

Common Archive Observation Model: Inside the Data Centre

Patrick Dowler
Canadian Astronomy Data Centre

**on behalf of CADC developers and scientists + external contributors from
EAO/JCMT and MAST/STScI**



Common Archive Observation Model

- What is CAOM? Why did we do this?
- CAOM content at CADC
- Services based on CAOM
- Open Source community
- no UML here!
 - try Demo 4 ...

Common Archive Observation Model

- common model to describe all science data at CADC
- design goals:
 - metadata only (no data formats)
 - static collections & data flow from telescope(s)
 - public & proprietary metadata & data

Common Archive Observation Model

- common model to describe all science data at CADC
- design goals:
 - metadata only (no data formats)
 - static collections & data flow from telescope(s)
 - public & proprietary metadata & data
 - support data discovery services
 - support data access services
 - support for operational modes (e.g. peer-to-peer replication)

Common Archive Observation Model

- common model to describe all science data at CADC
- design goals:
 - metadata only (no data formats)
 - static collections & data flow from telescope(s)
 - public & proprietary metadata & data
 - support data discovery services
 - support data access services
 - support for operational modes (e.g. peer-to-peer replication)
 - **describe the data we actually have**
 - **evolve to meet new data challenges (currently: CAOM-2.2)**

Common Archive Observation Model – Current Content

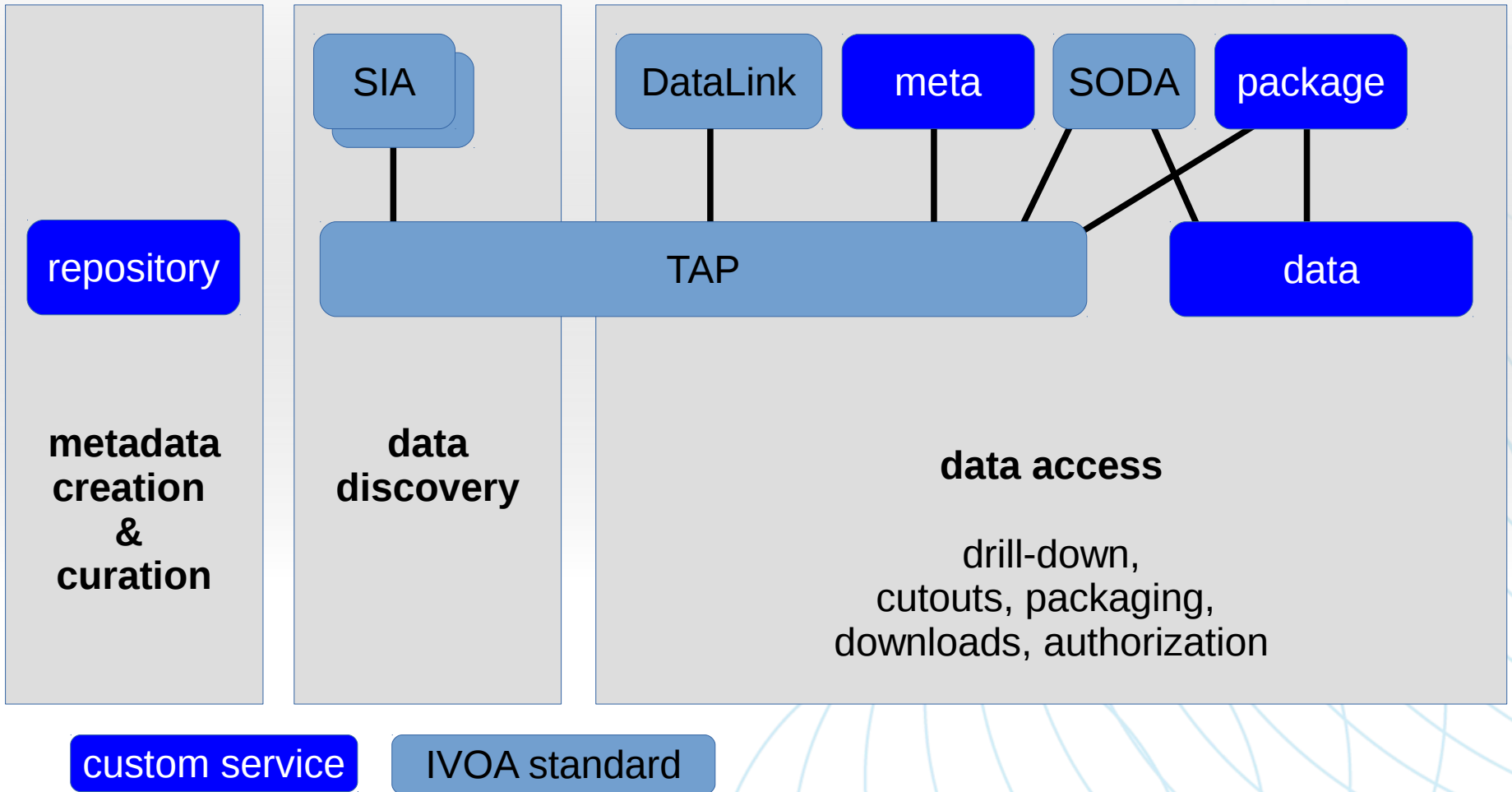
- CAOM describes all science data products at CADC

collection	# products	collection	# products
APASS	311858	GEMINI	1969640
BLAST	134	HST	2706843
CFHT	2663343	HSTHLA	80848
CFHTMEGAPIPE	7792	IRIS	1720
CFHTTERAPIX	1048	JCMT	1422092
CFHTWIRWOLF	1697	MACHO	237116
CGPS	609	MOST	3262
DAO	328606	OMM	88162
DAOPLATES	5017	UKIRT	1288458
FUSE	5887	VGPS	39
Collections	20	Products	→ 12 million

- CAOM describes a variety of science data product types at CADC

product type	# products	
catalog	159349	~160k
cube	128806	~130k
image	7064469	~7m
spectrum	1747542	~1.8m
time series	3262	~3k
(unclassified)	2020749	~2m

Common Archive Observation Model – Services



Common Archive Observation Model

- 20 collections → CAOM
- pros:
 - much less software to write & maintain
 - software improvements have broad benefits
- same:
 - each collection (telescope / instrument) requires it's own data engineering effort
 - tension: where do I put this telescope metadata **vs.** where do I get this CAOM metadata
- cons:
 - all collections must evolve (more or less) together

Common Archive Observation Model

- open-source model: <http://www.opencadc.org/caom2>
- open-source code: <https://github.com/opencadc>
- discussions, contributions, & collaborations are welcome
- evolution of CAOM is assumed