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# Coastal Coupling Community of Practice Webinar Series

February 22, 2021

1:00 - 3:00 pm CT

[www.weather.gov/watercommunity](http://www.weather.gov/watercommunity)

# Agenda

1. Introduction

2. Panelists

- Patrick Tripp - cloud sandbox
- Rich Signell - coastal coupling cloud pilot
- Jena Kent - BDP
- Dan Morris - Microsoft AI for Earth

3. Discussion

4. Future opportunities

# CC CoP Data Need

Easily accessible, open-source, quality-controlled data at high resolution that is updated with a regular frequency for model initialization, verification, and validation

- Need community or community-contributed tools to read, process the high resolution open source data
- Data is needed particularly during extreme events (model development and validation)
- Focus should not be on access, but rather on regularly updating the data

# Patrick Tripp



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# IOOS Cloud Sandbox

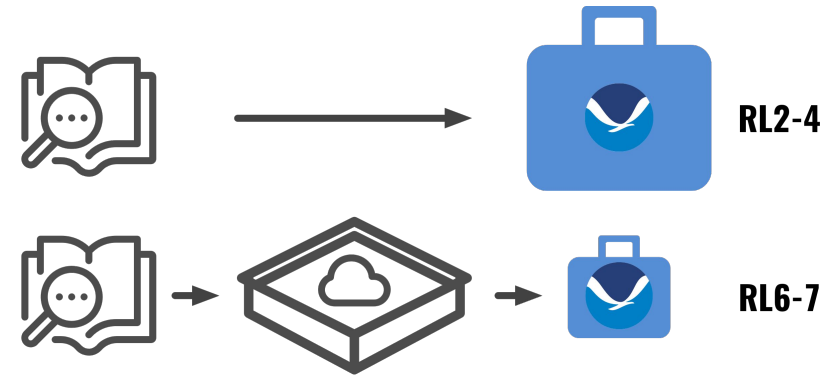
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## Sandbox Goals

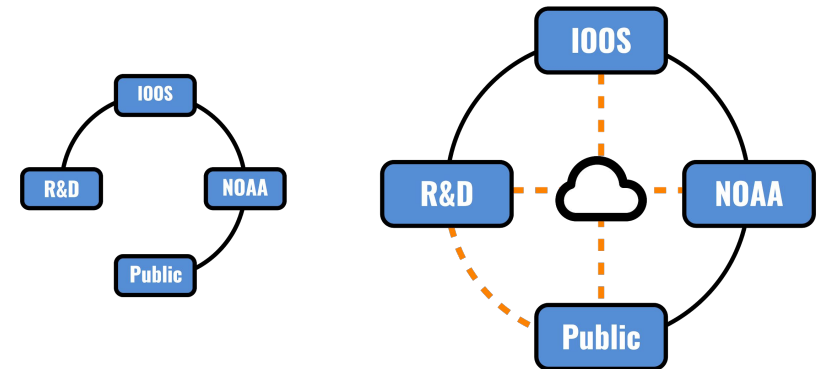
### Improve Research To Operations

*improve efficiency, speed and accessibility  
sandbox supports integrated transition and effective use of  
significant new R&D products*

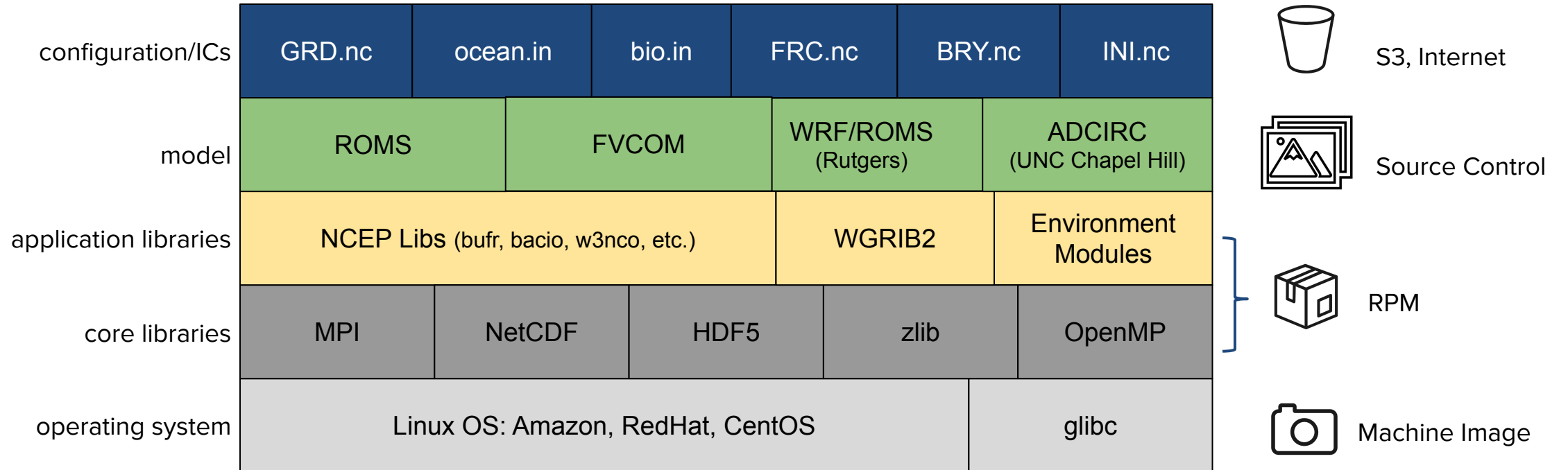


### Complement Research To Operations

*create environment for collaboration, innovation and iteration  
dotted-line relationships complement solid-line.  
decoupling opens new opportunities for improved R2O/O2R*



