMATE

WEATHER

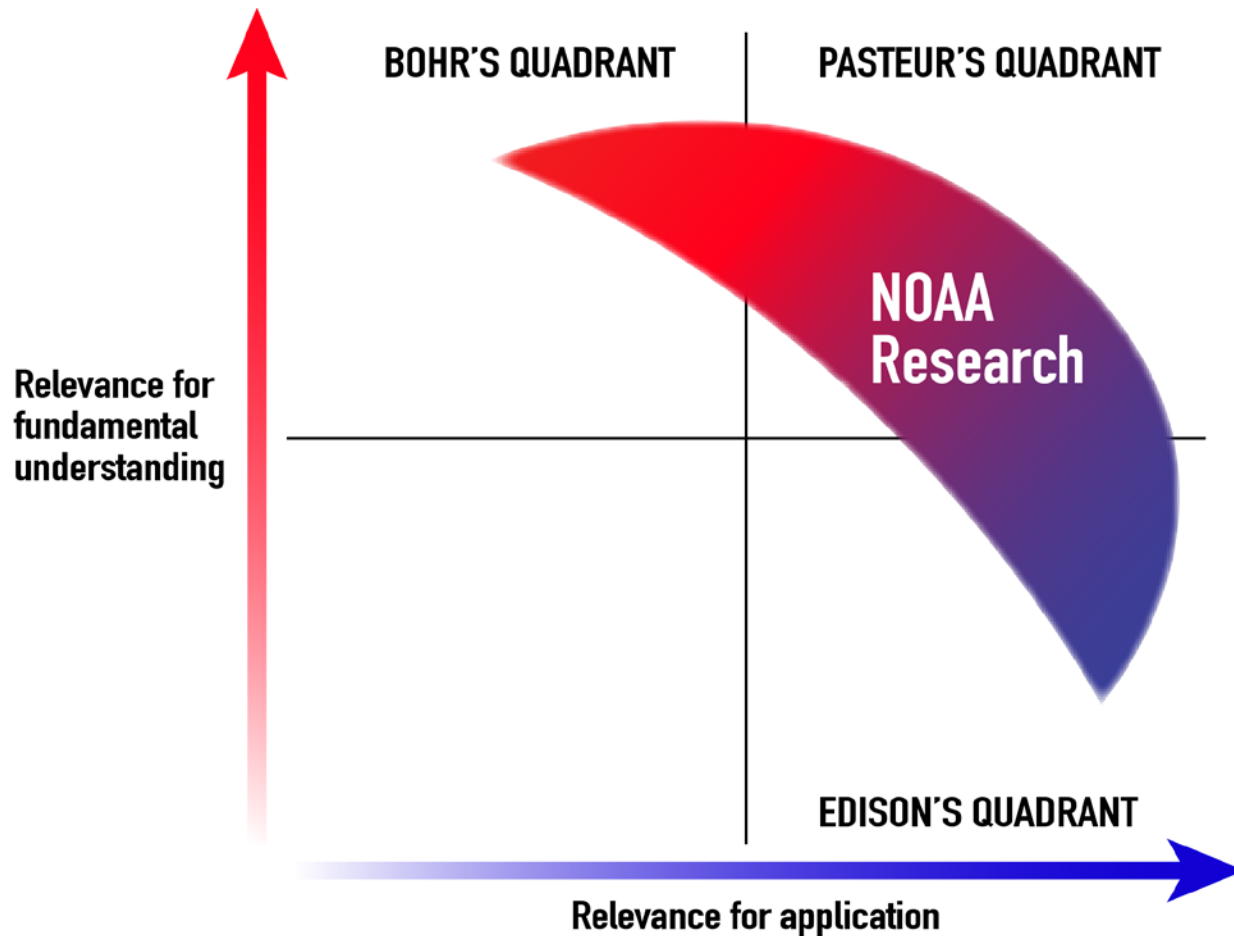
OCEANS

COASTS

## OAR MISSION

Conduct research to understand and predict the Earth's oceans, weather and climate, to advance NOAA science, service and stewardship and transition the results so they are useful to society.

# NOAA Strategic Research



Adapted from  
Donald Stokes (Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University):  
"Pasteur's Quadrant: Basic Science and Technological Innovation" (1997)

