

# **Astroinformatics - The New Paradigma of Astronomy in the Epoch of Petabyte-Scaled Archives**

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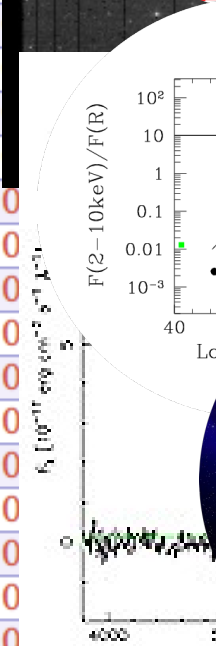
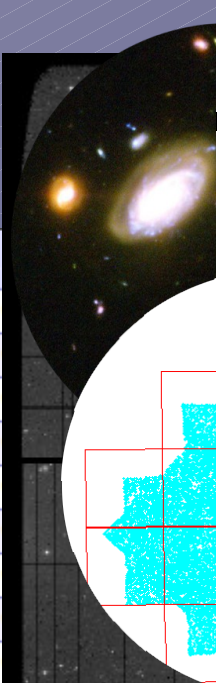
# Outline of the Talk

- VO – the hidden revolution in astronomy
- Data Avalanche in astronomy
- History of VO
- Basic principles of technology
- VO Tools
- Theory in VO
- VO Science
- VO and Society
- Astroinformatics (Citizen Science, 4<sup>th</sup> Paradigm)

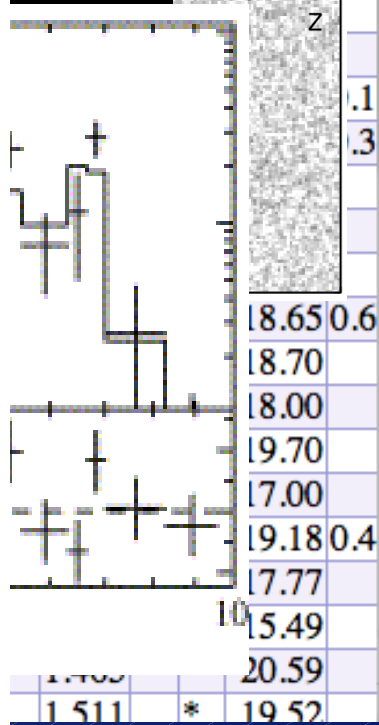
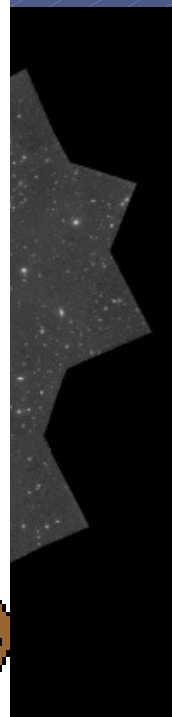
# VO – The Hidden Revolution

- VO is the radical change of the paradigm of the work of the scientists – effectiveness !!!
- Everyday question (what, where, format, units)
- Scientists are conservative (don't like change)
  - The fear of buzzword VO (multispec, large scale)
- Computer literacy – obligatory (part of job)
- Evanthia Hatsiminaoglou – cartoon !

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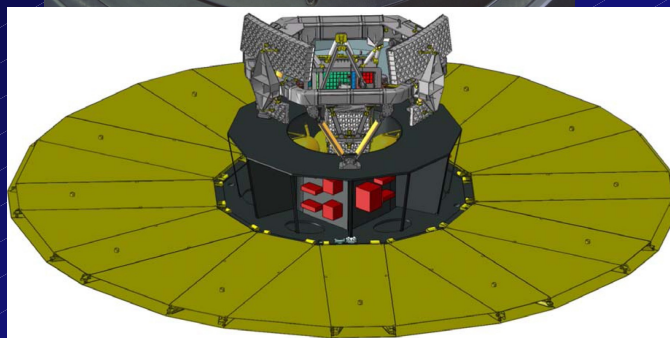
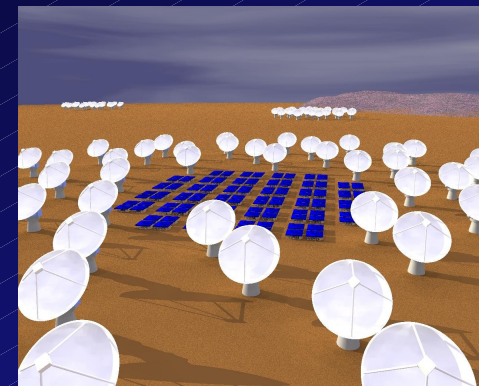
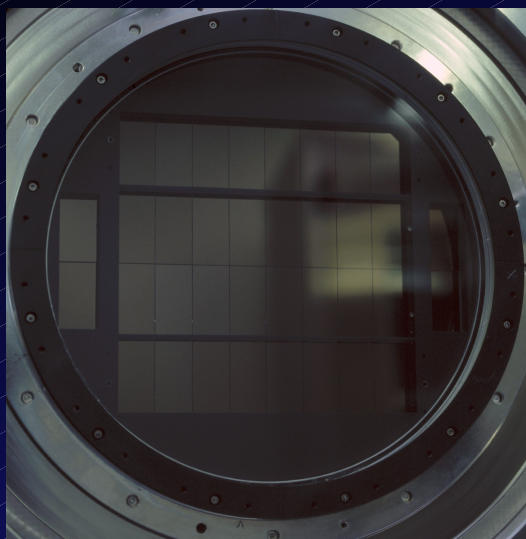
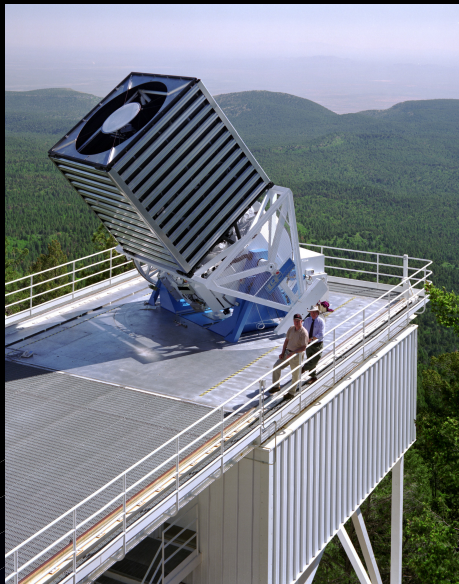
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# **Analogy between VO and WWW**

- Linking HYPERTEXT/DATA among servers
- Synergy effect of GLOBAL NET (Gopher, WAIS)
- Powerfull SEARCH (VERONICA – GOOGLE)
- DISTRIBUTED but CENTRAL Steering Organisation (W3C/IVOA)
- Recommendations = „Obligatory“ Standards
- Astronomers in forefront of development
- Scepticism (usefulness for my field ???)
- Steep Growth – average user can use it without knowledge of principles (effectivity, habits)

# Data Avalanche



# Large Scale Data

- Huge surveys: 100 million sources at  $< 3000$  sources per night  $\Rightarrow > 100$  years to identify them
- Huge data collections: download and data analysis on desktop problematic/impossible.
- Example: downloading Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) DR6 data:
  - images (10 Terabytes)  $\Rightarrow \sim 3$  months at 10 Mbps
  - catalogues (2 Terabytes)  $\Rightarrow \sim 3$  weeks
  - on DVDs  $\Rightarrow \sim 2,100$  of them
- And data analysis?? (similar size for MACHO, 2MASS etc)

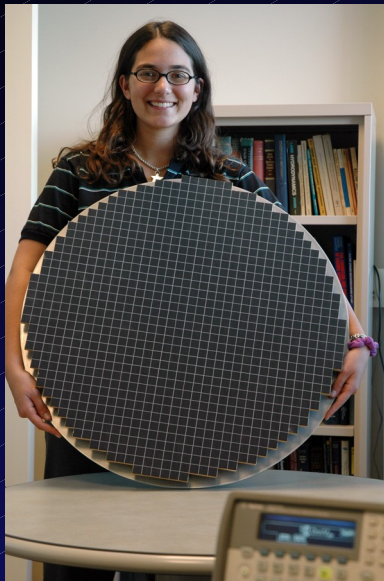
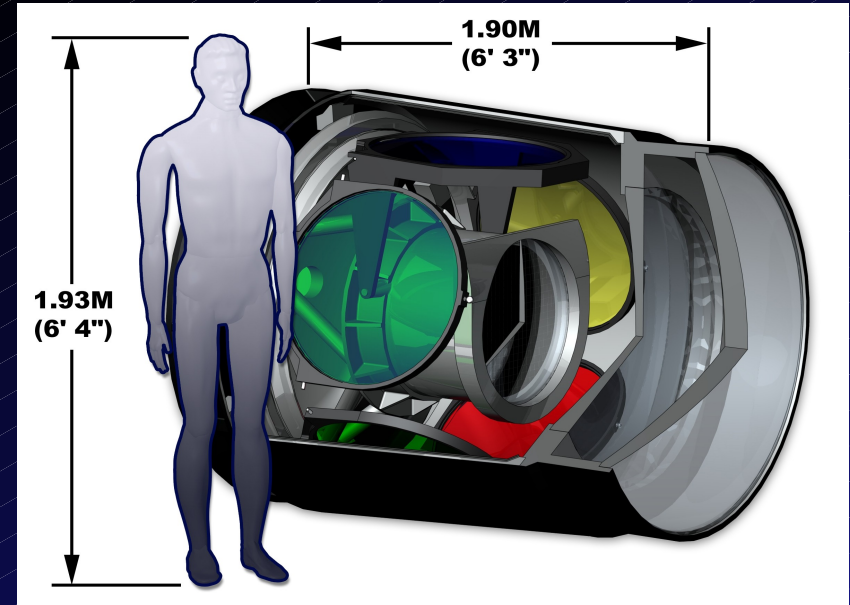
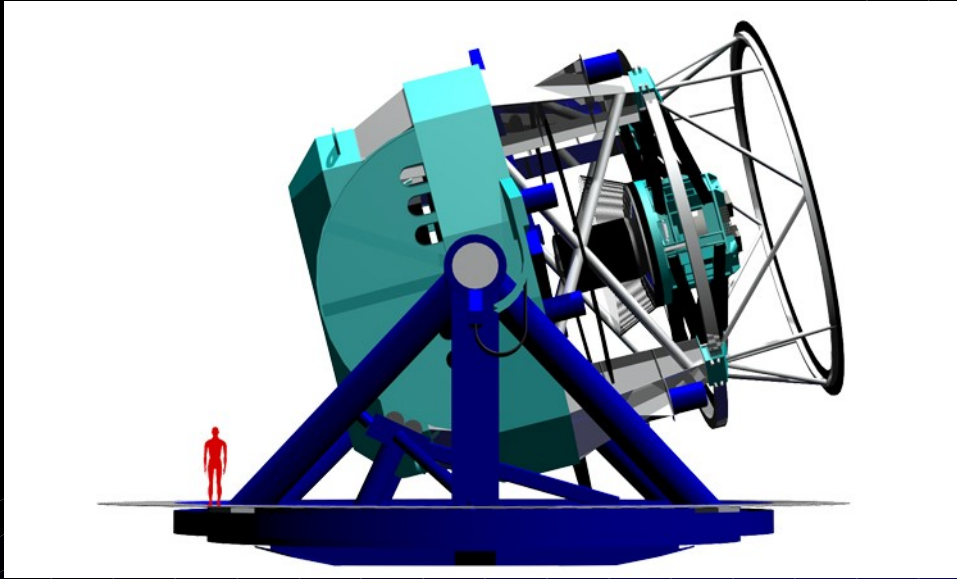
# CD Sea



600 000 CD = 372 TB (CD 650MB)  
600 000 DVD = 2.5 PB (DVD=4.5GB)

Bruce Monro  
Kilmington UK

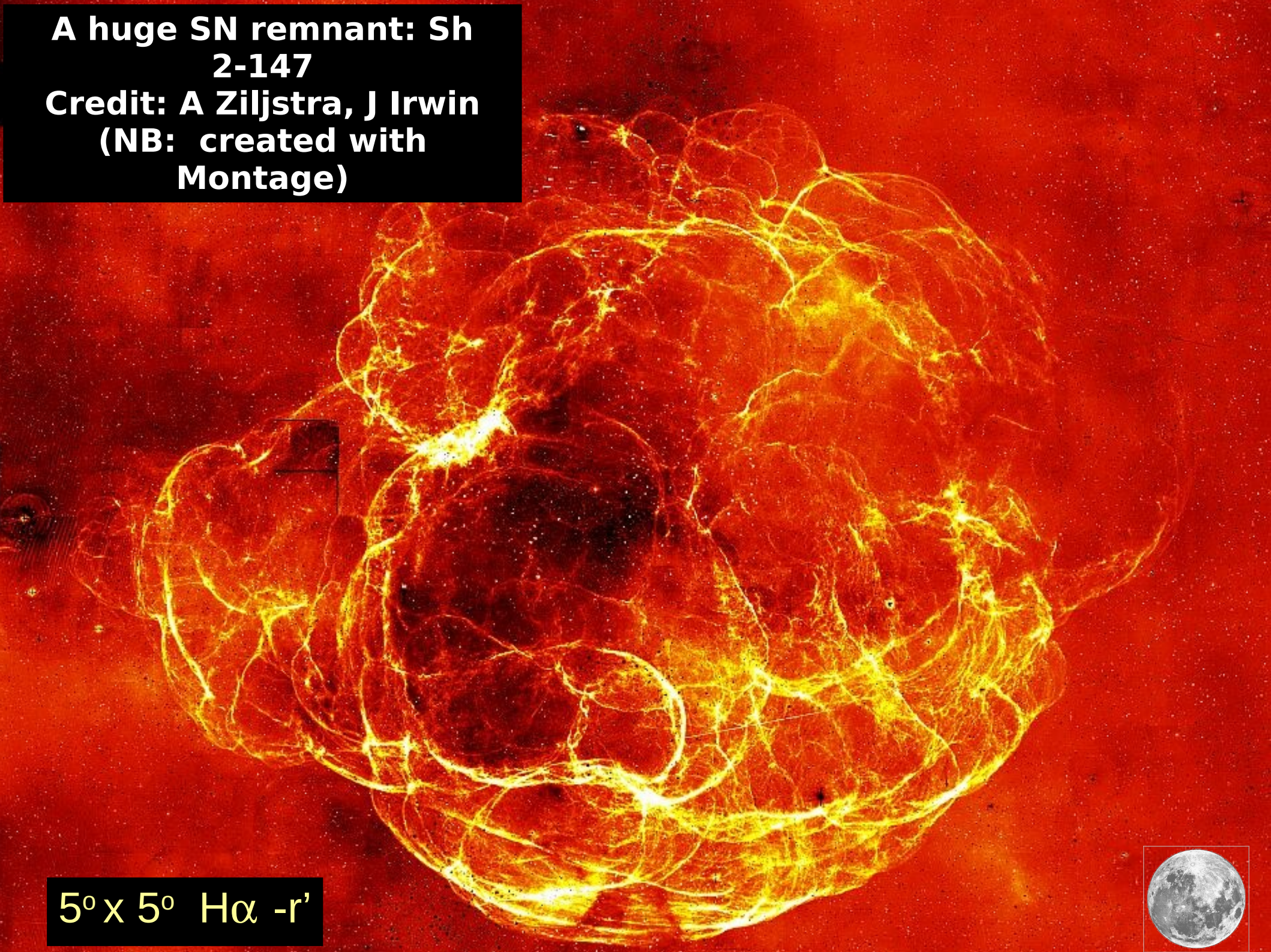
# LSST (8.4m)



200 CCD 4kx4k,  
32 channels (6400)  
3.2 Gpix every 20 sec  
64cm diameter  
3.5 deg FOV  
30 TB/night  
2 TFLOPS  
detection of changes  
within 60sec

**A huge SN remnant: Sh  
2-147**

**Credit: A Zijlstra, J Irwin  
(NB: created with  
Montage)**

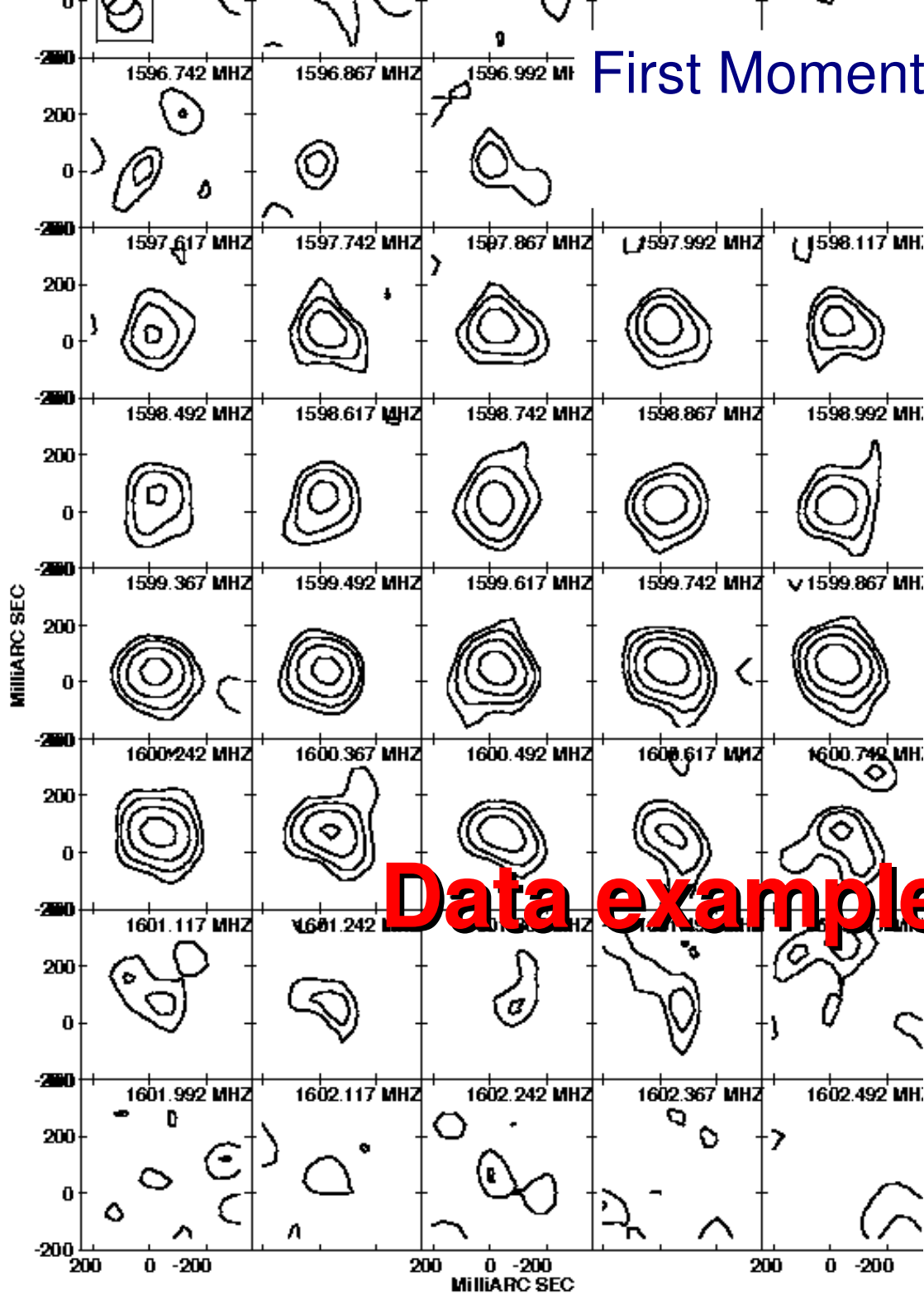


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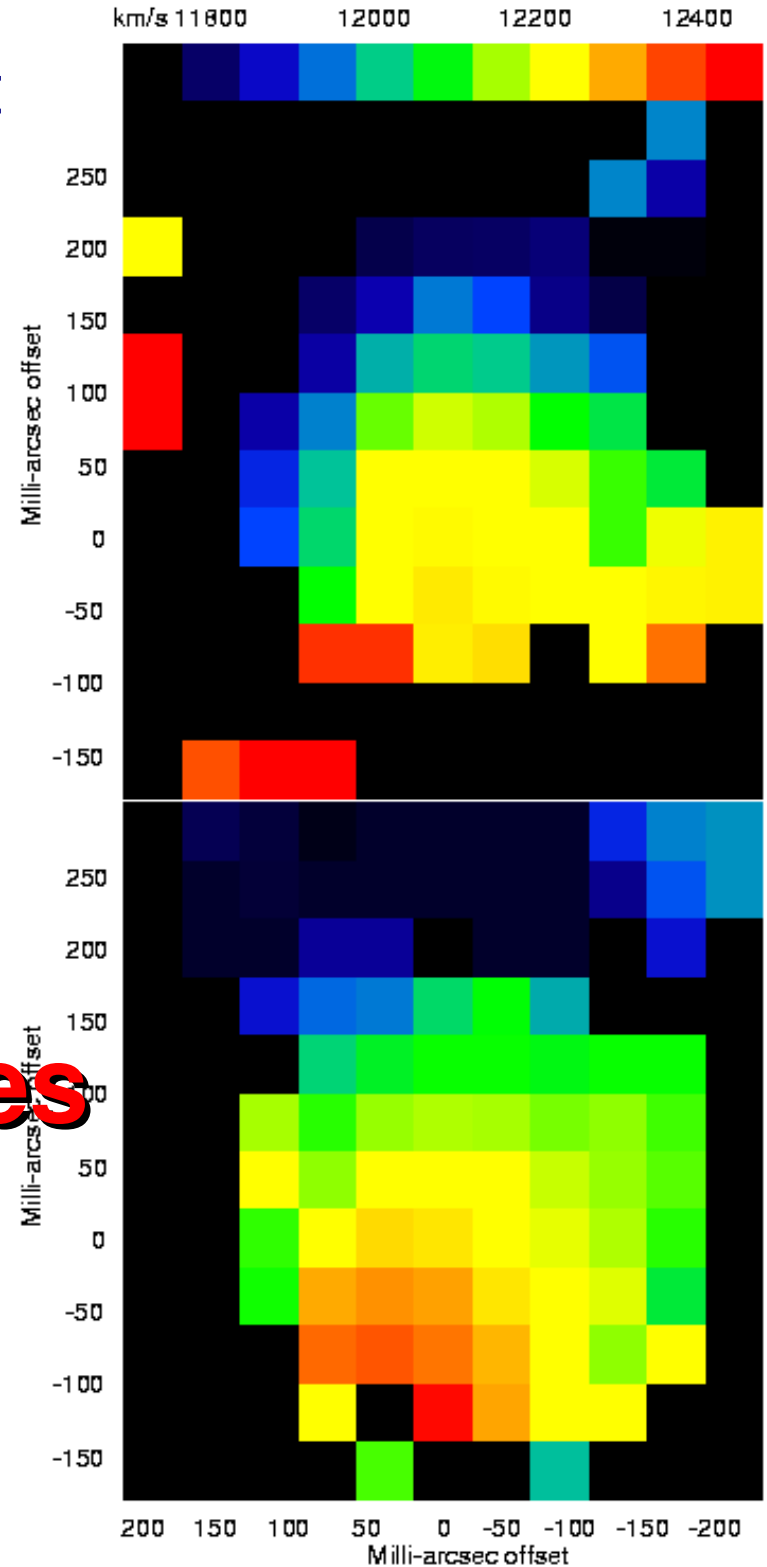


# First Moment

DECLINATION (J2000)



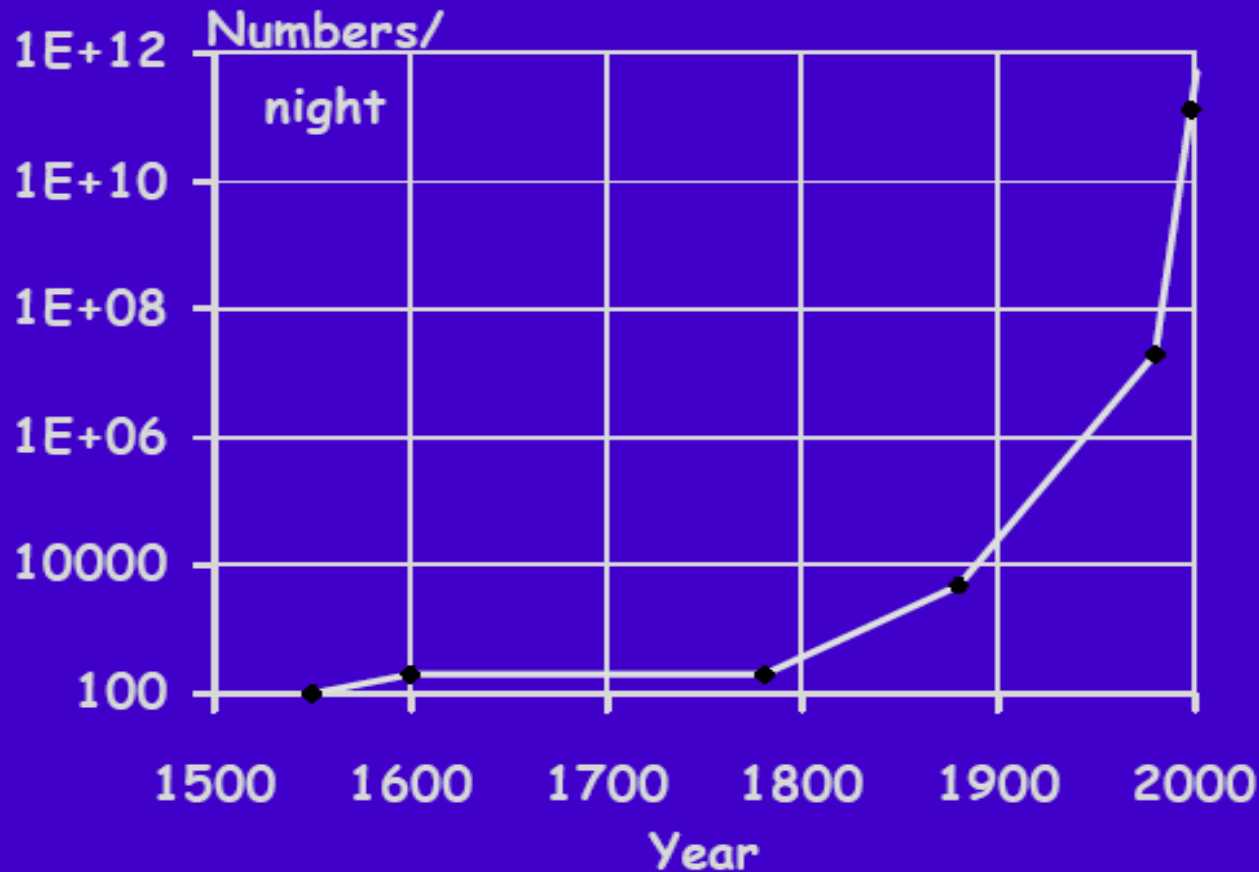
Data examples



# Data Avalanche

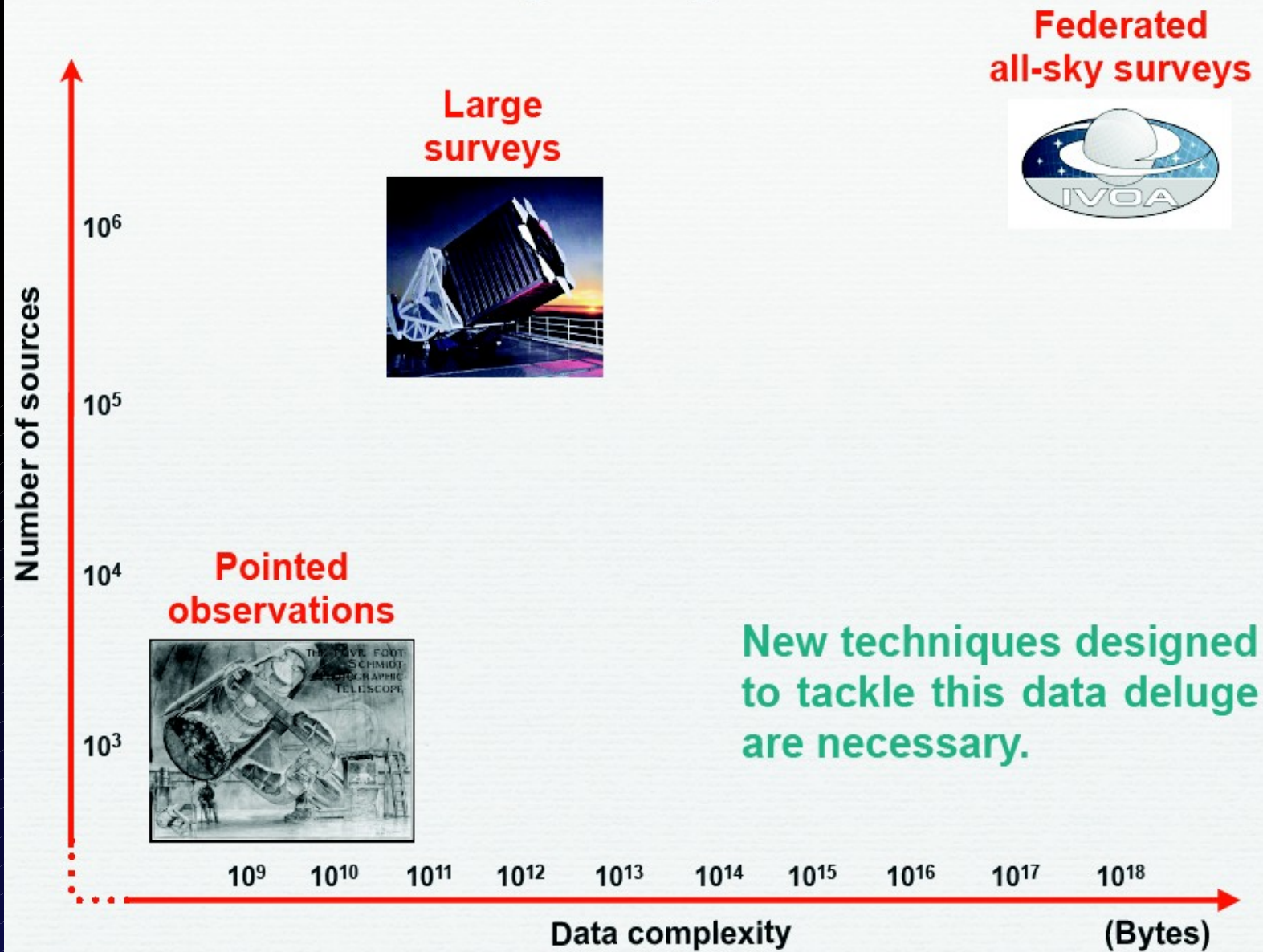
Moore law for chips –doubling 1.5 year

Data in astronomy – doubling  $< 1$  yr ! (1000/10 yr)

