

WorldWide Telescope in “Real” Research and Education

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Jim Gray (& Alex Szalay) had it right (in 2004)

The World Wide Telescope an Archetype for Online-Science

Jim Gray (Microsoft)

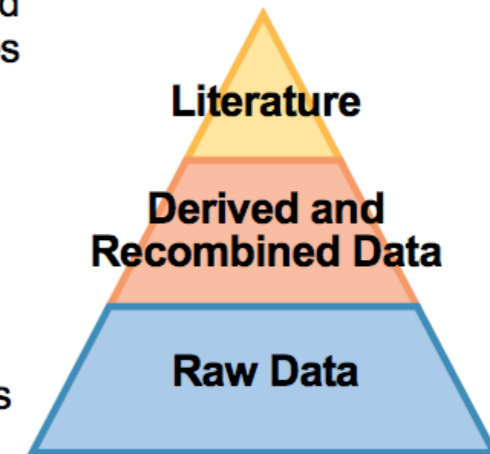
Alex Szalay (Johns Hopkins University)

Microsoft Academic Days in Silicon Valley

<http://research.microsoft.com/~gray/talks>

All Scientific Data Online

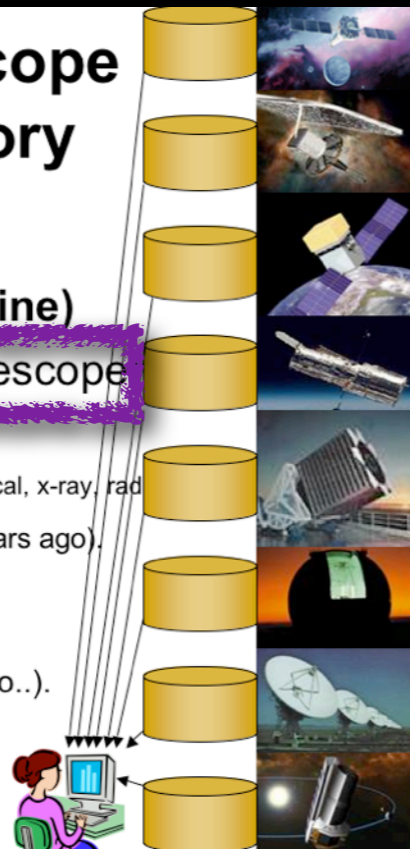
- Many disciplines overlap and use data from other sciences
- Internet can unify all literature and data
- Go from literature to computation to data back to literature
- Information at your fingertips for everyone-everywhere
- Increase Scientific Information Velocity
- Huge increase in Science Productivity



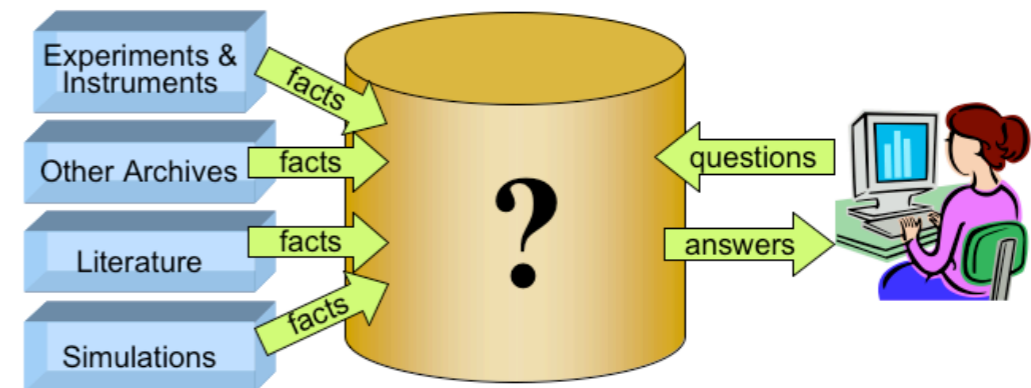
World Wide Telescope Virtual Observatory

<http://www.ivoa.net/>

- Premise:
Most data is (or could be online)
- The Internet is the world's best telescope
 - it has data on every part of the sky
 - In every measured spectral band: optical, x-ray, rad
 - As deep as the best instruments (2 years ago).
 - It is up when you are up.
The "seeing" is always great
(no working at night, no clouds no moons no..).
 - It's a smart telescope:
links objects and data
to literature on them.



