


# GEOSS Water Cycle Integrator (WCI)

*a proposal based on the experiences  
through  
Coordinated Enhanced Observing Period (CEOP) of WCRP/GEWEX  
and  
GEOSS Asian Water Cycle Initiative (AWCI)*



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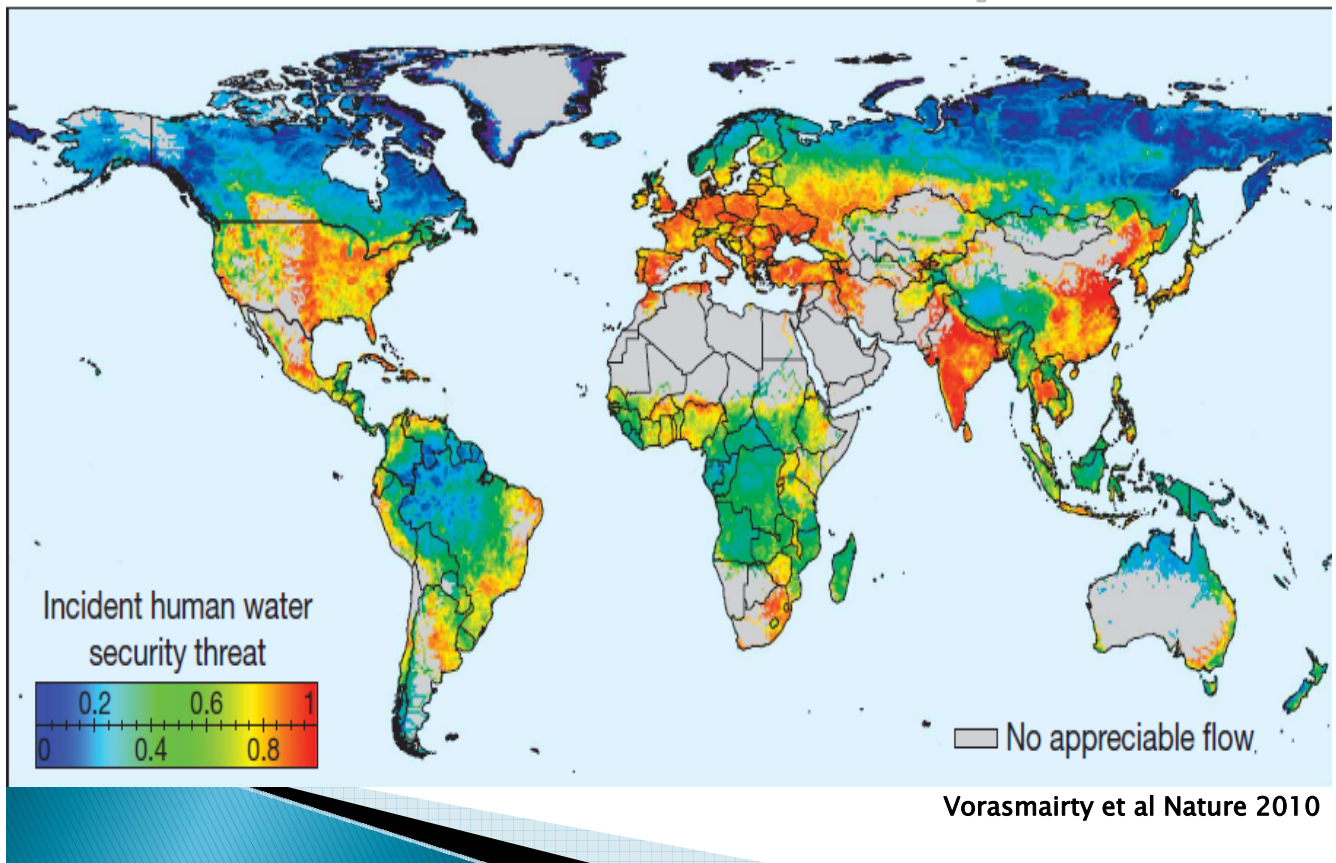
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# Global Water Availability Risk



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- **Climate Change Impacts by IPCC AR4**

**Africa:** By 2020, between 75 and 250 million of people are projected to be exposed to increased water stress.

**Asia:** By the 2050s, freshwater availability in Central, South, East and South-East Asia, particularly in large river basins, is projected to decrease.

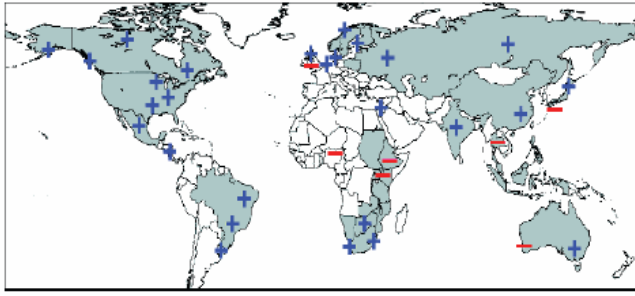
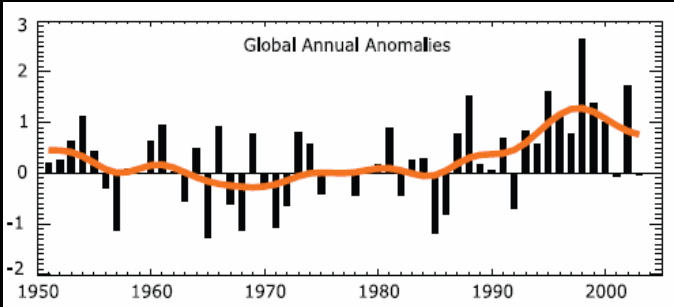
**Australia and New Zealand:** By 2030, water security problems are projected to intensify in southern and eastern Australia and, in New Zealand, in Northland and some eastern regions.

**Europe:** Negative impacts will include increased risk of inland flash floods and more frequent coastal flooding and increased erosion.

**Latin America:** Changes in precipitation patterns and the disappearance of glaciers are projected to significantly affect water availability for human consumption, agriculture and energy generation.

