

Time Series data model in the Virtual Observatory



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TimeSeries VO interoperability

- Gaia
- LSST
- Catalogues in VizieR
- GAPS ? → yes , if TS VO effort successful, it should also tackle GAPS (attempts Marco M./François B.)
- Tasks : ---->
 - Discovery
 - Access
 - Representation and serialization (datamodel and mapping)



Data Representation: data model

- DataModel has to represent structures and relationship for all data and metadata
- Extension of Cube DataModel with specialization of TimeAxis
- Has to tackle scalar observables (mag, flux, radial velocity, etc..) but also variable data products

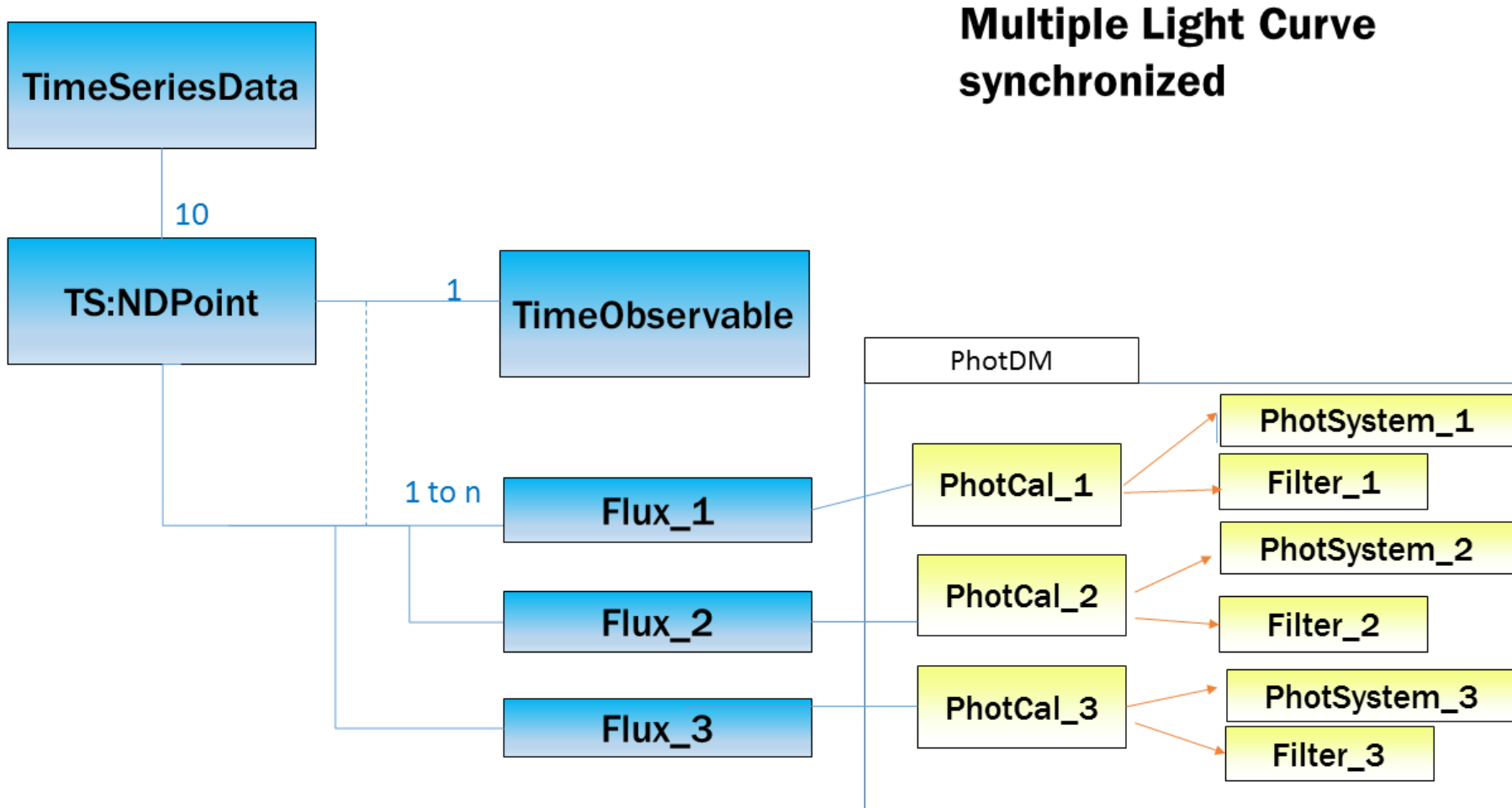


DataRepresentation : serialisation

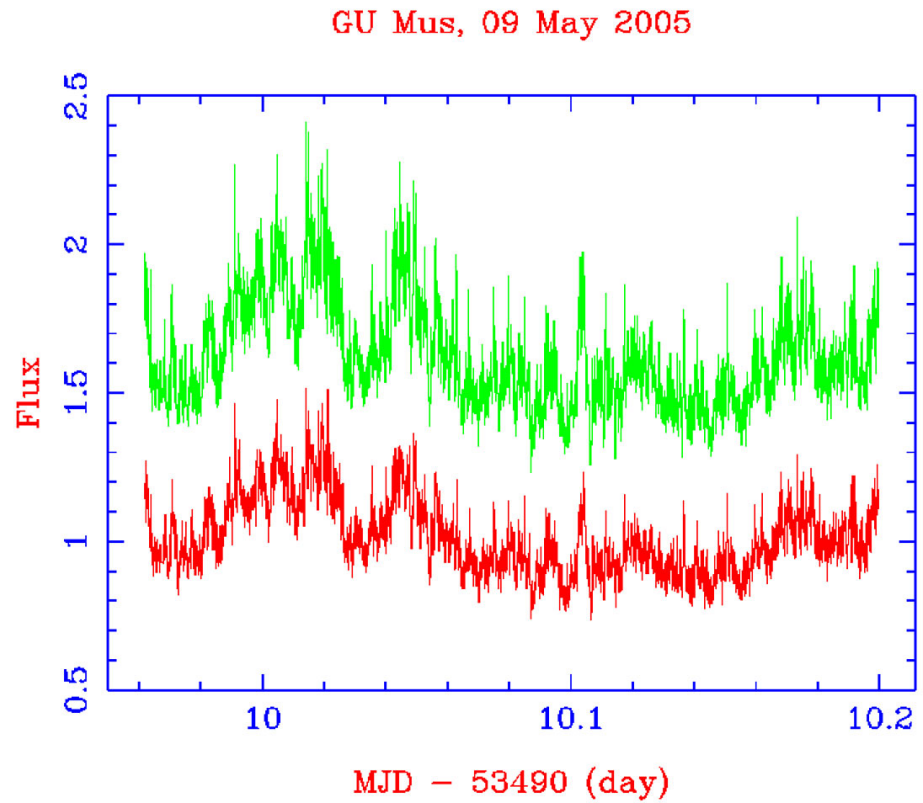
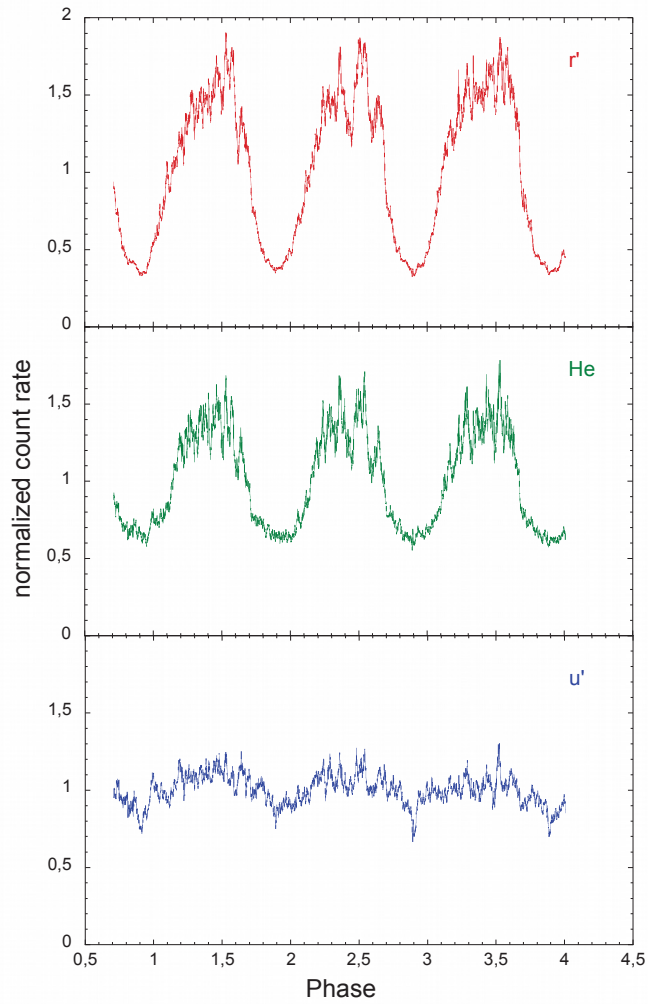
- The Model has a formal xml representation (vo-dml-xml) :
 - Direct translation of the UML diagram with special IVOA rules
 - Useful for exchanging and importing models but not usable in serialisations
 - → Need for a mapping
- Mapping of « VO-DML » structure into VOTable :
 - Full model structure on top of the table with pointers to columns (so called « vo-dml mapping »)
 - Pointers from columns to the model (so called « utypes »)
- Need test implementation and consuming for decision (see Vizier example). Feedback from data providers.



