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Institute for Geospatial Understanding through an Integrative Discovery Environment

CyberGIS-Compute: Geospatial Middleware for Simplifying Access to High Performance Computing

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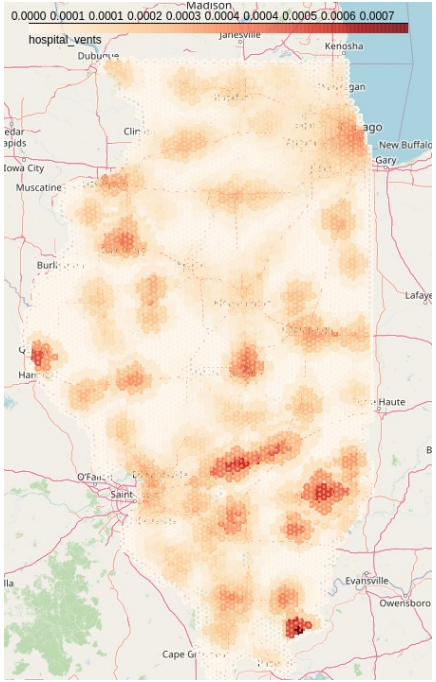
Motivation

- Geospatial discovery and innovation are increasingly computation and data intensive
- Personal computing environments are limited to resolve such computational intensity
- High-performance computing (HPC) environments are needed to enable computation- and data-intensive geospatial scientific workflows

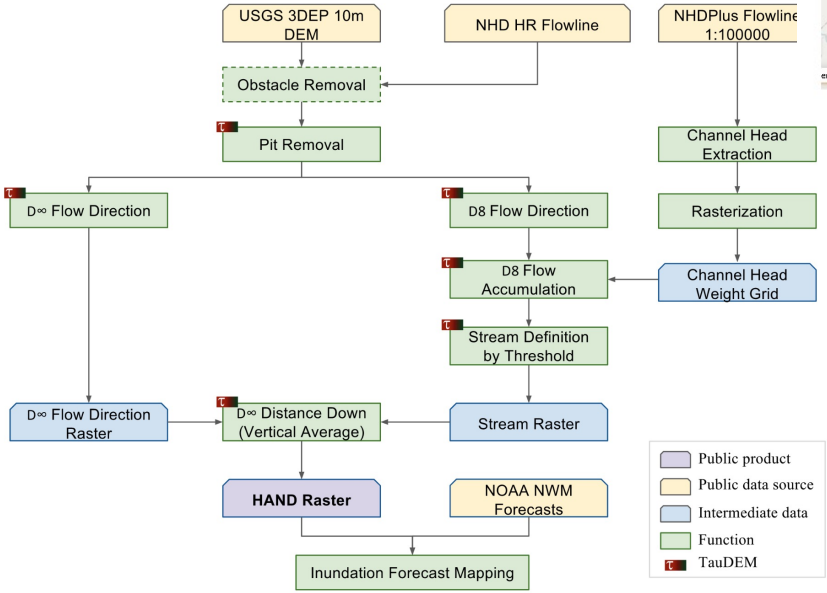
But …

- The learning curve to access and use HPC is very steep!

