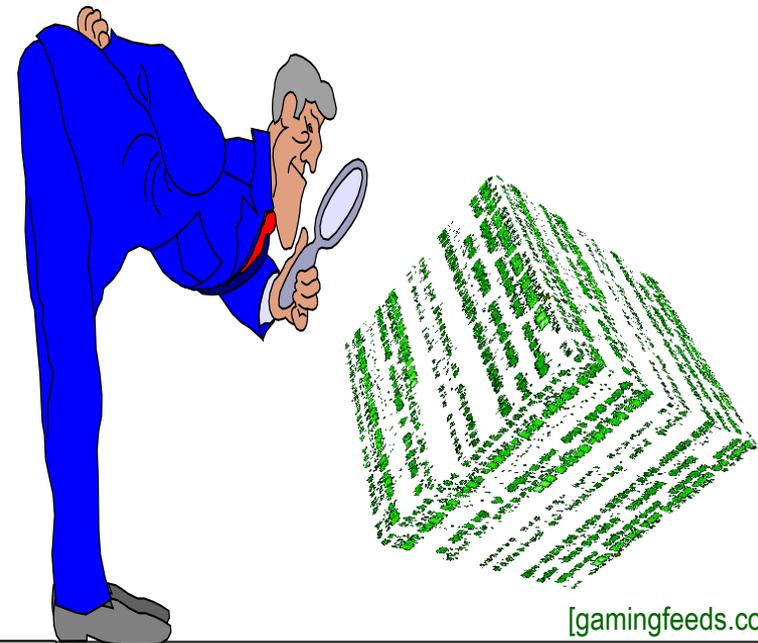


# INSPIRE KEN Follow-Up Webinar on Coverages & WCS

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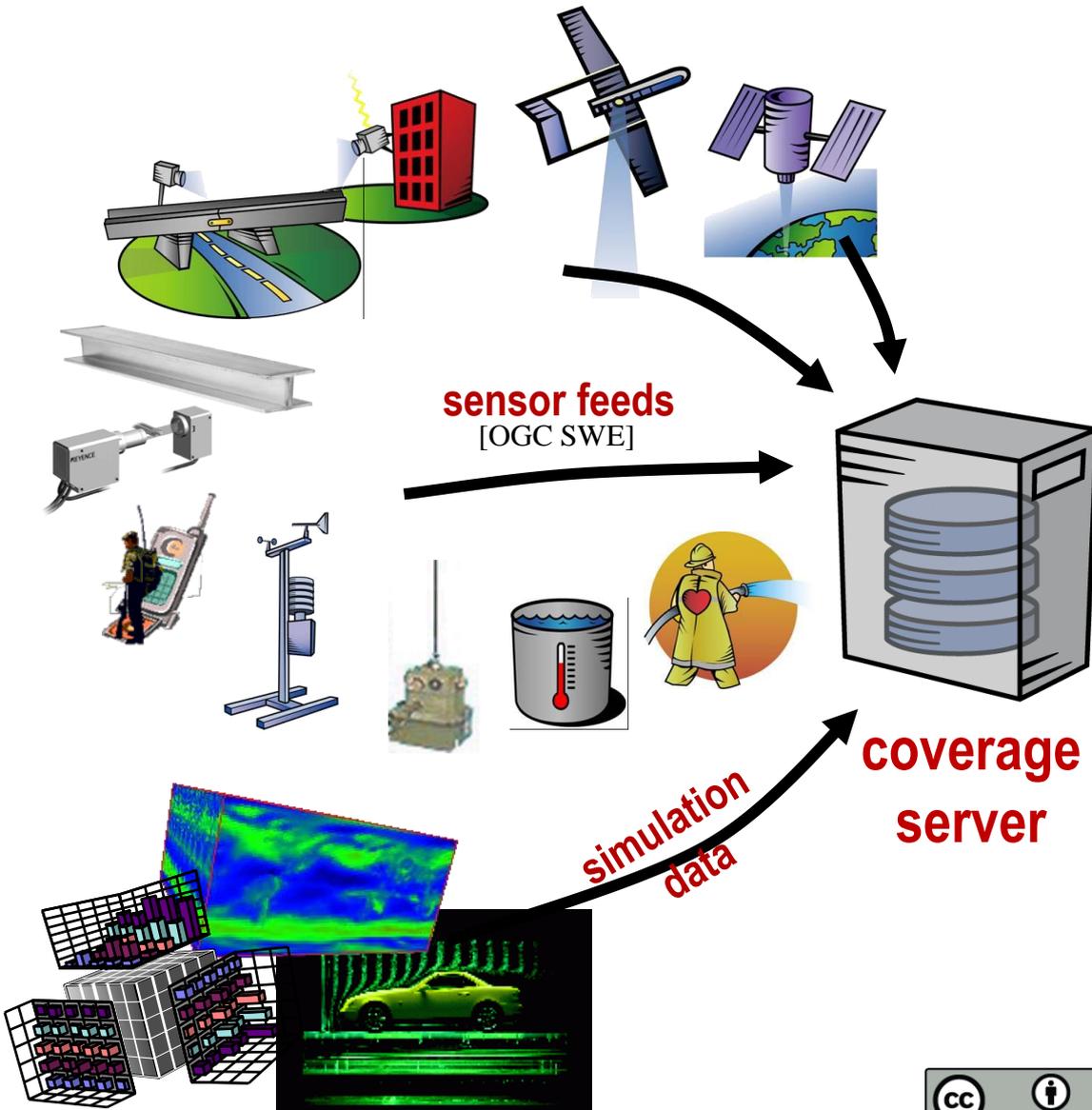
BY

# Overview

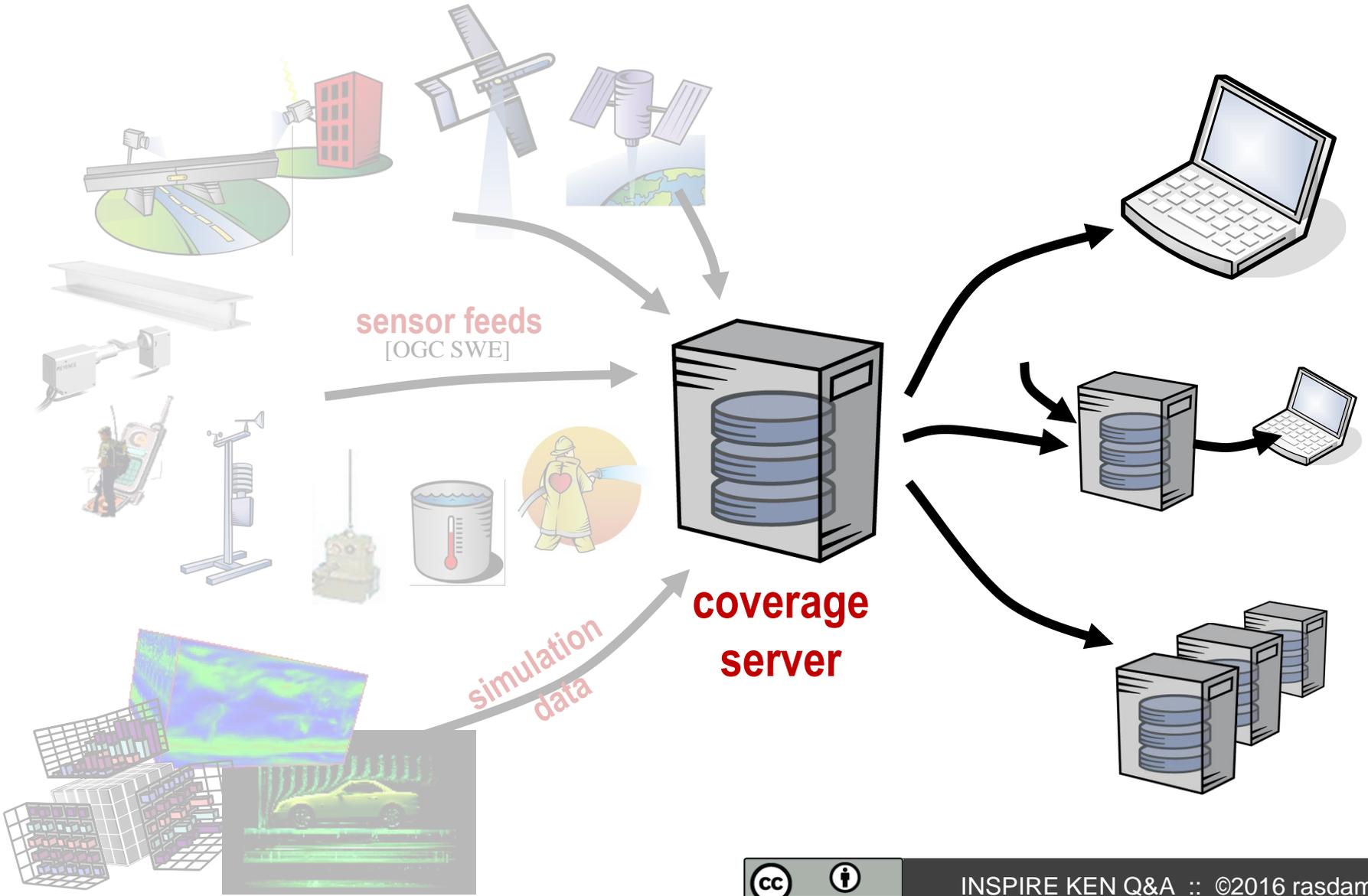
- Part 1: Coverages / WCS Recap
- Part 2: The New Coverage Implementation Schema
- Part 3: Q&A

