

Fritz: the Zwicky Transient Facility Phase-II Marshal

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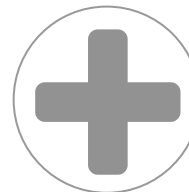
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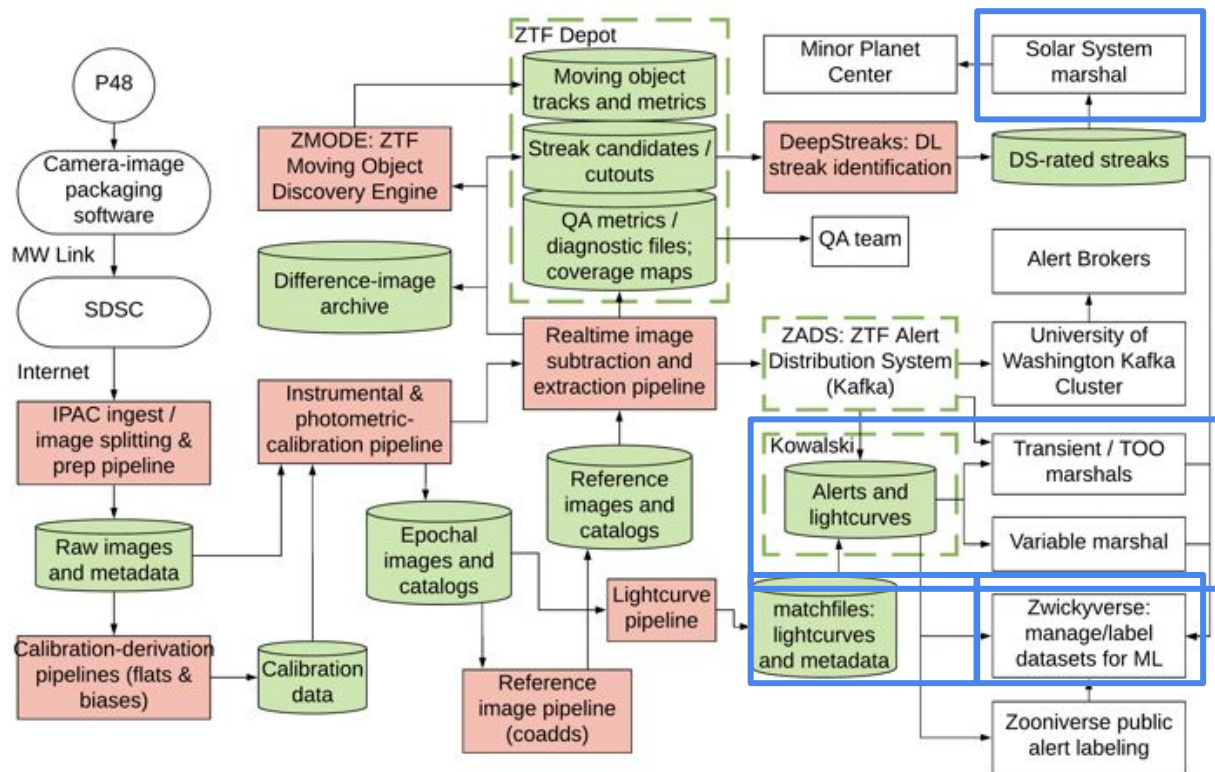
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ZTF: data/processing flow



