PANGEO

A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN EFFORT FOR
BIG DATA GEOSCIENCE

HELLO!

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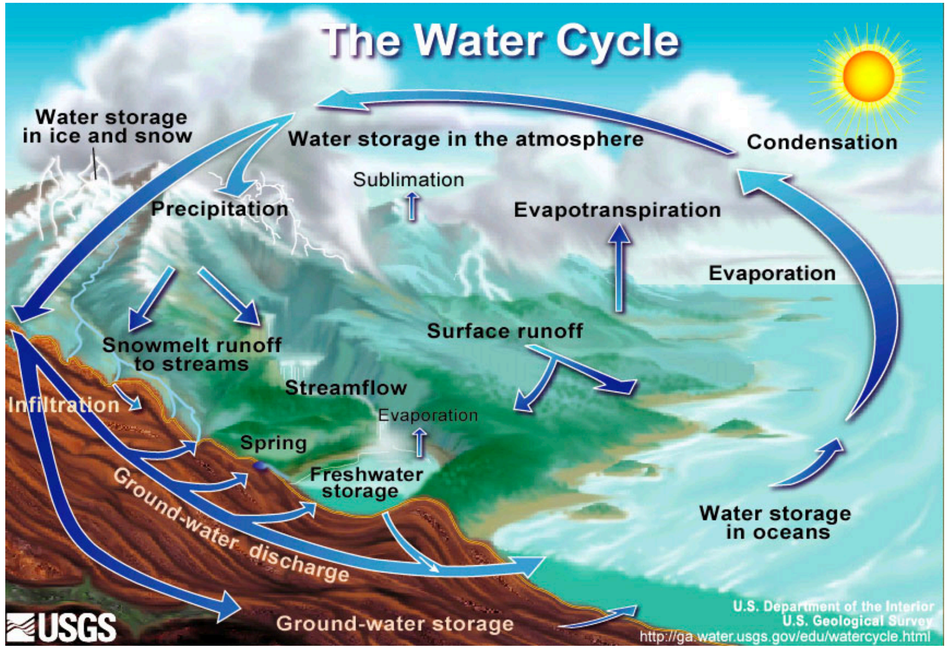

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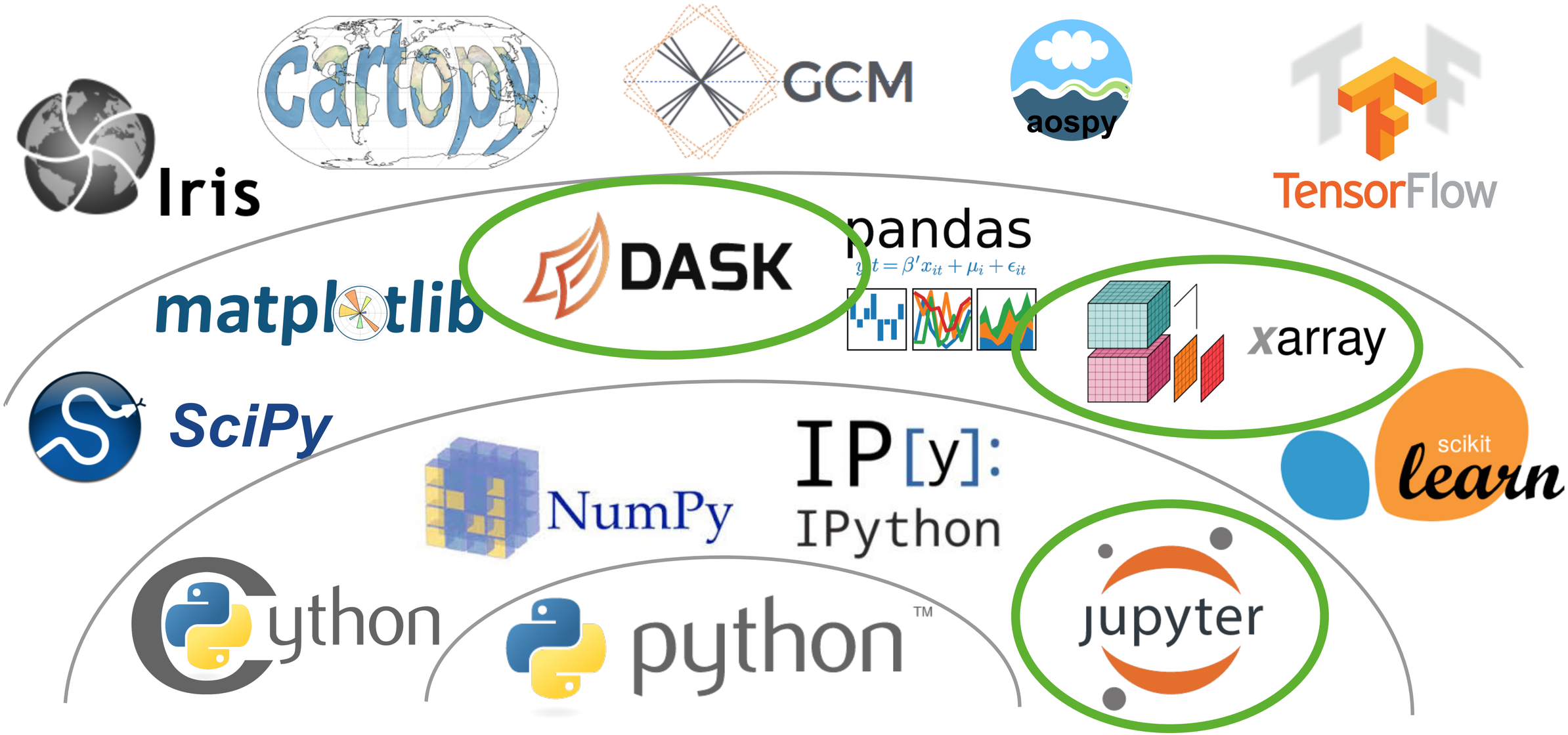
SCIENTIFIC PYTHON FOR DATA SCIENCE