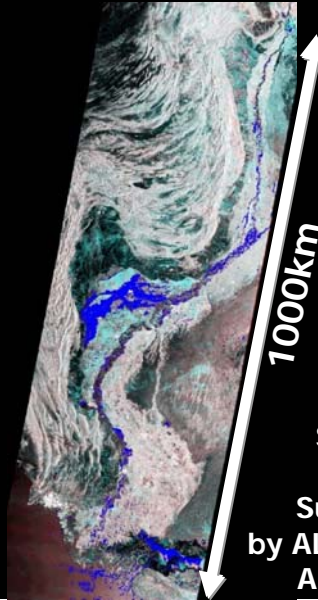
**North America:** Warming in western mountains is projected to cause decreased snowpack, more winter flooding and reduced summer flows, exacerbating competition for over-allocated water resources.

# Heavy Precipitation Events: Frequency increases over most areas



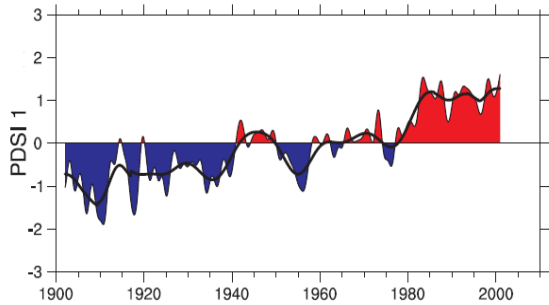
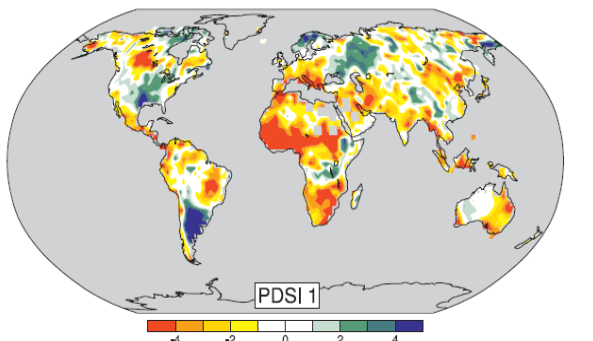
Anomalies (%) of the global annual time series defined as the percentage change of contributions of very wet days from the base period average (IPCC AR4, 2007).

Sever Floods in Europe Summer 2002



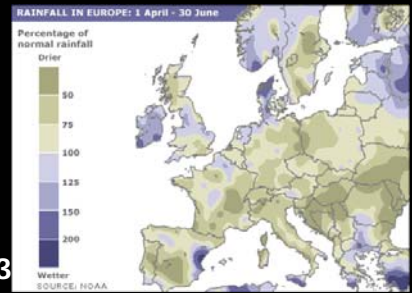
Sever Floods in Pakistan Summer 2010 by ALOS/PALSAR Aug. 27, 2010

# Area affected by droughts increases

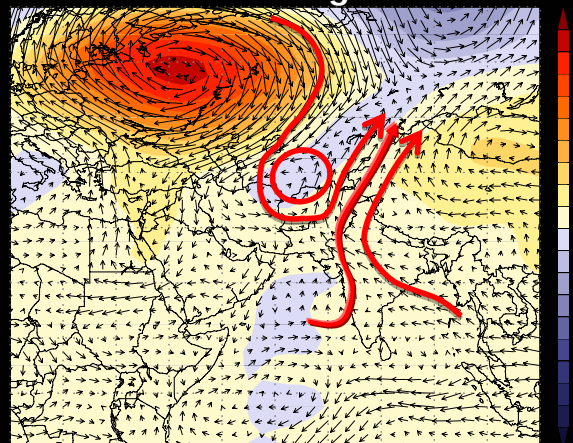


Monthly Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) (IPCC AR4, 2007)

Heat wave & Drought in Europe Summer 2003



Summer 2010 Heat wave & Drought in Russia



Sever Floods in Pakistan

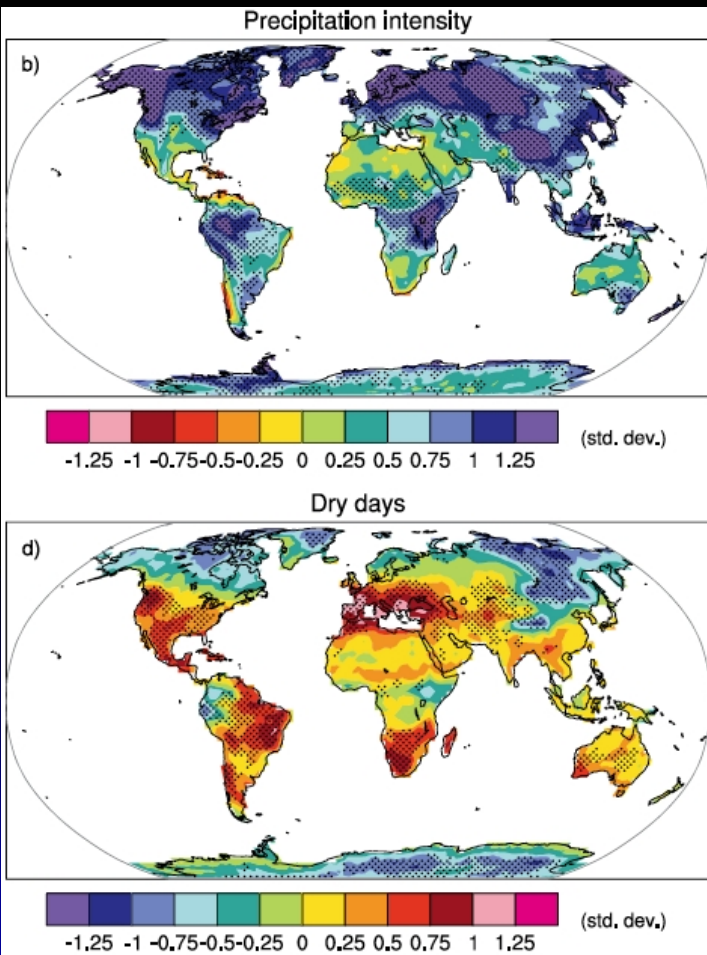
# Projected changes in extremes

It is *very likely* that heavy precipitation events will continue to become more frequent.

