

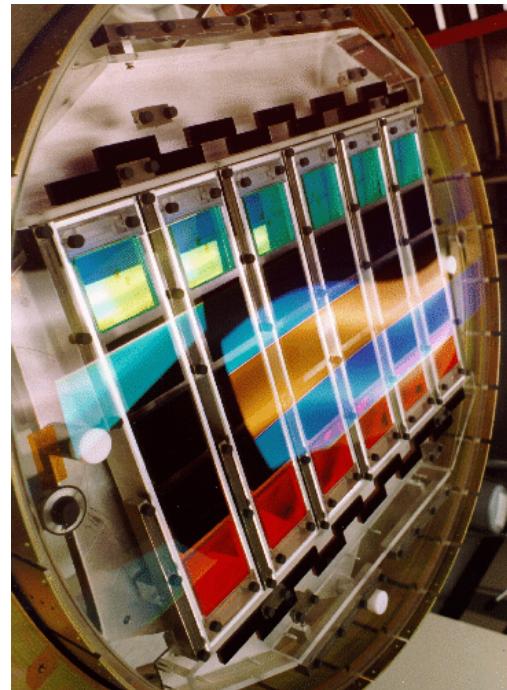
# OBSERVATIONAL ASTRONOMY II: INTRO TO SKY SURVEYS AND COMPUTATIONAL METHODS

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# THE SLOAN DIGITAL SKY SURVEY (SDSS)

- Dedicated 2.5m telescope at Apache Point Observatory, NM
- 120 megapixel camera with 5 filters: u,g,r,i,z
- Multi-object spectrograph (640 fibers)
- 10-year survey to map 1/4 of the night sky
  - 10,000 square degrees
  - spectra of 930,000 galaxies, 106,000 quasars

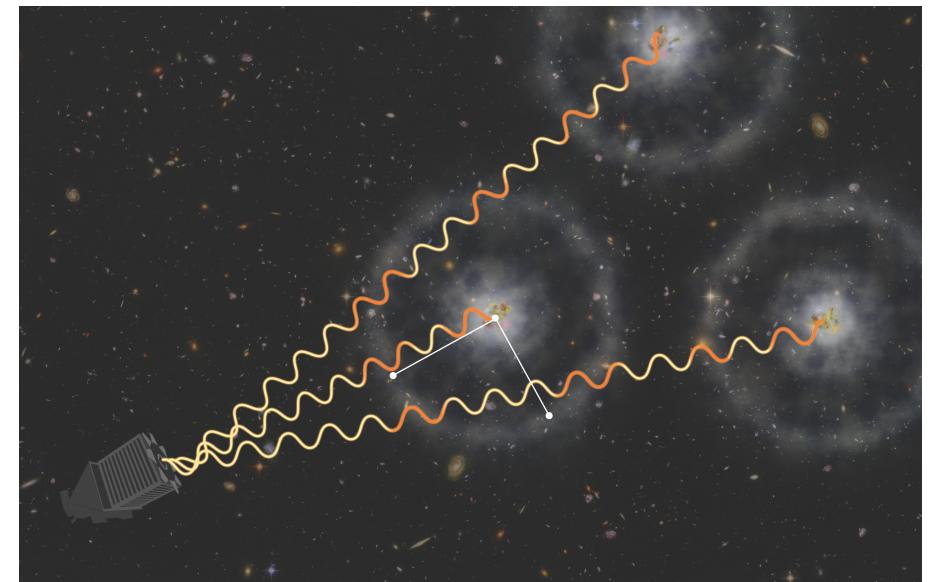
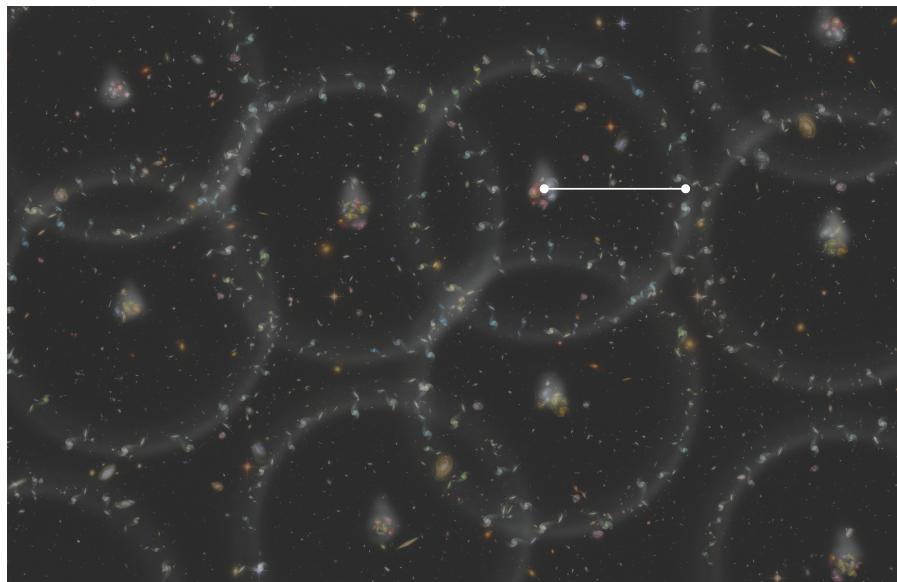


# The Sloan Digital Sky Survey

- SDSS-I/II (1999-2009):
  - Digital color imaging of 1/4 of the night sky,
  - Spectra for 1 Million nearby galaxies & 100,000 quasars
- SDSS-III/IV (2009-2018):
  - Spectra for more distant galaxies and quasars
  - The largest 3D map of the distant universe

# THE SDSS-III BARYON OSCILLATION SPECTROSCOPIC SURVEY (BOSS)

- Successor to SDSS-I/II Survey (2009-2014)
- Upgrade to original multi-fiber spectrograph (640-> 1000 fibers, increased wavelength range & resolution)
- 5-year survey to measure the expansion history of the Universe using the clustering of galaxies, quasars, and intergalactic Hydrogen gas



SDSS Plug Plate Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYyO7pGaJNw>

# SDSS-III/IV Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey

Every one of the 1000 fiber-optic cables on a plate is hand-plugged by observers at Apache Point, NM

In good-weather months, they need to plug more than 100 plates (>100,000 fibers!)



