



# Rucio and the IVOA

Dave Morris  
November 2022

Rucio Community workshop  
Lancaster University  
November 2022  
Dave Morris

ESCAPE - The European Science Cluster of Astronomy & Particle Physics ESFRI Research Infrastructures has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Grant Agreement n° 824064.





# What is the VO ?

128 publishers

23,975 datasets

44,158 services

Global observatory for astronomy

Active for 20 years, since 2002

- 348 image access
- 18737 cone services
- 162 spectra services
- 24908 table services
- 65380 database tables

## FAIR access to data

Findable Accessible Interoperable Reusable

<https://www.go-fair.org/>


Flexible resource registry

Enables “blind discovery”, finding data by physical constraints

Find data based on sky position, waveband etc






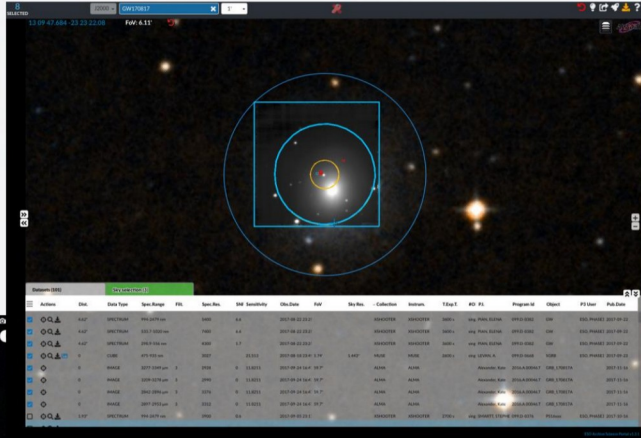


**ESCAPE**  
European Science Cluster of Astronomy & Particle Physics ESFRI research infrastructures

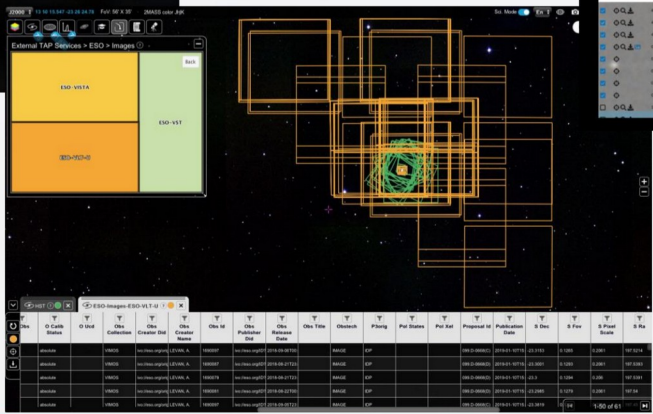
# Multi-messenger, multi-wavelength view of neutron star merger GW170817




ESO + LIGO/Virgo




ESO + HST (ESASky)



ESO La Silla Paranal + ALMA

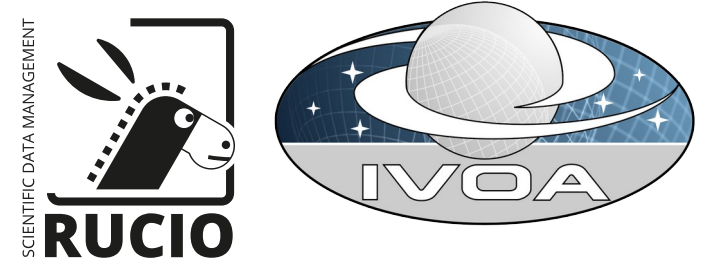


21



ESCAPE - The European Science Cluster of Astronomy & Particle Physics ESFRI Research Infrastructures has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under Grant Agreement no. 824064.

25/10/2022



# What is the IVOA ?

International Virtual Observatory Alliance

<http://www.ivoa.net/>

Developing common standards

Service interfaces, metadata and vocabularies

{  
VOTable  
VOResource  
SimpleImageAccess (SIA)  
Unified Content Descriptors (UCD)

Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)

World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

Developing common standards

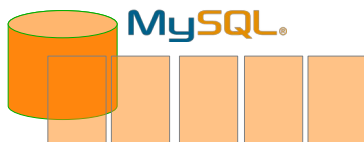
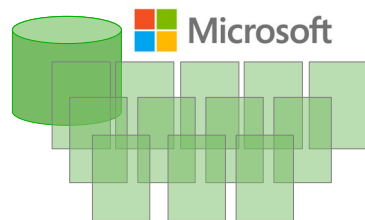
Protocols and data formats

