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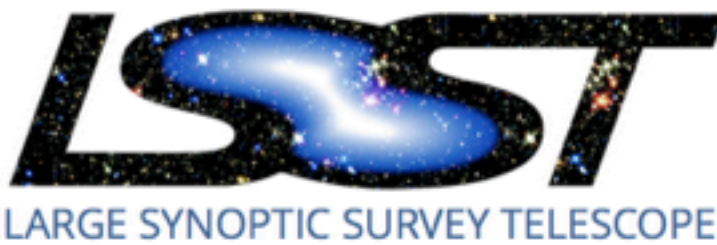
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Abstract
This document describes the design of the LSST Science Platform, the primary user-facing interface of the LSST Data Management System.

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Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) Science Platform Design

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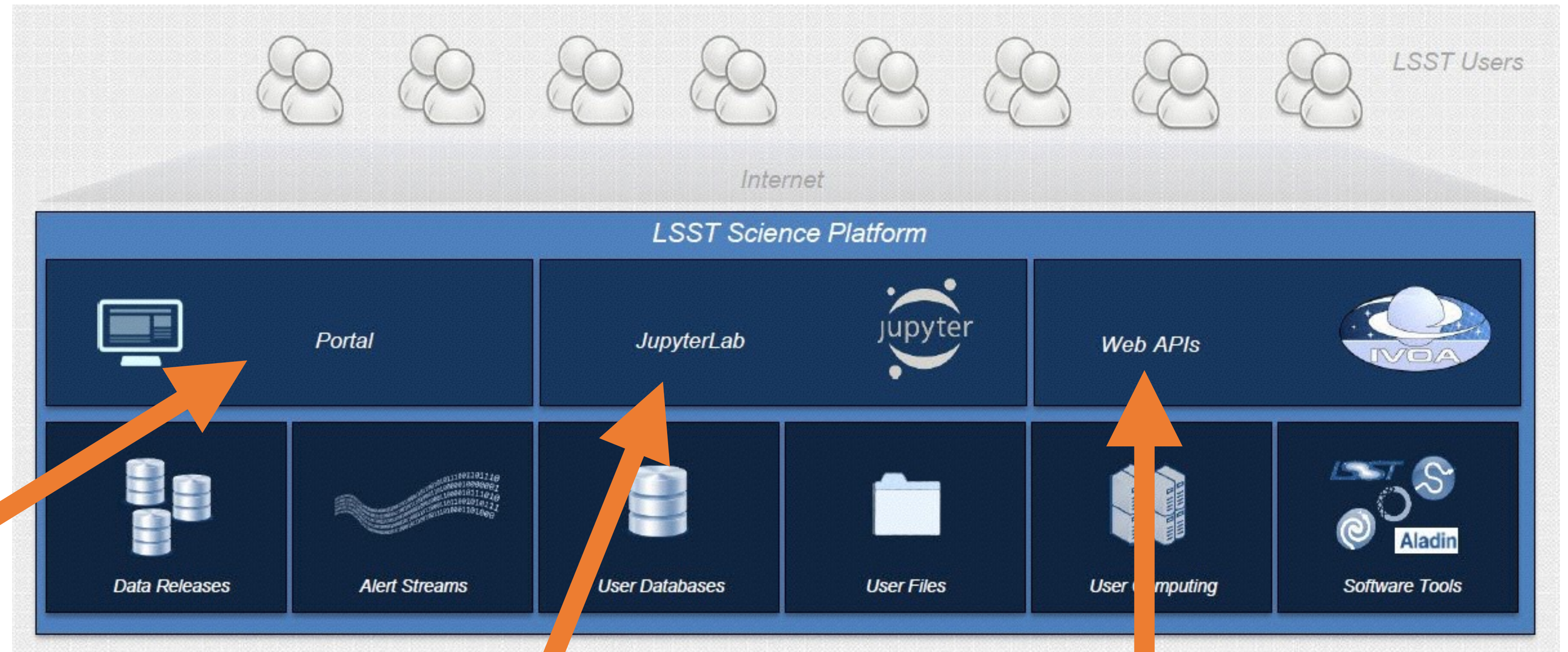
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Some definitions



MAST Portal & MAST 'Classic'

