



# *Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center*

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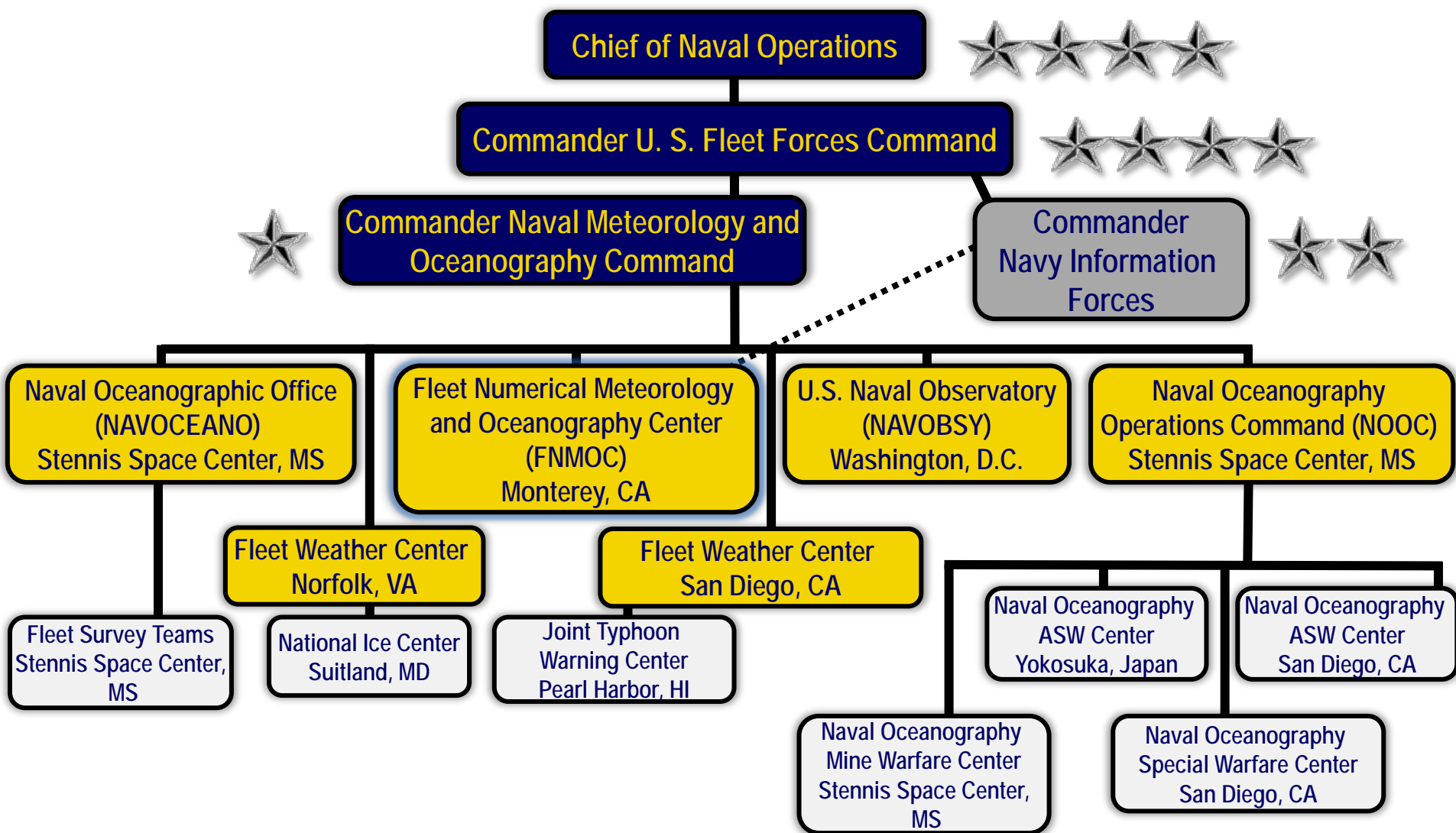
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# METOC Enterprise





# ***Predictive Battlespace Weapon System***

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## **Mission**

**FNMOC drives warfighting effectiveness and fleet safety of Naval, Joint and Coalition forces by operating and disseminating assured global and regional numerical environmental prediction and applied decision-making services**

## **Vision**

**DoD's Premier Numerical Modeling Center - Lead for Physical Battlespace Awareness and Operational Advantage**

## **Functions**

- **FNMOC employs Assured C2 to deliver Physical Battlespace Awareness and directly support Integrated Fires. Products include: operational climatology support, custom high resolution weather prediction areas, weapon system inputs proven to improve performance and accuracy, specific ocean state data, go/no-go decision tools, tactical decision aids (TDAs), optimum path flight plans, and a variety of other mission-critical METOC data, products, and services.**
- **Serve as DISA Node for 12 DoD organizations on central California coast**
- **Strategic deterrence support**

