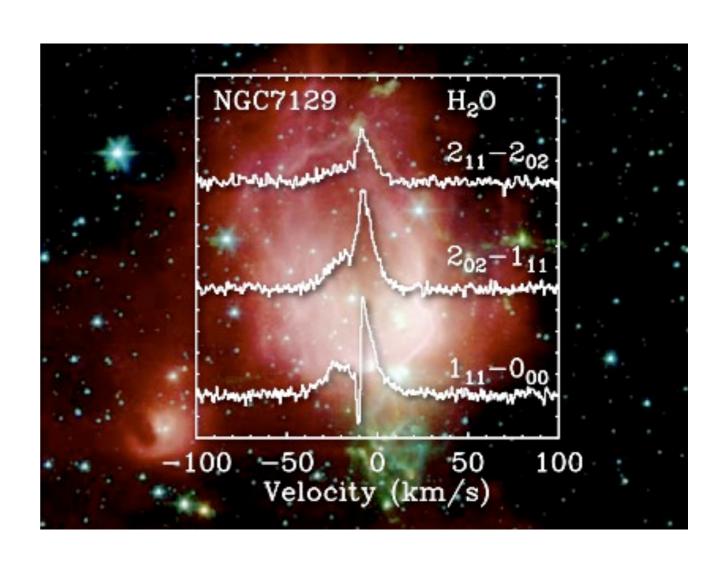
Architecture of the Spectral Tools Platform (STOP) project

Talk outline

- Scientific motivation
- Virtual Observatory
- Architecture & technology choice
- Project status

Scientific motivation

- Wealth of high quality radio telescopes data became available recently
- It is necessary to develop theoretical models and compare them with observations



Scientific motivation

- Modeling of 3D structures with diffuse interstellar medium, such as star-forming regions, protostar envelopes, jets, outflows, supernovae, novae
- Models in the order of increasing complexity:
 - LTE, local thermodynamic equilibrium
 - LVG, local velocity gradient
 - Full radiative transfer

Scientific motivation

- LTE simple, LVG and full RT are not
- 2 particular line modeling codes of MICMAC interest: LVG_GRE (C. Ceccarelli) and LIME (Brinch & Hogerheijde)
- Complex to install, inconvenient to access, troublesome to maintain:)
- C / Fortran written by researchers = hard to interface with anything
- Computationally intensive (impossible to use on a workstation)

Project STOP

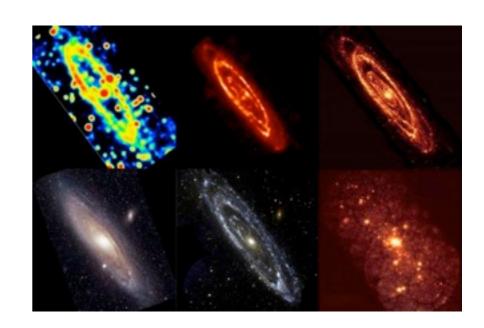
streamline comparison of observations with results of terrible, horrible, no good, very bad modeling codes

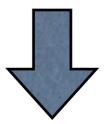
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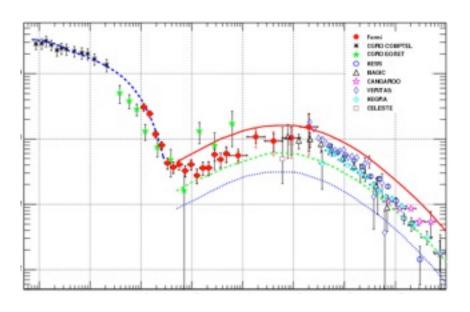
- Project STOP: Spectral Tools Platform (collaboration with S. Bottinelli, J.-M. Glorian, E. Caux, D. Quénard)
- Legacy / heavy codes to model fluxes in Fortran / C: LIME and LVG_GRE