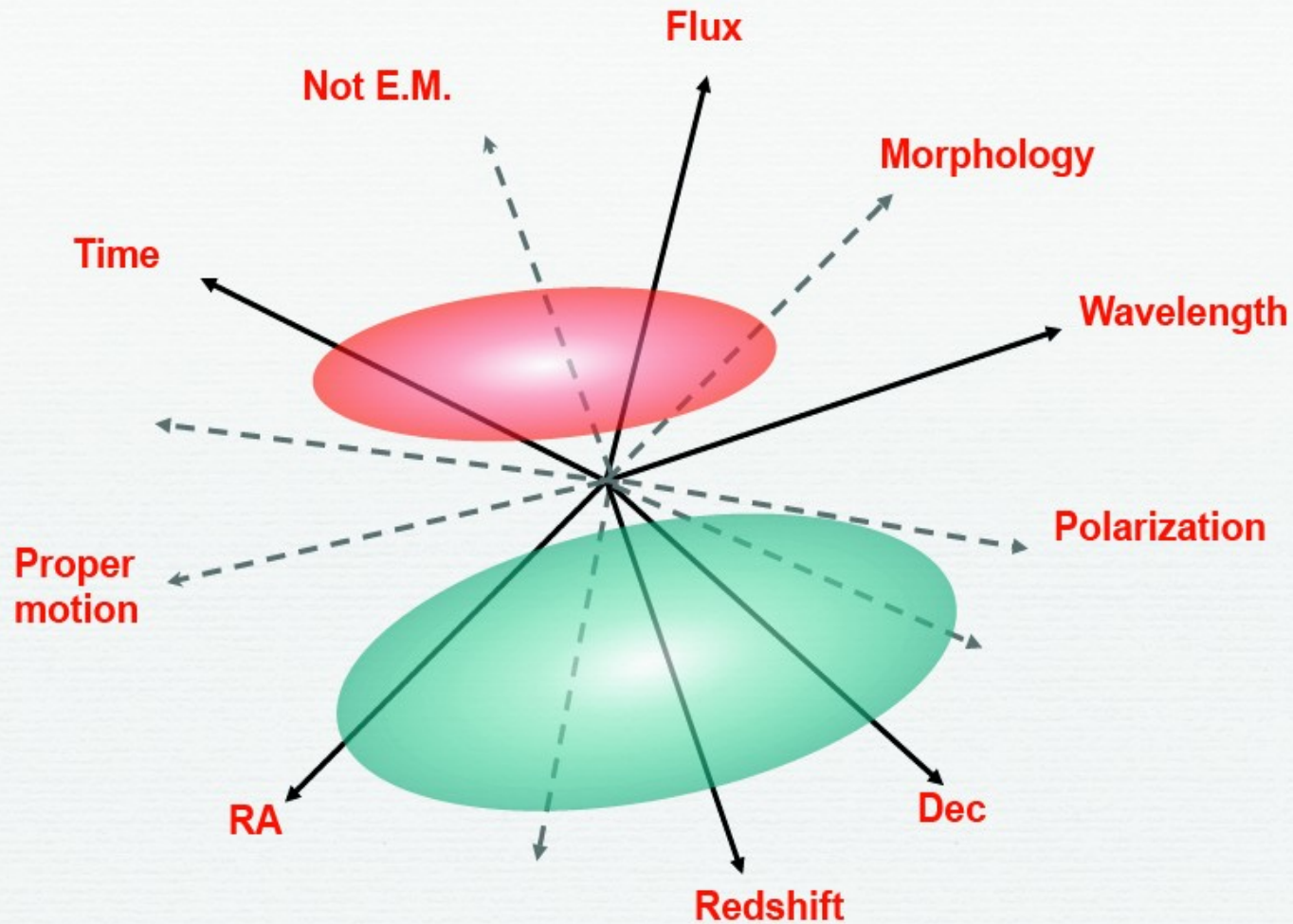


$T_2 < 18$  mths  
1990-2000

# A paradigm shift

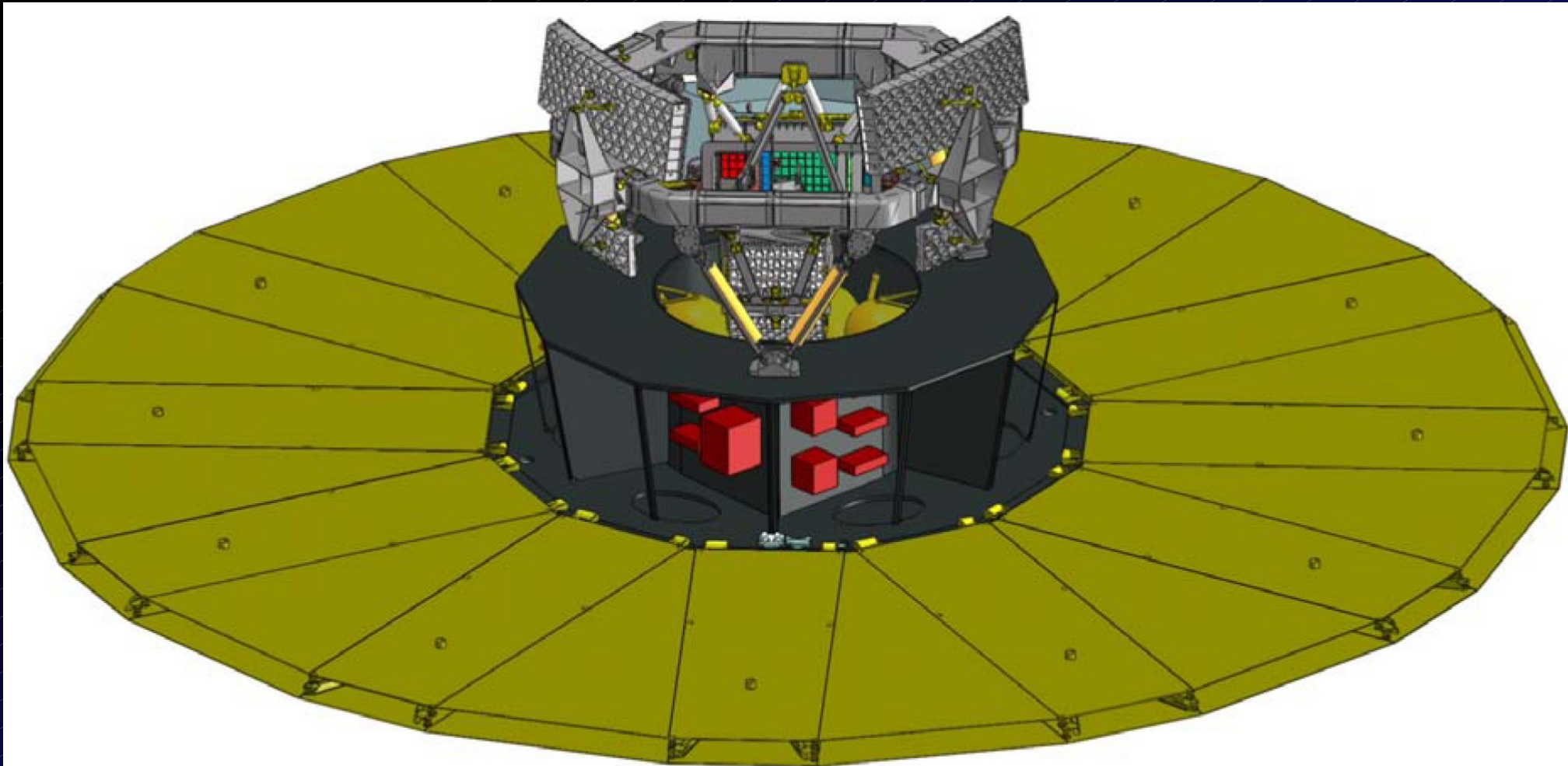


# A growing parameter space



Most discoveries were made in small regions of subspaces or along some of these axes

# GAIA (2012)

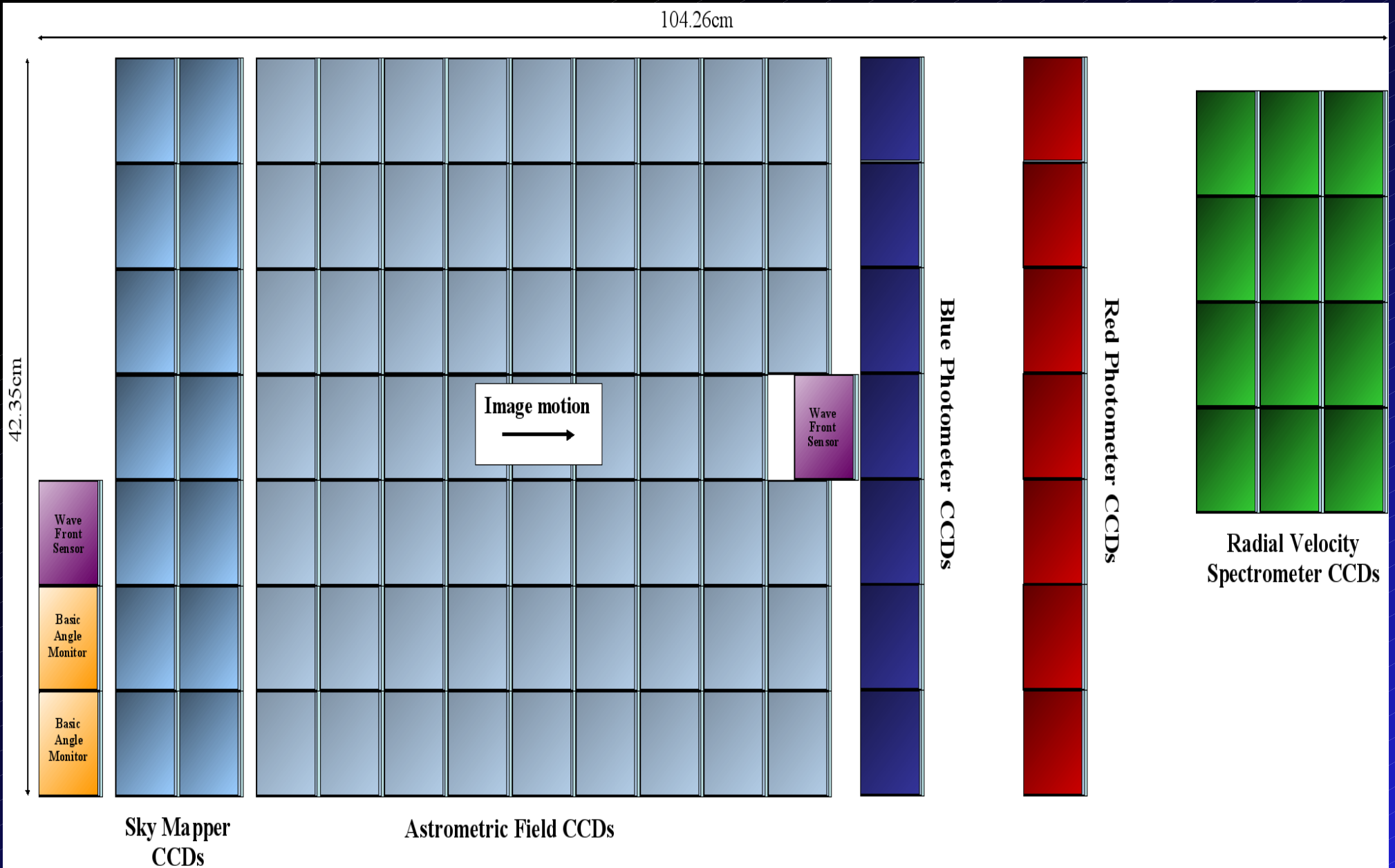


# GAIA CCDs

106 CCDs

938 Mpix

2800cm<sup>2</sup>



# History of VO

Success of IUE/HST archives

idea of the VO - end 2000

Federation of archives (MAST, NED)

- unified IF, data format for transport

Huge data – distributed processing

GRID - started in HEP (accelerator science)

Multispectral research : radio---gamma

- Virtual Universe (UK), AstroVirTel (ESO)

Data for SDSS, SIMBAD, NED – key research

# Virtual Observatory : Key Definitions

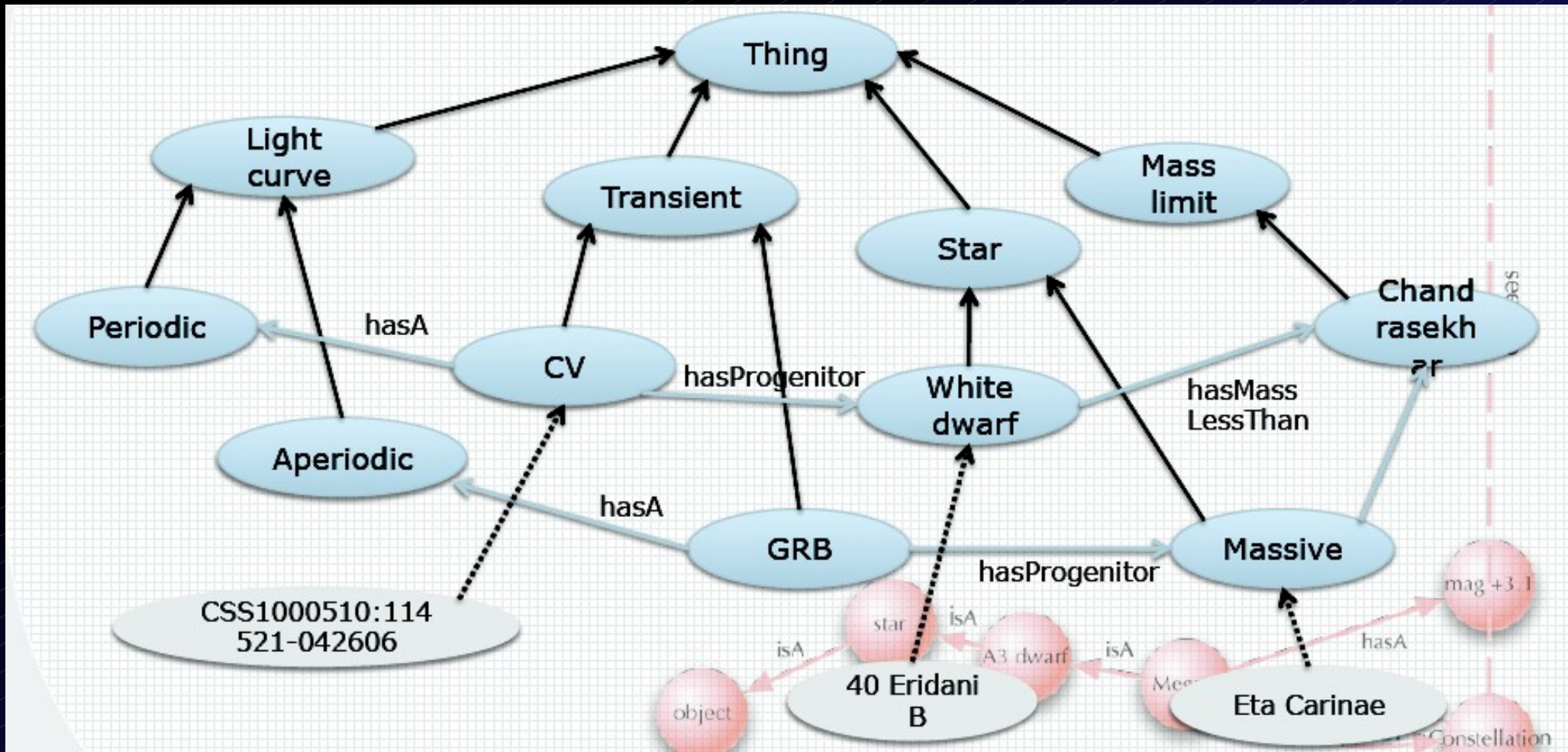
- *“The Virtual Observatory will be a system that allows astronomers to interrogate multiple data centers in a seamless and transparent way, which provides new powerful analysis and visualization tools within that system, and which gives data centers a standard framework for publishing and delivering services using their data”.*
- Standardization of data and metadata, and of data exchange methods.
- Registry, listing available services and what can be done with them.

*R.J.Hanisch, P.J.Quinn, in “IVOA – Guidelines for participation”*

# VO Paradigm

- METADATA (name of column), ontologies (name)
- Unique format (VOTable – e.g VizieR)
- Transparent search, download, conversion
- Query for data – processing done on servers
- Federation of astronomical archives (protocols)
- Unified presentation – automatic units conversion (A, MeV, MHz  $\rightarrow$  nm),  $\text{Wm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \rightarrow \text{Jy}$ )
- Background computing on GRIDS
- Multiwavelength approach (SED)

# Ontologies in Astronomy

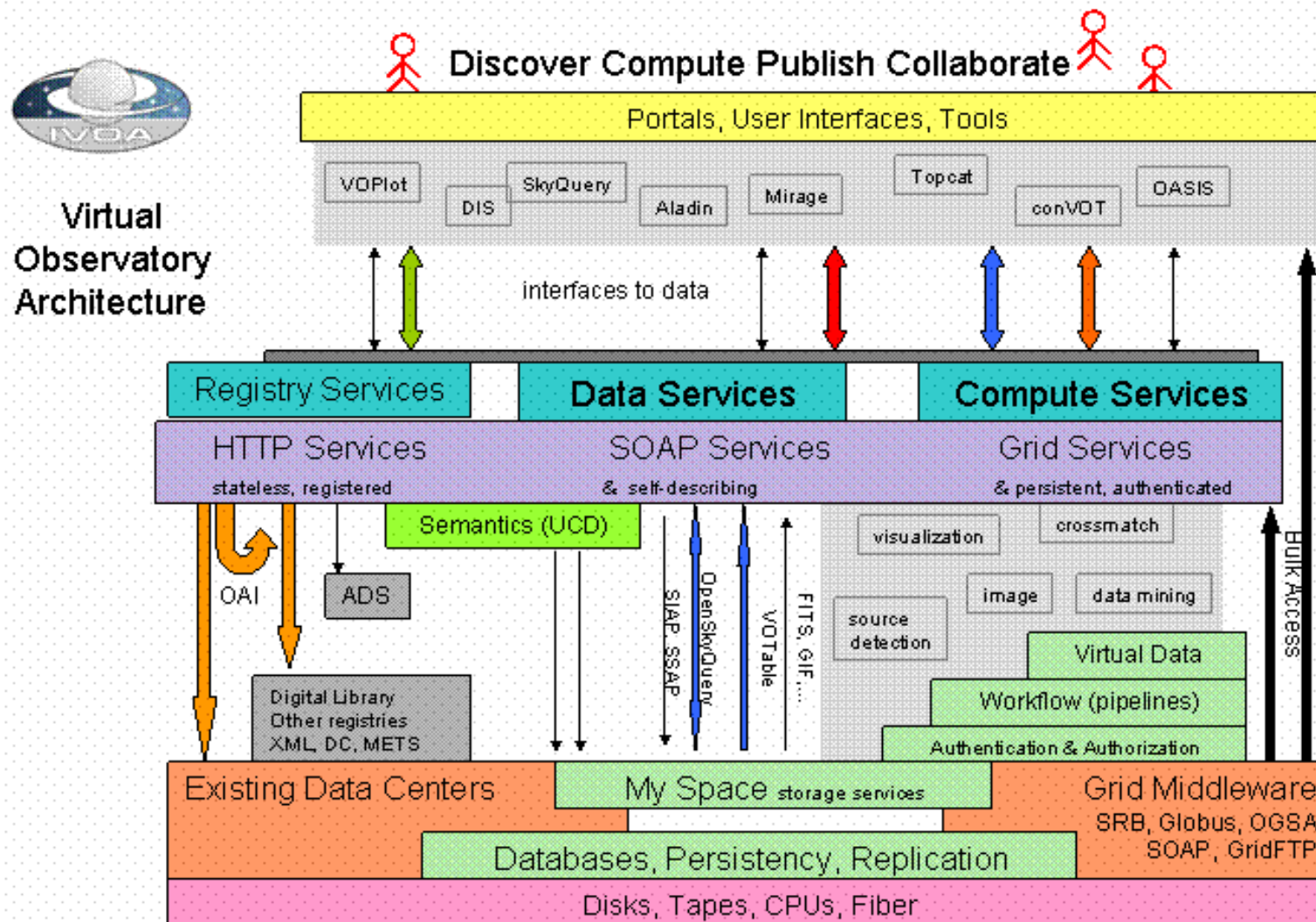


# VOTable

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<FIELD name="Dur" ucd="time.expo" datatype="int" width="5" unit="s"/>
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    unit="mW/m2/nm" type="location">
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    href="http://ivoa.spectr/server?obsno="/>
</FIELD>
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TD></TR>
</TABLEDATA></DATA>
</TABLE>
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Serialization (metadata first, end of data unknown, tree structure)

# Architecture of VO



# Technology of VO

Unified data format– VOTable, UCD (Vizier)

Transparent transport (SOAP , REST<sub>(youtube)</sub>)

Web services (WS) e-commerce, B2B, J2EE, .Net

VOregistry (DNS like) Google for data+WS  
protocols (CGI)

- ConeSearch (searching in circle on sky)
- SIAP (Simple Image Access Protocol)
- SSAP(Simple Spectral Access Protocol)
- SLAP(Simple Line Access Protocol)
- TAP (Table Access Protocol)
- VOEVENT (transients, robotic telescopes, Sun)

# VO Registry - web

HEROS OND CUTOUT: Resource Record Summary - Iceweasel

Soubor Úpravy Zobrazit Historie Záložky Nástroje nápověda

http://nvo.stsci.edu/vor10/getRecord.aspx?id=ivo://asu.cas.cz/stel/heros/cutout

vo registry vor10

Nejnavštěvovan... Getting Started Latest Headlines ELIAV, a.s. - Firmy.cz

VOSpec\_Oct2007.png (PNG obrá... HEROS OND CUTOUT: Resource ...



National Virtual Observatory

NVO Registry

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Space Telescope Science Institute

Tip: [What's a "Resource"?](#)

Resource Record Summary

Catalog Service:  
cutout server of HEROS archive of Ondrejov observations

**Short name:** HEROS OND CUTOUT

**IVOA Identifier:** ivo://asu.cas.cz/stel/heros/cutout

**Publisher:** [Stellar Department of Astronomical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic](#) [+ [Pub. ID]

**More Info:** <http://stelweb.asu.cas.cz/vo-archives/heros>

**Status:** active

**Registered:** 2008 Oct 24 21:13:08Z

[Get XML](#)

Description

This is the cutout server for the content of HEROS archive. Using the parametr BAND=11/12 prepares on the fly spectra extended only over given range of wavelengths. This archive contains about 6000 high resolution (R=20000) echelle spectra obtained by the HEROS spectrograph installed at the 2m telescope of the Ondrejov observatory since August 2000 to March 2003. The spectra exposed simultaneously in two channels (red 580-840nm, blue 370-560nm) were reduced by MIDAS HEROS pipeline including the merging of echelle orders, heliocentric correction and rebinning to steps of 0.1A. The intensities are in instrumental flux (not normalized).

More About this Resource

[+] **About the Resource Providers**  
*This section describes who is responsible for this resource*

[+] **Status of This Resource**  
*This section provides some status information: the resource version, availability, and relevant dates.*

[+] **What This Resource is About**  
*This section describes what the resource is, what it contains, and how it might be relevant.*

Available Service Interfaces

[+] **Simple Spectral Access**  
*This is a standard IVOA service for searches for spectra from this resource that were observed within a specified region of the sky.*



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# VO Registry - XML

Iceweasel

Soubor Úpravy Zobrazit Historie Záložky Nástroje nápověda

file:///home/skoda/VO-brno2009/RegistryMetadata.xml vo registry vor10

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Tento XML soubor nemá připojeny žádné informace o vzhledu prvků. Strom XML dokumentu je zobrazen níže.

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      </publisher>
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        <name>Petr Skoda</name>
        <address>Fricova 298, 251 65 Ondrejov, Czech Republic</address>
        <email>skoda@sunstel.asu.cas.cz</email>
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    </curator>
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# Technology of VO

ADQL (Astronomical Data Query Language)

XMATCH, REGION (2 catalogues - shifted)

Application interoperability – PLASTIC, SAMP

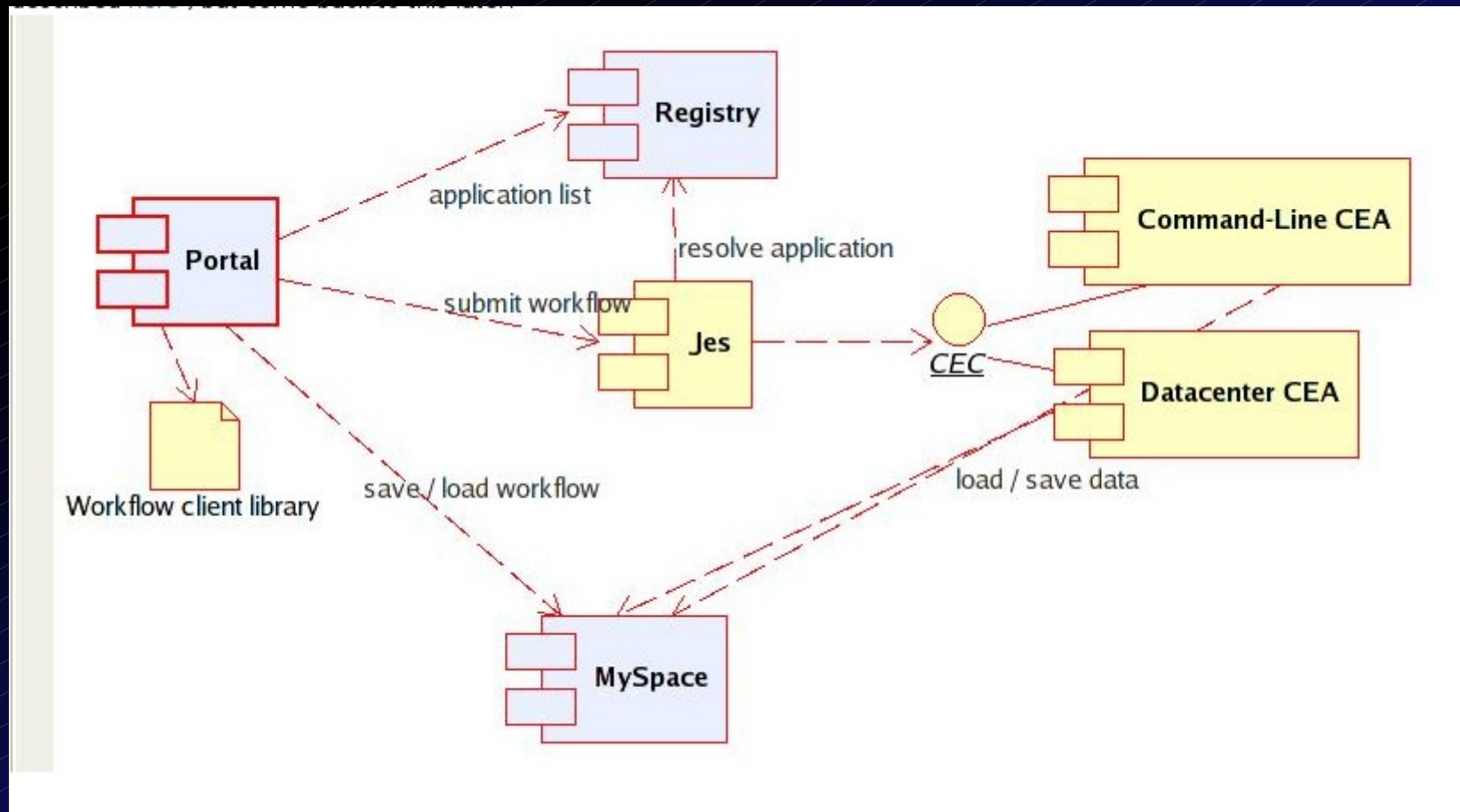
- Allows develop applications as bricks
- sending VOTABLES (catalogue-spectra-images)

Commercial interest (GoogleSky, MS WWT)

Planetariums, Outreach (Stellarium)

# Workflows - Astrogrid

Running remote services – e.g. Sextractor, CASJobs, AstroNeural MLP....



# Building a query

## AstroGrid Query Builder

The screenshot shows the AstroGrid Query Builder interface for SDSS Data Release 3 (AstroGrid DSA). The interface is divided into several panels:

- Chooser:** A sidebar on the left with tabs for Query, Parameter, XML, Info, and Security. The Query tab is selected.
- Tree:** A central panel showing the query structure. It includes a 'Select' clause with columns 'a.ra', 'a.dec', 'a.u', 'a.g', 'a.r', 'a.i', 'a.z', 'a.err\_u', 'a.err\_g', 'a.err\_r', 'a.err\_i', 'a.err\_z', and 'a.type'. The 'From' clause is 'PhotoObj as a'. The 'Where' clause includes 'And' conditions: 'a.ra Between 242.0 And 243.6' and 'a.dec Between 54.1 And 55.1'.
- Table Columns:** A table listing columns from the 'PhotoObj' table. The columns are: Name, UCD, Units, Type, and Description. The rows are: 'ntmID' (CU...), 'fieldID' (ID...), 'parentID' (ID...), 'specObjID' (ID...), 'u' (PH... mag), 'g' (PH... mag), 'r' (PH... mag), 'i' (PH... mag), 'z' (PH... mag), 'err\_u' (PH... mag), 'err\_g' (PH... mag), 'err\_r' (PH... mag), and 'err\_i' (PH... mag).
- Table Description:** A text box describing the table: 'Maps all primary and secondary objects in the PhotoObjAll table to a view'.
- Selected table:** A list of tables in the database. The tables are: SpecLineNames, SpecZStatus, SpecZWarning, TiMask, Tile, TilingBoundary, TilingMask, TiledTarget, SpecObj, PhotoFamily, PhotoObj (selected), PhotoPrimary, PhotoSecondary, SpecLine, SpecPhoto, Galaxy, and Sky.
- Query being built:** A dialog box titled 'Column References' with the text 'Insert 5 references into "Items"'. It has a 'Set Archive Definition..' button.
- Dialog to insert selected columns into selected section of the query:** A dialog box titled 'Column References' with the text 'Insert 5 references into "Items"'. It has a 'Set Archive Definition..' button.
- List of tables in the database:** A list of tables in the database. The tables are: SpecLineNames, SpecZStatus, SpecZWarning, TiMask, Tile, TilingBoundary, TilingMask, TiledTarget, SpecObj, PhotoFamily, PhotoObj (selected), PhotoPrimary, PhotoSecondary, SpecLine, SpecPhoto, Galaxy, and Sky.

Annotations with arrows point to the following elements:

- Table Columns:** Points to the 'Table Columns' table.
- Table Description:** Points to the 'Table Description' text box.
- Selected table:** Points to the 'PhotoObj' table in the 'Selected table' list.
- Query being built:** Points to the 'Query' tab in the 'Chooser' sidebar.
- Dialog to insert selected columns into selected section of the query:** Points to the 'Column References' dialog box.
- List of tables in the database:** Points to the 'Selected table' list.

