

# How to use the Madrigal database for atmospheric science

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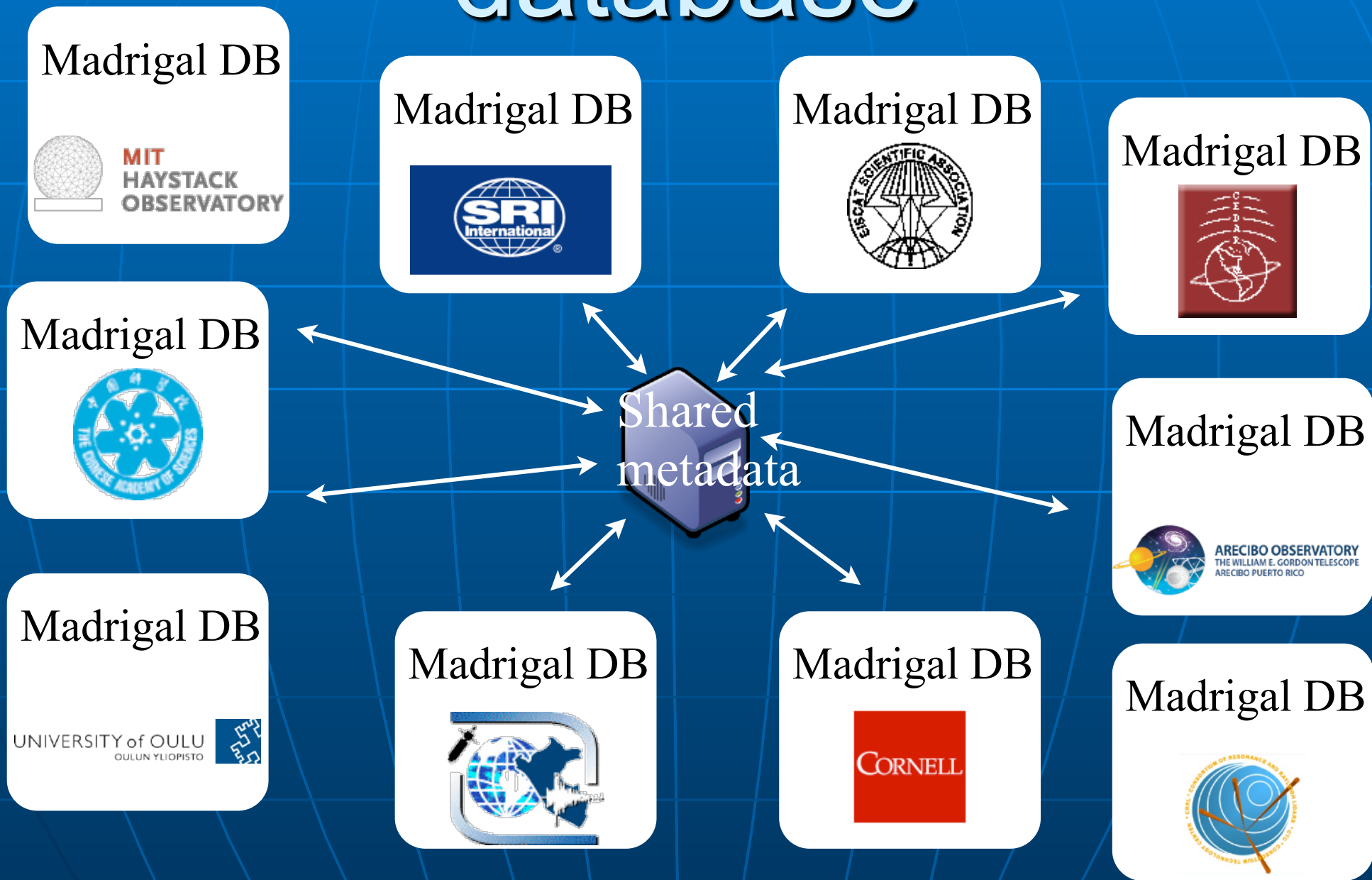
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# Outline

