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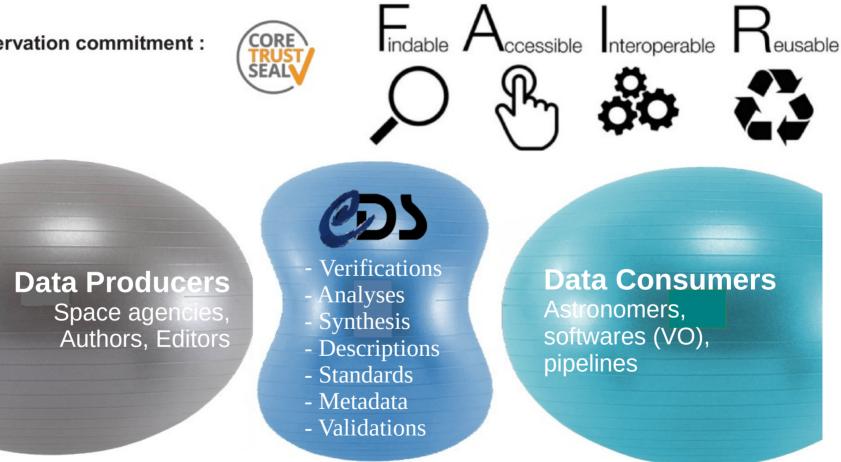
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CDS Challenge : quantity vs quality

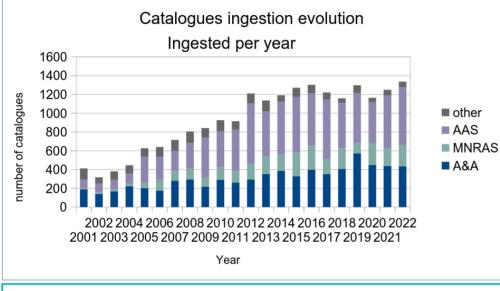
Preservation commitment :



Increasing volume in input vs improving **quality** in output

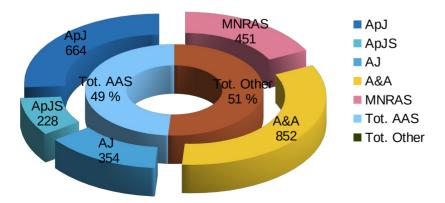
ADASS - 2018

About quantity – AAS is ~half of all ingestions

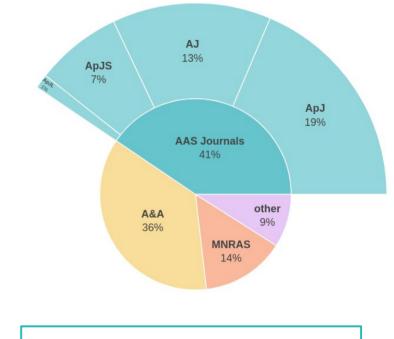


~1250 ingestions per year on average

Number of articles ingested in VizieR 2021+2022



Provenance of the 24168 catalogues in VizieR (2023-09-11)



Currently 41% of the VizieR catalogs are from AAS

Weekly updated figure available in the EOSC tutorial : https://cds-astro.github.io/a-FAIR-journey-for-astronomical-data/



About quantity

Curation challenge : curation evolution



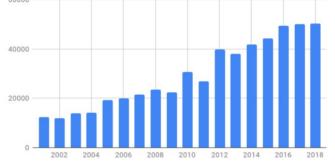
- Number of articles/year published increased slowly
- Number of tables per VizieR catalogue x3 since 2000
- Number of columns per table was ~12.8 in 2000 and ~17 in 2017

Evolution and new standards in the VO

- 20 potentials additional metadata to assign
- 10 new tables of metadata among2003200420052006200720082009201020112012201320142015201620172018 40 tables Interop May 2018 – closing session (M.Graham)

ADASS - Quality assurance ingestion of data into the CDS VizieR catalogue and data services

Number of columns evolution per year (S.Derriere)



IVOA Standards Recommended per Year

publications should not be the only criterion taken into account

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Reminder : the workflow – Selection



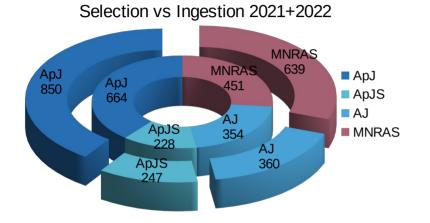
<u>First</u>, Magali (ApJ, ApJS) & Evelyne (AJ) go through **all the articles** to reference astronomical objects from titles, abstract, text, figures, small tables in SIMBAD... ~**No delay** with the publication.

