Virtual Observatory:
what the heck is this about?

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on behalf of BRAVO

Jim Gray's view of Science Development

Science Paradigms

- Thousand years ago:
  science was **empirical**
  describing natural phenomena
- Last few hundred years:
  theoretical branch
  using models, generalizations
- Last few decades:
  a **computational** branch
  simulating complex phenomena
- Today: **data exploration** (eScience)
  unify theory, experiment, and simulation
  - Data captured by instruments or generated by simulator
  - Processed by software
  - Information/knowledge stored in computer
  - Scientist analyzes database/files using data management and statistics

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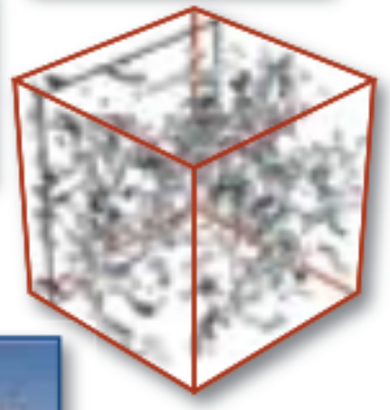

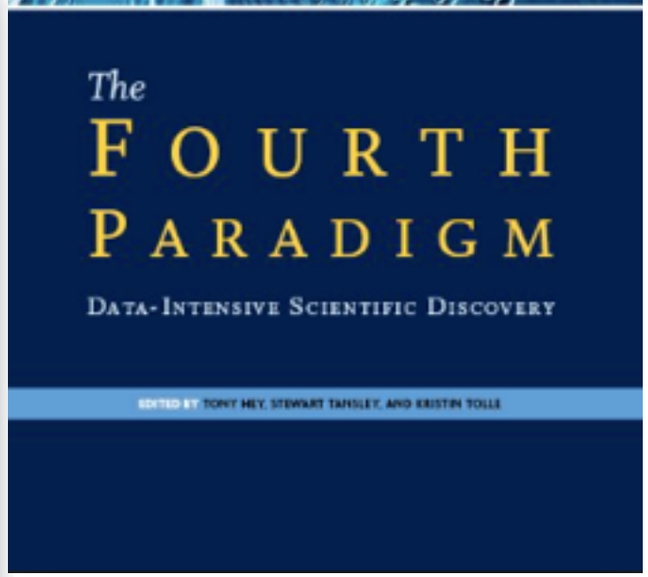

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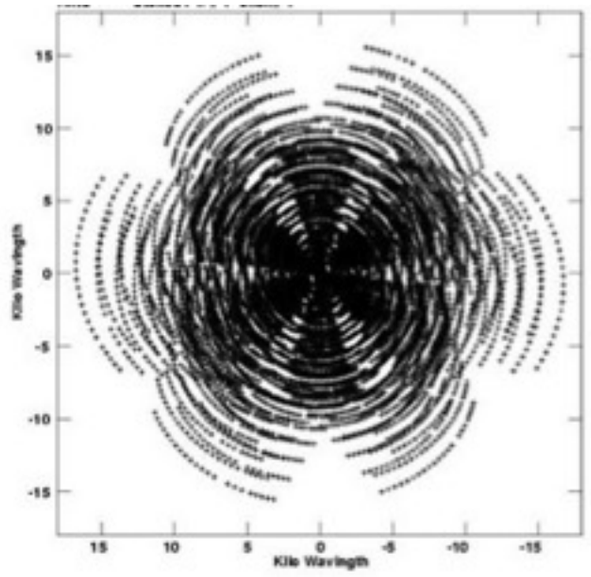
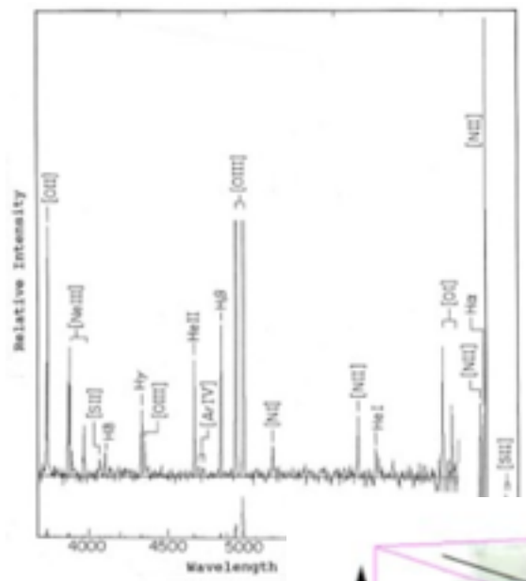
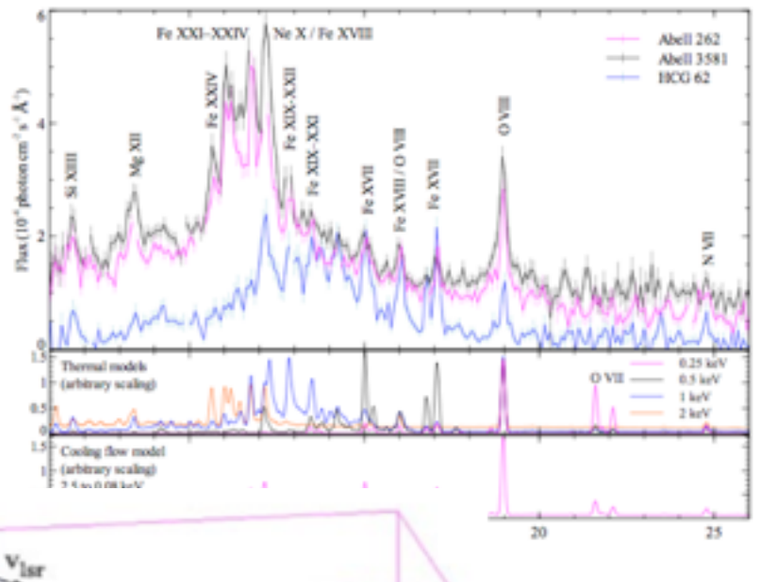
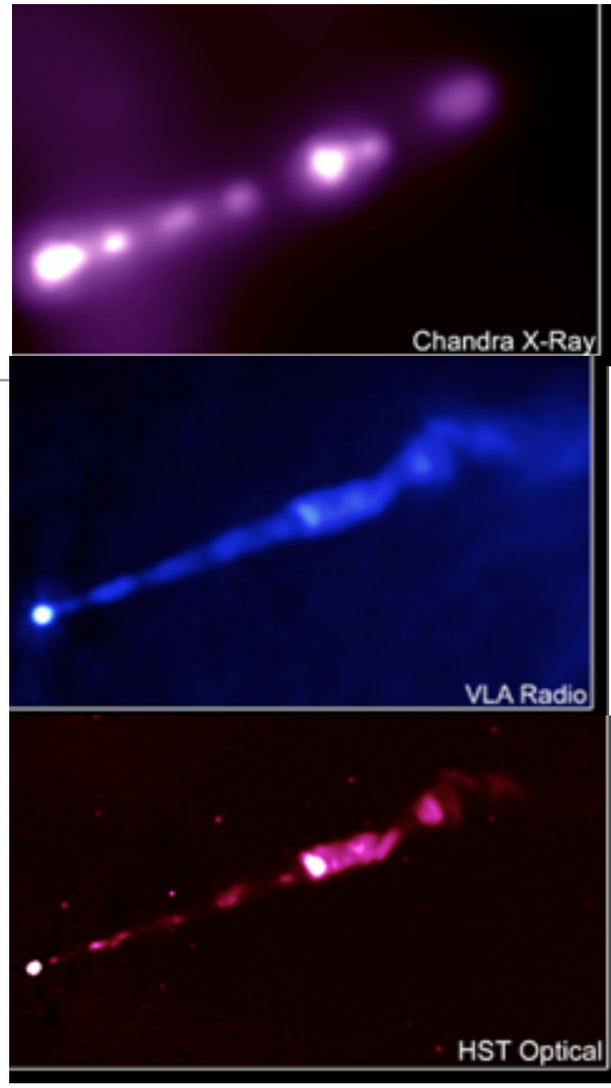
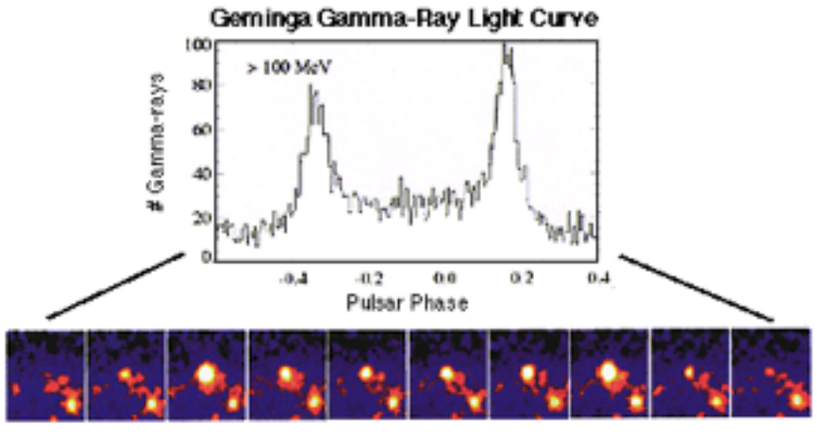
Data in Astronomy

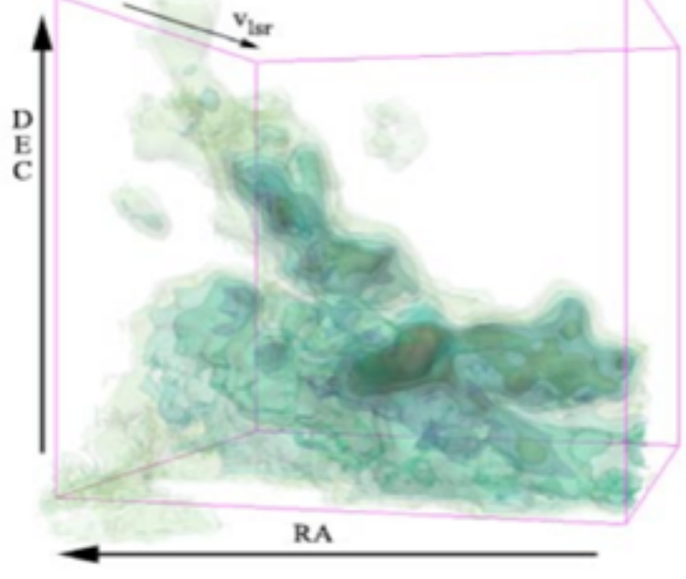












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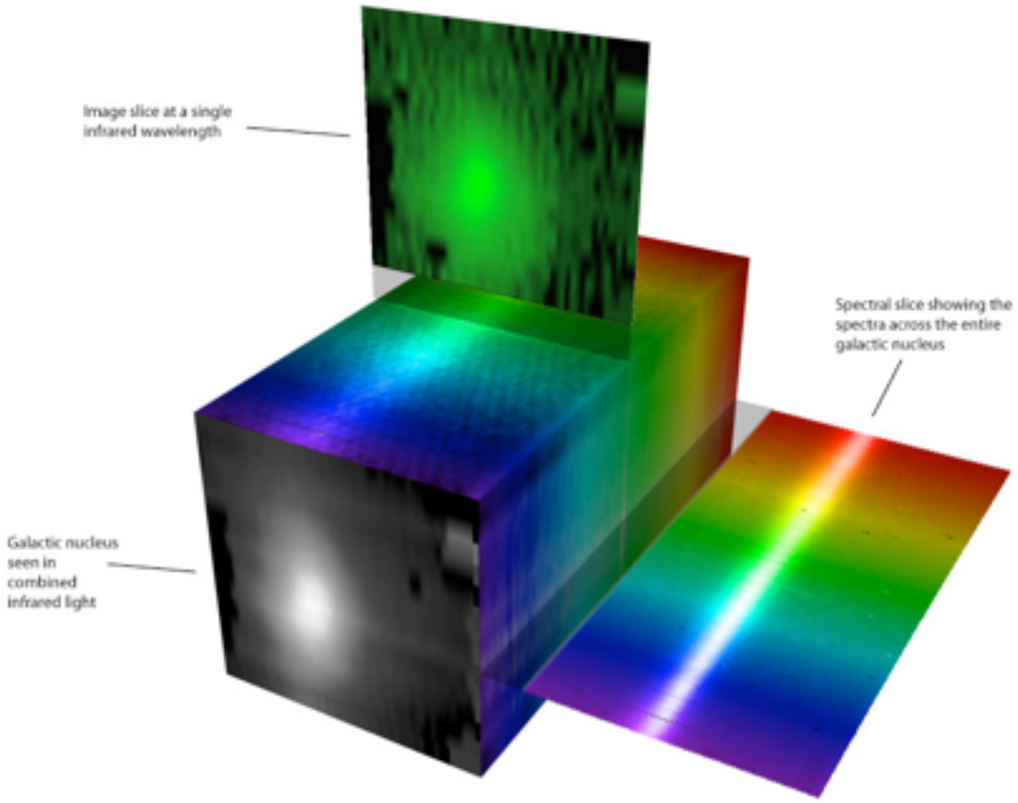
1D, 2D, 3D; intensity/polarization vs. energy, time, position, velocity. tables, DBs, catalogs, x-ray event lists, radio visibility measurements… various data processing levels, from raw to “science-ready”

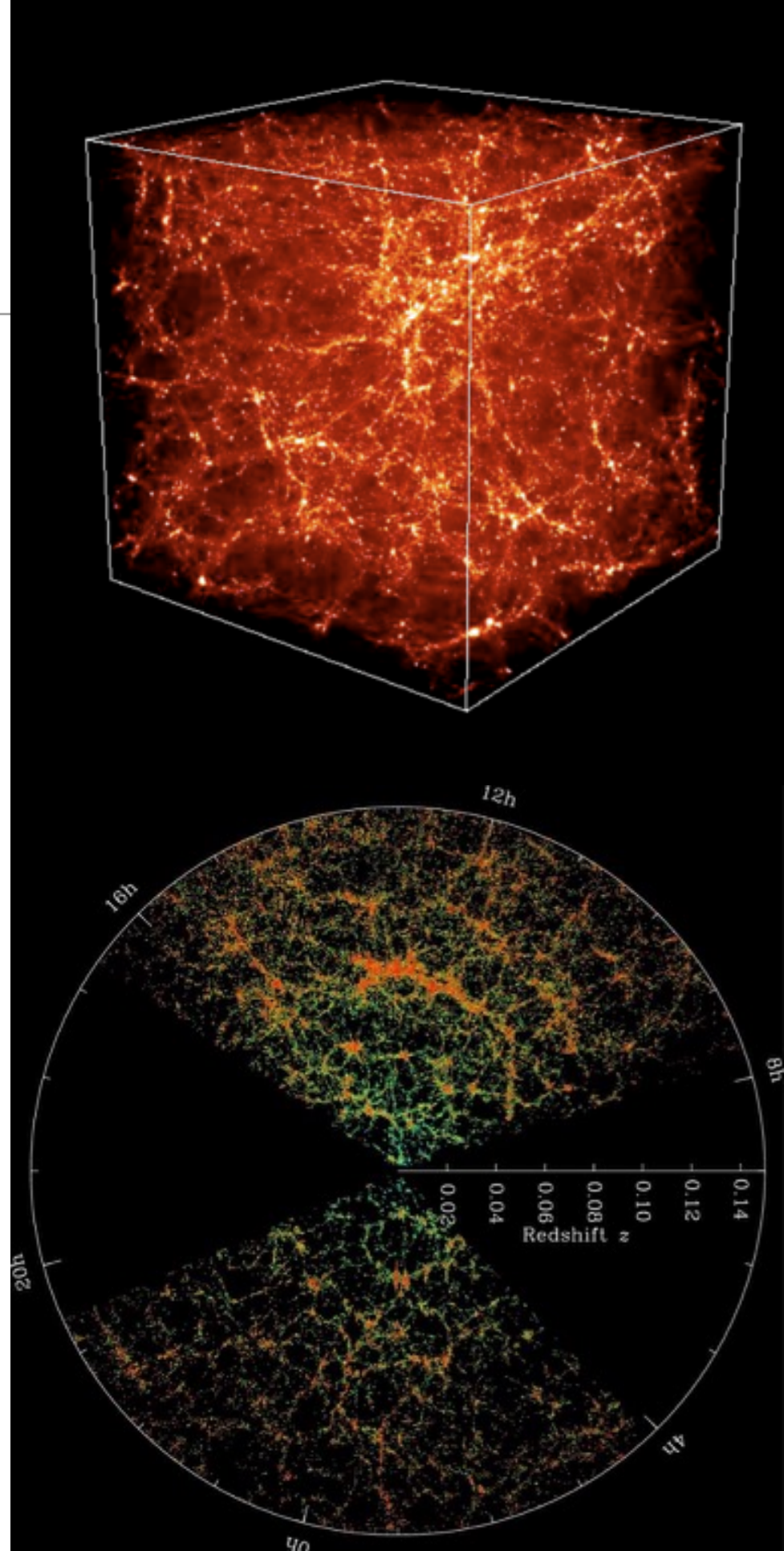
A new era in astronomy

- Past: observations of small, carefully selected samples (often with a priori prejudices) of objects in one or a few wavelength bands

A new era in Astronomy

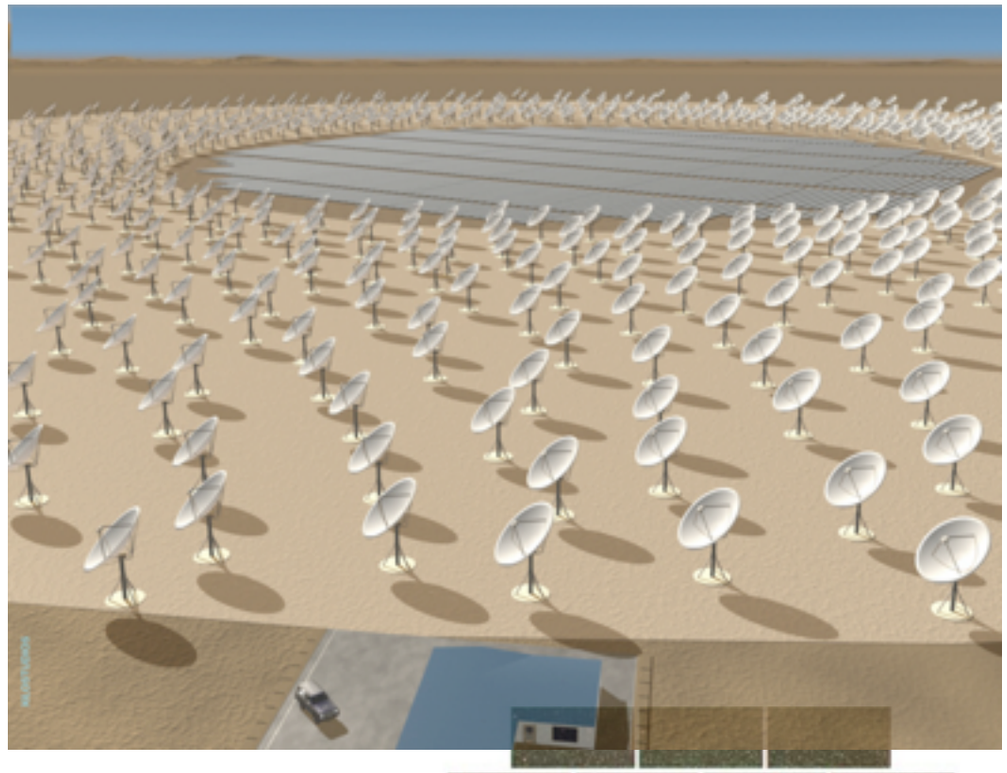
- Now: multi-wavelength data for millions of objects, allowing us to:
  - **discover** significant patterns from the analysis of statistically rich and unbiased databases
  - **understand** complex astrophysical systems via confrontation between data and sophisticated numerical simulation





