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The IVOA ExecutionBroker, an overview

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IVOA Execution Broker

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Latest version
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Previous versions
This is the first public release

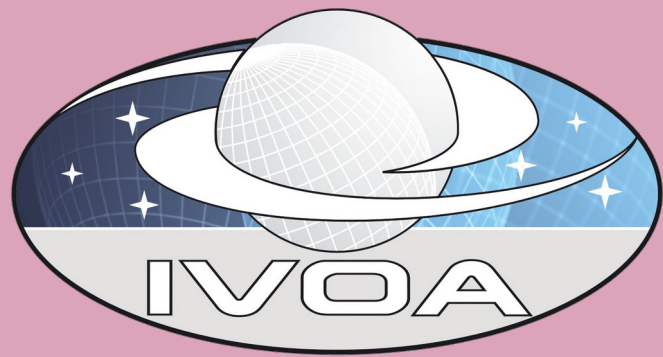
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IVOA ExecutionBroker

- What is it ?
- Why ?
- Why should we use it ?

<https://github.com/ivoa-std/ExecutionBroker>
The IVOA Execution Broker web-service
and data model specification.



IVOA

The International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA) is an organisation that debates and agrees the technical standards that are needed to make the VO possible

VO

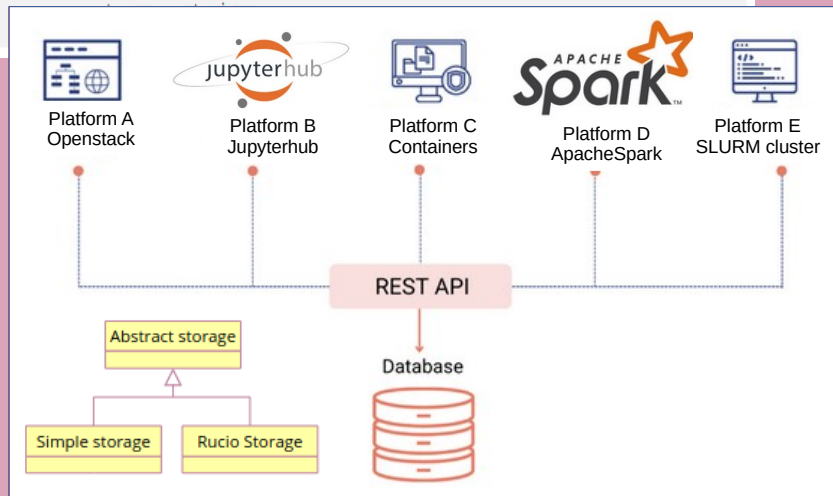
The Virtual Observatory (VO) is the vision that astronomical datasets and other resources and services should work as a seamless whole



What is the ExecutionBroker ?

- a data model for describing ‘executable things’
- a web service:
 - a REST based web service to find execution platforms, allocate resources and schedule execution sessions.

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Data growth, Big Data

Challenges

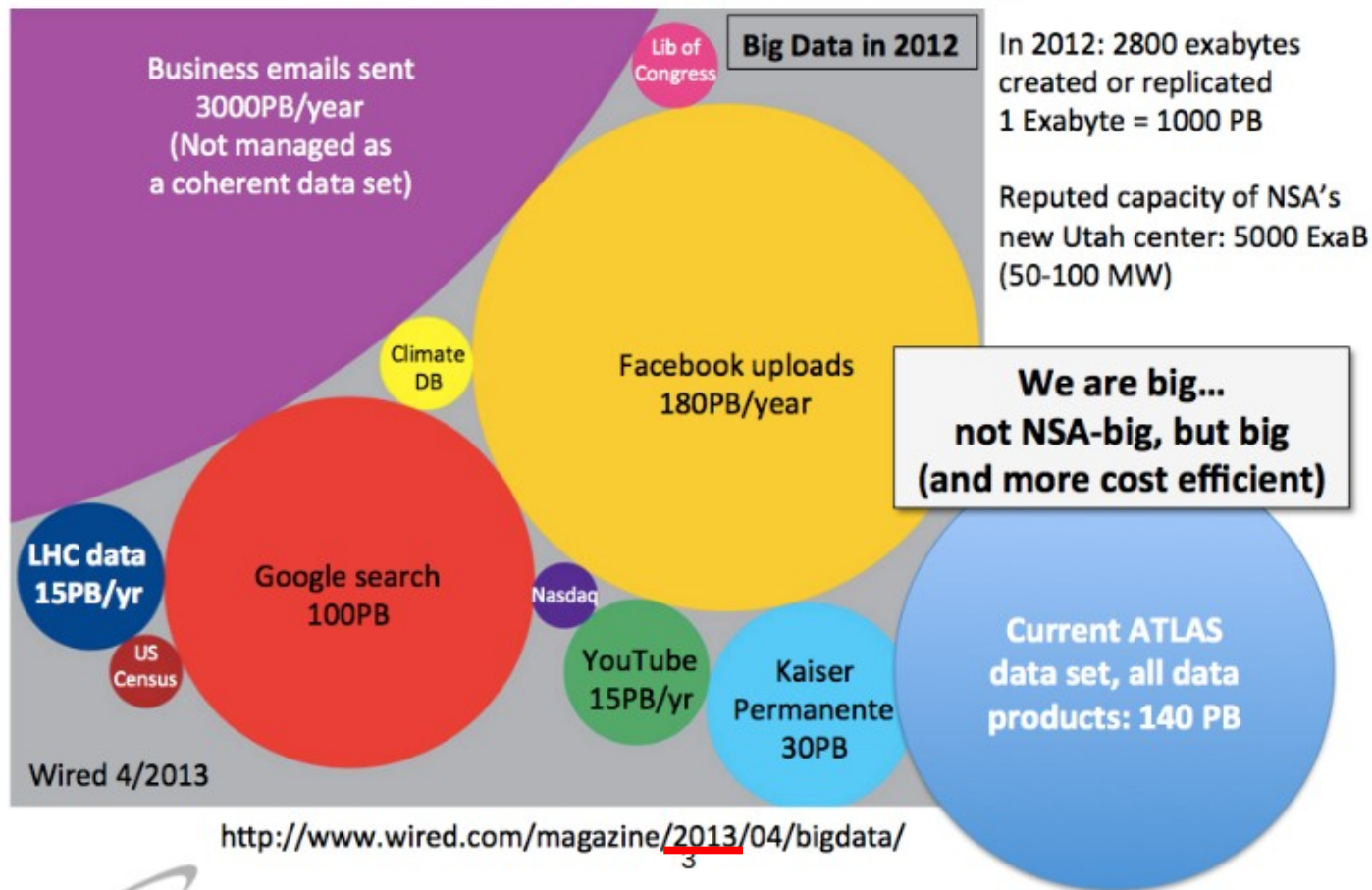
- Volume
- Velocity
- Variety

Comparing to the World Outside

