



The Virtual Observatory in action: New science, new technology, and next generation facilities IAU XXVI General Assembly Special Session 3

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### The role of Science

VO is driven by science and it will become a science driver.

Although technology enabled, the Virtual Observatory must not be seen as a technological project only. Its final goal is to produce better, new and more efficient science.

Showing the science community the potential benefits of VO was a major and early task in the VO projects (NVO, AstroGrid, AVO,...).

Creation of Scientific WGs to provide advice to the project.

Elaboration of lists of VO use cases with a clear definition of the science requirements.

### The AVO Scientific Demonstrations

• Annual scientific demonstrations based on more and more complex demonstrators.

J.Bank03 AVO First light



• Multi-waveband analysis of HDF(N)

Garching04 AVO 1st Science



Obscured quasars
Star-Forming regions in the Milky Way. ESAC05 Final Demo.



AGB-PN transition
Star formation in galaxies.

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### The VO factory. VO in ADS



#1 : "Virtual Observatory" in abstract from Jan 2000 to
Sep 2006. All sources.
#2: "Virtual Observatory" in abstract from Jan 2000 to
Sep 2006. Refereed publications.
#3: VO-Science refereed publications.

### **VO** Science

Padovani et al (2004) demonstrates that VO was mature enough to produce cutting edge science results. First refereed astronomical paper enabled via end- to end use of VO tools and systems.

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Discovery of optically faint obscured quasars with Virtual Observatory tools

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### Discovering type 2 quasars

• Seyfert 2's high-power counterparts. Characterized by narrow lines and hard X-ray emission (Lx > 1e44 erg/s).

- Data: X-ray catalogue for the two GOODS fields (Alexander et al. 2003)
- Filtering: HR ≥ -0.2 for absorbed sources 294 found HR=(H-S) / (H+S); H = (2.0 - 8.0 keV), S = (0.5 - 2.0 keV)
- Cross-matching with the GOODS ACS catalogues to get the optical counterparts 168 matches.
- Data manipulation: Log L (2-10) = log f(2 10 keV) / f(R) + 43.05 (Fiore03)
- Results:
- 31 new QSOs 2 (only 9 previously known). QSOs-2 are heavily reddened falling through the "standard" (optical) selection methods.
- 3 mag. fainter than before New region of redshift-power space.

### Data mining and interoperability in action: classification of ROSAT sources



- Find counterparts to ROSAT X-ray sources in optical, IR, radio.
- Train a classifier to use multi- $\lambda$  information to determine type of objects.
- Classify the sources in ROSAT catalogues in six class categories: stars, WD, X-ray binaries, galaxies, AGNs, and clusters of galaxies.



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#### Luminous AGB stars in nearby galaxies

#### A study using virtual observatory tools\*

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- Search of massive carbon stars (dust enshrouded, not detectable in the optical) making use of 2MASS and appropriate filtering criteria.
- Complements the existing AGB catalogues (most of them in the optical domain).



Are active regions that emerge near existing Active Regions more flare productive than those that emerge isolated?



# Solar Active Region emergence and flare productivity

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### Three steps:

Identification of new Active Regions

• Study the location of emergence with respect to preexisting regions.

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### Three steps:

• Identification of new Active Regions

• Study the location of emergence with respect to preexisting regions.

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We find a strong asymmetry in the location of emergence of these new regions as viewed from Earth. Eg: 825 regions in bin E60-E40, 177 in W40-W60

#### Three steps:

- Identification of new Active Regions.
- Study the location of emergence with respect to preexisting regions (paired vs isolated ARs)
- Query catalogues of flares to establish flare productivity. GOES soft-X ray flare catalogue.

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## Productivity of paired/isolated

	Paired	Isolated
Regions with flares (%)	16.2±2.0	14.3 ±1.2
Mean flare number	0.35 ±0.03	0.30 ±0.02

No clear indication that being 'paired' makes a region or its companion more flare productive.

Newly emerged regions have low flare productivity.

### Magnetic complexity of new/old regions

Subset	number of ARs	$\alpha$ (%)	$\beta$ (%)	$\beta\gamma~(\%)$	$\beta\delta~(\%)$	$\beta\gamma\delta$ (%)
All	2880	10	73	11	0.8	5.2
old regions	1003	8	61	18	1.6	11
NE regions	1496	10	82	6	0.3	1.7
companions ( $\alpha$ =12)	468	6	72	13	0.6	7

Figure 3.4. Mount Wilson Magnetic Classification System.

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Newly emerged region are considerably simpler than older regions.

In agreement with Sammis et al. (2000) who pointed out a strong dependence of flare productivity and magnetic complexity.

### First step to Massive physical and dynamical characterization of asteroids

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### Asteroids in DENIS

IR classification of asteroids may contribute significantly to the mineralogical knowledge of their surface.

Goal (I): Performing of a complete study of the solar system bodies in DENIS.

#### Procedure:

Identification of asteroids in DENIS plates using SKYBOT Color confirmation: (previous work by Baudrand 2001,2004)

> 0 < (V-I) < 1.50.5 < (V-J) < 21 < (V-K) < 3

Goal (II): Spectroscopic characterization of these objects using FBS.

### Asteroids in DENIS/FBS

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1965 – 1980 Byurakan Observatory (Armenia) 1m Schmidt telescope + objective prism Sky coverage: DEC>-15°, all RA (except the Milky Way) Total area: 17 000 deg<sup>2</sup> 20 000 000 objects (spectra) Limiting magnitude: 17.5 in V Spectral range: 3400 – 6900 A, resol. 50A VO-compliant (ArVO)

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# Asteroids in DENIS/FBS

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Large surveys and determination of interstellar extinction

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# The method

• Three-dimensional models (Av = f [l,b,d]) on photometric stellar data.

 Assumption: Uniform interstellar extinction law (Rieke & Lebofsky 1985)

λBVRIJHKE(B-λ)/ E(B-V) = 
$$k_\lambda$$
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• For every  $\lambda$  available in photometric survey: calculate (B-  $\lambda$ ) E(B-  $\lambda$ ) = (B-  $\lambda$ ) - (B-  $\lambda$ )<sub>0</sub> Intrinsi E(B-V)<sub> $\lambda$ </sub> = E(B-  $\lambda$ ),  $k_{\lambda}$  Tabulat

Intrinsic color. Depends on sp. typ. Tabulated. Extinction law

• Assuming that a star satisfies the interstellar extinction law, we can expect E(B-V) $\lambda$  be identical for every  $\lambda$ . • Mean E(B-V) $\lambda$  calculation, E = n<sup>-1</sup> $\Sigma$ E(B-V)  $_{\lambda}$ • Minimization of  $\Delta$ E<sup>2</sup> =  $\Sigma$ (E(B-V) $_{\lambda}$  - E)<sup>2</sup>  $A_{V} = 3.1 \cdot E(B-V)$  $\log r = 0.2 \cdot (B - M_{B} + 5 - A_{B})$ 

### Pros and cons

Advantages:

#### Densification

- 2' test area: I=323, b=+6 (Lupus)
  - B(USNO-B), J(DENIS, 2MASS), H(2MASS),
    - K(DENIS, 2MASS), available for 36 objects.
  - 0.0007 objects (on average) used in previous works.

#### **Depth** Arenou: < 2 kpc. Malkov: < 10 kpc

Other (including future) multi-wavelength surveys like DPOSS (3 bands), SDSS (5 bands), UKIDSS (3 bands), ... can be incorporated using VO techniques.

#### Limitations:

Uniform interstellar extinction law. Local variations of the interstellar extinction are not taken into account.

Variable stars (eclipsing binaries, pulsating stars,...) must be discarded.

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### Theory in the Virtual Observatory

### Cannibal Coronal Mass Ejections

![](_page_25_Picture_2.jpeg)

- Fast-moving solar eruptions overtaking their slower-moving kin.
- These collisions change the speed of the eruption, which is important for space weather prediction.
- 21 cannibalistic ejections have been identified since April 1997.