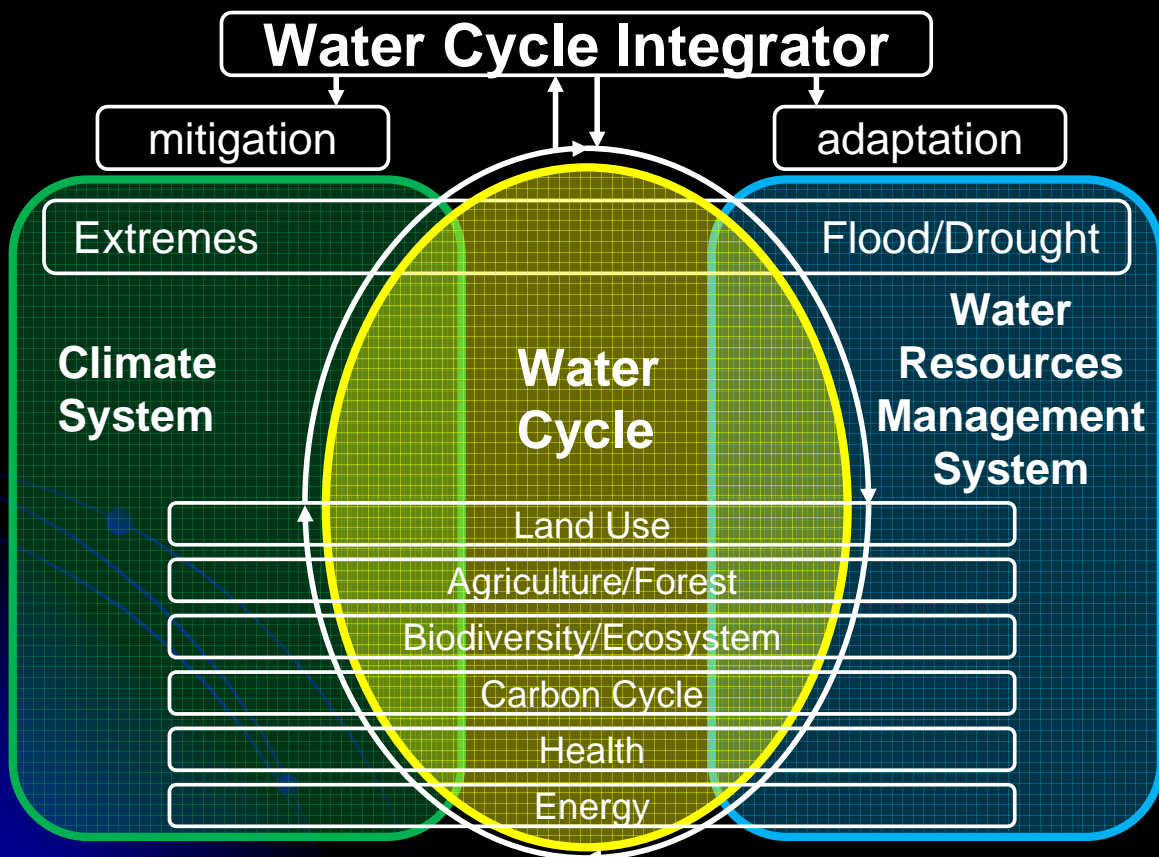
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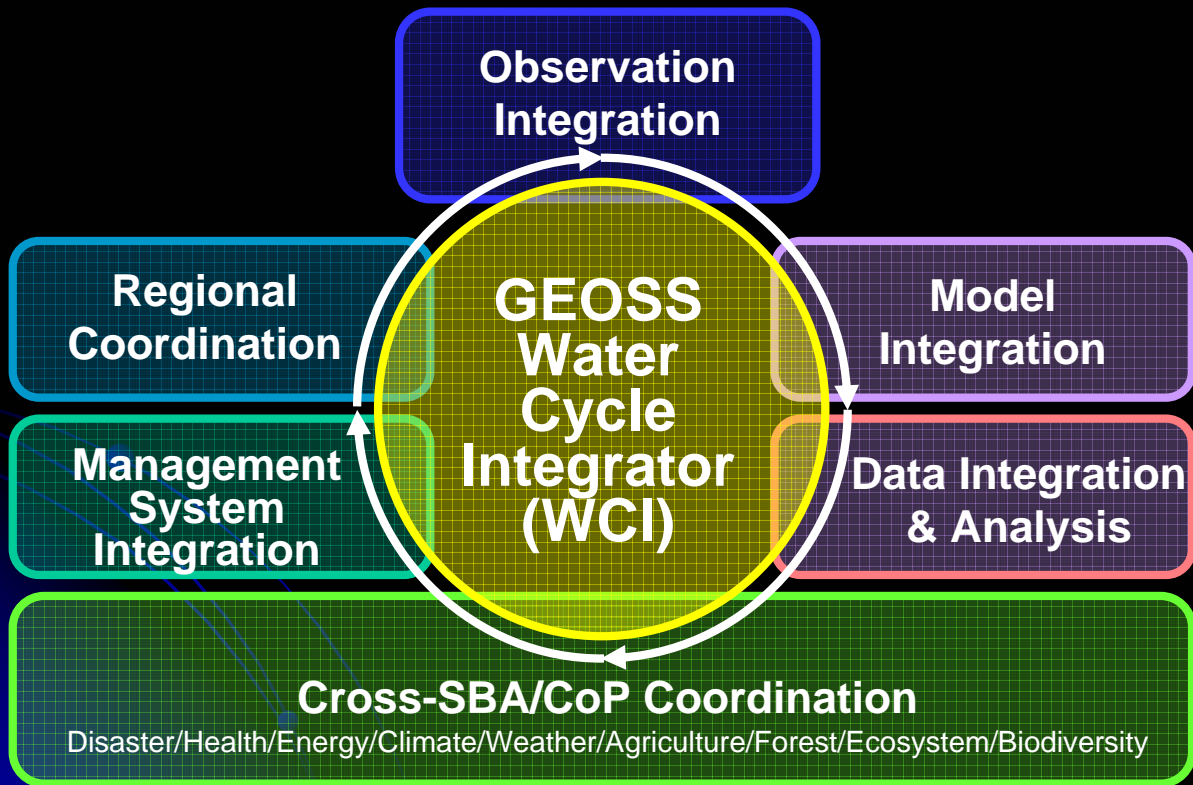
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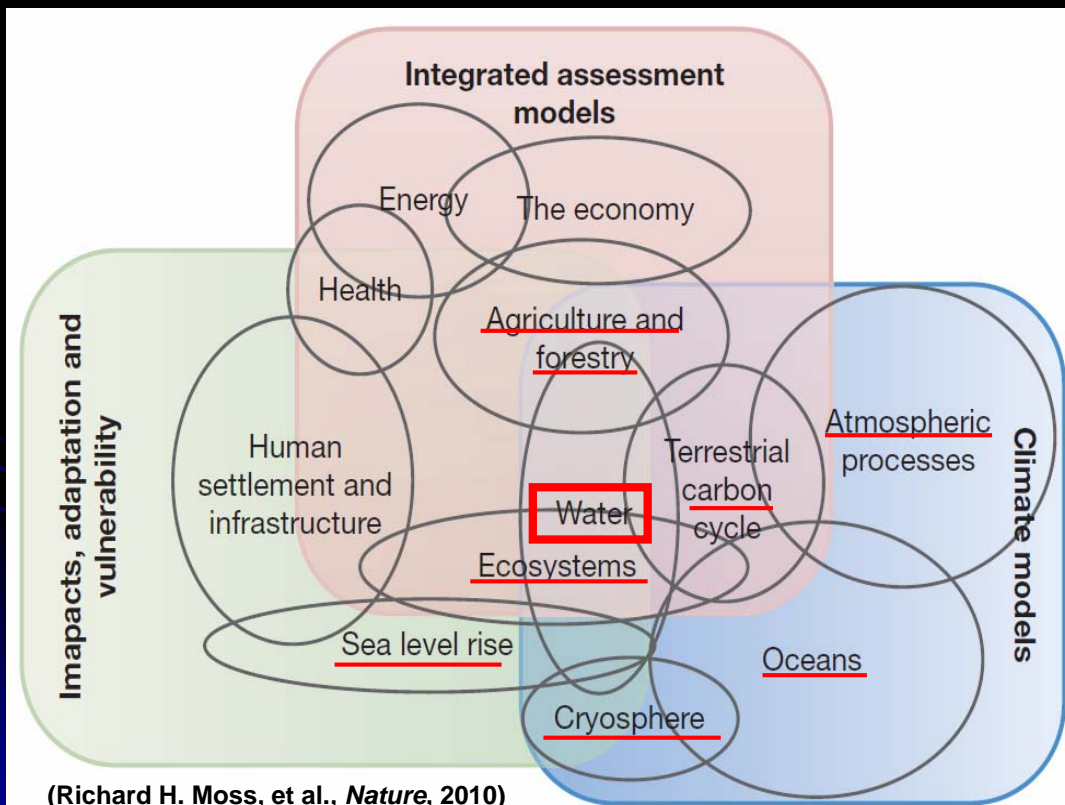
## Comprehensive Approach to Issues at Present and in Future



