

## The DART-Europe E-theses Portal

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## **DART-Europe:** background

- Began in 2005
- Supporting the management, discoverability, re-usability and preservation of Europe's electronic research theses
- Resourced through partner contributions
- Governed by Board of partners



#### **Partnership**

- Partners are university consortia, universities, or national libraries
- Must sign Partnership Agreement (no financial obligations!)
- DART-Europe has partners in:
  - Belgium
  - Estonia
  - Finland
  - Germany
  - Hungary
  - Ireland
  - Norway

- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- UK



## **DART-Europe: 7 work themes**

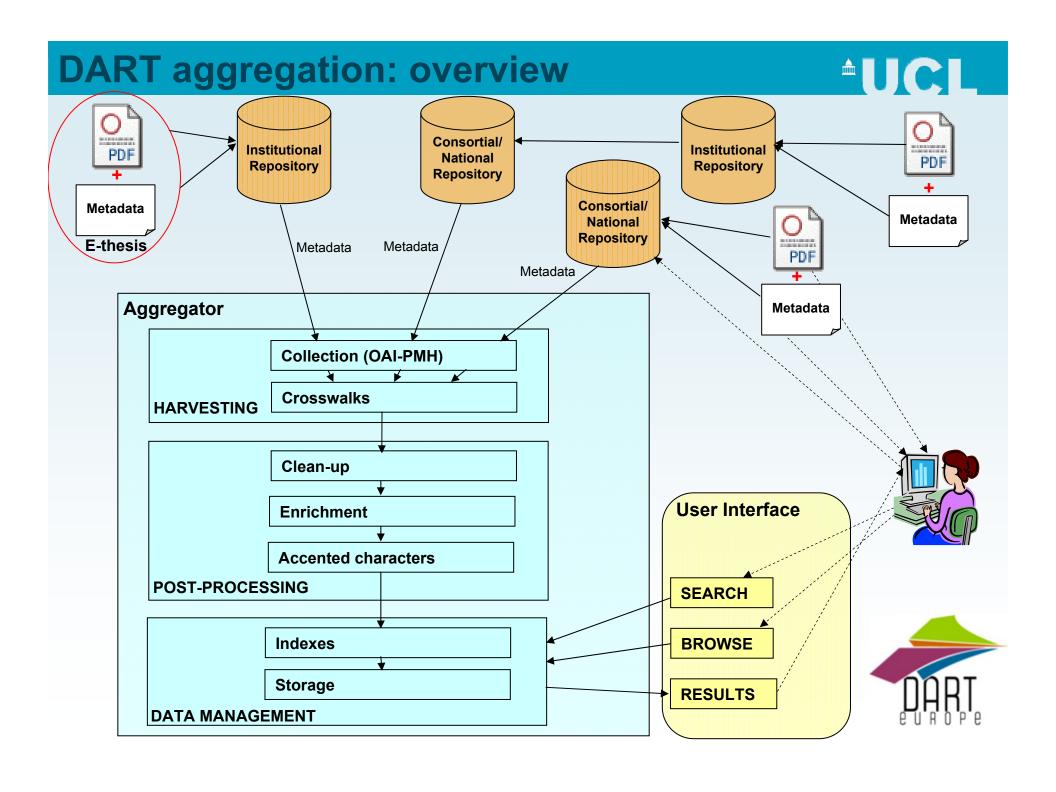
- Partnership
- Advocacy and best practice
- Digital preservation
- Marketing and dissemination
- Sustainability
- Community building; and...
- Portal



## The DART-Europe E-theses Portal

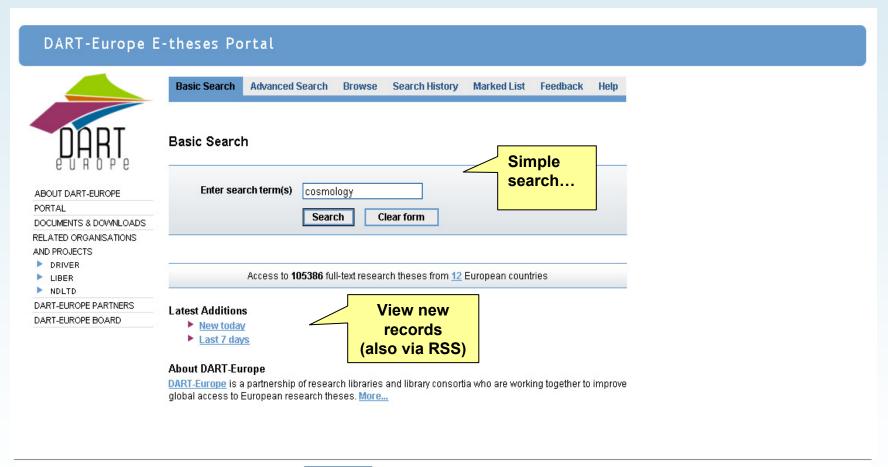
- OAI-PMH aggregator
  - PKP Harvester2 with some customisation
- Current coverage:
  - 105,000+ open access research theses
  - includes theses awarded by 160+ Universities
  - data harvested from 12 European countries
- Updated daily (~100 new records/day)







## Portal home - http://www.dart-europe.eu







#### **Results:** brief

#### DART-Europe E-theses Portal



ABOUT DART-EUROPE

PORTAL

DOCUMENTS & DOWNLOADS

RELATED ORGANISATIONS

AND PROJECTS

- DRIVER
- ► LIBER
- NDLTD

DART-EUROPE PARTNERS
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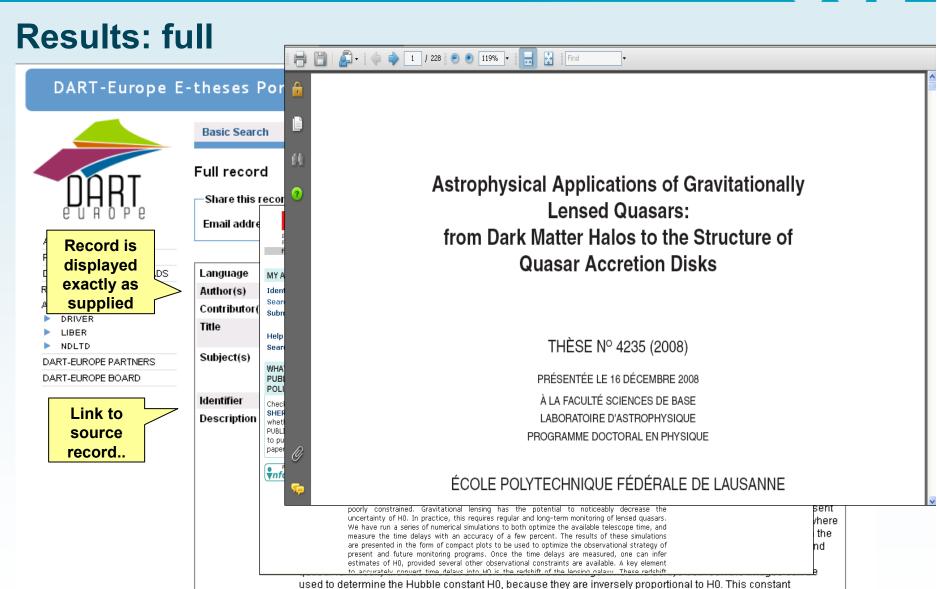
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Γ		<u>A New Limit On Vμ -&gt; Vtau</u> <u>Oscillations</u>	Brooijmans, Gustaaf	1998	Universite catholique de Louvain	BICTEL/e
Γ		Análisis de las anisotropías de la Radiación Cósmica del Fondo de Microondas mediante el uso de Filtros Adaptados	Herranz Muñoz, Diego	2002	Universidad de Cantabria	TDX
		Astrophysical applications of gravitationally lensed quasars: from dark matter halos to the structure of quasar accretion disks	Eigenbrod, Alexander	2008	Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne	Infoscience
Γ		Classical and Quantum Causality in Quantum Field Theory, or, "The Quantum Universe"	Eakins, Jonathan Simon	2004	University of Nottingham	Nottingham eTheses
		Constraints on neutralino masses and mixings from cosmology and collider physics [Elektronische Ressource] /vorgelegt von Ulrich Langenfeld	Langenfeld, Ulrich	2007	Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn	DissOnline
Γ		Cosmologia i Formació d'Estructures / Cosmology and	Manera Miret, Marc	2007	Universitat de Barcelona	TDX

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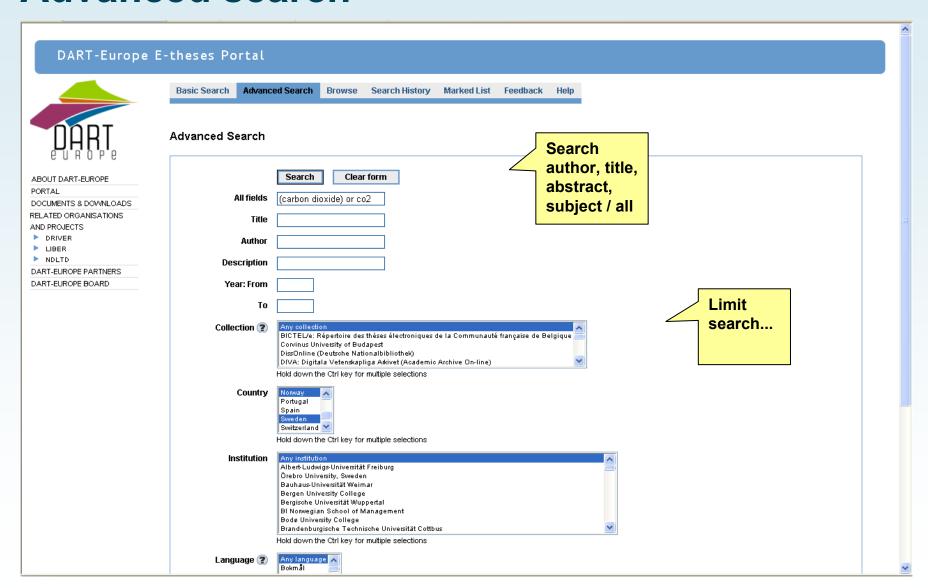




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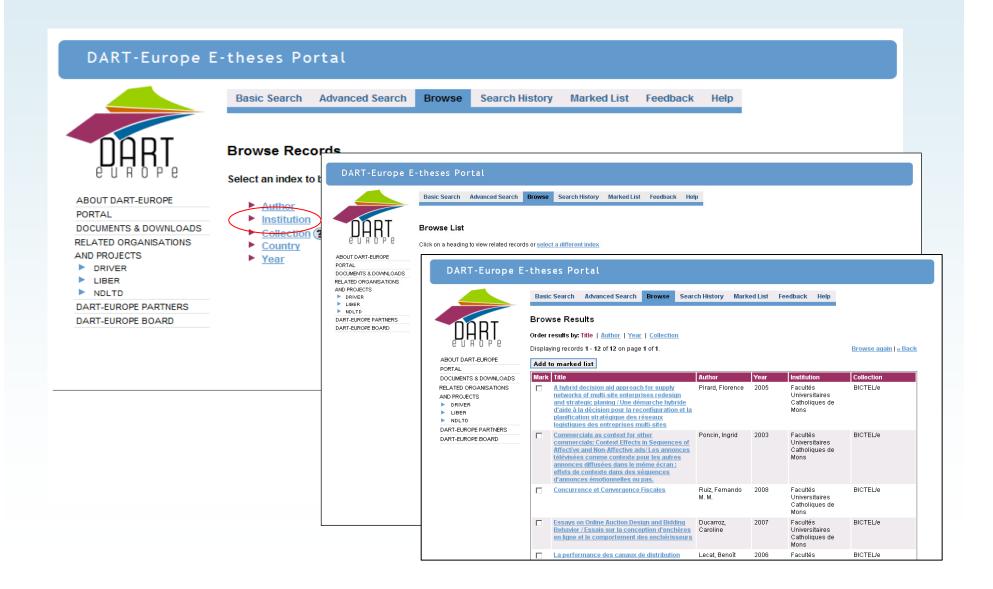


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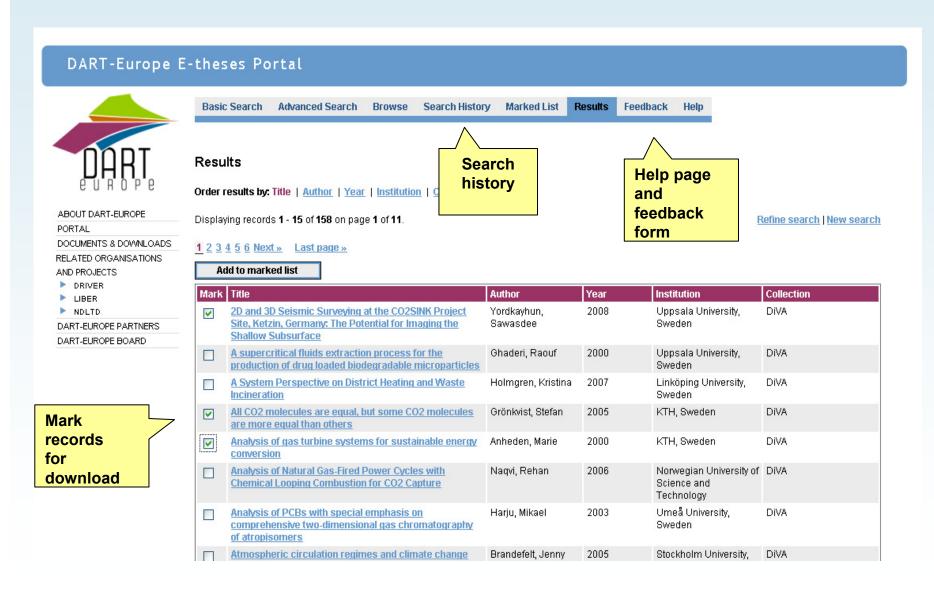


#### **Browse**





#### Other features...





## **Building the DART Portal: principles**

- Low maintenance
- User focus
- Low barriers to participation



## Participation: minimum requirements

- OAI set to identify open access research theses
- OAI Dublin Core metadata
- Essential: *author*, *title*, *date* (of award), *identifier* (http, ideally a link to local 'splash page')
- Recommended: awarding institution (preferably publisher)
- Desirable: abstract, subjects, language



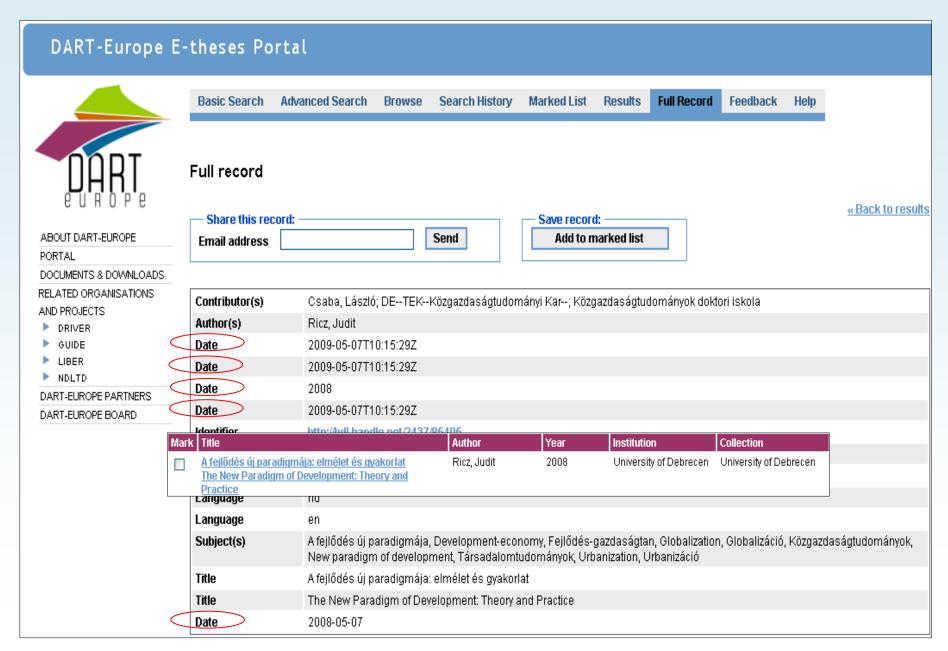
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## **Dublin Core for a collaborative service (1)**

- Invites problems of consistency
- Realistic to expect repositories to standardise?
  - contributing organisations have higher priorities, different technical skill sets...
  - acquiring content was seen to be more important
- Some central processing work required
  - especially languages, dates, awarding institutions
  - brief illustrations...







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		Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg	► <u>Universität Trier</u>	
		Oxford Brookes University	► Universität Ulm	

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#### Using Dublin Core for a collaborative service (2)

- Largely achievable, provided that source repositories are consistent in their inconsistencies!
- Basic author, title, date, hyperlink are always offered in the Portal
- Other fields are treated pragmatically
  - if information is not present, or cannot be used, it is ignored

#### **Portal: benefits**

- For contributing consortia and universities
  - raised visibility
  - low-cost participation
- For authors
  - added exposure for work
  - helps to introduce career-young academics to OA
- For researchers
  - aggregation: quantity, convenience, consistency
  - OA means ready availability of theses



#### Portal: next steps

- Marketing
  - what effects on usage and on performance?
- Current features have a 'traditional' feel
  - multilingual thesaurus; full text extraction; faceted search...what do researchers expect? What do they need? What effect on costs?
- Wider European context
  - DART-Europe as specialist aggregator for larger services, such as Europeana?

## **DART-Europe E-theses Portal: summary**

- Finding a balance between ease of contribution, complexity of intervention, and richness of service
- Currently...
  - Easy for repositories to participate
  - Portal has a credible body of content
  - Post-processing routines are low maintenance and effective
  - Portal provides a useful service to contributors and to researchers
- Good for researchers, good for research

#### **Further information**

- Portal
  - http://www.dart-europe.eu
- DART-Europe
  - <a href="http://www.dart-europe.eu/About">http://www.dart-europe.eu/About</a>
- Email
  - m.moyle@ucl.ac.uk
- Thank you

