

CDS Scientific Council Meeting: Dec 6-7, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Agenda

14h Strasbourg, 13h London, 8h Wash. DC / Boston

Tuesday 06 December

14h - Welcome and introductions

14h10 - CDS Activities 2021-2022. (*M. Allen*)

14h30 - CDS Information System. (P. Fernique)

14h45 - SIMBAD and Biblio. (C. Loup, A. Oberto, S. Lesteven)

15h00 - Vizier. (P. Ocvirk, G. Landais)

15h15 - Aladin. (T. Boch, C. Bot)

15h30 - R&D. (A. Schaaff)

15h45 - Demonstration

16h05 - Break

16h25 - Discussion (*All*)

17h30 - Close

Wednesday 07 December

14h - CDS plans and challenges. (*M. Allen*)

14h30 - **Closed session**

17h - Close

Attendees:

(All CDS staff in the open sessions)

Stephen Serjeant [Chair] (Open University, UK)

Marica Branchesi (Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI), Italy)

Eric Peng (NOIRLab)

Guido De Marchi (ESA) - *apologies for Dec 7*

Michael Sterzik (ESO) - *apologies for Dec 6*

Roopesh Ojha (NASA)

Denis Veynante (CNRS, HPC and data)

Thierry Bret-Dibat (delegated by Philippe Laudet) (CNES)

Thierry Forveille (IPAG)

Franck Le Petit (Observatoire de Paris)

Chiara Ferrari (OCA) - *apologies*

Marian Douspis (IAS) - *apologies*

Bruno Bezard (INSU representative delegated by M. Giard)

Pierre-Alain Duc (Dir. Obs. Strasbourg)

TBD (Université de Strasbourg)

CDS Activity Report 2021-2022

December 6, 2022

Mark Allen - Director CDS



CDS mission

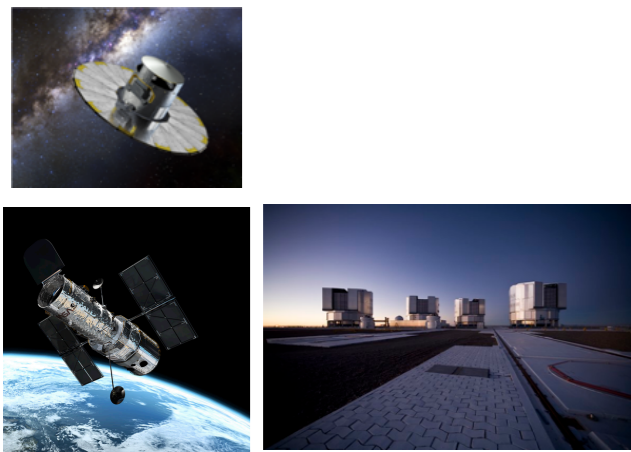
- **Collect useful data on objects in electronic form**
- **Improve them by critical evaluation and combination**
- **Distribute the results to the international community**
- **Conduct research using the data**

Science Driven:

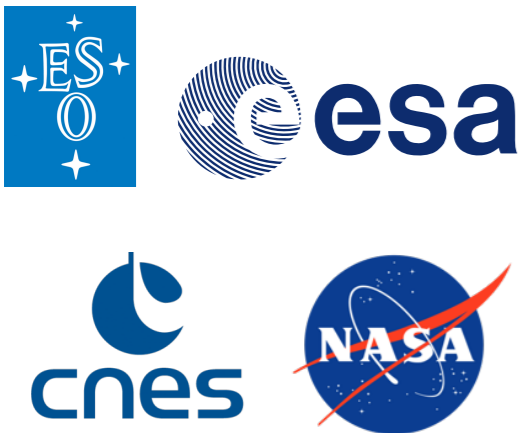
- *Necessary evolutions to meet the scientific reference service needs of the astronomy community*
- *Innovations to meet challenges and ensure sustainability*
 - *Science is changing, technology is changing*



Contributing to the global astronomy data infrastructure



Ground and Space Observatories, Instruments and missions



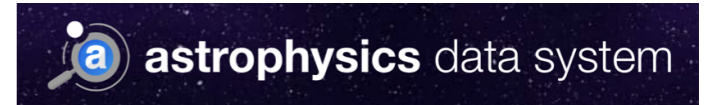
Journals



+ ...



Astronomy Data Centres



CADC, MAST, HEASARC, IPAC, + ...

Virtual Observatory



ASOV



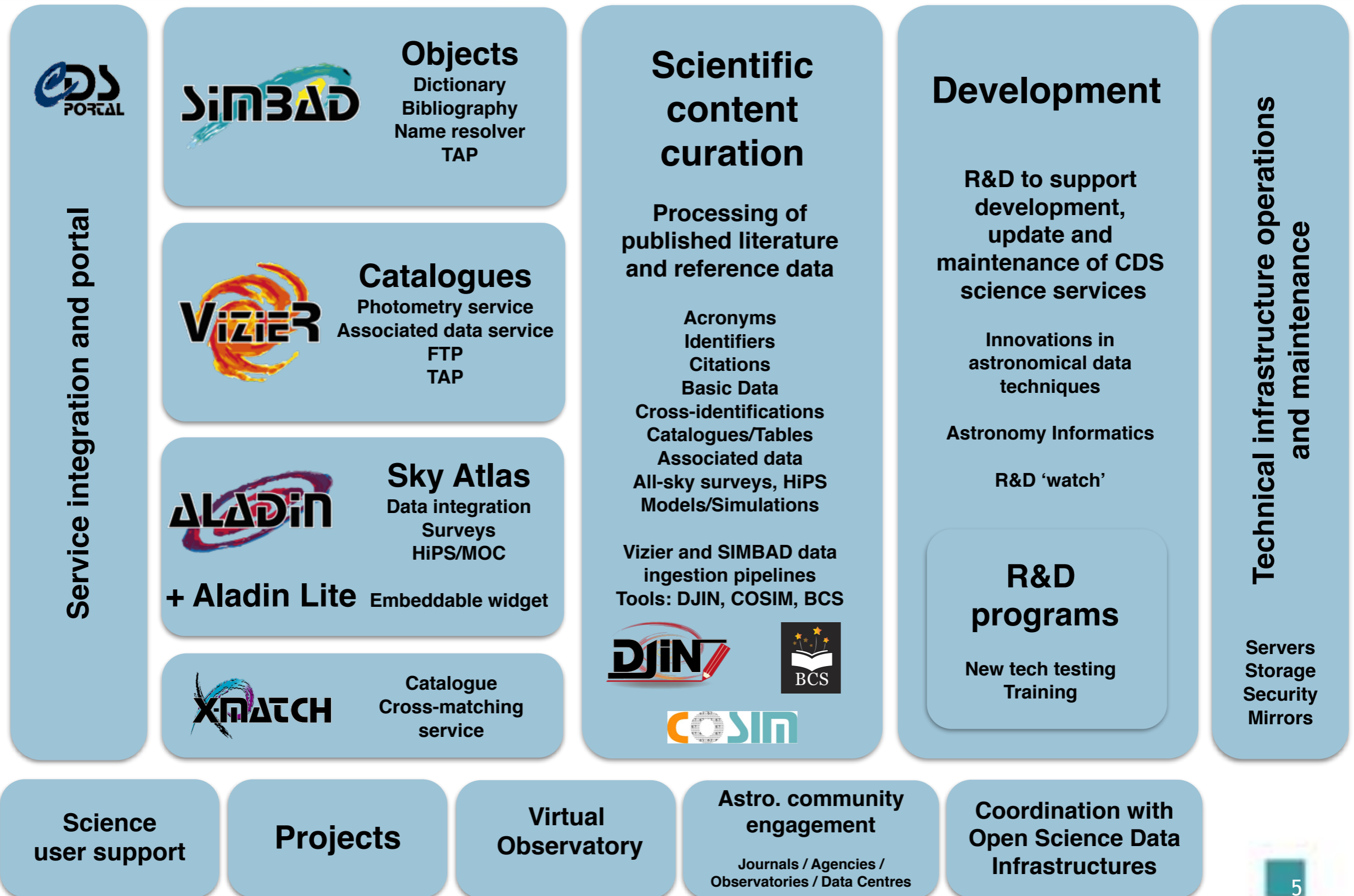
H2020 projects:



Data e-Infrastructures



□ CDS in 2022



□ 2021-2022

- **Another challenging year that required continued re-planning.**
- **Core work of building CDS content, and operating the services, was maintained at a very high level.**
- **Recruitments of contractors: Documentalist, 2 developer engineers, project engineer, system engineer.**
- **Developments to support internal CDS processes, & developments in response to new scientific needs and also changes at publishers.**
- **HCERES Evaluation** (*but also MESR, CORTECS, CTS, CNRS & CNAP researcher evals*).

□ 2021-2022

- **CDS services continue to be heavily used:**
 - ***2.5 million queries/day*** - see next presentation
- Contributions: IVOA, EOSC, RDA, IAU, RDG
- Projects — **ESCAPE, EuroPlanet, EOSC-Future, XMM2ATHENA.**
- Community interactions - **ADASS, EAS, SF2A**
- Engagements with large projects via : ESCAPE, CDS participation in Gaia, and new SKA SRC activities.
- Responded to strong demand for CDS involvement in Working/Thematic groups at national level.

□ Highlights 1.

CDS 50th anniversary

- **April 2022 - Open science and the 50th anniversary of CDS**
 - French launch event with CNRS, CNRS-INSU, UNISTRA, MESR
- **Gaia DR3 - 13 June 2022.**
 - 50th anniversary news integrated into into French media events for DR3
- **SF2A 2022** - Invited presentation - 50 years of CDS, today and future challenges
 - 8 June 2022
- **European Astronomical Society annual meeting**
 - Valencia, Spain, 27 June - 01 July 2022
 - CDS-50 Booth in exhibit hall
 - CDS 'Lunch Session'



□ 'Open Science and CDS 50th' French event

Science Ouverte et le 50e anniversaire du CDS

Friday 1 Apr 2022, 09:00 → 17:45 Europe/Paris
Palais Universitaire, Université de Strasbourg

Description



Un événement pour mettre en avant les activités de science ouverte et célébrer le 50ème anniversaire du Centre de Données astronomiques de Strasbourg (CDS).
An event to highlight Open Science activities and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Centre de Données astronomiques de Strasbourg (CDS).

Registration

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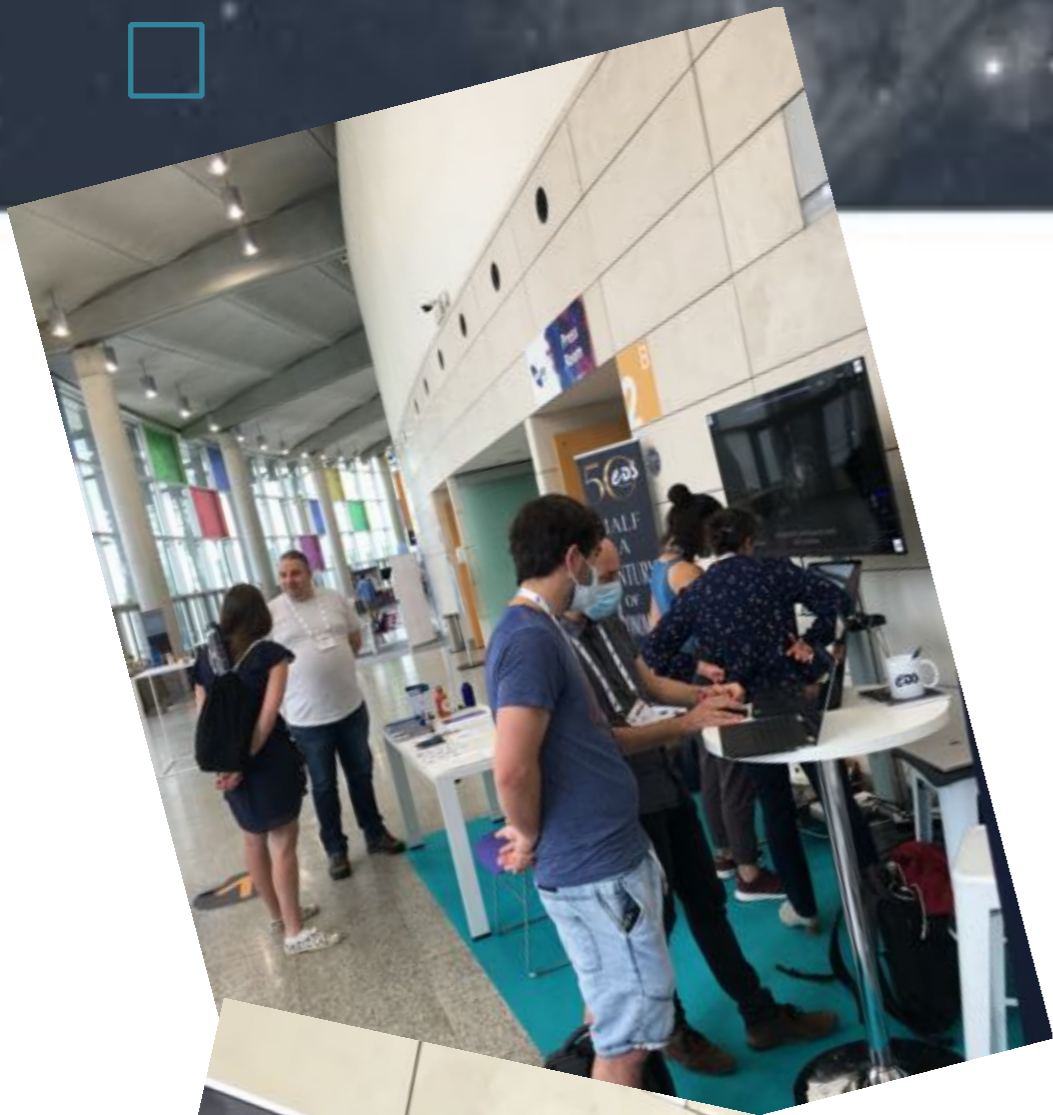
09:00 → 09:30 Collection of badges

09:30 → 09:50 Ouverture de la journée / Opening
Animé par Pierre-Alain Duc (Directeur Observatoire astronomique de Strasbourg)
MESRI - Guy Perrin - Chargé de mission Astronomie et recherches spatiales
UNISTRA - Rémi Barillon - Vice-président Recherche, formation doctorale et sciences ouvertes
CNRS - Nicolas Amaud - Directeur INSU

09:50 → 10:30 Contributions 1. (Chair - Pierre-Alain Duc)

09:50 La mission et l'histoire du CDS / The mission and history of CDS
Speaker: Françoise...
Salle Pasteur (Palais Universit...)

92 Attendees | Check details | 30m Duration



eas 2022 Valencia

50 years of CDS

CDS today and future challenges

Mark Allen (Director CDS)
and the CDS team



CDS Lunch Session (LS4),
EAS Conference,
1 July 2022

□ Highlights 2.

- **CNRS Collective Cristal medal**
 - *“Rewards teams in support functions who have carried out projects with remarkable technical mastery, collective dimension, applications, innovation and reach”.*





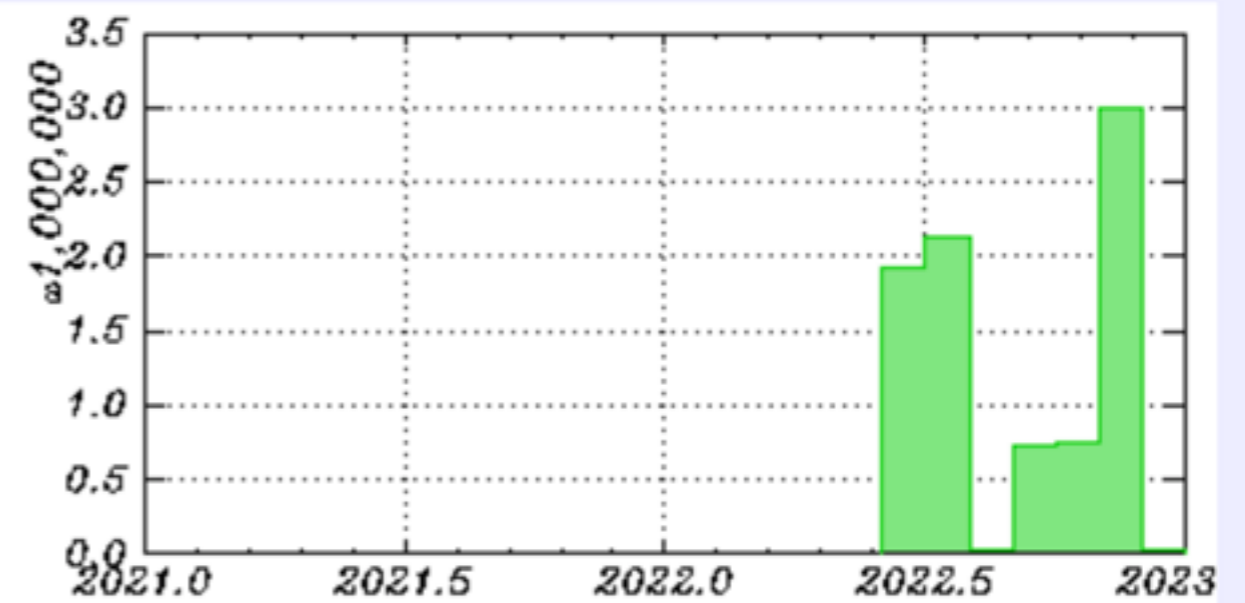
- **Award ceremony 14 Nov 2022**

- Presented by Director of INSU-CNRS.
- In presence of ObAS/CDS colleagues, alumni, friends and families.
- A very welcome celebration for the whole team!

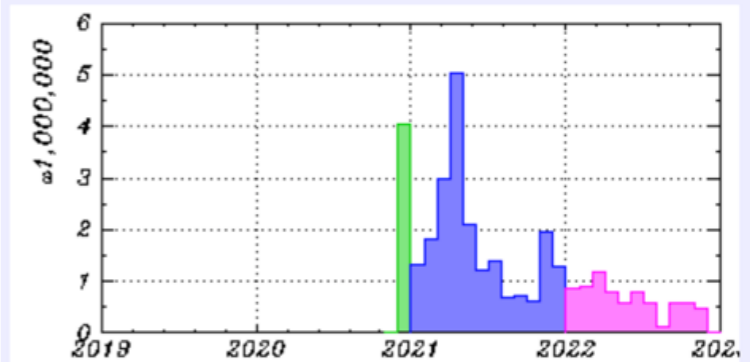
□ Highlights 3.

- **Gaia Data Release 3**
- **13 June 2022**
- 1.8 billion records
 - parallaxes, proper motions, spectra
 - 70 individual tables in 6 catalogues
- VizieR, X-Match, Aladin/Aladin Lite, +VO
- 4 million queries in 1st month
- *(Also cross-id of SIMBAD with EDR3)*
- 30m 'galactic panorama' made with *hip2fits*

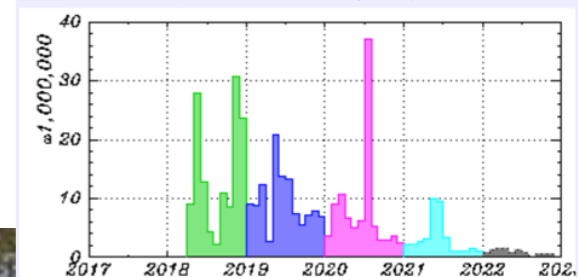
I/355 Gaia DR3 Part 1. Main source (Gaia Collaboration, 2022)



I/350 Gaia EDR3 (Gaia Collaboration, 2020)



I/345 Gaia DR2 (Gaia Collaboration, 2018)



partnerships:
ESA/DPAC, CNES



1,8 milliard
d'étoiles pour les
50 ans du CDS



Merci à tous les documentalistes,
ingénieurs et chercheurs pour leur travail
dans la préparation à la mise en ligne des
données Gaia DR3 !

<http://cds.unistra.fr/gaia>



□ Staff



Direction and Administration

M. Allen (Director)

P. Fernique (Technical Lead), C. Halter, (vacant - Admin assistant)

Permanent staff:

- 11 - Researchers
(8 CNAP, 2 CNRS, 1 Emeritus.)
- 9 - Software engineers
- 10 - Documentalists

Contract staff:

- 3 - Engineers
- 3 - Documentalists
- 2 - Postdoc researchers

Science

M. Allen
C. Bot
L. Cambrésy
S. Derriere
F. Genova [*Emeritus*]
C. Loup
G. Monari
A. Nebot
P. Ocvirk
A. Siebert
B. Vollmer

Software Development and Operations

T. Boch
F. Bonnarel
P. Fernique
G. Landais
S. Lesteven
G. Mantelet
A. Oberto
F-X. Pineau
A. Schaaff
M. Baumann
A. Flint

Documentalist

A. Eisele
M. Brouty
C. Brunet
M. Buga
E. Collas
M. Neuville
E. Perret
E. Son
P. Vannier
P. Vonflie
A. Fiallos
C. Fix
K. Van der Woerd

Support (shared with Observatoire de Strasbourg)

S. Langenbacher, V. Trimbou, C. Saillard, T. Keller, M. Misslin

Post-doctoral Researchers

S. Amodeo
C. Lui

Project support

H. Heintz
M. Marchand

Ph.D Students

L. Correia
M. Planaque

Software Development Interns

10 interns, short term contracts
(Apprenticeship - T. Dumortier)

□ Staff - recent changes

Permanent staff:

- Documentalist - **F. Marquis** - departed October 2021 (25 yrs @ CDS).
 - CNRS ‘mobility position’ **FSEP** position open in December 2022.
- Administrative assistant - **L. Arbousse** - departed April 2021 (17 yrs @ CDS).
 - *replaced by temporary contract in Oct 2021, but left Sept. 2022.*

Contract staff changes:

- Engineer (Aladin) : **M. Baumann** - re-joined CDS in March 2022.
- Documentalist - **A. Fiallos** - started May 2022.
- Engineer (VizieR) - **A. Flint** - started May 2022.
- EOSC Future (project engineer) – **M. Marchand** - started Sept 2022.
- Postdoc XMM2ATHENA - **J. Kuuttila** - started August 2021, left 2022.
 - **XMM2ATHENA/CDS** postdoc (2yr) being advertised.
- CDS Administrative Project Manager - **C. Holtzinger** - left September 2022.
- Apprenticeship - **T. Dumortier** - started Sept 2022.