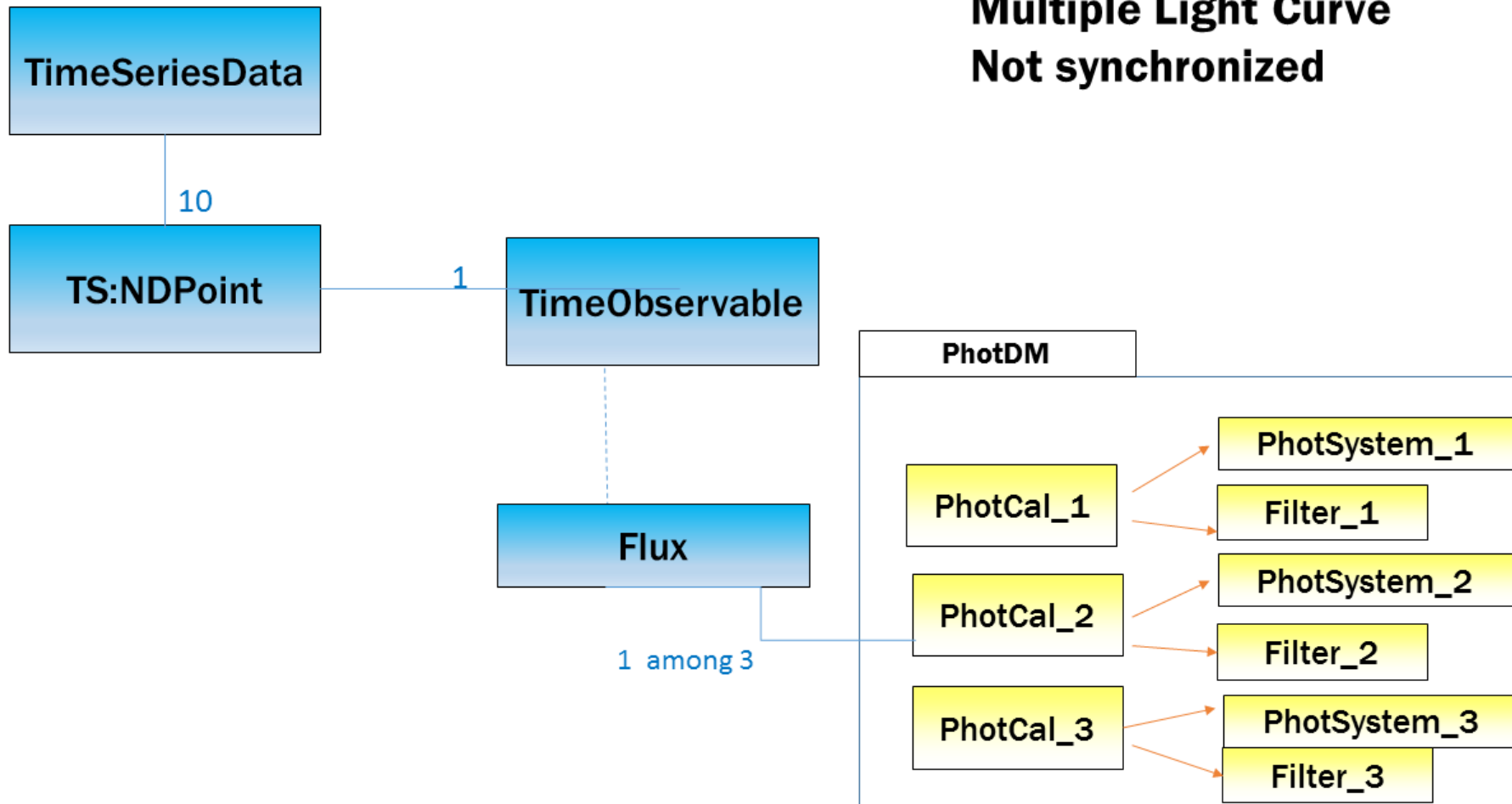
□ Various combinations use cases



□ Ultracam time series



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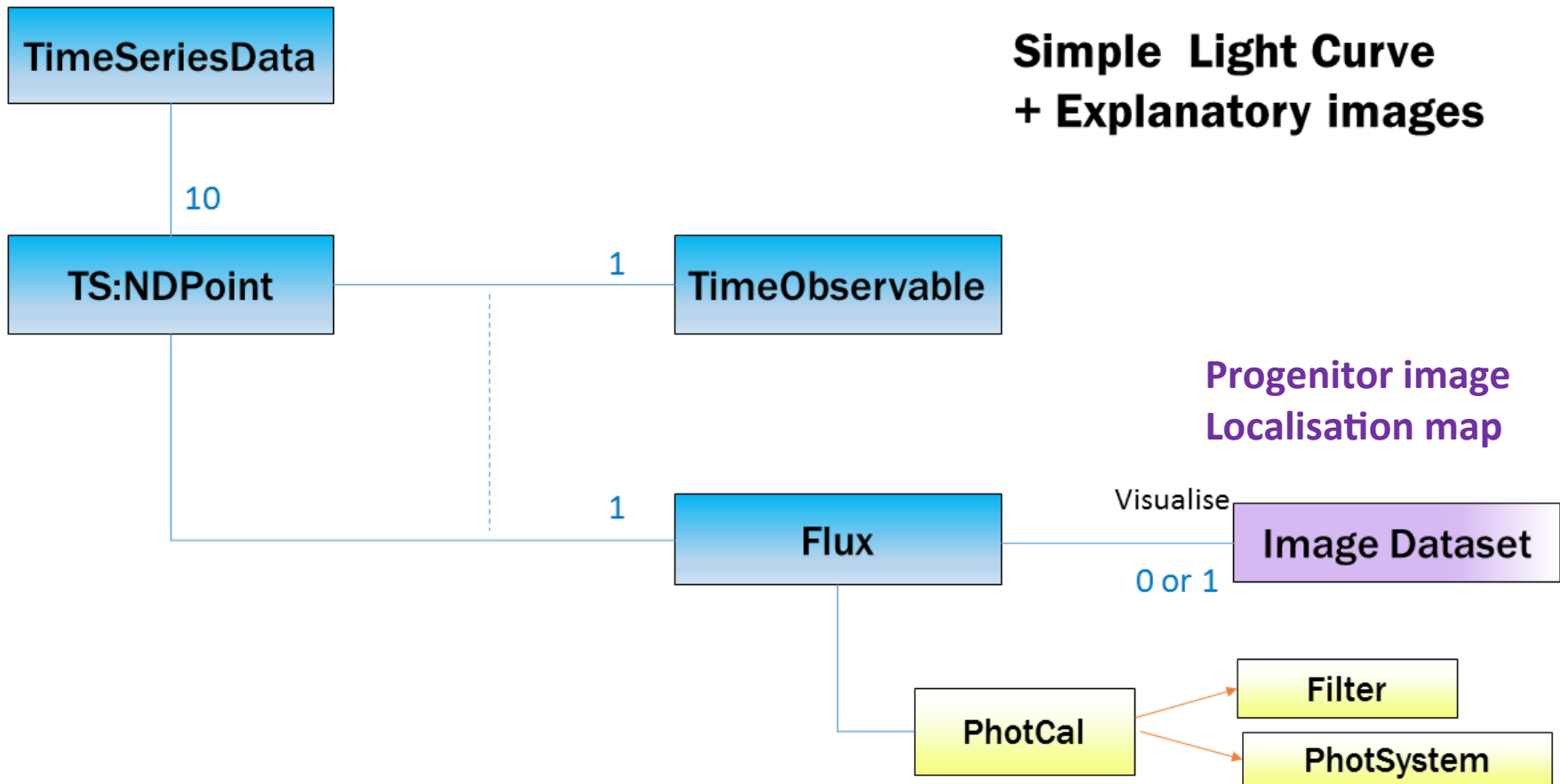


□ Multiband Flux measures