# Part 1: Coverages / WCS Recap

# Collecting Coverages

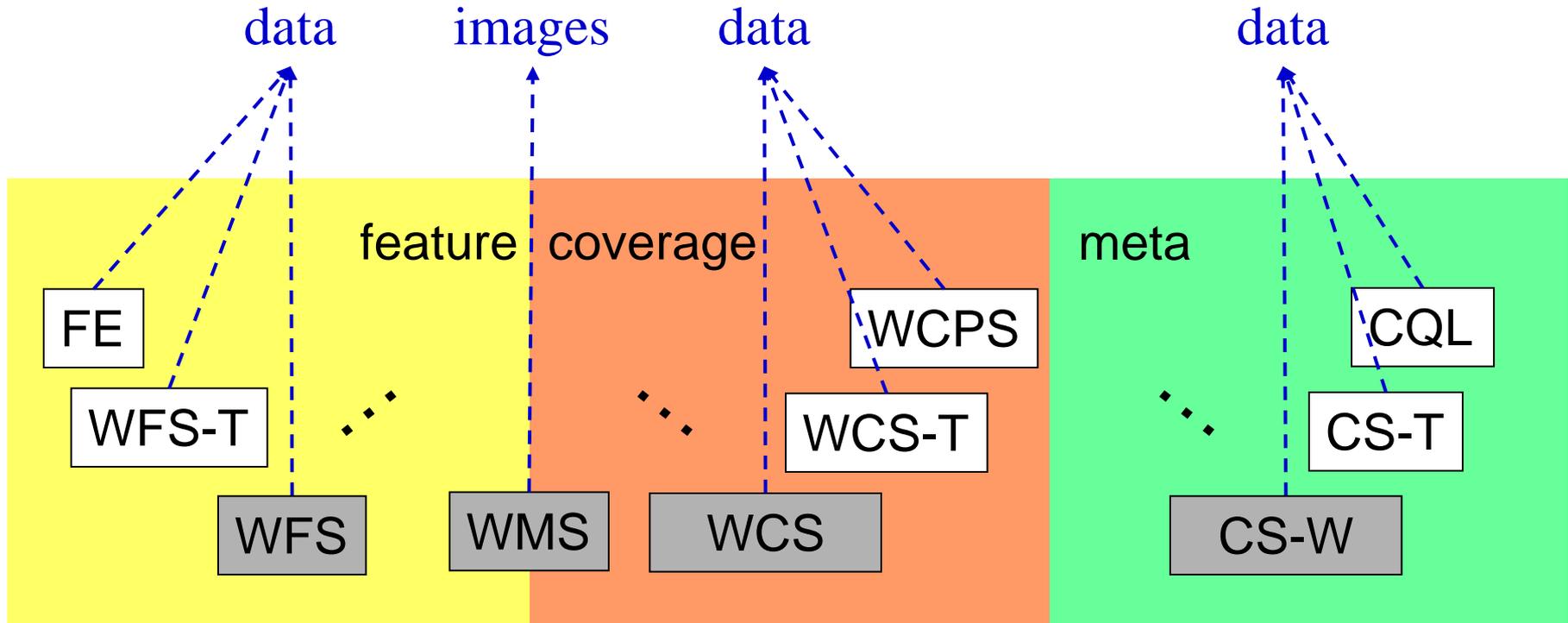


# Serving Coverages





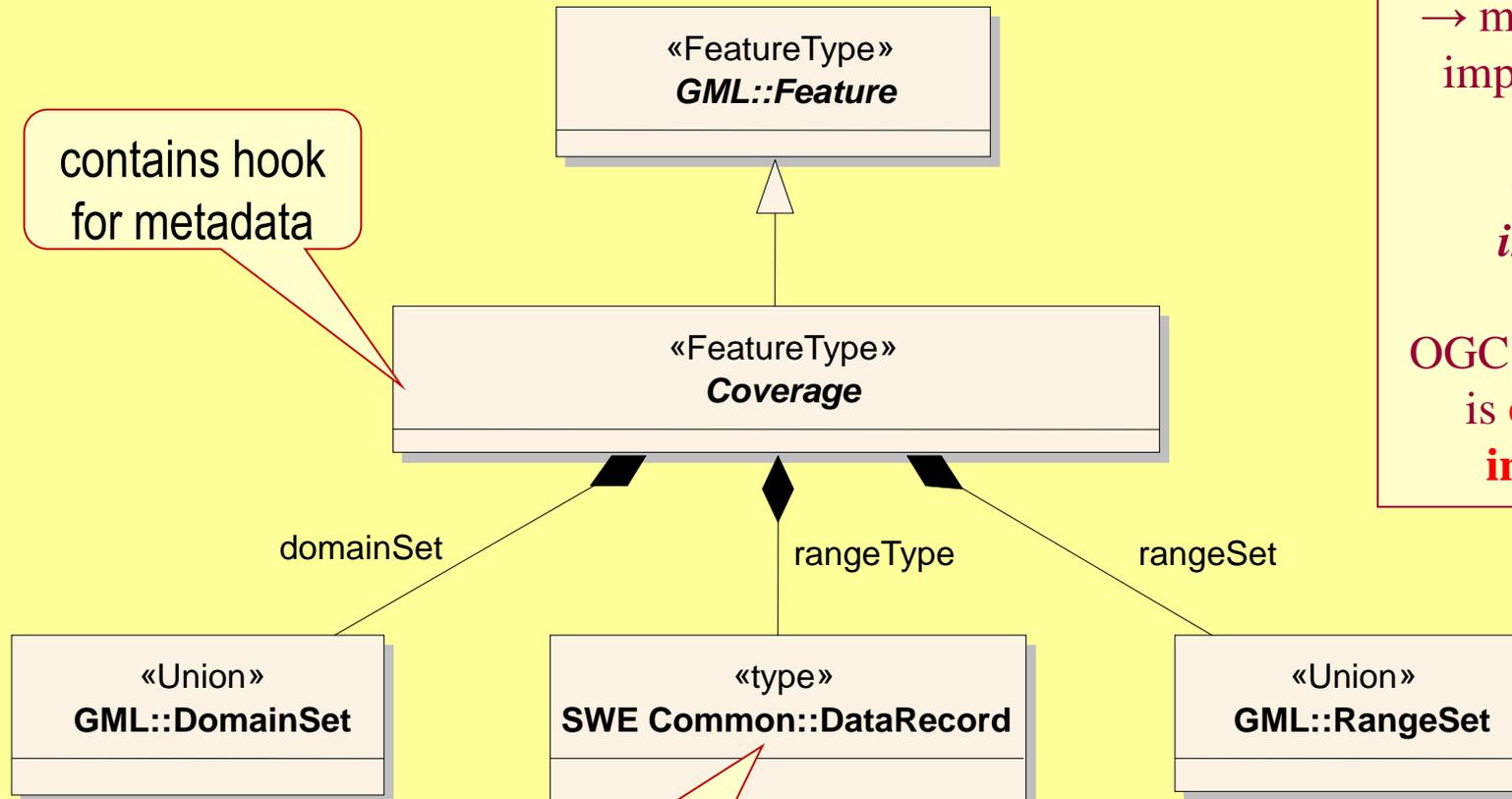
# (Part of) The OGC Standards Quilt



- WMS "portrays spatial data → pictures"
- WCS: "provides data + descriptions; data with original semantics, may be interpreted, extrapolated, etc."  
[09-110r3]

# Coverage Definition

class GML 3.2.1 Application Schema for Coverages



ISO 19123  
is **abstract**  
→ many different  
implementations  
possible  
→ *not per se*  
*interoperable*

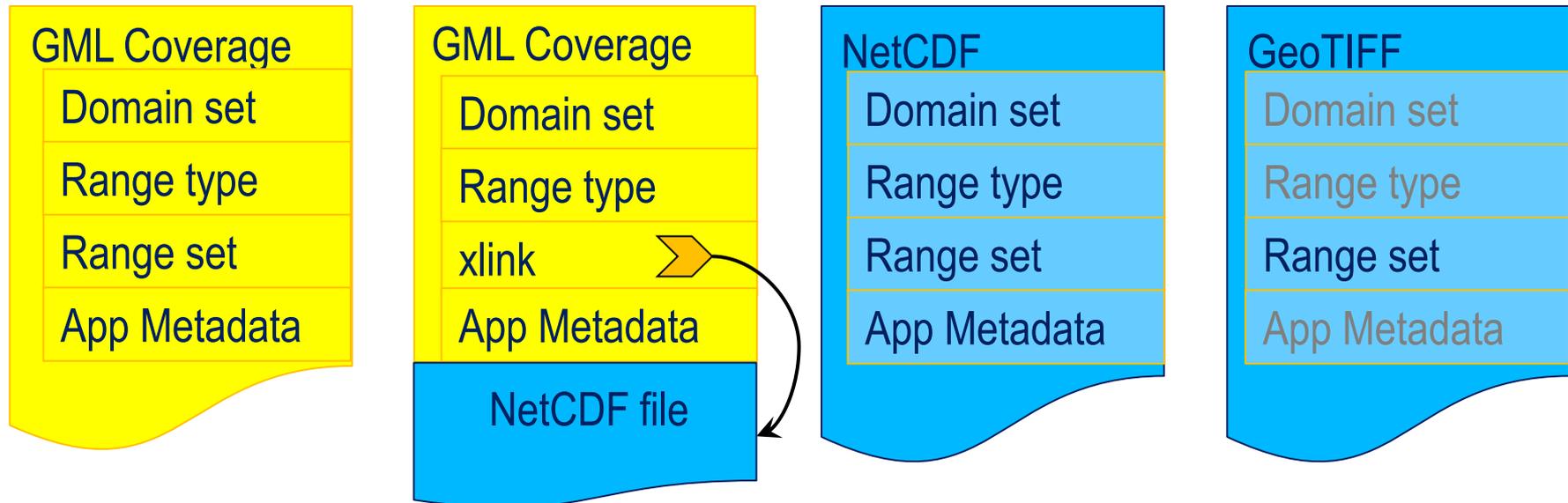
OGC coverage std  
is **concrete** and  
**interoperable**

from SWE Common

# Coverage & CRS

# Coverage Encoding

- **Pure GML**: complete coverage, in GML
- **Special Format**: other suitable file format (ex: MIME type “image/tiff”)
- **Multipart-Mixed**: multipart MIME, type “multipart/mixed”



