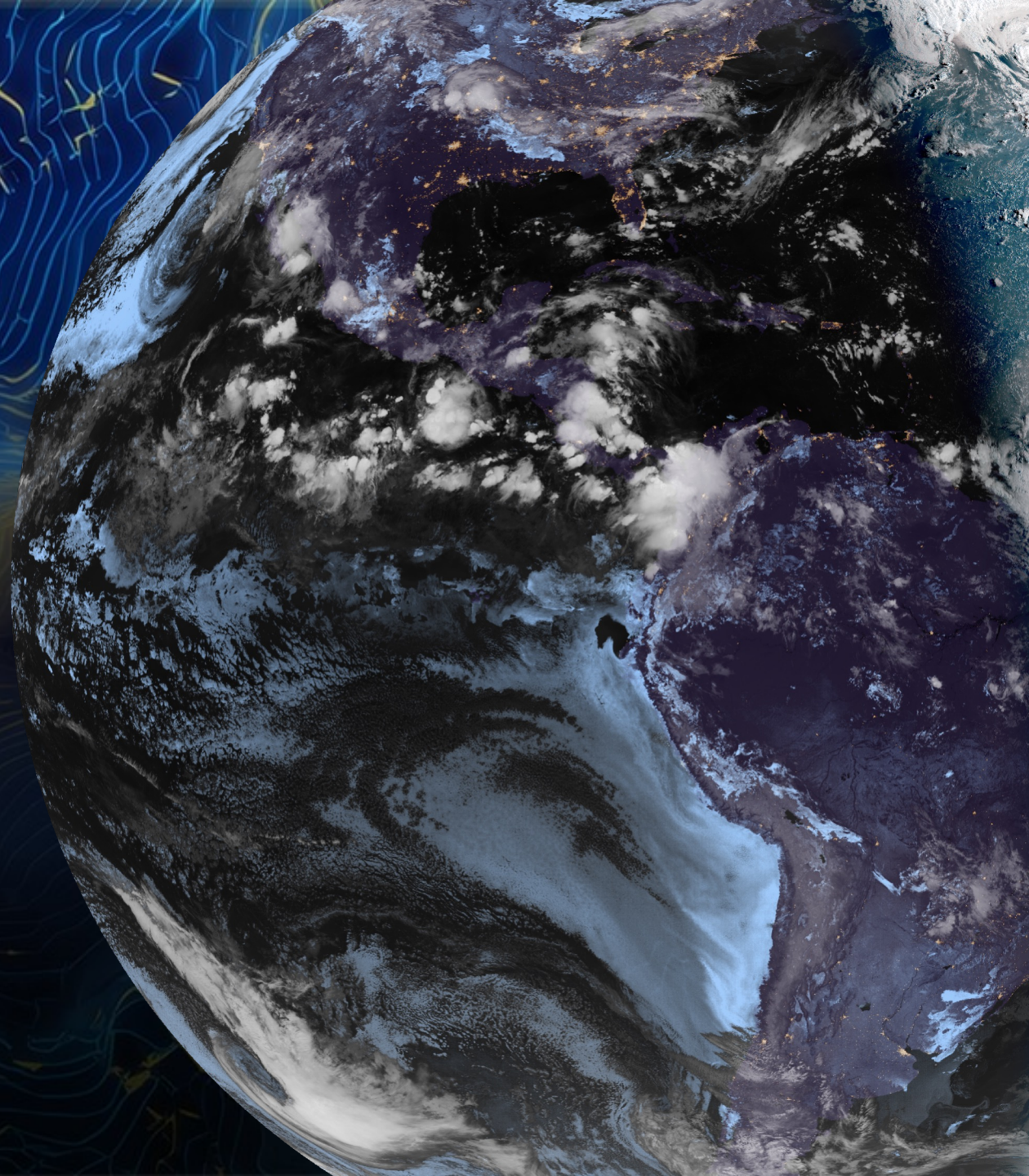


# Event-Driven Orchestration for Near Real-Time Data Processing





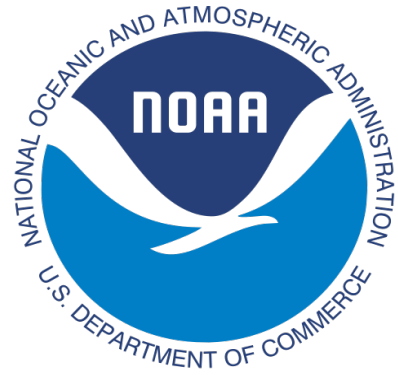
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# Background: GeoIPS®

A Plugin-based System for Processing Geospatial Data

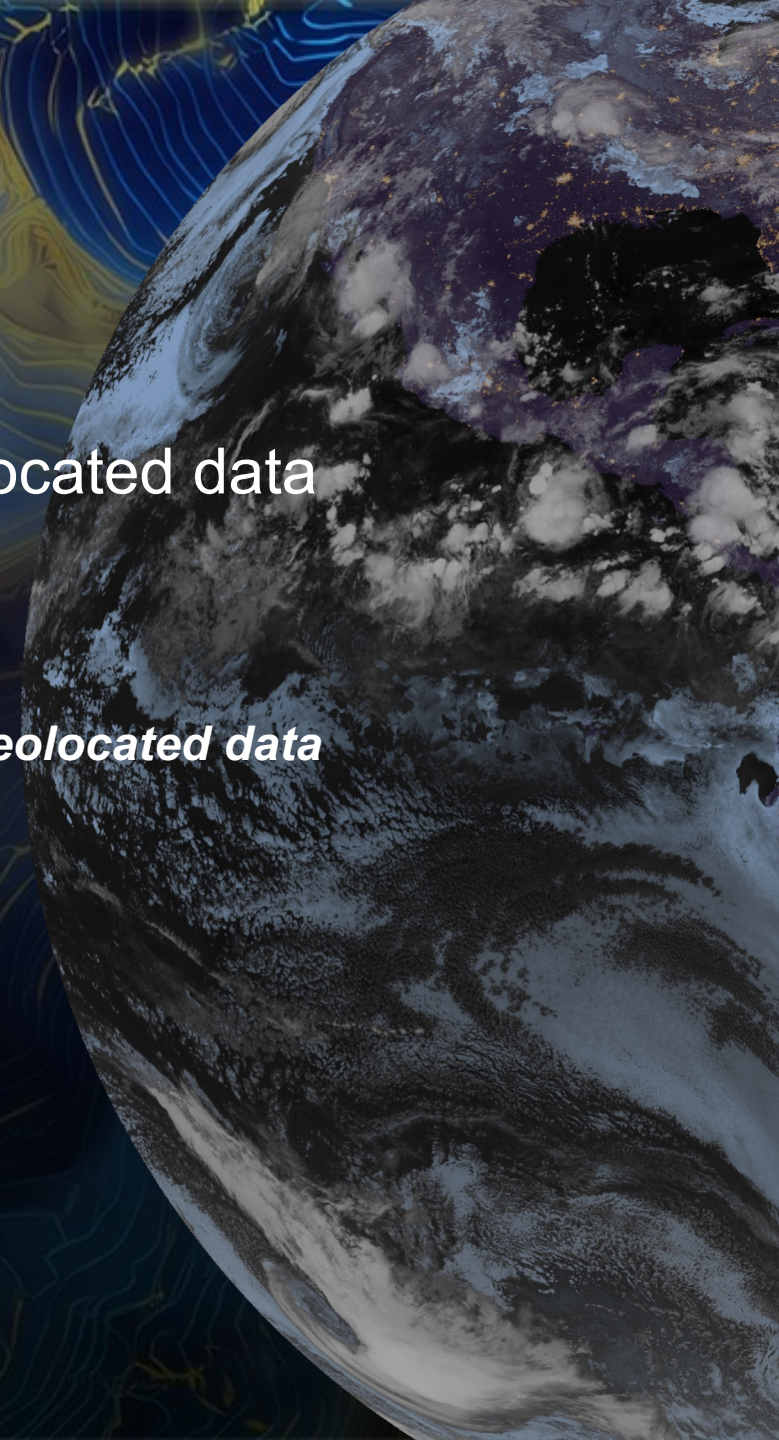
# What is GeoIPS?

An open-source plugin-based system for processing geolocated data

- Read, interpolate, apply algorithms to, validate, and write data
- Produce imagery in multiple formats, most commonly PNG or GeoTIFF
- Produce structured output data (e.g. NetCDF, HDF, etc.)
- Primarily used for Earth Science remote sensing ***but applicable to any geolocated data***

An operational system used by the US Navy

- Supported by the Office of Naval Research
- Actively used to support the Navy fleet



