

MultiSector Dynamics and Linkages with RGMA

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Goal

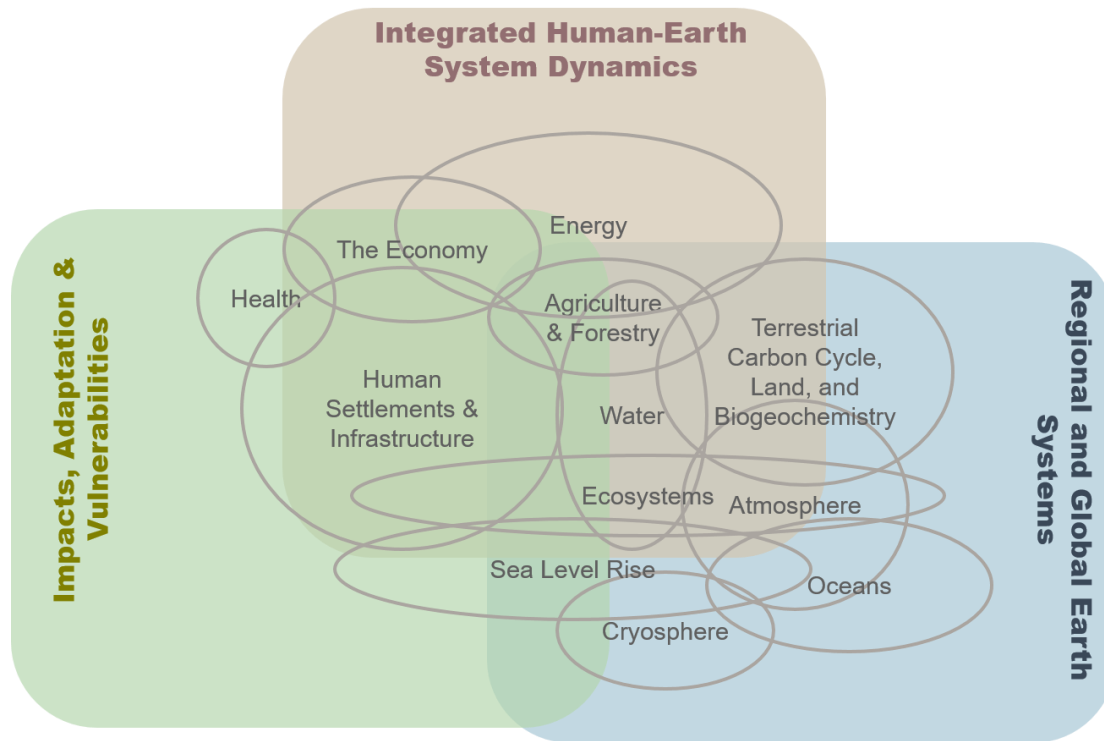
Explore the *complex interactions and potential co-evolutionary pathways* within the integrated human-Earth system, including natural, engineered, and socioeconomic systems and sectors.

Strategic Objectives

- 1. Forces and Patterns.** Reveal the combination of factors, varying by geographies, that contribute most significantly to ***patterns of development in transregional, regional, and sub-regional landscape evolutions***, including interactions and interdependencies among natural and built environments and human processes and systems.
- 2. Stabilities and Instabilities.** Identify the characteristics of interacting natural and built environments and human processes that lead to ***stabilities and instabilities*** across systems, sectors, and scales, and deliver new insights into the role of strong interdependencies, feedbacks, and compounding influences and stressors.
- 3. Foresight.** Explore how development patterns, stabilities, instabilities, and *systems resilience* may evolve within multisector, multi-scale landscapes as a result of ***future forces, stressors, and disturbances...*** and reveal what pathways, characteristics, and risk profiles may emerge from ***both gradual and abrupt transitions***.

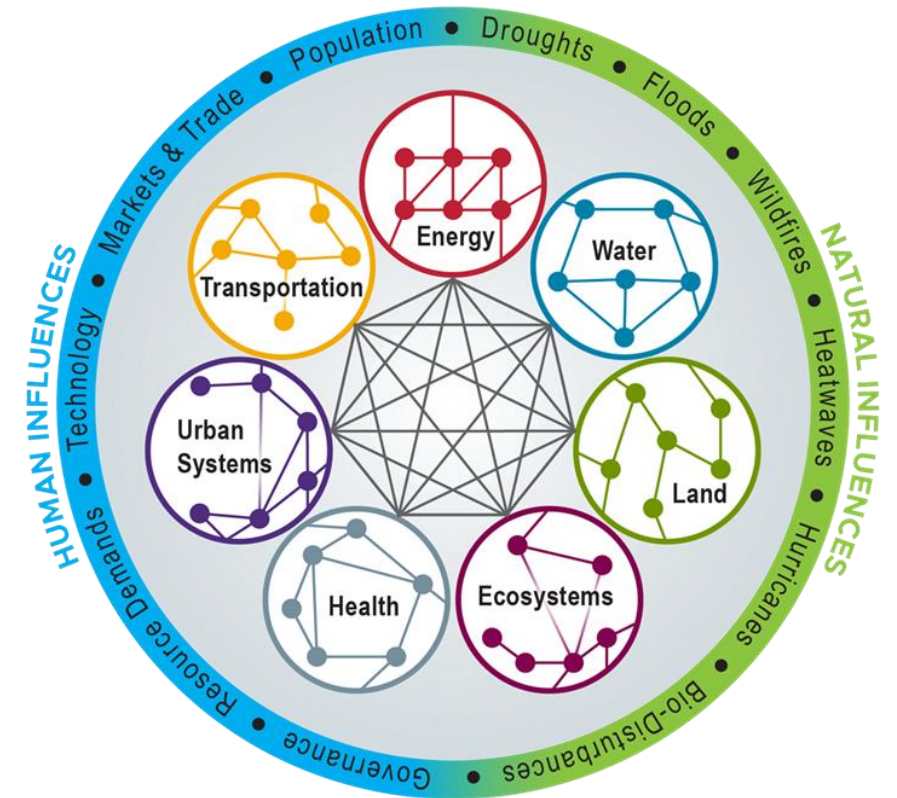
Somewhat iconic representations

Global Earth System Evolution



- Regional to Global
- Earth system drivers, impacts, and responses
- Energy and land

Regional Landscape Evolution



- Local to regional
- MSD and complex landscape evolution
- Multi-influence, multi-stressor
- Sectors, infrastructures, regional economies, natural resources

