

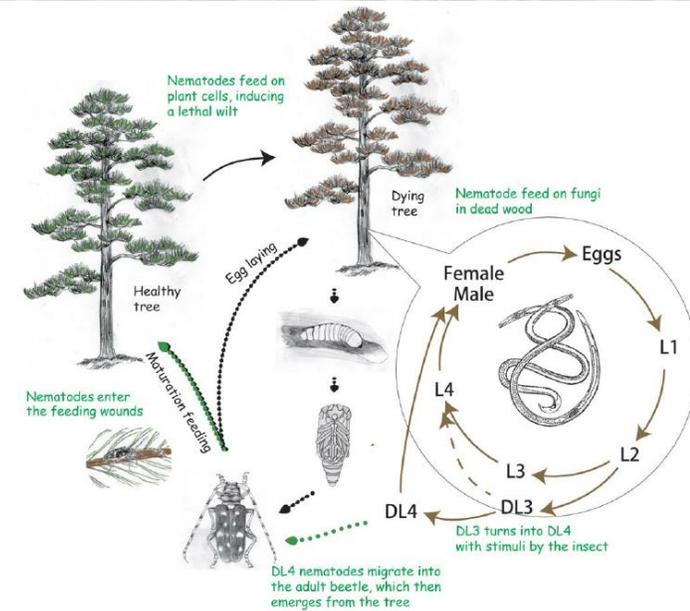
# Large-scale aerial photo processing for tree health monitoring with HTCondor

Project CanHeMon (Canopy Health Monitoring)

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## PINEWOOD NEMATODE OUTBREAK ON MAINLAND PORTUGAL



2001 ◀

Outbreak mapped at the level of local administrative units,  
courtesy of ICNF, Portugal (icnf.pt)

### Decision 2012/535/EU:

- Surveys of coniferous trees in a Buffer Zone surrounding the infected area
- Fell and remove trees that are in poor health, or dead
- Contain the spread, especially towards the Spanish border
- Apply restrictions on the movement of plants, wood, and bark susceptible to have PWN



Can we detect trees in poor health over  
Portugal Buffer zone using a semi-  
automatic algorithm with airborne multi-  
spectral images ?

Summer 2012

# Study area

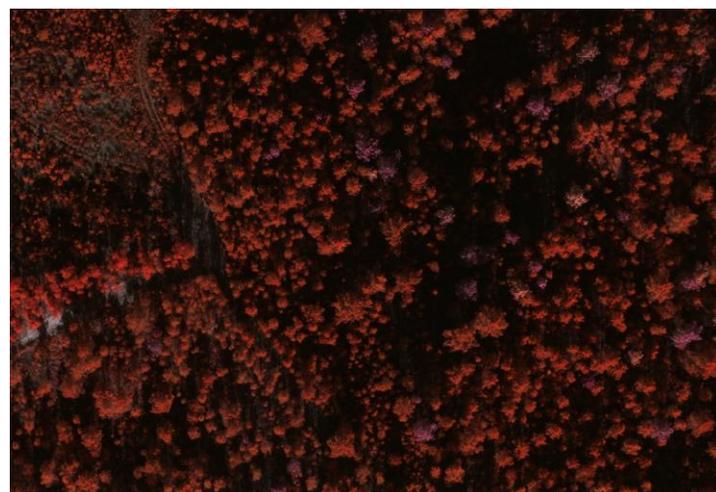
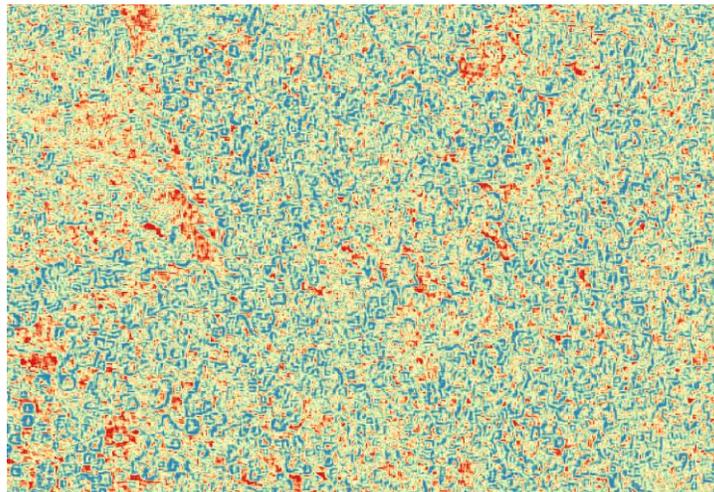


- Area in km<sup>2</sup>: ~ 27,000
- Images from 2014 to 2016
- Number of 1 km<sup>2</sup> tiles: 24.904
- 4 bands per raster: RGBNir
- Resolution: 0.30 m per pixel / 0.15 m per pixel
- 10 texture rasters per tile
- Total number of bands: 14
- Size of input data: ~ 63TB
- Vector file with the Land Cover of Portugal (2010)