Credit: Stephan Hoyer, Jake Vanderplas (SciPy 2015)

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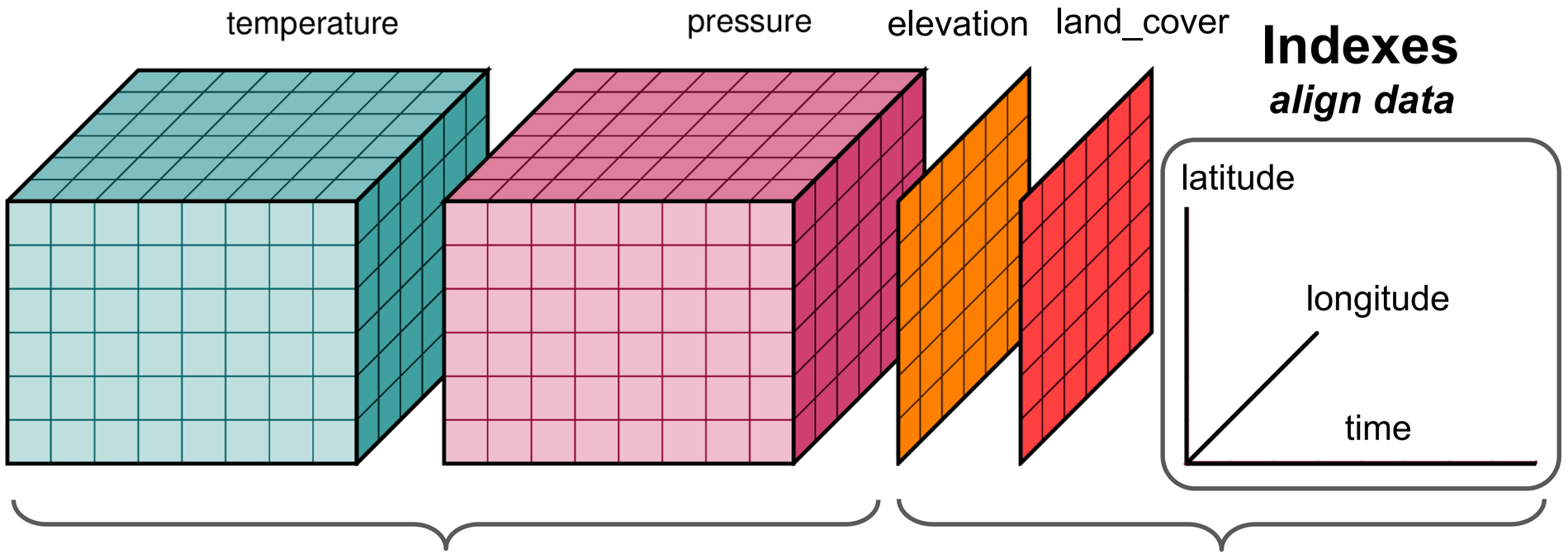
XARRAY DATASET: MULTIDIMENSIONAL VARIABLES WITH COORDINATES AND METADATA