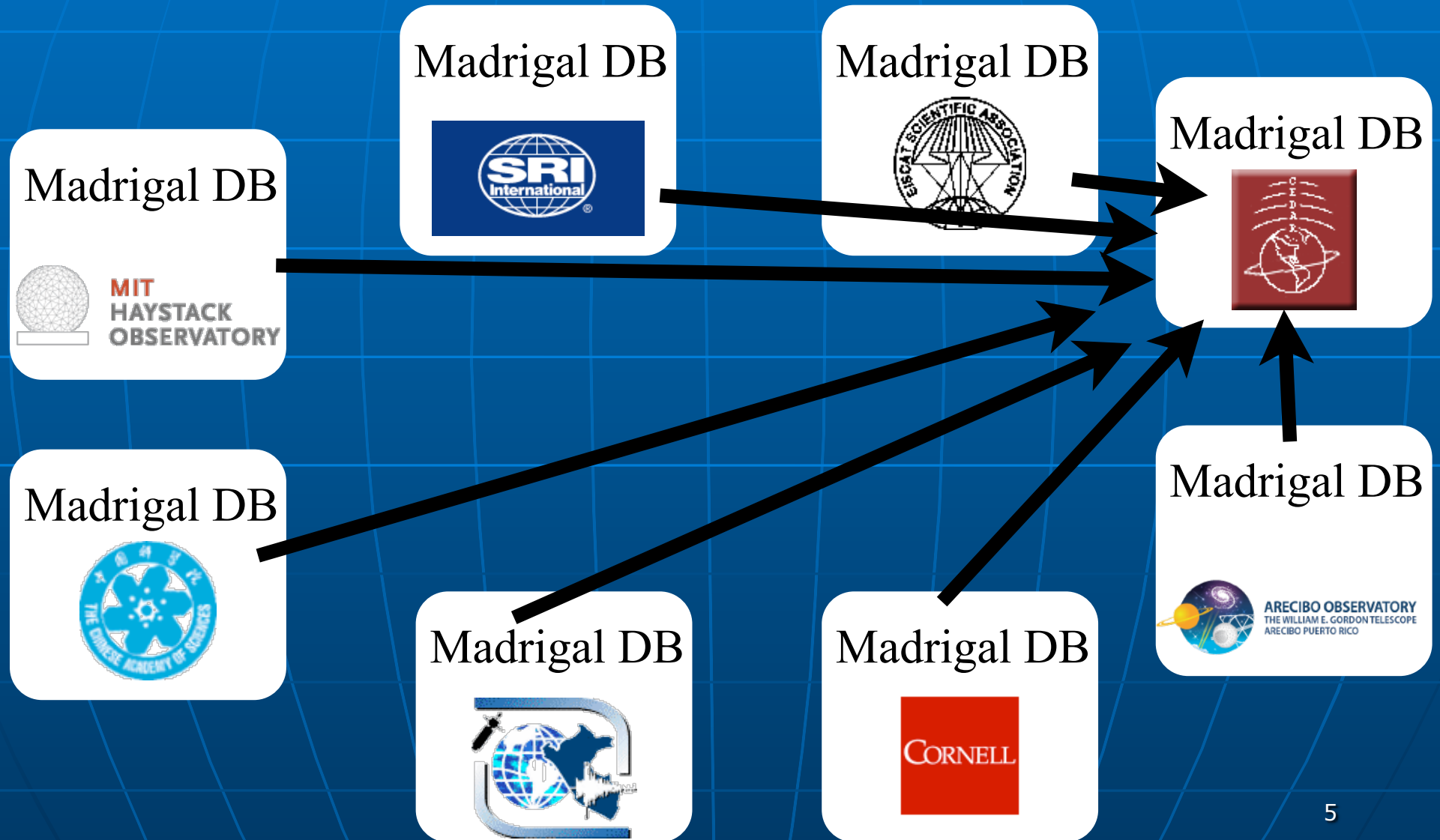
- What is Madrigal?
- What is the CEDAR database format?
- In what formats can I get Madrigal data?
- How do I use Madrigal?
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  - The website
  - Script data access
- Group exercises