# NOAA: Science, Service, Stewardship



***GFDL Research  
➔ supporting the DOC,  
NOAA and OAR Objectives***

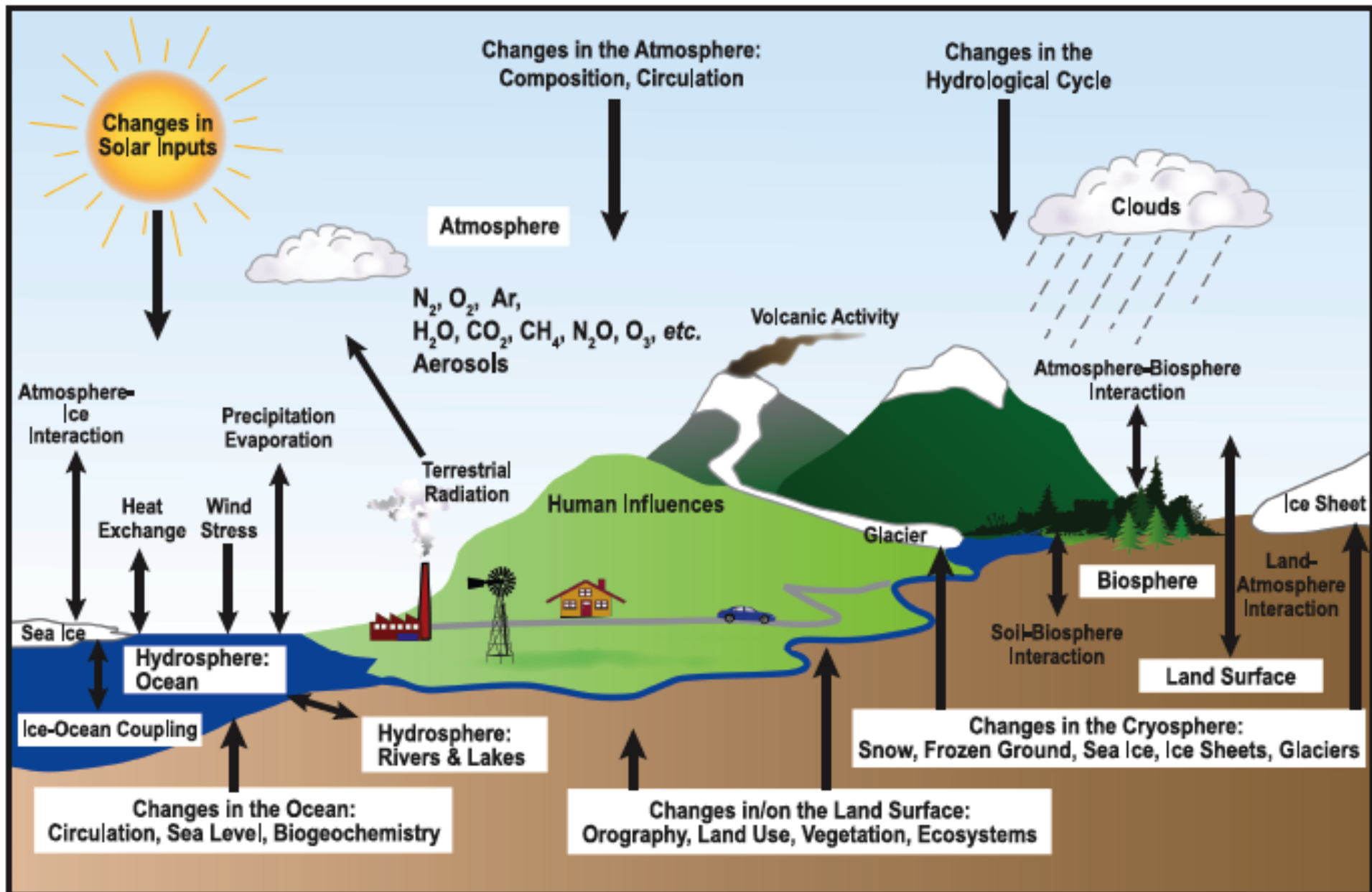
*“To advance scientific understanding of climate and its natural and anthropogenic variations and impacts, and improve NOAA’s predictive capabilities, through the development and use of world-leading computer models of the Earth System.”*

