



Fig. 1

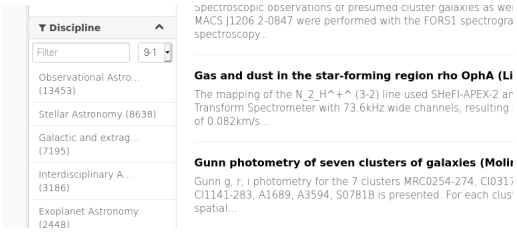


Fig. 2

1. Bridging Semantic Gaps

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– or rather –

Improving the metadata for VO Resources in B2FIND using Semantics

- B2FIND and the Registry
- The UAT and the Registry
- Bridging the semantic gap

(cf. Fig. 1)

2. B2FIND

B2FIND¹ is a EUDAT-operated cross-disciplinary data search engine.

We feed it a subset of the VO registry metadata through the oai_datacite format.

It is actually rather straightforward to map large parts of VOResource to the Datacite metadata kernel; see a piece of XSLT² that is also behind the VOiDOI³ DOI minter.

(cf. Fig. 2)

¹ <http://b2find.eudat.eu>

² <https://volute.g-vo.org/svn/trunk/projects/registry/does>

³ <http://dc.g-vo.org/voidoi/q/ui/custom>

3. Semantic Gap: B2FIND side

In the age of cheap full-text search, subject keywords only make sense if they're controlled.

B2FIND has its own keyword schema. For astronomy, they have the top-level concepts of the UAT⁴:

- Astrophysical processes
- Cosmology
- Exoplanet astronomy
- Galactic and extragalactic astronomy
- High energy astrophysics
- Interdisciplinary astronomy
- Interstellar medium
- Observational astronomy
- Solar physics
- Solar system astronomy
- Stellar astronomy

4. Semantic Gap: VO side

In VOResource's subjects, there's all kind of mess. Here's a sampling:

- Galaxies
- Proper_Motions
- Galaxies:Markarian
- EXTRAGALACTIC RADIO SOURCES
- TAP
- DK154
- ???
- Digitised photographic Schmidt field test photometry astrometry
- UKIDSS DR8, SIAP, Images

Of course, it's not supposed to be that way. In particular, the last example, where multiple keywords are joined into a single subject, is plain wrong: never squeeze more than one subject keyword into a subject element. You can have multiple subjects per content element, of course.

⁴ <https://astrothesaurus.org/>

5. Fixing the VO Side

Since 2018, VO subjects should come from the UAT as per VOResource 1.1⁵.

Trouble: we never said how to do that. Only with Vocabularies 2.0, <http://www.ivoa.net/rdf/uat> says what to do.

As part of Voc 2.0 proving, I've mapped all usable subjects in the registry to the UAT to build SemBaReBro⁶.

I give you that SemBaReBro's utility at this point is probably questionable. I do consider fiddling something quite like it into WIRR⁷, though.

Side effect: `rr.subject.uat`.

6. UAT Keywords in RegTAP

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select top 15 * from rr.subject_uat
where ivoird like '%g%'
ivoird                                     uat_concept
ivo://astron.nl/lofartier1/q_img/imgs      catalogs
ivo://astron.nl/lofartier1/q_img/cutout    catalogs
ivo://astron.nl/apertif_dr1/q/apertif_dr1_continuum_images radio-astronomy
ivo://org.gavo.dc/bgds/l/meanphot          surveys
ivo://org.gavo.dc/bgds/l/meanphot          galaxy-planes
ivo://org.gavo.dc/bgds/l/meanphot          milky-way-galaxy
ivo://org.gavo.dc/bgds/l/meanphot          variable-stars
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ivo://wfau.roe.ac.uk/galexgr6-dsa         ultraviolet-astronomy
ivo://wfau.roe.ac.uk/galexgr6-dsa/ceaapplication ultraviolet-astronomy
ivo://bsdc.icranet.org/whsp/q/cone         catalogs
ivo://bsdc.icranet.org/whsp/q/cone         active-galaxies
ivo://bsdc.icranet.org/whsp/q/cone         bl-lacertae-objects
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7. Synthesis

All UAT terms have one or more root terms.

And it's simple to find them from a desise object.

Hence, when we generate a oai.datacite record:

1. Retrieve UAT subjects for its IVOID from `rr.subject_uat`
2. Use IVOA UAT to figure out the top-level terms for these subjects
3. Add them to the subjects of the datacite record

⁵ <https://ivoa.net/documents/VOResource/20180625/>

⁶ <http://dc.zah.uni-heidelberg.de/sembarebro/q/ui/info>

⁷ <https://dc.g-vo.org/WIRR>

8. Conclusion

B2FIND in the future gets subject keywords it can actually deal with for VO resources.

Ingredients:

- Formal semantics on VO resource records
- The UAT Vocabulary
- A dash of python code

There's a post on this including source code on <https://blog.g-vo.org>.