# IVOA



# Simple Spectra Access Protocol Spectral Data Model

Simple Spectral Access Protocol V1.04



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## Simple Spectral Access Protocol

### Version 1.04

IVOA Recommendation Feb 01, 2008

**This version:**

<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/REC/DAL/SSA-20080201.html>

**Latest version:**

<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/latest/SSA.html>

**Previous version(s):**

Version 1.03, December 2007  
Version 1.02, September 2007  
Version 1.01, June 2007  
Version 1.00, May 2007  
Version 0.97, November 2006  
Version 0.96, September 2006  
Version 0.95 May 2006  
Version 0.91 October 2005  
Version 0.90 May 2005

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## IVOA Spectral Data Model

### Version 1.03

IVOA Recommendation 2007-10-29

**This version (Recommendation Rev 1)**

<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/REC/DM/SpectrumDM-20071029.pdf>

**Latest version:**

<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/latest/SpectrumDM.html>

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# SSAP Parameters

## 4.1.1 Mandatory Query Parameters

The following parameters **must** be implemented by a compliant service:

| Parameter | Sample value    | Physical unit             | Datatype |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| POS       | 52, -27.8       | degrees; defaults to ICRS | string   |
| SIZE      | 0.05            | degrees                   | double   |
| BAND      | 2.7E-7/0.13     | meters                    | string   |
| TIME      | 1998-05-21/1999 | ISO 8601 UTC              | string   |
| FORMAT    | votable         | -                         | string   |

## 4.1.2 Recommended and Optional Query Parameters

| Parameter   | Sample value          | Unit               | Req | Datatype |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----|----------|
| APERTURE    | 0.00028 (=1")         | degrees            | OPT | double   |
| SPECRP      | 2000                  | $\lambda/d\lambda$ | REC | double   |
| SPATRES     | 0.05                  | degrees            | REC | double   |
| TIMERES     | 31536000 (=1yr)       | seconds            | OPT | double   |
|             |                       |                    |     |          |
| SNR         | 5.0                   | dimensionless      | OPT | double   |
| REDSHIFT    | 1.3/3.0               | dimensionless      | OPT | string   |
| VARAMPL     | 0.77                  | dimensionless      | OPT | string   |
| TARGETNAME  | mars                  |                    | OPT | string   |
| TARGETCLASS | star                  |                    | OPT | string   |
| FLUXCALIB   | relative              |                    | OPT | string   |
| WAVECALIB   | absolute              |                    | OPT | string   |
|             |                       |                    |     |          |
| PUBDID      | ADS/col#R5983         |                    | REC | string   |
| CREATORID   | ivo://auth/col#R1234  |                    | REC | string   |
| COLLECTION  | SDSS-DR5              |                    | REC | string   |
|             |                       |                    |     |          |
| TOP         | 20                    | dimensionless      | REC | int      |
| MAXREC      | 5000                  |                    | REC | string   |
| MTIME       | 2005-01-01/2006-01-01 | ISO 8601           | REC | string   |
| COMPRESS    | true                  |                    | REC | boolean  |
| RUNID       |                       |                    | REC | string   |

The spatial, spectral, and time resolution of the data may all be used as query parameters.

# Universal Worker Service

RESTfull (PUT/GET/POST/DELETE)

| URI                              | Description                                | Representation                                               |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| /jobs                            | the Job List                               | the <jobs> element in the UWS schema                         |
| /jobs/{job-id}                   | a Job                                      | the <job> element in the UWS schema                          |
| /jobs/{job-id}/phase             | the Phase of job (job-id)                  | one of the fixed strings                                     |
| /jobs/{job-id}/executionduration | the maximum execution duration of (job-id) | Integer number of seconds                                    |
| /jobs/{job-id}/destruction       | the destruction instant for (job-id)       | <a href="#">[std:iso8601]</a>                                |
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| /jobs/{job-id}/quote             | the Quote for (job-id)                     | Integer number of seconds                                    |
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| /jobs/{job-id}/parameters        | any parameters for the job (job-id)        | the <parameters> element in the UWS schema                   |
| /jobs/{job-id}/owner             | the owner of the job (job-id)              | an appropriate identifier as discussed in <a href="#">3.</a> |

# VO-enabled tools

Aladin

VOPlot

TOPCAT

VOSpec

SpecView

SPLAT

ViSiVO (HPC simulations, cosmology)

VOSED

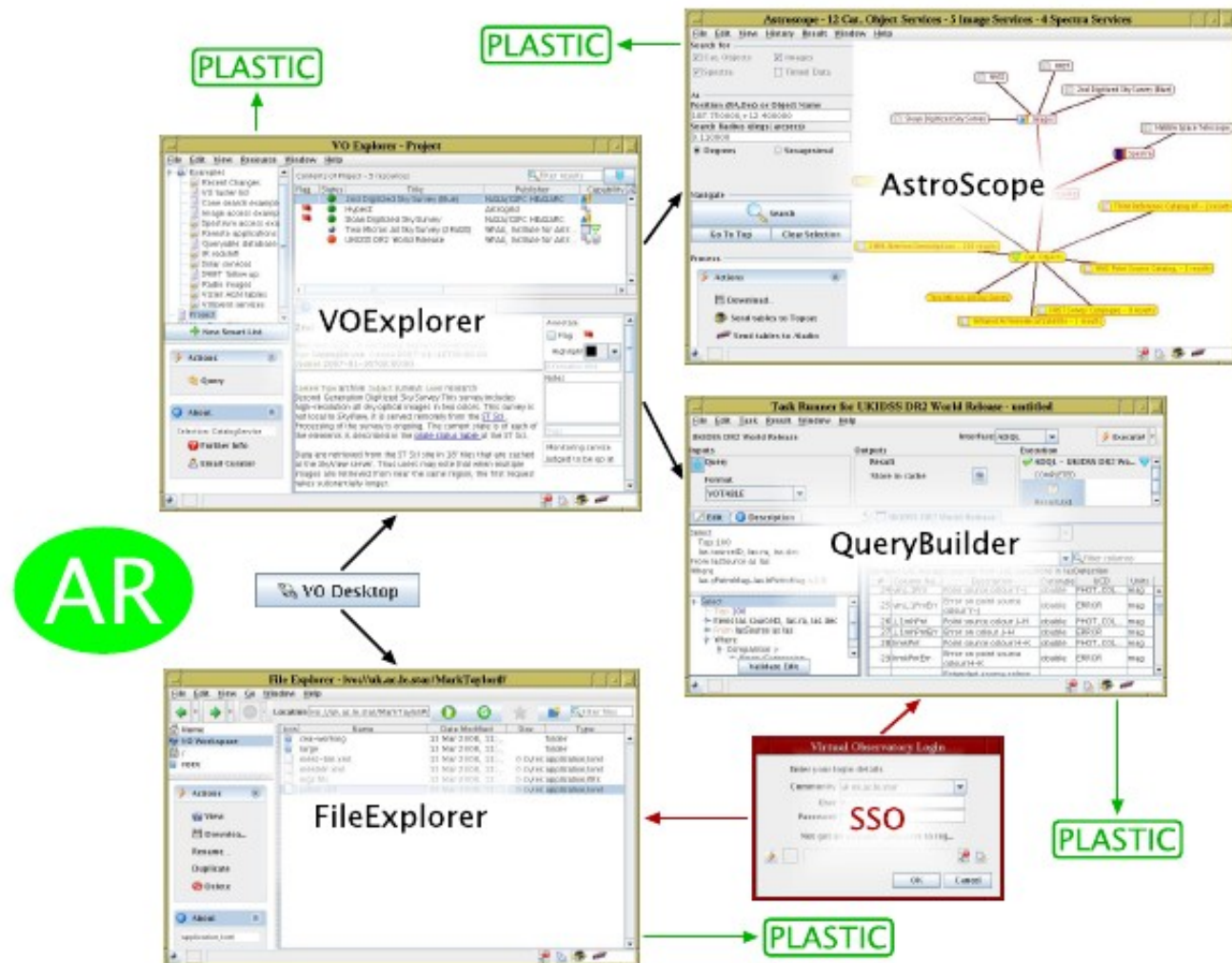
BASTI

SExtractor – WESIX (Web Enabled Source Identification with Cross Matching)

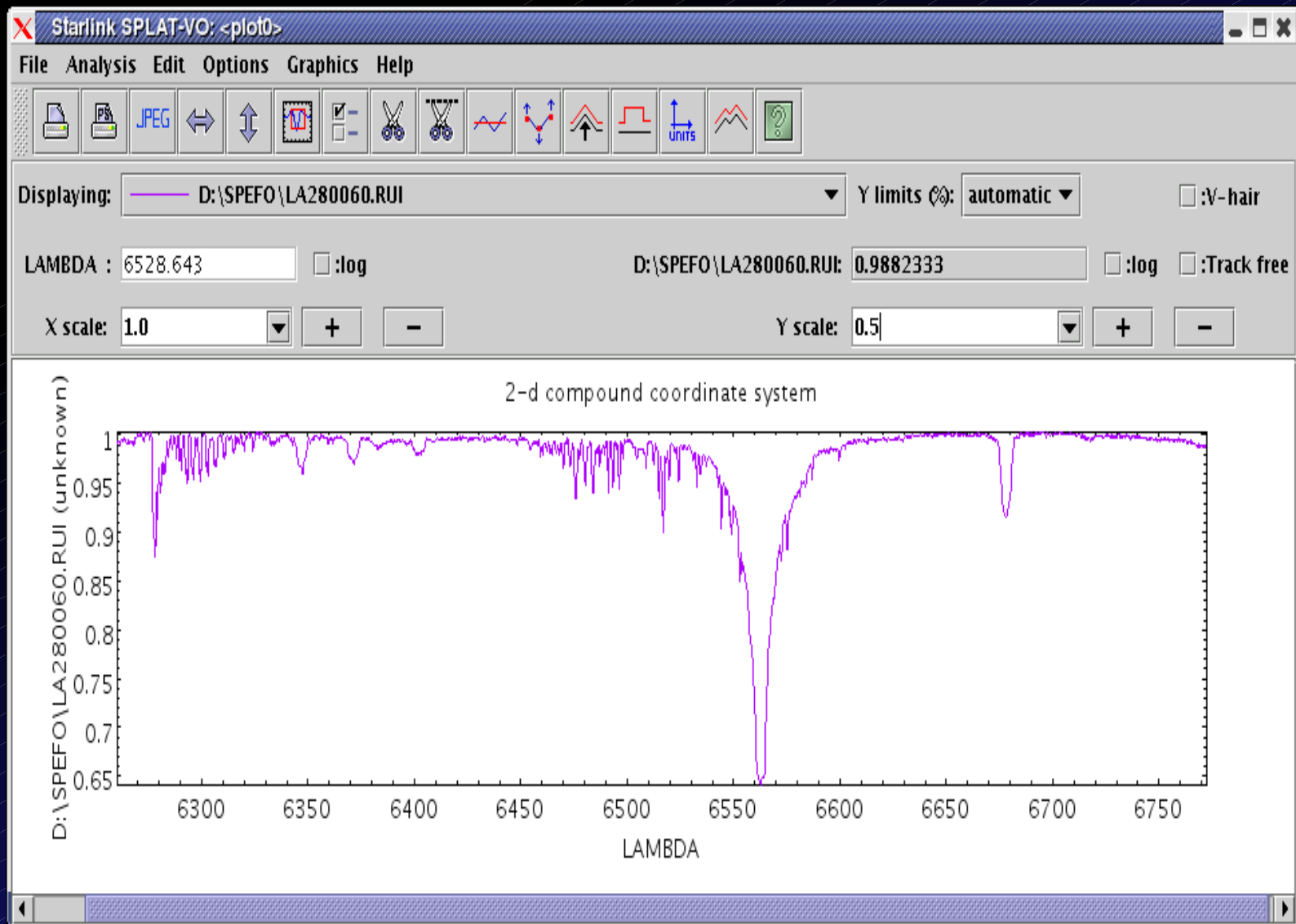
Period04 (since 18.9.08) - PLASTIC

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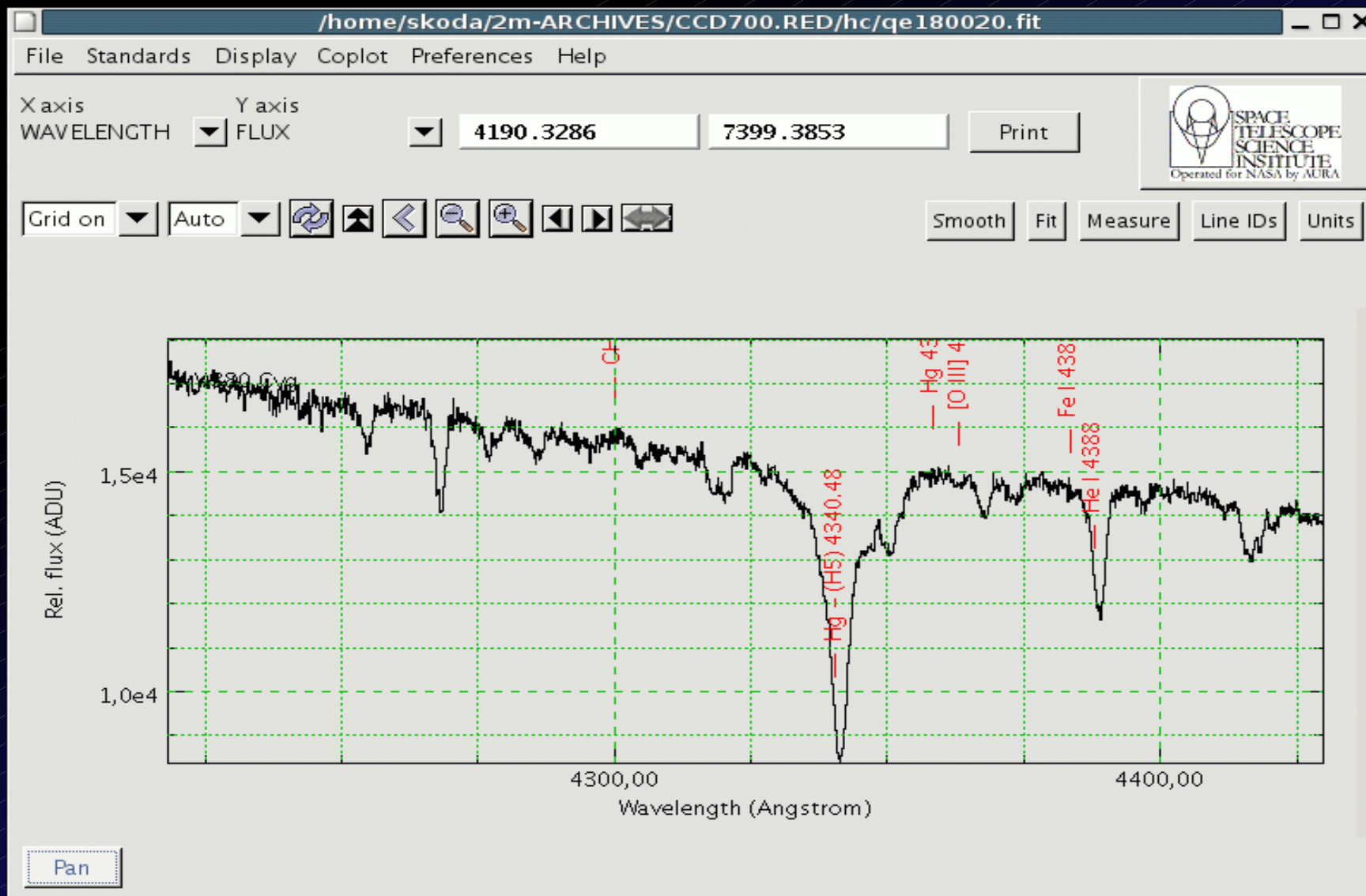
## VODesktop Overview



# SPLAT-VO (Starlink, JAC)



# SpecView (STScI)



Spectrum Services for the VO - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Address [http://voservices.net/spectrum/search\\_list.aspx?search=cone&view=graph&page=0](http://voservices.net/spectrum/search_list.aspx?search=cone&view=graph&page=0) Go



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National Virtual Observatory

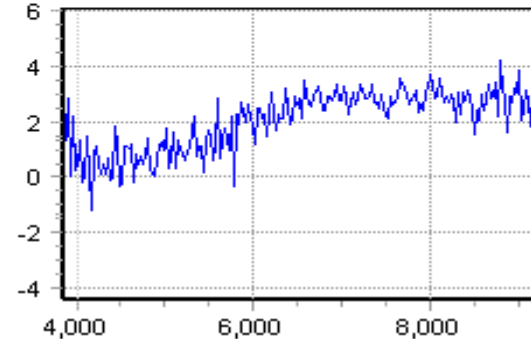
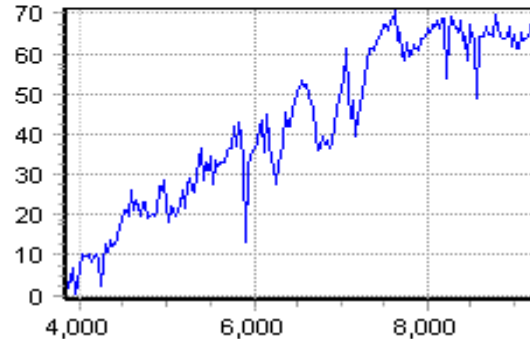
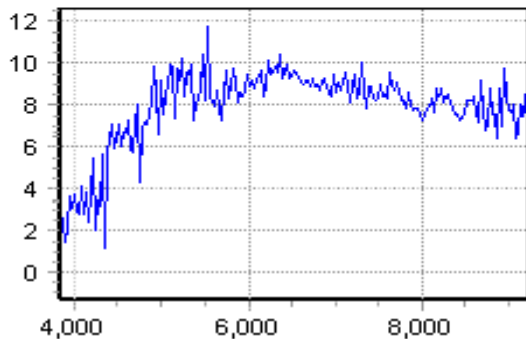
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Found 12 objects. Displaying from 1 to 3

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Select All Clear All

What do you want to do with the results?

Download data

Download data

Save to MySpectra

Plot on a graph

Calculate composite

Calculate synthetic magnitudes

Fit continuum & lines

<< Results

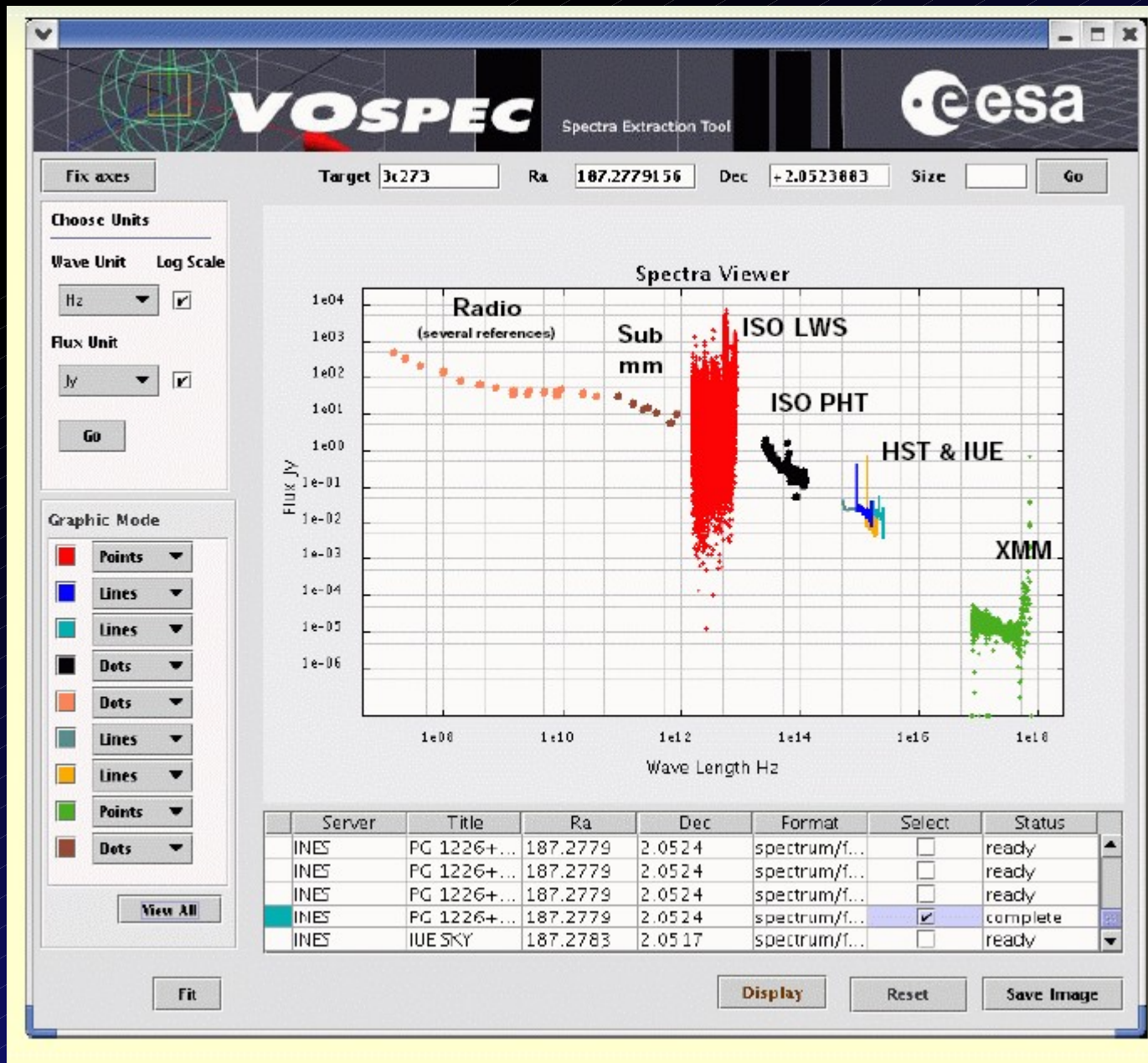
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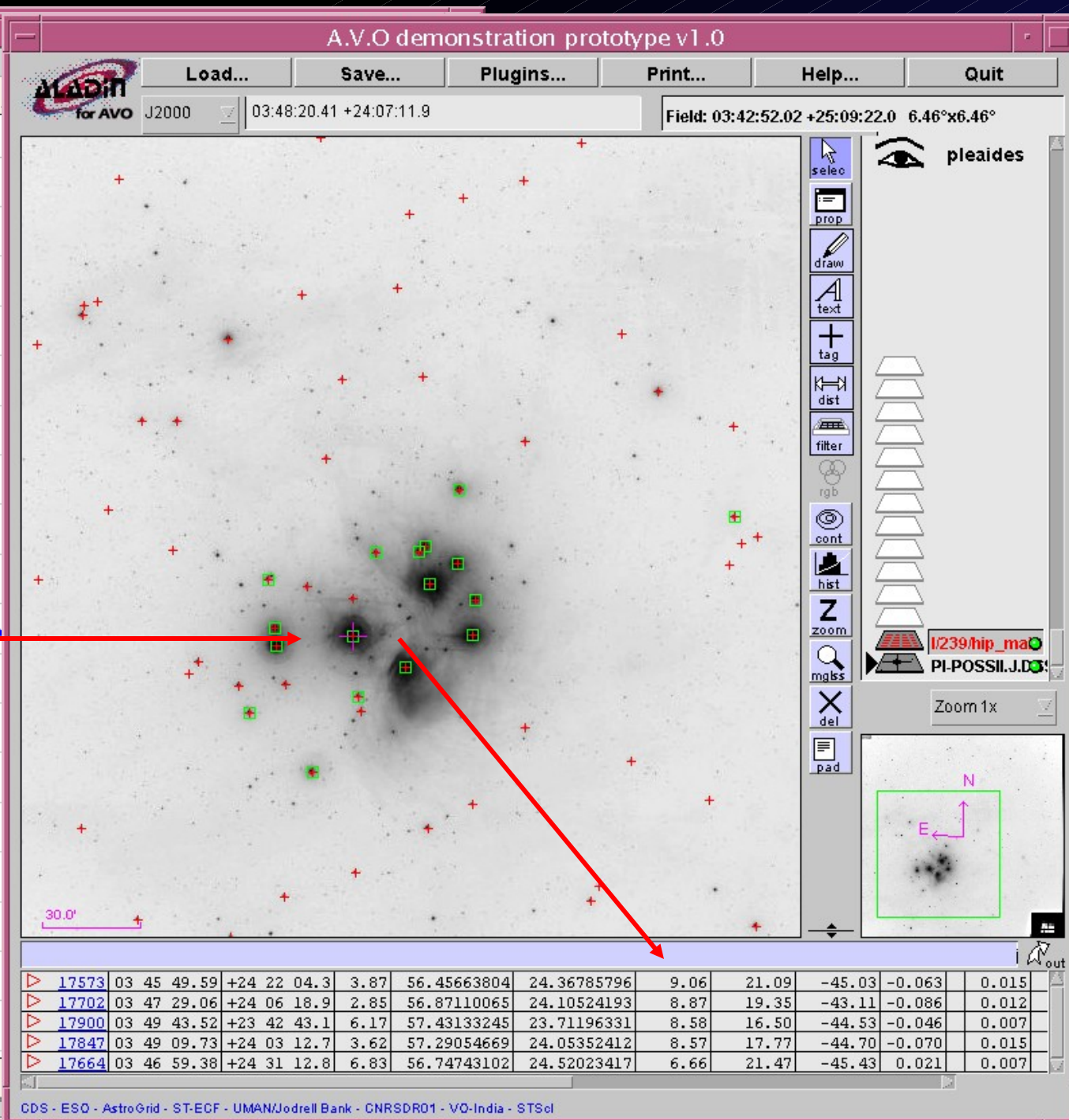
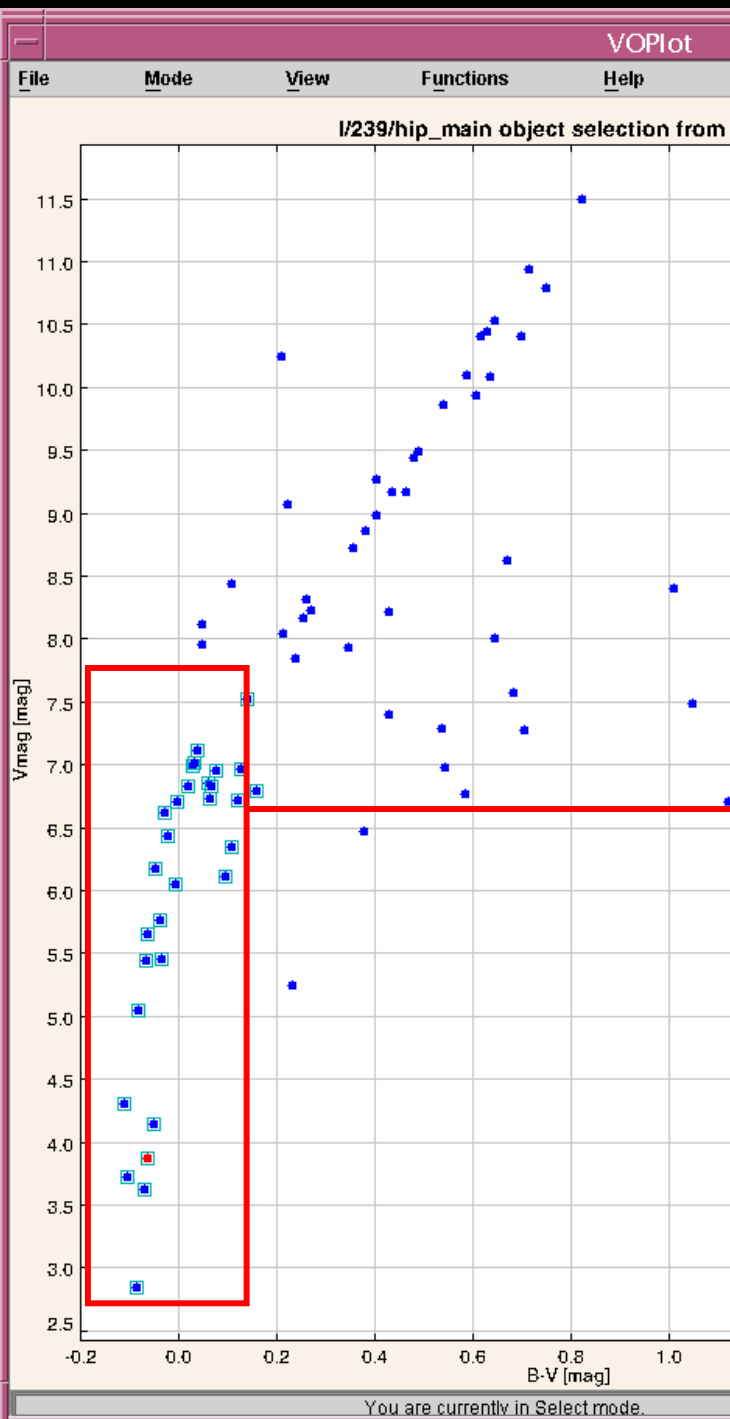
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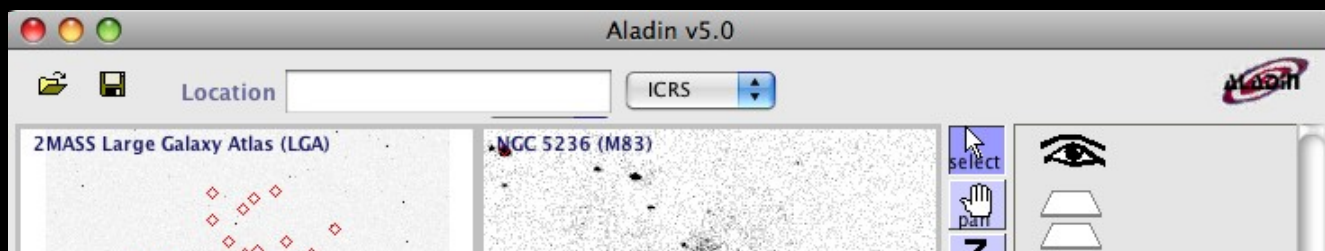
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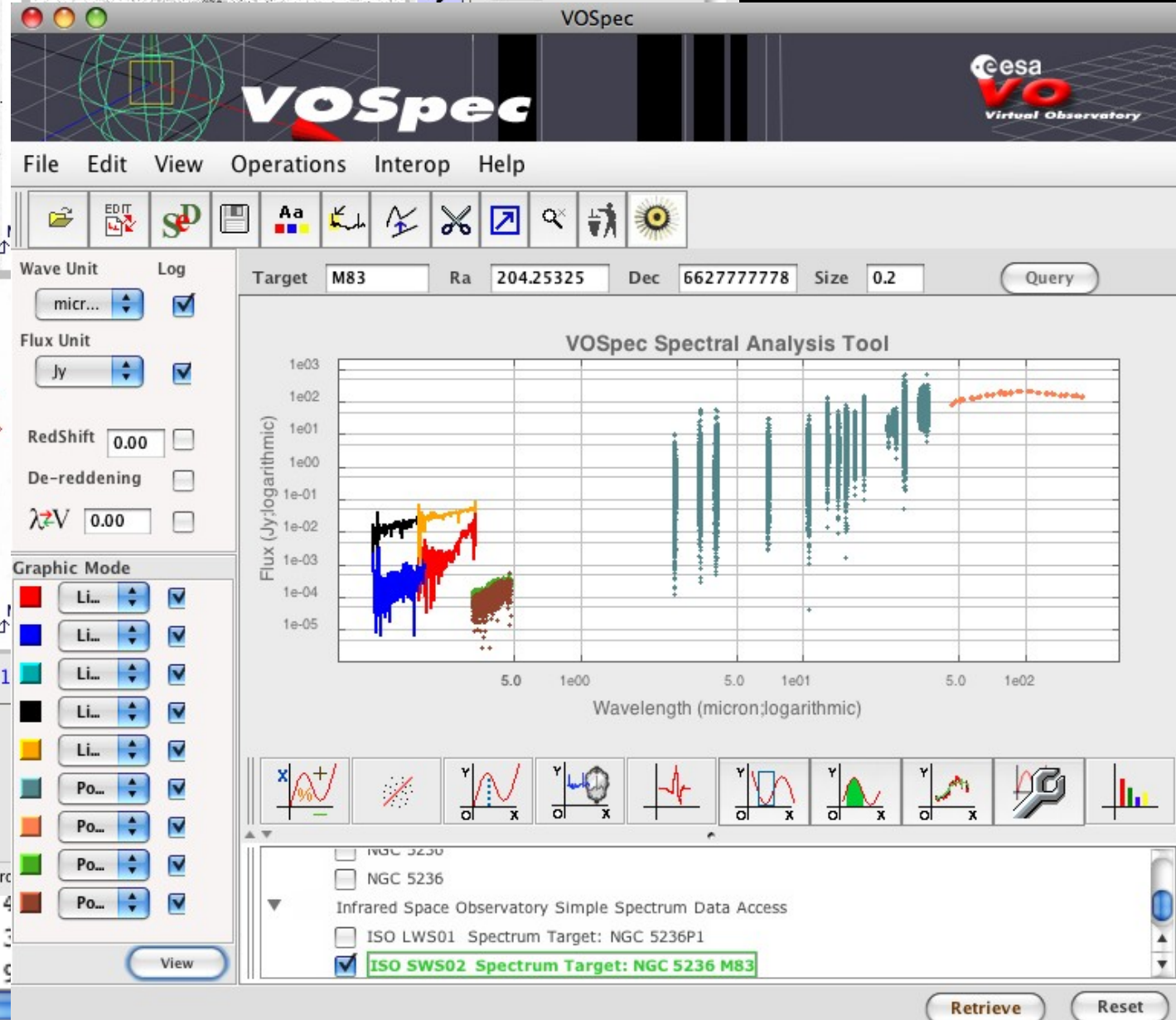


