



The XCATDB A Complex Database Based on Saada

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Saada: http://astro.u-strasbg.fr/websaada

XCATDB: http://amwdb.u-starsbg.fr/jacds













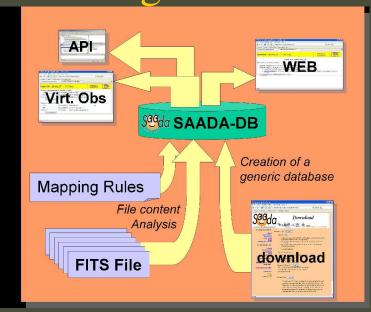


Saada in a few Words (see demo)



• Saada: An Astronomical Database generator

- Making automatic the process of building a database
- Hosting heterogeneous datasets
- Highlighting scientific content
- Publishing personal data into the VO



- Databases are installed on local machines
 - Any Linux/Windows/Mac box
 - Tomcat 5.xx

DA55

PostrgreSQL 8.xx













The XMM-Newton Pipeline





XMM-Newton



Catalogue extractions are included in XMM datasets



X-ray Sources are cross-matched with 200 Vizier catalogues (+ Ned & Simbad)









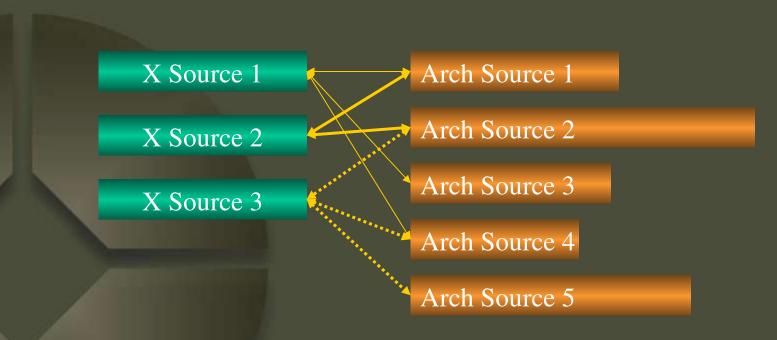






The XCATDB





- N to M persistent relationship
 - Difficult to implement in an efficient way for complex queries
 - Possibility of doing more than with dynamic cross-matches
 - Data-mining feature













2nd Release of the XMM Catalogue





150,000 X-ray sources In 2800 observations

Specific Module

Implemented with Saada relationships

1,000,000 links

Native Saada Data-loader

1,400,000 archival sources

Demo











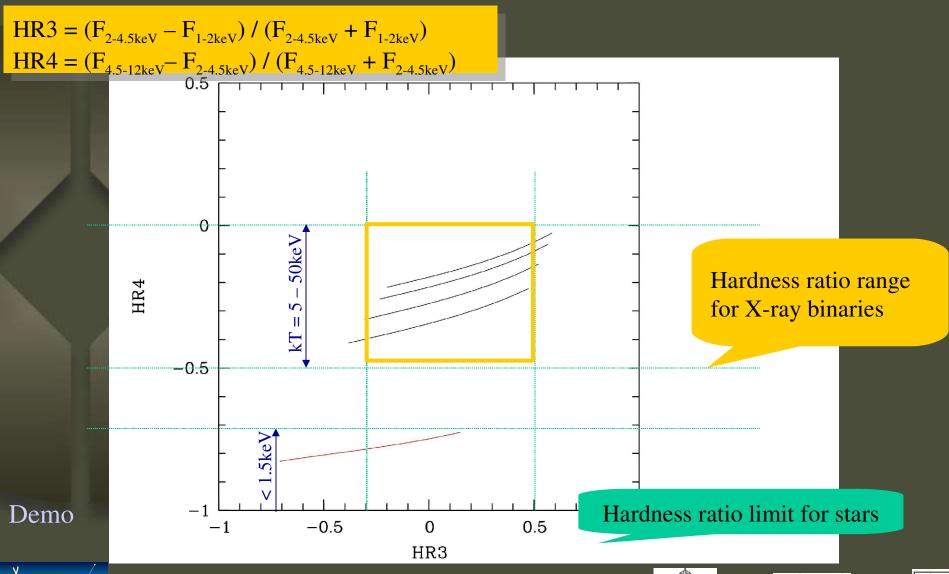






A simplified example: Looking for High Mass X-ray Binaries





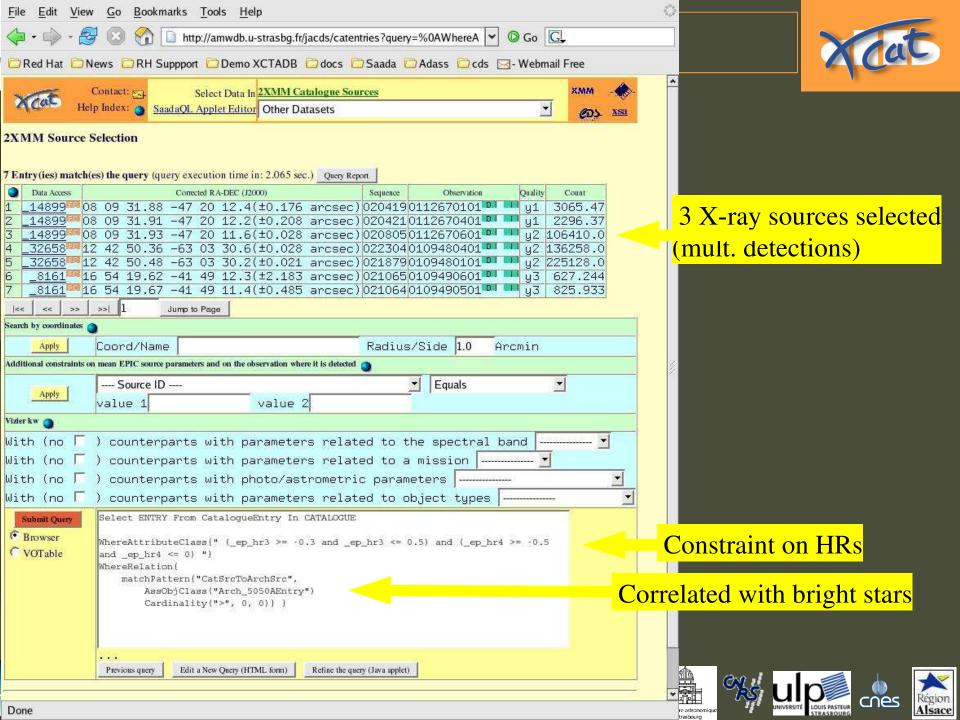


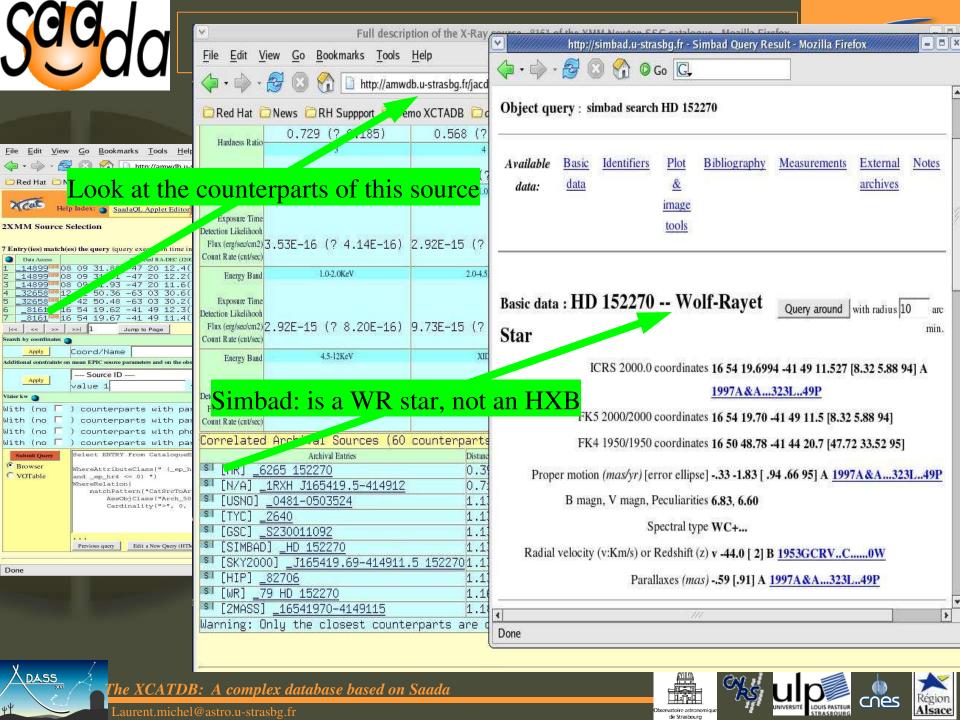


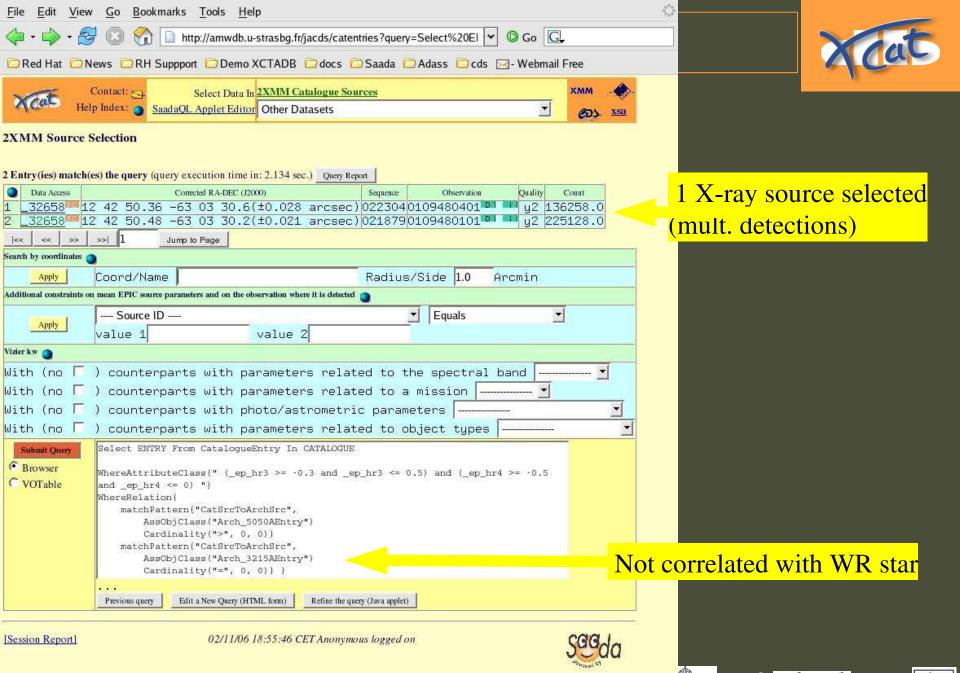


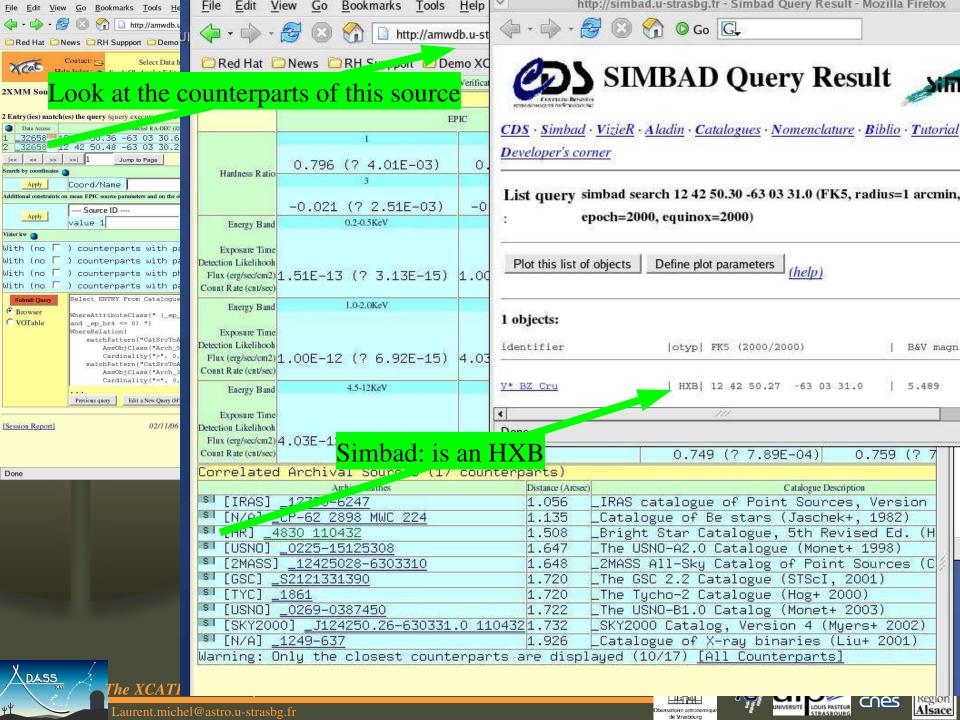














Using UCDs in queries



• Selecting X-Rays sources by correlation patterns on 200 classes of X-Ray sources requires to handle a lot of metadata

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select oidsaada from Arch_9037AEntry where ( _Flux > 1e-13 ) select oidsaada from Arch_7181AEntry where ( _Flux2 > 1e-16 ) select oidsaada from Arch_9032AEntry where ( _FX > 1e-16 ) select oidsaada from Arch_9031AEntry where ( _fX > 1e-16 ) select oidsaada from Arch_9031AEntry where ( _Fx > 1e-13 )
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• Solution: Expressing queries using UCDs and Units

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[phot.flux;em.X-ray] > 1^{e}-16 [W/m2]
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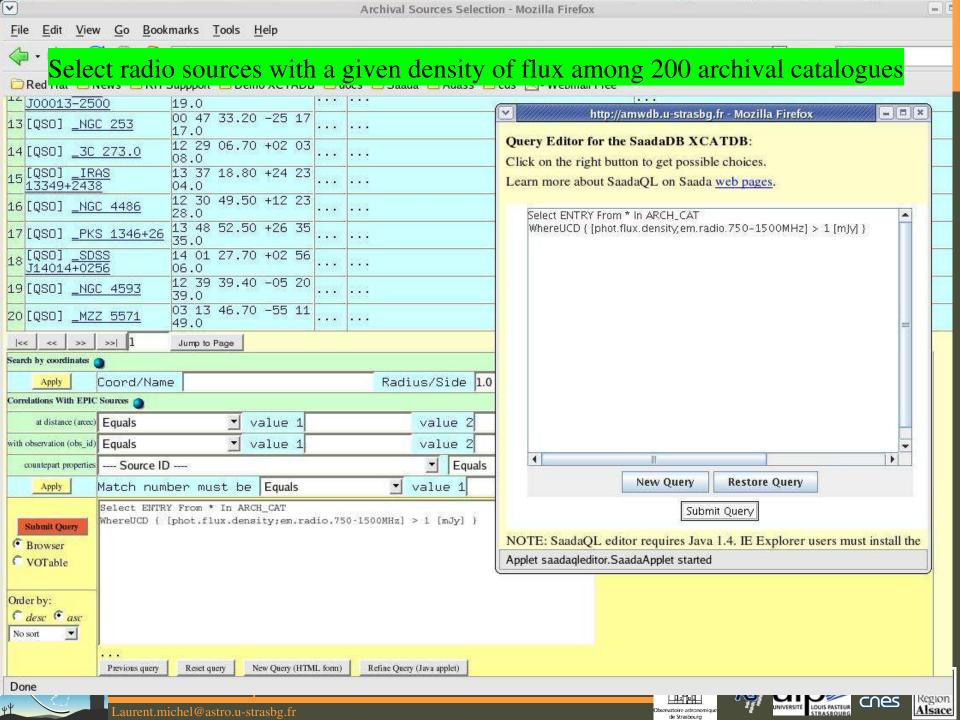


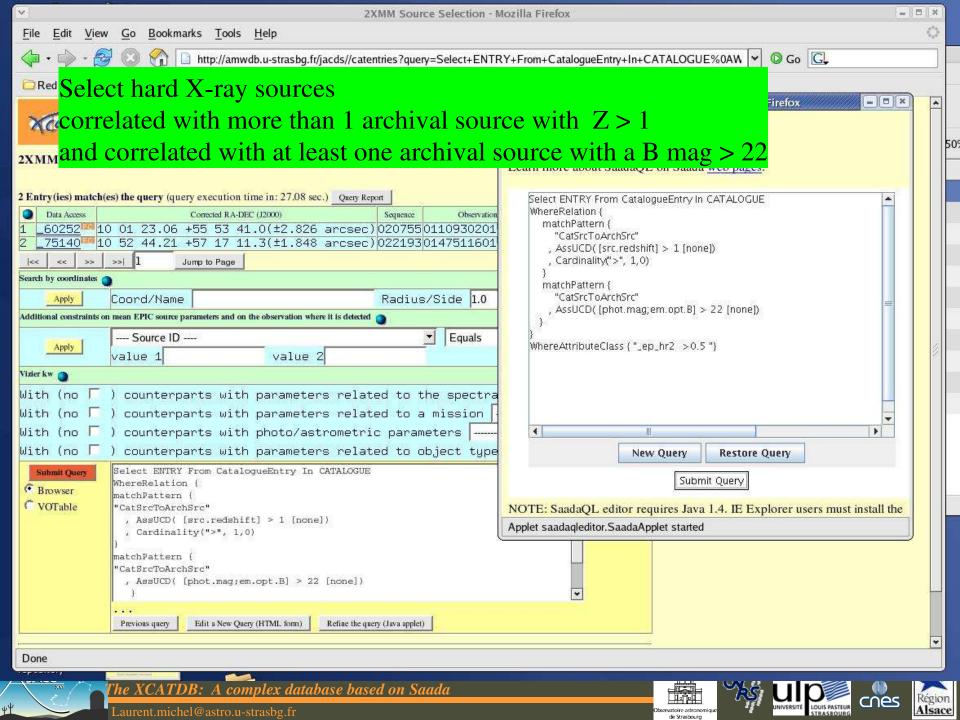














UCD Issue



[UCD]>x1 and [UCD]<x2

(att1>x1 or att2>x1) and (att1<x2 or att2<x2)

(att1>x1 and att1<x2) or (att2>x1 and att2<x2) or

(att1>x1 and att2<x2) or (att2>x1 and att1<x2)

Usually makes no sense

Solution: Using unambiguous operators: [UCD]In(x1,x2)













UCD Issue (continued)



- Query language issue: using a simple syntax
 - One operator for one UCD
- Query execution
 - Editable execution plan
- UCD attribution: a sensible issue
 - Using multi-words UCDs as often as possible
 - Limit the columns accessible per UCDs
 - Take care with units
 - Existence
 - Name: known by the converter
- Result presentation: another sensible issue
 - The client must understand how resources have been selected and accessed















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