



ASTERICS Technology Forum 2018/04/16



Describing Science Platforms

April 2018

D.Morris
Institute for Astronomy,
Edinburgh University
April 2018





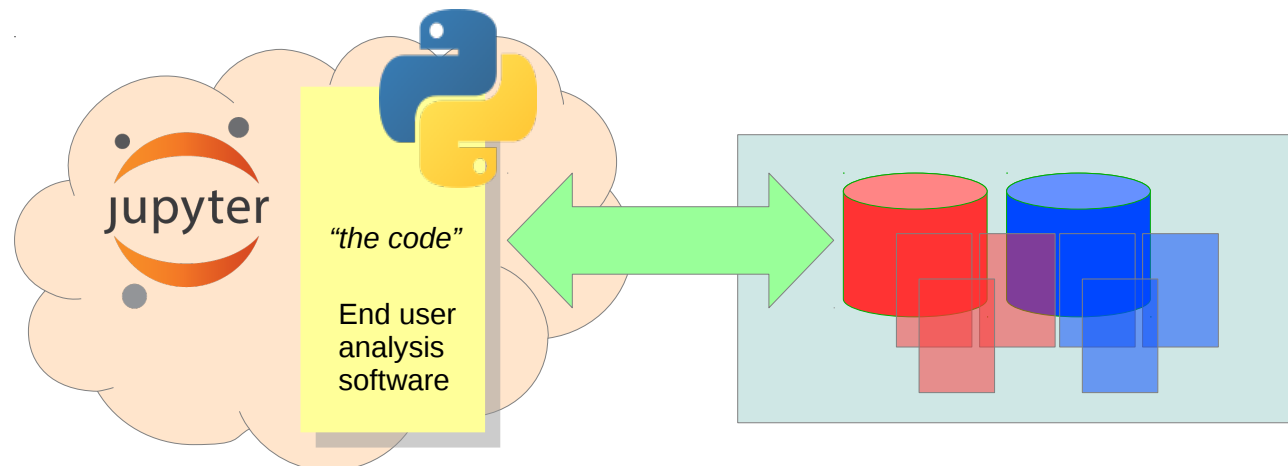
- What is a Science Platform ?
- Who are we describing it to ?



- What is a Science Platform ?
 - A service that enables users to run their code in a *data centre environment*^(*).
 - A service that enables users to run their code in *close proximity*^(*) to the data in a data centre.
 - A service that provides an environment with *high bandwidth*^(*) access to the data in a data centre.
 - A service that provides an environment with *bulk access*^(*) to the data in a data centre.

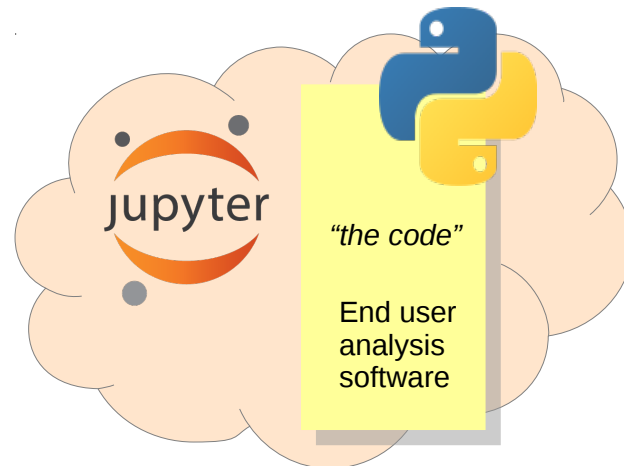
(*) Whatever that means ..

- For example JupyterHub
 - A service that enables users to run their Python code on a *server*^(*) in a data centre..
 - Often in *close proximity* (located in the same data centre) as the data being analysed.
 - Local network (LAN) connection may provide *high bandwidth*^(*) *bulk access*^(*) to the data in a data centre.

