Online tools for planetary sciences - Part II

rocks

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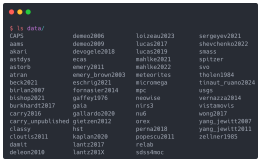

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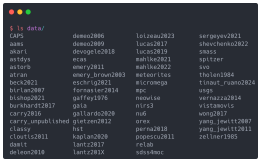

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Data aggregation takes effort but saves time and energy.

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JPL SBDB	Asteroids, Comets	Physical, Orbital	https://ssd.jpl.nasa.gov/tools/sbdb_lookup.html
Lowell	Asteroids	Physical, Orbital	https://asteroid.lowell.edu/astinfo/
MP3C	Asteroids	Physical, Orbital	https://mp3c.oca.eu/
NEOExchange	Near-Earth Objects	Orbital	https://neoexchange.lco.global/
SiMDA	Asteroids, Comets	Size, Mass, Density	https://astro.kretlow.de/simda/
SsODNet	Asteroids	Physical, Orbital	https://ssp.imcce.fr/forms/ssocard

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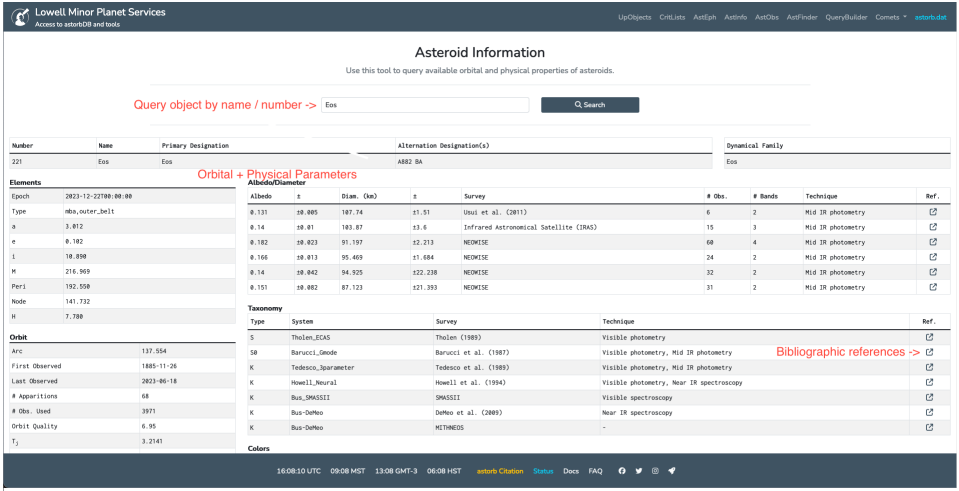

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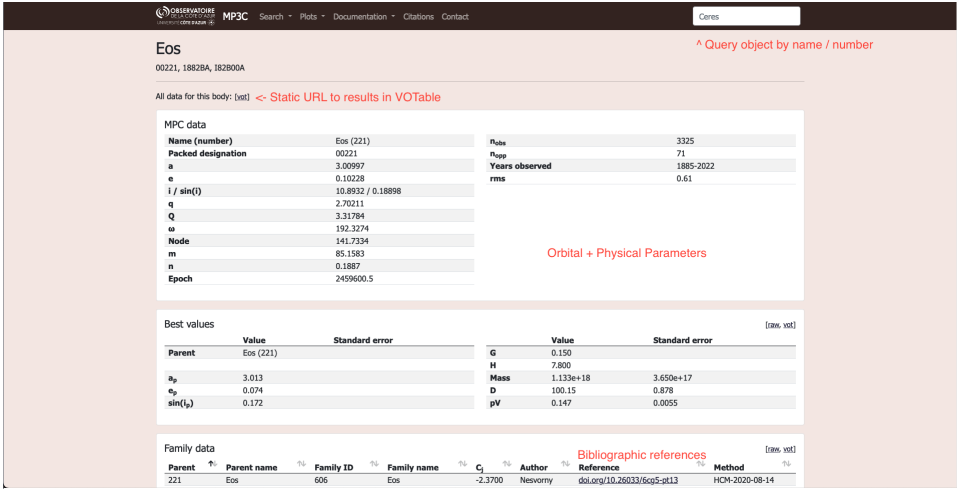