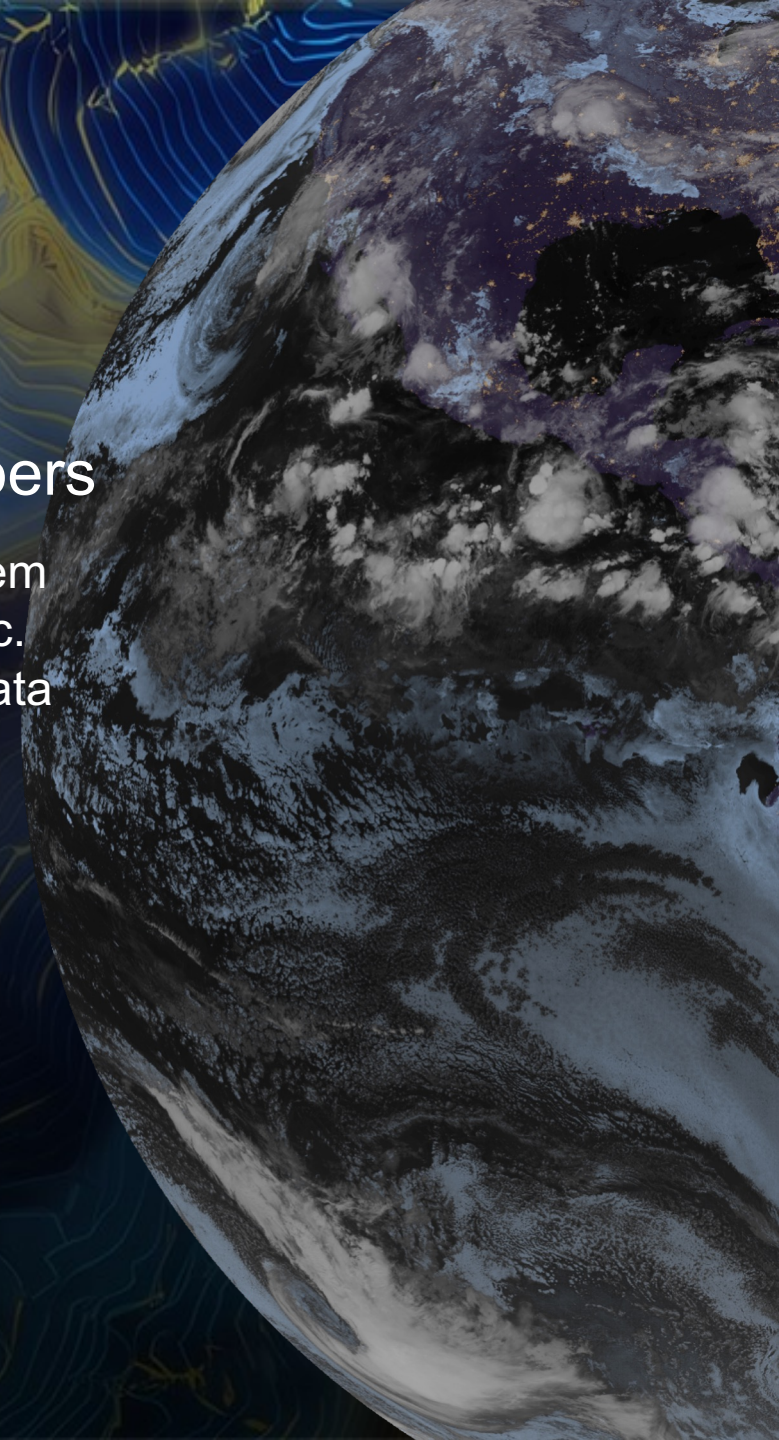
# What is GeoIPS?

A tool to bridge the gap between researchers and developers

- Allows the option to either keep new plugins proprietary or easily share them
- Provides easy sharing of readers, algorithms, common data formatters, etc.
- Simplifies collaboration between teams by allowing easy combination of data

A tool to bridge the gap from research to operations

- Add new plugins and test them
- Pass plugins to operational users as installable Python packages
- Improve update cycle through use of git repositories for plugins

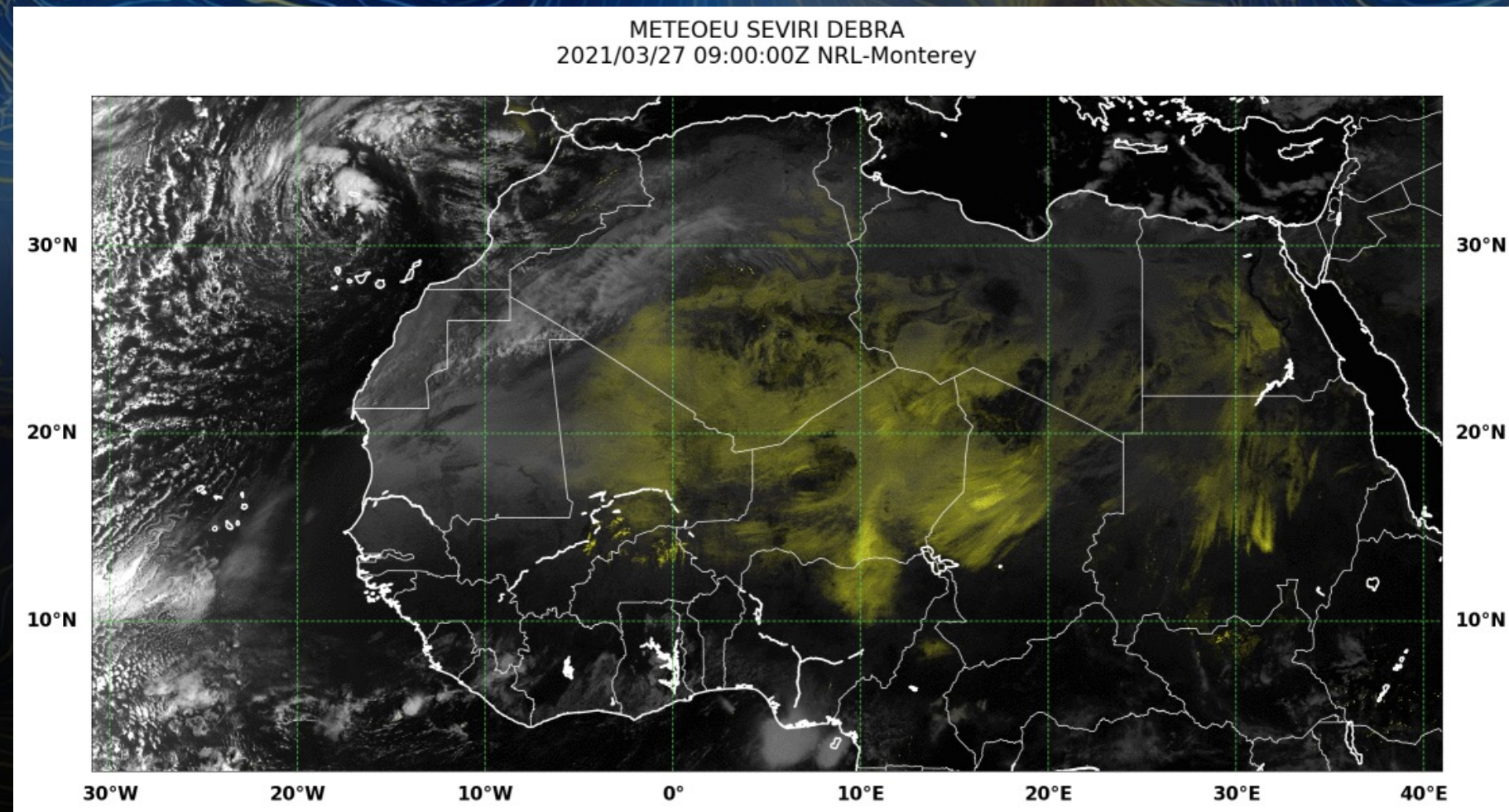


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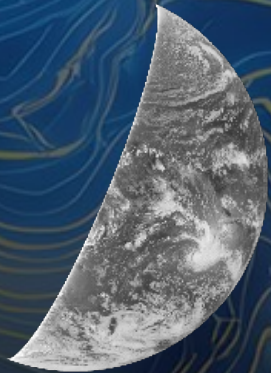
DEBRA – Steve Miller – CIRA

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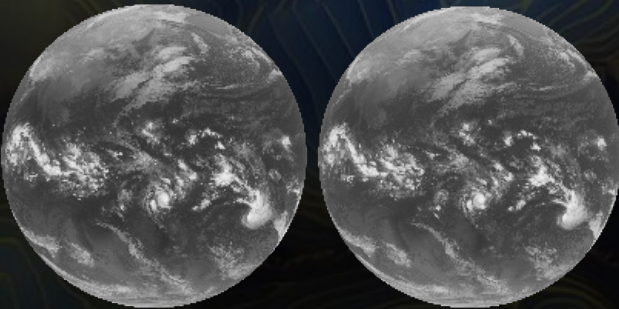
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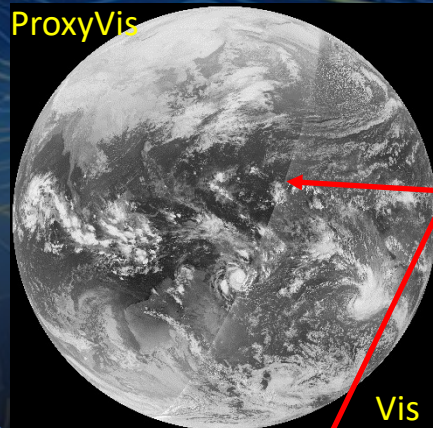


Adjusted Vis channel for day-time

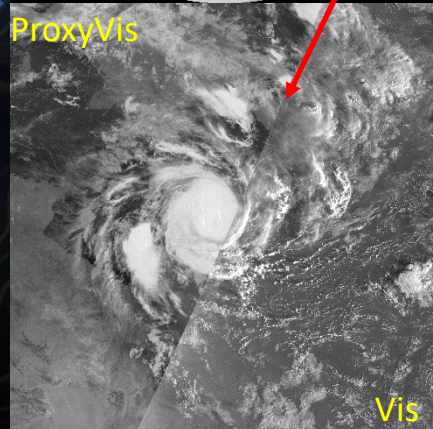


Several IR channels for night-time

ProxyVis Himawari Full Disk Output



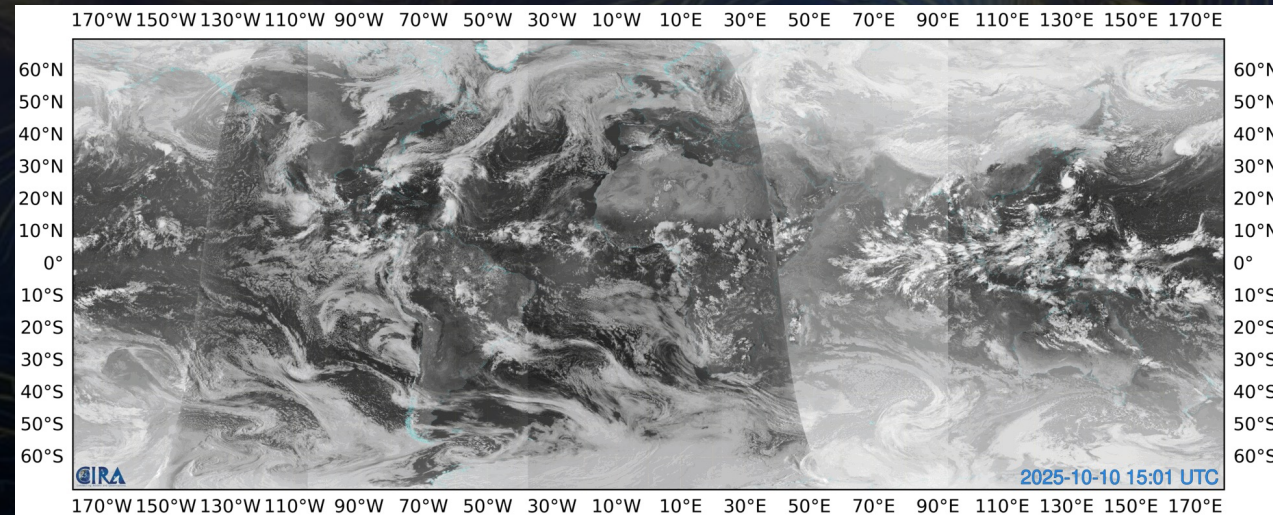
Day-Night Terminator



ProxyVis TC-Centric Output

## Proxy Vis – Galina Chirokova – CIRA

Combines adjusted daytime visible with multiple IR channels to produce a 24-hour visible-like product.



Chirokova et al., 2023

Weather & Forecasting

<https://doi.org/10.1175/WAF-D-23-0038.1>

# Some transitioned products



**GeoColor - Steve Miller - CIRA**

Miller et al., 2019

*J. Atmos. Oceanic Technol*

<https://doi.org/10.1175/JTECH-D-19-0134.1>

# Included Data Readers

GeoIPS provides many built-in data readers including for GEO and LEO sensors, derived data products, and NWP data.

We are always happy to add new readers and would be excited to expand beyond meteorological applications.

## Legend:

Low Earth Orbit

Geostationary

Model

Derived Data

Field Campaign

ABI

AHI

AMI

AVIRIS

AVIRIS-NG

AMSR-2

AMSU-A

AMSU-B

ASCAT

ATMS

AWS (Arctic Weather Satellite)

CLAVR-x

CYGNSS

EWSG

FCI

GFS (model)

GMI

IMERG

MetOp-B

MetOp-C

MIMIC

MODIS

OSCAT

OVERCAST

SAPHIR

SEVIRI

SGLI

SMAP

SMOS

SSMI

SSMI/S

tomorrow.io

VIIRS

WFABBA

WindSat



# Scripting with GeoIPS

```
"""Produce an infrared image from GOES-16 ABI data."""
```

```
from glob import glob
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

from geips.interfaces import readers

rdr = readers.get_plugin("abi_netcdf")

data = rdr(
    glob("test_data/goes16_20200918_1950/*.nc"),
    chans=["B14BT"],
)

infrared = data["LOW"]["B14BT"]

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
ax = fig.add_axes((0, 0, 1, 1))
ax.imshow(infrared, vmin=170, vmax=320, cmap="Greys")
fig.savefig("infrared.png")
```

- GeoIPS plugins can be imported directly and used in scripts.
- These scripts can do anything they want to the data.
- The script at left imports a GeoIPS *Reader* plugin to read ABI data, then plots it using matplotlib.
- For more complex graphics (e.g. with gridlines, coastlines, dynamic titles, etc, an *OutputFormatter* plugin can be used.
- *Interpolators* and *Sectors* can be employed to reproject data.

# Infrastructure as Code Workflows

## Workflow Plugin

- Composed of steps in an ordered dictionary
  - Each step names a plugin kind, a specific plugin name, and provides arguments to that plugin.
- Each step has a unique, arbitrary ID
  - Allows referencing steps for passing arguments from the CLI, constructing complex dependency graphs, producing useful monitoring metrics, and logging.
- Workflows can be used as steps in other workflows

```
apiVersion: geops/v2
kind: workflows
metadata:
  name: order_based_IR_BD
  docstring: |
    The IR_BD default configuration.
spec:
  steps:

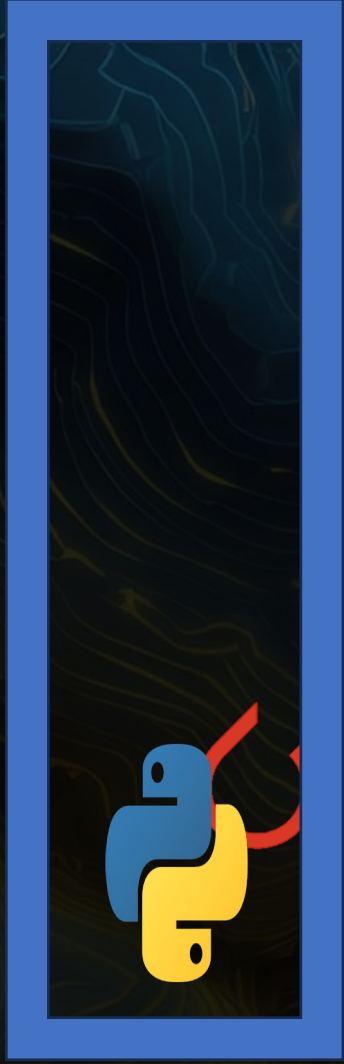
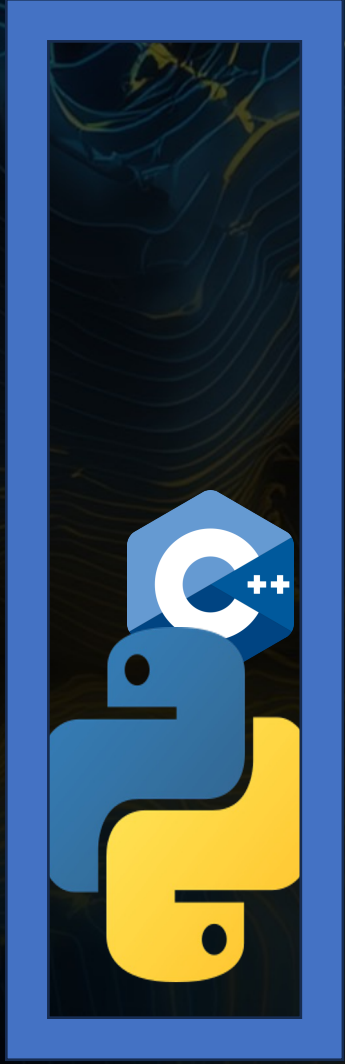
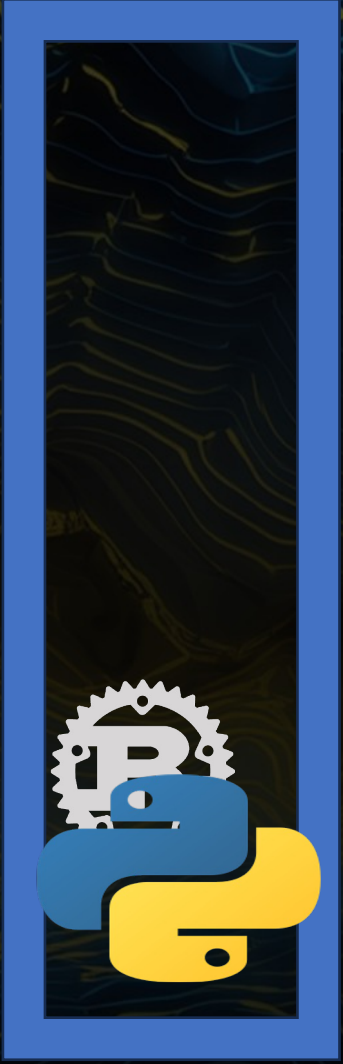
    read_abi:
      kind: reader
      name: abi_netcdf
      arguments:
        vars: ["B01Ref", "B02Ref", "B03Re

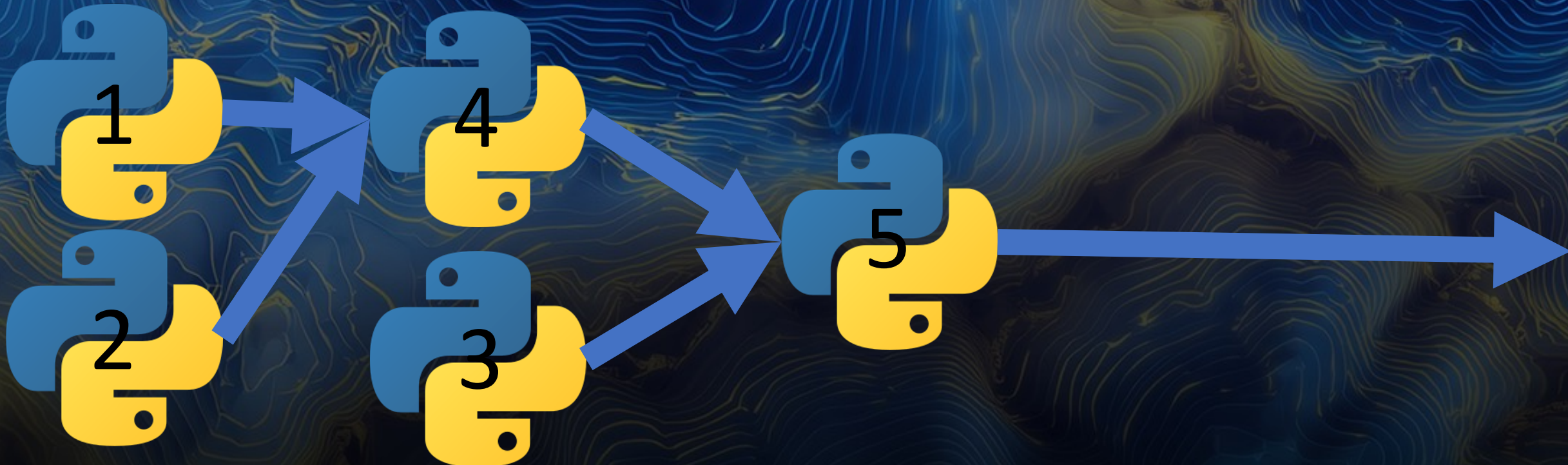
    compute_true_color:
      kind: algorithm
      name: true_color

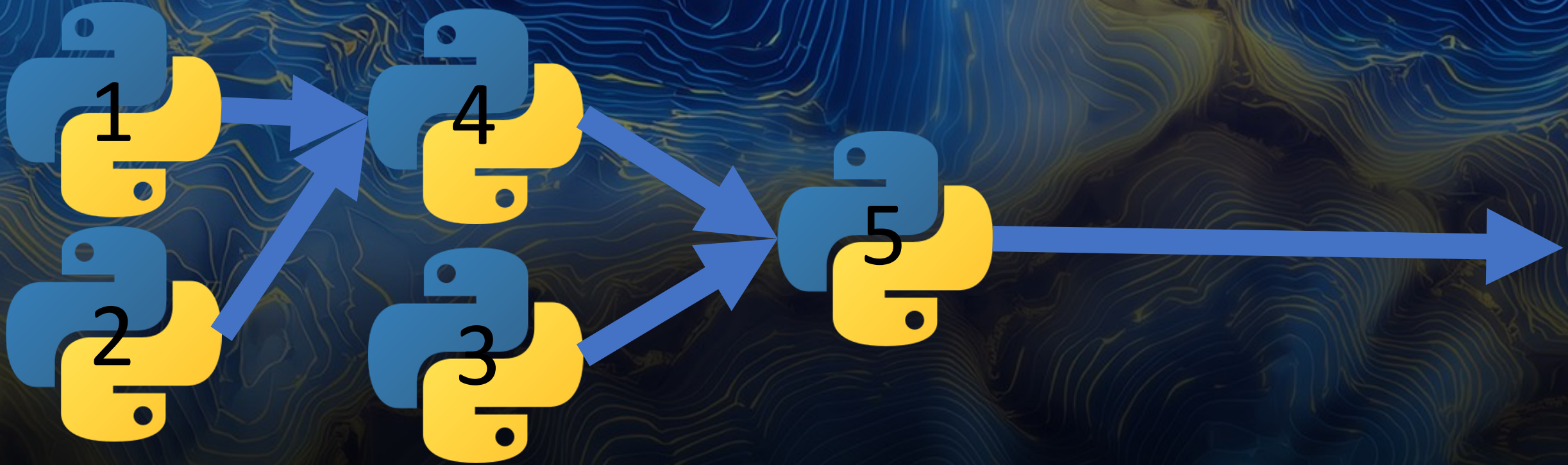
    interpolate_to_sector:
      kind: interpolator
      name: interp_nearest
      arguments:
        sector:
          kind: sector
          name: conus

    write_annotated_image:
      kind: output_formatter
      name: imagery_annotated
      arguments:
```





