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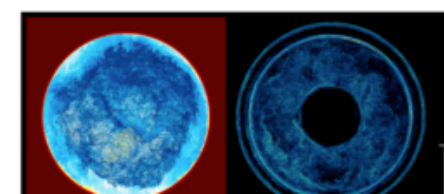


A screen capture of the user interface for WorldWide Telescope, a tool for visualizing astronomical data.
[Rosenfield et al. 2018]

One of the most rapidly evolving elements of astronomy research is how we handle data. With telescopes and computer simulations progressively producing ever vaster quantities, how can we process and analyze this data? What tools can we use to turn it into new astronomical discoveries?

The future of astronomy relies on new innovations on this front, and in a Special Issue of the *Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series*, 23 papers explore different insights and challenges related to astronomical data — presenting new workflows, software instruments, databases, and tutorials that will aid astronomers in generating novel and significant research results.

Here are the broad categories of data in astronomy that are touched on in this special issue:



1. Cloud-Based Research Environments for Discovery

Collaborations in astronomy are often large and broadly distributed. As a result, the astronomy community needs the infrastructure to be able to access large data sets, combine

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Abstract

Collaborations in astronomy and astrophysics are faced with numerous cyber-infrastructure challenges, such as large data sets, the need to combine heterogeneous data sets, and the challenge to effectively collaborate on those large, heterogeneous data sets with significant processing requirements and complex science software tools. The cyberhubs system is an easy-to-deploy package for small- to medium-sized collaborations based on the Jupyter and Docker technology, which allows web-browser-enabled, remote, interactive analytic access to shared data. It offers an initial step to address these challenges. The features and deployment steps of the system are described, as well as the requirements collection through an account of the different approaches to data structuring, handling, and available analytic tools for the NuGrid and PPMstar collaborations. NuGrid is an international collaboration that creates stellar evolution and explosion physics and nucleosynthesis simulation data. The PPMstar collaboration performs large-scale 3D stellar hydrodynamics simulations of interior convection in the late phases of stellar evolution. Examples of science that is currently performed on cyberhubs, in the areas of 3D stellar hydrodynamic simulations, stellar evolution and nucleosynthesis, and Galactic chemical evolution, are presented.

