

Progress on the technical development  
and on the establishment of the

# Open Universe Initiative

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Space Science data for everyone

# Open UNiverse. Main principles



**Space science data is the end product of scientific space missions  
It holds the potential for the production of knowledge**

**Space science data resulting from public funding should be considered  
a public good and should become openly available\***

**\*at an appropriate time and taking into account of fair scientific return  
and intellectual property rights**

**High-level data products should be *transparent* and usable by all**

**Transparency and accessibility are key factors for**

- **The efficient conversion of data into knowledge**
- **Achieve equal opportunity in the access to scientific information.**

# Open UNiverse, an Italian initiative



Open Universe was proposed by Italy at the 2016 COPUOS 59<sup>th</sup> session where the initiative was welcomed and included among the activities to be carried out in preparation of UNISPACE+50, in line with the thematic priority “Capacity Building”.

Today, Open Universe is being developed with the contribution of several institutions in a number of member states.

**Formal support from Italy, Brazil, Armenia and Argentina. Uruguay co-sponsored yesterday’s side event on Open Universe, other countries expressed interest.**

# Open UNiverse: Discussion phase

## Open Universe Expert Meeting

11-12 April 2017  
ASI-HQ, Rome, Italy

Expert Meeting Programme PDF



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Our Work - Programme on Space Applications - Schedule of Activities



United Nations / Italy Workshop on the Open Universe Initiative

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 20-22 NOVEMBER 2017

Encouragement, criticism, recommendations

Main criticism : high cost, risk of duplication of efforts

Recommendations : A/AC.105/1175

# Open UNiverse Vs Big data and data-driven science

From Wikipedia

**Big data** refers to data sets that are too large or too complex for traditional data processing application software

Today's Space Science data is  
multi-frequency (radio to high-energy  $\gamma$ -ray)  
multi-temporal (1960's – today... and tomorrow, with simulated/extrapolated data)  
multi-messenger (Gravitational-Waves, Astrophysical Neutrinos,  
Ultra-High-Energy Cosmic Rays)

**No scientist can be expert in every domain  
but theory must take into account of data in every domain**

# Open UNiverse: Preliminary Objectives



**INCREASE TRANSPARENCY of already accessible resources:** including promoting FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) guiding principles, promoting adoption of widely-used standards, processing from raw data to web-ready products, interfacing and facilitating cooperation between data providers and data centres and archives...



**RESURFACE DATA and other hidden or otherwise hardly accessible resources:** by identifying inaccessible data and working with national and regional entities to solve the challenges to make them public, as well as bringing new main players and actors in the international space science arena into the Initiative and in contact with other public data access solutions.



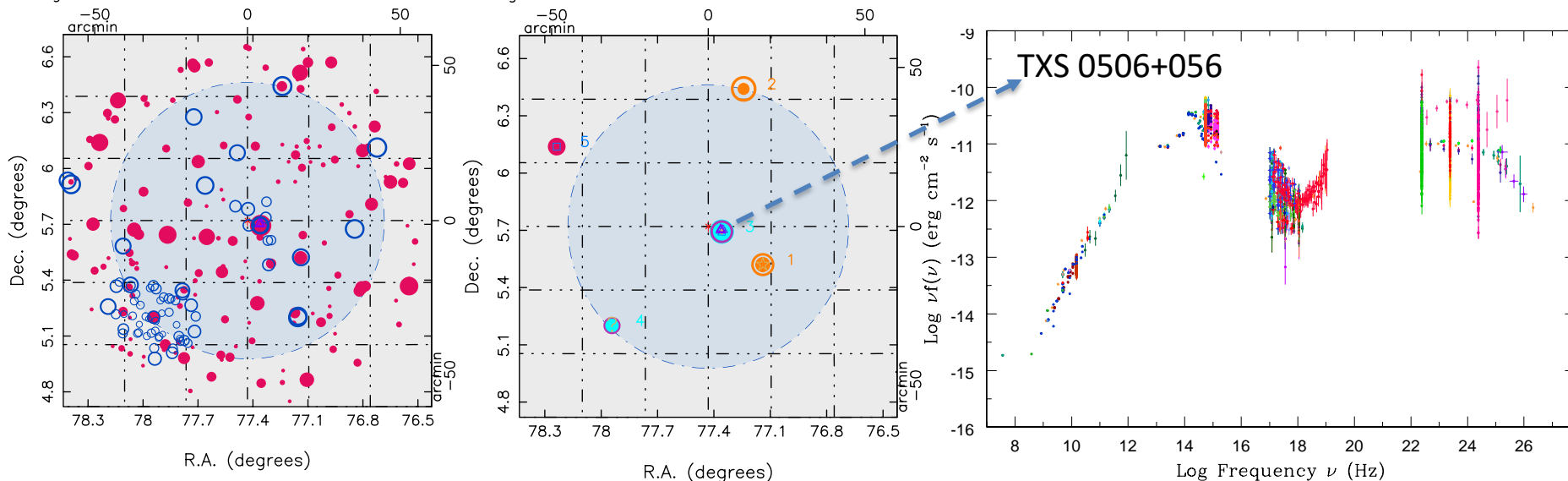
**BROADEN THE USER-BASE of astronomy and space science data:** to include as well the rapidly growing community of citizen scientists, by providing the necessary tools to use astronomy and space science data for a range of target groups, including educators and students in universities, schools, planetariums or any amateur scientists or other potential end-user

