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***VO-DML: a proposal for a consistent  
modelling language for IVOA data models***

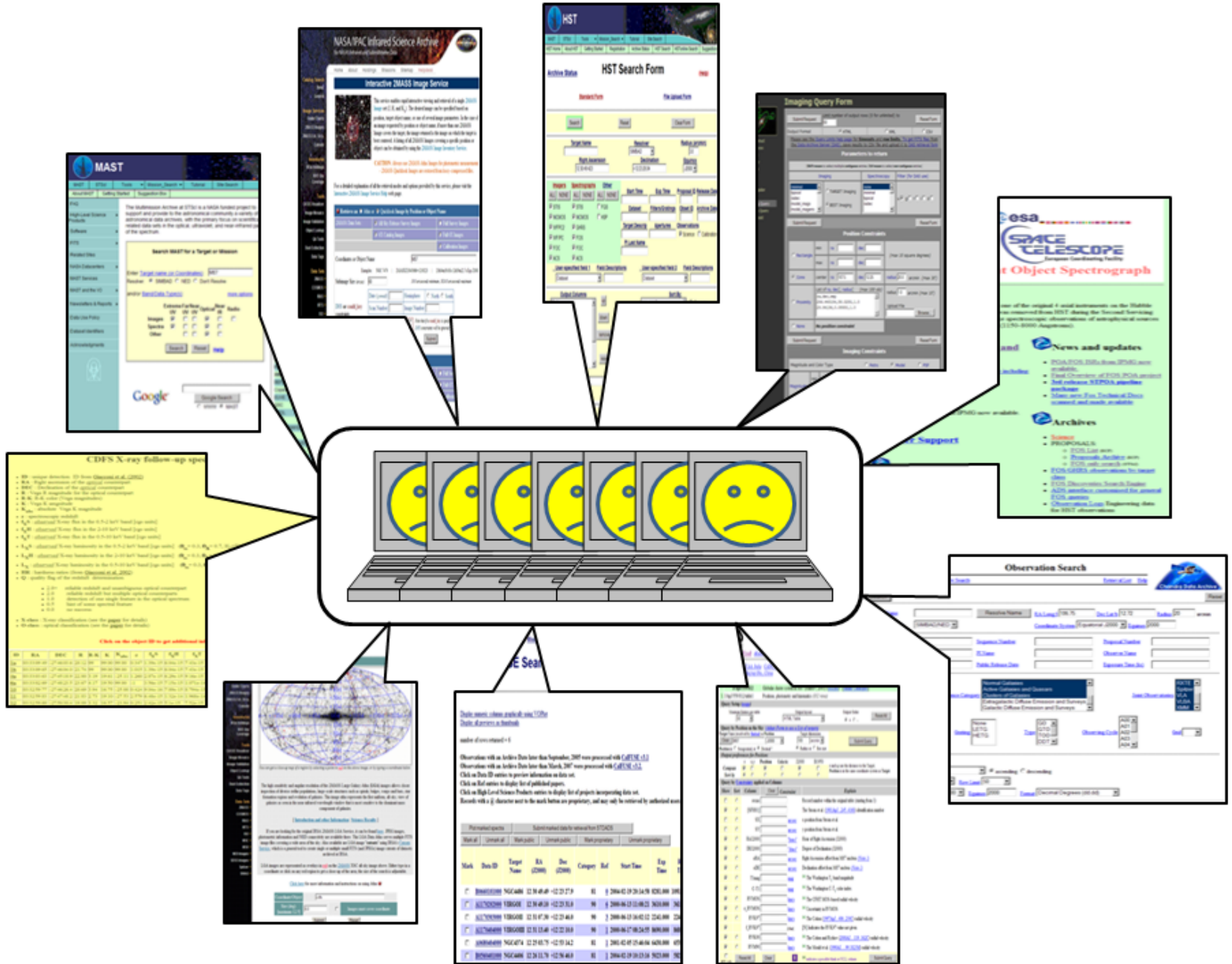
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**Why we need something like it,  
and why we need it for utypes**

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**UTYPEs tiger team**

# Goal of VO: resolve Babylonian confusion



**GALEX X-ray follow-up spectroscopy**

1. Input parameters: 1.78 mag (GALEX G235)  
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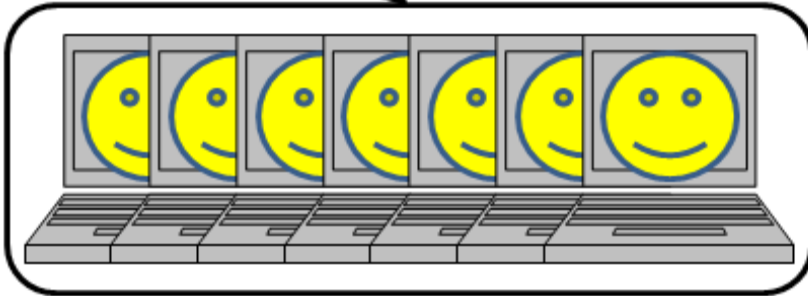
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# Where do data models come in?

