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Coronelli globe in Healpix

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Context

- In France, we have each year a week-end named
 « Journées du patrimoine » in September.
- Museums are free and several monuments or other "cultural or historical places of interest" usually closed to the public are opened during these days.
- The Observatory of Strasbourg is visited by a huge number of people during these days and the idea is to add some animations to the visit.
- This year it should be the presentation of a Coronelli globe
 - It is not easy to show one of the globes...
 - But it is possible to show a virtual one in a tool like Aladin (and let young people play with it through a multitouch screen).

Which Coronelli globe?

- The Strasbourg Observatory has a Coronelli globe
 - "Built" in 1693, diameter 108 cm
 - Some parts are damaged (especially the fish representing the constellation Doradus in the lower part of Southern Sector 3).

It is not easy to take it and to scan it ...

Credits: The Multinational History of Strasbourg Astronomical Observatory, Springer 2005



In the national collections

- The « Réunion des musées nationaux (de France) » has original gores and it is possible to buy the rights to use the corresponding images during a limited time.
- It is possible to convert the gores into HEALPix images and to show for example a comparison with modern surveys.



Coronelli globe gores

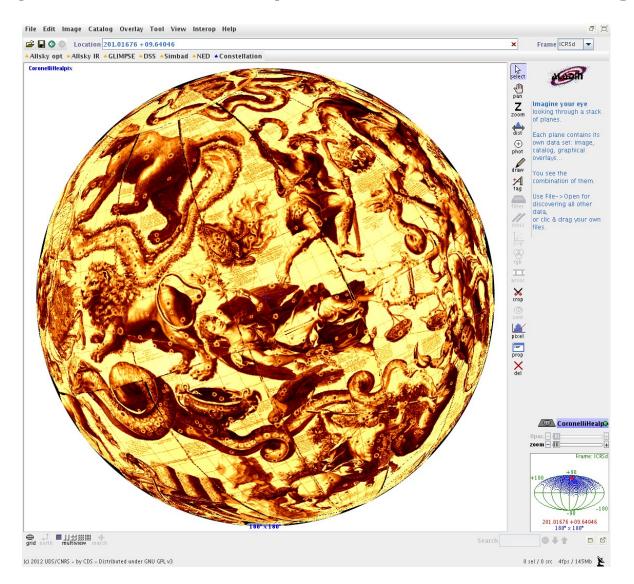
- The Coronelli globe is divided in 26 parts (or « gores »), 12 per hemisphere plus 2 for the poles.
- Samples :







Prototype of the expected rendering



Status

 It is ongoing but it is not easy to negotiate the use of the gore sheets for a few days event even for public outreach.