# Colour-magnitude diagram





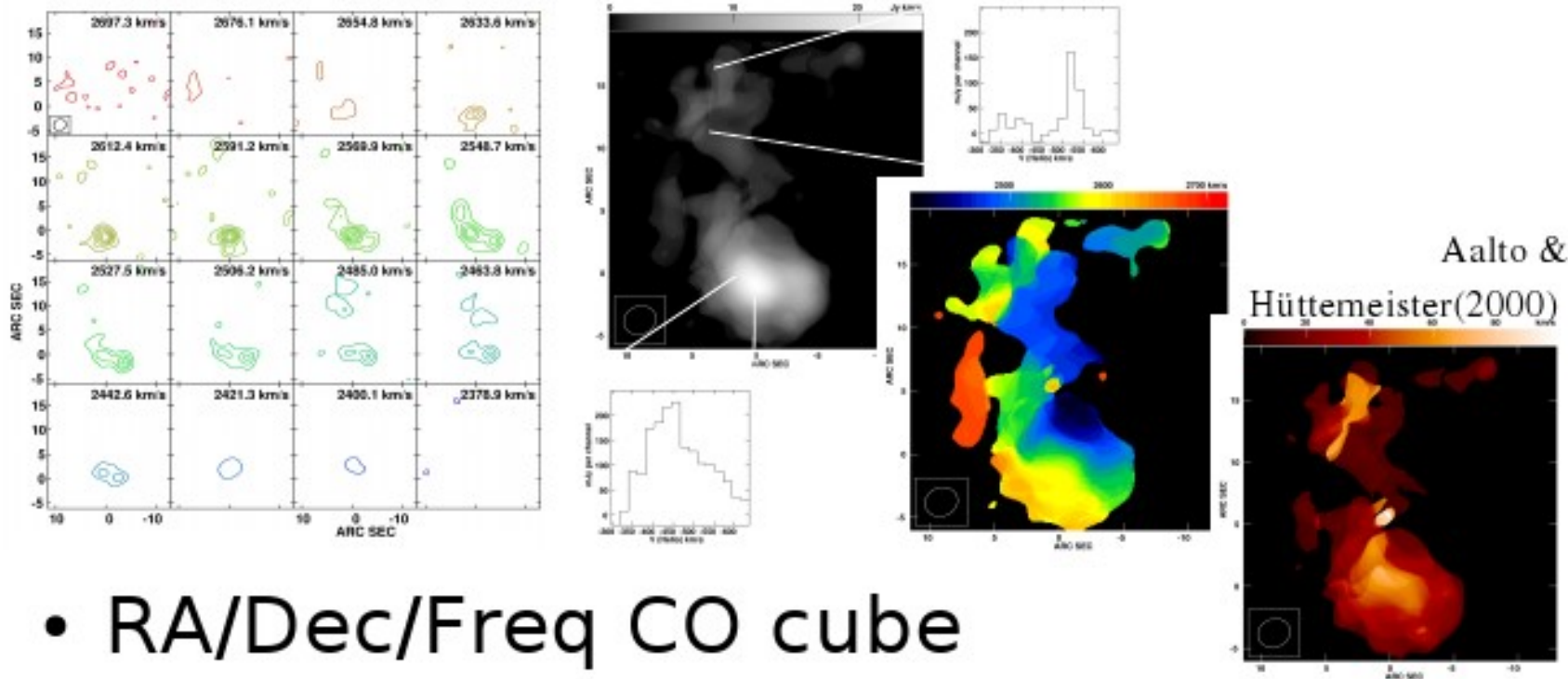
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(c)1999-2008 ULP/CNRS - Centre de Donnees astr

|    |         |
|----|---------|
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| 13 | 0.09169 |

# ALMA/IRAM use case



- RA/Dec/Freq CO cube
  - Convert to velocity (LSR, radio convention)
  - Cutouts, simple squashes - VO tools?
  - Smoothed spectra, moments with noise cut-off
    - Specialised server-side pipeline controlled via UWS

## Other VOs

Virtual Solar Observatory

Virtual Solar-Terrestrial Observatory

Virtual Magnetospheric Observatory

Virtual Space Physics Observatory

Virtual Meteor Observatory – not proper - XML

SKYBOT – Minor planets ephemerides (1840-2019)

Interest of climatology, meteorology

New branch of Science = e-Science

# Theory VO (TVO)

- Methods of VO (parameters in DB, SQL...) for study of results of simulations , catalogues of simulated objects like SDSS...(PCA)
- Browsing of simulation space along different axes – parameters, regions...
- Evolutionary tracks, Photo Dissociation Regions
- Formation of artificial galaxies, clusters – N body models (Millenium Run 10 billions, 25TB)
- Theoretical Spectra (GAVO – Rauch, GRID)

# CIELO VO - line catalogue SLAP

SLAP Viewer Copyright ESAC, Spain

Server Selector

SLAP Services

- IASD
- LERMA
- NIST ATOMIC SPECTRA
- CIELO SLAP

**Molecular line databases**

<http://esavo02:8080/cieloslapToolKit/cieloslap.jsp?>

Select

Range of Search (m)

Wavelength Start  Wavelength End

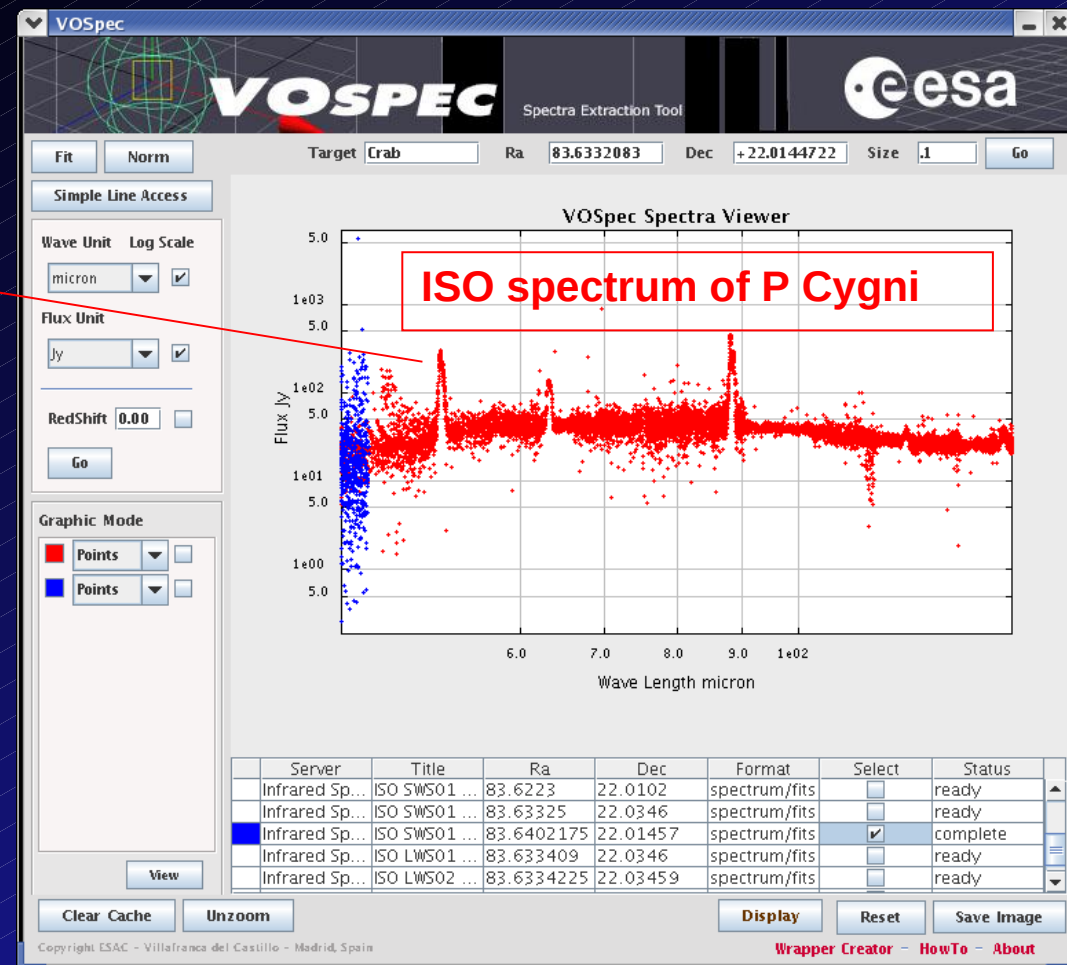
Reset

Slap Services Output

**CIELO SLAP**

| Idm:Line.wavelength | Idm:Source... | Source.co... | Source.co... | Idm:Li... | Idm:... | Id... | Id... | Idm:... | I... |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|---------|------|
| 1.8627e-09          | NGC1068       | 40.66963     | -0.01328     | 1s_3p     | 1s2     | 1P1   | 150   | OVII    | ...  |
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| 2.47793e-09         | NGC1068       | 40.66963     | -0.01328     | 2p        | 1s      | 2...  | 2...  | NVII    | ...  |
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Close



(IVOA Line Data Model: Dubernet, Osuna et al., in preparation)  
(Simple Line Access Protocol: Salgado et al., in preparation)

# **VO for Atomic and Molecular Data**

VAMDC (06/2009-12/2012 FP7)

13 organizations

Virtual Atomic and Molecular Data Centre

VO principles (web services, integration, registry,  
SAMP, VODesktop, TOPCAT, VOSpec)

(includes VALD extractor, NIST)

extended citation system (all providers acknowledged)

# Access protocols in VO: TSAP

## Theoretical models in the VO

- **Theoretical spectra: TSAP**

- Included in the SSAP standard (use case for theoretical spectra)
- A simple protocol.
- Dialog server-application.



Theoretical model services

Documents

Models

Services

Funded by



Services: VOSA Filters TSAP S3if

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### TSAP Interface

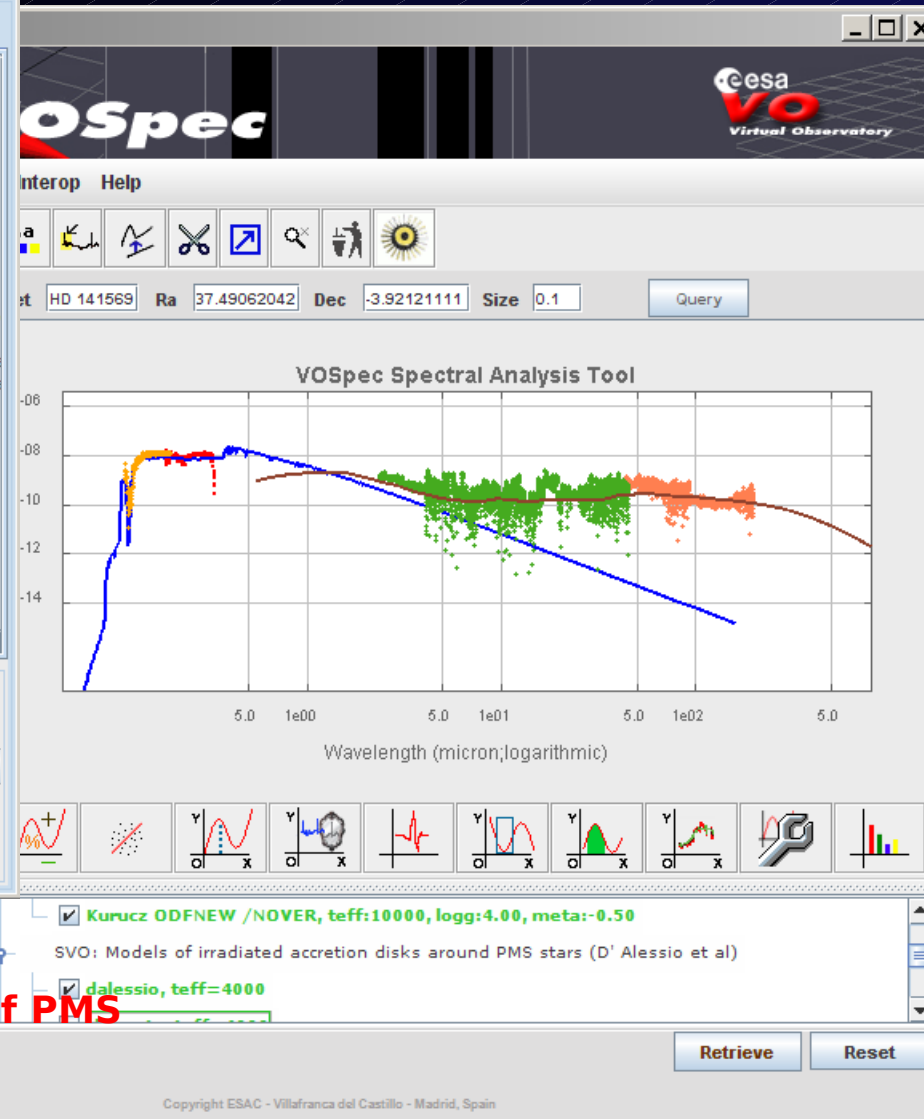
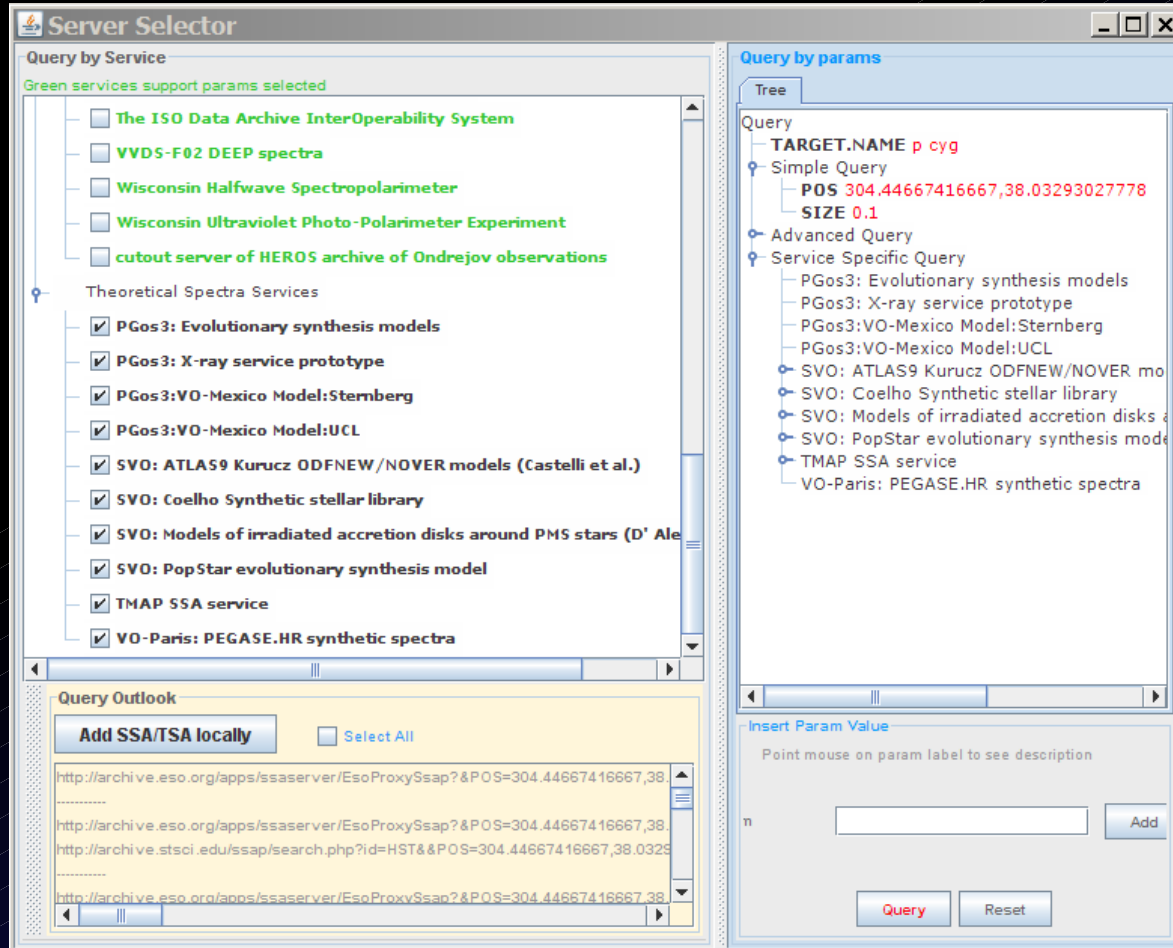
SVO Theoretical Data Access Service: ATLAS9 Kurucz ODFNEW/NOVER models (Castelli et al., 1997, AA, 318, 841)

|           |                                    |                                                                                      |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| logg_min: | <input type="text" value="0.00"/>  | (min value for Log(G) for the model.)                                                |
| logg_max: | <input type="text" value="0.00"/>  | (max value for Log(G) for the model.)                                                |
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Search

See metadata VOTable

# VOSpec - models by TSAP

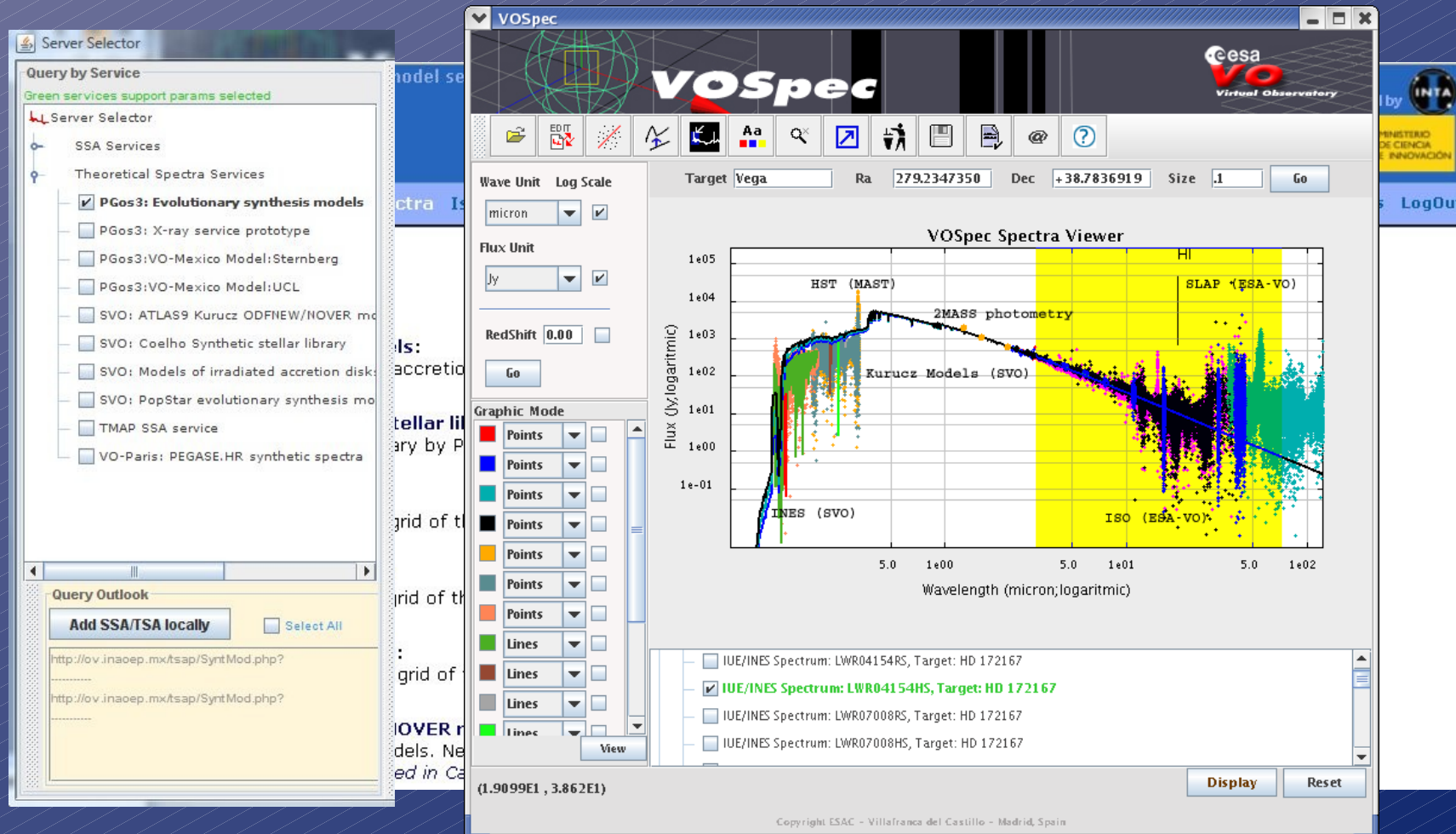


Kurucz stellar model and D'Alessio model of PMS discs fit to UV and IR spectra of HD 141569

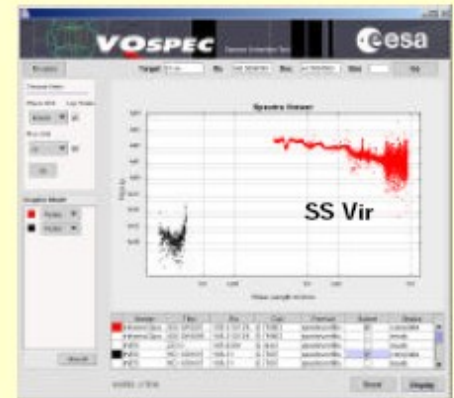
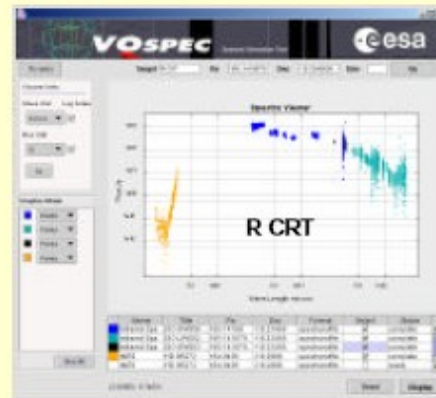
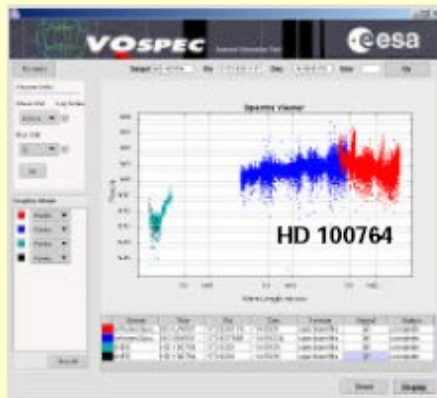
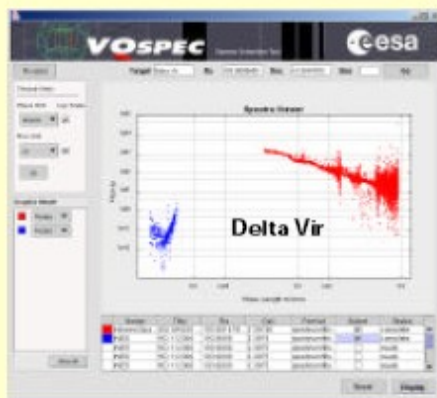
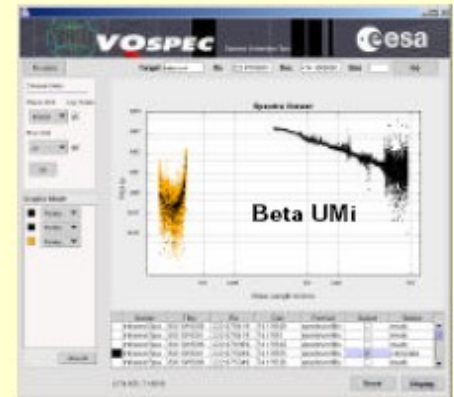
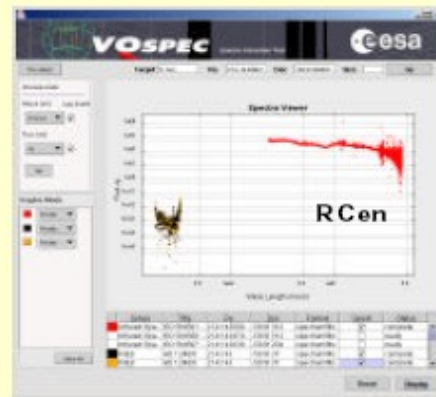
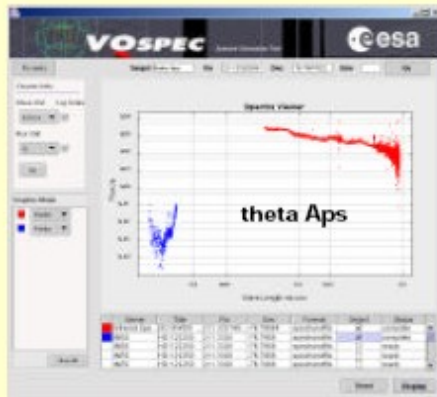
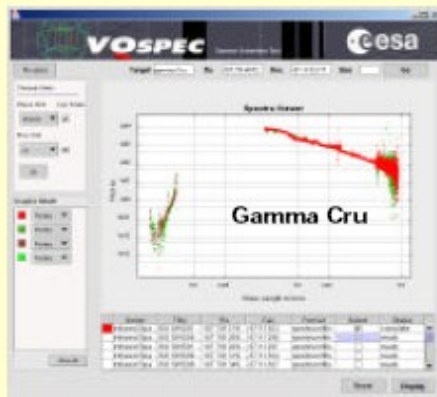
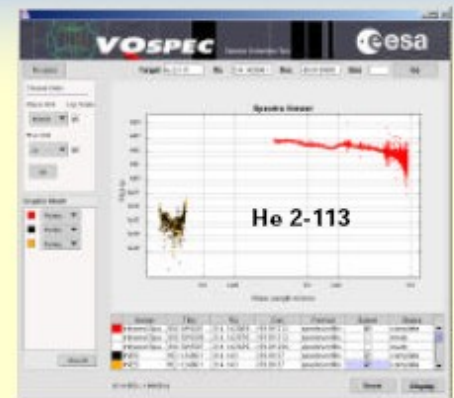
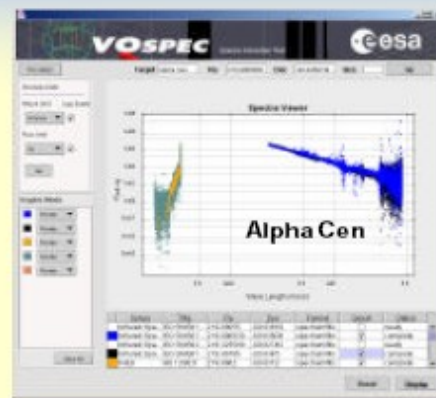
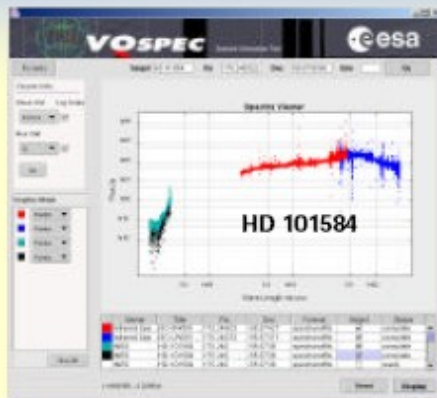
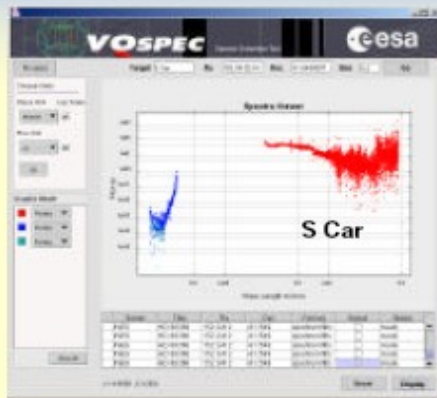
# Archives, Theory, VO-Science, DataMining, E&O

Simple Spectral Access Protocol V1.04

## Appendix A: Theoretical Spectral Access Use Case



# VOSpec working example: Sampling AGBs



- Other VO Data Centres providing theoretical spectra using TSAP



GERMAN ASTROPHYSICAL  
**GAVO**  
VIRTUAL OBSERVATORY

# German Astrophysical Virtual Observatory

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Archive: **TMAP Spectra**

Effective temperature in K:  +/-

Surface gravity (log g) in cm/s<sup>2</sup>:  +/-

Mass fraction 0: none  +/-  dex

Mass fraction 1: none  +/-  dex

Mass fraction 2: none  +/-  dex

Mass fraction 3: none  +/-  dex

Mass fraction 4: none  +/-  dex

Mass fraction 5: none  +/-  dex

Mass fraction 6: none  +/-  dex

Mass fraction 7: none  +/-  dex

Band: / m The wavelength range in format "wavelength<sub>1</sub>/wavelength<sub>2</sub>" in the selected unit.

