

# A 50-Year Journey in Ocean Wave Monitoring

Innovations from On-Premises to AWS

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### Introduction to

2-D Wave Spectra

**Wave Parameters** 

**Individual Waves** 

Water Temperature Surface Currents Air Temperature

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coastal data information program

GPS Positions, Metadata, etc.

- USACE requires accurate historical and near-real time coastal process data to complete coastal storm risk management and navigation planning, engineering, and operational projects within project constraints.
- Readily-available, high-quality coastal wave data are required for risk-based engineering design and adaptive management for USACE projects.



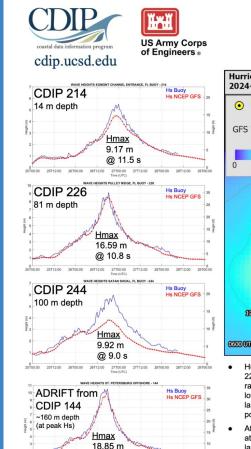
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From issuing annual printed reports of data tables, to being able to publish detailed bulletins of significant wave events in near-real time, with climatological context.

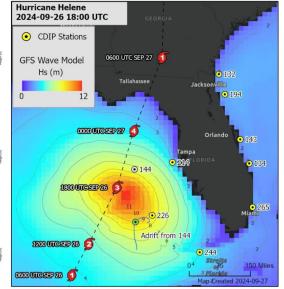
How did we get here?



@ 12.5 s

Hmax = largest individual wave Hs = significant wave height Tp = period of peak wave energy

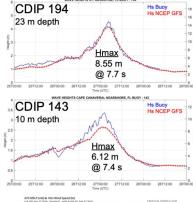
#### CDIP Wave Observations: Hurricane Helene September 26 - 27, 2024

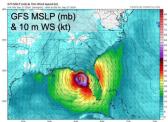


- Hurricane Helene made landfall as category 4 with max winds of 220 km/h (140 mph) and minimum pressure of 938 mbar, after rapid intensification aided by high sea surface temperatures and low wind shear. It was the strongest storm on record to make landfall in the Big Bend region of FL, consistent with historically powerful CDIP station data.
- At CDIP 226 Pulley Ridge, FL (est. 2016), peak Hs = 9.13 m (30') at Tp = 12 s set a new station record by nearly a meter, and is the largest Hs ever from a CDIP station in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Similarly at 214 Egmont Channel Entrance, FL (est. 2015), operated by partners at USF, peak Hs = 5.50 m (18') at Tp = 13 s was a new station record by a wide margin.
- The buoy recently adrift from CDIP 144 St. Petersburg, FL, was closest to the storm center. Peak Hs exceeded 10 m (33') at Tp = 14 s in ~160 m water depth, with maximum individual wave heights reaching 18.85 m (62').









- CDIP 244 Satan Shoal, FL (est. 2019), measured its 2nd highest station Hs at 6 m (Tp = 11 s).
- Tp measured at CDIP stations during Helene was several seconds longer than during previously observed tropical storms in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Storm surge raised water levels to the highest ever measured, by several feet, at NOAA tide gauges in Tampa Bay and Cedar Key.

CDIP wave bulletins: <a href="mailto:cdip.ucsd.edu/themes/cdip?d2=p12">cdip.ucsd.edu/themes/cdip?d2=p12</a>



### History and Origins

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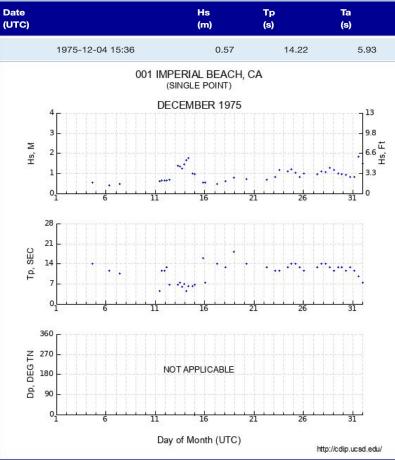
Single point gauge mounted on a tripod

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Single point gauge is presently still in use at Scripps Pier