## Sandbox Environment



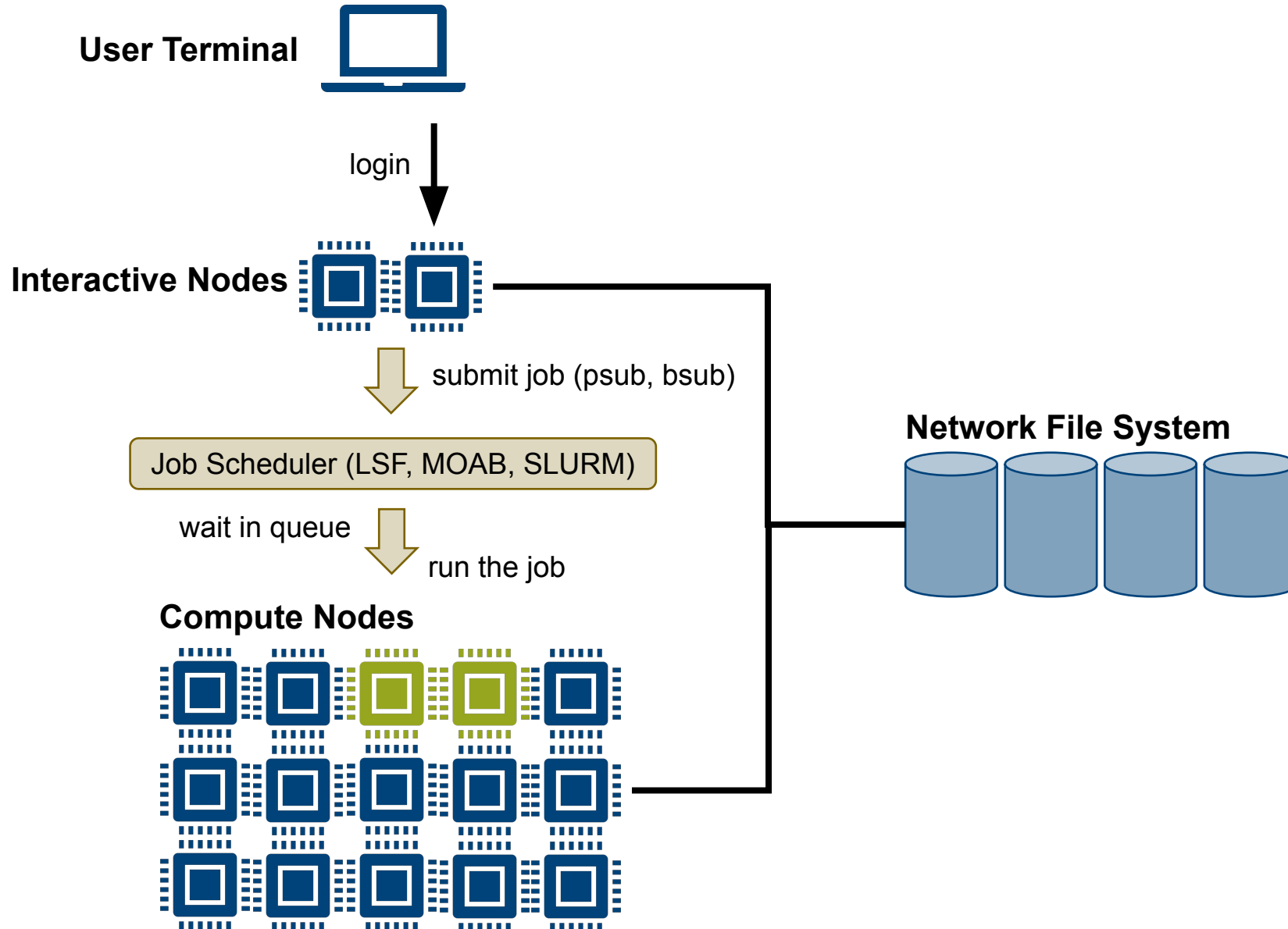


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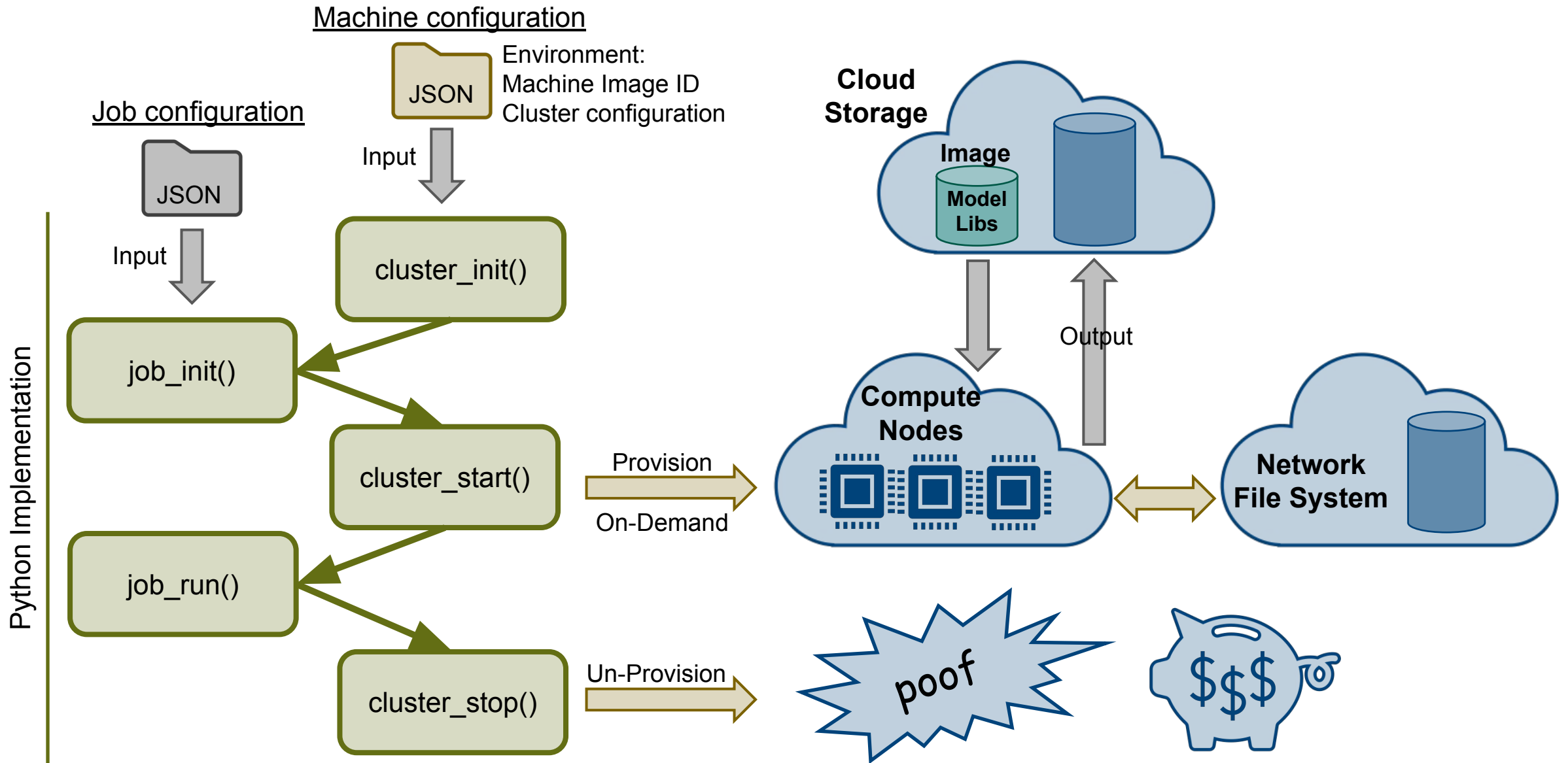
## Currently Supported and Tested Models