**Partnership with Princeton University since 1968**



# The Earth System

## (Atmosphere, Oceans, Biosphere, Cryosphere, Ecosystems)



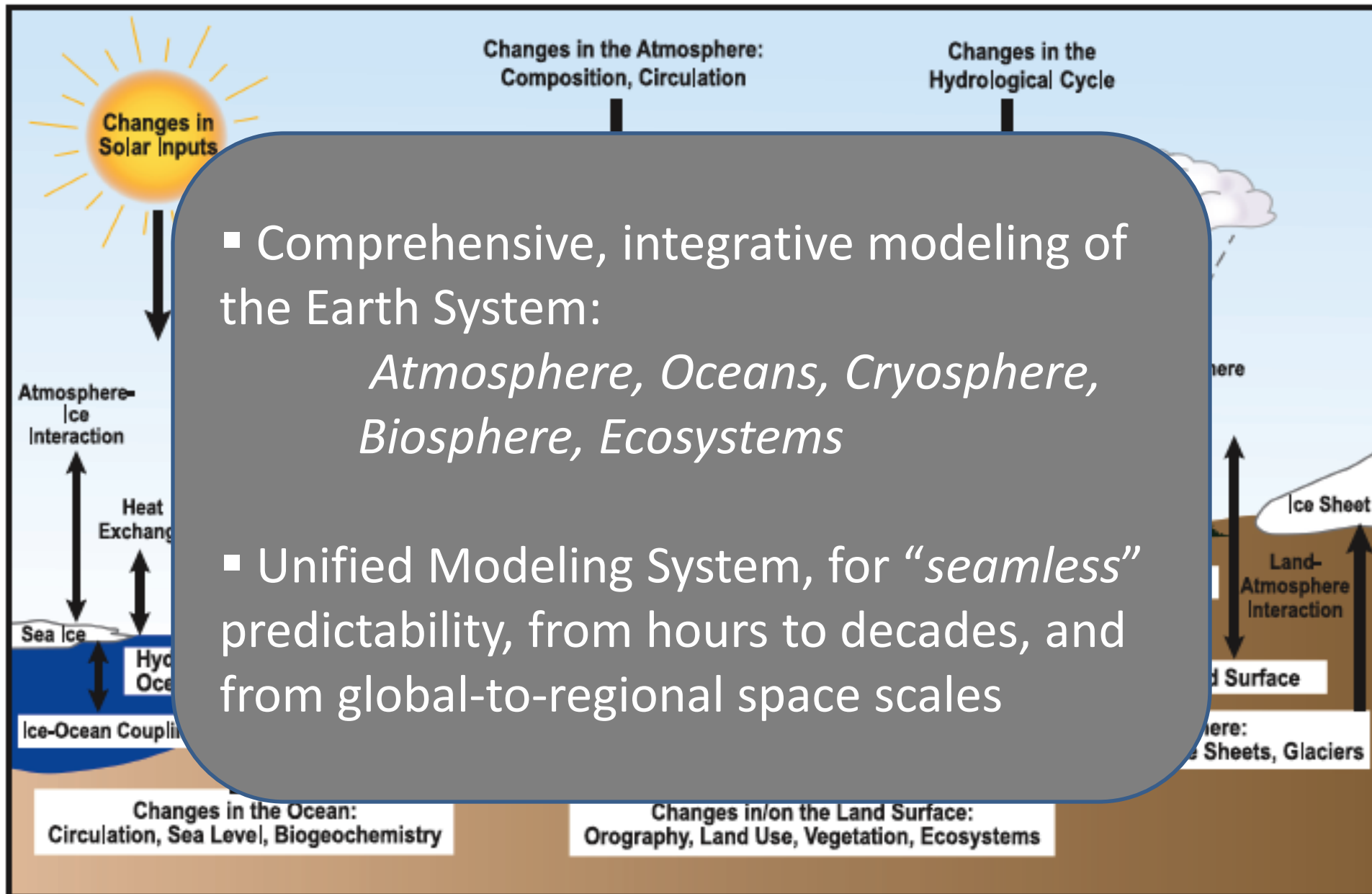
# Chronology of recent GFDL Symposia and Review

- 2008: *Climate Research and Modeling Review*
- 2009: *OAR External Review*
- 2011: Symposium: *“Advancing Scientific Understanding”*
- 2013: Symposium: *“Frontiers in Climate and earth System Modeling”*
- 2014: *OAR External Review*
- 2015: *GFDL 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee): “Past, Present, and Future GFDL Success”*
- 2017: Symposium: *“Current Research and Modeling of the Earth System”*



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# Major advancements in weather and climate science have come about with

- Improvements in theory & observations;
- Improved understanding of processes; and
- Advances in computational modeling

Oceans, Atmosphere, Biosphere, Cryosphere, Ecosystems

## *Mathematical Modeling*

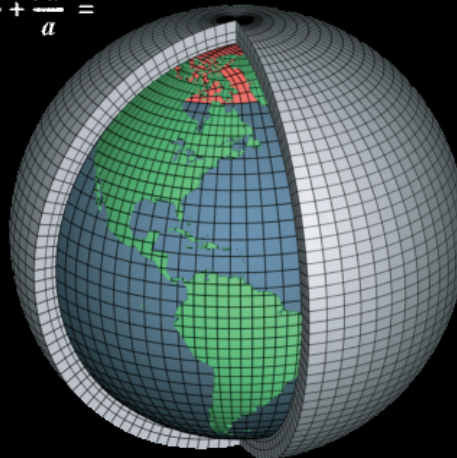
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \frac{u}{a \cos \phi} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{v}{a} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \phi} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{u^2 \tan \phi}{a} + \frac{vw}{a} = -\frac{1}{\rho_0 a} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \phi} - fu + F^\phi$$

$$f = 2\Omega \sin \phi$$

$$p(z) = \int_z^0 \rho g dz + p_s$$

$$\frac{1}{a \cos \phi} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{u}{a \cos \phi} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{v}{a} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} + D^{T\lambda} + D^{T\phi} + D^{Tz}$$



