

Lecture 5b: Data Mining

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Data archives

- Most astronomical data now available via archives
 - Raw data and high-level products usually available
 - Data reduction software often specific to individual missions/instruments
- MAST – Multimission Archive at STScI
 - HST and ultraviolet missions
 - <http://archive.stsci.edu/index.html>
- HEASARC - High Energy Astrophysics Science Archive Research Center
 - X-ray and gamma-ray missions
 - <http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/>
- ESO Science Archive Facility
 - All ESO instruments
 - http://archive.eso.org/eso/eso_archive_main.html
- And many others...



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The Multimission Archive at STScI is a NASA funded project to support and provide to the astronomical community a variety of astronomical data archives, with the primary focus on scientifically related data sets in the optical, ultraviolet, and near-infrared parts of the spectrum.

Search MAST for a Target or Mission

Enter [Target name \(or Coordinates\)](#):

Resolver: SIMBAD NED Don't Resolve

and/or [Band/Data Type\(s\)](#): [more options](#)

	Extreme UV	Far UV	Near UV	Optical	Near IR	Radio
Images	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spectra	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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WWW MAST

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NEWS

December 09, 2011:

WFC3 Persistence Project Releases Correction Files

December 08, 2011:

New "Condition Flag" available in Kepler Target Search Forms

December 07, 2011:

Kepler announces Accelerated Data Release schedule

December 03, 2011:

HST/NICMOS Paschen-alpha Survey of the Galactic Center High Level Science Products now available

November 28, 2011:

Enhanced Kepler Target Search Interface now available



Missions

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- [GALEX](#)
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HEASARC Browse



Other Browse interfaces:

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Query File And Session Upk

Main Search Form > Search Results > Choose Data Products

Start Search

Reset

Detailed Mission/Catalog Search

1. Do you want to search around a position ... ?

(If you want to search on parameters other than object name or coordinates, select "Detailed Mission/Catalog Search".)

Object Name Or Coordinates:

and/or

[Select Local File:](#)

Choose File no file selected

e.g. Cyg X-1 or 12 00 00, 4 12 6 or
Cyg X-2; 12.235, 15.345 (Note use of semi-colons (;) to separate multiple object names or coordinate pairs)

File should contain objects and/or coordinate pairs one per line or separated by semi-colons.

Coordinate System: J2000

Search Radius: Default

arcmin

Default uses the optimum radius for each catalog searched.

... and/or search by date?

Observation Dates:

YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss or MJD: DDDDD.ddd

The time portion of the date is optional. Separate multiple dates/ranges with semicolons (;). Range operator is '..'. (e.g. 1992-12-31; 48980.5; 1995-01-15 12:00:00; 1997-03-20 .. 2000-10-18)

2. What missions and catalogs do you want to search? (Bold text indicates mission is active)

Most Requested Missions

Chandra **[CXC,CSC]**

Fermi

ROSAT

RXTE

Suzaku

Swift

WMAP

XMM-Newton **[XSA]**

Other X-Ray and EUV Missions

Ariel V

ASCA

BeppoSAX

BBXRT/Astro-1

Copernicus

Einstein

FIVE

EXOSAT



ESO Archive Query Form

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If you would like to query the Archive for instrument specific parameters, please use the [dedicated query forms](#).
To search for **reduced Data Products**, please have a look at the [ESO Data Products](#) page and the [Advanced Data Products](#) query form.

The checkboxes on the right of the parameters define whether or not they will be displayed on the query result page.

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Target, Program and Scheduling Information

Target Name Resolved by SIMBAD

RA **DEC** **J2000**

Search Box **Input** RA(h) DEC(deg)

Output Sexagesimal (h, deg)

[List of Targets](#) no file selected

Night (DD MM YYYY)

OR give a query range using the following start/end dates:

Start 12 hrs [UT] **End** 12 hrs [UT]

Program ID **Program Type** Any

PI CoI **SV** Any

Title

Observing Information

Imaging	Spectroscopy	Interferometry	Other
<input type="button" value="ALL"/> <input type="button" value="NONE"/>	<input type="button" value="ALL"/> <input type="button" value="NONE"/>	<input type="button" value="ALL"/> <input type="button" value="NONE"/>	<input type="button" value="ALL"/> <input type="button" value="NONE"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/FORS1	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/CRIRES	<input type="button" value="NONE"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> APEX/HET
<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/FORS2	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/FORS1	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/VINCI	<input type="checkbox"/> APEX/BOL
<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/HAWKI	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/FORS2	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/MIDI	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/ISAAC	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/GIRAFFE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> UKIRT/WFCAM
<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/NACO	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/ISAAC	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/AMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> LGSF
<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/VIMOS	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/NACO	Polarimetry	<input type="checkbox"/> MASCOT
<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/VISIR	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/SINFONI	<input type="button" value="ALL"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> VISTA/VIRCAM	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/UVES	<input type="button" value="NONE"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/VIMOS	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/FORS1	
<input type="checkbox"/> VST/OMEGACAM	<input type="checkbox"/> VLT/VISIR	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Category

SCIENCE
 CALIB

Data Product Info

Type Any

User defined input:

Mode Any

User defined input:

Dataset ID

Orig Name

Release Date

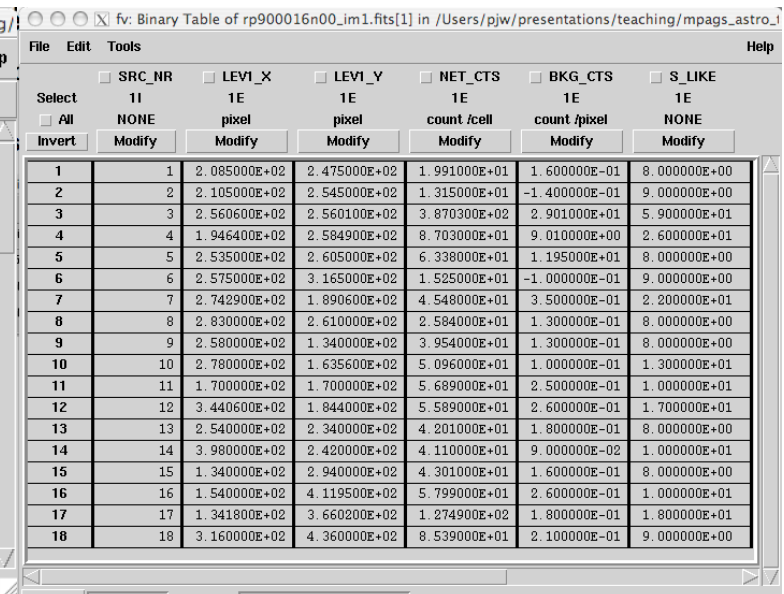
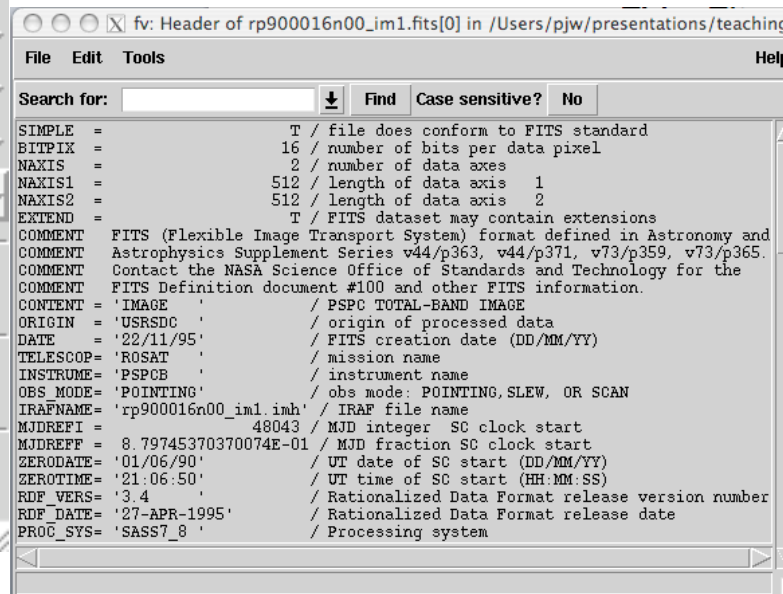
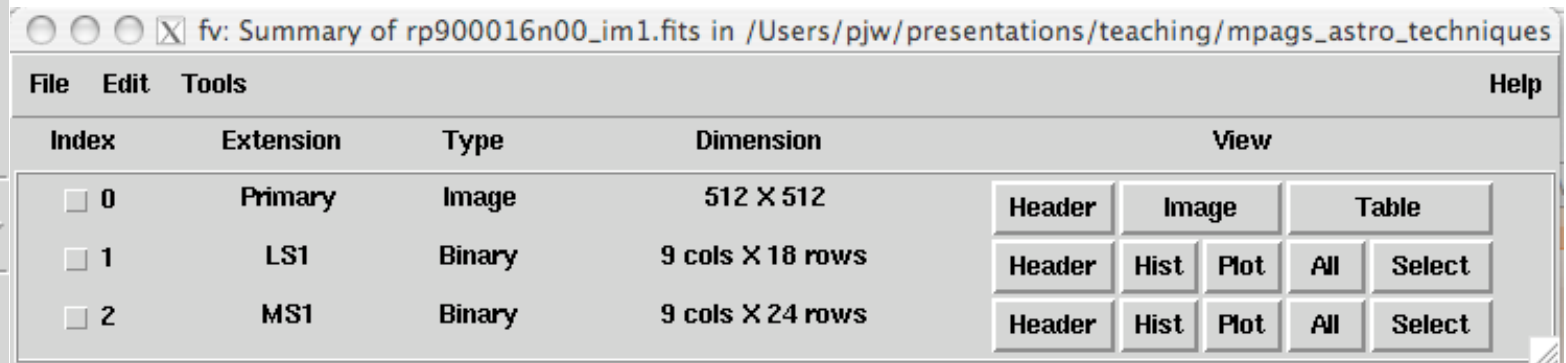
OB Name

Data file formats

- ASCII – text files
 - Commonly used for small / simple datasets
- FITS - Flexible Image Transport System
 - The most common format for astronomical data
 - Ascii headers and binary data storage
 - Designed for images, but extended for 2d (and even 3d) tables
- HDS - Hierarchical Data System
 - UK Starlink standard, still used by many starlink tools
 - Highly versatile, with arbitrarily complex data structures
 - No longer widely used
- VOTable – virtual observatory table
 - XML standard for astronomical data tables
 - Designed for easy exchange of data for Virtual Observatory tools
 - Software can *understand* rather than just *read* (e.g. defn of exposure time)

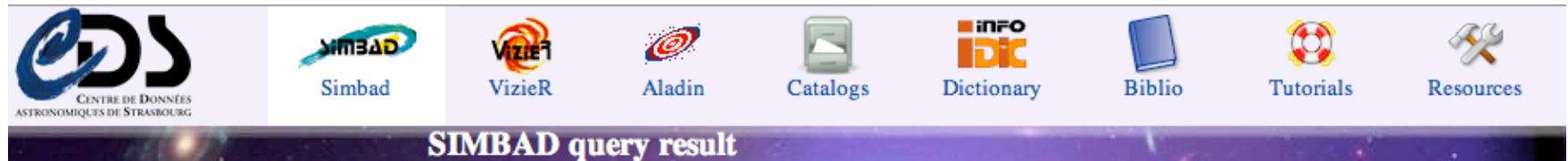
Accessing FITS files

- cfitsio - set of sub-routines for reading/writing fits files
 - Often built into scripting languages, e.g. python
- FV- Useful tool for viewing contents of FITS files
 - Part of the HEASOFT software, or available stand-alone



Astronomical catalogues

- CDS Simbad – data and bibliography for objects mentioned in papers



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Object query : vega

C.D.S. - SIMBAD4 rel 1.186 -
2011.12.16CET08:14:51

Available data : [Basic data](#) • [Identifiers](#) • [Plot & images](#) • [Bibliography](#) • [Measurements](#) • [External archives](#) • [Notes](#) • [Annotations](#)

Basic data :

NAME VEGA -- Variable Star

query around with radius arcmin

Other object types:

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(* , AG , ASCC , BD , CSI , FK5 , GAT , GC , GCRV , GEN# , GJ , HD , HGAM , HIC , HIP , HR , JP11 , N30 , 8pc , PLX , PMC , F , ** (ADS , CDM , IDS , WDS) , IR (IRAS , IRC , 2MASS , RAFGL) , PM* (LSPM , LTT , NLTT) , V* (V* , CSV ,

ICRS coord. (ep=J2000) : 18 36 56.33635 +38 47 01.2802 (Optical) [3.51 2.81 90] A [2007A&A...474..653V](#)

FK5 coord. (ep=J2000 eq=2000) : 18 36 56.336 +38 47 01.28 (Optical) [3.51 2.81 90] A [2007A&A...474..653V](#)

FK4 coord. (ep=B1950 eq=1950) : 18 35 14.67 +38 44 09.8 (Optical) [20.31 16.25 90] A [2007A&A...474..653V](#)

Gal coord. (ep=J2000) : 067.4482 +19.2373 (Optical) [3.51 2.81 90] A [2007A&A...474..653V](#)

Proper motions *mas/yr* [error ellipse]: 200.94 286.23 [0.32 0.40 0] A [2007A&A...474..653V](#)

Radial velocity / Redshift / cz : V(km/s) -13.9 [0.9] / z(-) -0.000046 [0.000003] / cz -13.90 [0.90] (~) A [1979IAUS](#)

Parallax *mas*: 130.23 [0.36] A [2007A&A...474..653V](#)

Spectral type: A0V C ~

Fluxes (7) : B 0.03 [-] C ~

V 0.03 [-] C ~

Astronomical catalogues

- CDS Vizier –inc. sky survey catalogues and tables from papers

Search Criteria
Keywords
hd189733

Preferences
max: 50
HTML Table
 All columns
▶ Compute

Mirrors
CDS, France

Find catalogs among 9530 available
Clear Find...
Expand search

? *Catalog, author's name, word(s) from title, description, etc. e.g.: AGN, Veron, I/239, or bibcodes...*

▶ Search catalogs by column descriptions (UCD) ?

