



CARTA 3: Cube Analysis and Rendering Tool for Astronomy

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CARTA

Cube Analysis and Rendering Tool for Astronomy

Project: ASIAA, IDIA, NRAO, U Alberta

Webpage: <https://cartavis.org>

Github: <https://github.com/CARTAVIS>

Goal: To build a high performance, versatile image for large data cubes and image in astronomy

Use cases:

- CASA viewer replacement (excluding interactive clean and visibility display)
- Archive interface for images from SKA precursors, ALMA, NRAO SRDP
- Stand alone analysis tool
- Scriptable interface (publication ready images, interaction for analysis)
- Collaborative tool

Current release version 3.0 (release date Aug 23, 2022)



CARTA on cartavis.org



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CARTA

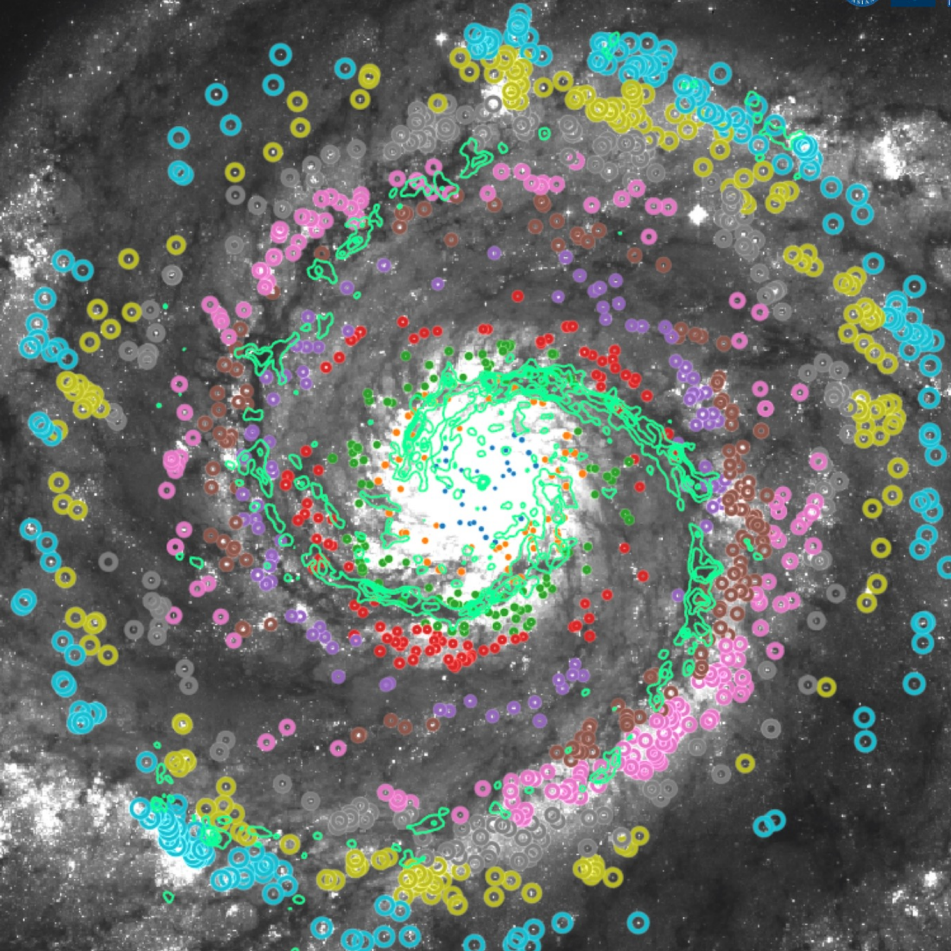
Cube Analysis and Rendering Tool for Astronomy, is a next generation image visualization and analysis tool designed for ALMA, VLA, and SKA pathfinders.

Installation

User Manual

Helpdesk

NEW [The CARTA v3.0 release is now available](#)



CARTA on github.com/CARTAvis



CARTAvis
https://cartavis.org/ support@carta.freshdesk.com

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To CARTA users, this repo holds the CARTA release packages. Please use this repo to log bugs and feature requests. These will be triaged by the development team and prioritised as necessary in the ...

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Repositories

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- carta-backend** Public
Source code repository for the backend component of CARTA, a new visualization tool designed for the ALMA, the VLA and the SKA pathfinders.
C++ ☆ 14 🍴 3 🕒 82 🔗 6 Updated 4 hours ago
- carta-frontend** Public
Source code repository for the frontend component of CARTA, a new visualization tool designed for the ALMA, the VLA and the SKA pathfinders.
TypeScript ☆ 14 🍴 4 🕒 196 (1 issue needs help) 🔗 5 Updated 8 hours ago
- carta-backend-ICD-test** Public

People

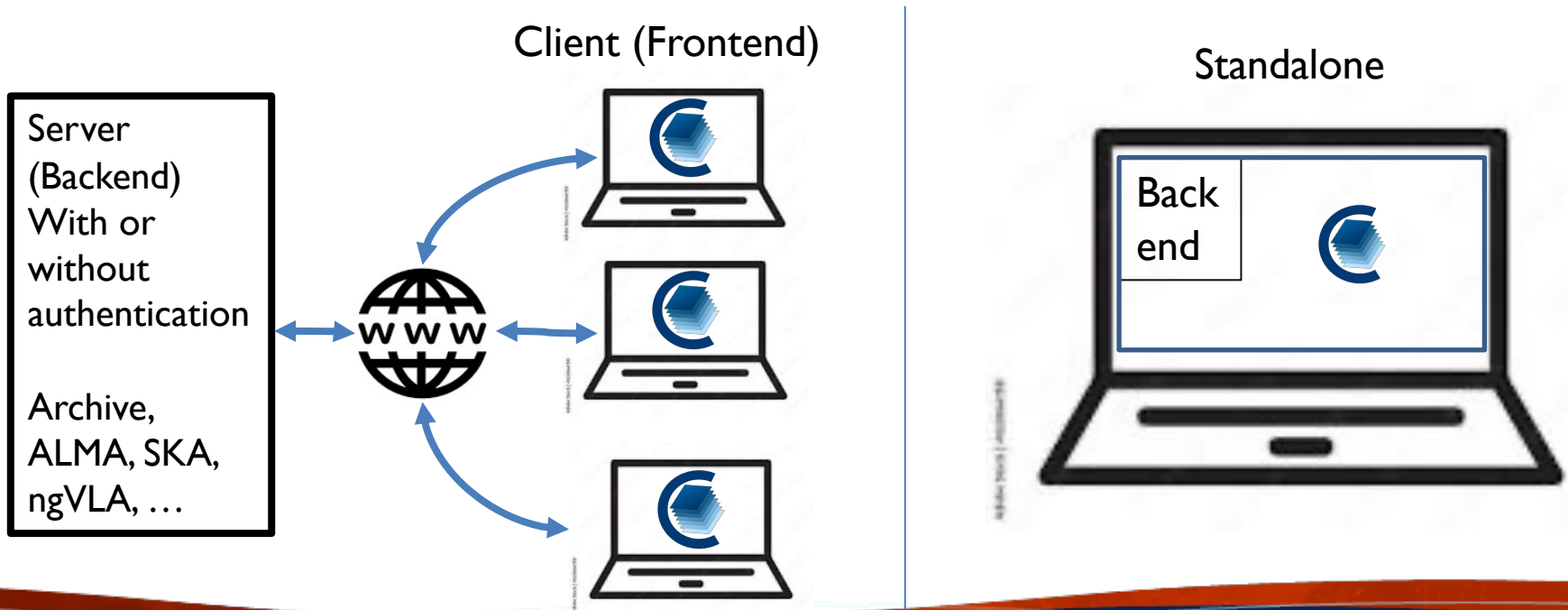
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Top languages

- C++ Python TypeScript
- JavaScript Shell

CARTA architecture

- A focus is on the performance for large datasets (1 TB loads in seconds)
 - Memory efficient image loading
 - Parallelization and GPU-accelerated rendering
 - Progressive and responsive update of spectral profile
 - Tiled image rendering
- Image formats: CASA, fits, gzipped fits, MIRIAD, HDF5 image (cube)
- OS: MacOS, Ubuntu, RHEL
- CARTA is built as a server-client infrastructure, launched separately or in a stand-alone version in a single instance



System Requirements

From catravis.org “Obtaining CARTA”:

v3.0-beta.3

Supported operating systems:

- Ubuntu Linux: 18.04 LTS (Bionic Beaver), 20.04 LTS (Focal Fossa)
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux: 7, 8
- macOS: 10.15 (Catalina), 11 (Big Sur), 12 (Monterey)

Site deployment

Packages

Ubuntu RHEL7 CentOS7 RHEL8 AlmaLinux macOS

Ubuntu 18.04 and 20.04 packages are available [from our PPA](#).

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:cartavis-team/carta
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt install carta-beta
```

To start CARTA, please refer to the user manual [How to Run CARTA](#).

Stand-alone application

macOS Electron Desktop Ubuntu Linux Applmage Red Hat Linux Applmage

The Red Hat Linux Applmage does not require root access. You simply download, extract, and run it. It uses your default web browser to display the CARTA graphical interface. The Applmage has been tested to run on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7 and 8, as well as CentOS 7 and AlmaLinux 8.

Installation:

Either click the Download button below or run:

```
wget https://github.com/CARTAVIS/carta/releases/download/v3.0.0-beta.3/CARTA-v3.0.0-beta.3-redhat.tgz
```

Extract the tarball:

```
tar -xzf CARTA-v3.0.0-beta.3-redhat.tgz
```

Operation:

To start CARTA, please refer to the user manual [How to Run CARTA](#).

Note: If you wish to run the Applmage inside a Docker container, or you system has trouble with FUSE, please prefix with the following environment variable:

```
APPIMAGE_EXTRACT_AND_RUN=1 ./CARTA-v3.0.0-beta.3-redhat.AppImage
```

Browsers: from carta.readthedocs.io “How to run CARTA?”:

Please note that the CARTA GUI is run in the web browser environment. The supported browsers are:

- Google Chrome (tested with v91)
- Firefox (tested with v89)
- Safari (tested with v14.1)

Other browsers might be supported but they are not tested.

Warning

At the moment, there is a layout issue with the Safari browser, which affect usability and user experience significantly. macOS users should try to avoid using Safari to run CARTA.

Note

CARTA requires WebGL in order to render images properly. WebGL2 is also required to render catalog overlay properly. Please ensure WebGL and WebGL2 are enabled in your browser.



Note: system/browser must be support webGL 2.0

If not, then CARTA widget will pop up, but image display will be single color
Test URL:

<https://get.webgl.org/webgl2/>

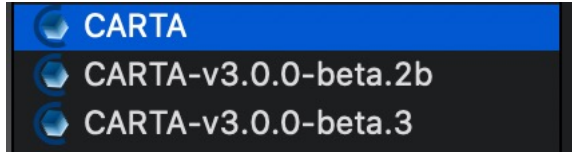
May require upgrade or downgrade of video card driver



CARTA – Startup Standalone

MacOX installed stand-alone:

carta (or click the icon in the Applications folder)



Linux at NRAO (beta version needs to be downloaded from cartavis.org first):

```
jott@nmpost045 ~> carta --no_browser
```

CARTA will use the default ephemerides and geodetic data.

```
[2022-10-11 17:02:20.154] [CARTA] [info] Writing to the log file: /users/jott/.carta/log/carta.log
```

```
[2022-10-11 17:02:20.154] [CARTA] [info] /tmp/.mount_cartaKMLmpa/bin/carta_backend: Version 3.0.0
```

```
[2022-10-11 17:02:20.161] [CARTA] [info] Serving CARTA frontend from /tmp/.mount_cartaKMLmpa/share/carta/frontend
```

```
[2022-10-11 17:02:20.161] [CARTA] [info] Listening on port 3002 with top level folder /, starting folder /users/jott. The number of OpenMP worker threads will be handled automatically.
```

```
[2022-10-11 17:02:20.161] [CARTA] [info] CARTA is accessible at http://10.64.10.145:3002/?token=51cb73f4-05e1-4423-92eb-9d530b8d8f69
```

```
[2022-10-11 17:02:43.453] [CARTA] [info] 0x15825b0 ::Session (1050442889:1)
```

```
[2022-10-11 17:02:43.453] [CARTA] [info] Session 1050442889 [10.64.128.247] Connected. Num sessions: 1
```

→ Copy and paste this URL in your local browser and CARTA will show up

If you launch from your own Linux computer, run the app image directly:

```
> ./CARTA-v3.0.0-redhat7.ApplImage -- no_browser
```

CARTA – Startup Remote

VNC session will not work! CARTA is developed for high performance and VNC disables this option through the unavailability of webgl. You will see a blank or monochrome image

Instead:

- Start a VPN session to your remote server or set up a SSH tunnel (NRAO instructions on <https://casadocs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/notebooks/carta.html>)

On the remote Linux

```
jott@nmpost045 ~> carta --no_browser (or ./CARTA-v3.0.0-redhat7.ApplImage -- no_browser )
```

CARTA will use the default ephemerides and geodetic data.

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```

→ Copy and paste this URL in your local browser

- However, only staff has access to VPN at NRAO. To remedy this, NRAO server versions for everyone are considered for the future

CARTA for this workshop

The set up of your little workstation boxes are similar to a VNC environment which does not allow webgl for firefox.

So please do the following, it will work for many sessions after setting it up once:

1) run on your workstation:

```
$ carta --no_browser
```

2) Get the following line:

[info] CARTA is accessible at <http://10.64.10.143:3002/?token=052680c2-b602-4d8d-9ac4-e4cb1120f56b>

If you have your own laptop, follow the instructions on

<https://casadocs.readthedocs.io/en/stable/notebooks/carta.html> for ssh tunneling:

3) Pick the port number from the URL above (here: **3002**) then, in a new terminal on your laptop:

```
$ ssh -N username@ssh.aoc.nrao.edu -L 3002:nraosiw123.aoc.nrao.edu:3002 (example workstation name: nraosiw123)
```

4.) Then, in a local browser on your laptop, replace the URL but not port to 'localhost':

```
$ http://localhost:3002/?token=052680c2-b602-4d8d-9ac4-e4cb1120f56b
```

If you don't have your own laptop

3) If you sit in the auditorium the section near the door, run

```
$ ssh apricity microsoft-edge
```

if you sit in the section away from the door, run

```
$ ssh petrchor microsoft-edge
```

(we want to distribute users to two servers) This will launch the MS Edge browser, that supports webgl.

4) You can now paste the URL from CARTA into the Edge browser

CARTA Features

Viewing:

- Image rendering with (global) min/max clipping, scaling functions and color maps
- Image panning, zooming, etc.
- Multi-panel
- Hardcopy
- Image/region saving
- Image blinking
- Image WCS matching spatially and spectrally
- Contours with different generators, colors, color maps
- Catalog overlays
- Setting of rest frequency
- Vector overlays
- Complex image display
- LEL image arithmetic before display
- Generating computed polarization quantities (eg. linear polarization intensity) of a Stokes cube on the fly
- Setting a new rest frequency when saving a subimage

CARTA Features

Tools/Analysis:

- Regions: rotating box, ellipses, polygons, line, point, polyline
- Spatial (X,Y) and spectral (Z) profiles
- Spectral profiles can convert spectral axis labels (velocity, frequency, wavelength)
- Histogram
- Image/Region Statistics
- Stokes analysis widget
- Moment generator
- pV diagram
- Spectral line labelling
- Spectral smoothing
- Distance measuring tool
- Intensity conversion
- 2D Gaussian fitting of sources in image
- Line and polyline region spectral profiler

CARTA Features

Other:

- Server-client infrastructure for remote image access
- Server authentication
- Tiled rendering for performance
- Docking and Preferred layouts and layout saving
- Scripting is under active development

CASAvviewer vs CARTA

Gaps relative to CASAvviewer (green: CARTA development underway; black: future CARTA development; red: likely not implemented in CARTA)

- **Complete set of fitting tools** → spectral: multiple Gaussians and Lorentzians already available with continuum polynomial; spatial: 2D Gaussian fit
- Source finder tool
- **Spectral profile error bar plotting** (MUSE/optical feature in CASA)
- **Image annotation** → v4
- Profile annotation
- Rotated cube view (input as ra-dec-channel, view as ra-channel vs dec)
- Scalable output (SVG or PDF)
- **Creation of multi-channel plots** → v4
- Regions that extend across spectral and stokes planes
- Histogram fitting
- **Markers** → they have not been widely used in the CASAvviewer
- **Interactive clean** → CASA is developing a visualization tool independent of CARTA
- Full support of CRTF → was not even supported by the CASAvviewer
- **Save/reload states** → v4
- **Share states** → v4

File loading

The screenshot displays the CARTA v3 (2022) software interface. A 'File Browser' window is open, showing a directory structure: `Users > jott > Documents > CARTA > demo`. The file list contains the following entries:

Filename	Type	Size	Date
fft-cube.im	CASA	251.0 MB	26 May 2021
fft.test	CASA	4.4 MB	26 May 2021
IRC10216.36GHzcont.image.fits	FITS	368.6 kB	29 Sep 2020
IRC10216_HC3N.cube_r0.5.image	CASA	19.4 MB	5 Jan 2020
IRC10216_HC3N.cube_r0.5.image-copy	CASA	19.4 MB	18 Mar 2020
IRC10216_HC3N.cube_r0.5.image.fits	FITS	18.7 MB	18 Mar 2020
IRC10216_HC3N.cube_r0.5.image.mir	Miriad	19.3 MB	18 Mar 2020
m82-car-2000.fits	FITS	4.0 MB	18 Mar 2020
m82-tan-2000.fits	FITS	4.0 MB	18 Mar 2020
NGC628_dss.fits	FITS	371.5 kB	9 Nov 2020
NGC628_galex.fits	FITS	371.5 kB	9 Nov 2020
NGC_628_CUBE-bin3.image	CASA	79.8 MB	9 Nov 2020
NGC_628_CUBE.image	CASA	251.0 MB	9 Nov 2020
NGC_628_NA_CUBE_THINGS.copy.fits	FITS	247.7 MB	26 May 2021
NGC_628_NA_CUBE_THINGS.copy.mir	Miriad	243.3 MB	26 May 2021
NGC_628_NA_CUBE_THINGS.copy.mir-manipulated	Miriad	243.3 MB	26 May 2021

The 'File Information' panel for the selected file (`IRC10216.36GHzcont.image.fits`) shows the following details:

```
Name = IRC10216.36GHzcont.image.fits
HDU = 0
Shape = [300, 300, 1, 1]
Number of channels = 1
Number of polarizations = 1
Coordinate type = Right Ascension, Declination
Projection = SIN
Image reference pixels = [151, 151]
Image reference coords = [09:47:57.3820, +013.16.40.6600]
Image ref coords (deg) = [146.989 deg, 13.278 deg]
Pixel increment = -0.4", 0.4"
Pixel unit = Jy/beam
Celestial frame = FK5, J2000
Spectral frame = LSRK
Velocity definition = RADIO
Restoring beam = 2.81862" X 1.53258", -19.1115 deg
```

Below the file browser, two panels illustrate the 'No file loaded' state. The left panel shows a folder icon and the text 'No file loaded' with the instruction 'Load a file using the menu'. The right panel shows a folder icon, the text 'No file loaded', and the instruction 'Load a file using the menu'.

Help

? = help menu

1) Navigation

- Pan image: click
- Pan image (inside region): middle-click
- Pan image (inside region): ⌘ cmd, click
- Zoom image: mouse-wheel

2) Regions

- Toggle region creation mode: C
- Toggle current region lock: L
- Unlock all regions: ⬆ shift, L
- Delete selected region: del
- Delete selected region: backspace
- Deselect region/Cancel region creation: esc
- Switch region creation mode: ⌘ cmd
- Symmetric region creation: ⬆ shift
- Region properties: double-click

3) Frame controls

- Next image: ⌘ alt,]
- Previous image: ⌘ alt, [
- Next channel: ⌘ alt, ↑ up
- Previous channel: ⌘ alt, ↓ down
- Next Stokes cube: ⌘ alt, ⬆ shift, ↑ up

Layers	Matching	Channel	Polarization
NGC_628_NA_MOM	R	XY	R
		0	Stokes I

Help

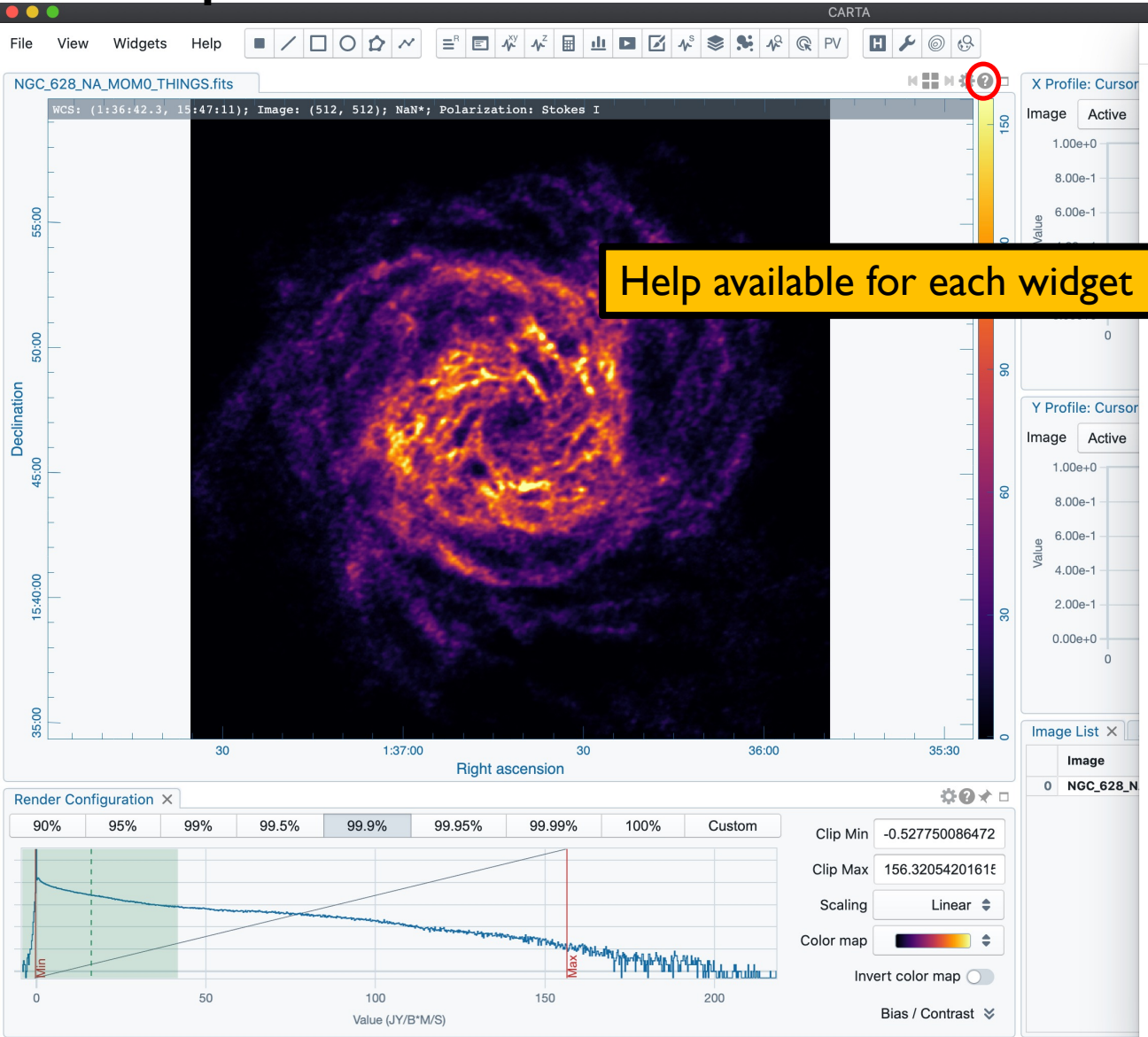


Image View

The image viewer widget serves as the core component of CARTA. It allows you to visualize images in rasters and in contours. Region of interests can be defined interactively with the image viewer and subsequent image analysis can be performed with other widgets. Catalogue files can be loaded and visualized in the image viewer with the Catalogue widget.

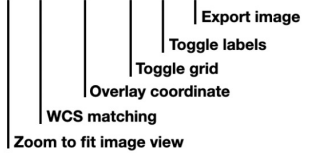
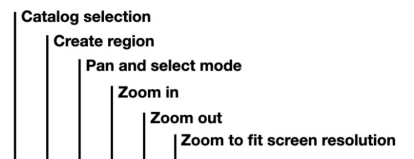
Images can be loaded via **File -> Open image** (will close all loaded image first). You may load multiple images via **File -> Append image**. All images are loaded as raster by default. Contour layers can be further generated via the contour configuration dialog.

Information of world coordinates and image coordinates at the cursor position is shown at the top of the image viewer. To freeze/unfreeze the cursor position, press **F** key.

Image tool buttons

A set of tool buttons is provided at the bottom-right corner when hovering over the image viewer. You may use these buttons to

- Select a source from catalog overlay
- Create regions
- Change image zoom scale
- Trigger WCS matching
- Change grid overlay reference frame
- Enable/disable grid lines and coordinate labels
- Export image



Zoom and pan

Zoom actions can be triggered in different ways. The most common one is to use mouse and scroll wheel. By scrolling up, image is zoomed in, while by scrolling down, image is zoomed out. Alternatively, you may use the tool buttons at the bottom-right corner of the image viewer to zoom in, zoom out.

Widgets

Settings, help, pin, full screen



The screenshot displays the CARTA v3 interface with several widgets and their settings:

- Top Bar:** File, View, Widgets, Snippets, Help. A toolbar with icons for various actions, including a red box around a set of icons and a blue box around another set.
- Main View:** A large image of IRC10216_HC3N.cube_r0.5.image. The WCS is (9:47:57.47, 13:16:18.1) and the Value is $-1.07699e-2$ Jy/beam. The frequency is 36.3957 GHz and the velocity is -28.0890 km/s. The polarization is Stokes I.
- Statistics: Image (Active):** A table showing various statistics for the active image.
- Image List:** A list of images with controls for First, Prev, Play, Next, Last, Mode, and Frame Rate.
- Animator:** A control for animating through the image list, showing the current frame (27) and the total number of frames (51).
- X Profile: Cursor:** A plot showing the X coordinate (0 to 250) versus Value (Jy/beam) for the active image.
- Y Profile: Cursor:** A plot showing the Y coordinate (0 to 250) versus Value (Jy/beam) for the active image.

Statistics: Image (Active)

Image: Active Region: Active Polarization: Curre

Statistic	Value
NumPixels	5.094900000000e+4 pixel(s)
Sum	-1.512381436618e+0 Jy/beam
FluxDensity	-4.129109443307e-2 Jy
Mean	-2.968422219509e-5 Jy/beam
StdDev	6.849322623695e-3 Jy/beam
Min	-2.069419622421e-2 Jy/beam
Max	3.636640682817e-2 Jy/beam
Extrema	3.636640682817e-2 Jy/beam
RMS	6.849319730356e-3 Jy/beam
SumSq	2.390179646982e+0 (Jy/beam)*2

- Widgets:**
- open and close
 - dock
 - pin
 - move
 - tab
 - rearrange
 - resize
 - float

Widgets

The screenshot displays the CARTA v3 software interface. The main window shows a radio galaxy image with axes for Right ascension and Declination. A 'Render Configuration' window is open, showing a histogram of the image data and various settings for clipping, scaling, and color mapping. A 'Y Profile' window is also open, showing a line plot of the image data along a specific coordinate. A yellow box with a black border is overlaid on the Y Profile window, containing the text 'Widgets:' followed by a bulleted list.

Widgets:

- Pre-defined layouts
- Layouts can be saved and restored
- Or defined for startup

Render Configuration Settings:

- Clip Min: -0.527750086472
- Clip Max: 156.3205420161€
- Scaling: Linear
- Color map: [Color bar]
- Invert color map:
- Bias / Contrast: [Dropdown]

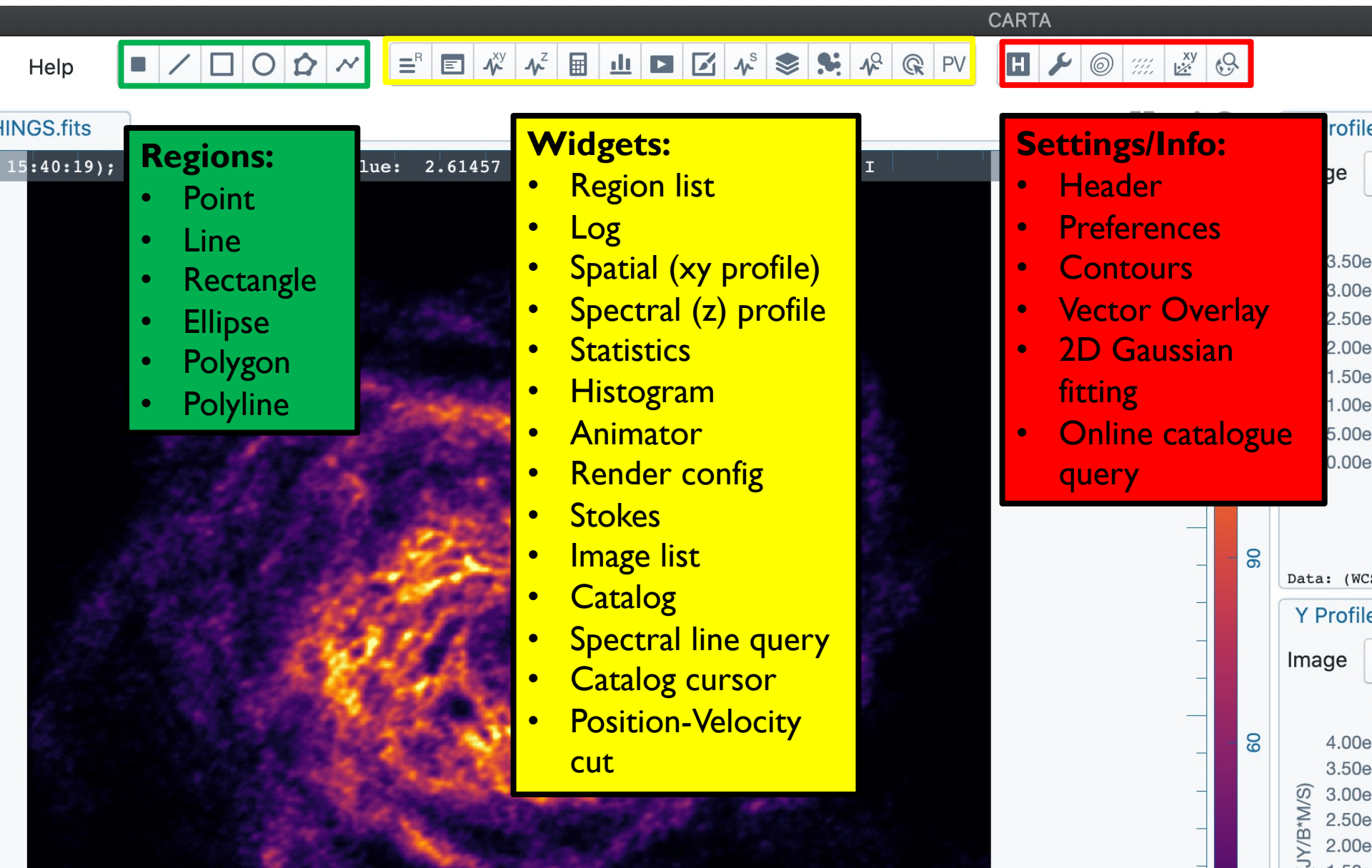
Y Profile Settings:

- Image: Active
- Region: Active
- Y coordinate: 0 to 1000
- Value (JY/B/M/S): 0.00e+0 to 1.60e+2

Image List Table:

Image	Layers	Matching	Channel	Polarization
0 NGC_628_NA_MON	R	XY_R	0	Stokes I

Widgets



Regions:

- Point
- Line
- Rectangle
- Ellipse
- Polygon
- Polyline

Widgets:

- Region list
- Log
- Spatial (xy profile)
- Spectral (z) profile
- Statistics
- Histogram
- Animator
- Render config
- Stokes
- Image list
- Catalog
- Spectral line query
- Catalog cursor
