

# DARTS: JAXA's Multi-disciplinary Space Science Data Archives

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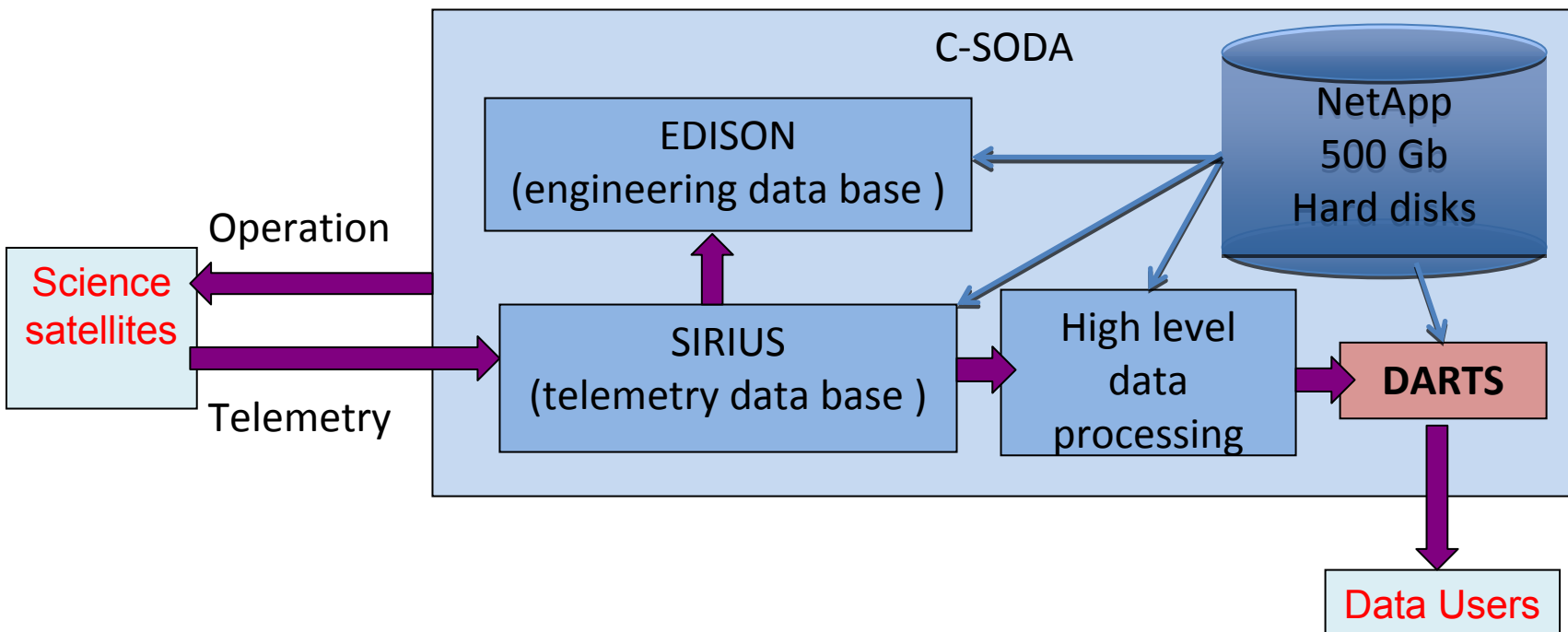
- **JAXA** (Japan Aerospace eXploration Agency )
  - Japan's only public organization for space developments
  - Launch rockets and satellites!
- **ISAS** (Institute of Space and Astronautical Science)
  - A part of JAXA, and a research institute for **Space Science**.
- **C-SODA** (Center for Science-satellite Operation and Data Archive)
  - Belongs to ISAS. Carry out science-satellite operation, data processing and **develop data archives**
  - We develop **DARTS**, JAXA's sole space-science data archives



