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Abstract

The Mango model proposes a flexible way to make source data interoperable. It takes into account the huge diversity of source data in term of both format and usage. Each Mango source is defined by an identifier on which one can attach a set of parameters and a set of associated data. Parameters are modeled by MCT both native and extended classes. Their roles are given by UCDs and semantic tags. Associated data can be simple URLs, VO service endpoints or VO data model instances. Their roles are given by semantic tags.

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Model Name

This model was initially named with a very explicit but hard to remember acronym, **CAB-MSD** standing for Component and Association Based Model for Source Data. We decided later to rename it **Mango** with reference to the inside out mango picture used to introduce the model in Groningen. As the tradition requires that such unexpected names are acronyms, let's assume that **Mango** stands for Model for ANnotating to Generic Objects.

Conformance-related definitions

The words “MUST”, “SHALL”, “SHOULD”, “MAY”, “RECOMMENDED”, and “OPTIONAL” (in upper or lower case) used in this document are to be interpreted as described in IETF standard RFC2119 ([Bradner, 1997](#)).

The *Virtual Observatory (VO)* is a general term for a collection of federated resources that can be used to conduct astronomical research, education, and outreach. The [International Virtual Observatory Alliance \(IVOA\)](#) is a global collaboration of separately funded projects to develop standards and infrastructure that enable VO applications.

1 Introduction

The source DM is a long term concern for the DM working group and more generally for the IVOA. In the past years, there were some proposals to design a global model for sources ([Salgado and Lemson et al., 2016](#)) or for catalogs ([Osuna et al., 2006](#)). Other proposals, more model-agnostic, were focused on the data annotation in VOTables ([Demleitner and Ochsenbein et al., 2016](#)) ([Derriere, 2016](#)). In this case the goal was no longer to design a source model but to provide a complete description of individual quantities (positions, velocity...). None of these proposals have come to completion

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Figure 1: Architecture diagram for this document

The source DM issue resurfaced at the spring 2018 Interop in Victoria during an hands-on session focused on the tools available to work with VO data models and especially with VO-DML. The goal of this session was to annotate data from different origins in order to make them interoperable with each other. The main concern expressed during this session was not related to the tools themselves but to the lack of models for sources. This is a big paradox in the VO world ; source data which represent the basic bricks of the astronomer work, have no model. This paradox can be explained by the fact that sources data are multifaceted. The way of which source data are organized depends on the survey they come from, one the way they have been generated and on the expected use. In a more general way, it depends on the science we want to do with them. This diversity cannot be endorsed by a single model. Having a global source model would lead to a very complex solution not usable in practice.

This standard proposes to overcome this paradox presenting model based on independent components and associated data that can be embedded on demand in a container.

Not designed to describe what a source is nut to help clients to discover and to understand the quantities available for a particular source instance
TBC

1.1 Role within the VO Architecture

Fig. 1 shows the role this document plays within the IVOA architecture (Arviset and Gaudet et al., 2010).

2 Use Cases and Requirements

2.1 Use Cases

The use case below have been collected in 2019 from representative of some missions, archive or tools. The contribution was totally open. This gave a good picture of the needs but it's safe to say that not everything will be supported by this first version.

2.1.1 Gaia

- identifier
- reference position
- proper motion
- parallax and distance
- correlation,
- source extension
- radial velocity
- redshift
- luminosity
- date
- multiple detection

2.1.2 Euclid

- identifier
- position
- correlation with Gaia
- photometry (ground + sat),
- morphology
- redshift
- photometric redshift

2.1.3 Exoplanets

- position
- orbit
- different source level (star, planet, moon)
- status and classification
- orbiting system description

2.1.4 Morphologically Complex Structures

- morphology

2.1.5 Chandra

All quantities are time dependant, Dependant on calibration + physical model

- name
- pos
- time
- extension
- PHA

2.1.6 Vizier

All possible measure are present in Vizier in addition to lots of associated data

- pre-existing data
- grouping columns
- lots of available metadata
- column name formatting
- one column different frames

2.1.7 Aladin

Quantities possibly plotted or matched with some of other datasets

- position
- time
- flux
- link
- FoV
- column grouping

2.1.8 Xmatch

- Identifier
- position
- proper motion
- photometry

2.1.9 Time Domain

- Identifier: object identifier
- Position: moving object
- Associated products: time series of e.g. a spectrum or an image
- Photometry: for light curves
- Timestamp: Independent axis of the time series

There are 2 distinct categories of requested quantities , the measures and the associated data. The measures can be numerical values or simple strings. The Mango measures rely on the Meas model. The associated data are related to data with a complex structures or to references. table 1 shows the breaking up of the quantities liste above in these 2 categories

