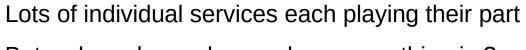


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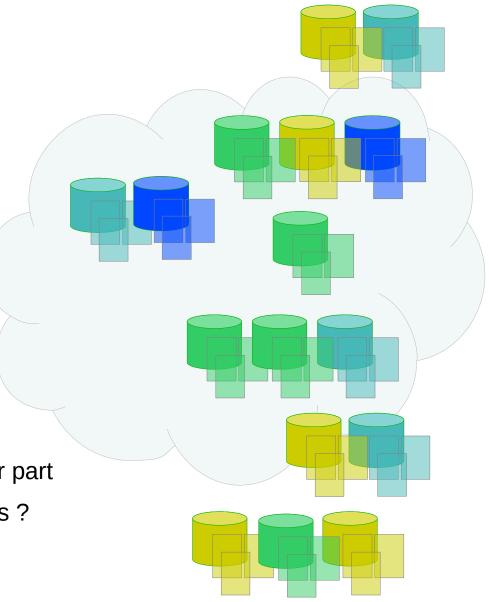
Data from all over the world .... in the cloud





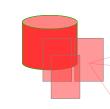


But ... how do you know where everything is ?





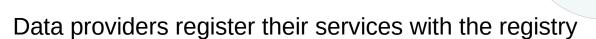












Registration metadata includes a description of the data they provide and the technical details of how to connect





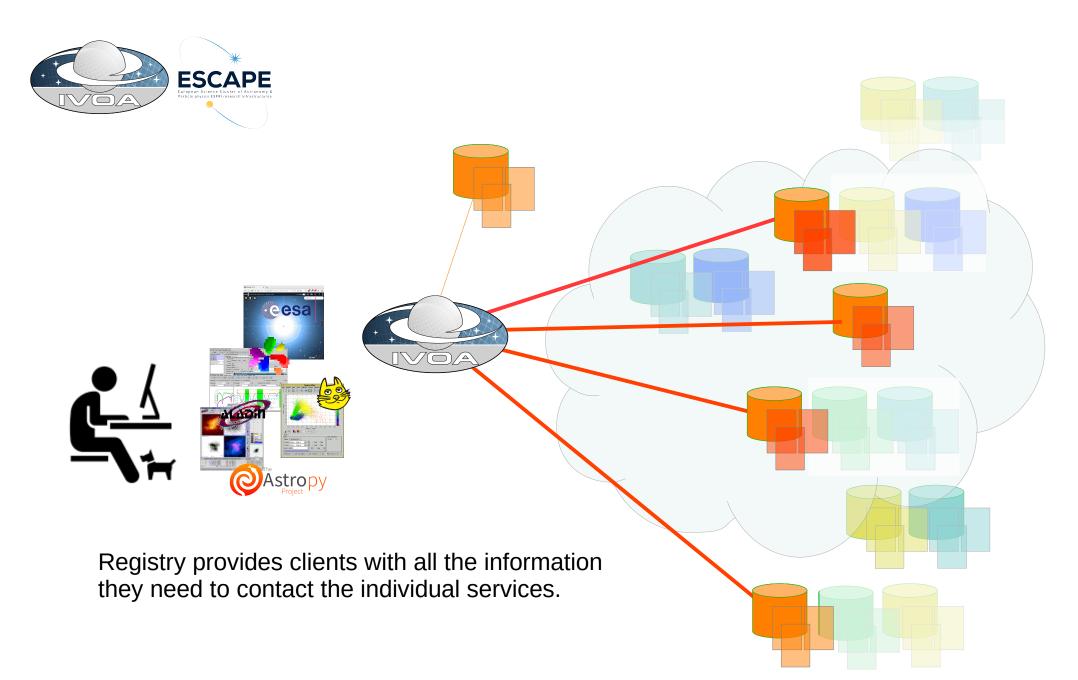






Clients query the registry to find services that contain data they are interested in













# Simple Cone Search

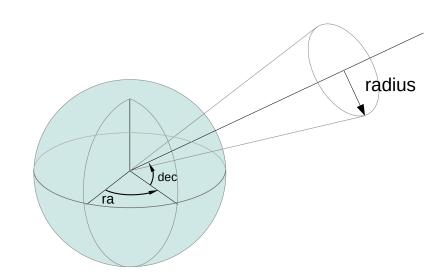
One of the earliest services defined by the IVOA