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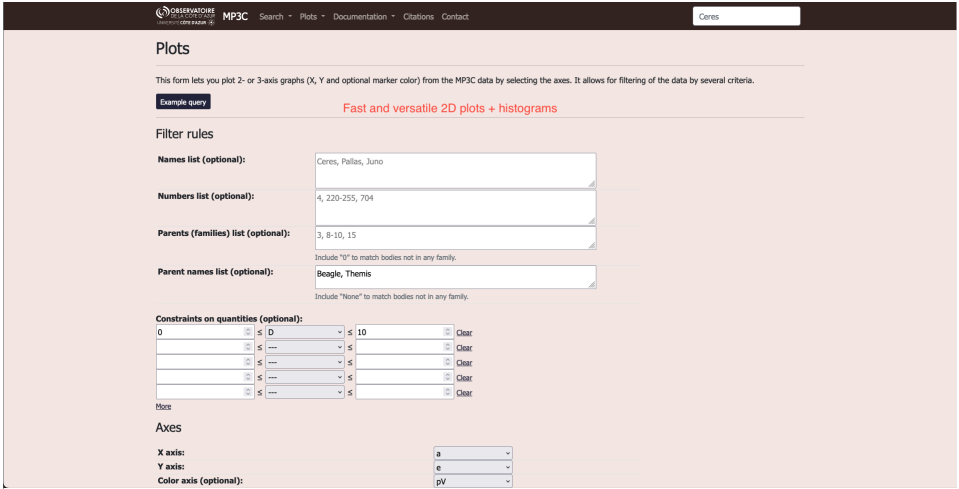

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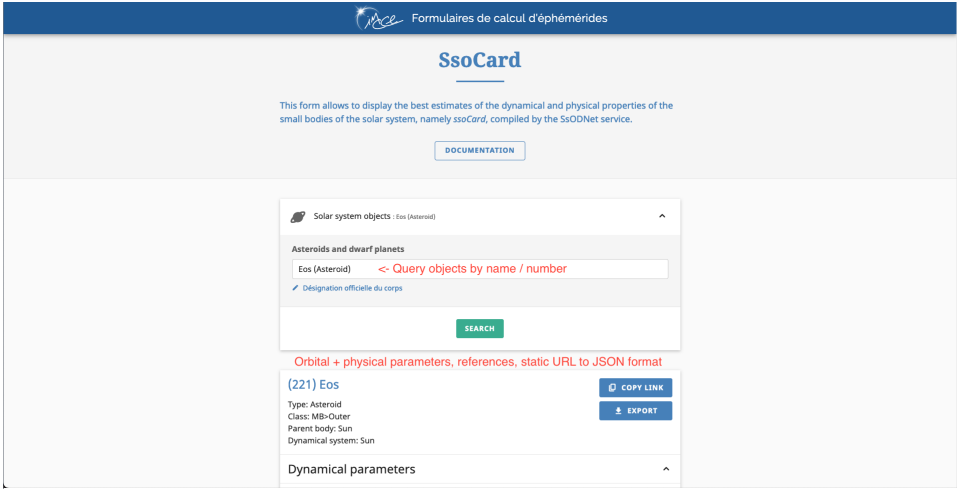

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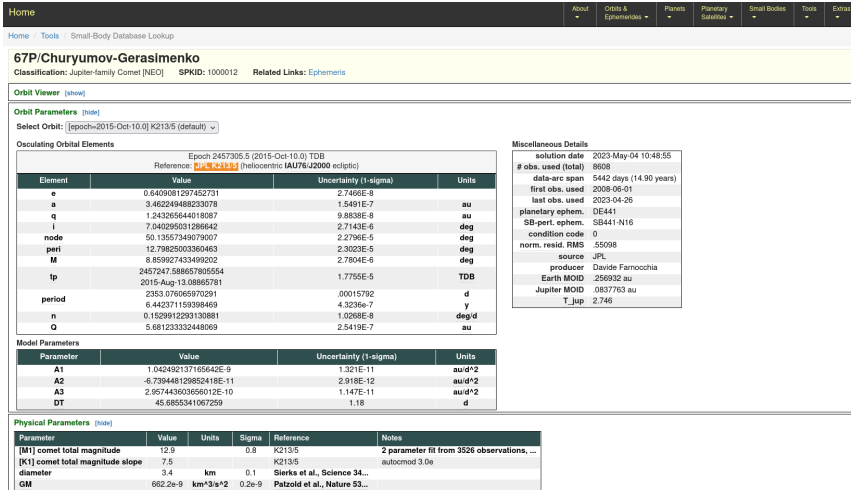

https://ssd.jpl.nasa.gov/tools/sbdb_lookup.html

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  - Name, classification, fall/find
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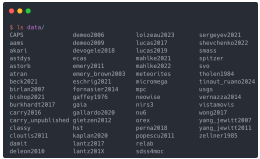
Need for a meteorite database + API!

