

TheoSSA on AstroGrid-D

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Introducing AstroGrid-D

- BMBF-sponsored Grid-Project to establish the infrastructure for the German Astrophysical Community
- Part of the German D-Grid initiative
- Members: AIP, ZAH, AEI, TUM, ZIB
- Middleware: GT4.0x
- ~900 nodes in clusters, ~100TB storage space,
- Special Hardware: Robotic Telescopes, soon also a 8m "GrayWulf" type storage server
- information server StellarIS, GridWay, Portals, Data Streams,
- 10 implemented use cases of different complexity
- almost 100 registered users, Mh of CPU usage

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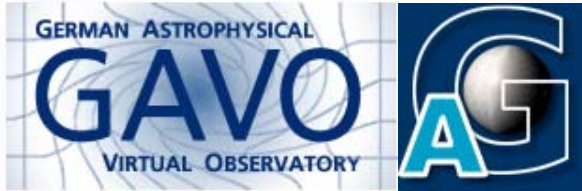
Introducing GAVO

- BMBF-sponsored German “Virtual Observatory” project
- part of the IVOA initiative to standardise metadata, protocols and methods of data publication
- partners: ZAH, AIP, MPA, TUM, IAAT, Univ. Bonn
- multiple projects with the German Astrophysical Community
- data center, participation in surveys, standard development
- focus on theoretical astrophysical data (Millenium database, data models)

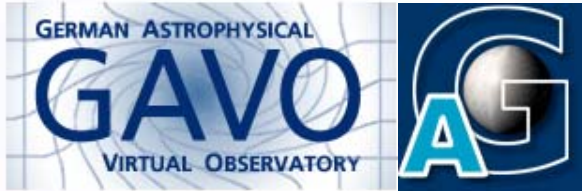
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TheoSSA: Science and Virtual Observatory



Scientific motivation

- modelling of high temperature stars ($>10,000\text{K}$, white dwarfs)
 - complex spectra, highly specialised field (NLTE-spectra)
- GAVO task: Create a simple interface to access numeric simulation results of HT spectra
- allowing for a choice of parameters for atomic data

VObs Service TheoSSA

- based on the Tübingen NLTE Model Atmosphere Package
[TMAP](#)
- provides
 - Spectral Energy Distributions (SEDs)
TheoSSA (<http://vo.ari.uni-heidelberg.de/ssatr-0.01/TrSpectra.jsp>)
 - Simulation Software
TMAW (<http://astro.uni-tuebingen.de/~TMAW/TMAW.shtml>)
 - Atomic Data
TMAD (<http://astro.uni-tuebingen.de/~rauch/TMAD/TMAD.html>)
- using the IVOA *Simple Spectral Access protocol* (SSAP)
- in three complexity levels depending on scientific demands

[Werner & Dreizler 1999](#), J. Comput. Appl. Math., Vol. 109, No. 1 - 2, p. 65 - 93

[Werner et al. 2003](#), Stellar Atmosphere Modeling, ASP Conference Proceedings, Vol. 288, p 31



German Astrophysical Virtual Observatory



TMAP WWW Interface

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TMAW Request

Please specify

effective temperature T_{eff} ,
 surface gravity $\log g$,
 abundances for H, He, C, N, and O,
 as well as your e-mail address.

A NLTE model atmosphere according to your input will be calculated by
TMAP - the Tübingen NLTE Model-Atmosphere Package -
 and the results (this may take a while) will be sent to the
 given e-mail address.

Personal Information

Last Name

First Name

Institute

E-mail

SED Parameters

Wavelength range for standard SED table:

☒ 5 - 2000 Å ☐ 2000 - 3000 Å ☐ 3000 - 55000 Å

Wavelength range for an individual SED table and a
 quicklook plot:

- Å, $\Delta\lambda \approx$ Å

Note: the maximum number of data points is about 100
 000.

Model-Grid Parameters

T_{eff} [K]:

Minimum

Maximum

Grid spacing

$\log g$ [cm/s²]:

Minimum

Maximum

Grid spacing

Abundances [mass fractions]:

H:

He:

C:

N:

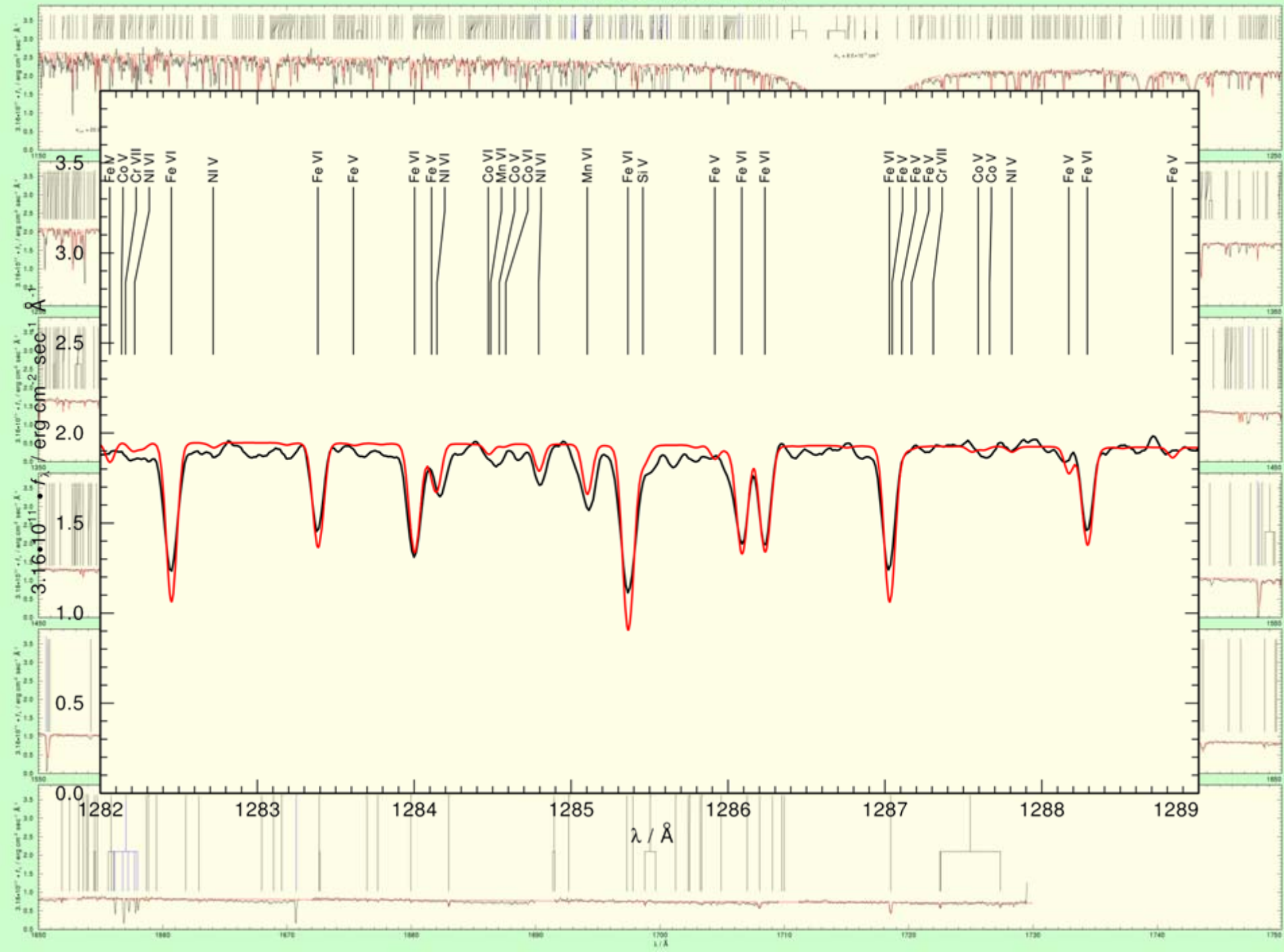
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Presently, only SEDs of hot, compact stars can be calculated.

This WWW interface is still in a test phase and thus, errors may still occur.

We will check for these asap. However, do not hesitate to start any calculation - this helps us to
 further improve the **TMAW** procedure.

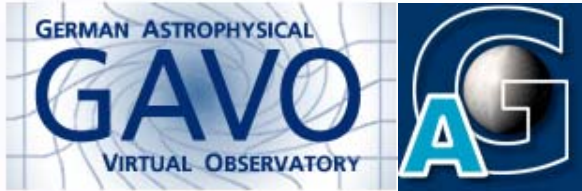
Please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) in case of any question.



TheoSSA: Grid elements

Why use a Grid?