Quantity	Ga	Eu	Ex	MCS	Ch	Vi	Al	Xm	TD
identifier	P	P	P		P	P	P		P
position	P	P	P		P	P	P		P
pr. motion	P						P	P	
distance	P						P		
correlation	AD	AD				AD			
extension	P		P	P	P	P	P		
rad. vel.	P					P			
redshift	P	P				P			
phot. rsft		P				P			
luminosity	P	P				P	P	P	P
date	P				P	P			P
detections	AD								
orbit			P						
type			P			P			
status						P			
orb. sys.			P						
PHA					P				
ass. prd.						AD			AD

Table 1: Break up of the requested quantities P parameter, AD Associated data

2.2 Requirements

2.2.1 R01: Supported Quantities

- Mango must provide unique source identifiers.
- Mango must provide modeling classes for both parameters and associated data.
- The number of parameters attaches to Mango instances must be free.
- The number of associated data attached to Mango instances must be free.

2.2.2 R02: Parameters

The concept of parameter matches the concept of measure of the Meas model. Mango may support parameter classes that are not Meas classes though.

- Mango must support explicit classes for the most used parameters.
- Mang must provide a generic way to support parameters that have not specif classes.
- Mango instances must support multiple instances of the same parameter class.
- The presence of any parameter in Mango instances must be optional.
- Mango must provide a way to identify the role of each parameter.
- The role of each parameter should be machine-readable.

Each quantity or associated data attached to a source is represented by a connector describing the nature of either the quantity or of the associated data.

There is no restriction on the set of connectors attached to one source. There are 2 classes of connectors

3.1 The parameters

Parameter connectors are used to bind measures with the source. One connector can only reference one measure. The measure itself is modeled by a class of the Measure model or by an extension of this model. Measure extensions are part of Mango. In addition to its class, the nature of a measure is given by a UCD and a semantic tag. The UCD gives the physical meaning of the measure whereas the semantic tag says more about the usage context of the measure. This can be for instance the reduction status (raw, corrected). The vocabulary allowed for the semantic is managed as a VO vocabulary.

Quantity	Model	
identifier	Mango	required for any instance
position	Meas	
pr. motion	Meas	
distance	Ext Meas	
correlation	Ass data	reference to other Mango instances
extension	Ext Meas	Can be used for FoV, morphology or shape
rad. vel.	Ext Meas	
redshift	Ext Meas	
phot. rsft	Ext Meas	
luminosity	Ext Meas	
date	Meas	date or time stamp
detections	Ass data	reference to other Mango instances
orbit	Ext Meas	
type	Ext Meas	
status	Ext Meas	
orb. sys.	Ext Meas	
PHA	Ext Meas	
ass. prd.	Ass data	

Table 2: **Meas** Measure class, **Ext Meas** Measure extension, **Ass data** Mango associated data

3.1.1 Parameter UCD

TBC phys.luminosity vs phot.flux ajoutdr une temperature

3.2 Associated Data

Associated data connectors are used to bind any sort of complex data with the source. One connector can only refer to one dataset. Associated data can be either URIs (VO services or not) or reference to instances of other VO models (Obscore, Provenance...).

Attaching VO model instances to sources does not mean that these models must be imported. The merge between a Mango instance and one asso-

Parameter	Original model	UCDs 1+ first word
Position	Measure	pos
Velocity	Measure	phys.veloc
Proper motion	Measure	pos.pm
Time	Measure	time.epoch
Polarization	Measure	phys.polarization
SphericalSkyPosition	Mango	pos.eq
ObjectType	Mango	src.class
Redshift	Mango	src.redshift
Luminosity	Mango	phot.qqqchose
HardnessRatio	Mango	phot.flux;arith.ratio
Shape	Mango	phys.area
Flag	Mango	meta.code
Orbit	Mango	src.orbital
GenericMeasure	Measure	Appropriate physical UCD

Table 3: UCDs to be set for the supported parameters

ciated instance is operated by the data annotation process. The indication given by Mango tell the client how to interpret the embedded instance

3.3 STC Extension

All STC measures are built upon the same pattern (see fig 3). The value(s) **Measure** object is carried by a **Coordinate** object. The coordinate is attached to a system (class **CoordSys**). The system has 2 components 1) the space (class **CoordSpace**) that describes the axis and 2) the frame (**CoordFrame**). All Mango parameters are based on this pattern. Native STC classes are used when possible. Others parameters are built by extending STC classes . Figure 3) shows the extended STC classes being part of Mango

