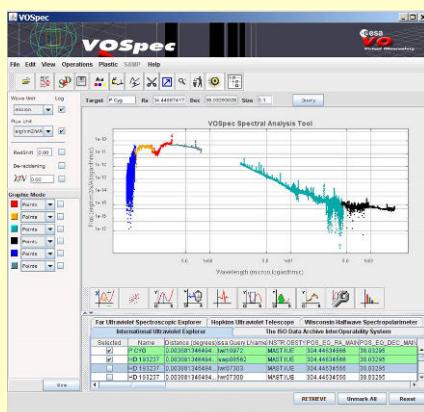




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# Virtual Observatory Science Gateways in Astronomical and Astrophysics



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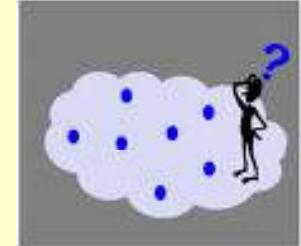
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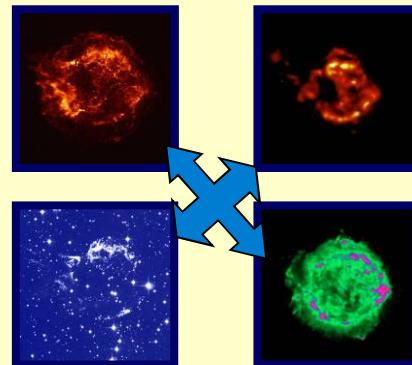
# The VObs Concept for Astronomy

- WEB : all documents in the world inside your PC
- VObs : all astronomical data in the world inside your PC

- What the VObs is NOT:
  - A centralized database of all astronomical data
  - A “monolith” software system
  - A peer-to-peer system



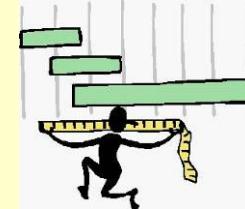
- The VObs framework
  - Agreed *standards*
  - Inter-operable *data collections*
  - Inter-operable *software modules*





# VObs : What is needed ?

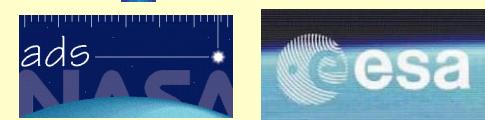
- Global standards
  - Transparent inter-operability for the end users



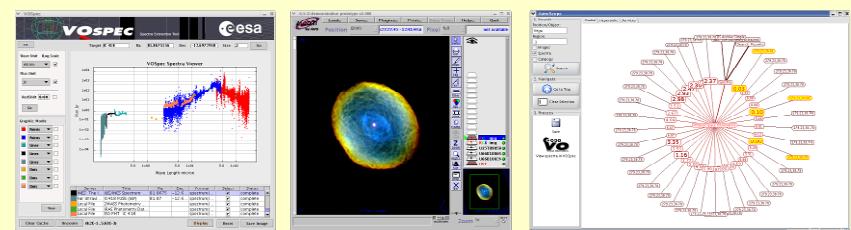
- Well funded data centres
  - Space agencies, Ground based telescope, Labs



- Working data services
  - Data and *Metadata* remains the key !



