

Recent Progress in Building the Virtual Observatories in the World

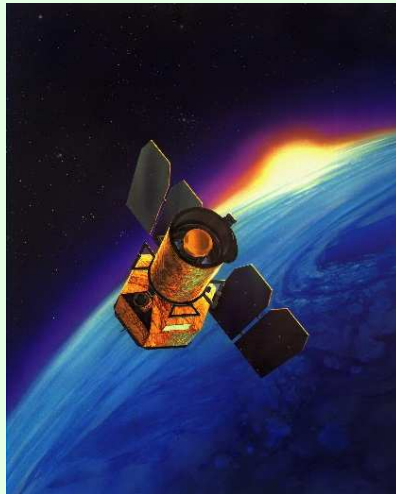
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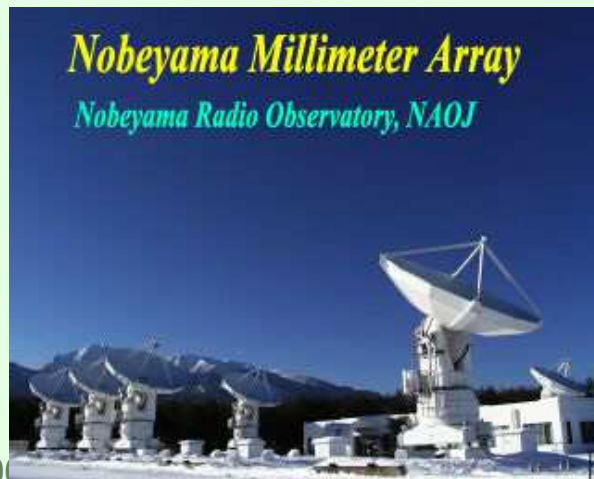
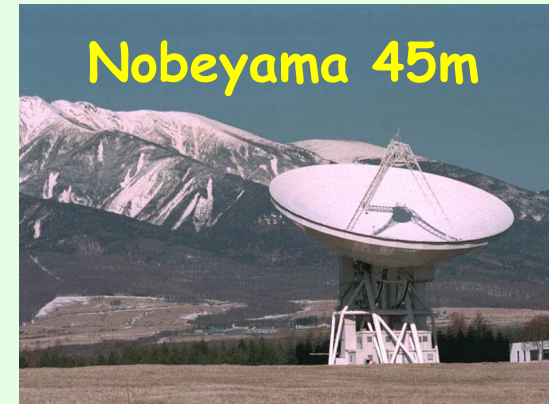
Data Resources in the World

- ESO VLT @ Paranal
- ESO telescopes @ La Silla
- Telescopes in Mauna Kea
Subaru, Keck, JCMT, CSO, SMA,,,
- Telescopes on board satellites
HST, GALEX,,,



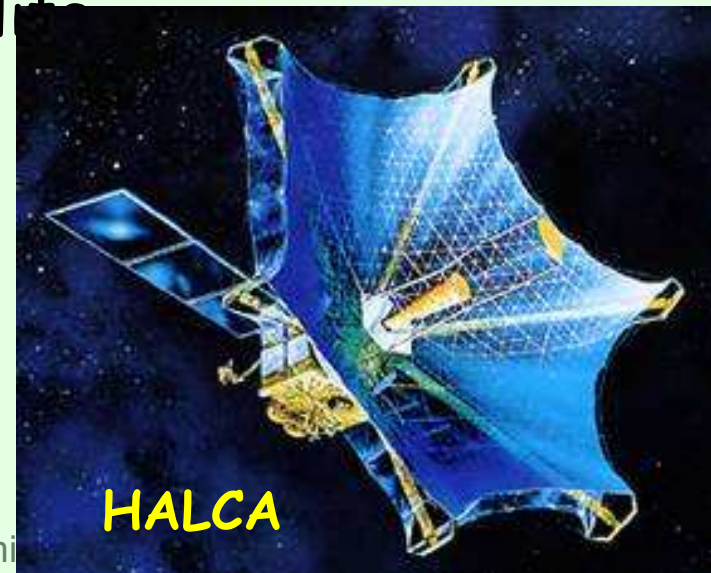
Data Resources in NAOJ

- **Subaru** 8.2m Optical-Infrared Telescope
- **Kiso** 105cm Schmidt Camera
- **Okayama** 188cm Optical Telescope
- **Nobeyama 45m** Radio Telescope
- **Nobeyama Millimeter Array**
- **Nobeyama Radioheliograph**
- **VSOP**
- **VERA**
- **ALMA**



Data Resources in JAXA/ISAS

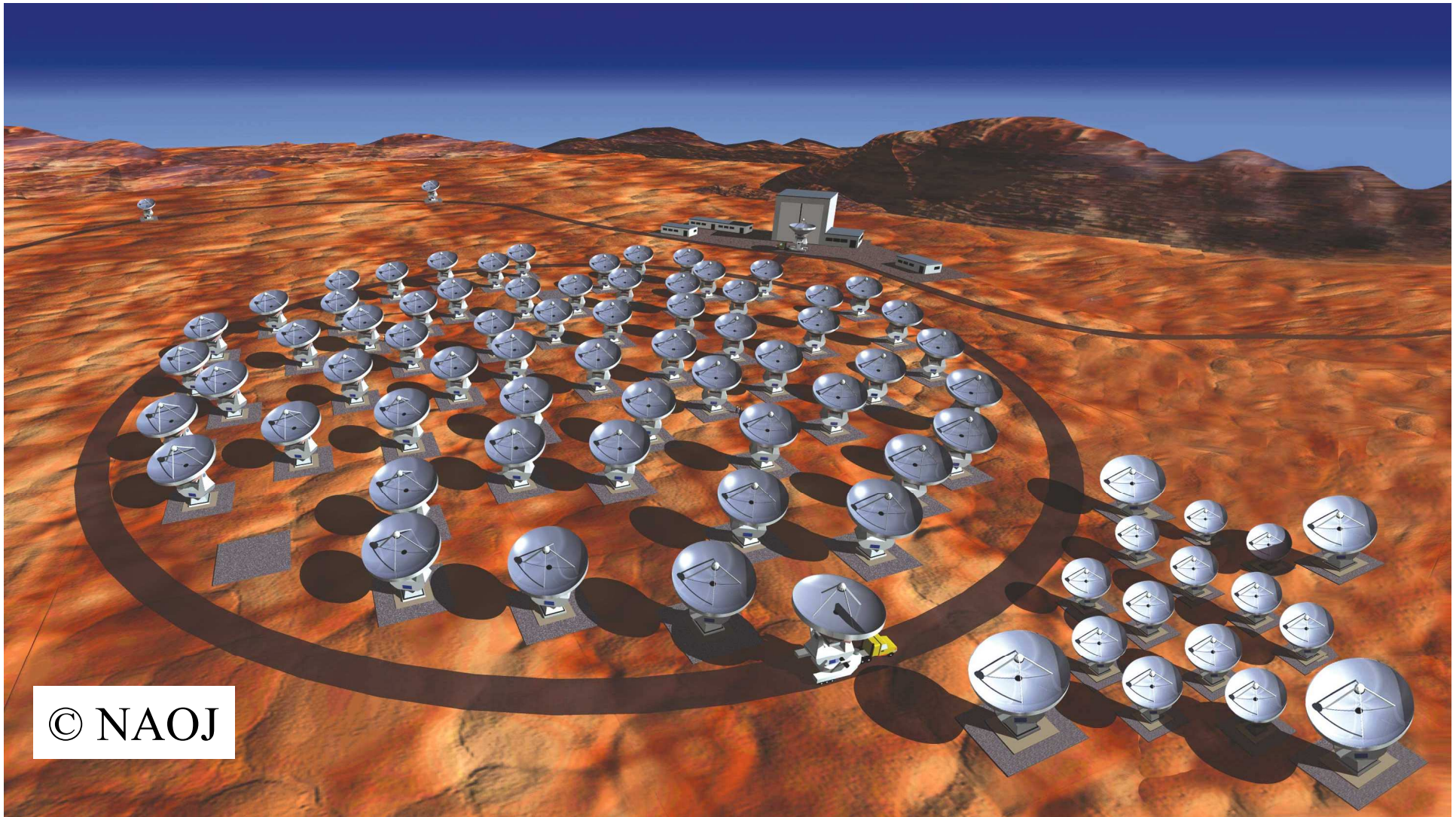
- *ASCA* X-ray astronomy satellite
- *YOHKO* solar physics satellite
- *Ginga* X-ray astronomy satellite
- *HALCA* VLBI satellite
- *Geotail* geomagnetosphere satellite
- *Akebono* aurora observation satellite
- *ASTRO-F* Infrared satellite
- *ASTRO-E2* X-ray satellite
- *SOLAR-B*



