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Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Program

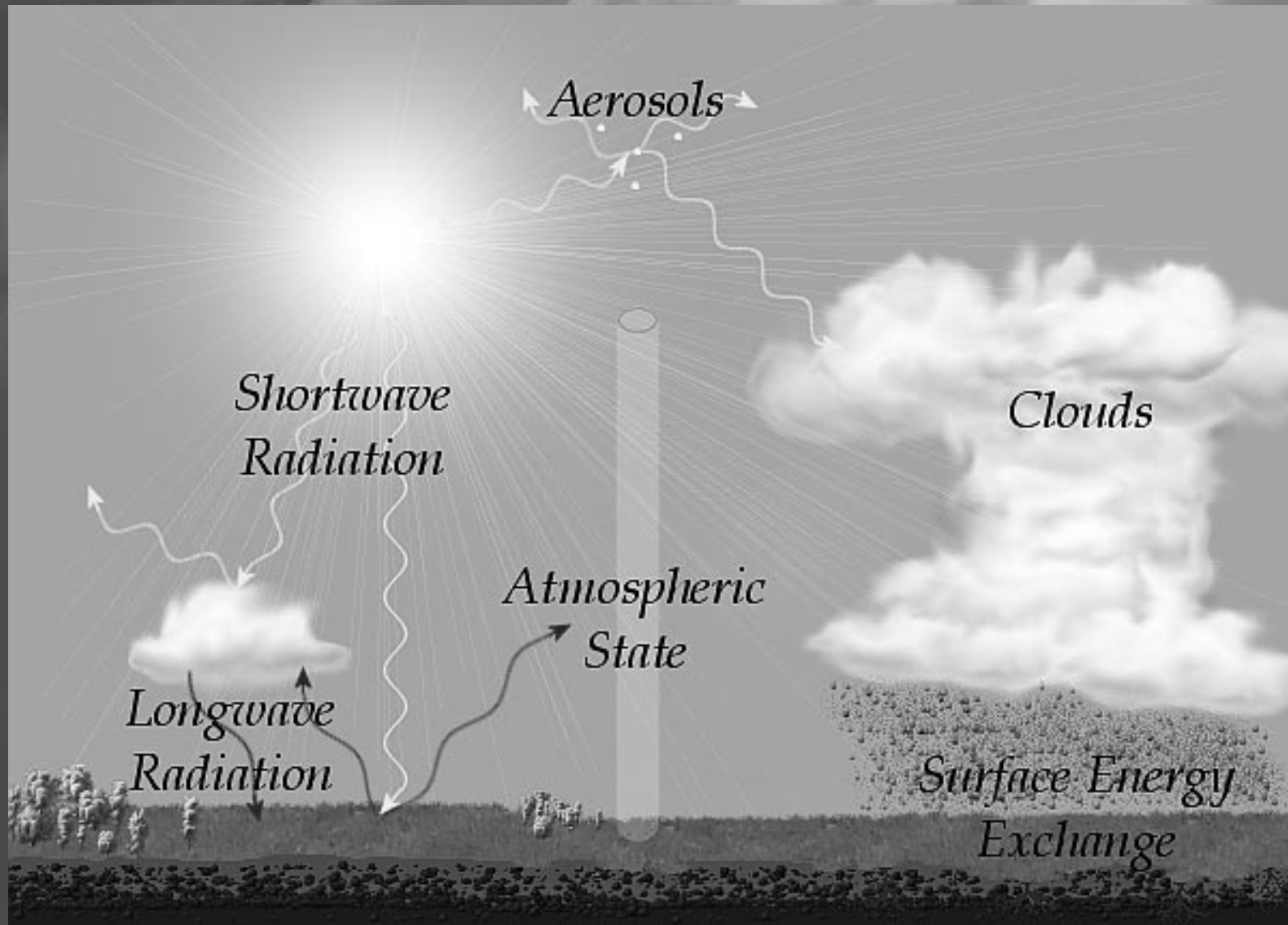


Goal:

