

The CDS reference services supporting Astronomy research

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since 1972 ...

- Collect useful data on objects in electronic form
- Improve them by critical evaluation and combination
- Distribute the results to the international community
- Conduct research using the data

Status

- Supported as a French Research Infrastructure (via CNRS/INSU), plus international partners
 - *serving global astronomy community*

- ~36 staff: Scientists, Software Engineers, Documentalists

- Heavily used, VO-compliant, evolving

- Contributor to IVOA



- Certified - Data Seal of Approval



CDS services



Astronomical Objects :

IDs, bibliography, measurements (500 k queries/day)



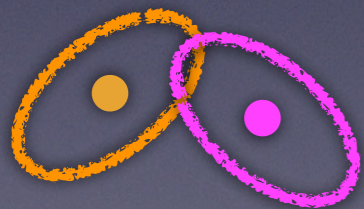
Catalogue Service :

Catalogues, published tables, observation logs, surveys, associated data (300 k q/day)



Visualisation and integration :

images, catalogues, VO portal, All-sky



X-Match : *Catalogue cross-match*



Portal : *Single entry point to all services*

CDS service software



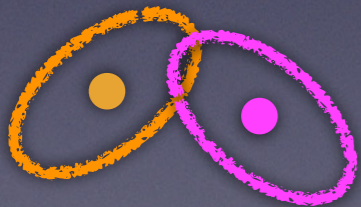
Database ingestion software, PDF paper scanning - machine learning



Large catalogue processing, metadata management, many APIs



Java and Javascript - complex functions
HiPS-gen to make your own surveys



Fast algorithms, job management



Interactive facets, modular components

Supporting research by making information useable

- Add value - by homogeneous description of heterogeneous data
- Standardisation
 - Formats, conventions, VO protocols
- Metadata
 - Encodes a level of 'meaning' to the data
- Connections - literature, archives, tools



Interoperability



M 51



J2000 position : 13 29 52.698 +47 11 42.93

Object (Simbad)

Main ID

M 51

Object type

Seyfert 2 Galaxy

Morphological type

SABbc

z

0.001551073042671407

Magnitudes

B : 9.26

V : 8.36

R : 8.4

J : 6.401

H : 5.653

K : 5.496

[More info in Simbad](#)

Object (NED)

Main ID

MESSIER 051

Object type

Galaxy pair

Morphological type

SABc LINER

z

0.002

[More info in NED](#)

Images

216 HiPS images available 0.20° around 13 29 52.698 +47 11 42.93 :

Wavelength : ☒ Gamma-ray ☒ X-ray ☒ UV ☒ Optical ☒ Infrared ☒ Radio
☒ Gas-line

Resolution : ☒ Low ☒ Medium ☒ High

Show : ☐ All HiPS ☒ CDS featured ☐ My favorites

Filter: 16 entries (filtered from 216 total records)
☐ continuous update

	title	wavelength	Sky fraction	
★	Fermi Color HEALPix survey	Gamma-ray	100 %	i
★	MAXI SSC all-sky image integrated for 4.5 years	X-ray	100 %	i
★	Swift-BAT 70-month all-sray hard X-ray survey image	X-ray	100 %	i
★	XMM-Newton stacked EPIC images	X-ray	5.06 %	i
★	False color X-ray images (Red=0.5-1 Green=1-2 Blue=2-4.5)Kev	X-ray	6.69 %	i
★	GALEX GR6 AIS (until March 2014)- Color composition	UV	79.79 %	i
★	DSS2 Blue (XJ+S)	Optical	99.56 %	i
★	DSS colored	Optical	100 %	i
★	DSS2 Red (F+R)	Optical	100 %	i

Aladin Lite

DSS colored

J2000 13 29 52.698 +47 11 42.93



FoV: 15.84'

Digitized Sky Survey - STScI/NASA, Colored & Healpix by CDS

Access to data via Aladin

Others

HIPS

File

all VO

Watch

FoV...

Tools...

Image servers

Aladin images

SkyView

UKIDSS

Sloan

DSS...

