

# Astronomical Virtual Observatory and its Scientific Challenges

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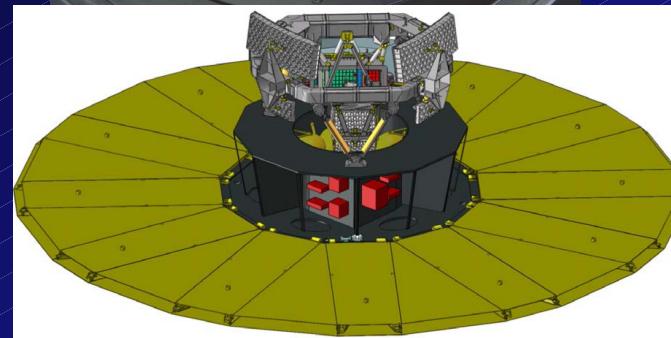
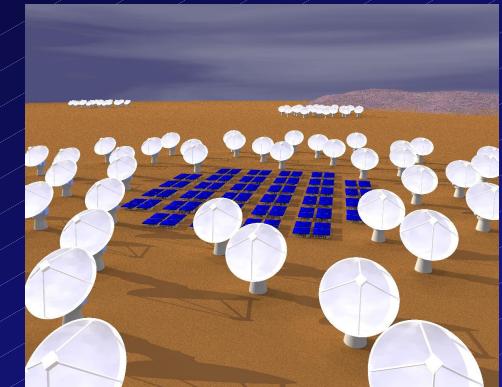
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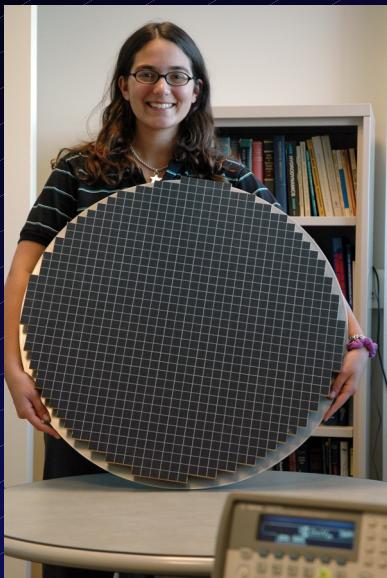
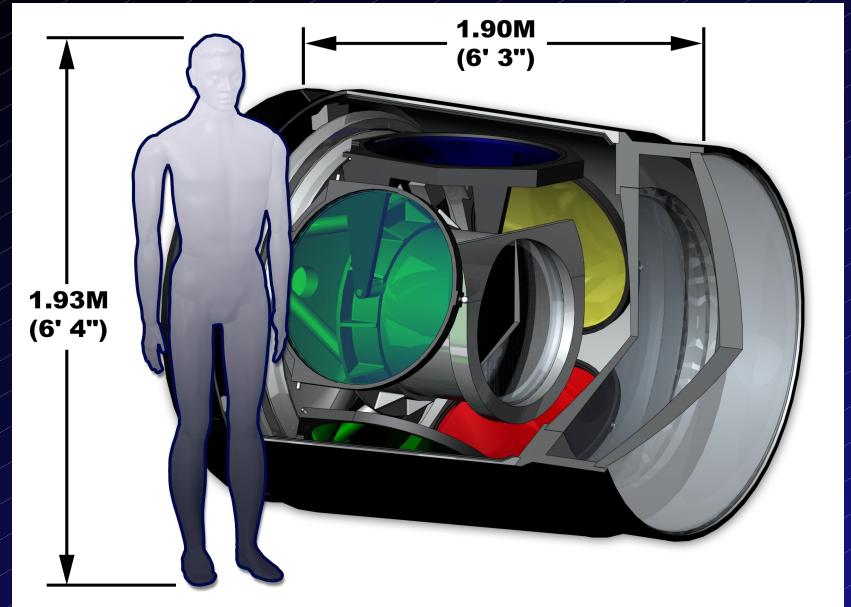
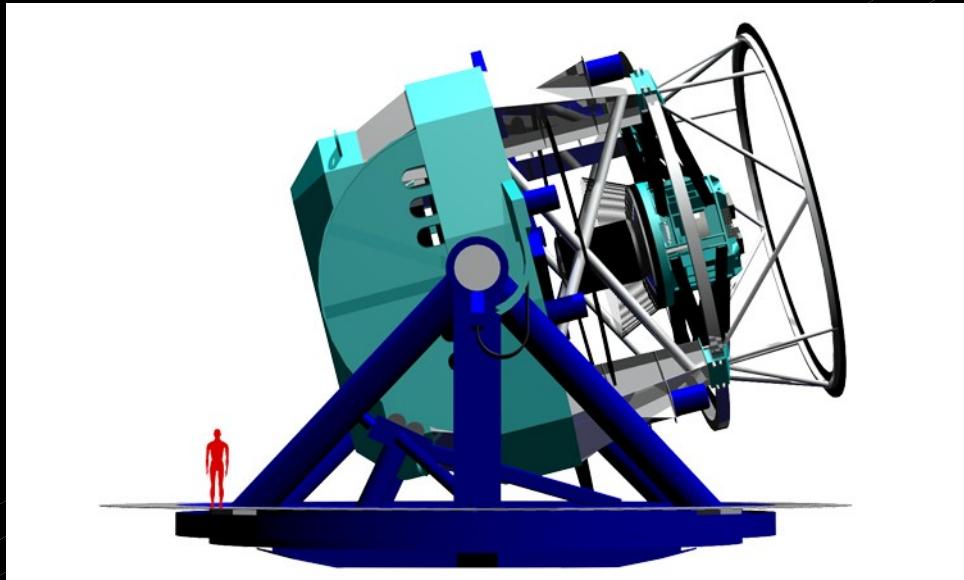
# Data Avalanche

- Huge surveys: 100 million sources at < 3000 sources per night  $\Rightarrow$  > 100 years to identify them
- Huge data collections: download and data analysis on desktop problematic/impossible.
- Example: downloading Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) DR6 data:
  - ✓ images (10 Terabytes)  $\Rightarrow$  ~ 3 months at 10 Mbps
  - ✓ catalogues (2 Terabytes)  $\Rightarrow$  ~ 3 weeks
  - ✓ on DVDs  $\Rightarrow$  ~ 2,100 of them
- And data analysis?? (similar size for MACHO, 2MASS et)

# Data Avalanche



# LSST (8.4m)

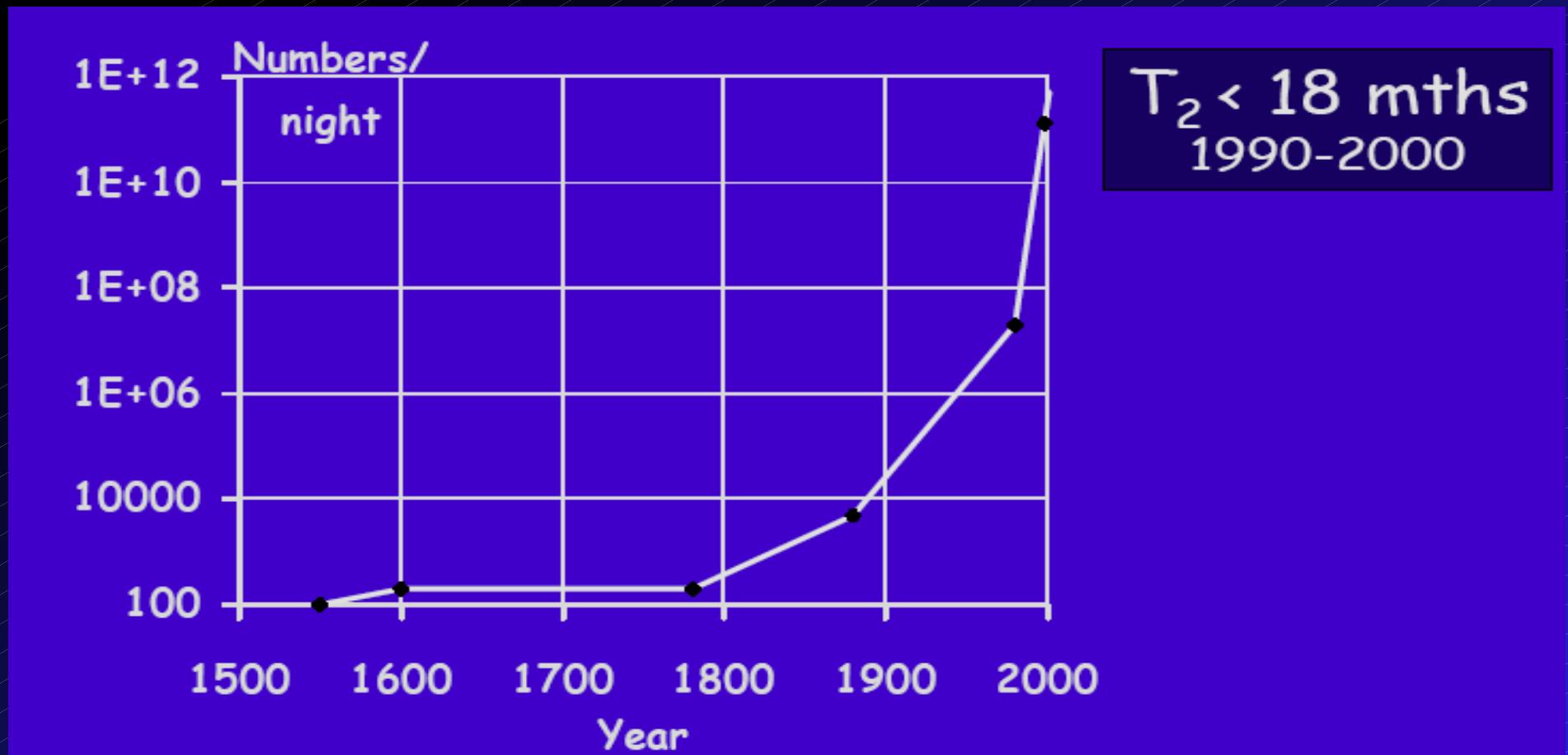


200 CCD 4kx4k,  
32 channels (6400)  
3.2 Gpix every 20 sec  
64cm diameter  
3.5 deg FOV  
30 TB/night  
2 TFLOPS  
detection of changes  
within 60sec

# Data Avalanche

Moore law for chips –doubling 1.5 year (1000/10 yr)

Data in astronomy – doubling < 1 yr !