- NOSOFS ROMS and FVCOM Models
  - CBOFS, CIOFS, DBOFS, GOMOFS, TBOFS, LEOFS, LMHOFS, NEGOFs, NGOFS, NWGOFS, and SFBOFS
  - Quasi-operational
- LiveOcean
  - Quasi-operational with operational fail-over triggering
- Coupled WRF/ROMS w/ ESMF v8
  - Hurricane Irene test case
- ADCIRC
  - Full test suite in ADCIRC repository
  - Hurricane Florence test case

# Traditional Datacenter Cluster



# On-demand Cloud Compute Cluster



Job: NPROCS, ROMS Tiling, depends on machine size.

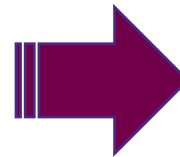
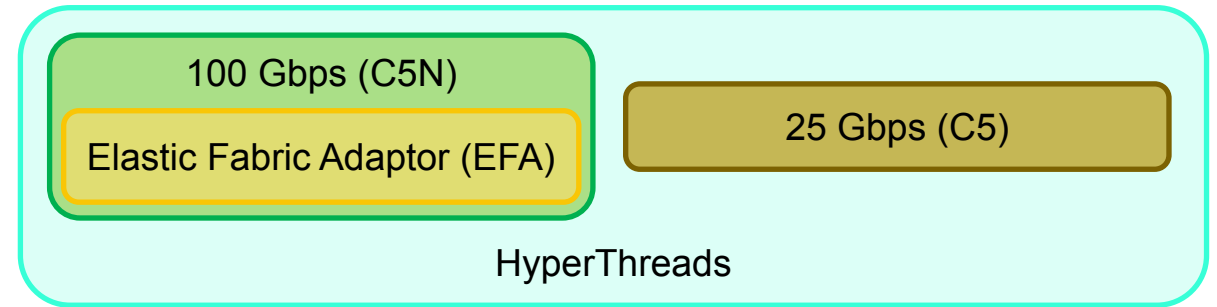
## AWS HPC Performance Testing

AWS provides a maze of different options. What options and configurations are most practical for this application?

### Cluster Configurations

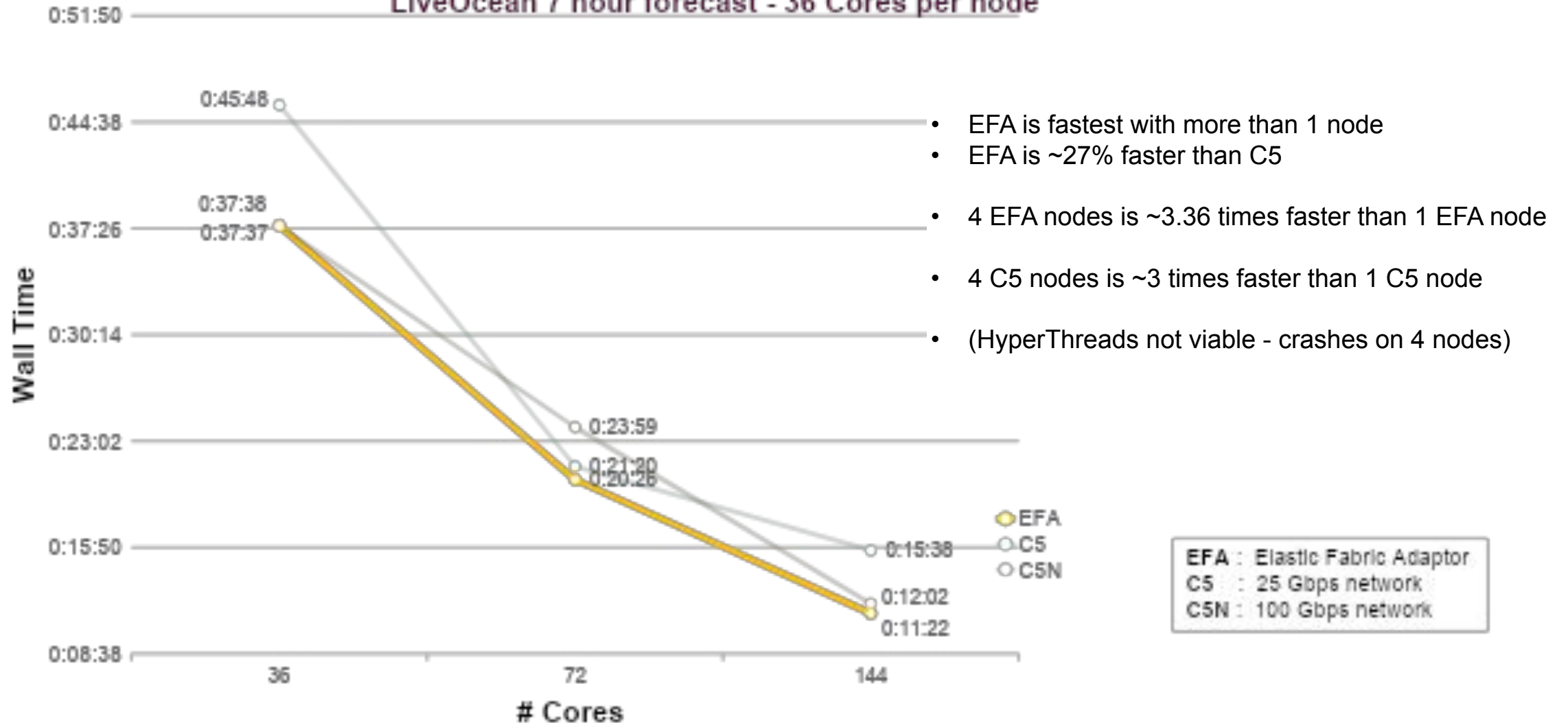
- 1 Node
  - 36 Cores (6x6 tiling)
  - 72 VCPUs (9x8 tiling) w/ HyperThreads
- 2 Node
  - 72 Cores (9x8 tiling)
  - 144 VCPUs (12x12 tiling) w/ HyperThreads
- 4 Node
  - 144 Cores (12x12 tiling)
  - 288 VCPUs (18x16 tiling) w/ HyperThreads