The N-Body Problem



- **Graphical User Interfaces do not scale**
  - Many bodies → Many clicks
  - Repeated queries to update data
  - Bibliography management

→ Data aggregators need programmatic APIs

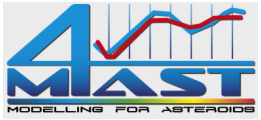
- **Different degrees of simplification**
  - Static URLs pointing to text files
  - Common service such as the *Table Access Protocol*
  - Secondary client such as `python` packages

Tutorial

[20min] Tutorial notebook on data access

- Basic: Programmatic data access with `astroquery` and `rocks`
- Advanced: Analysis of catalogue data with `rocks`
- Expert: Building our own meteorite-classification lookup tool

Spectra Access



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- **Spectra are complex data products**
  - Wavelength, Reflectance, Irradiance, ...
  - Instrument Metadata
  - Sample Metadata
- **Spectra Databases for Ast./Comets/Met.**
  - PDS, CDS, RELAB
  - SMASS, MITHNEOS
- **Spectra Aggregators for Asteroids and Meteorites**
  - SSHADE, M4AST, `classy`
  - Processing required
  - Few updates

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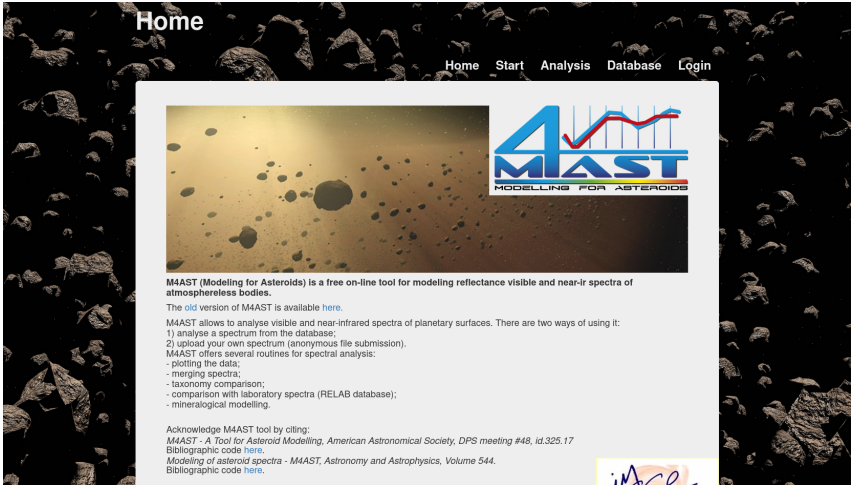

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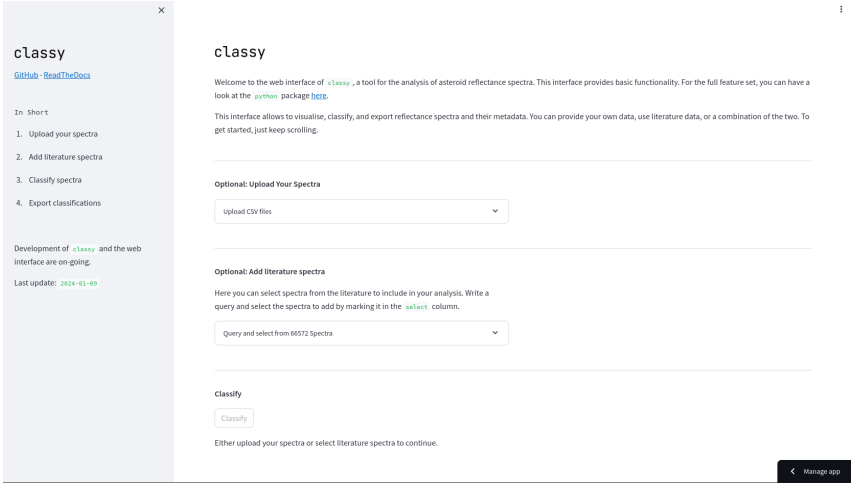

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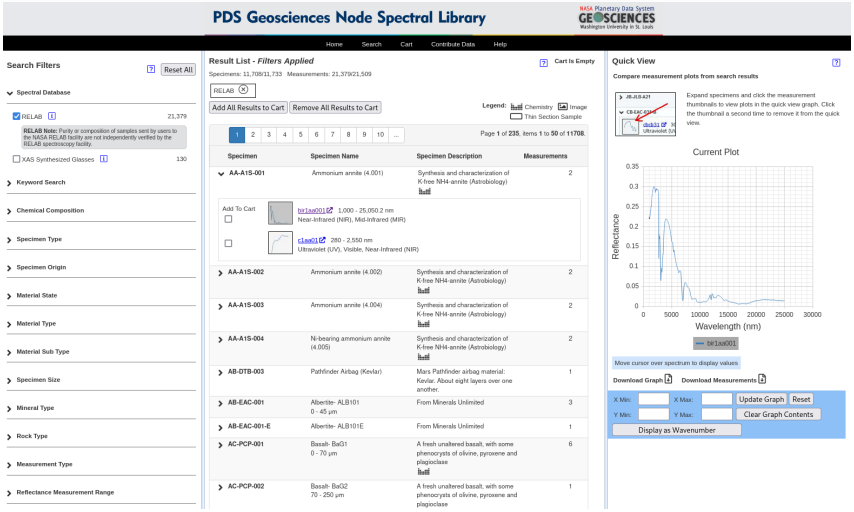
RELAB



