Updating Precipitation Frequency Estimates For The Northeast States

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Topics

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Why NWS?

- **Early 1950s**
  - *NWS chosen to prepare IDF curves for fed gov't*
  - *NWS is independent*
    - does not regulate or design
- **Today's De-facto National Standards**
  - *endorsed by federal water agencies*
  - *referenced in many federal, state, and local regs*
  - *NWS has a proven track record*
- **Performed At Request Of And Funded By Users**
  - *not from NWS budget*

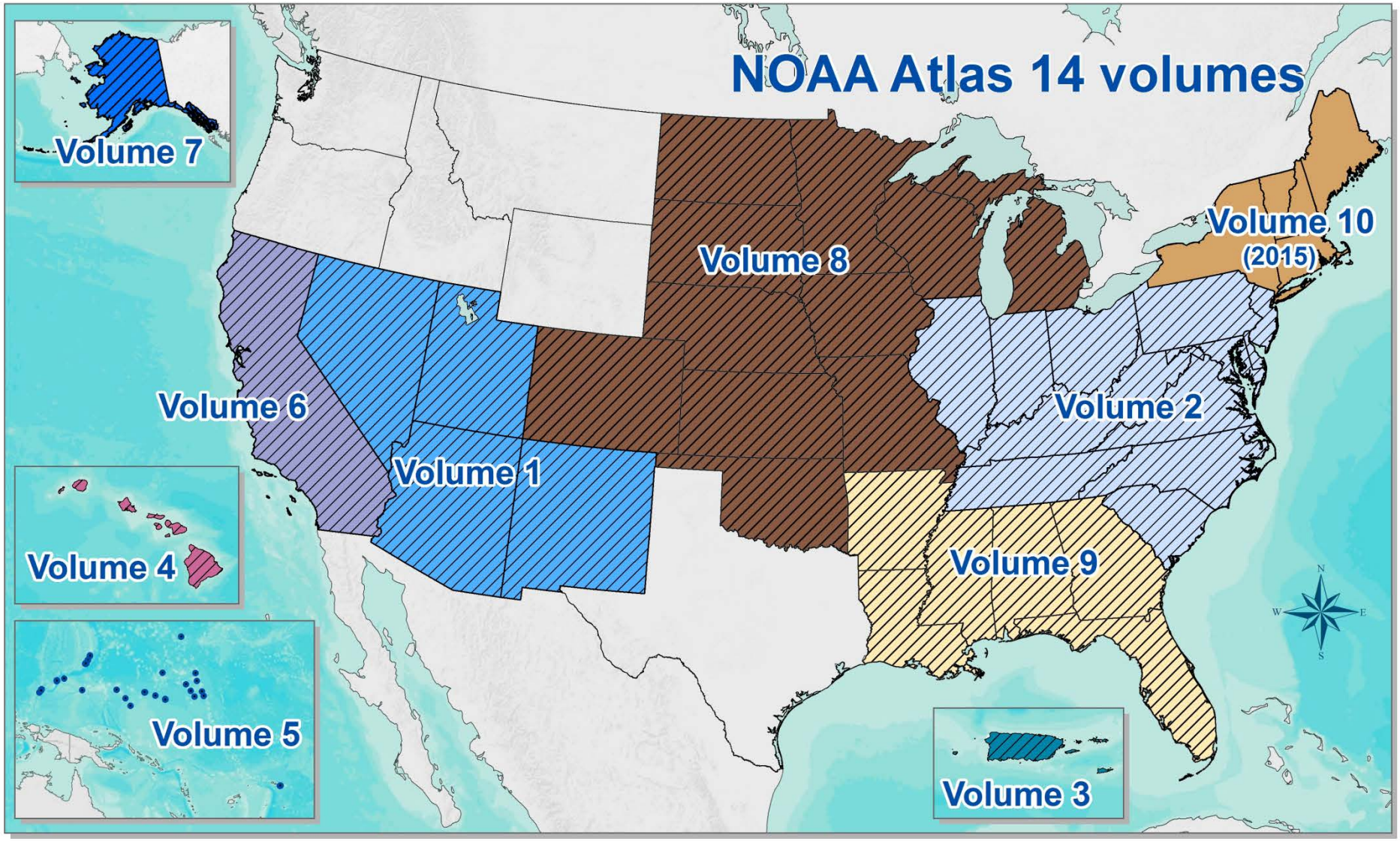
What Do We Gain?

