

National Data Platform

CICI National Scale Data Fabric Presentation

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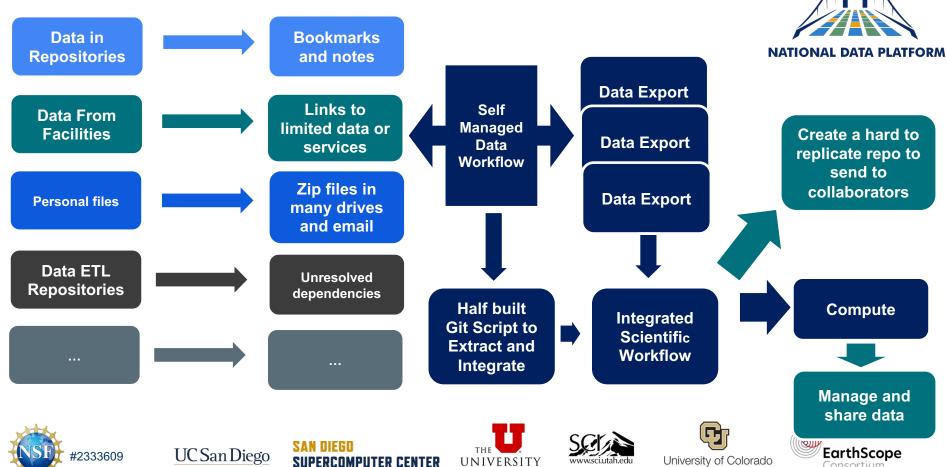








Working with data can be frustrating!



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Fragmented access to data, models and services

Why is data so challenging to use?





Disconnect between producing & sharing data

> Hard to customized service deployment practices

Need for scalable or specialized compute readiness

Disconnect between research & education capacity

Lack of user experiences enabling collaboration

















National Data Platform tackles the challenges around using and sharing data!

A **broad**, **federated** and **extensible** data ecosystem to promote collaboration, innovation and customizable use of data on top of existing and future national cyberinfrastructure capabilities.







Centralized portal for discovery, access and use workspaces for research and education

A scalable **platform** for using, developing and deploying composable services and application workflows at **distributed endpoints**















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Export final data product















What does NDP help with?



NDP Facilitates Data Cataloging to Make Data FAIR and Used at Scale.

Searchable catalogs with standardized metadata and vocabularies integrate data from different sources — research, government agencies, and facilities. Data agents for impact and usage tracking across datasets.

NDP Provides Collaborative Workspaces and Customizable Services to Use Data.

Once you find data, you can explore it and analyze it right on the platform on a browser — no need to download huge files or set up special software. You can also bring your own data, and create near data services, models, and workflows.

NDP Connects Users to National Cyberinfrastructure and Cloud Resources.

Users can access existing services or deploy their own services through a standardized software stack to any data or computing resource, so they can process big data effectively— even from a laptop.

NDP Enables Development and Deployment of Al-integrated Workflows for Science and Society.

NDP provides intuitive user experiences and extensible services for users to build Al-powered solutions by making data ready for training, building, and testing machine learning models as part of their workflows.

NDP Offers Tools to Create Classroom and Data Challenge Learning Experiences.

Through partnerships with educators and open course materials, NDP supports hands-on learning in data science, AI, and scientific computing.









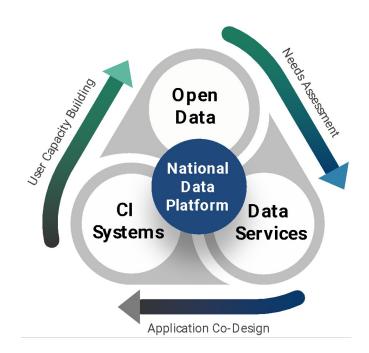






Our Use and User-Inspired Co-Design Approach





Current NDP User Personas:

- Researcher: find and user data in research workflows: run data/compute- intensive analyses; collaborate across institutions; publish reproducible findings
- Researcher-Educator: integrate open datasets and tools into research-driven course materials; publish reproducible notebooks; train students on real-world data
- Data Provider-Steward: ensure datasets are FAIR and usable; track usage; support documentation and metadata standards
- Student-Learner: learn data science methods using real data; build and share projects; contribute to team-based work
- Research Software Engineers: build near data experiences using the standardized endpoints; create service stacks deployable on compute by user community; create custom branded hubs on top of NDP







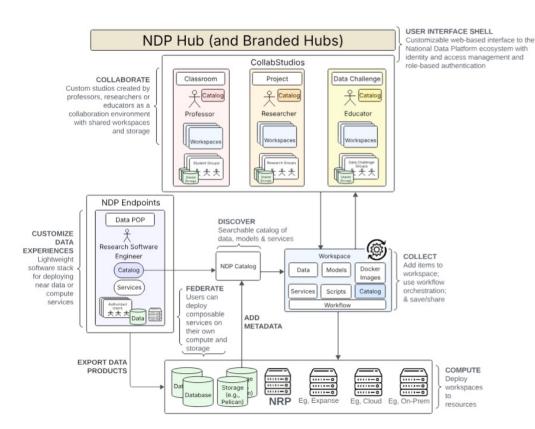








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NDP and CICI Projects: What can you do on NDP?