# What is Madrigal?

# Madrigal is a distributed database



# Cedar Madrigal archive imports all data weekly



# The Madrigal database stores data from a wide variety of upper atmosphere research instruments

Incoherent Scatter Radar



TEC via GPS



MF Radar



Examples of number of instruments in Madrigal:

- Incoherent scatter radars: 22
- MST radars: 3
- MF radars: 16
- Meteor radars: 11
- FPI: 32
- Michelson Interferometers: 6
- Lidars: 9
- Photometers: 7

Other examples:

- GPS TEC
- DMSP

# Madrigal is open-source

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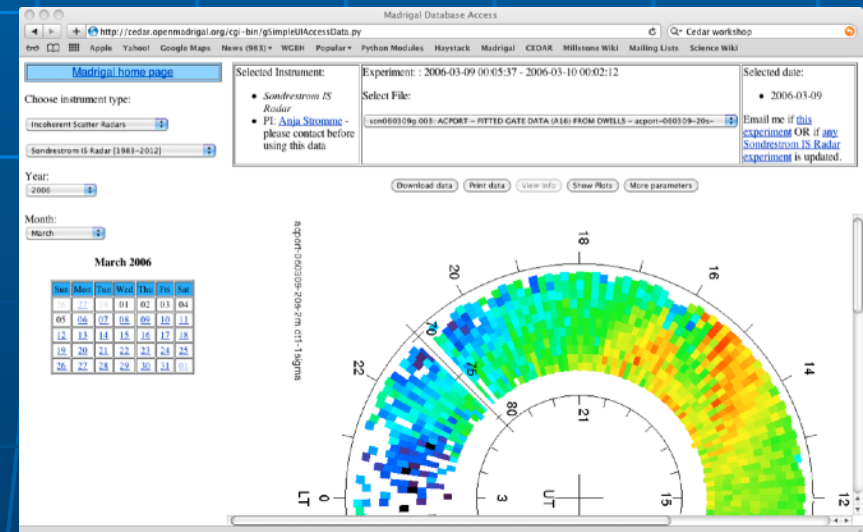
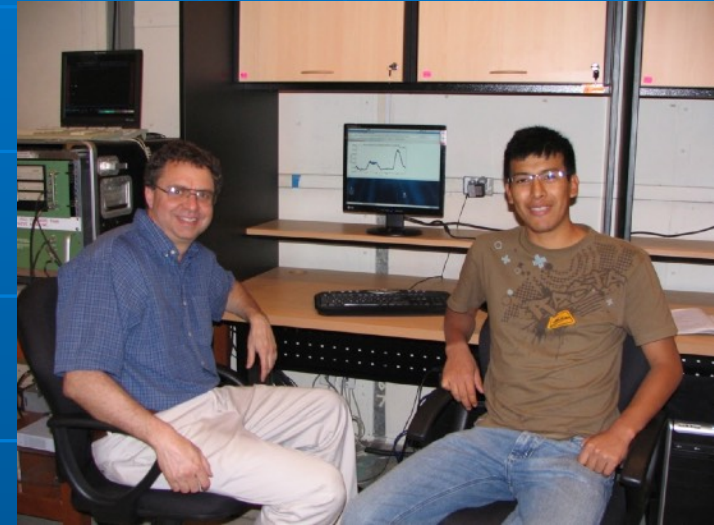
## Welcome to the Madrigal3 CEDAR Database

Madrigal is an upper atmospheric science database used by groups throughout the world. Madrigal is a robust, World Wide Web based system capable of managing and serving archival and real-time data, in a variety of formats, from a wide range of upper atmospheric science instruments. Data at each Madrigal site is locally controlled and can be updated at any time, but shared metadata between Madrigal sites allow searching of all Madrigal sites at once from any Madrigal site.

To see a list of all Madrigal sites, use the *Other Madrigal sites* pull down menu. Data can also be accessed directly, using APIs which are available for several popular programming languages (Matlab, python, and IDL). A Subversion archive of all Madrigal software and documentation is available from the *Open Madrigal* Web site. The latest version of Madrigal and the remote APIs may also be downloaded from there.

Use of the Madrigal Database is generally subject to the CEDAR Rules-of-the-Road. Prior permission to access the data is not required. However, the user is required to establish early contact with any organization whose data are involved in the project to discuss the intended usage. Data are often subject to limitations which are not immediately evident to new users. Before they are formally submitted, draft copies of all reports and publications must be sent to the contact scientist at the data supplying organization along with an offer of co-authorship to scientists who have provided data. This offer may be declined. The data belong to the organization submitting them and thus the user does not have the right to publish or disseminate this data in any form unless this data is made available through another database. If you have any questions about appropriate use of these data, contact [brideout@haystack.mit.edu](mailto:brideout@haystack.mit.edu)

If you want to use the old Madrigal 2 version of the CEDAR Madrigal database, it is still temporarily available at <http://madrigal.haystack.mit.edu>. If you are using the old version because of a problem with Madrigal3, please contact [brideout@haystack.mit.edu](mailto:brideout@haystack.mit.edu) to describe the issue.



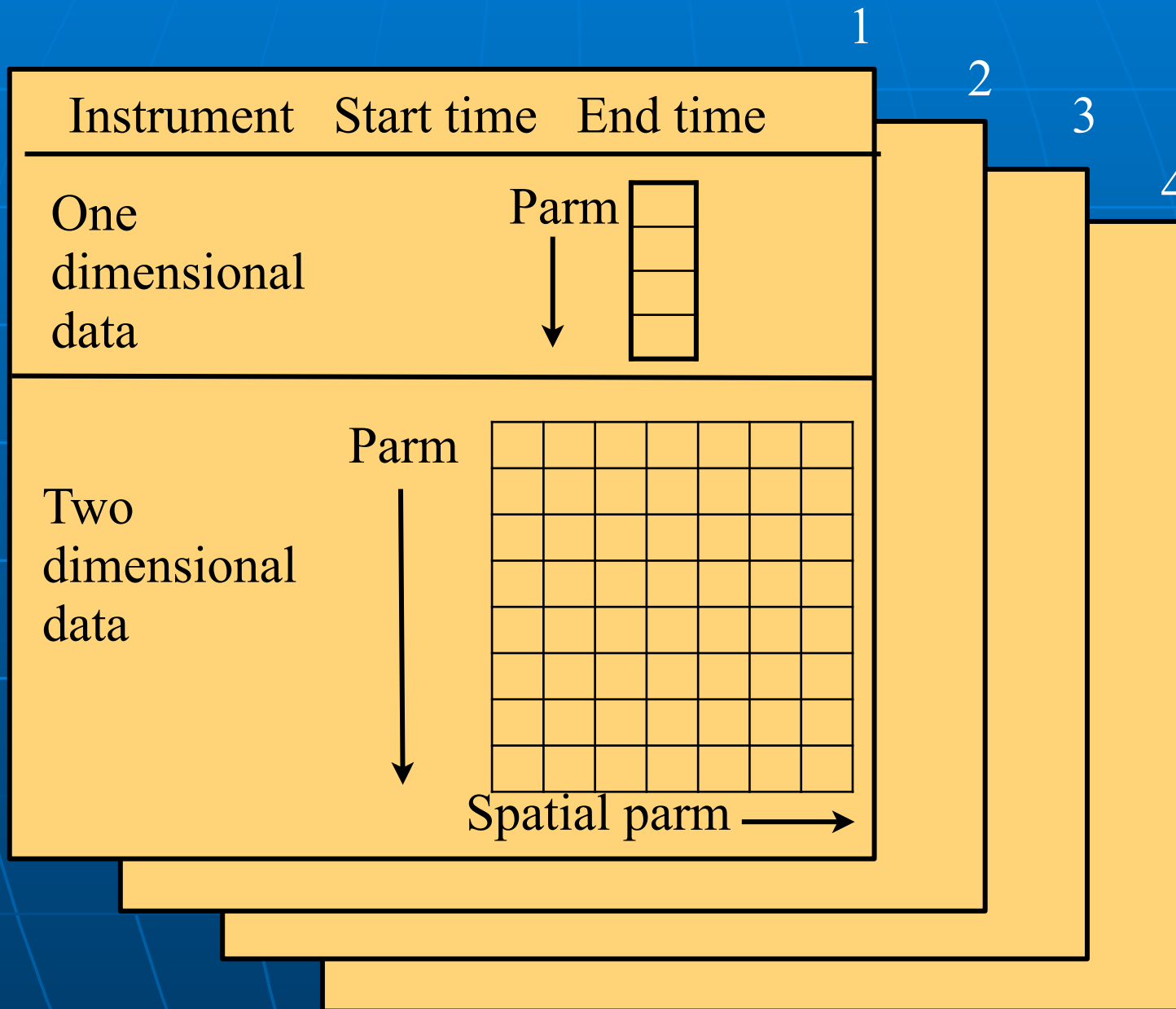
- What is the CEDAR database format?



