



# Orbiters and Clouds: Bringing Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter Data to the People

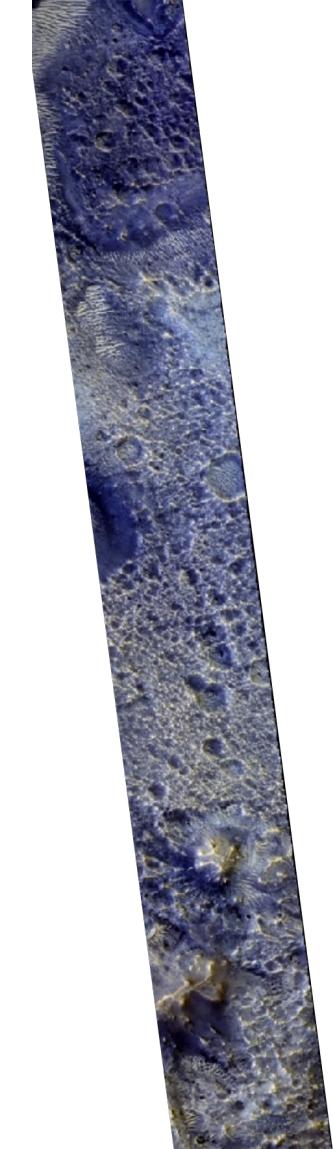
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# Overview

Building on the legacy of `condor_annex`, we created an open-source, pool-on-demand AWS-based platform for high-throughput computing with HTCondor

We illustrate with an example of making Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter HiRISE imagery data more open and accessible for science



# On Premises Resource Seems Ideal – *we have been running a large cluster for years*

- 0. Can be difficult to buy and maintain on-premises computational resources
- 1. Consider the full costs on premises
  - buying equipment
  - the human cost of maintenance
  - power/cooling
  - carbon footprint of lacking efficiency
- 2. Who gets priority?

# What about the cloud?

## The Good Stuff:

0. Can scale big
1. Can configure things pretty much how you want
2. "Bring the compute to the data"
3. Everyone gets their own cluster

## The Bad Stuff:

0. IT nerdery overload to get going 😎
1. Ubiquity of error has a side effect



# cloud-ht2c

## Alpha Version 0.1

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `DOI-USGS/cloud-ht2c`. The repository has 1 branch and 0 tags. The main commit is a merge pull request from `DOI-USGS/jlaura-patch-1`, made 4 hours ago by `mnfienien`. The commit message is "Merge pull request #1 from DOI-USGS/jlaura-patch-1". The commit details show changes to `cloudformation`, `docs`, `.gitignore`, `CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md`, `CONTRIBUTING.md`, `DISCLAIMER.md`, `LICENSE.md`, `README.md`, and `code.json`. The README.md file contains the following content:

## Cloud HT2C

AWS Cloudformation configuration for high-throughput computing with HTCondor, supported by USGS HyTEST project and Cloud Hosting Solutions



# Architecture of cloud-ht2c

0. Configure an AMI (Amazon Machine Image)

AMI=blueprint.

