

The Very High Energy source catalogue at the ASI Science Data Center

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The increasing number of Very High Energy (VHE) sources discovered by the current generation of Cherenkov telescopes made particularly relevant the creation of a dedicated source catalogs as well as the cross-correlation of VHE and lower energy bands data in a multi-wavelength framework. The “TeGeV Catalogue” hosted at the ASI Science Data Center (ASDC) is a catalogue of VHE sources observed by ground-based Cherenkov telescopes. The TeGeVcat collects all the relevant information publicly available about the observed GeV/TeV sources. The catalogue contains also information about public light curves while the available spectral data are included in the ASDC SED Builder tool directly accessible from the TeGeV catalogue web page. In this contribution we will report a comprehensive description of the catalogue and the related tools.

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1. Introduction

The current wealth of available astronomical data makes particularly important the appropriate handling of such an amount of information in order to achieve the maximum scientific output. Cross correlation and multi-band analysis between data coming from different energy ranges are going to play a key role in modern astrophysics due to the simultaneous availability of new generation space-based and ground-based observatories. An improving multi-wavelength analysis capabilities will be of crucial importance in the VHE band where a new golden-age is approaching thanks to the forthcoming construction of the Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA). The CTA, a worldwide initiative to build the next generation ground-based VHE gamma-ray instrument will deeply explore our Universe in the VHE gamma-rays and will investigate cosmic non-thermal processes, in close cooperation with both space- and ground-based observatories operating at lower energies of the electromagnetic spectrum, and those using other messengers such as cosmic rays and neutrinos. CTA will serve as an open observatory to a wide astrophysics community and this make particularly relevant the appropriate data handling and data cross matching with other bands.

The ASI Science Data Center is involved in the CTA activities in close collaboration with Italian National Institute of Astrophysics (INAF). ASDC is participating to the activities regarding data handling, data processing, data management and data access. In particular, ASDC will be able to adapt its web tools, at the moment used to access data by all the ASDC supported missions, to access also CTA data. ASDC web tools will allow to easy obtain and collect multi-wavelength information on CTA sources. In this context, a new VHE source catalogue has been prepared in ASDC and it is available on-line: TeGeV catalogue (<http://www.asdc.asi.it/tgevcat/>). The TeGeV-cat is collecting all the information publicly available on the TeV sources observed by Cherenkov telescopes including light curves and spectral points.

2. The ASI Science Data Center

The ASDC is the direct evolution of the first science data center of ASI created to host data of the Italian-Dutch X-ray mission BeppoSAX in late 1990s. Basing on that experience, ASDC has been developed as a facility able to provide high level services and products for data access and analysis to a large scientific community. The ASDC system has been designed to support the activities of several missions. Its strongest peculiarity lie s in the cross-correlation of data coming from different archives at different energies. To this purpose, several tools were developed and are currently available on a web-based interface. The ASDC archive system provide non-simultaneous access to data coming from different (mainly space-based) observatories through an homogeneous HTML interface that constitutes a Multi-Mission Interactive Archive (MMIA). The overall system is driven by a DBMS that involve, depending on the specific mission requirements, the original Browse system or a MySQL relational database. Fast Visualization of the MMIA data is provided by a dedicated Multi-Frequency Data Explorer that also points to different internal tools to perform a detailed analysis and the cross-matching between archival catalogues in a multi-wavelength framework.

At present, the ASCD hosts data of the most important current high energy astrophysics missions as Fermi, AGILE, NUSTAR, SWIFT and supports at different level other missions like, GAIA and the astroparticle experiments AMS and PAMELA. Data of past experiments like HERSCHEL, PLANCK and BeppoSAX are also hosted while the possibility to perform queries to external catalogs make possible a complete study of the SED of a specific source through the web-based SED builder tool.

3. The TeGeV Catalog

The TeGeV Catalogue @ ASCD is a catalogue of VHE sources observed by ground-based Cherenkov telescopes. The TeGeVcat is collecting all the information publicly available about TeV sources observed by the past generation and current generation of imaging Cherenkov telescopes (Fig. 1). The catalog contains the public light curves data as well as the spectral information that are automatically available in the ASCD SED builder tool (see sec. 4).