Version 1.0 adopted as an IVOA recommendation in 2006

$$RA = 170^{\circ} (deg)$$

$$DEC = 25^{\circ} (deg)$$

$$SR = 30^{\circ} (deg)$$



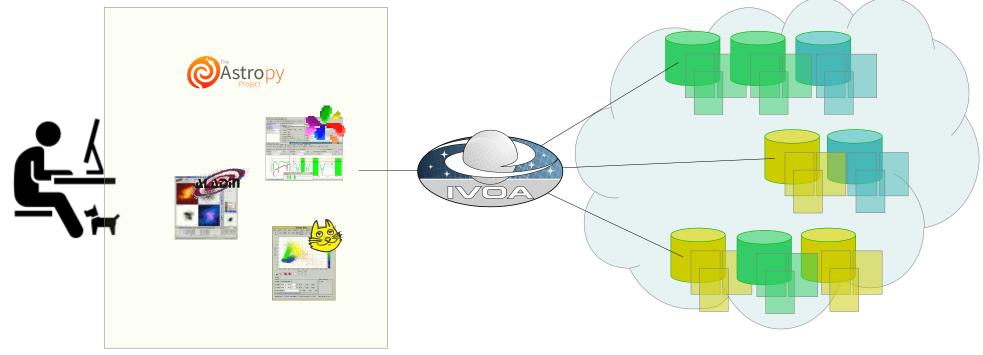
https://ivoa.net/documents/latest/ConeSearch.html









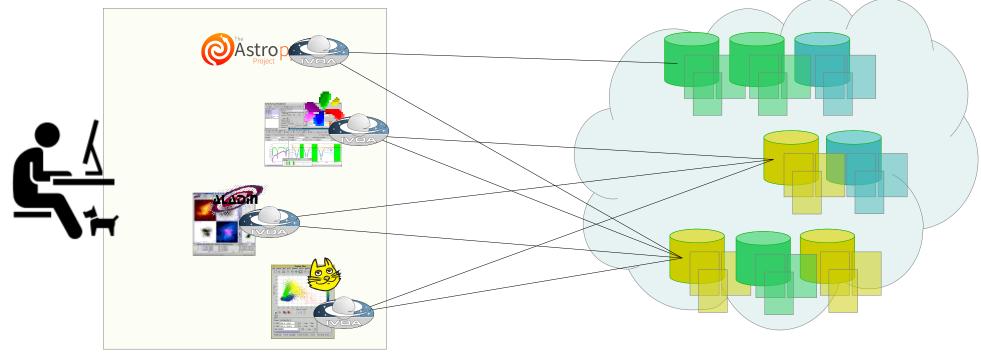


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All the data from the cloud .... available on your desktop





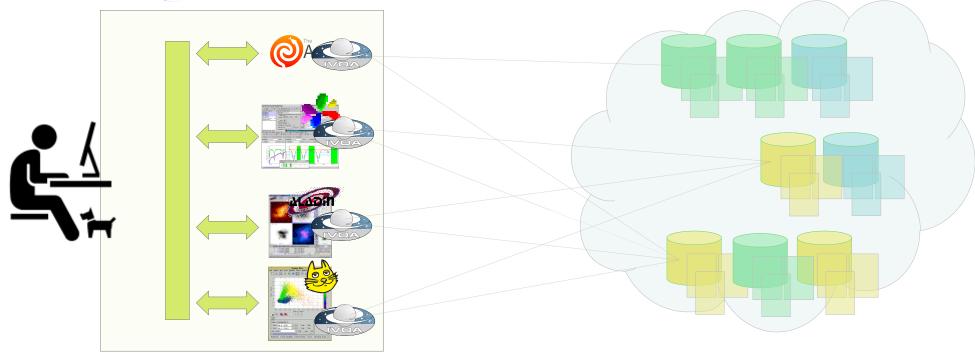


All the data from the cloud .... to each desktop app

Each application maintains its own connection to the VO





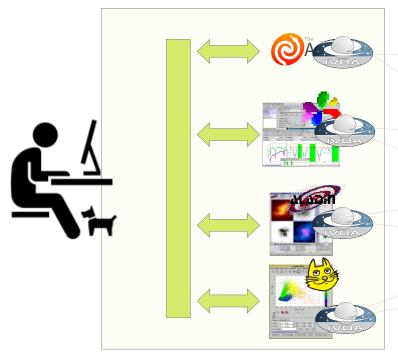


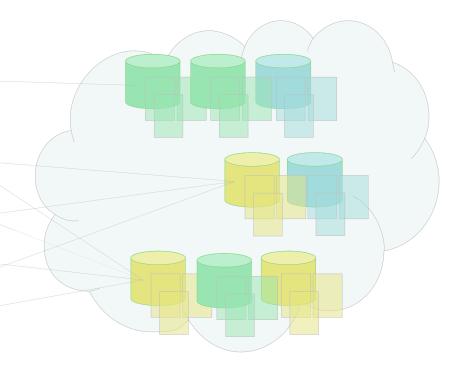
SAMP is a message bus within your local computer
Applications can use SAMP to send messages to each other

table.load.votable <a href="http://example.org/.../table.vot">http://example.org/.../table.vot</a> image.load.fits <a href="http://example.org/.../image.fits">http://example.org/.../image.fits</a> coord.pointAt.sky <ra,dec>









### Messages can be sent to specific applications

Send to Aladin:

image.load.fits <a href="http://example.org/.../image.fits">http://example.org/.../image.fits</a>

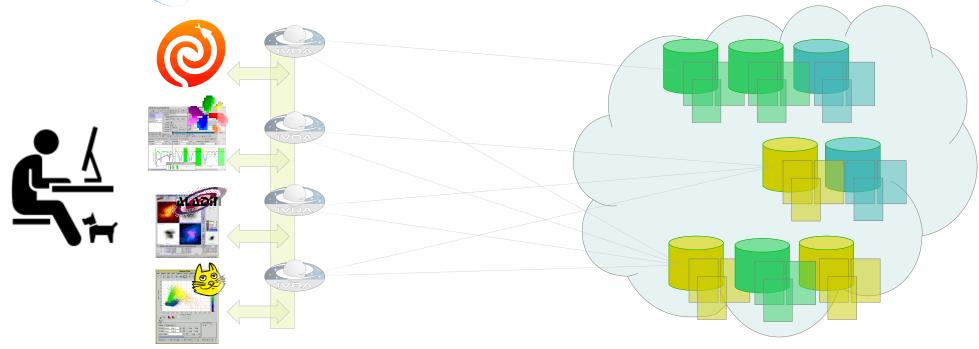
#### Or broadcast to all listeners

Send to all:

coord.pointAt.sky <ra,dec>







#### The Virtual Observatory

If we have done our job right, all the details disappear

All the data from the cloud appears to be one big dataset accessible through your desktop









## Unified Content Descriptors (UCD)

#### Different data providers have a different table structures

Data provider #1

Data provider #2

column name

RA
Decl
ID
....

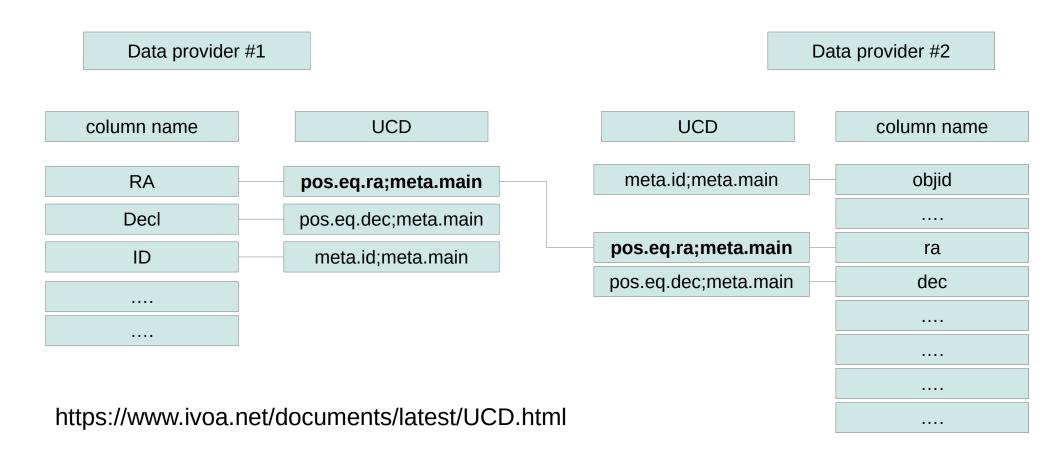
column name

objid
....
ra
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## Unified Content Descriptors (UCD)

#### TAP schema and UCDs enable clients to figure out the mapping







### Observation Data Model Core Components

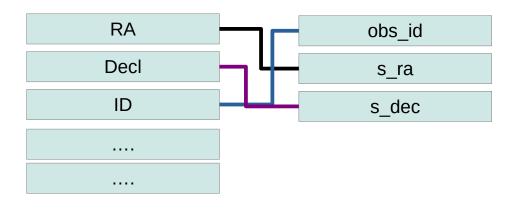
ObsCore adds a standard view to the data in each data provider

