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istSOS: Sensor Observation Service in Python

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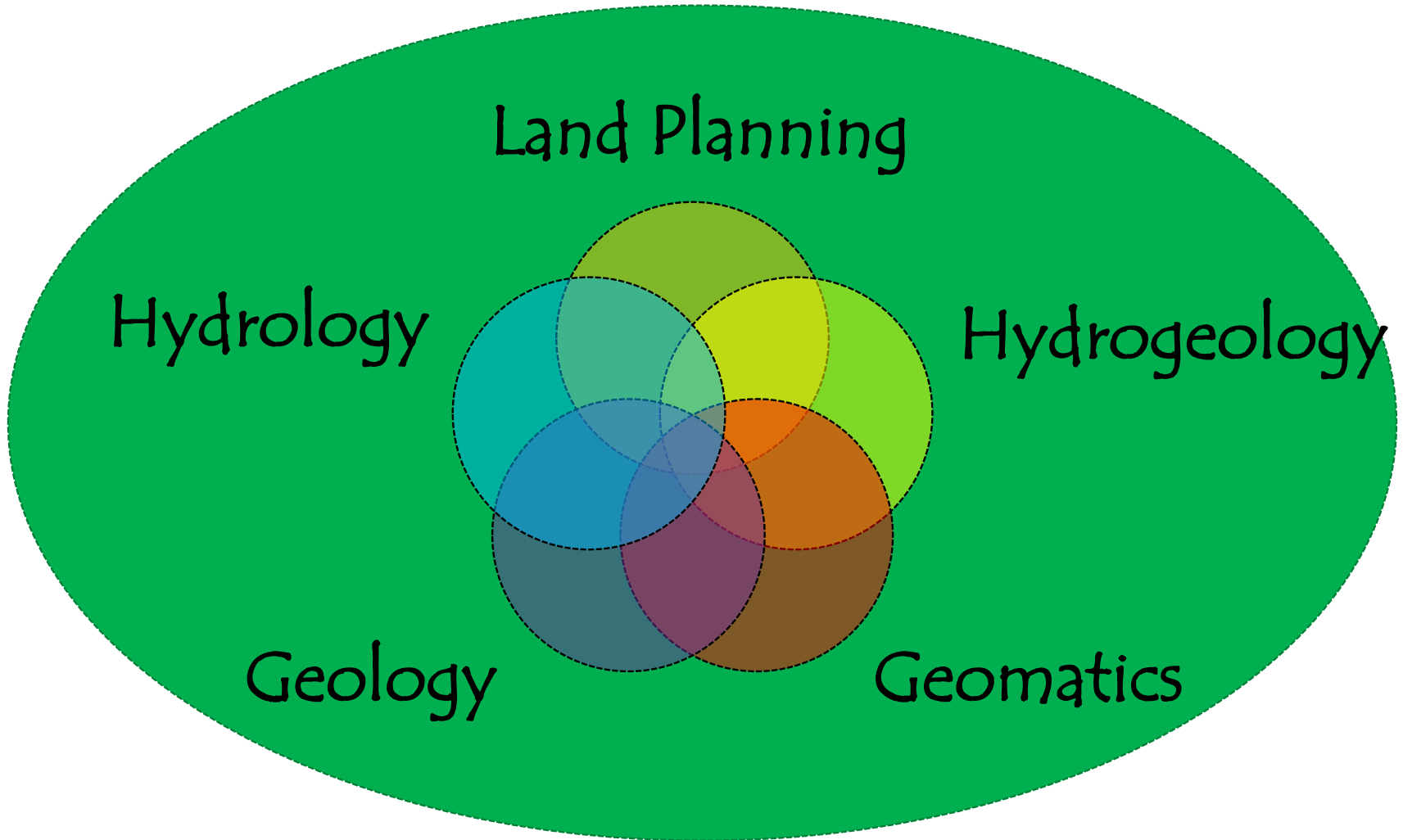
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SOS service (quick intro)

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Sensor Observation Service

Sensor Observation Service

- It is a standard interface defined by the OGC for the management and distribution of observations. The current the version is the 1.0 as defined by the "OGC 06-009r6" document.



SOS v1.0 requests

Mandatory

(core profile)

1. GetCapabilities
2. DescribeSensor
3. GetObservation

(transactional profile)

4. RegisterSensor
5. InsertObservation

Optional

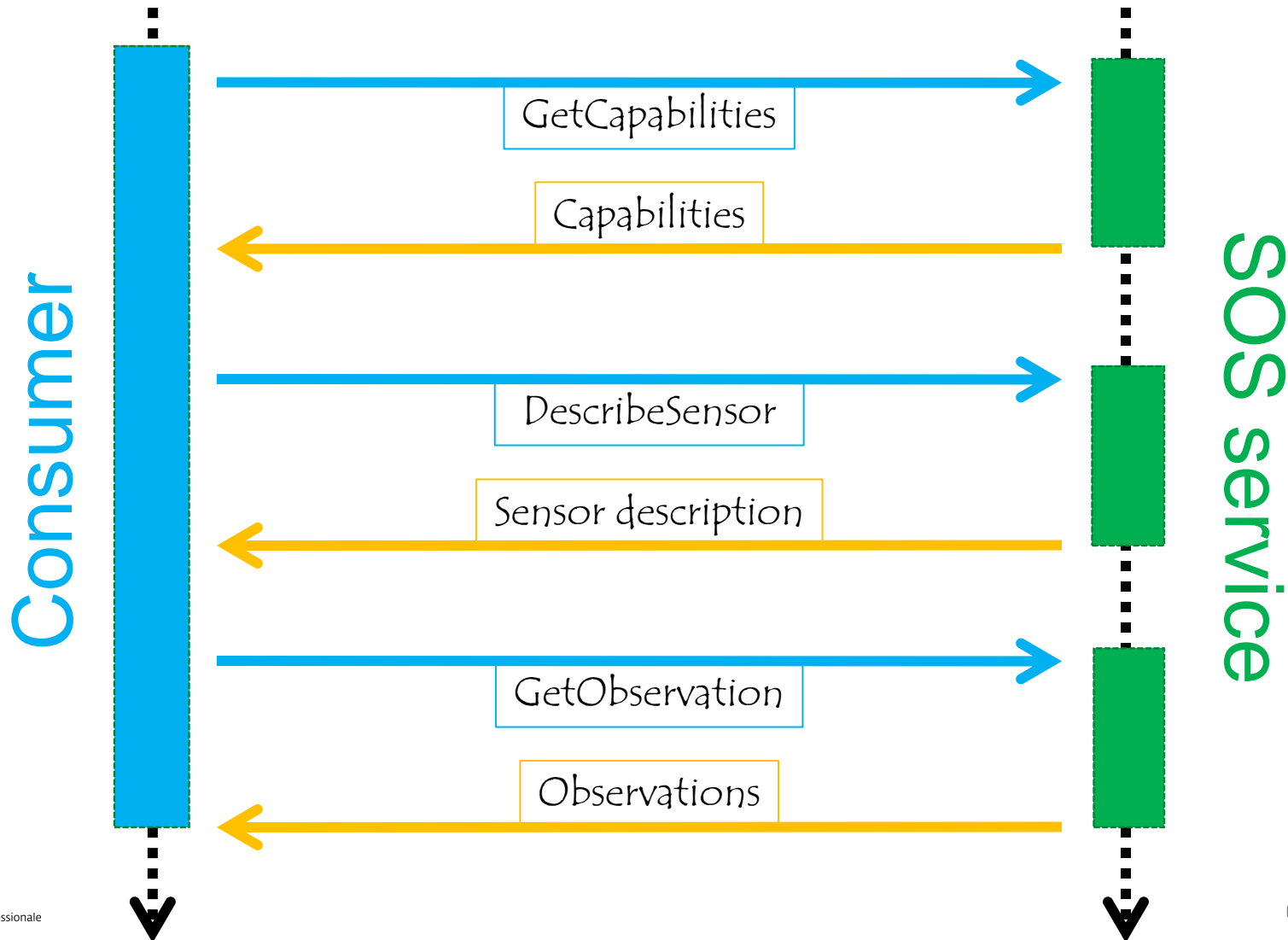
(enhanced profile)