{  
HyperTextTransferProtocol (HTTP)  
HyperTextMarkupLanguage (HTML)  
Extensible Markup Language (XML)

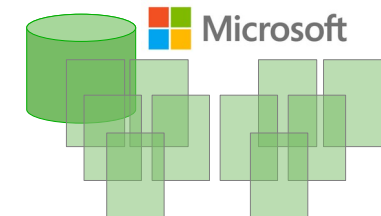
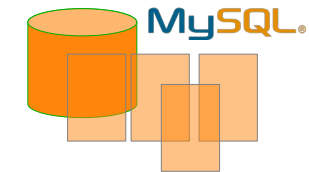




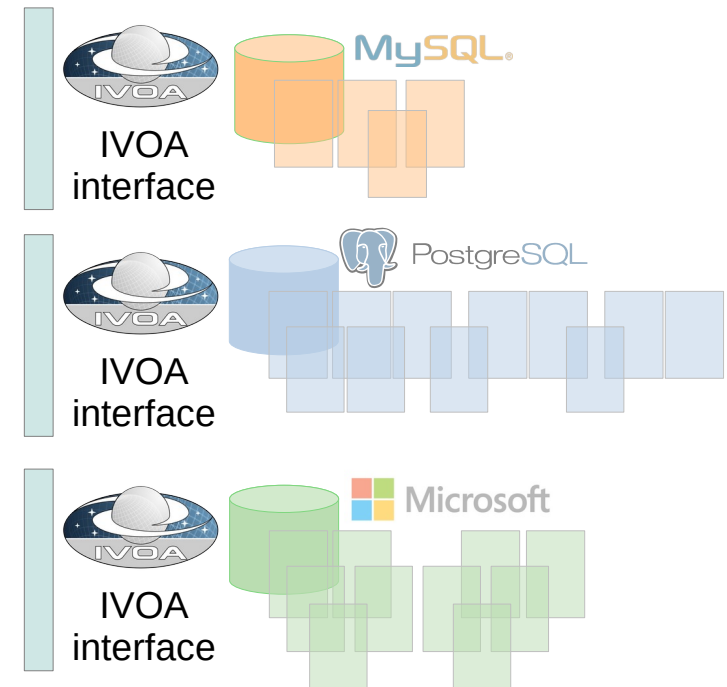
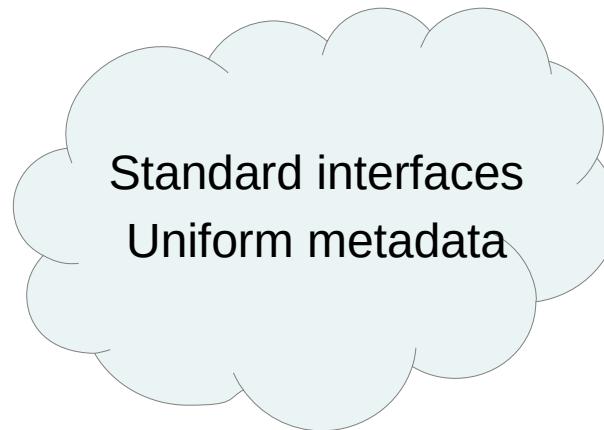
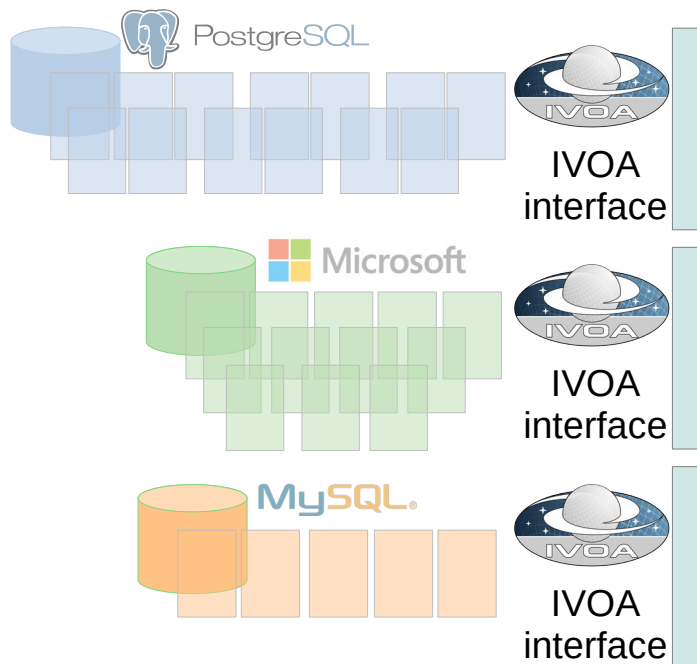
# IVOA makes the VO work



