

# VOQL WG Plenary Session

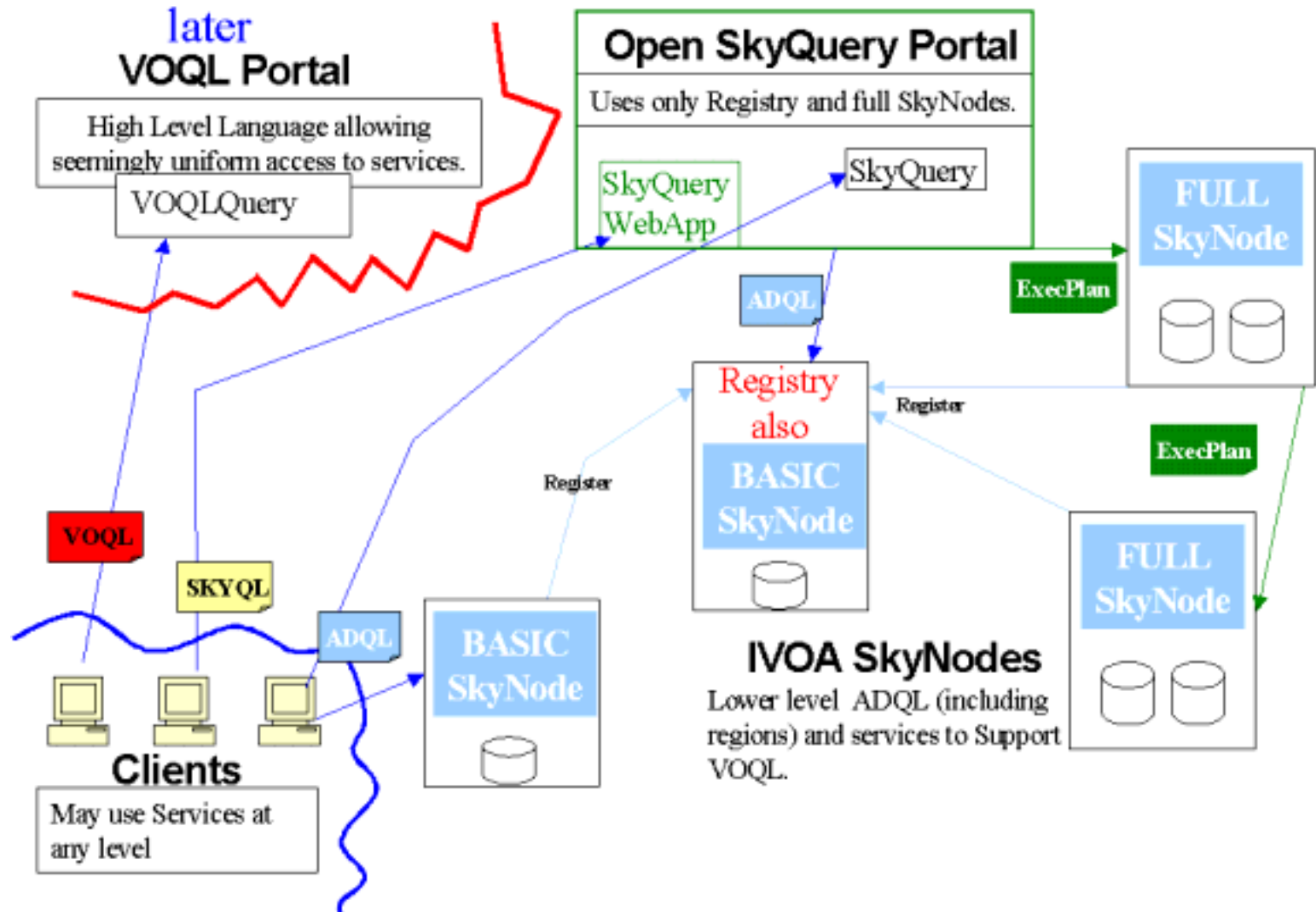
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# VOQL WG - Background

- Started Cambridge England May 2003
- Decided to concentrate on Astronomical Data Query Language (ADQL) first
  - SQL based
  - Allow exposure of catalogues
  - Good step up from Cone Search
- Also agreed to look at WebServices to take ADQL and return VOTable (OpenSkyNode)

# OpenSkyQuery Architecture



- ADQL0.8.1

- **INTO** : MyDb, MySpace for both SELECT
- **TOP** : tie down semantics
- **JOIN** : Use Explicit JOIN syntax
- **Add units** : to ADQL/s, ADQL/x

Web services conversion tool is available in Oz

CDS released UNIT conversion library

- **Improve XMATCH** : Move sigma inside the bracket Add '+' for outer join and '?' for uncovered areas

- Pseudo Tables/Virtual Columns - DAL

- Yuji Shirasaki -Could pretend to have a standard Image Table and do SIAP as an ADQL query  
<http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaVOQL/VOQL-WG-yshirasa.ppt>

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Select * from images where format='FITS' and  
region('circle j2000 180 23 0.1')
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# Roadmap

- **May 2004 Interop at Cambridge USA**
  - Changes / Enhancements to ADQL discussed
- **June 2004 – ADQL 0.8 issued (NO DML)**
- **Sep 2004 Interop meeting**

Agreement --> ADQL0.8.1 or ADQL 0.9 & interaction between us and Registry/DAL/DM groups  
After interaction with Registry/DAL/DM groups and discussion within our group, we prepare a draft for ADQL 1.0.  
When it has been approved by the IVOA executive committee, it will become ADQL 1.0
- **But we probably stick with ADQL 0.7.4 for January for SkyNodes – registry may use newer**
- **Sep/Oct (?) 2004 GGF12 @ Brussels** : to report activities of the VO community
- **Work toward January Demos**
- **Jan 2005 Demos and ADQL-1.0 & SkyNode-1.0 release.**
  - NVO will show Open Sky Query with ADQL 0.7.4 at AAS in San Diego Jan 2005.
- **Improvements including New data types proposed by Shirasaki**
- **May 2005 Interop meeting / GGF joint WS in Japan (??)**
- **Discussion on ADQL-1.x, SkyNode-1.x ?**