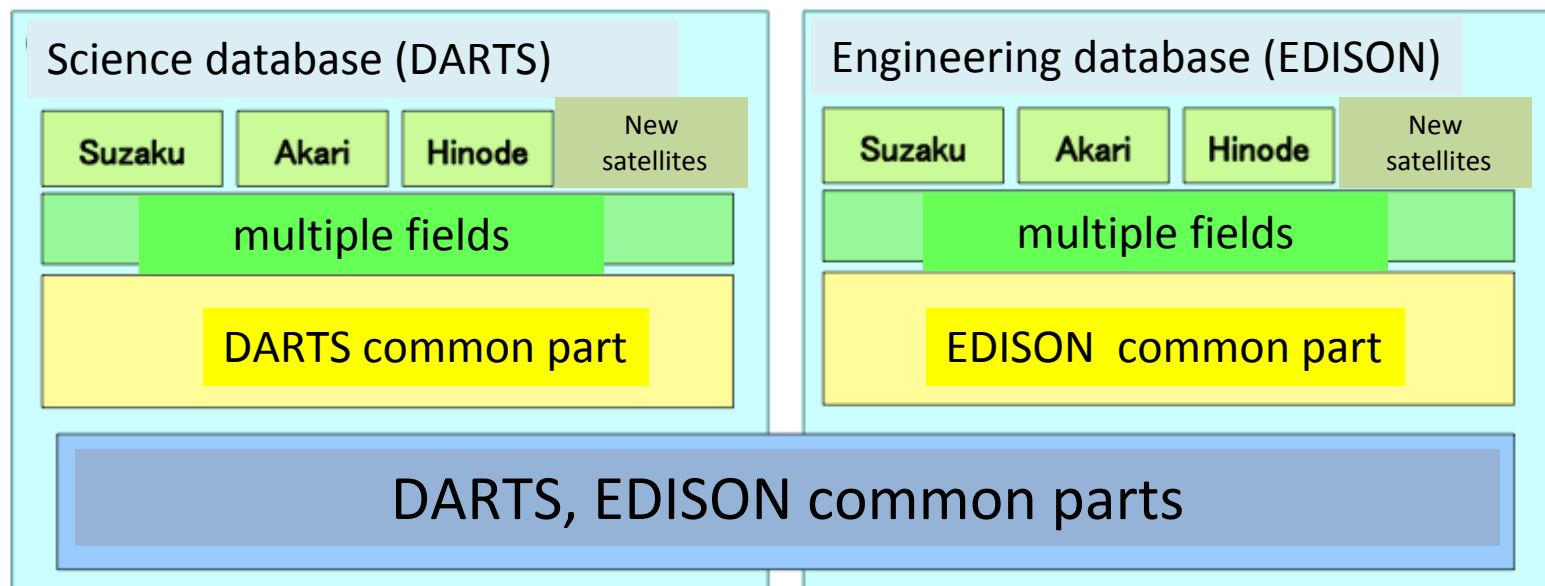
# JAXA, ISAS and DARTS

- **DARTS** (Data Archives and Transmission System;  
<http://darts.jaxa.jp>)
- JAXA's sole space science data archives
  - Mostly archive ISAS satellite data, but also JSPEC data
  - In principle, **public science data archives**
    - Open to anybody via internet, free of charge
- **Multi-disciplinary, multi-wavelength data archives**
  - Visit “DARTS of the Month”!
    - <http://darts.jaxa.jp/month>
  - DARTS introduction movie:
    - <http://darts.jaxa.jp/month/200708/200708.html>

- C-SODA develops and operates ground systems for all the science satellites in “end2end”
- From the satellite telemetry to data users



# Development of DARTS



Only ~15 team members in DARTS development

~10 FTE equivalent developers

Adopt common framework

Share common hardware/software as much as possible

Develop various databases efficiently with limited resources

- Astronomy satellites
  - X-rays : Hakucho, Tenma, **Ginga**, **ASCA**, **Suzaku**
  - Radio : **HALCA**
  - Infra-red : **SFU**, **Akari**
- STP (Solar-Terrestrial Physics) satellites
  - Jikiken, Kyokkou, Oozora, **Akebono**, **Geotail**, **Reimei**
- Solar satellites
  - Hinotori, **Yohko**, **Hinode**
- Lunar and Planetary missions
  - Suisei, Nozomi, **Hayabusa**, **Kaguya**

Blue satellite data are archived at DARTS(<http://darts.jaxa.jp>)