### Node Configurations



- C5: 25 Gbps Network
- C5N: 100 Gbps Network
- C5N with EFA: Low-latency, high-throughput for MPI
- HyperThreads: 2 hardware threads per core

## LiveOcean 7 hour forecast - 36 Cores per node



- EFA is fastest with more than 1 node
- EFA is ~27% faster than C5
- 4 EFA nodes is ~3.36 times faster than 1 EFA node
- 4 C5 nodes is ~3 times faster than 1 C5 node
- (HyperThreads not viable - crashes on 4 nodes)

AWS performance is faster than University of Washington's HPC cluster.

Practical Use Case: If UW cluster suffers an outage AWS can fill the gap in a timely manner.

## LiveOcean : AWS EC2 Instance Cost Comparison

Instance Type	AWS Price/Hour
c5.18xlarge :	\$ 3.06
c5n.18xlarge :	\$ 3.888

LiveOcean		1 Node	2 Nodes	4 Nodes
<b>EFA C5n 18x</b>	Test timing / fhr (minutes)	0:05:23	0:02:55	0:01:37
	73 hour forecast time (minutes)	393	213	118
	73 hour forecast cost	\$ 25.47	\$ 27.59	\$ 30.59
	Monthly 1 fcst/day	\$ 763.96	\$ 827.82	\$ 917.70

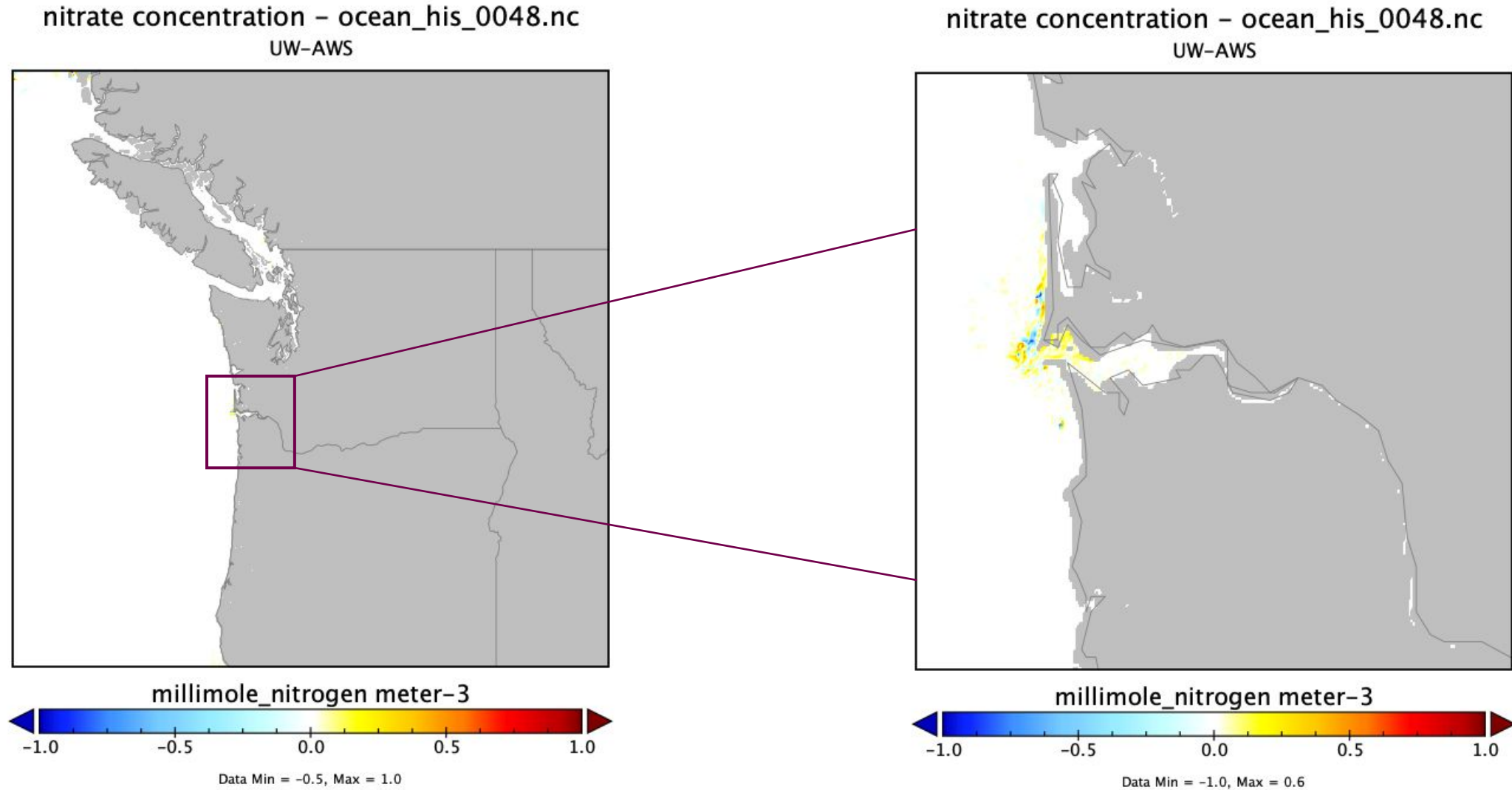


LiveOcean		1 Node	2 Nodes	4 Nodes
<b>C5 18x</b>	Test timing / fhr (minutes)	0:06:33	0:03:03	0:02:14
	73 hour forecast time (minutes)	478	222	163
	73 hour forecast cost	\$ 24.36	\$ 22.69	\$ 33.26
	Monthly 1 fcst/day	\$ 730.77	\$ 680.78	\$ 997.76



What is the optimal configuration that meets the requirements?

