

VISTA Science Archive Quality Control and User-Interface requirements

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Need for QC

- Identify issues with ingest or pipeline
- Minimise/flag contamination
- Ensure data are good enough for science goals
- Survey uniformity



Quality control

- Implemented for WSA, starting point for VSA
- Bad multiframes/detectors identified and assigned a deprecation code (flagged).
- Re-processed frames: old version deprecated during curation
- SQL scripts run by WFAU, done for each release cycle
 - **Semi-automatic**; identify problems with metadata and pipeline
 - More manual investigation of science criteria: eg seeing, ellipticity, sky-level, zero-point and their impact on depth
 - For open-time projects basic QC scripts are run automatically
- **Eyeball by UKIDSS PIs**
- Synoptic QC photometry of intermediate stacks wrt deepStack
- Flagged multiframes (deprecated > 0) are kept in archive but not present in released databases.
- **Feedback to CASU/UKIDSS/UKIRT**



Flag	Meaning
1	Stack frames that have no catalogue or other frameTypes deprecated at ingest (e.g. because a reprocessed frame supercedes it)
2	Dead detector frames
3	Undefined and or non-sensible critical image metadata attributes
4	Sky subtraction not OK (via pipeline sky sub scale factor) NB. not used from October 2005 onwards
5	Incorrect combination of expTime,numExp,numInts for survey specific projects
6	Incorrect frame complements within groups/nights (for incomplete MSBs)
7	Undefined values of critical catalogue attributes for stacks
8	Seeing=0.0 for a stack
9	High value of sky that compromises the depth, or otherwise invalid sky level (e.g. sky < 0)
10	Seeing outside specified maximum
11	Photometric zeropoint too bright
12	Average stellar ellipticity too high (> 0.25)
13	Depth (as calculated from sky noise and 5sigma detection in fixed aperture) is too shallow compared to overall histogram distribution (i.e. shallower than ~0.5mag wrt the modal value) OR sky noise is too high given the sky level
14	AperCor3 outlying in aperCor3 versus seeing distribution
15	Pipeline MAGZPT inconsistent between image PHDU, extension HDUs and/or catalogue extension HDUs (from attributes photZP, photZPExt and photZPCat)
16	Difference in detector sky level wrt to mean of all 4 detectors is outlying in the distribution of the same.
18	Provenance indicates that a constituent frame of a combined frame product includes a deprecated frame.
19	Inconsistent provenance for a stack or leav product indicating something wrong with the image product (usually screwed up FITS keywords confusing the pipeline)
20	Detector number counts indicate some problem (loads of crud images)
21	5-sigma depth of detector frame more than 0.4mag brighter than modal value for a given filter/project/exposure time
22	Basic astrometry check (pixel size and/or aspect ratio) indicates something is wrong with the image
26	Deprecated because frame is flagged as ignored in pipeline processing
27	Deprecated because frame is flagged as part of a summit-rejected MSB
40	Science ("stack) frame is not part of a survey (e.g. high latitude sky frames in the GPS)

List of deprecation codes (cont)

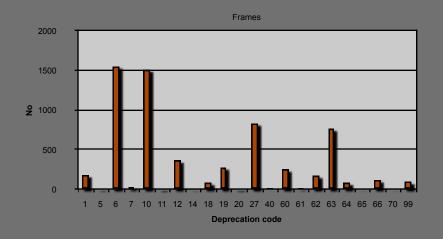
60	Eyeball check deprecation - trailed
61	Eyeball check deprecation - multiple bad channels
62	Eyeball check deprecation - Moon ghost
63	Eyeball check deprecation - Sky subtraction problem
64	Eyeball check deprecation - Disaster (catchall category for the indescribable)
65	Eyeball check deprecation - Empty detector frame
66	Eyeball check deprecation - Flat field problem
67	Eyeball check deprecation - Malfunction in crosstalk correction
70	Eyeball check deprecation, but this is the best that can be done so should not be reobserved (e.g. very bright star in FOV)
80	Deprecated because observation (MSB,object,filter) has been repeated later (shallow surveys only). The latest duplicate in each case is kept
81	Deprecated because observation (MSB,object,filter) has been repeated in a later Semester (shallow surveys only). The deepest duplicate in each case is kept
99	Manually deprecated because of some DFS issue (e.g. pipeline screw-up)
100	Multiframe deprecated because all detectors have been previously deprecated (and the MF not already deprecated)
101	MultiframeDetectors deprecated because parent Multiframe is deprecated (and the MFD not already deprecated)
102	*Detection deprecated because parent MFD deprecated
103	MultiframeDetector of a stack deprecated because all constituent frames of the same detector are deprecated
110	Intermediate stack frame photometry found to be poor wrt run of all stacks in a deep field
111	Stack replaced by a filtered version
127	Unwanted frame ingested.
≥128	Frame deprecated because reprocessing supercedes it

