Data Publishing: where are we?

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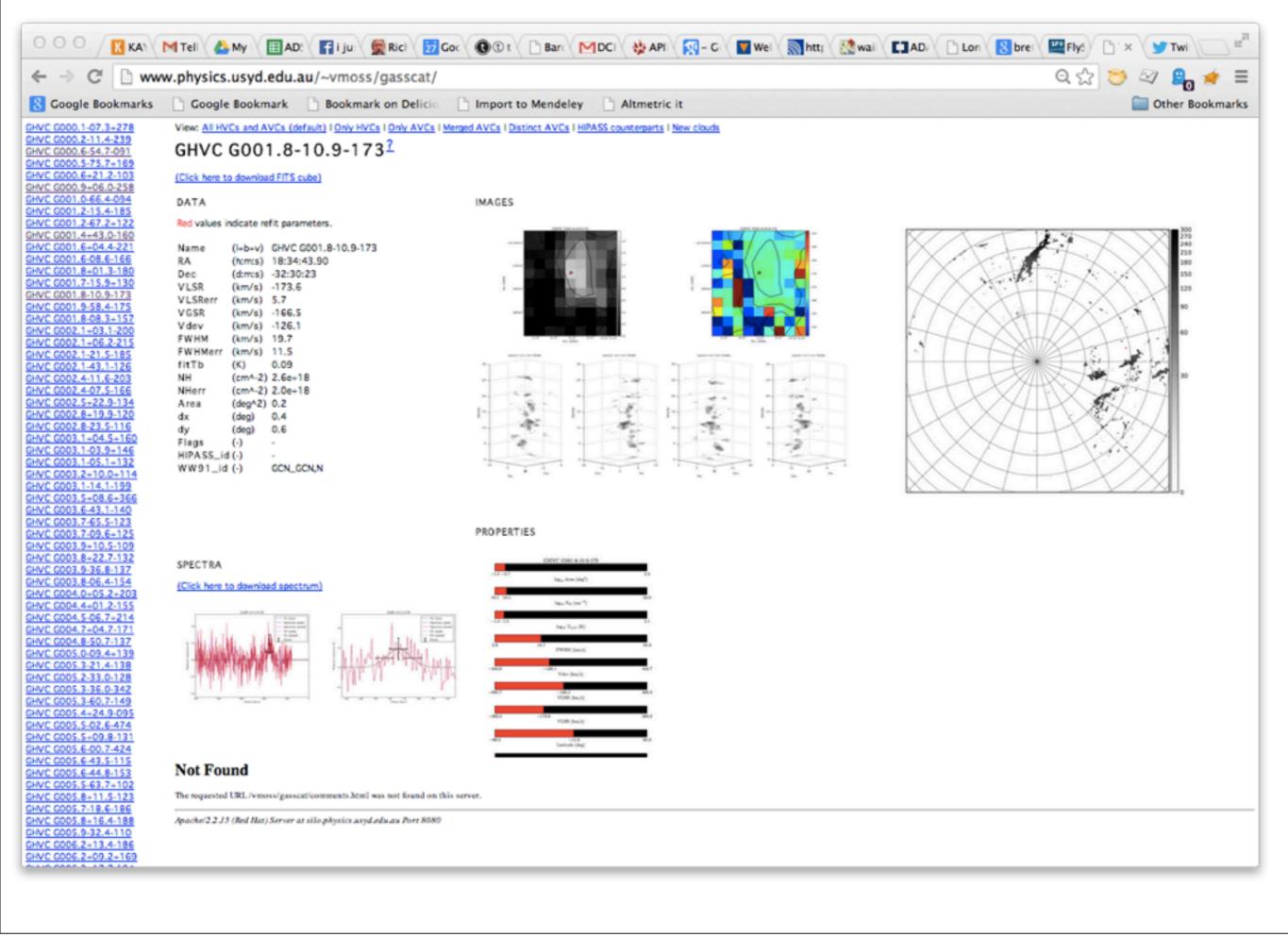
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The Thing about Publishing Data

- Scientists are now hearing about data publishing and data sharing, and seem receptive to the idea
- They now have multi-terabyte datasets plus code that they are willing to "put up" for others to use
- They would love to see proper attribution of their dataset and analysis work
- But they don't really want to worry about: Archival, Preservation, Nomenclature, Persistence, Discovery

Heard on the streets

- "I'm done with this project, want to free up my hard drive and move on"
- "I'm maintaining a dataset which I keep adding data to and want to make it available to others"
- "I want to have my multi-TB data collection published with my paper"
- "I want to have my data published first so I can properly cite them in future publications"



Existing solutions/platforms

- A variety of "data publishing" platforms have appeared in the past few years
- General-purpose repositories: Figshare, Zenodo
- Institutional repositories: CDL, Dataverse, several University repositories
- Discipline-focused initiatives: CfA Astroverse, ScienceDrive (was VObox)
- Astrophysics Archives: Chandra, MAST, CADC, Vizier, ...

