

Las Cumbres **Observatory**

LCO resources to aid astronomy in the big data era

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Las Cumbres Observatory in 2023

A unique **follow-up** facility for the astronomy community:

- A global network of 2m, 1m and 0.4m robotically controlled telescopes.
- Uniform instrumentation on each telescope class.
- Globally-optimized,
 dynamic scheduling.
 (New schedule every 5 min)
- Specialized observing modes for science programs that need them.
- Rapid delivery of data products. (Archived 10 min after shutter close)



LCO's instrument inventory







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Dynamic Scheduling



Science Collaboration, Global Sky Partners

Science Collaboration institutions have guaranteed observing time on the LCO network. (<u>https://lco.global/observatory/science-collaboration/</u>)

- National Science Foundation (for NOIR Lab)
- St. Andrews University (Scotland)
- Wise Observatory/I-CORE (Israel)
- Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias (Spain)
- Australian National University
- AURA (for the Chilean National TAC)
- South African Astronomical Observatory
- Institute for Astronomy, University of Hawaii
- University of Texas
- Faulkes Telescope Project (UK)
- National Astronomical Observatories of China

LCO Global Sky Partners (<u>https://lco.global/education/partners/</u>): currently supporting 28 education programs from institutions around the world with >1000 hours of observing time.

- Supported by the Simons Foundation and the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation.
- Deadline for new 2023 partners was May 26.

Key Projects

"Large, coherent observing programs designed to take maximum advantage of the unique capabilities of the global telescope network." (<u>https://lco.global/science/keyprojects/</u>)

Key projects for 2023-2026:

- Discovery and Follow-up of Optical Counterparts to Gravitational-wave Events (Tel Aviv U.)
- Characterizing the Milky Way's Hidden Populations (LCO)
- Intensive Broadband Reverberation Mapping of Nearby Active Galactic Nuclei (U. St Andrews)
- ▶ The Global Supernova Project (LCO)
- Follow up of TESS transiting planet candidates (MIT)
- Determining the Mass-Ratio Function and the Multiplicity Distribution for Cold Planets with Microlensing (Tsinghua U., Harvard-Smithsonian CfA)
- Constraining the Structure and Evolution of Massive Stars through Multi-Band Asteroseismology (Tel Aviv U.)



Astronomy in the Big Data Era

What does the astronomy community demand to maximize science yield when technology enables an unprecedented increase in data volume and delivery rate?

- Process/filter continuous streams of new targets.
- Monitor many targets in different states simultaneously.
- Select and prioritize targets in real time.
- Observe targets on a range of timescales, cadences.
- Coordinate observations across multiple facilities.
- Manage thousands of observations, TB of data.
- Communicate efficiently with collaborators worldwide.





The ecosystem of infrastructure for astronomy





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LCO Support for follow-up observations





Observatory Control System

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Observatory Control System

Open source software for an API-driven observatory

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Home	around the world are beginning to update their systems to take advantage of modern web technologies. However, producing a fully-featured and maintainable Observatory Control System (OCS) is an expensive	
Contributing	undertaking! Las Cumbres Observatory successfully operates a network of 20+ robotic telescopes around the world, driven entirely by APIs. The software that enables this has been bundled up and open-sourced, the goal	
Code of Conduct	of which is to increase the rate of adoption of APIs in astronomical observing and to share the knowledge	
Contributor Guidelines	gained in the process of building the software so that the entire community benefits.	
	What does an API-driven Observatory Control System accomplish?	
Components	Astronomers can:	
Observation Portal	Submit requests to observe a target, track the states of those requests, and cancel requests if their needs	
Configuration Database	have changed	
Adaptive Scheduler	Be notified once their observation is complete	
Science Archive	Download their science data	

https://observatorycontrolsystem.github.io/



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OpenOCS Goals

Provide a fully customizable "out of the box" observatory management system.

Make all software open-source and provide extensive documentation.

Enable management of:

- user accounts,
- science proposals,
- observation requests and scheduling,
- data product storage and retrieval.

Separate observatory management from site (telescope, instrument) management.



OpenOCS Overview

Python libraries; Django backends.

VueJS component library and sample frontends.

Flexible architecture of mandatory and optional components.





OpenOCS Configuration Database



Example nodes:

- instrument states
- instrument configurations
- instrument binning/readout modes
- overheads





OpenOCS Observation Portal

Functions:

- Login to accounts
- Submit, manage science proposals
- Manage co-investigator permissions
- Compose, submit observation requests
- View observation request results
- Link to data archive

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Portal

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Telescope availability history?

Telescope	-3 days	-2 days	-1 day	Today
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Siding Spring 2m	49	100	96	66
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Siding Spring 1m 2	49	100	98	67
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Sutherland 1m 2	100	0	0	0
Sutherland 1m 3	100	0	0	0
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McDonald 1m 2	38	99	99	71
Cerro Tololo	15	94	86	

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OpenOCS in the community

LCO uses all OpenOCS applications running in AWS. In 2022:

- > 27 telescopes
- > 8000 user accounts
- > 2000 proposals
- Millions of requests submitted; millions of observations scheduled
- > 33 million data products served

SOAR instruments are supported for AEON.