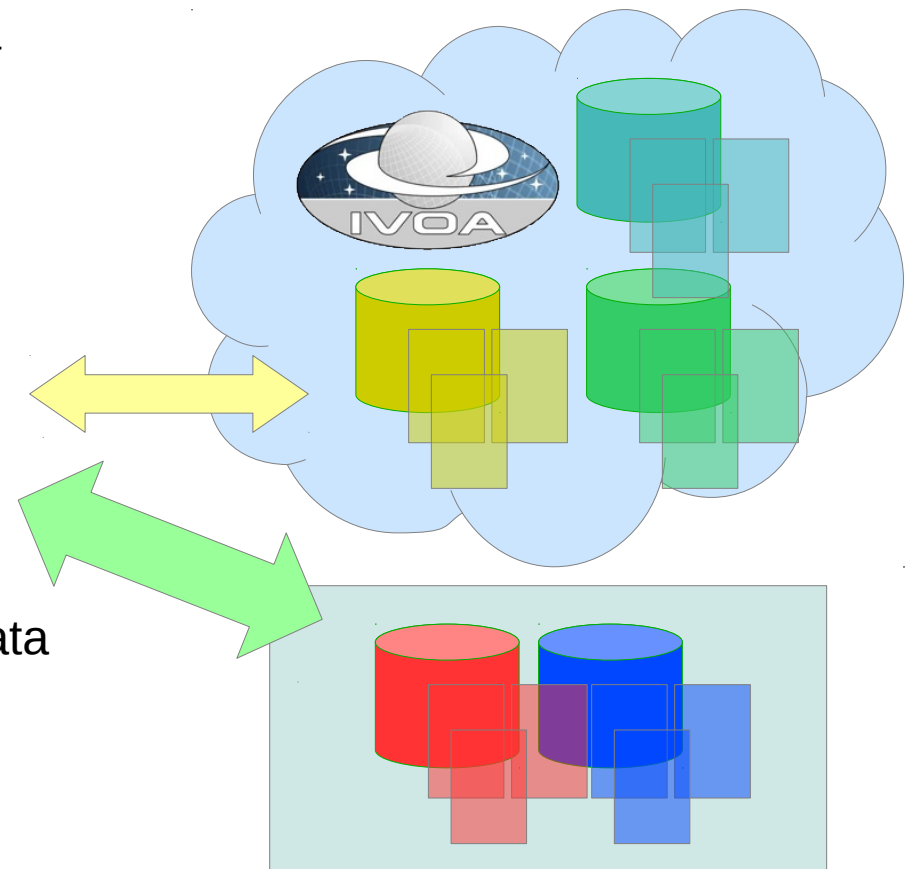


But .. if code in JupyterHub can import Astropy and PyVO

- The notebook can access data from anywhere in the VO.

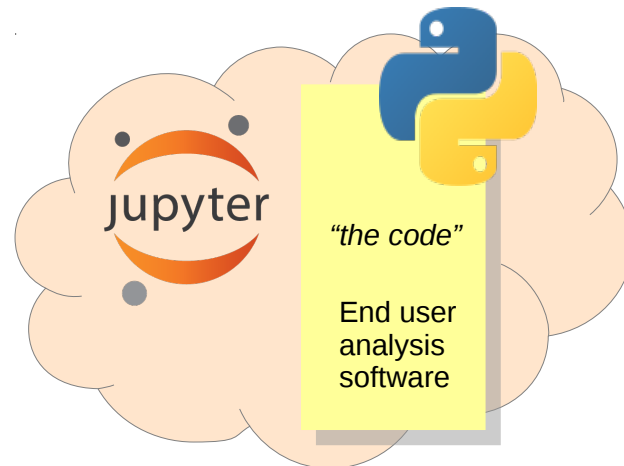


- The notebook can access data in the local data centre.

