

# The NOAO Data Lab: Overview, Applications, Future What's So Great About the Data Lab is...

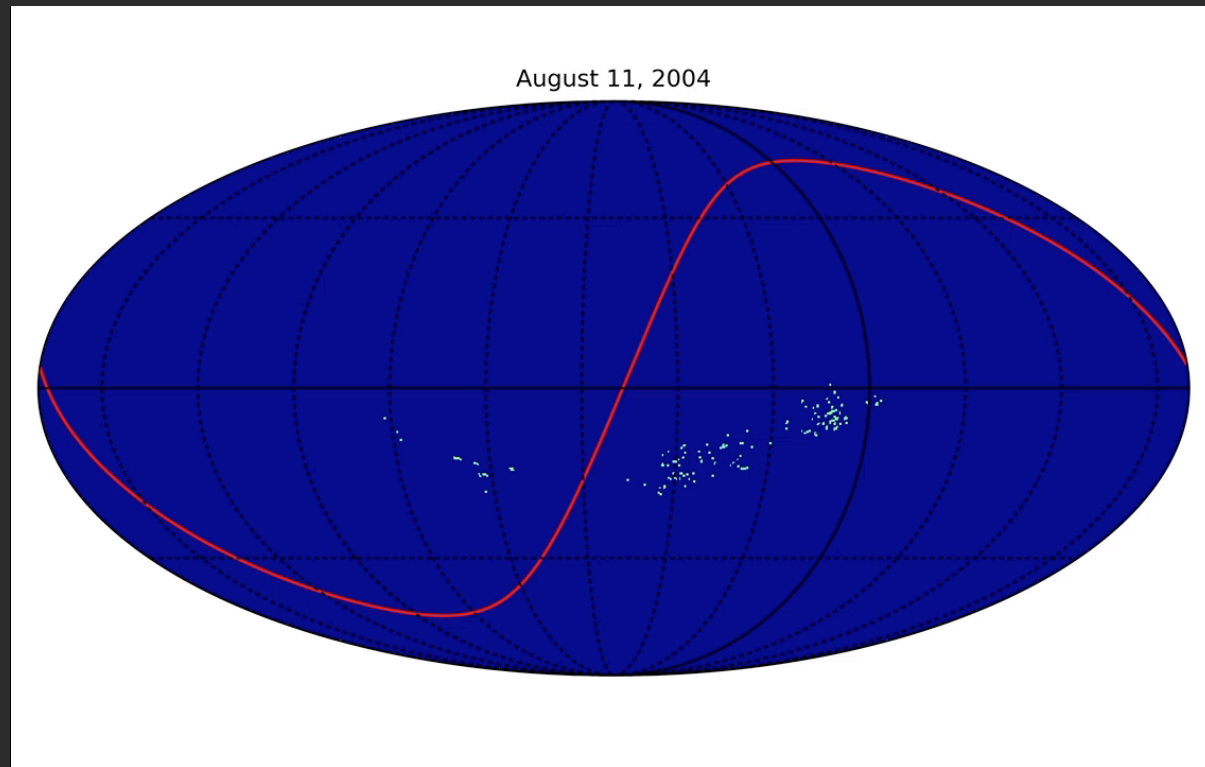
Leah Fulmer, on behalf of the Data Lab Team



**We acknowledge that we are currently situated on the traditional lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation.**

**Furthermore, we would like to thank the cleaning and maintenance staff of this building and all telescope facilities, without whose labor this work could not be conducted.**

# Motivation



Sky coverage from NOAO wide-field imaging cameras on the 4m telescopes

# Mission

The NOAO Data Lab seeks to **empower astronomers** through **efficient exploration and analysis** of large astronomy datasets with an **emphasis on NOAO wide-field 4m telescopes**.

Its primary objectives are to **connect users with high-value catalogs** through both user-defined and data discovery search forums, to **build Python-based tools** for the efficient visualization and analysis of data both within and beyond the Data Lab system, and to **provide direct service** to astronomers in order to optimize user experience.



