

Evolution of Sensor-Based Data Services for Collaborative Research

Enabling Dynamic Assessment of Data through Web Services

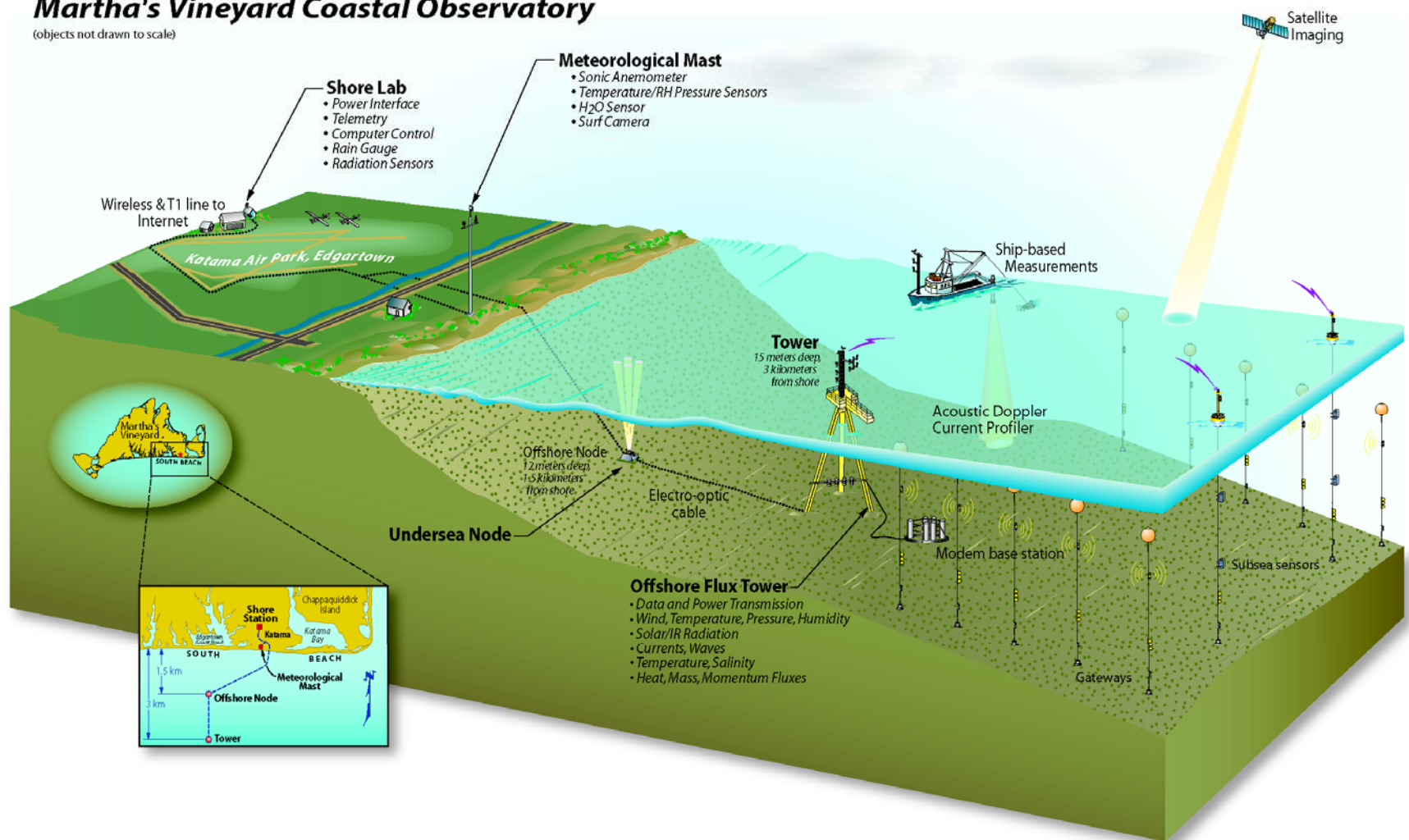
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Martha's Vineyard Coastal Observatory

(objects not drawn to scale)

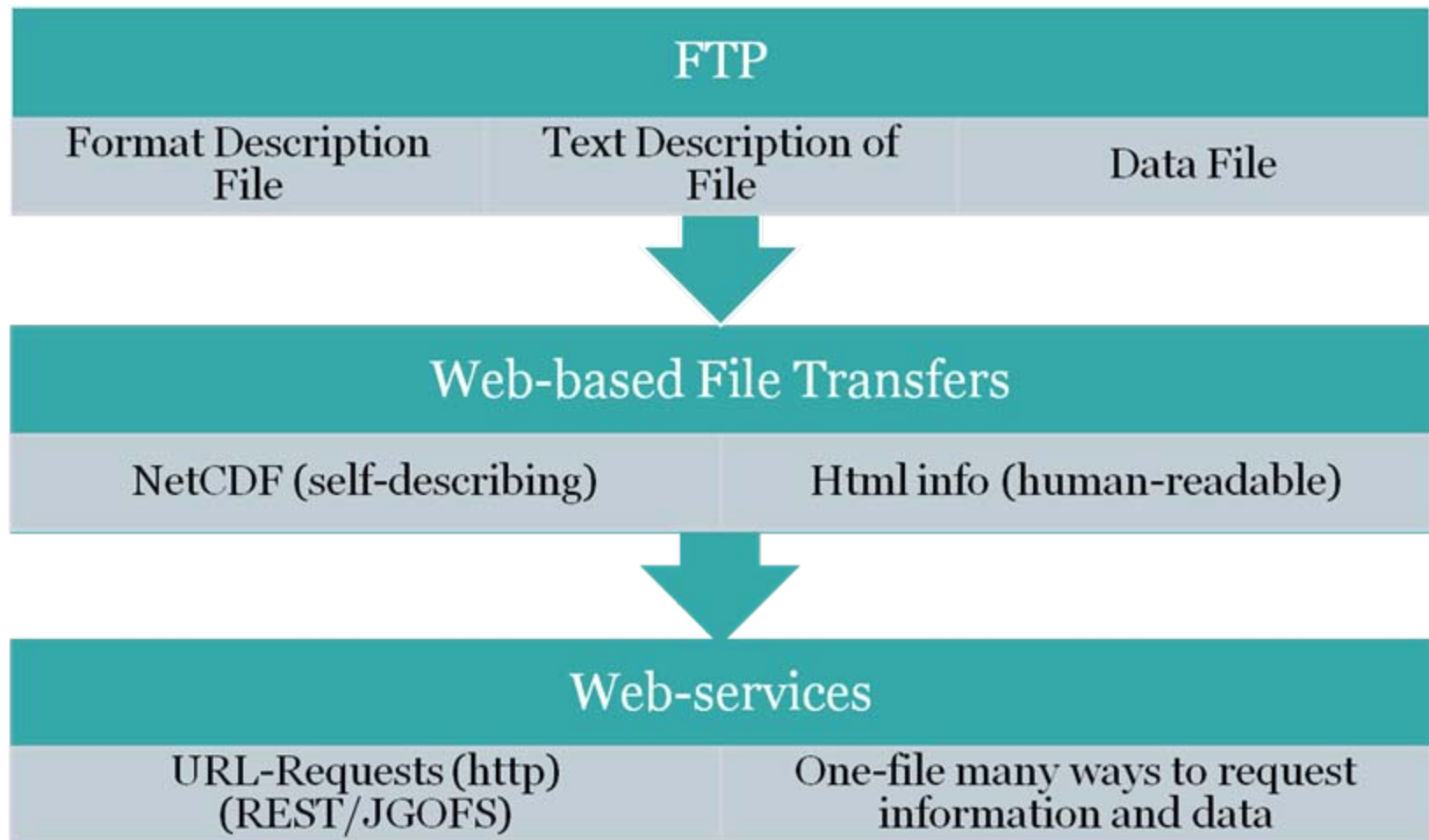


Sensor -> TCP/IP
since 2001

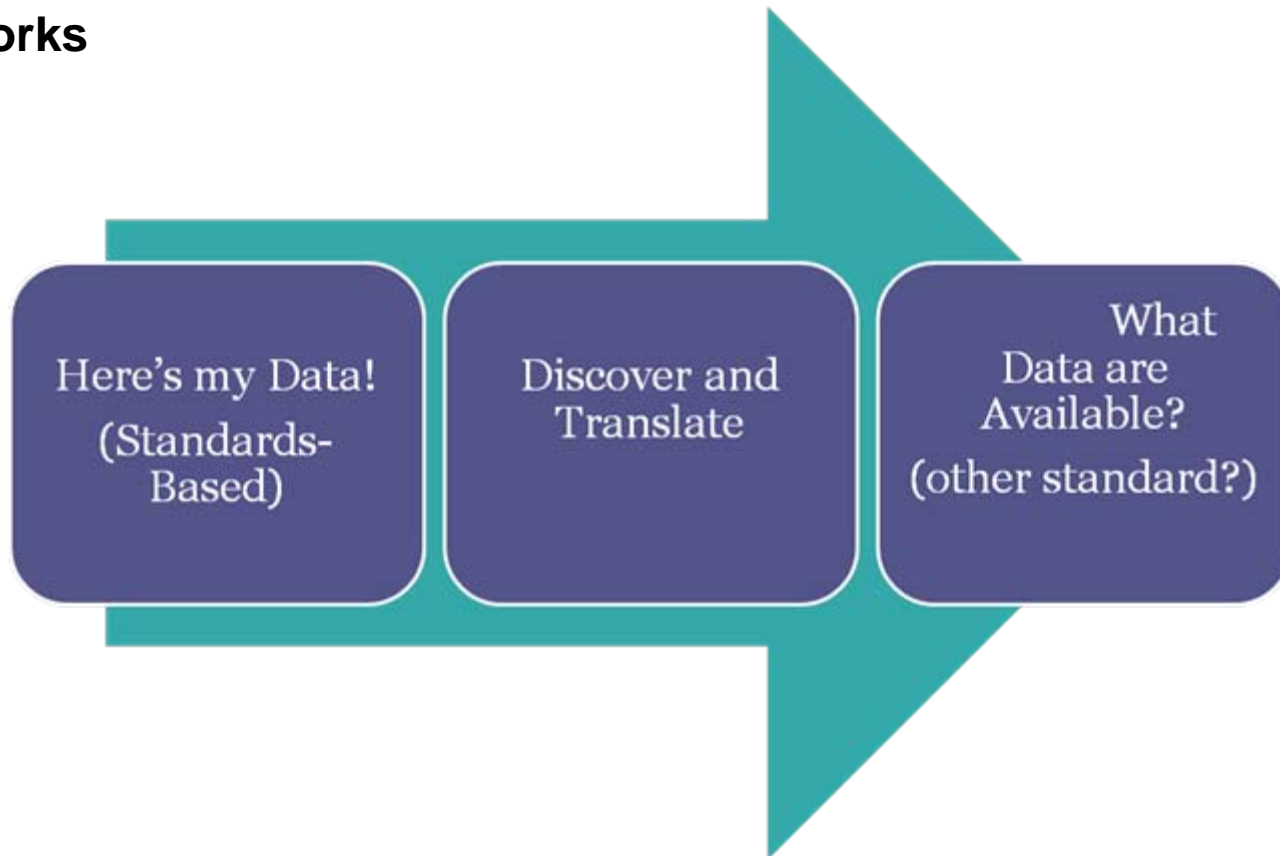
Several Research Projects each year

- Tools have helped in communication needed to coordinate interdisciplinary research
(Google Docs/Google Earth/ Plone/Drupal)
- Share core real-time data
(with supported research and the world)
Wind, RH, Air Pressure, Solar/IR Radiation
Waves, *in situ* Currents, CTD, water depth

Transformation over past 15-20 years: working with colleagues -> working with others in your community -> the world!