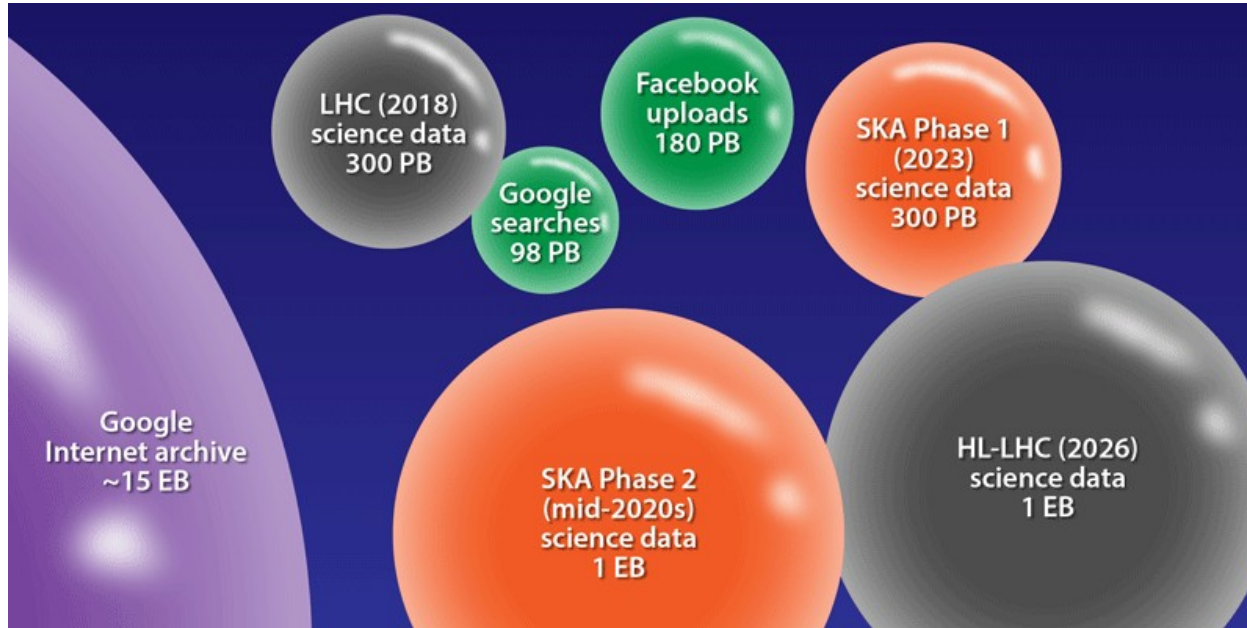
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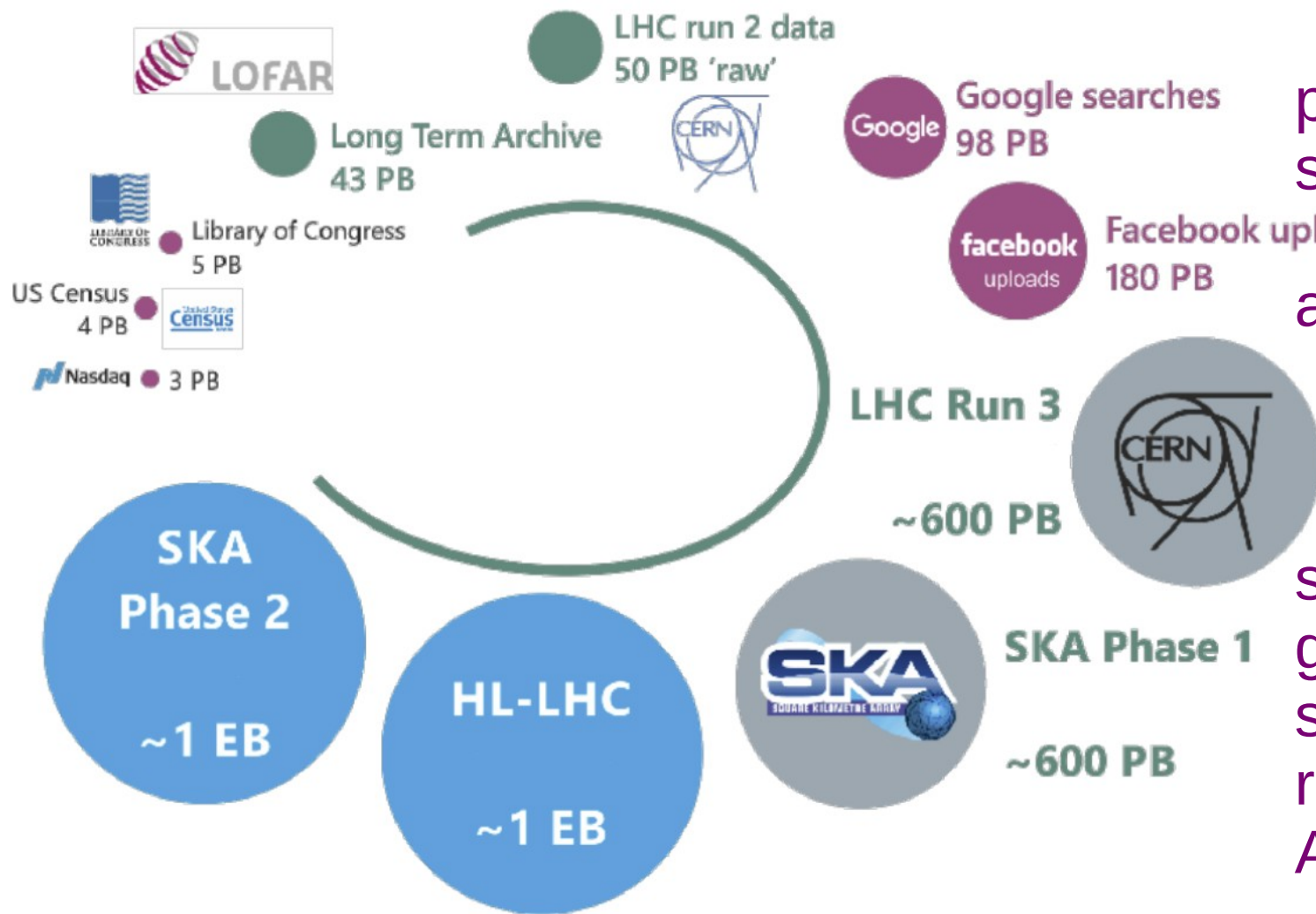
Data Management Where is HEP in Big Data Terms?



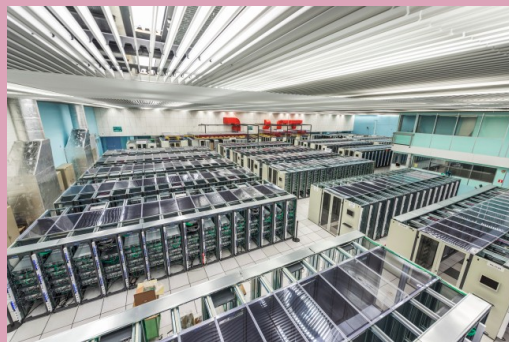
Comparison of yearly data volumes of current and future projects



Article: “Facing a Downpour of Data, Scientists Look to the Cloud”
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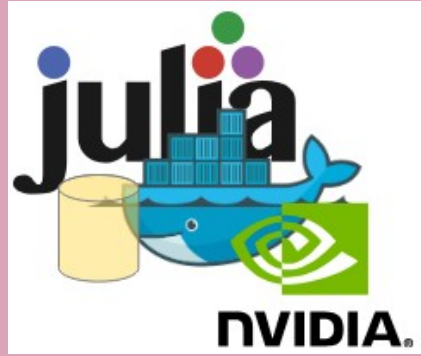


Il traffico di dati prodotto da SKA sarà più di 3 volte superiore all'odierno traffico generato su Facebook e supererà il più grande progetto scientifico ad oggi realizzato, il Large Adron Collider



Data analysis through
computing resources heterogeneous
and spread around the world





for data analyses

- lots of different types of software
 - different requirements
 - different interfaces



- Data spread around the world
- Heterogeneous code (analyses software)
- Heterogeneous computing resources geographically distributed