# Approach

Catalog + Image Query -- Python queryClient

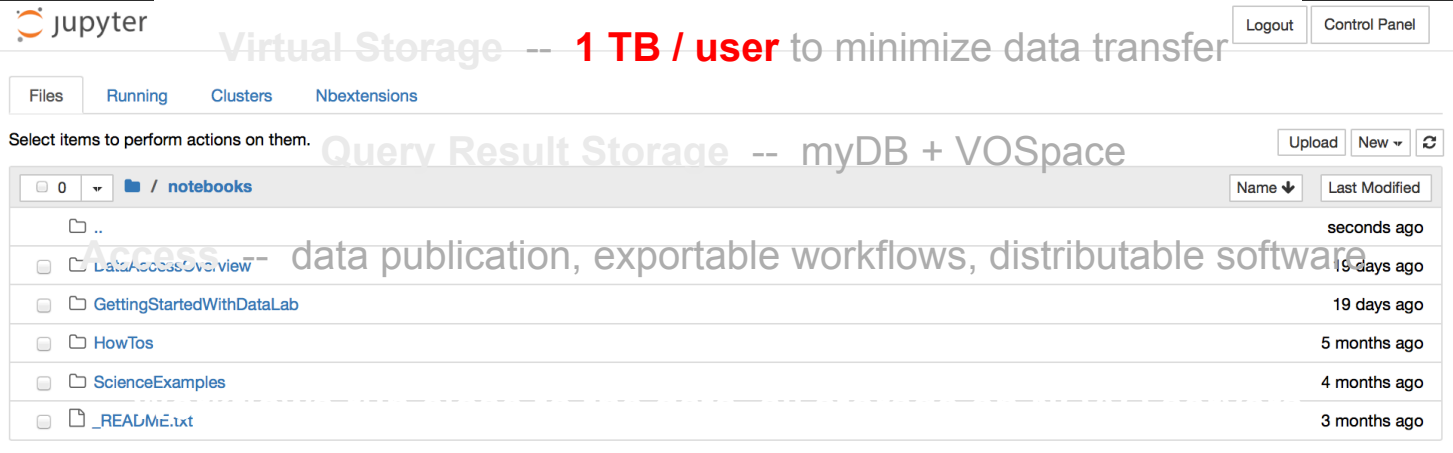
Data Discovery -- Image + catalog sky exploration

Analysis -- Jupyter Notebook server + scripted analysis

**Virtual Storage** -- 1 TB / user to minimize data transfer

**Query Result Storage** -- myDB + VOSpace

**Access** -- data publication, exportable workflows, distributable software

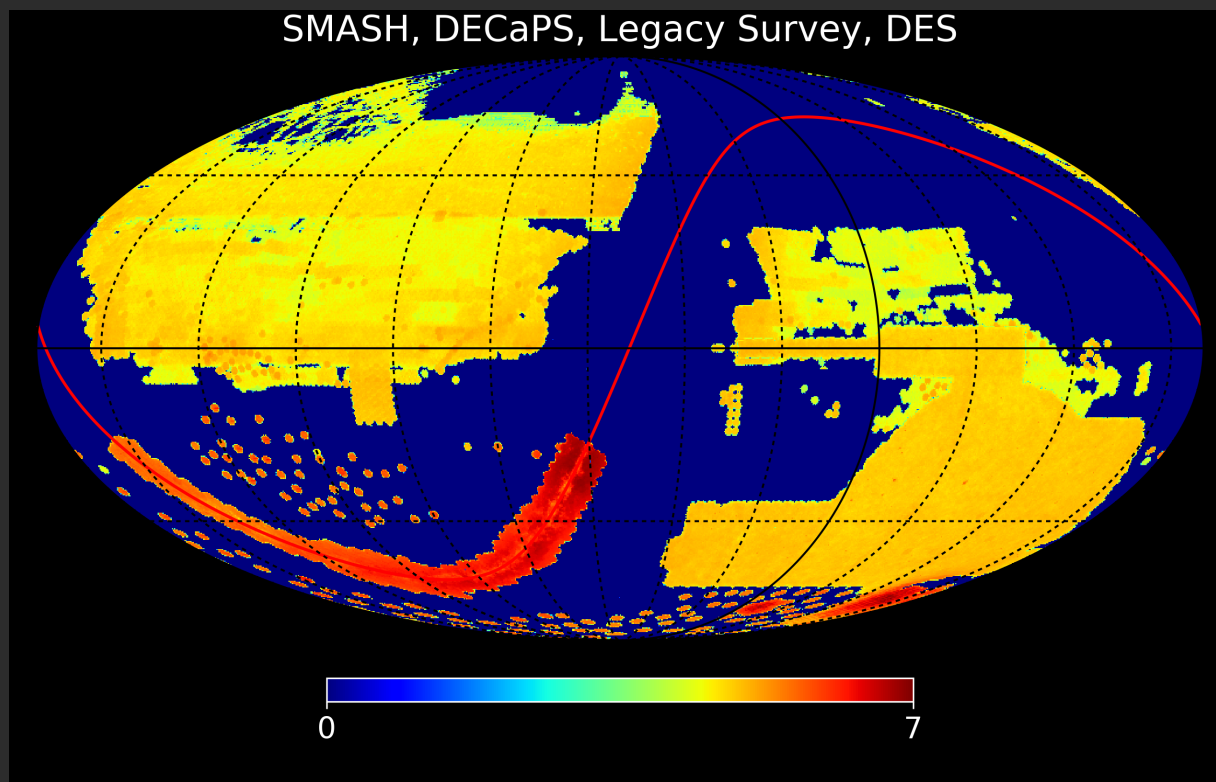


The screenshot shows the JupyterLab interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Logout' and 'Control Panel' buttons. Below it, a tab bar shows 'Files', 'Running', 'Clusters', and 'Nbextensions'. The main area displays a file browser for the '/ notebooks' directory. It shows a list of files and folders with columns for 'Name' and 'Last Modified'. The files listed are: '..', 'DataAccessOverview', 'GettingStartedWithDataLab', 'HowTos', 'ScienceExamples', and '\_REALME.txt'. The 'Last Modified' column shows times like 'seconds ago', '19 days ago', '5 months ago', '4 months ago', and '3 months ago'.

