

Toward a PyVO API for MANGO

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bsipocz added `feature request` `question` labels on 9 Apr



tomdondaldson commented

<https://github.com/astropy/astroquery/issues/2036#issuecomment-839820679>

@gilleslandais Where this sort of functionality belongs is an interesting question.

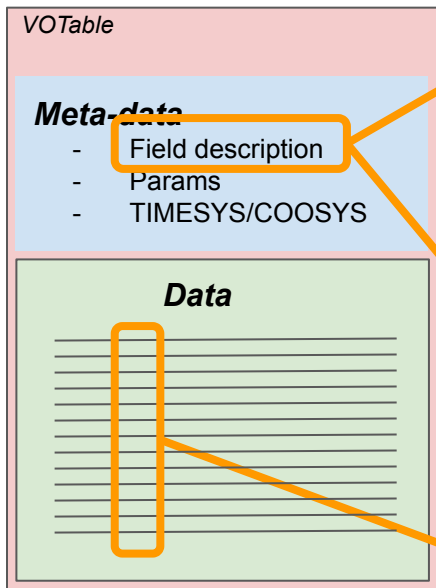
- As @bsipocz said, the fundamental VOTable parsing (and writing) happens in `astropy.io.votable`.
- The `pyvo` package depends on `astropy` and implements some value-added features for querying using various standards which includes some semantics and assumptions about the VOTable results based on the standard used in the query. It also has a more robust representation of the VOTable itself which might be amenable to Mango metadata.
- Then `astroquery` depends on `pyvo` for its TAP and DataLink features.

It's clear that anything that is a VO standard should either be in `astropy.io.votable` or `pyvo`. Which of those is the best place is still an interesting question and will likely depend on the feature, and how fundamental it is to VOTable I/O.

For features that are specific to a data provider and will likely never be standard, then `astroquery` may be the most sensible place for the feature.

For features that are in between, i.e., working towards becoming a standard, then it's less clear, but again will depend on the feature. For example, with Mango, even with a desire to keep the functionality modularly separate from `astropy.io.votable`, that module will likely still need updates to accept the new metadata. That said, `pyvo` seems like a better sandbox for progressing a standard than `astroquery` where possible.

PyVO API at a Glance



```
results = tap_service.search("SELECT TOP 10 * FROM ivoa.obscore")
```

```
results.fieldnames|
```

```
('dataprodut_type', 'dataprodut_subtype', 'calib_level', 'obs_collection',  
'obs_id', 'obs_title', 'obs_publisher_did', 'obs_creator_did',  
'access_url', 'access_format', 'access_estsize', 'target_name',  
'target_class', 's_ra', 's_dec', 's_fov', 's_region', 's_resolution',  
't_min', 't_max', 't_exptime', 't_resolution', 'em_min', 'em_max',  
'em_res_power', 'o_ucd', 'pol_states', 'facility_name', 'instrument_name',  
's_xel1', 's_xel2', 't_xel', 'em_xel', 'pol_xel', 's_pixel_scale',  
'em_ucd', 'preview', 'source_table')
```

```
results.getdesc("access_url")
```

```
<FIELD ID="access_url" arraysize="*" datatype="char" name="access_url" ucd  
="meta.ref.url" utype="obscore:access.reference"/>
```

```
for row in results:  
    print(row["s_ra"])
```

```
354.464679166665  
354.464679166665  
354.464679166665  
354.471533333334  
354.471533333334
```

