



PMEL

Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory

Laboratory Overview

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Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory

Providing the critical advancement of knowledge about the global ocean and its interactions with Earth, atmosphere, ecosystems, and climate



Seattle, WA – 90% of personnel



Newport, OR – 10% of personnel

Established in 1973, PMEL is one of 7 OAR Research Laboratories and employs over 200 scientists, engineers, technical staff, and administrative staff.



Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

OAR Laboratories

OAR's laboratories are critical to long-term research endeavors, particularly those that require major infrastructure, such as monitoring oceans and atmosphere for climate assessments.

OAR Programs

Program offices manage competitive and noncompetitive awards to focus on specific topics, including emerging areas of research. They are well suited to address research needs that are relatively short-term in nature or that require infrastructure that exists beyond OAR laboratories.

OAR Partners

OAR manages the National Sea Grant program and NOAA's Cooperative Institutes, to maintain dialog with academia. OAR also oversees NOAA's Technology Partnerships Office (TPO) and NOAA's Science Advisory Board.





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University of Washington



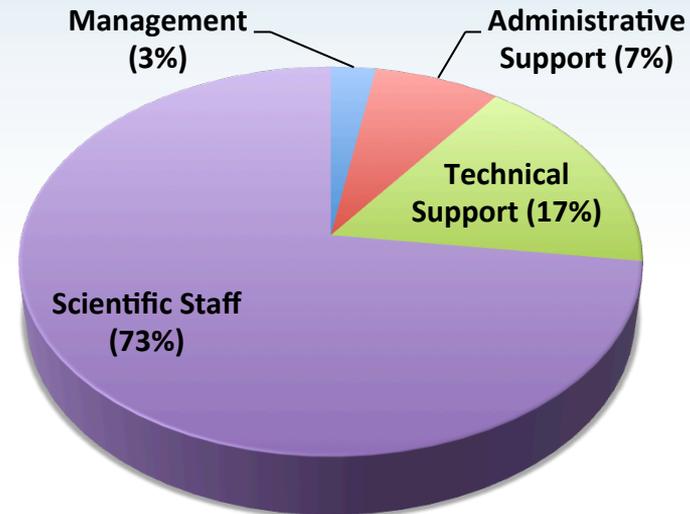
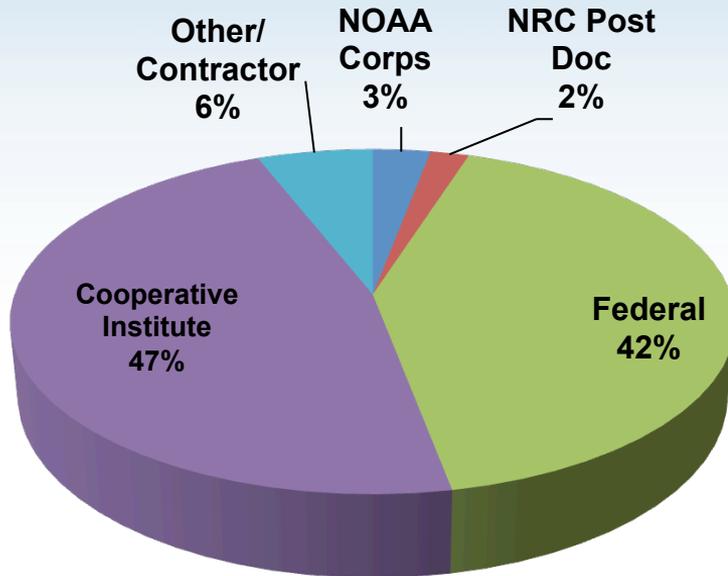
Oregon State University



University of Alaska



University of Hawaii

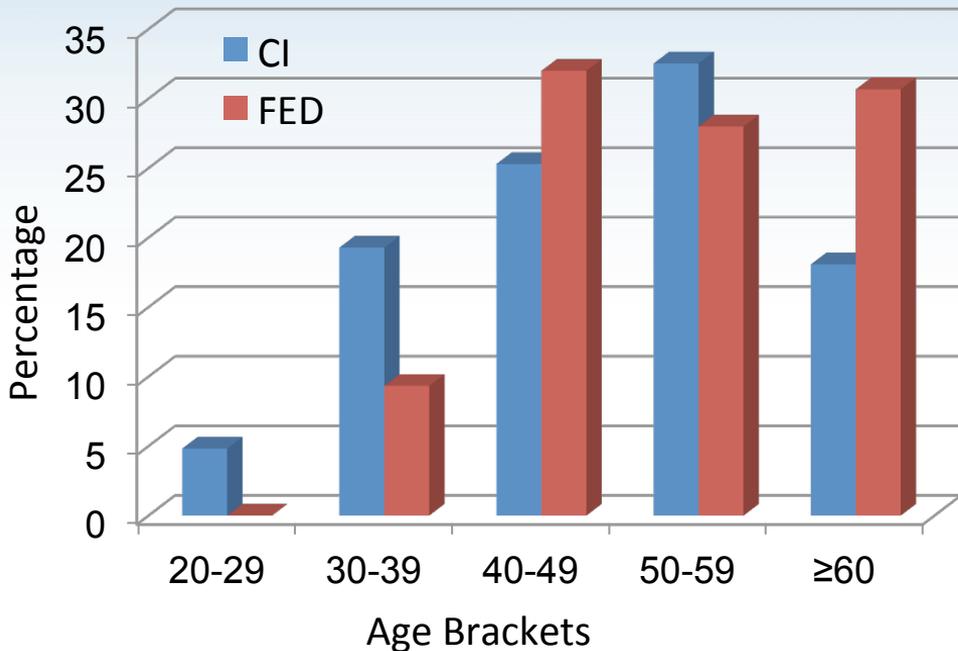




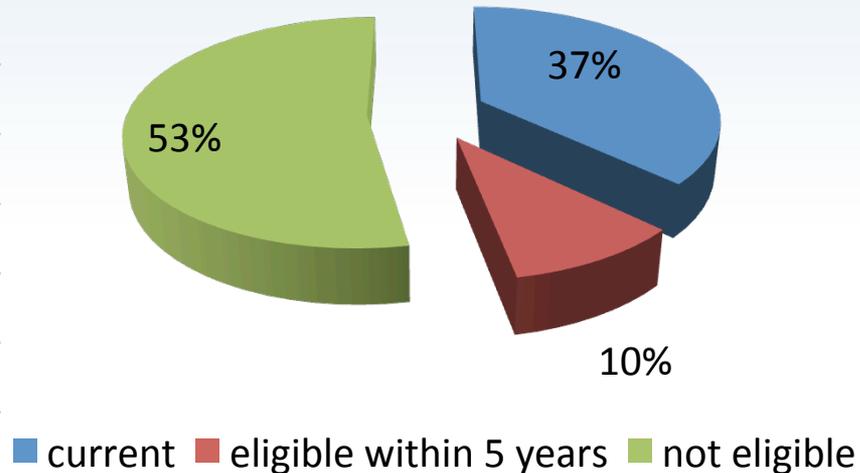
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Percentage in Age Bracket