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# Catalog Exploration

SMASH, DECaPS, Legacy Survey, DES

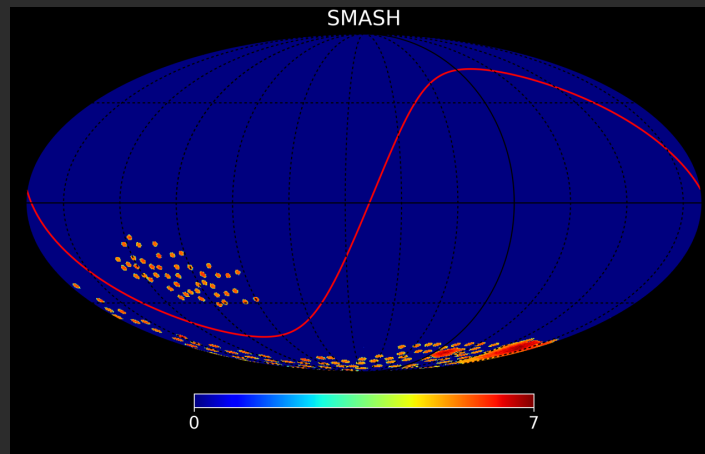


# Catalog Exploration

## Survey of the Magellanic Stellar History

Intended to identify **distributed, low surface brightness stellar populations** associated with the stellar halos of **tidal debris** from the Magellanic Clouds.

Survey **in-progress**,  
having observed  
~100 million objects  
over an expected  
250 million objects



Shout out: **David Nidever** at 2:40pm

SMASH at a Glance	
Area covered	480 deg <sup>2</sup> spanning ~2400 deg <sup>2</sup>
Bands	<i>ugriz</i>
Depth (5 $\sigma$ , <i>ugriz</i> )	23.9, 24.8, 24.5, 24.2, 23.5 mag
Seeing ( <i>ugriz</i> )	1.22, 1.13, 1.01, 0.95, 0.90 arcsec
Number of fields	197
- DR1	61
Number of DECam exposures	5,809
- DR1	2,480
Number of objects	~420,000,000
- DR1	101,425,210
Number of measurements	~4,000,000,000
- DR1	722,653,189
Photometric precision	~1% in <i>u</i> and 0.5-0.7% in <i>griz</i>
Photometric calibration accuracy	~1.3% in all bands
Astrometric accuracy	~20 mas

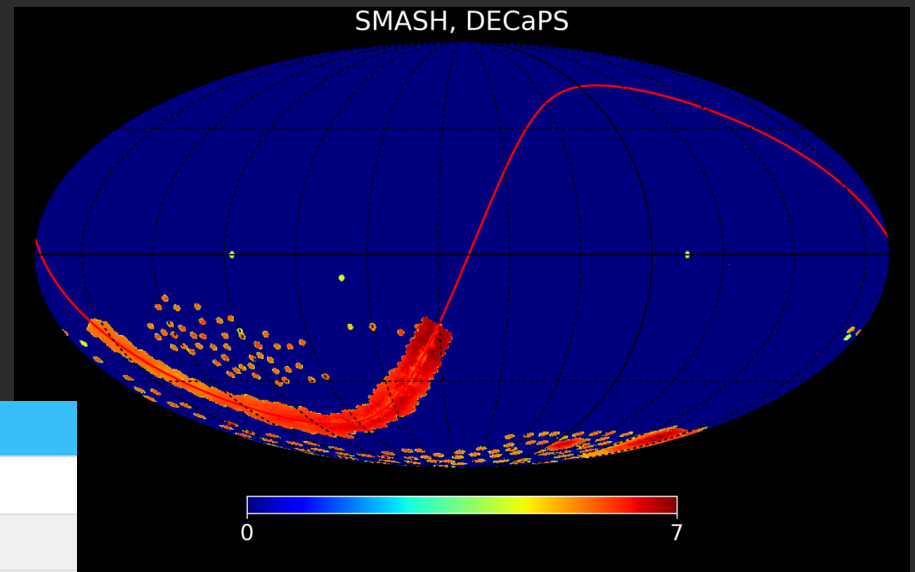
# Catalog Exploration

## DECam Plane Survey

- **Multi-band imaging survey** of the Galactic Plane (grizY)
- Explore the **entire DECaPS band-merged catalog** with the Data Lab, as well as image header tables, zero points, flat fields, etc.

