

# Leveraging Public Clouds for DOE Environmental Streaming Data

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# Public Clouds should be utilized MORE by Scientists!

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console home page. The left sidebar lists various services under categories like Compute (EC2, EC2 Container Service, Elastic Beanstalk, Lambda), Storage & Content Delivery (S3, CloudFront, Elastic File System, Glacier, Import/Export, Storage Gateway), Database (RDS, DynamoDB, ElastiCache, Redshift, DNS), and Networking. The main content area shows 'Resource Groups' and 'Additional Resources'.

The screenshot shows the AWS Service Health Dashboard. It displays the 'Current Status' for services in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia Pacific. The status for Amazon API Gateway (N. Virginia) is shown as 'Service is operating normally'.

The screenshot shows the AWS IoT landing page. The text reads: "Easily and securely connect devices to the cloud. Reliably scale to billions of devices and trillions of messages."

The screenshot shows the AWS EC2 Instance Pricing page. It displays 'On-Demand Instance Prices' for various instance types. The table below shows the pricing for different instance types.

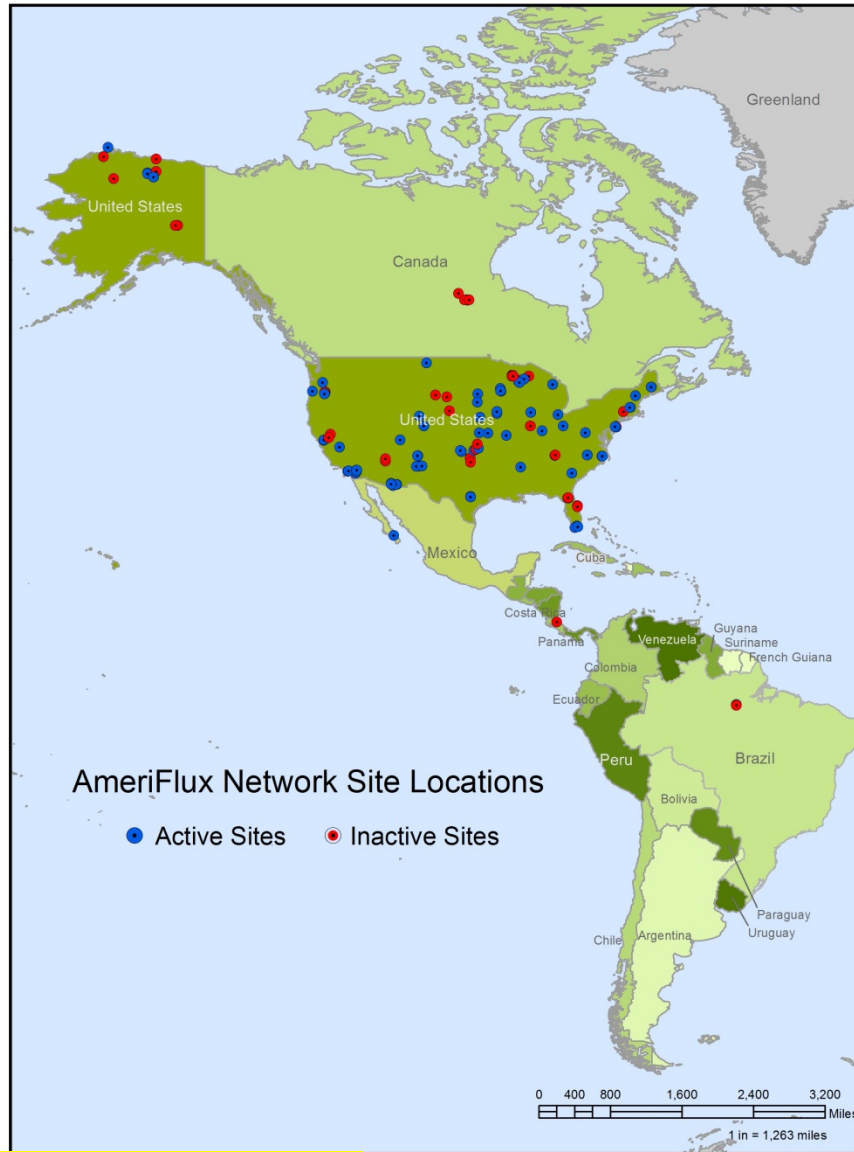
Instance Type	vCPU	ECU	Memory (GiB)	Instance Storage (GB)	Linux/UNIX Usage
t2.nano	1	Variable	0.5	EBS Only	\$0.0065 per Hour
t2.micro	1	Variable	1	EBS Only	\$0.013 per Hour
t2.small	1	Variable	2	EBS Only	\$0.026 per Hour
t2.medium	2	Variable	4	EBS Only	\$0.052 per Hour
t2.large	2	Variable	8	EBS Only	\$0.104 per Hour