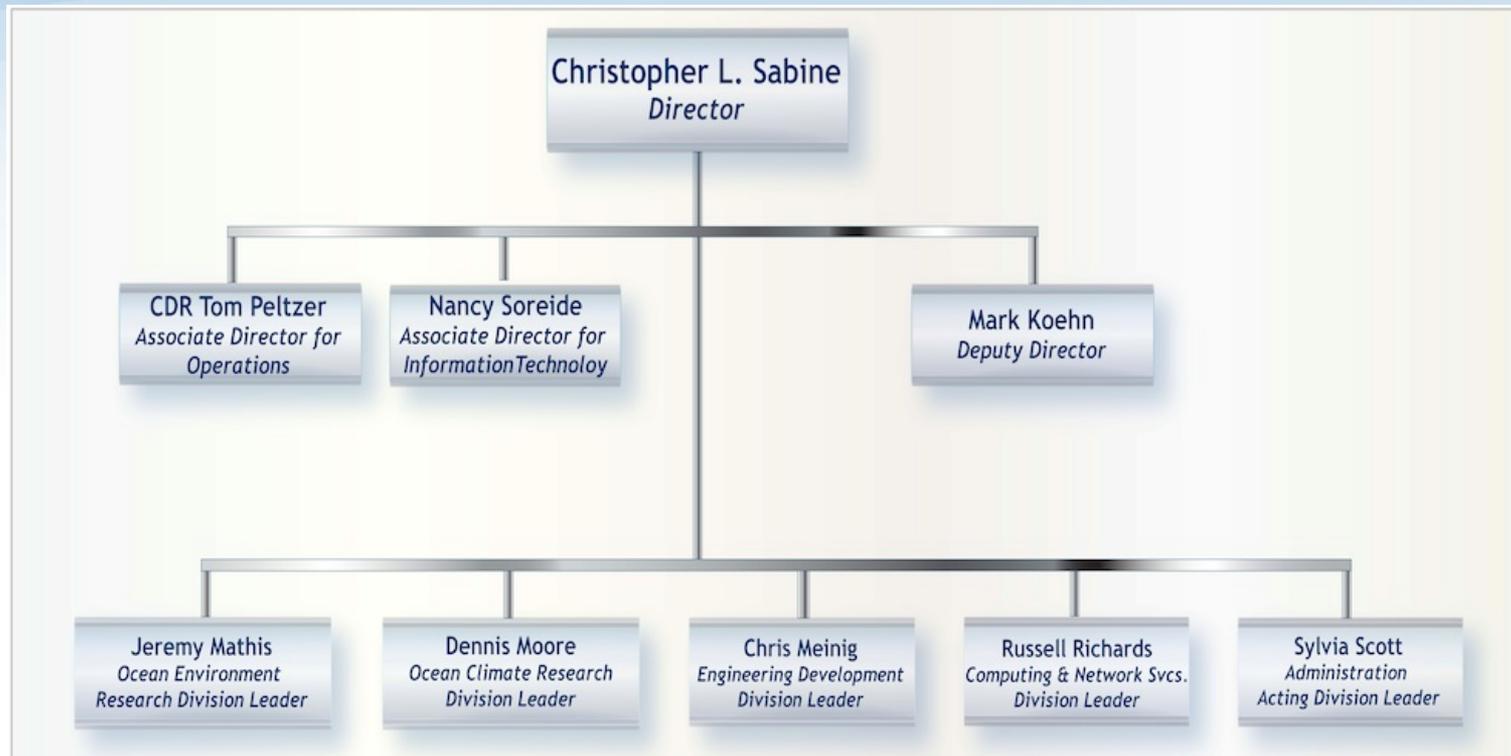


Federal Retirement Eligibility





Organization





PMEL Strategic Plan

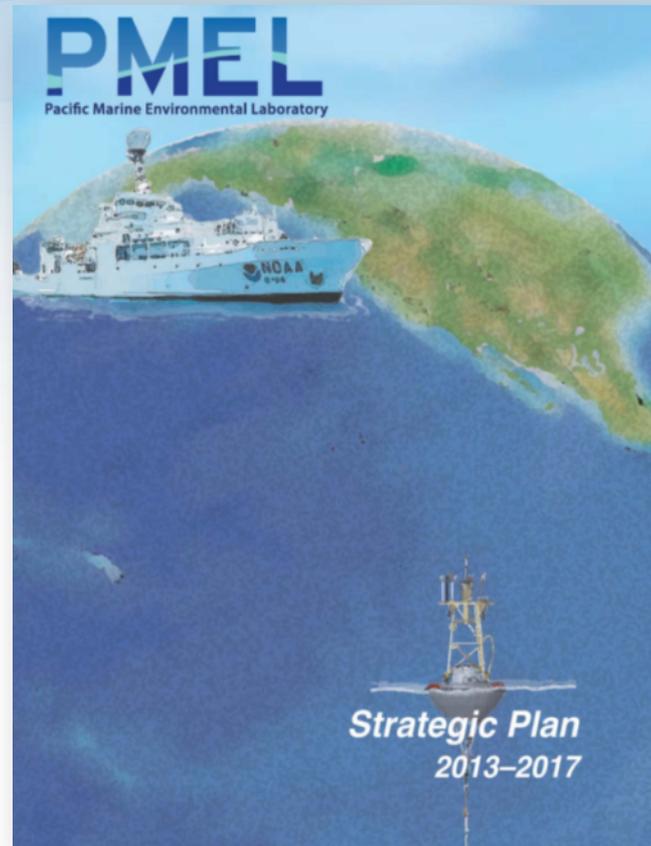
PMEL's Vision of the future:

“An informed society that relies on PMEL's observations and the critical advancement of knowledge about the global ocean and it's interactions with the earth, atmosphere, ecosystems, and climate”

PMEL Mission:

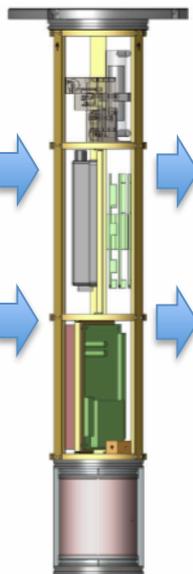
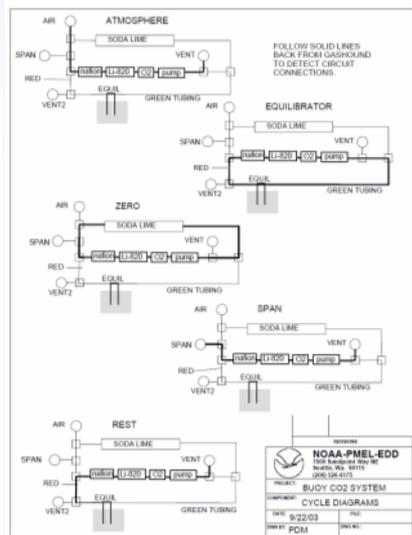
Innovate, Observe, Understand, and Inform

- Lead the development and deployment of innovative technologies
- Observe, analyze, and predict oceanic and atmospheric phenomena
- Identify and understand ocean-related issues of major consequence
- Inform society with well-documented, high-quality science



PMEL Strengths

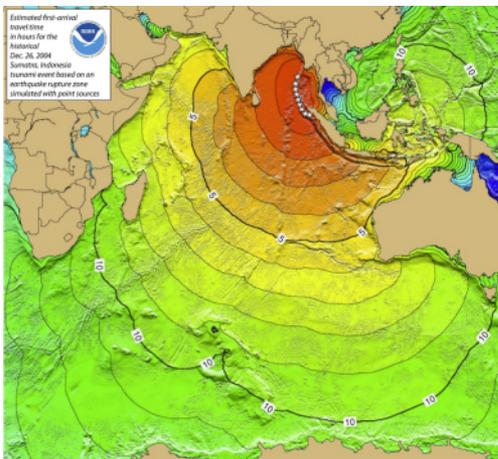
Technical Innovation - Our engineers and software developers are involved in projects with the scientists from inception to completion.