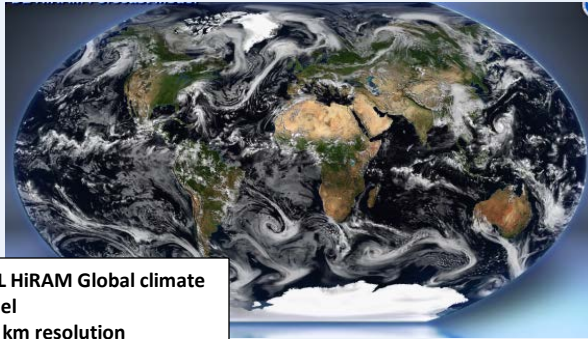
## *High-Performance Computing*



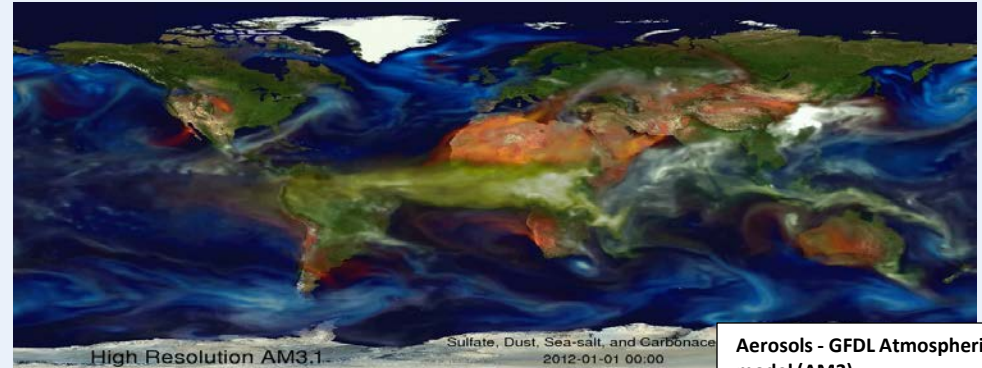
NOAA's R&D HPC "Gaea" located at Oakridge National Laboratory in Tennessee

# Use-inspired Research →

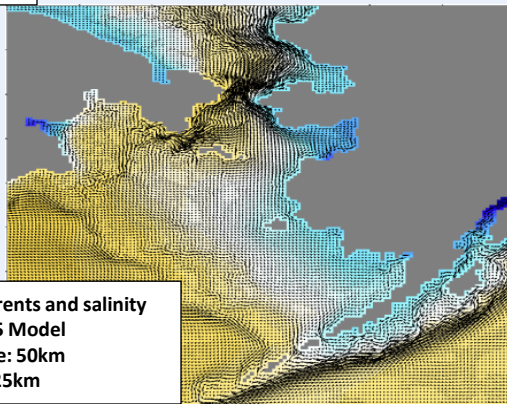
*“Seamless” models across weather to climate timescales*  
[powered by the NOAA “FV3” atmospheric dynamical core, and MOM]



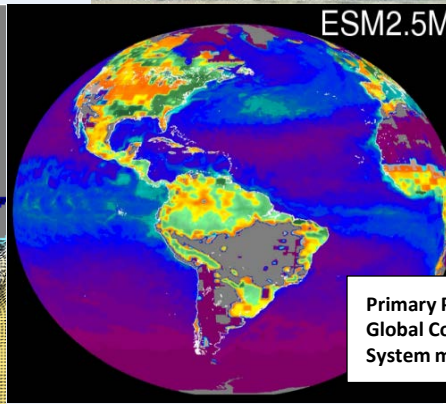
GFDL HiRAM Global climate model  
12.5 km resolution



Aerosols - GFDL Atmospheric model (AM3)



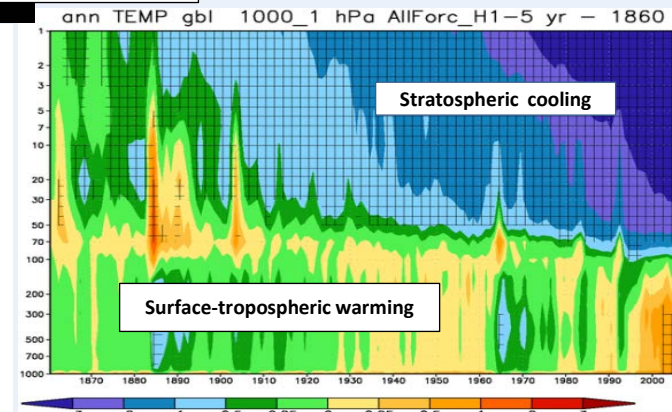
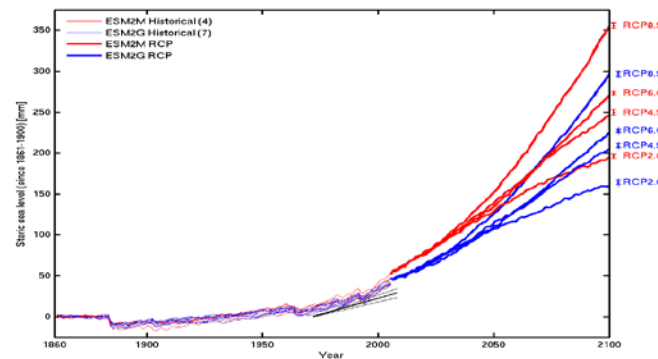
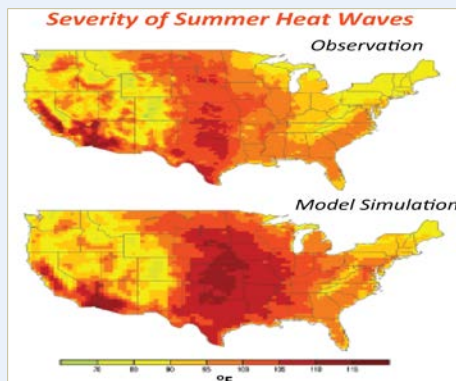
Surface currents and salinity  
GFDL CM2.5 Model  
Atmosphere: 50km  
Ocean: 10-25km