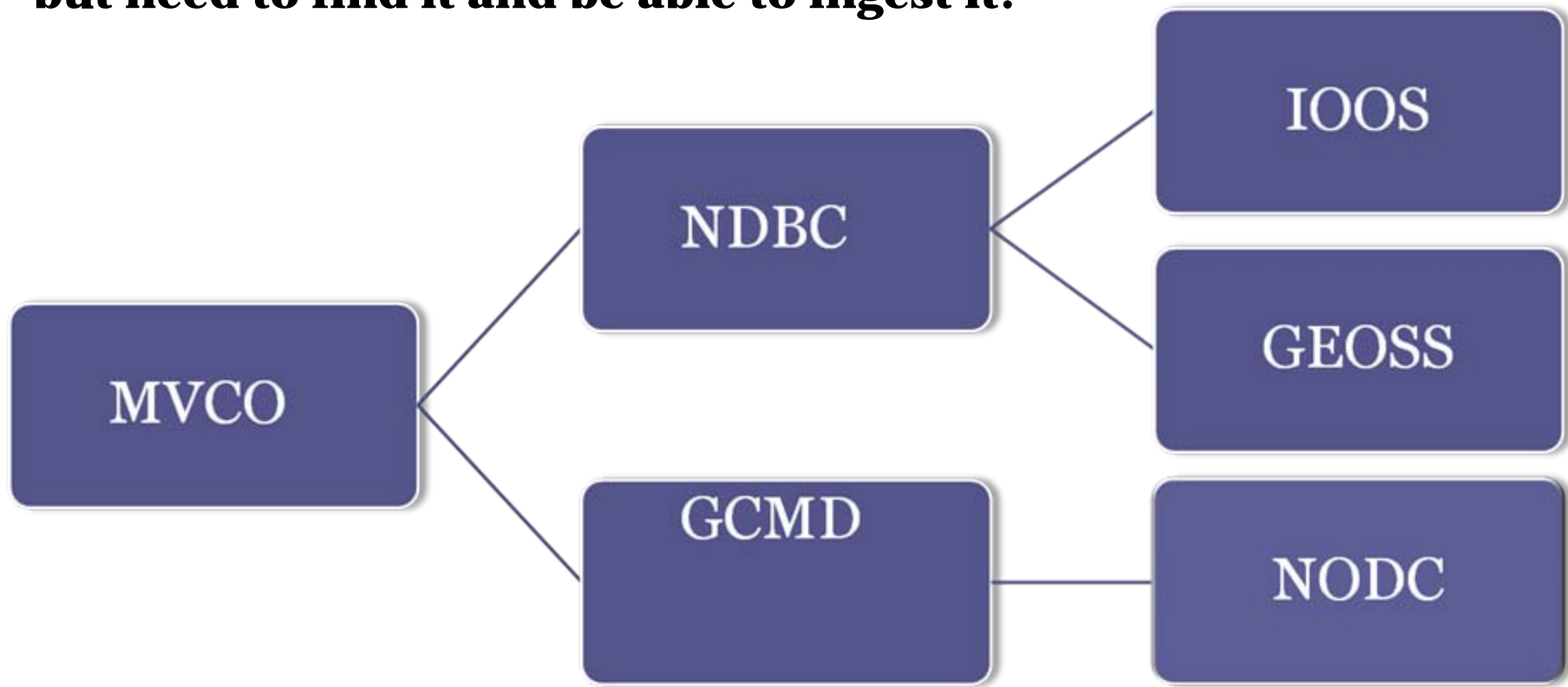


Adhere to Standards-based Frameworks



DATA PROVIDER makes data available in internationally adopted standards-based framework ...