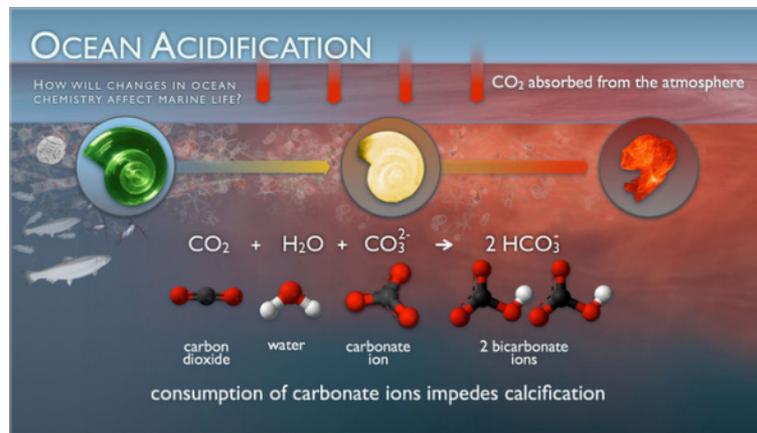
PMEL Strengths

Scientific Innovation - It is our job to identify emerging scientific issues, develop ways of improving the efficiency of observational networks, and explore poorly understood areas of the ocean.

PMEL was conducting research on tsunami detection and forecasting long before the 2004 Sumatra tsunami.



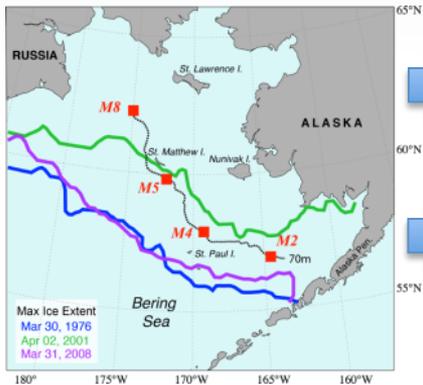
PMEL researchers provided the pioneering research on Ocean Acidification.



PMEL Strengths

Core Science Infrastructure allows PMEL scientists to develop multidisciplinary synergies and provide the backbone for large-scale or long-term programs which many of our partners depend on.

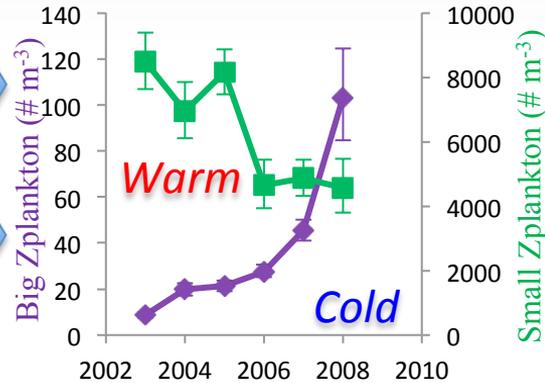
Bering Sea Project - an NSF, NPRB and NOAA partnership to understand fisheries dynamics in the Bering Sea



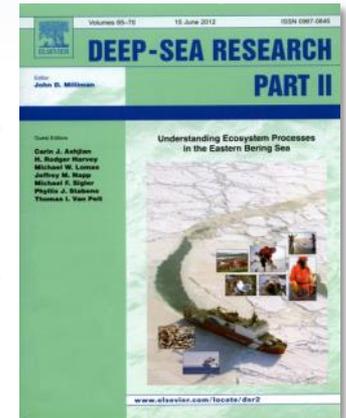
Background data



Core measurements for process study



Data Synthesis and interpretation



Paradigm shift and special issue



PMEL Strengths

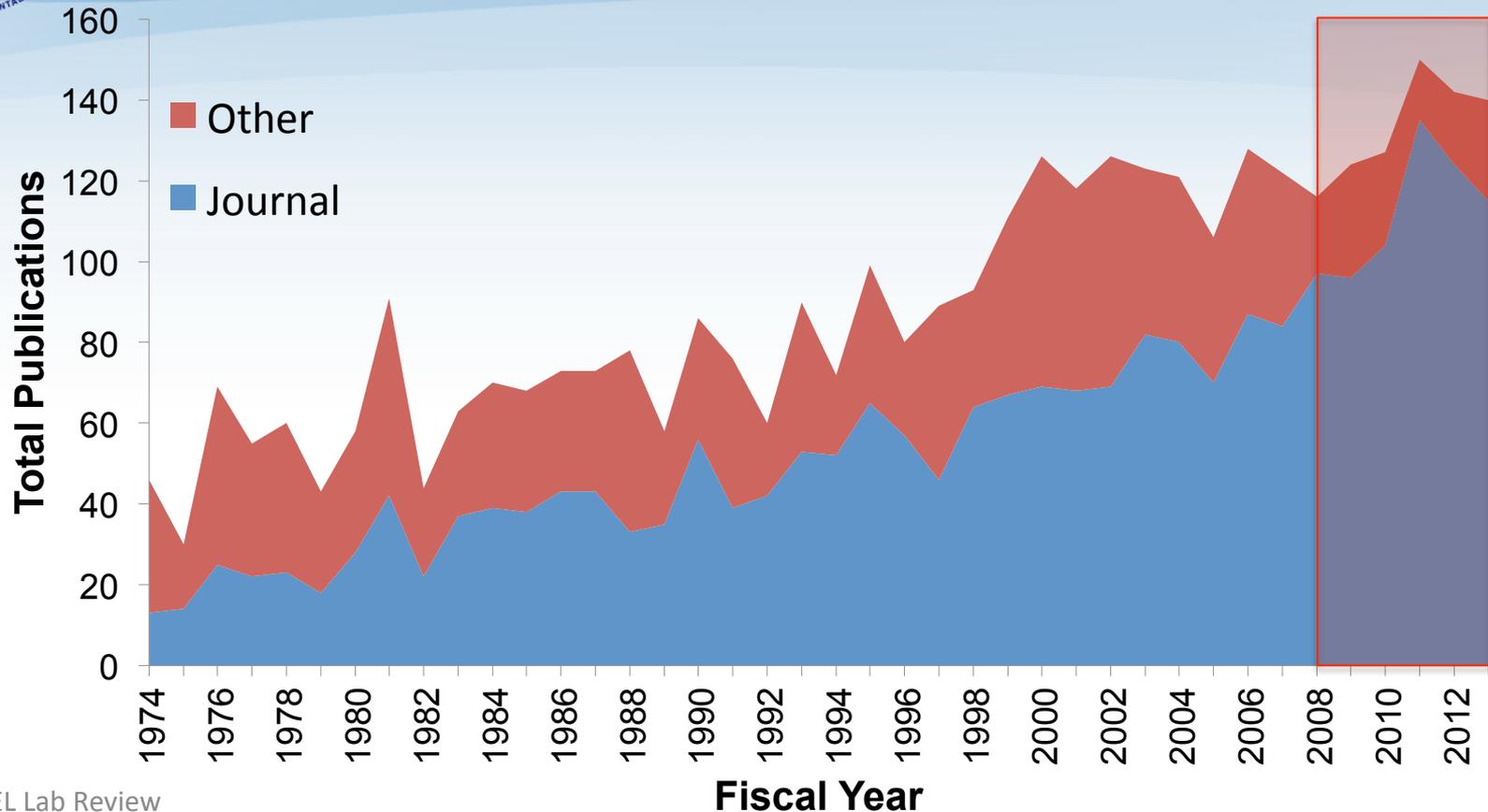
Collaborations and Partnerships proactively developed with our academic colleagues and government counterparts in the US and abroad to leverage our research funding and expertise