Everyone is slightly different



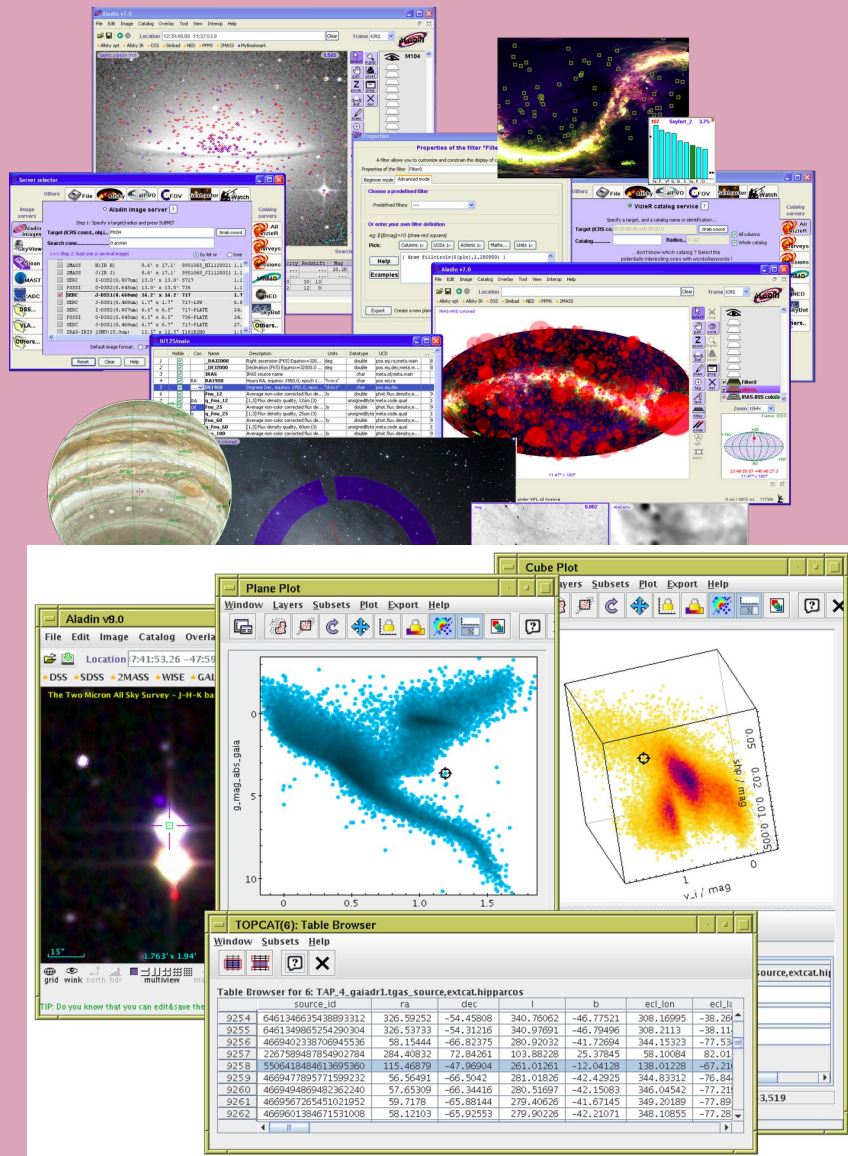
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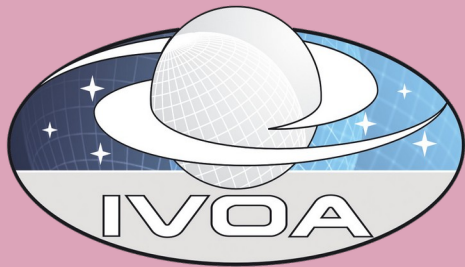
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- **Why should we use it ?**



The Virtual Observatory is a solution for data: it provides standards (data models, dictionaries, data access protocols, etc.) enabling tools and services to access data geographically distributed





Execution Broker: The REST interface

is a **common interface** for different science platforms

Execution Broker (VO)