The Big Picture



The Big Problems

- Data ingest
- Managing a petabyte
- Common schema
- How to organize it?
- How to reorganize it
- How to coexist with others
- Query and Vis tools
- Support/training
- Performance
 - Execute queries in a minute
 - Batch query scheduling

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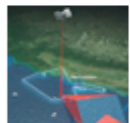
Steve Silberman 07.24.07



FEATURE



Anatomy of an Accident



Lost at Sea

It looked like a fine day for a sail. On Sunday, January 28, 2007, Microsoft researcher Jim Gray woke up on his boat, a red 40-foot fiberglass cruiser called *Tenacious*. The water in Gashouse Cove, a cozy marina in San Francisco Bay, was nearly flat. The 63-year-old programmer phoned his wife, Donna Carnes, who was on an annual vacation with friends in Wisconsin. He said he was heading out to the Farallon Islands, a wildlife refuge 27 miles offshore, to scatter the ashes of his mother, Ann, who died in October.

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How Microsoft's WorldWide Telescope will change the world

Commentary

By David J. Eicher — Published: May 13, 2008

A century ago, young people grew up in lockstep with nature, mostly in rural settings with the smell of the countryside around them and the twinkle of countless stars above. Now, young Americans largely are separated from nature and science, often bound by cities or otherwise light-polluted skies that inhibit them from appreciating the universe that surrounds them. The electric excitement of youth turns not to reality, but to the artificial worlds of the Internet and video games.

Key facts about WorldWide Telescope:

- ▶ WorldWide Telescope is a free, public, beta program
- ▶ Download the program at www.WorldWideTelescope.org
- ▶ WWT runs only on Windows-equipped computers
- ▶ Astronomy magazine is one of the first communities within WorldWide Telescope

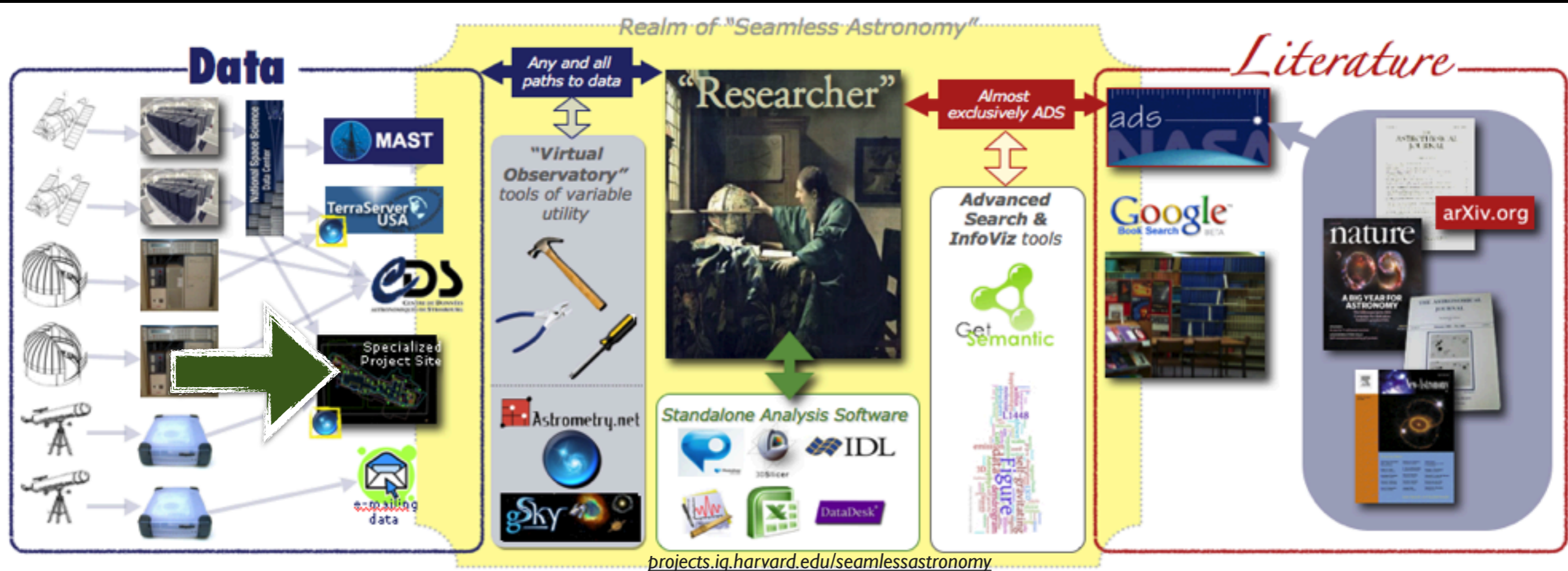
The result is an American science education crisis. Job growth, economic power, technology, and world leadership in innovation all rest squarely on science and engineering. Other nations have surpassed the United States in inspiring schoolchildren to care about science, by presenting science and engineering as meaningful, exciting career choices for high school and college students.

