# How to add a spectrum in AOTS

# 1 Login

When navigating to http://a15.astro.physik.uni-potsdam.de, you will end on the landing page where the publicly available projects are displayed. From there you can login by clicking on "LOG IN" in the top right corner.

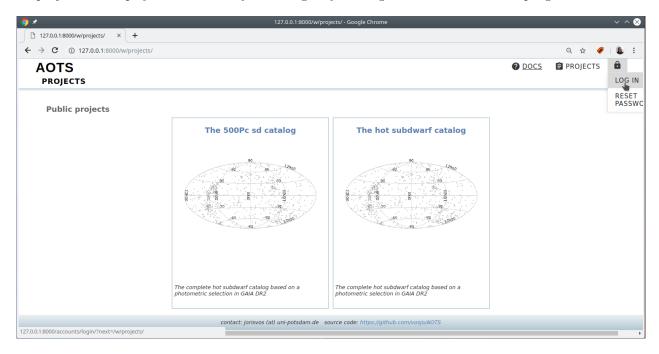


Figure 1: Landing page

This will bring you to the login page where you can log in with the user name and password you received.

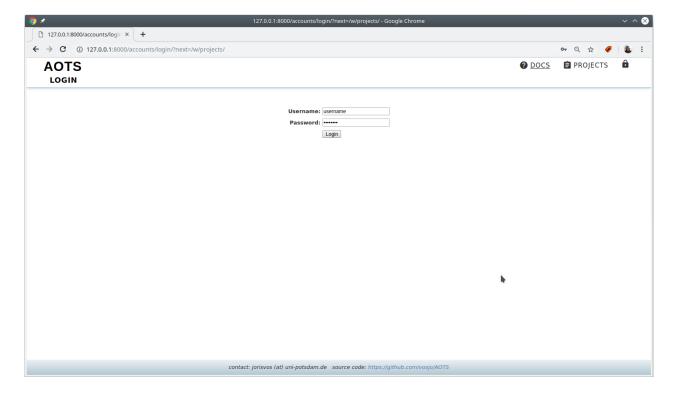


Figure 2: Login page

Note: By hovering over "LOG IN" you also can reset or change your password by selecting "RESET PASSWORD" or "CHANGE PASSWORD", respectively.

# 2 Uploading spectra

After login you will be redirected to the AOTS landing page. Here you can now select the project that you want to work on by clicking on the name of the project. For example we want to add a spectrum to the "The hot subdwarf catalog".

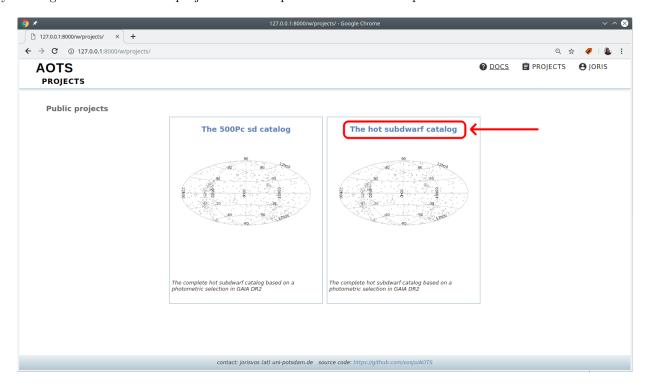


Figure 3: Landing page after login

#### 2.1 Uploading reduced spectra

You will end up on the systems index page that lists all systems that are part of this project. To add a spectrum, navigate to "OBSERVATIONS"  $\rightarrow$  "SPECTRA"  $\rightarrow$  "UPLOAD NEW" in the top navigation bar:

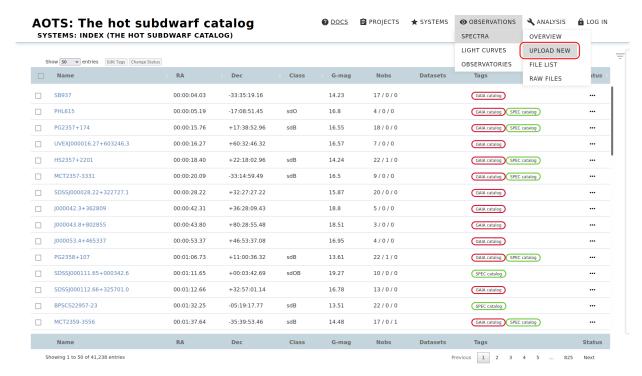


Figure 4: System page

At the top of this page is an upload form where you can select one or more spectra in fits format or as simple txt files to upload them to the database.