MSD Research Priorities

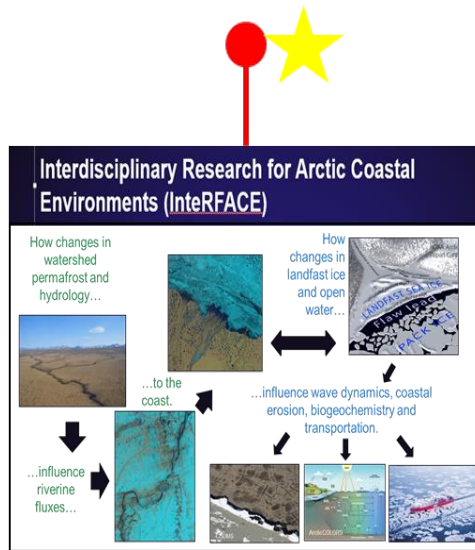


- **Functional, collaborative community-of-practice and working group structure**
- **Hierarchical frameworks** and use-inspired tools (**emulators**, **sensitivity research**, etc.)
- **Distributed science mechanisms** (i.e., **open source** models, software **couplers**, **interoperability**, **modular** methods, **community data and computation**)
- **Complexity theory and science** (networks, **collective behavior**, evolution and adaptation, **pattern formation**, systems theory, **machine learning**, etc.)
- **Scenario methods and development** with implications for **uncertainty** framing/analysis, **complex storylines**, **modeling experiments**, and more.
- **Model resolution and fit-for-purpose process details across spatial and temporal scales** (e.g., energy, water, land, economics, population, land use, technology)
- **Significant coupled systems behaviors**, such as found among energy, water, land and **socioeconomic systems** with **non-linear responses**, e.g., induced by **extremes**

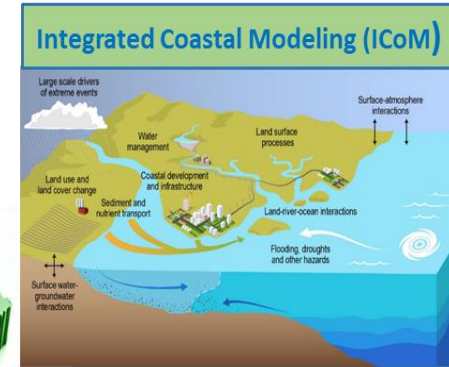
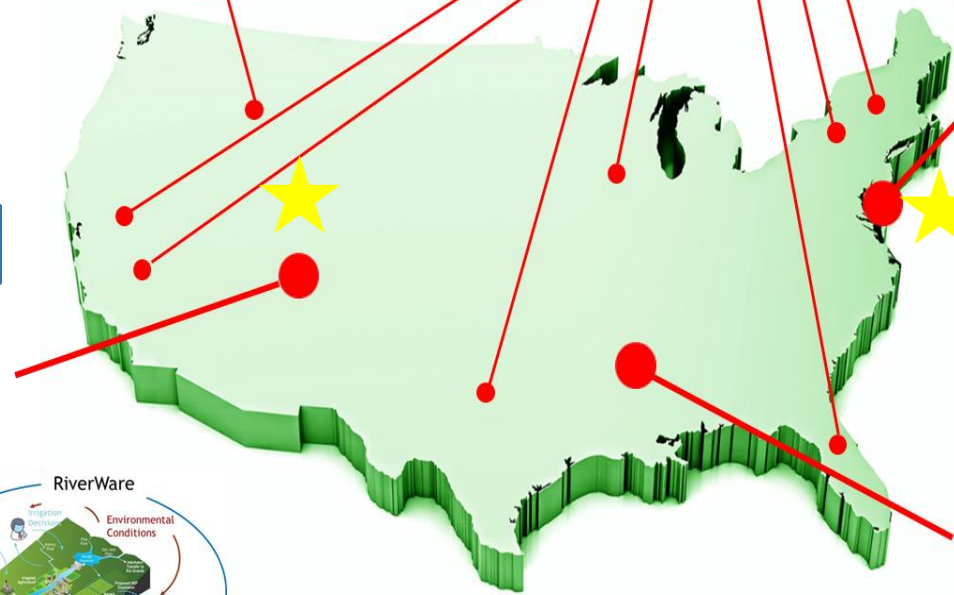
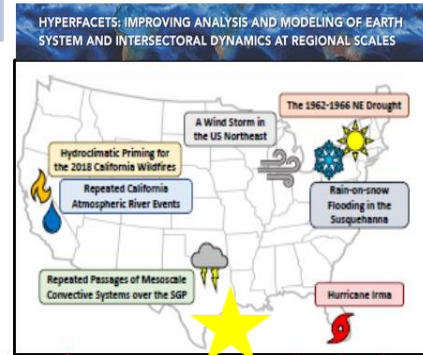
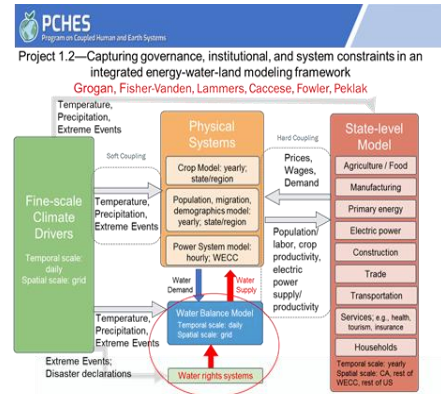
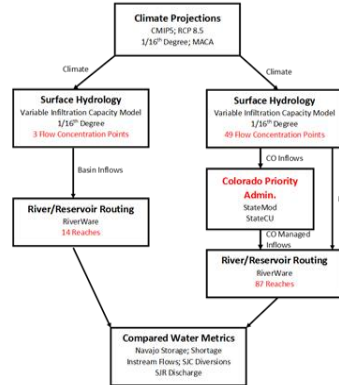
MSD and RGMA Connections

- Specific geographies, topics (e.g., emulators, ML), and co-funded projects
- Natural drivers of human systems affecting global (e.g., agriculture and trade) to local scales (infrastructure hazards)
- Human drivers of natural Earth systems affecting global (e.g., LULCC and emissions) to local scales (e.g., urban heat island)
- Both natural and human systems are “non-stationary”...and they interact dynamically and co-evolve
- More generally, increasing collaborations among MSD, RGMA, E3SM, and SBR
- Increasingly, MSD capabilities sought by other agencies (IHTM, C-IHTM, USGS workshop series)...and RGMA is a co-participant in many.