**Blue with underlines** are currently operational

**Orange** : data are currently outside of DARTS

# DARTS services

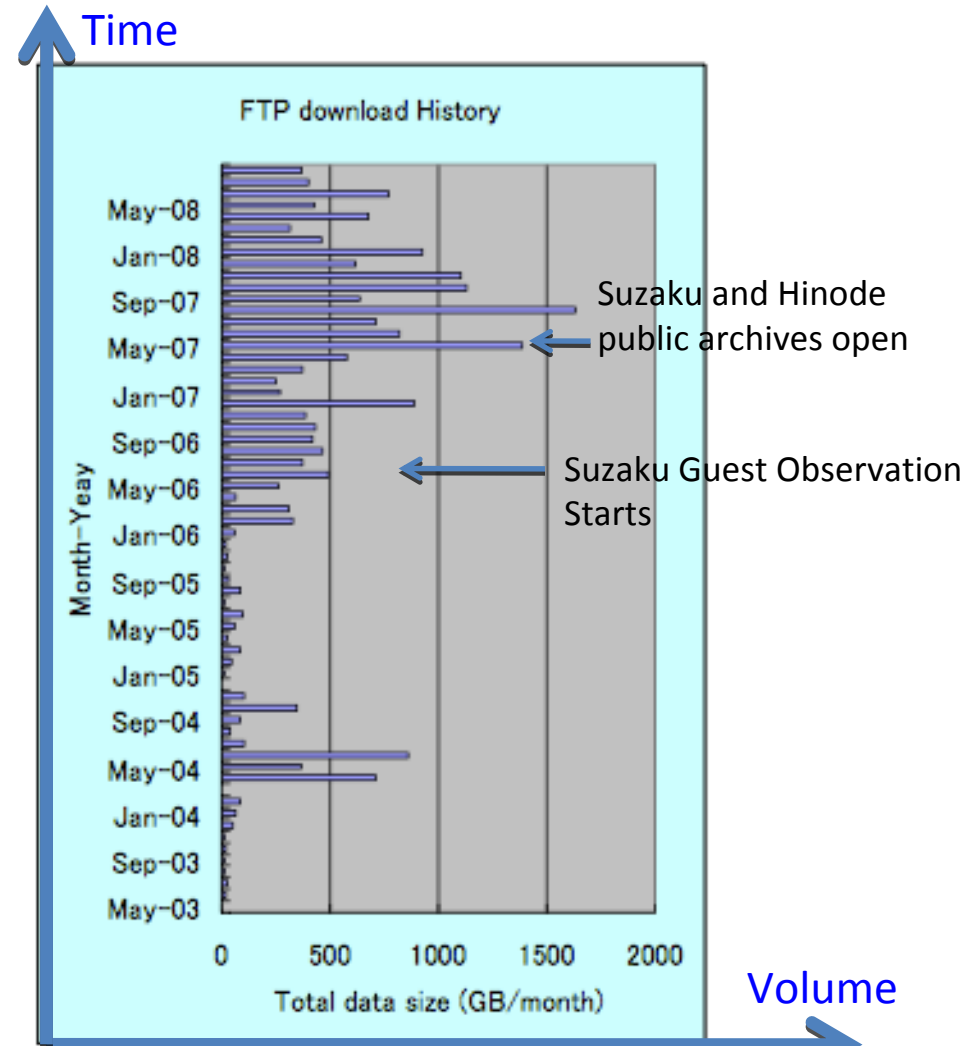
- Provides high level (calibrated) data to users
  - ftp, http protocol
- Data query service
- Quick look, simple analysis service
- Provides some data analysis software
  - We do not have resources for serious software development
  - Analysis software is dependent on the fields
    - For example, X-ray data analysis software provided from NASA/GSFC

# Data usage of DARTS

DARTS FTP Server Statistics

Month	directory /		directory /pub/suzaku	
	Count	Size(GB)	Count	Size(GB)
2009				
Jan	13701	345.912	7790	65.605
2008				
Dec	45508	1164.349	14051	267.375
Nov	421268	1692.924	107078	925.054
Oct	205237	1515.121	47524	477.849
Sep	99634	584.964	30996	273.602
Aug	130994	367.491	9718	96.343
Jul	73310	398.223	11270	153.039
Jun	138446	769.767	28067	354.695
May	55574	426.249	23970	237.450
Apr	70423	674.850	41481	514.657
Mar	166955	317.813	21839	126.335
Feb	70415	457.868	15100	149.815
Jan	411364	929.483	23257	179.194

- More than several hundreds of Gbytes data downloaded per month





# Example of high level data processing of X-ray data

- Each X-ray photon (“event”) corresponds to a single line in the Event Table (binary table FITS )
  - Different satellites share similar FITS formats
  - Generic software can be used to analyze multiple satellite data
- Each column of the Event Table corresponds to physical values
  - Photon arrival time, direction, X-ray energy, etc
- DARTS provides “ready to eat” X-ray astronomy data to users (ASCA, Suzaku)
  - Common practice in X-ray astronomy data centers (Chandra, XMM-Newton etc)
- Users download calibrated X-ray event data, make own selections, create histograms:
  - X,Y 2D histogram → X-ray image
  - Time histogram → Light Curve
  - Energy histogram → Energy Spectrum

# *System Engineering*

In DARTS, we have high-level data products  
Not “raw” data, but cooked and “Ready to eat”

