

Status of ObsCoreExtension for radio data : an IVOA working draft

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ObsCore extension motivation and status

- How to discover radio astronomy data ?
- ObsCore covers most of the description/discovery but ...
- ... miss some specificities. → motivates an extension
- Mature for a DM WG (will be sent on Friday)
- Discussion going on on the github repository :

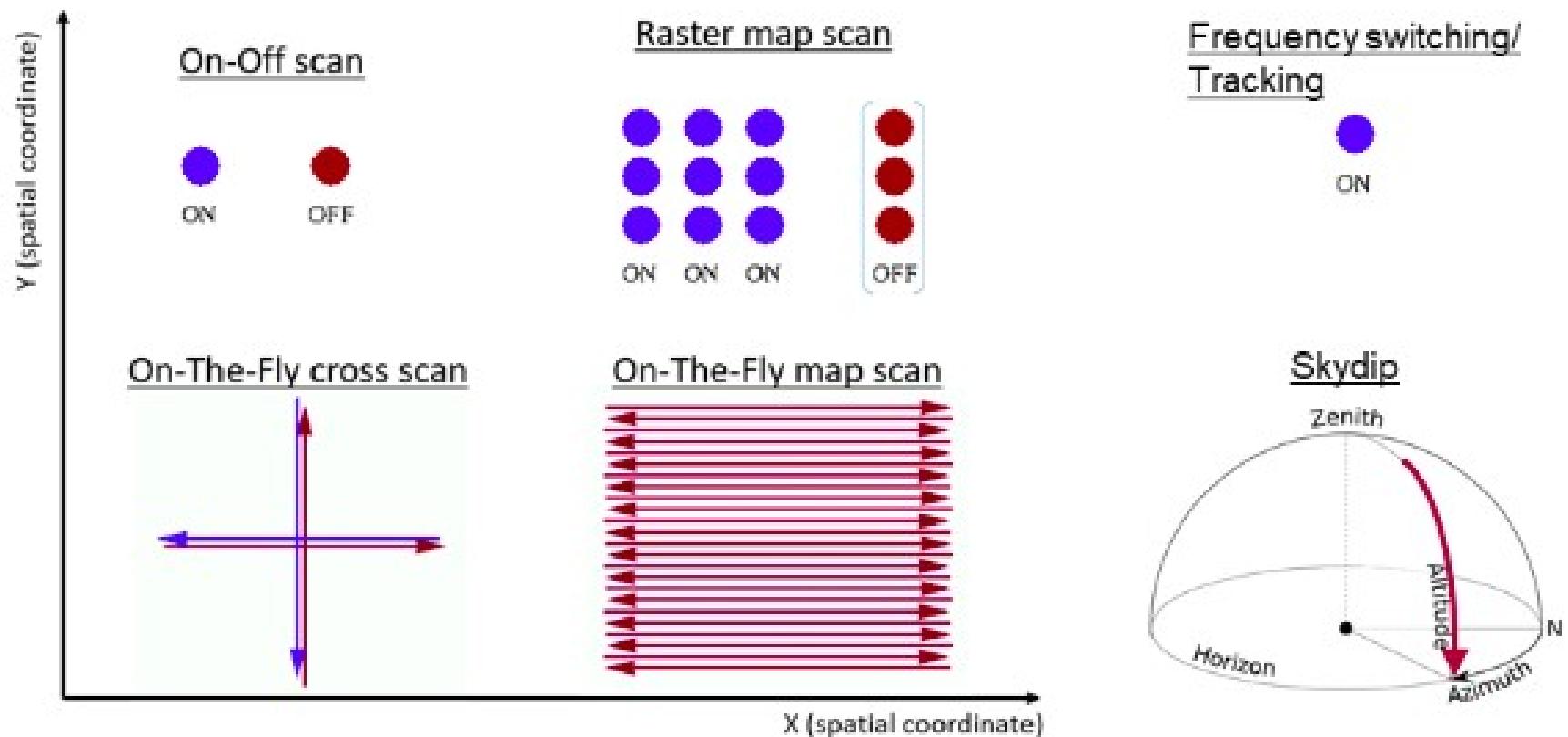
<https://github.com/ivoa-std/ObsCoreExtensionForRadioData/>

- Or the wiki page :
<https://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/ObsCoreExtensionForRadioData>
- Recent Running meeting (April 4th) :*
<https://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/RadioastronomyInterestGroupFifthVirtualMeeting>



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- Observation device : instrument type attribute beside instrument name
- Tracking mode (see obsloc tap) → added for radio ?
- Scan mode : adding
- Dataproduct type (or subtype) ? → should be about axis spanning



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Hot topics - f_min and f_max?

- Idea : have more radioastronomy friendly quantities in the response.
- Allow query on those.
- Alternative idea : define standard « user defined function »
→ Only work for ObsTAP . What about DAP (ex SIA) ?



ObsCore radio extension, hot topics – s_fov and s_resolution min and max

- The « field of view » and the « resolution » depend from the frequency.
- s_fov and s_resolution can only be « typical values »
- We need min and max for those
- But is s_fov the max value ? Or the mid_value ?
- Is s_resolution the best resolution or the mid value ?
- → Depends from data provider ?



ObsCore radio extension, hot topics – o_ucd

- What kind of ucd do we use for raw ADU ?
- For complexe voltage data ?
- Phot.count is not adapted (no photon counting) and neither is phot.flux***
- New ucds to be defined.



ObsCore radio extension, hot topics – uv plane characterisation

- Uv distance min and max : is that significant ?
Or do we use percentiles ?
- Uv filling factor : significant for a cube ? Or only
for slices ?
- Eccentricity of the uv coverage distribution.
- Use cases from Astron/JIVE



ObsCore radio extension, hot topics

- coverage maps, dirty beams...

- Add the links in the main extension table ?
→ allow to standardize name/ucd/utypes
- In the DataLink table ? But is « semantics » and « content_qualifier » enough to define such maps ?



ObsCore radio extension, hot topics

- how to declare extension in registry
- MODEL element in the capability as is done for ObsCore/ObsTAP ? But should be deprecated ?
- Use the table utype as in RegTAP for epn-tap, etc
- Inconsistencies between main ObsCore table and extensions.



Map Pulsar / FRB metadata to ObsCore

What kind of extension is needed (Radio / time domain)

<https://github.com/ivoa/PulsarRadioDataAccess>

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Add IRAM, GBT, SMA, ... upgrade previous descriptions

<https://github.com/ivoa/RadioVOImplementation>

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