Other observatories using OpenOCS:

MONET 1.2-meter telescopes

Other organizations testing OpenOCS applications:

- Yunnan Observatory (2.4m telescope)
- South African Astronomical Observatory
- Instituto de Astrofisica de Andalucia





Target (and) Observation Managers

Target Observation Managers (TOMs) are software packages that expedite the administration of (science) campaigns by automating a variety of useful functions: filtering alert streams, submitting new observation requests, etc.

Supernovae



Motivations for a universal "tool kit":

- Although different science campaigns require different analysis tools, they require common basic functions.
- Many code-writing astronomers do not have advanced database or software engineering skills.
- The cost (in time and effort) for each science campaign to write its own TOM is high.



The TOM Toolkit

TOM Toolkit Home Targets - Alerts Observations - Data Non-Localized Events Users

- An open-source, professionally developed software package that enables astronomers to build TOMs easily and customize them for their science needs.
 - Minimal prior knowledge.
 - Python based.
- Provides a set of commonly-used functions.
- Provides well-defined interfaces to science-specific code.
- Creates a community of TOM Toolkit users who develop their own plugins.



TOM Toolkit Demonstration TOM.

The code for this demonstration TOM is in the TOM Demo Github repository





 Central database designed for astronomical programs.



- Central database designed for astronomical programs.
- Interfaces to alert brokers.

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- Central database designed for astronomical programs.
- Interfaces to alert brokers.
- Interface to data archives.

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- Interfaces to alert brokers.
- Interface to data archives.
- Submit observations.



- Central database designed for astronomical programs.
- Interfaces to alert brokers.
- Interface to data archives.
- Submit observations.
- Modules for common astronomical displays.

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Paczyński parameters



TOM Toolkit documentation

Low barrier to entry: https://tom-toolkit.readthedocs.io/



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Welcome to the TOM Toolkit's documentation!

Introduction

The TOM (Target and Observation Manager) Toolkit project was started in early 2018 with the goal of simplifying the development of next generation software for the rapidly evolving field of astronomy. Read more <u>about TOMs</u> and the motivation for them.

<u>TOM Toolkit Architecture</u> - This document describes the architecture of the TOM Toolkit at a high level. Read this first if you're interested in how the TOM Toolkit works.

Getting Started with the TOM Toolkit - First steps for getting a TOM up and running.

TOM Workflow - The general workflow used with TOMs.

<u>Programming Resources</u> - Resources for learning the core components of the TOM Toolkit: HTML, CSS, Python, and Django

Frequently Asked Questions - Look here for a potential quick answer to a common question.

 $\underline{\mathrm{Troubleshooting}}$ - Find solutions to common problems or information on how to debug an issue.

Interested in seeing what a TOM can do? Take a look at our <u>demonstration TOM</u>, where we show off the features of the TOM Toolkit.

If you'd like to know what we're working on, check out the TOM Toolkit project board.

TOMs everywhere



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TOMs in 2022:

- SuperNova EXchange (SNEx)
- MOP (Microlensing Observing Project)
- ANTARES TOM
- ExoTOM

- NEO Exchange
- AleRCE TOM
- BlackHole TOM
- Calibration-TOM

Astronomical Event Observatory Network



A partnership to build an extended network of observing facilities to provide greater flexibility and efficiency in follow-up observations.





AE N Guiding principles

Partner observatories retain control of their own time allocations.

Partner observatories do not have to be automated, i.e. robotically controlled.

Partner inclusion should be as simple and as inexpensive as possible.

Partner observatories should adopt a common (software) protocol for requesting observations and sharing information about weather, telescope status, observation status.

> The observation request interface can be UI or API.

Partner observatories can use custom software, the OpenOCS, or the LCO system to enable queue scheduling.

▶ Compatible with various observing modes: flexible, fixed, long-term monitoring, etc.



AE Operations model 1



Partner observatories (SOAR-LCO) interface via a programmatic portal.

- When in AEON mode, SOAR is a node on the LCO network.
- Submission of observations and TOM compatibility provided by LCO portal.
- When not in AEON mode, SOAR is traditionally scheduled.
- SOAR has operators on-site.
- SOAR maintains the GHTS, TSpec data pipelines.



AEN Operations model 2



Partner observatory (Gemini) uses its own scheduling system.

- Observations are queue-scheduled.
- Programmatic submission of observation requests through an API.
- ▶ Gemini observing module plugin for the TOM Toolkit built by Bryan Miller.
- ▶ Gemini operations software being redesigned to accommodate AEON.

HERMES

Hopskotch Enabled Rapid Message Exchange Service (https://hermes.lco.global):

- Hopskotch: "scalable, high-throughput, low-latency platform for handling real-time data streams"
- Any type of astronomical data can be shared.

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