*Science by DARTS users*

# An example of using DARTS archive

## ► DARTS of the Month

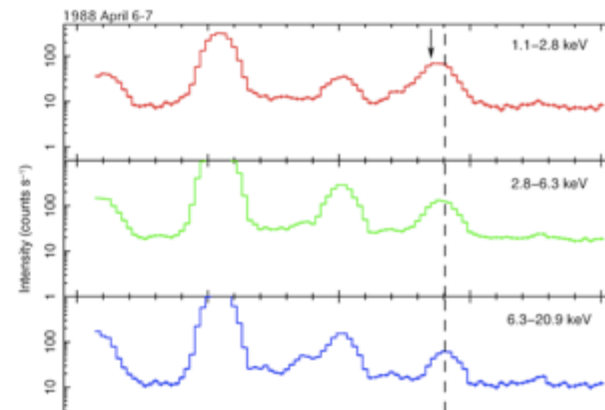
### New Findings in the 20th Year — Discovery of X-Ray Transients from the Ginga Archives

Today, we know that there are many X-ray objects in the universe, some of which vary their luminosities significantly. In fact, there are sources which are bright and observable only during short periods of time. Archival data records of such X-ray transients, when and where the X-ray sources appeared at which brightness, are extremely important. Also, when new sources are discovered, we can go back to the old data to investigate for their past activities, as long as the data are archived.

The Ginga satellite, launched in February 1987, observed many parts of the sky and discovered dozens of new X-ray sources while all the data have not been fully

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*Discovery from 20 year old data !*

**Archival Data from** **Near the Galactic Center Found in**

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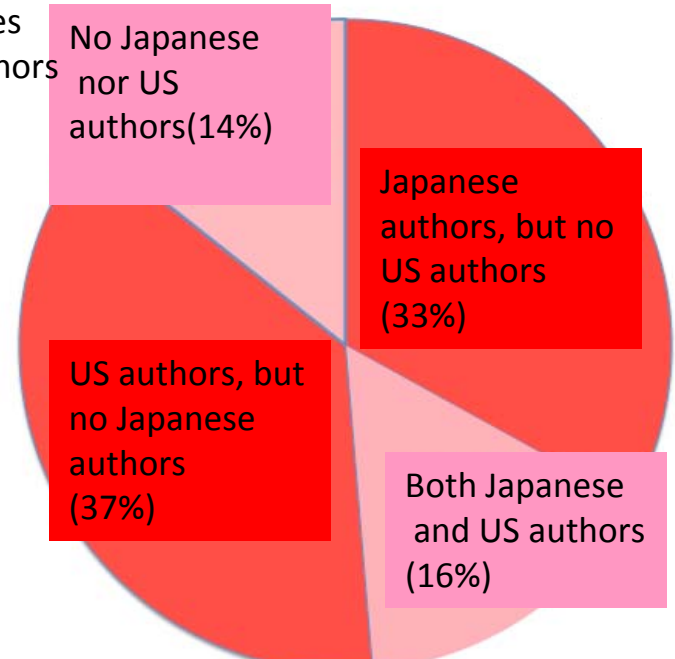


# Papers from ASCA satellite data

- Japan-US collaborative mission
- 1463 refereed journal papers from 1993 to 2007
- ASCA was operational for 2736 days, **One paper per two day observation**

Japanese papers 1/3, US papers 1/3  
Japan-US papers 1/6  
From other countries 1/6

If author list includes Japanese or US authors



Example of DARTS services for quick look and simple analysis



[http://www2.hawaii.edu/~nhiraoka/judo\\_clipart.jpg](http://www2.hawaii.edu/~nhiraoka/judo_clipart.jpg)



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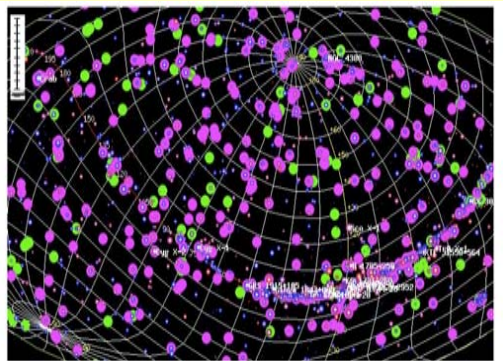
- **JUDO** and **UDON** are parts of **DARTS** (DATA Archives and Transmission System)
- **On-line tools** developed for **DARTS users** to access and browse archival data easily
- No need to download software
- Work with standard browsers
- Targeted for professional astronomers using **DARTS**