Data format: all Format of the individual spectra. (No need to select, if return format is html.)

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☒ html The format in which to present the metadata. (If html is selected, no further selection of data format is necessary, since links to all available formats will be created anyways.)

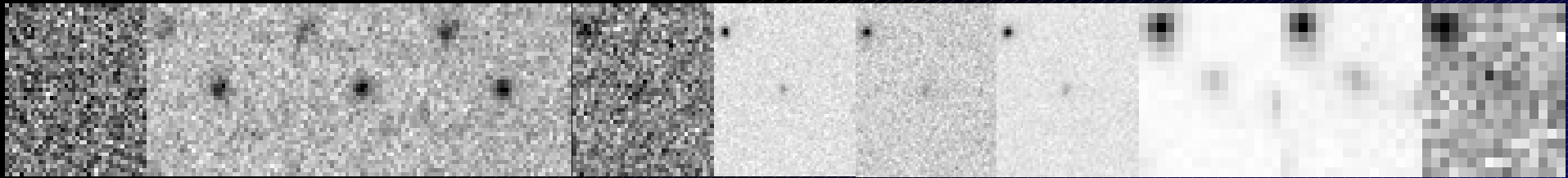
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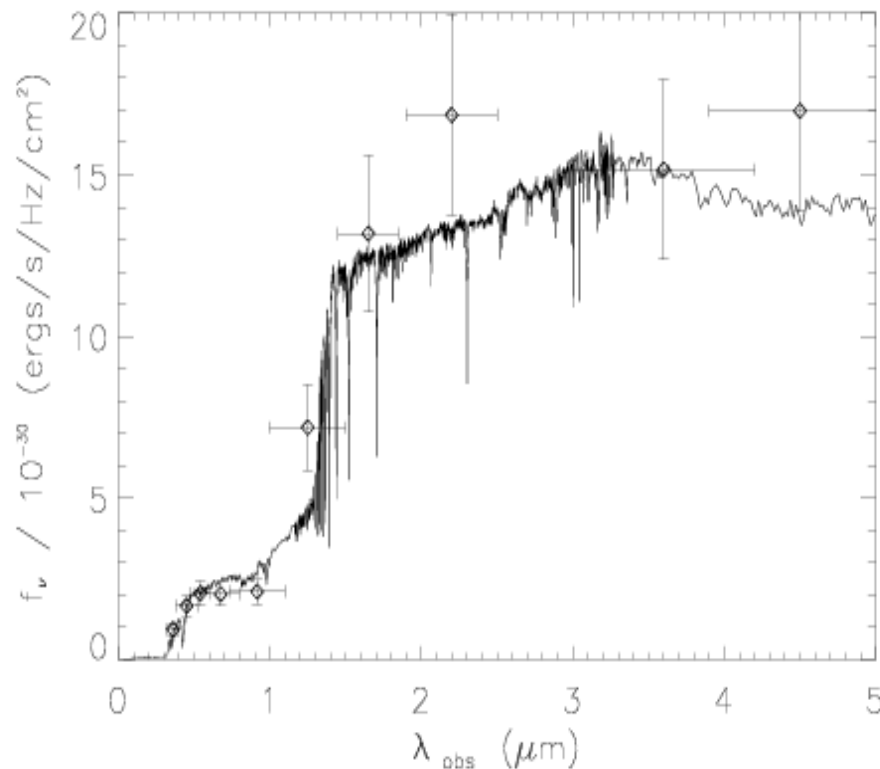
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- PGos3 (Mexico), PEGASE (VO-Paris)

# SED from photometry



U B V R I J H Ks 3.6 $\mu$ m 4.5  $\mu$ m 5.8  $\mu$ m



$z_{\text{phot}} = 2.52$

Age = 500 Myr

Stellar mass =  $9.9 \times 10^9 M_{\text{sun}}$

Reduced chi-sq = 1.04

SFR current =  $0.79 M_{\text{sun}} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

# BaSTI database



## Micro-simulations inside the VO: the BaSTI case



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INAF - SI / Trieste Astronomical Observatory; (2) INAF - Teramo Astronomical Observatory; (3) LAEFF-INTA / Spanish VO; (4) Instituto de Astrofísica de Andalucía - CSIC / Spanish VO

### S3P (Simple Self-Described Service Protocol) implementations

In collaboration with SVO (the Spanish Virtual Observatory) we presented S3P in the last IVOA Interoperability Meeting. S3P (Simple, Self-described Service) is a protocol oriented to handle theoretical data in the VO framework. It is based in the ability of the data server to describe itself in a simple standardized way.

This is a step by step protocol:

1 step: the service described it self (input and output parameters);

<http://myservice.com/s3.php?format=metadata>

2 step: http query and response in VOTable format;

<http://myservice.com/s3.php?param1=value1&param2=value2...>

3 step: retrieve the simulated files of interest via http GET;

<http://myservice.com/s3.php?id=12>

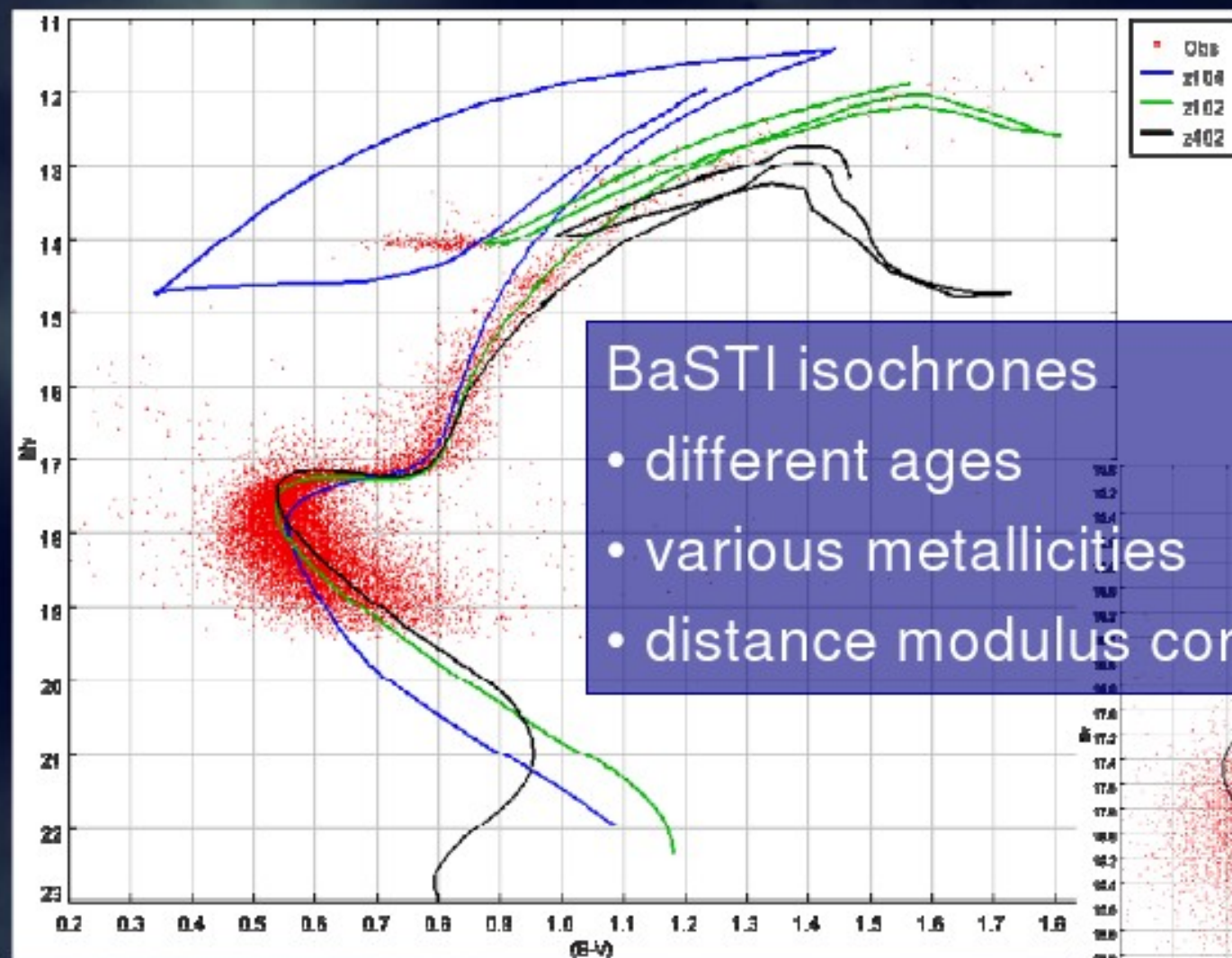
We developed two prototype implementations of S3P for BaSTI: one for isochrones and one for tracks:

<http://albione.oa-teramo.inaf.it/PHPmetadata/BaSTIisochron.php?format=metadata>

<http://albione.oa-teramo.inaf.it/PHPmetadata/BaSTItrack.php?format=metadata>

| Param           | UCD             | Description                                                                                                |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INPUT:age_min   | time.age        | Min. age of the isochron in Gyr (min value 0.03 Gyr)                                                       |
| INPUT:age_max   | time.age        | Max. age of the isochron in Gyr (max value 19 Gyr)                                                         |
| INPUT:meta_min  | phys.abund.Z    | Min. mass fraction of the initial heavy elements abundance for stellar isochron model (min value 0.0001)   |
| INPUT:meta_max  | phys.abund.Z    | Max. mass fraction of the initial heavy elements abundance for stellar isochron model (max value 0.4)      |
| OUTPUT:age      | time.age        | value for the stellar Age for the model. Age is given in Gyr                                               |
| OUTPUT:meta     | phys.abund.Z    | value of mass fraction of the initial heavy elements abundance for the model.                              |
| OUTPUT:[MH]     | phys.abund.Z    | The metal abundance in the spectroscopic formalism.                                                        |
| OUTPUT:[Fe/H]   | phys.abund.Fe   | The iron abundance in the spectroscopic formalism.                                                         |
| OUTPUT:Y        | phys.abund.Y    | value of mass fraction of the initial helium abundance. Actually calculated as $Y = 1.44 * (Z - 0.0001)$ . |
| OUTPUT:MassLoss | phys.mass.loss  | value of mass loss according to the Reimers (1975) law.                                                    |
| OUTPUT:title    | VOX.Image_Title | Title.                                                                                                     |

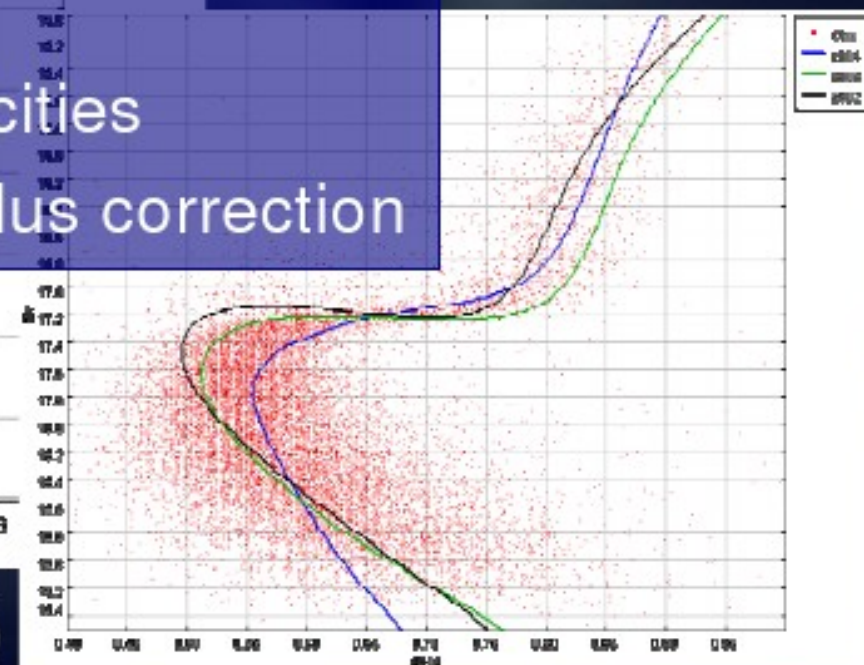
# BaSTI Isochrones



step 1  
metallicity

BaSTI isochrones

- different ages
- various metallicities
- distance modulus correction



$z = 0.01$  ( $\alpha$ -enh) ; 0.008 (scaled solar)

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Theoretical model services

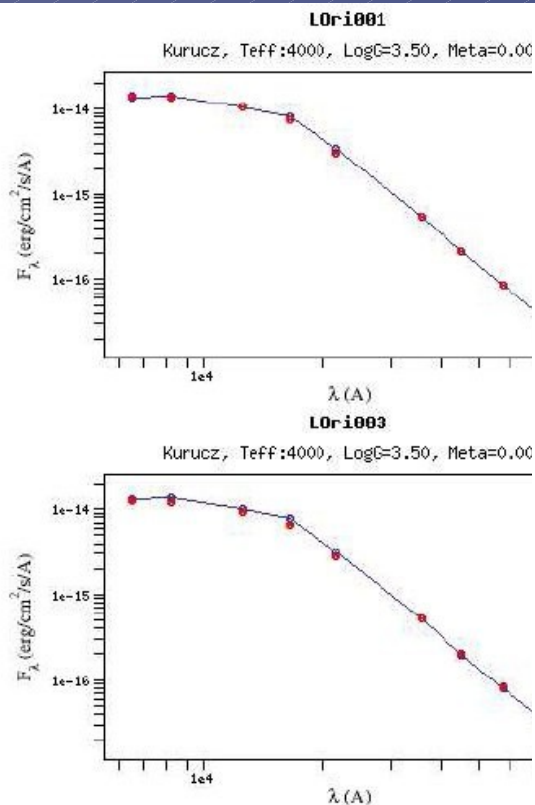


**VOSA: VO Sed Analyzer**

VO SED Analyzer

Services: VOSA Filters TSAP S3if

| Object  | Model   | $T_{\text{eff}}$ | $\text{LogG}$ | Metallicity | $\chi^2$ |
|---------|---------|------------------|---------------|-------------|----------|
| LO-i001 | Kurucz  | 4000             | 3.50          | 0.00        | 1.71e    |
| LO-i002 | NextGen | 3800             | 4.5           | 0           | 1.44e    |
| LO-i003 | Kurucz  | 4000             | 3.50          | 0.00        | 5.05e    |
| LO-i004 | Kurucz  | 3750             | 4.00          | 0.00        | 2.82e    |
| LO-i005 | NextGen | 4000             | 4.0           | 0           | 9.20e    |
| LO-i006 | Kurucz  | 4000             | 3.50          | 0.00        | 3.36e    |
| LO-i007 | Kurucz  | 4000             | 4.50          | 0.00        | 2.49e    |
| LO-i008 | Kurucz  | 4000             | 3.50          | 0.00        | 4.43e    |
| LO-i009 | NextGen | 4000             | 3.5           | 0           | 6.22e    |
| LO-i010 | NextGen | 4200             | 4.0           | 0           | 1.87e    |
| LO-i011 | NextGen | 3900             | 4.5           | 0           | 1.20e    |
| LO-i012 | NextGen | 4000             | 4.5           | 0           | 6.58e    |
| LO-i013 | NextGen | 3700             | 4.5           | 0           | 3.50e    |
| LO-i014 | Kurucz  | 4000             | 4.50          | 0.00        | 4.70e    |
| LO-i015 | Kurucz  | 4000             | 3.50          | 0.00        | 8.73e    |
| LO-i016 | Kurucz  | 3750             | 4.50          | 0.00        | 5.53e    |
| LO-i017 | NextGen | 4200             | 4.0           | 0           | 7.58e    |
| LO-i018 | Kurucz  | 3750             | 3.50          | 0.00        | 4.31e    |
| LO-i019 | Kurucz  | 3750             | 3.50          | 0.00        | 1.90e    |
| LO-i020 | NextGen | 3800             | 4.5           | 0           | 2.98e    |
| LO-i021 | Kurucz  | 4000             | 3.50          | 0.00        | 3.08e    |
| LO-i022 | Kurucz  | 3750             | 4.00          | 0.00        | 1.76e    |
| LO-i023 | NextGen | 4000             | 4.5           | 0           | 2.35e    |
| LO-i024 | Kurucz  | 3750             | 3.50          | 0.00        | 2.22e    |
| LO-i025 | NextGen | 3700             | 4.5           | 0           | 1.37e    |
| LO-i026 | NextGen | 3700             | 4.5           | 0           | 4.81e    |
| LO-i027 | NextGen | 4000             | 4.5           | 0           | 2.35e    |
| LO-i028 | Kurucz  | 3750             | 4.00          | 0.00        | 1.28e    |
| LO-i029 | NextGen | 3100             | 4.5           | 0           | 7.28e    |
| LO-i030 | NextGen | 3700             | 4.5           | 0           | 2.15e    |
| LO-i031 | NextGen | 3800             | 4.5           | 0           | 2.77e    |
| LO-i032 | NextGen | 3700             | 4.5           | 0           | 1.70e    |
| LO-i033 | NextGen | 3700             | 4.5           | 0           | 7.12e    |
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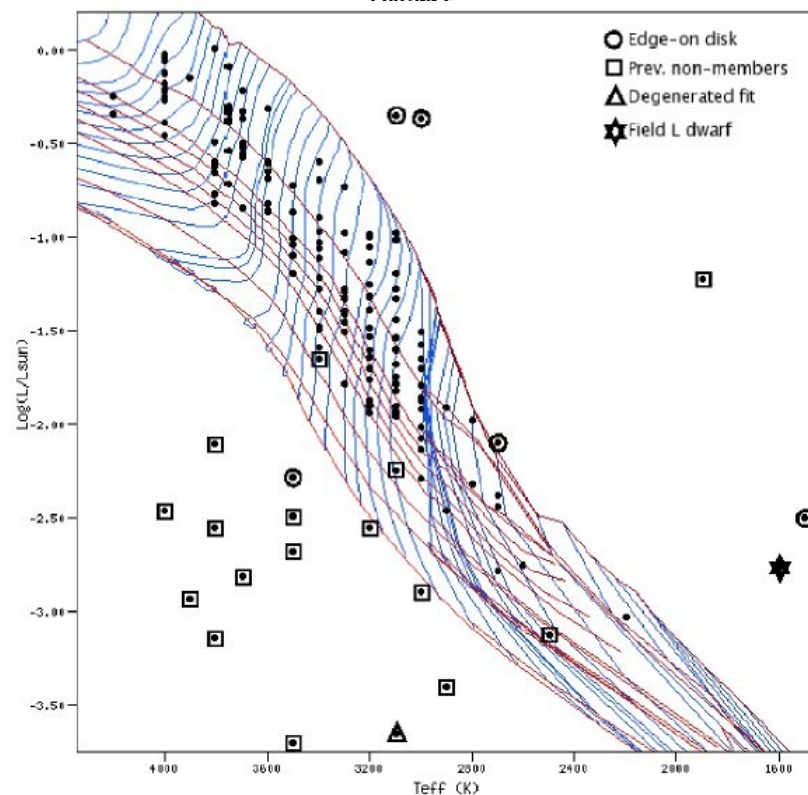
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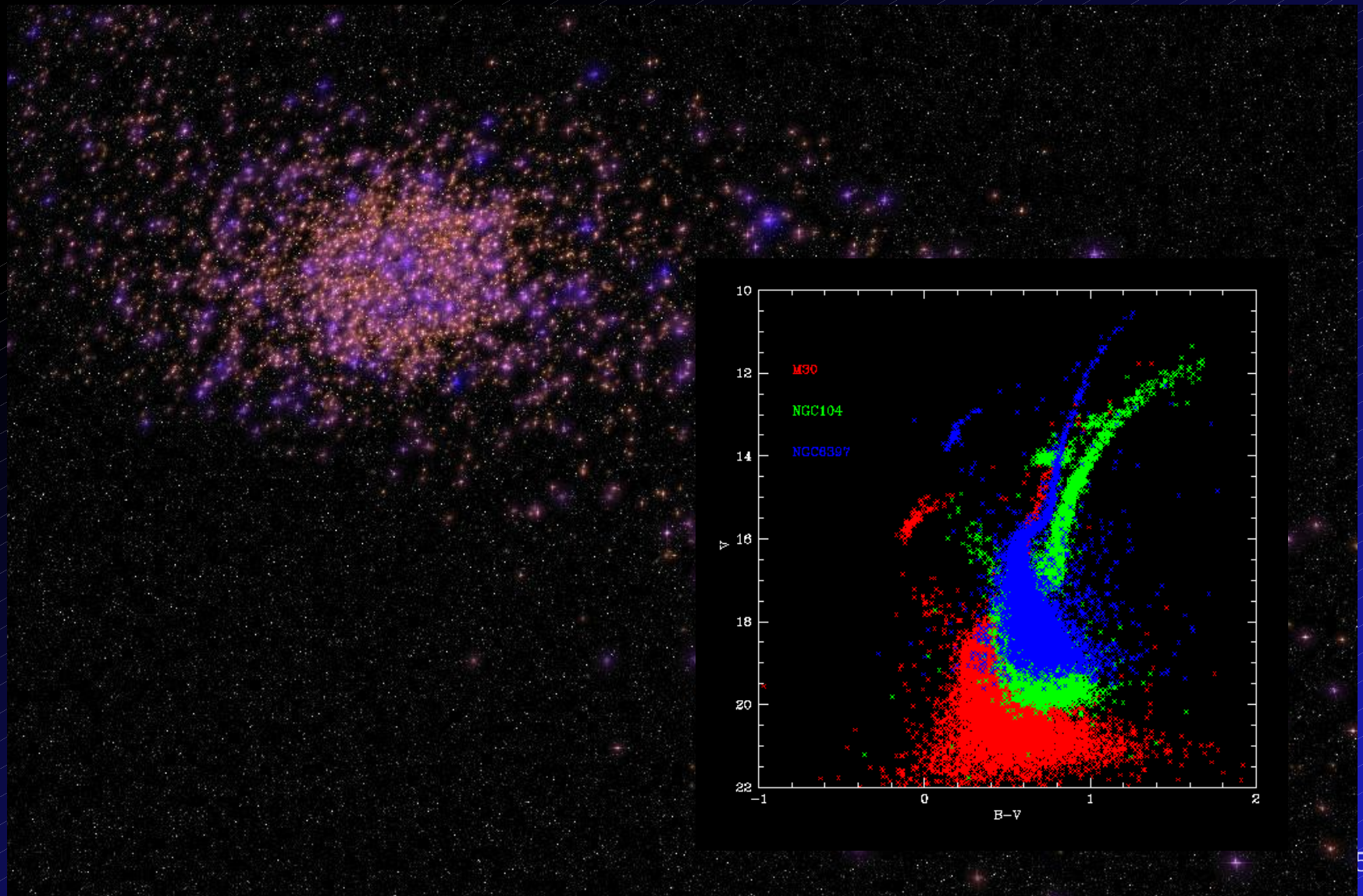
## VOSA: Virtual Observatory SED Analyzer.

### An application to the Collinder 69 open cluster

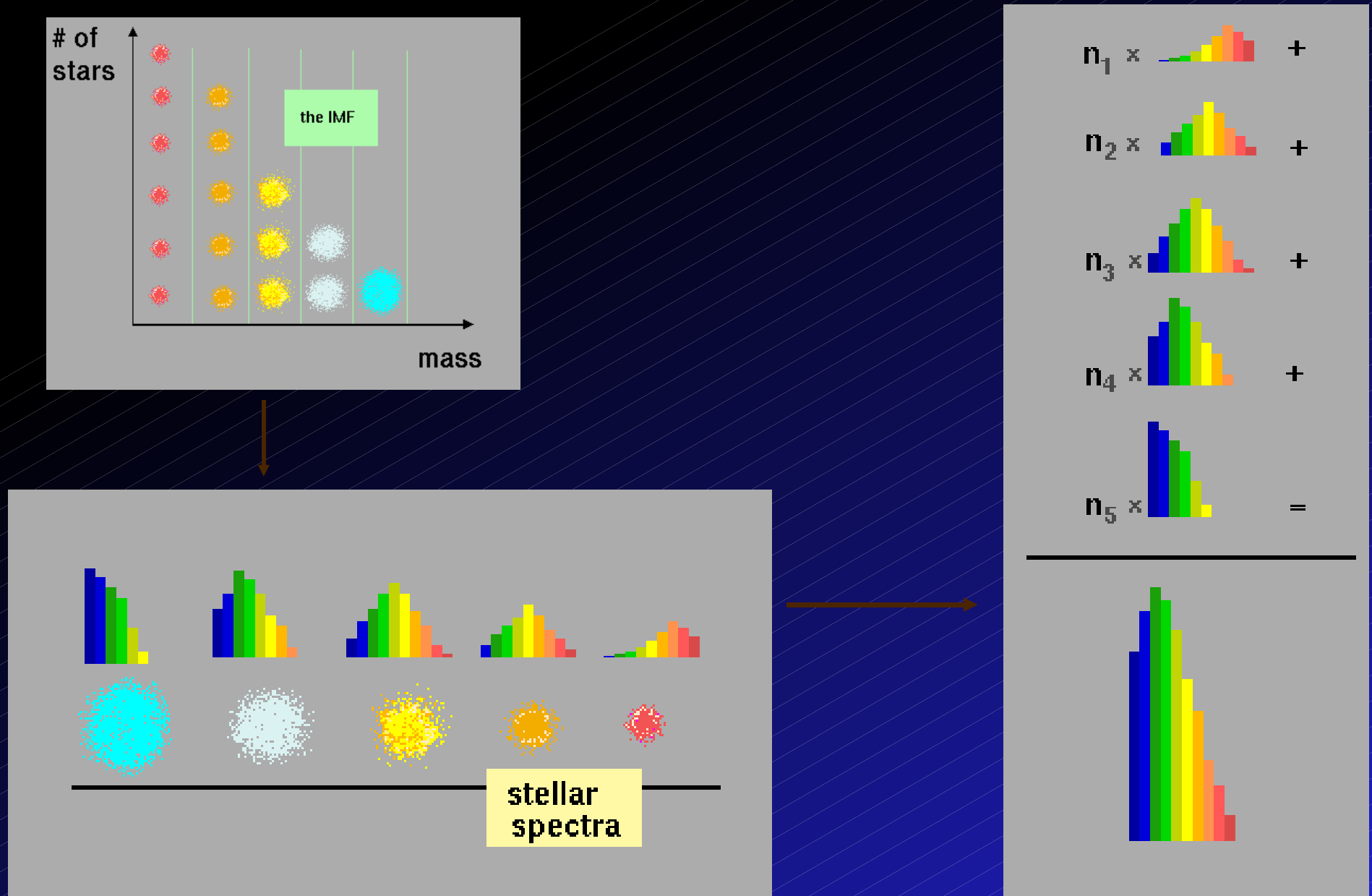
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# N Body Simulations of Globular Cluster Evolution



# Stellar populations are modeled with synthesis models



# Using SimDB/SimDAP

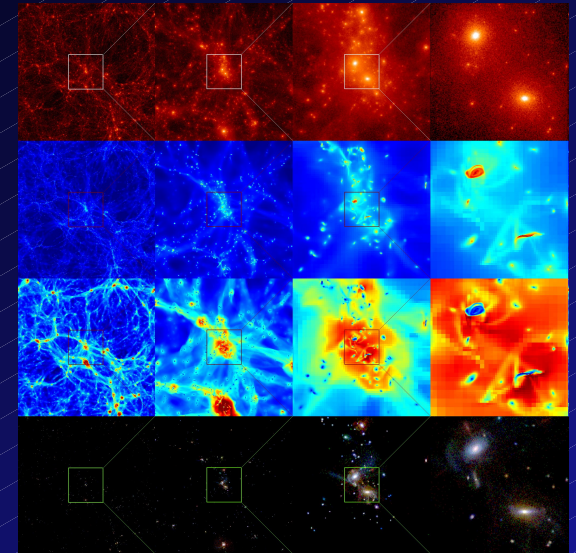
- Cosmological simulations
  - Prototypes for GalMER, Horizon
- PDR simulations
  - test implementation of Meudon PDR code
- Isochrones/evolutionary tracks
  - BaTSI
- Visualization tools
  - VisIVO

GalMer

DB Query | Query Results | Experiment | Snapshot | Description

Select Input Parameters

| Galaxy #1                | Galaxy #2                | Query       |          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------|
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|                          |                          | Spin        | Prograde |
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Virgo - Millennium Database

Documentation

CREDITS/Acknowledgments

Registration

News

Databases

millimil (context)

Check out the latest news about the release of the Millennium-II database.

Streaming queries return unlimited number of rows in CSV format and are cancelled after 30 seconds.  
Browser queries return maximum of 1000 rows in HTML format and are cancelled after 30 seconds.

