



Aladin

The interactive sky atlas

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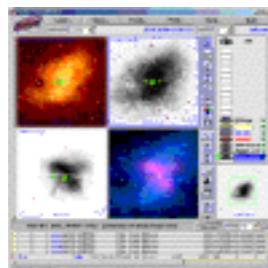
□ Visual exploration of the sky

- Aladin is a long term standing service of CDS
- Explore astronomical images & overlay additional information

CDS servers+External databases

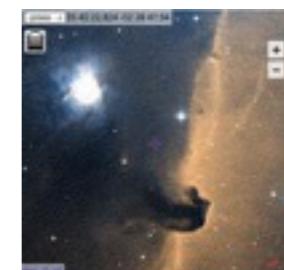


Aladin Desktop



full functionalities
java
download on your machine
since 1999

Aladin Lite



preview mode
javascript
in your browser
since 2013

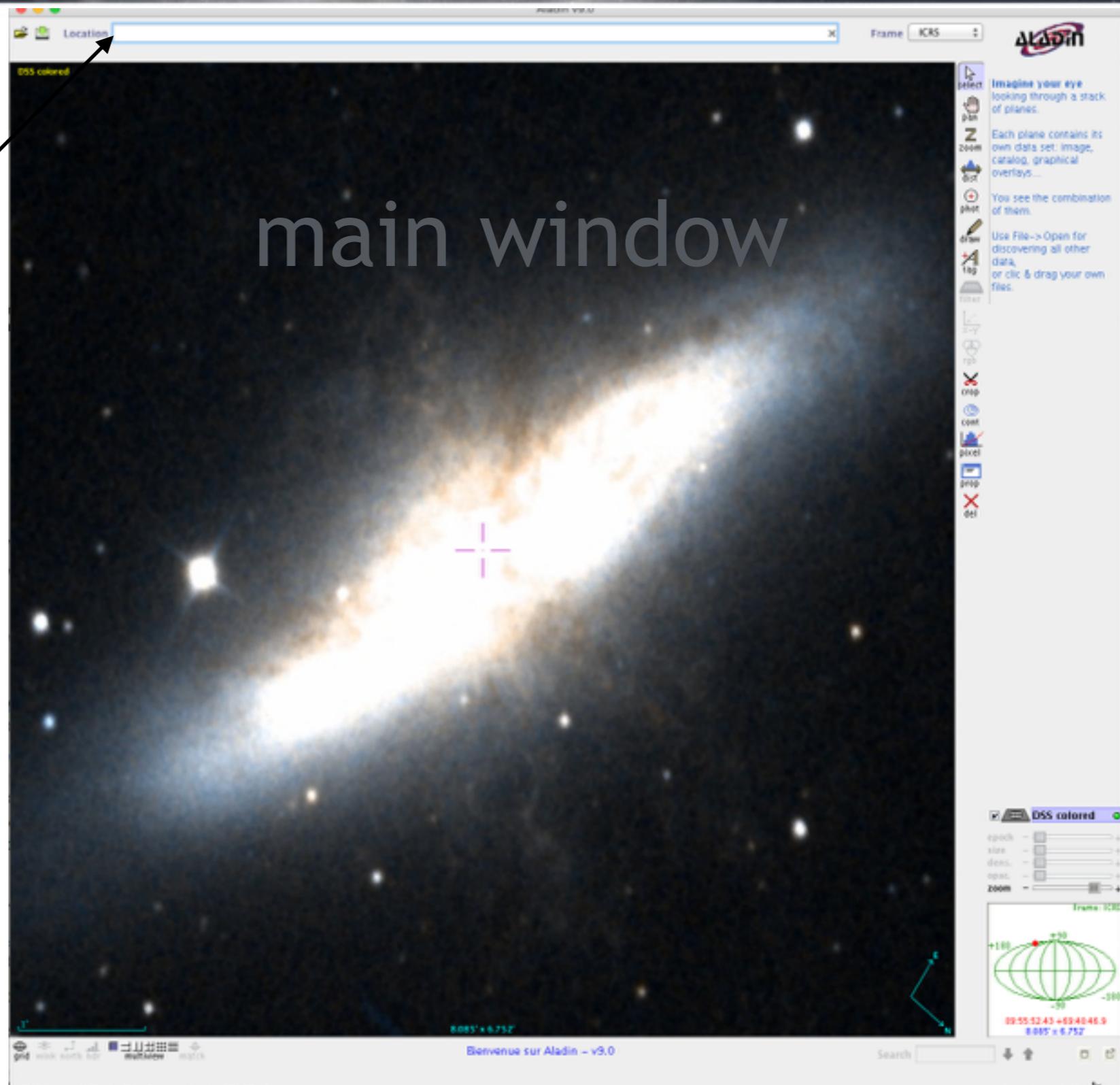
□ Aladin Desktop

- high level features desktop

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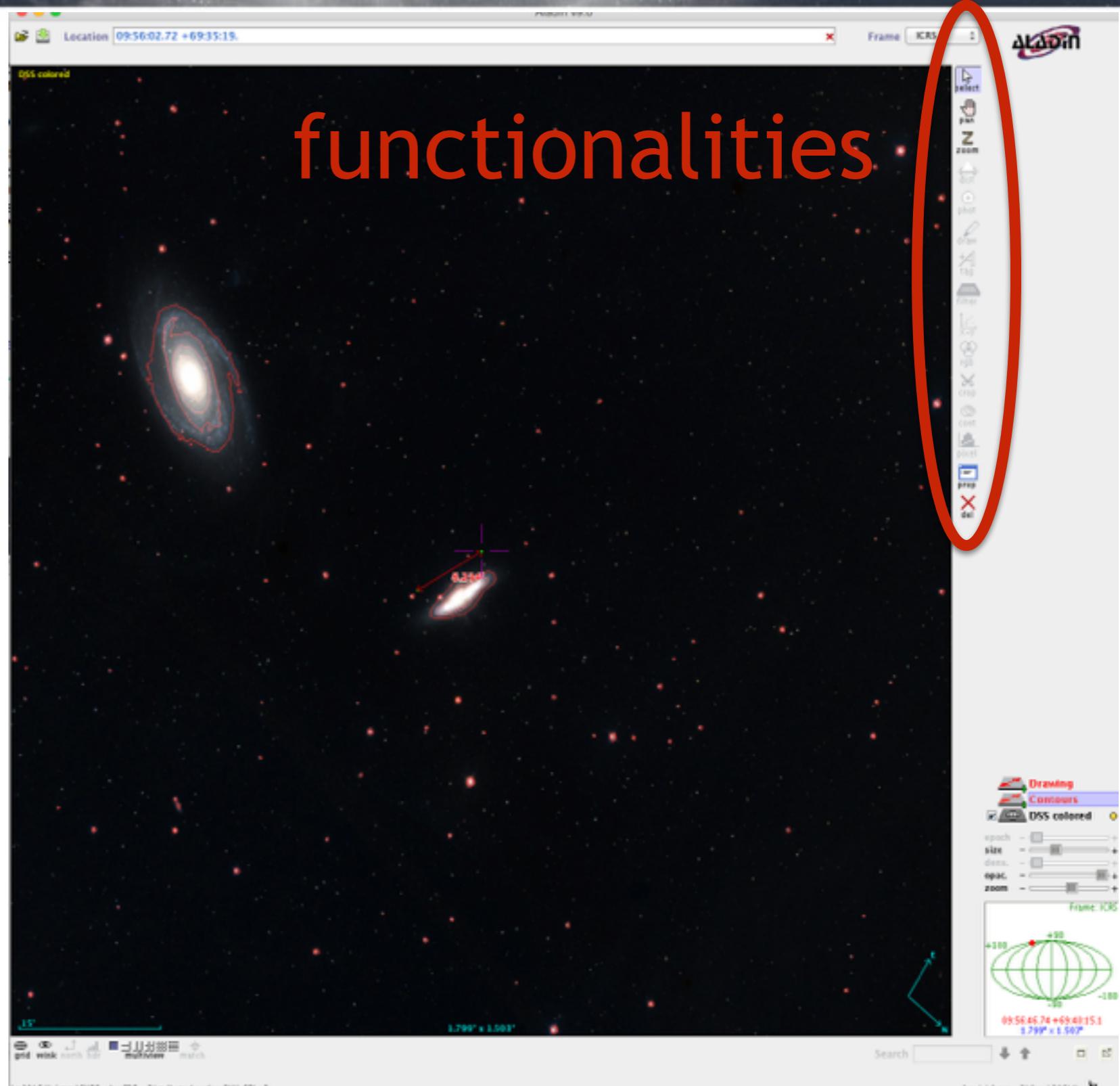
exemple: M82

resolved through sesame
DSS color survey by default



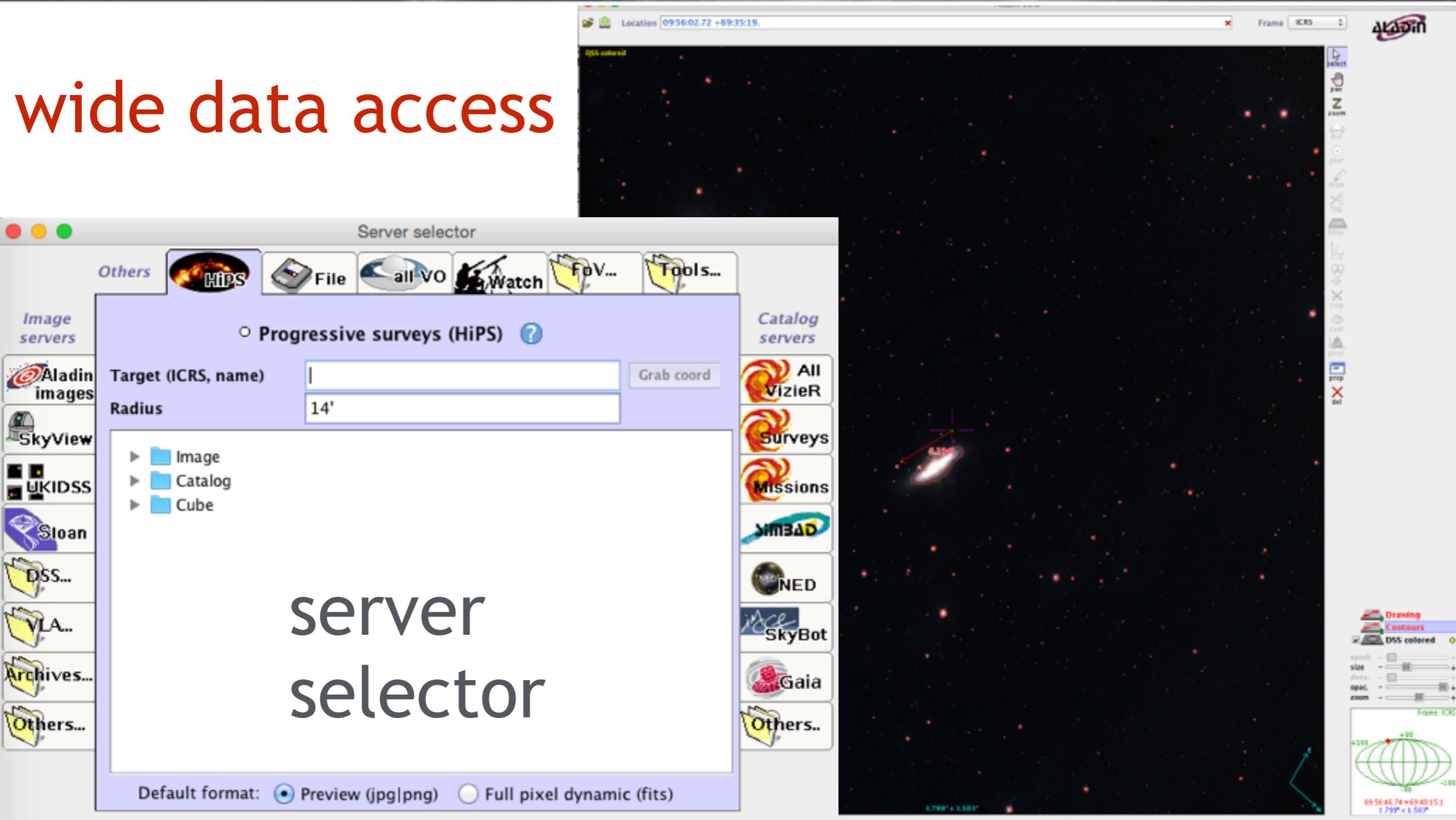
□ Aladin Desktop

- high level features desktop
 - zoom in and out
(until full sky view)
 - pan
 - color tables
 - contours
 - text, drawings, ...



