



# A Sensor Observation Service Based on OGC Specifications for a Meteorological SDI in Galicia

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Motivation



## ◆ INSPIRE

- Development of SDI in Spain
- Public access to meteorological and oceanographic data

Objective

## ◆ OGC - Sensor Web Enablement (SWE)

- **Sensor Observation Service (SOS)**
  - GetCapabilities
  - DescribeSensor
  - GetObservation

SOS Data  
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Prototype  
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## ♦ The MetoSIX Project

- “Geographic Information System for the Management and Dissemination of the Meteorological and Oceanographic Information of Galicia”
- Founded by Galician regional government
  - Xunta de Galicia – INCITE – 09MDS034522PR
- Participants
  - MeteoGalicia
  - CESGA
  - Computer Architecture Group UDC
  - Systems Laboratory USC

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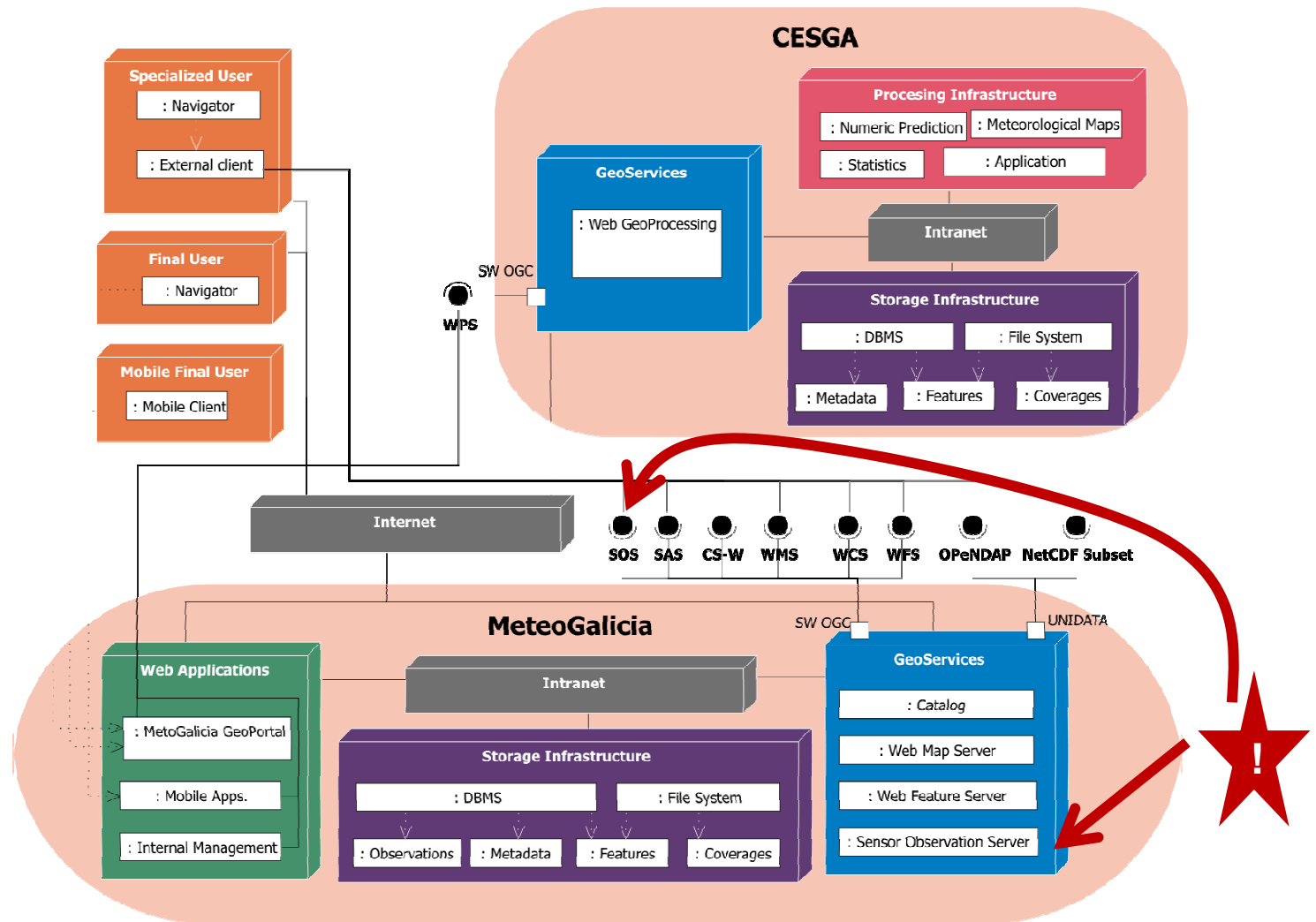
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◆ **Development of a **Sensor Observation Server** in the context of the **MeteoSIX Project****