## 1995 Hello World

## http://cdip.ucsd.edu

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## 1978 NonDirectional Buoys

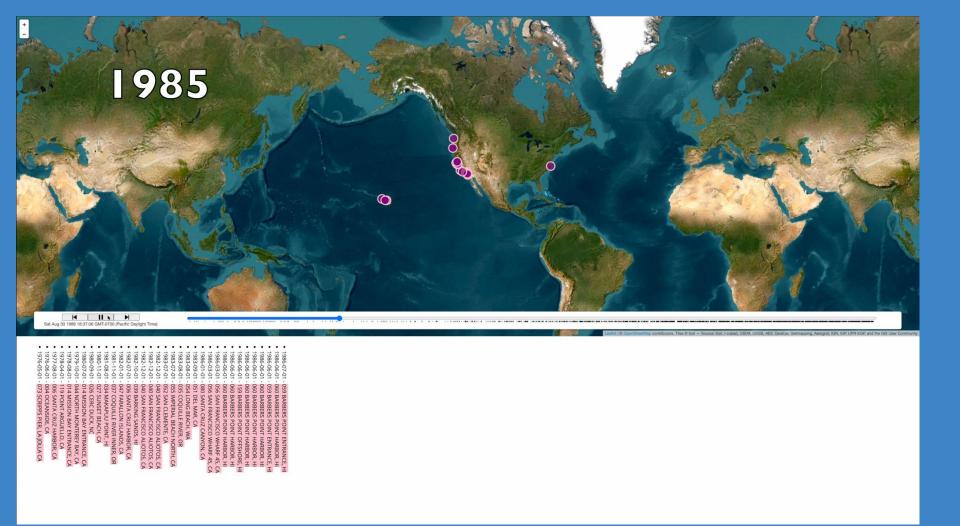
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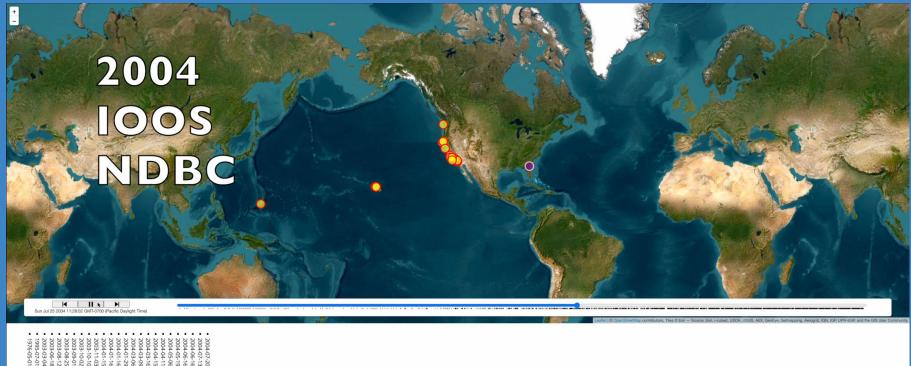
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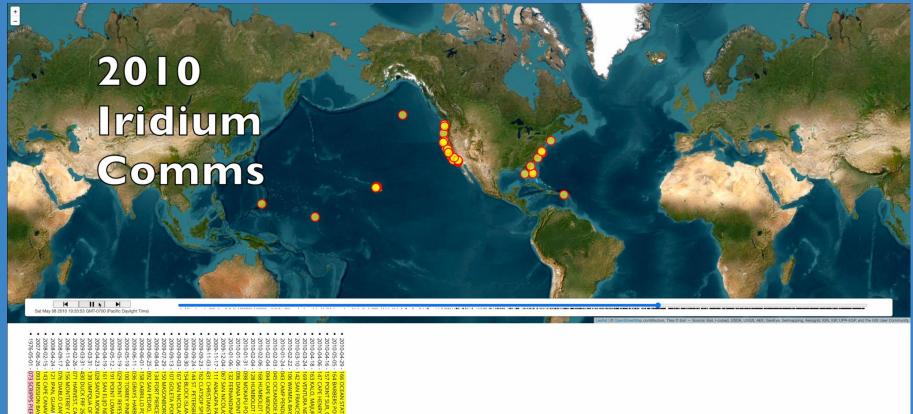