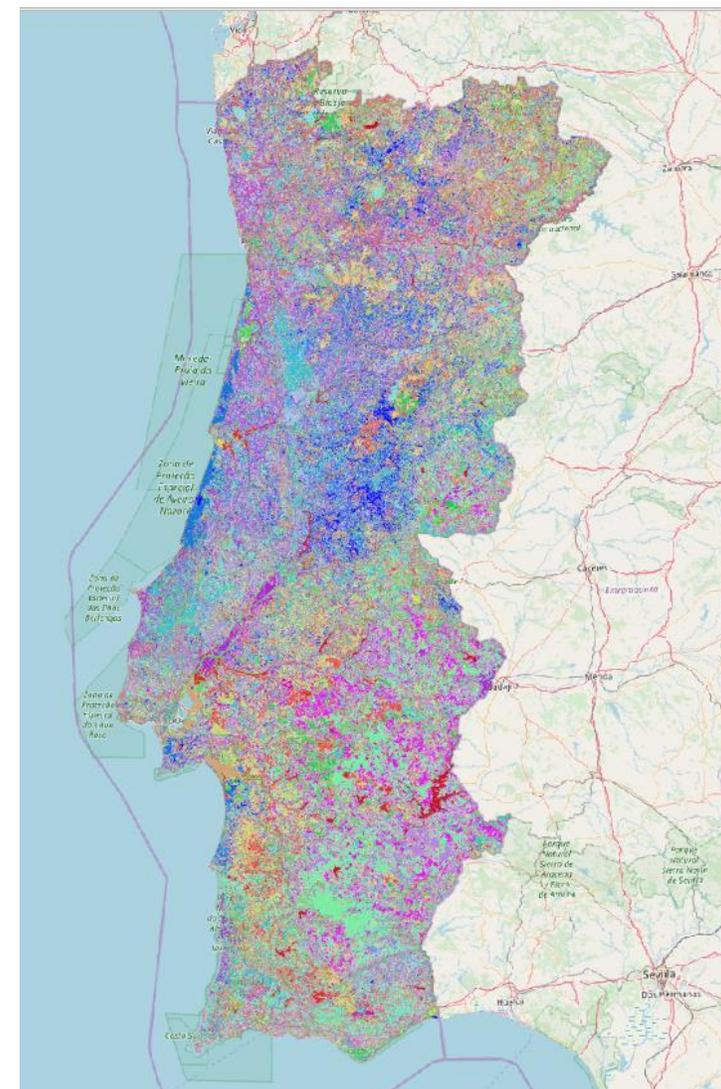
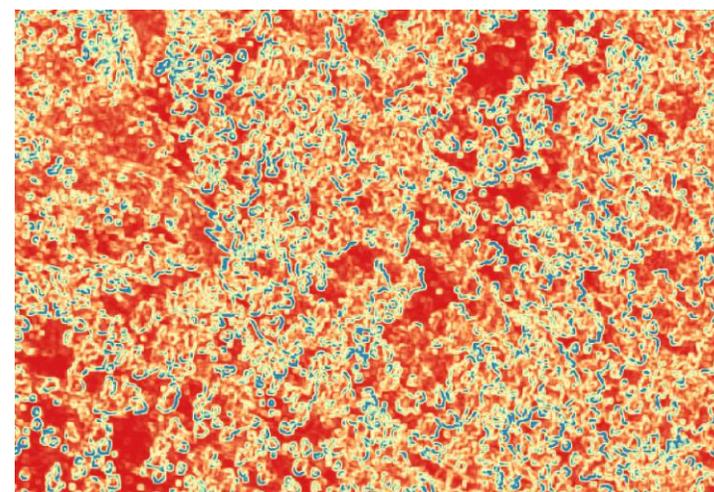
# Quick look at the input data