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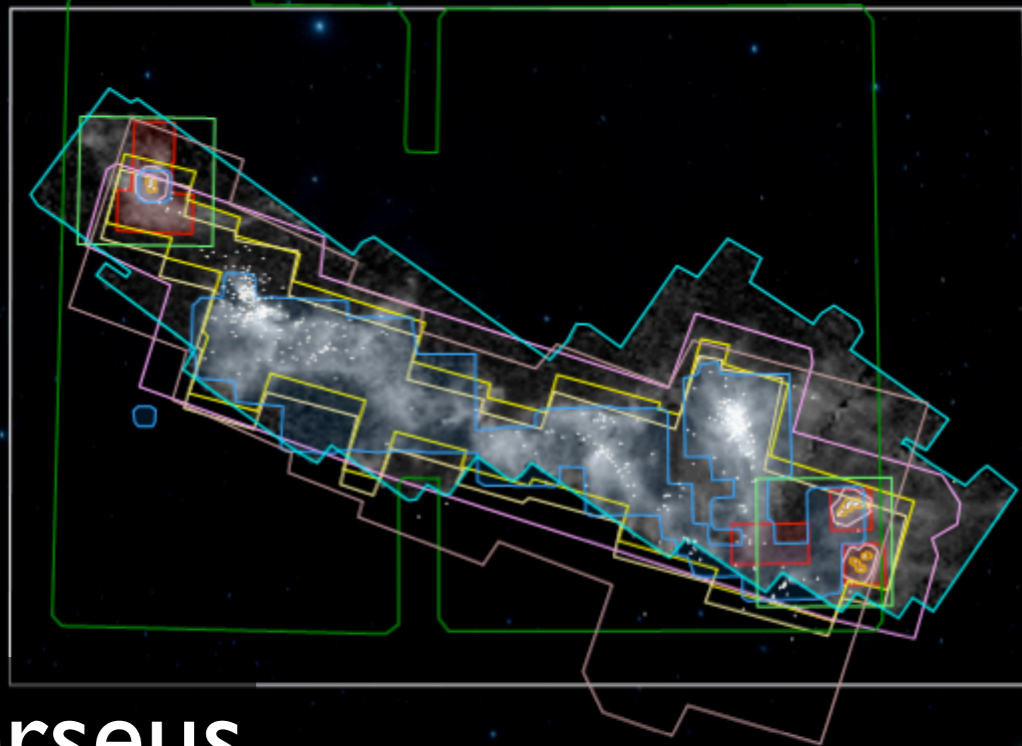
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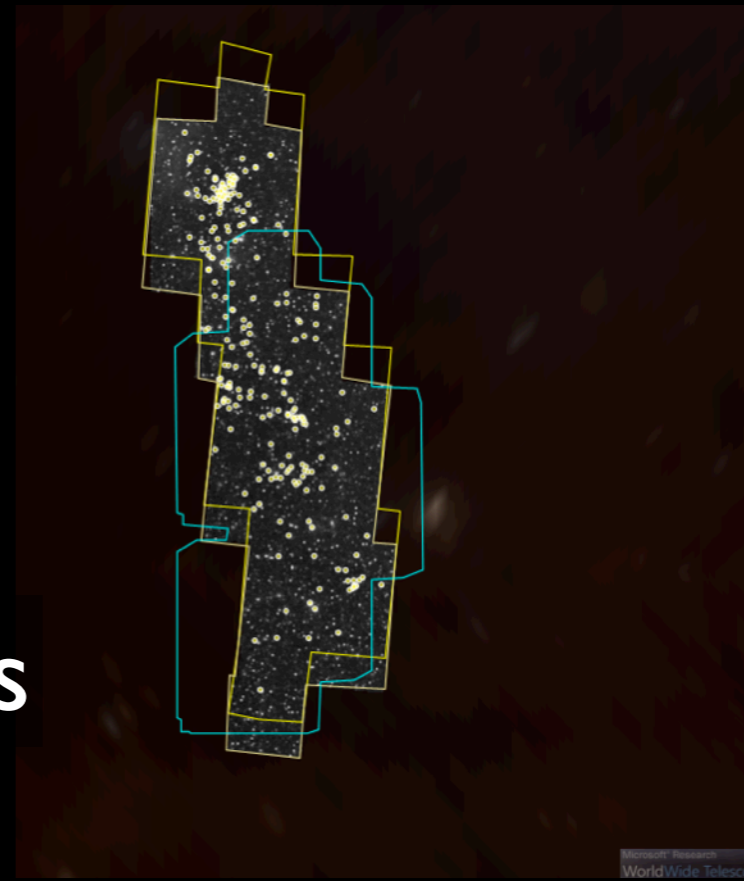