JAXA Universe Data Oriented

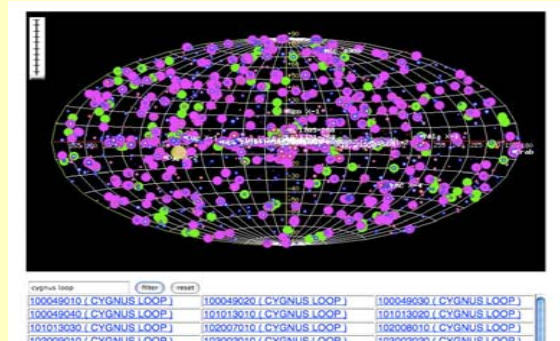
<http://darts.jaxa.jp/astro/judo>

- **Navigate the entire sky** using mouse to search for desired targets/observations
- **Browse images** easily, zoom-in, zoom-out
- Directly access FITS images in DARTS
  - WCS compliant
- Designed for multi-mission
  - Currently only **Suzaku** X-ray data available
  - **Akari** infrared data being implemented
- Developed in C and Java script with Ajax technology

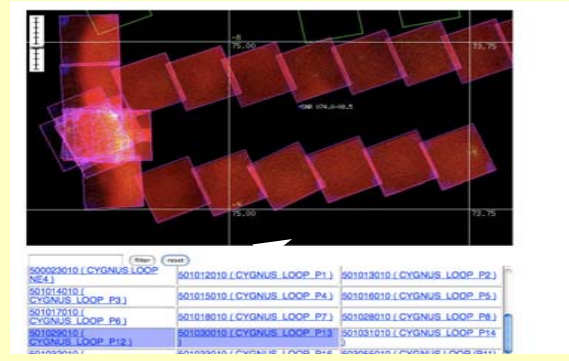
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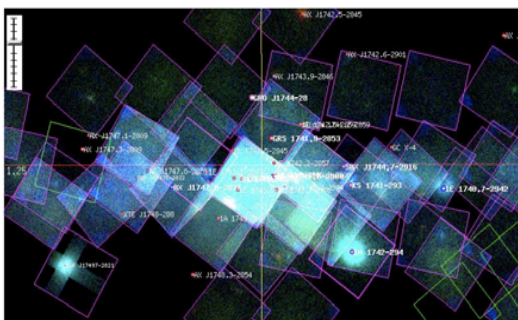
Display the celestial sphere, zoom-in and out with mouse. Different colors tell Suzaku public or proprietary data



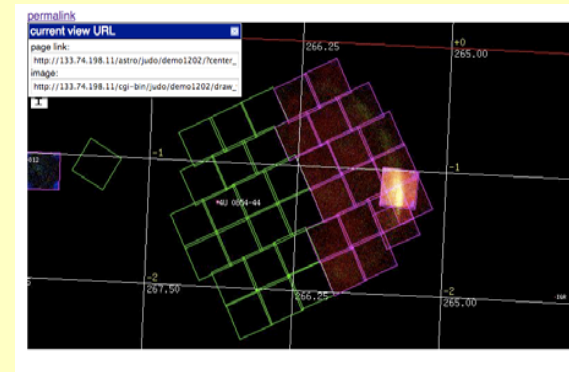
Search your target, and you can see the position on the sky.



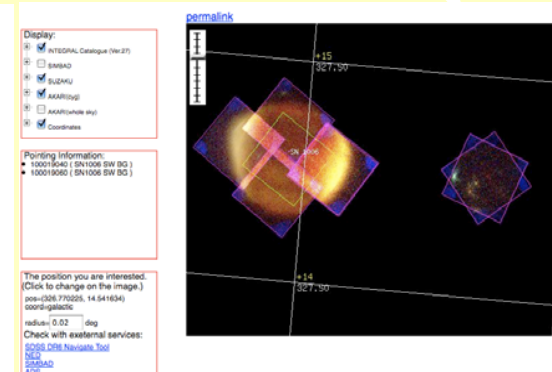
Different colors tell X-ray energies. "Mouse over" the "foot prints" tell the observation sequences



Suzaku observation of the Galactic Center region



Permalink of the displayed image may be obtained



Specify points of interests, and outside databases (SIMBAD, NED etc) are referenced