## **Tasks**

- **Operate a High Performance Computing Center (HPCC) with capabilities at every classification level**
- **Climatology support to Naval, Intelligence Community, and DoD Operations and Exercises at all classification levels**
- **Transition to Unified Modeling and follow-on deployment of Earth System Prediction Capability (ESPC)**
- **Collaborate with NAVO, NRL, NCEP, NESDIS, and 557<sup>th</sup> Weather Wing**



# Team FNMOC Today

- Diverse team of highly-educated, technically proficient and warfighting-experienced Sailors, Civilians and Contractors.
- 16 Officers
  - METOC, IP, SWO, Intel
  - 33% MS Degree
  - 90% Warfare qualified
- 119 Civilian & 23 Contractors:
  - Predominantly Physical Science and Computer Science
  - 7% PhD, 23% MS Degree, 34% BS Degree
  - 42% eligible to retire within 5 years
    - Broad and deep experience in the mission and the science
    - Succession challenges
- 71% manned



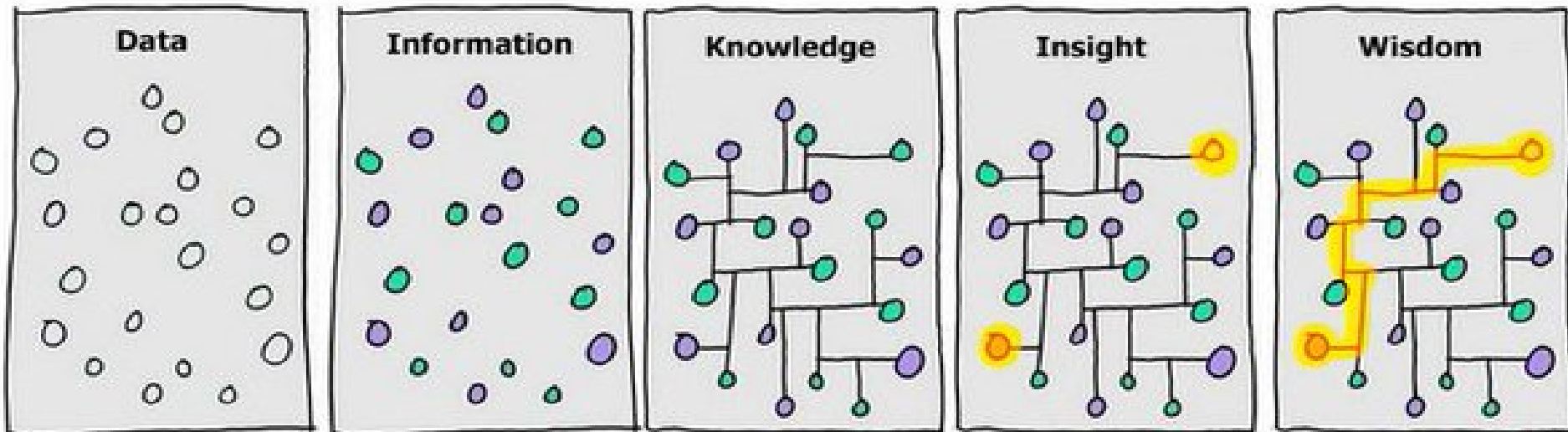
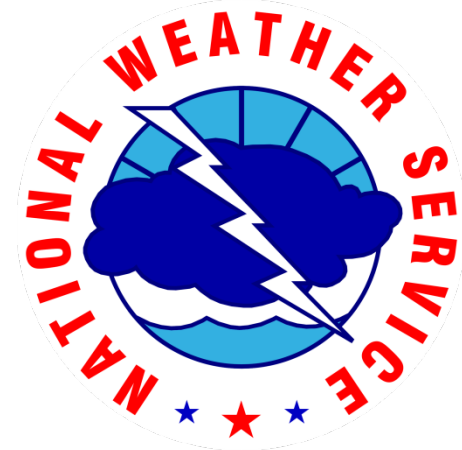