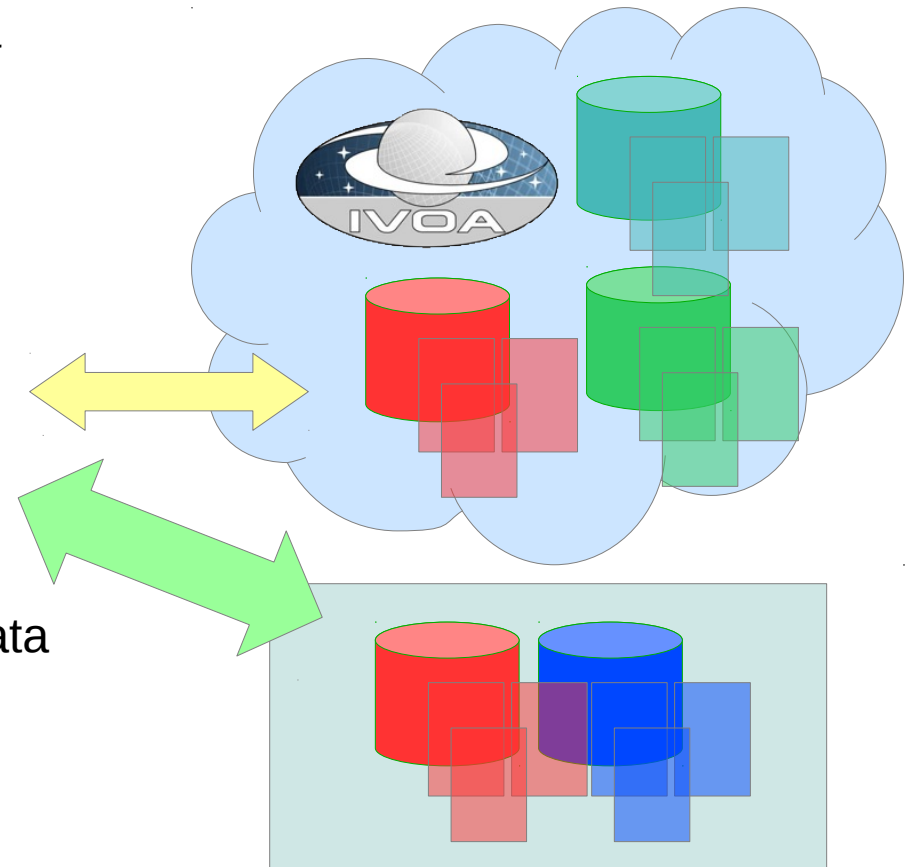


Can be confusing if the same data is available locally, and via the VO.

- The notebook can access data from anywhere in the VO.

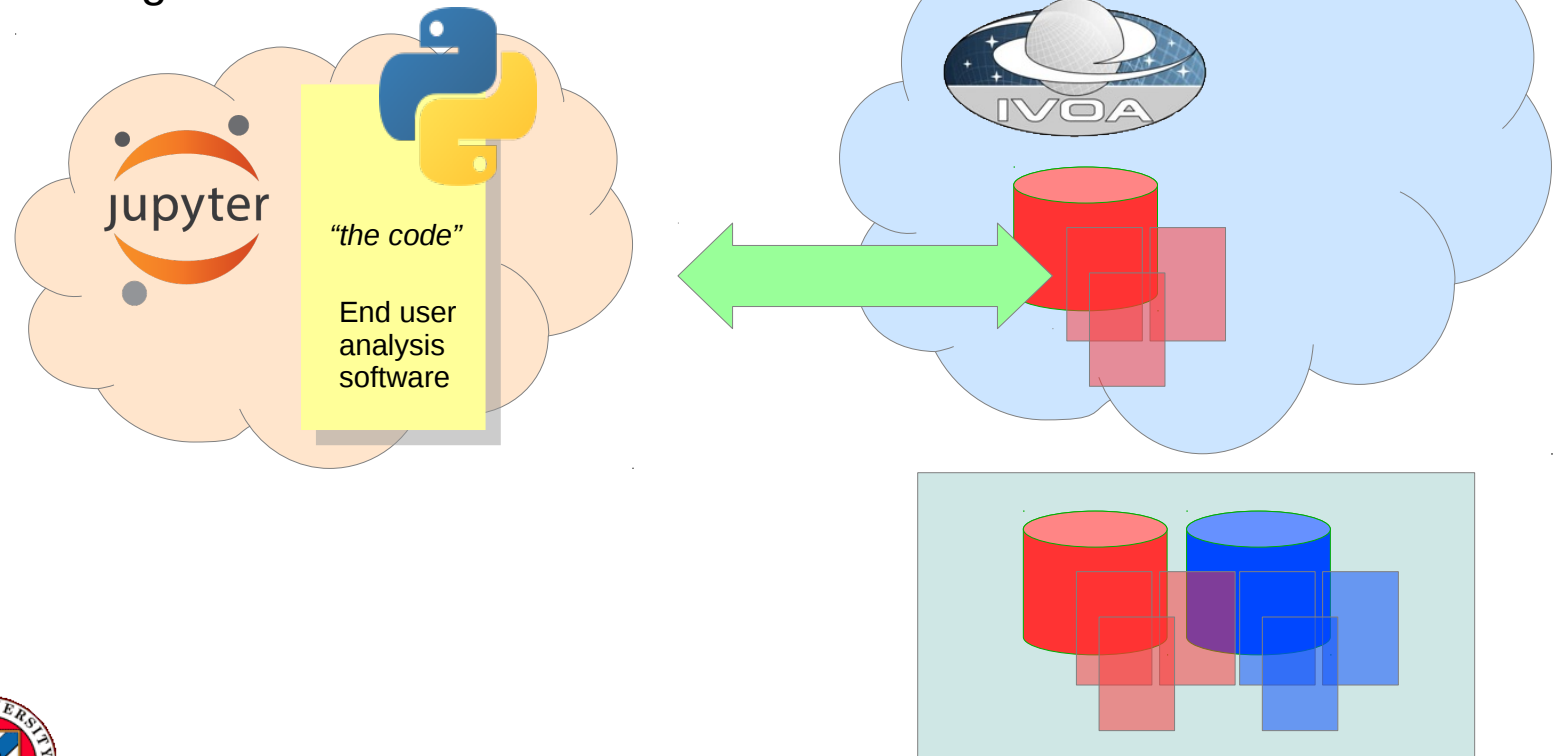


- The notebook can access data in the local data centre.



