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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

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OGC 06-121r3, *OpenGIS® Web Services Common Standard*

NOTE This OWS Common Specification contains a list of normative references that are also applicable to this Implementation Specification.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this report, the definitions specified in Clause 4 of the OWS Common Implementation Specification [OGC 06-121r3] and in OpenGIS® Abstract Specifications shall apply.

4 Conventions

4.1 Abbreviated terms

O&M	Observation and Measurement
SensorML	Sensor Model Language
SWE	Sensor Web Enablement

4.2 UML notation

Most diagrams that appear in this standard are presented using the Unified Modeling Language (UML) static structure diagram, as described in Subclause 5.2 of [OGC 06-121r3].

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none

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As a major difference to SensorML, *FL features a clear separation between the physical device (*Sensor*), its model specific composition (*SensorCharacteristics*), and the specific procedures running on a physical device or subcomponents respectively (*SensingProcedure*). By this, it follows its main conceptual ancestor, the sensor ontology developed by the W3C Semantic Sensor Network Incubator Group [W3C2011]. The semantic sensor network (SSN) ontology was developed with the goal to apply semantic web technologies to the Sensor Web, i.e. to align SensorML, O&M, and lately even foundational ontologies. It describes where a given sensor fits in the world of sensors and sensing, i.e. focuses on an ontology in which sensor types and instances can be specified to allow reasoning to infer relationships and hierarchies. Unfortunately, one of the latest actions before closing the incubator group was the alignment of the formerly promising SSN ontology with the ultra light version of the DOLCE foundational ontology. This step concluded a further derivation from a design directly applicable to a wide user community. The chances that the SSN ontology will leave the academic sector don't look promising.

SensorML on the other hand started with the goal to provide a universal sensor metadata description language, but got lost in its aspiration to cover every little detail of sensor, sensor data processing, sensor to platform correlation, and further descriptions. SensorML instances became directly executable, allowing processing steps such as geo-localization to be performed by SensorML execution environments exclusively based on data from the SensorML instance. All those aspects led an enormous complexity, which was further enhanced by insufficient use of formalized models and common types coming from the ISO 19100 harmonized model.

As a consequence, the uptake of both technologies in the real world is still very low. The ontology has not left the academic domain so far, and SensorML is after ten years only supported by a single incomplete library that finds little use in real world scenarios and applications. The library claims to be open source, but the development project lacks some of the fundamental characteristics of open source projects, such as documentation, development community, etc.

Remains to shed some light on the weird name “Starfish Fungus Language”. Well, the story goes as follows: After the OGC meeting taking place in Sydney, Australia, December 2010, two core OGC Sensor Web Enablement architects together with domain modeling experts have been shocked by a number of red hands growing out of front yard patches at CSIRO CS Christian Labs in Canberra, Australia. After some

¹ The Pareto principle (also known as the 80-20 rule, the law of the vital few, and the principle of factor sparsity) states that, for many events, roughly 80% of the effects come from 20% of the causes (2011-06-08, Wikipedia)

Internet consultation, we discovered that this amazing looking little creature, which was shedding odor like a chimney directly connected to hell, is in fact a fungus called Starfish... and the name was born.



Figure 1: Starfish Fungus, Canberra, Australia

6 Modeling Process

*FL was developed by applying a formalized approach. Following best practices described in [Golodoniuc2010], *FL defines a UML model that is based on the ISO 19100 series of standards and follows ISO 19136 (Geography Markup Language, which provides a set of encoding patterns and auxiliary cross-domain XML components) to derive a XML Schema representation automatically. The applied modeling process is based on two tools developed by CSIRO Australia, namely HollowWorld [Seagrid2011a], a framework implementing and partly augmenting the ISO 19100 series of standards from the ISO/TC 211 “Harmonized Model”; and Fullmoon [Seagrid2011b], an XML processing framework that consistently transforms the formalized UML models into XML Schema.

After intensive consultation with end users, we decided to restrict the portfolio of used modeling and encoding technologies to UML and XML Schema without any further possible augmentations such as Schematron rules or derivates from the logical expression communities in order to facilitate the uptake of *FL in a wide field of domains.

7 Basic Principles

For the description of sensors, *FL differentiates two core aspects: First, the sensor ex factory (with all its possible sub components), which gets delivered with a set of core characteristics ensured by the manufacturer and applicable to all sensors of that model. Second, the deployed sensor, which may get calibrated, deployed at different locations, maintained, switched on and off, fixed to platforms, experiences decreasing accuracy or sub-components becoming inoperative and so on. The first part is described in the *static module*. This module shall be used primarily by the sensor manufacturer. It contains all elements to describe a sensor in its configuration ex

factory, i.e. all characteristics guaranteed by the manufacturer. All aspects that depend on or describe the current situation of a sensor in use are defined in the *dynamic module*, e.g. the deployment of the sensor, its optional fixation to a platform, its calibration or its current settings. Both modules get completed by a third module, labeled *common module*, which contains elements that should end up in SweCommon [Robin2011] eventually.

This separation facilitates the ease of use for both the manufacturer and the user. The latter can simply reference the ex factory sensor descriptions, overrides only those settings modified for the deployed sensor, and provides the additional deployment specific aspects. The following figures illustrate this separation of concerns: The first example shows a fragment of the ex-factory description of the digital humidity sensor SHT75 as produced by Sensirion.

```

1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <sfl:SensorCharacteristic xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
3      xmlns:gco="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gco" xmlns:gmd="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd"
4      xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2" xmlns:gts="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gts"
5      xmlns:gsr="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gsr" xmlns:gss="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gss"
6      xmlns:om="http://www.opengis.net/om/2.0" xmlns:sfl="http://sensorweb.org/sfl"
7      xmlns:swe="http://www.opengis.net/swe/2.0" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
8      xsi:schemaLocation="http://sensorweb.org/sfl ..schemas/sfl.xsd"
9      gml:id="SensorCharacteristic_Sensirion_SHT75">
10     <!!-- http://www.sensirion.com/en/01_humidity_sensors/06_humidity_sensor_sht75.htm -->
11     <sfl:manufacturer>
12         <gmd:CI_ResponsibleParty>
13             <gmd:organisationName>
14                 <gco:CharacterString>Sensirion AG</gco:CharacterString>
15             </gmd:organisationName>
16             <gmd:contactInfo>
17                 <xlink:href="http://www.sensirion.com/en/07_contact-sales/00_contact_sensirion.htm"/>
18             <gmd:role/>
19             <gmd:CI_ResponsibleParty>
20         </sfl:manufacturer>
21         <sfl:model>SHT75</sfl:model>
22         <sfl:provides>
23             <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="relativeHumidity">
24                 <sfl:method>n.a.</sfl:method>
25                 <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://purl.oclc.org/NET/ssnx/qu/dim#relativeHumidity"/>
26                 <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="%"/>
27                 <sfl:qualifiedBy> [99 lines]
28                     <sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Sensirion_SHT75"/>
29             </sfl:SensingProcedure>
30         </sfl:provides>
31         <sfl:provides>
32             <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="temperature">
33                 <sfl:method>n.a.</sfl:method>
34                 <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://purl.oclc.org/NET/ssnx/qu/dim#Temperature"/>
35                 <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="degCel"/>
36                 <sfl:qualifiedBy> [47 lines]
37                     <sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Sensirion_SHT75"/>
38             </sfl:SensingProcedure>
39         </sfl:provides>
40     </sfl:SensorCharacteristic>

```

Listing 1: Ex-factory description of a digital humidity sensor

The second example provides a pointer to those descriptions and provides the dynamic aspects in addition. Each instance of *Sensor* has a *SensorCharacteristic* to describe the static ex-factory characteristics, and a number of *senses* properties to express the actual sensing characteristics of a deployed sensor. The shown instance uses a reference to the ex-factory settings in line four and thus avoids unnecessary duplication. The user would just need to add the dynamic aspects to the sensor description.

```

1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <sfl:Sensor gml:id="SHT75_39">
3   <sfl:serialNumber>39.234.759.247</sfl:serialNumber>
4   <sfl:characteristics xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/SensorCharacteristic_SHT75.xml"/>
5   <sfl:senses>
6     <sfl:Sensing gml:id="tempSHT75_39">
7       [...]
8       </sfl:Sensing>
9     </sfl:senses>
10    <sfl:senses>
11      <sfl:Sensing gml:id="humSHT75_39">
12        [...]
13        </sfl:Sensing>
14      </sfl:senses>
15    </sfl:Sensor>

```

Listing 2: Deployed sensors simply references the ex-factory description

The *Sensing* elements allow overriding any of the ex-factory *SensorCharacteristic* properties.