# Well defined parameters

- Standard descriptions of all parameters
- Allows the existence of derivation engine
- Madrigal allows extended descriptions
- All parameters have corresponding error parameters
- Missing, Assumed

# Cedar file data model

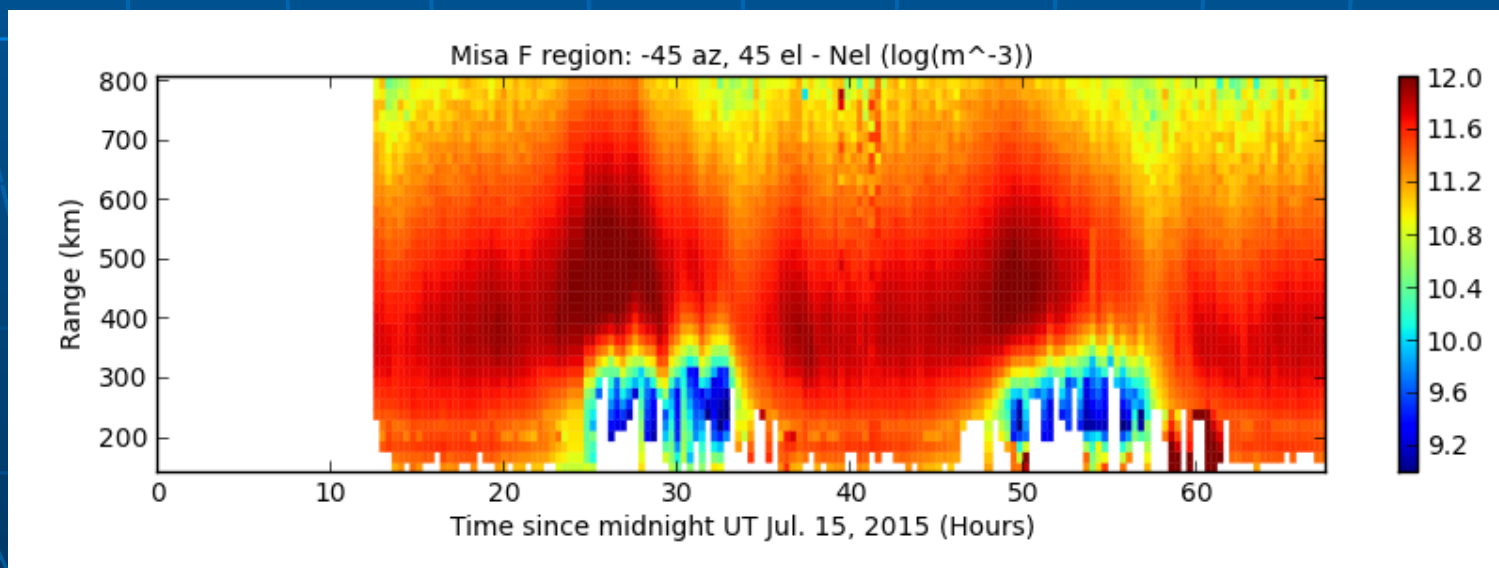


# Modifications to CEDAR standard with Madrigal 3

- Hdf5 now underlying format
  - Must be arranged in specified way
- Independent spatial parameters now part of standard
  - Allows layout of 2D data as grid
  - Easy conversion to netCDF4
- Parameters same from record to record
- Parameters can now be float, integer, or fixed length string

