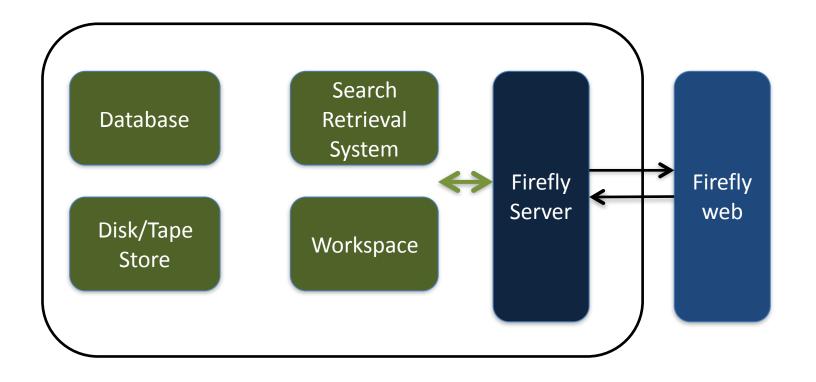
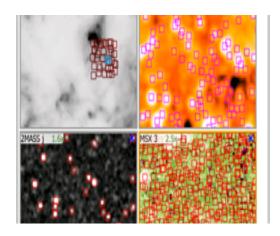
Next Generation Firefly for Web Application

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Firefly

A frame work for astronomy web application

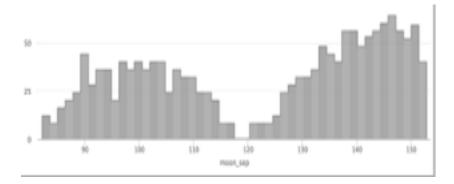




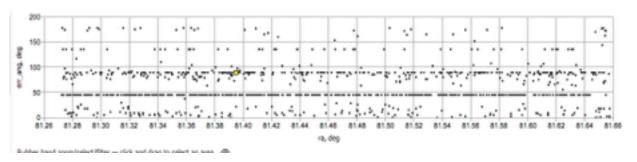
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- Sort
- Filter
- Column controls

- WCS and image values Readout
- FITS header
- Zoom/Pan/Magnifier
- Flip/Rotate
- Color/Stretch
- Statistics
- Crop
- Grid/Region overlay
- Markers
- Distance tools

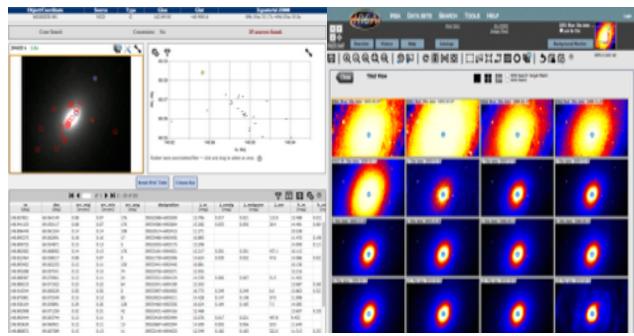


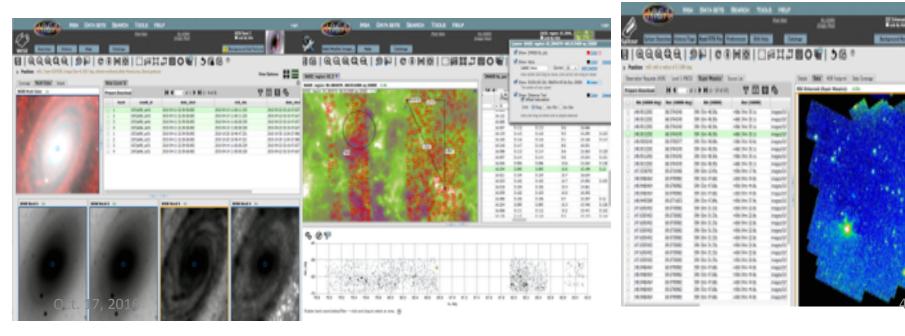
- Interaction
- Filter
- Zoom
- Column math



Many faces of Firefly





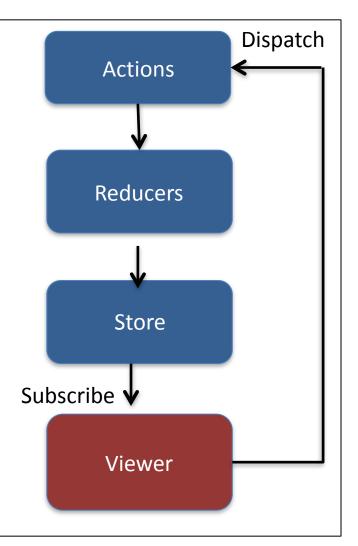


Rewrite the client side in JavaScript

- Google support for GWT dwindled
- Browser support for JavaScript matured
 - Auto update
- Web development frameworks mushroomed
 - Backbone
 - Ember
 - Jquery
 - Bootstrap
 - Angular
 - React ✓
- Tools matured
 - Babel
 - Node
 - NPM

Why React (+Redux)?

- Natural for large applications
- Very flexible
- Scales
- Reusable components
- Fast
- Cutting edge data paradigm
- Easy to use



EcmaScript 6

(ES6, ES 2015)

- Arrow functions
- Let constant
- Enhanced object literals
- Iterators and generators
- Promises
- Math, Number, String. Array, and Object APIs

Firefly Rewrite Status

- Java/GWT to JavaScript/React/Redux
- 150,000 lines of code to 75,000
- 9 months research and planning
- 4 5 developers
- 10 months of development
 - 3 months to come up to speed
- The first application will be released next month.

Challenges

- Steep learning curve
 - Seasoned Java developers
 - Object-oriented vs. functional programming
 - Average three months coming up to speed
- New concepts
 - Closures
 - Promises
 - Saga
- Under estimation of the work load
 - Firefly features developed in 7 to 8 years
 - Details, special cases, dependencies

Procedures Adopted

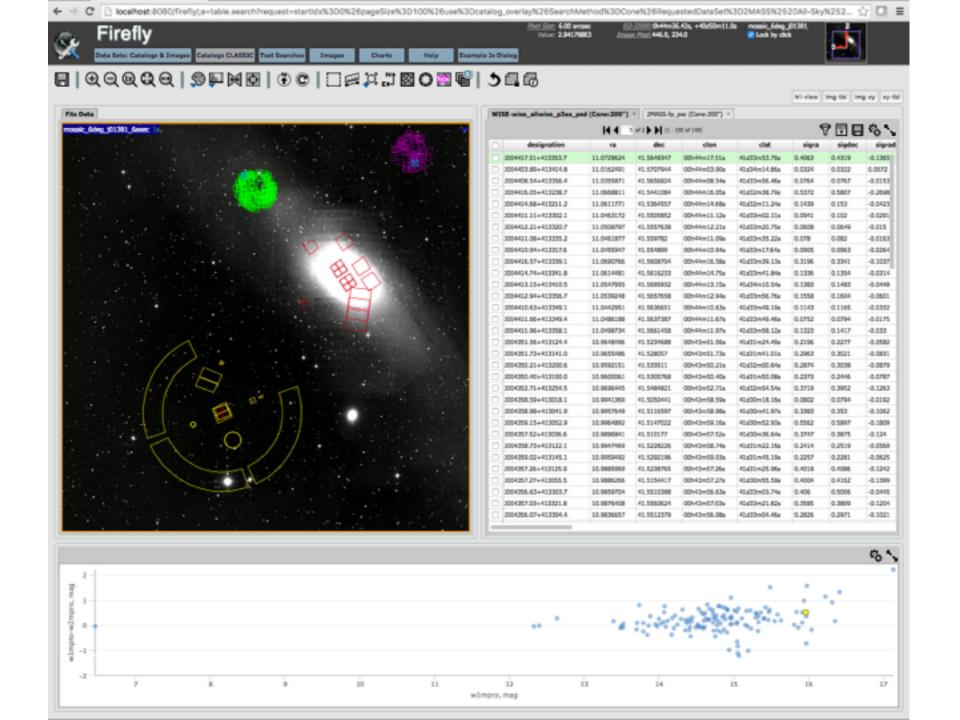
- ESLint
 - Discussed and adopted the rules as a team
- Code review, 100%
 - LSST practice
 - A great learning process
 - New/better ways to achieve the same result
 - Good coding habit and practice
 - Readability improvement
 - Team building and mentoring
 - Developers are happy

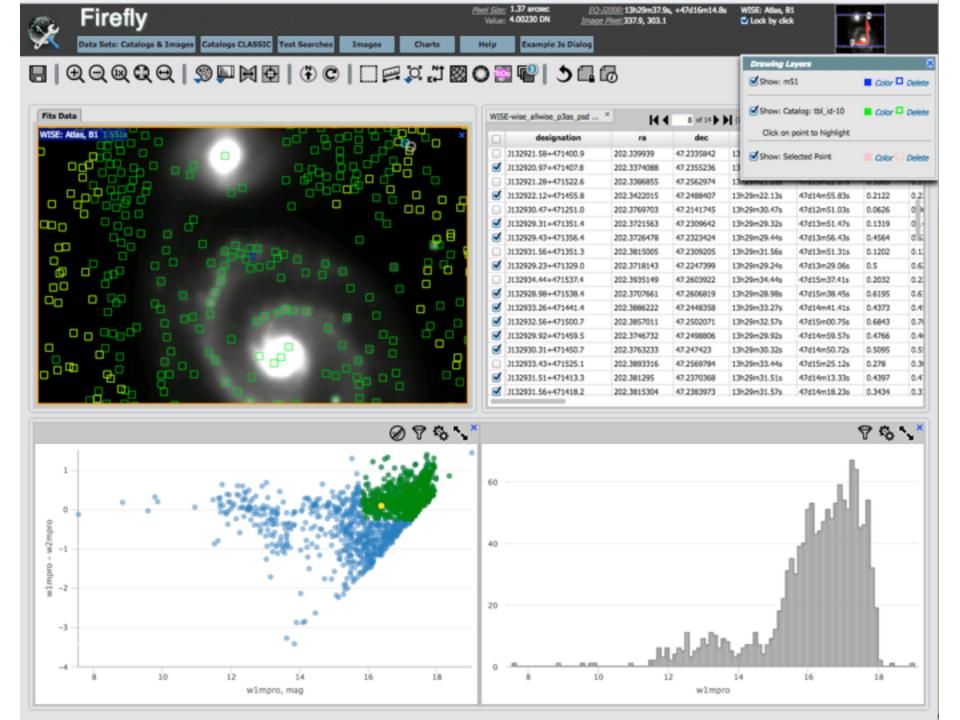
Comments from Code Review

- String templates are awesome for your use cases.
 - good point, i'll change it to use template string instead.
- I think we still need a check on the input parameters of parseDouble. StringUtils was basically checking 'NaN' and returning Double.NaN. Why removing it?
 - Your right, I will fix it.
- Looks great. I am glad you figured out how to use flex boxes: I learned from you.
- Thank you for the review!

Improvements Due to Rewrite

- ds9 region overlay
- Better control of JWST and HST field of view overlays on image
- Easier JS API exposure
 - Pure JavaScript code
 - Parameters and controls could be exposed directly
- Jupyter widgets development
- More flexible control for Python API





Projects Use and Support Firefly