0.30 m resolution



0.15 m resolution



# MaxEnt - Maximum entropy model

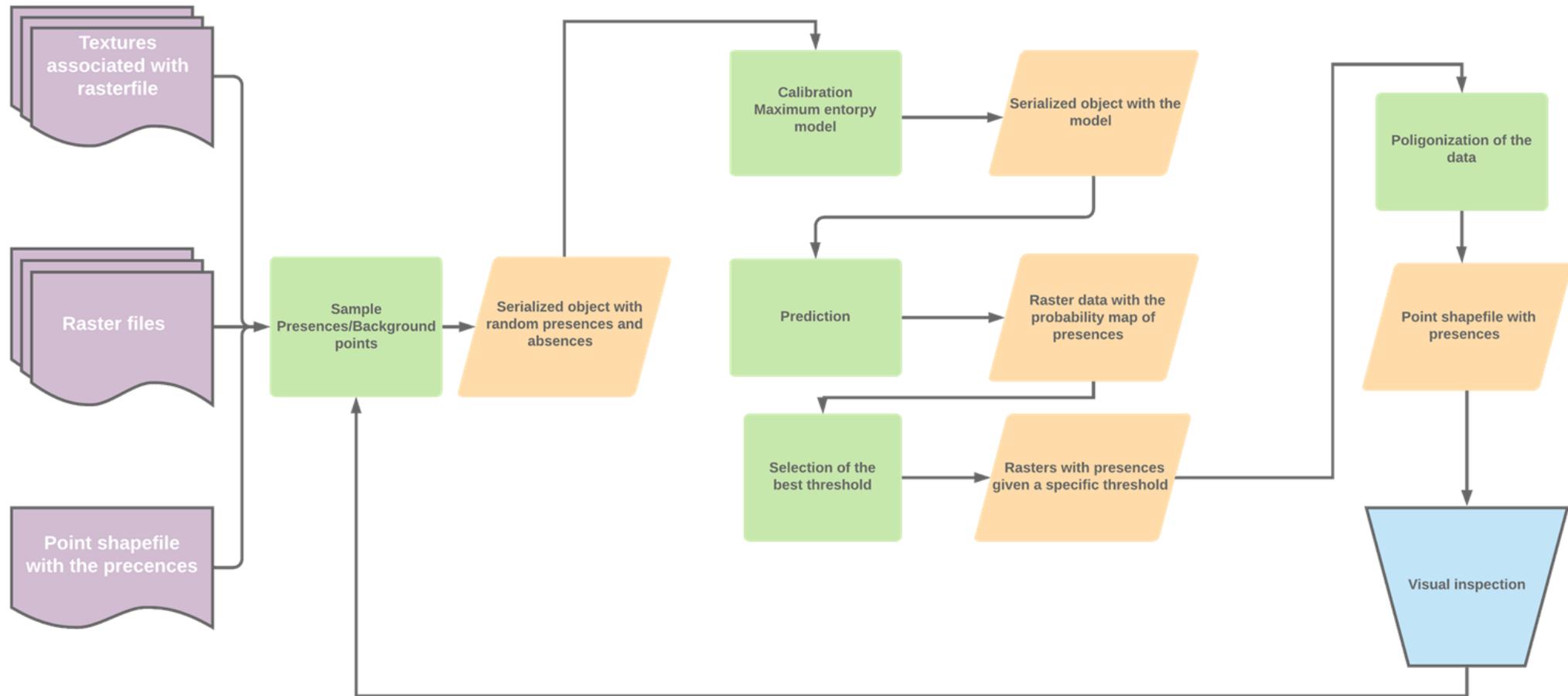
- Creates a probability map of presence for each pixel in the study area
- Based on Shannon entropy more choices less constraint

$$H(\hat{\pi}) = - \sum_{x \in X} \hat{\pi}(x) \ln \hat{\pi}(x)$$

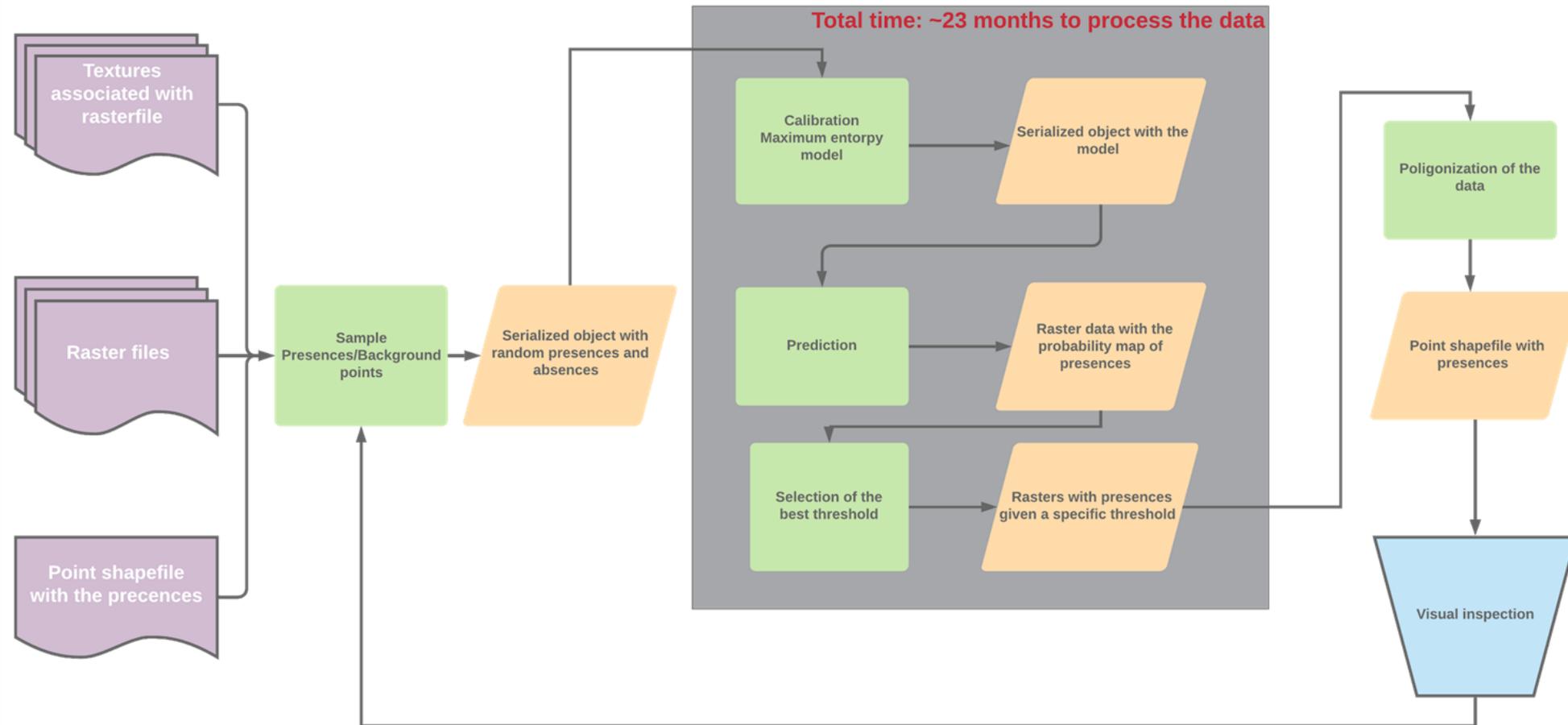
- It gives the least biased probability distribution with constraints assigned
- Suitable for continuous and categorical spatial variables
- Widely used in ecological modelling
- Can train on presence-only data
- Regularization of the data is possible to avoid overfitting



