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Topics

- NOMADS
- NEXRAD
- CLASS
- Scientific Data Stewardship



NOMADS

- NOAA Operational Model Archive and Distribution System (NOMADS)
- **GOALS**
 - *Improve access to NWP and GCM data*
 - *Develop linkages between the research and operational communities fostering collaboration*
 - *Allow users to perform simple analysis without moving raw data via distributed data sharing*



NOMADS Status

- NCEP, NCAR, GFDL, NCAR, NCDC, CDC, PMEL, COLA servers on line
- NOMADS program plan completed
- Continue to advance collaborations
 - THREDDS (NCDC is already a partner)
 - OPeNDAP Data Connector (now at NCDC)
 - CONDUIT (University input to NOMADS)
 - DOE Earth System Grid
- Science workshop proposed – Fall 2003

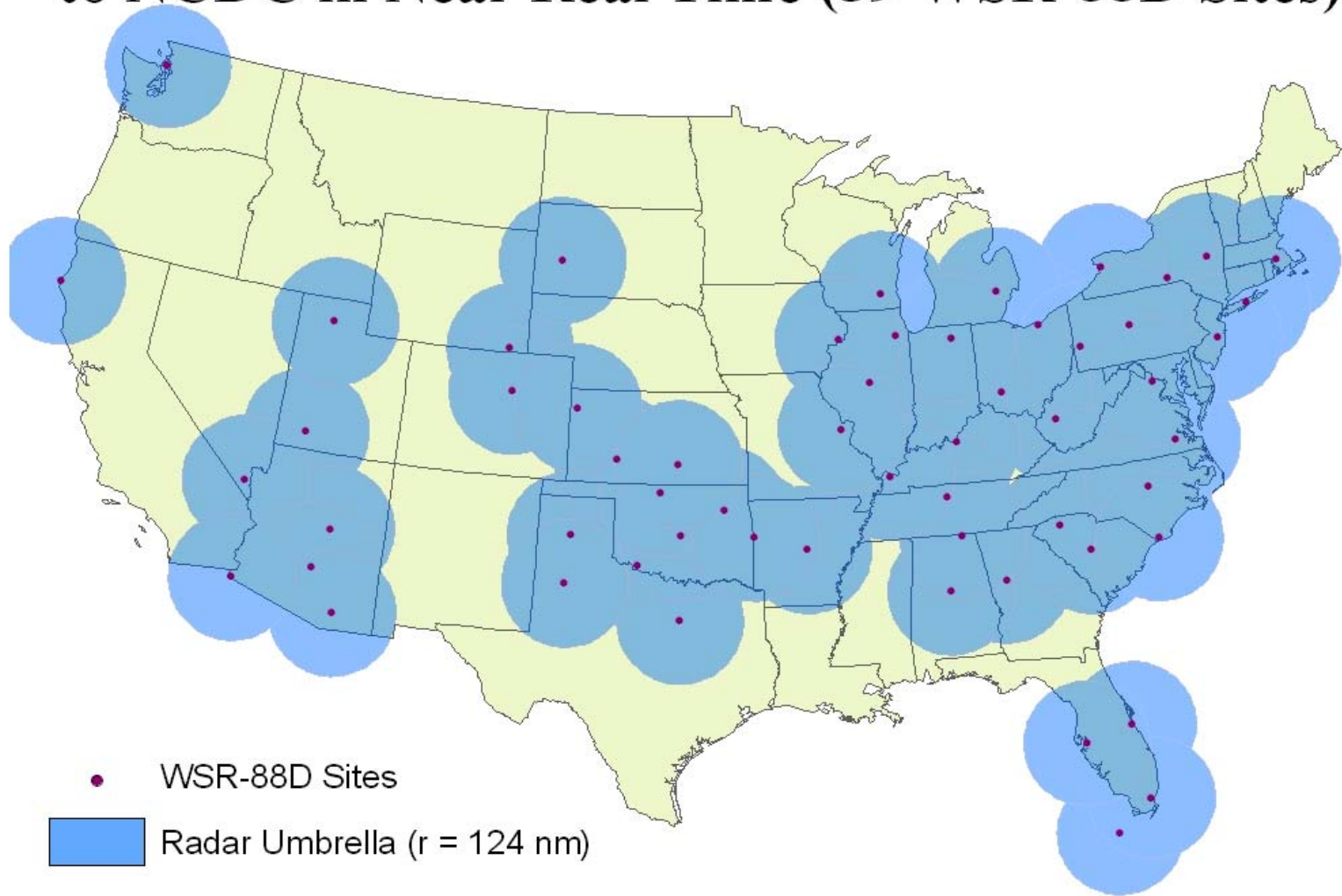


NEXRAD

- **NCDC receives WSR-88D level II (base) data from 120 NWS, 12 FAA and 26 DOD sites on 8mm tape or online**
- **The NCDC Mass Storage System warehouses 900 terabytes of Level II data and grows annually at a rate of 60 terabytes a year**
- **Prior to August 2000 level II data was archived on 8mm tape**
- **59 Sites electronically transmit level II data to NCDC resulting in capture rates at over 95% and data are available in near real time.**