A *local*^(*) VO interface may provide higher bandwidth access to local data purely due to the physical proximity or capabilities of the network.

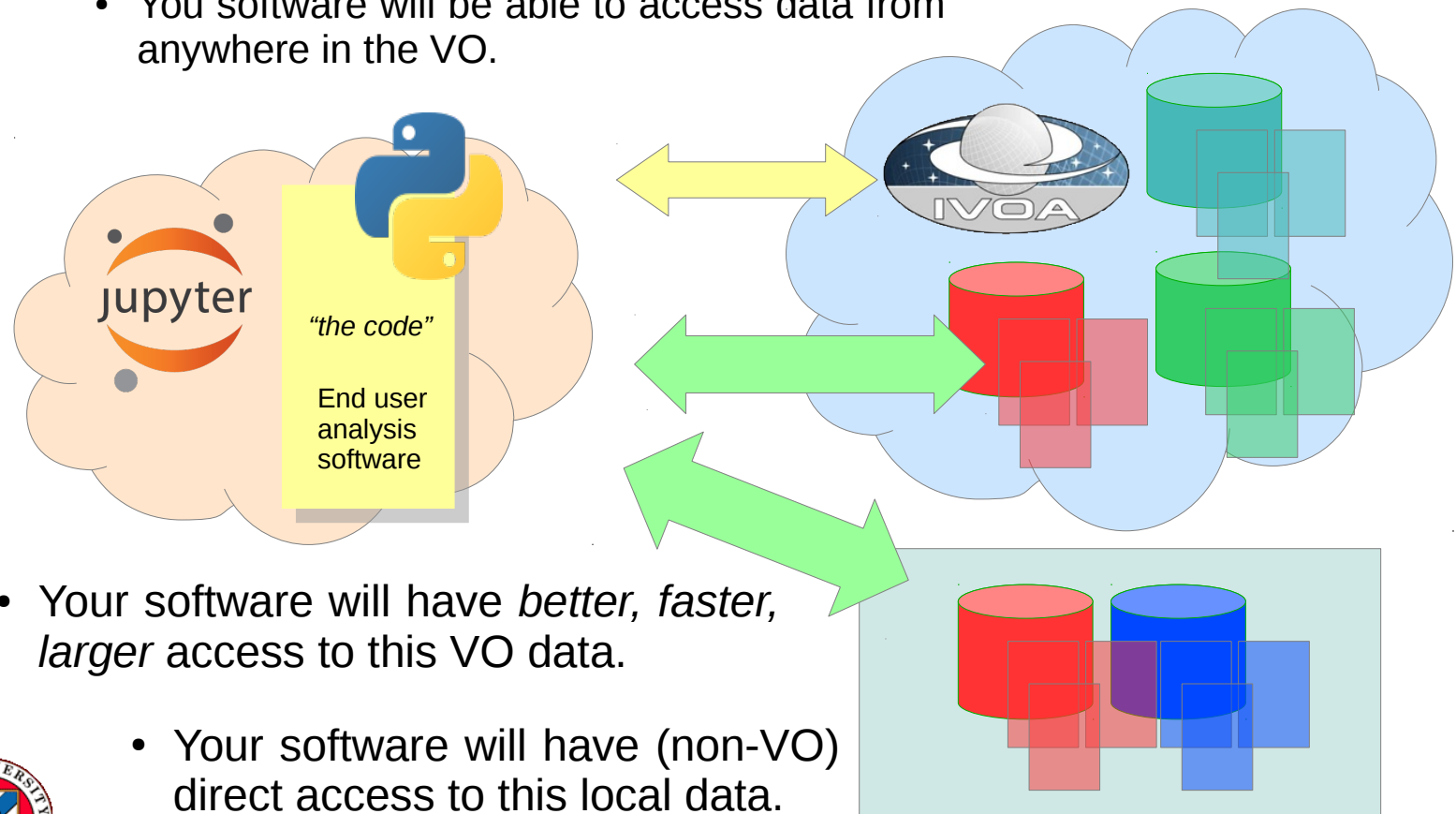
A *local*^(*) VO interface may apply fewer data limits or quotas on requests coming from the local network.



How do we describe (advertise) all this to the user ?

How do we describe (advertise) all this to the software ?

- Your software will be able to access data from anywhere in the VO.



- Your software will have *better, faster, larger* access to this VO data.
- Your software will have (non-VO) direct access to this local data.

What happens when we have lots of these ?