Query (stream)

Query (browser)

Help

Maximum number of rows to return to the query form: 10

**GADGET-2: Galaxies with dark matter and gas interact**

**A code for cosmological simulations of structure formation**



# Millennium Run

$10^{10}$  particles

Several Gpc to  
10 kpc

Cube 2 billion ly

One month MPSSC  
25 TB

Evolution of 20 mil  
galaxies

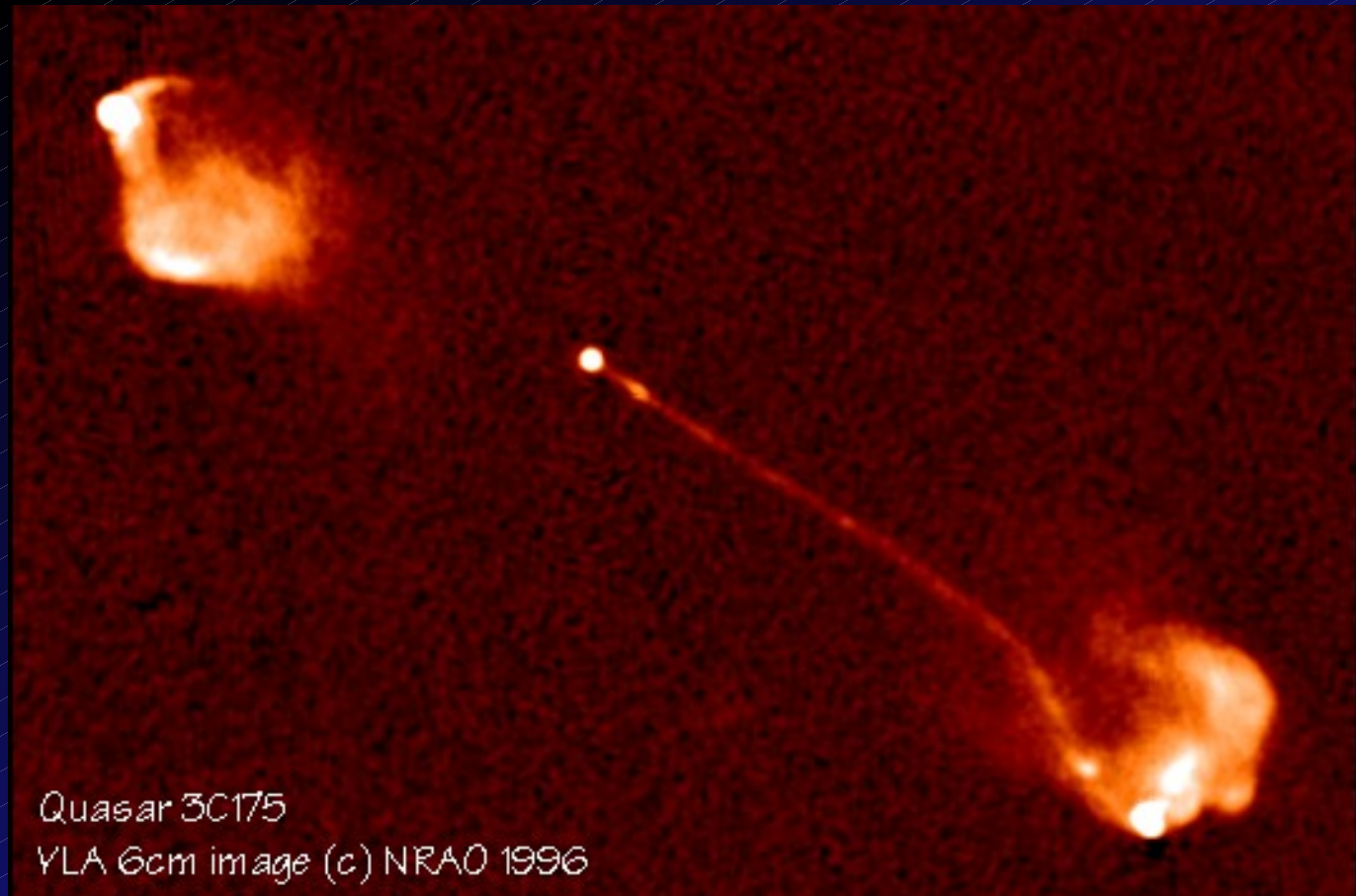
Evolution merger tree

Millennium Run  
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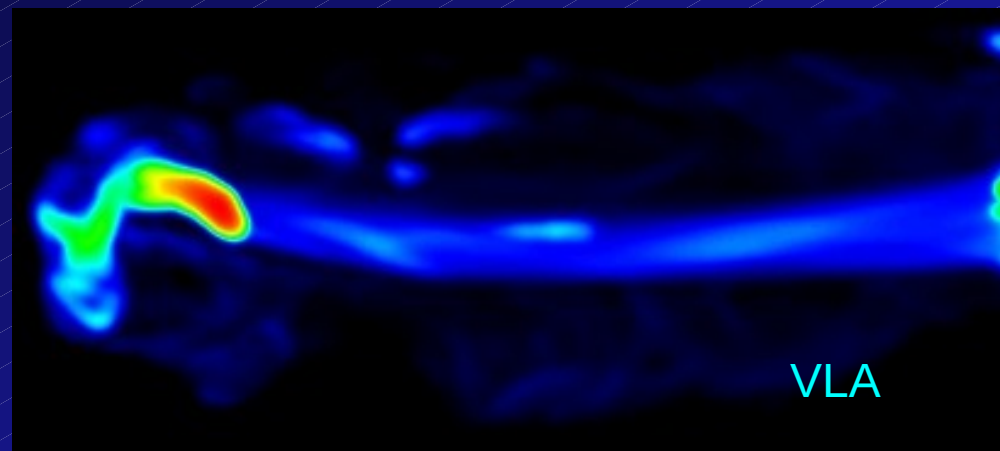
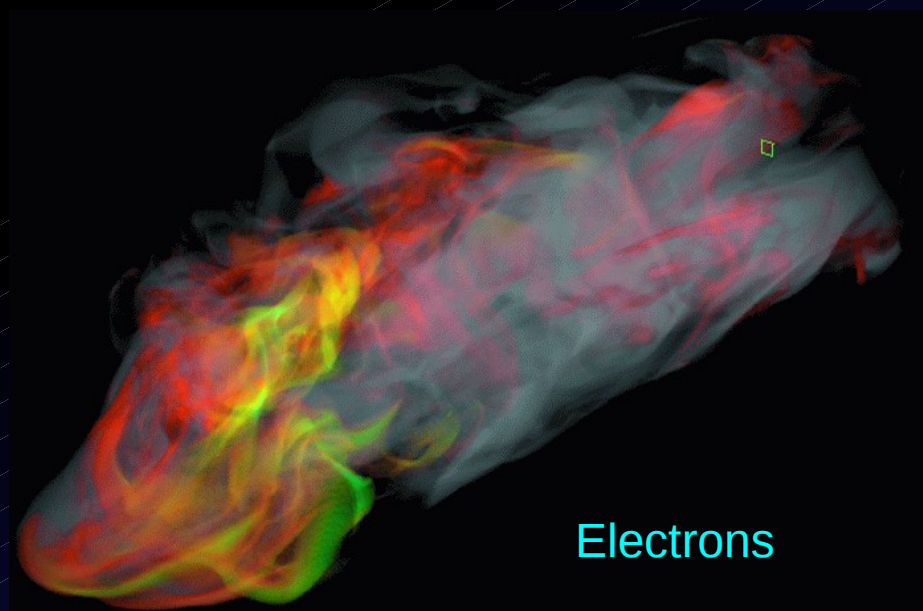


# Collimated Outflows from AGN

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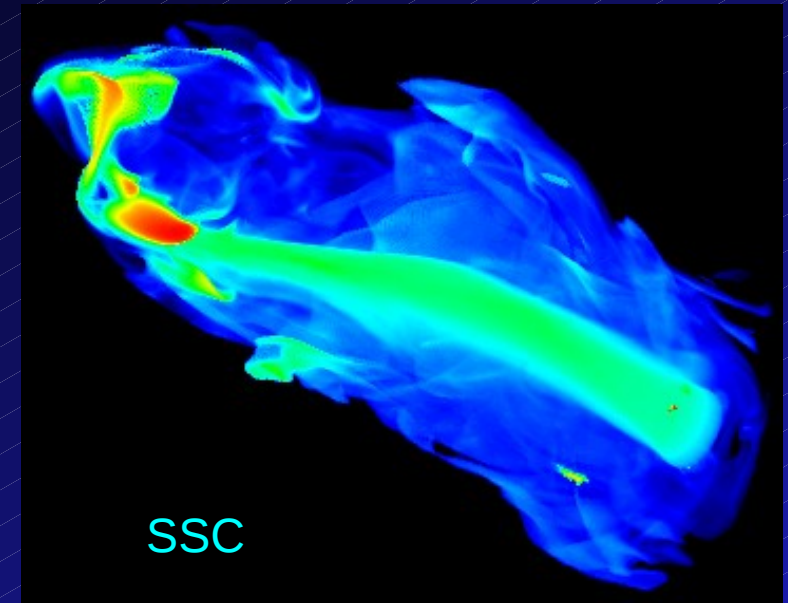
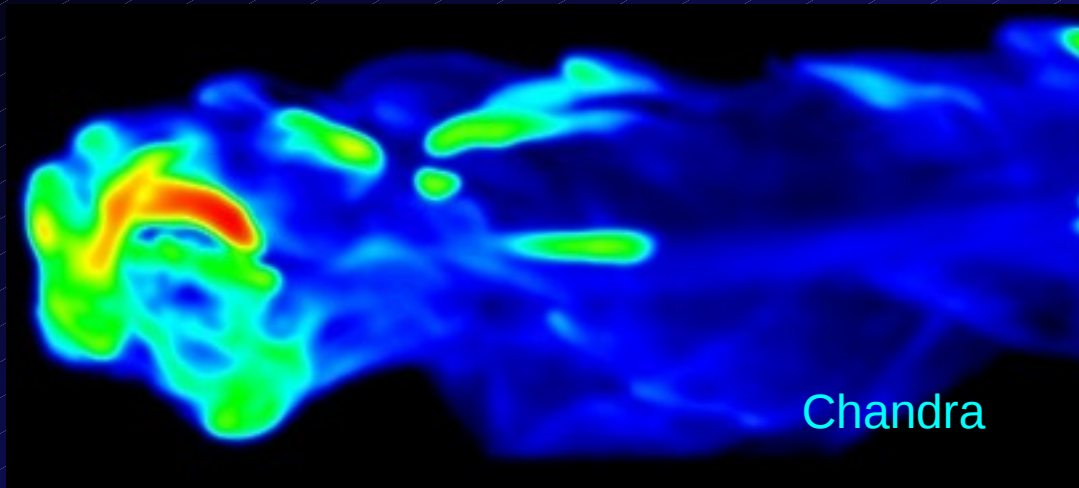
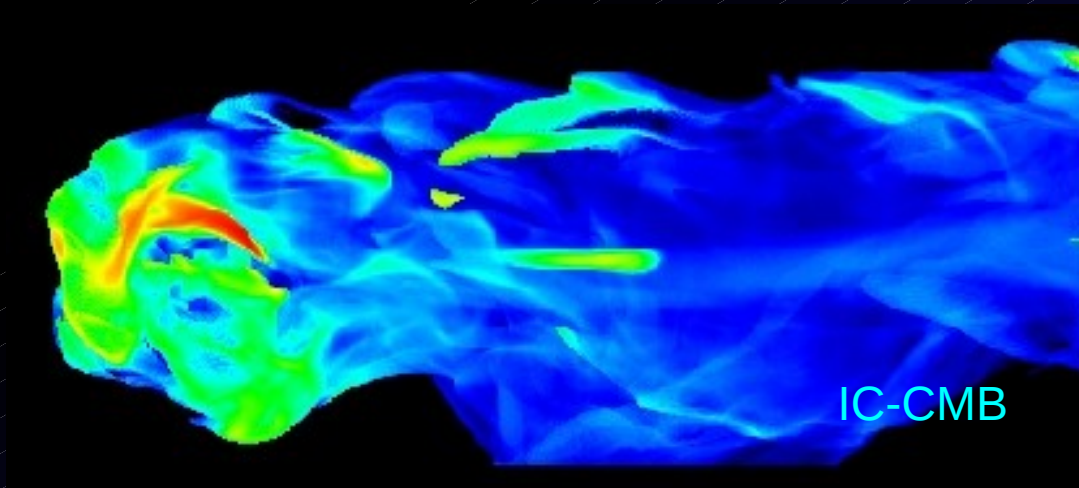


# MHD Simulations of Collimated Outflows from AGN - Virtual Telescope Observations



Compare with  
Radio  
Archives

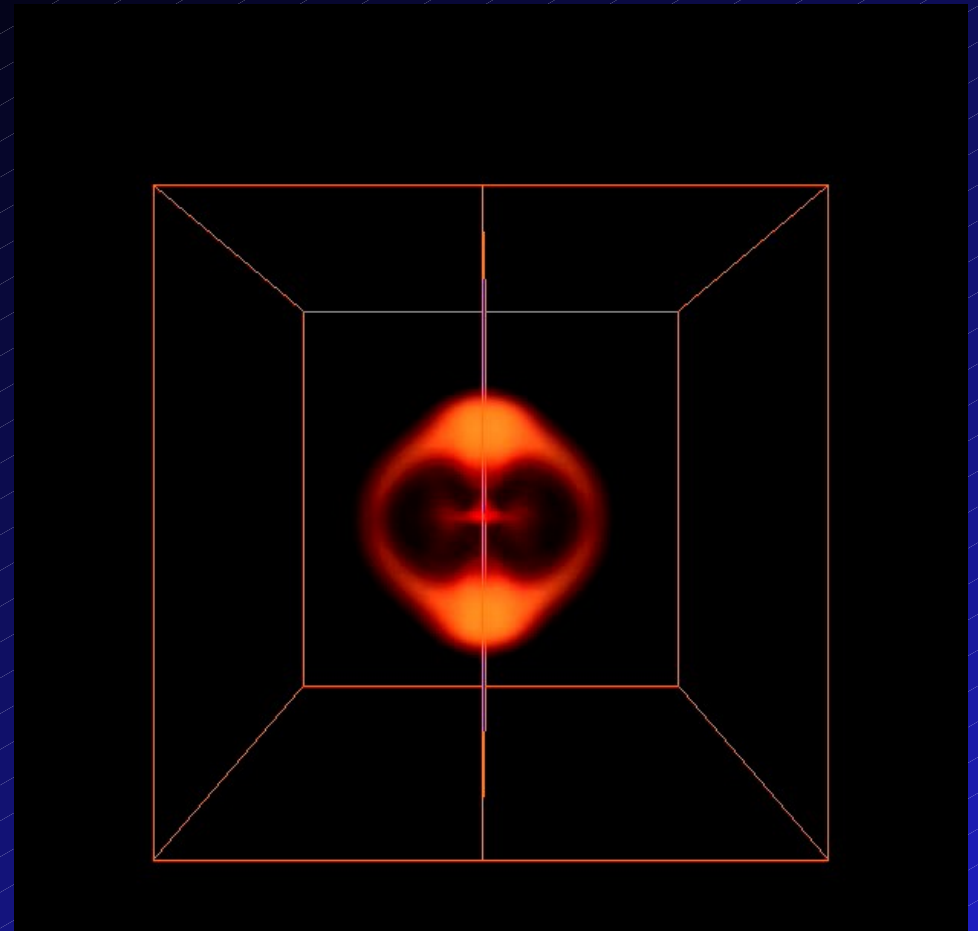
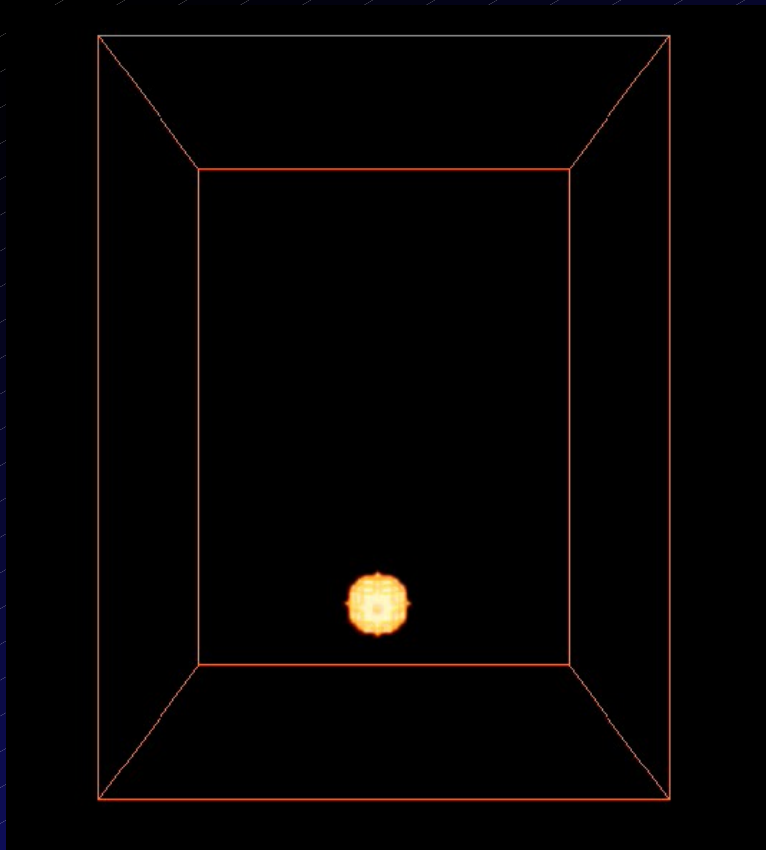
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Compare with  
Chandra Archives

# Three Dimensional MHD Calculations

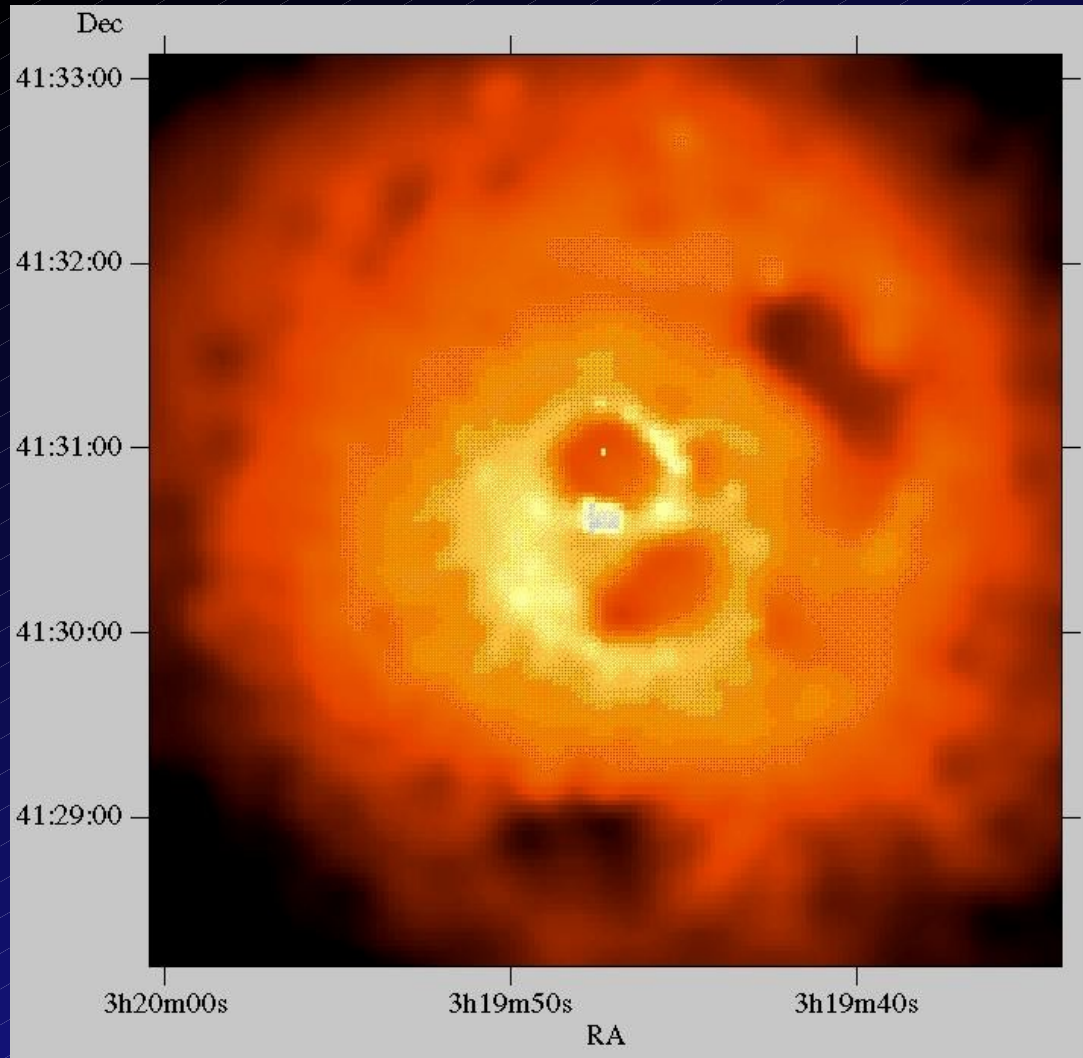
- $\beta = 3000$



# Relic Radio Bubbles in Galaxy Clusters

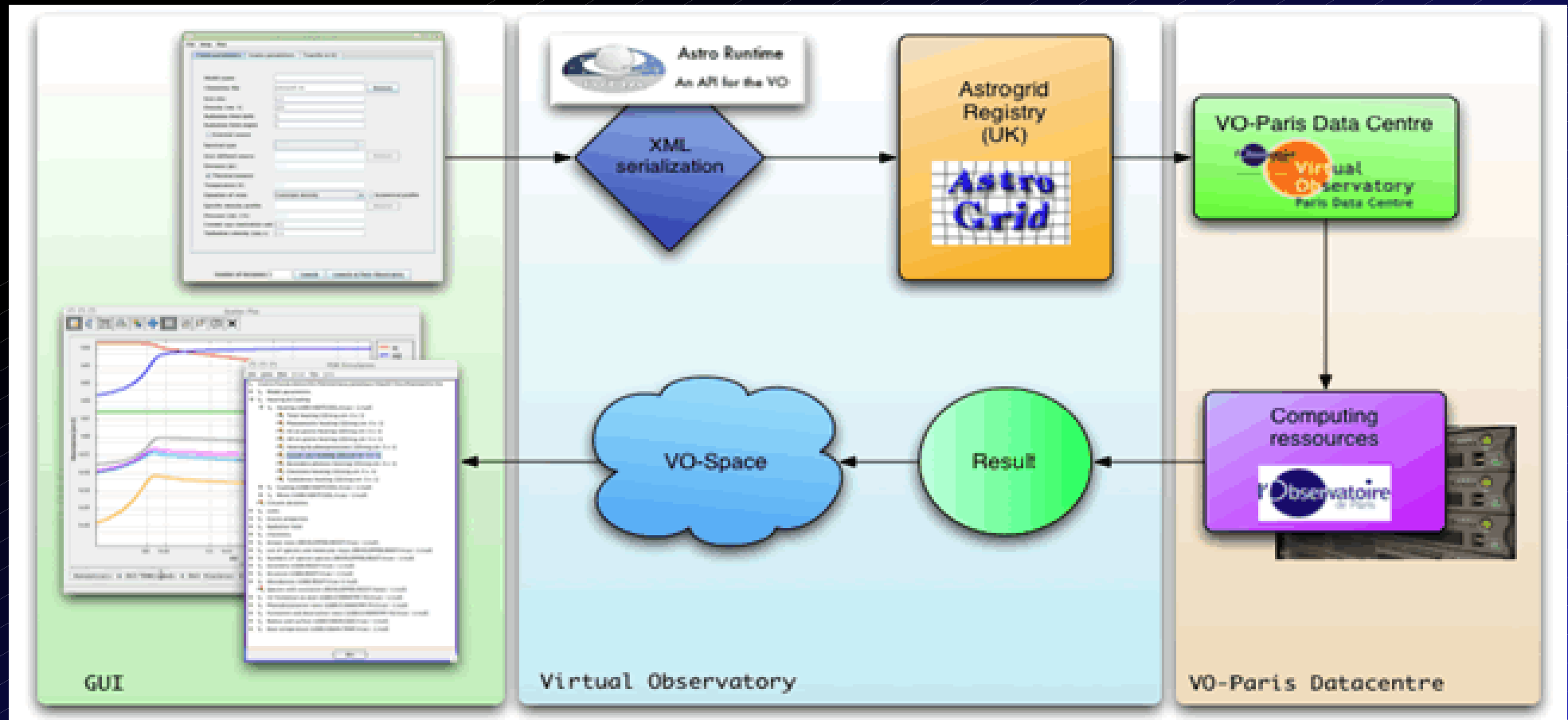
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Compare  
with  
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Fabian et al. 2000

# PDR VO-infrasctructure



# PDR database and clients

## □ PDR Database

### Output Files

Code produces

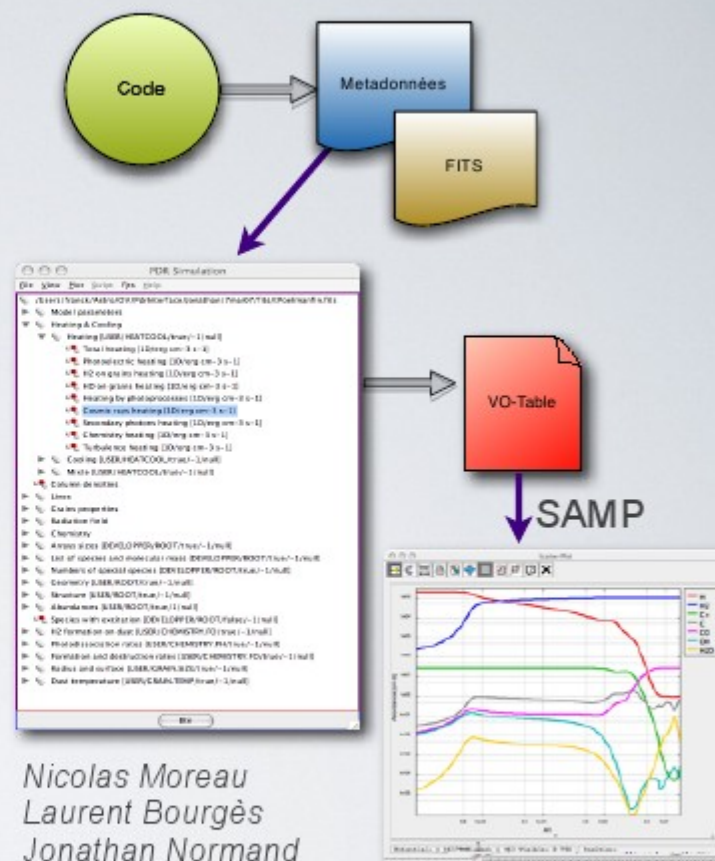
- raw data : FITS File
- XML / VO-TABLE : meta-data (name, description, units, UCD, ...)

Provide all quantities computed by the code

- observables
- theoretical quantities

### PDR Analyser

- browse the computed quantities
- extraction (ASCII, VO-Table)
- SAMP
- Download data from VO-Space
- Scriptable



# PDR code via VODesktop

The screenshot displays the VO Explorer - PDR application window. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Panel:** Contains a 'Resource Lists' sidebar with 'Examples', 'PDR', 'CEA', and 'New Smartlist'. Below this are buttons for 'New Smart List', 'Actions' (with 'Execute Task'), and 'About' (with 'Further Info' and 'Email Curator').
- Top Panel:** Titled 'Contents of PDR - 3 resources', it features three dropdown menus: 'Content - Subject' (listing unknown, ???, chemistry, interstellar gas, interstellar matter, interstellar medium, interstellar molecules, models), 'Coverage - Waveband' (listing unknown, infrared, millimeter, optical, radio, uv), and 'Resource Type' (listing CeaApplication, DataService, Organisation). A 'Filter result:' search bar is on the right.
- Table:** A table with columns 'Status', 'Flag...', 'Title', 'Capability', and 'Date'. It lists three resources: 'Meudon PDR code' (highlighted), 'Meudon PDR code', and 'VO-Paris'.
- Bottom Panel:** Titled 'Meudon PDR code', it shows detailed information including 'Short Name', 'ID', 'Type', 'Created', and 'Updated' dates. It also includes a description of the code, a link to 'Further Information...', and a section for 'Interfaces' and 'Version'.
- Right Panel:** Contains an 'Annotate' section with 'Flag' and 'Highlight' options, an 'Alternative title' field, a 'Notes' text area, and a 'Tags' field. Below these is a 'Monitoring service' section indicating 'No known providing services'.