**DATA COLLECTORS know what data they want ...
but need to find it and be able to ingest it!**



CHOICES! OOSTethys (made it easy to get started 2006 ... provide guides and templates with SOS)

- Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)
 - standards-based, geo-enable the web(strict rules -> easy translations between frameworks)
- Sensor Web Enablement (SWE) – most earth observations are based on sensor-derived properties with processing history
(non-domain specific framework ...
enables interdisciplinary research)

Sensor Web Enablement provides
..... Sensor and Process Lineage

Sensor Observation Service (SOS) delivers
services via constructed URL requests
(defines service and parameters)
providing subscription service and enabling
interoperability through web services which are
OS agnostic!

REAL-TIME DATA

24/7 PREDICTIONS

RETROSPECTIVES

MODELING TEST BED

GUIDES & RESOURCES

Real-Time Data

Sea Surface Temperature

OGC Sensor Web

Conceptual Design

System Architecture

DATA PROVIDERS

- [AOOS](#)
- [COMPS/USF](#)
- [COMPUSULT](#)
- [CeNCOOS](#)
- [CenGOOS - GCOOS](#)
- [DISL - GCOOS](#)
- [GoMOOS](#)
- [MBARI](#)
- [MVCO](#)
- [NANOOS](#)
- [NASA](#)
- [NOAA / NDBC](#)
- [NOAA / NOS](#)
- [TABS TAMU](#)
- [COOA UNH](#)
- [OceanWatch](#)
- [SARTI UPC](#)
- [SmartBay](#)

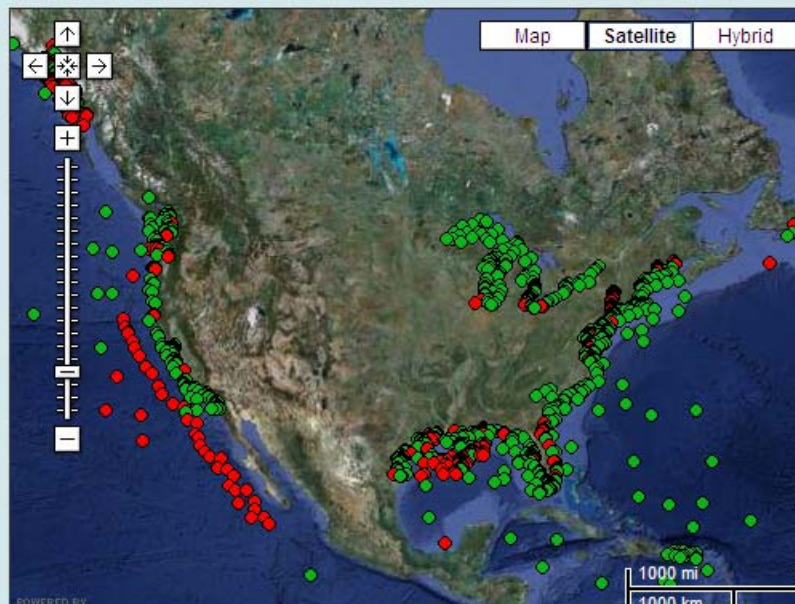
OOSTETHYS DEVELOPERS

- [GoMOOS](#)
- [MMI](#)
- [MBARI](#)

Real-Time Data from an **OGC** Sensor Web

This interoperability demonstration represents an effort to develop a Web Services Architecture for Ocean Observing that is enabling observing systems to move closer to the vision of 'network as platform'. We are seeking participants who would like to serve their in-situ observation data via **SOS** based Web Services. To learn more, visit the OOSTethys.org website.

2061 Platforms reporting Click the station icons on the map for the latest observations.



Map Satellite Hybrid

Zoom To:

- select -

Organizations:

- All -

- OOSTethys.org
- [How it works](#)
- [How to participate](#)
- [Serve your data](#)
- [SOS Registry](#)
- [Google Earth KML](#)
Requires GoogleEarth™

Three required SWE Sensor Observation Services

- **GetCapabilities delivers:**
 - WHAT SYSTEM DESCRIPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?**
 - WHAT SYSTEM OBSERVATIONS ARE AVAILABLE?**
- **DescribeSensor** provides descriptions of the system (observable properties to observed properties) and each component of a data system. **(describe the sensor, describe the setup, describe the processing, etc.)**
- **GetObservation** – Different offerings from the same data file, fully-described including the units, data-format etc.