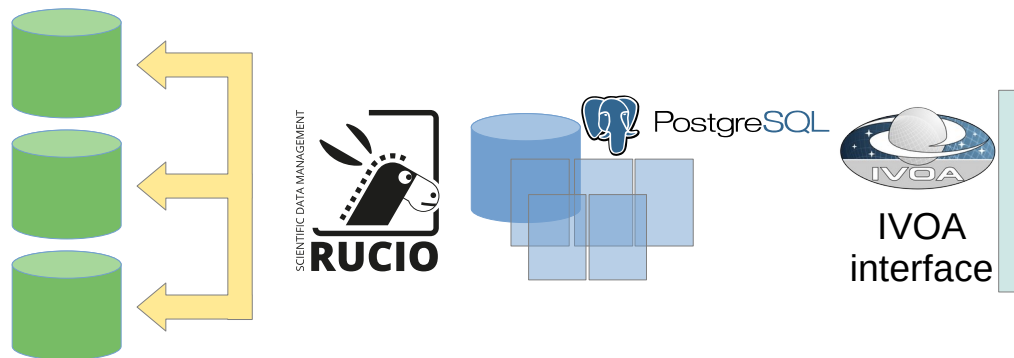
Different database platforms  
Different database structures



# IVOA makes the VO work



# Publishing Rucio metadata in the VO

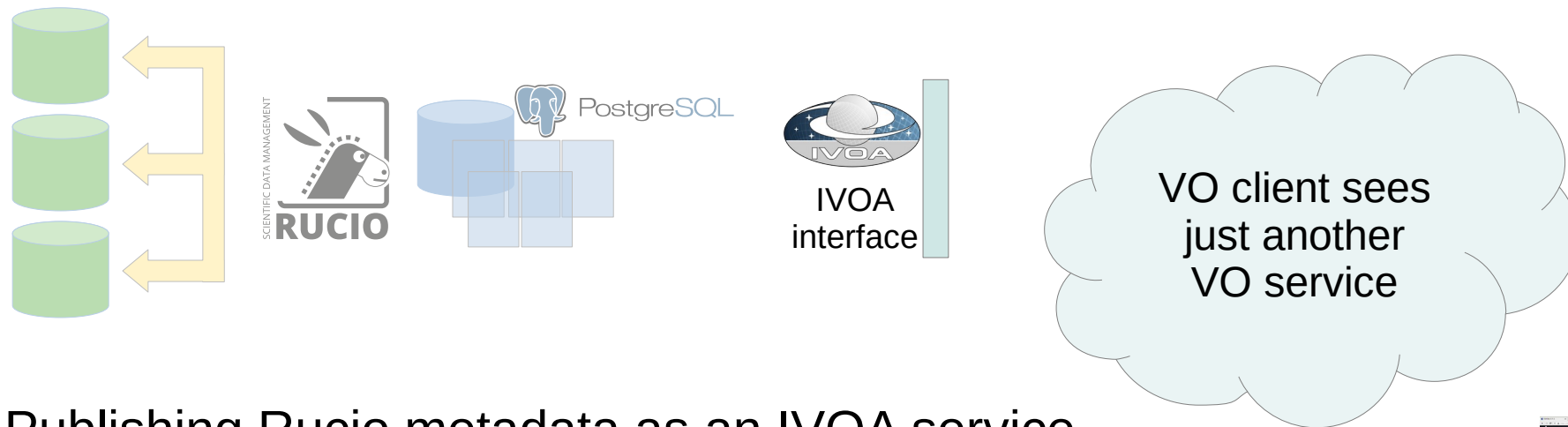


Publishing Rucio metadata as an IVOA service

Prototypes being explored by Astron and SKA



# Publishing Rucio metadata in the VO



## Publishing Rucio metadata as an IVOA service

Prototypes explored by SKA and Astron

<https://gitlab.com/ska-telescope/src/ska-rucio-ivoa-integration>