DECaPS Summary Table

Area covered	~1000 deg <sup>2</sup>
Bands	grizY
Depth (5 $\sigma$ , <i>grizY</i> )	23.7, 22.8, 22.2, 21.8, 21.0 mag
Number of objects	~2,000,000,000

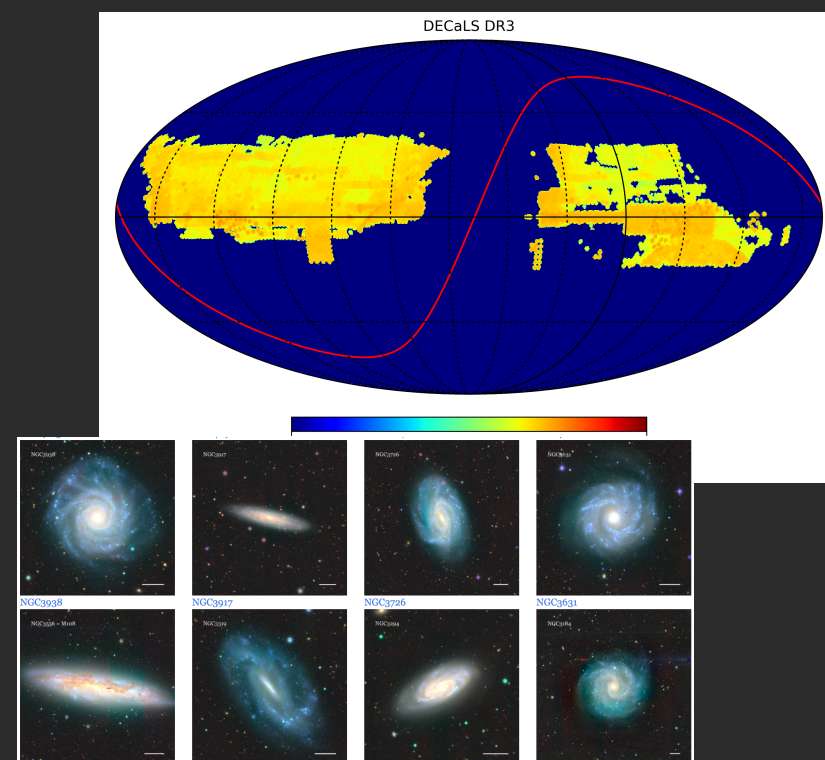


- Stay tuned for a **science example!**
- Shout out: **Eddie Schlafly at 1:30pm**

# Catalog Exploration

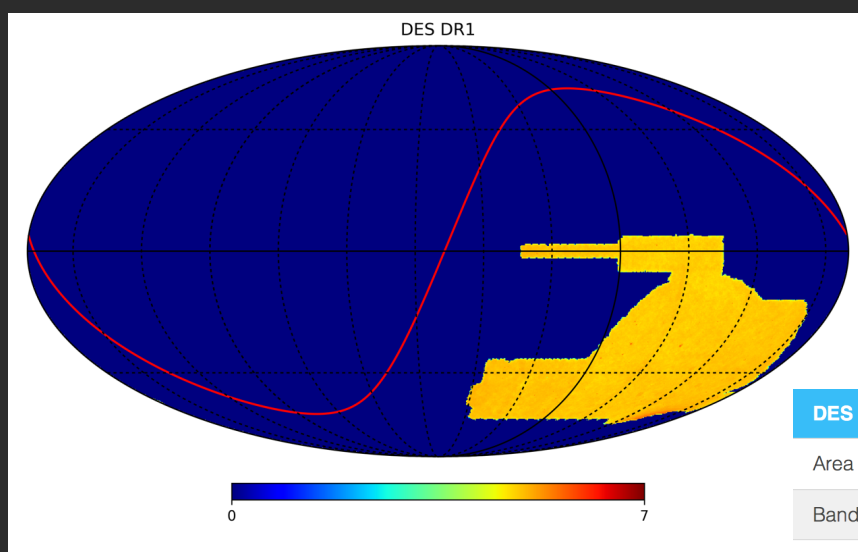
## DECam Legacy Survey

- **High-quality optical imaging (g,r,z)** covering two-thirds of the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI) footprint,  $\sim 9500 \text{ deg}^2$
- **Depths:**  $g = 24.7$ ,  $r = 23.9$ ,  $z = 23.0$
- Explore **images and catalogs** with Data Lab
- **Key component of the DESI Imaging Legacy Survey**, an optical + infrared survey of the entire DESI footprint, to be utilized in target selection.
- Shout out: **Martin Landriau** at 10:40am.



