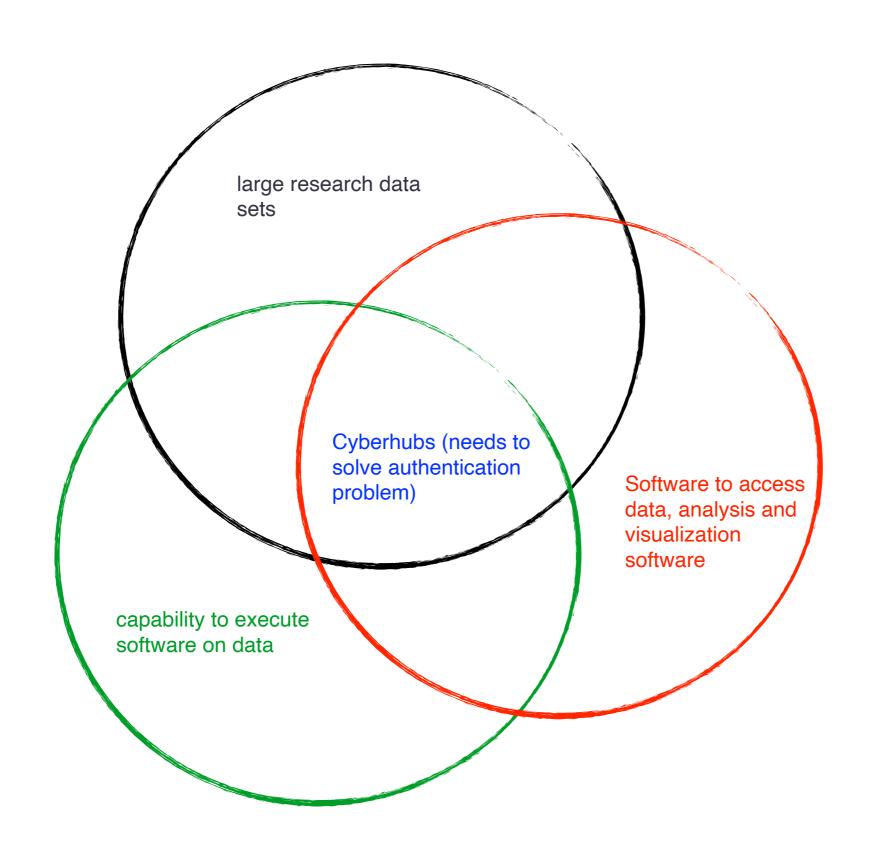
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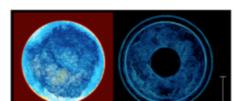




One of the most rapidly evolving elements of astronomy research is how we handle data. With telescopes and computer simulations progressively producing ever vaster quantities, how can we process and analyze this data? What tools can we use to turn it into new astronomical discoveries?

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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, are presented.

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Cyberhubs systems architecture

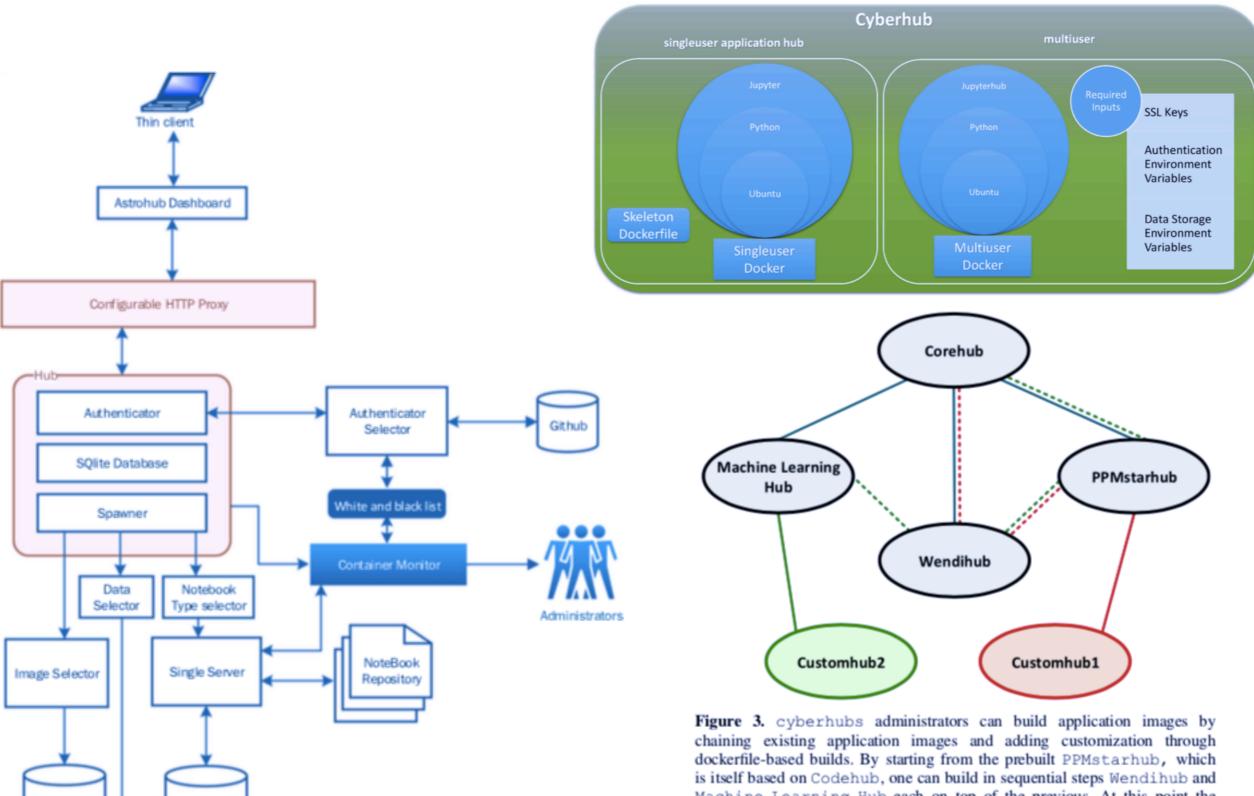


Figure 1. cyberhubs general system architecture.

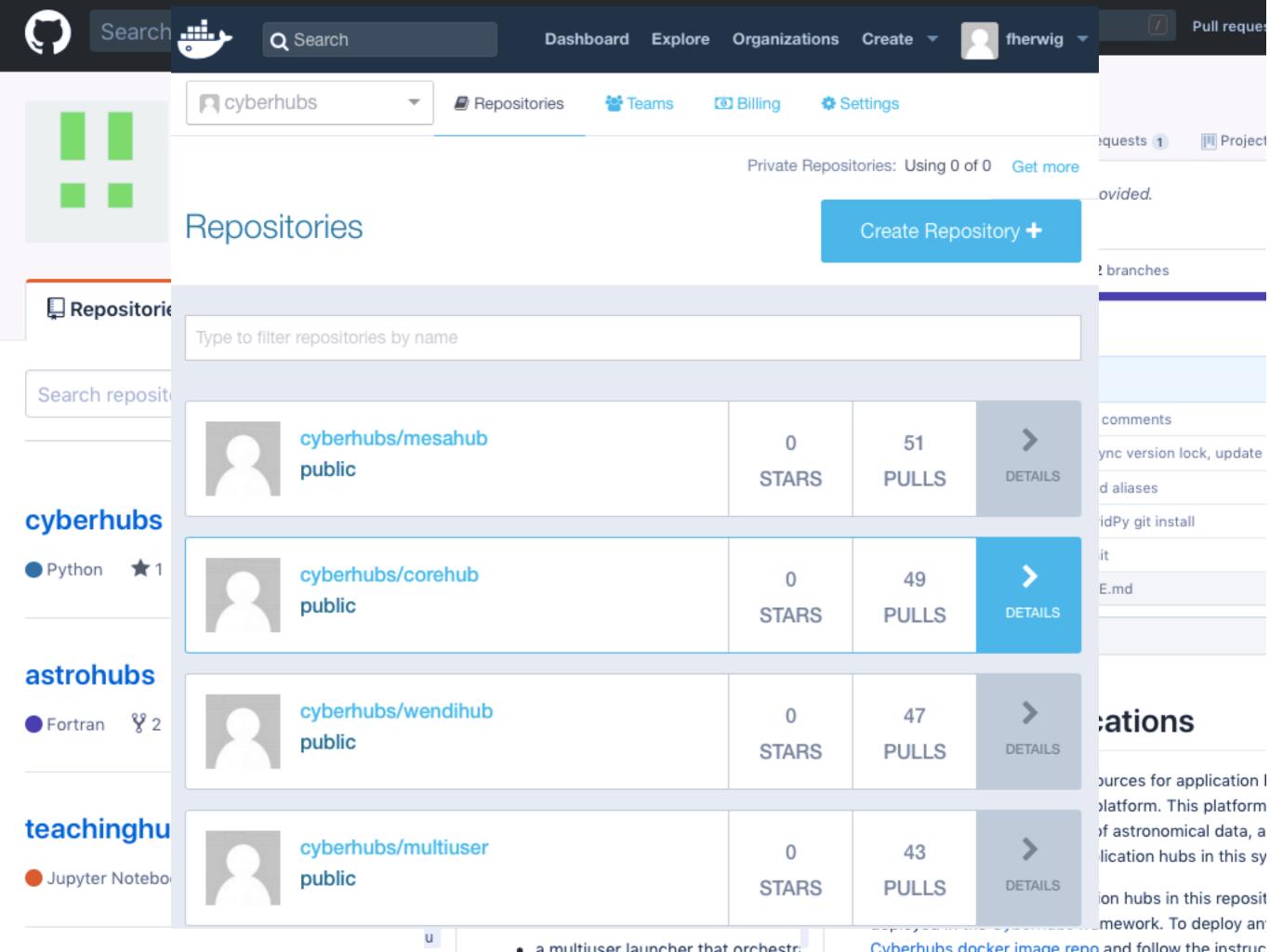
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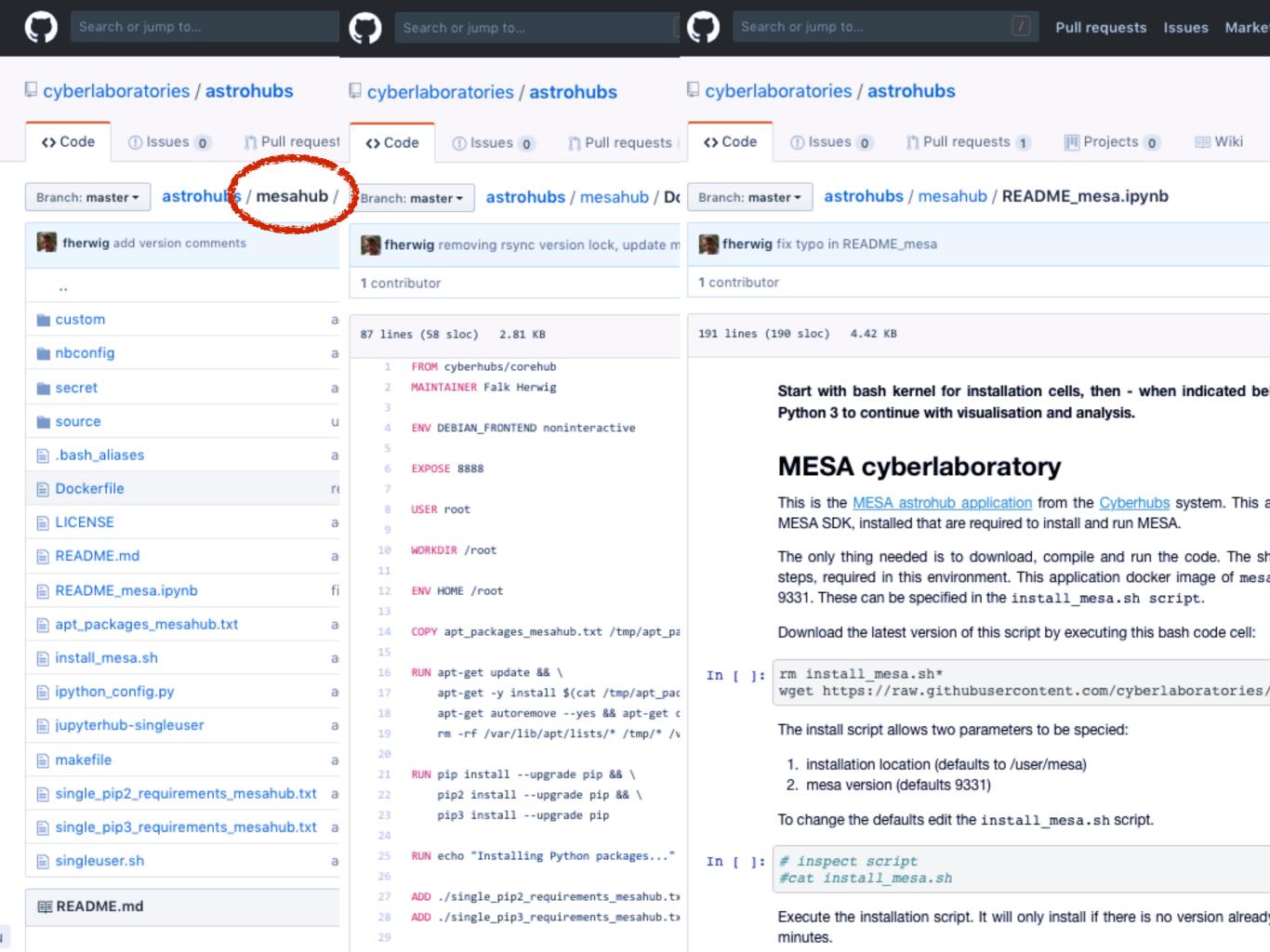
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Figure 3. cyberhubs administrators can build application images by chaining existing application images and adding customization through dockerfile-based builds. By starting from the prebuilt PPMstarhub, which is itself based on Codehub, one can build 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.

