



## VOEvent next steps – May 2020

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# Proposed changes

- Step #1 accept LaTeX version
- Step #2 new changes
  - Proposal from Solar System Interest Group
  - Details in presentation by Baptiste Cecconi



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*“Find streams that have <data I’m interested in>”*

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*“Data and supplementary materials have sufficiently rich metadata and a unique and persistent identifier.”*

- Where do I find events happening in [region] ?
- Where do I find events from [last year] ?
- Where do I find events for [wavelength] ?
- Where do I find events from [instrument] ?
- Where do I find events about [supernova] ?
- Where do I find events matching [criteria] ?
- Where do I find events filtered by [algorithm] ?

We need to define metadata for services and streams.





*“80% probability supernova candidates”*

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*“Metadata and data are understandable to humans and machines.”*

<what> ✓  
<why> ✗

What does “80% probability” mean ?

Do we need some more terms ?

What does “supernova” mean ?

Would an “event type” URL help ?

No changes to the XML schema,  
just a new property.

FRB community  
best practice



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*“Metadata use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.”*

VOEvent specification



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- Who says they are supernova ?
- Based on what criteria ?
- What algorithm was used ?

*“Data and collections have a clear usage licenses and provide accurate information on provenance.”*

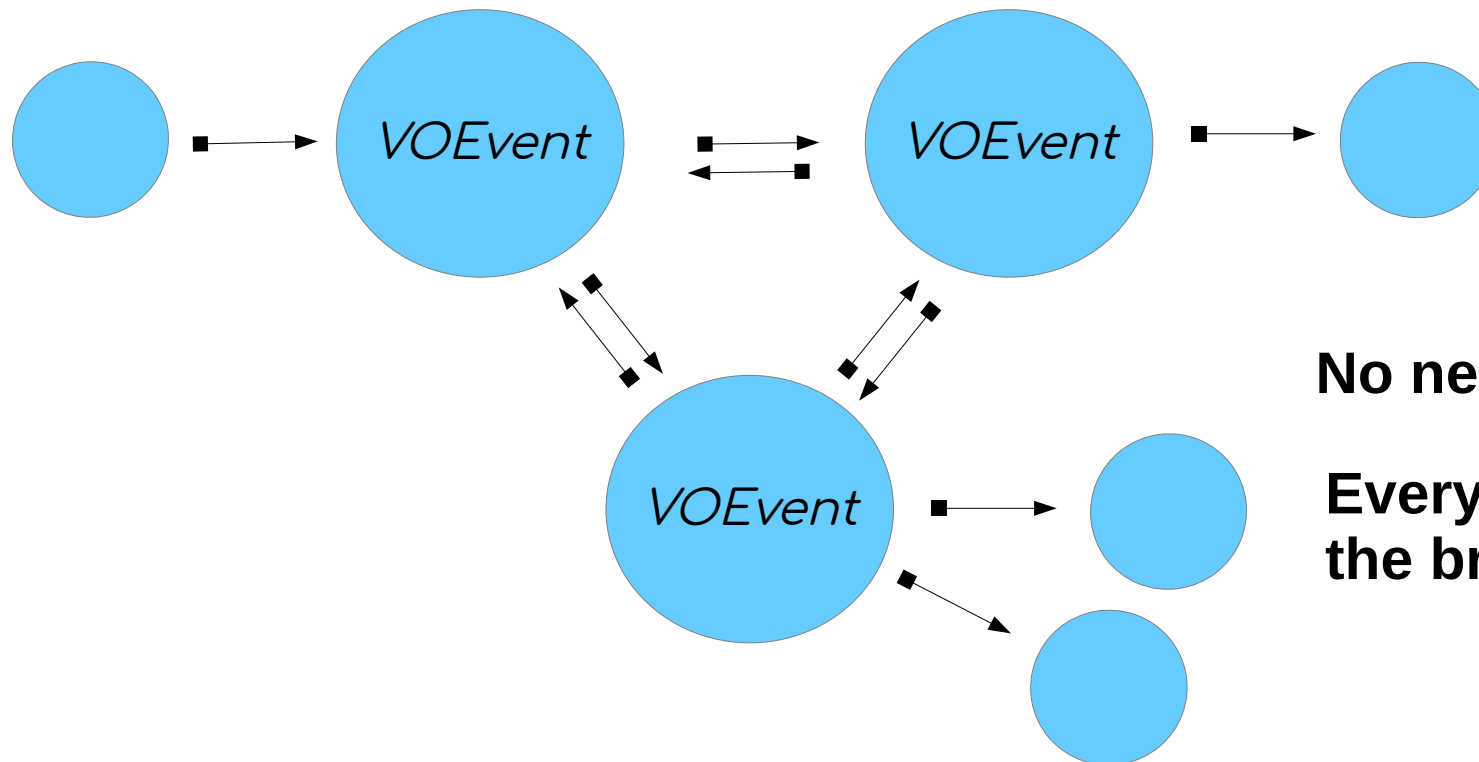
- Can I publish this data ?
- Who should I cite ?

Each event has a URL for provenance and license ?

No changes to the XML schema, just two new properties.