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ALMA Project



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Data Productivity



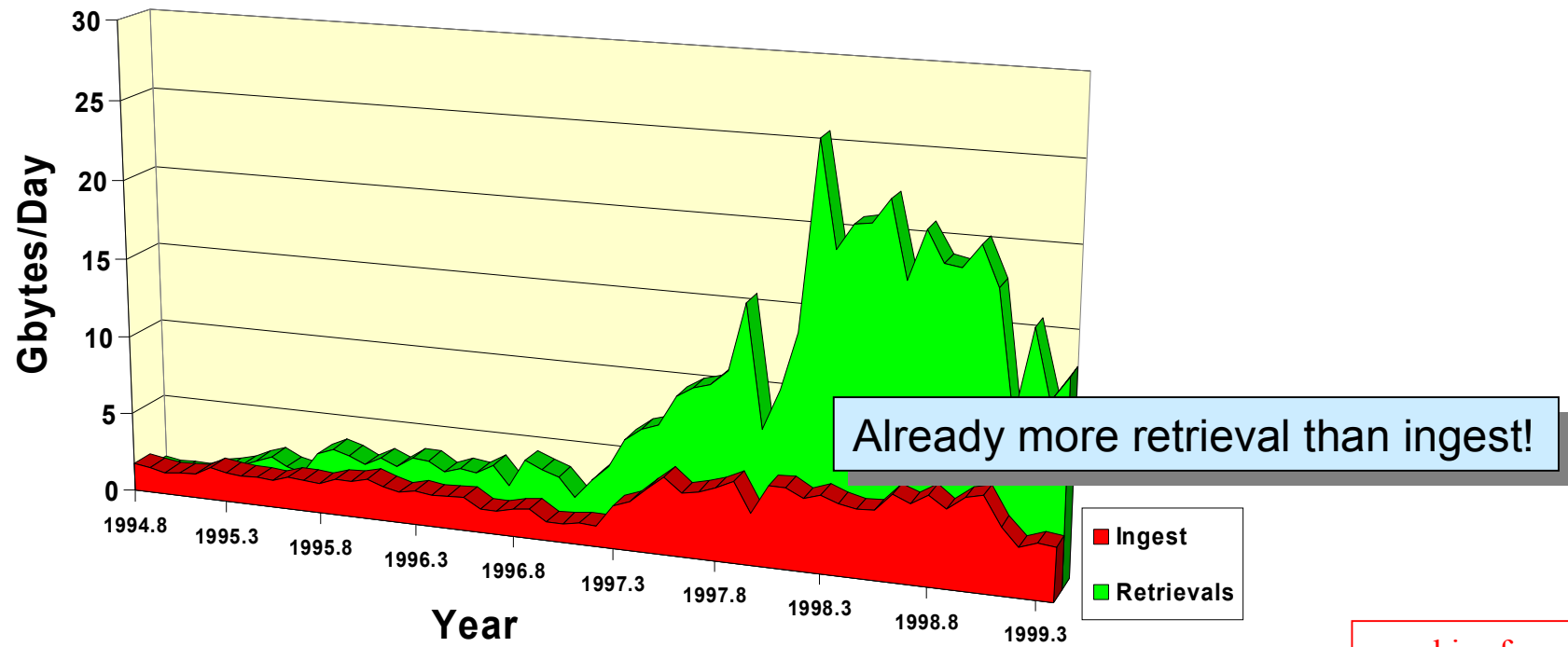
- Nobeyama Radio : ~1TB/yr
- Subaru@Hawaii : ~20TB/yr
- ASTRO-F(will be launched)
: several 100 GB in total
- ALMA(planned) : ~PB/yr

Flood of excellent data (survey data)
Digitized & Archived

Astronomy based on Archives



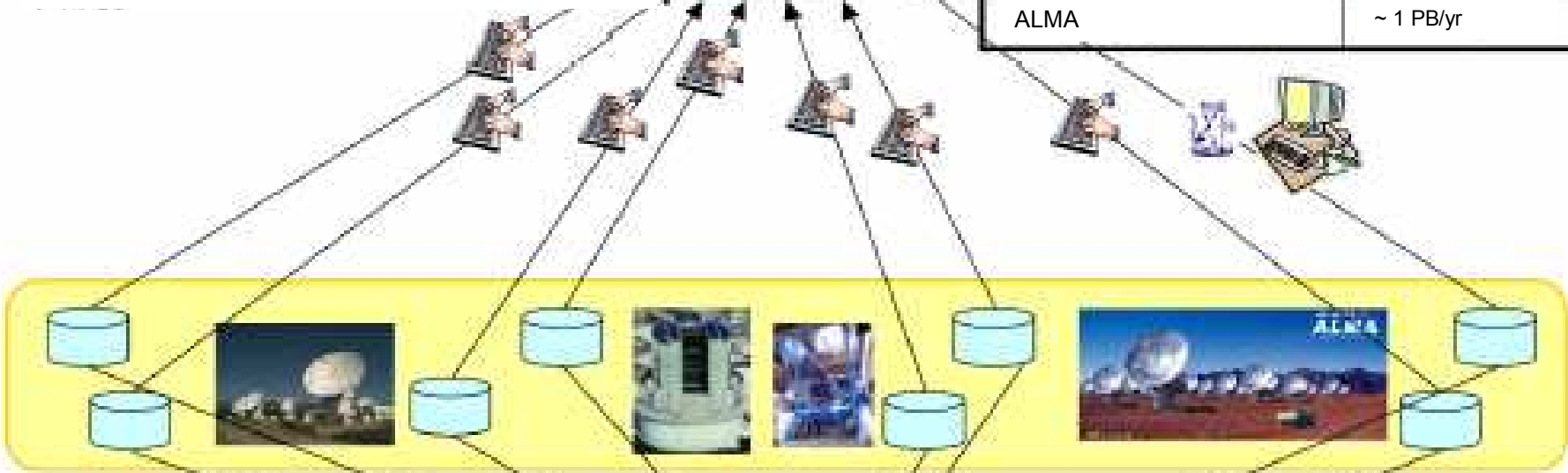
- large fraction of astro-papers based on archives
- HST archive use growing faster than archive



Already more retrieval than ingest!

**Too hard to collect and analyze whole data.
Need Cat's help**

	Data Rate
Nobeyam Radio Obs.	~ 1 TB/yr
SUBARU telescope	~ 20 TB/yr
ALMA	~ 1 PB/yr



Accelerate astronomical research, and sufficient time for research itself !!

Even for educational use

Virtual Observatory



Accessible from anywhere at any time

VO- New Research Infrastructure in the 21st Century



A collection of integrated astronomical data archives and software tools that utilize computer networks to create an environment in which research can be conducted.

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/html/v1/virtobserv.asp>

International Endorsements



- IAU XXVth GA Res. (2003 Jul.)
- OECD Rec. ('04 Aug)
 - place archives that may be accessible via internet
 - provide adequate funding as long-term issues

IAU XXVth GA Res. (2003 Jul.)



Recommends

1. that, **data obtained at major astronomical facilities should**, after a reasonable proprietary period in which they are available only to observers or other designated users of the facility, **be placed in an archive where they may be accessed via the internet** by all research astronomers. As far as possible, the data should be accompanied by appropriate metadata and other information or tools to make them scientifically valuable,
2. that, **such data should not be subject to intellectual property rights**. The form in which data are made available, and the subsequent processing of such data, may be appropriately protected by copyright laws, but the fair usage (including educational purposes) of the archive data themselves should not be subject to restrictions,
3. that, **funding agencies provide encouragement and support to enable data produced by astronomical research** that they fund to be deposited, after some proprietary period as defined above, in recognized data archives which provide unrestricted access to **these data**.

OECD Rec. ('04 Aug)



Recommendations:

New projects and facilities must take the data management, storage, maintenance, and dissemination into account at the earliest planning stages, consulting potential users in the process. Agencies and governments should consider **adopting the IAU resolutions** as the basis for progress in this field.

Agencies should recognise that **this is an important long-term issue and should coordinate plans, provide adequate funding on a long-term basis, and support development and maintenance of the needed infrastructure.**

Agencies should encourage broadening of existing VO collaboration into a fully **representative global activity.**

VO Projects in the world



- 15 countries and region
- International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA)
Standards to interoperate VOs
- Japan – Language to access federated DB

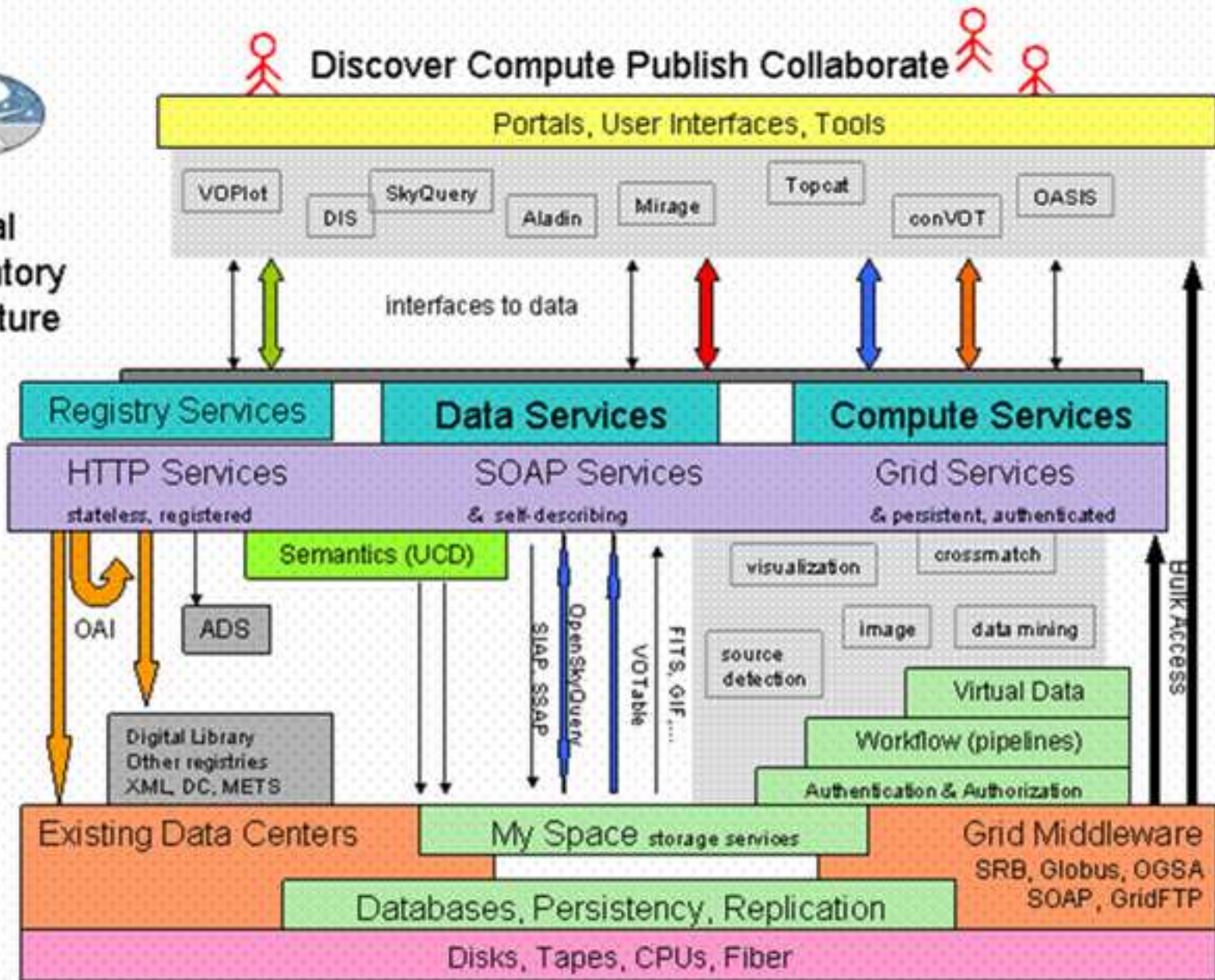


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Virtual Observatory Architecture





