





EVLA Data Processing PDR

E2E Data Archive System

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Overall Goals



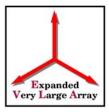
- Archive all astronomy data from all NRAO telescopes
 - EVLA, GBT, VLA, VLBA
 - Raw telescope data, calibration and ancillary data
 - Primary archive storage sites : GB, VLA or AOC
 - Mirror sites : CV, NCSA, (NMT)
- Archive data products
 - Calibrated data and reference images produced by AIPS++ image pipeline
 - Surveys and catalogs
- Improve access to archive data
 - NRAO web-sites, NVO access : support downloading data
 - Support mining scientific and technical data





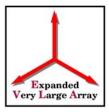
- Archive Storage Media
 - Acquired hard disk array (Storage Area Network) AOC server room
 - Currently 2 TB upgrade to 4 TB soon
 - IBM x370 4 processor Linux : pipeline and disk array server
- Loading Archive Data
 - Copying VLA Export format files from archive tape library, in descending time order
 - Copying new tapes as they arrive from VLA
 - 80 library tapes copied, ~ 900 ModComp tapes
 - Will hire new part-time employee to load tapes





- Loading Archive Data (Cont.)
 - VLBA : correlator operators will begin loading new tapes and library tapes as their time permits
 - GBT : a few GBT FITS files for testing and development
 - Surveys loaded (image files) :
 - NVSS
 - VLBA Calibrator Survey
 - FIRST





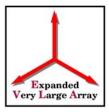
- Archive Catalog Tables
 - Loads *entirely* from meta-data in the archive data files.
 - Uses existing AIPS++ fillers to build Measurement Sets and AIPS++ image files, retrieve meta-data from the AIPS++ MS and images.
 - VLA Export format files,
 - VLBA FITS files
 - GBT FITS files
 - AIPS FITS files (uv data and images).
 - EVLA Measurement Sets
 - Catalog tables are AIPS++/Glish tables.
 - Allows the AIPS++ image pipeline easy access to the catalogs
 - Glish has a nice tables toolkit
 - Table indexing for speed.





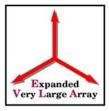
- User Interfaces to Catalog Tables
 - Web-pages : HTML pages supporting queries through familiar forms
 - Web-pages : query reply lists
 - By observing projects
 - By observing scans
 - By archive data files
 - Lists of images
 - Web-pages pl cgi Boyd's chrome pipe Glish query server TaQL
 - Copy data selected by query to ftp accessible location
 - Rudimentary response to NVO URL cone-search queries
- Manual Mode Access
 - Sensible directory hierarchy, archive file links by project



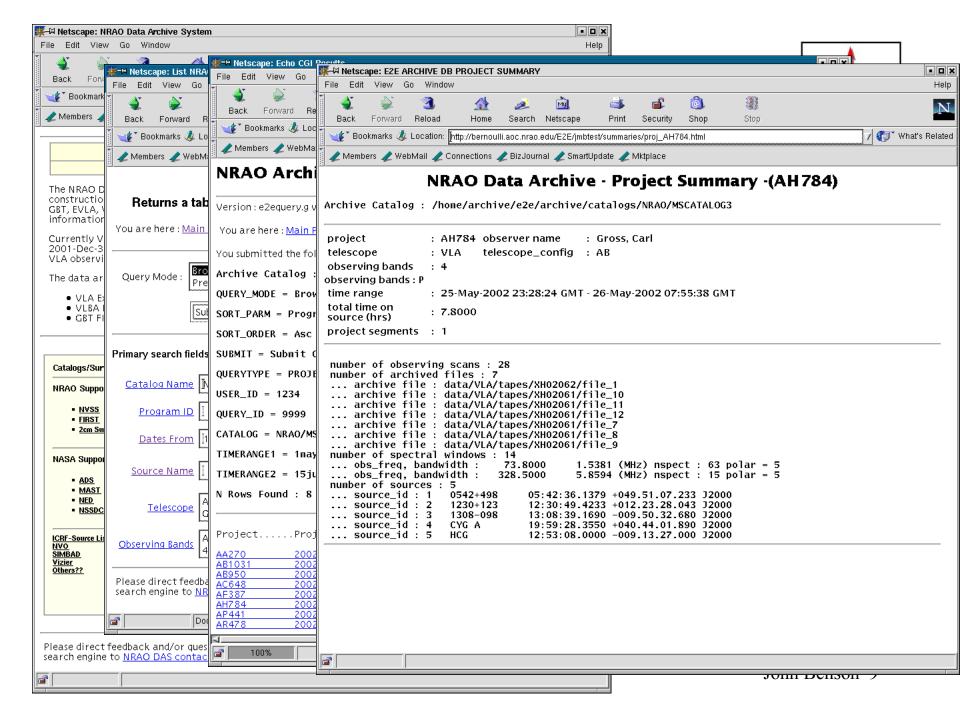


- Complete loading of the VLA Archive
- Mirror site(s).
- Turn our attention to the GBT.
- Continue loading VLBA Archive.
- Begin loading/cataloging various calibration data.
- Advance catalogs and queries :
 - User authentication, data propriety protections
 - Support ftp downloads by outside users
 - Design generalized query-tool for scientific mining
 - Source-type tags : solar system bodies
 - Deliver XML VO tables in reply to NVO cone search queries





- Specific EVLA Goals :
 - Accept EVLA M&C monitor data target date Q1 2003
 - Storage
 - Cataloging
 - Display
 - Accept EVLA Correlator simulator output (MS)- target date 2003
 - Display



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