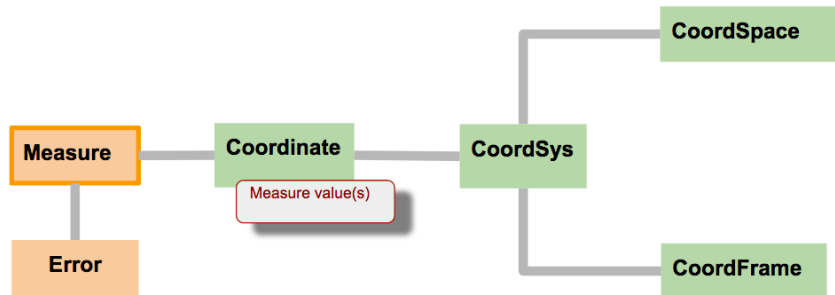


Figure 3: STC pattern (simplified view)

4 Model: mango

Data model based on components and data association for source data

4.1 AssociatedData (Abstract)

Abstract reference to a particular dataset associated to the Source. This class is used to specify the type of the dataset as well as its role.

4.1.1 AssociatedData.semantic

vodml-id: AssociatedData.semantic

type: mango:stcextend.RDFWord

multiplicity: 1

Reference to a semantic concept giving the nature of the associated data. As long as the vocabulary is not set, the possible values of this attribute are given by the LinkSemantic enumeration.

4.1.2 AssociatedData.dataType

vodml-id: AssociatedData.dataType

type: ivoa:string

multiplicity: 1

Type of the associated data (not defined yet)

4.2 HardnessRatioSys

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

subset

role: coords:PhysicalCoordSys.frame

type: mango:HRFrame

4.3 MangolInstance

Reference to another CAB-MSD instance that is part of the associated data.

4.3.1 MangolInstance.mangolInstance

vodml-id: MangolInstance.mangolInstance

type: mango:Source

multiplicity: 1

Composition link pointing on one cab_msd instance associated with the source.

4.4 ModellInstance

Placeholder for the mapping of the model instance

4.5 Parameter

Reference to a particular measure of the Source. This class is used to specify the type of the measure as well as its role.

constraint

detail: Parameter.One association at the time

4.5.1 Parameter.semantic

vodml-id: Parameter.semantic

type: mango:stcextend.RDFWord

multiplicity: 1

Reference to a semantic concept giving the nature of the parameter As long as the vocabulary is not set, the possible values of this attribute are given by the ParamSemantic enumeration.

4.5.2 Parameter.ucd

vodml-id: Parameter.ucd

type: ivoa:string

multiplicity: 1

UCD1+ giving the type of the physical measure

4.5.3 Parameter.measure

vodml-id: Parameter.measure

type: meas:Measure

multiplicity: 1

Composition link pointing to the meas:Measure instance

4.6 PhotometryCoordSys

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

subset

role: coords:PhysicalCoordSys.frame

type: mango:PhotFilter

4.7 Source

Root class of the model. CAB_MSF instance are meant to be Source instances. A source has an identifier and two sets of hooks: one for the parameters and one for the associated data.

4.7.1 Source.identifier

vodml-id: Source.identifier

type: ivoa:string

multiplicity: 1

Unique identifier for a Source. The uniqueness of that identifier is not managed by the model. The format is free.

4.7.2 Source.associatedData

vodml-id: Source.associatedData

type: mango:AssociatedData

multiplicity: 0..*

Composition link pointing on all data associated with the source.

4.7.3 Source.parameters

vodml-id: Source.parameters

type: mango:Parameter

multiplicity: 0..*

Composition link pointing on all parameters attached to the source.

4.8 Temperature

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

4.8.1 Temperature.coord

vodml-id: Temperature.coord

type: ivoa:string

multiplicity: 1

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

4.9 VOModelInstance

Reference to a VO model instance that is part of the associated data.

4.9.1 VOModelInstance.void

vodml-id: VOModelInstance.void

type: ivoa:string

multiplicity: 1

VO-DML id of the referenced model

4.9.2 VOModelInstance.modelUrl

vodml-id: VOModelInstance.modelUrl

type: ivoa:anyURI

multiplicity: 1

URL on the VO-DML model

4.9.3 VOModelInstance.modelName

vodml-id: VOModelInstance.modelName

type: ivoa:string

multiplicity: 1

Name of the referenced model

4.9.4 VOModelInstance.modelDoc

vodml-id: VOModelInstance.modelDoc

type: ivoa:anyURI

multiplicity: 1

Documentation URL of the model

4.9.5 VOModelInstance.modelInstance

vodml-id: VOModelInstance.modelInstance

type: mango:ModelInstance

multiplicity: 1

Composition link pointing on one VO instance instance associated with the source.

