

The NASA Astrophysics Data System: Content and Curation

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Who uses ADS?

Librarians

Services (SIMBAD, NED, ...)

Researchers

Integrations (API)

Scholarly Service

Primary Access

Public Service

Secondary Access

"Search"

"Linking"

(Google, Google Scholar, ...)

(Blogs, Wikipedia, ...)



Whatever the method of access, people access the ADS because of its content... so, what's in the ADS?

What's in ADS?

As of 11/2018, ADS contains:

- 14.2 million records
- 110 million citation pairs
- 5.2 million scanned pages

Annually, we typically ingest:

- ~1 million records
- ~10 million new citation pairs

Division is approximately:

- 10:1 Physics:Astronomy
- 10:1 Journal article:Conference article (AST)

What users ask

- Typical content requests:
 - Do you have full text for a certain journal?
 - My library is downsizing, can we discard paper copies of journal x?
 - Paper x is not in the ADS, can you tell me why?
- Developed formal guidelines for inclusion in the ADS

Comprehensive Journal Database

- What journals are included?
- What is known about these journals?
 - Years
 - Open access
 - Full text available?
 - Completion
 - ISSN /e-ISSN and other standard identifiers (DOIs, etc.)
 - Change of publishers
 - Latest update
 - How does ADS get the records?
 - Refereed status

Search by Affiliation

One year ago...

Current efforts:

- Creation of canonical institution names, ids and abbreviations for facet (~~3300 inst + 2200 divisions~~) (3800 inst + 2800 departments)
- Assignment of raw strings to institutional ids (93% for astronomy, ~~60% for physics~~) 70% for physics)
- Development of python routine to match new and unmatched affiliations (~~90%~~) (99%)

Still to do:

- More physics identification ✓
- Development of user interface ✓
- Implementation of input pipeline ✓
- Development of curation tool

Affiliation Curation

Challenges:

- Sheer numbers:
 - ADS contains ~34 million affiliations strings (4.5m AST, 29m PHY)
 - Reduced tenfold once cleaned and uniqued
 - 2.25 of 3.4 million strings matched to an institution (93% AST, 70% PHY)
- Inconsistent naming:
 - grid.473002.2**, University of the State of Paraná, Paranavaí,, Brazil
 - grid.441795.a**, Universidade Estadual do Norte do Paraná, Jacarezinho,, Brazil
 - grid.441662.3**, State University of West Paraná, Cascavel,, Brazil
- Multiple and/or changing names:
 - State University of West Parana
 - UNIOESTE
 - Universidade Oeste do Paraná
 - Universidade Estadual do Oeste do Paraná
- Nothing systematic from publishers (only 1 gives us institutional identifiers)
- Incomplete or ambiguous affiliations
- No existing standard or registry

Institutional Identifiers

- **Ringgold**
 - > 400,000 institutions (< 200,000 academic)
 - 165,000 parent (35,000 academic)
 - 500,000 correlated with ISNI
- **ISNI**
 - 500,000?
- **GRID**
 - 90,000 (18,000 academic)
 - 14,000 relationships
- **OrgRef**
 - 32,000
- **INSPIRE**
 - 11,000
- **ADS**
 - 6600 institutions
 - 3800 parents, 2800 children
 - ~1000 ADS-created

New Affiliation facet!

- ▼ AUTHORS
- > Kurtz, M 319
- > Accomazzi, A 155
- > Murray, S 151
- > Grant, C 150
- > Eichhorn, G 134

more

- > COLLECTIONS
- > REFEREED
- ▼ AFFILIATIONS

- > SI 187
- > Harvard U 118
- > Brown U 15
- > U Turin 11
- > CalTech 6

more

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- ▼ CalTech 6
 - IPAC 3
 - JPL 2
 - Div Geo Plan Sci 1
 - Div Phy Math Ast 1
- > 5 20
- > 6 20
- > 7 20
- > 8 20

2 selected

- and
- or
- exclude

Affiliation Mapping and Augmentation

- Based on human-curated maps of affiliation strings and their canonical IDs (CSG)
- Two-step matching process
 - Lookup table of mapped strings
 - Text classification of unmatchable strings (scikit-learn)
- Augmentation
 - Identifying a text affiliation with a canonical ID
 - Creating searchable hierarchical facets for affiliations