6. GetFeatureOfInterest
7. GetResult
8. GetObservationByID

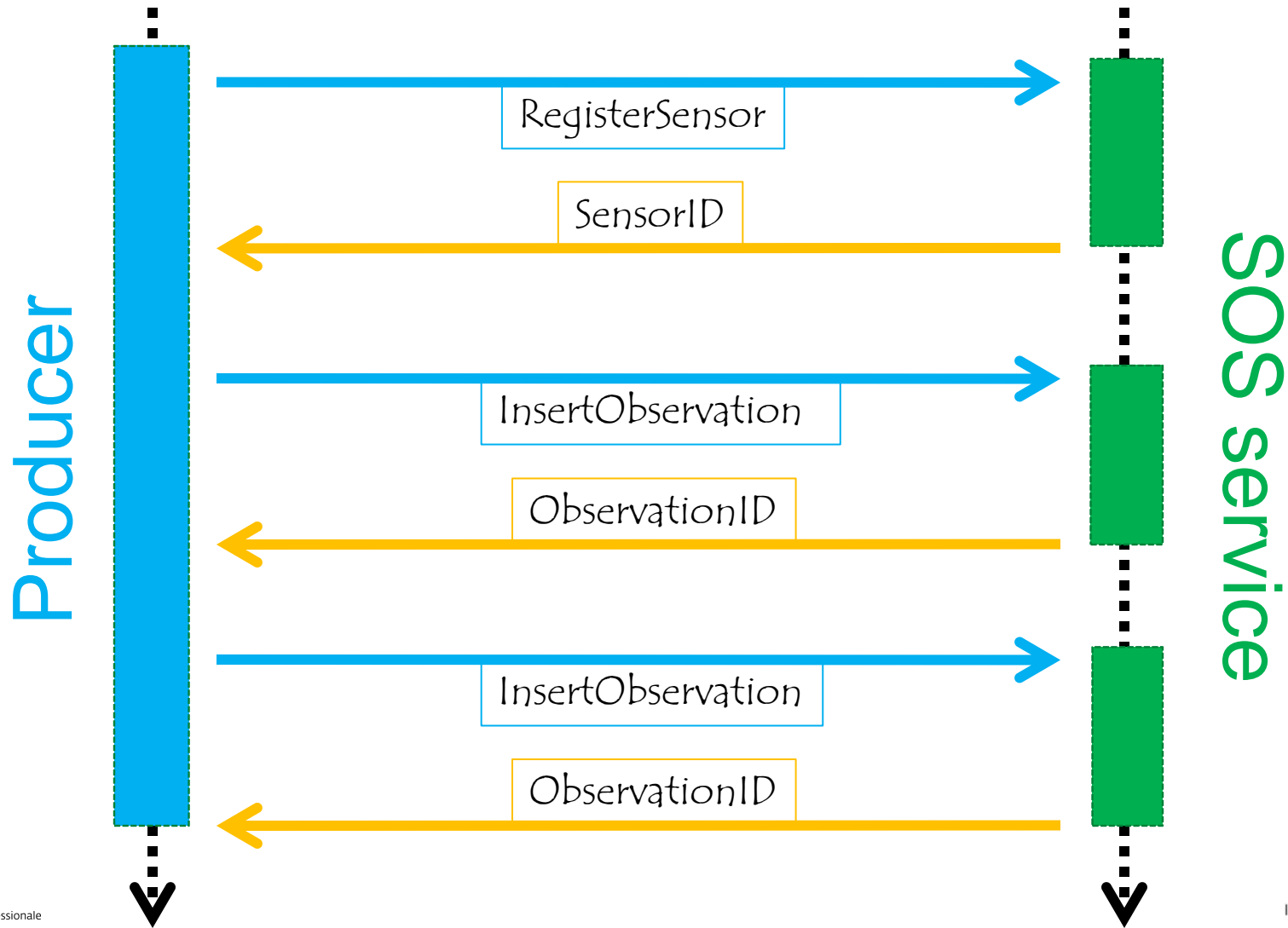
9. GetFeatureOfInterestTime
10. DescribeFeatureType
11. DescribeObservationType
12. DescribeResultModel

Optional

Data consumer



Data producer



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istSOS

is the SOS implementation by the
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<http://istgeo.ist.supsi.ch/software/istSOS>

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technology

istSOS is entirely developed in Python
and rely on Apache/ModPython,
PostgreSQL/PostGIS and
GDAL/OGR