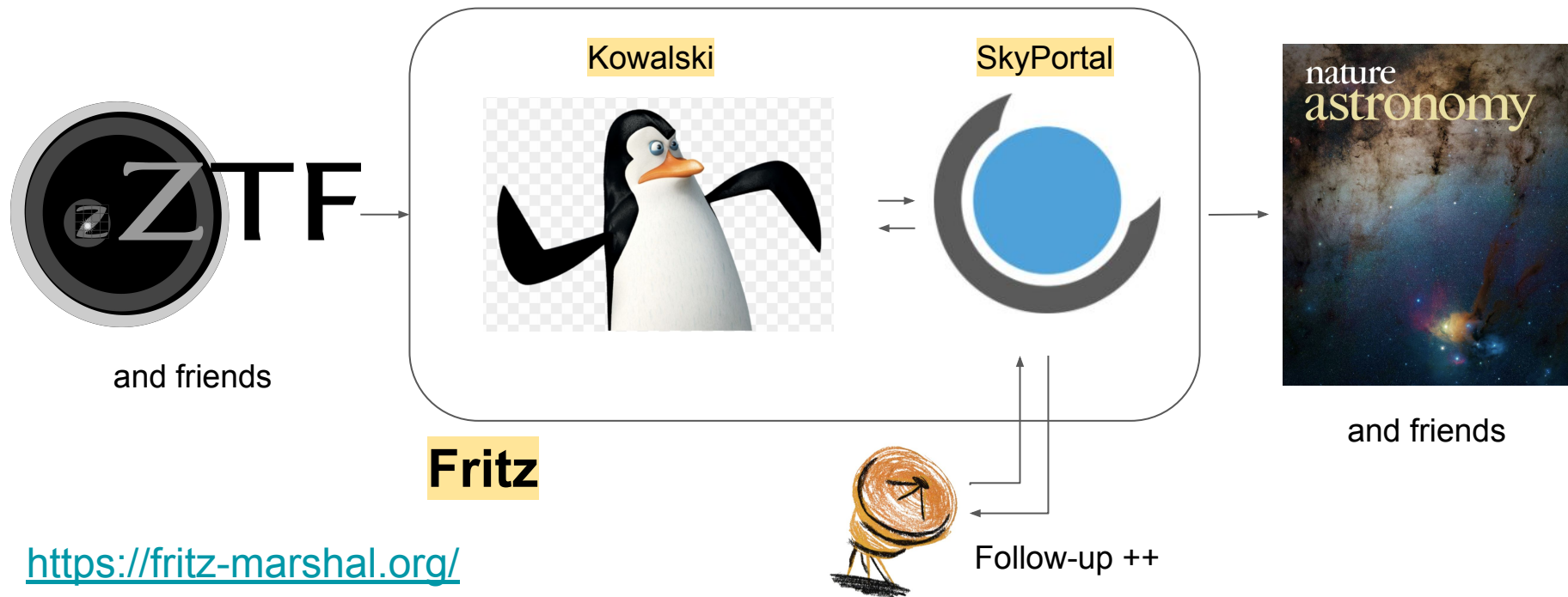
ZTF acts as a discovery engine. Discoveries are followed-up using a wide range of instruments (including ZTF itself)

Single night	8h40m
# on-sky exposures	~700
Raw image data	~1 TB
Real-time data products	~4 TB
# unvetted 5σ alerts	$\sim 10^5 - 10^6$
# ML-vetted alerts	$\sim 10^3 - 10^5$
# unvetted streaks	$\sim 10^4 - 10^6$
# ML-vetted streaks	$\sim 10^2 - 10^3$

Nominal survey	3 x 260 n
Volume of data products	~3.2 PB
Volume of ref images	~60 TB
# CCD quad ref images	$\sim 2.8 \times 10^5$
Volume of matchfiles	~50 TB
# matchfiles	$\sim 2.8 \times 10^5$
# single-epoch PSF-fit source measurements	~800 B
# single-epoch aperture source measurements	~230 B

