

Ultra-low Latency Data Collection and Processing for VIIRS, CrIS, and MODIS

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Introduction

Direct Broadcast Real-time Network (DbRTN)

- Collect JPSS, MetOp, EOS Level-0 Sounder Data
- 5 Owned & operated stations & 15 Partner stations
- Collected Centrally
- Create L1B and DBNet BUFR products
- As part of WMO DBNet, goal to deliver infrared and microwave sounder products to NWP centers within 30m

DbRTN Ultra-low Latency (ULL)

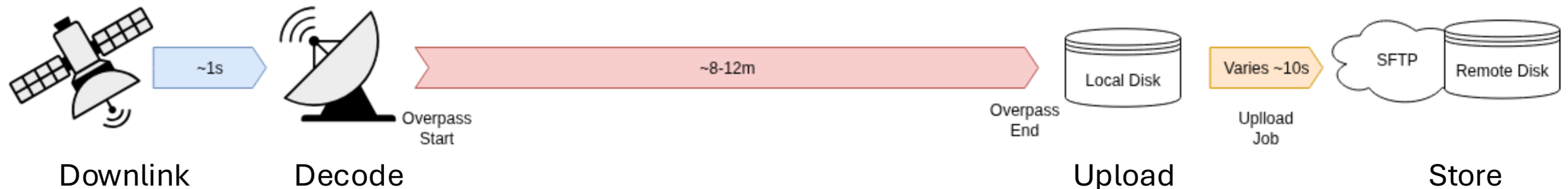
- Produce products in less than 60s of observation
- Provide a single continuous multi-station data stream

Traditional Operation

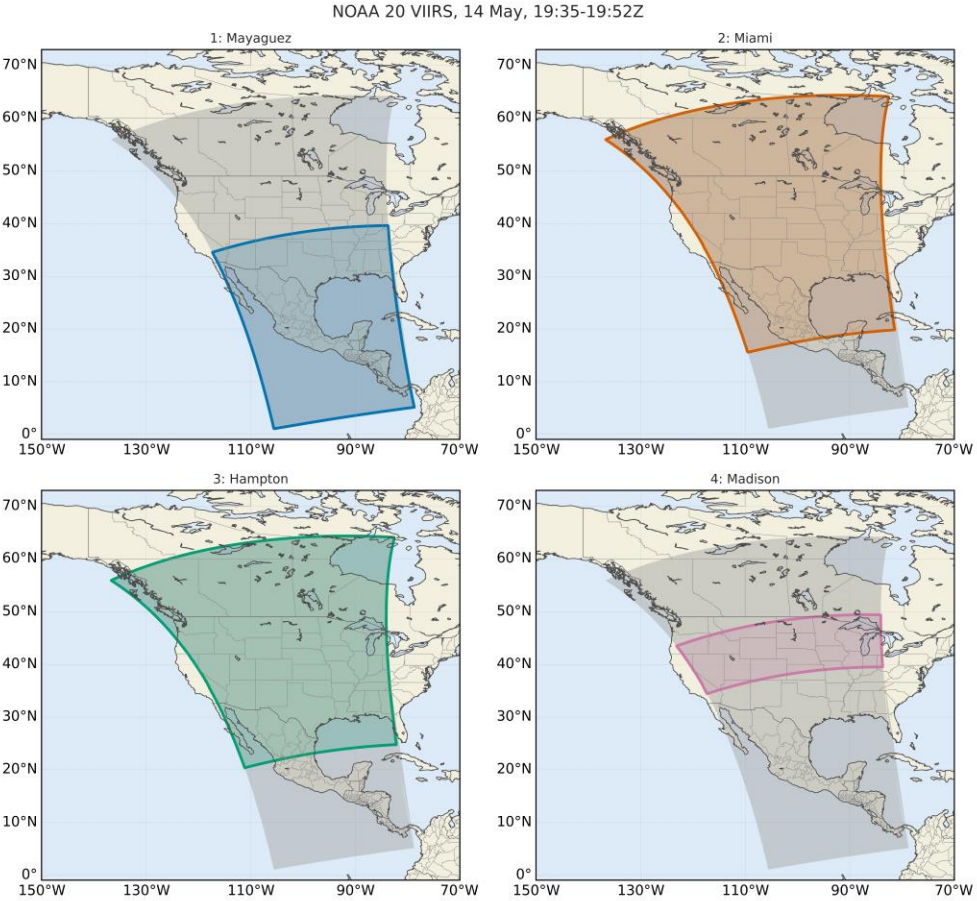
Pipeline

- Hardware demodulator
- Software decoder
- Spool decoded level-0 to disk until overpass ends
- Post-overpass upload task