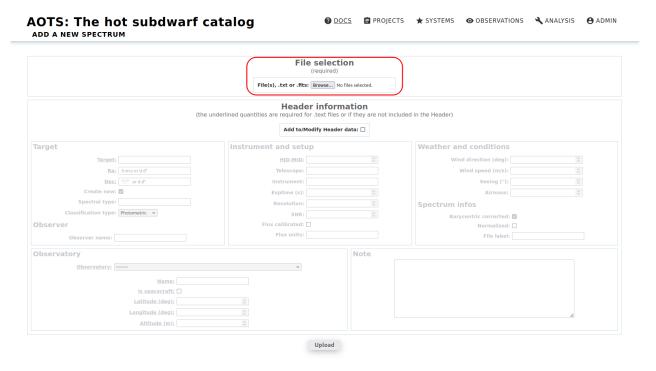


Figure 5: Spectrum upload page

AOTS tries to extract all necessary data automatically from the fits headers. See Sect. 2.2 for a list of all fully supported file types and the recognized keywords.

The extracted header information can be completed or overwritten by the form in the "Header information" section. To activate this form select "Add to/Modify Header data". Most of the parameters are optional. The underlined quantities: "Target", "Ra", "Dec", "HJD-MID" are required, if they are not included in the fits header. In addition, an "Observatory" must be selected or the necessary information ("Name", "Is spacecraft", "Latitude (deg)", "Longitude (deg)", "Altitude (m)") to create a new observatory must be provided. However, in most cases the observatory can be identified or newly created based on the fits header information.

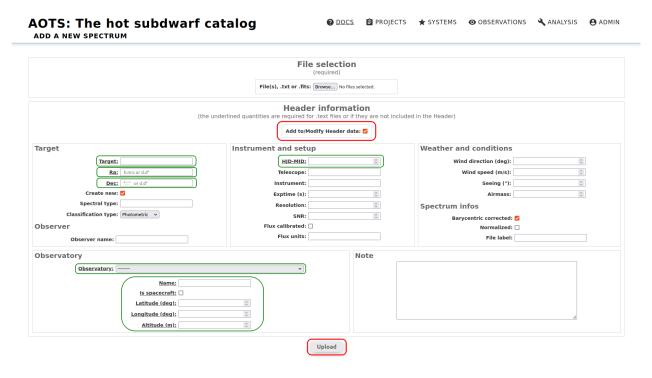


Figure 6: Spectrum upload page with activated form

txt files are expected to be a simple two-column table with the wavelength in the first column and the flux in the

second column. For txt files, filling in the header information form is mandatory. Required are, as described above, the underlined quantities. However, as many fields as possible should be filled in.

After pressing the upload button the spectra will be processed by AOTS and you will be redirected to the spectrum files page, which can also be reached from the top navigation bar via "OBSERVATIONS"  $\rightarrow$  "SPECTRA"  $\rightarrow$  "FILE LIST". A confirmation notice for the upload is displayed at the top of this page to confirm that everything went well. The newly uploaded spectrum will be added to the list of "Uploaded files". (You might have to sort on "Added on" to find the spectrum).