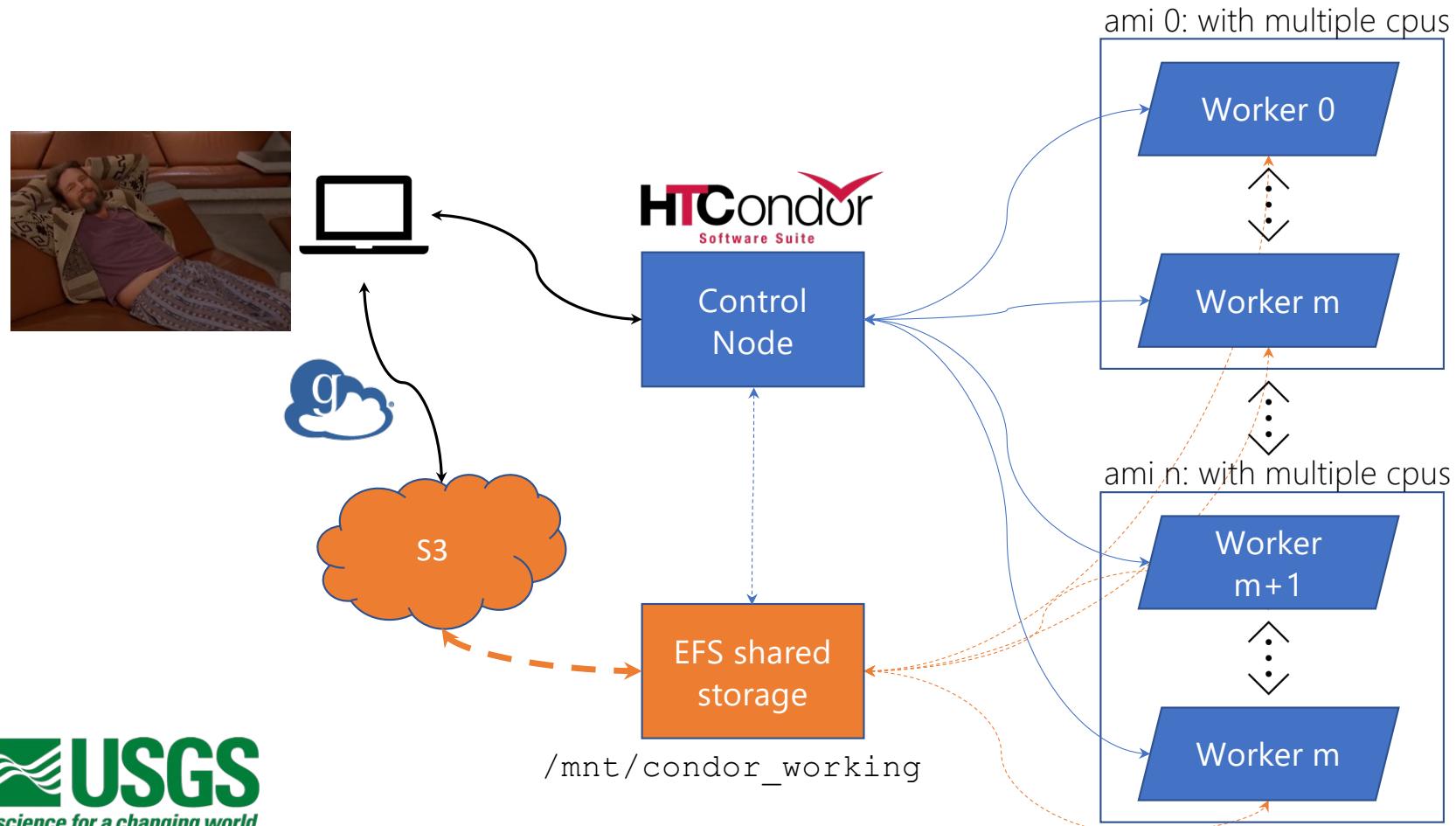
Single running instance=one building from the blueprint

There are a few prereqs for the AMI

1. Spin up a cluster on demand using cloudformation yml configuration
  - decide which AMI and architecture to base the control node and each worker on
  - decide how many workers you want
  - choose optional spot option
  - assign timeout options
2. Cloudformation coordinates a flexible setup
  - with a single central manager and workers can come and go
    - HTCondor uses TCP/IP so port 9618 is open
    - Also ports 9700-9710 are available for PEST/PEST++



## Cloud-based hybrid of HPC and HTC



# Configuring a cloud-based compute cluster

## 1. Parameters

### Network Configuration

#### Name Prefix

Enter a unique prefix to help identify your cluster's specific resources

mnf\_demo

Malformed input-Parameter pNamePrefix must match pattern [\\\_-.#/A-Za-z0-9]+

#### VPC

VPC Id for deployment

vpc-0af42fd592a1efc5b - csr-vpc-ephemeralDev

#### Subnets (Select 3)

Subnets for deployment

Choose options

subnet-06e8cb2055f9477b3 X subnet-0f29464029b7f677c X

subnet-0bcd68692d4d2279d X

#### CIDR Range with access to the Control Node

Input the CIDR range of the selected VPC.