4.10 VOService

Class for associated data referenced by an URL that is a VO service

4.10.1 VOService.void

vodml-id: VOService.void

type: ivoa:string

multiplicity: 1

IVOA id attached to the URI

4.11 WebEndpoint

Class for associated data referenced by an URL

4.11.1 WebEndpoint.ContentType

vodml-id: WebEndpoint.ContentType

type: ivoa:string

multiplicity: 1

Mime type of the URL

4.11.2 WebEndpoint.url

vodml-id: WebEndpoint.url

type: ivoa:anyURI

multiplicity: 1

Web endpoint

4.12 LinkSemantic

Literal enumeration of the possible values for the associated data semantic.
This stands for an example before we have defined a vocabulary.

Enumeration Literals

VOService : **vodml-id:** LinkSemantic.VOService

description: Data returned by a VO service

VOInstance : **vodml-id:** LinkSemantic.VOInstance
description: Data Serialized in a VO model

Preview : **vodml-id:** LinkSemantic.Preview
description: data preview

DownloadLink : **vodml-id:** LinkSemantic.DownloadLink
description: Data download link

Detection : **vodml-id:** LinkSemantic.Detection
description: Particular detection

Compagnon : **vodml-id:** LinkSemantic.Compagnon
description: Compagnon source

Counterpart : **vodml-id:** LinkSemantic.Counterpart
description: Counter part source

4.13 ParamSemantic

Literal enumeration of the possible values for the parameter semantic. This stands for an example before we have defined a vocabulary.

Enumeration Literals

Main : **vodml-id:** ParamSemantic.Main
description: Main measurment

Computed : **vodml-id:** ParamSemantic.Computed
description: Computed measurement

Native : **vodml-id:** ParamSemantic.Native
description: Mative measurement

Raw : **vodml-id:** ParamSemantic.Raw
description: raw measure

Corrected : **vodml-id:** ParamSemantic.Corrected
description: Corrected measure

5 Package: stcextend

This package contains all object and type classes that has been extended from the Measure and Coordinates models. This extension mechanism is used to add new types of measures while staying within the Mes/Coords pattern.

5.1 Flag

Measure to be used for status parameters

5.1.1 Flag.coord

vodml-id: stcextend.Flag.coord
type: mango:stcextend.FlagCoord
multiplicity: 1
Coordinate holding the status value

5.2 FlagState

Possible value of a status

5.2.1 FlagState.value

vodml-id: stcextend.FlagState.value
type: ivoa:integer
multiplicity: 1
Status value

5.2.2 FlagState.label

vodml-id: stcextend.FlagState.label
type: ivoa:string
multiplicity: 1
Label attached to that status value

5.3 FlagSys

Coordinate system to be used for status measures.

5.3.1 FlagSys.statusLabel

vodml-id: stcextend.FlagSys.statusLabel

type: mango:stcextend.FlagState

multiplicity: 0..*

Composition link to all possible status values for this system

5.4 HRFrame

Hardness ratio frame. Defined by 2 energy bands Ehigh ELow. $HR = (E_{high} - E_{low}) / (E_{high} + E_{low})$ Energy bands are deemed to special photometric filters