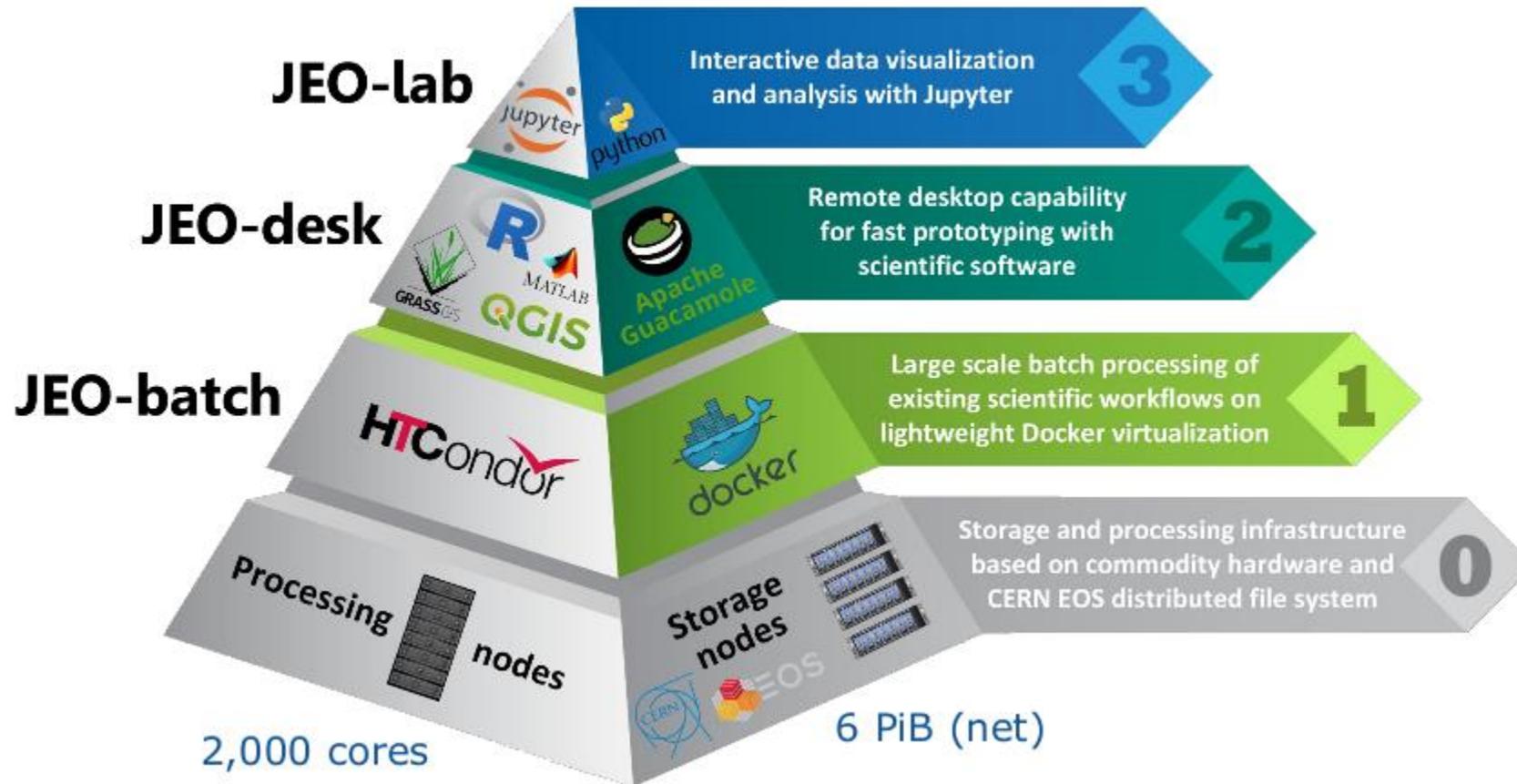
# Workflow



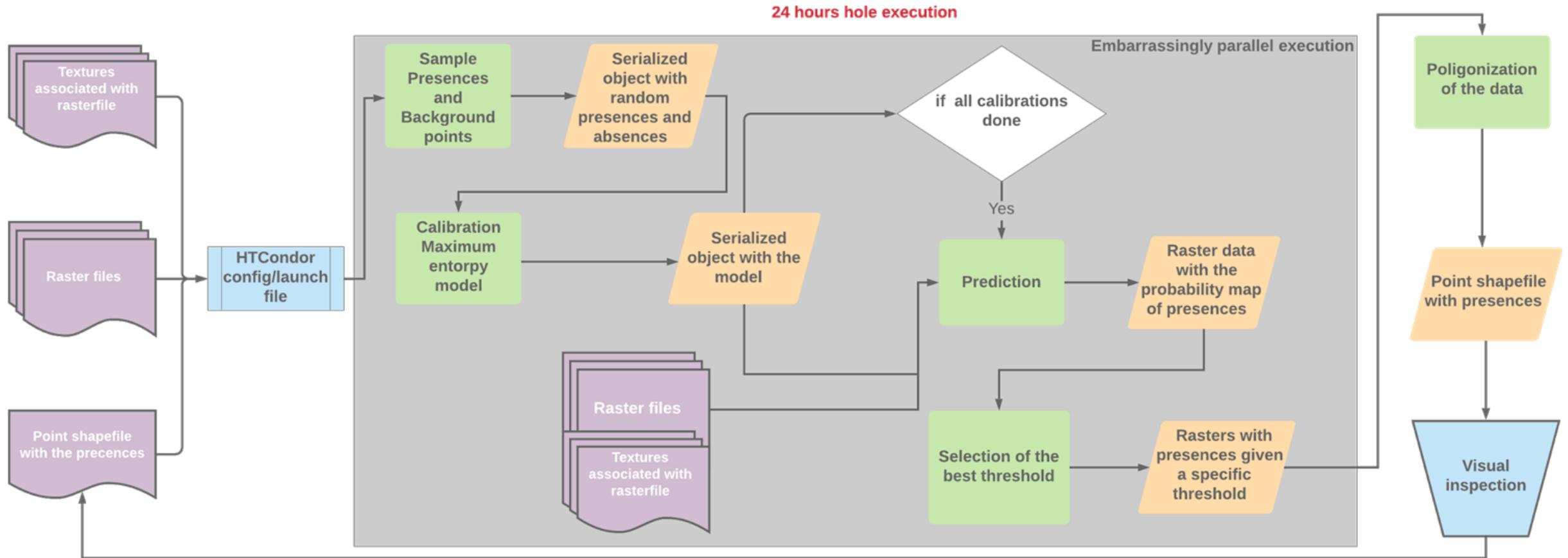
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