

Astrophysical Virtual Observatory

**An initiative involving:
ESO, ESA (through ST-ECF), Astrogid, CDS,
CNRS, Jodrell Bank**

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It aims:

- To provide comparative analysis of large sets of multi-wavelength data
- To reuse of data collected by a single source
- To provide uniform Access to data
- To make data available to less-advantaged communities
- To be an educational tool

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It aims:

- **Define Scientific Requirements**
- **Define the data standards to interface archives**
- **Conduct feasibility programme for interoperability**
- **Assess, develop and deploy scalable solutions for AVO storage and computational needs using GRID technology**
- **Test GRID technology in the Astronomical domain**
- **Expand the concept by collaborating with other worldwide initiatives in the U.S.A, Canada and Australia**