□ Aladin Desktop

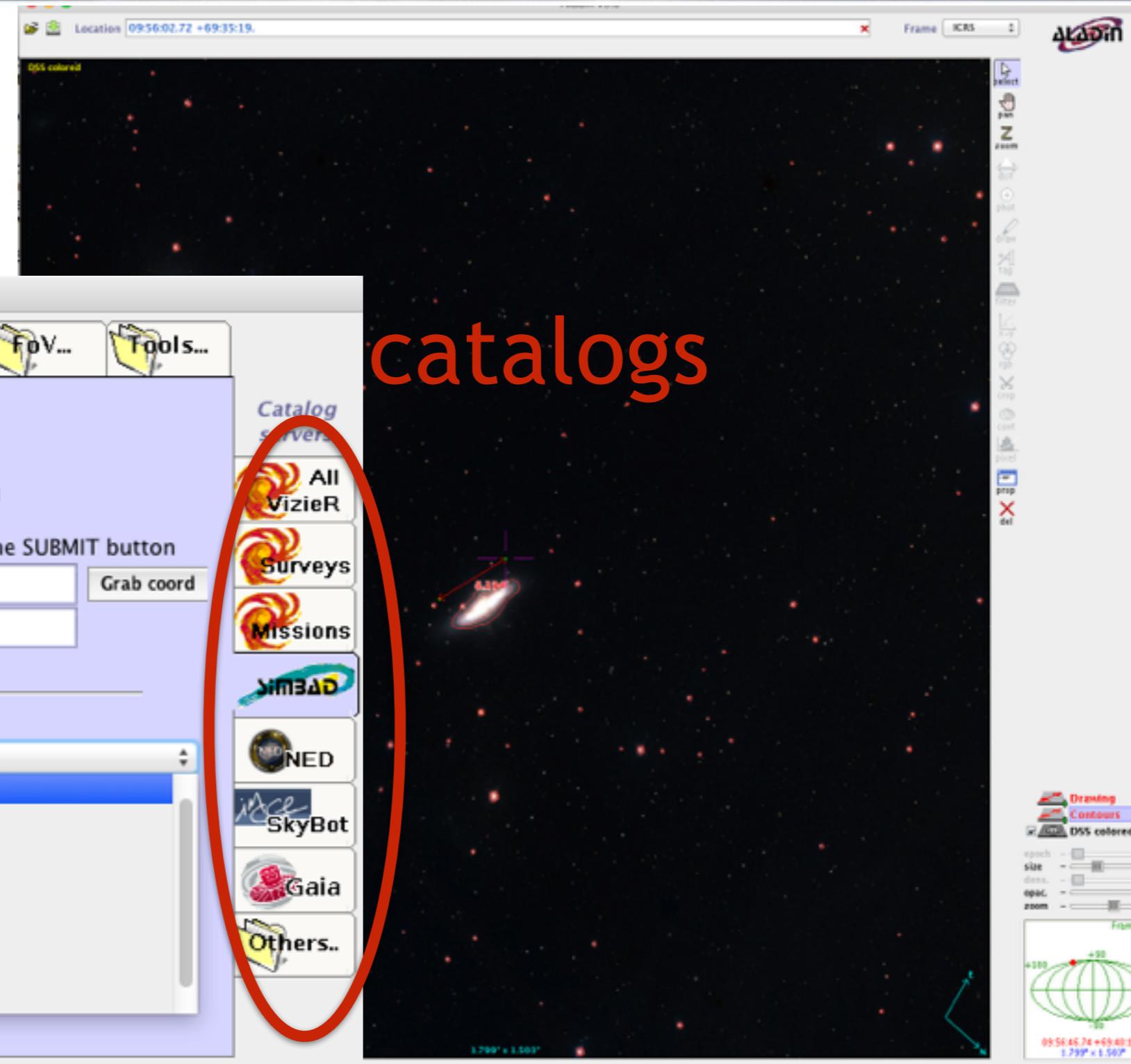
wide data access



server
selector

□ Aladin Desktop

query Simbad,
Vizier, ...



