# Report: GREAT workshop & Summer School on Astrostatistics and Data Mining in large astronomical databases

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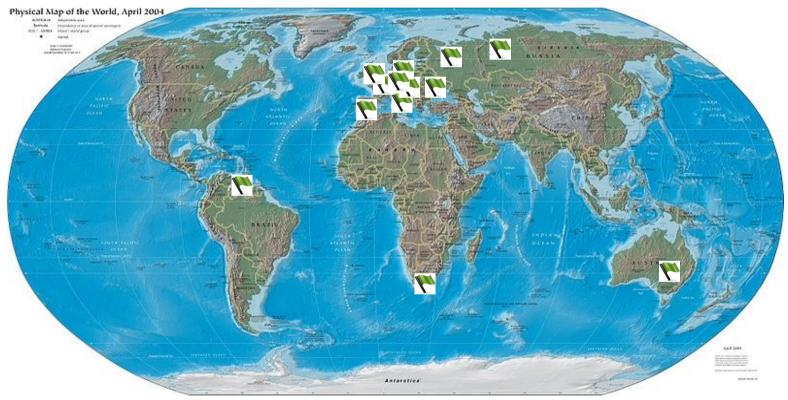
# Workshop & School: a novel approach

 Rationale: we wanted to combine classical training with examples of current research in the field.

9:00-11:00	School Lecture	
11:30-13:30	School Lecture	
15:00-15:45	Invited Keynote talk	
15:45-17:00	Presentations	Coding exercises
17:30-18:15	Invited Keynote talk	
18:15-19:00	Presentations	Coding exercises

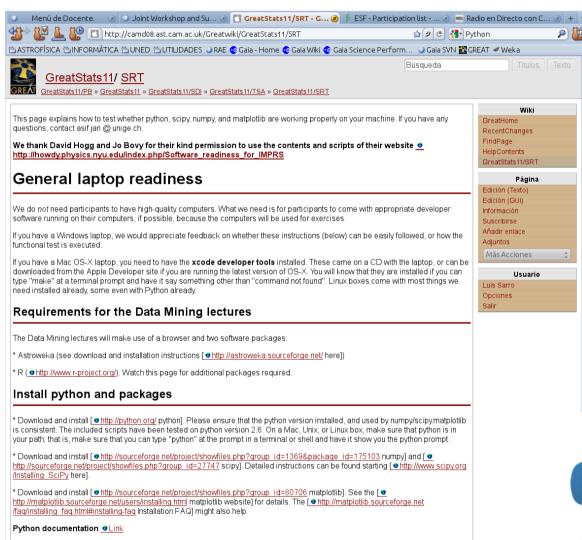
#### **SUMMARY**

 34 school students from CZ, LT, SP(9), IT(5), VE(2),DE(4),UK(2),SL,ZA,PL,BE(2),AU,CH(2), NL, RU



- 56 workshop participants
- We offered 20 additional seats in the school for workshop participants, under restricted conditions (we had to find seats for virtually all workshop participants).

# SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS AND READINESS TESTS DATASETS AND CODE



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http://www.iwinac.uned.es/Astrostatistics/w/program.html

http://camd08.ast.cam.ac.uk/Greatwiki/GreatStats11

## Lecturers and invited speakers

David Hogg (New York University)	
Mo	dels: Specification, complexity and choice
Suzanne Aigrain (Oxford University)	
	Time series analysis
Giuseppe Longo (Federico II University)	
	Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining
Matthew Graham (California Institute of T	echnology)
Technical aspects of	of the analysis of petabyte-size databases
Robert Lupton (Princeton University)	
	Statistical Image Analysis

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Exoplanet demography, quasar target selection, and probabilistic redshift estimation: Hierarchical models for density estimation, classification, and regression.

Suzanne Aigrain:

Learning to disentangle Exoplanet signals from correlated noise

• Giuseppe Longo:

Astroinformatics and data mining: how to cope with the data tsunami

Matthew Graham:

The Art of Data Science

Robert Lupton:

Astronomical Surveys: from SDSS to LSST

• Eilam Gross (Weizmann Institute):

Statistical methods in High Energy Physics and their implementation for Higgs Search and Dark Matter Search

Anthony Brown (Leiden University):

Science with Gaia: how will we deal with a complex billion-source catalogue and data archive?