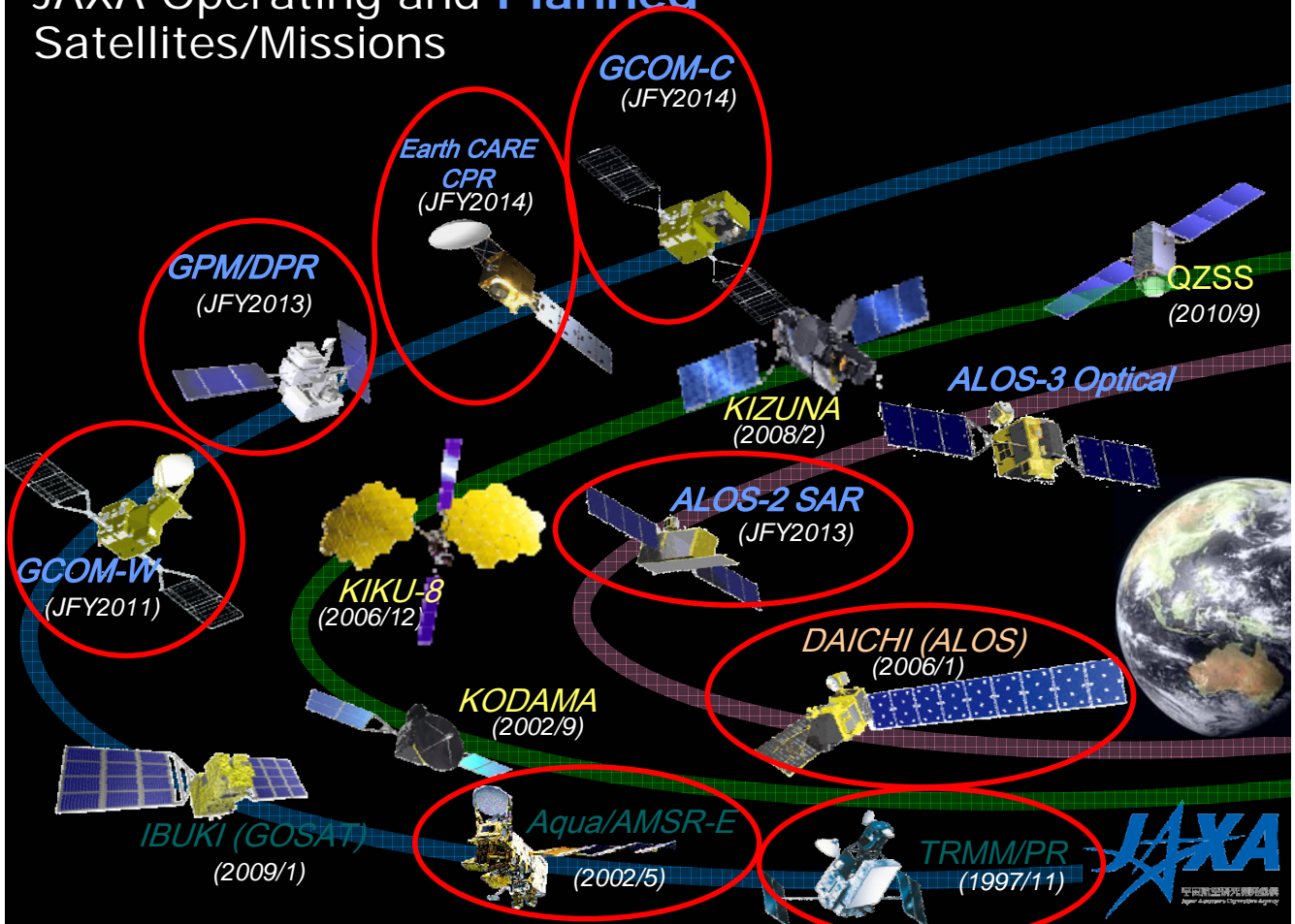
## Integrated & Coordinated Approach for Societal Benefit Creation A CoP of CoPs



