



AIXM

The Aeronautical Information Exchange Model

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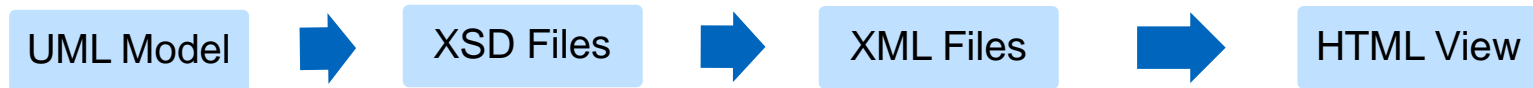
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Agenda

- ▶ The AIXM Conceptual Model
- ▶ AIXM XML Schema
- ▶ Overview of AIXM Files
- ▶ AIXM Instance data
- ▶ Demo

General Scheme



- ▶ AIXM is modelled using UML
 - UML features are GML objects
 - UML objects are GML Objects
- ▶ UML model generates XSD files which act as schema definitions of the AIXM data
- ▶ The AIXM data is defined as XML files
 - GML data
- ▶ Software (Java or XSLT) is used to transform the XML data to HTML to be viewed by a browser

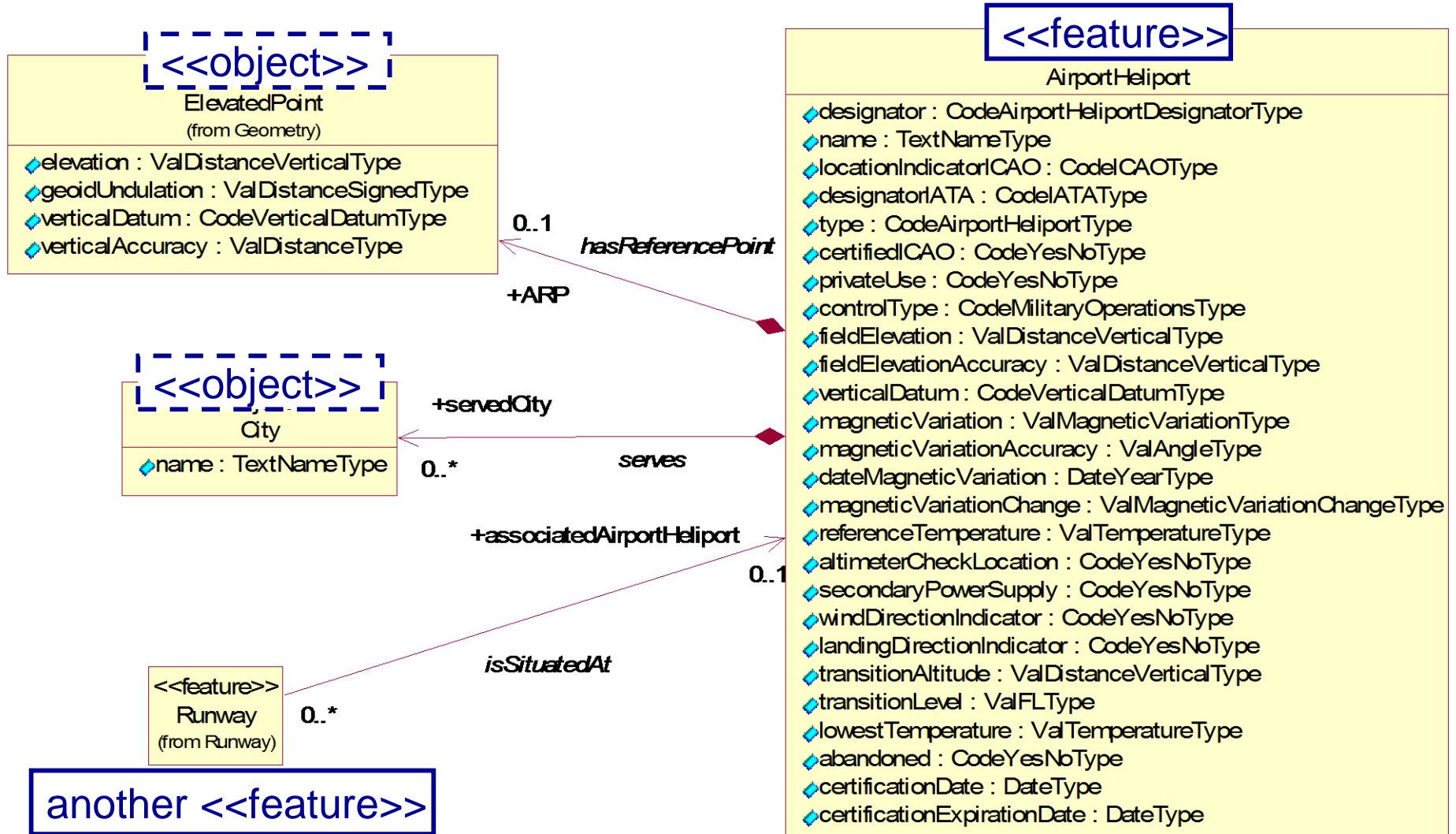
The AIXM Conceptual Model

- ▶ Models
 - Important features
 - Properties (Attributes and associations)
 - Business rules