Wavelength	Mission	Astronomy
Radio	AKARI	AGN
IR	ANS	Abundances
optical	ASCA	Ages
UV	BeppoSAX	Associations
EUV	CGRO	Atomic_Data
X-ray	COBE	BL_Lac_objects
Gamma-ray	Chandra	Binaries:cataclysmic

Search by Position across 9899 tables
Target Name (resolved by [Sesame](#)) or Position: Clear
Target dimension: J2000 2 arcmin Go!
 Radius Box size

[More about Vizier](#) ~ 0 matching catalogs

Browsing modes: [Designation](#), [Acronyms](#), [Favorites](#), [Dates](#), [Image_spectra](#), [Kohonen](#)

Or list [the large surveys](#)

Return to the old Vizier version [here](#)

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Image and catalogue display

- ds9
 - Image display and comparison
 - Image and catalogue download
 - Catalogue overlay

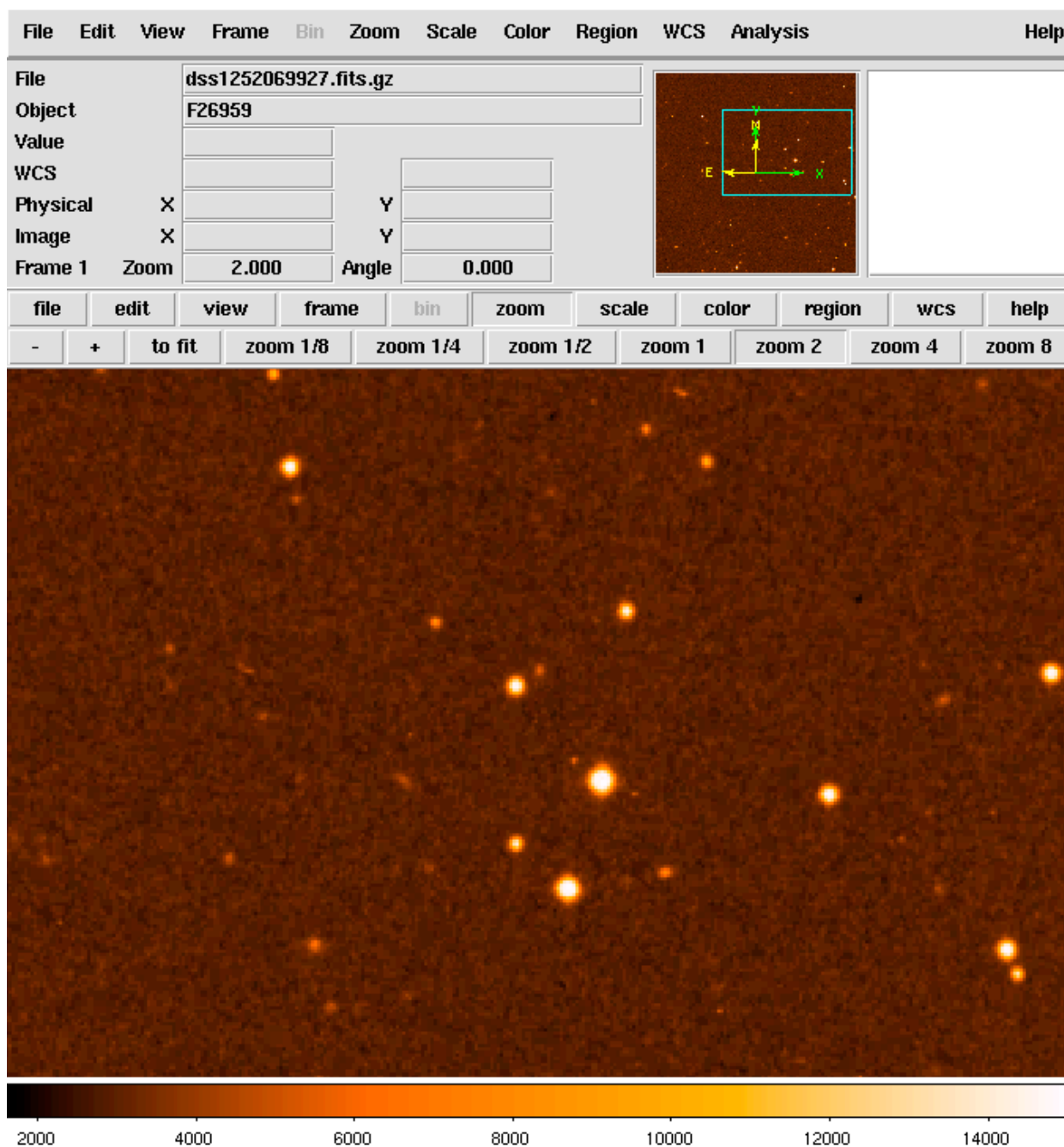
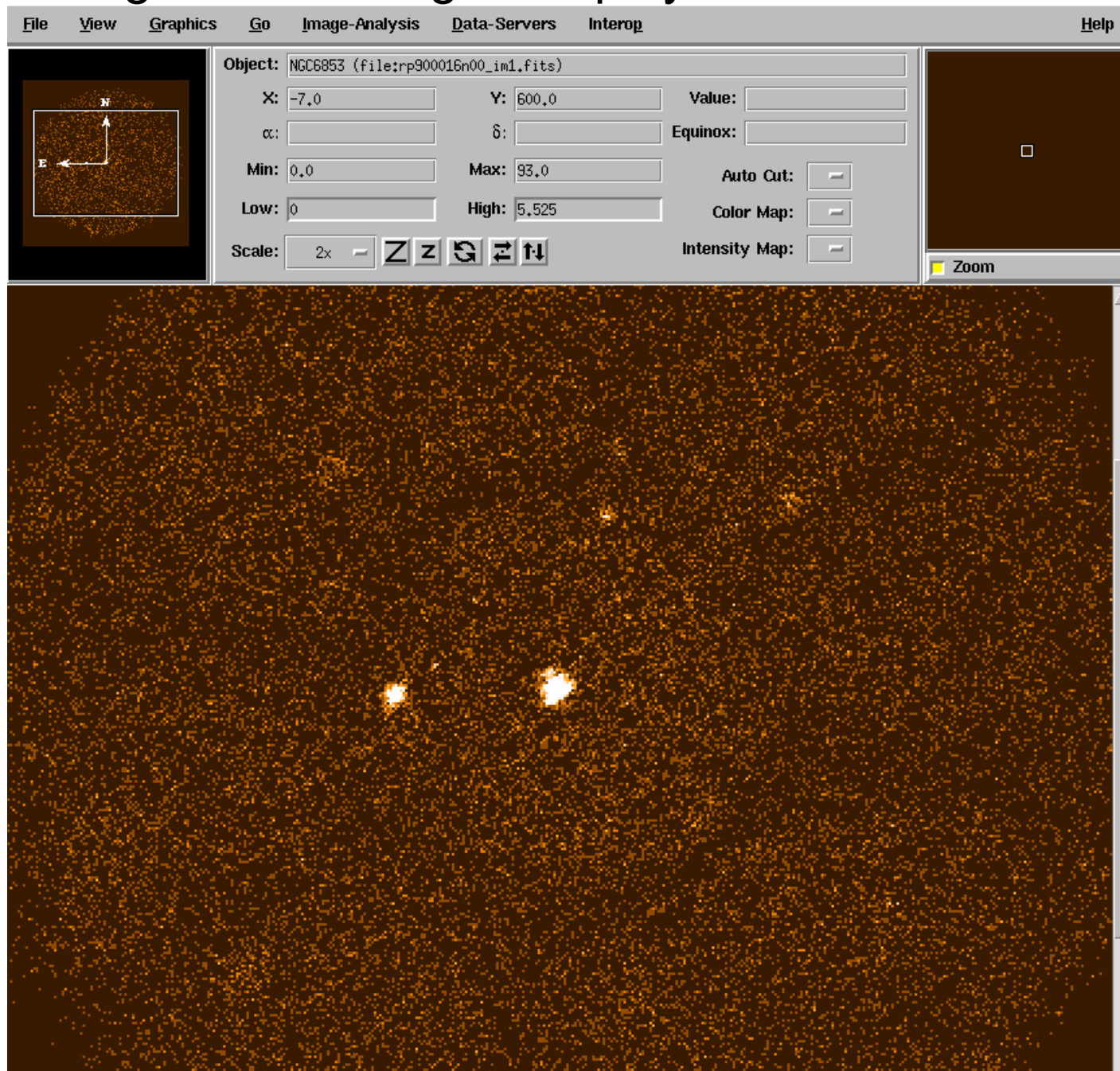