- VObs aware client tools and portals
  - Bring the data to the users



- VObs aware data mining services
  - New way of making science



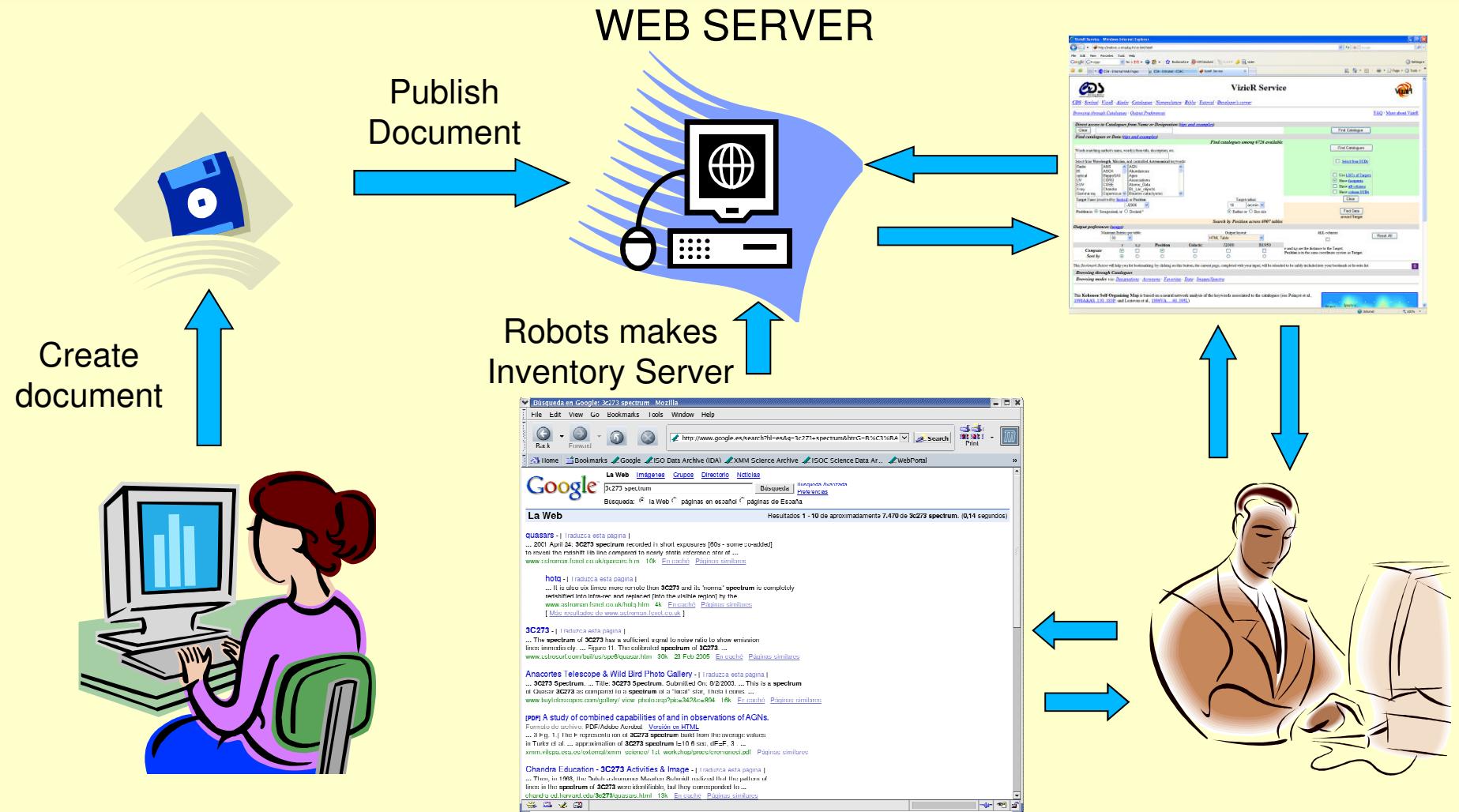
# Defining Standards for the A&A VObjs

- Working Groups defining interoperability standards for the VObjs
  - Data Access Layer
  - Data Model
  - VO Query Language
  - Registry of VObjs Resources
  - VOTable
  - Semantics
  - Grid and Web Services
  
- Strong involvement of Europe through
  - National institutions
  - International organizations (ESA, ESO)
  - EC funded project – EuroVO AIDA
  