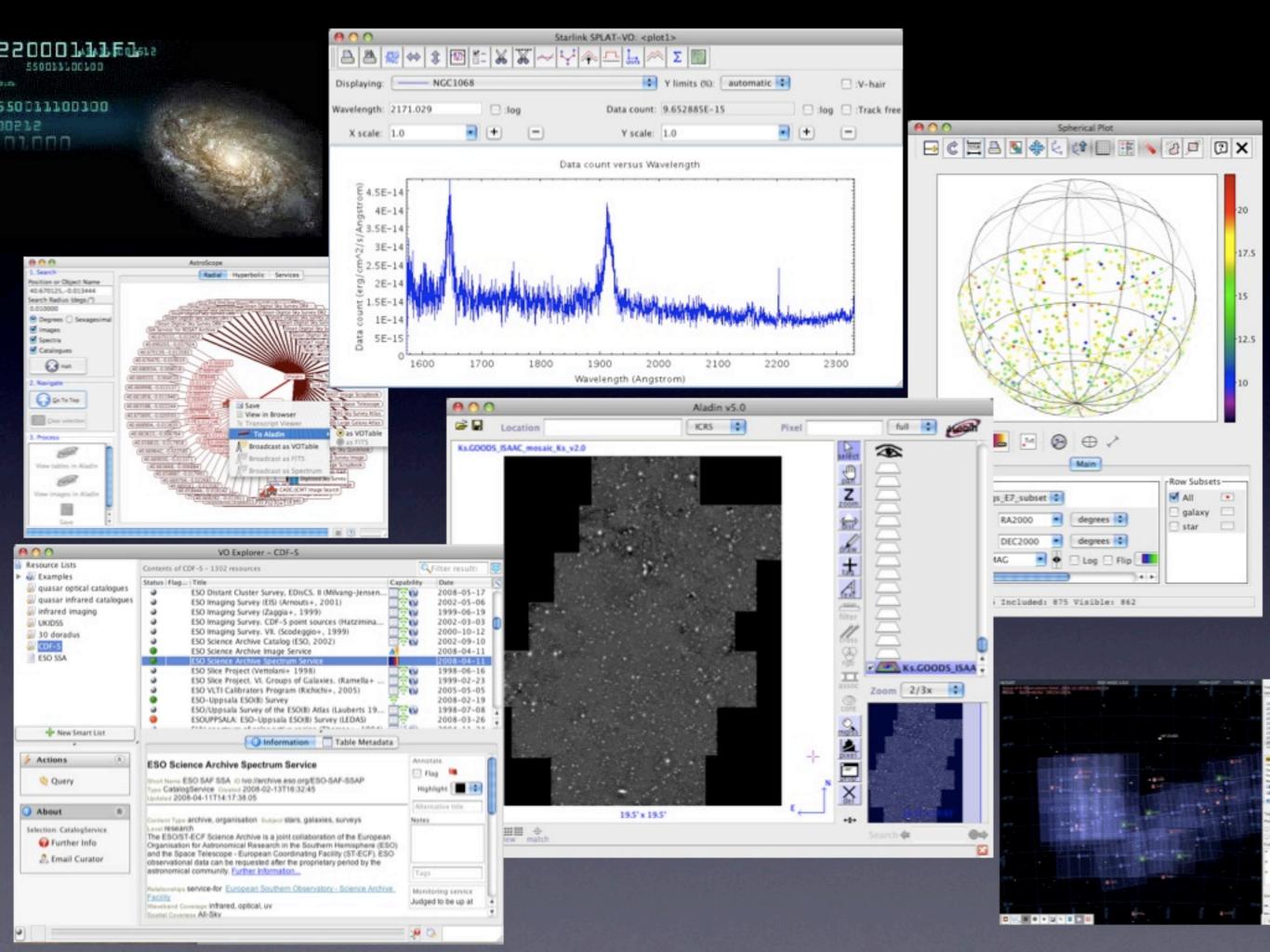
Virtual Observatory

- World-wide initiative to make all astronomical data homogeneous and accessible
- Being able to easily access γto-radio data (tables, images, spectra) for each object
- Science ready data!