VLA...

Archives...

Others...

Server selector

VizieR catalog service ?

Specify a target, and a catalog name or identification...

Target (ICRS, n.03 46 23.85 +23 55 39.5

Grab coord

Catalog

Radius 3.627°

Info.

Coverage (MOC)

☐ All columns

☐ Whole catalog

... don't know which catalog ? Select the potentially interesting ones with words/keywords !

Author, free text...: hipparcos

Wavelength	Mission	Astronomy
Radio	AKARI	Abundances
IR	ANS	Ages
optical	ASCA	AGN
UV	BeppoSAX	Associations
EUV	CGRO	Atomic_Data
X-ray	Chandra	Binaries:cataclysmic
Gamma-ray	COBE	Binaries:eclipsing
	Copernicus	Binaries:spectroscopic
	CoRoT	

Catalog servers

All VizieR

Surveys

Missions

SIMBAD

NED

SkyBot

Gaia

Others..

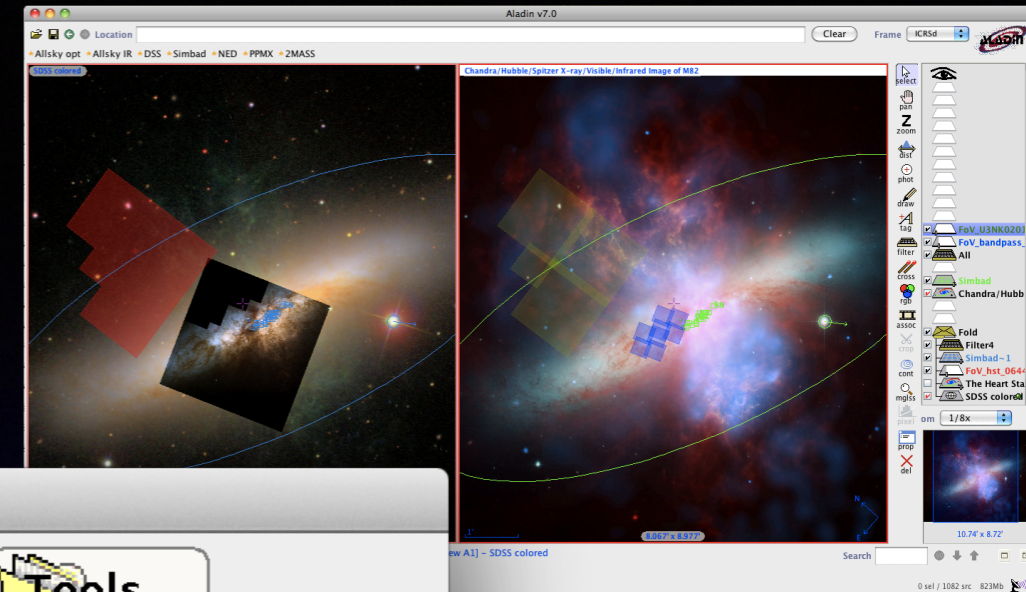
Reset

Clear

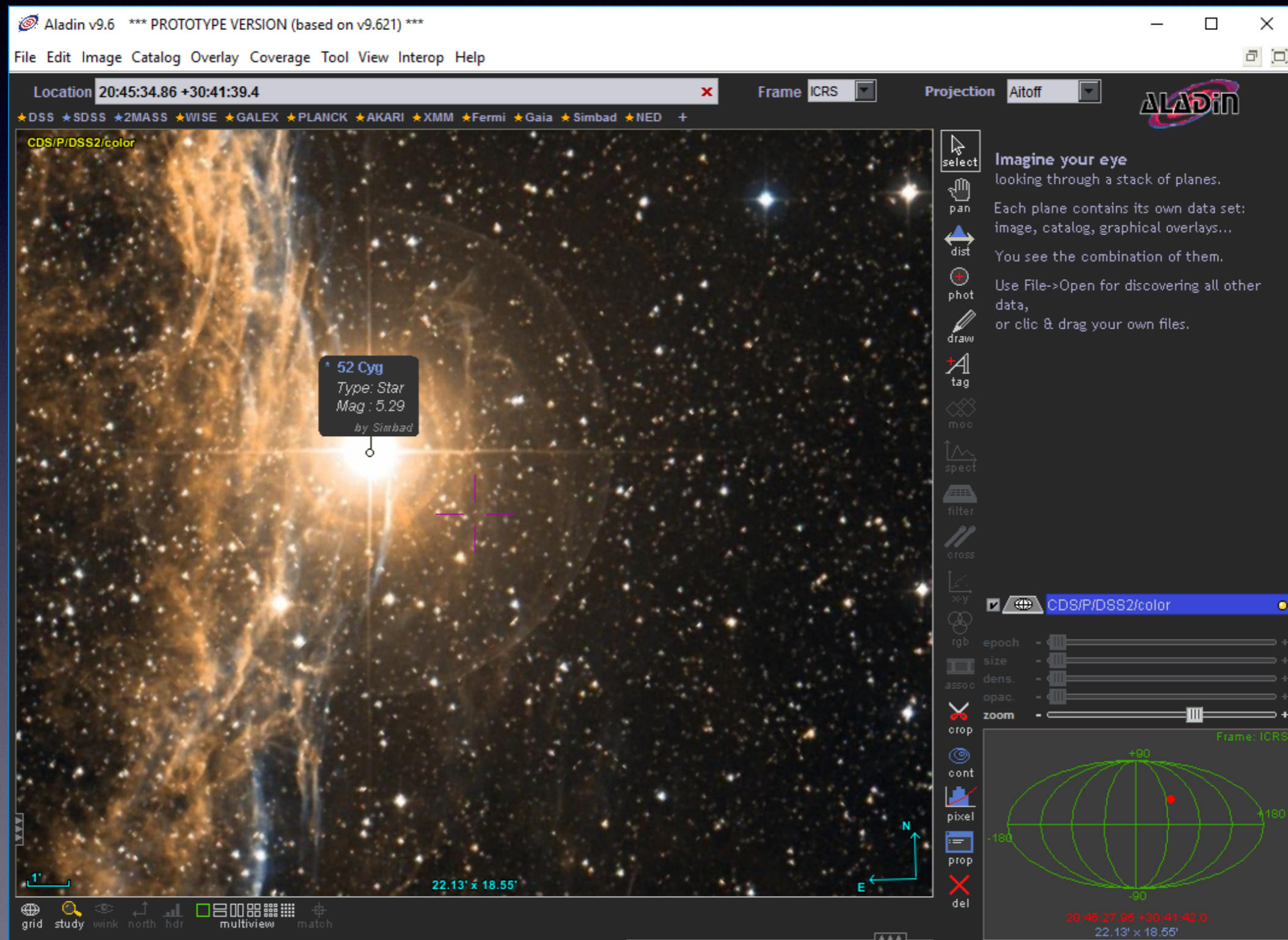
SUBMIT

Close

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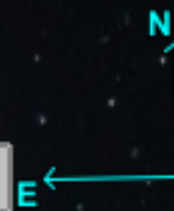
Aladin - v1.0 prototype





30'

$2.449^{\circ} \times 1.7^{\circ}$



Aladin v9.6 *** PROTOTYPE VERSION (based on v9.621) ***

File Edit Image Catalog Overlay Coverage Tool View Interop Help

Data access Location Frame Projection

Collections → 19589
 Image → 301
 Data base → 2
 SIMBAD Astronomical Database
 The NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database
 Catalog → 17184
 I-Astrometric Data → 254
 Gaia DR1 (Gaia Collaboration)
 GaiaSource data
 TGAS: Subset of Gaia DR1
 Cepheid stars identified in Gaia DR1
 Auxiliary Quasar Solution
 RR Lyrae stars identified in Gaia DR1
 TGAS supplement with Hipparcos
 The USNO-B1.0 Catalogue
 UCAC4 Catalogue
 NOMAD Catalogue
 The PPMXL Catalogue
 The USNO-A2.0 Catalogue
 The Tycho-2 Catalogue (Høg et al.)
 The Guide Star Catalog, Version 2.2
 The Initial Gaia Source List
 The GSC 2.2 Catalogue
 XPM Catalog of positions and motions
 The Hipparcos and Tycho Catalogues
 The HST Guide Star Catalogue
 PPMX Catalog of positions and motions
 All-sky Compiled Catalogue of Stars
 UCAC2 Catalogue
 SAO Star Catalog J2000 (Stern & Semel)
 Hipparcos, the New Reduction
 Tycho Input Catalogue, Revised
 The AC 2000.2 Catalogue
 The ACT Reference Catalogue
 The Tycho Reference Catalogue
 URAT1 Catalog (Zacharias et al.)

★ New HIPS
 SIMBAD Astronomical Database (more...) [\(more...\)](#)
 Provenance: CNRS/Unistra
 Sky coverage: 19.06% Pub. year: 2000
☐ HIPS ☒ Cone search ☐ MOC search ☐ Xmatch ☐ TAP + ☐ Coverage
 CDS/Simbad (more...)

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 spect
 filter
 cross
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Mouse controls:
 • Left: source selection.
 • Middle: quick panning.
 • Right: contrast adjustment.
 • Wheel: quick zoom on the reticle.
 • Simple-click: move the reticle.
 • Double-click: re-center.
 Let you mouse pointer on an object for discovering associated Simbad data.

Filter0
 CDS/I/337/gaia
☒ CDS/P/DSS2/color
 J2000 - +
 size - +
 dens. - +
 opac. - +
 zoom - +



Frame: ICRS
 +90
 -180
 -90
 20:46:37.76 +30:34:07.5
 56.95' x 55.39'

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 from -- All collections --
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Aladin Lite

 Portal Simbad VizierR **Aladin** X-Match Other Help 

Aladin Lite

Target:

Surveys:

DSS2 

Fermi

GALEXGR6/AIS

DSS2/red

DSS2/blue



SDSS9

Mellinger

2MASS

allWISE

J2000 05 45 30.655 -01 29 5.16



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FoV: 3°

Aladin Lite API example

AAS225 demonstration

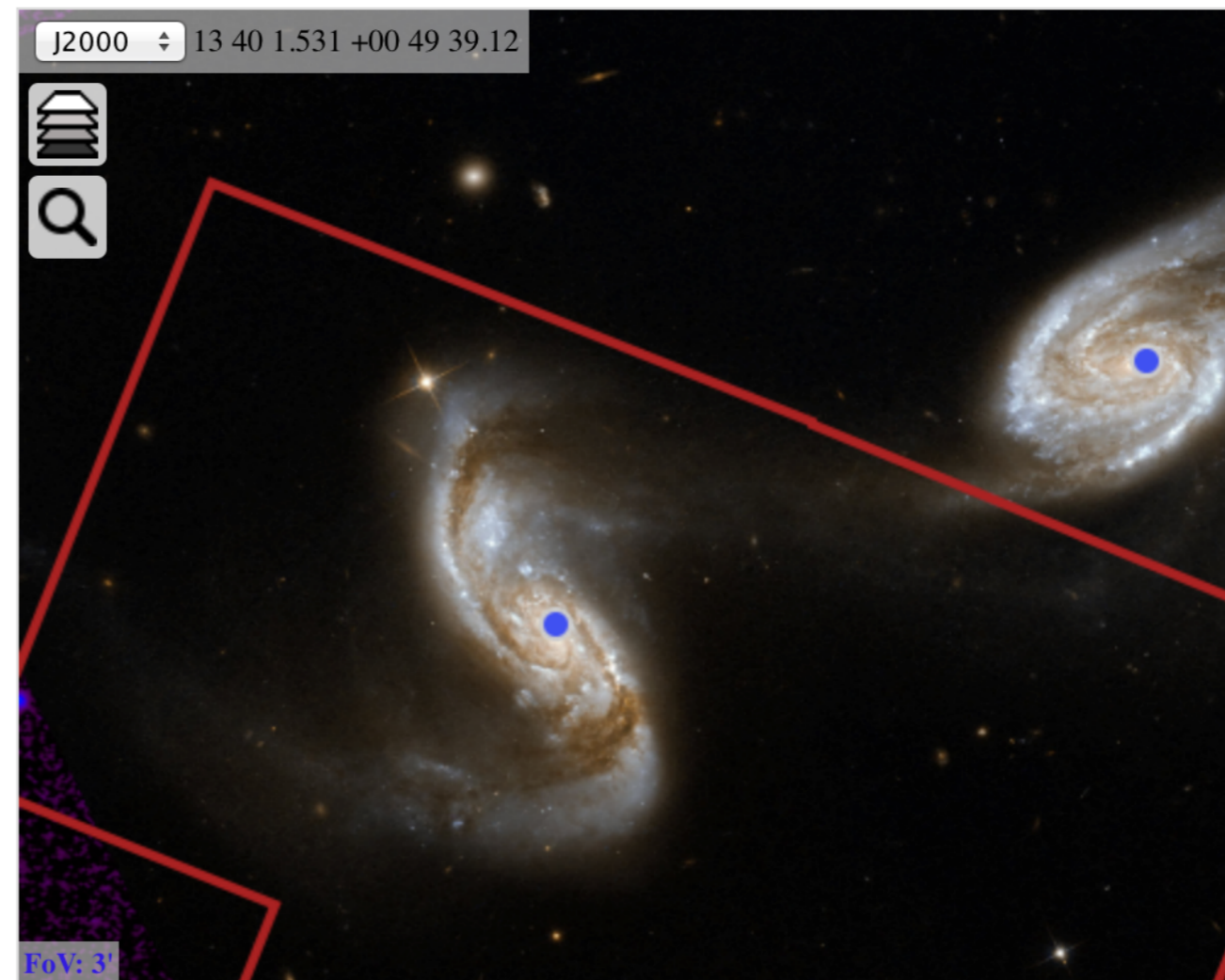
[Aladin Lite](#) / [Documentation](#) / [API](#) / [Examples](#) / AAS225 demonstration

SDSS DR9 band r image of APG 240 pair of galaxies, with an overlaid HST image and a WFPC2 footprint.

Javascript

```
var aladin = A.aladin('#aladin-lite-div', {fov:0.15, target: 'APG 240',
aladin.setBaseImageLayer(aladin.createImageSurvey('SDSS-DR9', 'r',
aladin.getBaseImageLayer().getColorMap().update('rainbow'));
var simbad = A.catalog({name: 'Simbad', sourceSize: 16,
aladin.addCatalog(simbad);
simbad.addSources([A.marker(204.97010833333336, 0.840016, 'APG 240',
color: '#aa2222', lineW: 2);
aladin.addOverlay(overlay);
overlay.addFootprints(A.polygon([[204.970214, 0.81206],
aladin.displayJPG('http://images.ipac.caltech.edu/stsci/
```

Result



Software Development

- Integrated team - Scientists and Engineers
 - interaction with scientific and data centre and data provider communities
- Freedom to innovate while also guided by strong scientific requirements
- Intern program - flow of motivated young developers, help test wide range of new tech

Software Development

- Development for a wide range of uses (including low-spec configurations)
- Interoperability - contribute to the astronomy e-Infrastructure
- **Contribute** and **use** shared components (TAP libraries, Aladin Lite, Hipsgen, HEALpix, FITS ...)
- Sustainability - planning on 5-10 yr

Challenges and Opportunities

- ▶ Multi-wavelength, multi-messenger and time-domain astrophysics
- ▶ Changing modes of publication - data associated with publications
- ▶ Responding to the change in scale - *Big Data*
- ▶ New technologies - *not too soon, not too late*
- ▶ Bringing the code to the data
- ▶ Continued adaptation to meet community needs