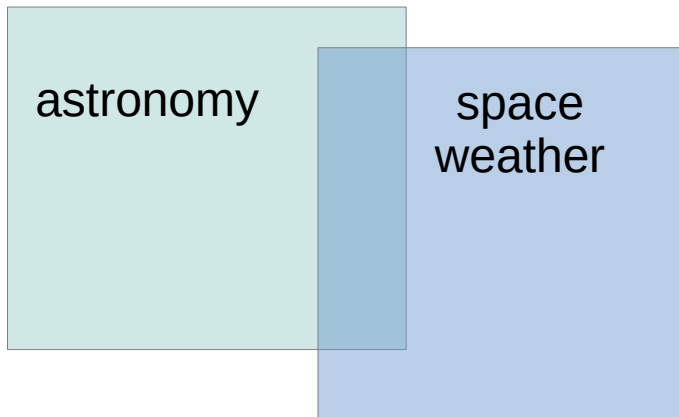






# Could we do this for other domains ?

Extending the IVOA to include adjacent domains



Build on overlapping factors to develop a common data model

Gradual process of evolving and extending the data model

Works up to a point ....

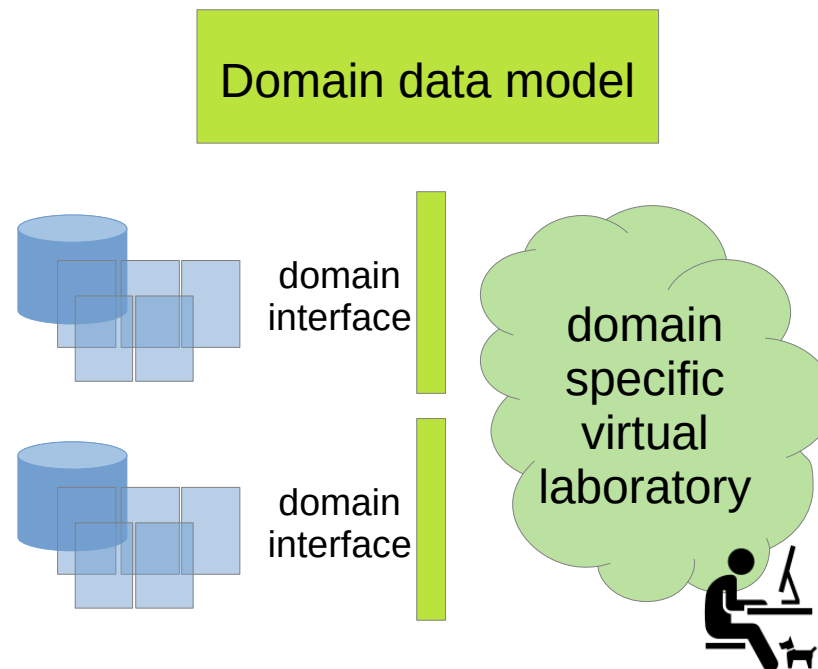




# Could we do this for other domains ?

Decouple the services from the domain model

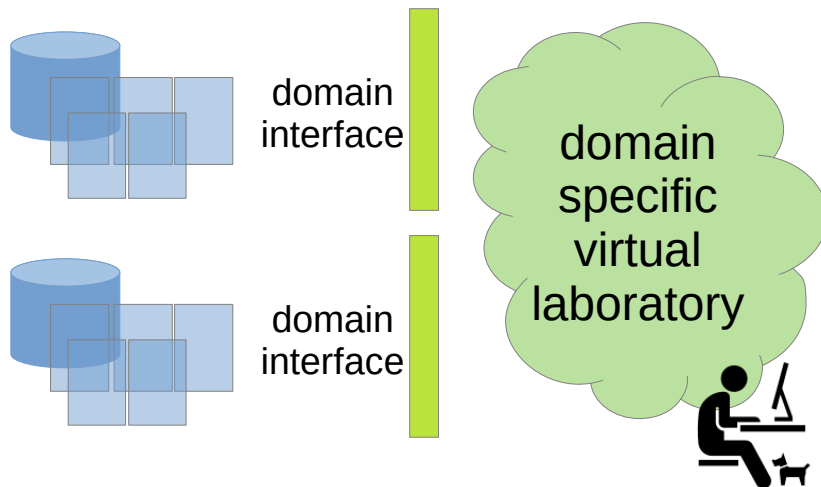
Could we create a generic toolkit for building '*virtual laboratories*' ?



