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The new observational database at DMI

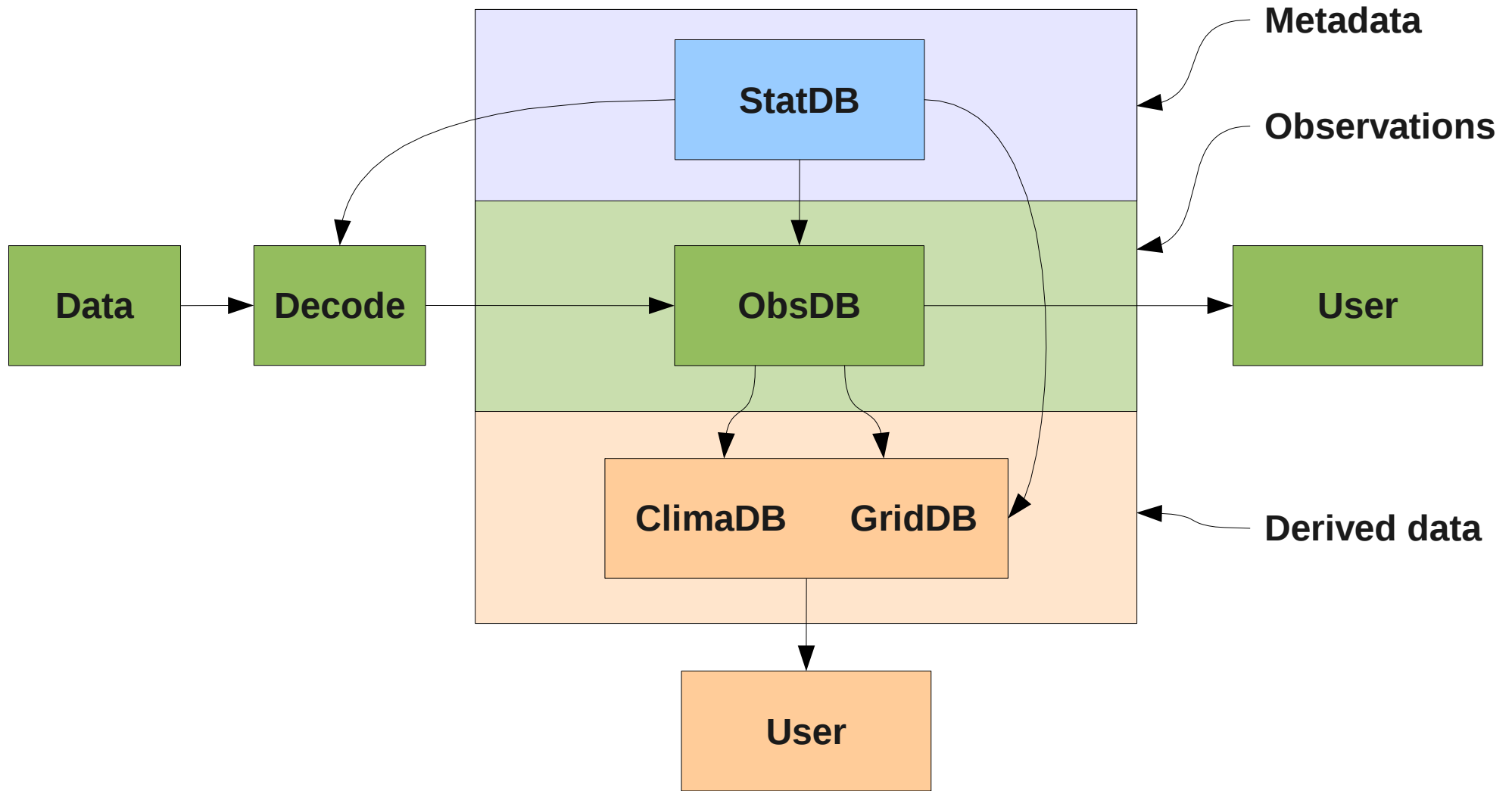
A single repository for observed meteorological data is a good way to centralize tasks such as data decoding and quality control. And a database is a natural way to implement such a repository. But requirements to the database are multiple: Forecasting systems require high performance and availability, but don't care about old data. Climatologists, on the other hand, want long time series and the ability to augment data with quality levels calculated from data sets extending in time and space.