QARTOD to OGC (q2o.who.edu)

Funded by US NOAA Integrated Ocean Observing System (2008-2010) to demonstrate and model the integration of data quality assessment capabilities in OGC Sensor Web Enablement frameworks.

QARTOD – NOAA funded community development of best practices in QA/QC for waves, in situ currents, CTD/DO

What QC tests were done? What was the result?

To promote common understanding and trust in the evolving ocean observing systems of systems

Q20 Methodology

- Meet with domain experts – what information is needed and how should they be communicated?
- Define and encode QC tests and parameters
- Define and encode processing blocks
- Link QC flags to tests (that are defined, registered and encoded)
- Link through SWE input, output and parameters for all processes

TIME SERIES (Raw Calibrated Data)				
Category	Criteria	Order	Flag	Action
Acceleration test	User defined ($a > M \cdot g$)	3	Soft	Recommended $M \leq 1/2$. Interpolate/extrapolate up to N contiguous points. N is user defined. Include in % count.
Mean test, variance test	User defined, location dependent	4	1. Soft 2. Hard	1. Flag unexpected values. 2. Reject unreasonable values.



=== Tests and Criteria =====
 "ID", "Long Name", "Short Name", "Definition", "Symbol", "Reference", "Figure", "Approval", "Relationship", "Equation", "[Notes]"
 =====
 "urn:__:Q2O:test:accelerationTest", "Acceleration Test", "", "The second derivative for each point of the time series of vertical surface displacement is a computed or direct measure of acceleration. The acceleration measurement is tested it against natural limits, approximated as $M \cdot g$.", "", "urn:__:Q2O:ref:qartod_waves_2007", "", "", "urn:__:Q2O:criteria:maximumAccelerationFactor", "", "[Reworded from reference to make it more general for other applications besides waves.]"



<http://mmisw.org/ont/q2o/20081118T031715/qcCategory/accelerationTest>

<http://marinemetadata.org> (</MMI>)

and the MMI ontology repository and register:

<http://mmisw.org>

**Terms for all input, output, parameters, tests and processes should be well described and registered, enabling ontologies (relationships) to be developed to map across political, institutional and domain specific content:
(VOCABULARY MAPPING)**

seaWaterTemperature <-> oceanTemperature

spikeTest <-> outlierTest

http://mmisw.org/orr/#http://mmisw.org/ont/mvco/process					
MMI Ontology Registry and R...					
	ID	Definition	Equations_s	Reference	
1	pressureQCchain	Processing steps that perform QC tests (Q2OTimeseriesTests) and compute singlet wave statistics from interpolated pressure time series		http://mmisw.org/ont/q2o/reference/q3	
2	linearInterpolation	A process that interpolates over data flagged bad in a time series by using linear interpolation methods; Returns the vector y linearly interpolated over all interior NaNs, while Exterior NaNs are set to the nearest non-NaN value		Meijering, Erik (2002), A chronology of interpolation: from ancient astronomy to modern signal and image processing, Proceedings of the IEEE 90 (3): 319-342, doi:10.1109/5.993400	
3	minThresholdTest	A test to flag a single value that is above a minimumThreshold			
4	velocityQCchain	Processing steps that include checkBeamIntensity, checkCorrelationCoefficient and theTimeseries_chain		http://mmisw.org/ont/q2o/reference/q3	
5	minThresholdSeriesTest	A test that is conducted on a time series to replace points that lie above a minimumThreshold (min) with a flagged value (NaN).			
6	rangeSeriesTest	A test that is conducted on a time series to replace points that lie within a minimum and maximum range. Points that fall outside the min/max are flagged (NaN).			
7	timeseriesChain	The processing chain which includes the dataGapTest, RangeSeriesTest, SpikeTest, PercentGood and linear interpolation of the qc checked timeseries		urn:__:Q2O:reference:q2o.waves	
8	velocityObsProcess	Processing of the qc'd velocity and pressure records to produce estimates of wave height, period and direction (using PUV analysis)		IAHR working group on wave generation and analysis,1989. Lis of sea state parameters. Journal of Waterway, Port, Coasta land Ocean Engineering 115 6, pp. 793-808.	
9	puvAnalysis	Triplet waves processing that converts pressure (P) output from the PQ_Chain and horizontal velocity (U) and vertical velocity (V) from the VQ_Chain to spectral estimates for computation of wave direction		personal communication with Eugene Terray, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	
10	pressureObsProcess	The processing of QC'd pressure time series to produce wave height and frequency using linear wave theory		Dean, R.G. and R. A. Dalrymple, 1984. Water Wave Mechanics for Engineers and Scientists, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice-Hall, Inc., 353 pp.	