They <u>also</u> warn the VizieR team for « catalogs », « large/complex tables » and « Data behind figures » to process. This is the **main way of selection**.

<u>In rare cases</u>, authors submit directly their data to CDS via the submission tool – currently, this **must be limited to special cases**.



About the selection



- * AJ, ApJS workload ~absorbed
- * ApJ backlog => workload excess (currently processing Feb. 2022)
- * Apart from A&A (specific case), AAS is widely ingested

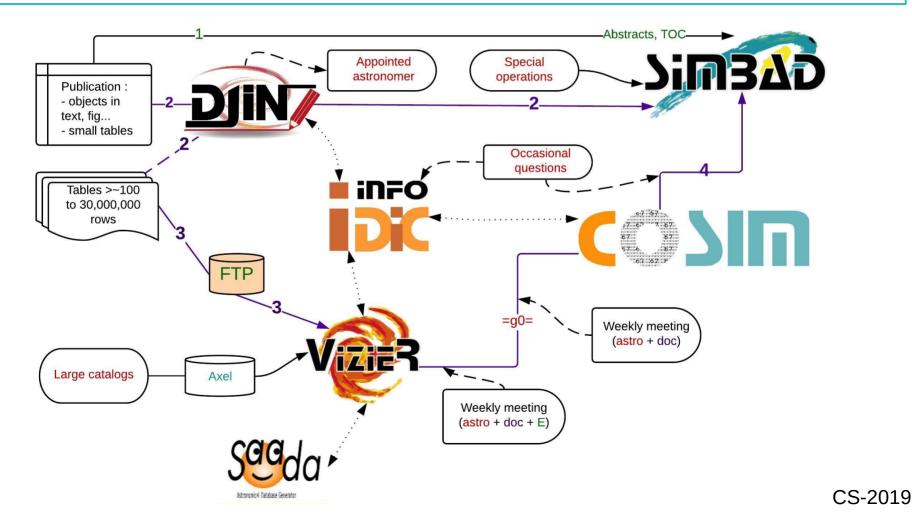
Not all selections become ingestions:

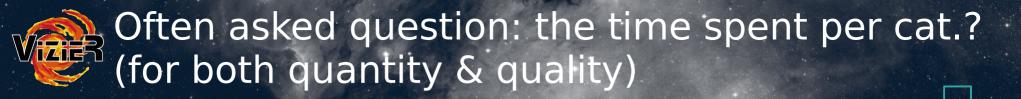
- * priorities for observations or astronomical objects for SIMBAD
- * rejections (too small MRTs, no interest for VizieR)
- * non-recoverable data

Reminder : the workflow – VizieR is one step (not linear) of the CDS chain



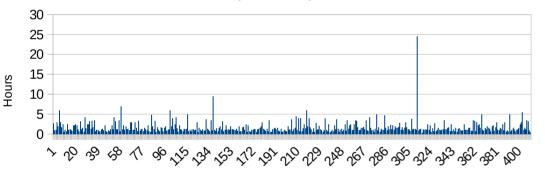
Diverse interactions between documentalists, astronomers and engineers





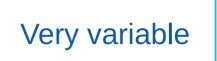
Statistics on a subsample for which we have the time spent per catalog : ApJ & ApJS ingested in the years 2021+2022 by one documentalist

2021+2022 ApJ hours per article

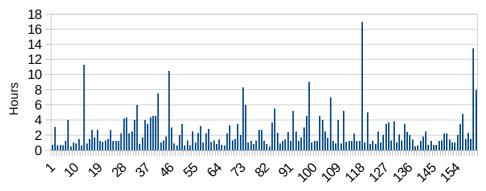


Between 0.3h and 24.5h per catalog for ApJ+ApJS on years 2021+2022.

On average, 1.7h for ApJ vs 2.5h for ApJS per catalog on years 2021+2022.

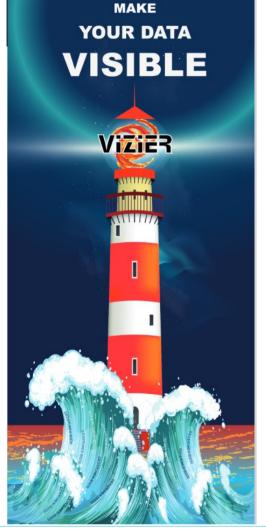


2021+2022 ApJS hours per article





About volume increase solutions



On the publication support page

- Greater data selection: priority to observations – but requirements for SIMBAD too.
- One additional documentalist hired since 2013 – but temporary contract renewed every ~3-4 years, whereas training lasts ~6 months.
- Use as many tools as possible to automate what can be automated (colmeta, getapj, new setUCD...)

 but engineers are in short supply for VizieR
- Encouraging authors to follow the Best practices – sometimes works...



« Make your data visible » – EWASS 2019

Raise the odds to be included in VizieR!

Why a checklist?

What about FITS spectra/images?

Ensure that your published tables will be usable by following this **checklist** of essential points:

To face the increasing amount of data, the CDS selects the articles to be processed with various scientific criteria but also by the effort required to make the data reusable.

Please use this **essential checklist** to help the CDS processing of your tables to ensure the quality and reusability of data.

A table of astronomical objects with no coordinates will not be discoverable in VizieR.

Shortened names like 2M1427+3400 can be

ambiguous because they can be matched to multiple objects; use the full **non-altered**

2MASS J14270471+3400138

and will not be processed in SIMBAD.

object name instead:

□ For tables containing known astronomical objects, an existing **non-altered name** must be given along with the **coordinates**.

All columns must be well explained, with **their corresponding unit**.

Please make your columns homogeneous, and avoid mixing measurements with different meanings: errors mixed with limits, or values with different units (that should be in different columns).

When there is more than one table, the objects in common must be identified with the **same name between tables**.

If too many conditions are needed to understand a column, an additional script is needed to process it, and so, it is not easily interoperable.

A common key is fundamental for any action between tables.

VizieR offers a specific search for images, spectra and data-cubes in FITS format.

A good FITS header is the key for reusability - the CDS encourages the usage of the FITS standards: https://fits.gsfc.nasa.gov/

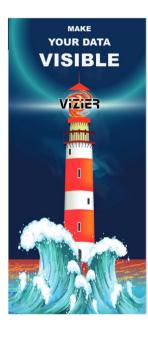
Check that FITS file headers include:

- coordinates and wavelengths in the WCS system.
 observation dates.
- observation dates.
- telescope/instrument names.

If the FITS file is not in the standard WCS system, the reusability of the file is compromised.

Try this tool to check the completeness of your FITS header:

http://cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr/vizier.submit/fitsvalidator.html



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colmeta : Help to format the ReadMe file – especially helpfull to describe coordinates & usual parameters from one standard label and follow the rule to 80cc-limited...

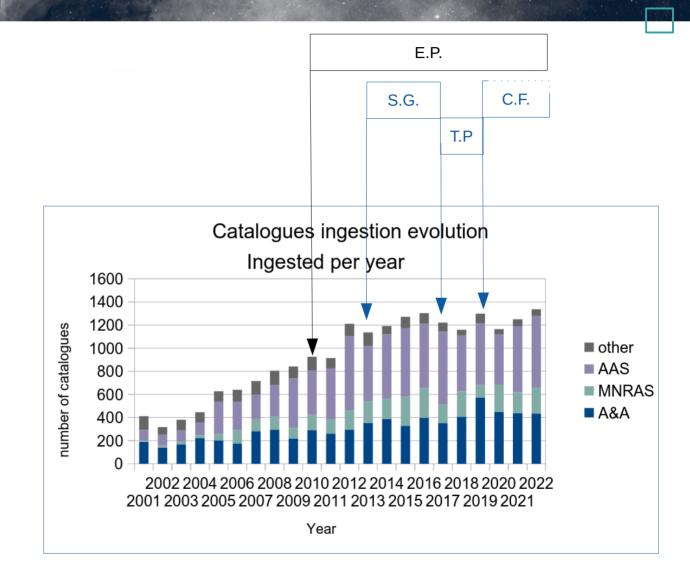
getapj : uses the BCS to retrieve **MRT tables** and create a ReadMe file from them – especially helpful for multi-tables in one catalog + the « See also » section and min/max values are automatically added.

setUCD : the new tool should improve the assignation of ucd1+



New documentalists hired

This is obviously not the only reason for the variations in the quantity ingested per year (it depends in particular on the time spent by the team on ingestions alone, in relation to their other activities, pandemic crisis and so on) but it seems logical to see a drop when recruiting, due to the time spent on training, before it picks up again





Workflow insights – easy case – Before/After :2021ApJ...913..143G ~30 minutes

Actually, not ~30min. straight :

* <u>first step</u>: creating the ReadMe file and standardize the tables; put in place the commands for VizieR, first set of verifications (~3/4 of the work for an easy-case).

* <u>final step</u> is **few weeks later (normally** ~1 month): re-read the ReadMe file and ingest the catalog

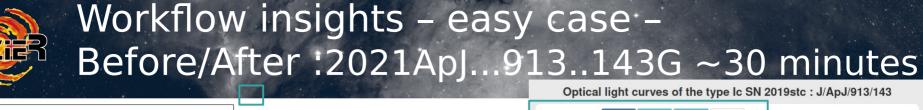
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Data behind Figure 2 – original data (MRT)



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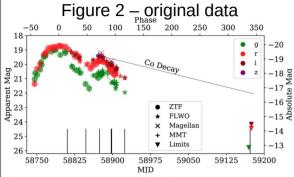


Figure 2. Optical light curves of SN 2019stc in the griz bands. Magnitudes are in the AB system and not corrected for Galactic extinction. Absolute magnitudes have an additional cosmological K-correction applied. The vertical lines mark the epochs of spectroscopy. The final upper limits are 3σ nondetections from deep MMT+Binospec images.(The data used to create this figure are available.)

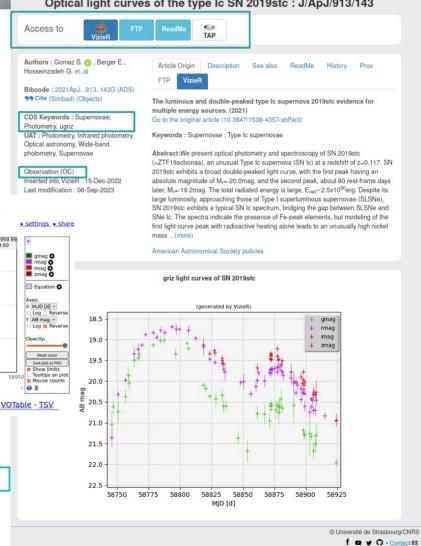
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Workflow insights difficult cases

FITS / ASCII & other file formats => Tables need to be transformed to the **standard** aligned ASCII file format

For FITS :

 format (including significant digits) for each parameter is never given
 => each column must be filled with a

format by hand

 vectors are not supported by VizieR
 => duplication of X columns per value in the vector (same format).

What helps :

CSV format ; the best is the **MRT format** which includes units & explanations in addition to the formats

Top 10+10 of most consuming-time catalogs in 2021-2022 (for those having time record)

		АрЈ		ApJS
	Total hours	Catalog	Total hours	Catalog
	24,5	RELICS, 41 catalogs ASCII (from MAST)	17	SDSS RM, FITS with 276 col. Including vectors
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Workflow insights difficult cases

Number of tables per cat. increase

=> links between tables become more complicated

The links help to find misprint/missing data; added-value: number of galaxies per clusters...

What helps:

- Keep a same ID between tables!

See « Make your data visible », 3rd point - Keep the same format between tables.

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Number of columns per table increase => each column takes time:

- min/max values which should be coherent + only one NULL value available...
- Standard unit (if relevant)
- Only one explanation (no if there is ... then this
- is ... otherwise this is ... unless there is a flag...)
- --See Point 2 of « Make your data visible »
- ucd1+
- Origin of the parameter (observation, ref.)
- Explanation of all codes/flags
- Origin of each IDs & SIMBAD nomemclature if relevant
- Which column(s) to display by default

What helps :

MRT format

Stick to one homegeneous type of data per column.

Stick to one NULL value per column

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Workflow insights difficult cases

No coordinates & link toward SIMBAD => Required for VizieR Helps to detect misprints

 Find objects/coo in SIMBAD (potentially complete SIMBAD by adding IDs, data, merging... + complexity increased with number of rows)

- If new objects, find coo in other catalogs, other tables not in VizieR/not online...

What helps :

See point 1 of « Make your data visible »: follow the IAU recommandation for nonaltered/truncated names + coo + 2d name if available

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5	1 MRT (~90 col.) No coo. 2 col. Simbad for 6393 pl. + stars	6	8 tables (6 en MRTs + tables added: notes & abund) SimbadName



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Corrections

=> Over 3 months in 2018, corrections in ApJ/ApJS leading to exchanges with authors were ~30 %

=> The main corrections concern identifiers, missing/erroneous coordinates, units, odd/redundant values...

=> This adds a further delay to the catalog release

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7	VLA FF survey 14 tables ASCII (inc. from online archive) + Images FITS	11,3	SDSS-IV MaNGA FITS with 535 columns				
6	3 tables MRTs + 2 behind Fig. +1 ASCII added for links toward spectra One name modified (exchange with author)	10,5	7 tables in ASCII Script to add coo in a table from another table of the same paper (not clear otherwise)				
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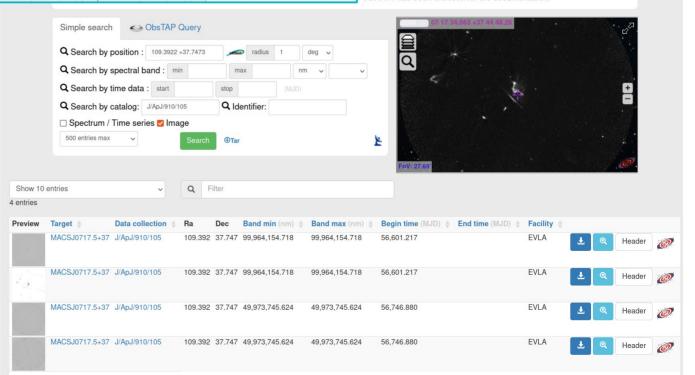
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## In a nutshell...

- Balance between quantity and quality to keep (not always easy...)
- Half of the annual ingestion in VizieR is for AAS journals (for 1-2 documentalists), in VizieR, currently 41% of the catalogs (including large catalogs as Gaia, SDSS...) are AAS journals (it should increase if the ingestion rate stays the same).
- Time spent on one catalog is really variable
  - It depends of the content of the catalog inherent to the data :
  - Many tables, many number of columns, many rows, many IDs, many filters, many associated data... will inevitably increase the processing time
  - It depends of the quality of the catalog :
  - => MRT files are time-savers (especially combined with getapj)
  - => Following the <u>Best practice</u> rules (Chen et al. 2022) or at least the 3 points given in « Make your data visible » flyer
- There will always be an **incompressible processing time** inherent in the **value added** to catalogs:
  - Detailed explanations for each column (provenance/content), UCD, METAtag
  - Links between tables of the same catalog, with other catalogs, SIMBAD or other databases
  - Plots & specific treatment for associated data
  - Corrections

- ...