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Nyarlathotep Automated Data Pipelines for eLabFTW

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- Inspiration: NOMAD Oasis, Chemotion, or GitHub/GitLab CI pipelines









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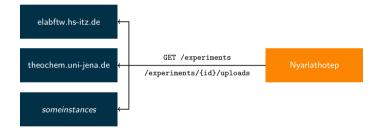
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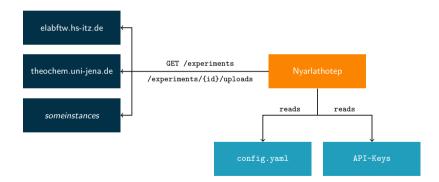
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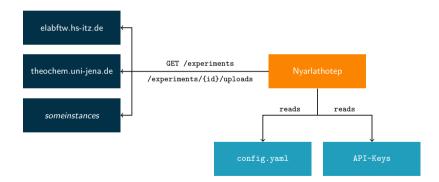


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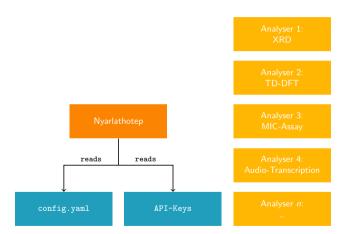
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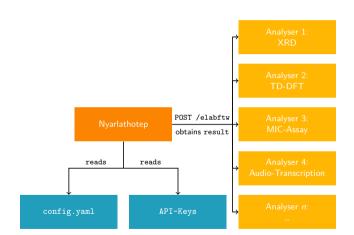
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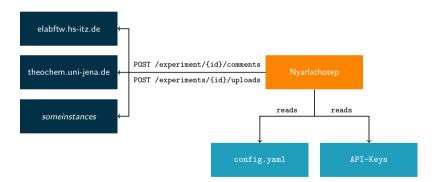
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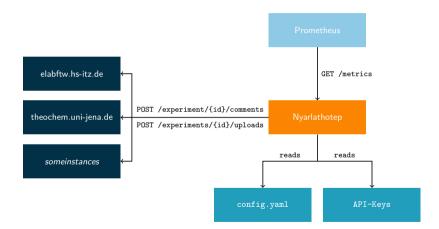
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Connect server and analysis code

```
main :: IO ()
main = do
  runWorkerServer (Config cfgUrl) . Worker $ workerFn
-- | Wrapping and unwrapping request and result types from JSON
workerFn :: (MonadIO m) => WorkerRequest -> m WorkerResults
workerFn WorkerRequest{..} = do
  (tempF, volF, denF) <- run workDir equiF prodF</pre>
  return $ WorkerResults { ... }
-- | Your normal analysis code without any specialties
run :: MonadIO m => FilePath -> FilePath -> m (FilePath,
   FilePath, FilePath)
```

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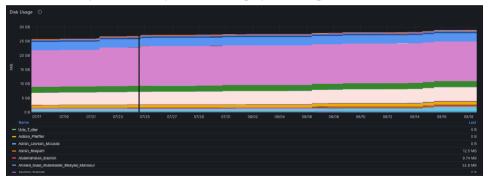
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- Local group admin and/or users can add workflows themselves



Deployment

Monitoring

- Nyarlathotep provides OpenMetrics endpoint
- Disk usage per user from the /reports API
- Statistics on processed experiments, e.g. processing time, success and failure rates





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Outlook & Conclusion

- Nyarlathotep is in an early stage and still changes
- Our use case: collect data for chemical compounds, normalise them and build up an external ML database
- Standardise workflows for common measurements



https: //git.uni-jena.de/ mi24ris/nyarlathotep

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