# Caltech



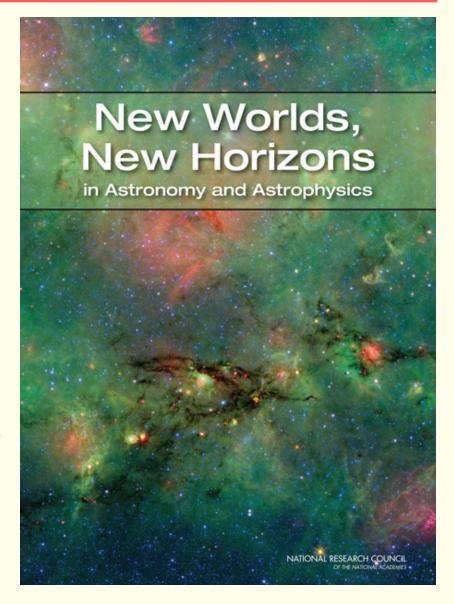
# **Astrophysics Archives at IPAC**

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# NASA's Commitment to Astrophysics Data Archives

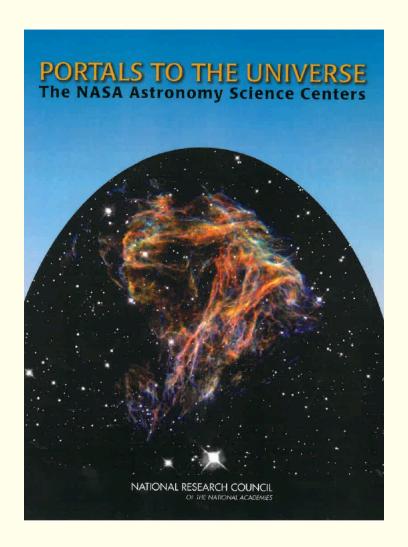
- "NASA has regarded data handling and archiving as an integral part of space missions."
- "This support now provides the major return on the considerable investment the agency made... over the past 20 years."

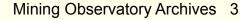




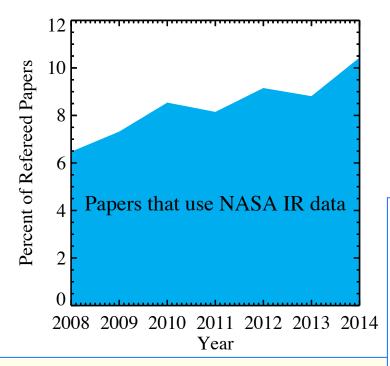
## "A Sustainable Archive"

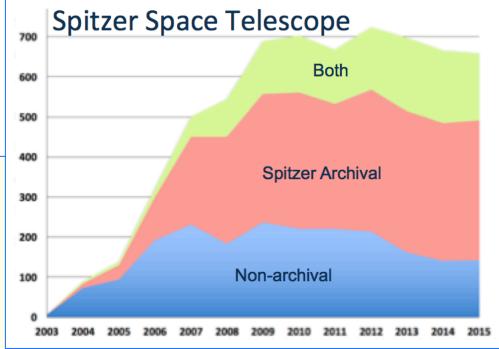
- Continually facilitates production of new scientific results
- Has a strategic goal to enable more and better science
- Contains high-quality, reliable data
- Provides simple and useful tools to a broad community
- Provides user support to the novice as well as to the power user
- Has many diverse uses (and users)
  - Adapts and evolves in response to community input