Fritz: Schematic overview

Observe → Mine/Discover → Study and Characterize → Profit!1



Fritz: dev

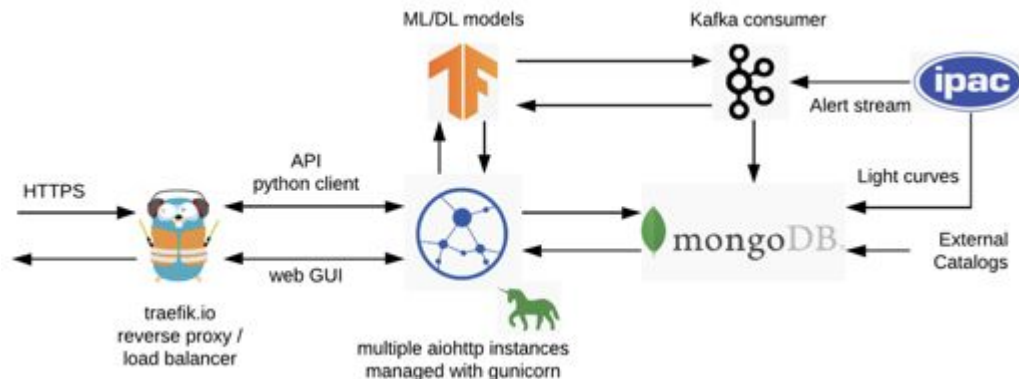
- Clubhouse:
 - <https://app.clubhouse.io/astromarshal>
- Github:
 - <https://github.com/fritz-marshal/fritz>
 - <https://github.com/skyportal/skyportal>
 - <https://github.com/dmitryduev/kowalski>
- Developer guidelines:
 - <https://fritz-marshal.org/doc/developer.html>

Fritz: features

- Open source (free to use, modify, and distribute)
- Powerful alert stream enhancement/filtering capabilities
- Extendible & scalable design: async Python backends, React/Redux frontend
- Rich APIs for machine usage
- Fine-grained access control
- Authentication via Google (or other OAuth)
- Real-time Slack-like messaging, notifications
- Rich visualization capabilities
- Follow-up management
- Distributed computation via Dask
- Docker compose or Kubernetes deployment
- Well-tested, extensive docs, CI/CD

Kowalski: a tool for TDA

- A sink for the ZTF alert stream
- ZTF light curves
- >30 external catalogs
- ML models
- Cross-matches



Beefy machines (50TB SSDs, 1TB memory) for local deployment

<https://github.com/dmitryduev/kowalski>

Kowalski: some tech details

- traefik.io reverse proxy/load balancer
- aiohttp-based API layer
 - asyncio event loop with futures scheduling serves as a queue; simple, fast and robust
 - JWT tokens
- MongoDB
 - NoSQL: BSON documents in collections. Natural to store alerts (AVRO directly translates into BSON; evolving schema) and light curves (1 read per source to extract data points)
 - (Compound) indexes and covered queries for efficient access to most-in-demand data
 - Built-in GeoJSON support with 2D indexes on the sphere
 - MQL: cone and general searches, aggregation pipelines
 - Horizontal scale-out

Containerized; orchestration with docker-compose

Kowalski: stats

- 30+ databases (Gaia, PS1, 2MASS...) [~10 TB]
- 70+ active users including several services
- ~100M queries/day typical load
- Indices ~5% total db size
- Direct Kafka alert streams from IPAC
- >310 M ZTF alerts [~10 TB]
- >3.5 B ZTF light curves [~20 TB]

```
_id: "845141035015010004_ZTF19aarzgrw"  
schemavsn: "3.2"  
publisher: "ZTF (www.ztf.caltech.edu)"  
objectId: "ZTF19aarzgrw"  
candid: 845141035015010004  
✓ candidate: Object  
  jd: 2458599.6410301  
  fid: 2  
  pid: 845141035015  
  diffmaglim: 19.739463806152344
```

...

```
> prv_candidates: Array  
> cutoutScience: Object  
> cutoutTemplate: Object  
> cutoutDifference: Object  
> coordinates: Object
```

Kowalski: API + python client

Search...

Authentication

root >

auth >

users >

queries >

POST Query Kowalski

filters >

lab >

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Query Kowalski

REQUEST BODY SCHEMA: application/json

query_type required string
Enum: "aggregate" "cone_search" "count_documents" "estimated_document_count" "find" "find_one" "info"

query required aggregate (object) or cone_search (object) or count_documents (object) or estimated_document_count (object) or find (object) or find_one (object) or info (object)
query. depends on query_type, see examples

One of
aggregate **cone_search** **count_documents** **estimated_document_count** **find**
find_one **info**

catalog required string
catalog name. use info query_type to get available catalogs.