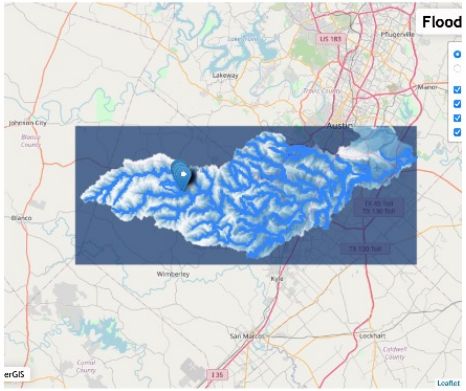
Examples

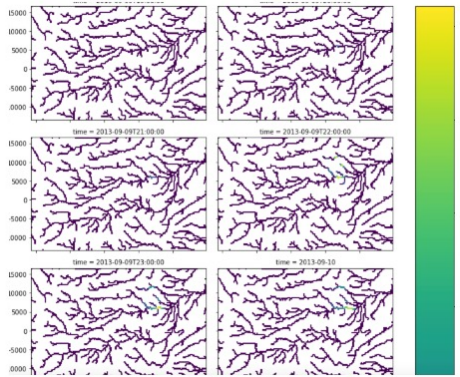


Spatial Accessibility Calculation



Estimate Height Above Nearest Drainage



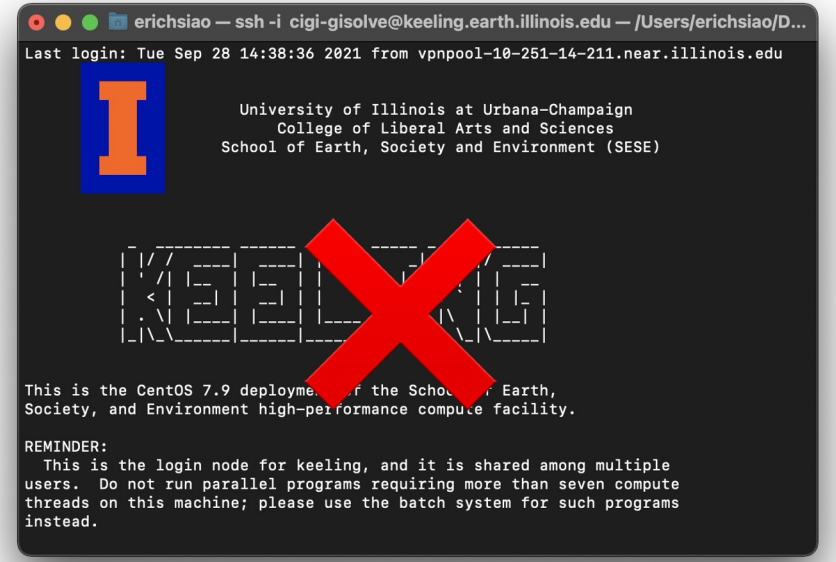


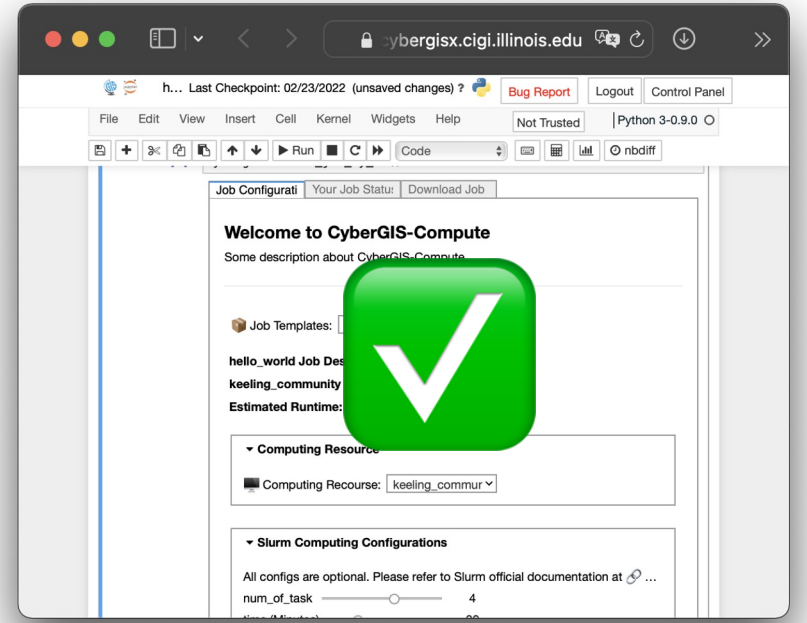
WRFHydro Model

What is CyberGIS-Compute?