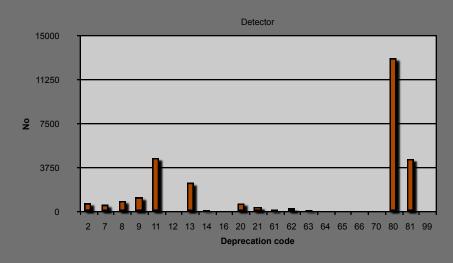


WSA deprecation stats on 202,092 stack frames, 808,305 detectors

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detector					
un-deprecated stacks, code = 0:	76%	75%			
deprecated stacks, code < 128:	6%	7%			
deprecated stacks. code >= 128 (reprocessed):	18%	18%			

WSA distribution of deprecation codes





6: incorrect complement of frames

10: seeing

27: summit rejected MSB

63: sky-subtraction problem

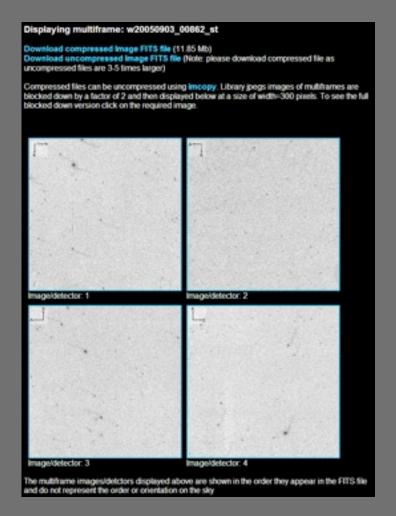
11: zero-point

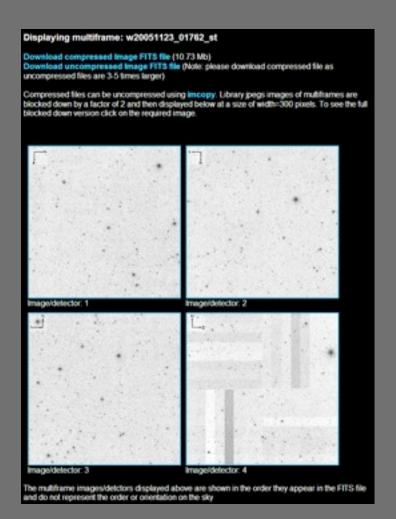
13: depth

80: repeats within semester

81: repeats cross semester

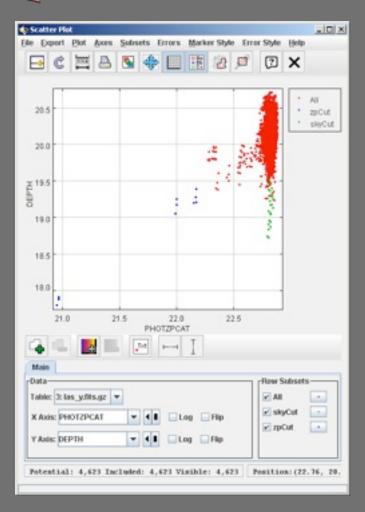
Eyeball examples

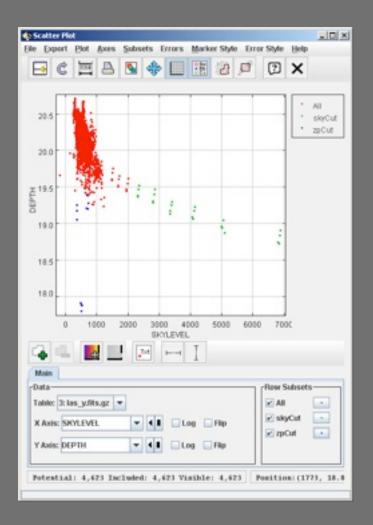






QC plots (zero-point vs depth & sky-level vs depth)







Objects flagged in detection tables: ppErrBits

- **III** Deblended
- Bad pixel(s) in default aperture
- **III** Close to saturated
- **M** Possible crosstalk artefact/contamination
- Lies within a dither offset of the stacked frame boundary
- **111**??