Indexes
align data

+ Attributes
metadata ignored by operations

Data variables
used for computation

Coordinates
describe data

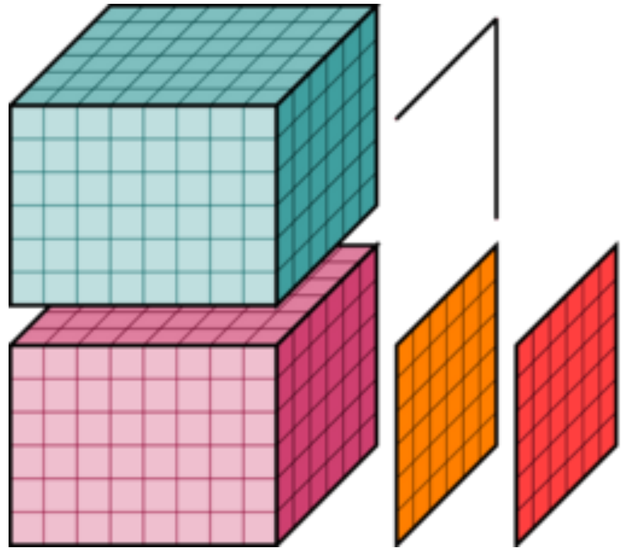
"netCDF meets pandas.DataFrame"

Credit: Stephan Hoyer

XARRAY

http://xarray.pydata.org

- label-based indexing and arithmetic
- interoperability with the core scientific Python packages (e.g., pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib)
- out-of-core computation on datasets that don't fit into memory (thanks dask!)
- wide range of input/output (I/O) options: netCDF, HDF, geoTIFF, zarr
- advanced multi-dimensional data manipulation tools such as group-by and resampling



XARRAY UPDATES

- **Development Roadmap** (http://xarray.pydata.org/en/stable/roadmap.html)
  - More flexible grids/indexing
  - More flexible arrays/computing
  - More flexible storage backends
- **NumFOCUS Sponsorship**
  - https://numfocus.org/project/xarray
- **New Contributors**
  - New core devs: Spencer Clark and Deepak Cherian

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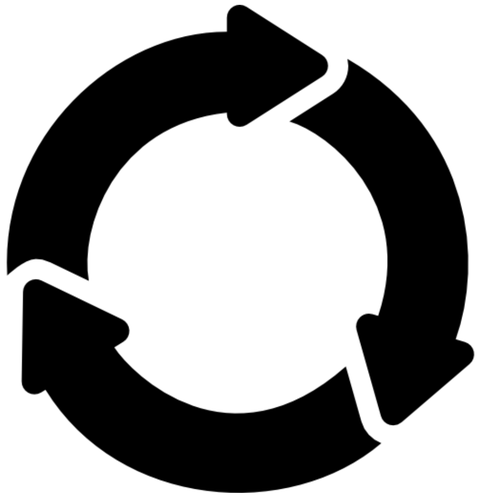
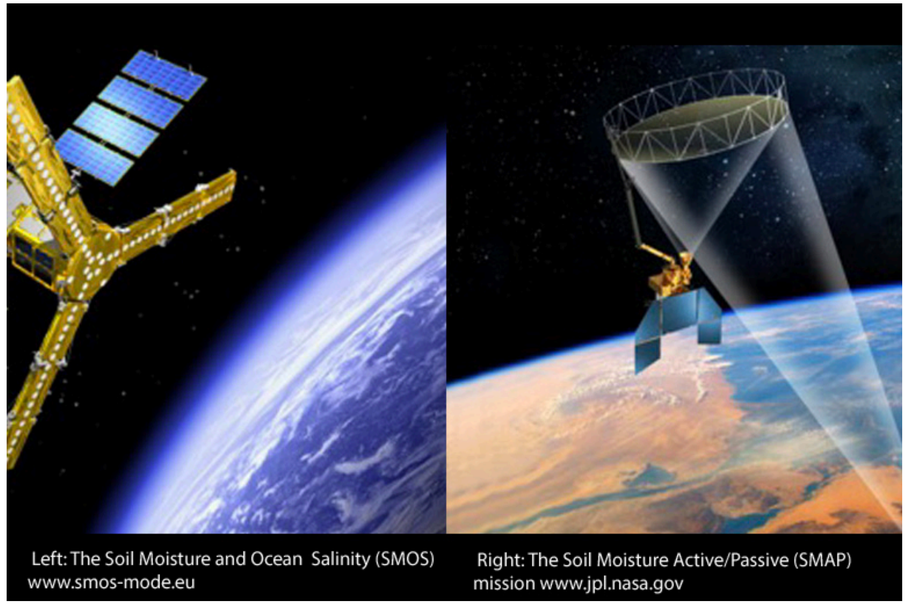
WHAT DRIVES PROGRESS IN GEOSCIENCE?