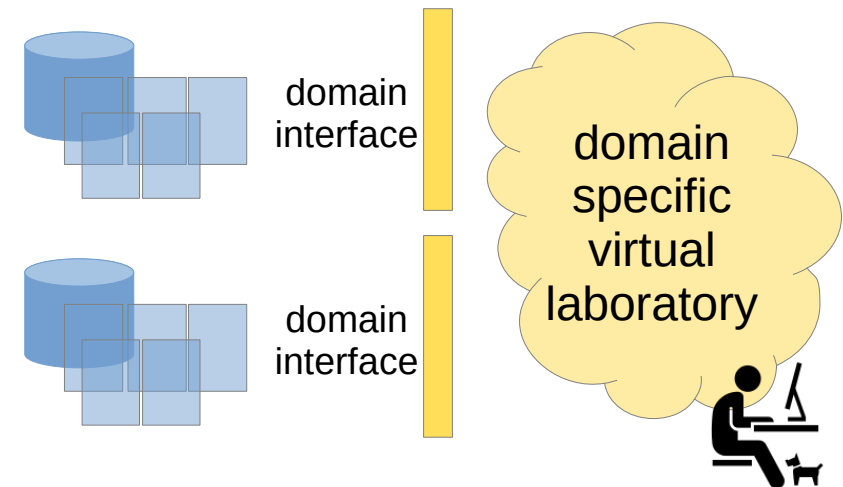
# Could we do this for other domains ?

Could we create a generic toolkit for building '*virtual laboratories*' ?

Domain data model



Domain data model

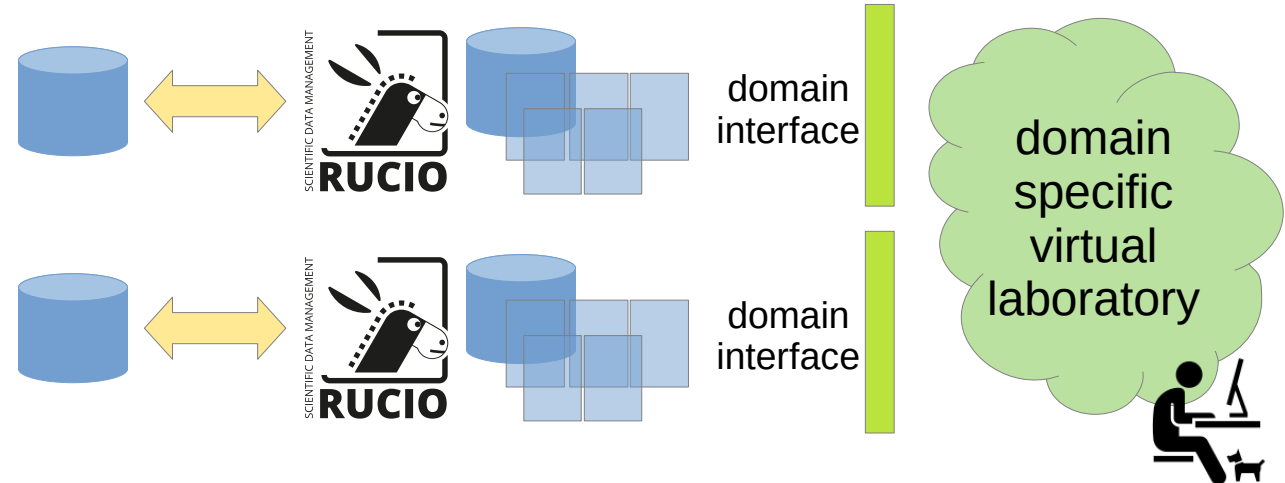


# Why base it on Rucio ?

Success of the ESCAPE DataLake means Rucio will be widely deployed

Provides a common platform to build on

Extending something they already have lowers barrier to entry





Why now ?

ESCAPE futures meeting in Brussels

**ESCAPE**

European Science Cluster of Astronomy &  
Particle physics ESFRI research Infrastructures

Panel discussion with representatives  
from European Commission and EOSC





Why now ?