Survey Science: Big Data in Astronomy

SDSS, DES, J-PAS,
LSST, Gaia, SKA…



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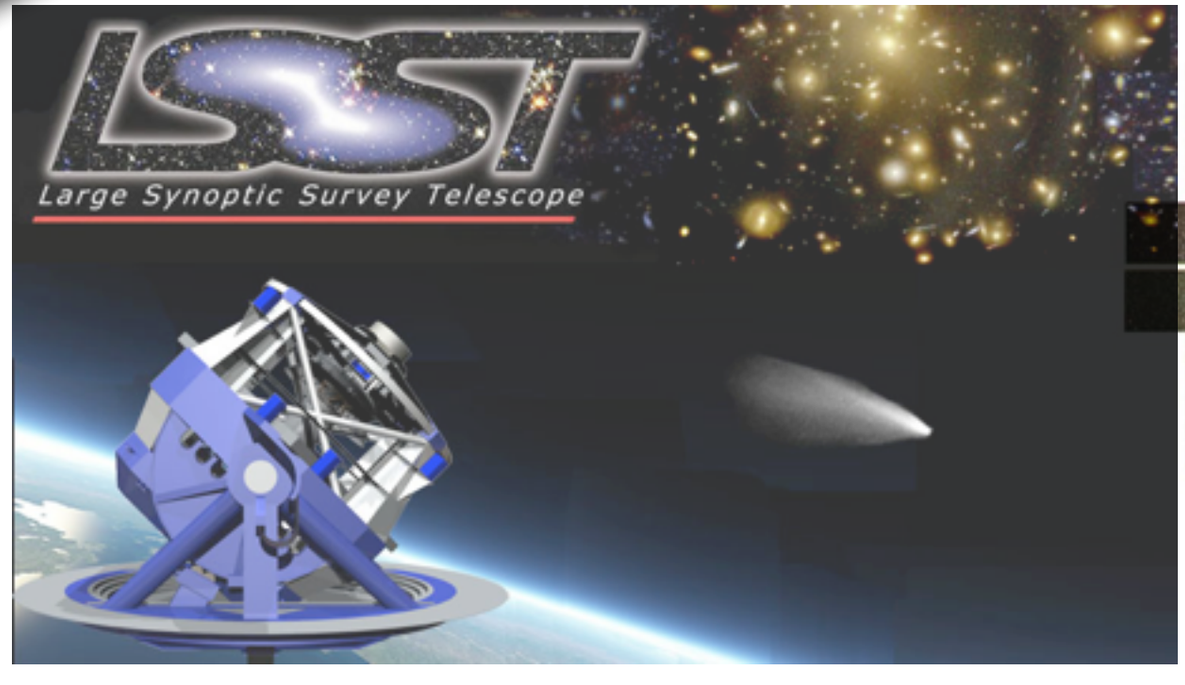
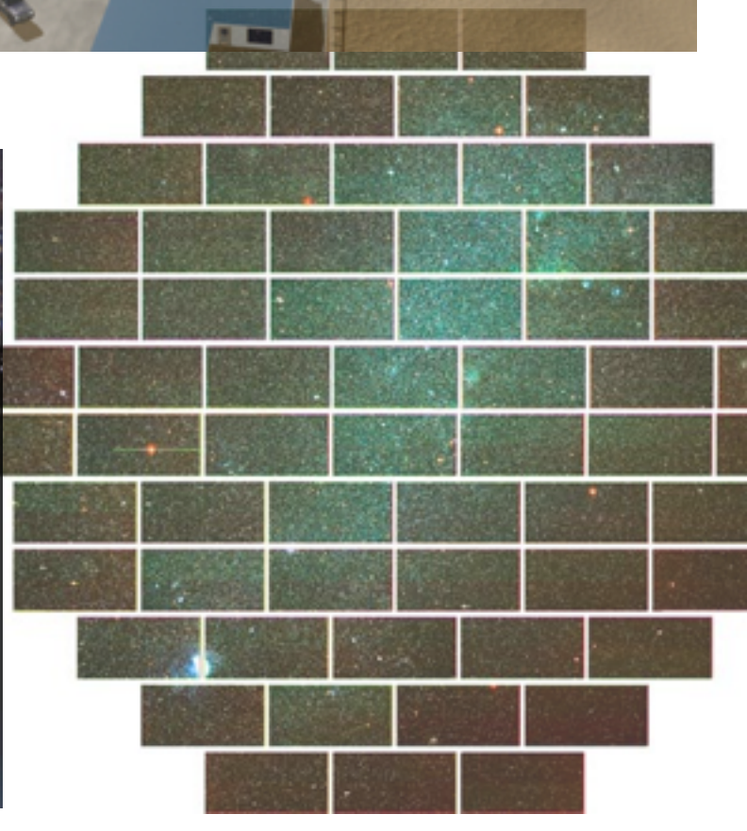




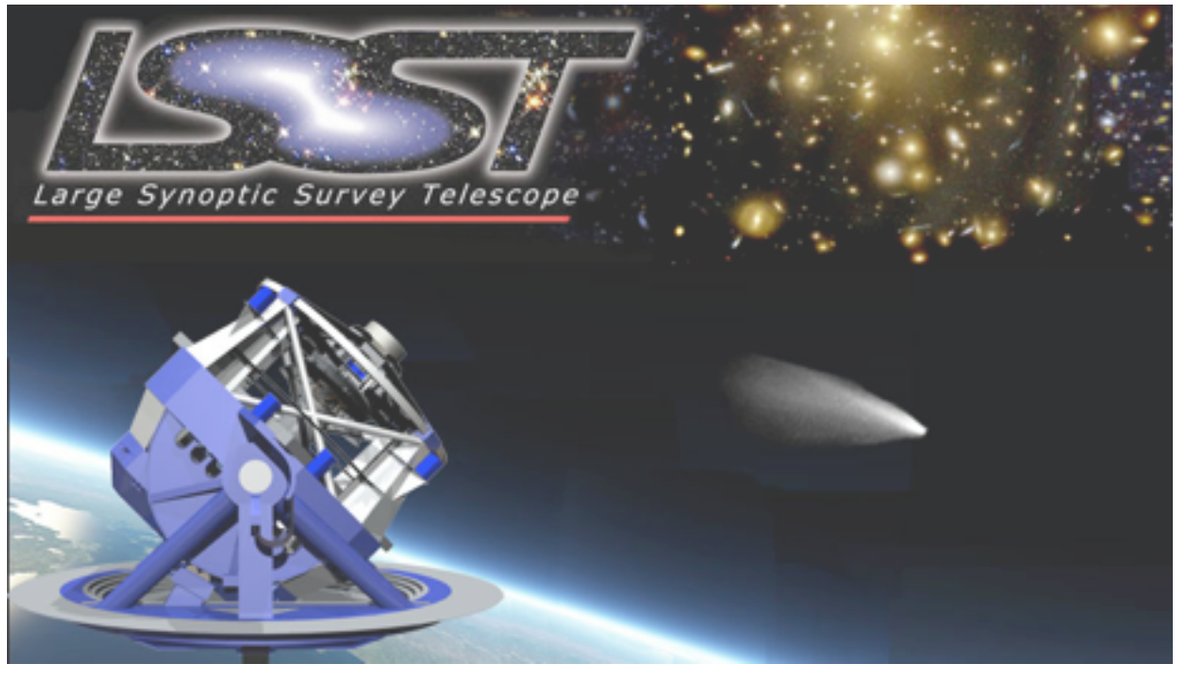
Exploding Data Rates

Survey science: Big Data in Astronomy

The Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) is a planned wide-field survey that will observe the entire available sky every few nights.

15 TB/night, 7 PB/year, 200 PB total, ~1M transient events/night

(in comparison, SDSS 170 GB/night)



And the scary future… SKA

The Square Kilometre Array is a project to build a radio telescope tens of times more sensitive and hundreds of times faster at mapping the sky than today's best radio astronomy facilities.

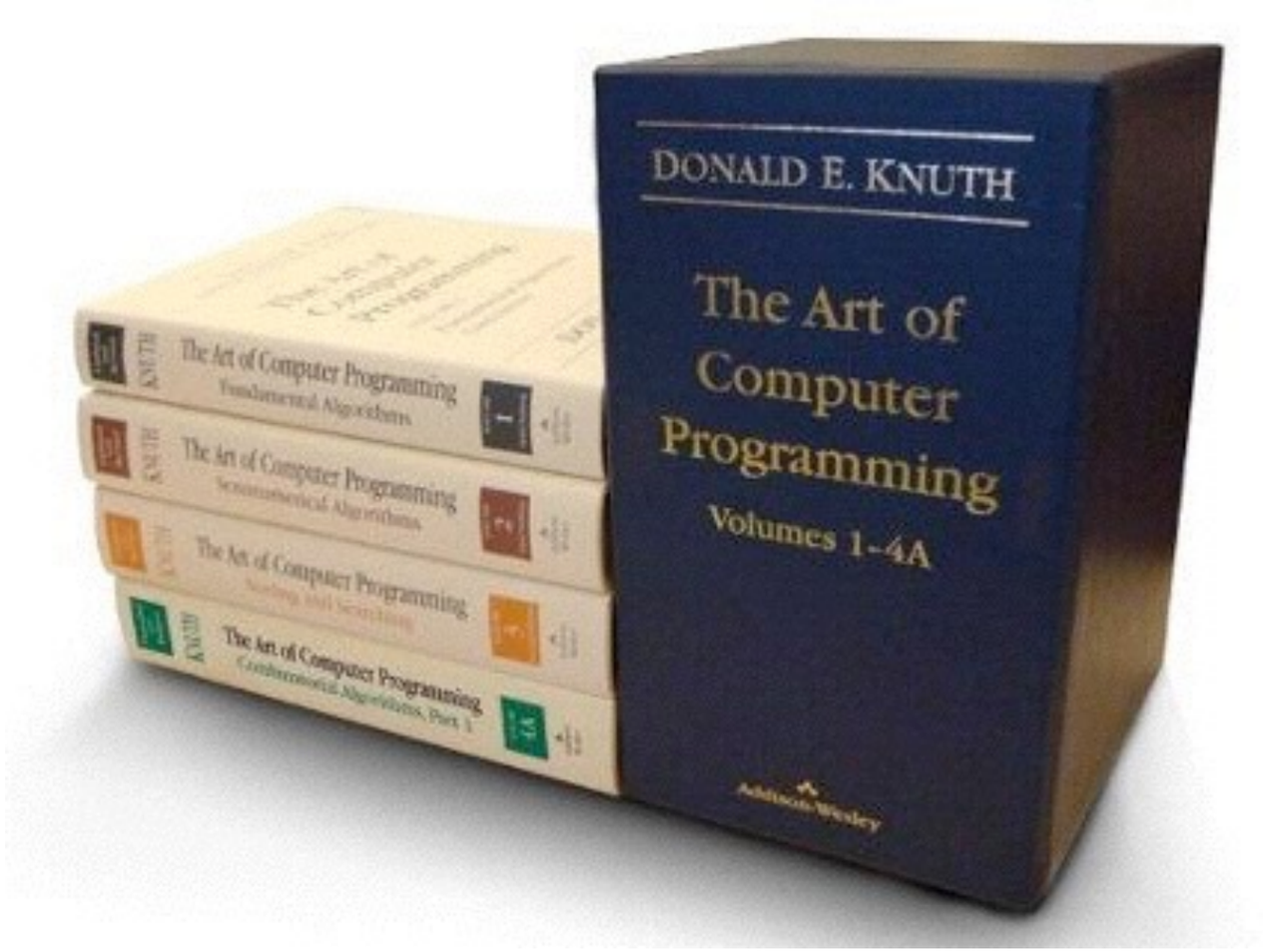
1 exabyte of raw data in a single day; more than the entire daily Internet traffic!!