0.0.0/0

Default value can be overridden.

## 2.

### Controller Configuration

#### Control Node Instance Type

Instance type for the Control Node

c5.xlarge

#### Control Node Volume Size

The EBS volume size of the Control Node. NOTE: AWS Elastic File System storage is comes configured on the Control Node.

256

#### Control Node AMI ID

The AMI to run the HTCondor Controller node on. Default is the chs-centos-7-awstools AMI.

ami-02b40f4187a3c2fe4

Default value can be overridden.

## 3.

### Worker Configuration

#### Number of Worker Nodes to launch

The number of Worker Nodes to spin up. Update this parameter to alter available compute power or save on costs.

2000

#### Worker Node Instance Type

Instance type for Worker Nodes

c5.large

#### Worker Node Volume Size

The EBS volume size of the Worker Nodes.

64

Default value can be overridden.

#### Worker Node AMI ID

The AMI to run the HTCondor Worker nodes on. Default is the chs-amazon-linux-2-hadoop

ami-02b40f4187a3c2fe4

Default value can be overridden.

#### Worker Node Timeout

The Idle Time in seconds a Worker Node is allowed to exist before it is terminated. Set value to 0 to disable auto termination of idle Worker Nodes.

600

Default value can be overridden.

#### Worker Node Kill Switch Timestamp

If specified, executes a hard scale-in of all worker nodes in the AutoScaling Group to zero instances at the designated timestamp (UTC, 24-hour time notation). Enter "NULL" if you do not wish to enable a hard termination timestamp for your Worker Nodes. Timestamp must be formatted as "YYYY-MM-ddTHH:mm:ssZ", e.g. "2023-01-01T22:00:00Z"

2023-07-10T22:00:00Z

## 4.

### Spot Instance Configuration

#### Use Spot Instances

Whether to use Spot Instance for the worker nodes

true

#### (Optional) Spot Instance Type 1

An additional instance type to use in the Spot Pool for Worker Instances

c5.xlarge

#### (Optional) Spot Instance Type 2

An additional instance type to use in the Spot Pool for Worker Instances

c5.2xlarge

#### (Optional) Spot Instance Type 3

An additional instance type to use in the Spot Pool for Worker Instances

c5.4xlarge

Thanks to Todd Miller for the lowdown!

# How to deploy dependencies and model files



Amazon EFS

/mnt/condor\_working



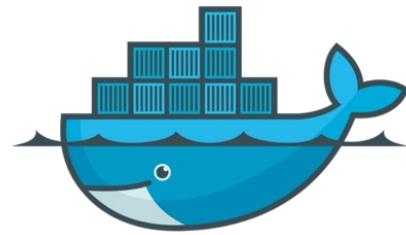
conda/**conda-pack**

Package conda environments for redistribution



Amazon Machine  
Image (AMI)

"AMI is the OG Docker"



**docker**

*Increasing complexity*



# Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter and Analysis Ready Data