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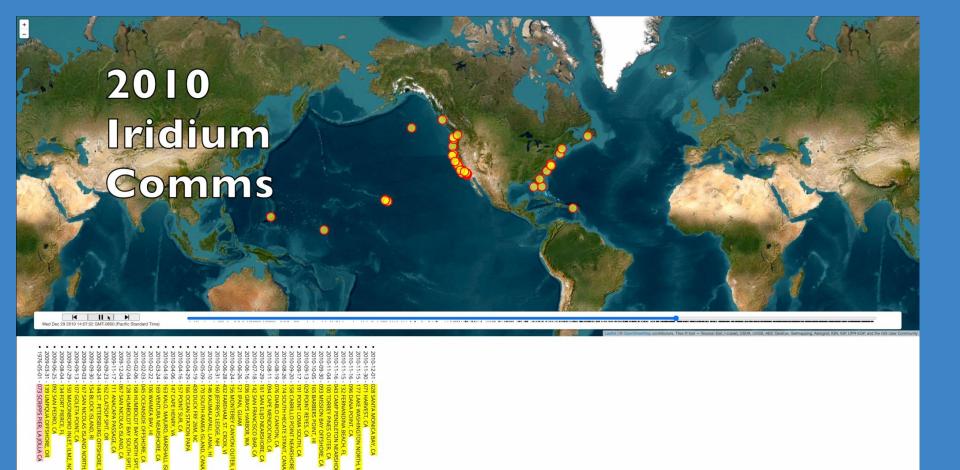
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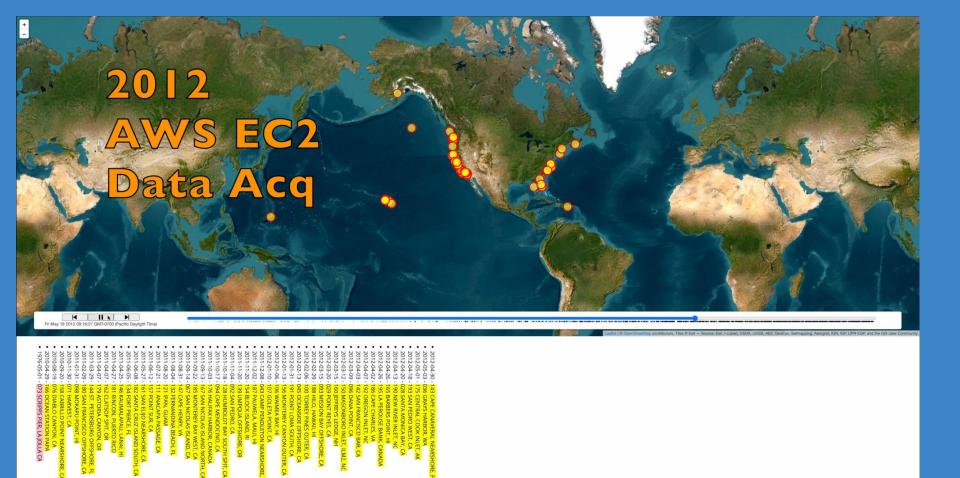
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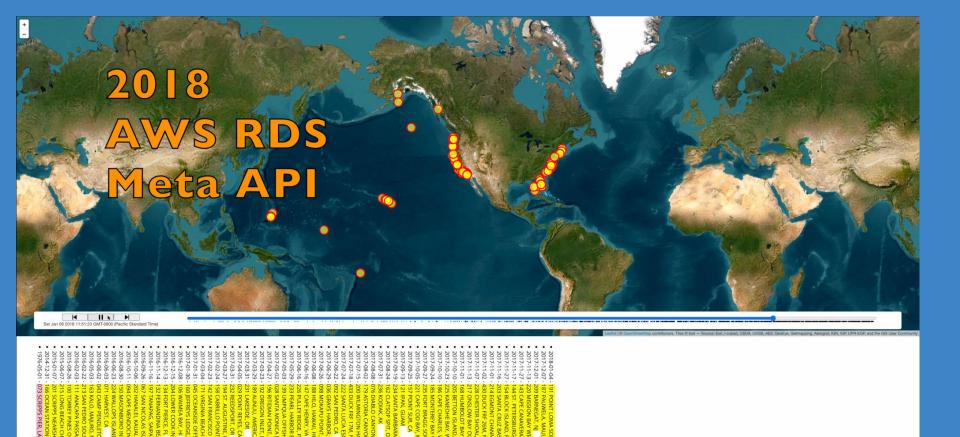