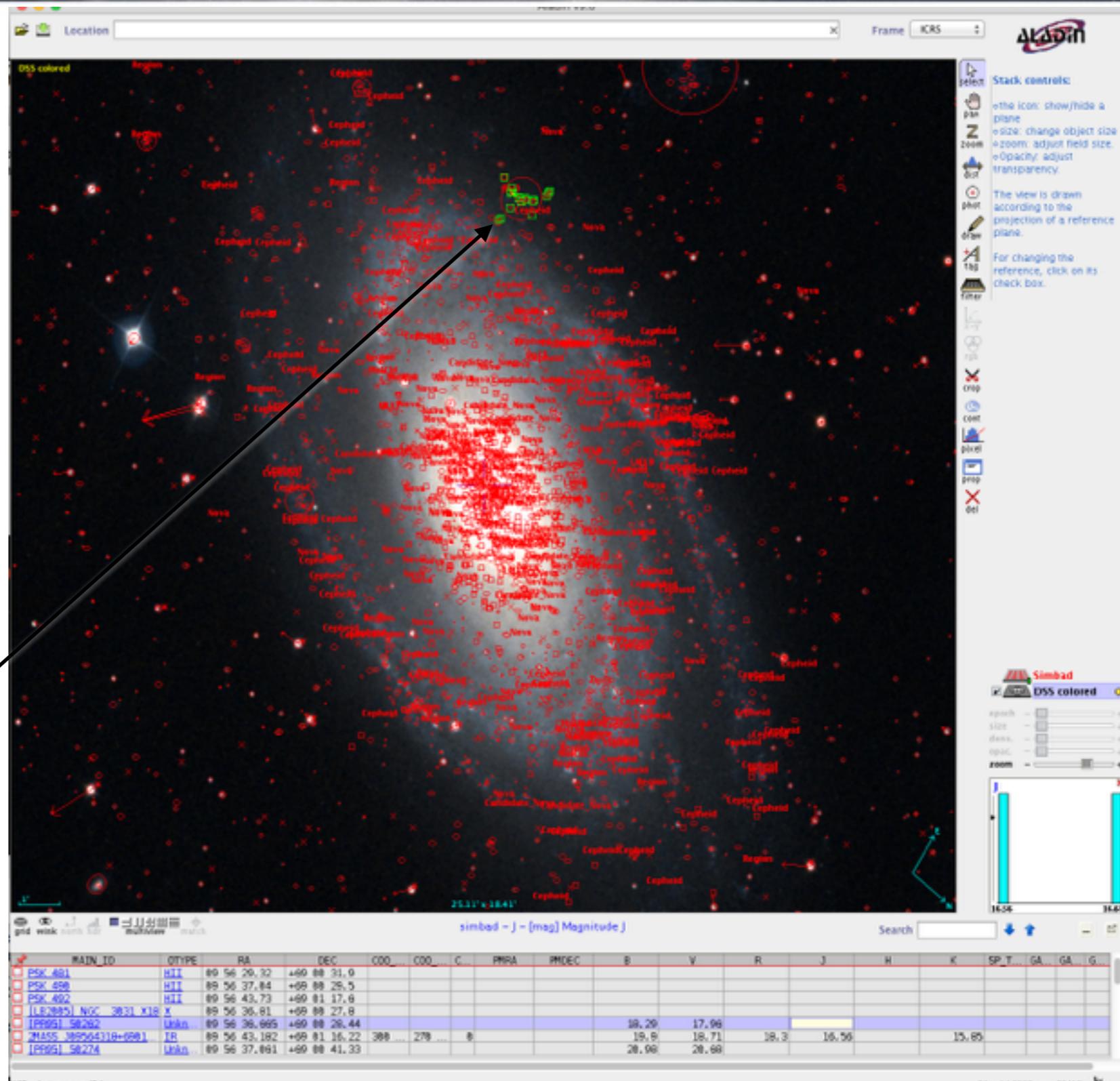
catalogs

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Vizier, ...