Understanding common components in diverse data sets with.

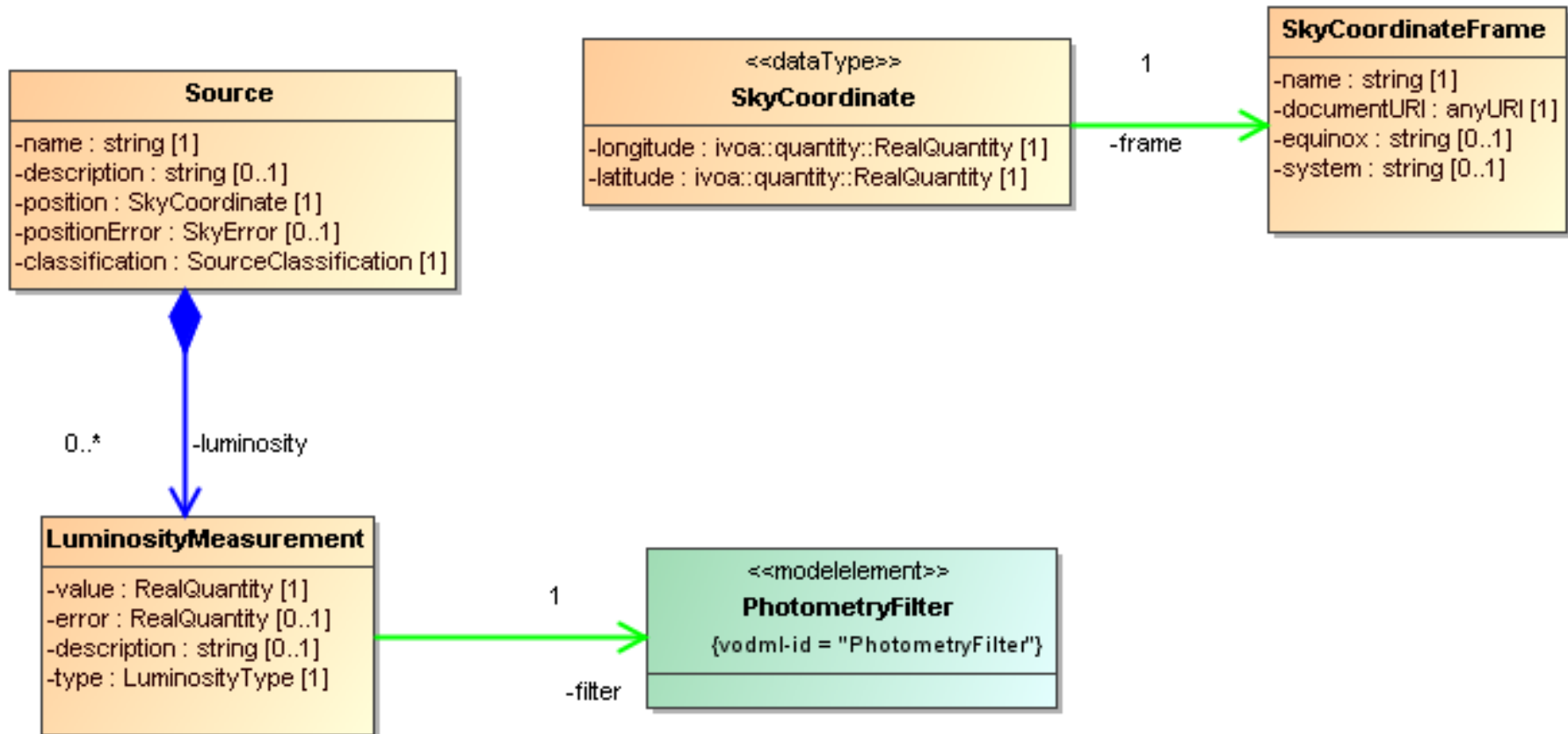
Posing correct and meaningful queries.