New Ideas

$$q_{liq,z}^{soil} = \begin{cases} q_{rain} - q_{ix} - q_{sx} & z = 0 \\ -K^{soil}\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + K^{soil} & z > 0 \end{cases}$$



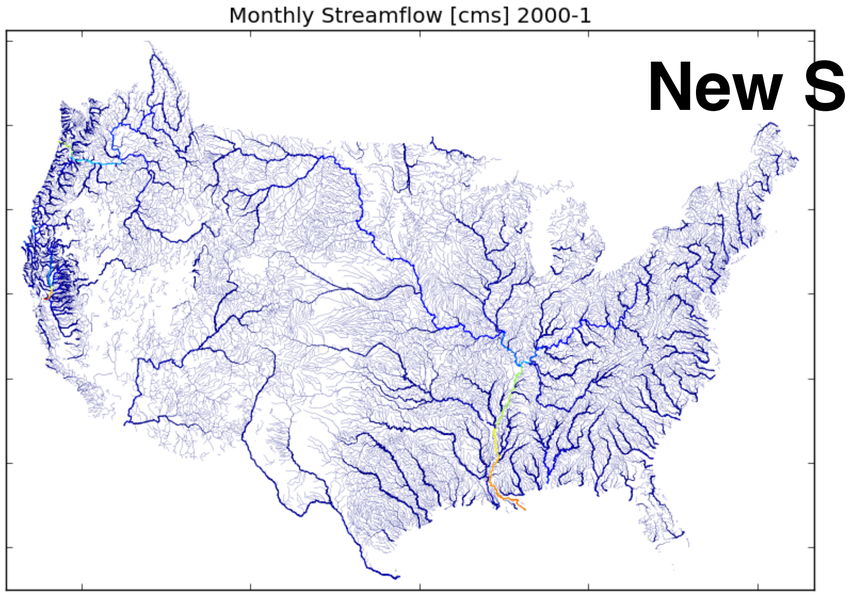
New Observations



Left: The Soil Moisture and Ocean Salinity (SMOS) www.smos-mode.eu

Right: The Soil Moisture Active/Passive (SMAP) mission www.jpl.nasa.gov

New Simulations



FRAGMENTATION PROBLEMS

1. **Software**
    - Few tangible incentives to share source code (funding agencies, journals)
    - Lack of extensible development patterns; often it is easier to “home grow” your own solution, rather than using someone else’s.
    - Result is that most geoscientific research is effectively unreproducible and prone to failure.
2. **Data sprawl**
    - Inefficiencies of many copies of the same datasets (“dark replicas”)
    - Lessons learned from the CMIP archives (CMIP3 was duplicated > 30x)
3. **Local vs. High-performance vs. Cloud Computing**
    - Traditional scientific computing workflows are difficult to port from a laptop, to HPC, to the cloud

PANGEO PROJECT GOALS

- Foster collaboration around the open source scientific Python ecosystem for ocean / atmosphere / land / climate science.
- Support the development with domain-specific geoscience packages.
- Improve scalability of these tools to to handle petabyte-scale datasets on HPC and cloud platforms.

PANGEO COLLABORATORS

EarthCube

Google Cloud Platform

aws

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory
Columbia University | Earth Institute