# **Archives Double the Number of Papers from the Observatory**

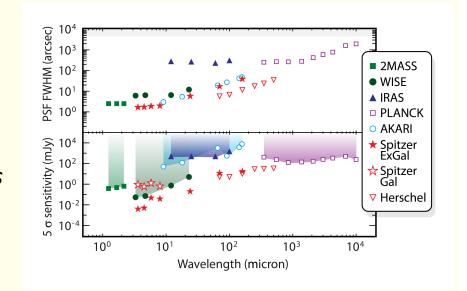






# IRSA: NASA's IR/sub-mm archive

- IRSA ensures the legacy of NASA's "golden age" of IR
  - \* Enable research that has not yet been envisioned.
  - Priorities set by missions and the community
  - Support future flight missions
- IRSA is continuing rapid expansion
  - Since 2011, holdings more than doubled (now > 1 PB);
  - \* # table rows increased by factor of 15 (>100 billion)
  - \* Almost 40 million queries in 2016



- All-sky 20 photometric bands from 1 micron to 1 cm
- About 40% of approved ADAP programs involve analysis of IR data sets























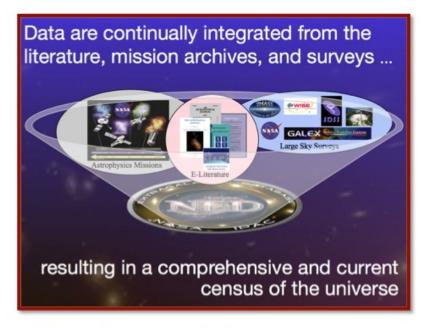




# **NED**: managing complex data sets



#### Overview – NED in a Nutshell



#### NED is where you find ...

- ➤ Objects with z > 2.0 and available GALEX NUV flux
- ➤ Most precise z-independent distance measurement to M82
- > SED, spanning gamma-rays through radio, for quasar 3C 279
- > Spiral galaxies with stellar bars and Type 2 AGNs

#### **Published:**

- Names
- $(\alpha.\delta)$
- · Redshifts
- DMpe
- Fluxes
- Sizes
- · Attributes -
- References
- · Notes

#### Contributed:

- Images
- Spectra

#### Derived:

- · Distances
- · Metric sizes
- Luminosities A
- · Velocity corrections
- Cosmological corrections

Extragalactic papers have grown to 3,500 per year, with unique measurements for millions of objects

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Luminosity

Hierarchy

Kinematics

Distance

Indicators

SEDs

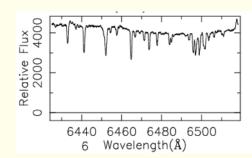
# The Keck Observatory Archive







- NASA-funded collaboration between WMKO and IPAC/NExScI.
- Started with HIRES
- Systematic/automated capture of metadata ensures efficiency
- Now data from all ten instruments since their dates of commissioning
  - decommissioned instruments Summer 2015.
  - \* proprietary period of at least 18 mo.
- KOA creates browse products for three instruments by automating pipelines.

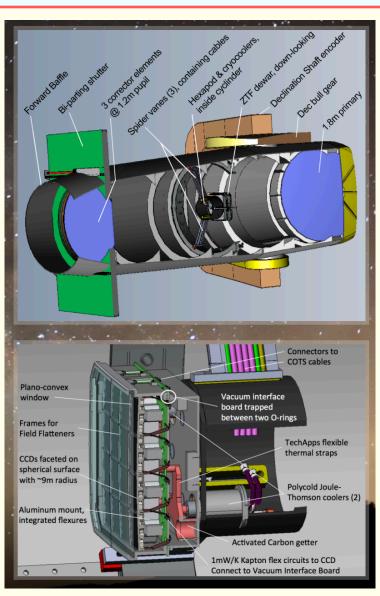


KOA creates extracted HIRES browse spectra for every order of each object raw frame. Shown: T Tau. (PI: Reipurth).





# Other IPAC Archives following the NASA model (non-NASA funded)



- **Palomar Observatory** 
  - ❖ Zwicky Transient Facility (2017+)
  - intermediate Palomar Transient Factory (iPTF; 2013-2016)
  - ❖ Palomar Transient Factory (2009-2012)
- Fully automated wide-field survey with 1.2 m Oschin telescope
- Publicly accessible survey data products available at IPAC
  - single frame exposures for selected regions of the sky,
  - source catalog files for those same regions.