Content-Type: Multipart/Related; boundary=**wcs**;  
start="**GML-Part**"  
type="text/xml"

--**wcs**  
Content-type: text/xml  
Content-ID: **GML-Part**

```
<?xml version="1.0" ...>  
<gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage ...>  
<gml:domainSet>...</gml:domainSet>  
<gml:rangeSet>  
  <gml:File>  
    <gml:rangeParameters xlink:href="grey.tif"  
      xlink:role="http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV_geotiff-coverages/1.0"  
      xlink:arcrole="fileReference"/>  
    <gml:fileReference>grey.tif</gml:fileReference>  
    <gml:fileStructure/>  
    <gml:mimeType>image/tiff</gml:mimeType>  
  </gml:File>  
</gml:rangeSet>  
<gmlcov:rangeType>...</gmlcov:rangeType>  
</gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage>
```

--**wcs**  
Content-Type: image/tiff  
Content-Description: coverage data  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: binary  
Content-ID: **grey.tif**  
Content-Disposition: INLINE

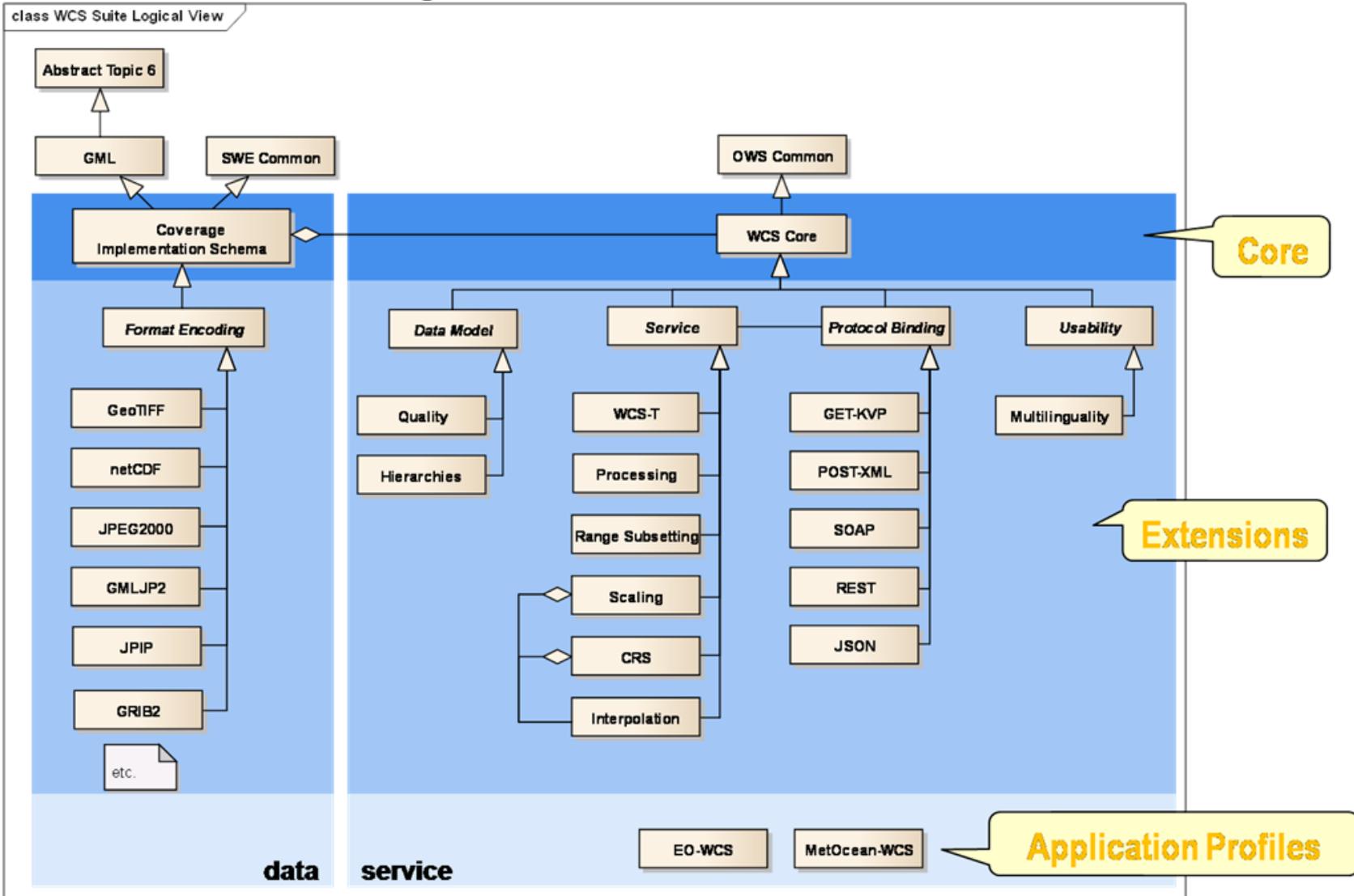
...binary TIFF data...

--**wcs**--

# Sample Mixed Encoding: TIFF

- Multipart/related MIME
- Part 1: GML
- Part 2: eg, TIFF
- Consistency in metadata required
  - Otherwise bug

# WCS Suite Big Picture



# WCS Core *GetCoverage*: Trim & Slice

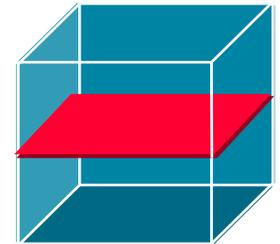
- Download a coverage [subset], values **guaranteed unchanged**
  - Delivery in „**Native Format**“

- Ex: „*download coverage c001*“

```
http://www.acme.com/wcs ? SERVICE=WCS & VERSION=2.0
& REQUEST=GetCoverage & COVERAGEID=c001
```

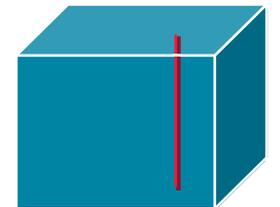
- Ex: „*coverage c001, lat/long cutout, time slice t=2009-11-06T23:20:52*“

```
http://www.acme.com/wcs ? SERVICE=WCS & VERSION=2.0
& REQUEST=GetCoverage & COVERAGEID=c001
& SUBSET=Long(100,120) & SUBSET=Lat(50,60)
& SUBSET=time("2009-11-06T23:20:52")
```



- Ex: „*coverage c001, lat/long slice, timeseries*“

```
http://www.acme.com/wcs ? SERVICE=WCS & VERSION=2.0
& REQUEST=GetCoverage & COVERAGEID=c001
& SUBSET=Long(100) & SUBSET=Lat(60)
```



# WCS Core *GetCoverage*: Format Encoding

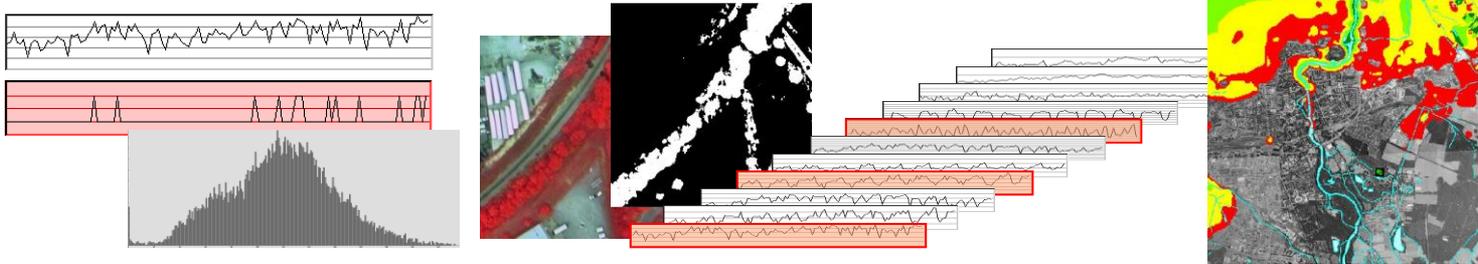
- Download a coverage [subset], values **guaranteed unchanged**
  - ...if format allows!
- Ex: “coverage c001, in GeoTIFF”

```
http://www.acme.com/wcs ? SERVICE=WCS & VERSION=2.0
& REQUEST=GetCoverage & COVERAGEID=c001
& FORMAT="image/tiff"
```

- MIME types preferred, but there may be conventions
  - Ex: GDAL
- formats may define add'l specific parameters
  - Ex: JPEG quality factor

# WCS Extension – Processing [OGC 13-057]

- WCS wrapper for OGC **Web Coverage Processing Service (WCPS)**
  - high-level spatio-temporal geo raster query language