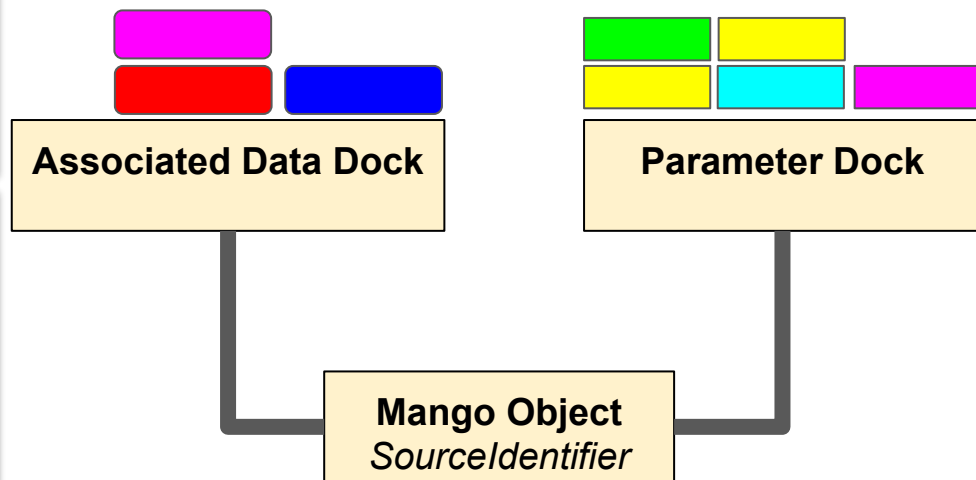
MANGO: a Container Model

What a MANGO object is

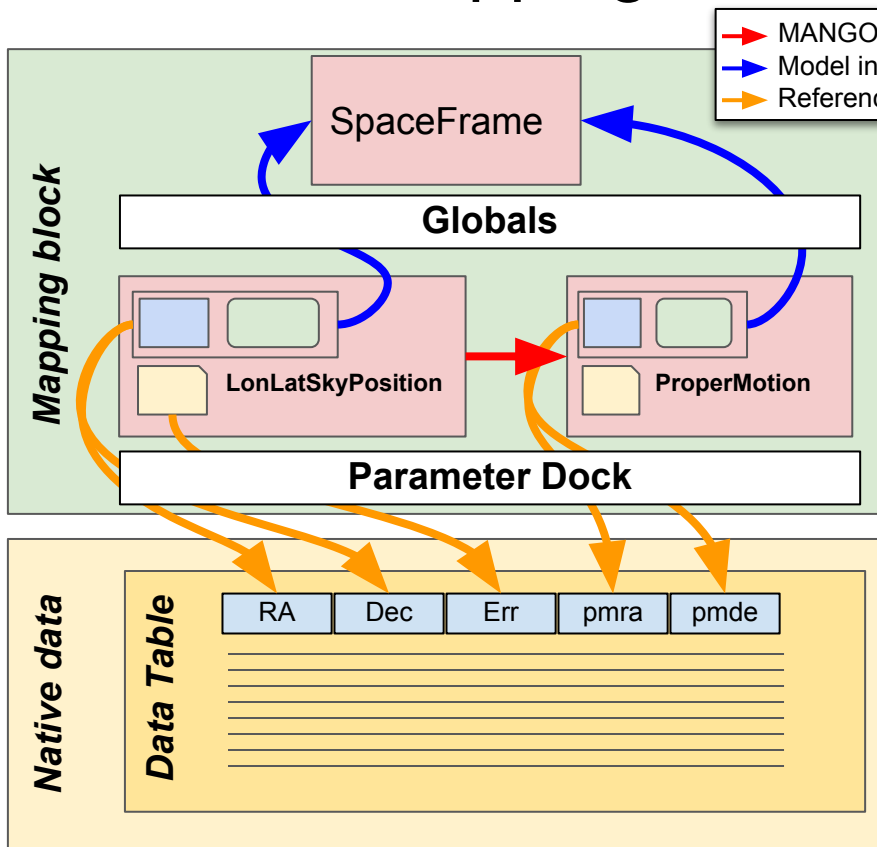
- One **identifier**
- An unbounded set of **Parameters**
 - Set of simple values (string or numerical)
- A unbounded set of **associated data**
 - Detections, spectra, link to paper...