# Warfighting Support Division



- A COCOM-focused operational reach back center for Joint Physical Battlespace Awareness and Mission Effectiveness
- Proactive coordination of tailored HPC/NWP production and Climate Support (ACAF and Climate Portal) to COCOM operations, exercises and contingency operations
- Engage COCOM and Fleet METOC officers, IC METOC, FWCs, RBCs (NOMWC and NOAC), and other traditional METOC partners
- Lead cross-functional teams with ONR / NRL and NPS to integrate/OPTEST leading edge technology and potential transition programs (i.e. NEXRAD/HWDDC REA, AAP)
- Bridging advances in science to warfighter operational advantage
  - Executive Summaries for upgrades/changes in capability
  - Expanding T&T and V&V capability
  - Proactive Customer Engagement early exercise/operations cycle
  - Coordination to advance the request and capability delivered





# ***FNMOC Tomorrow: Unified Modeling***

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- Align 31 NAVOCEANO billets and 14 FNMOC billets to create FNMOC Modeling and Forecasting Department (N5)
- Establish the science team that will implement coupled models and ESPC
  - Includes global deterministic and ensemble modeling and small-scale deterministic and ensemble modeling of atmosphere, ocean, waves, ice, aerosols, tropical cyclones, and other dependent models
- Some riverine and hydrographic modeling remains with NAVOCEANO
- Ocean data acquisition, pre-processing and QC remains with NAVOCEANO



# ***COPC Implications of Unified Modeling***

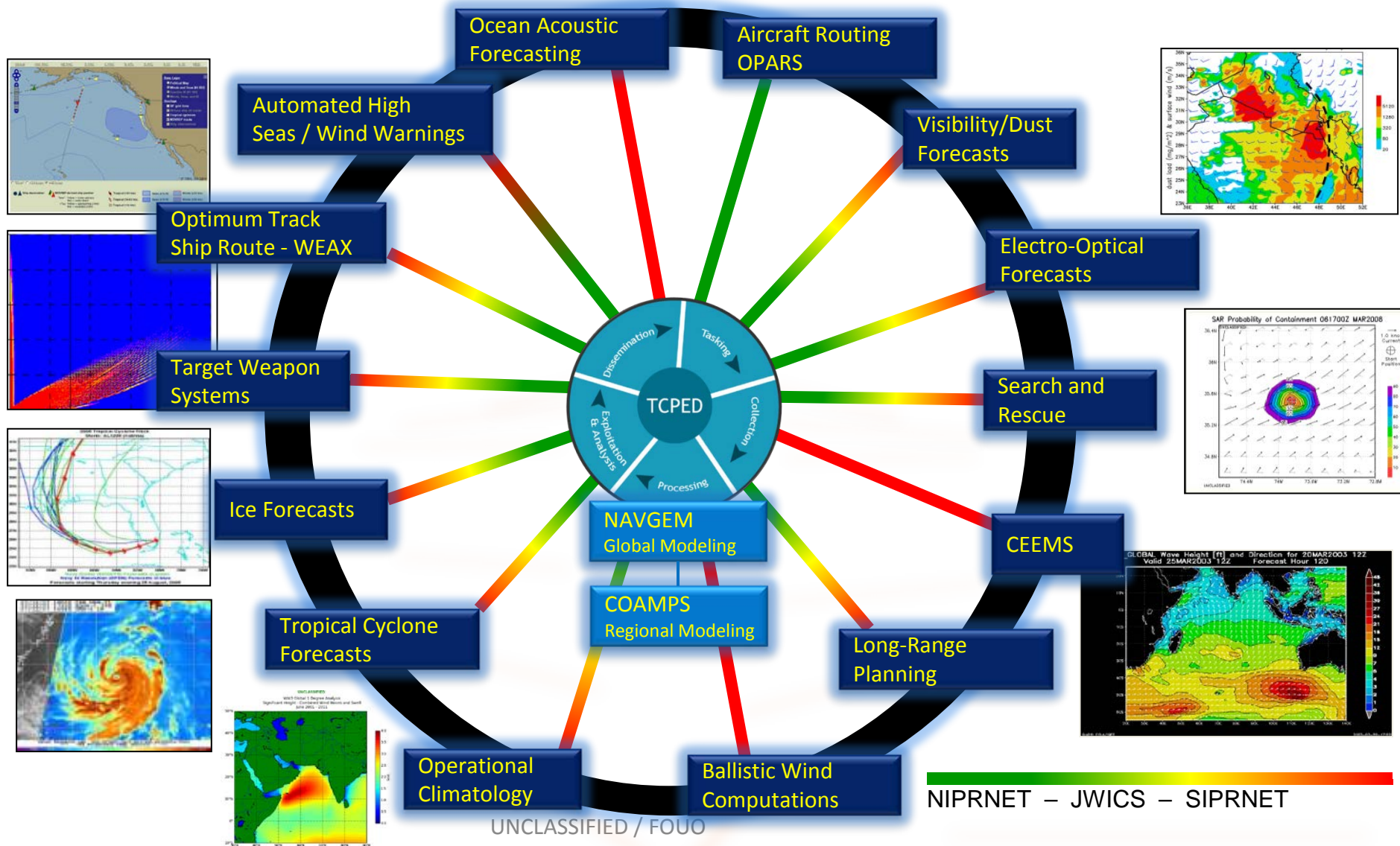
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- Some data exchanges currently coordinated with NAVOCEANO will be coordinated with FNMOC
- Modeling support to COPC partners will be coordinated with FNMOC
- Model transitions (upgrades) will be more complex and possibly take longer