- CPU time increases with number of considered elements (hours to weeks)
- Grid can scale according to demand
- higher reliability (backup resources)
- middleware offers additional options: Job monitoring, statistics, error handling
- TMAP is comparatively easy to compute:
 - no interprocess-communication
 - no complex compilation, all libraries supplied



AGD “atomic job” package

- Compute resources are retrieved from the MDS (monitoring and discovery service)
- The Job is submitted using a JSDL template
- GT4.0x: with prior RSL translation via xsltproc
- Data transfer uses gsiftp, the job staging process is based on GT4 web services (globusrun-ws)
- all written in a two-page shell script

```

22 <jSDL-posix:Executable>/bin/sh</jSDL-posix:Executable>
23 <jSDL-posix:Argument>-c</jSDL-posix:Argument>
24 <jSDL-posix:Argument>
25 tar xf ${UPLOAD}.tar ;
26 cd ${UPLOAD} ;
27 ./${EXECUTABLE}
28 </jSDL-posix:Argument>
29 <jSDL-posix:Output>/dev/null
30 <jSDL-posix:Error>/dev/null
31 <jSDL-posix:WorkingDirectory>
32 <jSDL-posix:WallTimeLimit>60
33 <jSDL-posix:MemoryLimit>2000
34 </jSDL-posix:POSIXApplication>
35 </jSDL:Application>
36
37 <jSDL:Resources>
38 <jSDL:FileSystem name="HOME">
39 <jSDL:Description>User's home directory
40 </jSDL:FileSystem>
41 </jSDL:Resources>
42 <!-- Other well-known filesystems are: SCRATCH, ROOT and
43
44 <!-- Stage in the tar file -->
45 <jSDL:DataStaging>
46 <jSDL:FileName>${UPLOAD}.tar</jSDL:FileName>
47 <jSDL:FileSystemName>HOME</jSDL:FileSystemName>
48 <jSDL:CreationFlag>overwrite</jSDL:CreationFlag>
49 <jSDL>DeleteOnTermination>true</jSDL>DeleteOnTermination>
50 <jSDL:Source>
51 <jSDL:URI>gsiftp://${HOST}${UPLOAD}.tar
52 </jSDL:Source>
53 </jSDL:DataStaging>
54
55 <!-- Stage out the output files -->
56 <jSDL:DataStaging>
57 <jSDL:FileName>${UPLOAD}/</jSDL:FileName>
58 <jSDL:FileSystemName>HOME</jSDL:FileSystemName>
59 <jSDL:CreationFlag>overwrite</jSDL:CreationFlag>
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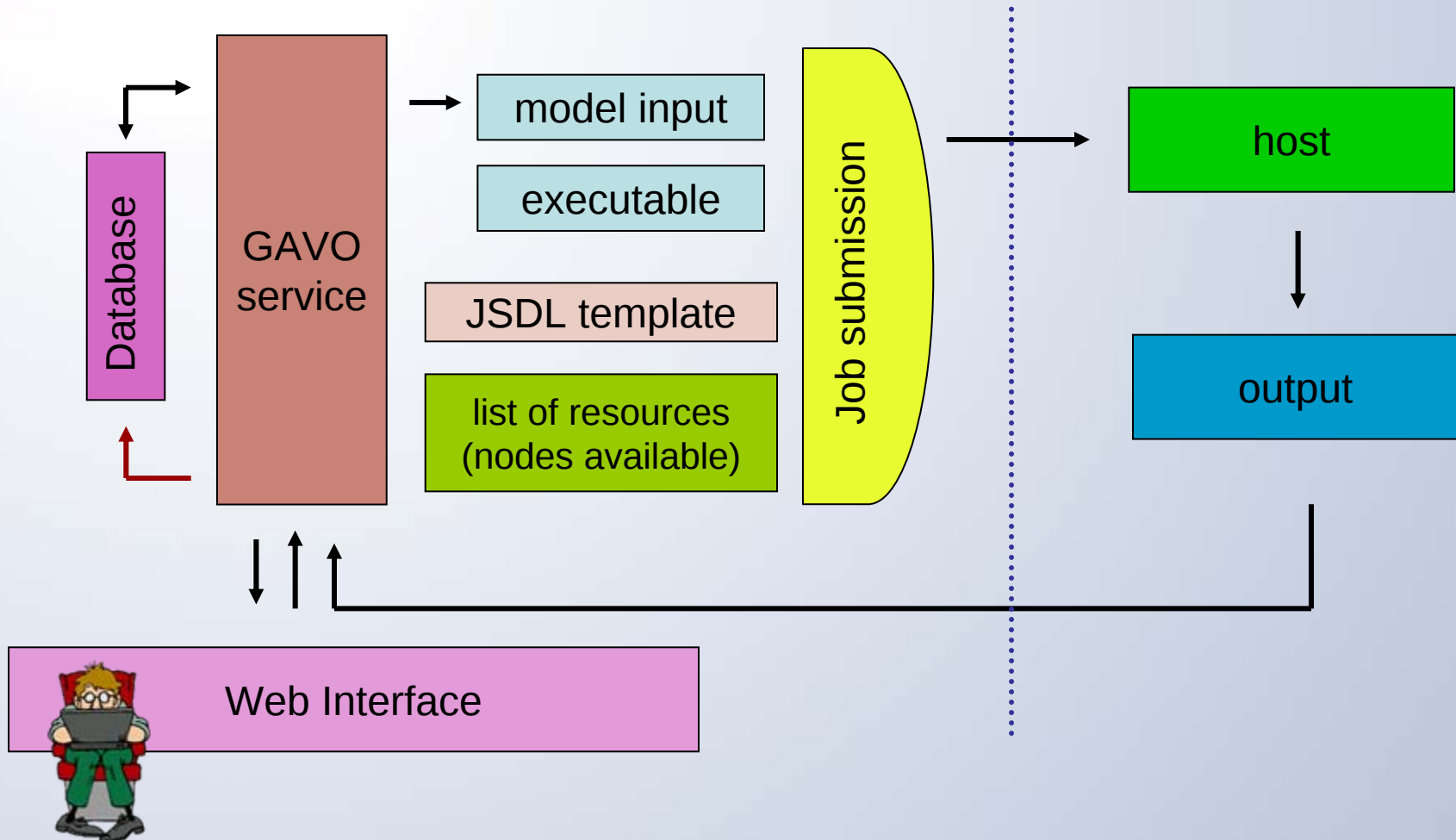
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18 SERVICE_HOME=$(cd `dirname $0`; pwd)