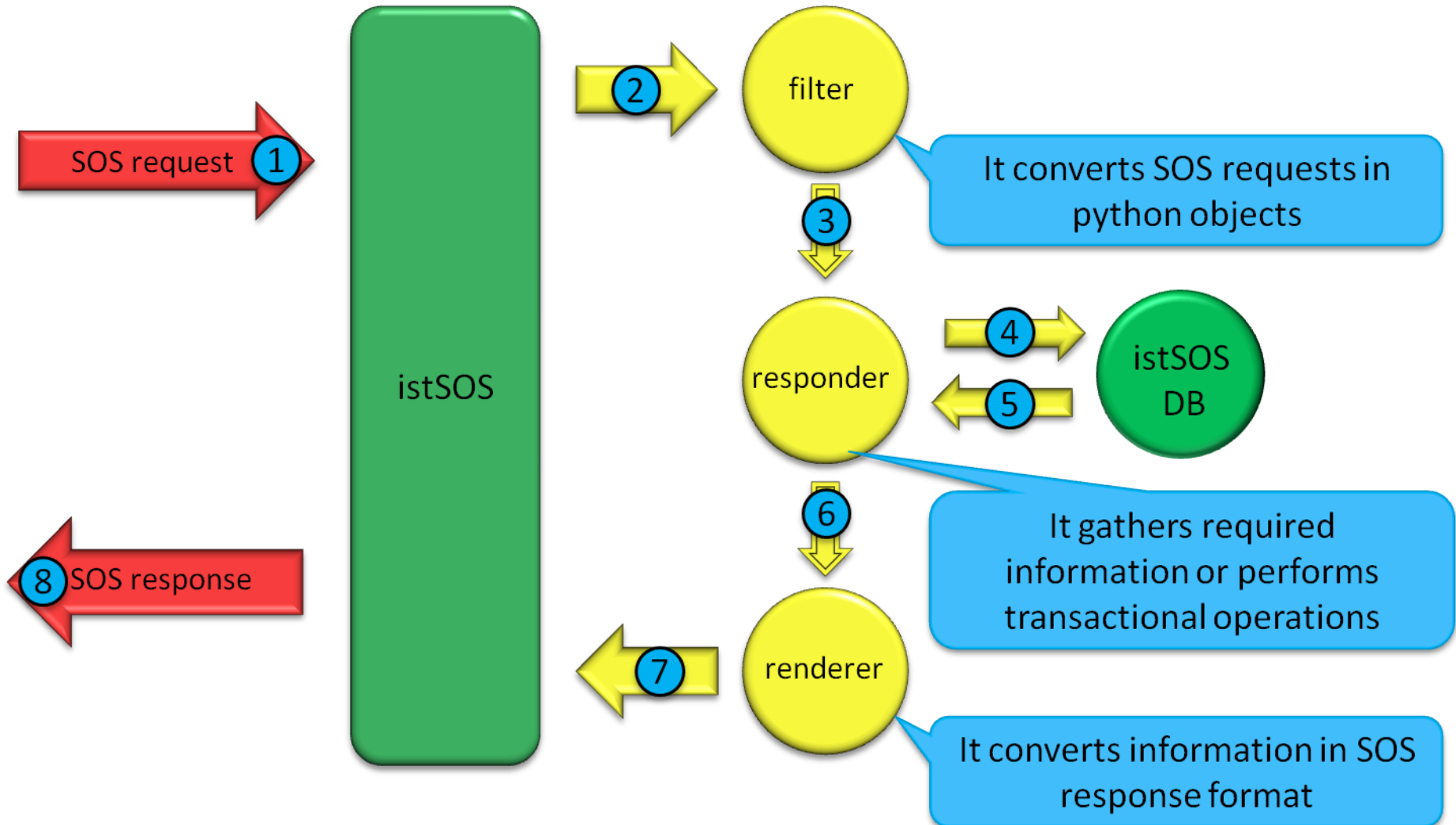
design pattern

istSOS has been implemented with a **factory method** as design pattern

this particular pattern allows the automatic instantiation of the required objects or functions depending on the request type.



workflow



istSOS (package)