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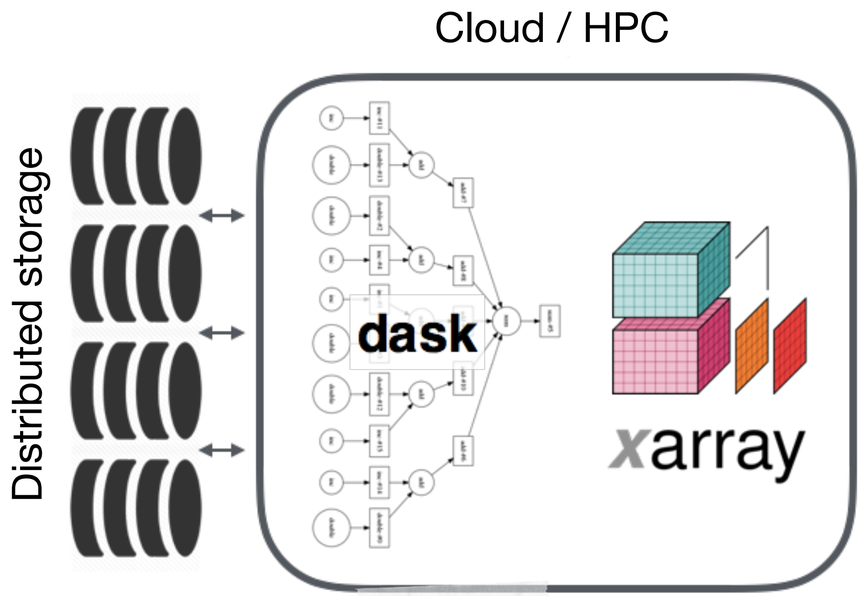
And many more…

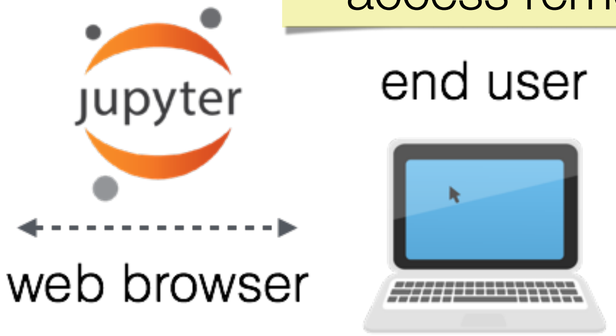
PANGEO ARCHITECTURE

"Analysis Ready Data" stored on globally-available distributed storage.



Parallel computing system allows users deploy clusters of compute nodes for data processing.

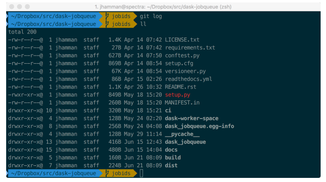
Dask tells the nodes what to do.



Jupyter for interactive access remote systems

Xarray provides data structures and intuitive interface for interacting with datasets

BUILD YOUR OWN PANGEO

Storage Formats	HDF	OPeNDAP	Cloud Optimized COG/Zarr/Parquet/etc.
ND-Arrays	NumPy	DASK	More coming…
Data Models	xarray	Iris	pandas $y_i t = \beta' x_{it} + \mu_i + \epsilon_{it}$
Processing Mode	jupyter Interactive	Batch 	Serverless 
Compute Platform	HPC 	Cloud  Google Cloud Platform	Local 

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PANGEO DEPLOYMENTS

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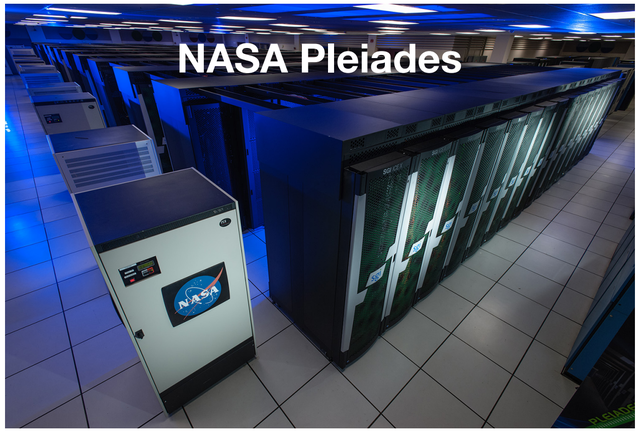

PANGEO.PYDATA.ORG
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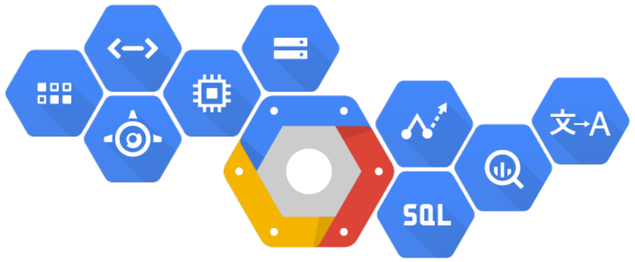


Over 1000 unique users since March!