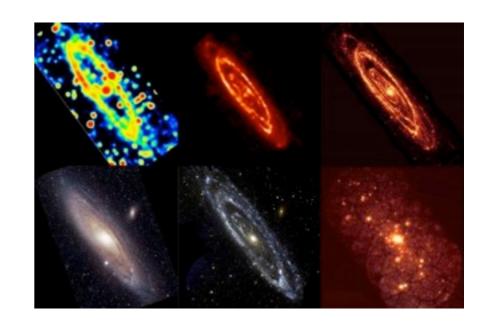


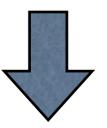


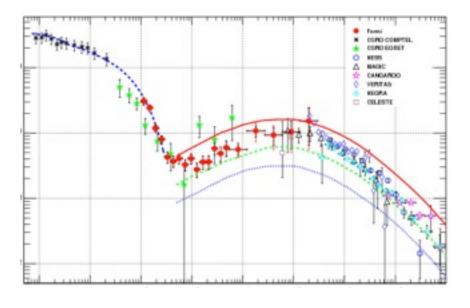


Virtual Observatory

- It's crucial that everyone talks same language (protocol)
- IVOA works out protocols and conducts the orchestra
- Most famous protocols are: ConeSearch, SIAP, SSAP, SAMP, TAP, UWS



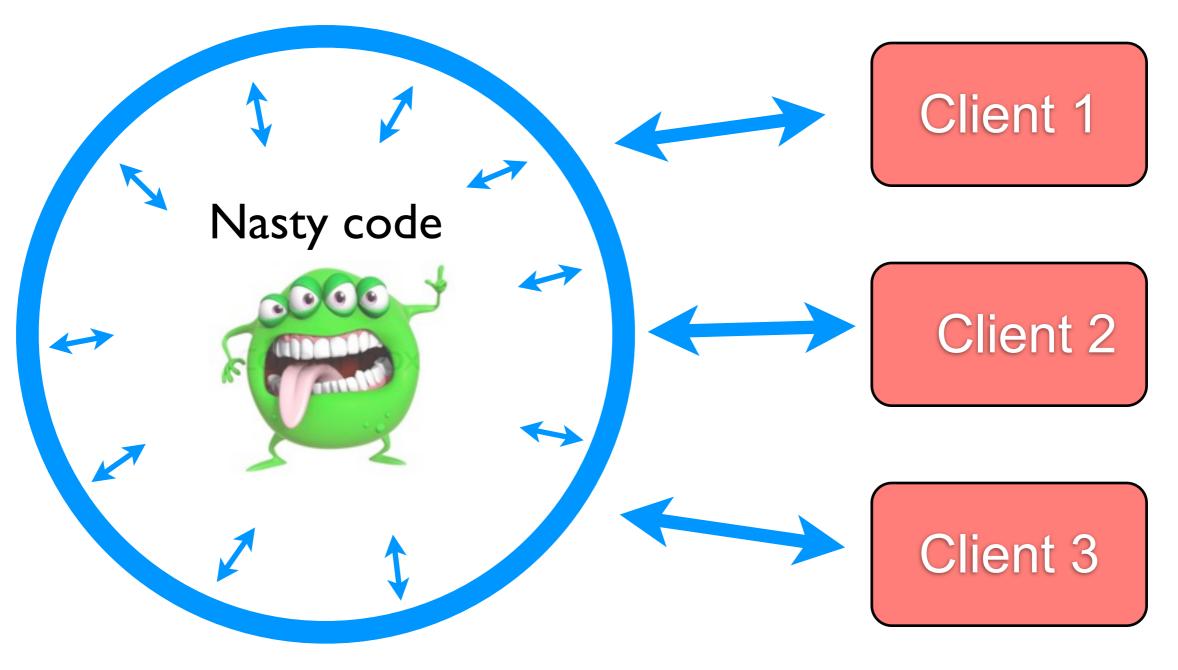




What's UWS?