notebooks

containers

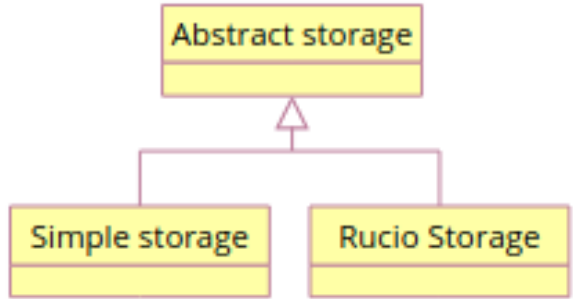
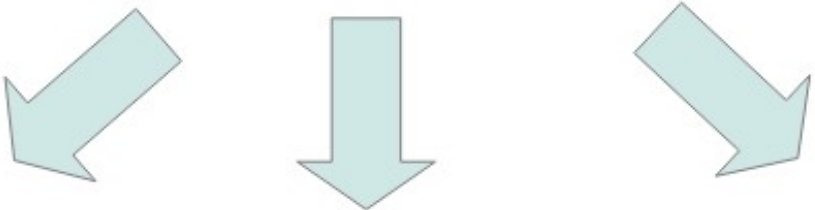
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Different science platforms use different technologies.

Each platform only needs to understand the technologies it provides. If a platform doesn't understand the question,

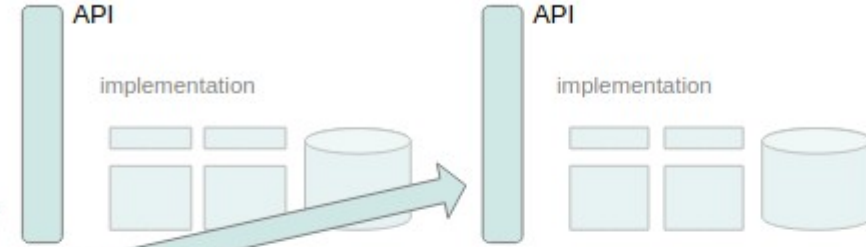
Can your platform run **<this>** task ? it can just say no.



Plugin architecture helps



Software discovery Data discovery

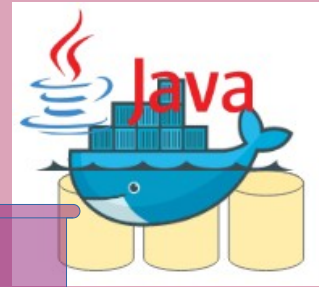
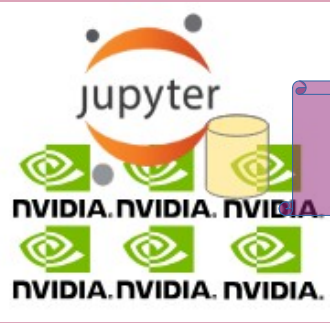


Executable thing



ExecutionBroker: data model

defines a data model for describing
'executable things' and the resources
needed to execute them