Focus of this presentation

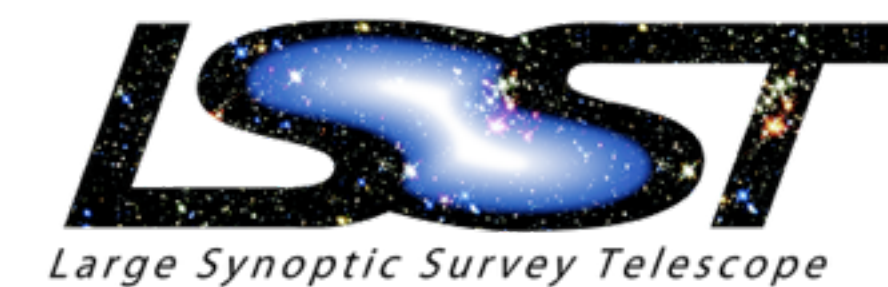
MAST APIs



Common technologies, many implementers



kubernetes





Highlights of what we're building

- Cloud-hosted copy of all HST public data
- (Live) JupyterLab environment with *some* compute/storage
- Collection of Docker containers installed with common tools



Amazon Web Services: Public Dataset Program

Large Datasets Repository | P... x

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AWS hosts a variety of public datasets that anyone can access for free.

Previously, large datasets such as satellite imagery or genomic data have required hours or days to locate, download, customize, and analyze. When data is made publicly available on AWS, anyone can analyze any volume of data without needing to download or store it themselves. These datasets can be analyzed using AWS compute and data analytics products, including [Amazon EC2](#), [Amazon Athena](#), [AWS Lambda](#) and [Amazon EMR](#).

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Geospatial and Environmental Datasets

Learn more about working with geospatial data on AWS at [Earth on AWS](#).

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- [Sentinel-2 on AWS](#): An ongoing collection of satellite imagery of all land on Earth produced by the Sentinel-2 satellite.
- [GOES on AWS](#): GOES provides continuous weather imagery and monitoring of meteorological and space environment data across North America.
- [SpaceNet on AWS](#): A corpus of commercial satellite imagery and labeled training data to foster innovation in the development of computer vision algorithms.
- [OpenStreetMap on AWS](#): OSM is a free, editable map of the world, created and maintained by volunteers. Regular OSM data archives are made available in Amazon S3.
- [MODIS on AWS](#): Select products from the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) managed by the U.S. Geological Survey and NASA.

- ~120TB public HST data for ACS, COS, STIS, WFC3, FGS
- Range of high-impact datasets
- Hosted in cloud - 'highly available'
- Enable new types of data analyses
- Hosted at no cost to STScI/NASA



Amazon Web Services: Public Dataset Program

- Data is hosted in an S3 region (for ‘free’)
- Conditions of inclusion in program: make the data useful:
 - An AMI with a demonstration of how to use the public dataset must be provided
 - AWS recover costs by making access to the data free from AWS services (EC2), making it cost effective for researchers to buy AWS computing time
 - Enables new types of analyses



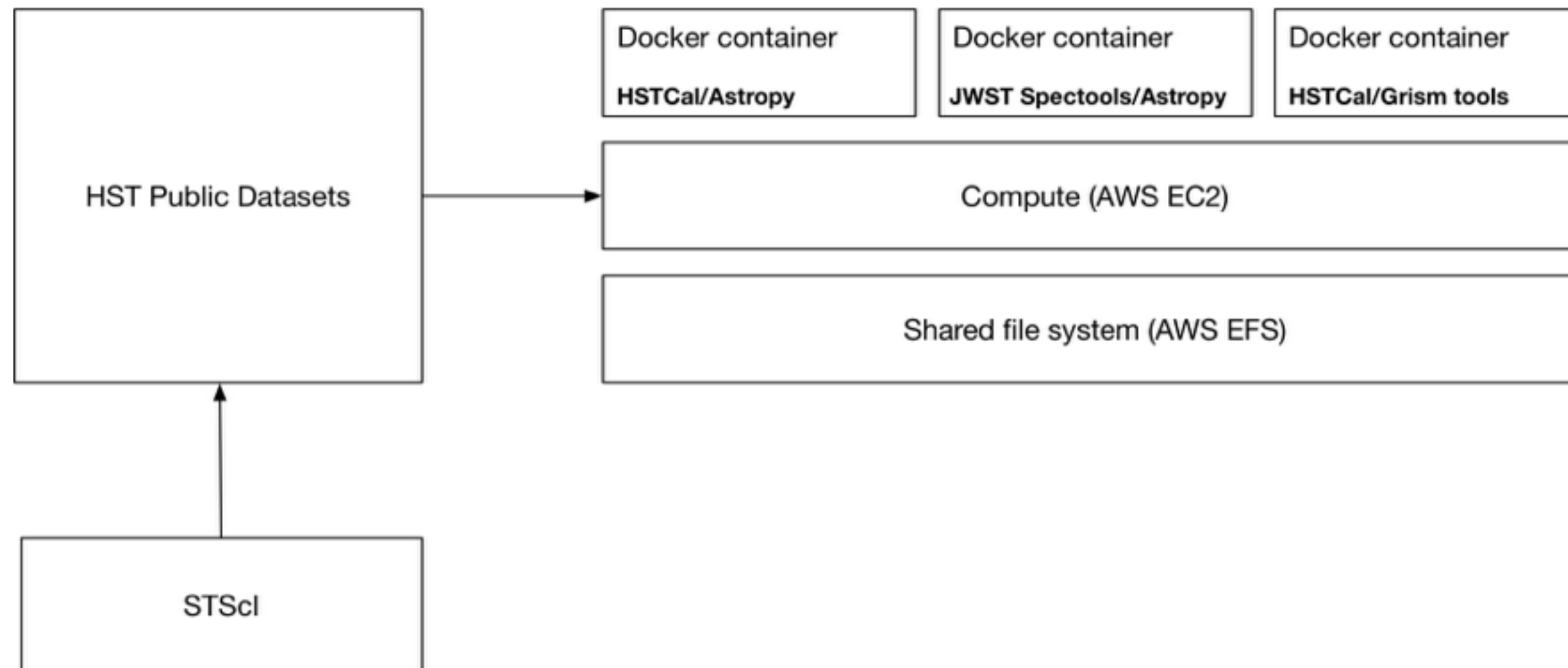
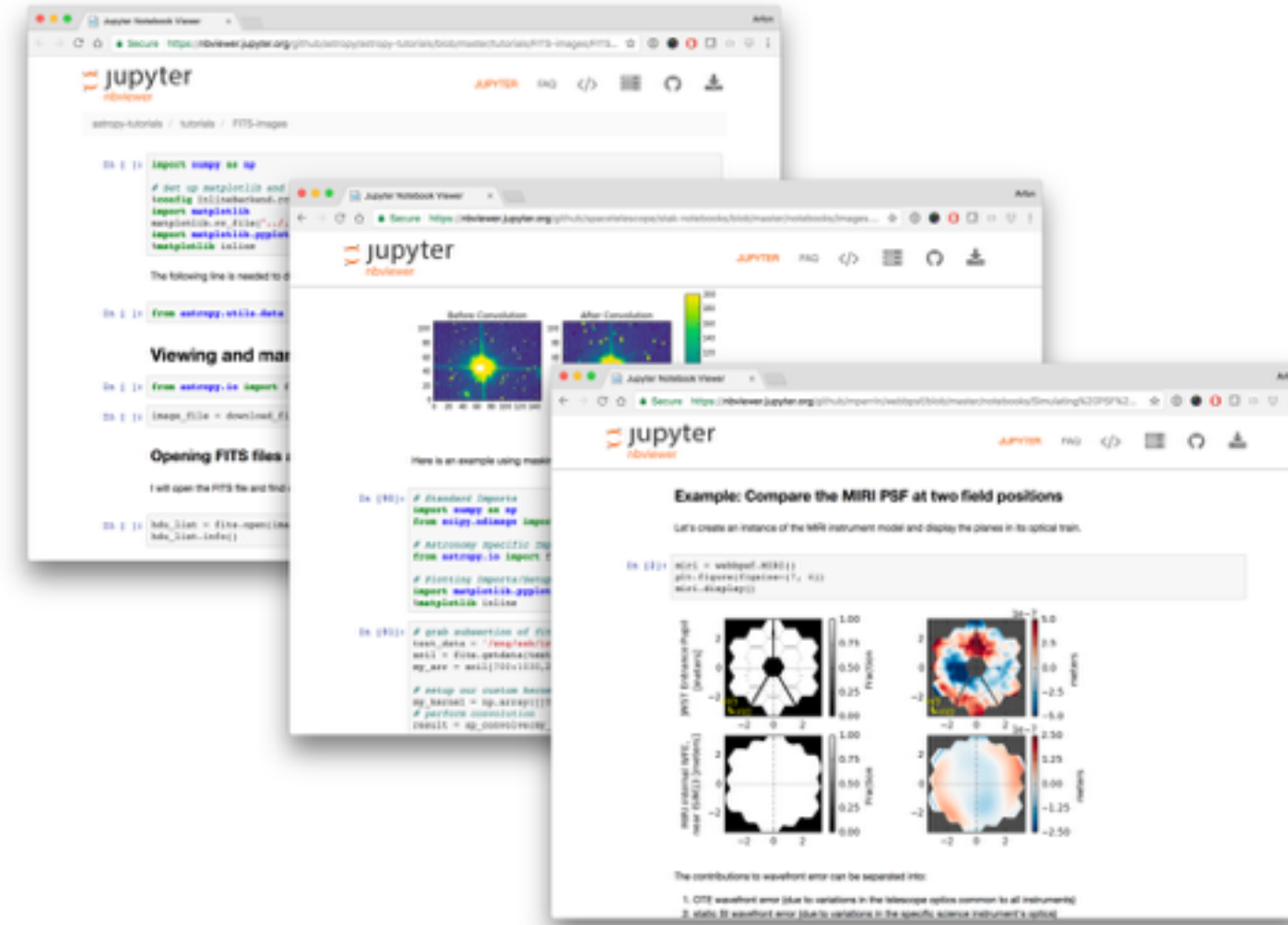
JupyterLab environment

