

WFAU - Science archives & connecting data

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Introduction

- WFAU has a track record of processing and archiving astronomical data and surveys
- From the SuperCOSMOS Science Archive,
 6DFGS spectroscopic archive
- Collaboration with CASU (nightly processing)
- WFCAM Science Archive (UKIRT telescope)
- VISTA Science Archive
- OmegaCam Science Archive (VST telescope)





Strengths

- Experience of handling large data volumes
- Database design
- Ensure high data quality
- Provide science ready products
- Add value, integrate other datasets
- Dedicated interface and, incorporating standards, published through Virtual Observatory (VO)



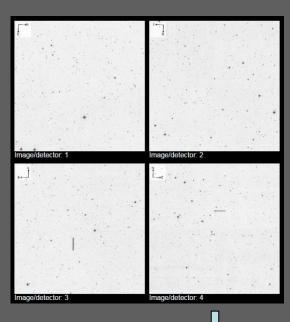


Current SSA related work – WSA LM

- Contract with Lockheed Martin (joint operators) of UKIRT)
 - Short exposure WFCAM observations
 - Sidereal or non-sidereal tracked
 - ▶ 1000-5000 frames a night

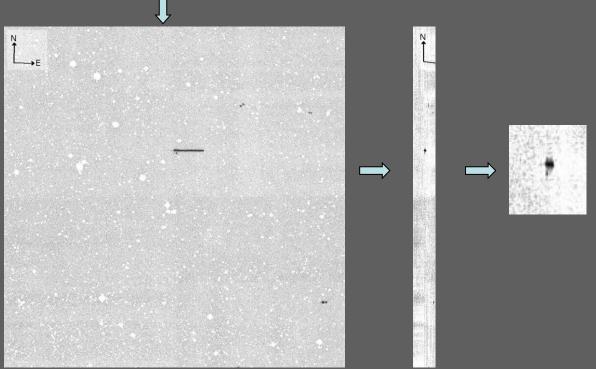


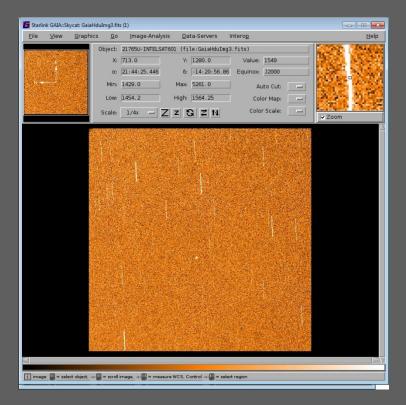


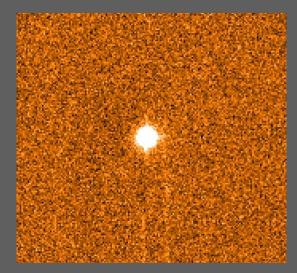


Sidereal

- Reduced frame (normal)
- Masked (remove stars)
- Scrunched E-W
- Detect and characterise objects

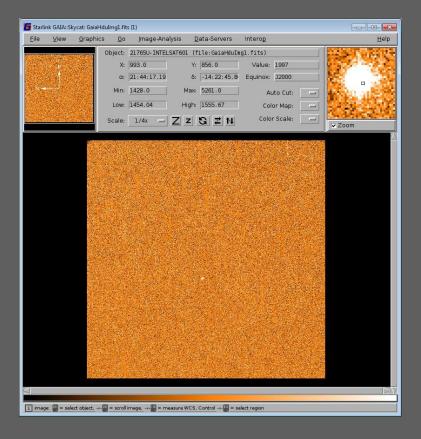






Non-Sidereal Rate - NSR

- Reduced frame (normal)
- Masked (remove star trails)
- Point-like object detection



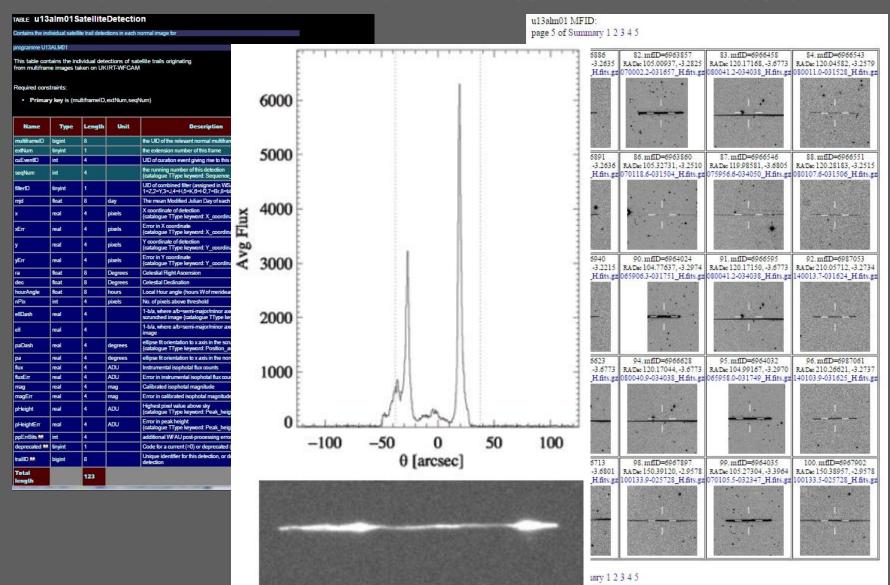
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- Install and operate WFCAM archive at Palo Alto
- Ingest all processed frames and their meta-data into database
- Ingest object detection catalogues into DB tables
- Link images, objects and light-curves
- Web based UI for querying data
- Develop specific access methods and presentation of results





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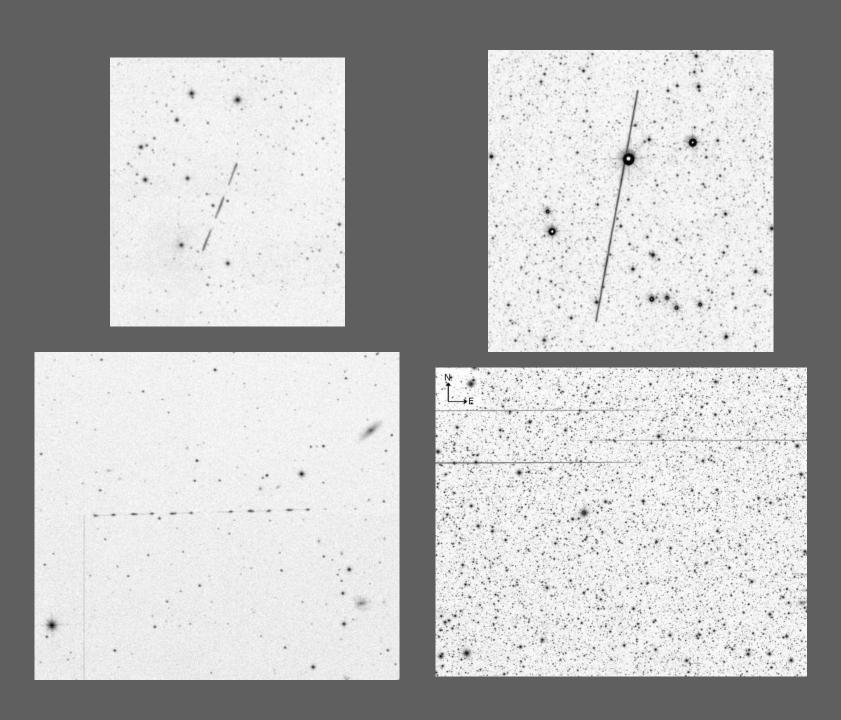


Prior WFCAM observations

- Downloaded over 40 million TLEs from spacetrack.org, 2005-2015
- Calculated predicted position of a given satellite for each WFCAM observation (normals)
- Only used closest TLE with published date +/- 7
 days
- Ran against 4 million observations (in practice 16 million)
- Over 50,000 matches < 6 arcmin

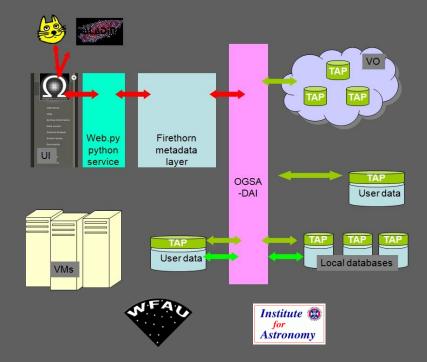






Future areas of involvement

- Data integration and exchange, (drawing on experience with VO), distributed queries, authentication
- Facilitate and enhance user access to data



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