Quality: *Publications*

~20% increase
Since 2008

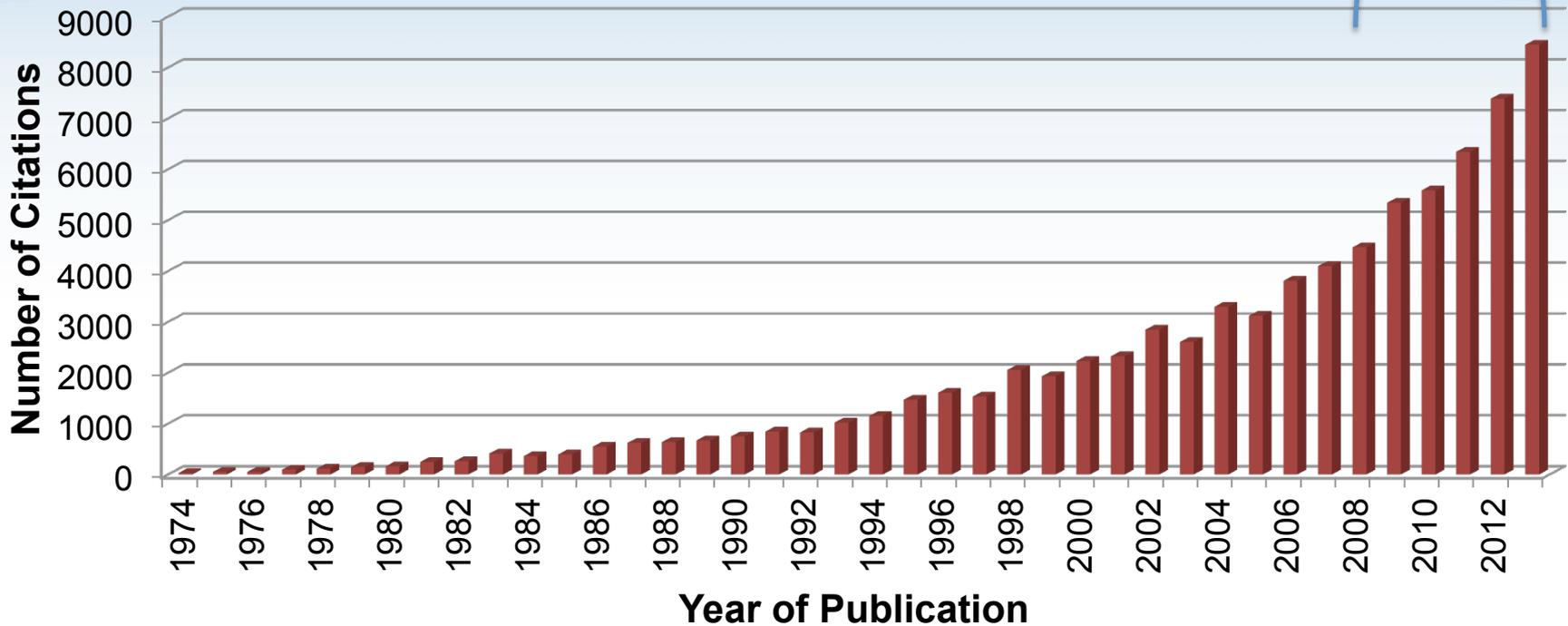




Quality: *Citations*

47% increase
Since 2008

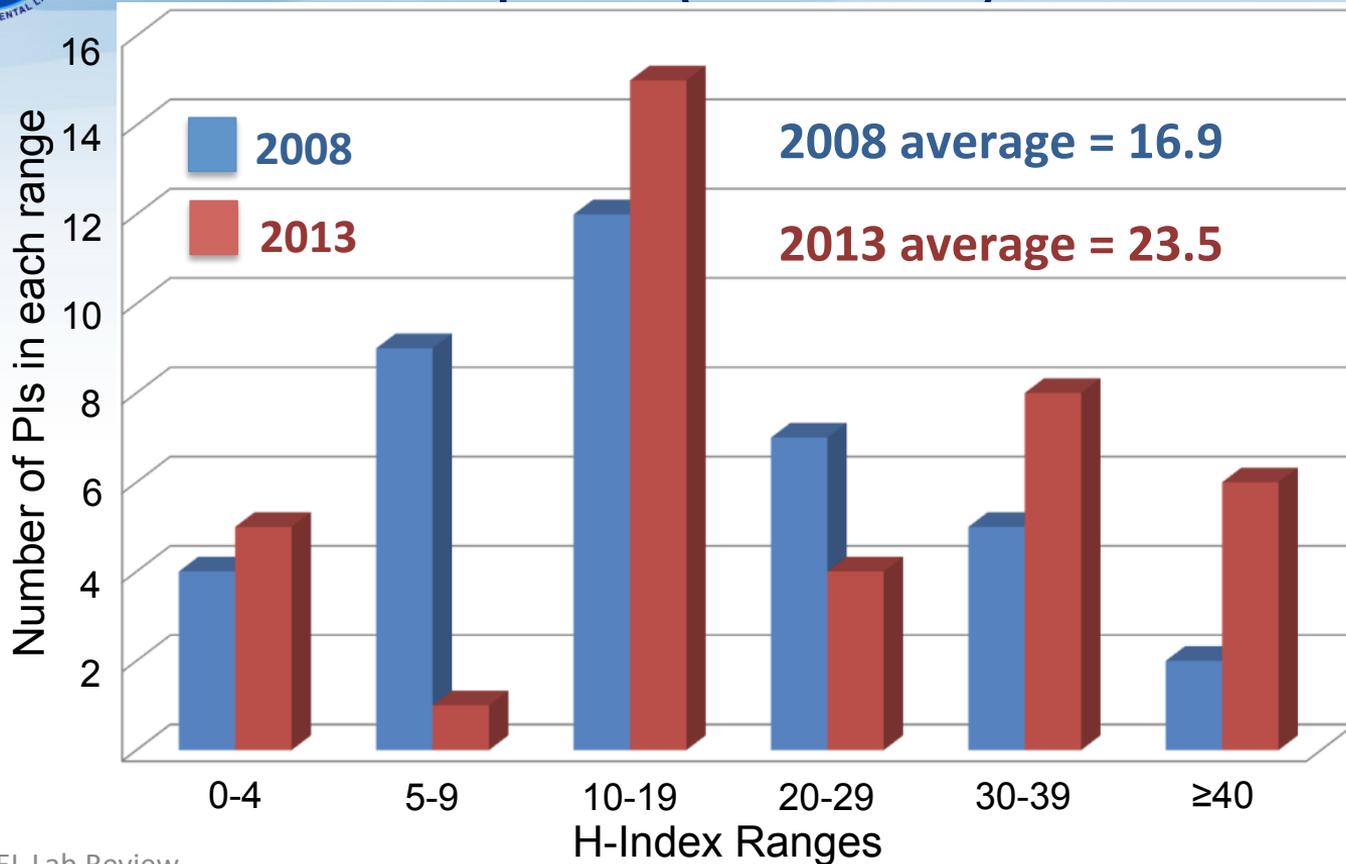
Total Citations by Year, Refereed Journal Publications