- **More accurate, reliable and robust**
  - *more observing locations, longer period of record*
  - *better statistical methods*
  - *objective, high resolution spatial interpolation*
  - *peer review*
- **De-facto national standards**
  - *on behalf of Federal Government & agencies*
- **Consistency between states (equity)**
- **Web based electronic delivery**
  - *Precipitation Frequency Data Server*
  - *extensive documentation*
- **Credibility and high regard for NA14**

Precipitation Frequency Estimates

- Durations
  - *5 minutes to 60 days*
- Average Recurrence Interval
  - *1 to 1,000 years*
- Annual Maximum and Partial Duration Results
- High Resolution Spatial Estimates
  - *30 arc second*
- Confidence Interval
  - *upper and lower bounds of 90% interval*

NOAA Atlas 14 Proven Approach



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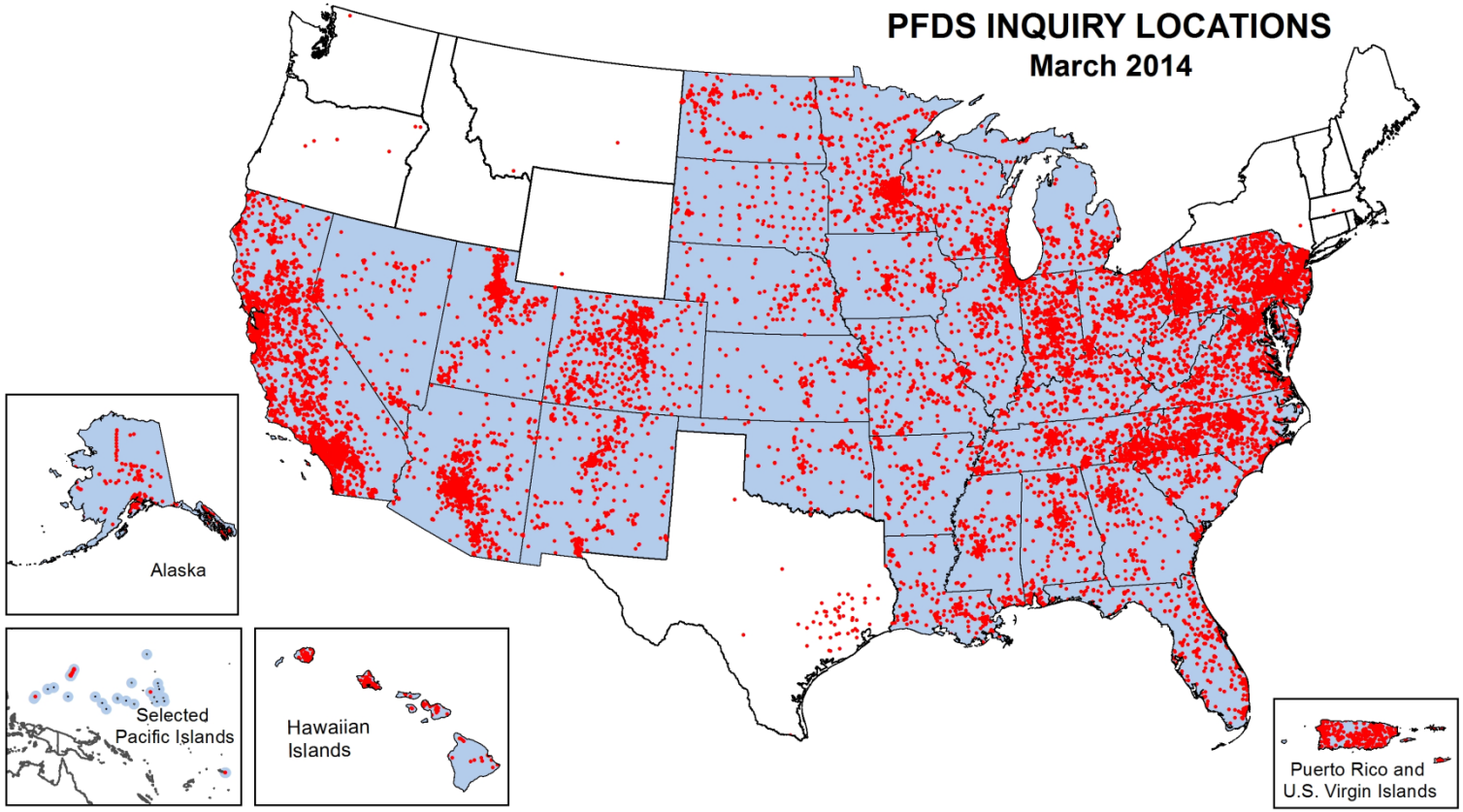
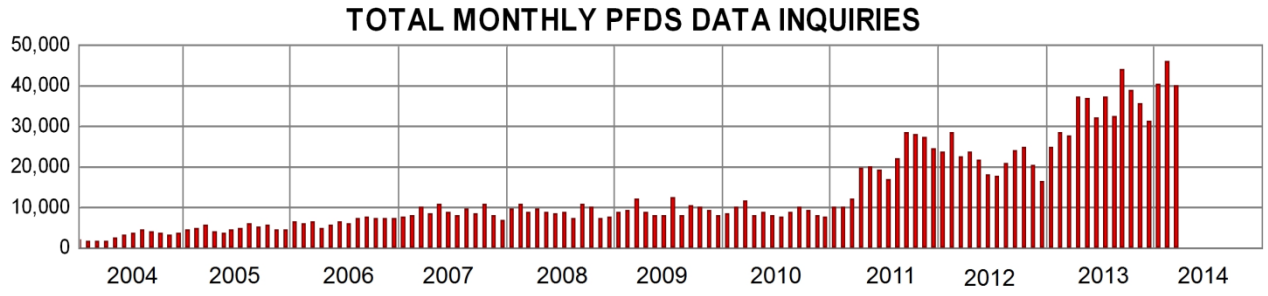
