

# Status of the Open UNiverse initiative

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# Open UNiverse, an Italian initiative

“Open Universe” is an initiative under the auspices of COPUOS and coordinated by UNOOSA with the objective of stimulating a great increase in the visibility, free accessibility and ease of utilization of space science data, and in particular astronomical data, extending the potential of scientific discovery to new participants in all parts of the world.

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”.

A very wide range of communities will benefit from Open Universe: professional scientists, citizen scientists, teachers and students, potentially any citizen interested in space science.

# Open UNiverse. Main principles



**Space science data generated through public funding should be considered a public good and eventually should become openly available.**

**High-level "final" data products (e.g. calibrated images, spectra), 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

## Main events :

- Open Universe Legal Aspects panel, 30 March 2017, on the margins of LSC, VIC, Vienna, Austria
- Expert Meeting on Open Universe, 11-12 April 2017, ASI HQ, Rome, Italy
  - ✓ Agencies, research community, major space data providers, data archive experts
  - ✓ [http://openuniverse.asi.it/documents/ou\\_documents.php](http://openuniverse.asi.it/documents/ou_documents.php)
  - ✓ Report and preliminary recommendations: [A/AC.105/2017/CRP.22](#)
- Briefing on the margins of COPUOS, 13 June 2017, VIC, Vienna, Austria
- UN / Italy Workshop on the Open Universe Initiative, 20-22 November 2017, VIC, Vienna, Austria
  - ✓ [www.unoosa.org/oosa/oosadoc/data/documents/2018/aac.105/aac.1051175\\_0.html](http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/oosadoc/data/documents/2018/aac.105/aac.1051175_0.html)



## Open Universe Expert Meeting

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

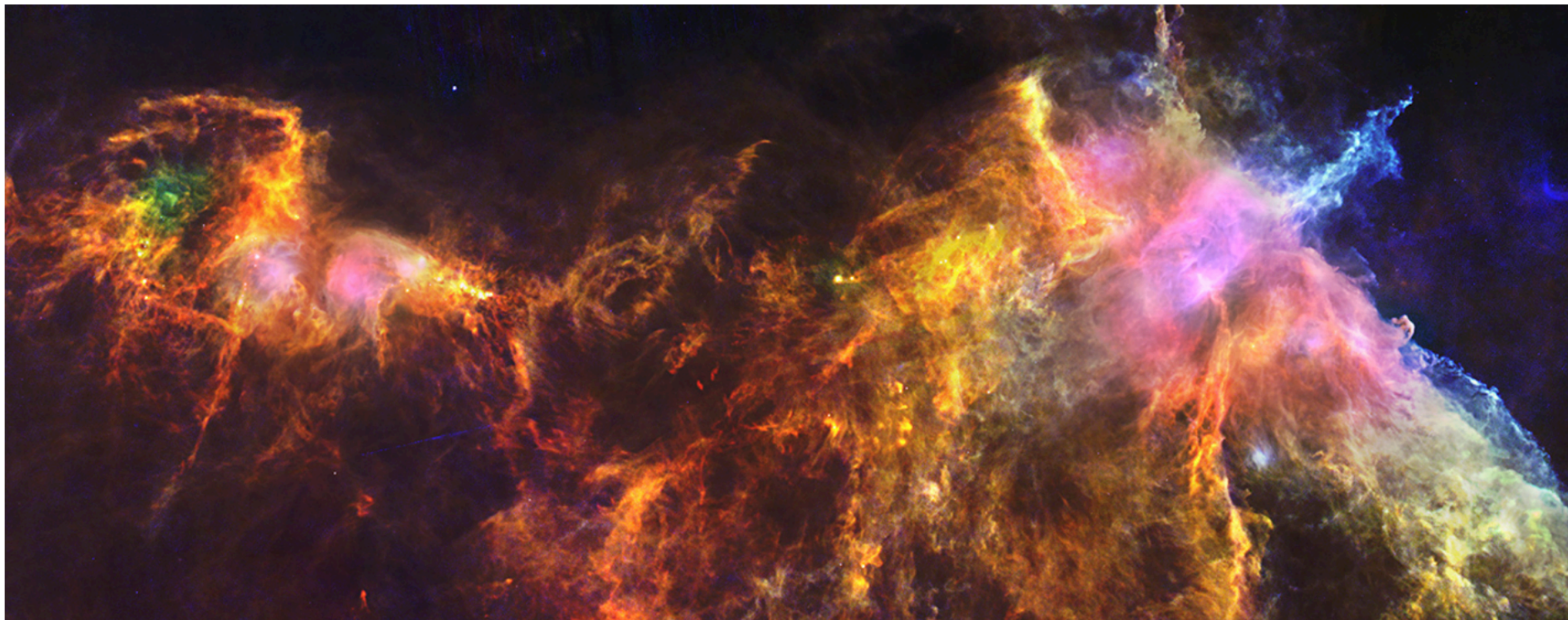
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## Meeting presentations

The Open Universe Initiative	P. Giommi - ASI	PDF	
Inexorable Logic of the Open Universe	A. Pollock - University of Sheffield	PDF	
Welcome to the Open Universe			



## United Nations / Italy Workshop on the Open Universe Initiative

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 20-22 NOVEMBER 2017



## General Assembly

Distr.: General  
7 December 2017

Original: English

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### Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

### Report on the United Nations/Italy Workshop on the Open Universe initiative

(Vienna, 20–22 November 2017)

## Preliminary Objectives

The various recommendations stemming from the celebrated meetings so far can be summarized into three broad priorities:



**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

## An ASI Web portal prototype

A prototype of a Open Universe web portal has been developed at the Italian Space Agency (ASI) as an example of a multi-discipline facility aimed at increasing the level of transparency of open space science data.

The portal concentrates access to many data services and facilitates access to data and information.

The portal is built on top of existing facilities and uses IVOA protocols, where possible.

**V1.1 of the portal is available at**  
**<http://openuniverse.asi.it>**



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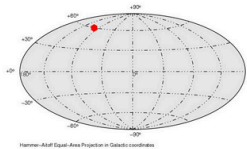


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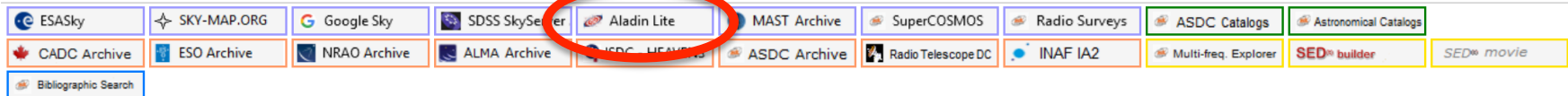
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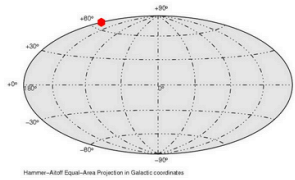
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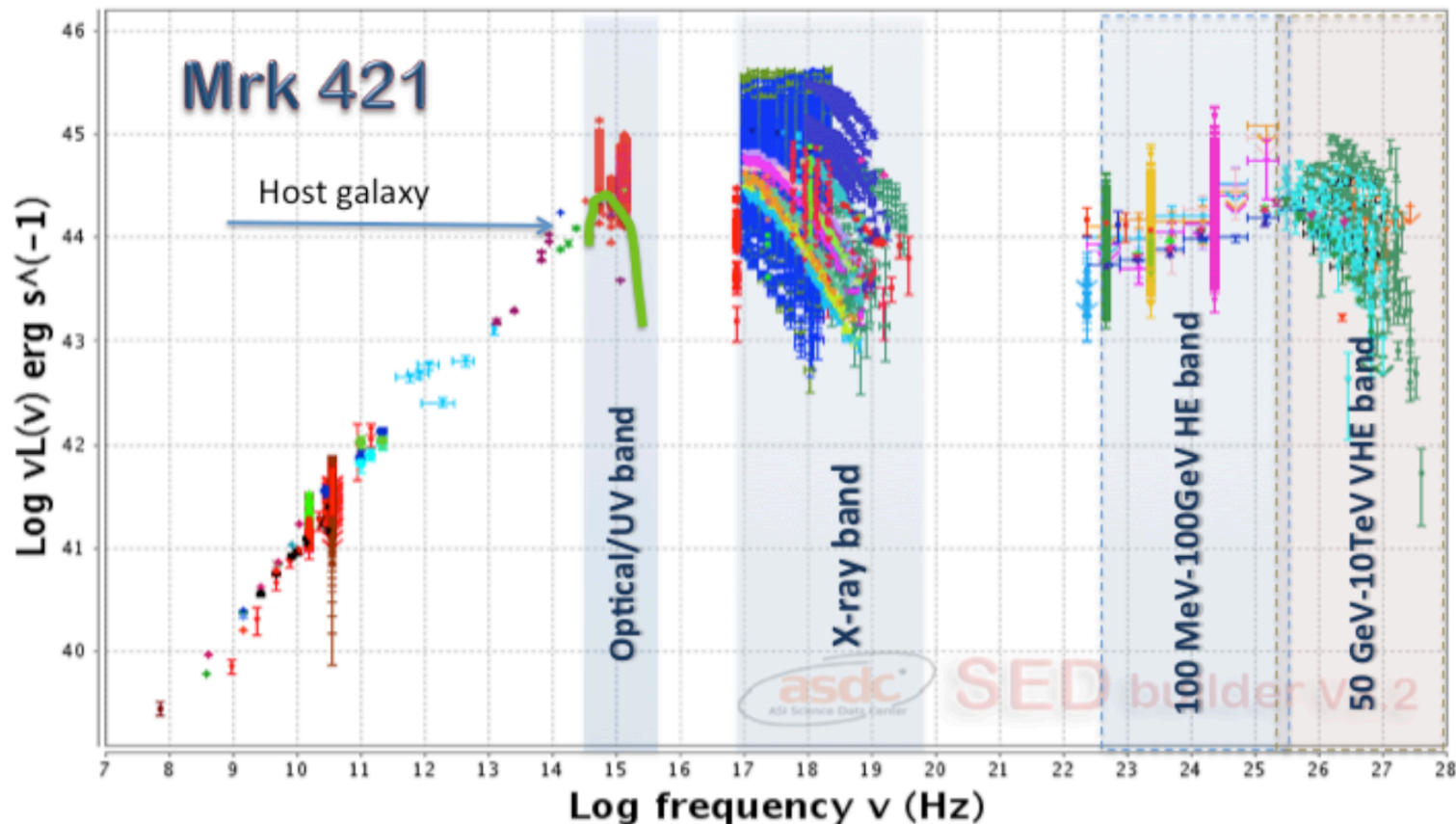
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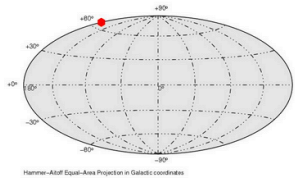
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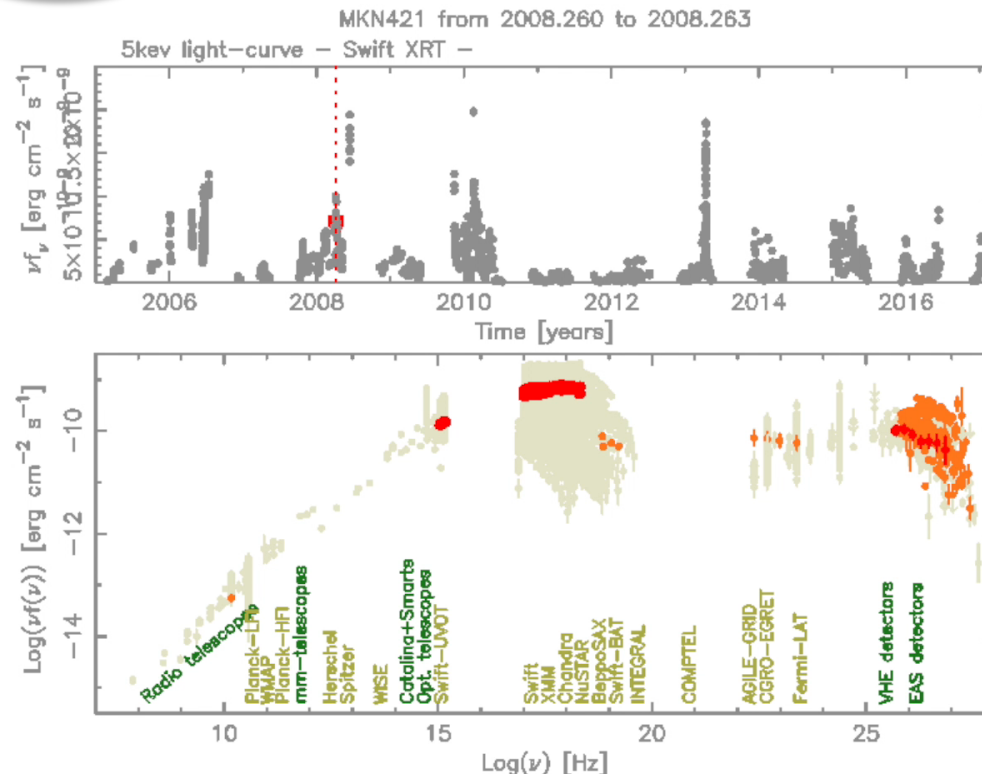
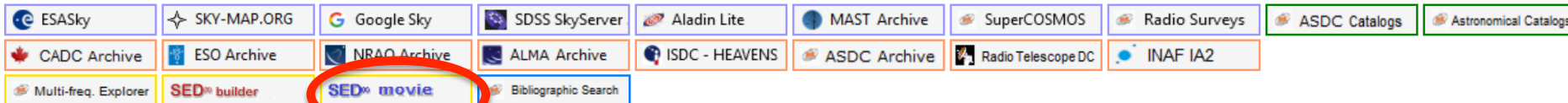
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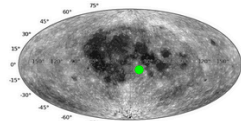


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## Sustainable Costs

- Minor modification of agencies cost-to-completion models
- Avoid duplication of efforts
- Collaboration and coordination among data centres
- Full use of existing infrastructure and data services (e.g. IVOA standards)
- Innovative tools (e.g. [openuniverse.asi.it](http://openuniverse.asi.it))
- New paradigms (e.g. distributed analysis?)
- New technologies

2016 – proposal year.

2017 – discussions/meetings/workshop -> recommendations

2018 – towards implementation:

The list of activities to be carried out in the coming months based on the outcome and the recommendations of the November 2017 workshop, together with a detailed implementation plan, are being finalized.