

Analyzing large astronomical datasets: The Science Portal solution

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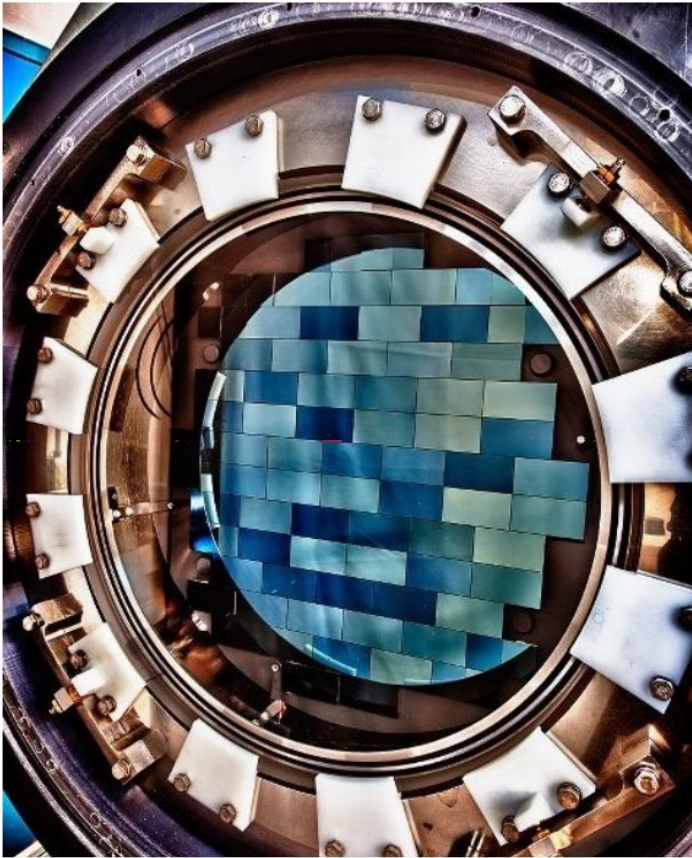
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Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)

Outline

- Brazilian participation in Large Surveys
 - The role of LIneA (see Ricardo Ogando's presentation)
 - DES-Brazil, BPG-SDSS, DESI, BPG-LSST
- Science Portal
 - Applications in DES
 - Challenges
- Conclusions and perspectives

Dark Energy Survey (DES)

<https://www.darkenergysurvey.org/>



Dark Energy Camera, in operation since 2012 at Blanco (CTIO)

- Photometric Survey (grizY)
- DECam 570 Mpixels (62 CCDs)
- Blanco 4m (CTIO)
- ~ 300 exposures each night (500GB)
- 5 years (~100 nights/year)
- 5.000 sq deg
- 4th year of operations (Ago 2016)
- First Public Data Release - DR1 (2017)
- Objects catalog ~1Billion
- DES-Brazil (2007)



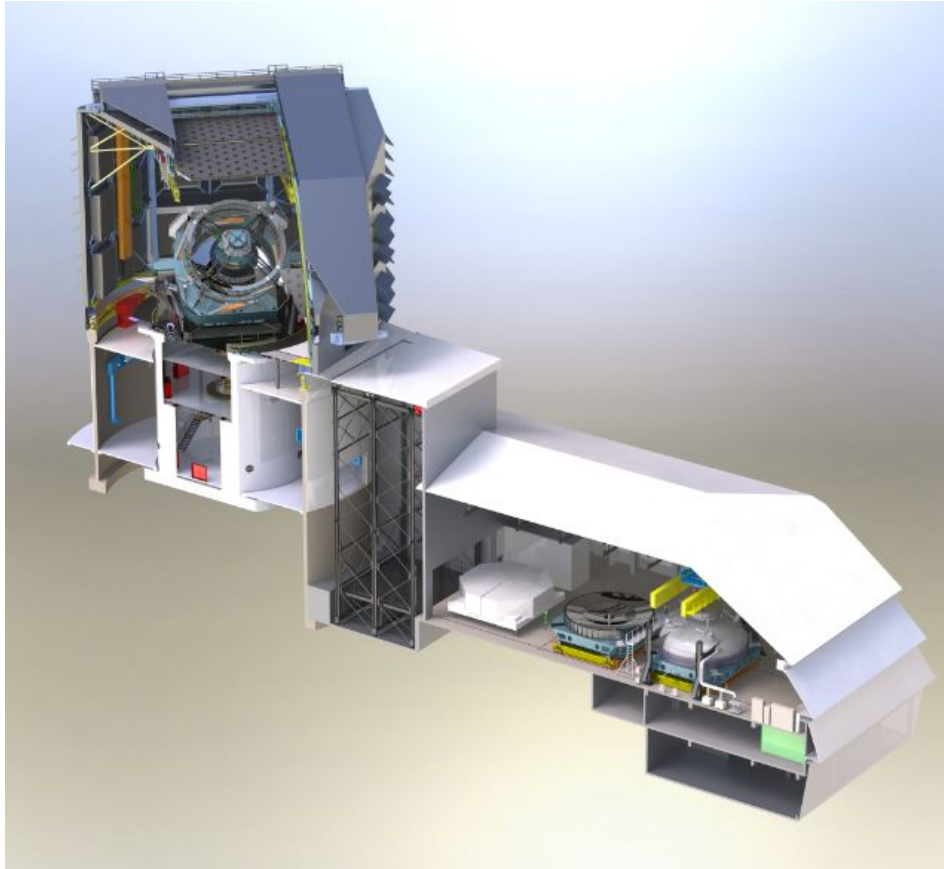
Começa o quarto ano de observações do Dark Energy Survey

19 de agosto de 2016

<http://www.linea.gov.br/Noticias/>

Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)

<https://www.lsst.org/scientists>



- Photometric Survey (ugrizy)
- LSST Cam 3.2 Gpixels (189 CCDs)
- M1/M3 primary 8.4m (CTIO)
- 1 "visit" = 2 exposures in 30s
- 1000 "visits" each night (~15 TB)
- 18.000 sq deg - twice a week for 10 years
- Start operations in 2022
- 10 Million alerts/night
- Objects Catalog ~37 Billion
- BPG-LSST (2016)

<http://bpg-lsst.linea.gov.br/>

Common challenges

- Big science questions
 - Active participation in international collaborations
 - “M-shaped” person (astronomy, scientific computing, statistics)
- Big collaborations
 - Cultural change (**collaborative tools**)
 - Communication challenges (**telecons, distributed information**)
 - Understand the projects and their opportunities
- Big data volume and variety
 - Infrastructure to support science (data transfer, storage and processing)
 - Efficient data preparation and analysis
 - Data science techniques

The “new astronomy”

IN THE PAST

Data > Inference > Model

(astronomer)

THESE DAYS

Data > Processing > Catalog > Inference > Model

(“Big data” problem)

(“New astronomer”)

“M-shaped” person

Adapted from Andrew Connolly - LSST

The role of LIneA in Brazil

<http://www.linea.gov.br/>

- Support science

- DES-Brazil (2007), BPG-SDSS-III (2008), BPG-SDSS-IV (2014), DESI (2016) and BPG-LSST (2016)
- 71 members (ON, UFRJ, USP, UNESP, UNICAMP, UFABC, UFRGS, UFSM)
- Scientific and technical education
- Public Outreach

- Data center operation

- Hardware and services maintenance (external contract)
 - helpdesk, e-mail, twiki, git, doc-db, slack, etc
- Data transfer (RNP/Brazil)
- Database and processing consultant (LNCC/Brazil)

- Software Development

- R&D
- Software Development team (9 FTEs)
- 3 PhDs in astronomy + external contributions

What is the Science Portal?

- It is the collection of software tools developed by LIneA to **assess the data quality** and to **explore large astronomical datasets**.
- It is also a **web framework** that facilitates the integration of the **science analysis codes** into a hardware and software infrastructure that provides **efficient data preparation and analysis**.

Science Portal applications in DES

- Data Quality Assessment in real-time
 - Quick Reduce @ CTIO (2012)
 - <http://quick1.ctio.noao.edu:8080/>
- Data validation and exploration
 - Science Server @ Fermilab (2014)
 - Science Server @ NCSA (2016)
 - <https://des-portal.fnal.gov/>
 - <http://desportal.cosmology.illinois.edu/>
- Preparation of science-ready catalogs and science workflows
 - Science Portal @ LIneA (2016)
 - <http://des-portal.linea.gov.br/>

A new production
system each 2
years

DES Quick Reduce @ CTIO

Data reduction in real-time ~250k DECam exposures (~2.5M CCDs) since 2012
Developed for DES but also available for other programs

Back to Home

QR Monitor

Reduction Mode

☒ AUTOMATIC ☐ MANUAL

Control Panel

START

Select Configuration

Select CCDs

Raw Exposures

Reduced Exposures

Observing History

Reset

Clean Disk

Save Log

External Info

Environmental Conditions

RASICAM

Trend Analysis

Status

STOPPED

Mode

Automatic

Environment

SISPI

Disk Usage

9%

Current Observer

DECam Observer

System Log

2012-12-07 06:56:53 Finished process 1

2012-12-07 06:56:39 The distortion of

2012-12-07 06:55:22 Number of CCDs to

2012-12-07 06:55:22 EXPOSURE ID 158793

2012-12-07 06:55:22 Starting process 1

2012-12-07 06:55:06 Transferring EXPOS

2012-12-07 06:53:52 Quick Reduce online

3-day Storage

2012-12-11 01:30:12 EXPOSURE ID 160176

2012-12-11 01:29:35 EXPOSURE ID 160175

2012-12-11 01:22:44 EXPOSURE ID 160174

2012-12-11 01:22:09 EXPOSURE ID 160173

2012-12-11 01:14:58 EXPOSURE ID 160172

Select CCDs

FoV Pattern

- ☐ Core
- ☒ Cross
- ☐ Rings
- ☐ Backplane
- ☐ Random
- ☐ All
- ☐ User selected

Clear selection

14 CCDs selected

Save Cancel

Monitoring DES observations

Daily transfer of QR results to Fermilab, access to DES collaboration

Observing History
Night: 2016-08-16



PSF

Background

Footprint

Statistics

Trend Analysis

Tip: click on the data points to open the corresponding QR process.

Axis Limits

FWHM max: 2.0

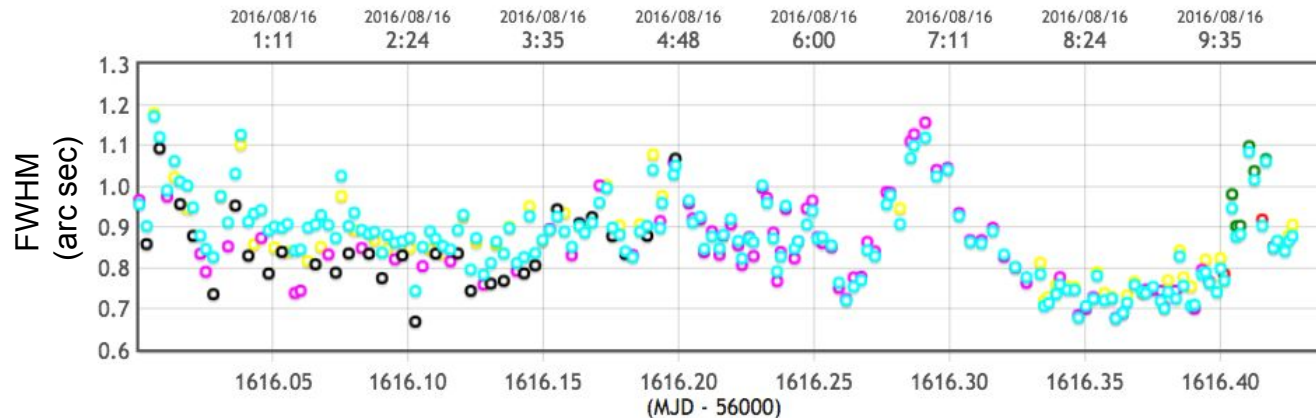
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Ok

☒ Auto Scale

Zoom Out

Reset



Filters:

☒ All

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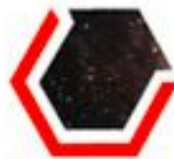
☒ z

☒ Y

Data:

☒ IH

☒ DIMM



THE DARK ENERGY SURVEY

Welcome to the DES Science Portal @ FNAL

Services available

- Data Upload
- Visualization tools
- Cutout service
- User query

Login

Use your FNAL services username and password.

Username:

Password:

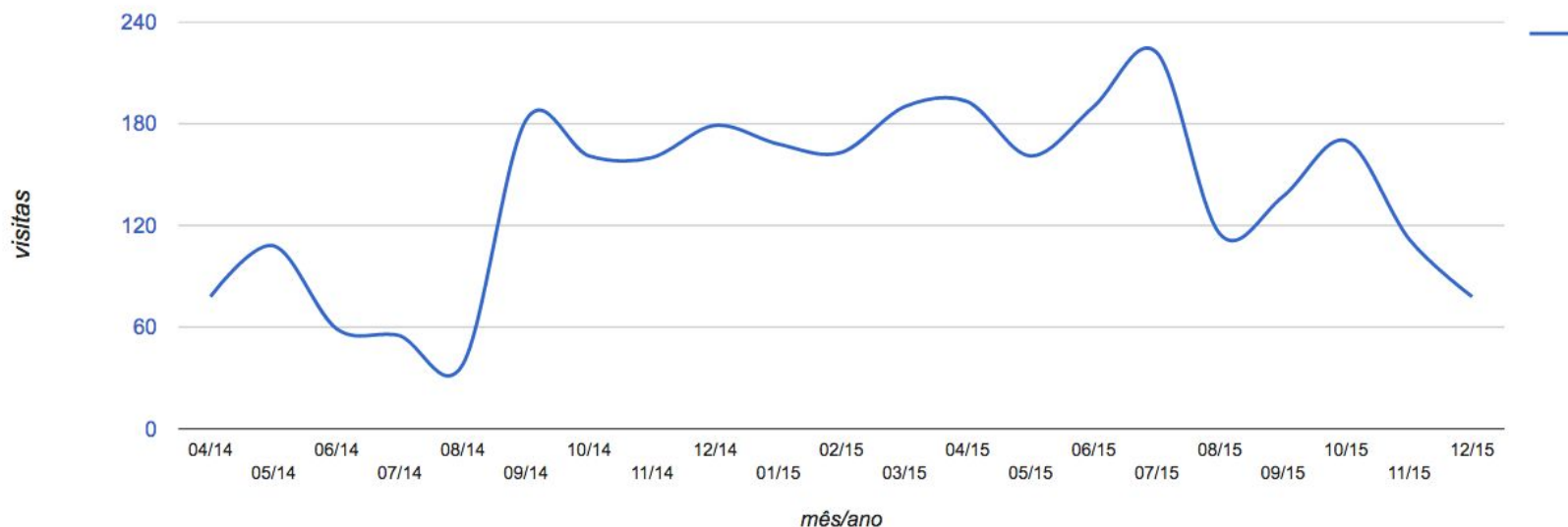
Login

~180 DES collaboration members each month

“If you build they will come...”

[Need Help?](#)

Visitas Fermilab



Upload, cutout and visual inspection e.g Strong Lensing, Galaxy Clusters

Tile Viewer

Release: v0.5 (SVA1_COADD) Field: SPT-E QA DaCHS Search: eg. 307.0658, -52.6783

Footprint Tile Mosaic Tile List Targets Favorites Gallery

Catalogs

DaCHS

Name	Strong Lensing
Version	1.0
Process Id	
Owner	Elizabeth Buckl

Science Portal

Uploaded

- Redmapper - 6.1.3
- Star Clusters in SVA1 SPT
- Strong Lensing - 1.0
- SZCluster SPT - 20140203
- SZCluster ACT - 20130619
- The MCXC Meta-Catalogue
- XCS: XMM Cluster Survey
- Objects in Magellanic Clouds
- VT Clusters - 1.1
- WAZP on SVA1 - 4.06_3s

Showing all targets

Target Mosaic Target List

Target

g r i z Y RGB

RA:75.5624 Dec:-61.2314

RA (deg): 79.709 Dec (deg): -57.3517

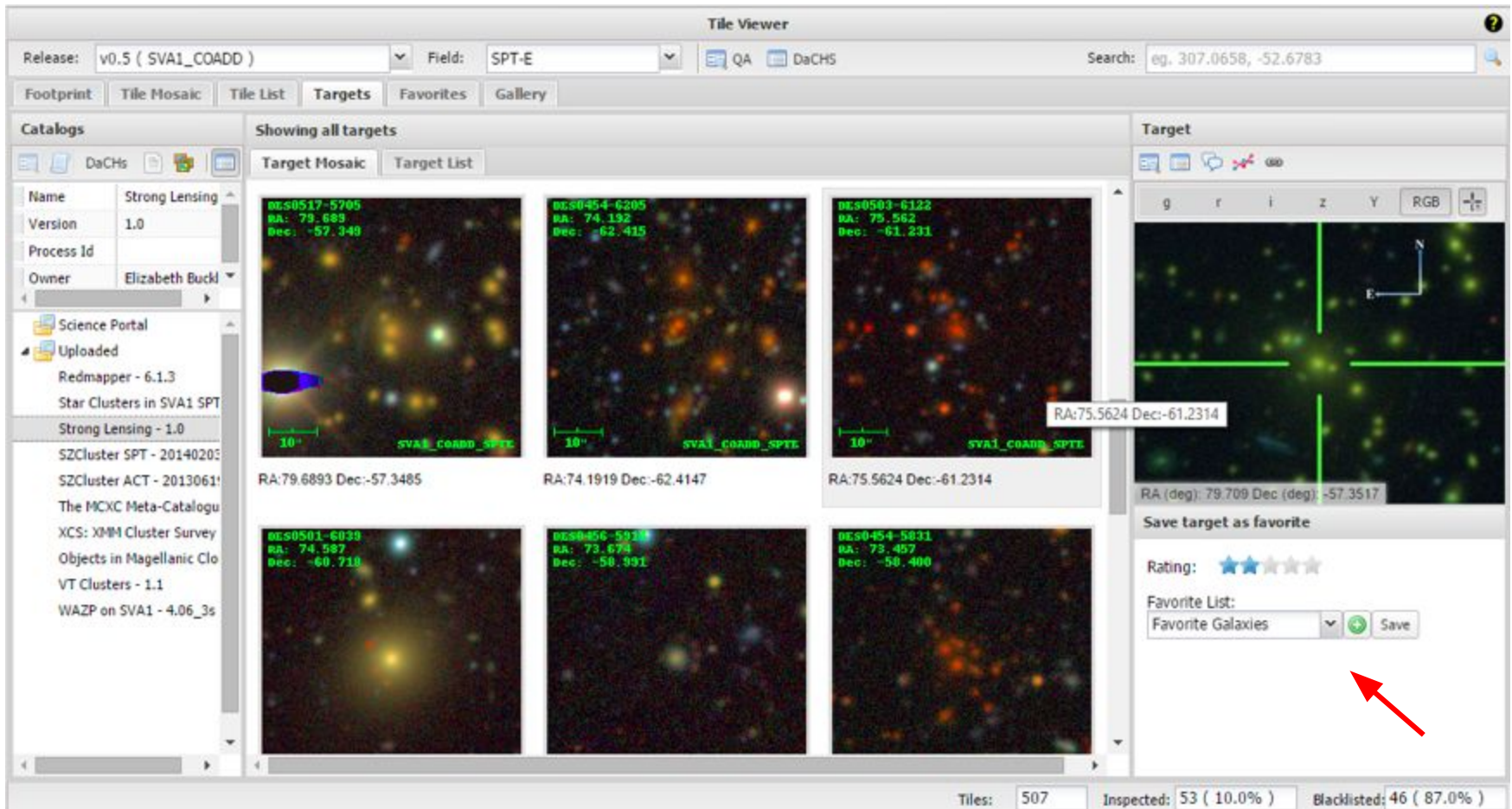
Save target as favorite

Rating: ★★★★★

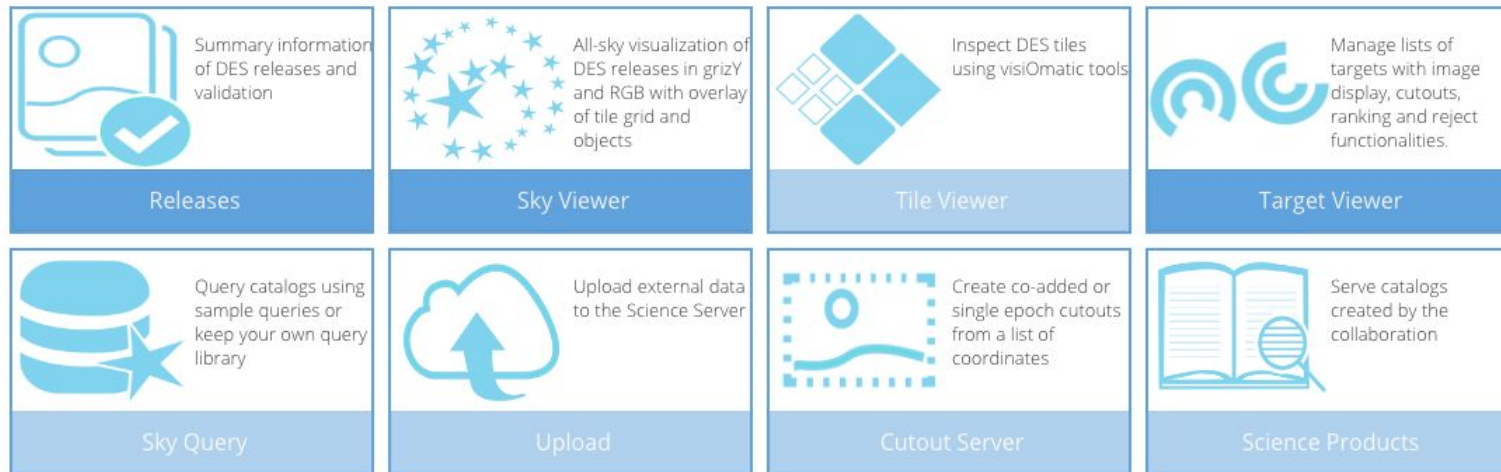
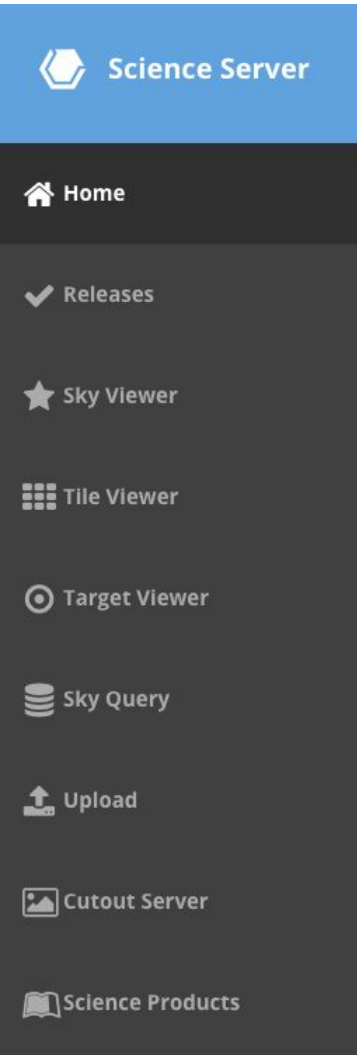
Favorite List:

Favorite Galaxies Save

Tiles: 507 Inspected: 53 (10.0%) Blacklisted: 46 (87.0%)



New Science Server @ NCSA*



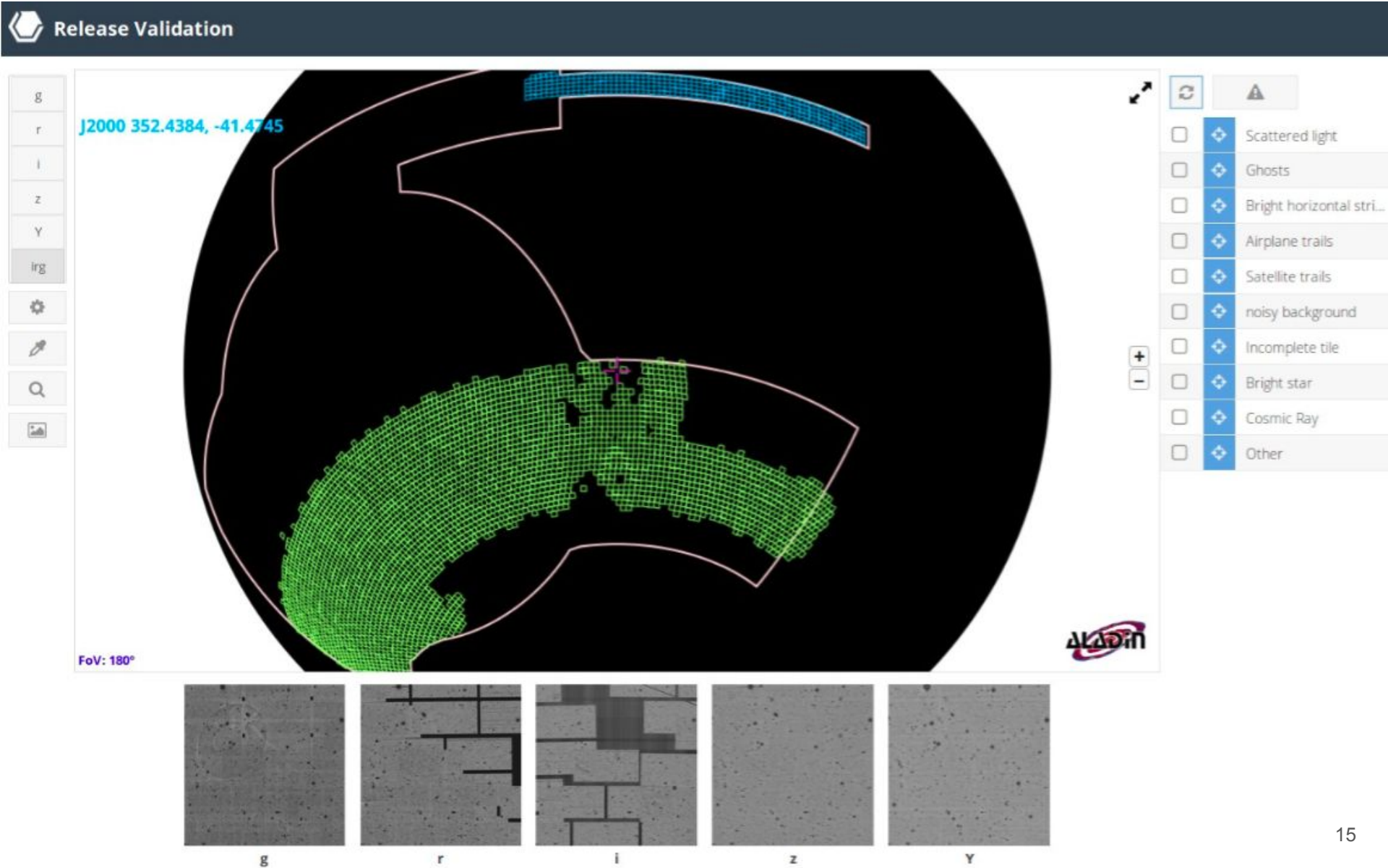
New technologies:

- Python 3
- Django 1.9
- ExtJS 6
- Aladin, VisiOmatic

* DES DR1 prototype (2017)

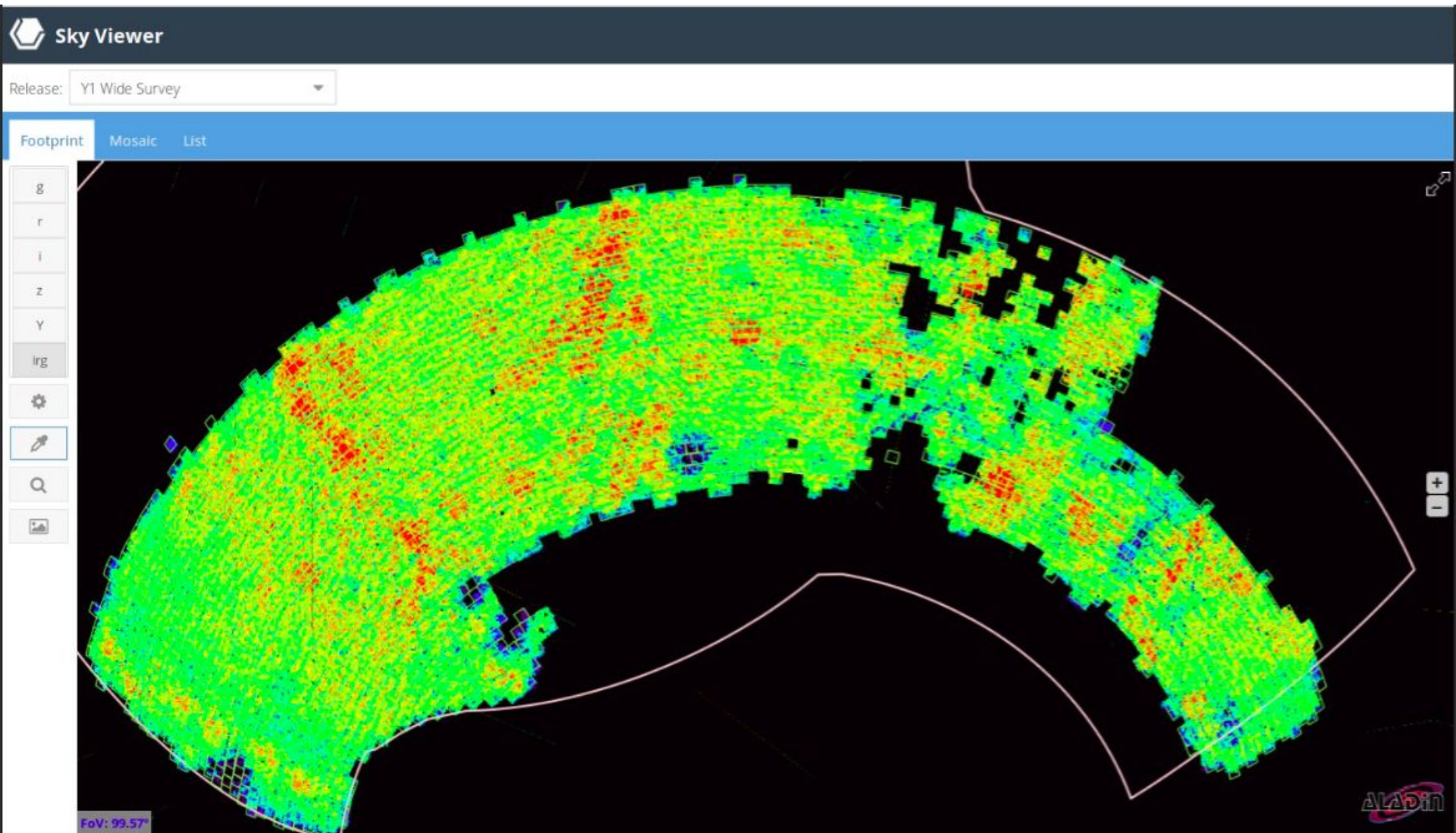
Data Release Validation

Being used to evaluate DES internal data releases



Visualization of the survey properties

HEALPix map of the survey magnitude limit



Detailed image visualization in the browser (visiOmatic E. Bertin)



Release Validation

Full control over image properties (contrast, RGB levels) JPEG is generated in real-time at the server and sent to the client.