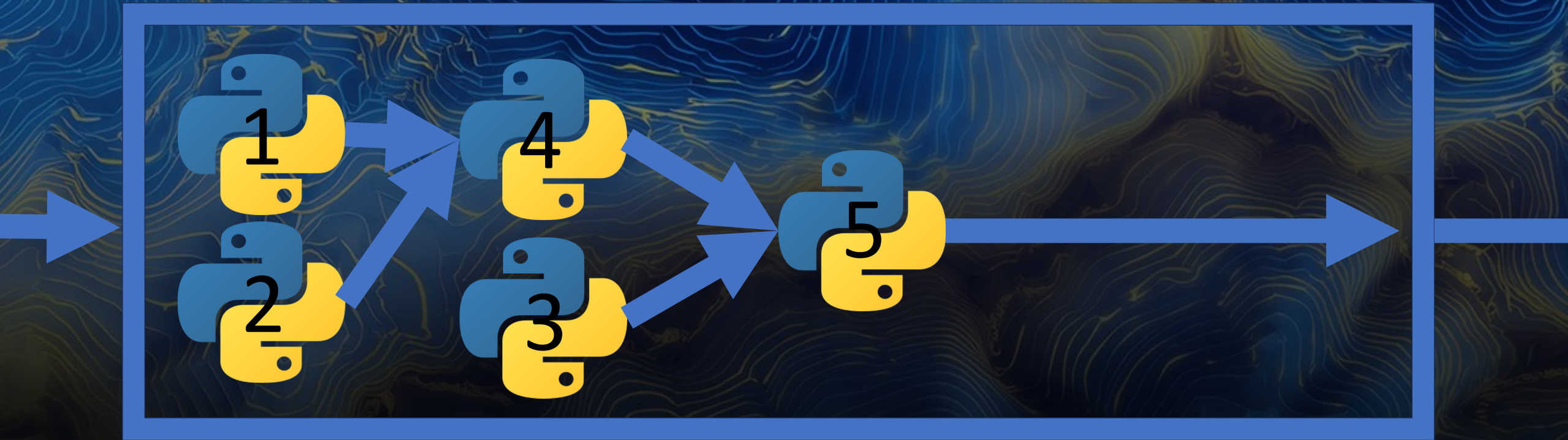




- How do you run:
- In near real time
  - Over batch historical datasets

Data in?

Data out?

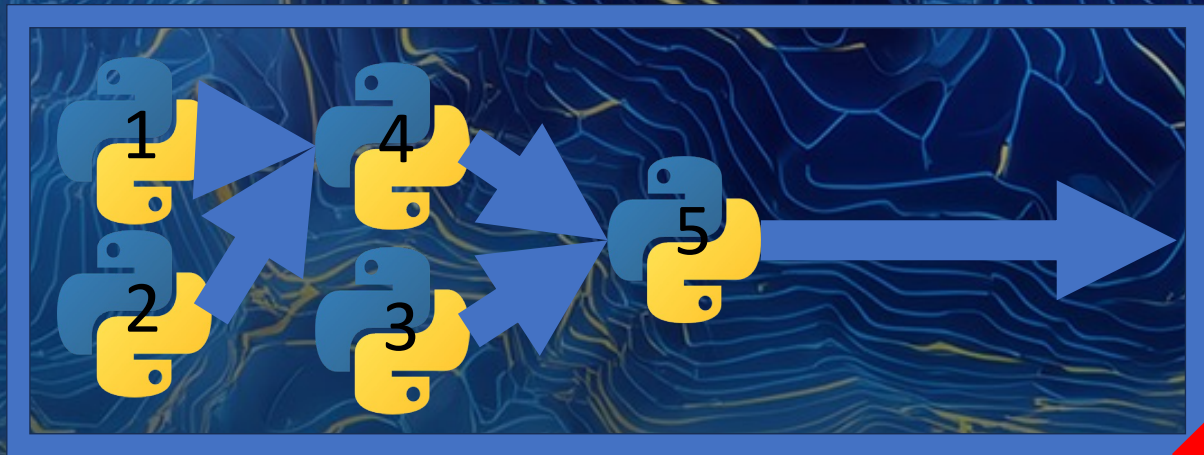


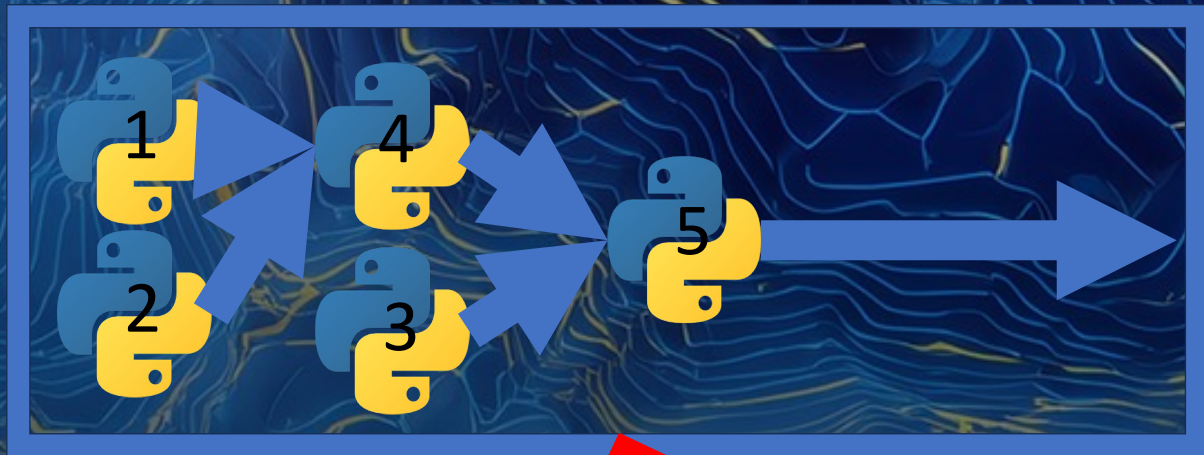
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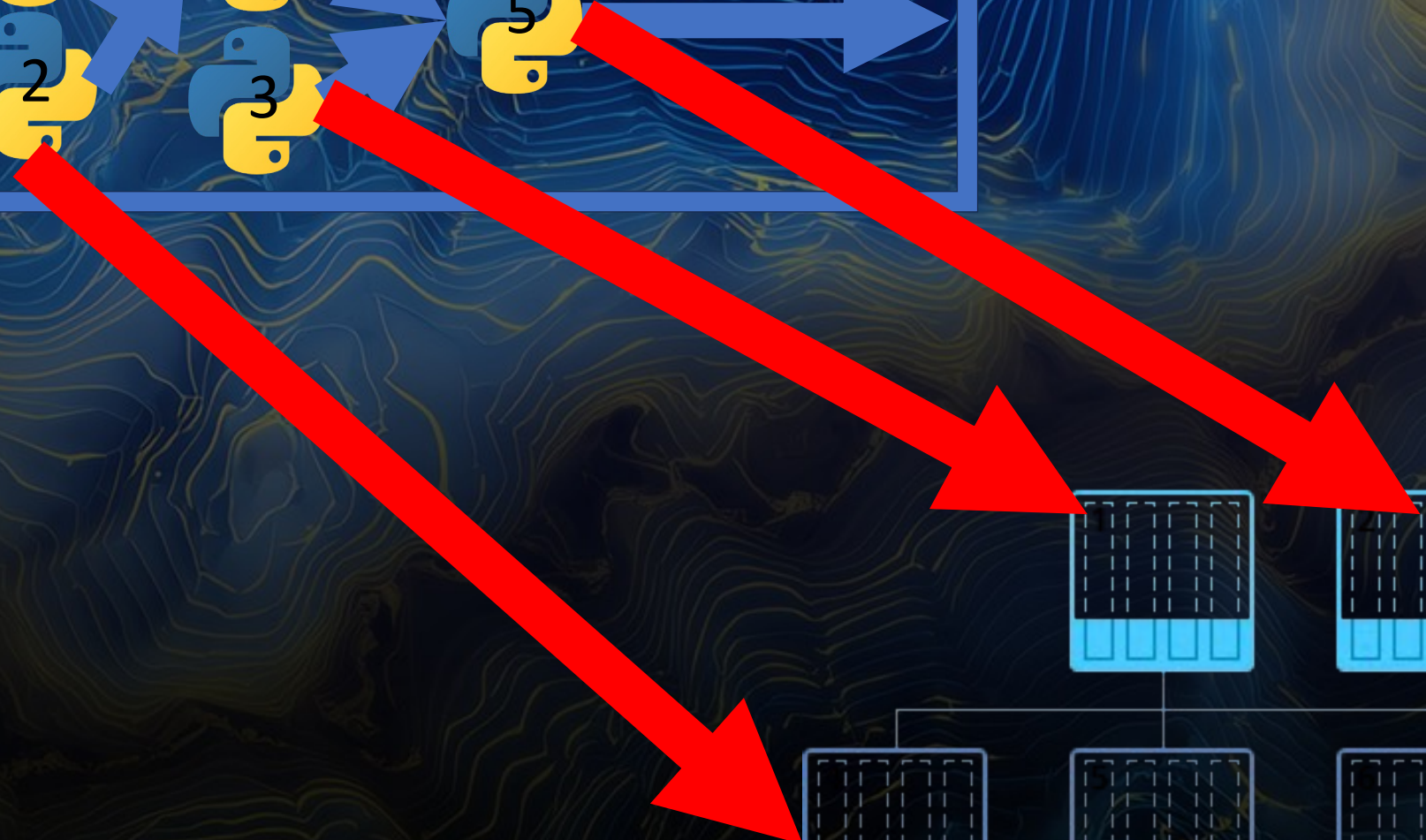
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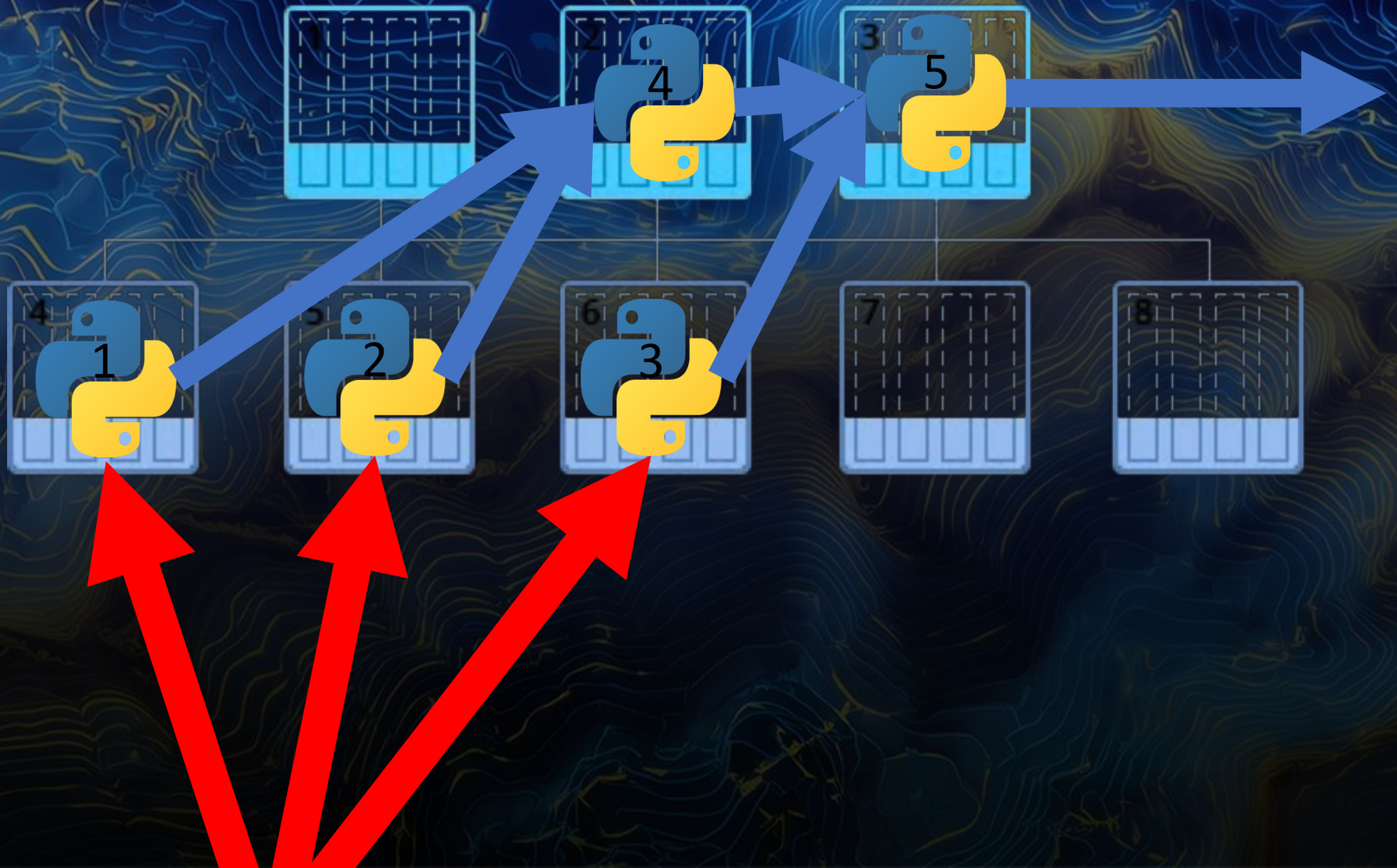
# Courier

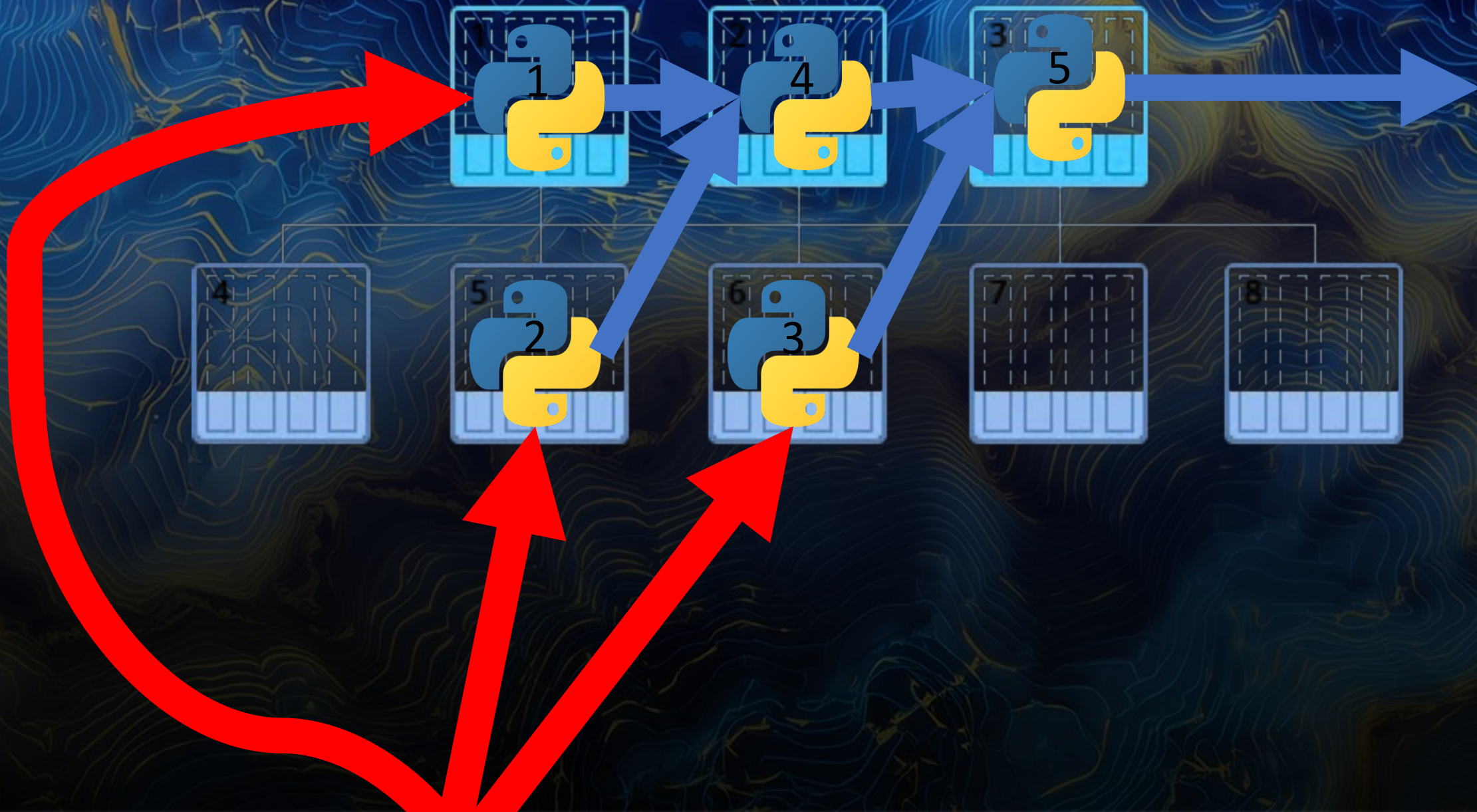
A Plugin-based Orchestrator for Processing (Earth Observation) Data











# Courier is:

Python based, plugin-based, and event driven – Data monitors, Job Builders, Dispatchers with enforced inter-communication schema with support for various message brokers.

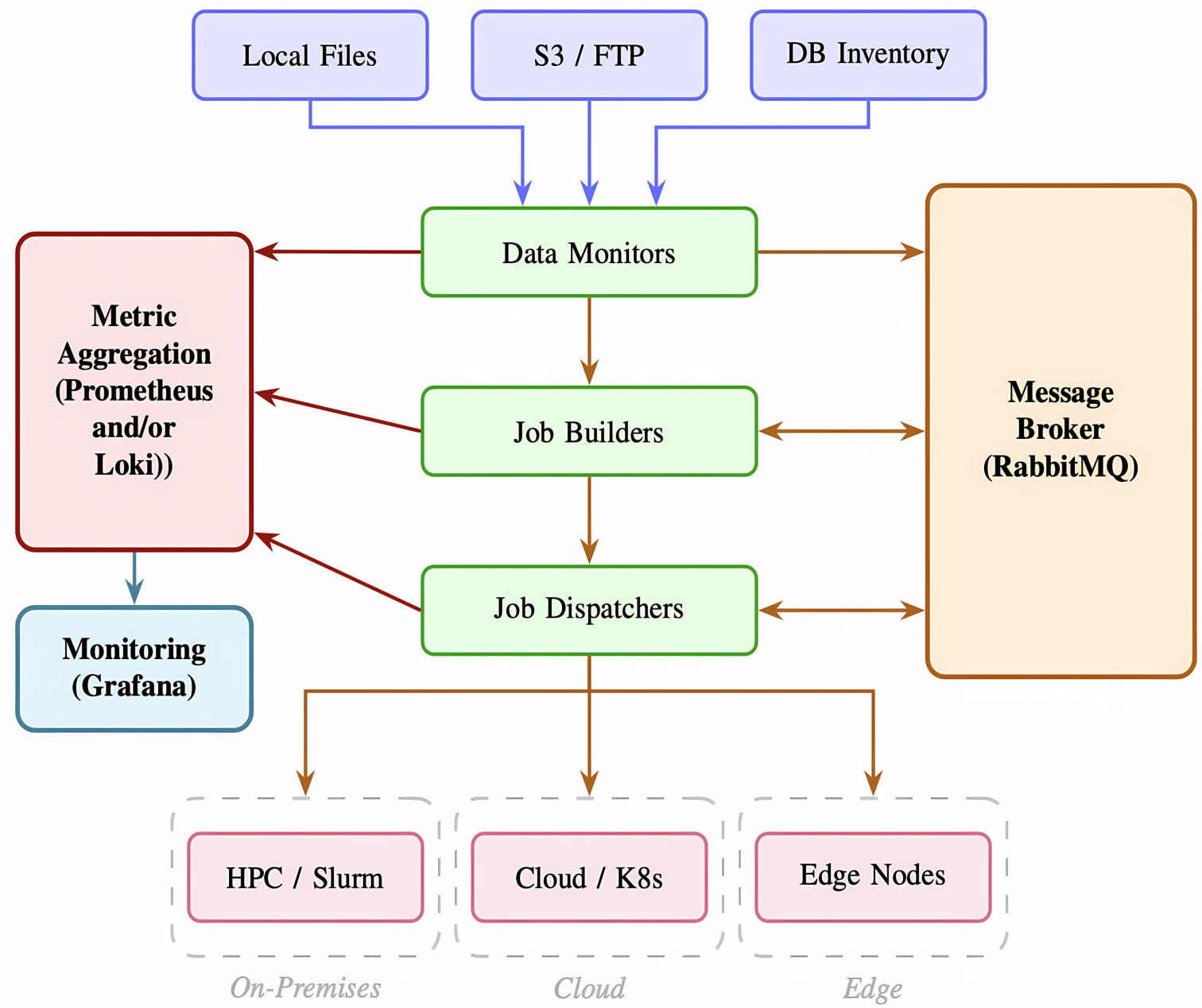
A way to create self-documenting data pipelines that maintain and create provenance metadata.

Data source, type, and handler agnostic, but built with an eye towards large datasets (eg..... geolocated data).

Deployable on a single laptop or hybrid-edge-cloud-on-prem multi-site distributed multi-cluster high-availability infrastructure(s).

pip install runcourier

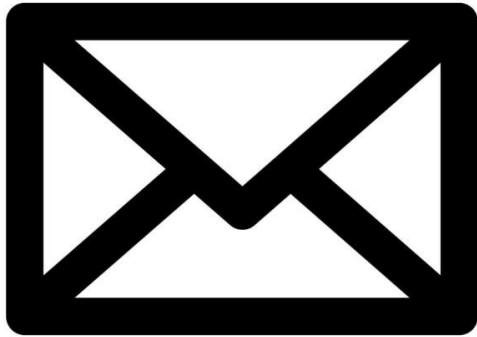
### Data Inputs



All nodes run GeoIPS plugins and workflow







05:00 [Alerting] Test notification

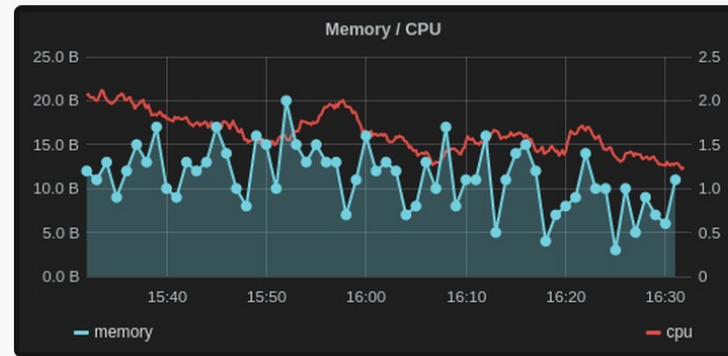
**[Alerting] Test notification**

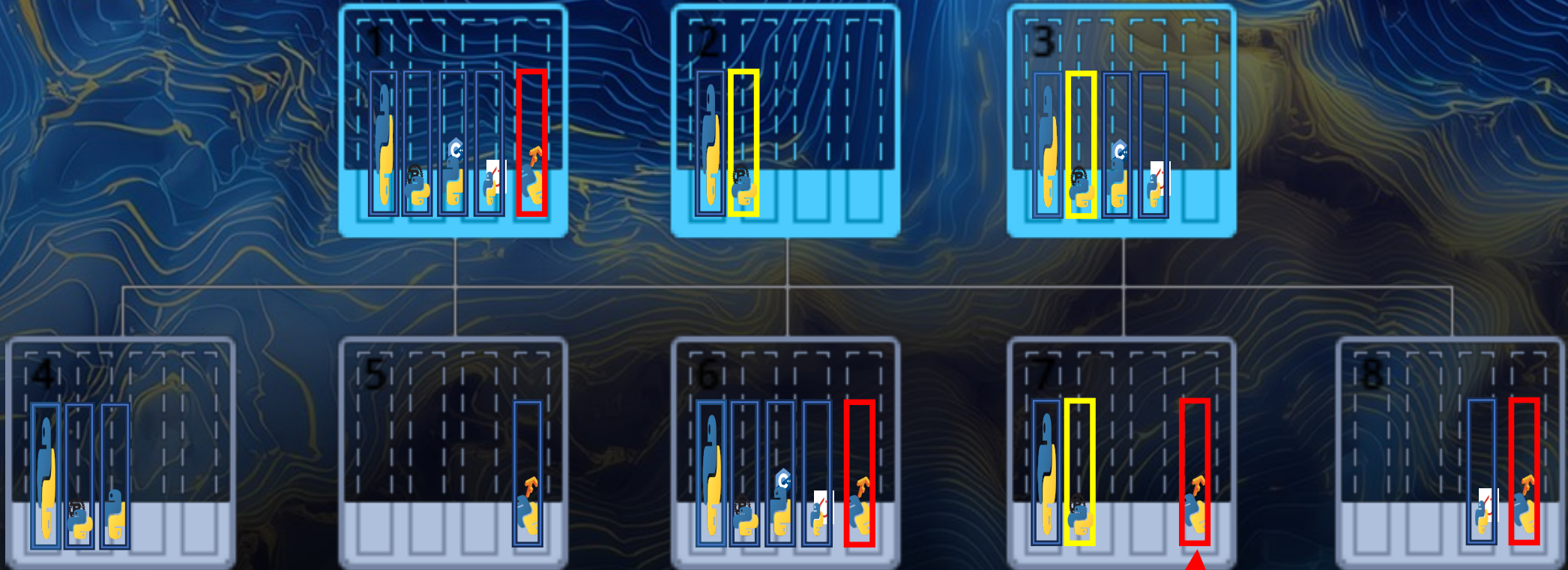
Someone is testing the alert notification within grafana.

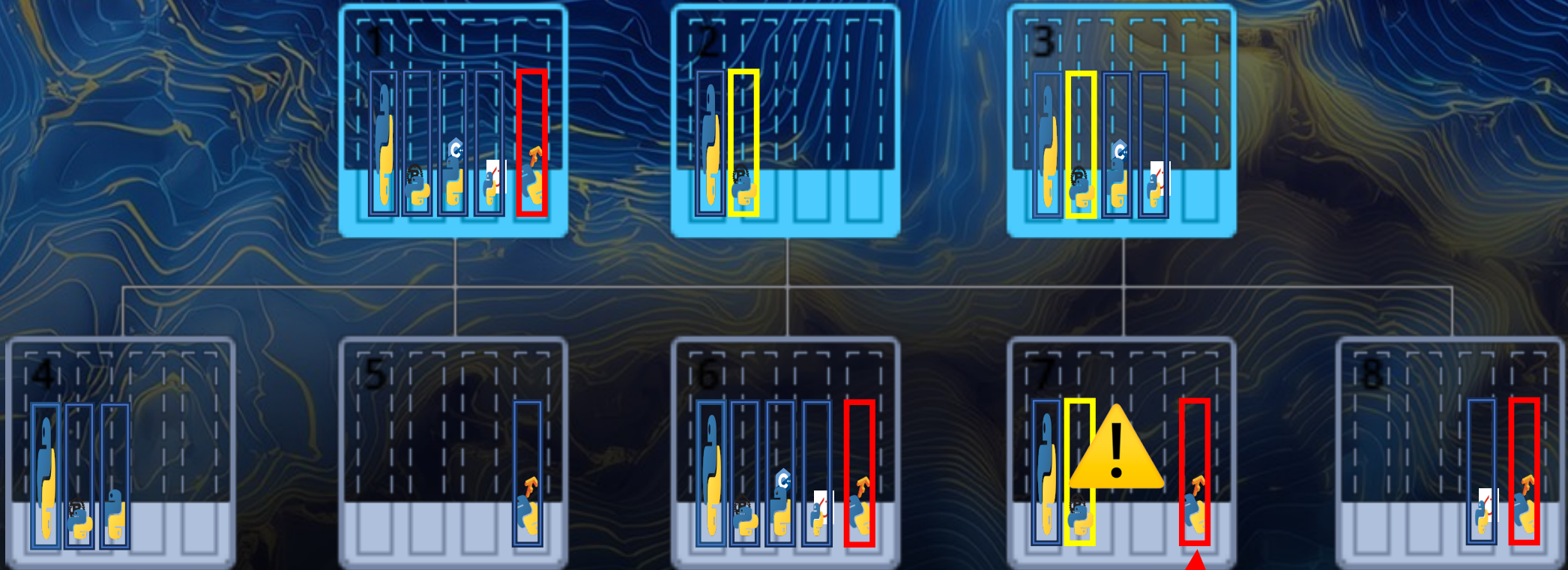
**High value** 100 **Higher Value** 200

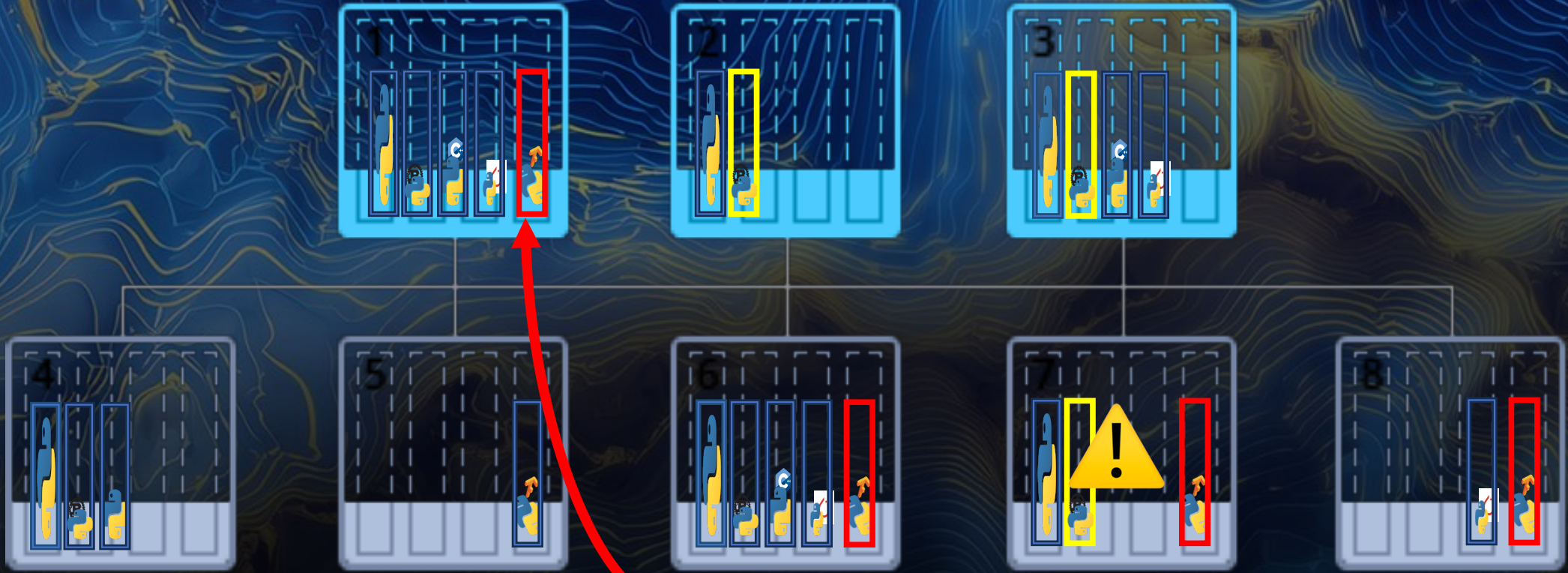
**Error message**  
This is only a test

Grafana v6.7.1 | Today at 05:00 (30 kB) ▾









● Healthy  
Health

113h 52m  
Uptime

10.6s  
Heartbeat Age

6,209  
Files Processed

— Data Monitors —

Name	Files	Success	Fail	Scan Age	Avg Dur
rabbit_mq_watcher	6,209	6,209	0	0.0s	0.000s

— Job Builders —

Name	Files	Jobs	Succ%	Active	Disc	Dur	FPJ
filter_and_group	6,209	696	100%	1	0	0.003s	1.0

— Dispatchers —

Name	Jobs	Succ%	Active	Dur	Logs	Q Wait
serial_bash	696	100%	0	24.320s	696	4.873s

— Plugins —

Name	State	Health	Restarts
filter_and_group	RUNNING	●	0

— Broker —

● Connected | Attempts: 1 | Sent: 7,601/s | Recv: 6,905/s

— Routing —

Identifier	Consumed	Latency	Q Depth
dispatcher-serial-bash	696	4.872s	0

— State Sync / HA —

Pushes: 0/s | Applies: 0/s | Claims: 0/s | Errors: 0

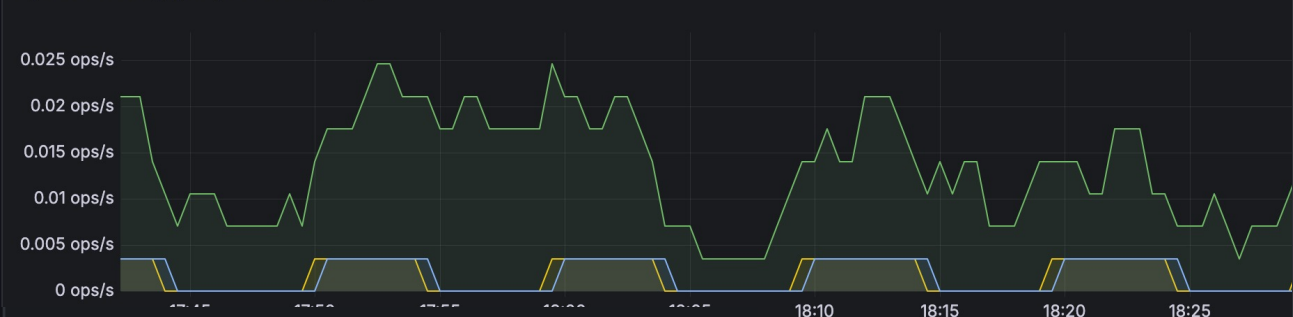
— Pipeline —

Files Detected:  6,209/s

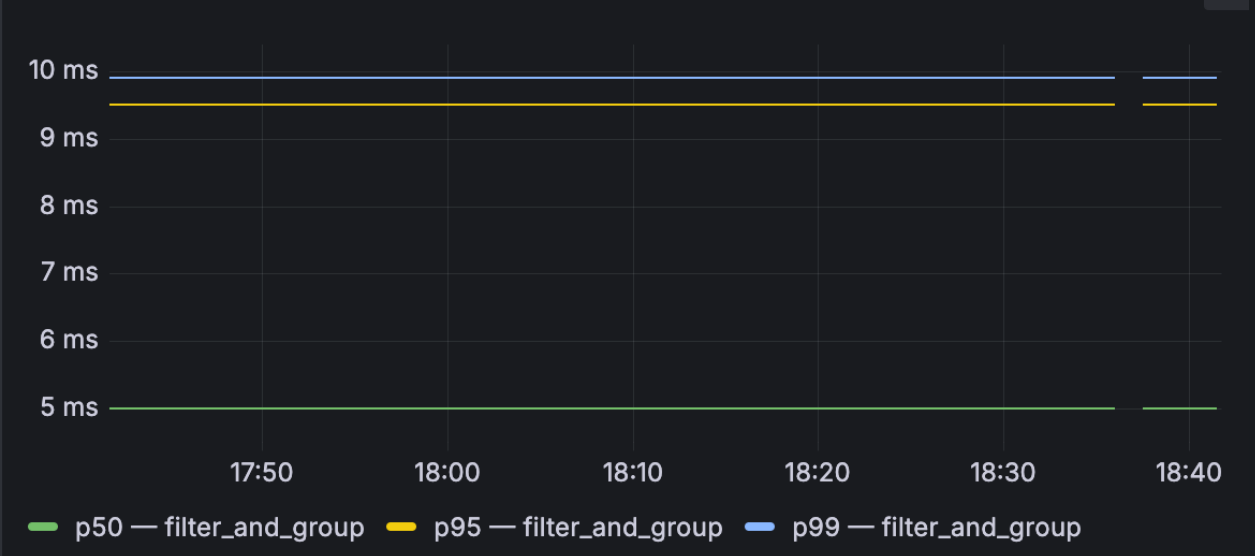
Jobs Built :  696/s

Jobs Dispatch:  696/s

### Pipeline Throughput (end-to-end)



### File Processing Duration

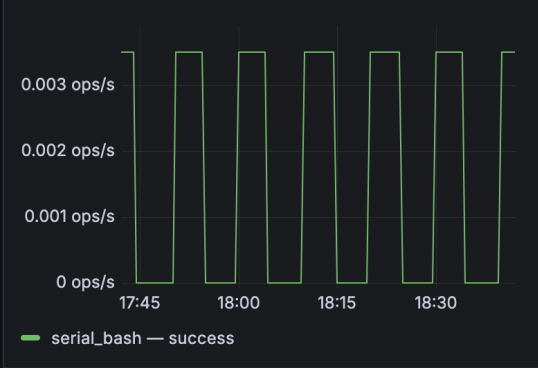


### Total Files Processed Since Death

# 6206



### Jobs Processed Rate



### Job Success Ratio



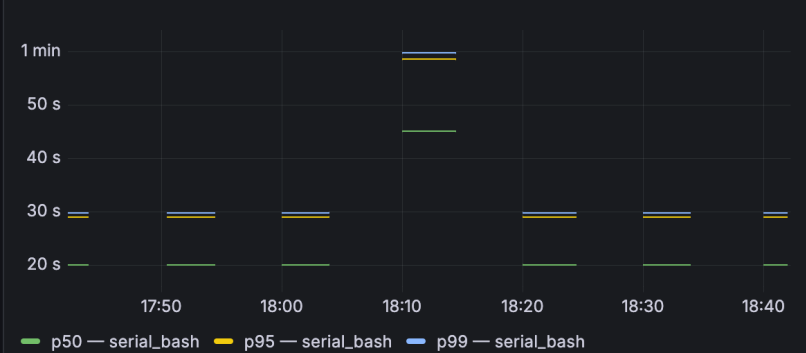
### Active Jobs



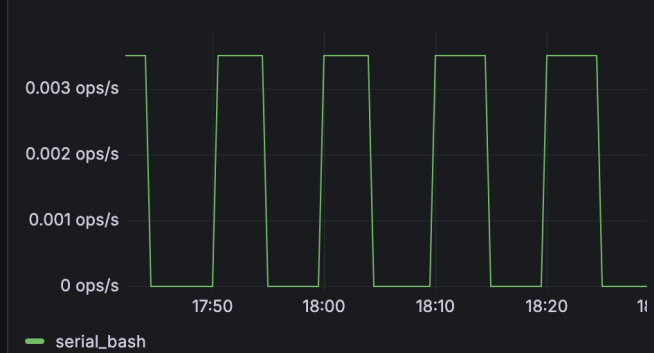
### File Processing Rate



### Execution Duration



### Execution Logs Emitted



```
apiVersion: runcourier.dev/v1alpha1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: data-inventory-ingest
  namespace: data-inventory-ingest
  description: Watches for files from a data inventory notification.
  docstring: |
    This service listens to the nrt_file_notif_queue RabbitMQ queue for incoming
    files that were ingested by the CIRA data inventory. Each notification
    is parsed into a File object annotated with platform, sensor, and timestamp
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    files as they arrive.
spec:
  run:
  - identifier: data-monitor-rabbit-mq-watcher
    spec:
      kind: data_monitor
      name: rabbit_mq_watcher
      config:
        rabbitmq_host: di_db_rabbitmq
  - identifier: job-builder-filter-and-group
    spec:
      kind: job_builder
      name: filter_and_group
      config:
        files_per_job: 1
        filters:
          source: goes-18
  - identifier: dispatcher-serial-bash
    spec:
      kind: dispatcher
      name: serial_bash
      config:
        bash_script: python3 /app/create-3d-cloud-from-goes18-clavrx.py "{{ files[0].file }}"
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```
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```
  config:
```

```
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```

```
dispatcher: job_builder_filter_and_group
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spec:
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**kubernetes**

# Courier: A Distributed, Plugin-Based Infrastructure for Scalable Earth Observation Data Processing


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**Abstract**—Recent decades have witnessed a large increase in Earth observation (EO) data driven by technological advancements in satellite missions and sensors. The size and diversity of generated data create complications for researchers, which are further compounded when they transition their work to operational real-time products. In the EO community, this gap between research and deployment is often called the “valley

wide range of file formats (though this is changing with standardization) takes valuable time that could otherwise be spent investigating novel results. These complications are further compounded when researchers wish to use their results to effect change in the “real-world” with real-time data analysis and production. In the EO community, this gap between

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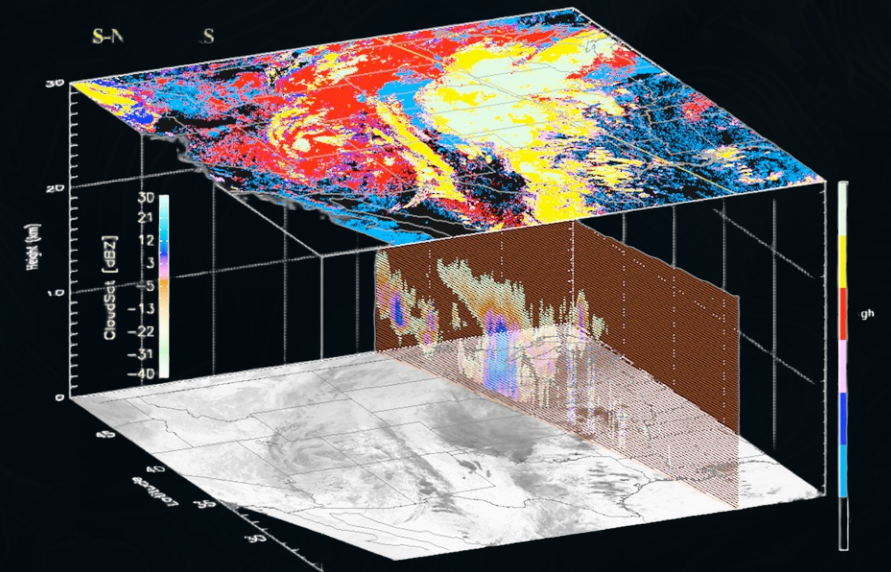
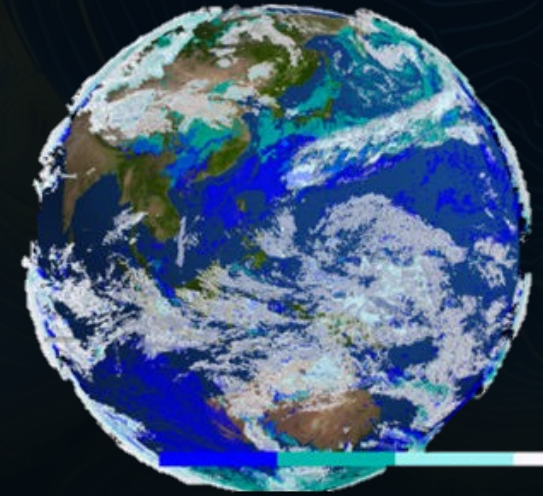
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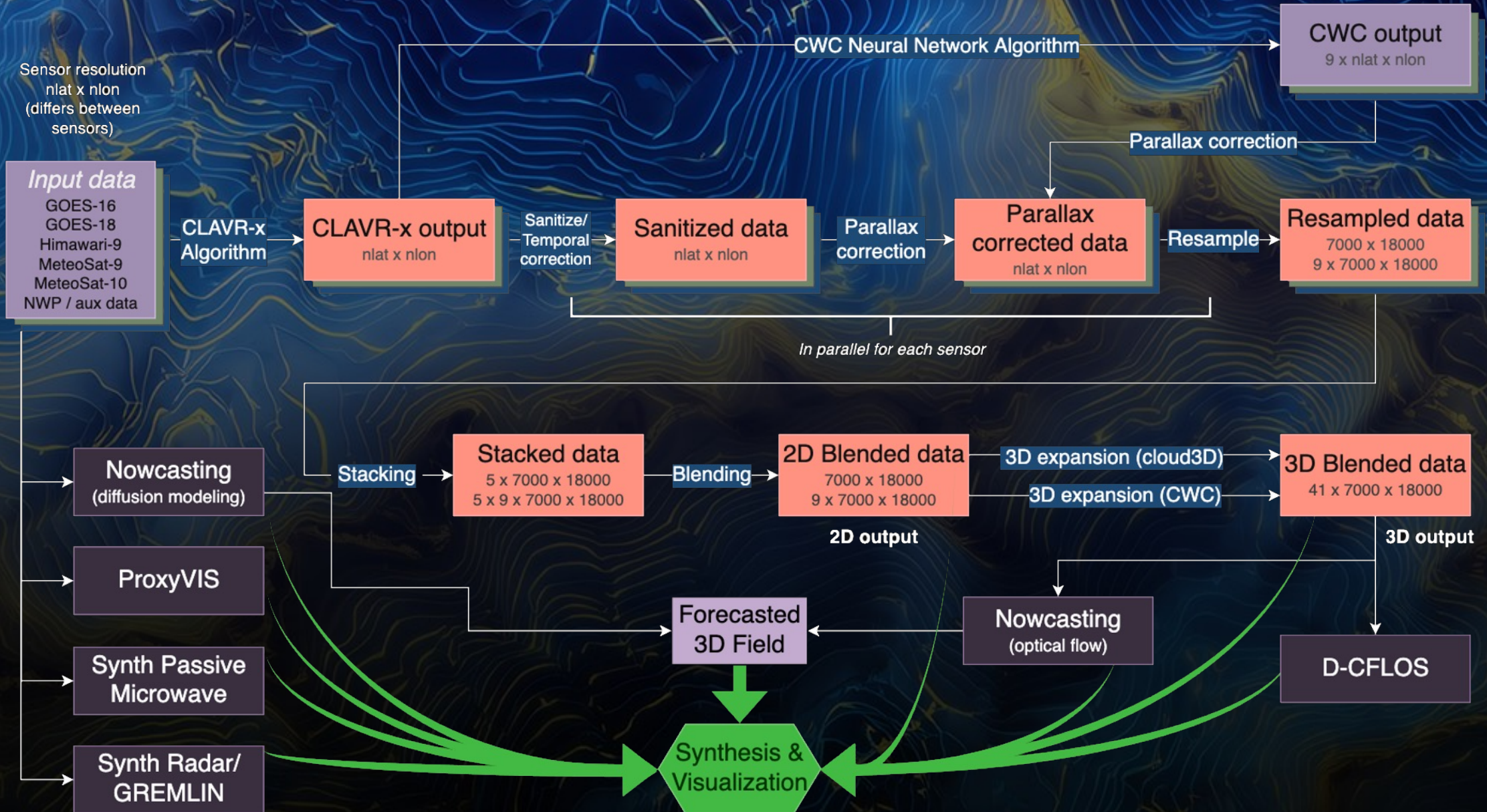
Multiple Low Earth Orbit Images

Derivative ML Products



# OVERCAST Workflow for 3D Clouds

with additional products shown



The image is a vertical split. The left half features a topographic map with blue and yellow contour lines on a dark blue background. The right half shows a satellite view of Earth with white clouds, blue oceans, and brown landmasses.

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