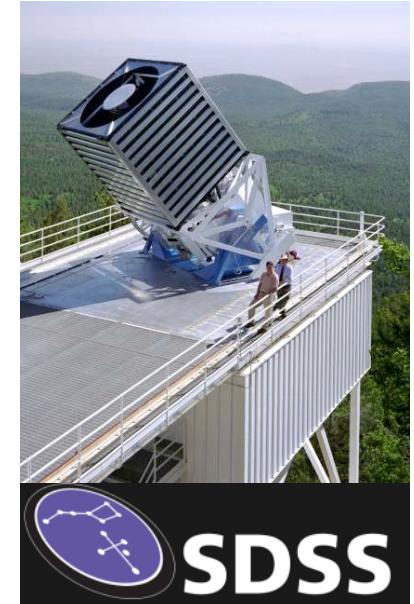
The SDSS at Night

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHsS57NMQjE>

A Flight through the Universe with the SDSS  
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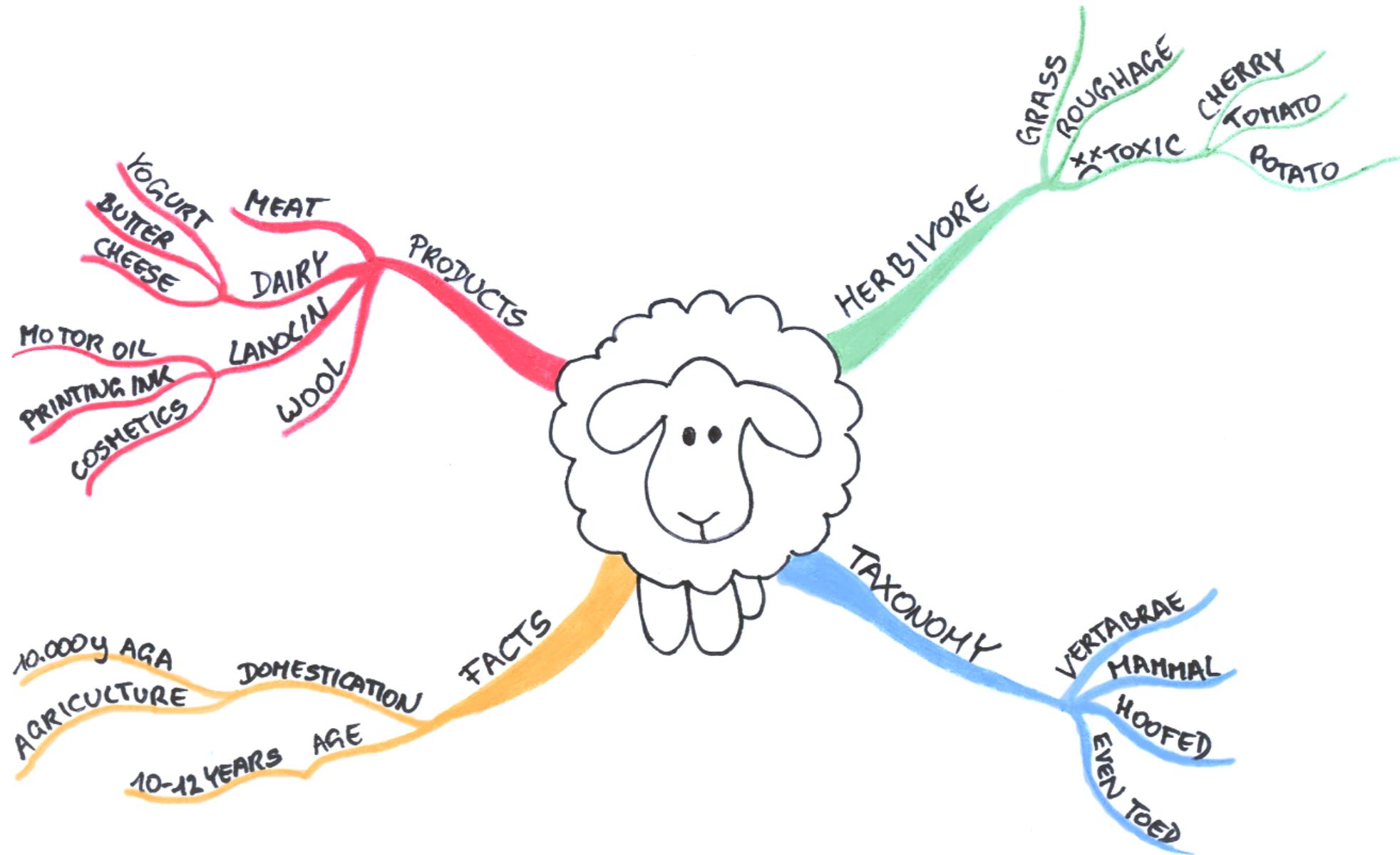
- Ongoing survey in progress (2014-2020)



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**WHERE TO START?**

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# MIND-MAPPING: SURVEY PROJECTS & TIMELINE

Make & share, using:  
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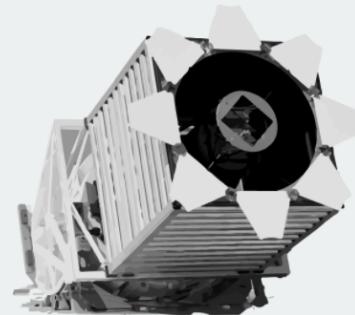
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# Data Release 13

Data Release 13 (DR13) is the first data release of the fourth phase of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS-IV). DR13 contains SDSS observations through July 2015.