Registered vocabulary URL in SWE encodings

```
<swe:field name="waveHeightAll">  
<swe:Quantity  
definition="http://mmisw.org/ont/mvco/properties/waveHeightAll">  
<swe:uom code="cm"/>  
</swe:Quantity>  
</swe:field>
```


By constructing confined values to specific terms ... these terms can be mapped allowing differing values to have the same meaning ...

```
<swe:field name="cMFlag">  
<swe:Category definition="http://mmisw.org/ont/mvco/qcflag/cMFlag">  
<swe:codeSpace xlink:href="http://mmisw.org/ont/mvco/flag"/>  
</swe:Category>
```

	id	definition	code_type	relationship	code
1	pass	The ability to successfully satisfy a test or meet a requirement.	boolean	http://mmisw.org/ont/mvco/parameter/flag	0
2	fail	The inability to successfully satisfy a test or meet a requirement.	boolean	http://mmisw.org/ont/mvco/parameter/flag	1

By registering and creating ontology – QC flags can be resolved!

Working ontologies: [Add...](#)

A: <http://mmisw.org/ont/q2o/qualityFlag> – Q2O Quality Control Flags
B: <http://mmisw.org/ont/argo/qualityFlag> – Argo QA/QC Flags

Search the following ontologies: A B

Search for: REGEX

Select: All None Selected: 1 out of 2 element(s)

☒ ▼ A:/pass

URI: <http://mmisw.org/ont/q2o/qualityFlag/pass>
label: pass
id: pass
code: 1
code type: boolean
definition: test passed
relationship: <http://mmisw.org/ont/q2o/qcCategory/pass>
type: [QualityFlag](#)

☐ ▼ A:/fail

URI: <http://mmisw.org/ont/q2o/qualityFlag/fail>
label: fail
id: fail
code: 0

Search the following ontologies: A B

Search for: REGEX

Select: All None Selected: 1 out of 10 element(s)

☒ ▼ B:/_1

URI: http://mmisw.org/ont/argo/qualityFlag/_1
label: 1
code: 1
description: QC was performed good data
source notes: Argo from from IODE Summary Spreadsheet
QualityFlags.xls
type: [Qualityflag](#)

☐ ▶ B:/_7

☐ ▼ B:/_2

URI: http://mmisw.org/ont/argo/qualityFlag/_2
label: 2
code: 2
description: Probably good data but value may be inconsistent with

Select: All None

Mappings:

<input type="checkbox"/> ▶	A:/pass. = B:/_1.
<input type="checkbox"/> ▶	A:/pass. ≈ B:/_2.

Future Work

- Common met/ocean manufacturers SensorML - fully describe sensor capabilities, characteristics, contact info, etc with defined and registers terms
- Develop a SensorML registry for discovery and sharing of commonly used profiles
- Exercise the ability to utilize these content rich demonstrations
- Build better tools (forms/editors)