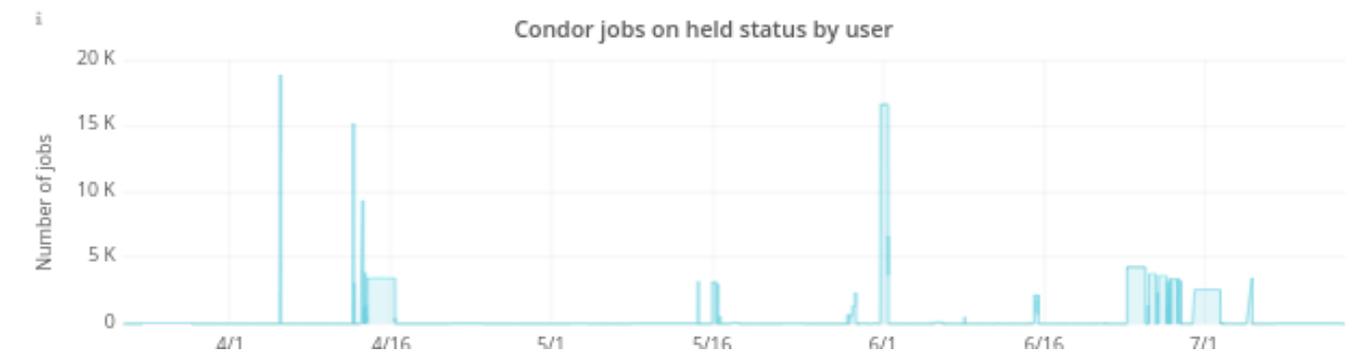
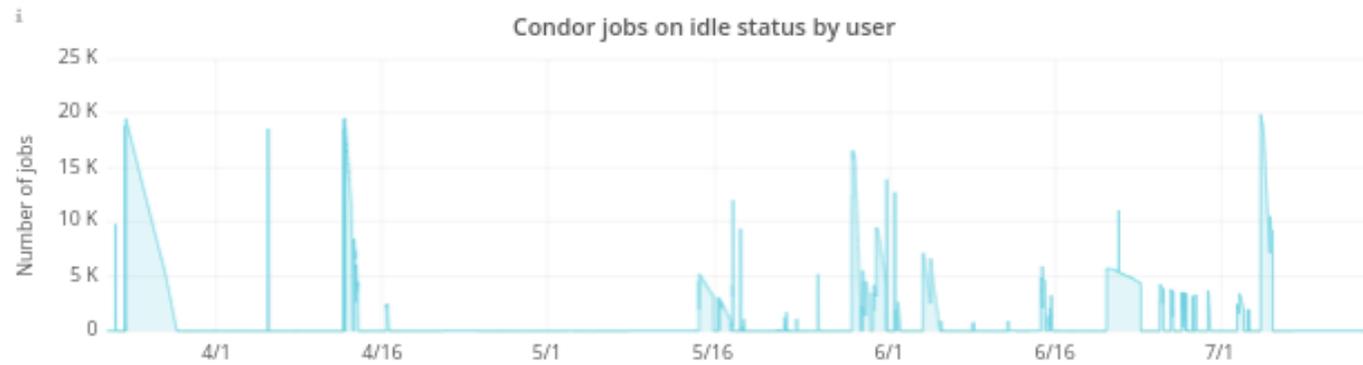
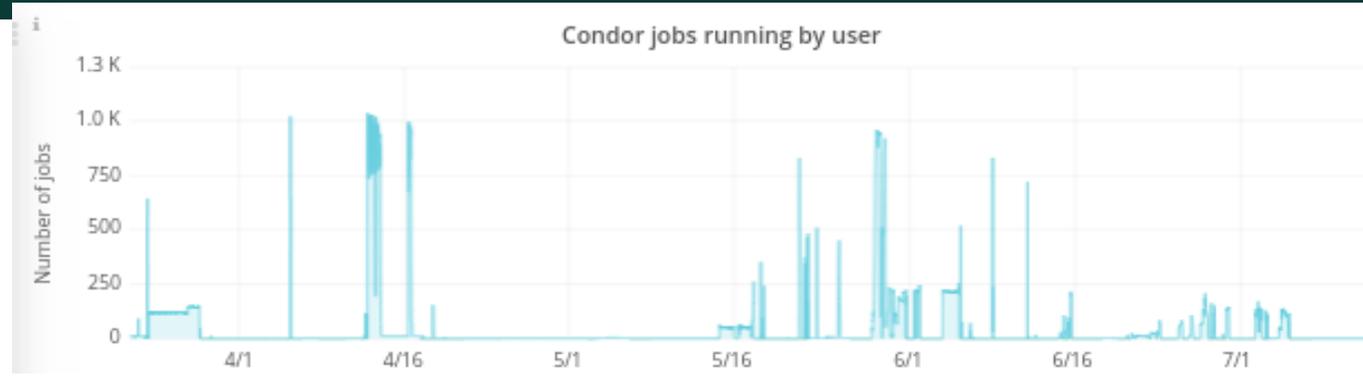
# JEODPP