# Open UNiverse for blazars

## The VOU-Blazars tool

Based on IVOA protocols (data from > 70 catalogues/sites in one click or command)

Image centre R.A.=05 09 43.2 Dec.=+05 43 12.0



Dissecting the region around IceCube-170922A: the blazar TXS 0506+056 as the first cosmic neutrino source

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# Open UNiverse for Blazars

## Removing the need for data analysis expertise: Swift\_deepsky



dockerhub

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chbrandt/swift\_deepsky ☆

By chbrandt • Updated a month ago

Container

Overview

Tags

Dockerfile

Builds

- Runs on Mac, Linux, Windows
- ✓ Automatic low level data retrieval
- ✓ Complex X-ray data analysis pipeline based on HEASoft 6.22
- ✓ Quality checks via fixed algorithms and machine learning techniques
- ✓ Results available to anyone

↓ Pulls 435

## Swift DeepSky

DOI 10.5281/zenodo.1218165

The *Swift-DeepSky* pipeline provides an easy, fully automated way to identify objects in Swift/XRT images and their photometric measurements. This Docker container is a *ready-to-use* package of *DeepSky*.

For more information about *Swift-DeepSky*, scientific goals and technical details, have a look at [https://chbrandt.github.io/swift\\_deepsky](https://chbrandt.github.io/swift_deepsky).

### Docker Pull Command

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docker pull chbrandt/swift_deepsky
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### Owner



chbrandt

19/02/2019

COPUS scientific and technical subcommittee, 50th session,

Open Universe side event

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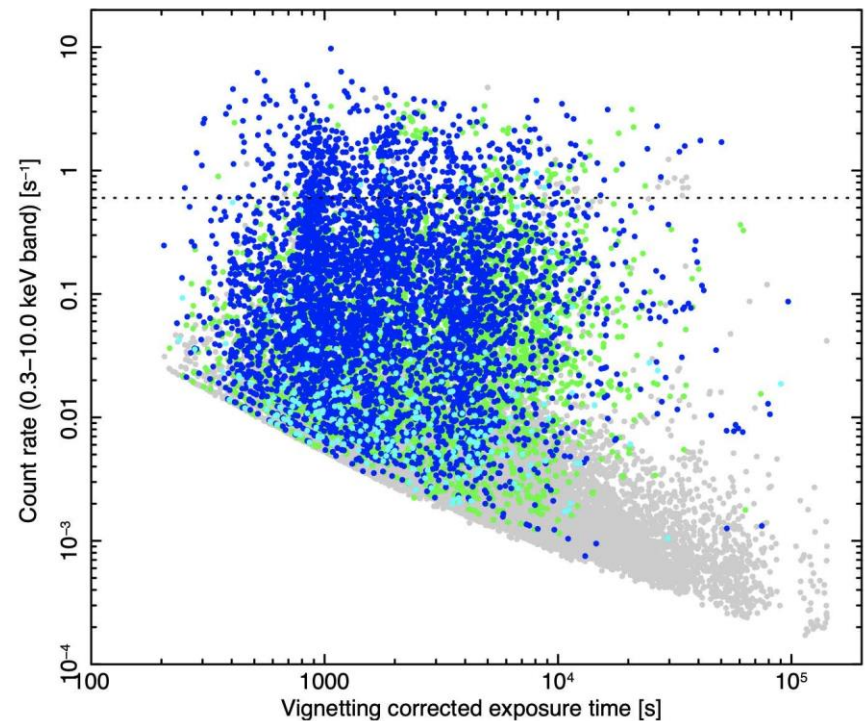
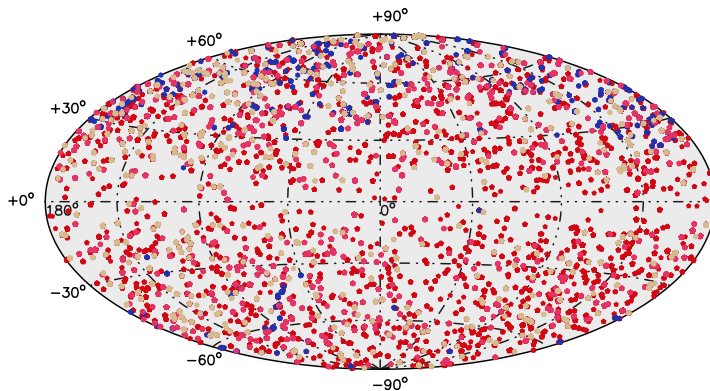
# Open UNiverse for blazars