A dramatic night sky filled with dark, heavy clouds. Multiple bright, jagged lightning bolts strike down from the clouds, illuminating the scene. The lightning bolts are a mix of white and yellow, with some branching out. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of trees and buildings are visible, with some city lights glowing at the bottom. The overall atmosphere is intense and powerful.

ObsDB

- The talk I would like to give ...
- The talk I am going to give...

The new databases

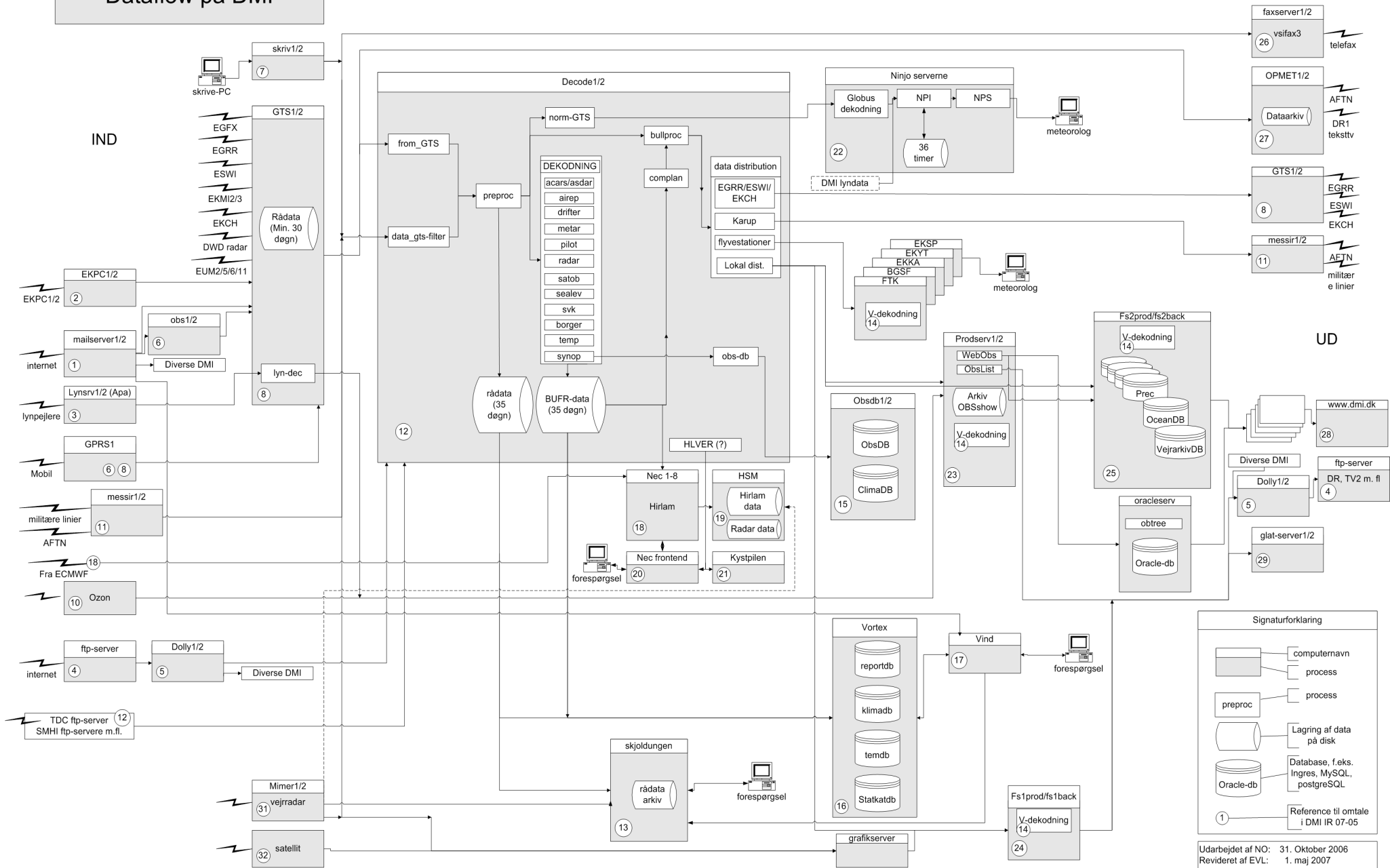


Purpose of ObsDB

- Centralize decoding and quality control
- Modernize

Centralize ?

