



Concluding Remarks

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Exec Meeting Highlights

- Proposal for an IVOA Education Interest Group
 - ✓ importance of education and outreach clearly recognized
 - ✓ many IVOA projects already carrying out such activities
 - ✓ however, interest group not really needed
 - ✓ Suggestions:
 - have a place on the IVOA Wiki for exchange of ideas
 - organize dedicated Education and Public Outreach session at Naples Interop (and perhaps future ones)

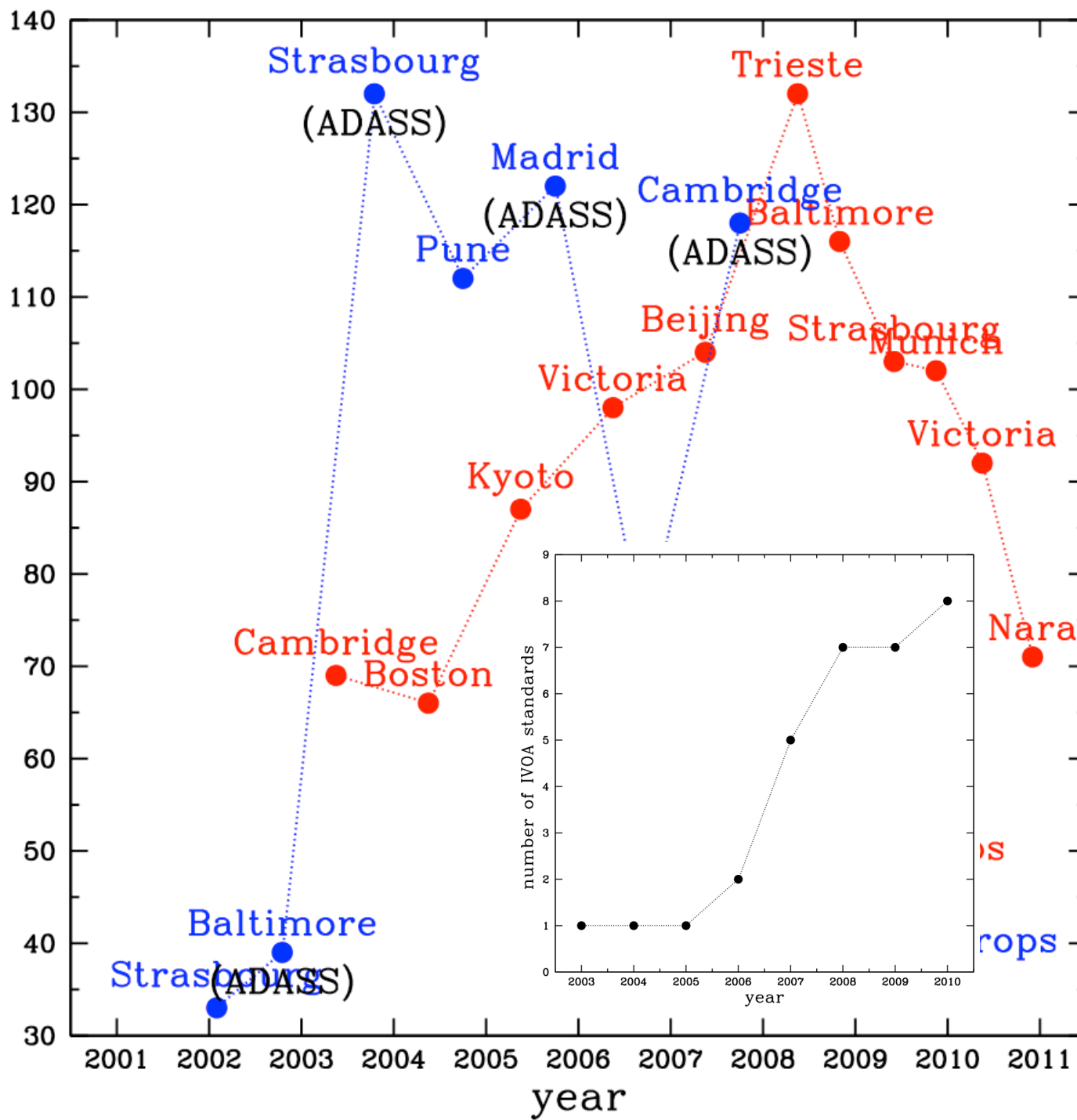


Exec Meeting Highlights

- IVOA Interops attendance, frequency, and location



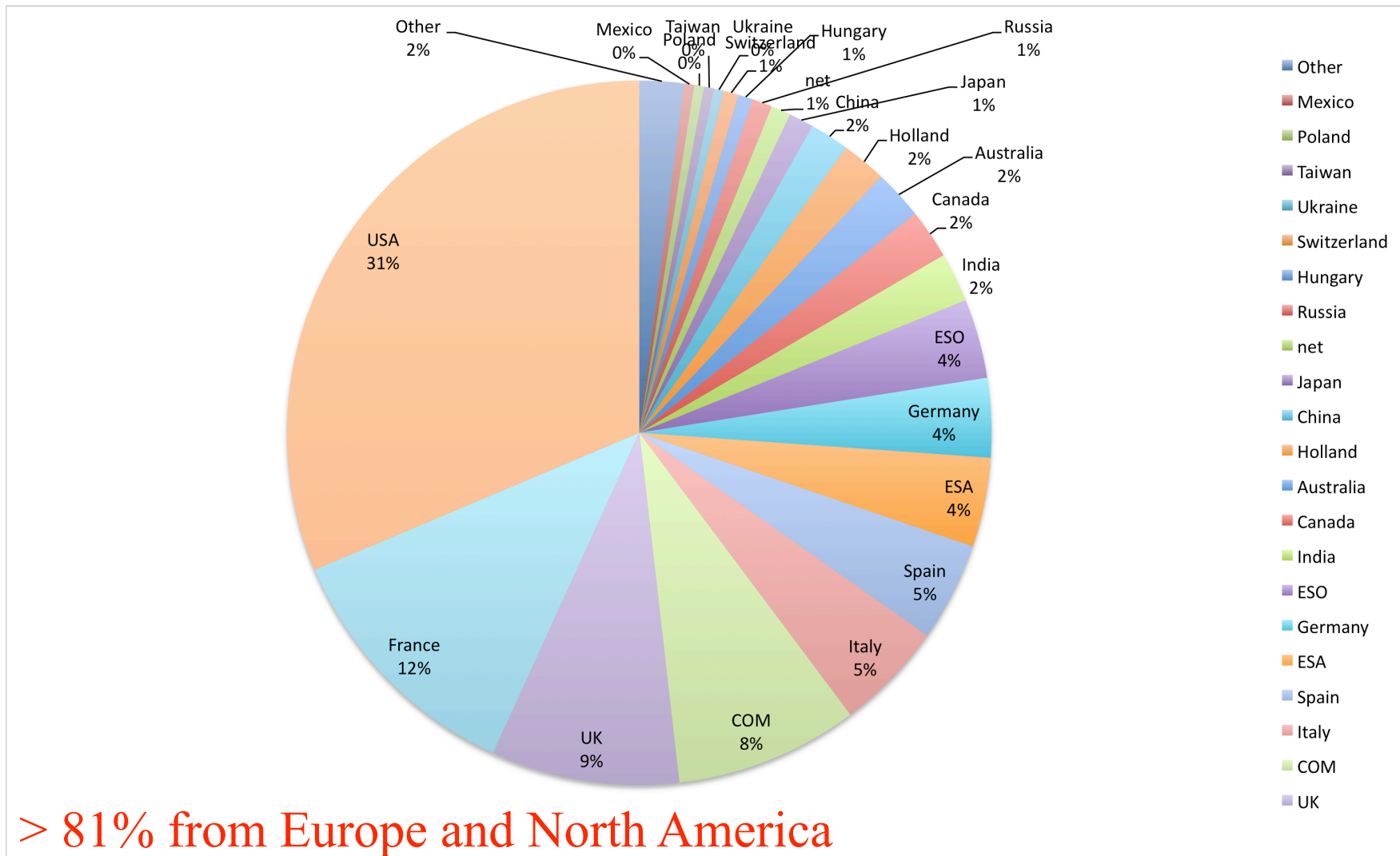
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IVOA Interop mailing list subscribers





Exec Meeting Highlights

- IVOA Interop attendance, frequency, and location:
 - ✓ consensus to keep two Interops per year
 - ✓ suggestion to shorten them to 4 days
 - ✓ have TCG telecon before the Interop to increase cross WG coordination
 - ✓ continue having them mostly in Europe and North America and (less regularly) in Asia and South America (Australia?)



Exec Meeting Highlights

- Proposal from Data Curation and Preservation WG to submit IVOA standards on arXiv
- Enthusiastic support from Exec:
 - ✓ gives permanent reference to our work
 - ✓ exposes IVOA documents to the astronomical community and increases our visibility
- Plan:
 - ✓ submit to arXiv all standards
 - ✓ submit some notes (to be decided by Exec)
 - ✓ submission to be done by IVOA Doc Coordinator
 - ✓ details to be worked out by Bob and Françoise in coordination with relevant parties



IVOA Standards

- Web Service Basic Profile 1.0 and SAMP 1.2 basically approved by Exec



This meeting

- Very successful!
- First ever “Science case” sessions
- Other “cross WG” sessions: Registry/DAL, Theory/DAL/Registry + many “spontaneous” (or “semi-forced” 😊) informal sessions where a lot was achieved
- Need-driven efforts!



A “big picture” perspective

- Global economic situation still “not easy”
- IVOA has gone through some tough times (hopefully soon to be over)
- Some people still see the VO has a “nice to have” (and therefore expendable ...)
- Current and especially future large surveys need interoperability (even though they might not appreciate that!)
- Our role is very important; we need to stay focused and tuned to the needs of the astronomical community
- We are on the right track!



Next Interops

Naples, Italy, May 16 – 19(?), 2011





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Pune, India, October 17 – 20(?), 2011





- Thanks to the Programme Organizing Committee and to the Local Organizing Committee!

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