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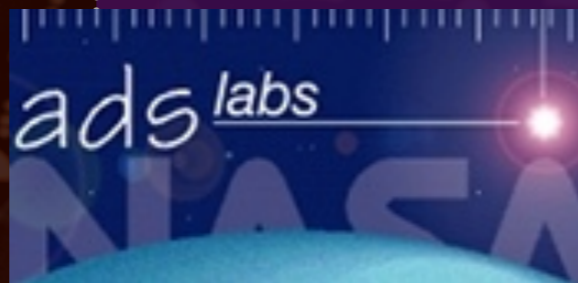


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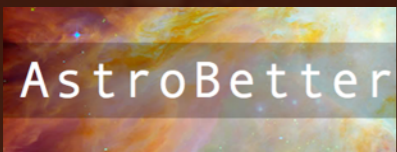
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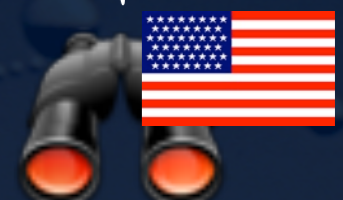
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SAMP

(Simple Application Messaging Protocol)

The image displays a screenshot of the SAMP (Simple Application Messaging Protocol) interface, which is a collection of overlapping windows from various astronomical software packages. The windows are:

- Aladin v6.0** (*** BETA VERSION (based on v6.021) ***): A window showing a grayscale astronomical image of a star cluster or nebula. It includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Image, Catalog, Overlay, Tool, View, Interop, Help) and a toolbar. A French flag is overlaid on the top right of this window.
- Microsoft WorldWide Telescope**: A window showing a dark astronomical image with numerous white circles highlighting specific stars. It has a menu bar (Explore, Guided Tours, Search, Community, View, Settings) and a Microsoft logo. An American flag is overlaid on the top right of this window.
- TOPCAT**: A window showing a scatter plot of data points. The plot has a y-axis ranging from 68.15 to 68.30. It includes a menu bar (File, Views, Graphics, Joins, Windows, VO, Interop) and a toolbar. A British flag is overlaid on the top right of this window.
- Scatter Plot**: A smaller window showing a scatter plot of data points, similar to the one in the TOPCAT window. It has a menu bar (File, Export, Plot, Axes, Subsets, Errors, Marker Style, Error Style, Help) and a toolbar.
- Context Search Filter**: A window showing a search filter interface with a dropdown menu and a "1 of 1" indicator.
- Cepheus**: A window showing a celestial map of the Cepheus constellation with a yellow outline. It includes a globe icon and coordinates: RA: 21h01m16s, Dec: +68:08:31. A timer shows 00:14:04.