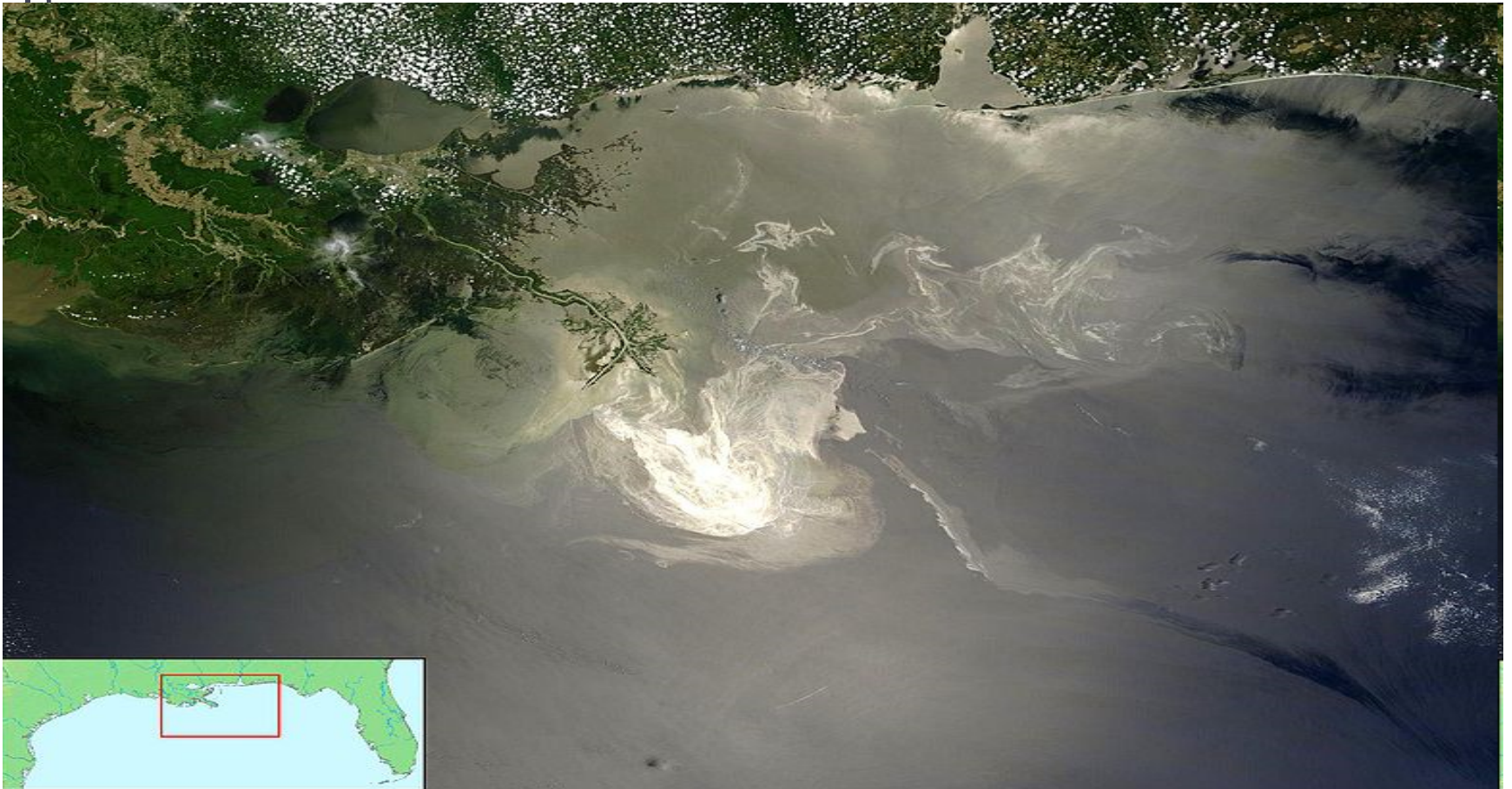
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EXTENDING UTILITY and VALUE of OBSERVATIONS!

Deep Horizon (The oil slick as seen from space by [NASA's Terra](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deepwater_Horizon_oil_spill) satellite on May 24, 2010 from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deepwater_Horizon_oil_spill)



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Poster Thursday in **XL222**
(in attendance 5:30 – 7 pm)