NOAA Global Systems Laboratory



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 - New program being developed in last 8 months
 - Potentially a \$25M annual budget
 - Involve most OAR labs, as well as NESDIS and NWS



Atmospheric Science for Renewable Energy

- An integrated, multi-lab, applied research program; was initiated in 2010
- Improve downwelling solar and surface-to-300m wind forecasts, especially in the 1 to 48 h forecasts from the HRRR
- Strong emphasis on boundary layer turbulence and subgrid-scale clouds
- Constraint is "do no harm" to the convective forecasts
- Over 35 published papers with multi-lab authorships since 2016
- ASRE efforts span the technical readiness range and facilitates R2O





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- Building relationship with EERE Solar Energy
- Long-term relationship with DOE Office of Science via Atmospheric System Research and Atmospheric Radiation Measurement programs
- ASRE helps facilitate DOE supported work into NWS operations





2021 Global Systems Laboratory Science Review

Boundary Layer (BL) Program

- All OAR laboratories have research interests in the BL
- Significant errors in Global Forecast System (GFS) weather forecasts due to errors in BL physics
- Research tools (instruments/models) distributed across the OAR lab system
- Joined other agency efforts
 - NSF-funded effort in 2018-20
 - Plan on joining DOE-funded effort in 2020-22



Water and energy budgets are results of feedback processes in the LA system









Fire Weather Program

- Strong desire to better understand/predict wildfire weather interactions
 - GSL is leading NOAA-wide effort to support Congressional request
 - Integrating efforts across OAR, NESDIS, and NWS
 - Developing Fire Weather Testbed to facilitate R2O
- Developed briefings for Congressional staff, other agencies
- Developed short-term (1-2 yr) spend plan and program change summary for next 5-10 yr
- Research includes: coupled fire-weather modeling, fire emissions and air quality impacts, subseasonal-to-decadal prediction, products and tool development for operations, ...





Summary of Community Activities

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Performance

- Leadership of multi-lab projects
- Development of science plans
- Facilitating collaboration
 - Science boards
 - Workshops
 - Regular meetings
- Field campaigns

Quality

- Dozens of multi-lab authored papers
- Improved models to NWS operations
- Giving invited and keynote presentations

Relevance

- Multi-lab, cross-line office, cross-agency to improve NOAA R2O
- Community
 engagement
- Responding to national needs