pipeline required Array of objects **non-empty**
aggregation pipeline stages in MQL

kwargs > aggregate_kwargs (object) or cone_search_kwargs (object) or count_documents_kwargs (object) or estimated_document_count_kwargs (object) or find_kwargs (object) or find_one_kwargs (object) or info_kwargs (object)
additional parameters. depends on query_type, see examples

Responses

POST /api/queries

Request samples

Payload

Content type
application/json

Example
aggregate

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```
{
  "query_type": "aggregate",
  - "query": {
    "catalog": "ZTF_alerts",
    + "pipeline": [ ... ]
  },
  - "kwargs": {
    "max_time_ms": 2000
  }
}
```

Response samples

200 **400**

Content type
application/json

Example
aggregate

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OpenAPI specs:

<https://kowalski.caltech.edu/docs/api>

Python client:

<https://github.com/dmitryduev/penguins>

```
q = {
  'query_type': 'find',
  'query': {
    'catalog': 'ZTF_alerts',
    'filter': {
      'objectId': 'ZTF20acfkzcg'
    },
    'projection': {
      '_id': 0,
      'candid': 1
    }
  }
}

r = k.query(q)
r.get('data')

[{'candid': 1370469606315015001},
 {'candid': 1368511306315015006},
 {'candid': 1366512176315015001},
 {'candid': 1372432156315015001}]
```

Kowalski as a part of Fritz

- Alert stream filters
 - Incoming alerts are cross-matched against the external catalogs
