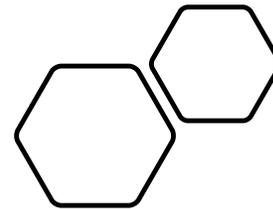


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Virtual IVOA  
Interoperability Meeting.

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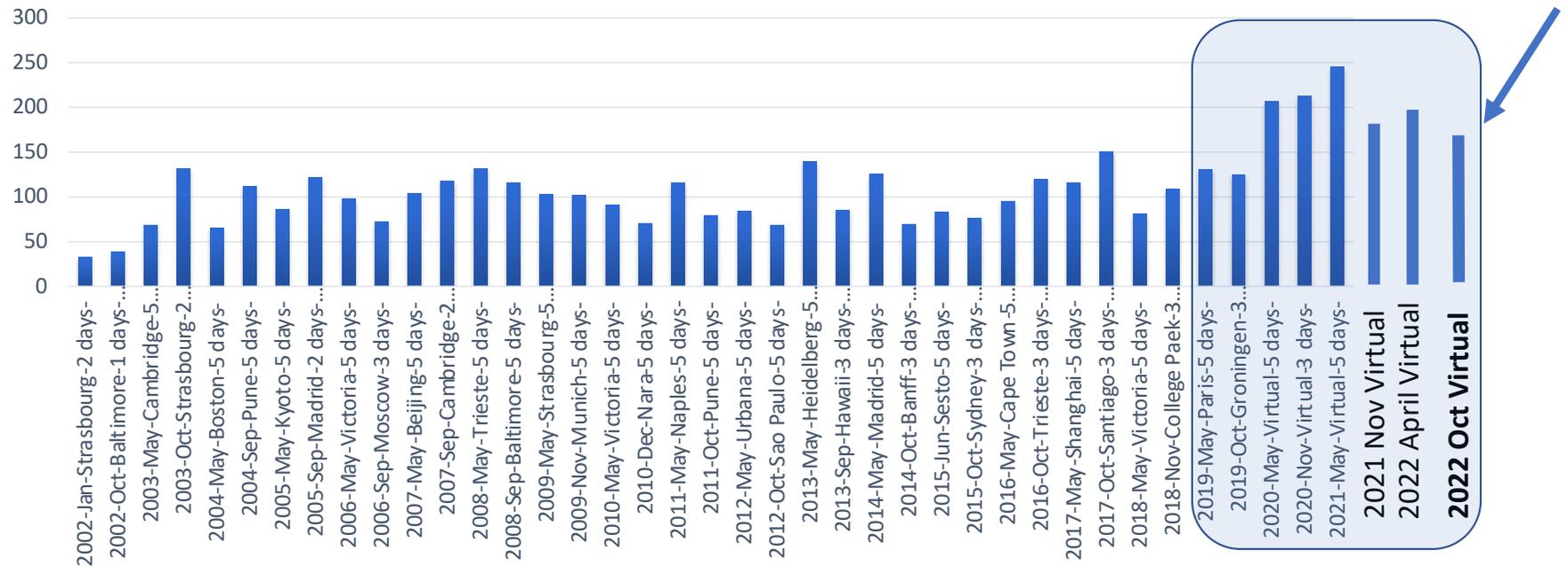
<https://www.ivoa.net/>