Current NEXRAD Sites Delivering Level II Data to NCDC in Near Real Time (59 WSR-88D Sites)



NEXRAD Web Based Services

- NCDC radar resources web page provides direct access to WSR-88D level II digital data, at no cost, via FTP without contacting a NCDC customer service representative.
- To browse NEXRAD data inventories the user goes to <http://has.ncdc.noaa.gov>, selects the level II option, and follows the instructions for dataset retrieval.

The screenshot displays the 'NEXRAD Level II' web interface. It features a dropdown menu for 'Station(s)' with the following options: KABR (06/16/1995 - 08/26/2002), KABX (05/18/1995 - 09/11/2002), KAKQ (07/13/1995 - 09/18/2002), KAMA (03/17/1994 - 09/18/2002), KAMX (09/27/1993 - 09/18/2002), KAPX (07/31/1996 - 09/03/2002), KAPX (07/08/1996 - 09/10/2002), KATX (04/26/1995 - 09/18/2002), KBBX (10/22/1996 - 12/03/2000), and KBGM (09/01/1995 - 09/18/2002). The 'Start Date: (YYYY/MM/DD)' is set to 1991 / 01 / 01, and the 'End Date: (YYYY/MM/DD)' is set to 2002 / 01 / 01. The 'Output' is set to 'FTP'. There is an 'Email Address:' field and two buttons: 'Continue With Selections' and 'Reset Form'.