At the bottom of the image, there is a text link: [link to I2/2010 IVOA recommendation](#)

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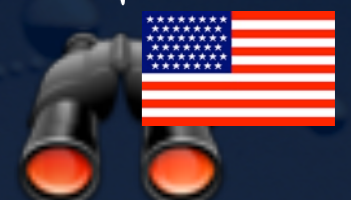
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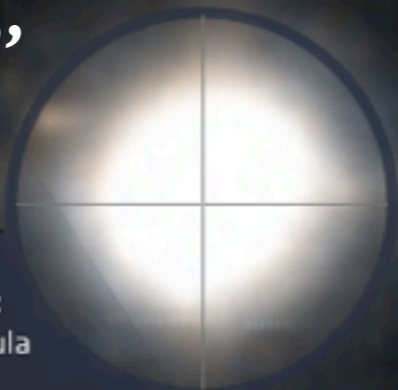
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Finder Scope



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Planetary Nebula
in Cygnus

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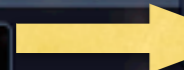
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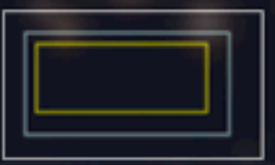


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Look At: Sky

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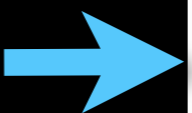
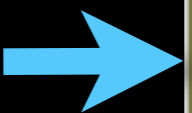
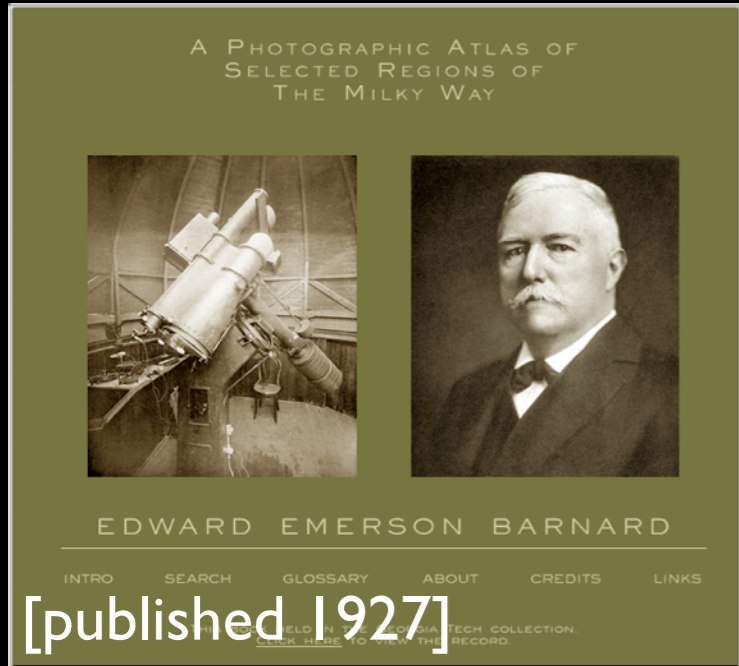
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WWT Ambassadors



WWT Ambassadors: WorldWide Telescope For Interactive Learning

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Using WWT to give experts and learners access to the Universe

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About the WWT Telescope Ambassadors Program



WorldWide Telescope (WWT) is a rich visualization environment that functions as a virtual telescope, allowing anyone to make use of professional astronomical data to explore and understand the universe. As of early 2010, the new WWT Ambassadors Program is recruiting astronomically-literate volunteers, including retired scientists engineers—all of whom will be trained to be experts in using WWT as a teaching tool. Ambassadors will give volunteer presentations at public libraries, community centers, museums, and schools, demonstrating WWT's power to help laypeople visualize and understand our universe.

[Read more](#)

John Huchra's Universe

Submitted by [patudom](#) on Jan. 11

John Huchra, former president of the **American Astronomical Society**, passed away on October 8, 2010.

John's colleagues at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, in collaboration with the creators of WorldWide Telescope at Microsoft Research, have created a new, interactive, WWT Tour to honor John and his career. The Tour primarily focuses on John's quest to map the Universe in three dimensions. It is 12.5 minutes long.

The Tour is best experienced inside the WorldWide Telescope program itself. (**Note: You must have the version of WWT released on 1/13/2011 to view all of this Tour's content. You can download it from [here](#).**) As viewed within the WWT program, the Tour content is interactive, allowing users to pause and explore the parts of the Universe featured in the tour, explore web hyperlinks, and more. For those who do not have the desktop client, the Tour has been posted as a video as well.