**Improve the performance of general circulation models for climate research and prediction
improving understanding of the effect and interaction of night
radiant energy and clouds
aerosol on global and regional
temperature**

Primary Objectives

- **Relate observations of radiative fluxes and radiances to the atmospheric composition**
- **Use these relations to develop and test parameterizations to accurately predict the atmospheric radiative properties**





Southern Great Plains

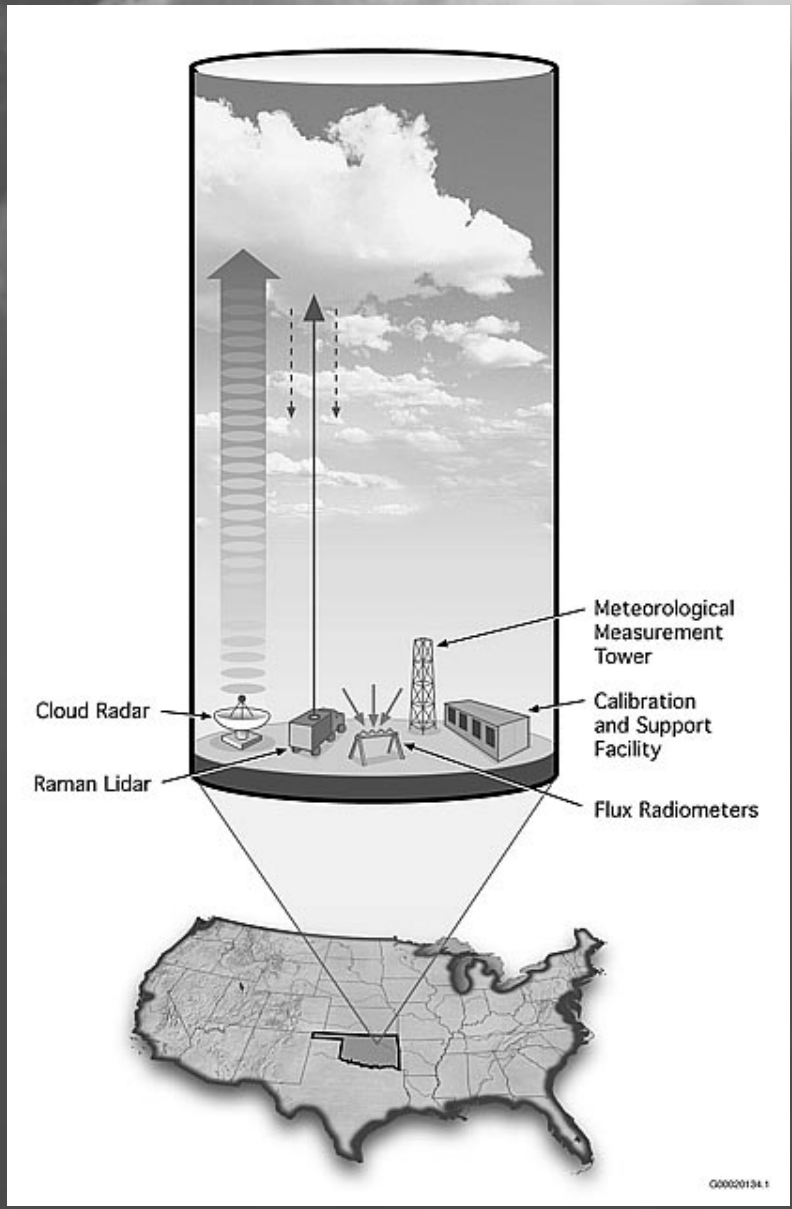


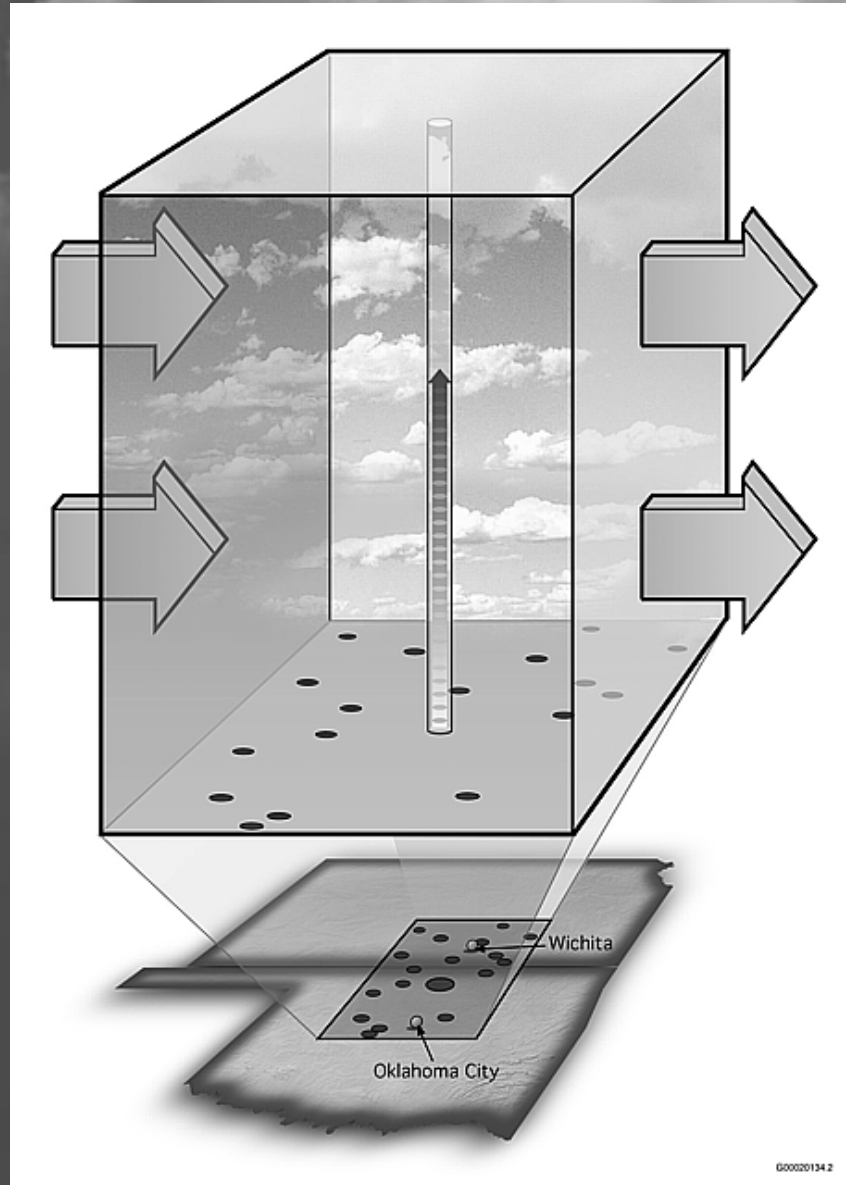
North Slope of Alaska



Tropical Western Pacific







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ARM and Aerosols

- **Direct Effects**
 - How do aerosols affect the calculation of clear-sky radiation fields?
- **Indirect Effects**
 - What is the influence of aerosols on cloud radiative and microphysical properties?