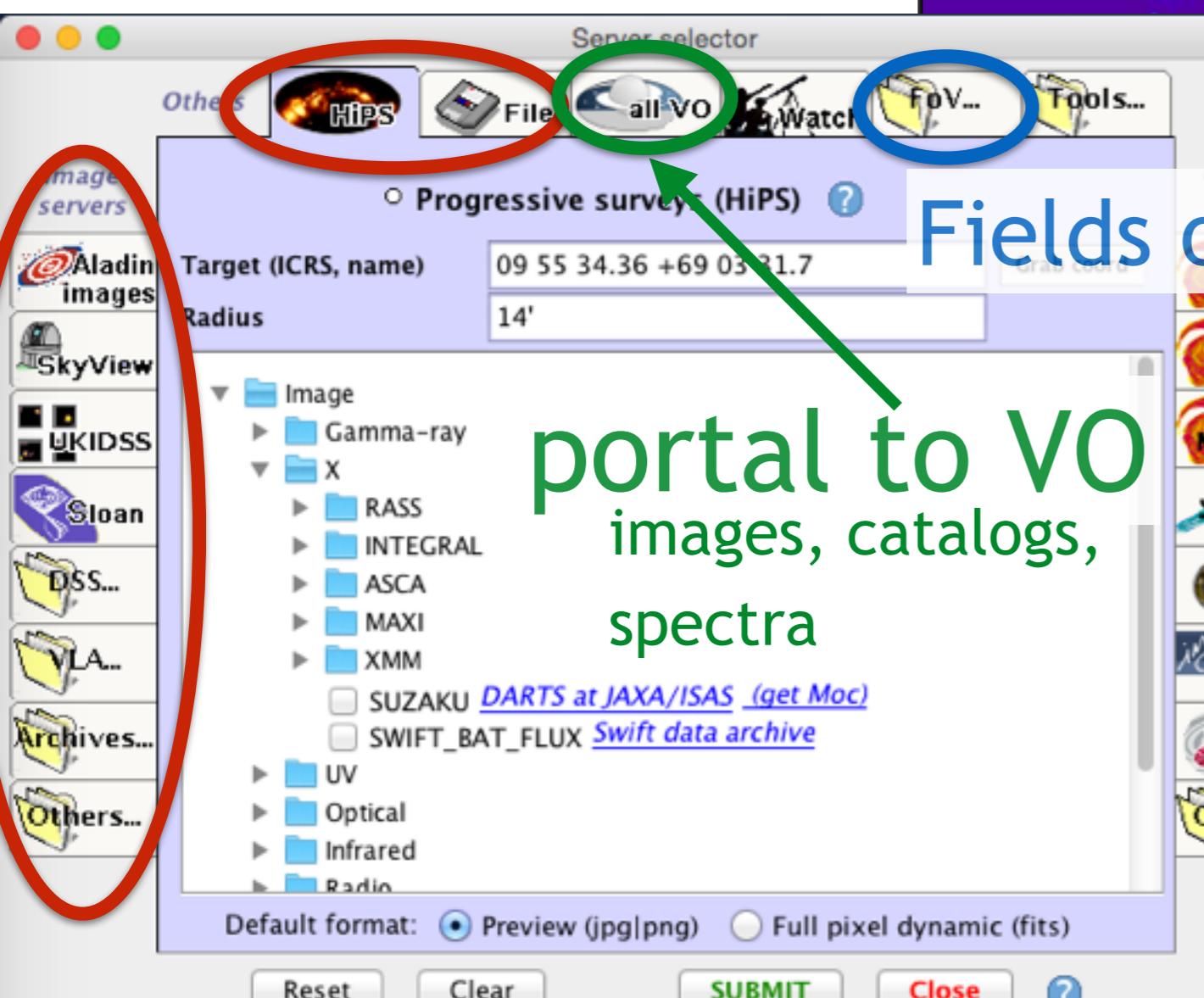
graphical display

Measurements on
selected objects



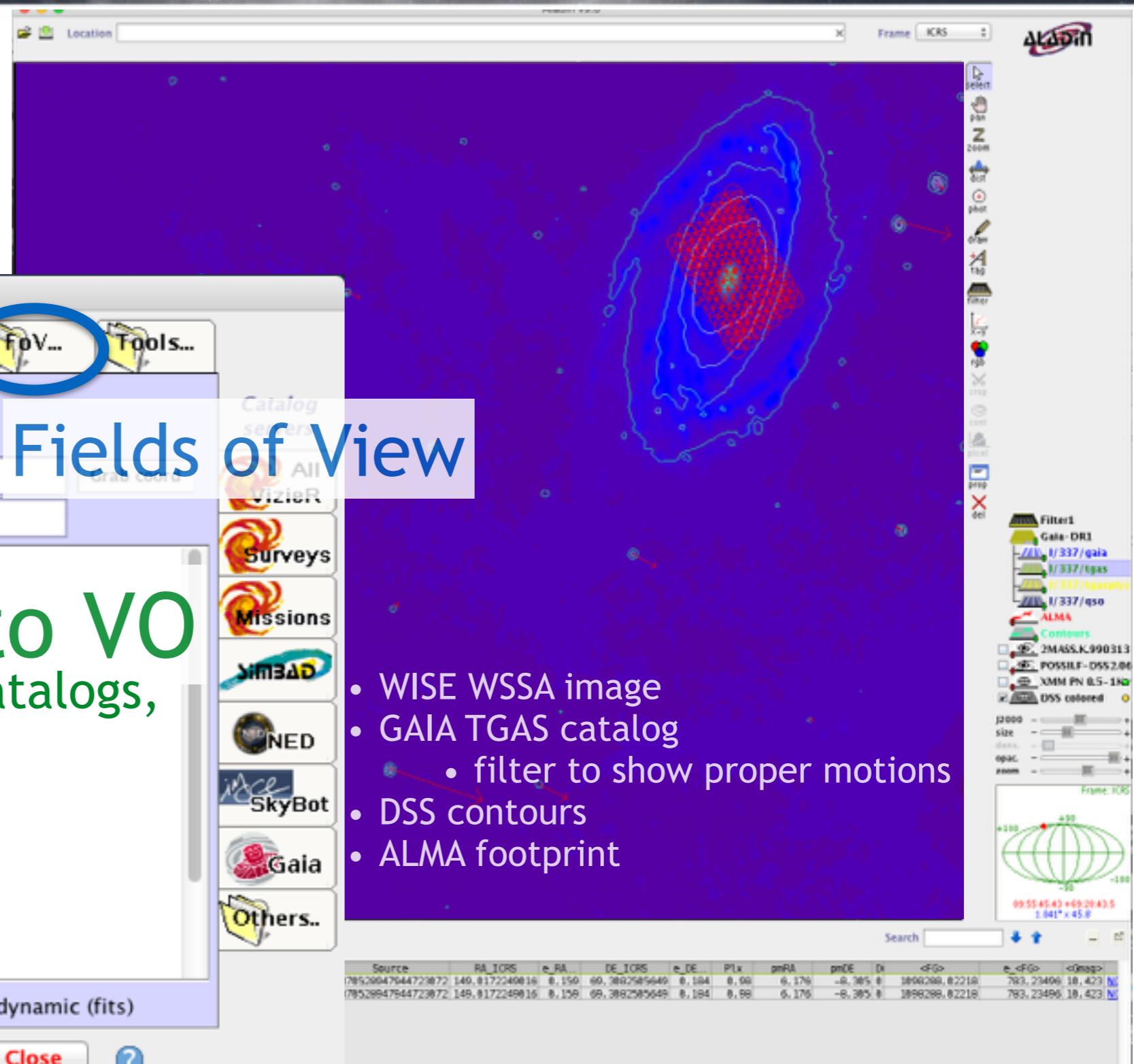
Aladin Desktop

wide data access
images and more...



