

# Towards an AVO Interoperability Prototype

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# Outline

- AVO Interoperability prototype
  - Goals, Metadata and Interoperability
- Target archives
- Interoperability demonstration
  - Query by UCD, prototype wavelength query
  - Example: multi  $\lambda$  images + catalog overlays
- Practical recommendations for interoperability



# AVO interoperability prototype

## Goals:

- Federate a set of archives into CDS interoperability service
  - ➔ **Early science usage**
  - **New VO functionalities**
  - Standards (UCDs, VOTable ★ see contributions from Ochsenbein, Derriere)
  - Build set of recommendations for archive providers
  - Evaluate interoperability tools

# Metadata

- Building blocks for interoperability
  - UCDs, keywords, units
- UCDs encode semantics
  - i.e. meaning of contents, not just a label
  - Hierarchical tree structure
  - Efficient searching
- Combine relevant information (Table-joins)

# Basic interoperability goals

- Seamless interoperability at:
  - **Coordinates** level
    - overlays, mosaics
  - **Units level** : combining measurements
    - Custom merged datasets *data fusion*
- Building blocks for **Concept level**
  - *Data mining*

# Why & ?

- Existing interoperating system
  - Semi-centralised meta-data
  - Links to distributed archival data
  - Units and UCDs already defined for every column of every table and archive in VizieR
- Evaluation of metadata definitions
- Develop and test high level meta-data concepts [ in parallel with development of distributed metadata systems ]

# Target Archives

- MERLIN
- EIS (ESO)
- VLT
- NTT
- HST/ECF
- Wide field UK
  - e.g. INT
- XMM
- ISO
- CFHT 12k

Representative of SPACE/GROUND-BASED, and wide range of wavelength

# Available for science usage NOW

- MERLIN
- EIS (ESO)
- ISO

soon

- XMM (log incl.)
- INT

+ already implemented:

- HST
  - Chandra
  - CFHT
  - VLA: NVSS
  - 2MASS
  - DSS GSC, UNSO
- + soon TNG, IRAM
- +... + ....



# Archive/Catalog integration

- Driver for new developments in interoperability tools
  - e.g. ALADIN for radio images
  - Astrometric registration
- UCD tool development
  - Ways to use the semantics, e.g. search by UCD and UCD wavelength map for photometry searches