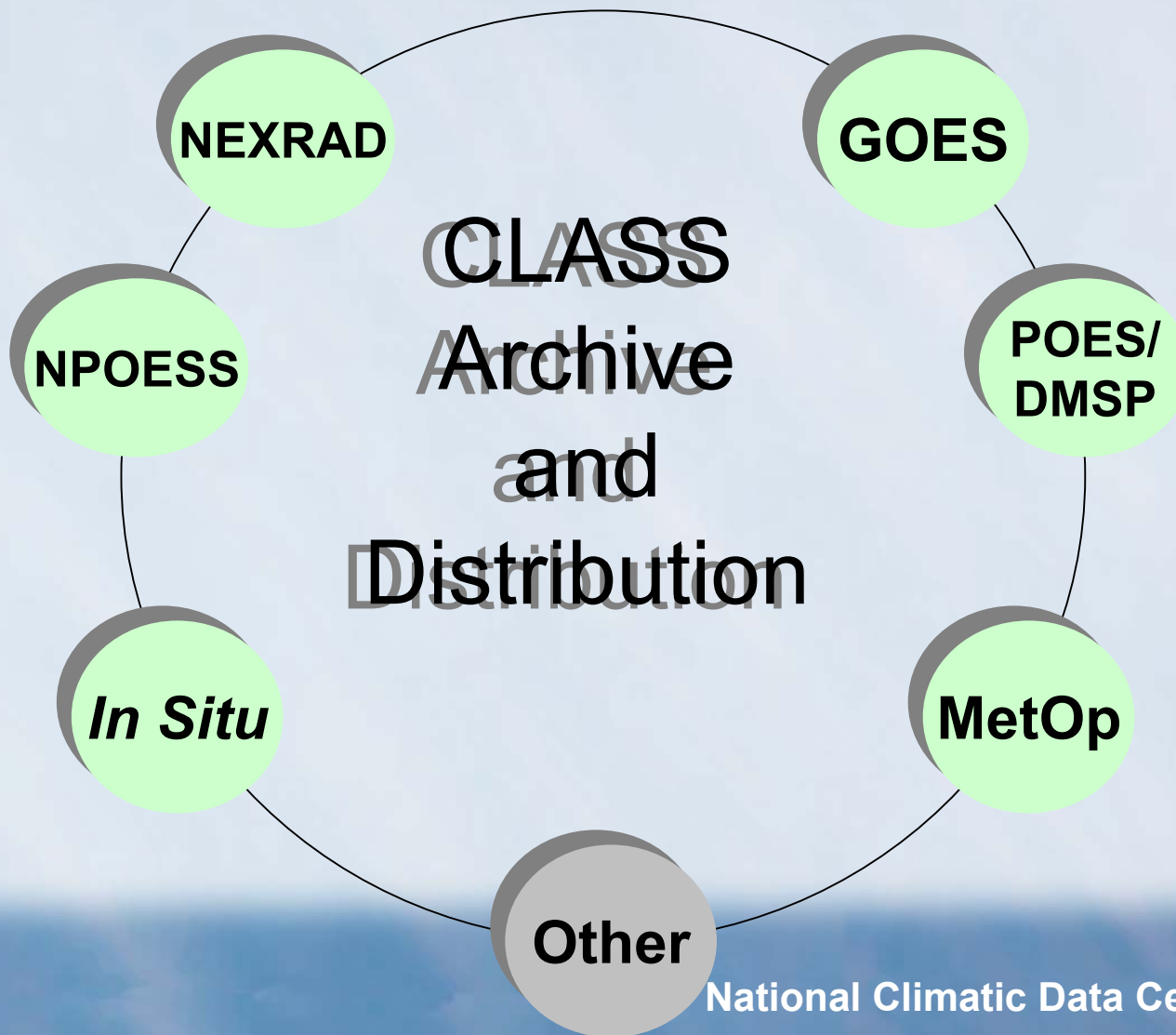


Comprehensive Large Array-data Stewardship System (CLASS)

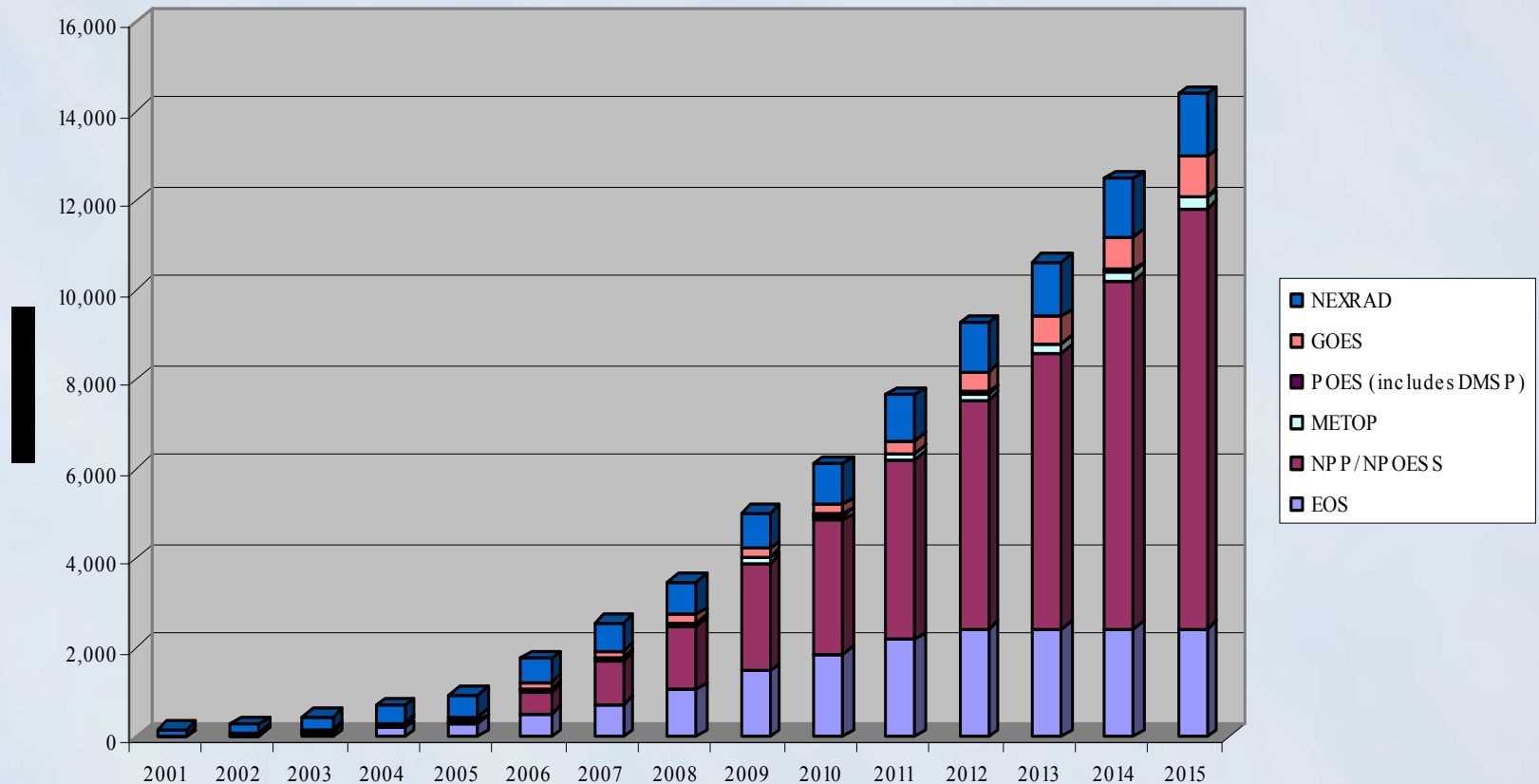
- Goals
 - On-line archive of large datasets
 - Improve access to large datasets
 - Provide one-stop entry for customer access