# Catalog Exploration

## Dark Energy Survey



Explore catalog of 300 million distant galaxies and 100 million Milky Way stars  
– **stay tuned for a science example!**

- Data Lab releases include **crossmatch tables** with GALEX, VISTA Hemisphere Survey, WISE, and [very soon] Gaia DR2
- Search catalog of **neighboring objects** within 30 arcsec

### DES DR1 Summary

Area covered	5000 deg <sup>2</sup>
Bands	<i>grizY</i>
Depth (10 $\sigma$ , <i>grizY</i> )	24.45, 24.3, 23.5, 22.90, 21.70 mag
Seeing ( <i>grizY</i> )	~1 arcsec
Number of Tiles	10338
Number of objects	399,263,026

# Star / Galaxy Classification

Exploring DECaLS within the Data Lab Environment

## Setting the scene...

- An imaging survey includes a **zoo of different astronomical objects**. There are **foreground stars** from our own Milky Way as well as **background galaxies** at various distances, including **QSOs** with actively accreting supermassive black holes.
- The DECaLS Catalog **classifies these objects** through a series of morphological parameters.

## Therefore...

- In the following example, we will **examine the DECaLS object classifications** within the Data Lab Environment.

## We hope to demonstrate...

- Easy access of DECaLS through the **Query Manager**.
- Basic classification quality exploration through a **Jupyter Notebook Server**.



# Star / Galaxy Classification

## Exploring DECaLS within the Data Lab Environment

```
In [1]: __author__ = 'Stephanie Juneau, NOAO Data Lab Team'
        __version__ = '20180104' # yyyymmdd
        __datasets__ = ['ls_dr3']
```

### Star/Galaxy/QSO Classification in the DESI Imaging Legacy Surveys

by Stéphanie Juneau, Robert Nikutta, Knut Olsen and the NOAO Data Lab Team

In this notebook, we investigate the optical and infrared colors of astronomical sources detected in the DECam Legacy Survey (DECaLS). The third data release of this imaging survey comprises ~400 millions stars, galaxies and quasars (or QSOs: Quasi-Stellar Objects).

NOAO Data Lab products and services used here:

- the Legacy Survey (LS) DR3 database
- Jupyter Notebook Server
- Query Manager
- Image cutout tool similar to Data Lab SIA

Below, we query the database, compute colors, plot a few color combinations, and take into account the source "type" as defined from the light profile shape in order to differentiate between object classes.

# Star / Galaxy Classification

## Exploring DECaLS within the Data Lab Environment

Possible shapes for DECaLS DR3:

- PSF (point spread function: size will vary with the seeing of the observations)
- SIMP ("simple" galaxies: round, exponential profile with 0.45" effective radius)
- EXP (exponential profile; spiral galaxies)
- DEV (deVaucouleurs profile; elliptical galaxies)
- COMP (composite deVaucouleurs+exponential at same centroid)



Elliptical Galaxy (M87)



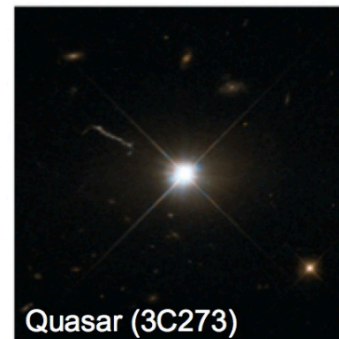
DEV (de Vaucouleurs)



Spiral Galaxy (M33)



EXP (exponential)



Quasar (3C273)



PSF (point-spread-fct)

# Star / Galaxy Classification

Exploring DECaLS within the Data Lab Environment

## Step 1: Construct and Submit a SQL Query

**Wavebands:** g,r,z from DECam

**Morphological parameter:** type

**Data quality:** S/N in each band

```
# Write query statement (sql) as a string
# NOTE: triple quotes allow us to break the string on multiple lines
query = """
    SELECT dered_mag_g as gmag, dered_mag_r as rmag, dered_mag_z as zmag,
           type,
           snr_g, snr_r, snr_z, ra, dec
    FROM ls_dr3.tractor_primary
    WHERE (snr_g>3 and snr_r>3 and snr_z>3)
    LIMIT 400000"""

# dered_mag_g,r,z = AB magnitudes in DECam g,r,z bands corrected for Galactic reddening
# dered_mag_w1,w2 = AB magnitudes in WISE bands W1 & W2 corrected for Galactic reddening
# type            = object type (PSF, SIMP, EXP, DEV, COMP)
# snr_g,r,z       = pre-computed signal-to-noise ratios (S/N) in g,r,z bands
# ra,dec          = celestial coordinates
#
# WHERE: requirement that S/N>3 in each DECaLS band
# LIMIT: returns 400,000 rows that satisfy the query
```

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## Step 2: Format Query Output

Convert output  
from query to  
pandas  
DataFrame

```
# Reformat output into a table
#result = Table.read(StringIO(response), format='csv') #dictionary
# Reformat output into a Pandas Data Frame
result = helpers.convert(response, 'pandas')

# Print a few rows from the result table
print(result[:5])
print(" ")
print('This query contains', len(result), 'objects.')
```