Standardization in IVOA



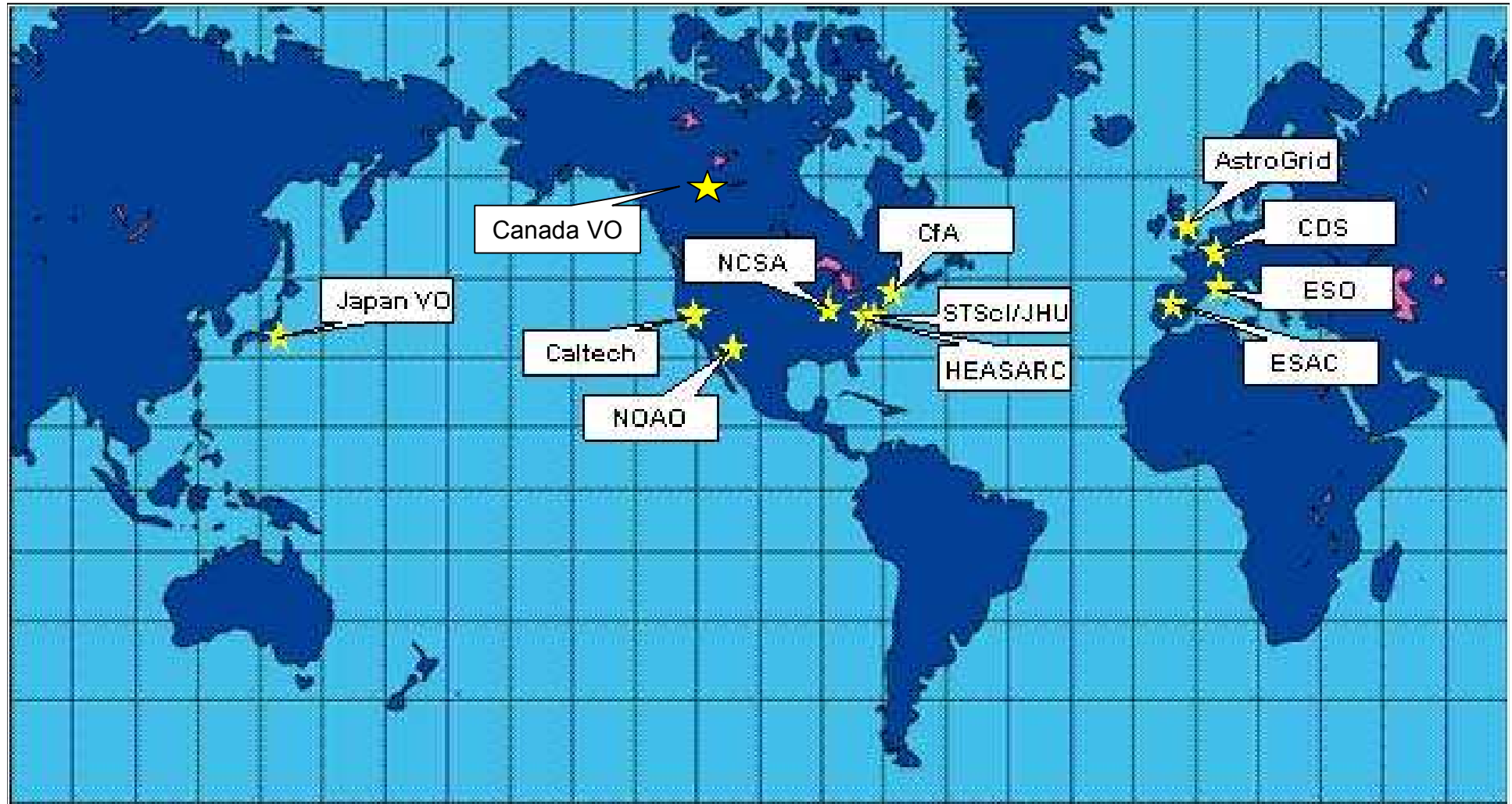
- Query language to distributed DBs (VOQL)
- Meta-data: contents, protocol to interchange based on OAI-PMH
- Protocols to retrieve images, spectra, and so on SkyNode, SIAP, SSAP, STC, etc.
- Unified attribute names in DBs
UCD (Unified Contents Descriptions)
- Output Format: VOTable (XML)
incorporates FITS
- etc

IVOA Interoperability WS



- Twice a year
- Discussions toward standardization
- **Human network as a basis for cyber network**

Interconnected VO Data services in the World

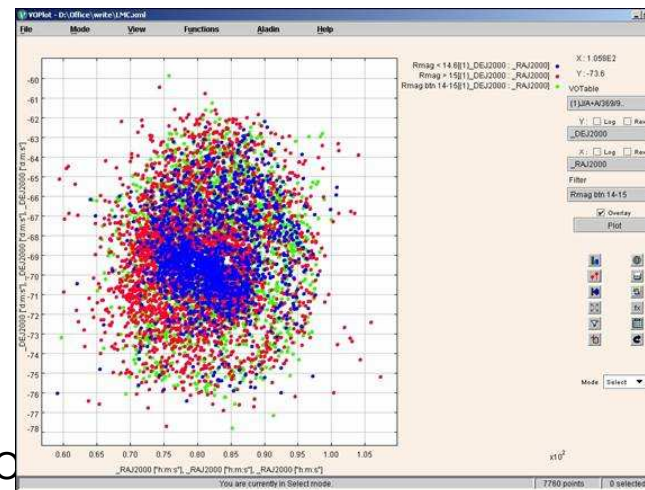
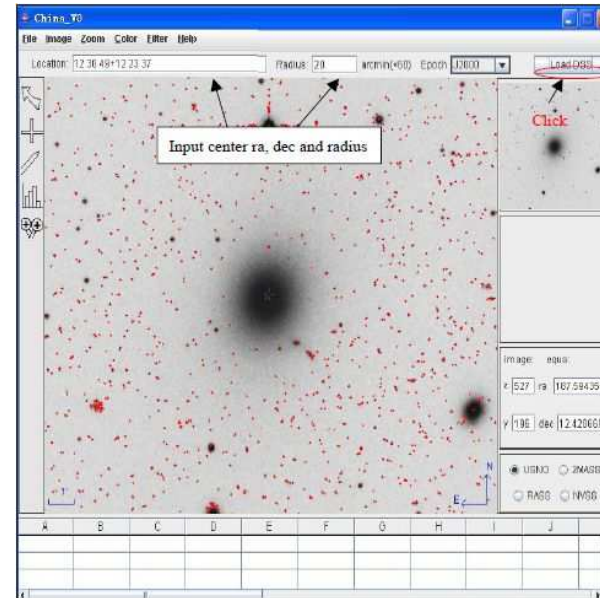




Software Tool providers



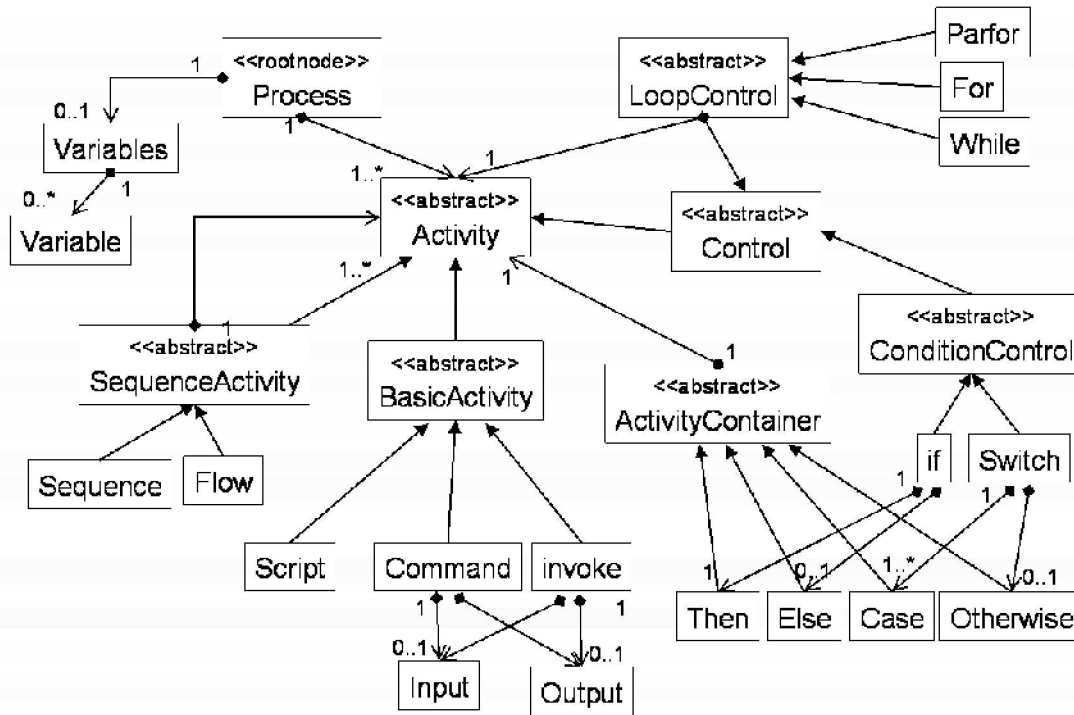
- VO-China
 - VOFilter : VOTable → OpenOffice data
 - VOIMPAT : Image processing and analysis tool
 - ’’
- VO-India
 - VO-Plot: to plot contents in VOTable
 - ’’