Key words: methods: data analysis – stars: abundances – stars: evolution

Cyberhubs systems architecture

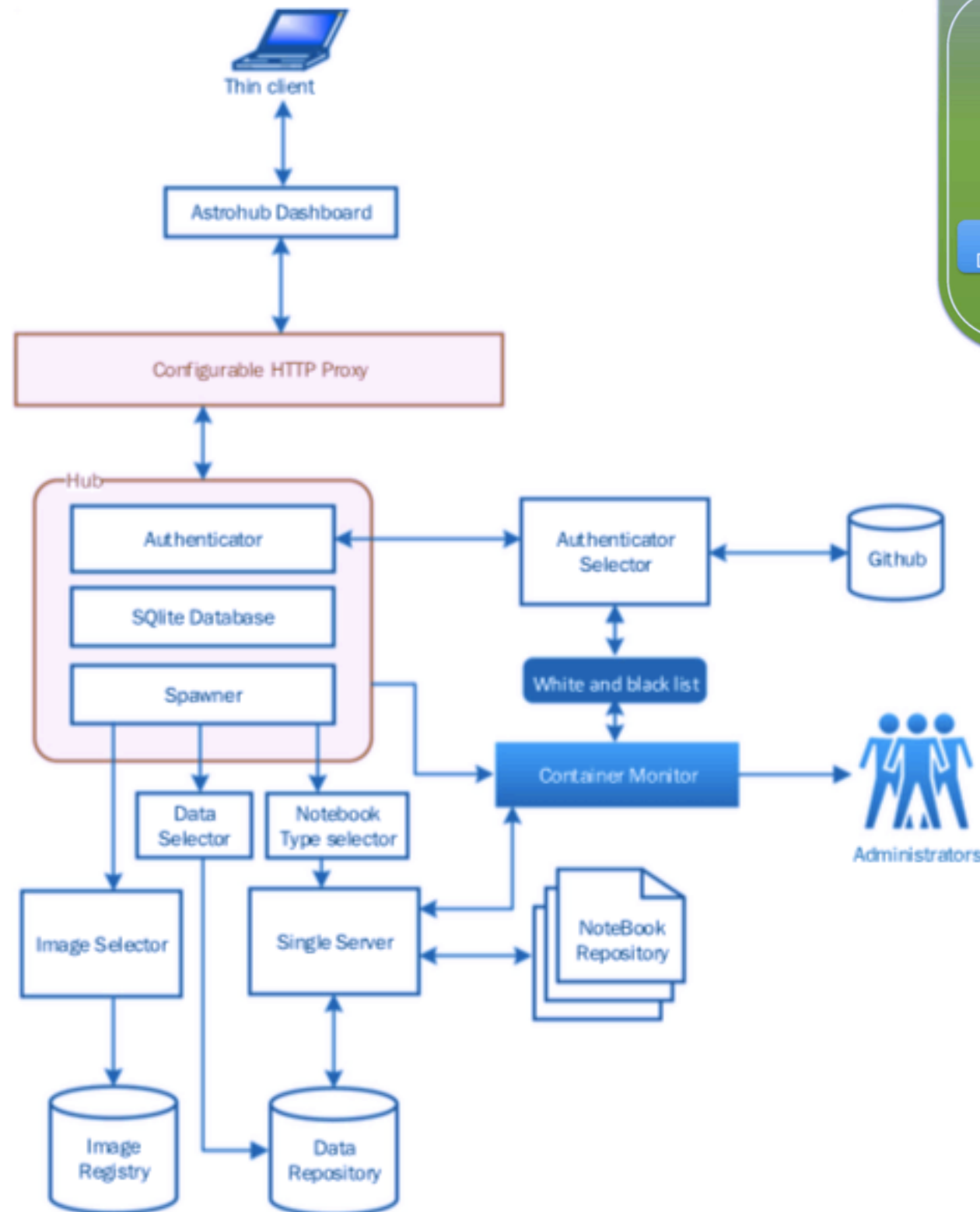


Figure 1. cyberhubs general system architecture.