Use a common data model to describe executable things

Openapi data model description

```
# OpenAPI schema
AbstractExecutable:
  type: object
  discriminator:
    propertyName: type
    mapping:
      "uri:java-program-1.0": 'JavaProgram'
      "uri:python-program-1.0": 'PythonProgram'
      "uri:docker-container-1.0": 'DockerContainer'
      "uri:singular-container-1.0": 'SingularContainer'
      "uri:jupyter-notebook-1.0": 'JupyterNotebook'
      ....
  properties:
    name:
      description: >
        A human readable name, assigned by the client.
      type: string
    uuid:
      description: >
        A machine readable UUID, assigned by the server.
      type: string
      format: uuid
    type:
      description: >
        The type discriminator.
      type: string
      format: uri
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OpenAPI is an interoperable, machine-readable, and human-friendly specification format used to define HTTP APIs. It relies on JSON Schema to describe the API's underlying data.

Execution Broker (VO)

notebooks

containers

virtual machines



ExecutionBroker API:

The IVOA Execution Broker is designed to address a specific question: **given an executable thing,**

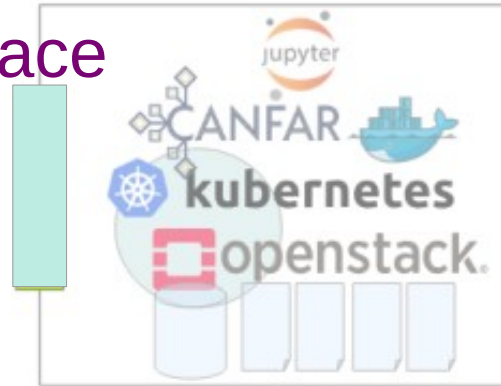
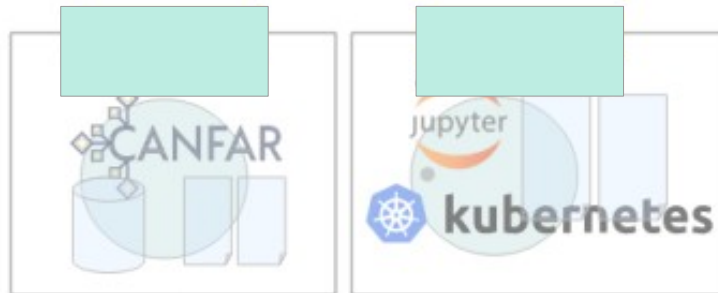
e.g. a Python program or Jupyter notebook, in which facilities can I run it?



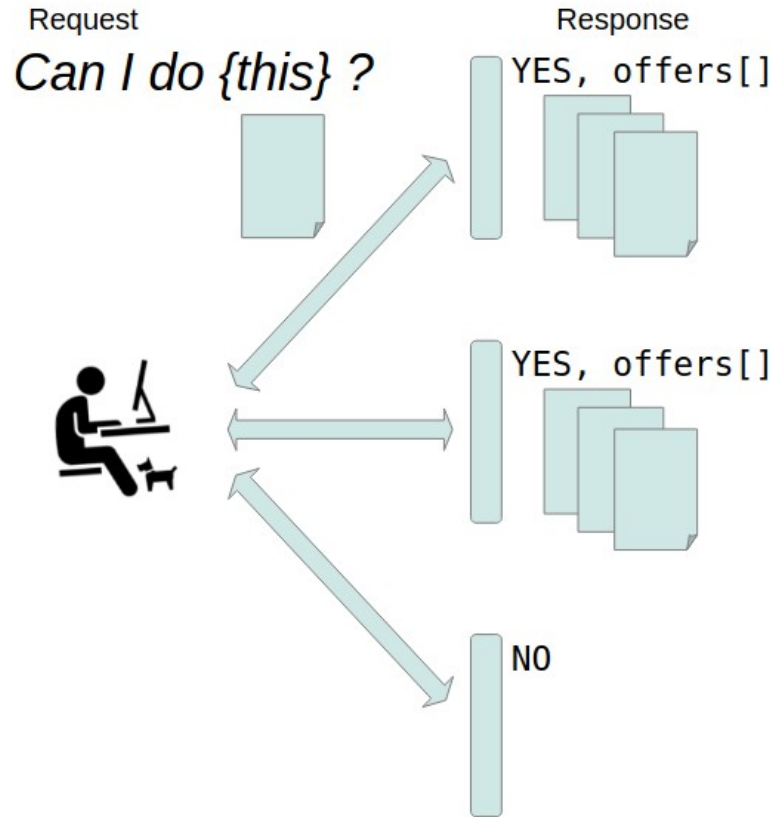
When can I run this ?



Pass a common data-model description to a common interface



ExecutionBroker API



- Query one or more ExecutionBroker services.
- Each ExecutionBroker replies with one or more offers. The offers will include details of the available resources and estimated cost.

Client Request

```
# ExecutionBroker offerset request.
executable:
  # Common fields from AbstractExecutable
  name: Experiment two
  type: uri:jupyter-notebook-1.0

  # The type specific details for a Jupyter notebook.
  notebook:
    file: https://.../example.jpnb
  requirements:
    file: https://.../requirements.txt

resources:
  compute:
    - type: uri:generic-compute
      cores:
        requested:
          min: 4
      memory:
        requested:
          min: 16
```

```
# ExecutionBroker offerset response.
executable:
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  notebook:
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        requested:
          min: 4
        offered:
          min: 8
      memory:
        requested:
          min: 16
        offered:
          min: 32
```

Service Response

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