# **History of VO**

idea VO end 2000

Federation of archives (MAST)

unified IF, data format for transport

much data – distributed processing

GRID - started in HEP

Multispectral research : radio---gama

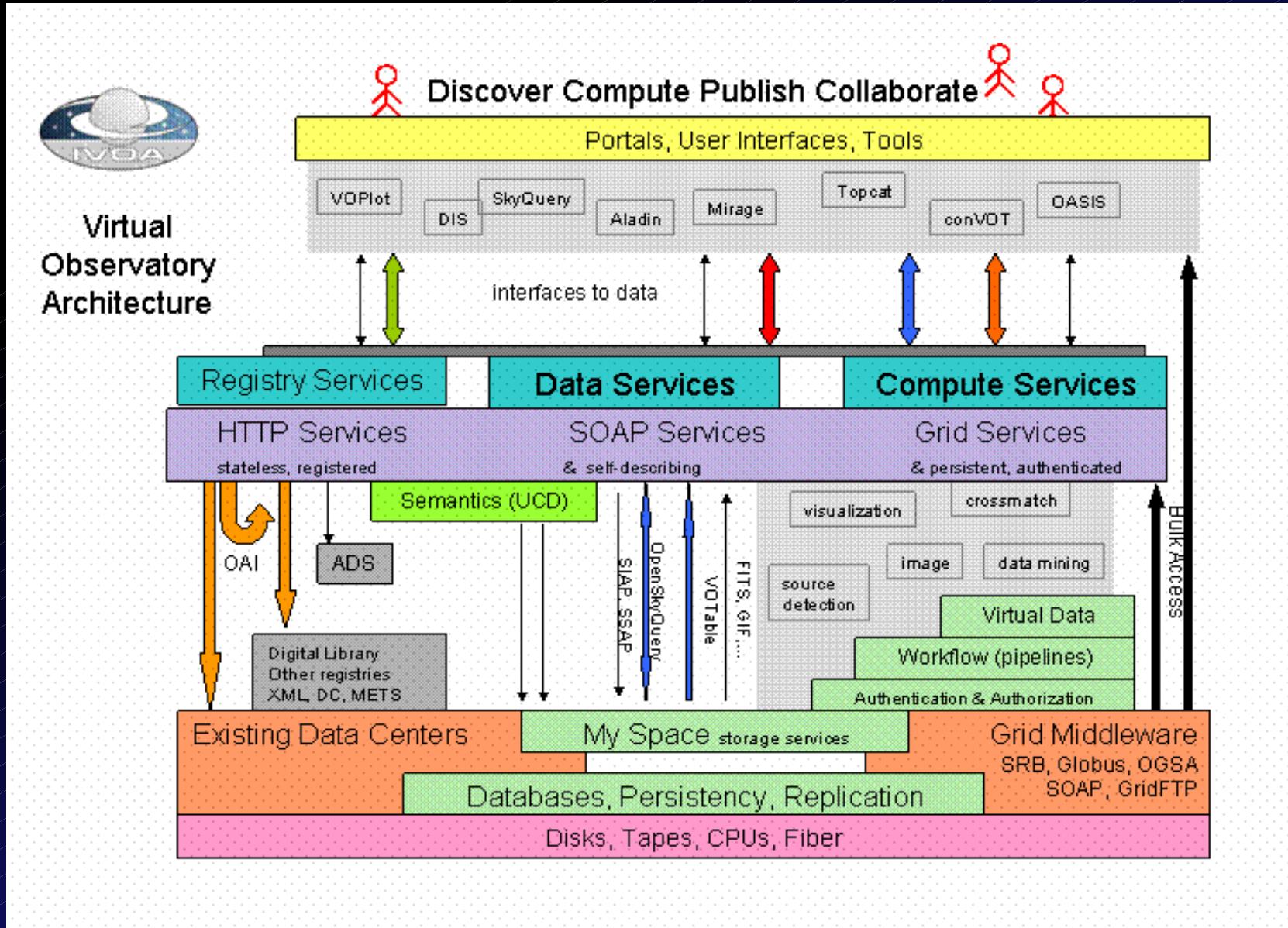
Output of simulations in NCSA

Data for SDSS – key research

# VO Paradigma

- METADATA (name of column), ontologies (name)
- Unique format (VOTable – e.g Vizier)
- Transparent search, download, conversion
- Query for data – processing done on servers
- Federation of astronomical archives (protocols)
- Unified presentation – automatic units conversion  
(A,MeV,MHz->nm),  $\text{Wm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  → Jy)
- Background computing on GRIDS
- Multiwavelength approach (SED)

# Architecture of VO



# Technology of VO

Unified data format– VOTable, UCD

Transparent transport (SOAP , REST)

Web services (WS)

VOregistry (like DNS)

VOSpace (network home disc)

protocols (CGI services)

ConeSearch (searching in circle on sky)

SIAP (Simple Image Access Protocol)

SSAP(Simple Spectral Access Protocol)

SLAP(Simple Line Access Protocol)

TAP (Table Access Protocol)

# **Technology of VO**

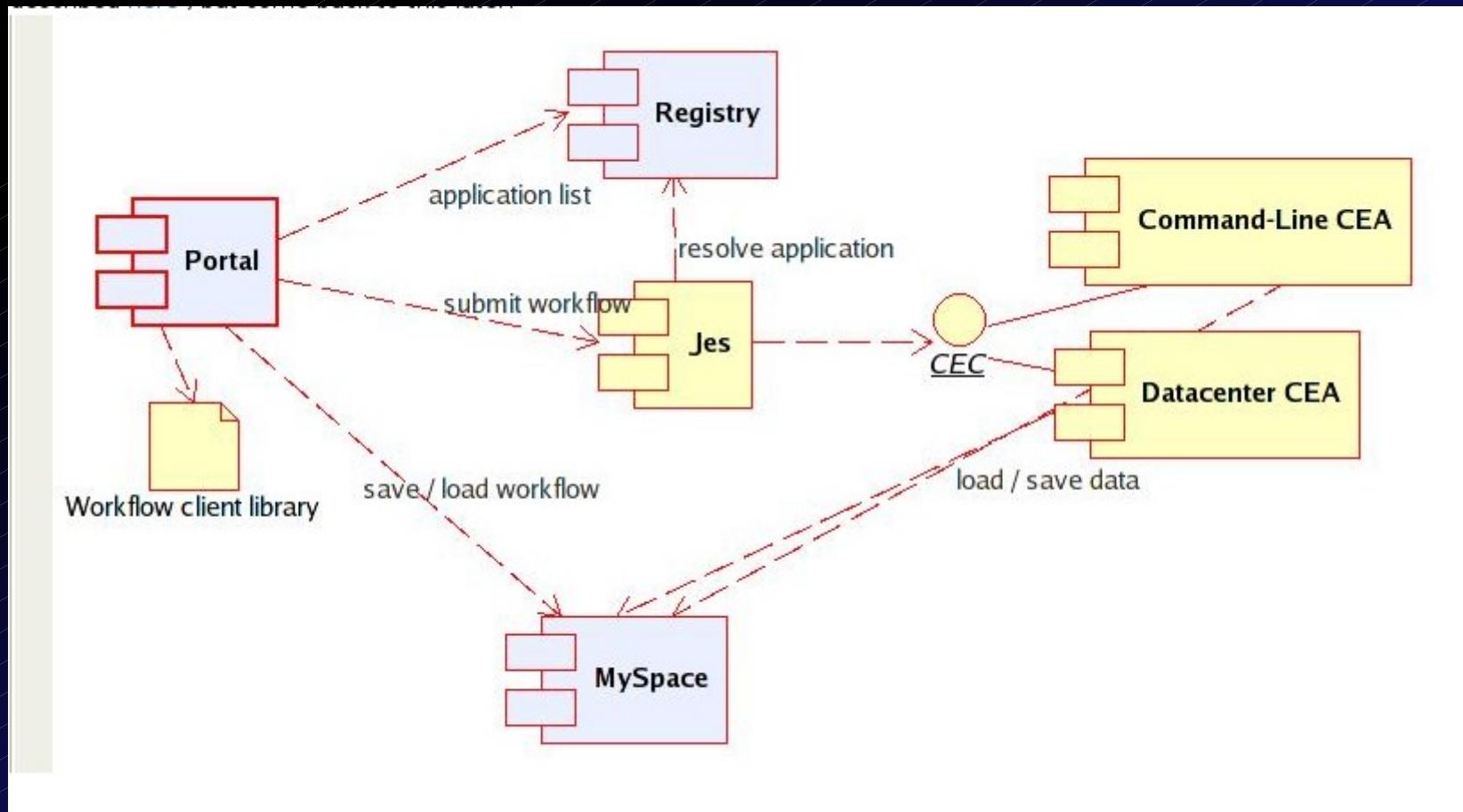
ADQL

XMATCH, REGION

VOSpace – cache(WS, database,http put get)