**G. Bruce Berriman**  
Chair, IVOA Executive  
Committee  
(USVOA/NAVO)

# Participation –165 registered (10/17)

## Participants Registered at IVOA Interoperability Meetings

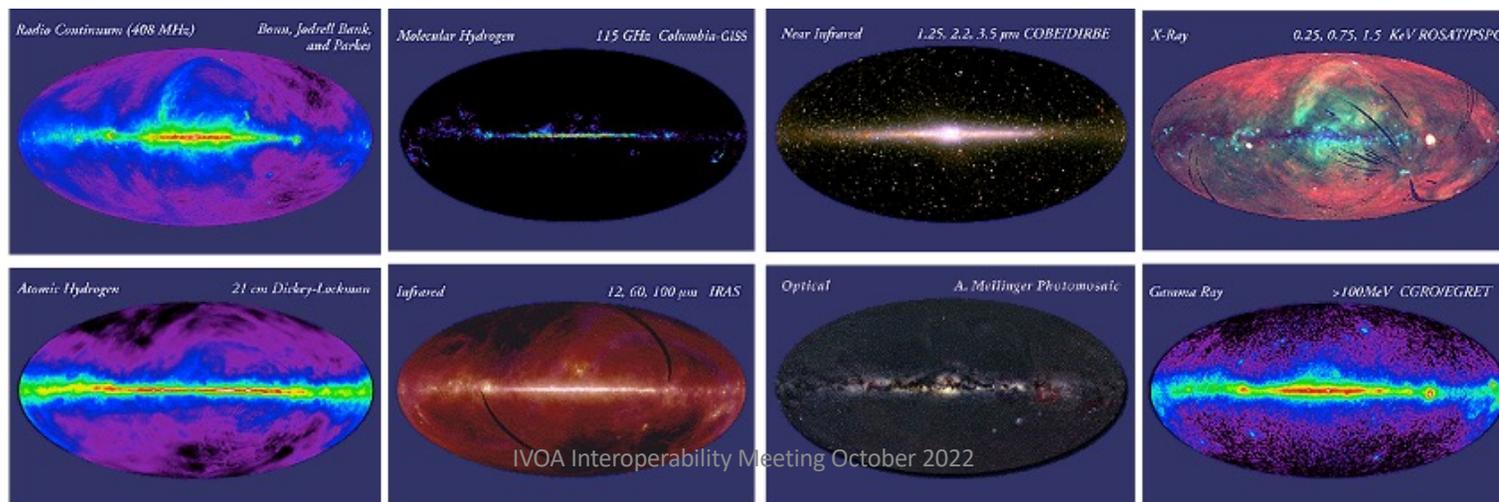


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# The Idea of the Virtual Observatory

**“A multi-wavelength digital sky that can be searched, visualized, and analyzed in new and innovative ways.”**

- The VO enables queries to multiple data centers in a seamless and transparent way, provides new powerful analysis and visualization tools within that system, and gives data centers a standard framework for publishing and delivering services using their data.
- Like the World Wide Web, the VO is not a fixed system, but rather a *way of doing things*.



# Welcome To Two New Members!

- We welcome two new members
- Square Kilometer Array Observatory (SKAO)
- VO Kazakhstan

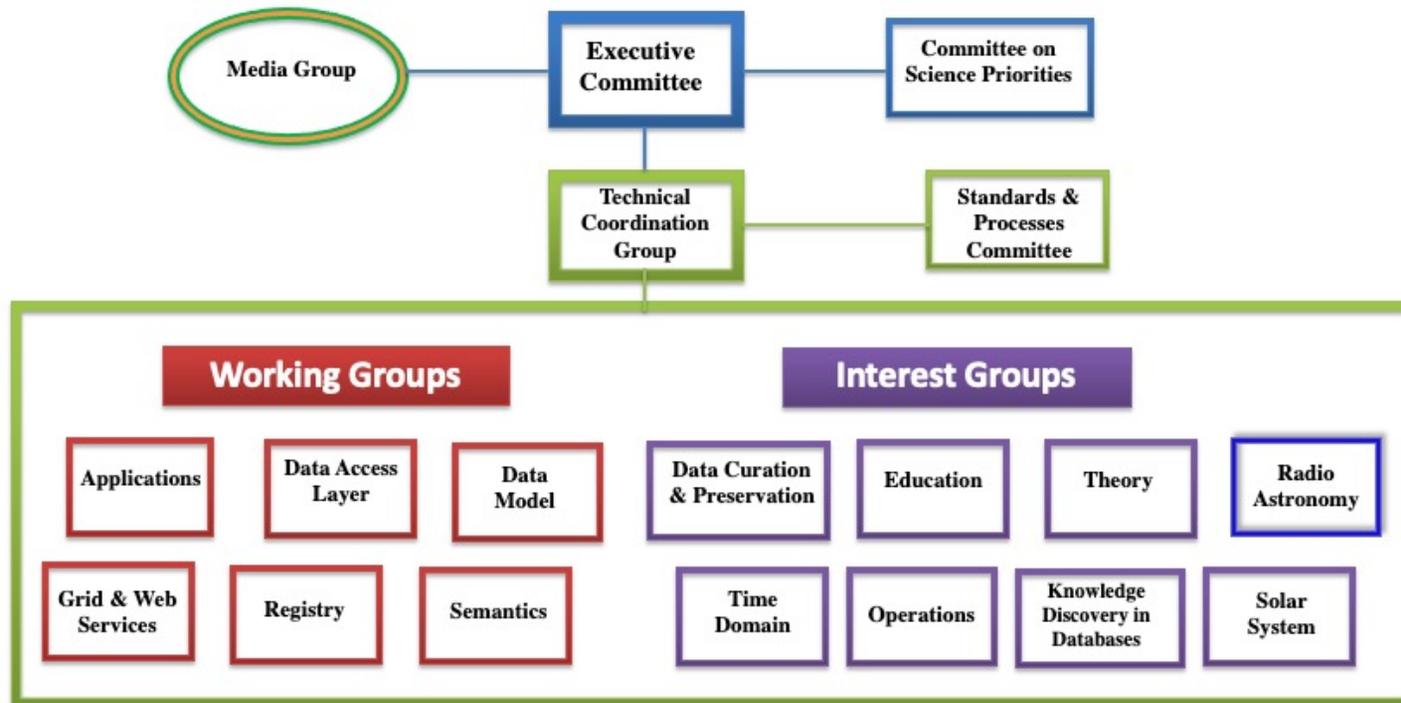


# The International Virtual Observatory Alliance

- The IVOA develops the technical standards needed to make the VO possible.
- Created in 2002
- 24 member VO projects
- 6 Working Groups, 8 Interest Groups
- 2 Interoperability meetings per year
  - May
  - Oct/Nov, consecutive with ADASS
- ~ 50 interoperability standards