DR13 includes the following:

- ☆ Optical spectra of galaxies and quasars from the SDSS component Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey (BOSS), as part of the Sloan Extended Quasar, ELG, and LRG Survey (SEQUELS)
- ☆ Newly reduced optical spectra of galaxies from the SDSS component Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey (BOSS)
- ☆ Newly reduced stellar infrared spectra from the SDSS component Apache Point Observatory Galaxy Evolution Experiment (APOGEE)
- ☆ Updated stellar abundance determinations for additional elements from the SDSS component Apache Point Observatory Galaxy Evolution Experiment (APOGEE)
- ☆ Data cubes from integral field unit (IFU) spectroscopic observations of nearby galaxies from the new component survey Mapping Nearby Galaxies at APO (MaNGA)
- ☆ Reprocessed imaging from the SDSS legacy survey

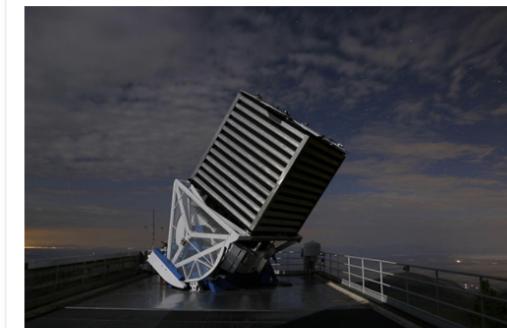
DR13 directly follows DR12. As always, SDSS data releases are cumulative, so DR13 includes all the sky coverage of prior releases. Data Release 12 is still available on this website ([DR12](#)), and prior data releases are available from [www.sdss3.org](http://www.sdss3.org) (for DR8 through DR10) or [classic.sdss.org](http://classic.sdss.org) (for DR1 through DR7).

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The SDSS telescope at night

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**Parameters**

|      |            |         |
|------|------------|---------|
| name | [ ]        | Resolve |
| ra   | 179.689293 | deg     |
| dec  | -0.4543790 | deg     |
| opt  | [ ]        |         |

**Search**

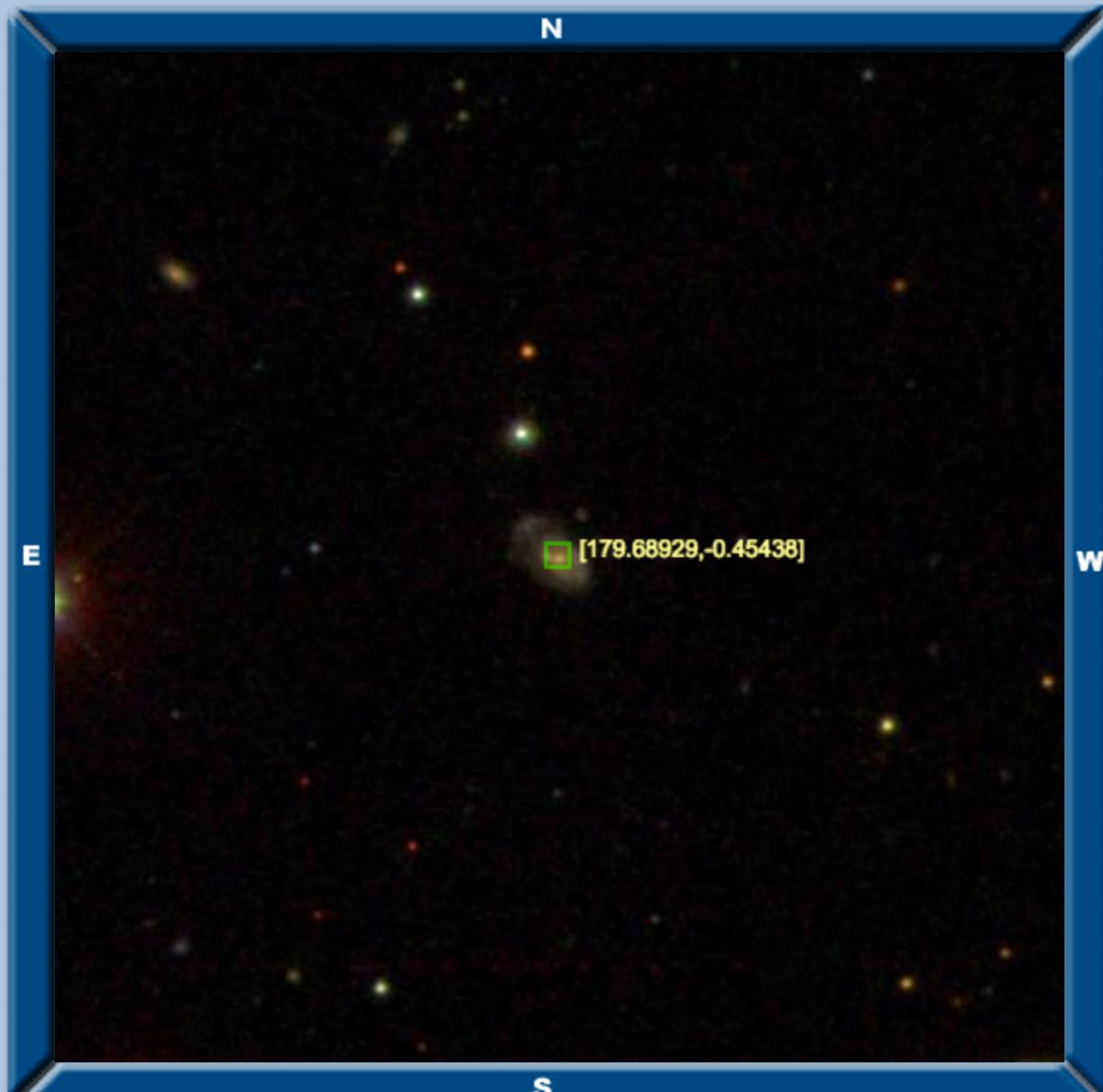
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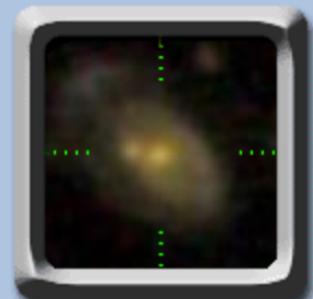
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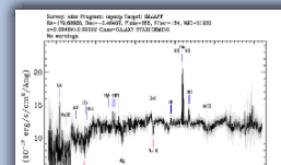