## Difference



Small differences due to rounding of floating point values, sequence of operations, different tiling, etc.

# Jupyter Lab Features

- File explorer
- Terminal
- Text editor
- Interactive notebooks

The screenshot displays the Jupyter Lab interface with the following components:

- File Explorer:** Located on the left, it shows a directory structure under `/cloud_sandbox_examples/hlfs/` containing files like `cloudflow-test.ipynb`, `hlfs-demo.ipynb`, `hlfs.config`, `hlfs.ipynb`, and `hlfs.py`.
- Terminal:** The top terminal window shows the output of `conda list`, listing installed packages such as `_libgcc_mutex`, `conda-forge`, `numpy`, and `xarray`.
- Text Editor:** The bottom terminal window shows the content of `hlfs.config`, a JSON configuration file with keys like `"JOBTYPE"`, `"OFS"`, `"CDATE"`, and `"INDIR"`.
- Interactive Notebook:** The right pane shows a notebook titled `hlfs-demo.ipynb` with Python code for loading data from a dataset and displaying its dimensions and coordinates.

```
(base) jupyter-kenny@ip-10-0-1-161:~$ conda list
# packages in environment at /opt/tljh/user:
#
# Name                    Version            Build                Channel
#-----
_libgcc_mutex             0.1                conda_forge          conda-forge
_openmp_mutex             4.5                1_llvm               conda-forge
alembic                   1.4.2              pypi_0              pypi
asn1crypto                1.3.0              pypi_0              pypi
async-generator           1.10               pypi_0              pypi
attrs                     19.3.0             pypi_0              pypi
backcall                  0.1.0             pypi_0              pypi
bcrypt                    3.1.7             py37h7b6447c_0     pypi
bleach                    3.1.4             pypi_0              pypi
boto3                     1.12.34           pypi_0              pypi
botocore                  1.15.32           pypi_0              pypi
bzip2                     1.0.8             h7b6447c_0         pypi
ca-certificates           2020.4.5.1        hecc5488_0         conda-forge
cartopy                   0.17.0            py37h6078e7d_1013 conda-forge
certifi                   2020.4.5.1        pypi_0              pypi
certipy                   0.1.3             pypi_0              pypi
cffi                      1.14.0            py37h2e261b9_0     pypi
cftime                    1.1.1.1           py37heb32a55_0     pypi
chardet                   3.0.4             py37_1003           pypi
click                     7.1.1             pypi_0              pypi
cloudflow                 1.0.1             pypi_0              pypi
cloudpickle               1.3.0             pypi_0              pypi
cmoclean                  2.0               pypi_0              pypi
conda                     4.8.3             py37hc8dfbb8_1     conda-forge
conda-package-handling    1.6.0             py37h7b6447c_0     pypi
croniter                  0.3.31            pypi_0              pypi
cryptography              2.8               py37h1ba5d50_0     pypi
curl                      7.69.1            hbc83047_0         pypi
```

```
{
  "JOBTYPE" : "plotting",
  "OFS" : "cbofs",
  "CDATE" : "20200421",
  "HH" : "00",
  "INDIR" : "/com/nos",
  "OUTDIR" : "/com/nos/plotting",
  "VARS" : ["temp", "zeta", "w", "salt"],
  "BUCKET" : "ioos-cloud-sandbox",
  "BCKTFLDR" : "public/nosofs/plots",
  "FSPEC" : "nos.cbofs.fields.f*t00z.nc"
}
```

```
[8]: fp = 'hlfs.config'
with open(fp, 'rb') as f:
    config = json.load(f)

[9]: if config['CDATE'] == 'today':
    CDATE = datetime.date.today().strftime("%Y%m%d")
else:
    CDATE = config['CDATE']
OFS = config['OFS']
fspec = config['FSPEC']
indir = f"{config['INDIR']}/{OFS}.{CDATE}"
outdir = f"{config['OUTDIR']}/{OFS}.{CDATE}"

ds = xr.open_mfdataset(f'{indir}/{fspec}', decode_times=False, combine='by_coords')
ds

[9]: xarray.Dataset

> Dimensions: (boundary: 4, eta_psi: 290, eta_rho: 291, eta_u: 291, eta_v: 290,
ocean_time: 48, s_rho: 20, s_w: 21, tracer: 3, xi_psi: 331, xi_rho: 332,
xi_u: 331, xi_v: 332)

> Coordinates:
lon_v (eta_v, xi_v) float64 dask.array<chunksize=(290, 332), meta=n...
lat_rho (eta_rho, xi_rho) float64 dask.array<chunksize=(291, 332), meta=n...
lon_rho (eta_rho, xi_rho) float64 dask.array<chunksize=(291, 332), meta=n...
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s_w (s_w) float64 -1.0 -0.95 -0.9 ... -0.1 -0.05 0.0
s_rho (s_rho) float64 -0.975 -0.925 ... -0.075 -0.025
ocean_time (ocean_time) float64 1.358e+08 1.358e+08 ... 1.36e+08

> Data variables:
(97)

> Attributes: (34)
```