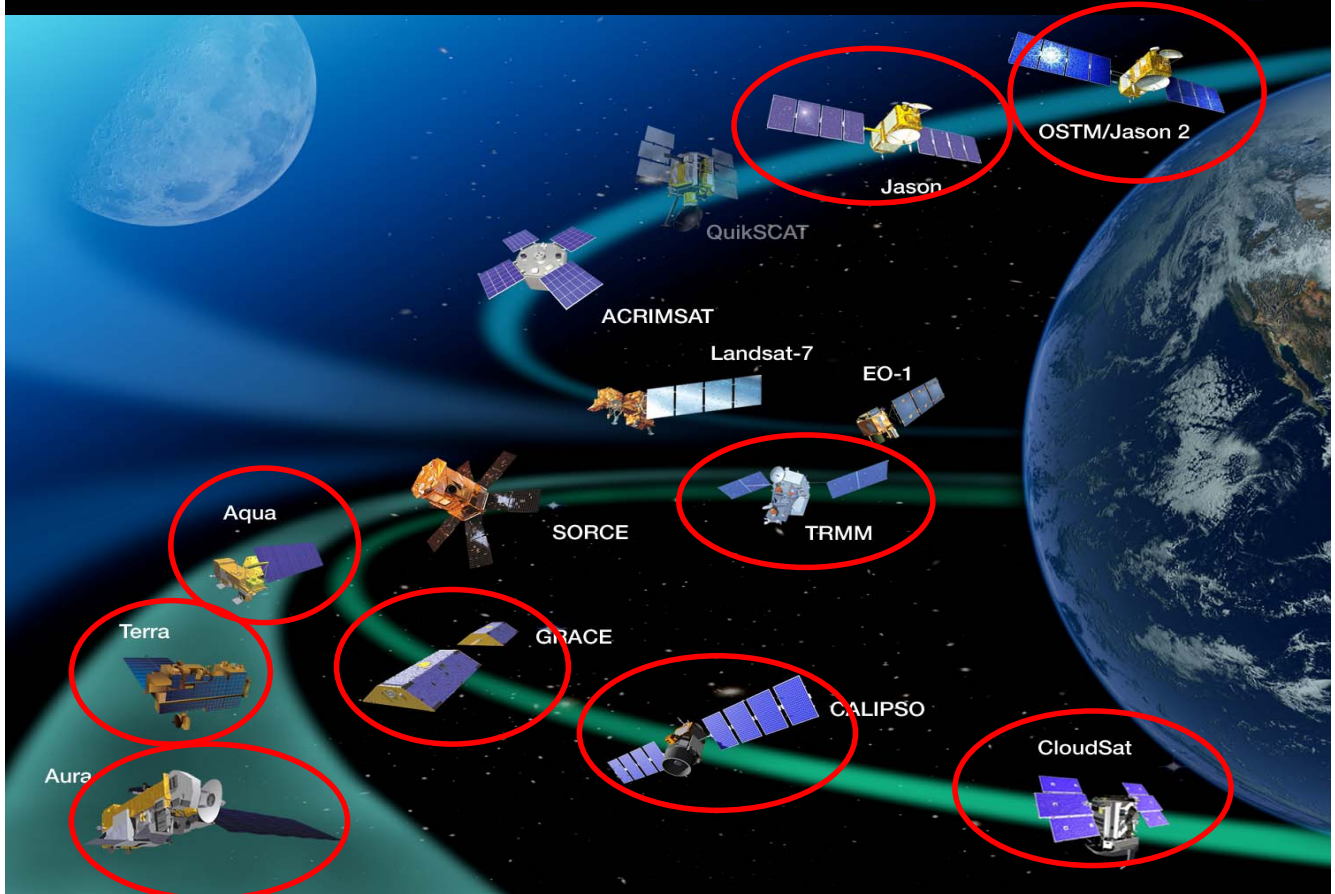
## CEOS Leadership on Integrated Satellite Observation of Water Cycle in Coordinating with Atmosphere, Ocean, Cryosphere, Ecosystem, Carbon, Agriculture & Forestry



# JAXA Operating and Planned Satellites/Missions



# NASA Operating Missions (International Collaboration)



# SWOT is one of the key surface hydrology missions recommended in the 2007 NRC Earth Science Decadal Survey Report.

TABLE ES.2 Launch, orbit, and instrument specifications for the recommended NASA missions. Shade colors denote mission cost categories as estimated by the NRC ESAS committee. Pink, green, and blue shadings represent large (\$600 million to \$900), medium (\$300 million to \$600 million), and small (<\$300 million) missions, respectively. Missions are listed in order of ascending cost within each launch timeframe. Detailed descriptions of the missions are given in Part II, and Part III provides the foundation for selection.