Google Cloud Platform

NCAR Cheyenne

Microsoft Azure

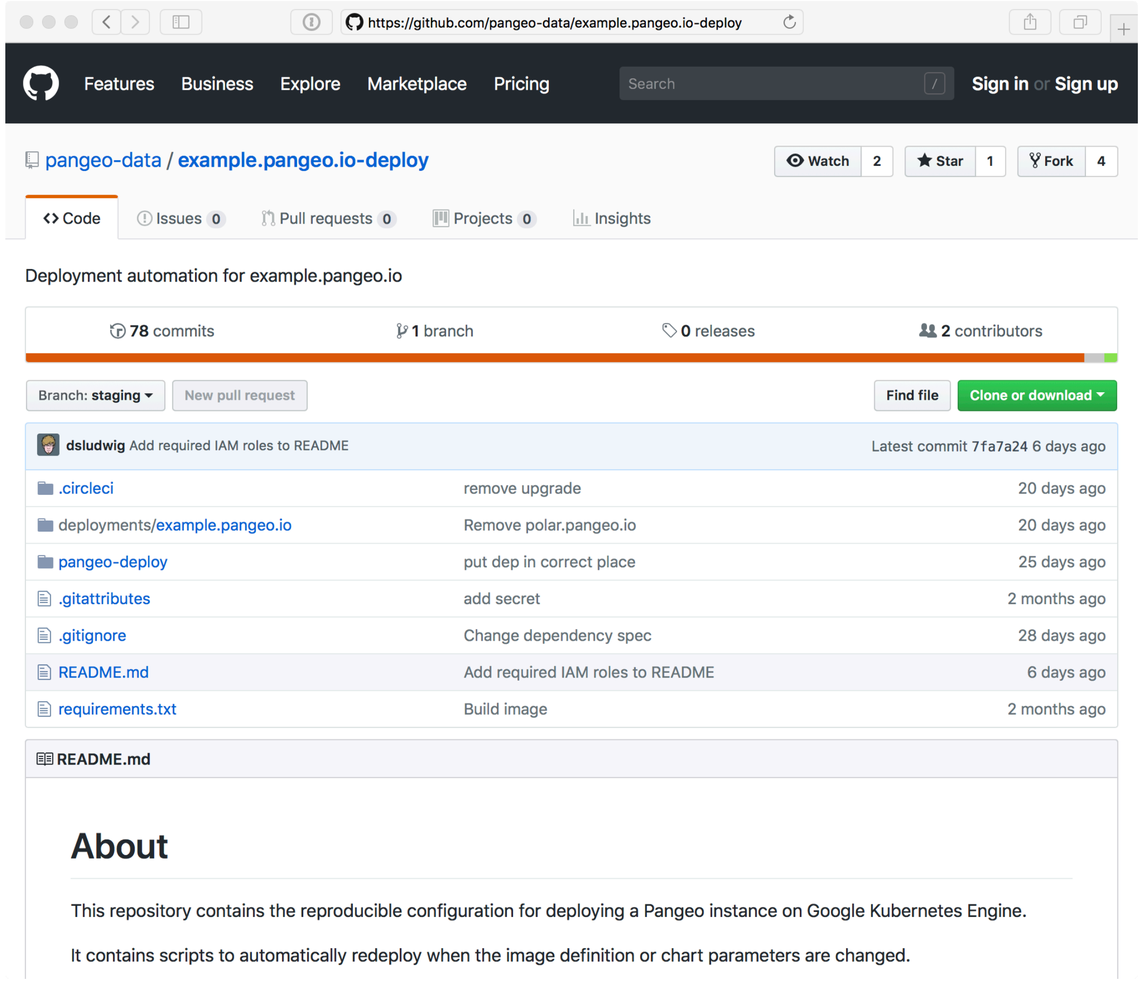
aws

(SCALE USING JOB QUEUE SYSTEM)

(SCALE USING KUBERNETES)

FOO.PANGEO.IO
DEPLOY YOUR OWN PANGEO

- What's in a typical Pangeo?
  - JupyterHub interface
  - Tools to deploy dask clusters
  - Customizable software/hardware environment
- Current effort to federate pangeo deployments for problem specific uses (e.g. cds.pangeo.io?)
- Custom deployments:
  - polar.pangeo.io
  - solar.pangeo.io
  - ocean.pangeo.io
  - hydroshare.pangeo.io
  - And more coming…



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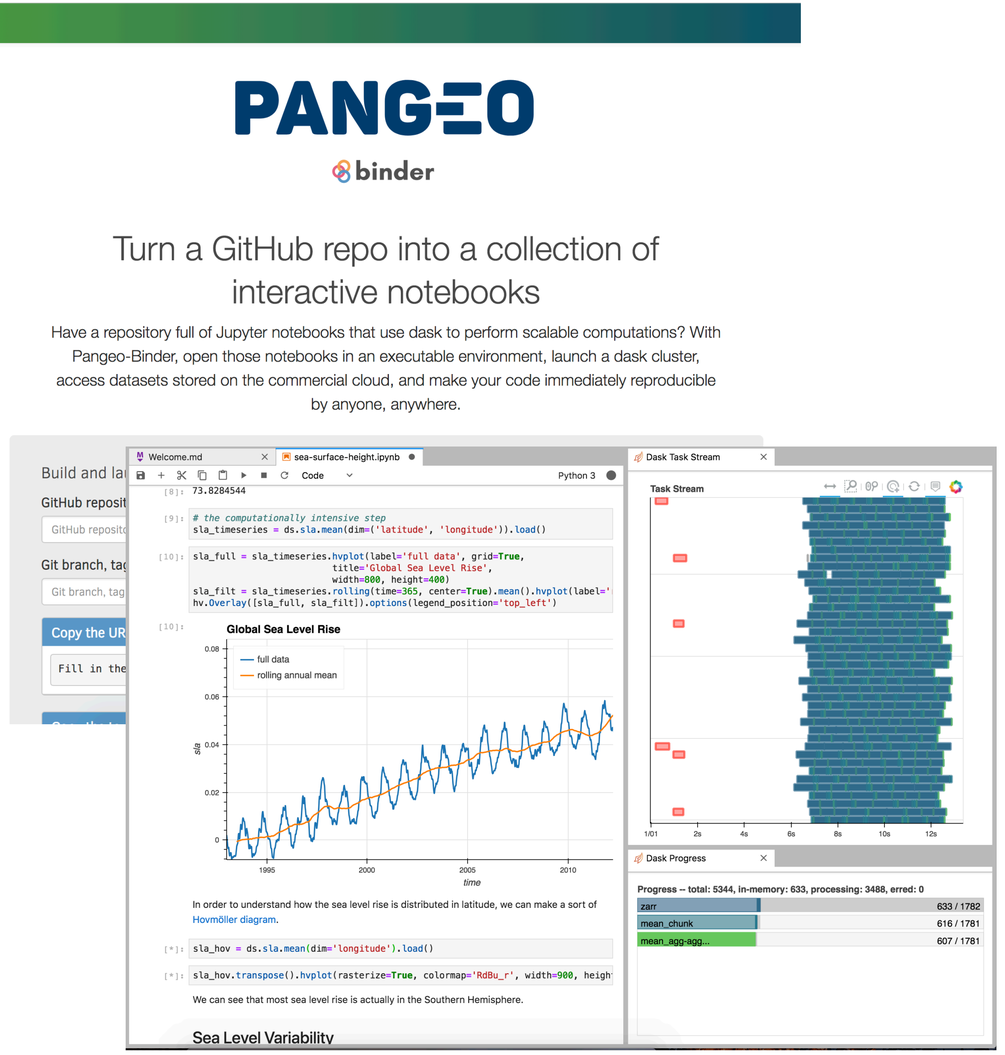
BINDER.PANGEO.IO

- BinderHub
  - Highly customizable Jupyter environment
  - Automates Git repo -> docker image -> Jupyter notebook
  - Automates deployment of Dask clusters
- Easiest way to share Pangeo workflows
- Try it: https://bit.ly/2O9qJr3



PANGEO IN A NUTSHELL

- **Scientific Python ecosystem**
  - flexible, open-source, community driven
- **Interoperable**
  - integrates with existing/developing tools used by science community
- **Analysis ready data formats**
  - cloud optimized data (e.g. zarr)
- **Intuitive self-describing data models**
  - e.g. xarray, Iris
- **Scalable**
  - e.g. Dask, Kubernetes
- **Interactive**
  - e.g. Jupyter, JupyterHub, BinderHub
- **Cross platform**
  - HPC, Cloud, local computing

WHAT'S COMING FOR PANGEO

- Governance (https://github.com/pangeo-data/governance)
- Funding (new projects from NASA and NSF)
- AWS Open Datasets Program and Pangeo compute resources
- Science focus on remote sensing datasets
- Looking for new community partners

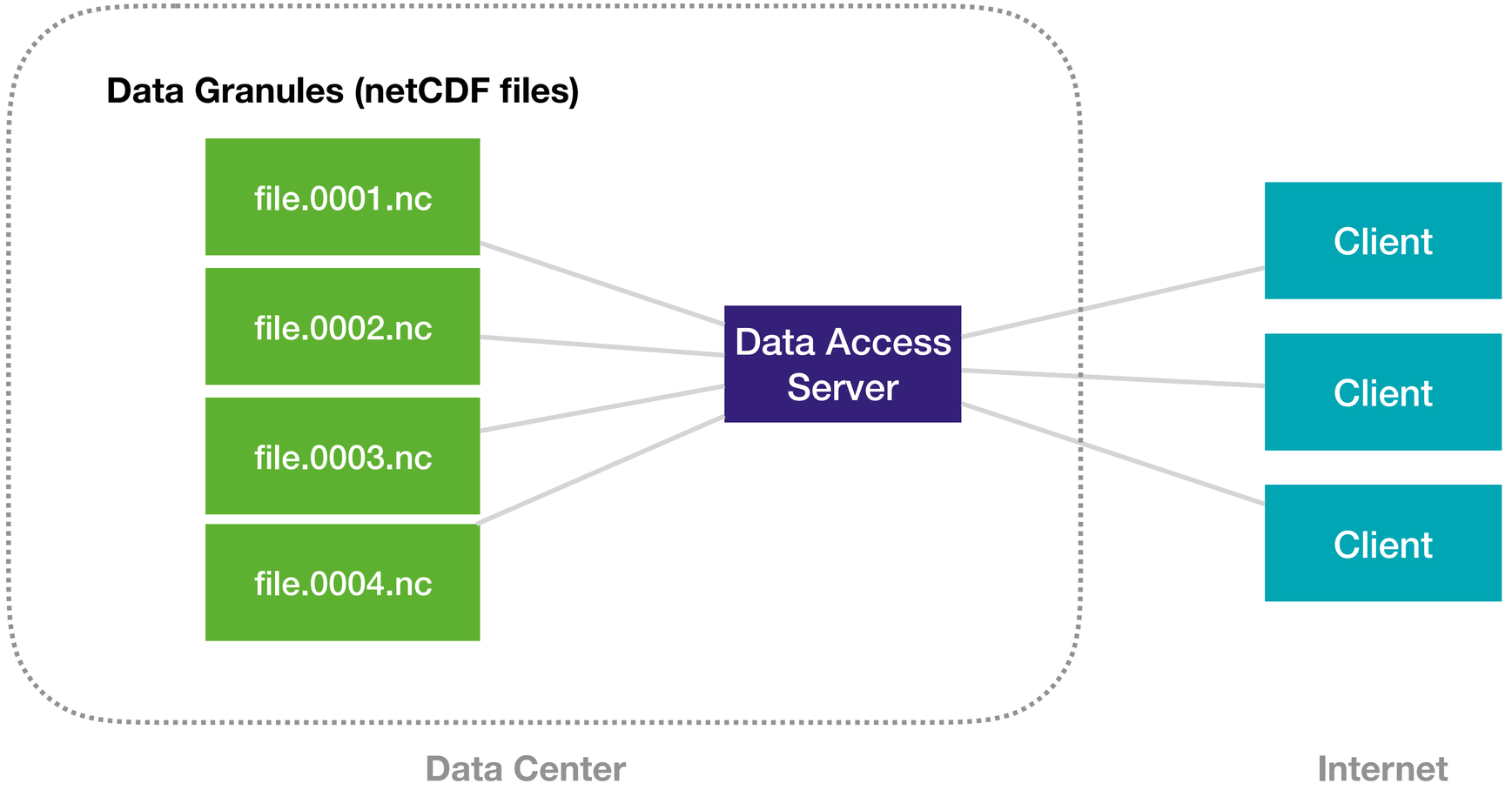
HOW TO GET INVOLVED

HTTP://PANGEO.IO

- Access and existing Pangeo deployment on an HPC cluster, or cloud resources (eg. binder.pangeo.io)
- Adapt Pangeo elements to meet your projects needs (data portals, etc.) and give feedback via GitHub: github.com/pangeo-data/pangeo
- Participate in open-source software development!

SHARING DATA IN THE CLOUD

Traditional Approach: A Data Access Portal



ON-DEMAND ANALYSIS-READY DATA

- **Too big to move**: assume data is to be used but not copied
- **Self-describing**: data and metadata packaged together
- **On-demand**: data can be read/used in its current form from anywhere
- **Analysis-ready**: no pre-processing required

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SHARING DATA IN THE CLOUD

Direct Access to Cloud Object Storage

Zarr

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