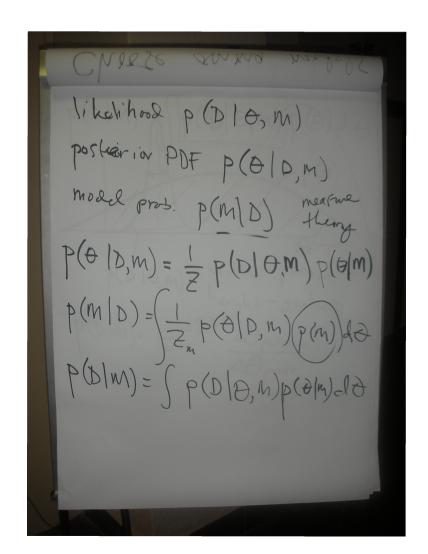
Roberto Trotta (Imperial College London):

Recent Advances in cosmological Bayesian model comparison

#### Models: Specification, complexity, and choice (David Hogg)

- 1) Model specification and likelihood formulation
- 2) Model complexity and choice
- 3) (pair-coding) Model selection workshop
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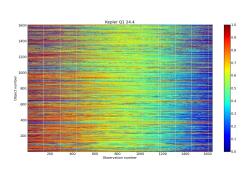


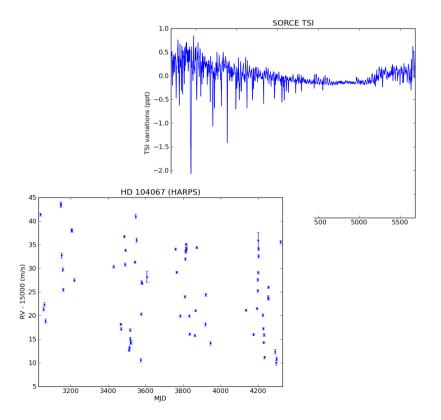


## Time Series Analysis (Suzanne Aigrain)

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- . Lecture 0 (to be provided in advance as links or bibliography if needed)
  - To first order, time-series are like any other 1-D dataset, and the same principles apply when trying to model them.
     Therefore, reading the document provided by D. Hogg <u>◆ http://arxiv.org/abs/1008.4686</u> will also be helpful in preparing for these lectures.
  - Three example datasets have been provided (see below), which the students are encouraged to download and try to read in and plot in advance of the school. These datasets will be used as part of hands-on workshop sessions by several of the lecturers
- . Topics to be covered in the lectures:
  - What's special about time-series?
  - Bayesian spectral analysis
  - Some notes about using the discrete Fourier transform
  - Autocorrelation functions
  - ARMA models
  - Gaussian processes
  - Systematics in ensembles of time-series
- Topics to be covered if time permits
  - State-space models and quasi-periodic systems
  - Empirical mode decomposition and the Hilbert-Huang transform
  - Change-point detection
- Exercises
  - See the lectures...





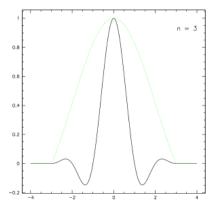
## Statistical Image Analysis (Robert Lupton)

- 1. The Sampling Theorem and Image Resampling
- 2. Object Detection and Measurement as Statistical Estimation
- 3. Hands-on session: object detection and measurement
- 4. Hands-on session continued: object detection and measurement



A popular modification of the sinc kernel is a Lanczos(n) kernel,

$$L_n(x) = \begin{cases} \operatorname{sinc}(x) \times \operatorname{sinc}(x/n) & |x| \leq n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



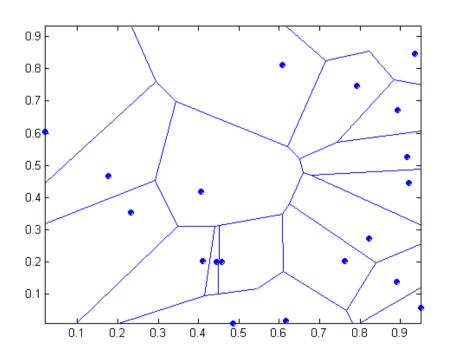


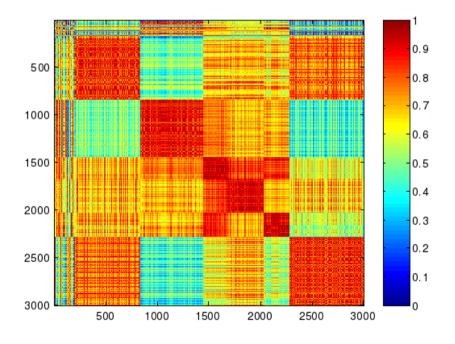
Lecture 1: what is data mining

Lecture 2: feature selection and dimensionality reduction

Lecture 3: classification tasks and supervised methods

Lecture 4: clustering methods





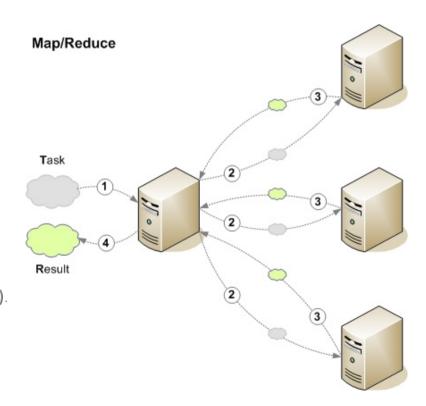
#### Technical Aspects of the analysis of petabyte size databases (M. Graham)

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It would take over 33 years to watch a 1 PB MP3 movie yet, within the decade, data sets of this size will be as everyday a feature of astronomical life as astro-ph or APOD. This section will cover the practical aspects of handling petascale (and larger) data sets and streams including new computational approaches needed to work with them from an astronomer's perspective.

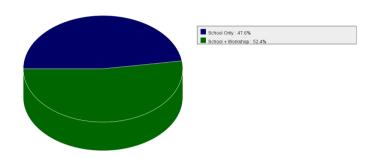
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- Lecture 0 (to be provided in advance as links or bibliography if needed)
  - How big is a petabyte?
  - o Big data sets en route: astronomy, other sciences
- Lecture 1: How to store a petabyte
  - What do you store?
  - Cost and performance of storage
  - Databases: relational vs non-relational, indexing
- Lecture 2: How to work with a petabyte
  - Distribution
  - Divide and conquer: MapReduce, Hadoop (how to sort 1 PB)
  - Putting things together: PIG
- Lecture 3: How to analyze a petabyte
  - Random access
  - Characterizing data
  - Streaming statistics
- Ideas for pair-coding examples (to be discussed with SOC / other lecturers).
  - Coding up a simple analysis routine using Hadoop

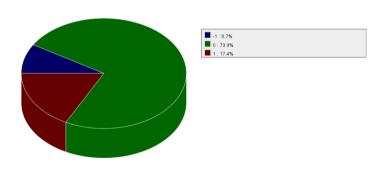


## The (anonymous) questionnaire

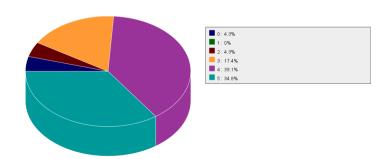
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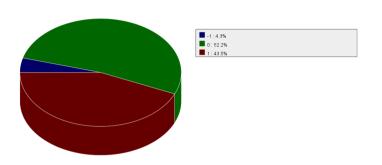
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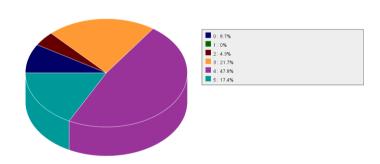
**Overall Event** 



How was the pace of the event (-1= too slow, 0= just right, 1= too fast)?



#### **Overall Presenters**



#### Wrong

- More/longer hands-on sessions
- Allow for choice of programming language/problems with python
- Hands-on sessions more guided.

## Right

- Video recording of lectures and keynote talks
- Presentations, manuscripts, python code, datasets available online
- Hands-on sessions
- Thought provoking keynote talks

#### Funding and grants

- Fee reimbursed to all school participants that requested financial support
- Lunch at the venue for all participants
- Travel grants (1500 Euros)