Returning Pandas dataframe

	gmag	rmag	zmag	type	snr_g	snr_r	snr_z	\
0	19.2910	18.6569	17.9649	SIMP	253.79800	286.54200	295.84000	
1	21.7634	20.2850	19.3403	PSF	45.30160	117.72700	121.92700	
2	22.1439	20.9485	19.8895	SIMP	27.34160	56.48310	57.96450	
3	23.3501	22.8142	22.2988	SIMP	9.26451	11.25470	6.50289	
4	23.7298	23.1004	21.6915	SIMP	6.59172	8.75818	11.35560	

Check object  
limit

	ra	dec
0	42.551770	-19.478720
1	42.542098	-19.483807
2	42.552989	-19.488538
3	42.555074	-19.487900
4	42.551644	-19.473996

This query contains 400000 objects.

Inspect output  
data

# Star / Galaxy Classification

Exploring DECaLS within the Data Lab Environment

## Step 3: Create Color Variables Define Quality Threshold

Define colors with S/N quality  
threshold



```
# Select range of interest
thres = 5.  #threshold value for S/N (here, making it more stringent than query)
keep = (result['snr_g']>thres)&(result['snr_r']>thres)&(result['snr_z']>thres)

# Colors
g_r = result['gmag'][keep] - result['rmag'][keep]
r_z = result['rmag'][keep] - result['zmag'][keep]

# Classification per object type
objtype = result['type'][keep]

print('After enforcing a S/N threshold, this query now contains', len(objtype), 'objects.')

After enforcing a S/N threshold, this query now contains 258316 objects.
```

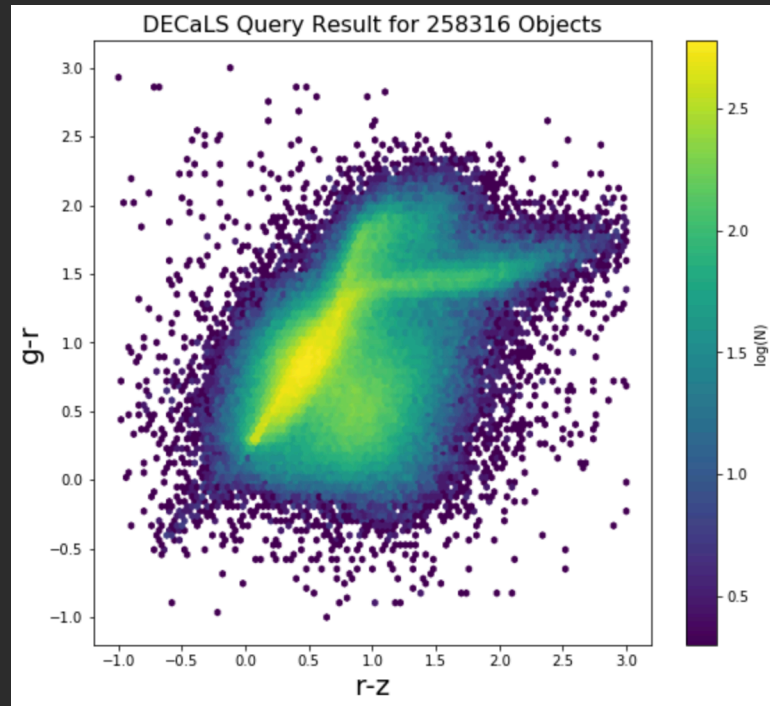
Check new output objects



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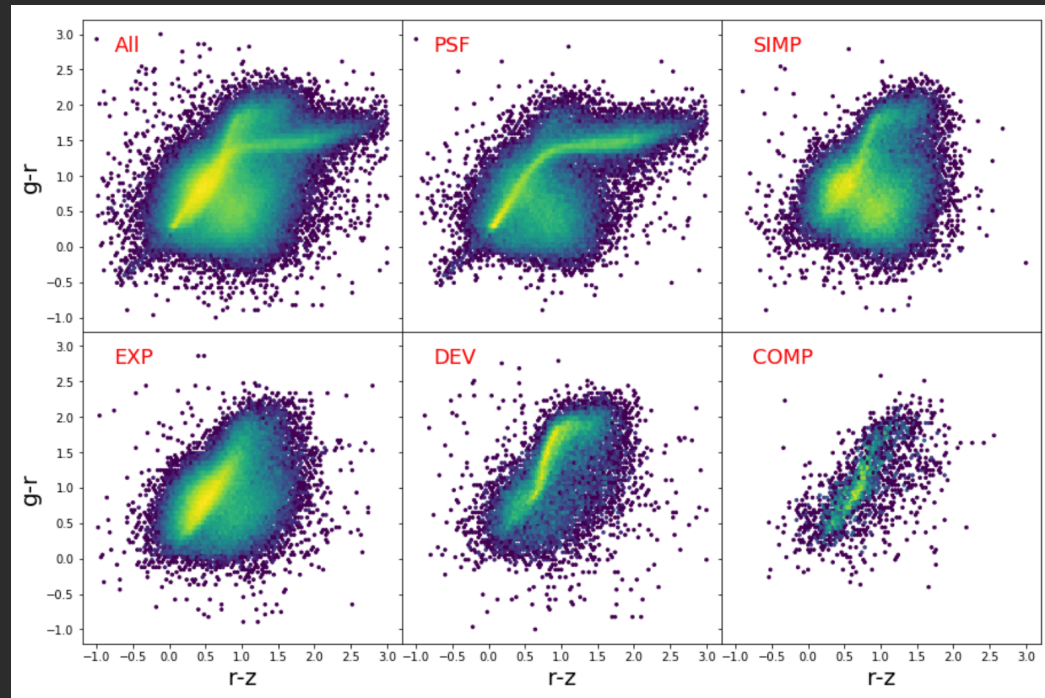
## Step 4: Plot Initial Results