Image and catalogue display

- Gaia
 - Starlink software
 - Includes photometry and astrometry software



Lecture 5 Assignment, Part 1 of 2

- Use SIMBAD to determine the nature of the star HD189733 and any companion objects
- Download from HEASARC a ROSAT PSPC image of the star HD189733
- Display the ROSAT image aligned with an optical image of the same field (downloaded from within ds9 or Gaia)
- Overlay SIMBAD sources (also downloaded within ds9/Gaia)
- Send us a screenshot
- Determine the name and nature of the famous nebula nearby

TOPCAT & STIL(TS)

TOPCAT Java GUI

<http://www.star.bris.ac.uk/~mbt/topcat/>

STIL library for dealing with tabular data

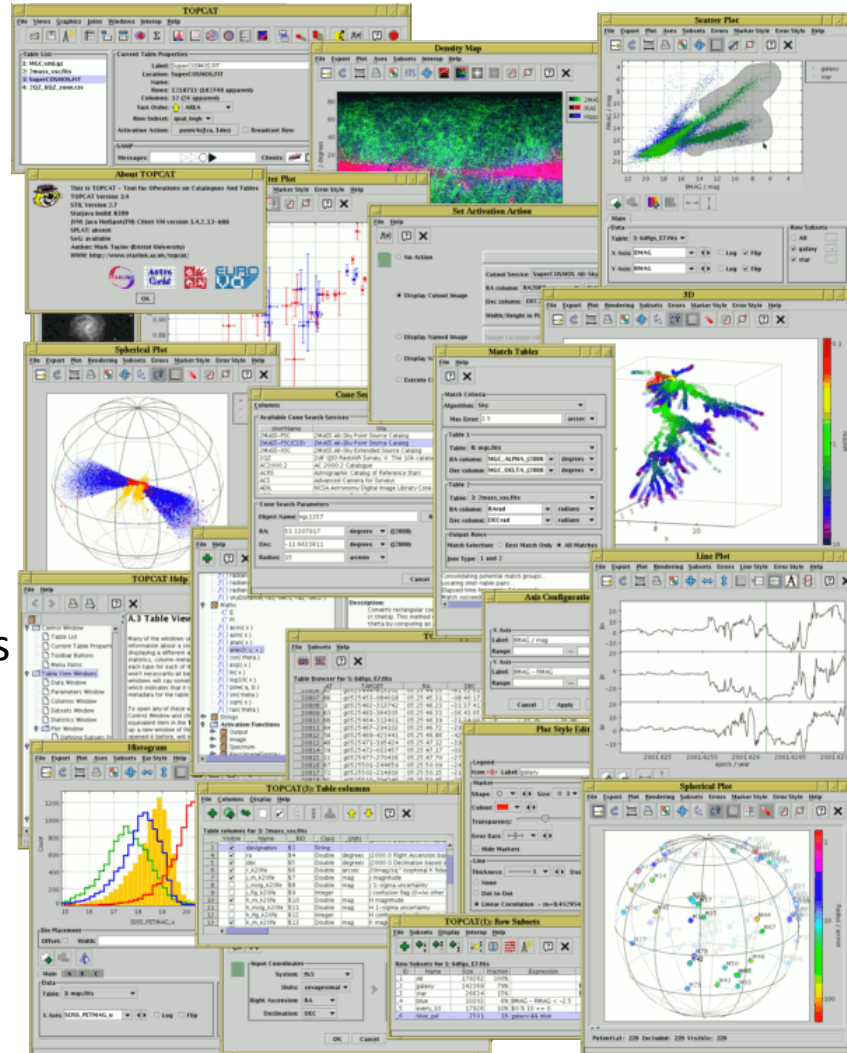
<http://www.star.bristol.ac.uk/~mbt/stil>

STILTS command-line tool

<http://www.star.bristol.ac.uk/~mbt/stilts/>

Key features:

- Import/export catalogs in various formats
- Cross-matching and merging
- Plotting and manipulating data
- Search and retrieve data from archives



TOPCAT : VO retrieval

The screenshot displays the TOPCAT Cone Search window. The main window is titled "Cone Search" and contains the following elements:

- Available Cone Search Services:**
 - Registry: http://registry.astrogrid.org/astrogrid-registry/services/RegistryQueryv1_0
 - Keywords: iphas
 - Match Fields: Short Name Title Subjects ID Publisher Description
 - Accept Resource Lists
 - Buttons: Cancel Query, Submit Query
- Search Results Table:**

Short Name	Title	
J/A+A/480/409	IPHAS symbiotic stars candidates (Corradi+, 2008)	Binarie
J/A+A/504/291	Candidate Planetary Nebulae in IPHAS catalog (Viironen+, 2009)	Photor
J/MNRAS/384/1277	H(alpha) emission line sources from IPHAS (Witham+, 2008)	Photor
J/MNRAS/397/1685	Galactic plane IPHAS-POSS1 proper motion survey (Deacon+, 2009)	Proper
	IPHAS IDR: service	IPHAS
- Cone Search Parameters:**
 - Cone Search URL: <http://vizier.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/votable/-A?-source=J/MNRAS/384/1277&>
 - Object Name: KR Aur
 - RA: 93.933 degrees (J2000)
 - Dec: 28.585722 degrees (J2000)
 - Radius: 50 degrees
 - Accept Sky Positions
 - Buttons: Resolve, OK

In the background, a smaller window titled "Table List" is visible, showing a table with 12 rows and a total size of 910 M.