Primary Productivity GFDL  
Global Coupled Earth  
System model

Resolution

Earth System Complexity

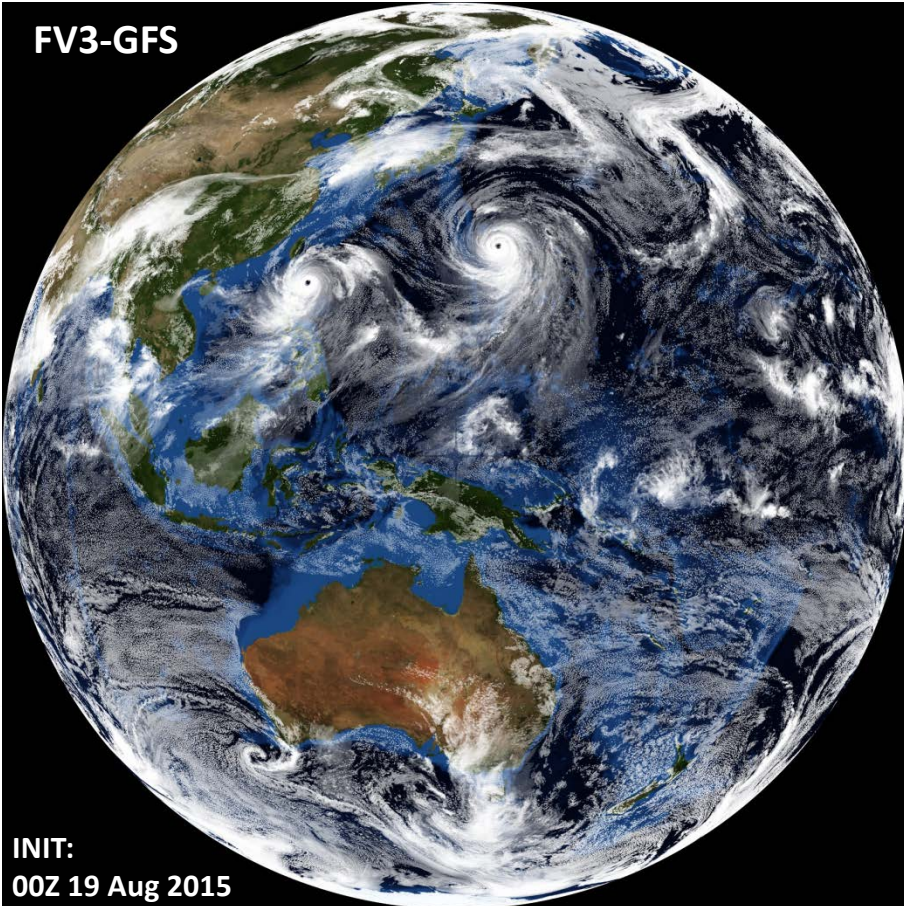




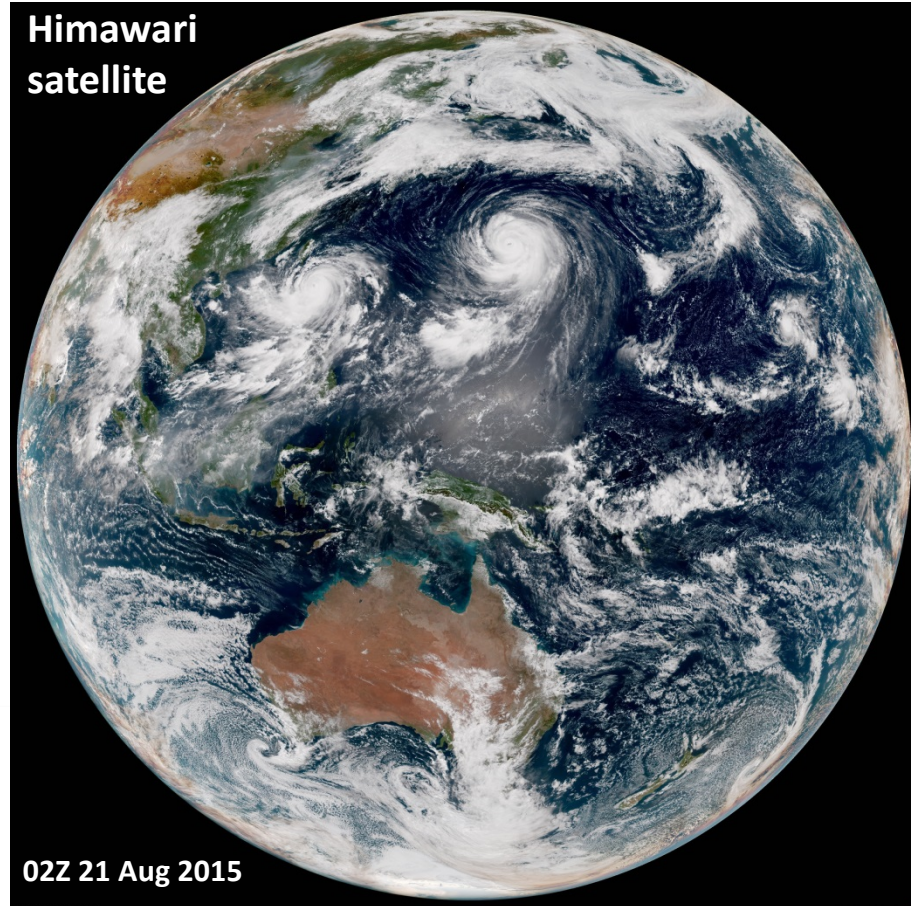
# FV3 core and GFS-based physics

- FV3-powered Global Forecast System to be a unified modeling system for regional to global predictions from 1-km to 100-km.
- Atmospheric dynamical core of NOAA's Next Generation Global Weather Model

**FV3-GFS**



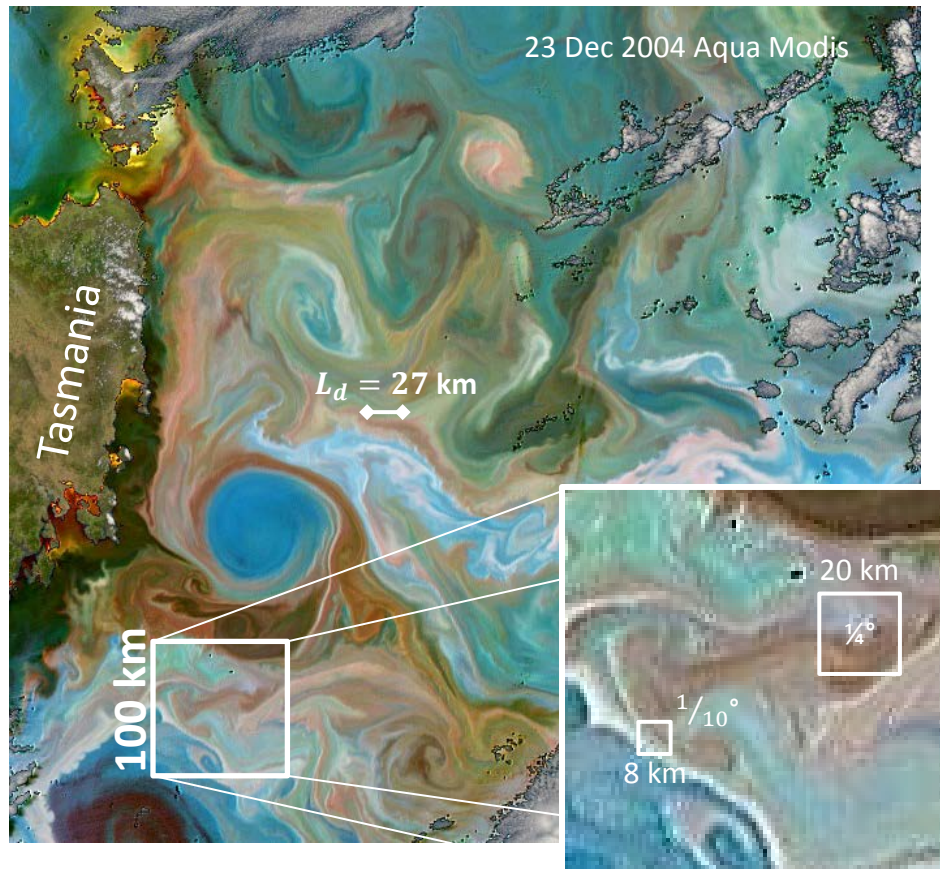
**Himawari  
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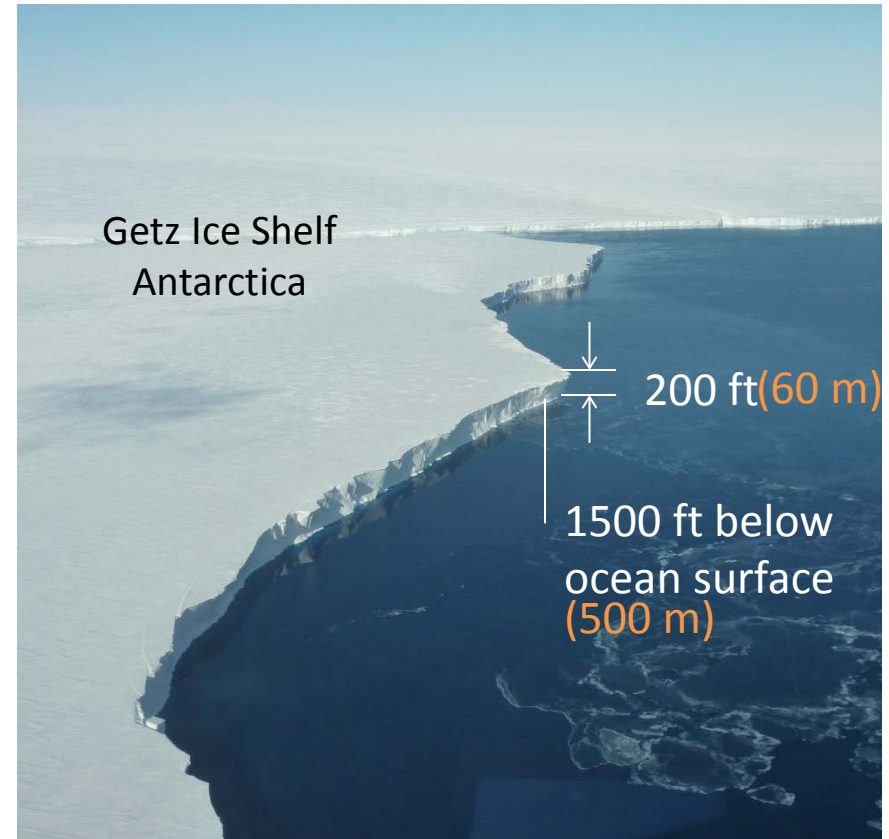


