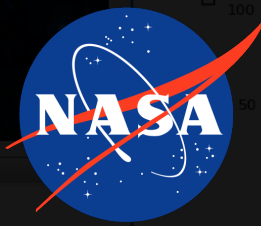


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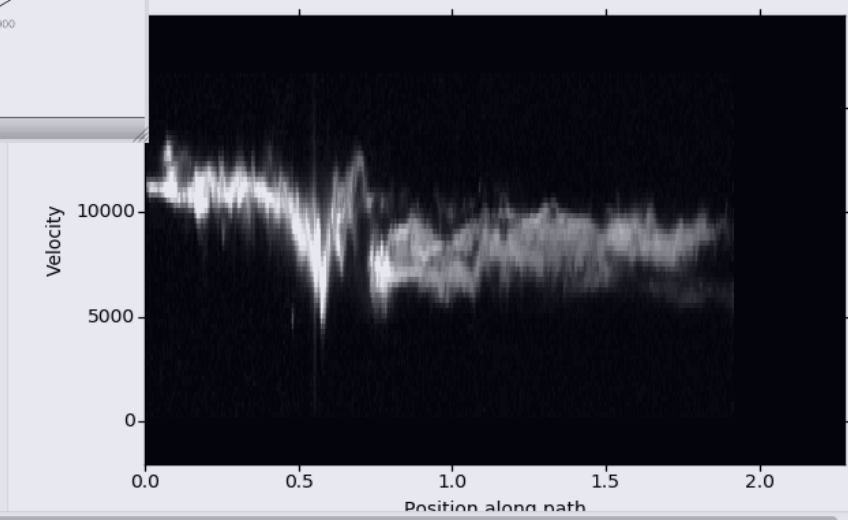
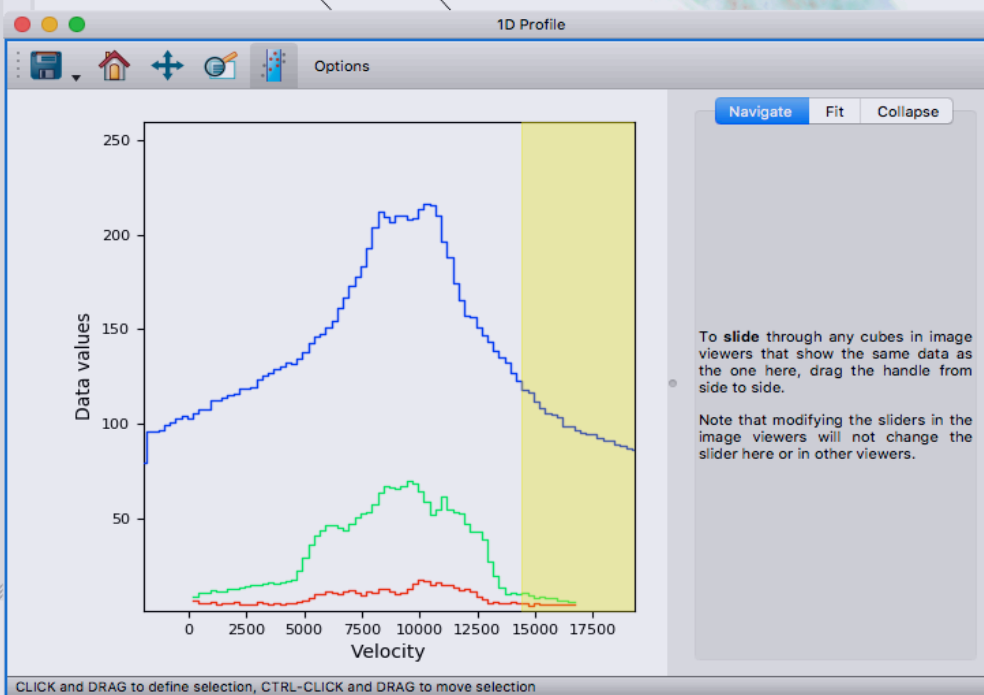
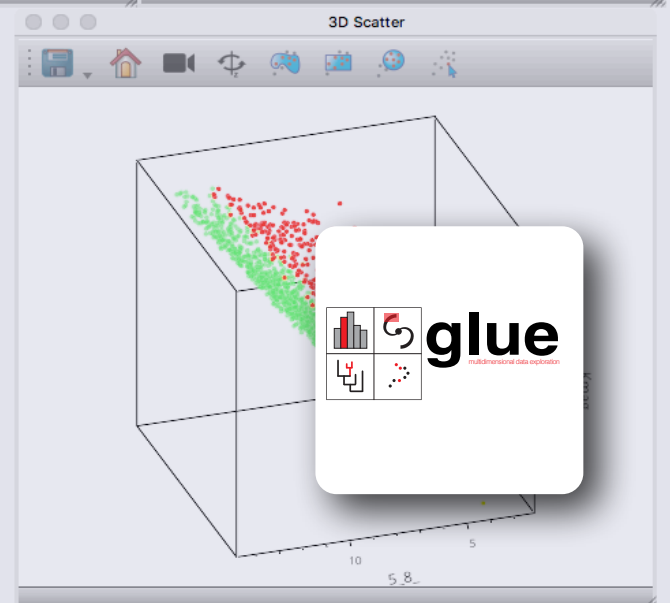
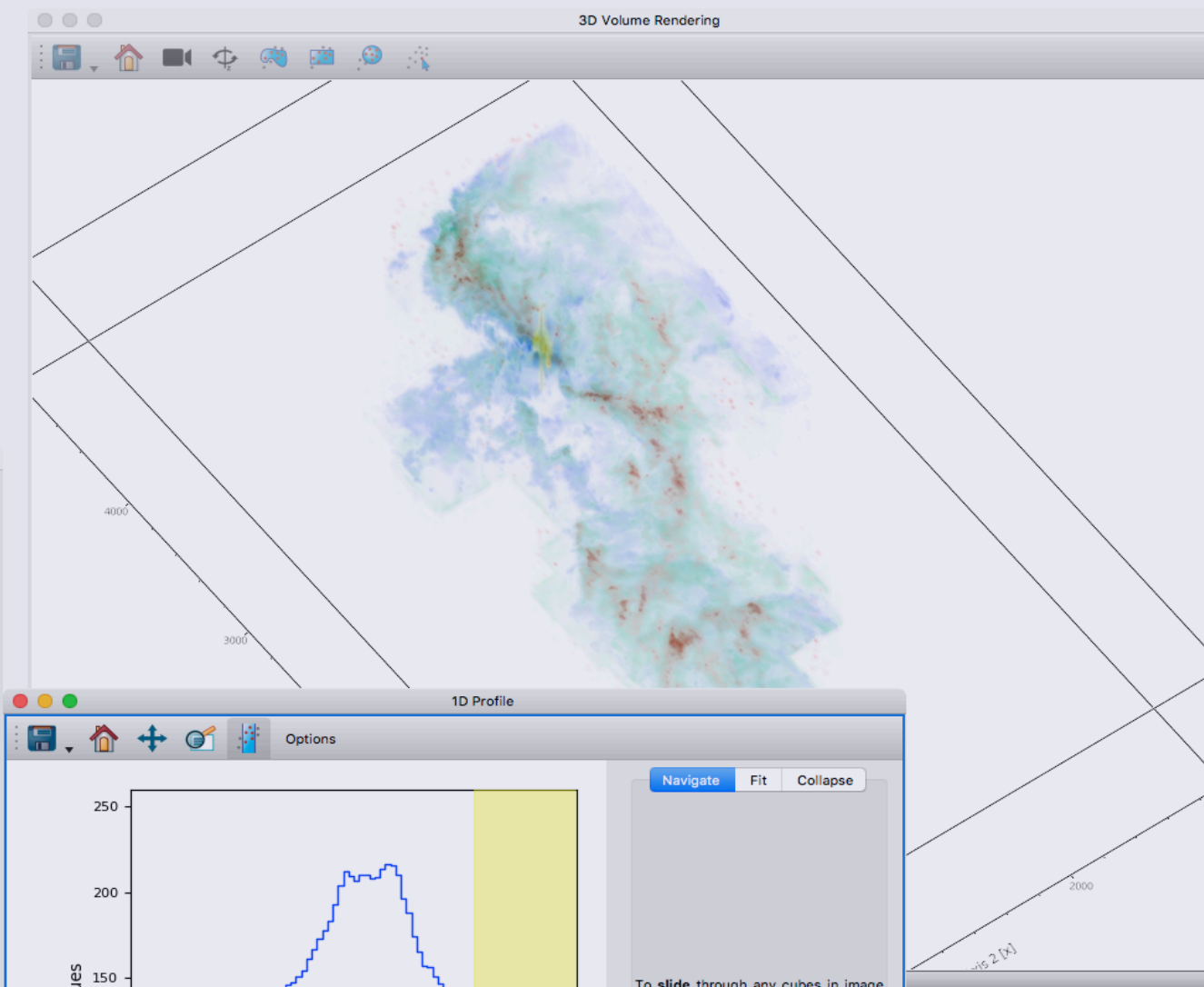
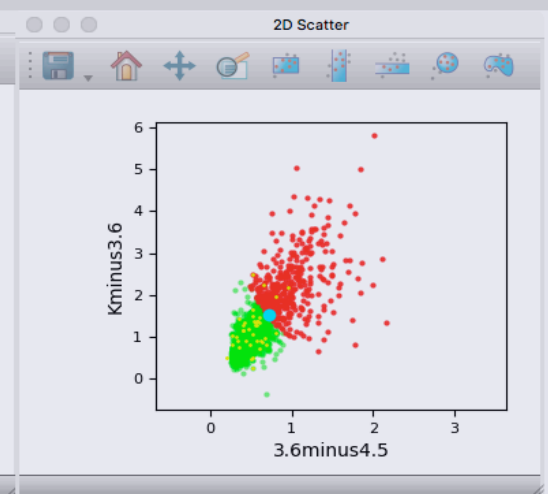
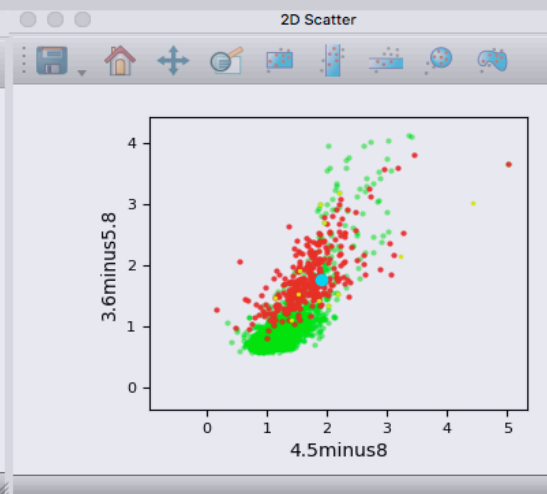
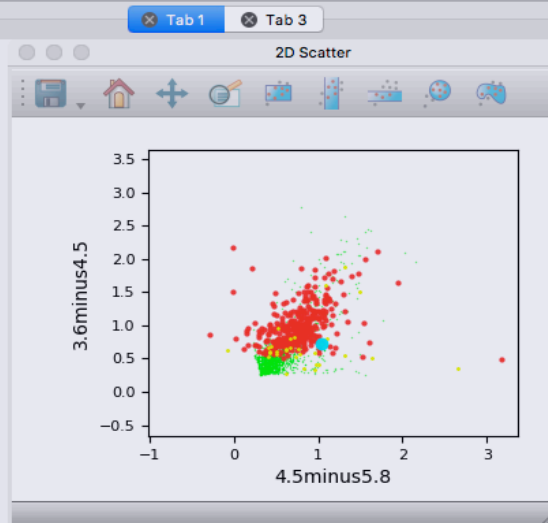
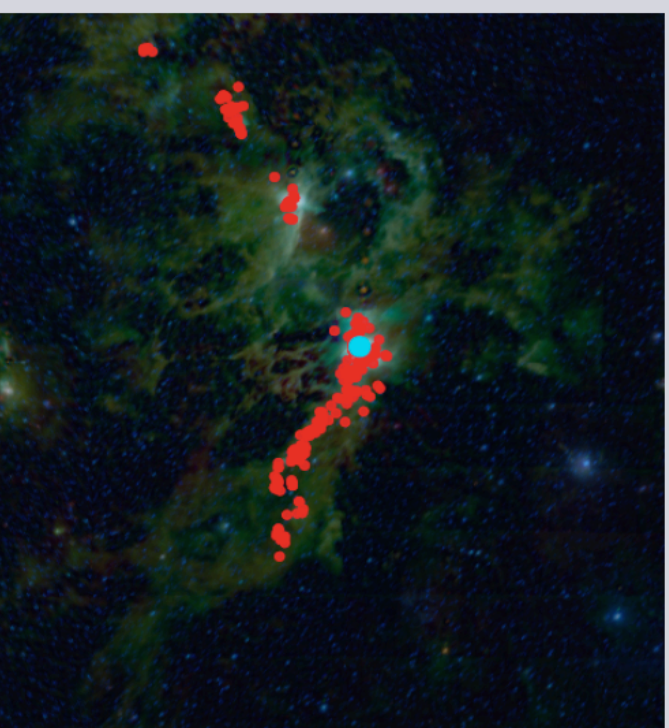
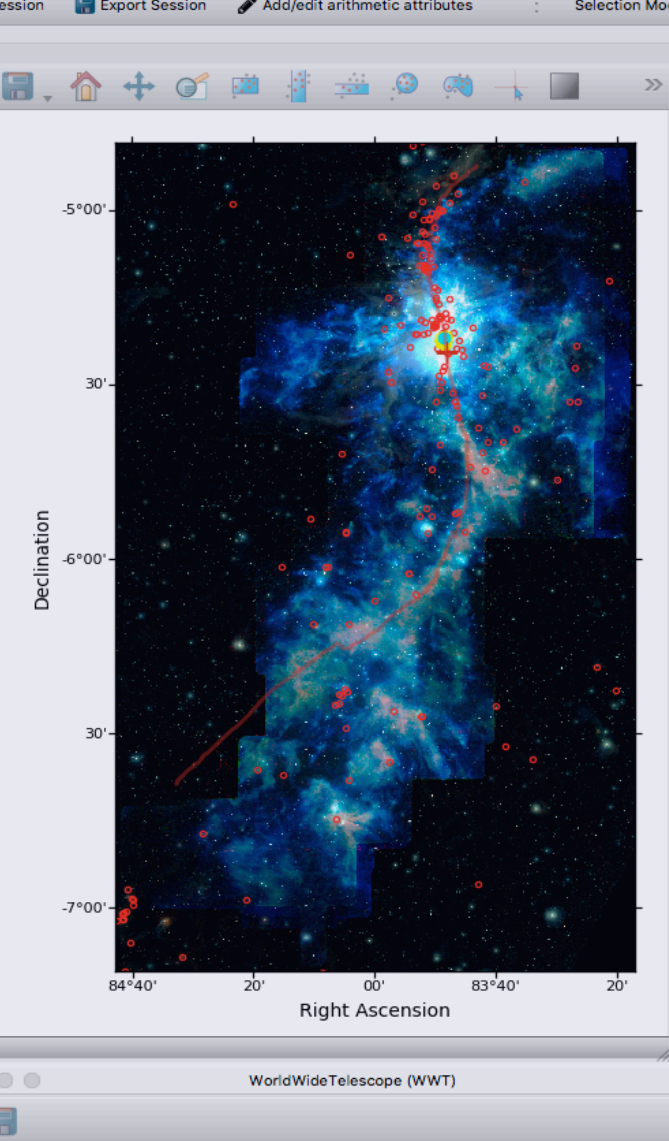
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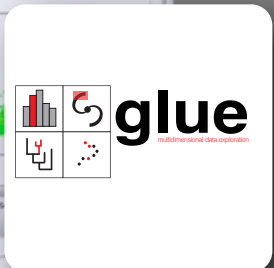
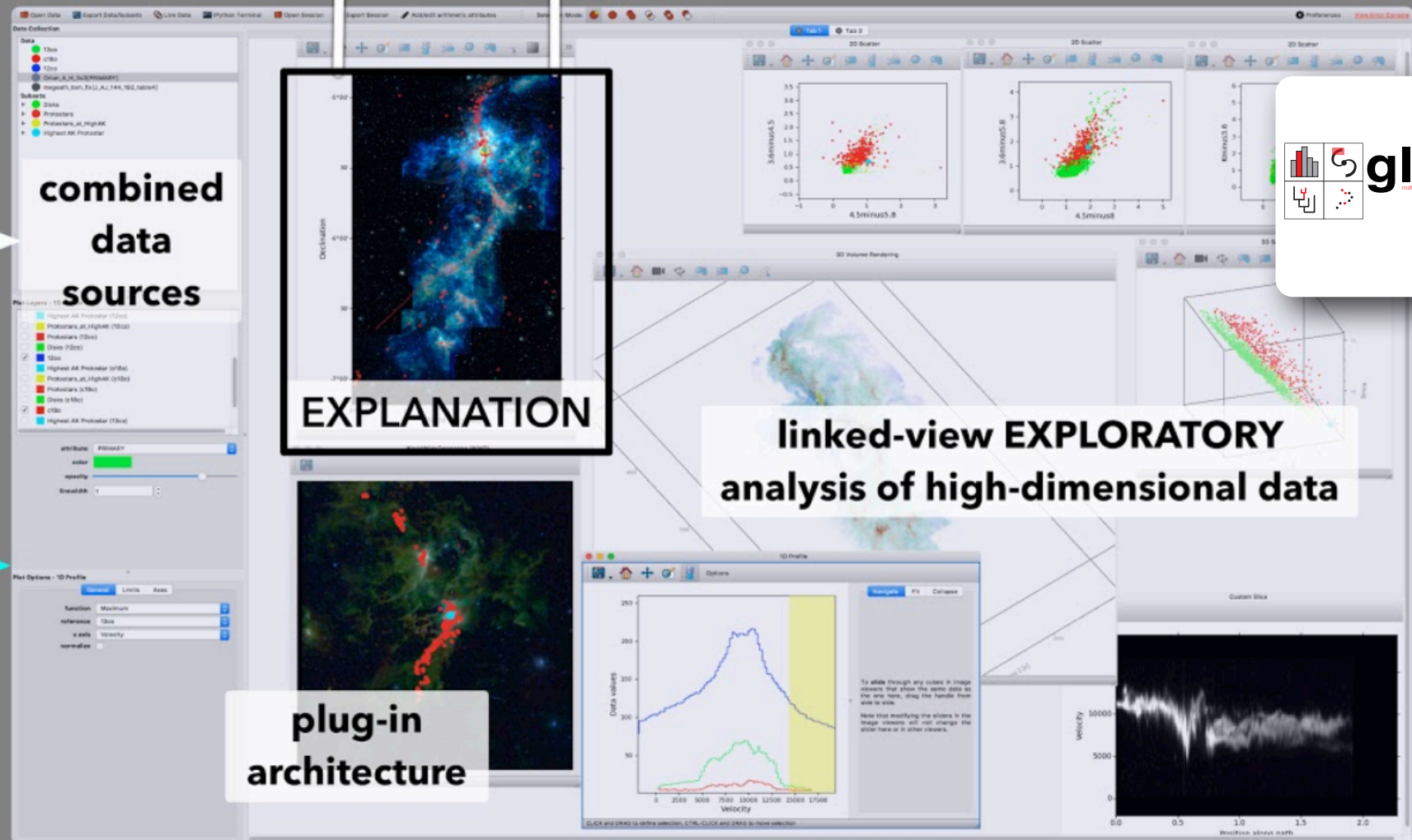
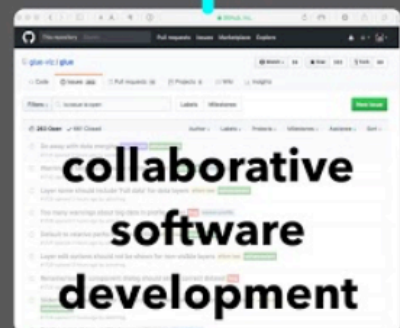
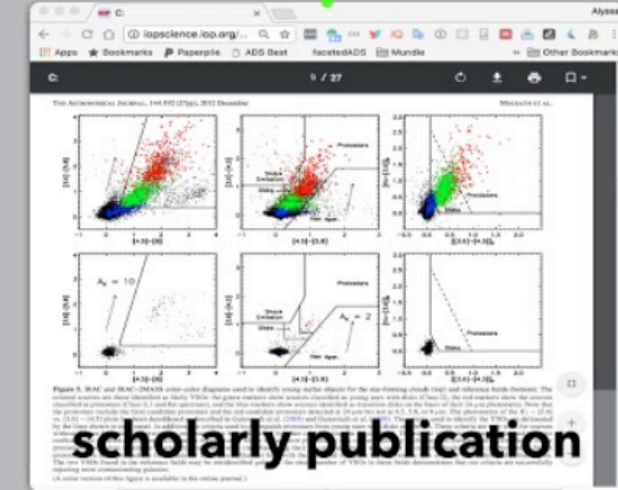
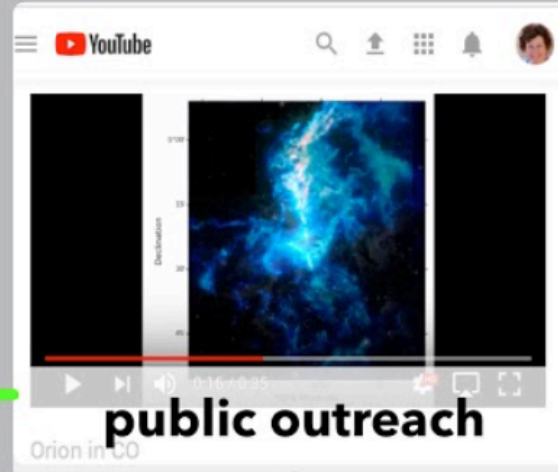




