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# Observing System Design, Simulation, and Demonstration

ERSL Research Theme Presentations

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# ESRL Integrating Research Themes

## **Understanding atmospheric mechanisms that drive the Earth's climate.**

Aerosols: Climate

Carbon Cycle Science

Radiative Forcing of Climate by Non-CO2 Atmospheric Gases

Surface and Planetary Boundary Layer Processes

## **Assuring the continuing health and restoration of atmospheric resources.**

Aerosols: Air Quality

Stratospheric Ozone Layer Recovery

Tropospheric Ozone and Air Quality

## **Improving predictions through expanded climate and weather products.**

The Weather-Climate Connection

Climate and Water Systems

Regional and Local-scale Assimilation and Modeling

Global Weather Assimilation and Modeling

Hydrometeorological Testbed (HMT)

## **Advancing national research capabilities.**

Building a Service-based Grid Computing Infrastructure

Information Systems

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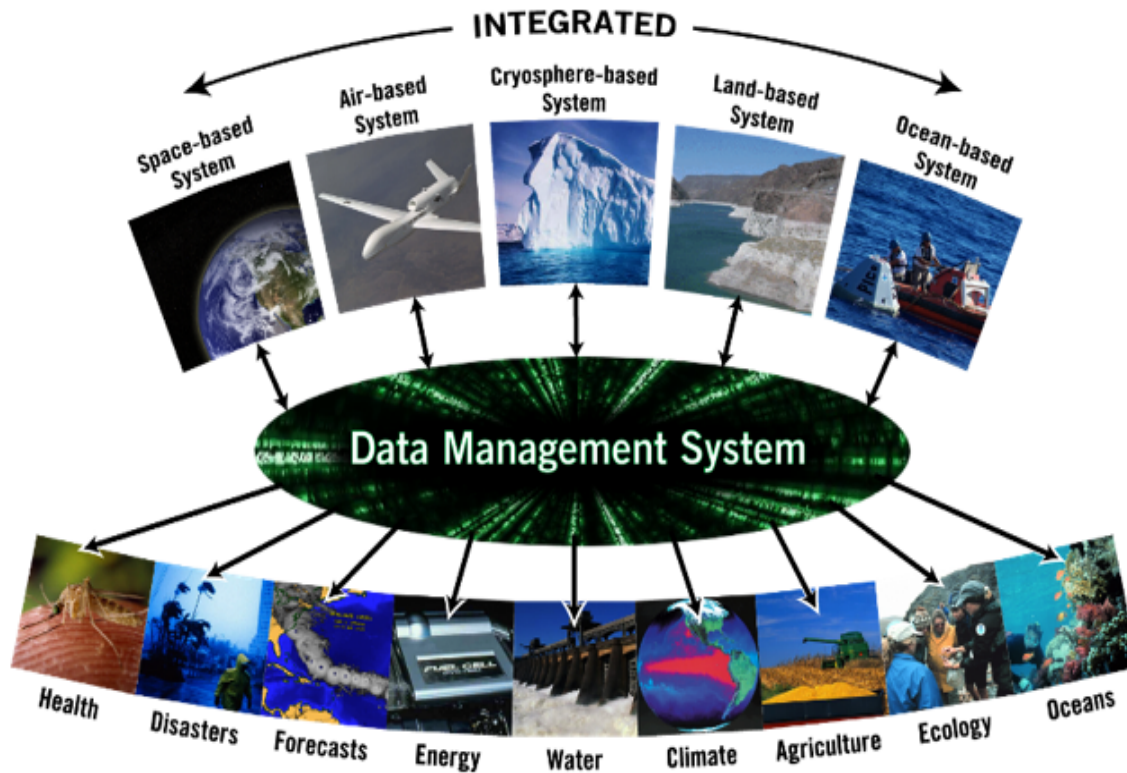
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# Observing Systems

## Global Earth Observation System of Systems



## Observing System Questions

What is observing system design, simulation, and demonstration?

Why are observing systems important?

What are the benefits for society?

What observing systems do we currently have in place?

What are the data gaps?

What new systems are needed?

What is NOAA's role?

