

Whither VO ?



- VO a decade old
- Are we on track ?

- The Good
- The Bad
- The Questions

The Good



- Lots of standards
- Several good tools
- Large number of resources included
- Some user uptake
- A place in Astronet roadmap
- Vision remains valid

The Bad



- No major Euro-VO project for several years
- Astrogrid closed
- VAO on a knife edge
- Other national projects small
- ESO pulled out
- ESA diffident

More Bad



- Many users still sceptical
- Standards landscape large and bewildering
- Potential deployers sometimes complain of closed talking shop

The Questions



- **Who sets the agenda ?**
- dedicated VO projects ?
- missions/facilities/data centres ?
- tools writers ?
- end users ?

Top down or bottom up?

The Questions



- **Where is the resource for VO-specific work ?**
- funded VO projects ?
- tax on missions/facilities/data centres ?
- borrowed time ?

The Questions



- **Are we doing what the Big Beasts want ?**
- ESO, ESA, NASA, NOAO
- ALMA, GAIA, Herschel, Planck, LOFAR, XMM, Chandra, HST, ...
- LSST, SKA, Euclid, JWST, ...