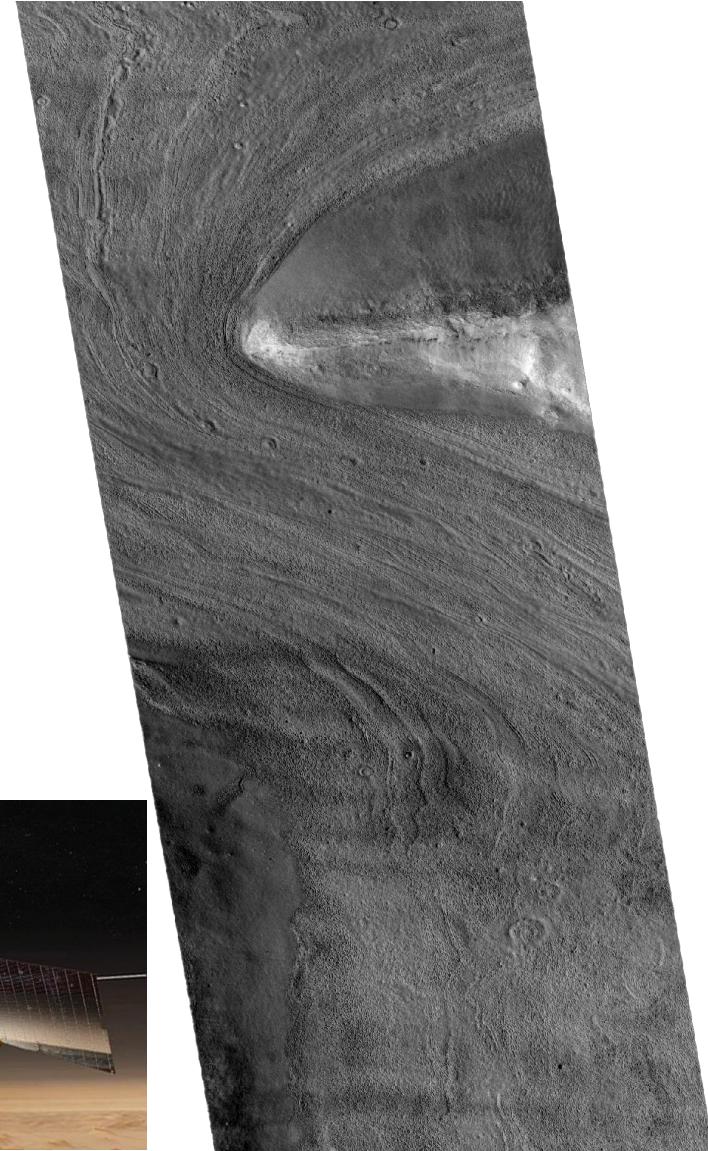
Different missions have different specs/needs.

Big issues are image format (JPEG 2000 are not registered in space so harder to find).

Cloud-optimized geoTIFF is explorable via browser.

Common projections enhance interoperability

Processing and serving the entire dataset empowers scientists to focus on the science rather than endless fussing with a complex image/geo-processing workflow



# Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter and Analysis Ready Data by the Numbers

155,317 total images to process

Input from USGS/NASA S3 bucket: 100 TB

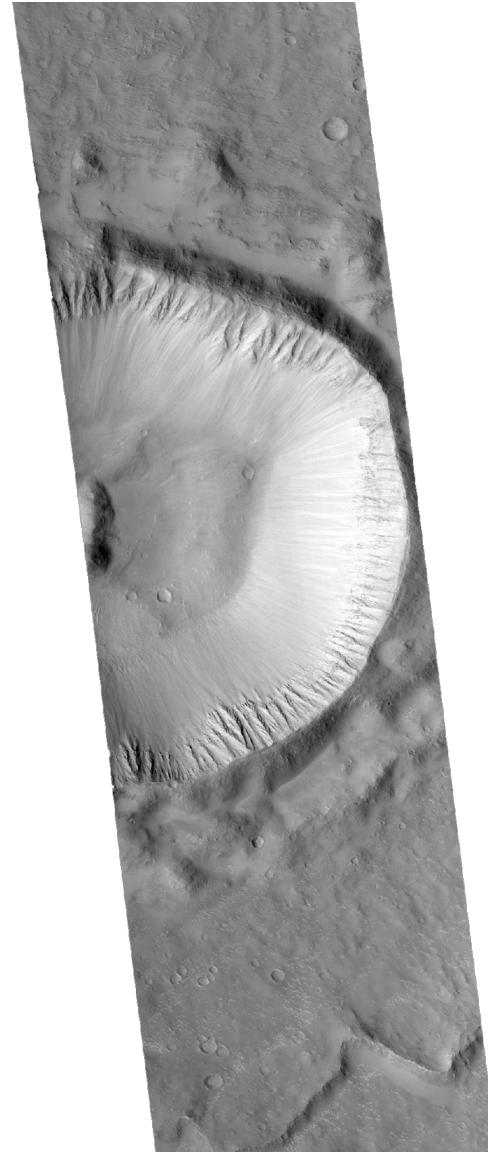
Output to NASA/Amazon Registry of Open Data S3: 114 TB