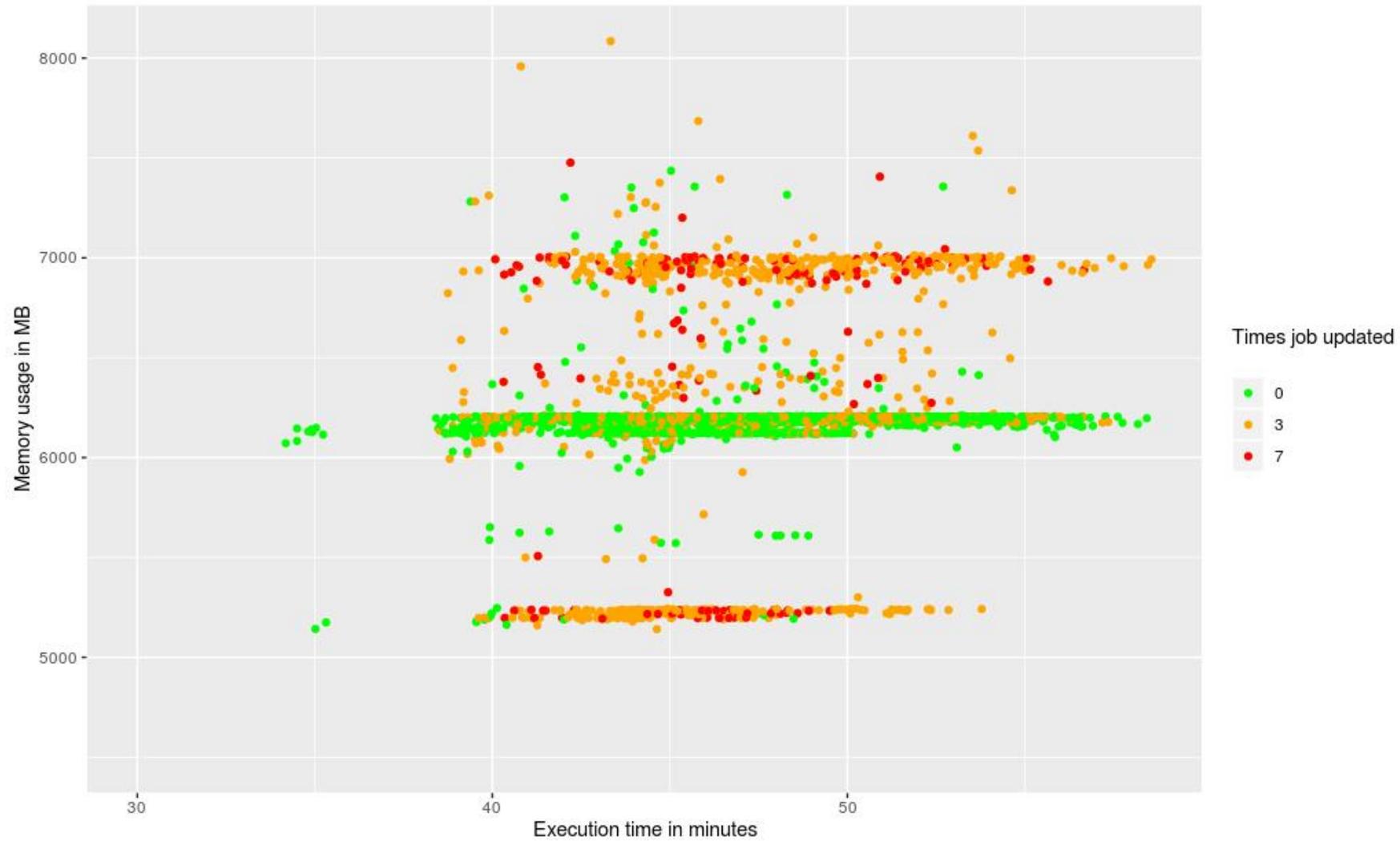
# Workflow - HTCondor - Batch processing