## 10USXB, a high-transparency Swift-XRT results database

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To be submitted to Astronomy & Astrophysics

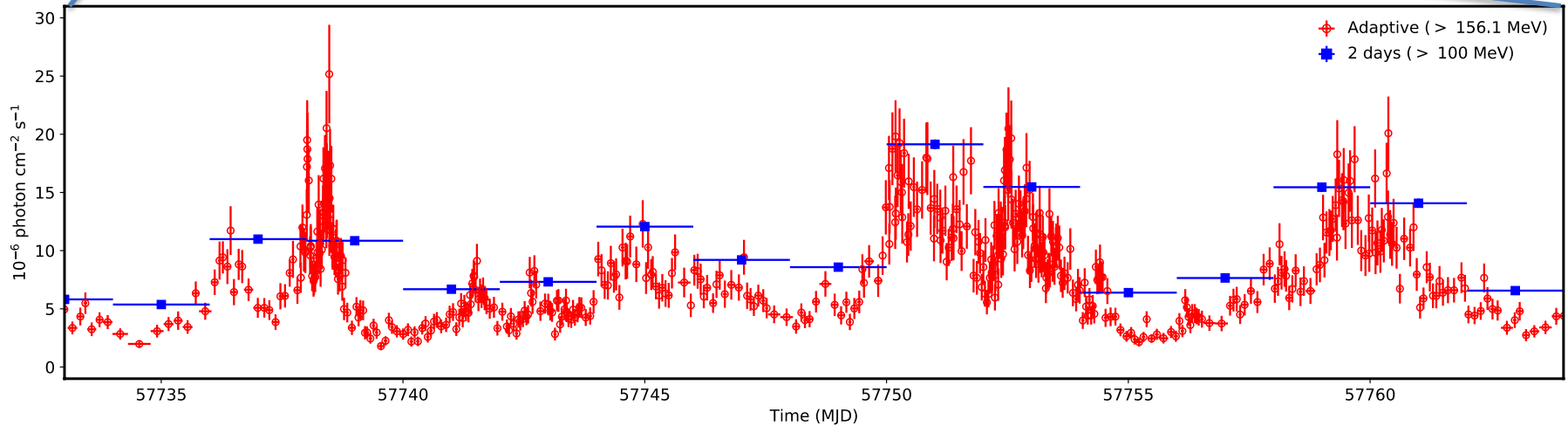
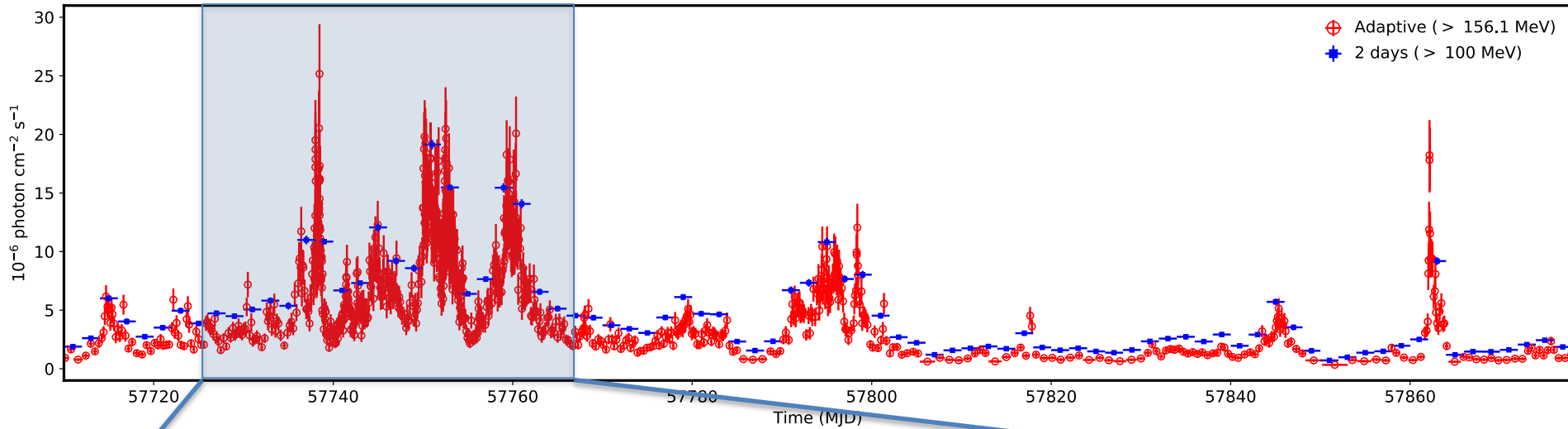
Swift\_deepsky run on all  
Swift 11,000 observations of blazars



