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I came to work for NOAA's Wave Propagation Laboratory (WPL), in 1979 as a recent graduate of the University of Colorado (CU). I earned my Masters and Ph.D. degrees from CU in 1982 and 1992, respectively, while participating in NOAA's co-op and long-term training programs. My research work focused primarily on the development of novel atmospheric and oceanic remote sensing systems. I was appointed Deputy Director of NOAA's Environmental Technology Laboratory, a successor to WPL, in 1999, and serve in a similar capacity today within the Physical Sciences Division of NOAA's Earth System Research Laboratory. My wife Nancy and I have a son and daughter in college, and enjoy hiking, skiing, and biking in the Colorado Mountains.