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CMIP5 Update and Issues for the WGCM

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Note: Pierre is joining the WGNE / WGCM

Metrics Panel and will suggest
BGC metrics — but only "a couple"
to add to the existing
20 or so physical
climate system
metrics.

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... with a few personal comments + updates
from Curt Covey (~~Nov 2009~~
Feb 2010)

Curt's assignments
for 2010:

- ① Run CCSM BGC working group's C-cycle diagnostics (Rind et al., 2009) on CMIP5 / IPCC AR5 output
- ② Ditto for Gregory / and/or Taylor diagnostics

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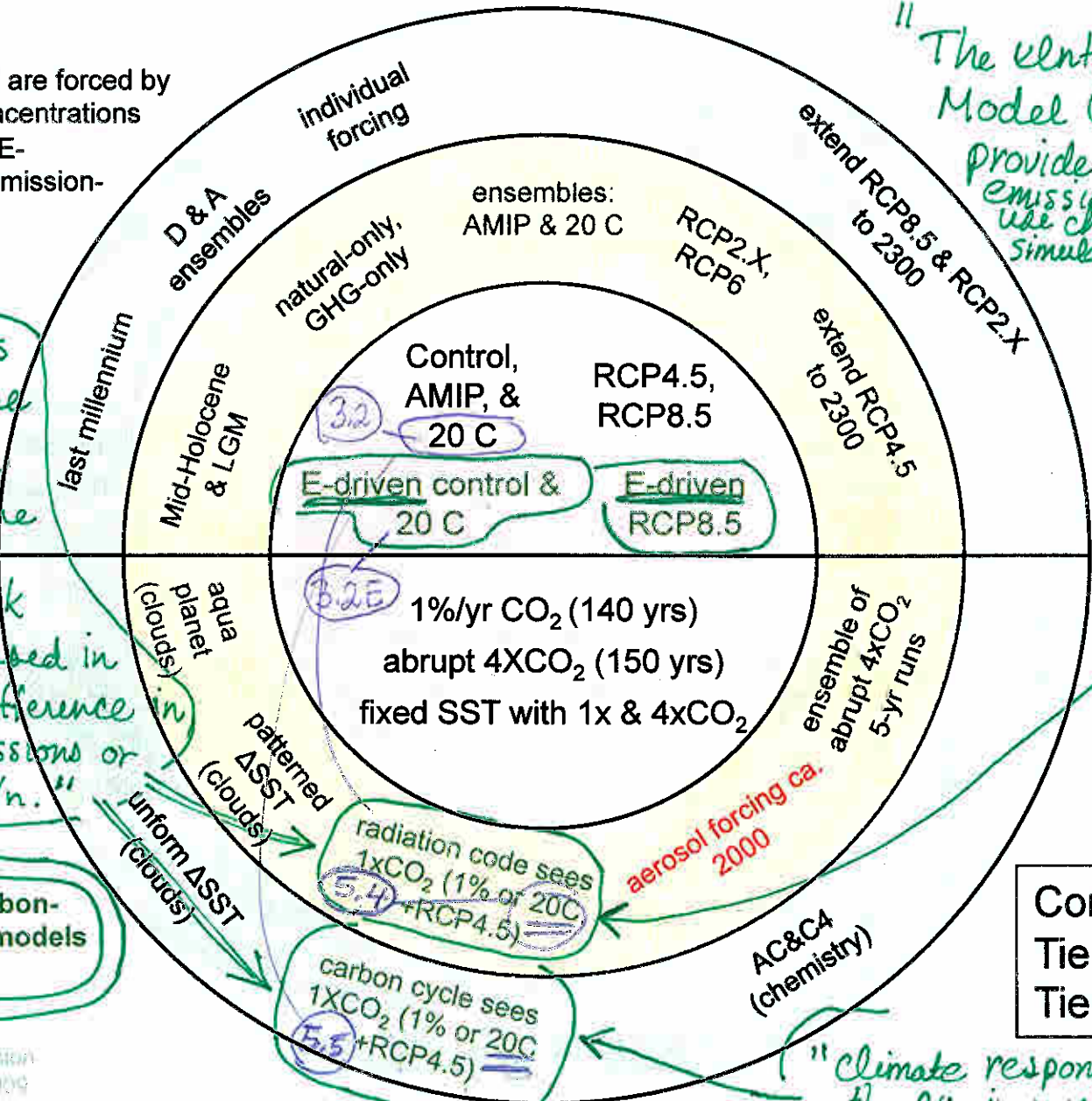
[Quotes are from Taylor et al. 32ppg document.]

CMIP5 Long-term Experiments

All simulations are forced by prescribed concentrations except those "E-driven" (i.e., emission-driven).

"The Integrated Assessment Model Consortium will provide... the concentrations, emissions and time-evolving land use changes to be used in the simulations."
 RCP4.5 = "medium mitigation scenario"
 RCP8.5 = "high emissions scenario"

Save sfc fluxes of CO₂ from these 2 expts. "From these fluxes, the strength of the C-climate fdbk can be expressed in terms of the difference in allowable emissions or airborne fract'n."



Coupled carbon-cycle climate models only

Core: ≥1718 yrs
 Tier 1: ≥1727 yrs
 Tier 2: ≥2038 yrs

"so the C-cycle responds only to the changing CO₂" - which is prescribed input - and not to global warming.

"Climate responds to CO₂ increases, but the CO₂ increase is hidden from the carbon cycle" - i.e. the flip side of the Tier 2 expt.

If the C-cycle is responding linearly then $\Delta C_{3.2} = \Delta C_{5.4} + \Delta C_{5.5}$