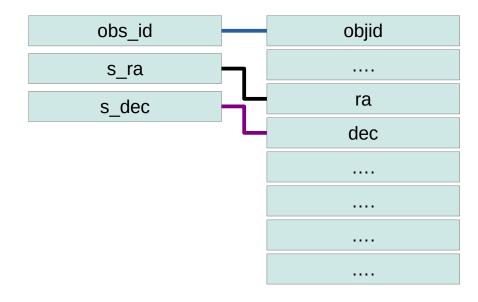
Data provider #1

Data provider #2

CREATE VIEW ivoa. ObsCore ( .... )

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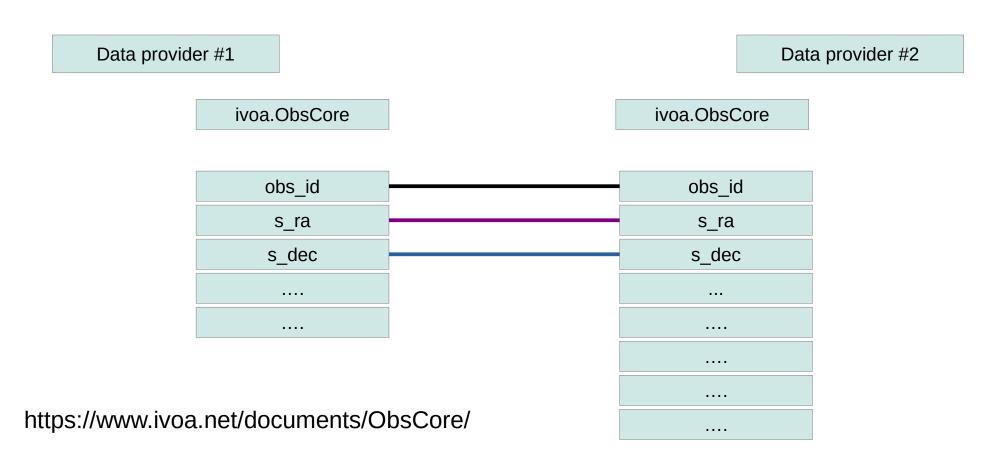
https://www.ivoa.net/documents/ObsCore/





## Observation Data Model Core Components

Now the public tables in **both** providers are the same

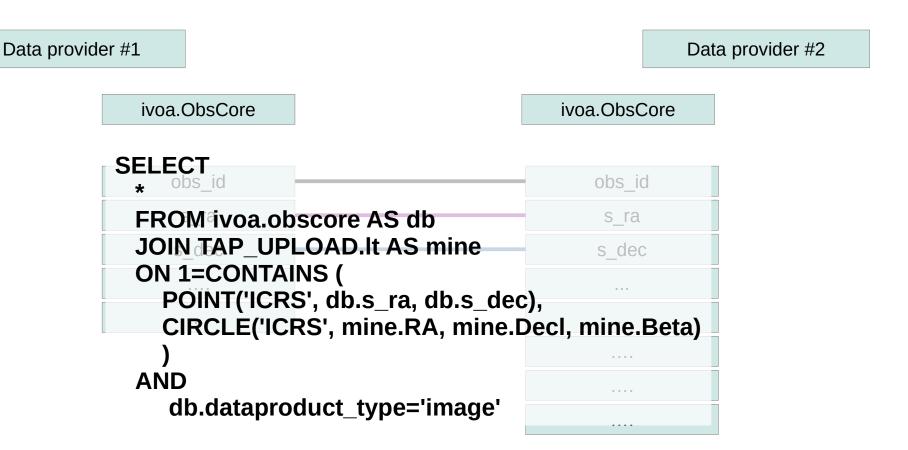






### Observation Data Model Core Components

Now, the same query can be applied to **both** services













Everyone invited to develop science use cases

Science based interest groups

Scientific use cases

theory

time-series

**IVOA** working groups e.g. DataAccessLayer, Applications, **Semantics** 

Science priorities for the IVOA

Science platforms

Machine learning

Science priorities committee

Multi-messenger astronomy

Scientists from IVOA members and major astronomy projects

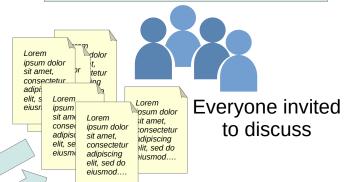
**Request For Comment** (RFC) document



Everyone invited to comment

Anyone can raise issues

#### Working group email list



New standards being developed

**ObjVisSAP** ObsLocTAP

**TIMESYS** Multi-order Coverage (MOC)

Hierarchical Progressive Surveys (HiPS)

#### **IVOA** recommendation







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