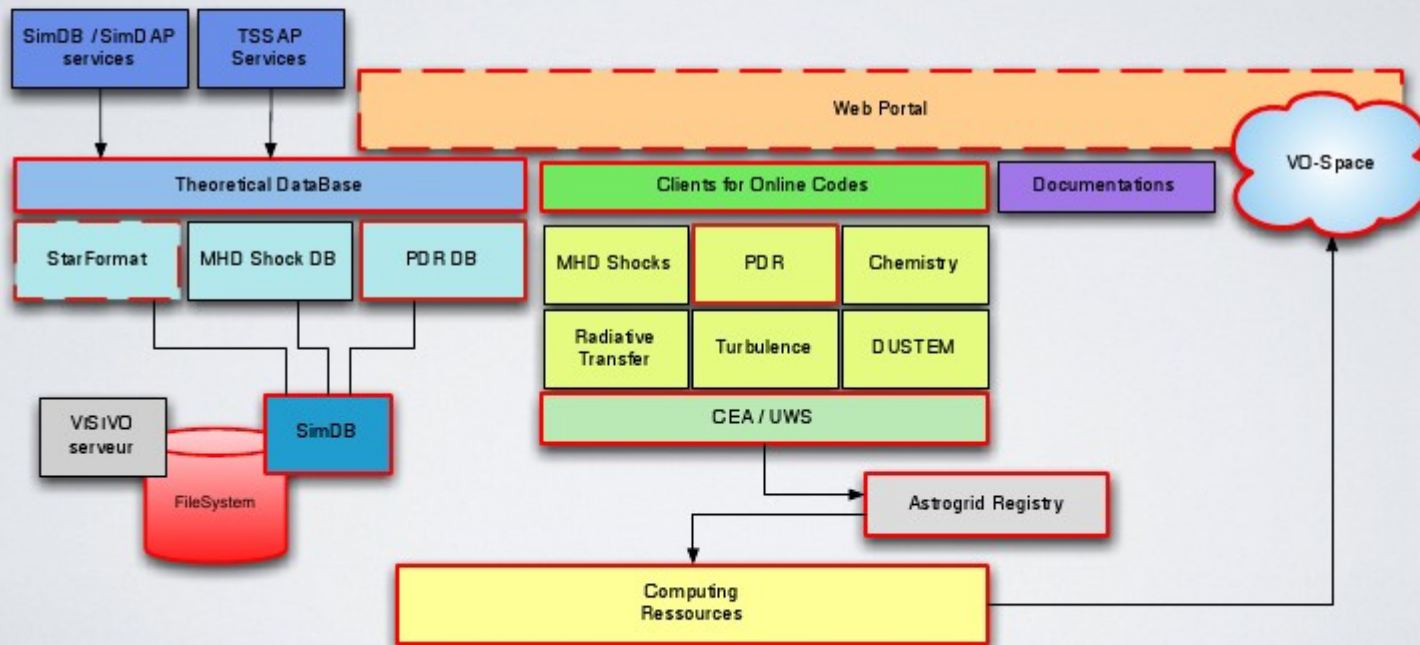
# ISM platform

## □ Interstellar Medium Platform

Bring together expertise in modeling / simulation of the ISM

Provide theoretical services about ISM

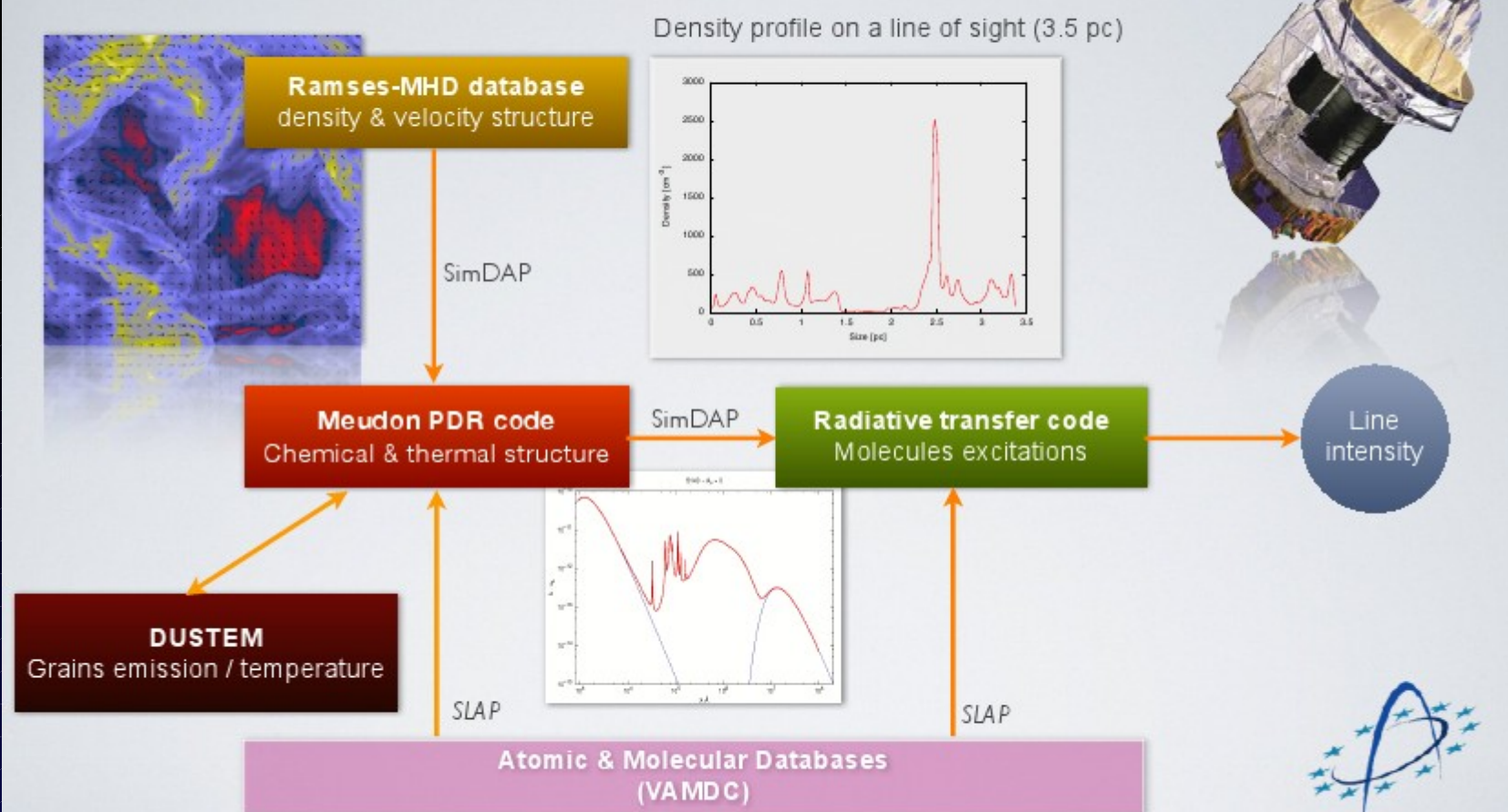
### Codes - Databases - Tools & services



# Complex join of TVO bricks

## □ Interstellar Medium Platform

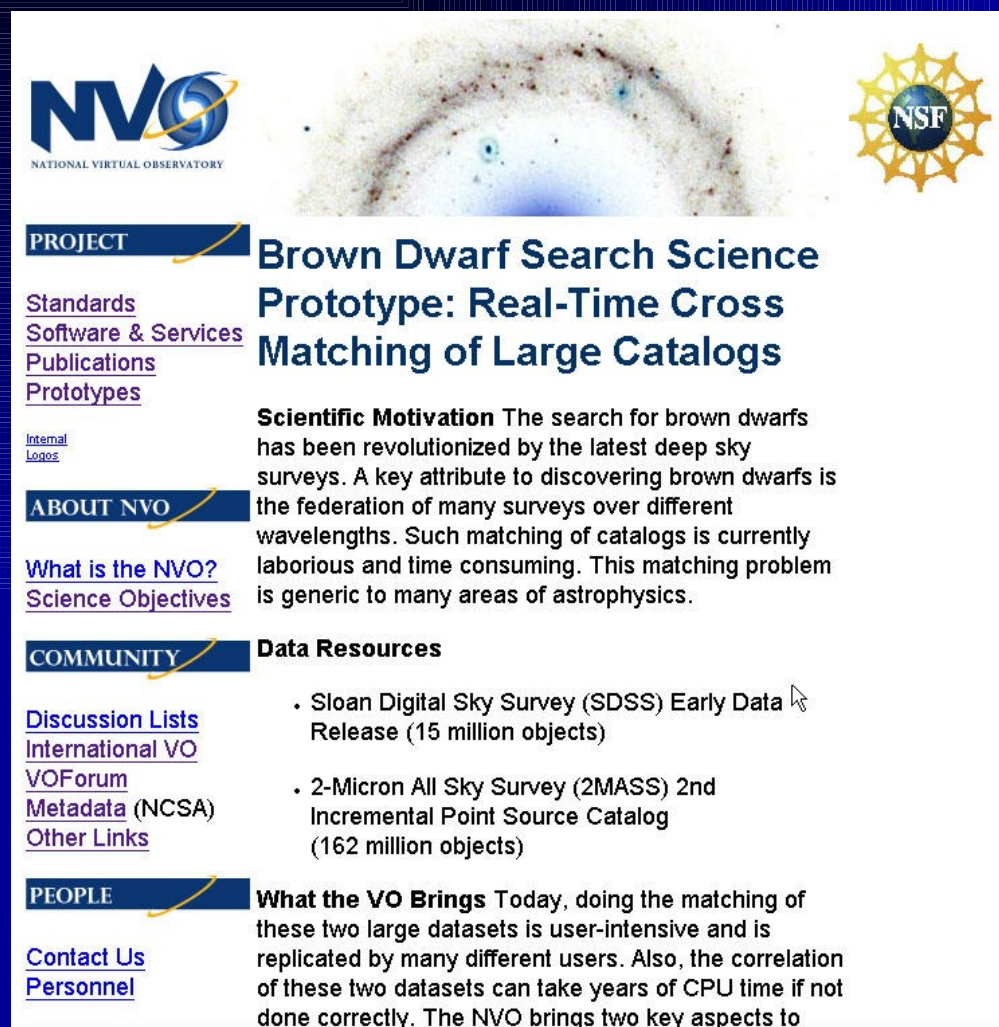
STARFORMAT project (PI: P. Hennebelle)



# VO Science

- 31 (9) new obscured type 2 QSO (Padovani 2004)
- Brown dwarfs (about 20 candidates)
- Brightest (WD?) Albus-1 (Cabalero et al. 2008)
- Widest CPM binaries
- AGB to PNe - 100 new (200) with VO
- SED (Spectrum Energy Distribution)
- Bolometric magnitude
- VOEvent – robotic telescopes (GRB, transits,)
- Outreach , Education (MS WWT, GoogleSky)

# BDs discovered using VO



The screenshot shows the NVO Project website. At the top left is the NVO logo (National Virtual Observatory) and at the top right is the NSF logo. The main heading is 'PROJECT Brown Dwarf Search Science Prototype: Real-Time Cross Matching of Large Catalogs'. Below this, there are links for 'Standards', 'Software & Services', 'Publications', and 'Prototypes'. A section titled 'ABOUT NVO' contains links for 'What is the NVO?', 'Science Objectives', and 'COMMUNITY'. The 'COMMUNITY' section lists 'Data Resources' including 'Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) Early Data Release (15 million objects)' and '2-Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) 2nd Incremental Point Source Catalog (162 million objects)'. A 'PEOPLE' section at the bottom has links for 'Contact Us' and 'Personnel'. A large astronomical image of a spiral galaxy is in the background.

**PROJECT** **Brown Dwarf Search Science Prototype: Real-Time Cross Matching of Large Catalogs**

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**ABOUT NVO**

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**COMMUNITY**

[Discussion Lists](#)  
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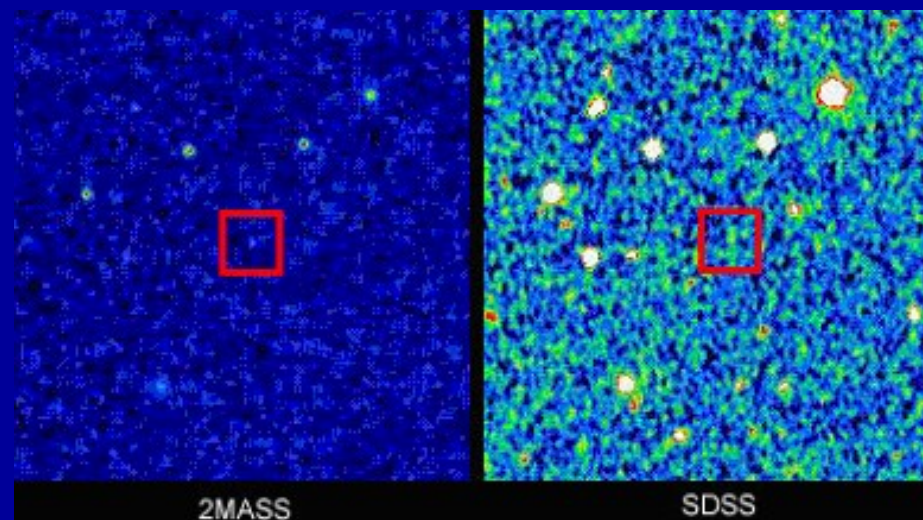
**Scientific Motivation** The search for brown dwarfs has been revolutionized by the latest deep sky surveys. A key attribute to discovering brown dwarfs is the federation of many surveys over different wavelengths. Such matching of catalogs is currently laborious and time consuming. This matching problem is generic to many areas of astrophysics.

**Data Resources**

- Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) Early Data Release (15 million objects)
- 2-Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) 2nd Incremental Point Source Catalog (162 million objects)

**What the VO Brings** Today, doing the matching of these two large datasets is user-intensive and is replicated by many different users. Also, the correlation of these two datasets can take years of CPU time if not done correctly. The NVO brings two key aspects to

- **Filtering criteria:**  $z$  &  $J$ -only detections with  $z - J > 2.75$
- *SDSS: 15M obj.*
- *2MASS: 160M obj.*
- *300000 objects in common.*



✓ *However, systematic searches using a VO methodology have not been performed so far.*

# Democratization of Science

- Digital Divide

technological barrier, data access free, access to journals

- International Council for Science CODATA

Committee on Data for Science and Technology – UNO ICS

- CASPAR

Cultural, Artistic and Scientific knowledge for Preservation, Access and Retrieval  
Digital curation centers

- ADS and VO

links to ivo://, metadata, ontologies – semantic web

- Archive importance:

5x IUE , 3x HST results from archives than PI articles

- Effectiveness

50% of published data appears in Journals, links to data automatic ?

# Objections to VO

Data quality – garbage in - garbage out

How and whom to give credit ? (button)

embedded ivo:// data in ApJ

VO for dissemination only

- technology for OPTICON, nextgen
- Virtual science – VO technology

VO only for public data ! Proprietary ?

(data jealousy)

- local archive - available data marked

# The Astronomer's Data Manifesto

at 26 IAU GA Prague SPS3

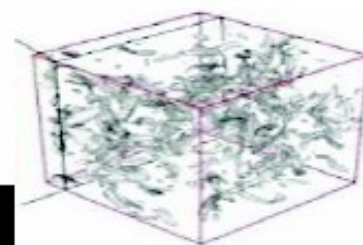
- (a) All significant tables, images, and spectra published in journals should appear in astronomical data centres.
- (b) All data obtained with publicly-funded observatories should, after appropriate pro-prietary periods, be placed in the public domain.
- (c) In any new major astronomical construction project, the data processing, storage, migration, and management requirements should be built in at an early stage of the project plan, and costed along with other parts of the project.
- (d) Astronomers in all countries should have the same access to astronomical data and information.
- (e) Legacy astronomical data can be valuable, and high-priority legacy data should be preserved and stored in digital form in the data centres.
- (f) The IAU should work with other international organisations to achieve our common goals and learn from our colleagues in other fields. ”

# Emergence of a Fourth Research Paradigm

1. Thousand years ago – **Experimental Science**
  - Description of natural phenomena
2. Last few hundred years – **Theoretical Science**
  - Newton's Laws, Maxwell's Equations...
3. Last few decades – **Computational Science**
  - Simulation of complex phenomena
4. Today – **Data-Intensive Science**
  - Scientists overwhelmed with data sets from many different sources
    - Data captured by instruments
    - Data generated by simulations
    - Data generated by sensor networks
  - **eScience is the set of tools and technologies to support data federation and collaboration**
    - For analysis and data mining
    - For data visualization and exploration
    - For scholarly communication and dissemination

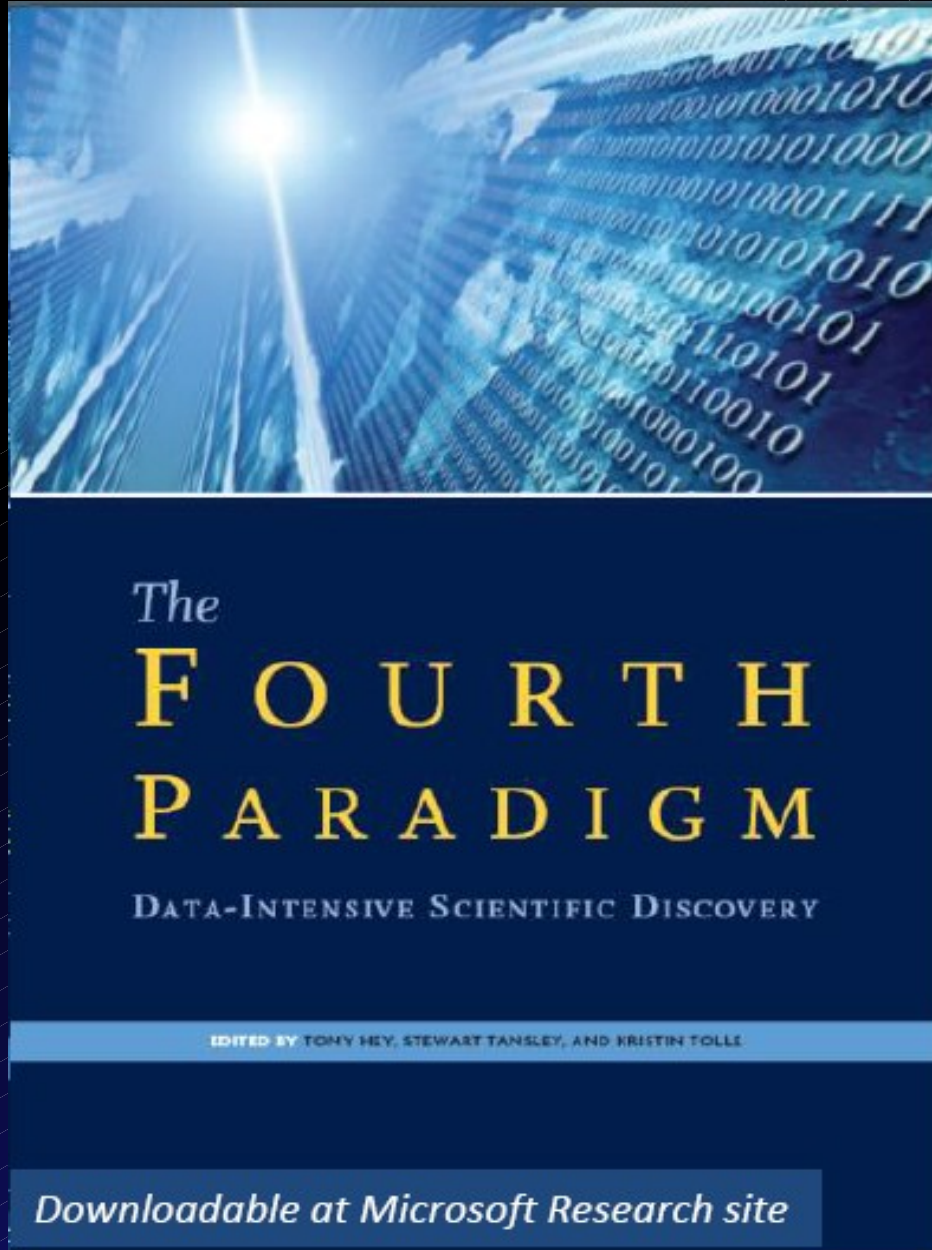


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(With thanks to Jim Gray)

# X-informatics

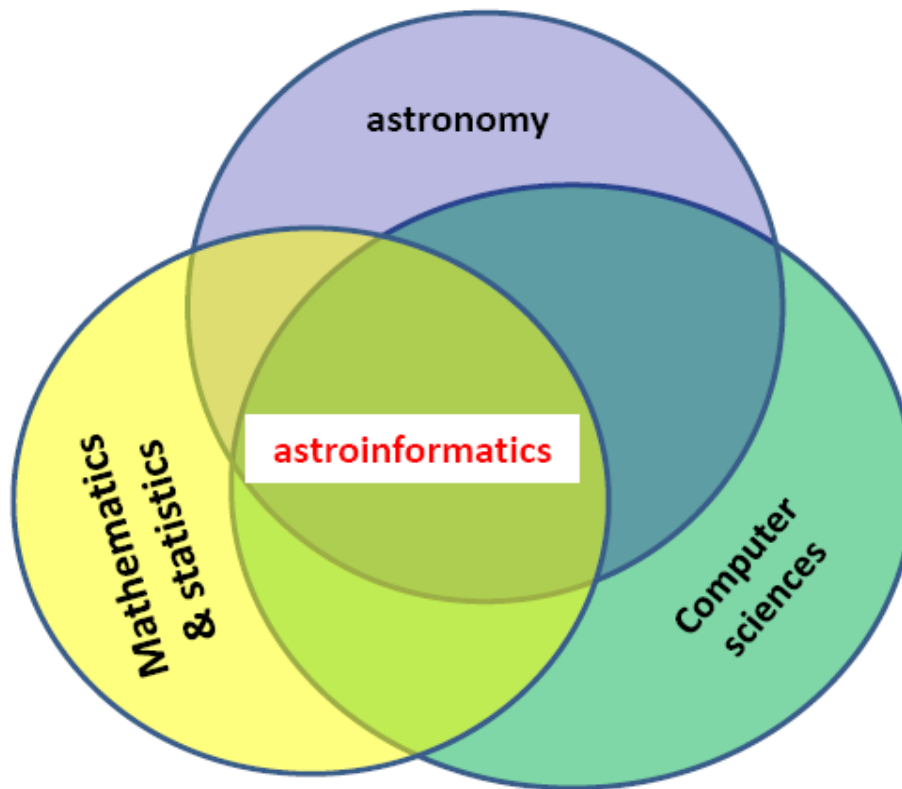


Changing methodology of  
the Science

Synergy between different  
worlds

Sociological aspects  
(net-based research  
communities)

## Experimental astronomy has become a three players game



- **astronomy:** problems, data, understanding of the data structure and biases
- **mathematics:** evaluation of the data, falsification/validation of theories/models, etc
- **computer science:** implementation of infrastructures, databases, middleware, scalable tools, etc

- **Astroinformatics:** AAS n. 215, Washington, December 2009, chairperson: K. Borne
- **Astroinformatics 2010:** Caltech (USA) June 16-19 2010; co-chairpersons: S.G. Djorgovski, G. Longo
- **Astroinformatics 2011:** UNINA – Sorrento, co-chairpersons: S.G. Djorgovski, G. Longo

# Astroinformatics

- Analogy – Bioinformatics (Genome analysis with GRIDS, ATB)
- e-Science in Astronomy - using informatics (computer science)
- 4-th Paradigma of science (observation, experiment, modeling, knowledge)
- Data mining, Knowledge discovery - VO-NEURAL, DAME
- Clustering
- Classification
- Supervised learning (Neural Networks, SVM)
- Examples
  - Photometric RedShift
  - Searching for QSO
  - Automatic Light curves classification (GAIA, LSST)
- Very NEW – emerging discipline

# The answer is Data mining .... matching Donald Rumsfeld's epistemology

*There are known knowns,  
There are known unknowns, and  
There are unknown unknowns*

## Classification

Morphological classification of galaxies  
Star/galaxy separation, etc.

## Regression

Photometric redshifts

## Clustering

Search for peculiar and rare objects,  
Etc.

Donald Rumsfeld's  
about Iraqi war



"There are known knowns.  
These are things we know that we know.  
There are known unknowns.  
That is to say, there are things that we know  
we don't know.  
But there are also unknown unknowns.  
There are things we don't know we don't  
know."

Longo 2010

# Need for a new science: Astroinformatics

## Knowledge Discovery in Databases

Data Gathering (e.g., from sensor networks, telescopes...)

→ Data Farming:

Storage/Archiving  
Indexing, Searchability  
Data Fusion, Interoperability, ontologies, etc.

→ Data Mining (or Knowledge Discovery in Databases):

Pattern or correlation search  
Clustering analysis, automated classification  
Outlier / anomaly searches  
Hyperdimensional visualization

→ Data understanding

Computer aided understanding  
KDD  
Etc.

→ New Knowledge



Database  
technologies

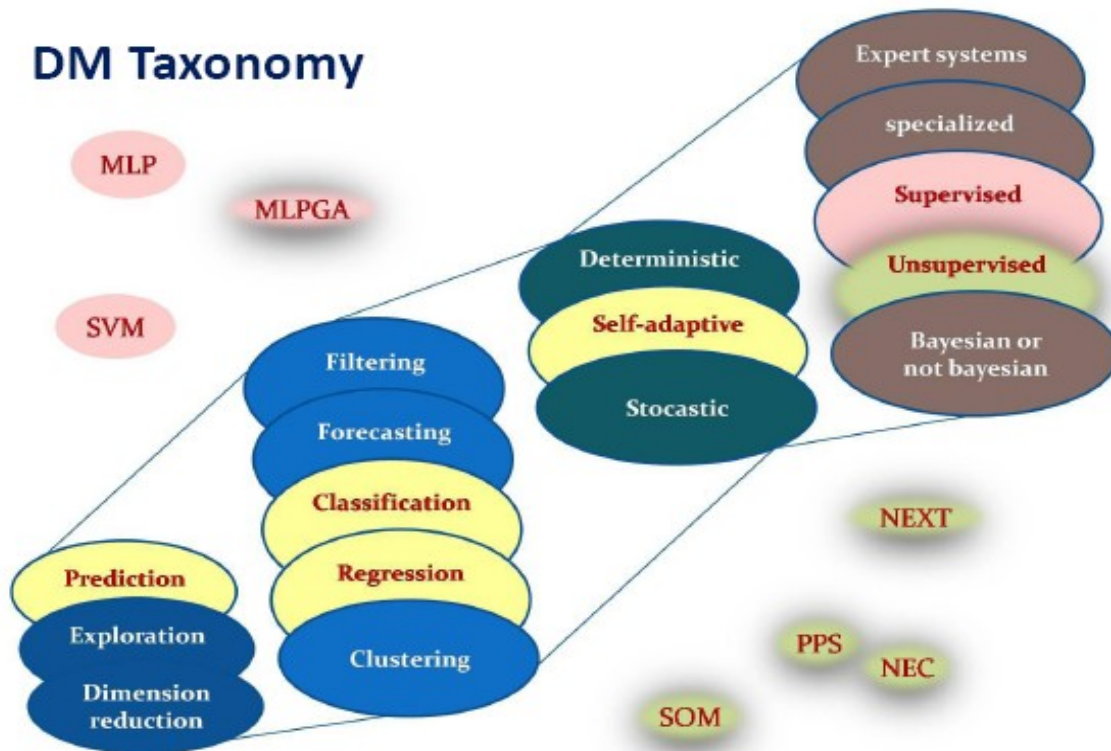
Key mathematical  
issues

Ongoing research



Data Mining is the activity of extracting **USEFUL** information from **COMPLEX** data using Statistical Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning methods.

## DM Taxonomy



1. To catalogue the known (classification)
2. Characterize the unknown (clustering)
3. Find functional dependencies (regression)
4. Find exceptions (outliers)

## Supervised Methods

Patterns are learnt from extensive set of templates (Base of Knowledge = BoK)

## Unsupervised Methods

Patterns are discovered using the data themselves

# Scientific Communities

“The co-authorship network of scientists represents a prototype of complex evolving networks. In addition, it offers one of the most extensive database to date on social networks.”<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>Barabási et al., “Evolution of the social network of scientific collaborations”

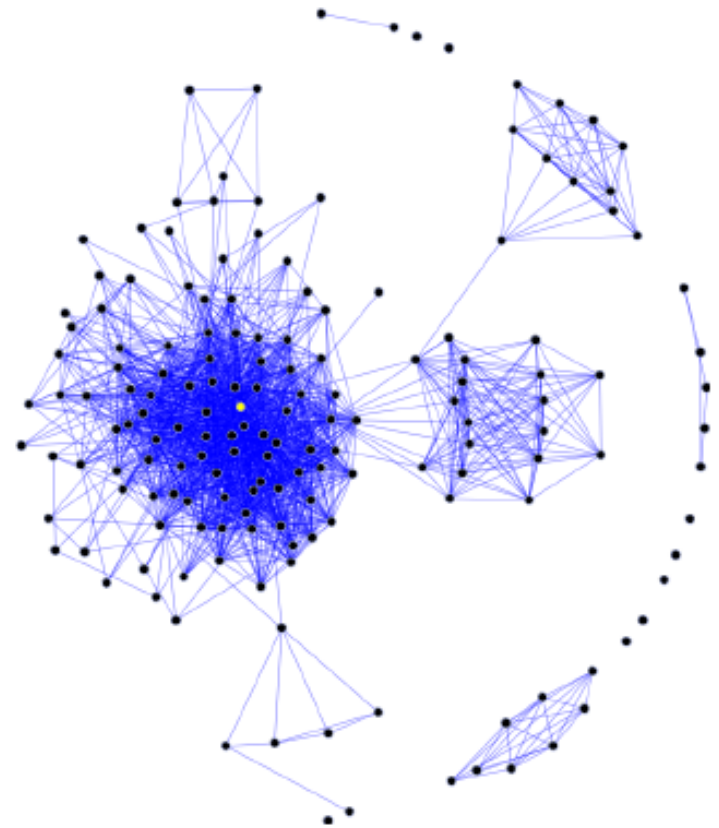
“Social scientists have long recognized the importance of boundary-spanning individuals in diffusing knowledge (Allen 1977; Tushman 1977), and recently, several papers have rigorously demonstrated that technological knowledge diffuses primarily through social relations, not through publications.”<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>Sorenson, and Singh, “Science, Social Networks and Spillovers”

## Motivations of a social networking IT platform for science

- The importance of boundary-spanning individuals in social networks might be what X-informatics is all about;
- we break scientific *cliques* and create new, unexpected, effective links across the science community's network;
- an effective scientific social network platform may be an effective step towards *seamless astronomy*. Seamless not only in terms of data and applications access, but also in terms of social interactions between people in the scientific network.



## From enterprise to research

Integrated Collaborative Environment



Distributed Scientific Social Websites

- Each institution could develop its website (e.g. OpenSocial);
- institutions/developers could also provide interoperable web applications;
- researchers could customize their UI/preferred applications (custom portals!);
- researchers social data would be accessed from the web;
- social features (ranking, sharing, discussing, discovering);
- collaborative software (e.g. Google Wave).

If the social communication is effective, applications can spread and compete, new links can form in the network, and new collaborations can start!



Meta Institute for Computational Astrophysics

Exploring Astrophysics in Virtual Worlds

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## Meta Institute for Computational Astrophysics

The Meta Institute for Computational Astrophysics (MICA) is a professional scientific and educational, non-profit organization based in virtual worlds [VWs] (currently in Second Life [SL], but with an intent to expand its presence in other venues as the VWs evolve). The goals of MICA include:

- ▶ Exploration, development and promotion of VWs and virtual reality [VR] technologies for professional research in astronomy and related fields.
- ▶ Providing and developing novel social networking venues and mechanisms for scientific collaboration and communications, including professional meetings, effective telepresence, etc.
- ▶ Use of VWs and VR technologies for education and public outreach.
- ▶ Exchange of ideas and joint efforts with other scientific disciplines in promoting these goals for science and scholarship in general.

***MICA is an experiment in the scholarly use of VWs technologies***

- Currently ~ 50 professional members and > 100 affiliates
- Regular schedule of events: seminars, workshops, public lectures, etc.