Dataflow på DMI



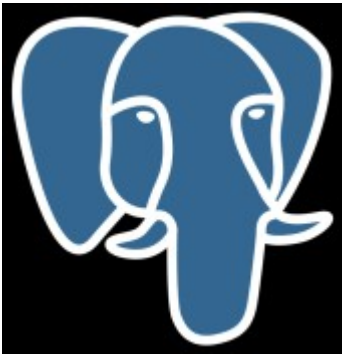
Ok, some centralization is
propably a good idea :-)

Modernize ?

PostgreSQL

INGRES™

Ingres, developed 1970-1980



PostgreSQL, Ingres fork started 1980

Actively developed:

Last release 8.4.1 from sept. 9, 2009
free :-)

Requirements to ObsDB

- History / data versioning
- Forecasting and presentation systems:
High performance and availability,
don't care about old data
- Climatologists: Long time series and the ability
to augment data with quality levels

... not easy to meet

ObsDB v1 → ObsDB v2

- Data consistency
- Performance

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Triggers, rules
and constraints :-)



ObsDB v1 → ObsDB v2

- Data consistency
- **Performance**

Well ...



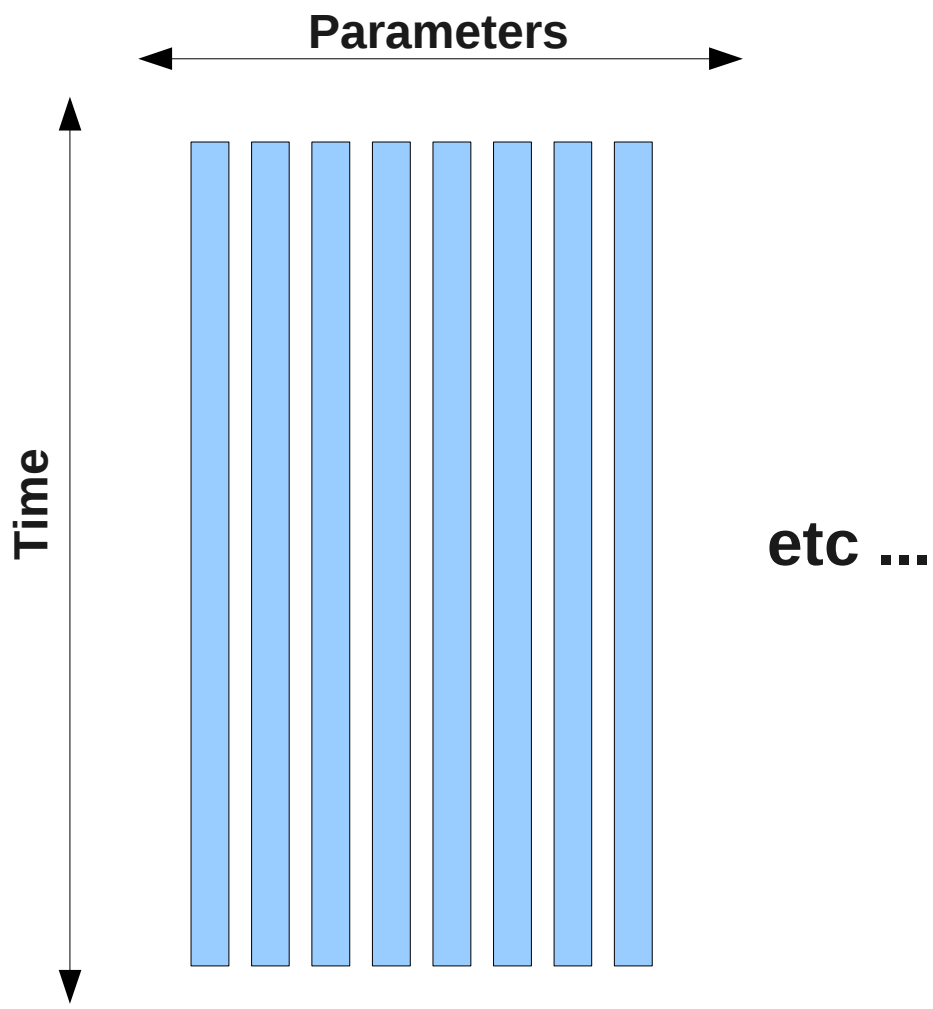
Data tables in ObsDB v1