Entry number	ASDC Data Explorer	TEV NAME	# OBS.	OTHER NAMES	TYPE	RA (J2000)	Dec (J2000)	INTEGRAL FLUX	THR ENERGY	Observatory
						hh mm ss	dd mm ss	x E-12 cm ² /s	[GeV]	
1	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0006+7247	1	CTA1/G119.5+10.2	PWN/SNR	00 06 36	+72 47 00	-	1000	VERITAS
2	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0013-1854	1	SHBL J001355.9-185406	HBL	00 13 56.0	-18 54 07	-	300	HESS
3	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0025+6410	1	TychoSNR/VERJ0025+641	SNR	00 25 27.0	+64 10 50	0.187	1000	VERITAS
4	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0033-1921	1	KUV00311-1938/RBS 0076/1RXS J003334.6-192130	HBL	00 33 34.2	-19 21 33	-	-	HESS
5	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0035+5950	1	1ES 0033+595	HBL	00 35 52.63	+59 50 04.56	-	150	MAGIC
6	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0047-2518	1	NGC 253	Starburst	00 47 33.6	-25 18 08	55	220	HESS
7	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0136+3906	1	RGB J0136+391/ B3 0133+388/ 1RXS J013632.9+390556	HBL	01 36 32.5	+39 06 00	-	-	MAGIC
8	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0152+0146	1	RGB J0152+017/RXJ0152.6+0147	HBL	01 52 33.5	+01 46 40.3	2.7	300	HESS
9	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0222+4302	2	3C56A	IBL	02 22 39.6	+43 02 08	45	100	MAGIC
10	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0232+2016	1	1ES0229+200	HBL	02 32 53.2	+20 16 21	0.94	580	HESS
11	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0240+6115	6	LSI+61_303	XRB	02 40 34	+61 15 25	2.2	400	MAGIC
12	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0303-2407	1	PKS0301-243/RBS 0383	HBL	03 03 23.49	-24 07 35.86	3.3	200	HESS
13	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0316+4119	1	MAGIC J0317+413/ IC 310	AGN	03 16 43.0	+41 19 29	3.1	300	MAGIC
14	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0319+1845	1	RBS 0413/EXO 0317.0+1834/1E 0317.0+1835	HBL	03 19 51.8	+18 45 34	-	200	VERITAS
15	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0319+4130	1	NGC 1275	FRI	03 19 48.1	+41 30 42	-	-	MAGIC
16	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0349-1158	1	1ES0347-121	HBL	03 49 23.0	-11 58 38	3.9	250	HESS
17	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0416+0105	1	1ES 0414+009	HBL	04 16 52.41	+01 05 24.3	-	-	HESS
18	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0449-4350	1	PKS 0447-439	HBL	04 49 24.7	-43 50 09	-	-	HESS
19	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0507+6737	1	1ES 0502+675	HBL	05 07 56.2	+67 37 24	-	350	VERITAS
20	ASDC Data Explorer	TeV J0521+2111	1	VER J0521+211/RGBJ0521.8+211	AGN	05 21 55	+21 11 24	-	-	VERITAS

Figure 1: Home page of the TeGeV catalog at ASCD servers - <http://www.asdc.asi.it/tgevcat/>.

The TeGeV catalog currently contains information of 158 VHE sources divided by class types. Default visualization provides information on source name, coordinates and types. Furthermore, threshold energy (E_{thr}), integral flux above E_{thr} , distance, name of experiment performing the observation and starting time are provided.

Several other information are optionally available for the visualization by selecting them at the bottom of the web page. Most of them are again extracted by the literature, like:

- the statistical and systematic errors on the TeV centroid position in the sky derived by a 2D-gaussian fit of the TeV excess;
- the differential flux normalization, the normalization energy of the power law differential spectrum, the power-law spectrum spectral index;
- source extension (if present) and orientation.

Other are derived by a further elaboration of the literature data, like:

- the positional error circle around the TeV source position, calculated by the statistical and systematic errors on the Celestial (or Galactic) coordinates on the TeV excess position.
- integral flux above 1 TeV, calculated by the spectral information extracted from the literature (when available);
- information on source flux variability.

4. Related tools for multi-wavelength analysis

TeV catalog is fully implemented within the ASDC web tools that allow different possibilities of data exploring and cross-matching with other energy bands. The multi-frequency DATA EXPLORER tool, directly available for each source from the catalog web-page, allows the users to explore the sky region around the source position within a customizable radius and showing neighbour sources belonging to different catalog in radio, infrared, optical as well as X and gamma-rays.

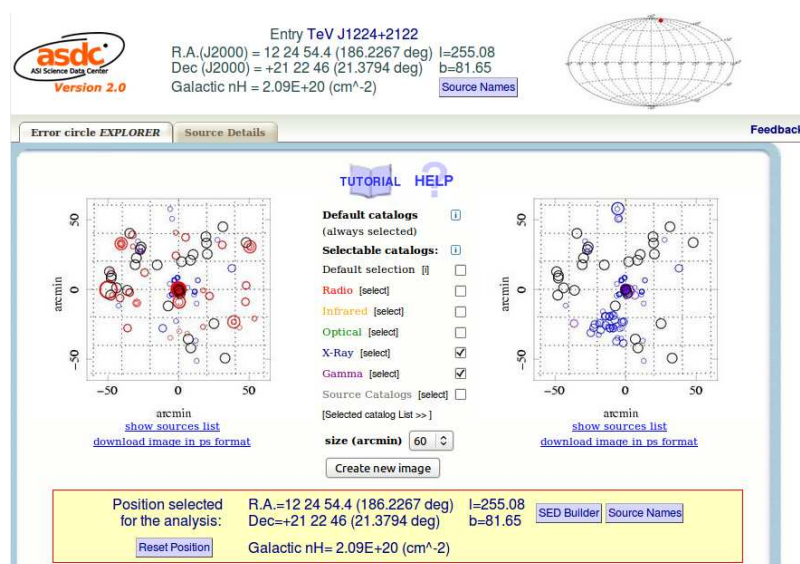


Figure 2: The DATA EXPLORER interface window

The DATA EXPLORER (Fig.2) tool further provide access to several additional services as the possibility to perform query to both internal and external catalogs and archive as well as it provide the access to different web-based data analysis tools. The full source spectral energy distribution (SED) is than directly accessible trough a dedicated SED Builder tool.

The SED Builder (Fig.3) is a web based program developed at the ASDC to produce and display the SED of astrophysical sources. The tool combines data from several missions and experiments, both ground and space-based, together with catalogs and archival data. Proprietary data can also be properly handled. Based on a Java code and a MySQL database system, the ASDC SED Builder provides different functionalities and several plot options for the analysis of the SEDs



Figure 3: The SED BUILDER tool interface