 - ML models are executed on alerts
 - Freshly-ingested *enhanced* alerts are passed through user-defined filters and posted to SkyPortal
 - Filters are implemented as MongoDB aggregation pipelines
 - https://fritz-marshall.org/doc/user_guide.html#alert-filters-in-fritz
- Queryable store of ZTF alerts and light curves++

Kowalski: alert stream filters

The screenshot shows the 'New Connection' window in MongoDB Compass. On the left is a dark sidebar with three sections: 'New Connection' (with a lightning bolt icon), 'Favorites' (with a star icon), and 'Recents' (with a clock icon). The 'Recents' section lists several connection entries with timestamps and names like 'fritz-test-shard-00-00-uas9c' and 'fritz-public-20200706-shard'. The main area is titled 'New Connection' and has a '☆ FAVORITE' button. Below the title is a link that says 'Fill in connection fields individually'. A large text box prompts the user to 'Paste your connection string (SRV or Standard)' and provides an example: 'e.g. mongodb+srv://username:password@cluster0-jtpxd.mongodb.net/admin'. A green 'CONNECT' button is at the bottom right of this text box. To the right of the main area, there are two informational panels. The top panel, titled 'New to Compass and don't have a cluster?', suggests creating a free cluster using 'MongoDB Atlas' and includes a 'CREATE FREE CLUSTER' button. The bottom panel, titled 'How do I find my connection string in Atlas?', provides instructions on where to find the connection string and includes a 'See example' link. A second 'See example' link is located further down the page.