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## Links

### GitHub Repositories

<https://github.com/ioos/nosofs-NCO>

<https://github.com/ioos/LiveOcean>

<https://github.com/ioos/Cloud-Sandbox>

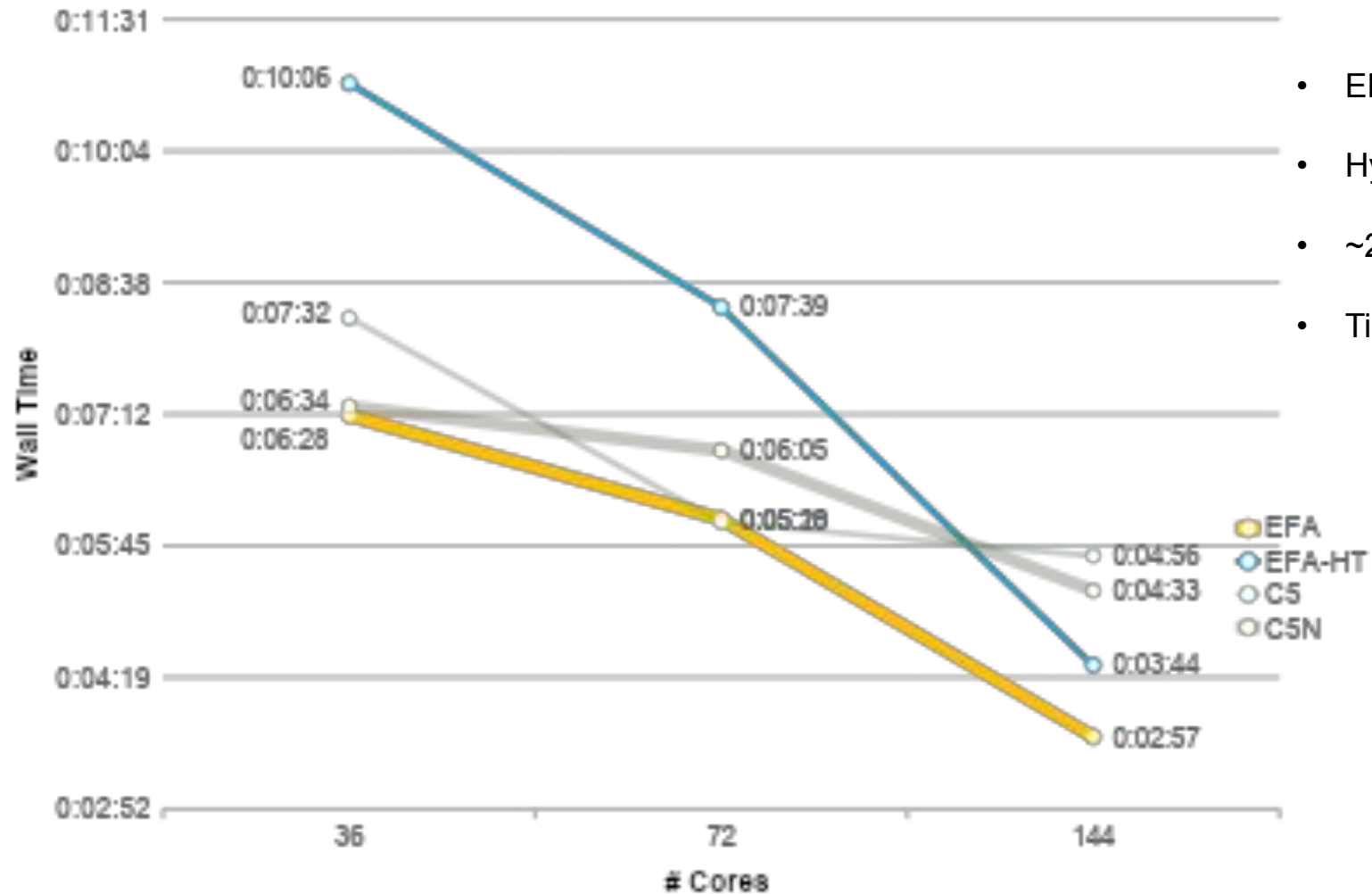
<https://ioos.github.io/Cloud-Sandbox>

- copy of NOAA operational version with local changes
- scripts to retrieve, build, and run LiveOcean
- Python and BASH solutions
- API documentation for above

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## Questions and Comments

## CBOFS 6 hour forecast - 36 Cores per node



- EFA is usually fastest
- HyperThreads show no benefit
- ~2.16 times faster on 4 EFA nodes vs 1
- Times were fairly consistent

EFA : Elastic Fabric Adaptor  
HT : HyperThreads  
C5 : 25 Gbps network  
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Does this performance meet the requirements?

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EFA C5n 18x	CBOFS	Nodes		
		1 Node	2 Nodes	4 Nodes
	Test timing / fhr (minutes)	0:01:05	0:00:53	0:00:29
	48 hour forecast time (minutes)	52	43	24
	48 hour forecast cost	\$ 3.35	\$ 5.53	\$ 6.12
	Monthly 1 fcst/day	\$ 100.57	\$ 165.89	\$ 183.51



C5 18x	CBOFS	Nodes		
		1 Node	2 Nodes	4 Nodes
	Test timing / fhr (minutes)	0:01:15	0:00:53	0:00:49
	48 hour forecast time (minutes)	60	42	39
	48 hour forecast cost	\$ 3.07	\$ 4.32	\$ 8.05
	Monthly 1 fcst/day	\$ 92.21	\$ 129.74	\$ 241.54



~2.5x speedup for ~2x cost.

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## Cluster Configuration JSON File

```
Example:
{
  "platform" : "AWS",
  "region"   : "us-east-1",
  "nodeType" : "c5n.18xlarge",
  "nodeCount": 2,
  "image_id" : "ami-0abc123abcdef012345",
  "tags"     : [{ "Key": "", "Value": "" }],
  "subnet_id": "subnet-0f1234abcdef8901",
  "placement_group": "cloud-sandbox",
  "key_name"  : "your_private_key",
  "sg_ids"   : ["sg-0012345678abc6b012"]
}
```

## Job Configuration JSON File

```
Example:
{
  "JOBTYPE"   : "forecast",
  "OFS"       : "cbofs",
  "CDATE"    : "today",
  "HH"       : "00",
  "COMROT"    : "/com/nos",
  "TIME_REF" : "20160101.0d0",
  "BUCKET"   : "cloud-sandbox",
  "BCKTFLDR" : "/nos/cbofs",
  "NTIMES"   : "34560",
  "OUTDIR"   : "auto",
  "OCEANIN"  : "auto",
  "OCNINTMPL": "cbofs.ocean.in"
}
```

To run it: `./workflows/workflow_main.py job/jobs/cbofs.00z.fcst`

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# NOAA Big Data Program

CC CoP Webinar | Monday, February 22, 2021

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# INTRODUCTION

## The NOAA Big Data Program (NOAA BDP)

Enables Innovation in Environmental  
Services using NOAA Data Accessed  
Through the Cloud Service Providers

### *TODAY....*

- **NOAA BDP Overview and Status**
- **NOAA Ocean Data in the Cloud**
- **How Can You Get Involved**

# NOAA Moving to the Cloud

- NOAA in the midst of a science and technology transformation
  - Newly approved NOAA Cloud Strategy
  - New NOAA Data Strategy
- Criticality of utilizing and leveraging emerging technologies for data access and analytics → meeting our users needs
- NOAA's growing observation sources and networks, scientific computing needs, and limitations of resources
- Enabling value of environmental data in socio-economic contexts for our society

# NOAA BDP Leverages Partnerships



**Provides** access to 15PB of NOAA's environmental data as part of a 10 year contract established with CSPs for NOAA data in the cloud

**Democratizes** access to NOAA Data via Partnerships

- Reduces and removes obstacles to the public use of NOAA data, and help avoid costs and risks associated with federal data access services

**Enables** risk sharing, resources, rewards, leverage greater efficiencies in program delivery, skill sharing --- and accelerate innovation

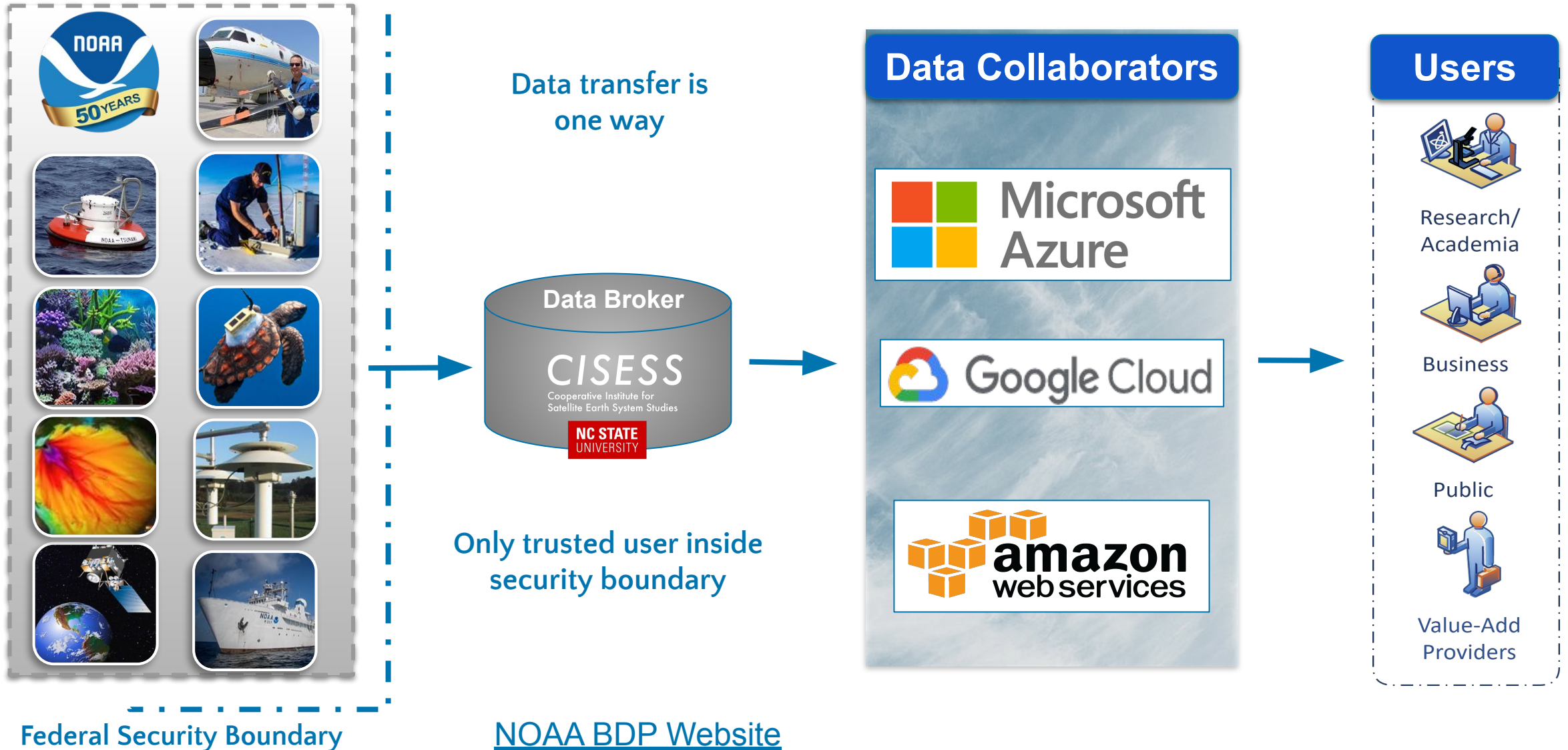


## Status of the Big Data Program

- ❖ BDP is under the NOAA OCIO, Chief Data Officer
- ❖ Program is operational and in year 2 of 10 year contract
- ❖ There are over 8 PB of NOAA data publicly accessible through 3 Cloud Service Providers ...over 145+ datasets in the cloud
- ❖ BDP has seen and enabled significant increase in data usage... supporting users and decision makers across various sectors of the economy

# NOAA BIG DATA PROGRAM

## Accelerating Access to Earth Data



**NOAA S-111 Surface Water Currents Data**

**Description**

S-111 is a data and metadata enabling quick access that is part of the S-111 dataset that covers the Chesapeake Bay, an international channel for shipping and other. The data is derived from a combination of satellite altimetry, tide gauge data, and other data sources. The data is used for a variety of purposes, including navigation, port operations, and other maritime activities. The data is updated daily and is available for download from the NOAA National Ocean Service Data Access Center.

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**Update Frequency**

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**Documentation**

<https://co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/ocean/ofs.html>

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**Usage Examples**

Tools & Applications

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Improved data access via cloud services to support end users like mariners, maritime pilots, port authorities, and shipping companies optimally access and integrate disparate data sources to determine the best route when navigating congested waterways and ports... and assist with ship clearance and dredging

Improvements in Precision Navigation has historically saved shippers an estimated \$10 million per year (NOAA 2017) --- Improving access and analytics to data and forecasts, will further these savings and efficiencies

# Ocean Data in the NOAA Big Data Program

Ocean Datasets	Google	AWS	Microsoft
National Water Model	X	X	
Operational Forecast Systems		X	
NOAA S-111 Current Surface Data		X	
World Ocean Database	*	X	*
Tsunami	X		
Emergency Response Imagery		X	