Video (Interactive WWT features will be disabled)

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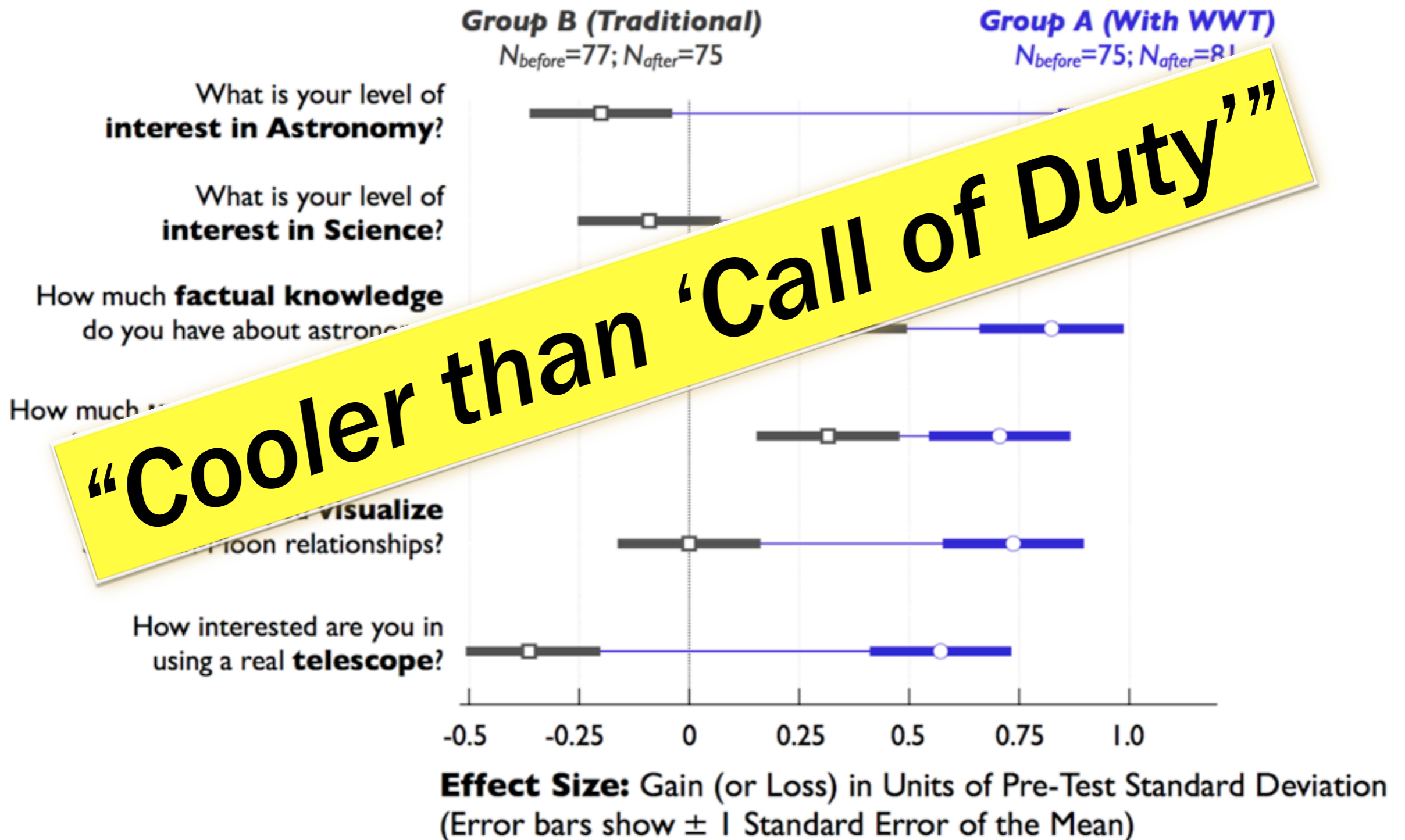
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Mar. 8 - Mar. 9
- [Cambridge Science Festival](#)
Apr. 30 - May. 10



