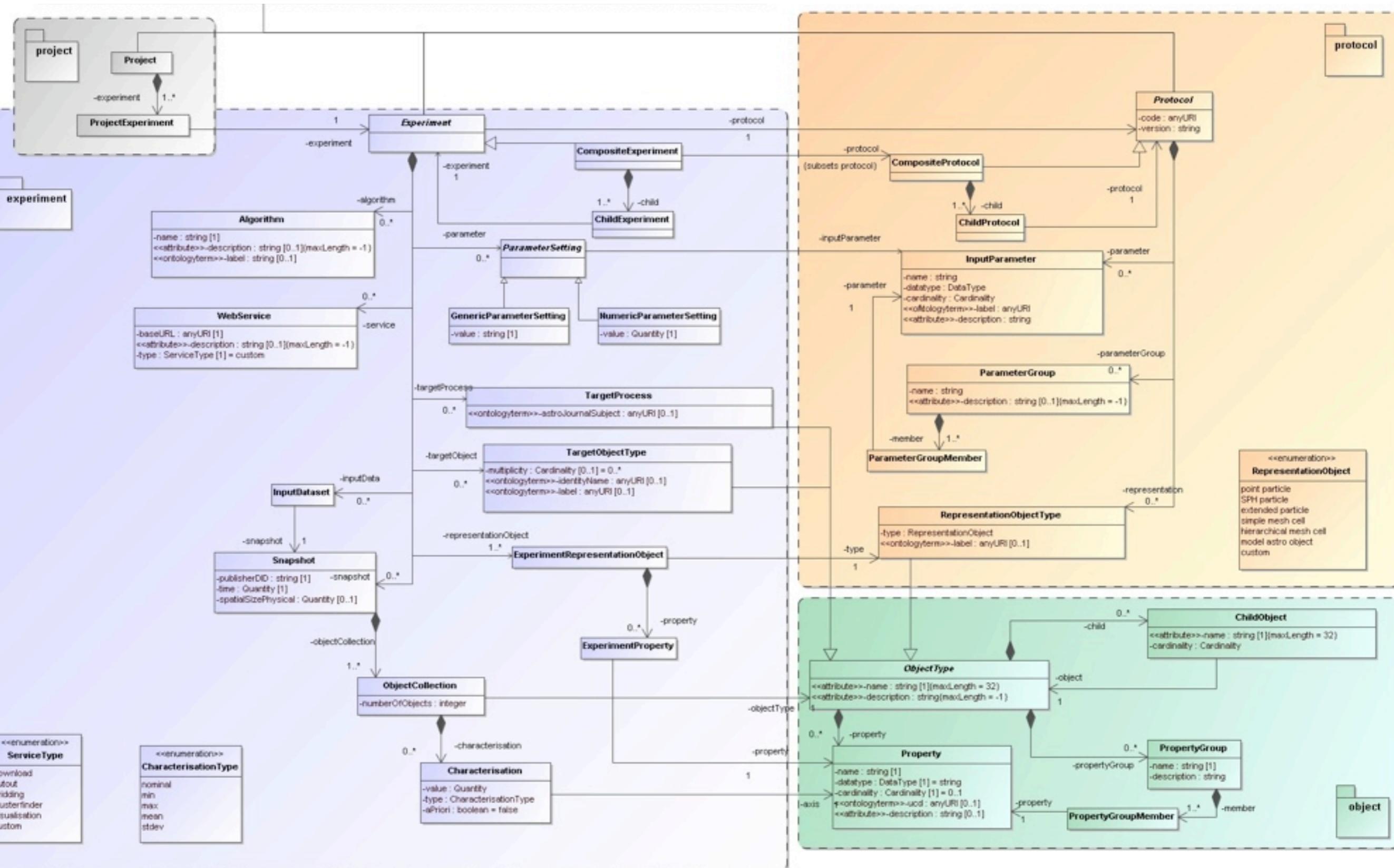


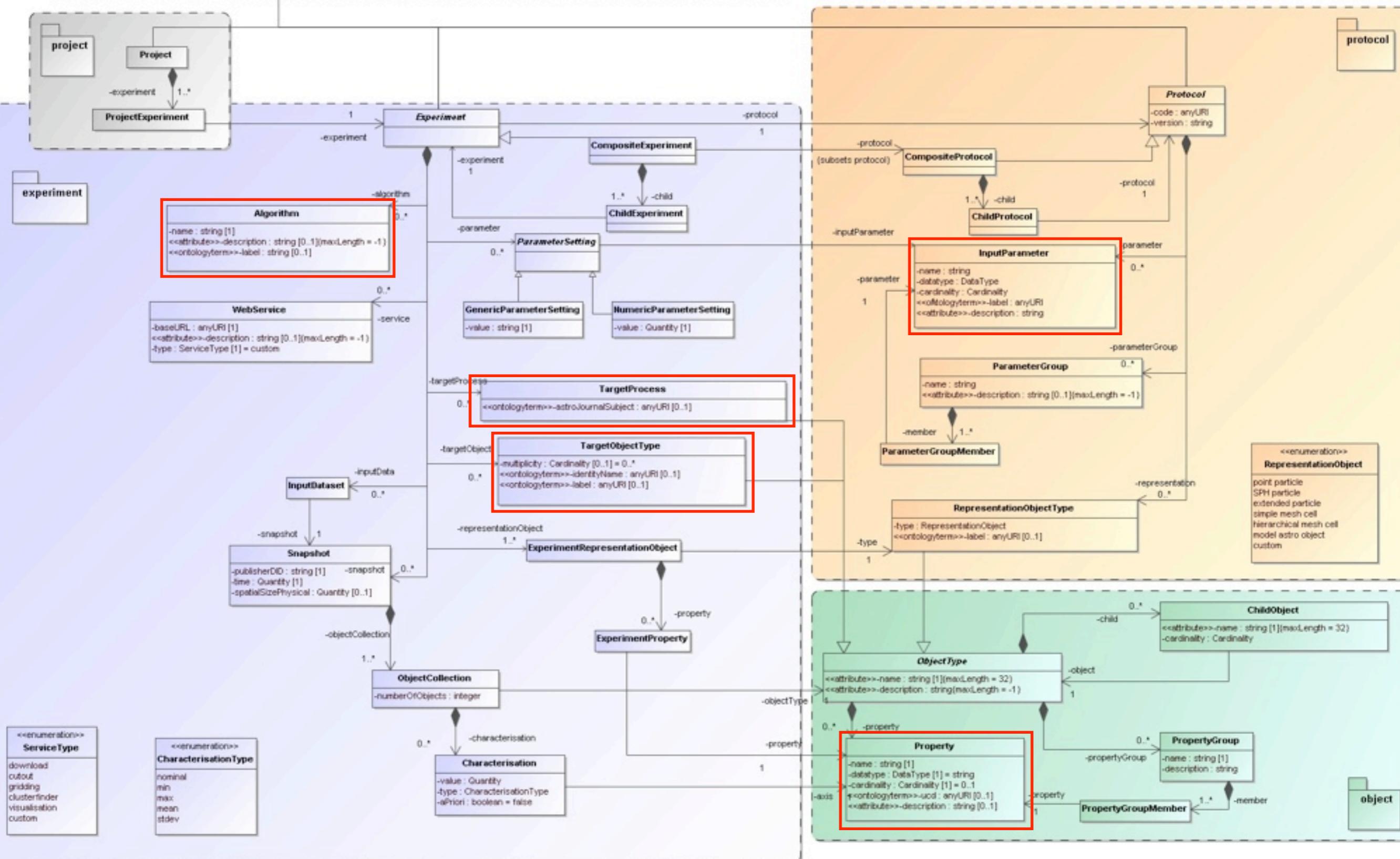
Semantics for Theory

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SimDB datamodel



Registration and discovery of simulations



Semantics is required for classes

RepresentationObjectType	Category of Astro-Object
<i>Example:</i> Large structure, galaxy, chocs, jets, nebula, ...	
Property	Physical quantity
<i>Example:</i> Temperature, Velocity, Position,	
TargetProcess	
<i>Example:</i> Turbulence, gravitationnal cluster, galaxy formation, ...	
IdentityName	Name of an astronomical objects
<i>Example:</i> M31, NGC 402, ...	
Algorithms	
<i>Example:</i>	
InputParameter	Physical quantity / Algorithm parameters
<i>Example:</i> Cosmological parameters, number of particles, mesh size, ...	
Physics	Physical processes
<i>Example:</i> Gravitation, MHD, Radiative transfer, ...	

Semantics required for:

- **Astrophysical Objects:** Ex: Galaxy, disk, bulk, Cloud, gas, jets, baryonic matter, ...
- **Physical quantities:** Ex: Velocity, Temperature, Temperature of electrons, ...
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- **Algorithms** Ex: Tree, SPH, Vlasov solver, Monte Carlo,
- **Algorithms parameters** Ex: number of cells, binning factor, ...
- **IdentityName** Ex: M31, ...

Preliminary list of keywords for Theory done in:

- **Victoria:** based on A&A keywords
- **Paris - Summer 2007**

Mainly based on A&A keywords
And our own list

In the mean time, major works done by the **Semantic Working group**

- **Ontology of Astronomical Objects**
- **Vocabularies => IVOA Thesaurus**
 - A&A keywords
 - AOIM
 - UCD
 - IAU 93 thesaurus
- UCDs
- IVOAT



Vocabularies in the Virtual Observatory Version 1.0

IVOA Working Draft, 2008 March 20

This version

<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/WD/Semantics/vocabularies-20080320.html>

Latest version

<http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/latest/vocabularies.html>
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The IVOAT (based on IAU93 thesaurus) is pretty complete and seems to fulfill several needs of Theory I.G.

Semantic for Physics / Physical process

IAU93 contains many physical processes
- still a need to add processes

Keyword	A&A vocabulary	IAU93 vocabulary	Keyword	A&A vocabulary	IAU93 vocabulary
Absorption		#Absorption	Magnetohydrodynamics	MHD	#Magnetohydrodynamics
Acceleration of particles	#AccelerationOfParticles	#ParticleAccretion	<i>MHD Hall</i>		
Accretion	#Accretion		Mie scattering		#MieScattering
Astrochemistry	#Astrochemistry	#astrochemistry	Molecular processes		#MolecularProcesses #NewtonianGravitation #MolecularBands
<i>Advection</i>					#NuclearReaction #Nucleosynthesis
Atomic Processes	#AtomicProcesses	#AtomicProcesses	Nuclear reaction		
Bremsstrahlung		#Bremsstrahlung	<i>Photoelectric effect</i>		#Photodissociation
Chaos	#Chaos	None	Photoionization		#Photoionization
Collision		#Collisions	Photodissociation		#PlasmaPhysics
Collisional excitation		#CollisionalExcitation	Plasma physics	#Polarization	#Many narrower
<i>Collisional plasma</i>		#CollisionalPlasmas	Polarization		#RadiativeTransfer
Collisional broadening		#CollisionBroadening	Radiative transfer		#RadiativeBraking
Collisional processes		#CollisionProcesses			#RadiationScattering
Compton effect		#ComptonEffect			#radiativeCapture
<i>Compton scattering</i>		#ComptonScattering			#RadiativeEquilibrium
Conduction	#Conduction	#Conduction			#RadiativeRecombination
Convection	#Convection	#Convection			#RamanScattering
		#CosmicElectrodynamics			#RayleighScattering
Cosmochemistry / Primordial chemistry		#Cosmochemistry	<i>Surface reactions</i>		
Diffusion / Scattering	#Diffusion / #Scattering	#Diffusion / #Scattering	Scattering / diffusion		#Reddening
		#EnergyTransfer	<i>Sunyaev-Zeldovitch effect</i>		#Scattering
Electrodynamics		#Electrodynamics	Synchrotron radiation		#SynchrotronRadiation
Equation of state	#EquationOfState				#ThermalConductivity
Fluorescence		#Fluorescence			#ThomsonScattering
Gravitation	#Gravitation	#Gravitation			
Hydrodynamics	#Hydrodynamics	#Hydrodynamics			
Inverse Compton scattering		#InverseComptonScattering			
Line broadening		#LineBroadening			
			Turbulence	#Turbulence	

“Theory” related quantities

Parameters can be a difficulty

Some of them are in the IVOAT

Examples on some parameters and Physical quantities:

- Omega Parameter
- Lambda Parameter
- Hubble constant
- Gas to dust ratio
- ISRF scalling factor (missing in vocabulary)
- Cosmic ioinization rate
- ... But list can be pretty long and are community dependent

Some of them can be used as column name in VO-Table.

- Should they be declared as UCD or not ?
Or only with a “param” UCD ?
- Should we introduce the missing ones in the IVOAT thesaurus
- Should we include them in a “Theory vocabulary” ?

Sometimes need for precise concepts

- Temperature
 - Ion temperature
 - Electron temperature
 - Effective temperature
 - *Excitation temperature (missing)*

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Semantics for Algorithms / Algorithms parameters

Cosmo / Hydro / MHD

- Nbody (same than particle-particle ?)
- mesh
- tree
- particle-particle
- particle-grid = PM
- adaptive mesh refinements : AMR (?)
- adaptive tree refinements (?)
- collisionless (?)
- smooth particle hydrodynamics = SPH
- tree - sph
- fast-multipole method
- piecewise parabolic method
- piecewise linear method
- isochrone synthesis
- Fuel consumption theorem
- leap frog
- individual timestep
- static
- adaptative timesteps
- symplectic integrator

Plasma

- Fokker-Planck solver
- Vlasov solver
- PIC /PIC delta f
- Test-particle

Numerical Relativity

- Spectral methods
- Multi-domain spectral methods
- 3+1 formalism
- harmonic coordinates
- iterative system solver - Krylov solver
- finite difference (? too general)

Radiative transfer

- ALI
- CEP
- Monte Carlo
- LVG
- Escape probability
- LTE
- Zeeman-Feautrier
- Orthogonal polynomial expansion
- Other

Integrator

- leap frog
- Individual time step
- Static
- Adaptive time steps
- Runge-kutta
- integrator

Semantics for Algorithms / Algorithms parameters

Algorithms parameters

- box size
- binning factor
- number of cell
- resolution
- ...

Need for a vocabulary of concepts concerning Algorithms and algorithms parameters

- Preliminary effort done by Theory I.G.

- Use SKOS/RDF ?
- How to develop it ?
 - How to motivate people of different communities to develop this vocabulary.
 - Need to build it progressively
- How to maintain it ?
 - Twiki and moderators ?

Discussions:

AstroObjects, Physical processes, Physical parameters

- **Suggestion:** VO-Theory I.G. starts with the concepts in IVOAT

How to introduce the new concepts

- Physical parameters may produce a large list

Algorithms and algorithms parameters

- **Suggestion:** The VO-Theory I. G. build a SKOS vocabulary
- How to develop efficiently such vocabulary ?
- How to maintain them ?

IndentyName

How to define IndentyName ?

Usecase:

Find all simulations producing I.R. spectra of **TMC I**