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## Network of brokers broadcasting events



**No need for discovery**

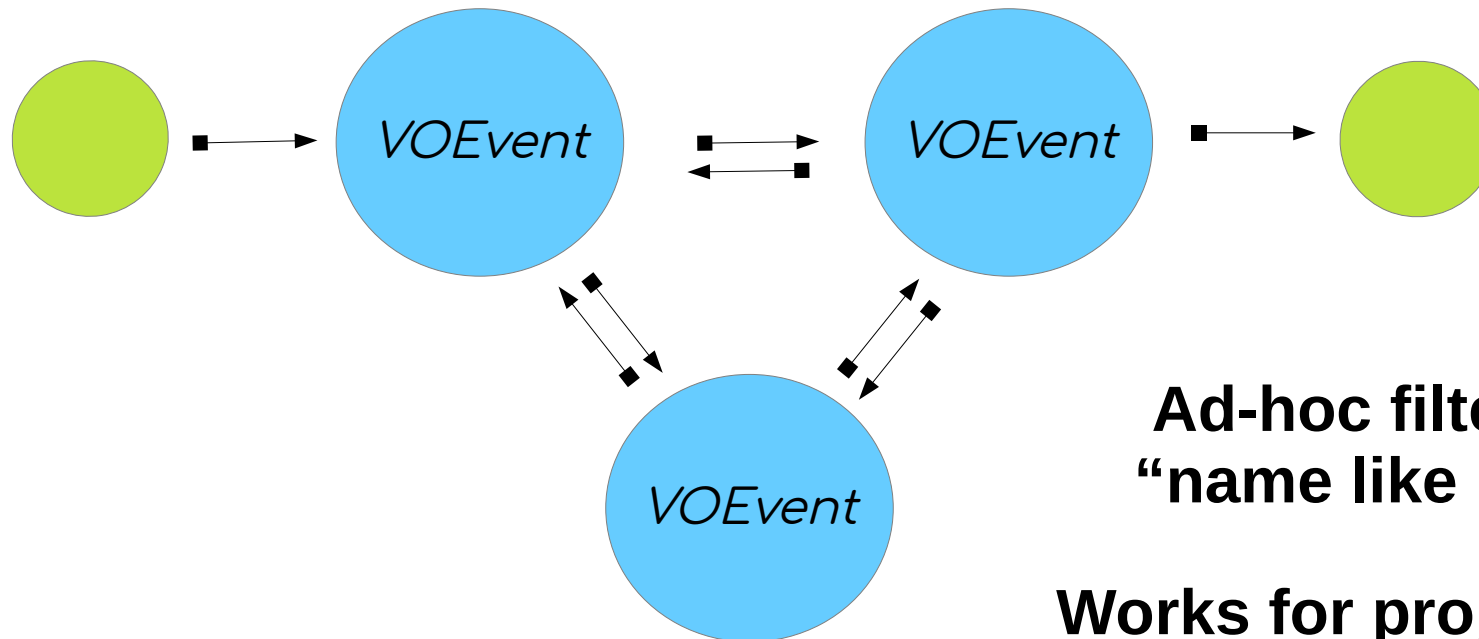
**Everyone just knows  
the broker endpoints**



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**Project specific  
event types**

**VOEvent for Fast Radio Bursts**  
arXiv:1710.08155v1 [astro-ph.IM]



**Ad-hoc filtering**  
“name like FRB\*”

**Works for projects < 10**



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## Where we are now



### VOEventRegExt:

## An XML Encoding Schema for Resource Metadata for Collections of Events

Version 1.0

IVOA Working Draft

13 May 2014

Is anyone using this ?





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## VOEventRegExt:

**“... each VOEventStream has a defined set of named ‘parameters’, and each event that is a member of the stream should use only parameters that are selected from the list in the stream definition.”**

**Event type definitions :-)**

**Is anyone using this ?**

Can we combine this with the template approach from the FRB community ?



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## VOEventRegExt:

**If a server supports a subscription capability with filtering,  
it means that a client can submit a criterion**

**("R magnitude brighter than 17")**

**and events will be delivered by the server in the future  
which satisfy that criteria.**

As far as I know, none of the current brokers support filtering.

Do we remove this text ?





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**Do you want to register and discover streams ?**

*“Kind of, but running a registry is too heavy for what we need.”*

**What do you use for the IVOID identifiers ?**

*“We just made something ourselves.”*



lightweight *‘registry in a container’* would go along way to help solve this





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**Do you want to discover streams ?**

Yes, I want to explore what is available.

No, users will learn where the important streams are from published papers.

(\*) we will still need to lookup technical details like transport protocol, event type and properties.





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**What criteria would use to find streams ?**

**Area of sky – footprint, MOC ?**

**Type of phenomenon – vocabulary (extensible) ?**

**Primary source (instrument)**

**Upstream source (another filter)**

**Processing algorithm**

**Probability of classification**





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**What criteria would use to find streams ?**

**Area of sky – footprint, MOC ?**

VOEvents use a range of different coordinate systems  
Do we just use ICRS ?

What about solar system objects ?







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## What criteria would use to find streams ?

Type of phenomenon – extensible vocabulary ?

According to the arXiv, there are >50 types of FRBs

[http://multi-messenger.asterics2020.eu/Documents/presentations/Hessels\\_Jason.pdf](http://multi-messenger.asterics2020.eu/Documents/presentations/Hessels_Jason.pdf)

## Can semantics help us with this ?





**Thank you**

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