Some common geographies of interest



San Juan River Basin




Sectoral Interactions, Stressors, and Tipping Points



MSD Major Projects: National Lab SFAs/ and Projects and University Collaborative Agreements

1. Integrated Multi-sector, Multi-scale Modeling SFA (IM3)


SFA PI: Jennie Rice

2. Global Change Intersectoral Modeling System SFA (GCIMS)


SFA PI: Mohamad Hejazi



3. Integrated Coastal Modeling (ICOM)*


PI: Ian Kraucunas



4. Interdisciplinary Research for Arctic Coastal Environments (InterFACE)*


PI: Joel Rowland

5. Program on Coupled Human Earth Systems (PCHES) CA


CA PI: John Weyant/Karen Fisher-Vanden/Rob Nicholas

6. Integrated Global Systems Modeling (IGSM) CA


CA PI: Ron Prinn /John Reilly



7. HyperFACETS*

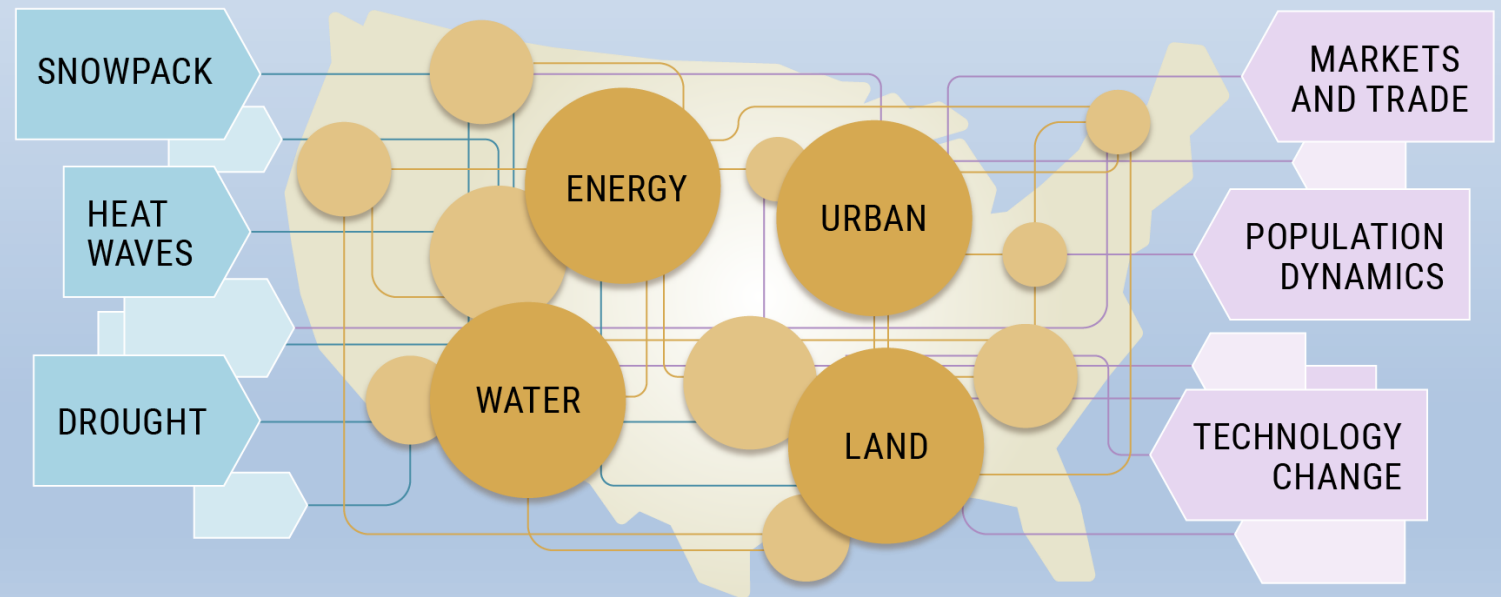

CA PI: Paul Ullrich

* Collaborative program funding

Partners (examples):



1. **Develop flexible, open-source, integrated modeling capabilities** that capture the structure and dynamic behavior of the multiscale interactions within and between human and natural systems.
2. **Use these capabilities to study the evolution, vulnerability, and resilience** of interacting human and natural systems and landscapes due to long-term influences and short-term shocks, **from local to continental scales**.
3. **Explore how uncertainty** in data, model structure, model parameters, multi-model coupling strategies, and spatial and temporal resolutions influence projections of human-natural systems evolution.



Recent publications



2020
Impact of climate change on adaptive management decisions in the face of water scarcity

Yang, YCE, K Son, F Hung, and V Tidwell

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2020
River regulation alleviates the impacts of climate change on U.S. thermoelectricity production

Zhang X, H-Y Li, LR Leung, L Liu, MI Hejazi, BA Forman, and W Yigzaw

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2020
Inferred inflow forecast horizons guiding reservoir release decisions across the United States

Turner SWD, W Xu, and N Voisin

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2019
Parameterizing perennial bioenergy crops in version 5 of the Community Land Model based on site-level observations in the central midwestern United States

Cheng Y, M Huang, M Chen, K Guan, C Bernacchi, B Peng, and Z Tan

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2019
Improving consistency among models of overlapping scope in multi-sector studies: The case of electricity capacity expansion scenarios

Iyer GC, M Brown, SM Cohen, J Macknick, P Patel, M Wise, MC Binsted, and N Voisin

Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews 116

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2019
Sensitivity of western U.S. power system dynamics to droughts compounded with fuel price variability

O'Connell M, N Voisin, J Macknick, and T Fu

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2019
Interacting implications of climate change, population dynamics, and urban heat mitigation for future exposure to heat extremes

Vahmani P, AD Jones, and CM Patricola

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2019
A multi-layer reservoir thermal stratification module for Earth system models

Yigzaw W, H-Y Li, X Fang, LR Leung, N Voisin, MI Hejazi, and Y Demissie

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Calibration and analysis of the uncertainty in downscaling global land use and land cover projections from GCAM using Demeter (v1.0.0)

Chen M, CR Vernon, M Huang, KV Calvin, and I Kraucunas

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Choice of irrigation water management practice affects Indian summer monsoon rainfall land its extremes

Devanand A, M Huang, M Ashfaq, B Barik, and S Ghosh

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Planning for sustained water-electricity resilience over the U.S.: Persistence of current water-electricity operations and long-term transformative plans

Voisin N, V Tidwell, M Kitner-Meyer, and F Boltz

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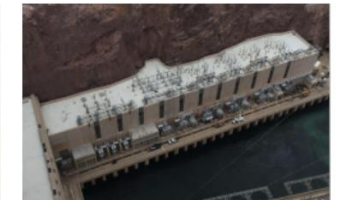


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The nonlinear response of storm surge to sea-level rise: A modeling approach