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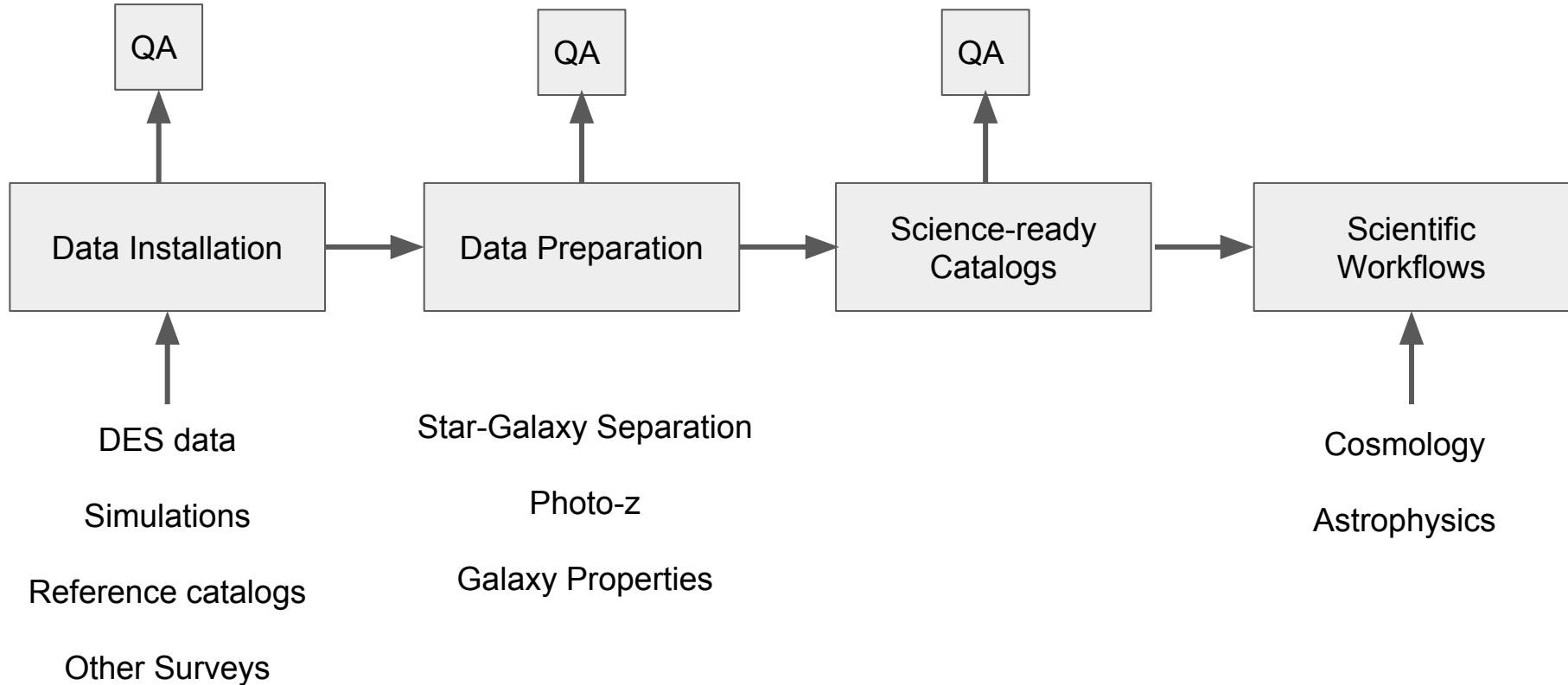
Identification of defects

- ☐ ☒ Scattered light
- ☐ ☒ Ghosts
- ☐ ☒ Bright horizontal stri.
- ☐ ☒ Airplane trails
- ☐ ☒ Satellite trails
- ☐ ☒ noisy background
- ☐ ☒ Incomplete tile
- ☐ ☒ Bright star
- ☐ ☒ Cosmic Ray
- ☐ ☒ Other

grizY thumbnails

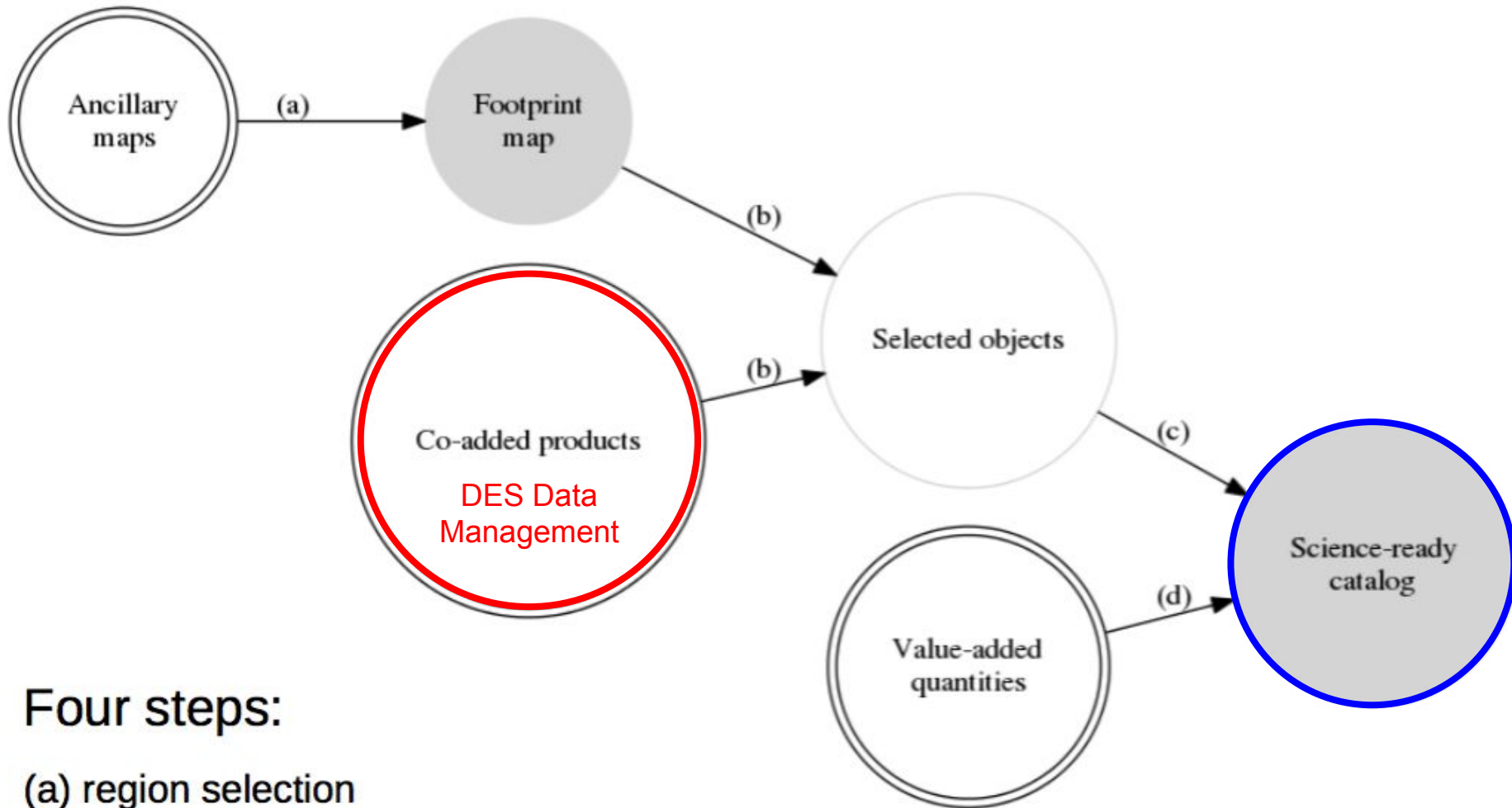
g r i z Y

Science Portal: Science Analysis Framework



Preparation of science-ready catalogs

(Fausti et. al 2016 in prep)