8 Common Module

The common module hosts elements that are either common to other *FL modules or should be integrated into SweCommon eventually.

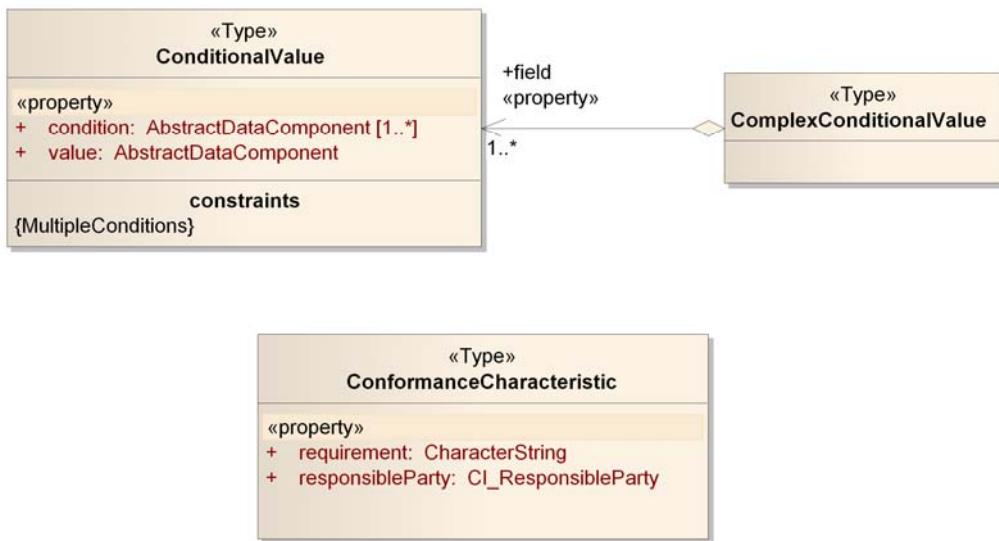


Figure 2: Common module

8.1 ConditionalValue

The *ConditionalValue* describes a value or a range of value that apply to the surrounding element if a given condition is fulfilled. The *ConditionalValue* should be placed in *SweCommon* in future.

The example below illustrates the concept. This extract from a sensor accuracy statement defines the accuracy of the provided observation data is within $\pm 0.3\text{m/s}$ if the wind speed is between 0 and 10m/s.

```

1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <sfl:ConditionalValue>
3   <sfl:condition>
4     <swe:QuantityRange definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#windSpeed">
5       <swe:uom code="m/s"/>
6       <swe:value>0 10</swe:value>
7     </swe:QuantityRange>
8   </sfl:condition>
9   <sfl:value>
10    <swe:QuantityRange>
11      <swe:uom code="m/s" />
12      <swe:value>-0.3 0.3</swe:value>
13    </swe:QuantityRange>
14  </sfl:value>
15 </sfl:ConditionalValue>

```

Listing 3: Example of ConditionalValue**8.1.1 condition**

The condition under which the elements in value apply. The definition of the swe:AbstractSimpleComponent should include a reference to the restricting property, in case of Listing 3 “Windspeed”.

8.1.2 value

The value or interval of values that apply to the surrounding element.

8.2 ComplexConditionalValue

Aggregates individual ConditionalValues to a complex. The individual fields are not intended to be logically concatenated (though a logical OR would be appropriate), but represent individual tuples of condition and value.

For the sake of simplicity, the borders of intervals are not further defined. This corresponds to most of the fact sheets, where measurement capabilities are often provided for intervals that touch each other. If non-overlapping/touching intervals are required, the best way is to provide correct intervals based on the resolution of the sensor.

The following example illustrates the concept. It shows two different values applying to the wind speed observation accuracy of a weather station. Between 0 and 10m/s, the accuracy of the observed wind speed value lays $\pm 0.3\text{m/s}$, whereas the accuracy above 10m/s within $\pm 5\%$ of the observed value.

```

1 ▾ <sfl:accuracy>
2 ▾   <sfl:ComplexConditionalValue>
3     <!-- wind speeds between 0 and 10m/s -->
4     <sfl:field xlink:role="lowWindSpeeds">
5       <sfl:ConditionalValue>
6         <sfl:condition>
7           <swe:QuantityRange definition="urn:ogc:def:property:OGC::WindSpeed">
8             <swe: uom code="m/s"/>
9             <swe:value>0 10</swe:value>
10            </swe:QuantityRange>
11          </sfl:condition>
12        <sfl:value>
13          <swe:QuantityRange>
14            <swe: uom code="m/s" />
15            <swe:value>-0.3 0.3</swe:value>
16          </swe:QuantityRange>
17        </sfl:value>
18      </sfl:ConditionalValue>
19    </sfl:field>
20    <!-- wind speeds higher than 10m/s -->
21    <sfl:field xlink:role="highWindSpeeds">
22      <sfl:ConditionalValue>
23        <sfl:condition>
24          <swe:QuantityRange definition="urn:ogc:def:property:OGC::WindSpeed">
25            <swe: uom code="m/s"/>
26            <swe:value>10 INF</swe:value>
27          </swe:QuantityRange>
28        </sfl:condition>
29      <sfl:value>
30        <swe:QuantityRange>
31          <swe: uom code="%"/>
32          <swe:value>-5 5</swe:value>
33        </swe:QuantityRange>
34      </sfl:value>
35    </sfl:ConditionalValue>
36  </sfl:field>
37 </sfl:ComplexConditionalValue>
38 </sfl:accuracy>

```

Listing 4: Example of ComplexConditionalValue

8.2.1 field

Aggregation of the individual conditions.

8.3 ConformanceCharacteristic

The ConformanceCharacteristic describes the requirement that needs to be fulfilled and the corresponding responsible party in order to be conformant with some aspect.

8.3.1 requirement

Description of the requirement that needs to be fulfilled.

8.3.2 responsibleParty

Party responsible for defining the requirement.

9 Static Module

The static module describes the sensor in its base or ex-factory settings. All physical properties such as size and weight, operational properties such as environment temperature range or power supply, and sensing capabilities or constraints such as accuracy or sensitivity are described here.

The static module consists of three classes as illustrated in the figure below. *SensorCharacteristic* describes the physical part of a sensor, *SensingProcedure* describes the procedures implemented by a given physical part, and *MeasurementCapability* provides a set of qualifiers for a given *SensingProcedure*.

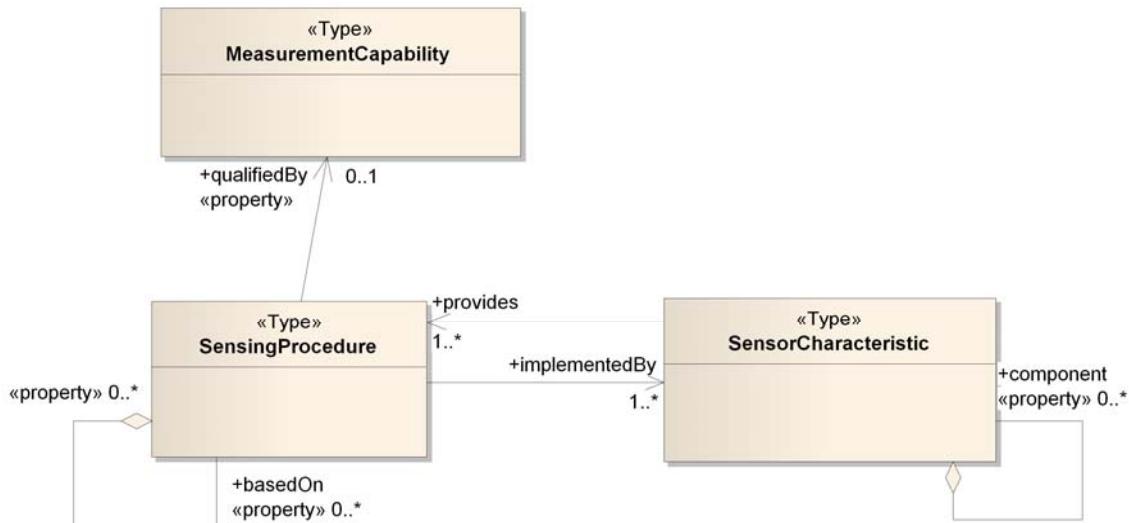
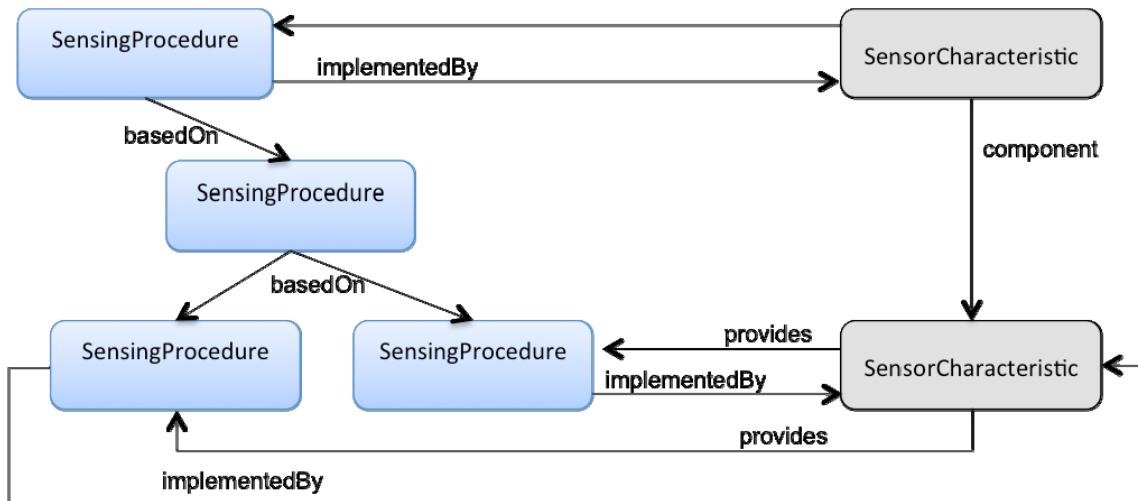
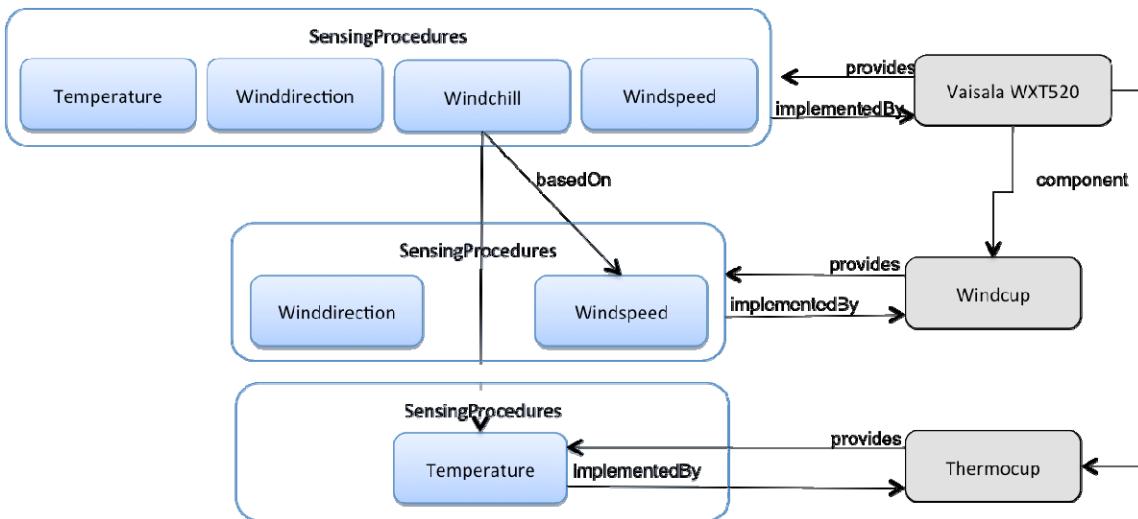


Figure 3: Static Module

Every sensor can be described in any arbitrary detail: A sensor can be seen as a black box, and only those aspects relevant for the black box get described, or the black box gets opened like a Russian doll, and all details of each level as well as the dataflow between the various levels get described. To foster this approach, *FL makes use of an enhanced composite pattern, where each level points to elements it is based on or consists of respectively.

**Figure 4: Composite pattern of the static module**

The right side (grey) describes the physical device with its subcomponents, the left side the implemented procedures (blue). We see that procedures can be based on any number of other procedures. Following the same composite pattern, every *SensorCharacteristic* can have any number of subcomponents. It is not necessary that each *SensingProcedure* links to a *SensorCharacteristic*. This is often the case if the *SensingProcedure* is a mathematical calculation rather than a physical observation. The figure below makes this concept more transparent. It describes the weather station Vaisala 520, which provides a number of observation data at the top level, but consists in fact of a number of subcomponents.

**Figure 5: Vaisala 520 weather station**

We can see that the Vaisala WXT520 consists of two cups, a windcup to observe wind direction and wind speed, and a thermocap to observe temperature. Each cup only provides *SensingProcedures* specific to the cup. The Vaisala WXT 520, not any of the cups, performs the calculation of the wind chill, which is therefore provided on the top level (in fact, the real Vaisala WXT 520 consists of five cups, but some details have been removed here to improve readability).

Each *SensingProcedure* can get further qualified by providing a *MeasurementCapability* element, as illustrated in the figure below. The *MeasurementCapability* element contains a number of properties typically used to describe physical sensors. In case that further elements need to be defined, *MeasurementCapability* contains an extension element that allows further elements to be included.

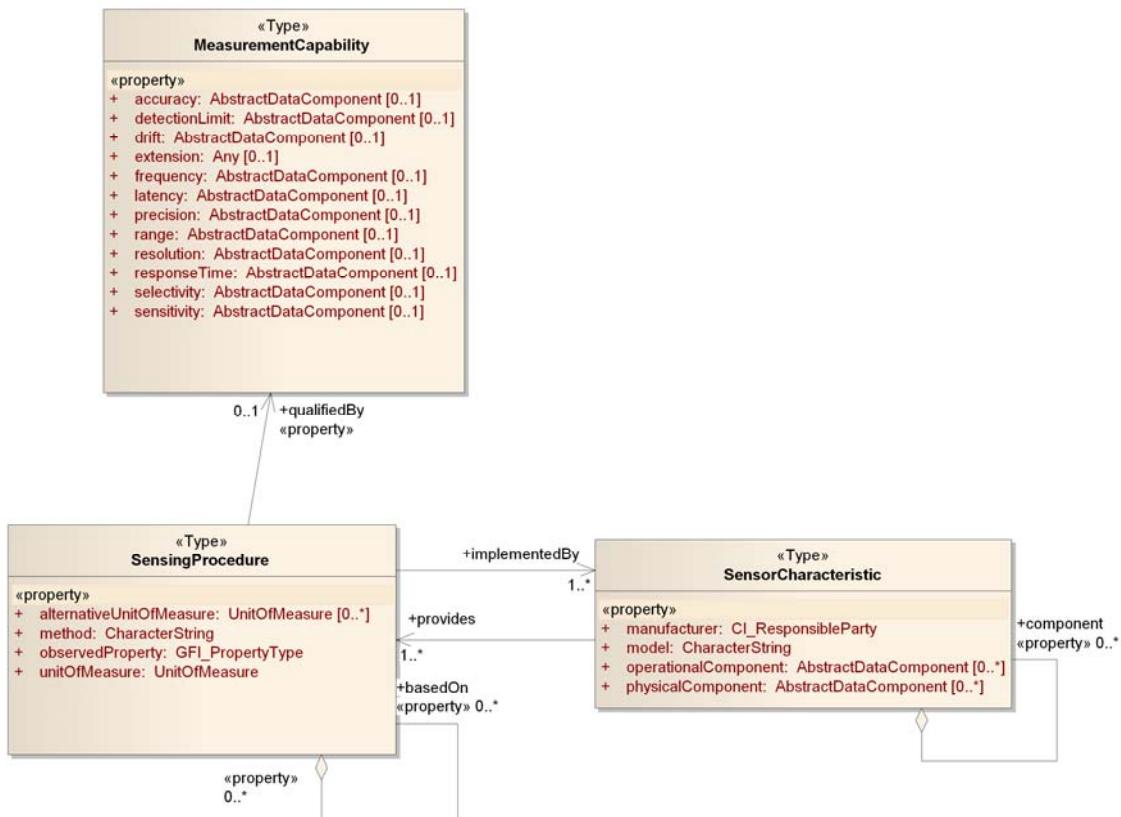


Figure 6: Static module

9.1 SensorCharacteristic

A component of a sensor, which has operational, physical, and thematic (manufacturer, model) characteristics. It supports one or many *SensingProcedure*(s).

9.1.1 manufacturer

The manufacturer of the device of type *CI_ResponsibleParty* from ISO 19115.

9.1.2 model

Simple text string to describe the sensor model.

9.1.3 operationalComponent

Modeled as *swe:AbstractDataComponent*, the operationalComponent allows to provide information about any operational context information following the SweCommon soft-typing approach.

9.1.4 physicalComponent

Modeled as swe:AbstractDataComponent, the physicalComponent allows to provide information about any physical properties of the sensor.

9.2 SensingProcedure

Description of the observation procedure, i.e. the procedure that produces the estimate of the value of a feature's property. The element defines the properties of the sensing implemented by a SensorCharacteristic. It is optionally further qualified by a MeasurementCapability.

9.2.1 alternativeUnitOfMeasure

Allows providing any number of alternative units of measure for a SensingProcedure in case the data is provided in alternative units. The default unit of measure is provided in the unitOfMeasure property. Uses as ISO 19103 type UnitOfMeasure. It shall be noted that all MeasurementCapabilities given for a SensingProcedure refer to the unit of measure provided in the MeasurementCapability definition. Thus, results provided in any other unit of measure require the transformation of the MeasurementCapability appropriately.

9.2.2 method

Used method to calculate the results based on physical readings and or calculated values. In reality, almost each electrical sensor uses one sort of calculation to produce the final result, but often this calculation is of minor interest to sensor data users. It is a simple text string and might reference any method description provided by an online resource.

9.2.3 observedProperty

The observedProperty is defined analog to the observedProperty in O&M: The class GFI_PropertyType is an instance of the metaclass GF_PropertyType (ISO 19109), representing feature properties. An instance of GFI_PropertyType shall describe a property that is either assignable or observable, such as "temperature", "height", "color", "material".

9.2.4 unitOfMeasure

The default unit of measure used at the output of this SensingProcedure. It is provided as ISO 19103 type UnitOfMeasure.

9.3 MeasurementCapability

MeasurementCapability provides further qualifiers for SensingProcedures. All characteristics can be provided as single values for the entire measurement range, or for specific intervals.

«Type»
MeasurementCapability
«property»
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + accuracy: AbstractDataComponent [0..1] + detectionLimit: AbstractDataComponent [0..1] + drift: AbstractDataComponent [0..1] + extension: Any [0..1] + frequency: AbstractDataComponent [0..1] + latency: AbstractDataComponent [0..1] + precision: AbstractDataComponent [0..1] + range: AbstractDataComponent [0..1] + resolution: AbstractDataComponent [0..1] + responseTime: AbstractDataComponent [0..1] + selectivity: AbstractDataComponent [0..1] + sensitivity: AbstractDataComponent [0..1]

Figure 7: MeasurementCapability

9.3.1 accuracy

Accuracy can be provided for the entire measurement range of the SensingProcedure, or for specific intervals. It defines the degree of closeness between the observed and the true value of the observed quality.

9.3.2 detectionLimit

The lowest concentration or amount of the target analyte that can be determined to be different from zero by a single measurement at a stated level of probability.

9.3.3 drift

A continuous or incremental change in the reported values of observations over time for an unchanging quality.

9.3.4 extension

The extension mechanism can be used in two ways. Either a domain defines a separate schema, which might use UncertML for example, or the extension should be of type swe:AbstractDataComponent and follows the standard SweCommon soft-typed approach.

9.3.5 frequency

The measurement frequency: The smallest possible time between one observation and the next.

9.3.6 latency

The time between a request for an observation and the sensor providing a result.

9.3.7 precision

The closeness of agreement between replicate observations on an unchanged or similar quality value: i.e. a measure of a sensor's ability to consistently reproduce an observation.

9.3.8 range

Defines the minimum and maximum property values that can get observed by this device.

9.3.9 resolution

The smallest difference in the value of a quality being observed that would result in perceptibly different values of observation results.

9.3.10 responseTime

The time between a (step) change in the value of an observed quality and a sensor (possibly with specified error) 'settling' on an observed value.

9.3.11 selectivity

Selectivity is a property of a sensor whereby it provides observed values for one or more qualities such that the values of each quality are independent of other qualities in the phenomenon, body, or substance being investigated.

9.3.12 sensitivity

Sensitivity is the quotient of the change in a result of sensor and the corresponding change in a value of a quality being observed.

10 Dynamic Module

The dynamic module provides all information for a sensor in operation, i.e. deployed at a certain location, observing a real world phenomenon, optionally fixed to a platform and so on. The module allows the sensor itself, a collection of sensors, a platform, or a collection of platforms as first order objects.

The dynamic module is linked to the static module via the *Sensor* class and features a link and override concept: the values defined in the dynamic module override values provided in the static module. This approach minimizes the effort for users to describe their sensors. As long as the sensor is used in its ex-factory settings, the sensor description just includes links to the XML file provided by the manufacturer. If certain characteristics have been changed, only those characteristics need to get overridden.

If the sensor gets deployed, the deployment characteristics of the sensor and optionally the platform will be added. Thus, a user can provide a reusable XML description of the sensor and only needs to change specific characteristics based on the current use of the sensor, for example the deployment and platform descriptions if a sensor gets relocated.

The dynamic module consists of three major blocks with optional links.

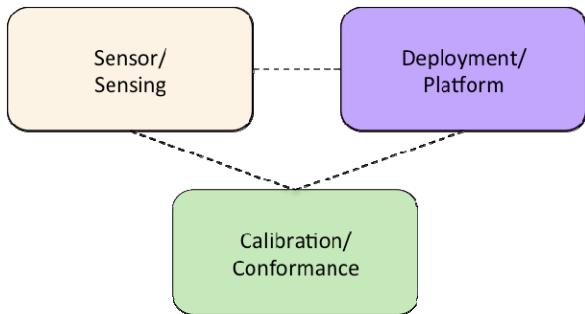


Figure 8: Major blocks of the dynamic module

The Sensor/Sensing block contains all information to describe the sensor itself and allows overwriting arbitrary aspects of the static module. The Deployment/Platform block contains all information about the deployment of the sensor and its optional fixation to a platform. The third block contains calibration and conformance information.

The following figure page illustrates all details of the dynamic module:

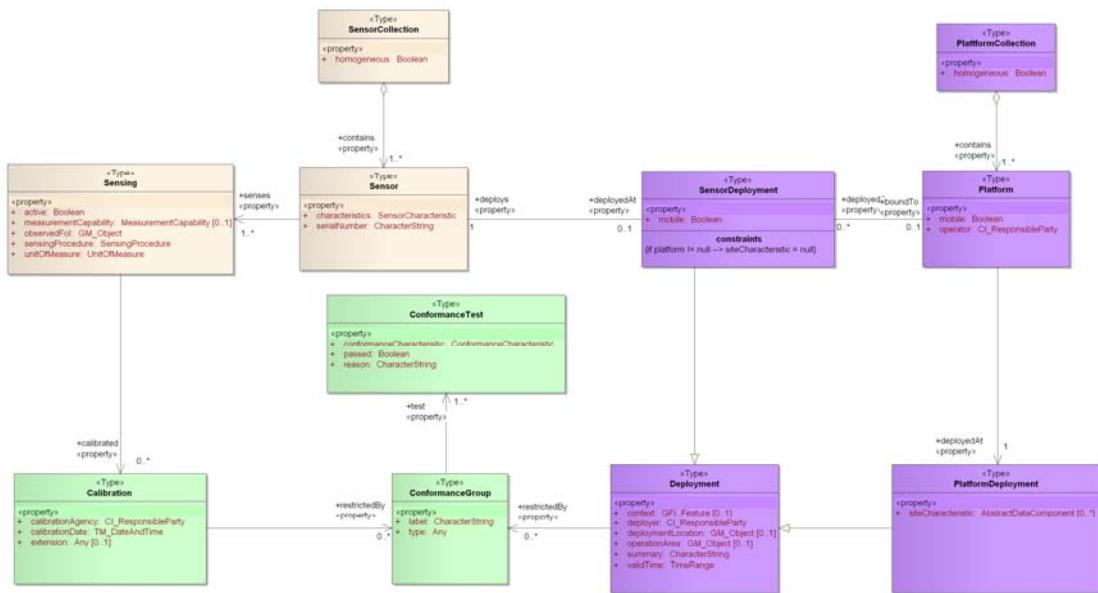


Figure 9: Dynamic Module

10.1 Sensor/Sensing

The Sensor/Sensing block contains three classes: *Sensor* represents the sensor itself and provides the link to the sensor characteristics (see static module). The *Sensing* class stores information about one of the current sensing processes of the sensor, such as its activity, the observed feature of interest, or specific measurement capabilities, which override the factory defaults.

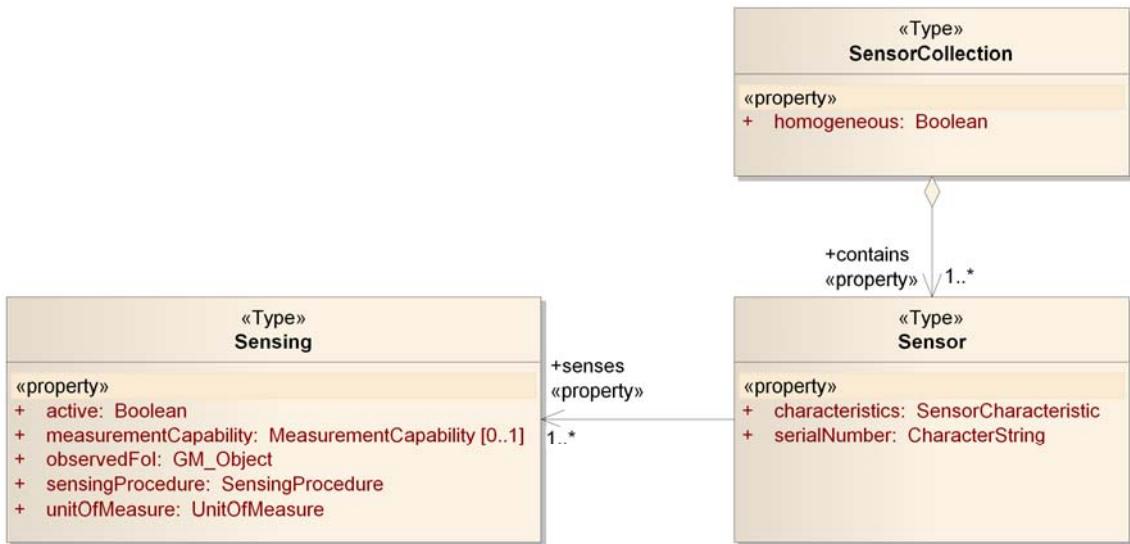


Figure 10: Sensor related classes of dynamic modules

10.1.1 Sensor

Sensor represents the physical device. In this regard, *FL differs from O&M and SensorML, as *FL differentiates between the device and the processes that are executed on that device. The device itself is not responsible for creating observations, but its processes.

10.1.1.1 characteristics

Defines the physical components of a sensor, e.g. the different components of a weather station model, as there are thermometer, anemometer etc.

10.1.1.2 serialNumber

Serial number of the sensor (should be globally unique).

10.1.1.3 senses

Senses aggregates the sensing processes(es) of a sensor. *FL differentiates between the physical device and the processes that are executed on that device. The device itself is not responsible for creating observations, but its processes (sensings).

10.1.1.4 deployedAt

A sensor is optionally deployed somewhere. The separation of sensor as such and sensor deployment allows to model the sensor as such (which might not change during a sampling campaign) and its deployments, i.e. "sensor in action" characteristics.

10.1.2 SensorCollection

A collection of sensors or history of a single sensor. This class is used to conveniently aggregate any number of sensors or the history of a single sensor.

10.1.2.1 homogeneous

Flag to indicate that the collection either contains the history of a single sensor (`homogeneous = true`), or represents a collection of multiple sensors (`homogeneous = false`).

10.1.2.2 contains

Aggregation of sensors into the SensorCollection.

10.1.3 Sensing

Sensing is executed on a sensor to create observations for a certain observed property. It refers to a `SensingProcedure`.

10.1.3.1 active

Flag identifies if the Sensing is currently active or not.

10.1.3.2 measurementCapability

Further defines the measurement capabilities of the sensing object. Overwrites corresponding settings defined in `SensorCharacteristic:measurementCapability` property of `SensingProcedure`. If not given, settings in `SensingProcedure` remain valid.

10.1.3.3 observedFoI

Defines the real world thing that the sensing can observe. It may be the direct vicinity of a sensor (in-situ sensing), or an remote area (remote sensing). In any case, the Sensing observes a property of the `observedFoI`.

10.1.3.4 sensingProcedure

`SensingProcedure` used for this Sensing. Links to `StaticModule:SensorCharacteristic:SensingProcedure`.

10.1.3.5 unitOfMeasure

Defines the unit of measure currently provided at the Sensing output. The value shall be one of the values provided in the `SensorCharacteristic`.

10.1.3.6 calibrated

Associates calibration information for the sensing.

10.2 Deployment/Platform

The deployment and platform block describes all characteristics of a deployed sensor. The sensor (respectively its transporting platform) is either mobile or deployed at a fixed location. In addition, a sensor is optionally fixed to a platform, which itself is either mobile or deployed at a fixed location.

In its current version, SFL does not support further details about the fixation of a sensor at a platform. The current location equals for non-mobile sensor the deployment location of either the sensor itself or its platform, or in case of mobile sensors, is available as results of a sensing process.

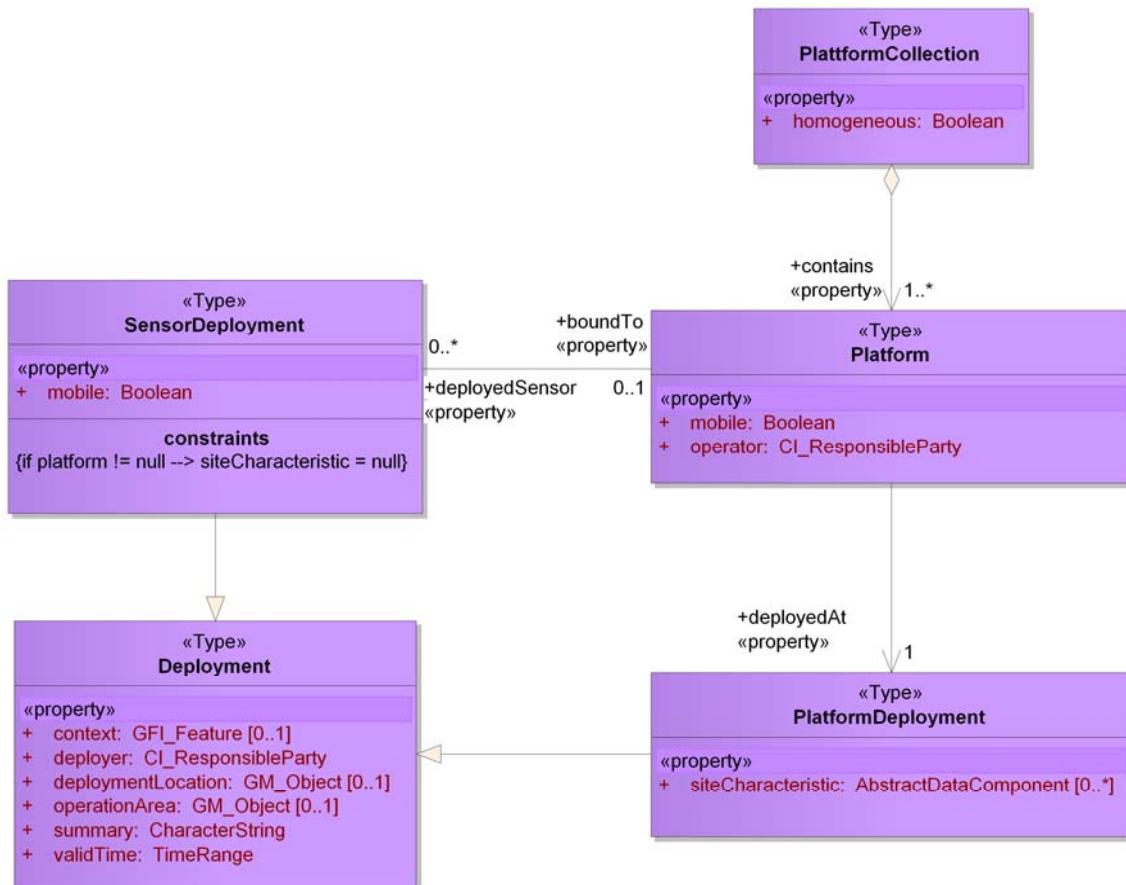


Figure 11: Deployment and platform types

10.2.1 Deployment

Any platform or sensor in action is deployed. Deployment contains all elements common to platform and sensor deployments. If required, a deployment could have several deployment restrictions - as a sensor must be deployed in a certain height, etc.

10.2.1.1 context

Provides information about the context of the deployed sensor, i.e. its "feature of interest" in OGC speech. Serves primarily as an extension point for all domain specific extensions required to further define the environment a sensor is deployed in.

10.2.1.2 deployer

Party that deployed this item.

10.2.1.3 deploymentLocation

Absolute or relative position of the deployment: If a sensor is fixed at a platform, the deploymentLocation of the SensorDeployment provides the relative position to the

origin of the platform. If the sensor is deployed without being fixed to a platform, the deploymentLocation defines the absolute location of the sensor. The deploymentLocation of the PlatformDeployment always defines the absolute location.

10.2.1.4 operationArea

Area where the deployed object is intended to operate. This might be a single point, in case e.g. of a weather station at a fixed location, or e.g. an area in case of a buoy fixed to the seabed or a vessel on a lake, or a e.g. trajectory in case of a drone following a prescribed flight path.

The operation area does not need to be provided if a sensor is connected to a platform, as both operationAreas would be identical.

10.2.1.5 summary

Free text to provide a summary of the deployment.

10.2.1.6 validTime

Time period of this deployment. Might be a closed or open interval.

10.2.1.7 restrictedBy

Any deployment might get restricted according to the definitions given in a conformance group.

10.2.2 SensorDeployment

A sensor deployment binds a sensor for a certain time period to a certain position of a platform.

If the association to Platform is used, the SensorDeployment's deploymentLocation defines the location of the sensor relative to the base of the platform. If the association is not used, the deploymentLocation defines the real world location of the SensorDeployment.

10.2.2.1 mobile

Indicates if the position of the SensorDeployment is either fixed (i.e. mobile = false) or not fixed (i.e. mobile = true) to a specific location.

10.2.2.2 boundTo

Defines if the deployed sensor is bound/attached to a platform.

10.2.2.3 deploys

Each SensorDeployment deploys exactly one sensor.

10.2.3 PlatformDeployment

The platform deployment defines the concrete deployment of a platform. The core elements are derived from "Deployment". Just additional information is added here.

The base of the Platform is defined as the piece of the platform that is level with its environment. This base acts as the anchor point for the SensorDeployment's deploymentLocation, which is relative to the base of the Platform.

Examples:

- (1) A thermometer attached to a pole is located at 2m above the base of the pole. The base of the pole itself is located at 48N, 7E 217m MSL., i.e. the thermometer is located at 48N, 7E 219m MSL.
- (2) A buoy is located at 5N, 22W, and the SensorDeployment at 0 0 -17, then the thermometer is located 17m below the base of the buoy, which is identical with the sea surface.

10.2.3.1 siteCharacteristic

Further characteristics such as the surface area or the climate zone could be provided here.

10.2.4 Platform

The platform is a physical structure that binds one or many sensors.

10.2.4.1 mobile

Defines if the platform is fixed to a single location (mobile = false; e.g. a weather station pole fixed on ground) or mobile.

10.2.4.2 operator

Person or legal person operating the platform.

10.2.4.3 deployedAt

Defines the deployment of a platform.

10.2.4.4 deployedSensor

Links a sensor mounted on the present platform via a SensorDeployment.

10.2.5 PlatformCollection

Aggregation of any number of platforms or history information of a single platform.

10.2.5.1 homogeneous

Flag to indicate if either the history of single platform is represented (homogeneous = true), or a number of platforms (homogeneous = false) is aggregated in the collection.

10.2.5.2 contains

Platform element(s) aggregated in the PlatformCollection.

10.3 Calibration/Conformance

The types support calibration and conformance information about sensors and deployments.

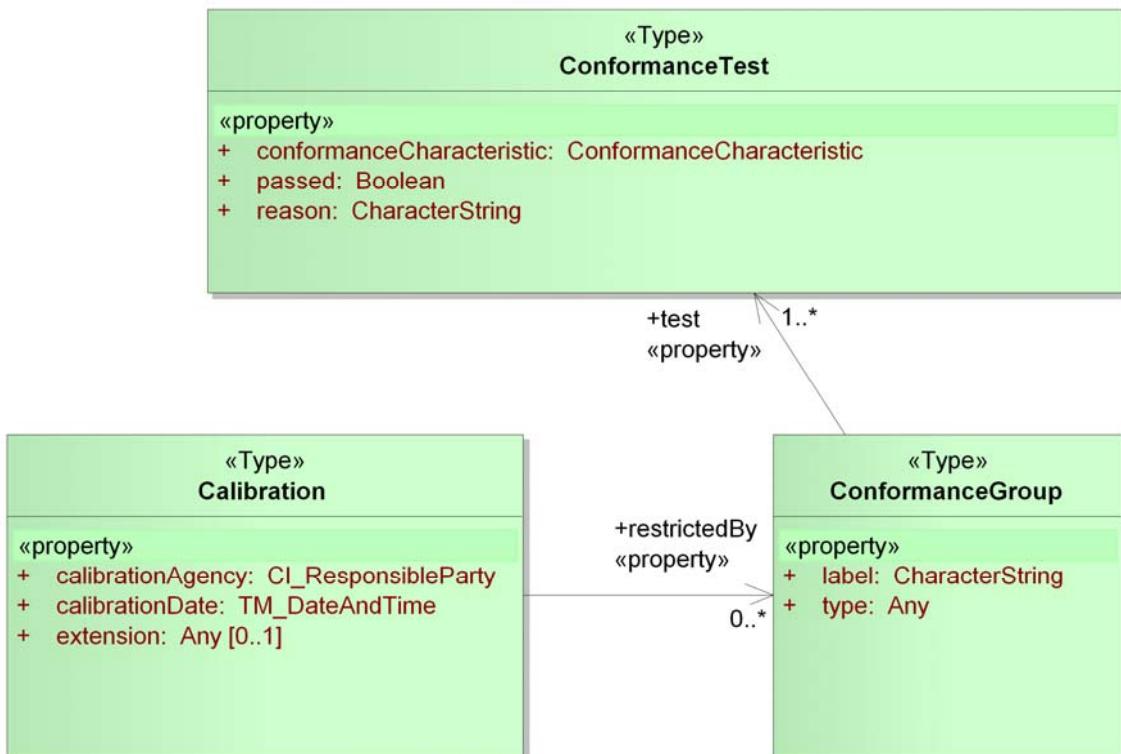


Figure 12: Calibration and conformance types

10.3.1 Calibration

The process of determining the performance parameters of an artifact, instrument, or system by comparing it with measurement standards. Adjustment may be a part of a calibration, but not necessarily. A calibration assures that a device or system will produce results, which meet or exceed some defined criteria with a specified degree of confidence.

10.3.1.1 calibrationAgency

Party responsible for the calibration. Uses ISO 19115 type `CI_ResponsibleParty`.

10.3.1.2 calibrationDate

Date and time of the last calibration. Uses ISO 19108 type `TM_DateAndTime`.

10.3.1.3 extension

Extension mechanism to support for domain specific model/schema extensions.

10.3.1.4 restrictedBy

Any calibration might get restricted according to the definitions given in a conformance group.

10.3.2 ConformanceTest

Conformance is defined as a state or acts of adherence to a certain specification, standard, or guideline. The ConformanceTest indicates if a given instance has passed the test for conformance with the specification, standard, or guideline.

10.3.2.1 conformanceCharacteristic

See StaticModule:ConformanceCharacteristic.

10.3.2.2 passed

Flag to indicate if a conformance test has been passed successfully.

10.3.2.3 reason

Description of the aspect that caused the conformance test to fail.

10.3.3 ConformanceGroup

Enables users to group ConformanceTests by category

10.3.3.1 label

A label for the ConformanceGroup to "give it a name".

10.3.3.2 type

A link to further information about this conformance group.

10.3.3.3 test

Tests to be grouped by this ConformanceGroup.

Annex A

XML Examples

1.1 Example: Sensor Characteristic Middleton Pyranometer

The following example defines the sensor characteristic of a low cost first class thermopile pyranometer Middleton SK08, used to observe global solar radiation. The corresponding fact sheet as well as the XML representation given below can be found online: [fact sheet](#), [XML](#). A SensorDeployment referencing this SensorDescription is provided in section 1.3.

Listing 5: Sensor characteristic of a Middleton pyranometer

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sfl:SensorCharacteristic xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
  xmlns:gco="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gco" xmlns:gmd="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd"
  xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2" xmlns:gts="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gts"
  xmlns:gsr="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gsr" xmlns:gss="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gss"
  xmlns:om="http://www.opengis.net/om/2.0" xmlns:sfl="http://sensorweb.org/sfl"
  xmlns:swe="http://www.opengis.net/swe/2.0" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://sensorweb.org/sfl ..schemas/sfl.xsd"
  gml:id="Middleton_Pyranometer_SK08">
  <sfl:manufacturer>
    <gmd:CI_ResponsponsibleParty>
      <gmd:organisationName>
        <gco:CharacterString>McVan Instruments</gco:CharacterString>
      </gmd:organisationName>
      <gmd:contactInfo
        xlink:href="http://www.mcvan.com/index.php"/>
      <gmd:role/>
    </gmd:CI_ResponsponsibleParty>
  </sfl:manufacturer>
  <sfl:model>SK08</sfl:model>
  <sfl:operationalComponent>
    <swe:QuantityRange definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#operatingTemperature">
      <swe: uom code="Cel"/>
      <swe:value>-35 60</swe:value>
    </swe:QuantityRange>
  </sfl:operationalComponent>
  <sfl:operationalComponent>
    <swe:Quantity definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#outputImpedance">
      <swe: uom code="Ohm"/>
      <swe:value>40</swe:value>
    </swe:Quantity>
  </sfl:operationalComponent>
  <sfl:physicalComponent>
    <swe:Quantity definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#outputLead">
      <swe: uom code="m"/>
      <swe:value>3</swe:value>
    </swe:Quantity>
  </sfl:physicalComponent>
  <sfl:physicalComponent>
    <swe:Quantity definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#netWeight">
      <swe: uom code="kg"/>
      <swe:value>0.3</swe:value>
    </swe:Quantity>
  </sfl:physicalComponent>
  <sfl:provides>
    <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="SP_GlobalSolarRadiation">
      <sfl:method>passive thermoelectric sensor, optimised for thermal stability</sfl:method>
      <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.bom.gov.au/sat/glossary.shtml#globalirradiance"/>
      <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="microVolt"/>
      <sfl:qualifiedBy>
        <sfl:MeasurementCapability gml:id="mc_1">
          <sfl:precision>
            <sfl:ConditionalValue>
              <sfl:condition>
```

```

<swe:QuantityRange>
  <swe:uom code="W/m2"/>
  <swe:value>100 1000</swe:value>
</swe:QuantityRange>
</sfl:condition>
<sfl:value>
  <swe:QuantityRange>
    <swe:uom code="%"/>
    <swe:value>-1.0 1.0</swe:value>
  </swe:QuantityRange>
</sfl:value>
</sfl:ConditionalValue>
</sfl:precision>
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  <swe:QuantityRange>
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    <swe:value>0 2000</swe:value>
  </swe:QuantityRange>
</sfl:range>
<sfl:resolution>
  <swe:QuantityRange>
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    <swe:value>-2.0 2.0</swe:value>
  </swe:QuantityRange>
</sfl:resolution>
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  <swe:QuantityRange>
    <swe:uom code="microV/Wm-2"/>
  </swe:QuantityRange>
</sfl:sensitivity>
<sfl:extension>
  <swe:DataRecord>
    <swe:field name="directionalResponse">
      <sfl:ConditionalValue
definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#directionalResponse">
        <sfl:condition>
          <swe:Quantity definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#viewAngle">
            <swe:uom code="dec"/>
            <swe:value>80</swe:value>
          </swe:Quantity>
        </sfl:condition>
        <sfl:condition>
          <swe:Quantity definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#irradiation">
            <swe:uom code="W/m2"/>
            <swe:value>1000</swe:value>
          </swe:Quantity>
        </sfl:condition>
        <sfl:value>
          <swe:QuantityRange>
            <swe:uom code="W/m2"/>
            <swe:value>-20 20</swe:value>
          </swe:QuantityRange>
        </sfl:value>
      </sfl:ConditionalValue>
    </swe:field>
    <swe:field name="tiltResponse">
      <sfl:ConditionalValue definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#tiltResponse">
        <sfl:condition>
          <swe:QuantityRange definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#viewAngle">
            <swe:uom code="dec"/>
            <swe:value>0 90</swe:value>
          </swe:QuantityRange>
        </sfl:condition>
        <sfl:condition>
          <swe:Quantity definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#irradiation">