- Position-Velocity cut

Settings/Info:

- Header
- Preferences
- Contours
- Vector Overlay
- 2D Gaussian fitting
- Online catalogue query

Image display widget

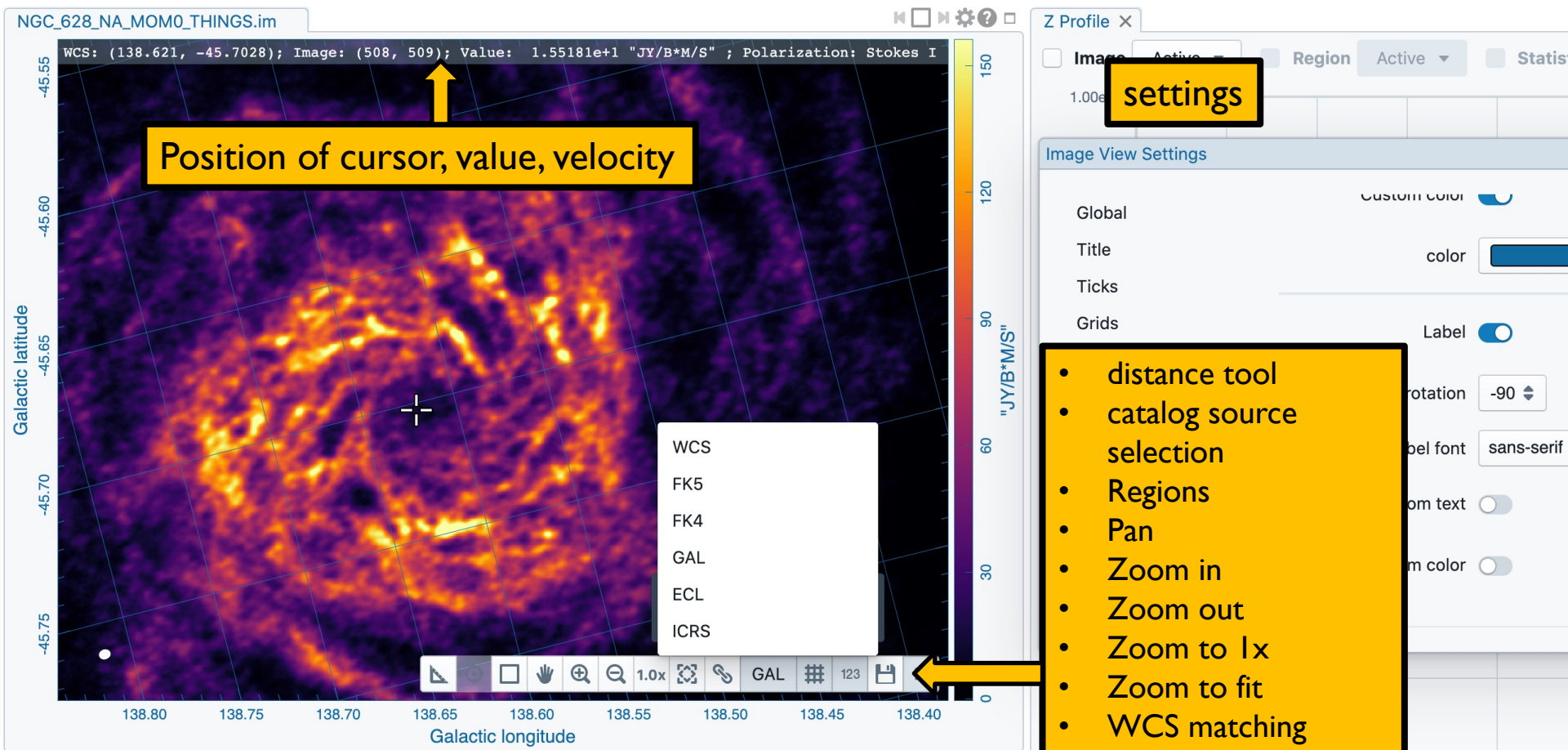


Image display widget

The screenshot displays the NGC_628_NA_MOM0_THINGS.im image display widget. The main panel shows a multi-panel display of the image with overlaid coordinate grids (FK4, GAL, ECL, ICRS). A color wedge is visible on the right side, ranging from 0 to 150. A settings panel is overlaid on the image, listing the following settings:

- Multi panel display
- Overlay of different coordinate grids
- Beam display
- Color wedge
- Distance measuring tool

The settings panel also includes a list of coordinate systems: FK4, GAL, ECL, and ICRS. The image title is NGC_628_NA_MOM0_THINGS.im. The WCS information is: WCS: (138.621, -45.7028); Image: (508, 509); Value: 1.55181e+1 "JY/B*M/S"; Polarization: Stokes I. The image axes are Galactic longitude (138.80 to 138.40) and Galactic latitude (-45.55 to -45.75). The Z Profile panel is also visible, showing the image is Active and the Region is Active. The Image View Settings panel is also visible, showing the Colorbar settings.

Distance Measurement

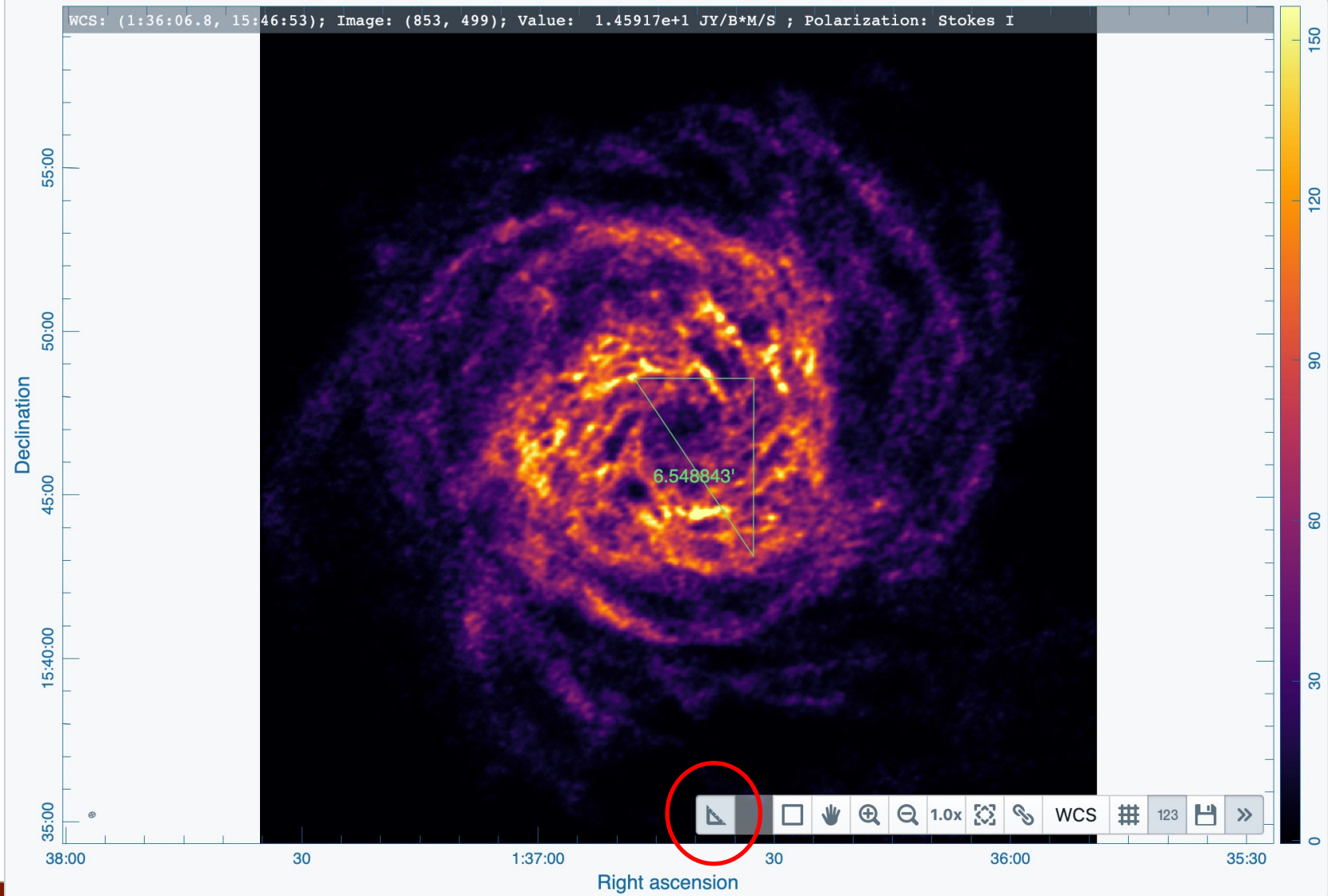


Image display widget - multipanel

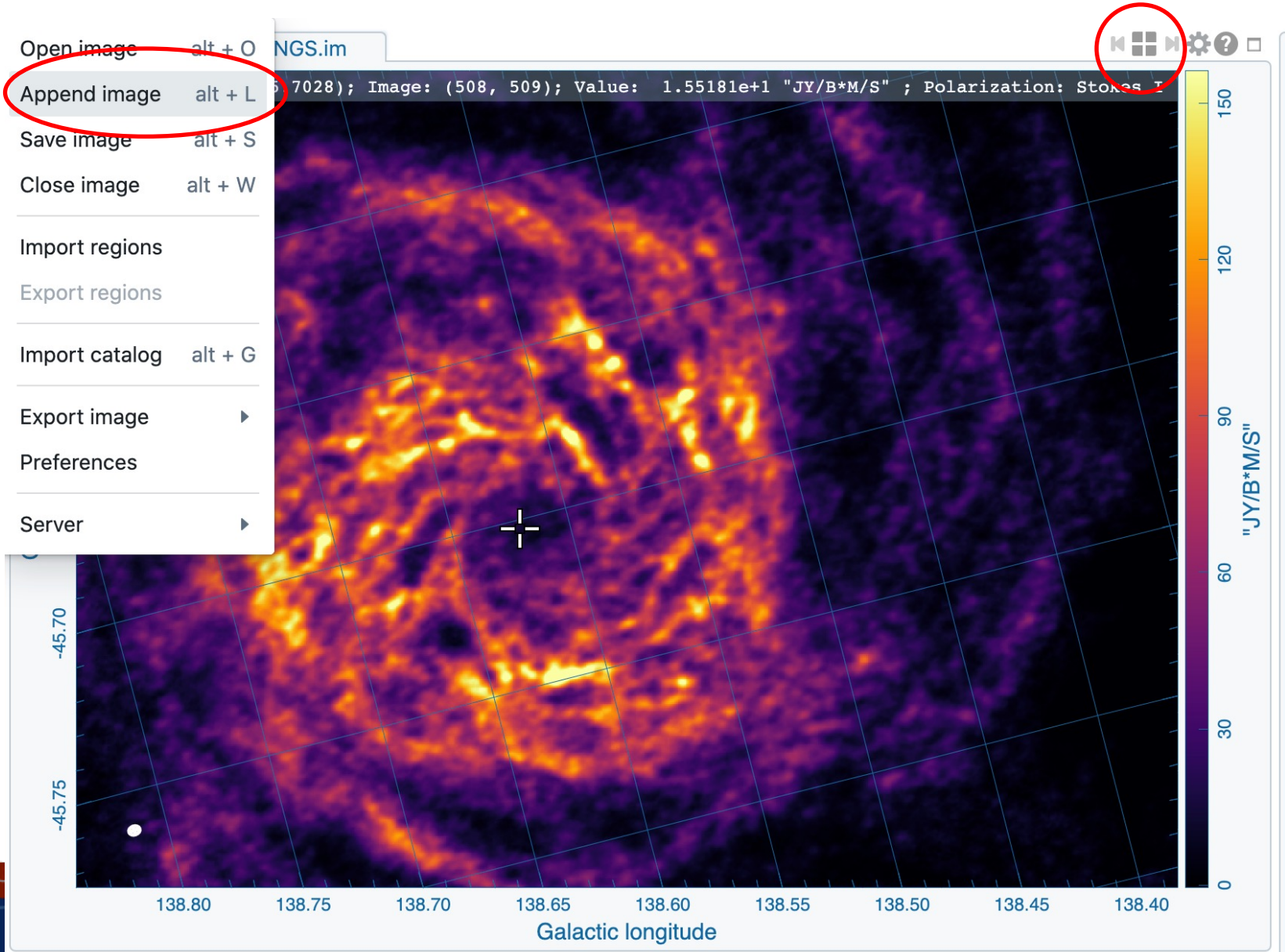
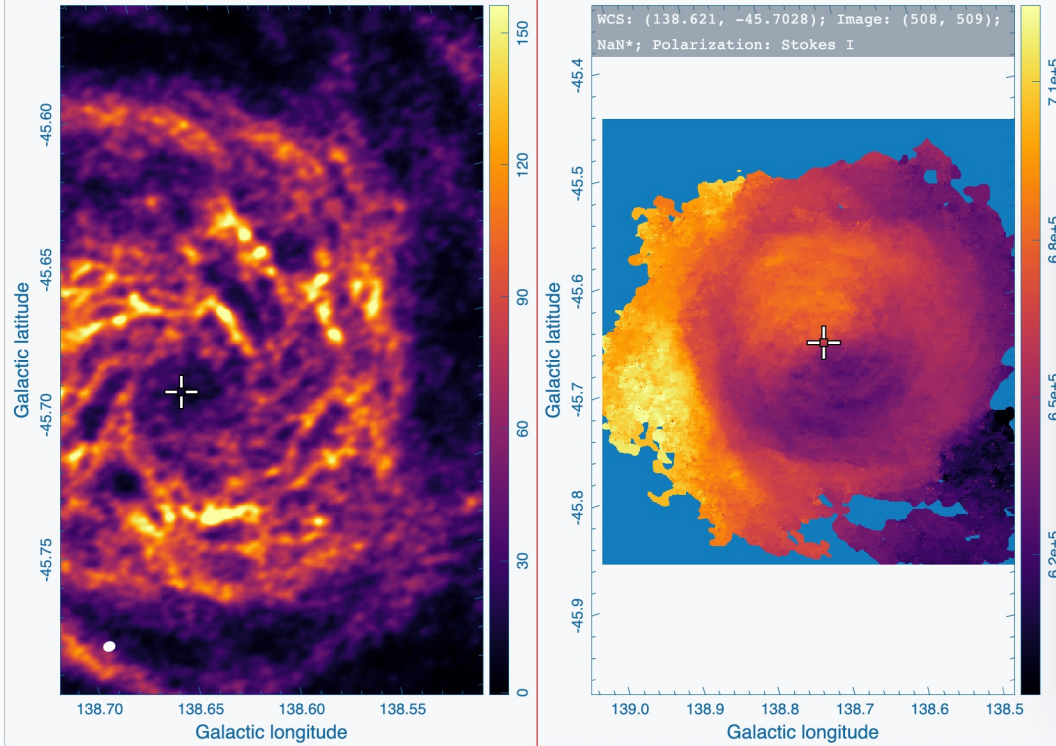


Image display widget - multipanel

NGC_628_NA_MOM1_THINGS.fits



Z Profile X Image List X

Image	Layers	Matching	Channel	Polarization
0 NGC_628_NA_MOM	R	XY R	0	Stokes I
1 NGC_628_NA_MOM	R	XY R	0	Stokes I

Image View Settings

Global

Enable multi-panel

Title

Ticks

Grids

Border

Axes

Numbers

Labels

Colorbar

Beam

Conversion

Multi-panel mode: Dynamic grid size

Columns (Maximum): 2

Rows (Maximum): 2

Overlay color: [Blue]

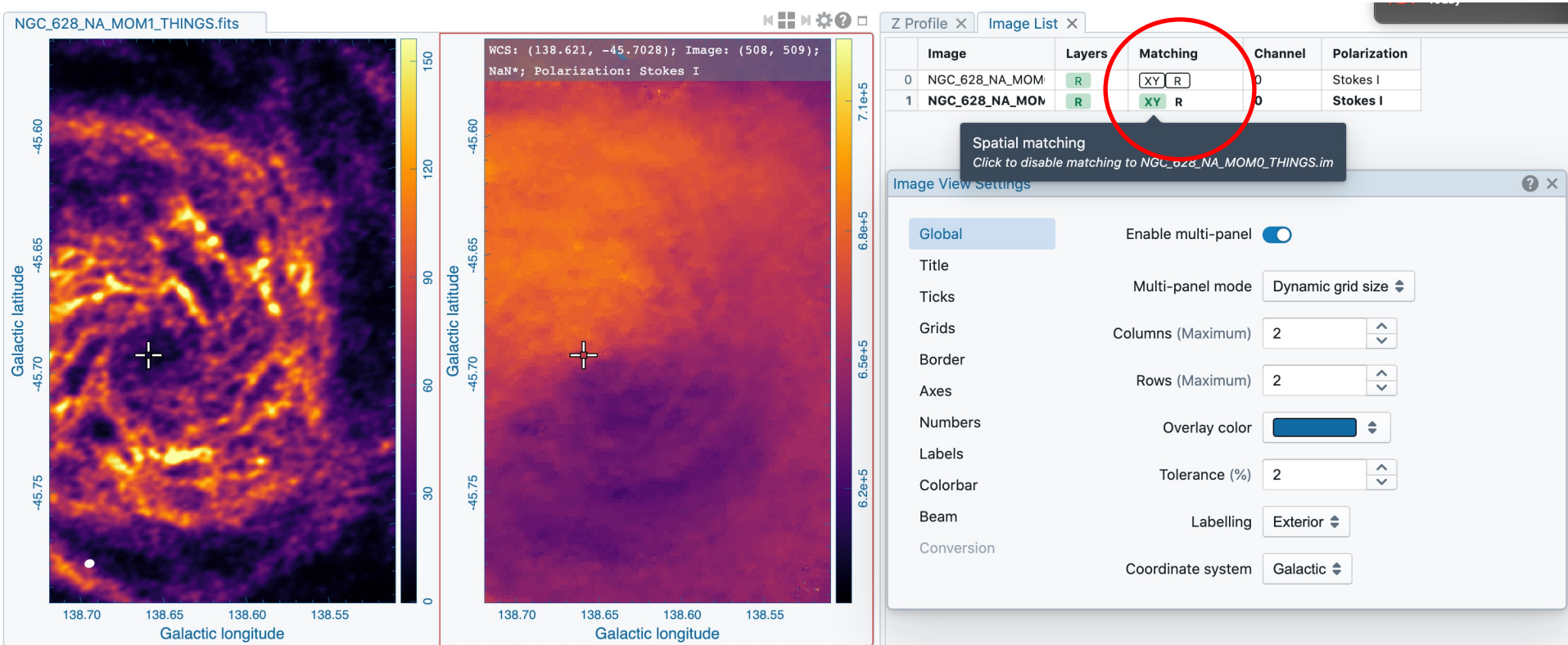
Tolerance (%): 2

Labelling: Exterior

Coordinate system: Galactic

Image display widget - multipanel

WCS image registration will align coordinates of different images
Master is outlined; aligned images in green
Alignment in XY (spatial) and/or Z (spectral), and or R (color scale)



Cursor Widget

Align WCS first to see multiple image values

The screenshot displays the CARTA software interface with three astronomical images of NGC 628. A cursor is positioned at the center of the images. The 'Image List' table shows the following data:

Image	Layers	Matching	Channel	Polarization
0 NGC_628_NA_MOM	R	XY R	0	Stokes I
1 NGC_628_NA_MOM	R	XY R	0	Stokes I
2 NGC_628_NA_CUBE	R	XY Z R	29	Stokes I

The 'Cursor Info' window displays the following data for the selected image (Image 2):

Image	Value	WCS	XY (World)	XY (Image)	Z	Channel	Polarization
0 NGC_628_N...	1.02394e+2 JY/B*M/S	GAL...	138.613 -45.7517	550.551 398.686	NaN	0	Stokes I
1 NGC_628_N...	6.31224e+5 METR/SEC	GAL...	138.613 -45.7517	550.551 398.686	NaN	0	Stokes I
2 NGC_628_...	1.81849e-4 JY/BEAM	GAL...	138.613 -45.7517	550.551 398.686	FELO- 660528.5...	29	Stokes I

Additional data from the cursor widget:

WCS: (138.613, -45.7517); Image: (551, 399);
 Value: 1.81849e-4 JY/BEAM ; FELO-
 HEL (): 660528.5503 ; Polarization: Stokes I

The X Profile plot shows Value (Y/BEAM) vs Y coordinate, and the Z Profile plot shows Value (Y/BEAM) vs FELO-HEL.

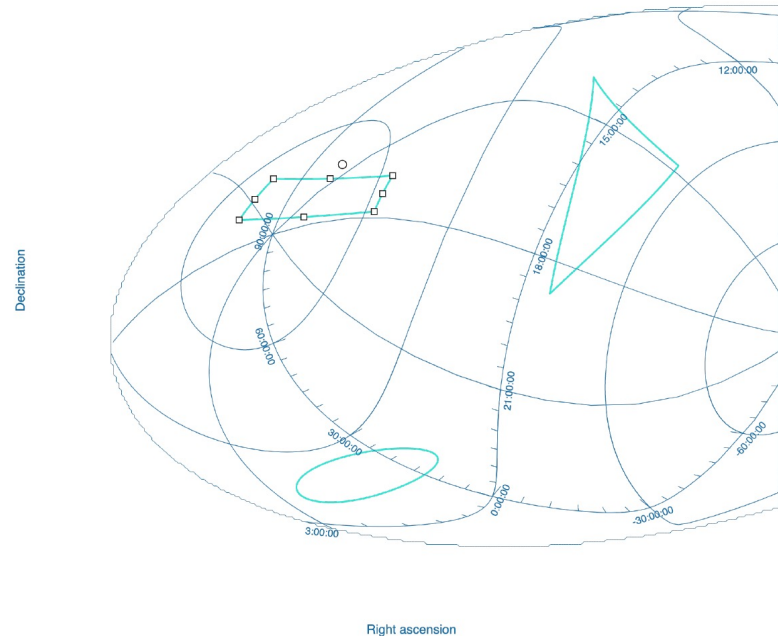
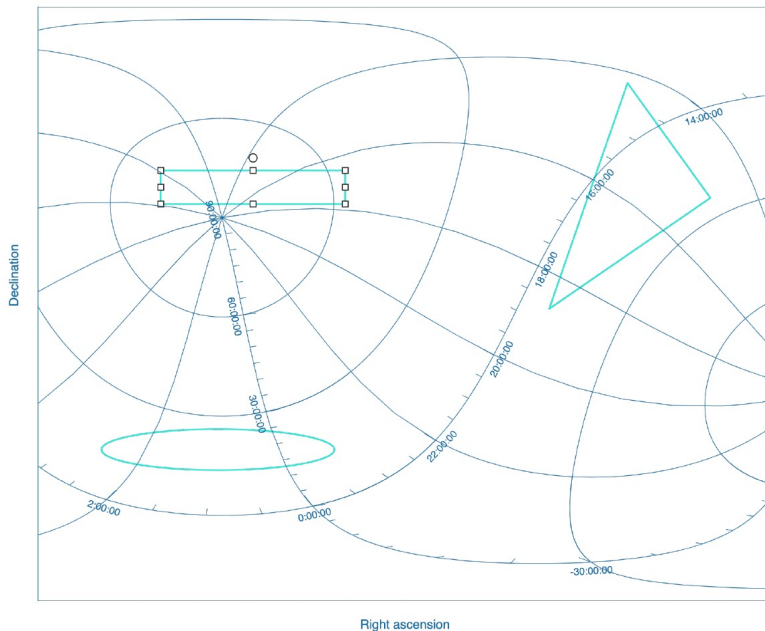
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Projection handling:

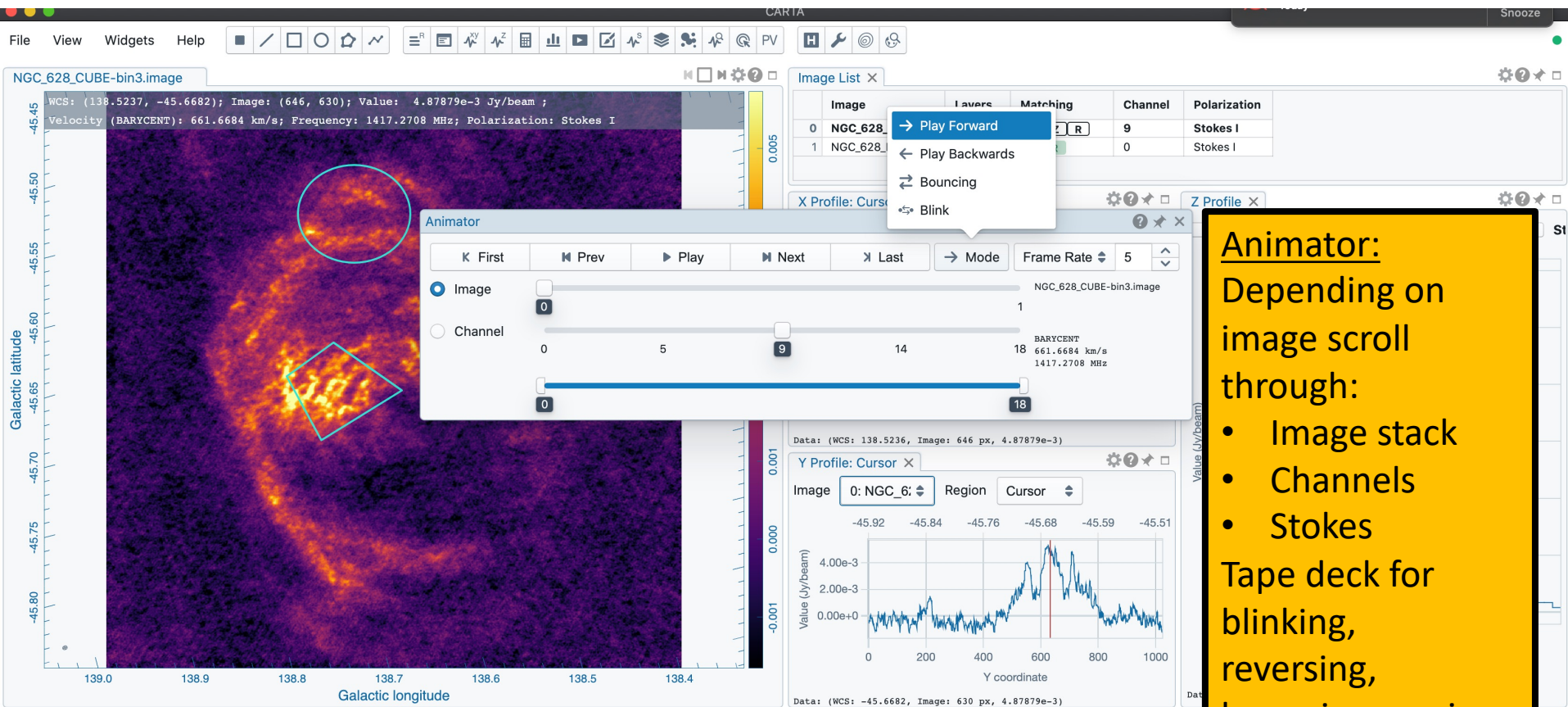
To avoid regridding, WCS matching shifts and rotates the image to the master image
This produces a small error for large fields, only visible in blinking
But images are projected correctly when overlaid as contours

Spectral matching: Nearest interpolation

Regions: They project correctly when moving across the sky in different coordinate systems



Animator



Animator:
Depending on image scroll through:

- Image stack
- Channels
- Stokes

Tape deck for blinking, reversing, bouncing movies

Rendering

Image widget: "R" controls rendering determined by a template (framed)

Selection of

- Color maps
- Scaling/transfer function (shown as overlay)
- Per plane or per cube scaling
- Global scaling through the image list widget
- Bias/Contrast

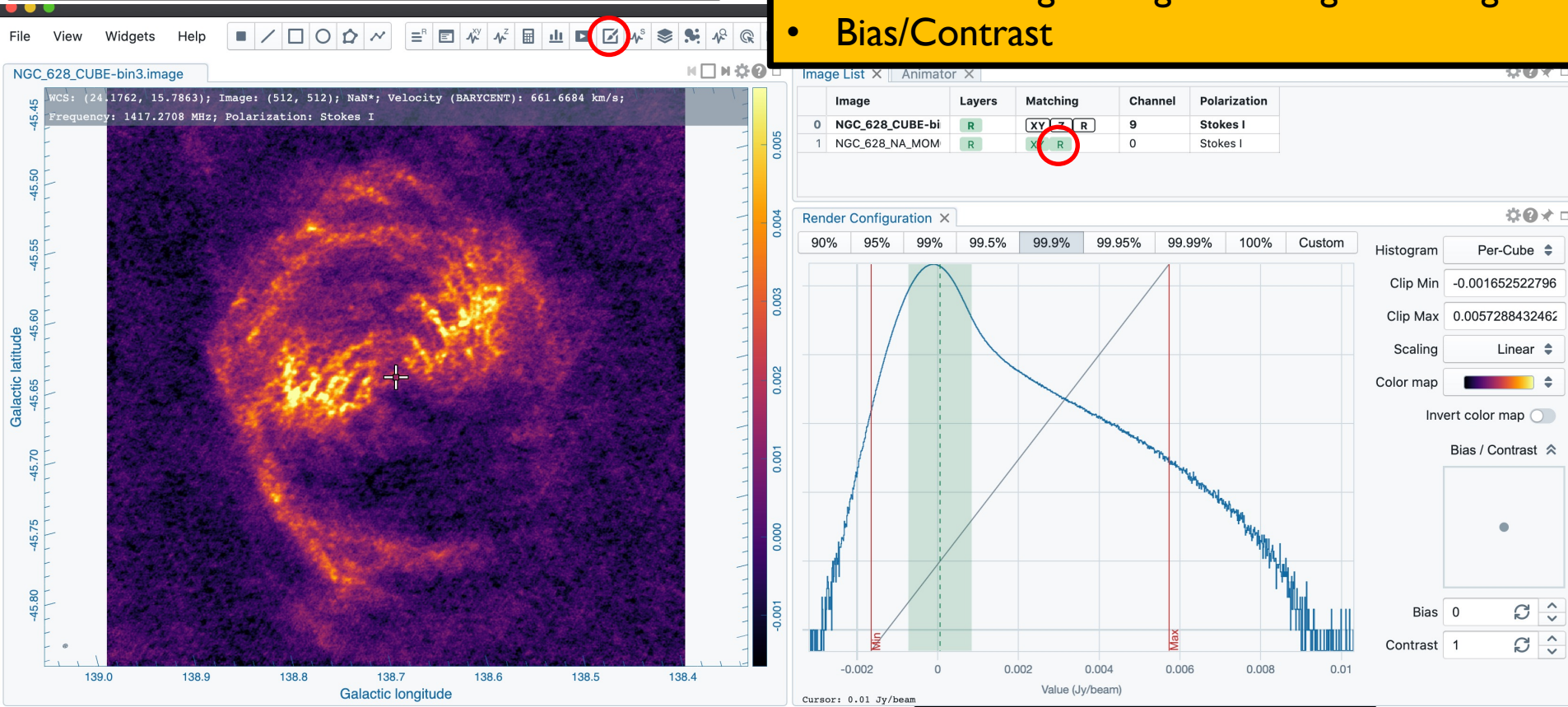


Image statistics, setting the cuts manually or by percentage or by values

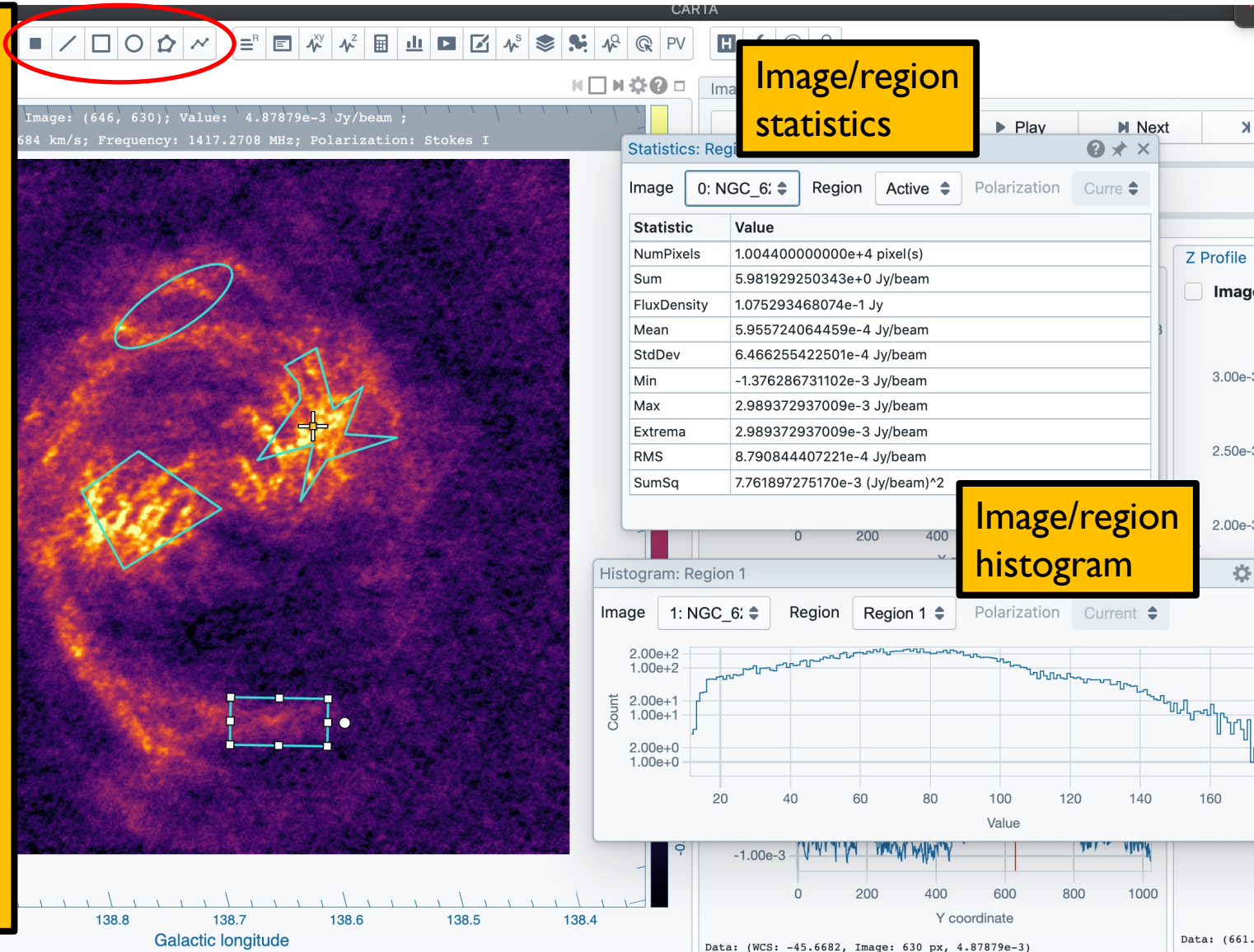
Regions

Regions can be created (point, line, rectangle, ellipse, polygon, polyline), deleted, rotated, moved, resized.

They are properly projected when moved

Save/load in CASA CRTF or DS9 format

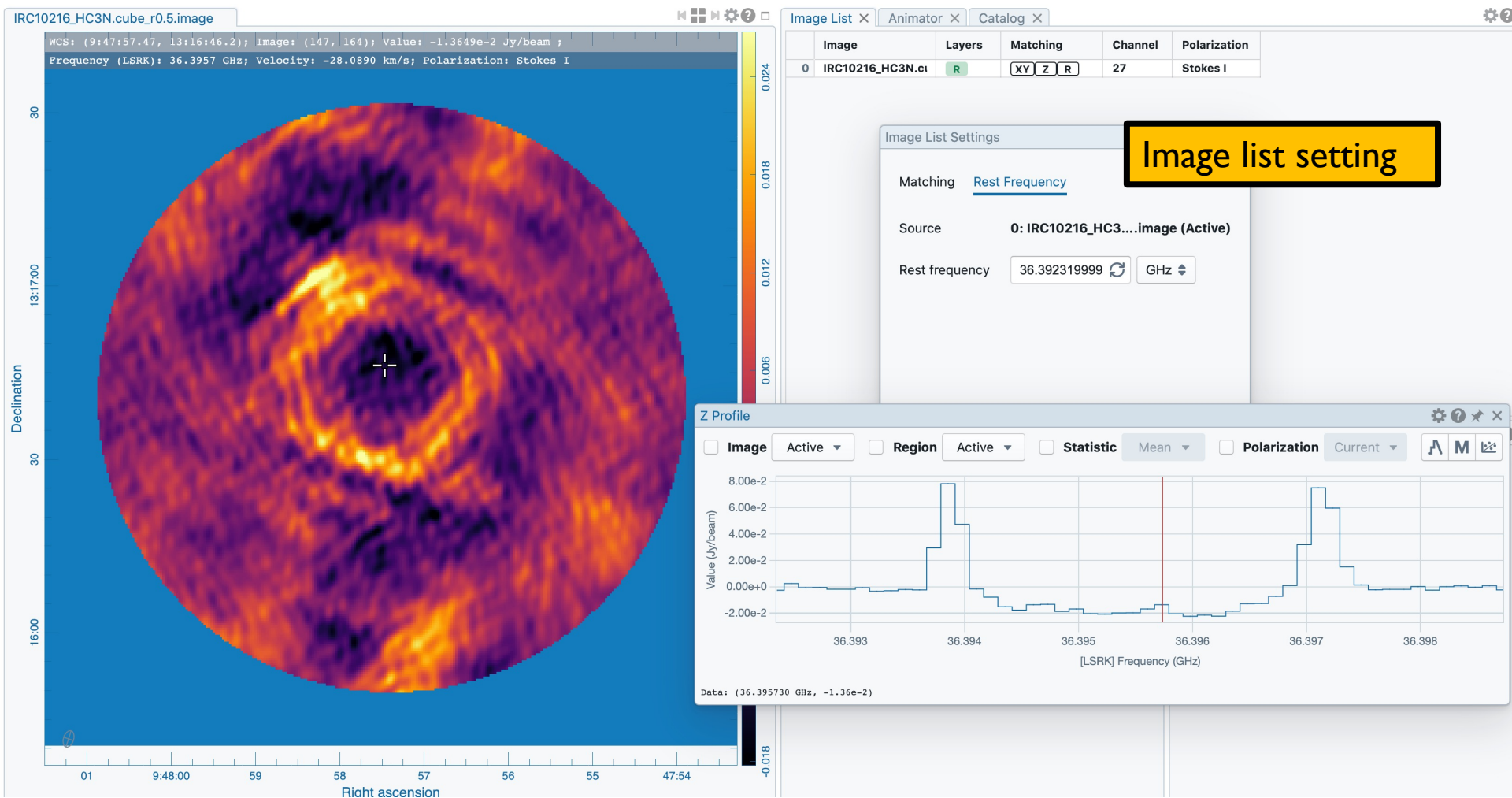
Analysis can be done on selected regions (line and polyline for profiles, pV)



Image/region statistics

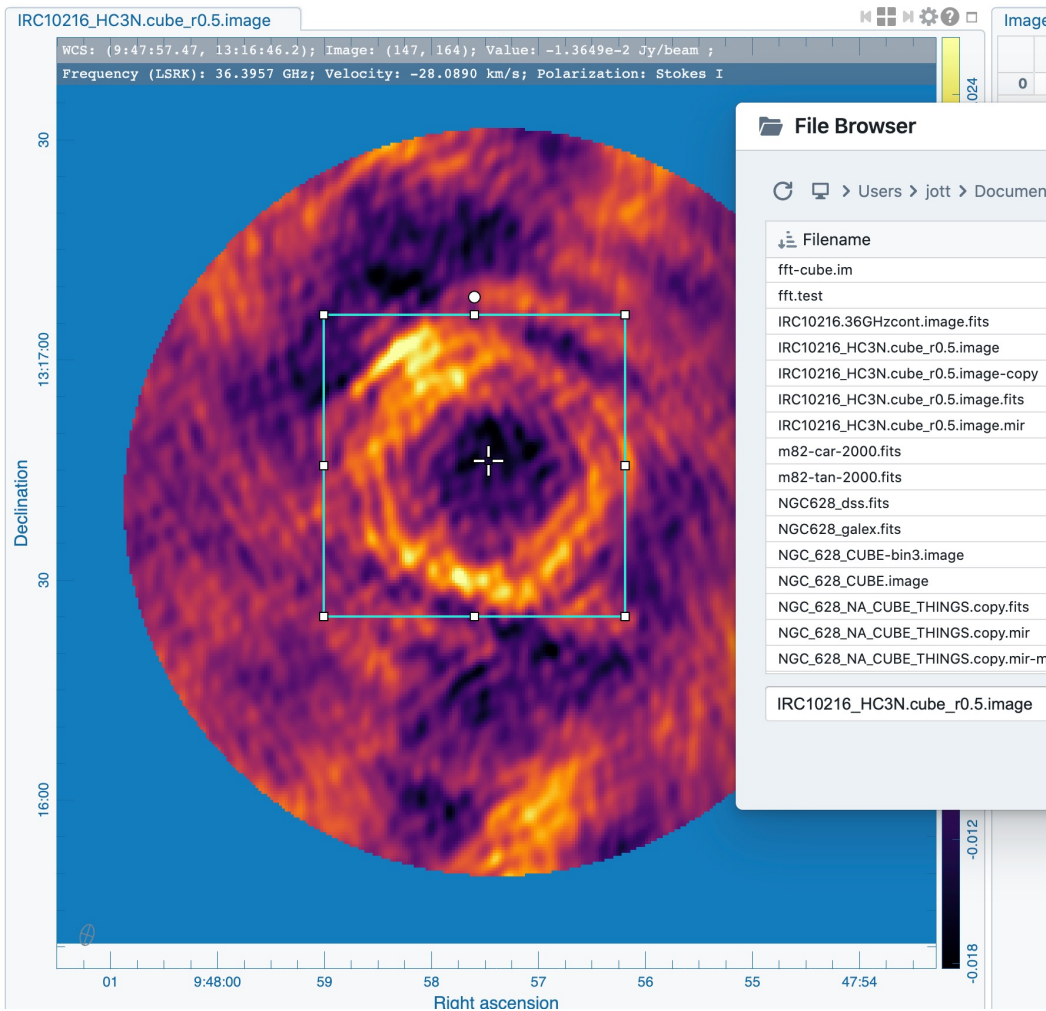
Image/region histogram

Set new rest frequency



Saving subimages

Select portion of image
(assign new rest frequency if desired)



File Browser

Users > jott > Documents > CARTA > demo

Filename	Type	Size
fft-cube.im	CASA	251.0 MB
fft.test	CASA	4.4 MB
IRC10216.36GHzcont.image.fits	FITS	368.6 kB
IRC10216_HC3N.cube_r0.5.image	CASA	19.4 MB
IRC10216_HC3N.cube_r0.5.image-copy	CASA	19.4 MB
IRC10216_HC3N.cube_r0.5.image.fits	FITS	18.7 MB
IRC10216_HC3N.cube_r0.5.image.mir	Miriad	19.3 MB
m82-car-2000.fits	FITS	4.0 MB
m82-tan-2000.fits	FITS	4.0 MB
NGC628_dss.fits	FITS	371.5 kB
NGC628_galex.fits	FITS	371.5 kB
NGC_628_CUBE-bin3.image	CASA	79.8 MB
NGC_628_CUBE.image	CASA	251.0 MB
NGC_628_NA_CUBE_THINGS.copy.fits	FITS	247.7 MB
NGC_628_NA_CUBE_THINGS.copy.mir	Miriad	243.3 MB
NGC_628_NA_CUBE_THINGS.copy.mir-manipulated	Miriad	243.3 MB

IRC10216_HC3N.cube_r0.5.image

Save Image

File Information

Source: IRC10216_HC3N.cube_r0.5.image

Region: 1 (RECTANGLE)

Range unit: Frequency (GHz)

LSRK

Range from: 36.39235438064446 (GHz)

Range to: 36.39873012520509 (GHz)

Drop degenerate axes

Close Save

No catalog file loaded
Load a catalog file using the menu

No catalog file loaded
Load a catalog file using the menu

Contours

• Match the coordinates for multiple images

The screenshot displays the software interface for handling astronomical data. On the left, three panels show different stages of image processing: a raw image, a color-coded intensity map, and a final image with overlaid contours. The central panel shows an image with a crosshair cursor and associated WCS coordinates. To the right, the 'Image List' table is visible, with the 'Matching' column circled in red. Below it, the 'Contour Configuration' panel is open, showing a plot of 'Value (METR/SEC)' and various configuration options like 'Generator', 'Parameters', and 'Scaling'.

Image	Layers	Matching	Channel	Polarization
0	NGC_628_NA_MOM	R	0	Stokes I
1	NGC_628_NA_MOM	XY R	0	Stokes I
2	NGC_628_NA_CUBE	XY Z R	29	Stokes I

Contour Configuration Panel:

- Data: NGC_628_NA_MOM1_THINGS.fits
- Source: [locked]
- Levels: Configuration Styling
- Generator: min-max-scaling [Generate]
- Parameters: Min: 5.933e+5, Max: 7.246e+5, N: 9, Scaling: Linear
- Buttons: Clear, Apply, Close

Append multiple images

Contour overlay:
Create contours in various ways: percentage, min max, scaling, direct input, etc. The contour levels are shown on an image histogram and can be edited
Styling allow color map as well as constant color

Contours

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NGC_628_NA_MOM1_THINGS.fits

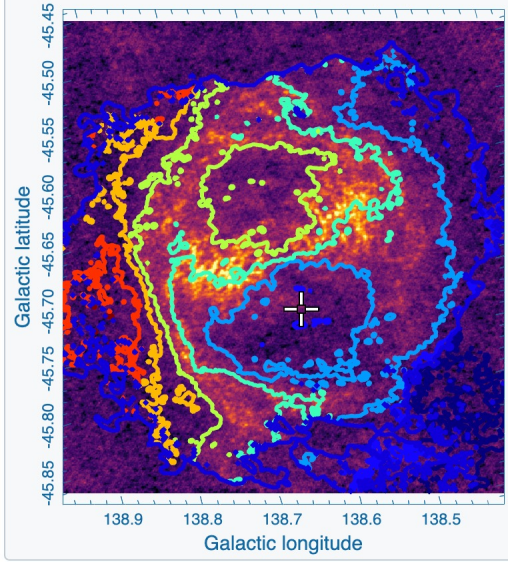
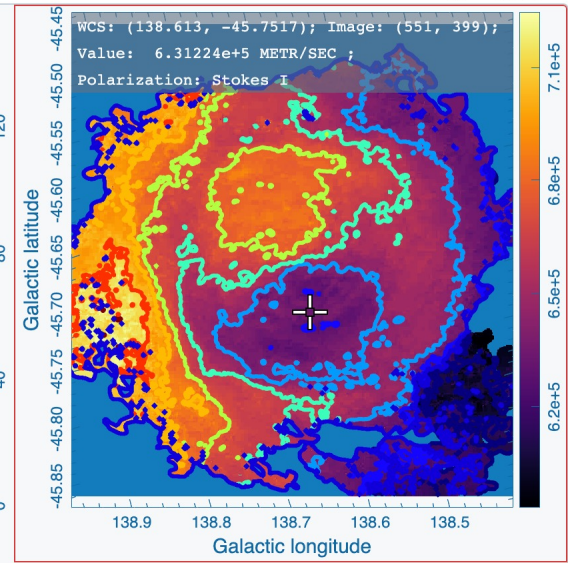
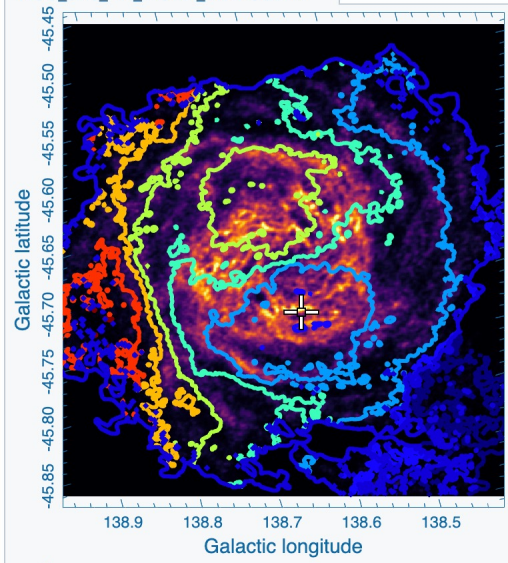


Image List x Animator x

Image	Layers	Matching	Channel	Polarization
0 NGC_628_NA_MOM	R	X R	0	Stokes I
1 NGC_628_NA_MOM	R C	X R	0	Stokes I
2 NGC_628_NA_CUBE	R	Y Z R	29	Stokes I

Contour Configuration

Data: NGC_628_NA_MOM1_THINGS.fits

Source:

Levels: Configuration Styling

Thickness: 3

Dashes: NegativeOnly

Color Mode: Color-mapped

Color Map:

Bias: 0

Contrast: 1

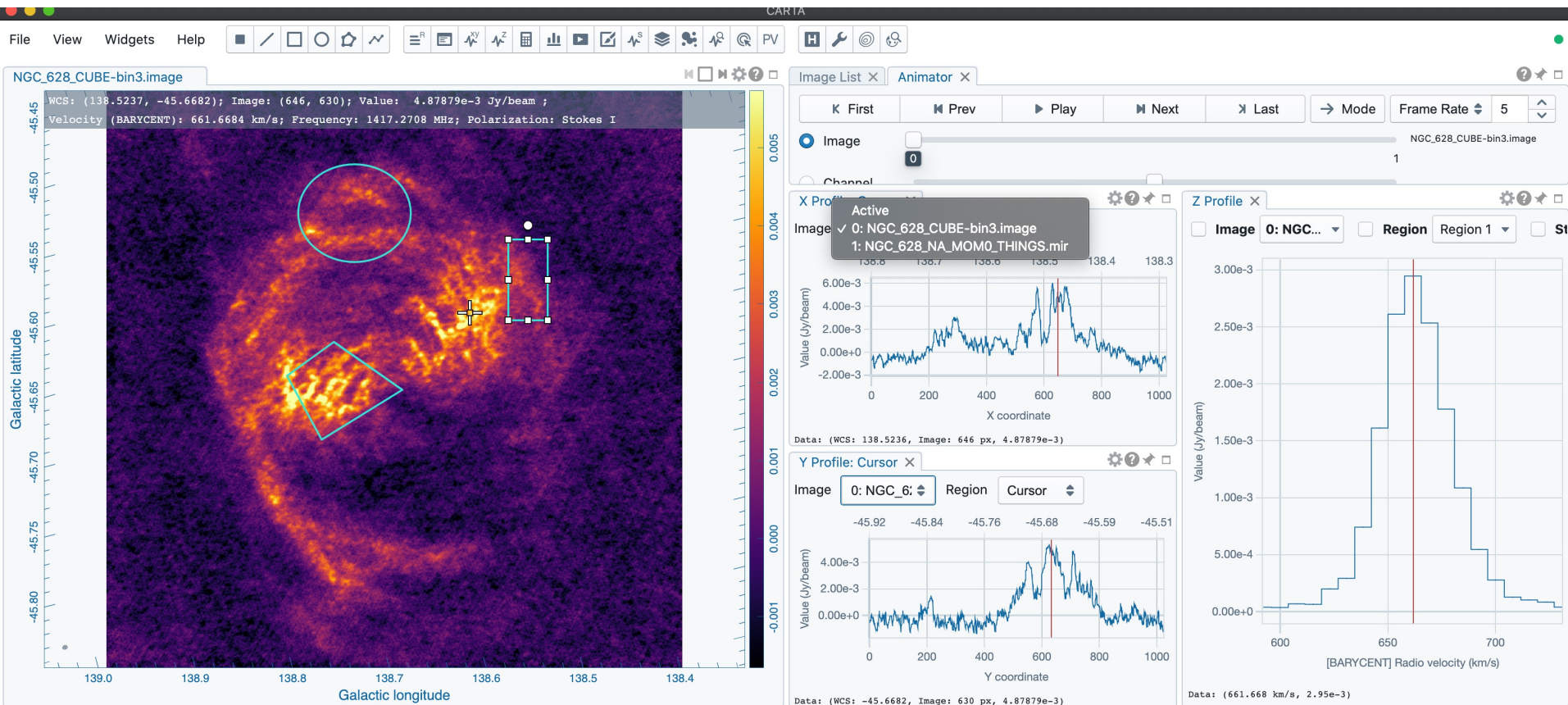
Color:

X Profile: Cursor x
Image: Active
Value (METR/SEC) vs Galactic longitude (138.9 to 138.5). Peak at 138.6126.

Y Profile: Cursor x
Image: Active
Value (METR/SEC) vs Galactic latitude (-45.85 to -45.45). Peak at -45.7516.

Profiles

- Spatial/Spectral profile: Line shape can be changed (color, steps/connect/points), spectral smoothing; data can be saved as ascii
- Marker is the position of the cursor/animator (freeze with 'f')
- Selection of region and image in each widget
- For spectral profile, regions can be selected, as well as statistics, axis labels (velocity, frequency, channel, wavelength, ..)
- 3D Position is marked by a red vertical line



Spectral smoothing

The screenshot displays the CARTA software interface. On the left, two astronomical images of NGC 628 are shown with a crosshair cursor. A 'Z Profile Settings: Cursor' dialog box is open, showing the 'Smoothing' tab with the following settings: Method: Hanning, Color: (red), Line Style: (solid), Line Width (px): 3, Point Size (px): 1, Overlay: (checked), and Kernel: 9. On the right, an 'Image List' table is visible:

Image	Layers	Matching	Channel	Polarization	
0	NGC_628_NA_MOM	R	XY R	0	Stokes I
1	NGC_628_NA_MOM	R C	XY R	0	Stokes I
2	NGC_628_NA_CUBE	R	XY Z R	29	Stokes I

Below the table, a profile plot for 'Image 2: NGC...' is shown. The x-axis is labeled 'FELO-HEL' and ranges from 600,000 to 720,000. The y-axis ranges from -1.00e-3 to 4.00e-3. The plot shows a blue stepped line representing the original data and a red smoothed curve. A vertical red line is positioned at approximately 660,000. The bottom status bar shows 'Data: (660528.550, 4.23e-3)' and a 131% zoom level.

Various smoothing methods include Boxcar, Hanning, decimation, binning, Gaussian, Savitzky-Golay

Moment maps

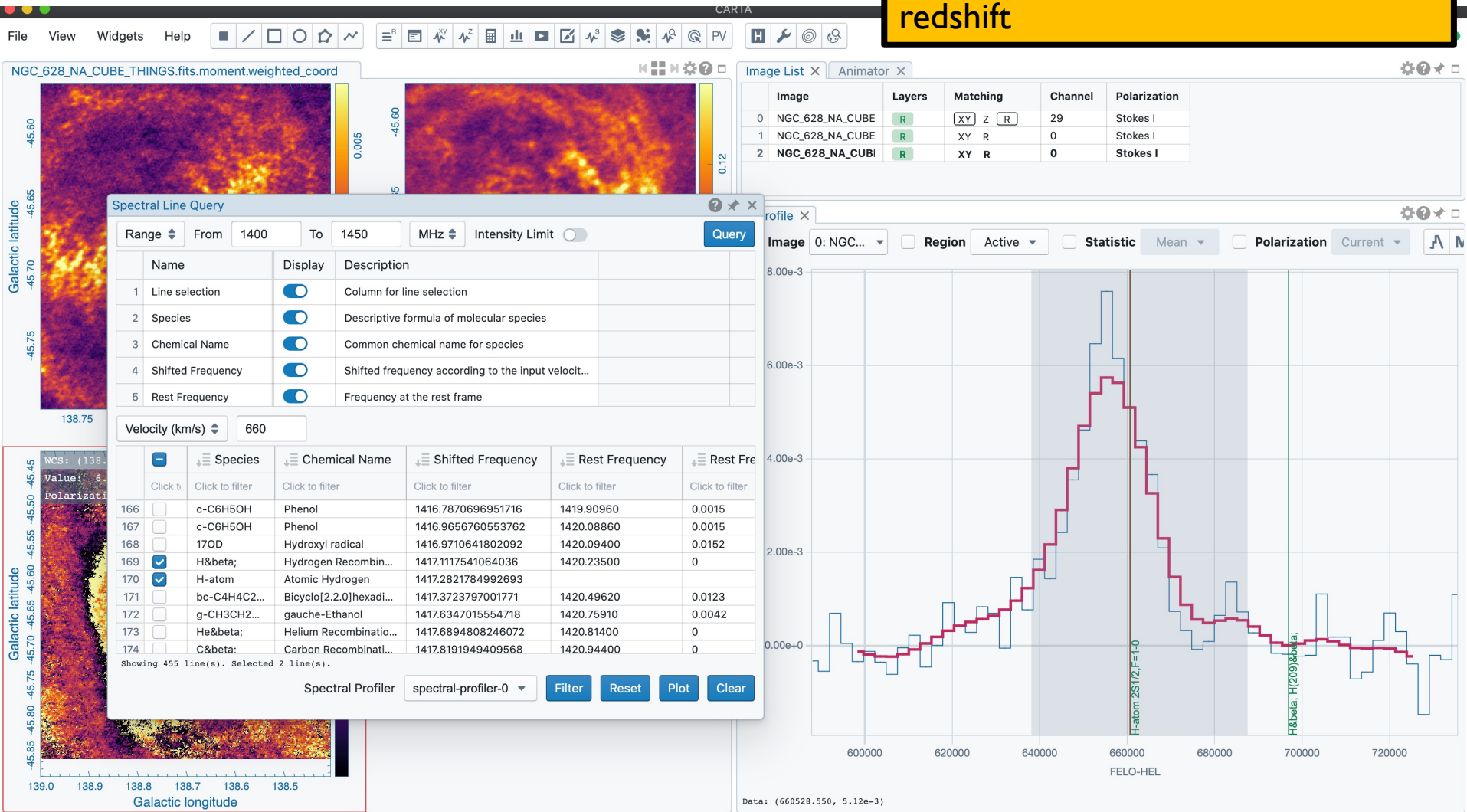
Spectral selection can be done interactively, including clip. Images can be saved

The screenshot displays the CARTA v3 software interface. On the left, there are two moment maps. The top one shows a color-coded intensity map with axes for Galactic longitude (138.75 to 138.50) and Galactic latitude (-45.70 to -45.65). The bottom one shows a similar map with axes for Galactic longitude (139.0 to 138.5) and Galactic latitude (-45.85 to -45.60). A central panel shows the 'Z Profile Settings: Cursor' dialog box with tabs for Conversion, Styling, Smoothing, Moments, and Fitting. The 'Moments' tab is active, showing settings for Image (0: NGC_628), Region (Active), Coordinate (FELO-HEL (Native WCS)), System, Range (From 638082.31 To 687531.7), Mask (None), Range (JY/BEAM) (From 0 To 1), and Moments (0 x 1 x). A 'Generate' button is at the bottom right of the dialog. On the right, the 'Image List' table shows three images with their respective layers, matching, channels, and polarizations. Below it, the 'Z Profile' plot shows a histogram of the data with a red curve fit, and a vertical red line indicating the cursor position at approximately 660000 FELO-HEL.

Image	Layers	Matching	Channel	Polarization
0 NGC_628_NA_CUBE	R	XY Z R	29	Stokes I
1 NGC_628_NA_CUBE	R	XY R	0	Stokes I
2 NGC_628_NA_CUBE	R	XY R	0	Stokes I

Spectral line labeling

Based on splatalogue, select line strength, frequency range and redshift



Spectral Line Fitting

Autodetection of line for initial fitting parameters (can also be set manually).
 Fit region can be selected in spectrum or entered directly
 Options: multiple Gaussians, Lorentzians

NGC_628_NA_CUBE_THINGS.fits.moment.weighted_coord

Z Profile Settings: Cursor

Conversion Styling Smoothing Moments Fitting

Data source: NGC_628_NA_CUBE_THINGS.fits

Profile function: Gaussian

Auto detect: w/ cont. auto fit

detected 1 component.

Components: 1

Center: 655353

Amplitude: 0.00552114277778110

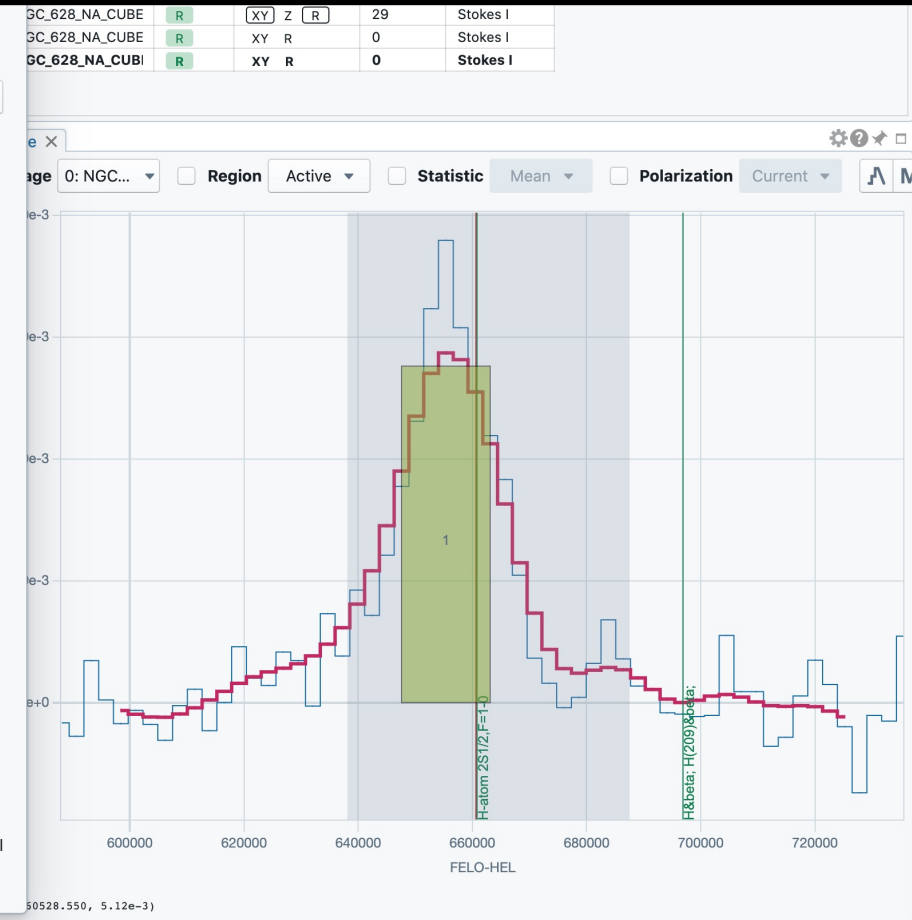
FWHM: 15526.650876000058

Continuum: None

Fitting result

Reset Fit View log residual

WCS: (138.8826, -45.7272); Image: Value: 6.53844e+2 km/s; Polarization: Stokes I



Spectral Line Fitting

Z Profile Settings: Cursor

Conversion Styling Smoothing Moments **Fitting**

Data source: NGC_628_NA_CUBE_THINGS.fits

Profile function: Gaussian

Auto detect: w/ cont. auto fit

detected 1 component.

Components: 1

Center: 655353

Amplitude: 0.00552114277778110

FWHM: 15526.650876000058

Continuum: None

Fitting result

```

Component #1
Center = 655547.431446 (undefined)
Center Error = 250.777555 (0.038%)
Amplitude = 0.005615 (JY/BEAM)
Amplitude Error = 0.000124 (2.215%)
FWHM = 23108.497573 (undefined)
FWHM Error = 602.595058 (2.608%)
Integral = 138.116075 (JY/BEAM * undefin
Integral Error ~ 3.077627 (2.228%)
    
```

Layers

Image	Layers	Matching	Channel	Polarization
GC_628_NA_CUBE	R	XY Z R	29	Stokes I
GC_628_NA_CUBE	R	XY R	0	Stokes I
GC_628_NA_CUBE	R	XY R	0	Stokes I

Spectral Plot

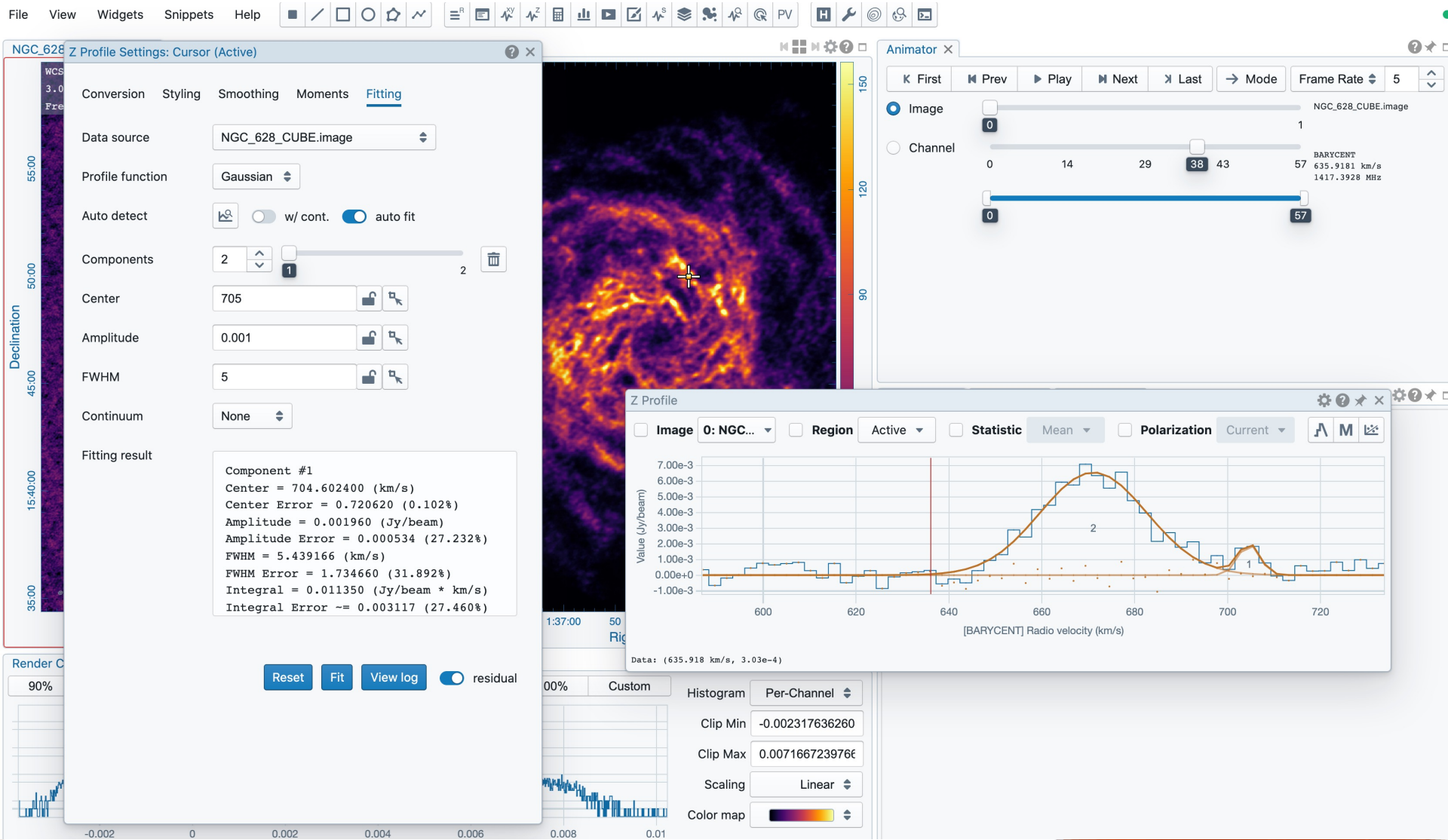
Y-axis: Intensity (log scale, 1e-3 to 1e-2)

X-axis: FELO-HEL (Wavelength, 600000 to 680000)

Legend: Region Active, Statistic Mean, Polarization Current

Vertical line: HeIem 2S1/2-1-0

Spectral Line Fitting



Position-Velocity

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NGC_628_NA_MOM0_THINGS.fits

WCS: (1:36:50.8, 15:41:32); Image: (429, 286); Value: 9.36201e+1 JY/B*/M/S ; Polarization: Stokes I

X Profile: Region #1

Image Active Region Active

Value

1.00e+0
8.00e-1
6.00e-1
4.00e-1
2.00e-1
0.00e+0

0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1

PV Generator

Generate PV image

Image (1: NGC_628_N... 1: NGC_628_NA_I

Region (Region 1) Region 1

Average Width (px) 3

Generate

Value

1.00e+0
8.00e-1
6.00e-1
4.00e-1
2.00e-1
0.00e+0

0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1

Y coordinate

Image List Animator Region List

Image	Layers	Matching	Channel	Polarization
0 NGC_628_CUBE.ima	R	XY Z R	0	Stokes I
1 NGC_628_NA_MOM	R	XY R	0	Stokes I
2 NGC_628_CUBE_pv.	R	XY R	0	Stokes I
3 NGC_628_NA_MOM	R	XY R	0	Stokes I

Declination

42:00 44:00 46:00 48:00 15:50:00 52:00

Right ascension

10 1:37:00 50 40 30 20 36:10

Declination

42:00 44:00 46:00 48:00 15:50:00 52:00

Right ascension

10 1:37:00 50 40 30 20 36:10

[BARYCENT] Radio velocity (km/s)

630 640 650 660 670 680 690

OFFSET (arcmin)

-4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4

[BARYCENT] Radio velocity (km/s)

0.001 0.004

-2790 -2800 -2810 -2820 -2830 -2840 -2850

OFFSET (arcmin)

-4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4

Render Configuration

90% 95% 99% 99.5% 99.9% 99.95% 99.99% 100% Custom

Clip Min -0.527750086472

Clip Max 156.3205420161E

Scaling Linear

Color map

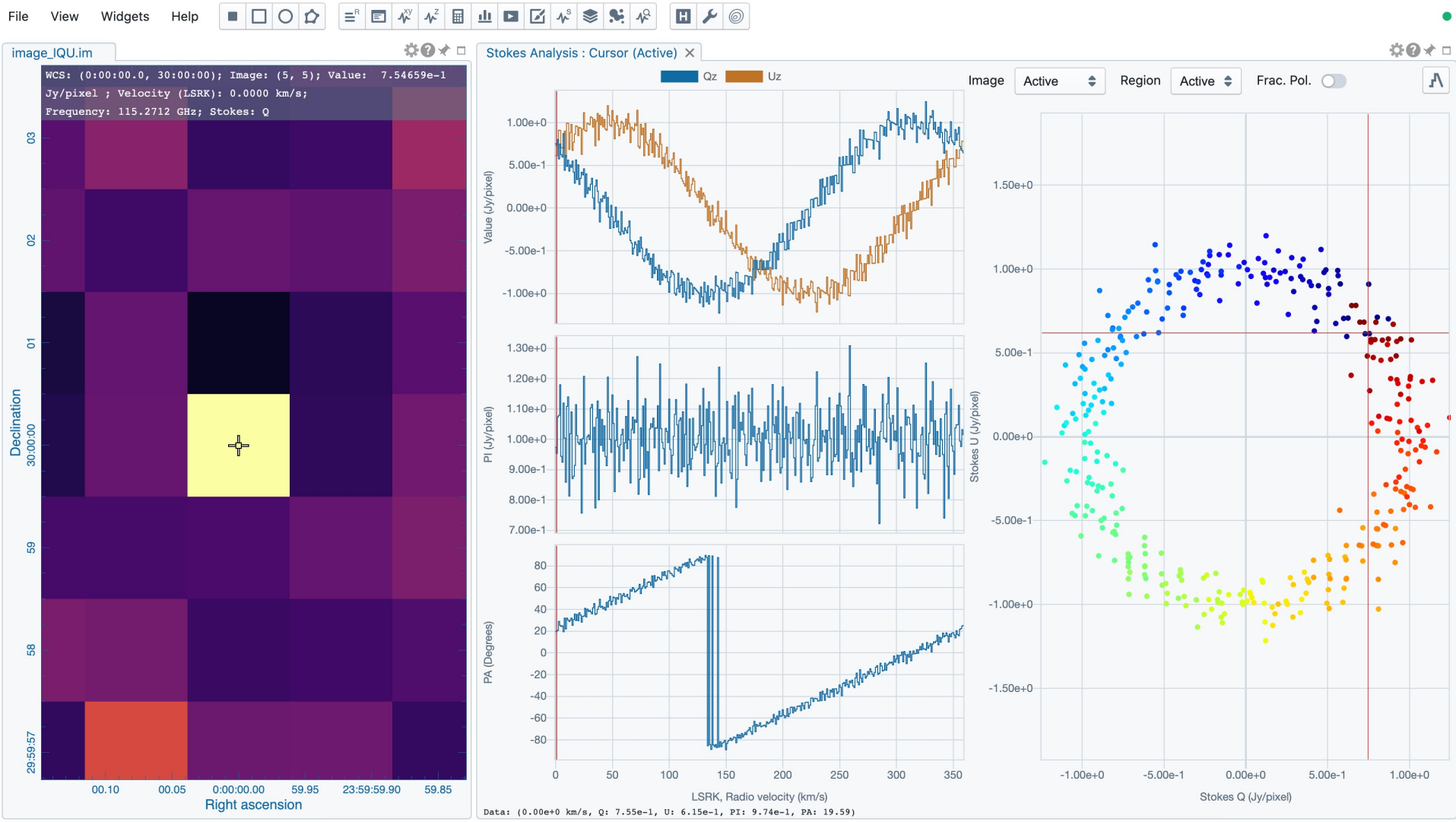
Invert color map

Bias / Contrast

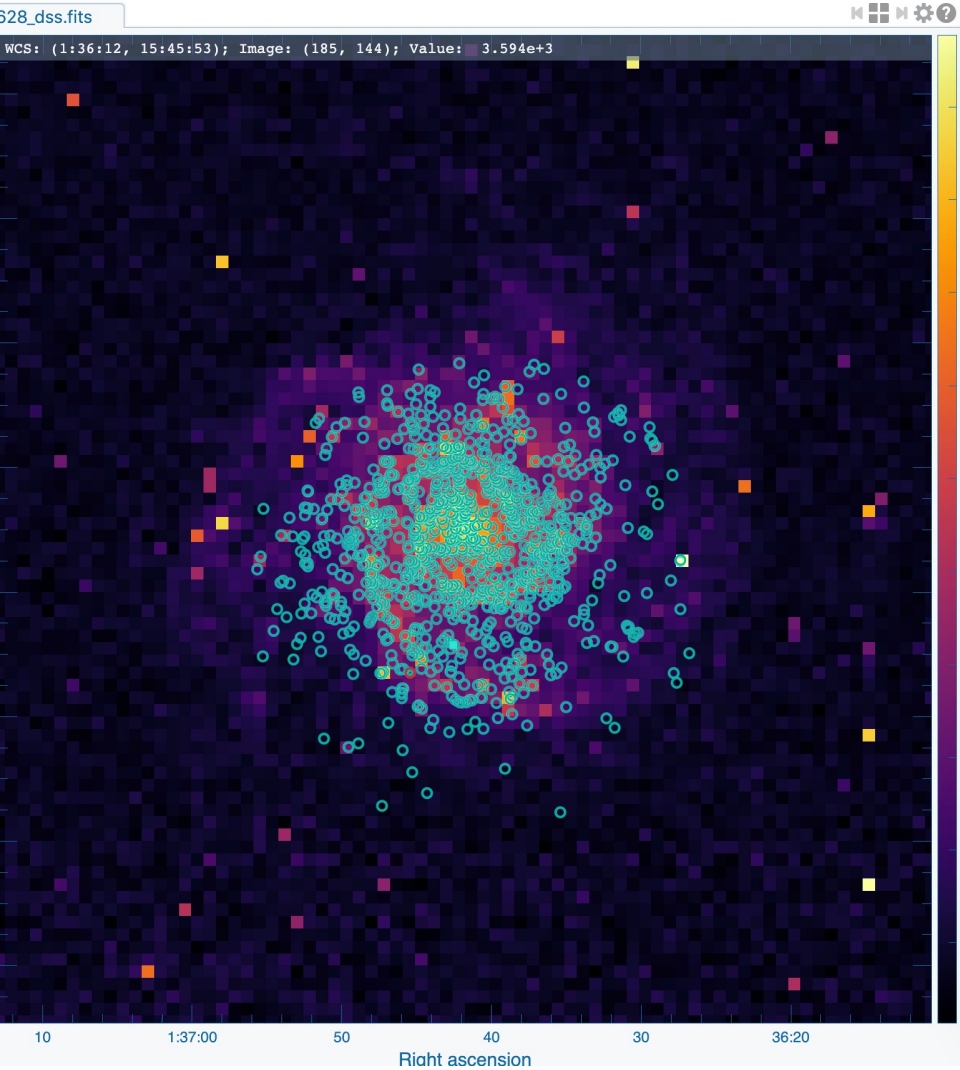
Value (JY/B*/M/S)

0 50 100 150 200

CARTA – Stokes Analysis Widget



CARTA – Catalog tool



Catalog : SIMBAD_ICRS_24.1698_15.7629_0.39603062065956496deg

File 1 System FK5

Size Color Orientation

Name	Unit	Type	Display	Description
56 vlsr		double	<input type="checkbox"/>	velocity in Local Standard of Rest r...
57 main_id		string	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Main identifier for an object
58 otype_txt		string	<input type="checkbox"/>	Object type
59 ra	deg	double	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Right ascension
60 dec	deg	double	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Declination
61 dist	arcsec	double	<input type="checkbox"/>	Distance to the center coordiante (...)
62 RA_HMS	H:M:S	string	<input type="checkbox"/>	RA in sexagesimal format (H:M:S, c...

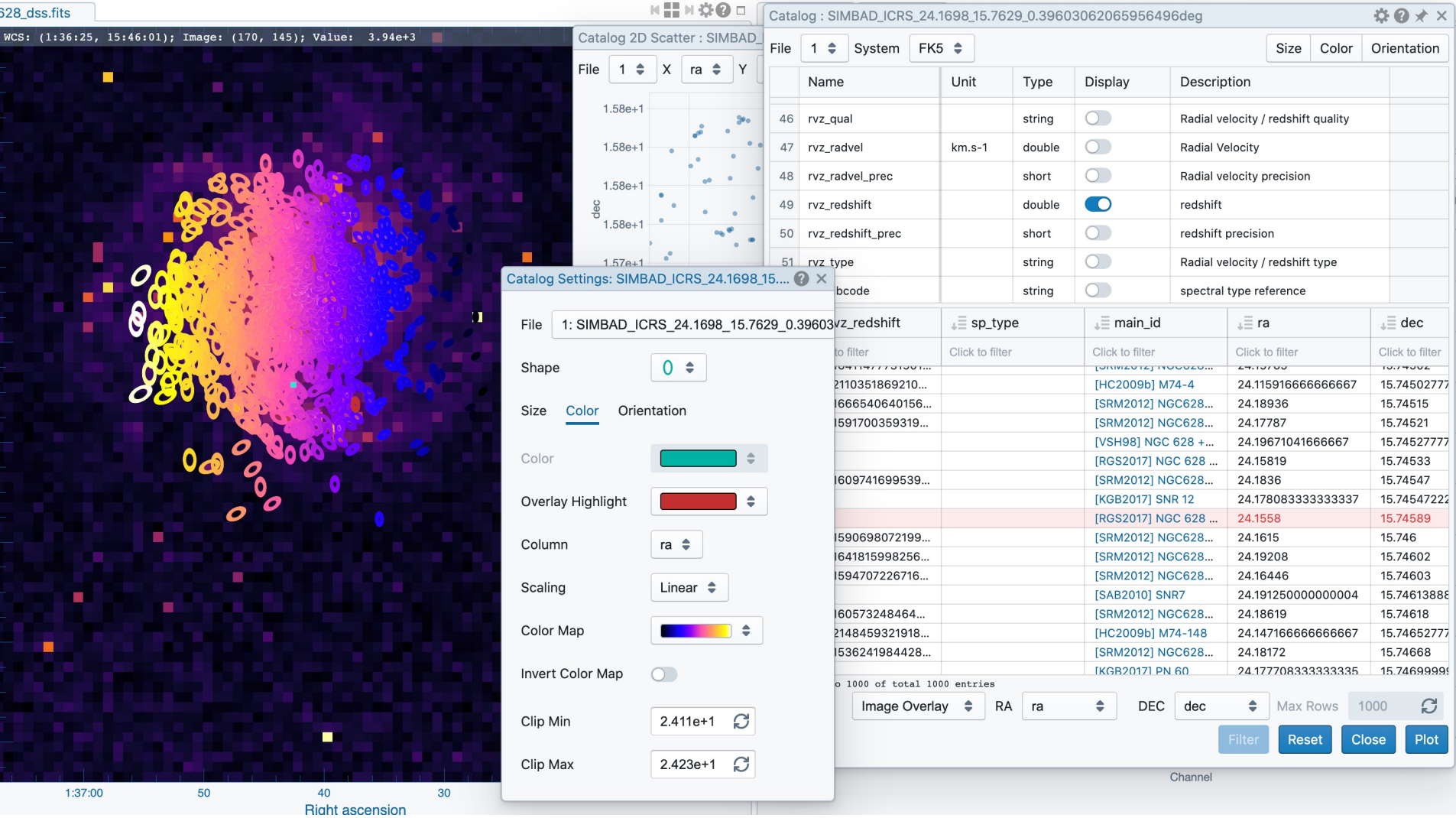
main_id	ra	dec
Click to filter	Click to filter	Click to filter
[SRM2012] NGC628...	24.115916666666667	15.745027777777778
[HC2009b] M74-4	24.115916666666667	15.745027777777778
[SRM2012] NGC628...	24.18936	15.74515
[SRM2012] NGC628...	24.17787	15.74521
[VSH98] NGC 628 + ...	24.196710416666667	15.745277777777776
[RGS2017] NGC 628 ...	24.15819	15.74533
[SRM2012] NGC628...	24.1836	15.74547
[KGB2017] SNR 12	24.178083333333337	15.745472222222222
[RGS2017] NGC 628 ...	24.1558	15.74589
[SRM2012] NGC628...	24.1615	15.746
[SRM2012] NGC628...	24.19208	15.74602
[SRM2012] NGC628...	24.16446	15.74603
[SAB2010] SNR7	24.191250000000004	15.746138888888888
[SRM2012] NGC628...	24.18619	15.74618
[HC2009b] M74-148	24.147166666666667	15.746527777777777
[SRM2012] NGC628...	24.18172	15.74668
[KGB2017] PN 60	24.177708333333335	15.746999999999999

Showing 1 to 1000 of total 1000 entries

Histogram X ra Y dec Max Rows 1000

Filter Reset Close Plot

CARTA – Catalog tool



CARTA – Catalog tool

The screenshot displays the CARTA software interface with the following components:

- Main View:** A star field image with a color scale on the right. The WCS is (1:36:43, 15:40:36); Image: (148, 117); Value: 3.714e+3. The axes are labeled 'Right ascension' and 'Declination'.
- Catalog Panel:**
 - File: 1, System: ICRS
 - Table with columns: Name, Unit, Type, Display, Description.
 - Columns: rvz_rauver_prec, rvz_redshift, rvz_redshift_prec, rvz_type, sp_bibcode, sp_qual.
 - Filters: coo_bibcode, rvz_redshift, vlsv, main_id, otype_.
 - Showing 1 to 1000 of total 1000 entries.
 - 2D Scatter: X rvz_redst, Y dec.
 - Buttons: Filter, Reset, Close, Plot.
- Catalog Histogram:**
 - File: 1, X: ra, Bins: 32, Log: checked.
 - Y-axis: Count (0-8000).
 - X-axis: ra (2.42e+1).
 - ra: 24.14734436193359, Count: 39.
 - Buttons: Selected only, Plot.
- Catalog 2D Scatter:**
 - File: 1, X: rvz_redshift, Y: dec, Statistic: Nc.
 - Y-axis: dec (1.57e+1 to 1.58e+1).
 - X-axis: rvz_redshift (0.00e+0 to 2.50e-3).
 - Buttons: Selected only, Linear Fit, Plot.

CARTA – Catalog tool

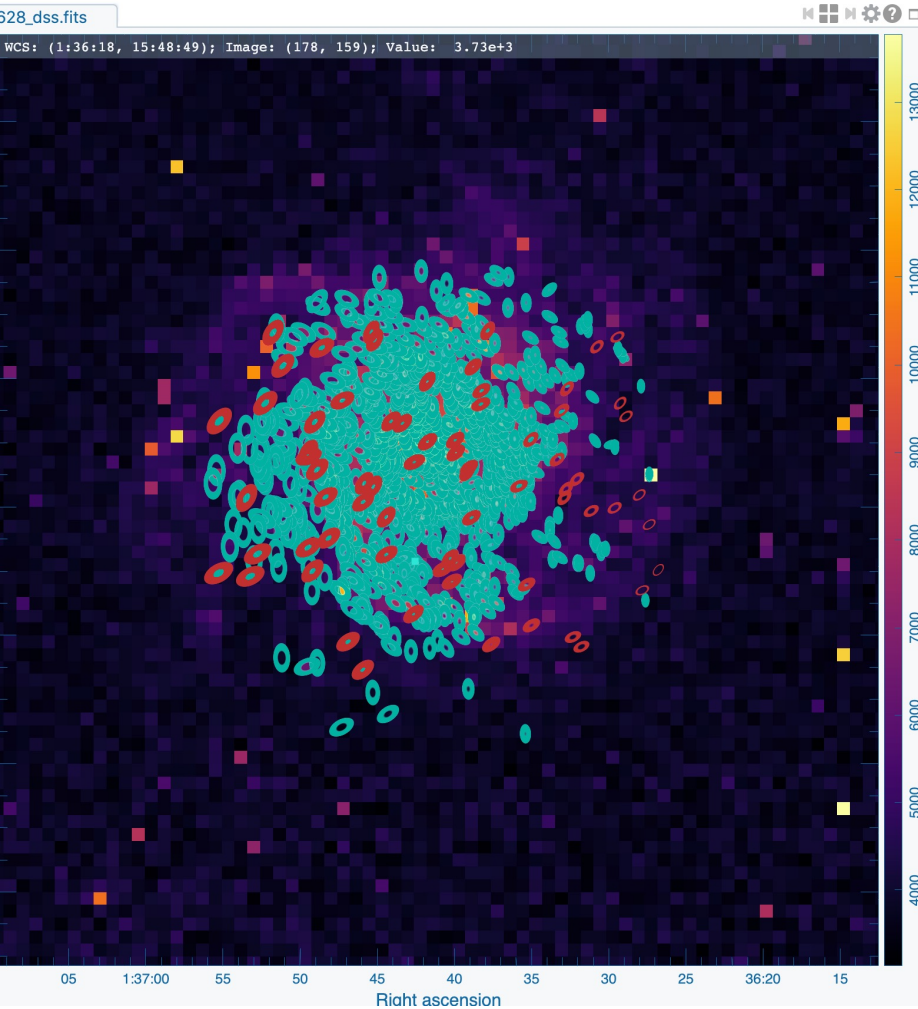


Image List X Animator X Catalog : SIMBAD_ICRS_24.1698_15.7629_0.5150007572809944deg X

File 1 System FK5 Size Color Orientation

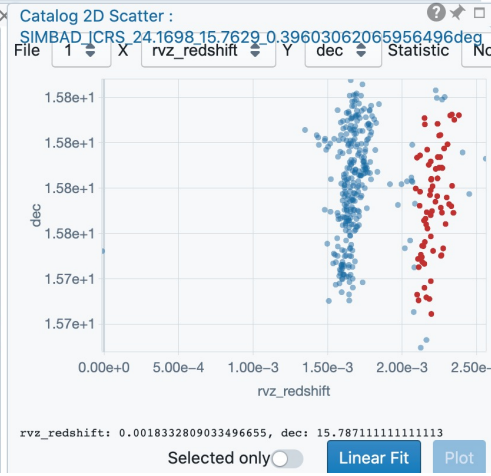
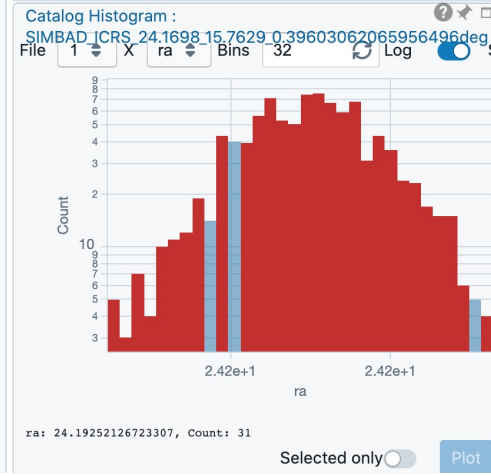
Name	Unit	Type	Display	Description
1		string	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinate reference
2	deg	short	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinate error angle
3	mas	float	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinate error major axis

rvz_redshift	sp_type	main_id	ra	dec
Click to filter	Click to filter	Click to filter	Click to filter	Click to filter
0.002194925641232...		[HC2009b] M74-19	24.191416666666666	15.724388888888889
0.00207692547720...		[HC2009b] M74-94	24.206458333333333	15.72525
		[SAB2010] SNR5	24.203750000000003	15.726222222222223
		[CHP2004] J013651...	24.213333333333334	15.727500000000004
		[HC2009b] M74-124	24.178416666666667	15.729222222222222
		[YZ1 2016] 257	24.17337	15.73002

Showing 1 to 1000 of total 1000 entries

2D Scatter X rvz_redsl Y dec Max Rows 1000

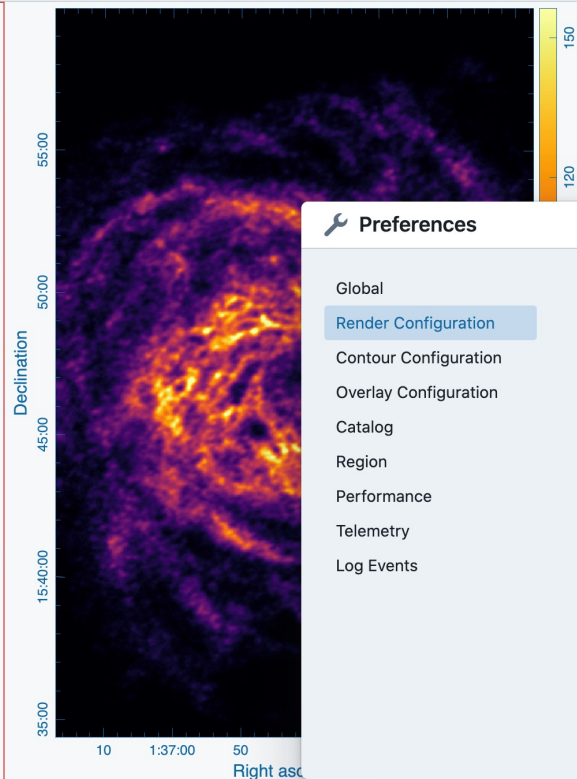
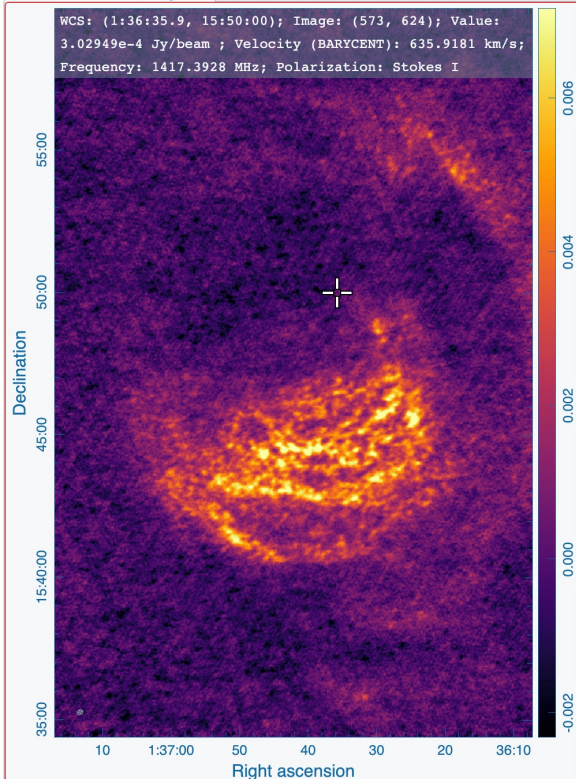
Filter Reset Close Plot



Preferences

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NGC_628_CUBE.image [Icons] Animator x [Icons]



Animator x

K First Prev Play Next Last Mode Frame Rate 5

Image 0 1 NGC_628_CUBE.image

Channel 0 14 29 38 43 57 BARYCENT 635.9181 km/s 1417.3928 MHz

Preferences

- Global
- Render Configuration**
- Contour Configuration
- Overlay Configuration
- Catalog
- Region
- Performance
- Telemetry
- Log Events

Default Scaling: Linear

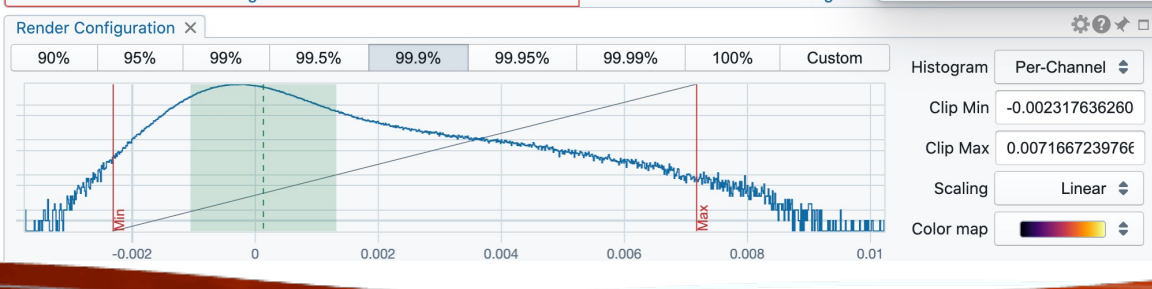
Default Color Map: [Color Bar]

Default Percentile Ranks: 99.9%

NaN Color: [Blue Box]

Smoothed Bias/Contrast:

Restore defaults Close



Python scripting in progress/Code snippet

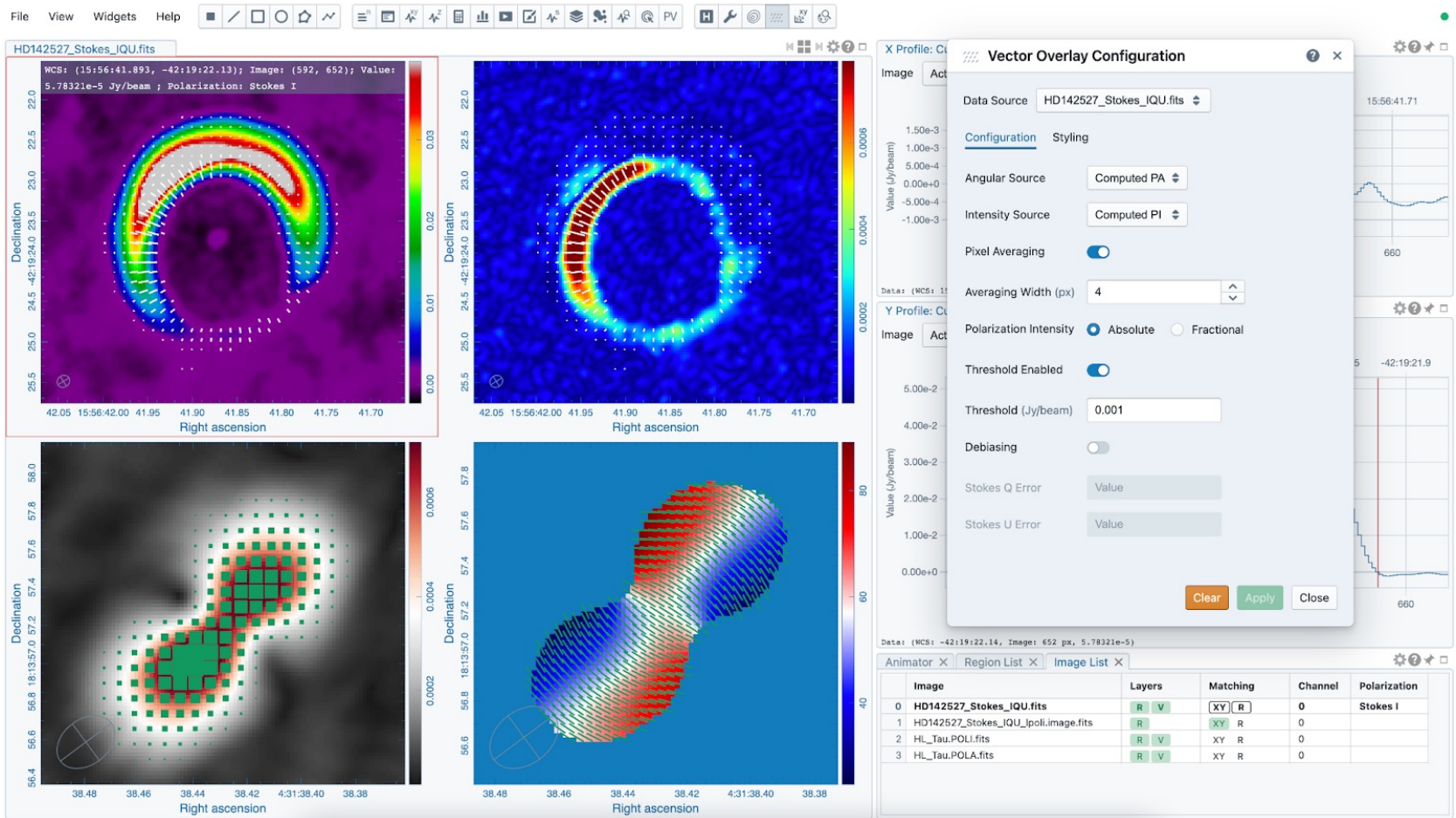
The screenshot displays the CARTA v3 (2022) software interface. At the top, a navigation menu shows 'Examples' and 'Tutorial' tabs. The 'Tutorial' tab is active, displaying a list of sections: '01. Basics', '02. Functions', and '03. Loading images'. A 'Create new snippet' button is visible below the 'Examples' tab.

The main workspace is divided into several panels. On the left, the 'Edit code snippet' window is open, showing Python code for loading images. The code includes comments and function calls like `carta.showSplashScreen()`, `await carta.delay(1000)`, and `app.hideSplashScreen()`. Below the code editor are buttons for 'Execute', 'New', 'Delete', 'Save', and 'Close'.

On the right, the 'Preferences' window is open, showing settings for 'Global', 'Render Configuration', 'Contour Configuration', 'Overlay Configuration', 'Catalog', 'Region', 'Performance', 'Telemetry', and 'Log Events'. The 'Global' section is selected, showing options for 'Theme' (Light), 'Enable Code Snippets' (checked), 'Auto-launch File Browser' (checked), 'File List' (Filter by file content), 'Initial Layout' (Default), 'Initial Cursor Position' (Tracking), and 'Initial Zoom Level' (Zoom to fit). There are also 'Zoom to' options (Cursor, Current Center) and 'Restore defaults' and 'Close' buttons.

At the bottom, two panels are visible, each displaying a folder icon and the text 'No catalog file loaded'. Below this text, it says 'Load a catalog file using the menu'.

Vector field rendering



LEL image loading (mathematical expressions)

The screenshot displays the CARTA v3 software interface. The main window shows a multi-epoch image of a star field with a color bar on the right. The axes are labeled 'Declination' (y-axis, 12.0 to 16.0) and 'Right ascension' (x-axis, 54.50 to 54.30). A toolbar at the top includes various icons for file operations and image processing. A 'File Browser' window is open, showing a directory structure: `Users > kswang > carta_image_pool > set_dice`. It contains a table of FITS files:

Filename	Type	Size	Date
dice_five.fits	FITS	86.4 kB	27 Feb 2021
dice_four.fits	FITS	86.4 kB	27 Feb 2021
dice_one.fits	FITS	86.4 kB	27 Feb 2021
dice_six.fits	FITS	86.4 kB	27 Feb 2021
dice_three.fits	FITS	86.4 kB	27 Feb 2021
dice_two.fits	FITS	86.4 kB	27 Feb 2021

The 'File Information' panel on the right shows the following details for the selected file:

```
Name = dice_one.fits
HDU = 0
Data type = double
Shape = [101, 101]
Coordinate type = Right Ascension, Declination
Projection = SIN
Image reference pixels = [320.75, 320.75]
Image reference coords = [06:12:53.8000, +017:59:22.1000]
Image ref coords (deg) = [93.2242 deg, 17.9895 deg]
Pixel increment = -0.03", 0.03"
Pixel unit = Jy/beam
Celestial frame = ICRS
Restoring beam = 0.150481" X 0.108465", 11.5153 deg
RA range = [06:12:54.262, 06:12:54.472]
DEC range = [+17:59:12.507, +17:59:15.507]
```

Below the file browser, the 'Image arithmetic' dropdown menu is open, showing the expression: `"dice_four.fits" + "dice_one.fits"`. The 'Render Configuration' window at the bottom shows a histogram of the image data with a green shaded region indicating the current display range. The histogram is labeled 'Value (Jy/beam)' and ranges from 0 to 5. The 'Color map' is set to a rainbow color scale, and the 'Invert color map' option is disabled.

Complex-valued images

The screenshot displays the CARTA v3 software interface. The main window shows a complex-valued image with a color scale ranging from -0.019 to 0.024. The image is titled "AMPLITUDE('complex.image')". The metadata for this image is as follows:

```

MCS: (1:20:15.5, 19:55:19); Images: (28, 22);
Value: 5.17845e-3;
Frequency (LSRK): 1000.0000 MHz;
Velocity: 88671.0087 km/s; Polarization: Stokes I
    
```

The "File Browser" window is open, showing a list of files in the directory "Users > kswang > set_QA_e2e_v2". The file "complex.image" is selected, and its metadata is displayed in the "File Information" panel:

```

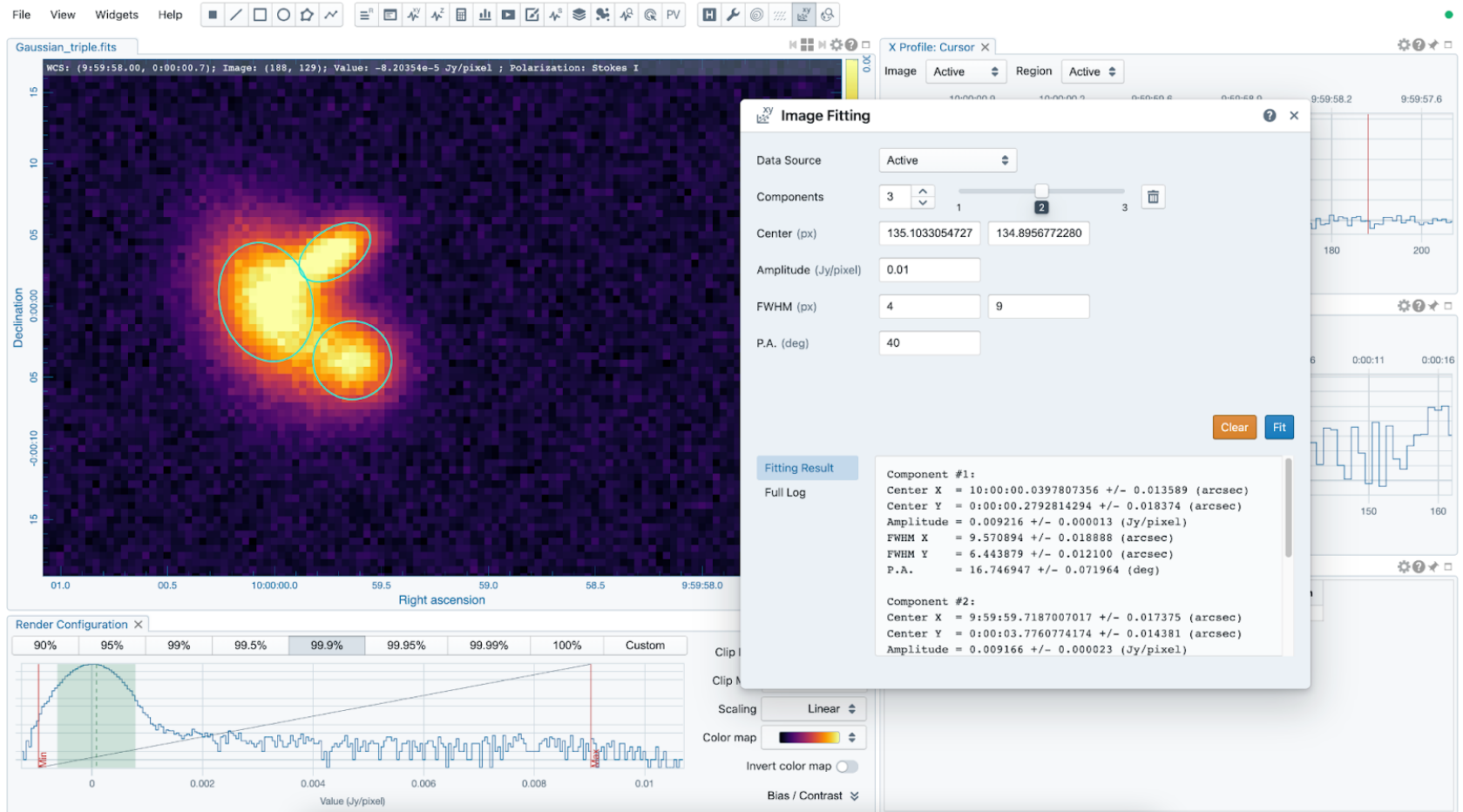
Name = complex.image
Data type = Complex
Shape = [100, 100, 1, 10]
Number of channels = 10
Number of polarizations = 1
Coordinate type = Right Ascension, Declination
Projection = SIN
Image reference pixels = [51, 51]
Image reference coords = [01:20:00.0000, +020.00.00.0000]
Image ref coords (deg) = [20 deg, 20 deg]
Pixel increment = -10", 10"
Celestial frame = FK5, J2000
Spectral frame = LSRK
Velocity definition = RADIO
RA range = [01:19:25.207, 01:20:35.503]
DEC range = [+19.51.39.779, +20.08.09.788]
Frequency range = [1.0000, 1.9000] (GHz)
Velocity range = [88671.0087, -101338.2957] (km/s)
Stokes coverage = FIT
    
```

The "Image List" window shows the following images:

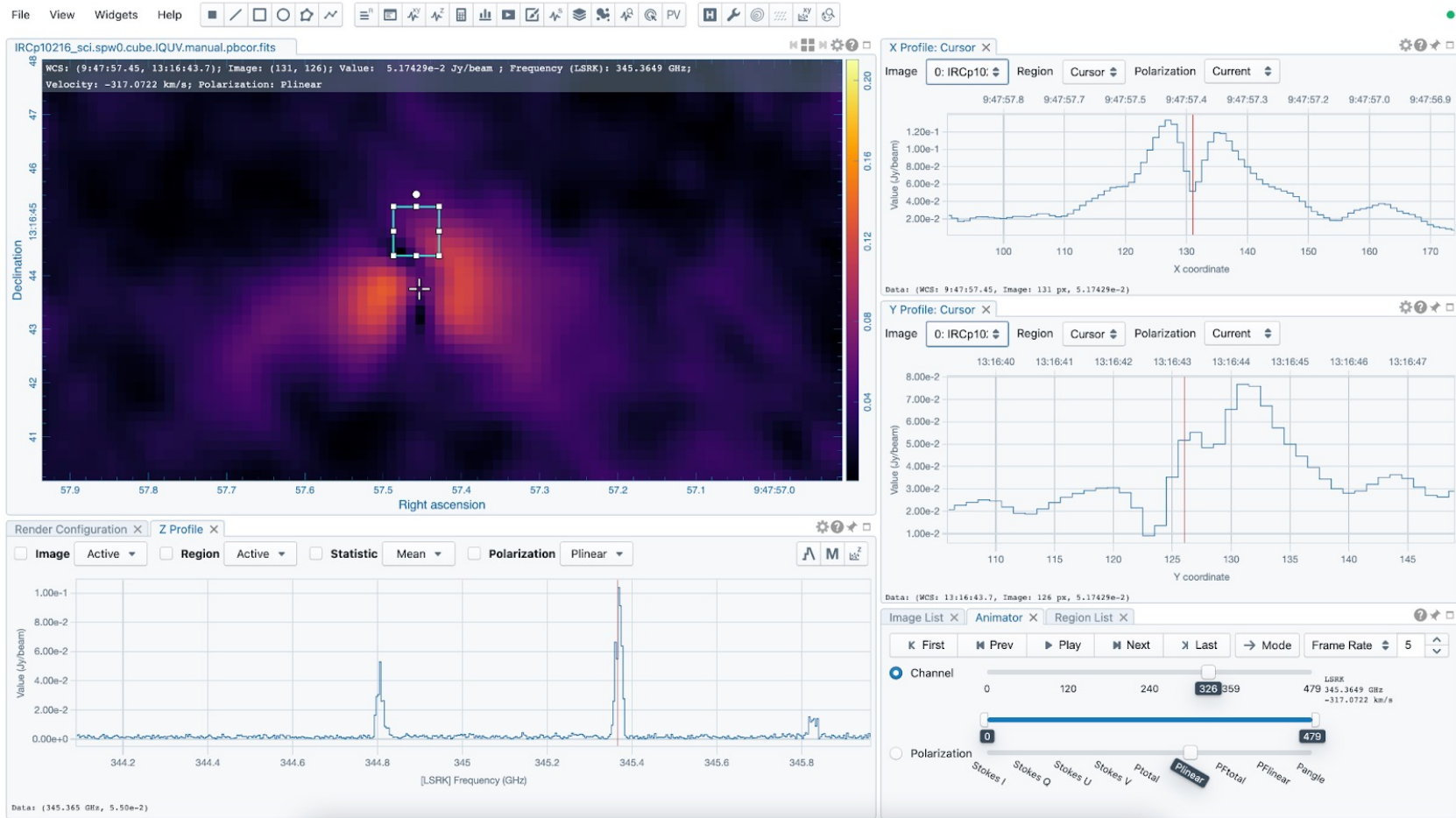
Image	Layers
0 AMPLITUDE('complex.image')	R
1 PHASE('complex.image')	R
2 REAL('complex.image')	R
3 IMAG('complex.image')	R

The "File Information" panel also includes a "Load as" dropdown menu with options: Amplitude, Phase, Real, and Imaginary.

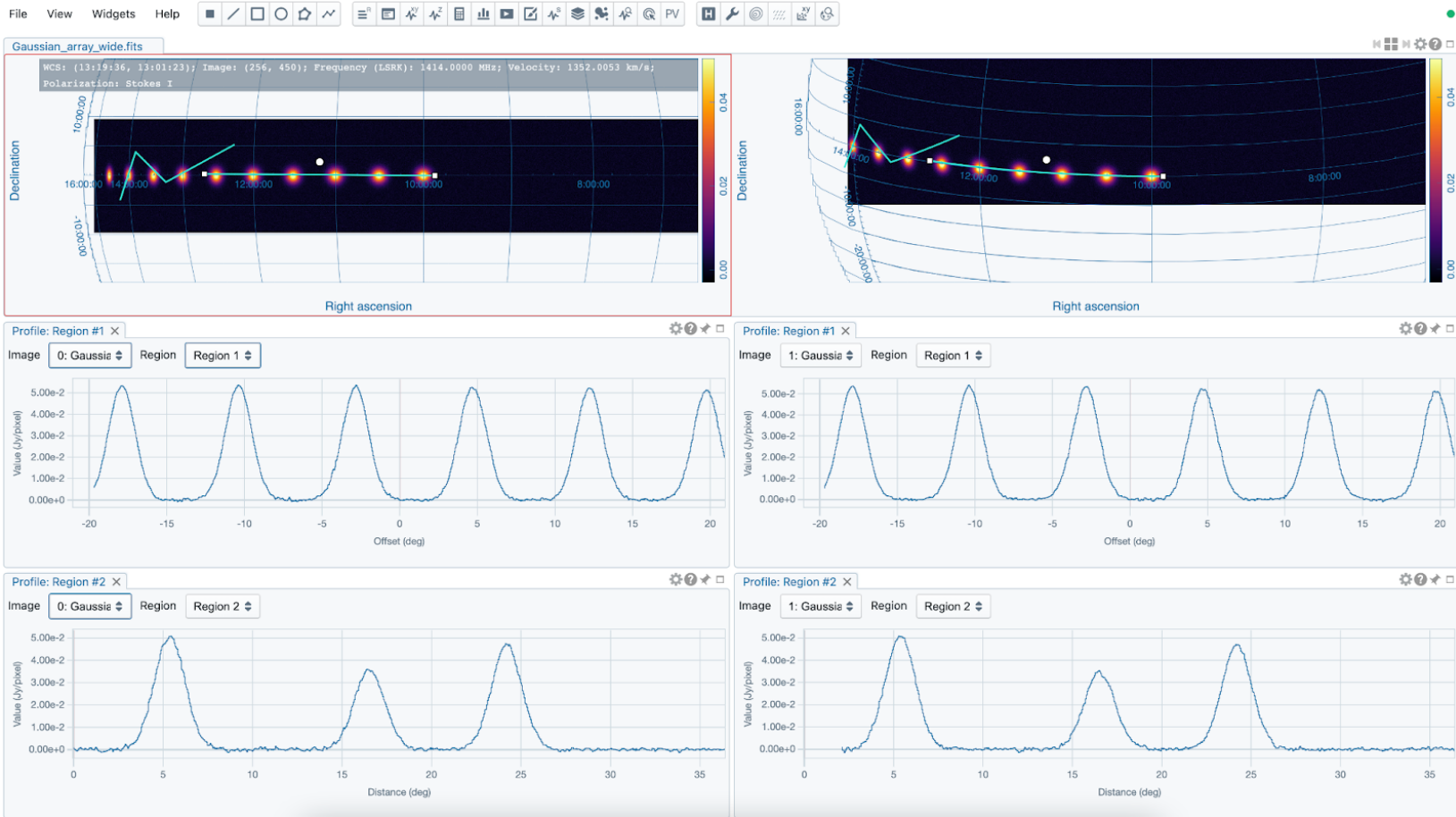
2D Gaussian Fitting



Calculation of polarization quantities (like linear polarization intensity, polarization angle) from Stokes IQUV cube

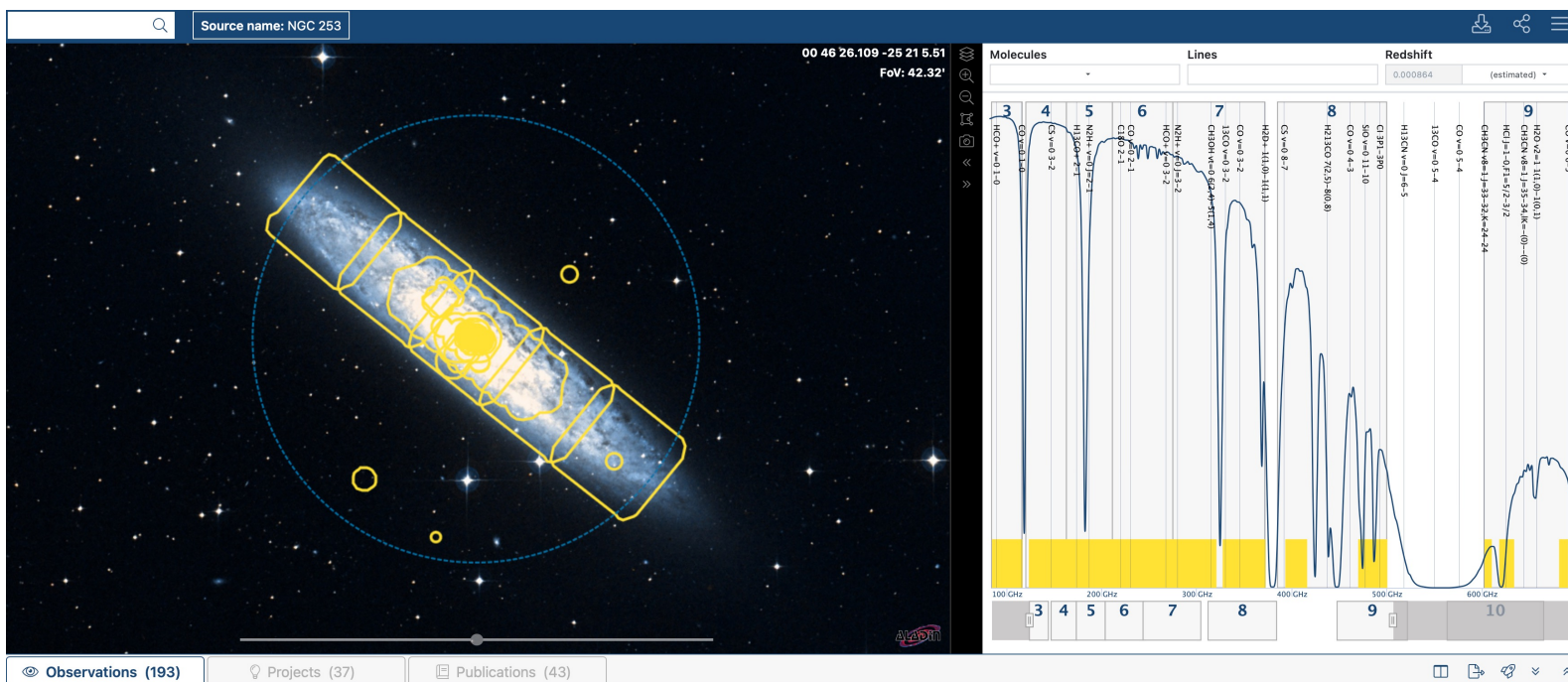


Line and Polyline spatial profiles





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Click on "preview" icon

	Project code	ALMA source name	Ra	Dec	Band	Cont. sens.	Frequency support	Release date	Publications	Ang. res.	Min. vel. res.	Array	Mosaic	Max. reco. scale	FOV	Scientific category	Science keyword	In
			h:m:s	d:m:s		mJy/beam				arcsec	km/s			arcsec	arcsec			s
	2018.1.01321.S	NGC_253	00:47:33.000	-25:17:16.994	6	2.6269	217.05..233.81GHz	2020-01-04	9	5.026	0.736	7m	mosaic	30.416	362.436	Local Universe	Spiral galaxies, Giant ...	3
	2018.1.01321.S	NGC_253	00:47:47.067	-25:14:42.344	6	2.4902	217.05..233.81GHz	2020-01-04	9	5.012	0.736	7m	mosaic	29.519	362.436	Local Universe	Spiral galaxies, Giant ...	3
	2018.1.01321.S	NGC_253	00:47:04.869	-25:22:25.674	6	2.5089	217.05..233.81GHz	2020-01-04	9	5.042	0.736	7m	mosaic	30.047	362.436	Local Universe	Spiral galaxies, Giant ...	3
	2017.1.00161.L	ngc253	00:47:33.231	-25:17:16.203	4	0.0301	143.26..159.09GHz	2020-01-06	4	1.082	1.862	12m	mosaic	12.288	72.613	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	8
	2017.1.00161.L	ngc253	00:47:33.228	-25:17:16.132	4	0.0266	135.96..151.79GHz	2020-01-06	4	1.101	1.953	12m	mosaic	12.859	76.217	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	9
	2018.1.00162.S	ngc253	00:47:33.281	-25:17:17.680	5	0.2480	166.36..182.10GHz	2020-01-07	4	6.608	1.879	7m		48.557	57.292	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	9
	2018.1.01321.S	NGC_253	00:48:01.106	-25:12:07.874	6	2.6693	217.05..233.81GHz	2020-01-07	9	5.012	0.736	7m	mosaic	29.558	362.864	Local Universe	Spiral galaxies, Giant ...	3
	2018.1.00596.S	NGC_253	00:47:39.857	-25:15:33.714	6	0.0878	217.90..232.90GHz	2020-01-08	1	0.268	0.318	12m	mosaic	4.223	97.598	Local Universe	Spiral galaxies, Giant ...	6
	2018.1.00162.S	ngc253	00:47:33.281	-25:17:17.680	5	0.1956	169.71..185.45GHz	2020-01-09	4	6.382	1.845	7m		39.966	56.211	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	1'
	2017.1.00161.L	ngc253	00:47:33.232	-25:17:16.237	4	0.0258	146.91..162.74GHz	2020-01-13	4	0.999	1.820	12m	mosaic	12.190	70.936	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	7
	2018.1.00294.S	NGC253	00:47:33.067	-25:17:18.525	7	0.0329	315.27..330.69GHz	2020-01-14	0	0.312	1.768	12m		4.578	18.029	Active galaxies	Starbursts, star forma...	3
	2017.1.00161.L	ngc253	00:47:33.310	-25:17:18.519	7	0.8577	338.00..353.92GHz	2020-01-15	4	2.755	0.857	7m	mosaic	25.100	69.560	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	3



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The screenshot displays the ALMA Science Archive interface for source NGC 253. The top left shows the source name and coordinates. The main panel is divided into three sections, each representing a different observation (SPW 0, SPW 1, and SPW 2). Each section includes a README, QA2 report, and weblog. The observation details for SPW 0 are as follows:

- SPW 0: 217.05..219.05 GHz, 1128.91kHz, XX YY
- member.uid: A001_X133d_X3c13.NGC_253_sci.spw24.cube.l.pbcor.fits (1.7 GB)
- Band: 6
- Frequency range: 217.05..219.05 GHz
- Frequency resolution: 1128.91 kHz
- Continuum sensitivity (estimate): 2.63 mJy/beam@10km/s
- Line sensitivity 10km/s (estimate): 76.99 mJy/beam@10km/s
- Line sensitivity native (estimate): 4.64 uJy/beam@native
- Polarizations: XX YY
- Array: 7m

The right side of the interface shows a spectral plot with various molecular lines identified. A red box highlights the CARTA icon in the observation details section, with a red arrow pointing to it. A red callout box contains the text: "Click on CARTA Icon to visualize remotely (i.e., without having to download!)". Below the spectral plot is a table with the following columns: res., Min. vel. res., Array, Mosaic, Max. reco. scale, FOV, Scientific category, and Science keyword.

res.	Min. vel. res.	Array	Mosaic	Max. reco. scale	FOV	Scientific category	Science keyword
0.736	7m	mosaic	30.416	362.436	Local Universe	Spiral galaxies, Giant ...	3
0.736	7m	mosaic	29.519	362.436	Local Universe	Spiral galaxies, Giant ...	3
0.736	7m	mosaic	30.047	362.436	Local Universe	Spiral galaxies, Giant ...	3
1.862	12m	mosaic	12.288	72.613	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	8
1.953	12m	mosaic	12.859	76.217	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	9
1.879	7m		48.557	57.292	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	9
0.736	7m	mosaic	29.558	362.864	Local Universe	Spiral galaxies, Giant ...	3
0.318	12m	mosaic	4.223	97.598	Local Universe	Spiral galaxies, Giant ...	6
1.845	7m		39.966	56.211	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	1
1.820	12m	mosaic	12.190	70.936	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	7
1.768	12m		4.578	18.029	Active galaxies	Starbursts, star forma...	3
0.857	7m	mosaic	25.100	69.560	Galaxy evolution	Galaxy chemistry, Gia...	3



Remote Visualization of products in the ALMA Science Archive using CARTA

The screenshot displays the CARTA 2.0.0 (4 Jun 2021) interface. A central loading dialog box reads "CARTA 2.0.0 (4 Jun 2021) Cube Analysis and Rendering Tool for Astronomy" and "Connecting to server wss://carta.almascience.nrao.edu/vf1cftksd2fa4yuo0ajpp4mb failed." The interface includes a search bar at the top with "Source name: NGC 253". On the left, an "Observations (193)" list shows project codes such as 2018.1.01321.S and 2017.1.00161.L. The main area contains a "No image loaded" message and a "Render Configuration" panel with "No file loaded" and "Load a file using the menu". On the right, a "Redshift" panel shows a spectrum plot with a peak at approximately 580 GHz. The bottom status bar displays technical details: "ngc253 00:47:33.235 -25:17:16.328 7 0.6243 281.44..297.07GHz 2020-01-16 4 3.939 0.992 7m mosaic 30.020 65.735 Galaxy evolution Galaxy chemistry, Gian...".



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The screenshot displays the CARTA (Common Astronomy Research Tools for ALMA) interface. The main window shows a spectral line map of NGC 253. The map is a diamond-shaped region with a color scale from -9e-1 to 9e-1 Jy/beam. The WCS (World Coordinate System) is (0:47:32.8, -25:17:22) with an image size of (246, 237) pixels. The frequency is 219.7268 GHz and the velocity is 915.0419 km/s. The map is overlaid with a grid of right ascension and declination coordinates.

Key components of the interface include:

- Observations (193):** A list of observations with project codes and dates, such as 2018.1.01321.S and 2017.1.00161.L.
- X Profile:** A plot of Value (Jy/beam) vs X coordinate (0 to 450) showing a spectral line profile.
- Y Profile:** A plot of Value (Jy/beam) vs Y coordinate (-25:20:34 to -25:15:10) showing a spectral line profile.
- Render Configuration:** A histogram showing the distribution of values, with a cursor at 0.84 Jy/beam and a value range from -1 to 1.5.
- Image List:** A table with columns for Image, Layers, Matching, Channel, and Stokes.
- Redshift:** A panel showing the estimated redshift of 0.000864 and a list of spectral lines with their rest-frame frequencies and observed frequencies.



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The screenshot displays the CARTA interface. At the top left, there is a search bar and a '+ 1 tab-subfilter' button. The main area is split into three panels: a large image of a galaxy (NGC 253) with yellow contours, a spectral plot showing various molecular lines (CO, HCO, CS, NH₃, HCN, HNC, DMC, H₂O, H₂), and a table of observations. A red arrow points from the 'NEW: Explore and download' button in the spectral plot to the 'NEW: Explore and download' button in the table. Another red arrow points from the 'NEW: Explore and download' button in the table to the 'NEW: Explore and download' button in the spectral plot. A third red arrow points from the 'NEW: Explore and download' button in the table to the 'NEW: Explore and download' button in the spectral plot.

Project code	ALMA source name	Ra	Dec	Band	Cont. sens.	Frequency support	Release date	Publications	Ang. res.	Min. vel. res.	Array	Mosaic	Max. reco. scale	FOV	Scientific category
2011.0.00172.S	NGC253	00:47:33.146	-25:17:17.498	3	0.1049	99.91..115.74GHz	2013-06-19	14	2.701	2.530	12m	mosaic	28.891	98.703	Active galaxies
2011.0.00172.S	NGC253	00:47:33.130	-25:17:17.808	3	0.0458	85.69..101.32GHz	2013-08-28	14	1.323	2.890	12m	mosaic	13.611	109.127	Active galaxies
2012.1.00108.S	NGC253	00:47:33.414	-25:17:17.634	3	0.4806	99.76..115.70GHz	2015-03-31	4	7.767	2.531	7m	mosaic	68.156	178.609	Active galaxies
2012.1.00108.S	NGC253	00:47:33.149	-25:17:17.628	3	0.0442	99.82..115.64GHz	2015-04-25	4	0.740	2.532	12m	mosaic	15.592	99.039	Active galaxies
2013.1.00191.S	NGC253	00:47:34.225	-25:17:23.805	6	0.2794	216.06..233.61GHz	2015-08-27	4	5.152	2.488	7m	mosaic	31.671	66.279	Active galaxies
2013.1.00099.S	NGC253	00:47:33.134	-25:17:19.680	7	0.0768	350.54..365.46GHz	2015-09-12	3	0.332	3.203	12m	mosaic	2.898	16.265	Active galaxies
2013.1.00099.S	NGC253	00:47:33.134	-25:17:19.680	7	0.5939	350.48..365.52GHz	2015-10-07	3	0.547	3.202	7m	mosaic	19.215	27.883	Active galaxies
2012.1.00108.S	NGC253	00:47:33.130	-25:17:17.808	3	0.0270	85.69..101.32GHz	2015-12-23	4	0.699	2.889	12m	mosaic	8.427	108.877	Active galaxies
2013.1.00099.S	NGC253	00:47:33.134	-25:17:19.680	6	0.2741	217.04..235.46GHz	2016-01-05	3	5.013	2.633	7m	mosaic	33.053	44.120	Active galaxies

Select dataset

Then go on
"Explore and download"



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The screenshot displays the CARTA v1.4 web interface. The main window shows a spectral line image with the following metadata: `WCS: (0:47:22.99, -25:16:38.1); Image: (850, 466); Value: 2.48483e-3 Jy/beam*; Frequency (LSRK): 130.5345 GHz; Velocity: -1930.1892 km/s`. The image axes are Right ascension (24 to 44) and Declination (30 to 30). To the right, the X Profile shows a peak at approximately X=300, and the Y Profile shows a peak at approximately Y=300. Below the image, the Render Configuration panel includes a histogram, scaling (Linear), color map, and clipping options (Clip Min: -0.0041573, Clip Max: 0.0145616). The Image List table at the bottom right shows the current image configuration:

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	VLASS1.1	0h2m30.256s	-37°30'0.000"	S	2.460	1.975	VLASS1.1.ql.T01t01.J000230-373000.10.2048.v1.l.iter1.image.pbcor.tt0.subim.fits
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	VLASS1.1	0h7m36.847s	-38°30'0.000"	S	2.502	1.462	VLASS1.1.ql.T01t01.J000736-383000.10.2048.v1.l.iter1.image.pbcor.tt0.subim.fits
	VLASS1.1	0h7m43.233s	-39°30'0.000"	S	2.645	1.224	VLASS1.1.ql.T01t01.J000743-393000.10.2048.v1.l.iter1.image.pbcor.tt0.subim.fits



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Project	Longitude	Latitude	Band	Sp Resolution	Beam Axis Ratio	File Name
VLASS1.1	0h2m28.328s	-36°30'0.000"	S	2.520	2.554	VLASS1.1.q1.T01t01.J000228-363000.10.2048.v1.l.iter1.image.pbcor.tt0.subim.fits
VLASS1.1	0h2m30.256s	-37°30'0.000"	S	2.460	1.975	VLASS1.1.q1.T01t01.J000230-373000.10.2048.v1.l.iter1.image.pbcor.tt0.subim.fits
VLASS1.1	0h2m32.282s	-38°30'0.000"	S	2.486	1.534	VLASS1.1.q1.T01t01.J000232-383000.10.2048.v1.l.iter1.image.pbcor.tt0.subim.fits
VLASS1.1	0h2m34.411s	-39°30'0.000"	S	2.621	1.270	VLASS1.1.q1.T01t01.J000234-393000.10.2048.v1.l.iter1.image.pbcor.tt0.subim.fits
VLASS1.1	0h7m24.984s	-36°30'0.000"	S	2.518	2.440	VLASS1.1.q1.T01t01.J000724-363000.10.2048.v1.l.iter1.image.pbcor.tt0.subim.fits
VLASS1.1	0h7m30.769s	-37°30'0.000"	S	2.455	1.881	VLASS1.1.q1.T01t01.J000730-373000.10.2048.v1.l.iter1.image.pbcor.tt0.subim.fits
VLASS1.1	0h7m36.847s	-38°30'0.000"	S	2.502	1.462	VLASS1.1.q1.T01t01.J000736-383000.10.2048.v1.l.iter1.image.pbcor.tt0.subim.fits
VLASS1.1	0h7m43.233s	-39°30'0.000"	S	2.645	1.224	VLASS1.1.q1.T01t01.J000743-393000.10.2048.v1.l.iter1.image.pbcor.tt0.subim.fits

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WCS: (0:02:32.24, -38:29:59); Image: (1861, 1861); Value: -8.56652e-5 Jy/beam

Declination

Right ascension

X Profile: Cursor

Value (Jy/beam)

X coordinate

Data: (WCS: 0:02:32.24, Image: 1861 px, -8.56652e-5)

Y Profile: Cursor

Value (Jy/beam)

Y coordinate

Data: (WCS: -38:29:59, Image: 1861 px, -8.56652e-5)

Image List

Image	Layers	Matching	Channel	Stokes
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Render Configuration

90% 95% 99% 99.5% 99.9% 99.95% 99.99% 100% Custom

Value (Jy/beam)

Clip Min -0.000523917148

Clip Max 0.000546530008

Scaling Linear

Color map

Invert color map

Bias / Contrast

Session timer: 58m 56s

CARTA

Development for v4 (release in 2023, but beta versions with subset of features will be available sooner):

- Save, restore state
- Share states
- Interactive position-velocity plots
- 2D image fitting
- RGB image blender
- Spatial profile fitting
- Histogram improvements with custom parameters
- Image annotation
- Channel maps
- Scripting interface

Later:

- Volume (3D) rendering
- Improved Profile, histogram, and image fitting tools
- Source finder
- Transposed cubes
- Image smoothing
- VR integration (IDaVie)

CARTA

- CARTA is the new visualization tool, actively developed for radio image formats (but can be used for any fits image [cube]). It replaces the CASAviewer that is not supported anymore.
- Performance and architecture of CARTA are ideal for displaying large images hosted locally (VLA, ALMA, ...) or remotely (SKA, ngVLA, VLASS, ...)
- Almost all CASAviewer functionality is now available in CARTA v3, it is now a good time to switch over
- CARTA is integrated in the ALMA and NRAO/SRDP archives
- Python scripting is under active development
- For questions, comments, suggestions, please contact the CARTA helpdesk support@carta.freshdesk.com
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