# Frontiers in ocean/ice-sheet modeling: MOM6

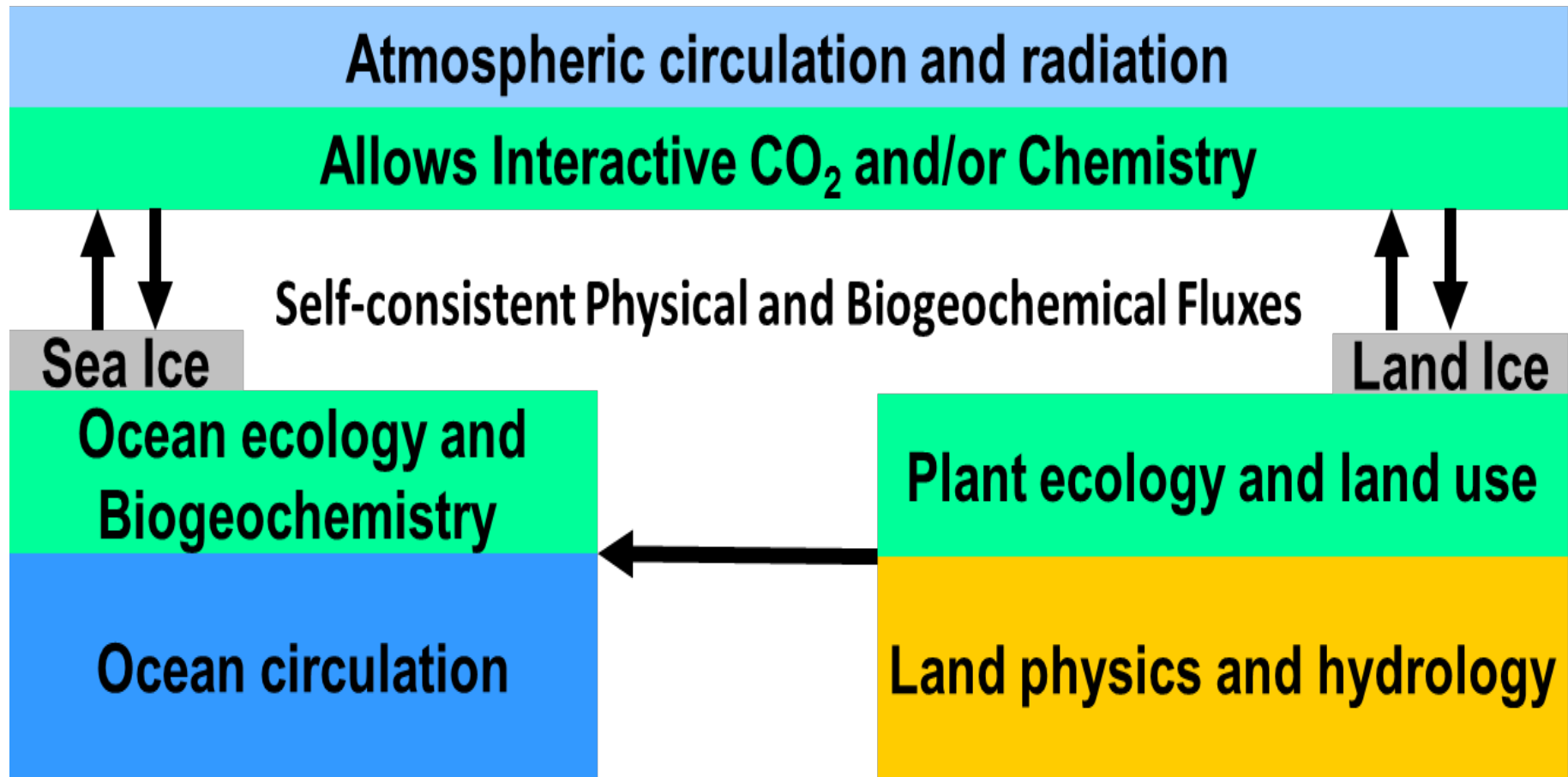
## Role of ocean eddies in climate/earth system