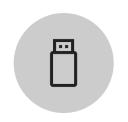




AI AND SCIENTIFIC WORKFLOWS



CREATE CUSTOM SHELLS



NDP ENDPOINT DEPLOYMENT NEAR YOUR DATA



OFFER MATERIALS FOR CLASSROOM CAPABILITIES and CREATE DATA CHALLENGES

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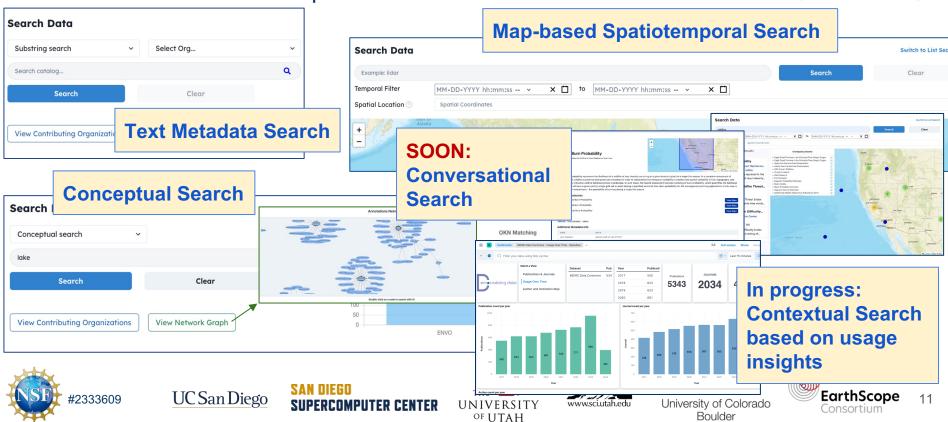




Data Discovery and Usage Exploration



Multimodal Search and Exploration Interfaces



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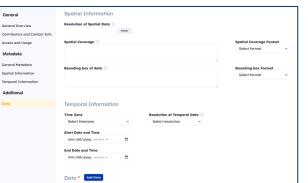


Data Ingestion and Cataloging



You have not submitted any requests to add datasets yet!

Formal Data Ingestion into the NDP Catalog



You have not added any data.





OSDF Integration





My Uploads

+ Register dataset













NSF HydroFrame and Hydrogen Digital Twin NAIRR Pilot

0 2003-10-01

1 2003-10-02

2 2003-10-03

3 2003-10-04

Contacts: Reed Maxwell, Princeton University and Laura Condon, University of Arizona

- Hydrologic simulations and datasets, currently listed at https://hf- hvdrodata.readthedocs.io/en/latest/avail able datasets.html
- **NDP catalogs** are waiting for final data steward approval for public access
 - Textual, conceptual, and map-based spatiotemporal search capabilities
- Linking data to Al workflows through NDP JupyterHub on NRP
 - Physics-guided machine learning and digital twin applications
 - Application currently a NAIRR Pilot https://nairrpilot.org/projects/demo/hydrogen
- NDP Data Challenge using this dataset is being discussed

A national framework for hydrologic modeling and scientific discovery

Our goal is to make national hydrologic simulations and datasets more accessible. We have a variety of tools available to access data, build models and learn more about our national watersheds and hydrology.



https://hydroframe.org Applications Data and Simulations Modeling Tools Educational 3





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Figure 1: Image of example site-level point observations DataFrame and select site returned by the provided example function calls

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Explore current and future watershed conditions

across the US with HydroGEN



DATA AND SIMILI ATIONS Access hydrologic datasets and model results



ParFlow CONUS1.0

Learn more about the first generation national



ParFlow CONUS2.0 DATA AND SIMULATIONS



ParFlow Resources MODELING TOOLS Find training resources and tools for working with



SubsetTools MODELING TOOLS

Build your own watershed model from the national ParFlow platform















Spectropolarimetric Inversion in Four Dimensions with Deep Learning Contact: Curt Dodds, University of Hawaii

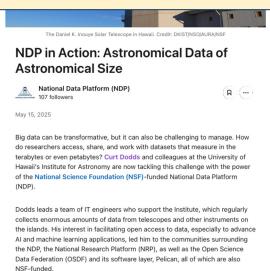


SPIn4D, NSF#2008344





The value I see in NDP and OSDF is facilitating others' use of our data, and vice versa," says Dodds. "Our telescopes here in Hawaii collect very unique data, but how do we get 100 terabytes of important data from Hawaii to a researcher in Chicago? We need to send and receive data both ways and be able to work with it together—traditional methods don't do that efficiently."