Universe via DARTS ON-line

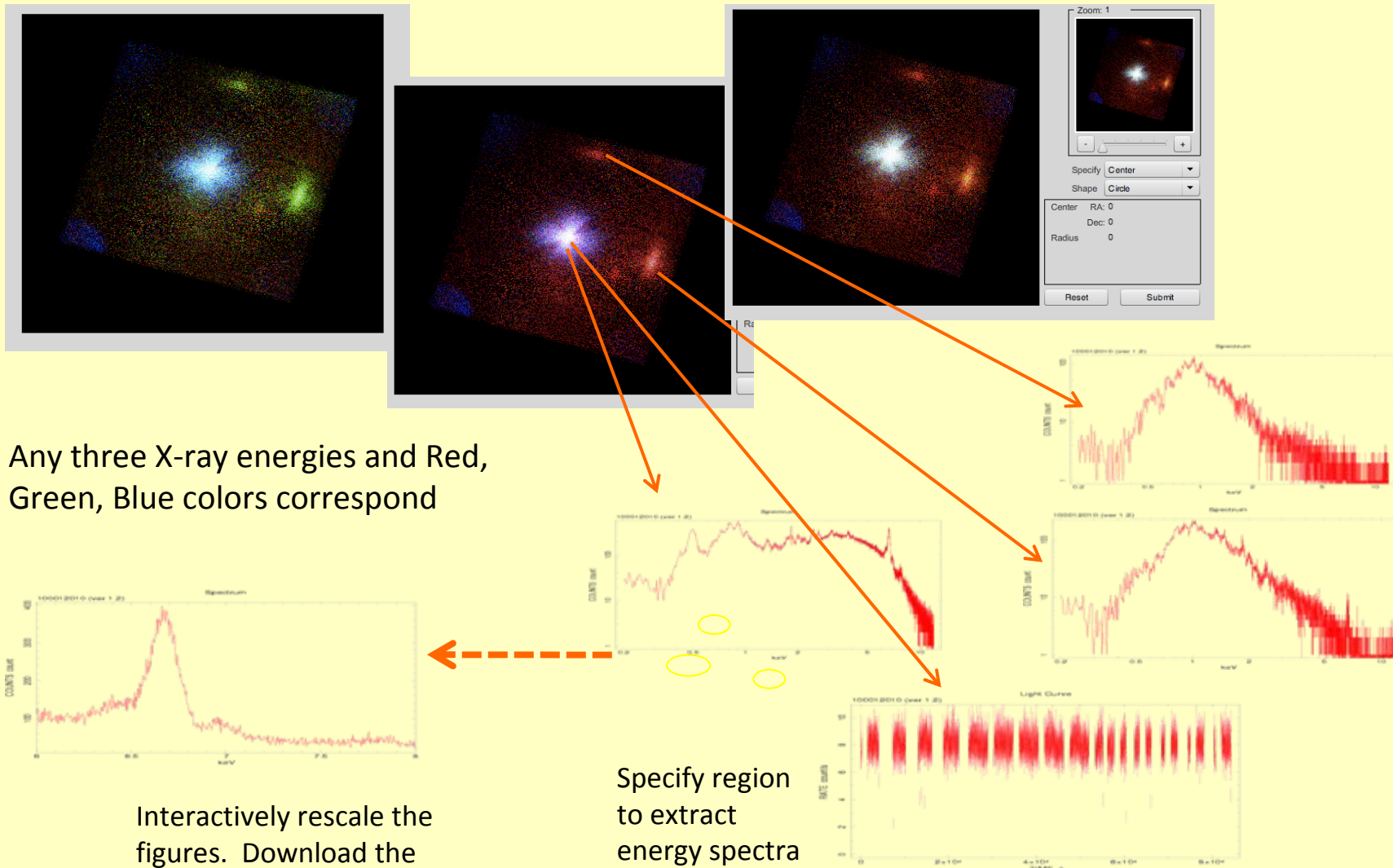
<http://darts.jaxa.jp/astro/suzaku/udon.html>

- Facilitate **on-line data analysis**
  - Display pseudo-color image, change color, extract X-ray light curves and spectra
- Currently, only **Suzaku** public data are accessible
- Developed using IDL ON-the net (ION), Flash, ftools

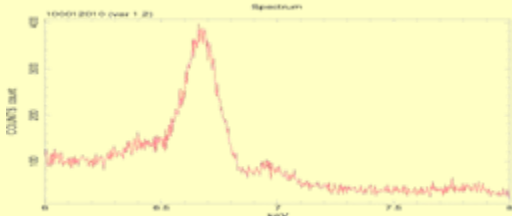


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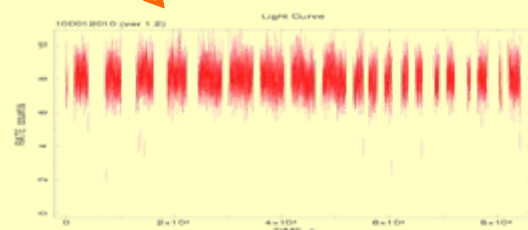


Any three X-ray energies and Red,  
Green, Blue colors correspond



Interactively rescale the  
figures. Download the  
spectra and images.