5.4.1 HRFrame.low

vodml-id: stcextend.HRFrame.low

type: mango:stcextend.PhotFilter

multiplicity: 1

Low energy band

5.4.2 HRFrame.high

vodml-id: stcextend.HRFrame.high

type: mango:stcextend.PhotFilter

multiplicity: 1

High energy band

5.5 HardnessRatio

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.5.1 HardnessRatio.coord

vodml-id: stcextend.HardnessRatio.coord

type: mango:stcextend.HardnessRatioCoord

multiplicity: 1

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.6 LonLatCoordSys

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

subset

role: coords:PhysicalCoordSys.frame

type: coords:SpaceFrame

constraint

detail: `LonLatCoordSys.coordSpace[0]`

5.7 LonLatSkyPosition

Measure to used for sky points expressed with a spherical coordinate system

5.7.1 LonLatSkyPosition.coord

vodml-id: `stcextend.LonLatSkyPosition.coord`

type: `mango:stcextend.LonLatPoint`

multiplicity: 1

Coordinate of spherical sky position

5.8 ObjectType

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.8.1 ObjectType.coord

vodml-id: `stcextend.ObjectType.coord`

type: `mango:stcextend.OrbitCoord`

multiplicity: 1

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.9 ObjectTypeSys

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.10 Orbit

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.10.1 Orbit.coord

vodml-id: `stcextend.Orbit.coord`

type: `mango:stcextend.OrbitCoord`

multiplicity: 1

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.11 PhotFilter

Photometric filter description, compliant with photDM

5.11.1 PhotFilter.name

vodml-id: stcextend.PhotFilter.name

type: ivoa:string

multiplicity: 1

Filter name

5.11.2 PhotFilter.zeroPointFlux

vodml-id: stcextend.PhotFilter.zeroPointFlux

type: ivoa:real

multiplicity: 1

Zero point flux of the filter

5.11.3 PhotFilter.magnitudeSystem

vodml-id: stcextend.PhotFilter.magnitudeSystem

type: ivoa:string

multiplicity: 1

Magnitude system used by the filter

5.11.4 PhotFilter.effectiveWavelength

vodml-id: stcextend.PhotFilter.effectiveWavelength

type: ivoa:real

multiplicity: 1

Effective wavelength of the filter

5.11.5 PhotFilter.unit

vodml-id: stcextend.PhotFilter.unit

type: ivoa:Unit

multiplicity: 1

Wavelength unit used for that filter

5.11.6 PhotFilter.bandWidth

vodml-id: stcextend.PhotFilter.bandWidth

type: ivoa:real

multiplicity: 1

Band width of the filter

5.12 Photometry

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.12.1 Photometry.coord

vodml-id: stcextend.Photometry.coord

type: mango:stcextend.PhotometryCoord

multiplicity: 1

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.13 Redshift

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.13.1 Redshift.coord

vodml-id: stcextend.Redshift.coord

type: mango:stcextend.RedshiftCoord

multiplicity: 1

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.14 RedshiftSys

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.15 Shape

Measure giving the shape of a source

5.15.1 Shape.coord

vodml-id: stcextend.Shape.coord

type: mango:stcextend.ShapeCoord

multiplicity: 1

String serialization of the source shape

5.16 ShapeSys

Coordinate system to be used for shape measure

5.16.1 ShapeSys.shapeFrame

vodml-id: stcextend.ShapeSys.shapeFrame

type: mango:stcextend.ShapeFrame

multiplicity: 1

Frame of the shape measure. Gives a enumeration of the supported serializations.

5.17 LonLatPoint

Coordinate of a point on the sky sphere expressed in spherical coordinates.

5.18 FlagCoord

Coordinate of a status Measure

5.19 ShapeCoord

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.20 OrbitCoord

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.21 ObjectTypeCoord

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.22 PhotometryCoord

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.23 HardnessRatioCoord

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.24 RedshiftCoord

TODO : Missing description : please, update your UML model asap.

5.25 RDFWord

Datatype for vocabulary word. Provides a pointer to the word description and a label.

5.26 ShapeFrame

Enumeration of the possible options to encode a shape in a string.

Enumeration Literals

MOC : **vodml-id:** stcextend.ShapeFrame.MOC

description: MOC serialization

STCs : **vodml-id:** stcextend.ShapeFrame.STCs

description: STCs serialization

6 TAP and Mango

This not normative section gives possible tips to save and discover Mango instances in TAP services. We suppose that the TAP service hosts catalogs which sources are Mango instances. These catalogs are named *Mango Catalogs*.

6.1 Storing Mango Catalogs in TAP

For now this section only concerns the parameter. The associated data will be taken into account later.

- One master table for the catalogs with various meta-data out of the Mango scope plus a unique identifier (primary key)
- One master sources table for the source instances with the catalog identifier and a primary key safer than the Mango identifier.
- One table for each supported parameter with a foreign key for the join with the master source table

Although the model of the measures is hierarchical, it should be possible to flatten them in one single table considering that the model structure can be retrieved with the TAP_SCHEMA annotations (TBC)

This schema requires the server to explore all the parameter tables to retrieve whole Mango instances. This process can be speed up by using the *MangoCore* table.

6.2 *MangoCore* Table

The discovery of *Mango Catalogs* can be helped by a *MangoCore* table located in the *schema* schema. As Mango is not dedicated to any specific domain, we cannot define a set of core parameters, but parameters can be flagged as *Core Parameter*. This selection is left at the discretion of the curator. The *MangoCore* table has set of columns per parameter class plus one for the catalog ID. It has one row per stored catalog. Each parameter has at least 2 columns: one with the UCD and one with the *Core* flag. TBC

A Changes from Previous Versions

No previous versions yet.

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