- Data from telescopes and other instruments as well as valuable solar simulation data stored on OSDF via Pelican interface
 - Through 2021-2023, the SPIn4D team modeled and ran solar simulations using 10 million CPU hours on the NSF's Cheyenne supercomputer, producing a massive dataset of 110 terabytes.
- NDP catalogs for multimodal data is being developed as public and private catalogs
 - Textual, conceptual, and map-based spatiotemporal search capabilities
 - 13 TB of data was cataloged and published to NDP users
 - Jupyter notebooks to explore the data was published to NDP users
- Linking data to Al workflows through NDP JupyterHub on NRP
 - \circ Deep learning based models are being developed to be published to NDP
 - Application is currently a NAIRR Pilot https://nairrpilot.org/projects/demo/spin4d
- NDP Education Hub will be used to deliver online, interactive course content using this data to introduce students to solar spectropolarimetry

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Biologging for Marine Animal Behavior and Physiology

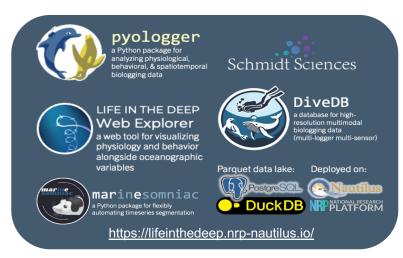
Contact: Jessica Kendall-Bar, UC San Diego



- High-resolution multimodal data (5-10TB of video, sensor data on electrophysiology, GPS) stored on OSDF via Pelican interface
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- Linking data to Al workflows
 through NDP JupyterHub on NRP
 - Using the marinesomniac library for timeseries segmentation
- NDP Data Challenge using this dataset is being planned for 2026
- Current link to application running with NRP as default endpoint is https://lifeinthedeep.nrp-nautilus.io/













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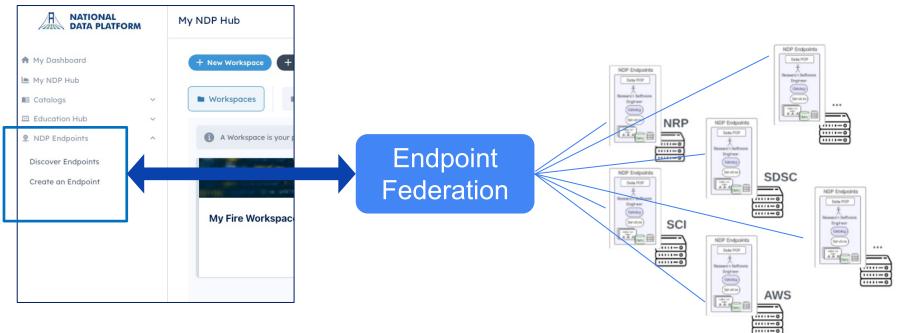






Endpoint Deployment on Composable Resources and Federation













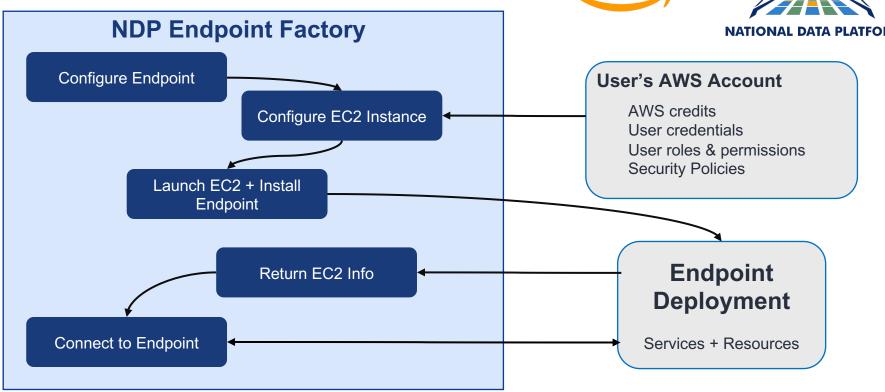






Launching Endpoints on aws



















EarthScope Data Streaming Workflows

Contact: Charles Meertens, University of Colorado and Dave Mencin, EarthScope Consortium

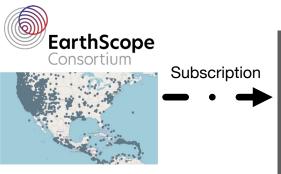


Trigger HTC

workflows

Al model

retraining



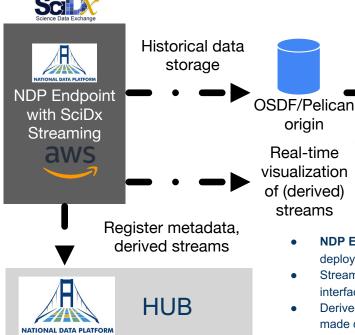
Live Streamed & **Archived Sensor Data**

3D Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)

Ground displacement measurements

High temporal rate (1 Hz)