# FNMOC Operational Capabilities





# Current Models Overview

- **NAVGEN 1.4** – **NAV**al **G**lobal **E**nvironment **M**odel; (T425L60) ~ 31 km, 60 vertical levels; Semi-Lagrangian dynamic core model. **At the center of FNMOC production.**
- **COAMPS v5.2** – **C**oupled **O**cean/**A**tmosphere **M**esoscale **P**rediction **S**ystem; high resolution model for quick response to warfighter support requests(< 1 day); multi-nested to less than 1 km; 60 vertical levels. Special support for tropical cyclones, dust, EM and acoustic propagation. Driven by NAVGEM. Run at all classification levels **At the center of FNMOC production. 65/45/18**
- **WW3 v4.18** – **W**ave**W**atch **III**; ocean wave model; global (~35KM) and regional (5KM) implementations. Driven by NAVGEM and COAMPS. Model bias can be “tuned”.
- **COAMPS - TC** – COAMPS centered on JTWC official forecast.
- **WW3 TC-OFCL** – WW3 forced by JTWC official forecast (as inserted into NAVGEM)
- **NAVGEN Ensemble 1.4** – Global 21-member, 16-day forecast, to T359 (33km)L60; supports 20-member global WW3 ensemble. Uses customized ensemble transform method to match member perturbations to model error. With the NCEP and CMC global ensembles, forms the National Unified Operational Prediction Capability (NUOPC) 60 member multi-model ensemble.
- **NAAPS** – **N**avy **A**tmospheric **A**erosol **P**rediction **S**ystem; the only operational global aerosol model. Atmospheric optical properties output feeds Target Acquisition Weapons Software (TAWS). Driven by NAVGEM.
- **AAP** – Atmospheric Acoustic Propagation; is a system for predicting the probability that a human ear will detect a helicopter in theater. System is a part of COAMPS-OS, atmospheric forecast from COAMPS.



- Recent Events
  - v1.4 implemented operationally 12 Oct 2016
    - Hybrid Data Assimilation (DA)
    - MPI / IO
    - Ozone assimilation [Ozone Mapping & Profiling Suite (OMPS) & Solar Backscatter Ultraviolet Version 2 (SBUV/2)]
  - v1.4.1 Implemented 1 Mar 2017
    - Revised stochastic kinetic energy backscatter (SKEB) initialization procedure for NAVEFS
    - T359L60 NAVEFS
- Plans
  - v1.4.2 [3QFY17]
    - Data Assimilation (DA) upgrades
  - v2.0 [4QFY17]
    - T681L80 (~19 km grid spacing; 0.01 hPa model top ~80 km)



- Recent Events
  - COAMPS v5.4 delivered to FNMOC for initial testing and evaluation [Jan 2017]
    - Updates associated with v5.4
      - ESMF/NUOPC v7 compatible (coupled modeling restructuring)
      - Use the TC new atmospheric PBL parameterizations for non-TC runs
- Plans
  - OpEval for high-resolution COAMPS grids (5.0/1.7/0.56 km grid spacing) [Ongoing]
    - Phase I - Proof of concept (Norfolk, VA)
    - Phase II – Extension to other areas
  - Aircraft Icing Potential [4QFY17]
    - Forecast for Icing Potential (probability of occurrence)
      - Maximum potential within a column
      - Maximum potential within 2,000 ft. layers (surface – 30,000 ft.)
    - Requirement for Triton Program
  - COAMPS v5.5 [3QFY18]
    - Atmospheric 4DVar
    - Improved coupling: NCOM v4.3