Workflow Description Language



Schema Diagram of Workflow Description Language



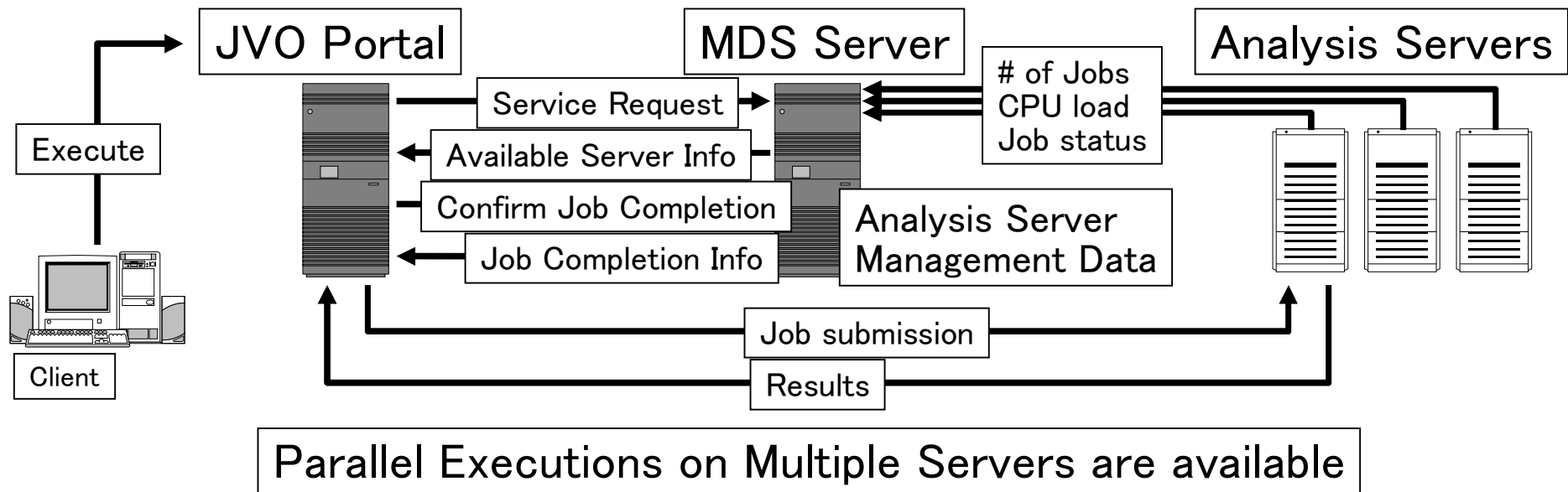
Based on BPEL4WS

- Variable definition
- Controls (Loop, Condition)
- Parallel execution
- Invoke external services
- Invoke built-in Java Classes

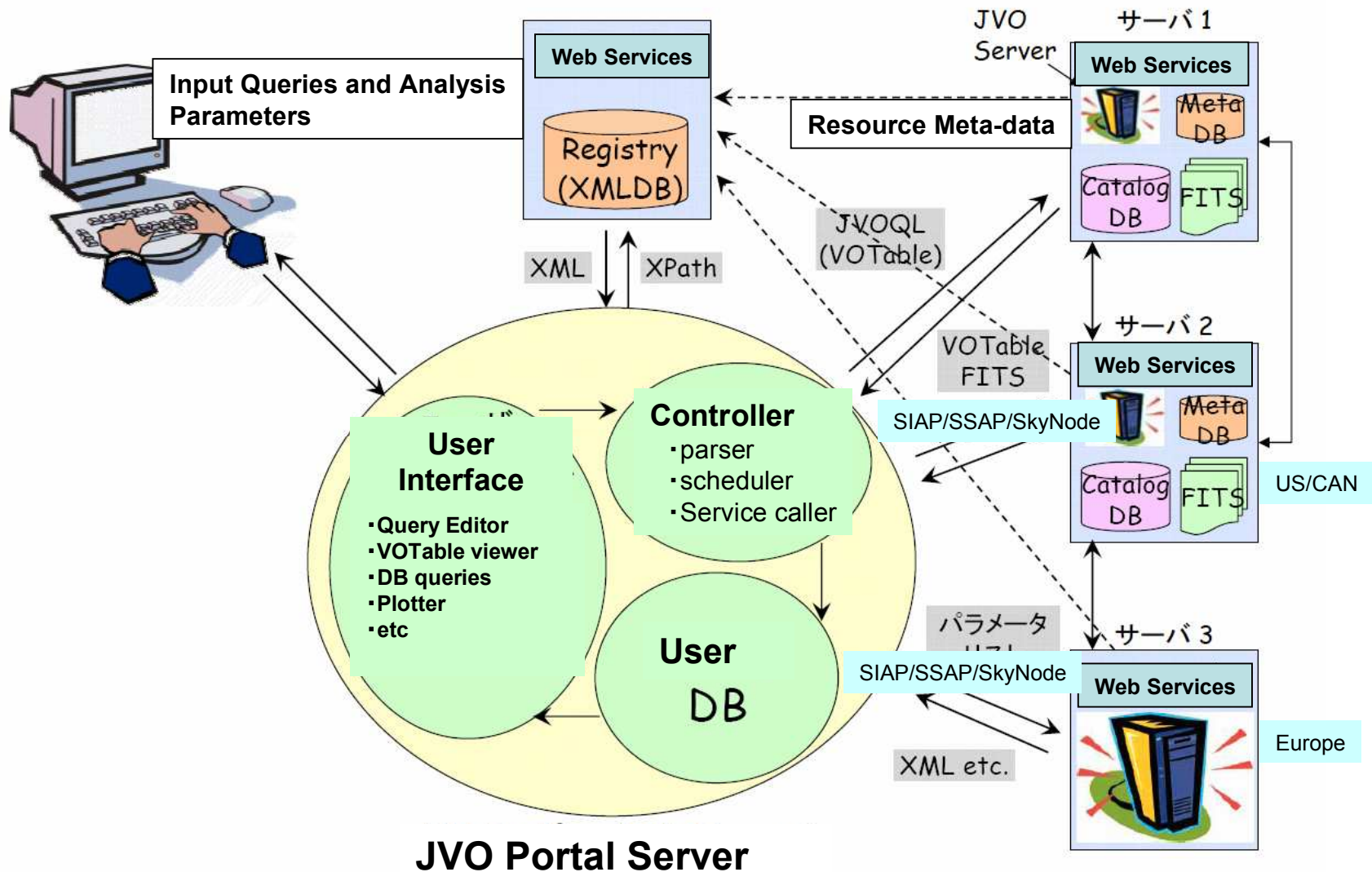
Management of Multiple Servers



- Data Analysis services under JVO
 - SExtractor (Image → Catalog)
 - HyperZ (Catalog → photometric redshift)
 - In operation on multiple servers
- Monitor and Discovery Service (MDS) server



Schematic diagram of VOs



JVO Query Language (JVOQL)

JVOQL is designed as a prototype of VO Query Language.

Characteristics of the JVOQL:

- **SQL** based Query Language
- Query Language for the **distributed astronomical DB**.
- Can search and retrieve **observational data** as well as catalog data
- Upward compatible with the **ADQL** and **SIAP** syntax.
- **Scalable** syntax structure. Very simple core syntax and extension syntax packages.

JVOQL Syntax Requirement 1

- **Unified** query language for both the catalog and observation data such as image data, spectrum, 3D-cube, photon list ...
 - Parameter query (SIAP) can be replaced by SQL thinking that **the parameters are columns** of a relational table.
 - Observational data or pointer (URL) to retrieve the data is also a column of the relation table.

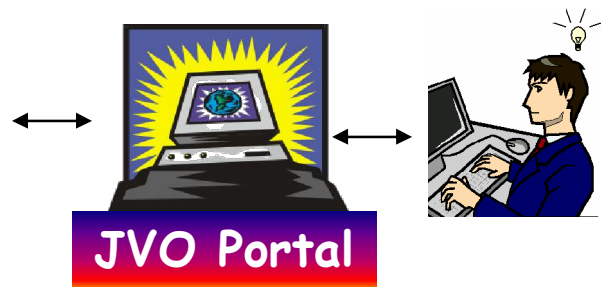
<http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/imageData?Pos=24,5&Size=0.2&format=VOTable>



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From      naoj:imageData
Where     pos=Point(24,5) and size=0.2 and format='VOTable'
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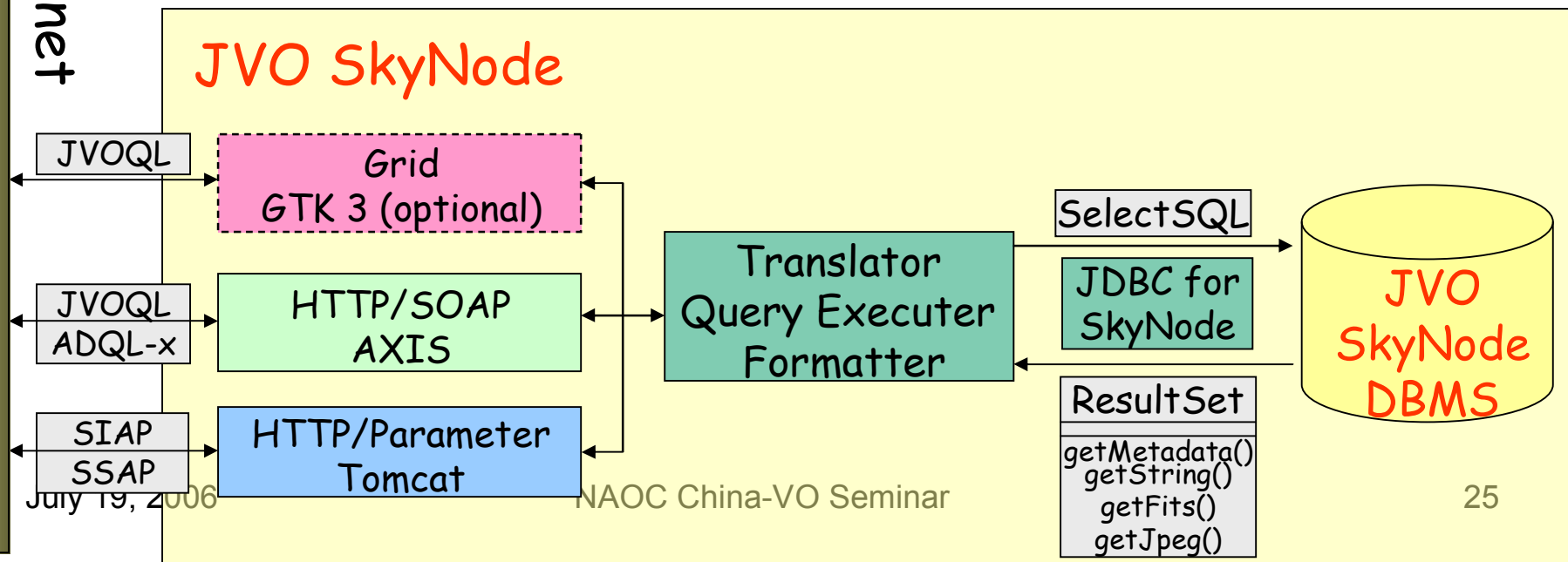
July 19, 2009 "pos" , "size" , "imageURL" are **virtual columns**.