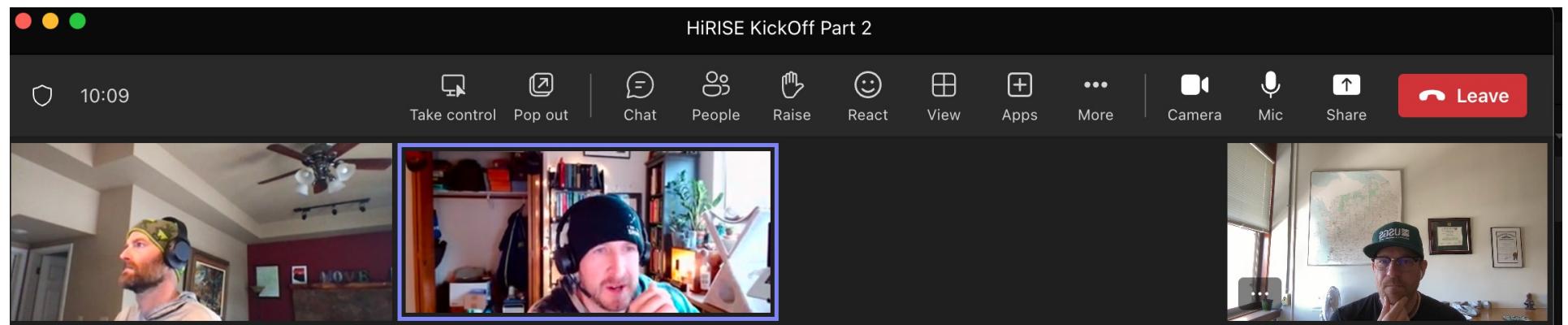
2,000 AMIs supporting 4,664 concurrent jobs

Total wall time: about 4 hours

(not quite enough time to watch *The Martian* twice!)

Cost: about 10% of planned (#spotInstances)





Session ID: mnfienien@usgs.gov-  
Instance ID: i-092528f04fcc81e1

Every 5.0s: condor\_status | tail

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slot1@ip-172-16-255-221.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX      x86_64 Unclaimed Idle      0.000  7524  0+00:00:00
slot1@ip-172-16-255-230.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX      x86_64 Unclaimed Idle      0.000  3577  0+00:14:31
slot1@ip-172-16-255-237.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX      x86_64 Unclaimed Idle      0.000  7524  0+00:09:31
slot1@ip-172-16-255-252.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX      x86_64 Unclaimed Idle      0.000  3577  0+00:09:31

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	Total	Owner	Claimed	Unclaimed	Matched	Preempting	Bac
X86_64/LINUX	2000	0	0	2000	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

Tue Mar 28 23:42:27 2023

**EC2 Dashboard** **S3** **CloudFront** **EC2** **Service Catalog** **Elastic Container Registry** **IAM** **CloudFormation**

**Instances (1100+)** **Info** **C** **Connect** **Instance state** **Actions** **Launch instances**

**Find instance by attribute or tag (case-sensitive)**

**Instance state = running** **Clear filters**

Name	Instance ID	Instance state	Instance type	Status check	Alarm status	Availability Zon
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-0519c244bd2805ce8	Running	c5.large	Initializing	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-035b49a8bc3e9b192	Running	c5.large	2/2 checks passed	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-05039a17eb3e772b	Running	c5.large	2/2 checks passed	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-0449dd01d1be53451	Running	c5.large	Initializing	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-0b917821cd939037a	Running	c5.large	Initializing	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-04bf67a657c8a79	Running	c5.large	Initializing	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-015ec775fa704f67d	Running	c5.large	Initializing	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-07cb6dea40c039e82	Running	c5.large	Initializing	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-0131a879a3931fa96	Running	c5.large	2/2 checks passed	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-0eb75554f157c4168	Running	c5.large	2/2 checks passed	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-0ed6d0f0fb426f4d9	Running	c5.large	Initializing	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-05600f59a035767f3	Running	c5.large	Initializing	No alarms	+ us-west-2a
R3_HTCondor Worker Node	i-0ad0f0f0f54da99f	Running	c5.large	Initializing	No alarms	+ us-west-2a