- Link with other science communities
  - Planetary, Solar Systems



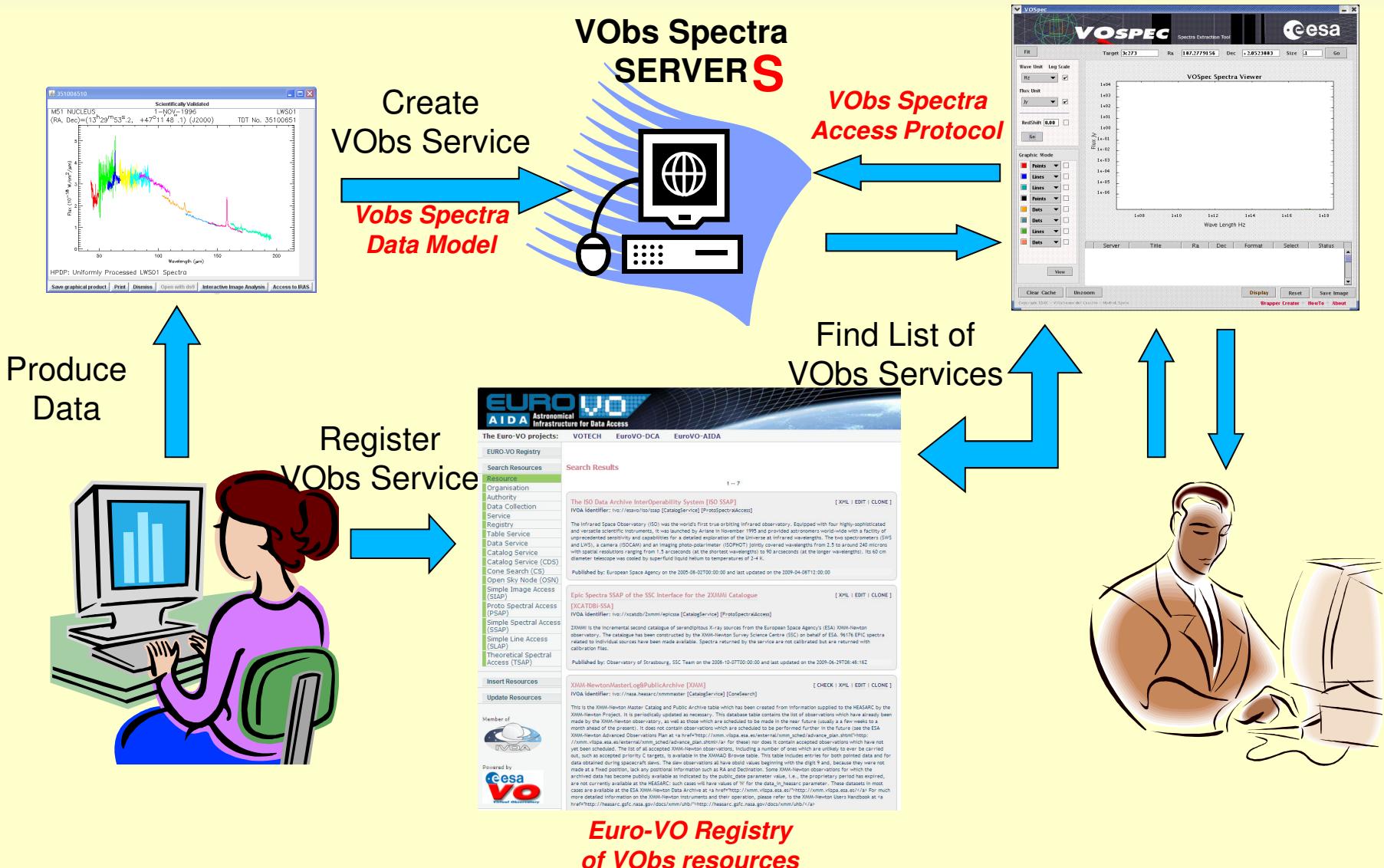


# Publishing Data on the Internet





# Publishing Data in the VOb



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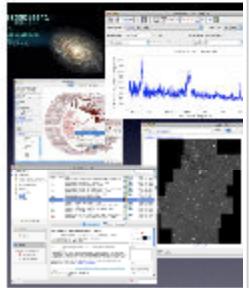
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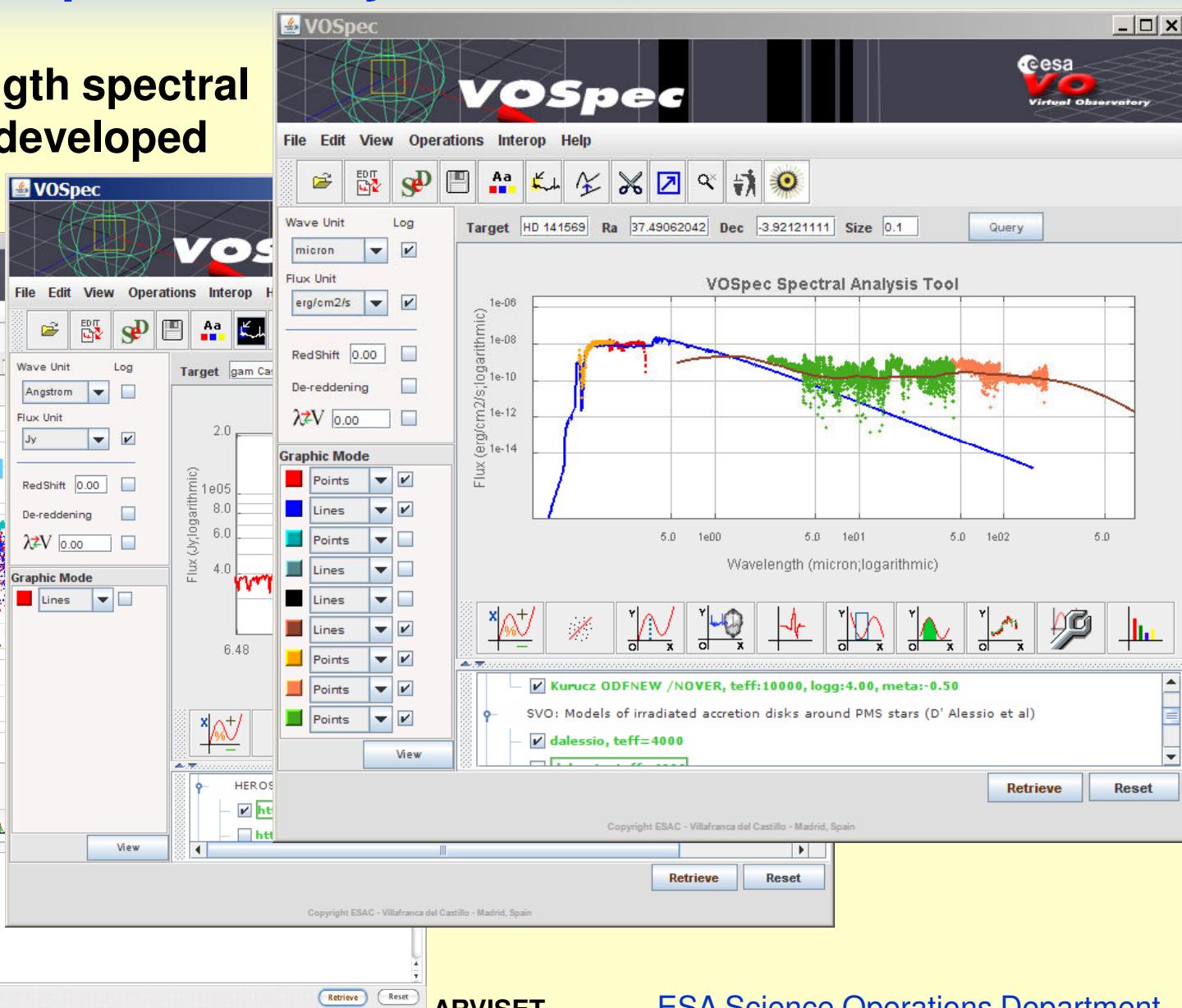
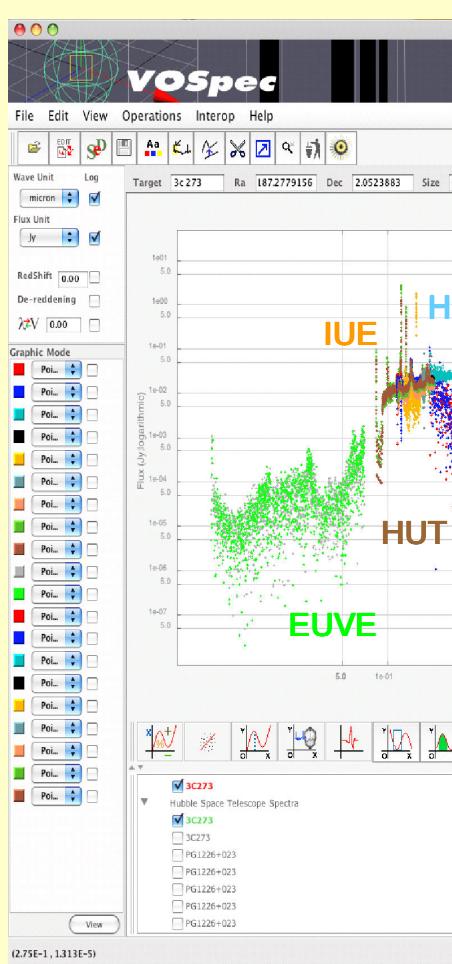
Application / Version (in alphabetical order)	Functionality	Other VO-compliant tools
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Datascope v2.1 (March 2007)	Search for Spectra: Aladin, Datascope, SPLAT, Specview, VOServices, VOSpec	<a href="#">GOSSIP: SED fitting</a>
Montage	Search for Catalogues: Aladin, Datascope, TOPCAT, VODesktop	<a href="#">Mirage: Table visualisation</a>
Octet	Image visualisation: Aladin, SkyView	<a href="#">VirGO: Search for Images and Spectra</a>
Open SkyQuery	Spectra visualisation: SPLAT, Specview, VOServices, VOSpec	<a href="#">Browse the Registries</a>
SkyView	Catalogues visualisation: Aladin, TOPCAT, VOPlot	<a href="#">EURO-VO Registry</a>
SPLAT 3.9.0 (May 2009)	Cross-correlation: Aladin, Open SkyQuery, STILTS, TOPCAT	<a href="#">AstroGrid Registry</a>
Specview 2.14.4 (August 2009)	Scatter, 3D plots and histograms: TOPCAT, VOPlot	<a href="#">NVO Registry</a>
TOPCAT/STILTS 3.4-3/2.0-4 (July 2009)	Statistics: VOStat	<a href="#">Manuals, Tutorials, How-tos</a>
VisIVO 1.5.7.1 (May 2009)	Footprint Service: Aladin, VOServices	<a href="#">Aladin User manual</a>
VOConvert 1.0 (June 2006)	Table format conversion: TOPCAT, VOConvert	<a href="#">Datascope how to</a>
VODesktop 1.3 (June 2009)	Filter curves: VOServices	<a href="#">Montage help</a>
VOEventNet	SED building: VOSA, VOSED, VOSpec	<a href="#">Open SkyQuery help</a>
VOPlot 1.5 (May 2009)	Fixing WCSs: Aladin, WCSFixer	<a href="#">SkyView documentation</a>
VOStat 1.1 (November 2008)		<a href="#">Specview examples</a>
VOSA 1.0.2 (March 2009)		<a href="#">SPLAT documentation</a>
VOSED 1.3 (July 2009)		<a href="#">STILTS documentation</a>
VOServices (Footprint, Spectrum, Filters, ...) 2.1.0.0		<a href="#">TOPCAT documentation</a>
VOSpec V5.5 (September 2009)		<a href="#">VisIVO how to</a>
WCSFixer		<a href="#">VODesktop how to</a>
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# ESA VOSpec : Spectral Analysis Tool