Table Data

add custom columns

TOPCAT(1): Table Columns

File Columns Display Help

Table Columns for 1: KR Aur-J_MNRAS_384_1277-50d

Visible	Name	\$ID	Class	Units	Description	UCD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Index	\$0	Long		Table row index	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_r	\$1	Double	deg	Distance from center (RA)J2000=06 15 43.92, (DEJ)2000=+28 35 08.6)	POS_ANG_DIST_GENER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_RAJ2000	\$2	Double	deg	Right ascension (FK5) Equinox=J2000. (computed by VizieR, not part of the original data)	POS_EQ_RA_MAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_DEJ2000	\$3	Double	deg	Declination (FK5) Equinox=J2000. (computed by VizieR, not part of the original data)	POS_EQ_DEC_MAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IPHAS	\$4	String		IPHAS source designation, JHHMMSS.ss+DDMMSS.s (1)	ID_MAIN:1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	r'mag	\$5	Float	mag	Sloan r' band magnitude	PHOT_SDSS_R
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e_r'mag	\$6	Float	mag	Sloan r' band magnitude error	ERROR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	r'-i'	\$7	Float	mag	Sloan r'-i' colour index	PHOT_SDSS_R-I
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e_r'-i'	\$8	Float	mag	Sloan r'-i' colour index error	ERROR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	r'-Ha	\$9	Float	mag	Sloan r'-H(alpha) colour index	PHOT_CL_R-HALPHA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e_r'-Ha	\$10	Float	mag	Sloan r'-H(alpha) colour index error	ERROR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flag	\$11	String		[cksmo] Photometry/Cross-match flag (2)	CODE_MISC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KW99	\$12	String		Details from Kohoutek \& Wehmeyer (1999, Cat. III/205)	DATA_LINK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RAJ2000	\$13	String	"h:m:s"	Right ascension (J2000.0)	POS_EQ_RA

TOPCAT(1): Table Browser

File Subsets Help

Table Browser for 1: KR Aur-J_MNRAS_384_1277-50d

	_r	_RAJ2000	_DEJ2000	IPHAS	r'mag	e_r'mag	r'-i'	e_r'-i'	r'-Ha	e_r'-Ha	Flag
1	49.89964	34.39933	56.81556	J021735.84+564856.0	17.912	0.016	0.863	0.021	0.715	0.02	
2	49.98747	34.41121	57.44617	J021738.69+572646.2	18.432	0.025	1.013	0.031	0.913	0.03	
3	49.864	34.52233	57.02453	J021805.36+570128.3	16.709	0.007	0.748	0.01	0.492	0.01	
4	49.87278	34.56196	57.22292	J021814.87+571322.5	17.899	0.016	0.978	0.021	0.796	0.02	
5	49.76696	34.72971	57.11914	J021855.13+570708.9	17.222	0.01	0.816	0.013	0.639	0.013	s
6	49.75811	34.74792	57.12506	J021859.50+570730.2	18.657	0.028	0.996	0.034	0.85	0.034	s
7	49.88995	34.8	58.10786	J021912.00+580628.3	18.013	0.01	0.111	0.031	0.13	0.023	
8	49.65691	34.80183	56.64975	J021912.44+563859.1	16.785	0.007	0.702	0.01	0.518	0.01	
9	49.70676	34.89779	57.30825	J021935.47+571829.7	16.83	0.008	0.109	0.014	0.138	0.012	s
10	49.53083	35.03762	56.66333	J022009.03+563948.0	18.585	0.024	1.012	0.03	1.016	0.028	
11	49.80962	35.27662	59.02044	J022106.39+590113.6	17.029	0.009	1.008	0.011	0.946	0.011	
12	49.92993	35.5885	60.37658	J022221.24+602235.7	17.896	0.016	1.032	0.019	0.634	0.021	
13	49.17729	35.78283	56.96867	J022307.88+565807.2	18.349	0.028	0.915	0.028	0.926	0.034	
14	49.96145	35.89017	61.16406	J022333.64+610950.6	15.933	0.005	0.905	0.006	0.621	0.006	
15	49.75364	35.90437	60.26744	J022337.05+601602.8	14.	0.002	0.585	0.003	0.489	0.003	
16	49.2297	35.92779	57.70722	J022342.67+574226.0	18.611	0.054	1.02	0.062	1.14	0.061	
17	49.54987	35.93512	59.37764	J022344.43+592239.5	13.967	0.002	0.575	0.003	0.415	0.003	
18	49.7565	36.09854	60.69911	J022423.65+604156.8	16.253	0.006	0.828	0.008	0.519	0.008	
19	49.99653	36.35683	62.19936	J022525.64+621157.7	18.692	0.031	1.359	0.035	1.062	0.04	
20	49.1007	36.4007	58.60735	J022558.78+582636.1	15.177	0.004	0.515	0.006	0.400	0.006	

TOPCAT Example

3 tables loaded

The screenshot displays the TOPCAT software interface with several windows open. The main window shows a 'Table List' with three tables: '1: KR Aur-J_MNRAS_384_127', '2: KR Aur-IX_10A-50d', and '4: match(1,2)'. The 'Current Table Properties' window shows details for the selected 'match(1,2)' table, including 'Label: match(1,2)', 'Location: match(1,2)', 'Name: Joined', 'Rows: 2', and 'Columns: 29'. The 'Match Tables' window is open, showing 'Match Criteria' (Algorithm: Sky, Max Error: 15.0 arcsec) and 'Table 1' (1: KR Aur-J_MNRAS_384_1277-50d) and 'Table 2' (2: KR Aur-IX_10A-50d). The 'Output Rows' section shows 'Match Selection: Best Match Only' and 'Join Type: 1 and 2'. The 'Scatter Plot' window shows a plot of $r-H\alpha$ / mag vs $r-I$ / mag, with a legend for 'All' (red dots) and 'A All' (blue dot). The 'Table Browser' window shows a table with columns: r_1 , RAJ2000_1, DEJ2000_1, IPHAS, r'mag, e_r'mag, r'-I, e_r'-I, r'-Ha, e_r'-Ha, and Flag. The table contains two rows of data.

