


WD-CAOM-2.5

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Overview

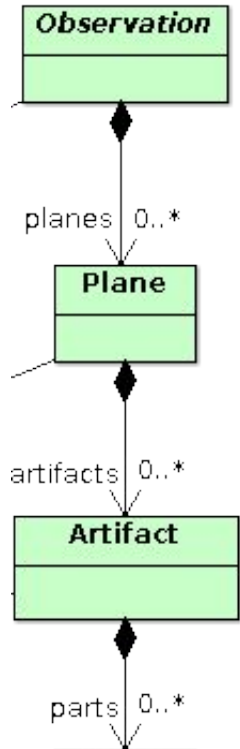
- What is CAOM?
- Current operational status
- CAOM vs current IVOA standards
- Updates (draft) since CAOM-2.4
- Identify key areas for discussion 

Common Archive Observation Model

- common metadata model to describe all science data
- design goals:
 - metadata only (no data formats)
 - static collections and data flowing from telescope(s)
 - public and proprietary metadata & data
 - support data discovery services
 - support data access services
 - support operational activities: metadata curation, sharing/mirroring

 - **describe the data we actually have**
 - **evolve to meet to new data challenges**
 - bring valuable old data forward (~free) as systems evolve

Common Archive Observation Model

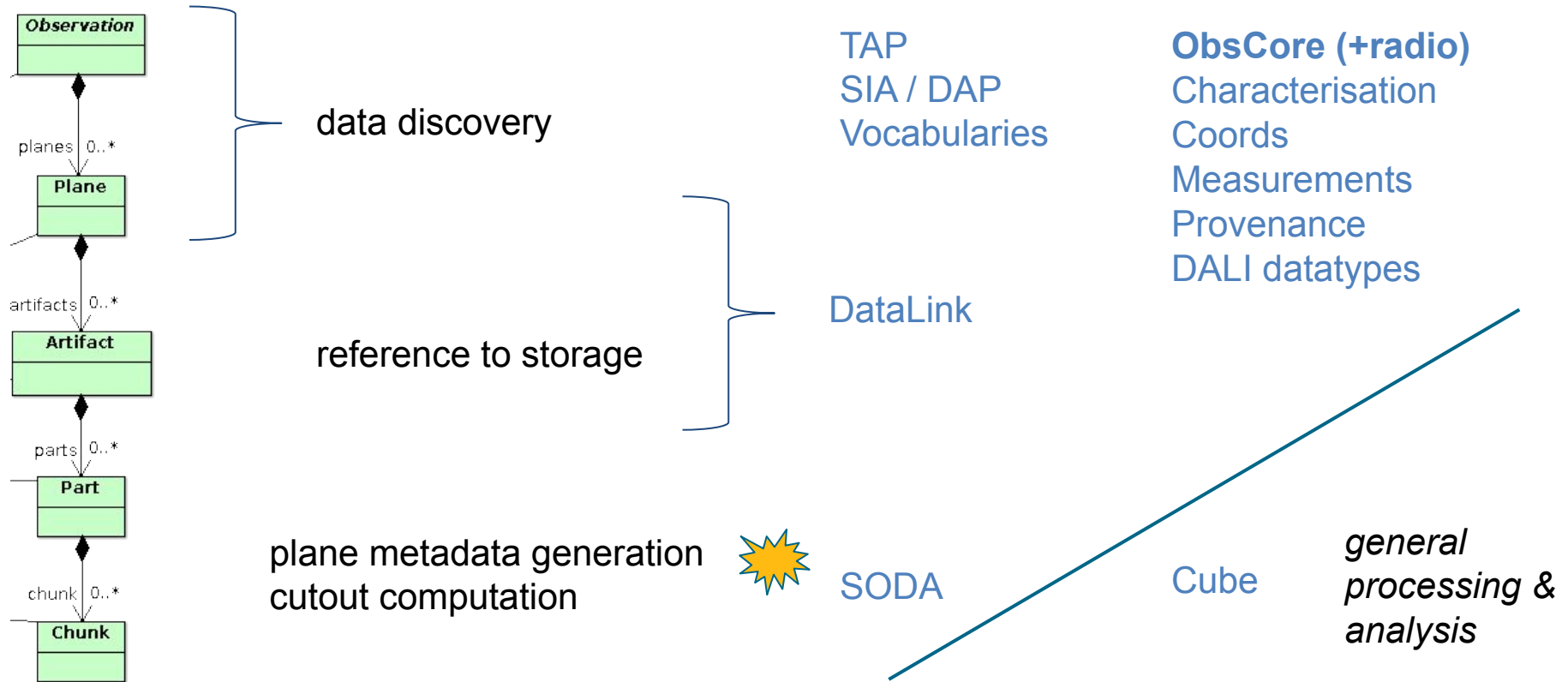


- **Observation: result of a single experiment or process**
 - SimpleObservation: ~single exposure by a telescope/instrument
 - DerivedObservation: an observation made from 1+ other observations, usually combined
- **Plane: products of the observation**
 - described by position / energy / time / polarization coverage
 - differ by processing applied: calibration level, provenance, sometimes data product type, etc.
- **Artifact: stored resources of the plane**
 - usually a file e.g. science data, previews, auxiliary data


Current Operational Status

- CAOM-2.4 released late 2019 and stable
 - some minor bug fixes and improvements
 - core java lib is 2.4.9
 - core python lib is 2.6.1
- CADC: supporting 40 collections (~30 static, ~10 live), ~60 million observations
 - ~5 with proprietary data, ~2 with proprietary metadata
 - pushing the limits of usefully describing radio data: ALMA, DRAO, LOTSS, POSSUM, VLASS, WALLABY, etc
- CADC and ESAC mirror HST, JWST, TESS metadata from MAST
- current CAOM community: CADC, ESAC, IRSA, IPAC, MAST, Rubin/LSST, SKA, TMT


CAOM and IVOA Standards






Draft CAOM changes – identifiers

- replace `Observation.observationID` (string) with `Observation.uri` (URI)
 - used directly in `DerivedObservation.members`
- replace `Plane.productID` (string) with `Plane.uri` (URI)
 - used directly in `Plane.provenance.inputs`
- remove `Plane.creatorID` (URI) because it is now redundant
- `Plane.publisherID` exists as a concept but it not strictly part of the model 

Draft CAOM changes – vocabularies

- change Plane.dataProductType to explicitly refer to the ObsCore-inspired **product-type** vocabulary
 - add Plane.dataProductSubType vs narrower terms in vocabulary??
- change Artifact.productType to explicitly refer to the **DataLink-core** (semantics) vocabulary
- change Plane.observable.ucd to explicitly refer to the **UCD1+**, would prefer to treat it like a vocabulary
- add Plane.[observable,position,energy,time].calibration as a **calibration** vocabulary (non-existent: along the lines of ObsCore optional appendix material) 
- TODO: explore/use VO-DML semantic concept

Draft CAOM changes – radio

- reconcile with and support ObsCore Radio extension concepts
 - add Plane.position.minBounds (shape)
 - add Plane.position.maxAngularScale (interval)
 - add Plane.energy.resolution (real)
 - add Plane.energy.resolutionBounds (interval)
 - add Plane.uv.distance (interval)
 - add Plane.uv.distributionEccentricity (real)
 - add Plane.uv.distributionFill (real)
 - add Observation.telescope.trackingMode (vocabulary) 
 - several of these have use/meaning outside radio... ObsCore-1.2? 
- change Plane.polarization.states from enum to a (non-existent) vocabulary 

Draft CAOM changes – data types

- removed SampledInterval in favour of separate Interval and Interval[] fields (energy,time,custom axes)
- remove MultiPolygon
- separate Shape and MultiShape fields in Plane.position


Draft CAOM changes – DataLink support

- add ArtifactDescription with ID and description
- add Artifact.descriptionID to reference it using the ID

- at scale, many millions of Artifact(s)...
- ... but expect only thousands of ArtifactDescription(s)

- ArtifactDescription is an entity, so is independently curated
 - can be synced when sharing metadata between institutions

Draft CAOM changes – TODO

- analyze usage of all existing fields
 - identify rarely used and unused fields
- since CAOM-2.4, Plane.custom axis
 - use case: cubes with Rotation Measure axis
 - use case: cubes with Faraday Depth axis
 - pattern is unproven at this point, but need is there
 - axis type (ctype) as a vocabulary? 

WD-CAOM-2.5 available on IVOA document repo (rough)

model source: <https://github.com/opencadc/CAOM>