What do these projects have in common?

Data, data, data!

- Volume
- Complexity
- Interdependency

But with data...



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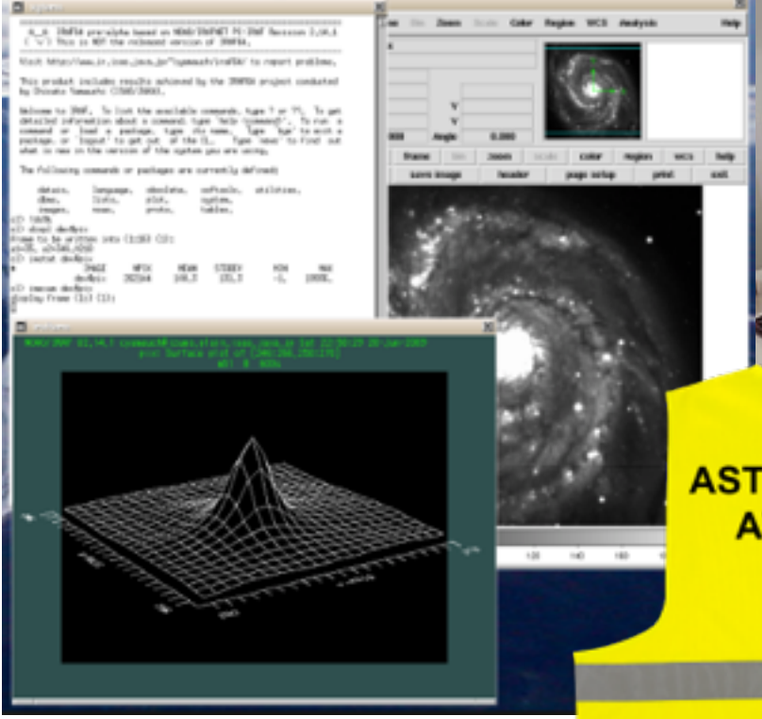

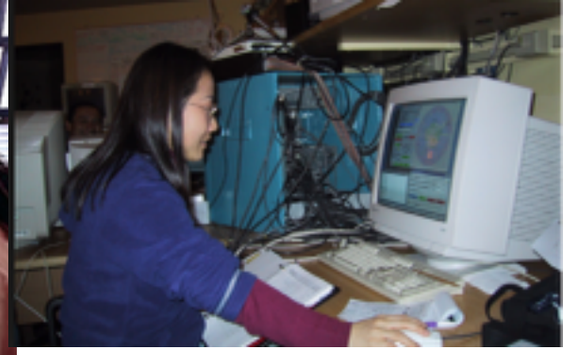


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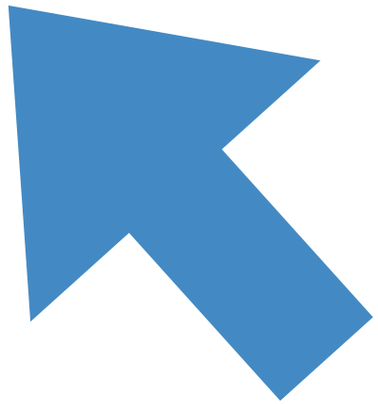

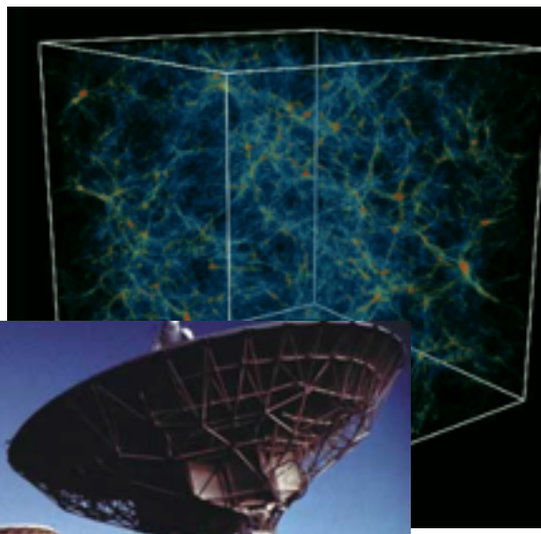

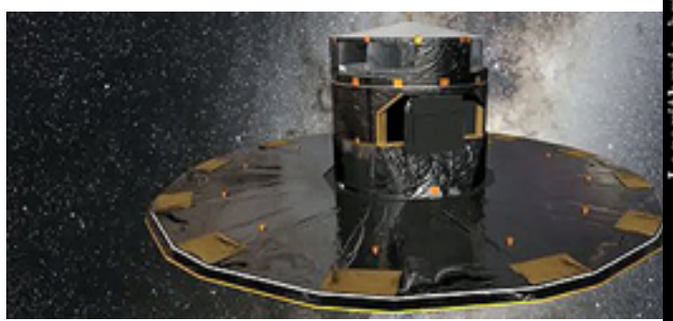

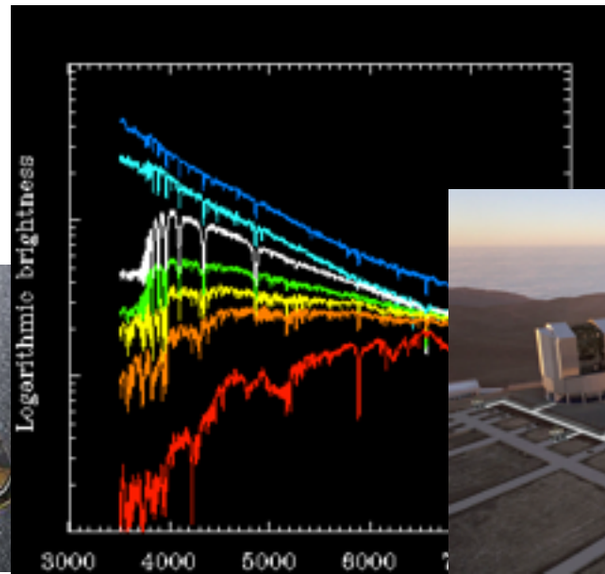
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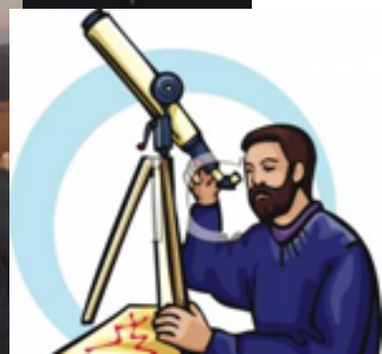

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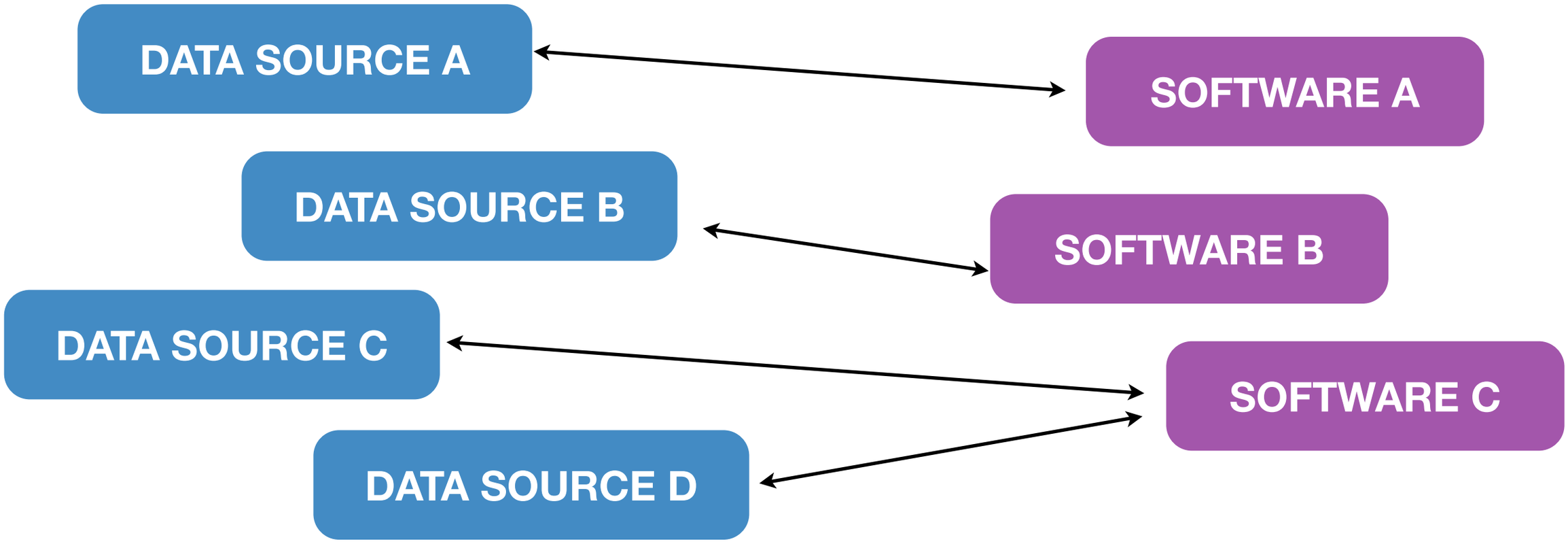

