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AAS, 2008: WWT as an "Open Secret"



## I-minute demo of WWT

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### What do these (buzz) words really mean?

"e-Research" • "Semantic Web" • "Modular Apps"

"Ontology"

"GIS/Layering"

"Search"

#### What's needed?

"Progressive Resolve"

"Registration"

"Selection"

"Side-by-Side Comparison"

"Readable Labels"

"Highlighting"

"Zoom"

"Custom Site"

"Measurement"

"Off-the-Desktop"

"Inference"



**Email with Room Numbers** From: Yan Xu Subject: RE: (non wwT) press conterence attendance for AG or Tuesday AM (result of search) Date: December 31, 2008 2:56:23 AM EST To: Yan Xu, Alyssa Goodman, Megan Watzke Cc: Becki Culbert (Swift Group), Curtis G. G. Wong < curtisgwong@msn.com>, Jens Kauffmann, Rosalind Reid Requires "Ontology" I just found Megan's earlier email, which mentioned that the press will be in room 204 of Convention Center. It is probably not too far from our room 308. Our setup and presentation will be in the same room: #308 (Exhibition Hall C) Interior Map on Long Thanks. Yan Ballroom & Meeting Room fig. http://www.longbeachcc.com/meeting.h DendroStar Harvard IIC: Projects Wikis Etc. ▼ Google Calendar . House lighting, ventilation, heat or air conditioning as Requires "GIS/Layering" required during open times. Energy conservation is of prime concern to the Convention Center and minimal light and comfort levels will be maintained during move-in and move-out periods. Rehearsals and similar pre-event activities will be maintained accordingly usekeeping services during open hours in aisles, idors, lobby, open spaces and restrooms, plus one 6 A A REPART | Shttp://maps.google.com/maps?client=safari&ris=en-us&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTFs. Meeting rooms will be cleaned between 12 AM and Wikis Etc. v Google Calendar \$\$\$ Image Search v ADS Best Directories v RSS (1501) v BeyondADS v Delicious v Hersche nightly unless prior arrangements are made with goodman.alyssa@gmail.com | My Profile | Help | Web History | My Account | Sign out | Event Manager iter service will be supplied to head tables and ums only. All other water service needs must be Search Maps Show search options red through your Catering Sales Manager. e basic set up is included with the daily rental tional set ups are charged based upon half of the daily -time basic room set per rented event day. Meeting is included with an Exhibit Hall rental include a one-Pine Ave Long Beach, CA pasic room set for the run of the event. equipped first-aid facilities. Does not include ng. An Emergency Medical Technician will be

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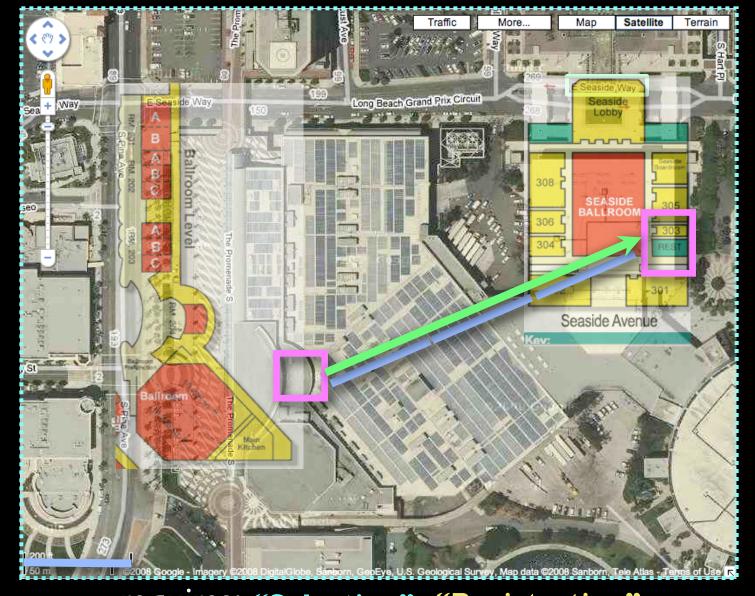
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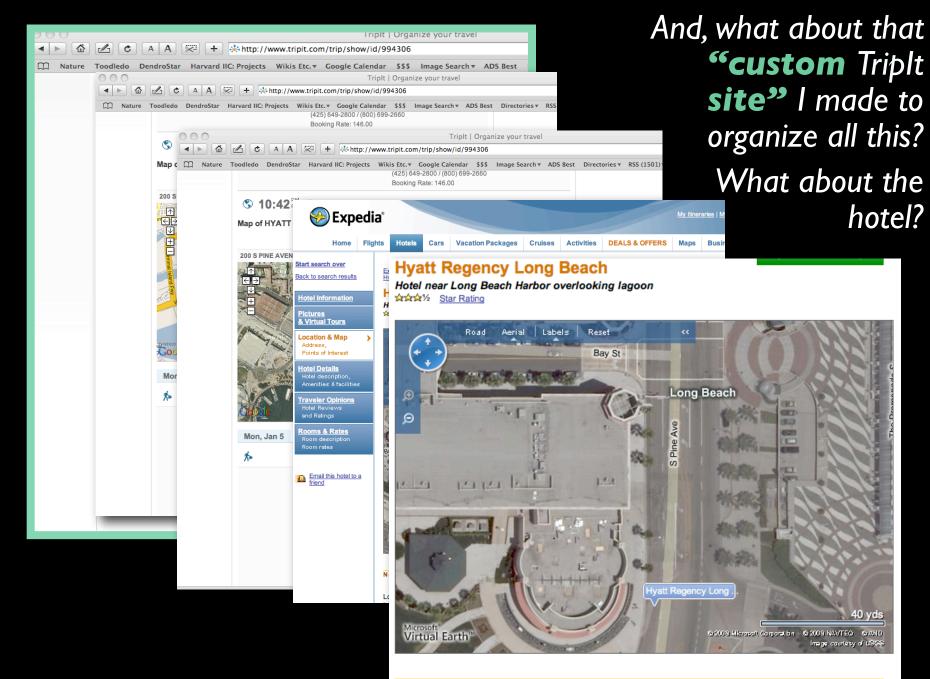
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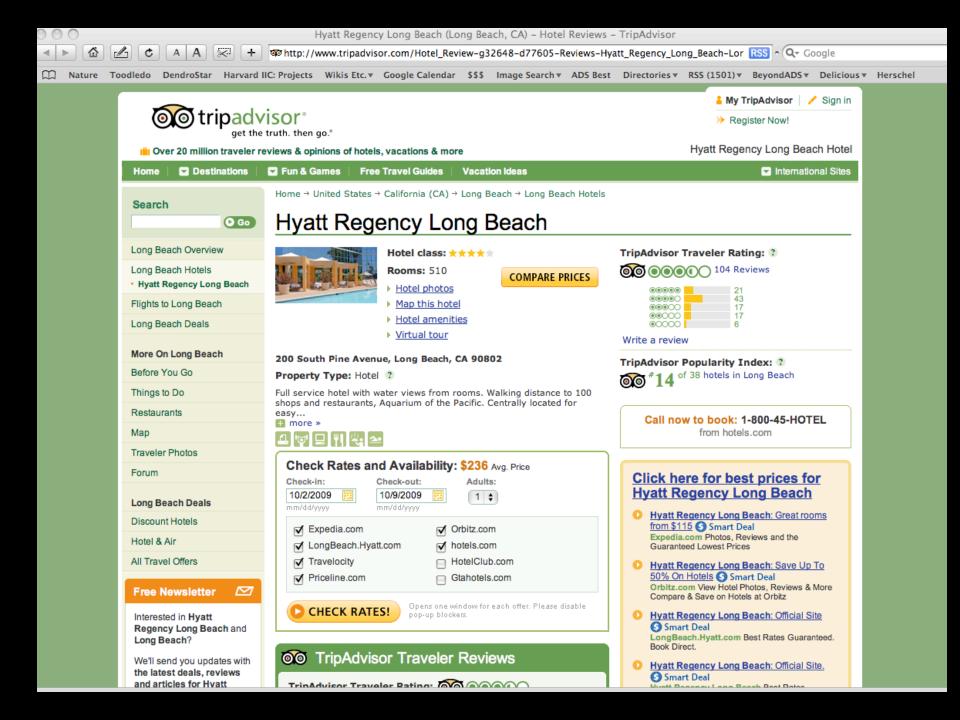
...requires: "Selection"; "Registration"; "Readable Labels"; "Highlighting"; & "Measurement"

in order to yield: "Inference": ... Wow, that's about 600 feet, hope we can change the room!





"Inference": ...Oh, that building with the funky paths outside is the Hyatt... what if I...