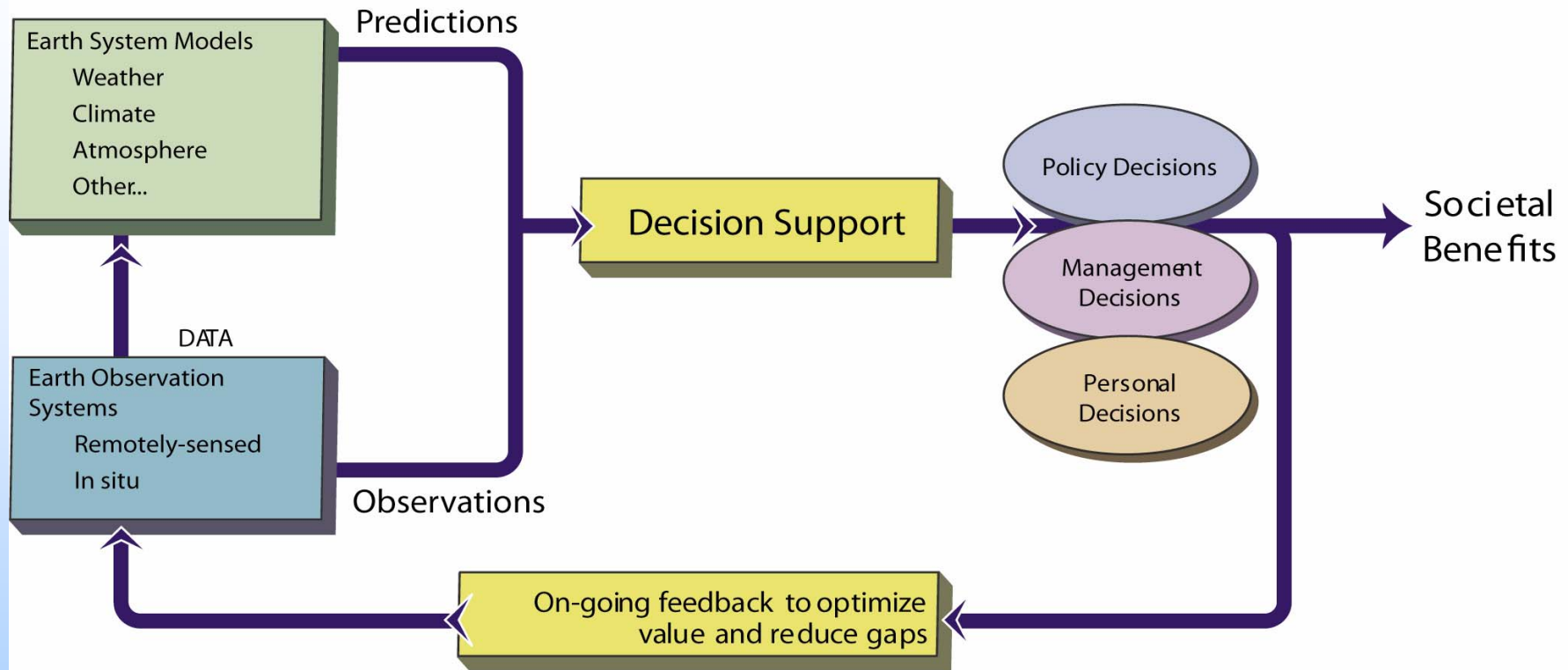
The purpose of **GEOSS** is to achieve comprehensive, coordinated and sustained observations of the Earth system, in order to improve monitoring of the state of the Earth, increase understanding of Earth processes, and enhance prediction of the behavior of the Earth system.

<http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/>

## What are the benefits to society?

- Improve **Weather** Forecasting
- Reduce Loss of Life and Property from **Disasters**
- Protect and Monitor Our **Ocean** Resource
- Understand, Assess, Predict, Mitigate and Adapt to **Climate** Variability and Change
- Support Sustainable **Agriculture** and Forestry and Combat Land Degradation
- Understand the Effect of Environmental Factors on **Human Health** and Well-Being
- Develop the Capacity to Make **Ecological** Forecasts
- Protect and Monitor **Water** Resources
- Monitor and Manage **Energy** Resources

# Linking Earth Observations to Societal Benefits



STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE U.S. INTEGRATED EARTH  
OBSERVATION SYSTEM

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