



VIRTUAL ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY

# SED Data Model – Oct2012 WD

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# SED Data Model

- Data Model Architecture

- SpectralDM (generic; includes Observation, Char, etc.)
  - Spectrum
  - PhotometryPoint
  - **SED**
  - TimeSeries (proposed/planned)
  - Image?

- SED

- Top level Dataset class in DAL/DM architecture
- Can search for SEDs with ObsTAP, find SED services in registry
  - ObsTAP: dataproduct\_type="SED"



# SED Data Model

- SED Dataset or Object
  - Generic Dataset metadata inherited from SpectralDM
    - and thus from Observation, Char, Photometry, etc.
  - SED-specific Dataset metadata
  - Data element metadata (uniform SED)
  
- Data Elements
  - Data for Uniform SED
  - Data for Aggregate SED
  - Either or both may be present



# SED-Defined Dataset Metadata

## 3.5.1 Dataset Metadata

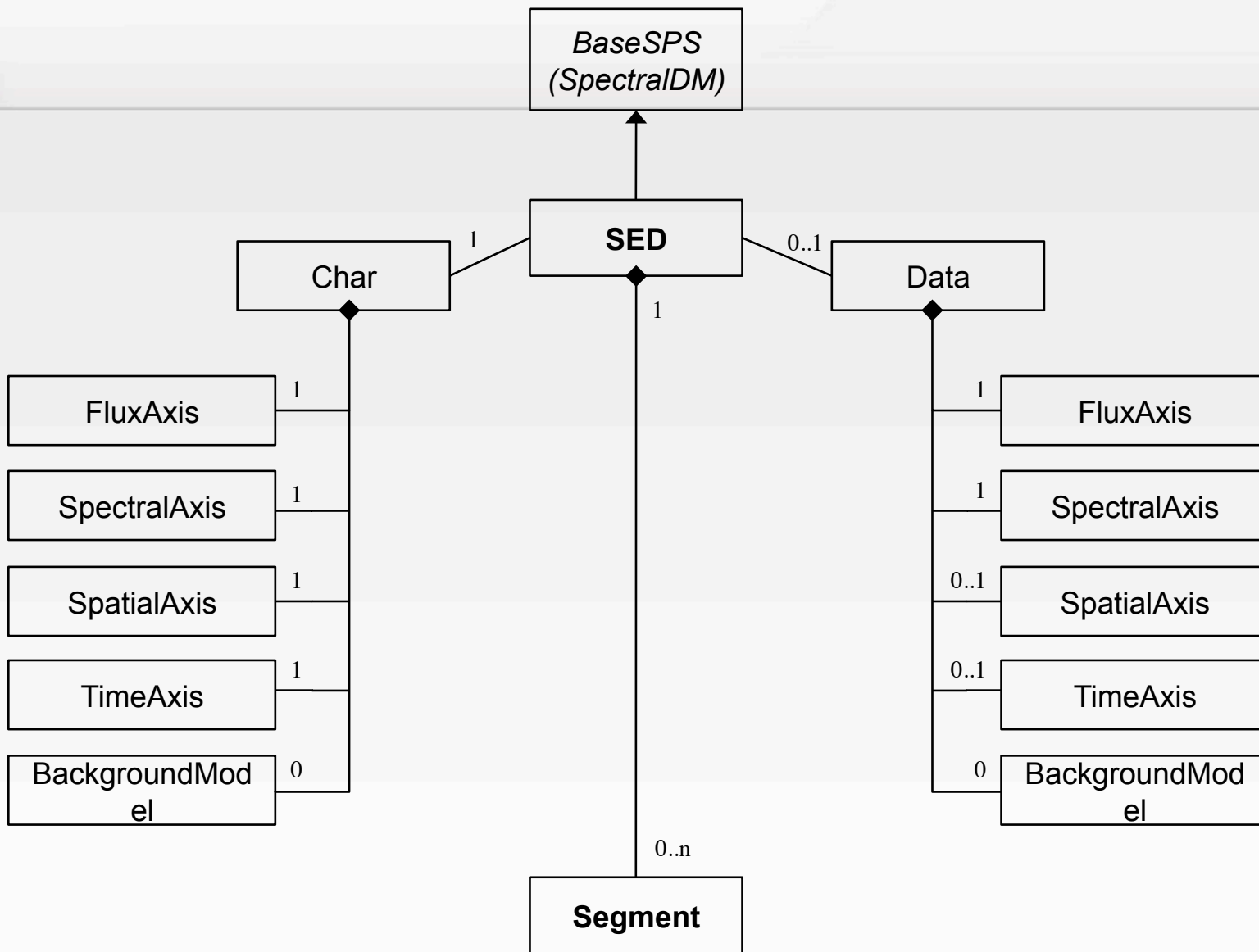
The SED object or dataset should include the following global UTypes in addition to those defined Spectral DM (mandatory SED dataset fields are shown in bold text).