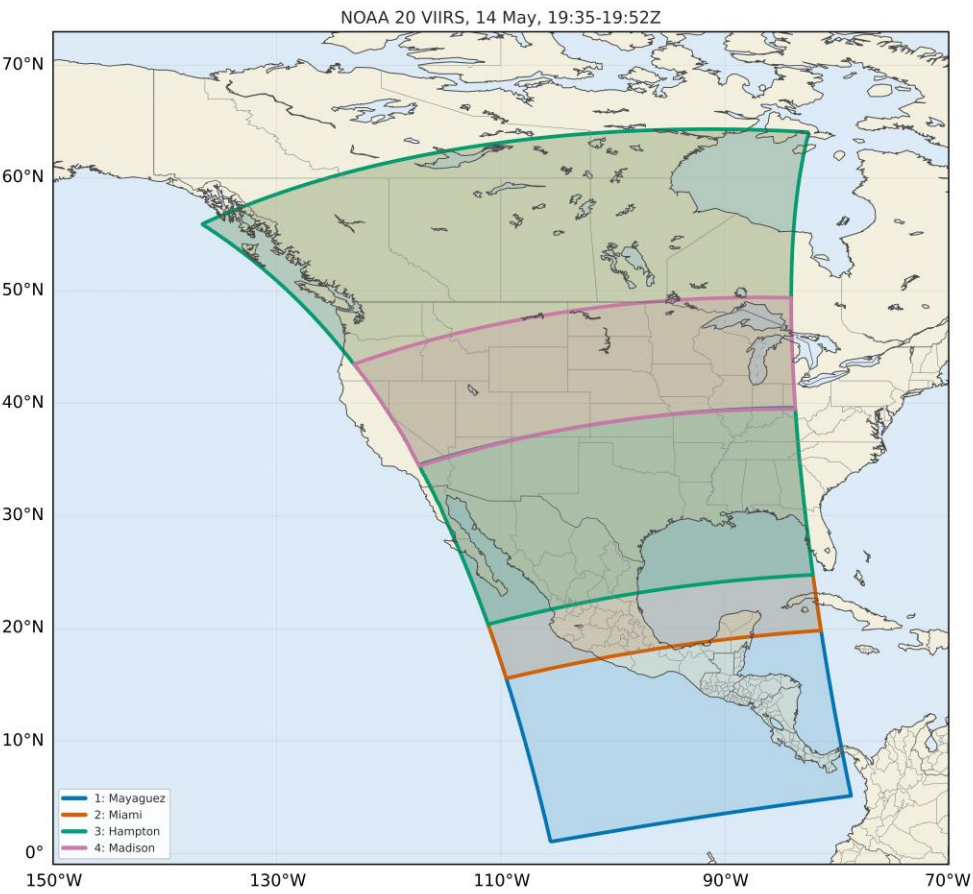
- Latency is dominated by waiting for the overpass to end before uploading.



Traditional Operation Duplication



Mayaguez, Miami, Hampton, and Madison all receiving NOAA 20 data from May 14



Data in the overlapping region from each station is uploaded and processed independently