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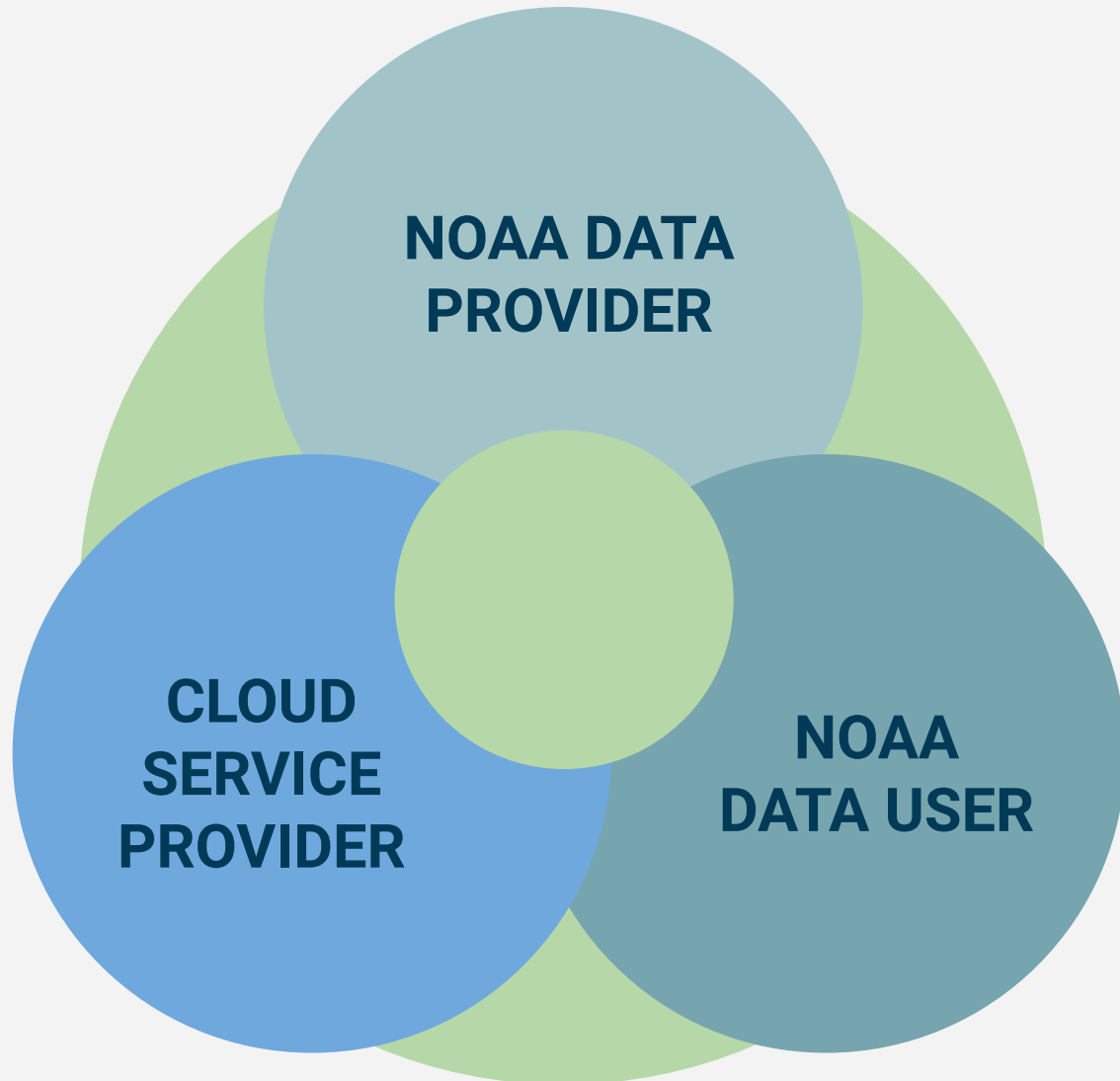
**BDP Catalyzes  
Innovation in  
Environmental  
Services using NOAA  
Data**

# Why Work with NOAA and BDP?

- Accelerate innovation in uses and applications in environmental sustainability areas and beyond
- Innovative data analytics and computational capabilities for earth system science
- Optimize cost and resource efficiencies
- Gain improved access to NOAA data for public use
- Support and revolutionize NOAA data delivery model
- Identify and stitch data issues and holes and support climate modeling



# How Can You Get Involved?



- **Connect with the NOAA BDP Team:**
  - [NOAA BDP Website](#)
  - [NOAA.BDP@NOAA.GOV](mailto:NOAA.BDP@NOAA.GOV)
- **Explore the cloud service providers open data access pages**
  - Azure Open Data Catalog
  - AWS Registry of Open Data Sets
  - Google Cloud Public Datasets



# Thank you!



**NOAA Big Data Program**

[BDP Webpage](#) | [Data Intake Form](#)

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# Appendix

# NOAA Process for Working with BDP

- Initiate discussion with the EDMC Rep -

**1**

Identify your dataset

**2**

Submit a BDP request form ([Intake Form](#))

**3**

Meet with BDP team to discuss details

**4**

Work with BDP and Data Broker (CISESS) to disseminate data on the cloud platform

**5**

Publicize the dataset's availability on the CSP when confirmation is received

# Dan Morris



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# Future Engagements

Date	Engagement	Other information
Mar 2	COMT proposal call	<a href="https://ioos.noaa.gov/about/funding-opportunities/">https://ioos.noaa.gov/about/funding-opportunities/</a>
Mar 5	NSF proposal	<a href="https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505594">https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505594</a>
31 Mar-1 Apr	Coastal Flood Modeling, Prediction and Observations for the U.S. West Coast	<a href="https://www.oceanvisions.org/2021-west-coastal-solutions">https://www.oceanvisions.org/2021-west-coastal-solutions</a>
13-16 April	2nd NOAA General Modeling Meeting and Fair	<a href="https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/ngmmf2021/">https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/ngmmf2021/</a>
27-28 April	Coastal Flood Modeling, Prediction and Observations for the U.S. Gulf Coast	<a href="https://www.oceanvisions.org/2021-gulf-coast-solutions-workshop">https://www.oceanvisions.org/2021-gulf-coast-solutions-workshop</a>
10-14 May	ASFPM	<a href="http://www.asfpmconference.org">www.asfpmconference.org</a>
18-20 May	Ocean Visions 2021 Summit	<a href="https://www.oceanvisions.org/summit-2021">https://www.oceanvisions.org/summit-2021</a>
Early May	Annual meeting	

**Thank you!**

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