Wang T, and Z Yang

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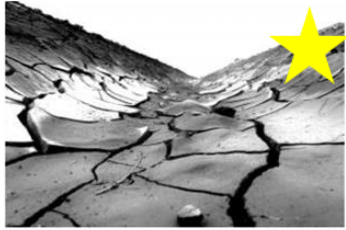
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- Focuses on long-term evolution of the coupled human-Earth system
- An integrated framework to investigate the interplay between influences, responses, and feedbacks
- Internally consistent, tightly coupled, computationally efficient framework
- **Regional to global spatial scales and seasonal to multidecadal timescales**
- Major research experiments:
 - **Compounding Influences**
 - **Regional Teleconnections**
 - **Human Responses**
 - **Human–Earth System Feedbacks**

INFLUENCES	RESPONSES TO INFLUENCES	FEEDBACKS ON INFLUENCES
Drivers, inputs, and assumptions exogenous to GCAM	Human system dynamics and multisectoral linkages endogenous in GCAM	Effects of responses and other human-Earth system linkages on influences
Technology	Energy supply, demand, mix	Investment and prices from energy changes to economic activity
Population	Agricultural supply, trade	Emissions from energy, agriculture and land use change to temperature and precipitation
Economic activity	Water supply, demand, allocation	Investment and prices from agriculture and land use to economic activity
Temperature	Cooling technology mix	Biophysical effects from land use change to temperature and precipitation
Precipitation	Land use change	Emissions from permafrost thaw to temperature and precipitation
Resource endowment	Land intensification	Evapotranspiration effects from water use to temperature and precipitation
Institutions & governance	Food demand	Migration from temperature and sea level rise to population and demographics
Droughts	Forest trade	Cryosphere changes from temperature to sea level rise
Heatwaves	Energy trade	
Demographics	Food storage	
Minerals availability	Energy storage	
Wildfires	Water storage	
Urbanization	Minerals trade	
Flooding	Irrigation technology mix	
Sea level rise	Aquaculture & fisheries	
	Materials (e.g., iron and steel) trade	

Existing capability New/proposed capability Future (3+ years) capability

Recent Publications



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Humans drive future water scarcity changes across all Shared Socioeconomic Pathways
 Neal T Graham; Mohamad Hejazi; Min Chen; Evan G R Davies; James A Edmonds; Son H Kim; Sean Turner
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100 years of data is not enough to establish reliable drought thresholds
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 Xin Zhao; Katherine Calvin; Marshall Wise
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 Abigail Snyder; Katherine Calvin; Meridel Phillips; Alex C. Ruane
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 Abigail Snyder; Robert Link; Kalyan Dorheim; Ben Kravitz; Ben Bond-Lamberty; Corinne Hartin
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IM3 and GCIMS in Context

IM3 SFA

- Mechanistic understanding of **stressors, vulnerabilities, resilience, and transformations in complex human-environmental landscapes** consisting of sectors, infrastructures, resources, and the natural environment.
- **Local to Regional**
- Teaming with RGMA for fine-scale analyses of local/regional interactions/dynamics (e.g., Hyperfacets) and with SBR for Watersheds and IHTM
- Physics based models as well as agent-based, decision-theoretic models
- Integration and testing of best-in class component models (cross-agency)...and substitutability... within flexible, interoperable modeling frameworks
- PNNL - Richland, WA led multi-institutional team
- 4 year history with rapidly growing domestic following, interagency interest/engagement, and emergence as a recognizable center of excellence
- FY20 - \$4.6 M