- Recent Events
  - Operational implementation of COAMPS-OS v2.7 [Feb 2017]
    - Ship following moving nests with Rapid Environmental Assessment (REA)/Hazardous Weather Detection and Display Capability (HWDDC)
    - Support for COAMPS v5.6 aerosol upgrade
    - Support for 4DVar data assimilation
- Plans
  - COAMPS-OS v2.7.1 [3QFY17]
    - Option to use WW3 curvilinear grids
    - Support for shipboard SPY-1/TEP radar data processing and quality control
    - Support for COAMPS v5.7 new atmospheric physics upgrades
  - COAMPS-OS v2.7.2 [4QFY17]
    - EM verification vs rawinsondes
    - Split system for MRY and DSRC processing





# ***Navy Ensemble Forecast System***

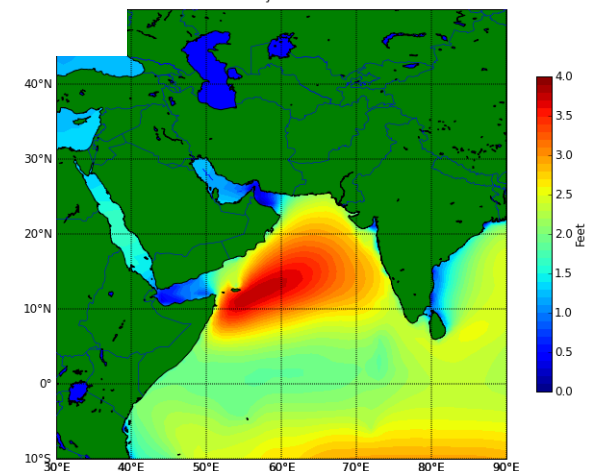
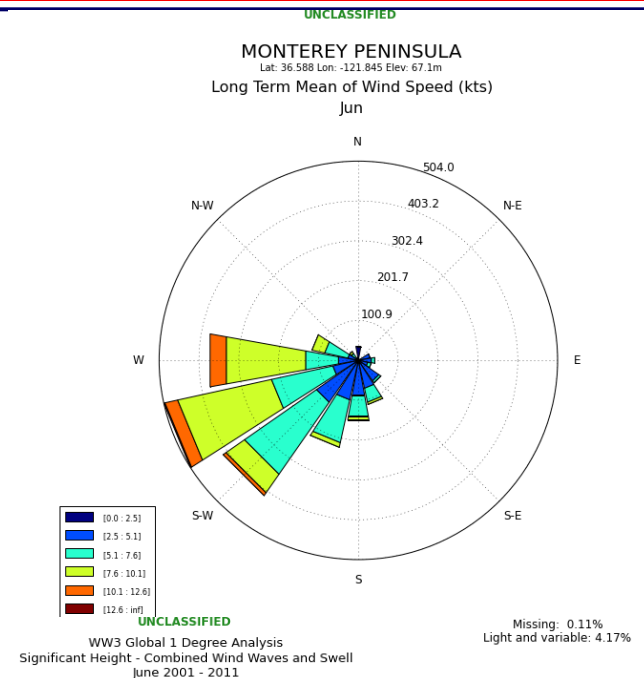
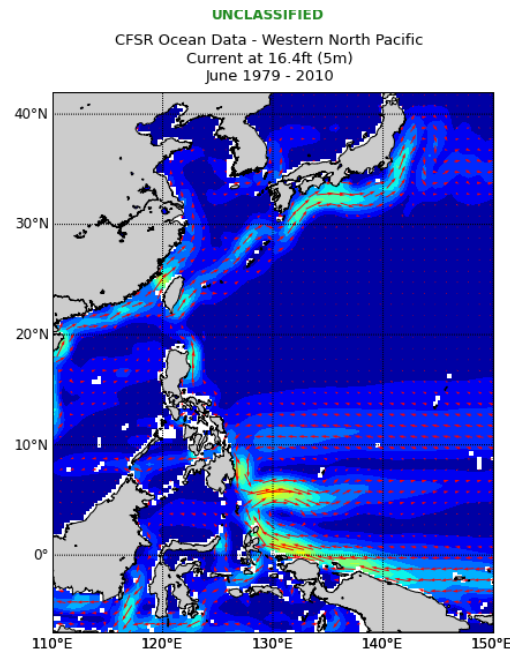
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- Recent Events
  - NAVEFS v1.4.1 (T359L60, ~37 km) Operational implementation [Mar 2017]
    - Flexible-domain, 2-layer ensemble transform to better fit analysis perturbations to error constraints
    - Enhanced efficiency for ensemble transform, including a reduced-Gaussian-grid capability
    - Stochastic forcing (SKEB) reformulation
- Plans
  - Extend deterministic run to 240 hours and produce 0.25-degree grids; both to support NMME
  - Produce 0.5-degree grids for exchange with NCEP and CMC
  - NAVEFS v1.4.1+ (T359L60) [4QFY17]
    - Simple SST diurnal cycle model
    - SST analysis perturbation capability



