

# *Virtual Observatory tools and services*

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# VO tools and services



VO tools offer a variety of functionalities:

- data discovery / data mining
- cross correlation
- spectra visualisation
- catalogue/table manipulation
- image handling
- plotting

SAMP: a messaging protocol allowing various tools to communicate with each other



Data Discovery	Spectral Analysis	Data visualisation and handling	SED building and fitting	Cross-correlation	Footprints
Aladin	SPLAT	TOPCAT/STILTS	VOSED	TOPCAT/STILTS	NVO <i>Footprint</i>
VO Desktop	VOSpec	Aladin	VOSA	Aladin	Aladin
Datascope	Specview	VOPlot	easy-z*	Open SkyQuery	VirGO*
Octet	NVO Spectrum	VisIVO	GOSSIP*	VODesktop	
NED	[EURO-3D]	VOCat	NVO Filter		
VoEventNet		Montage	VOSpec		
ASPID		VOStat			
VirGO*		DS9*			
SkyView		Mirage*			

\*existing tool, adapted to “speak” SAMP



Aladin v6.0

Location

ICRS

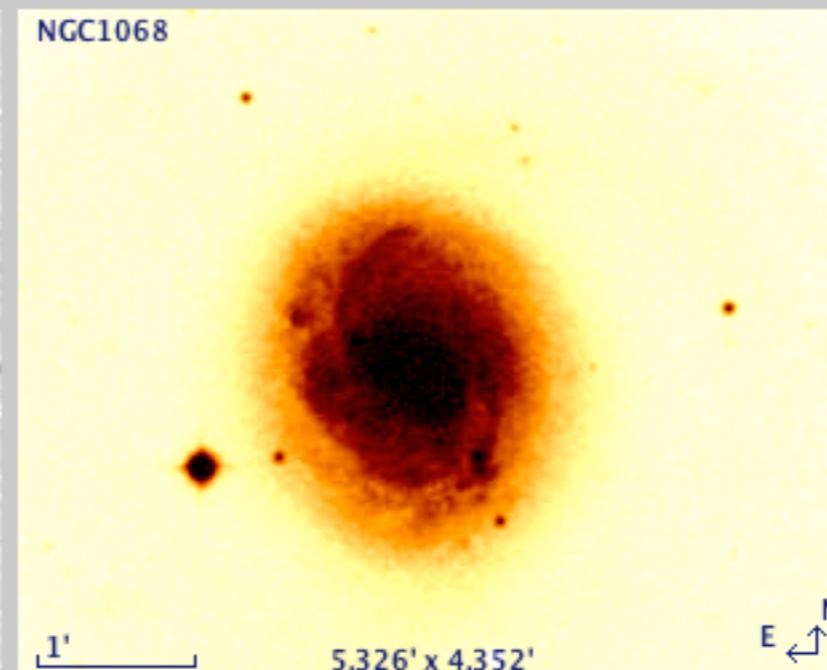
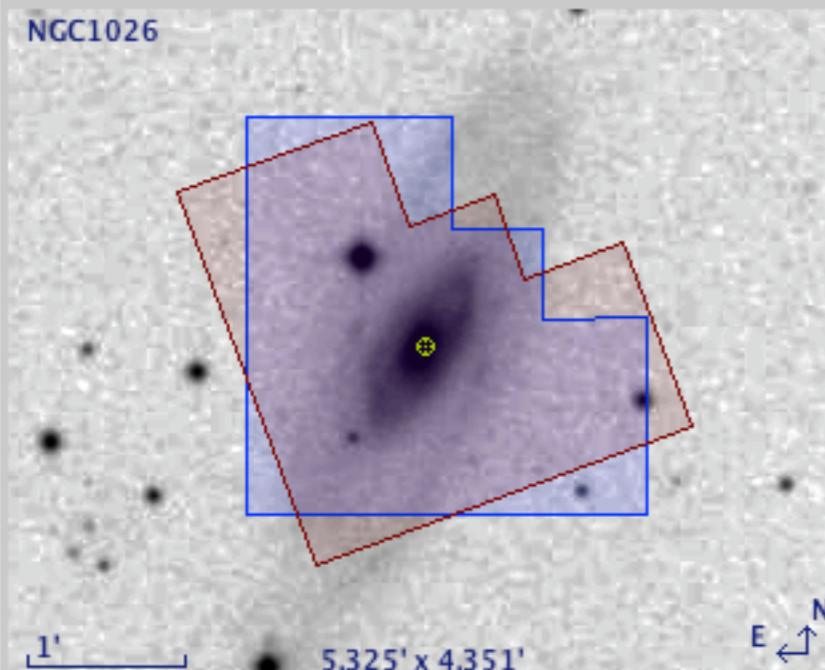
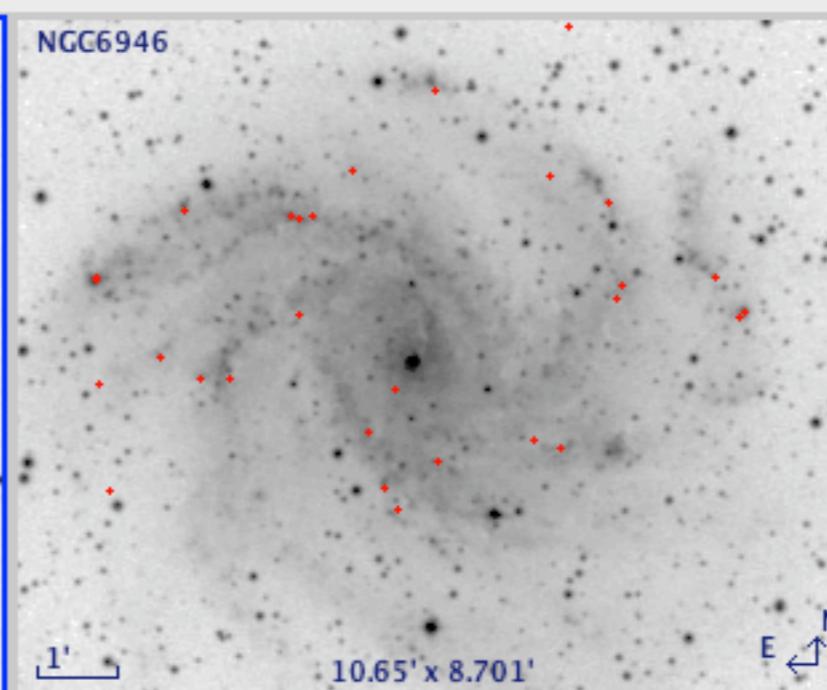
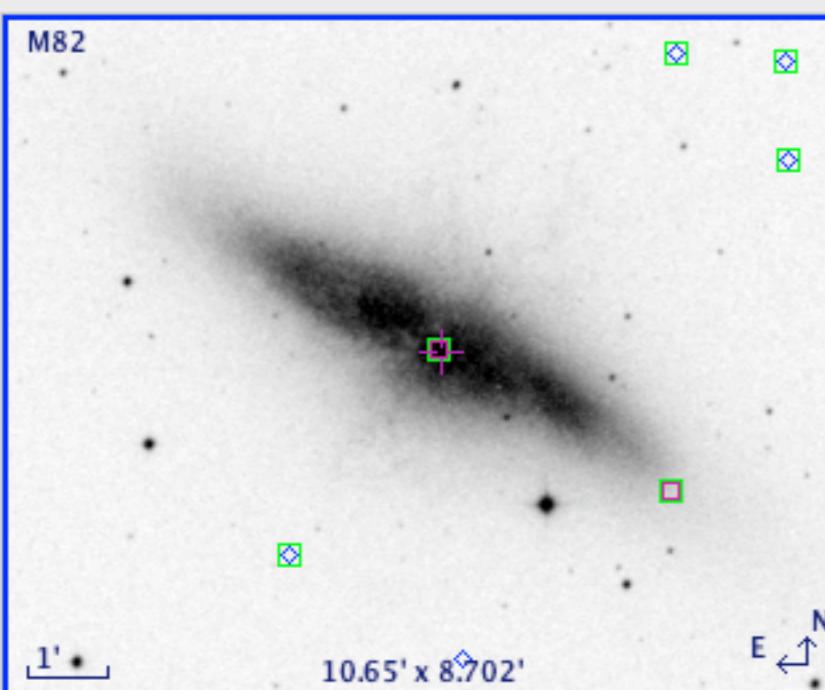
Pixel