# HTCondor - Jobs status



# Memory usage vs Time



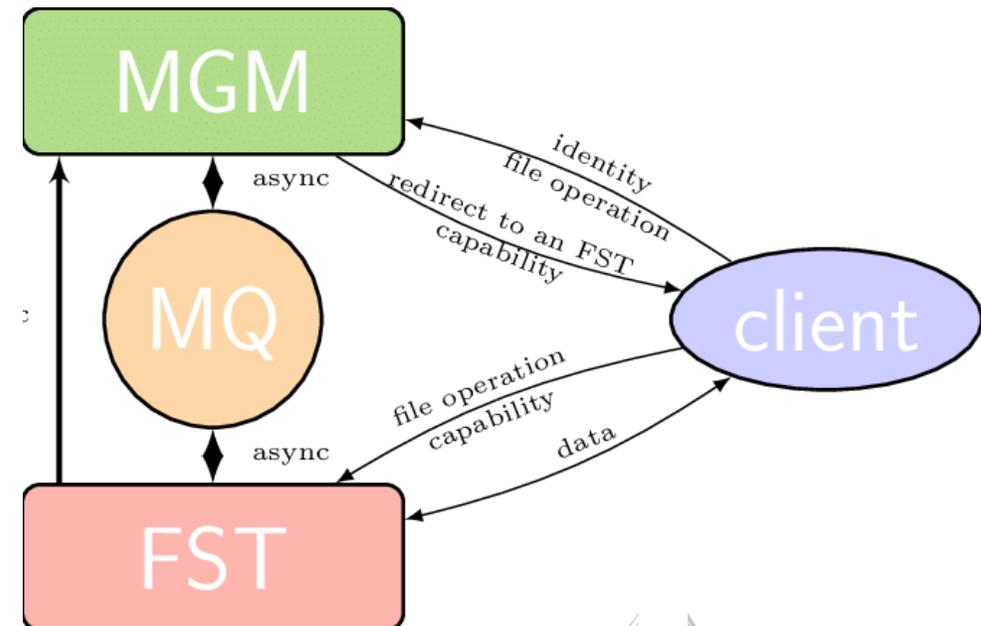
# Troubleshooting

Problem: Jobs got on hold

Cause: Overload of the MGM

JEODPP team solution:

- Avoid having too many files in the same folder.
- Disable the ability of some libraries to list files (ex: gdal)
- Avoid the use of extensive listing commands (find, ls stat, ect.)



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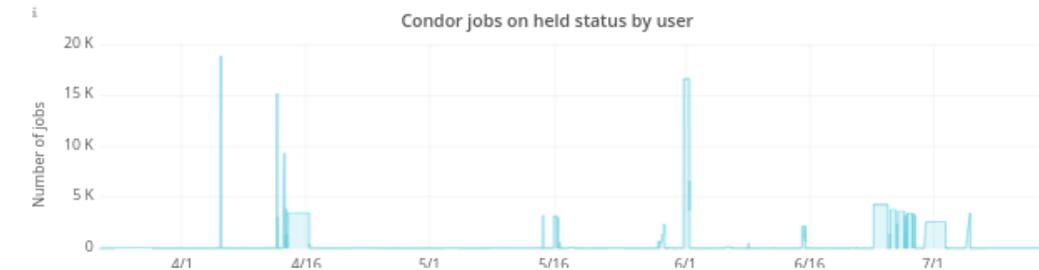
Problem: Black Holes

Cause: Long-term job fails in an specific machine The machine goes in idle, accepting more jobs that it won't finish.