# Virtual Worlds (2<sup>nd</sup> Life for Science)

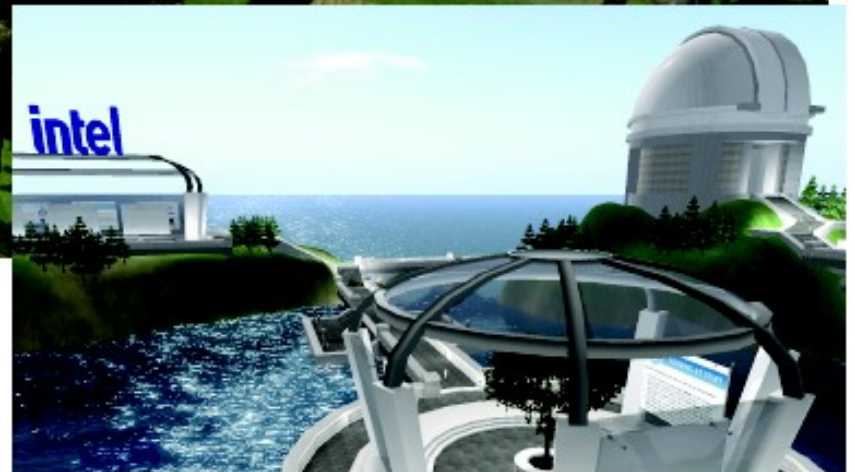
<http://slurl.com/secondlife/StellaNova/127/129/32>



A part of the SciLands virtual continent:  
<http://www.scilands.org/>

Now migrating to the *OpenSim*-based  
VWs, e.g., Intel's *ScienceSim*

Djorgovski



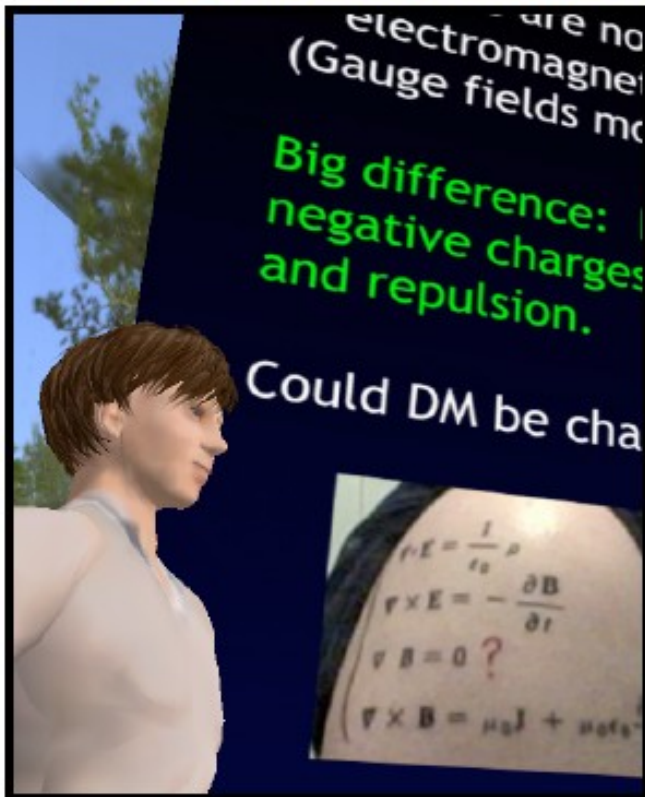
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Virtual conferences at zero cost

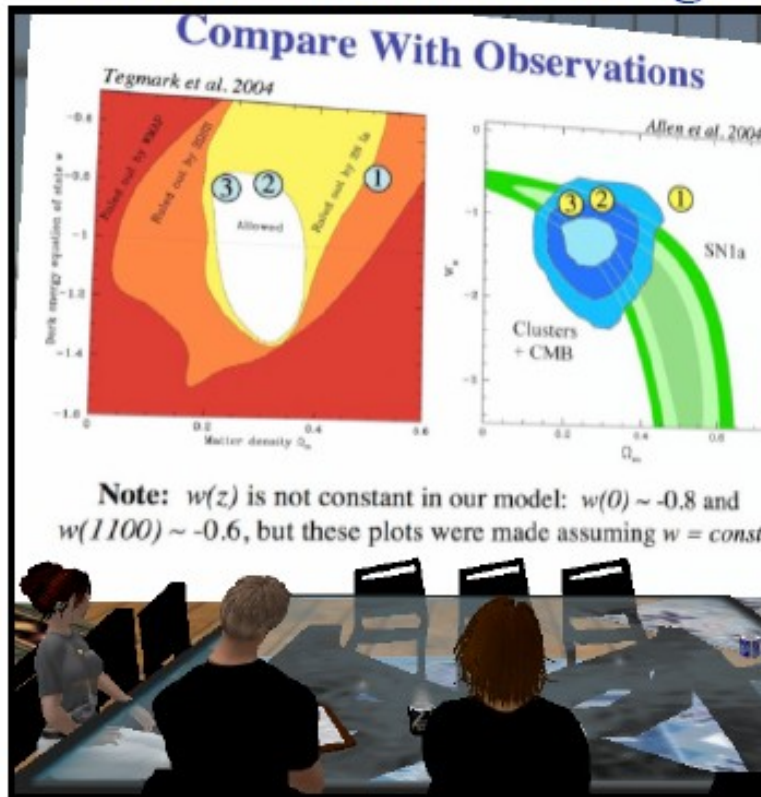
Problem with time zones

Outreach, education

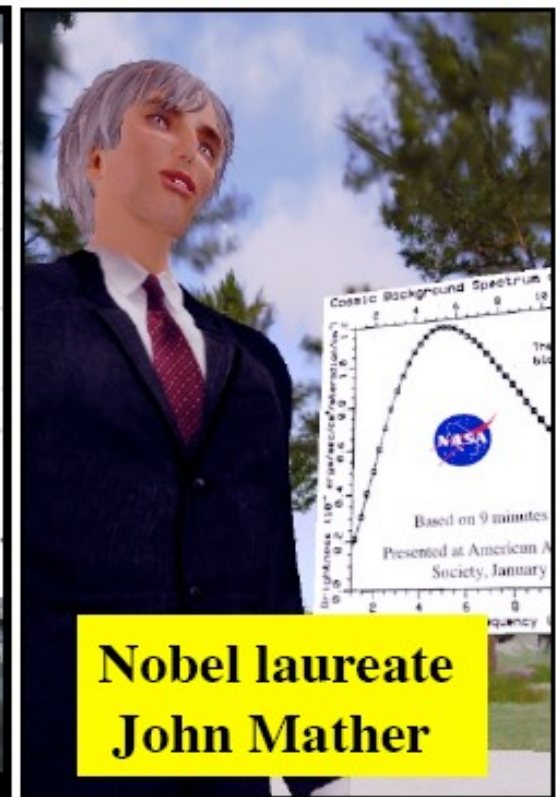
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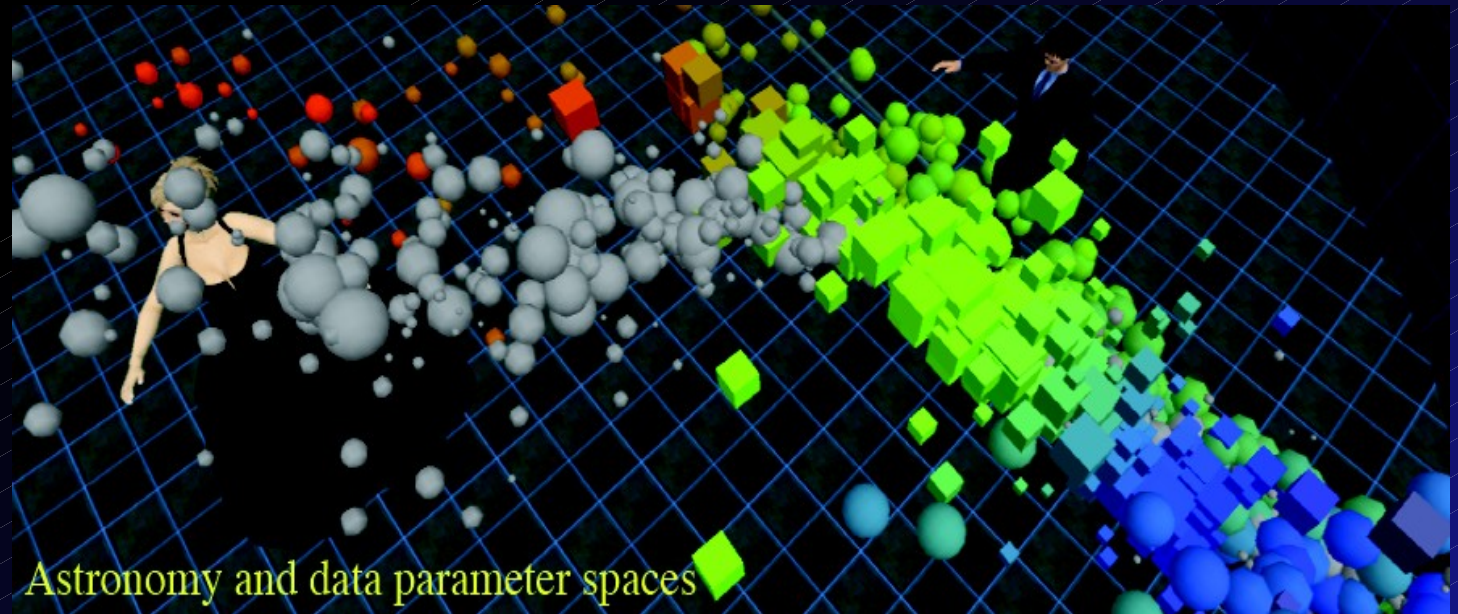
## Collaboration meetings



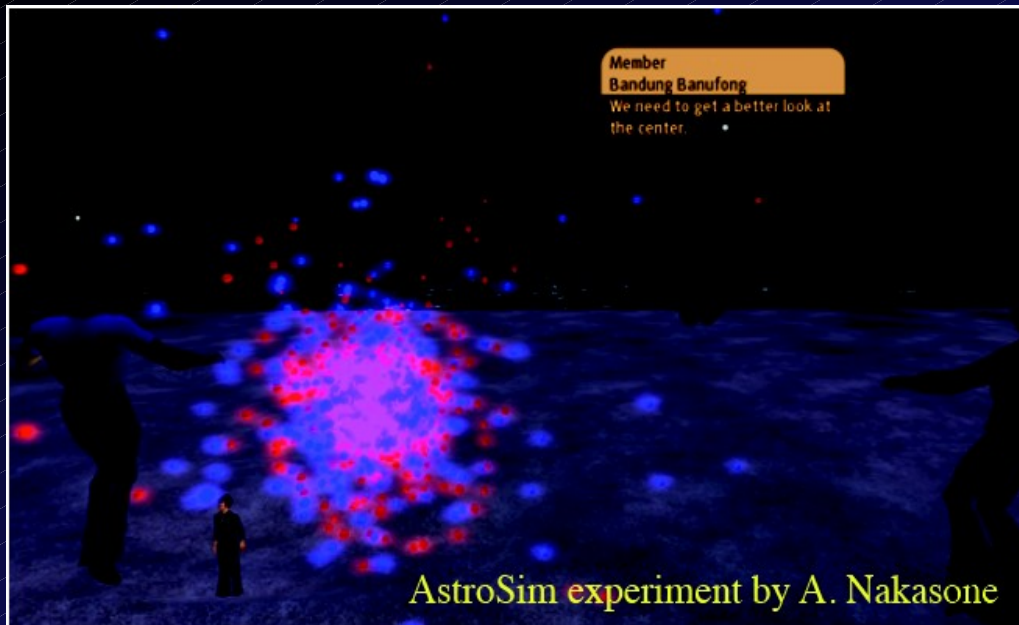
## Public outreach



# Immersive VR Experiments



Astronomy and data parameter spaces



Scientists immersed in, and interacting with, numerical simulations of star clusters

# U-Science, Carbon Computing

**e-Science** emerged ~10 yrs ago using the web protocols that were common at that time:

- web services, XML-based information exchange, registries, distributed data access, distributed computing (Grid) = **machine-to-machine communication**

**U-Science** is now emerging from today's web protocols:

- social networking, ubiquitous devices, user-centric experiences, user-led activities, user-generated content, wikis, blogs, mashups, tagging, annotation, ontologies (semantic web), folksonomies, knowledge-sharing, user **recommendations = user-to-user communication**

- The emergence of **Citizen Science**:
  - **Anybody can participate** in the science discovery process
- **Anyone can annotate**, tag, and label scientific results:
  - scientists, students, and citizen scientists

# Galaxy Zoo

# GALAXY ZOO.org

Welcome | Home | The Science | How to Take Part | Galaxy Analysis | Forum | Press & News | FAQ | Links | Contact Us | Login | Register

Galaxy Tutorial

Galaxy Analysis

## Galaxy Analysis

Welcome to Galaxy Zoo's view of the Universe. If you're here you should already have seen the [Tutorial](#), but feel free to go and remind yourself. There's no need to agonise for too long over any one image, just make your best guess in each case.



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Names: Nathaniel Taylor Winston III  
Age: **57**  
Occupation: **Retired and disabled**  
Joined Zooniverse: **July 2007**  
Nathaniel's Zooniverse: "A chance for me to help advance Science and improve myself with NEW discoveries to increase our knowledge. I also love to meet and bond with people of similar interests. It's probably the BEST website I ever joined and I have made many friends that are like family to me."



Nathaniel

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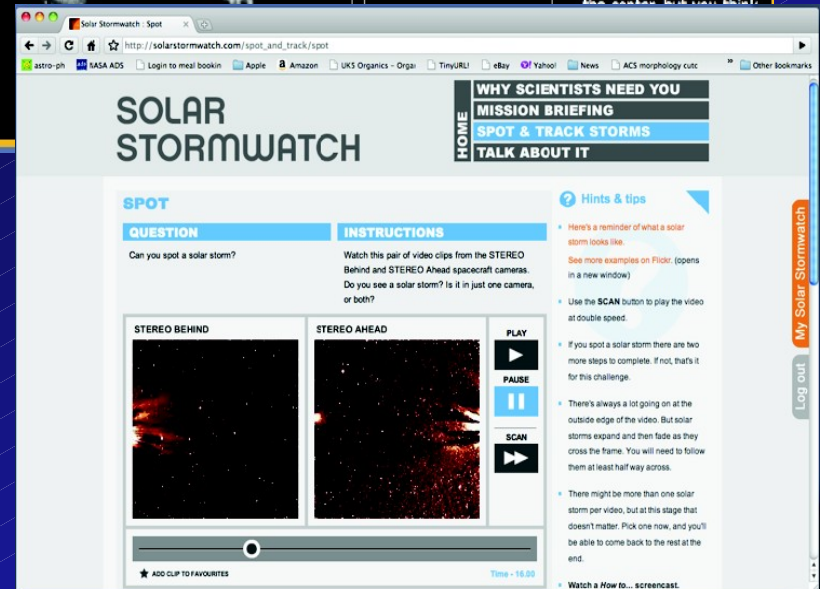
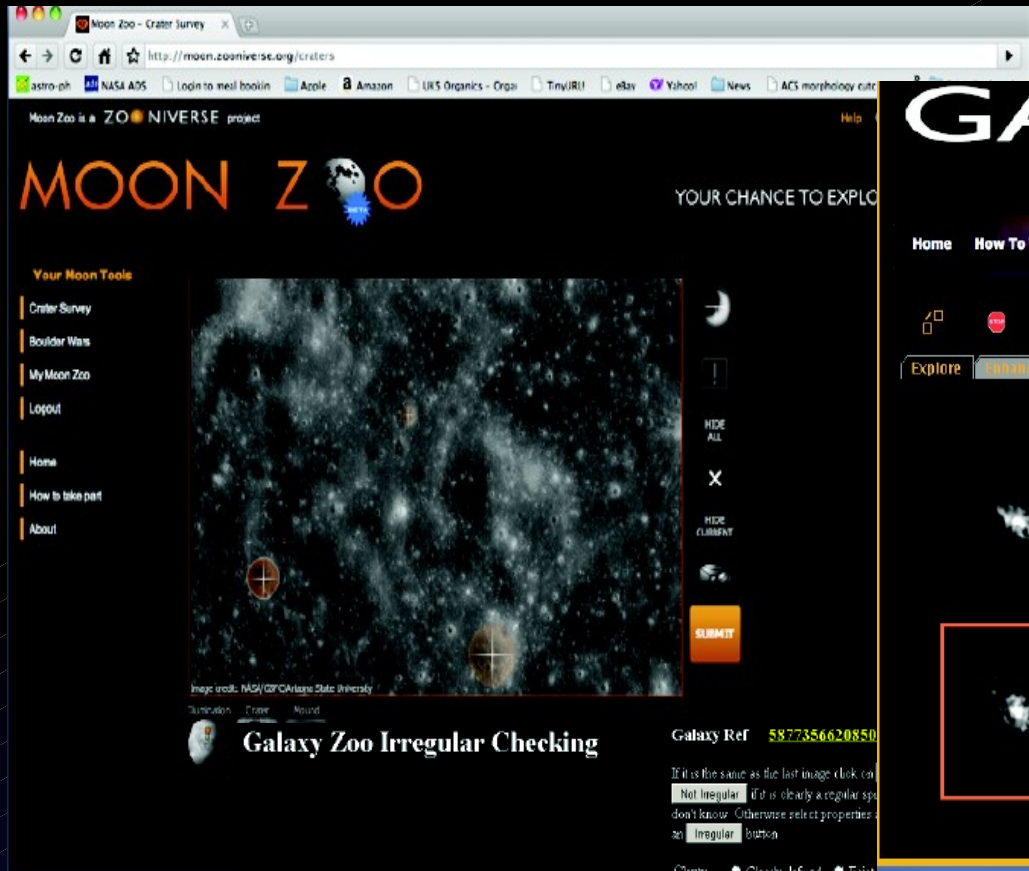
### Live Projects

- GALAXY ZOO**
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UNDERSTANDING COSMIC MERGERS
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THE HUNT FOR SUPERNOVAE

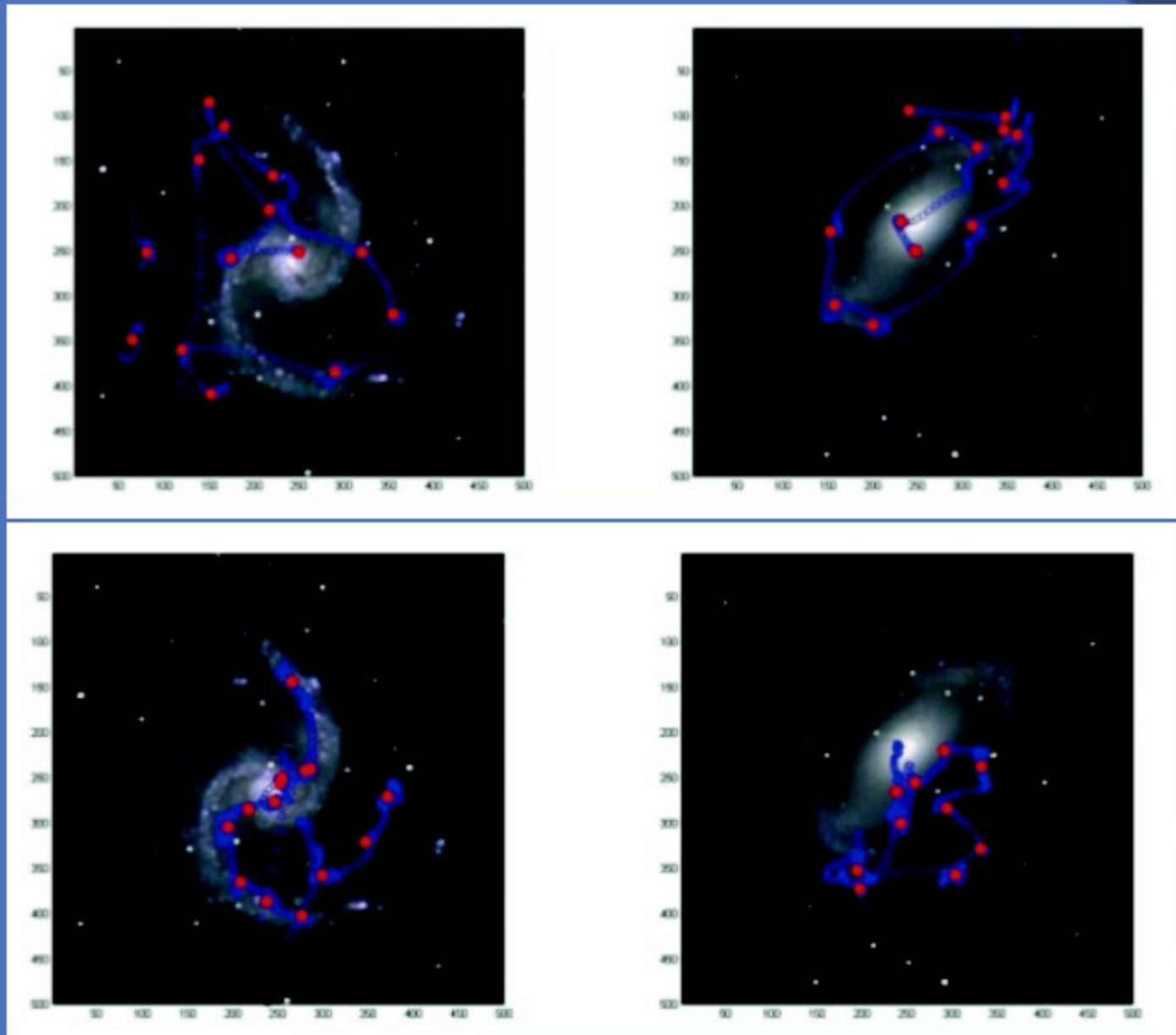
### Zooniverse Activity

Total Volunteers: **254,815**

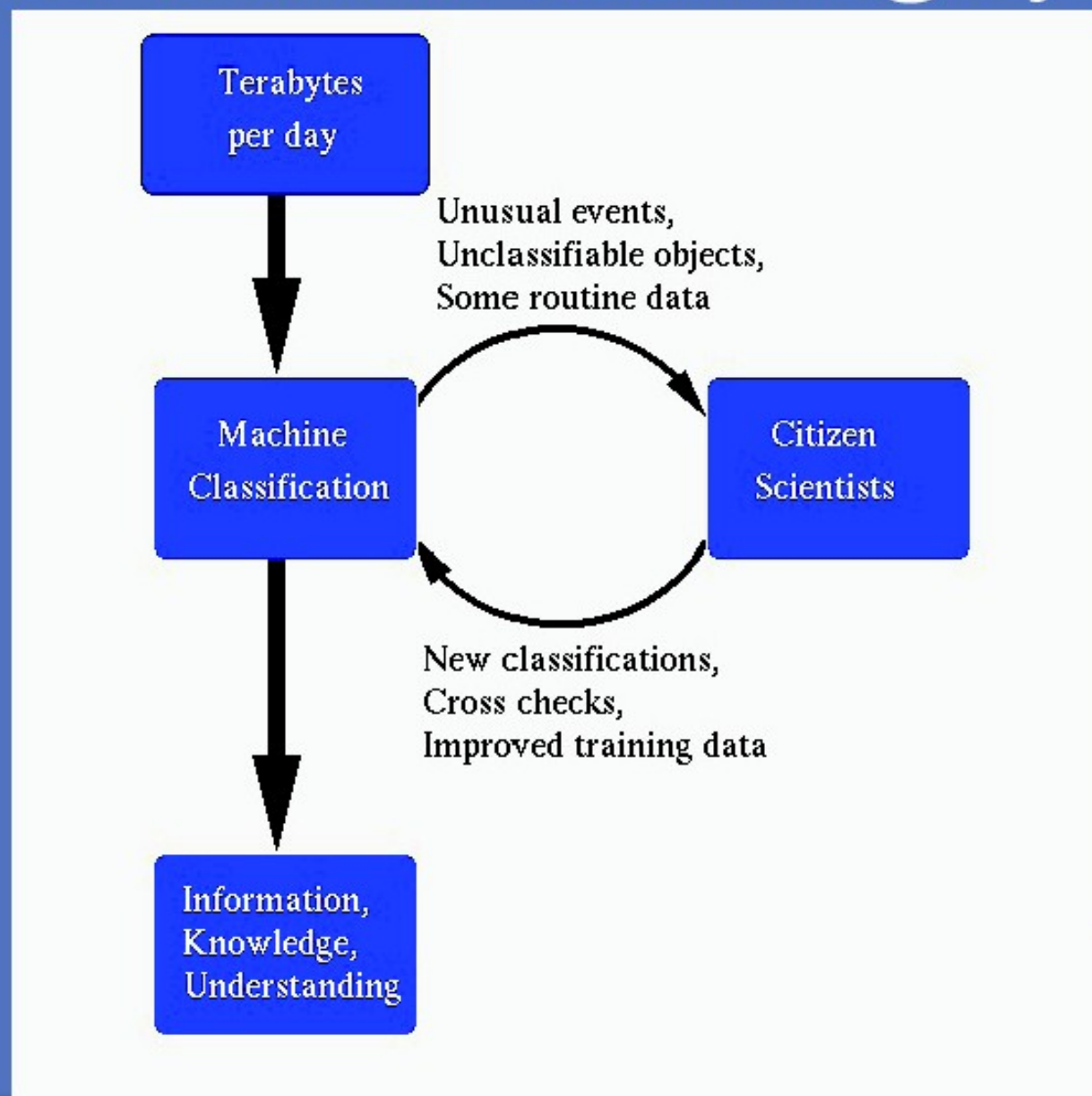
# Examples ZOOniverse



# Expert vs Non-expert Classifier



# Machine-Human Learning Cycle

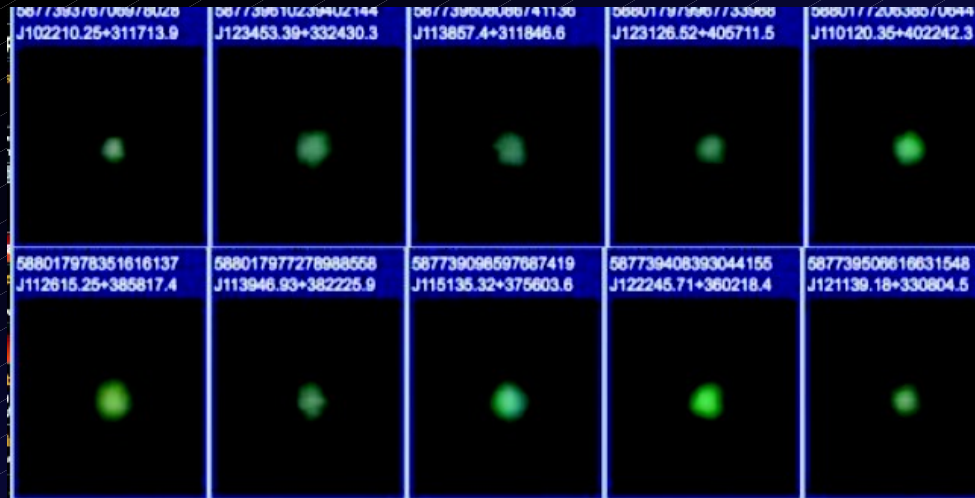


# Citizen Science x Expert Science

Verified by human – training sets

Independent answers=estimate of error

Serendipitous discovery



Galactic Peas

Scale - complexity

# Knowledge Discovery in U-Science



## Known knowns :

Primary task. Data reduction by science team.

## Known unknowns :

Related to primary task. Results funneled to specific researchers.

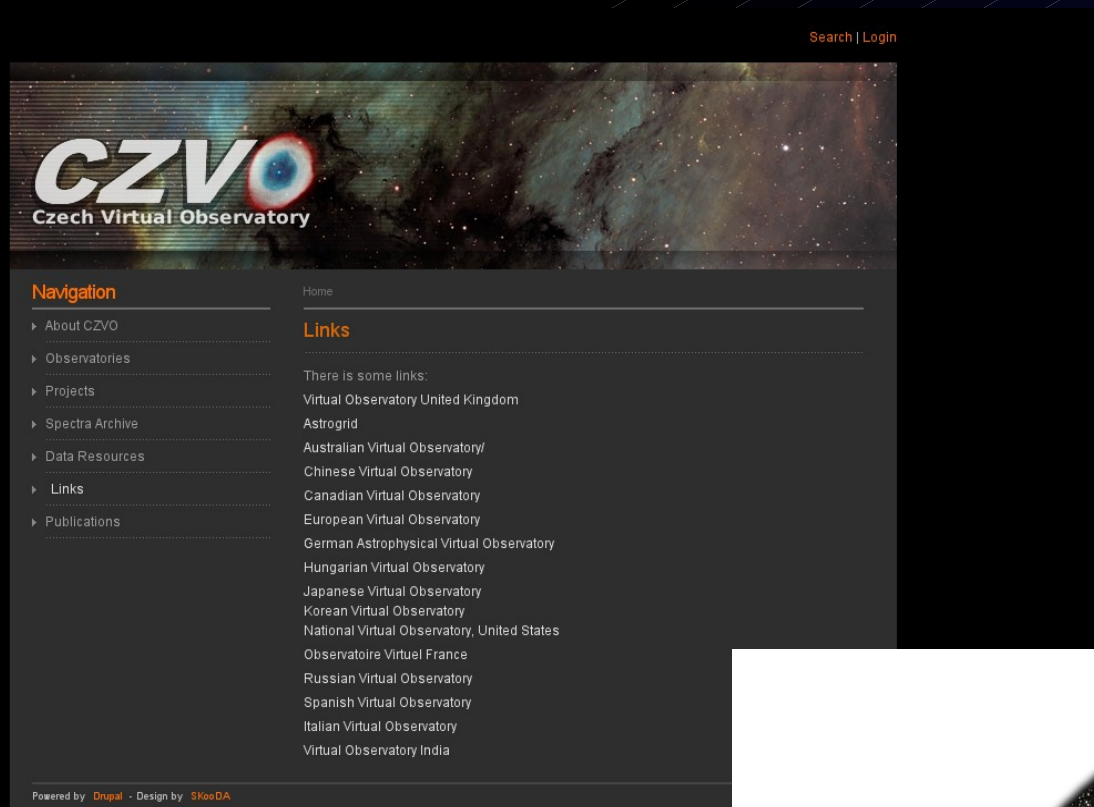
## Unknown unknowns :

Serendipity. Currently rely on forum moderators to filter.

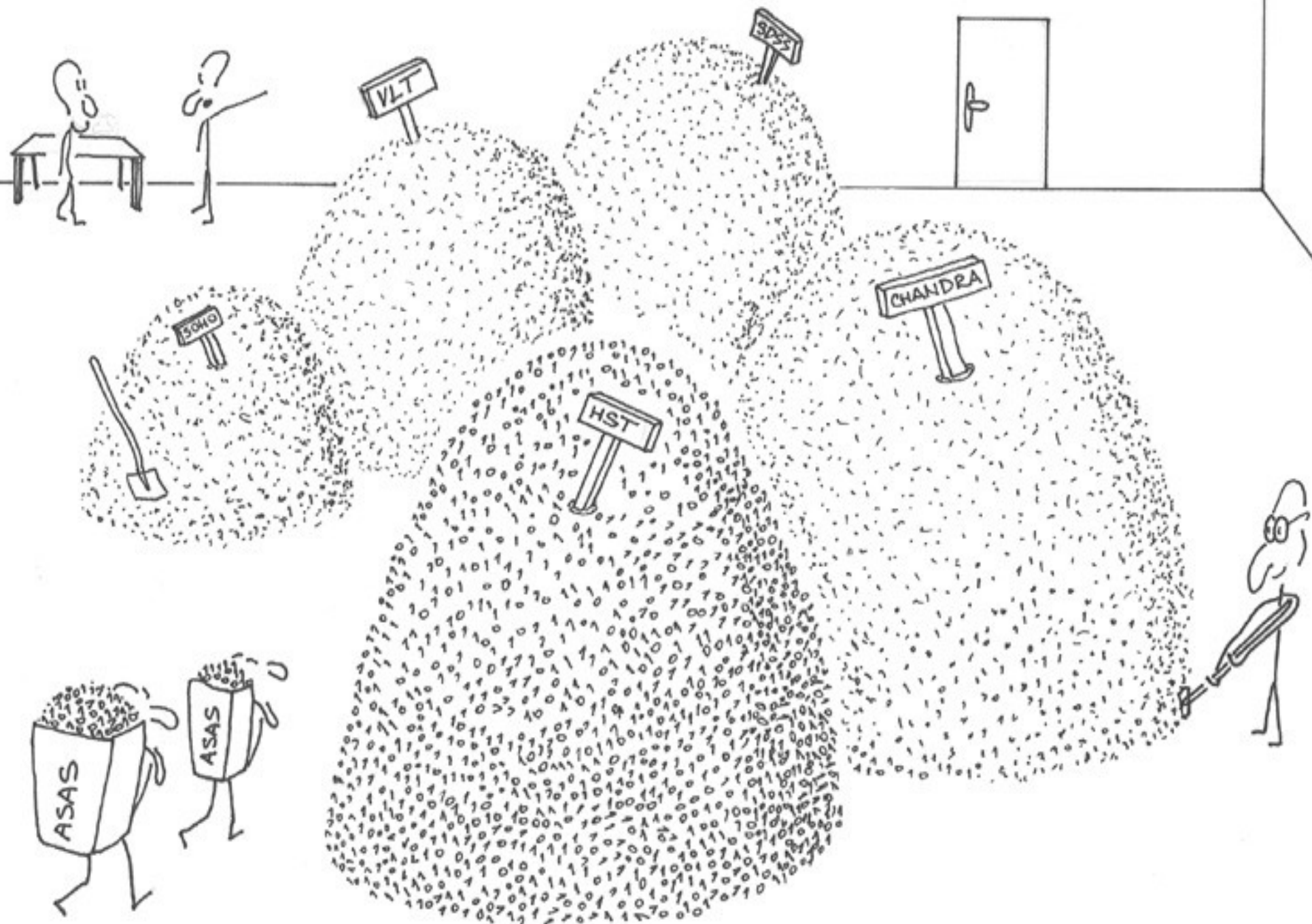
Hanny van Arkel - Voorwerp

Light echo of quasar?

# Czech VO - CZVO



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