## Sea-level rise and ice-sheet/ocean interaction



# GFDL ESMs for Coupled Biogeochemistry - Atmospheric Chemistry - Ecosystems - Climate



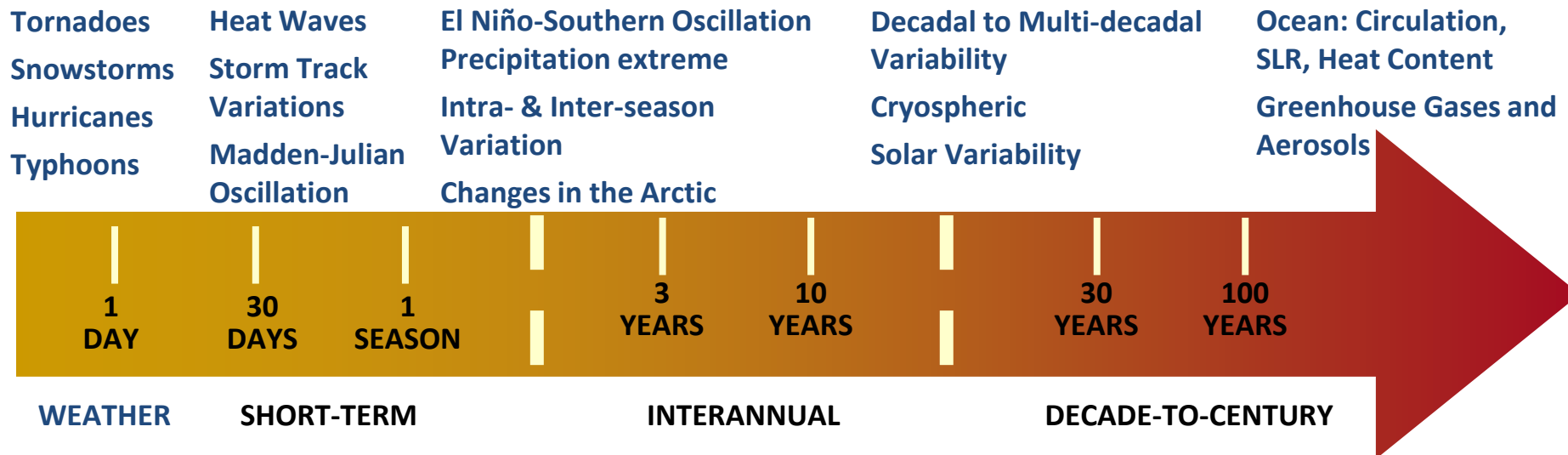


# Multiple weather-climate phenomena to be addressed

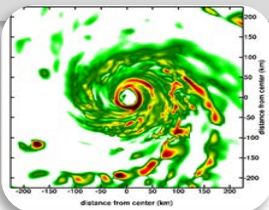
## *Quantify variability, extremes, and change*

### National Research Council (2012) Recommendation: *“Unified” modeling approaches*

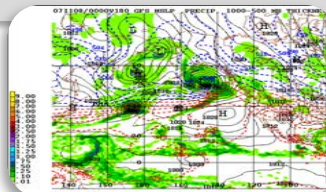
#### Internal Variability and External Forcings



Sub-seasonal-to -  
Seasonal

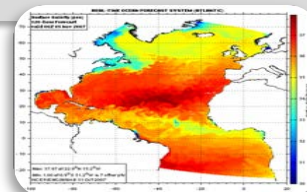


Seasonal-to-  
Interannual



Interannual-to-  
Decadal

Decadal-to-Multidecadal



Weather to Climate is “Seamless”

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*Quantify variability, extremes, and change*

- **Seamless Modeling of Weather, Climate, and Earth System:**
  - Components
  - Coupled Interactions
- **Earth System Processes: Atmosphere-Land Focus**
- **Earth System Processes: Oceans-Cryosphere Focus**

Weather to Climate is “Seamless”

# THANK YOU *to*

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