~ 1000 stations (geo-located)



- Data search & discovery
 - Workspace access

NDP Endpoint with SciDX Streaming Service and JupyterHub deployed on AWS close to EarthScope data facility

Al Analytics

- Streams are visualized and shown through custom endpoint interfaces (Jupyter notebook or web)
- Derived streams are registered to NDP Catalog with metadata and made discoverable
 - Textual, conceptual, and map-based spatiotemporal search capabilities
- The streams are also uploaded to OSDF as back historical data so Al workflows can be enabled on OSG











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Real-time

streams

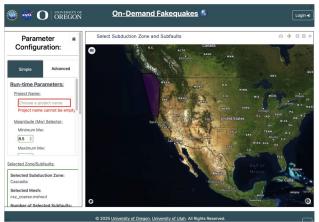




On Demand FakeQuakes (ODF)

Contact: Diego Melgar, University of Oregon





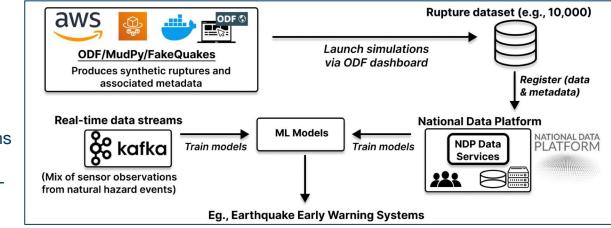
- CRESCENT simulation outputs are ingested into **NDP Catalog**
 - Limits duplicated simulation runs
 - Search and discovery
- NDP Endpoints enable leveraging neardata services on AWS to stitch data together

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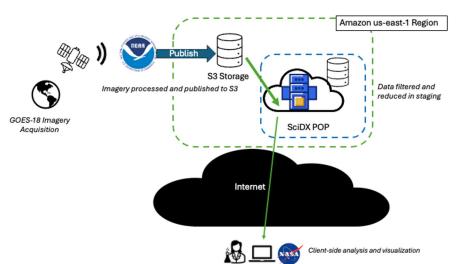






NASA/NOAA Satellite Data

Contact: Andrew Michaelis, NASA Ames Research Center

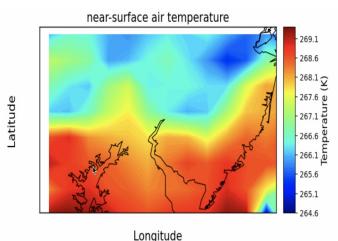


- Multimodal high resolution satellite and modeling data
- Ingestion and discovery via NDP Catalog
- Management through **NDP Endpoint** on AWS with SciDX services











SciDx Data Staging:

- near data processing
- subsetting and resampling
- transferring data outputs only















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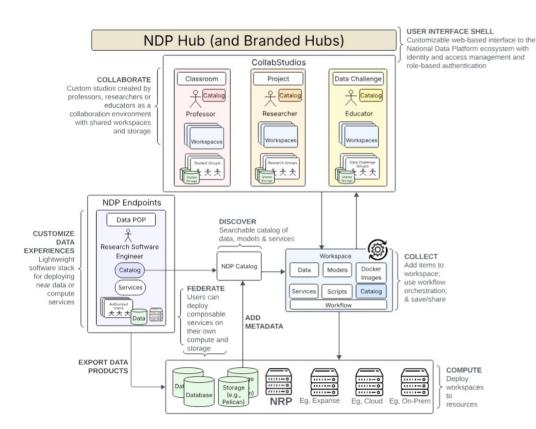








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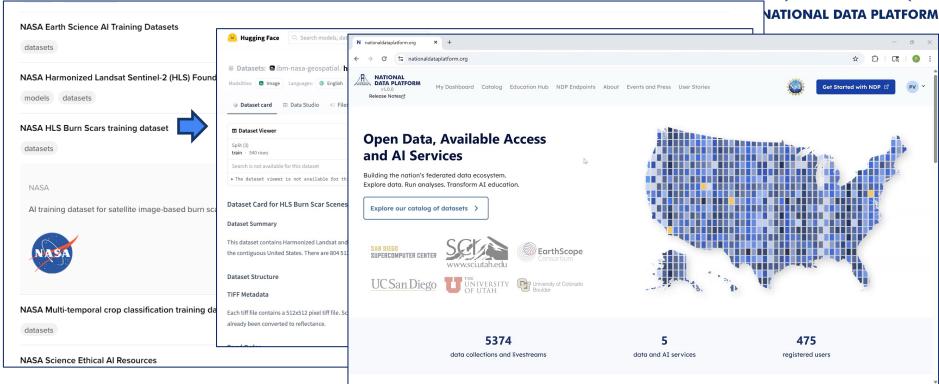






Hugging Face Data and Model Integration













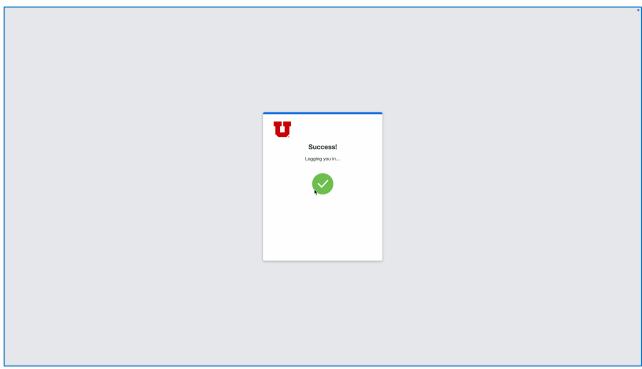






Users can select compute endpoints...













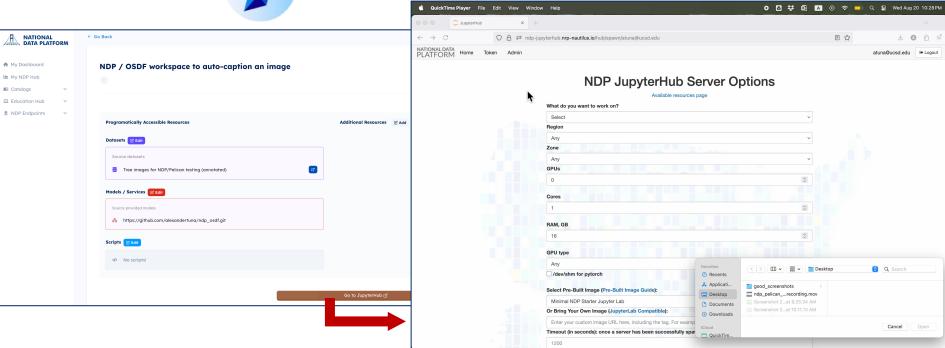




Workspace OSDF Pelican

Integration



















Graduate Data Science Class Assignments for Knowledge Graphs

Professor: Amarnath Gupta, UC San Diego

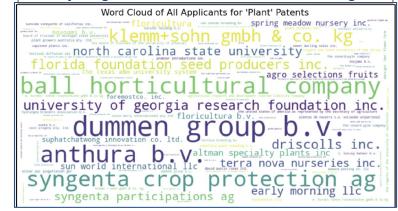
- In Fall 2024, 6 student groups taking DSE 203 accessed multiple data sets available through the **NDP Catalog**
 - Each data set belonged to a different data model using integration and interoperability of data through NDP
 - Total data set size: 40 GB
- NDP Education Hub workspaces was used to construct knowledge graphs based on instructions given in class
- Several groups used the National Research Platform as a default resource via NDP for tasks like matching textual data to ontologies
 - Data resources private to UC San Diego were provided by extending the NDP JupyterHub to use NRP resources at UCSD
- The integrated knowledge graph was stored in an NDP-Administered Neo4J Graph Database for each group
- Lessons learned from this first time classroom support includes providing NRP resources sustainably for longrunning jobs





Example Student Project with NAIRR USPTO Dataset

Analyzing USPTO Patents with Ontologies

















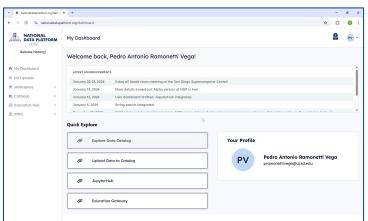
Training Students on Al using Big Landscape Data

Contacts: Melissa Floca, UC San Diego; Russ Parsons, US Forest Service; Scott Pokswinski, New Mexico Consortium

Four sprints in the Education Hub, progressively training students in:



- Using large vegetation and fuel datasets (FIA, TLS, ALS, FastFuels) and labels from the NDP Catalog
 - Each team analyzed ~85GB of data using NDP JupyterHub on NRP
- Setting up scalable computing environments (Dask, Docker) on NRP
- Generating tree inventories from ALS
- Applying machine learning for predicting tree attributes
- Conducting full pipeline development and reporting
 - Challenge required building AI
 Workflows using labeled data





https://prowesscenter.org/datachallenge

Although this open challenge was advertised only to UC San Diego students, it attracted 48 students from 8 universities across the United States, working collaboratively on NDP in teams of 2–5 members. The students **self onboarded** through the **NDP Education Hub** training modules.

List of Universities: (1) University of California, San Diego (2) San Diego State University (3) University of California, Los Angeles (4) University of California, Berkeley (5) University of Southern California (6) Northern Arizona University (7) Oregon Institute of Technology (8) Colorado State University











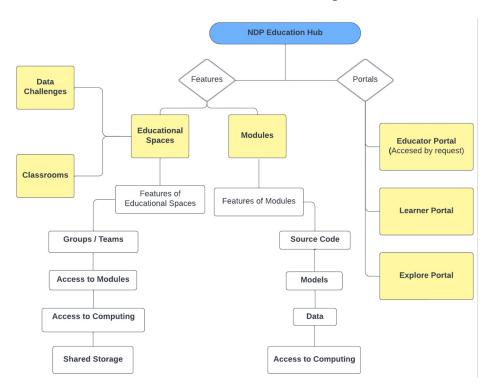


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Compute-Friendly Education Workflows on NDP

Contact: Pedro Ramonetti, UC San Diego





"Toward an Education Hub Linking Research Data and Compute to Learning Workflows in the National Data Platform," Melissa Floca, Kate O'Laughlin, Pedro Ramonetti, Amarnath Gupta, Ilkay Altintas, Manish Parashar, at ACM PEARC 2025

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As demand for AI literacy and data science education grows, there is a critical need for infrastructure that bridges the gap between research data, computational resources, and educational experiences. Although national-scale research platforms increasingly provide access to data and compute, integration with educational use cases remains limited. To address this gap, we developed a first-of-its-kind Education Hub within the National Data Platform. This hub enables seamless connections between collaborative research workspaces, classroom environments, and data challenge settings. By leveraging shared infrastructure resources and lowering technical barriers, the Education Hub supports hands-on, data-driven learning at scale. This paper presents the design and implementation of the Education Hub, along with lessons learned from early adopters and case studies that highlight its use in university classrooms and national-scale data challenges. Our findings underscore the value of embedding education directly into the research data ecosystem and point toward future directions for building inclusive, scalable AI and data science education platforms.















BurnPro3D High-Resolution Vegetation and Fire Simulation Data

Contact: Leticia Lee, UC San Diego

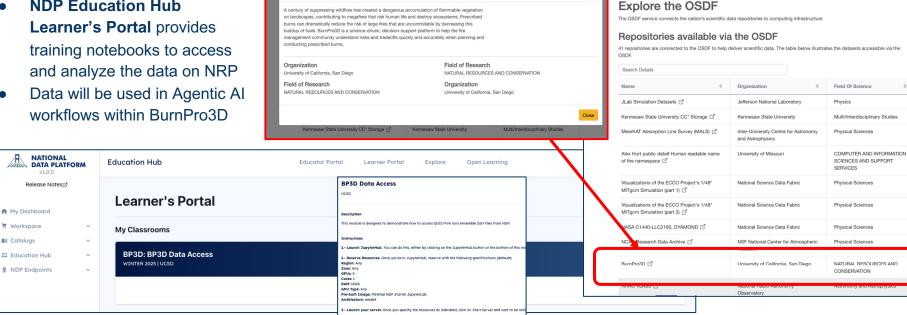
NDP Catalogs for BurnPro3D data on ODSF

- **NDP Education Hub Learner's Portal** provides training notebooks to access
- workflows within BurnPro3D















BurnPro3D







Services * Campuses * Community * Contact About * Docs *

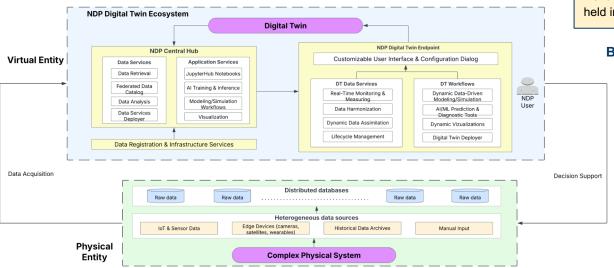


Using NDP for Digital Twin Applications

Contact: Hena Ahmed, PhD Student, UC San Diego



NDP Digital Twin Factory Architecture using Composable Services



"Towards a Federated Approach to Complex Digital Twins," Hena Ahmed, Daniel Crawl, Ilkay Altintas. FlexScience 2025 held in conjunction with HPDC 2025.

Being tested for three digital twin applications

- Quantified Human based on multimodal data of Larry Smarr, by UC San Diego PhD student Conan Minihan.
 - Data is being uploaded to OSDF.
- WIFIRE Firemap based on the closed loop workflows for fire response, by Daniel Crawl and Hena Ahmed
 - Al workflows for data assimilation running on NRP.
- Immersive Forest based on multimodal fire environment data, by UC San Diego PhD student Isaac Nealey.
 - Spatiotemporal daya discovery, integration and Al-workflows using OSDF and NRP.









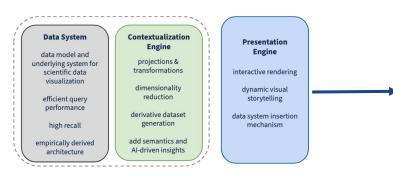






Immersive Forest

Contact: Isaac Nealey, PhD Student, UC San Diego



 Current calculations and AI workflows are deployed on NRP to integrate into the Immersive Forest offline

Future State:

- Fire environment data (satellite, LIDAR, weather and fire models) uploaded to OSDF will ingested into NDP Catalog to be discoverable.
- NDP Endpoint services will power the Immersive Forest, linking with NDP Workspaces to bring in new data and AI products into the visualization.
- Al Workflows integrated via NDP Workspaces running on NRP or other compute will generate new vegetation metrics and fire fuel characteristics to be integrated into the Immersive Forest.
- NDP will be used to link the data and contextualization to the presentation engine.























NDP Shells















Wildfire Science and Technology Commons

Contact: Claire Stirm, UC San Diego











NDP Core Functionality

Ingestion

Search

Access

Control

Dashboard

Data Challenge

Research Project

Workspace

Compute

NRP

WSTC Endpoint

Services

WSTC Services

Control

Access

and

Authentication

Catalog

Models

Services

Docker

Images

https://www.wildfirecommons.org/

Wildfire Science & Technology Commons (WSTC)

Our Mission and Vision

- NDP Catalog is being extended with catalogs for members, marketplace and pathfinders to serve a large network of wildfire experts
- NDP Endpoint using core NDP services on Google cloud
 - Workspaces
- experience

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- expert network services
- Version 2 plans to use Democratizing Data as an





Open Collaborations for a

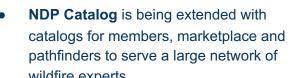
Wildfire Resilient Future

Introducing the Wildfire Science & Technology Commons

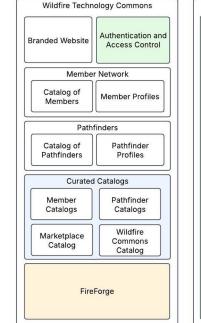








- FireForge platform is being built on top of an
 - Authentication, Catalogs, Project Spaces,
- A customized look-n-feel expanding NDP endpoint backend with a specialized user
- Platform planned to launch July 1st, 2025
 - Version 1 with NDP compute backend and catalogs integrated into the marketplace with
 - NDP standard service for usage analysis SAN DIEGO UC San Diego





Wildfire Science & Technology Commons



Expert Network Tool



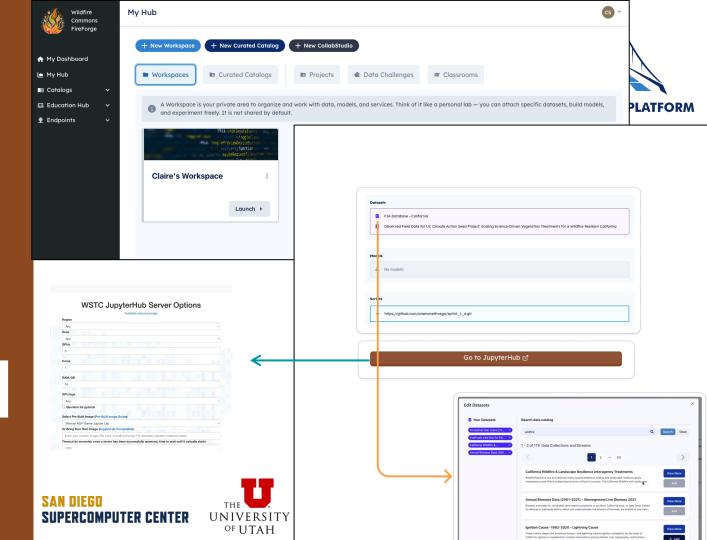
FireForge Platform



Community Marketplace



FireForge Platform Interface

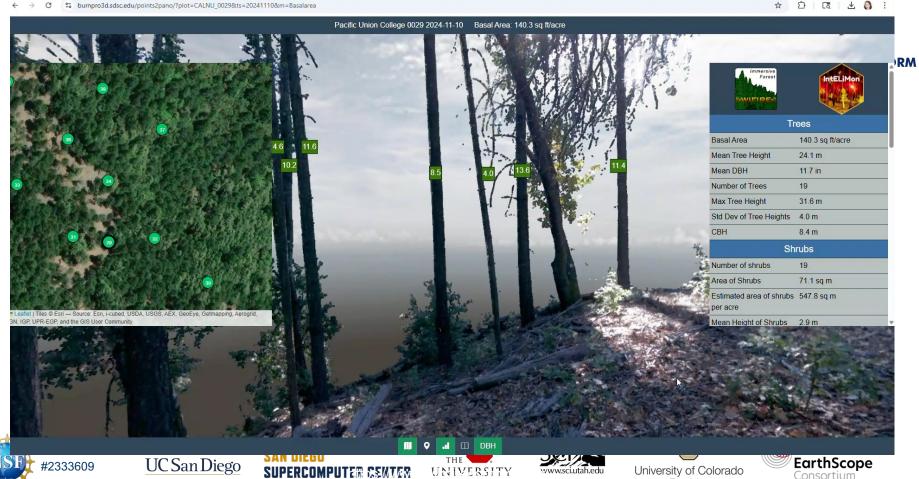


Points2Pano app in WIFIRE's Immersive Forest



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Example:



OBJECTIVE: Process terrestrial LIDAR scans (TLS) from the USCS
IntELiMon program to create visual representations of the scans to push
them to data systems that integrate them into the Points2Pano app to
WIFIRE's Immersive Forest.

NATIONAL DATA PLATFORM

TLS Processing Workflow Collaboration





https://burnpro3d.sdsc.edu/points2pano

CREATE WORKSPACE

Create a workspace to collect data and scripts to accomplish goals

PREPARE DATA

ADD
PROCESSIN
G SCRIPTS



Share workspace with team members to collaborate on the project

ADD GROUP MEMBERS

LAUNCH WORKSPACE TO COMPUTE













Step 1:

Prepare data

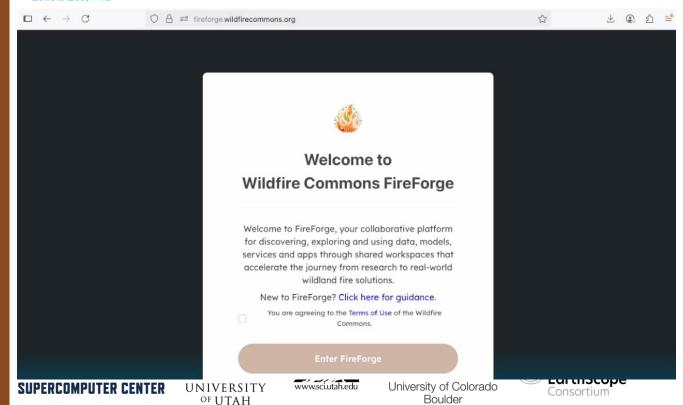






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Step 2:

Create a workspace & project

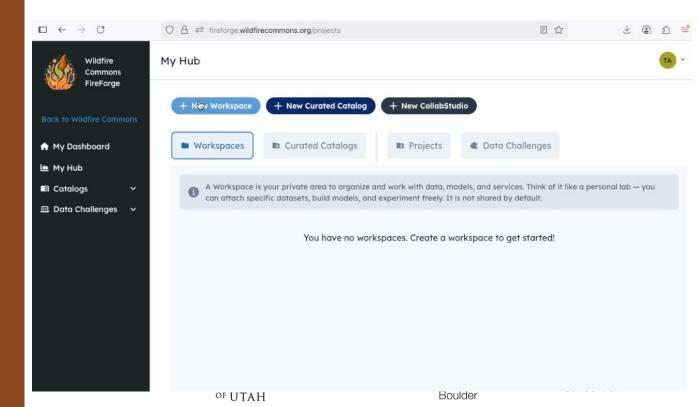






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Step 3:

Jupyterhub







SUPERCOMPUTER CENTER

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Step 4:

Run code on Jupyterhub



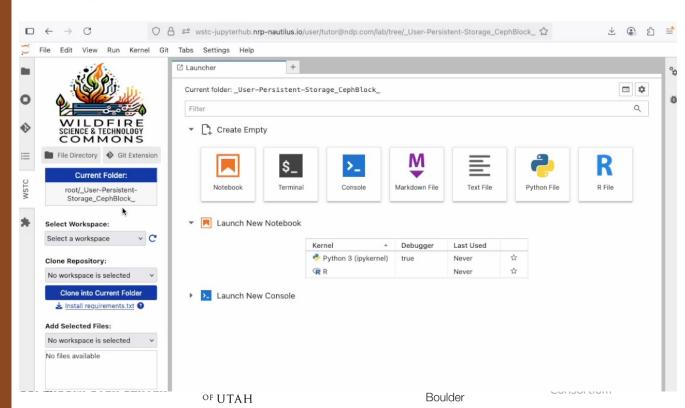




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NATIONAL DATA PLATFORM



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Step 5: Save outputs to cloudcompatible storage

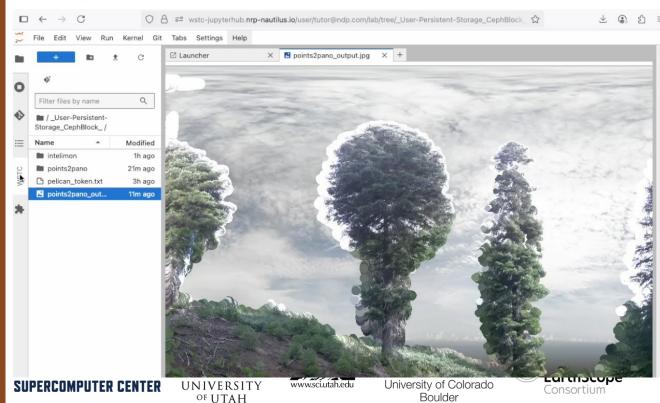






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NDP ENDPOINT DEPLOYMENT NEAR YOUR DATA



OFFER MATERIALS FOR CLASSROOM CAPABILITIES and CREATE DATA CHALLENGES

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