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- Obtain DOI, cite & share
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- Data stored in CERN cloud infrastructure
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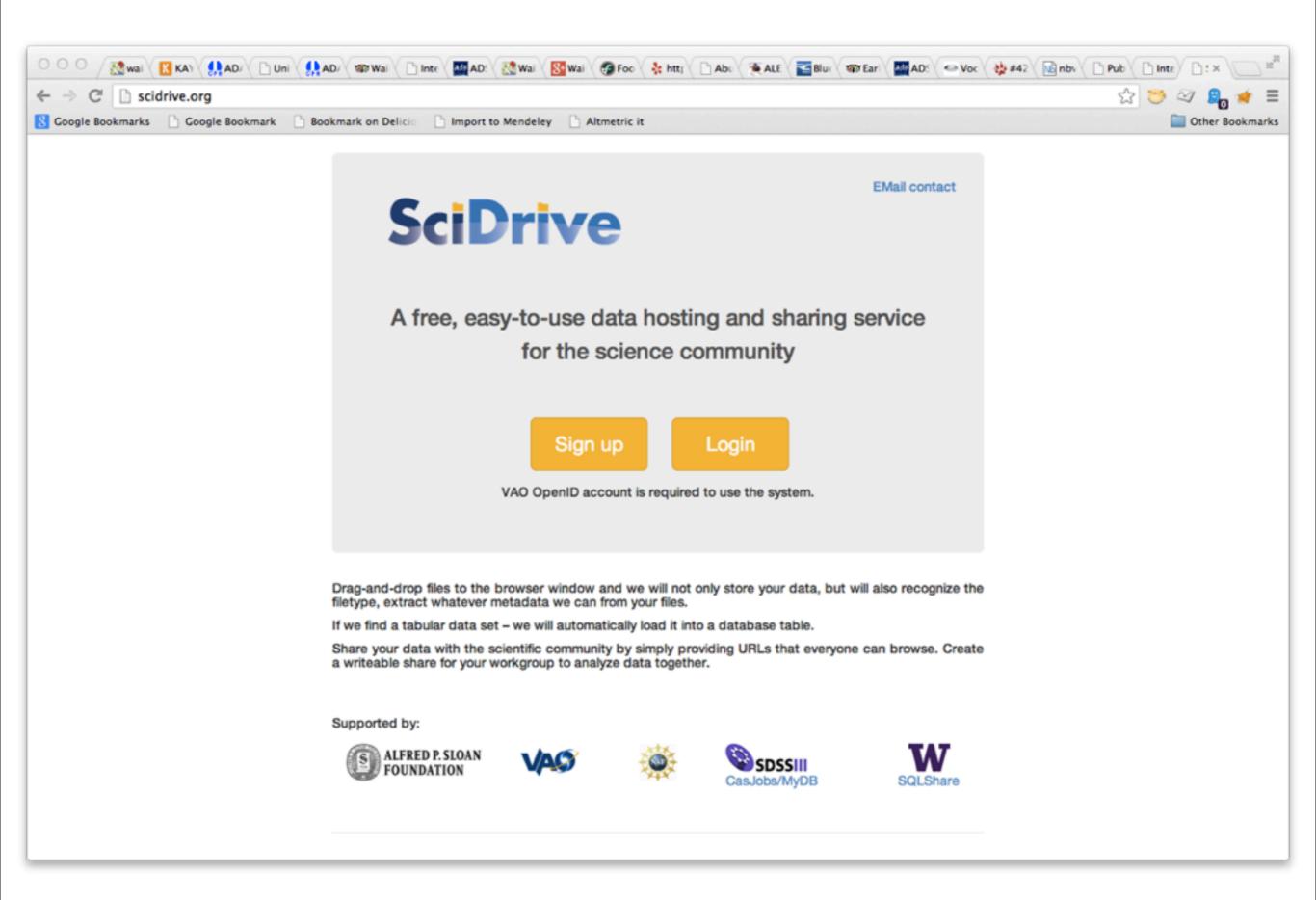
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SciDrive

- VAO/JHU solution to data storage + sharing
- REST API, Dropbox API, Openstack architecture, OpenID + OAuth
- IOOTB available so far, no limits (so far) to file size and usage
- Automated metadata extraction for FITS, CSV, Excel, etc.
- Provision for sharing data via http links



Store What and Where?

- catalogs, tables, plots
- raw data (images, spectra, cubes)
- software (source + executables)
- data reduction workflows, documentation
- the project website itself
- who decides what's useful and worth preserving?
- who will curate the data in the long run?