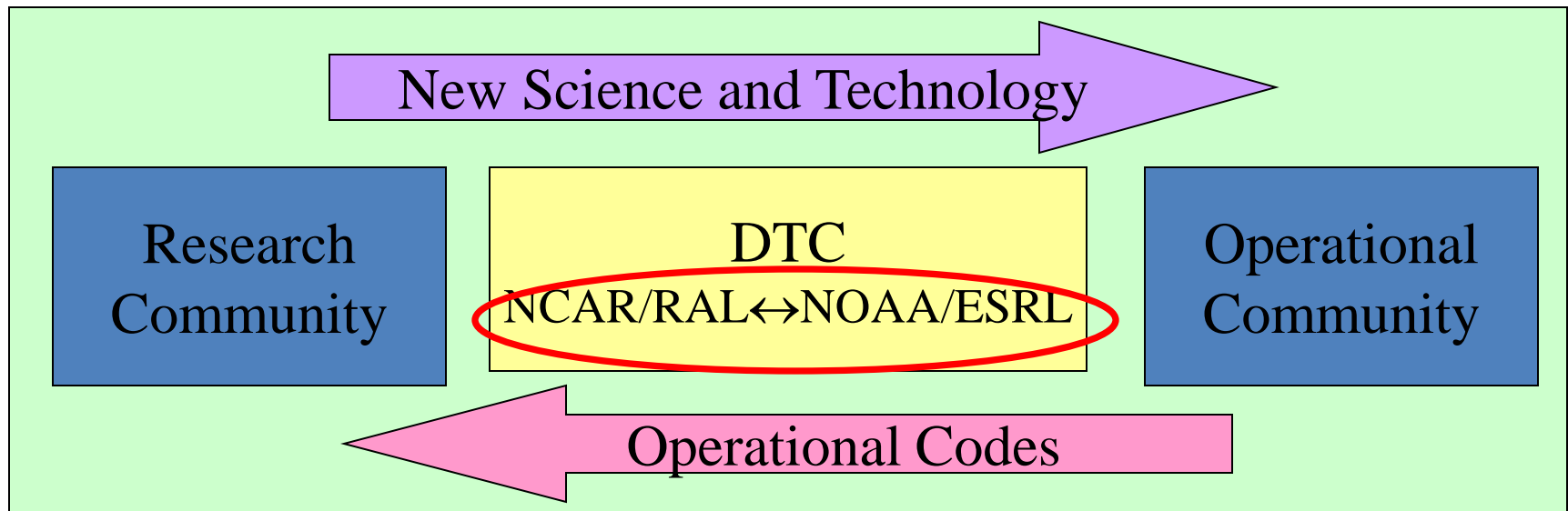


Fundamental Purpose of DTC

To serve as a bridge between research and operations to facilitate the activities of both halves of the NWP Community

- **Research:** functionally equivalent operational environment to test and evaluate new NWP methods over extended retrospective periods
- **Operational:** benefits from DTC T & E of strengths and weaknesses of new NWP advances prior to consideration for operational implementation



Why Organizing This Workshop?

- Strong societal needs
- Strong interest from research and operational communities
- Active debates on how best to do this
- Large pay-off
- Setting a new collaborative paradigm for end-users, private sector, academia, and government

What do we want to get out of this?

- A road map for a national effort of research, development, and operation for probabilistic prediction.
 - A White Paper
- Identify what DTC can do to help facilitate this important effort.
- Thanks to NWS/OST for co-sponsoring the workshop.

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