

About AGU



Promoting discovery in Earth & space science
for the benefit of humanity

Who We Are

The American Geophysical Union is an international not-for-profit, scientific organization representing nearly 60,000 members in 139 countries.

AGU at a Glance

60,000 Members

20 Journals

24,000 Fall Meeting Attendees

4–10 Annual Conferences

8–10 Annual Congressional Briefings



Our members work for universities, research institutions, and federal, state and local government agencies, as well as corporations and non-profit organizations. Their research encompasses everything from:

- searching for and managing natural resources like energy and water
- predicting why, when, and how natural and man-made hazards and disasters will impact our communities and developing ways to warn and protect us
- studying the causes and impacts of climate change and finding ways for us to mitigate and adapt to them
- understanding how the Earth, oceans, heliosphere, solar system and exouniverses work and what it means for our past, and our future.

What We Do

AGU is a leader in the scientific community with an eye for innovation, rigor and interdisciplinary focus related to a wide range of critical global issues. We publish 20 world-renowned scientific journals on a broad array of topics, and our digital library includes nearly 70,000 articles dating as far back as 1896. Each year we host between four and ten conferences—including the leading annual meeting of over 24,000 scientists from around the world—designed to promote the dissemination of scientific research to a wide variety of audiences, drive the advancement of science and innovation, inform policy, and facilitate essential collaboration between researchers and other stakeholders in the public and private sectors.

Why Our Science Matters

Throughout history, communities, regions, and nations around the globe have reaped the benefits that come from investing in scientific research and development. Companies that employ tens of thousands of people and contribute tens of billions of dollars to the global economy were born from a single research grant. Technologies that represent the first line of defense against hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and droughts for hundreds of millions of people worldwide are the result of the type of scientific innovation that is fostered in labs every day.



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