Quality: *H-index*

Hirsch-index Comparison (2008 to 2013) for PMEL's 39 PIs

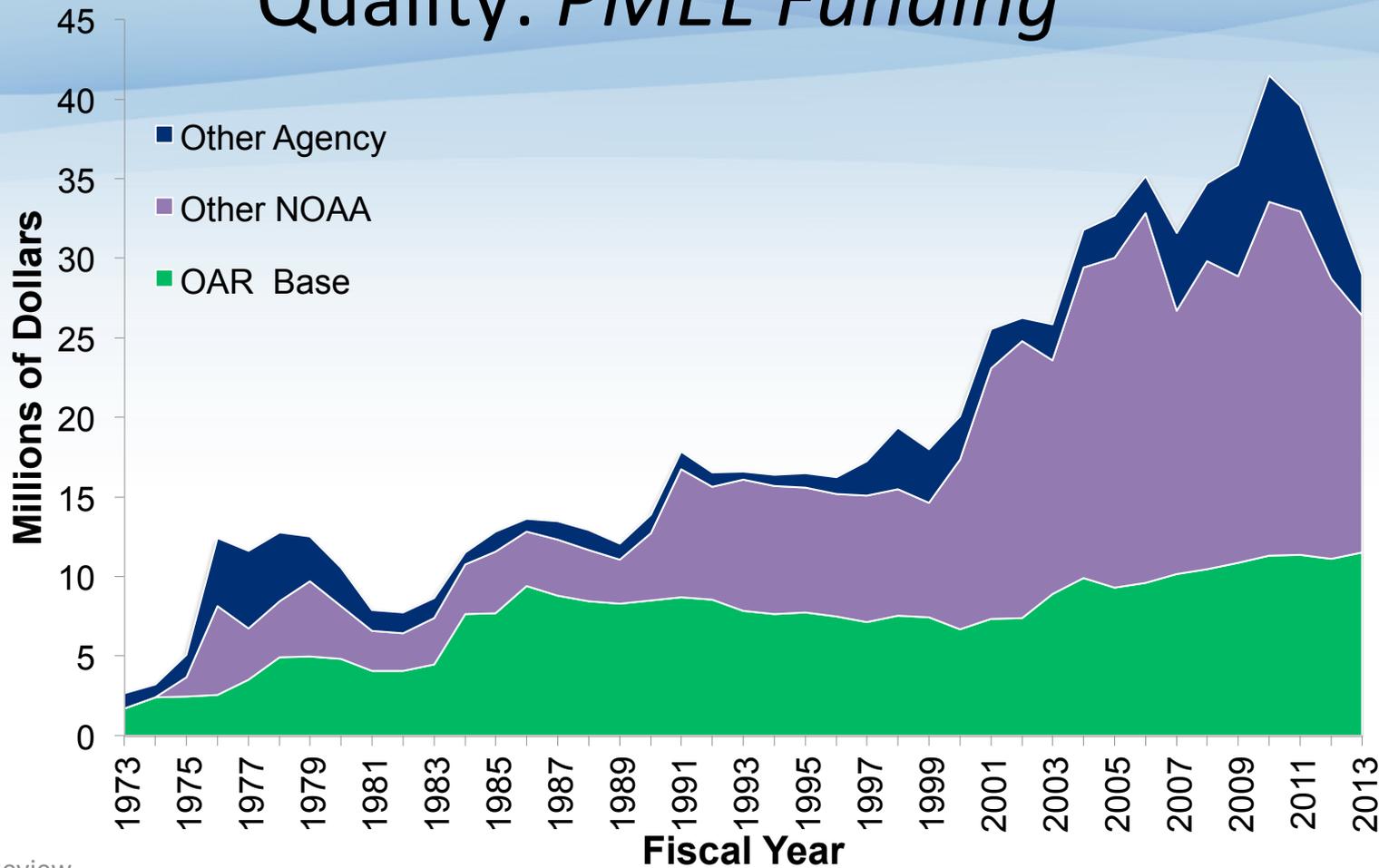


A scholar with an index of h has published h papers each of which has been cited in other papers at least h times.