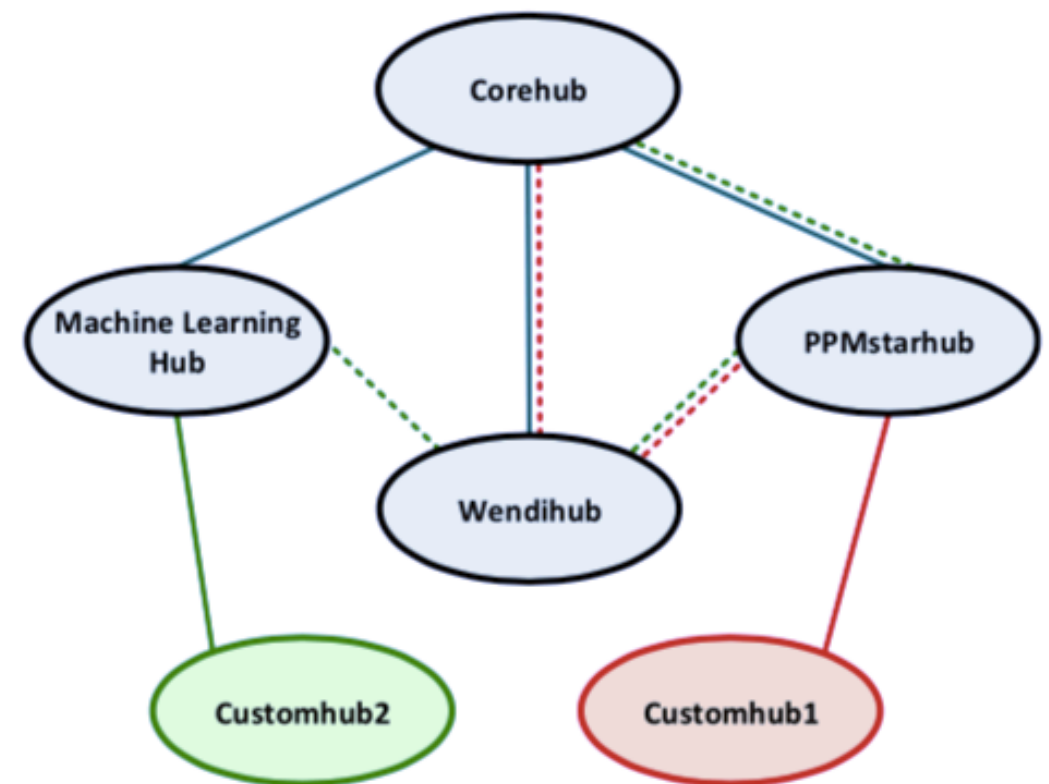
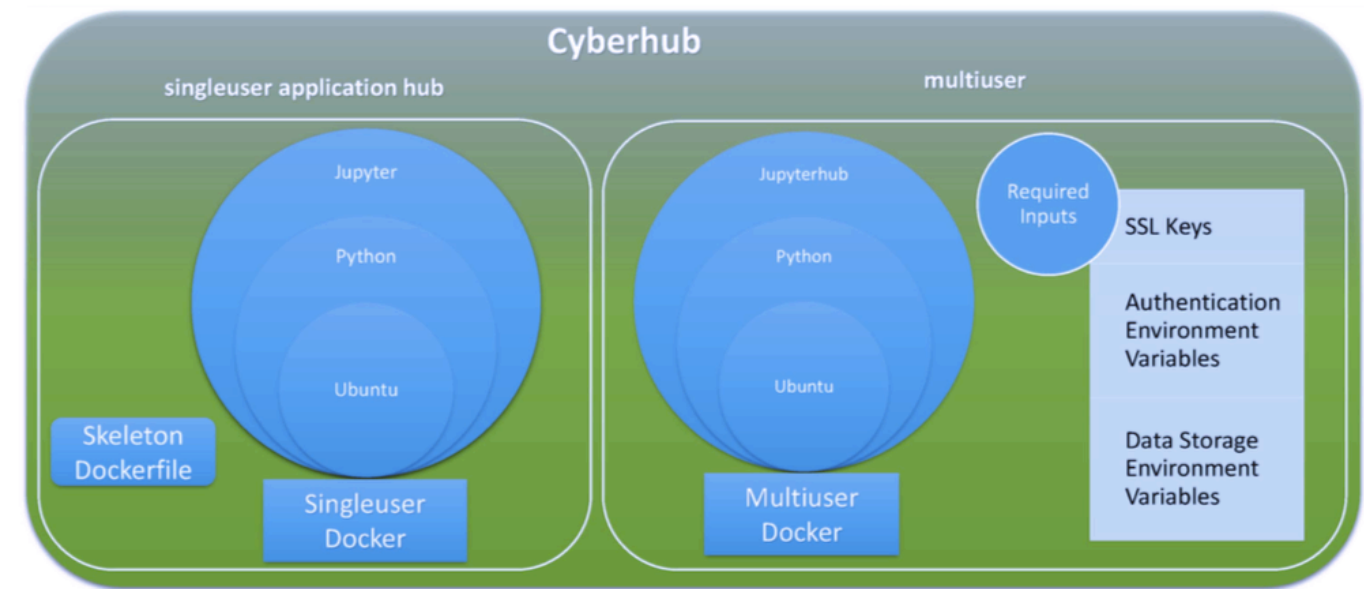


Figure 3. cyberhubs administrators can build application images by chaining existing application images and adding customization through dockerfile-based builds. By starting from the prebuilt PPMstarhub, which is itself based on Codehub, one can build in sequential steps Wendihub and Machine Learning Hub each on top of the previous. At this point the capabilities and analytic tools of three application hubs are combined and can be the bases for another addition of tools and data stores to create Customhub2. Similarly, for example, Customhub1 can be built as a combination of Corehub, Wendihub, and PPMstarhub.