Four steps:

- (a) region selection
- (b) object selection
- (c) column selection
- (d) addition of value-added quantities (sg separation, photo-z, galaxy properties)

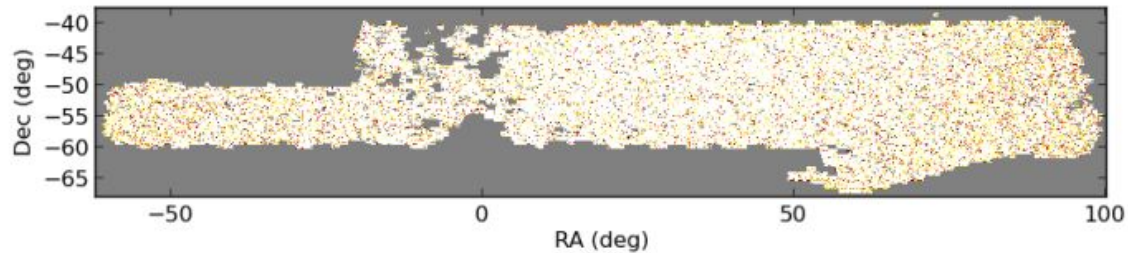
Why building this infrastructure?

(Fausti et. al 2016 in prep)

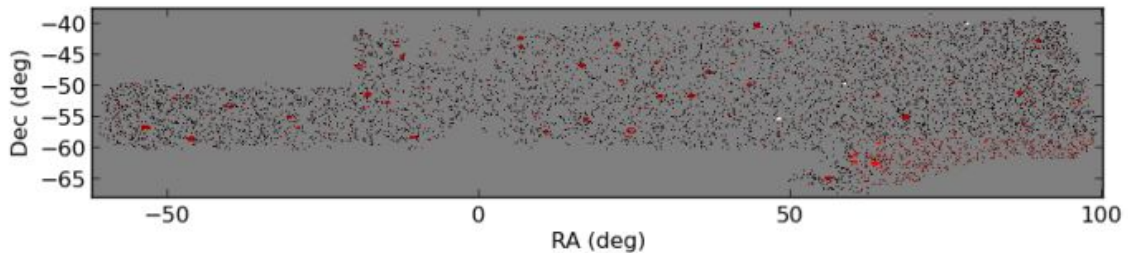
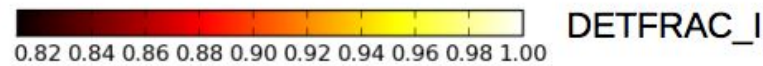
- Preservation of the codes developed by DES
Collaboration to create "ancillary products"
- Reproducibility of the catalogs
- Control the parameters used in the creation of the catalogs
- Provenance of the input data products
- Documentation of the catalog and its properties

Example: galaxy magnitude-limited catalog

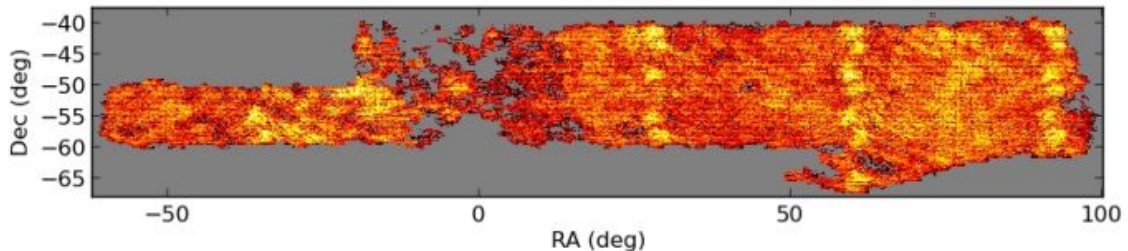
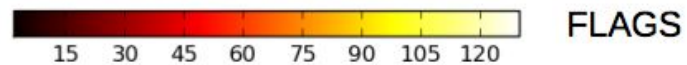
(Fausti et. al 2016 in prep)



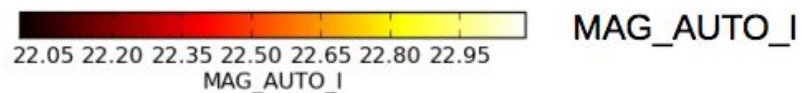
“Good” regions for science



Foreground objects mask



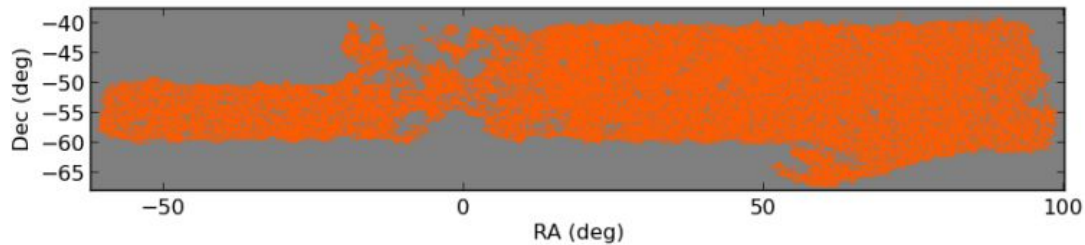
Magnitude limit map



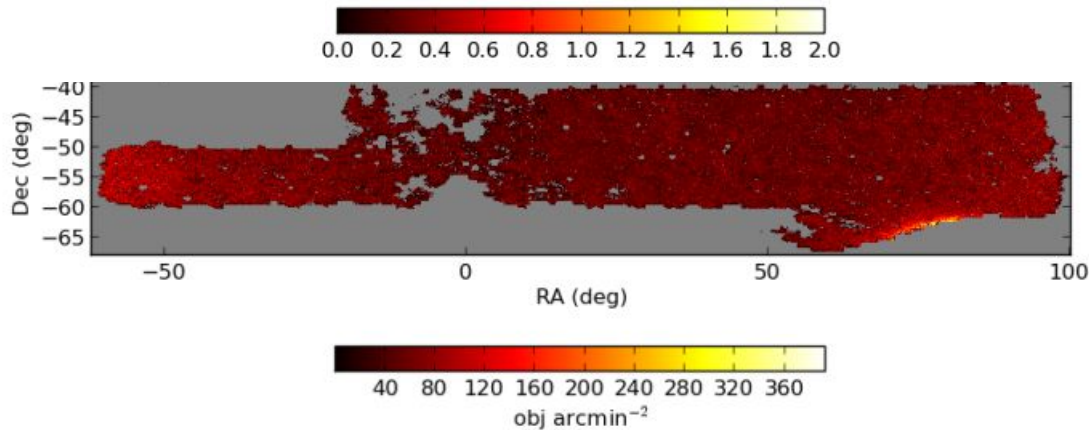
Preparation of science-ready catalogs

(Fausti et. al 2016 in prep)

Footprint area = 1,375.48 sq deg

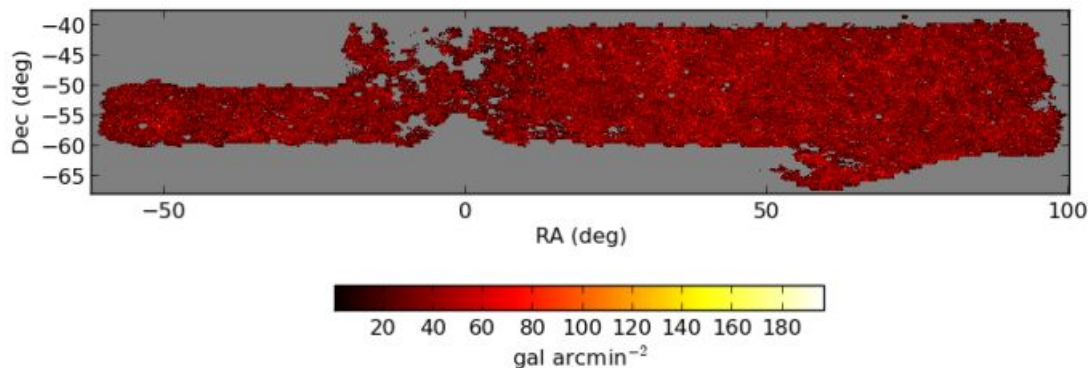


Footprint map (after region selection)