JVO SkyNode Architecture



- Apache **Axis** and **Tomcat** are used for implementing the VO standard interface, and **Globus** Toolkit is used for an optional Grid interface.
- Four kinds of query languages are converted to java class **SelectSQL** and query is executed through **JDBC-like interface**.
- Query results is obtained as **ResultSet**, and table data is formatted to **VOTable** or **CSV** file.

Internet



Development of JVO Skynode Toolkit

JVO Skynode :

- can accept **ADQL-x** over HTTP/SOAP, **SIAP** over HTTP/Parameters → **VO compliant**,
- can accept **JVOQL** over HTTP/SOAP and Grid (experimental) . → **functionality test of JVOQL**,
- returns VOTable, CSV file and FITS file,

The JVO Skynode toolkit is intended to be used as an **wrapper** for existing data services to become VO compliant → **easy and quick implementation** of the skynode interface on the existing system.

Resource Metadata

- Identity metadata
- service metadata
- column metadata
- curation metadata
- content metadata

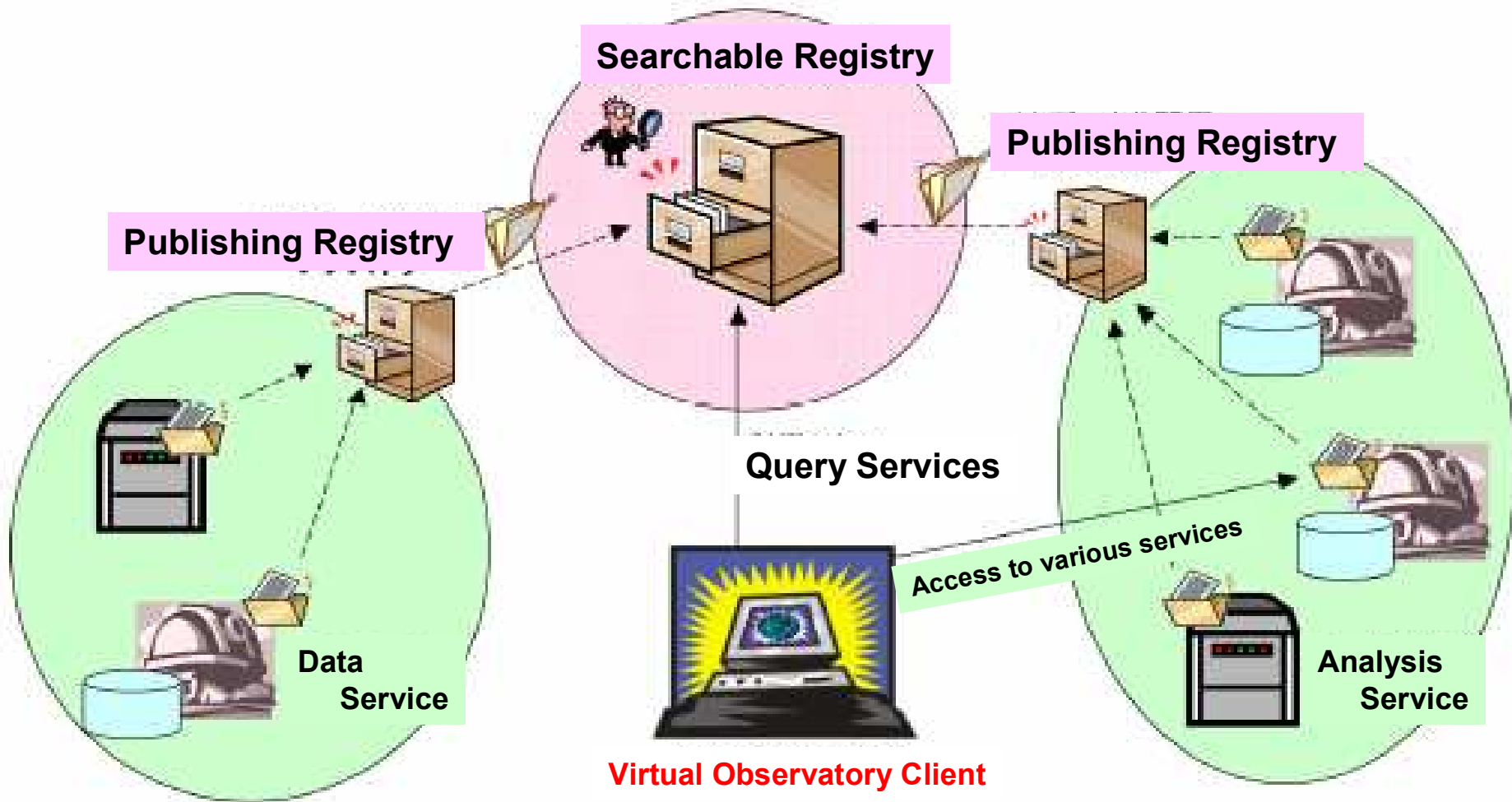


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contact_email	e-mail address
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service_base_url	URL
service_http_result	MIME type
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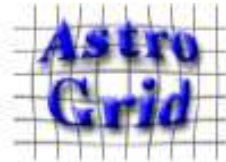
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coverage_spectral_maximum_wavelength	float
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coverage_temporal_stop_time	string
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coverage_depth_unit	string
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coverage_object_count	int
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resolution_spatial	float
resolution_spectral	float
resolution_temporal	float
content_level	string,list
facility	string,list
instrument	string,list
format	string,list
right	string

	identity	curation	service	content	column
catalog	○	○	○	○	×
table	○	○	○	○	×
column	○	○	○	○	○

Exchange of Meta Data: OAI-PMH



JVO is seen from the UK VO



AstroGrid Registry AstroGrid

Registry Browser

Version: 0.9

Find IVORNs including:

Browse for another version 0.9

Title	Type	AuthorityID	ResourceKey	Up
JVO Publishing Registry	vg:Registry	o	publishingregistry	200-16
JVO Publishing Registry	vg:Registry	jvo	publishingregistry	200-21
the Subaru/XMM-Newton Deep Survey (SXDS) SkyNode Service	sn:OpenSkyNode	jvo/skynode	sxds	200-20
Subaru/XMM-Newton Deep Survey 01	jsn:OpenSkyNodeJ	jvo/skynodej	sxds	200-20
JVO	vr:Organisation	jvo	jvo	200-18
the Subaru/XMM-Newton Deep Survey (SXDS) SIA Service	sia:SimpleImageAccess	jvo/siap	sxds	200-20
JVO Authority	vg:Authority	jvo	null?!	200-21

Elapsed time to querying US VOs



wavelength	Survey name	server	time (sec)
X-ray	Chandra	cda.harvard.edu	1.715
Infrared	2MASS	mercury.cacr.caltech.edu	3.536
Radio	VLA	adil.ncsa.uiuc.edu	7.115

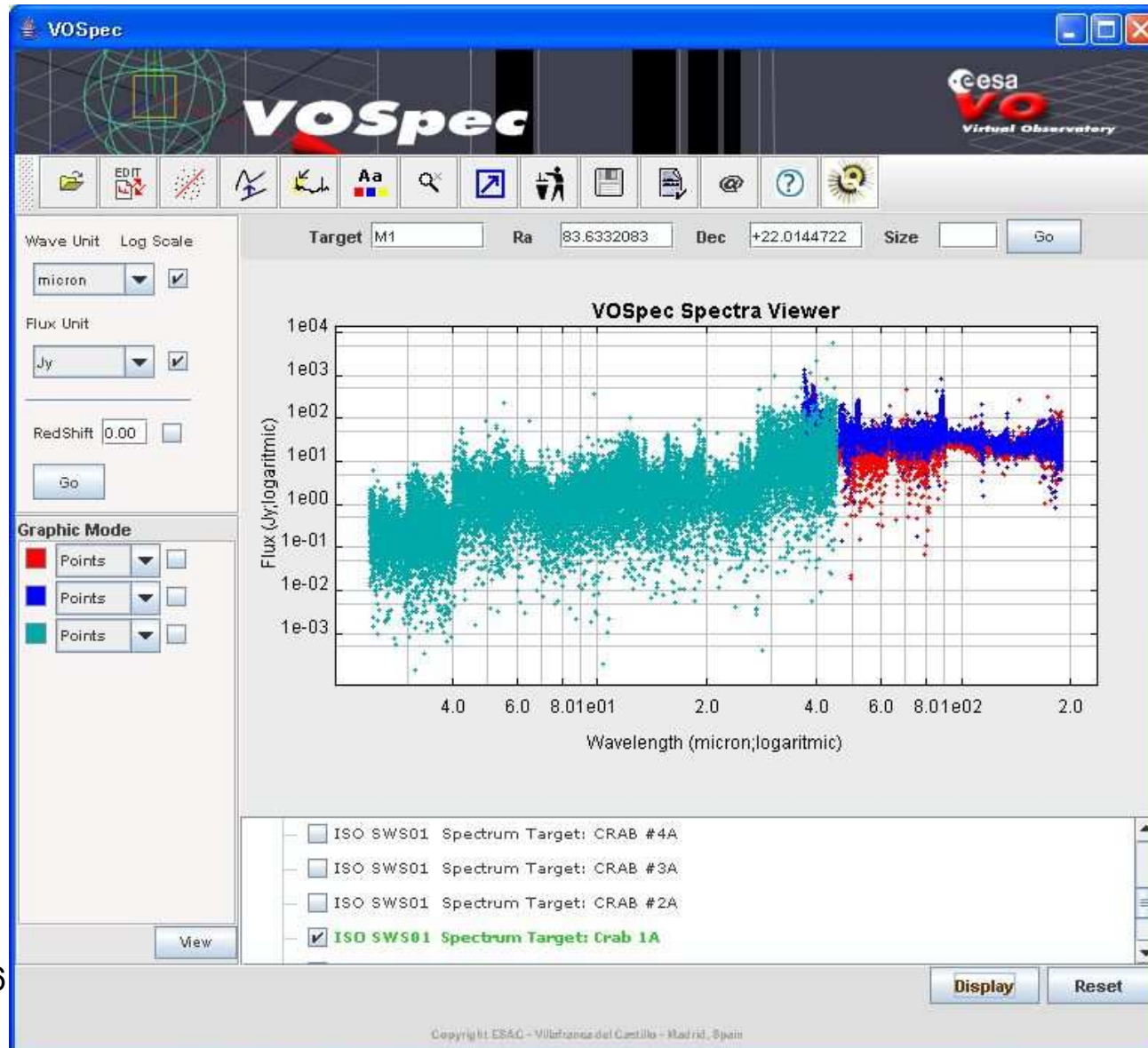
Best Records -- Some servers may be overloaded from time to time