ESCAPE futures meeting in Brussels

# ESCAPE

European Science Cluster of Astronomy &  
Particle physics ESFRI research Infrastructures

Panel discussion with representatives  
from European Commission and EOSC

Word cloud of what they said

Word cloud containing the following words:

- Cross-domain
- Multi-discipline
- Interoperability
- Other words
- Words
- Stuff
- More stuff

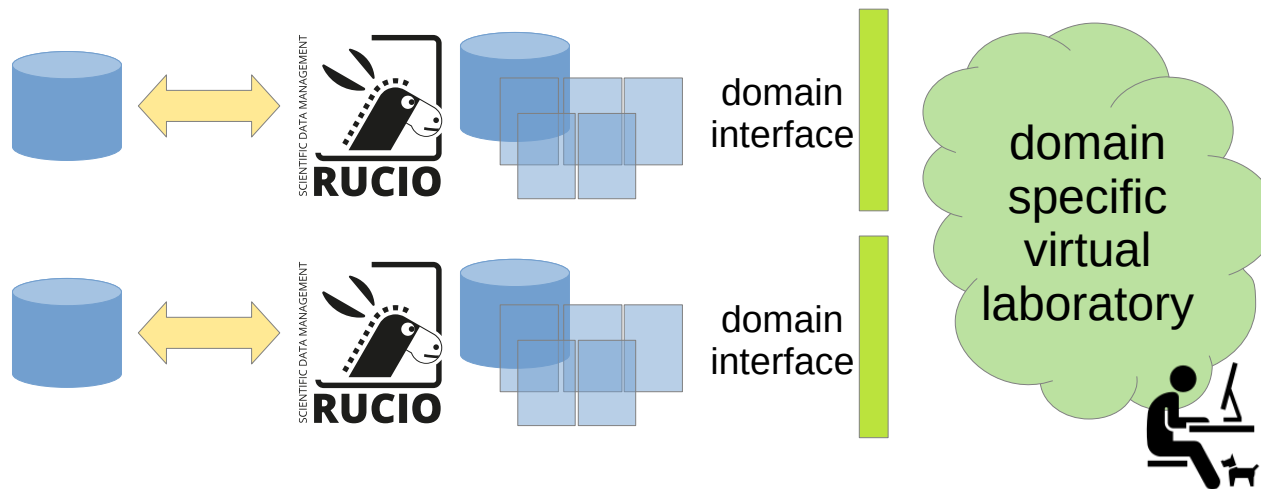




# Toolkit for creating virtual laboratories

Based on Rucio metadata

Domain data model



**Cross-domain**  
**Multi-discipline**  
**Interoperability**

Interfaces based on IVOA services





Thanks  
Dave Morris  
dmr@roe.ac.uk





## Example queries

Simple cone search, point (43,45) radius 3 deg

```
curl --get \  
  --data 'RA=43' \  
  --data 'DEC=45' \  
  --data 'SR=3' \  
  'http://vo.km3net.de/ant20_01/nu/cone/scs.xml'
```

## IVOA Cone Search

<https://ivoa.net/documents/cover/ConeSearch-20080222.html>

[https://github.com/hendhd/ivoa\\_newcomers/blob/main/IVOA\\_interop/pysrc/example2](https://github.com/hendhd/ivoa_newcomers/blob/main/IVOA_interop/pysrc/example2)





## Example queries

ADQL query for first 5 rows of a dataset

```
curl --get \  
  --data 'LANG=ADQL' \  
  --data-urlencode 'query=SELECT TOP 5 * FROM ivoa.obscore' \  
  'http://dc.zah.uni-heidelberg.de/tap/sync'
```

## IVOA TableAccessProtocol

<https://ivoa.net/documents/TAP/>

[https://github.com/hendhd/ivoa\\_newcomers/blob/main/IVOA\\_interop/pysrc/example1](https://github.com/hendhd/ivoa_newcomers/blob/main/IVOA_interop/pysrc/example1)







## VOTable responses are self-describing

```
<FIELD ID="s_ra" datatype="double" name="s_ra" ucd="pos.eq.ra" unit="deg"
  utype="obscure:char.spatialaxis.coverage.location.coord.position2d.value2.c1">
  <DESCRIPTION>RA of (center of) observation, ICRS</DESCRIPTION>
</FIELD>
```

Humans never need to read this

Machines use this to understand the data

### IVOA VOTable format

<https://ivoa.net/documents/VOTable/>

[https://github.com/hendhd/ivoa\\_newcomers/blob/main/IVOA\\_interop/pysrc/example1/explain.md](https://github.com/hendhd/ivoa_newcomers/blob/main/IVOA_interop/pysrc/example1/explain.md)