Strategic Plan for Climate Change Science Research Program (draft)

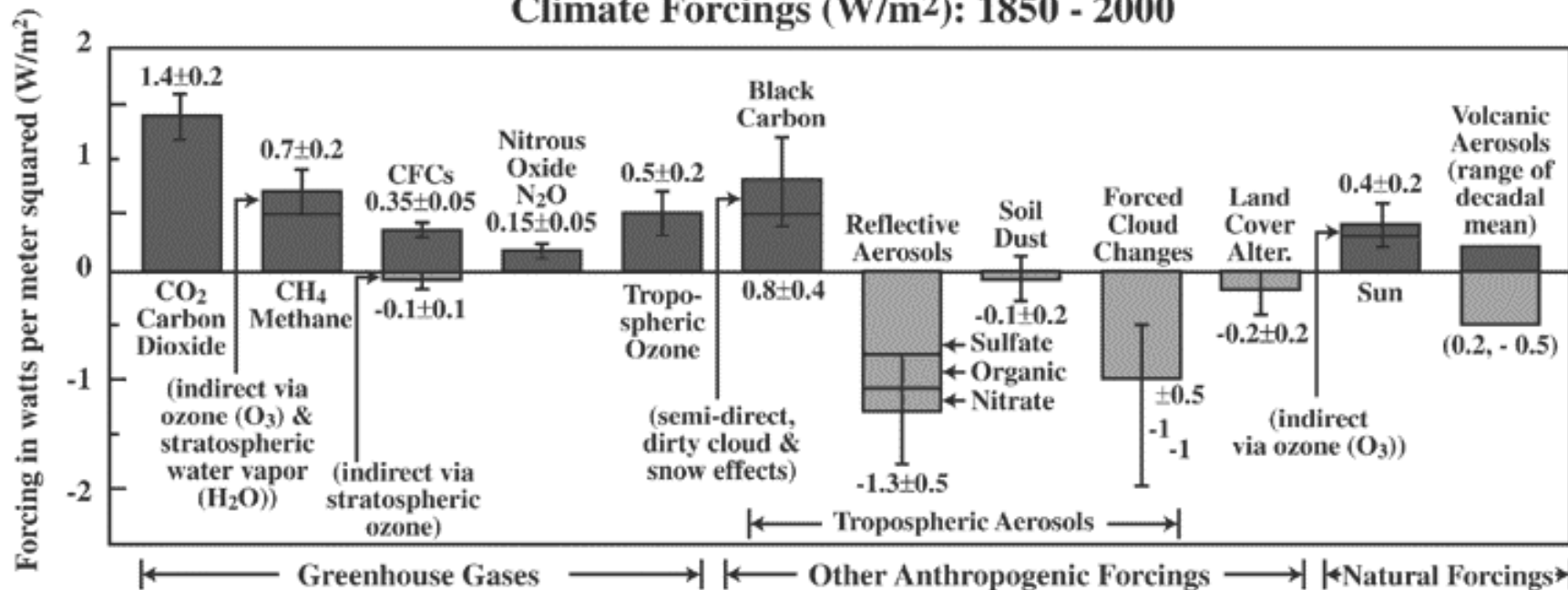
ILLUSTRATIVE RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- What are the sources of atmospheric aerosols, and what are their magnitudes and variability?
- What are the global distributions and radiative characteristics of aerosols?
- What are the processes that control the spatial and temporal distributions and variability of aerosols and that modify their chemical and radiative properties during transport, and how well can these processes and resulting spatial distributions currently be simulated?
- How do aerosols affect a cloud's radiative properties and ability to generate precipitation?

Why are OC/EC measurements important for understanding climate?

- Important for deriving aerosol optical properties (e.g. scattering, absorption, extinction) used to represent aerosol forcing in climate models
 - Also, derived optical properties depend upon whether the aerosol are internally or externally mixed

Climate Forcings (W/m²): 1850 - 2000



ARM User Facility (SGP)



Participants



DOE Laboratories

- Argonne National Laboratory, IL
- Brookhaven National Laboratory, NY
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, CA
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory, CO
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, WA
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- NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
- NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- NASA Langley Research Center
- National Centers for Atmospheric Research
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- National Science Foundation
- National Severe Storms Laboratory
- Naval Research Laboratory
- North Slope Borough government
- NOAA Aeronomy Laboratory
- NOAA Climate Monitoring and Diagnostics Laboratory
- NOAA Environmental Technology Laboratory
- NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory
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- NOAA National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information
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