# Madrigal 3 defines independent spatial parameters

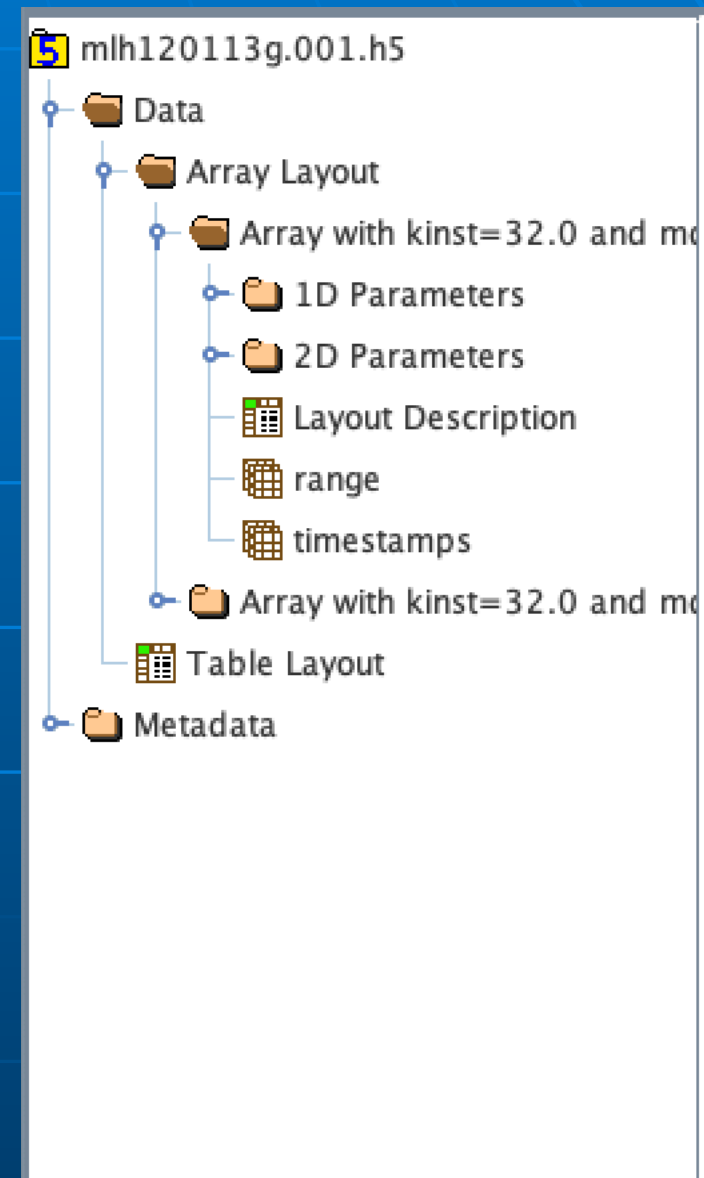
- Based on Jicamarca input to Madrigal 2.6
- Allows trivial pcolor plotting
- Alternate layout in Hdf5
- Automatic export to netCDF4



In what formats can I get  
Madrigal data?

# Cedar file format: Advantages of Hdf5

- Scientific standard
- Float based, integers or strings also
- Flexible arrangement
- Table Layout, Array Layout if any repeating independent parms
- Self-describing - all parameters defined, notes added



# Madrigal outputs

<b>Underlying format</b>	Hdf5
<b>Output formats</b>	Ascii, Hdf5, netCDF4
<b>Formats with deriv parms</b>	Ascii, Hdf5, netCDF4

- What do I need to understand about Madrigal to use it?



