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## **ARM Data Policy and Data Dissemination**

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### **Summary and Purpose of Document**

This document outlines the data policy and data management practices at ARM sites.

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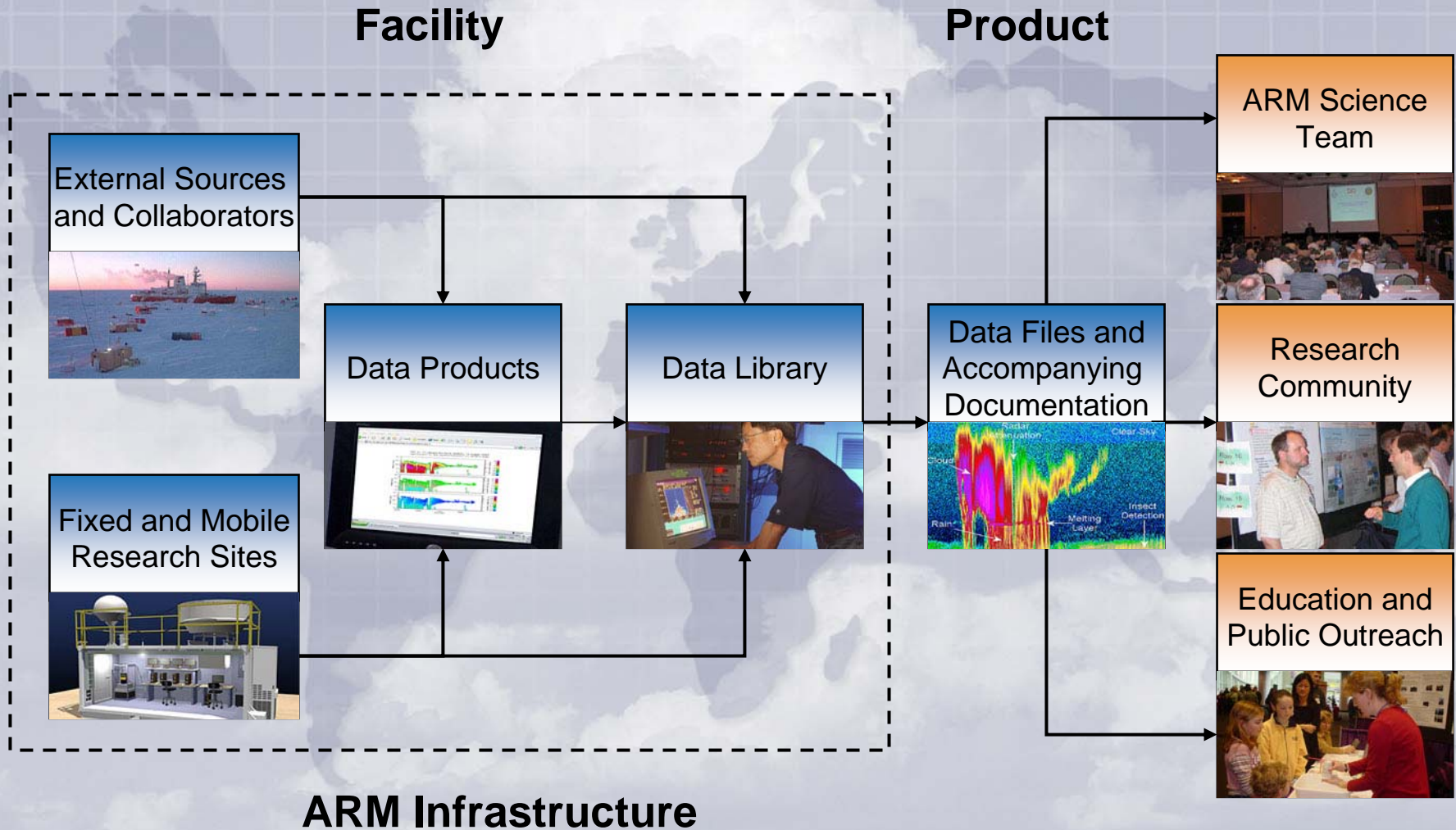
# Data Sharing and Distribution Policy

- Adopt U.S. Global Change Research Program policies ([www.usgcrp.gov](http://www.usgcrp.gov))
  - High quality, long-term data sets
  - Full and open sharing of data
  - Preservation of data
  - An Archive to serve the science community
  - Provide data quality information and metadata
  - Lowest possible costs to researchers