Note: 7 PIs have changed since 2008

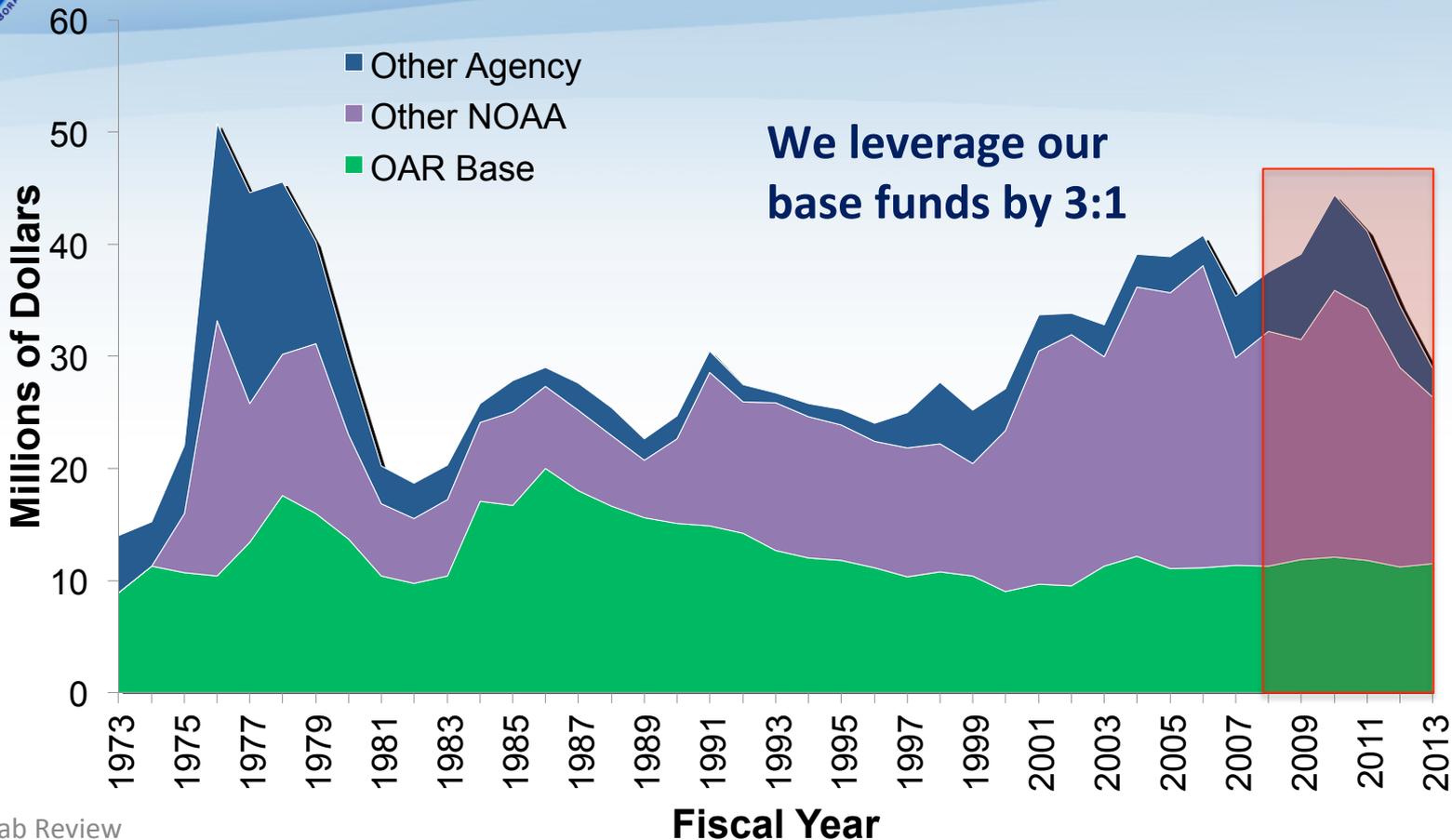


Quality: *PMEL Funding*





Quality: *Funding in 2013 Dollars*





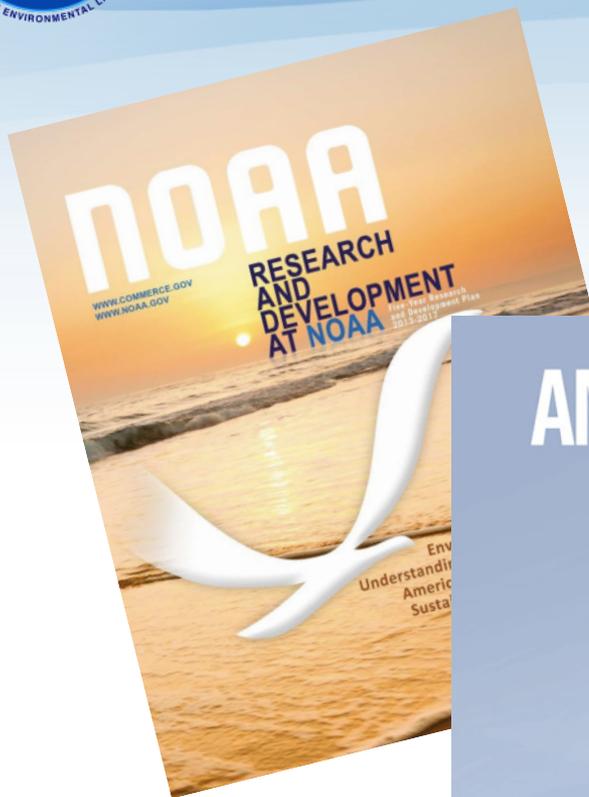
Quality: *Transfers to operations/applications*

← 10 Years → Green = Change in last 5 yrs →

Project	Science Products	Science Planning	Exp. Design	Prototype Dev.	Implement	Transition to ops/app
DART Array	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TAO Array	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tsunami Modeling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Repeat Hydrography	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ocean Carbon	✓	✓	✓	✓	Underway	
PIRATA & RAMA	✓	✓	✓	✓	Underway	
Alaska/Arctic Ecosys.	✓	✓	✓	UW (Arctic)	UW (Alaska)	
Ocean Acidification	✓	✓	✓	Underway		
Ocean Noise	✓	✓	✓	Underway		



Relevance: *Aligned with High-Level Strategic Planning*



Relevance: *Community Connections*

Stakeholder Discussion Tomorrow

Public Outreach

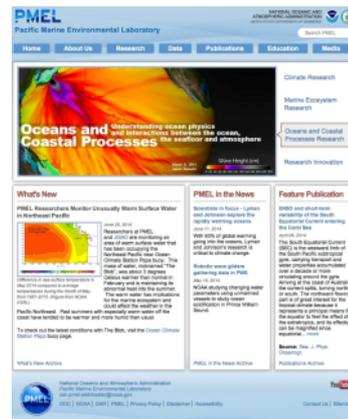


- Public outreach events from 2009-2013 reaching 29,000 people
- 12 yrs. of Science Camp has engaged >1,500 middle school kids
- 1,900 YouTube Channel subscribers and 2.4M views
- 733M PMEL home site hits 2009-2013 (5 years)
- November 2013 PMEL had 195K unique hits from 168 countries

Congressional Outreach



Web Outreach





Performance: *Publicly Available Data*

Tracks

- Drifters (Argo):
- Ship/CTD Tracks (ACG, EcoFOCI and VOS):
- Gliders (Arctic and Solomon):
- Ocean Tracers/EOI/CO₂ Repeat Hydrography:

Buoys

- Carbon MAPCO₂, EcoFOCI:
- TAO/PIRATA/RAMA:

Stations

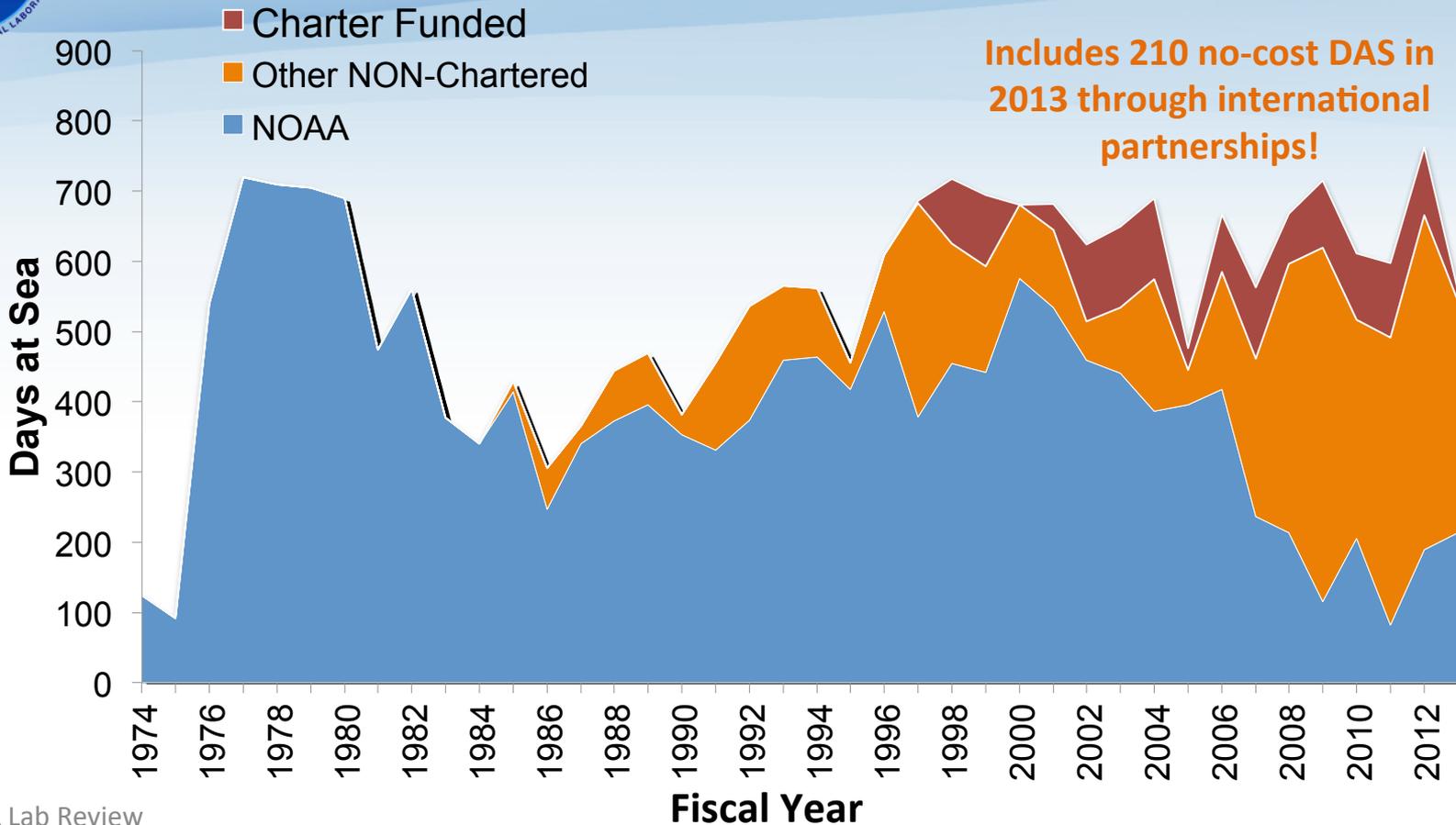
- Hydrophone:
- Atmos. Chemistry:
- EcoFOCI CTD:
- EcoFOCI Ice Stn:
- EOI MAPR:
- EOI Research Site:
- Ocean Climate:
- Tsunami Event:
- Tsunami FM Ref. Pt:
- Tsunami: C Grids:

Study Areas

- Acoustics, Arctic P3 Flights, EcoFOCI Numerical Model, GTMBA Regions:
- EOI Research Area:
- Tsunami Unit Source:



Performance: *Ability to secure Ship Time*





Performance: *Harvard Business Review*

The best performing organizations typically display a set of performance attributes that align with the organization's strategy and reinforce the right employee behaviors. Our research revealed seven of these:

- **Honest**
- **Performance-focused**
- **Accountable and owner-like**
- **Collaborative**
- **Agile and adaptive**
- **Innovative**
- **Oriented toward winning**

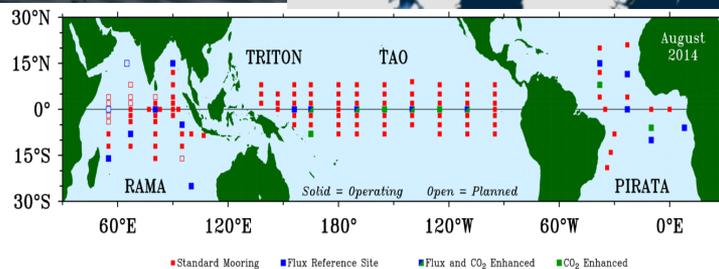
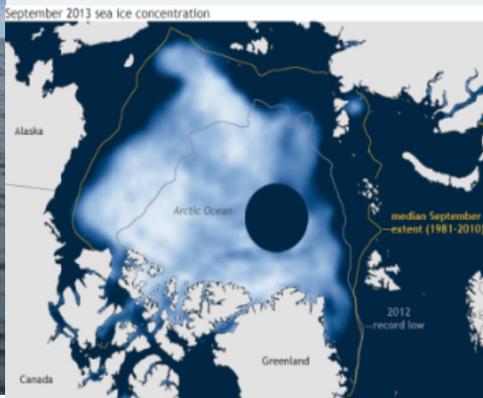
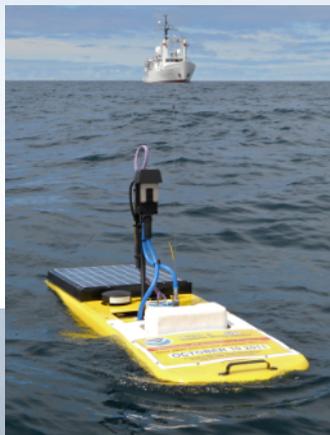


Climate Research Theme

Understanding and predicting changes in climate, weather and the oceans

PMEL Projects in Climate Theme:

- Tropical Moored Buoy Array
- Thermal Modeling and Analysis Project
- Pacific Western Boundary Currents
- Large-Scale Ocean Physics
- Ocean Climate Stations
- Ocean Carbon
- Arctic Climate Dynamics
- Atmospheric Chemistry