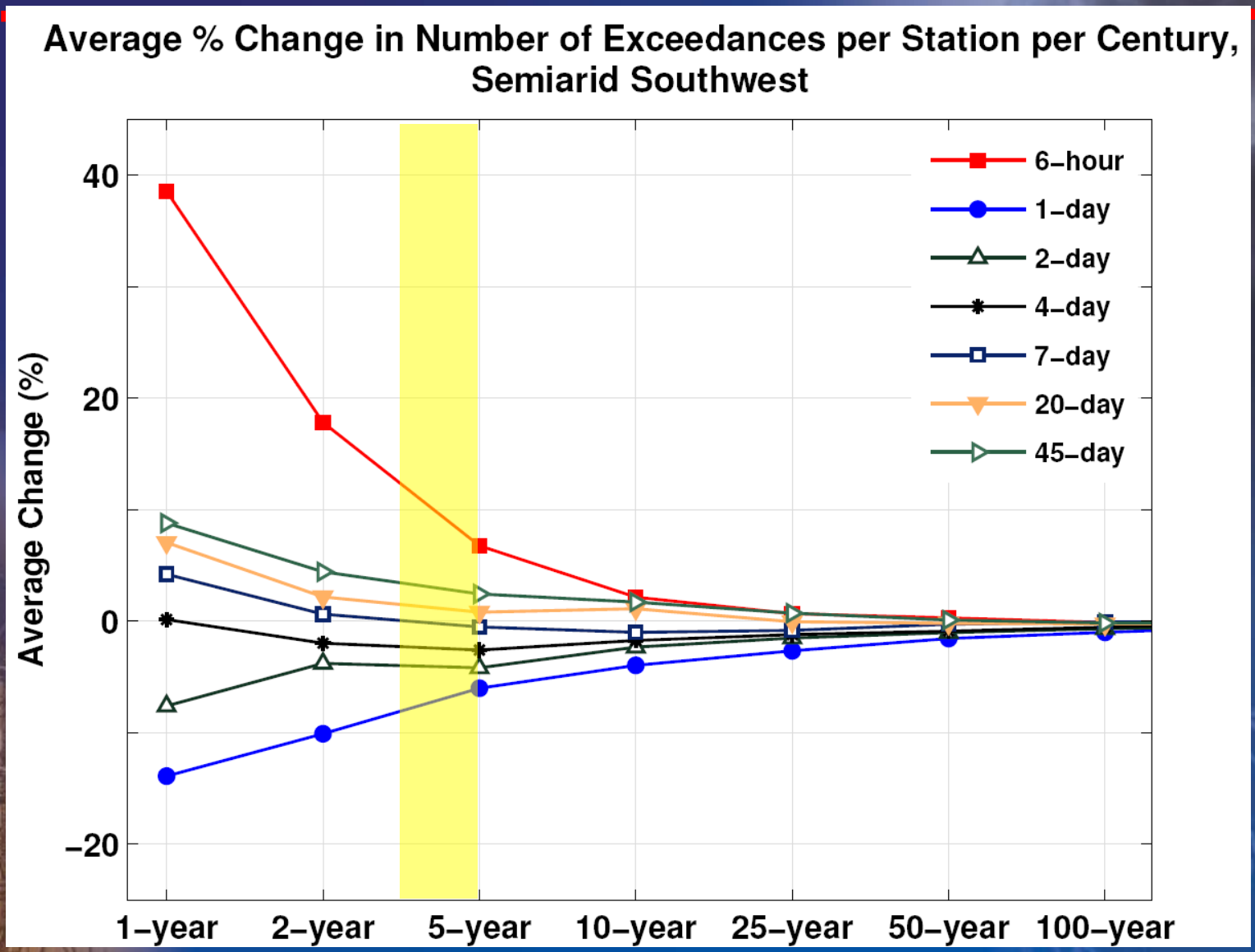
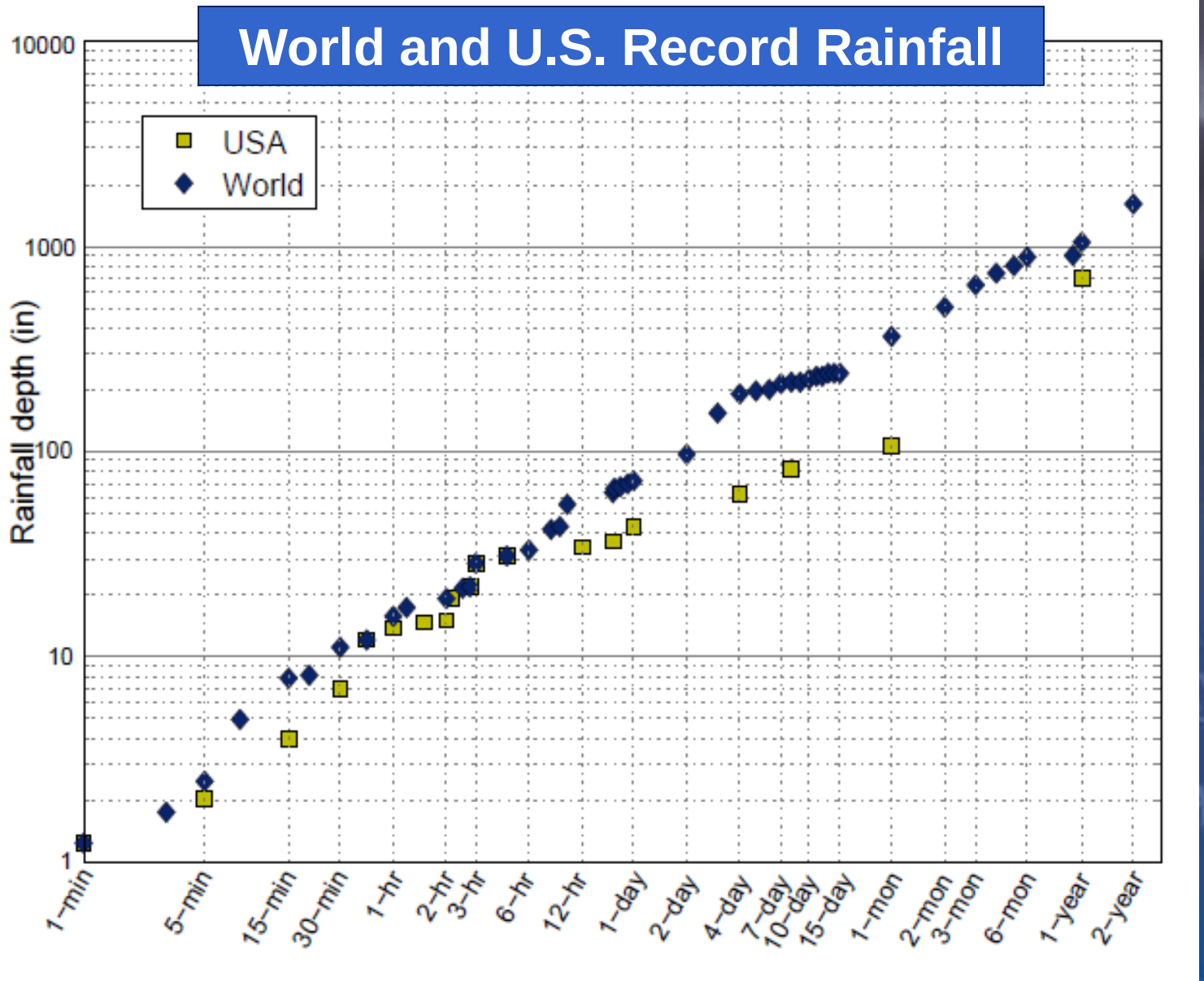




What About Climate Change?



Can Climate Change Make the "Perfect Storm" More Perfect?



Cost/Schedule

- **Takes about 3 years to complete**
  - ***work can begin when funding is in place***
- **Receipt of funds can be scheduled over 3 years**
  - ***$1.057M over 3 years or $352.3K per year***
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Questions