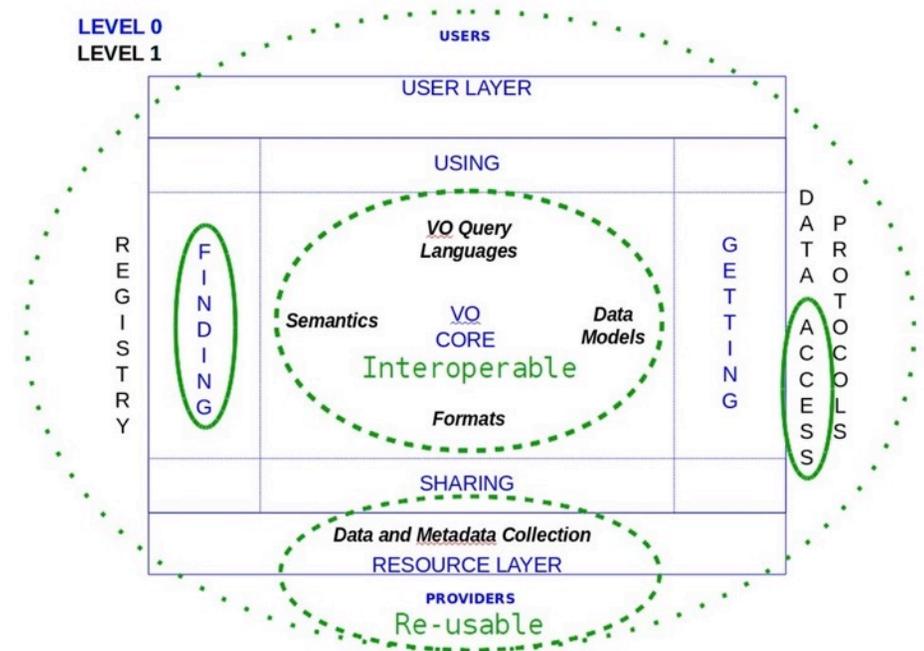
# IVOA Organization Chart



# The VO Is FAIR!

- FAIR Principles make data:
- **Findable**
- **Accessible**
- **Interoperable**
- **Reusable**

*Wilkinson et al 2016* “The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship. doi: 10.1038/sdata.2016.18.”



# The VO IS FAIR!

fair astronomy



## FAIR principles in astronomy

- FAIR is in large part addressed by the IVOA and its Architecture Note (v2 out soon)
- Similarities with the FAIR Framework
  - ➔ focusses on **processes** to move metadata and data through architecture, rather than **properties** of the service or data
- A few specific principles that IVOA standards either do not provide (as they are out of scope), or are only now implementing



IVOA Architecture Version 2.0

[datacentral.org.au](http://datacentral.org.au)

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See invited talk by Simon O'Toole at ADASS XXXI.

“Make your data VO compliant and you are nearly there.”

O'Toole and Tocknell. 2022  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.10710>

# It takes more than a pandemic to stop us!

- We have now run five successful virtual meetings ...
- ... and I am sure we are about to have the sixth.
- Very full program for this meeting
- Full suite of Working Group and Interest Groups
- **Special Plenary Session on VO In The Cloud: Oct 18 1330 UTC**

Session	Time (UTC)	Elapse time	Session	Notes
Tuesday Oct 18 2022 @ 06:00 UTC				
ZOOM LINK for Tuesday:				
1	06:00 UTC	10 min	Welcome and Logistics	Marco Molinaro
		20 min	State of the IVOA	Bruce Berriman
		10 min	Committee on Science Priorities (CSP) report	Ada Nebot
		20 min	State of the Technical Coordination Group (TCG)	Janet Evans
	07:00 UTC	Break - 10 min		
2		50 min	Charge to WG/IGs	WG/IG Chairs
	08:00	Break - 5.5 hours		
3	13:30	60 min	VO in the Cloud Plenary	S Groom/D Morris/G Taffoni/R D'Abrusco/Y Tao
	14:30	Break - 30 min		
4	15:00	60 min	DM	L Michel/J Salgado
	16:00	Break - 4.5 hours		
5	20:30	60 min	DAL 1	J Dempsey/G Mantelet
	21:30	Break - 30 min		
6	22:00	60 min	GWS	G Taffoni/D Morris
	23:00	End of Session		

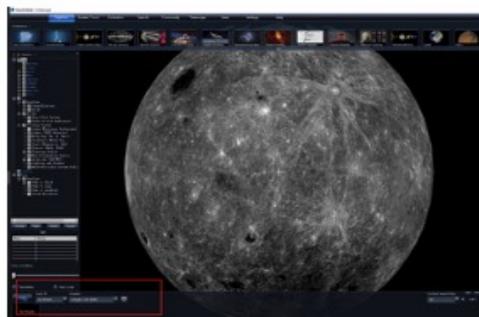
# The IVOA and the IAU

- Bruce Berriman gave three talks at the IAU General Assembly in August 2022:
  - “Division B Days (Facilities, Technologies and Data Science)”
    - “Science With The VO”
    - “FAIR Standards And The IVOA.”
  - Working Group (WG) of Global Coordination of Ground and Space Astrophysics Session on Future Role of Archives “The IVOA Perspective.” (invited)
- We will submit a proposal to hold a Focus Session at the UAU GA in 2023 (South Africa)
  - “Community Engagement and Open Science in the Virtual Observatory”
  - Proposal due December 1

