

SIAP2-next and Simple Dataset Access

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SIAP2 feedback

A bit of history

- Feedback on mailing list + presentations in Victoria, College Park , Paris + IVOAO note « recent DAL protocol feedback in 2018 »+ May 2020 virtual interop + DAL running meetings and github
- SIAP2.0 adopted 2015/12/23 (5.5 years!!!)
- Services :
 - SIAP2 services at CADC, GAVO, NED, INAF, CASDA, ALMA,ASTRON etc. (generally Parameter server-side interface to ObsTAP)
 - Others ?
- Clients :
 - SIAP2/SODA client functionality in Aladin Desktop since Aladin 10
 - PyVO interface last year
 - TOPCAT has SIA1 and SIA2
 - FireFly
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SIAP2 feedback

Where it can be discussed ?

- SIA on GitHub : <https://github.com/ivoa-std/SIA/>
- SIA source was in OpenOffice
- → SIA1.0 ported to ivaotex
- → PR pushed to github (yesterday .. Ooof!!)
- → soon available for new issues and PR
- Discussion possible on the IVOA wiki too

https://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/SIAP-2_0-Next



IVOA Simple Image Access
Version 2.0

IVOA Recommendation 2015-12-23

Working group
Data Access Layer Working Group

This version
<http://www.ivoa.net/documents/SIA/20151223>

Latest version
<http://www.ivoa.net/documents/SIA>

Previous versions

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SIA github issues

10 Open ✓ 0 Closed

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extension of SIA-style protocol usage outside the image/cube "camp"

#10 opened on 13 May by Bonnarel

It is not possible to query SIA services by MOC

#9 opened on 11 May by Bonnarel

SIA2 cannot discover rebinned data like SIA1 was able to do

#8 opened on 8 May by Bonnarel

Possible confusion between FORMAT and RESPONSEFORMAT parameter

#7 opened on 8 May by Bonnarel

1 shot discovery (and then access) to cutouts was possible in SIA1 but no more in SIA2

#6 opened on 8 May by Bonnarel

POS=RANGE examples inconsistent with spec

#5 opened on 7 May by pdowler

input PARAMETERS values are case sensitive

#4 opened on 7 May by Bonnarel

NO Wild-carding of the input PARAMETERS values exists

#3 opened on 7 May by Bonnarel

No input PARAMETER exists to select the RELEASE DATE

#2 opened on 7 May by Bonnarel

input PARAMETERS with limited list of values : better description

#1 opened on 7 May by Bonnarel

SIA2 errata

- POS=RANGE examples inconsistent with spec (Pat Dowler)

The spec clearly states that RA is in [0,360] and DEC is in [-90,90] but some POS=RANGE ... examples use -Inf and +Inf (probably copied the idea from use of open ended intervals in other params).

- Possible confusion between FORMAT and RESPONSEFORMAT parameter to be clarified (Alberto Micol)

- Clarify that the RESPONSEFORMAT is the format of the service response, FORMAT is the one of the described datasets

- Typo in 1.3

«COLLECTION and FACILITY currently provide query parameters provide selection on service defined set of strings. »



SIAP2 parameters: availability of list of possible values

Several SIAP2.0 parameters have a limited list of possible values

- Some have lists limited by protocol (and obscure)
 - POL (Stokes, LINEAR, etc..)
 - DPTYPE (image, cube, visibility, timeseries ;..)
 - CALIB : levels
 - FORMAT : fits, jpeg , png, etc..
- Some have free string values
 - COLLECTION (HST, WISE, etc...), FACILITY (VLT, Keck, Chandra), INSTRUMENT (ACS, MEGACAM, etc.)
- PARAMETERS less useful if we have no prior idea of their possible values. **This information is often missing in services**

Proposal to change MAY in SHOULD or MUST in the sentence below :

Question : how do we retrieve that ? Query without parameter ? MAXREC=0 ? Other ?

2.1.20 Service PARAMETER self description

Any service may include a DataLink [8] service descriptor in the VOTable output to describe itself. This descriptor would describe the supported query parameters (standard and custom), including list of values for those with a fixed list (e.g. COLLECTION, INSTRUMENT, FACILITY, DPTYPE, CALIB, and FORMAT).



Lack of release_date parameter (PyVO / CADC)

- ObsCore has an optional release date parameter.
- SIAP2 doesn't provide corresponding QUERY PARAMETER
- If we add it how do we manage PARAMETERS for querying on optional content ?



Lack of flexibility
on parameter value « style »
(PyVO /CADC)

STRING QUERY PARAMETER don't allow wild carding or incompleteness.

--> things like COLLECTION = HST_* not allowed

- Is there a price to pay to add it ?
- How to do it ? Wild cards ?

STRING QUERY PARAMETER are case sensitive only

- Is there a price to pay to allow it?
- How to do it ? Case sensitive queries should remain also.



SIAP 2 Discovery and access :

SIAP1 versus SIAP2 : virtual data versus axis completion

- SIAP1 had « cutout » and « mosaic » modes beside « archive » mode
 - 1 shot before access but only spatial
- We now have :
 - SIAP2.0 or ObsTAP
 - + SODA : for cutouts only (all axes)
 - +DataLink (Service descriptor and/or {links} table)
 - → 2 shots before access (instead of 1)



SIAP 2 Discovery and access :

SIAP1 versus SIAP2 : virtual data versus axis completion

- perfectly possible to provide functionality by replacing the full retrieval or datalink url in « access_url » by a SODA url.
 - SODA URL parameters are similar to SIA ones.
 - When SIA Parameters values constrain the discovery, SODA parameters force the cutout dimensions.
 - Could be extended to rebinning/reprojection (SODA evolution in parallel)
 - See Hips2FITS SIA2 service in Aladin Desktop
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- How do we distinguish « archive mode » from « virtual data » mode ?



Other features planned in the 2.0 spec introduction

- Full metadata (cube-DM-oriented) endpoint
→ depends on cube-DM achievement. When ?
- FACILITY and INSTRUMENT match with a standardized vocabulary
→ some work has been done, but
- Extension of Query interface to other Datatypes
→ next slides



Extending allowed dataproduct_type (1) relaxing

- Currently limited to « image » and « cube »
- Why not relaxing this ?
 - No real issue for timeseries, spectra
 - Visibilities and event lists ? Definition of datasets and raws may be difficult (see JIVE/CDS discussion)
 - Measurement/catalog:its' not SCS or source-TAP. It's discovering catalogs as a whole



Extending allowed dataproduct_type (2) using extensions

- More detailed specific extensions :
 - TimeDomain (see previous talk : DAL TimeSeries Discovery and access)
 - Radio/Interferometry (see DAL/DM)
 - Spectra ????
 - → spectral resolution bounds ?
 - → sed versus standard spectra
 - → spectropolarimetry ?
 - ????
- If we have query parameters for these extensions what would be the behavior when we query that on a simple SIA service?
- Like for « null » mandatory parameters or just ignore it ?



Extending allowed dataproduct_type

(3) how do we call it and register it

- Just call it SIA 2 and see what happen in case we lack extension parameters ?
- Different capabilities for the same service/standard ?
- Different names ? SVA ? STA ? SSA 2 ?
(different standard-id too)
- Change the name (and the standard root) to SD(ataset)A ?