Aladin

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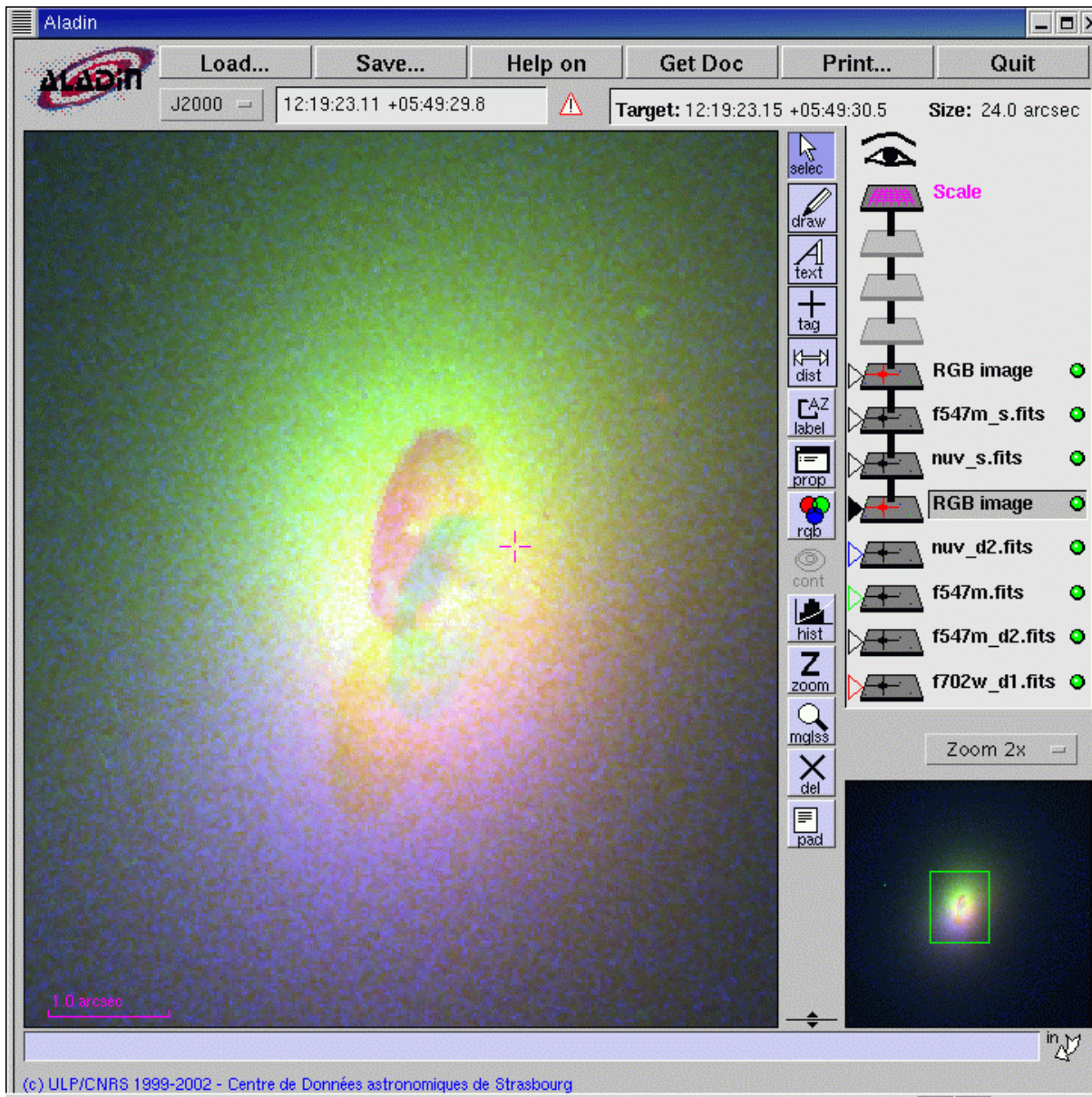
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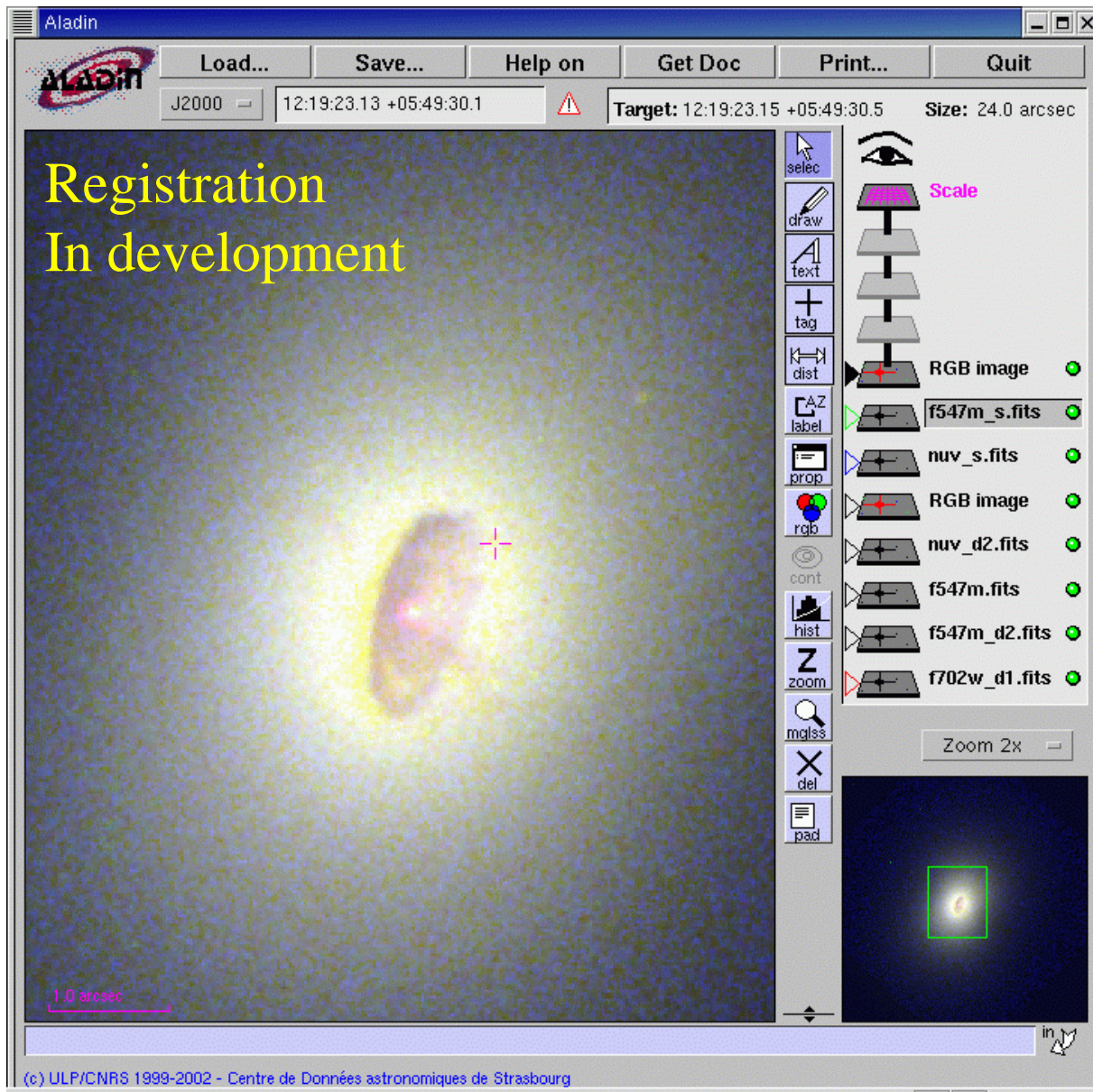
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HST archive +  
user images









# Search by UCD

- To address common features of science scenario questions posed for prototype VOs
- e.g. Find B-band photometry...
  - in a particular region of the sky, or
  - ... of a particular type of object
- Possible via: wavelength map of UCDs and CDS database tools

# Search by photometry

Select wavelength range

Interpreted by UCD wavelength map

Combine with object name or sky region

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**CDS** **Search by wavelength** **AVO**  
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**Select a wavelength range**

Min Wavelength:  Angstrom

Max Wavelength:  Angstrom

**Select a region of the sky**

Target Name (resolved by [SIMBAD](#)) or Position:  J2000  Target radius:

Position in  Sexagesimal, or  Decimal °  Radius or  Box size

**Search in**

VizieR  EIS  HST

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## Catalogues matching your search



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### 4 catalogues match your search

[V/105](#) SKY2000 Catalog, Version 3 (Myers+ 2000)

[VII/206](#) General Photometry of Galaxies (Prugniel+ 1998)

[I/A+AS/109/341](#) UV properties of normal galaxies. II. (Rifatto+, 1995)

[I/A+AS/114/527](#) UV properties of normal galaxies. III. (Rifatto+, 1995)

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**EDS** **Tables of catalogue VII/206** **AVO**

AVO · ESO · ST-ECF · AstroGrid · CDS · Terapix · Jodrell Bank

NB : **Highlighted** tables have at least one of the following UCD :  
 , PHOT\_GUNN\_G, PHOT\_HST\_F450W, PHOT\_INT-MAG\_B, PHOT\_INT\_B, PHOT\_MAG\_B,  
 PHOT\_MAG\_BLUE, PHOT\_SB\_GUNN-G, PHOT\_SB\_JHN\_B, PHOT\_SDSS\_G, PHOT\_STR\_B,  
 PHOT\_STR\_V, PHOT\_UV\_4250

VII/206	General Photometry of Galaxies (Prugniel+ 1998)
1 VII/206/table1	Catalogue of aperture photometry
2 VII/206/table2	Bibliographic references for table1.dat
3 VII/206/table3	Weights and systematic corrections to be applied to data in
4 VII/206/table4	Derived photometric parameters for the sample's galaxies

Identified UCDs

Tables including UCD column

Table column matching object and wavelength selected UCD

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**EDS** **Table VII/206/table4** **AVO**

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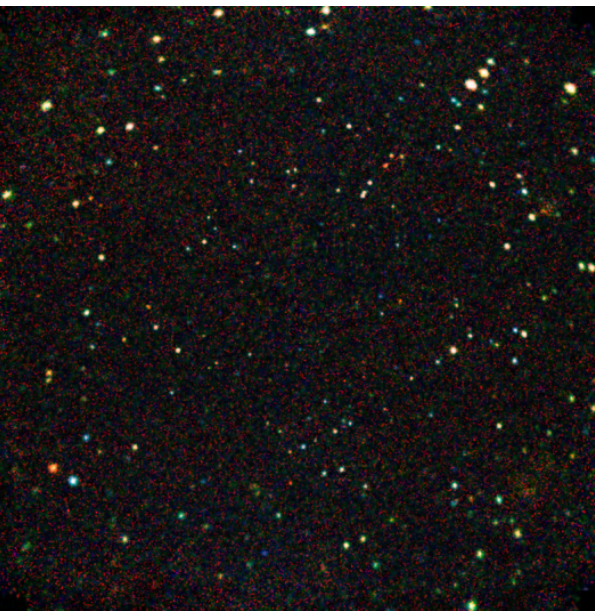
VII/206/table4 General Photometry of Galaxies (Prugniel+ 1998)  
 Derived photometric parameters for the sample's galaxies

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3176	NGC3034	09 51 45.3	+69 55 1	9.33	20.10	0.93	0.46	5	7.2	4





# Chandra Deep Field South



Server selector

Choose an image server or a data server and fill in the associated form drawn below

**Image servers:**

- Aladin
- SkyView
- Others...
- VLA...

**Data servers :**

- VizieR Catalogs
- Surveys in VizieR
- Missions in VizieR
- Simbad
- NED
- Others..
- FoV

**VizieR catalog service**

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

Target:

Catalog:  Radius:

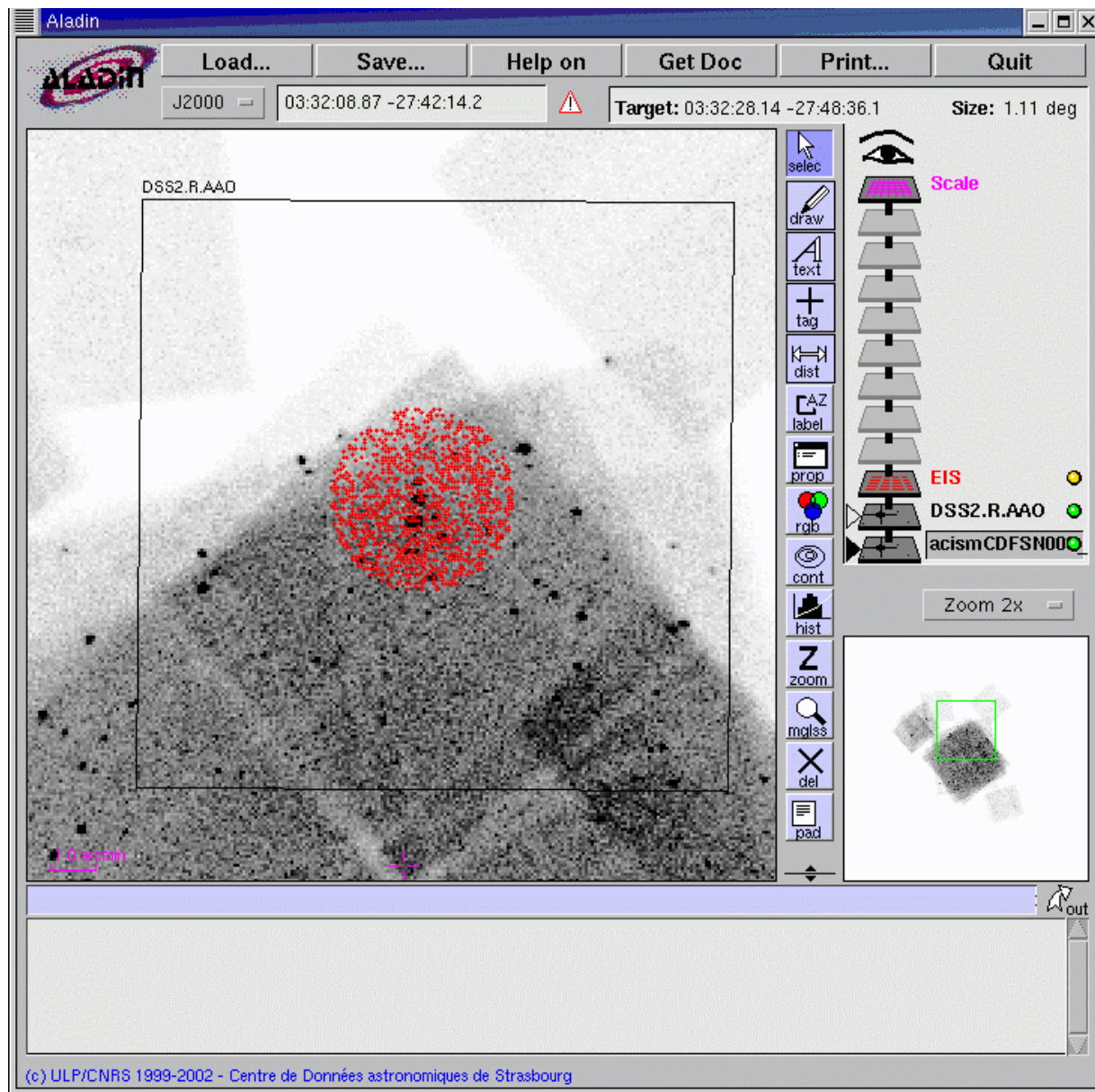
... don't know which catalog ? Select the potentially interesting ones with words/keywords !

Author, free text...:

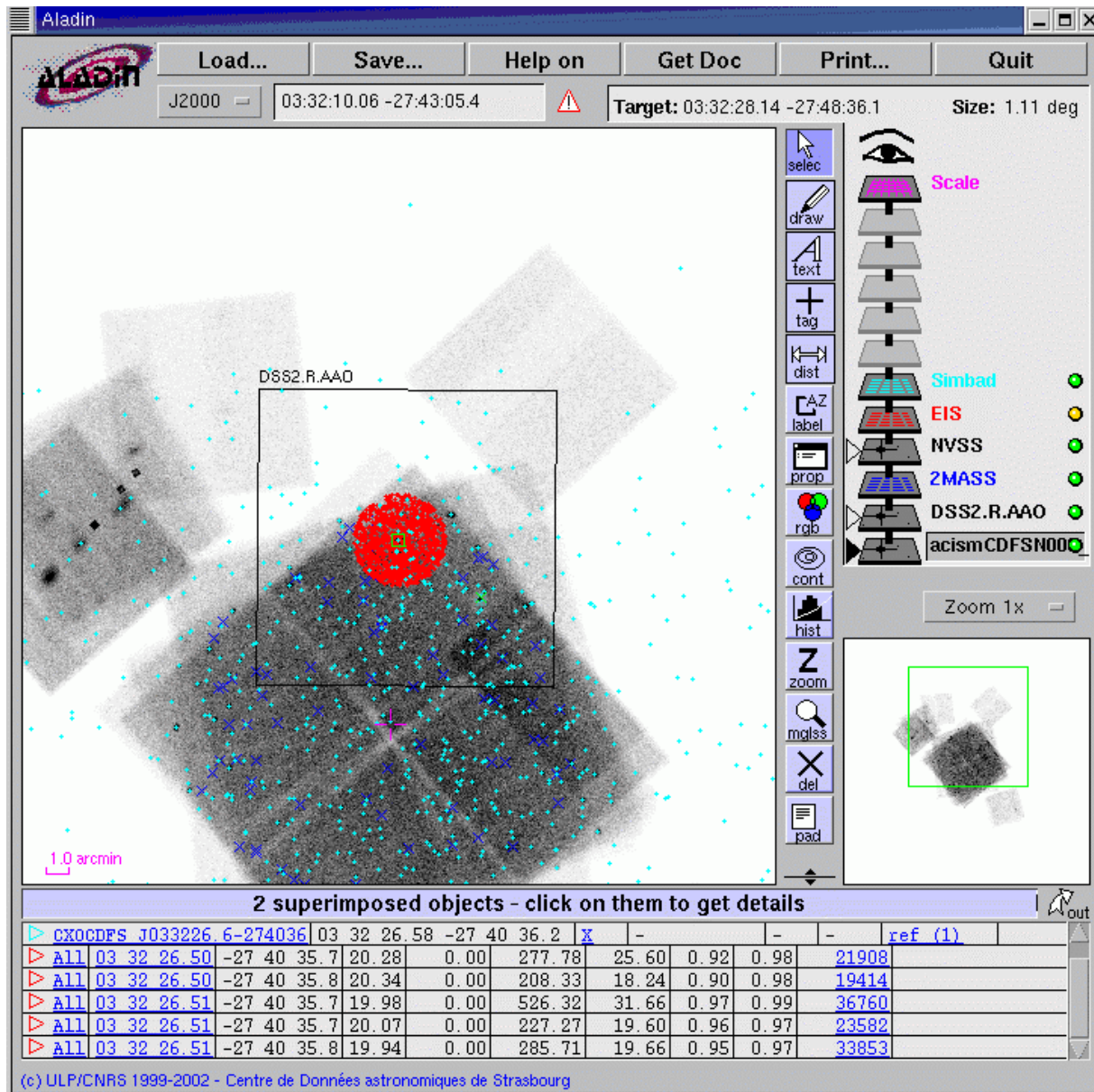
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optical	BeppoSAX	Ages
UV	CGRO	Associations
EUV	COBE	Atomic_Data
X-ray	Chandra	BL_Lac_objects
Gamma-ray	Copernicus	Binaries:cataclysm
	EUVE	Binaries:eclipsing
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S/N	<b>6.59</b>		Signal to Noise (S/N) ( <a href="#">Note 2</a> )
area	<b>1.13</b>	<a href="#">arcsec2</a>	Isophotal area of the objects
Rh	<b>3.04</b>	<a href="#">arcsec</a>	Half-light radius in arcseconds
b/a	<b>0.82</b>		Minor to major-axis ratio
PA	<b>-16.54</b>	<a href="#">deg</a>	[-90,90] Position angle
Class	<b>0.55</b>		Stellarity index computed by SExtractor ( <a href="#">Note 5</a> )
Flag	<b>3</b>		SExtractor flags ( <a href="#">Note 3</a> )
f_EIS	<b>0</b>		[0,2] EIS Flags ( <a href="#">Note 4</a> )

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# Archive/catalog implementations

- Systematic approach
- Archive holders know their data best
  - Best when archives participate in defining metadata
  - Human interaction required at this stage.
- Issues:
  - Access, propriety periods
  - Maintenance -- update mechanisms

# Interactions with archive providers

- Stimulating review of archive exposure mechanisms
- Metadata definitions
  - What information is required to describe their data holdings?

# Building practical recommendations for interoperability

- Metadata layer structure and functionality
  - Efficiencies of distributed/semi-centralized metadata
- Immediate practicalities:
  - Standards, UCDs, archive exposure
  - Detailed interoperability eg. Photometry
    - Make filter system characteristics accessible
      - Transmission curves can be integrated



# Conclusions

- CDS interoperability test bed available for
  - Metadata development
  - Early science usage. **\* Available now \***
  - **\* feedback welcome \***
  - Efficient semi-centralized system for high level demo and testing - **development in concert with distributed system architecture**