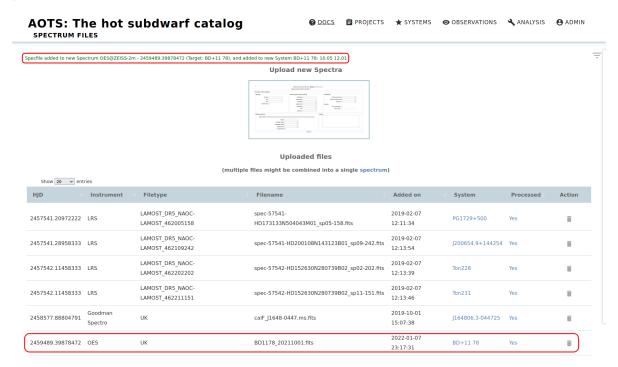


Figure 7: Spectral file list - after upload - In this example a OES spectrum (taken with the ZEISS 2m telescope in Ondrejov) of BD+1178 was uploaded

To add further spectra files click on the large button below "Upload new Spectra", which will take you again to the spectrum upload page.

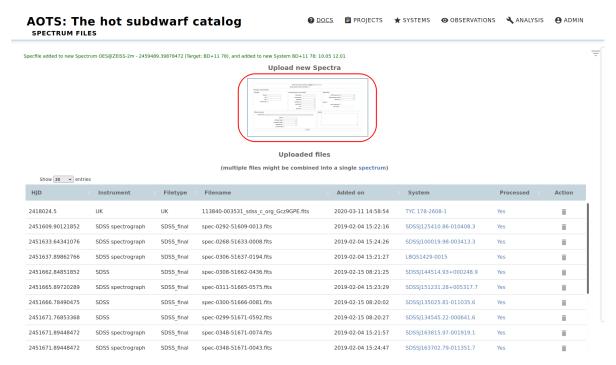


Figure 8: Spectral file list - Upload button

Multiple uploaded files might be automatically combined into a single spectrum, if they belong to the same system (measured based on the right ascension and declination) and are taken at approximately the same time with the same instrument. If you click on "spectrum" be taken to the main spectrum page, which you can also access from the top

navigation bar by clicking on "OBSERVATIONS"  $\rightarrow$  "SPECTRA"  $\rightarrow$  "OVERVIEW".

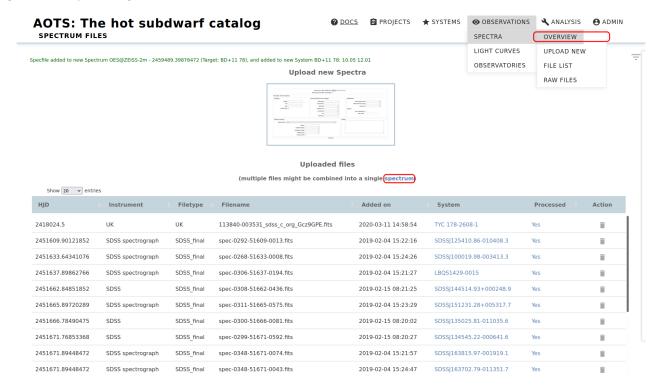


Figure 9: Spectral file list - Link to spectra overview page

If you click on the "Yes" in the "Processed" column, you will be taken to the spectrum details page where you can check the added spectrum. You can check the associated system by clicking on the system name in the "System" column.

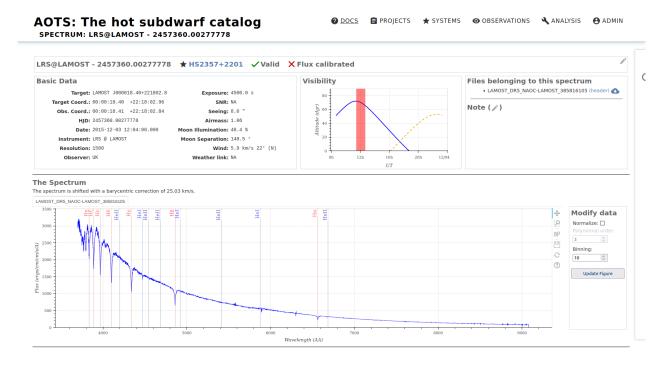


Figure 10: Spectrum detail page

## 2.2 Recognized header keywords (reduced spectra)

Multiple types of fits files are recognized by AOTS:

- ESO phase 3
- ESO Reflex fits files

- FEROS fits files from the CERES pipeline
- HERMES fits files
- SDSS fits files
- LAMOST fits files
- MODS fits files

For all other spectra in fits format the following header keywords are recognized:

Keyword	explanation
HJD, BJD, MJD, DATE-OBS	time at mid observation
OBJECT	object name
RA	right ascention in decimal degrees or in hours (hexadecimal)
DEC	declination in degrees, decimal of hexadecimal
INSTRUME	instrument
TELESCOP	telescope
EXPTIME	exposure time in seconds
OBSERVER	name of the observer
SPEC_RES	spectral resolution
$\operatorname{SNR}$	signal to noise ratio
SEEING	seeing during the observation

## 2.3 Uploading raw data

To add raw data to reduced spectrum files, navigate to "OBSERVATIONS"  $\rightarrow$  "SPECTRA"  $\rightarrow$  "RAW FILES" in the top navigation bar:

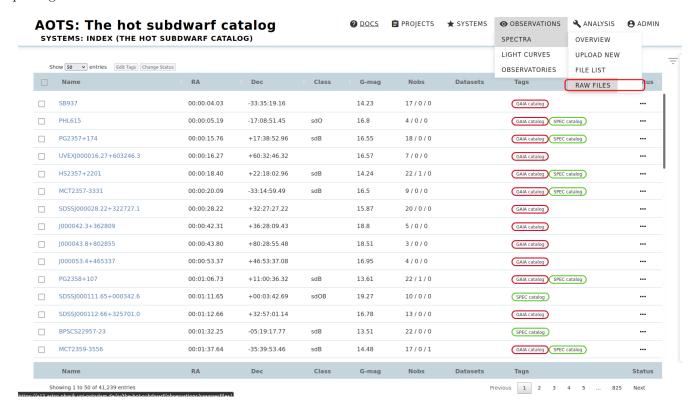


Figure 11: System page

You can upload multiple raw files at once using the form at the top of the page. The files must be in fits format. The "System" and "Spectra" fields allow you to select the reduced spectral files for which the raw data will be uploaded.



Figure 12: Raw file page

After a system is selected, the "Spectra" selection is reduced to the files belonging to that system. Multiple selections are possible, so that e.g. flats, darks, and biases for all targets of a night can be uploaded at once.



Figure 13: Raw file page - Spectra selected

After pressing the upload button, a progress bar is displayed to illustrate the progress of the upload. Since raw data is usually quite large, the upload process can take a considerable amount of time.



Figure 14: Raw file page with upload progress bar

AOTS will process the files and display a confirmation notice for the upload at the top of the page to confirm that everything went well.

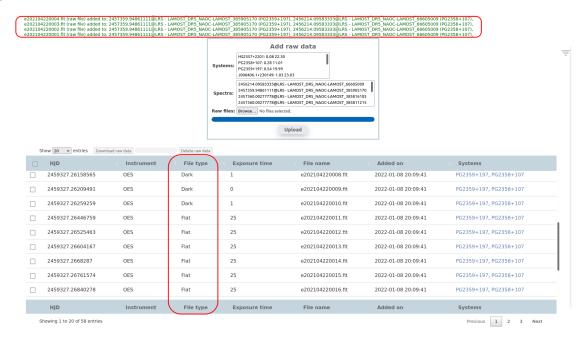


Figure 15: Raw file page - Upload complete

The newly uploaded spectrum will be added to the table below the form. This table also lists the "File type" that is derived from the "IMAGETYP" fits header keyword. All recognized fits header keywords are listed in the Table below. You can check the associated system by clicking on the system name in the "Systems" column.

#### 2.4 Recognized header keywords (raw data)

For all raw files the following header keywords are recognized:

Keyword	explanation
HJD, BJD, MJD, DATE-OBS	time at mid observation
OBJECT	object name
RA	right ascention in decimal degrees or in hours (hexadecimal)
DEC	declination in degrees, decimal of hexadecimal
INSTRUME	instrument
TELESCOP	telescope
EXPTIME	exposure time in seconds
OBSERVER	name of the observer
IMAGETYP	file type