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## Step 5: Separate Objects by Classification





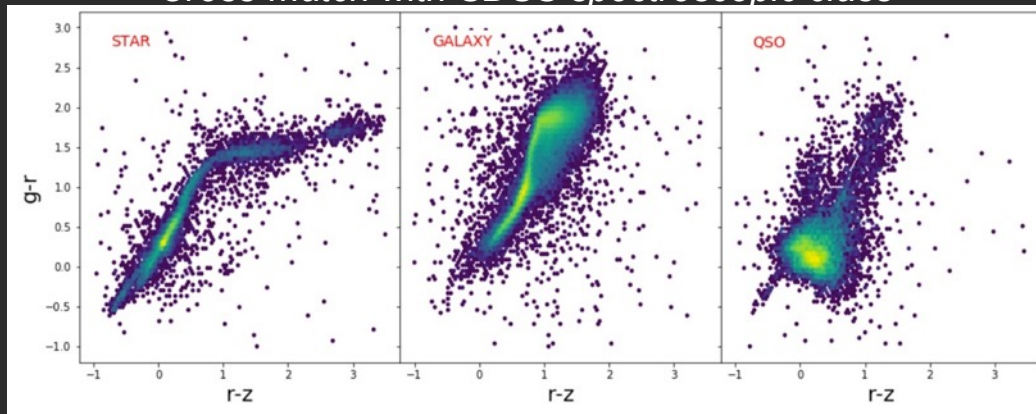
# Star / Galaxy Classification

Exploring DECaLS within the Data Lab Environment

## Following Steps

### Joint Query

*Cross-match with SDSS spectroscopic class*



*Modified version of figure by Bela Abolfathi (UC Irvine)*

### Machine Learning

*Confusion matrix*

	GALAXY	QSO	STAR
GALAXY	0.982	0.008	0.001
QSO	0.087	0.878	0.035
STAR	0.018	0.012	0.97

*Courtesy of Jan-Torge Schindler (Univ. of Arizona)*

# Galactic Structure

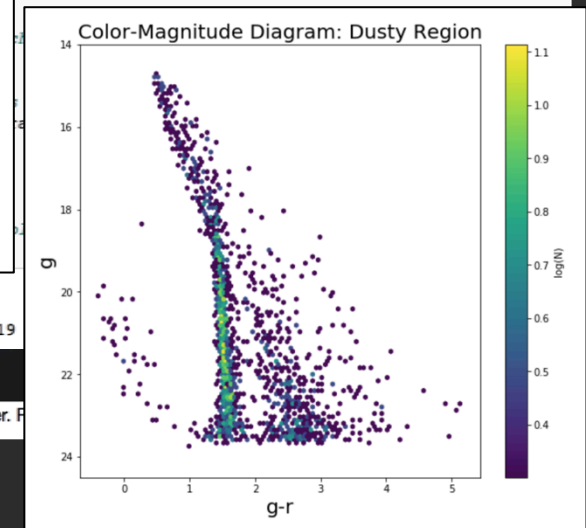
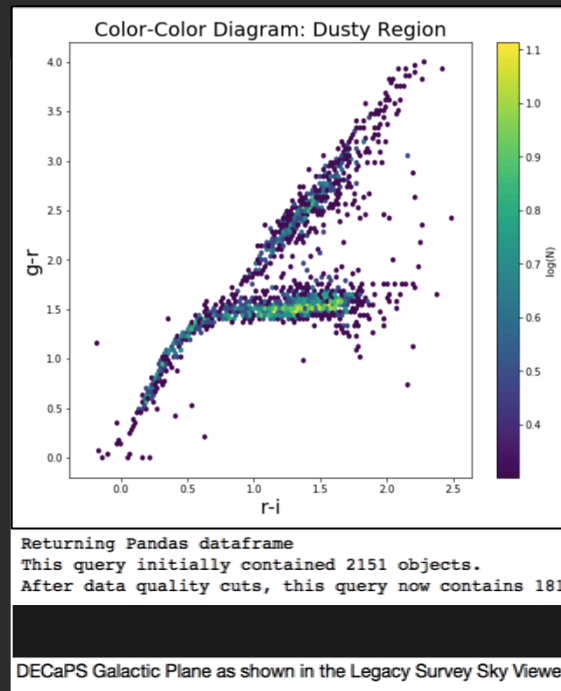
Exploring DECaPS with the Data Lab