Focus

Scale

Focus-Relevant Partnerships

Model Structure

Methods

Leadership

History

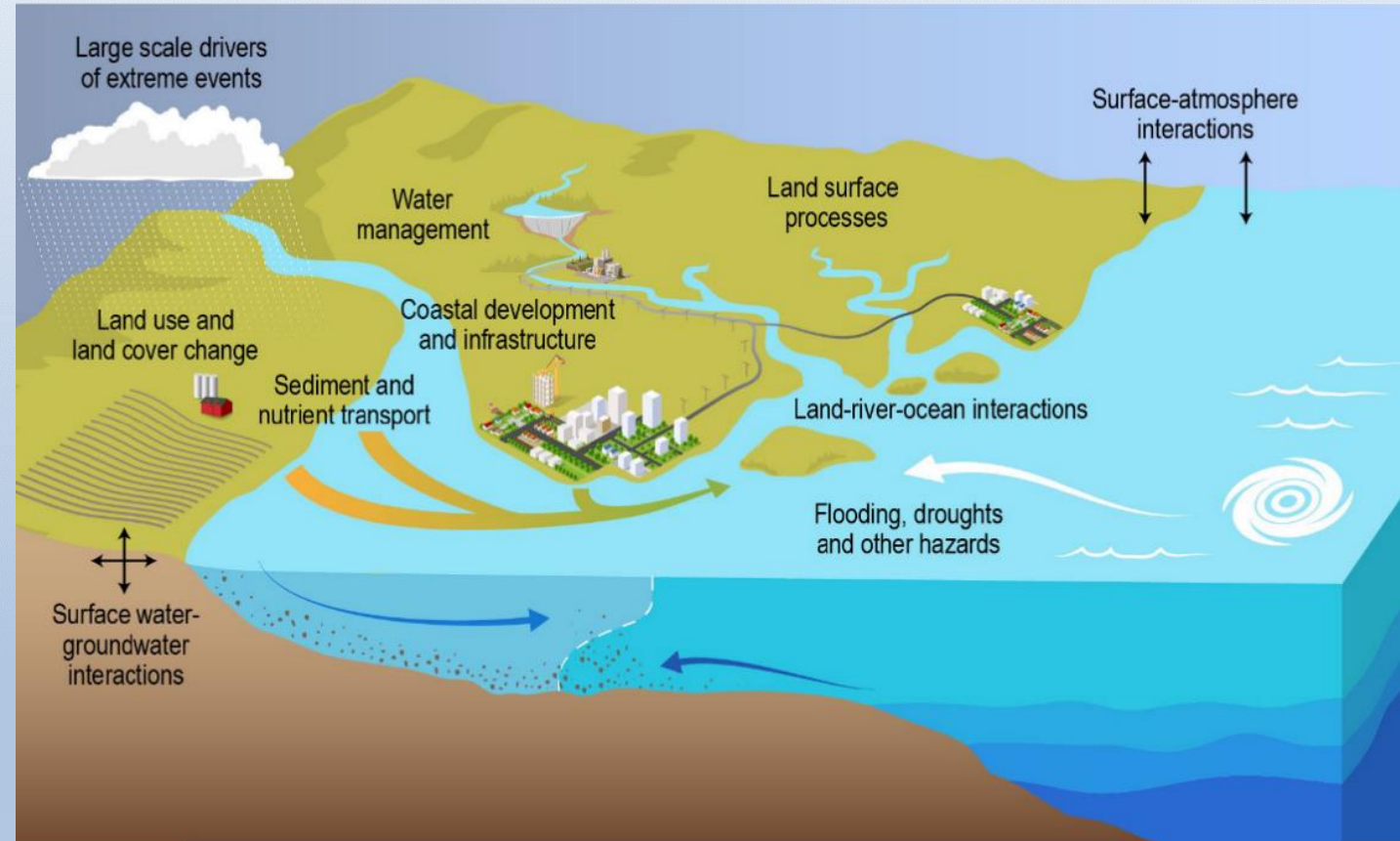
Resources

GCIMS SFA

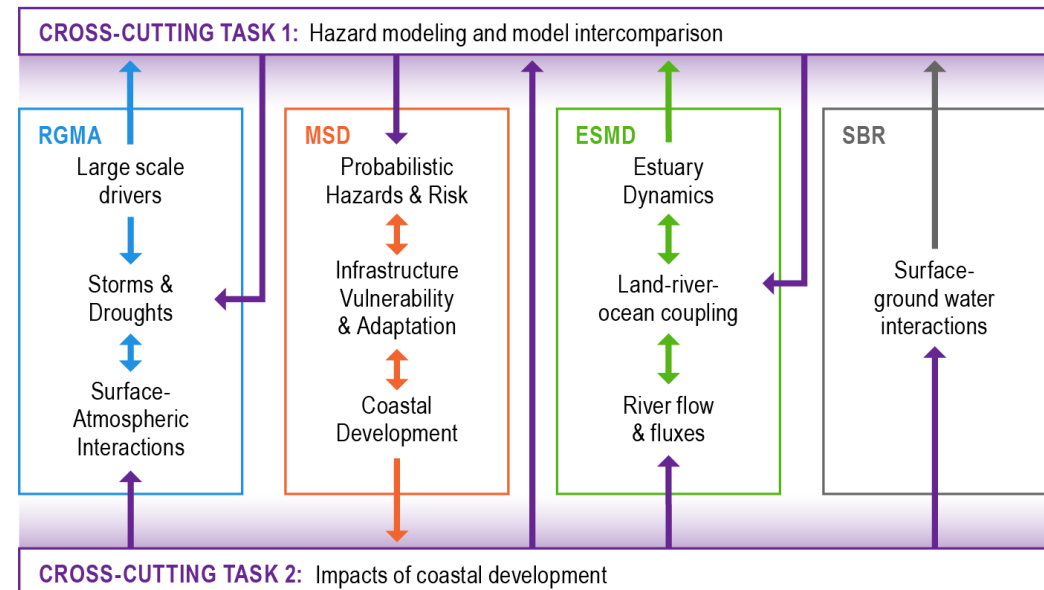
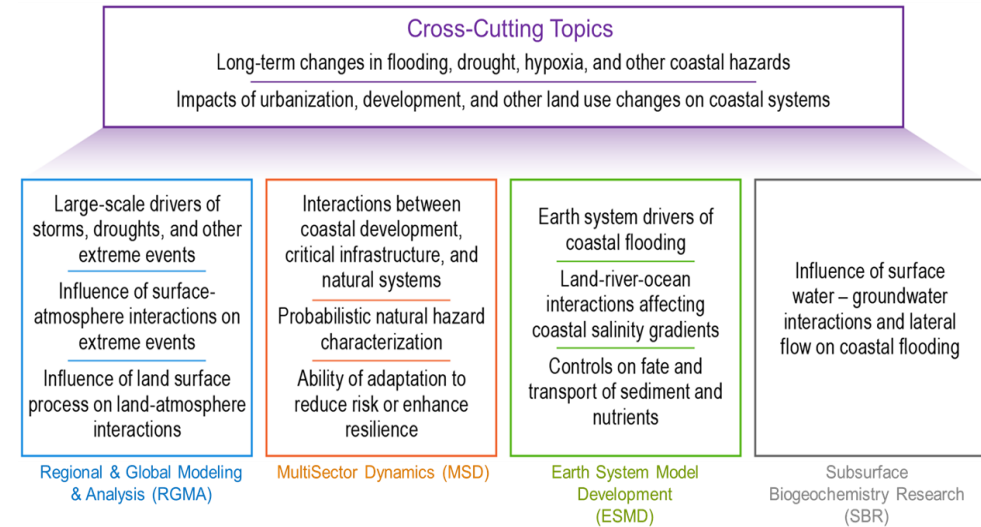
- Understanding **human drivers, responses, and feedbacks in global Earth system evolution**, with a focus on energy, water cycle, land, and biogeochemistry.
- **Regional to Global**
- Teaming with ESM for inclusion of humans in E3SM
- Economic models with more detailed physical system emulators of energy, water, land, biogeochemistry, and climate components.
- Single leadership class model (GCAM) and IHESD-developed components that are fit-for-purpose.
- JGCRI (PNNL and UMD) – College Park, MD led multi-institutional team
- 25 + year development with major domestic and international following and model training program
- FY20 - \$4.5 M

Goal: To deliver a robust predictive understanding of coastal evolution that accounts for the complex, multiscale interactions among physical, biological, and human systems.

- **Pacific Northwest National Laboratory led multi-institutional team** (LANL a strong participant)... >40% funding awarded by PNNL to others
- **Mid-Atlantic regional focus** ... existing DOE capabilities, complex systems interactions, extensive data, and converging interagency activities
- **\$16.2M** over three years (\$5.4M/yr)
- A **“federated” approach** spanning four distinct program areas within DOE’s CESD; requires foundational work in each area and substantial crosscut modeling work.
- **Informs potential follow-on observational and experimental work.**



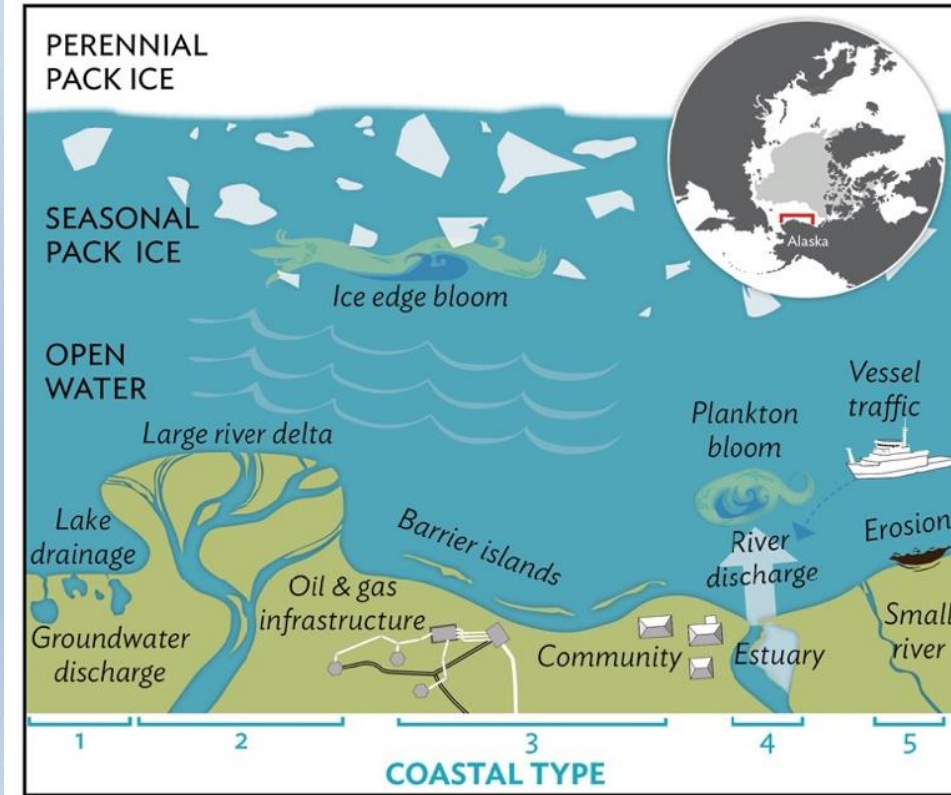
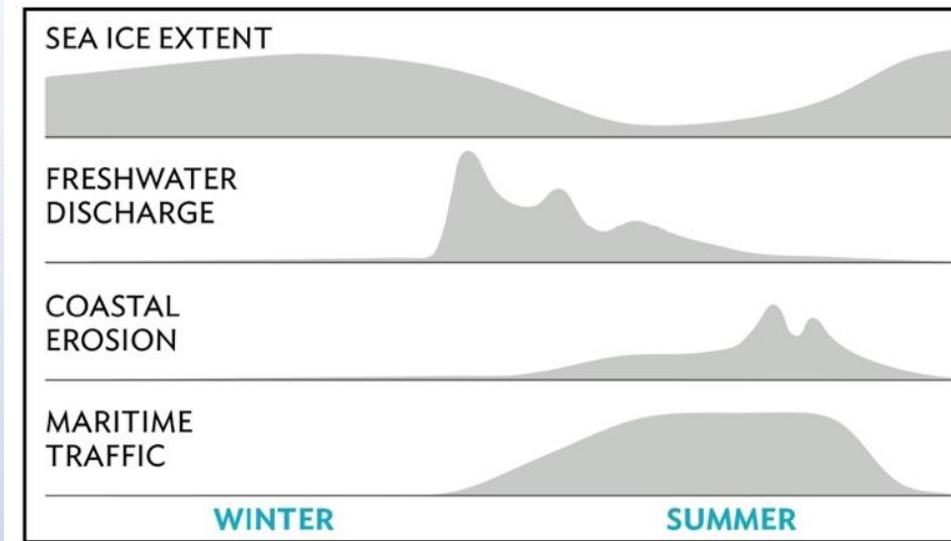
Project components and study region





Enhance the understanding of interactions between natural and societal changes in the Arctic

- Co-evolution of transportation, resources development, and human systems
- Critical thresholds in this co-evolution and effects on the economy and communities
- Links of Arctic evolution to broader global dynamics





Significant Environmental Influences on Oil and Gas Development in the Arctic

Warming air and water temperatures

Ecosystem change with potential for more conflict between subsistence, conservation, oil and gas activities, and ownership (rights)

Sea ice

Affects shipping and multiple forms of transportation, subsistence hunting activity, coastal erosion

Winds & storm inundation

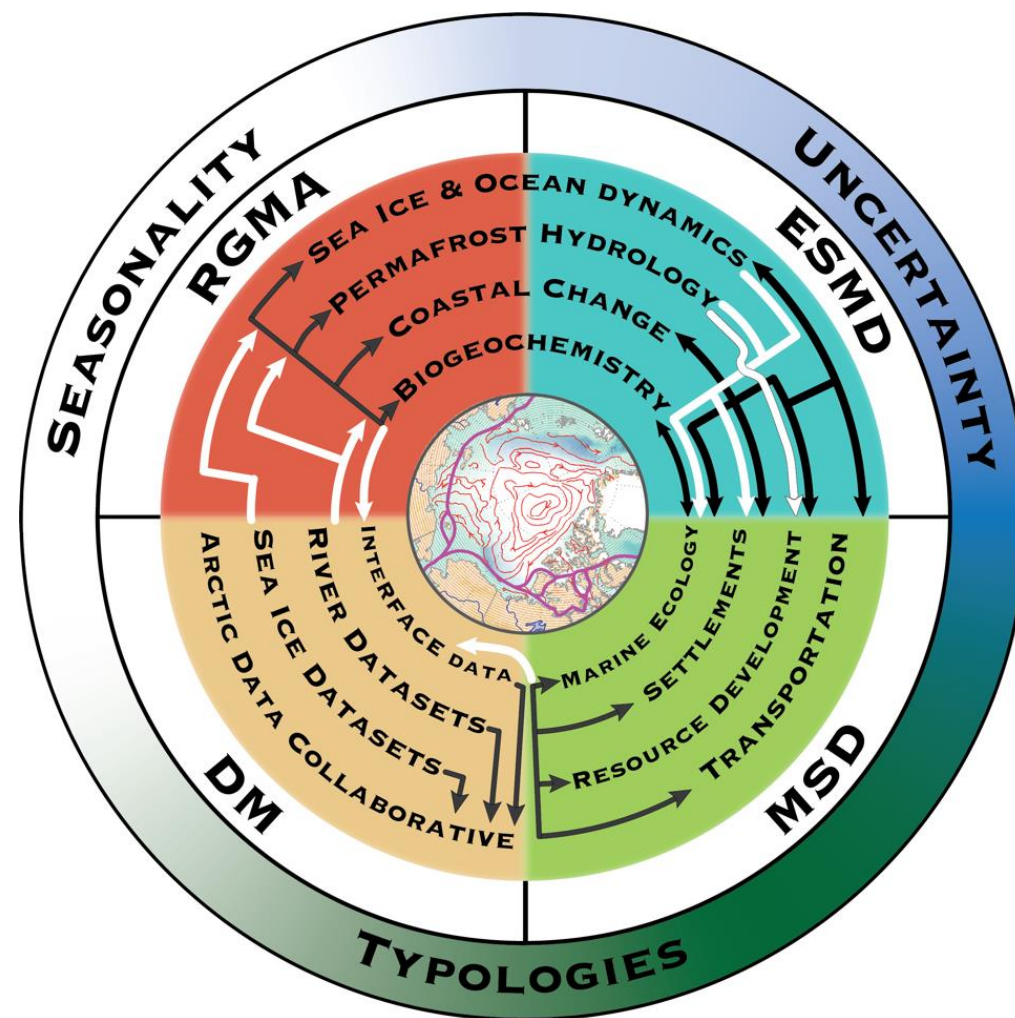
Affects coastal erosion rates and storm inundation damages infrastructure, impacts to subsistence hunting activity, danger to housing and community infrastructure