Decadal Survey Mission	Mission Description	Orbit	Instruments	Rough Cost Estimate
<b>Timeframe 2010 – 2013, Missions listed by cost</b>				
CLARREO (NASA portion)	Solar radiation: spectrally resolved forcing and response of the climate system	LEO, Processing	Absolute, spectrally-resolved interferometer	\$200 M
SMAP	Soil moisture and freeze/thaw for weather and water cycle processes	LEO, SSO	L-band radar L-band radiometer	\$300 M
ICESat-II	Ice sheet height changes for climate change diagnosis	LEO, Non-SSO	Laser altimeter	\$300 M
DESDynI	Surface and ice sheet deformation for understanding natural hazards and climate, vegetation structure for ecosystem health	LEO, SSO	L-band InSAR Laser altimeter	\$700 M
<b>Timeframe: 2013 – 2016, Missions listed by cost</b>				
HyspIRI	Land surface composition for agriculture and mineral characterization; vegetation types; forest ecosystem health	LEO, SSO	Hyperspectral spectrometer	\$300 M
ASCENDS	Day/night, all-latitude, all-season CO <sub>2</sub> column integrals for climate mitigation	LEO, SSO	Multifrequency laser	\$400 M
SWOT	Ocean, lake, and river water levels for climate and water cycle	LEO, SSO	Ka-band wide swath radar	\$450 M
GEO-CAPE	Atmospheric gas columns for air quality forecasts, ocean color for coastal ecosystem health and climate emissions	GEO	High and low spatial resolution hyperspectral imagers	\$550 M
ACE	Aerosol and cloud profiles for climate and water cycle, ocean color for open ocean biogeochemistry	LEO, SSO	Backscatter lidar Multiangle polarimeter Polarimeter	\$800 M
<b>Timeframe: 2016 – 2020, Missions listed by cost</b>				
LIST	Land surface topography for landslide hazard assessment	LEO, SSO	Laser altimeter	\$300 M
PATH	High frequency, all-weather temperature and humidity soundings for weather forecasting and SST*	GEO	MW array spectrometer	\$450 M
GRACE-II	High temporal resolution gravity fields for tracking large-scale water movement	LEO, SSO	Microwave or laser ranging system	\$450 M
SCLP	Snow accumulation for fresh water availability	LEO, SSO	Ku and X-band radars K and Ka-band radiometers	\$500 M
GACM	Ozone and related gases for intercontinental air quality and stratospheric ozone layer prediction	LEO, SSO	UV spectrometer IR spectrometer Microwave limb sounder	\$600 M
3D-Winds (Demo)	Tropospheric winds for weather forecasting and pollution transport	LEO, SSO	Doppler lidar	\$650 M

\* Cloud-independent, high temporal resolution, lower accuracy SST to complement, not replace, global operational high accuracy SST measurement.

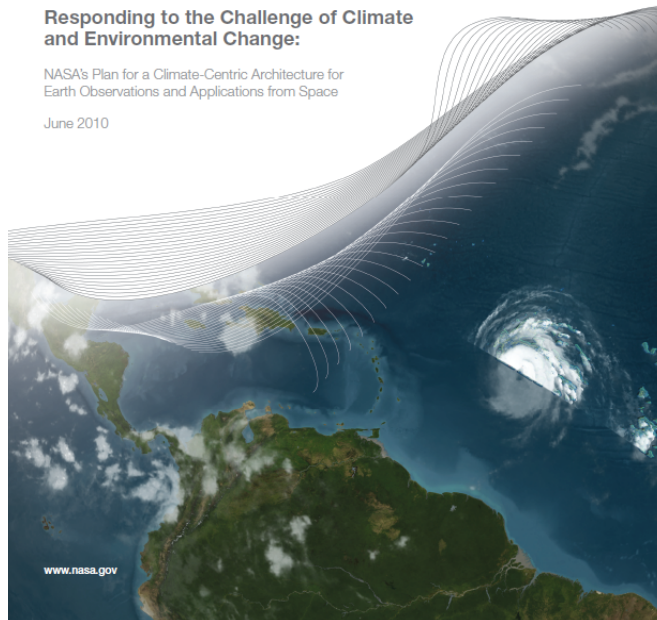
National Aeronautics and Space Administration



## Responding to the Challenge of Climate and Environmental Change:

NASA's Plan for a Climate-Centric Architecture for Earth Observations and Applications from Space