AstroGrid Workbench



The screenshot displays the AstroGrid Workbench environment. The main window is the AstroScope search tool, which is currently showing a search results network diagram. The search parameters are: Position or Object Name: 04:38:38.6.00,+25:35:45.00; Search Radius (degs): +00:06:00.00; Units: Sexagesimal; Checked options: Images, Spectra, Catalogues. The search results network diagram shows a central 'Search Results' node connected to several data sources: 'Faint Images of the Radio Sky', 'EXOSAT Master Observation', 'SIAP service for the INT', 'The IRAS Sky Survey Atlas', 'NCSA Astronomy Digital Image', 'First DENIS I-band', 'Chandra Observations', 'Spectra', 'ADIL NCSA Astronomy Digital Image', 'INT wide-field survey: SIAP', and '2MASS All-Sky Quicklook'. The AstroScope interface includes a 'File History' menu, a 'Halt' button, and a 'View spectra in VOSpec' option. The AstroGrid Workbench dashboard in the foreground shows a menu with 'Data Discovery', 'Workflows', and 'Advanced' tabs, and a row of application icons: AstroScope, HelioScope, Aladin, TopCat, VisIVO, and VOSpec.

VOSpec: SSAP viewer



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JVO Searchable Registry (Keyword Search)

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AND



User ID	User Name	Group	Last Login
ohishi	Masatoshi Ohishi	jvo	Mon Jan 23 19:56:18 JST 2006







Total memory = 109363kB Used momory = 40430kB (36%)



Service Search Result

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Select Service[s] Select the checked service and go to the search page.

No.	Check	ID	Title	Type	Access URL	Country
0	<input type="checkbox"/>	More Info	Deep Lens Survey	SkyNode	URL	
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	More Info	Photometric Optical Structure Survey Using Multiwavelengths	SkyNode	URL	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	More Info	HST trans-Neptunian Objects Search field images	SLAP/SSAP	URL	
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	More Info	HST Hubble Deep Field	SLAP/SSAP	URL	
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	More Info	HST Hubble HELIX Observations	SLAP/SSAP	URL	
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	More Info	The Spitzer Wide-area InfraRed Extragalactic Survey	SLAP/SSAP	URL	

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JVO Simple Data Search

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Find Data Service

AND

Region Selection Criteria

Object Name				
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Name Resolver"/>			
Coordinate	Frame	Size	unit	Shape
<input type="text"/>	J2000 <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text"/>	deg <input type="button" value="v"/>	box size <input type="button" value="v"/>

Selected Services









service is not selected

User ID	User Name	Group	Last Login
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5	<input type="checkbox"/>	More Info	Canadian Network for Observational Cosmology Image	SIAP/SSAP	URL	
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	More Info	Chandra X-Ray Observatory Data Archive	SIAP/SSAP	URL	
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	More Info	XMM-Newton Archive Interoperability System	SIAP/SSAP	URL	
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	More Info	ROSAT All Sky Survey	SIAP/SSAP	URL	unknown

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Find Data Service

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Region Selection Criteria

Object Name

Coordinate

Frame

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Size

unit

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Shape

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Selected Services

Chandra X-Ray Observatory Data Archive

<http://cxc.harvard.edu/cda>

table name	Data Selection	Query Condition	Submit Query	description
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N/A	<input type="button" value="Data"/>	<input type="button" value="Condition"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	
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Workflow Name : work_20060123185359073

Activity Name	Host	Elapsed Time (s)	Flag	Status
1_executeQuery		0.0		waiting
		0.0		waiting
2_storeVOTable		0.0		waiting

User ID	User Name	Group	Last Login
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Total memory = 91992kB Used memory = 37743kB (41%)




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Workflow Name : work_20060123185359073

Activity Name	Host	Elapsed Time (s)	Flag	Status
1_1_executeQuery	cda.harvard.edu	2.265		success
		0.0		success
2_2_storeVOTable		0.041		success

Results

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Workflow Name : work_20060123185359073

File Name	File Type	Action	
result_votable0	VOTable	<input type="button" value="Viewer"/>	<input type="button" value="Download"/>

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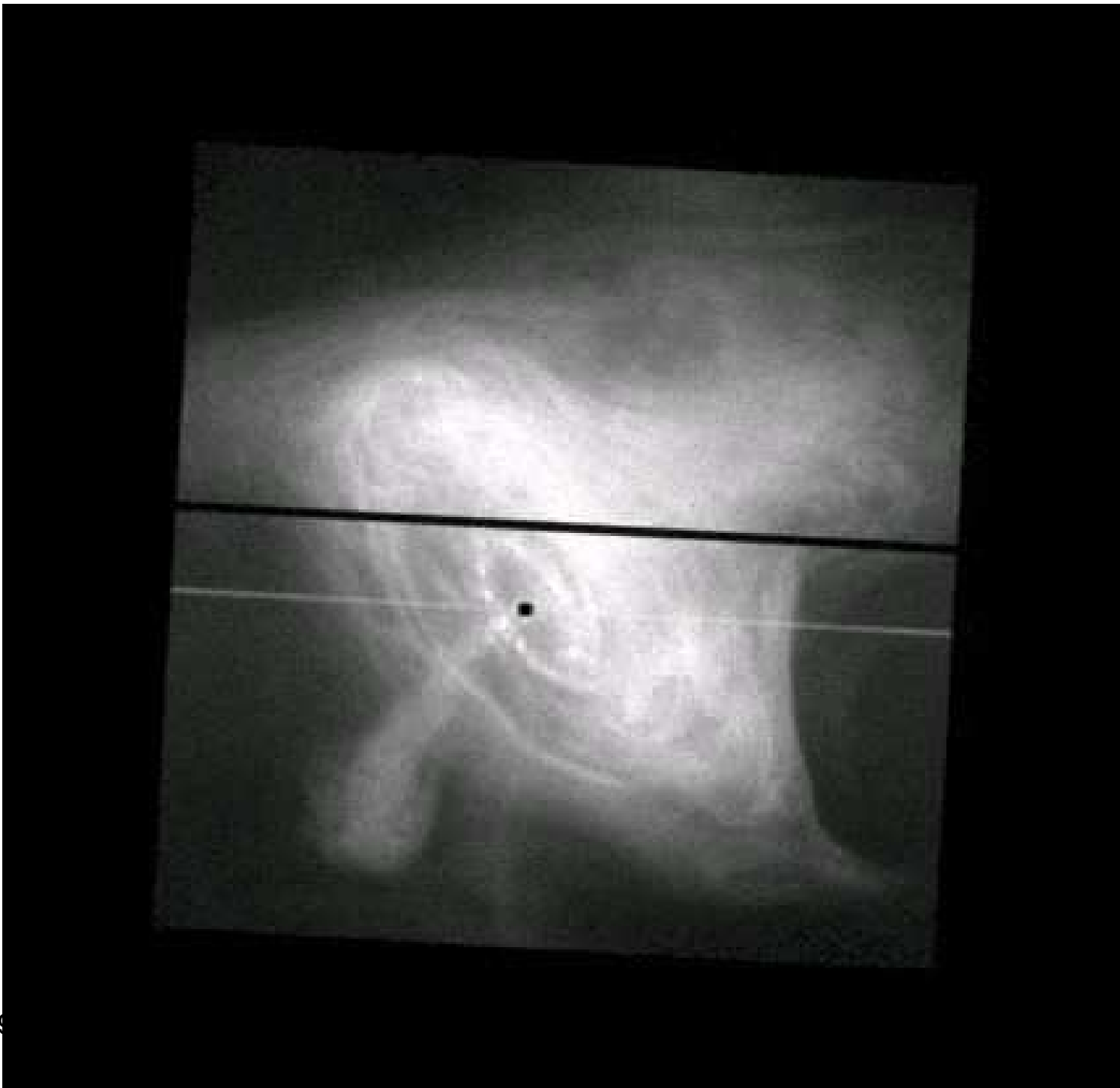
VOTable Viewer

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Workflow Name : work_20060123185359073

File Name : result_votable0

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Upload your workflow

Edit workflow

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Workflow xmlns="http://jvo.nao.ac.jp/workflow/v0.4" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-ns
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  <!-- Search for Brown Dwarf candidates -->
  <!-- 01. Simplest Case -->
  <!-- ***** -->
  <name>SequentialQuery</name>
  <author>M.Tanaka</author>
  <identifier>ivo://jvo.nao.ac.jp/workflow/Y.Shirasaki/SequentialQuery</identifier>
  <create_date>2006/01/22 00:20:00</create_date>
  <update_date>2006/01/22 00:20:00</update_date>
  <description>Query to Mutple Data Services</description>
  <status>wating</status>

  <variables>

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      <value>SELECT * FROM ivo://cxc.harvard.edu:cda WHERE region = BOX( (83.633212,22.014460), 0.2
    </variable>

    <variable name="query2" type="String">
      <value>SELECT ra, dec, dered_z FROM ivo://jvo/sdss:photoobjall WHERE Region('Circle 20.0
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Edit workflow

Execute

clear

Sequential Query

Brown Dwarf Search #1

Brown Dwarf Search #2

QSO Study

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    <error_info>none</error_info>
  </activity_status>
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  </input>
  <output>
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  </output>
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  </input>
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  </output>
</command>
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Overview of workflow

Update

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Workflow Name : work_20060123200255167

Activity Name	Host	Elapsed Time (s)	Flag	Status
1_executeQuery		0.0		waiting
		0.0		waiting
2_executeQuery		0.0		waiting
3_executeQuery		0.0		waiting
4_executeQuery		0.0		waiting
5_executeQuery		0.0		waiting

Cancel

Results

User ID	User Name	Group	Last Login
ohishi	Masatoshi Ohishi	jvo	Mon Jan 23 19:56:18 JST 2006





Total memory = 109363kB Used momory = 49106kB (44%)

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Workflow Name : work_20060123200255167

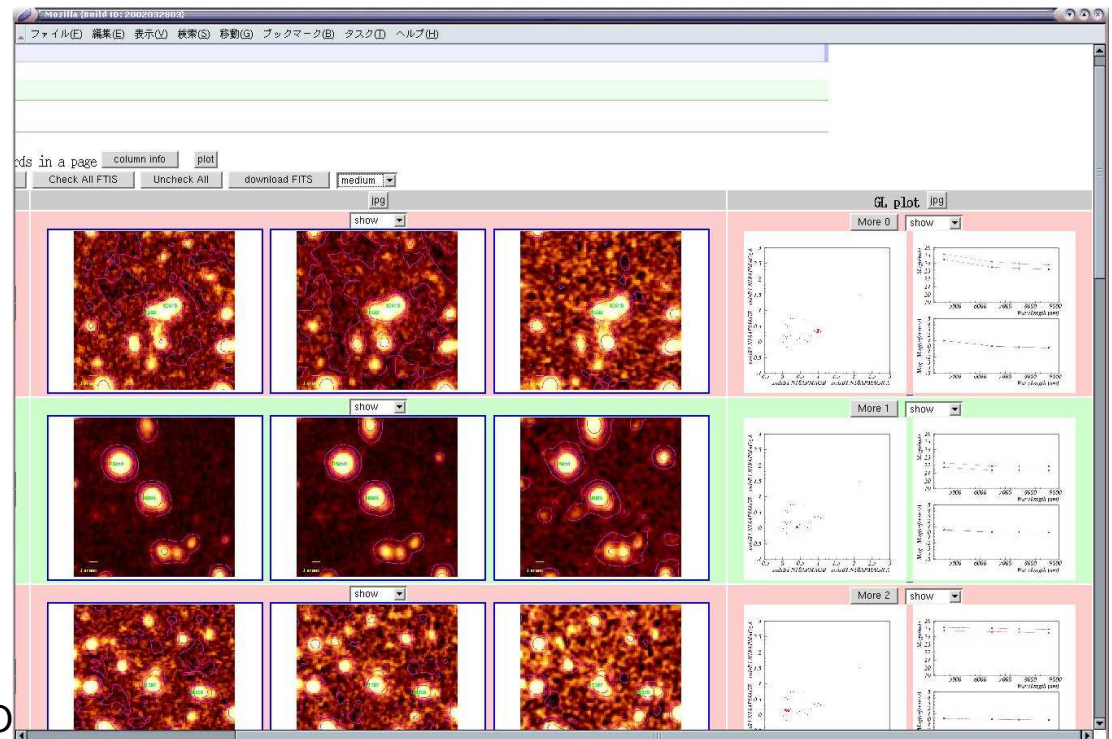
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		0.0		success
3_executeQuery	pma.iso.wilspa.esa.es	4.632		success
		0.0		success
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		0.0		waiting
5_executeQuery		0.0		waiting

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Search for Gravitational Lenses produced (?) by Cosmic Strings



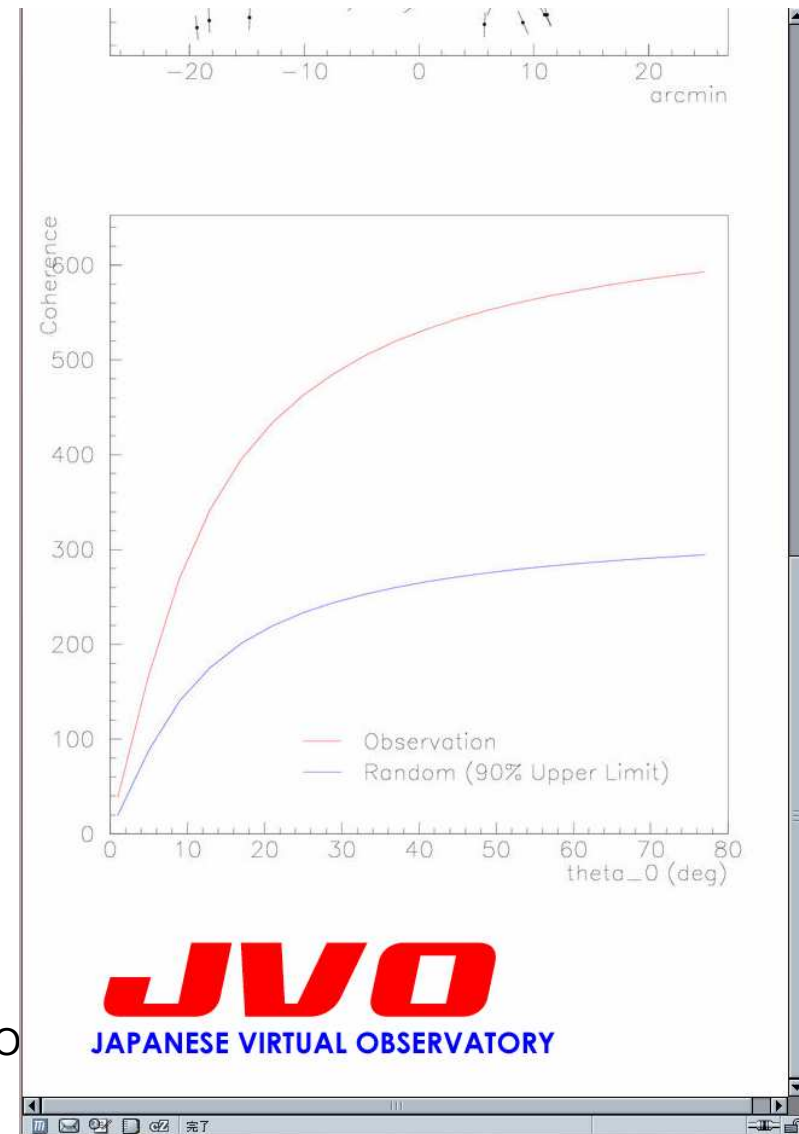
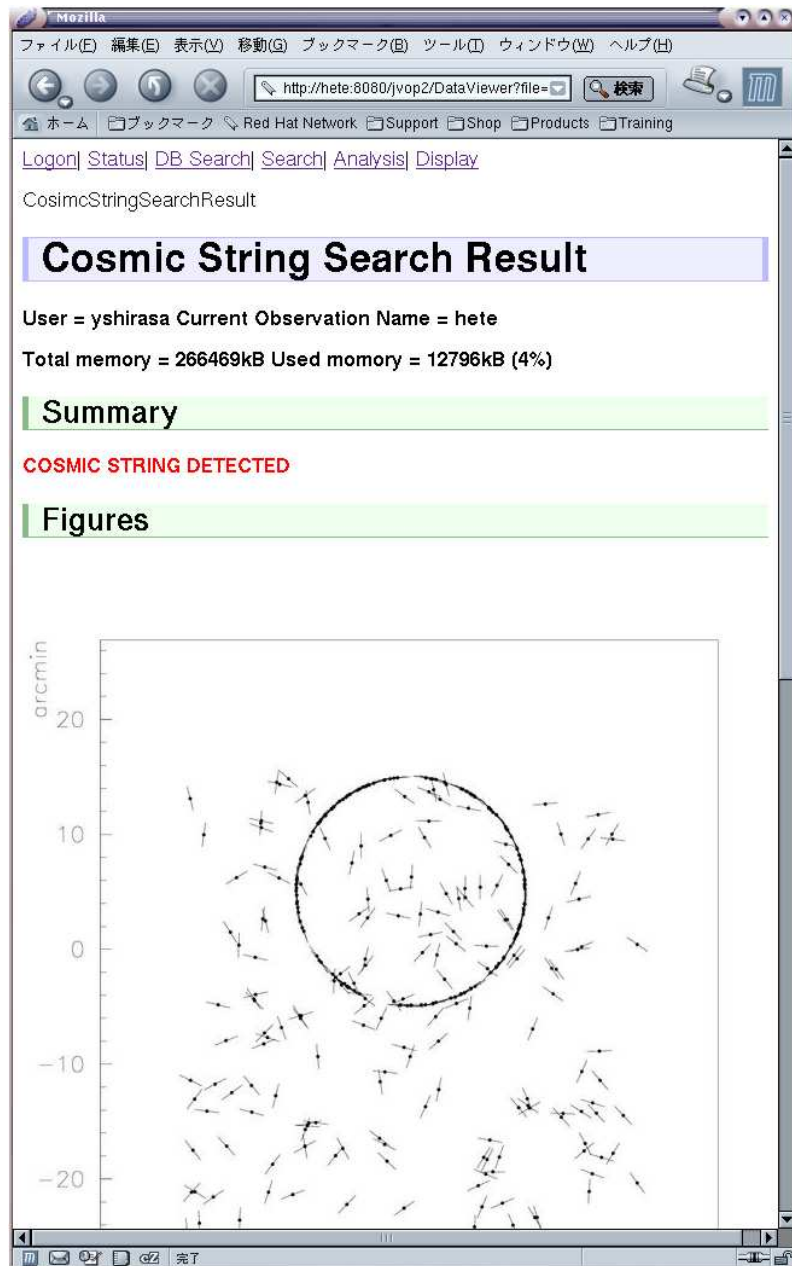
- SXDS data observed by Subaru
- Query results were obtained less than **5** min, displaying SEDs
- It has been proven that VO can accelerate researches.