Application interop – PLASTIC, SAMP

# Workflows - Astrogrid



**VOTable :**

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<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE VOTABLE SYSTEM "http://us-vo.org/xml/VOTable.dtd">
<VOTABLE >
  <DESCRIPTION>
    VizieR Astronomical Server: urania.iucaa.ernet.in          2002-10-04T05:20:16
    Explanations and Statistics of UCDs:                      See LINK below
    In case of problem, please report to: question@simbad.u-strasbg.fr
  </DESCRIPTION>
  <DEFINITIONS>
    <COOSYS ID="J2000" equinox="J2000" system="EQ_FK5"/>
  </DEFINITIONS>
  <INFO ID="Ref" name="-ref" value="VOTx11451"/>
  <RESOURCE name="V105" ID="yCat_5105" >
    <DESCRIPTION>SKY2000 Catalog, Version 3 (Myers+ 2000)
    </DESCRIPTION>
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      </DESCRIPTION>
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        <DESCRIPTION>Henry Draper &lt;math>1/35</math> number
        </DESCRIPTION>
      </FIELD>
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        </DESCRIPTION>
      </FIELD>
    </TABLE>
  </RESOURCE>
</VOTABLE>
```

 **Display Data Of Selected Points****Close****Save As File**

# Simple Spectra Access Protocol Spectral Data Model

Simple Spectral Access Protocol V1.04



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**Simple Spectral Access Protocol**  
**Version 1.04**  
**IVOA Recommendation Feb 01, 2008**

**This version:**  
<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/REC/DAL/SSA-20080201.html>

**Latest version:**  
<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/latest/SSA.html>

**Previous version(s):**  
Version 1.03, December 2007  
Version 1.02, September 2007  
Version 1.01, June 2007  
Version 1.00, May 2007  
Version 0.97, November 2006  
Version 0.96, September 2006  
Version 0.95 May 2006  
Version 0.91 October 2005  
Version 0.90 May 2005

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**IVOA Spectral Data Model**  
**Version 1.03**  
**IVOA Recommendation 2007-10-29**

**This version (Recommendation Rev 1)**  
<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/REC/DM/SpectrumDM-20071029.pdf>

**Latest version:**  
<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/latest/SpectrumDM.html>

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# SSAP Parameters

## 4.1.1 Mandatory Query Parameters

The following parameters **must** be implemented by a compliant service:

Parameter	Sample value	Physical unit	Datatype
<b>POS</b>	52,-27.8	degrees; defaults to ICRS	string
<b>SIZE</b>	0.05	degrees	double
<b>BAND</b>	2.7E-7/0.13	meters	string
<b>TIME</b>	1998-05-21/1999	ISO 8601 UTC	string
<b>FORMAT</b>	votable	-	string

## 4.1.2 Recommended and Optional Query Parameters

Parameter	Sample value	Unit	Req	Datatype
<b>APERTURE</b>	0.00028 (=1")	degrees	OPT	double
<b>SPECRP</b>	2000	$\lambda/d\lambda$	REC	double
<b>SPATRES</b>	0.05	degrees	REC	double
<b>TIMERES</b>	31536000 (=1yr)	seconds	OPT	double
<b>SNR</b>	5.0	dimensionless	OPT	double
<b>REDSHIFT</b>	1.3/3.0	dimensionless	OPT	string
<b>VARAMPL</b>	0.77	dimensionless	OPT	string
<b>TARGETNAME</b>	mars		OPT	string
<b>TARGETCLASS</b>	star		OPT	string
<b>FLUXCALIB</b>	relative		OPT	string
<b>WAVECALIB</b>	absolute		OPT	string
<b>PUBDID</b>	ADS/col#R5983		REC	string
<b>CREATORDID</b>	ivo://auth/col#R1234		REC	string
<b>COLLECTION</b>	SDSS-DR5		REC	string
<b>TOP</b>	20	dimensionless	REC	int
<b>MAXREC</b>	5000		REC	string
<b>MTIME</b>	2005-01-01/2006-01-01	ISO 8601	REC	string
<b>COMPRESS</b>	true		REC	boolean
<b>RUNID</b>			REC	string

# IVOA

Astro  
Grid



EUROVO



# **VO-enabled tools**

Aladin

VOPlot

TOPCAT

VOSpec

SpecView

SPLAT

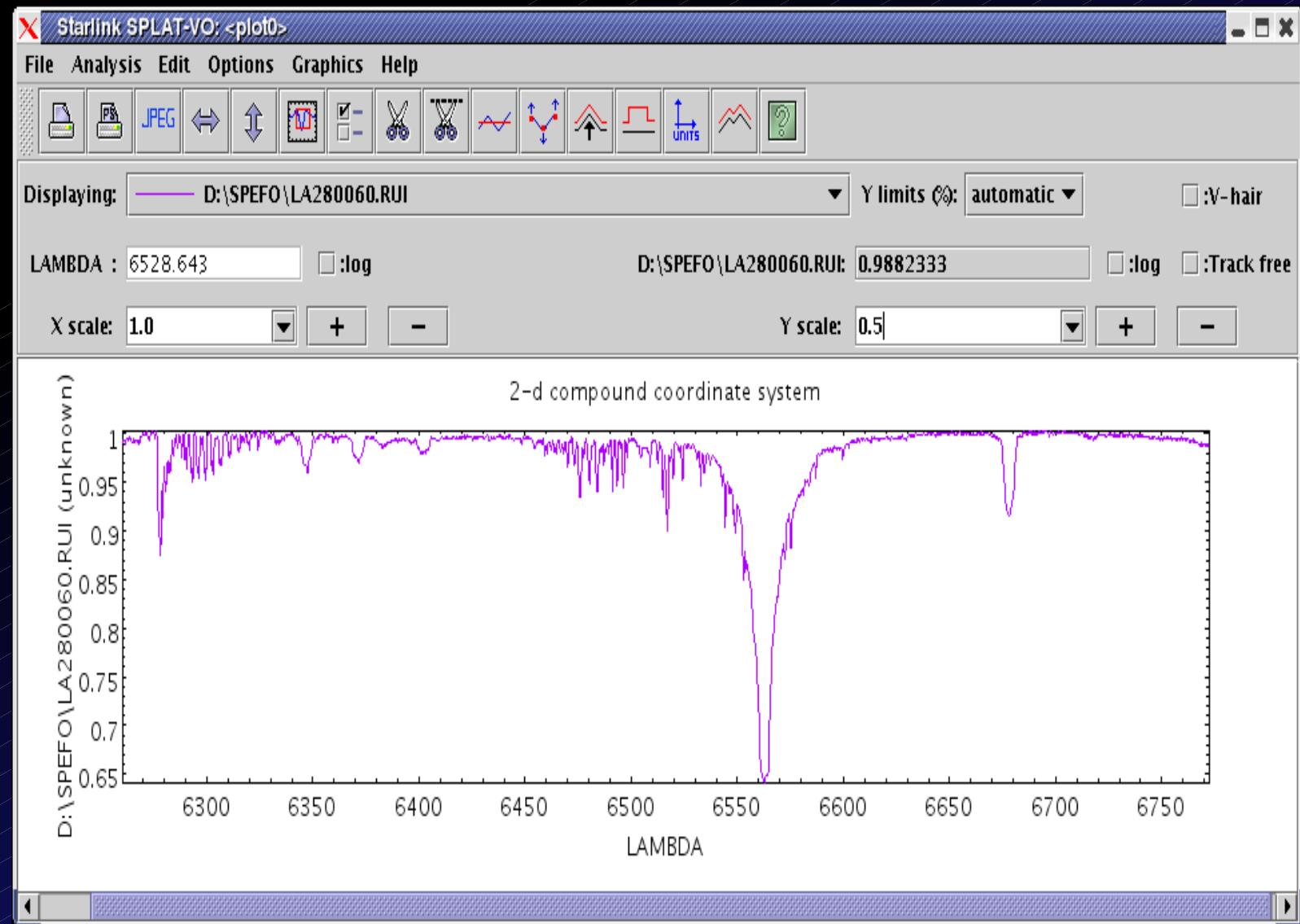
ViSiVio

VOSED

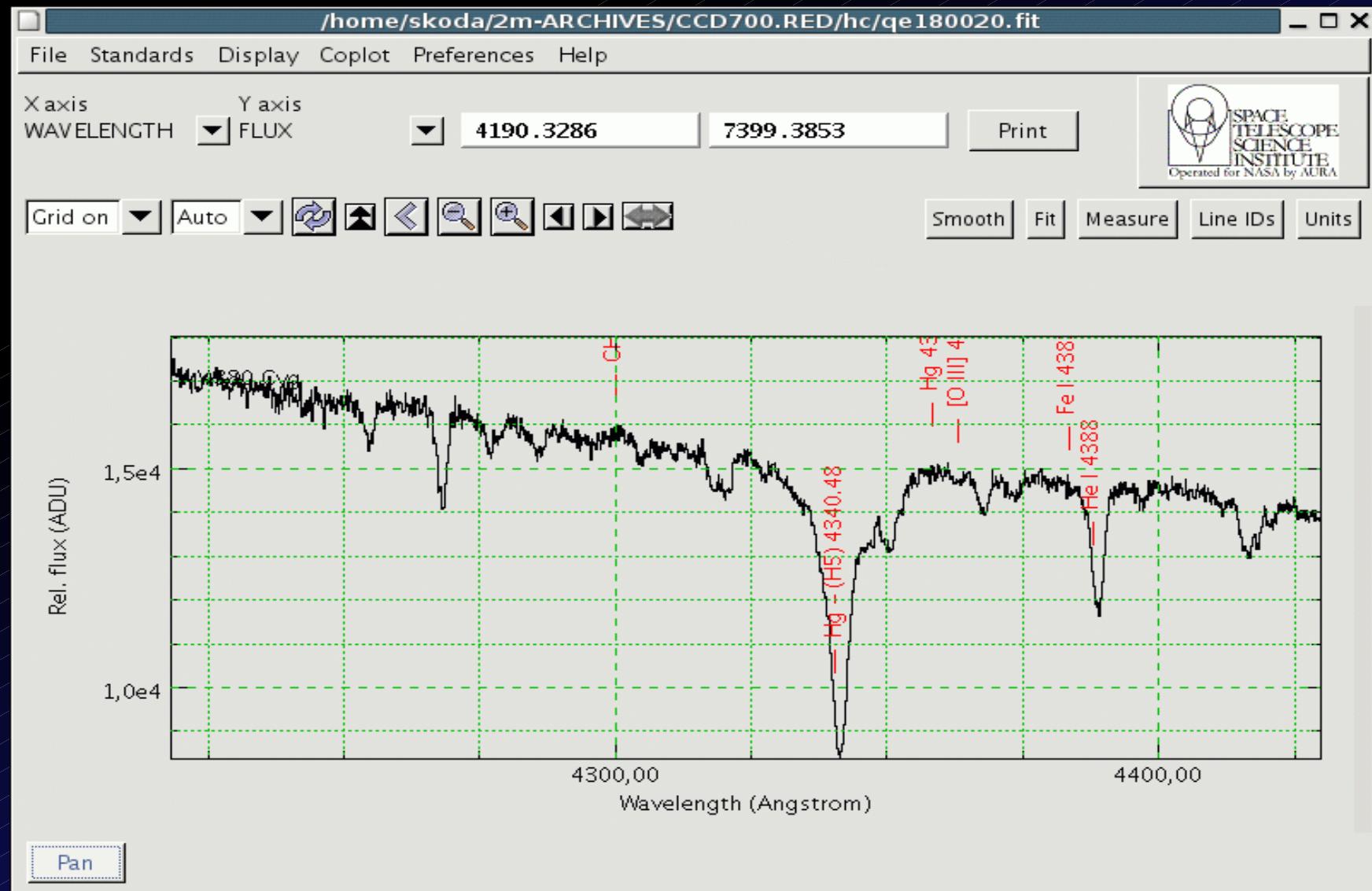
SExtractor – WESIX (Web Enabled Source Identification with  
Cross Matching)

PLASTIC HUB, Treeview + Period04 (since 18.9.08)

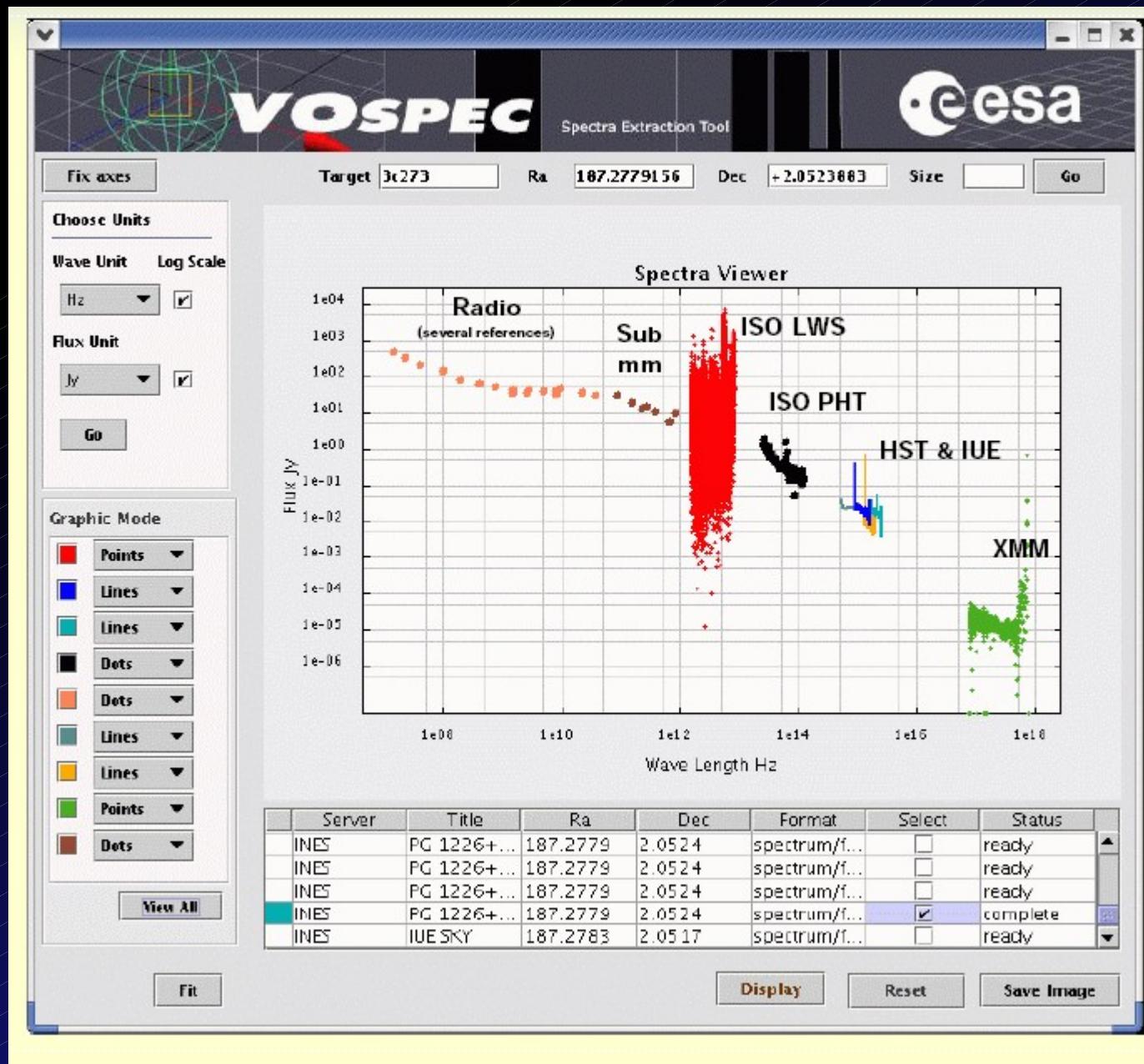
# SPLAT-VO (Starlink, JAC)



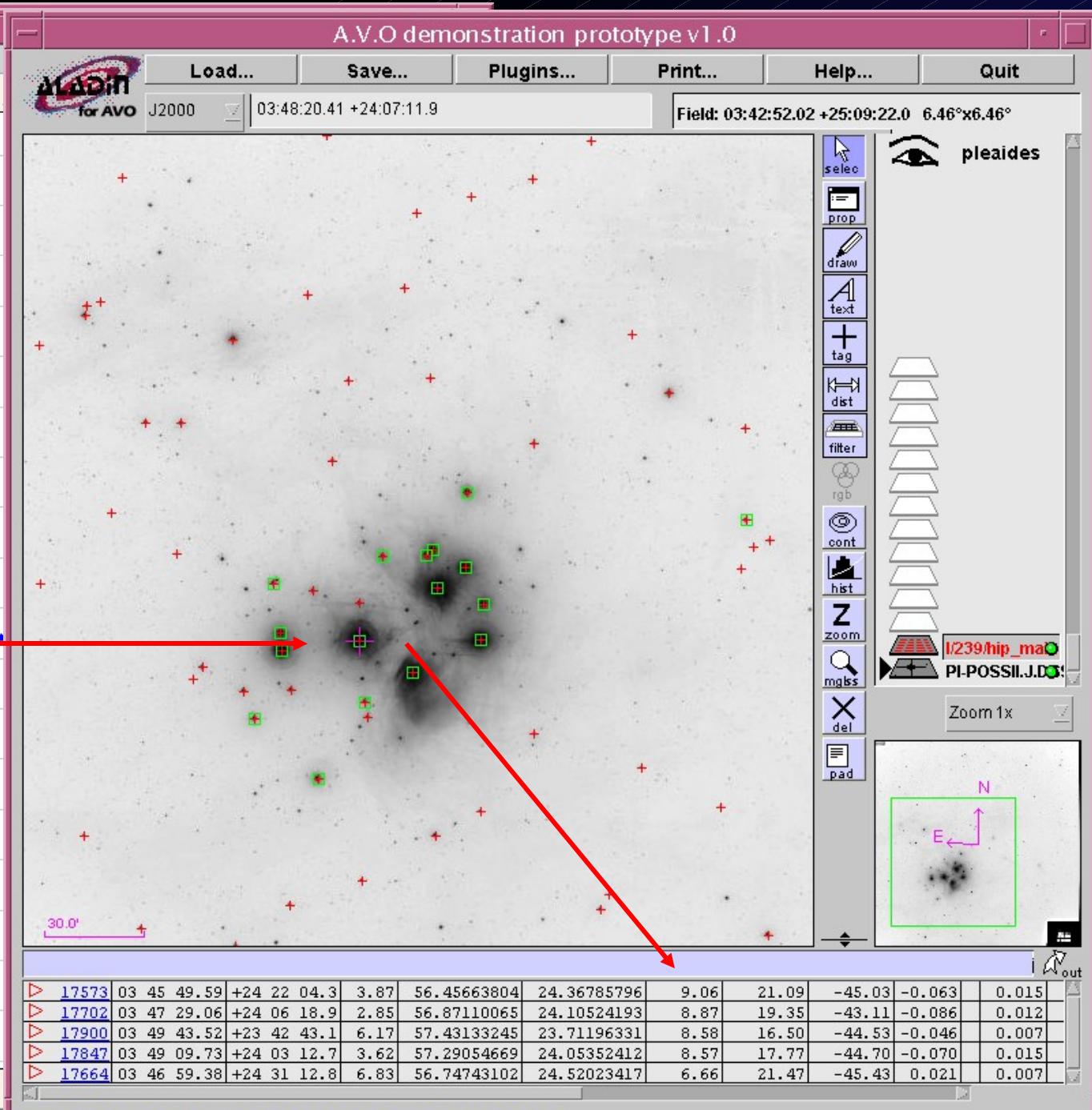
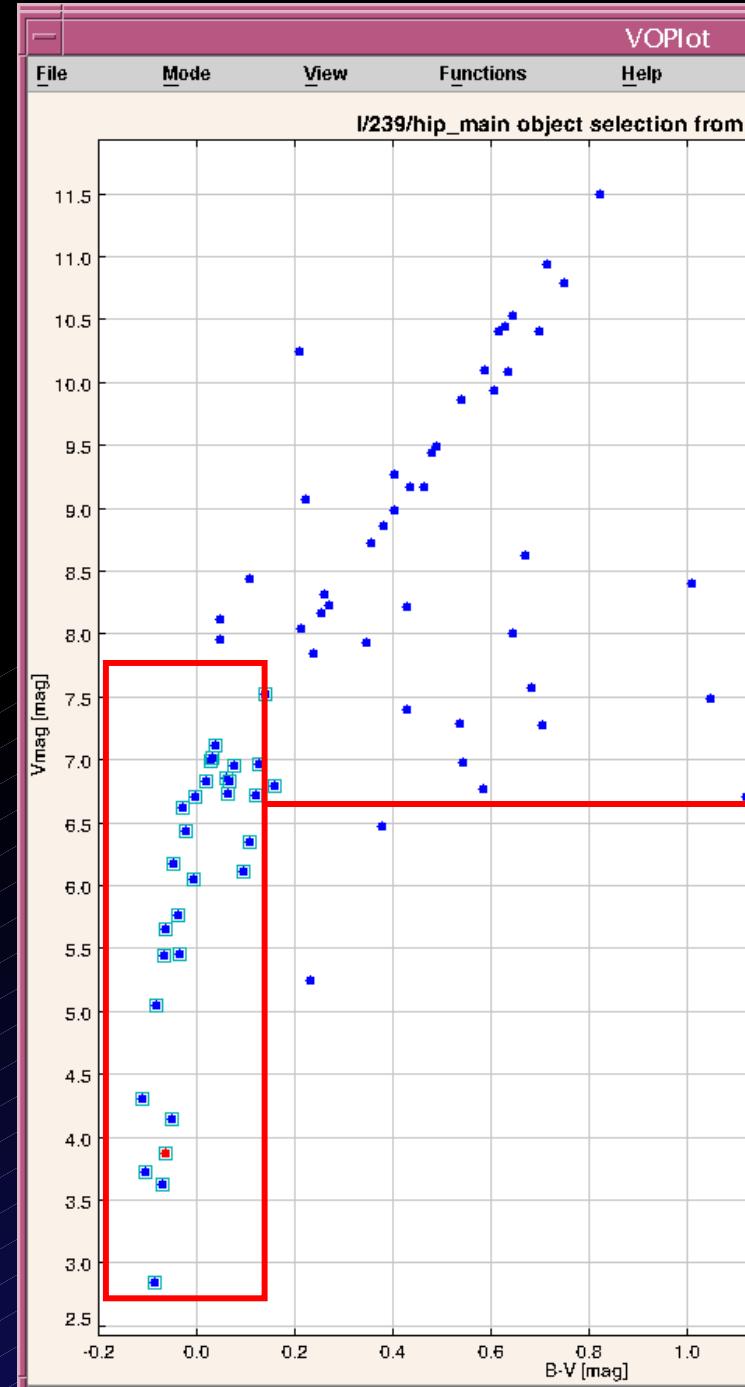
# SpecView (STScI)



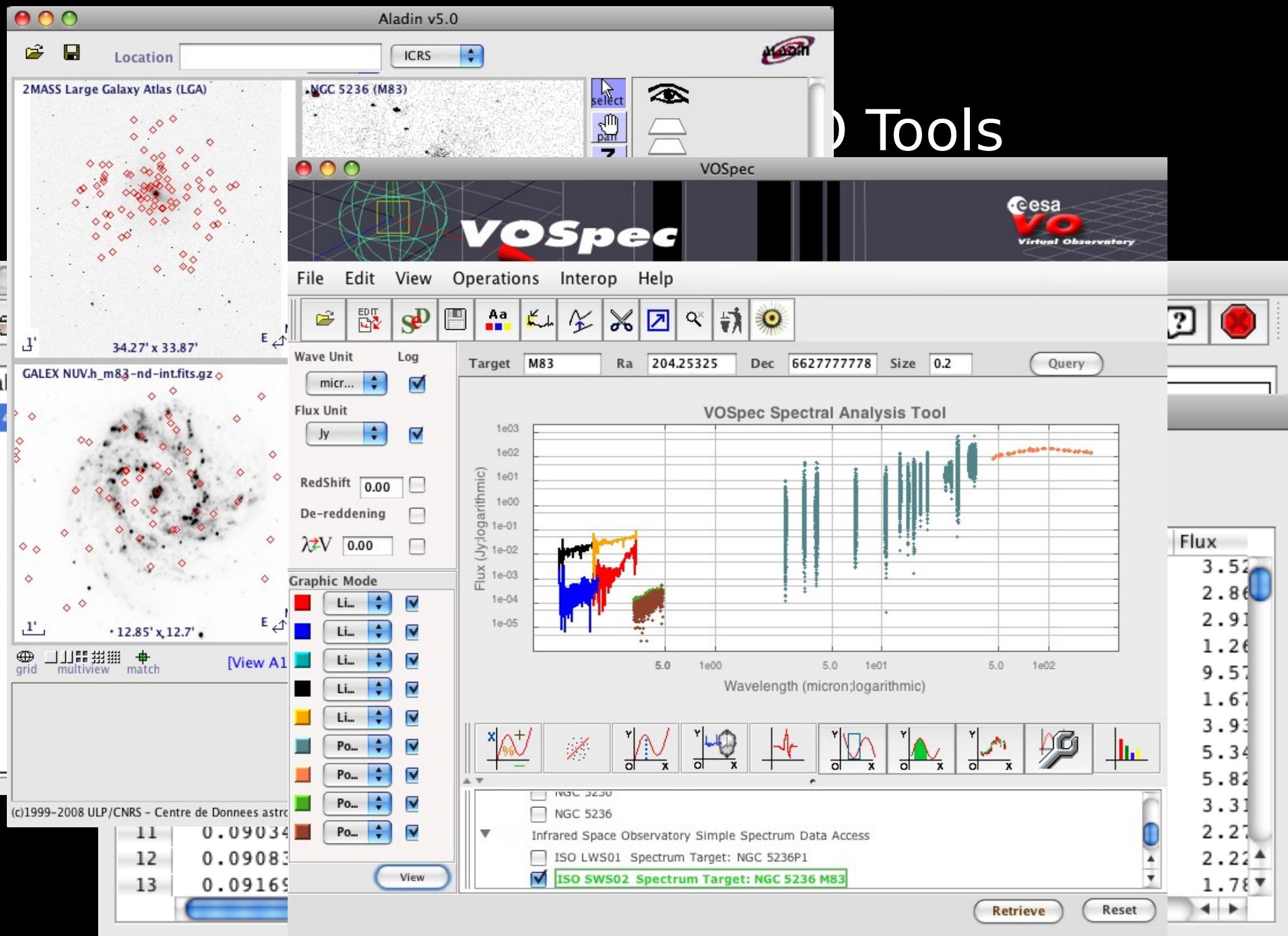
# VOspec (ESAC)



# Colour-magnitude diagram



Aladin v5.0



# CIELO VO - line catalogue SLAP

**SLAP Viewer Copyright ESAC, Spain**

**Server Selector**

- SLAP Services
  - IASD
  - LERMA
  - NIST ATOMIC SPECTRA
  - CIELO SLAP
    - <http://esav02:8080/cieloslapToolKit/cieloslap.jsp?>

**Molecular line databases**

Range of Search (m)

Wavelength Start  Wavelength End

**Select**

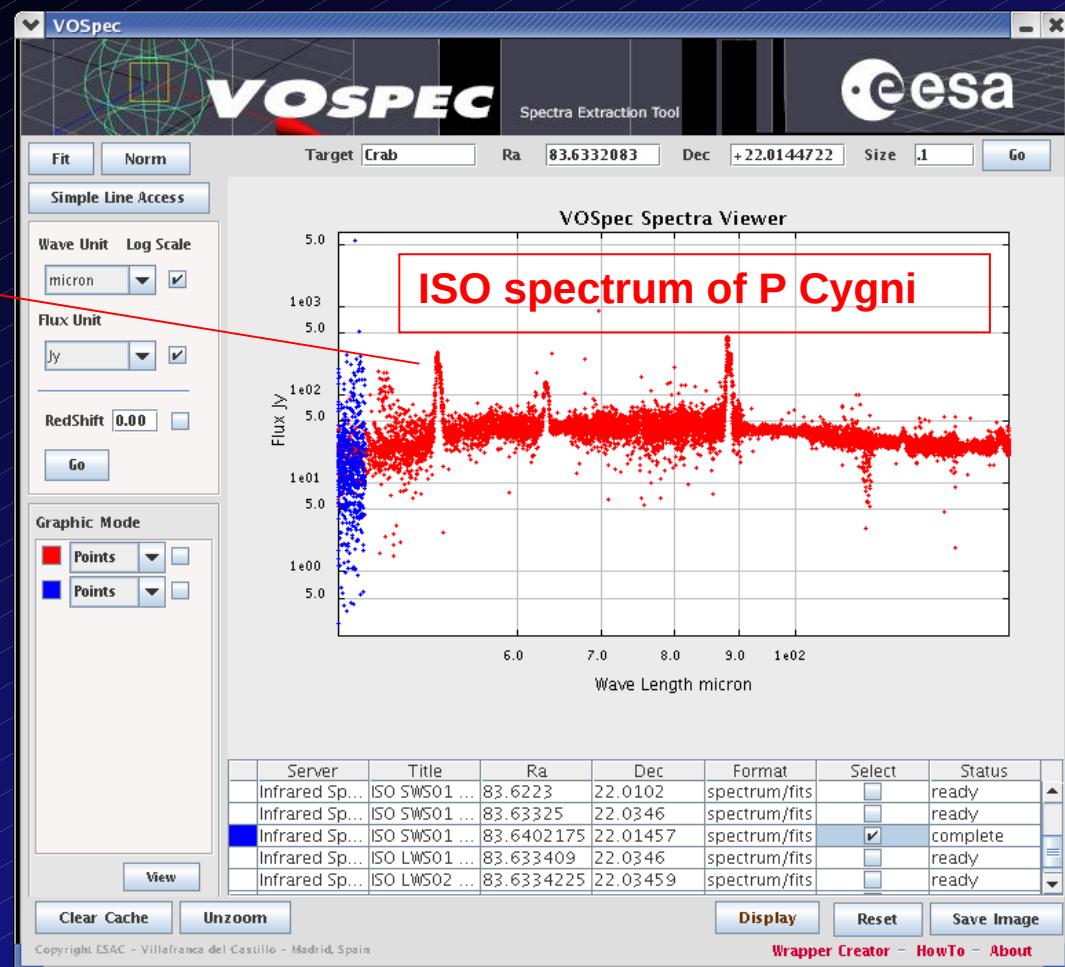
**Reset**

Slap Services Output

**CIELO SLAP**

Idm:Line.wavelength	Idm:Source...	Source.co...	Source.co...	Idm:Li...	Idm:...	Id...	Id...	Idm:...	Id...	