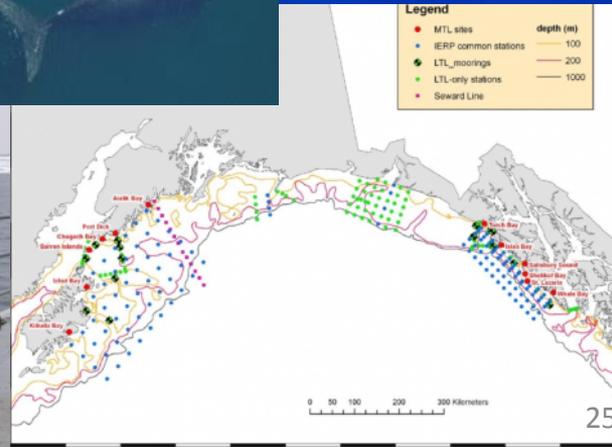
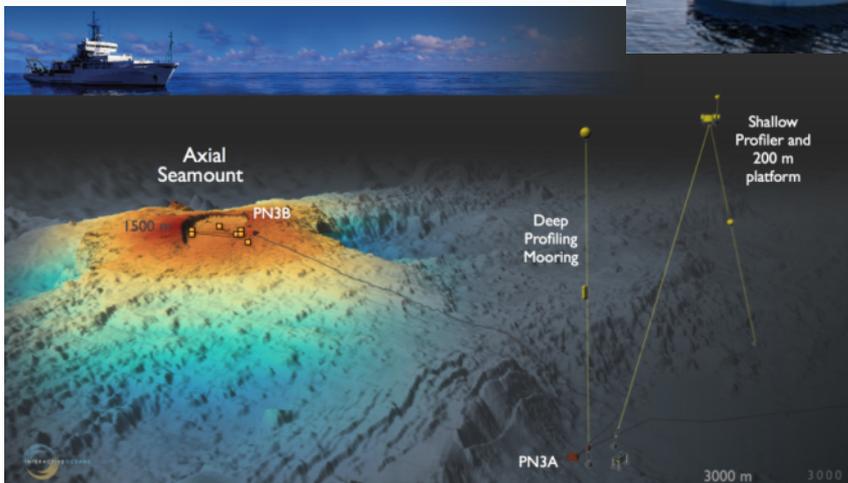
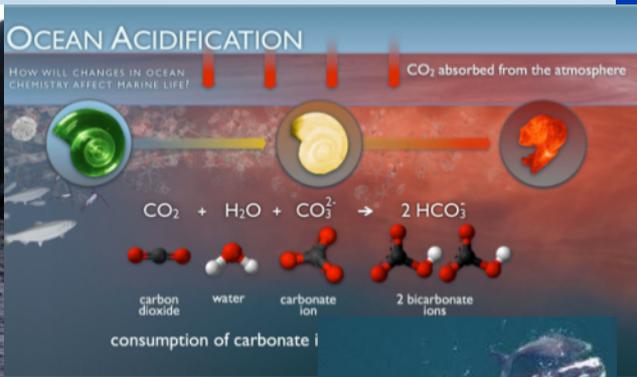


Marine Ecosystem Research Theme

Understanding and predicting impacts of natural, physical, chemical, geological and anthropogenic processes

PMEL Projects in Ecosystem Theme:

- Alaska Marine Ecosystems
- Arctic Marine Ecosystems
- Ocean Acidification
- Acoustics
- Earth-Ocean Interactions





Research Innovation Theme

PMEL Projects in Research Innovation Theme:
Engineering Development
Research IT
Data Management



Arctic Rediscovery

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ARCTIC REDISCOVERY PROJECT

Providing access to heritage data resources for climate and ecosystem research

The changing Arctic climate is a harbinger of a global future, but to understand emerging patterns we need to know more about the past history of the Earth's weather. The handwritten journals and logbooks of scientists and sailors who for centuries have left records of the weather and environmental conditions they encountered on their travels provide unique information about the history of the Arctic climate. See the Arctic Rediscovery YouTube Video (right).

Ship logs document climate of the past. Arctic

Old Weather

Our Weather's Past, the Climate's Future

Help scientists recover Arctic weather observations made by explorers. These transcriptions will contribute to climate model projections and improve a database of weather extremes. Historians will use your work to track past ship movements and the stories of the people on board.

Student Projects

High School & University Partners

Students contribute to the Arctic Rediscovery Project in a variety of ways - from working directly with scientists and archivists on data recovery projects to conducting field experiments.

A Look Back

Gallery

What did the Arctic Ocean look like 150 years ago? Photos reveal fascinating details of life on historical ships in the Beaufort Sea - Arctic region beginning in the mid-19th century. The photos augment the data being recovered from the ships logs.

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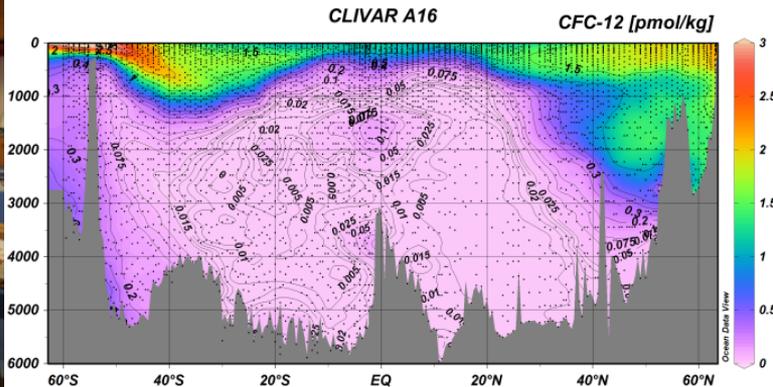
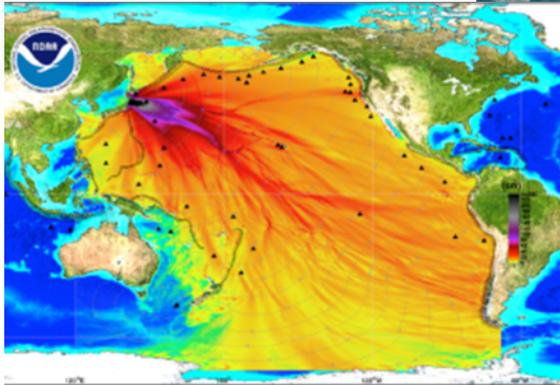
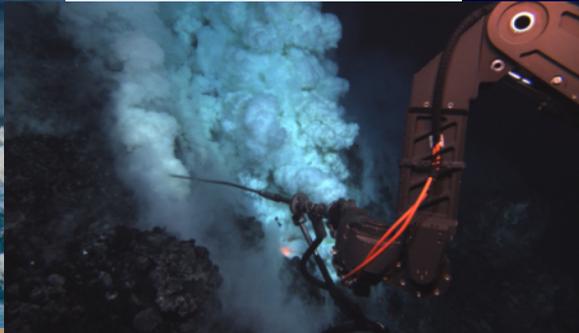




Oceans and Coastal Processes Research Theme

Understanding ocean physics and interactions between the ocean, the seafloor and atmosphere

PMEL Projects in O&C Theme:
Ocean Tracers
Earth-Ocean Interactions
Tsunami Research





Summary

- Although our name says we are the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, we maintain a global focus.
- Our ability to take large multi-investigator and multi-institutional projects from inception to development to implementation to public dissemination and publication is a unique aspect of our lab and extremely valuable to the scientific community.
- PMEL's preeminence and legacy stems from our ability to collect large-scale sustained observations that are quickly made publicly available.
- Innovation is a critical component of our lab and an important key to our success.
- We are a cohesive collection of researchers who work closely together to learn from each other's experiences and find synergistic opportunities to promote multidisciplinary research.

Questions?