#### An Archive's Job

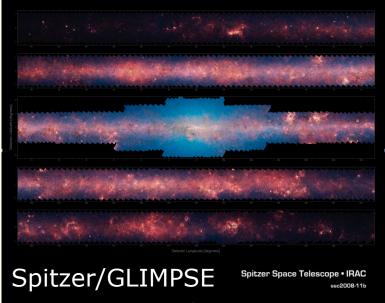
- Ingest new data
- Maintain/serve vital repository of irreplaceable data
  - Support for observation planning
  - \* Resource for original science
  - ❖ High level science products
- Enable cutting-edge research
  - **❖** API and Virtual Observatory
  - User support by experts
  - New/enhanced services



# **High Level Science Products**

- Greatly enhance the science return of the archives
  - ❖ Hubble Legacy HLSP are used 10x as much as typical pipeline products
- Make complex data sets accessible to a wider audience of researchers
- Expand the use of large, coherent projects
  - Herschel Key Projects
  - ❖ Spitzer Legacy and Exploration Science
- Generated by the community or by the archive





# **Technical Synergy and Innovation**



- IRSA implemented innovative indexing techniques for NEO/ WISE, optimized to meet the required use cases for database queries
  - single position spatial searches (using a recursively subdivided triangular mesh)
  - simultaneous matching of large user-supplied lists of positions (using a file-based index outside of the database).
- Challenges presented by WISE were used as opportunities to extend IPAC's capabilities
  - ❖ ZTF will require databases that are at least an order of magnitude larger



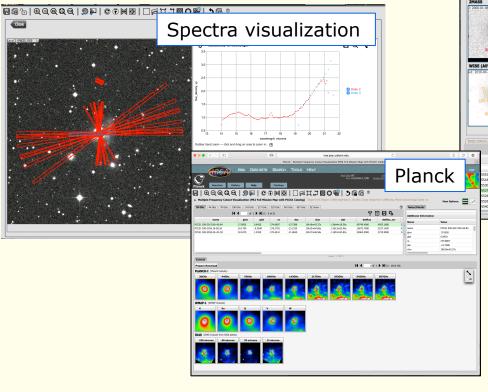
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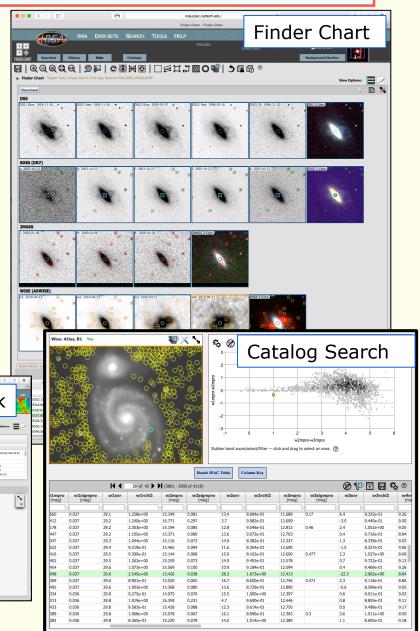
- Helpdesk some tickets are simple, others extremely complex
- Documentation
  - \* tools/data releases
  - \* updates in response to tickets
  - Handouts
- Demos
  - Live (AAS, ADASS, DPS)
  - ❖ Video tutorials (IRSA has > 60 videos)
- The complexity of Science User needs increases with time.