### And now for "e-Research" with WWT...

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# Going "Off-the-Desktop"



More information: See the IIC's "Scientists Discovery Room" project pages

#### Slideshow: Tabletop Computers Continued

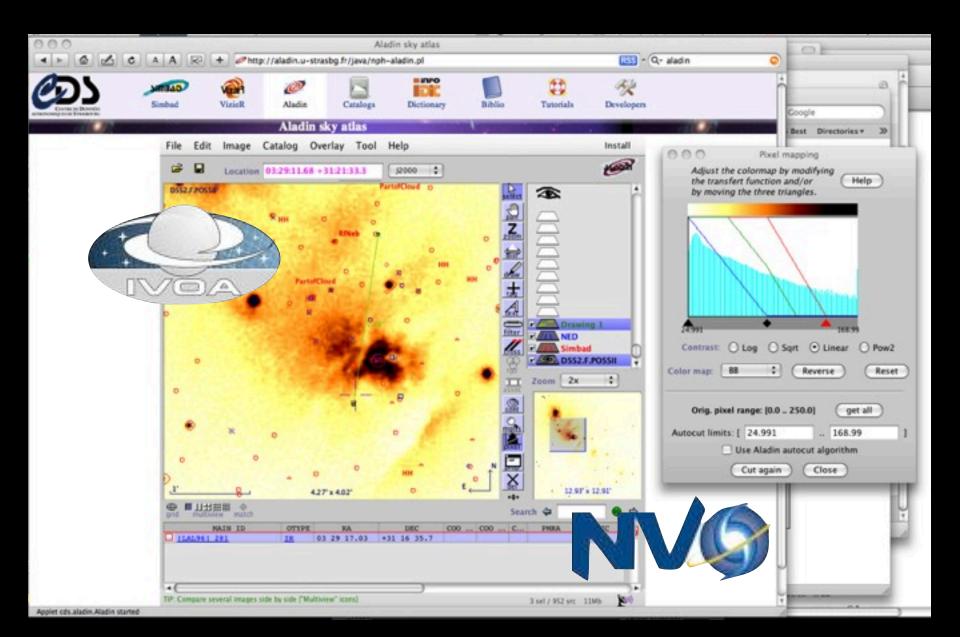
By Meredith Ringel Morris

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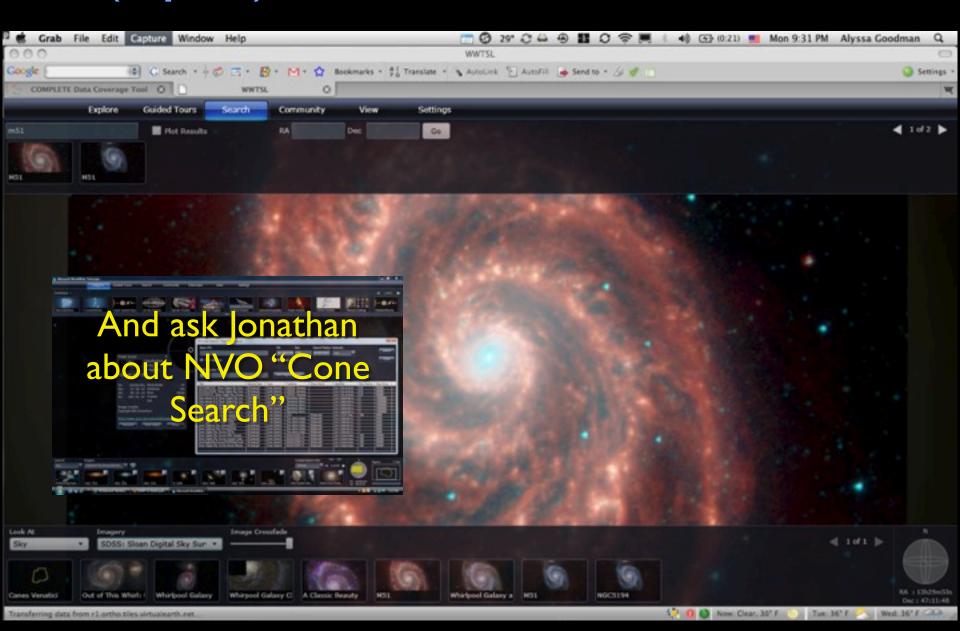


**UBITABLE:** Users can interact with surface computers through auxiliary devices, such as laptops, phones, and PDAs. The display on the auxiliary device can convey private or sensitive content to a single user, while group-appropriate content can appear on the tabletop display. Chia Shen and her colleagues at Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories, in Cambridge, Mass., have explored auxiliary interactions with surface computers in their UbiTable project, in which two people with laptops collaborate over a tabletop display. Recently, Shen expanded the UbiTable into an interactive room called the WeSpace. People can share data on their laptops with other people in the room, using both a table and a large display wall. Here, three Harvard University astrophysicists discuss radio and IR spectrum images using the WeSpace.