- UWS Universal Worker Service, built to access asynchronous services by submitting long-running jobs (tasks)
- You say to a web service: start job with these params, stop job, fetch results
- Wrapping code into UWS cures most of the usage / maintenance problems
- Many client applications can now access it
- Dispatch jobs on a large cluster (e.g. SLURM)

UWS server



Technologies

- Architecture: UWS server + client(s)
- Very useful rule: limit zoo of a project's technologies, try to use the single one
- Client: python / Django
- Hence UWS server: python

Why python / Django?

- 2011: <u>exoplanet.eu</u> world's reference exoplanet database
- 2012: <u>vespa.obspm.fr</u> virtual european solar and planetary access
- 2015: <u>xmm-catalog.irap.omp.eu</u> xmm-newton catalog and photon database

UWS with DaCHS

- DaCHS: data center suite by M. Demleitner (GAVO)
- Very powerful solution (arbitrary binary wrap, arbitrary job input environment, arbitrary arguments through UWS, etc)
- Power of python embedded into q.rd –
 the only service configuration file
- VIP access to Markus

Need for special UWS client

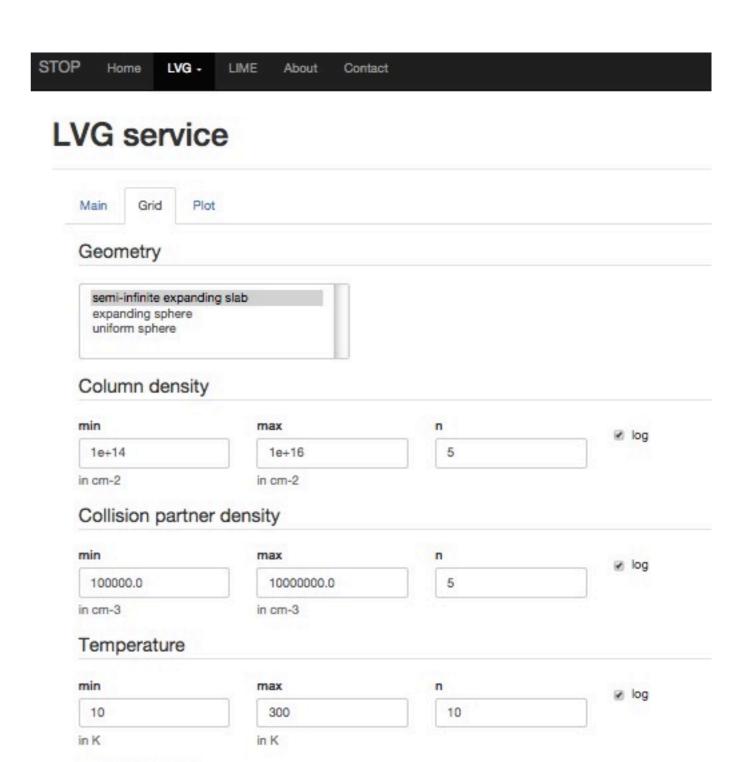
- Complex input parameters
 - File uploads
 - Array / dictionary arguments
 - Complex relationships between input arguments
- Cannot be handled by default / automatic client

Special UWS client

UWS client web app







Demo

Project status after 8 months (6 to go)

- UWS support in DaCHS
- uws-client fixed
- LVG: client and server
- LIME: server ✓

- LVG finishing
- LIME client & result visualizer
- SLURM dispatcher

Message to take away

- Have long-running jobs and/or tired from legacy software: UWS is for you
- DaCHS: stable and mature, highly recommended for UWS and other VO data center tasks
- python + Django: very convenient for research applications, highly recommended

Thanks