<b>Dataset.dataModel</b>	"SED-1.0"
<b>Dataset.type</b>	"SED"
<b>Dataset.length</b>	Number of data points in the uniform SED
<b>SED.uniformSed</b>	Data for the uniform SED is included ("true" or "false")
<b>SED.aggregateSed</b>	Data for the aggregate SED is included ("true" or "false")
<b>SED.nSegments</b>	Number of segments in the aggregate SED
<b>SED.aggregateSedURI</b>	URI to aggregate SED if applicable (FITS keyword: SEDORIG)



# SED Data Model

- Uniform SED
  - Segment data transformed to uniform spectral/flux units
  - Stored in Data element of SED object
  - May or may not be rebinned/merged
  - Position, time are possible as columns
  - Can be viewed as a type of spectrum (client s/w permitting)
  
- Uniform SED Metadata
  - Provided in additional columns of Data table
  - SED-defined standard metadata
  - Metadata carried over from segments
  - Extension metadata, e.g. from SED builder algorithm
    - tells something about how a data point was derived

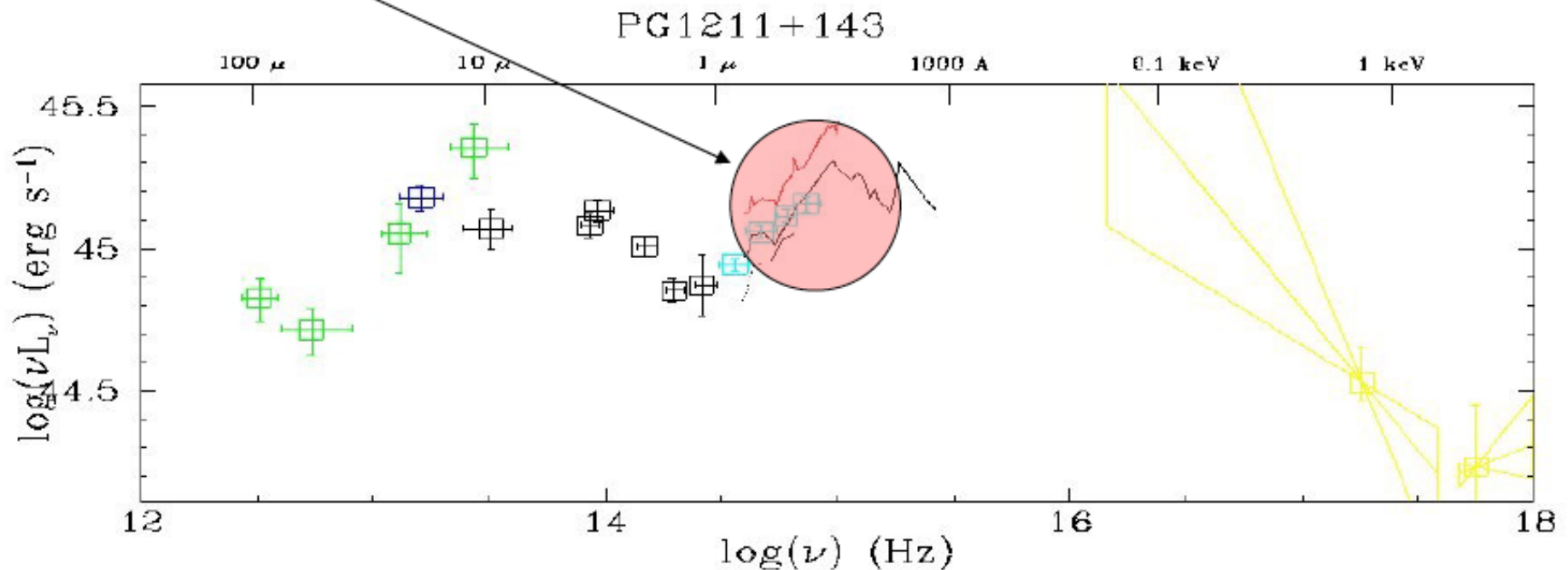


# The hard part: combining overlapping data (JCM, Nara 2010)

Overlapping spectra and photometry is a common situation

What is the SED flux value here?

Implication: uniform SED data points don't have a 1-1 mapping back to aggregate SED segments.



Name: Q1211+143  
 QSO Name: PG1211+143  
 Position: 12 11 44.8 14 19 53.0  
 Redshift: 0.0850 V mag: 14.63  
 NH value: 283.0  
 Sample: UV/WE/HL/EXO

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—	—	1980 Jun Bechtold et al. (1986)	Hale
—	—	1980 Jun Bechtold et al. (1986)	IPC
—	---	1983 --- Elvis et al. (1990)	IRAS
