

Fine-Grained Table Differences in TAPRegExt

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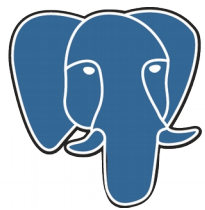


TAP Backends at

- IRSA has a single TAP endpoint with 3 (soon to be 4) different backends.

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SQLite

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- This is our legacy database. We have been slowly migrating our tables to Oracle and hope to finish this soon.
- I do not think that the limitations of this database should be a factor in the long term design of these services.

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- This is where most of our tables are.
- Almost all of the tables (e.g. 2MASS, WISE, IRAS) are spatially indexed using the HTM (Hierarchical Triangular Mesh) tessellation of the sky.
- We translate geometric constraints into HTM ranges plus the actual constraint.

((htm > 100 AND htm <200)

AND (x-in.x)*(x-in.x) + (y-in.y)*(y-in.y)
+ (z-in.z)*(z-in.z) < r*r)

AND {other constraints}

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- This allows Oracle to reduce the list of rows to look at when considering the real geometric constraint.
- It does restrict the kind of queries we can handle.

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- However, we do not always require ADQL-style spatial constraints.
- Some of these tables are just not that big (e.g. IRAS), so arbitrary queries can work fine.
- Some of our tables are not spatially organized (e.g. AllWISE Frame Cross-Reference).

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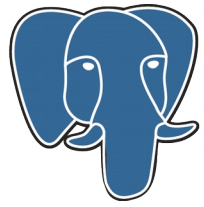
- This is used only for the Planck TOI (Time Ordered Information).
- Each of the 72 detectors from the Planck mission took about 100 measurements/second for about three years. This produced a really, really big table for each detector.
- For fast lookup and smaller files, we store this minimally processed data in a specialized HTM file and use libtinyhtm¹ to access it.



1) <https://github.com/Caltech-IPAC/libtinyhtm/>

HTM + SQLite

- However, libtinyHTM only implements spatial searches.
- So to (partially) implement TAP, we first perform a spatial search, put the results into an in-memory instance of SQLite, and run the rest of the TAP query.
- Because of the size of the tables, geometric constraints are **required**.



PostgreSQL +



- For images, we are standing up a new PostgreSQL + PostGIS backed image table service.
- PostGIS does not handle all of the geometric primitives required by ADQL.

Capability differences

- Some tables require geometry, some encourage it, and some do not allow it.
- Different SQL backends support different capabilities
- Some of this can be smoothed over by rewriting ADQL as needed for each service.

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 - needs a way to serialize TAPRegExt