# Using Cloud to Host Large Open-Source Datasets

Catalyzing Collaboration & Accelerating Innovation

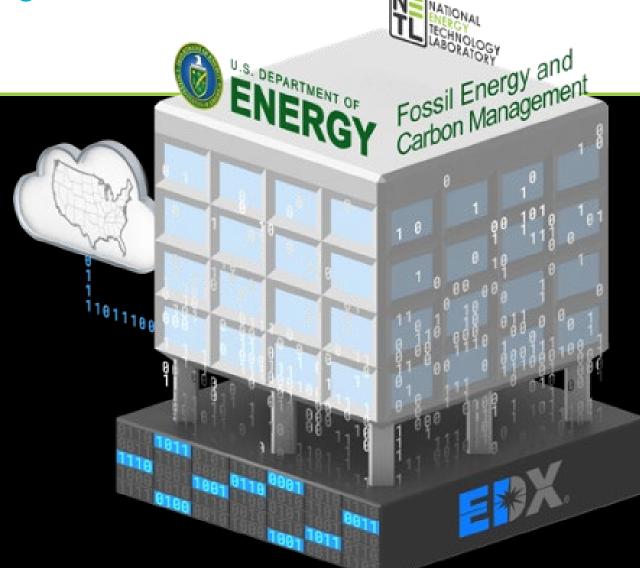


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# FECM R&D is Impeded by Common Challenges



- Finding and accessing relevant datasets
- Publishing & preserving R&D data products
- Accessing previously developed R&D data
- Sharing secure R&D scale data resources among team
- Collaborating across multi-organizational teams
- Need to access prior R&D data products to accelerate next-generation innovations

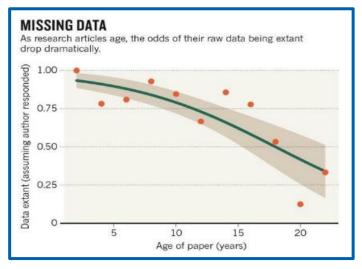


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# The Bigger the Data the Bigger the Challenges



- Datasets are increasingly becoming larger
- Large datasets are more difficult to curate and make publicly available
- Large datasets are not exempt from federal data publishing guidelines



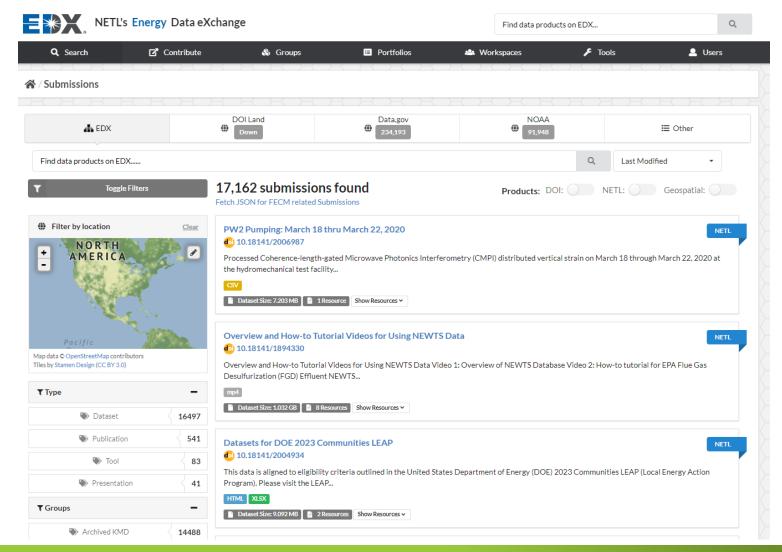


#### How has FECM addressed these issues?





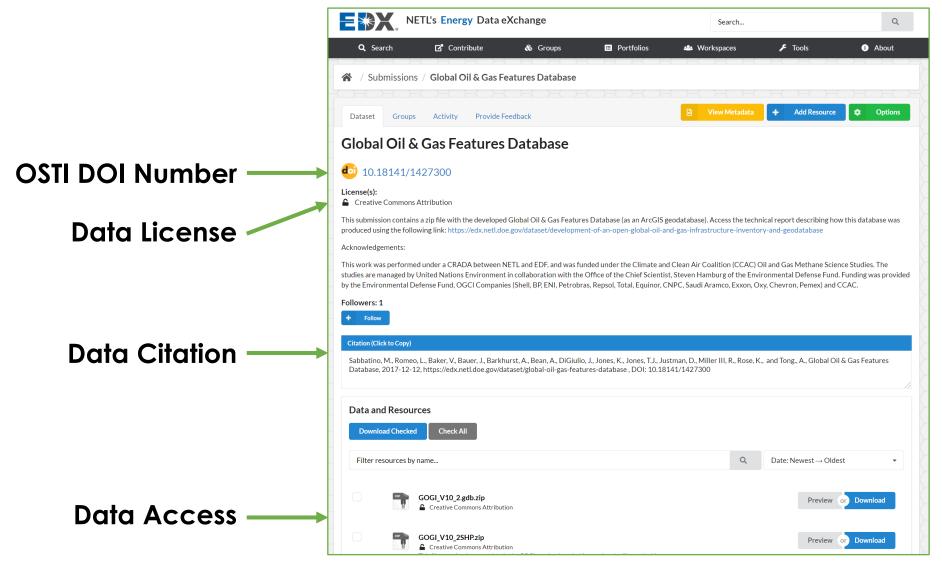
a web-hosted, virtual library and laboratory that supports the NETL/FECM community





## Advantages of publishing data products





Many journals require models, tools and data be publicly available prior to journal publication.