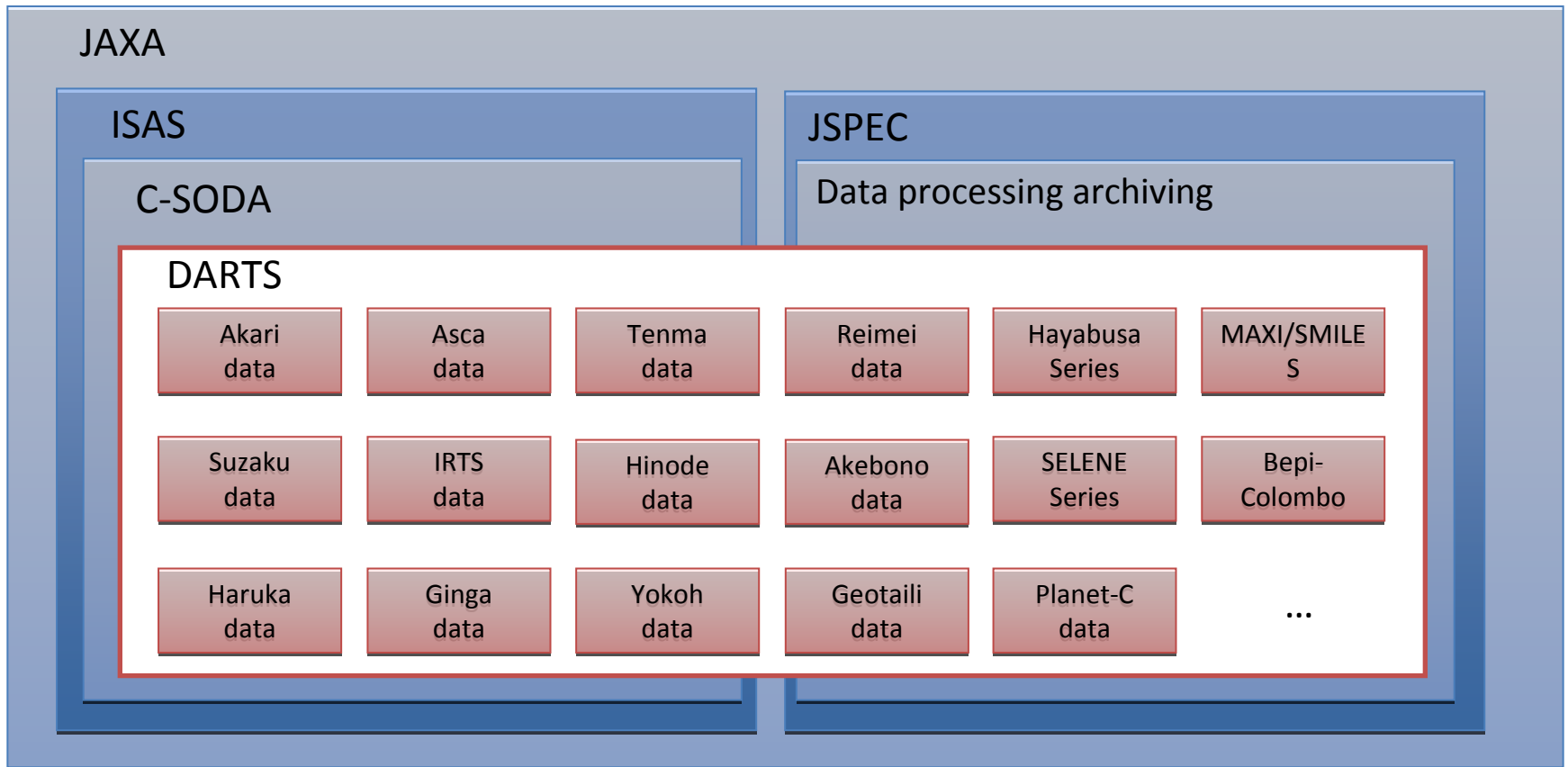
Specify region  
to extract  
energy spectra  
and light curves



# Future science missions at JAXA and DARTS

- ISS instruments (2009+; already operational)
  - **MAXI** ( X-rays ) 、 **SMILES**(upper atmosphere)
- Projects (approved)
  - **Planet-C** (Venus,2010), **EXCEED** (planetary telescope,2011)、**Astro-G**(radio, 2012), **Astro-H**(high energy, 2013), **BepiColombo**(Mercury, 2014)
- Preprojects (being approved)
  - **SPICA**(Infrared, 2017+), **Hayabusa2** ( asteroid, 2014+ ) , **SELENE-2**(lunar, 2014+)
- Still there are more than 10 **Working Groups** planning future space science missions
- **All these data are planned to be archived at DARTS**

- DARTS archives JAXA's science satellite data permanently, and make them publicly available to international science communities
- DARTS development and operation resources are dependent on both ISAS and JSPEC