19 HOST=`hostname --fqdn`
20 MACHINES=(`egrep '^[^#]' $SERVICE_HOME/machines`) #static machine file
21 NUM_INPUTS=`ls -d1 $SERVICE_HOME/./input/input[0-9]* | wc -l`
22
23 until grid-proxy-info -exists -valid 0:02 > /dev/null
24 do
25     grid-proxy-init
26 done
27
28 mkdir -p $HOME/.epr
29 rm -f $SERVICE_HOME/visualisation.data
30 I=0
31 while [ $I -lt $NUM_INPUTS ]
32 do
33     true & EPID=$!
34     MACHINE=${MACHINES[$(($I % ${#MACHINES[*]}))]}
35     UPLOAD=${PROJECT}_upload_${MACHINE}_${EPID}
36     RESULT=${PROJECT}_results_${MACHINE}_${EPID}
37
38     mkdir -m 777 -p $SERVICE_HOME/$UPLOAD $SERVICE_HOME/$RESULT
39     cd $SERVICE_HOME/./input
40     cd input$I
41     INPUTDIR=`pwd`
42     cp * ../$EXECUTABLE $SERVICE_HOME/$UPLOAD
43     cd $SERVICE_HOME
44     tar cfz $UPLOAD.tar $UPLOAD/*
45     chmod 777 $UPLOAD.tar
46
47     eval echo $(sed "s/[\"&';<>]/\\&/g" $SERVICE_HOME/jSDL.template) | \
48         xsltproc $SERVICE_HOME/rs1.xslt -> $SERVICE_HOME/$UPLOAD/$PROJECT.rs1
49     if globusrun-ws -submit -f $SERVICE_HOME/$UPLOAD/$PROJECT.rs1 \
50         -b -J -S -F $MACHINE -o $HOME/.epr/${PROJECT}_${MACHINE}_${EPID}.epr
51     then
52         echo $MACHINE,$HOME/.epr/${PROJECT}_${MACHINE}_${EPID}.epr,$SERVICE_HOME/$RESULT,$UPLOAD,$INPUTDIR >> $SERVICE_HOME/visualisation.data
53         rm $UPLOAD.tar
54         I=$((I + 1))
55     else

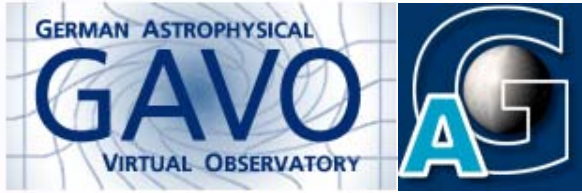
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Task farming with Globus



Conclusions

- TheoSSA combines advantages of a VObs standardised interface with the compute power of the Grid (“VObs on top”)
- Serves as a good example use case
- It presents SEDs of hot compact stars to the community and the VObs



Future Steps with EGEE

- AstroGrid-D project time has officially ended
- All D-Grid community projects were focused on *national* Grid infrastructure
- project is now carried by the participating institutes; ongoing applications
- interest for international collaboration
- participation in EGEE A&A Cluster (and EGI)
- gateway between AGD and EGEE
- “atomic” task farming as a test case