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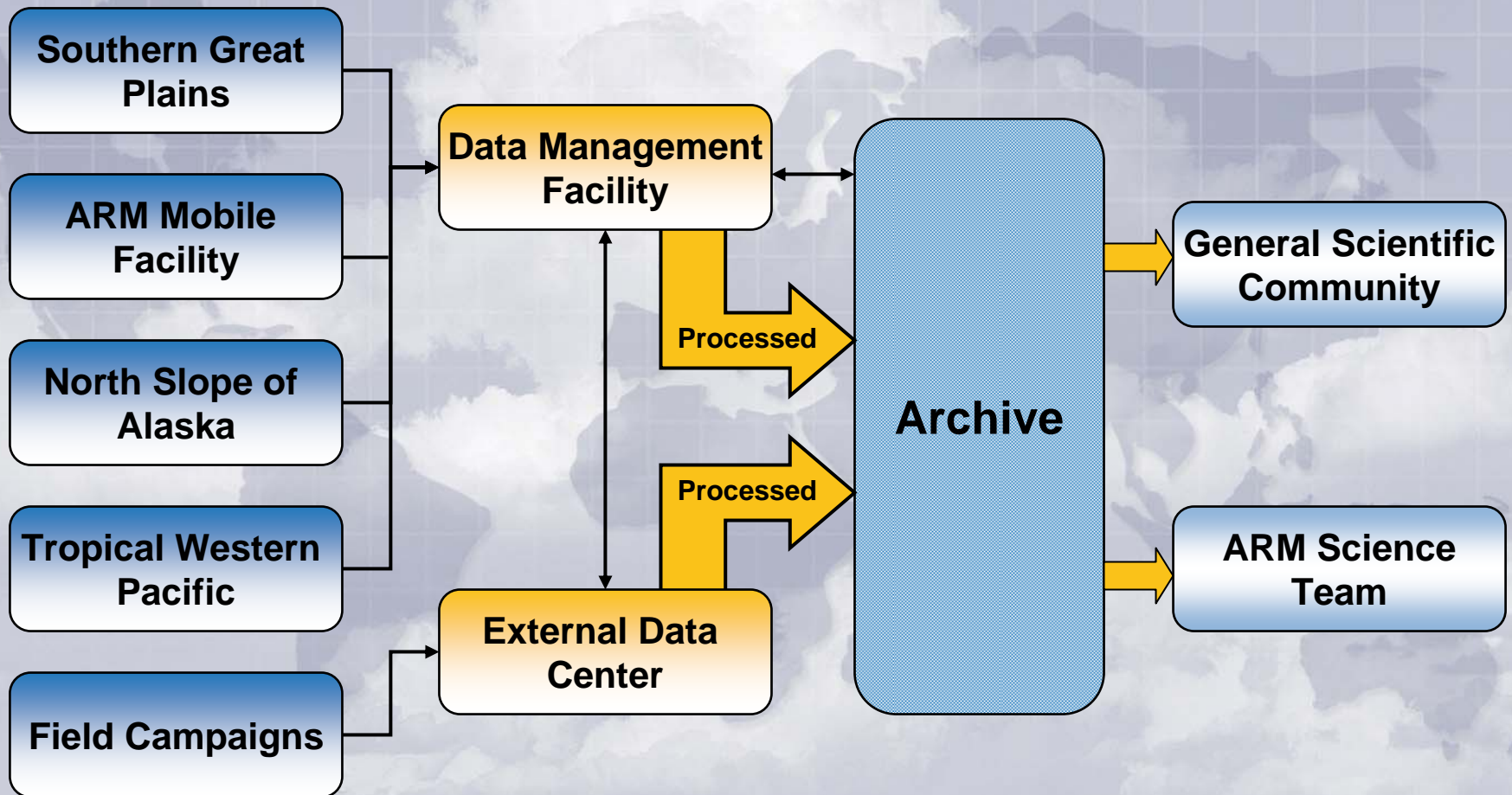
- ARM Climate Research Facility – data sharing policy ([www.arm.gov/data/documentation.stm](http://www.arm.gov/data/documentation.stm))
  - Free and open sharing of data
  - Near-realtime delivery of processed data for scientific research
  - Timely delivery of quality assured data from the Archive
  - Timely sharing of field campaign and external data products
  - Acknowledgement of data use in publications

