

# Digital Object Identifiers and the ESA Science Archives

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# Better linking data and papers



- At ESA we track monthly number of papers based on ESA missions and the volume of data downloaded from archives
- Directly linking papers to data is difficult, no standards exist, some missions do it manually (e.g. XMM, Herschel), very time consuming
- Monitoring which data are used more/less tells us if calibration is not sufficient or data analysis tools are missing
- Information might also help ESA advisory bodies make informed decisions about payload on future missions (extension)

# Two avenues



- Artificial Intelligence: natural language processing and machine learning to extract the syntactic dependencies between instruments and measurements in papers text and linking them to the ESA databases
  - Just started exploratory study with National Observatory of Athens on analysis of Mars Express, Planck, Cluster papers
  - Longer term, we will keep you updated
- Digital Object Identifiers: assign unique identifier to (collections of) data to help authors/readers easily link them to the archives
  - Short term, happening now

# DOIs help data to be FAIR



- Science community at large promotes open science
- Easier if data are FAIR:  
Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable
- Funding agencies encourage this, including EU
- Soon persistent identifiers might become mandatory
- Good time to adopt



# Some journals are already getting strict...



- American Geophysical Union journals (e.g. JGR) reject papers if data are not available to referee
- Since 1 August JGR and A&A accepted papers must make data available to all via persistent repositories (not just institute's websites)
- With DOI standard, authors make their results more transparent, verifiable, reproducible, reusable, interconnected → **visibility**
- Helps advancement of science

- We want our data to be easy to find and cite
- Goals: help scientists track and reuse data
  - simplify linking papers to data
  - improve visibility of our data
- ESA has DOI capability, through agreement with CrossRef:  
prefix **10.5270 = ESA**
- Already used for publications and Earth Observation data, now also starting with Space Science data (Herschel, Mars Express, Planck)

# Keep it simple



- Recall goal: make ESA data easy to find, reuse, and cite
- Need uniform solution across all archives, yet flexible
- Must apply to “collections” defined both by missions and by users
- Define collections at right level to keep system lean (granularity)
- Avoid versioning whenever possible (DOIs refer to current data)
- DOIs get random names, “ESA-h2o7nvx”, to avoid second-guessing

# Collection level – Missions



- Astronomical observatories: one DOI per proposal, ~20,000
- Other astronomy missions: DOI at level of catalogue (e.g. Gaia DR) or map (e.g. Planck), ~100
- Planetary science missions: one DOI per dataset/bundle (e.g. one per instrument/experiment/phase), ~500
- Heliophysics missions: one DOI per set of data (could be one per experiment/instrument/[sensor]), ~100
- Less than 1,000 new DOIs per year (manageable costs)

# Collection level – Example for Heliophysics



- SOHO: per sensor plus one for experiment (CELIAS)
- CLUSTER: per combination of experiment/detector (for CIS)
- Double Star: per experiment
- Ulysses: per experiment (or per detector when needed)
- Solar Orbiter: per instrument (or per detector when needed)
- Proba 2: per experiment

# Collection level – Users



- We want DOIs to help scientists track and reuse ESA data discussed in papers
- Let scientists assign DOIs to specific collections of data they used in their papers
- Paper defines data used, scientists select them from archive, put them in a “basket” and mint DOI on the fly (already offered by STScI)
- Also community-generated Higher Level Science Products delivered to ESA will receive DOIs in the same way



# Coordinate with journals



- Once DOI assignment (automatic and on-the-fly) is ready and tested, we will contact editorial offices
- Starting with European journals
- We expect journals to welcome the initiative: encourage persistent links (and discourage institutes' websites)
- Ask for feedback and to advertise service in instruction to authors
- Any comments or suggestions by **IHDEA** members very welcome!