New Connection ☆ FAVORITE

Fill in connection fields individually

Paste your connection string (SRV or Standard ⓘ)

e.g. mongodb+srv://username:password@cluster0-jtpxd.mongodb.net/admin

CONNECT

New to Compass and don't have a cluster?

If you don't already have a cluster, you can create one for free using [MongoDB Atlas](#).

[CREATE FREE CLUSTER](#)

How do I find my connection string in Atlas?

If you have an Atlas cluster, go to the Cluster view. Click the 'Connect' button for the cluster to which you wish to connect.

[See example](#)

How do I format my connection string?

[See example](#)

Public databases for
filter design and
debugging

<https://fritz-marshall.org/doc>

SkyPortal: vision

A **data portal**, inspired by the PTF/GROWTH marshal, utilizing secure **modern web technologies**, **scales** effectively, and is **highly customizable** and extensible so that it can be applied to various astronomy problems related to ZTF, LSST, and other surveys.

<https://skyportal.io>

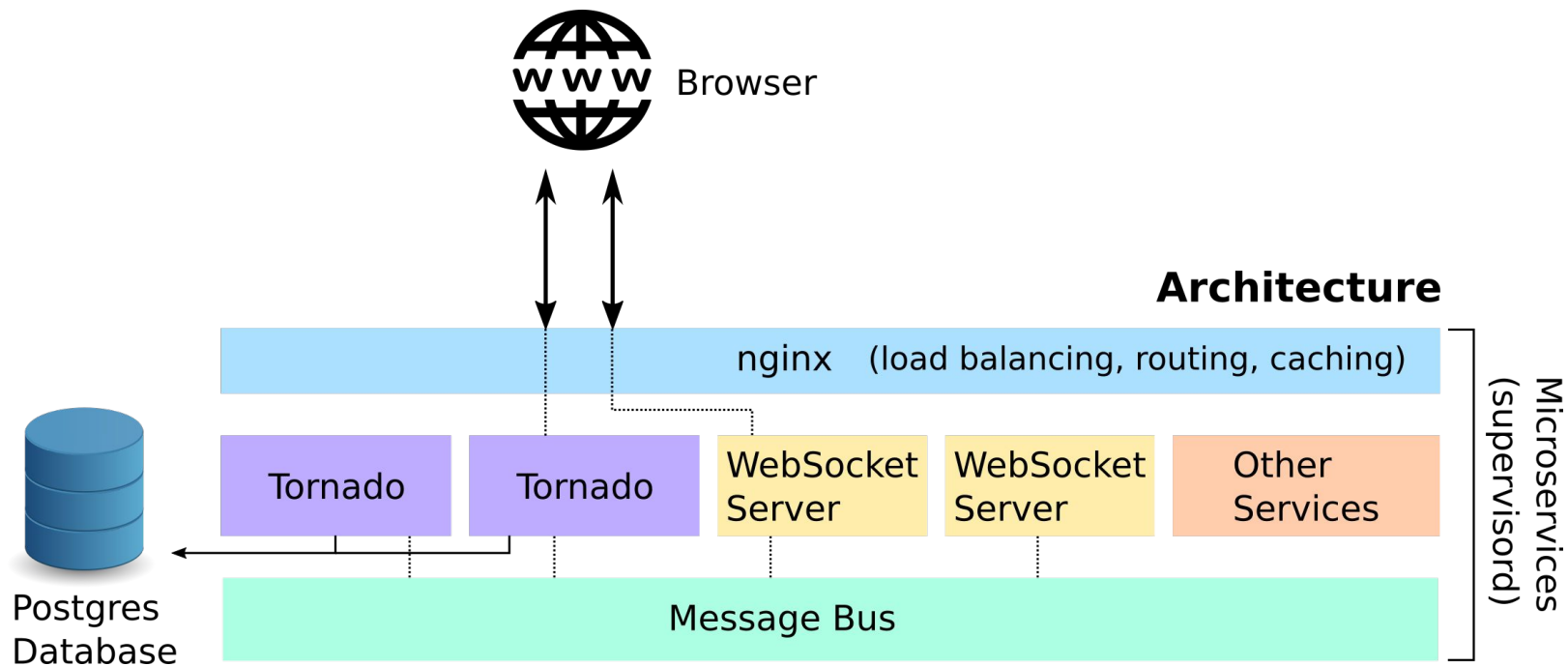
SkyPortal: architecture

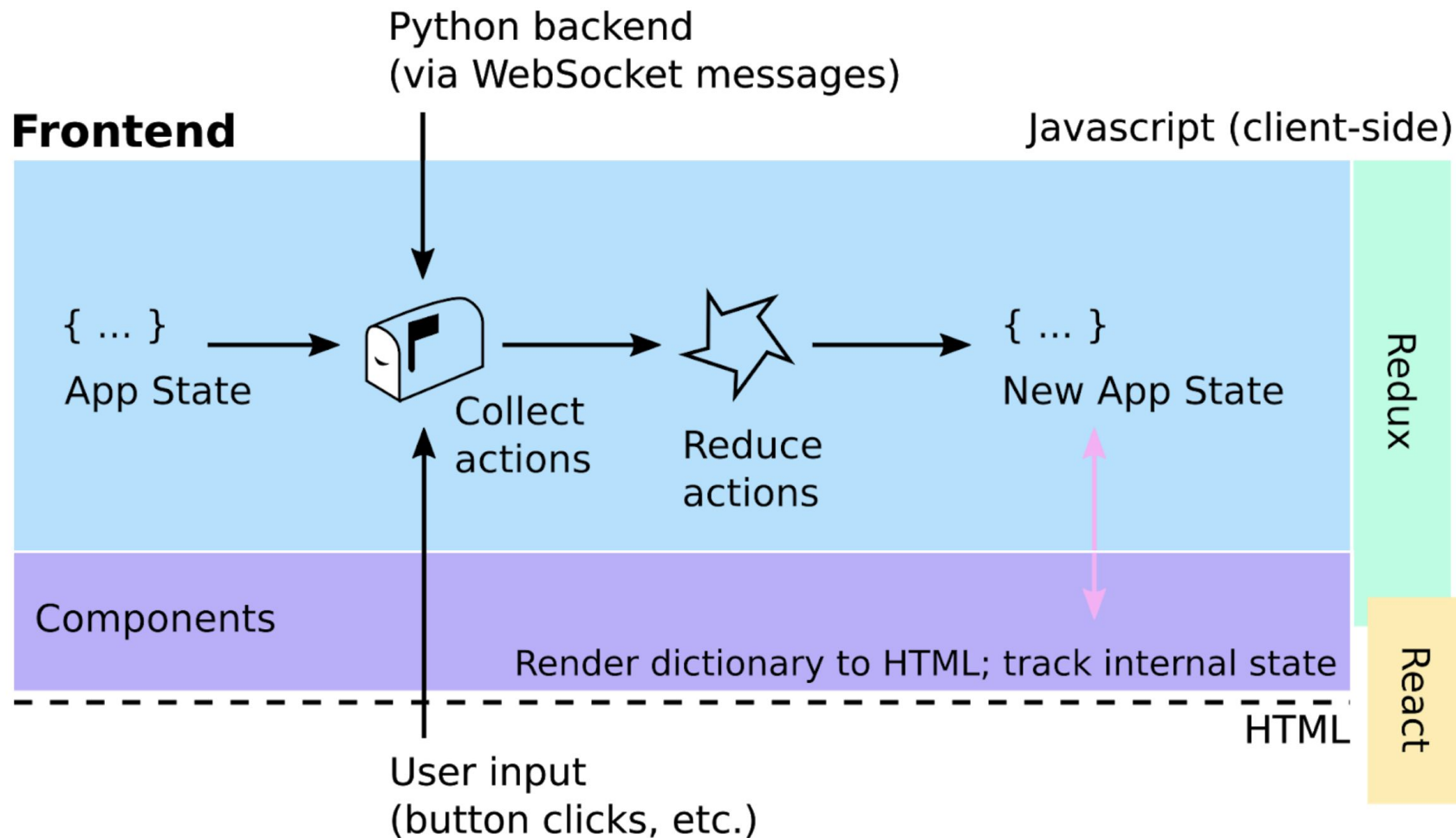


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Baselayer





SkyPortal: example API request

```
curl -H "Authorization: token 3f4a11ee-4816-4e36-a43f-1b68bd431ebc"  
http://localhost:5000/api/sysinfo
```

```
{  
  "status": "success",  
  "data": {  
    "version": "0.9.dev0"  
  }  
}
```


SkyPortal: API docs



Search...

DEL Delete a source

PATCH Update a source

GET Retrieve all sources

POST Add a new source

POST Send out a new source notification

GET Retrieve a spectrum

PUT Update spectrum

DEL Delete a spectrum

POST Upload spectrum

POST Parse spectrum from ASCII file

Add a new source

Add a new source

REQUEST BODY SCHEMA: `application/json`

→ <code>ra</code>	number Nullable
→ <code>dec</code>	number Nullable
→ <code>id</code> <small>required</small>	string Name of the object.
→ <code>ra_dis</code>	number Nullable J2000 Right Ascension at discovery time [deg].
→ <code>dec_dis</code>	number Nullable J2000 Declination at discovery time [deg].
→ <code>ra_err</code>	number Nullable Error on J2000 Right Ascension at discovery time [deg].
→ <code>dec_err</code>	number Nullable Error on J2000 Declination at discovery time [deg].
→ <code>offset</code>	number Nullable Offset from nearest static object [arcsec].
→ <code>redshift</code>	number Nullable Redshift.
→ <code>redshift_history</code>	any Nullable Record of who set which redshift values and when.

API-first system

POST `/api/sources`

`https://skyportal.io/api/sources`

Request samples

Payload

Content type
`application/json`

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```
{
  "ra": 0,
  "dec": 0,
  "id": "string",
  "ra_dis": 0,
  "dec_dis": 0,
  "ra_err": 0,
  "dec_err": 0,
  "offset": 0,
  "redshift": 0,
  "redshift_history": null,
  "altdata": null,
  "dist_nearest_source": 0,
  "mag_nearest_source": 0,
  "e_mag_nearest_source": 0,
  "transient": true,
  "varstar": true,
  "is_roid": true,
  "score": 0,
```

<https://skyportal.io/docs/api.html>

Fritz: misc

- Integrates and extends Kowalski & SkyPortal
 - ZTF-specific API endpoints and frontend components
- Deployments:
 - Local: orchestrated with docker-compose for beta-testers
 - Staging: GCP, orchestrated with k8s
 - Production: hybrid, GCP+local, orchestrated with docker-compose and k8s
- Current focus on transient science
 - Variable and Solar system science cases coming soon

HUGE THANKS TO THE BETA-TESTERS!!!

DEMO



Welcome to Fritz

For more information about the project, see <https://github.com/skyportal/skyportal>



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Dashboard



Sources



Candidates



Alerts



Groups



Observing
Runs



About



User
Management



Source

Recently Saved Sources



16fil

α, δ : 21h30m52.52s
+27d34m26.80s

3 days
ago



14gqr

α, δ : 23h33m27.95s
+33d38m46.13s

3 days
ago

Top Sources



DAY

WEEK

MONTH

6
MONTHS

YEAR



16fil

α, δ :
21h30m52.52s
+27d34m26.80s



14gqr

α, δ :
23h33m27.95s
+33d38m46.13s

News Feed



Birds are not real

Source: 16fil | 3 days ago



Dogs in the park

Source: 16fil | 3 days ago



Strong calcium lines have
emerged.

Source: 14gqr | 3 days ago



No source at transient
location to R>26 in LRIS
imaging

Source: 14gqr | 3 days ago



New source saved

5

New Sources
Last 7 days

My Groups

Sitewide Group

Palomar 1.5m



It is 16.3°C with 89% humidity
& broken clouds. Sunrise in 6
hours, sunset in 17 hours.

FORECAST WEBCAM





Dashboard



Sources



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Source

Recently Added Sources



ZTF19abzrhgq
α, δ: 4:46:37.88
-10:13:35.09

3 minutes
ago



ZTF20acgslgn
α, δ: 18:30:26.89
+10:44:32.90

10 hours
ago



ZTF20abayrkw
α, δ: 19:27:31.73
+12:18:20.26

5 days
ago



ZTF20acfwrln
α, δ: 2:29:30.15
+10:13:35.09

4 days
ago

Top Sources



DAY

WEEK

MONTH

6
MONTHS

YEAR



ZTF20abydkrl
α, δ: 4:26:21.95
-10:5:55.79

7
VI



ZTF20aaelulu
α, δ:
12:22:54.94
+15:49:24.91

7
VI



ZTF20abyylgi
α, δ: 3:58:10.71
-8:49:0.77

4
VI

News Feed



Nice!