JEODPP team solution:

- Change machines when sending jobs

```
job_machine_attrs = Machine
job_machine_attrs_history_length = 5
requirements = target.machine !=
MachineAttrMachine1 && target.machine !=
MachineAttrMachine2
```



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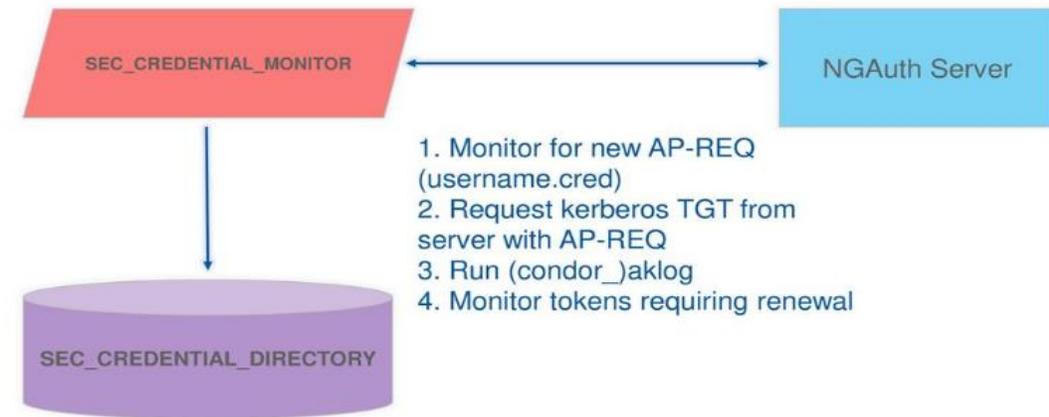
Problem: Failed to initialize log/err/out

Possible cause: NGAuth service is overloaded and no TGT is produced

JEODPP team solution:

- Re-launch the process

## Schedd



# Results



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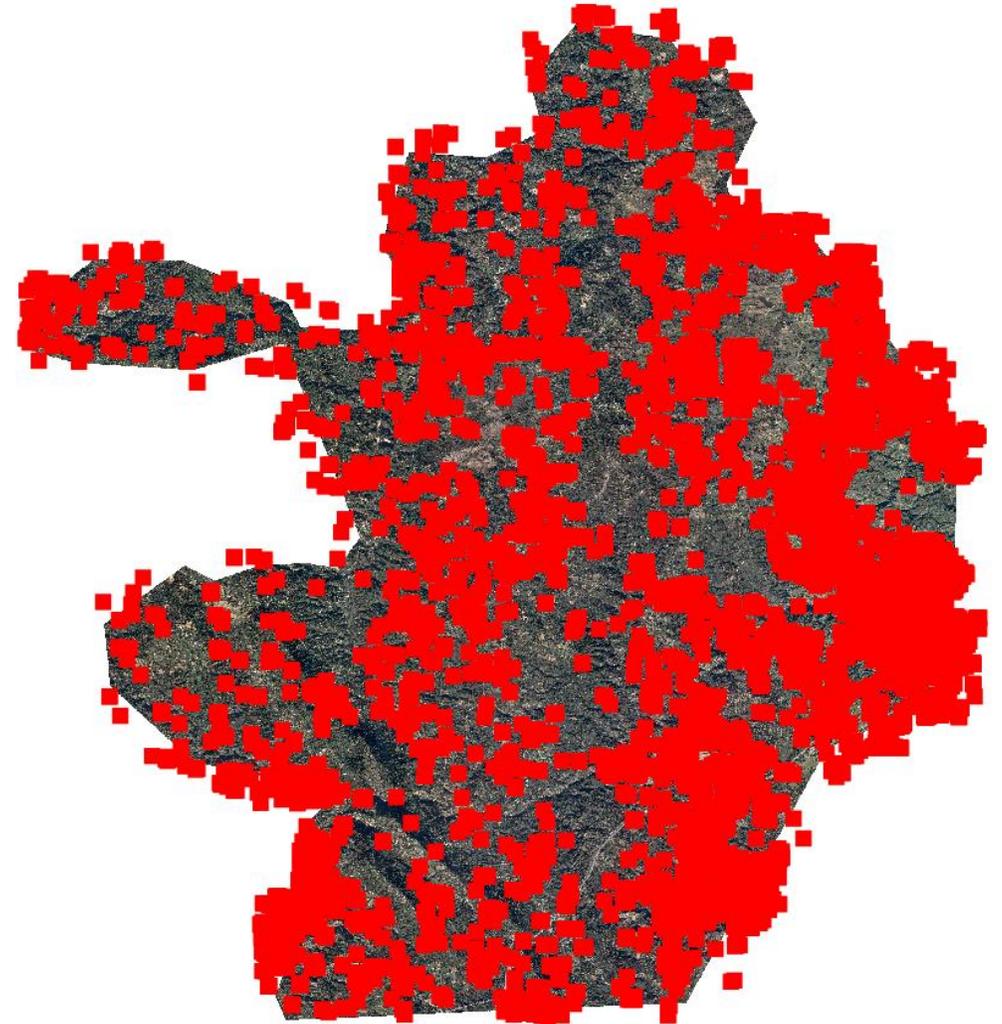


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