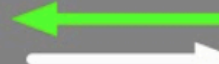
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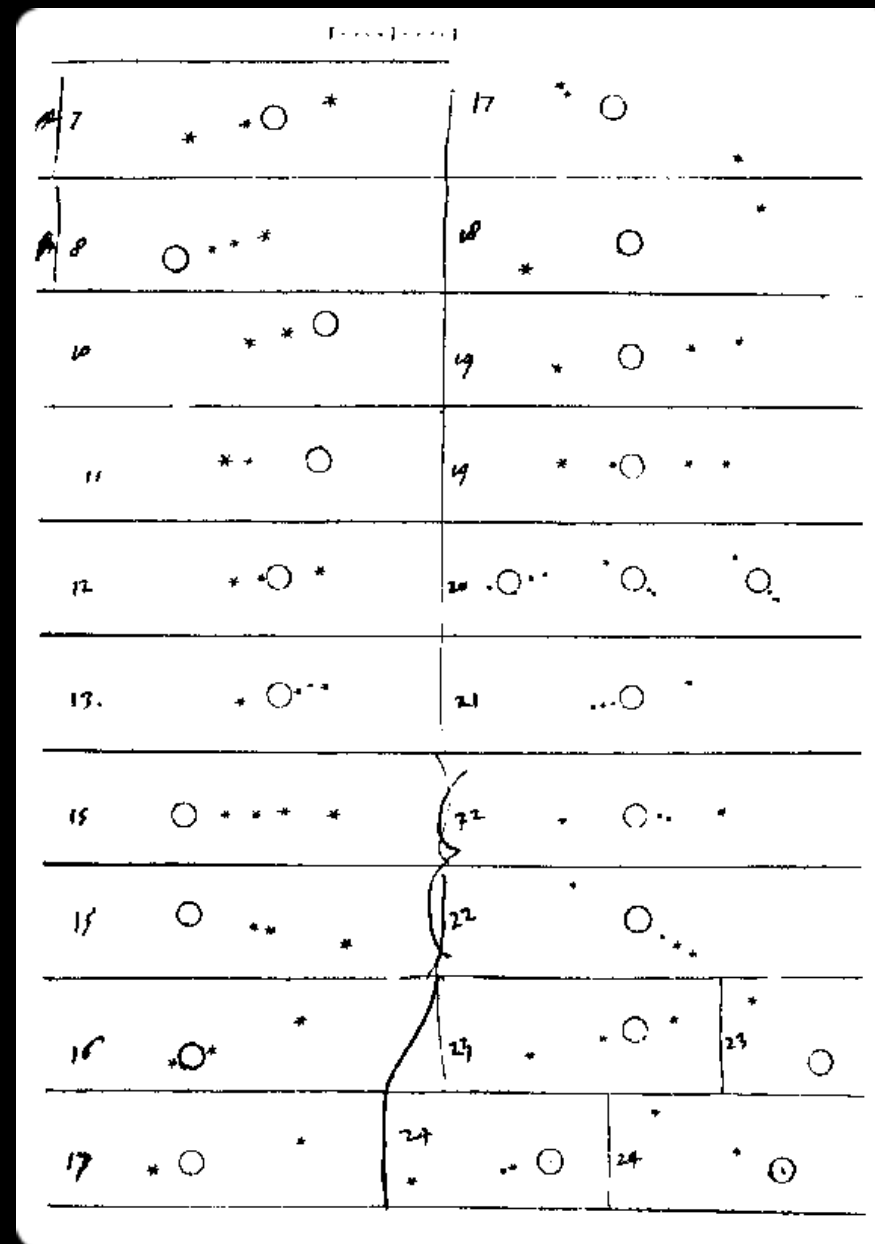
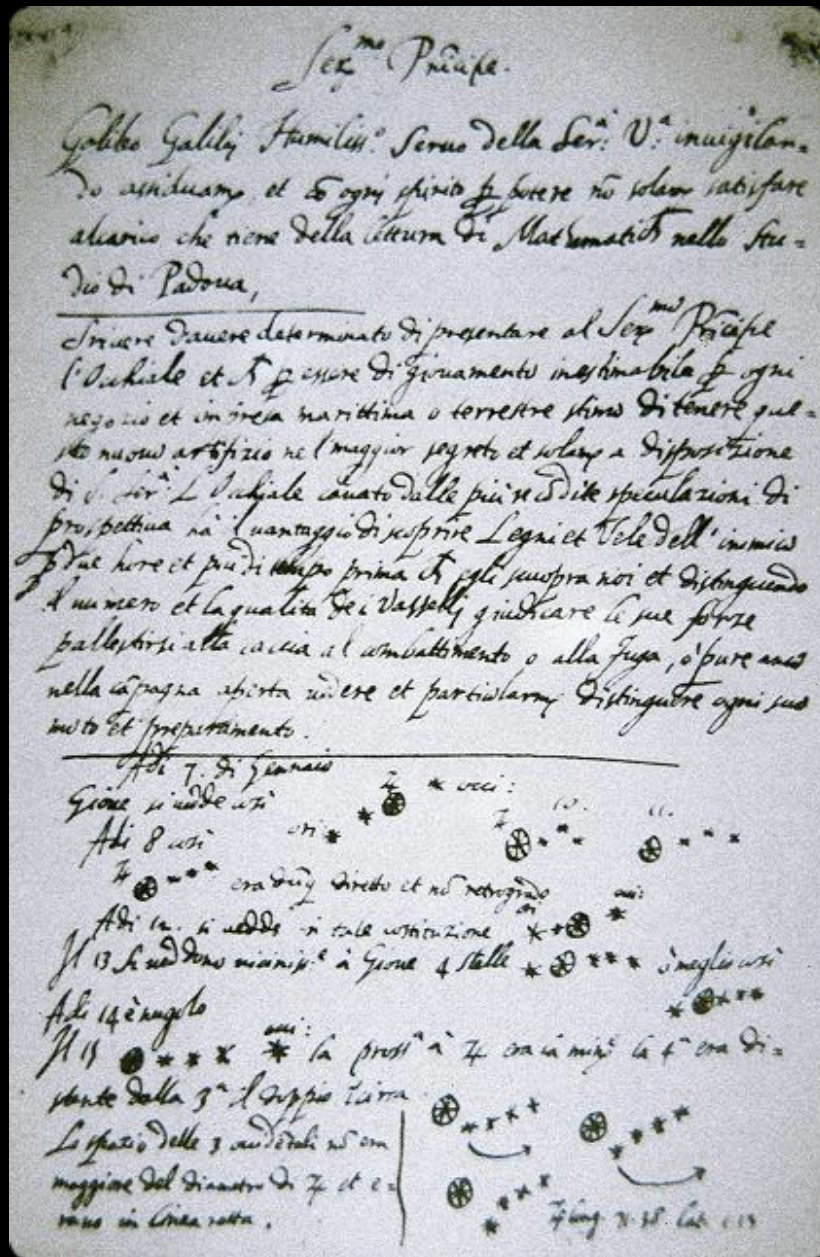


EXPLANATION





# Galileo, Jupiter's Moons, "3D" thinking



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On the third, at the seventh hour, the stars were arranged in this sequence. The eastern one was 1 minute, 30 seconds from Jupiter; the closest western one 2 minutes; and the other western one was 10 minutes removed from this one. They were absolutely on the same straight line and of equal magnitude.

On the fourth, at the second hour, there were four stars around Jupiter, two to the east and two to the west, and arranged precisely on a straight line, as in the adjoining figure. The easternmost was distant 3 minutes from the next one, while this one was 40 seconds from Jupiter; Jupiter was 4 minutes from the nearest western one, and this one 6 minutes from the westernmost one. Their magnitudes were nearly equal; the one closest to Jupiter appeared a little smaller than the rest. But at the seventh hour the eastern stars were only 30 seconds apart. Jupiter was 2 minutes from the nearer eastern one, while he was 4 minutes from the next western one, and this one was 3 minutes from the westernmost one. They were all equal and extended on the same straight line along the ecliptic.

On the fifth, the sky was cloudy.

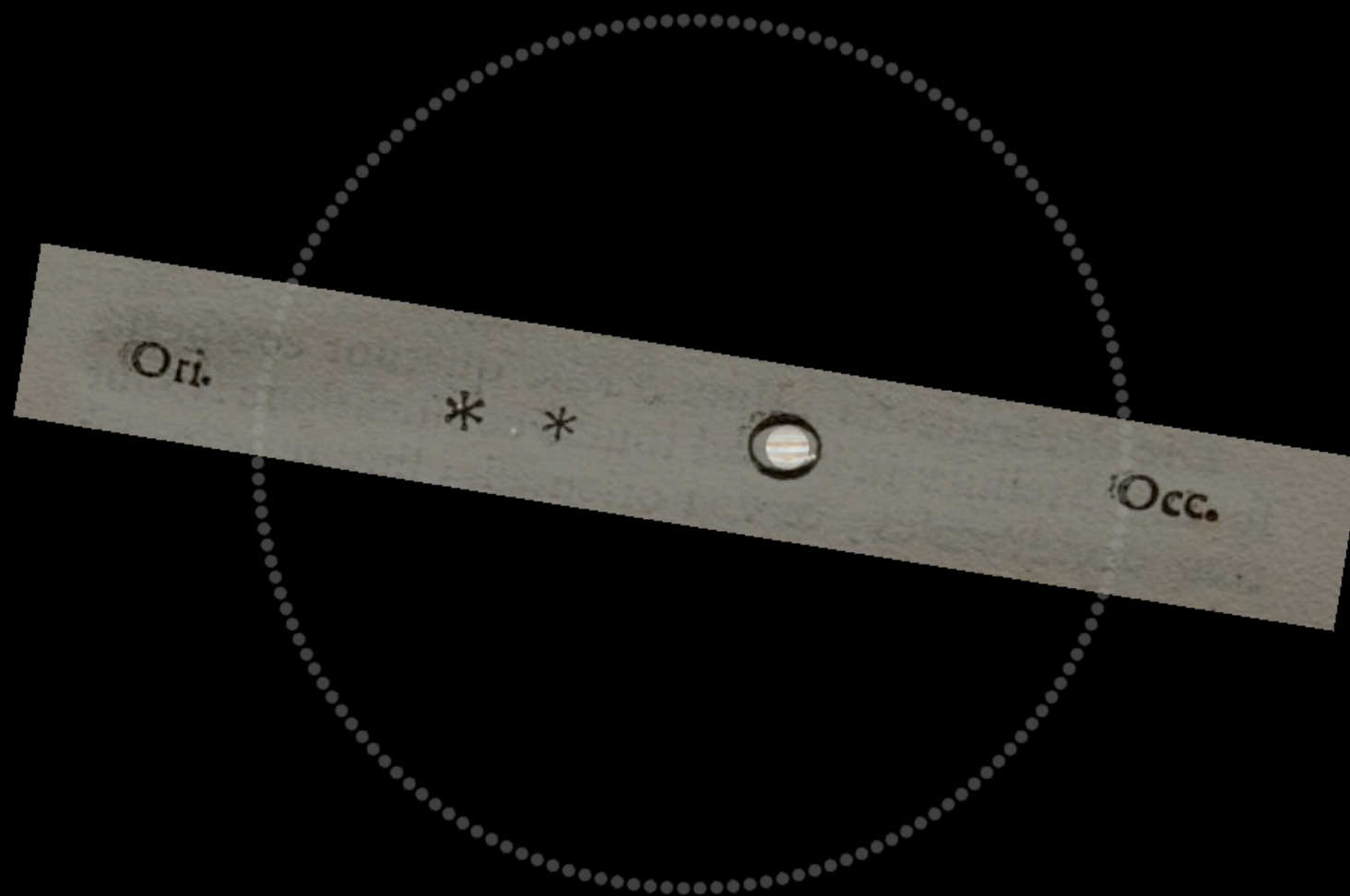
On the sixth, only two stars appeared flanking Jupiter, as is seen in the adjoining figure. The eastern one was 2 minutes and the western one 3 minutes from Jupiter. They were on the same straight line with Jupiter and equal in magnitude.

On the seventh, two stars stood near Jupiter, both to the east, arranged in this manner.



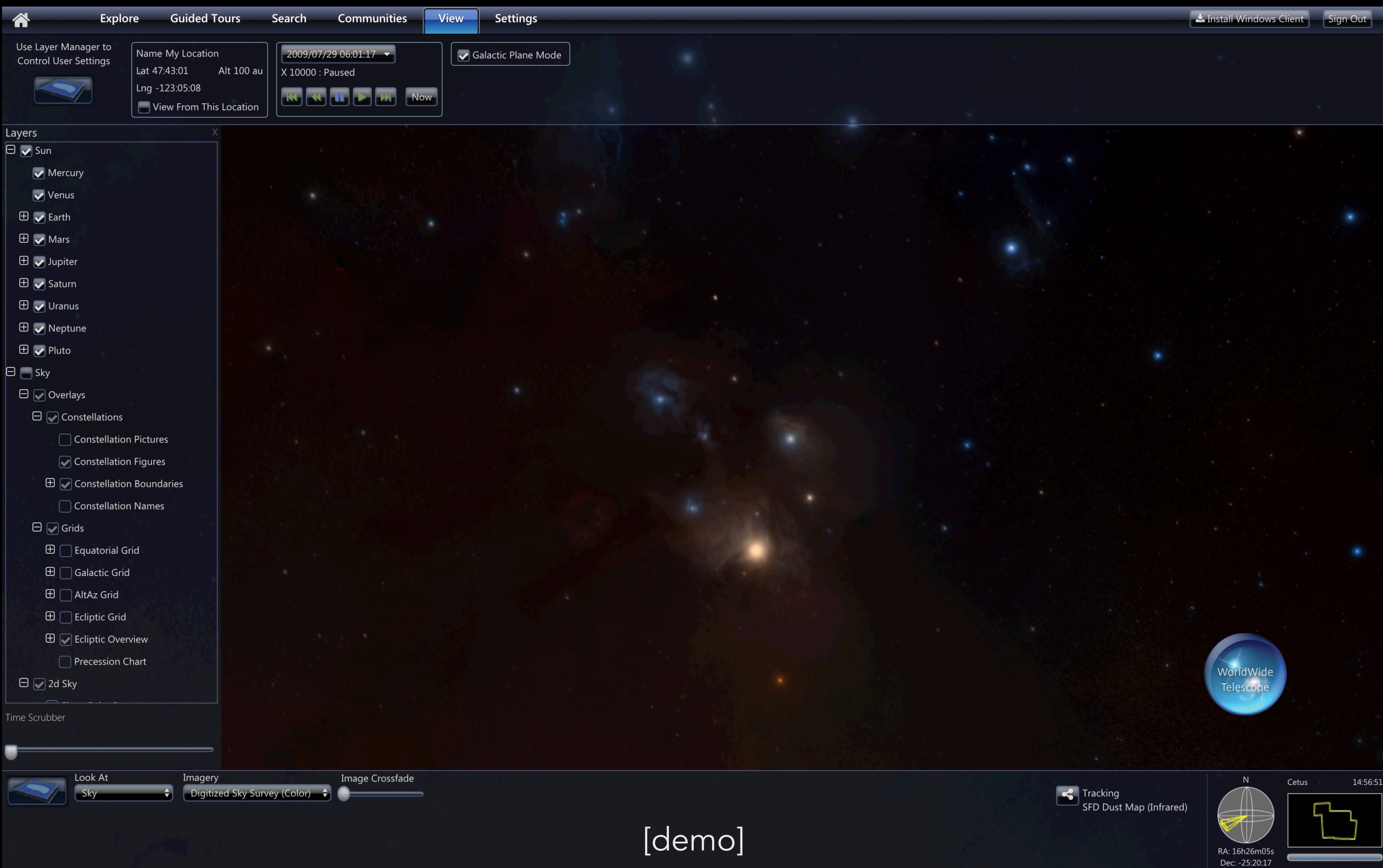
# Galileo's 3D thinking, in WorldWide Telescope

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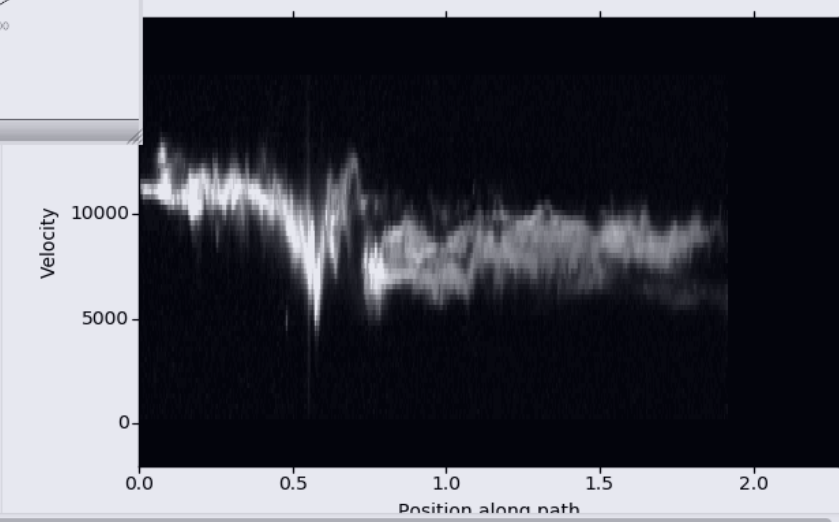
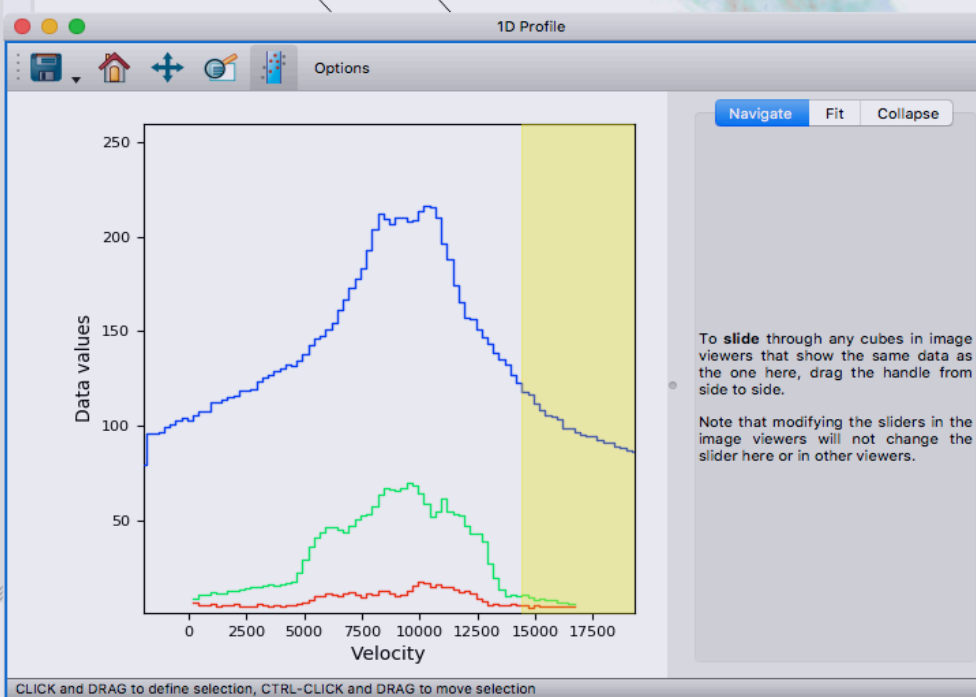
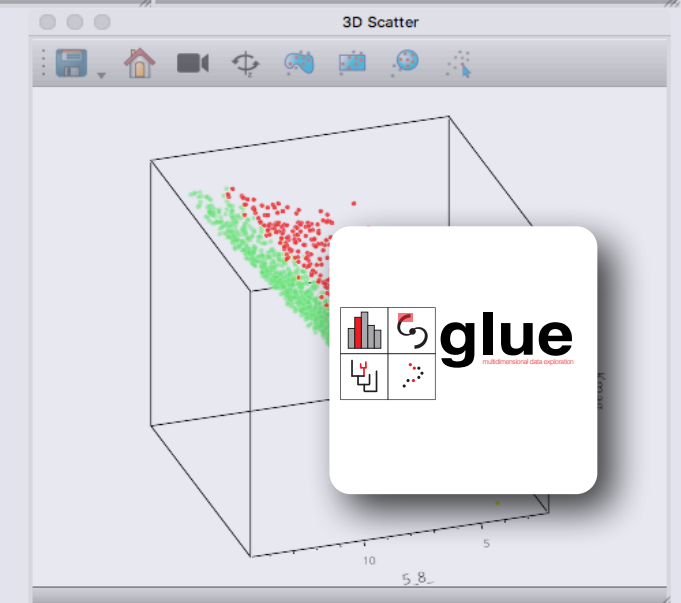
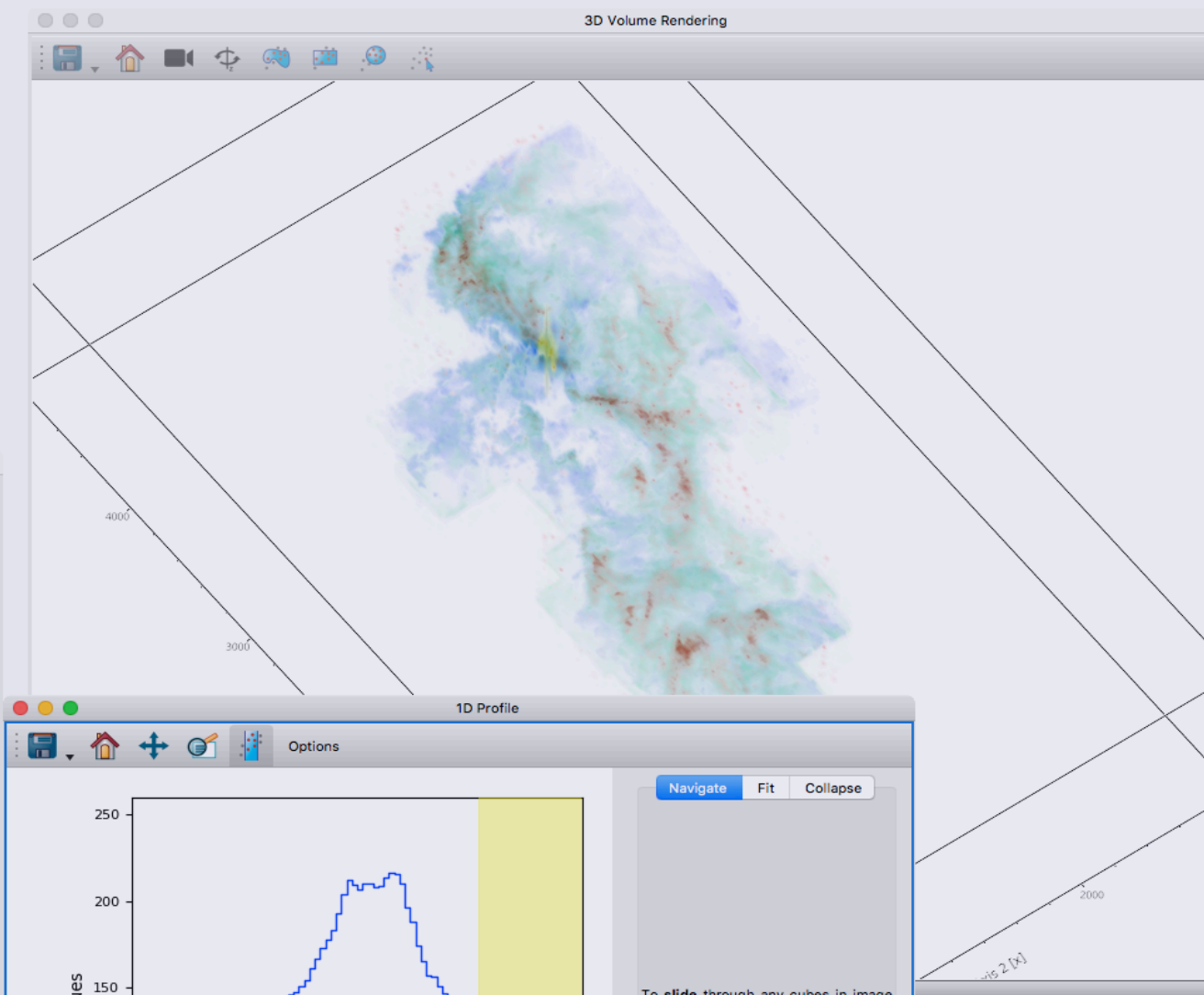
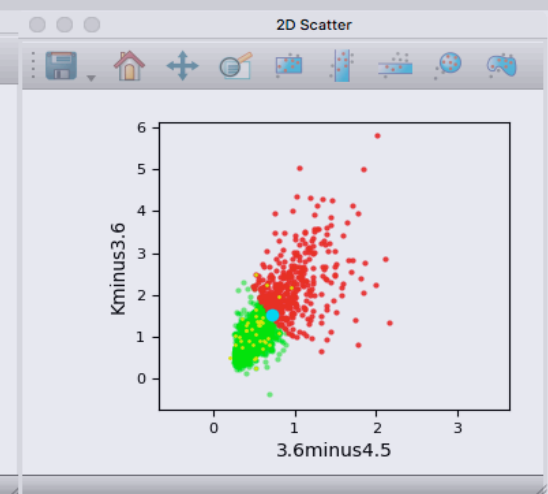
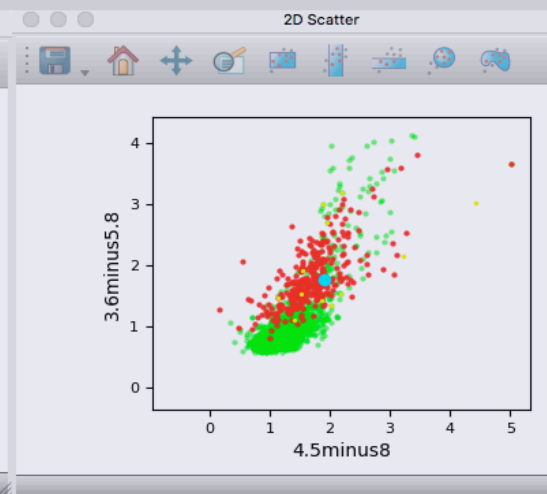
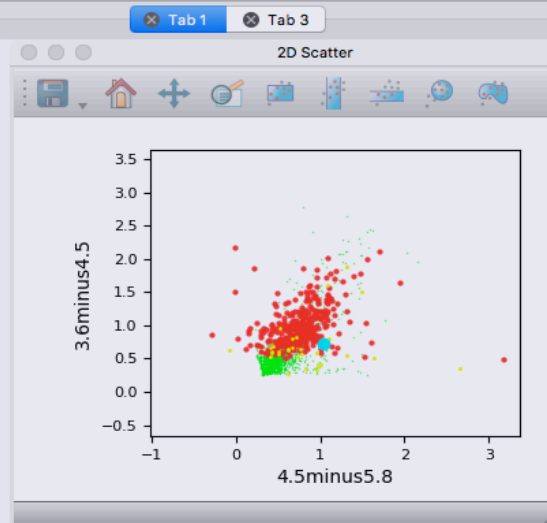
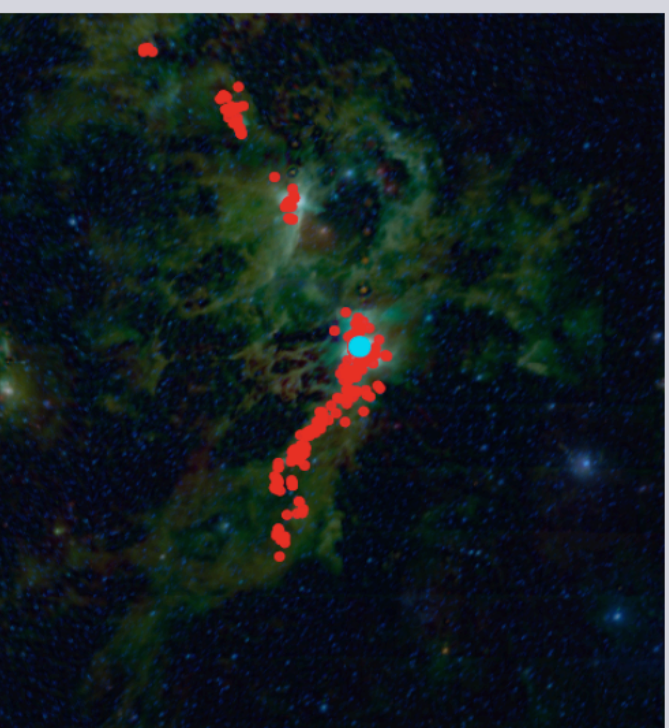
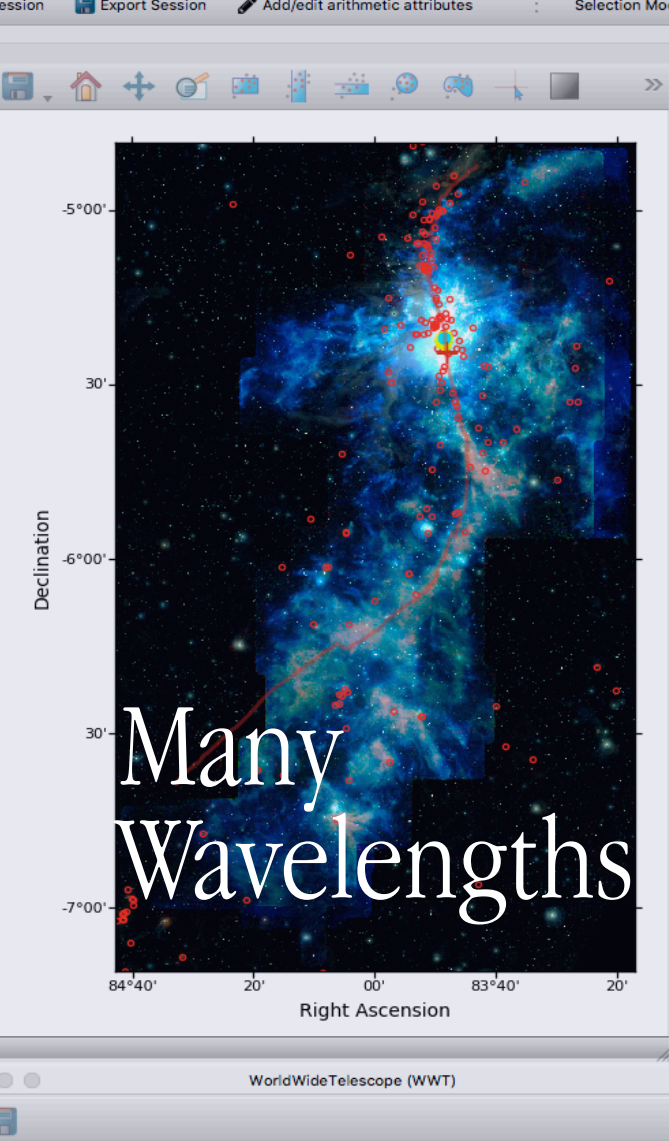


*Galileo's New Order, A WorldWide Telescope Tour by Goodman, Wong & Udomprasert 2010*  
WWT Software Wong (inventor, MS Research), Fay (architect, MS Research), et al., now open source, hosted by AAS  
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# The Sky at Many Wavelengths in a “WorldWide Telescope”



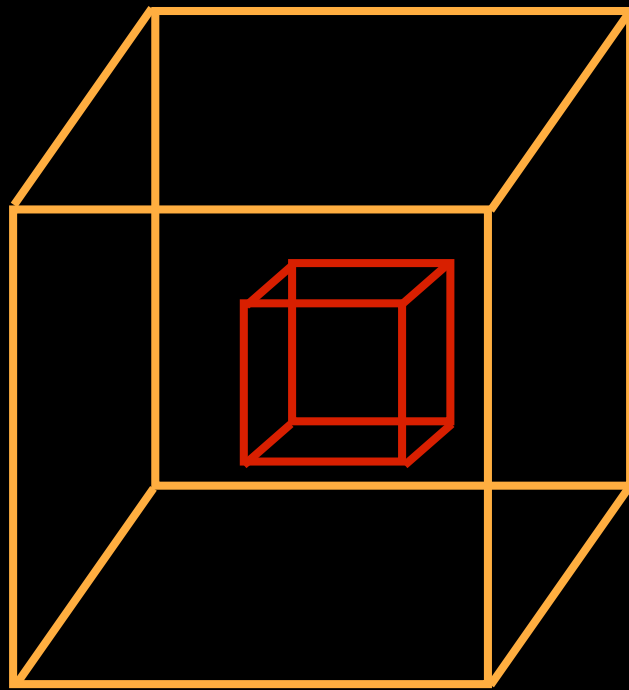




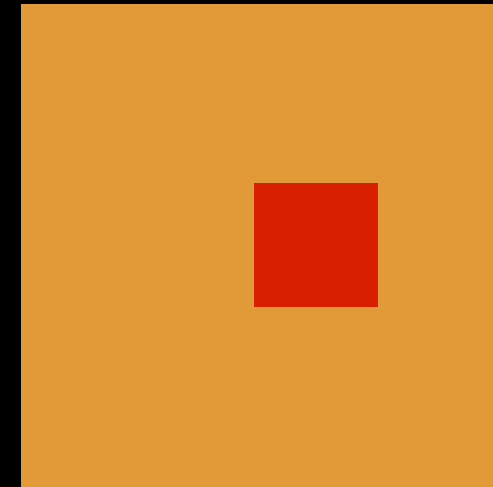
# Linked Views of High-dimensional Data



*John Tukey*

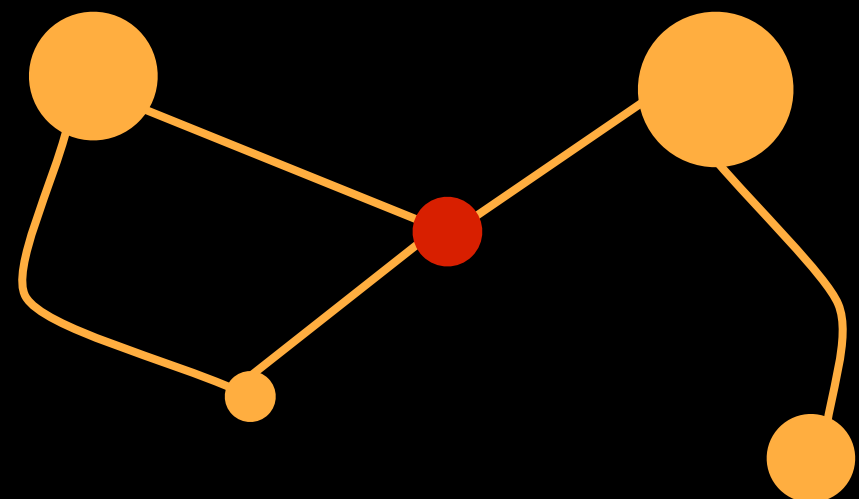


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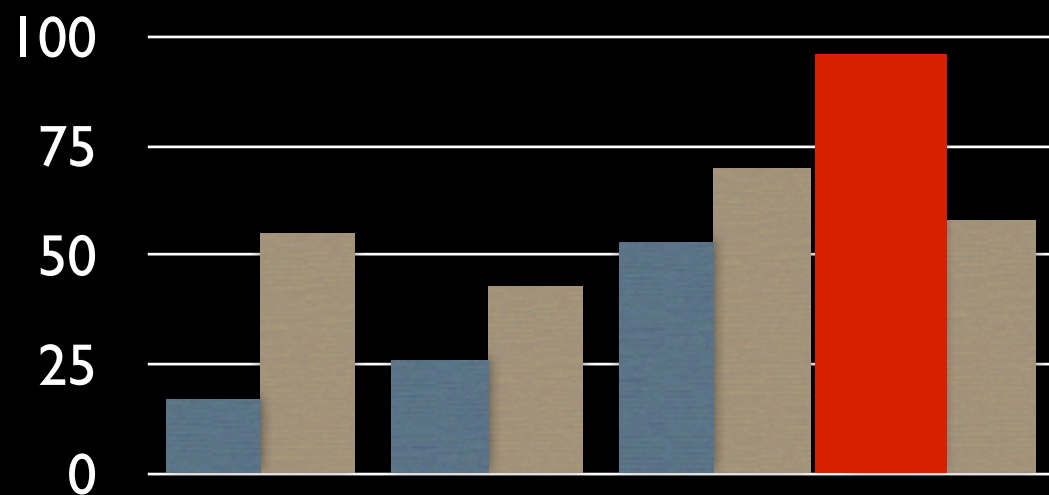


2D

## Data Abstraction



## Statistics





# JOHN TUKEY'S LEGACY



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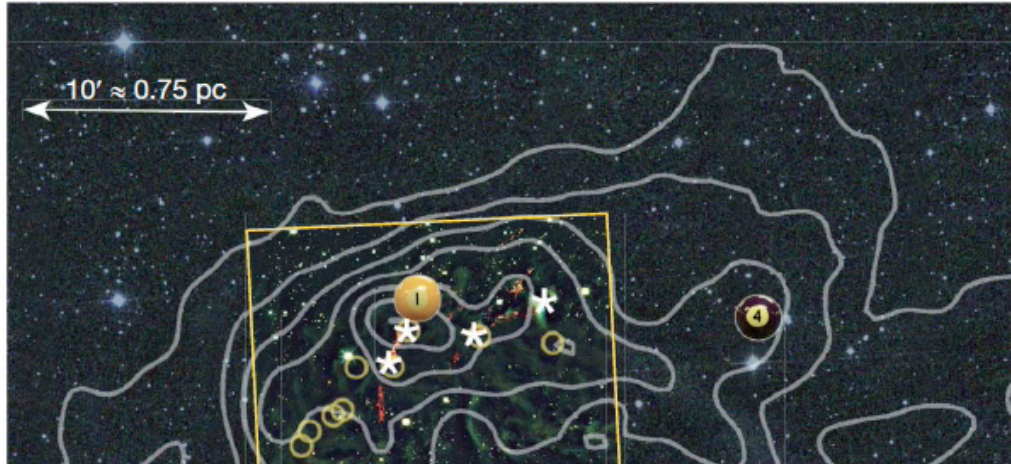
## LETTERS

### A role for self-gravity at multiple length scales in the process of star formation

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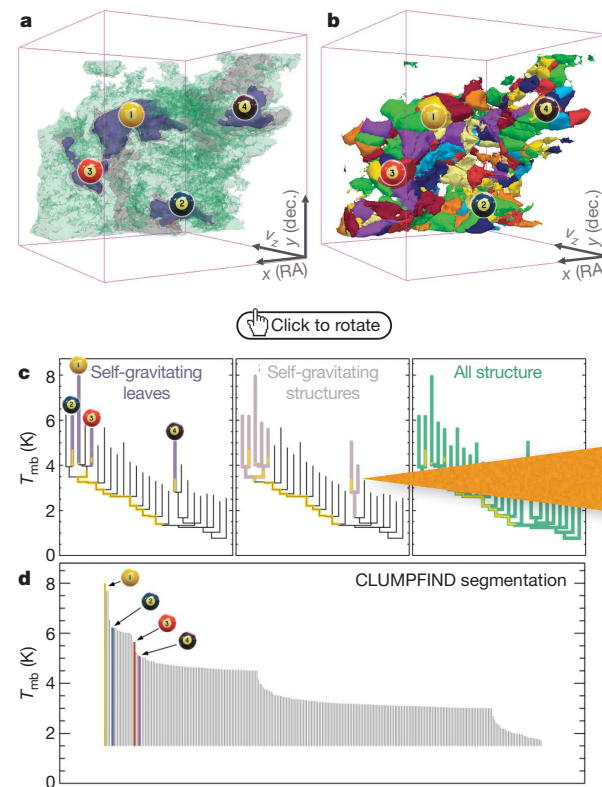
Self-gravity plays a decisive role in the final stages of star formation, where dense cores (size  $\sim 0.1$  parsecs) inside molecular clouds collapse to form star-plus-disk systems<sup>1</sup>. But self-gravity's role at earlier times (and on larger length scales, such as  $\sim 1$  parsec) is unclear; some molecular cloud simulations that do not include self-gravity suggest that ‘turbulent fragmentation’ alone is sufficient to create a mass distribution of dense cores that resembles, and sets, the stellar initial mass function<sup>2</sup>. Here we report a ‘dendrogram’ (hierarchical tree-diagram) analysis that reveals that self-gravity plays a significant role over the full range of possible scales traced by  $^{13}\text{CO}$  observations in the L1448 molecular cloud, but not everywhere in the observed region. In particular, more than 90 per cent of the compact ‘pre-stellar cores’ traced by peaks of dust emission<sup>3</sup> are projected on the sky within one of the dendrogram's self-gravitating ‘leaves’. As these peaks mark the locations of already-forming stars, or of those probably about to form, a self-gravitating cocoon seems a critical condition for their exist-

overlapping features as an option, significant emission found between prominent clumps is typically either appended to the nearest clump or turned into a small, usually ‘pathological’, feature needed to encompass all the emission being modelled. When applied to molecular-line





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3D PDF



**Figure 2 | Comparison of the 'dendrogram' and 'CLUMPFIND' feature-identification algorithms as applied to  $^{13}\text{CO}$  emission from the L1448 region of Perseus.** **a**, 3D visualization of the surfaces indicated by colours in the dendrogram shown in **c**. Purple illustrates the smallest scale self-gravitating structures in the region corresponding to the leaves of the dendrogram; pink shows the smallest surfaces that contain distinct self-gravitating leaves within them; and green corresponds to the surface in the data cube containing all the significant emission. Dendrogram branches corresponding to self-gravitating objects have been highlighted in yellow over the range of  $T_{\text{mb}}$  (main-beam temperature) test-level values for which the virial parameter is less than 2. The  $x$ - $y$  locations of the four 'self-gravitating' leaves labelled with billiard balls are the same as those shown in Fig. 1. The 3D visualizations show position-position-velocity ( $p$ - $p$ - $v$ ) space. RA, right ascension; dec., declination. For comparison with the ability of dendrograms (**c**) to track hierarchical structure, **d** shows a pseudo-dendrogram of the CLUMPFIND segmentation (**b**), with the same four labels used in Fig. 1 and in **a**. As 'clumps' are not allowed to belong to larger structures, each pseudo-branch in **d** is simply a series of lines connecting the maximum emission value in each clump to the threshold value. A very large number of clumps appears in **b** because of the sensitivity of CLUMPFIND to noise and small-scale structure in the data. In the online PDF version, the 3D cubes (**a** and **b**) can be rotated to any orientation, and surfaces can be turned on and off (interaction requires Adobe Acrobat version 7.0.8 or higher). In the printed version, the front face of each 3D cube (the 'home' view in the interactive online version) corresponds exactly to the patch of sky shown in Fig. 1, and velocity with respect to the Local Standard of Rest increases from front ( $-0.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) to back ( $8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ).

data, CLUMPFIND typically finds features on a limited range of scales, above but close to the physical resolution of the data, and its results can be overly dependent on input parameters. By tuning CLUMPFIND's two free parameters, the same molecular-line data set<sup>8</sup> can be used to show either that the frequency distribution of clump mass is the same as the initial mass function associated with large-scale molecular clouds (Supplementary Fig. 1).

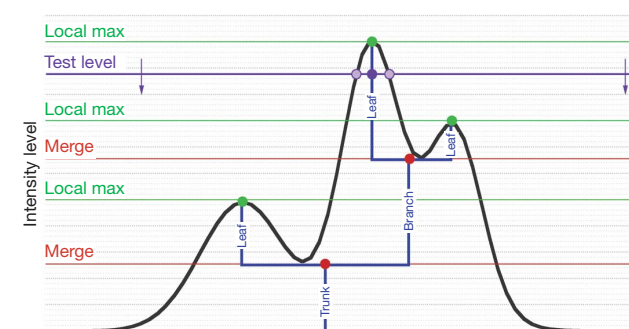
Four years before the advent of CLUMPFIND, 'structure trees'<sup>9</sup> were proposed as a way to characterize clouds' hierarchical structure

using 2D maps of column density. With the help of 2D work as inspiration, we have developed a structure-identification algorithm that abstracts the hierarchical structure of a data set into an easily visualized representation called a dendrogram. This well-developed in other data-intensive applications of tree methodologies so far, and almost exclusively within the astronomy community, 'merger trees' are being used with increasing frequency.

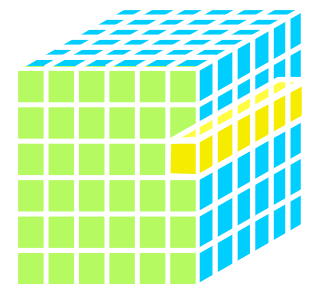
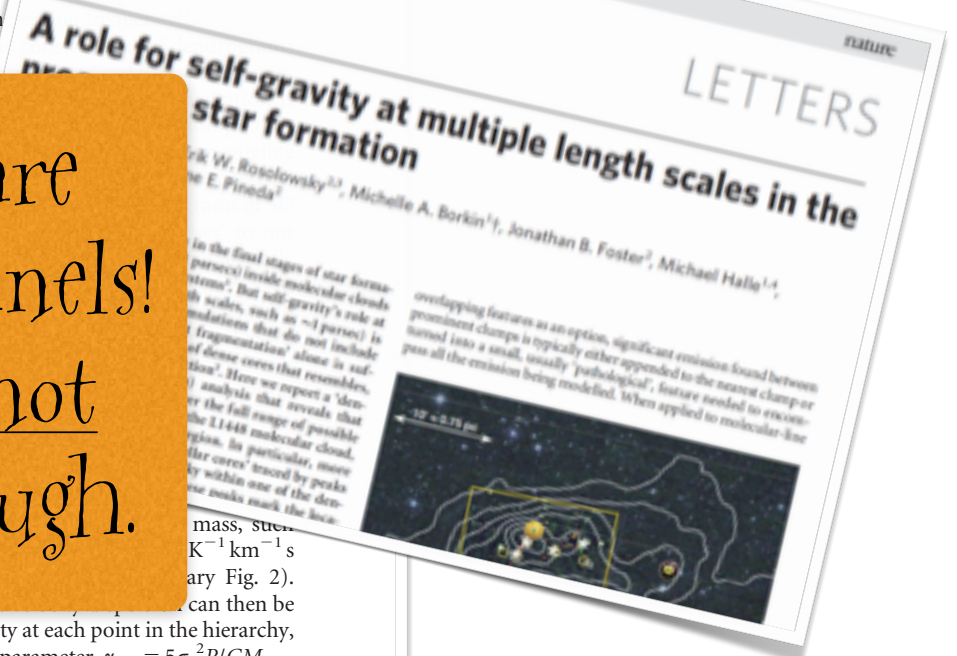
Figure 3 and its legend explain the dendrogram process schematically. The dendrogram and

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That's not  
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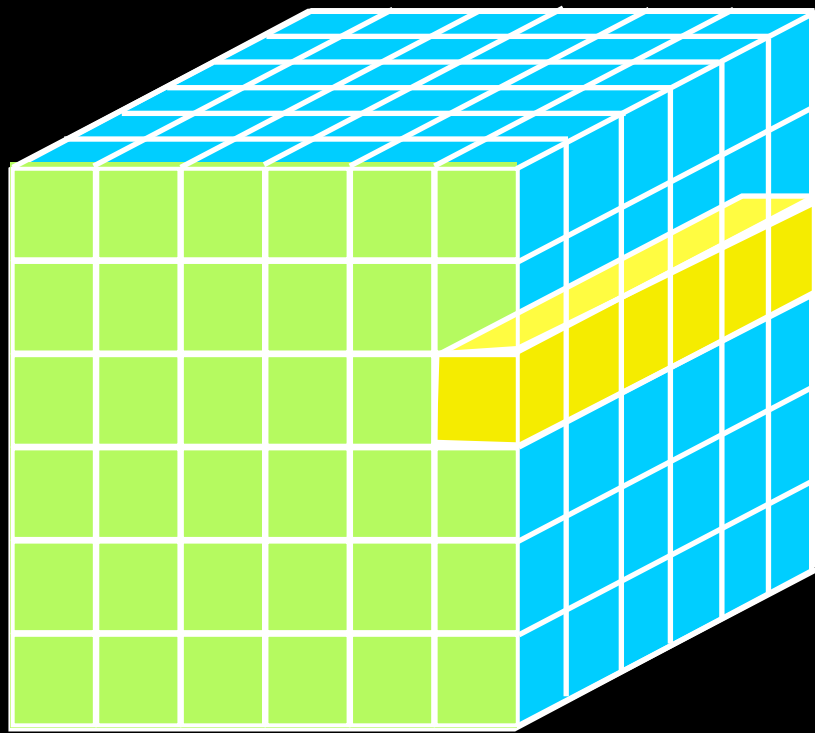
used to estimate the role of self-gravity at each point in the hierarchy, via calculation of an 'observed' virial parameter,  $\alpha_{\text{obs}} = 5\sigma_v^2 R / GM_{\text{clump}}$ . In principle, extended portions of the tree (Fig. 2, yellow highlighting) where  $\alpha_{\text{obs}} < 2$  (where gravitational energy is comparable to or larger than kinetic energy) correspond to regions of  $p$ - $p$ - $v$  space where self-gravity is significant. As  $\alpha_{\text{obs}}$  only represents the ratio of kinetic energy to gravitational energy at one point in time, and does not explicitly capture external over-pressure and/or magnetic fields<sup>16</sup>, its measured value should only be used as a guide to the longevity (boundedness) of any particular feature.



**Figure 3 | Schematic illustration of the dendrogram process.** Shown is the construction of a dendrogram from a hypothetical one-dimensional emission profile (black). The dendrogram (blue) can be constructed by 'dropping' a test constant emission level (purple) from above in tiny steps (exaggerated in size here, light lines) until all the local maxima and mergers are found, and connected as shown. The intersection of a test level with the emission is a set of points (for example the light purple dots) in one dimension, a planar curve in two dimensions, and an isosurface in three dimensions. The dendrogram of 3D data shown in Fig. 2c is the direct analogue of the tree shown here, only constructed from 'isosurface' rather than 'point' intersections. It has been sorted and flattened for representation on a flat page, as fully representing dendrograms for 3D data cubes would require four dimensions.



Goodman et al. 2009, Nature,  
cf: Fluke et al. 2009



"DATA, DIMENSIONS, DISPLAY"

**1D:** Columns = "Spectra", "SEDs" or "Time Series"






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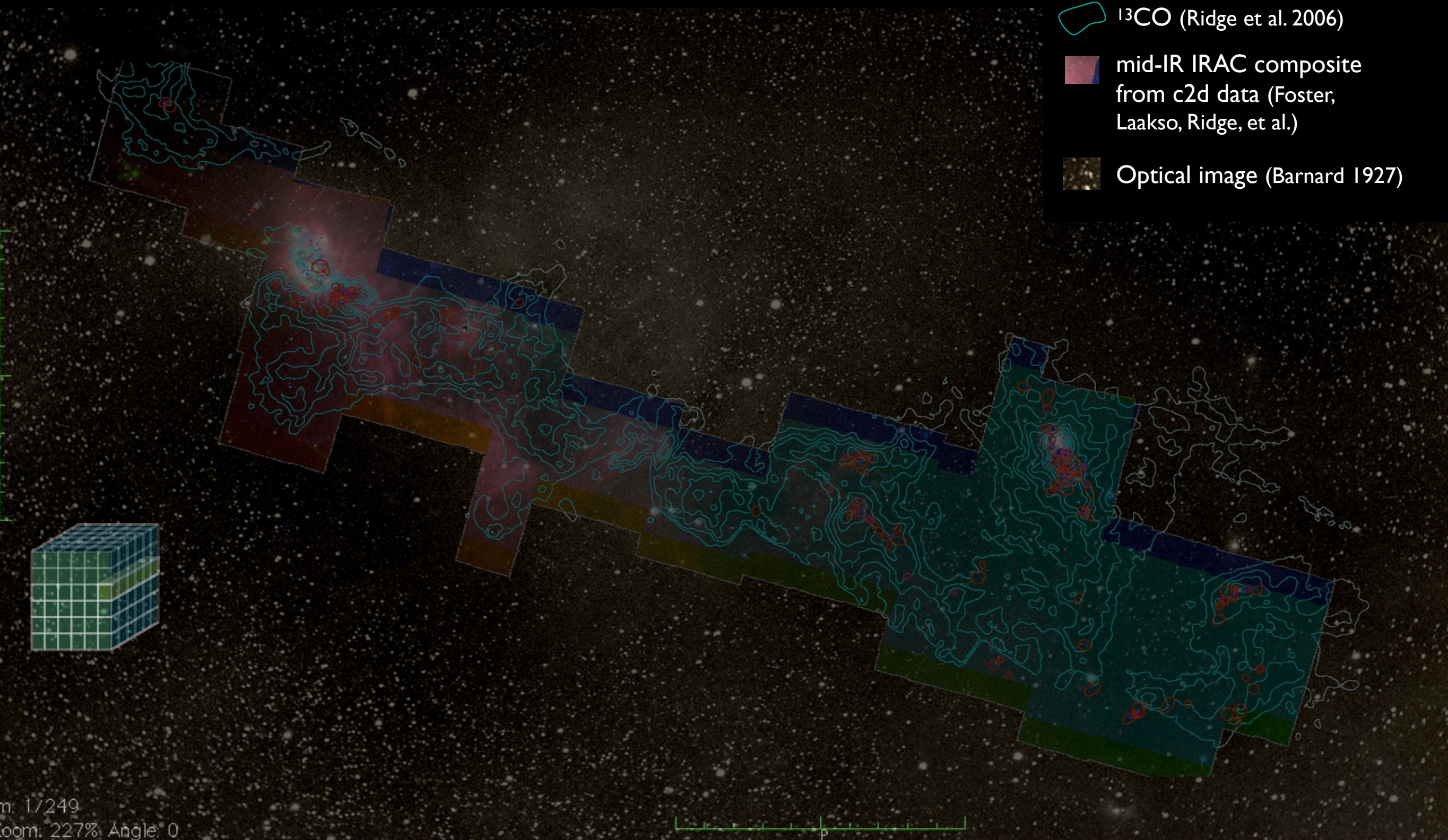
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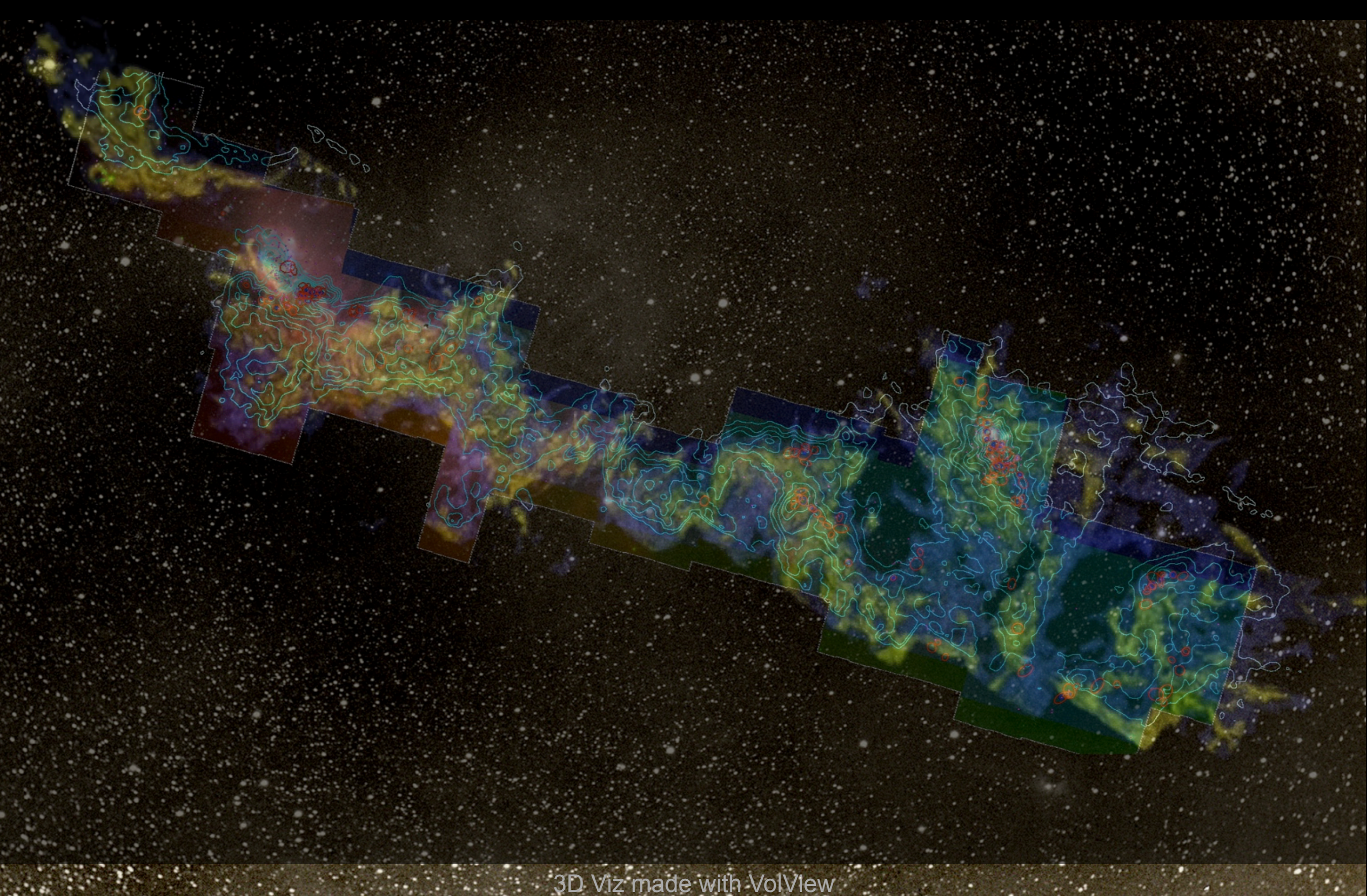


# WIDE DATA, "IN 3D"

-  mm peak (Enoch et al. 2006)
-  sub-mm peak (Hatchell et al. 2005, Kirk et al. 2006)
-   $^{13}\text{CO}$  (Ridge et al. 2006)
-  mid-IR IRAC composite from c2d data (Foster, Laakso, Ridge, et al.)
-  Optical image (Barnard 1927)



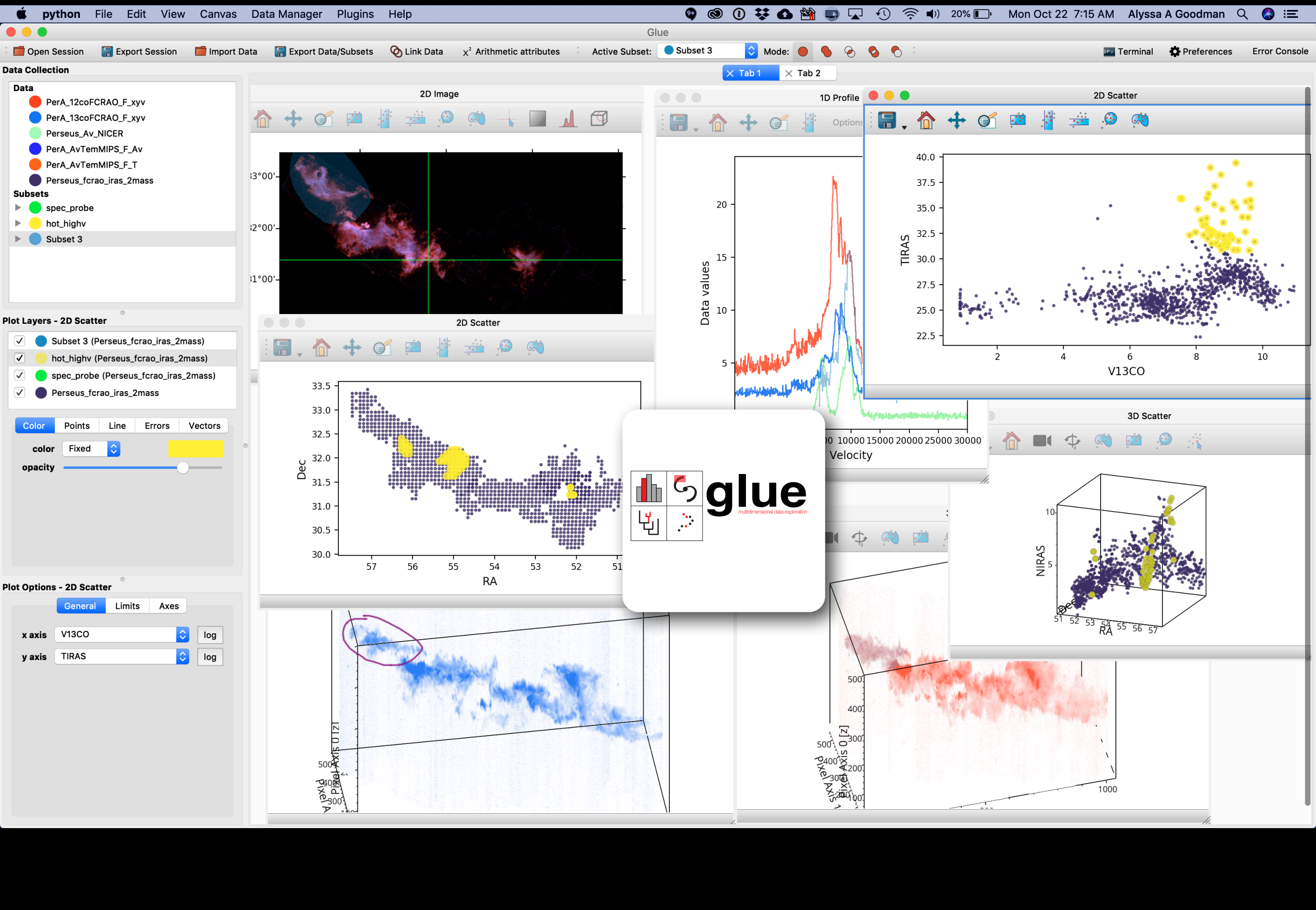




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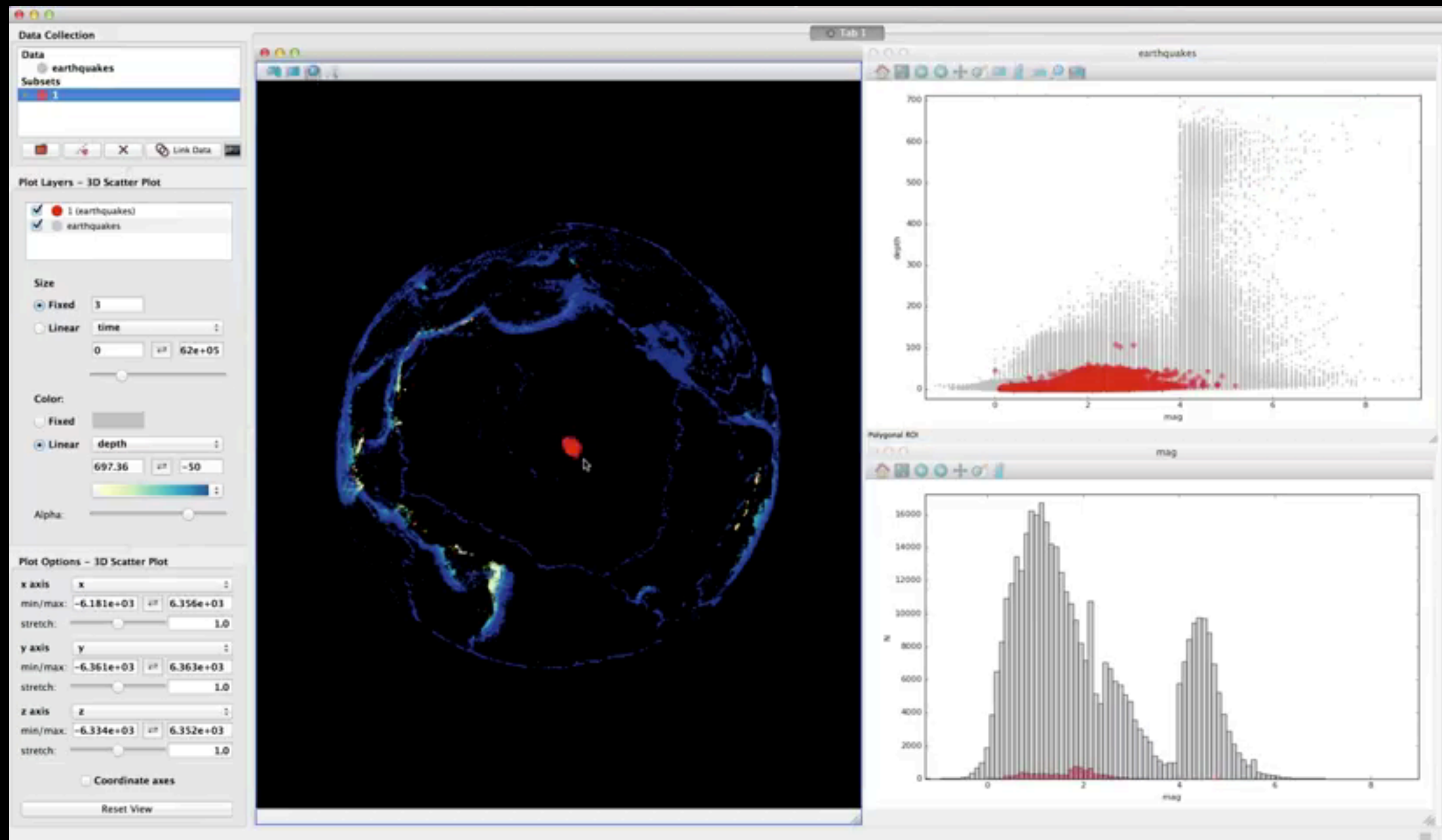
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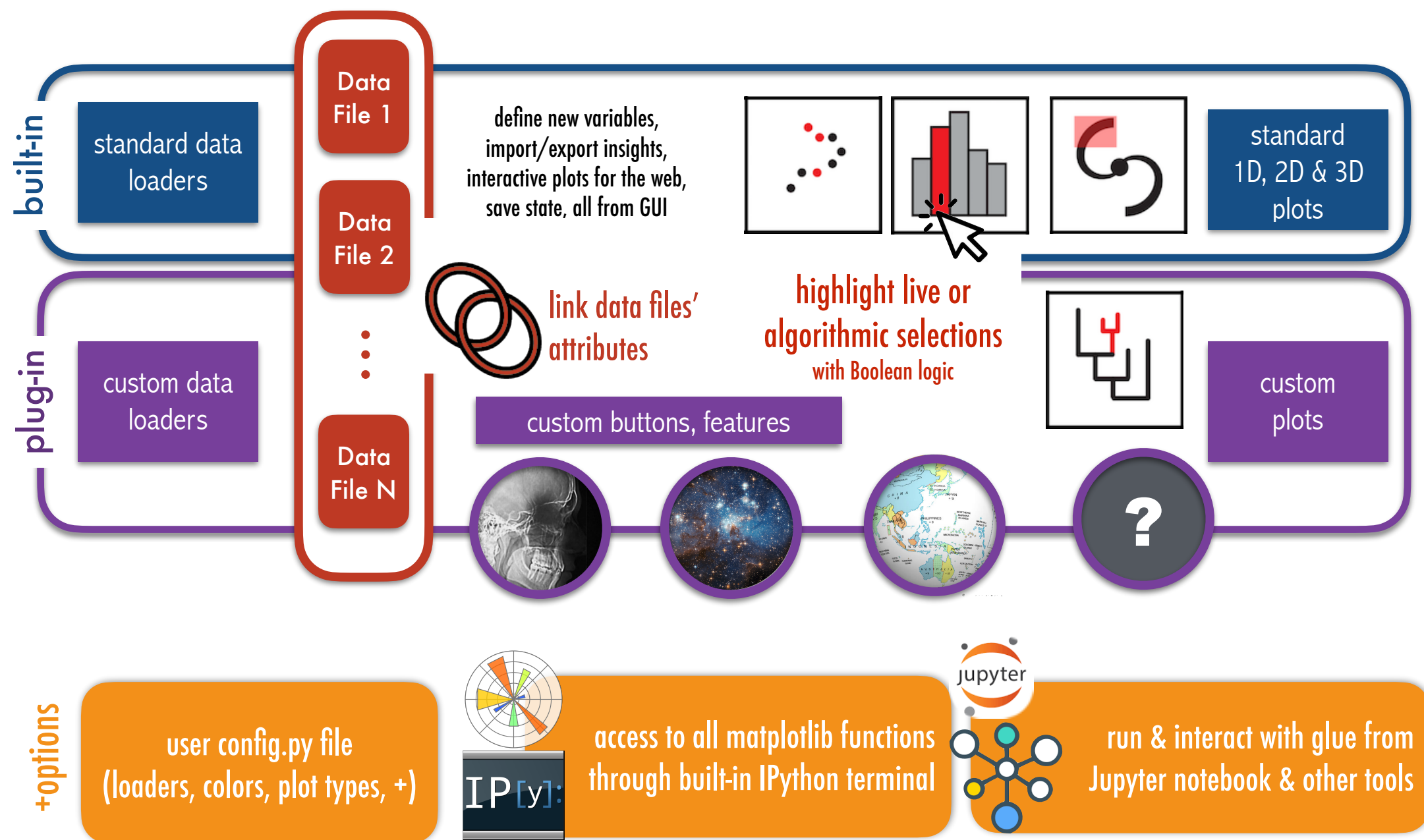
# Linked Views of High-dimensional Data (in Python)

# glue



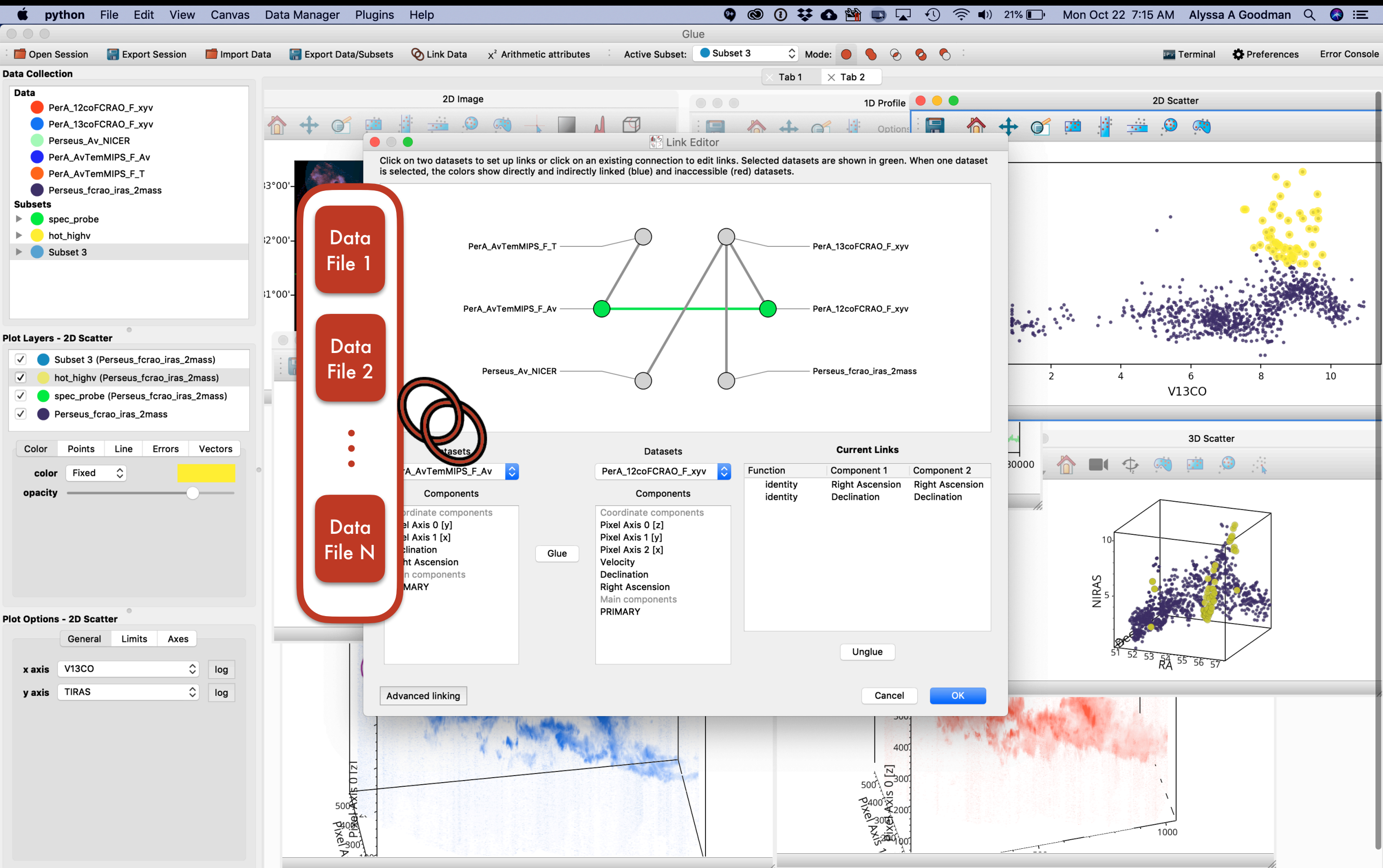
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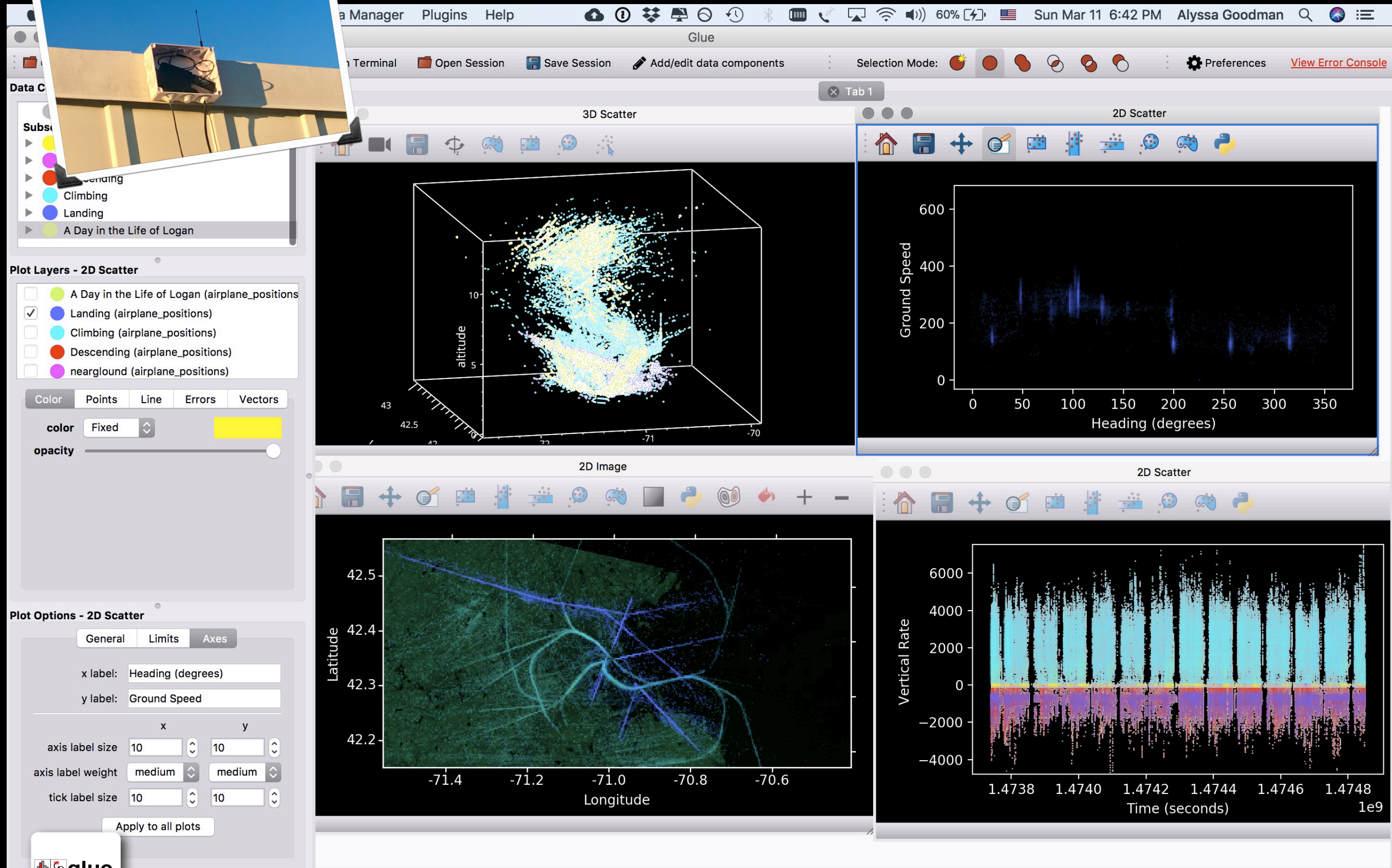
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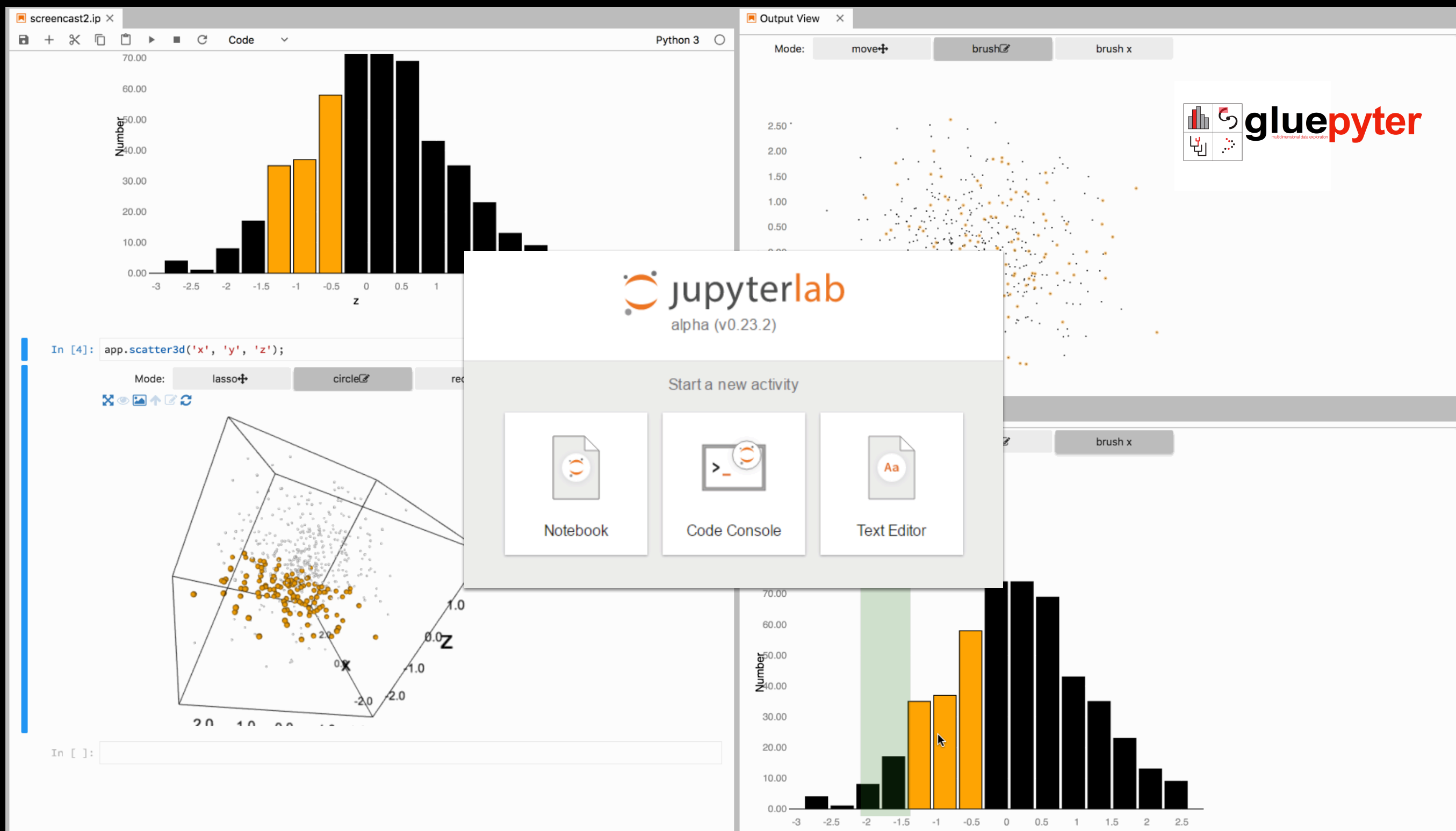




# Closer to home...



# “glupyter”: glue in the browser



*Video courtesy of Maarten Breddels, consulting developer*





# The Radcliffe Wave

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Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study

*Nature* paper by: João Alves<sup>1,3</sup>, Catherine Zucker<sup>2</sup>, Alyssa Goodman<sup>2,3</sup>,  
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Douglas Finkbeiner<sup>3</sup>, Edward Schlafly<sup>5</sup> & Gregory Green<sup>6</sup>

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# The Radcliffe Wave

Each **red** dot marks a star-forming blob of gas whose distance from us has been accurately measured.

The Radcliffe Wave is **9000 light years long**, and **400 light years wide**, with crest and trough reaching **500 light years** out of the Galactic Plane. Its gas mass is **more than three million times** the mass of the Sun.

*video created by the authors using AAS WorldWide Telescope  
(includes cartoon Milky Way by Robert Hurt)*



# The Radcliffe Wave

ACTUALLY 2 IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

## DISTANCES!!

We can now  
measure  
distances to gas  
clouds in our  
own Milky Way  
galaxy to ~5%  
accuracy.

*Zucker et al. 2019; 2020*

## RADWAVE

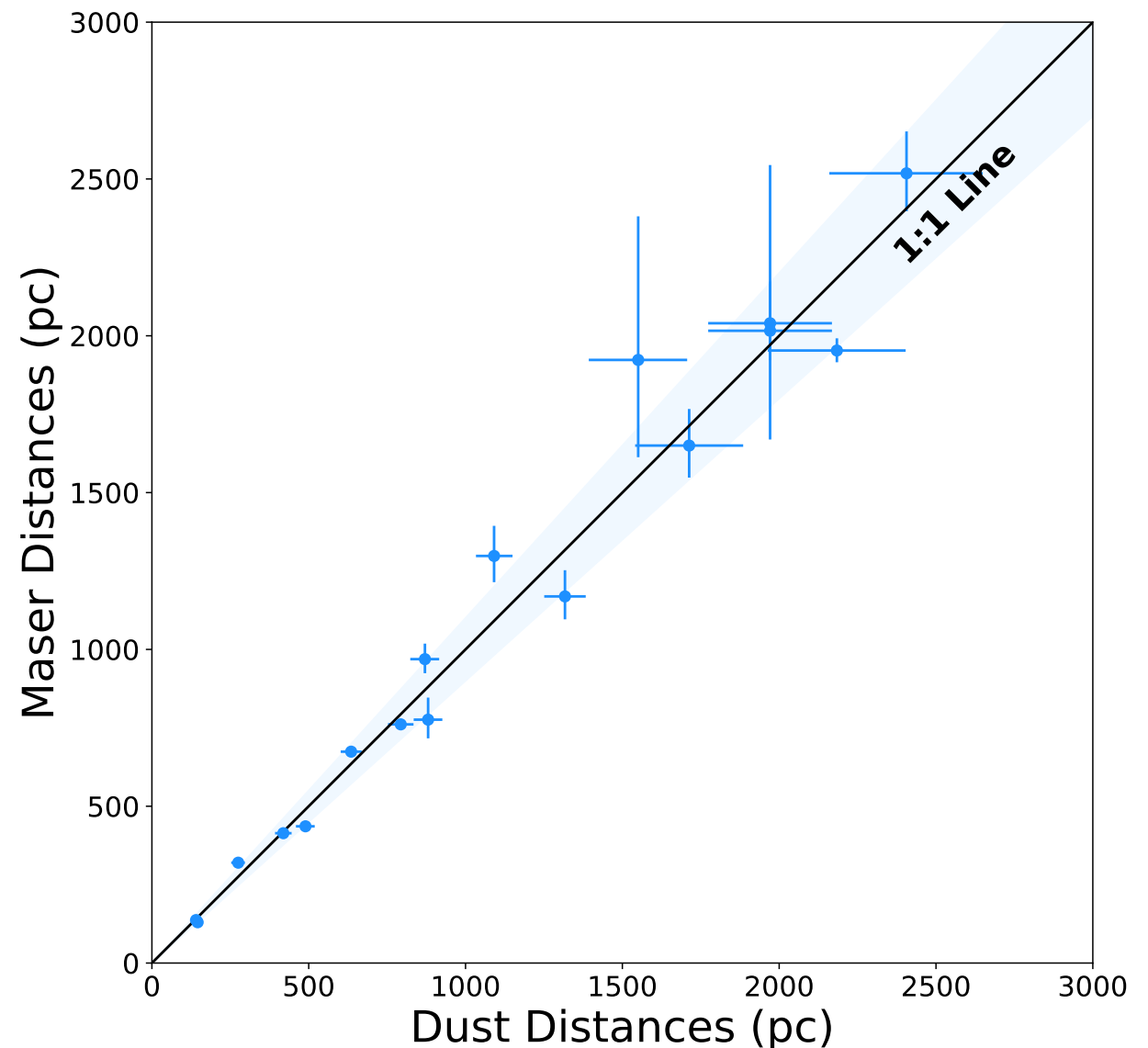
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the Milky Way.

*Alves et al. 2020*

# DISTANCES!!

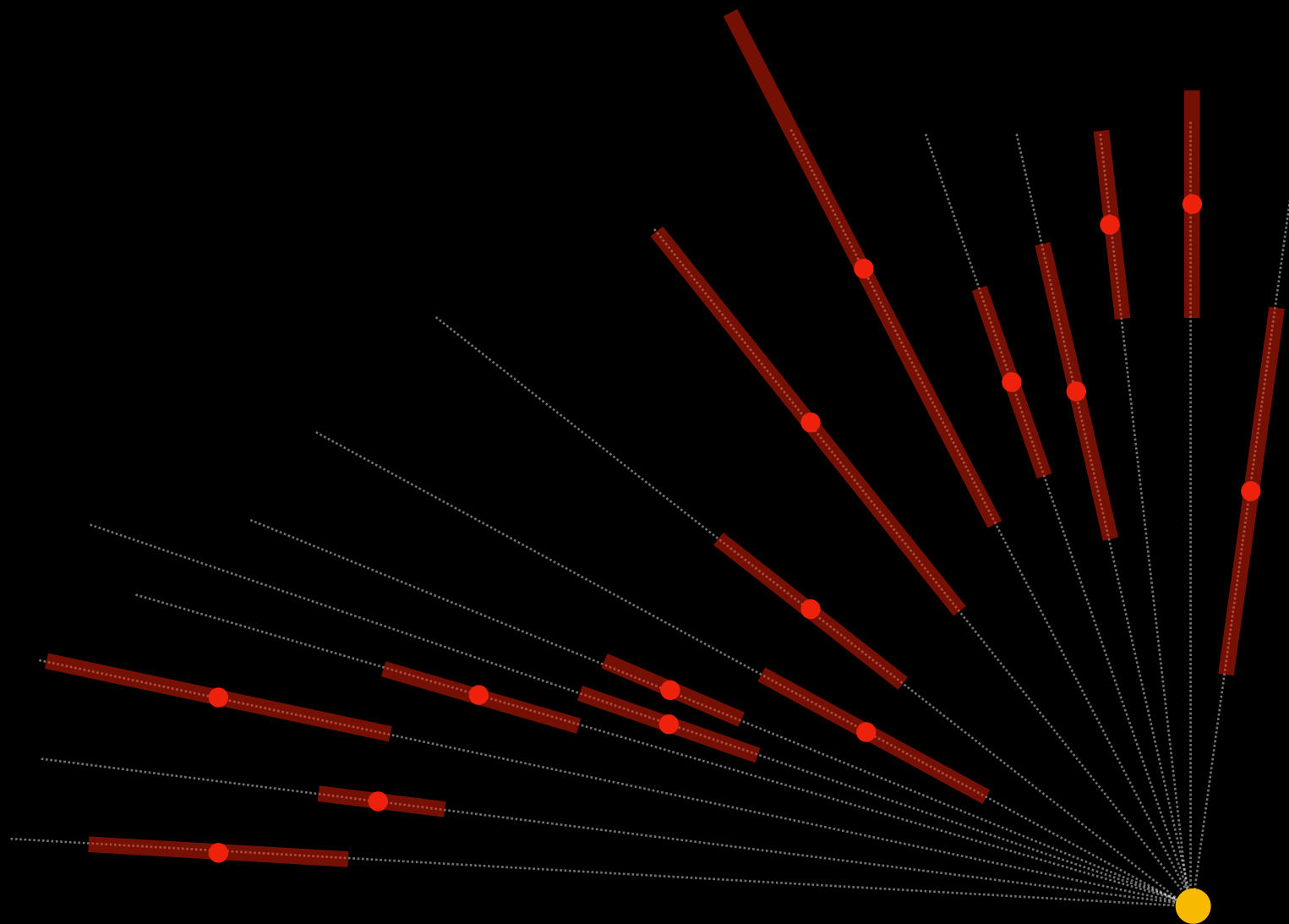
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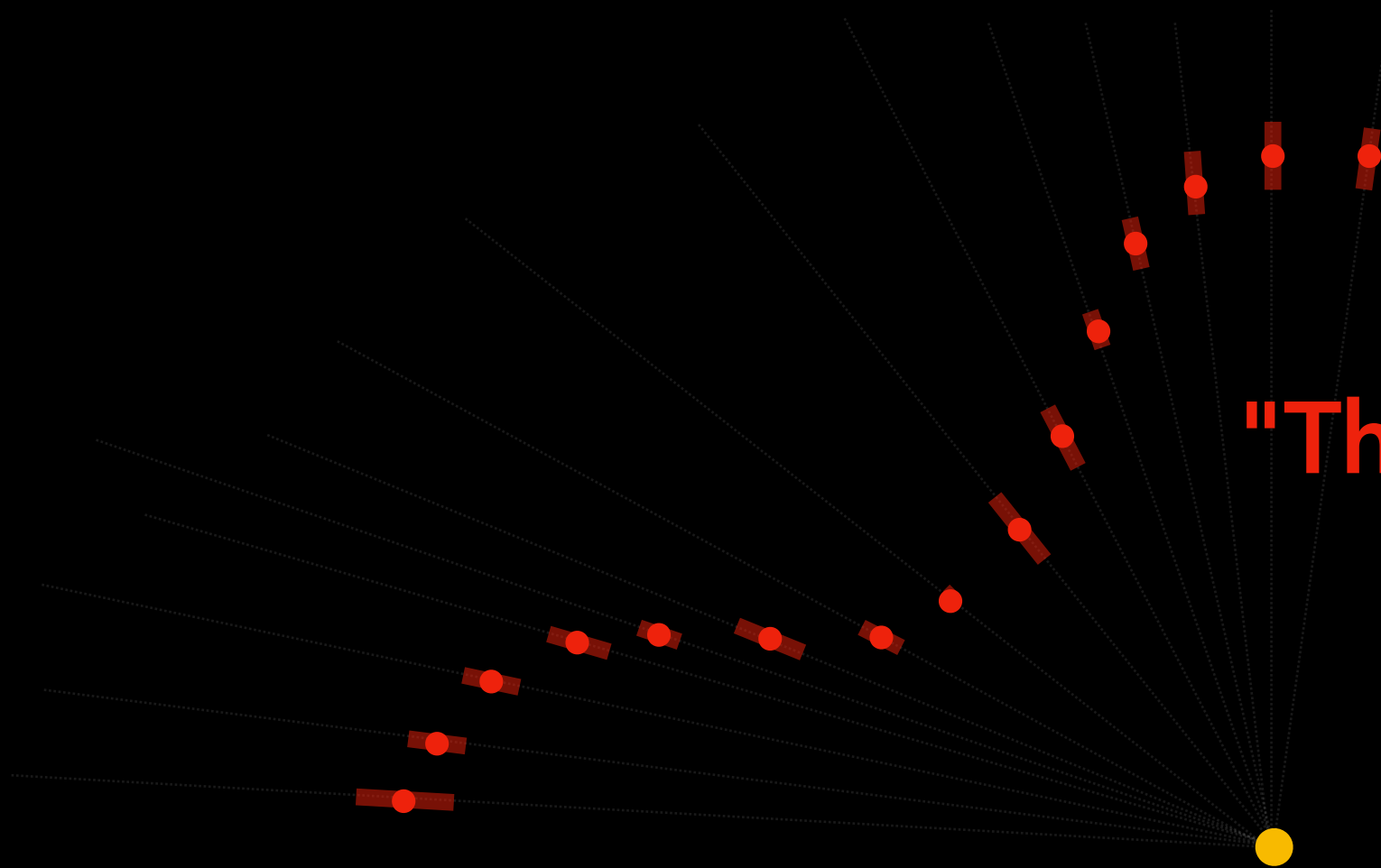
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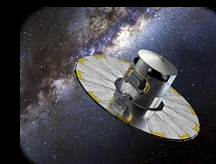
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HOW= 3D dust mapping\*



+ Gaia\*



+ glue\*



+ WorldWide Telescope



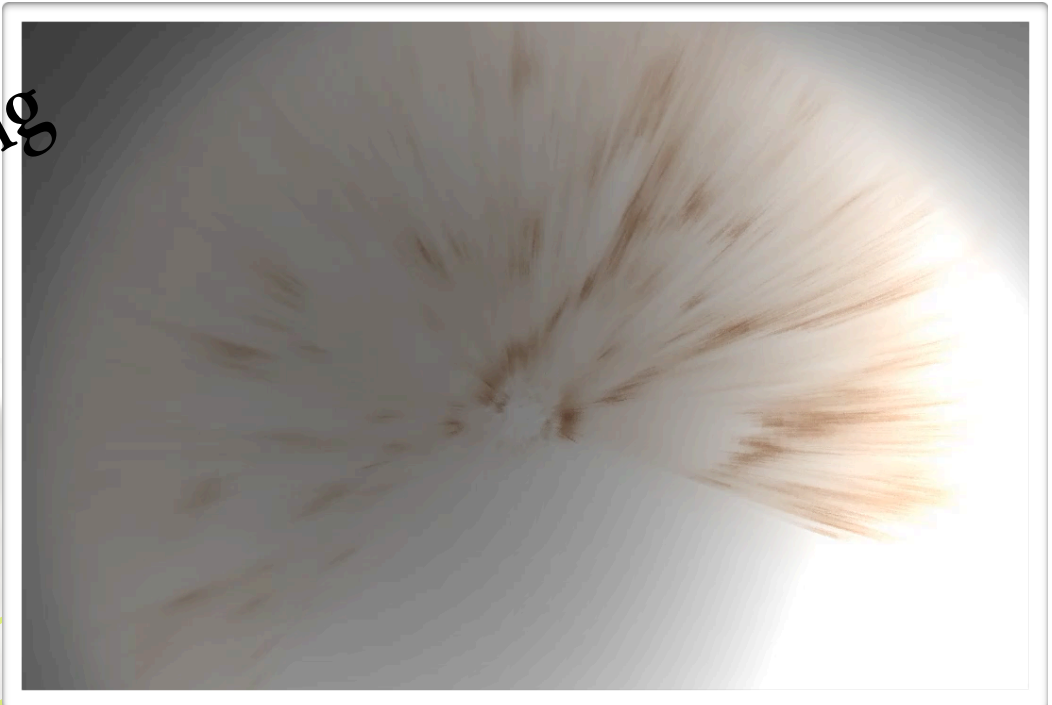
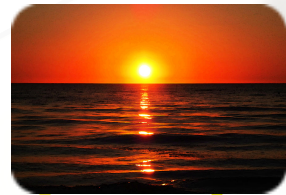
\*2 million CPU hours, Harvard

\*800 million stars, ESA

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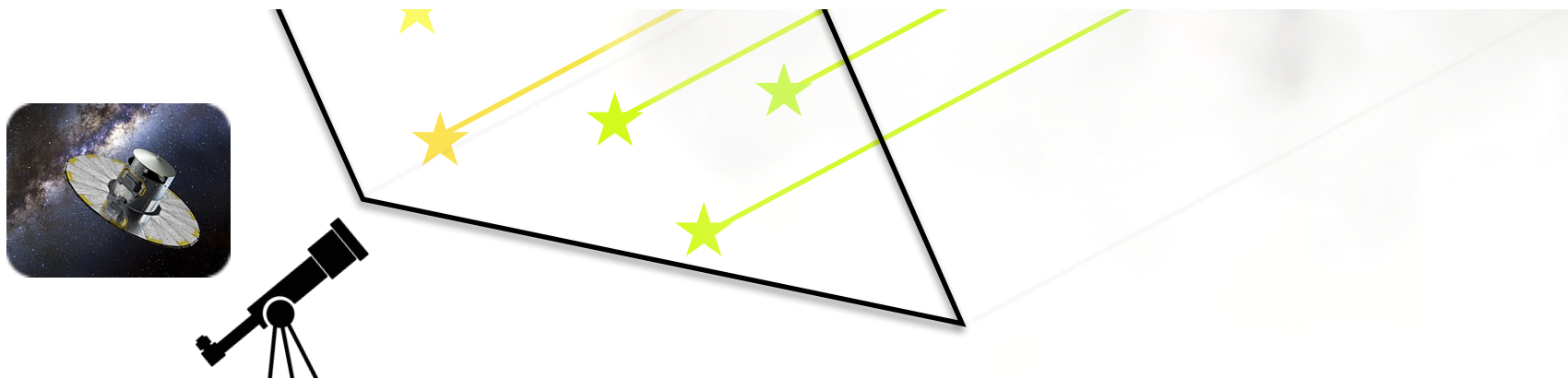
\*Microsoft Research, NSF, AAS

# Extinction & Reddening, from Color Imaging



Green et al. 2019

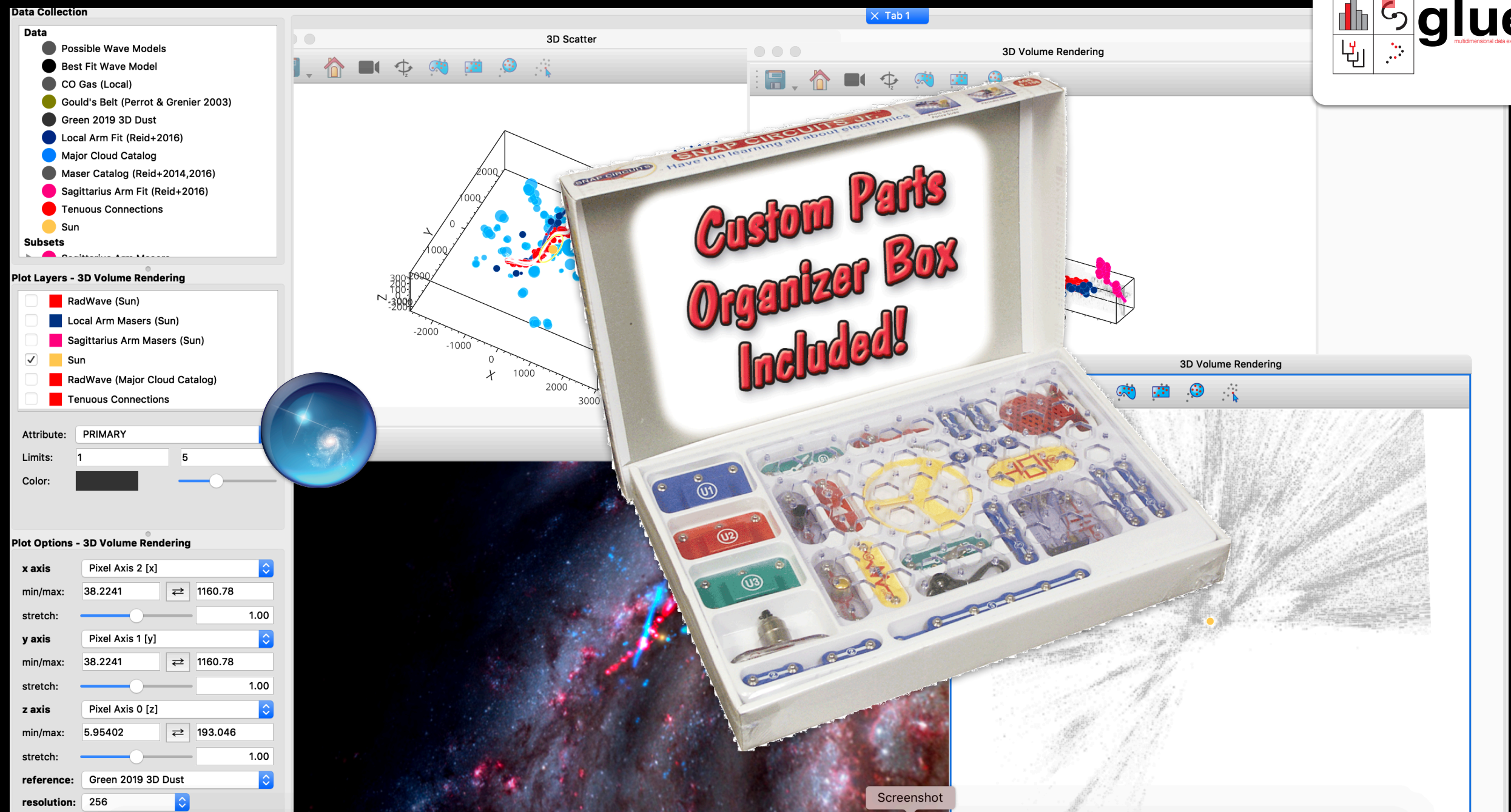
Can infer matter's distance from *dust*'s effects on stars.



WARNING: schematic diagram, **NOT** to scale (credit A. Goodman, 2019)

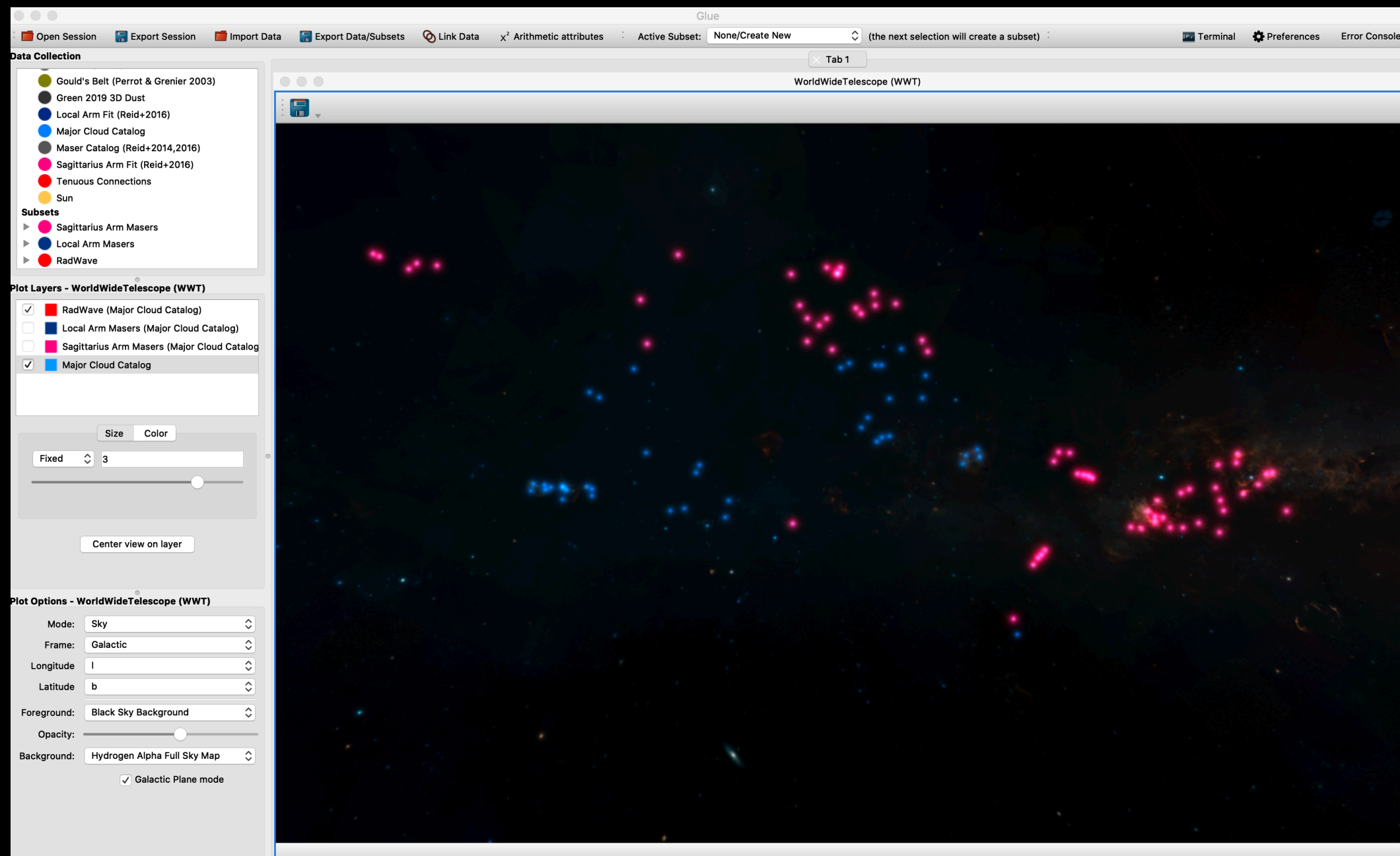


# "Seeing" The Radcliffe Wave, in 3D



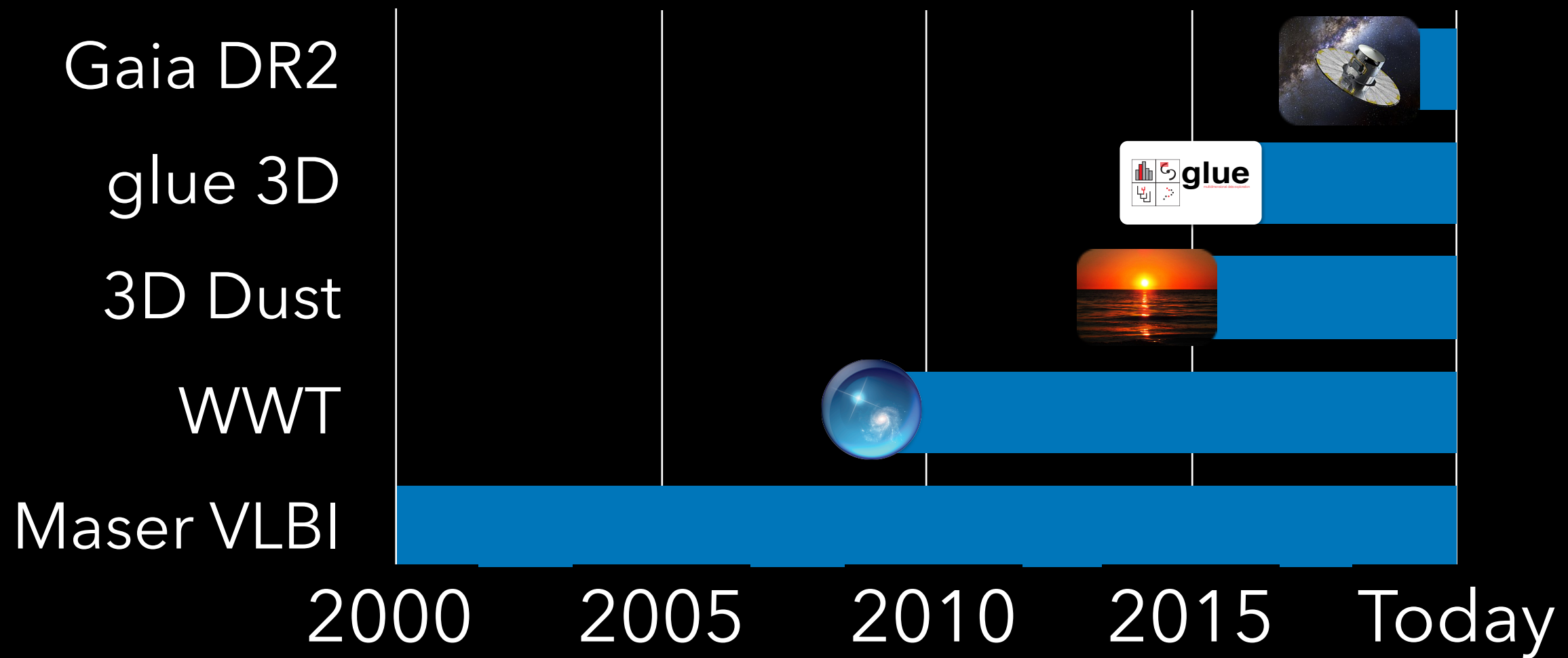
# WHY DIDN'T WE FIND THE RADCLIFFE WAVE SOONER?

It's not apparent in 2D on the Sky.





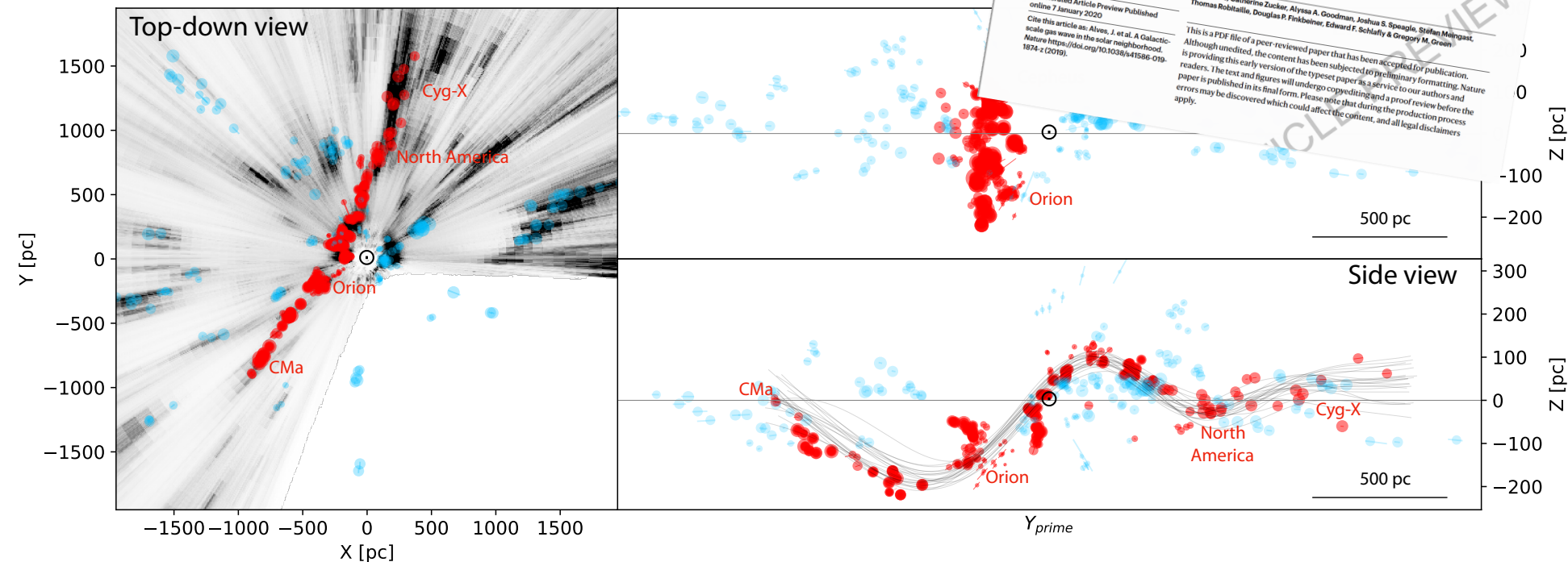
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# The Radcliffe Wave

**RADWAVE**  
Surprising  
wave-like  
arrangement  
of star-forming  
gas is the  
“Local Arm” of  
the Milky Way.

click the figure to launch interactive...



João Alves, Catherine Zucker, Alyssa Goodman, Joshua Speagle, Stefan Meingast, Thomas Robitaille, Douglas Finkbeiner, Edward F. Schlafly, and Gregory Green 2020, *Nature* (7 January 2020)

*Alves et al. Nature* paper & two distance catalog papers by Zucker et al. (2019, 2020) include several interactive figures (via [plot.ly](https://plot.ly) & [bokeh](https://bokeh.pydata.org/)), and deep links to data (on [Dataverse](https://dataverse.org/)) and code (on [GitHub](https://github.com/)) inspired by AAS “[Paper of the Future](#)” (Goodman et al. 2015)



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# "So What," for Astronomers?

**demise of "Gould's Belt"**

*end to 100-year-old paradigm*

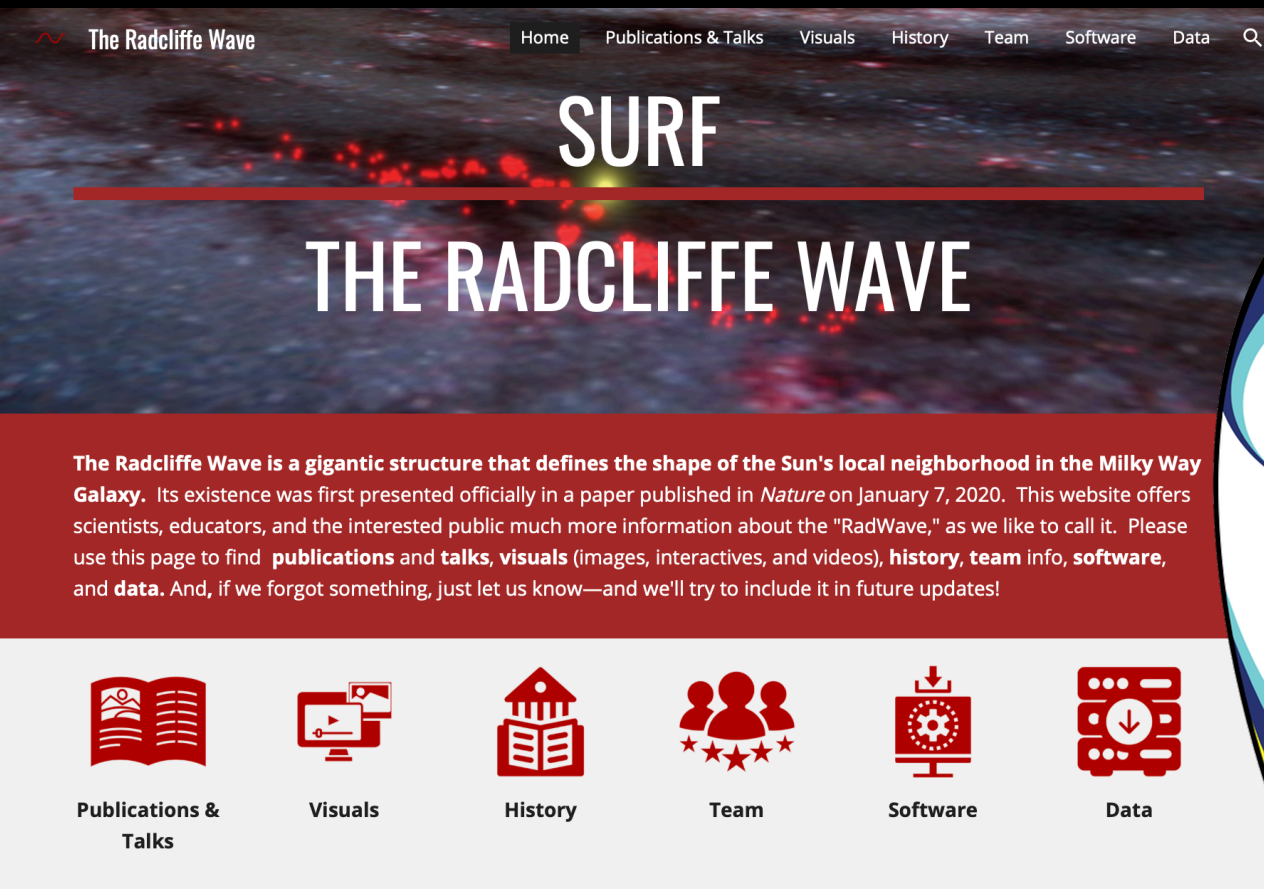
**"Local Arm" not shaped as we thought it was, locally**

arm is "straight" from top-down

**big wave in "arm" never previously observed**

wave's origin unknown (collision? dark matter?  
accretion?)

# SURF the Radcliffe Wave



It appears that the Sun, on its galactic orbit, crossed the Radcliffe Wave 13 million years ago, and may cross it again in the future.



*video created by the authors using AAS WorldWide Telescope  
(includes cartoon Milky Way by Robert Hurt)*

Find slides, papers, videos, WWT Tours, and much more at:  
[tinyurl.com/RadWave](https://tinyurl.com/RadWave)



# glue-ing together the Universe



[glueviz.org](https://glueviz.org)

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video version of these slides at: [tinyurl.com/goodmanWiDS2020](https://tinyurl.com/goodmanWiDS2020)



TEN QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CREATING A VISUALIZATION

## The 10 Questions

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1. **Who** | Who is your audience? How expert will they be about the subject and/or display conventions?
  2. **Explore-Explain** | Is your goal to explore, document, or explain your data or ideas, or a combination of these?
  3. **Categories** | Do you want to show or explore pre-existing, known, human-interpretable, categories?
  4. **Patterns** | Do you want to identify new, previously unknown or undefined patterns?
  5. **Predictions & Uncertainty** | Are you making a comparison between data and/or predictions? Is representing uncertainty a concern?
  6. **Dimensions** | What is the intrinsic number of dimensions (not necessarily spatial) in your data, and how many do you want to show at once?
  7. **Abstraction & Accuracy** | Do you need to show all the data, or is summary or abstraction OK?
  8. **Context & Scale** | Can you, and do you want to, put the data into a standard frame of reference, coordinate system, or show scale(s)?
  9. **Metadata** | Do you need to display or link to non-quantitative metadata? (including captions, labels, etc.)
  10. **Display Modes** | What display modes might be used in experiencing your display?
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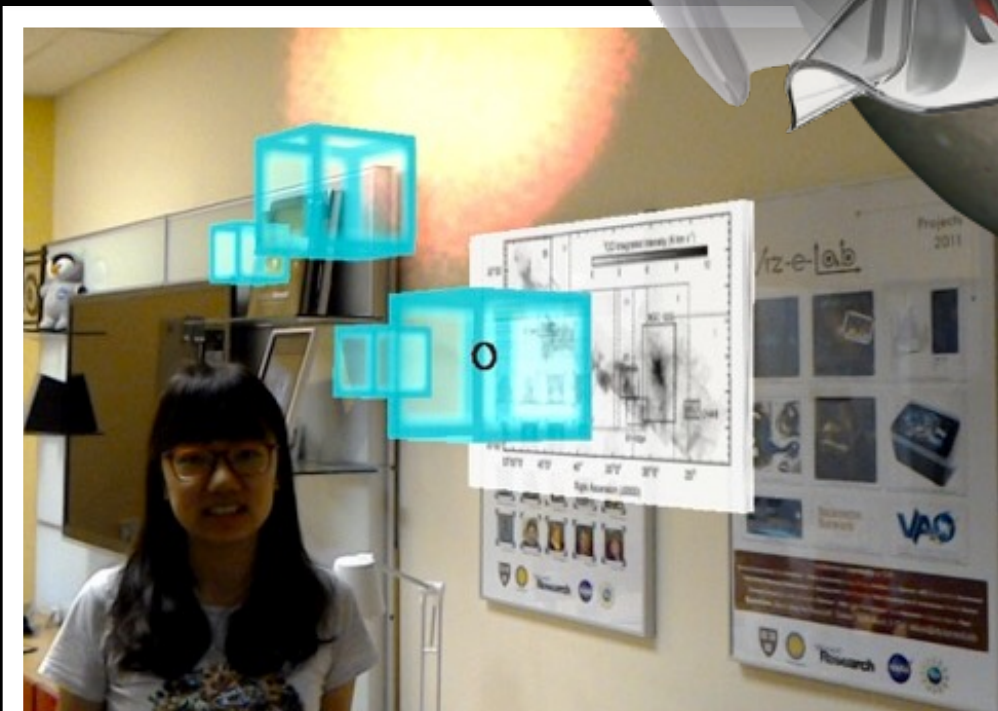
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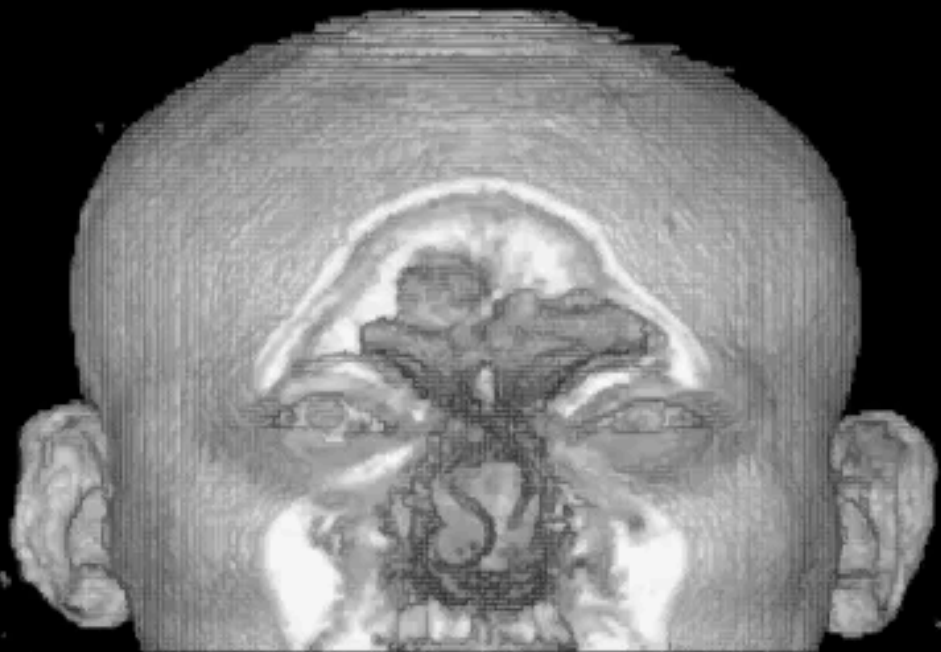


# The challenge of 3D Selection



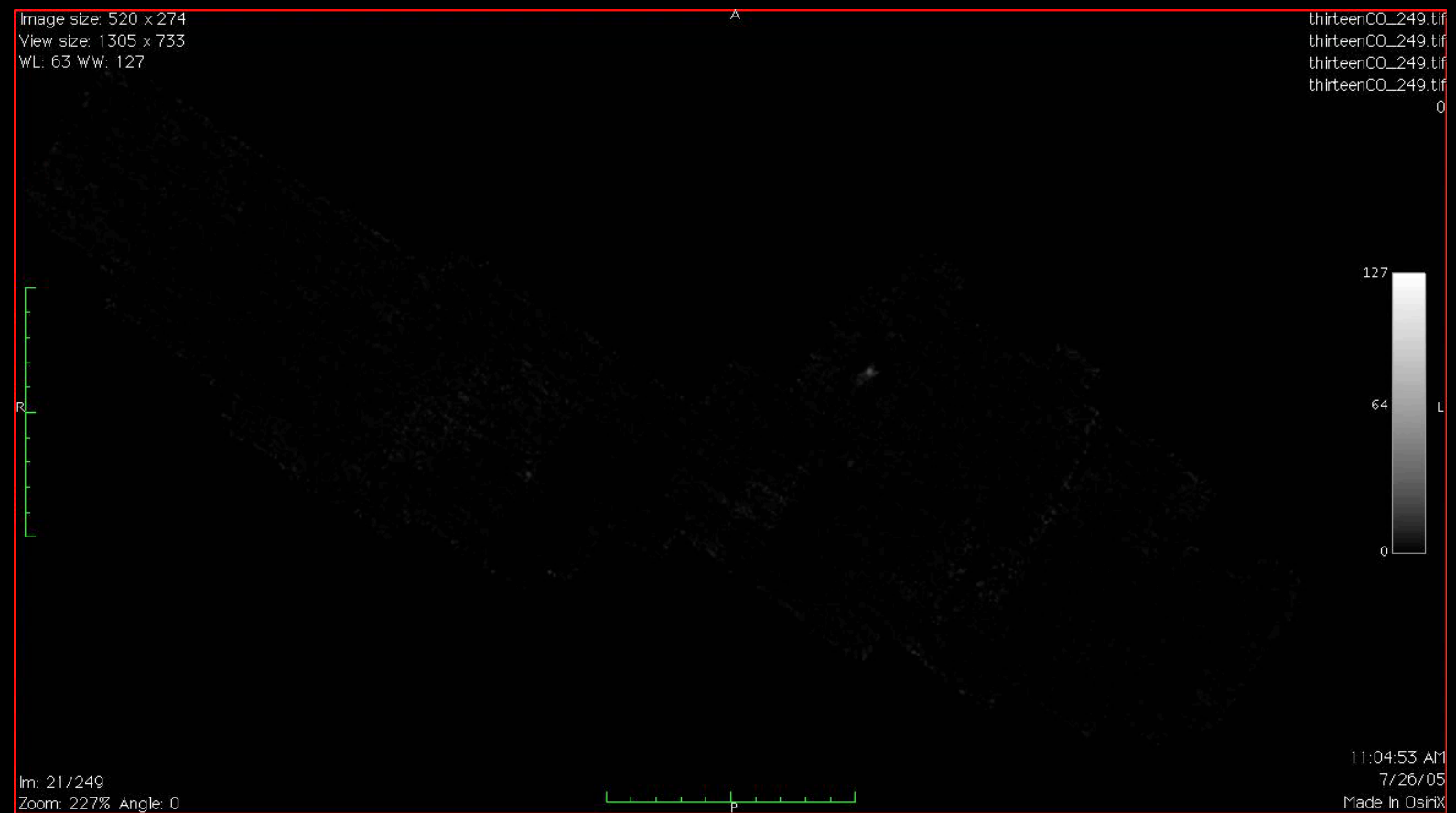
# ASTRONOMICAL MEDICINE

“KEITH”



“z” is depth into head

“PERSEUS”








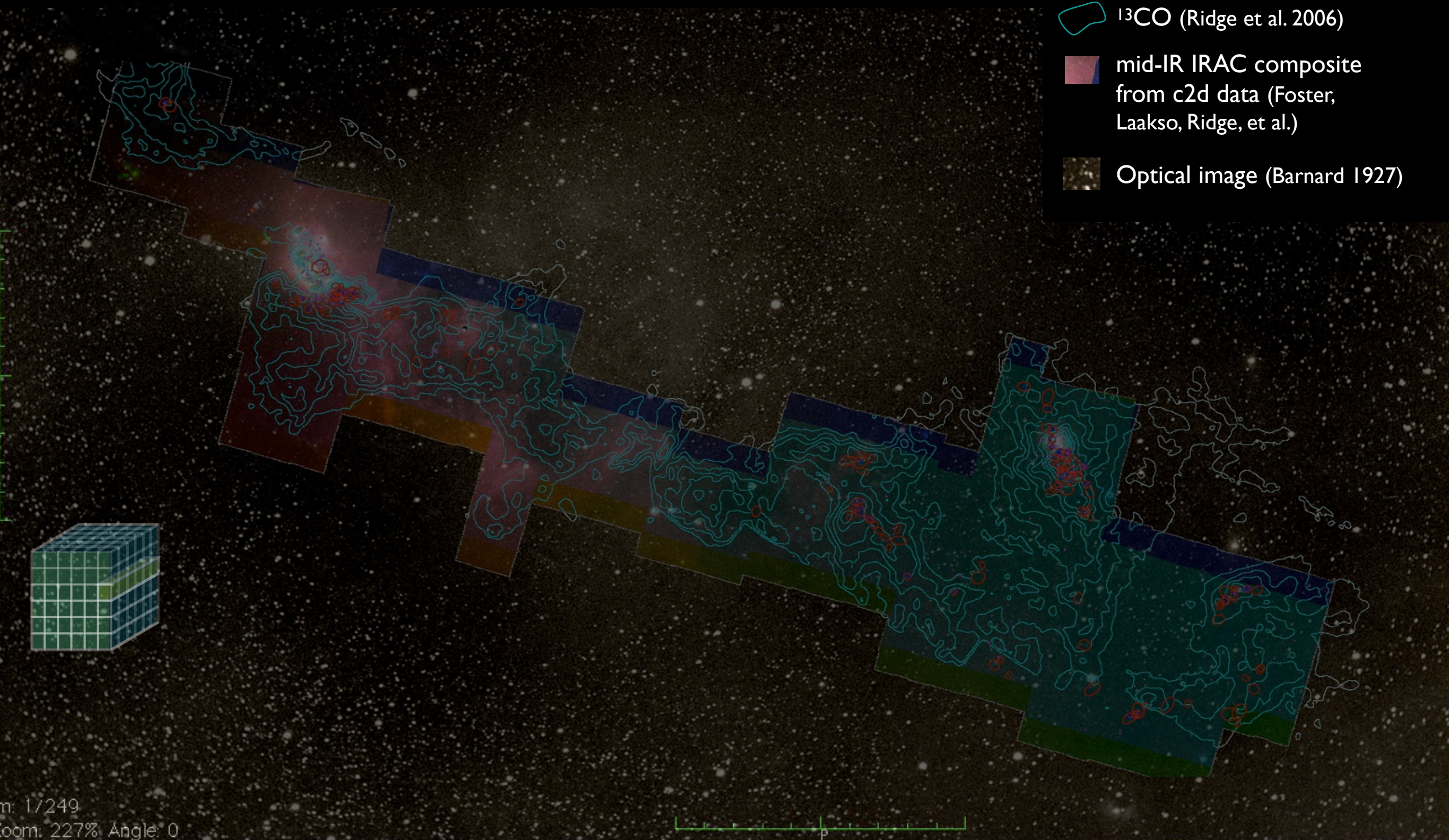
“z” is line-of-sight velocity



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WL: 63 WW: 127

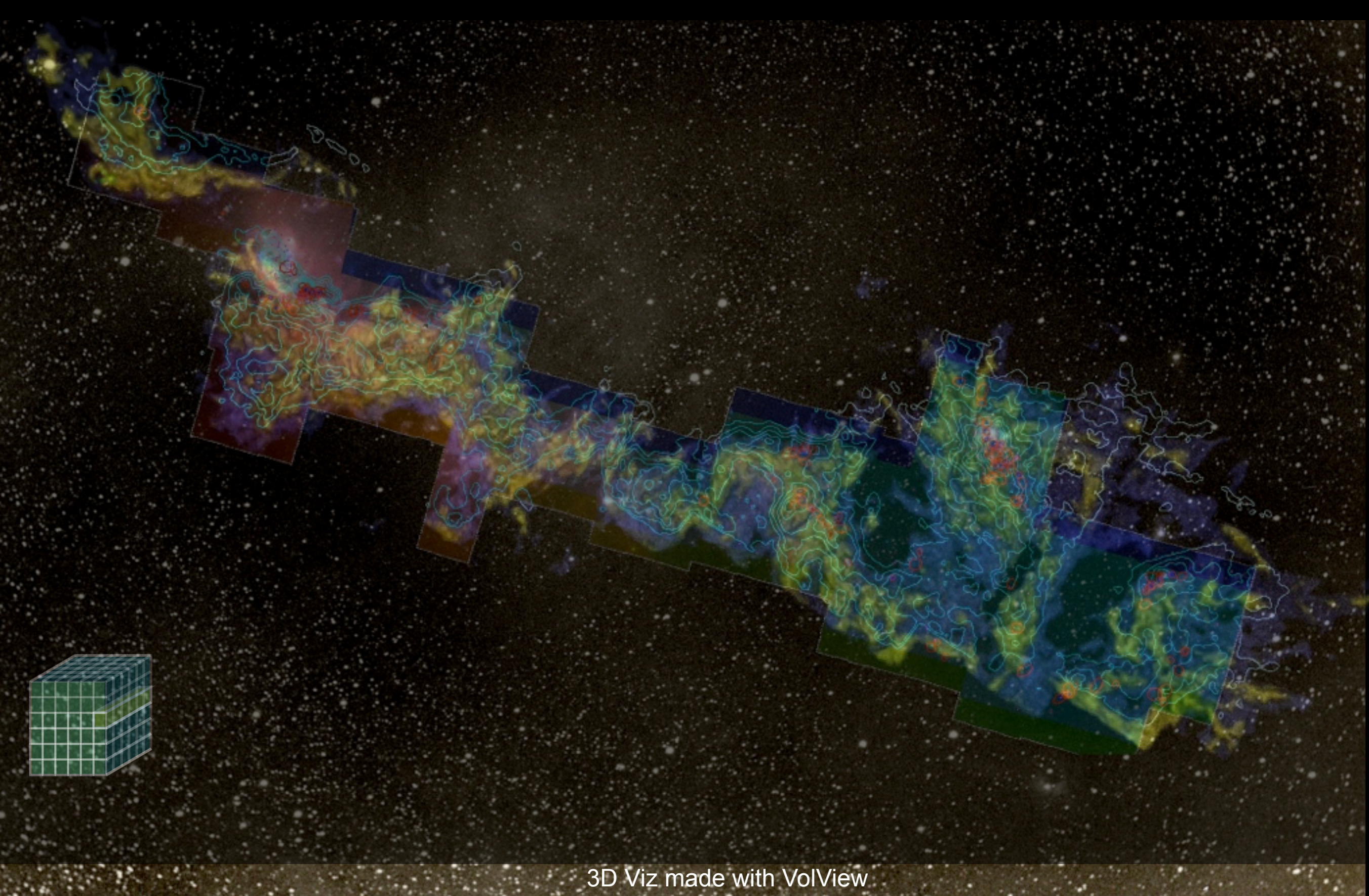
# ASTRONOMICAL MEDICINE

-  mm peak (Enoch et al. 2006)
-  sub-mm peak (Hatchell et al. 2005, Kirk et al. 2006)
-   $^{13}\text{CO}$  (Ridge et al. 2006)
-  mid-IR IRAC composite from c2d data (Foster, Laakso, Ridge, et al.)
-  Optical image (Barnard 1927)

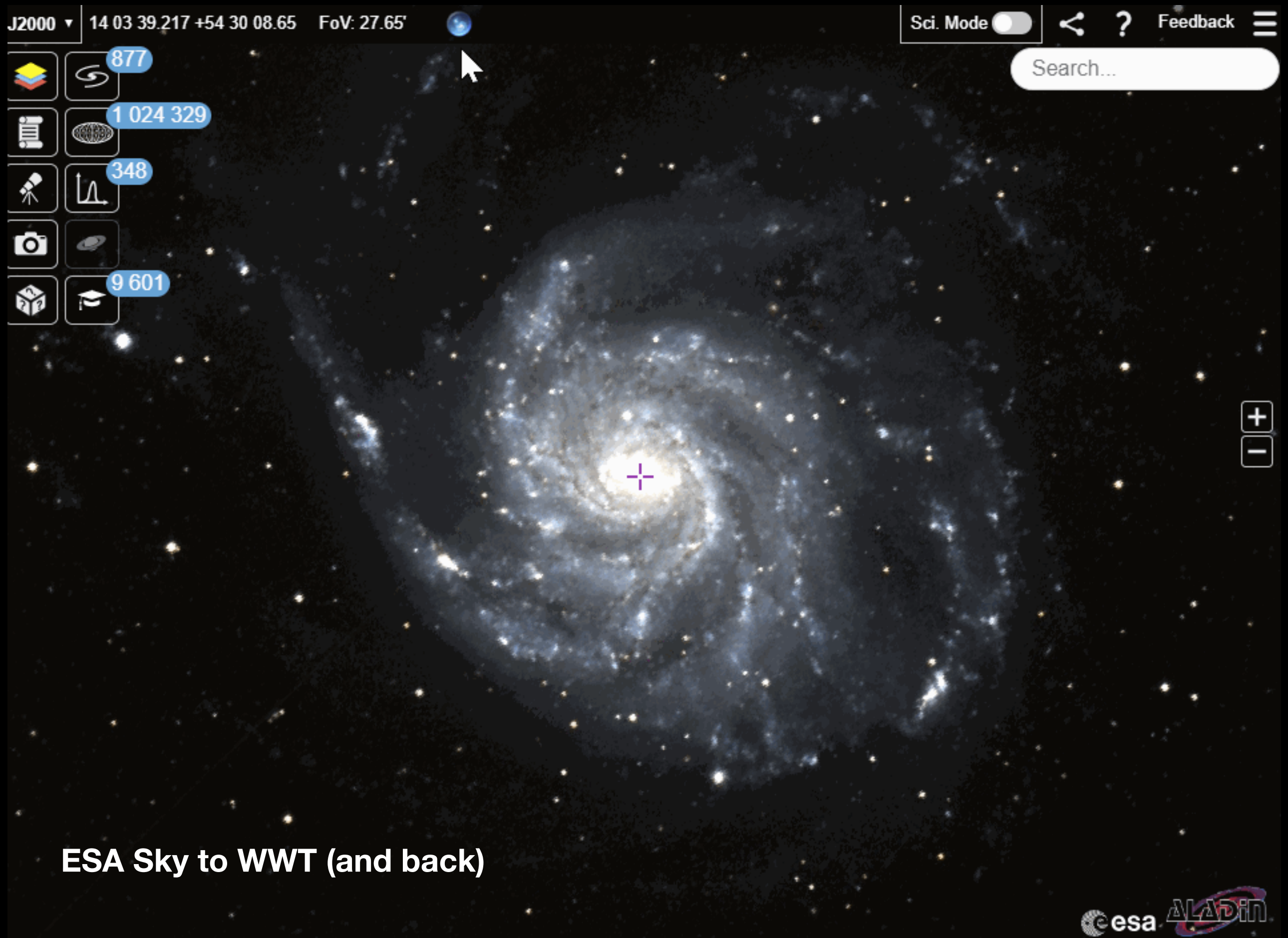


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ESA Sky to WWT (and back)