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package

sosConfig.py

configuration file

sos.py

Web interface

istSOS

SOS library

sos_schema.sql

PostGIS schema

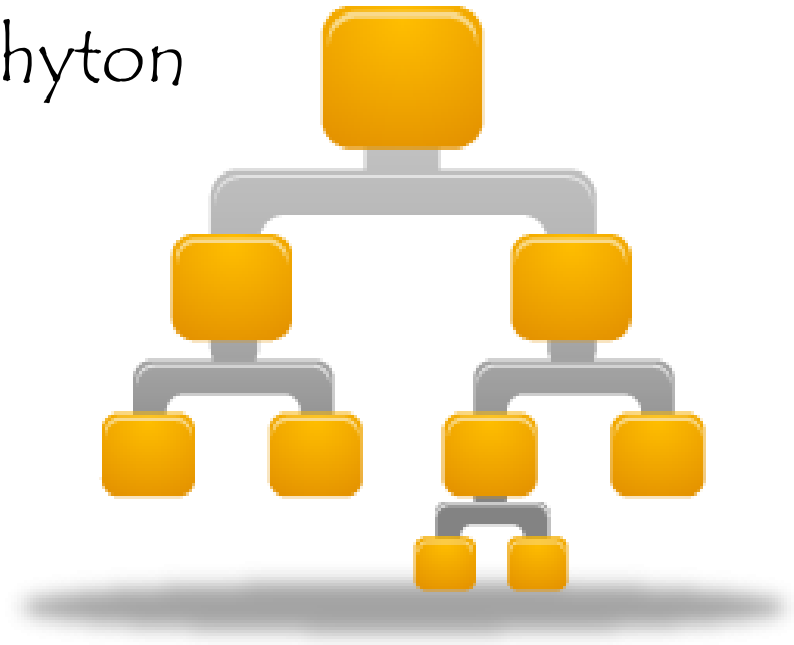
installation

1. Install dependencies
2. Install istSOS schema
3. Install istSOS libraries
4. Configure apache/mod_python
5. Configure istSOS

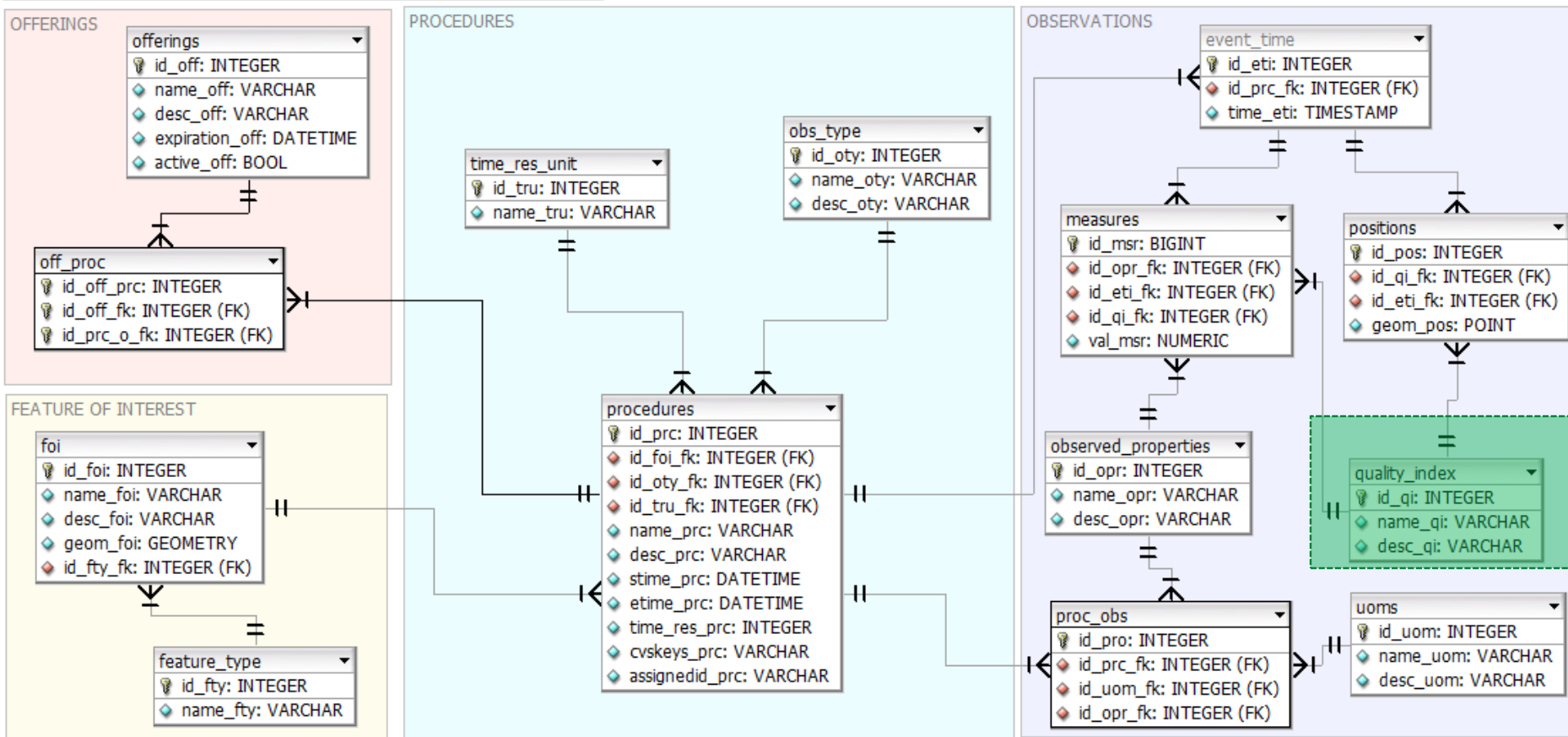


1. dependencies

- Base requirements:
 - Python (2.6 >)
 - PostgreSQL/PostGIS
 - Apache (2.x >) con mod_python
- Python packages:
 - psycopg2
 - isodate
 - GDAL



2. istSOS schema



3. istSOS libraries

Submodules

- [istSOS.filters](#)
 - [istSOS.filters.DS_filter](#)
 - [istSOS.filters.GC_filter](#)
 - [istSOS.filters.GF_filter](#)
 - [istSOS.filters.GO_filter](#)
 - [istSOS.filters.IO_filter](#)
 - [istSOS.filters.RS_filter](#)
 - [istSOS.filters.USD_filter](#)
 - [istSOS.filters.factory_filters](#)
 - [istSOS.filters.filter](#)
- [istSOS.renderers](#)
 - [istSOS.renderers.DSresponseRender](#)
 - [istSOS.renderers.GCresponseRender](#)
 - [istSOS.renderers.GFresponseRender](#)
 - [istSOS.renderers.GOresponseRender](#)
 - [istSOS.renderers.IOresponseRender](#)
 - [istSOS.renderers.RSresponseRender](#)
 - [istSOS.renderers.USDresponseRender](#)
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 - [istSOS.responders.USDresponse](#)
 - [istSOS.responders.factory_response](#)
- [istSOS.sosDatabase](#)
- [istSOS.sosException](#)



python setup.py install

4. configure mod_python



```
<Directory "/var/www/sos">  
    AddHandler mod_python py  
    DirectoryIndex sos.py  
    PythonHandler mod_python.publisher  
    PythonDebug On  
    PythonPath ["//var/www/sos/istSOSconfig']+sys.path"  
</Directory>
```

5. configure istSOS

```
#database properties
connection = {
    "user" : "postgres",
    "password" : "1234",
    "host" : "localhost",
    "dbname" : "sos",
    "port" : "5432"
}
schema="istsos"

#define the authority and version of your institution
#x- denote a not registered authority
authority="x-ist"
version=""
```



istSOS (features & characteristics)

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Supported requests

- CoreProfile:
 - GetCapabilities
 - DescribeSensor
 - GetObservation
- Transactional Profile:
 - RegisterSensor
 - InsertObservation
- Enhanced profile:
 - GetFeatureOfInterest

Not yet 😊

- Enhanced profile:
 - GetResult
 - GetObservationById
 - GetFeatureOfInterestTime
 - DescribeFeatureType
 - DescribeObservationType
 - DescribeResultModel

sensor

For istSOS the
sensor == time serie

thus it is:

“one set of values at one time”

T,P Sensor



R Sensor



XYZ Sensor

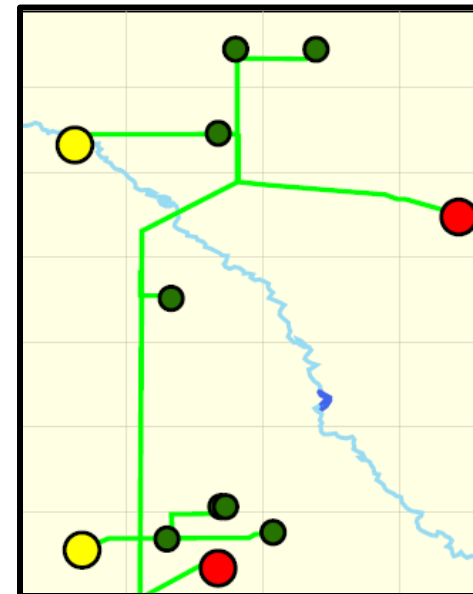


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FOI: featureOfInterest

- According the SOS it may be whatever you want but for istSOS it is the **observed geometry** and **not the medium** (e.g.: a point, a network, a region)
- istSOS schema allows only **one FOI for each Procedure**



sensor types

- Data are different for different sensor, so istSOS decided to distinguish sensors based on :
 - observation type:
 - Discrete (point, arc, area) – distributed
 - sensor stationary:
 - fixed – mobile
 - sampling mode:
 - in situ – remote

sensor types

Up to now **two** supported sensor types

“fixpoint”

=

in situ – fixed – discrete point

sampling location
is given by the FOI

[2010-09-05T12:10+02:00,
127,0.44]



“mobilepoint”

=

in situ – mobile- discrete point

sampling location
is given by x,y,z triplet
with the SRS adv in field description

[2010-09-05T12:10+02:00,
697812,78562,873.23,12.7]



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SOS
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getObservation

1. In the response the time has **the same timezone** of the first element of the requested eventTime, (if missing it is assumed to be UTC)
2. If no eventTime is requested only the **latest available observation** is returned



getObservation

3. Result parameter (filters on values) is not supported yet! 😞
4. featureOfInterest does not yet support spatial constrains! 😞
5. Non standard `aggragateInterval` and `aggregateFunction` parameters allow for data aggregation requests

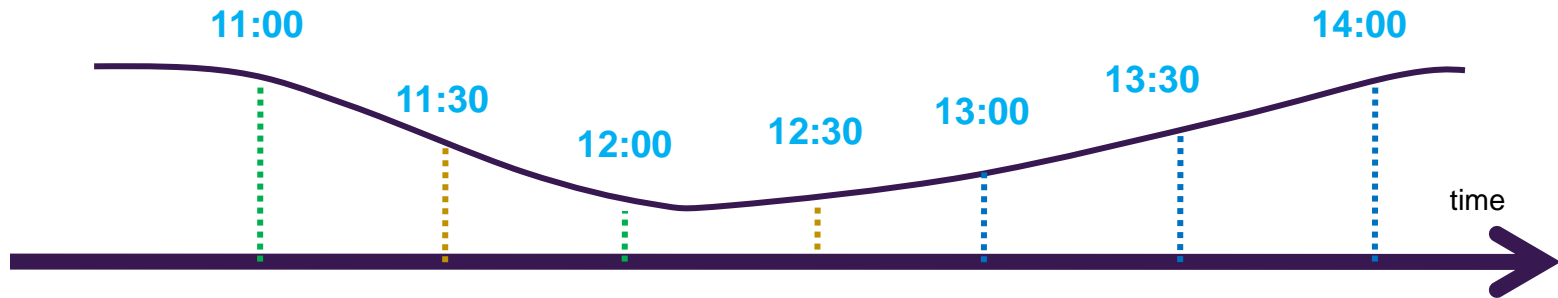


regular time series

- istSOS uses backward, open lower bound intervals with frequency defined by `<gml:timeInterval>`