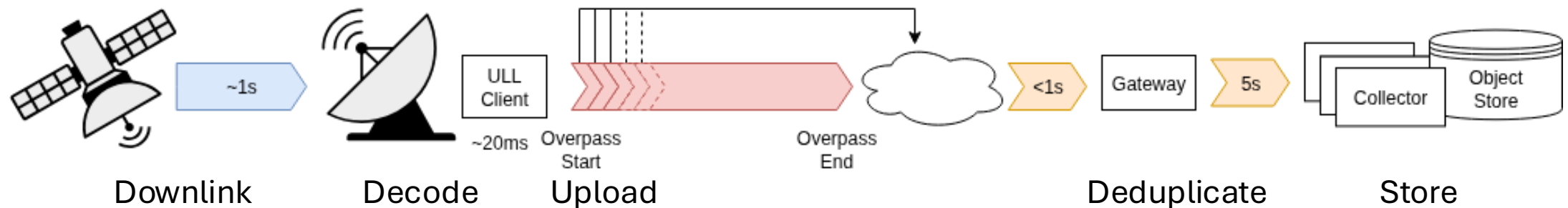
ULL Operation

Real-time pipeline

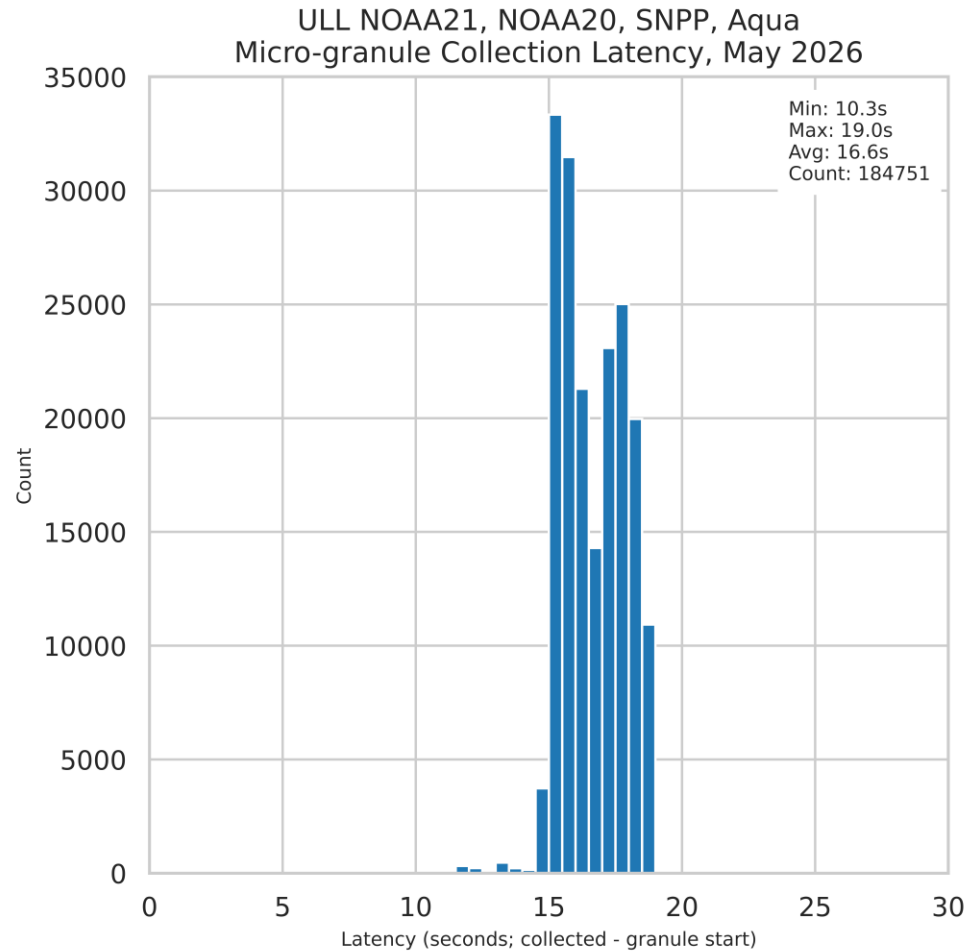
- Hardware demodulator
- Software decoder
- **ULL Client**
 - Filtering
 - Metadata scraping
 - Immediately pushed downstream
 - Does not wait for overpass end
 - Does not write data to disk