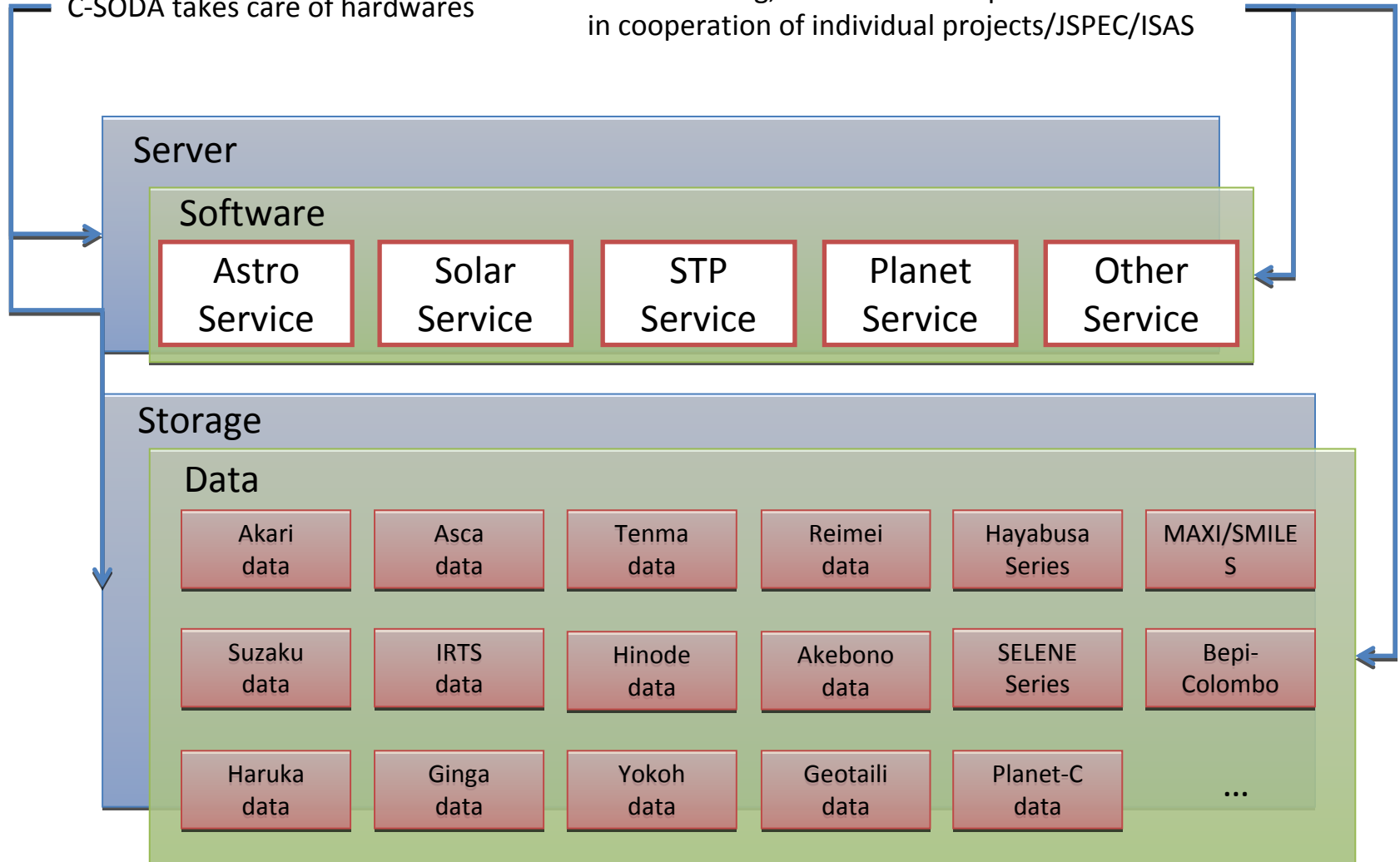


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# Future DARTS plan

C-SODA takes care of hardwares

Data archiving, software developments are made in cooperation of individual projects/JSPEC/ISAS



# Future plan of DARTS and C-SODA

- Data standardizing activities
  - PDAP (Planetary Data Application Protocol) etc
- Library development
  - FITSCC(FITS I/O in C++) etc
- Define high-level pipeline data processing as C-SODA's task
  - Currently, level of the data products depend on projects
- Develop data analysis software?
  - Currently, most data analysis software packages are from US
  - While individual components are written in Japan (packaged in US)
  - Should we start developing data analysis software packages in Japan?
- Tight collaboration between scientists and engineers
  - Scientists should not spend too much time on technical tasks
  - System engineering is required, nurture data processing engineers in-house and outside
- Collaboration with outside organizations
  - JAXA's resources are limited
  - Pursue more collaborations with universities
  - Data centers may be located outside of JAXA (NASA, ESA model)
- Hire young people
  - There are many good pot-docs
  - Not many positions in JAXA, universities
  - We should utilize those manpower