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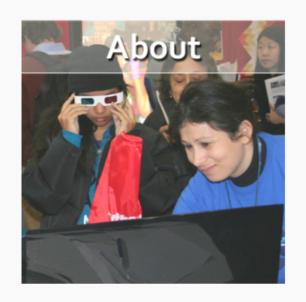








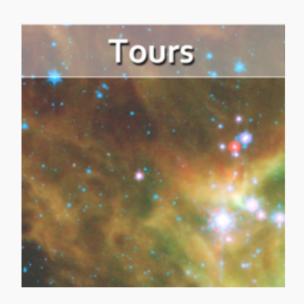
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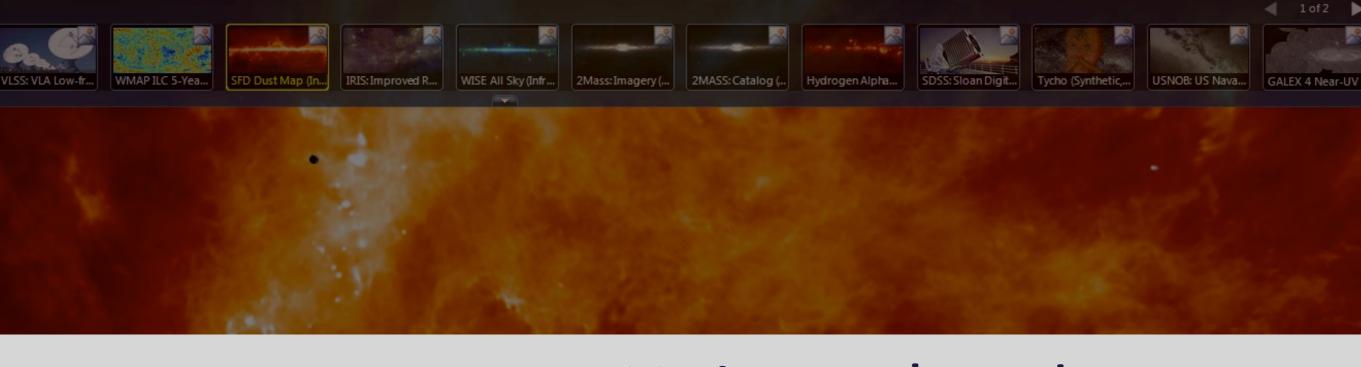






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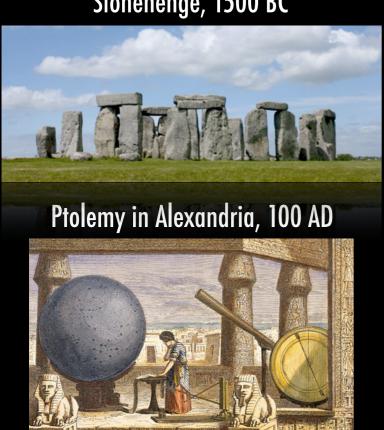
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3500 YEARS OF OBSERVING

Stonehenge, 1500 BC



Observatory Tower, Lincolnshire, UK, c. 1300



Galileo, 1600



The "Scientific Revolution"

Reber's Radio Telescope, 1937





NASA/Explorer 7 (Space-based Observing) 1959

"The Internet"

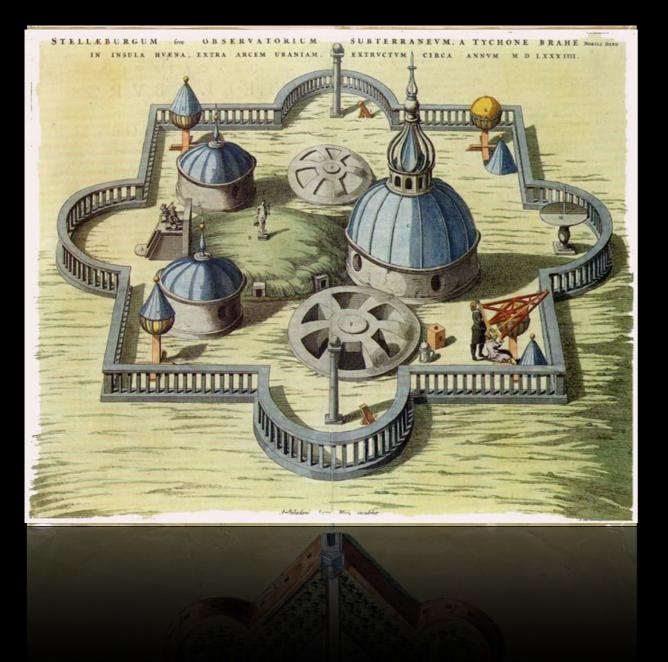


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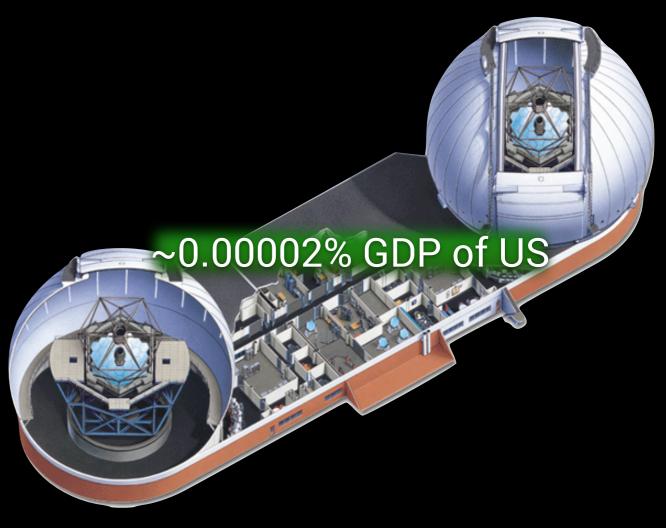
"Virtual Observatories" 21st century

Stjerneborg (Tycho Brahe, 1581)



Galileo: 1610

W.H. Keck Observatory (1995+)



Full-sky virtual astronomy: c. 2024?



Large Synoptic Survey Telescope
Opening a Window of Discovery on the Dynamic Universe

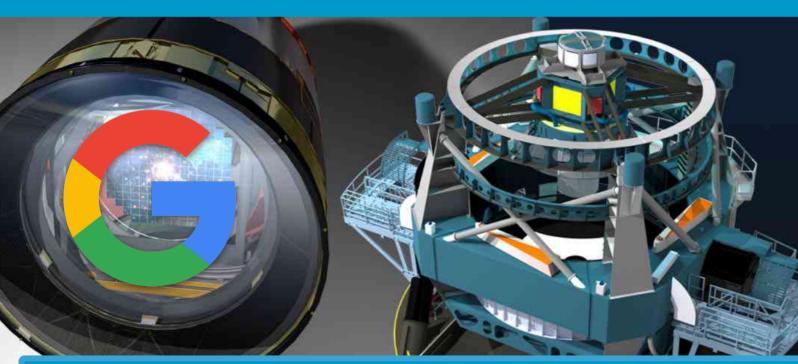
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These parts of the LSST system will produce the deepest, widest, image of the Universe:

- 27-ft (8.4-m) mirror, the width of a singles tennis court
- · 3200 megapixel camera
- Each image the size of 40 full moons
- 37 billion stars and galaxies
- 10 year survey of the sky
- 10 million alerts, 1000 pairs of exposures, 15 Terabytes of data .. every night!