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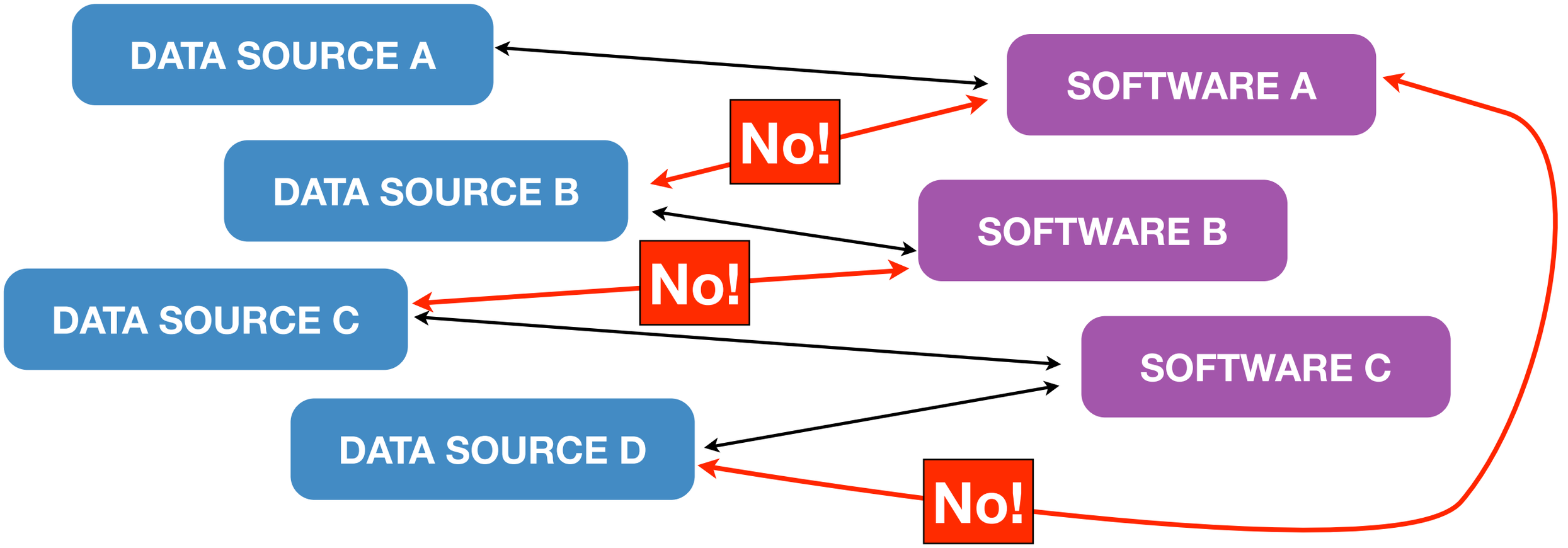

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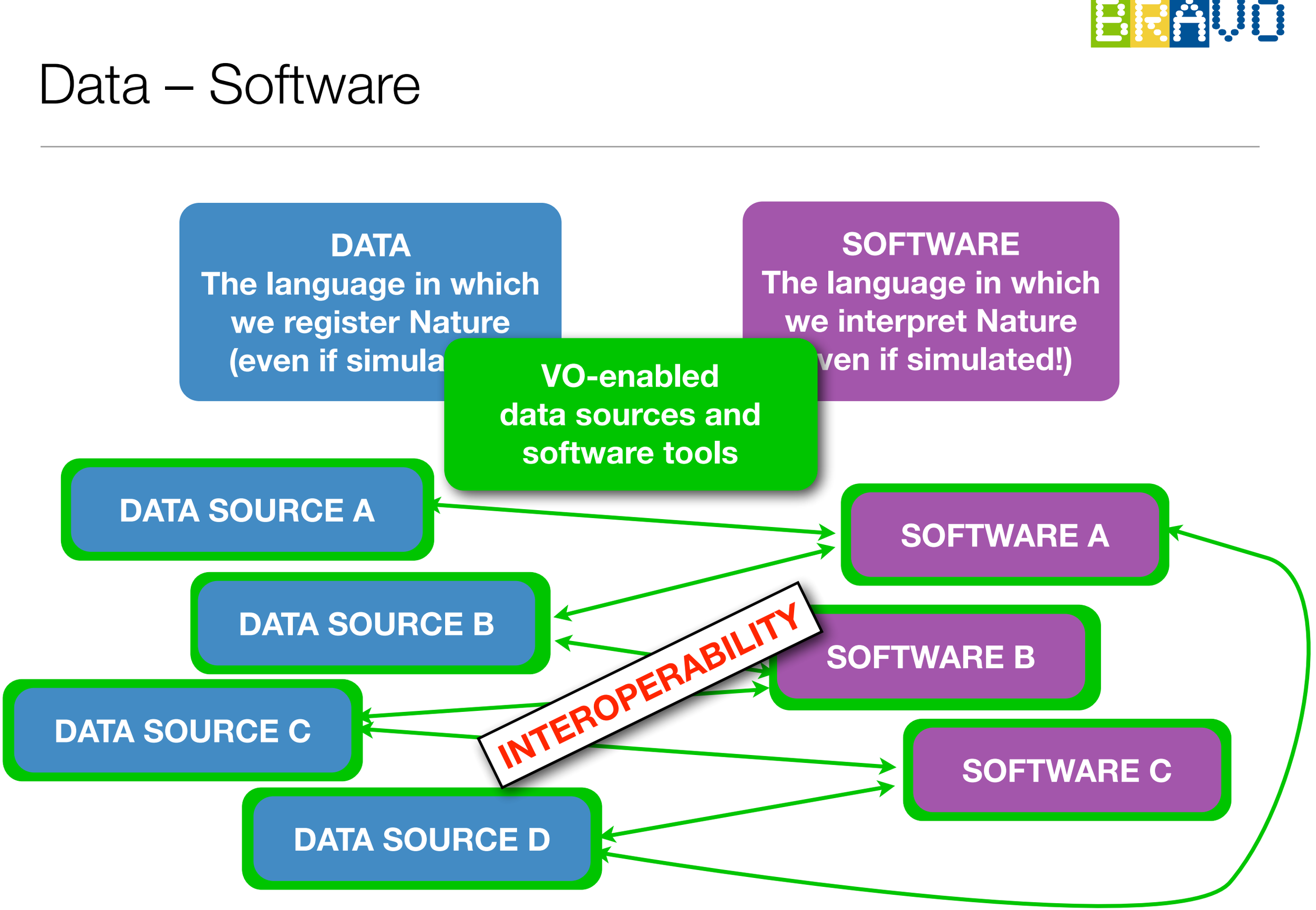
VO-enabled data sources and software tools



The Virtual Observatory (VO) is …

- the vision that astronomical datasets and other resources should work as a seamless whole (IVOA)

- a collection of interoperating data archives and software tools which utilize the internet to form an environment in which astronomical research projects can be conducted (Wiki)

- a data discovery, access, and integration facility (B. Hanisch)

The Virtual Observatory (VO)

It provides a common language (standards, protocols, data models etc.) for communicating and exchanging data within Astronomy, and indicate where the data is stored!

Goal: To enable science! Transparent and distributed access to data available worldwide, allowing scientists to discover, access, analyze, and combine nature and lab data from heterogeneous data collections in a user-friendly manner.

An ambitious goal and no pre-existing model to follow…

IVOA

Global interoperability means world-wide agreement

Many projects and data centres worldwide are working towards this goal since 2002.