# Operational Climatology

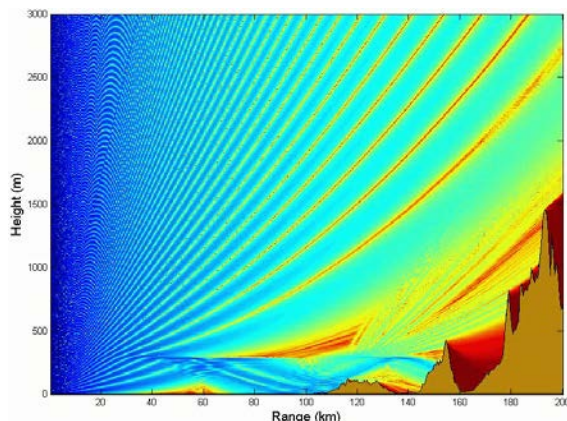
- Archives/Updates ocean surface (i.e. wind and swell waves) and atmospheric numerical model fields
- Maintains the Advanced Climate Analysis and Forecasting (ACAF) system
- All classification levels
- S2S outlooks
  - El Nino/La Nina
  - Arctic
- Forensic Analysis
- New Trends and Tendencies (TnT) support





# Tactical Decision Aids

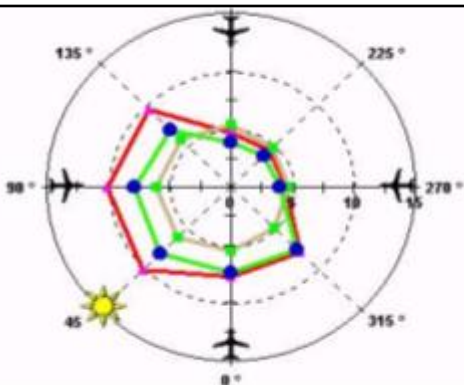
## Advanced Refractive Effects Prediction System (AREPS)



- FWC's provide RBC

## Target Acquisition Weapons Software (TAWS)

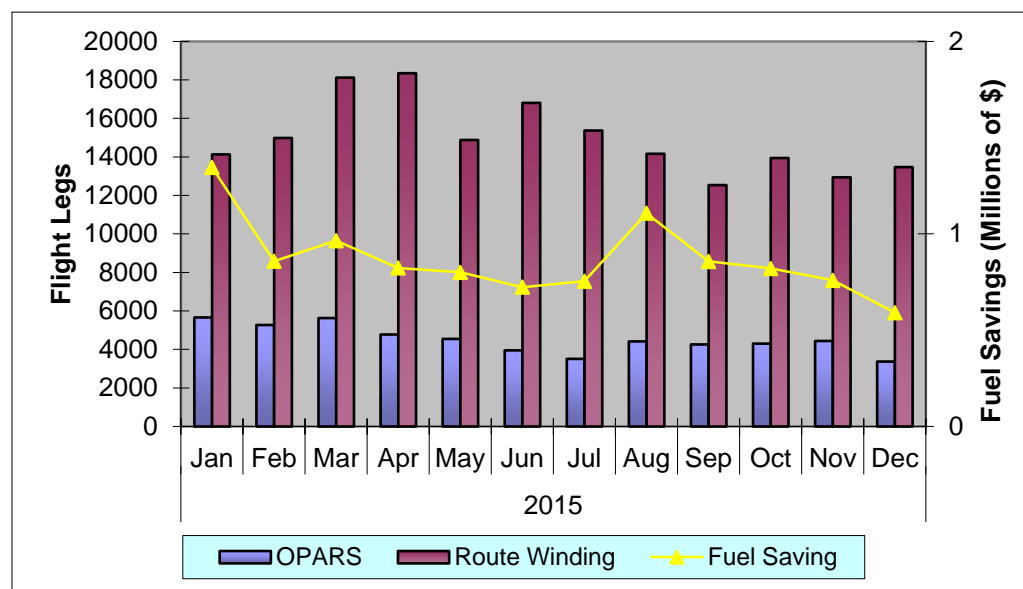
Detection Ranges/Best Attack Axis  
(for multiple targets)



## Optimum Path Aircraft Routing System (OPARS)

Estimated Fuel Cost Avoidance for 2015: **\$10,405,825**

(Based on customer supplied cost avoidance percentage and Navy contract price of fuel per gallon)