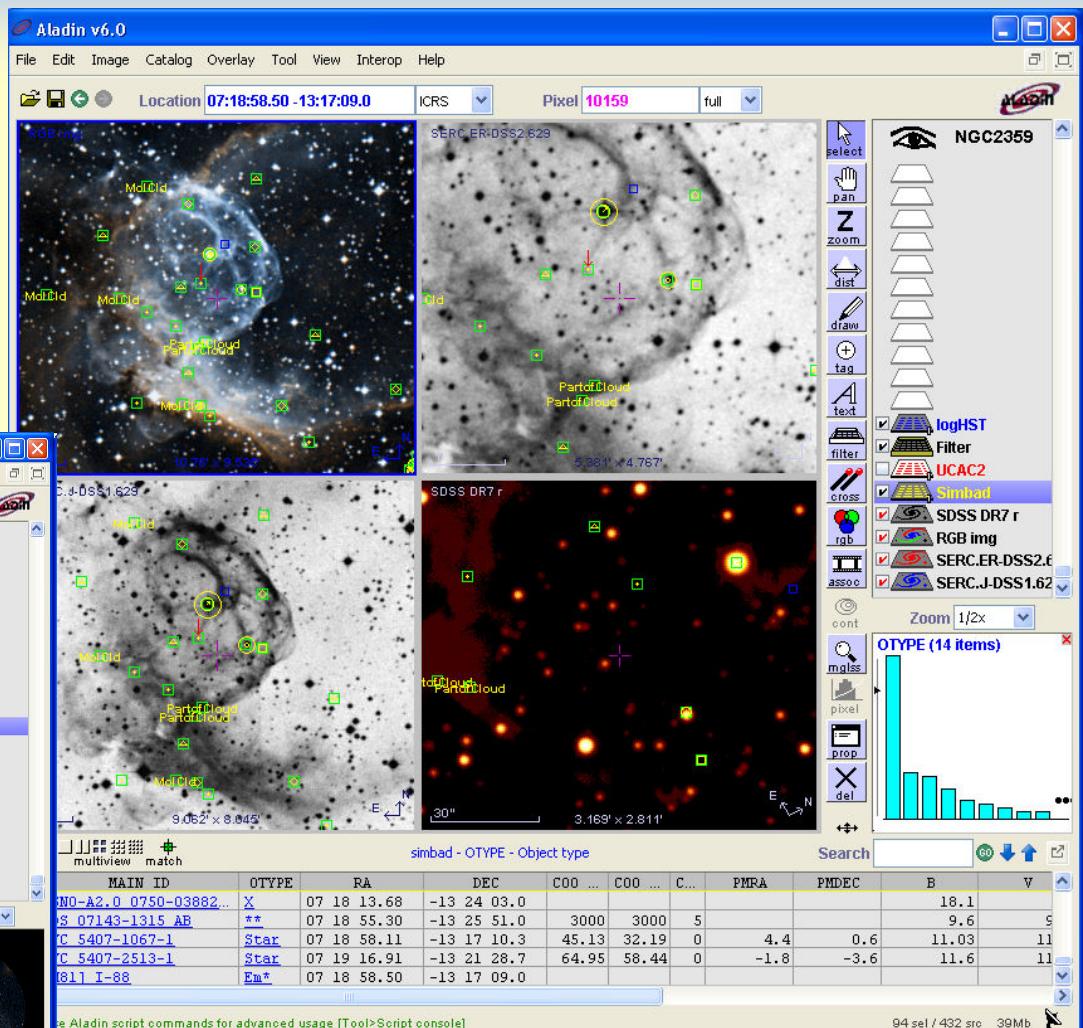
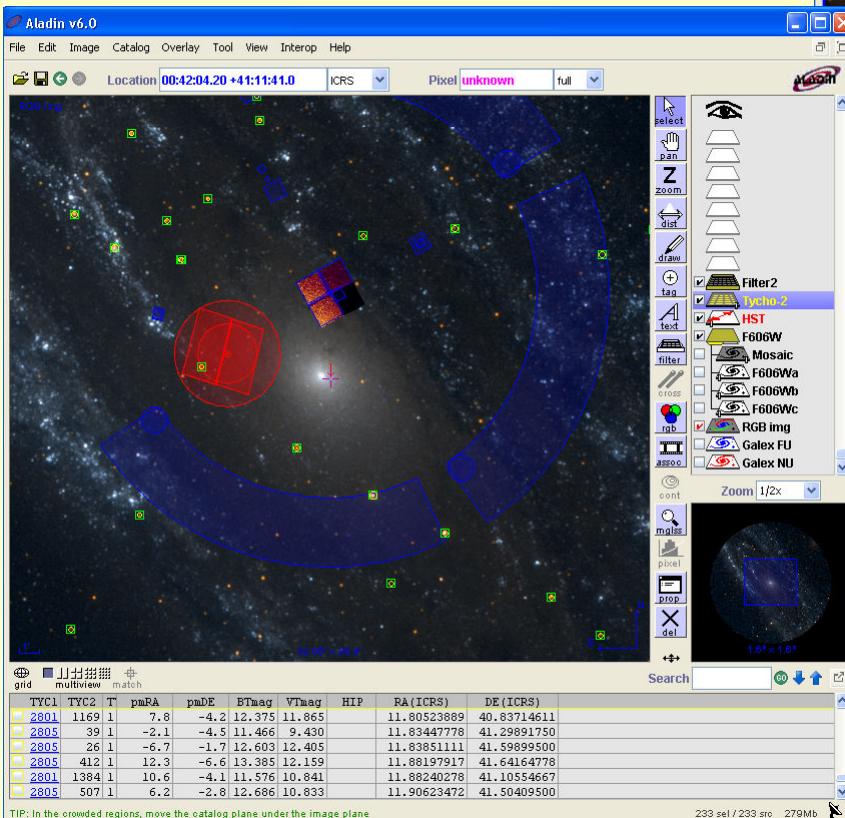
- Multi-wavelength spectral analysis tool developed by ESA-VO





# Aladin (CDS)

- ❑ Interactive software sky atlas
- ❑ Visualize digitized astronomical images,
- ❑ Superimpose entries from astronomical catalogues





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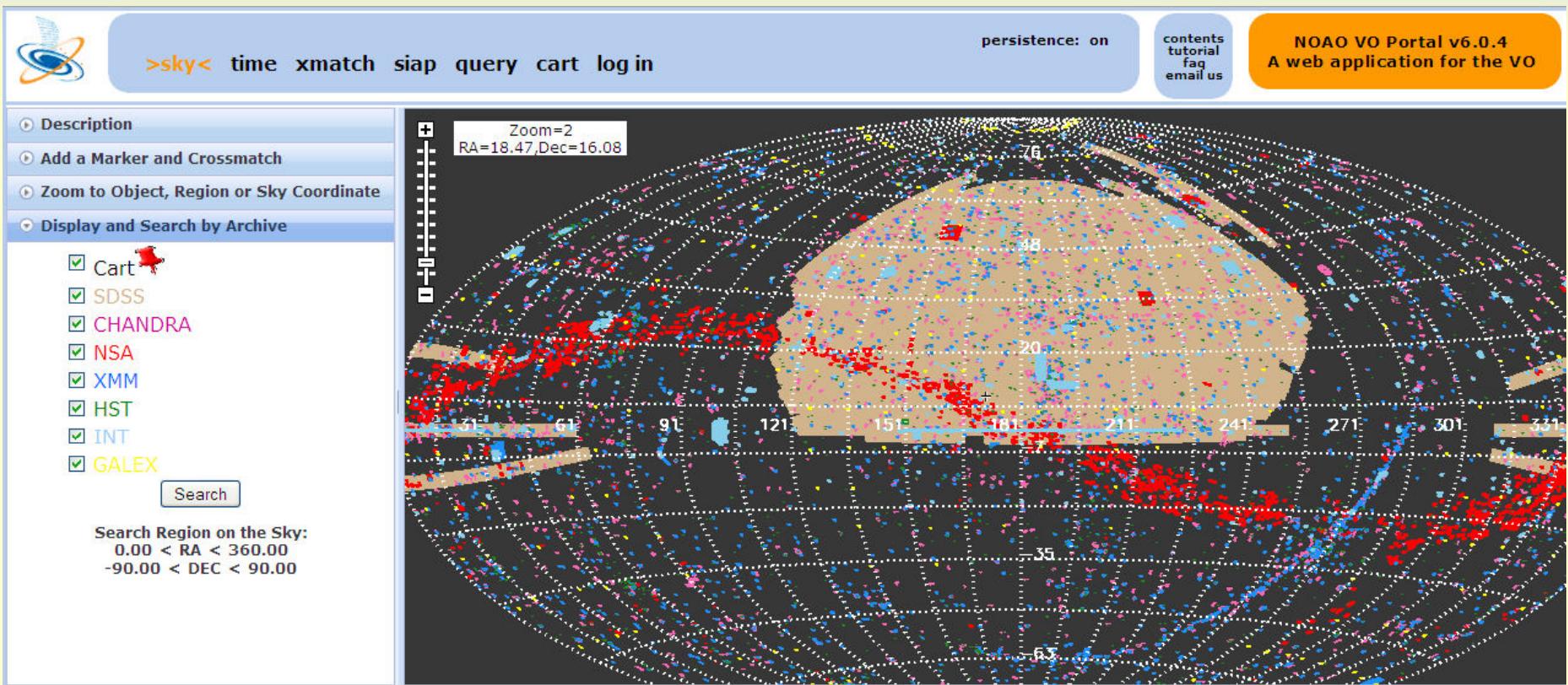
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# UK AstroGrid VODesktop

**VO Explorer - LEDAS**

**File Edit View Resource Window Help**

**Resource Lists**

- Examples
- Radio & X-ray
- IR Redshift
- Recent Changes
- Solar
- VOEvent
- ROE Holdings
- XMM-DR5
- X-ray clusters
- 2mass-2xmm-DR6
- LEDAS+XMM
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- Copy of test
- XMM at ROE
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**AstroScope - 482 Cat. Object Services**

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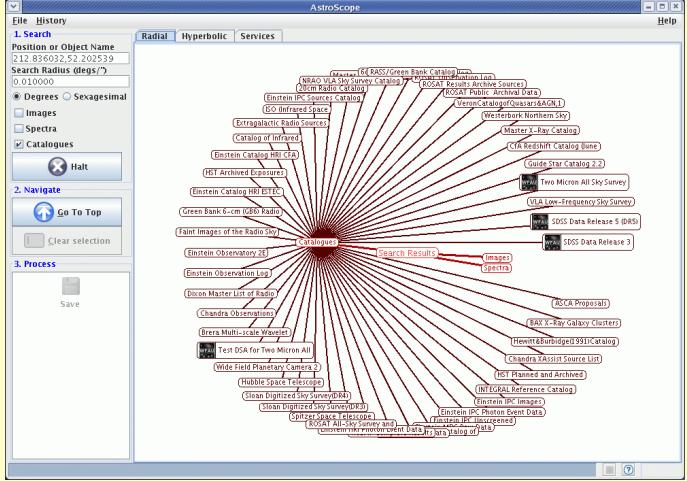
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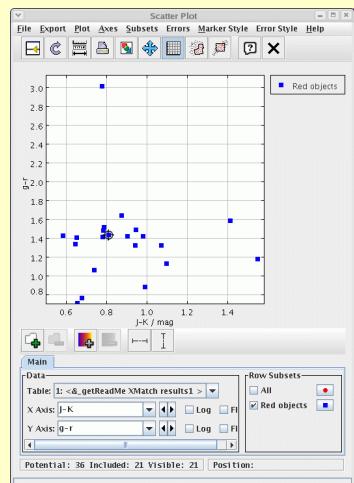
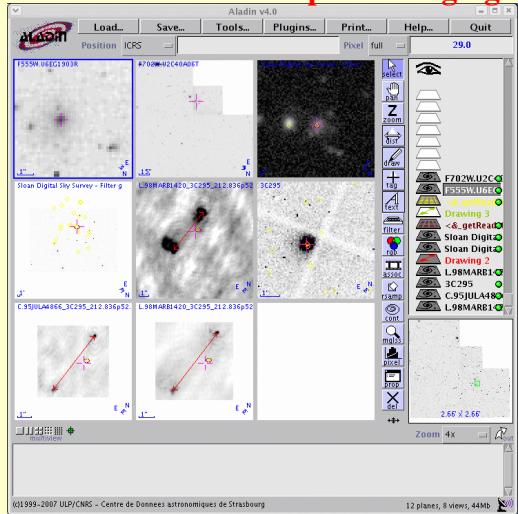


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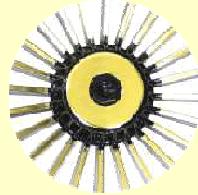
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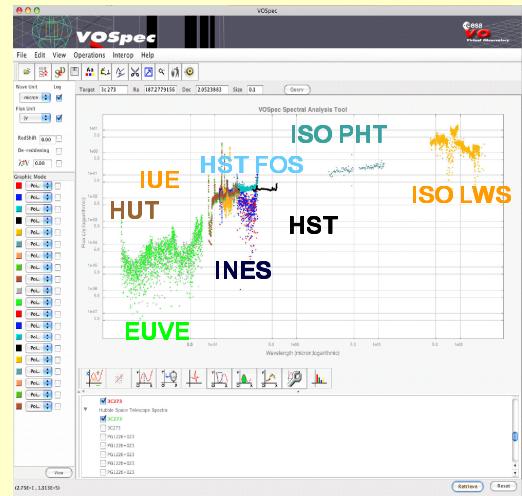
## Aladin: multipanel imaging



## TOPCAT: tabular data plotting/manipulation



**(SAMP)**  
Simple Application  
Messaging Protocol



## VOSpec: generation of SEDs



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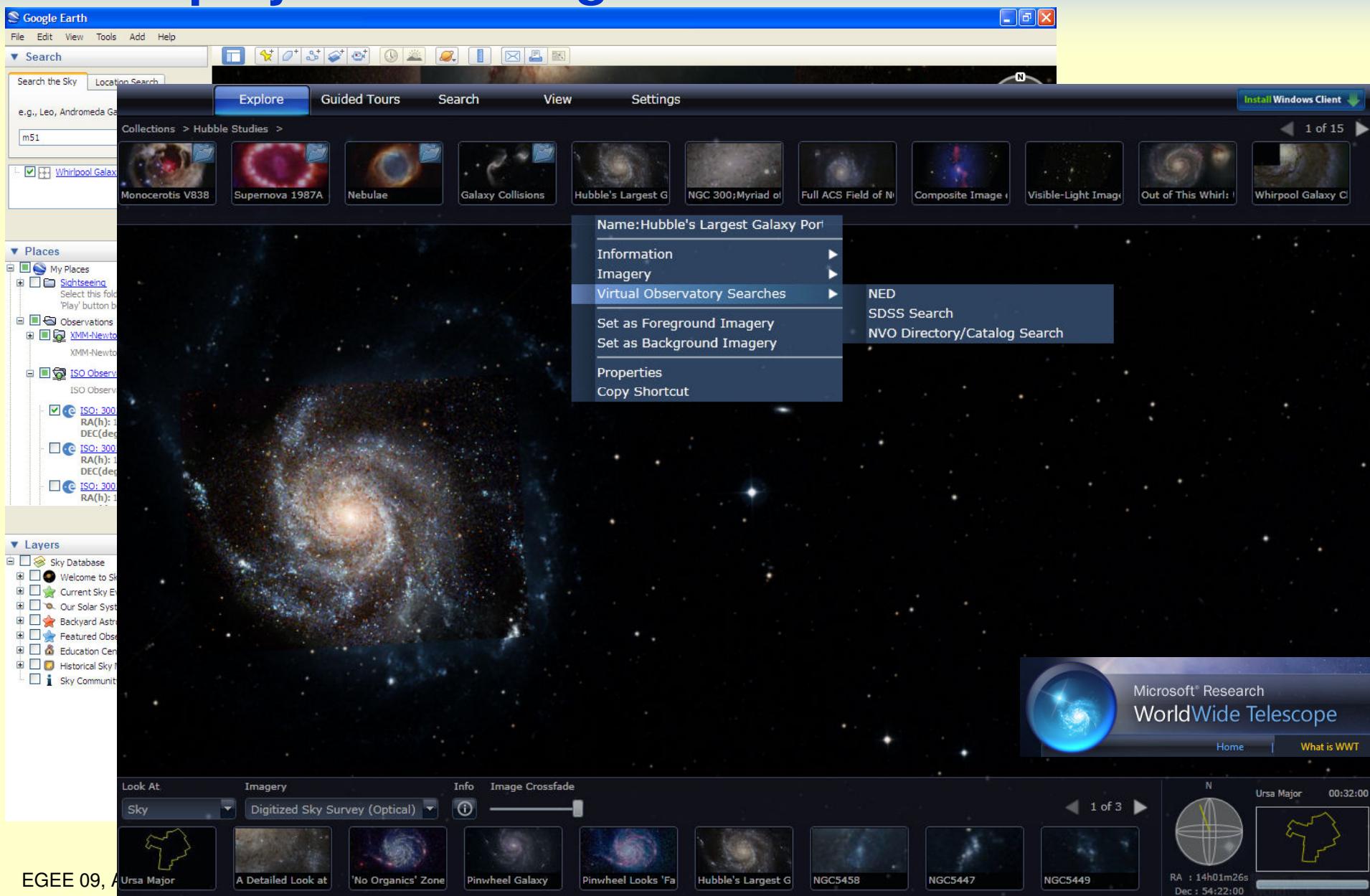
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# Conclusions

- ❑ VObs requires international standards for interoperability between astronomical resources
  - ❑ Data Centres remain the key as they provide data, metadata and services
  - ❑ VObs Science Gateways bring these transparently to the end users enabling new Science !
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- ❑ Special thanks to VObs applications developers and scientists