`<gml:timeInterval > PT1H </gml:timeInterval>`

`] -----] = open lower bound`



`2010-05-10T12:00, 0.6`

`2010-05-10T12:00, 0.6`

`2010-05-10T12:00, 0.6`

getObservation

6. responseFormat support also **text/csv** and **application/Json** formats

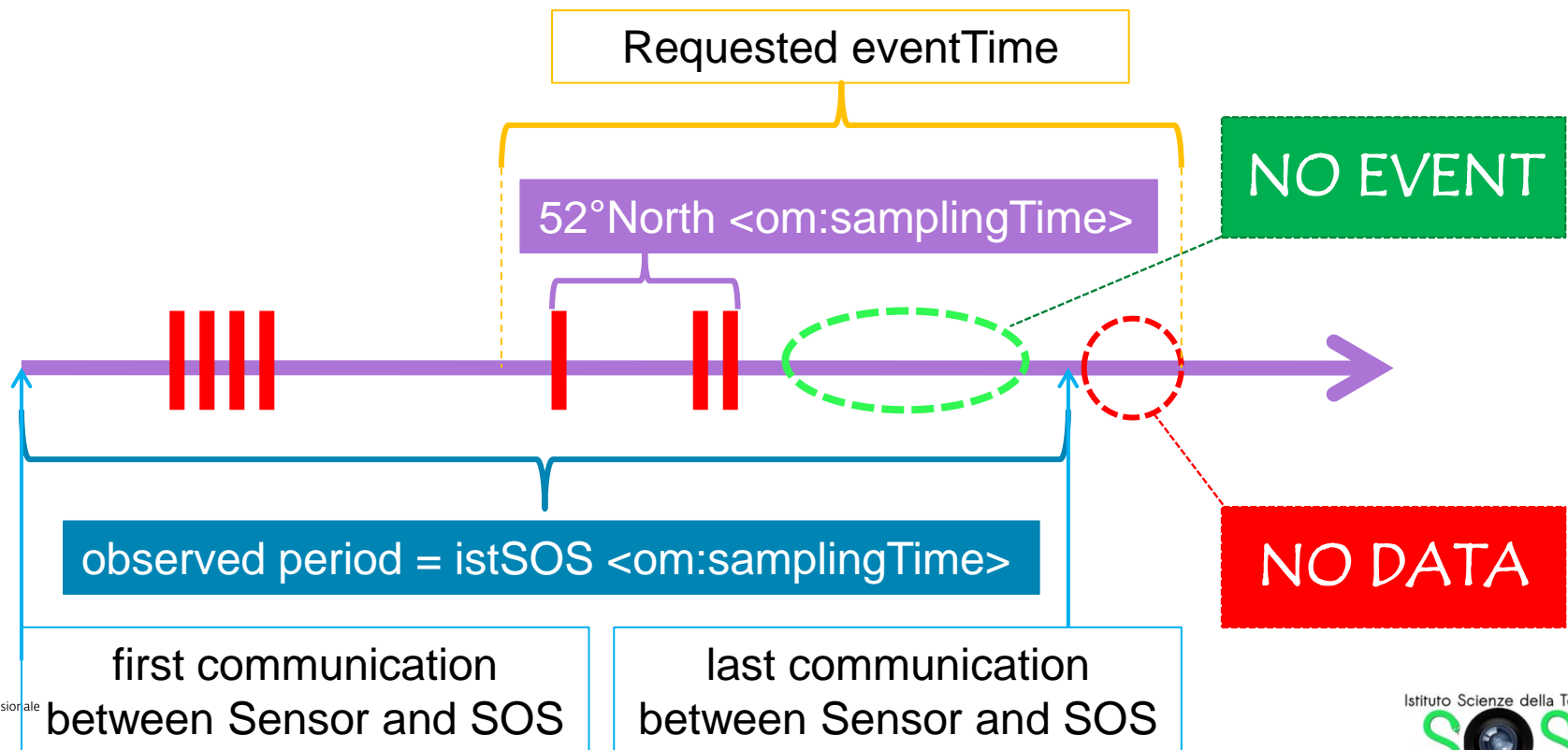


7. Support of **irregular time series** ("ad eventum" observation) and discrimination of no data and no event!



Irregular time series

- istSOS uses `<om:samplingTime>` to communicate the observed period, not the returned observations interval (min-max)



registerSensor

1. Automatically detect the sensor type (fixpoint or mobilepoint) depending on the presence of fields x,y,z in the provided observation template.
2. All new procedures are registered to a **temporary offering**
3. Return the **sensorID**: this is the only time this value is accessible trough internet!

insertObservation

1. Allows to **insert multiple values** and returns as a response an identifier that is the concatenation of observation id with the @ symbol. (1@2@3@4@5..)
2. **Time-value constrain**: one procedure has one property with one value for each instant
3. In case of **error no observation is registered** and the service answers with an exception (following the SOS specifications).

insertObservation

4. Observed period is updated accounting for submitted `<om:samplingTime>` (time of observation of submitted data)
5. `forceInsert`: non standard parameter for data management; in this case the `insertObservation` substitutes all the observation within the `<om:samplingTime>` with the new observations (if any provided)

UpdateSensorDescription

- **NON standard request:** allows for submission of a new sensor description that substitutes the current one
- this is to account for **historical changes of instruments** or particular maintenance tasks

virtual process

- istSOS allows to define virtual procedures extending the base class virtualProcess that has a method for retrieving of classic procedure data based on submitted filters parameters.

→ data may reside wherever you want, just read the filter, get the data and return the record in a few lines of code !!

virtual process

FILENAME == PROCEDURE NAME in reserved FOLDER



```
from istSOS.responders.GOresponse import VirtualProcess
import datetime, decimal

class istvp(VirtualProcess):
    def __init__(self, filter, pgdb):
        VirtualProcess.__init__(self, filter, pgdb)

    #SET THE INPUTS
    self.h = self.setSOSobservationVar("A_BRB", "riverheight")

    def execute(self):
        data_out=[]
        for rec in self.h:
            newdata = rec[1]*0.25 + 124
            data_out.append( rec[0], newdata)
        return data_out
```



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...and join to the development

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