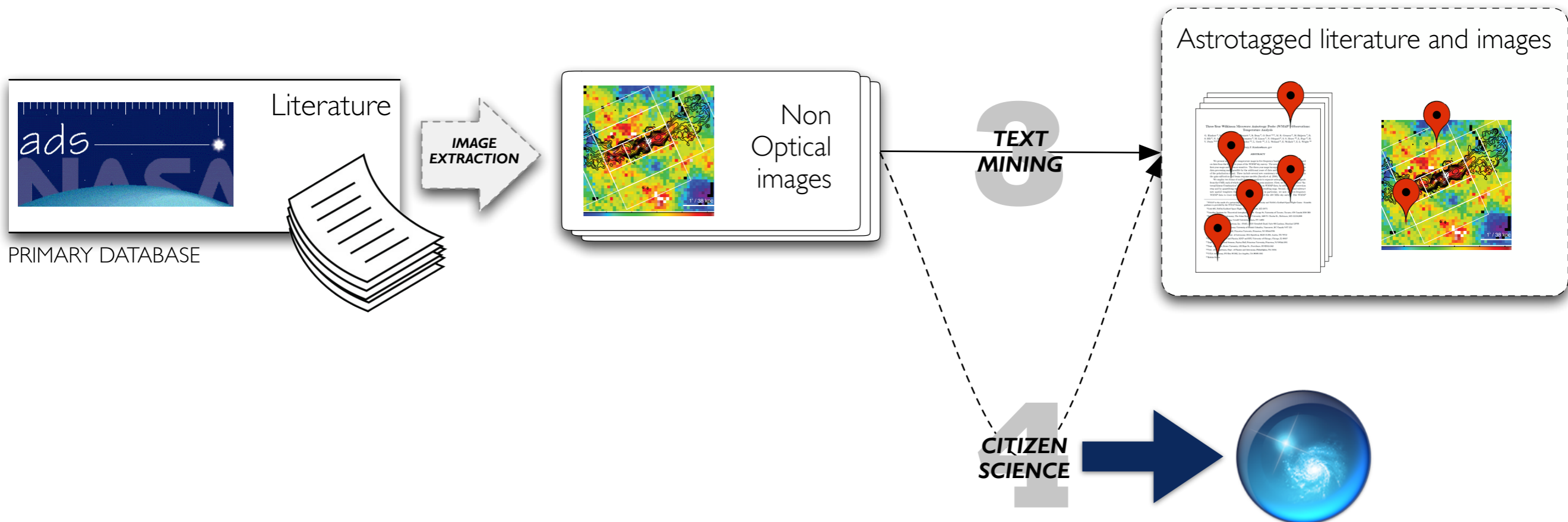
Clarke Middle School, Lexington, MA (WWT Ambassadors Pilot School)

Gains in Student Interest and Understanding ("Traditional Way" vs "WWT Way")



Research+Education

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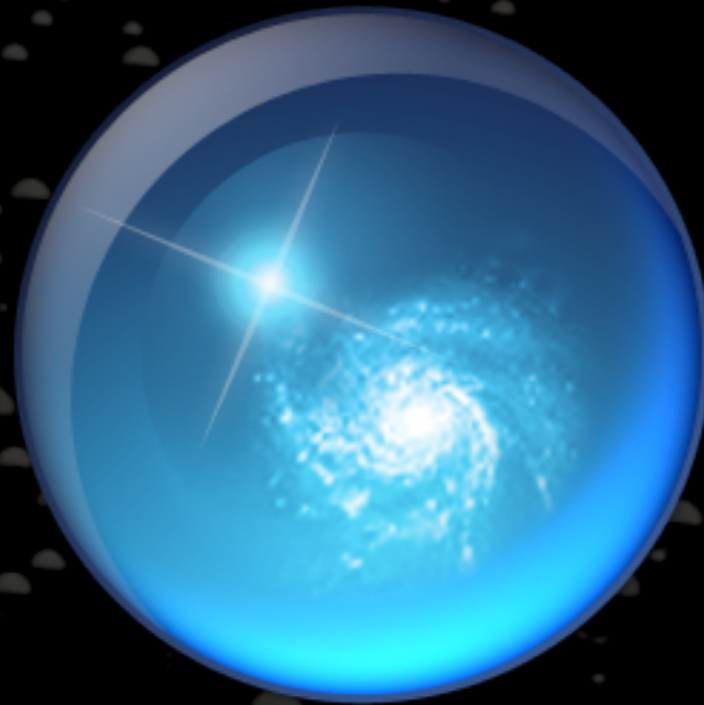
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