# Backup slides



## Next steps ???REMOVE SLIDE???



- Missions (PS/AS/MM) to discuss/decide granularity level and collect metadata for landing pages
- Staggered approach, starting with Herschel and Planck as trailblazers
- ESDC to progressively automate DOI and landing page generation for each mission/archive
- Currently DOIs for ESA assigned manually by EOP at ESRIN; following our request EOP will automate the process (we will need thousands)
- ESDC to later develop on-the-fly DOI minting tool for archive users

# Landing page template



- Automatically-generated landing pages will populate templates with metadata in archives
- ESDC will provide standard template, missions welcome to modify it
- For now, landing pages hosted on [cosmos.esa.int](https://cosmos.esa.int)
- Landing pages to be edited and kept up to date  
(**AS to coordinate**)

Some picture/logo

DOI number

Metadata	

Description of the data

To facilitate future maintenance:

- Better stick to static text/images (extracted from headers?)
- Limit number of hardcoded URLs
- If a paper exists, link to its DOI

## Guidelines for landing page template

DOI metadata

- DOI number
- Short description
- Mission/Instrument
- Producer (ESA/partners)
- Format
- (Version)
- DOI creation date
- Link to the data

# Examples from Sebastien/Pedro/Marcos



# Discussion







- Managed system\* for persistent identification of content on digital networks
- Provides unique identification, persistence, resolution, metadata
- Information about object can change over time, including where to find it, but its DOI name will not change

\*DOI Foundation ([doi.org](https://doi.org)) is a federation of registration agencies (e.g. [datacite.org](https://datacite.org), [crossref.org](https://crossref.org), etc)

# Landing pages



- DOIs are just links to “landing pages”
- Landing page hosts information (metadata) about the “object”
- Landing page points to persistent “home” of the object (museum, URL, etc)
- If anything changes, landing page must be updated

DOI

10.5270/esa-0j79yk8

landing page

<b>Data Set / Bundle</b>	UCL-MSSL_iMars_HRSC_V1.0
<b>Description</b>	A high spatial resolution (50m) Digital Terrain Model (DTM) and orthorectified Image (ORI) have been produced for the Martian South Polar Residual ice-Cap (SPRC) for 33 HRSC strips and the associated ORIs at 12.5m. In addition, a 50m DTM mosaic has been created alongside a 12.5m ORI mosaic. For the ORI mosaic, individual HRSC image strips have been corrected for different surface scattering properties prior to mosaicing.
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<b>Data Access</b>	<a href="ftp://npsa01.esac.esa.int/pub/mirror/Guest-Storage-Facility/UCL-MSSL_iMars_HRSC_V1.0/">ftp://npsa01.esac.esa.int/pub/mirror/Guest-Storage-Facility/UCL-MSSL_iMars_HRSC_V1.0/</a>
<b>Data browse</b>	<a href="http://www.i-mars.eu/web-gis">www.i-mars.eu/web-gis</a> and press "S" to show South polar view
<b>Product User Guide</b>	<a href="#">Link to the PUG</a>
<b>DOI</b>	10.5270/esa-0j79yk8
<b>Version History</b>	V1.0 First version of this data set
<b>Citation Guidelines</b>	European Space Agency, 2019, UCL-MSSL_iMars_HRSC_V1.0, <a href="https://doi.org/10.5270/esa-0j79yk8">https://doi.org/10.5270/esa-0j79yk8</a>
<b>Associated Publication(s)</b>	Putri, A. R. D., Sidiropoulos, P., Muller, J. P., Walter, S. H., & Michael, G. G. (2019). A New South Polar Digital Terrain Model of Mars from the High Resolution Stereo Camera (HRSC) onboard the ESA Mars Express. <i>Planetary and Space Science</i> . DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pss.2019.02.010">10.1016/j.pss.2019.02.010</a>
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<b>Mission(s)</b>	Mission : Mars Express Instrument : HRSC  <b>mars express</b>

data



Search English

English



Grammar

English

# collection

*noun*

UK

/kəˈlek.ʃən/ US

/kəˈlek.ʃən/

**collection** *noun* (THINGS TOGETHER)



**B1** [C]

a group of objects of one type that have been collected  
by one person or in one place:

- *a private art collection*
- *a valuable stamp collection*



# Granularity



- DOIs are assigned at collection level
- Collections are defined based on area of research
- Collections can contain data from more than one mission
- Different collections can contain (part of) same data