- Simplify access to HPC
- Bridge the gap between interactive computing environments (e.g. CyberGIS-Jupyter) and HPC
- Enable computation- and data-intensive geospatial workflows

User Interface





Bridging Ease of Use with Powerful Computing

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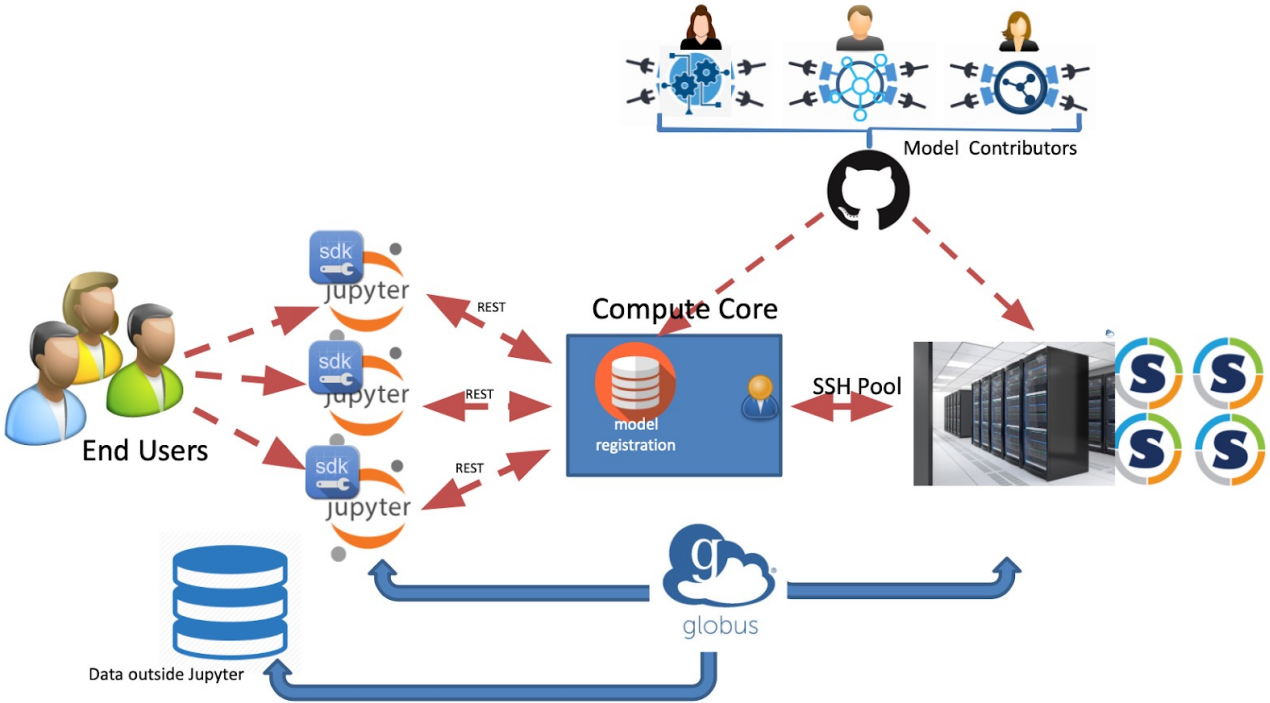
Geospatial Middleware



A **scalable middleware framework** for enabling high-performance and data-intensive geospatial research and education

Key Components

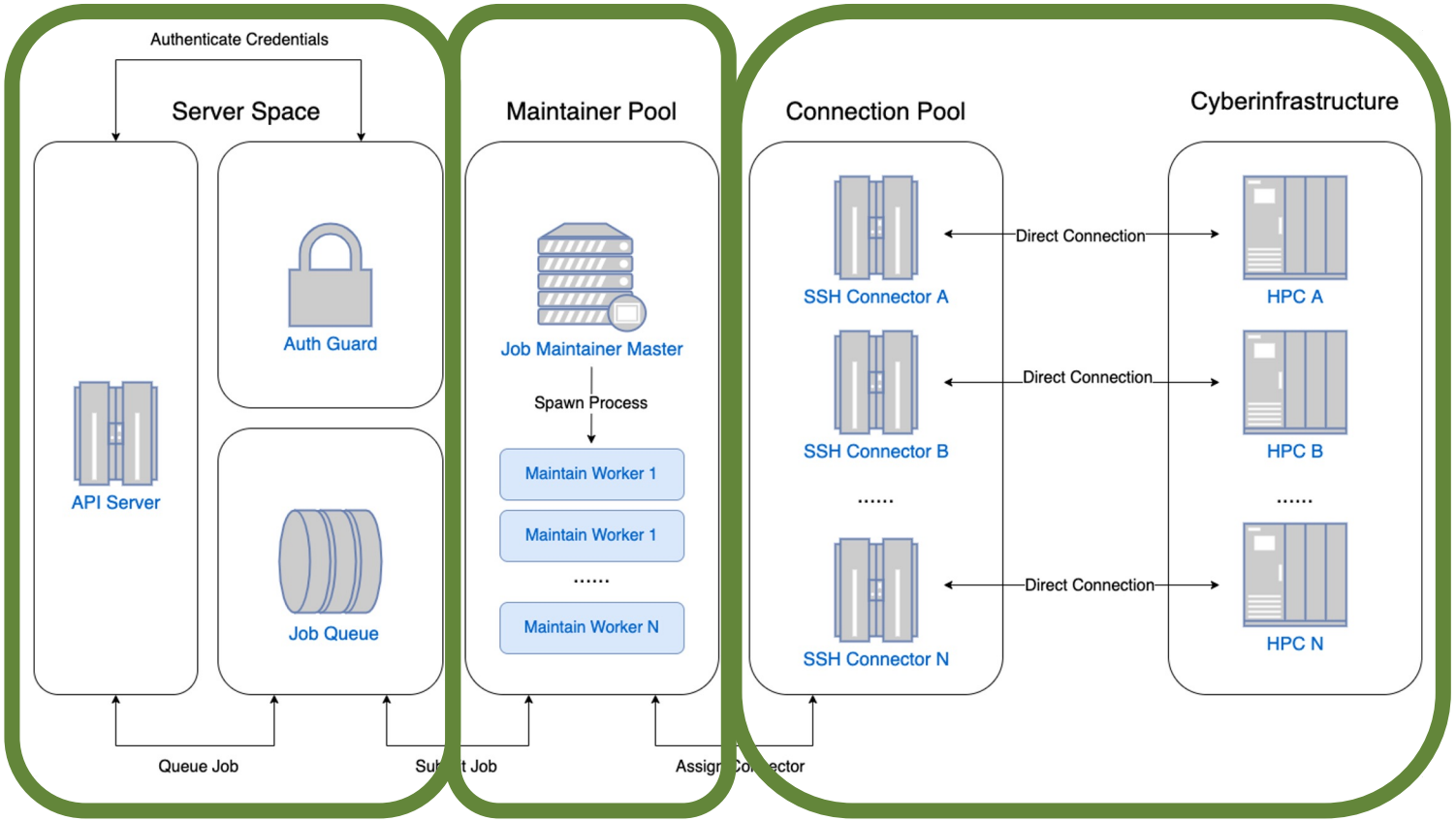
- **Core**: middleware server that automates job submission to HPC
- **SDK**: interactive client for Jupyter Notebook with code-less UI support
- **Contribution**: developer API that enables workflow contribution with little to no modification of existing code

CyberGIS-Compute Core

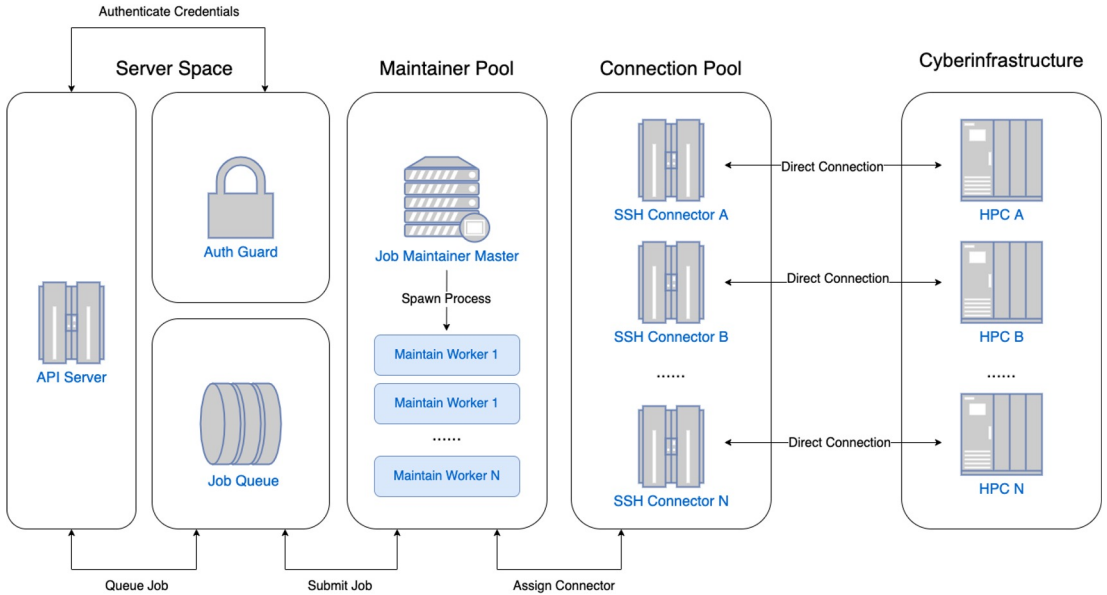
CyberGIS-Compute SDK

Contribution

Architecture



Middleware Server



- 🎯 Manages job submission to HPC
- Three layers
  - API Server Space
  - Maintainer Pool
  - Connection Pool

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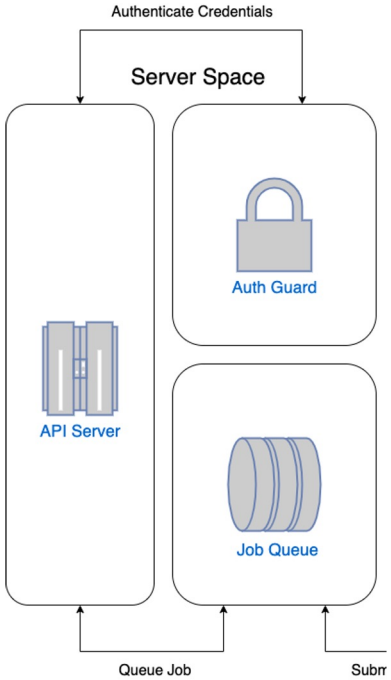
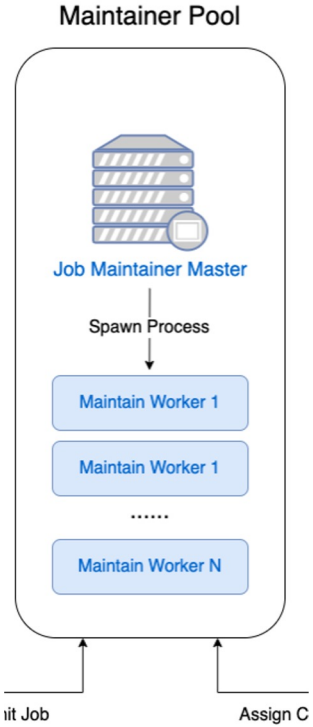
API Server



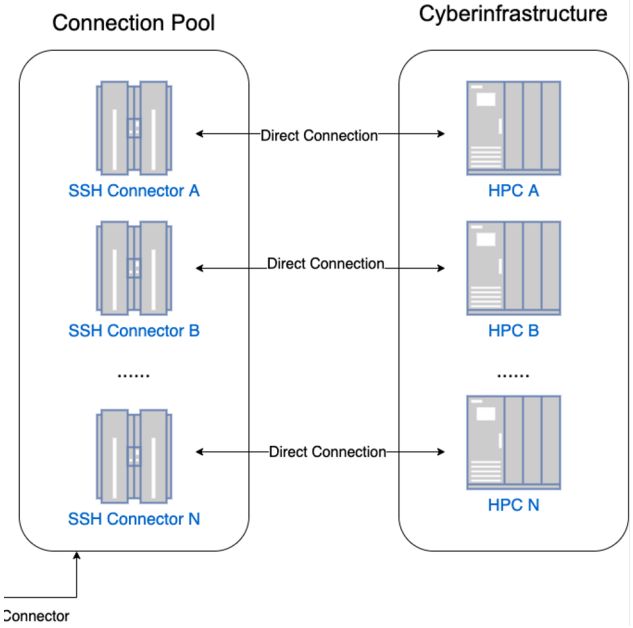
- Provides a **user-facing RESTful web interface** (API Server) for authentication and interaction with internal components of CyberGIS-Compute
- Pushes computation jobs into an internal job queue that the Maintainer Pool consumes

Maintainer Pool



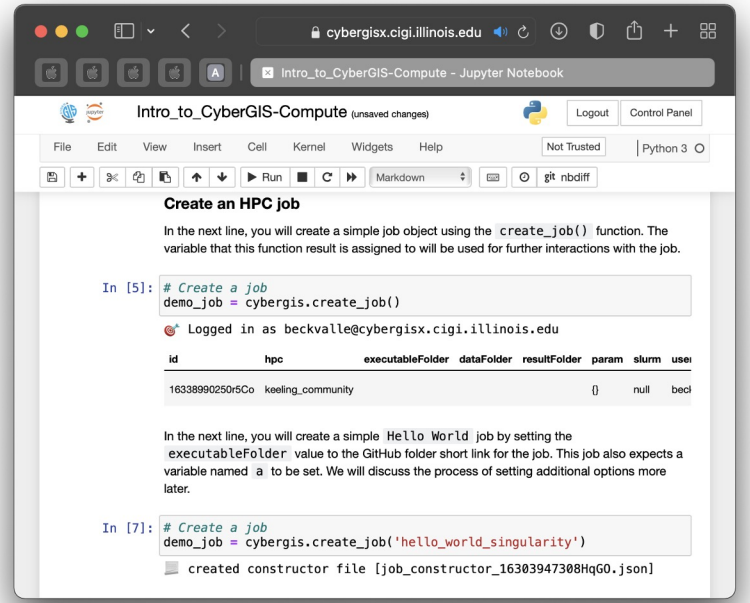
- Maintainer Pool has a multithreaded life cycle that spawns and oversees worker processes called **Maintainer Workers** that contain **logic** on submitting, stopping, resuming, and ending a task executing on a remote HPC resource
- A Maintainer Worker can use a **Connector** to interact with remote HPC via SSH

Connectors



- A Connector is a **long-living SSH connection** between the CyberGIS-compute core and HPC
- To reduce the connection rate, connectors are shared between Maintainer Workers and a **Mutex** is implemented to avoid race conditions in executing commands

SDK: Client Package



- A **Python-based Jupyter Notebook client** that integrates CyberGIS-Compute Core functionalities into CyberGIS-Jupyter
- Provides **seamless** interaction with HPC
- Provides **code-less** interactive UI

https://cybergis.github.io/cybergis-compute-python-sdk/index.html

Large Datasets

Big Data

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Fast & Reliable Transfer

Seamless Access to HPC

Containerization: Run code in familiar environments

Transparently interfaces with batch systems (e.g. Slurm): Manage Slurm on behalf of developers

CyberGIS-Compute Contribute

CyberGIS-Compute Contribute allows users to **submit workflow code hosted on GitHub repositories** to be executed on HPC resources

Submissions are verified through a checking process

Provides configurations, system environment, and developer API

Git commit version lock for security

Contribution Process

github.com

```
1  import json
2  import os
3
4  print('running main...\n')
5
6  print('./job.json\n')
7  job = json.load(open('./job.json',))
8
9  print('SLURM_NODEID\n')
10 print(os.environ['SLURM_NODEID'])
11
12 print('SLURM_PROCID\n')
13 print(os.environ['SLURM_PROCID'])
14
15 print('job_id')
16 print(os.environ['job_id'])
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manifest.json

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ready for HPC

Links

Project Development doc:

http://github.com/cybergis/cybergis-compute-core

SDK doc:

http://github.com/cybergis/cybergis-compute-python-sdk

Hello World doc:

http://github.com/cybergis/cybergis-compute-hello-world

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