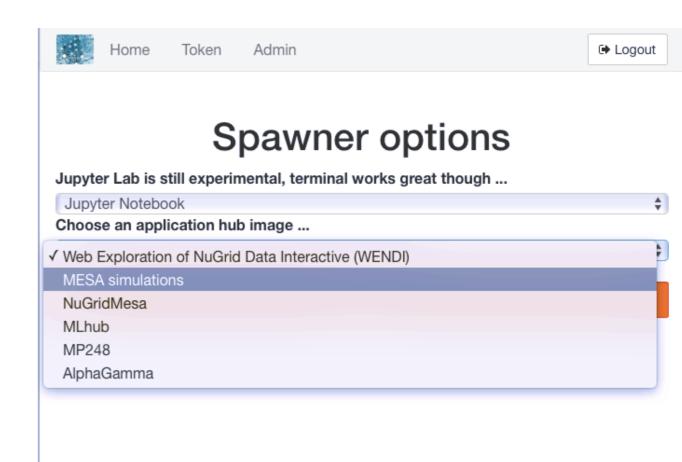


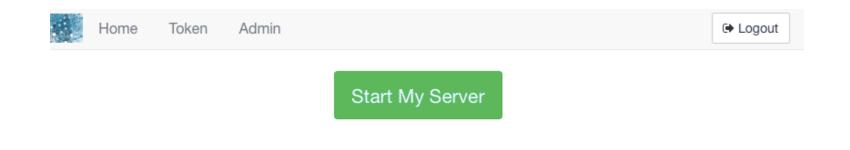


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