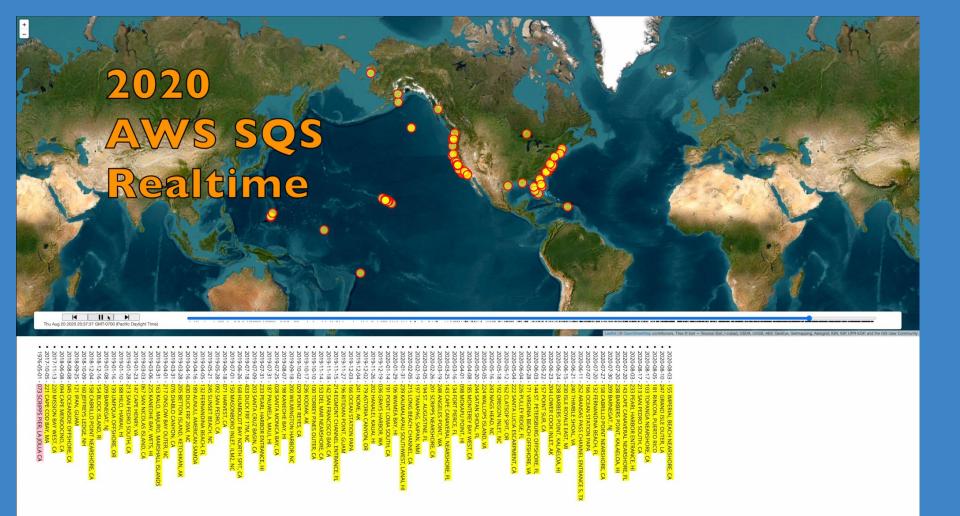


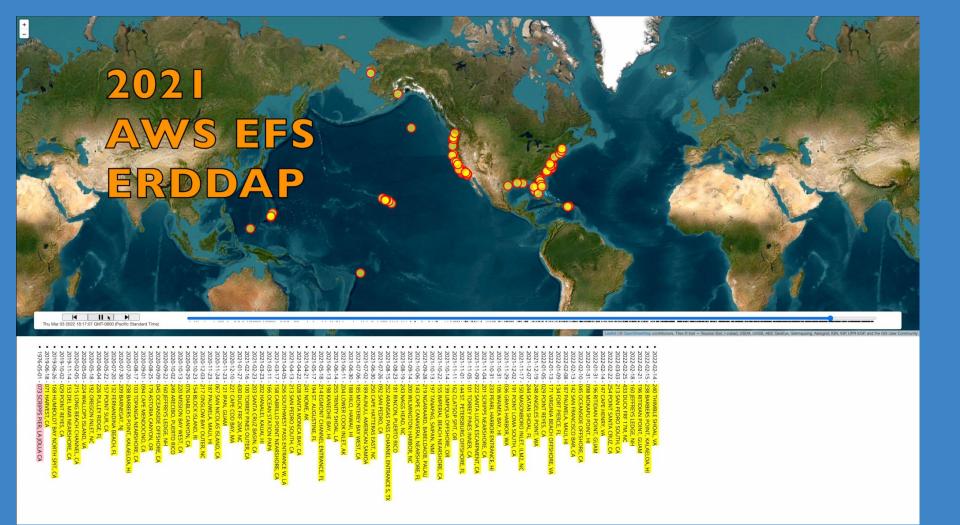
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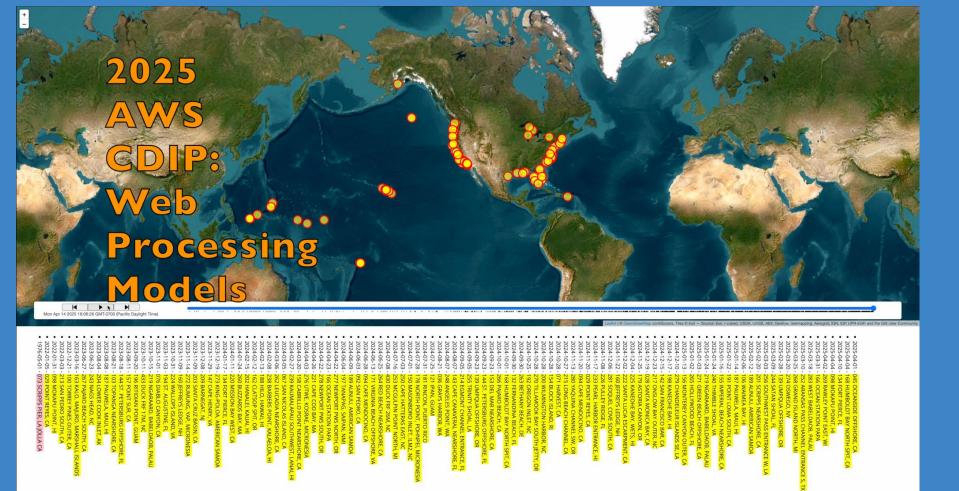
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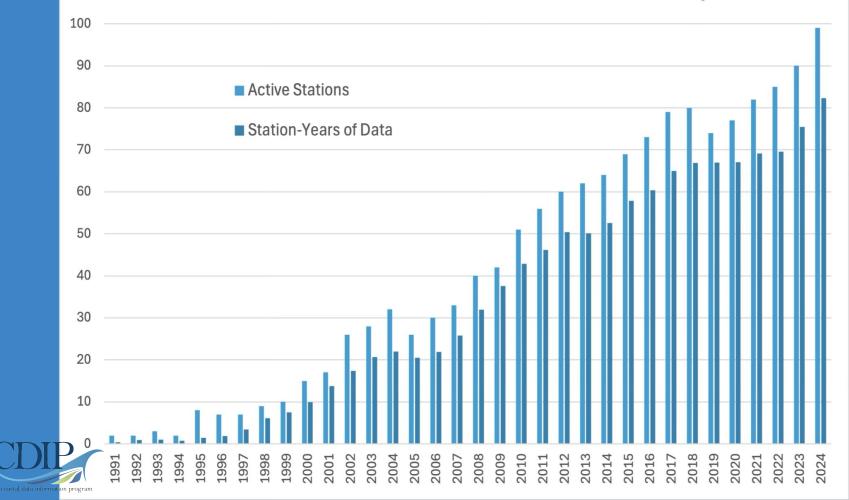




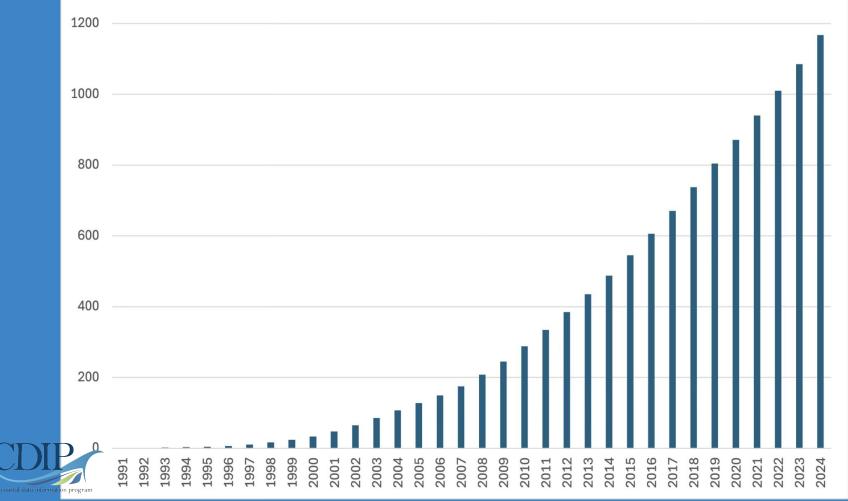




#### **CDIP Stations Instrumented with Directional Waverider Buoys**



#### CDIP Directional Waverider Station-Years of Data, Cumulative



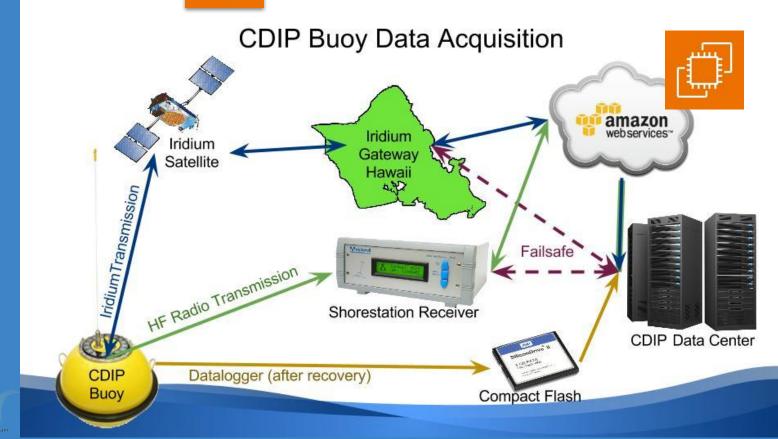
### Why AWS instead of On-Prem?

2011 Southwest Blackout

Local Power and Network outages







### 2014 AWS Glacier



- Disaster Recovery
- Legato NetWorker DLT Tape backups





**ZFS** The Last Word in File Systems

Monthly Snapshots SDSC SAN DIEGO SUPERCOMPUTER CENTER

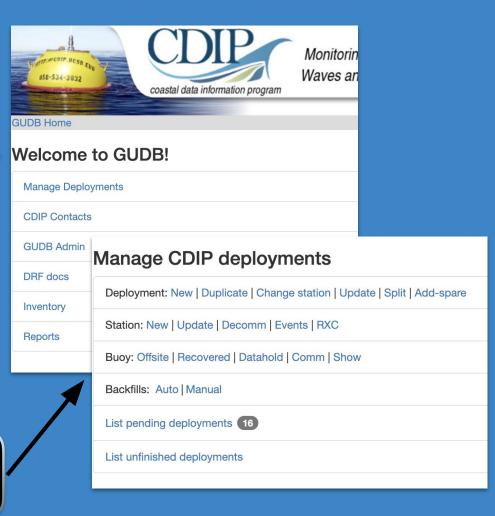


**AWS Glacier** 

### 2018 AWS RDS



- Centralized store for CDIP operations metadata (deployments, inventory, contacts and reports)
- Manages deployments through their lifecycle.
- Provides a standard REST API for programmatic interaction
- Easy interface for changing buoy and deployment settings
- Easy interface for managing data back-fills
- Metadata API





Monitoring and Prediction of Waves and Shoreline Change



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#### Pending deployments Done

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### CDIP metadata DB Manage deployment lifecycles

**Legend:** *Red* - Do it now! *Orange* - Warning *Green* - Done

Spare buoy list

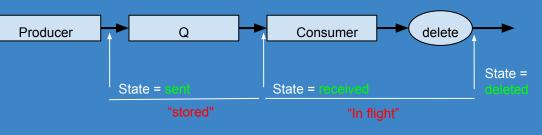
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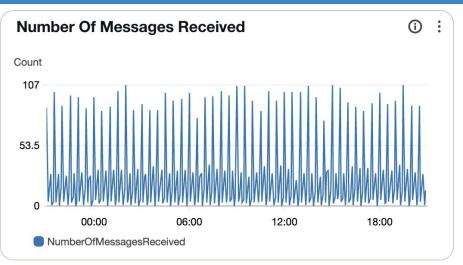
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### 2020 AWS SQS



- Realtime Processing Queue
- Purpose: efficient and scalable redundant buoy data processing
- AWS Simple Q Service (SQS) allows multiple "workers" - scalable
- Produces redundant processed buoy data in EFS (AWS Elastic File System)
- Python wrapper for time-tested CDIP FORTRAN code

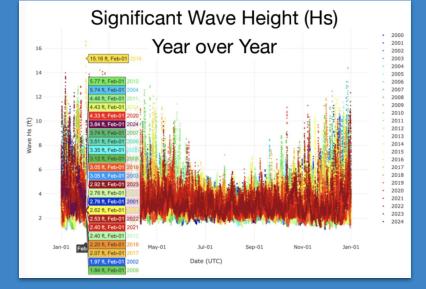




### 2021 AWS EFS



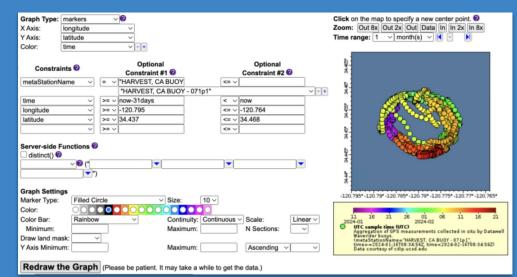
 ERDDAP aggregates realtime and historic netCDF on EFS



#### ERDDAP > List of All Datasets

6 matching datasets, listed in alphabetical order.

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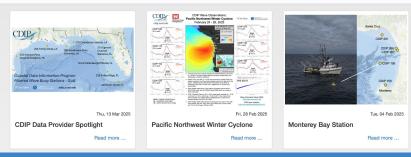
### CDIP Entire Stack moved to AWS

- Website
- THREDDS
- Processing
- Models
- Calibration



The Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP) measures, analyzes, archive and disseminates coastal environment data for use by coastal engineers, planners and managers, as well as scientists and mariners

#### Selected region of interest @ All





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Challenges

- Time
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- Realtime Operation data syncing
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- Cost
- Evolving Technologies and Services















EFS





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- Legacy Code
- Software/Hardware
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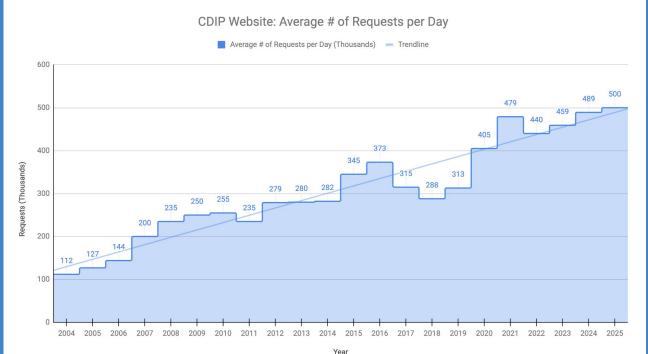




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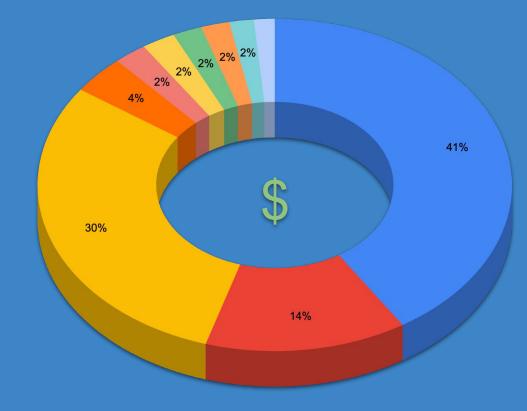
### **CDIP Web Stats**







### AWS Service Cost



EFS Storage

- RDS ServerlessV2
- EC2 instance
- Route53 DNS Query
- EC2 Storage
- DataTransfer
- EC2 NAT Gateway
- Backup Storage
- VPC
- RDS System
   Operation





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# **THANK YOU**

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