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× @ip-172-16-32-159:~/condor (session-manager-plugin) [1] 155317 job(s) submitted to cluster 1.  
[ssm-user@ip-172-16-32-159 condor]$
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*That's a lot of dots!*



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slot1@ip-172-16-255-175.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Unclaimed Idle 0.000 1124 0+00:26:49
slot1_1@ip-172-16-255-175.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:26
slot1_2@ip-172-16-255-175.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:04
slot1@ip-172-16-255-176.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Unclaimed Idle 0.000 2620 0+00:23:38
slot1_1@ip-172-16-255-176.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:00
slot1_2@ip-172-16-255-176.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:00
slot1_3@ip-172-16-255-176.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Idle 0.000 3200 0+00:00:00
slot1_4@ip-172-16-255-176.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Idle 0.000 3200 0+00:00:00
slot1@ip-172-16-255-188.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Unclaimed Idle 0.000 1124 0+00:20:49
slot1_1@ip-172-16-255-188.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:28
slot1_2@ip-172-16-255-188.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:05
slot1@ip-172-16-255-221.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Unclaimed Idle 0.000 1124 0+00:19:29
slot1_1@ip-172-16-255-221.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:00
slot1_2@ip-172-16-255-221.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:00
slot1@ip-172-16-255-230.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Unclaimed Idle 0.000 377 0+00:32:38
slot1_1@ip-172-16-255-230.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:06
slot1@ip-172-16-255-237.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Unclaimed Idle 0.000 1124 0+00:29:01
slot1_1@ip-172-16-255-237.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:26
slot1_2@ip-172-16-255-237.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:07
slot1@ip-172-16-255-252.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Unclaimed Idle 0.000 377 0+00:28:50
slot1_1@ip-172-16-255-252.us-west-2.compute.internal LINUX X86_64 Claimed Busy 0.000 3200 0+00:00:10