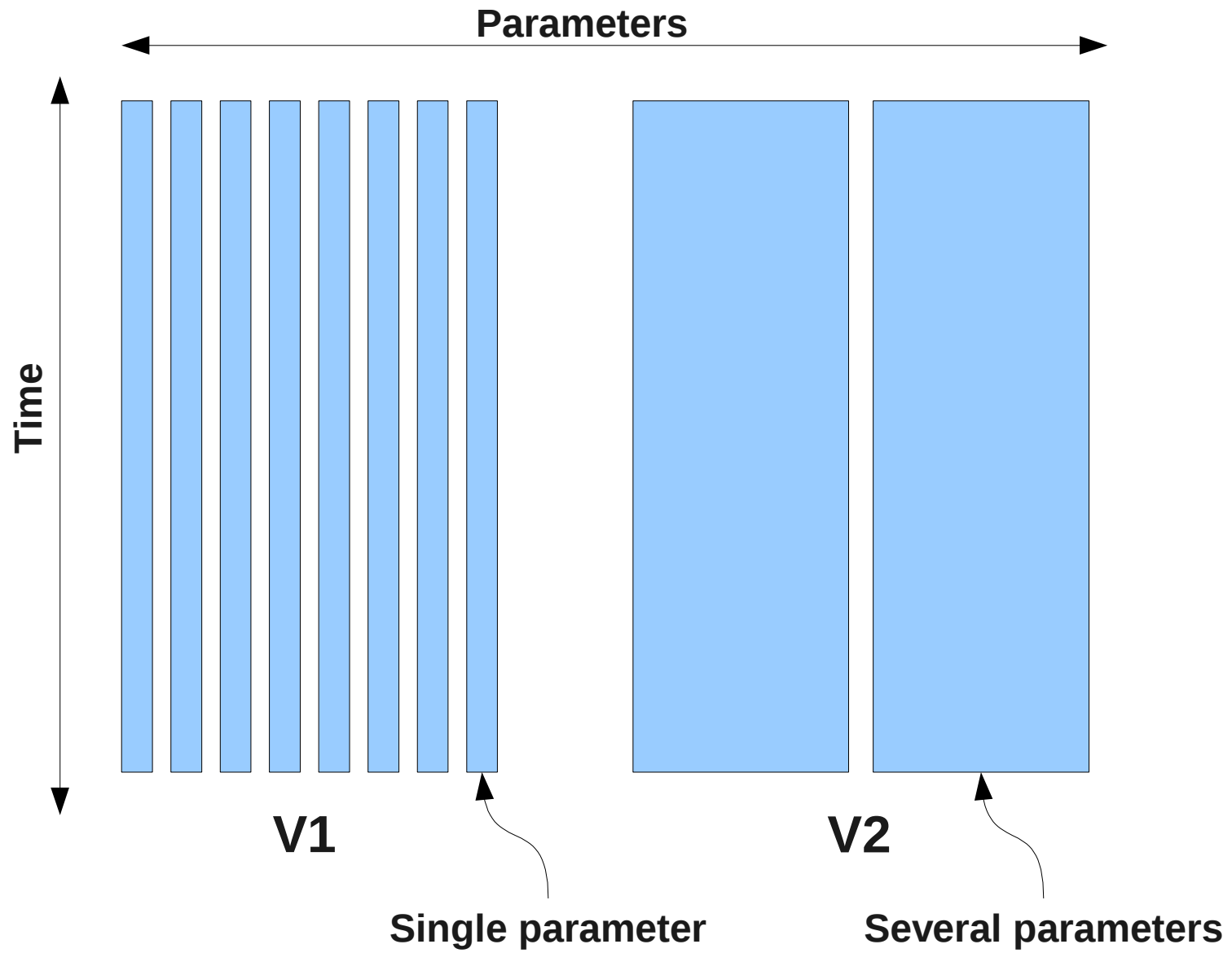
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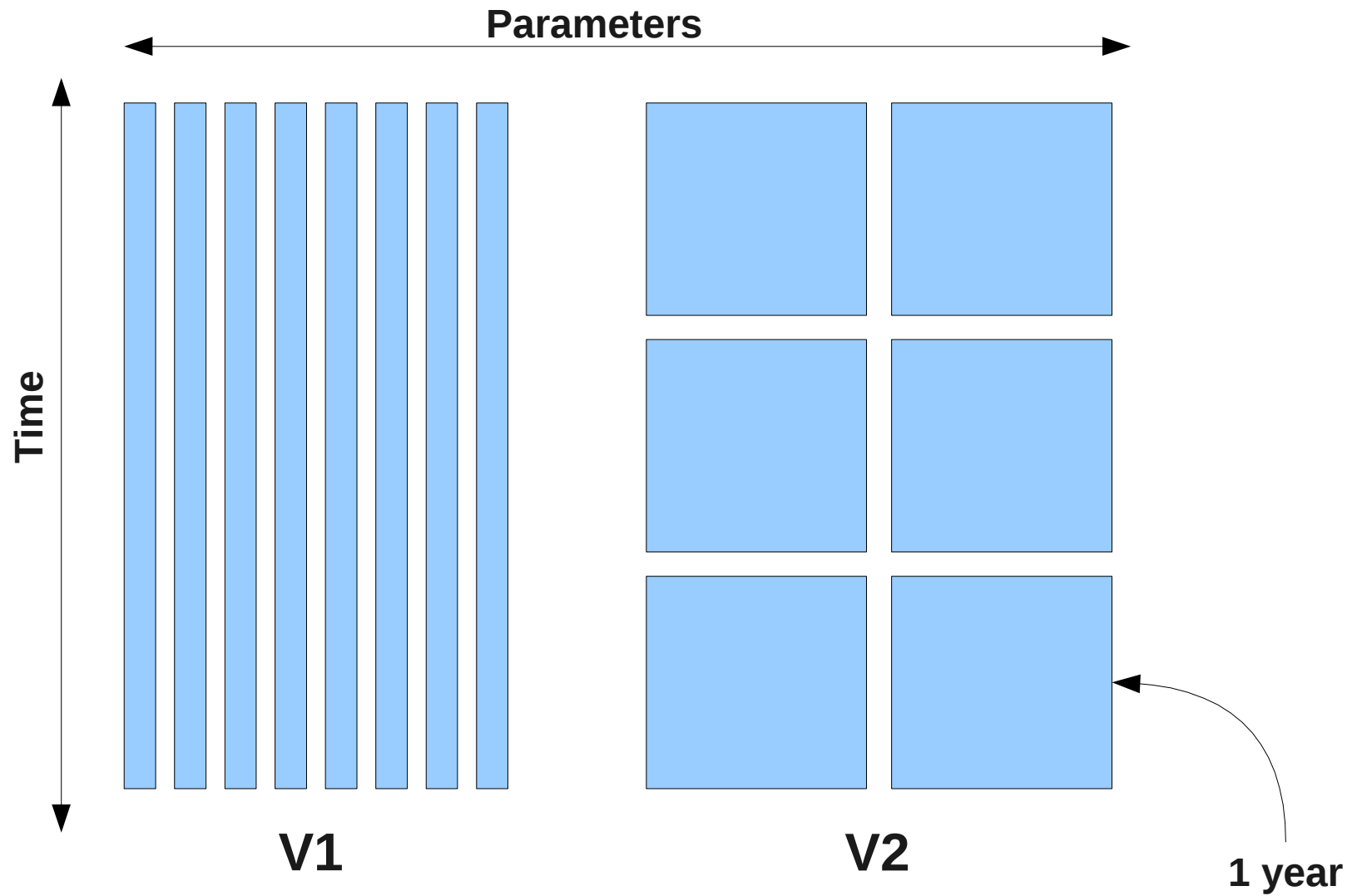
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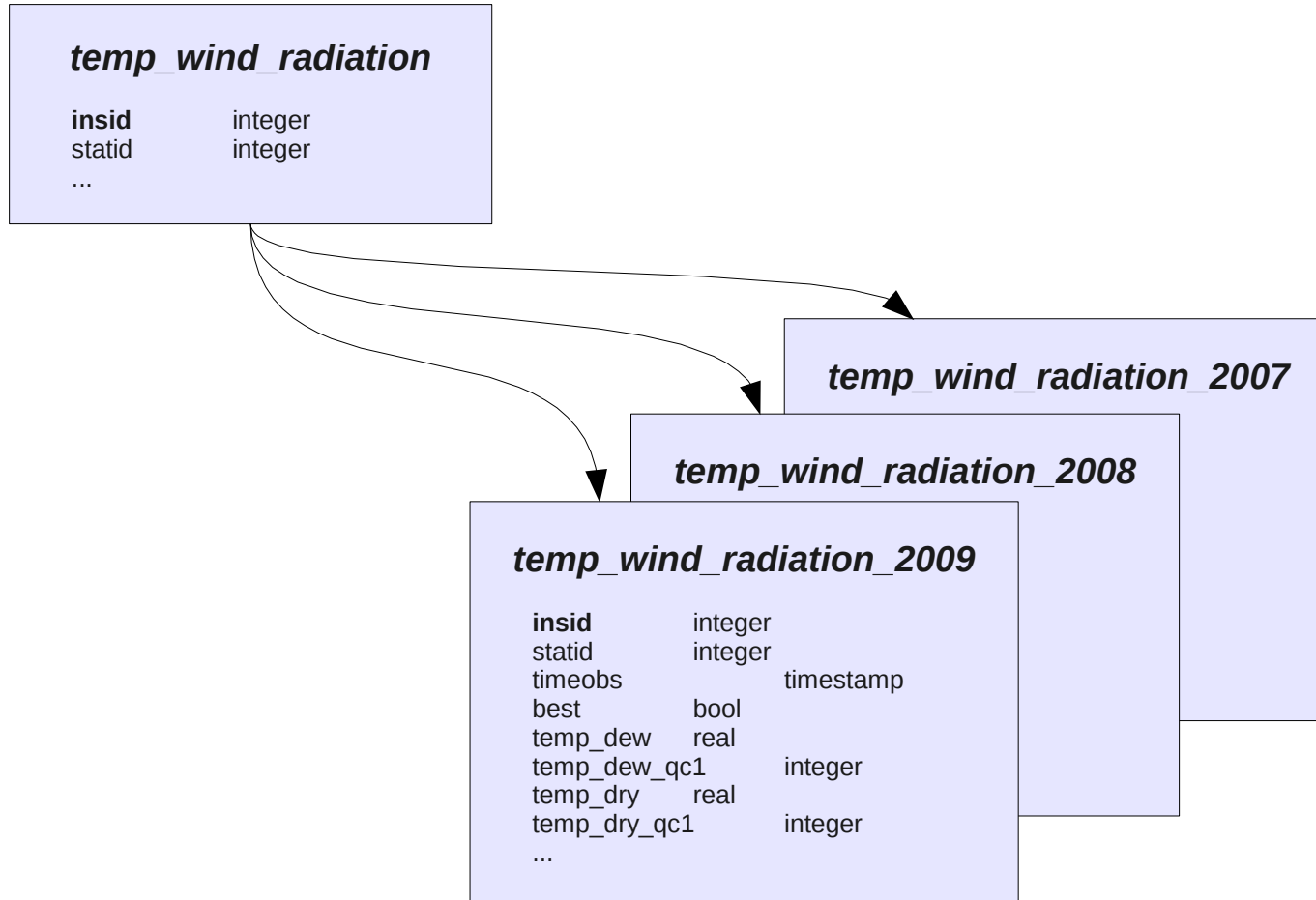
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