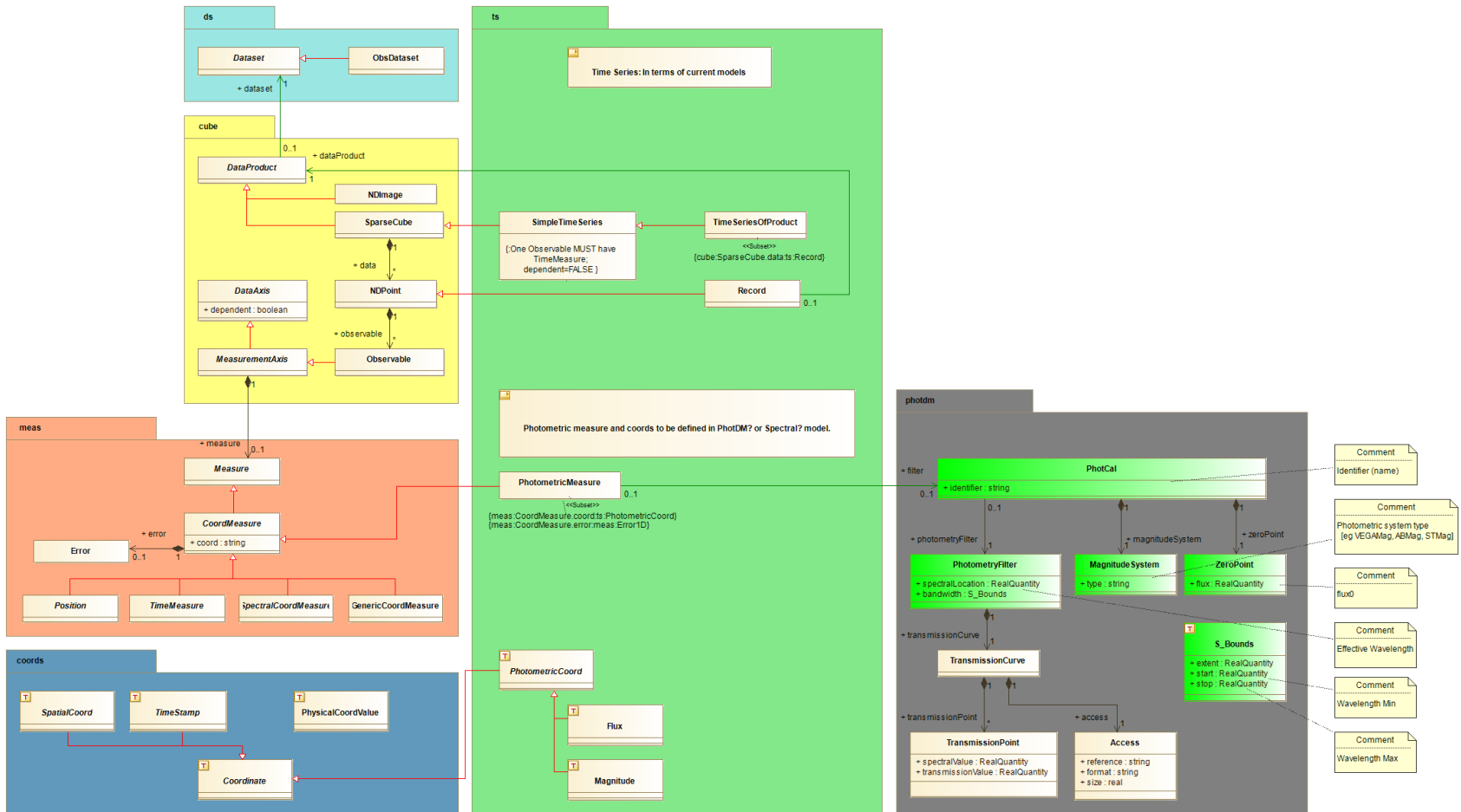
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magV		*		*		*		*	T8-T2	Min (t _{j+1} -t _j)	4
Err_magV		*		*		*		*			4
magU				^	^	^	^	^	T7-T4		5
Err_magU				^	^	^	^	^			5