The screenshot shows the AWS High Performance Computing (HPC) landing page. The text reads: "High Performance Computing (HPC) allows scientists and engineers to solve complex science, engineering, and business problems using applications that require high bandwidth, enhanced networking, and very high compute capabilities. AWS allows you to increase the speed of research by running high performance computing in the cloud and to reduce costs by providing Cluster Compute or Cluster GPU servers on-demand without large capital investments. You have access to a full-bisection, high bandwidth network for tightly-coupled, IO-intensive workloads, which enables you to scale out across thousands of cores for throughput-oriented applications."

# Many DOE applications emerging with environmental streaming data

- AmeriFlux
- NGEE Tropics
- Drone-based sensors
- Environmental monitors in cities
- Traffic sensors
- Etc.

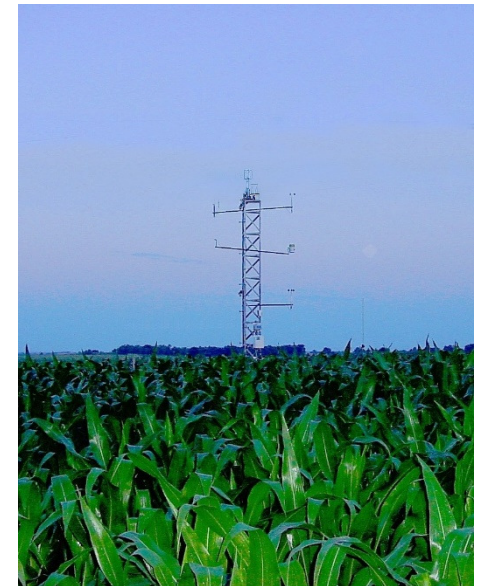
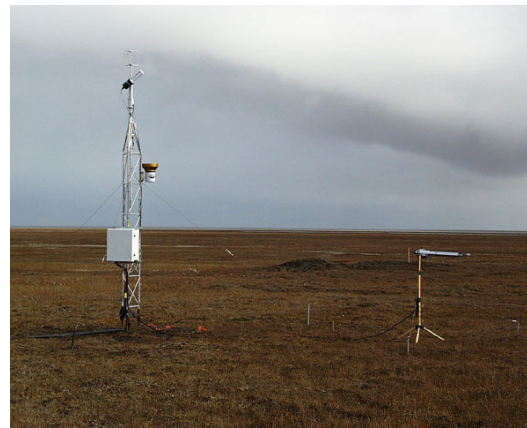
# AmeriFlux, circa 2012



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# Science objectives

- **Quantify** exchange of carbon, water and energy between terrestrial ecosystems and the atmosphere across a range of vegetation types, disturbance histories, and climatic conditions.
- **Understand** processes governing the terrestrial carbon cycle and linkages with the water, energy and nitrogen cycles.
- Produce a high-quality data base and **synthesize** observations across the network.



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# Core measurements

- Fluxes of CO<sub>2</sub>, water vapor, and sensible heat flux via eddy covariance.
- Radiative fluxes and micrometeorological conditions.
- Biophysical characterization of sites (e.g. vegetation age and type, nutrient status, carbon pool sizes, soil type).



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# AmeriFlux and Streaming Data

- Wind (direction and speed) and trace gas concentrations (mostly CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O, but also CH<sub>4</sub>, NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, and others) are measured and stored usually at 10Hz
- Separate mechanism from “data uploads”
  - Currently only tower-driven **SCP** (for “high-frequency data”)
  - Currently only archival in nature
  - 35 configured; 10 active

# AWS IOT

- AWS Lambda: lightweight event-driven programming
- AWS Kinesis: real-time, scalable streaming data sink
- AWS S3: scalable, reliable object store
- AWS DynamoDB: managed noSQL service
- Etc.
- *Plus any open-source projects as needed*
  - *Note to Twitter: please open-source Heron (!)*
- Example: Intel Edison-based rain sensors/gauges (UVa)



# Issues

- How much streaming data is “too much” for public clouds?
- Single custom-build device (e.g., “AmeriFlux AWS IOT device”) or integration with existing infrastructure?
- How much info needed for researcher to use site’s streaming data?
- How to balance “site ownership” of streaming data vs. real-time nature of the data?
- *Large-scale software design, deployment, and management*