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README.md

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```
1 FROM cyberhubs/corehub
2 MAINTAINER Falk Herwig
3
4 ENV DEBIAN_FRONTEND noninteractive
5
6 EXPOSE 8888
7
8 USER root
9
10 WORKDIR /root
11
12 ENV HOME /root
13
14 COPY apt_packages_mesahub.txt /tmp/apt_packages_mesahub.txt
15
16 RUN apt-get update && \
17     apt-get -y install $(cat /tmp/apt_packages_mesahub.txt) && \
18     apt-get autoremove --yes && apt-get clean && \
19     rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/* /tmp/* /v
20
21 RUN pip install --upgrade pip && \
22     pip2 install --upgrade pip && \
23     pip3 install --upgrade pip
24
25 RUN echo "Installing Python packages..."
26
27 ADD ./single_pip2_requirements_mesahub.txt /tmp/requirements2.txt
28 ADD ./single_pip3_requirements_mesahub.txt /tmp/requirements3.txt
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MESA cyberlaboratory

This is the [MESA astrohub application](#) from the [Cyberhubs](#) system. This a
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The only thing needed is to download, compile and run the code. The sh
steps, required in this environment. This application docker image of mesa
9331. These can be specified in the `install_mesa.sh` script.

Download the latest version of this script by executing this bash code cell:

```
In [ ]: rm install_mesa.sh*
        wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/cyberlaboratories/
```

The install script allows two parameters to be specied:

1. installation location (defaults to /user/mesa)
2. mesa version (defaults 9331)

To change the defaults edit the `install_mesa.sh` script.

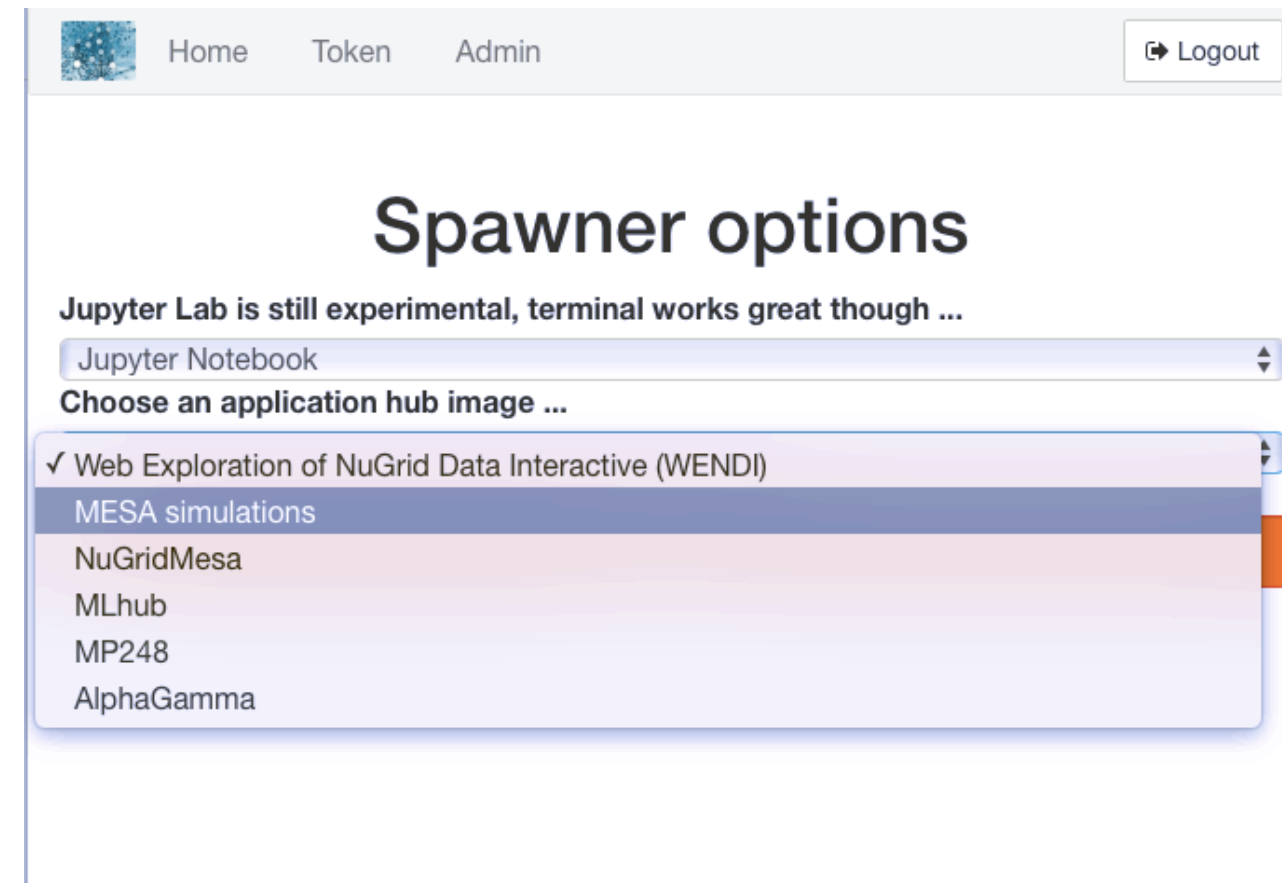
```
In [ ]: # inspect script
        #cat install_mesa.sh
```