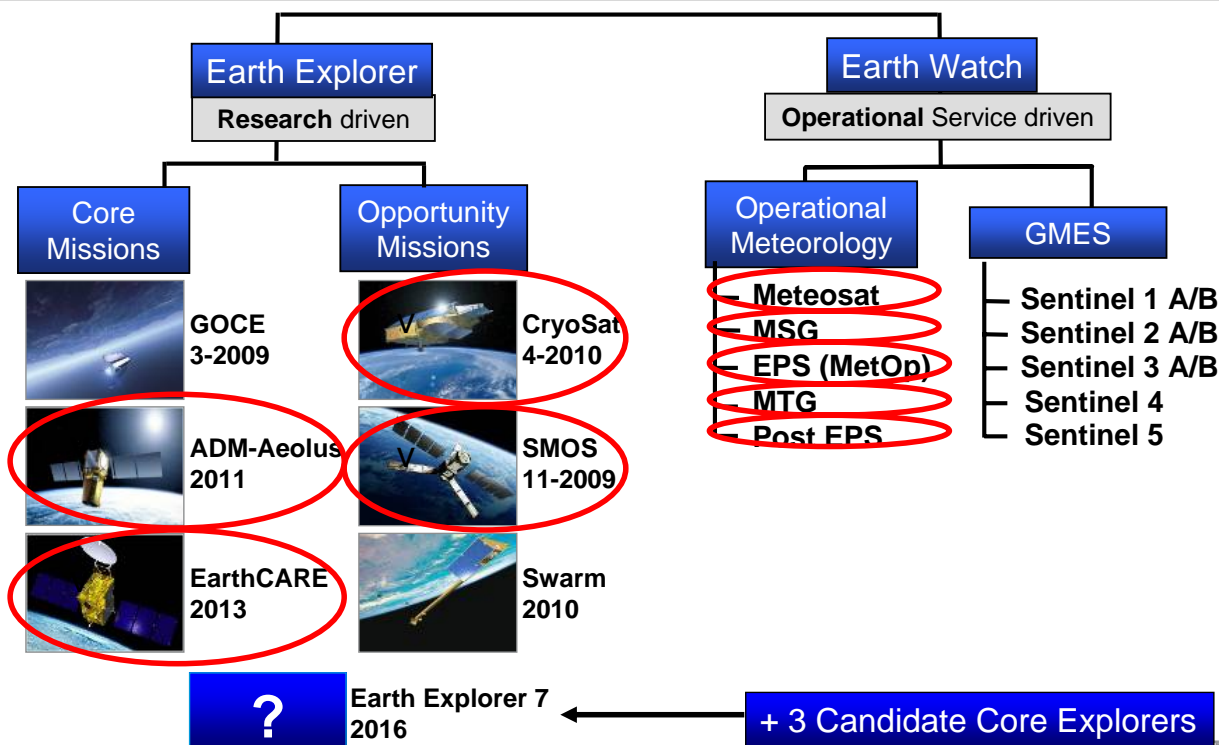
June 2010



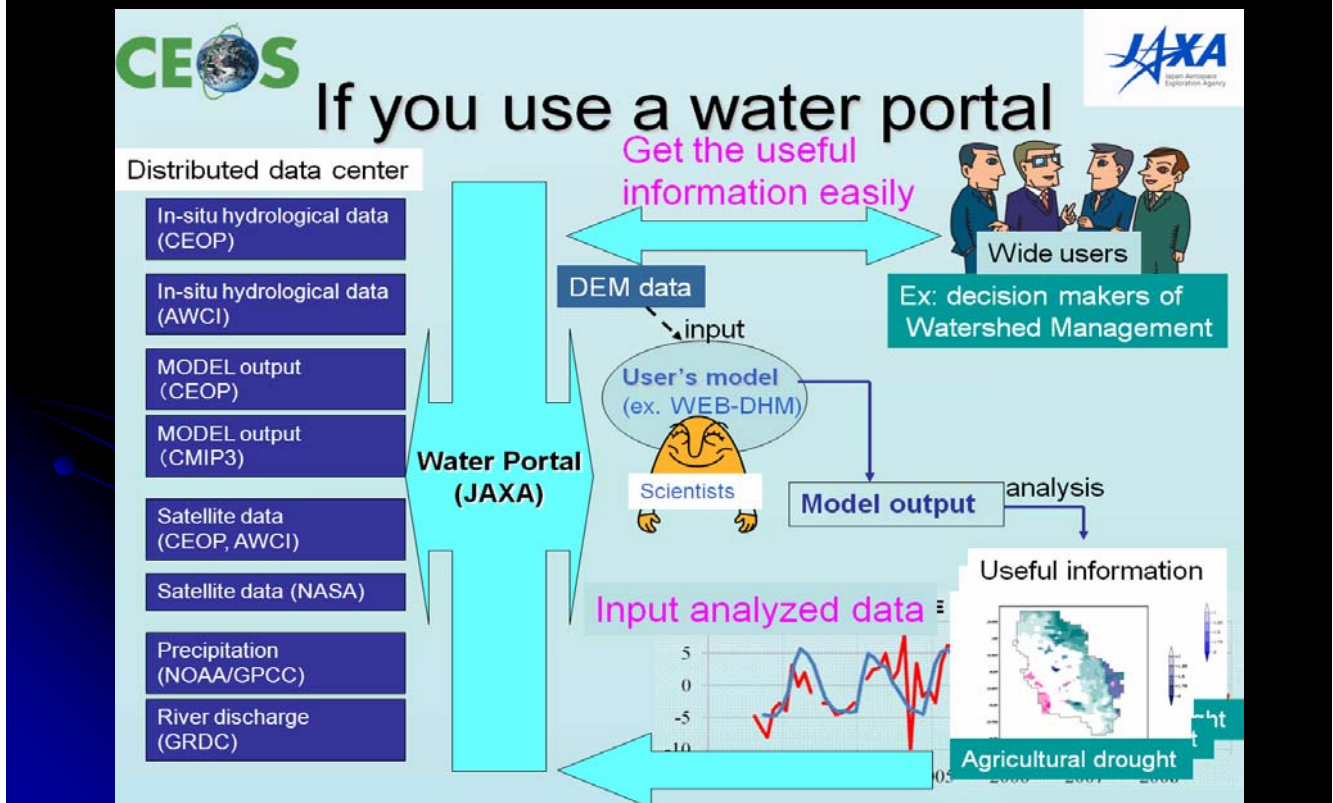
www.nasa.gov

## ESA's Living Planet Programme

[www.esa.int/livingplanet](http://www.esa.int/livingplanet)



# CEOS Leadership on Data Integration and Analysis: WGISS Water Community of Practice Portal

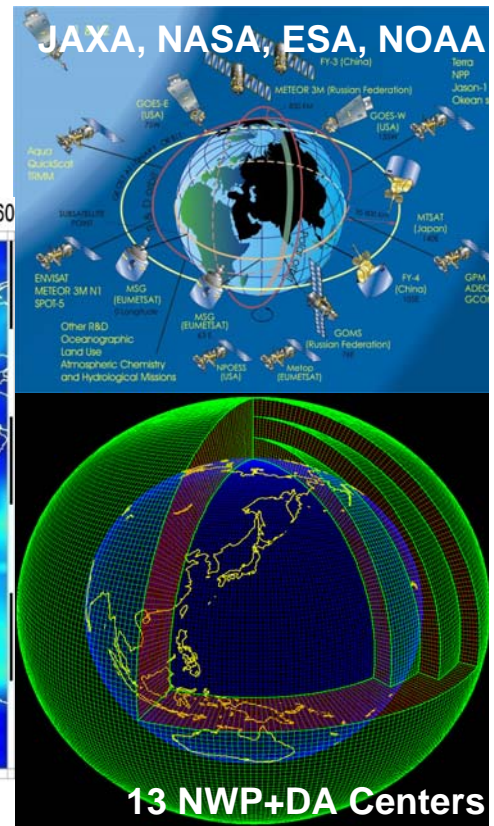
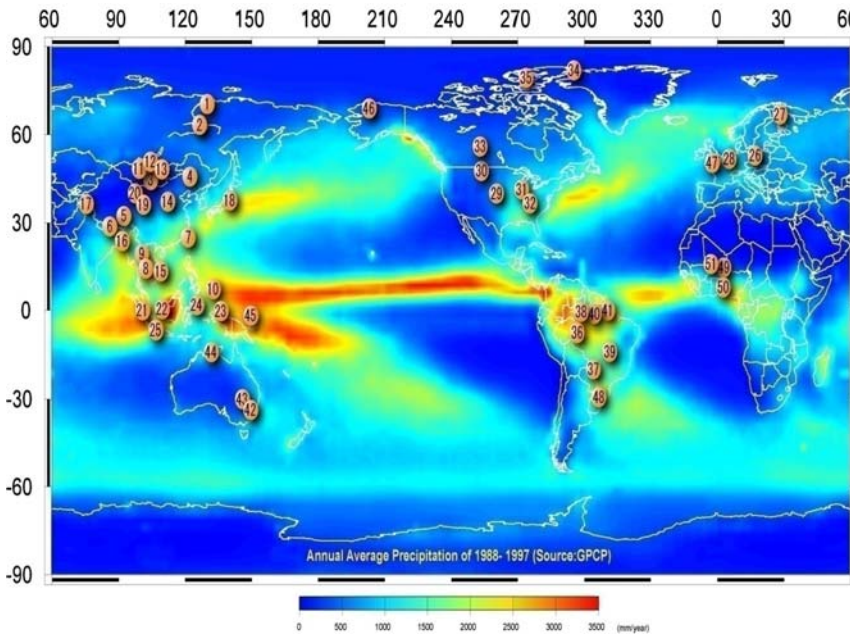