# Madrigal Data Model

**Madrigal site**  
(typically a facility with scientists and a Madrigal installation)

Madrigal DB

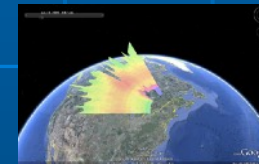


Data shared among all Madrigal sites

**Instruments**  
(ground-based, typically with a set location)



**Experiments**  
(typically of limited duration, with a single contact)



**Experiment Files**  
(represents data from one analysis of the experiment)



**Records**  
(measurement over one period of time)



Data unique to one Madrigal site

# Madrigal Derivation Engine

- Derived parameters appear to be in file
- Engine determines all parameters that can be derived
- Easy to add new derived parameters using code written in C or Fortran



# Classes of derived parameters

- Space, time
  - Examples: Local time, shadow height
- Geophysical
  - Examples: Kp, Dst, Imf, F10.7
- Magnetic
  - Examples: Bmag, Mag conjugate lat and long, Tsyganenko magnetic equatorial plane intercept
- Models
  - Examples: MSIS, IRI

- Using Madrigal

# Rules of the road

- If you want to use data in Madrigal in a paper or talk, contact the PI
- The PI is listed on every web page

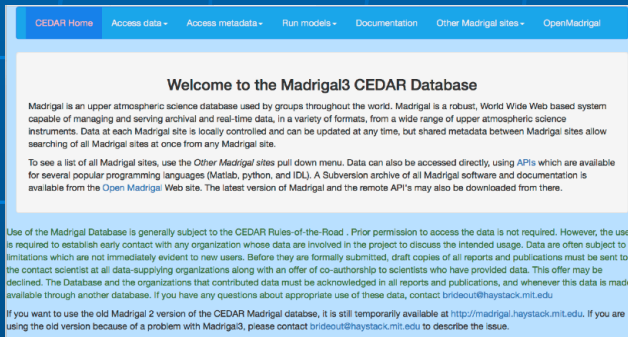


Use of data without informing PI may lead to seven years of bad luck in grant writing - don't let this happen to you!

# How can the Madrigal database be accessed?



User



Web interface

## Web services API

- From anywhere on internet
- Python API
- Matlab API
- IDL API

Typical use - data discovery

Create scripts using web interface: 99.9% of time no need to read documentation!

- Faster - download files
- More flexible - define parameters, filter

# What's new with Madrigal 3 web interface?

- Based on Django/Bootstrap3
- Cleaner, simpler design
- New FTP-like access
  - Uses simple, predicable URL's
  - Requested by staff at IGG Chinese Academy of Science
- Web interfaces to write scripts to download files and more advanced globalIsprint

# Live demo of Madrigal web page

- Madrigal 3
  - <http://cedar.openmadrigal.org>
- Madrigal 2 (until upgraded)
  - <http://www.eiscat.se/madrigal/>



# Remote Access to Madrigal Data

- Use the web interface to write scripts
- Built on web services
- Like the web, available from anywhere on any platform
- Read only API
- Complete Python, Matlab, and IDL APIs written (python 2 and 3)
- More APIs available on request or via contribution

# Remote Access to Madrigal Data

Use the web interface to write these scripts

Simple

Most complex



I just want to download lots of files to my PC

I want to only download filtered data with derived parameters

I want to write my own script

globalDownload

globalIsprint

Work with API's

# Scripts generated by web site

- No need to read any documentation!

The screenshot shows the CEDAR website navigation menu. The 'Access data' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'List experiments', 'Select single experiment', 'Create a command to download multiple exps', and 'FTP-like access'. Below the dropdown, there are two buttons: 'Download a group of files as is' and 'Download data with selected parms/filters'. A text box with the text 'First choose Create a command' has two arrows pointing to the 'Create a command to download multiple exps' menu item and the 'Download data with selected parms/filters' button.

Then decide to just download files as they are, or to select parms and/or filters.

# Create a script to download files

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## Create a script command to download a series of existing Madrigal files in the format of your choice

Choose an instrument category if desired:

Incoherent Scatter Radars ▾

Start date

2017-01-01

Choose one instrument *(Year range shows data available)*:

Jicamarca IS Radar [1966-2017] ▾

End date

2017-12-31

File format to download:

Hdf5  Space-delimited ascii  netCDF4

Choose scripting language:

python  Matlab  IDL

### Optional filters: kinds of data, experiment names, file status ☰

Choose one or more kinds of data:

All kinds of data  
Ionospheric F-region data Electron and Ion temperature  
**VERTICAL VELOCITY COMPONENT ONLY**  
Faraday Doble pulse Version 1(7-lags)