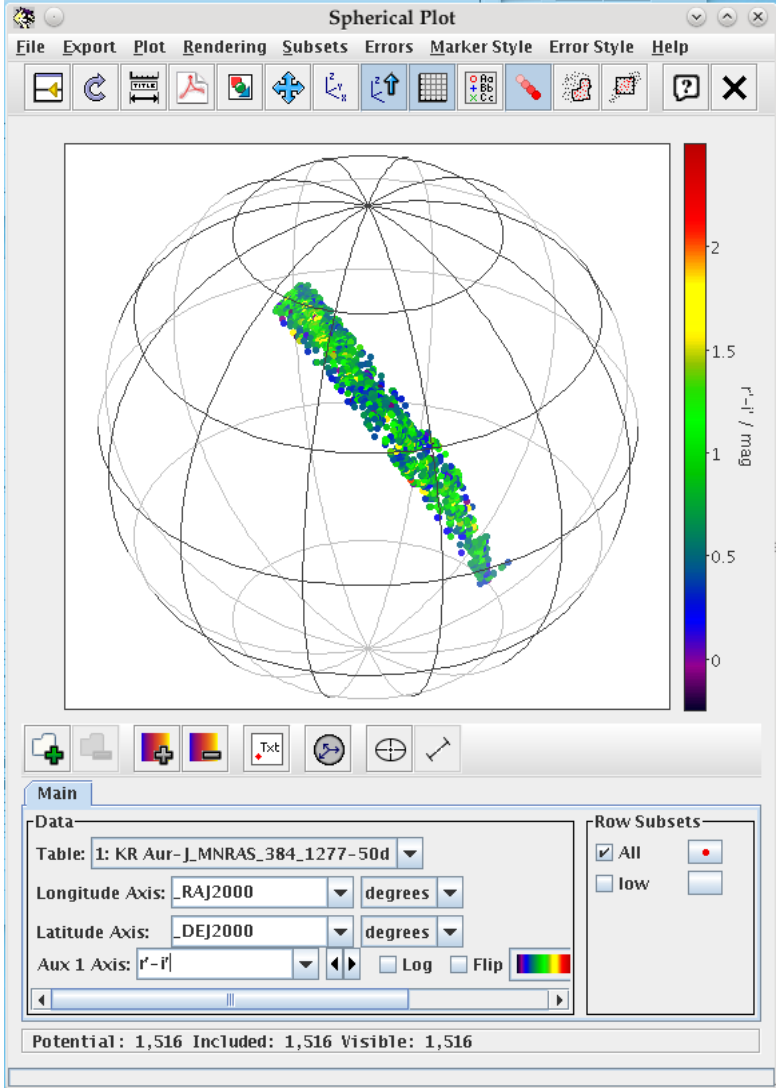
	r_1	RAJ2000_1	DEJ2000_1	IPHAS	r'mag	e_r'mag	r'-I	e_r'-I	r'-Ha	e_r'-Ha	Flag
1	6.12958	86.9515	28.58647	J054748.36+283511.3	15.797	0.005	0.447	0.007	0.669	0.006	s
2	13.18456	94.18008	15.40314	J061643.22+152411.3	15.627	0.002	0.528	0.004	0.887	0.004	s

scatter plot

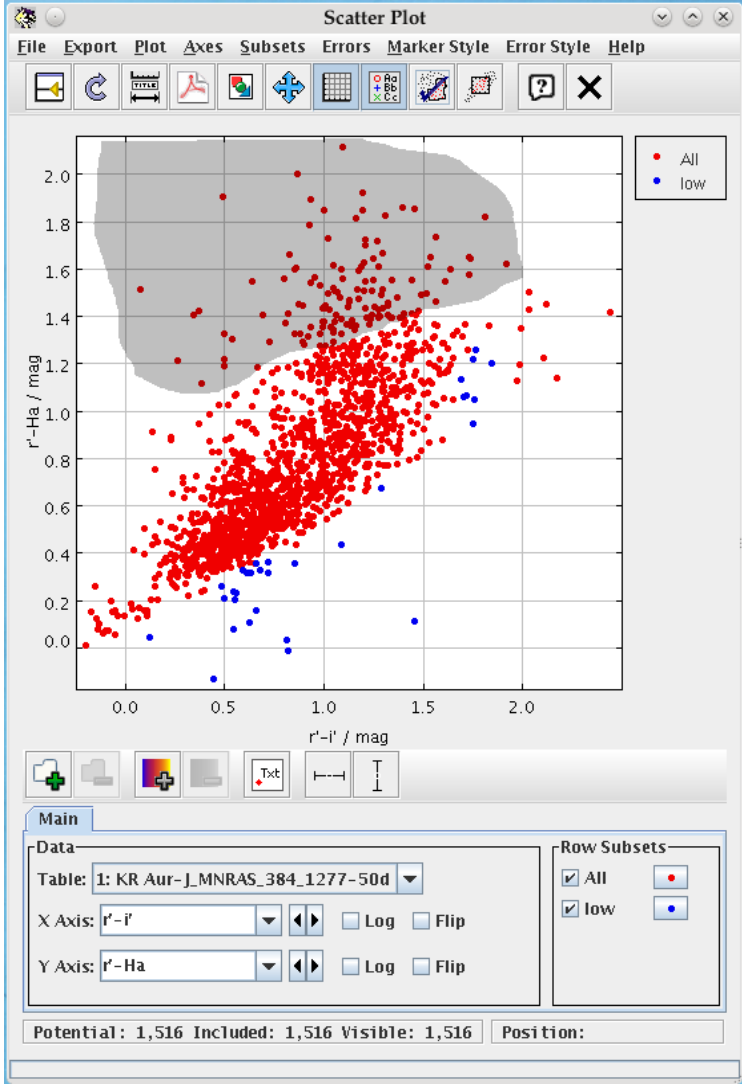
sky matched pairs

table matching

TOPCAT



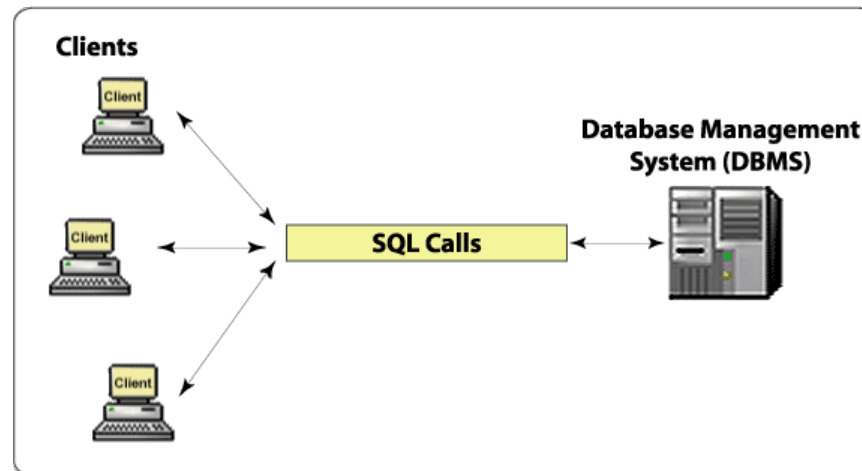
sky plot, colour coded



subsets

SQL Queries

- **SQL** refers to query syntax allowing you to search and interact with large databases stored by a SQL-compatible server
- The **Structured Query Language** is very popular, originating outside of astronomy, and can handle very large databases plus many clients (commercial and open source implementations available)



- Many astronomical databases powered by SQL even if you may query it by other means (a webform or VO query)
- When simpler frontends fail, or once tables involved become very large, you may need to resort to performing your own SQL queries