1.8627e-09	NGC1068	40.66963	-0.01328	....	1s_3p	1s2	1P1	150	OVII	....
1.7768e-09	NGC1068	40.66963	-0.01328	....	1s_4p	1s2	1P1	150	OVII	....
1.89671e-09	NGC1068	40.66963	-0.01328	....	2p	1s	2...	2...	OVIII	....
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2.16210e-09	NGC1068	40.66962	0.01279	....	1s_2p	1s2	3P1	150	OVII	....

**Close**



# VO for Atomic and Molecular Data

VAMDC (06/2009-12/2012 FP7)

13 organizations

Virtual Atomic and Molecular Data Centre

VO principles (web services, integration, registry, SAMP,  
VODesktop, TOPCAT, VOSpec)

(includes VALD extractor, NIST)

extended citation system (all providers acknowledged)

# Theory VO (TVO)

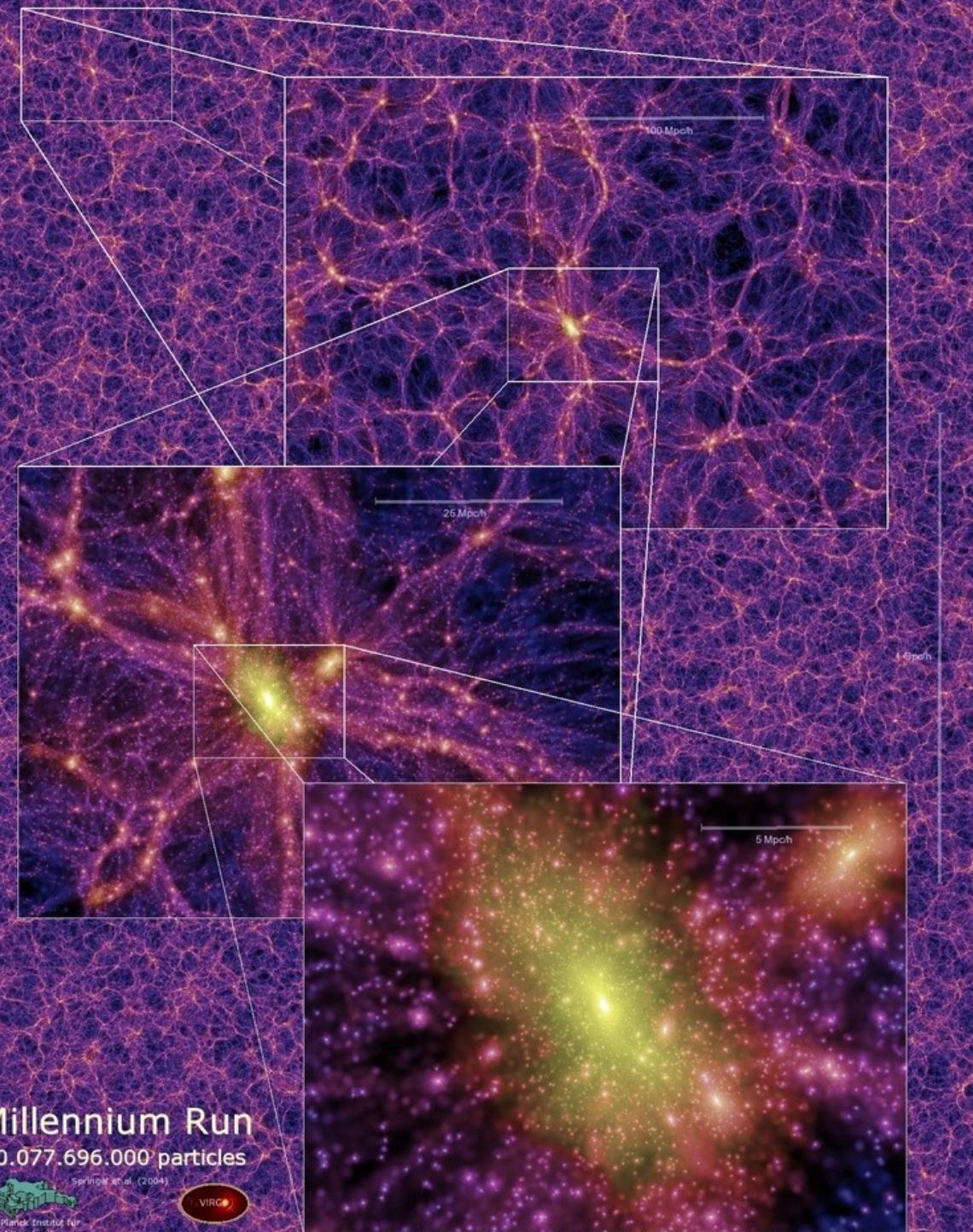
Methods of VO (parameters in DB, SQL...) for study of results of simulations , catalogues of simulated objects like SDSS...(PCA)

Browsing of simulation space along different axes – parameters, regions...

Evolutionary tracks, Photo Dissociation Regions

Formation of artificial galaxies, clusters – N body models (MR - 10 billions, 25TB)

Theoretical Spectra



# Millenium Run

$10^{10}$  particles

Several Gpc to

10 kpc

Cube 2 billion ly

One month MPSSC

25 TB

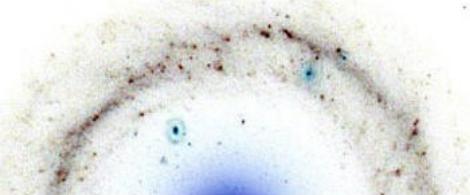
Evolution of 20 mil  
galaxies

Evolution merger tree

# Examples of VO Science

- Discovery of obscured QSO (Padovani)
- Brown dwarfs (about 20 candidates)
- Brightest (WD?) (Caballero et al.) Albus-1
- Widest CPM binaries
- AGB to PN (100 new to 200 known using VO)
- SED (Spectrum Energy Distribution)
- Bolometric magnitude
- VOEvent – robotic telescopes (GRB, transits,)
- Outreach , Education (MS WWT, GoogleSky)

# BDs discovered using VO



**PROJECT**

Standards  
Software & Services  
Publications  
Prototypes

Internal Logos

**ABOUT NVO**

What is the NVO?  
Science Objectives

**COMMUNITY**

Discussion Lists  
International VO  
VOForum  
Metadata (NCSA)  
Other Links

**PEOPLE**

Contact Us  
Personnel

**Brown Dwarf Search Science Prototype: Real-Time Cross Matching of Large Catalogs**

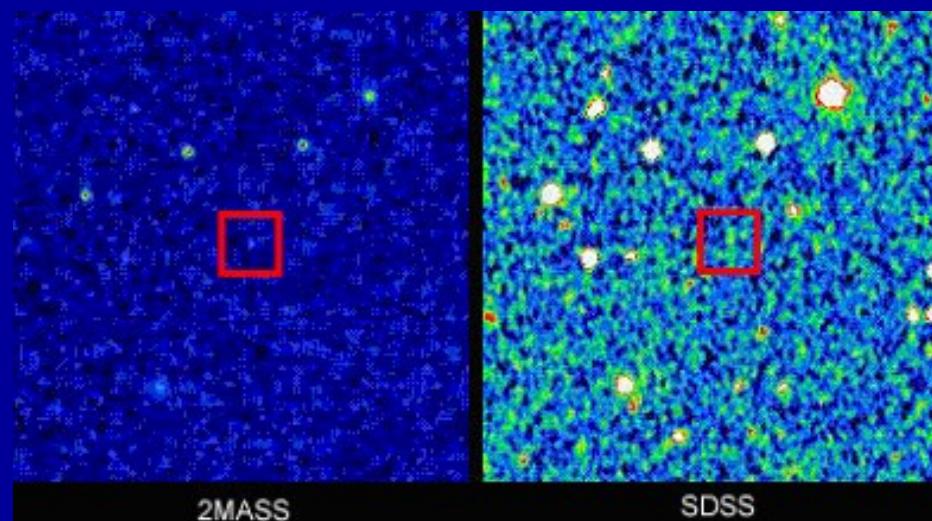
**Scientific Motivation** The search for brown dwarfs has been revolutionized by the latest deep sky surveys. A key attribute to discovering brown dwarfs is the federation of many surveys over different wavelengths. Such matching of catalogs is currently laborious and time consuming. This matching problem is generic to many areas of astrophysics.

**Data Resources**

- Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) Early Data Release (15 million objects)
