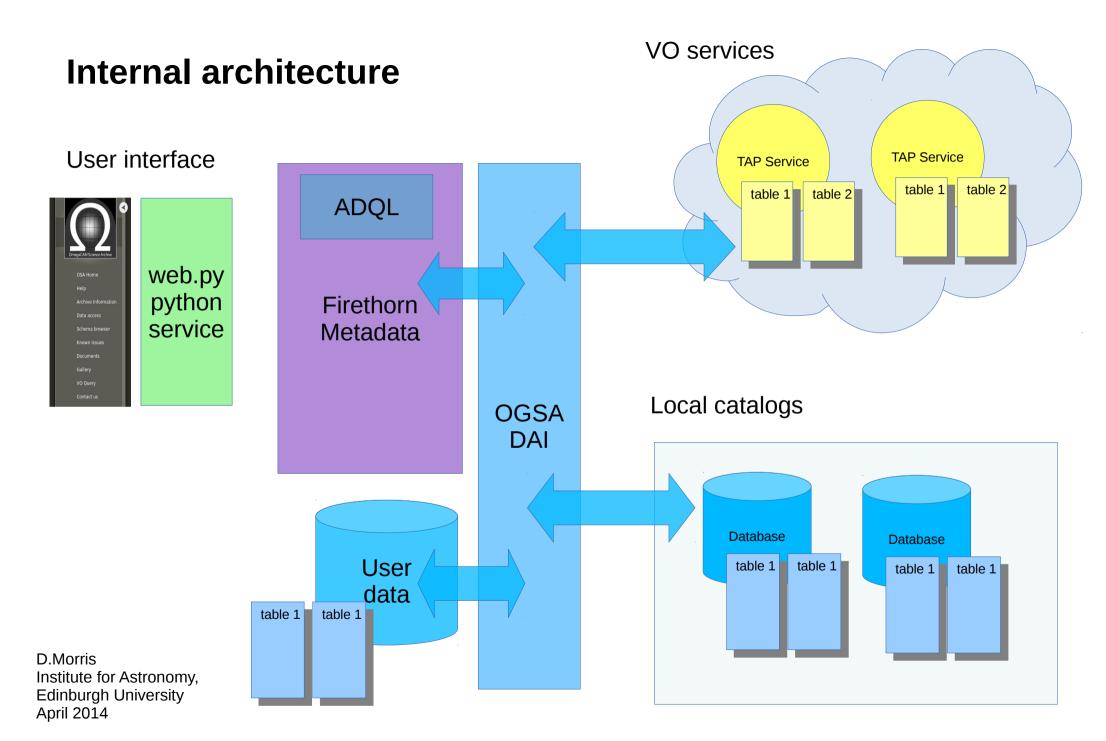
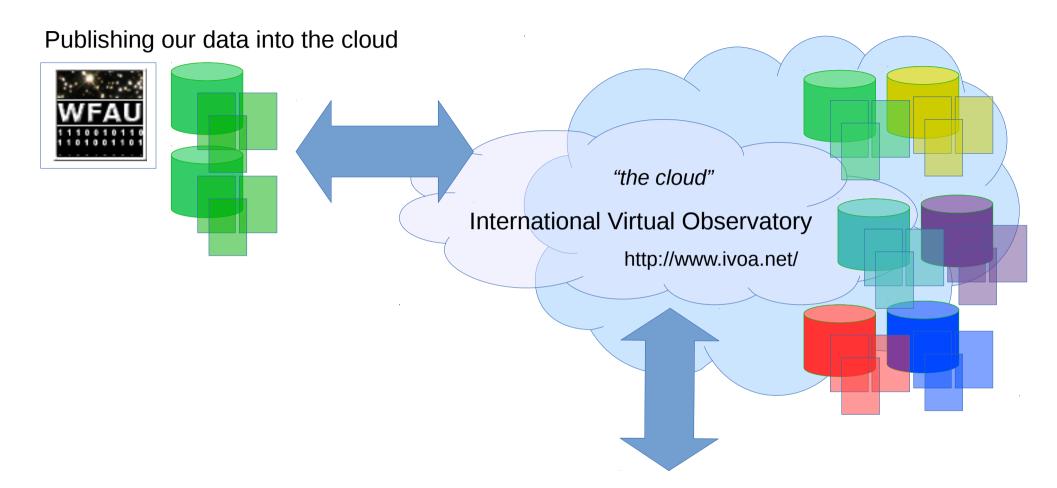
# Wide Field Astronomy Unit (WFAU)

Virtual Observatory
Data Access



## What is it all for?



Access to other people's data from the cloud

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[our data] + [their data] => [interesting stuff]

#### **Successes:**

- Atlas OSA ADQL queries in place and working
- Test connection to external VO data :-)

# **Opportunities:**

 Influence the VO and IVOA standards (no one else has done this yet)

### **Failures:**

- Problems with testing SQL/ADQL compliance
- Limited progress on VO side of the project

### **Threats:**

- Verifying full ADQL/SQL correctness is open ended
- Two different projects with different priorities

#### **Concerns:**

- WebPy is no longer supported support from an active open source community
- ADQL is too limiting we are involved in defining and evolving the standard. However change takes time and consensus.
- Incompatible with SQLServer we are getting there, ongoing process of identifying and resolving the issues
- Performance issues work in progress, some already in place, more to come