Object Selection

3.63 gal/arcmin²



Star-galaxy separation, photo-z

Science-ready catalog

Configuration Interface

All decisions about the catalog content are made here

Input Data

Configuration

Summary

Selected config: System default

Cluster Catalog

☒ Query Builder

☒ Catalog Properties

Configuration

Save

Select

Share with users

Share with groups

Reset

Set as default

General Information

Region Selection

Object Selection

Column Selection

▸ Mangle Detrac Map

▾ Bad Regions Mask

☐ 1 - Regions with bad astrometric colors

☒ 2 - Fainter 2MASS star region ($8 < J < 12$)

☒ 4 - Large nearby object (R3C catalog)

☒ 8 - Bright 2MASS star region ($5 < J < 8$)

☐ 16 - Near the LMC

☒ 32 - Yale Bright Star region

☐ 64 - High density of crazy colors

☒ 128 - Globular Clusters (William et al. 2010)

▸ Depth Map

▸ Systematic Maps

▸ Additional Mask

Next

~50 configuration parameters!

Catalog properties

Number counts

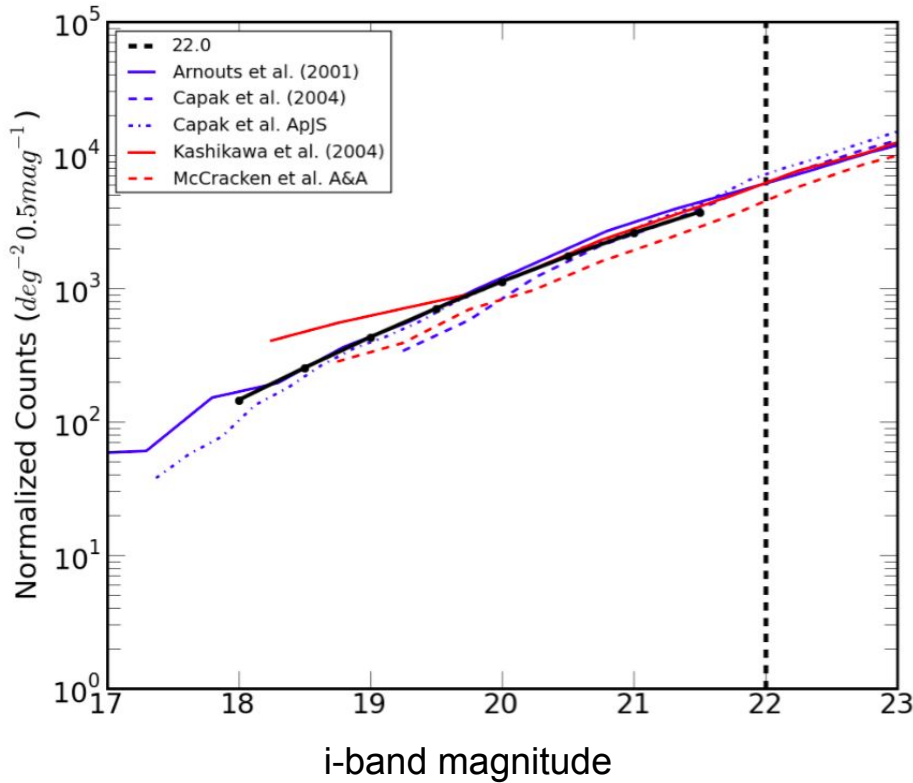
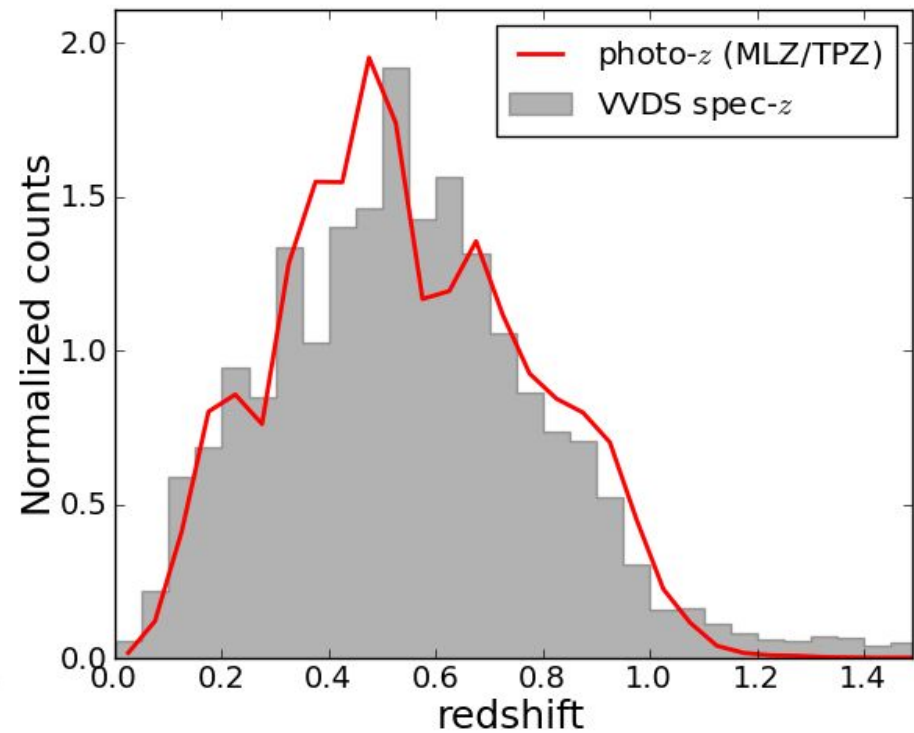



photo-z and spec-z distribution



Scientific Workflows @ LineA

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DES Science Portal: Workflows

The Science Portal has two instances:

- **Workflows:** hosts workflows for Analysis.
- **Data Server:** provide access to the data.

The system is designed to be self-evident.

Data Installation ▶

Data Preparation ▶

Value-Added Catalogs ▶

Science ▶

Parameter Estimation ▶

Utilities ▶

Examples ▶

LSS ▶

Cluster ▶

SN ▶

WL ▶

Simulation ▶

Galaxy Archeology ▶

Galaxy Evolution ▶

QSO ▶

Strong Lensing ▶

Combined Probes ▶


WAZP

Cluster MAtching

Cluster Comparison ▶

[Tweets by DES Science Portal](#)

Science Portal dri v0.8-24_ci v0.1-26_16-08-2016_11-12_-0300
des-portal.linea.gov.br/#

Powered by 

Example of a cluster finder workflow

WAZP

Process ID: 10024456

Process Summary

Results

Comments


Input Data


Data Release	Y1A1
Data Set	STRIPE82
Value-Added Catalogs	Cluster Catalog

Output Data

Targets	Cluster Members 1
Targets	Galaxy Clusters 1

Process Information

Stage	None
Process ID	10024456
User	Cristiano Singulani
Start	2016-09-01 17:22:07
End	2016-09-01 20:41:43
Execution Time	03:19:36
Expiration Date	2016-09-08 20:41:43
Size	29169420
Status	Success
Overall Success Rate	100%
Total Number of Jobs	288
Time Profiler	

Module	Duration	Config	Error Log	Pipeline Out	Log	Condor Log	NC	Success Rate	Status
Slicing	0:00:05		-	-	-	-	▣	100%	✓
Split Area	0:00:16	-	-	-	-	-	▣	100%	✓
Visibility Maps	0:01:36	-	-	-	-	-	▣	100%	✓
Background Model	0:09:47	-	-	-	-	-	▣	100%	✓
WAZP per tile	2:28:07	-	-	-	-	-	▣	100%	✓
Merge Results	0:00:10	-	-	-	-	-	▣	100%	✓

How do scientists and developers interact?

Adding a new workflow to the Science Portal

Example 1: GE Science Workflow

1 Description

2 Contact points

3 Science Code

4 Pipeline definition

5 Input Data

6 Configuration Parameters

7 Output Data

8 Design of the Process Log

9 Schedule

10 Communication tools

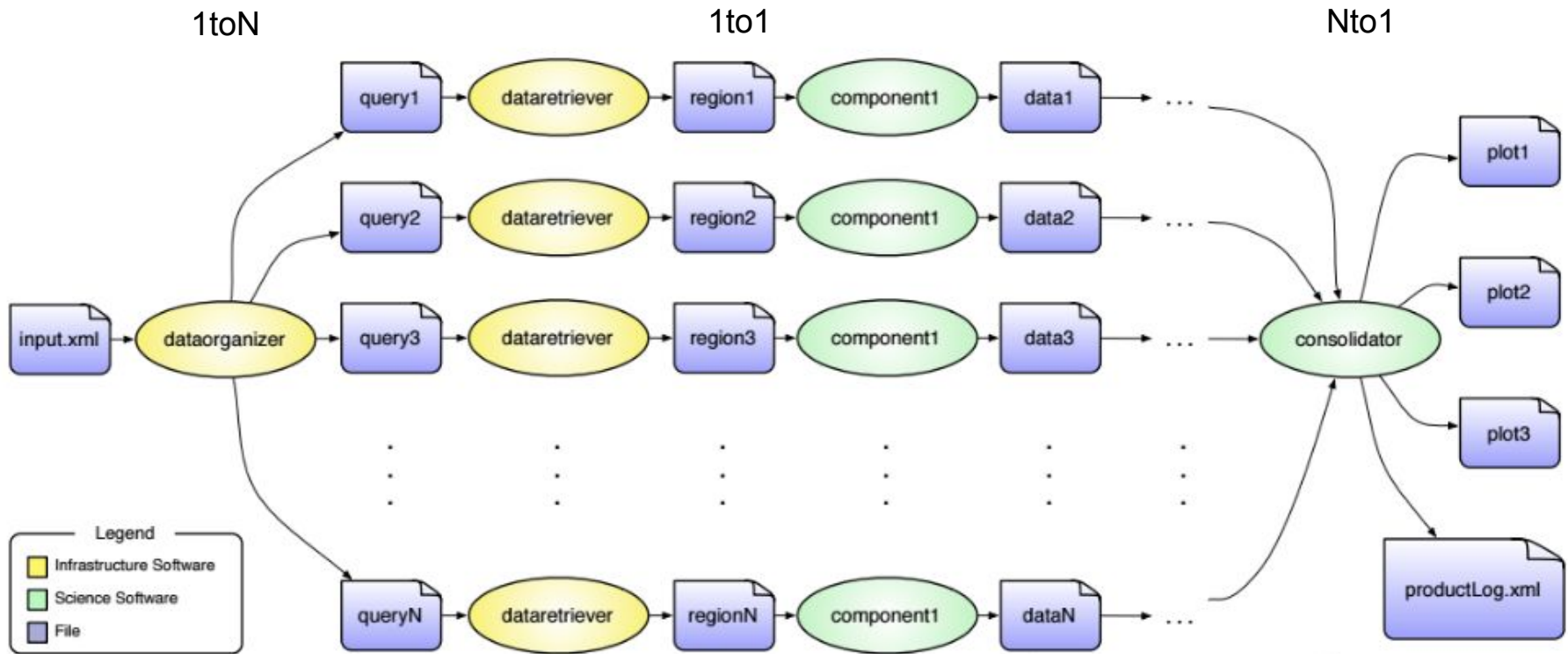
Example of specification document

Challenges I - Data Processing

- DES Year 1 (~1500 sq deg) objects catalog ~400G
- ~140M objects e ~600 attributes
- Data partitioned in 3,703 files ~100-150M (DES tile)
- Data access during processing
 - PostgreSQL DB ✕
 - Lustre File System ✕
 - Hadoop File System (local data processing) ✓
- DES Year 3 release (Setembro 2016)
 - Objects catalog > 1TB partitioned in 10k files

Challenges I - Data processing

Parallel and distributed processing (similar to Map-Reduce)



Implementation problems

- Moving data during processing
- Consolidation of results in a single step

Challenges II - How to use other resources available?

- SDumont (LNCC/Brazil), FermiGrid , Blue Waters, NERSC
 - Different environments: PBS, Condor, SLURM, Condor-g
 - Data movement
 - "Big software" complex software and dependencies
- **Science-as-a-service**
 - Science APIs (iPlant/CyVerse)
 - Science Gateways (NERSC)
- **Portability**
 - cloud processing (private or public clouds)
- Federation of private clouds
 - UFCG Distributed systems lab (Francisco Brasileiro)
- OpenStack, AWS
 - LSST/SQuaRE (Frossie Economou)

Challenges III - Data access and distribution

- Optimized data transfer (RNP/Brazil)
- Science portal integration with DES Science DB (NCSA)
 - Data access interface (large variety of products)
 - Documentation
- Science Server DES DR1
- LSST/DM Data Access Center (DAC) prototype at LIneA

Conclusions and perspectives

- LIneA: support brazilian participation in DES, SDSS, DESI and LSST
- Science Portal: necessary infrastructure for efficient science analysis
- DES Public DR1 (2017)
- LSST first light in 2020 start operations in 2022
- DES as a “prototype” for LSST

Extra Slides

The Science Portal and DES

<http://www.linea.gov.br/>

- Software development started in 2007*
- 9 years! about 56 FTEs
- 8 international reviews

Emphasis	When	Where
Introduction, Science Workflows	Oct 2010	Fermilab
Precam, Quick Reduce, Science Workflows	Oct 2011	UPenn
Quick Reduce	May 2012	MPA
End-to-end vision, data preparation	Jul 2013	Fermilab
Data validation	Nov 2013	Fermilab
Data validation and exploration	Ago 2014	Fermilab
Data validation, exploration and science-ready catalogs	Nov 2014	NCSA
Science-ready catalogs	May 2015	Fermilab

* <https://youtu.be/1Qv8HOoeUF4>

Monitoring the execution of all processes involved

Release:

Y1A1

 Dataset:

SPT

Data Installation				
Pipeline	Start	Duration	Runs	Status
Install Catalogs	2016-03-08 15:40:13	01:51:56	1	<div></div>
Install Mangle Mask	2016-06-10 10:21:14	05:49:15	3	<div></div>
Install Bright Mask	2016-06-27 13:20:37	00:01:22	4	<div></div>
Install Depth Maps	2016-06-10 10:24:11	01:09:19	2	<div></div>
Systematic Maps	2016-06-13 12:47:35	12:43:31	4	<div></div>
Zeropoint Correction	2016-08-11 13:13:51	05:32:55	5	<div></div>
QA Coadd				<div></div>
		Total: 27:8:17		

Data Preparation				
Pipeline	Start	Duration	Runs	Status
SG Separation	2016-05-25 13:35:42	02:37:35	3	<div></div>
Spectroscopic Sample	2016-08-08 10:19:51	00:03:47	27	<div></div>
Training Set Maker	2016-07-20 10:40:48	01:35:41	6	<div></div>
Photo-z Training	2016-06-27 10:17:59	03:26:39	2	<div></div>
Photo-z Compute	2016-06-14 16:29:09	02:36:11	13	<div></div>
Galaxy Properties	2016-07-13 15:16:10	10:38:08	2	<div></div>
		Total: 20:57:0		

Science-ready Catalogs				
Pipeline	Start	Duration	Runs	Status
Cluster	2016-08-07 17:38:21	02:45:44	25	<div></div>
GE	2016-05-17 14:40:45	01:52:37	1	<div></div>
GA	2016-05-24 10:58:30	01:15:09	2	<div></div>
		Total: 5:53:30		

Stages

- Data Installation
- Data Preparation
- Science-ready catalogs
- 16 workflows
- 64 data products