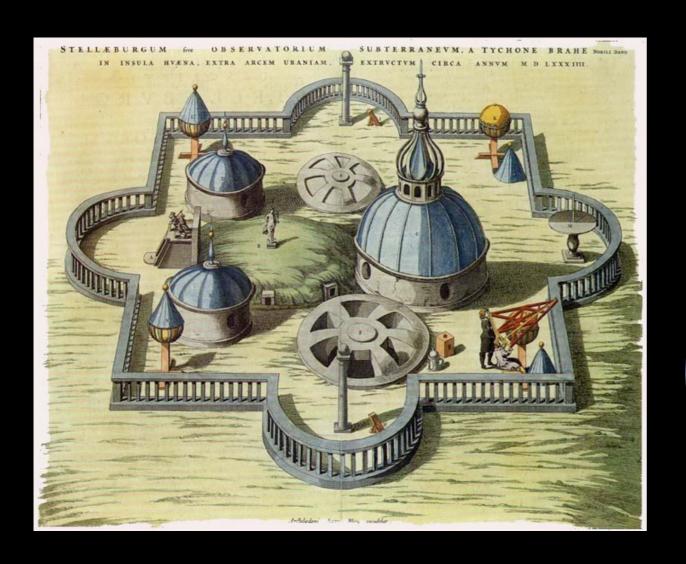
The Large Synoptic Survey Telescope

The LSST is a new kind of telescope. Currently under construction in Chile, the LSST is designed to conduct a ten-year survey of the dynamic universe. LSST can map the entire visible sky in just a few nights; each panoramic snapshot with the 3200-megapixel camera covers an area 40 times the size of the full moon.

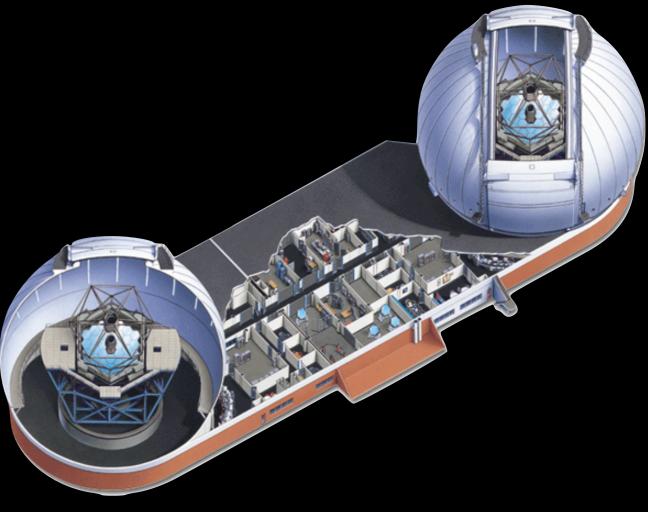




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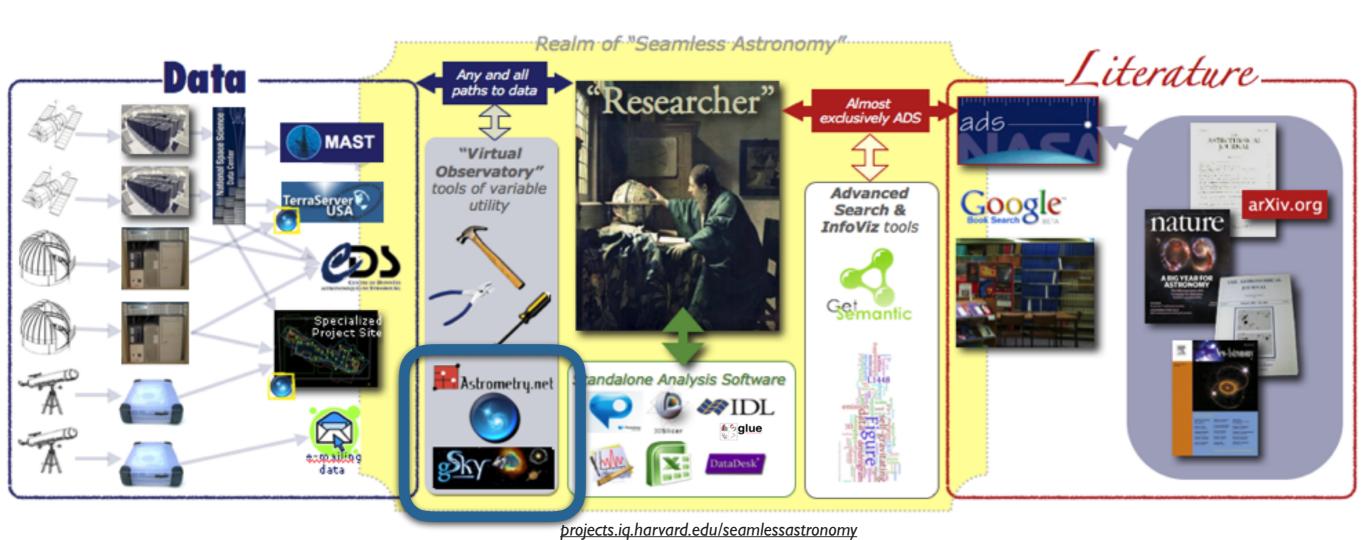
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The World-Wide Telescope

Alexander Szalay, 1 Jim Gray2

All astronomy data and literature will soon be online and accessible via the Internet. The community is building the Virtual Observatory, an organization of this worldwide data into a coherent whole that can be accessed by anyone, in any form, from anywhere. The resulting system will dramatically improve our ability to do multi-spectral and temporal studies that integrate data from multiple instruments. The Virtual Observatory data also provide a wonderful base for teaching astronomy, scientific discovery, and computational science.

Many fields are now coping with a rapidly mounting problem: how to organize, use, and make sense of the enormous amounts of data generated by today's instruments and experiments. The data should be accessible to scientists and educators so that the gap between cutting-edge research and education and public knowledge is minimized and should be presented in a form that will facilitate integrative research. This problem is becoming particularly acute in many fields, notably genomics, neuroscience, and astrophysics. The availability of the Internet is allowing new ideas and concepts for data sharing and use. Here we describe a plan to develop an Internet data resource in astronomy to help address this problem in which, because of the nature of the data and analyses required of them, the data remain widely distributed rather than gathered in one or a few databases (e.g., GenBank). This approach may be applicable to many other fields. Our goal is to make the Internet act as the world's best telescope—a World-Wide Telescope.

Today, there are many impressive archives painstakingly constructed from observations associated with an instrument. The Hubble Space Telescope (HST) (1), the Chandra X-Ray Observatory (2), the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) (3), the Two Mi-

cron All Sky Survey (2MASS) (4), and the Digitized Palomar Observatory Sky Survey (DPOSS) (5) are examples of this. Each of these archives is interesting in itself, but temporal and multi-spectral studies require combining data from multiple instruments. Furthermore, yearly advances in electronics bring new instruments, doubling the amount of data we collect each year (Fig. 1). For example, approximately a gigapixel is deployed on all telescopes today, and new gigapixel instruments are under construction. A night's observation requires a few hundred gigabytes of memory. The processed data for a single spectral band over the whole sky, a few terabytes. It is impossible for each astronomer to have a private copy of all the data they use. Many of these new instruments are being used for systematic surveys of our galaxy and of the distant universe. Together they will give us an unprecedented catalog to study the evolving universe, provided that the data can be systematically studied in an integrated fashion.

Online archives already contain raw and derived astronomical observations of billions of objects from both temporal and multispectral surveys. Together, they house an order of magnitude more data than any single instrument. In addition, all the astronomy literature is online and is cross-indexed with the observations (6, 7).

Why is it necessary to study the sky in such detail? Celestial objects radiate energy over an

extremely wide range of wavelengths from radio waves to infrared, optical to ultraviolet, x-rays and even gamma rays. Each of these observations carries important information about the nature of the objects. The same physical object can appear to be totally different in different wavebands (Fig. 2). A young spiral galaxy appears as many concentrated "blobs," the so-called HII regions in the ultraviolet, whereas in the optical it appears as smooth spiral arms. A galaxy cluster can only be seen as an aggregation of galaxies in the optical, whereas x-ray observations show the hot and diffuse gas between the galaxies.

The physical processes inside these objects can only be understood by combining observations at several wavelengths. Today, we already have large sky coverage in 10 spectral regions; soon we will have additional data in at least five more bands. These will reside in different archives, making their integration all the more complicated.

Raw astronomy data is complex. It can be in the form of fluxes measured in finite size pixels on the sky, spectra (flux as a function of wavelength), individual photon events, or

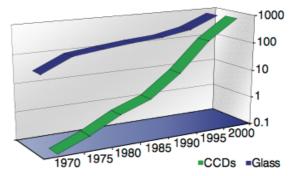
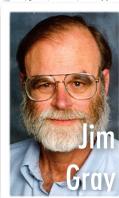


Fig. 1. Telescope area doubles every 25 years, whereas telescope CCD pixels double every 2 years. This rate seems to be accelerating. It implies a yearly data doubling. Huge advances in storage, computing, and communications technologies have enabled the Internet and will enable the Virtual Observatory.