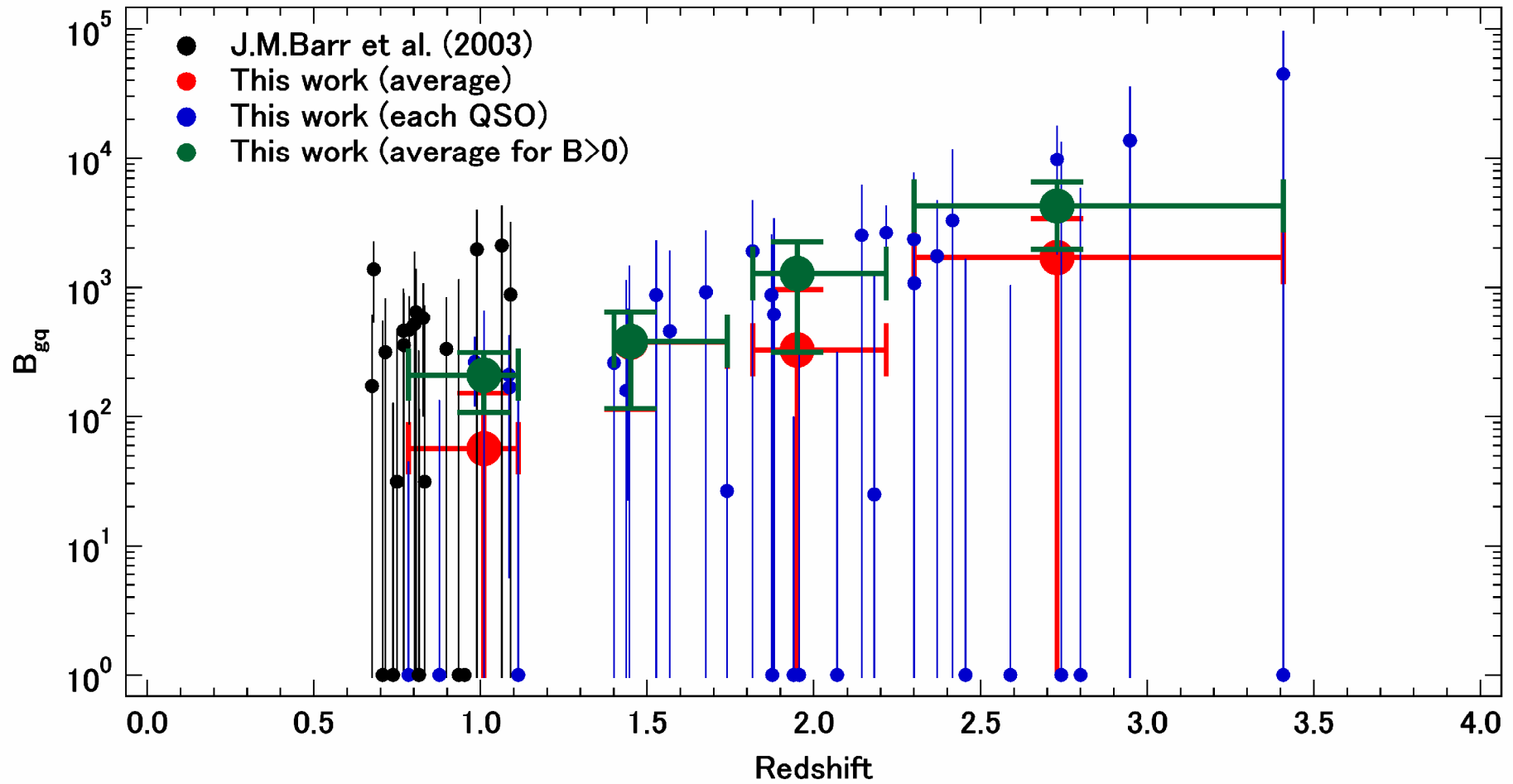
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Cosmic String Search Result



Study on Environment around QSOs



Discovery of a Brown Dwarf: SDSS/2MASS



2MASSW J1217-03

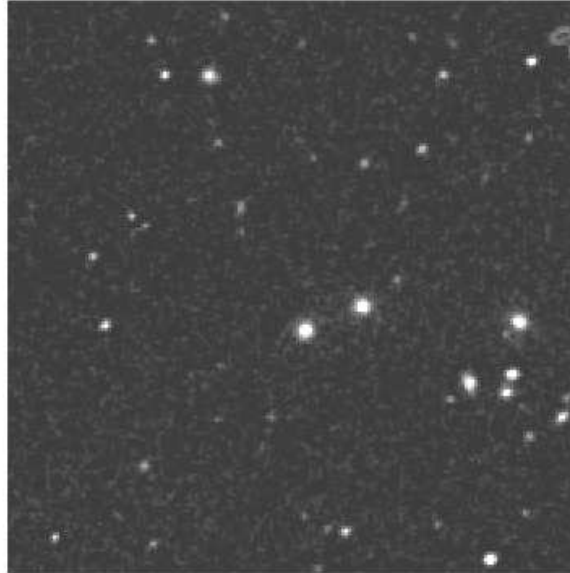
A methane (T-type) dwarf in the constellation Virgo

The near-infrared view



2MASS Composite JHK_s Atlas Image

The optical view



Palomar Digitized Sky Survey

discoveries like
this much easier if
databases jointly
queryable



A.J.Burgasser (Caltech), J.D.Kirkpatrick (IPAC/Caltech), M.E.Brown (Caltech),
I.N.Reid (U.Penn), J.E.Gizis (U.Mass), C.C.Dahn & D.G.Monet (USNO, Flagstaff),
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The 2MASS Project is a collaboration between the University of Massachusetts and IPAC



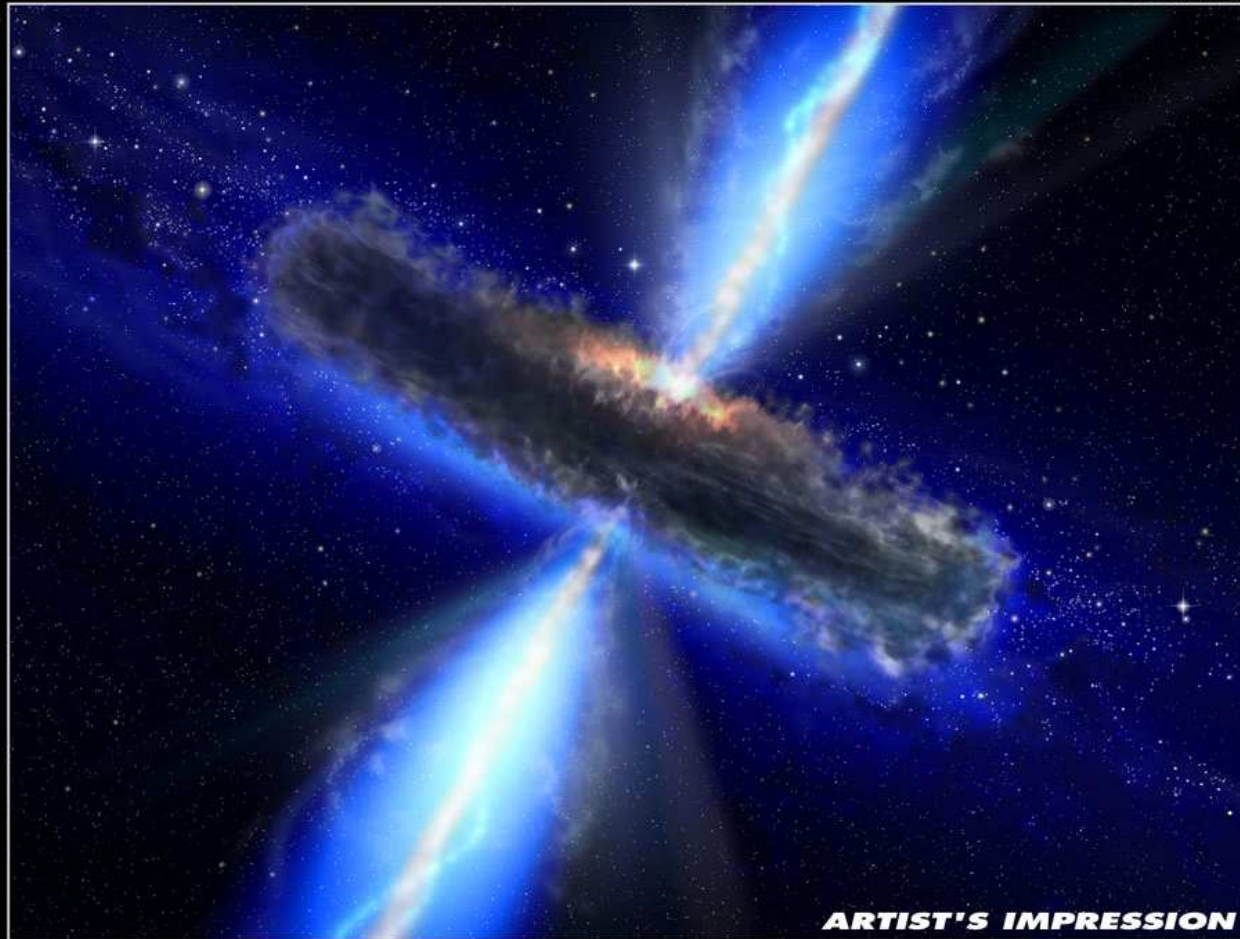
Detection of MANY Type II Quasars

NEWS RELEASE

Virtual observatory discovers missing black holes



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HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE

ESA/NASA, the AVO project and Paolo Padovani



Latest Science outputs



- Aug 2006 – VO Special Session @IAU GA
 - 5 days session
- 200+ participants registered already
 - ~30 science talks out of ~50
 - ~100 posters

New Moves

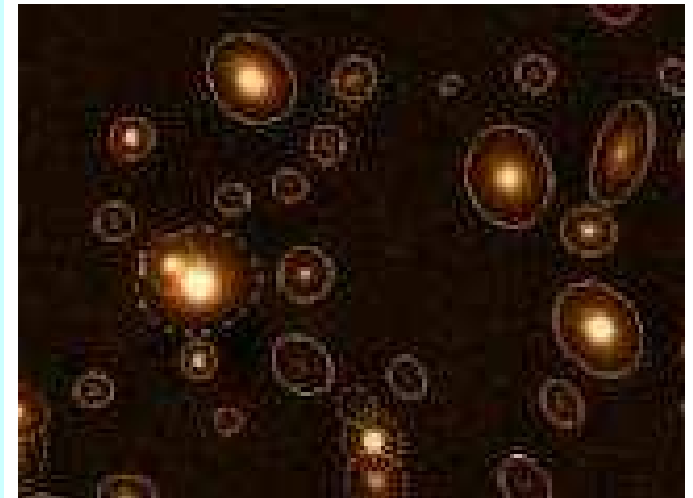


- Some VO projects move from R&D phase to operations phase
 - UK, Japan, US, EU,,,
- New VO projects
 - Brazil, Chinese Taipei, Blugaria, Tagikistan, Ireland, Czech,,,

Items to be done



- Distributed Storage to store query/analysis results
- Secure access to VOs : single-sign-on
- Other Standardizations
 - Standard application interface
- Advertisement to Data Centers
 - data centers need implement VO interfaces
- VO schools for astronomers



VO : basis for EACOA



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