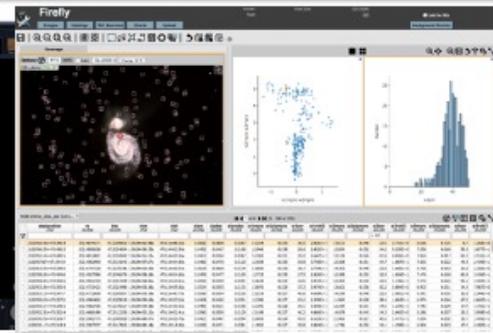
# VO embedded in astronomy services



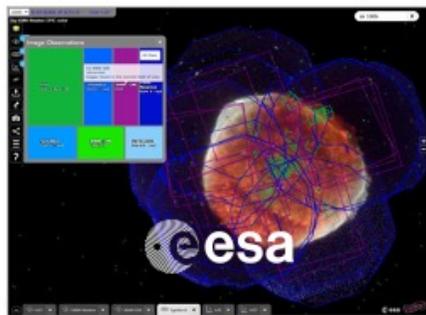
ESO Science Portal



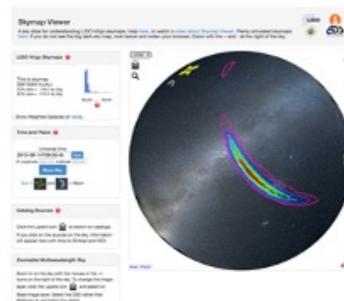
WWT



Firefly  
Caltech-IPAC



ESA Sky



Grav. waves 2021 IVOA Virtual Interop Meeting



CDS reference data service

SVO Filter Profile service



# Interoperable applications and services

The image displays a central arrangement of four software windows representing interoperable applications:

- Aladin:** A multi-panel astronomical visualization tool showing four panels of galaxy images.
- VOSpec:** A spectral analysis tool showing a plot of flux versus wavelength with various spectral features labeled.
- TOPCAT:** A table browser and manipulation tool, showing a table with columns for Name, Mass, Mass Error, Type, and Catalog.
- Spherical Plot:** A 3D visualization of data points on a sphere, with a color scale ranging from 1 to 4.5.

Blue double-headed arrows indicate the interoperability between these applications. A 'Broadcast' icon is located at the bottom right of the software collage.

Notebooks

Spectral tools

TOPCAT

Broadcast

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## Gaia DR3 made available in the CDS services

Include : TAP, HiPS, X-Match, services

Link : <https://cds.unistra.fr/gaia>

## Aladin Lite Version 3 has been released

new capabilities using WebGL

Link : <https://aladin.cds.unistra.fr/AladinLite/v3-beta/news/>

### Workshops :

#### **Publication of models and simulations**

Montpellier - 6 & 7th October 2022

~45 french participants

Link : <https://indico.in2p3.fr/event/28071/>

#### **High Energy Astrophysics & VO**

Strasbourg - 11th October 2022

Participants : CTA, XMM, SVOM, Gravitational waves, neutrinos

Link : <https://indico.obspm.fr/event/1489/>

Also, many activities concerning :

- Interoperability in **heliophysics** (IHDEA)
- **Planetology** - link between IVOA standards & OGC (Earth Science)

Portal Simbad Vizier Aladin X-Match Other- Help

### Gaia at CDS

This page presents how to access [Gaia](#) data available at CDS and summarizes CDS contribution to the Gaia mission.

Portal Simbad Vizier Aladin X-Match Other Help

## News - Aladin Lite v3 beta

Aladin Lite / Version 3 beta / News

- New features
- Migration guide
- Submit feedback and bug reports

### Beta test Aladin Lite version 3

You are invited to beta test Aladin Lite v3 at [this URL](#), in particular the **new features** integrated in this version: improved display, access to HiPS FITS tiles, new projections, coordinates grid, access to all images HiPS datasets, access to all Vizier catalogues, overlay multiple image HiPS, contrast adjustment, new color maps. You are encouraged to submit your feedback. This will help us in building the final official release.

### New features

- **Improved display:** thanks to GPU rendering using WebGL2, the application is smoother and more reactive, in particular when zooming or panning the view.
- **Access to HiPS FITS tiles:** HiPS FITS tiles can now be loaded and visualised in Aladin Lite, giving access to the whole dynamic range of corresponding HiPS dataset. The HiPS tile format can be changed from the Stack GUI: click on the logo to open it, then click on the black triangle to open the image options panel, as shown below:



# VObs.it

Recognised by INAF as a multi-institution "programme" (long-term project), to support Italian participation in IVOA and Euro-VO, included in INAF Medium-Term (3 yr) Plan. INAF funding for development of standards and provision of services has been fairly constant over time.