Execute the installation script. It will only install if there is no version already
minutes.

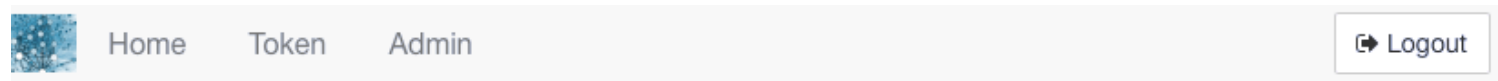
Demo/examples:
<https://astrohub.uvic.ca>

Try the Outreach hub, login via GitHub ID

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The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Spawner options". At the top is a navigation bar with a logo, "Home", "Token", "Admin", and a "Logout" button. Below the navigation bar, the title "Spawner options" is displayed. A message states "Jupyter Lab is still experimental, terminal works great though ...". There are two dropdown menus. The first is labeled "Jupyter Notebook" and is currently open, showing a list of application hub images: "Web Exploration of NuGrid Data Interactive (WENDI)" (checked), "MESA simulations", "NuGridMesa", "MLhub", "MP248", and "AlphaGamma".



This is a close-up of the top navigation bar, showing the logo, "Home", "Token", "Admin", and a "Logout" button.

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Jupyter: Jupyter Lab

Application: PPMstarHub: Analyse stellar hydro data

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- WestGrid
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```
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```
In [ ]: # inspect script
#cat install_mesa.sh
```

Execute the installation script. It will only install if there is no install maybe 20 minutes.

```
In [ ]: chmod u+x ./install_mesa.sh
./install_mesa.sh
```

Select a test problem to do:

```
In [ ]: cd /user/mesa/mesa/star/test_suite/7M_premis
```

Compile local example:

```
In [ ]: ./mk
```

Run:

```
In [ ]: ./rn
```

At this point change the kernel to Python 3 and continue

```
In [ ]: %pylab nbagg
```

```
In [ ]: data_dir='/user/mesa/mesa/star/test_suite/7M_premis'
from nupgridpy import mesa as ms
```

Check [NuGridPy page](#) for documentation of the [mesa module](#).

```
In [ ]: star = ms.star_log(data_dir)
```

```
In [ ]: star.hrd_new()
```

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At this point change the kernel to Python 3 and continue for analysis and plotting of data.

```
In [1]: %pylab nbagg
data_dir='/user/mesa/mesa/star/test_suite/7M_premis_to_AGB/LOGS'
from nupgridpy import mesa as ms
```

Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib

Check [NuGridPy page](#) for documentation of the [mesa module](#). Also, consult a [NuGrid example notebook](#).

```
In [8]: star = ms.star_log(data_dir,clean_starlog=True)
star.hrd_new()
```

Figure 1