ULL Infrastructure

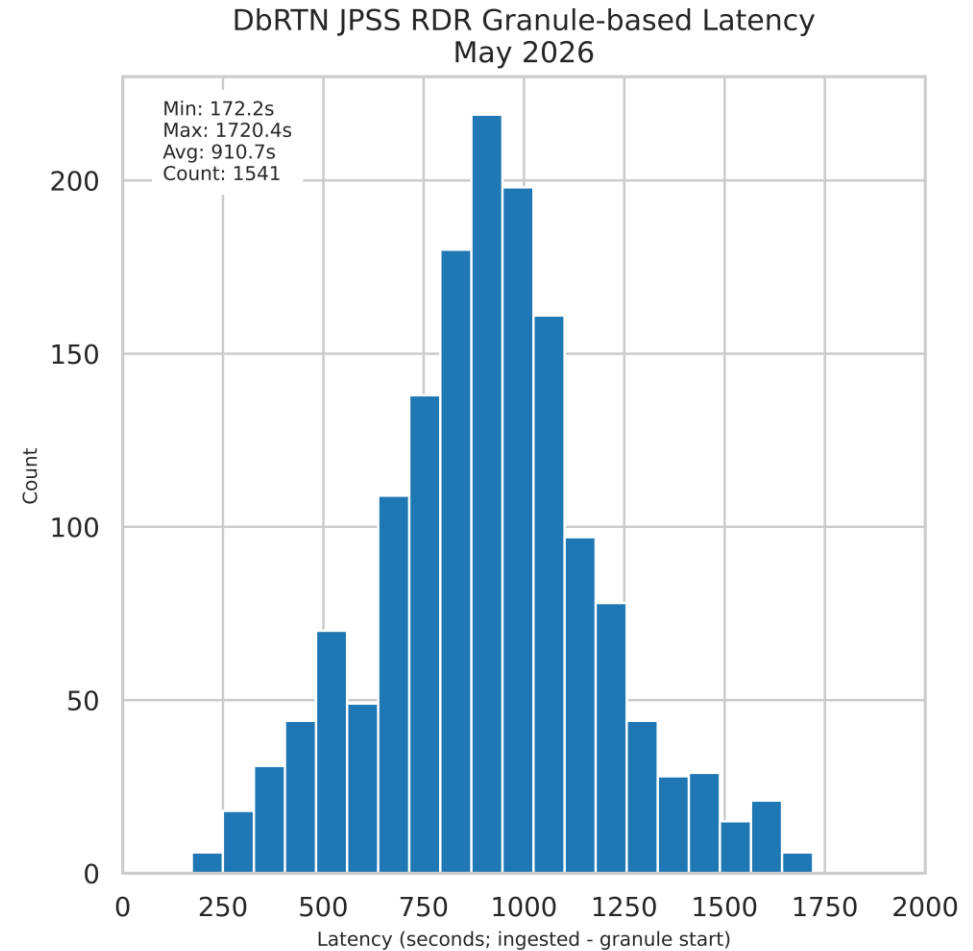
- Gateway Receiver
 - Deduplication/merge
 - Streaming
- Collectors
 - Creates Micro-granules (5 seconds)
 - Per-product
- Submitters
 - Collects micro-granules inputs
 - Per-algorithm



ULL Operation



ULL Latency: ~17s (~50x reduction)

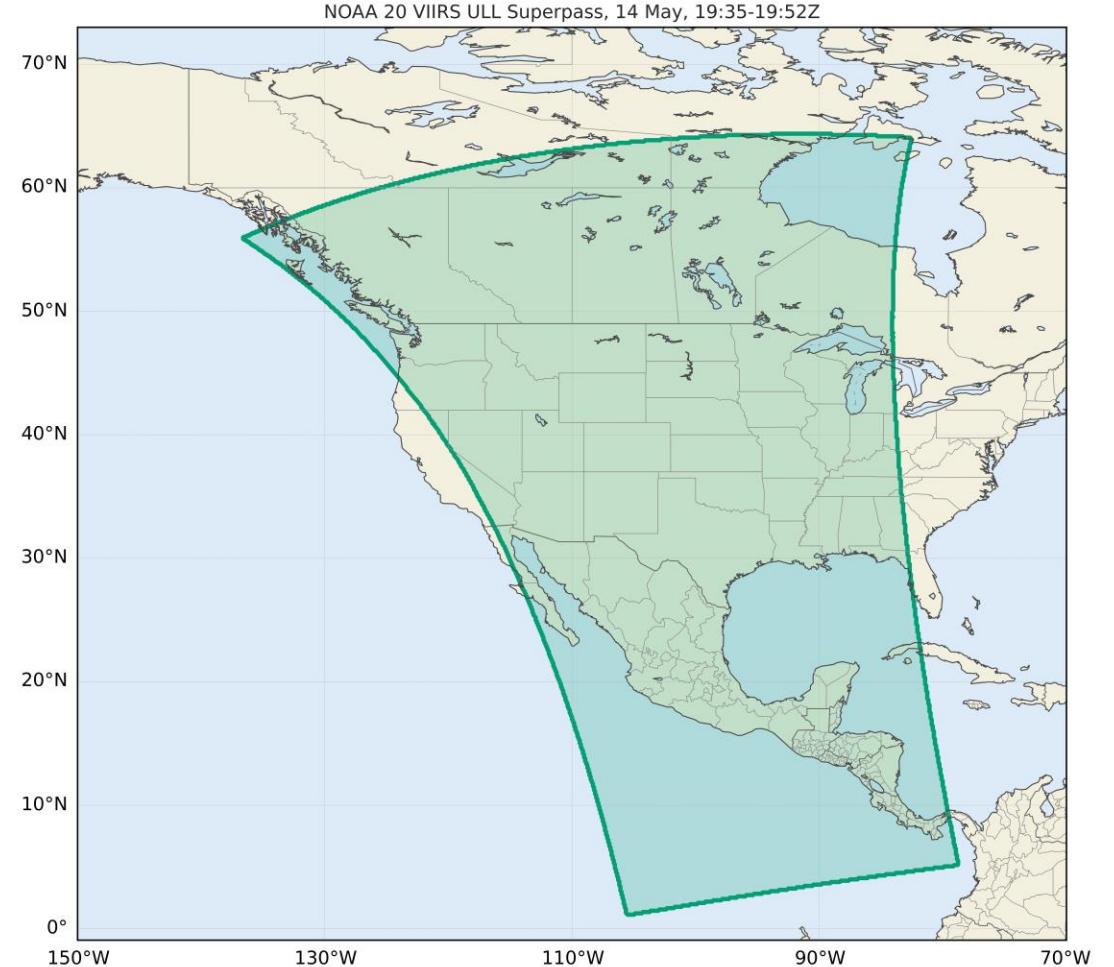


DbRTN RDR Latency: ~15m10s

ULL Operation

Superpass

- A deduplicated, merged, multi-station overpass
- Data provided by the spacecraft will only be processed once



Merged Superpass of May 14 overpass from Mayaguez, Miami, Hampton, and Madison

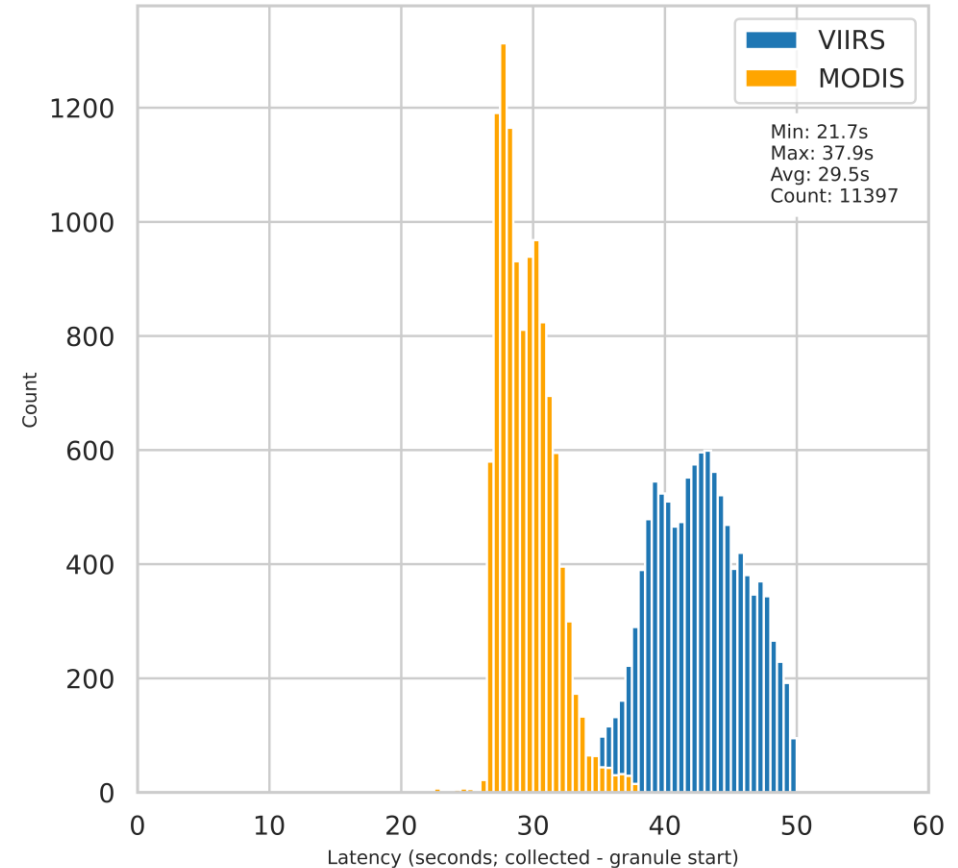
ULL Products

VIIRS/MODIS Fire Locations (NASA FIRMS)

- Within 60s of observation
- Micro-granule processing
 - 2-3 scans due to scan duration
- NASA VIIRS L1 / VFire375
 - NOAA 21, NOAA 20, SNPP
- NASA MODIS L1 / MOD14
 - Aqua

LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	BRIGHT_T14	SCAN	TRACK	ACQUIRE_TIME	SATELLITE	INSTRUMENT	CONFIDEN	E VERSION	T15	FRP	DAYNIGHT
19.29495	-69.58006	349.11	0.4	0.6	2026-05-14 17:20:00	N	VIIRS	n	2.0URT		8.38	D
19.29421	-69.58356	337.31	0.4	0.6	2026-05-14 17:20:00	N	VIIRS	n	2.0URT		5.44	D

ULL VIIRS Fire Locations Latency, May 2026

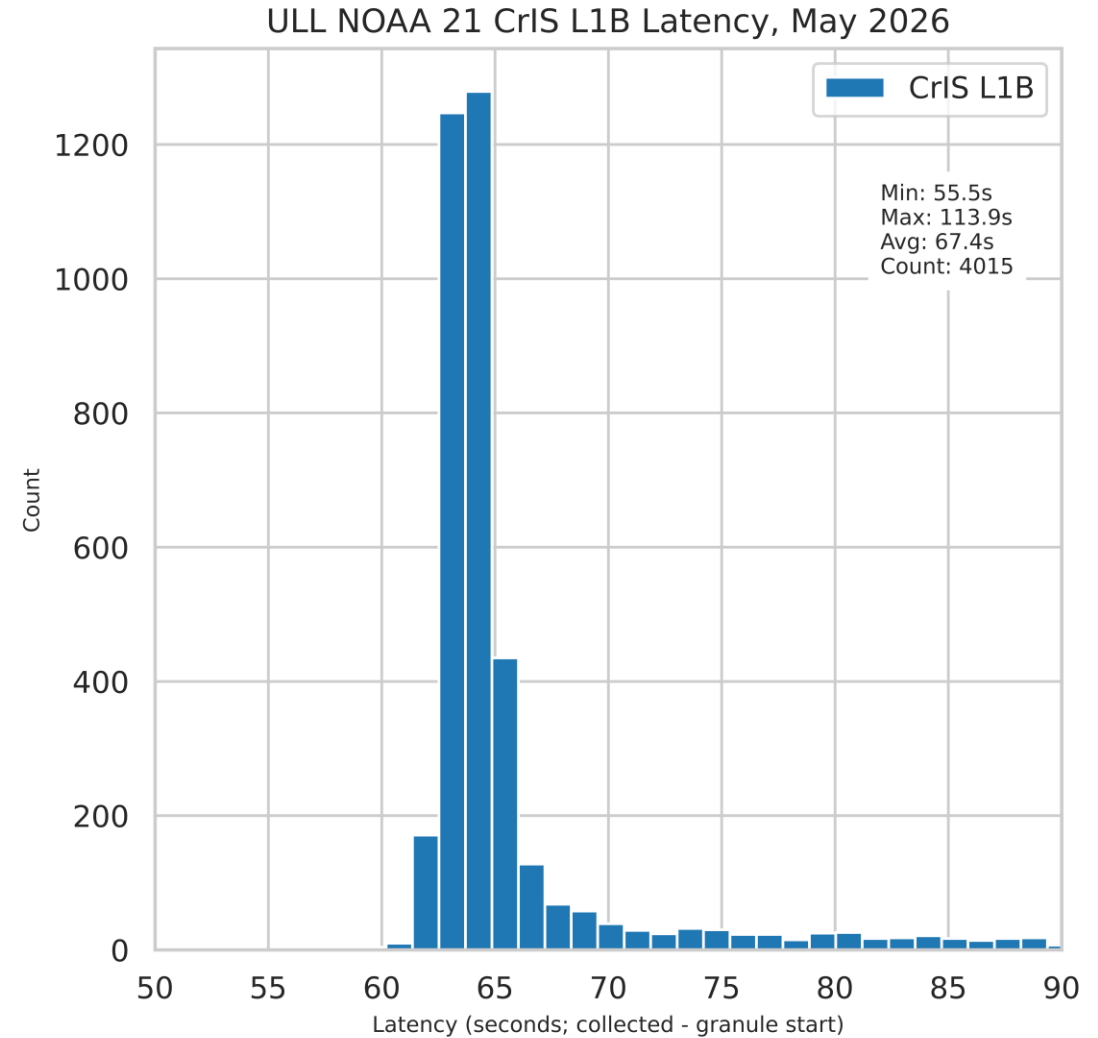


Goal: 60s
Actual: ~30s

ULL Products

NASA CrIS Level-1

- Collaboration with CrIS L1 Team
- Scan-based processing
 - Single scan (8s) per job
- Only NOAA 21
 - Single scan calibration
 - Original developed to handle eclipse exit artifact
- Latest version v4.0.0



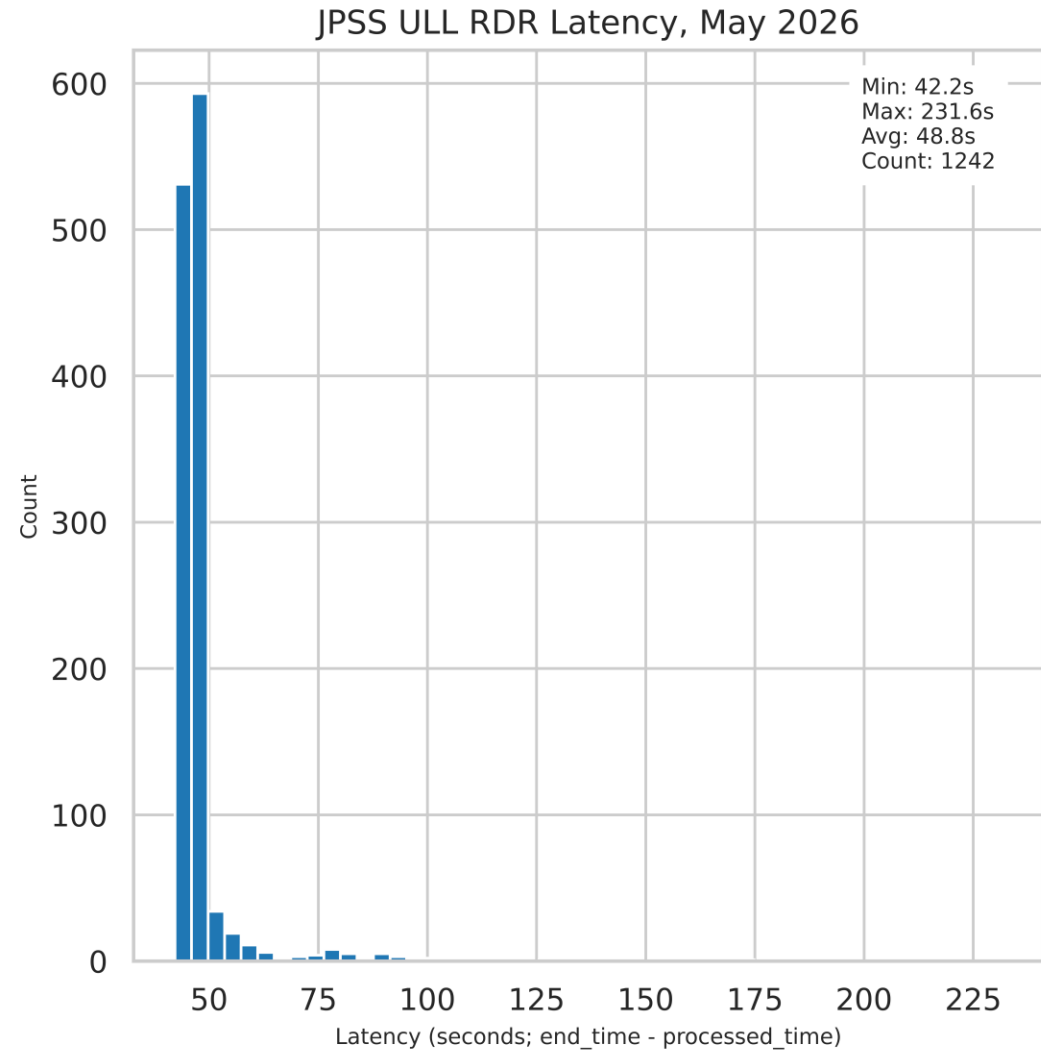
ULL Products

JPSS RDRs

- CrIS (operational)
- VIIRS (local testing)
- Native Granulation
 - ~32s CrIS
 - ~85s VIIRS



[RDR Tool](#)



ULL Products

HSRTV Dual-regression CAPE

- CrIS L1B v4
- Currently in local testing
- Runtime in testing ~15s
 - Expected overall latency ~1m30s

NASA CrIS Rare Event Detection (RED)

- CrIS L1 v4
- Further collaboration with the CrIS L1 Team

ULL Architecture

- Streams Level-0 (Space Packet)*
- Designed for Cloud environment
 - Distributed
 - Event-driven
 - Containerized
 - Automatic Deployment/Updates

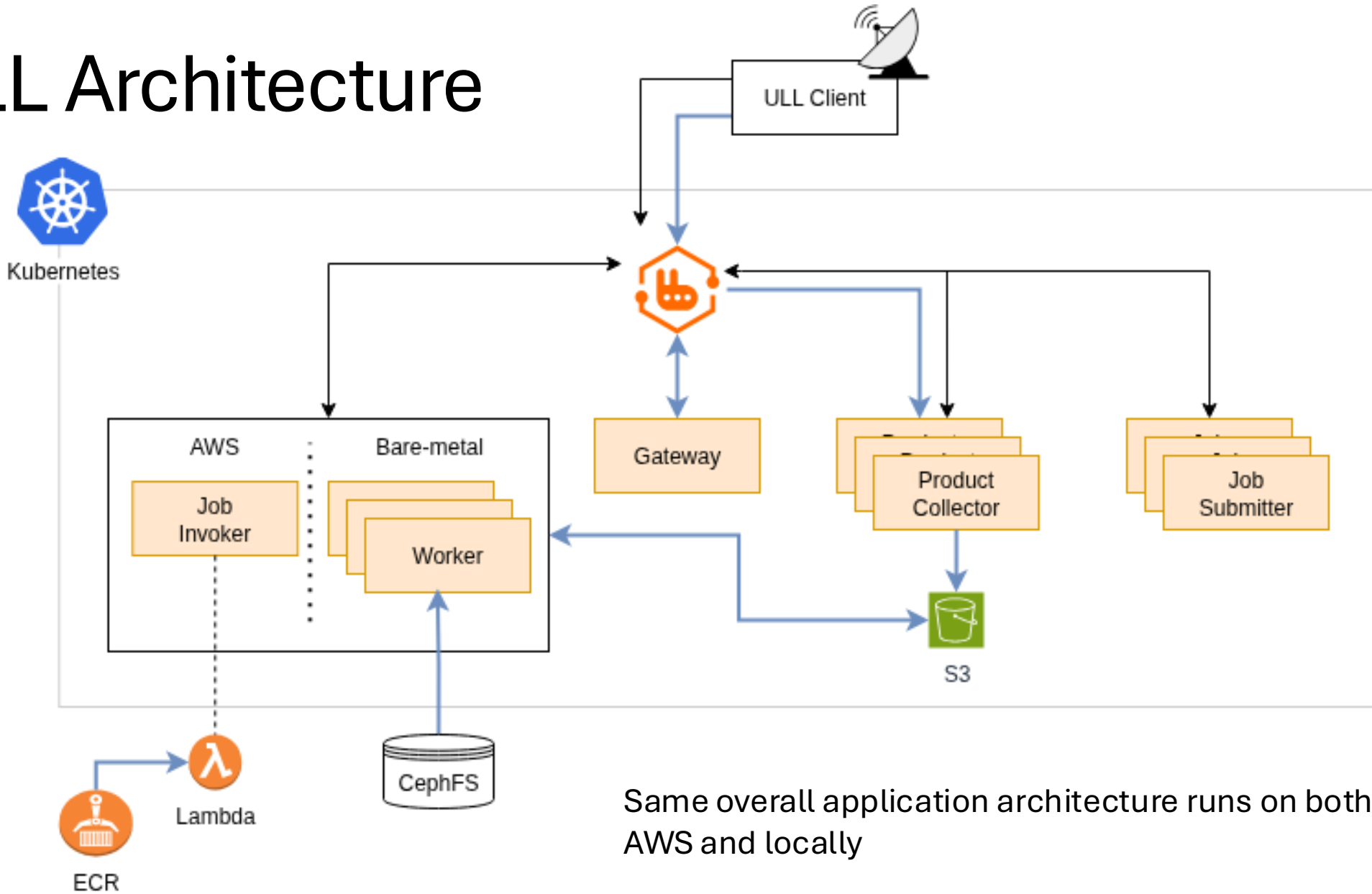
SSEC

- Bare-metal Kubernetes
- Static science workers
- CephFS for science software
- Ceph Object Gateway (S3) for products

AWS

- Elastic Kubernetes Service
- Lambda jobs
- Containers for science software
- S3 for products

ULL Architecture



ULL Looking Forward

Frame-based delivery, by request

- Only deliver data requested
- Smaller, more consistent payload size

Decouple collection and processing

- ULL is a system for collecting Level-0 data as quickly as possible
- External processing capabilities would subscribe to ULL data

Expansion

- ATMS, OMPS, other spacecraft data?
- More stations

Questions?

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