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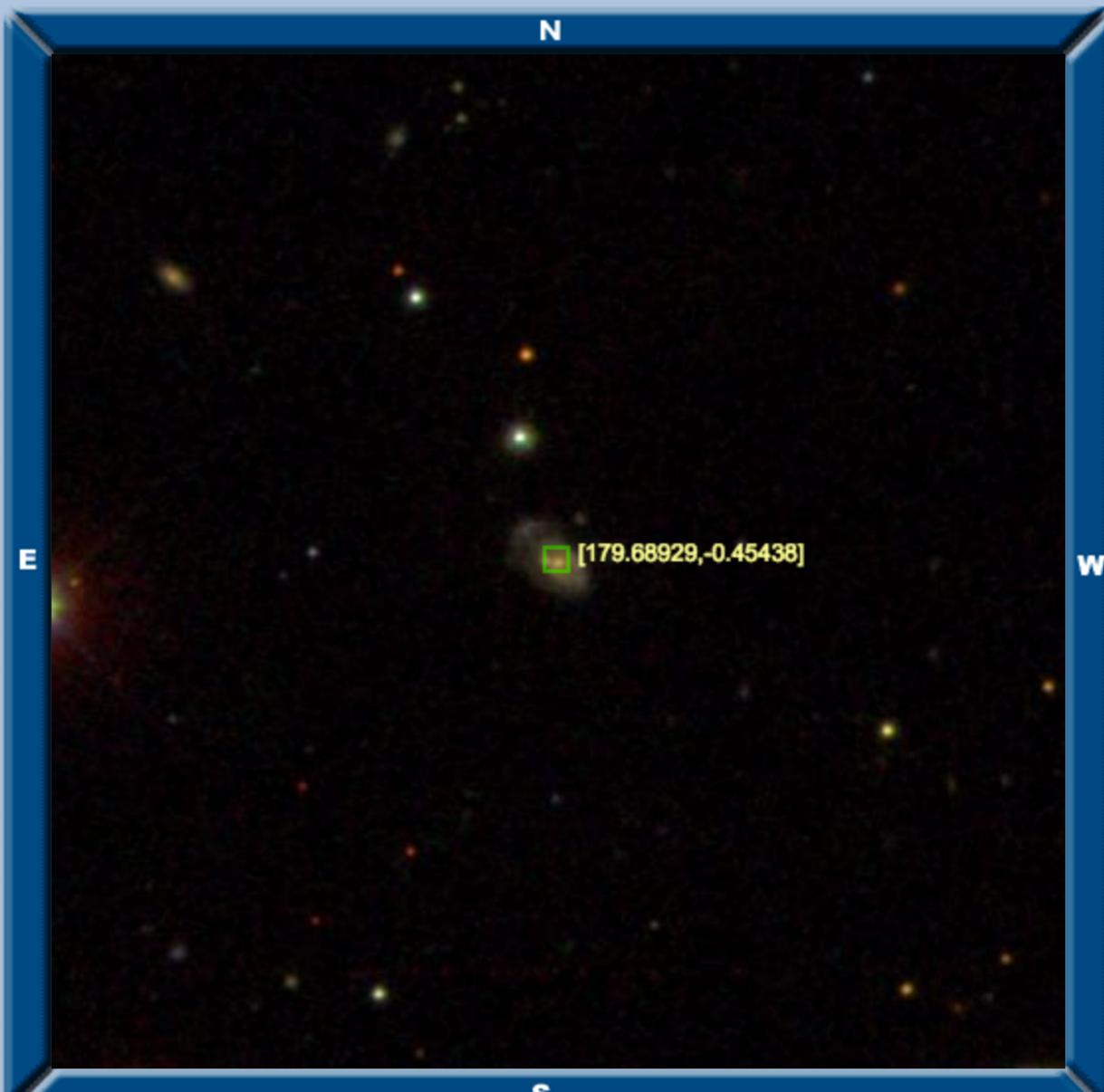
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**Search**

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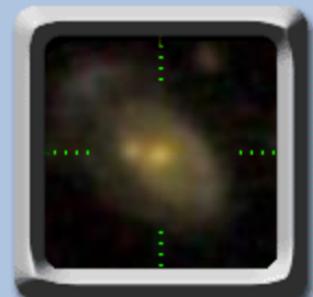
Select Image Source :  SDSS  2MASS

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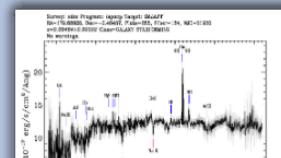


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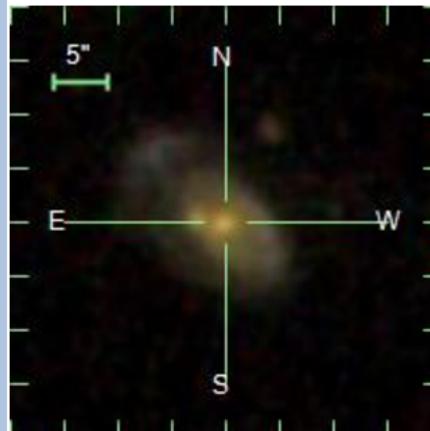
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| Type                        | run | rerun                     | camcol | field         | obj          | SDSS Object ID                       |
|-----------------------------|-----|---------------------------|--------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| GALAXY                      | 756 | 301                       | 2      | 427           | 14           | 1237648720693755918                  |
| RA, Dec                     |     |                           |        |               |              | Galactic Coordinates ( <i>l, b</i> ) |
| Decimal                     |     | Sexagesimal               |        | <i>l</i>      | <i>b</i>     |                                      |
| 179.689293428, -0.454379058 |     | 11:58:45.43, -00:27:15.76 |        | 276.131682383 | 59.647753983 |                                      |

## Imaging

Flags DEBLEND\_DEGENERATE DEBLENDED\_AT\_EDGE  
STATIONARY BINNED1 INTERP COSMIC\_RAY CHILD



| Magnitudes              |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| u                       | g     | r     | i     | z     |
| 19.10                   | 17.60 | 16.83 | 16.44 | 16.14 |
| Magnitude uncertainties |       |       |       |       |
| err_u                   | err_g | err_r | err_i | err_z |
| 0.04                    | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.01  |

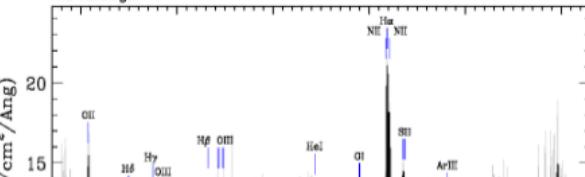
| Image MJD  | mode                    | Other observations | parentID            | nChild | extinction_r            | PetroRad_r (arcsec) |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 51259      | PRIMARY                 | 2                  | 1237648720693755916 | 0      | 0.06                    | 7.43 ± 0.418        |
| Mjd-Date   | photoZ (KD-tree method) |                    |                     |        | Galaxy Zoo 1 morphology |                     |
| 03/22/1999 | 0.090 ± 0.0211          |                    |                     |        | Uncertain               |                     |

## Cross-identifications [Show](#)

### Optical Spectra SpecObjID = 320932083365079040

[Interactive spectrum](#)  Coming Soon

Survey: sdss Program: legacy Target: GALAXY  
RA=179.68928, Dec=-0.45437, Plate=285, Fiber=184, MJD=51930  
 $z=0.09484 \pm 0.00002$  Class=GALAXY STARFORMING  
No warnings.



|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Spectrograph   | SDSS    |
| class          | GALAXY  |
| Redshift (z)   | 0.095   |
| Redshift error | 0.00002 |
| Redshift flags | OK      |
| survey         | sdss    |
| programname    | legacy  |

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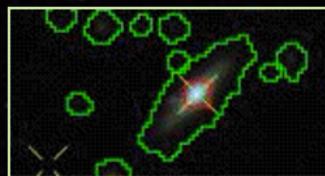


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|---|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Region  | Label      | Search     | SQL Statement            |
| Outer   | Outer      | Outer      | SELECT * FROM outer      |
| Aperture  | Aperture   | Aperture   | SELECT * FROM aperture   |
| Object  | Object     | Object     | SELECT * FROM object     |
| PSF   | PSF        | PSF        | SELECT * FROM PSF        |
| Background  | Background | Background | SELECT * FROM background |
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|  |   |  |                                  |
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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Images<br>(PhotoObj)  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Nearest Primary Object<br><input type="radio"/> Nearest Object<br><input type="radio"/> All Nearby Primary Objects<br><input type="radio"/> All Nearby Objects     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> RA, dec<br><input type="radio"/> run-rerun-camcol-field-obj | <input type="checkbox"/> Spectra |
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Search radius [arcmin] (Max 3.0 arcmin)  Number of preceding non-data columns

Cut and paste your upload list here: Or upload it as text file

A1 15.5 0.5  
A2 14.5 0.6  
A3 13.9 0.8

No file chosen

Type your SQL query here (see below for help):

```
SELECT
    p.objID, p.ra, p.dec, p.run, p.rerun, p.camcol, p.field,
    dbo.fPhotoTypeN(p.type) as type,
    p.modelMag_u, p.modelMag_g, p.modelMag_r, p.modelMag_i, p.modelMag_z
FROM #upload u
JOIN #x x ON x.up_id = u.up_id
```

Format:  HTML  XML  CSV  JSON  VOTable  FITS  MyDB **NEW!**

Table name Reset

Your SQL command was:

```
CREATE TABLE #upload ( up_id int, up_name varchar(32), up_ra float, up_dec float )
INSERT INTO #upload values ( 1, 'A1', 15.5, 0.5),( 2, 'A2', 14.5, 0.6),( 3, 'A3', 13.9, 0.8),( 4, 'A4', 197.614, 18.438)
create table #x (up_id int,objID bigint)
INSERT INTO #x
SELECT up_id, dbo.fGetNearestObjIdEq(up_ra,up_dec,0.5) as objID
    FROM #upload WHERE dbo.fGetNearestObjIdEq(up_ra,up_dec,0.5) IS NOT NULL
SELECT u.up_name as [name],
    p.objID, p.ra, p.dec, p.run, p.rerun, p.camcol, p.field,
    dbo.fPhotoTypeN(p.type) as type,
    p.modelMag_u, p.modelMag_g, p.modelMag_r, p.modelMag_i, p.modelMag_z
FROM #upload u
    JOIN #x x ON x.up_id = u.up_id
    JOIN PhotoTag p ON p.objID = x.objID
ORDER BY x.up_id
```

Your query output (max 500,000 rows):

| name | objID                               | ra               | dec               | run  | rerun | camcol | field | type   | modelMag_u | modelMag_g | modelMag_r | modelMag_i | modelMag_z |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| A1   | <a href="#">1237663784741045437</a> | 15.5022412183639 | 0.493596074914063 | 4263 | 301   | 5      | 219   | GALAXY | 22.92439   | 23.19065   | 22.51986   | 21.62165   | 21.1054    |
| A2   | <a href="#">1237663784740586925</a> | 14.4988099940347 | 0.601315790471128 | 4263 | 301   | 5      | 212   | GALAXY | 24.90403   | 24.89659   | 22.37838   | 22.48927   | 20.94322   |
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| A4   | <a href="#">1237668296598749280</a> | 197.614455634642 | 18.438168849489   | 5314 | 301   | 1      | 136   | GALAXY | 16.51686   | 14.95543   | 14.0022    | 13.32461   | 13.13738   |

Use the button below to upload the results of the above query to the SAS and retrieve the corresponding FITS files:

Upload list of fields to SAS



## Bulk Imaging Search – Imaging

### Names

m42  
NGC 5866  
arcturus

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### RA, Dec

228.66942|27.13082  
228.75516 27.54503  
228.60244,27.51250

[Submit](#)

### Run, Camcol, Field

4263,5,219  
4263,5,212  
4128,5,216  
5314,1,136

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### Names File Upload

[Choose File](#) No file chosen

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Filters to Download:  u  g  r  i  z

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| Run  | Camcol | Field | RA (degrees) | Dec (degrees) | All None Inverse         | Open in CAS | Thumbnail |
|------|--------|-------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|
|      |        |       |              |               |                          |             |           |
| 5314 | 1      | 136   | 197.68359    | 18.39144      | <input type="checkbox"/> | CAS         |           |
| 4263 | 5      | 212   | 14.44656     | 0.52313       | <input type="checkbox"/> | CAS         |           |
| 4128 | 5      | 216   | 13.92449     | 0.73438       | <input type="checkbox"/> | CAS         |           |
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## Bulk Data Downloads

### Introduction

All data can be downloaded directly from [data.sdss3.org](http://data.sdss3.org) using the [rsync](#) or [wget](#) commands. See the [Data Model](#) for a description of the directory structure and file formats.

Note that the total SDSS-III data volume is ~70 TB; see [the data volume table](#). If you need a substantial fraction of that data (>1 TB), please contact [the helpdesk](#) to arrange a custom data transfer. This will be faster for you and easier on our servers.

NOTE: all rsync commands on this page have `--dry-run` added to them, and all wget commands have `--spider` added to them. You have to remove those command line arguments for these commands to actually download data.

wget commands use the same URL as you would in a web browser, e.g.,

```
wget --spider http://data.sdss3.org/sas/dr10/sdss/spectro/redux/plates-dr10.fits
```

or for rsync drop the "sas" from the URL, e.g.,

```
rsync --dry-run -v rsync://data.sdss3.org/dr10/sdss/spectro/redux/plates-dr10.fits .
```

If you are having any difficulty with rsync URLs, check [the notes below](#).



The number of rsync connections is throttled but the number of wget connections is not. Thus it is recommended to use wget to initially fetch the data, and use rsync only to confirm that the data you have is correct and complete.

The SAS website [data.sdss3.org/sas/dr10](http://data.sdss3.org/sas/dr10) (US West Coast) is completely mirrored at [mirror.sdss3.org/sas/dr10](http://mirror.sdss3.org/sas/dr10) (US East Coast). If you have difficulty connecting to [data.sdss3.org](http://data.sdss3.org), try [mirror.sdss3.org](http://mirror.sdss3.org) instead. Also check the [status page](#) for outage announcements.

### Globus Online

SDSS data are also available via [Globus Online](#) using the endpoint `sdss3#orion` (US East Coast). For large transfers, Globus is significantly faster than using wget or rsync. Globus Online requires a separate account, but once that is setup Globus offers a "fire-and-forget" transfer that automatically optimizes transfer settings, retries any failures, and emails you when your transfer is done. The [Globus Connect](#) tool allows you to use globus to download data to your laptop or other computers which are not permanent Globus endpoint servers.

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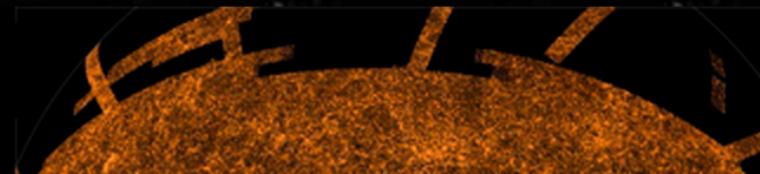
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## SQL Search

This page allows you to directly submit a [SQL \(Structured Query Language\)](#) query to the SDSS database server. You can modify the default query as you wish, or cut and paste a query from the [SDSS Sample Queries page](#).

**Please note:** To be fair to other users, queries run from SkyServer search tools are restricted in how long they can run and how much output they return, by **timeouts** and **row limits**. Please see the [Query Limits help page](#). To run a query that is not restricted by a timeout or number of rows returned, please use the [CasJobs batch query service](#).

[Clear Query](#)

```
-- This query does a table JOIN between the imaging (PhotoObj) and spectra
-- (SpecObj) tables and includes the necessary columns in the SELECT to upload
-- the results to the SAS (Science Archive Server) for FITS file retrieval.
SELECT TOP 10
    p.objid,p.ra,p.dec,p.u,p.g,p.r,p.i,p.z,
    p.run, p.rerun, p.camcol, p.field,
    s.specobjid, s.class, s.z as redshift,
    s.plate, s.mjd, s.fiberid
FROM PhotoObj AS p
    JOIN SpecObj AS s ON s.bestobjid = p.objid
WHERE
    p.u BETWEEN 0 AND 19.6
    AND g BETWEEN 0 AND 20
```

[Submit](#)

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To find out more about the database schema use the [Schema Browser](#).

For an introduction to the Structured Query Language (SQL), please see the [Searching for Data How-To tutorial](#). In particular, please read the [Optimizing Queries](#) section.

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## SQL Tutorial

NOTE: This is a step-by-step tutorial for those new to SQL. If you already know some SQL and want a more in-depth introduction to how SQL applies to SkyServer, see [Using SQL with SkyServer](#).

Another great way to learn SQL is to modify and submit queries that other people have already written. To jump right in to modifying queries written by scientists, see the [Sample SQL Queries](#).

## Searching for Data: A Tutorial

Did you know that you can search through SkyServer's database for only the objects you are interested in? For example, you might want to find all the bright blue galaxies for which we have obtained spectra. Looking through all 14 million objects with the Navigation tool could take years. But using [the right search](#), you could find all the bright blue galaxies with spectra in seconds!

If you know how to retrieve the right data, you can ask millions of different questions. Searching SkyServer is an incredibly powerful tool for conducting astronomy research; in fact, many professional astronomers search the data in the same way you can.

In this tutorial, you will learn how to search SkyServer to answer many useful astronomical questions. Do the tutorial at your own pace, and use the links to the right to return to points later in the tutorial. As you work, you may also want to look at the [Sample Queries](#), which are examples of real queries that other people have written to search the database.

Click Next to start learning.

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**maggie**  
A *maggie* is a linear measure of flux; one maggie has an AB magnitude of 0 (thus a surface brightness of 20 mag/square arcsec corresponds to  $10^{-8}$  maggies per square arcsec). This unit is used for object [radial profiles](#), where we provide the azimuthally averaged object surface brightness in a series of annuli.

**magnitude, cmodel**  
Composite model magnitude. The magnitude obtained from the best-fitting linear combination of the best-fitting de Vaucouleurs and exponential model for an object's light profile (cf. [magnitude, model](#)). See [cmodel magnitude description](#) in Photometry section of the Algorithms pages.

**magnitude, fiber**  
The flux contained within the aperture of a [spectroscopic fiber](#) (3" in diameter) is calculated by the frames pipeline in each band and stored in **fiberMag**. Details can be found in the [Photometry section](#) of the Algorithms pages.

**magnitude, model**  
Just as the [PSF magnitudes](#) are optimal measures of the fluxes of stars, the optimal measure of the flux of a galaxy would use a matched galaxy model. With this in mind, the code fits two models to the two-dimensional image of each object in each band:  
1. a pure deVaucouleurs profile, and  
2. a pure exponential profile.  
The best-fit model in the r-band is fit to the other four bands; the results are stored as the model magnitudes. Details, [including a very important warning](#), can be found in the [Photometry section](#) of the Algorithms pages.

**magnitude, Petrosian**  
Stored as **petroMag**. For galaxy photometry, measuring flux is more difficult than for stars, because galaxies do not all have the same radial surface brightness profile, and have no sharp edges. In order to avoid biases, we wish to measure a constant fraction of the total light, independent of the position and distance of the object. To satisfy these requirements, the SDSS has adopted a modified form of the [Petrosian \(1976\)](#) system, measuring galaxy fluxes within a circular aperture whose radius is defined by the shape of the azimuthally averaged light profile. Details can be found in the [Photometry section](#) of the Algorithms pages and the [Strauss et al. 2002 AJ paper](#) on galaxy target selection.

**magnitude, Pogson**  
The Pogson magnitude is the standard astronomical magnitude system, where one increment in magnitude is an increase in brightness by the fifth root of 100. A star of 1st magnitude is therefore 100 times as bright as a star of 6th magnitude. That is, for two objects  
$$M_1 - M_2 = -2.5 \log(F_1/F_2)$$
where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are the magnitudes of two objects, and  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are their luminous fluxes.

**magnitude, PSF**  
Stored as **psfMag**. For isolated stars, which are well-described by the point spread function (PSF), the optimal measure of the total flux is determined by fitting a PSF model to the object. Details can be found in the [Photometry section](#) of the Algorithms pages.

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## News

Welcome to the **SDSS CasJobs site**. This is the CasJobs site for SDSS-I and SDSS-II, if you are looking for the **SDSS-III CasJobs site**, that is a separate (new) site at <http://skyserver.sdss3.org/casjobs/>.

As of January 29, 2009, this site has been upgraded to v3\_5\_16, which contains several bug fixes and changes since the previous upgrade (v3\_5\_15 on January 28, 2009).

To see the full list of changes in this version, please see the [Change Log](#). Please send feedback to the SDSS Help Desk using the [Contact](#) link at the bottom of each page.

Accounts inactive for more than one year may be marked idle and detached, but will be restored upon request. Please contact the helpdesk [HERE](#) if you have trouble accessing your account

CasJobs is an online workbench for large scientific catalogs, designed to emulate and enhance local free-form query access in a web environment.

Some features of this application include...

- Both synchronous and asynchronous query execution, in the form of 'quick' and 'long' jobs.
- A query 'History' that records queries and their status.
- A server-side, personalized user database, called 'MyDB', enabling persistent table/function/procedure creation.
- Data sharing between users, via the 'Groups' mechanism.
- Data download, via MyDB table extraction, in various formats.
- Multiple interface options, including a browser client as well as a java-based command line tool.

The web interface for CasJobs is fully compatible with recent versions of the following browsers:

- Internet Explorer
- FireFox

CasJobs is partially compatible with recent versions of the following browsers:

- Mozilla
- Opera
- Safari

For more information, try the CasJobs [FAQ](#), or [guide](#). Or, to get started right away, either [login](#) or [create](#) an account.

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## Sample SQL Queries

The following is a selection of actual queries submitted by SDSS users, and some are in response to scientific questions posed by users. The queries are listed in increasing order of difficulty/complexity. Where applicable, query execution times for the latest SDSS data releases are noted.

**NOTE:** Please also read the [Optimizing Queries](#) and [Bookmark Lookup Bug](#) sections of the [SQL Intro page](#) to learn how to run faster queries, and the [Query Limits page](#) to see the timeouts and row limits on queries.

Click on the name of the query from the list below to go directly to that sample query. The queries are roughly in order of increasing complexity. You can cut and paste queries from here into your favorite search tool.

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## Fixed Radius Search

This example shows how to do a fixed radius (same search radius for all objects) neighbors search and add extra columns to the result.

a) First, create a new table in your MYDB (select context MYDB and run a command like the following), in this example it is called **MyTable\_34**, but you can call it whatever you want:

```
CREATE TABLE MyTable_34 (
    objid bigint,
    ra float,
    dec float,
    search_id int,
    matched_id bigint,
    z real
);
```

Note that this table includes the extra spec column "z". Add whatever spec columns you want to the end of this table.

b) Then get the neighbor query by running the neighbor search with your upload file and copying the query in the Query window. Paste that query in a new query buffer in context DR3. Then modify it as in the following example:

```
CREATE TABLE #UPLOAD(
    up_ra FLOAT,
    up_dec FLOAT,
    up_id int
)
INSERT INTO #UPLOAD
SELECT RA AS UP_RA,DEC AS UP_DEC,search_id AS UP_ID
FROM MYDB.MyTable_32

CREATE TABLE #tmp (
    up_id int,
    objid bigint
)

INSERT INTO #tmp
EXEC spgetneighbors 1
INSERT INTO MYDB.MyTable_34
select a.* , t.objid as matched_id, s.z from #tmp t, MYDB.MyTable_32 a,
specobj s
where t.up_id = a.search_id and s.bestobjid=t.objid
```

Note that the MyTable name has been manually set to MyTable\_34, added "s.z" to the select list (again, add more columns here if you need), "specobj s" to the from, and "and s.bestobjid=t.objid" to the where. You need to run this query in the DR3 context using the Submit button (wont work with Quick).

## Variable Radius Search

Here is a way to do a proximity search in casjobs on a list of ra,dec pairs with variable search radius. You should have an ra,dec table (called **xrayradii** in this example, but you can call it what you want). For spGetNeighborsRadius, you have to add another column up\_rad to the #upload table. Your ra,dec MyDB table needs to have at least the columns that are in the first SELECT statement in b) below (*ra,dec,xrayradius* and *cluster* in this example). Note that this requires that *xrayradii.cluster* is an **int** id that identifies the cluster.

a) Create the table to hold the results:

```
CREATE TABLE MyTable_45 (
    ra float,
    dec float,
    rad float,
    cluster int,
    objid bigint,
);
```

b) Run the neighbors search for variable radius, saving results into table created in a):

```
CREATE TABLE #UPLOAD(
    up_ra FLOAT,
    up_dec FLOAT,
    up_rad FLOAT,
    up_id int
)
INSERT INTO #UPLOAD
SELECT ra AS UP_RA,
    dec AS UP_DEC,
    xrayradius as UP_RAD,
    cluster AS UP_ID
FROM MYDB.XrayRadii

CREATE TABLE #tmp (
    up_id int,
    objid bigint
)
INSERT INTO #tmp
EXEC spGetNeighborsRadius

INSERT INTO MYDB.MyTable_45
SELECT a.* , t.objid
FROM #tmp t, MYDB.XrayRadii a
WHERE
    t.up_id = a.cluster
```