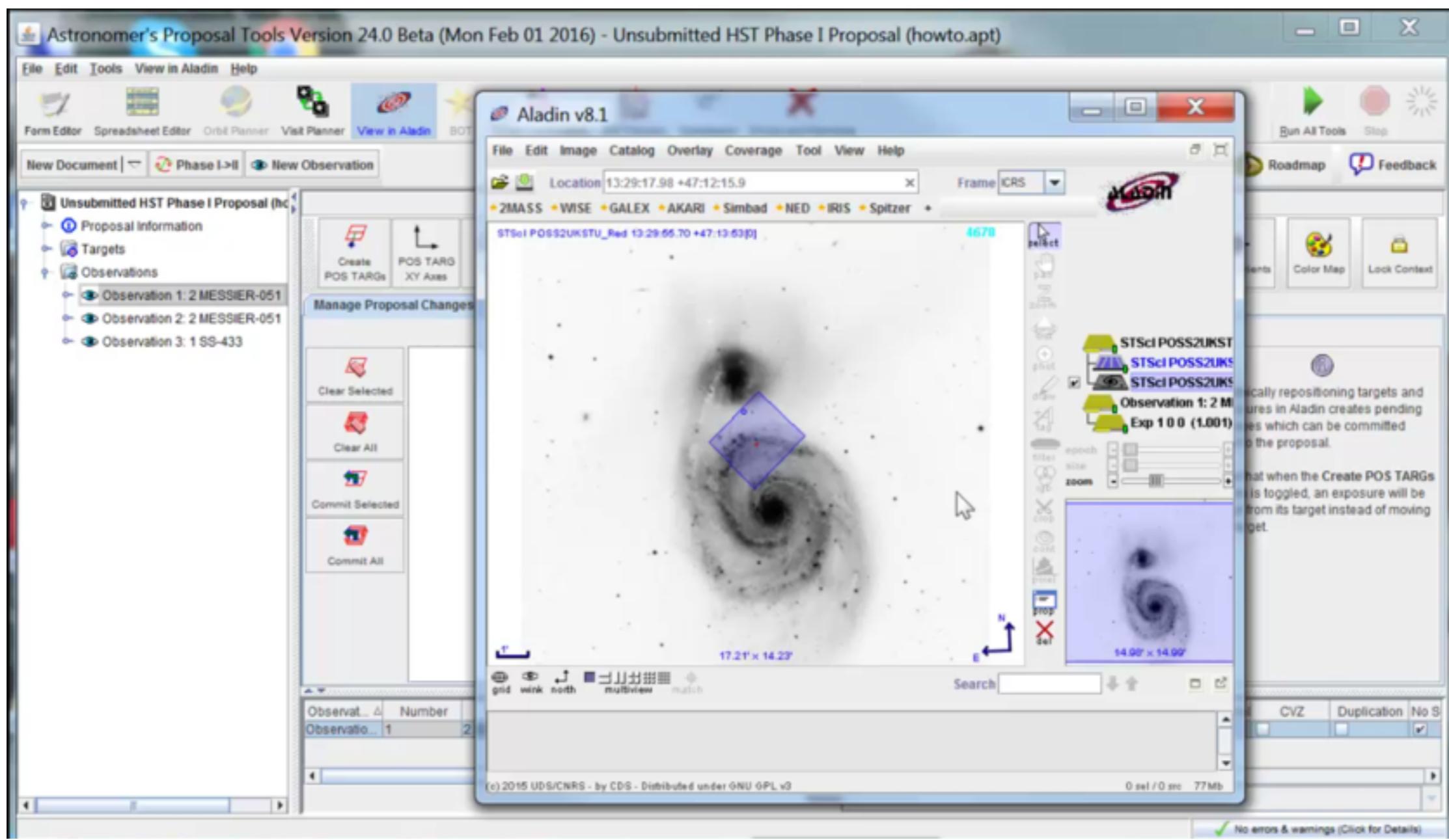
Fields of View

portal to VO
images, catalogs,
spectra



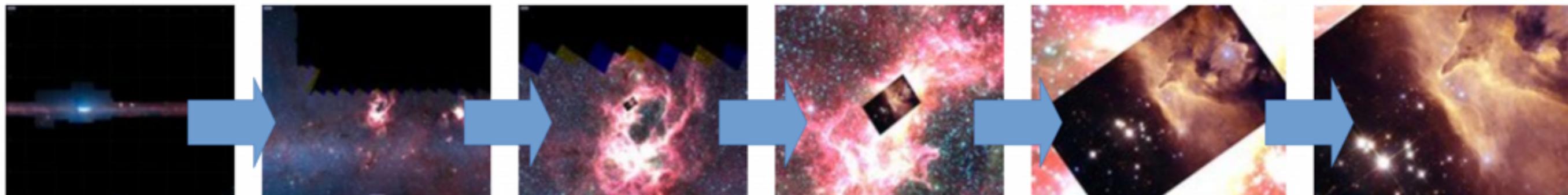
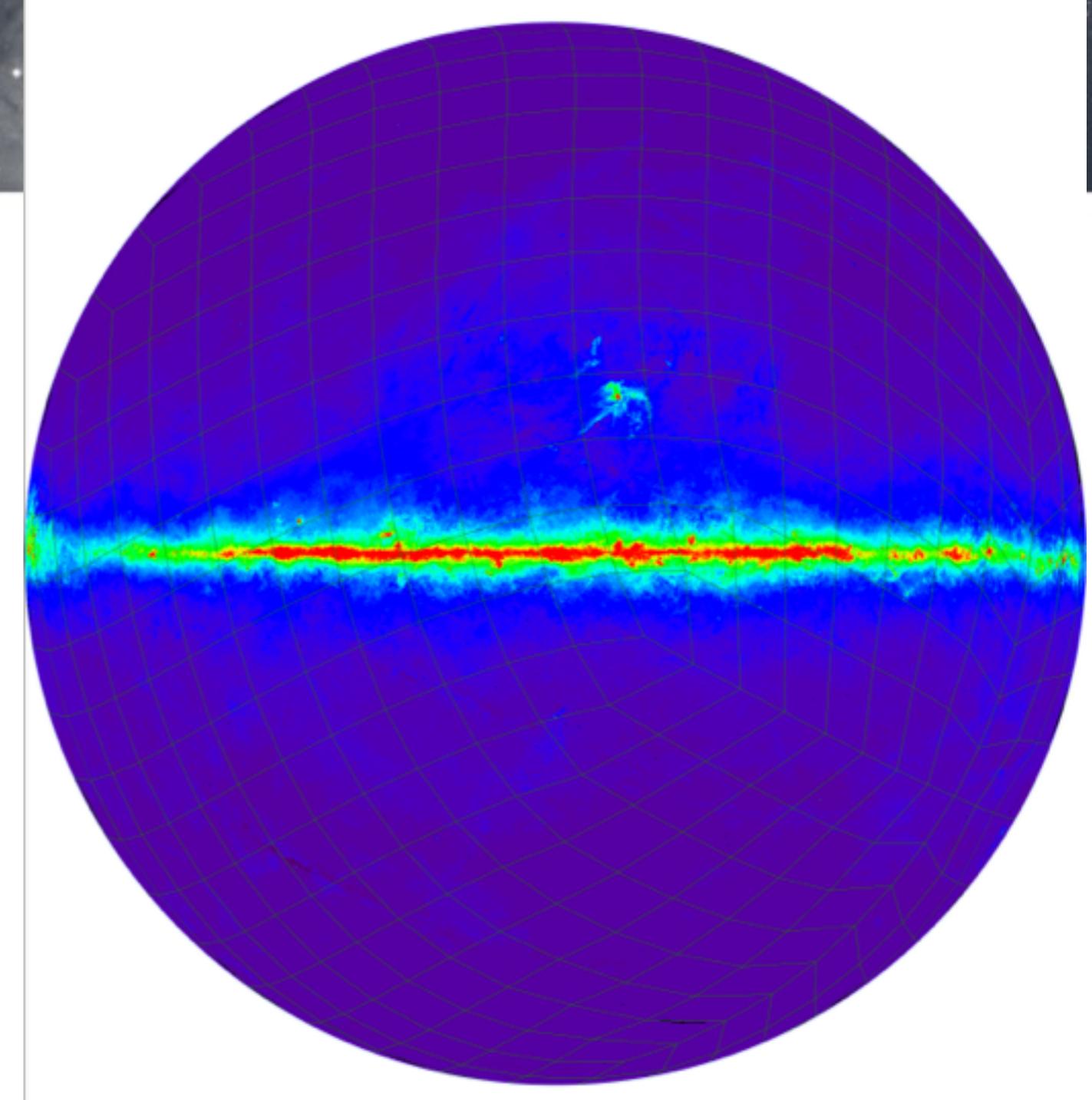
□ Aladin Desktop usage

- Used to discover, explore and compare datasets
- Aladin Desktop is also used for preparing observations:
 - incorporated in APT tool for HST since 2006
 - used in GuideCam for ESO observations since 2015



□ HiPS

- Hierarchical Progressive Surveys
- Display a survey progressively
 - The more you zoom, the more details you see
- stemmed from healpix
 - tessellation of the sphere
 - all-sky projection
- Fernique et al. (2015)
2015A&A...578A.114F
- images, but also catalogs and data cubes
- HiPSgen to generate HiPS from collection of images