unknown

full



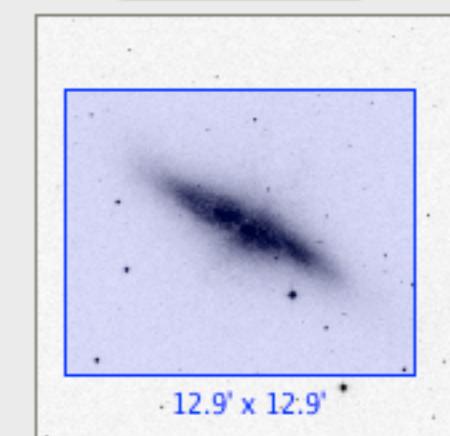
IS



- select
- pan
- zoom
- dist
- draw
- tag
- text
- filter
- cross
- rgb
- assoc
- cont
- mag
- pixel
- group
- del

- Chandra
- LEDA
- WFPC2~1
- WFPC2
- HII (Simbad)
- M82
- NGC6946
- NGC1026
- NGC1068

Zoom 1/2x

 grid  multiview  match

[View A1] - M82

Search

GO ▾ ▾

name	ra	dec	err ellip...	err ellip...	err ellip...	conf flag	extent f...	sat src ...	flux ape...	flux ap...
CXO J095...	149.0484...	69.6344044	0.61873	0.61874	90.0	F		F	1.44124E...	1.73213
2MASXJ09551726+6939...	148.82192	69.65367	-	-	-		6.00	6.00	45	
CXO J095...	148.7656...	69.72482...	0.47224	0.47224	90.0	F		F	2.54349E...	3.06043
CXO J095...	148.7718...	69.74516...	0.51303	0.51303	179.9998	F		F	3.892E-14	4.453E
CXO J095...	148.8370...	69.7452862	0.51413	0.51412	0.0	F		F	5.804E-14	6.627E



Check/uncheck the servers concerned by the ALL VO discovery mode

Select all

**Unselect all**

### Filter:

Go

## *Image servers*

1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Aladin image server (CDS/Strasbourg) – DSS/MAM...	Ok
2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SDSS DR7 images	Ok
3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimission Archive at STScI (MAST)	Ok
4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canadian Astronomical Data Center (CADC)	Ok
5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hubble press release images	No result
6)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAMA ESO R Atlas – VO-Paris (Fr)	Ok
7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chandra X-Ray Observatory Data Archive	Ok
8)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOAO Science Archive	No result
9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SAI Supernova light curve catalogue	Ok
10)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observations of neutron stars	Ok
11)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IA2 Italian Center for Astronomical Archive: TNG	Querying.....
12)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VO-Paris MAMA ESO R Atlas	No result
13)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HST-ACS GOODS data within Chandra Deep Field South (CD...	No result

CADC

Description : Canadian Astronomical Data Center (CADC)  
Type : Image  
More info : <http://www.cadc.hia.nrc.gc.ca/cadc/>  
Last query : <http://www.cadc-ccda.hia-iha.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/ivoa/CADC/siapQuery?POS=4>  
Status : Ok  
Identifier : CADC

The Canadian Virtual Observatory (CVO) provides this SIA server access for some CADC archives (decompose mosaic images into single extension FITS files , cutout of the region-of-interest when it is smaller than the image, WCS correction of returned FITS files).

Library Simple Image Access	Error
	No result
OAO ELAIS N1 -- R	No result
OAO Extragalactic -- R	No result
	No result
galactic Survey	No result
	No result
	No result
oe preview images	Querying.....
ncillary VLA Data	No result
rvice	Ok
base Image Data Atlas	Ok
	Ok
	Ok



## Server selector

full

Others



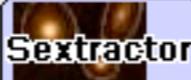
File



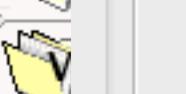
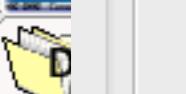
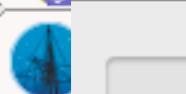
all-VO



FOV



SExtractor

Image  
servers

## S-extractor facility (v2.5.0)

Image reference .....

--- no input ---

Threshold (x RMS) .....

2.0

Mag zero point .....

Saturation (ADU)

Catalog  
servers

select



pan



zoom

## Astronomical calibration

Choose a calibration method, fill up the corresponding form  
according to the plane "2MASS.K.981004S\_KI0680009"

Label: My projection 1

## Catalog Cross-match tool

Positional cross-match

Cross-ID

Ellipses

## Positional cross-match

Only positional offset is used to find the matches.

2MASS All-Sky Extended Source Catalog: 3 objects

RA

ra

DEC

dec

SuperCOSMOS catalog (SSS.cat): 2212 objects

RA

ra

DEC

dec

Threshold is the source separation in arcsec

0 &lt;= threshold &lt;= 4

## Choose match method

 Best matches All matches Sources without match

Advanced options

Perform cross-match

Close

<input type="checkbox"/>	001060	40.7031830	-0.0202861	1982.779	0.9999E+09	0.9999E+09	0.9999E+09	0.9999E+09	21.052	99.999	99.999	▲
<input type="checkbox"/>	001081	40.6917537	-0.0169997	1982.779	0.3477E+01	0.1843E+03	0.7394E+02	0.7411E+02	19.327	99.999	99.999	▼

# TOPCAT/STILTS - the table ‘wizard’

The screenshot shows the TOPCAT application interface. At the top, there is a toolbar with various icons for file operations, selection, and analysis. Below the toolbar, the 'Table List' panel shows two entries: '1: Lockman\_old\_sample.dat' and '2: lh-swire\_sdn090.fits'. The 'Current Table Properties' panel shows a 'Label' field set to 'test.txt'. The main window title is 'TOPCAT(1): Table Browser'. The 'Table Browser' panel displays the contents of 'Lockman\_old\_sample.dat', showing columns: ObjID, RA, Dec, zspec. The 'Table Columns for 1: Lockman\_old\_sample.dat' panel lists all columns from index 0 to 17, with 'ObjID' and 'RA' checked as visible. To the right, the 'TOPCAT(1): Table Parameters' panel shows table parameters for 'Lockman\_old\_sample.dat' with their values and descriptions.

Table List

1: Lockman\_old\_sample.dat  
2: lh-swire\_sdn090.fits

Current Table Properties

Label: test.txt

TOPCAT(1): Table Browser

Table Browser for 1: Lockman\_old\_sample.dat

	ObjID	RA	Dec	zspec
1	11014.	164 27254	59 07700	n 1
2	9802.			
3	10089.			
4	4483.			
5	12259.			
6	20416.			
7	5549.			
8	23266.			
9	29454.			
10	17415.			
11	7801.			
12	20645.			
13	17499.			
14	27261.			
15	38866.			
16	37569.			
17	28959.			
18	39703			

TOPCAT(1): Table Columns for 1: Lockman\_old\_sample.dat

	Visible	Name	\$ID
0	<input type="checkbox"/>	Index	\$0
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ObjID	\$1
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RA	\$2
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dec	\$3
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	zspec	\$4
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_fuv	\$5
6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_nuv	\$6
7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_u	\$7
8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_g	\$8
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_r	\$9
10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_i	\$10
11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_z	\$11
12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_j	\$12
13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_h	\$13
14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_k	\$14
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_irac1	\$15
16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_irac2	\$16
17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_irac3	\$17

TOPCAT(1): Table Parameters

Name	Value	Description
Name	/Users/ehatzimi/Desktop/Lockman_old_sample.dat	Table name
URL	file:/Users/ehatzimi/Desktop/Lockman_old_sample.dat	URL of original table
Column Count	44	Number of columns
Row Count	165	Number of rows

Name:

Class:

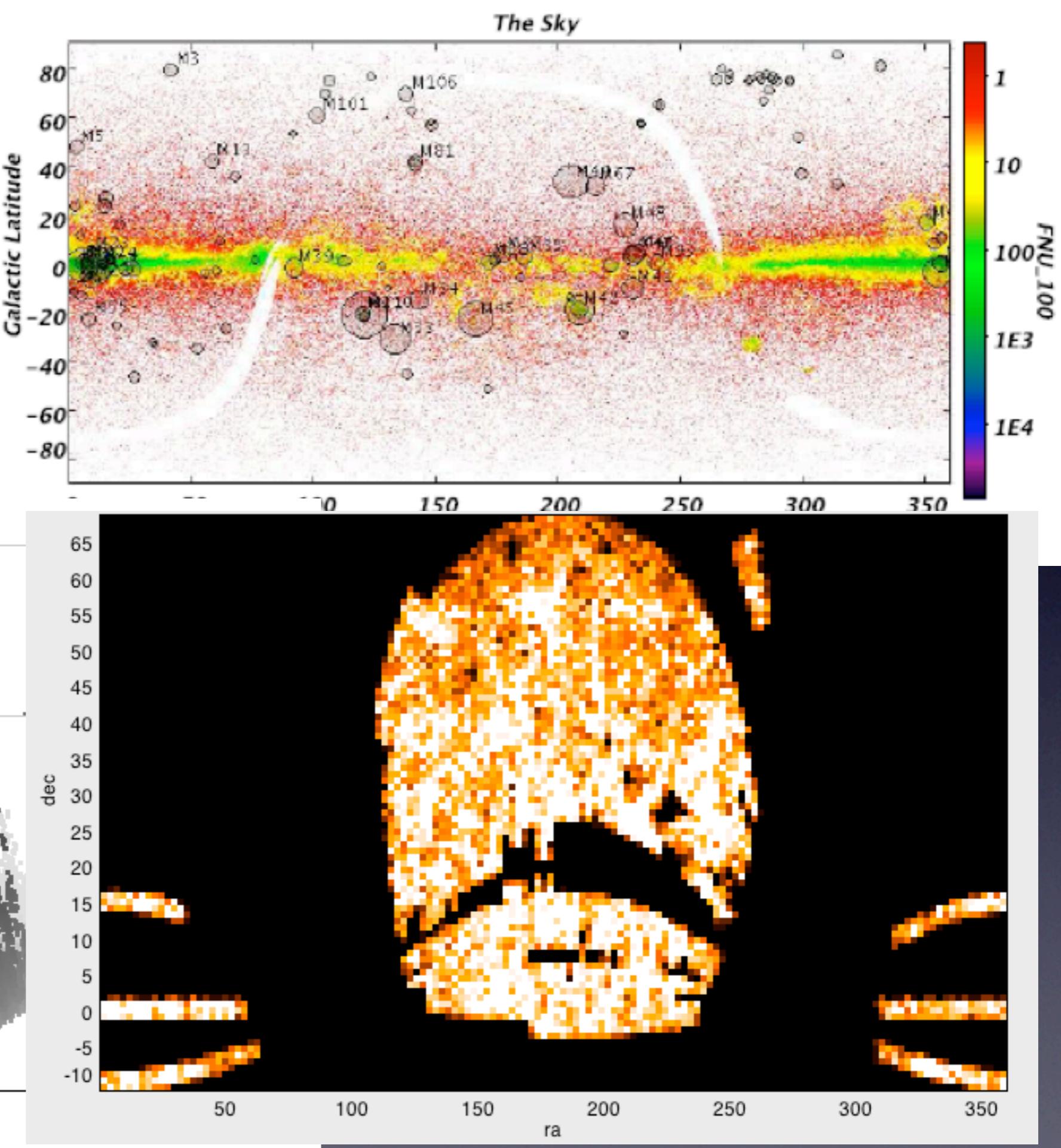
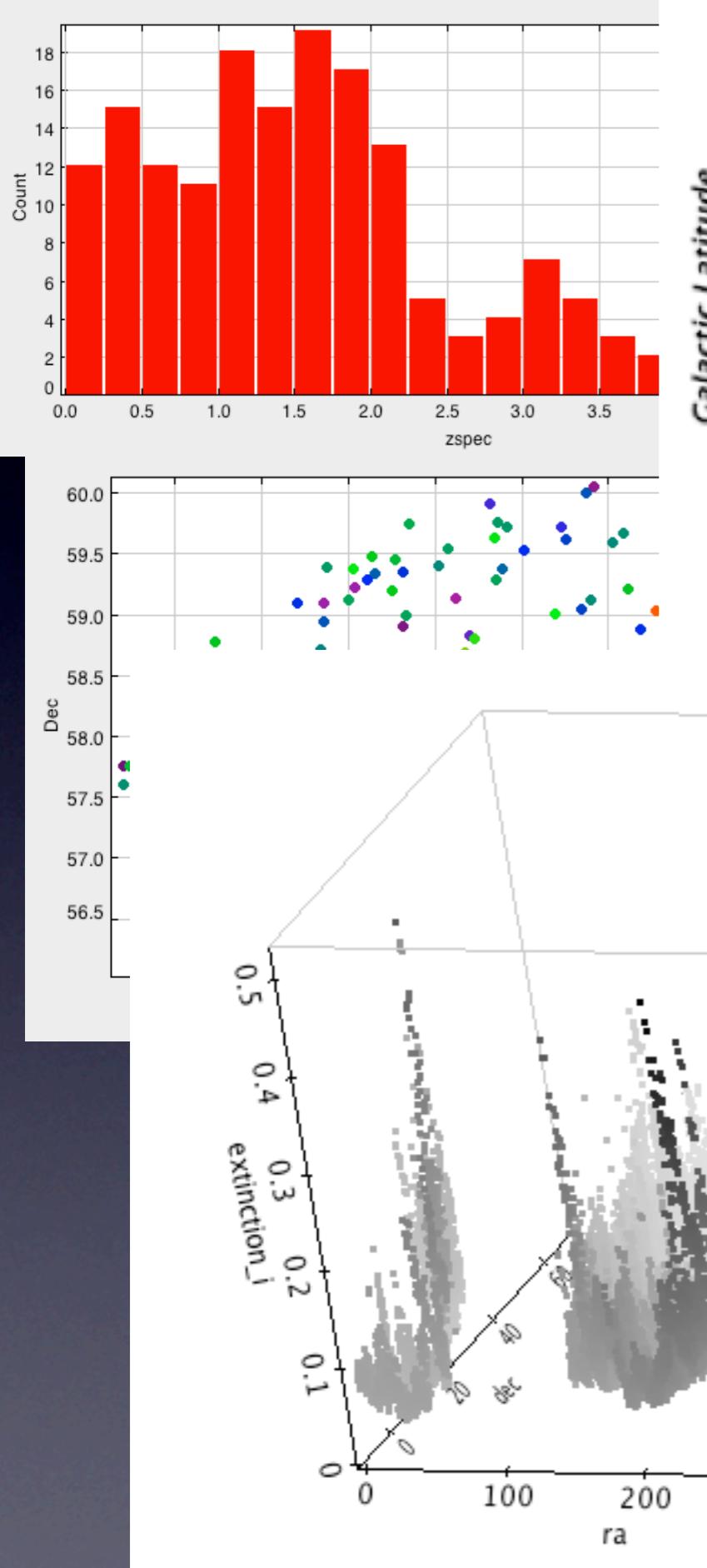
Shape:

Units:

Description:

UCD:

Value:



M

## Multiple Cone Search



## Match Criteria

Algorithm: Sky

 Sky

- Max Error:
- Sky with E
  - Sky 3D
  - Exact Valu
  - 1-d Cartes
  - 2-d Cartes
  - 2-d Cartes
  - 3-d Cartes

## Table 1

Table: 1: Lockman\_o

RA column: RA

Dec column: Dec

## Table 2

Table: 2: lh-swire\_sd

RA column: RA

Dec column: DEC

## Output Rows

Match Selection: 1 and 2

Be

Join Type: 1 or 2

All from 1

All from 2

1 not 2

2 not 1

1 xor 2

Match succeeded

## Available Cone Search Services

Registry: http://registry.astrogrid.org/astrogrid-registry/services/RegistryQueryv1\_0

Keywords: SDSS quasars

And

Cancel Query

Submit Query

Name	Title
TAR	ROSAT All-Sky Survey and SDSS Sample of X-Ray Emitting Stars
SDSS QSO	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Quasar Catalog (5th Data Release)
QSO	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Broad Absorption Line Quasars Catalog: 5th Data
QSO	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Broad Absorption Line Quasars Catalog (3rd Data)
QSO	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Quasars Detected by Chandra
KDE	SDSS NBCKDE Catalog of Photometrically Selected Quasar Candidates
SDSS QSO	Sloan Digital Sky Survey NPC Quasar Candidate Catalog
AccessURL	Description
<a href="http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/">http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/</a>	

Cone Search

SIA Query

SSA Query

VizieR Catalogue Service

GAVO Millennium Run Query

Multicone

Multiple SIA

Multiple SSA

## Multiple Cone Search Parameters

Cone Search URL: http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/vo/cone/coneGet.pl?ta

Input Table: 1: Lockman\_old\_sample.dat

RA column: RA degrees (J2000)

Dec column: Dec degrees (J2000)

Search Radius column: 1.0 arcsec

Output Mode: New joined table with best matches

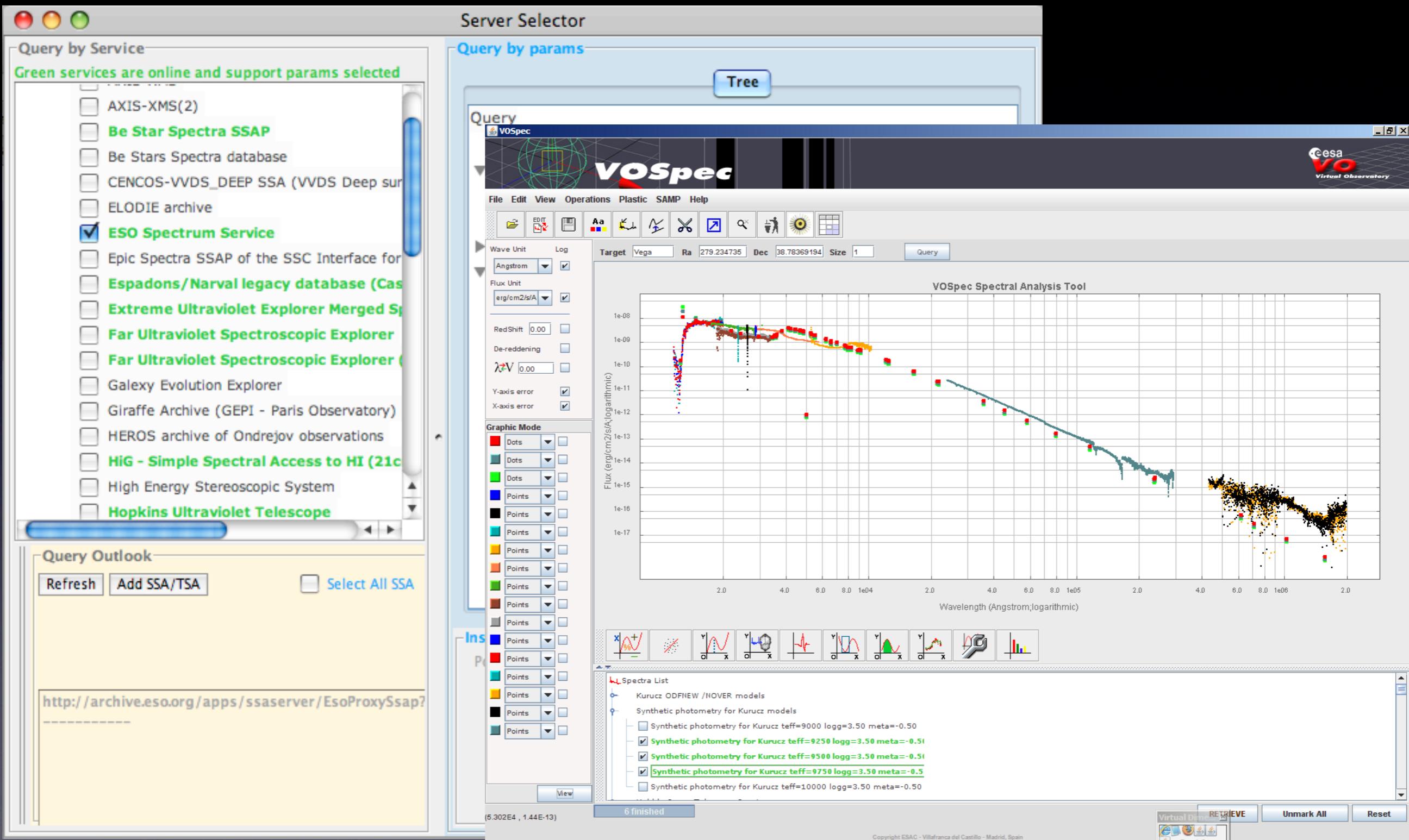
Parallelism: 5 Error Handling: ignore

Go

Go

Stop

# VOSpec, SPLAT, Specview - the spectral analysis tools



SPLAT-VO and Specview offer similar data access and similar analysis functionalities

# Scripting

```
untitled
1 # Import some functions
2 from astrogrid import ConeSearch
3 from astrogrid import sesame
4
5 # Query name resolver and get coordinates
6 s=sesame()
7 coords, ra, dec = s.resolve('M51')
8
9 # We are going to query the NED database
10 cone = ConeSearch("ivo://ned.ivo/Basic-Data-Query-Positional")
11
12 # Perform the query
13 vot = cone.execute(ra,dec)
14
15 # Print the result
16 print vot
17
18 # or save it
19 open('result.vot', 'w').writ
```

e.g.



## COMPLETE EXAMPLES

The following links provide complete scripts which perform the described action. You can copy paste from the pages or download all the scripts from the tar file linked at the bottom.

- Search a catalogue for sources in a number of positions
- Search a catalogue for sources in a number of positions (parallel version)
- Search for images covering selected objects or areas
- Cross Match tables (NED, 2MASS, SDSS, UKIDSS)
- Submit an ADQL query to UKIDSS DR1
- Cross Match two tables returned by ADQL queries (IPHAS + 2MASS)
- Convert between file formats (eg. VOTABLE to FITS)
- Extract objects from images using SExtractor

These and other Python scripts are available as a tar file: [python.tar.gz](#).

- ColourCutter: Crossmatch catalogue data selected by colour (FIR to optical)

<http://www.astrogrid.org/wiki/Help/IntroScripting/AstrogridPython>

but also:

Aladin macros  
STILTS

# How to find VO tools

The EURO-VO projects: VOTECH EuroVO-DCA EuroVO-AIDA

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VO Software

In this section, scientists can find available VO-compatible applications for their immediate use to do science. The level of maturity of the applications depends on a high degree on the level of maturity of the corresponding IVOA protocols and standards, and care must be taken when using them for publications. As a consequence of the flexibility of the standards, several of the applications might overlap in functionality.

Latest Releases: [Datascope v3.2](#) (8 April 2010) [TOPCAT v3.5-2](#) (24 March 2010), [STILTS v2.1-2](#) (24 March 2010), [VODesktop v1.3.2](#) (10 February 2010)

[EURO-VO Mailing list for TOPCAT and friends](#)

Application / Version (in alphabetical order)	Functionality	Other VO-compliant tools
Aladin v6.011a (January 2010)	Search for Images: Aladin, Datascope, SkyView, VODesktop	DS9: Image visualisation
Datascope v3.2 (April 2010)	Search for Spectra: Aladin, Datascope, SPLAT, Specview, VOServices, VOSpec	GOSSIP: SED fitting
Montage	Search for Catalogues: Aladin, Datascope, TOPCAT, VODesktop	Image: Table visualisation
Octet	Image visualisation: Aladin, SkyView	VirGO: Search for Images and Spectra
Open SkyQuery	Spectra visualisation: SPLAT, Specview, VOServices, VOSpec	Browse the Registries
SkyView	Catalogues visualisation: Aladin, TOPCAT, VOPlot	EURO-VO Registry
Specview 2.14.4 (June 2009)	Cross-correlation: Aladin, Open SkyQuery, STILTS, TOPCAT	AstroGrid Registry
SPLAT 3.9.0 (May 2009)	Scatter, 3D plots and histograms: TOPCAT, VOPlot	NVO Registry
TOPCAT/STILTS 3.5-2/2.1-2 (March 2010/March 2010)		Manuals, Tutorials, How-tos
VisIVO 1.5.7.1 (May 2009)		Aladin User manual
VOCConvert 1.0 (June 2006)		Datascope how to

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