- 2-Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) 2nd Incremental Point Source Catalog (162 million objects)

**What the VO Brings Today**, doing the matching of these two large datasets is user-intensive and is replicated by many different users. Also, the correlation of these two datasets can take years of CPU time if not done correctly. The NVO brings two key aspects to

- **Filtering criteria:** z & J-only detections with  $z-J > 2.75$
- *SDSS: 15M obj.*
- *2MASS: 160M obj.*
- *300000 objects in common.*

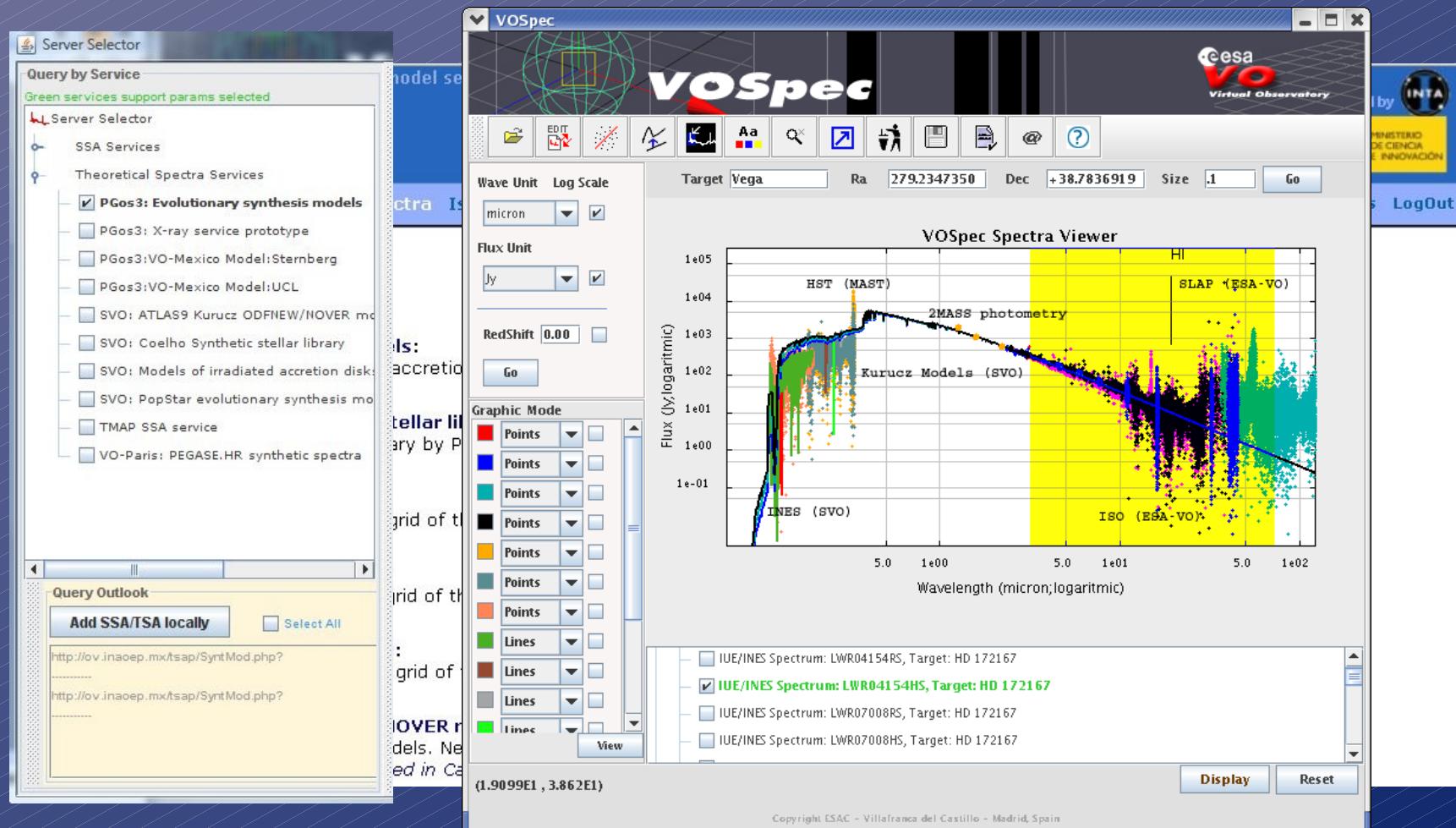


✓ *However, systematic searches using a VO methodology have not been performed so far.*

# Archives, Theory, VO-Science, DataMining, E&O

Simple Spectral Access Protocol V1.04

## Appendix A: Theoretical Spectral Access Use Case



# Archives, Theory, VO-Science, DataMining, E&O

- Easy access to multi- $\lambda$  info.
- Easy access to models (S3).

Astronomy & Astrophysics manuscript no. Synth'VO'PR1'ref format  
August 2, 2008

## VOSA: Virtual Observatory SED Analyzer.

### An application to the Collinder 69 open cluster

A. Bayo<sup>1,2</sup>, C. Rodrigo<sup>1,2</sup>, D. Barrado y Navascués<sup>1,2</sup>, E. Solano<sup>1,2</sup>, R. Gutiérrez<sup>1,2</sup>, M. Morales–Calderón<sup>1</sup>, and F. Allard<sup>3</sup>

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## Young stars and brown dwarfs surrounding Alnilam ( $\epsilon$ Ori) and Mintaka ( $\delta$ Ori)

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# Archives, Theory, VO-Science, DataMining, E&O

- Discovery of exotic objects. Access to large databases
  - 2MASS, SDSS, UKIDSS, IPHAS,...

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October 22, 2008

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## An IPHAS-based search for accreting very low-mass objects using VO tools

L. Valdivielso<sup>1</sup>, E. L. Martín<sup>1,2</sup>, H. Bouy<sup>1,3</sup>, E. Solano<sup>4,5</sup>, J. E. Drew<sup>6,7</sup>, R.  
and Vink, J. S.<sup>11</sup>

Albus 1: A very bright white dwarf candidate

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## THE FIRST L SUBDWARF IDENTIFIED IN THE UKIDSS INFRARED DEEP SKY SURVEY

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Theoretical model services

**VOSA: VO Sed Analyzer**  
VO SED Analyzer

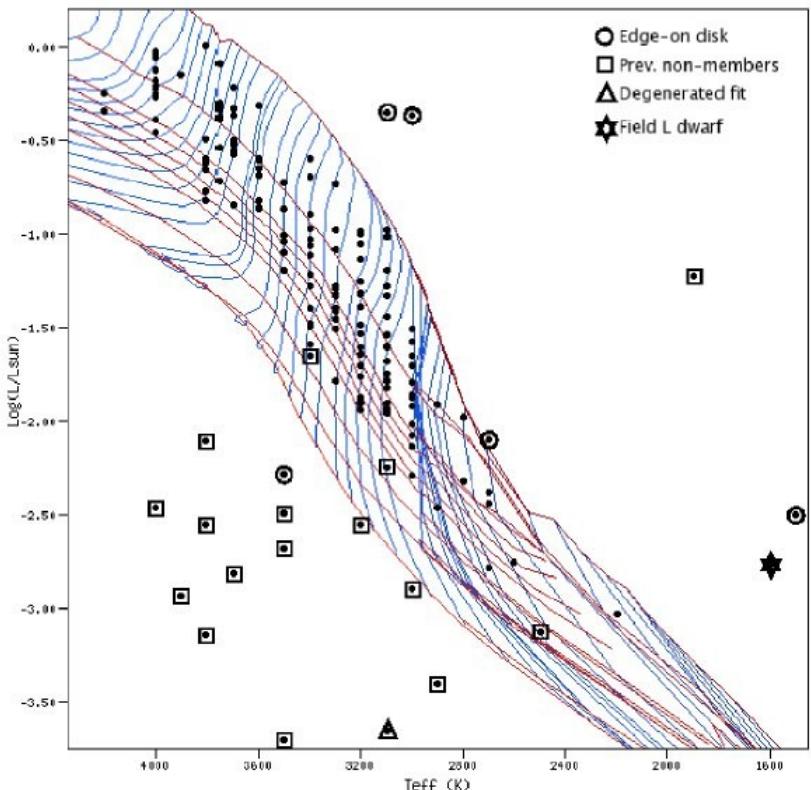
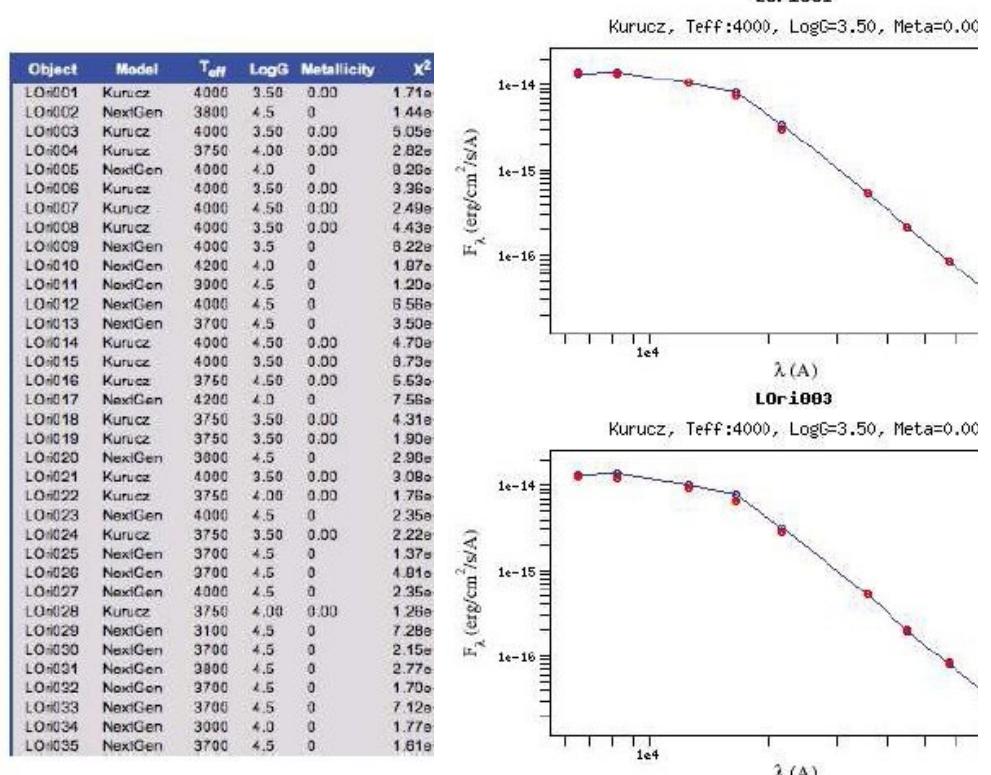
Services: VOSA Filters TSAP S3if

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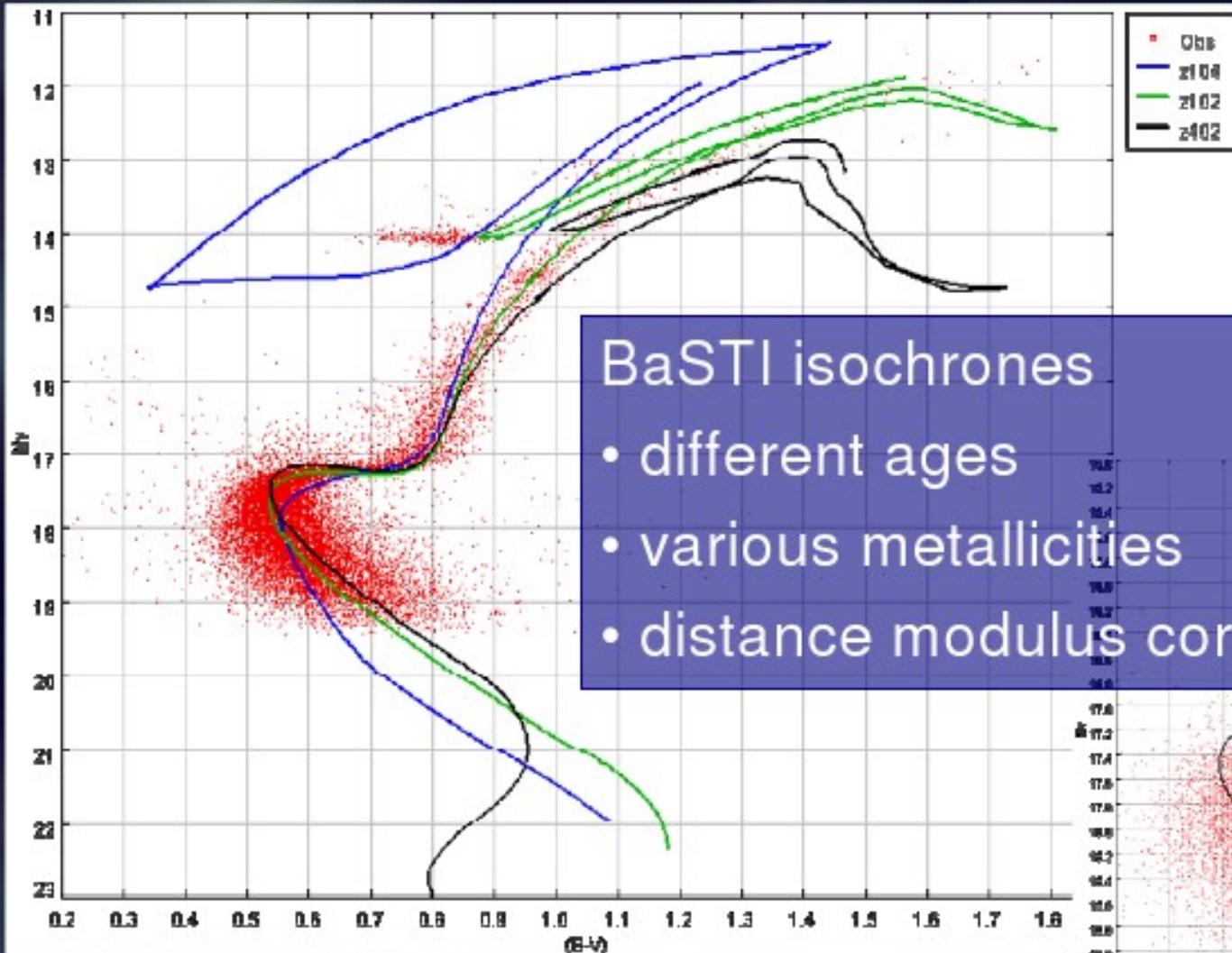
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# BaSTI Isochrones

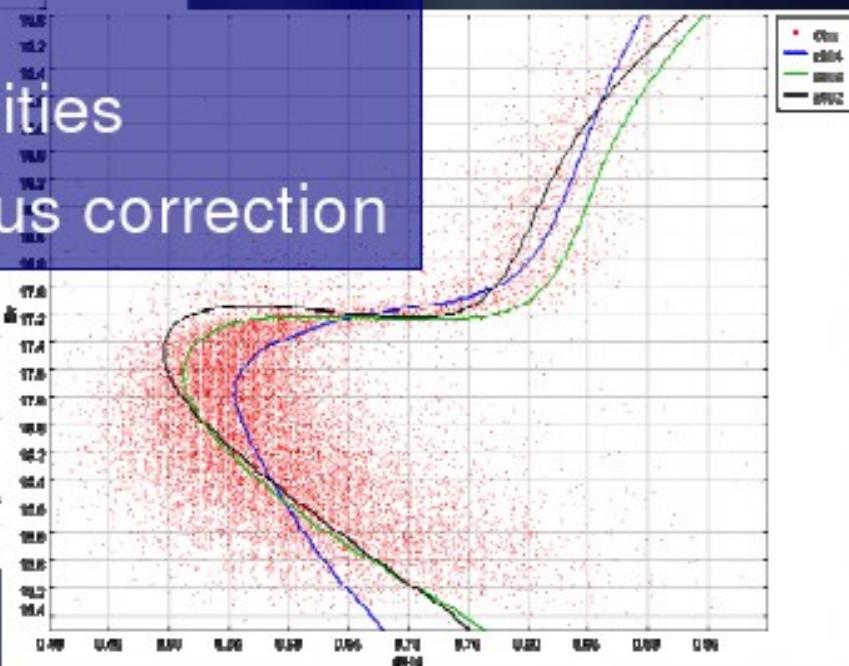


step 1  
metallicity



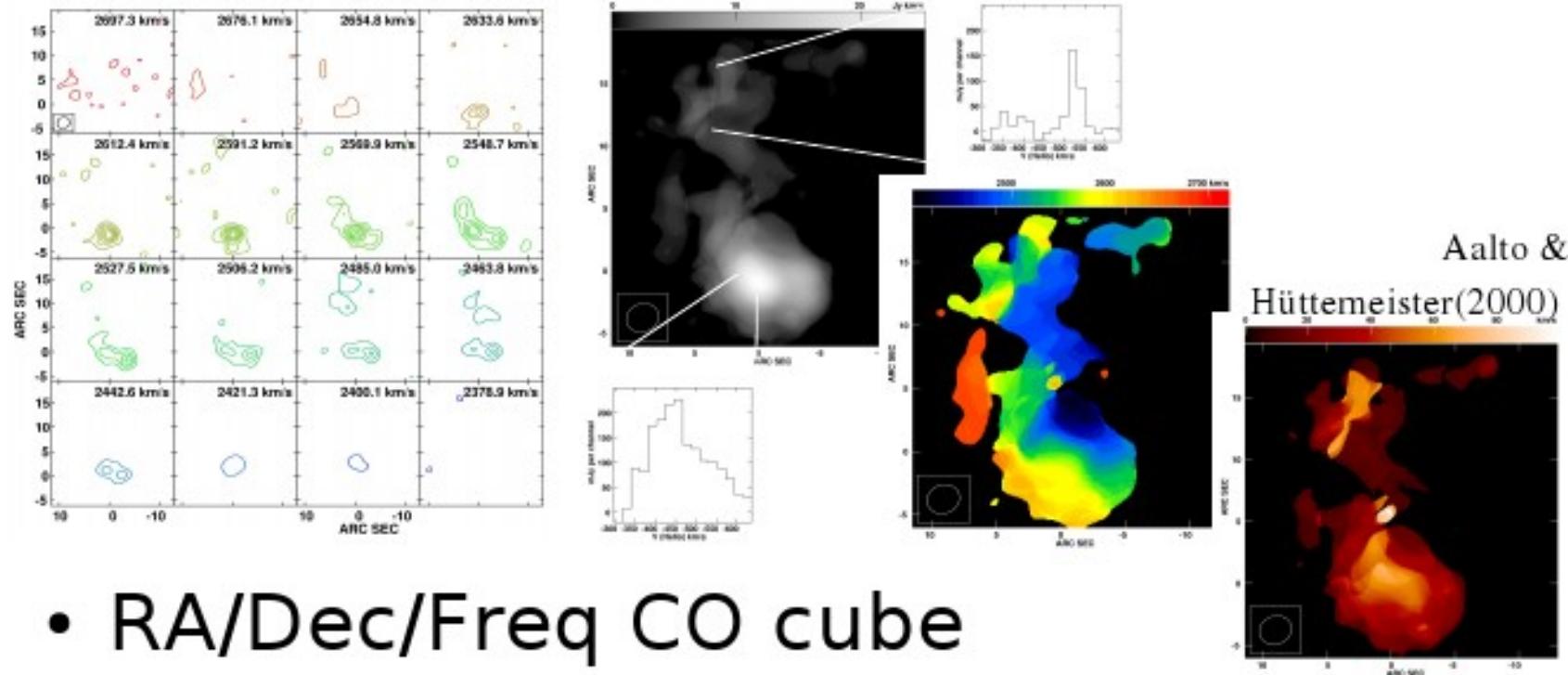
BaSTI isochrones

- different ages
- various metallicities
- distance modulus correction



$z = 0.01$  ( $\alpha$ -enh) ; 0.008 (scaled solar)

# ALMA/IRAM use case



- RA/Dec/Freq CO cube
  - Convert to velocity (LSR, radio convention)
  - Cutouts, simple squashes - VO tools?
  - Smoothed spectra, moments with noise cut-off
    - Specialised server-side pipeline controlled via UWS

# **Objections to VO**

Data quality – garbage in - garbage out

How and whom to give credit ? (button)

embedded ivo:// data in ApJ

VO for dissemination only

technology for OPTICON, nextgen

Virtual science – VO technology

VO only for public data ! Proprietary ?

(data jealousy)

local archive - available data marked

## Other VOs

Virtual Solar Observatory

Virtual Solar-Terrestrial Observatory

Virtual Magnetospheric Observatory

Virtual Space Physics Observatory

Virtual Meteor Observatory

Interest of climatology, meteorology

New branch of Science = e-Science

# Democratization of Science

- Digital Divide (data access free, journals ?)
- International Council for Science (ICS UNO)  
CODATA (Committee on Data for Science and Technology)
- OECD, UNESCO
- CASPAR

Cultural, Artistic and Scientific knowledge for Preservation, Access and Retrieval

Digital curation centers

ADS and VO (links to ivo://, metadata, ontologies – understanding, semantic web)

Archive importance: 5x IUE , 3x HST results from archives than PI articles

Effectivity – 50% of published data appears in Journals, links to data automatic ?

# The Astronomer's Data Manifesto

at 26 IAU GA Prague SPS3

- (a) All significant tables, images, and spectra published in journals should appear in astronomical data centres.
- (b) All data obtained with publicly-funded observatories should, after appropriate pro-prietary periods, be placed in the public domain.
- (c) In any new major astronomical construction project, the data processing, storage, migration, and management requirements should be built in at an early stage of the project plan, and costed along with other parts of the project.
- (d) Astronomers in all countries should have the same access to astronomical data and information.
- (e) Legacy astronomical data can be valuable, and high-priority legacy data should be preserved and stored in digital form in the data centres.
- (f) The IAU should work with other international organisations to achieve our common goals and learn from our colleagues in other fields. ”

# CZVO

## VO-KOREL (web services)

parallel run of many jobs – more users

web service using VO Universal Worker Server

job control, queuing, jobs results polling

will be integrated in VODesktop

## 1D spectra cutout server (HEROS)

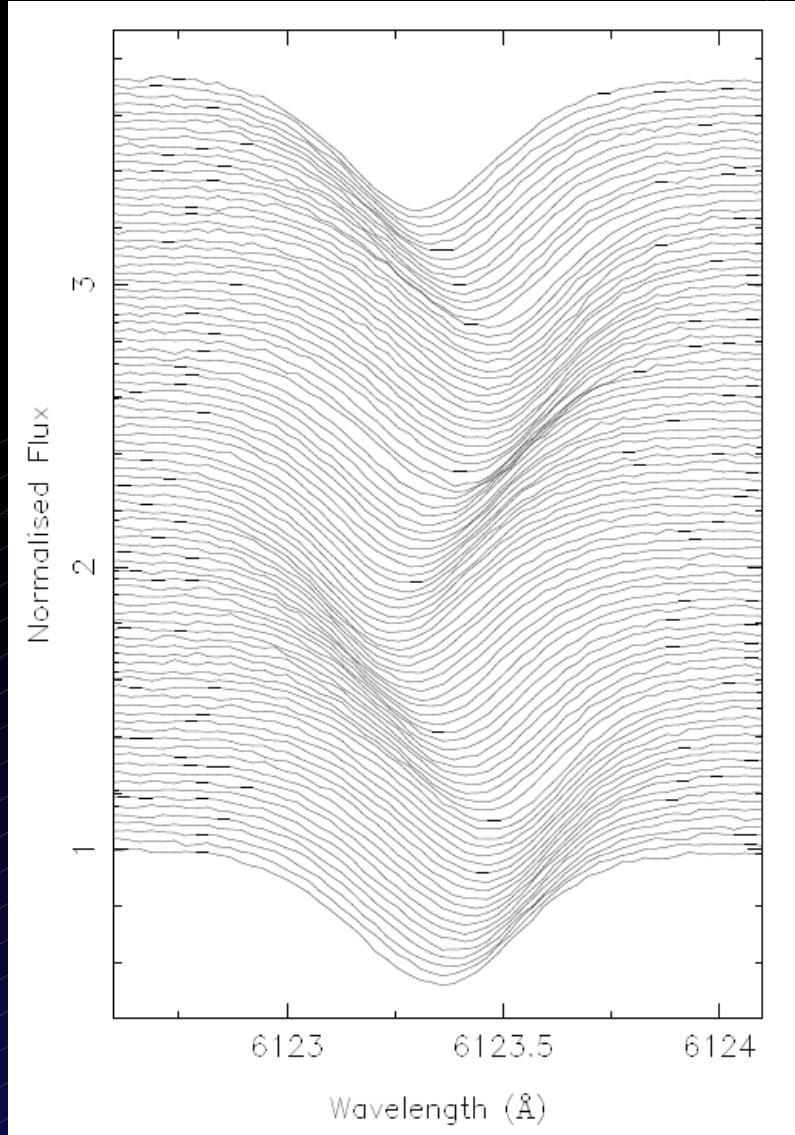
SSA access to 1D spectra + cutout of regions (lines)

need normalization, rebinning , convolution  
(resolution) on server

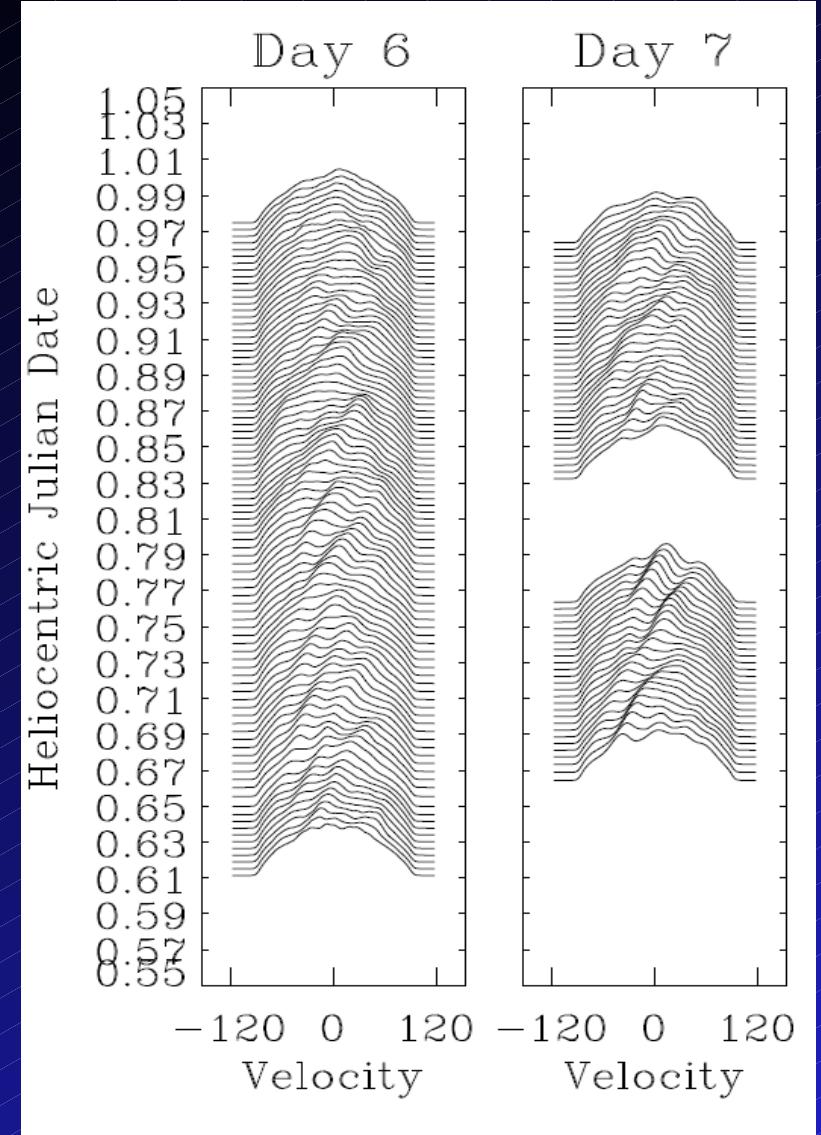
other 1D FITS spectra easy (Rozhen ?)

## Data mining – chaos, NN

# Measured Pulsations



Rho Pup – Aerts



Eps Cep - Aerts

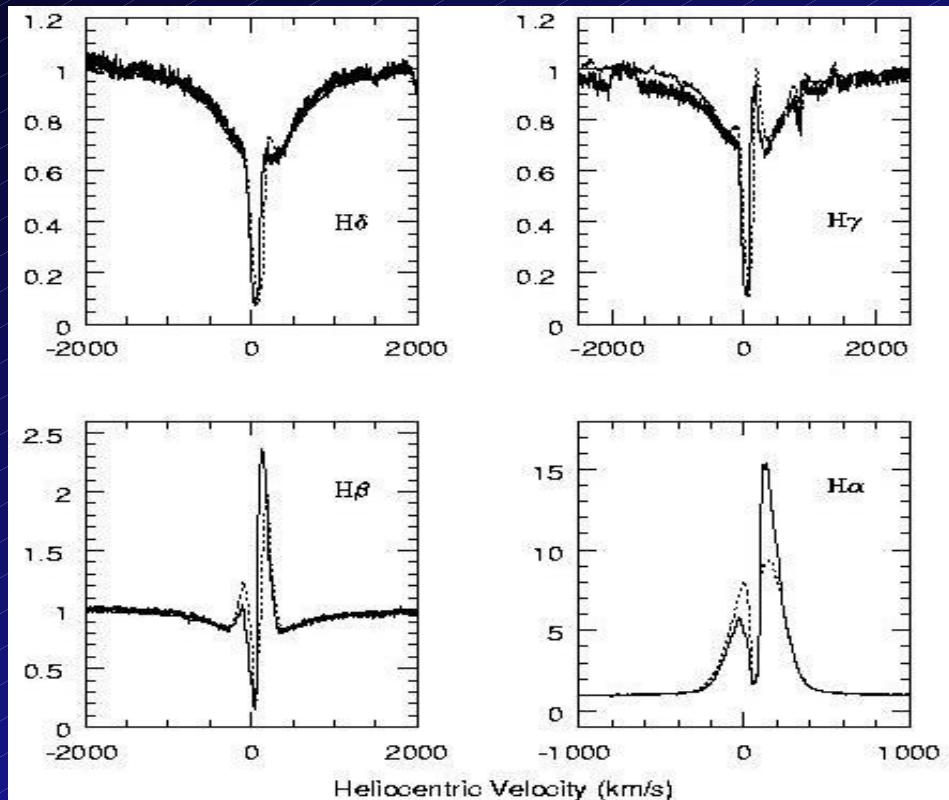
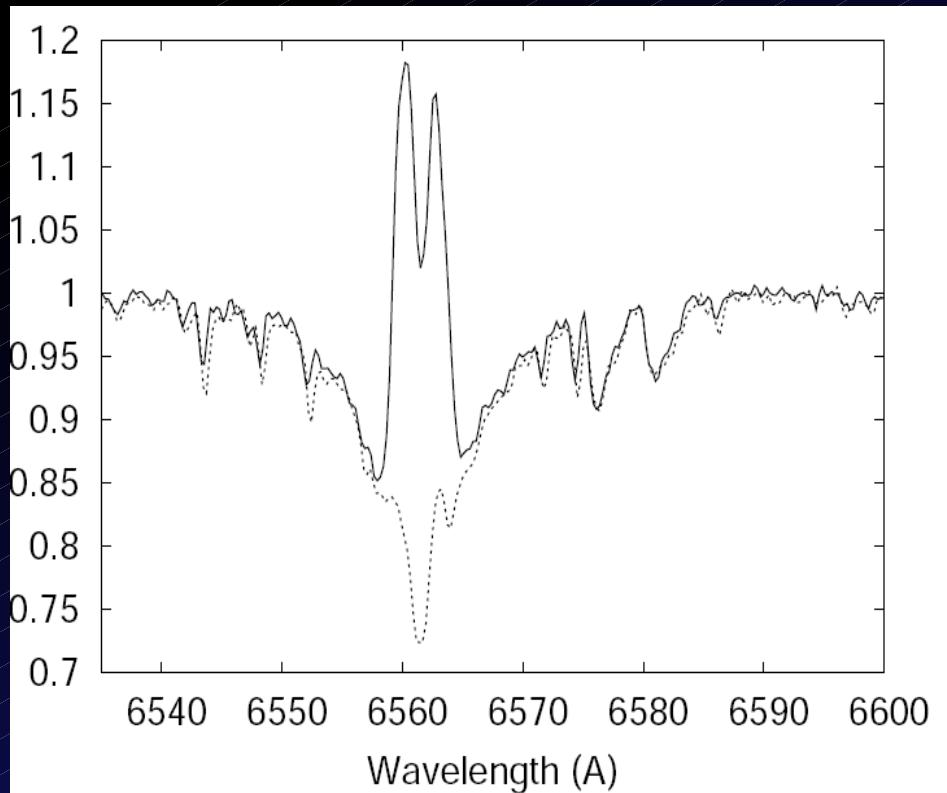
# Changes of Line Profiles in Time

Blind comparison of different exposures

Emission/absorption, shell phases

Time evolution of object – mass transfer,

V/R variations



# Spectra postprocessing

- cutout service (ranges in SSAP )
- Rebinning (change od dlambda in echelle)
- Instrument profile (de)convolution
- Broadening functions (rotation, limb dark)
- RV shift
  - on client side (memory, size)
  - on server side (Pleinpot WWW pipeline)

# Killer spectral applications

Use VO to find all stars with emission in given line ( $\text{EW}<0$ ) – find the time when it was in em.

Use VO to get 1000 spectra of the given object  
cut out regions around given lines, plot the lines,  
make a gray dynamic spectrum folded in time

The same – search period, fold by period

Get the unknown line ID of piece of spectra from  
SLAP overplotted over SSA data

Create Light and RV curve for given period

Fit the grid of models (Teff, log g) to the observed spectrum – for many stars

# VIRTUAL OBSERVATORY