Database lingo

- Tables with rows and columns = Database with records and fields

ID	Source Class	Magnitude	Filter
1	1	12.34	1
2	3	16.89	2

- Records in separate tables may be connected to each other:

Class ID	Value
1	Star
2	Galaxy
3	Unknown

Relational database

Filter ID	Value
1	U
2	B
3	V
4	R

SQL Queries : SDSS

- SDSS prime and early example of a large astronomical data resource that offered multiple ways of retrieving data, including custom SQL queries
- Tutorial covering performing SQL queries on SDSS data:
<http://skyserver.sdss3.org/dr8/en/help/howto/search/>



The screenshot shows the Sloan Digital Sky Survey / SkyServer DR8 website. The page is titled "SQL Tutorial" and features a navigation menu with links for Home, Data, Schema, Education, Astronomy, SDSS, Contact Us, Download, Site Search, and Help. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a "Back to Help" link and a list of 11 tutorial sections: 1. Introduction, 2. A Simple Query, 3. Common Searches, 4. More Samples, 5. Multiple Tables, 6. Aggregate Fcns., 7. Group By, 8. Order By, 9. Views, 10. Functions, and 11. Conclusion. The right column contains the main text of the tutorial, which includes a note about the tutorial's purpose, a section titled "Searching for Data: A Tutorial" with an introductory paragraph, and a "NEXT" button with an arrow pointing right.

Table browser

Sloan Digital Sky Survey / SkyServer

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Schema Browser

FieldProfile
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FIRST
Frame
galSpecExtra
galSpecIndx
galSpecInfo
galSpecLine
HalfSpace
History
IndexMap
Inventory
LoadHistory
Mask
MaskedObject
Neighbors
PartitionMap
PhotoObjAll
PhotoObjDR7
PhotoPrimaryDR7
PhotoProfile
Photoz
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SDSSConstants
sdssImagingHalfSpaces
sdssPolygon2Field
sdssPolygons
sdssTargetParam
sdssTileAll
sdssTiledTargetAll
sdssTilingGeometry
sdssTilingInfo
sdssTilingRun
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SiteConstants
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SiteDiagnostics
SpecDR7

TABLE **PhotoObjAll**

The full photometric catalog quantities for SDSS imaging.

This table contains one entry per detection, with the associated photometric parameters measured by PHOTO, and astrometrically and photometrically calibrated.

The table has the following views:

- **PhotoObj**: all primary and secondary objects; essentially this is the view you should use unless you want a specific type of object.
- **PhotoPrimary**: all photo objects that are primary (the best version of the object).
 - **Star**: Primary objects that are classified as stars.
 - **Galaxy**: Primary objects that are classified as galaxies.
 - **Sky**: Primary objects which are sky samples.
 - **Unknown**: Primary objects which are noOne of the above
- **PhotoSecondary**: all photo objects that are secondary (secondary detections)
- **PhotoFamily**: all photo objects which are neither primary nor secondary (blended)

The table has indices that cover the popular columns.

name	type	length	unit	ucd	description
objID	bigint	8			Unique SDSS identifier composed from [skyVersion, rerun, run, camcol, field, obj].
skyVersion	tinyint	1			Layer of catalog (currently only one layer, 0; 0-15 available)
run	smallint	2			Run number
rerun	smallint	2			Rerun number
camcol	tinyint	1			Camera column
field	smallint	2			Field number
obj	smallint	2			The object id within a field. Usually changes between reruns of the same field
mode	tinyint	1			1: primary, 2: secondary, 3: other
nChild	smallint	2			Number of children if this is a composite object that has been debbled. BRIGHT (in a flags sense) objects also have nchild == 1, the non-BRIGHT sibling.
type	smallint	2			Type classification of the object (star, galaxy, cosmic ray, etc.)
clean	int	4			Clean photometry flag (1=clean, 0=unclean).
probPSF	real	4			Probability that the object is a star. Currently 0 if type == 3 (galaxy), 1 if type == 6 (star).
					Flag to indicate whether object is inside a mask and

Schema Browser

Need to know what Tables are available and which fields are stored in those tables

Basic Query

SELECT

ra, dec

which fields do you want returned?

FROM

specObj

from which table?

WHERE

ra BETWEEN 140 and 141

AND

dec BETWEEN 20 and 21

AND

class='STAR'

boolean constraints
on fields that records
must satisfy

Relational Query

SELECT

```
specObj.fiberID,  
PhotoObj.modelMag_u,  
PhotoObj.modelMag_g,  
PhotoObj.modelMag_r,  
PhotoObj.modelMag_i,  
PhotoObj.modelMag_z,  
PhotoObj.ra, PhotoObj.dec,  
specObj.z, PhotoObj.ObjID
```

which fields do you want returned?
[Table.Field]

FROM

```
PhotoObj, specObj
```

from which tables?

WHERE

```
specObj.bestObjid = PhotoObj.ObjID
```

need to ensure we
compare same object

AND

```
specObj.class = 'qso'
```

AND

```
specObj.zWarning = 0
```

AND

```
specobj.z between 0.3 and 0.4
```

boolean constraints
on fields that records
must satisfy
[Table.field = Value]

Result

Your SQL command was:

```
SELECT
specObj.fiberID, PhotoObj.modelMag_u, PhotoObj.modelMag_g,
PhotoObj.modelMag_r, PhotoObj.modelMag_i, PhotoObj.modelMag_z,
PhotoObj.ra, PhotoObj.dec, specObj.z, PhotoObj.ObjID
FROM
PhotoObj, specObj
WHERE
specObj.bestObjid = PhotoObj.ObjID
AND
specObj.class = 'qso'
AND
specObj.zWarning = 0
AND
specObj.z between 0.3 and 0.4
```

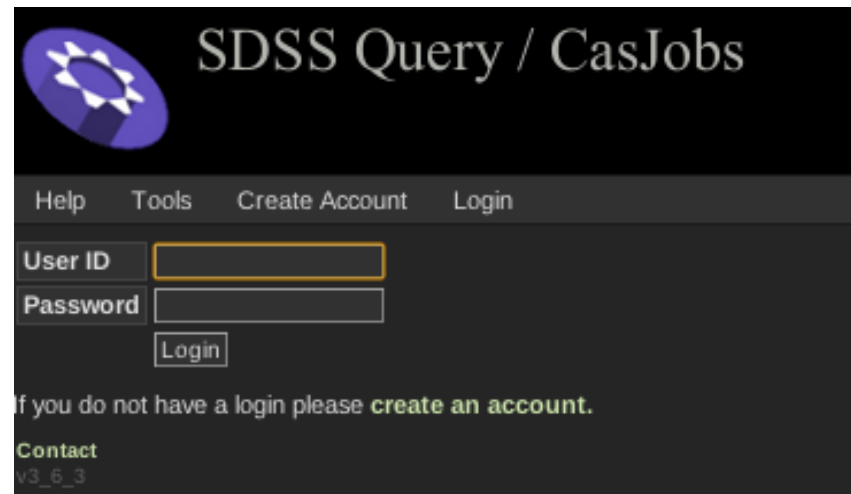
fiberID	modelMag_u	modelMag_g	modelMag_r	modelMag_i	modelMag_z	ra	dec	z	ObjID
225	21.608122	20.919027	20.106173	19.625843	19.161301	215.97274128	-0.96643655	0.391129	1237648720172745195
640	20.437267	20.066856	19.869516	19.683071	19.237711	195.66483383	0.40463547	0.374446	1237648674510995921
221	14.929588	12.896034	12.344924	12.255587	13.574942	6.40105152	-0.46343099	0.383457	1237657190371164165
218	20.620367	19.742416	18.909544	18.444504	17.982805	6.55951741	-0.98912516	0.372924	1237657189834358887
512	17.007906	16.777861	16.785234	16.746496	16.370136	23.57580286	0.26019863	0.399601	1237657071157444676
189	18.119993	17.833719	17.874315	17.67757	17.250725	33.24829998	-0.50817531	0.394522	1237657070087962632
151	20.841267	20.093006	18.863449	18.384741	17.953033	337.42612345	-0.71003756	0.374328	1237656567586095748
192	19.786795	19.552595	19.321449	19.210716	18.773647	233.74375738	2.70391221	0.389854	1237654879671550196
332	19.542379	19.182779	18.850351	18.602491	18.349787	143.53824274	2.5436351	0.381111	1237654599949942970
513	18.413069	18.271866	18.284575	18.26753	17.632139	145.17885592	2.26594343	0.385768	1237653665256767497
85	20.295122	19.745787	19.058146	18.573439	18.002174	166.94072826	60.1539464	0.397834	1237653616398696678
42	20.057171	19.952911	19.487123	19.267277	18.884089	348.67848826	-10.51547783	0.377506	1237653436008759550
382	19.270554	19.143511	18.722548	18.43214	18.025404	49.6711526	-6.67914789	0.390237	1237652901306499242
601	20.580416	20.056355	19.482079	19.14917	18.849903	45.02323702	-7.20430752	0.374826	1237652901304467725
585	20.303259	19.847921	19.321499	19.023911	18.627033	28.93484124	-8.68499508	0.381934	1237652901297520731

Powerful Queries

```
SELECT TOP 10
run,camCol,rerun,field,objID,ra,dec
FROM Galaxy
WHERE ( ( flags & (dbo.fPhotoFlags('BINNED1')
| dbo.fPhotoFlags('BINNED2')
| dbo.fPhotoFlags('BINNED4')) ) > 0
and ( flags & (dbo.fPhotoFlags('BLENDED')
| dbo.fPhotoFlags('NODEBLEND')
| dbo.fPhotoFlags('CHILD')) ) != dbo.fPhotoFlags('BLENDED')
and ( flags & (dbo.fPhotoFlags('EDGE')
| dbo.fPhotoFlags('SATURATED')) ) = 0
and petroMag_i > 17.5
and (petroMag_r > 15.5 or petroR50_r > 2)
and (petroMag_r > 0 and g > 0 and r > 0 and i > 0)
and ( (petroMag_r-extinction_r) < 19.2
and (petroMag_r - extinction_r <
(13.1 + (7/3) * (dered_g - dered_r) + 4 * (dered_r - dered_i)
- 4 * 0.18) )
and ( (dered_r - dered_i - (dered_g - dered_r)/4 - 0.18) < 0.2)
and ( (dered_r - dered_i - (dered_g - dered_r)/4 - 0.18) > -0.2)
-- dered_ quantities already include reddening
and ( (petroMag_r - extinction_r +
2.5 * LOG10(2 * 3.1415 * petroR50_r * petroR50_r)) < 24.2) )
or ( (petroMag_r - extinction_r < 19.5)
and ( (dered_r - dered_i - (dered_g - dered_r)/4 - 0.18) > (0.45 - 4 *
(dered_g - dered_r)) )
and ( (dered_g - dered_r) > (1.35 + 0.25 * (dered_r - dered_i)) ) )
and ( (petroMag_r - extinction_r +
2.5 * LOG10(2 * 3.1415 * petroR50_r * petroR50_r) ) < 23.3 ) )
```

CasJobs

- No limit on number of records returned or the time it takes for your Query to run
- You can also upload and create your own Tables, then join those in SQL queries



- Note: it is very easy to write a very complex Query so appreciate what you are asking from the server
- The SDSS/SQL model is used by others, such as GALEX, MAST, VISTA etc

Other example ; UKIDSS @ WFAU

The screenshot displays the WFCAM Science Archive website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home | Overview | Browser | Access | Login | Cookbook | nonSurvey, and a WSA logo. The left sidebar contains a vertical menu with various links: WSA Home, Start Here, Data Overview, Known Issues, the Surveys, Schema browser, Data access, Login, Archive Listing, GetImage, ColourImage, MultiGetImage, Region, Menu query, Freeform SQL, CrossID, Analysis services, SQL Cookbook, Q&A, Glossary, Release History, non-Survey, Gallery, Publications, Monitor, Downtime, and Links. The main content area is titled 'Freeform SQL Query' and includes a status message: 'Status: Not logged in. Please reload this page if you have logged in and are not seeing the correct login status.' Below this is a warning: 'The GPS and UDS are not publically accessible in UKIDSSDR7plus. Users wishing to access GPS/UDS data should use the DR6plus/DR5plus databases respectively.' The form itself has a dropdown menu for 'Database release to use:' set to 'UKIDSSDR7PLUS'. It features an 'Upload SQL query from file into this form:' section with a 'Choose File' button and 'No file chosen' text, and an 'Upload' button. Below this is a text area for 'or enter SQL statement:'. At the bottom of the form, there is a 'Submit' button and instructions: 'ensure one of the file formats is selected below if you want to save your results.' The 'Email Address:' field is partially obscured by a redaction box, with the text 'the results of long running queries will be sent by email.' The 'Data Format:' section has radio buttons for: HTML table summary (results are NOT saved to file), ASCII FILE (downloadable with HTML table summary on-screen), FITS FILE (downloadable with HTML table summary on-screen), and VOTable FILE (downloadable with HTML table summary on-screen). A note in italics states: '(The number of rows written to the downloadable files is subject to an upper limit see data access)'. The 'File Compression:' section has radio buttons for: (none) and GZIP. At the bottom left of the page, there is a WFAU logo and the text 'IFA ROE'.

Lecture 5 Assignment (part 2 of 2)

- Using TOPCAT Retrieve a 5' cone of data from the SDSS DR7 photometry (`sdsedr7-sda` service, `PhotoObjAll` catalog) centered on 01:30:56, +43:55:49
- Merge the resulting table with 2MASS (`2mass-psc`) using a sky matching radius of 2''
- Make a scatter plot of SDSS (u-g) colour versus 2MASS (J-K) colour, limited to sources brighter than SDSS $g=20$
- Consider the source that is most red in the near-infrared and comment on its optical colour relative to other sources in the field