The screenshot displays the JupyterLab interface. On the left is a sidebar with 'Files', 'Commands', and 'HELP' sections. The main area is divided into three panes: a notebook editor, a terminal, and a launcher. The notebook editor shows a Python cell with code for plotting histograms and running a script. Below the code are two plots: a histogram of beta values and a plot of MRI intensity with an overlaid histogram. The terminal pane shows the execution of a script named 'mri_with_eeg.py', which includes code for loading data, plotting MRI intensity, and plotting EEG data.

- Interactive computing environment
- Where most development work is going from the core Jupyter team
- Works with community tools (e.g. Astropy)



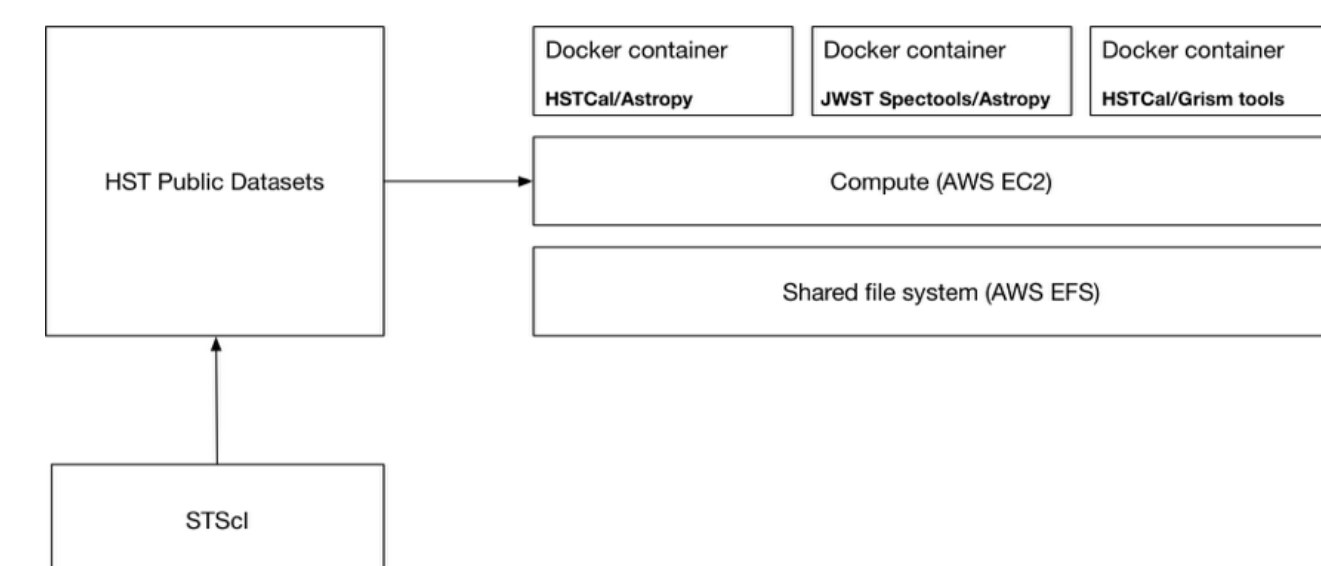
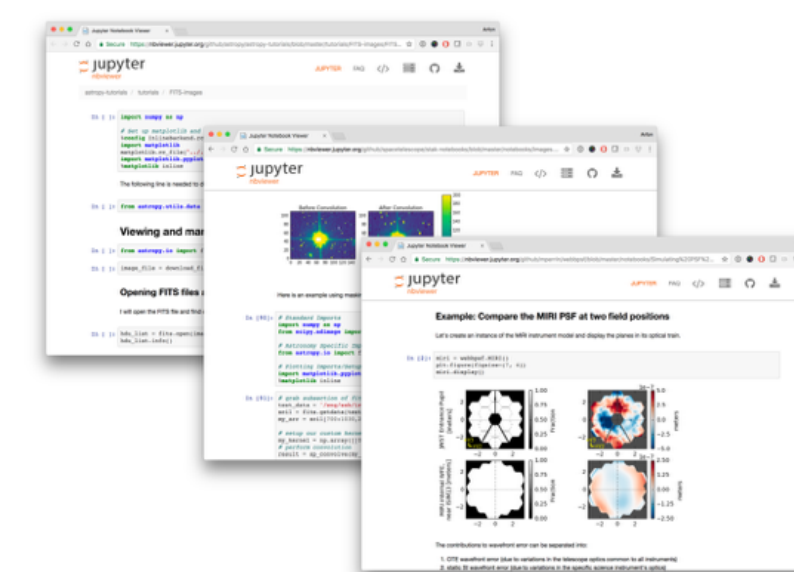
Containers for different environments