# **Data Exploration and Visualization Services**

- Search & display can be tailored to various instrument/science contexts, using reusable visualization components
- Combine images, plots, tables, spectra
- Supports observation planning
- ◆ Firefly by IPAC





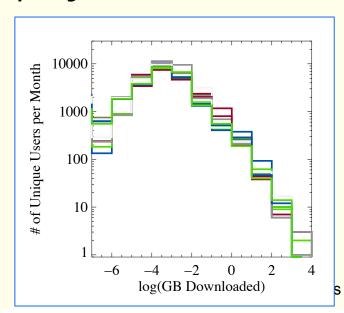
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# VO broadens audience; API supports diverse users

- ◆ Virtual Observatory ◆ Application
  - ❖ Standardized protocols for interoperability between archives
  - **❖** Data discovery
  - **❖** *Independent Tools*
  - TOPAN SMIT

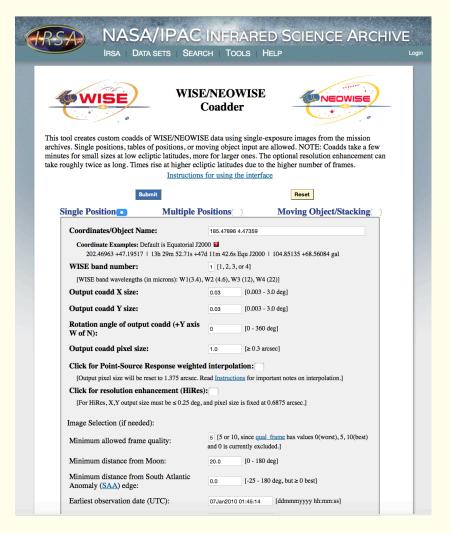
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- ApplicationProgram Interface
  - Allows scripted access to archive data
  - Enables complex projects



# **Data Analysis Tools**

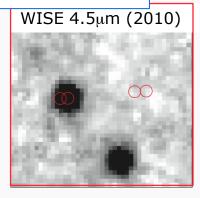
- ◆ Analysis "near the data"
  - \* As data sets grow beyond local resources, researchers look to data centers to provide computing power and tools
- Interactive tools
  - ❖ WISE Coadder
  - Planck map making
  - ❖ IRAS tools
  - Spitzer imaging and spectra
- Looking Forward
  - \* "Big data means you can't move it all", suggesting the analysis must move to the data

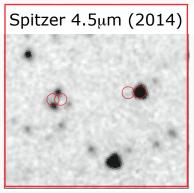




# IR Science Highlights

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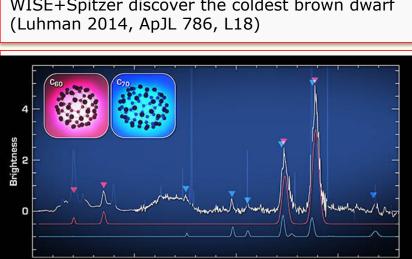




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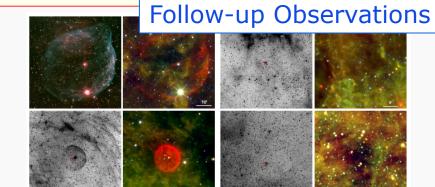
WISE+Spitzer discover the coldest brown dwarf



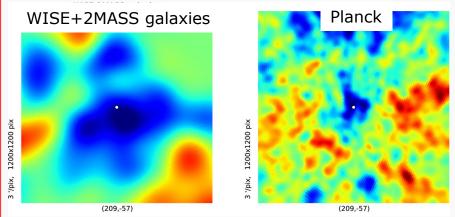
Wavelength (microns)

Re-analysis of Spectra

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WISE morphological study of Wolf-Rayet nebulae, Toala et al. (A&A 2015, arXiv:1503.06878)



WISE+2MASS+PanSTARRS data may reveal supervoid in CMB cold spot seen by Planck; (Szapudi et al. 2015, MNRAS, 450, 288)

## Combination of Surveys

### Lessons Learned

- Long-term, stable archives greatly increase the return on observatory investment
- ♦ Robust support for both expert and novice users pays off
- User support by instrument experts is crucial
- Standardization of tools within an archive increases efficiency
- ◆ Integrity of science data as obtained must be maintained
- ◆ Interoperability between archives benefits everyone
- High level data products can expand the reach of large data sets