



# VSO 0.5: A Working Demonstration with Distributed Queries

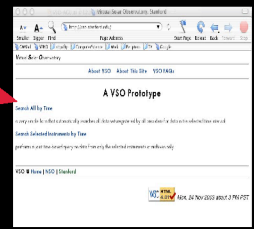
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Data Providers

### ABSTRACT

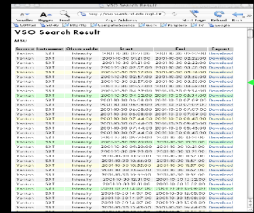
The VSO prototype has already demonstrated the capability of unifying geographically distributed data sources following the Web Services paradigm and utilizing mechanisms such as the Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP). So far, four participating sites (Stanford, Montana State University, National Solar Observatory and the Solar Data Analysis Center) permit web-accessible, time-based searches, allowing browsing access to a number of diverse data sets. Our latest work includes the extension of the simple, time-based queries to include numerous other searchable observation parameters. For VSO users, this extended functionality enables more refined searches. For the VSO, it is a proof of concept that more complex, distributed queries can be effectively constructed and results from heterogeneous remote sources synthesized and presented to users as a single, virtual data product.

Search Parameters



Query

Results



Stanford University

Montana State University (Bozeman)

NASA/GSFC

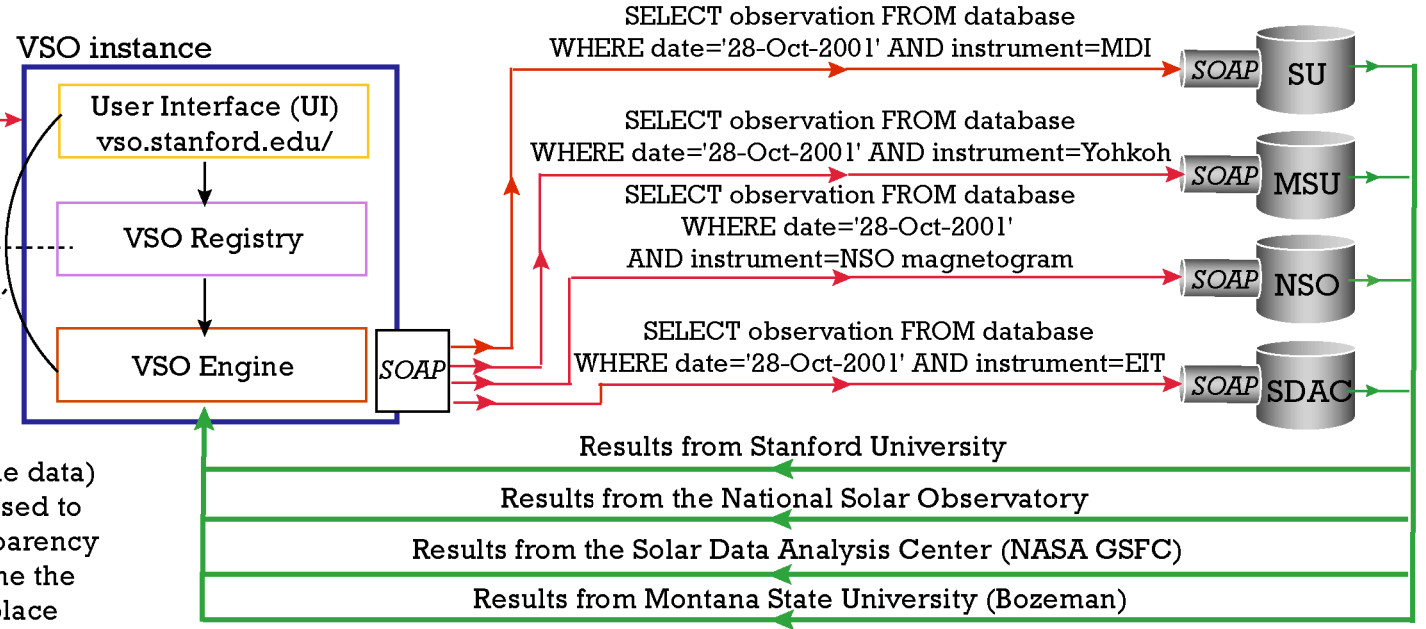
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### How it Works

Search Parameters:  
"MDI, Yohkoh, SXT,  
NSO magnetogram, EIT  
from Oct-28-2001"

Registry contains information about the contents of VSO providers

Results (metadata with links to the data) are synthesized and passed to the UI, maintaining transparency between the user and the the operations that took place



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