- "From MODIS scenes M1, M2, M3: **difference between red & nir, as TIFF**"
  - ...but only those where nir exceeds 127 somewhere

```

for $c in ( M1, M2, M3 )
where
  some( $c.nir > 127 )
return
  encode(
    $c.red - $c.nir,
    "image/tiff"
  )

```

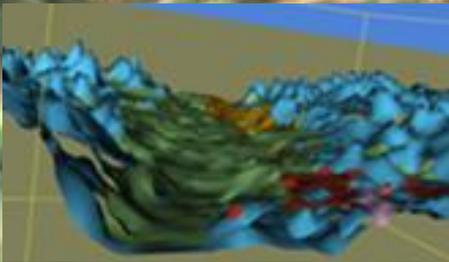
(tiff<sub>A</sub>,  
tiff<sub>C</sub>)

# Visualization-as-a-Query

```

for $s in (SatImage), $d in (DEM)
where $s/metadata/@region = "Glasgow"
return
  encode(
    struct {
      red:    (char) $s.b7[x0:x1,x0:x1],
      green:  (char) $s.b5[x0:x1,x0:x1],
      blue:   (char) $s.b0[x0:x1,x0:x1],
      alpha:  (char) scale( $d, 20 )
    },
    "image/png"
  )

```



# WCS Extension – CRS [OGC 11-053]

- retrieval (& bbox) in CRSs different from Native CRS
  - Extension to *GetCoverage* request
  - Capabilities document lists **supported CRSs**
  
- Recall: coverage = 1 datacube, with 1 CRS in domainSet
  - Possibly compound: horizontal, height, time, non-referenced, ...
  
- Ex: `http://www.acme.com/wcs ? SERVICE=WCS & VERSION=2.0  
& REQUEST=GetCoverage & COVERAGEID=c001  
& SUBSETTINGCRS=http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4326  
& OUTPUTCRS=http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4326`
  
- This needs
  - Compound CRSs → CRS NTS
  - New CRSs: vertical, time, index, proxies, ... → Time + Index CRS NTS [OGC 13-102r2]
    - Ex: *underspecific ImageCRS* → *Index1D, Index2D, ...*

# Inset: CRS Name Types

- WGS84, **RESTful**:
  - <http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSSG/0/4326>
- WGS84, **KVP**:
  - <http://www.opengis.net/def/crs?authority=EPSSG&version=0&code=4326>
- Parametrized („AUTO“) CRSs:
  - <http://www.opengis.net/def/crs?authority=OGC&version=1.3>  
& *code=AUTO42003* & *UoM=m* & *CenterLongitude=-100* & *CenterLatitude=45*
- Ad-hoc **combination** of CRSs:
  - <http://www.opengis.net/def/crs-compound?>  
1=<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSSG/0/4326>  
& 2=<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/0/AnsiDate>
- **Proprietary** CRS definition:
  - <http://www.acme.com/def/this-is-EPSSG-4326>
- **Inline** CRS definition:
  - *srsName="#crsdef"*

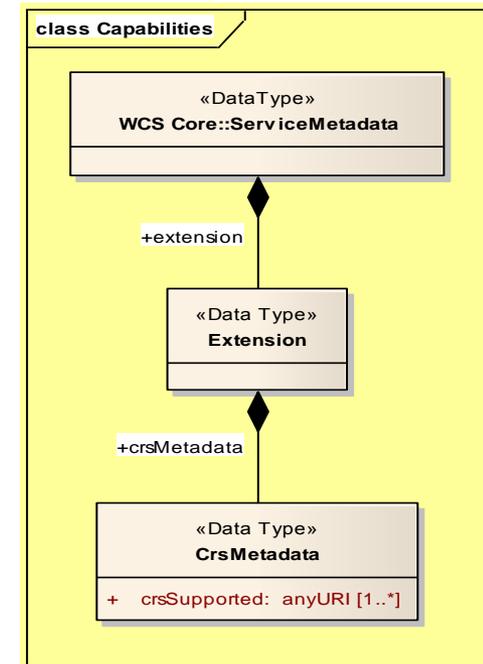
# WCS CRS: Capabilities Retrieval

- With WCS-CRS: Capabilities doc contains list of supported CRSs

Ex:

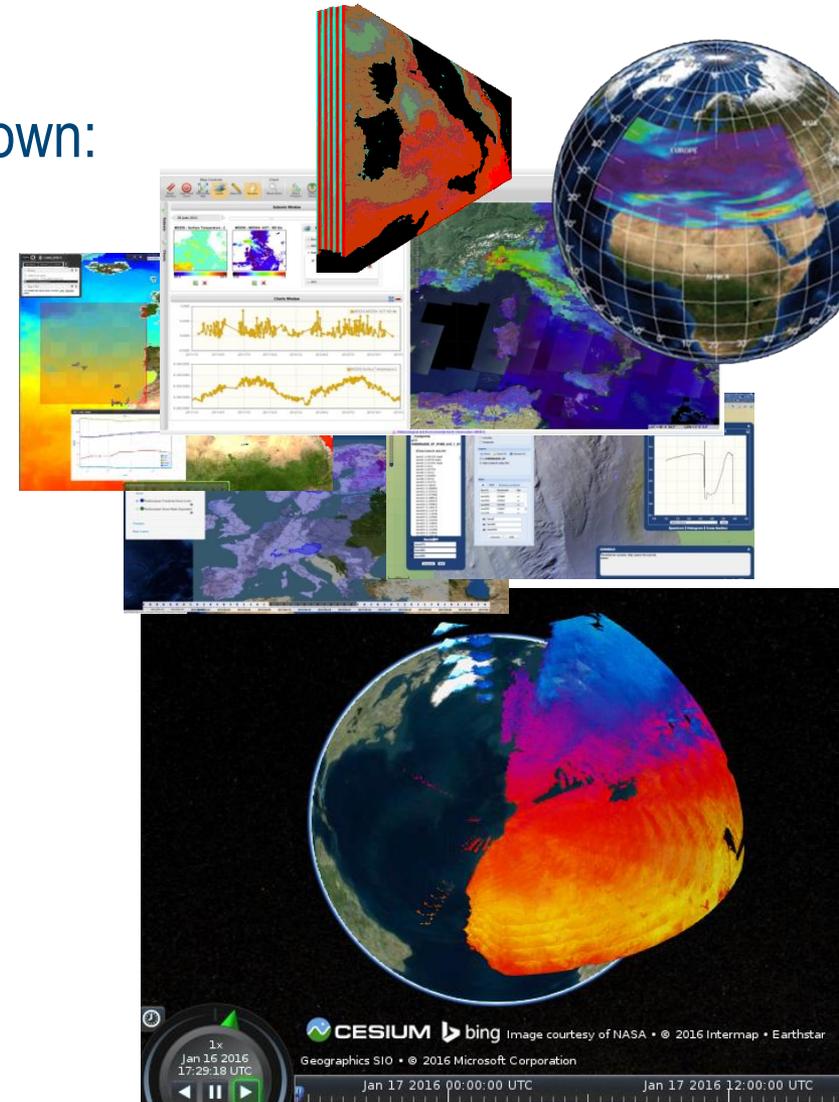
```

<wcs:crsSupported>
  http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4326
</wcs:crsSupported>
<wcs:crsSupported>
  http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG
</wcs:crsSupported>
<wcs:crsSupported>
  http://www.opengis.net/def/crs?authority=OGC&version=1.3&code=
  AUTO42003&UoM=m&CenterLongitude=-100&CenterLatitude=45
</wcs:crsSupported>
<wcs:crsSupported>
  http://www.acme.com/def/this-is-EPSG-4326
</wcs:crsSupported>
<wcs:crsSupported>
  http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/0/AnsiDate
</wcs:crsSupported>
  
```



# WCS Adoption

- Large, growing implementation basis; known:
  - rasdaman, GDAL, GeoServer, MapServer, EOxServer, QGIS, OpenLayers, Leaflet, OPeNDAP, GMU, NASA WorldWind, ...
  - Pyxis, ERDAS, ESRI ArcGIS, ...
  
- proven in large-scale deployments
  - 130+ TB per single database
  - 1 query → 1,000+ cloud nodes
  
- Going ISO:
  - OGC CIS 1.1 → ISO 19123-2
  - OGC WCS → ISO WCS



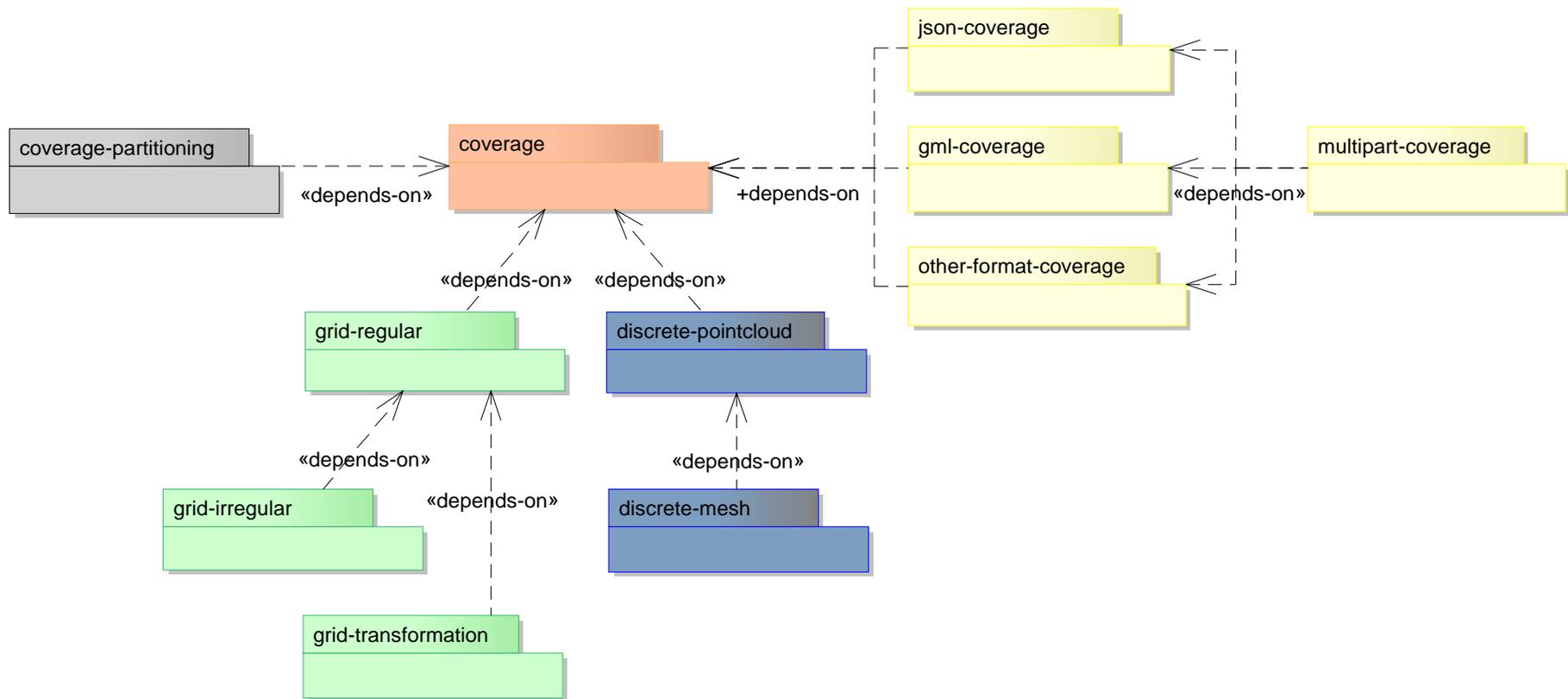
# Part 2: The New Coverage Implementation Schema, CIS 1.1 (under adoption in OGC & ISO)

# Coverages: Key Features Revisited / Added

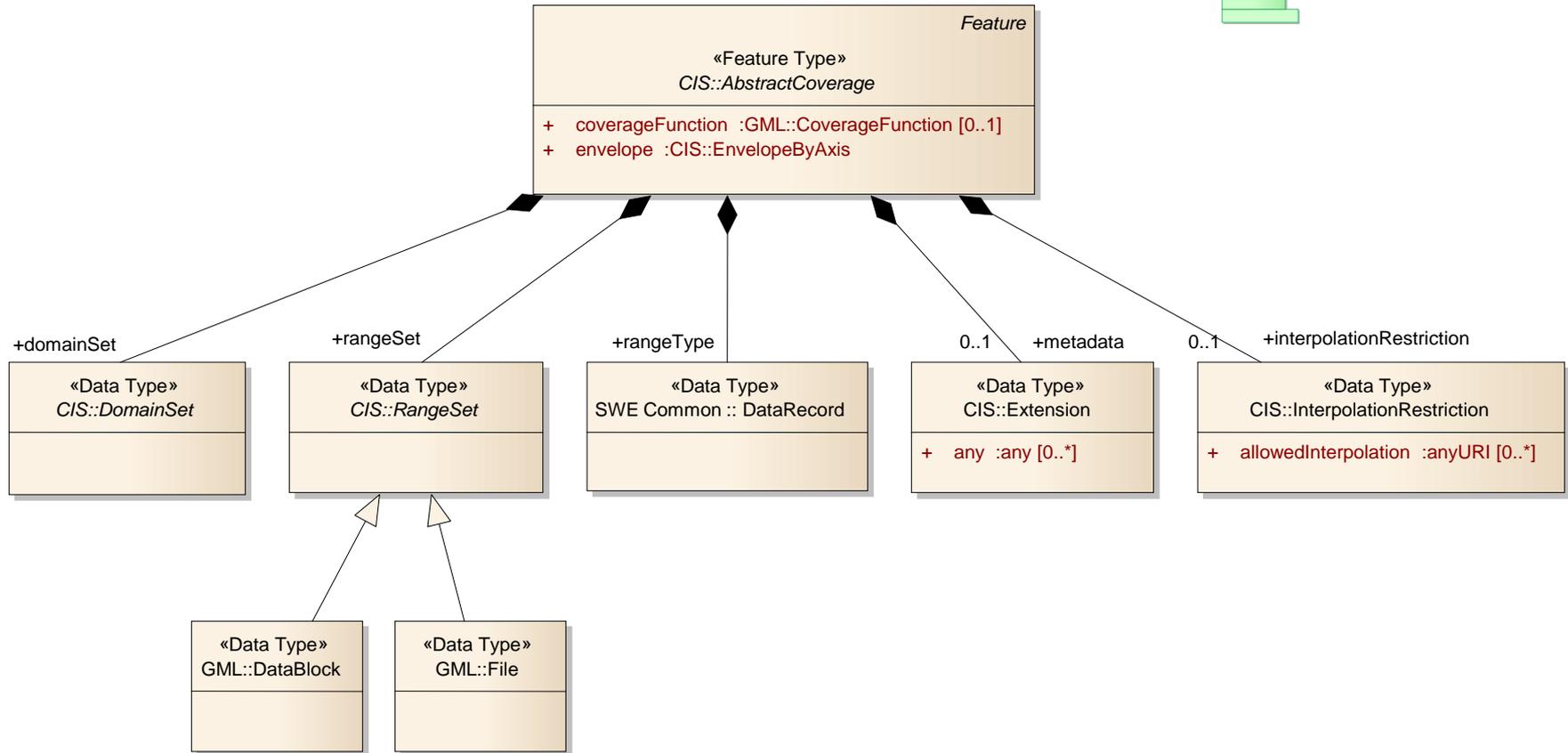
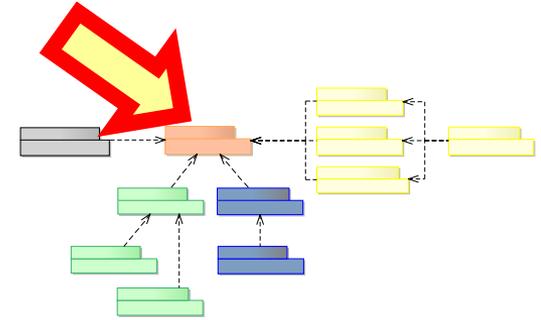
- Irregular grids: concise definition
  - Clarification on ReferenceableGrid, generalization of GML 3.3 GridByXXX
  - Sensor model support (SensorML 2.0)
  - Warped CRSs
- Interpolation: discrete vs continuous grids
- Interleaved representation → general partitioning scheme
- JSON prepared
- Spec renaming GMLCOV → CIS (adopted Spring 2015)

# Managing Power

- Separate conformance classes for core, gridded and discrete data, partitioning, encoding

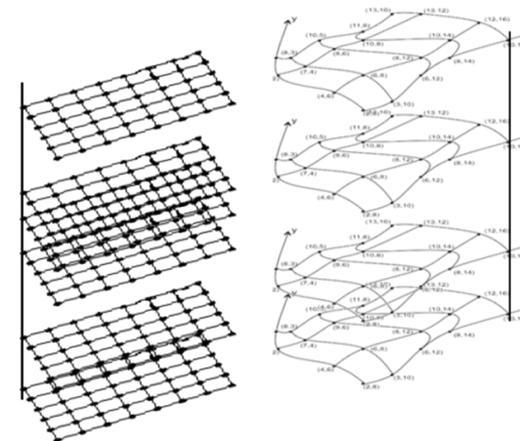
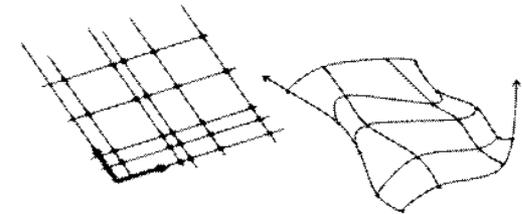
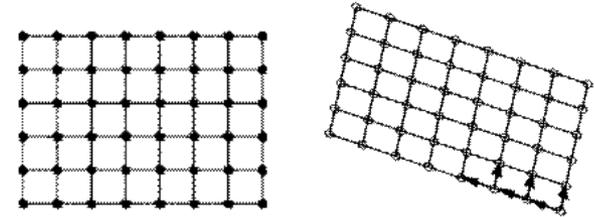


# CIS::AbstractCoverage



# Grid Types → Axis Types

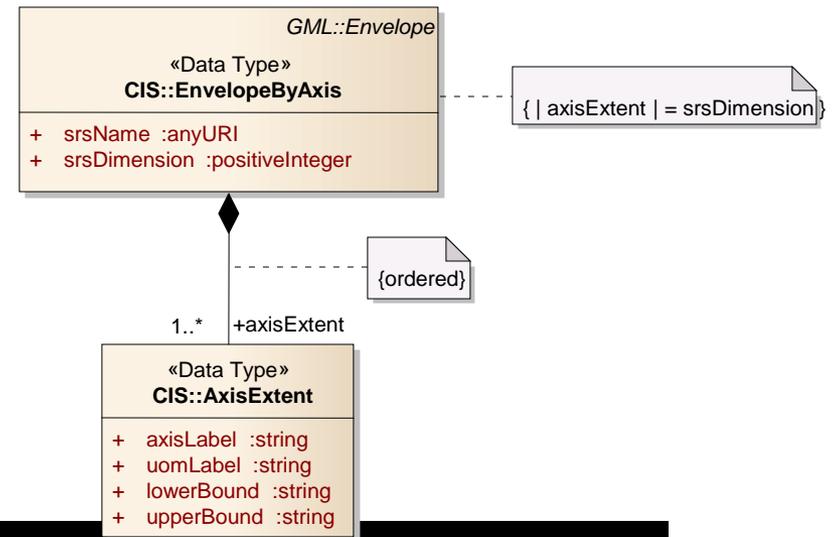
- Observation: GML Rectified, Referenceable non-intuitive, hard to describe, cases missing
- CIS approach: **axis** types
  - **Index axis**: not georeferenced, IndexCRS
  - **Regular axis**: georeferenced, constant spacing
  - **Irregular axis**: georeferenced, variable spacing
  - **Distorted axes**: georeferenced, arbitrary grid point locations
  - **Algorithmic grids**: such as sensor model
- All combinations possible
  - GML 3.3 as special cases, SensorML 2.0 integrated





# CIS::EnvelopeByAxis

see examples with CIS 1.1 schema



```

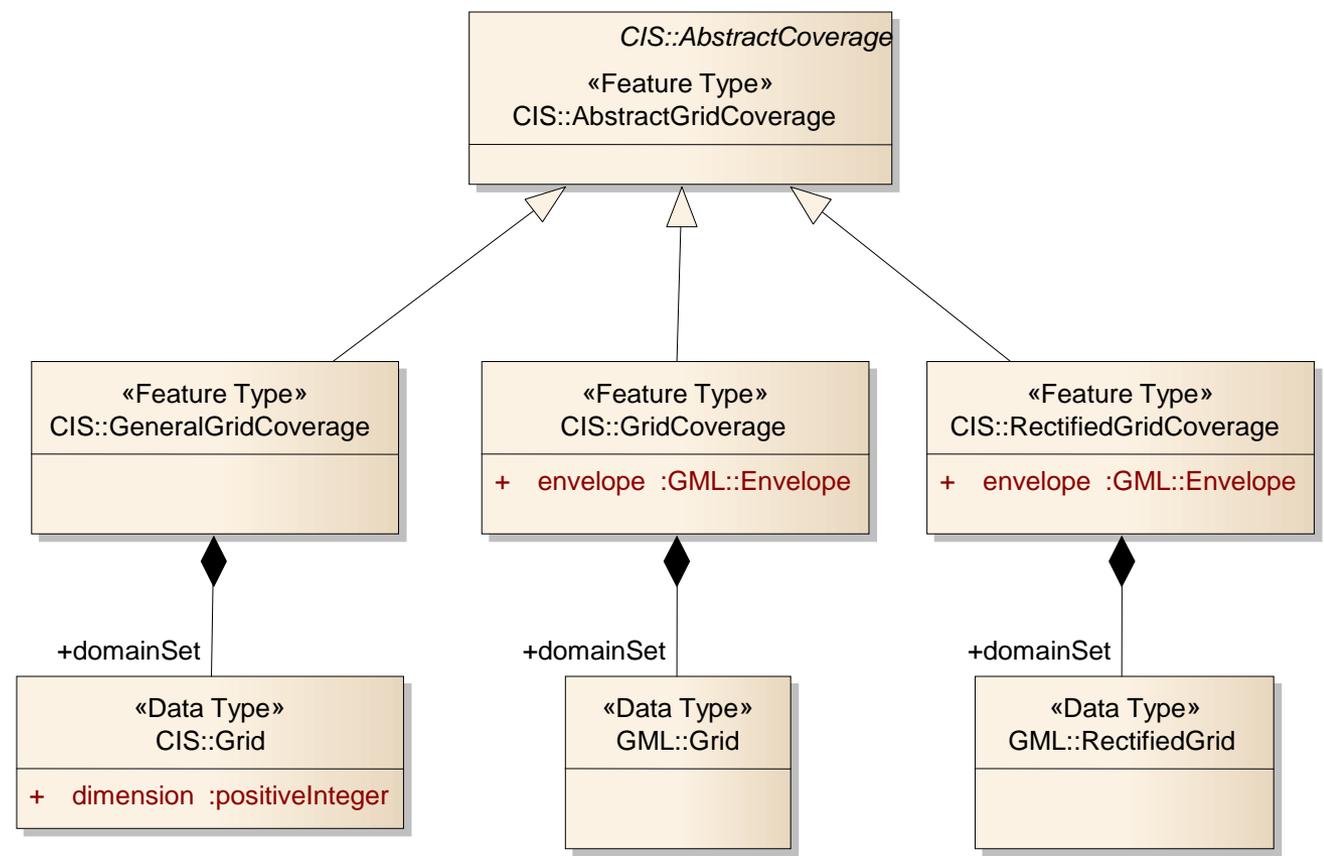
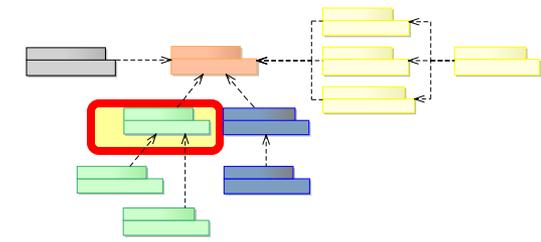
<cis:GeneralGridCoverage
  xmlns:gis='http://www.opengis.net/gis/1.1'
  xmlns:gml='http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2'
  xmlns:swe='http://www.opengis.net/swe/2.0'
  xmlns:xsi='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance'
  xsi:schemaLocation='http://www.opengis.net/gis/1.1 ../gisAll.xsd'
  gml:id="CIS_002">

  <gis:domainSet>
    <gis:GeneralGrid srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4326"
      uomLabels="deg deg" axisLabels="Lat Long" srsDimension="2">
      <gis:regularAxis axisLabel="Lat" lowerBound="-90" upperBound="-80" resolution="5"/>
      <gis:regularAxis axisLabel="Long" lowerBound="0" upperBound="10" resolution="5"/>
      <gis:gridLimits srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/0/Index2D" axisLabels="i j">
        <gis:indexAxis axisLabel="i" lowerBound="0" upperBound="2"/>
        <gis:indexAxis axisLabel="j" lowerBound="0" upperBound="2"/>
      </gis:gridLimits>
    </gis:GeneralGrid>
  </gis:domainSet>

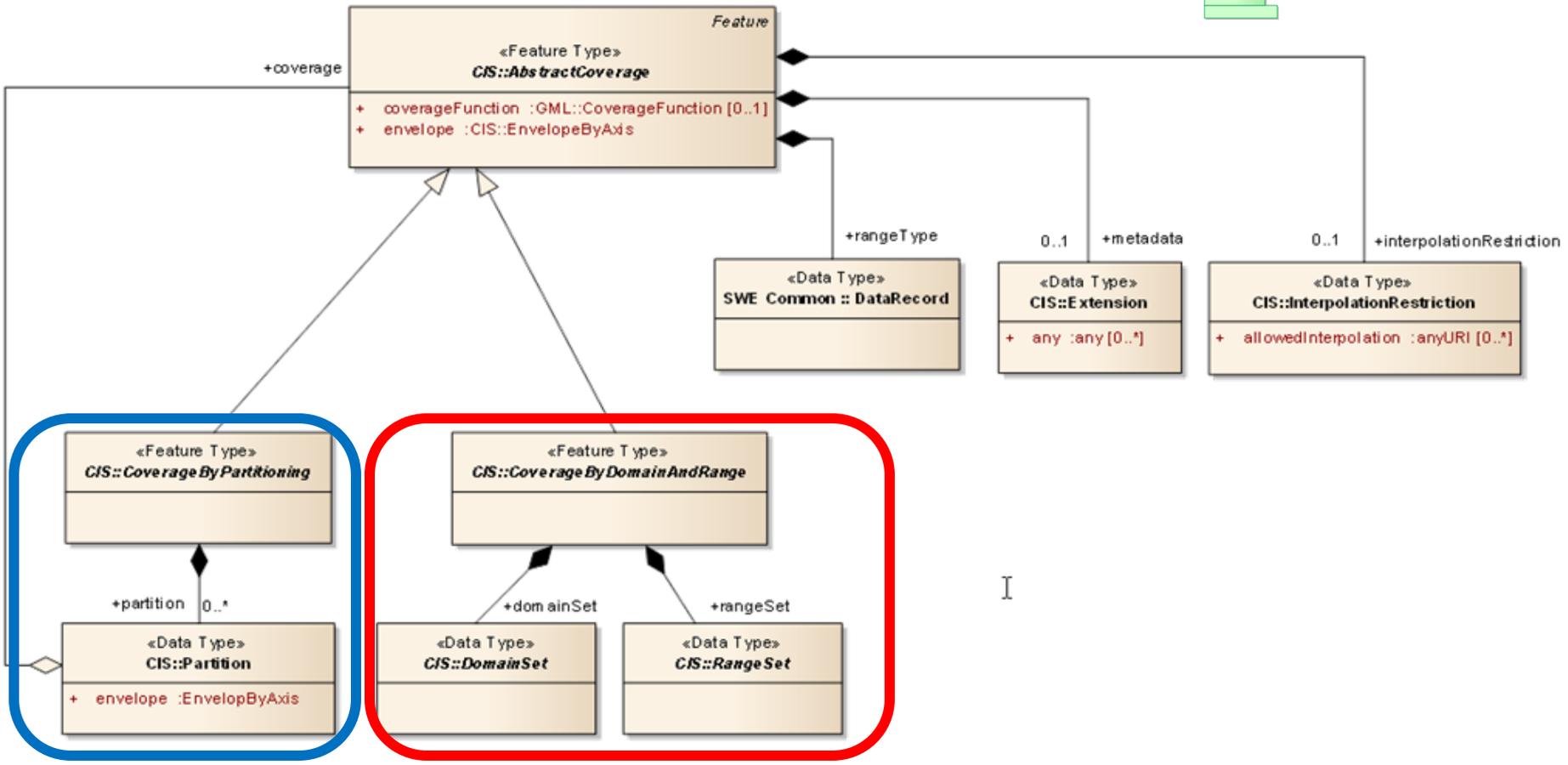
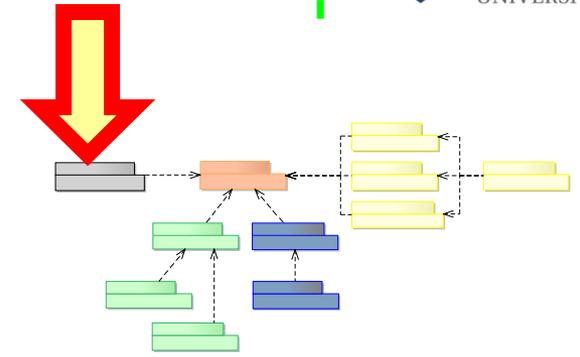
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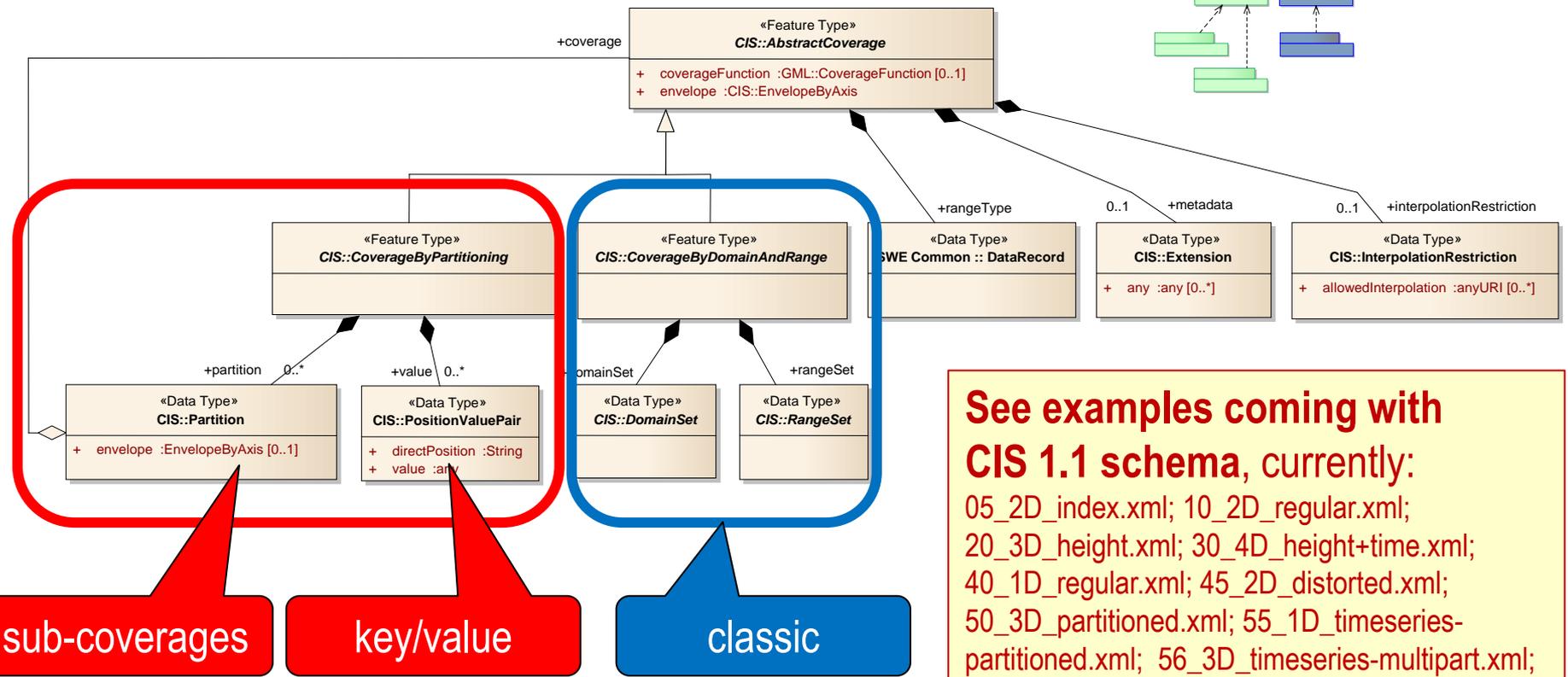
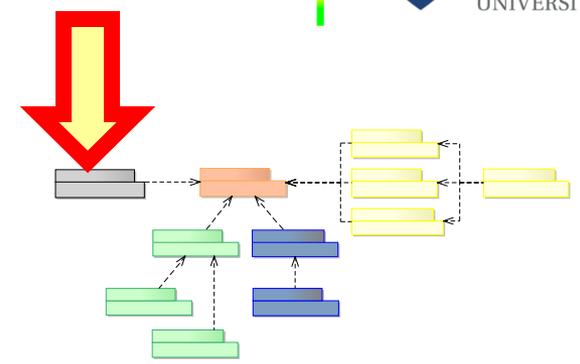
# CIS::AbstractGridCoverage



# CIS::C'ByPartitioning



# CIS::C'ByPartitioning



**See examples coming with CIS 1.1 schema, currently:**

05\_2D\_index.xml; 10\_2D\_regular.xml;  
 20\_3D\_height.xml; 30\_4D\_height+time.xml;  
 40\_1D\_regular.xml; 45\_2D\_distorted.xml;  
 50\_3D\_partitioned.xml; 55\_1D\_timeseries-partitioned.xml; 56\_3D\_timeseries-multipart.xml;  
 57\_1D\_timeseries-interleaved.xml; 60\_point-cloud.xml; 80\_2D\_interpolation.xml;  
 90\_sensormodel.xml; z0\_gridcoverage.xml;  
 z1\_rectifiedgridcoverage.xml

# CIS 1.1: Summary

- CIS 1.1 = compatible extension to GMLCOV 1.0
  - General grids; SensorML 2 integration; nonnumeric coordinates; „time-interleaved“, interpolation; splitting into req classes
  - In sync with ISO TC211
- Concepts elaborated in T-11 (10 change requests)
- Spec + ATS ready, on pending >3 weeks
  - Approach: full copy GMLCOV→CIS (not inc, like GML 3.3)
- Implementations available for critical points:
  - Irregular grids: EarthServer project
  - Sensor model: KEYW
  - Partitioning: rasdaman and other array databases
  - GMLCOV 1.0 parts pre-existing, copied over

- Outlook: adding JSON



Content-Type: Multipart/Related; boundary=**wcs**;  
start="**GML-Part**"  
type="text/xml"

--**wcs**  
Content-type: text/xml  
Content-ID: **GML-Part**

```
<?xml version="1.0" ...>  
<gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage ...>  
<gml:domainSet>...</gml:domainSet>  
<gml:rangeSet>  
  <gml:File>  
    <gml:rangeParameters xlink:href="grey.tif"  
      xlink:role="http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV_geotiff-coverages/1.0"  
      xlink:arcrole="fileReference"/>  
    <gml:fileReference>grey.tif</gml:fileReference>  
    <gml:fileStructure/>  
    <gml:mimeType>image/tiff</gml:mimeType>  
  </gml:File>  
</gml:rangeSet>  
<gmlcov:rangeType>...</gmlcov:rangeType>  
</gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage>
```

--**wcs**  
Content-Type: image/tiff  
Content-Description: coverage data  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: binary  
Content-ID: **grey.tif**  
Content-Disposition: INLINE

...binary TIFF data...

--**wcs**--

# Sample Mixed Encoding: TIFF

- Multipart/related MIME
- Part 1: GML
- Part 2: eg, TIFF
- Consistency in metadata required
  - Otherwise bug

# OGC Coverage Types

- Spatio-temporal !

as per GML 3.2.1

«FeatureType»  
**Abstract  
Coverage**

**Grid  
Coverage**

**Rectified  
GridCoverage**

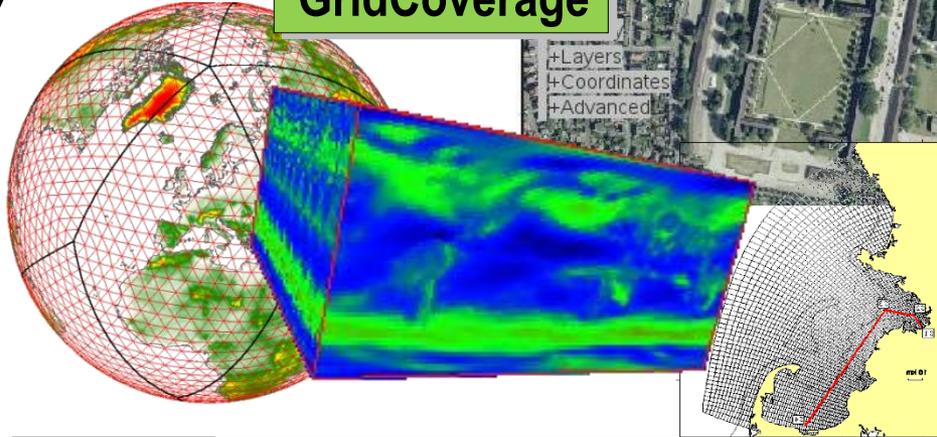
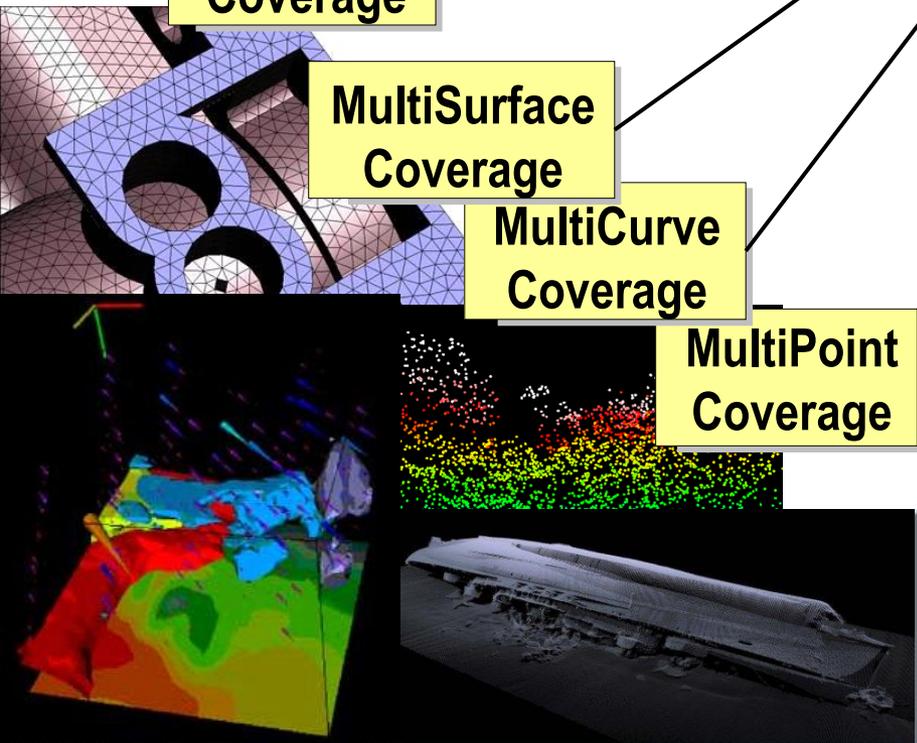
**Referenceable  
GridCoverage**

**MultiSolid  
Coverage**

**MultiSurface  
Coverage**

**MultiCurve  
Coverage**

**MultiPoint  
Coverage**



# Part 3: Q&A

# Questions

- Q: Harmonize the CRS used in the “srsName” parameter for different GMLCOV file components.
  - <https://themes.jrc.ec.europa.eu/discussion/view/50299/harmonize-the-crs-used-in-the-%E2%80%9C%9Csrname%E2%80%9D-parameter-for-different-gmlcov-file-components>
  - <https://themes.jrc.ec.europa.eu/file/view/49498/elevation-grid-coverage-gmlcov-example-implementation-ign-spain>

Example uncorrelated with OGC coverages

OGC coverages offer simple, powerful (n-D!) way of handling space/time coordinates

- **boundedBy** is optional, may be different CRS, may be approximate; from GML!
- **domainSet** is mandatory, authoritative: contains Native CRS of coverage
- **domainExtent** is unknown to me (not found in GML 3.2.1)

# Questions

- Elevation: Vertical CRS defining elevation values in rangeSet?
  - <https://themes.jrc.ec.europa.eu/discussion/view/42326/need-more-guidance-for-elevation-encoding-and-correct-example-for-elevationgridcoverage-on-the-basis-of-gmlcov-schema>
  - referenceFrame property from rangeType/swe:Quantity [OGC 08-094r1 SWE Common Data Model]
    - <https://themes.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pages/view/60561/provide-an-elevationgridcoverage-encoding-example-and-guidelines-for-identifying-the-vertical-crs>

Use of swe:Quantity not governed by WCS.SWG! Best practice highly desirable.  
„Me no expert“ – who is willing to join a task force? Mail thread wrap-up?

```

- <gml:domainSet>
- <gml:RectifiedGrid gml:id="rg0001_C0002" dimension="2" srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSSG/0/32633">
+ <gml:limits></gml:limits>
  <gml:axisName>x</gml:axisName>
  <gml:axisName>y</gml:axisName>
+ <gml:origin></gml:origin>
  <gml:offsetVector srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSSG/0/32633">0.2985821 41738734 0</gml:offsetVector>
  <gml:offsetVector srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSSG/0/32633">0 -0.2985821 41738591</gml:offsetVector>
</gml:RectifiedGrid>
</gml:domainSet>
+ <gml:rangeSet></gml:rangeSet>
- <gmlcov:rangeType>
- <swe:DataRecord>
  - <swe:field name="Height">
    + <swe:Quantity definition="http://sweet.jpl.nasa.gov/2.0/spaceExtent.owl#Height" referenceFrame="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSSG/0/5714">
      </swe:field>
    </swe:DataRecord>
  </gmlcov:rangeType>

```

# DEM Example

```

<cis:GeneralGridCoverage ...>
  <cis:domainSet>
    <cis:GeneralGrid srsName=http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSSG/0/4326
      uomLabels="deg deg" axisLabels="Lat Long" srsDimension="2">
        <cis:regularAxis axisLabel="Lat" lowerBound="-90" upperBound="-80" resolution="5"/>
        <cis:regularAxis axisLabel="Long" lowerBound="0" upperBound="10" resolution="5"/>
        <cis:gridLimits srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/0/Index2D" axisLabels="i j">
          <cis:indexAxis axisLabel="i" lowerBound="0" upperBound="2"/>
          <cis:indexAxis axisLabel="j" lowerBound="0" upperBound="2"/>
        </cis:gridLimits>
      </cis:GeneralGrid>
    </cis:domainSet>
    <cis:rangeSet>...</cis:rangeSet>
    <cis:rangeType>
      <swe:DataRecord>
        <swe:field name="elevation" // as per ESA + SPOT Image, 2011
          <swe:Quantity definition="http://www.opengis.net/def/dataType/OGC/0/float16"
            referenceFrame="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSSG/0/3855"
            <swe:uom>m</swe:uom>
          </swe:Quantity>
        </swe:field>
      </swe:DataRecord>
    </cis:rangeType>
  </cis:GeneralGridCoverage>

```

Based on email discussion with Emmanuel Devys, Roger Lott, et al



# Questions

- tiling / mosaicking, coverage aggregations within the GMLCOV files
  - <https://themes.jrc.ec.europa.eu/discussion/view/50412/how-to-implement-tiling-model-mosaic-elements-coverages-and-coverage-aggregations-in-gmlcov-files>
- Build GMLCOV example for Elevation & Orthoimagery
  - standardized way to implement tiling (describing logical structures like e.g. mapsheets, administrative units like regions or districts, etc.)
  - mosaic elements (OI)
  - modelling coverage aggregations

Meaning, purpose?

Meaning, purpose, how to serve?

Caveat: implementation detail, WCS interface std does not define implementation.

**COVERAGE ≠ IMAGE**

Do NOT standardize tiling on server!

Why should it be necessary?

Any serious server today can do seamless mosaicked maps

# Questions

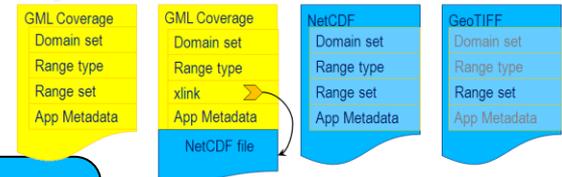
- partial conceptual redundancies between INSPIRE coverages attributes and GMLCOV components / INSPIRE coverage model extensions
  - Ex: domainExtent vs. gml:boundedBy
    - <https://themes.jrc.ec.europa.eu/discussion/view/12901/domainextent-vs-gmlboundedby-el-oi-coverages-encoding>
  - agreed to minimize INSPIRE extensions as possible

Complete list of INSPIRE deviations from OGC coverages?

## Issues:

- Sometimes duplication of information

not much danger (consistency can be verified automatically) -  
Redundancy existing, eg, with format encodings



- WCS2.0 ignores INSPIRE extensions

dangerous

# Relevant Links

- Wikipedia primers:
  - [Coverages](#)
  - [Web Coverage Service](#)
  - [Web Coverage Processing Service](#)
  
- OGC:
  - coverages info page: [http://external.opengeospatial.org/twiki\\_public/CoveragesDWG/WebHome](http://external.opengeospatial.org/twiki_public/CoveragesDWG/WebHome)
  - Authoritative standards source: <http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/wcs>
  
- Coverage service standards online demo: <http://standards.rasdaman.com>
  
- The [rasdaman](#) Array Database System
  
- The [EarthServer](#) initiative

***That's all  
folks!***



# rasdaman: Agile Array Analytics

- „raster data manager“: SQL + n-D raster objects

```
select img.green[x0:x1,y0:y1] > 130
from   LandsatArchive as img
where  avg_cells( img.nir ) < 17
```

- Scalable parallel “tile streaming” architecture
- In operational use
  - OGC Web Coverage Service  
Core Reference Implementation