## *Experiences through* Coordinated Enhanced Observing Period (CEOP) of WCRP/GEWEX

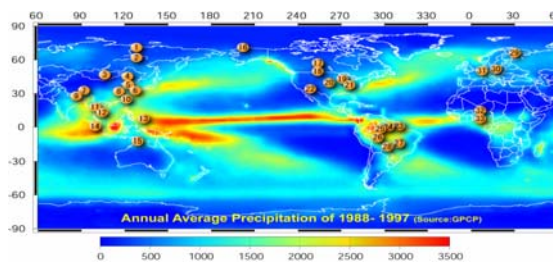
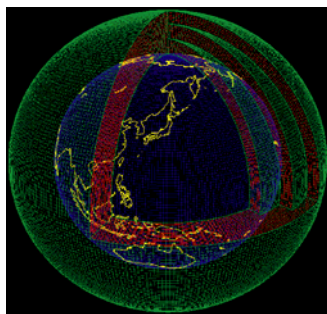
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regional numerical weather prediction centers



## Convergence of Observations A Prototype of the Global Water Cycle Observation System of Systems



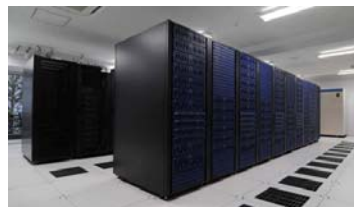
## Interoperability Arrangement A well organized collecting, processing, storing, and disseminating shared data, metadata and products



Model Output Data Archiving  
Center at the **World Data  
Center for Climate, Max-Planck  
Institute for Meteorology** of  
Germany

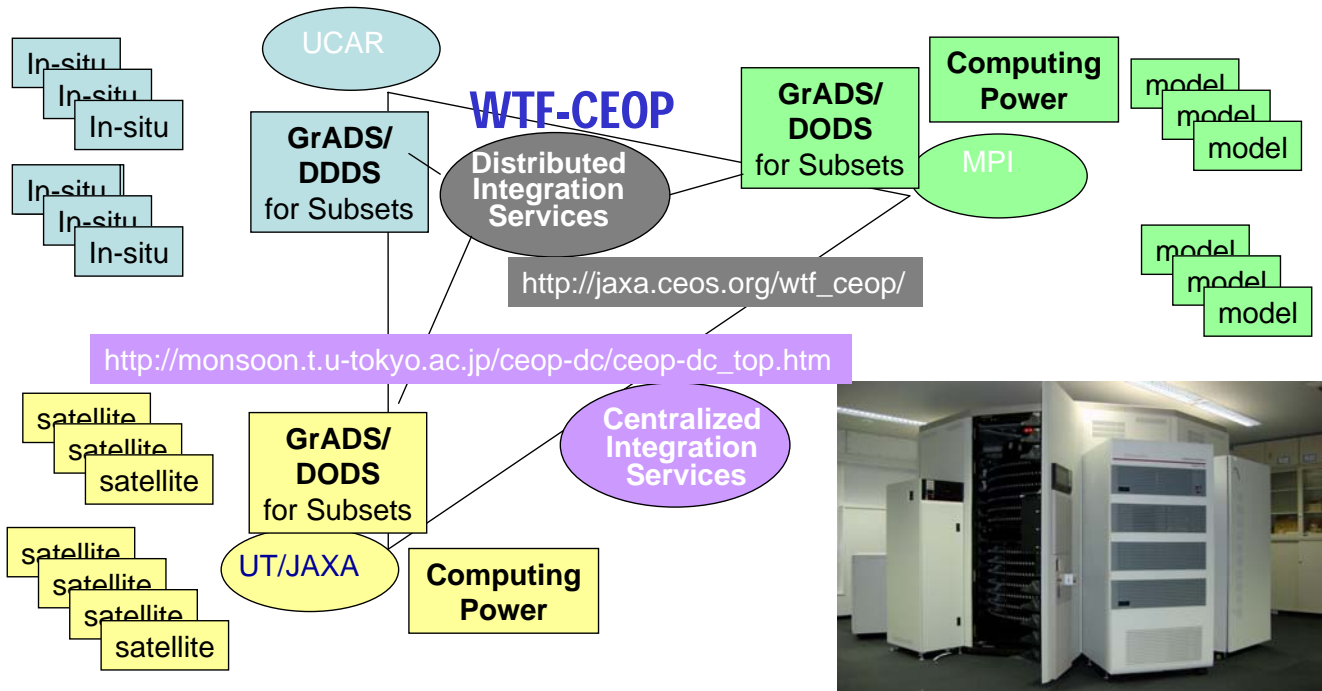
In-Situ Data Archiving  
Center at **NCAR (National  
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Data  
Integrating/Archiving  
Center at **University of  
Tokyo and JAXA** of  
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## Data Management

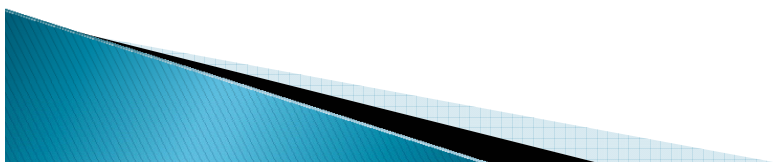
### *Distributed- and Centralized- Data Integration Functions*



### *Experiences through*

## GEOSS Asian Water Cycle Initiative (AWCI) of WCRP/GEWEX

an integrator between water cycle science–  
operation in collaboration among GEO, national  
countries, science communities and space agencies



**Thank You for Your Leadership and Supports!**

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