- ▶ Can be used as the basis for the design of AIM database

- ▶ Designed using UML

Example – AIXM Conceptual Model



Source : AIXM 5.1 Seminar

AIXM XSD Files

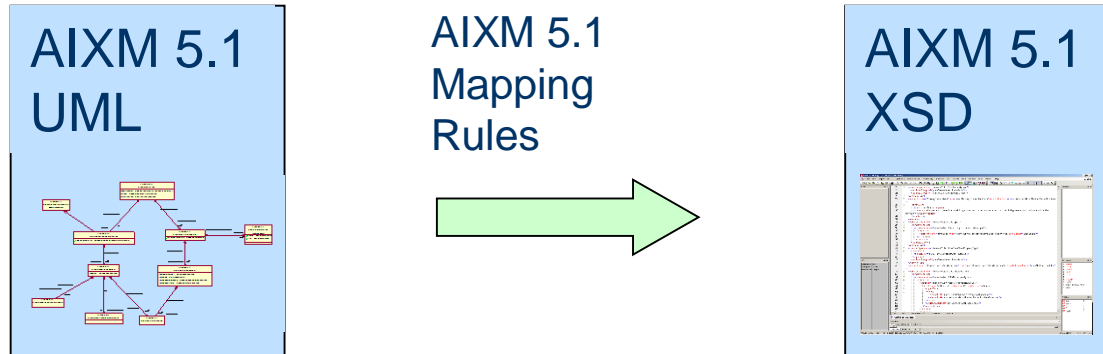
- ▶ GML consists of 28 core XSD Schemas

- ▶ AIXM uses:
 - Xlinks.xsd (as it is)
 - A compilation of GML definitions from the other GML core schemas in two files:
 - AIXM-AbstractGML-ObjectTypes.xsd
 - Gml4aixm.xsd

Overview of AIXM files

- ▶ The file **AIXM_AbstractGML_ObjectTypes.xsd**
 - References ISO19139 Metadata Schema
 - Defines the base AIXM Feature Constructs
 - AbstractAIXMFeatureType / AbstractAIXMFeature
 - AbstractAIXMTimesliceType / AbstractAIXMTimeslice
- ▶ The file AIXM_DataTypes.xsd contains the mapping of the AIXM datatypes
- ▶ The file AIXM_Features.xsd contains the mapping of the AIXM features

Overview of AIXM files



- ▶ AIXM 5.1 Mapping rules explain how to translate the AIXM 5.1 UML model into an XML grammar based on a subset of the Geography Markup Language (GML 3.2)
- ▶ Mapping rules are defined for:
 - AIXM Datatypes
 - AIXM Features

Source : UML to XML Schema Mapping

Special aspects

- ▶ Namespaces
 - aixm:, gml:, etc.
- ▶ Object/property model
- ▶ Mapping Rules
 - Datatypes
 - Features
- ▶ Extensibility
- ▶ Temporality

Namespaces

► aixm:

- version 5.1
 - `xmlns:aixm="http://www.aixm.aero/schema/5.1"`

► gml:

- `<import namespace="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2" schemaLocation="./ISO_19136_Schemas/gml.xsd"/>`

► xlink:

- `<import namespace="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink" schemaLocation="./xlink/xlinks.xsd"/>`

Object/property model

- ▶ No GML object may be the immediate child of a GML object -no element may be both a GML object and a GML property

- ▶ An association between two features (or a feature and an object) is implemented over a property of the feature, e.g.
 - <AirportHeliport> <!--feature -->
 - <hasReferencePoint> <!--property -->
 - <ElevatedPoint> <!--object -->

AIXM 5.1 Mapping Rules - Datatypes

► Mapping <<enumeration>>

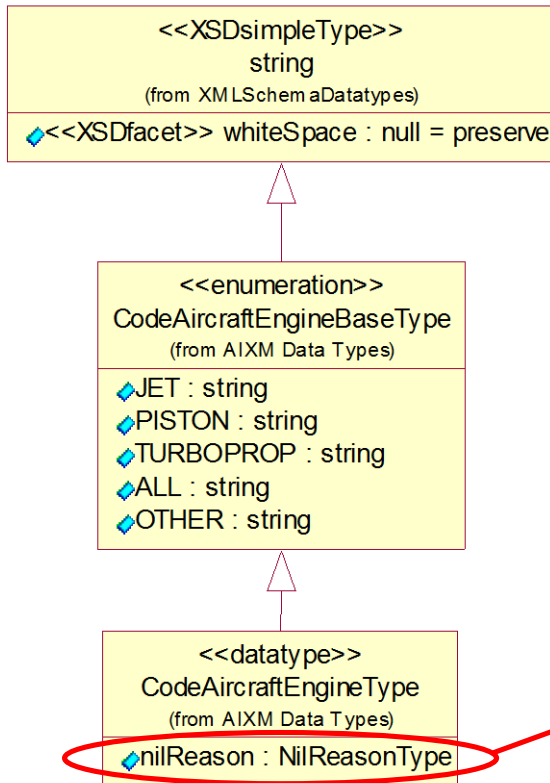
```
<<XSDsimpleType>>  
string  
(from XMLSchemaDatatypes)  
◆<<XSDfacet>> whiteSpace : null = preserve
```

```
<<enumeration>>  
CodeAircraftEngineBaseType  
(from AIXM Data Types)  
◆JET : string  
◆PISTON : string  
◆TURBOPROP : string  
◆ALL : string  
◆OTHER : string
```

```
<simpleType name="CodeAircraftEngineBaseType">  
  <union>  
    <simpleType>  
      <restriction base="xsd:string">  
        <enumeration value="JET">  
          <annotation>  
            <documentation/>  
          </annotation>  
        </enumeration>  
        <enumeration value="PISTON"/>  
        <enumeration value="TURBOPROP"/>  
        <enumeration value="ALL"/>  
      </restriction>  
    </simpleType>  
    <simpleType>  
      <restriction base="string">  
        <pattern value="OTHER:\w{2,58}"/>  
      </restriction>  
    </simpleType>  
  </union>  
</simpleType>
```

Source : UML to XML Schema Mapping

AIXM 5.1 Mapping Rules - nilReason



```

<simpleType name="CodeAircraftEngineBaseType">
  <union>
    <simpleType>
      <restriction base="xsd:string">
        <enumeration value="JET">
          .....
        </enumeration>
      </restriction>
    </simpleType>
    <simpleType>
      <restriction base="string">
        <pattern value="OTHER:\w{2,58}"/>
      </restriction>
    </simpleType>
  </union>
</simpleType>

```

```

<complexType name="CodeAircraftEngineType">
  <simpleContent>
    <extension base="aixm:CodeAircraftEngineBaseType">
      <attribute name="nilReason" type="aixm:nilReasonType"/>
    </extension>
  </simpleContent>
</complexType>

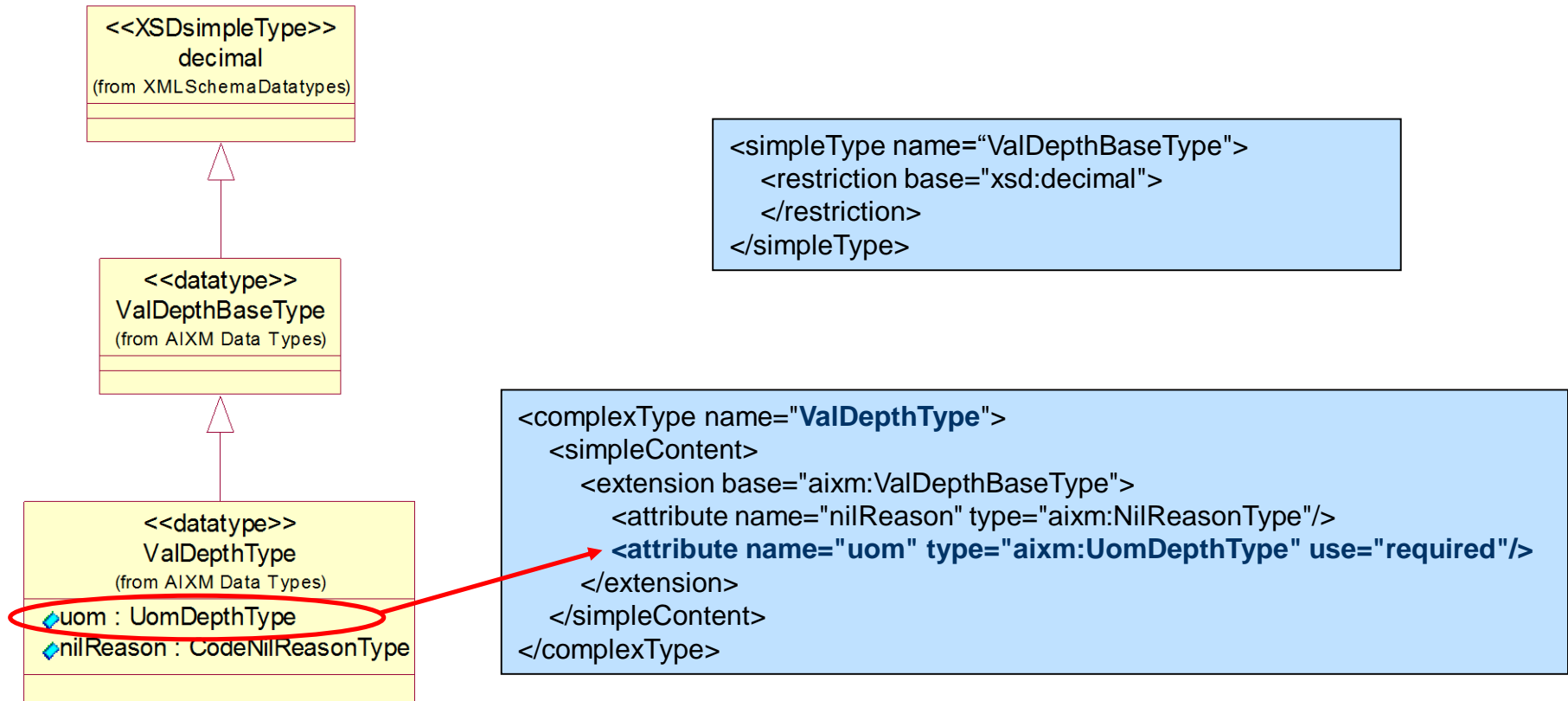
```

- Most of AIXM 5.1 Data Types define a **nilReason**, used to indicate **the reason for a null value**.

Source : UML to XML Schema Mapping

AIXM 5.1 Mapping Rules - UOM

► Mapping Units of Measurements



Source : UML to XML Schema Mapping

AIXM 5.1 Mapping Rules - Features

- ▶ For each AIXM Feature in the UML, the following XML schema entities are created:
 - *FeaturePropertyType*
 - *Feature*
 - *FeatureType*
 - *FeatureTimeSlicePropertyType*
 - *FeatureTimeSlice*
 - *FeatureTimeSliceType*
 - *FeaturePropertyGroup*

- ▶ AIXM objects are encoded as GML objects. The mapping rules for Objects are the same as the rules for Features except that
 - Object do not exist outside of a feature
 - TimeSlice types and elements are not created

AIXM 5.1 Mapping Rules - Features

<<feature>>

Runway

- ✦designator : TextDesignatorType
- ✦type : CodeRunwayType
- ✦nominalLength : ValDistanceType
- ✦lengthAccuracy : ValDistanceType
- ✦nominalWidth : ValDistanceType
- ✦widthAccuracy : ValDistanceType
- ✦widthShoulder : ValDistanceType
- ✦lengthStrip : ValDistanceType
- ✦widthStrip : ValDistanceType
- ✦lengthOffset : ValDistanceSignedType
- ✦widthOffset : ValDistanceSignedType
- ✦abandoned : CodeYesNoType

<group name="RunwayPropertyGroup">

<sequence>

<element name="designator" type="aixm:TextDesignatorType" nillable="true" minOccurs="0">

<annotation>

<documentation>The full textual designator of the runway, used to uniquely identify it at an aerodrome/heliport which has more than one.

E.g. 09/27, 02R/20L, RWY 1.

</documentation>

</annotation>

</element>

<element name="type" type="aixm:CodeRunwayType" nillable="true" minOccurs="0">

[.....]

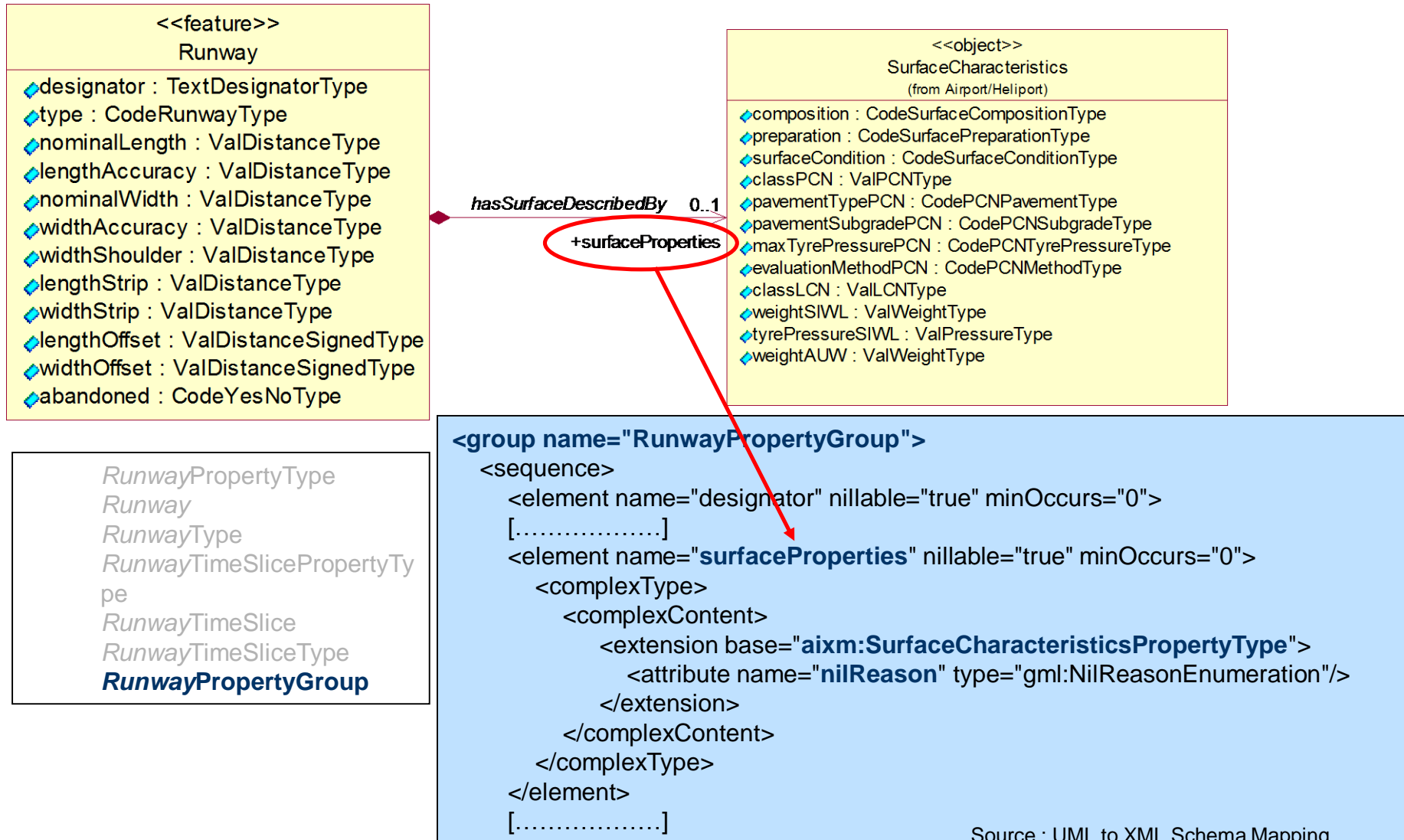
</sequence>

</group>

RunwayPropertyType
Runway
RunwayType
RunwayTimeSlicePropertyType
RunwayTimeSlice
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RunwayPropertyGroup

✓ UML properties are mapped into FeaturePropertyGroup

AIXM 5.1 Mapping Rules - Features



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RunwayPropertyType
Runway
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RunwayTimeSlicePropertyType
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RunwayTimeSliceType
RunwayPropertyGroup

+associatedAirportHeliport

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<<feature>>
AirportHeliport
(from Airport/Heliport)

<group name="RunwayPropertyGroup">

<sequence>

<element name="designator" type="aixm:TextDesignatorType" nillable="true" minOccurs="0">

[.....]

<element name="type" type="aixm:CodeRunwayType" nillable="true" minOccurs="0">

[.....]

<element name="associatedAirportHeliport" type="aixm:AirportHeliportPropertyType" nillable="true" minOccurs="0">

[.....]

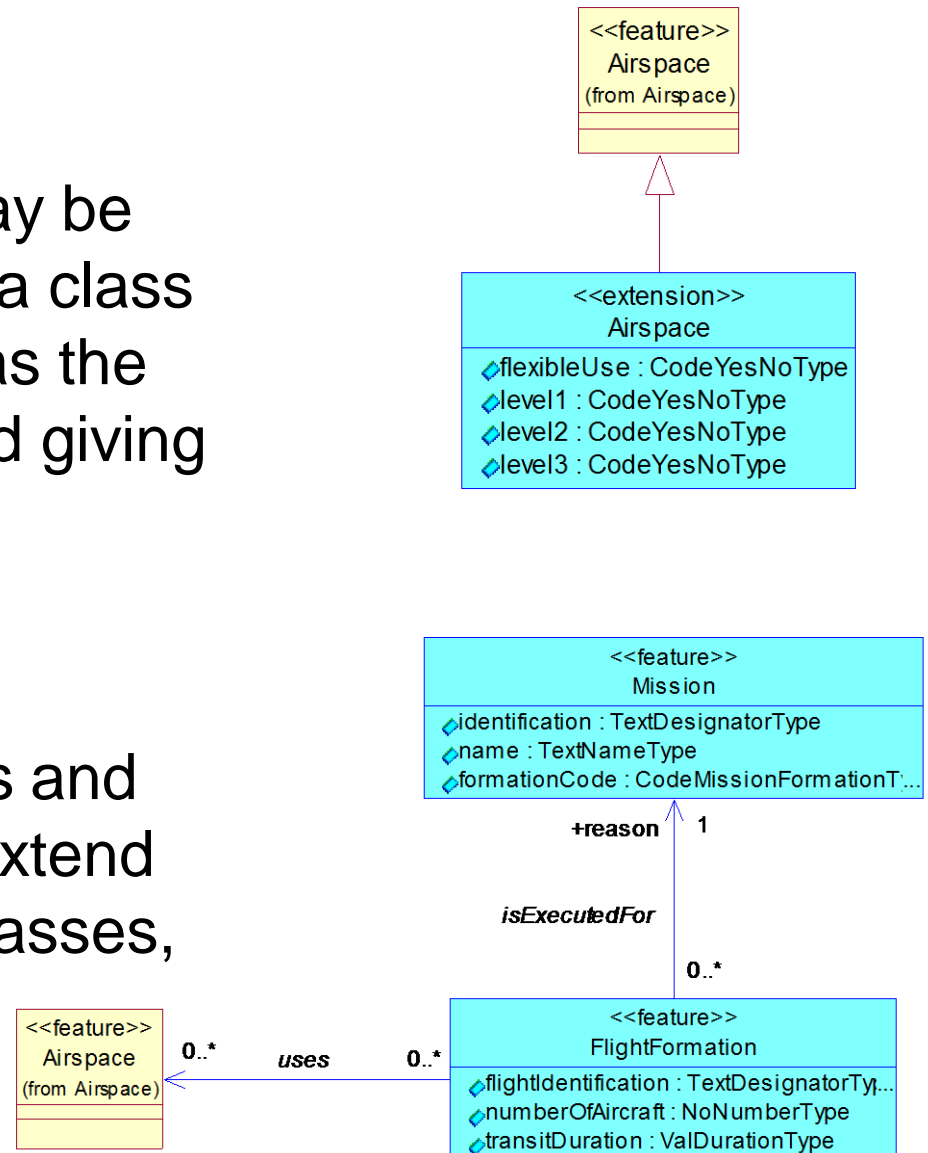
</sequence>

</group>

Source : UML to XML Schema Mapping

Extensibility

- ▶ A feature or object may be extended by creating a class with the same name as the core AIXM feature and giving it a stereotype `<<extension>>`.
- ▶ New classes (features and objects), that do not extend existing AIXM Core classes, can be also created.



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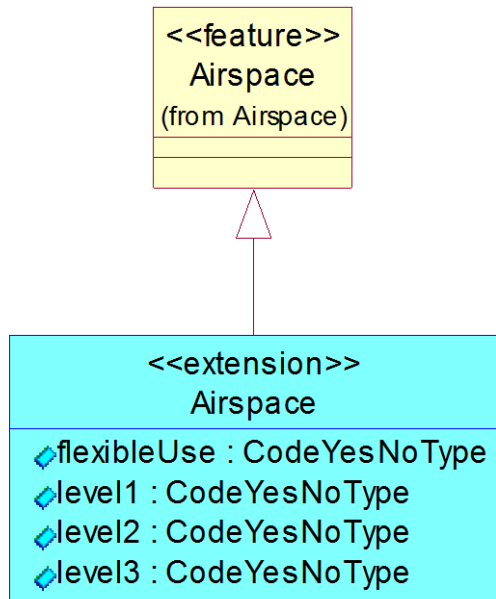
AIXM 5.1 Mapping Rules - Extension

- ▶ AIXM_Features.xsd is defined in such a way that multiple extensions can be included in the core *FeatureTimesliceType*

```
<complexType name="AirspaceTimeSliceType">
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="aixm:AbstractAIXMTimeSliceType">
      <sequence>
        <group ref="aixm:AirspacePropertyGroup"/>
        <element name="extension" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
          <complexType>
            <sequence>
              <element ref="aixm:AbstractAirspaceExtension"/>
              [.....]
```

- ▶ Features with the stereotype of <<extension>> generates three related elements for that class.
 - *FeatureExtensionPropertyGroup*
 - *FeatureExtensionType*
 - *FeatureExtension*

AIXM 5.1 Mapping Rules - Extension

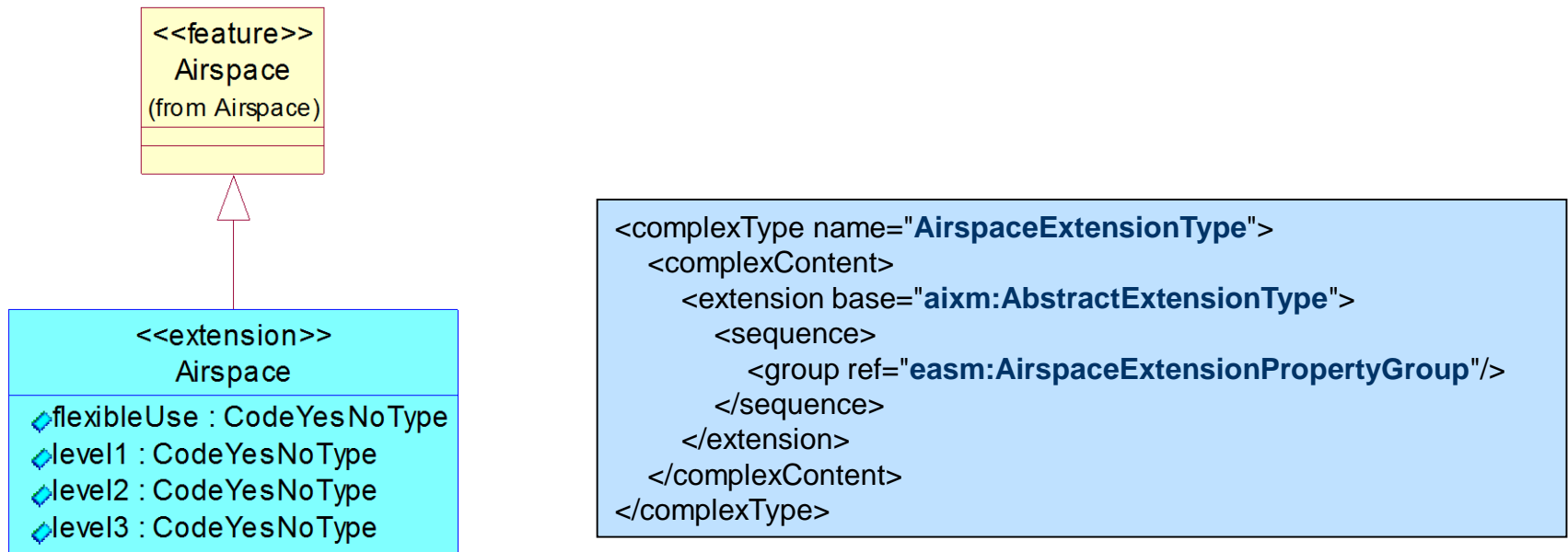


```

<group name="AirspaceExtensionPropertyGroup">
  <sequence>
    <element name="flexibleUse" type="CodeYesNoType" nillable="true"
minOccurs="0">
      [.....]
    <element name="level1" type="CodeYesNoType" nillable="true"
minOccurs="0">
      [.....]
    </sequence>
  </group>
  