      Total Owner Claimed Unclaimed Matched Preempting Backfill  Drain

X86_64/LINUX 6664     0    4664    2000     0     0     0     0

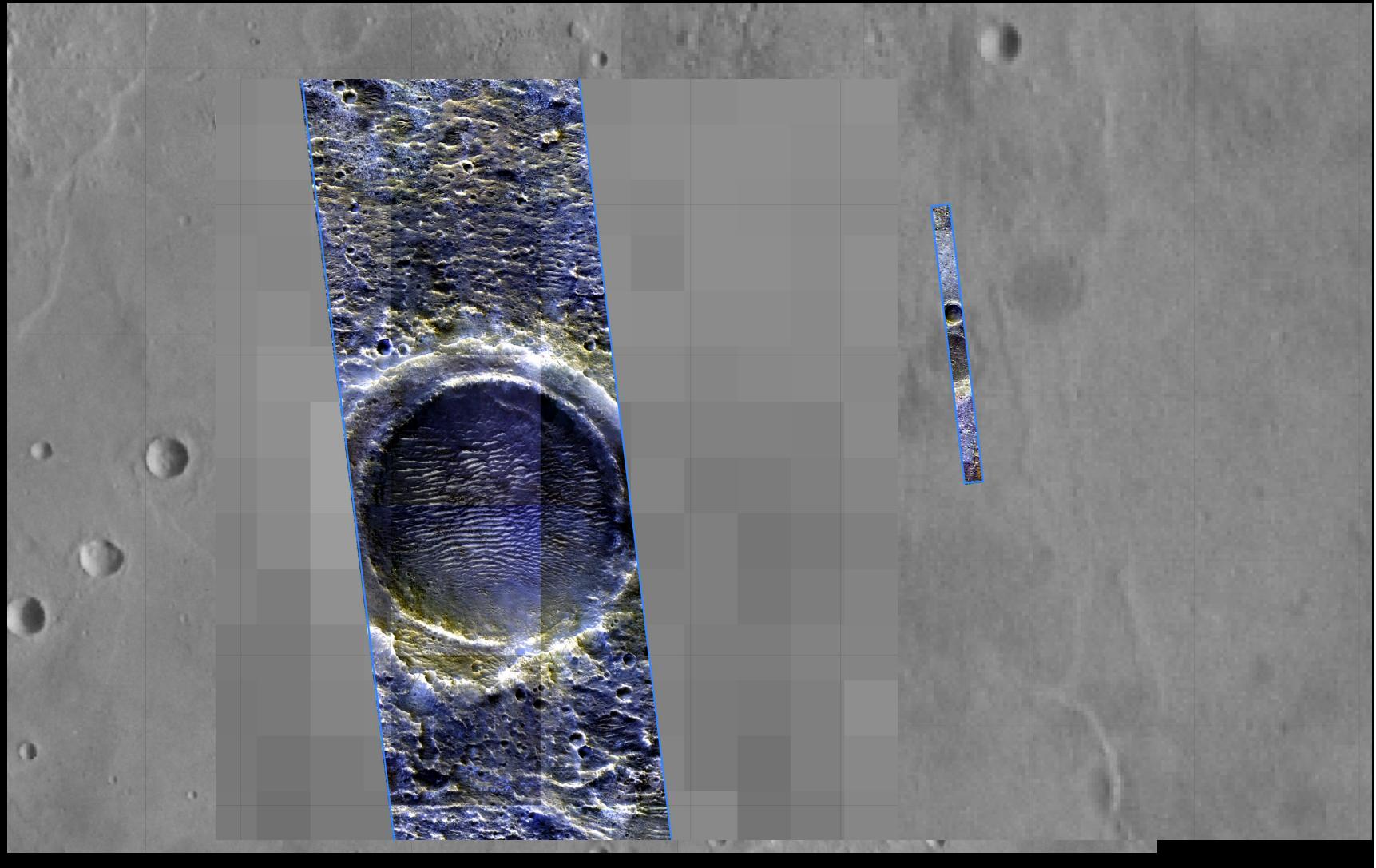
      Total 6664     0    4664    2000     0     0     0     0
[ssm-user@ip-172-16-32-159 ~]$
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-- Schedd: ip-172-16-32-159.us-west-2.compute.internal : <172.16.32.159:9618?... @ 03/29/23 12:15:49
OWNER      BATCH_NAME      SUBMITTED      DONE      RUN      IDLE      HOLD      TOTAL      JOB_IDS
ssm-user  ID: 1            3/28 23:58  155293      -        -      24  155317  1.1422-89355

Total for query: 24 jobs; 0 completed, 0 removed, 0 idle, 0 running, 24 held, 0 suspended
Total for ssm-user: 24 jobs; 0 completed, 0 removed, 0 idle, 0 running, 24 held, 0 suspended
Total for all users: 24 jobs; 0 completed, 0 removed, 0 idle, 0 running, 24 held, 0 suspended

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# Let's talk about MONEY

*On-demand pricing*

Instance name	On-Demand hourly rate	vCPU	Memory	Storage	Network performance
c5.large	\$0.085	2	4 GiB	EBS Only	
c5.xlarge	\$0.17	4	8 GiB	EBS Only	
c5.2xlarge	\$0.34	8	16 GiB	EBS Only	
c5.4xlarge	\$0.68	16	32 GiB	EBS Only	
c5.9xlarge	\$1.53	36	72 GiB	EBS Only	
c5.12xlarge	\$2.04	48	96 GiB	EBS Only	
c5.18xlarge	\$3.06	72	144 GiB	EBS Only	
c5.24xlarge	\$4.08	96	192 GiB	EBS Only	
c5.metal	\$4.08	96	192 GiB	EBS Only	
c5a.large	\$0.077	2	4 GiB	EBS Only	Up to 10 Gbps
c5a.xlarge	\$0.154	4	8 GiB	EBS Only	Up to 10 Gbps
c5a.2xlarge	\$0.308	8	16 GiB	EBS Only	Up to 10 Gbps