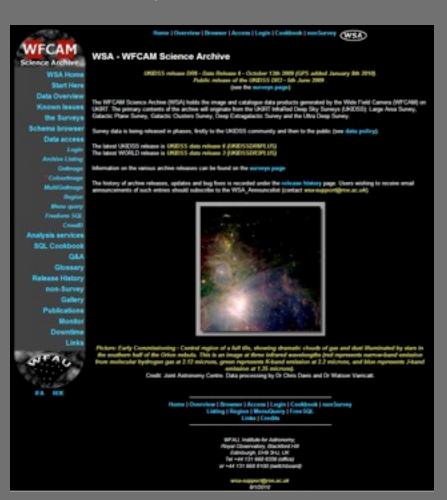
VSA QC requirements

- **## Base on WSA model**
- Adapt scripts and liaise with PIsNeed input on seeing, ellipticity depth etc
- **Eyeballing?**



http://surveys.roe.ac.uk/wsa & http://surveys.roe.ac.uk/vsa

- **WSA UI** base for VSA UI
- Web-site provides documentation
- ESO-UKIDSS users have logins
- Web based forms query released SQL databases
- Databases also accessible through AstroGrid/VO
- Logged in users can access proprietary databases
- Catalogue and pixel data accessible



Website documentation

Includes:

- **M** Data overview
- Monitor pages (status of ingest)
- Schema browser (detailed description of database contents)
- **SQL** cookbook
- **M** Q & A
- **#** Release history
- **III** Known issues

Access rights

- For WSA, released DBs are proprietary for 18 months
- Users login to a community
- Communities maintained by community contacts at each institute
- User's login session used to present list of accessible DBs
- **Model for VSA?**

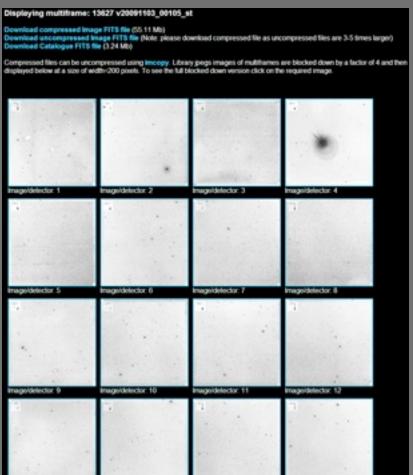
Pixel data

- Archive listing: given inputs, lists matching ingested frames and returns metadata and links to jpegs and FITS files (accesses released databases and daily synced version of load server). QC eyeballing.
- Image cut-outs: GetImage & MultiGetImage, FITS/jpegs
- Colour images
- **MASTITUTE** AstroGrid SIAP



Archive listing

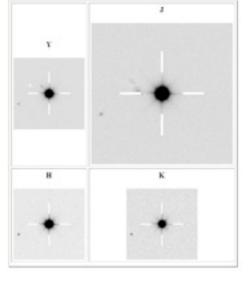






Single position: GetImage



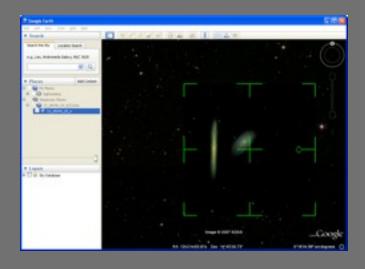


List of positions: MultiGetImage



Colour image

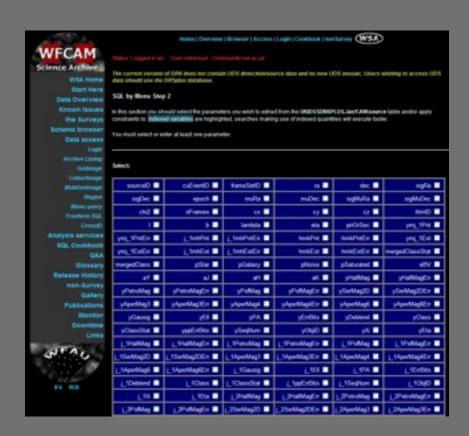
- Specify position, size & resolution and filters for RGB
- Uses SWarp to mosaic detectors
- Returns jpeg and Google KML file





Catalogue data

- Cone search of main science tables
- Menu driven SQL query builder
- **Freeform SQL query**
- **CrossID** of list of objects
- Cone searches and ADQL/ SQL queries in AstroGrid

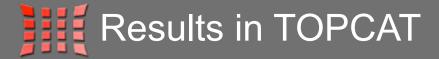


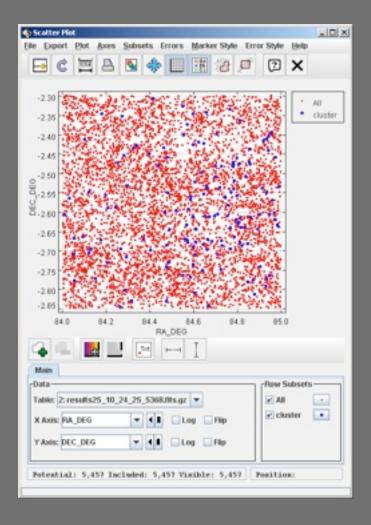
SQL queries

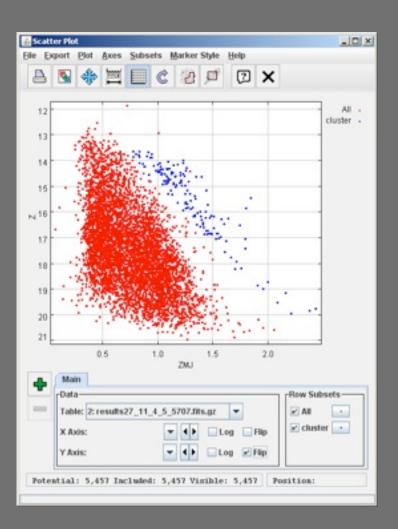
- Powerful and flexible
- Table views simplify some queries
- Queries can be joined with other major datasets (SDSS, 2MASS)
- **Results in FITS / ASCII / VOTable**







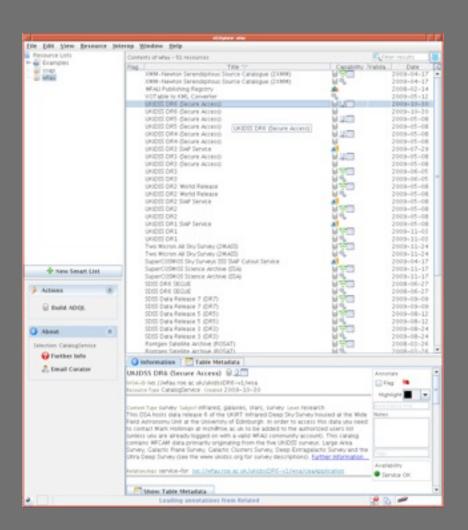


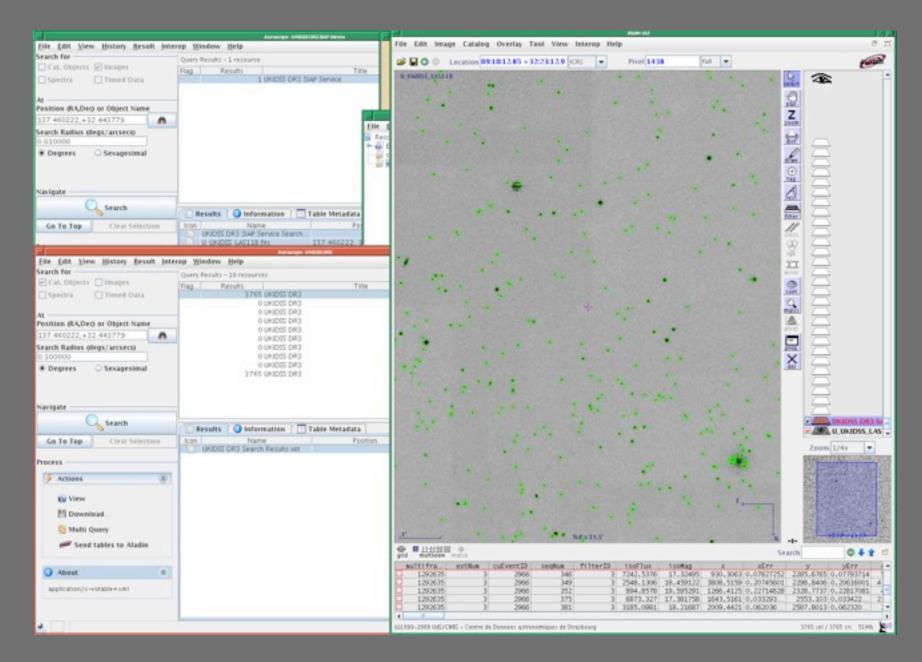




- Released DBs accessible via AstroGrid
- Catalogue and pixel data available.
- Cone search & ADQL
- Users able to script access/ queries via eg Python

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VSA UI requirements

- Build on WSA (most functionality already working for VSA, http://surveys.roe.ac.uk/vsa)
- **Table views?**
- **Potential enhancements / new services:**
 - List-driven photometry (done in beta for WSA)
 - **myDB**
 - Improved query builder
 - **Solution** Coverage / footprint service
 - *******??? Discuss
- Meed to prioritise any new requirements.



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VSA QC & UI requirements: