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Weather sensor and data access service information management using an ebXML registry

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Introduction

- ## This talk covers

  - Metadata standards used in the Next Generation Network Enhanced Weather (NNEW) program

  - The use of an ebXML Registry/Repository to manage and provide flexible query-based access to the metadata

Agenda

- Metadata overview
- Motivation for use of ebXML
- Sample usage scenarios
- SensorML profile
- Domain registry as compared with the NAS service registry
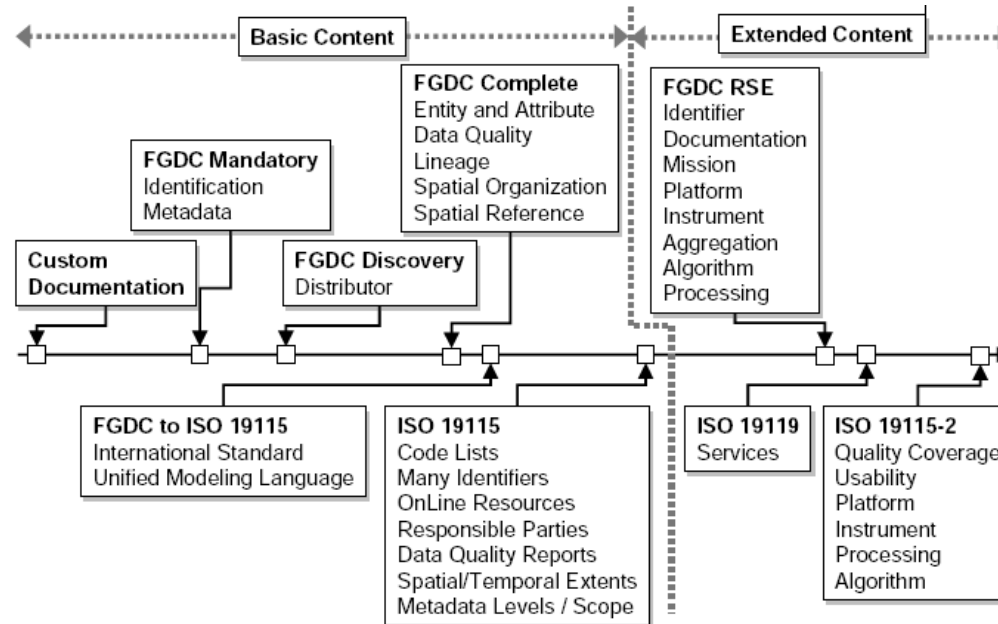- Summary

Weather Domain Metadata

- Weather data is the information that is of interest to consumers

- Weather metadata is information that allows the user to discover, access, understand and interpret weather data

- Types of metadata include time and location of observations and/or forecasts, sensor capabilities, data processing steps used, etc…

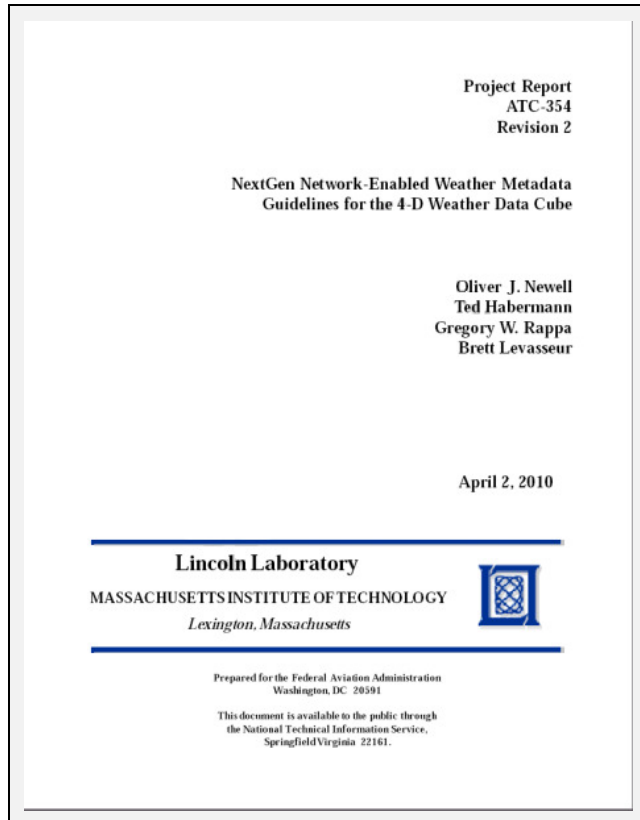# Evolution of Metadata Standards in U.S.

- **Worldwide earth science community in the process of adopting ISO metadata standards**
- **The ISO standards are very wide-ranging - different countries and/or communities-of-interest (COI's) typically develop *profiles* of the standards to match their requirements.**

NNEW Metadata Profile

Project Report
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Revision 2

NextGen Network-Enabled Weather Metadata
Guidelines for the 4-D Weather Data Cube

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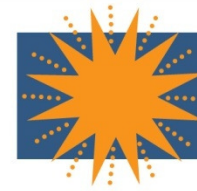Springfield Virginia 22161.

- **Dataset Metadata: ISO 19115, NetCDF Climate & Forecast Conventions (CF)**

- **Sensor Metadata: SensorML**

- **Service Metadata: ISO 19119 / WSDL**

- **Registry Information Model mapping guidance for above types**

- **NOAA also aligned with many of these standards (and contributed to this profile)**

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NNEW and ebXML

- Goal is to manage a variety of metadata types
- Requirements will likely change over time – flexibility of metadata management mechanism is important
- UDDI registry interface not particularly flexible
  - Most recent version is 3.0.2 from 2005
  - OASIS Technical Committee closed in 2008
- ebXML information model is more general and extensible
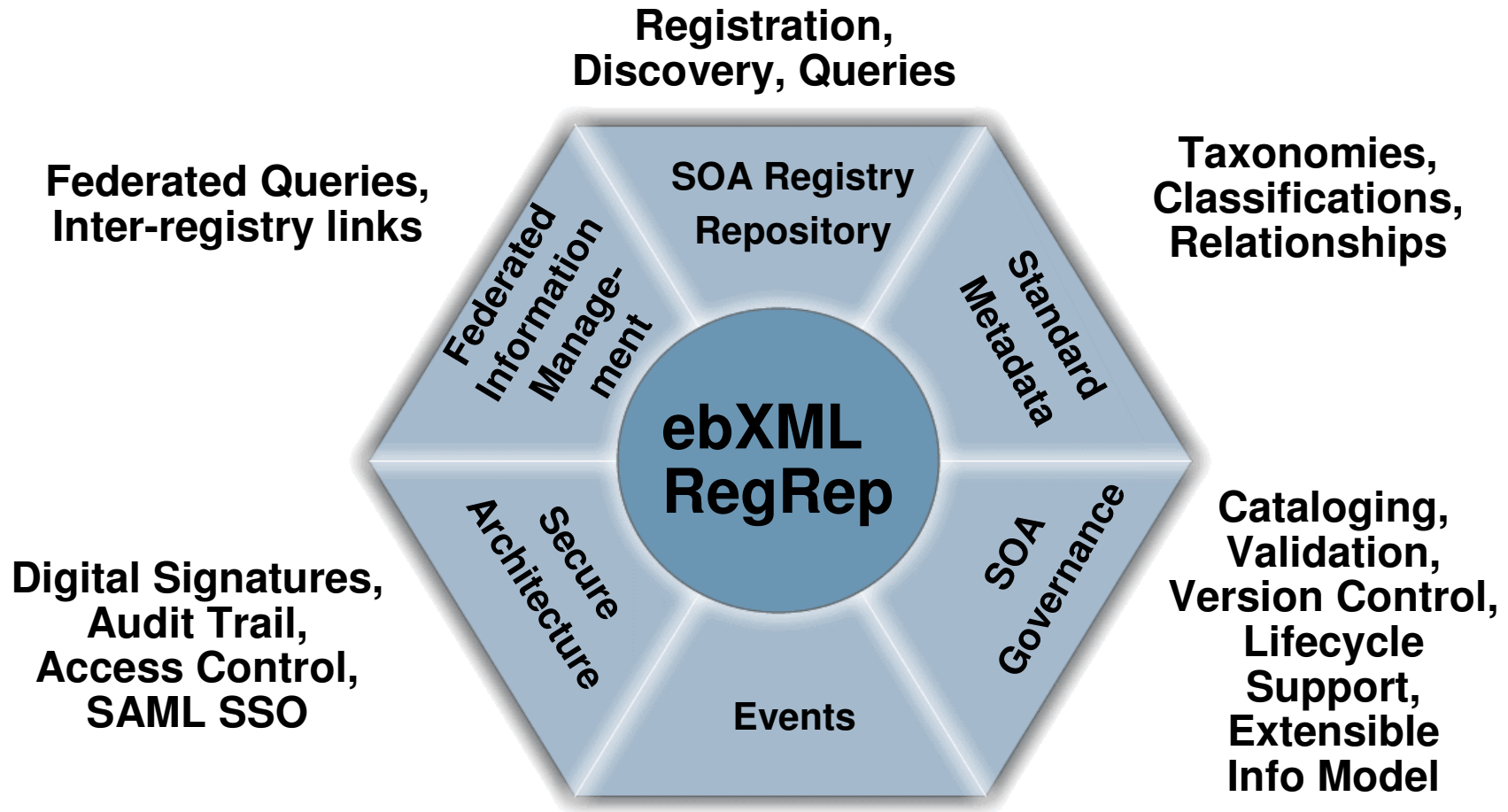 - Adopted by OGC for use in their specifications

ebXML Registry/Repository

Registration, Discovery, Queries

Federated Queries, Inter-registry links

Taxonomies, Classifications, Relationships

Digital Signatures, Audit Trail, Access Control, SAML SSO

Cataloging, Validation, Version Control, Lifecycle Support, Extensible Info Model

SOA Registry Repository

Federated Information Management

Standard Metadata

ebXML RegRep

Secure Architecture

SOA Governance

Events

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ebXML Registry/Repository is modular, extensible
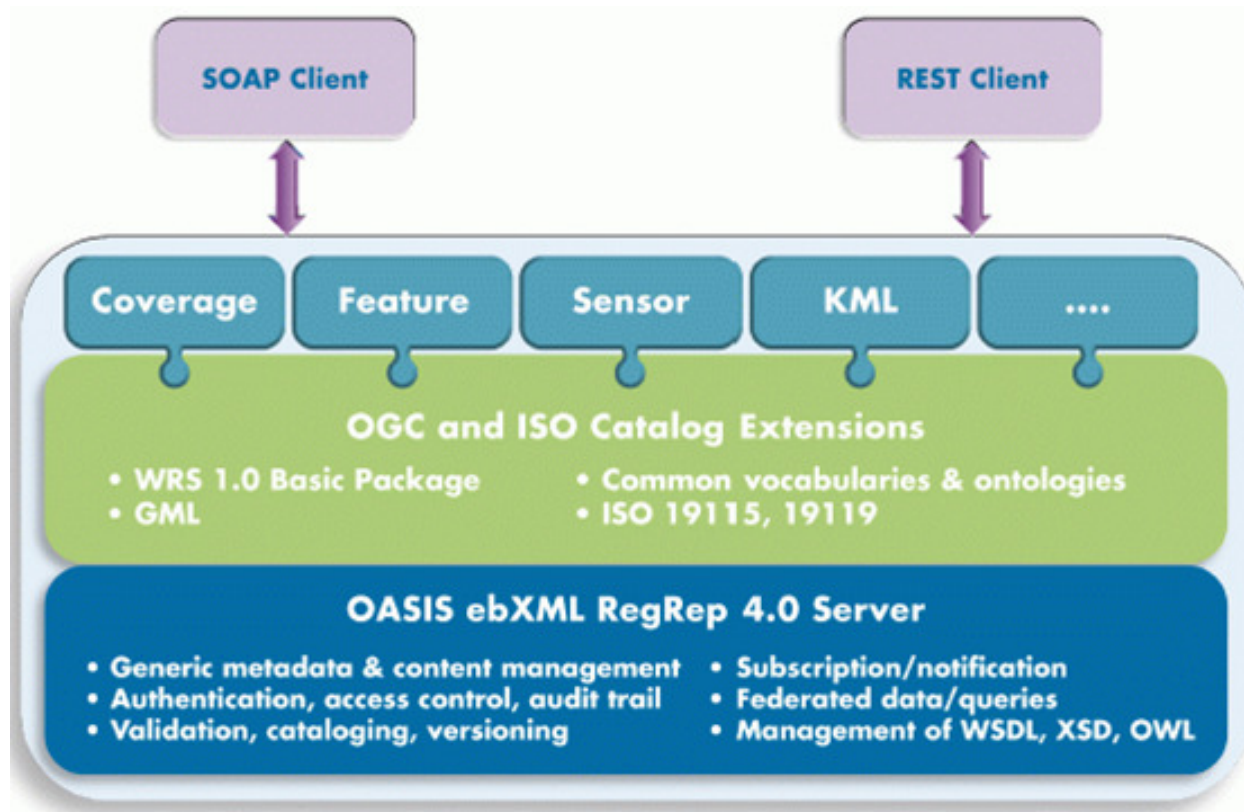
Well-aligned with OGC 'Core + Extensions' specification model
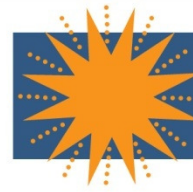
Sample Usage: Dataset & Service Metadata Access

- Registry/Repository stores metadata files in the repository and creates registry objects to represent the content

- The metadata from the dataset, service and WSDL files is cataloged at insert time

  - Datasets are associated with the services that provide them

  - Services are associated with their WSDL files

ebXML in NNEW

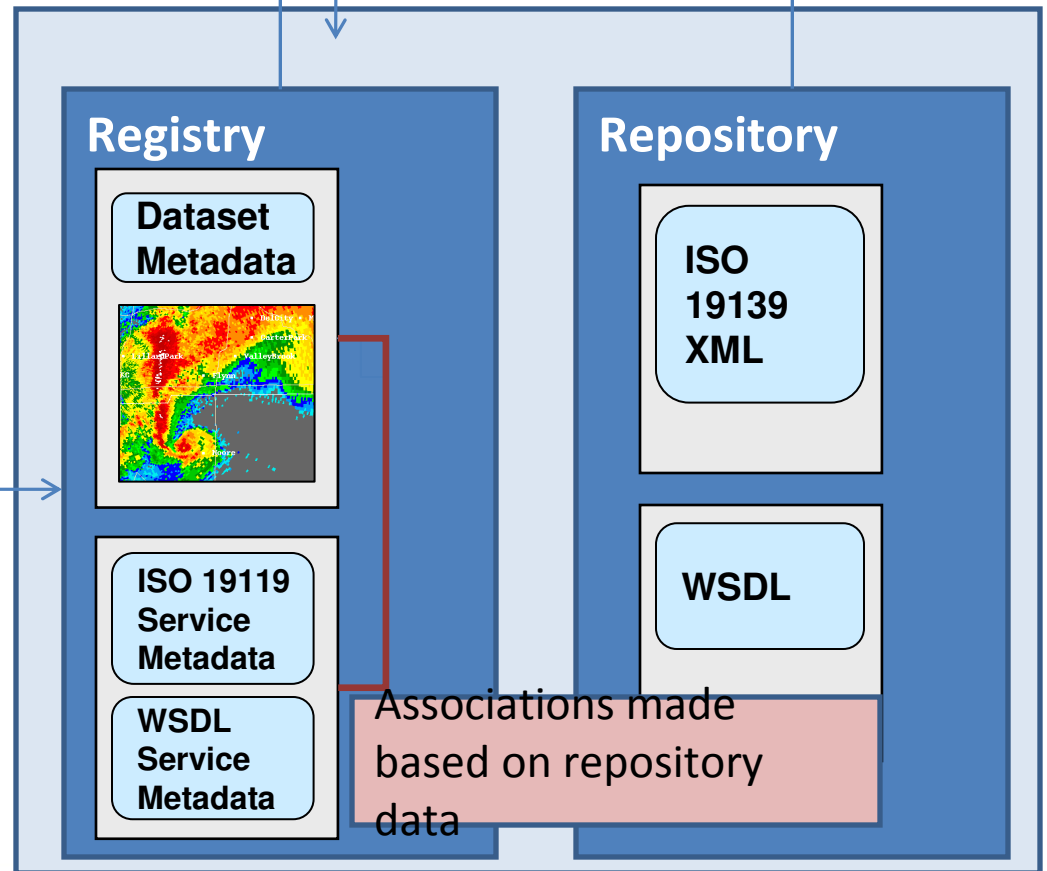Registry stores data in the repository and catalogs entries in the registry
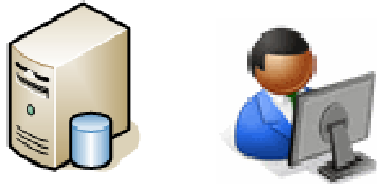
Web Coverage Service

Service publishes metadata to the registry

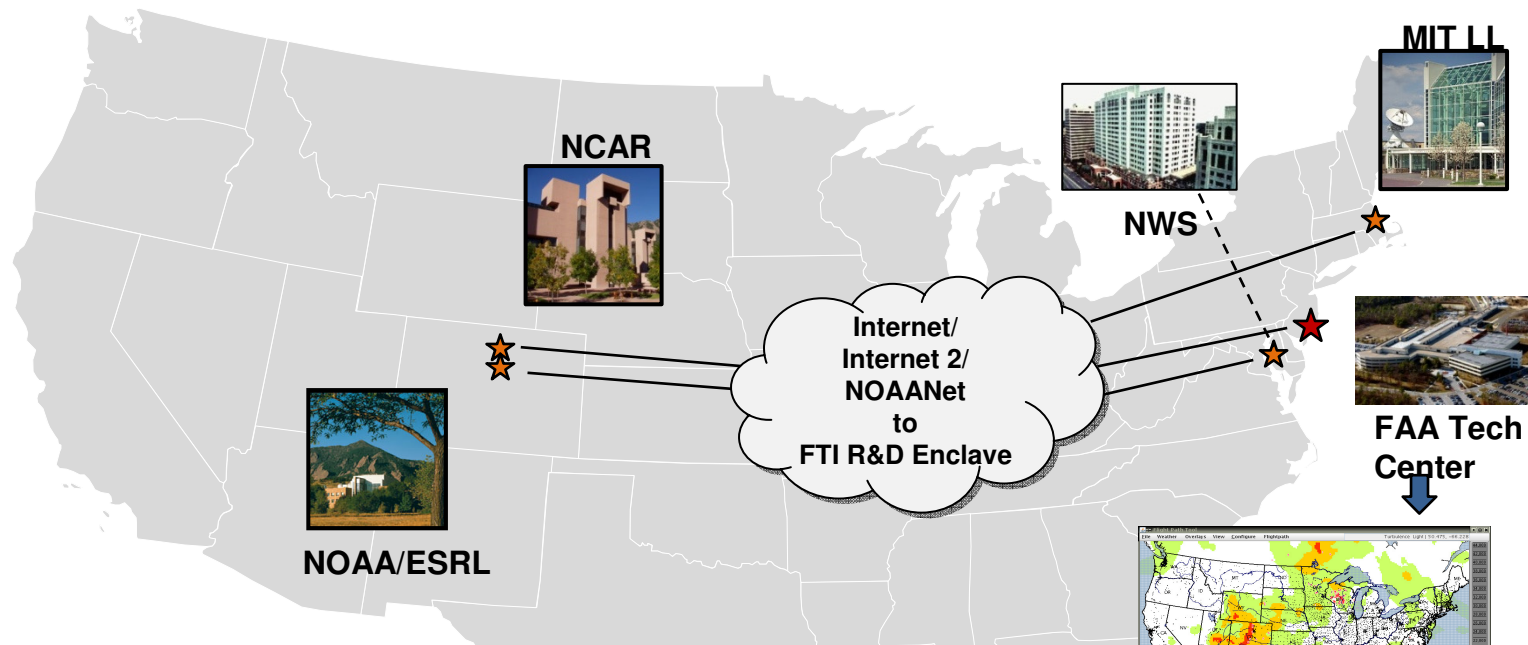Clients search for datasets and finds the services that provide them

Registry

Dataset Metadata

ISO 19119 Service Metadata

WSDL Service Metadata

Repository

ISO 19139 XML

WSDL

Associations made based on repository data

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NNEW Metadata Usage Demonstration

- **Registry nodes at MIT LL, NWS, NOAA/ESRL, FAA Tech Center**
- **200+ weather data products provided via OGC data access services (WFS, WCS) by 4 organizations at 4 locations (MIT LL, NCAR, NOAA/ESRL, NWS, FAA)**
- **OGC – enabled display clients**
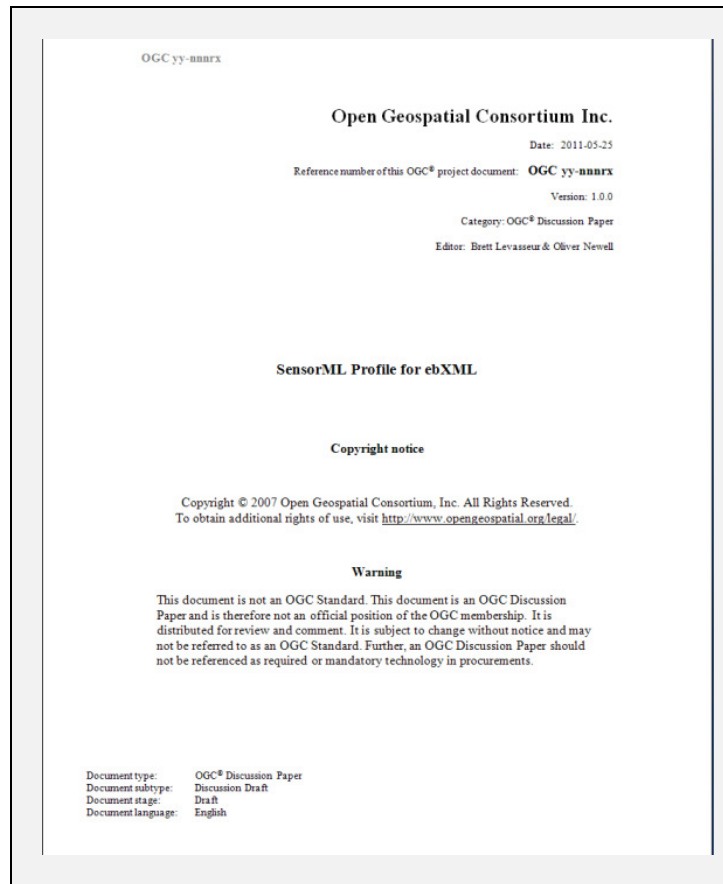 - **Discover and access data using *What, When, Where* semantics**

Recent work – ebXML SensorML profile

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SensorML Profile for ebXML

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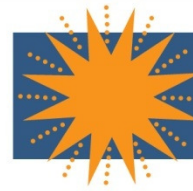
- Cataloged sensor information includes position of the sensor in latitude/longitude coordinates

- The ISO extensions to the ebXML registry include geospatial search capabilities

- Registries with both the ISO and SensorML extensions can perform geographic searches for sensors

Goal is to work towards standardization of an ebXML 4.0 SensorML profile within OGC

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SensorML-based discovery

Google Earth can display both the location and metadata for sensors

The KMZ file that the client library produces is read in to display the sensor data

A polygon is used to define the area to search for sensors

Registry Roles

- The NNEW domain registry is focused on content discovery (datasets, sensor information)
    - ebXML capable of supporting runtime and/or design-time use cases
- The SWIM registry/repository is a design time *service* registry
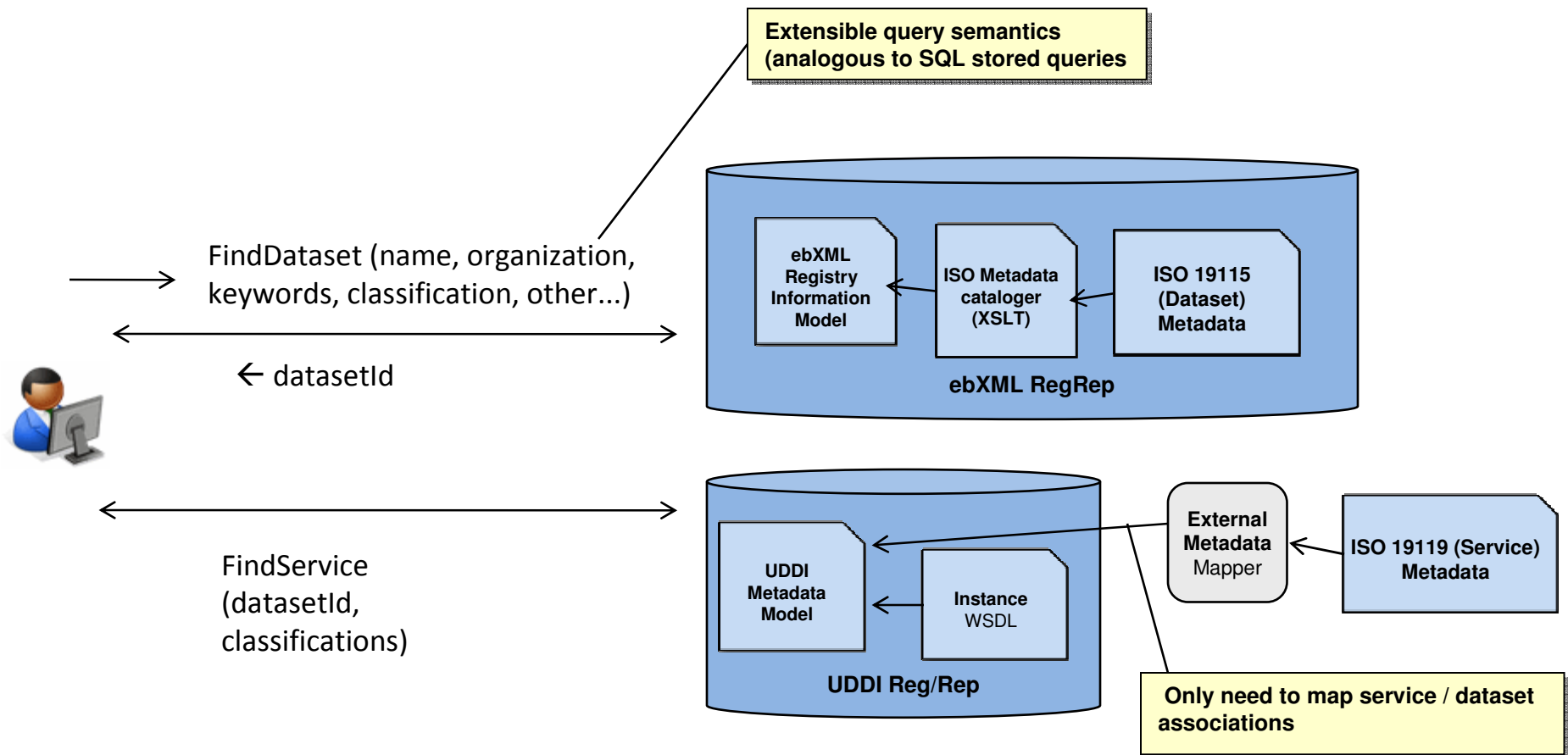   - More specific role
    - Focus on governance

Coordinated use of domain and SWIM registries

Extensible query semantics (analogous to SQL stored queries

FindDataset (name, organization, keywords, classification, other...)

← datasetId

FindService (datasetId, classifications)

ebXML Registry Information Model

ISO Metadata cataloger (XSLT)

ISO 19115 (Dataset) Metadata

ebXML RegRep

UDDI Metadata Model

Instance WSDL

UDDI Reg/Rep

External Metadata Mapper

ISO 19119 (Service) Metadata

Only need to map service / dataset associations

Summary / Conclusion

- NNEW uses ISO 19115 and SensorML profiles to extend ebXML servers to support storage, management, classification and searching of NNEW metadata

- The ebXML specification has proven to be flexible enough to meet a variety of needs in the NNEW R&D effort

- Version 4.0 of the OASIS ebXML specification currently in public review phase

Future Work

- In current R&D effort, metadata files have been manually created and published via a registry web interface

- Will be exploring automated metadata synchronization based on OGC GetCapabilities (and a possible future GetMetadata operation)
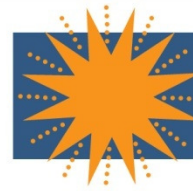
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