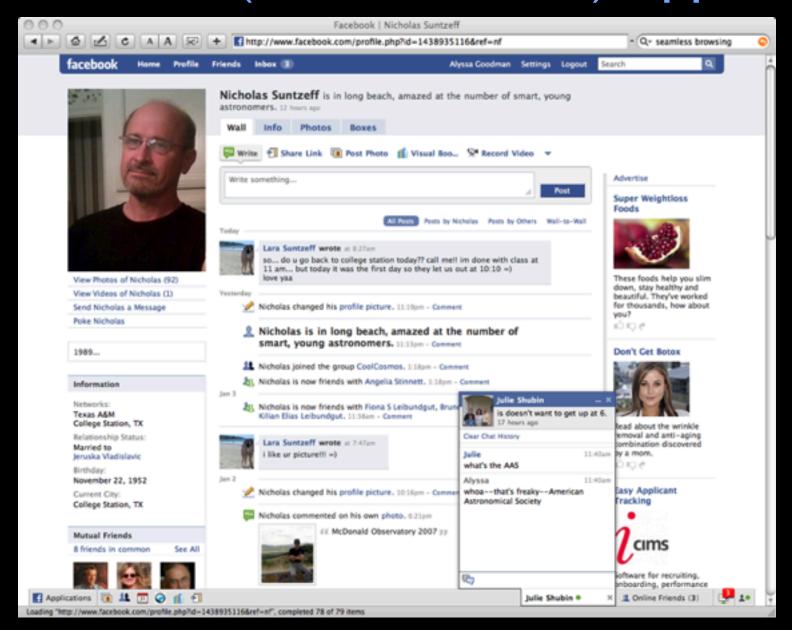
### What if the Viewer were WWT?



