

# FAIR approach for Low Frequency Radio Astronomy

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The MASER (Measuring, Analysing and Simulating Emissions in the Radio range) is an **Open Science** and **Science Ready** tool box for **low frequency radio astronomy**.

It provides access to several data collections recorded with ground and space instrumentation (Nançay, Cassini, Wind, STEREO, Juno...). The tool box includes a data discovery interface (VESPA network), a data streaming interface (das2 servers), a modelling tool for planetary radio emissions, a dedicated data access python library, as well as a new ecosystem developed to store, annotate and share catalogue of events in the temporal-spectral domain (TFCat format and library). We present examples and use cases for various data collections.

## DMP & Persistent Identifiers

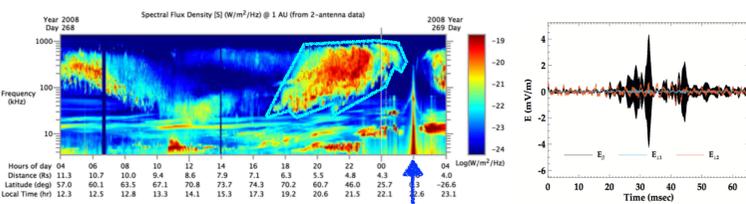
- Why?**
  - define the structure of collections
  - select interoperable interfaces, standard formats (e.g., FITS, CDF...)
  - empowering teams
  - plan storage needs
  - required by many funders
- What?**
  - describe collections and interfaces (EPN-TAP, das2)
  - responsibilities: scientific content maintenance, storage maintenance, VO interfaces maintenance

## MASER Why and for whom?

- Low frequency radioastronomy:
  - large collections (long time scales and/or high resolution...)
  - event/features not always predictibles (sporadic, intermittent...)
- Users needs:
  - **discovery** of datasets
  - online access for **visualisation**
  - python library for **programmatic access**
  - **annotation and sharing** of event/feature catalogues
  - **hosting** datasets

## Data product types

- Mostly **spectrograms (aka dynamic-spectra)**. Measured parameter (flux, polarization...) depending on time and frequency.
- Sometime: **"waveform"** (direct sampling of electric signal temporal fluctuations). Much higher data rate needed.
- also, **events**. timestamp + label + parameters (coverage) + data ? waveform snapshot can be considered as an event.
- and **catalogues** of events/features
- NB: *imaging data not in the scope of MASER*



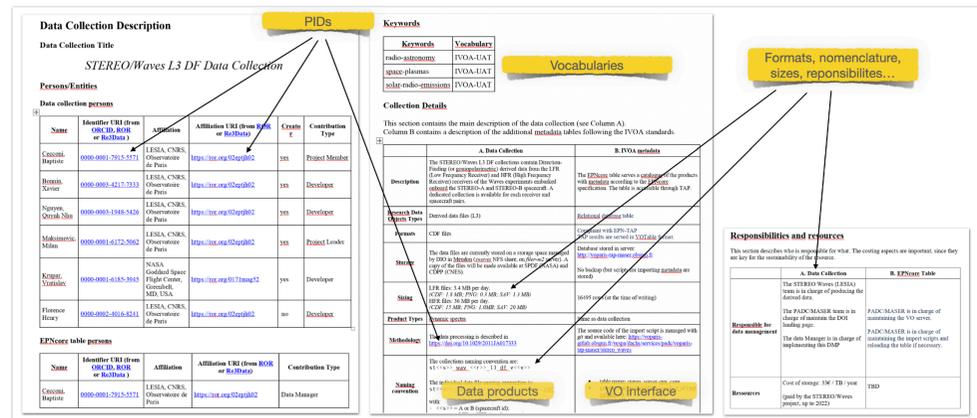
## Interfaces

- IVOA:**
  - EPN-TAP (solar system data discovery)
  - TAP (tabular data access): 2 servers (PADC: <http://voparis-tap-maser.obspm.fr>, CDN: <http://vogate.obs-nancay.fr>)
  - Datalink (linking between data, quicklook, access)
  - UWS (run on demand): 1 server, <https://voparis-uws-maser.obspm.fr/client/>
  - IVOA registry
- IHDEA:**
  - das2: data streaming, 2 servers (PADC: <http://voparis-das-maser.obspm.fr/das2/server>, CDN: <https://das2server.obs-nancay.fr/das2/server>)
  - CDF-ISTP (format)
  - SPASE registry
- DOI:**
  - publishing collections (<https://maser.lesia.obspm.fr/publications/doi/>)
  - landing page with schema.org
- Other:**
  - TFCat (Time-Frequency Catalogue) <https://gitlab.obspm.fr/maser/catalogues/tfcats>
  - WebGeoCalc (local instance of WGC/SPICE server developed by NASA/JPL)

## Technologies/standards landscape

• **Several ecosystems** (different communities):

- IVOA** (International Virtual Observatory Alliance) <http://ivoa.net>  
⇒ **interoperability driven** (schemas, protocols, vocabularies)
- IPDA** (International Planetary Data Alliance) <https://ipda.jpl.nasa.gov>  
⇒ **archive driven** (information model based on OAIS)
- IHDEA** (International Heliophysics Data Environment Alliance) <https://ihdea.net>  
⇒ **(re)use driven** (data/metadata formats, protocols, tools)
- Datacite** (DOI) <https://datacite.org>  
⇒ **reference driven** (reference, citation, related resources)



## Landing Page

- Allowing Data Citation** of collections, supplementary materials, catalogues...  
=> pushing editors to make it right is difficult  
=> most editors don't do the last step (on Crossref API)
- Working with NASA/ADS and IVOA to try to find a way to complement the citation knowledge graph, from the data provider's side

## Summary

- Currently MASER = solar system radioastronomy (starting of official operation in Jan 2022) possible extension to transient low frequency radio astronomy
- IVOA integration:
  - **EPN-TAP + Datalink**  
=> search engine for local data management tools  
=> data discovery
  - **UWS** works very well for run-on-demand
- Community Specific:
  - **Das2**: data streaming interface for dynamic spectra
  - **TFCat** for event/feature catalogues

• Implementation of FAIR principles + open policies. Pushing for data citation and references, but difficult force editors to do their work...

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