□ National and European Landscape

Elements that define high level policies:

- **French National Roadmap for Research Infrastructures (2021)**
- MESR National Plan for Open Science - 2nd plan released in 2021
- European Cloud Initiative & European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)
- (ESFRI Roadmap)

- CNRS-INSU Prospective
- INSU Astronomy & Astrophysics Prospective
- CNES - French Space Agency prospective
- US Decadal review — 2021
- ASTRONET Science Vision and Infrastructure Roadmap (document planned for end 2022)

French national roadmap for Research Infrastructures

Roadmap 'launched' March 2022

Emphases:

- Open Science aspects.
- Research data in infrastructures.
- Role of IVOA and CDS contribution.
- Role of CDS for data connected to pubs.
- CDS partnerships CNES, ESA, NASA/SAO/ADS, A&A.

CDS entry:

- Scientific production and service use.
- Open Science.
- International aspects.
- Society aspects - contracts / training / planetaria

IR Status

- Important for CDS support.



□ CORTECS network

Research & Services

Scientific Core Facilities Network | Cortecs

University of Strasbourg

+ Register a core facility

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CDS Centre de Données astronomiques de Strasbourg

domain Earth and space sciences

The core facility

- ▲ Head Manager of the core facility
Allen ALLEN
- ▲ Scientific Manager
Mark ALLEN
- ▲ Technical Manager
Pierre FERMIQUE
- UMR 7550 - ObAS / Strasbourg Astronomical Observatory
- ✈ CNRS, UNIVERSITY OF STRASBOURG
- 📞 [Contact the core facility](#)
- ☎ [+33 3 68 85 24 10](#)
- 🌐 [Website of the core facility](#)
- Central campus : Historical
- 📍 Established in an unic site
- 🤝 **Collaborations of research**
 - ✓ with the academic community
 - ✓ to the socio-economic world

CENTRE DE DONNÉES ASTRONOMIQUES DE STRASBOURG



Certifications and accreditations



□ CORTECS network



- Network of '**Scientific Core Facilities**' at University of Strasbourg
- CDS is one of the 17 services listed
- Labellisation process finalised Feb 2022
- Brings visibility and resources



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□ Recherche Data Gouv - inaugurated July 2022

New French initiative in the National Plan for Open Science

— *CDS is named as one of the Thematic Reference Centres*

- Define the international data description standards in their thematic field;
- Define and disseminate best practices for data collection, documentation, processing and dissemination in their thematic field;
- Support inclusion in and compliance with the international ecosystem.
- Repositories are to be 'harvested' by *Recherche Data Gouv*;



□ HCERES and prospective

- ObAS is being evaluated by HCERES in 2022.
 - Application sent in Summer 2022.
 - Virtual visit of the committee occurred 4-6 October 2022.
 - CDS activities 2016-2021 presented.
- Report expected in next months...
- A 'Prospective' document outlining the next 5 years has been submitted to CNRS and University of Strasbourg
 - Based on themes discussed in Science Council meetings 2020/21
 - Feedback expected in early 2023.
 - *More in the 'Plans and challenges' presentation tomorrow.*

□ Virtual Observatory and Projects

CDS participation in VO at National, European and International levels:

- OV-France (&ASOV), Euro-VO

CDS continues leading role in IVOA

- Executive board, WG/IG roles
- **Executive Board member for EuroVO - M. Allen**
- **Chair of the Committee for Science Priorities - A. Nebot**
- **Deputy Chair of the Data Access Layer Working Group - G. Mantelet**
- **Chair of the Data Curation and Preservation Interest Group - G. Landais**
- **Deputy Chair of the Radio Astronomy Interest Group - F. Bonnarel**
- **Chair of the Education Interest Group - H. Heintz**
- **Editorial team for the IVOA Newsletter - S. Amodeo**



Important progress for the interoperability of astronomy data and services

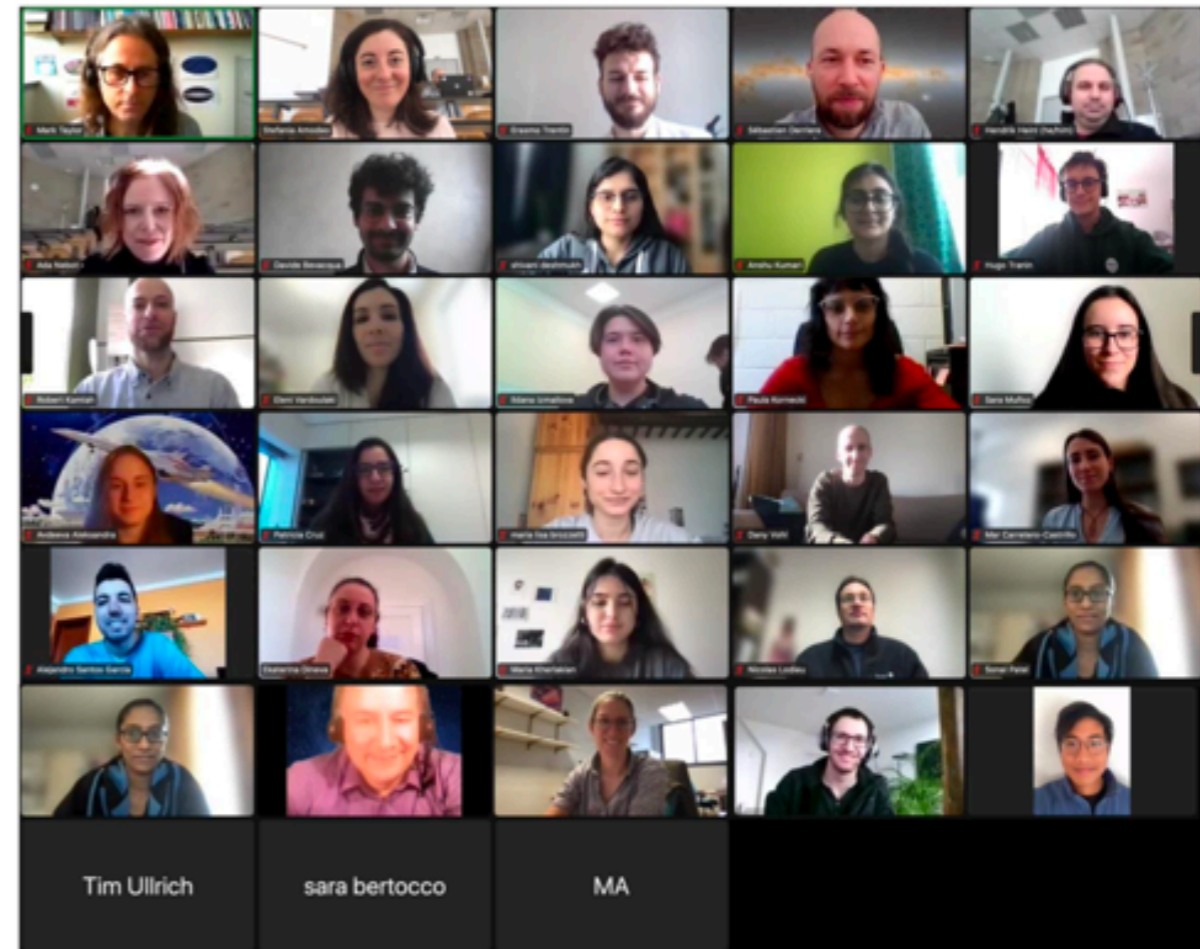
- e.g. Space-Time coverage of data (MOC 2.0 standard) and HiPS system.
- Leadership for integration of Radio Astronomy (+others) into VO framework

□ VO training via ESCAPE project

- **2nd Virtual School Feb 2022**
 - Focus on students & postdocs (28)
 - CDS tutorials, + others
 - Support of participant science cases
- **Technology Forum 3, March 2022**
 - Sharing practical expertise
 - ‘Hack-a-thon’ mode

D4.6 Second ESCAPE science with interoperable data school

Annex I: Group photo



□ Projects

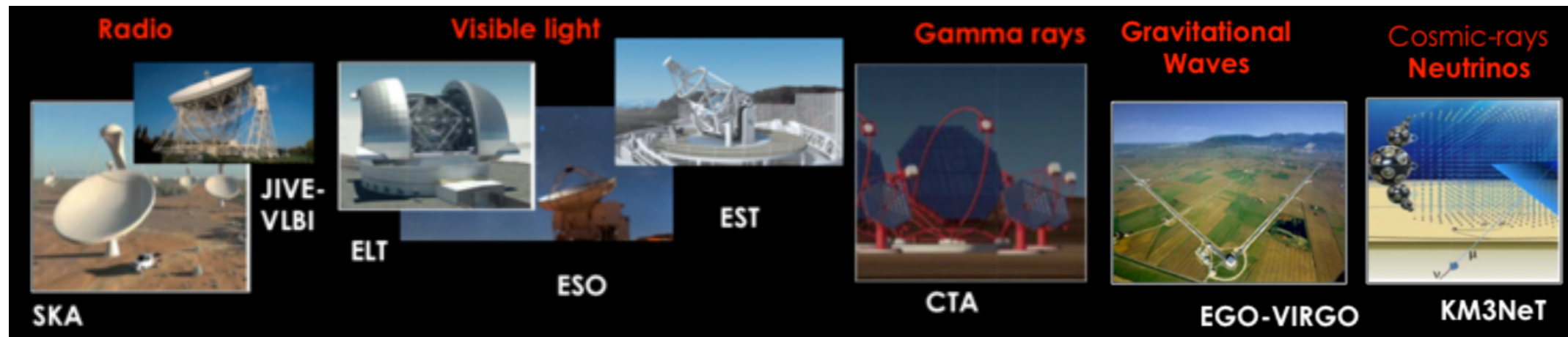
- **ESCAPE** - final phase now, conclusion in Jan 2023.
- **Europlanet 2024** Research Infrastructure (EPN-2024-RI)
 - Small but important CDS participation (~20PM).
- **XMM2ATHENA** (*started 2021*)
 - A. Nebot is the ObAS coordinator. Postdoc to be recruited
 - ~5PM participation of CDS related to X-Matching
- **EOSC Future** - large (~40 M€) project of science and e-Infrastructures
 - Started April 2021, ends August 2023.
 - CDS is small part for Test Science Cases and training activities.
New project engineer (M. Marchand) making fast progress!

□ Rec. — Engagements with large projects

ESCAPE connections to ESFRI and other RIs

Main engagement with big projects - funded activities related to use of VO (and CDS tools)

Benefits for everyone - e.g. Aladin Lite v3, VO standards, training materials, connections - e.g. SKA



SKA - Started participation in the SKA Science Regional Centre (SRC) prototyping activities.

- Bringing expertise on access to large distributed data and visualisation. Aladin as a SRC visualisation prototype.
- F. Bonnarel as main contact - many many meetings to engage in this process

Slow progress for Euclid and LSST/Rubin connections in 2022:

Euclid mission

- MOU to be explored for CDS-EC-ESA.
- Aim for publishing reference catalogues in CDS services

LSST

- CDS X-Match is part of the FINK broker (for LSST)
- Collaborative discussions ongoing with FINK and other brokers about thier use of CDS services as part of their operations - possible EC project in 2023
- In-kind contributions to be discussed approached (again) - meeting proposed at AAS meeting Seattle.

□ Recs. Machine Learning / AI / HPC landscape

- **AI / machine Learning**

- Received the recommendation (thanks D. Veynante) to start with **Institute for Information Sciences and Technologies (INS2I)**. (<https://www.ins2i.cnrs.fr/fr/ins2i>)
 - [Olivier Cappé (DAS) and/or Jamal Atif (chargé de mission)].
 - *‘They have a complete view of the field and will be able to identify possible partners in relation with CDS needs.’ — to be followed-up*
- Experience and partners in ESCAPE on DL/ML for archive products
 - Heidelberg Institute for Theoretical Studies (HITS) [K. Polsterer]
 - Published a MNRAS paper (ESO, CDS), DL prototypes, ESCAPE Deliverable D4.5
 - Experience for DL on archival data - *pros*: new results, *cons*: difficult interpretation
- Other contacts made in ESCAPE to follow: [*H. Dickinson, Open University*]

- **HPC**

- Participation in the Action Specifique Numerique. - *A. Schaaff*
- e.g. Invited CDS presentation at ASNUM 2022 meeting next week (Lyon)
- Participation in MESR Thematic Group - CoSIN - where issues for Research Infrastructures are discussed, and plan made for future. (*C. Bot, M. Allen, P. Fernique*)

□ Staffing needs

- **Documentalist**

- Increasing number of references, and complexity drives need.
- Core data ingestion task.
- Necessary **replacement** of Documentalist who departed in 2021.
- FSEP 'mobility' position open now with result known in Jan 2023.

- **Administrative Assistant**

- CDS needs admin staff with expertise on contracts.
- CDS cannot operate without it!
- **Replacement** of Admin Assistant who left in 2020.
- Temporary contractor left Oct 2021.

- **Aladin / visualisation engineer**

- Unique opportunity to respond to new SKA mission.
- Build on revolution of HiPS/MOC/Aladin.
- Critical **replacement** of F. Bonnarel (2024).
- SKA SRC work would depend on it.

- **VizieR engineer**

- Renewal of VizieR ingestion process underway with contract engineer
- 2 engineers per major CDS service are necessary for operations & development

Note: Expected **retirement** of another engineer in ~2025-2026. (Also **retirement** of another ObAS engineer (~2027) who developed SAADA which is used by CDS)

□ Science staff

CDS Scientists

- Necessary expertise of active scientists covering wide range of astrophysics research areas.
- Necessary diversity of scientific profiles.
- ***Recruitment being sought via CNRS and CNAP competitions***
- *(CDS supports ~4 candidates/yr)*

Contribute to all scientific aspects of the CDS mission:

- Selection and validation of scientific data.
- Providing expert scientific advice and setting the scientific strategy.
- Supervision of the scientific development and evolution of the CDS services.
- Support the users (hot-line, dissemination, documentation...).

Priority areas related to CDS service tasks:

- *Scientific support of SIMBAD*
- *Catalogue, spectral, data cube and multi-dimensional data expertise*
- *Expertise for current and future very large data sets*
- *Data Science and Astro-statistical and expertise (machine/deep learning)*

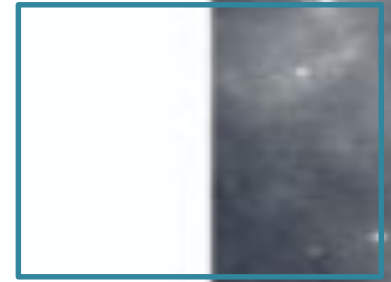
□ Summary

- A challenging, but special year for CDS.
 - Responding to changing conditions.
 - Strong demand for CDS participation in Open Science actions at National and European level.
 - Celebrating CDS 50th!
- High level production — helped by new contractors
- Important progress on core work of operating, maintaining and developing CDS reference services — helped by new contractors
- Started re-engaging with community in live events.
- Final phases of large projects - very demanding but productive.
- Engaged in discussion about the new aspects of the CDS mission - RDG and SKA.



The CDS Information System

Overview & stats 2022



CDS Council – 6 & 7 December 2022

Pierre Fernique
on behalf of all the CDS staff



Global usage 2022

- 2.5 million requests per day
- >360K unique IPs per month

CDS main metrics (Oct 2021 - Sep 2022)
compared to Oct 2020 - Sep 2021

Main services	Simbad <i>Astro.object DB</i>	Vizier <i>Catalog service</i>	Aladin <i>Image service</i>	Total
users/month	154.0K +6% Adv.users: 1252	45.2K +17%	360.2K +53%	> 360.2K
queries/day	344.2K -12%	431.7K -28%	1.7M +73%	2.5M
load/day	7.1GB +32%	no data	162.3GB +52%	> 169.3GB
data volume	34.5GB +28%	79.6TB +51%	427.3TB +5%	507.0TB
data content	13.5M obj +7%	22.8K cats +7%	1068 HIPS +6%	
reliability	99.75% +0.3%	99.11% -0.5%	99.93% +0.3%	> 99.11%

(Bots have been removed of these stats)

users/month Based on unique IP (Adv.Users = only based on "advanced scientific queries") on the main site

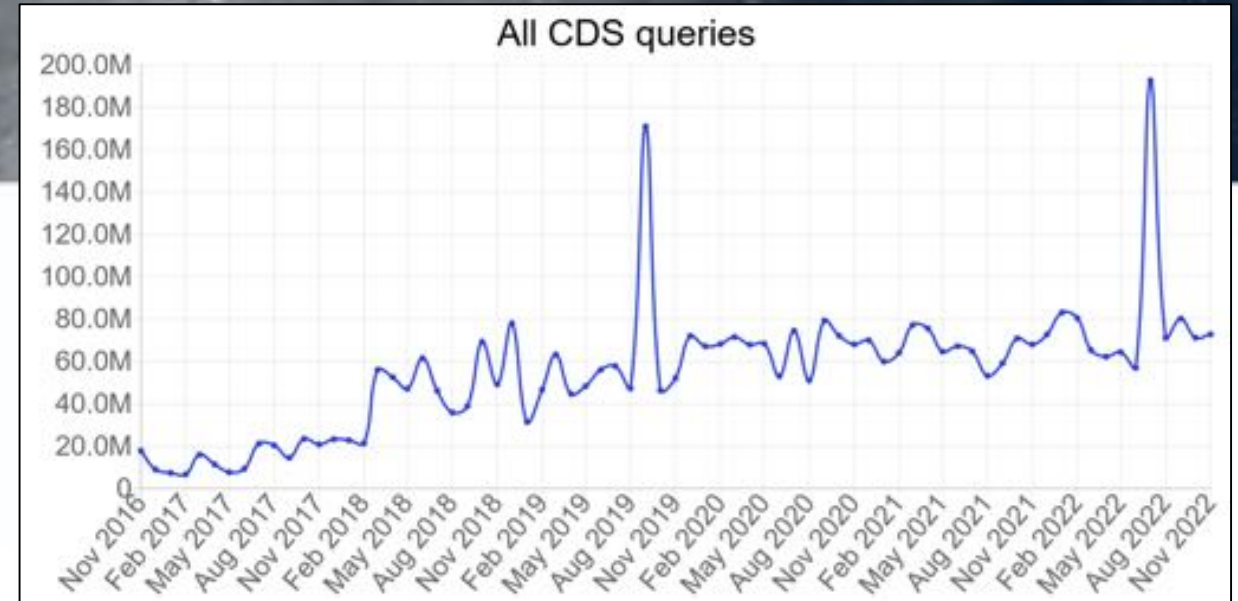
queries/day Based on effective DB queries (object queries, catalog queries, HiPS tile queries...)

load/day Downloaded from CDS servers

data volume Volume of service (data + index)

data content Number of service "items"

reliability Percentage of service availability (mirrors included)

