

# On Expectations and Reality of SSAP services From Under Both Hats

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Simple archive of 1D FITS spectra reduced by IRAF  
several thousand (IRAF multispec \*.ms.fit) 2000px, 400A

NOT binary table FITS

OBJECT

CRVAL1, CDELTA1, CRPIX1

DATE-OBS , UT, EXPTIME

UTMIDDLE, HJD, JD

RA, DEC (of telescope)

OBSERVER, INSTRUMENT, configuration (filter, tilt)

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SSA – „Simple“, documentation

No examples, no guidelines – nothing to touch (SDSS proxy not working, cannot google easily) (conflict SDM and SSA)

Publishing toolkits (DALServer, DALtoolkit, SAADA, VODANCE, DACHS, Pleinpot) – VO publishing workshop

Trouble with bintable FITS – how to convert ? No tools

Direct mapping of FITS header to metadata ? NOT

ESO Metadata extractor – dead, difficult to run (2 javas)

mapping vocabulary, symbolic operations

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Pleinpot (ELODIE) – P. Prugniel - old SSA 0.9 – VOX

lot of dirty tricks - but worked ! Coutout -part of operation

bintable conversion – dual FITS on the fly

but bad VOTABLE, difficult hacking, no support

HEROS data 2008, EURO-VO DCA acknowledged

VODANCE – Db structure – mapping computation, CS

DaCHS - perfect, scripts in Python, flexible DB ingestor

Documentation Excellent ! Modules for postprocessing

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Conflict in UCD and SDM

last IVOA Rec UCD1+ 1.23 (20070402)

S| pos.eq cannot be primary word

S| src

S| instr.fov

but SDM states :

pos.eq;src for Target.Pos

Char.SpatialAxis.Coverage.Location.Value should have UCD pos.eq

STScI python astrolib complains

but <http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/UCD> says the keywords are type Q (prim or sec)

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## Troubles with VOTABLE

DaCHS provided bintable BASE64 for results VOT

VOSPEC did not see anything

SPLAT OK

=> Results as <TD> VOT

spectra in SDM – best as \*.vot BASE64 bin

SPLAT does not show FITS header – no info in metadata

=> generate both bintable FITS and VOT (FORMAT)

native 1D FITS – VOSPEC may not use

UNITS ! (VOS insists on W/m2....empty values, ADU not )

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Dataset.Length Mandatory – cutouts in m

Cannot predict length of cutout → unsolved  
metadata for original file

FLUXCALIB – minimal level of calibration

how to select only uncalibrated (or rescaled) ?

Separation of archives – each record in Registry?

How to query TELESCOPE, INSTRUMENT

COLLECTION ? - clients

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Permission to publish data in VO, No policy

Data jealousy (data hugging)

secret information – masking time at exoplanets

I need to work another 10 years on this star !

Cheating by selection (halfa region is useless)

The management or archive inhouse

(data centers are not given the data )

Small archive – no manpower for VO (toolkit!)

Restricted access in SSA – authentication good

involve people in VO on their data (use SPLAT)



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Great expectations – all is in VO ;-)

very few SSA services with observations (TSA)

Mixture of time series in SSA (Corot, Integral)

Some work in only SPLAT some in VOSPEC

VOSPEC and SPLAT – different Registries

most do not response

Services do not obey SSA mandatory params

ignore BAND, FORMAT, params order, VERSION

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Provided files not consumable in all clients

only one favorite tested

Server returns bad VOTABLE – client fails

TARGETNAMES not supported ! (optional but ..)

spectra of Vesta, solar , close binaries, clusters

targets not resolvable – GALEX, „secret“ KEPLER 15

Reaction to empty POS queries (SPLAT can )

The content of archive unknown – how to get match ?

**WILDTARGET or REQUEST = getTargetNames**

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Functionality of clients – user friendliness

different view of astronomer and SW designer

forcing user – select and then query (VOSPEC)

Stability – SpecView crash

SAMP compatibility of files

Consistency in metadata (Fluxcalib not done)

Provenance, Curation – not given

but how to consume if all metadata given (clients)?

Small observatories must be involved

VO evangelization of (stellar) astronomers !!!