□ Aladin Desktop and HiPS

HiPS is now the default tab
in Aladin server selector

The screenshot shows the Aladin Desktop application window. At the top, there's a toolbar with icons for Location (set to 09:56:02.72 +69:35:19), Frame (set to ICRS), and a red close button. Below the toolbar is a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Tools', 'Help', and a 'Frame' dropdown set to 'ICRS'. On the left, a vertical sidebar lists 'Image servers' with icons for Aladin images, SkyView, UKIDSS, Sloan, DSS..., LA..., Archives..., and Others... The main window title is 'Server selector'. It features a tab bar with 'Others', 'HIPS' (which is highlighted in blue), 'File', 'all VO', 'Watch', 'FoV...', and 'Tools...'. A large text area says 'wide range of wavelength, resolution, sky coverage' with a red arrow pointing from the text down towards the WISE section of the server selector. The 'HIPS' tab has a sub-section titled 'Progressive surveys (HiPS)' with a question mark icon. It includes fields for 'Target (ICRS, name)' containing '17 45 40.04 -29 00 28.' and 'Radius' containing '22.29°'. A tree view under 'Image' shows categories like Gamma-ray, X, UV, Optical, Infrared, 2MASS, UltraVista, and WISE. Under WISE, there are checkboxes for 'AllWISE color' (with a link to 'WISE acknowledgment'), 'AllWISE W1 (3.4um)' (with a link to 'WISE acknowledgment'), and 'WSSA' (with a link to 'Meisner & Finkbeiner (2013) (2013arXiv1304.1862)'). At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Default format' (radio buttons for 'Preview (jpg/png)' and 'Full pixel dynamic (fits)'), 'Reset', 'Clear', 'SUBMIT', 'Close', and a help icon. To the right of the server selector is a star map showing a field centered around the coordinates 09:56:02.72 +69:35:19, with a green circle indicating the search radius. The Aladin logo is in the top right corner of the window.

wide range
of wavelength,
resolution,
sky coverage

Location 09:56:02.72 +69:35:19.
Frame ICRS

Server selector

Others HIPS File all VO Watch FoV... Tools...

Progressive surveys (HiPS) ?

Target (ICRS, name) 17 45 40.04 -29 00 28.
Radius 22.29°

Catalog servers

Image servers

Aladin images SkyView UKIDSS Sloan DSS... LA... Archives... Others...

Image

- Gamma-ray
- X
- UV
- Optical
- Infrared
 - 2MASS
 - UltraVista
 - WISE
 - AllWISE color [WISE acknowledgment](#)
 - AllWISE W1 (3.4um) [WISE acknowledgment](#)
 - WSSA
 - WSSA 12um [Meisner & Finkbeiner \(2013\) \(2013arXiv1304.1862\)](#)

Default format: Preview (jpg/png) Full pixel dynamic (fits)

Reset Clear SUBMIT Close ?

Drawing Contours

DSS colored

epoch size density epic zoom

Frame: ICRS

+100 -100

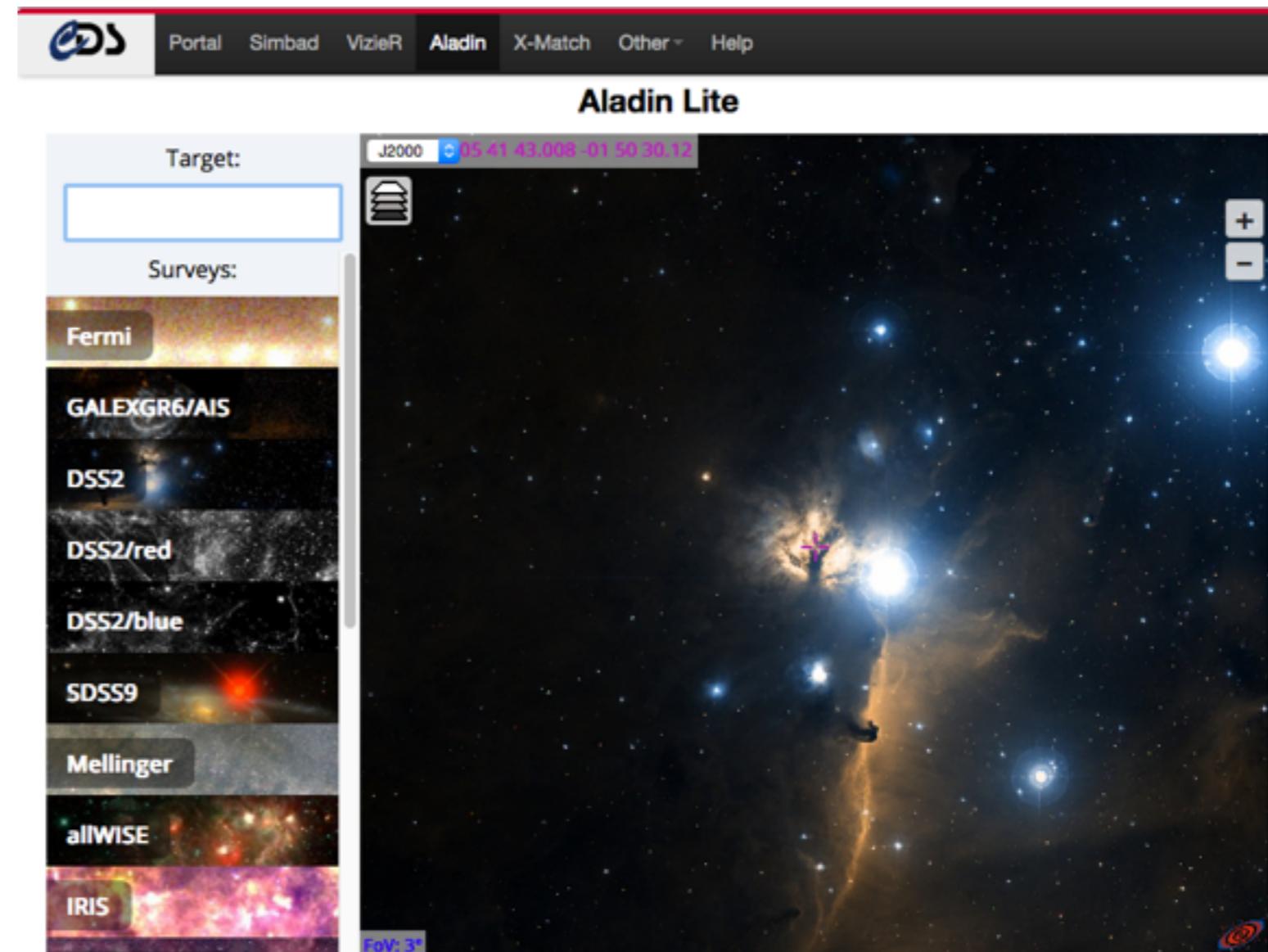
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Search

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□ Aladin Lite

<http://aladin.u-strasbg.fr/AladinLite/>



Are you a developer interested in integrating Aladin Lite in your project ? Have a look at the [dedicated documentation](#).