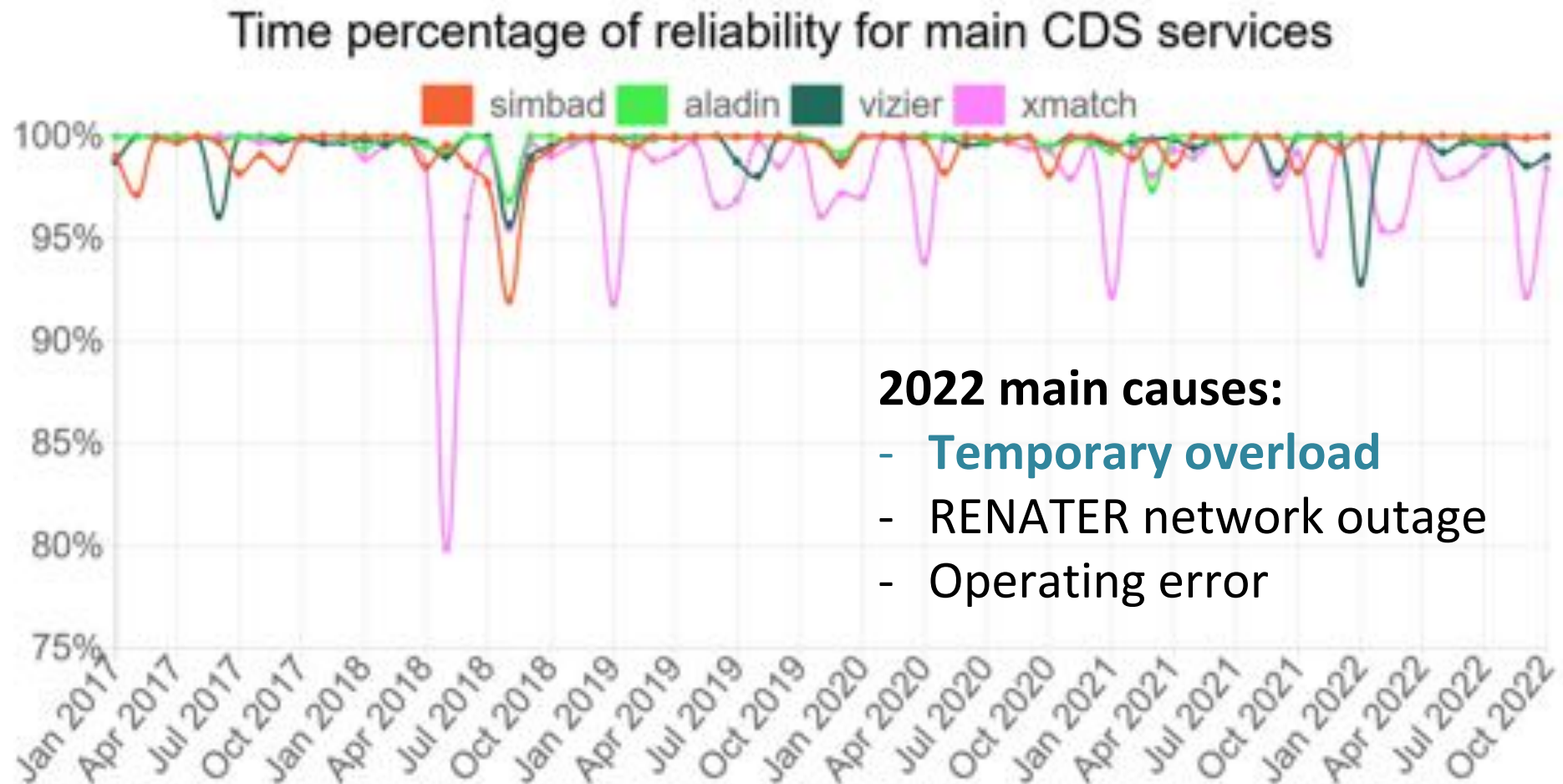


Queries world repartition (Simbad 11/2022)

□ Constraints and consequences

- **Our goal** : **permanent availability** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in a classic academic context (technical staff without on-call duty)
- **Our architecture**: **total duplication** : **services + data**, on several distinct geographical sites (still in progress)
- **It guarantees**:
 - the **performance** and **continuity** of services
 - the assurance of a **rapid resumption** of service in the event of a major accident at one of the sites (PRA)

□ CDS S.I. reliability



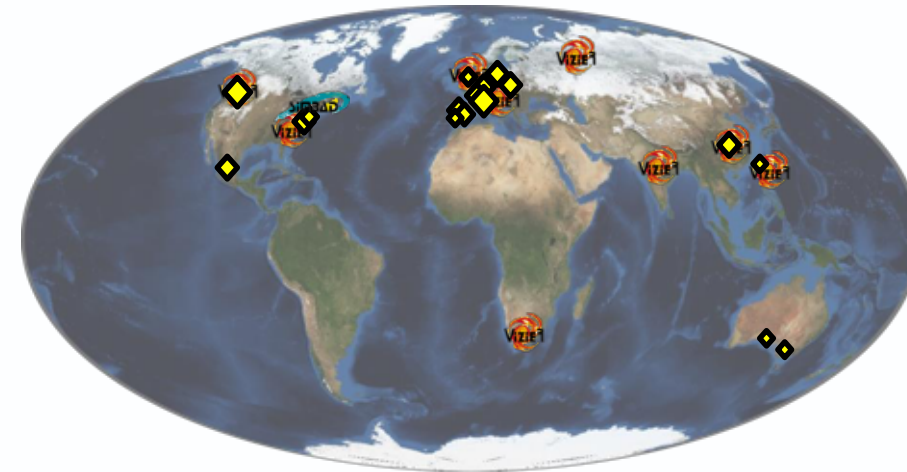
2022 main causes:

- **Temporary overload**
- RENATER network outage
- Operating error

□ CDS service architecture

- 2 geographically distinct local machine rooms
- **External mirror sites** (in France and in other countries)
- Server **virtualisation**, via a cluster of VMWare hypervisors, and Docker encapsulations
- Data storage equipment: **2 RAID6 bays synchronised on the 2 local sites** ("CDS Allsky data system")

*Challenge in January 2023
with possible 2-hour power cuts.*



- **2 local computer rooms**
=> One at the Observatory
=> Replicated elements in Unistra DC
- **7 external sites** (6 VizieR + 1 Simbad mirrors)
- **20 partner HiPS sites** (Aladin tiles)

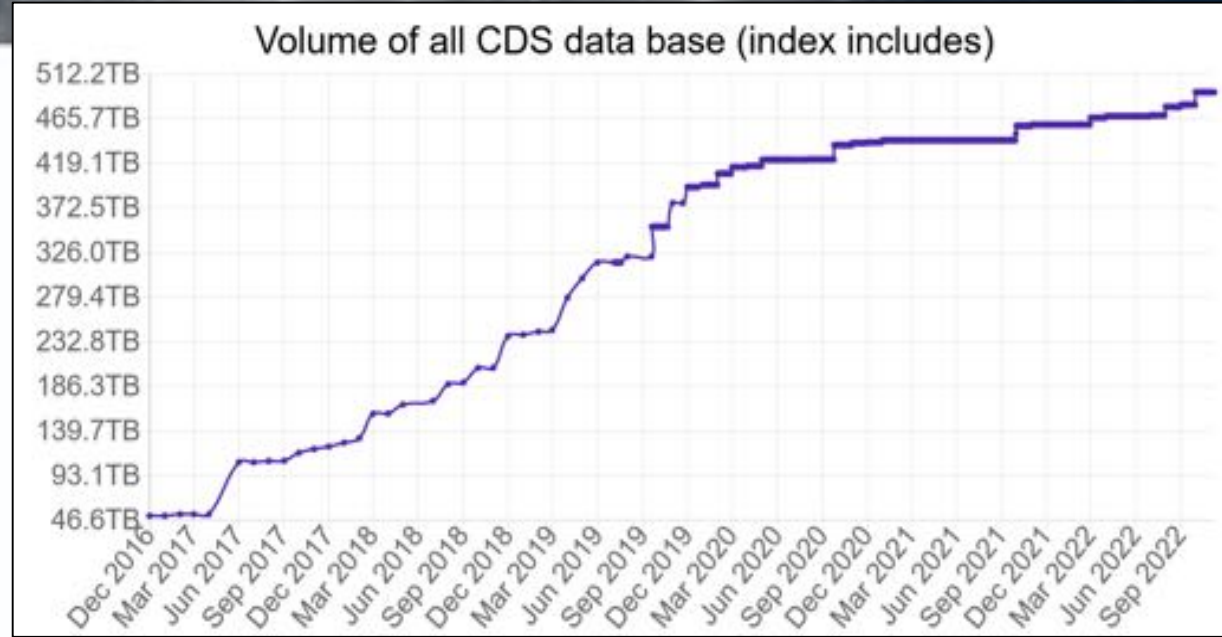
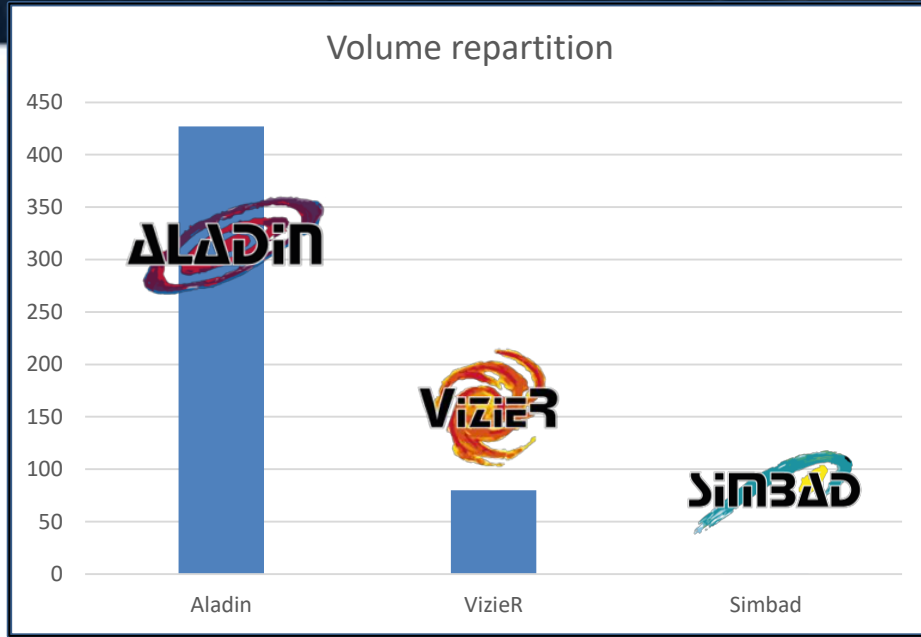
□ Local machine rooms evolution

- **Retirement** of CDS installations in the **local server room on the ObAS site**
 - Strong encouragement from the University to retire this room (corresponding to University and national level policies of rationalization/reduction of small server rooms)
 - Loss of the leader of the ObAS logistics team
 - Technical limitations of the server room
- **Our solution: Partnership with the IPHC (UMR7178)** on the CNRS Cronenbourg campus.
=> Technical and functional conditions appear a priori to be adapted to our desired level of operations
- **University Data Centre will become the main local site** for our installations.



We aim to begin relocation of servers in the first half of 2023

Operational storage



- Nov 2022: **520 TB** / 1.6 PB : 90% for Aladin, 9% VizierR
- Evolution relies to the volume of astronomical data published (bibliographic data, tables, catalogues and image surveys)
- *Provisional plan : ~5 replicated PB in 2025*

□ Operational servers

- CDS services require **low CPU power** (except Xmatch service)
- But **a mistake to undersize the servers** because the availability constraint implies the capacity to absorb "peaks"
- The technical solution: **virtualise the servers** as far as possible on VMWARE hypervisors (presently 3)
- *Provisional plan : Acquisition (2023) of a 4th hypervisor*



□ Computer resources for data preparation

- **Computing machines:**

=> **3 big machines** are sufficient for the task (Aladin HiPS, Vizier big catalogs)

- **Storage of original and intermediate data:**

=> In 2022, acquisition of **800TB disk storage space** to facilitate the eventual reprocessing of the original data, (cheap medium, but without a very high guarantee of preservation)

□ Software development strategy

- **Open source software** supported by a dynamic community (e.g. Postgres, astropy, etc.)
- **"In-house" developments** for libraries and tools particularly specific to our activity (e.g. management of spatial indexes, astronomical libraries, bibliography processing, etc.)
- Use of paid software remains exceptional, justified by the absence of an equivalent free solution (e.g. VMWare). These paying solutions are considered as transitory
- At least **two developers per service**.
=> By the end of 2022, this strategy is assured partially with contractors

□ Information system

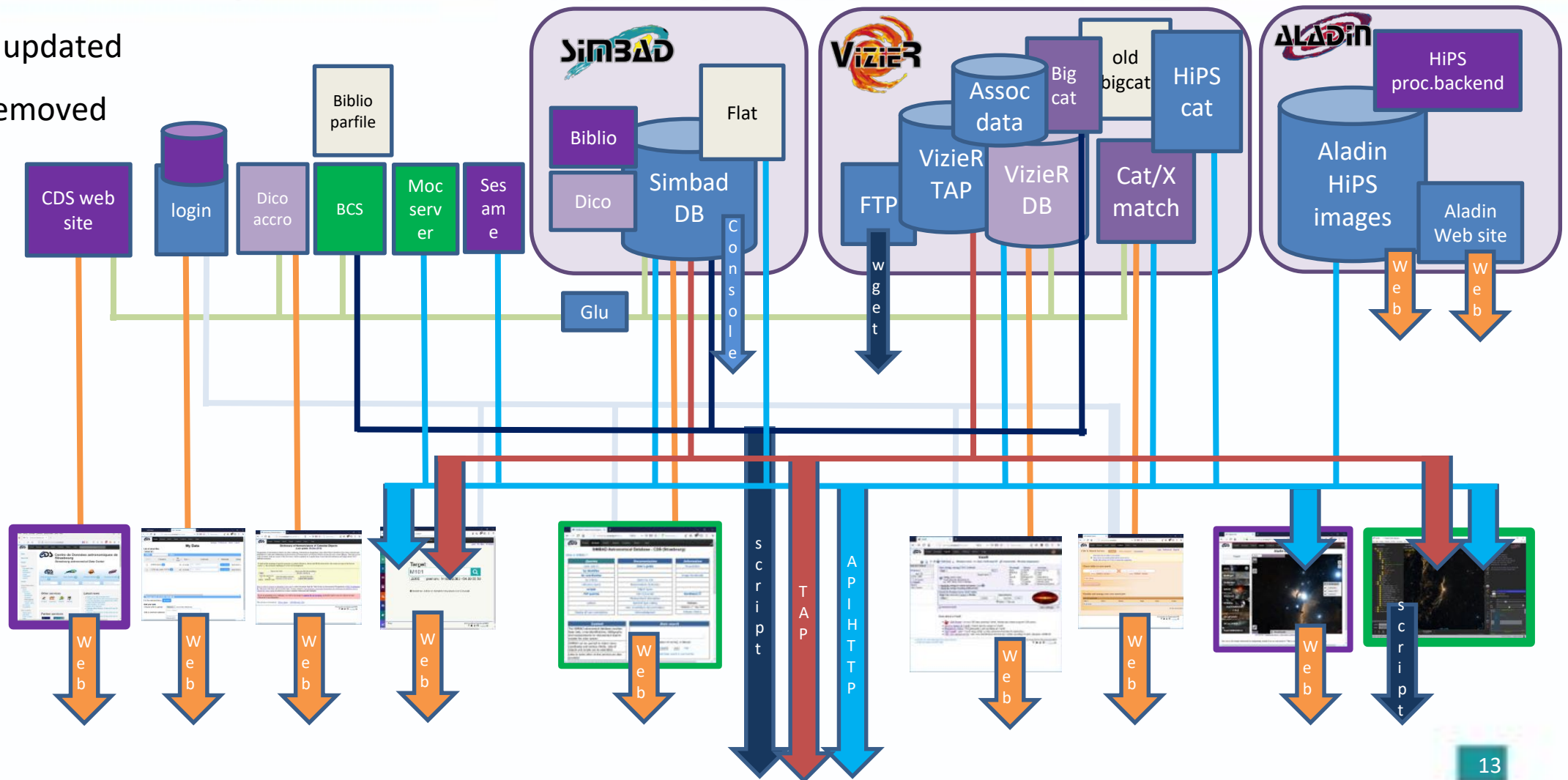
- Nov 2022: **CDS Information service** is based on **24 components**
- The permanent **evolution** of these components **is essential** to map:
 - The current needs (astronomy and data evolution)
 - The CDS human resources
- For each component, we evaluate its sustainability and we plan its renewal, evolution or withdrawal

□ Recent developments in the IS

- The deployment of the **new journal article management system**:
=> The "BCS" will replace the old system (parfile based) within a few months.
- The **evolution of the collection registry** (MocServer) in order to take into account both the spatial and temporal coverage.
- The release of the **2 Aladin clients** (Aladin Lite v3 and Aladin Desktop v12)
- The evolution of the **global positional index of VizieR** for a MOC compatible solution (replacing Qbox).
- The redesign of **the CDS website** (prototype phase).

Evolution detail of IS components

- Renew / updated
- (to be) removed
- Ongoing
- Steady



□ Questions ?

The CDS Information System



SIMBAD : the bibliographic database

A meta-compilation of astronomical objects of interest



**CDS Council
December 2022**



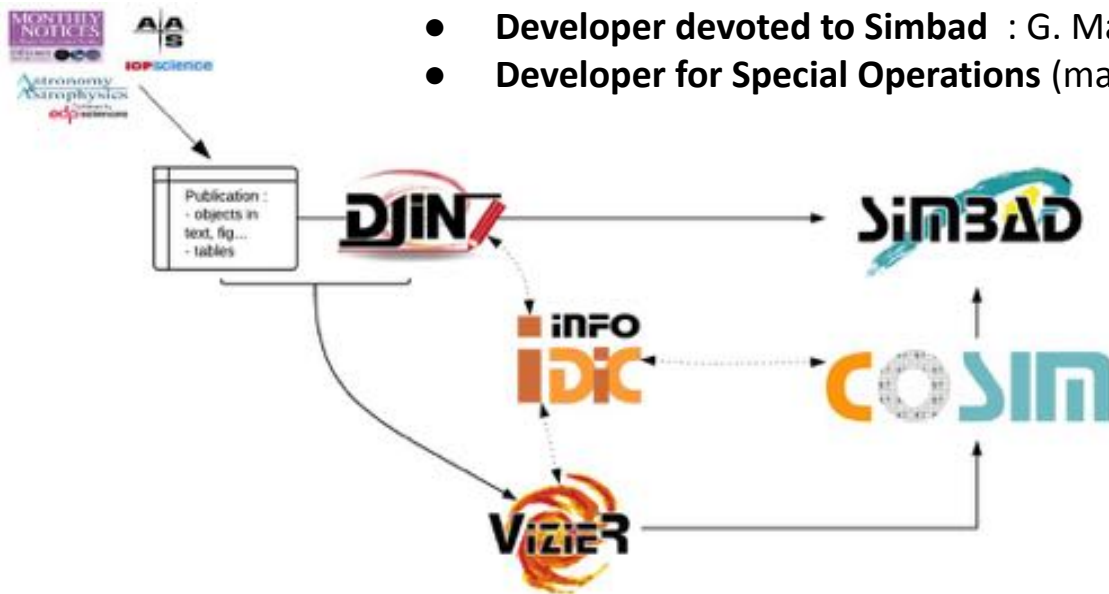
CDS team



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- **Database & softwares** : A. Oberto (developer)
- **Nomenclature** : B. Vollmer (astronomer)

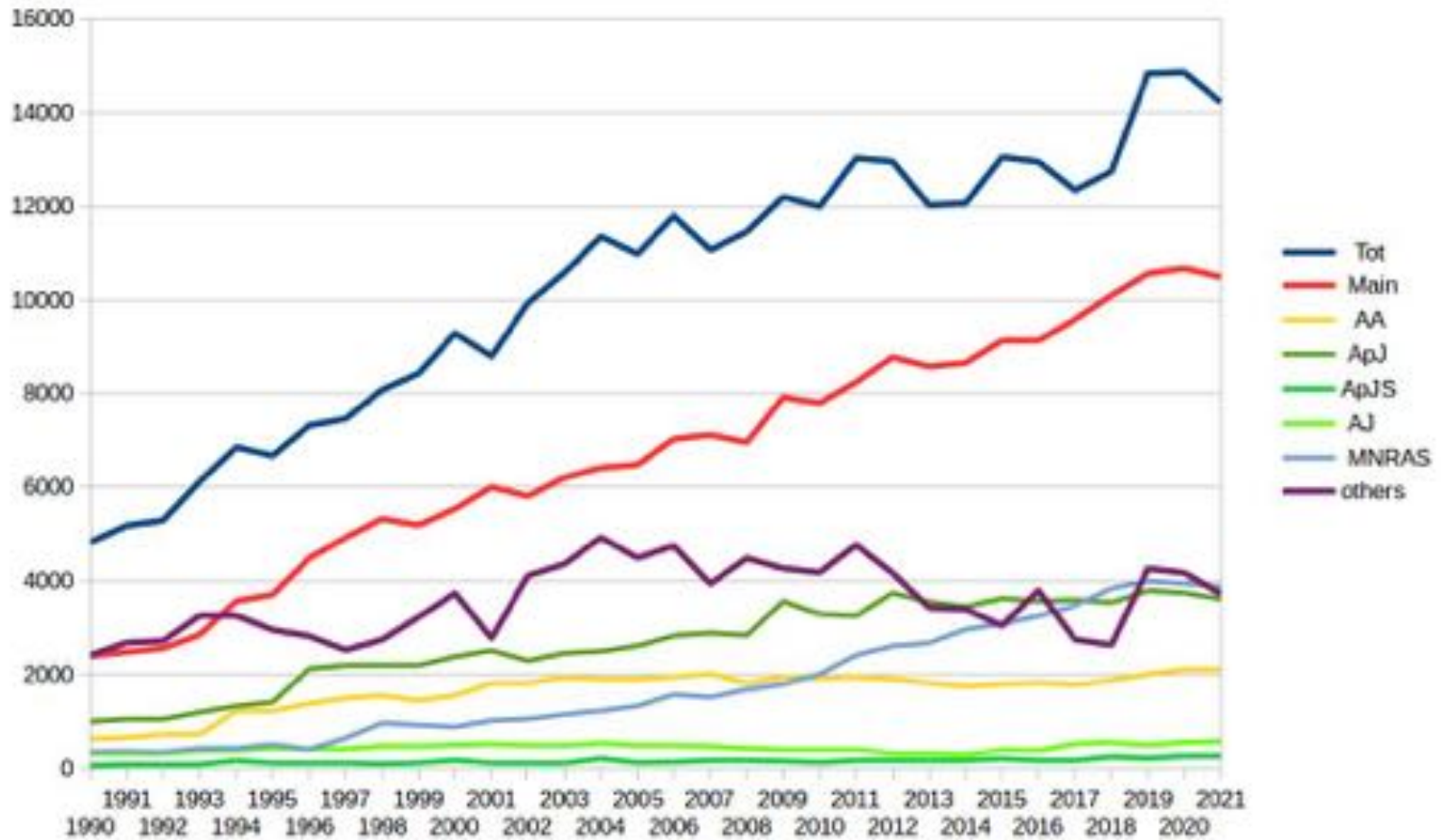
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 - Ingestion of references via DJIN : A. Eisele, E. Son, M. Neuville, P. Vonflie
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- **Developer devoted to Simbad** : G. Mantelet
- **Developer for Special Operations (massive Xid)** : T. Boch, F.-X. Pineau





Workflow : References

Number of references by year of publication





The Content (05/12/2022)

Overview	N (million)
Objects	13.969
Identifiers	54.829
References	0.412
Citations of objects in articles	31.030
Acronyms	0.015
Basic data	N (million)
HRV/redshift	6.500
Proper motions	7.277
Parallax	6.572
Spectral type	0.858
Morphological type	0.145
Magnitudes (UBVRIGJHKugriz)	10.660

Collection of measurements	N (million)
HRV/redshift	10.103
Proper motions	13.954
Parallax	14.635
Distance	9.262
Spectral type (spectroscopic only)	1.222
Teff logg Fe/H (spectroscopic only)	2.827
Variability	3.130



Massive Xid with Gaia (E)DR3

- Total number of Gaia DR3 sources: 7,809,560
- Massive Xid beginning of February and in May 2022 : 7.15 million
- Criteria for sources not in Gaia DR2 : like the Xid with Gaia DR2

No neighbour within 3'' if $\Delta(G) \leq 2.5$ mag. Dist < 1''

Criteria for sources that already had Gaia DR2 coordinates :

Xid done at epoch 2015.5 → stars with PM > 300 mas/yr done separately

No neighbour within 1'' if $\Delta(G) \leq 2.5$ mag (as some DR2 have been resolved into 2 components in DR3). Dist < 0.15''.

- 86% of the stars in SIMBAD are identified in Gaia DR3
- Still ingesting tables of objects based on Gaia DR2, a third iteration will be required



Objects of interest from Gaia DR3

Variability	Priority	N Period>0	Status/Comments
Cepheids and RV Tauri	1	14,987	Done
Main sequence oscillators	1	54,476	Done
Long Period Variables	1	392,240	Done
RR Lyrae	1	271,779	Done
Eclipsing Binaries	1	2,190,738	To be processed (compact companion done)
Micro-lensing events	1	363	Done
Rotational Modulation	2+	2,935,262	
Non-single stars	Priority	N Period>0	Status/Comments
Spectroscopic Binaries	1	220,527	Being processed (139,200 done)
Eclipsing Binaries	1	86,918	To be processed
Astrometric Binaries	1	135,760	To be processed
Extra-galactic	Priority	N	Status/Comments
Galaxy candidates	1	424,786	Being processed / Limited to galaxies with a size ($\text{RadS}>0$)

Future plans for the content: the distance project

Purpose : add in SIMBAD objects with a reasonably well known distance

1) Stars with $\text{Plx} \geq 10$, the 100 pc sample

Criterion : $e(\text{Plx}) < 0.9$ to minimize spurious measurements

Includes most very high proper motion stars

Done up to $\text{Plx} = 30$ (11,806 sources)

2) Galaxies from SDSS DR16 with a spectroscopic redshift

Basic criteria : $z > 0.001$, no flags

Difficulty : remove false SDSS G that are in fact part of large galaxies

Being studied, working meeting next Thursday



Bibliographical Center



- Evolutions to improve validation process

Volume/Issue to import

664

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Issue: undefined # errata: 3
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New SIMBAD name
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Existing in SIMBAD



Dictionary

Portal Simbad VizieR Aladin XMatch Other Help

Dictionary of Nomenclature of Celestial Objects

(Last update: 21-Nov-2022)

Result of query: info cati RAVES

Details on Acronym: RAVE

RAVE (Radial Velocity Experiment)

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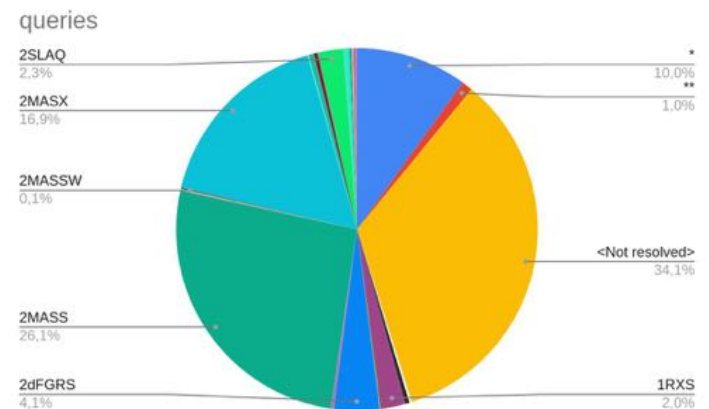
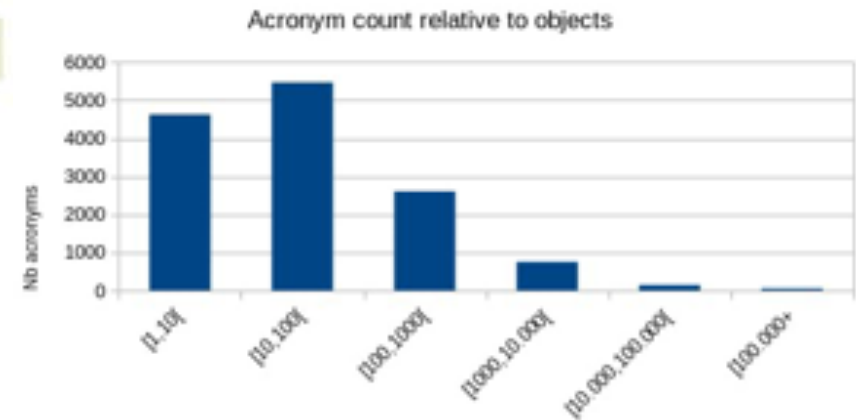
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A large part of acronyms created are for objects <100



Most acronyms used in SIMBAD web pages queries



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Cluster	α (J2000)	δ (J2000)	$\mu_{\text{cos } \delta}$	μ_l	N_{m}	R
	deg	deg	mas yr ⁻¹	mas yr ⁻¹		pc
ASCC13	78.310 ± 0.170	44.584 ± 0.176	0.61 ± 1.44	-2.32 ± 1.35	94	4.58 ± 0.1
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ASCC20	82.171 ± 0.174	1.650 ± 0.360	0.27 ± 0.98	-0.92 ± 0.97	79	2.00 ± 0.1
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GSC4SIM

New catalogs and new input/output interactions



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From position / name

Find corresponding data in Vizier

VizieR

The 12 columns in color are computed by VizieR, and are not part of the original data.

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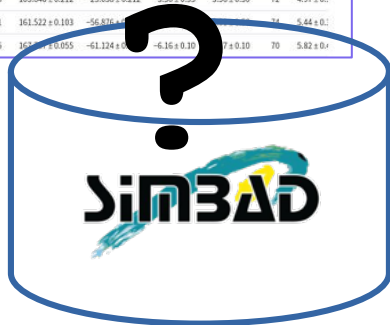
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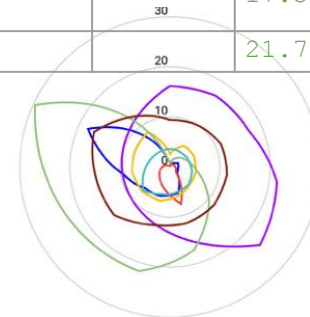
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NEW OBJECTS	100
DISPLAY (to explore more)	190



All distances for possible matches

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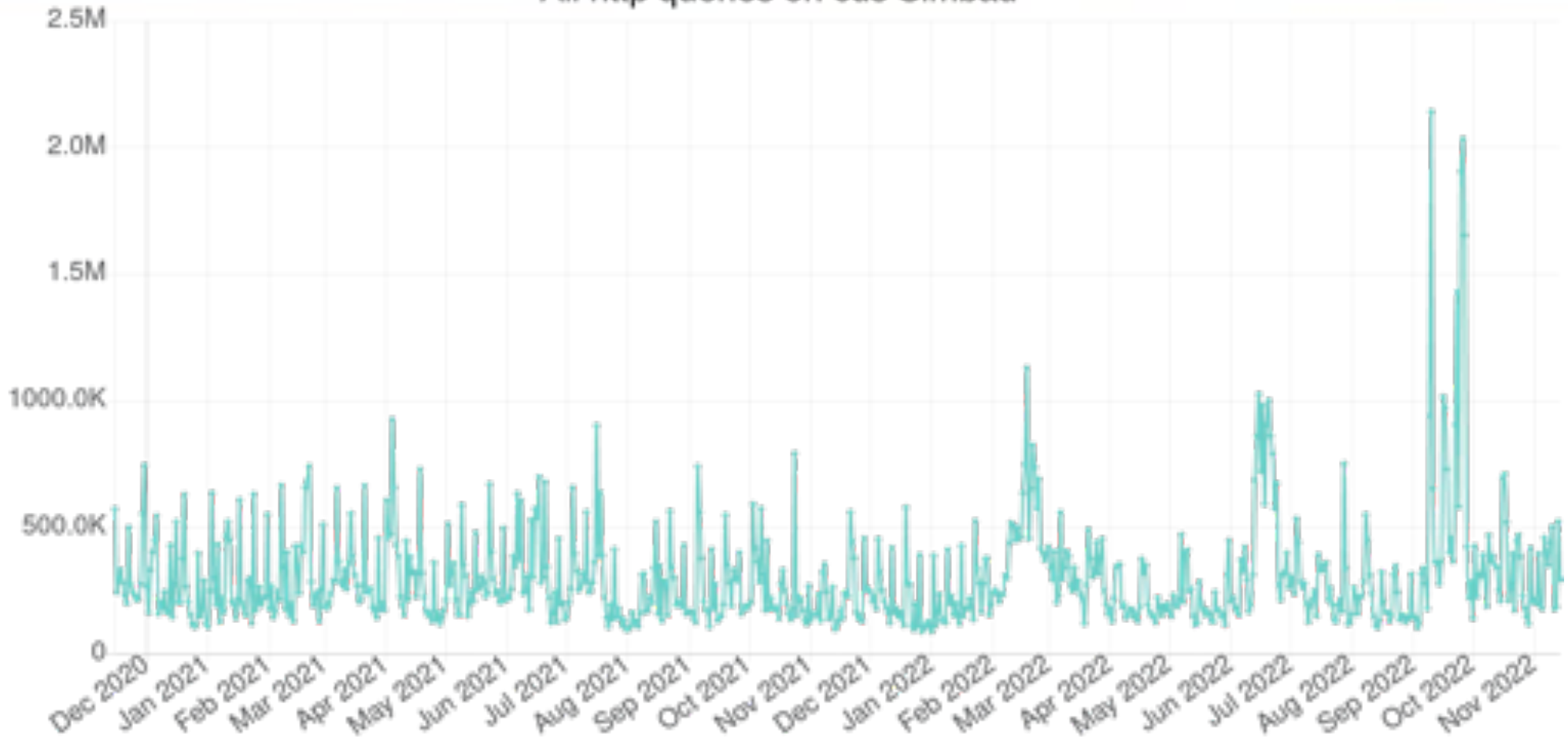


More detailed information: example of distances of possible matches (to explore more) from different types of objects in Simbad with the new table to ingest

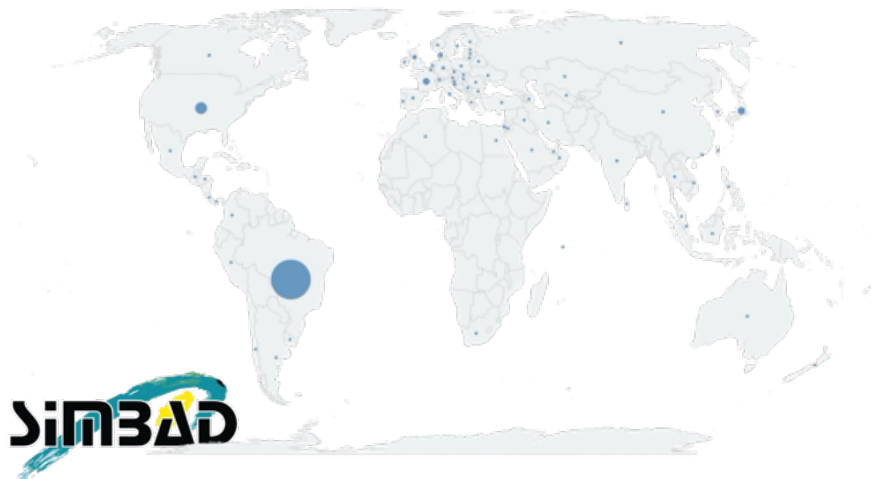
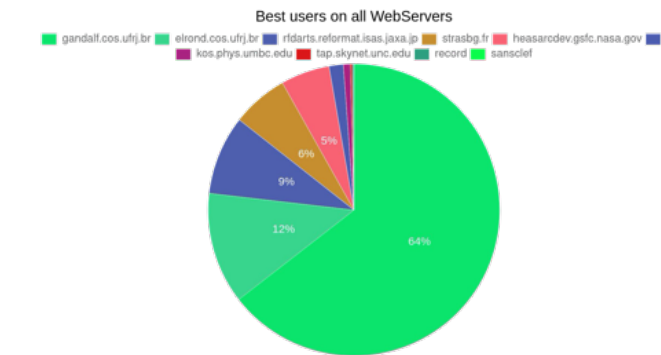


Usage

All http queries on cds Simbad

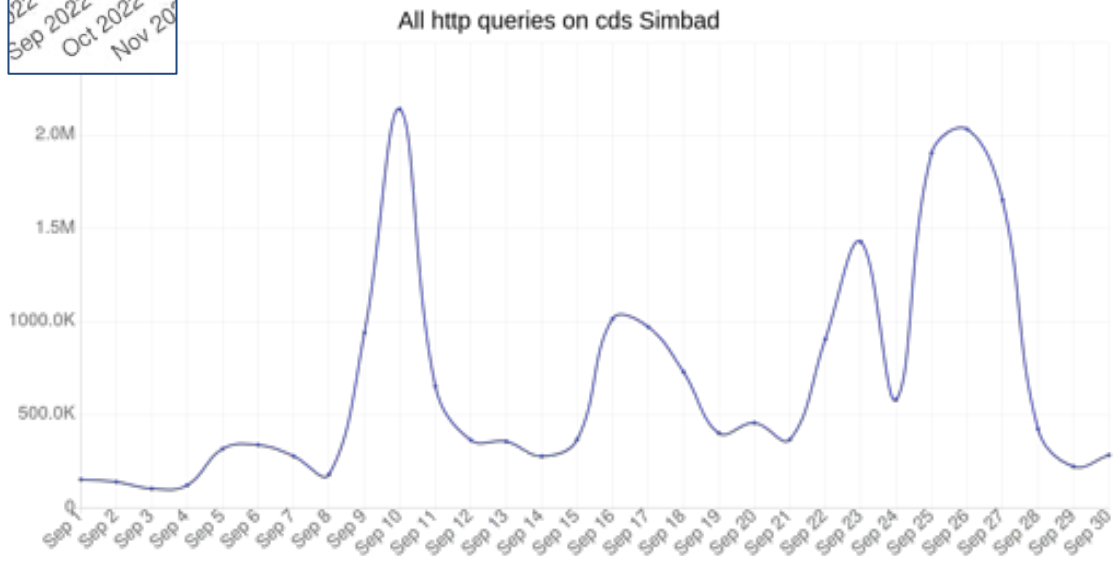


Usage (Sept. 2022)



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%RV (B)
%FLUXLIST (G) [%* (B) ]"
UCAC4 701-071307

format object "%OTYPE (V) "
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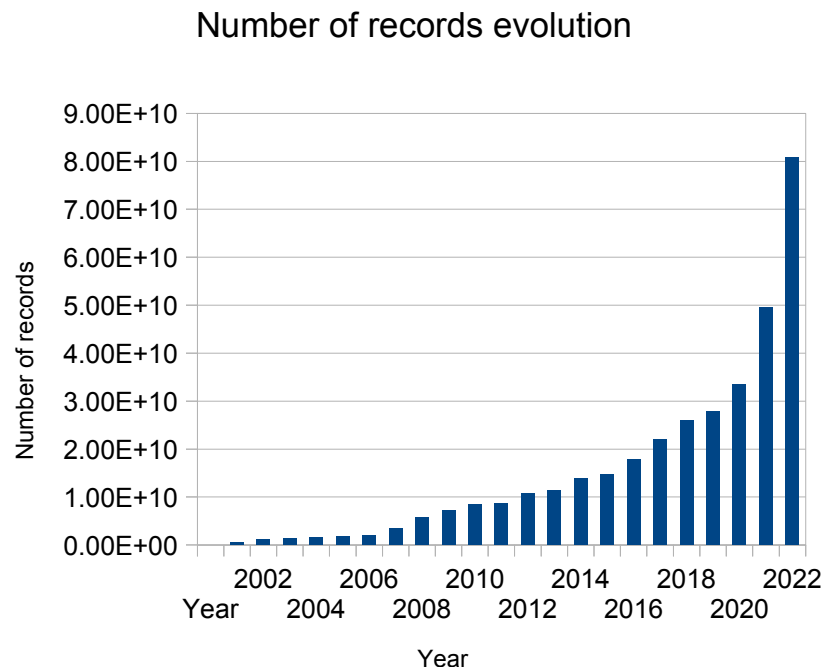
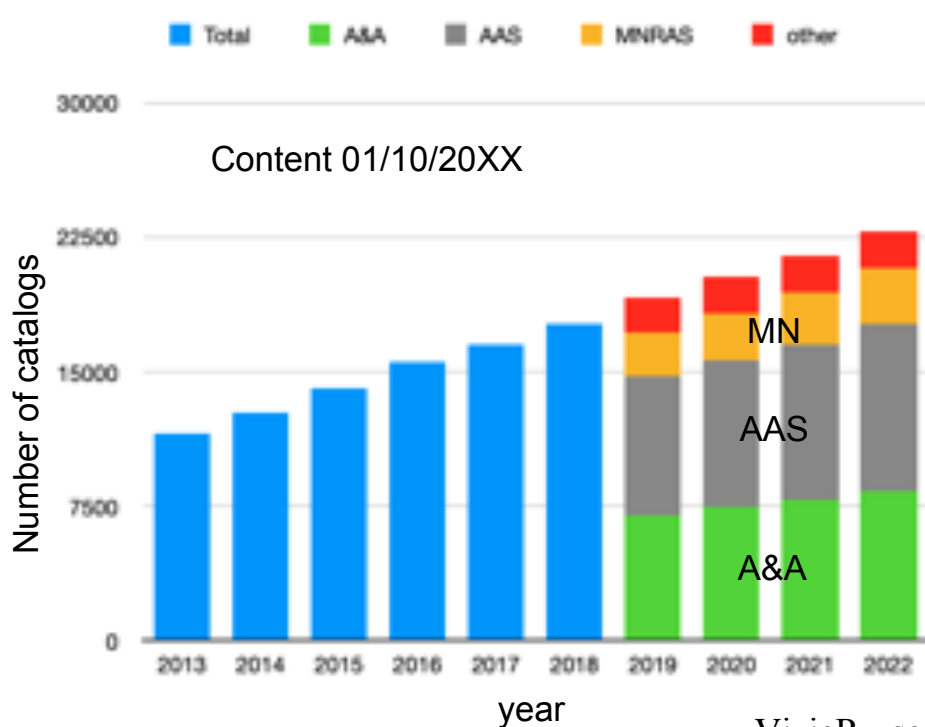


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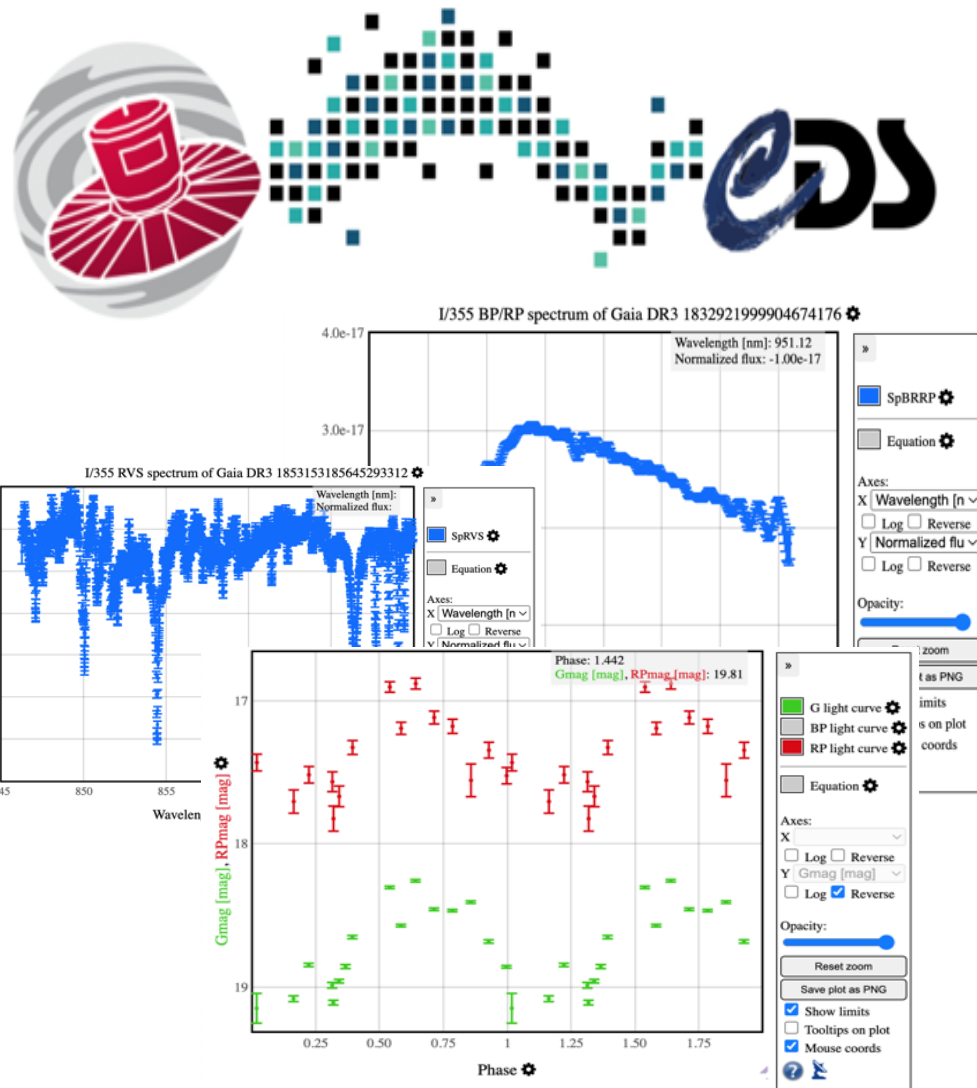
Ingestion statistics :

- A steadily increasing volumetry : +1440 in past year
 - Total (05/12/2022): 23 006 catalogues, >52k tables
- Dramatic increase of records : 80 billions records (+62%), 85.5TB (+60%)



Special operation for Gaia DR3

- 6 catalogs :
 - Main source
 - Extra-galactic
 - Non-single stars
 - Variability
 - Solar system
 - Perf. Verification
- ~70 tables
- including 11 large tables
- Max > 11 billion records
- Tight schedule !





Very large catalogs ingested in past year:

- SDSS DR16
- Dark Energy Survey DR2
- DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys DR8
- Guide Source Catalogue 2.4.2
- StarHORSE 2021 (long)
- TESS Input catalogue v8.2
- GDR2AP

“Thick” catalogs: > 150 columns

- SDSS-RM (Reverb. Mapping) (up to 472 columns)

In progress/contact made:

- NOAO Source Catalog
- Pan-STARRS DR2
- EROS

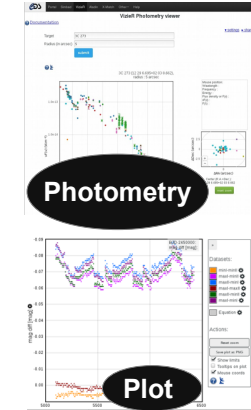
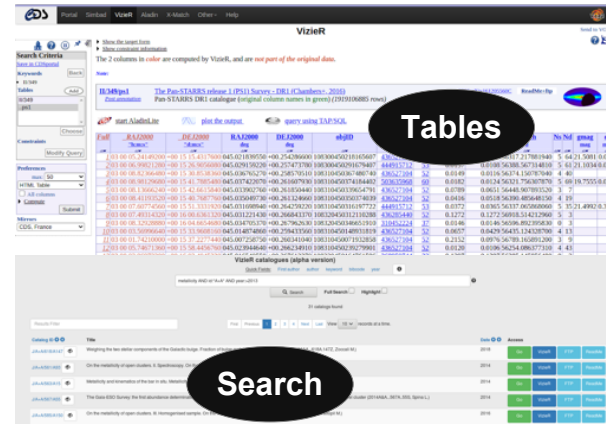
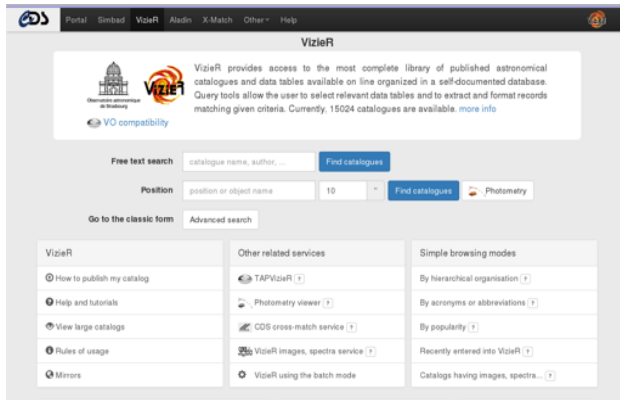
Planned for 2022:

- DES: DESI DR8, DECALS DR9/10
- KIDS DR4
- ESO phase 3: ATLAS-DR4, VPHAS+ DR3.2, VIKING DR4



Accessing VizieR data

VizieR services and access modes: discovery, table access, visualization, photometry, associated data, astroquery, ...



Search

Tables

TAP

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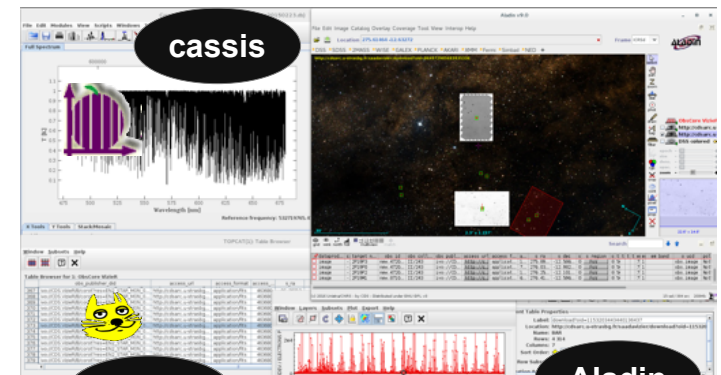
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Plot

Derived products provided in CDS or data available through software, API..



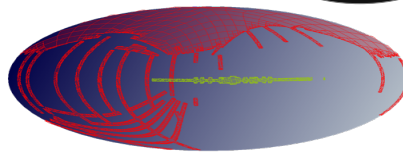
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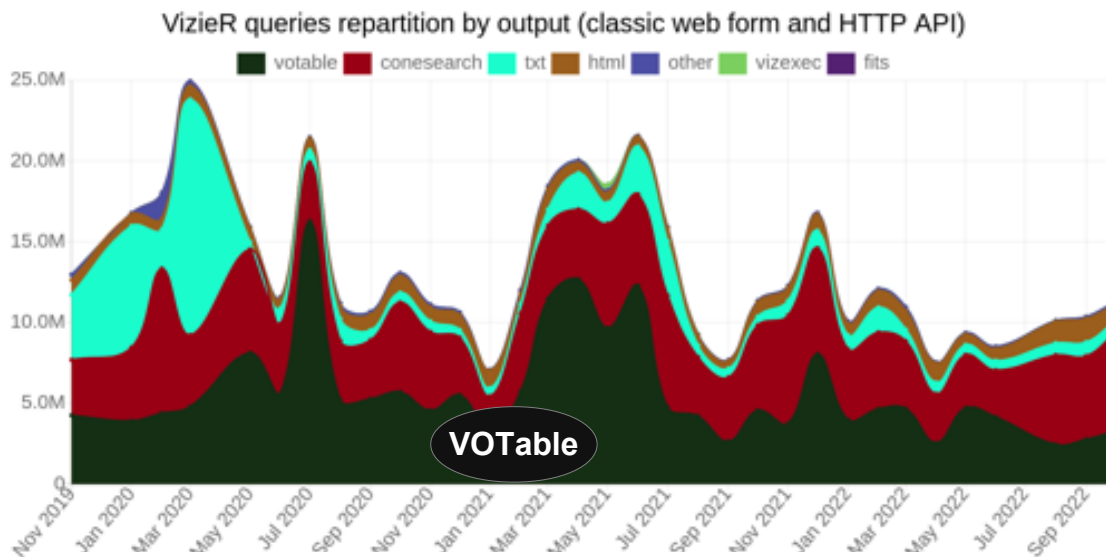
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Aladin

VizieR usage statistics



VizieR statistics (from the CDS statistics collector)



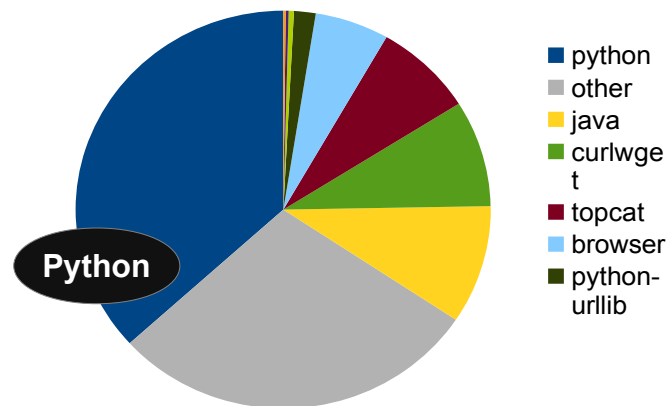
Total : ~430K queries/day

TAP : ~36.1K queries/day

Associated data (spectra/images): ~900 queries/day

Importance of the Virtual Observatory (conesearch+VOTable)~70% of the queries

Queries repartition by user-agent



Importance of Python(37%), TOPcat (8%), curl+wget (9%)

Recent activity



- VizieR **certification** renewal (Core Trust Seal)
(G.Landais + P.Fernique + F.Genova + M.Allen)
- **Database** migration for the entire VizieR computer infrastructure (12 databases)
Postgresql9.6 → Postgresql14 (G.Landais)

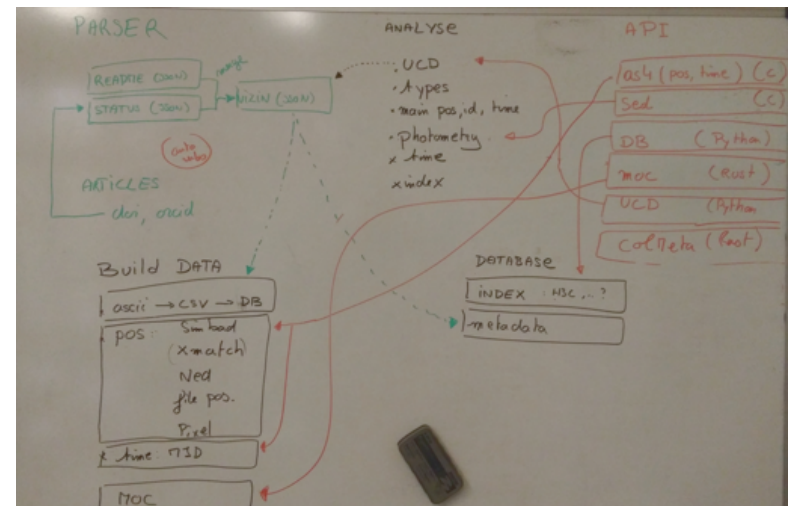
- **Unit** migration to VOUnit for all outputs (G.Landais + S.Derriere)
unity library (N.Gray)
example:

	CDS units	VOunits
	[Msun/yr]	log(solMass/yr)
flux	10-13ph/cm2/s/MeV	1e-10ph.cm**-2.s**-1

- **Global indexation** for positions using **MOC** (FX. Pineau + A.Vanhulle + G.Landais)
VizieR moc server: <https://cdsarc.cds.unistra.fr/viz-bin/moc>

Improve the VizieR granularity :
Qbox (order 8: ~12 arcmin)
→ MOC (order 10: ~3arcmin)

- **VizieR ingestion code renewal** :
a long work just beginning to put the VizieR
source code in the long term -
(G.Landais + Alicia Vanhulle + FX.Pinneau)



VizieR renewal

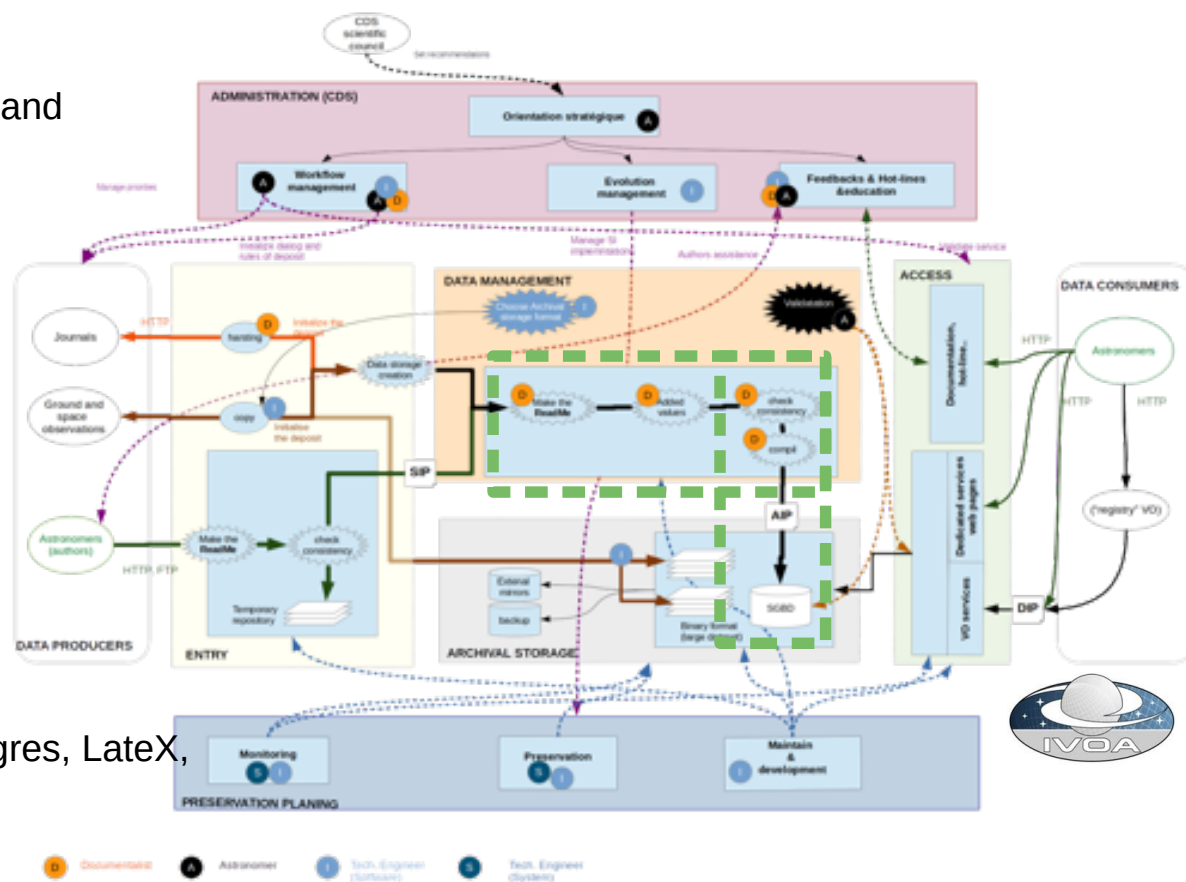


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The Aladin project

in 2021 - 2022



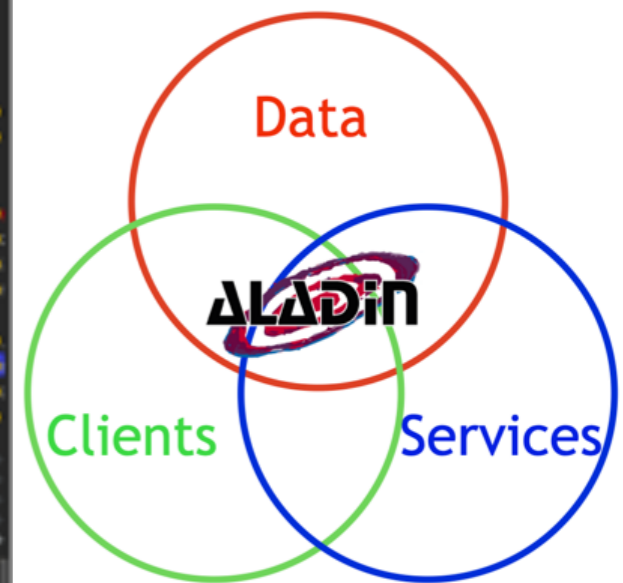
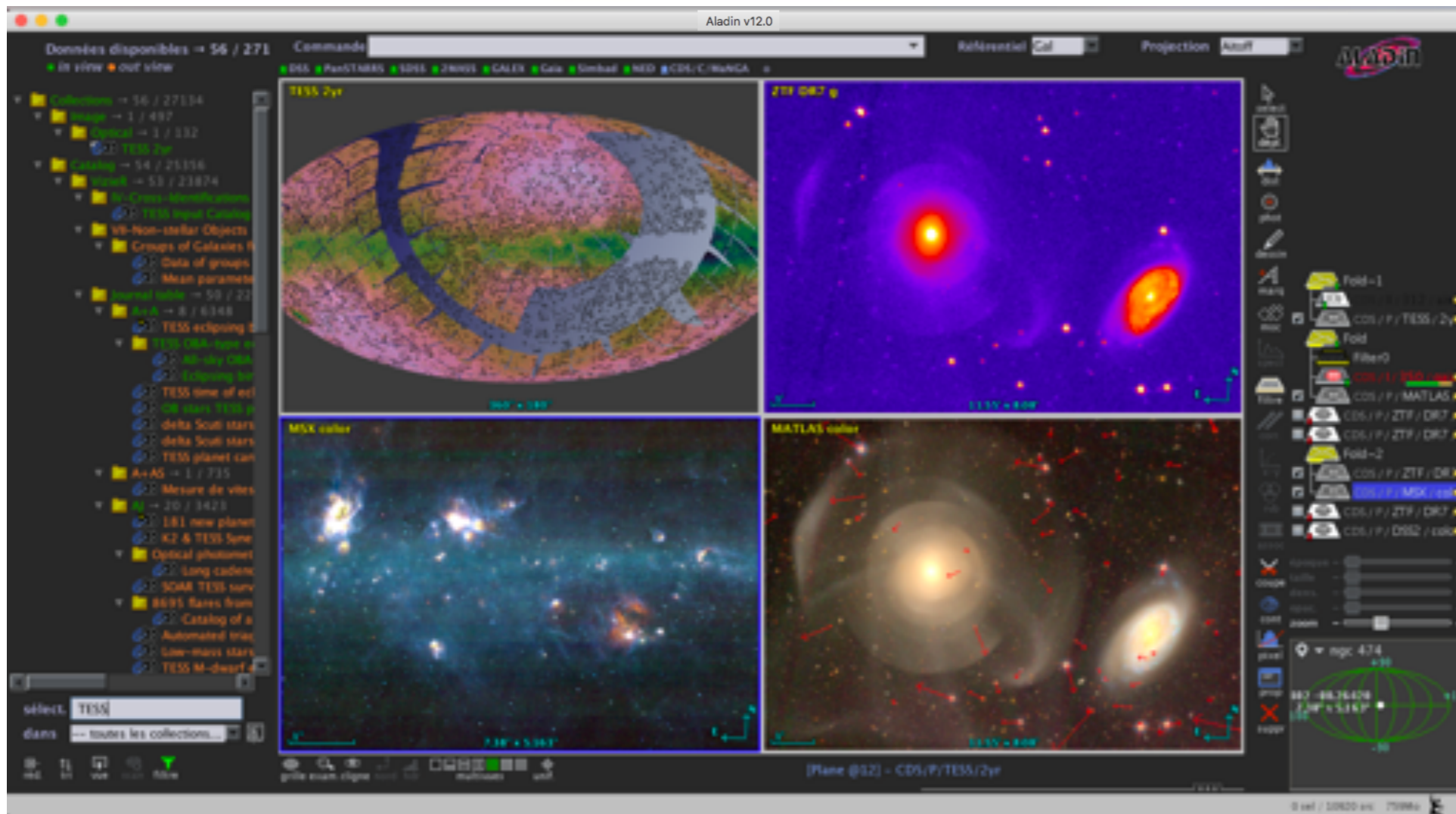
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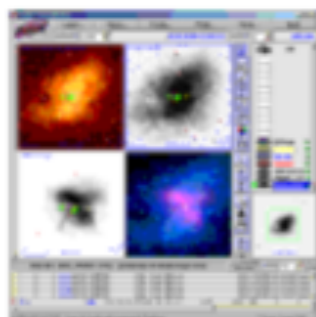


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Aladin project



HiPS2FITS
HiPSgen, ...



Download
Aladin Desktop
on your machine



Preview with
Aladin Lite
in your browser

□ CDS 50 - Aladin 30



ALADIN: AN INTERACTIVE DEEP SKY MAPPING FACILITY

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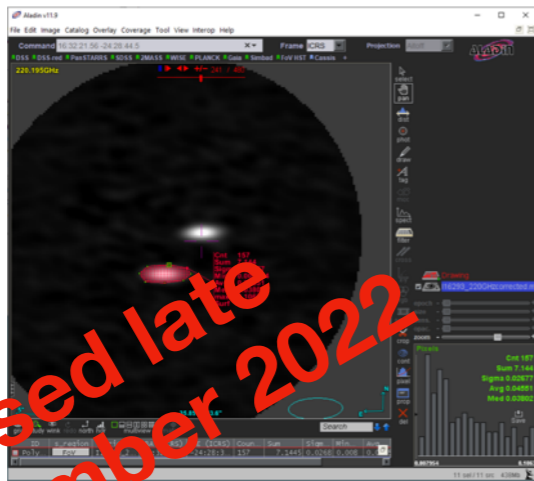
CDS began the Aladin project in 1992. The CDS council agreed with the general idea in September 1992. In December 1992, the Astronomy group of INSU/CNRS decided that a priority was the funding needed to start this CDS project. Funding for Aladin's construction was approved in June 1993, after a project review. Aladin will provide access, in addition to a complete sky atlas, to up-to-date data contained in Simbad and catalogue archives. Distribution of this tool to some selected sites is foreseen for the end of 1995.

For the interactive sky atlas, requirements in storage capacity are of the order of one Tbyte for complete sky coverage (1 TB for a complete sky in one colour with a resolution of 1 arcsec and coding on 16 bits; this can be reduced by using data compression). Hardware and software solutions for one Tbyte data archiving exist and are already in use. These solutions rely on 12" WORM optical disks systems and are now used in several places (ESA/ESRIN, STScI, NASA). The access speed to stored information is compatible with the proposed application (less than one minute to access a given sky region image). New technology to archive several tens of Tbytes

Aladin Desktop v12

What's new in release V12 ?

Released late
September 2022

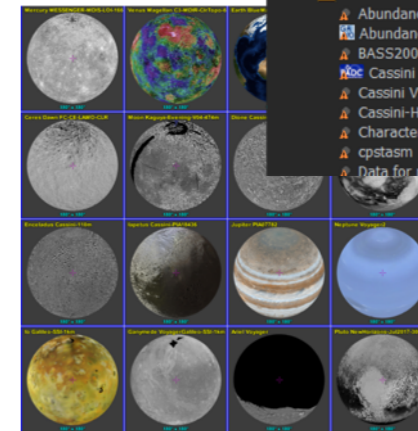
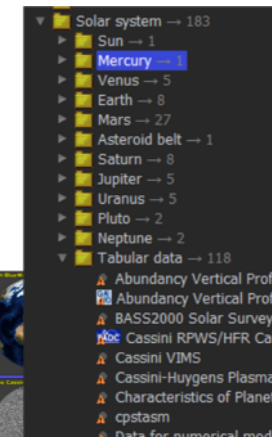


Photometric tools

- HiPS support
- Pixel extraction by regions
- Table of measurements

Planetary data support

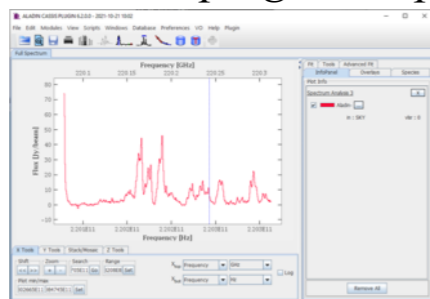
- HiPS, MOC, catalogs..



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Spectrum manipulation

- Spectrum from cubes
- CASSIS plugin compatibility (IRAP)



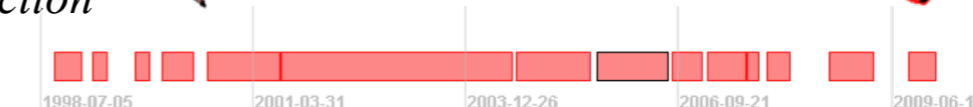
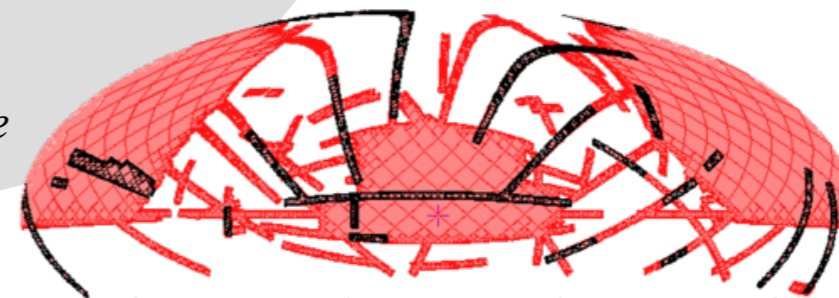
Cone search update facility

- Update the contents of a ConeSearch & TAP catalogue plane

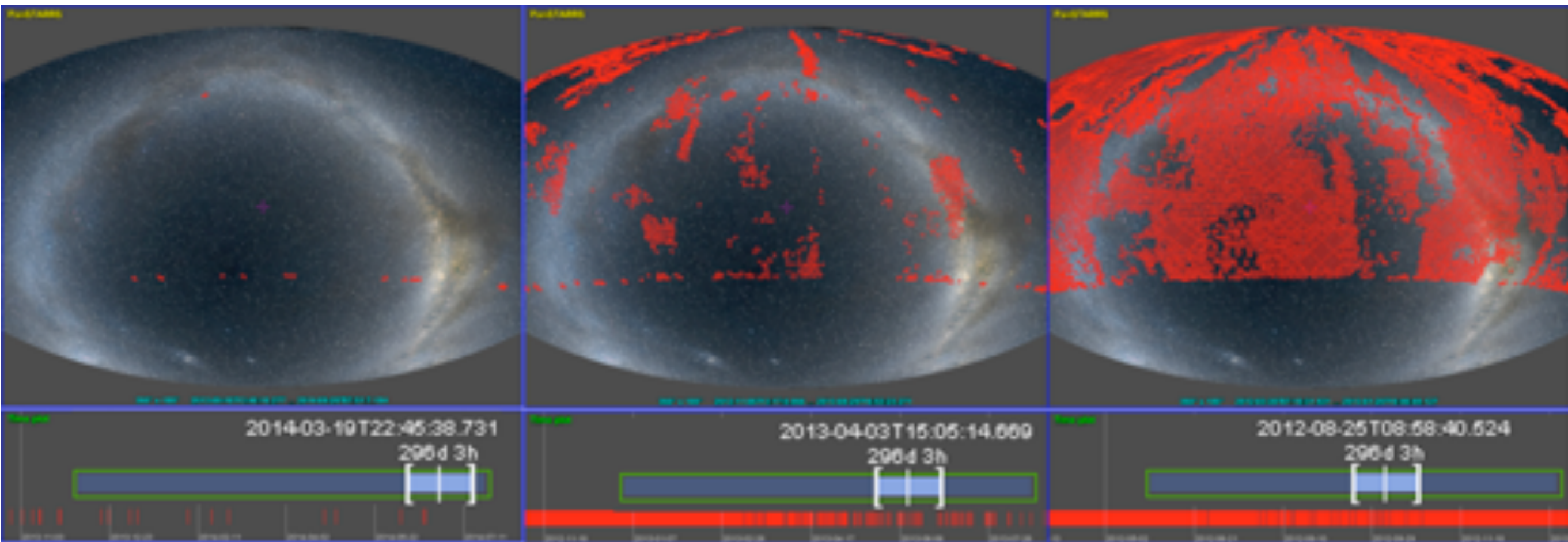


MOC improvements

- IVOA MOC 2.0 full compliance
- Resource Tree controlled both by space and time filters
- STMOC highlight & selection

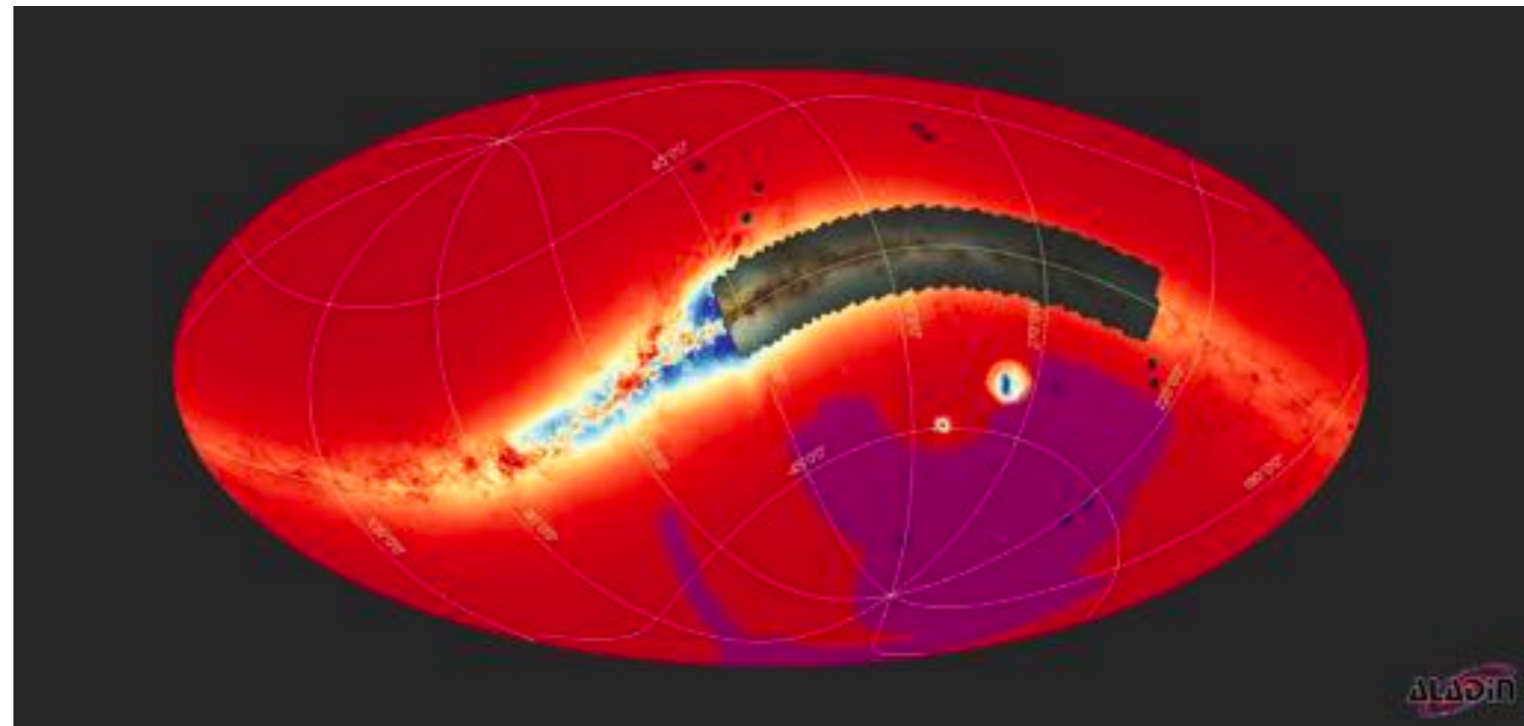
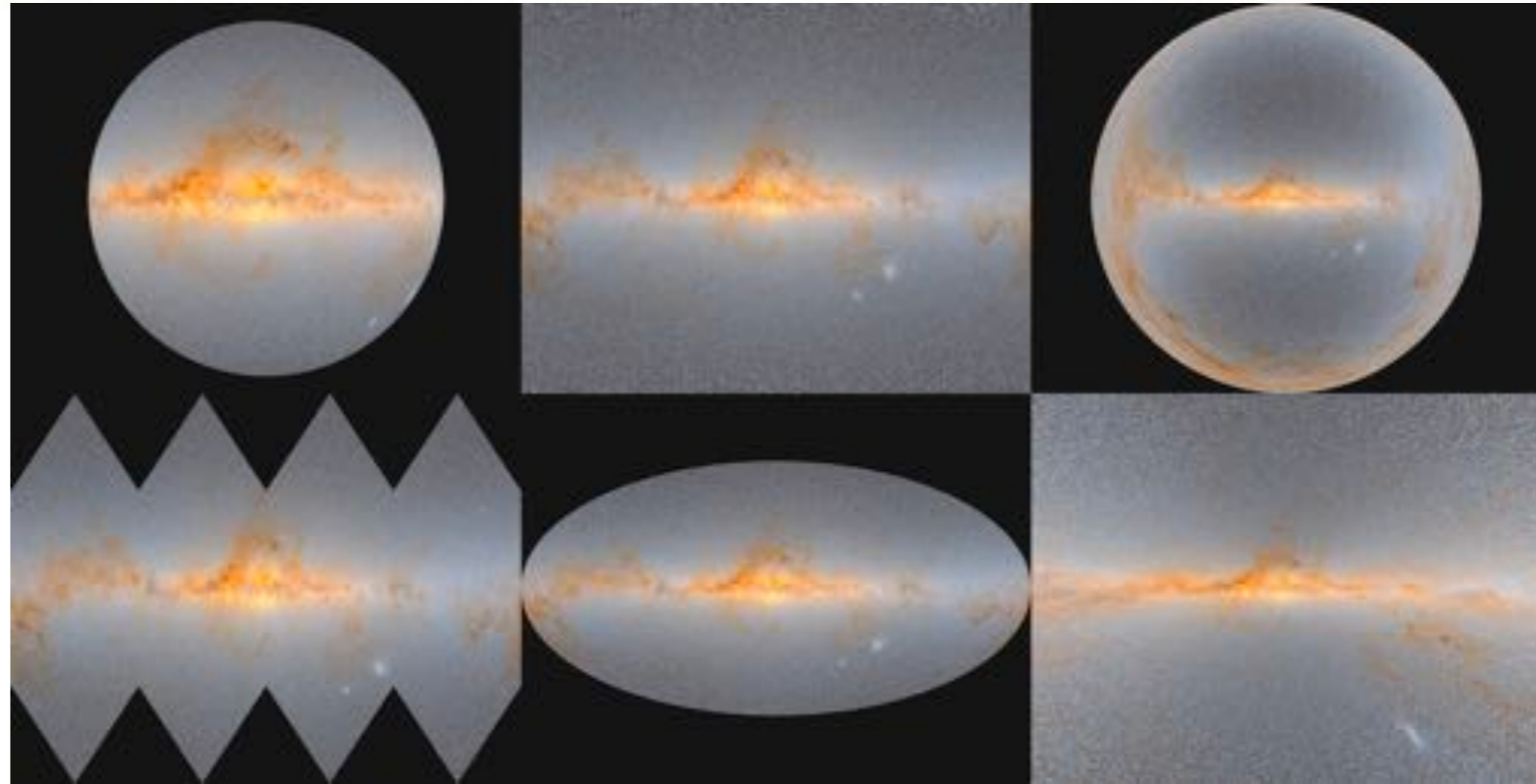


□ Space-Time MOC filtering

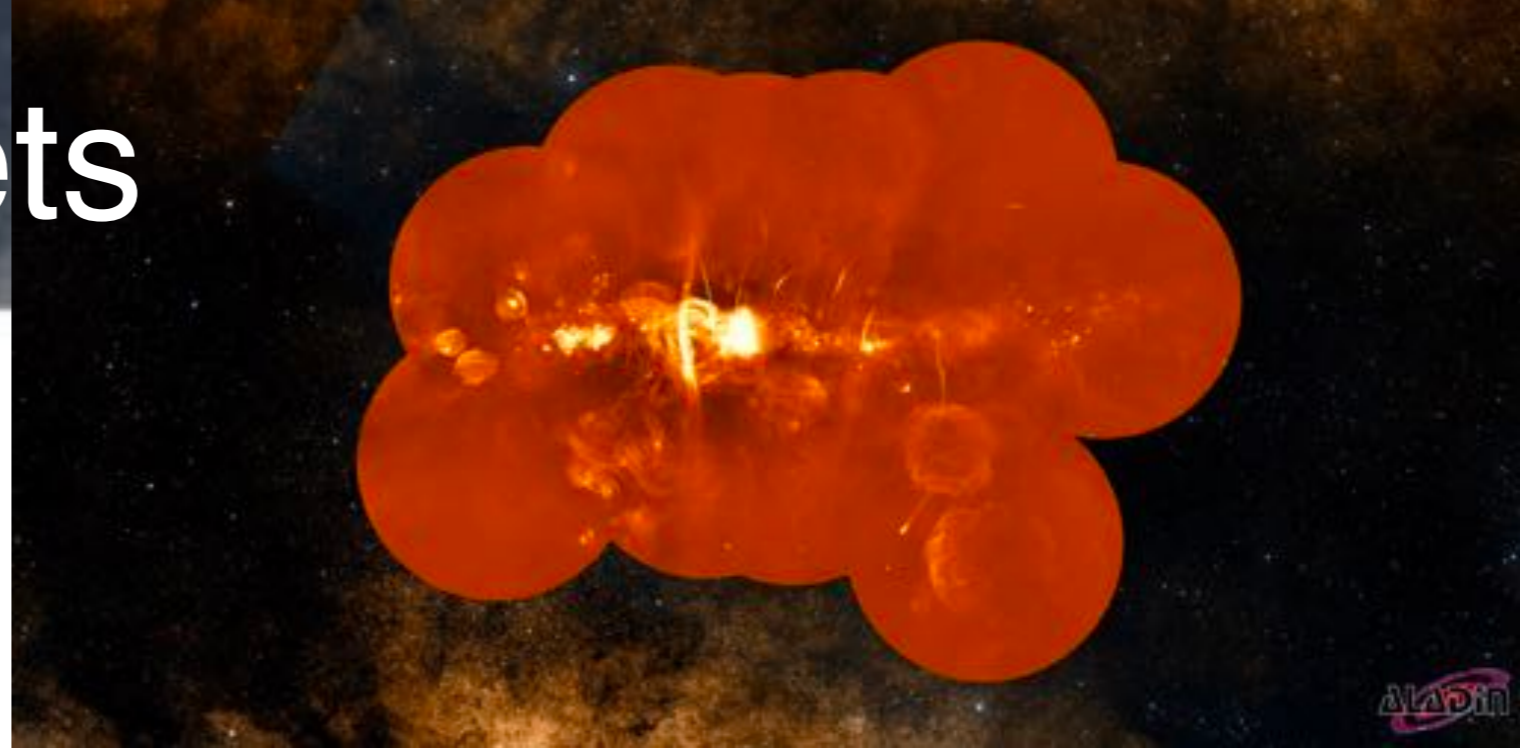


□ Aladin Lite v3 in beta

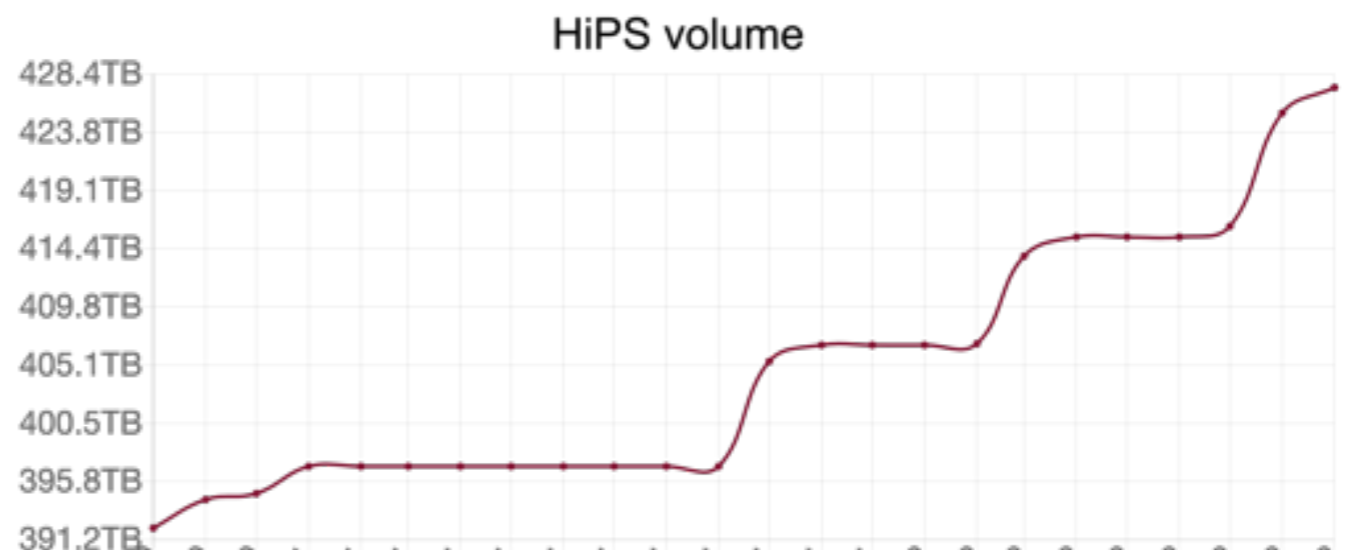
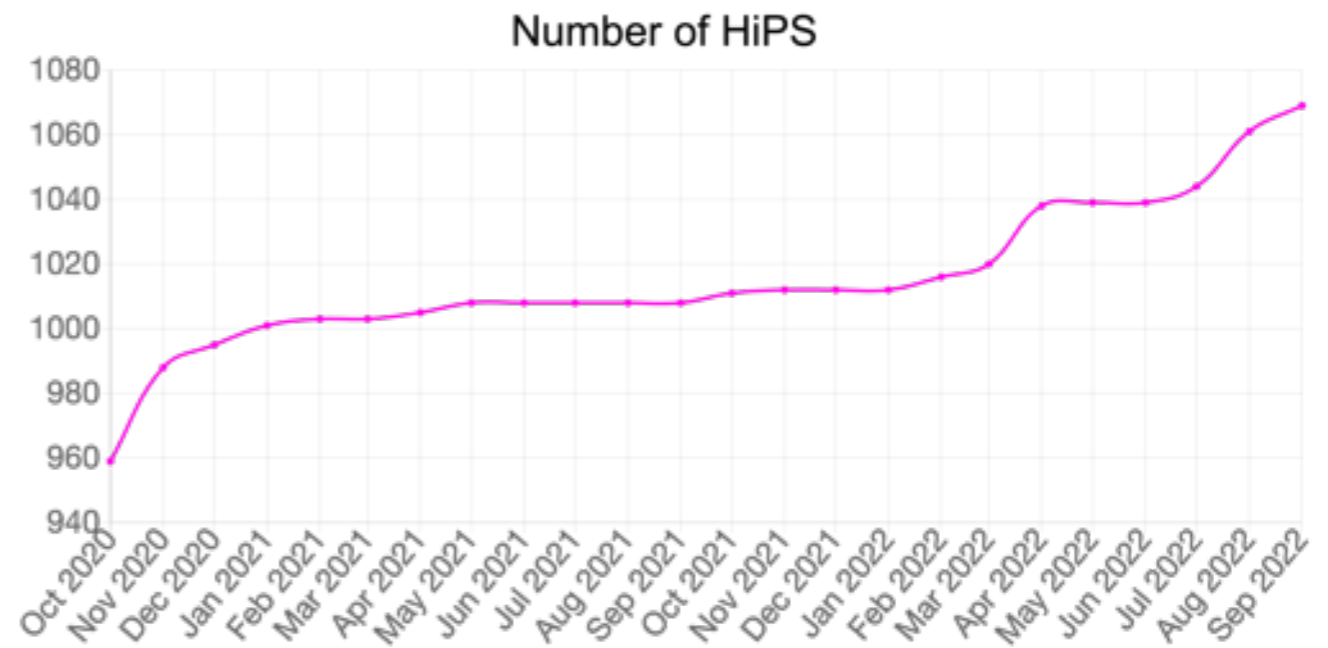
- Beta test release in June 2022
- New features
 - improved GPU rendering (WebGL/Rust)
 - access to FITS tiles
 - new projections
 - coordinates grid
 - access to all image HiPS
 - access to VizieR tables
 - new color maps
- Official release in January 2023



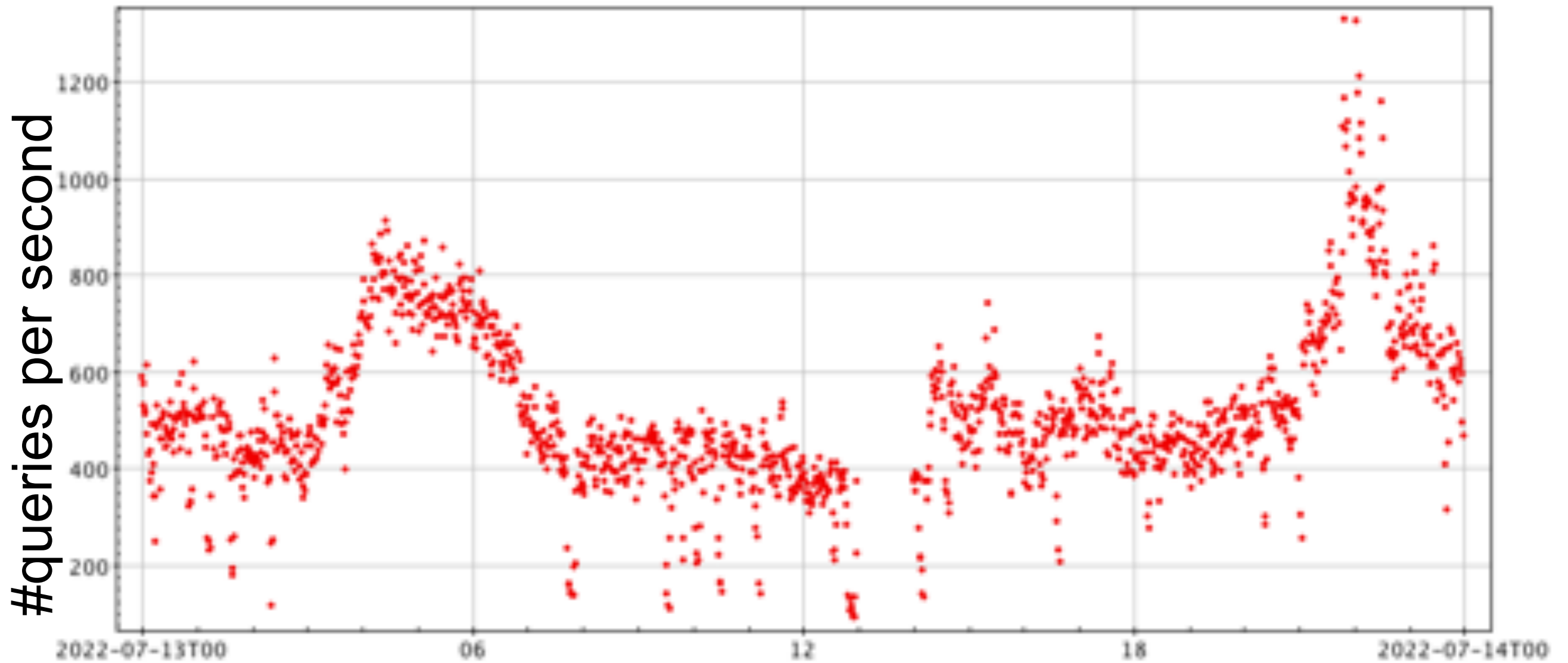
HiPS datasets



- HiPS creation ongoing
 - MeerKAT
 - JWST first images
 - ESO outreach, HST outreach
 - ...
- reprocessing
 - GALEX
 - PanSTARRS
- helping others
 - e.g: LOFAR LoTSS



□ HiPS peak of requests



□ HiPS access statistics

360k users/month

↑ +53%

1.7M queries/day

↑ +73%

Growth driven beyond
professional astronomy

□ Conclusion and future plans

- 30 years of experience
 - still learning to evolve and stay strong
- Aladin Desktop v12, Aladin Lite v3, HiPS growing
 - continuous interaction with the community
 - e.g: 2 talks and 1 poster at ADASS, 1 VO School
- Involvement in large future projects to guide our R&D
 - time-domain developments, perspective LSST
 - dealing with (large) data cubes
 - CASSIS collaboration → Aladin Desktop plugin
 - SKA Orange team → visualisation prototypes
- All this relies on humans as well



<https://aladin.cds.unistra.fr/AladinLite/showcase/v3-2022-animation/>



R&D @ CDS

and various developments



André Schaaff on behalf of the CDS Team

CDS Scientific Council 2022



□ Foreword

- Technological **evolutions** are **fast & various** (interactions, visualization, mobility, components, Big & Open Data, Clouds, etc.).
- The **R&D activity** is well identified since 2 decades, structured and involving **several persons** of the **staff** with the help of (10 to 12 per year) **interns** and **short contracts**.
- By the way, a **continuous training** through the presentation of the results.

□ Internship programme

- After a slowdown in 2021, we had again 12 interns in 2022 who worked with us on a few topics, R&D and various developments
- An intern, Thibault Dumortier, hired as apprentice for one year from September 2022.
- IT Job Market still tight and hiring is not easy.

□ Internship programme, remark

- This presentation is not exhaustive, other developments and experiments were also done without being explicitly explained here even if interns were involved.
- Example: 2 interns, [Baptiste Robert](#) (IUT Charlemagne, Nancy) and [Thibault Dumortier](#) (IUT Schuman, Strasbourg), worked with [François-Xavier Pineau](#), cf. the X-Match service presentation. They worked with the Rust language.
- Gilles Landais worked without the help of an intern on a LaTeX parser (based on ANTLR) in the frame of Vizier to validate configuration files.

Updating representation of instruments' Field of View with recent IVOA standards

- Aladin Desktop is regularly used for preparing and checking observations.
- It allows the overlay of a large set of instrumental Fields of View represented in VOTable XML.
- Such FoV can also be created by drawing with the help of a graphical editor
- Update with recent IVOA standards needed for better interoperability

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Intern: **Clément Nogueira** (IUT Schuman,
Strasbourg)

Selecting instruments footprints in Aladin Desktop

Aladin v11.0

File Edit Image Catalog Overlay Coverage Tool View Interop Help

Available data → 30469
in view out view

Command

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Server selector

Instrument fields of view

Specify a position, select one instrument and press the SUB...

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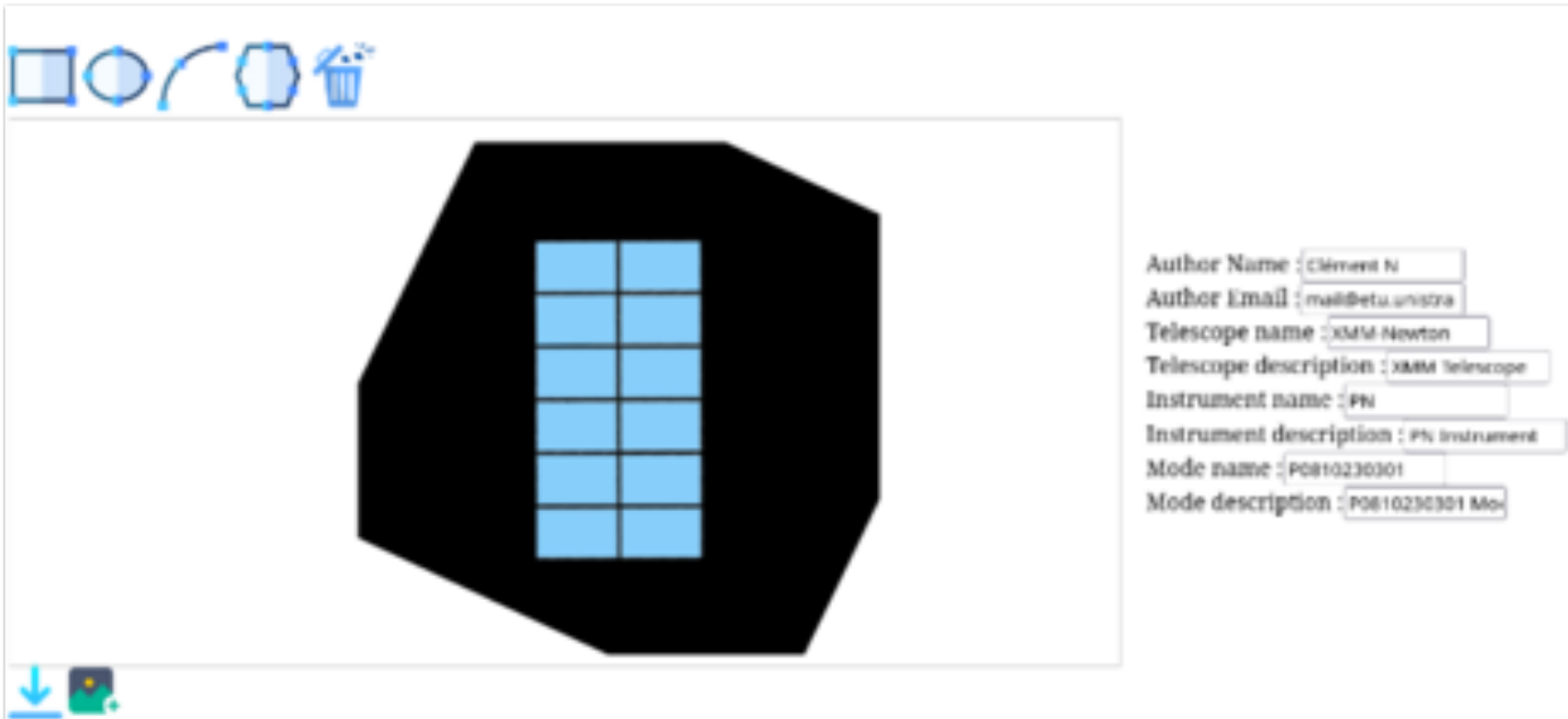
Angle (in degrees) 90

Instrument	Tel. #	Description
CFHT2K	CFHT	Large field camera
ESPADONS	CFHT	Echelle Spectropolarimet
MEGACAM	CFHT	Wide field imaging camera
MEGASPHÉ	CFHT	Wide field imaging camera
NEW_MegaCam	CFHT	Monocular camera with 402
WFCAM	CFHT	Wide field R camera
NEW_CCD10CCD	HST	CCD 10 CCD instruments
NEW_COS LNPSA	HST	COS LNPSA instrument
NEW_FGS	HST	FGS instruments
WFC3/UVIS	HST	WFC3/UVIS instrument

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Drawing and recording instruments footprints



Author Name :

Author Email :

Telescope name :

Telescope description :

Instrument name :

Instrument description :

Mode name :

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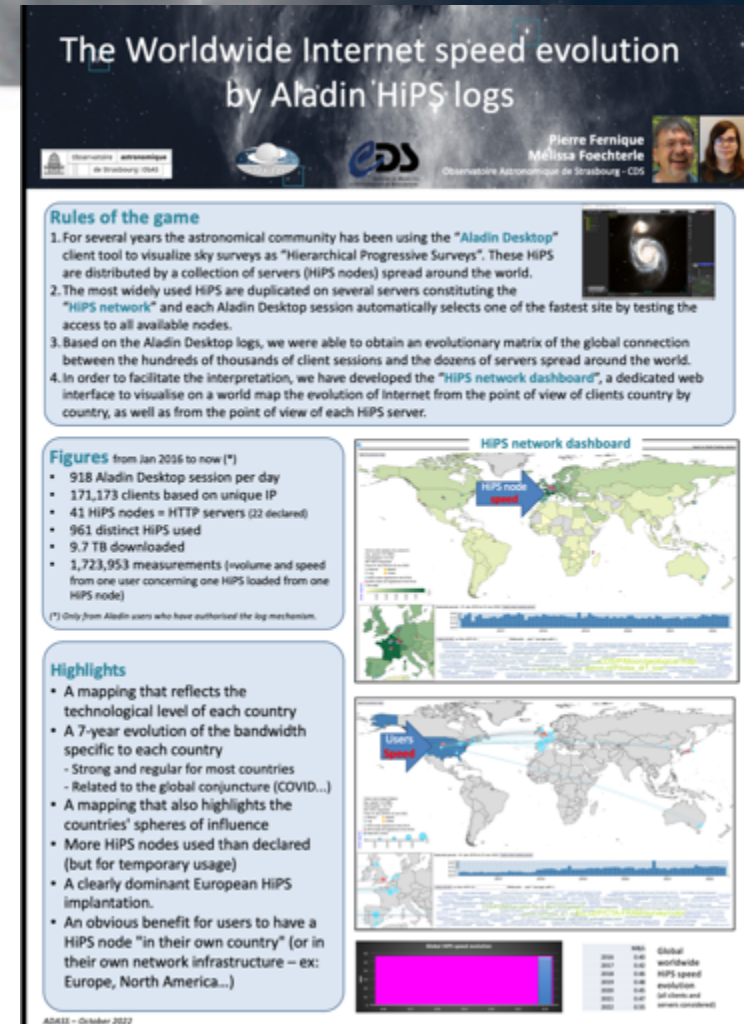
Java script editor : allows to generate instruments FOV by drawing them from scratch or on top of a template image

The Worldwide Internet speed evolution by Aladin HiPS logs

- For several years the astronomical community has been using the **Aladin Desktop** client tool to visualize progressive sky surveys (**HiPS**) which are distributed through a collection of servers (**HiPS nodes**) spread around the world.
- The most used HiPS are **duplicated** on several servers and each Aladin Desktop session automatically selects one **fast** site.
- The Aladin Desktop **logs** were **exploited** to **obtain** an **evolving matrix** of the global **connection** between the hundreds of thousands of client sessions and the dozens of servers around the world.

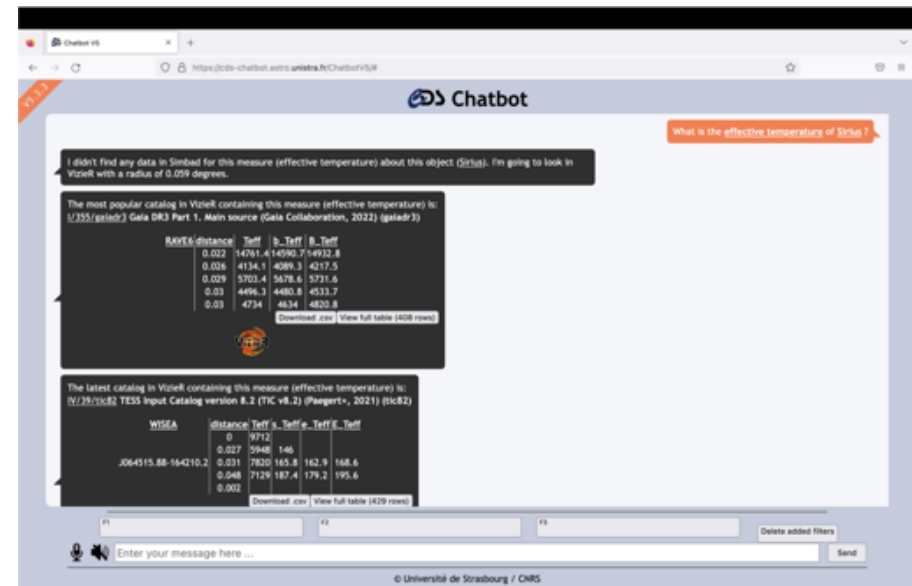
Highlights

- A mapping that reflects the **technological level** of each **country** (A 7-year evolution of their bandwidth), strong and regular for most countries.
- A clearly **dominant European** HiPS implantation.
- An obvious **benefit** for users to have a HiPS node "in their **own country**" (or in their **own network** infrastructure – ex: Europe, North America...)
- Also related to the global conjuncture (COVID, ...)



□ Chatting with the services

- A long-term work started in 2017, based on an Open source platform (RASA).
- Natural Language query translation to understandable queries by the CDS services.
- Several presentations at IVOA, ADASS, Astrominformatics.
- Time is coming to propose it on the new CDS Lab webpage for a larger testbed



The screenshot shows a web browser window with a chatbot interface. The chatbot has responded to a query about the effective temperature of Sirius. It provides two data tables: one for the most popular catalog (Gaia DR3 Part 1) and one for the latest catalog (TESS Input Catalog version 8.2). Both tables include columns for distance, Teff, and other parameters.

RAJ2000/distance	Teff	b_Teff	R_Teff
0.022	14761.4	14590.7	14932.8
0.026	4134.1	4089.3	4217.5
0.029	5702.4	5676.6	5731.6
0.03	4496.2	4480.8	4532.7
0.03	4734	4634	4820.8

WISEA	distance	Teff	s_Teff	Teff_e	Teff
0	9732				
0.027	5948	146			
J064515.88-164210.2	0.031	7820	165.8	162.9	168.6
	0.048	7129	187.4	179.2	195.6
	0.002				

It benefits from authors in Simbad, missions and wavelengths in VizieR, DJIN to recognize identifiers in a text, UCDs, ADQL / TAP, the Sesame name resolver, Aladin Lite, => in-house and VO effort

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Intern: Eléanore Renaud (UTBM)



Chatting with the services (2)

Chatbot interface showing results for 'm31 in optical'. The chat window displays a list of sky surveys and a corresponding image of the M31 galaxy. A red arrow points to the 'show m31 in optical' button.

Chatbot interface showing results for 'm31 in infrared' and 'andromeda'. The chat window displays lists of sky surveys and images of the M31 galaxy and the Andromeda galaxy. Red arrows point to 'show m31 in infrared' and 'show andromeda in optical' buttons.

Chatbot interface showing results for 'm31 in optical' with a zoomed-in view of the galaxy image. A red arrow points to the 'show m31 in optical' button.

Chatbot interface showing results for 'what is the magnitude of NGC 1334?'. The chat window displays a table of data for NGC 1334 and a corresponding image of the galaxy. A red arrow points to the question.

It is dedicated to CDS services but due to its IVOA protocols usage, it will be possible to query outside services in the future

□ Inclusive CDS

- This work was following a SARA 2020 topic “Getting everyone connected: software and hardware interfaces that make a difference for professionals and students with disabilities in on-line work; making **online accessible to everyone** around the World.”



Exemple for view accuracy disability

Subscribe to the Aladin mailing list by sending an e-mail to sympa@unistra.fr with this unique [subscribe astro-aladin](#).

View the Aladin mailing archive through this link.

Aladin

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Acknowledgement



Aladin Sky Atlas was helpful for your research work, the following citation would be: *This research has made use of "Aladin sky atlas" developed at CDS, Strasbourg France*

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The screenshot displays the Aladin Desktop interface with an 'Accessibility Menu' overlaid. The menu includes options for High contrast, Bold, Highlight link, Reading guide, Default, Font size, Letter space, and Lines height. To the right, a text box describes Aladin Desktop as a widely-used Java tool for exploring astronomical data, highlighting its accessibility features and multi-wavelength capabilities.

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□ Various works @ SSC XMM

- Linked to VO, a development of the Web client for TAP service with a smart resource locator
- This tool is able to manage connections with multiple TAP nodes at the same time, it can also easily browse join tables
- Linked to VO too, a TAP service delivering XMM data
 - This service is able to map on the fly searched data on the MANGO VO data model (draft).
 - This capability, unique at the time of writing, has been used as a reference implementation for the mapping syntax standard.
- In the theme of Code to data, a service able to run XMM-Newton analysis tasks on lists of photons detected inside a sky region drawn on the screen.

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□ Future investigations

- A continuous R&D effort to provide an **added value** to the **data access & presentation** mechanisms.
- A **Lab part on** CDS Website in 2023.
- Continuous efforts to make the data and services **accessible** to **Everyone** : Inclusive CDS

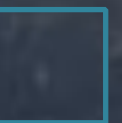
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- A coverage with various spin-offs:
 - improving the services, updating the staff skills
 - new (but not enough by itself !) technologies.
- A team work at the Observatory level: contracts, workstations, presentation of the services and the professions to integrate quickly the newcomers, etc.
- Also a contribution to IT student Education

CDS Plans and challenges

December 7, 2022

Mark Allen - Director CDS



□ CDS Strategy

- **Constantly evolving** — based on scientific needs
- **Main strategy** for core services is well established:
 - Pursue the CDS mission at the highest possible level
 - Science-driven Data Centre for “reference” data
 - Spirit of Open Science, and application of FAIR principles
- **Themes**
 - i) **Reinforcement of core mission** — trusted reference data centre
 - ii) **Enabling science with the CDS services** — supporting community use of CDS services, and development of the CDS science team
 - iii) **Engagement with the astronomy community**
 - iv) **Adaptation and innovation** — responding to science needs and increasing volume
 - v) **Building on success of CDS by maintaining specialised staff profiles & teamwork**

□ Service plans ~5 yr timescale

- **SIMBAD**

- Exploit new hierarchy of object types in query services.
- Cross-ids with successive releases of Gaia.
- Strategies and tools to systematically cross-id large surveys.
- Work toward SEDs based on cross-ids.

- **VizieR**

- Towards a merge of normal and large catalogue pipelines.
- Necessary re-writing of legacy code.

- **X-Match**

- Next generation cross-matching service.
- Continue to work on the role of the X-Match service for event brokers.

- **Aladin**

- Exploitation of WebGL enabled Aladin Lite — next innovations.
- Scientific services based on HiPS.
- Use of Aladin in notebooks - ipyaladin.
- Work on the long-term evolution of Aladin Desktop and Aladin Lite.

□ Plans 2022-2023

Continuation of core work of building CDS content and operating services.

Re-engage with close partners (after ~3 yrs without in-person meetings)

- **SAO/ADS** — use of CDS generated object-reference mapping.
 - indexing of VizieR catalogues.
 - common interests in supporting Open Science.
- **A&A** — processing of A&A papers for SIMBAD and VizieR.
- **ESO** — use of CDS systems in ESO operations.
 - VO evolution and next steps after ESCAPE.
- **ESA** — use of CDS systems in e.g. ESASky and ESA Datalabs
- **CNES** — CDS systems to support use of space mission data.

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- **CDS Service Developments.** *(Mostly from yesterday's presentations)*
 - SIMBAD distance project — add objects to SIMBAD with well known distances: Stars and Galaxies.
 - Dictionary renewal continues.
 - Continued improvements of Documentalist tools.
 - Manage with changes in publisher systems.
 - Respond to documentalist needs - e.g. tracking progress.
 - VizieR renewal - see next slides.
 - Aladin Lite v3 - support use by astronomers and projects.
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- **R&D for CDS services in new platforms and 'Virtual Research Environments'** - discuss with ESA, SKA, etc. , EC projects?



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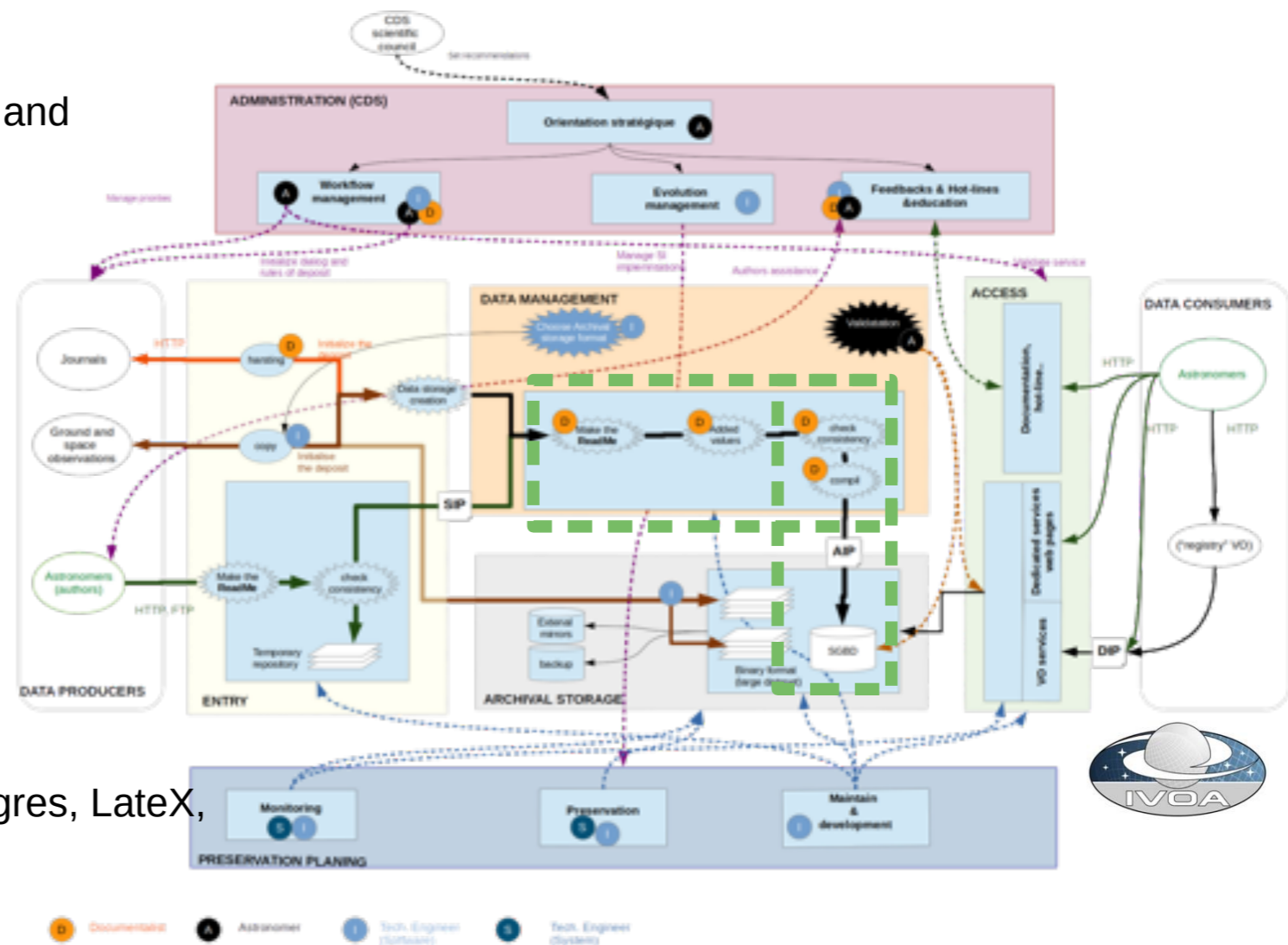


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□ Important data sets in 2023

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What is the “reference data” from future large missions/surveys that should be made available at CDS ?

2023:

- DES: DESI DR8, DECALS DR9
- NOAO Source Catalogue
- KIDS DR4
- ESO catalogues
- +++

Telescope/Instrument	Number of records	ETA	manageable at CDS? (tech-wise)	Band/depth
Gaia all epochs	$10^9 \times 10^6 \text{ epochs} \sim 1e11$	2022-2024	no	optical wide
Gaia flat	1.7×10^9	available in Vizier	yes	optical/NIR wide
Pan-STARRS DR1-2 all epochs	$2.10^9 \times 10^6 \text{ epochs} \sim 2 \times 10^9$	done	yes?	optical wide
Pan-STARRS DR1-2 flat	2.10^9	DR1 in Vizier	yes	optical/NIR wide
ESO Phase III cats	$1-2 \times 10^9$	ongoing	yes	optical wide
LSST/Rubin all epochs	$4 \times 10^9 \text{ (-250 epochs)} = 10^{13}$	2025-2030	no	optical wide
LSST flat	40×10^9	2025-2030	yes	optical/NIR wide
EUCLID	$\sim 10^{10}$ galaxies	2028 and beyond	yes	optical/NIR wide
JWST	deep extragal surveys, narrow FoV, high res	2022 and beyond	yes	NIR deep
Nancy Grace RST	a few 10^9 stars, 4×10^8 galaxies	launch 2027	yes	orange / NIR deep/medium wide
ELT	~narrow FoV, very high res ($0.005''$)	2027	yes	optical/NIR deep
Giant Magellan Telescope	deep extragal surveys, narrow FoV, very high res ($0.01''$)	2029	yes	optical/NIR deep
TMT	deep extragal surveys, narrow FoV, very high res ($0.015''$)	2027	yes	NUV/optical/mid-IR
21cm / SKA	up to 10^9 gals	2030-ish?	yes	radio wide deep
GW: LIGO/PALISA	?	operating and upcoming	yes	grav. wave
CTAO	?	2024	yes	gamma
KMSNET	?		yes	neutrino
ATHENA	?		yes	X-ray
SVOM	several $10^5 - 10^6$		yes	gamma

Future-watch - missions/surveys

□ Plans 2022-2023

CDS infrastructure

- Get through the winter period — with possible electricity cuts.
- Push ahead to have operational duplication of CDS services.
 - Involves installation of new firewalls and a hypervisor.
- Finalise plans for moving servers into IPHC.
- Continue to move servers as planned into University Data Centre.
 - Depends on readiness of the Data Centre.
- Plan for major upgrades: All-Sky-Data ~ 5PB in ~2025.

□ Local machine rooms evolution

- **Retirement** of CDS installations in the **local server room on the ObAS** site
 - Strong encouragement from the University to retire this room (corresponding to University and national level policies of rationalization/reduction of small server rooms)
 - Loss of the leader of the ObAS logistics team
 - Technical limitations of the server room
- **Our solution: Partnership with the IPHC** (UMR7178) on the CNRS Cronenbourg campus.
=> Technical and functional conditions appear a priori to be adapted to our desired level of operations
- **University Data Centre will become the main local site** for our installations.



We aim to begin relocation of servers in the first half of 2023

Evolution detail of IS components

- Renew / updated
- (to be) removed
- Ongoing
- Steady



□ Recherche Data Gouv - inaugurated July 2022

New French initiative in the National Plan for Open Science

— *CDS is named as one of the Thematic Reference Centres*

- Define the international data description standards in their thematic field;
- Define and disseminate best practices for data collection, documentation, processing and dissemination in their thematic field;
- Support inclusion in and compliance with the international ecosystem.
- Repositories are to be 'harvested' by *Recherche Data Gouv*;



□ Projects

- **ESCAPE** - final phase now, conclusion in Jan 2023.
 - ESCAPE follow-on projects:
 - Proposals for EC calls - consortia forming now.
 - Expect to make use of **Cascading Grants** of a big cluster project.
- **Europlanet 2024** Research Infrastructure (EPN-2024-RI)
 - Small but important CDS participation (~20PM).
- **XMM2ATHENA** (*started 2021*)
 - A. Nebot is the ObAS coordinator. Postdoc to be recruited
 - ~5PM participation of CDS related to X-Matching
- **EOSC Future** - large (~40 M€) project of science and e-Infrastructures
 - Started April 2021, ends August 2023.
 - CDS is small part for Test Science Cases and training activities. New project engineer (M. Marchand) making fast progress!

□ Events for 2023

CDS 50th anniversary ... continuing into 2023 :-)

- **American Astronomical Society (AAS) meeting**

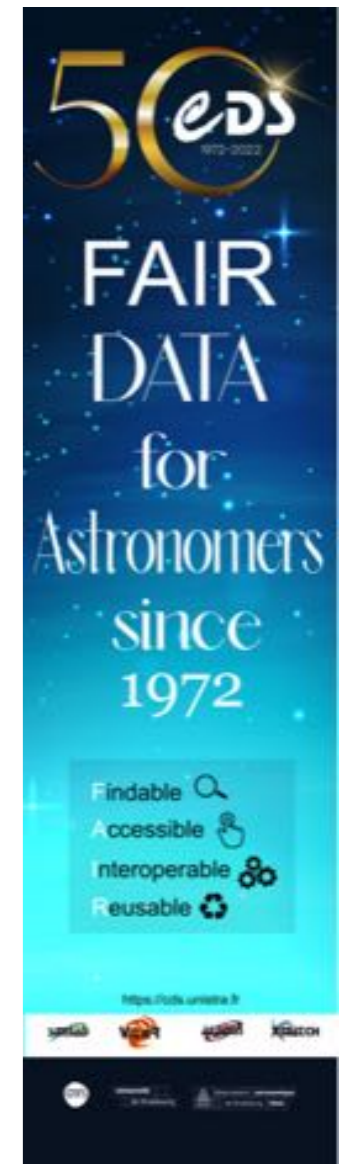
- 8-12 January, Seattle.
- CDS-50 theme for exhibit booth (4 CDS staff).
- CDS interaction with US community.
- Aladin demonstrations - Aladin Lite v3, Aladin Desk. V12, HiPS network.
- Gaia@CDS services (in particular with Berkeley prize)
- Re-connections: AAS publishing, SAO/ADS, NED, NASA, Rubin/LSST.

- **SF2A 2022** - Hosted by Observatoire astronomique de Strasbourg.

- 20-23 June 2023.
- Proposal in preparation for an Open Science session.

- **European Astronomical Society annual meeting**

- Krakow, Poland, 10-14 July 2023.
- CDS Booth in exhibit hall
- Proposed Special session (decisions before end 2022)
 - Science with the Virtual Observatory: status, success cases, and the future
- EOSC training at the booth (?)



□ Events for 2023.

- **IVOA**

- Interoperability meeting, Bologna, Italy, 8-12 May 2023
- Large participation important - after 6 virtual meetings...
- Planning for the future of VO activities:
 - (SKAO now a IVOA member, Rubin/LSST engaged - 'VO first approach').
 - European approach - defining what next after ESCAPE.

- **ADASS 2023** - Tucson, USA, 5-9 November 2023

- Plus IVOA interoperability meeting afterwards.
- CDS participation (with economic/environmental considerations).

- **Others:**

- ASOV, RDA, EOSC, Science visits, Science conferences, Data Infrastructure conferences...
- *Looking ahead - a Focus Session has been proposed by IVOA for the IAU GA, Cape Town, August 2024. Envisage having associated hands-on workshop.*

Pursue the staffing replacements

- discussion with INSU in January 2023.

- **Documentalist**

- Increasing number of references, and complexity drives need.
- Necessary **replacement** of Documentalist who departed in 2021.
- FSEP 'mobility' position open now with result known in Jan 2023.

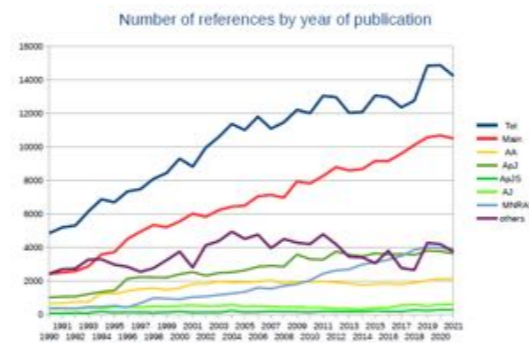
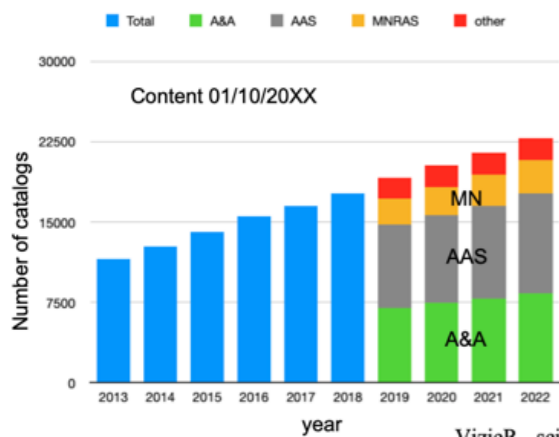


Figure 4. References in SIMBAD 1990-2021

- **Administrative Assistant**

- CDS needs admin staff with expertise on contracts.
- CDS cannot operate without it!
- **Replacement** of Admin Assistant who left in 2020.
- Temporary contractor left Oct 2021.

- **Aladin / visualisation engineer**

- Unique opportunity to respond to new SKA mission.
- Build on revolution of HiPS/MOC/Aladin.
- Critical **replacement** of F. Bonnarel (2024).
- SKA SRC work would depend on it.

- **VizieR engineer**

- Renewal of VizieR ingestion process underway with contract engineer
- 2 engineers per major CDS service are necessary for operations & development

Note: Expected **retirement** of another engineer in ~2025-2026. (Also **retirement** of another ObAS engineer (~2027) who developed SAADA which is used by CDS)

□ Science staff

CDS Scientists

- Necessary expertise of active scientists covering wide range of astrophysics research areas.
- Necessary diversity of scientific profiles.
- ***Recruitment being sought via CNRS and CNAP competitions***
- *(4 candidates being supported for 2023)*

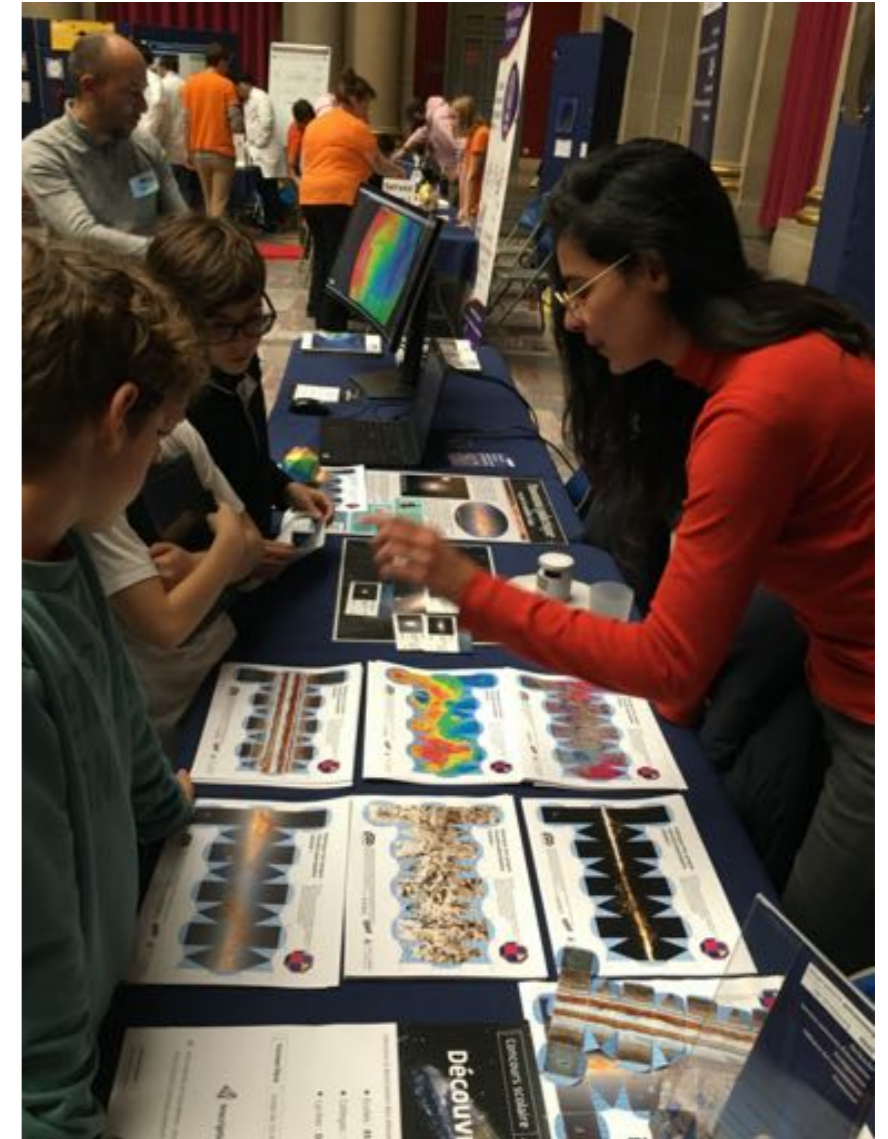
Contribute to all scientific aspects of the CDS mission:

- Selection and validation of scientific data.
- Providing expert scientific advice and setting the scientific strategy.
- Supervision of the scientific development and evolution of the CDS services.
- Support the users (hot-line, dissemination, documentation...).

Priority areas related to CDS service tasks:

- *Scientific support of SIMBAD*
- *Catalogue, spectral, data cube and multi-dimensional data expertise*
- *Expertise for current and future very large data sets*
- *Data Science and Astro-statistical and expertise (machine/deep learning)*

□ CDS services in context of education and public — e.g. new planetarium in 2023



□ Summary

- **An exciting new year coming up after the challenges of 2022:**
 - CDS operations in a more certain environment (let's hope).
 - Re-connecting with partners in-person.
 - New proposals: EC, FNSO. Also CNES APR.
 - Pursue engagements with projects - in particular SKA.
 - CDS to establish functional activities connected with Recherche Data Gouv.
 - Defining the next phases for VO interoperability (and connections to EOSC and other Open Science infrastructure).
- **Challenges:**
 - Staffing replacements.
 - Strengthen the CDS scientific team — and how we describe it.
 - Positioning of CDS services in context of large projects and science platforms.
 - All-Sky-Data renewal — find a funding mechanism.
 - Ensure smooth transitions for changes of infrastructure - server rooms.

Open Science in Astronomy - workshop in SF2A

The themes of the workshop will be :

- The use of Open Science tools and services for astronomy research
- Current and future reference data sets in astronomy
- Plans and challenges for data services in astronomy
- Innovations to support scientific discovery with big a rich astronomy data sets
- The FAIR principles in astronomy and beyond.
 - FAIR - Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable