# SEARCHING FOR RESEARCH LITERATURE ASTRO GRADUATE STUDENT SESSION



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- Librarian to Physics, Astronomy & Astrophysics, located in the Physics Library at McLennan Physical Labs
- What kind of things can I help you with?
  - Copyright questions
  - Accessing materials
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  - Anything information related

# LOCATING RESEARCH LITERATURE IN ADS, ARXIV, SCOPUS AND GOOGLE SCHOLAR

How to access databases

Finding items like research articles come in many forms, usually searchable via databases.

Today we'll look at a few of them that will be useful in astronomy.

Some are free, such as NASA Astrophysics Data System (NASA ADS, arXiv and of course, Google Scholar.

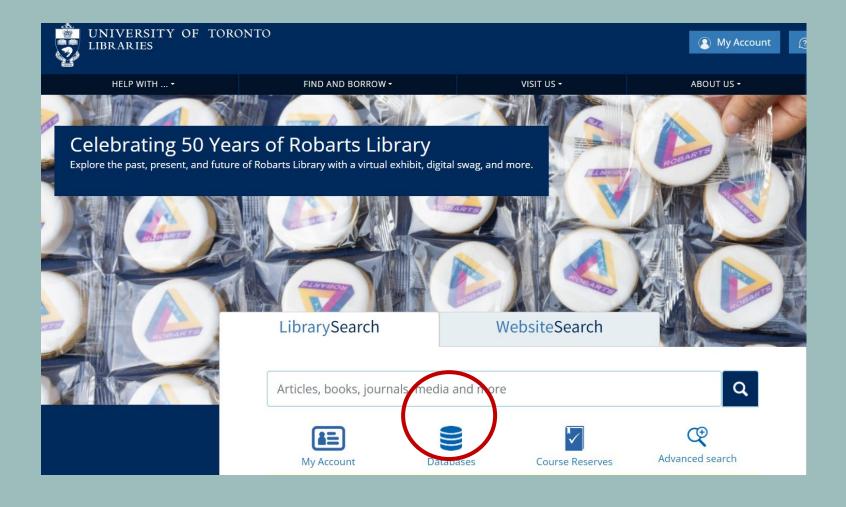
Others are via subscriptions that we pay for through the university's library system. The reasons we pay for access to these is because they are created and tailored specifically to make searching for peer-reviewed literature in the form of journal articles and conference papers easier for researchers.

Today we will be looking at Scopus, the largest multi-disciplinary database.

How to access databases

On the UofT Library Website, there is a link to all of the databases (both free and subscribed) that we have access to. Going to this page will give you a variety of ways to pick a database to use. You can filter by subject, all of them from A-Z, etc.

Today we'll be using Scopus, but Web of Science is another recommended database.

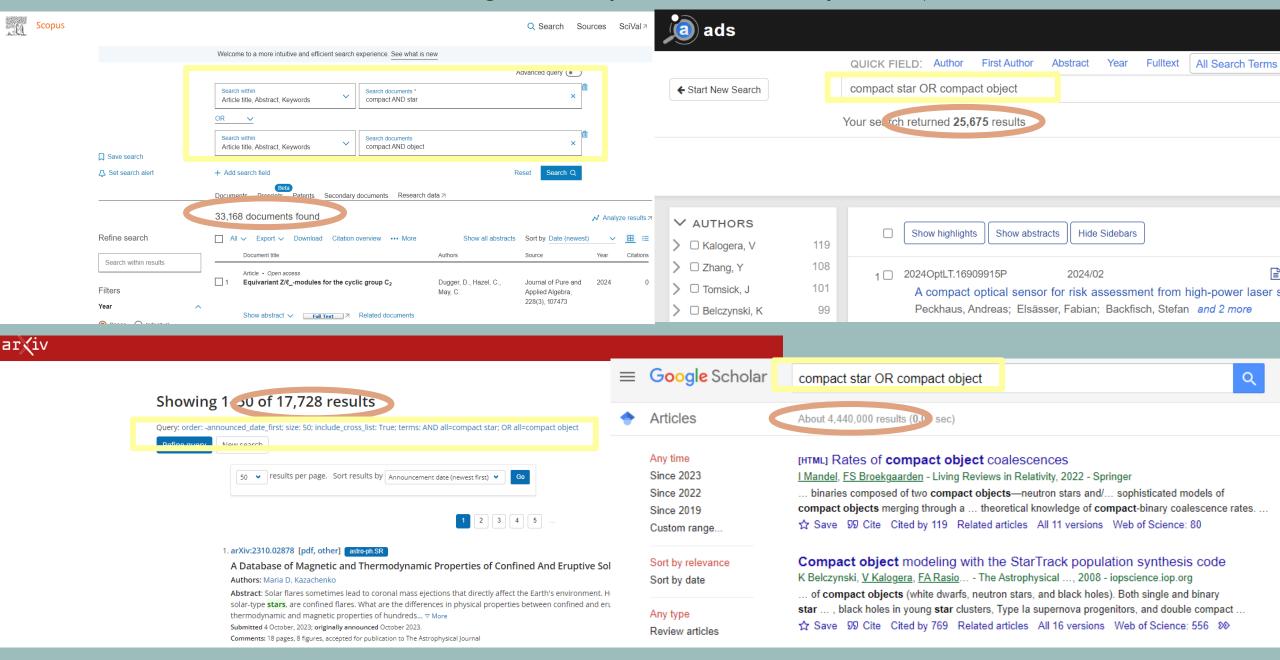


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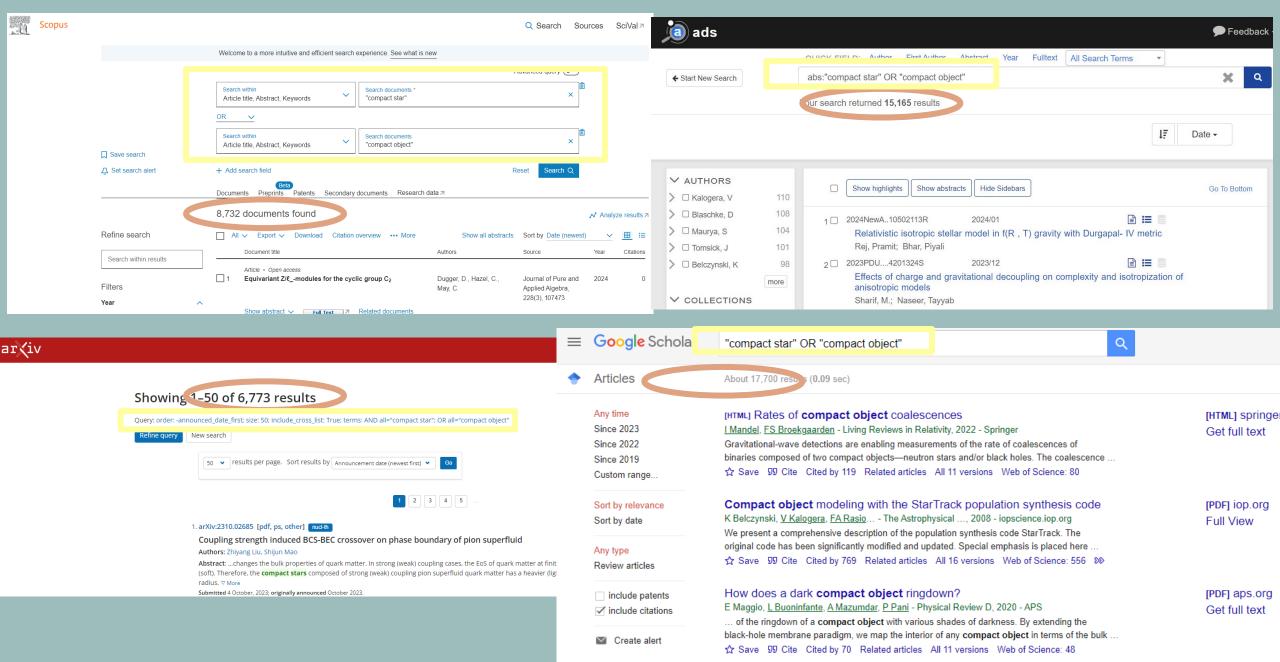


- Try searching for compact star OR compact object and let me know what are the number of results you get.
- Try again with quotation marks around them ("compact star" OR "compact object") and give me the result numbers as well.
- Include the database used.

## Free searching for compact star or compact object



### Searching with quotation marks to keep the terms together ("compact star" OR "compact object")



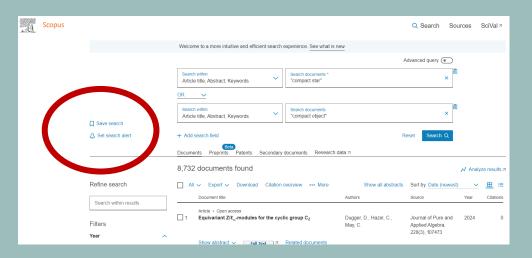
Newest publications alerts

## In arXiv: How to sign up for personalized email alerts

In NASA ADS, there is a "Create email notification" option on the right side of your search results.



In databases like Scopus or Web of Science, you will see the option to save your search or set an alert for new publications that fit your search parameters.



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Search for University of Toronto in the search bar, and when you search look for the box that says "University of Toronto Libraries – Get Full Text" and make sure it's checked off. When you save it will then give you all search results with the UofT subscription access while you use it off-campus.

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Example: Looking for The Disordered Cosmos by Chanda Prescod-Weinstein

You can search on the library website's main search bar. Search the title in quotation marks ("") and if you have an author, put AND in capital letters to combine both to try to get a specific search result.



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Using the Library website, try finding out if we have access to the thesis

"Magnetohydrodynamic Shocks in Molecular Clouds" by David F. Chernoff,

published in 1985.

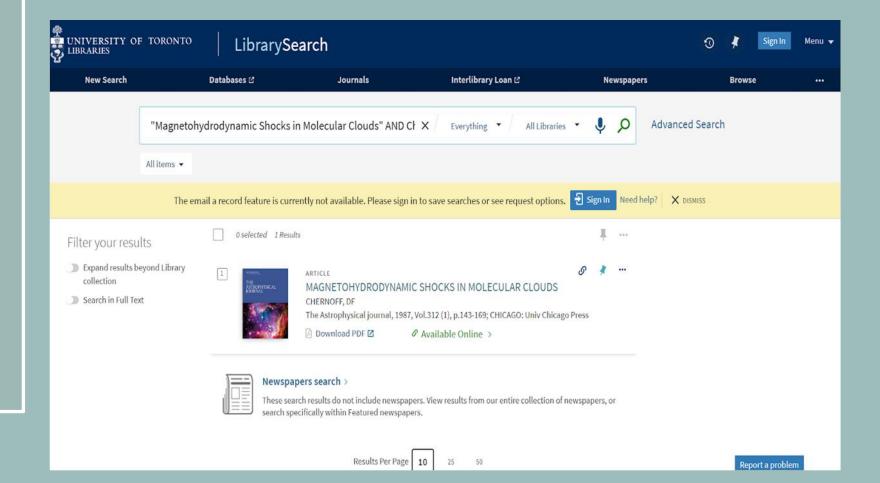
Do we have access to it? Where is it from?

# INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Example: We're trying to find a thesis titled "Magnetohydrodynamic Shocks in Molecular Clouds" by David F. Chernoff printed in 1985.

Pay attention to this one, as the author wrote an article of the same title AFTER he completed his thesis. Try not to mistake the type of publication when searching for the title in question.

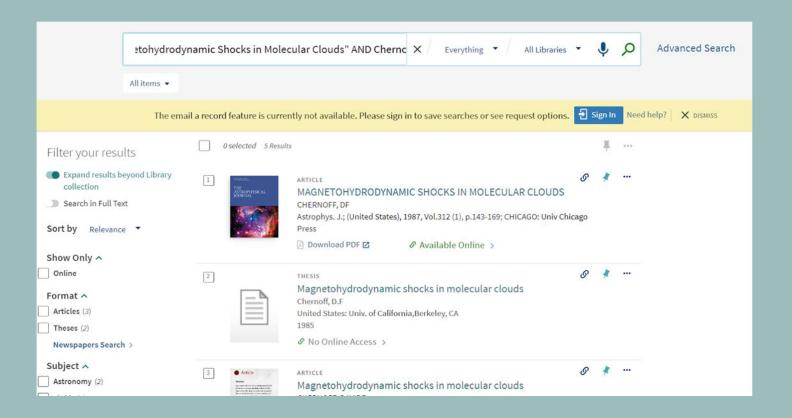
Here it shows that we have access to the ARTICLE, not the thesis.



# INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Next, to find out if another university has the thesis available, we're going to toggle on **"Expand results beyond Library collection**" found on the left-hand side of the page.

Here we see that results #2 is the thesis we're looking for.

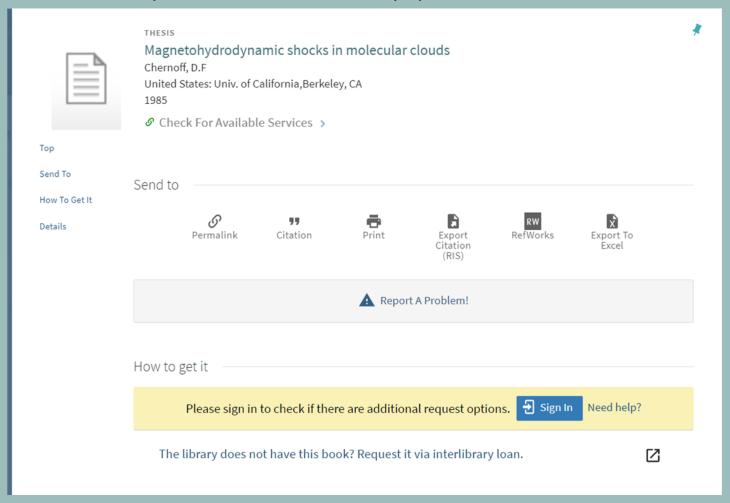


# INTERLIBRARY LOAN

When you click on the thesis, you will see a pop-up showing that we do not have this thesis for access at our university.

Instead, it gives you the option, The library does not have this book? Request is via interlibrary loan"

If you click this link, it will direct you to a form which you fill out and submit, which will send a request to the central library system



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Introduction to the Engineering & Computer Science Library Supports & Services (geared for grad students but all are welcome)

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:10pm - 12:45pm Engineering Library

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