Field Operations Support

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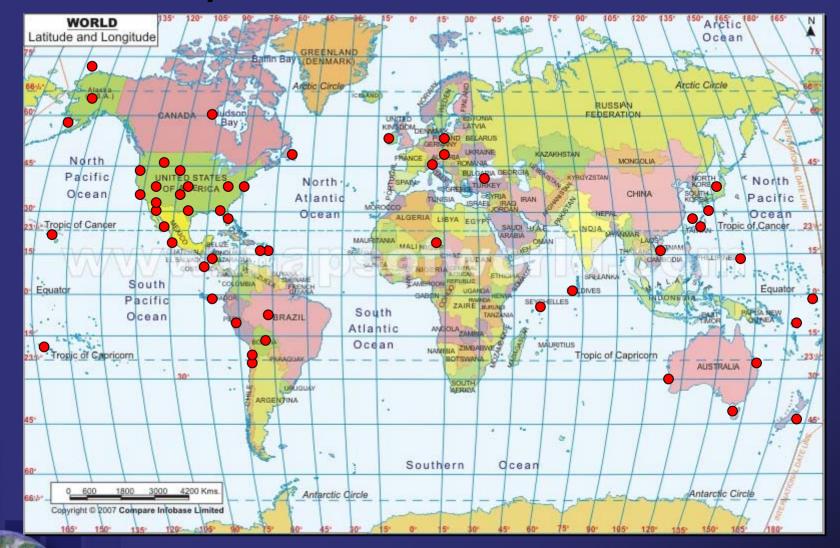
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Who We Are



World Wide Experience







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1. Program Planning and Field Implementation: Provide the requisite infrastructure for effective development of program/project field design and implementation plans, coordination of field operations for meeting the scientific objectives.

2. Logistics: Provide specialized logistics support; administrative support and organizational management; administrative support for international protocols and agreements.

3. Scientific Data Management: Provide all facets of data collection and dissemination of information on the activities of national and international field projects.

4. Education and Outreach: Support educational activities related to program support, field projects, and data management.







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COORDINATION

PLANNING

Development Deployment Data Services



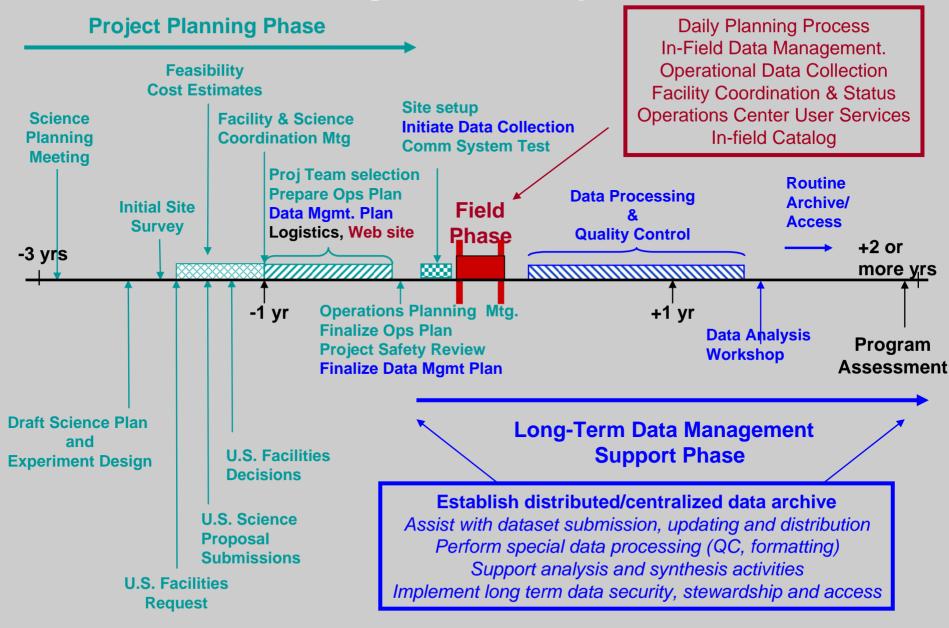
INNOVATION



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Generic Large Field Project Timeline



Field Campaign Planning and Operations Support

Liaison with investigators & facilities

(international, multi-national, multi-agency)

- Site Selection, Space, Facilities, Coordination with Local Host
- Operations Management

(Operations Centers, ATC Coordination, Facility Coordination)

- Communications Plan (network administration, connectivity, chat rooms)
- Forecast Coordination (data access, displays)
- Field Catalog

Development

Deploymen Data Services

- Data Management—In-field Access, Data Integrity (Metadata, Completeness, Long term Archive, Compatibility))
- Prepare Operations and Data Management Plans
- Customs, Immigration, Security, Clearances, Permits



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Logistics and Coordination

- International Relations, clearances, permits
- Operations Centers
- Staffing and Personnel (operations, administrative, network coordinators)
- Lodging—Hotels, apartments, housing
- Shipping and Customs (expendables, hazmat, etc)
- Facilities Ground Support aircraft, ships, ground-based observing systems
- Contracts, Finance





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Research Aviation Facility

Provides unique airborne platforms and airborne measurement capabilities that address scientific needs of the atmospheric research community

Develops new instrumentation to address gaps in current airborne measurement capabilities

Serves as a community resource for airborne measurements and operations

Development

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Remote Sensing Facility



NCAR S-Pol Radar

10 cm Doppler, polarimetric radar Highly portable, six 20 ft. seatainers **Diesel generator powered** Easy set up Peak power 1 Mw 1 degree beamwidth antenna Suite of Doppler and polarimetric variables Doppler measurements, polarimetric-based rainfall maps, hydrometeor identification Internet ready Requested via NCAR/NSF and deployments funded by Deployment Pool. Well suited to international deployments.





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In-Situ Sensing Facility

Maintains and deploys a flexible, multi-faceted network of integrated, configurable insitu and radio and optical profiling remote sensors that is robust, dependable wellcalibrated operate with minimal oversight

- GPS Dropsonde
- Integrated Sounding System (ISS/Mobile MISS) (MAPR)
- GPS Advance Upper-Air Sounding system (GAUS/Mobile MGAUS)
- Integrated Surface Flux System (ISFS)
- Driftsonde





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Remote Sensing Facility

Maintains and deploys a suite of world-class remote sensing instruments (radars and lidars) in support of the atmospheric science community

Develops innovative and state of the art "next-generation" remote sensors

Performs fundamental atmospheric research utilizing RSF and other instrumentation







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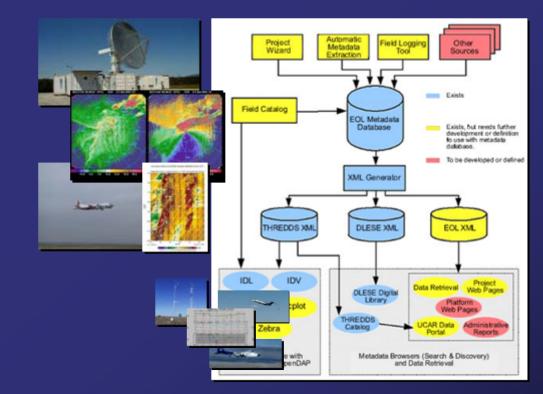
Computing, Data and Software

Creates integrated software and data system services that are at the heart of state of the art observing systems

> Enhances field operations through innovative application and implementation of communications technologies that foster scientific interaction and enable expanded field program audiences

Provides data management services for field campaigns and subsequent research efforts, including stewardship and curatorship







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Field Campaign Considerations

- Coordination Phase
- Long-term Monitoring
- Data Management Coordination
- Operations (ATC, Observing Facilities, Forecast Teams)
- Communications Tests
- Field Campaign





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