French VO
Action Spécifique Observatoire Virtuel France (OV France)

**Created in 2004
Joint action of CNRS/INSU and CNES**

Includes astronomy, space plasma physics, study of the Sun, planetology, astroparticles

Services and tools remain funded by INSU, CNES, Programs, laboratories.

OV France helps them to uptake VO standards and methods and to participate in the discussion of standards in international forums

Significant participation already to IVOA *Working Groups* and *Interest Groups* and to AVO (astronomy), EGSO (Solar), SPASE (Space Plasma Physics)

Strong interest in the new *Interest Group Theory* of IVOA

Goals

• Organize French participation to the International Virtual Observatory
• Contact point for European projects (Euro-VO)
• Contact point with Information Technology community
• Diffusion of the VO techniques qnd tools in the French community

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Program for 2004

• *Tutorial for developers*
   Strasbourg, October 11-13, 2004
• *Science cases* from the different disciplines
• General meeting for presenting services and actions
   end 2004 or beginning 2005
•"Triggering travel money" (collaborations, IVOA Interoperability meetings and similar meetings for other disciplines)

French services participating to the VO

Disciplinary Data Centres: CDS (astronomy), CDPP (space plasma physics), MEDOC/BASS 2000 (solar)
Thematic Centres: Terapix (images), JMMC (interferometry)
Specific services: Supported by disciplinary programs in different domains (galaxies, stars,atomic and molecular data for interstellar medium, …)