Understanding results.

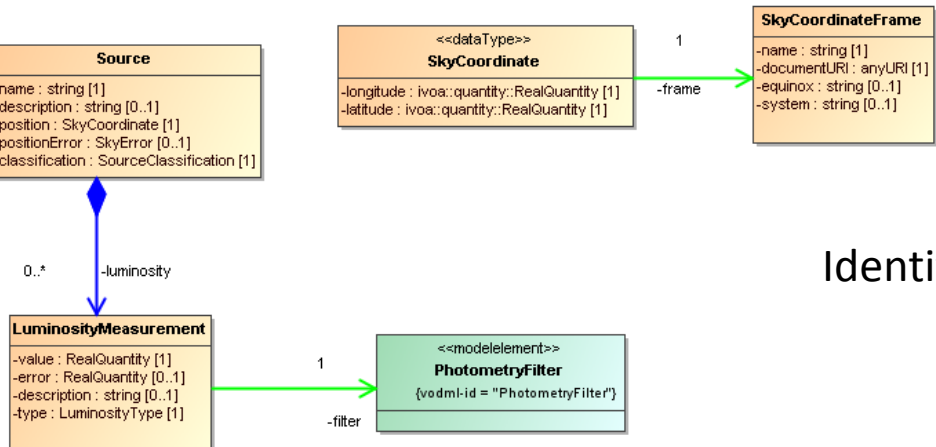
Understanding the world of the IVOA, its “universe of discourse”



# Simple Source model



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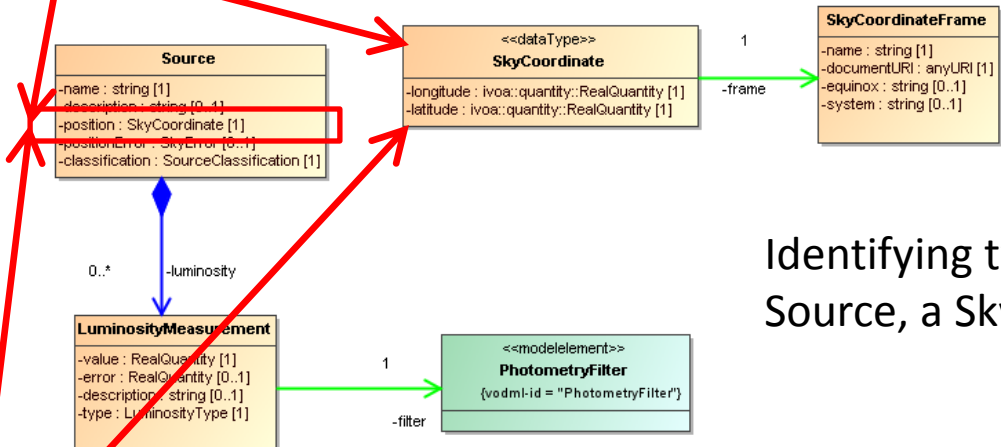


Identifying a row as a Source

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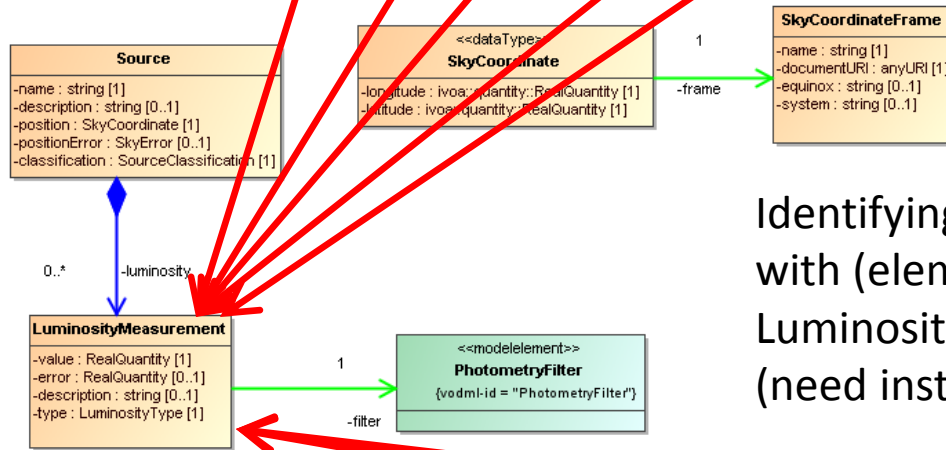
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Identifying magnitude+error columns with (elements in) the collection of LuminosityMeasurement-s of a Source. (need instance of PhotometryFilter!)

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10	00 00 08.740	-50 52 01.11	10 00 00 08.70	-50 52 01.5	-50 52 01.5	8.59	0.03625309	-50.86707360	10.76	42.23	40.02	1.10	9.140	0.011	8.630	0.010	0.489	8.6994	0.0020
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12	00 00 09.816	-35 57 36.81	12 00 00 09.82	-35 57 36.8	-35 57 36.8	8.43	0.04091756	-35.96022482	4.06	-5.99	-0.10	1.16	10.369	0.023	8.588	0.010	1.484	8.5598	0.0012
13	00 00 10.008	-22 35 40.94	13 00 00 10.00	-22 35 40.9	-22 35 40.9	8.80	0.04167970	-22.59468060	3.49	8.45	-10.07	1.48	10.216	0.026	8.887	0.014	1.128	8.9707	0.0017

All this and more is formalized in  
the UTYPE-mapping proposal.

See Omar's talk

Why VO-DML?

# Problem

- Utypes are pointers into a data model
  - need something to point at !
- Something that is
  - machine-readable
  - independent of the precise data model
  - rich enough to represent every aspect of data model
- Most DMs in IVOA do not have such a representation
  - generally a (word, pdf) document with UML-like diagrams
  - most formal representation generally an XML schema, designed differently, not necessarily representative of model
  - sometimes a table design (ObsTAP+ObsCore)
  - Generally a list of utypes , a (very) lossy representation of full DM

# Threat of new Babylonian confusion

	VOA SkyView Interface	1.01		1.01 1.00
DaM	Photometry DM	1.0	RFC	1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
	Simulation Data Model	1.0		1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
	Space-Time Coordinate Metadata for the Virtual Observatory (STC)	1.33		1.33 1.31 1.30 1.21 1.20 1.10 1.00
	Data Model for Astronomical DataSet Characterisation	1.13		1.13 1.12 1.12 1.11 1.10 1.00
	Simple Spectral Lines Data Model	1.0		1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
	IVOA Spectrum Data Model	1.1		1.1 1.1 1.1 1.03 1.02 1.01 1.01 1.01 1.00
	IVOA Spectral Data Model	2.0		2.0 2.0 2.0
	Observation Data Model Core Components and its Implementation in the Table Access Protocol	1.0		1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
	Characterisation DM: Complements and new features. Observation quality and variability - complex datasets		1.0	1.0
	VOA Web Service Basic Forms	1.0		1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
ReR	IVOA Identifiers	1.12		1.12 1.11 1.10 1.10 1.10 1.00
	IVOA Registry Interfaces	1.0		1.0 1.0 1.00 1.02 1.01 1.00
	Resource Metadata for the Virtual Observatory	1.12		1.12 1.12 1.10 1.10 1.01 1.01 1.00 1.00
	StandardsRegExt: a VOResource Schema Extension for Describing IVOA Standards	1.0		1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
	SimpleDALRegExt: Describing Simple Data Access Services	1.0	RFC	1.0 1.0 1.0
	VOResource: an XML Encoding Schema for Resource Metadata	1.03		1.03 1.02 1.02 1.01 1.00
	VODataService: a VOResource Schema Extension for Describing Collections and Services	1.1		1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.10
	IVOA Registry Relational Schema	1.0		1.0

# Propose:

## Common data modeling language

- Conceptual: **VO-DML**
  - simple subset of UML *Class Diagram* elements
- UML Profile: **VO-UML**
  - informative, “whiteboard language”
- Serialization format: **VO-DML/Schema**
  - XML schema + Schematron rules
  - MOF level 2 language
  - Similar to UML/XMI, RDF/RDF Schema, EMF/eCore, Odata/CSDL
- Serializations : **VO-DML/XML**
  - machine readable representation of actual models
  - contain the targets of utype-s
- See VO-DML WD-draft (in progress) for details

# Other advantages

- Formalizes reuse of existing Models and their contents
- Standardize serialization through meta-model mapping
  - to Java ✓
  - to HTML ✓
  - to VOTable via utypes ✓
  - to XSD and RDB ✓ (proof of concept in VO-URP)
  - to Python (soon)
  - ...
- Formal, rigorous definition
  - makes models more robust and easier to reuse
  - helps discover weaknesses
  - facilitates creation of prototype implementations and documentation through generation pipelines

# Anything missing?

Expressing data models in VO-DML  
(see DM session this afternoon)