Source:
ZTF19abzrhgq

3 minutes
ago



New source added

Source:
ZTF19abzrhgq

3 minutes
ago



New source added

Source:
ZTF20acgslgn

10 hours
ago



New source added

Source: ZTF20abayrkw

2 days ago



New source added

Source: ZTF20abzrhgq

65

New Sources
Last 7 days

My Groups

Sitewide Group

Dima's Lab





Dashboard



Sources



Candidates



Alerts



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Source

ZTF20abxgwjr

Classification: IA

Position (J2000): 267.2752394, 61.6307257 (α , δ =17:49:6.06, +61:37:50.61) (l , b =90.664482, 30.986127)Redshift: 0.0100 | DM: 33.249 mag | D_L : 44.65 Mpc | PDF FINDING CHART | SHOW STARLIST

Redshift Comple

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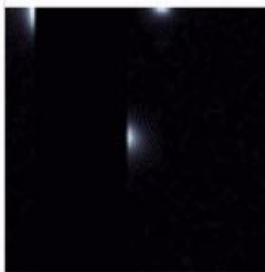
Fast Transients



NEW



REF



SUB



Photometry

Mag

Flux

Binsize (days): 0



Export Bold Light Curve to CSV

☒ ZTF ztfg-band

Comments

SZ

sedm-robot 4 days ago

AUTO_SNID_match Ia-norm

SZ

sedm-robot 4 days ago

AUTO_SNID_rlap 8.56

SZ

sedm-robot 4 days ago

AUTO_SNID_age -11.7

SZ

sedm-robot 4 days ago

AUTO_SNID_redshift 0.0463

SZ

sedm-robot 4 days ago

Add comment

Comment text

Attachment No file chosen

Customize Group Access



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Recently Saved Sources



**ZTF18abqeniu
(roid)**
 α, δ : 18:45:40.06
-10:14:57.11

9 minutes
ago



**ZTF19abcejta
(transient)**
 α, δ : 0:39:20.01
-2:8:14.75

12 minutes
ago



ZTF18abrniup
 α, δ : 18:38:25.28
-2:15:37.74

4 hours
ago

Top Sources

[DAY](#)[WEEK](#)[MONTH](#)[6
MONTHS](#)[YEAR](#)

**ZTF20acfdmex
(Type II)**
 α, δ : 1:52:45.30
+36:37:23.31



ZTF20absitlr
 α, δ :
3:34:32.91
-4:48:37.81

3
v1



**ZTF20abxgwjr
(la)**
 α, δ : 17:49:6.06

News Feed



New source saved

Source:
ZTF18abqeniu

9 minutes
ago



New source saved

Source:
ZTF19abcejta

12 minutes
ago



drb: 0.999499499797821

Source:
ZTF19abcejta

3 hours
ago



age: 697.0644907001406

Source:
ZTF19abcejta

3 hours
ago



atpeak: True

Source:
ZTF19abcejta

3 hours
ago

45

New Sources
Last 7 days

My Groups

Sitewide Group

Census of the
Local Universe

Stéfan Lab

Dima Lab

P60



It is 16.8°C with 47% humidity
& clear sky. Sunrise in 4 hours,
sunset in 16 hours.

[FORECAST](#) [WEBCAM](#)



Python

```
import requests

token = 'ea70a5f0-b321-43c6-96a1-b2de225e0339'

def api(method, endpoint, data=None):
    headers = {'Authorization': f'token {token}'}
    response = requests.request(method, endpoint, json=data, headers=headers)
    return response

response = api('GET', 'http://localhost:5000/api/sysinfo')

print(f'HTTP code: {response.status_code}, {response.reason}')
if response.status_code in (200, 400):
    print(f'JSON response: {response.json()}')
```

All of these actions (and many, many more) can be carried out programmatically using the API (which is what the frontend is actually doing)

Command line (curl)

```
curl -s -H 'Authorization: token ea70a5f0-b321-43c6-96a1-b2de225e0339' http://:
```

Response

In the above examples, the SkyPortal server is located at `http://localhost:5000`. In case of success, the HTTP response is 200:

```
HTTP code: 200, OK
JSON response: {'status': 'success', 'data': {}, 'version': '0.9.dev0+git20200
```