Permafrost thaw

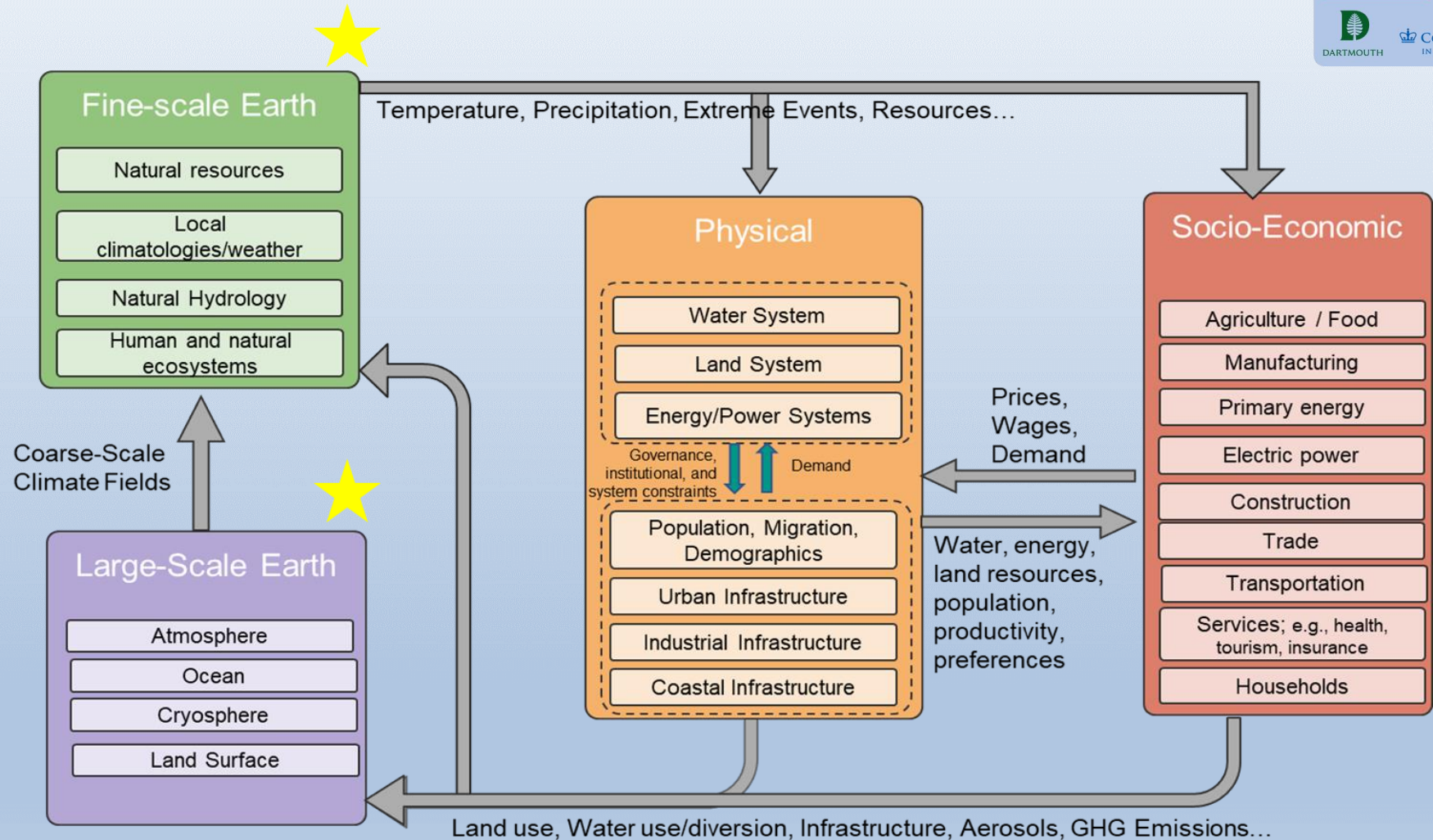
Industry and civil infrastructure damage, food security impacts, release of methane, disease potential

Coastal flooding

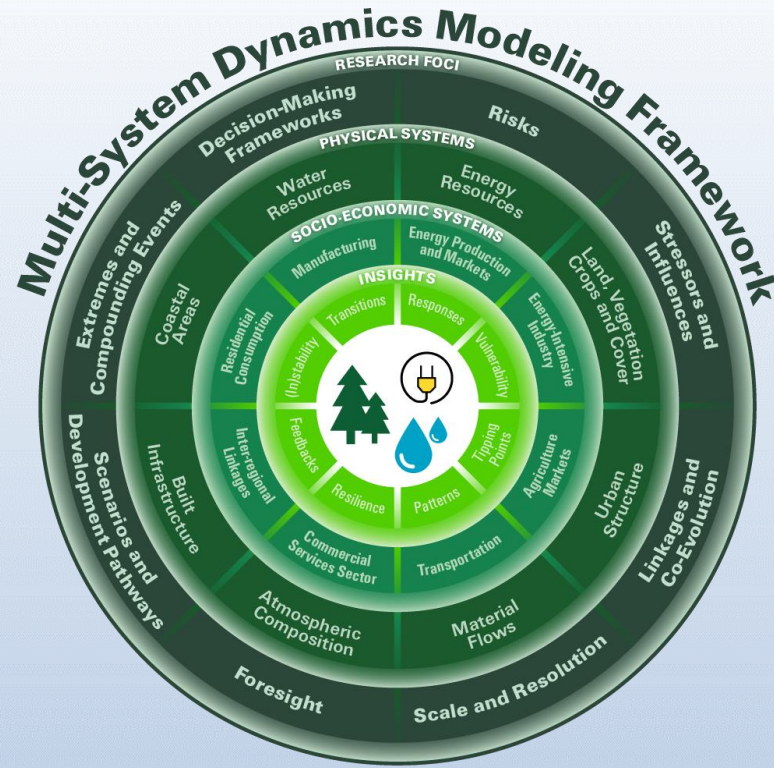
Infrastructure damage, transportation disruption, cultural dislocation (e.g. burial sites, sacred locations)



Goal: To build a next generation integrated suite of science-driven modeling and analytic capabilities, and a more expanded and connected community of practice, for analyses of compound stressors related to integrated Energy-Water-Land systems dynamics and interdependent infrastructures.