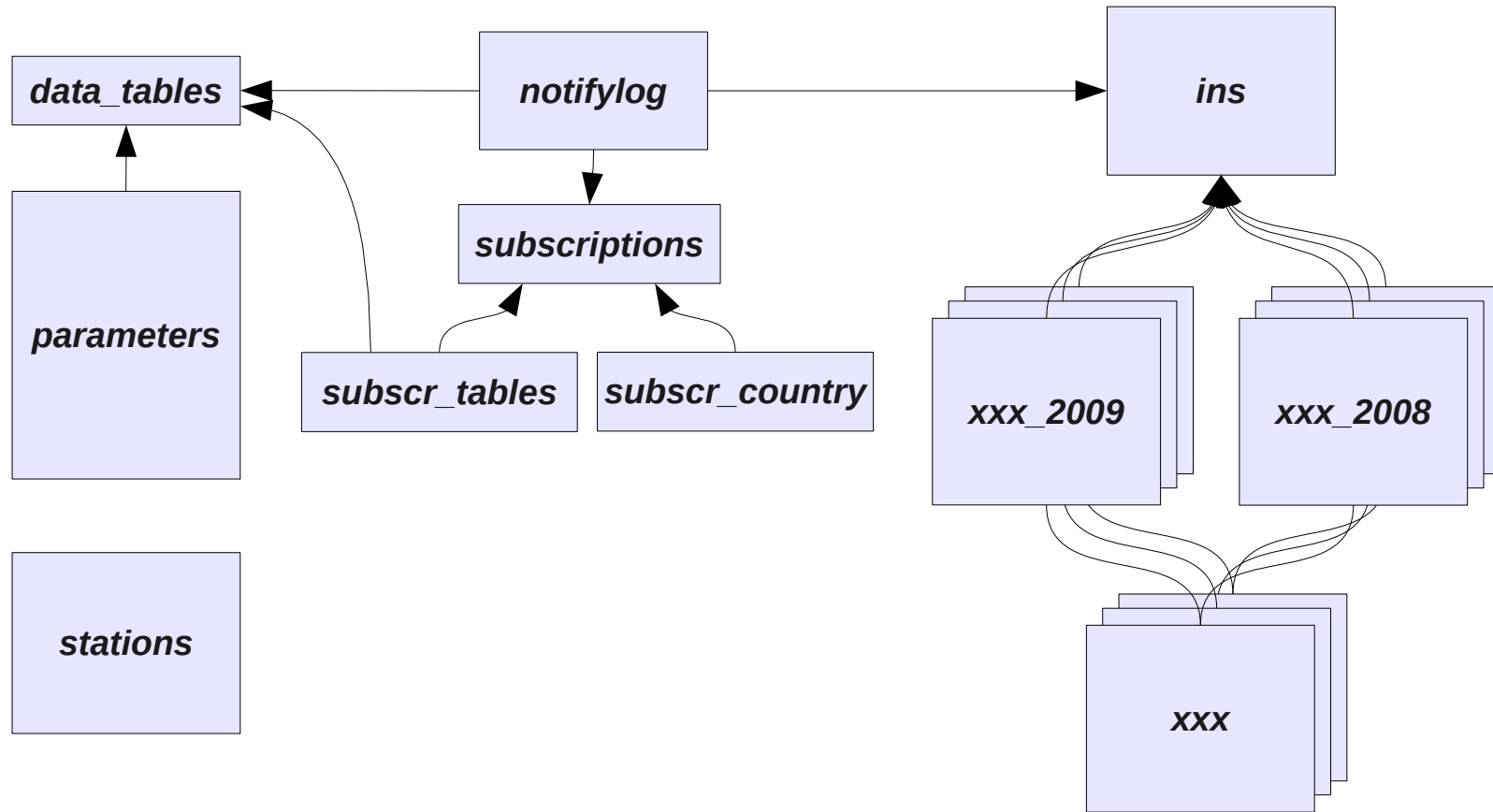




Data tables in ObsDB v2



ObsDB v2 overview



A dramatic night sky with a massive lightning bolt striking down, illuminating the clouds and the ground below. The text "The end :-)" is overlaid in the center.

The end :-)