*Spot pricing*

c5.large	\$0.0349 per Hour	\$0.1242 per Hour
c5.xlarge	\$0.0736 per Hour	\$0.2484 per Hour
c5.2xlarge	\$0.1356 per Hour	\$0.4968 per Hour
c5.4xlarge	\$0.2576 per Hour	\$0.9936 per Hour
c5.9xlarge	\$0.5795 per Hour	\$2.2355 per Hour
c5.12xlarge	\$0.7747 per Hour	\$2.9807 per Hour
c5.18xlarge	\$1.1683 per Hour	\$4.471 per Hour
c5.24xlarge	\$1.6719 per Hour	\$5.9614 per Hour
c5.metal	\$1.5454 per Hour	\$5.9614 per Hour
c5a.large	\$0.0329 per Hour	\$0.1242 per Hour
c5a.xlarge	\$0.0649 per Hour	\$0.2484 per Hour
c5a.2xlarge	\$0.1288 per Hour	\$0.4968 per Hour
c5d.12xlarge	\$0.2801 per Hour	\$0.9936 per Hour
c5d.18xlarge	\$0.5887 per Hour	\$2.2355 per Hour
c5d.24xlarge	\$0.7727 per Hour	\$2.9807 per Hour
c5d.18xlarge	\$1.1671 per Hour	\$4.471 per Hour
c5d.24xlarge	\$1.5454 per Hour	\$5.9614 per Hour



# Let's talk more about MONEY

Break it down:

each CPU on-demand is ~\$0.043/hr

but likely need to reserve some (25%) CPUs for OS, so ~\$0.057/hr

Spot market? Cost is often ~40%-50% so maybe \$0.02-\$0.03/hr?

BUT! If runs get dropped, can add up – think about forward runtimes

Spot is cheaper for AMIs with more CPUs, but that may hurt performance



THANKS!

Go kick the tires on cloud-ht2c – just remember it's  
Alpha v 0.1 – let me know how it goes [mnfienen@usgs.gov](mailto:mnfienen@usgs.gov)

The screenshot shows a desktop interface with three windows:

- Left Window:** GitHub page for [DOI-USGS/cloud-ht2c](#). It shows a pull request from [mnfienen](#) and a commit from [mnfienen](#) to the `main` branch. The commit message is "Merge pull request #1 from DOI-USGS/laura-patch-1". The commit details mention "cloudformation" and "remove chs ami specific".
- Middle Window:** GitHub page for [mnfienen/HTCondorHelloWorld](#). It shows a single commit from [mnfienen](#) to the `master` branch. The commit message is "Initial commit with required".
- Right Window:** A web browser displaying a Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) observation record. The URL is [stac.astrogeology.usgs.gov/browser-dev/#/api/collections/mro\\_hirise\\_uncontrolled\\_observations](https://stac.astrogeology.usgs.gov/browser-dev/#/api/collections/mro_hirise_uncontrolled_observations). The title is "Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) Observations". The description states: "These data are red and color Reduced Data Record (RDR) observations collected and originally processed by the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) team. The mdata are processed from the Planetary Data System (PDS) stored RDRs, map projected, and converted to Cloud Optimized GeoTiffs (COGs) for efficient remote data access. These data are not photogrammetrically controlled and use a priori NAIF SPICE pointing. Therefore, these data will not co-register with controlled data products. Data are released using simple cylindrical (planetocentric positive East, center longitude 0, -180 – 180 longitude domain) or a pole centered polar stereographic projection. Data are projected to the appropriate IAU Well-known Text v2 (WKT2) represented projection." The observation is titled "MRO HiRISE RDR (Uncontrolled); ESP\_077499\_2455\_RED". It includes a thumbnail image of a Mars surface feature.



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