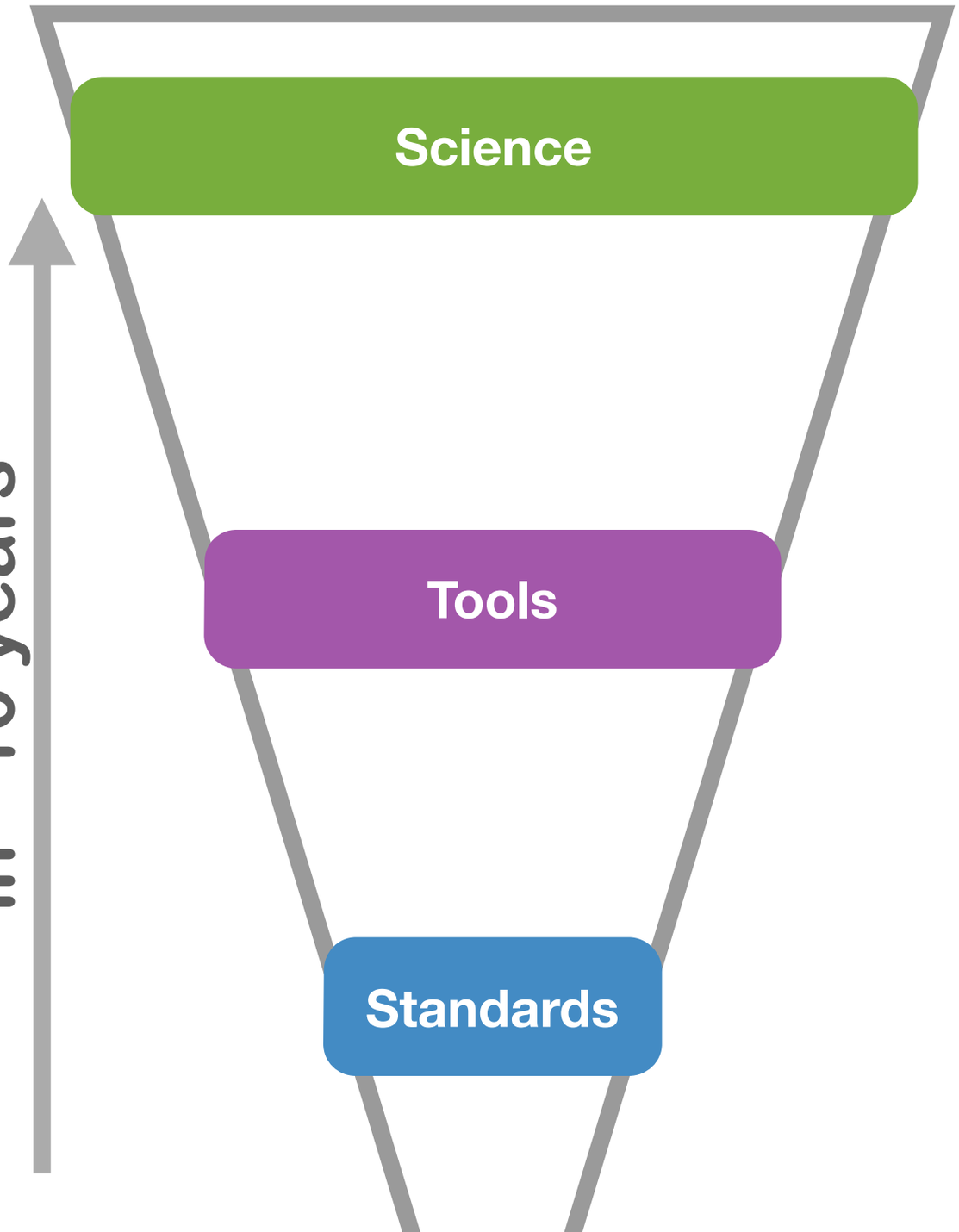
The IVOA is a standards body created by the VO projects to develop and agree the vital interoperability standards upon which the VO implementations are constructed.

International Virtual Observatory Alliance

http://www.ivoa.net

17 country members + 2 institutions

VO: bottom-up approach



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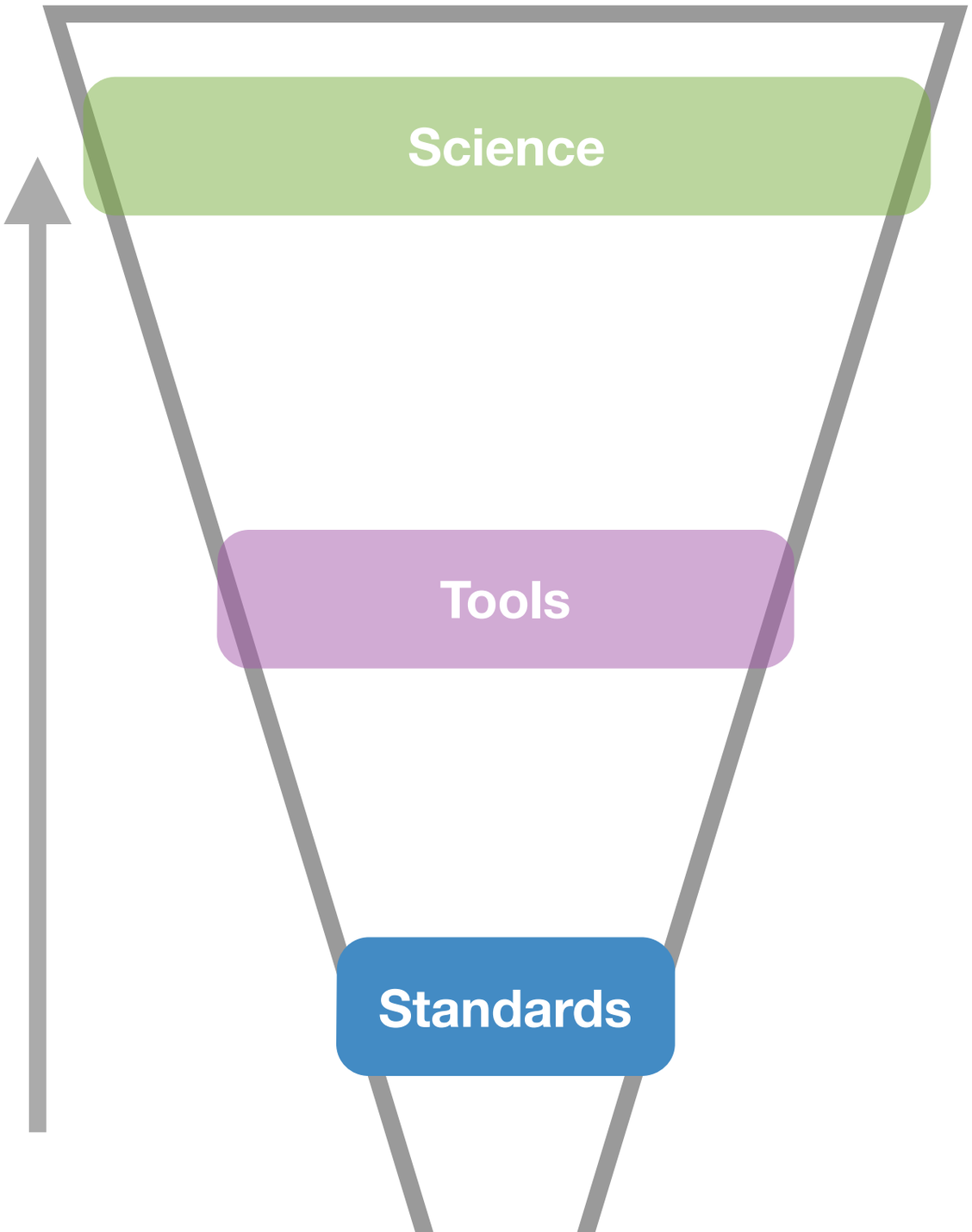

Registry, Protocols and Data Models

Core standards established

Priorities now on multi-dimensional data and time domain astronomy

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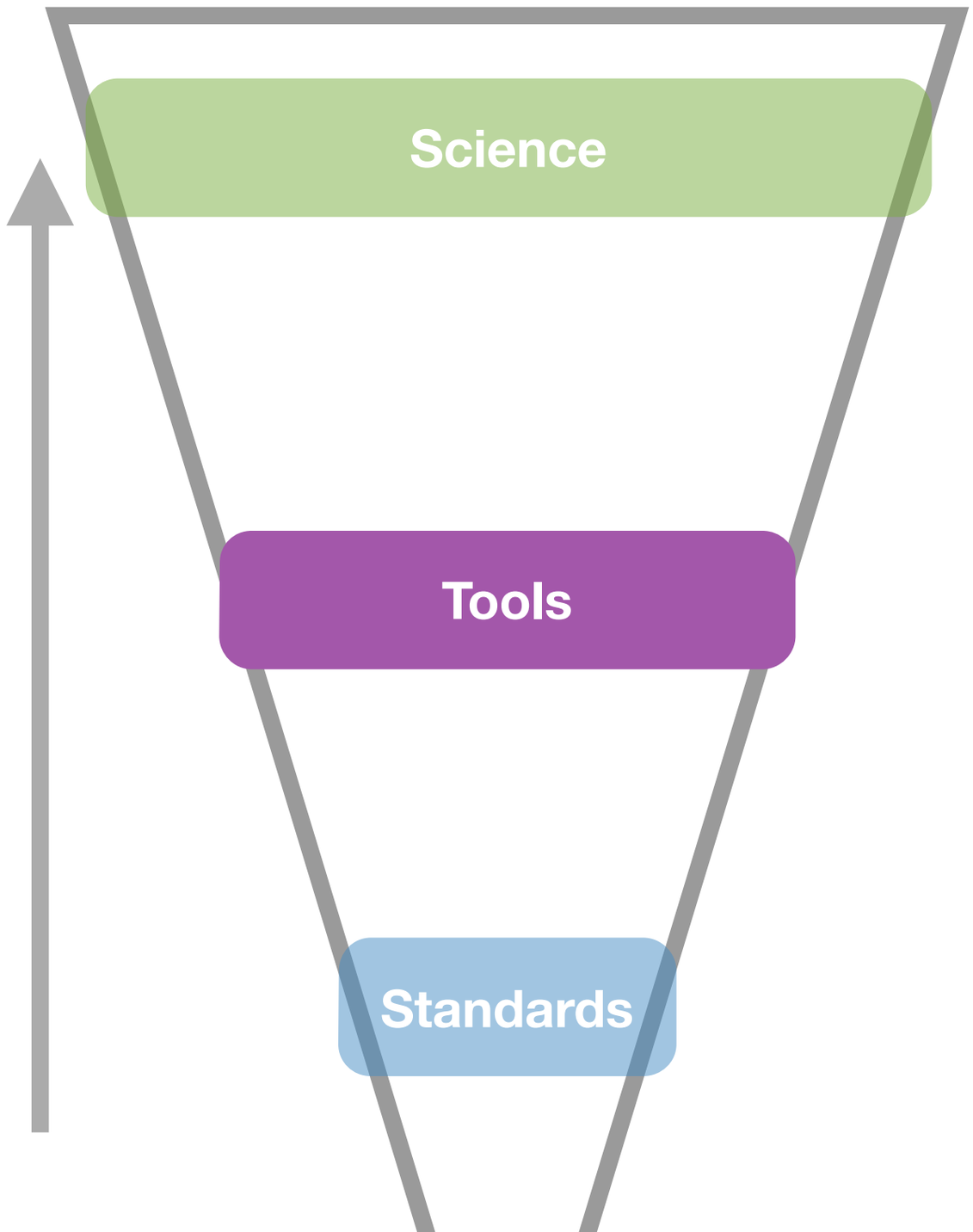

30+ VO-enabled applications, from 10+ VO projects, many with hundreds of downloads