Technical details:

- JupyterHub, a multi-user Hub, spawns, manages, and proxies multiple instances of the single-user Jupyter notebook server.
- JupyterLab frontend provides notebook server, file management, and a terminal shell
- Using Docker to containerize science environments, allows a verified computing environment to be instantiated rapidly.
- Containers are versioned providing precise reproducibility of the research environment
- AWS computing resources scale with user load, providing good cost efficiency
- Container orchestration provides high availability, healing the cluster when there are hardware failures





Core technical challenges

- Creating containers with pipeline/common software stacks
- Managing the cloud environment well:
 - User quotas (storage, compute etc.)
 - User storage (home directories), backups
 - Scalable, highly-available infrastructure (with cost caps/alerts)
- Relatively few large-scale JupyterHub deployments on AWS
- Inexperience of STScI with commercial cloud



Community coordination (i)



Iva++





Community coordination (ii)

The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying a GitHub README file. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://github.com/spacetelescope/science-platforms-workshop>. The page title is "Science Platforms/Server-Side Analytics Workshop". The content is organized into sections: "What", "When", "Where", "Registration", and "Organizers".

Science Platforms/Server-Side Analytics Workshop

What

Building upon the [strong interest](#) of the community at ADASS 2017 in 'Science Platforms/Server-Side Analytics', STScI is hosting 2.5 day meeting with a focus on sharing community approaches to science platforms, documenting common data analysis patterns/workflows, identifying challenges different implementers are facing and prototyping solutions to address these challenges.

When

26--28 February 2018

Where

[STScI](#) in Baltimore, MD.

Registration

Registration will be ~\$100. This charge will cover catering costs for the three days. There may be a small amount of travel support available upon request.

Registration will open early in 2018 and will be on a first-come first-served basis.

Organizers

Arfon Smith (STScI), Wil O'Mullane (LSST), Adam Bolton (NOAO), Gregory Dubois-Felsmann (IPAC), Gerard Lemson (JHU)



Questions for the MUG (i)

- What problems do you foresee with our approach?
 - Who is this useful for?
 - What are sensible defaults for a service like this?
 - Does staging data in commercial cloud confuse our value proposition as a NASA archive?
- Is asking the community to use AWS a problem? How can we lower the barrier to entry?



Questions for the MUG (ii)

- What extensions should we be thinking about?
 - Other missions (TESS?)
 - Other functionality? (e.g. batch processing)
 - Joint processing? (LSST/WFIRST/Euclid/JWST)
 - Accelerating JWST Early Release Science?
 - User support environment?
 - GO data delivery & archive proposals?
 - WFIRST (re)processing in the High Level Processing Partition