Automated Matching

- Direct matching
 - Match a normalized affil string from metadata to kv-pairs of {normalized string: Affil ID}
 - If match exists, **assign Affil ID**
 - If no match exists, *save for the text classifier*
- Text classification
 - 6000+ classes (IDs), with many n-grams that characterize each class
 - Result: probability of best match for each of 6000+ classes
 - Curators review probability scores of [x] and higher
 - Good matches are added to the direct match dictionary

Direct Matching Data

A01400 60 Garden St Cambridge MA 02138 USA
A01400 60 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138, USA
A01400 60 Garden Street 02138 Cambridge MA USA
A01400 60 Garden Street Cambridge MA 02138 USA
...
A01400 Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, 60 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA
A01400 Minor Planet Center, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, 60 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, United States
A01400 AMP Harvard Smithsonian CfA Cambridge MA
A01400 AMP Harvard Smithsonian CfA Cambridge MA USA
A01400 AMP Harvard-Smithsonian CfA Cambridge MA USA
A01400 AMP, Harvard-Smithsonian CfA, Cambridge, MA, USA
...
A01400 Astrophysics Data System, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics 60 Garden Street Cambridge, MA 02138, USA
A01400 Astrophysics Data System, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, 60 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138, USA
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A01400 At the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics
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A03543 Jozsef Attila Tudomanyegyetem
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Text Classification Challenges

Curating affiliations required substantial human effort to identify *millions* of strings. The matching process will still require human curation of machine-learning results to keep our augmented metadata error-free.

- Ambiguity (e.g. right institution, wrong department; short, incomplete, or non-affil data ["deceased" "email:"])
- Metadata issues (e.g. multiple affils merged into one; misspellings; misparsed OCR)
- Computer power (memory intensive)

0.966 University of Texas, Arlington, Department of Physics A11133
Department of Mathematics, University of Texas at Arlington,
Arlington, Texas, 76019,

0.926 Rowan University A00607
Department of Chemistry and Physics, Rowan University **and Department**
of Physics, University of Maryland

0.167 Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute, Korea
A04485
Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute, Taejon 305-350,
Korea

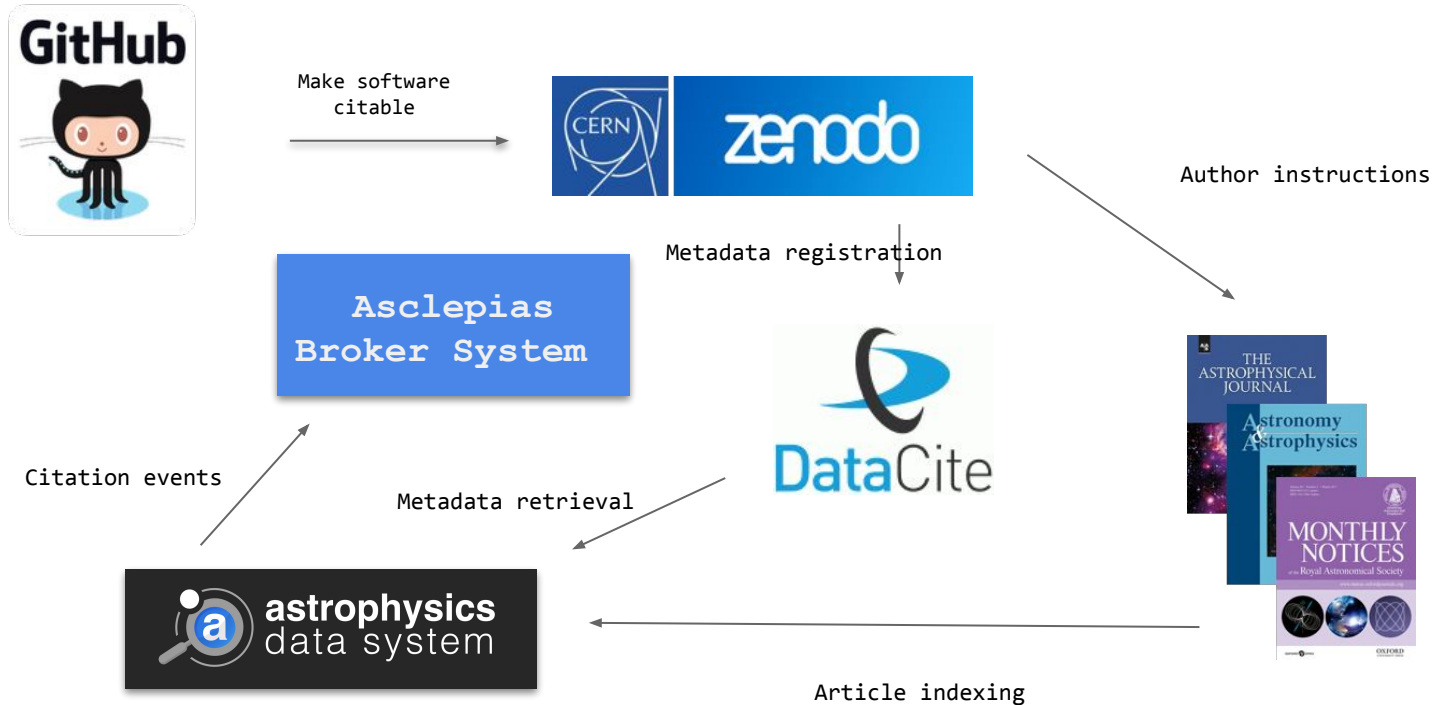
0.001 Babson College A00139
Deceased. **[Note: “Deceased” is a common affiliation!]**

Curational Use of the ADS

The ADS is used for a lot more than just "search"

- **Grants:** output / metrics
 - Finding grant-publication links is a challenge (astronomy journals are not well represented in FundRef)
- **Bibliographies:** curation / metrics
 - Citation reports for large collections is a challenge
 - Exporting data into local management tools is hard for e.g. librarians with little to no scripting skills
- **Data/Software:** links / metrics
 - Ongoing discussions with PDS on improving data linking
 - Citation/usage metrics for data non-existent (learn from software citations?)

Software Citations - Update



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The screenshot shows the ADS search results page with a filter menu open. The 'PUBLICATION TYPE' filter is expanded, and 'Software' is selected. The filter menu lists various publication types with their respective counts, such as 'Article' (11.9M), 'Journal Article' (9.6M), and 'Software' (319). A bar chart on the right shows the distribution of publication types.

The screenshot shows the abstract page for 'corner.py: corner.py v2.0.0'. The abstract text is: "Foreman-Mackey, Dan; Voudsen, Will; Price-Whelan, Adrian; Pitkin, Matt; Zabalza, Victor; Ryan, Geoffrey; Rice, Emily; Smith, Michael; Ashton, Gregory; Cruz, Kelle; Kerzendorf, Wolfgang; Caswell, Thomas A.; Hoyer, Stephan; Barbary, Kyle; Czekala, Ian; Rein, Hanno; Gentry, Eric; Brewer, Brendon J.; Hogg, David W." The page also shows the publication date (May 2016), DOI (10.5281/zenodo.53155), and Bibcode (2016zndo.soft53155F).

Preliminary results	
Distinct versions	979
Total citation number	1935
Top 5	
"Lmfit: Non-Linear Least-Square Minimization And Curve-Fitting For Python"	103 citations
"Triangle.Py V0.1.1"	70
"Lasagne: First Release."	64
"Corner.Py: Corner.Py V1.0.2"	32
"Seaborn: V0.5.0 (November 2014)"	22

What about (citation) aggregation?

Ingest Pipeline: Operational Status

- Running For Over A Year
- Sustained Data Parity With Classic
- No Persistent Missing Data or Bibcodes
- No Major Outages
 - Rare 1-Day Server Issues
- Data Quality Issues
 - Direct arXiv Ingest In Production
 - From User Reports: Missing Appendix Text, Some Series Fields, etc.
 - Late Links To Arxiv (Several Hours)

Ingest Pipeline: Future Plans

- The Price Of Data Parity Is Eternal Vigilance
- Affiliation Facets And Citations In Production
- Refactor Metrics/Citations Data Pipeline
- Increase Overall Flexibility
 - More Welcoming To New Data
- Reduce Classic Dependencies
- Eventually, Consider Streaming Data Pipelines
 - Support More Frequent Updates
 - Perhaps Kafka

Questions?

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Ingest Pipeline: Behind The Scenes

Software

- RabbitMQ, Postgres, Solr And 6 Pipelines
 - Scripted Deployments To Containers
- All Data Flows Through “Master”
 - Feeds Solr Replicator, Resolver Service and AWS-Based SQL
 - 1TB in Local Postgres
- Specific Time Windows For Updating Production Data Stores

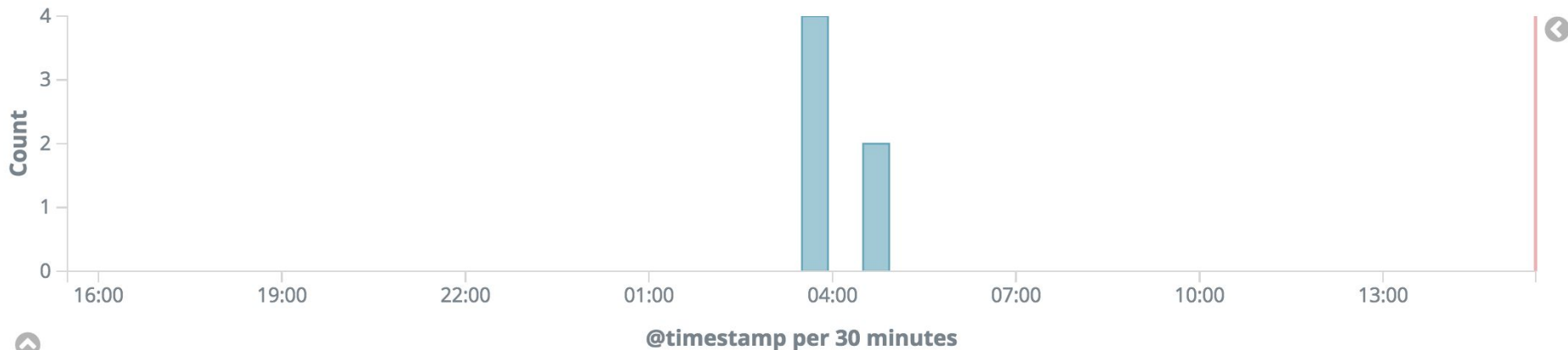
People

- Daily Issue Identification
- MetaData Errors Fixed Immediately



Add a filter +

November 14th 2018, 15:29:36.390 - November 15th 2018, 15:29:36.390 — Auto

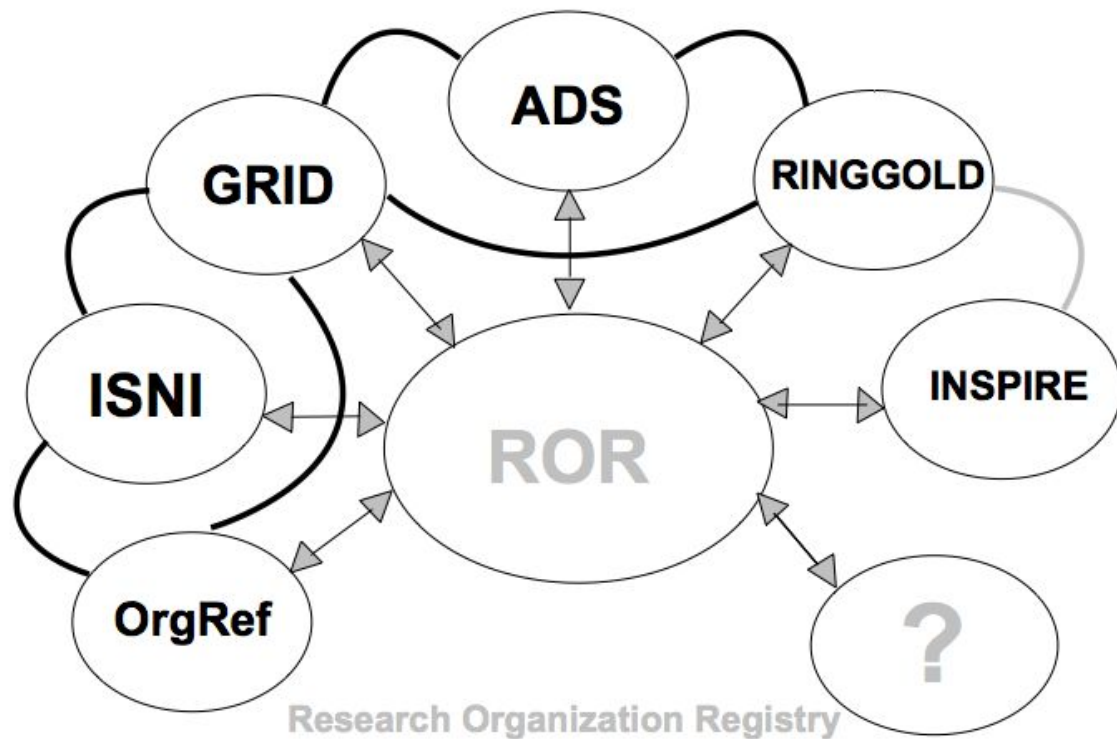


Time ▾

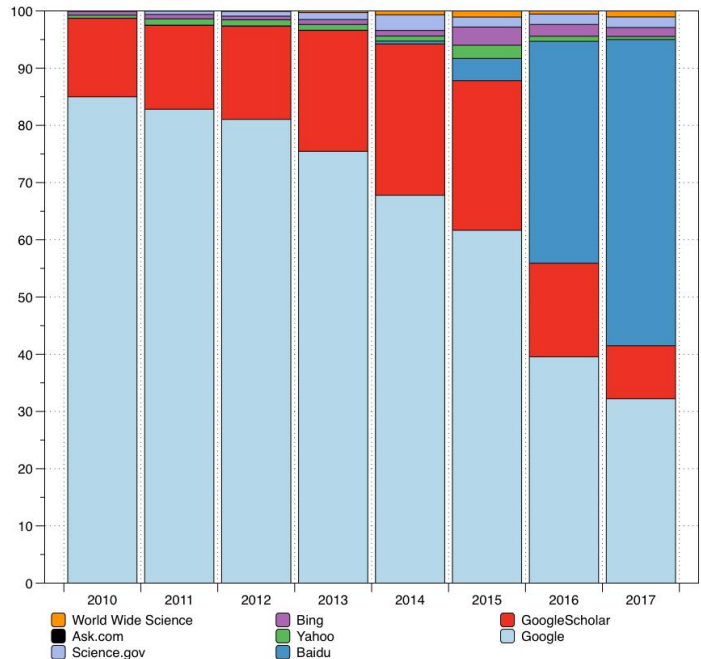
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Affiliation Identifiers Landscape

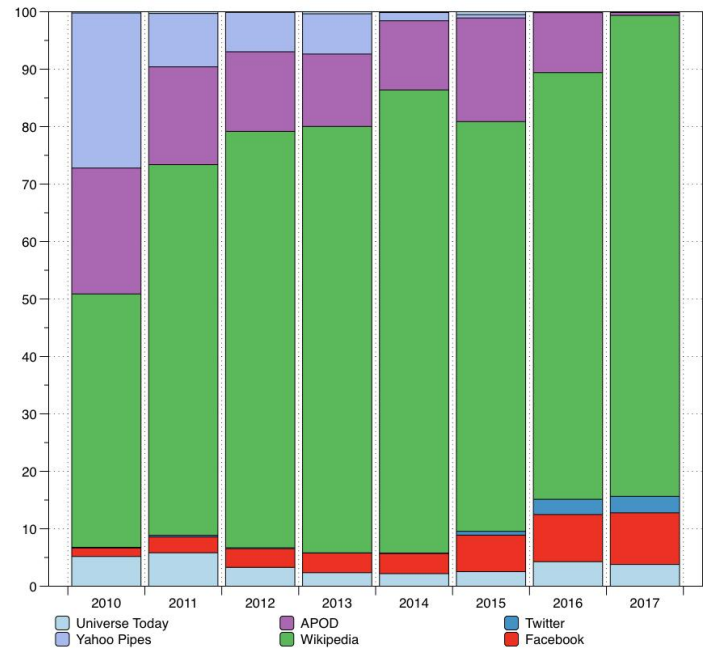


Group total	13M	12M	13M	10M	7M	6M	11M	19M
Fraction of public traffic (%)	88%	84%	82%	78%	69%	70%	80%	91%



"Search"

0.5M	0.6M	0.7M	0.6M	0.6M	0.3M	0.5M	0.6M
4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%	3%	3%



"Social"