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The World-Wide Telescope





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Google Sky

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Google Sky is a feature for Google Earth and an online sky/outer space viewer. It was created on August 27, 2007. [1] The application allows users to view a collaboration of images from NASA satellites, the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, and the Hubble Telescope.^[2]

It is available on Android and can be used on a smartphone as an augmented reality application.

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English

Web address www.google.com/sky ₺

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irtual globe program called Google Earth. It features a number of layers, similar to the earth ogle Earth sphere, with the north and south poles lining up with the two poles in Google Sky.

As with other planetarium programs, it is viewed from the inside looking out from the center. It is facing competition from Microsoft's WorldWide Telescope.[3]

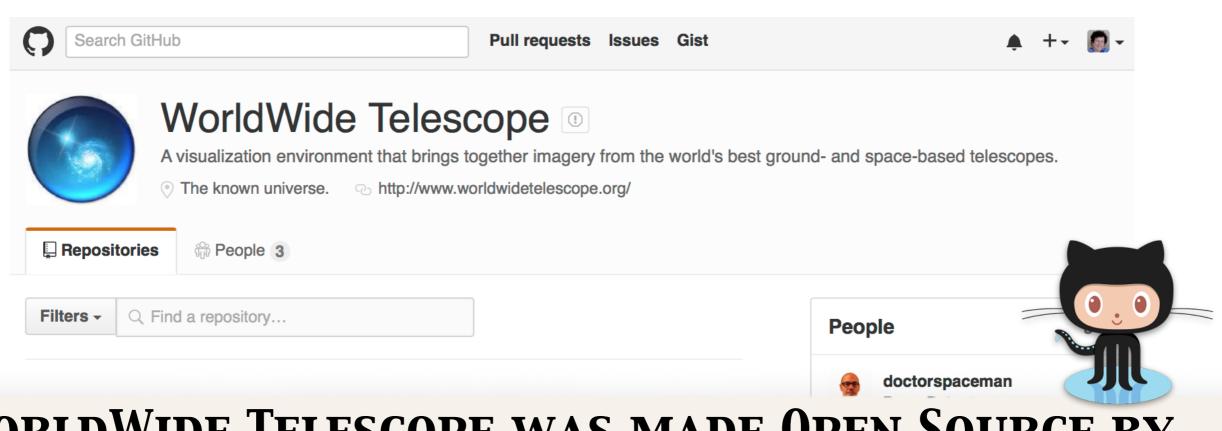
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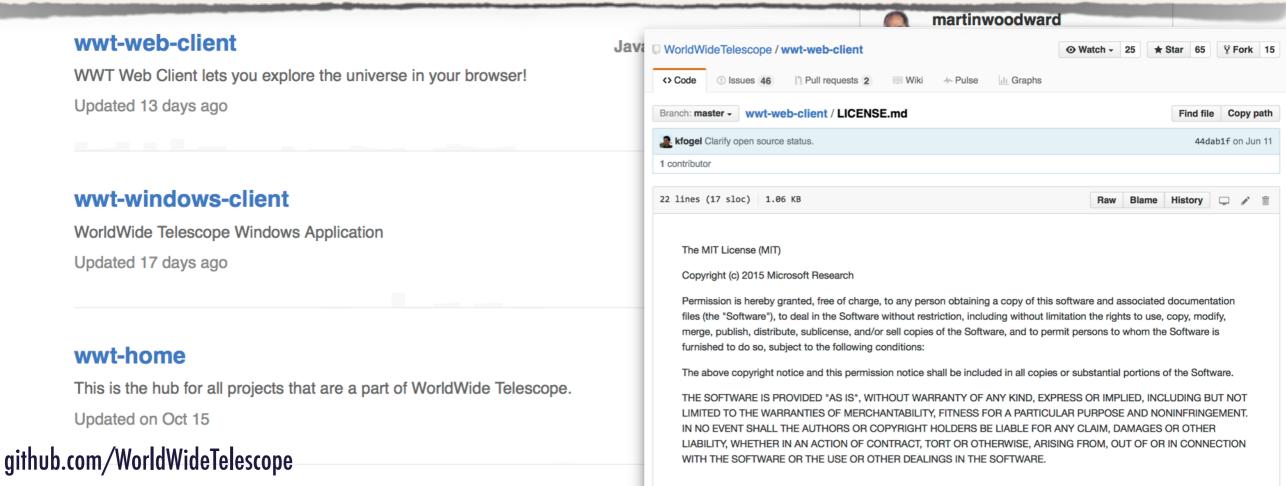


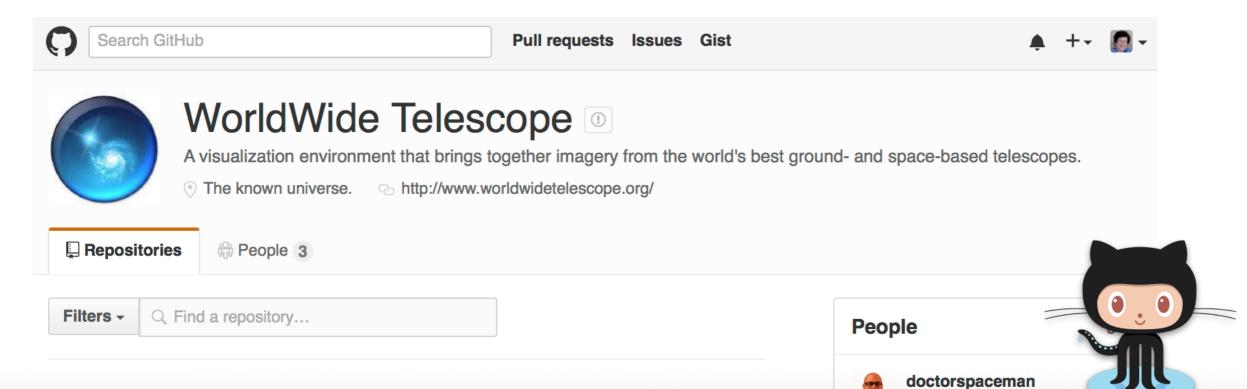
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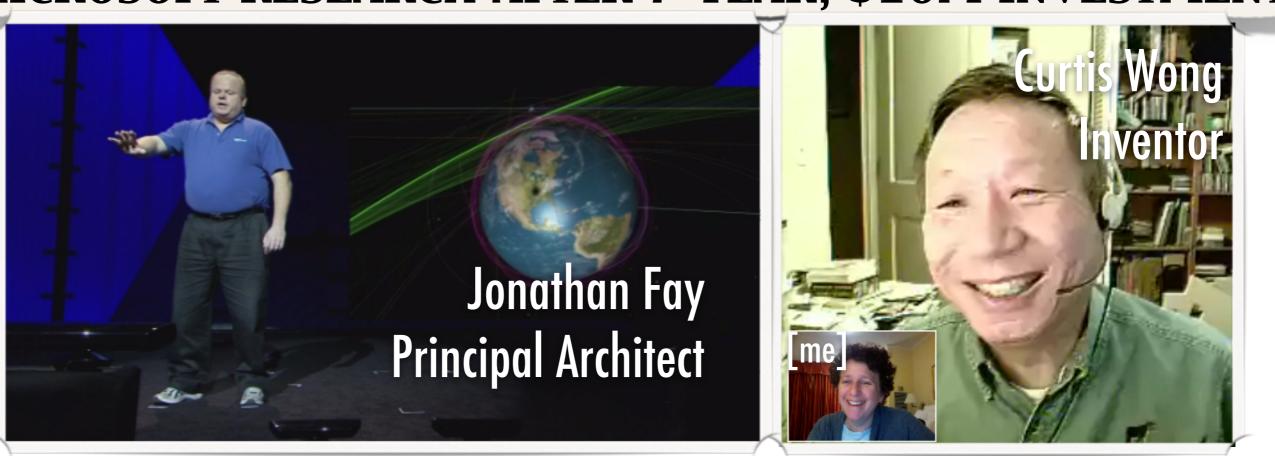


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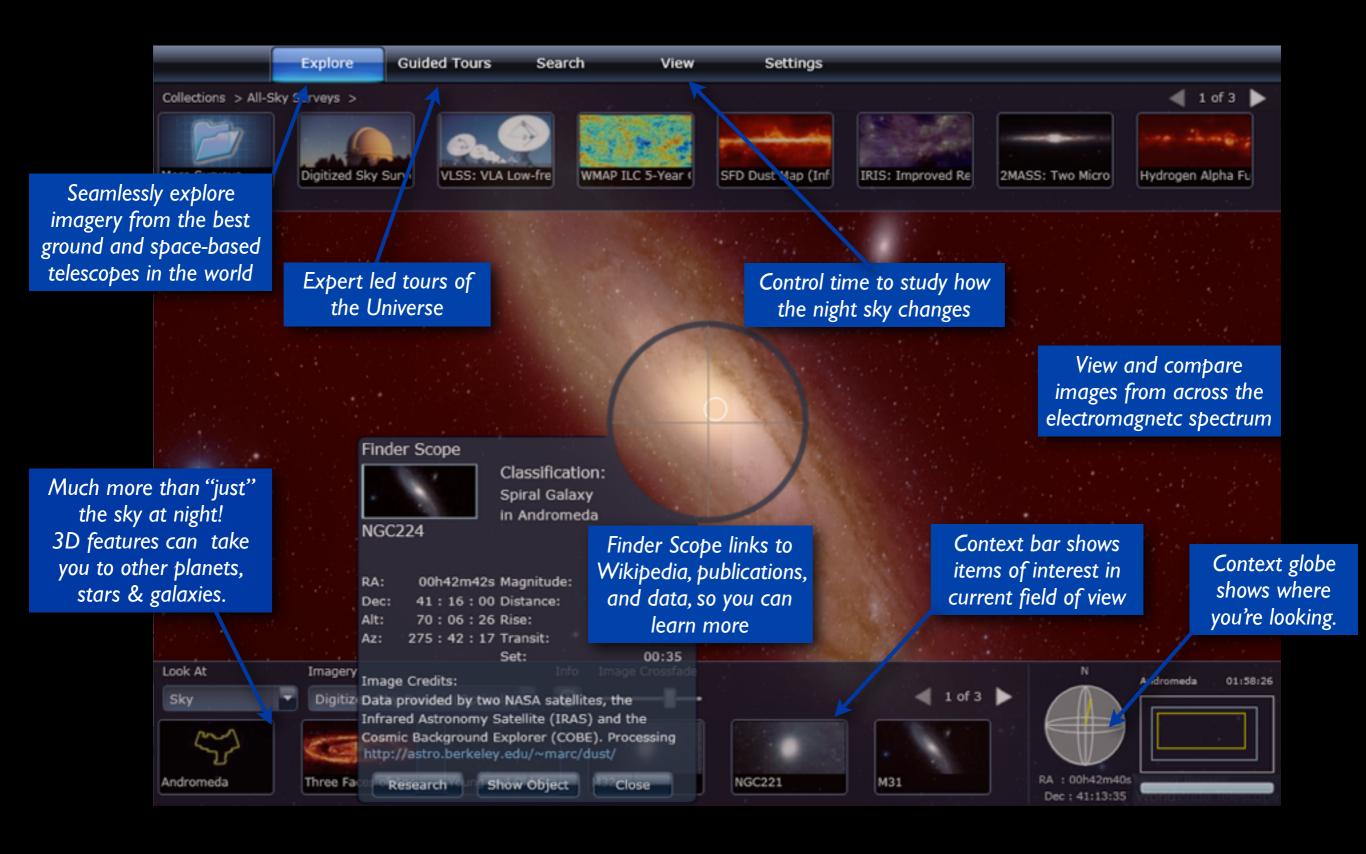
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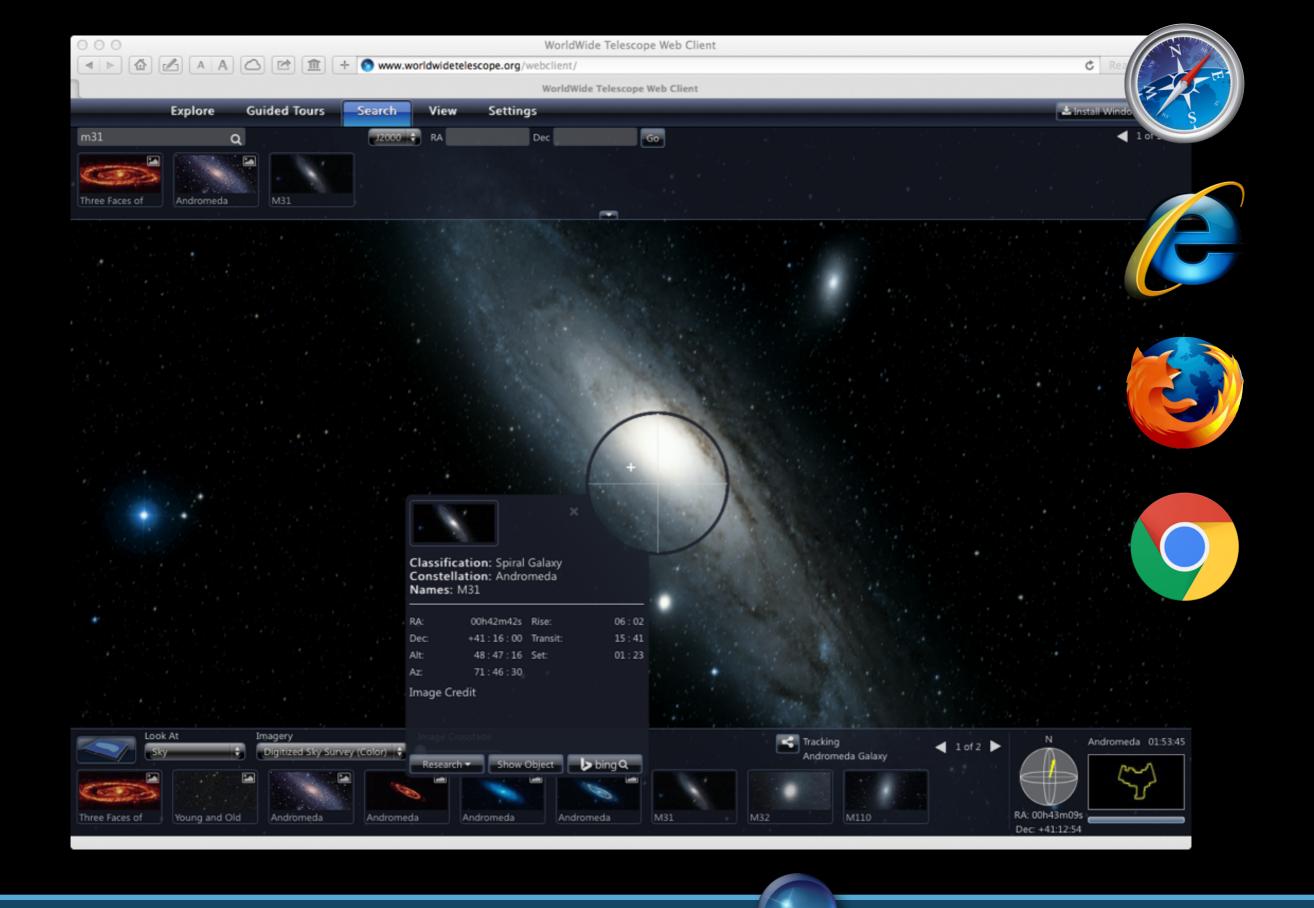
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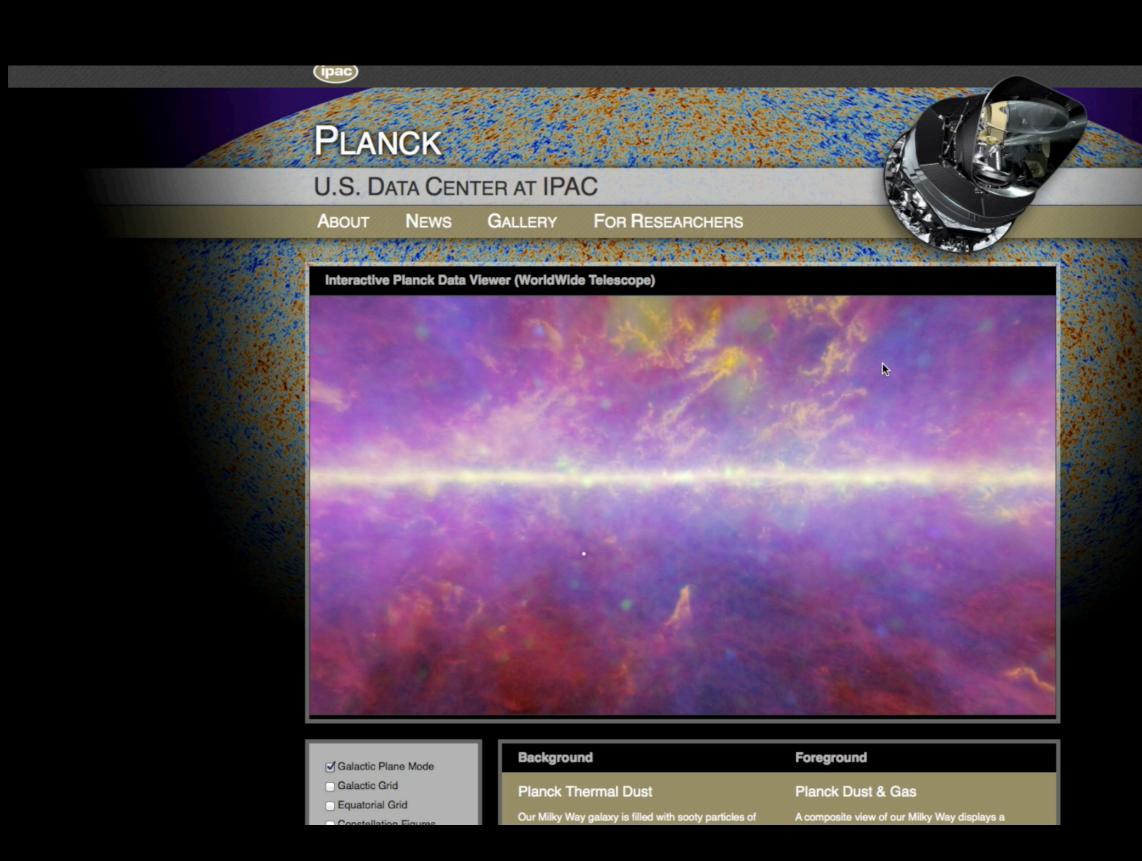




WorldWide Telescope: The Sky on the Web

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WorldWide Telescope: Customize (API)









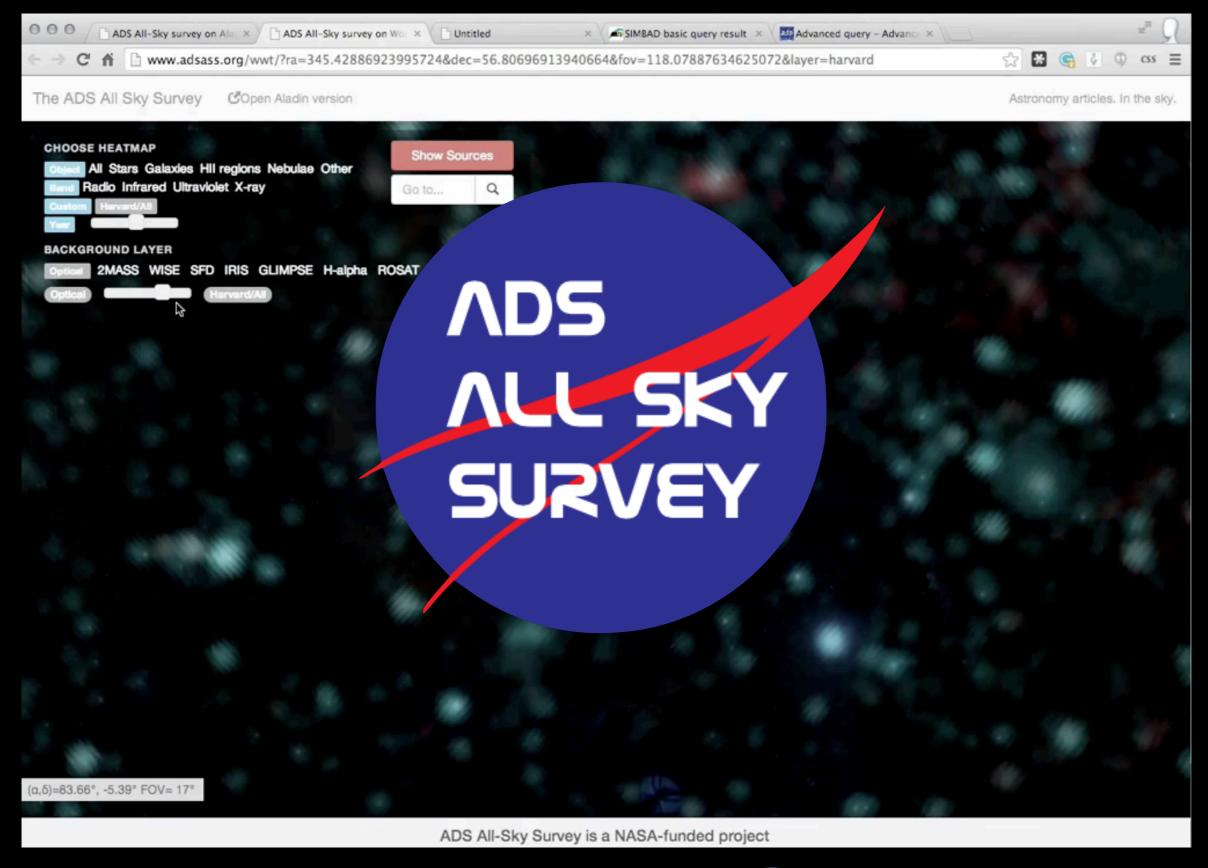


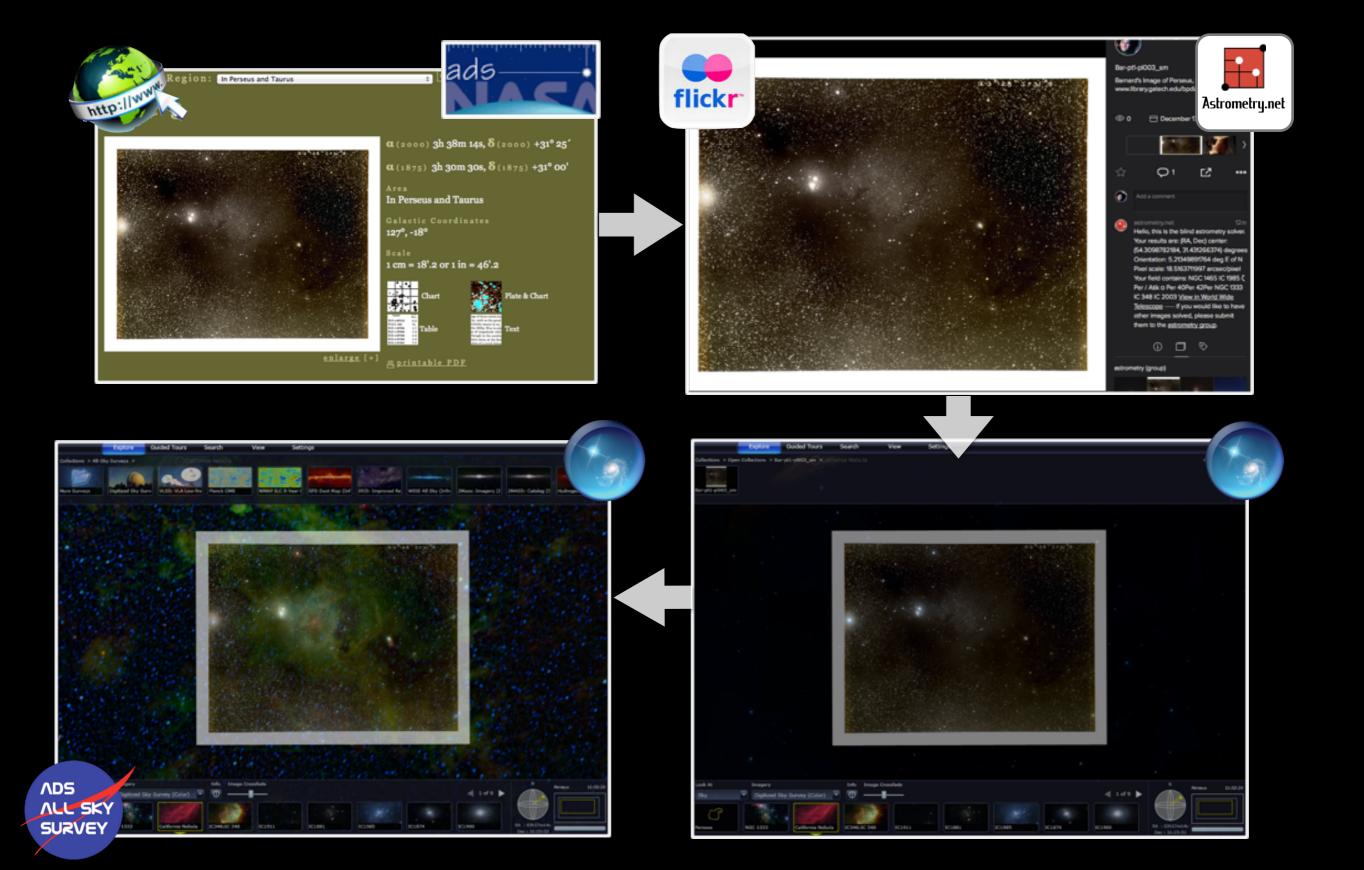


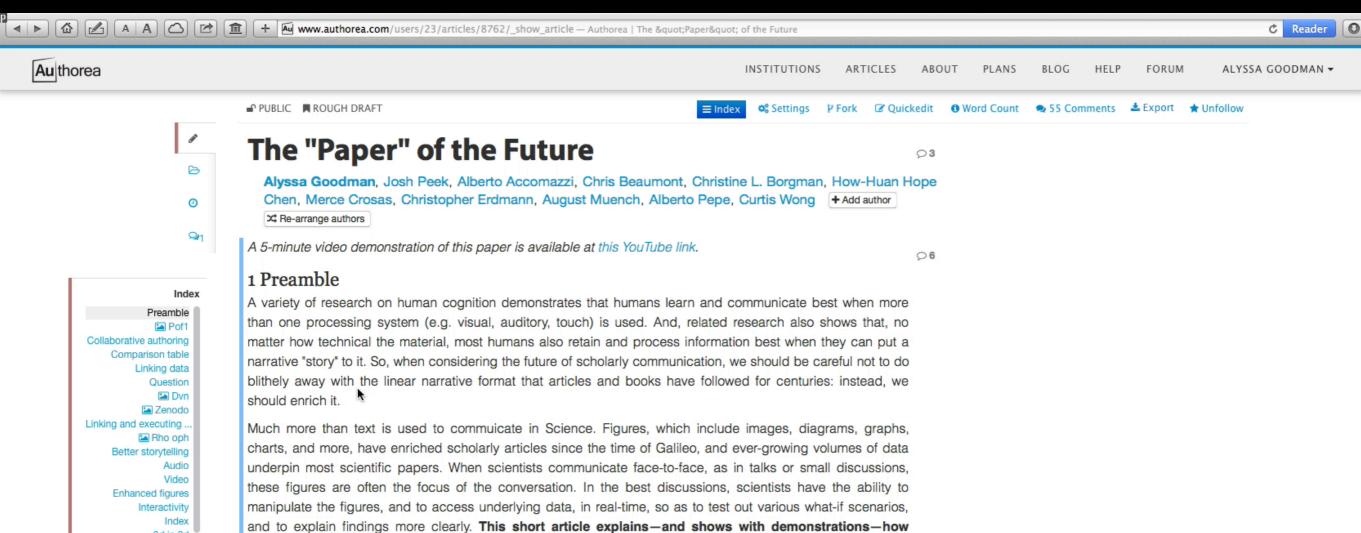


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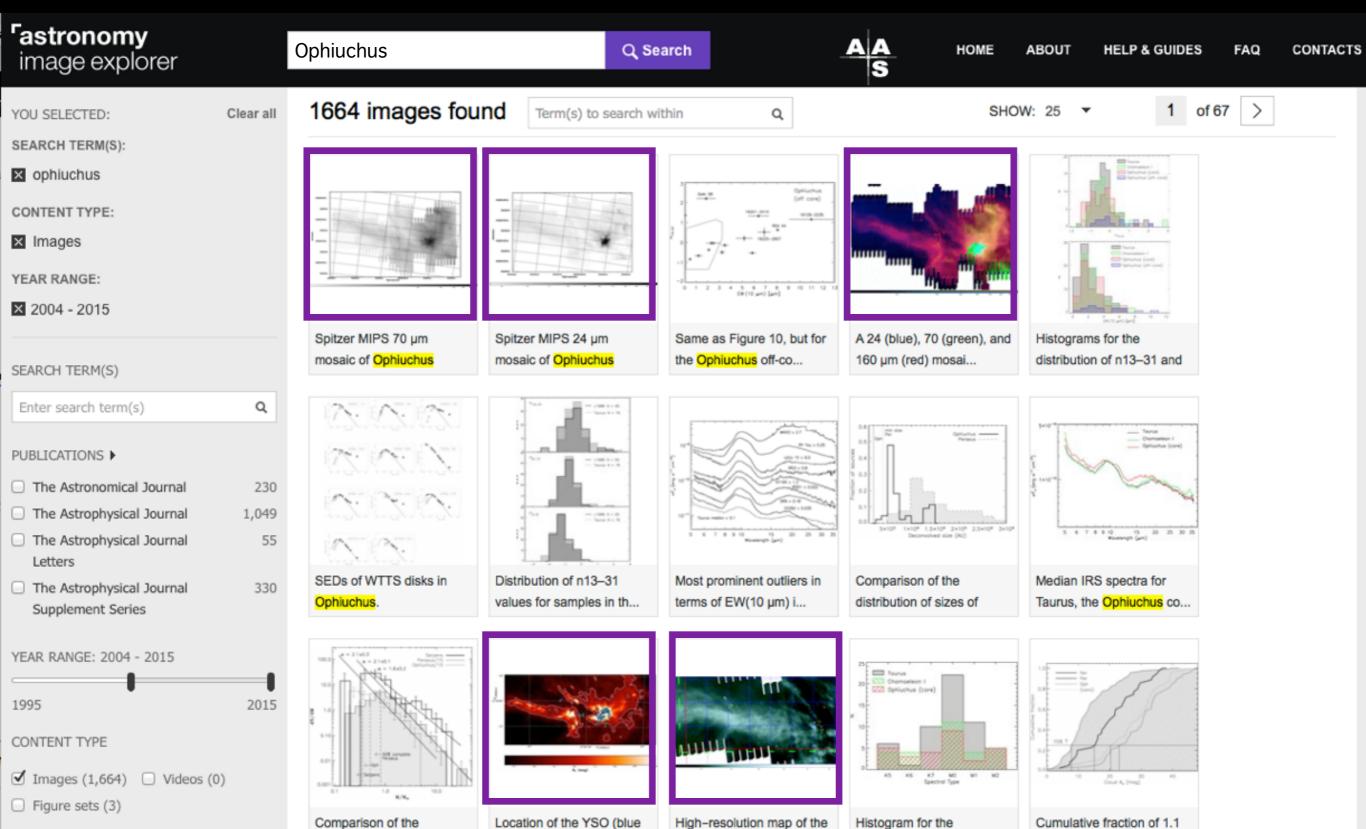
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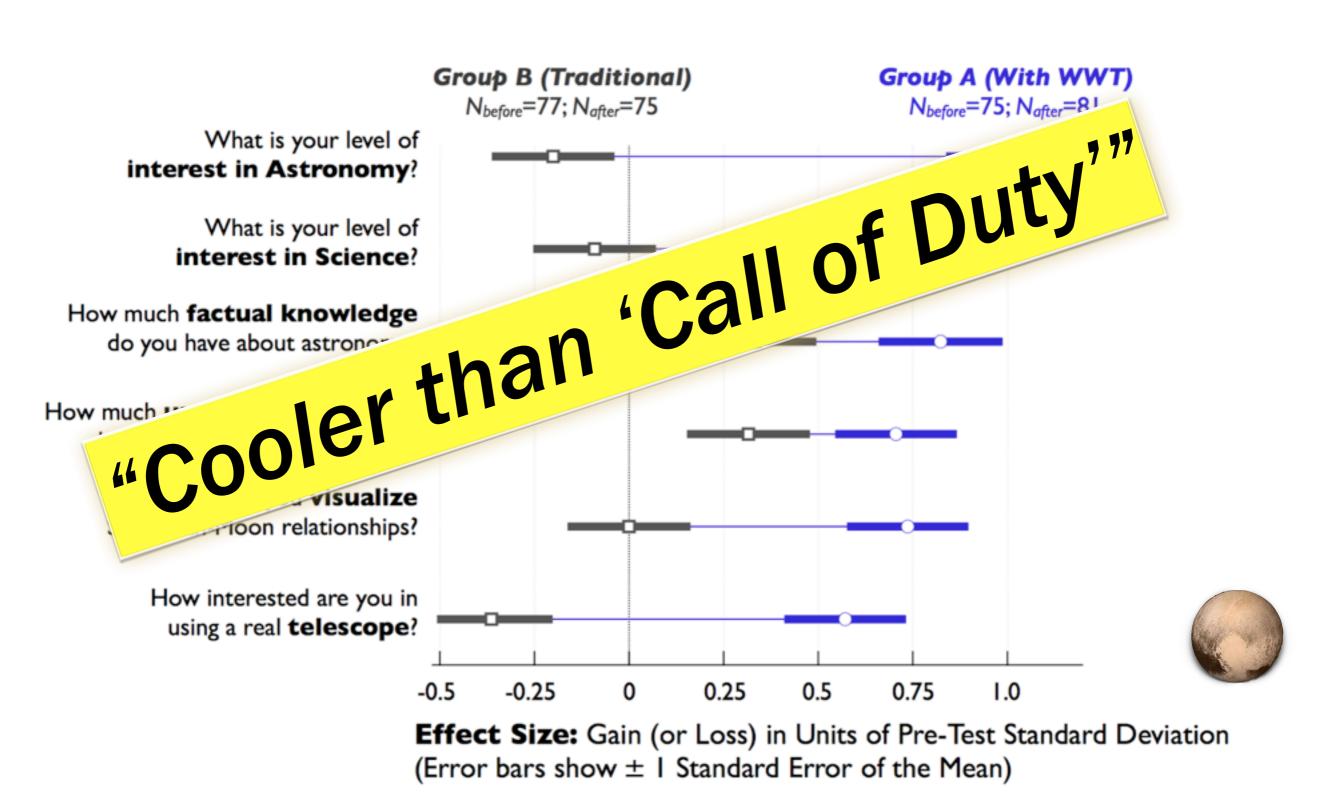
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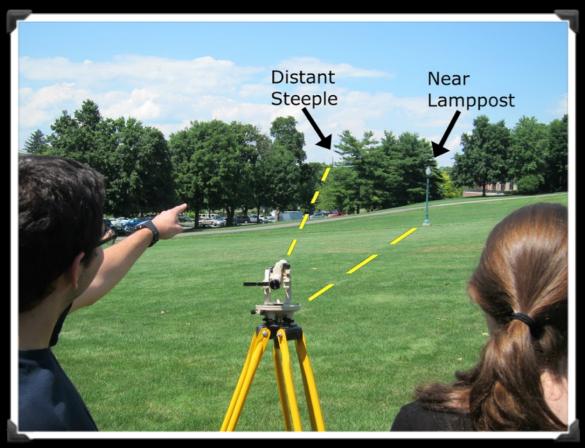


GAINS IN STUDENT INTEREST AND UNDERSTANDING

("Traditional Way" vs "WWT Way")













Origins

EVOLUTION

RESULTS

WHAT'S
NEXT?

people



The course structure is such a success that the Harvard Astronomy Department adopts a requirement of all graduate students to create an online outreach project to explain their PhD Thesis work to general audiences. Creating a WorldWide Telescope tours to describe research is a great way students can share their projects with large audiences for years to come.





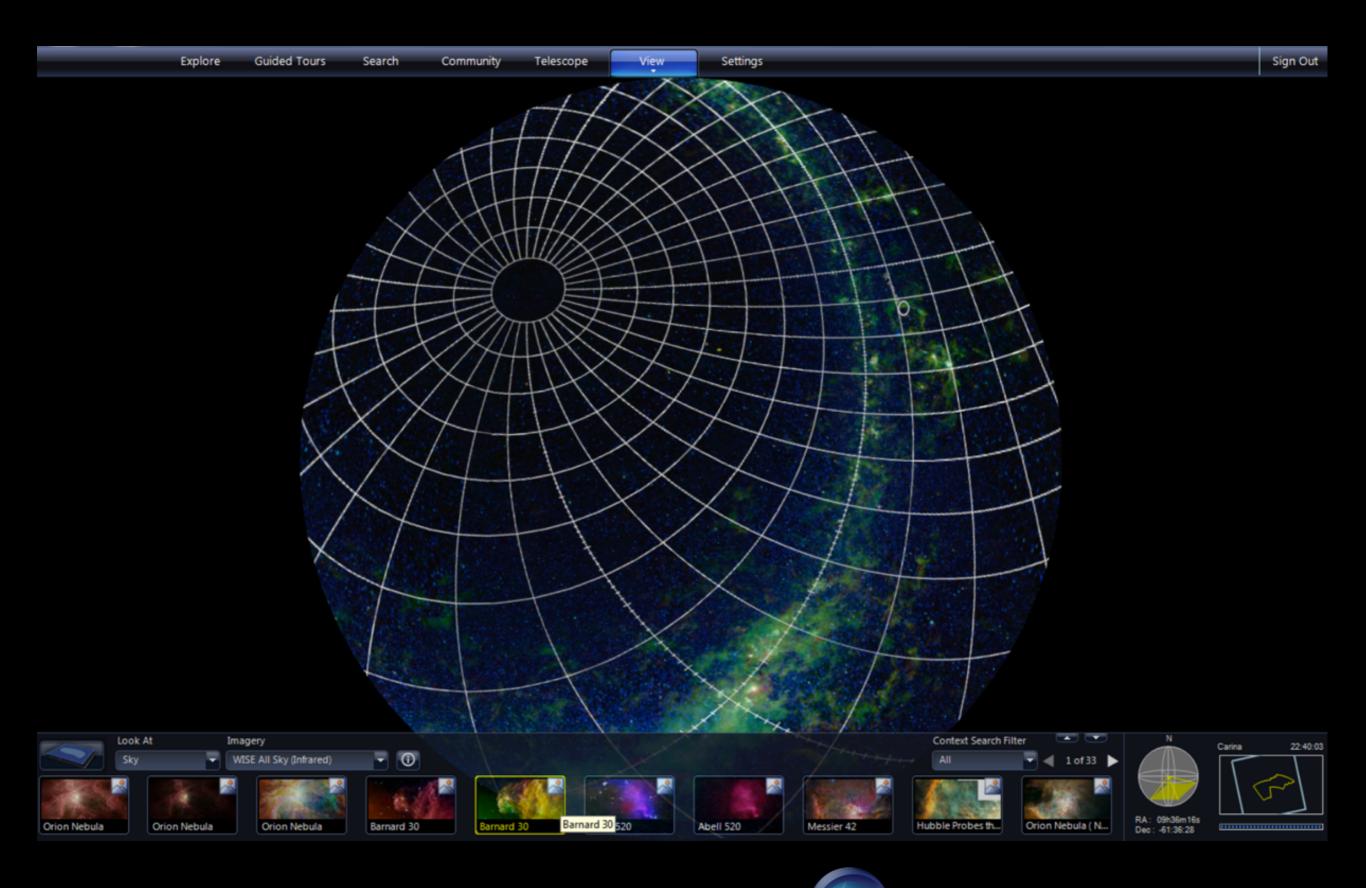
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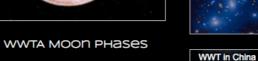




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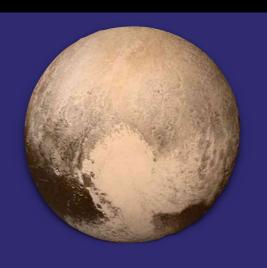
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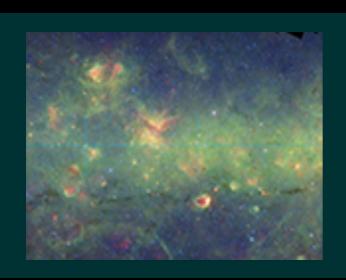


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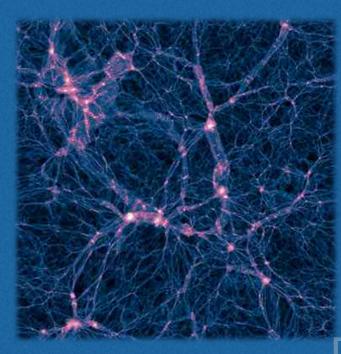
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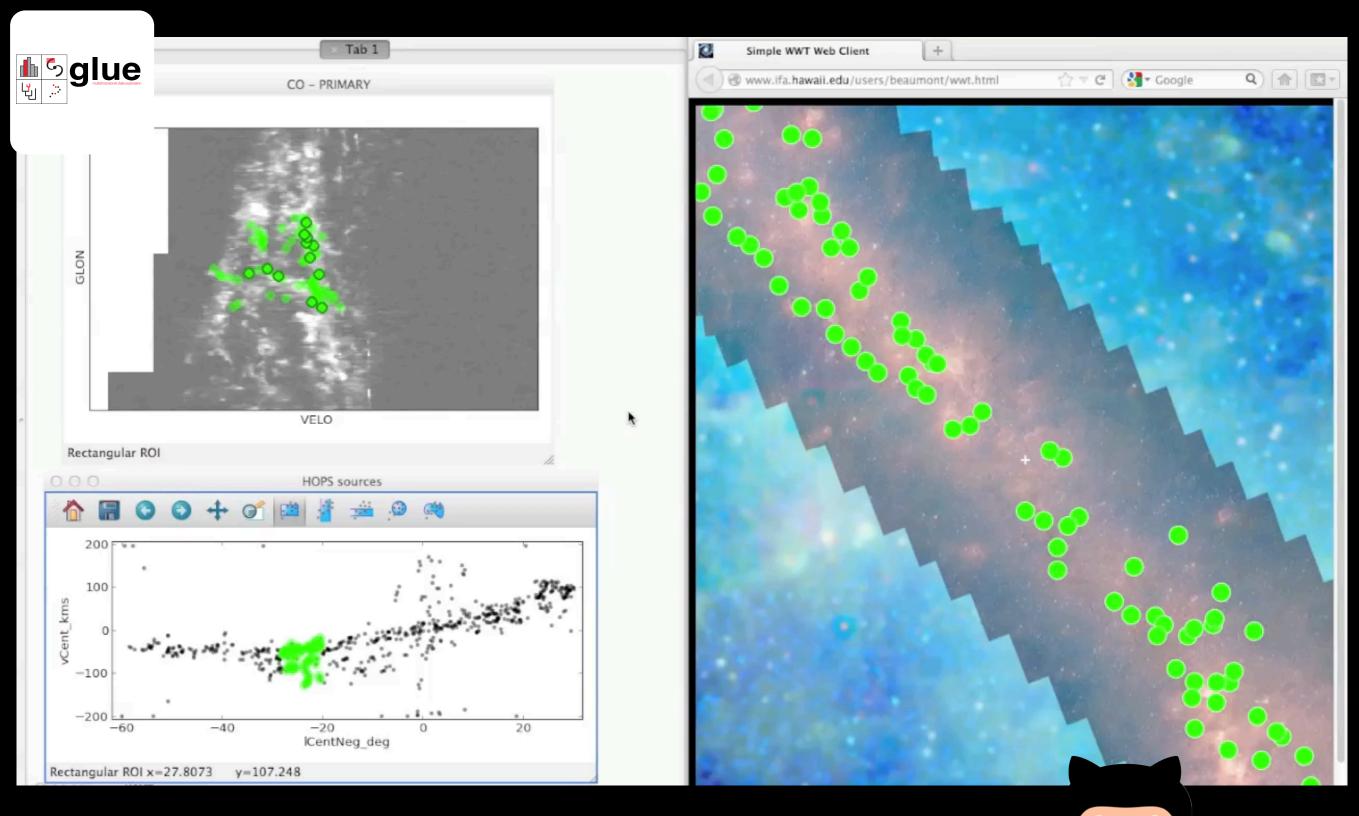














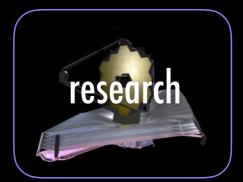












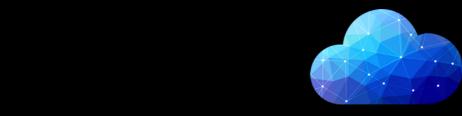














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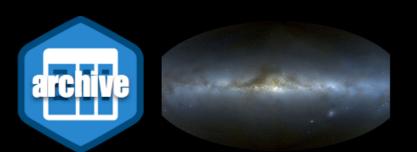








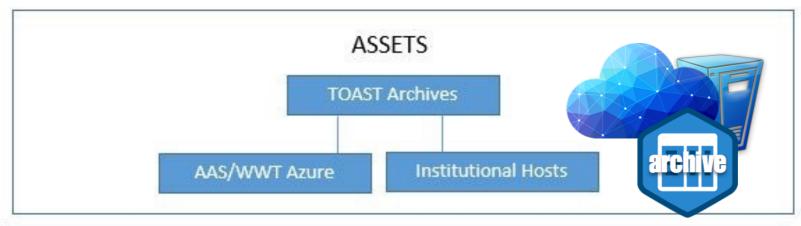


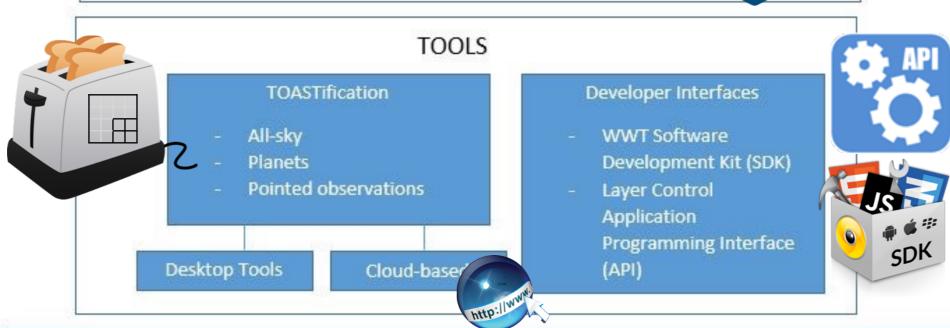












CLIENTS



Windows Desktop Client

- 3D Solar System
- Planets
- Panoramas
- **Tour Authoring**
- User imported data layers
- Cluster/planetarium

Mac Desktop Client

TBD if desired



HTML5 Web Client

- Sky
- 3D Solar System (CPU rendered)
- Panoramas

HTML5 Web Controls (custom interactives)

- Sky
- 3D Solar System (CPU rendered)
- Panoramas
- Subset of web client
- Embeddable









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