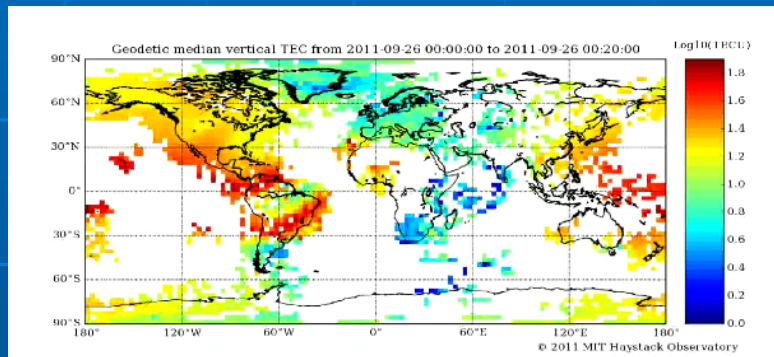
Filter experiments by name:

Filter files by description:

Generate command

```
globalDownload.py --verbose --url=http://cedar.openmadrigal.org --outputDir=/tmp --user_fullname="Bill+Rideout" --user_email=brideout@mit.edu --user_affiliation="MIT" --format="hdf5" --startDate="01/01/2017" --endDate="12/31/2017" --ins t=10 --kindat=1040
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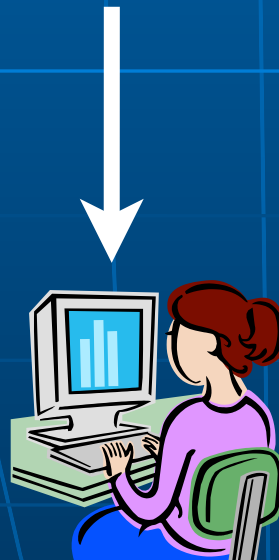
# More advanced globalprint scripts



TEC data: instrument id = 8000



<http://madrigal.iggeas.ac.cn/madrigal/>



Show me only data  
where  $TEC > 100TEC_u$   
when  $K_p > 7$  in 2003

# Create a script to select parms/filters - globalsprint

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## Create a script command to download Madrigal data with selected parameters and filters

Choose an instrument category if desired:

Incoherent Scatter Radars ▾

Choose one instrument *(Year range shows data available)*:

Jicamarca IS Radar [1966-2017] ▾

File format to download:

Hdf5  Space-delimited ascii  netCDF4

Choose scripting language:

python  Matlab  IDL

Start date

2017-01-01

End date

2017-12-31

Select parameters (required) ≡

Optional filters: kinds of data, filter by parm, experiment names, etc ≡

Generate command

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ser_fullname="Bill+Rideout" --user_email=brideout@mit.edu --user_affiliation="MIT" --startDate="01/01/2017" --endDate=
"12/31/2017" --inst=10 --kindat=30003
```

# But if you want to read the docs

- write your own script

- Use python, Matlab, IDL

- Methods

- getInstrumentsWeb

- getExperimentsWeb

- getExperimentFilesWeb

- getParametersWeb

- isprintWeb

- madDownloadFile

- madCalculatorWeb

- Methods match Madrigal model

# Extending/contributing to Madrigal

- Madrigal is completely open source
- See [www.openmadrigal.org](http://www.openmadrigal.org) for CVS
- All new code is Python or C. Imported derivation methods sometimes in Fortran.
- We appreciate all contributions
  - Suggestions and ideas
  - Finding bugs
  - Code



# How can I put my instrument's data on Madrigal?



Send data to CEDAR Madrigal

Madrigal DB



- Send data to MIT Haystack in your own format
- Loading program written by MIT Haystack, verified by you
- Add new data in batch or via automated upload (eg, sftp, web access, etc)

Set up your own Madrigal site



- MIT Haystack will help with installation and writing needed loading programs
- You control when data uploaded
- Automated backup to central CEDAR Madrigal site<sup>33</sup>

# Group exercises

- Break into your groups
- See [tinyurl.com/2019Finland](https://tinyurl.com/2019Finland)
  - Web interface - Exercise 1
  - Script interface - Exercise 2