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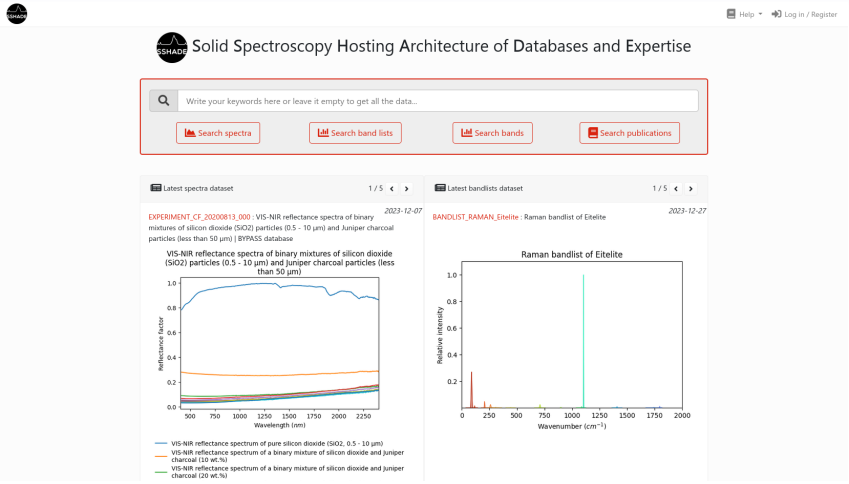

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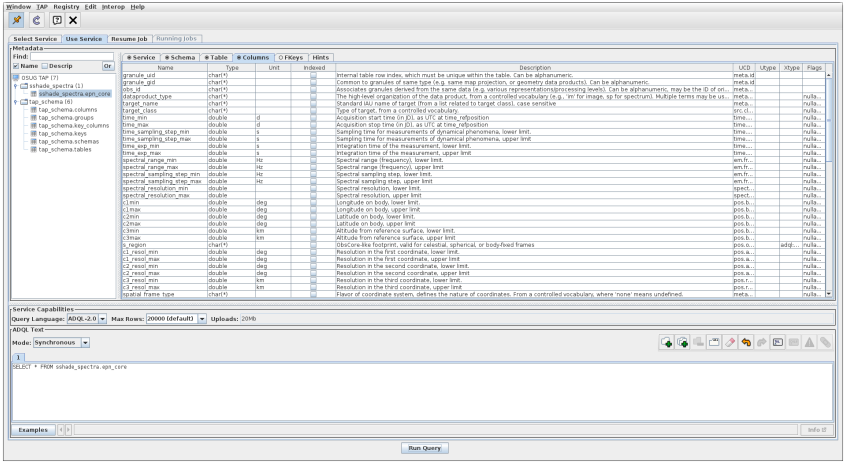

TOPCAT → TAP Query → “SSHADE”

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[20min] Tutorial notebook on spectra access with SSHADE and TAP

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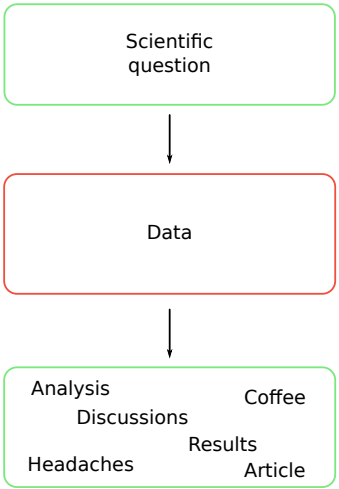
- Advanced: Creating an `astroquery` module for SSHADE

Re: A typical research project



Repetitive (and tedious) tasks!

- **Planning and conduction of observations**
  - Observations already exist?
  - Target/sample available? visible?
- **Gathering ancillary data for the analysis**
  - Complementary information diameter, fall/find, ...
  - Context for research another population
- **Repetitive low-level analysis**
  - Spectral classification
  - Cross-matches & merges

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- It is **not** a one size fits all
- Resources are made **by** us, and **for** us
  - Powerful libraries and tools
  - Good practice to release data/codes Consider CDS at the very least
  - Contribute to open-source projects: `astroquery`, `sbpy`, `rocks`, ...