—	---	1985 May Elvis et al. (1990)	MTHopk(24in)
—	---	1986 Feb Elvis et al. (1990)	IRTF
—	---	1987 Feb RDAF	LWP10115
.....	---	1988 Sep Elvis et al. (1990)	MMT/FOGS



# Uniform SED Metadata

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<b>Data.segmentType</b>	One of "PhotometryPoint", "TimeSeries", "Spectrum", or "Composite".
<b>Data.segments</b>	The segment number, a comma-delimited list of segment numbers, or NULL if a more complex combination of segments are used to compute the given photometric value. The first segment of the aggregate SED is number one.
<b>Data.comments</b>	Additional information about the computed data value or segment.

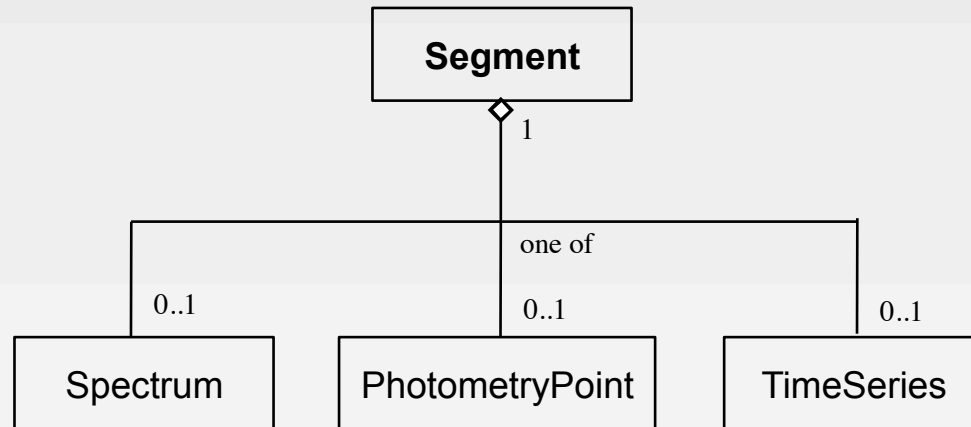




# SED Data Model

- Aggregate SED
  - Contains observations used to construct the SED
  - Each "segment" contains one such observation
  - Data for aggregate SED may be appended to SED dataset
    - pointing to an external object via URI also permitted
  - Segments
    - may or may not be VO compliant, or derived from SpectralDM

# Segment of Aggregate SED



Other segment types are possible in the future



# SED Serializations

- VOTable
  - Uniform SED very similar to Spectrum
  - Data for aggregate SEDs stored in additional table or resource elements
  
- FITS
  - Binary table used to serialize uniform SED
  - FITS extension mechanism may be used for segment data



# Issues

- Uniform SED
  - support for uniform vs binned; data overlaps
- Aggregate SED
  - support native data or only VO/SPM?
  - container mechanism not yet fully defined
- Metadata Extension
  - e.g. algorithm/process used to compute SED