- Vice-Chair of TCG
- Chair of GWS WG
- IVOA documents coordination
- Activity in IVOA within WGs and IGs
- Support to the IVOA Newsletter

Person-power: ~ 3 FTE/year  
(half for development + half for service)



Additional efforts to develop data access / retrieval and applications compliant to IVOA standards at the two main Italian centers:

- IA2, the INAF center for Astronomical Archives
- SSDC, the ASI Space Science Data Center

Each data centre has its own budget



# VObs.it



VObs.it supports (on INAF-provided servers and resources) the following IVOA services:

- web pages ([www.ivoa.net](http://www.ivoa.net))
- wiki ([wiki.ivoa.net](http://wiki.ivoa.net))
- mail and lists ([mail.ivoa.net](http://mail.ivoa.net))
- documents repository ([www.ivoa.net/documents](http://www.ivoa.net/documents))
- vocabulary maintenance ([www.ivoa.net/rdf](http://www.ivoa.net/rdf))

It also manages the

- registration of IVOA domains ([ivoa.net](http://ivoa.net) and [ivoa.info](http://ivoa.info))
- the related DNS service
- resolving the other IVOA provided services:
  - [rofr.ivoa.net](http://rofr.ivoa.net) (currently hosted at CADC)
  - [mail.ivoa.net/search](http://mail.ivoa.net/search) (provided by CNRS/CDS)

Current efforts/activities include:

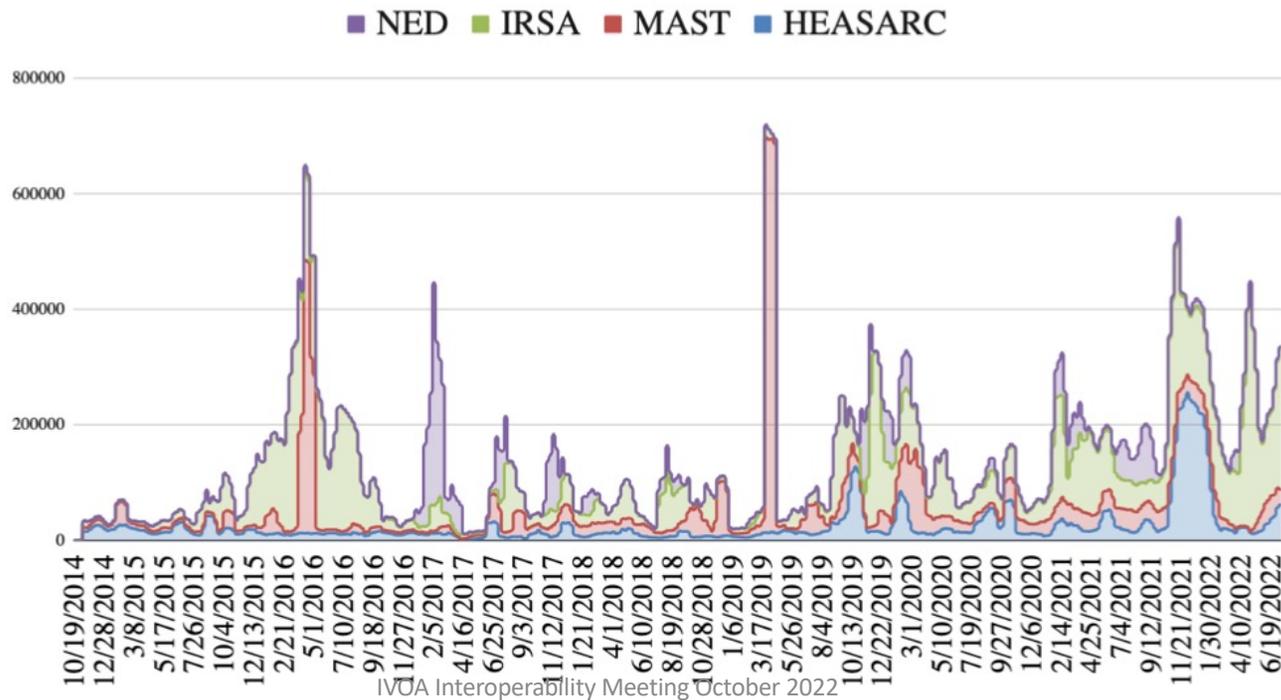
- **Within EuroVO, active participation in the EU-funded ESCAPE project.**
- Work is in progress to explore and implement the ability to run containerized VO services exploiting EGI computing resources through ESAP (ESCAPE's ESFRIs Science Analysis Platform).
- INAF IA2 has developed a VOSpace service connected to a Tape Library and is now working on adding on-request DOI minting leaning on the VOSpace platform for Long Term Preservation of published datasets.
- Developments for the Radio domain.
- Organizing Northern Spring 2023 Interop.

# NAVO In 2022

- **Milestones:**
  - Contributed to PyVO releases (all)
  - Prototype to demonstrate cloud data access through VO services (all)
  - Additional SSA services for two missions with DataLinks to response matrices (HEASARC) used by 3rd party web client for quick-look spectral analysis
  - CAOM tables for Spitzer (IRSA)
  - New Python SIA service at MAST
- **Ongoing development:**
  - Continuing to improve cross-archive data discovery with ObsTAP (all)
  - NED working on database restructuring to support TAP services serving SEDs following Spectrum Data Model.
  - AAS workshops using PyVO continue (all)
  - Exploring cloud data access with VO services (all)

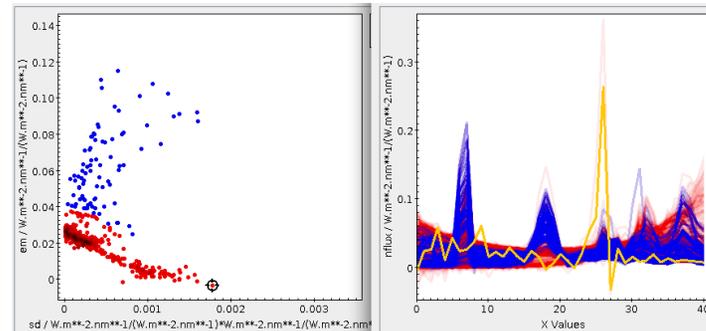
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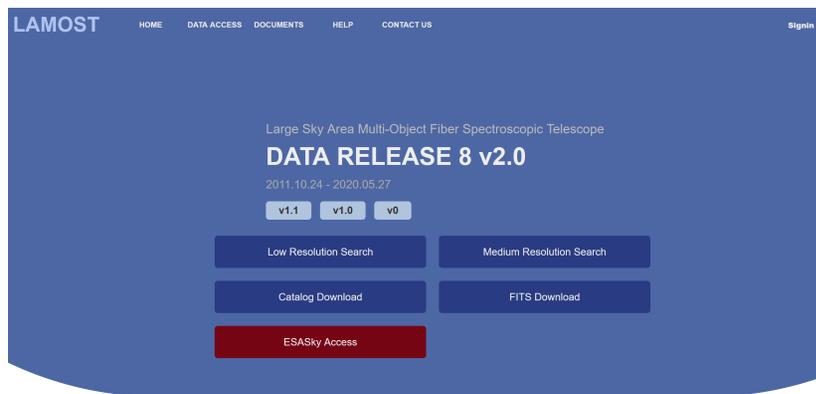
# GAVO

- Server suite DaCHS in version 2.6 (e.g., LineTAP support)
- Epoch propagation in pgsphere in PR #8 (please review!) for ivo\_epoch\_prop ADQL user defined function  
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- Proposal for a vector extension to ADQL – extra nifty for our sampled Gaia XP spectra! See our blog at <https://blog.g-vo.org>.

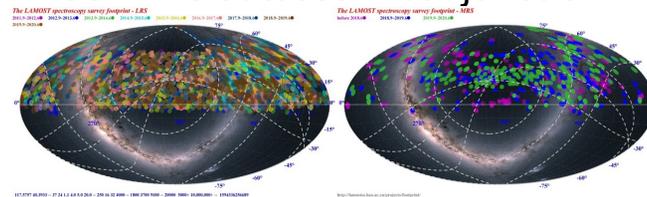


# LAMOST DR8 Released by China-VO and ESASky

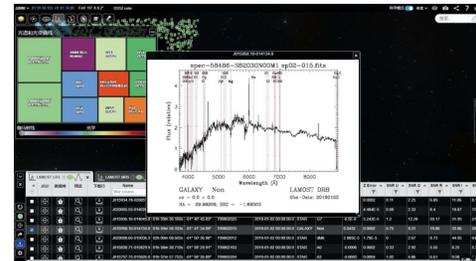
- On Sep. 30th, 2022, LAMOST published its Eighth Data Release (DR8 v2.0) worldwide through the China-VO, which includes the spectra obtained from October 2011 to June 2020. The DR8 dataset includes 16.6 million spectra and 7.91 million sets of stellar spectral parameters. The total number of spectra and stellar parameters released is still the largest in the world.
- For the first time, the China-VO jointly published the LAMOST DR8 dataset in conjunction with the ESASky.



Data release portal at <http://www.lamost.org/dr8/>

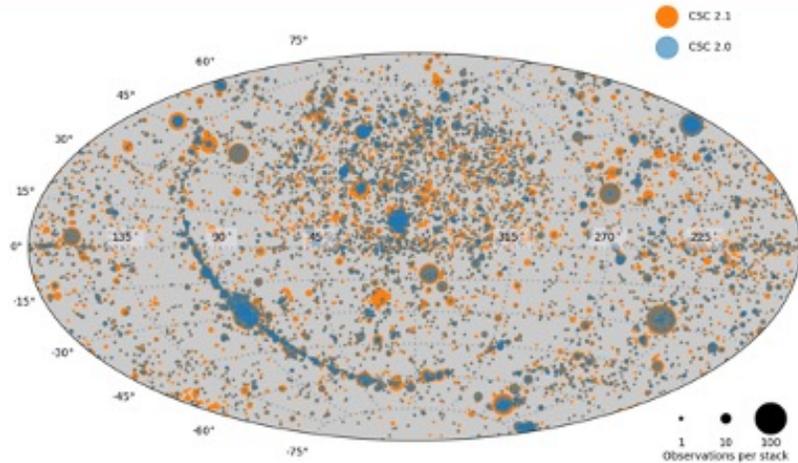


Left: Low-resolution survey footprint; Right: Medium-resolution survey footprint.



LAMOST DR8 at the ESASky

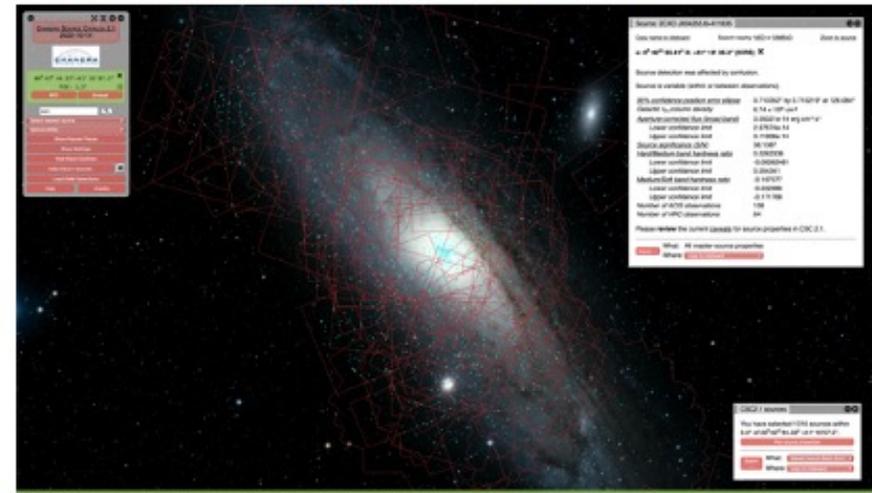
# Chandra Source Catalog version 2.1



## Algorithmic updates

- Catalog astrometry tied to the *Gaia* reference frame
- Improved photometry in the low-counts regime
- Overlapping sources fit simultaneously for position/extent

WWT provides visual interface to CSC 2.1 production data  
See <https://cxc.cfa.harvard.edu/csc/www21.html>



- Added public observations 2015–2021 inclusive
- Number of observations increased from 10K–15K
- Total sky coverage 40% larger

## In production

Processed datasets can be accessed *now*

For more information see <https://cxc.cfa.harvard.edu/csc/>

## JWST:

- Early Release Observations (EROs) became available in the European JWST archive (eJWST) on 13th July 2022, 1 day after NASA presented the observations and began transferring the data to ESA.
- JWST Early Release Science data and any public product, such as Commissioning data also available in the eJWST. Daily ingestion continues along with science operations.
- HiPS and MOCs generated for EROs
- Automatic HiPS generation from public JWST imaging data on-going
- TAP 1.1 compliant. ESA JWST astroquery module and ObsCore table now available

**HST:** SIAP upgraded to 2.0, SSAP updated to 1.1, ObsCore table added to TAP

# ESA VO activities



## Gaia:

- Successful Data Release (DR3) on 13th June 2022. See movie: [accesses to archive](#)
- Datalink giving access to six different products (epoch photometry, medium- and low-res spectra, and probability density distributions for the different astrophysical parameters).
- DOI assigned to the whole Gaia DR3
- Planning on deploying ADQL 2.1 for the next archive release

**Euro-VO Registry:** Latest release v3.0.1 (Feb 2022). New contract started this summer, status and plans will be reported in Registry session.

**ObsCore tables, astroquery modules and DOIs** being created for all missions. All non-legacy mission archives are **TAP 1.1** compliant & plan to update to ADQL 2.1

# ESA VO activities



## ESASky:

- Users can load HiPS from a URL, locally or any of the 900+ HiPS in the HiPS Registry
- More External Data Centres added: ASTRON (ObsCore table) and HEASARC (TAP)
- Multi-messenger GW events (GraceDB) and IceCube Neutrino events (NASA GCN) added
- ESA Virtual Assistant in ESASky: uses natural language processing, allows users to interact using simple sentences that trigger commanding of ESASky via its API.
- Includes PR images from both HST and JWST
- Working on providing access to all TAPs in the TAP registry

**Euclid:** Datalink access to Spectra data source\_id related. SIAP v2 and ObsCore are available. TAP 1.1 compliant.



# CADC/CVO 2021 data holding and usage

## • CADC Archive Activities:

- 219 telescope/instruments
- 1.6Pb/310 million files
- 4.9Pb/100 million downloads/year
- 220 archive data refereed papers in 2021
- Machine Learning consulting: led to 53 refereed papers in 2021

## **CANFAR Science Platform**

- Uses IVOA-Inside
- User Storage 1.3 Pb (VOSpace on File System and Object Store)
- Processing on 2500 cores: managed by 'skaha' on kubernetes
- 350 active users – Dramatic increase during 2021
- User Databases 'YouCat' based on TAP service layer.

# CADC/CVO IVOA Activities in 2022

- CADC new storage infrastructure, called Storage Inventory (SI), now operational:
  - Uses IVOA Registry, CDP, SSO and VOSpace transfer negotiation
  - Implements SODA for data access.
  - Now holds and manages delivery of over **1 billion files** across three storage sites.
  - Exploring use of SI for data transfers with TAOS-II telescopes on SPM in Mexico.
- **Demonstrating use of** GMS, SSO and CADC-SI to SKA Regional Centre consortium.
- Development of VO Services for ALMA Science Archive.
  - New Simple Cone Search (SCS) service,
  - Updates to TAP, DataLink, SIAv2 and SODA services and to *astroquery.alma*
- Developing Next Gen SSO concepts in collaboration with Mark Taylor.
- Continued contributions to *pyvo* project.



## Euro-VO Activities



- EC funded **ESCAPE** Project – **concluding in Jan 2023** <https://projectescape.eu>
  - Work package: **CEVO "Connecting ESFRI to the EOSC via VO"**.
  - Final reports and events being prepared now.
- Euro-VO partners with large Astronomy, Astroparticle and Solar physics partners.
  - **Making the connection of VO to the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)**  
– *final report done!* → Provides feedback to EOSC.
  - **Developing IVOA standards and tools for interoperability**  
– based on the needs of the big Research Infrastructures (ESO, CTA, KM3NeT, EGO-Virgo, SKA, EST).
  - **Interfacing with ESCAPE Software Repository and Science Analysis Platform**
  - **Training and coordination events**  
– *2 VO schools, 3 Technology forums, 1 Data provider forum.*



## Recent Activities:

- *New tools and services – Aladin Lite v3 (beta). Radio, Solar, Neutrino TAP services*
- Presentation of Astronomy VO at the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) policy event, 3 May 2022 <https://eoscfuture.eu/eventsfuture/eosc-policy-event/>
- Re-using tutorials from ESCAPE/Euro-VO schools e.g.:
  - VO workshop at 5th Cosmology School, Krakow 23-25 July 2022.
  - VO Workshop ETH, on-line Zurich 8 September 2022.

## Upcoming:

- **ESCAPE to the Future event, 25-26 October 2022**  
<https://projectescape.eu/events/escape-future>





# All-Sky Virtual Observatory News

## Data Central and SkyMapper

- Data Central is redesigning their data ingestion system and building a new TAP service, based on CDS/VOLLT.
- Pipelines as a Web Service (PAWS) deployed at [archives.datacentral.org.au](http://archives.datacentral.org.au) – currently AAT data using 2dF
- SkyMapper preparing for Data Release 4 (some delays)

## Theoretical Astrophysical Observatory

- Maintenance and user support and testing is the main focus of TAO at the moment



# All-Sky Virtual Observatory News

## MWA

- Major architecture changes of VO services deployed to make it more maintainable
- Looking at a new identity management system

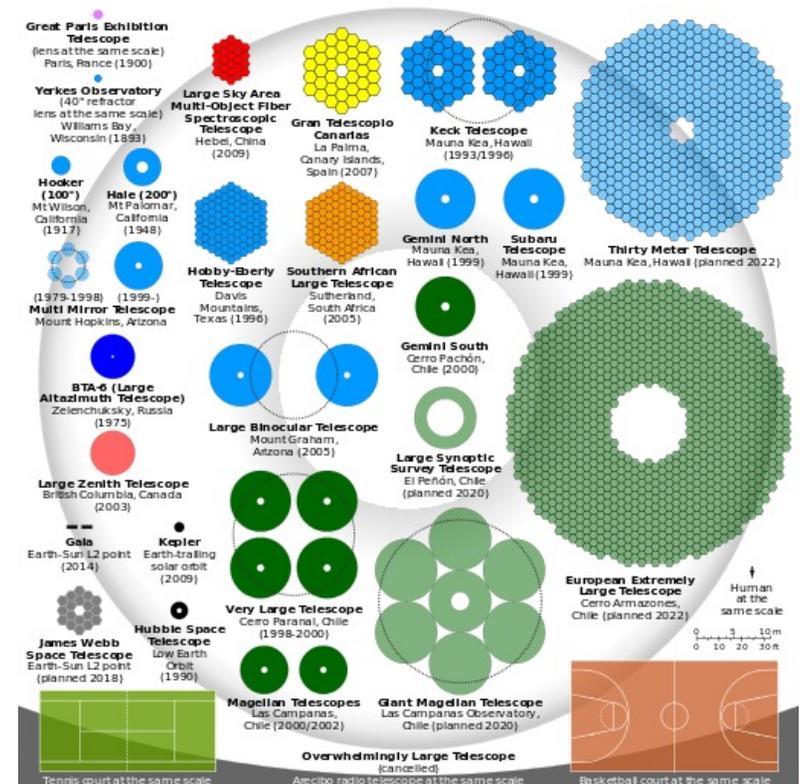
## CASDA

- New ASKAP data – check out [casda.csiro.au](http://casda.csiro.au)
- A new image cutout tool has recently been [released here](#)

# Challenges for the IVOA In 2022 And Beyond

- PB scale missions will be commissioned!
- Big new telescopes!
- Support "science platforms" with analysis close to data.
- Support new data-type adoption, driven by the growth in size and complexity of data sets.
  - Columnar storage formats for large datasets, such as Apache Parquet.
- Support time-domain astronomy and multi-messenger astronomy
- New radio projects.
- Machine learning.

**Let's get to work!**



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