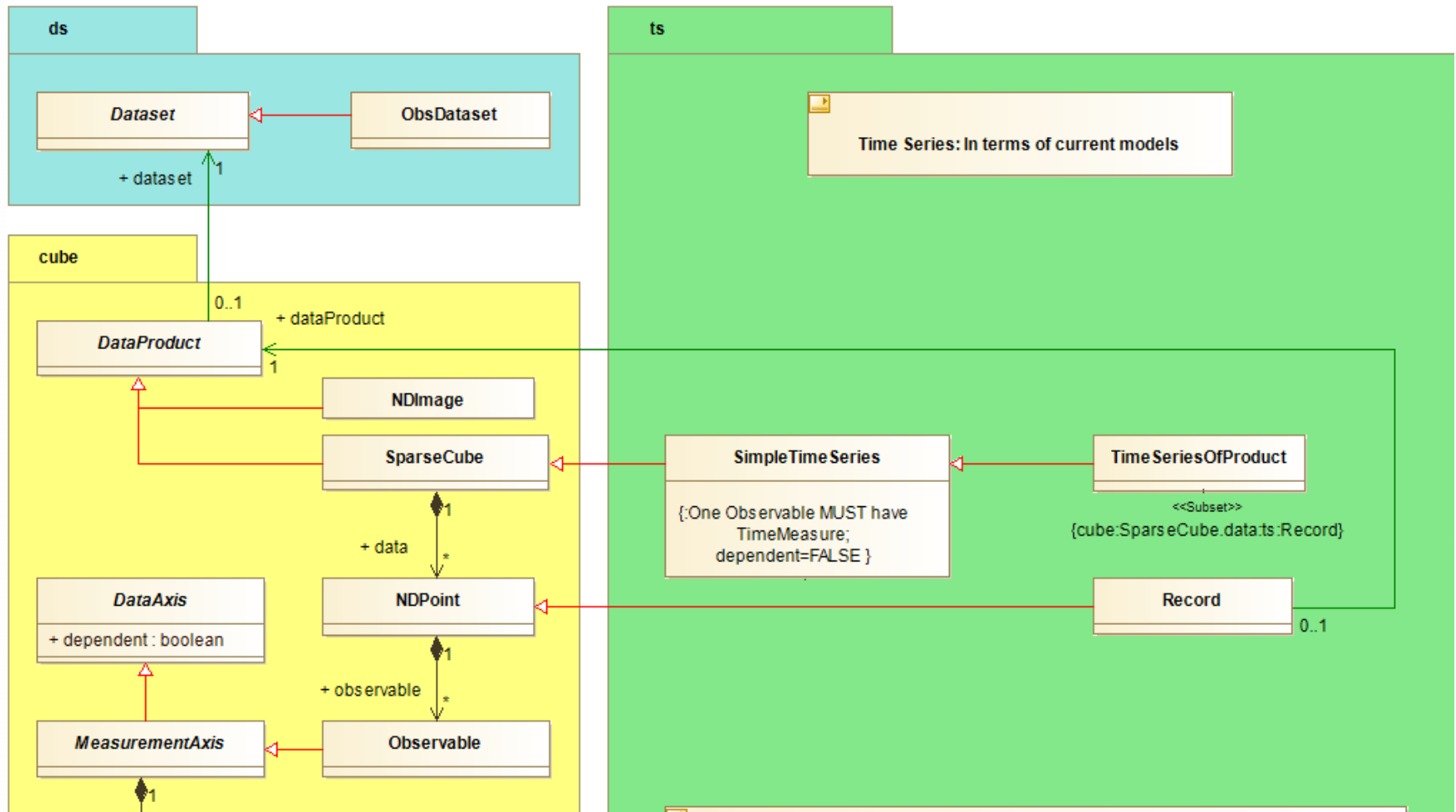
Measures + datasets



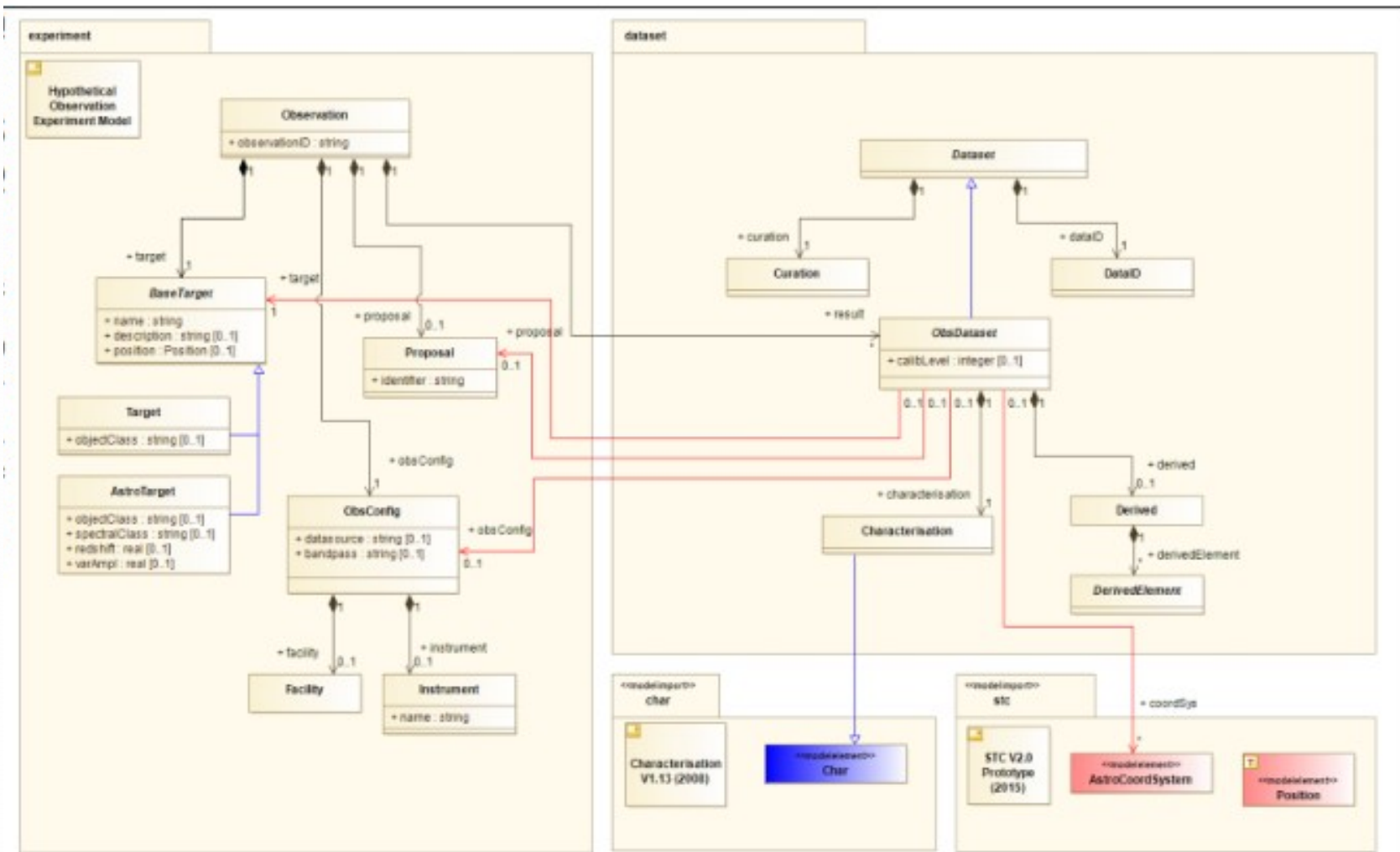
TimeSeries datamodel: full UML diagram



TimeSeries datamodel: DataSet and data structures



Focus on DataSet datamodel



List of useful dataset and characterization : 1)

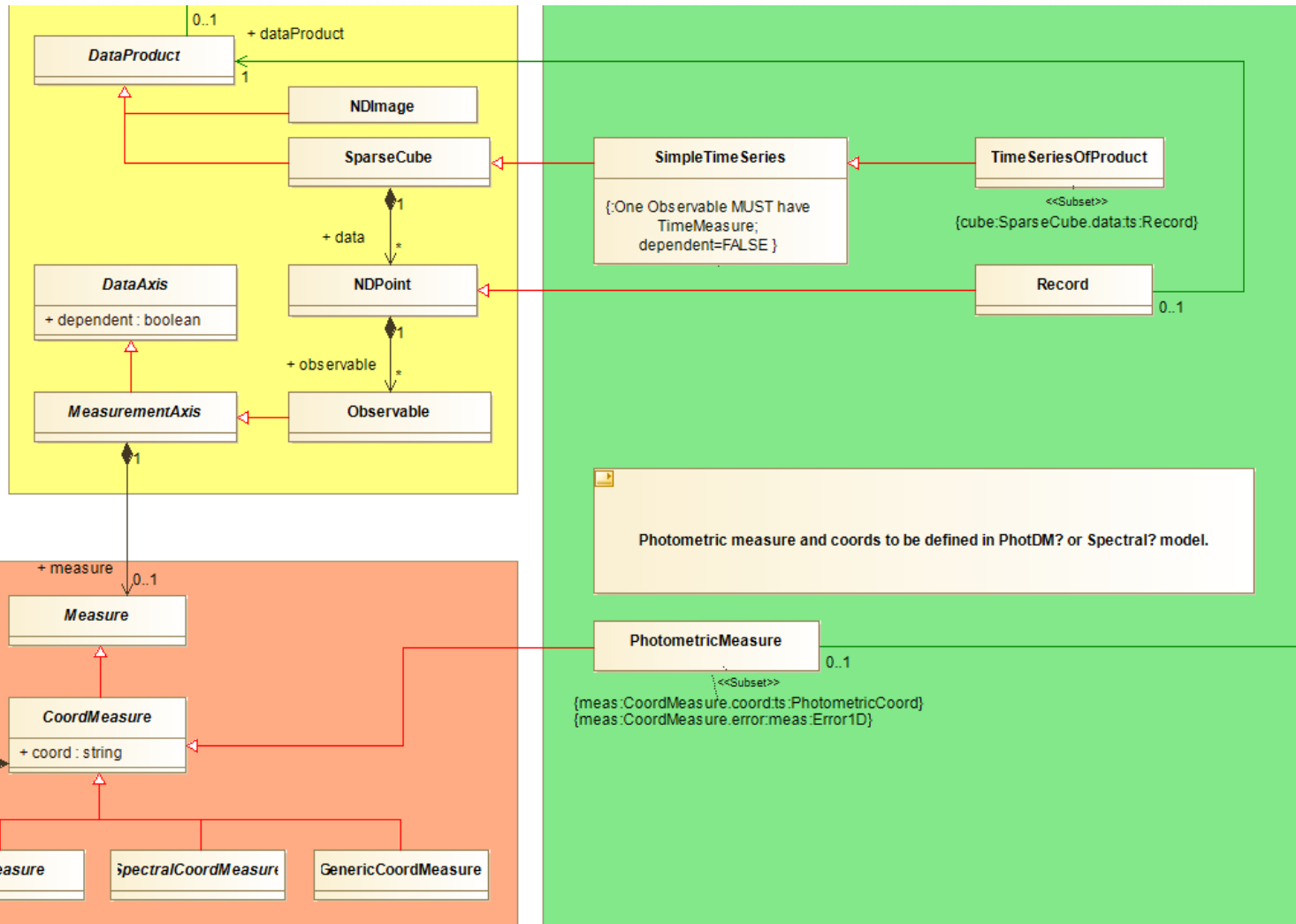
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% position on sky		datamodelpath			/optional	
s_ra	Position (within a certain area)	Char.SpatialAxis.Coverage.RefVal.	pos.eq.ra	deg	man	ICRS
s_dec	Position (within a certain area)	Char.SpatialAxis.Coverage.RefVal	pos.eq.dec	deg	man	
s_resolution	Angular resolution interval	Char.SpatialAxis.Resolution.RefVal	pos.AngResol	arcsec	man	
%target						
target_name	Name of Target	Target_name	meta.id;src	null	opt	
%Observable						
% nb of observables per point						
o_xel	Nb of observables per time point	TSNDpoint.nbMeas	meta.number	null	man	1
%observable types						
%Type of data : one value among (Events, photometry, radial velocities, spectra, images, polarisation, other)						
o_type	List of types of the Observable quantities	Char.ObservableAxis.observableTypeList??	meta.class	null	opt	scalar
%One value in [scalar, image, spectrum, cube,...] as dataproduct_type in the Obscore vocabulary.						
% Physical nature of observable						
o_ucd	Physical nature attached to observable	Char.ObservableAxis.ucd	meta.class	null	man	
%Limits along observable axis						
% ex: Magnitudes / Fluxes/ counts, etc interval (min)						
o_min	Minimum value for Observable	Char.ObservableAxis.Coverage.BoundsLimits.LoLim	S(o_ucd);stat.min	o_units'	opt	
o_max	Maximum value for Observable (ex. Mag max)	Char.ObservableAxis.Coverage.BoundsLimits.hiLim	S(o_ucd);stat.max	o_units'	opt	
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% sensitivity , max detection limit. TBC						
%o_upperlimit	upperlimit is a limiting value for the estimated faintest object in the observation (LSST, ZTF)					
o_upperlimit	flag in the data indicating that some values are upperlimits and not detections measurements. not queryable	Char.ObservableAxis.Coverage.Sensitivity.Quality???	meta.code.equal	null	opt	no

List of useful dataset and characterization : 2)

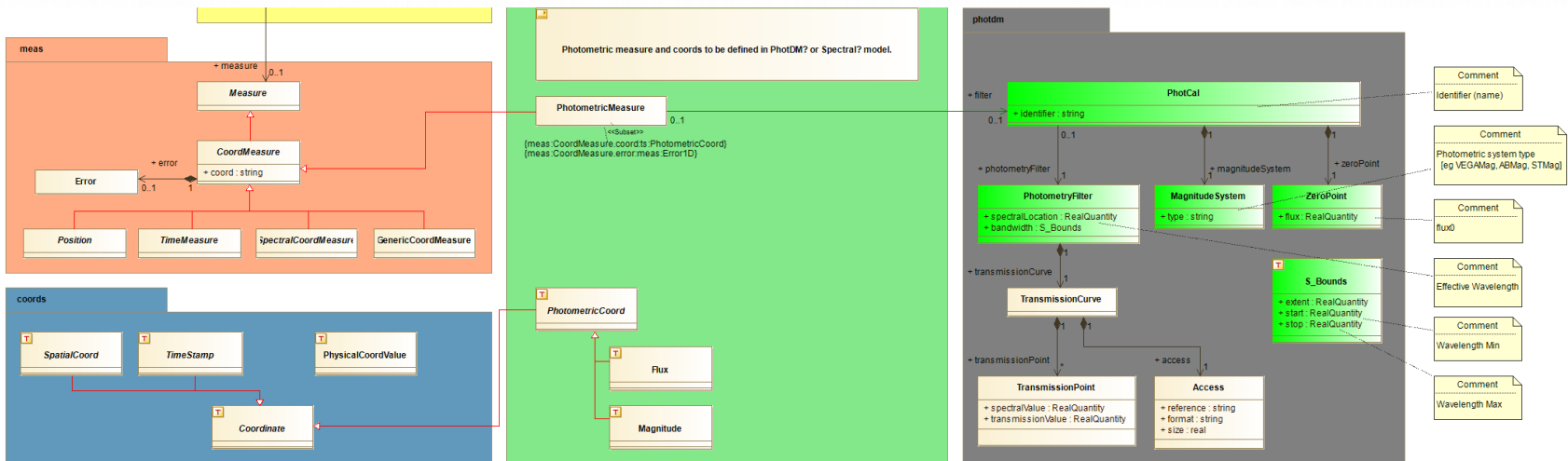
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<i>% Must be qualified by a ucd em_freq if spectral axis is in Frequency</i>						
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<i>% Polarisation states</i>						
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<i>%time features</i>						
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<i>% NB: the time span , or elapsed time for the sequence is then t_max -t_min</i>						
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t_exp_max	Exposure time of samples (max)	Char.TimeAxis.Sampling.Extent.HiLim	time.duration;obs.exposure;stat.max	s	man	
<i>%time space between 2 time samples / cadence</i>						
t_sampling_step_min	minimal length of time interval between 2 observations / cadence (min)	Char.TimeAxis.Sampling.Period.LoLim	time.interval;obs.sequence;stat.min	s	opt	
t_sampling_step_max	maximal length of time interval between 2 observations / cadence (min)	Char.TimeAxis.Sampling.Period.HiLim	time.interval;obs.sequence;stat.max	s	opt	
<i>%NB : the UCD time.period is rather dedicated to a physical event. Not appropriate here</i>						
<i>%nb of sample along the time axis</i>						
t_xel	nb of time stamps in the series	Char.TimeAxis.numBins	meta.number	null	man	
<i>%Time CoosSystem</i>						
t_origin	Time(frame origin)	stc.TimeFrame.timeOrigin	time.epoch	?	opt	<i>imposed for discovery</i>
t_scale	Time frame scale	stc.TimeFrame.timeScale	time.scale	?	opt	
t_refPosition (barycenter, heliocenter, ...)	Time reference position	stc.TimeFrame.refPosition	?	?	opt	
t_refDirection (for solar observations)	Time reference direction	stc.TimeFrame.refDirection	?	?	opt	
<i>%Time representation ISQtime , MJD, JD , Time offset a la STC ?</i>						
t_format	Time representation	?	?	null	man	MJD?



TimeSeries Points as ND points made of Observable and/or DataProducts



CoordMeasure made of Photometric Measure (PhotCal model) or space/time/spec/pol measurements





Data Model Reuse from the IVOA

- A Time series is
 - a dataset → reuse `ObsDataset` from **DatasetMetadata DM**
 - *A multi axis dataset* → reuse *SparseCube* **Cube DM**
 - A collection of points of multiple dimensions `Cube NPoint`
 - The principal `Cube DataAxis` is **TimeAxis**

Its properties can be summarized with **Characterization DM (as in ObsCore and DatasetMetadata DM)**

- Measures/Observations **depend** on time samples
- Simple measurement → reuse **CoordMeasure** as in **STCv2.0 DM**
- Structured measures as data products → **DataProducts** element from `CubeDM`.



Beta Lyrae case

- Characterization and TimeFrame Metadata [Time Frame ,
→ TimeScale, ReferencePosition, TimeRepresentation,
(TimeOrigin), Photometric filters]
- Several colors : relationShips to « Frames » (or
Photometric filters) managed by reference.

Beta Lyrae case (in TOPCAT tool)

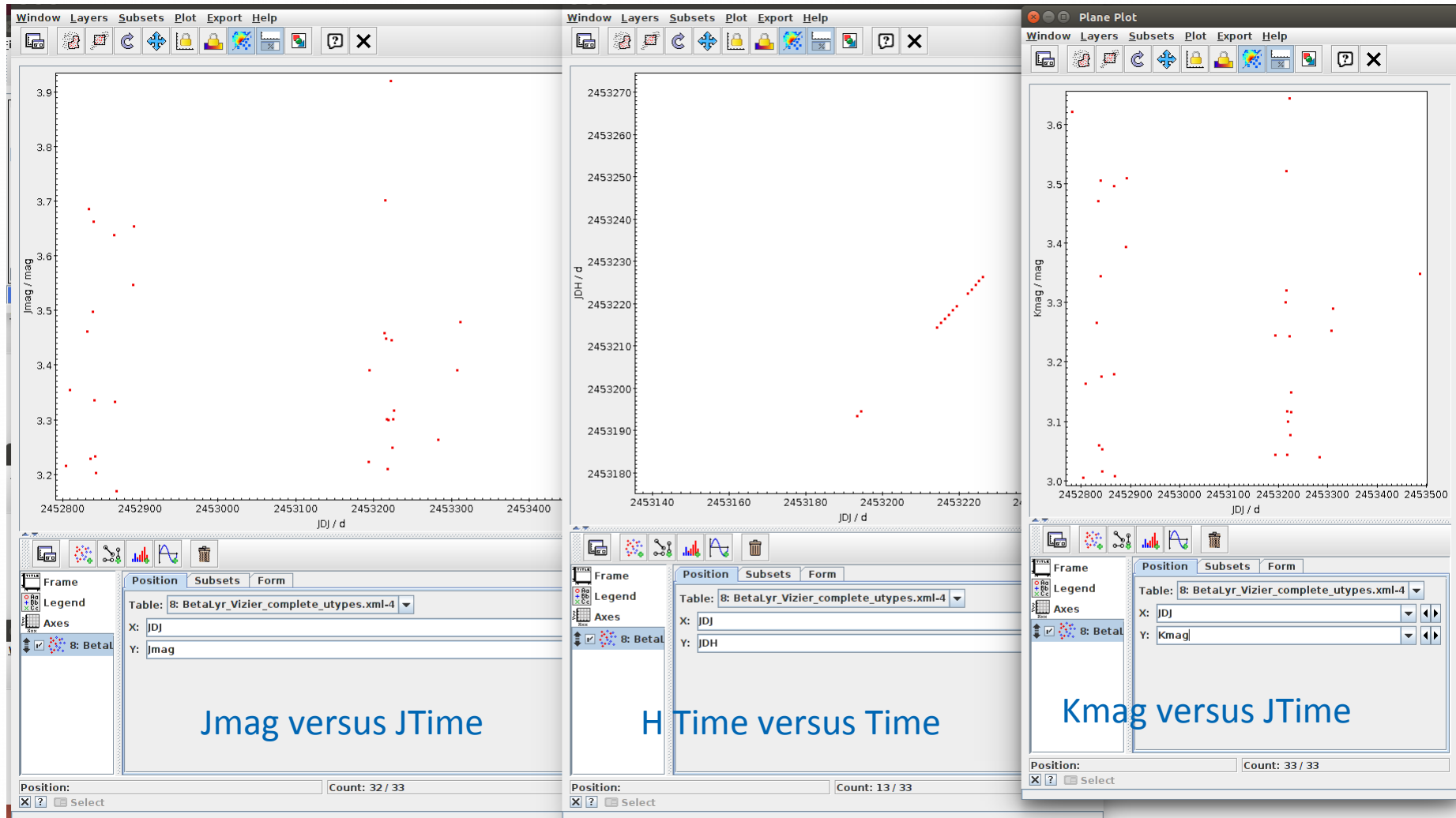
The screenshot displays the TOPCAT software interface with several panels open:

- Table List:** Lists tables 5, 6, 7, and 8, all named 'BetaLyr_Vizier_comple...'. Table 8 is selected.
- Table Columns for 8: BetaLyr_Vizier_comple_utyypes.xml-4:** A table with columns: Visible, Name, \$ID, Class, Units, Description, UCD, Utype, and Dataty. It lists 17 columns for various photometric bands (J, H, K, L, M) and their uncertainties, with associated UCD and Utype values.
- Table Browser (5):** Shows metadata for 'BetaLyr_Vizier_comple_utyypes.xml' with columns: productType, calibrLe..., pubDID, creator, contributor, Target. Row 1: timeSeries, 1, TestTimeSeries, Shenavrin, CDS Vizier, Beta Lyr.
- Table Browser (6):** Shows characterisation data for 'BetaLyr_Vizier_comple_utyypes.xml-2' with columns: SpatLocati..., SpatLocati..., SpatBoun..., t_min, t_max, t_mean, t_exp_time, t_resolution. Row 1: 282, 52, 33, 3627, 0, 000278, 0, 000278, 2, 45278E6, 2, 45349E6, 0, 04, 0, 002.
- Table Browser (7):** Shows coordinate frames and photometry filter data for 'BetaLyr_Vizier_comple_utyypes.xml-3' with columns: TimeSc..., refPositionT, Space..., refPositionS, wavelength, filter, wavelength, filter, wavelength, filter, wavelength, filter, wavelength, filter. Row 1: TT, BARYCENTER, ICRS, BARYCENTER, 1250, J_BAND, 1650, H_BAND, 2200, K_BAND, 3500, L_BAND, 4800, M_BAND.
- Table Browser (8):** Shows a data table for 'BetaLyr_Vizier_comple_utyypes.xml-4' with columns: JDJ, Jmag, e_Jmag, JDH, Hmag, e_Hmag, JDK, Kmag, e_Kmag, JDL, Lmag. It contains 14 rows of numerical data.

Annotations on the image:

- Dataset metadata:** Points to the Table Browser (5) panel.
- Characterisation:** Points to the Table Browser (6) panel.
- Coordinate frames + Photometry filter:** Points to the Table Browser (7) panel.
- Data section : values and ucd/utypes:** Points to the Table Browser (8) panel.

Beta Lyrae case (in TOPCAT tool)



VizieR prototype

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The 4 columns in **color** are computed by VizieR, and are **not part of the original data**.

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Post annotation

Gaia DR1 (Gaia Collaboration, 2016)
Cepheid stars identified in table VariableSummary as classification="CEP" (original column names in green) (599 rows) [\[METAtab\]](#) [\[METAcola\]](#) [\[stats\]](#)

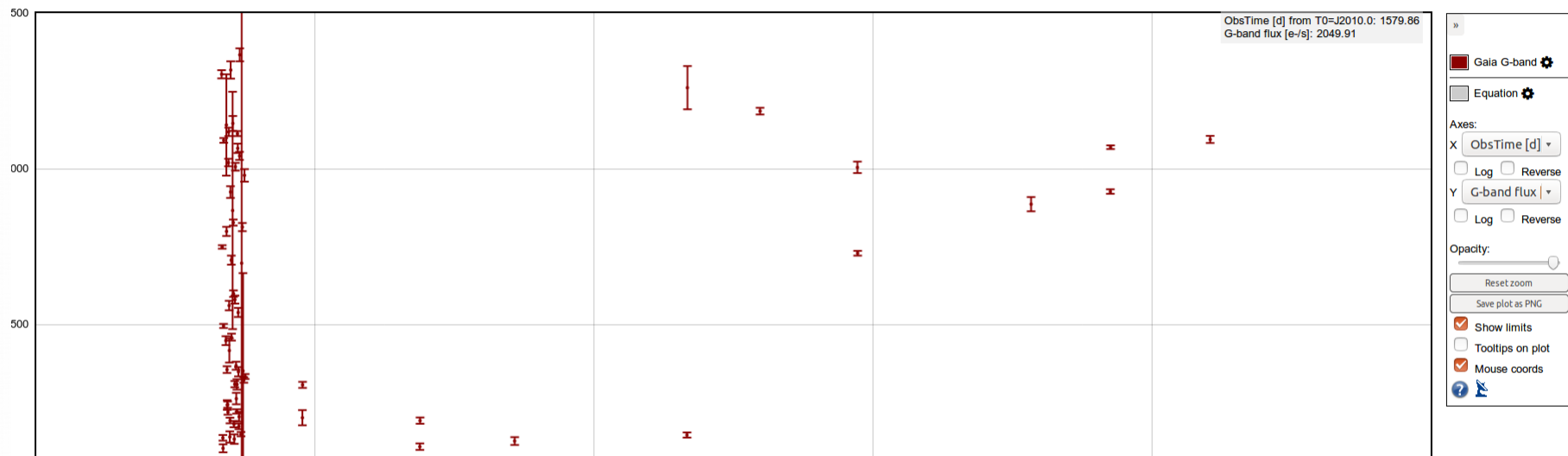
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VizieR prototype

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TimeSeries discovery

- 3 discovery modes
 - Source driven (direct or via DataLink)
 - ObsCore/SIAV2-like driven (extensions are needed ?)
 - Physical Content driven (project specific?)
- One more in a near future ---→ TMOC ?



VO Solutions

- Source driven discovery :
 - VO catalog services (« SCS » or « TAP » for VO friends)
 - Possibility to discover a TimeSeries in the response (« LINK », or « DataLink » access reference in the service response)



VO Solution :

TimeSeries via TAP or « simple access » protocols

- TimeSeries discovery requires additional parameters/attributes (see above)
- Extension of DAL VO (ObsTAP and « SIAV-2.0 ») protocols for these parameters/attributes

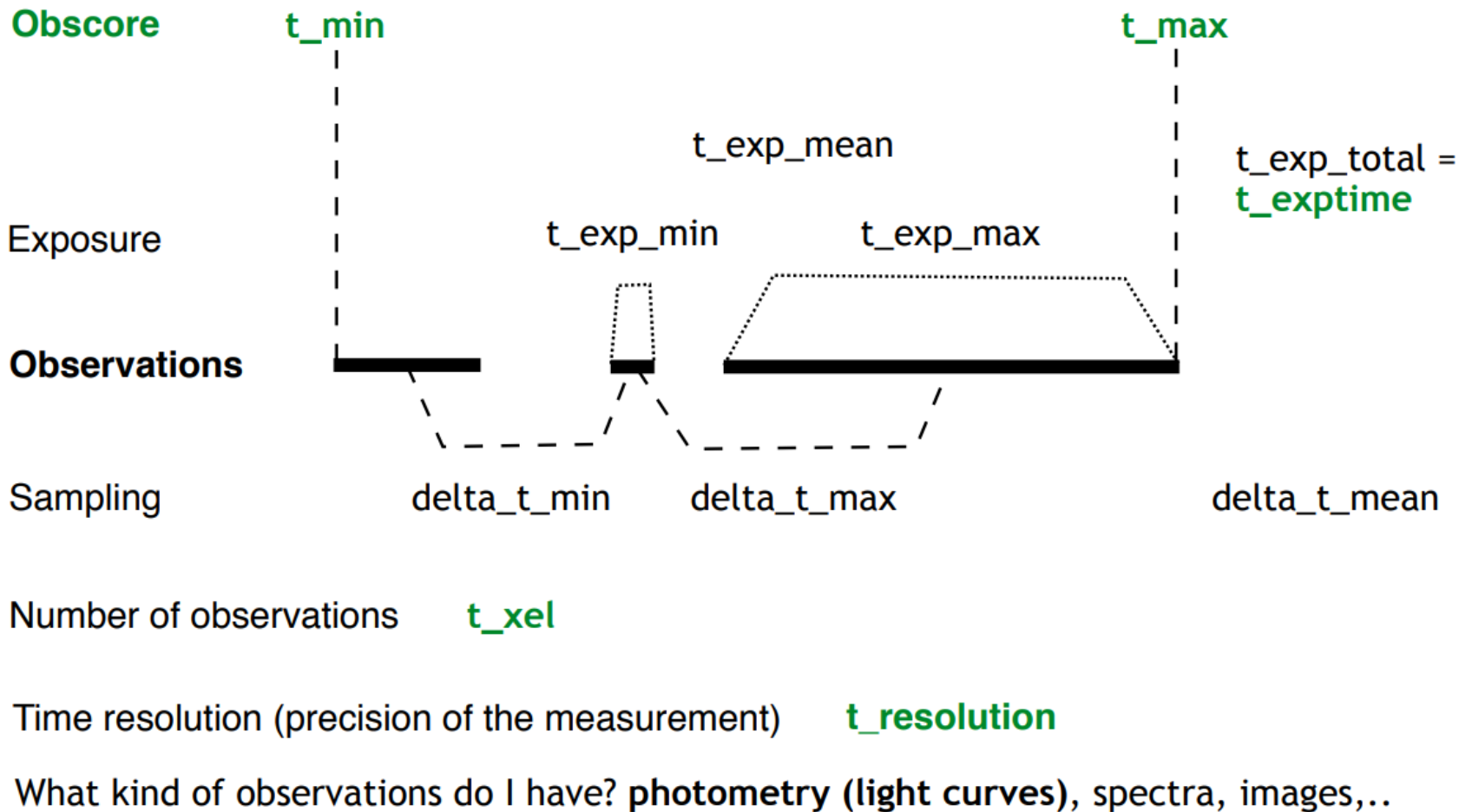


VO solutions : mixed discovery

- Extended ObsCore (TSCore ?) and a catalog describing sources managed together in the same « TAP » service



□ What do we have/need in Obscore for discovering time series data?



ObsCore extension

- What should be added ?
 - Time Support (when do we have significant observation)
 - Time Support summary (min/max of « parts »)
 - Time sampling frequency, or frequency bounds
 - Time sample width bounds
 - Extend o_* domain : what is varying with time and how much ?



Data Access

- Assuming a representation/serialisation solution is completed
- 1) Full retrieval of archived TimeSeries
- 2) Interface (= « SODA ») to retrieve a « built on the fly » « Time Series » with a given :
 - Time range
 - Time resolution, sampling frequency
 - Representation, format