### Our Big Data Journey



- In 2011, we thought big data was a few gigabytes
- Transferring gigabyte files across the Internet to EDX was slow, but doable
- In the last few years, we have datasets that have grown to over 100 terabytes
- Transferring terabyte files to our onprem EDX server over the Internet was not feasible







#### The Recent Past



Large dataset is mailed to EDX Support on an external drive

Large dataset is uploaded to the Watt Machine Learning Cluster

A researcher requests a copy of the large dataset

The large dataset is transferred to an external drive

The data on the external drive is shipped to the researcher



#### We needed a more nimble approach to Big Data

- Rather than upgrade our on-prem hardware we started exploring cloud options
- We were quickly introduced to Cloud **Open Data Programs**
- All major cloud service providers have Open Data Programs





# What do cloud Open Data Programs provide?

- Free hosting and egress of large, publicly accessible data
- Increased access to ODP hosted datasets
- Faster upload/download speeds
- Access to cloud tools
- Access to cloud compute
- Access to cloud data analytics





- ODP is **FREE** for large, public datasets
- Provides ACCESS to large, public datasets that were historically difficult to share
- Increases VISIBILITY and DISCOVERABILITY of large, public datasets
- Facilitates CLOUD COMPUTE at the source of the data



# Google's Open Data Program





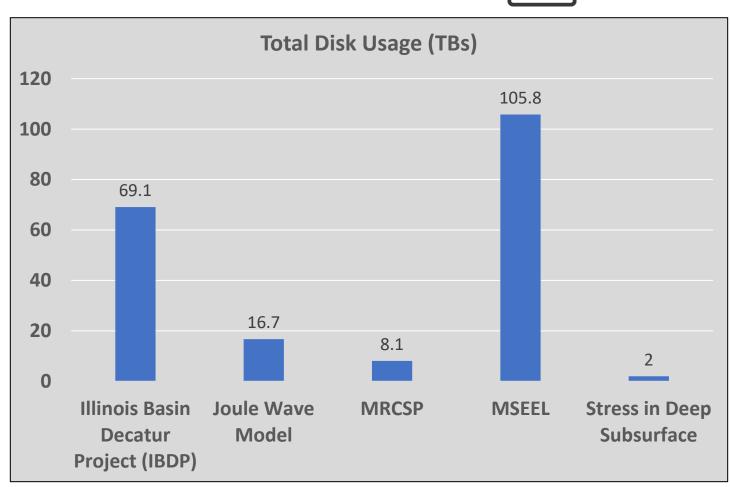
- After reviewing Open Data Programs from all of the cloud service providers we started our ODP journey with Google
- Google shipped a 300TB transfer appliance to transfer our first collection of large datasets
- The data was transferred to the appliance and sent back to Google where it was uploaded to a GCP bucket
- The EDX Team is currently working with Google engineers to apply metadata, making the dataset discoverable for use/re-use



# What was included in the first ODP package?



- √ 5 datasets
- ✓ Over 200TBs of data
- ✓ Over 24M data files





# Why are Open Data Programs Free?

- Large datasets are desirable
- CSPs know if they host some of your data for free they have a better chance of hosting your other data at a cost
- CSPs can market cloud tools for compute and visualization that incur a cost



#### Open Data Programs facilitate the concept of EDX++



# Freedom for users to use any cloud service providers

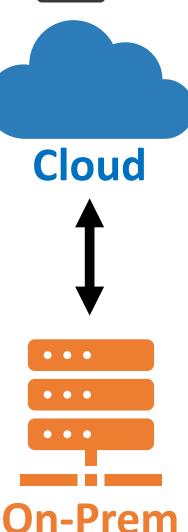
- Compute at the source of the data
- Utilize APIs to move data
- Web hosted applications

#### Improves flexibility and performance

- Does not limit users to one storage & compute platform
- Compute occurs at the data source

#### Resilience

- Redundancy across multiple regions
- Strategic alignment for data transfer and compute across multiple cloud service providers





#### ODPs Facilitate FECM R&D Data Use and Reuse



#### **Carbon Storage Program**

- Free Hosting and Egress:
  - Over 200 terabytes of data
  - Over 24 Million data files
  - Supporting use/re-use of current and future Carbon Storage research efforts



just a few examples





#### The future is now



FECM is embracing research challenges by providing state of the art solutions

- Evolving into a multi-cloud solution
- Accelerating AI/ML
- Tackling data compute in the cloud and on-prem
- Improving transfer speed, security, and pipe



### Any questions?

#### **Key Resources**



- EDX <u>Reference Shelf</u>
- Focused training for research teams (<u>Request Training</u>)
- EDX <u>Training Videos</u> (pre-recorded)
- Robust API Documentation
- Contact EDXSupport@netl.doe.gov or SAMI@netl.doe.gov