What MANGO is for

- Providing a more **elaborate** schema for **meta data**
 - Explicit association **value-errors**
 - Elaborate description of **coordinate systems**
 - How **table data relate** each to other
 - How data of different tables are **joined**
- providing **common path** to consume elaborate meta-data



MANGO Mapping



- MANGO Mapping block: an **elaborate view** on the **meta-data**

- Bridge connecting FIELDS with model leaves
- Complete native meta-data
- Show how different elements are nested or connected

- **Suitable mapping design**

- Mapping blocks have the same scope as mapped meta-data
- Explicit connection with FIELDS
- It can be consumed by an API very similar to the regular on

Getting the list of the Mapped MANGO Parameters

MANGO Mapping of table "Results"

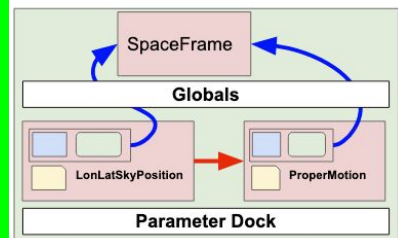


Table "Results"

Meta-data

- Field description
- Params
- TIMESYS/COOSYS

Data


```
mango_browser = MangoBrowser(votable_path)
mango_parameter_list = mango_browser.get_parameter_list()
```

```
[
"#0 meta.id;meta.main",
"#1 pos",
"#2 phot.flux",
"#3 phot.flux",
"#4 phot.flux",
"#5 phot.flux",
"#6 phot.flux",
"#7 phot.flux;arith.ratio",
"#8 phot.flux;arith.ratio",
"#9 phot.flux;arith.ratio",
"#10 phot.flux;arith.ratio",
"#11 time.duration;obs.exposure",
"#12 time;obs.start",
"#13 meta.code.qual"
]
```

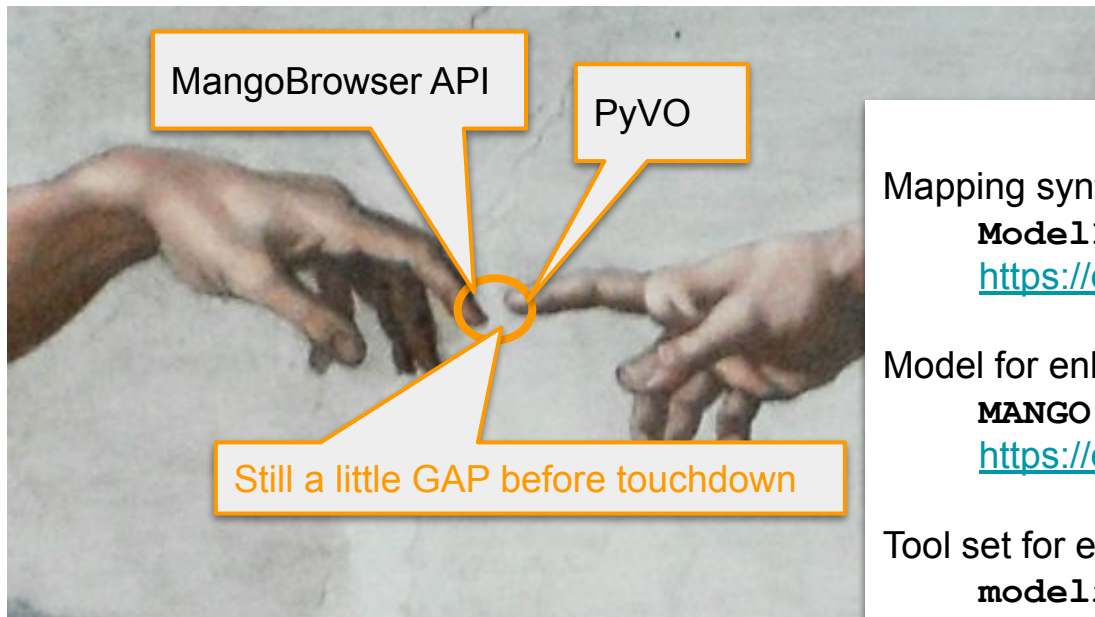
A MANGO parameter can include several columns

- e.g. ra, dec, error

AstroPy/MangoBrowser Similarities

PyVO ResultSet		MangoBrowser	
<code>fieldnames</code>	Name list	<code>get_parameter_list()</code>	Identifier list
<code>getdesc(fieldname)</code>	<FIELD> instance	<code>get_parameter(param_id)</code>	Complete parameter description in a Python dictionary
Iterate on <code>row[fieldname]</code>	List of individual values	<code>get_data_by_key(param_id)</code>	List of value vectors Implementing an iterator would be easy

Here we Are



Mapping syntax proposal:

ModelInstanceInVot

<https://github.com/ivoa-std/ModelInstanceInVot>

Model for enhancing meta-data:

MANGO

<https://github.com/ivoa-std/MANGO>

Tool set for exercising data annotation

modelinstanceinvot-code

<https://github.com/ivoa/modelinstanceinvot-code>

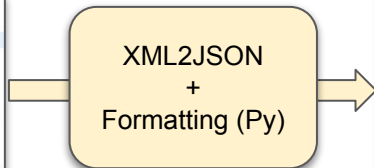
Backup

API: Proof of Concept

- Non normative: based on dictionaries
 - Easy to process on many languages
 - Model roles used as keys

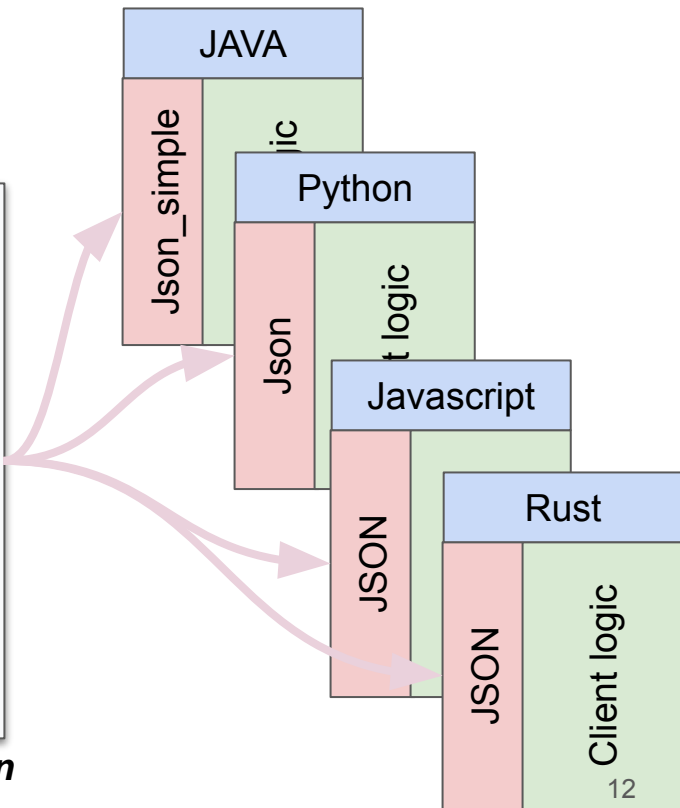
```
<INSTANCE dmrole="mango:Parameter.measure"
  dntype="mango:Parameter">
  <ATTRIBUTE dmrole="mango:Parameter.semantic"
    dntype="ivoa:string" value="#position" />
  <ATTRIBUTE dmrole="mango:Parameter.ucd"
    dntype="ivoa:string" value="pos.eq;meta.main" />
  <ATTRIBUTE dmrole="mango:Parameter.description"
    dntype="ivoa:string" value="this is the position" />
</INSTANCE dmrole="mango:Parameter.measure"
</INSTANCE>
```

XML mapping block



```
"#1_pos": {
  "coord_type": "mango:stcextend.LonLatPoint",
  "coords:SpaceFrame": {
    "@ID": "SpaceFrame_ICRS",
    "@dntype": "coords:SpaceFrame",
    "coords:SpaceFrame.equinox": {
      "@dntype": "coords:Epoch",
      "@value": "NoSet"
    },
    "coords:SpaceFrame.refPosition": {
      "@dntype": "coords:StoreLocation",
      "coords:StoreLocation.position": {
        "@dntype": "ivoa:string",
        "@value": "NoSet"
      }
    },
    "coords:SpaceFrame.spaceRefFrame": {
      "@dntype": "ivoa:string",
      "@value": "ICRS"
    },
    "coosys_type": "coords:SpaceFrame",
    "description": "Corrected position",
    "error_type": "meas:Error",
    "mango:stcextend.LonLatSkyPosition": {
      "field:latitude": {
        "id": "_dec_147",
        "index": 1
      },
      "field:longitude": {
        "id": "_ra_146",
        "index": 0
      }
    },
    "meas:Error": {
      "field:meas:Symmetrical.radius": {
        "id": "_poserr_148",
        "index": 2
      },
      "unit": "NotSet"
    },
    "measure_type": "mango:stcextend.LonLatSkyPosition",
    "semantic": "position.corrected",
    "ucd": "pos"
  },
},
```

JSON serialization
Keys are DM roles



API: Output keep connected to native data

Extracting a position from MANGO annotation

```
mango_data = mango_browser.get_data(measure_type="mango:stcextend.LonLatSkyPosition")  
DictUtils.print_pretty_json(mango_data)
```

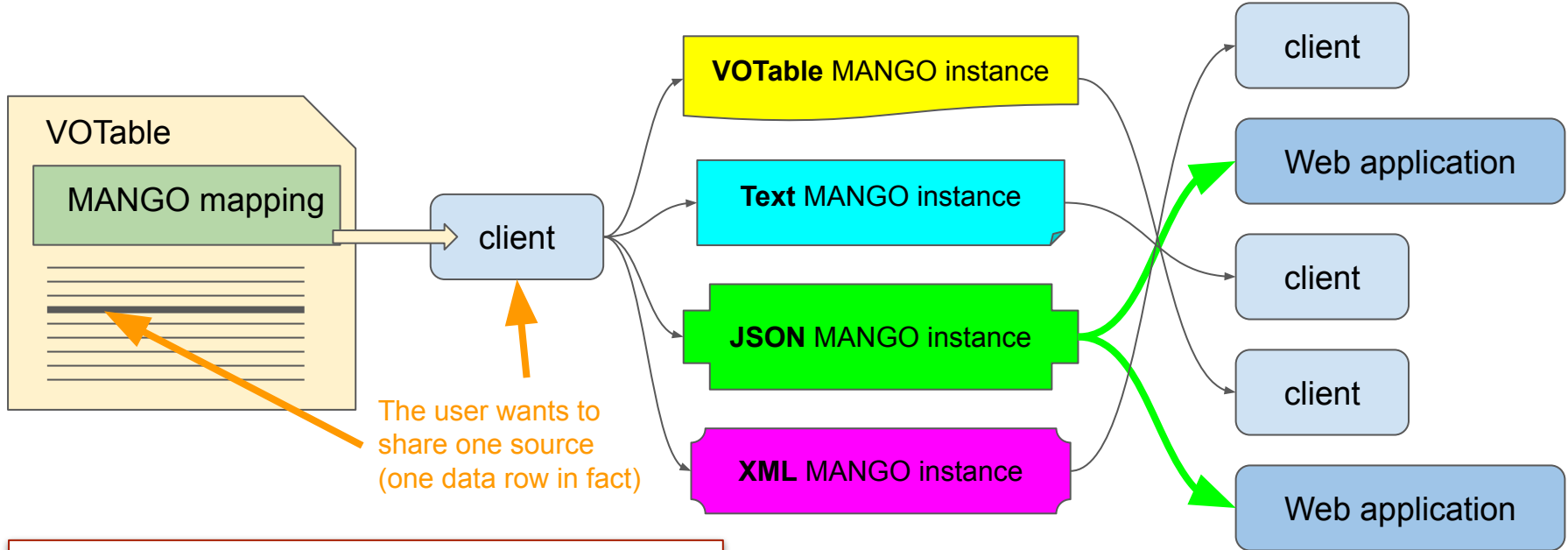
```
{  
  "data": [  
    [ 340.91055060369,  
      -17.071667101891,  
      1.50765 ]  
  ],  
  "head": [  
    "field:longitude [#1 pos]",  
    "field:latitude [#1 pos]",  
    "error: field:meas:Symmetrical.radius [#1 pos]"  
  ],  
  "selected_index": [  
    0,  
    1,  
    2  
  ]  
}
```

Sky position read (limited here to one row)

Model attribute references
Labels can be used as keys to get more information

VOTable column Indices

Sharing MANGO instances



The user wants to share one source (one data row in fact)

- o Using an **integrated model** facilitate the data sharing (e.g.SAMP) with **different serialisation** modes
- o **Less easy** with **sparse model components**