- Restrict to three mandatory operations of the **SOS interface**
- Meteorological and oceanographic phenomena measured by sensors of various types
  - **Static** sensors with **in-situ** observations
  - **Static** sensors with **remote** observations
  - **Mobile** sensors with **in-situ** observations
  - **Mobile** sensors with **remote** observations

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## ◆ Available Sensor Data

### ■ Meteorological Stations (Static – In Situ)

- About 80 automatic meteorological stations
- Sensors located at various elevations in each station
- Primitive Phenomena
  - ✓ Temperature (Air, 10 cm below and above ground)
  - ✓ Average relative humidity
  - ✓ Solar radiation
  - ✓ Rainfall
  - ✓ Barometric pressure
  - ✓ Etc.
- Derived Phenomena
  - ✓ Evapotranspiration
  - ✓ Aggregates (daily, monthly)



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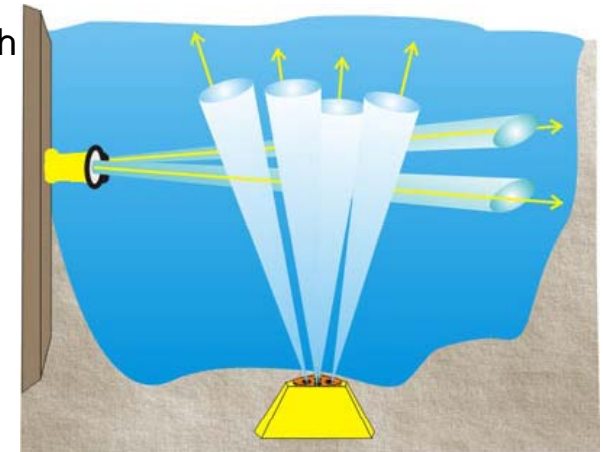


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## ◆ Available Sensor Data

- Oceanographic Stations  
(Static and mobile – In Situ and Remote)
  - 4 oceanographic stations
  - In situ sensors
    - ✓ Meteorological Phenomena at some elevation (Static)
      - Air temperature, Humidity, etc.
    - ✓ Oceanographic Phenomena at various depths (mobile)
      - Water temperature, salinity, pressure, conductivity, etc.
  - Remote sensors
    - ✓ Sea currents at various depths along a path
    - ✓ Vertical or Horizontal Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (VADCP, HADCP)





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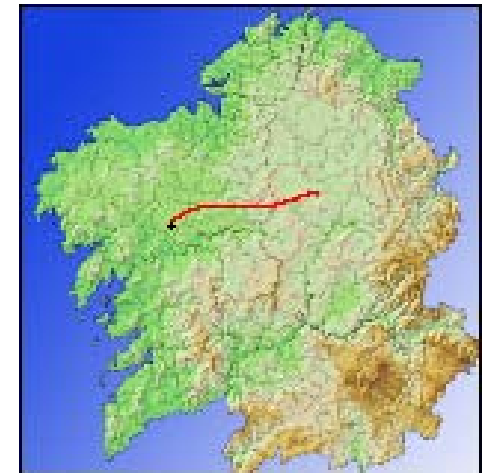


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## ◆ Available Sensor Data

- Radio sounding (Mobile – In Situ)
  - Mobile platform attached to a weather balloon
  - Sensors
    - ✓ GPS Data
    - ✓ Meteorological Phenomena
      - ✓ Temperature, pressure, humidity, wind direction and speed, etc.



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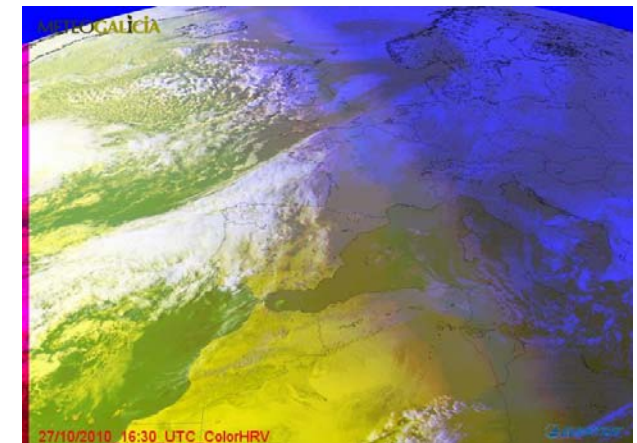
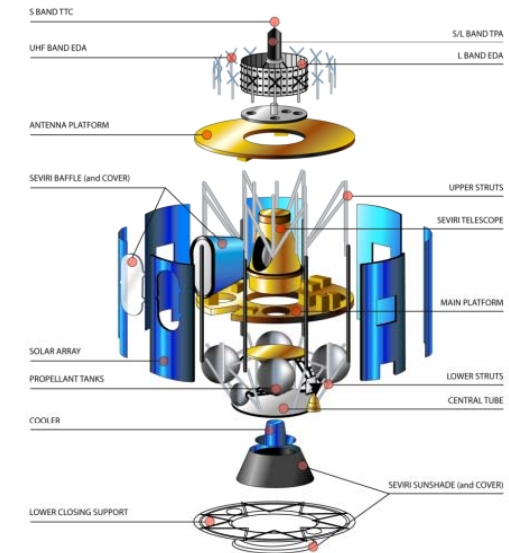
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### ■ Satellite Data

(Mobile – Remote)

- Data provided by *European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites* (EUMETSAT)
- Platform: Meteosat (Second Generation)
- Sensors (Radiometers)
  - ✓ Geostationary Earth Radiation Budget experiment (GERB)
  - ✓ Spinning Enhanced Visible and InfraRed Imager (SEVIRI)
    - 12 Spectral channels
      - Infrared and visible
      - Detection of water vapour, ozone and carbon dioxide
    - Measures every 15 minutes
    - Spatial resolution at nadir of 3 Km (1km for channel HRV)



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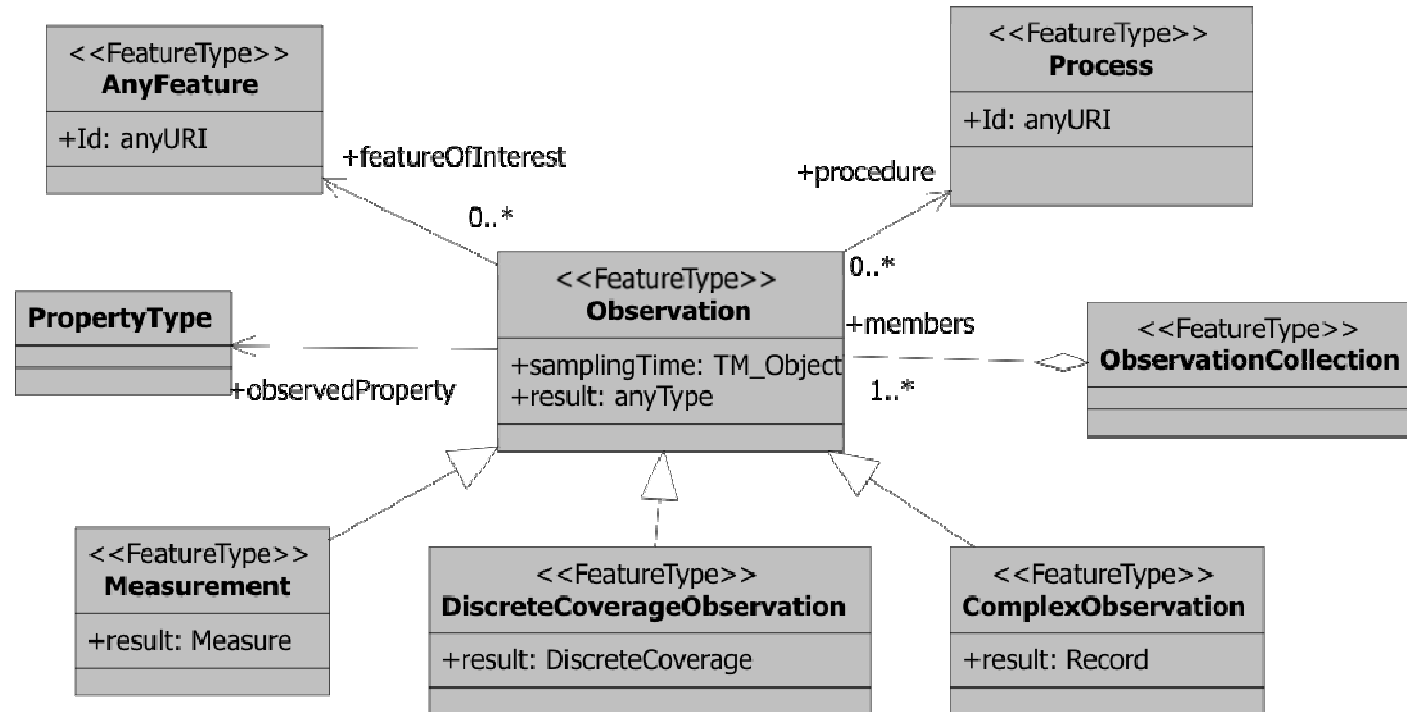
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## ◆ In Memory Observations Data Model

- Specialization of the one adopted by OGC



## ◆ Persistent Observations Data Model

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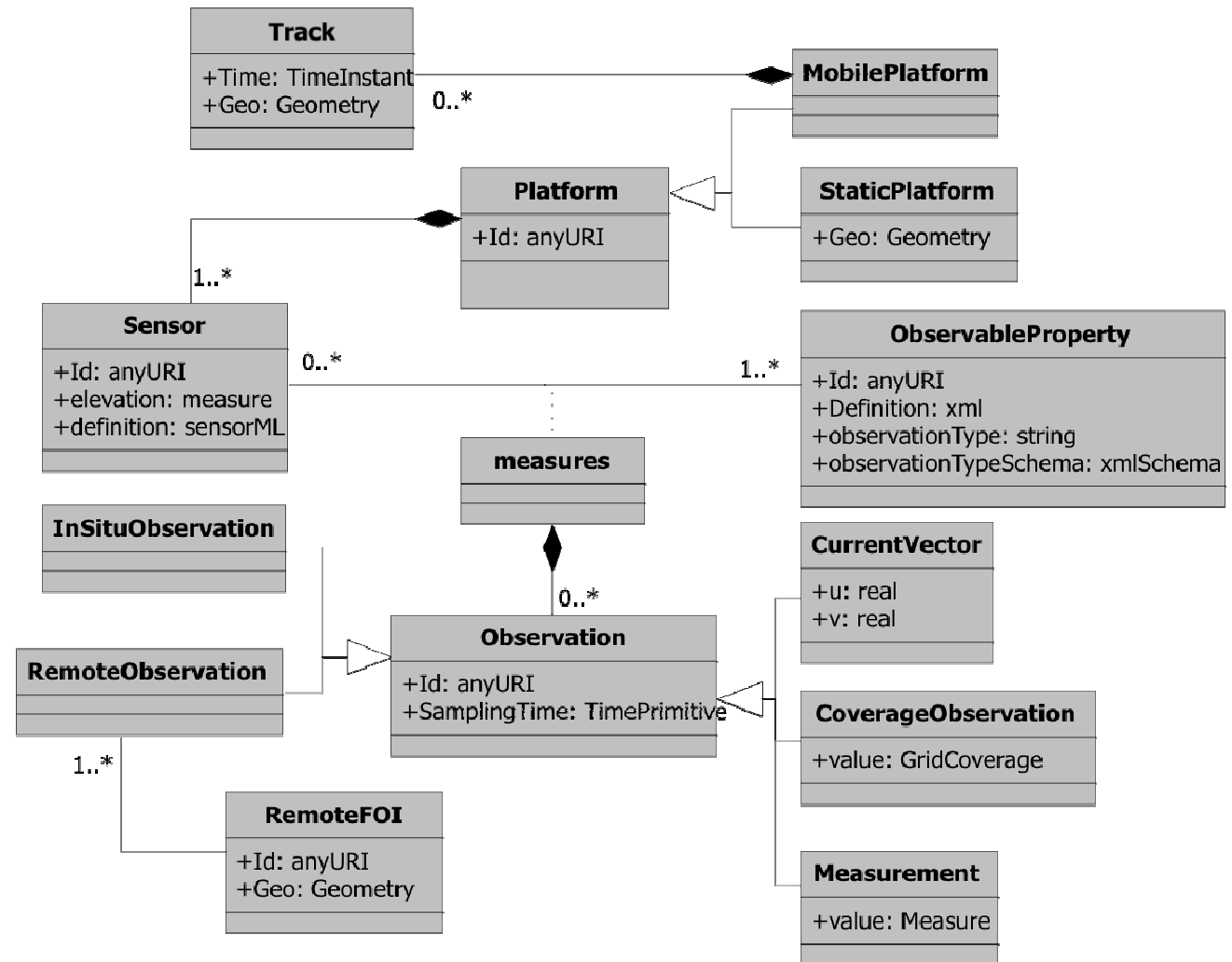
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## ◆ Limited Functionality

- Only in-situ sensors on board of static platforms (meteo stations)
  - Implementation for mobile platforms in the scope of another project

## ◆ Implementation technologies

- PostgreSQL + PostGIS
- W3C Web Services Distributed Platform
  - SOAP for communication of request and response
  - WSDL for description of the service interface
  - Implementation with Apache Axis 1.0

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## ◆ Compact representation for observation collections

- Collections with constant procedure (sensor), observed property and Feature of interest. Variable Time
  - Use Time aggregates to represent observation time.
  - Use measure list to represent the observed value at each time

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- ◆ **Design and implementation of a SOS for 4 main types of sensors**
  - In-situ / Remote, Static / Mobile
- ◆ **Only Limited Prototype Implementation**  **Much Further Work**
  - Recording of satellite data (spatial coverages)
    - Lack of uniform data model for spatial objects and coverages in the context of spatial databases
  - Efficient encoding and transmission of spatial coverages
    - Use of out-of-band mode with well known formats (netCDF)
  - Evolution of spatial data with respect to time
    - Many data modeling approaches (lack of efficient and widely used tools)
    - Only moving points in the scope, thus trivial solution may be adopted
  - Evolution with respect to time of spatial coverages
    - Complex problem (more than spatial coverages + temporal types)

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- ◆ **Final Implemenation. Analyse possible use of 52 North SOS (currently undergoing)**
  - **52 North:** International Open Source initiative. Work on Geoinformatics (SWE, Web-based Geoprocessing, etc.)
  - Initial problems
    - Observation types in 52 North restrict to: numeric, text and spatial objects
      - Current vectors? Spatial coverages?
    - 52 North model for persistent observations is too generic
      - **Inconsistencies** may appear (associate an in-situ sensor of a meteo station with the position of an oceanographic station or with the location of a remote position obtained by a VADCP)





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