```

AirspaceExtension
AirspaceExtensionType
AirspaceExtensionPropertyGroup

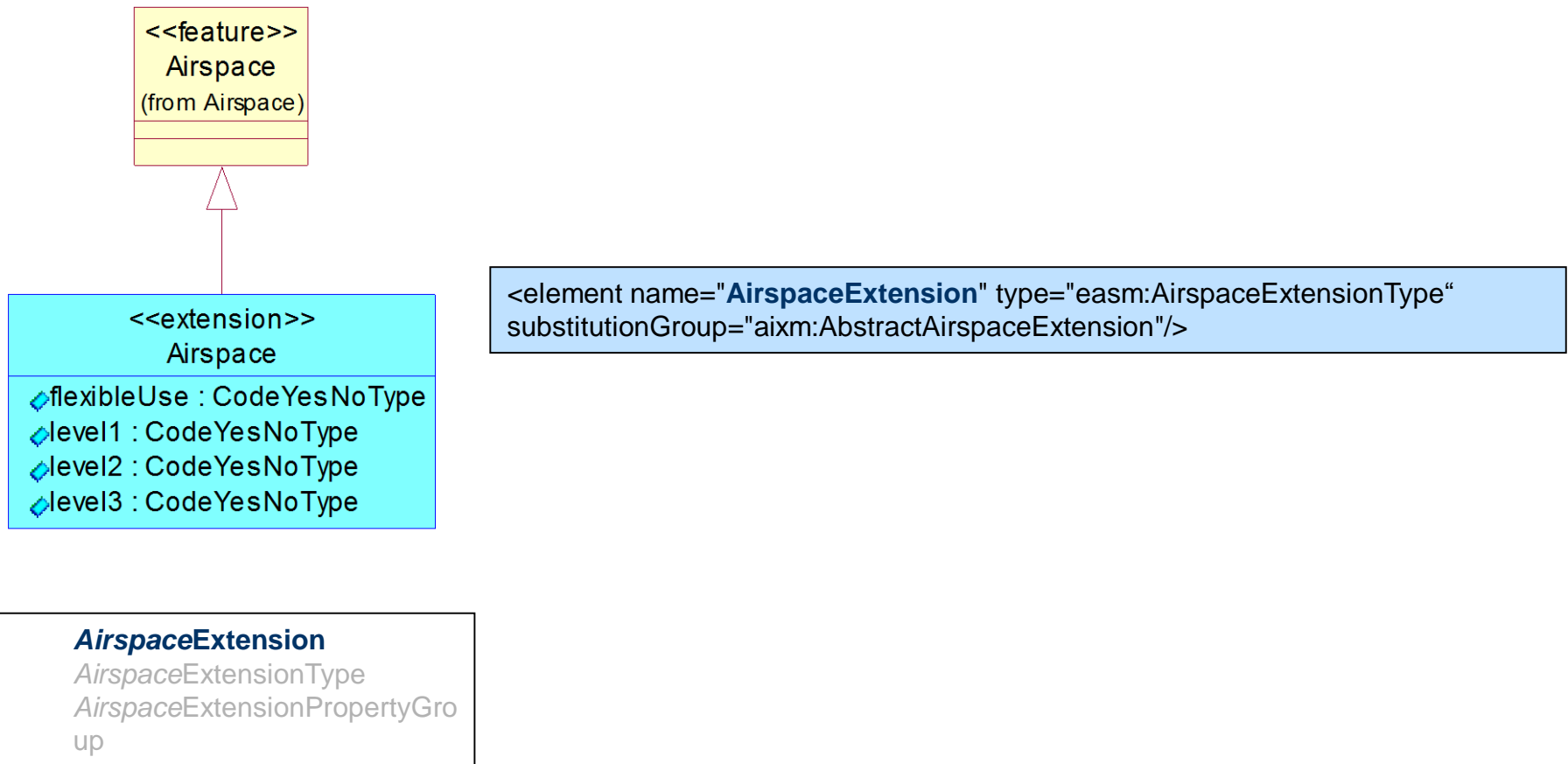
AIXM 5.1 Mapping Rules - Extension



AirspaceExtension
AirspaceExtensionType
 AirspaceExtensionPropertyGro
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✓ A relationship is created with an abstract XML element that acts as the root for all extensions.

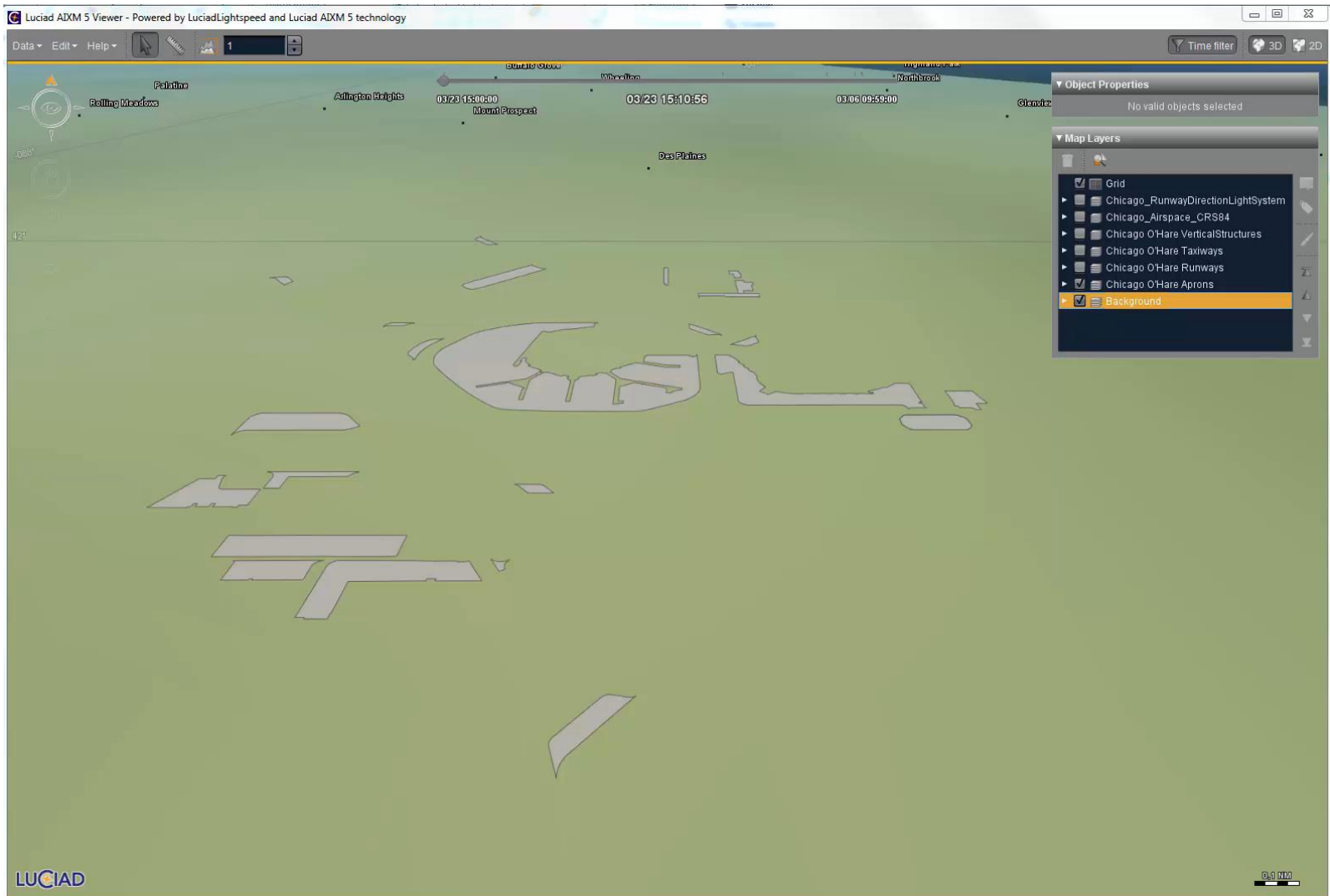
AIXM 5.1 Mapping Rules - Extension



AIXM Instance Data

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8' ?>
<message:AIXMBasicMessage xmlns:message="http://www.aixm.aero/schema/5.1/message" xmlns:gts="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gts" xmlns:gco="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gco" xmlns:smXML="http://www.isotc211.org/smXML" xmlns:aixm="http://www.aixm.aero/schema/5.1" xmlns:xsi="
http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2" xmlns:gss="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gss" xmlns:gsr="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gsr" xmlns:scXML="http://www.isotc211.org/scXML"
xmlns:iso19115="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd" xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gts iso/19139/gts/gts.xsd http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gco iso/19139/gco/gco.xsd http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema.xsd http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gss iso/19139/gss/gss.xsd
http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gsr iso/19139/gsr/gsr.xsd http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd iso/19139/gmd/gmd.xsd" gml:id="M001">
  <gml:identifier codeSpace="http://www.faa.gov/NASR">R0RD</gml:identifier>
  <message:hasMember>
    <aixm:VerticalStructure gml:id="VPS0">
      <gml:identifier>VPS0</gml:identifier>
      <aixm:timeSlice>
        <aixm:VerticalStructureTimeSlice gml:id="TS0">
          <gml:validTime>
            <gml:TimePeriod gml:id="TSP0">
              <gml:beginPosition>2008-03-23T14:00:00</gml:beginPosition>
              <gml:endPosition indeterminatePosition="unknown"/>
            </gml:TimePeriod>
          </gml:validTime>
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          <aixm:sequenceNumber>1</aixm:sequenceNumber>
          <aixm:type>Terminal Building</aixm:type>
          <aixm:part>
            <aixm:VerticalStructurePart>
              <aixm:verticalExtent uom="FT">56.99176340607403</aixm:verticalExtent>
              <aixm:horizontalProjection_surfaceExtent>
                <aixm:ElevatedSurface srsName="urn:ogc:def:crs:EPSG::4269" gml:id="h9826eol">
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                    <gml:PolygonPatch>
                      <gml:exterior>
                        <gml:LinearRing>
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                      </gml:exterior>
                    </gml:PolygonPatch>
                  </gml:patches>
                  <aixm:elevation uom="FT">743.008236593926</aixm:elevation>
                </aixm:ElevatedSurface>
              </aixm:horizontalProjection_surfaceExtent>
            </aixm:VerticalStructurePart>
          </aixm:part>
        </aixm:VerticalStructureTimeSlice>
      </aixm:timeSlice>
    </aixm:VerticalStructure>
  </message:hasMember>
```


Demo – Luciad AIXM5 Viewer



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