Web apps used frequently

Many users are unaware that data requests are being handled by VO services

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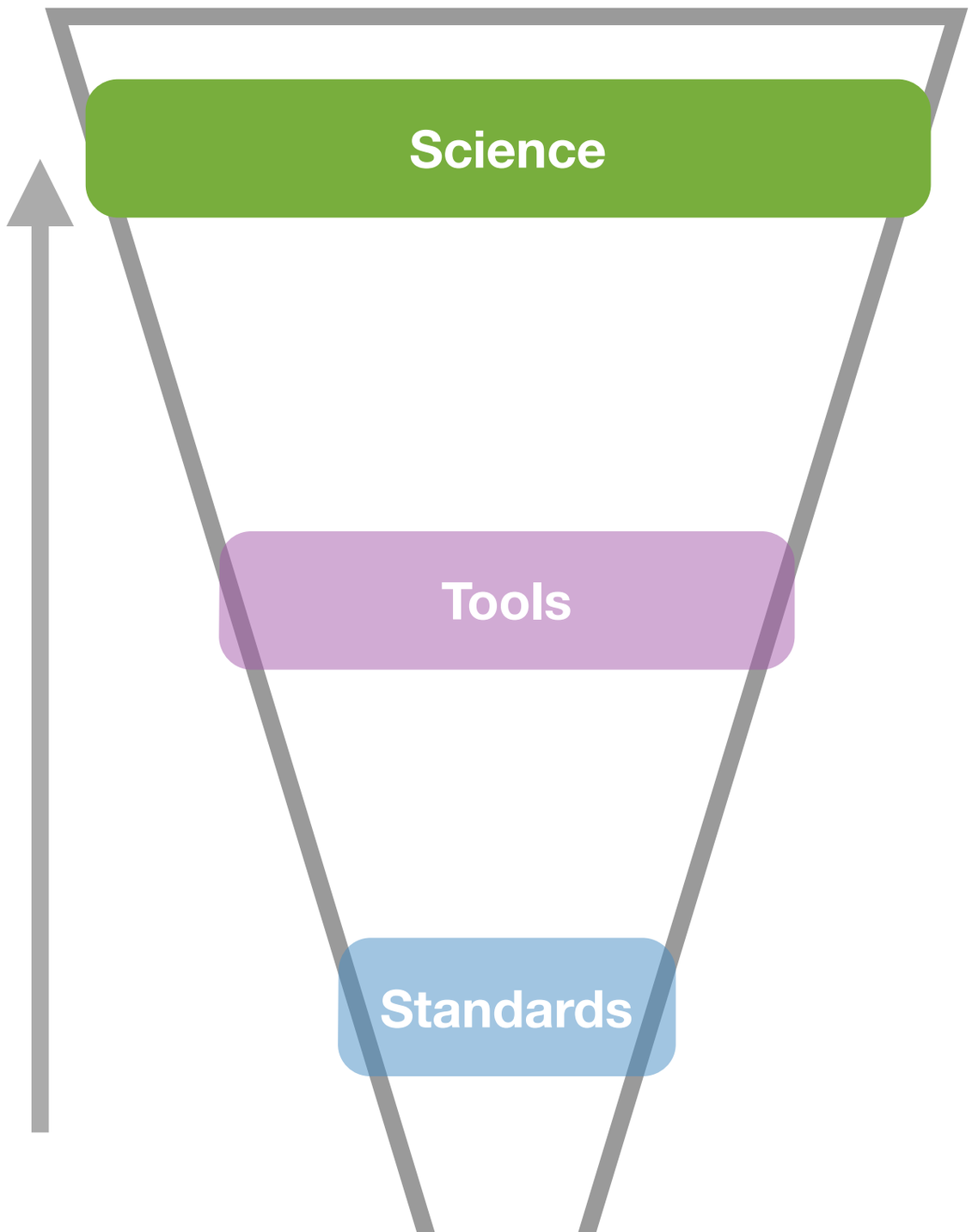

About 300 refereed papers, several of them introducing innovative ways

Part of Astronomer's everyday tool kit

'VO' not well cited, but tools are!

This is just the beginning…

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Science Archives Team

ESA Science Archives

People

Science Archives at ESAC

ean Space Astronomy Centre (ESAC) hosts most of ESA astronomy and planetary missions' archives. This currently

uster Science Archive	→ Cluster Mission
A Hubble Science Archive	→ HST Mission
OSAT Science Archive	→ EXOSAT Mission
erschel Science Archive	→ Herschel Mission
O Data Archive	→ ISO Mission
anck Legacy Archive	→ Planck Mission
A's Planetary Science Archive	→ (regrouping data from Rosetta, Mars Express, Venus Express, Huygens, Smart-1 and Giotto for the time being)

Latest

- 6th M NAVCAM 2014) a new Arc Full deta
- 22nd Legacy

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Virtual Observatory projects
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- AIDA - DCA -
VOTech
OV France

Other projects
RDA Europe
ARCHES
ASTRODEEP

Authorities
Strasbourg

Centre de Données astronomiques de Strasbourg

Strasbourg astronomical Data Center

Entry point to all services | Object database | Catalogue database | Interactive sky atlas

Object/position | Obj/position/bibcode | Keywords, target, ... | Object/position

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And future surveys, such as J-PAS and Gaia

A&A 525, A29 (2011)
DOI: 10.1051/0004-6361/201015223

Astronomy & Astrophysics

Identification of blue high proper motion objects in the Tycho-2 and 2MASS catalogues using Virtual Observatory tools

F. M. Jiménez-Esteban[1,2,3], J. A. Caballero[4], and E. Solano[1,2]

New ultracool subdwarfs identified in large-scale surveys using Virtual Observatory tools ⋆ ⋆⋆

Part I: UKIDSS LAS DR5 vs SDSS DR7

N. Lodieu[1,2], M. Espinoza Contreras[1], M. R. Zapatero Osorio[3], E. Solano[4,5], M. Aberasturi[4,5], and E. L. Martín[3]

A&A 530, A2 (2011)
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Astronomy & Astrophysics

A search for new hot subdwarf stars by means of Virtual Observatory tools

R. Oreiro[1], C. Rodríguez-López[2,3], E. Solano[4], A. Ulla[3], R. Østensen[5], and M. García-Torres[6]

The VO concept elsewhere

- Space Science
  - Virtual Heliophysics Observatory (HELIO)
  - Virtual Radiation Belt Observatory (ViRBO)
  - Virtual Space Physics Observatory (VSPO)
  - Virtual Magnetospheric Observatory (VMO)
  - Virtual Ionosphere Thermosphere Mesosphere Observatory (VITMO)
  - Virtual Solar-Terrestrial Observatory (VSTO)
  - Virtual Sun/Earth Observatory (VSEO)
- Virtual Solar Observatory
- Planetary Science Virtual Observatory
- Deep Carbon Virtual Observatory

And currently this model is being exported to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and to Neurosciences

How to learn about VO technology?

- as an **astronomer** wanting to make the most out of the existing tools

- as a **deployer** who wants to learn how to publish data in the VO

- as a **developer** who wants to get involved in the standards and develop new tools

How to learn about VO technology?

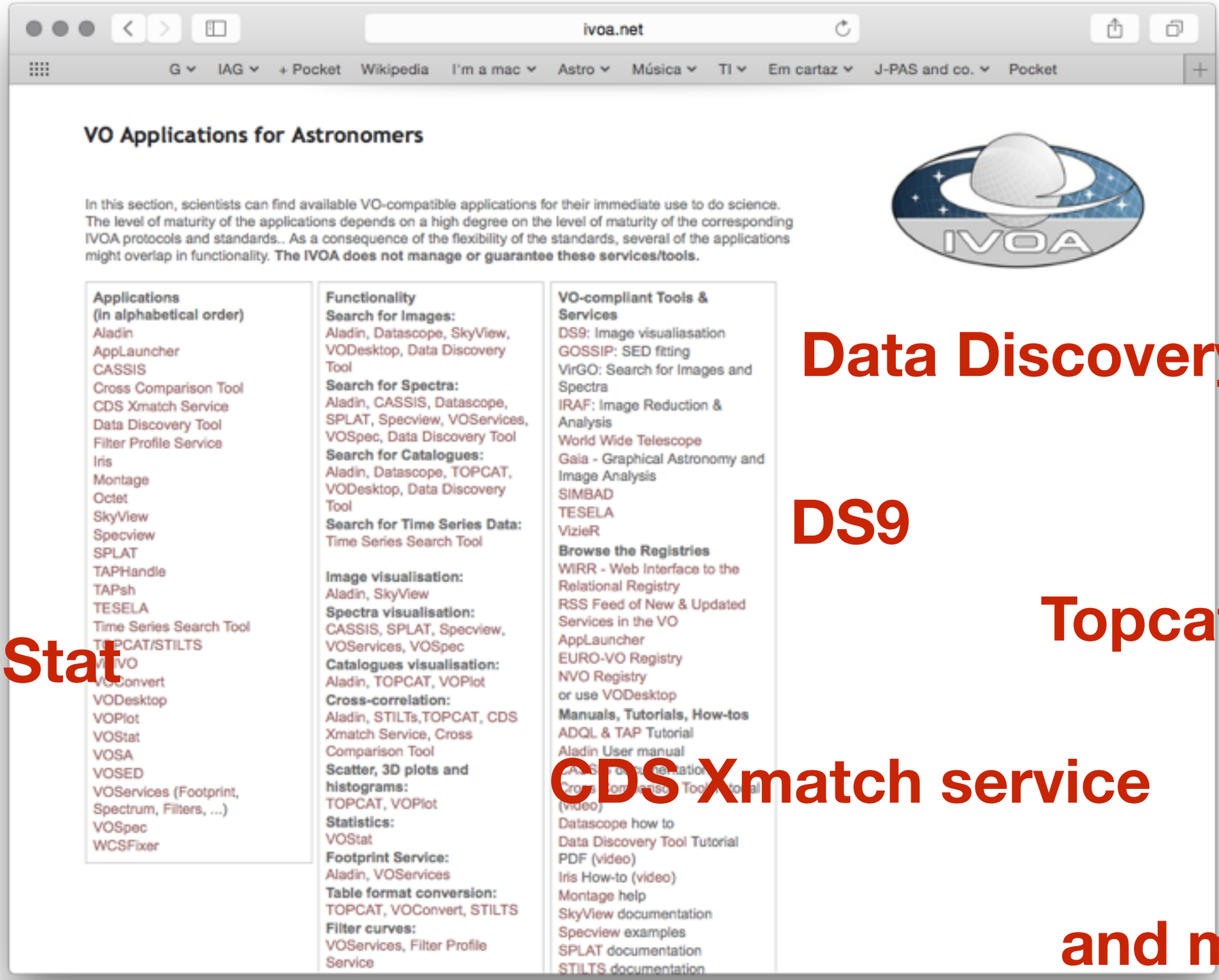
- are you an **astronomer** wanting to use the VO tools?

