

# IVOA Data Access Layer

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# SSA Discussions

- **Data model**

- Great progress on architecture, components, utype
- Still have concerns about closure, getting to a stable version
  - Internal consistency within SSA V1.0 is the primary requirement
- Agreed to initial focus on 1D Spectrum with associations
- Longer term treatment of spectral aggregates is TBD

# SSA Discussions

- **Protocol Versioning**

- Proposed to
  - Explicitly version query, query response, capabilities
  - Implemented with VERSION=X.Y parameter in query
  - Runtime error reported if versions do not match
- Concern expressed that this duplicates functionality of registry

- **Conclusions**

- Service has no knowledge of registry, should function correctly independent of registry
- Redundant checking and verification is a good thing
- Semantics of VERSION need to be better defined
  - e.g., version mismatch triggered only down to level 2
  - 1.1, 1.2 would be a mismatch, 1.1.1, 1.1.3 would not
  - Note usual convention is <version>.<update>.<release>, not "1.12"



# SSA Discussions

- **Service metadata**
  - *getCapabilities* method proposed, no objections
    - Will use GET-service-with-multiple-operations pattern
    - Pattern contents after service metadata in registry
    - but this interface is defined by the service, not the registry
- **Pattern for GET service with multiple operations**
  - no objections to proposed approach, e.g.,  
REQUEST=queryData
- **Range-list syntax approved**
  - semantics, e.g., ordering, intersection, need to be clarified

# SIA Upgrade Planning

- **Query interface**
  - Basic parameter scheme and parameter set is agreed
    - review names and naming conventions
  - Need to clarify detailed semantics
    - what is mandatory or optional and what does this mean
    - semantics such as a POS or TIME query on theory data
- **Special Topics**
  - Interface complexity, backwards compatibility
    - Preserve 1.0 interface; can hopefully deprecate eventually
    - Simple, basic interface for 2-D will always be provided
  - Time-based queries
    - Essential functionality for e.g., solar data
  - Reviewed issues of complex data, access to cube data
    - Generic dataset approach only option currently for complex data
    - Support for cube data access is high priority
    - Parameter-based interface with WCS is simple, should work

# Other DAL Protocols

- **Spectral Line Access Protocol (SLAP)**
  - Have V0.5 access protocol and data model
  - Third round of revisions this summer
  - Can probably go to V1.0 WD/PR by this fall
- **Simple Numerical Access Protocol (SNAP)**
  - Proposed by Theory IG for access to models
  - Basic approach reviewed
  - Theory IG will proceed with draft specification

# Updated DAL Roadmap (draft)

- **SSA**

- Initial release supporting Spectrum
  - 1.0WD July 2006
  - 1.0PR Moscow, fall 2006
- Add support for SED, TimeSeries
  - Target PR for May 2007

- **SIA**

- Legacy V1.0 interface
  - Promote to 1.0PR by Moscow interop, fall 2006
  - V1.0 interface will be preserved but eventually deprecated
  - Simple/minimal service interface will be preserved indefinitely
- SIA V2.0
  - Scope includes cube data access, async data staging/VOSpace
  - Target 2.0 WD approved by WG by May 2007
  - Promote to PR by fall 2007

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- **SCS (Cone Search)**
  - Legacy V1.0 interface
  - Promote to 1.0PR by Moscow interop, fall 2006
- **Generic Dataset**
  - Develop during 2007–2008
  - Introduce ADQL integration here
- **SLAP (Spectral Line Access)**
  - Target 1.0PR fall
- **SNAP (Numerical/Theory Data Access)**
  - new, in initial draft stage in Theory IG