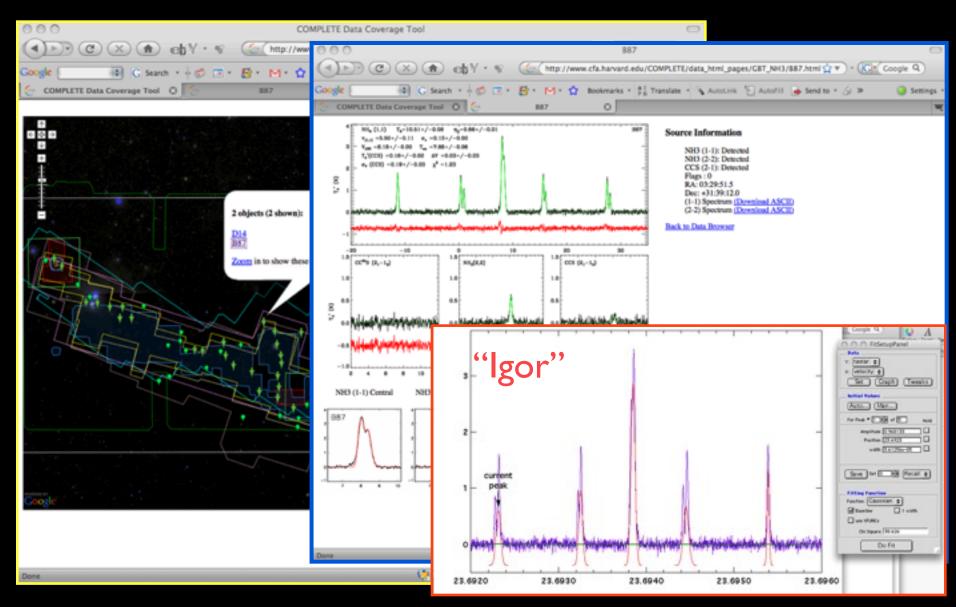
# (alpha) Web Version of WWT



## "Modular (& Embeddable) Apps"



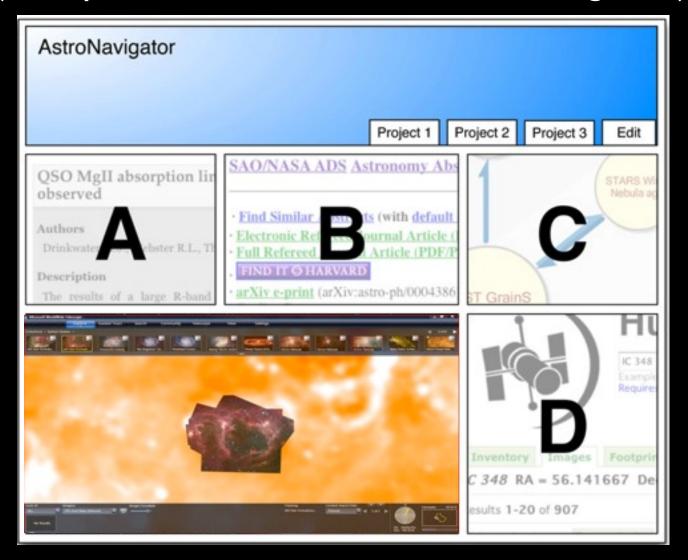
### Embedded & Modular Tools



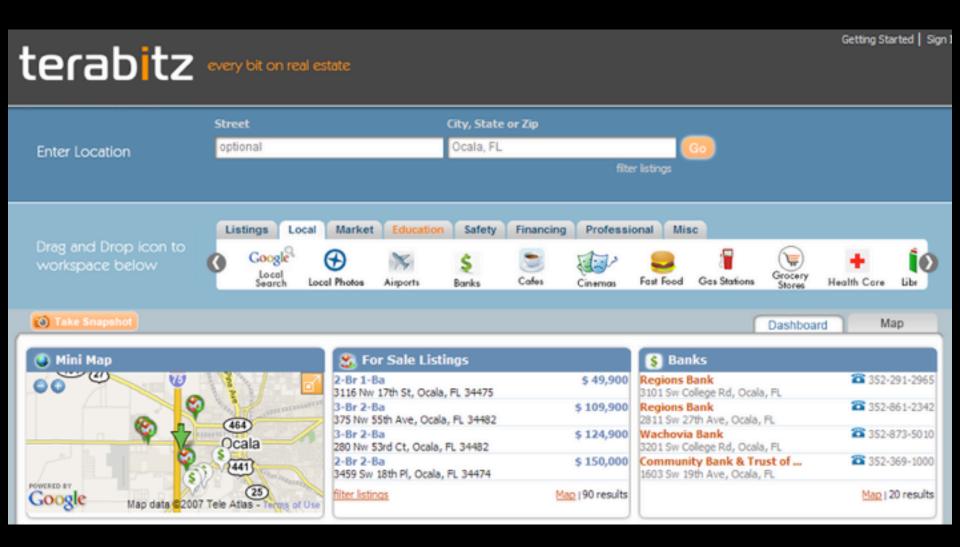
tools created by Jonathan Foster, CfA/COMPLETE

### Seamless Astronomy

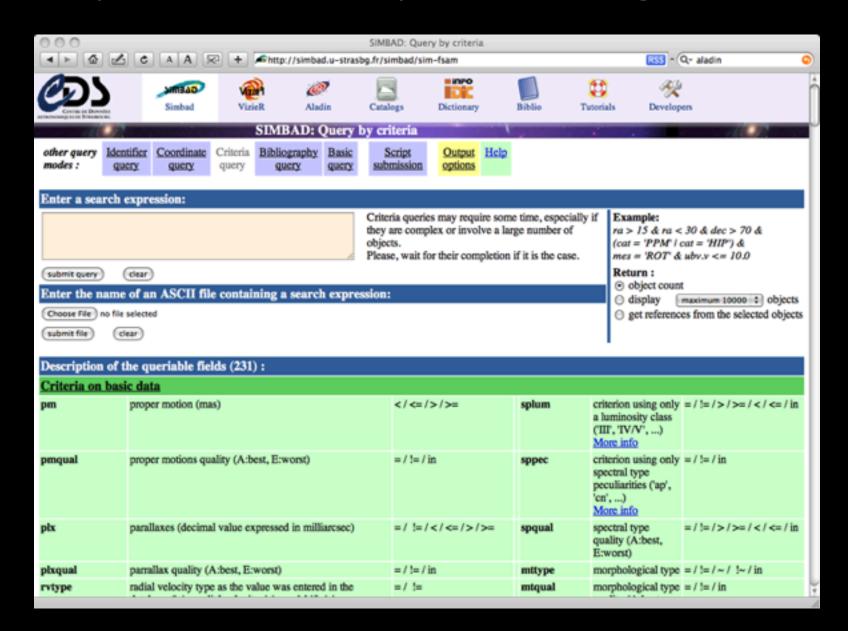
(now part of the WWT Academic Program!)



## astrobitz?



### CDS (PLASTIC/SAMP) is on the right track...



#### What we get

Write the following expression in the filter definition box:

{draw rainbow(\$[VELOC\_HC],120,200) circle(\$[EXTENSION\_RAD])}

- This filters draws a circle which radius is proportionnal to the extension radius of the shell (EXTENSION\_RAD) and wich colour scales with the heliocentric velocity of the bubble (VELOC\_HC) (between 120 and 200 km/s) with a rainbow palette.
- For more informations on the filters syntax, please press the Help on Syntax button or get the manual.

Press Apply.



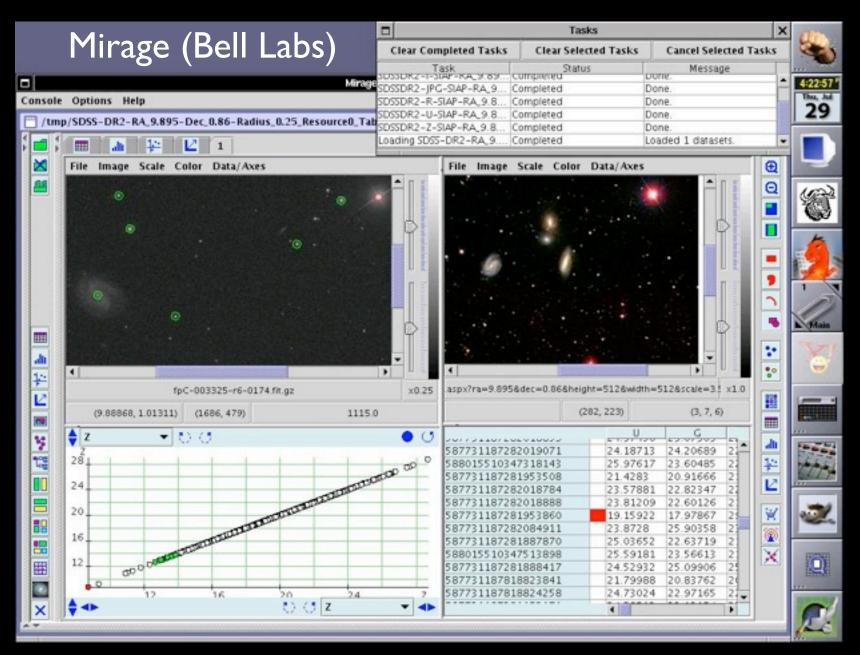
We can now observe the distribution of the HI shells with their position, size and velocities. Note the colour view of the velocity gradient of the Small Magellanic Cloud.



#### VS.

### What the "public" gets





cf. Avizo (Mercury Systems); some aspects of GenePattern; Taverna...

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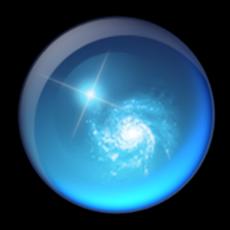
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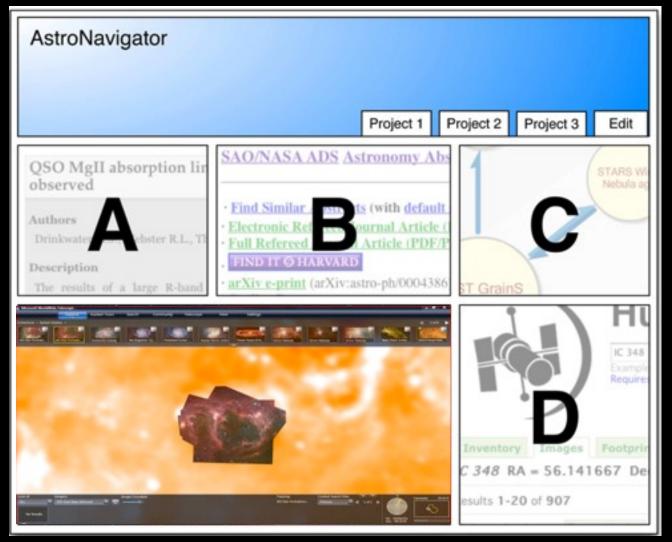




# 30-second demo of WWT to ADS

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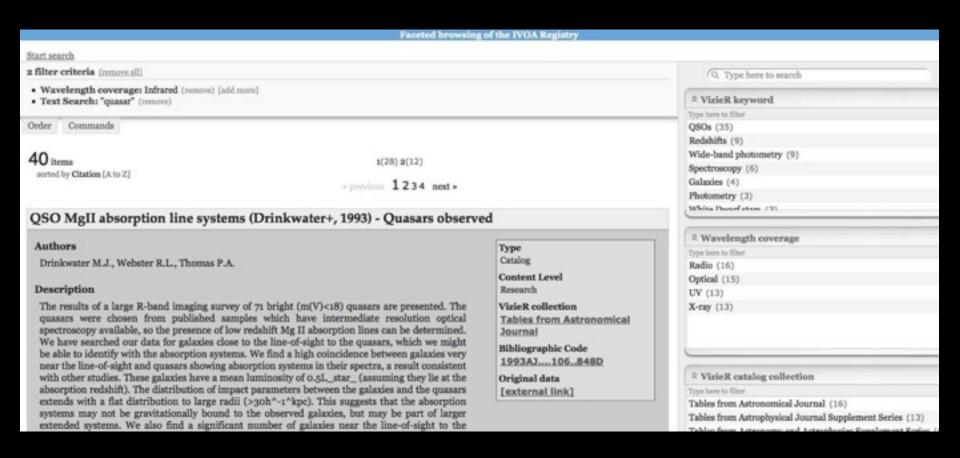
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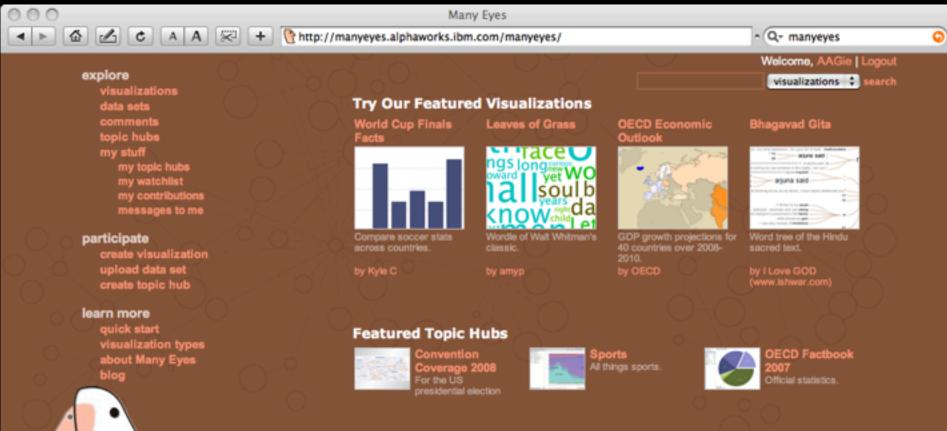
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# Prototype "Faceted" Browsing

(using very lightweight ontology)



# Incorporating "InfoViz"



many eyes beta

for shared visualization and discovery

ITATTY CyC3 beta

WORDLE debuts on many eyes



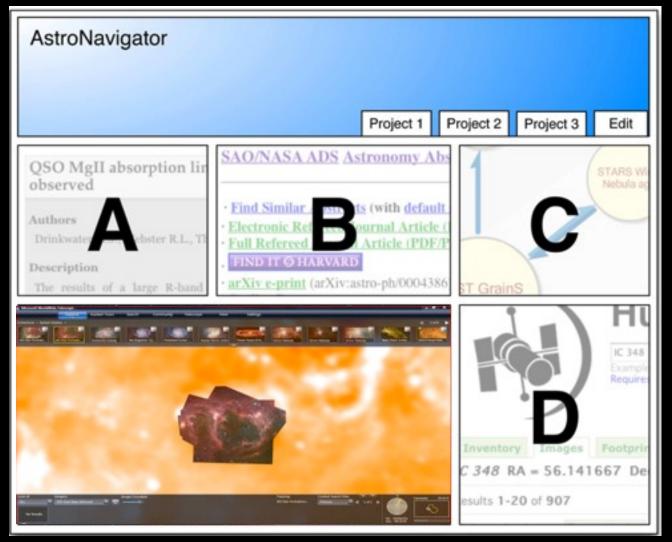
# Plugging in Existing Search & Retrieval Tools (e.g. MAST)



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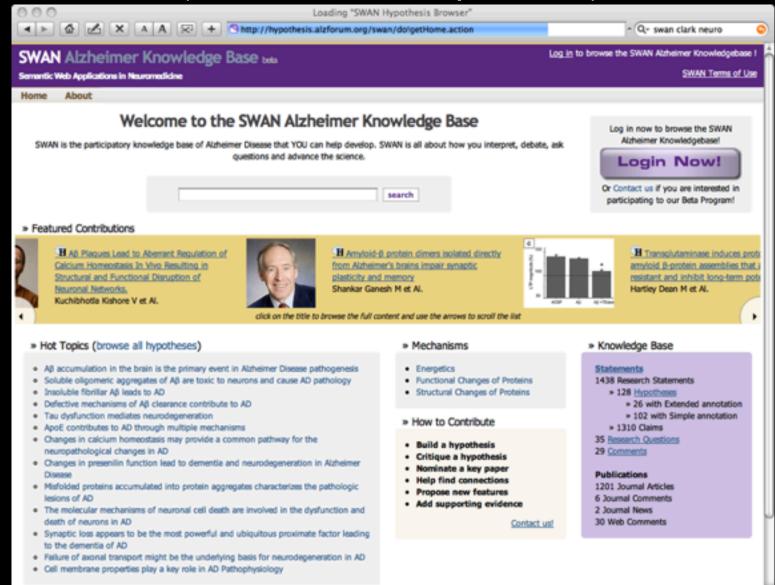




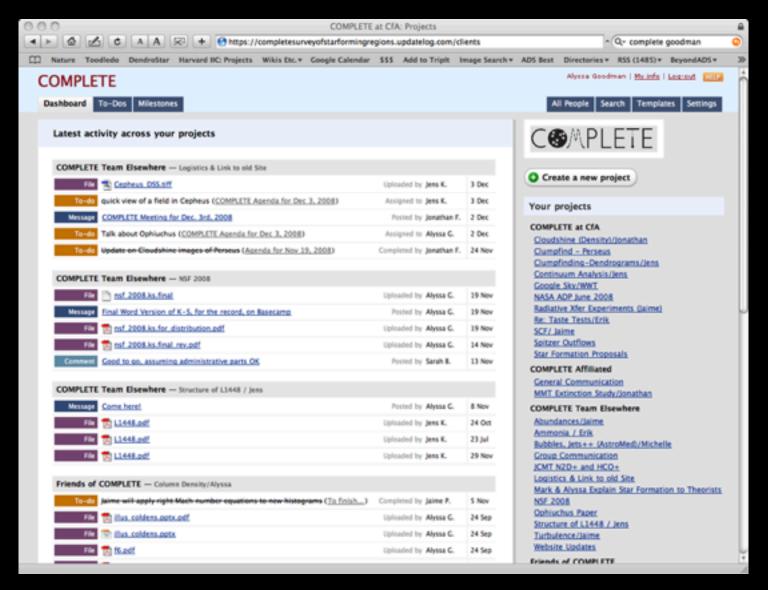


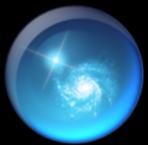
#### "Semantic" Science

#### (& "Social" or Group Science)



# Groupware





# later today... demo of WWT communities





# Think about WWT Tours as collaborative tools, too...

#### Our Future

"e-Research" • "Semantic Web" • "Modular Apps"

# "Unsolicited Advice" for 2009 from www.microsoft-watch.com

#### "3. Make incubation projects the top development priority.

Simply some of your best work in 2008 came from incubation projects. Keep them coming and better reward employees for their innovation. Give your customers more products like Live Mesh, Photosynth and WorldWide Telescope.

#### Incubation projects:

- Engage enthusiasts
- Create positive buzz
- Show how Microsoft can truly innovate.

...Then there's Google.Yes, Google. Gmail is now a modularized product. Gmail users choose which features they want to add on, stuff coming out of Google incubation development. Outstanding."