- take a look at the Scientific Tutorials at
- http://www.euro-vo.org/?q=science/scientific-tutorials

- check out http://www.ivoa.net/astronomers/applications.html

How to learn about VO technology?

Aladin



Data Discovery Tool

Iraf

DS9

VOStat

Topcat

CDS Xmatch service

VOSA

and more…

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- there are several toolkits for VO publishing already available, see *Guide to Publishing in the VO*

- http://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/PublishingInTheVONew

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- check out the technical pages from IVOA
- http://www.ivoa.net/documents/index.html

- libs available for Java, C++, Perl, PHP and Python

- go to a Interop meeting to see how the guys work!

BRAVO

- BRazilian Astrophysical Virtual Observatory

- 2006: BRAVO is born as a collaboration between **Divisão de Astrofísica** and **Laboratório de Computação @ INPE**

- 2009: BRAVO becomes IVOA partner and associate with INCT-A

- 2015: team 6 integrants and 5 collaborators http://bravo.iag.usp.br

Would you like to join us?
Let me know!

Mission

- To **stimulate** and to **encourage** the **projects** of the different local groups, facilitating the necessary coordination and collaboration for the **development and deployment** of the tools, systems, and organizational structures;

- To **organize workshops and schools** aiming at the dissemination of the VO concepts and the qualification of people capable to use and to work on the development of new VO services and tools;

- To **act as a partner of the IVOA** and as an intermediate between the IVOA and the Brazilian groups working with VO.

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2011

2014

- NAT/LAC/BRAVO initiative

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2012

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2012

We negotiated community access to the IAG/NAT's Alphacrucis cluster, together with the emergent groups

2011

GINA

O uso de GPUs (Graphical Processing Units) tem aberto novas possibilidades para computação astronômica, provendo paralelização em grande escala.

GINA (GPUs para o Instituto Nacional de Ciência e Tecnlogia de Astrofísica) é um cluster experimental, com o objetivo de ser um ambiente de desenvolvimento e testes de aplicativos que fazem uso de GPUs na área de Astronomia.

Está aberto para o uso de toda a comunidadade astronômica brasileira

GPUs para o INCT-A

BRAVO BRAZILIAN VIRTUAL OBSERVATORY

O computador GINA possui atualmente 2 nós, cada um com:
· 2 GPUs NVIDIA Tesla C2050 (448 núcleos cada)
· 2 CPUs Intel Xeon X5650 (6 núcleos cada)
· 48 GB de RAM

Os softwares já disponíveis incluem:
· CUDA C
· CUDA Fortran
· IDL (com GPULib)
· R (com R+GPU)
· Python (com PyCUDA)
· MPI, OpenMP, TORQUE

Veja mais em:

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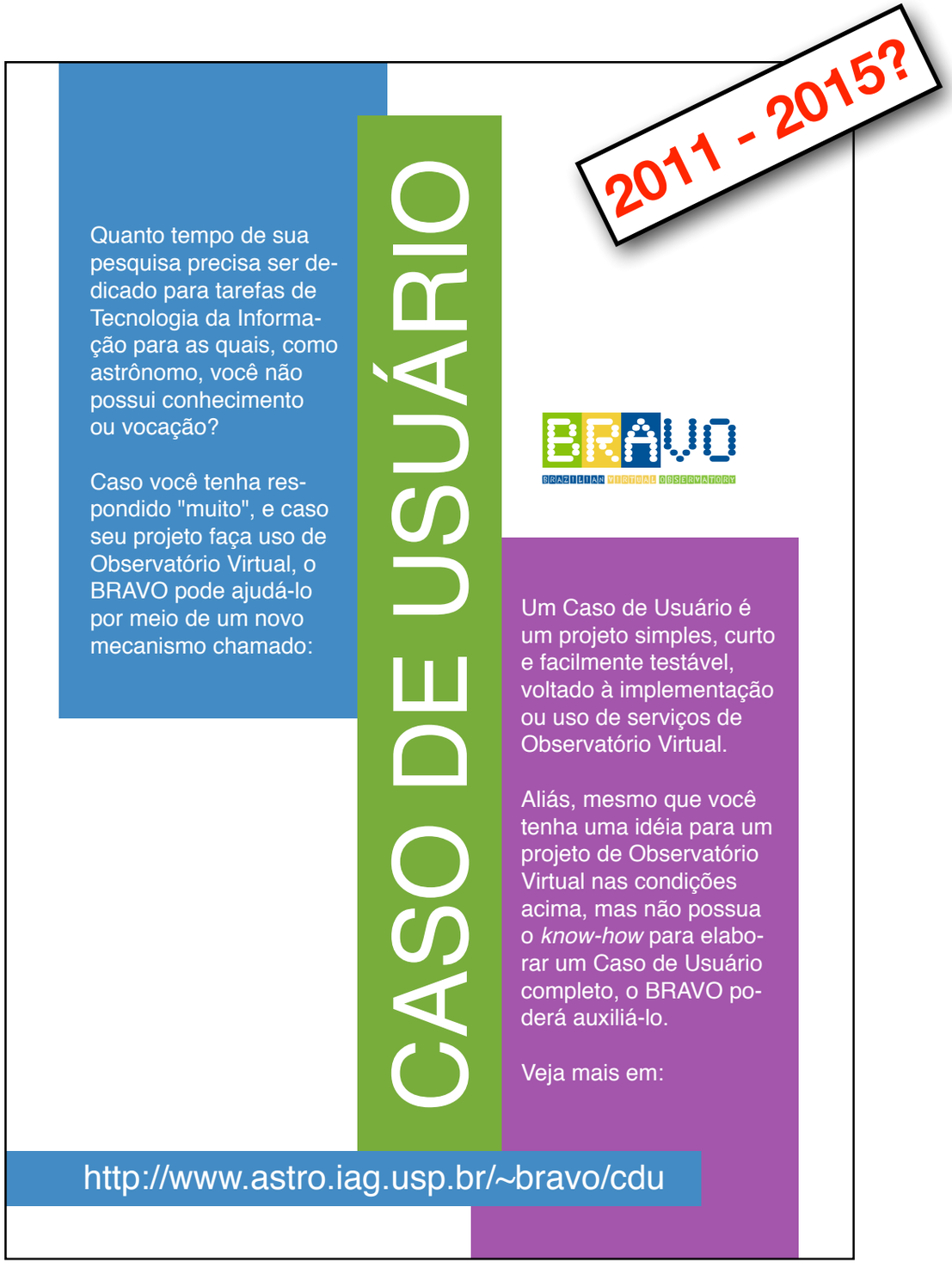
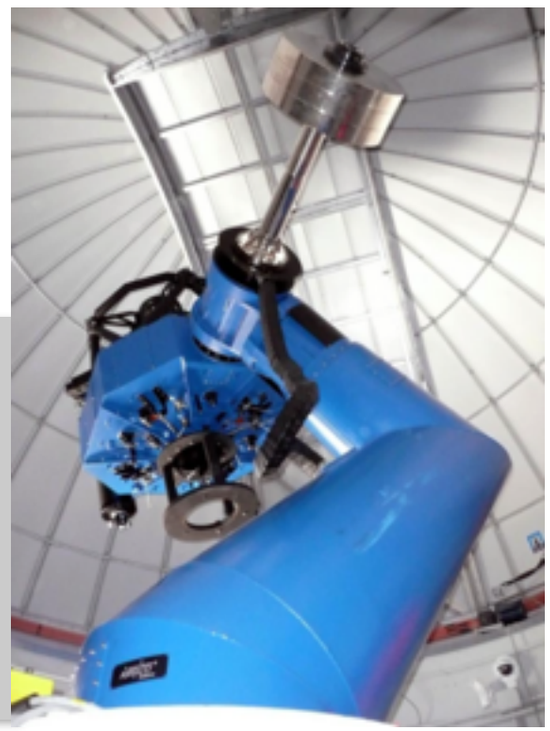


- A Database for the SOUTH POL survey
- Photometric Redshifts Portal
- Grid of Synthetic Spectra (3x)
- A-Plus (S-Plus + J-Plus), ~50TB/year



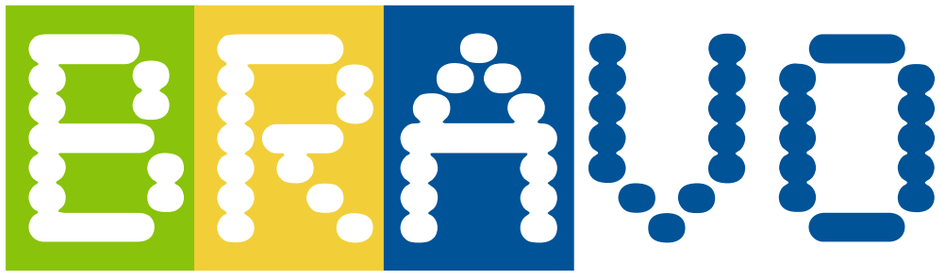
BRAVO nowadays

- **Setting up a small team for deployment of VO services**
  - in our recently acquired server @ LAi

- **Synergy with J-PAS and A-Plus surveys**
  - 3 telescopes, 2 surveys, **17000 square degrees**. A consortium of Spanish and Brazilian institutions. The team of scientists and engineers includes more than 100 people from Brazil, Spain, the U.S.A. and other countries.

- **Archiving and publishing of T80S data** (S-Plus), and negotiating mirror of T80N data (J-Plus)

- Strong support from VO communities abroad.



We are an alliance of people in Brazil who believes in worldwide, interoperable and distributed access to astronomical data and software.

Would you like to join us? Let us know!

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