# Open UNiverse for blazars

Fermi  $\gamma$ -ray light curve of CTA 120 (bright blazar).

Led by N. Sahakyan and the Yerevan team



Help & video tutorials

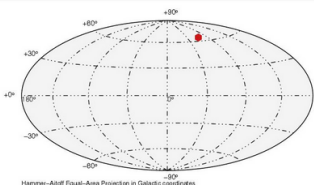
Feedback



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OU Parameters



Aitoff coordinates type: **Galactic - Equatorial**

Source Name(s) : **3C273**

R.A.(J2000) = **12 29 06.66 (187.277772 deg)**

Dec.(J2000) = **+02 03 08.42 (2.05234 deg)**

Version 1.5

Object name or coordinates: **3C273 (SSDC)**

3C273



Navigation bar with various astronomical data sources:

- ESASKY
- SKY-MAP.ORG
- Google Sky
- SDSS SkyServer
- Aladin Light
- ESO Products** (highlighted with a red circle)
- Legacy Surveys
- Super Cosmos
- Radio Surveys
- SSDC Catalogs
- SSDC R-X-O
- VizieR X-R-G
- VizieR IR-Opt
- HEASARC Browse
- VAO Data Scope
- SkyMapper
- MAS1 Archive
- CADC Archive
- ESO Archive
- NOAO Survey Data
- NRAO Archive
- ALMA Archive
- ISDC HEAVENS
- SSDC Archive
- Radio Telescope DC
- INAF IA2
- Multi-freq. Explorer
- VOU-Blazars
- VOU SED
- SED Builder
- SED Movie
- ADS Bibliography
- NED Bibliography
- CDS Bibliography

Search results interface showing a star field image and filters:

- 40 RESULTS, 0 SELECTED
- J2000: 187.277772 2.05234
- 1" field of view
- Coordinates: 12 29 06.665 +02 03 08.42
- Field of View: 11.95'
- ALADIN logo
- Filters: Data Type (IMAGE: 63, CATALOG: 40, CUBE: 3), Spectral Range (UV, opt, NIR), Filter/Band
- Search results (40) Sky selection

# THE SUSTAINABLE COST OF DATA FOR SPACE ACCESSIBILITY

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- Gathering the full force of existing infrastructure and data services : fundamental technologies and services (e.g., IVOA) are already in place and must have their full potential extracted through new use concepts.
- Push for PI-quality, high-level data provision : attainable with only small modification of agencies' cost-to-implementation models, can have a large impact in the democratisation of space accessibility.
- Achieve global coordination and cooperation : can actually reduce costs, avoiding duplication of efforts by organising the collaboration between data centres and data providers worldwide.
- Develop new technological paradigms and innovative tools : can bring a revolution in the software level, being inclusive to new players, with impact in education, capacity building and citizen science.

# Open UNiverse: training courses



## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY**

**Training Course on**

**Remote Sensing, Space Sciences and Space Policy**

Organized by

**The Italian Space Agency (ASI) in collaboration with Kenya Space Agency and  
with the support of United Nations for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)**

Hosted by

**The ASI Broglio Space Centre (BSC)**

# Open UNiverse. Conclusions I

- Space science data for everyone: possible!
- Sustainable costs: yes!
- Big data: yes. Multi-frequency/temporal multi-messenger data can be handled in a uniform way
- Training courses based on Open Universe Data and services

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- Minor modification of agencies cost-to-completion models
- Use of existing infrastructure (e.g. IVOA standards)
- New technologies (e.g. Linux Containers: Docker)
- New paradigms (e.g. living catalogue)

# Open UNiverse. Conclusions II

## Advantages

For space advanced countries

Data more widely used in different contexts, worldwide

Multi-frequency, multi-temporal, multi-messenger

For emerging countries

Possibility to contribute up start to space science at the forefront of research

Education, training, building local capacities

Coordinated by UNOOSA with formal support from Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Armenia