→ Thanks for acknowledging Aladin Sky Atlas

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□ easy to embed in a webpage

Choose options:

Width	400	px
Height	400	px
Image survey	DSS colored	
Initial location	Position or object name	
Initial FoV	60	degrees

Then copy/paste the following code in your page:

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<!-- include Aladin Lite CSS file in the head section of your page -->
<link rel="stylesheet" href="http://aladin.u-strasbg.fr/AladinLite/api/v2/latest/aladin.min.css" />

<!-- you can skip the following line if your page already integrates the jQuery library -->
<script type="text/javascript" src="http://code.jquery.com/jquery-1.9.1.min.js" charset="utf-8"></script>

<!-- insert this snippet where you want Aladin Lite viewer to appear and after the loading of jQuery -->
<div id="aladin-lite-div" style="width:400px;height:400px;"></div>
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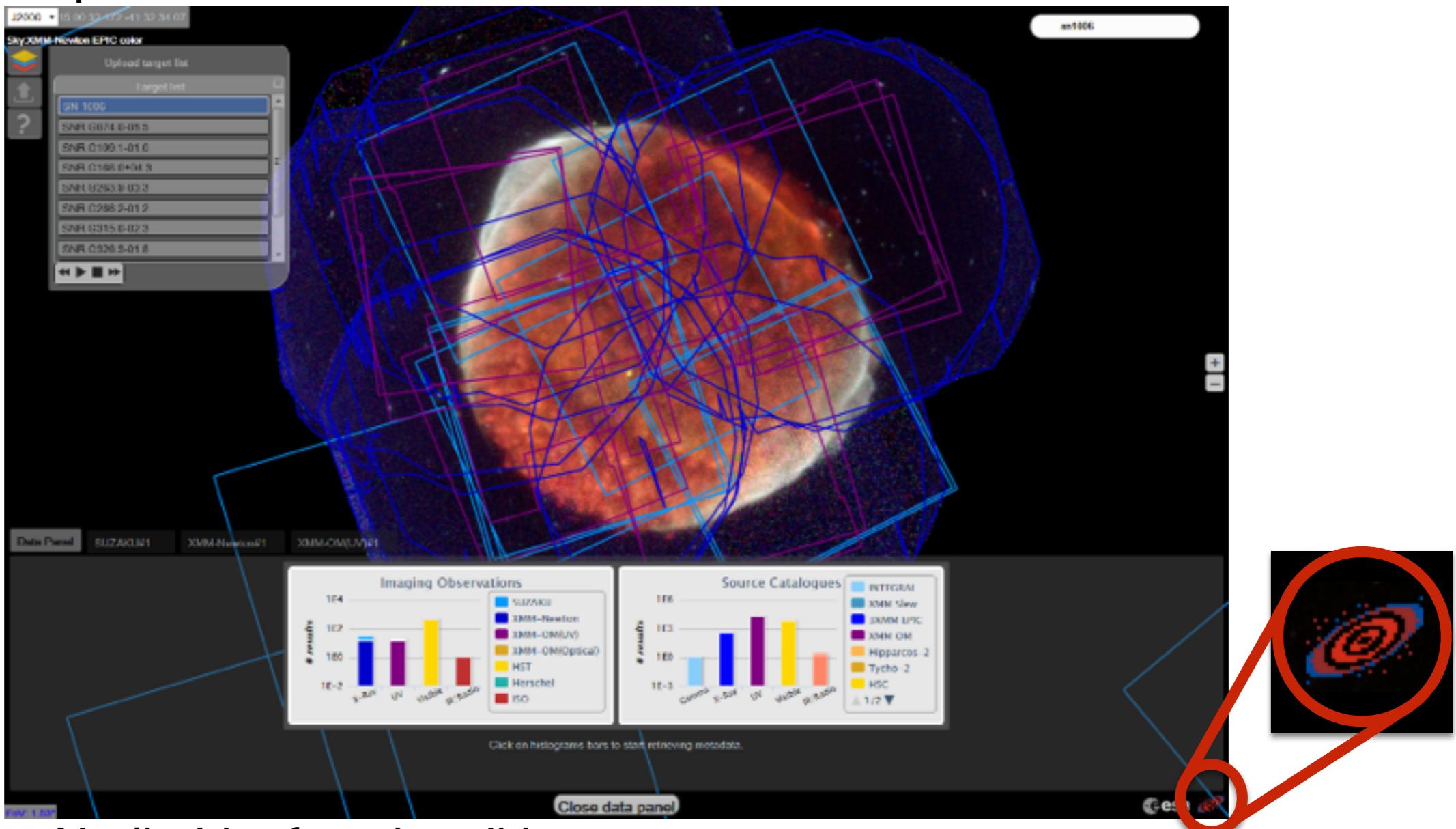
□ Aladin Lite everywhere (Nov 2016)

- (*) ESASky
- (*) LIGO Skymap viewer
- (*) ARCHES Walker
- MOPRA pointing
- (*) JUDO2
- Akari explore tool
- Cassis atlas Spitzer spectra
- (*) GLIMPSE 360
- (*) CADE
- (*) ADS All Sky Survey
- Maser DB
- Webb Deep-Sky Society
- Galaxy of interactive stars
- (*) Gamma-Sky
- eHST
- DACE
- <http://www.tauceti.caltech.edu>
- UWISH2
- Olimpiadi italiane di astronomia
- ICRAR What's up
- NOAO Data Labs
- Planck Legacy archive
- SkyWatch
- (*) Gaia archive visualization interface
- EXOSS Citizen Science
- Giraffe archive
- (*) Astrodeep
- (*) XMM X-Class
- Clusterix SVO
- BlackCAT
- GALAH
- XMM Newton at IRAP
- Subaru Suprime cam
- Skymapper Skyviewer
- (*) ESO Phase3 query interface

(*) with CDS direct collaborations

example: ESA Sky

- discovery portal for ESA space mission data
- highly visible implementation of Aladin Lite



- fully based on Aladin Lite functionalities
- large technical support from CDS during development

□ Aladin



- **Aladin Desktop**

- high level features **desktop**
- access images, catalogs, footprints
- **full range of functionalities**
- interoperable with VO tools
 - Aladin is a VO portal
 - used to validate most standards
- Used for observation preparation tools (APT, GuideCam)
- going all hierarchical now! (HiPS)

- **Aladin Lite**

- **Web HiPS visualizer**
- preview mode
- embed in any webpage
- **easy appropriation**
- **highly used in wide range of sites/services**
- basic functions... but more and more!