Warfighters supported 6,160

\* By Command/Unit/Squadron/Individual

Number of aircraft types supported 91

\* Top 5 aircraft types: UC35, C12, P3C, KC130J, C130

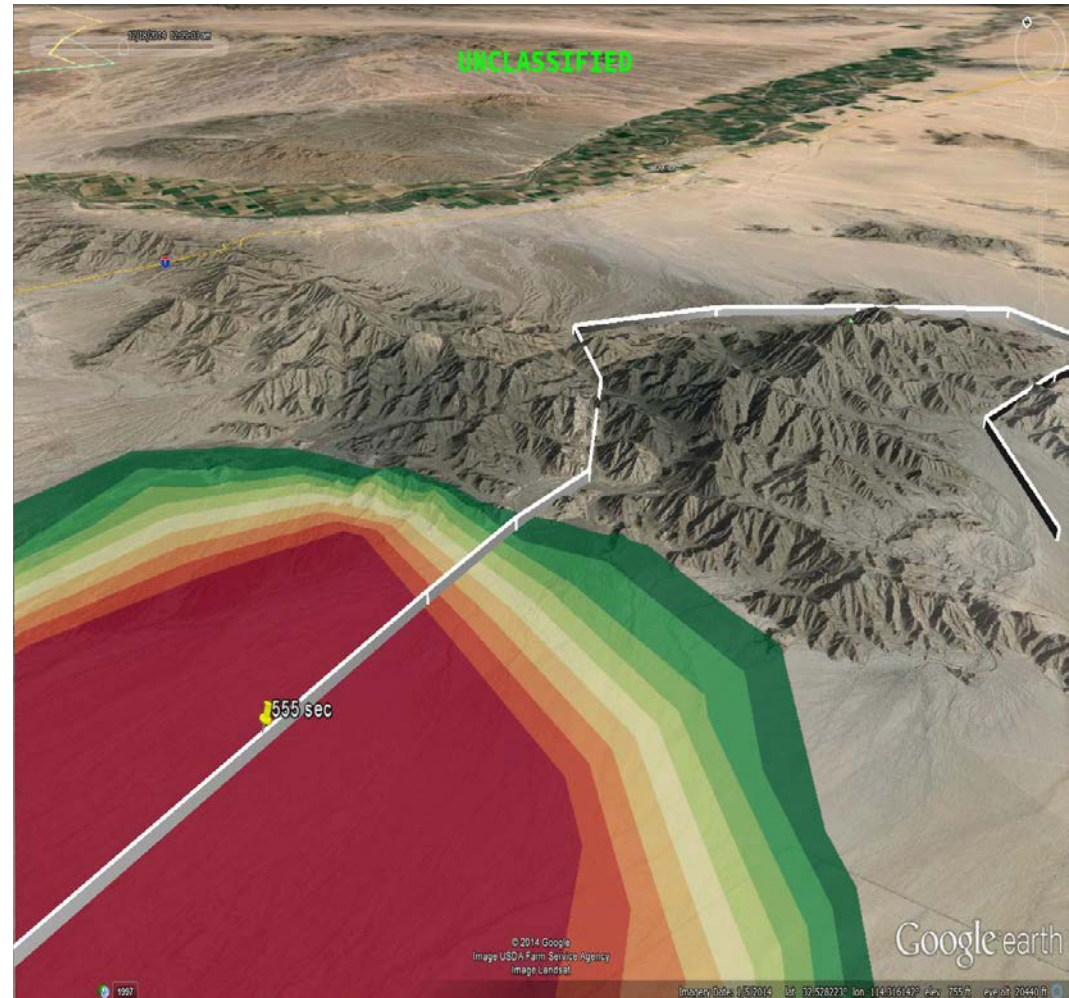
Total OPARS flight legs requested 54,183

Total PFPS flight requests 179,727



# Atmospheric Acoustic Propagation

- Initial OPTEST and OPEVAL completed
- Additional airframes in hand
  - AH-1Z Viper
  - Predator UAV
  - XH-60 variants
- Operational 1QFY18
- Future:
  - Additional airframes
  - Multi-platform capability
  - Optimum path routing
  - Threat avoidance routing



Green = 10-40% detection, Red = 90-100%



# Ongoing Exchanges w/ COPC Partners

- **To NCEP**

- Global ensemble to NOMADS for NUOPC
- NAVGEM for verification
- WW3 ensemble
- Tropical Aids to NHC

- **To 557<sup>th</sup> WW**

- NAVGEM for legacy applications
- Global WW3 for visualization w/in AF-Webs
- NAAPS aerosol products
- DMSP UPP radiances, WINDSAT xDRs