# Facility and Product





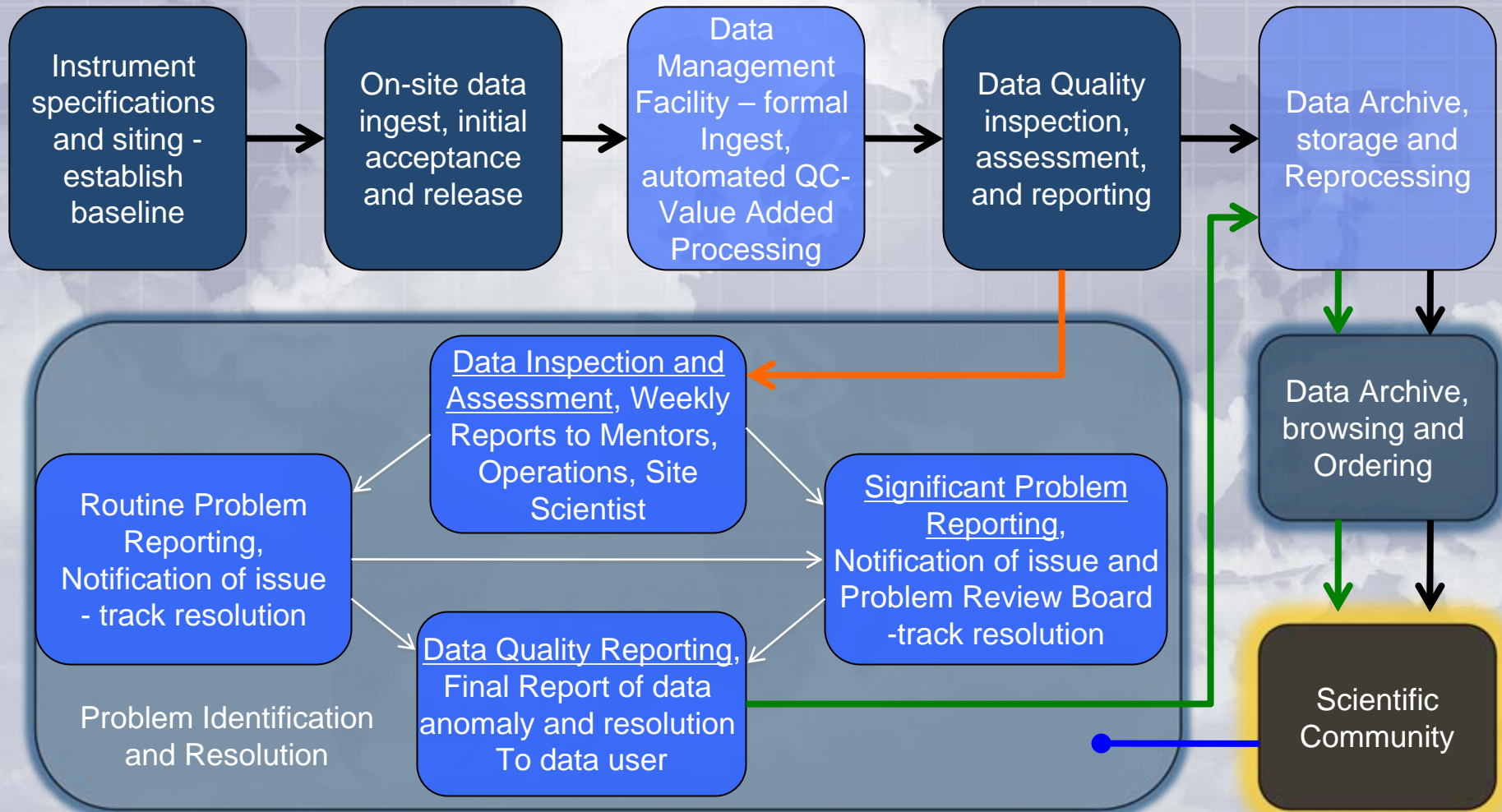
# Basic Data Flow and Dissemination



# Data Documentation

- Data Management and Documentation Plan ([www.arm.gov/data/plan.stm](http://www.arm.gov/data/plan.stm))
  - Data Object Design
  - Product description and metadata
  - Standard file name
  - Standard file formats and data levels
  - Data Quality Reports
- A data model that accommodates the future

# Data Review and Documentation



→  
Data

→  
View/Create Reports

→  
Data Quality Reports

→  
User Feedback

# Conclusion and Summary

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