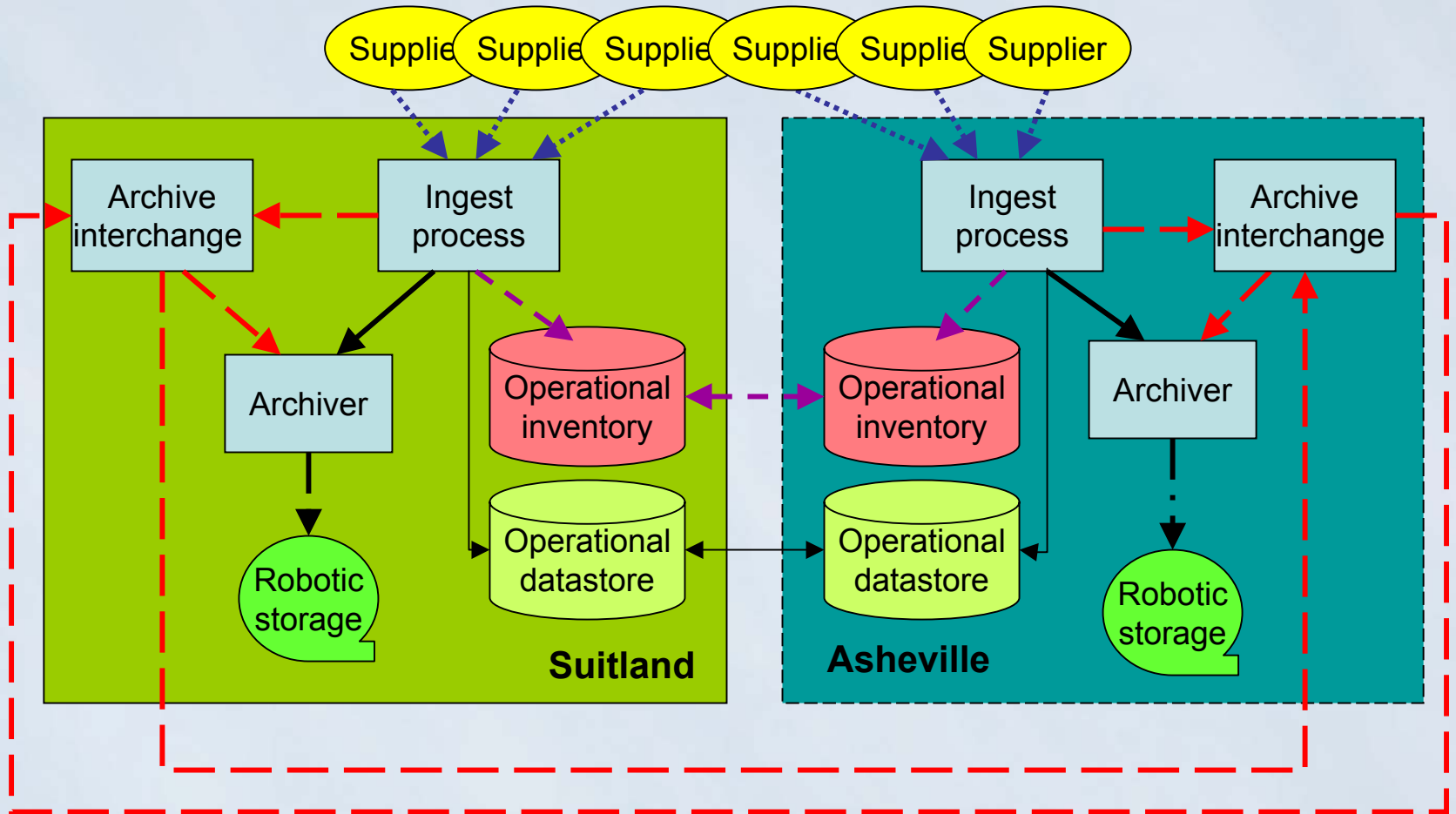
Comprehensive Large Array-data Stewardship System



Cumulative Major Systems Archive Growth



Distributed redundant archive



KEY

Raw data



Primary archive



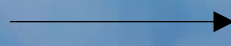
Access metadata



Secondary archive



Browse imagery



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Scientific Data Stewardship

- Integrated suite of functions to preserve and exploit the full scientific value of NOAA's environmental data
- Real-time data monitoring
- Authoritative long-term records - reprocessing
- Authoritative records to assess the current state of the environment
- Comprehensive metadata
- Data archaeology



SCIENTIFIC DATA STEWARDSHIP OBSERVATIONS FOR CLIMATE

