

ADA MASTER PROGRAM:

BIG DATA IN ASTRONOMY TUTORIAL 3

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VIRTUAL OBSERVATORY CONCEPT

The Virtual Observatory (VO) is the vision that astronomical datasets and other resources should work as a seamless whole.

The International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA) is an organisation that debates and agrees the technical standards that are needed to make the VO possible.

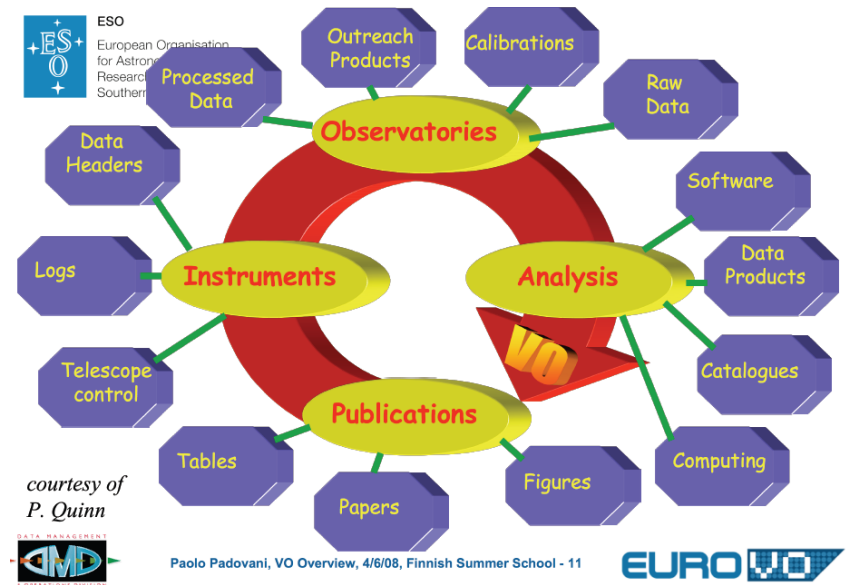
Important aims: define standards, develop software

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

<https://www.euro-vo.org/software/>



EURO VO



VO TABLES



Virtual Observatory (**VO**) **tables** - based on *Extensible Markup Language* (XML)
metadata – parametri, opisi, razne informacije...

VOTable : *Standard format for representing and exchanging tabular data within the VO. Most data archives now offer export of data in VOTable format, and a large number of tools read VOTables. Any FITS table can also be expressed as a VOTable, but not always the other way round, because VOTable can hold more structured metadata, rather than just keyword-value pairs.*

http://ivoa.net/astronomers/vo_glossary.html

DATA FORMATS USED IN ASTRONOMY BIG DATA

FITS - Flexible Image Transport System

- one or more Header + Data Units (HDUs)
- formatted as multi-dimensional arrays (for example a 2D image), or tables
- most commonly used digital file format in astronomy.

VO Tables

cvs - Comma Separated Values – plain text

json - JavaScript Object Notation

Parquet - binary column oriented schema-aware file format

	CSV	Parquet	JSON
Read Speed	✓	✓	
Small File Size		✓	
Splittable	✓	✓	✓
Included Data Types		✓	✓
Easy to Read	✓		✓
Nestable		✓	✓
Columnar		✓	
Complex Data Structures		✓	✓

<https://weber-stephen.medium.com/csv-vs-parquet-vs-json-for-data-science-cf3733175176>

The Science Platform

A collaborative environment for server-side analysis with extremely large datasets

SciServer *Betelgeuse* v2.1.0

Login to SciServer

<https://www.sciserver.org>

- revolutionary new approach to doing science by bringing the analysis to the data
- consists of data hosting services coupled with integrated Tools that work together to create a full-featured system.
- operated by the Institute for Data Intensive Engineering and Science at Johns Hopkins University
- Hosts SkyServer - the primary public interface to catalog data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS), as well as CasJob to query the data

SciServer Dashboard

Data, Collaboration, Compute

Your Activities



Files

You have 0 Shared User Volumes.

You have 2 Owned User Volumes.



Groups

You have 0 Group Invitations.

You have 0 Owned Groups.



Compute Jobs

You have 0 Jobs Running.

You have 0 Jobs Completed in 24 hours.



Science Domains

You have joined 0 domains.

There are 3 domains available.

SciServer Apps



CasJobs

Search online big relational databases collection, store the results online, and share them.



Compute

Analyze data with interactive Jupyter notebooks in Python, R and MATLAB.



Compute Jobs

Asynchronously run Jupyter notebooks in Python, R and MATLAB or commands.

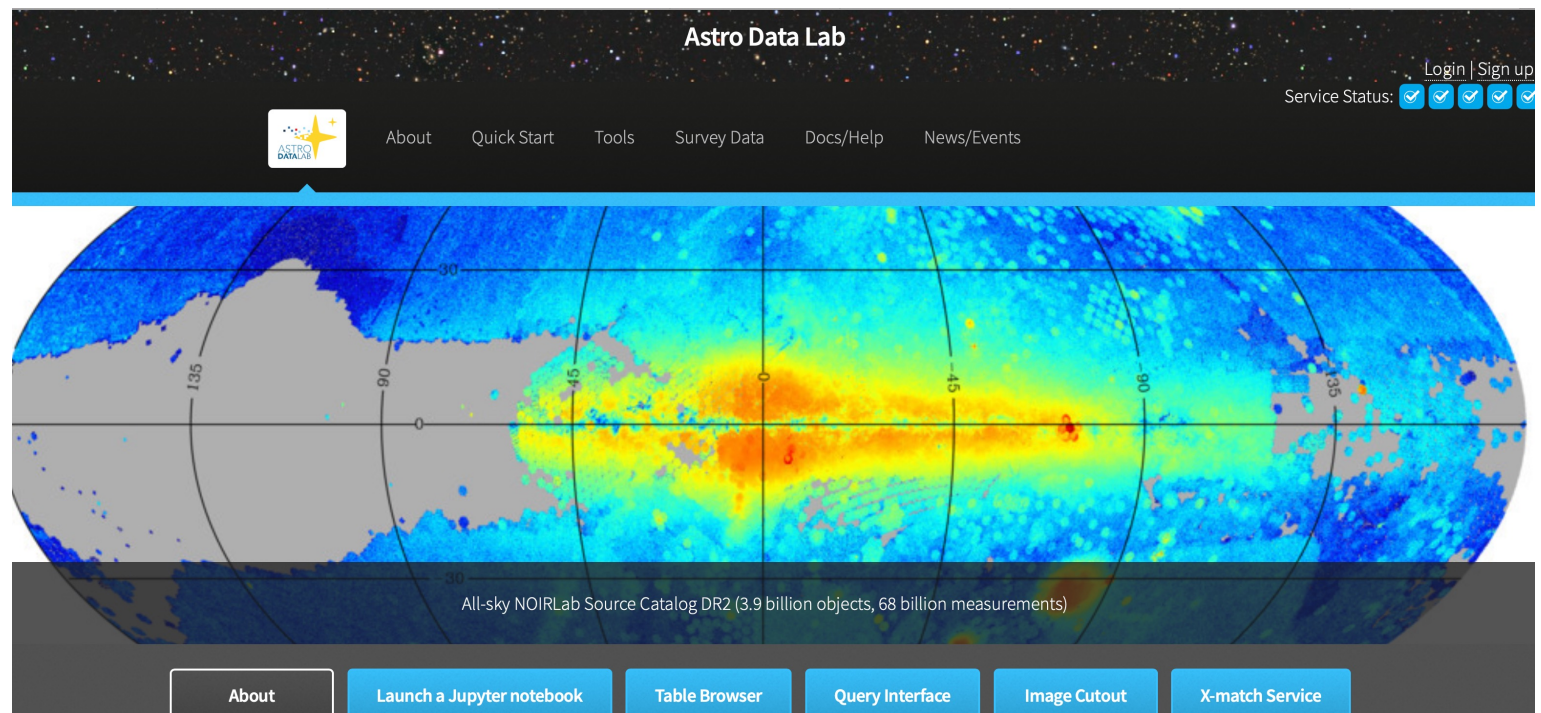


SkyServer

Access the Sloan Digital Sky Survey data, tutorials and educational materials.

NOIR LAB — ASTRO DATA LAB

Open an account at <https://datalab.noirlab.edu>



ASTRO DATA LAB AIMS

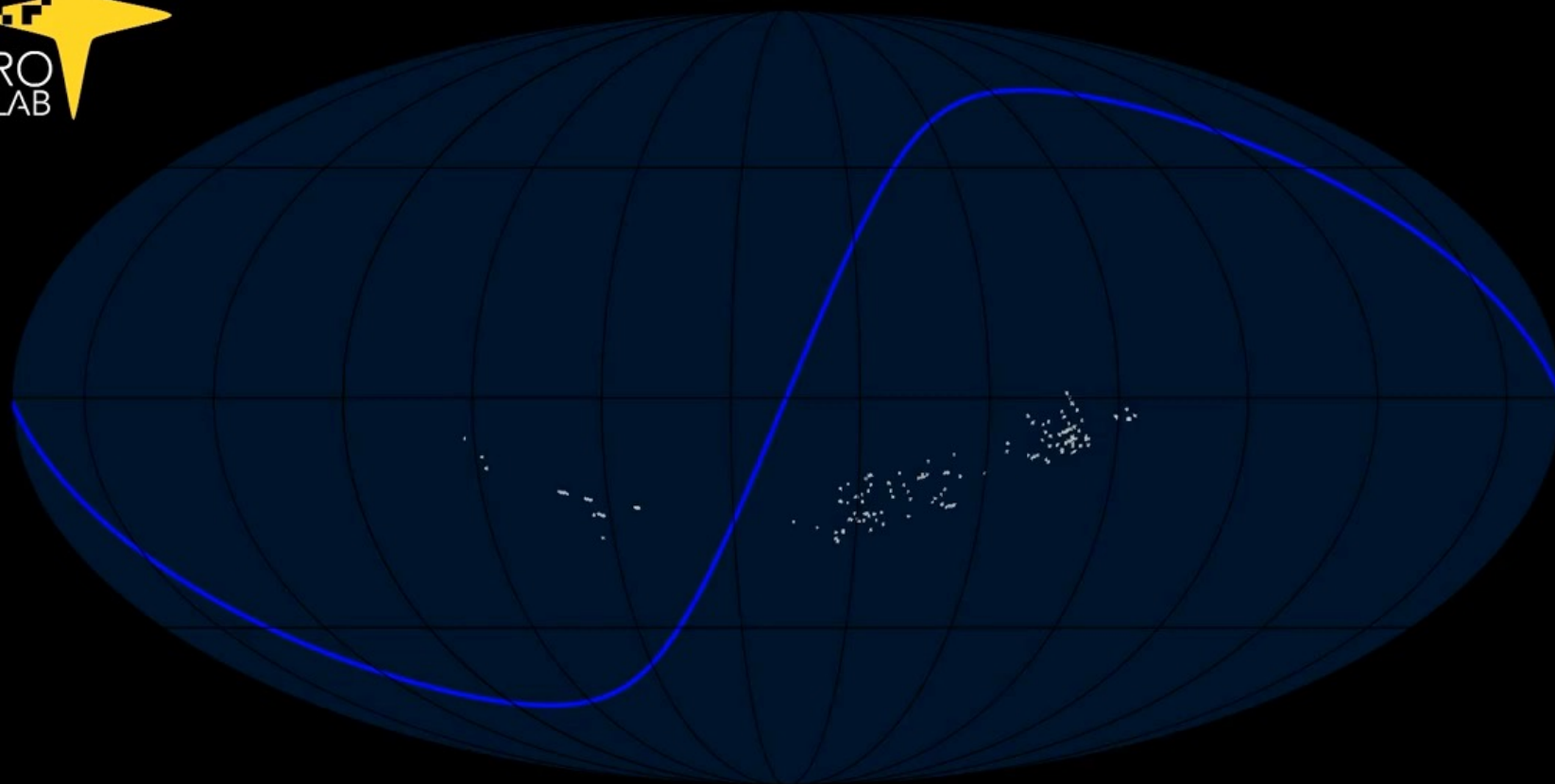
The overall goal of Astro Data Lab is to enable efficient exploration and analysis of the large datasets now being generated by instruments on NOIRLab and other wide-field telescopes.

- Connect users to high-value catalogs from NOIRLab and external sources (e.g. SDSS, GAIA) and NOIRLab-based images linked to catalog objects
- Enable users to discover the data that they need for their science
- Allow users to develop intuition through interaction with selected catalog and image sets
- Allow users to automate their analysis to aid discovery in large datasets

Astro Data Lab provides services to enable as much work as possible close to the data, while allowing transfer of data and results to local hardware anytime during the process.



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Exposure time at 2-4m telescopes in NSF's OIR Lab Science Data Archive

ASTRO DATA LAB USERS

User = someone with a DL account

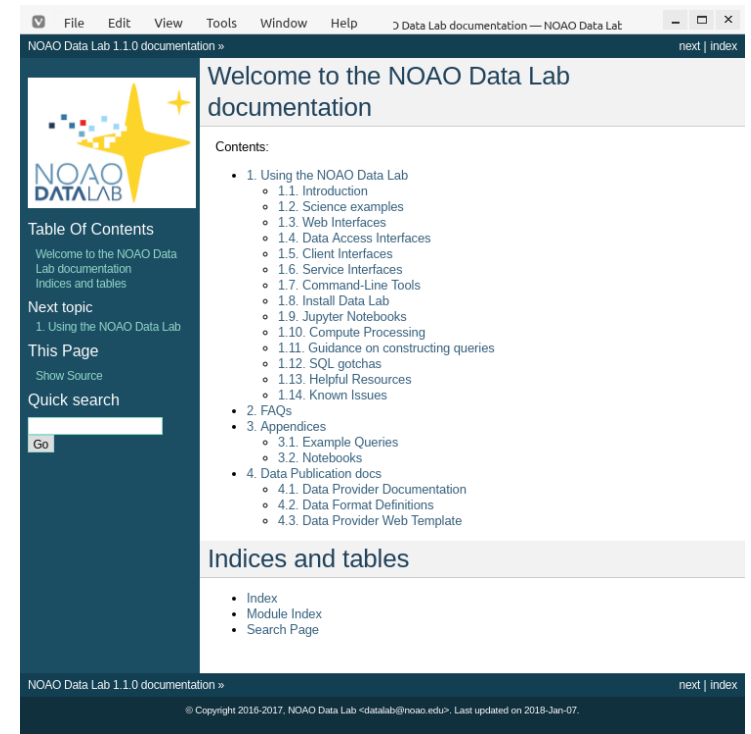
- Get 1 TB of storage on vospace
- Get 250 GB of MyDB storage
- Can upload datasets for joint analysis
- Can edit/create/delete notebooks
- Can upload own Python source code
- Can share data with others

Curated default notebooks, and many science examples

User Forum & Manual - <https://datalab.noirlab.edu/docs/manual/index.html>

How to copy latest Data Lab notebooks to a new (writable) directory

<https://datalab.noao.edu/docs/manual/UsingTheNOAODataLab/JupyterNotebooks/JupyterNotebooks.html#get-the-latest-set-of-default-notebooks>



Overviews, glossary, science cases,
SQL examples, tips & tricks

EXAMPLE NOTEBOOKS

Example 1: Getting Started

notebooks-
latest/01_GettingStartedWithDataLab/02_GettingStartedWithDataLab.ipynb

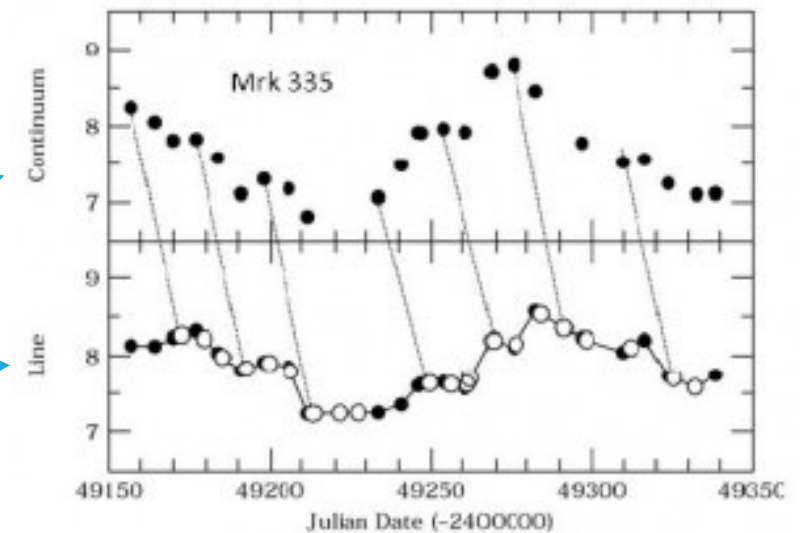
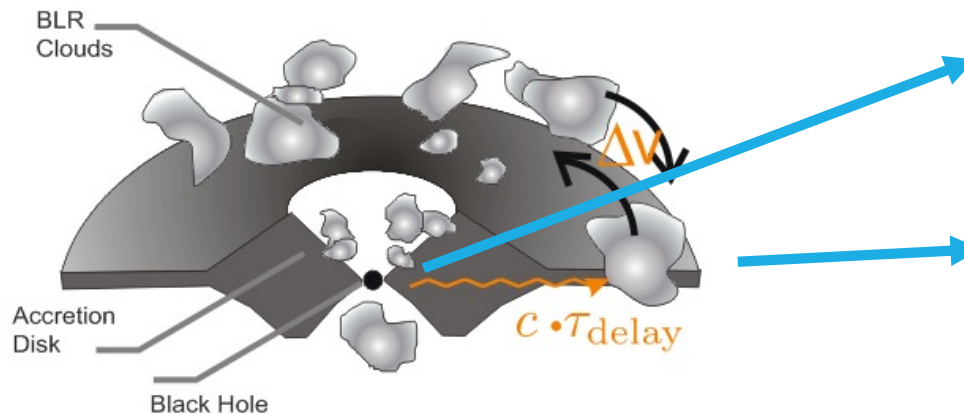
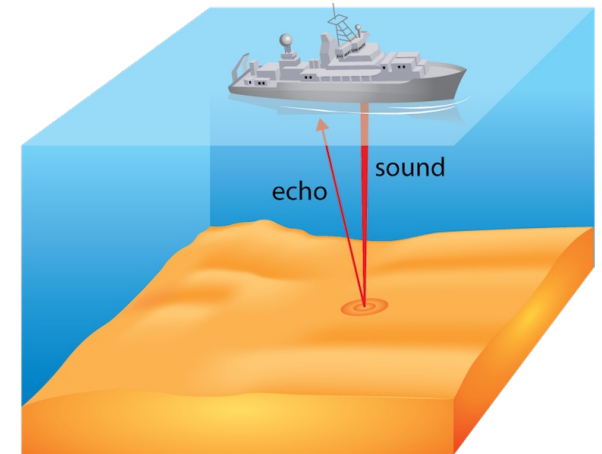
Example 2: Echo-mapping of AGN

notebooks-latest/05_Contrib/TimeDomain/PhotoReverberationMappingAGN

(see next slide for science case summary)

REVERBERATION MAPPING

- reverberation (echo) mapping in active galactic nuclei (called AGN or quasars) → way to study the “invisible” (unresolvable) galactic centers using time-domain astronomy
- we measure time-delay (using cross-correlation analysis) between the signal in the continuum and emission lines



SOFTWARE AND TIPS

- Course github page:
<https://github.com/ilicdragana/ADA.BigDataAstro>
- Open github account for reports
- Python and Jupyter Notebooks
- Tip: create a new conda environment for this course:
 - `conda create -n bda python=3.10`
 - `conda activate bda`
 - `conda install numpy matplotlib pandas seaborn scipy notebook`
- For Jupyter notebook, type in terminal: `jupyter-notebook`
- Python Crash Course – by I. Jankov (PhD Student of Astronomy&Astrophysics)
<https://github.com/cefeida42/mass-agn/tree/b2979d0728d86ec86bab524f3c3362ffed03c569/Tutorial%20%20-%20Python%20Crash%20Course>
 - Python syntax refresher
 - NumPy basics
 - Generating plots with matplotlib
 - Manipulating data with pandas

ASTRO HELP

<https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/index.html>



https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/main_namespace.html



<https://colorbrewer2.org/>



<https://www.astropy.org>

<https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu>



<https://datalab.noirlab.edu>

<https://www.astroml.org>



astroML INTERACTIVE BOOK



- astroML is a Python module for machine learning and data mining that accompanies the book **“Statistics, Data Mining, and Machine Learning in Astronomy”** by Željko Ivezić, Andrew Connolly, Jacob Vanderplas, and Alex Gray.
- astroML is built on numpy, scipy, scikit-learn, matplotlib, and astropy → growing library of statistical and machine learning routines for analyzing astronomical data.
- notebooks that describe the statistical and machine learning methods used in astroML together with code that runs these methods on existing astronomical data sets
 - structure follows the chapters of the book
 - each notebook can viewed through the browser (with navigation links at the side of the page) or be downloaded to your own computer, or be executed directly using Binder or Google Colab

QUESTIONS

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