- **To NESDIS**

- DMSP & WINDSAT microwave xDRs
- JPSS Program NAVGEM & NAAPS NWP fields for IDPS processing

- **To NAVO**

- DMSP & WINDSAT microwave xDRs
- NAVGEM/COAMPS NWP fields
- NAVDAS-AR DA input fields for DSRC NAVGEM processing

- **From NCEP**

- GFS for verification, MetCast & WxMap
- Global ensemble from NOMADS for NUOPC
- WW3 ensemble

- **From 557<sup>th</sup> WW**

- CDFS-II for NUOPC cloud verification (in development)
- Mark IVB, DMSP, foreign geostationary, S-NPP xDRs via NESDIS
- LIS/LSM Land Surface fields (snow, soil moisture/temps, vegetative index)
- NEXRAD (assimilated into COAMPS)
- JMPLAT (station information)
- Predator UAV

- **From NESDIS**

- NOAA & foreign polar/geostationary data of all shapes & sizes via DAPEGATEWAY server and PDA

- **From NAVO**

- SSTs, Altimetry SSH/SWH
- HYCOM NWP fields
- Miscellaneous Conventional Oceanographic OBS

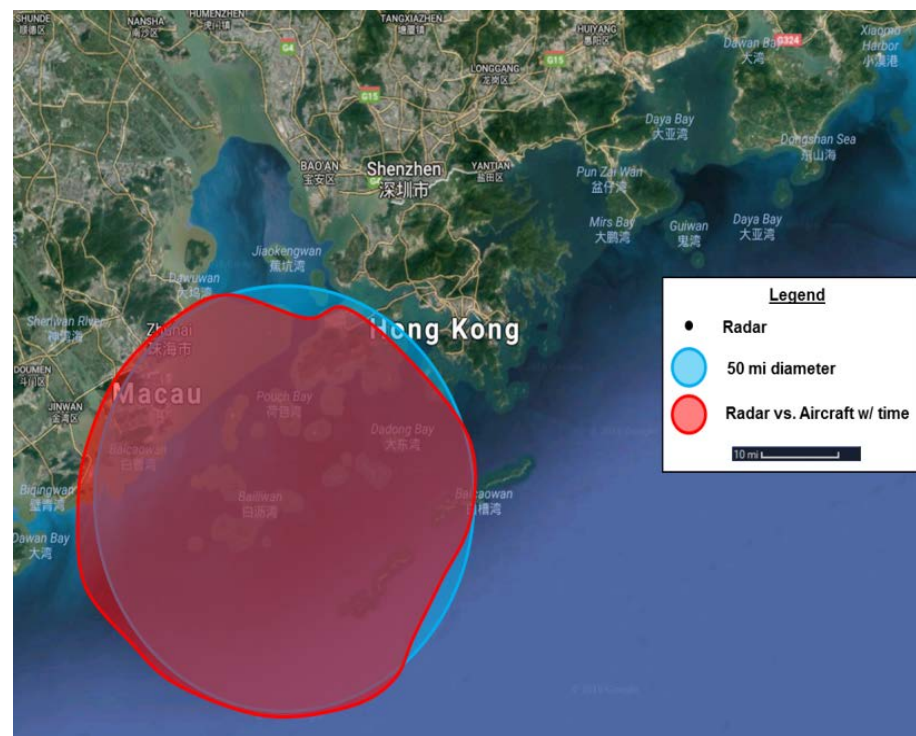




# Environmental Prediction Support to EMW

Era of USN multi-domain superiority (real or perceived) is challenged

- **Near Peer Competitors:** bring increased challenges
- **Operational Advantage:** significant gains from exploiting the environment
  - Sometimes slim, but Razor's Edge Advantages worth "clawing back" with relatively little investment
- **EMW modeling drives:**
  - Improved detection, tracking, targeting
  - Support counter-ISR maneuver (Air, Surface, Space, EMW domains)
  - Ionospheric modeling (OTHR)



$$\sum \text{Razor's Edge Advantage} = \text{Decisive Operational Advantage}$$



# Vision & Takeaways

## Vision

DoD's Premier Numerical Modeling Center - Lead for Physical Battlespace Awareness and Operational Advantage

## Takeaways

**FNMOC is the foundation for fleet safety**

Every 'forecast' for ships, submarines, aircraft and special forces start with FNMOC environmental prediction & production services

**FNMOC provides the foundation for Physical Battlespace Awareness and provides direct support to Integrated Fires**

Cybersecure assimilation, production and delivery enabling assured C2  
Only center that models the Global and Regional Atmosphere to DoD CS Standards  
Provides climatological support to Joint and Naval Operations





# Questions

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