The DECam Plane Survey

Construct and Submit  
a SQL Query

Format Query Output and  
Define Quality Threshold

Plot Results



# Preparing for DESI

## Overview

- **14,000** deg<sup>2</sup>
- **10 million** spectra of stars
- **30 million** spectra of galaxies and quasars
- Commissioning starts in **2018**
- Survey runs **2019-2024**

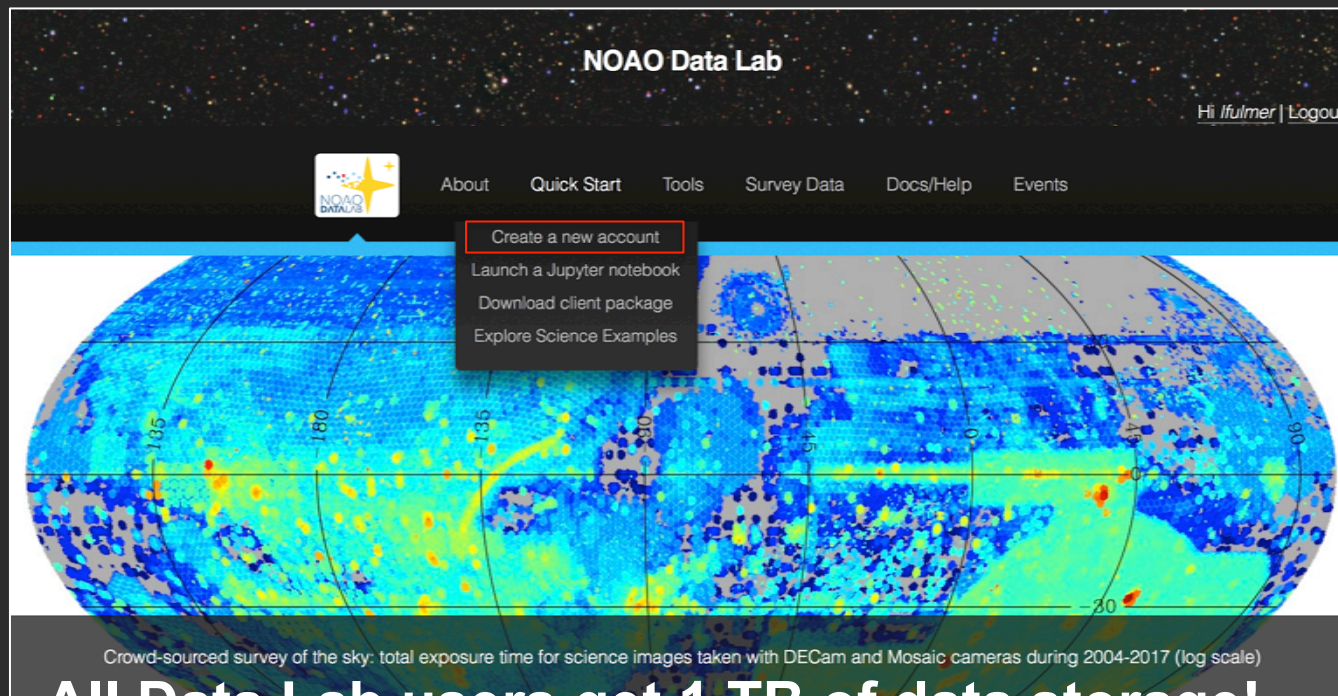
Object Class	Number of Spectra	Redshift Range
bright galaxies, $r < 19.5$	10 million	$0 < z < 0.4$
luminous red galaxies (LRGs)	4.2 million	$0.4 < z < 1.0$
emission line galaxies (ELGs)	18 million	$0.6 < z < 1.6$
quasars (QSOs)	2.4 million	$0.5 < z < 3.5$
Milky Way stars	10 million	---

# Preparing for DESI

## Implications

- Up until this point, the Data Lab has **primarily served imaging data**
- With the advent of DESI, we look to provide not only **access to spectroscopic data**, but also **software tools with which to analyze spectra**
- We are currently exploring tools for **optimized functionality with DESI + generalized spectra**
- We are in close contact with the developers of **SpecViz, MOSViz, Glue, and Inspector**, and we welcome any suggestions or feedback as to the best path forward

# Getting Started



**All Data Lab users get 1 TB of data storage!**

# Connecting at the DECam Community Workshop

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