ACTIVE PROJECT
An Integrated Framework for Modeling Multi-System Dynamics

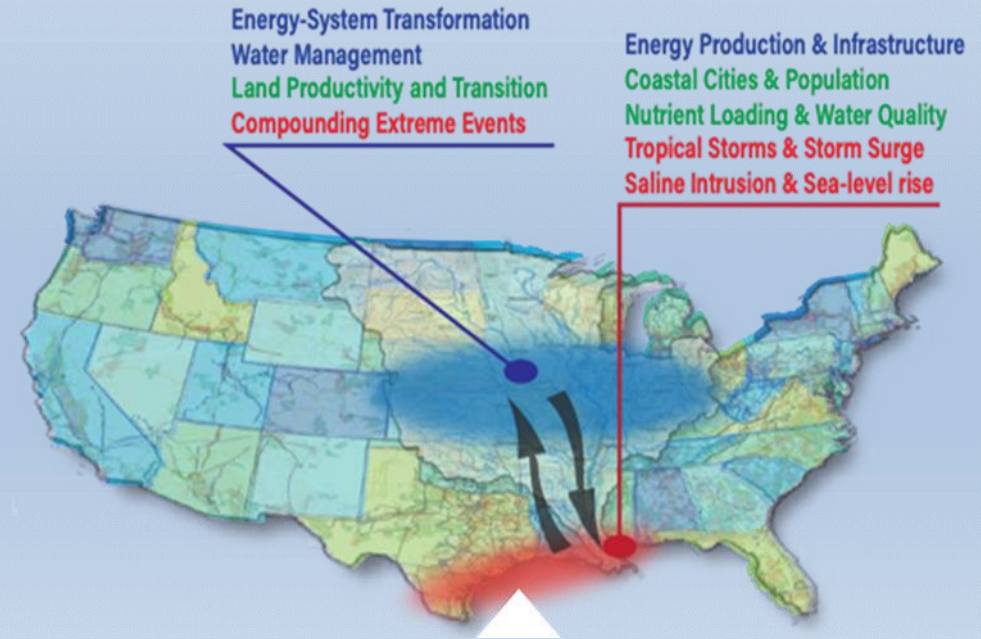


Goal: Develop a multi-system modeling framework to explore **compounding stressors and tipping points at regional scales**

Focus on:

- Forces and patterns
- Stabilities, instabilities, tipping points
- Foresight and resilience

<https://globalchange.mit.edu/research/research-projects/integrated-framework-modeling-multi-system-dynamics>





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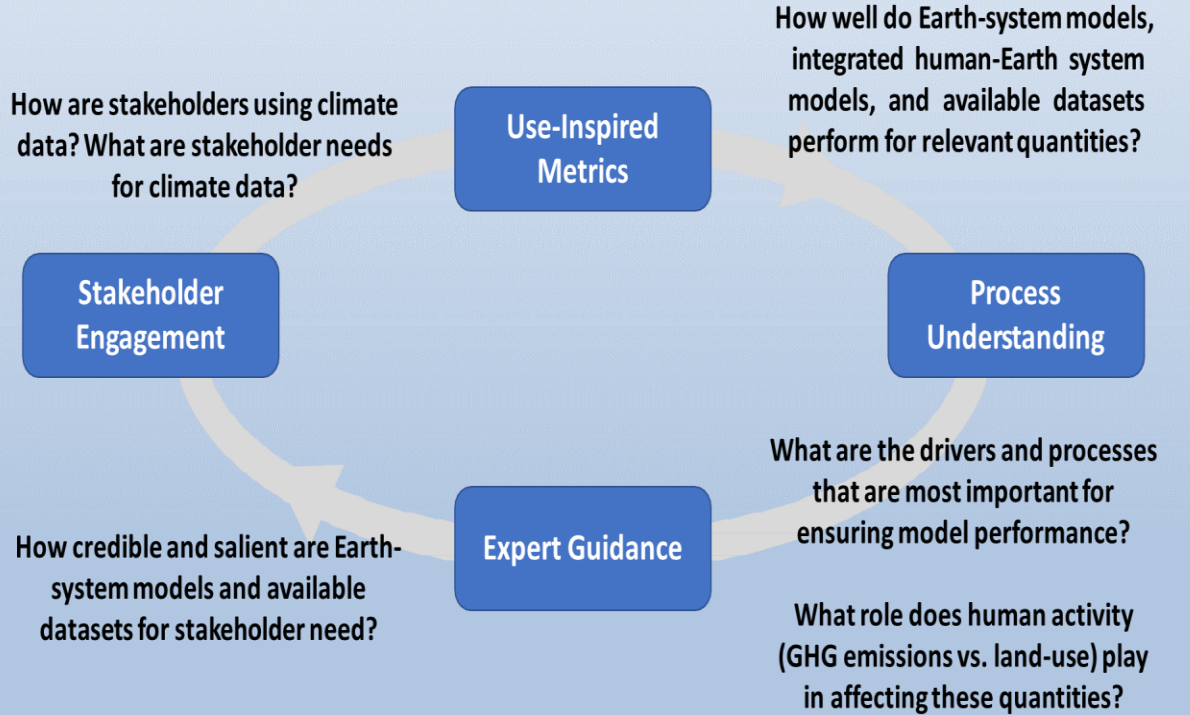
Goals

1. Advance our understanding of processes at the atmosphere-water-energy-land interface.

2. Fundamentally improve our ability to perform credible climate modeling of particular regions and the processes relevant to those regions.

3. Strengthen stakeholder input in model development and evaluation. Engage effectively in co-production: Together enforcing the science and meeting real needs.

Process and Continuous Engagement



Study regions and storylines

Leverage ongoing stakeholder relationships in key case study regions.

Understand priorities and overlapping interests among stakeholders.

Understand needs for planning and decision-making in each region.