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```

        <swe:uom code="W/m2"/>
        <swe:value>1000</swe:value>
    </swe:Quantity>
</sfl:condition>
<sfl:value>
    <swe:QuantityRange>
        <swe:uom code="%"/>
        <swe:value>-1 1</swe:value>
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</sfl:ConditionalValue>
</swe:field>
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        <swe:uom code="microm"/>
        <swe:value>0.3 3</swe:value>
    </swe:QuantityRange>
</swe:field>
</swe:DataRecord>
</sfl:extension>
</sfl:MeasurementCapability>
</sfl:qualifiedBy>
<sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#Middleton_Pyranometer_SK08"/>
</sfl:SensingProcedure>
</sfl:provides>
</sfl:SensorCharacteristic>

```

1.2 Example: Sensor Characteristic Vaisala WXT 520 Weather Station

The following example defines the sensor characteristic of a Vaisala WXT520 weather station. The corresponding fact sheet as well as the XML representation given below can be found online: [fact sheet](#), [XML](#).

Listing 6: SensorCharacteristic of a Vaisala WXT 520 Weather Station

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
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    xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2" xmlns:gts="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gts"
    xmlns:gsr="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gsr" xmlns:gss="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gss"
    xmlns:om="http://www.opengis.net/om/2.0" xmlns:sfl="http://sensorweb.org/sfl"
    xmlns:swe="http://www.opengis.net/swe/2.0" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://sensorweb.org/sfl ..schemas/sfl.xsd"
    gml:id="SensorCharacteristic_Vaisala_WXT520">
    <!-- http://www.vaisala.com/Vaisala%20Documents/Brochures%20and%20Datasheets/WXT520-Datasheet-B210417EN-G-lores.pdf -->
    <sfl:manufacturer>
        <gmd:CI_ResponsibleParty>
            <gmd:organisationName>
                <gco:CharacterString>Vaisala</gco:CharacterString>
            </gmd:organisationName>
            <gmd:contactInfo>
                <xlink:href="http://www.vaisala.com/en/support/servicecenters/Pages/default.aspx"/>
            </gmd:contactInfo>
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    </sfl:manufacturer>
    <sfl:model>Vaisala Weather Transmitter WXT5290</sfl:model>
    <sfl:operationalComponent>
        <swe:QuantityRange definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#operatingTemperature">
            <swe:uom code="Cel"/>
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            <swe:value>-60.0 70.0</swe:value>
        </swe:QuantityRange>
    </sfl:operationalComponent>
    <sfl:operationalComponent>
        <swe:QuantityRange definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#operatingVoltage">
            <swe:uom code="V"/>
        </swe:QuantityRange>
    </sfl:operationalComponent>

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<swe:value>5.0 32.0</swe:value>
</swe:QuantityRange>
</sfl:operationalComponent>
<sfl:operationalComponent>
  <sfl:ConditionalValue definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#typcialPowerConsumption">
    <sfl:condition>
      <swe:Quantity definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#VDC">
        <swe:uom code="V"/>
        <swe:value>12.0</swe:value>
      </swe:Quantity>
    </sfl:condition>
    <sfl:value>
      <swe:Quantity>
        <swe:uom code="mA"/>
        <swe:value>3</swe:value>
      </swe:Quantity>
    </sfl:value>
  </sfl:ConditionalValue>
</sfl:operationalComponent>
<sfl:operationalComponent>
  <swe:QuantityRange definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#heatingVoltage">
    <swe:uom code="V"/>
    <swe:value>5.0 32.0</swe:value>
  </swe:QuantityRange>
</sfl:operationalComponent>
<sfl:physicalComponent>
  <swe:Quantity definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#netWeight">
    <swe:uom code="g"/>
    <swe:value>650.0</swe:value>
  </swe:Quantity>
</sfl:physicalComponent>
<sfl:physicalComponent>
  <swe:Category definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#housing">
    <swe:value>IP65</swe:value>
  </swe:Category>
</sfl:physicalComponent>
<sfl:provides>
  <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="windSpeed">
    <sfl:method>Vaisala WINDCAP®sensor uses ultrasound to determine horizontal wind speed and direction.</sfl:method>
    <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#windSpeed"/>
    <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="m/s"/>
    <sfl:alternativeUnitOfMeasure uom="km/h"/>
    <sfl:alternativeUnitOfMeasure uom="mph"/>
    <sfl:alternativeUnitOfMeasure uom="knots"/>
    <sfl:qualifiedBy>
      <sfl:MeasurementCapability gml:id="MC_WindSpeed">
        <sfl:accuracy>
          <sfl:ComplexConditionalValue>
            <!-- wind speeds between 0 and 35m/s -->
            <sfl:field xlink:role="lowWindSpeeds">
              <sfl:ConditionalValue>
                <sfl:condition>
                  <swe:QuantityRange definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#windSpeed">
                    <swe:uom code="m/s"/>
                    <swe:value>0 10</swe:value>
                  </swe:QuantityRange>
                </sfl:condition>
                <sfl:value>
                  <swe:QuantityRange>
                    <swe:uom code="m/s" />
                    <swe:value>-0.3 0.3</swe:value>
                  </swe:QuantityRange>
                </sfl:value>
              </sfl:ConditionalValue>
            </sfl:field>
            <sfl:field xlink:role="mediumWindSpeeds">
              <sfl:ConditionalValue>
                <sfl:condition>
                  <swe:QuantityRange definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#windSpeed">
                    <swe:uom code="m/s"/>
                    <swe:value>10.0 35.0</swe:value>
                  </swe:QuantityRange>
                </sfl:condition>
                <sfl:value>
                  <swe:QuantityRange>
                    <swe:uom code "%" />

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        <swe:value>-3.0 3.0</swe:value>
        </swe:QuantityRange>
    </sfl:value>
</sfl:ConditionalValue>
</sfl:field>
<!-- wind speeds higher than 35m/s up to 60m/s -->
<sfl:field xlink:role="highWindSpeeds">
    <sfl:ConditionalValue>
        <sfl:condition>
            <swe:QuantityRange definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#windSpeed">
                <swe:uom code="m/s"/>
                <swe:value>35.0 60.0</swe:value>
            </swe:QuantityRange>
        </sfl:condition>
    <sfl:value>
        <swe:QuantityRange>
            <swe:uom code="%"/>
            <swe:value>-5 5</swe:value>
        </swe:QuantityRange>
    </sfl:value>
    <sfl:ConditionalValue>
    </sfl:field>
</sfl:ComplexConditionalValue>
</sfl:accuracy>
<sfl:range>
    <swe:QuantityRange>
        <swe:uom code="m/s"/>
        <swe:value>0.0 60.0</swe:value>
    </swe:QuantityRange>
</sfl:range>
<sfl:resolution>
    <swe:DataRecord>
        <swe:field name="outputUnit1">
            <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom code="m/s" />
                <swe:value>0.1</swe:value>
            </swe:Quantity>
        </swe:field>
        <swe:field name="outputUnit2">
            <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom code="km/h" />
                <swe:value>0.1</swe:value>
            </swe:Quantity>
        </swe:field>
        <swe:field name="outputUnit3">
            <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom code="mi_i/h" />
                <swe:value>0.1</swe:value>
            </swe:Quantity>
        </swe:field>
        <swe:field name="outputUnit4">
            <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom code="kn_i" />
                <swe:value>0.1</swe:value>
            </swe:Quantity>
        </swe:field>
    </swe:DataRecord>
</sfl:resolution>
<sfl:responseTime>
    <swe:Quantity>
        <swe:uom code="ms"/>
        <swe:value>250</swe:value>
    </swe:Quantity>
</sfl:responseTime>
</sfl:MeasurementCapability>
</sfl:qualifiedBy>
<sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Vaisala_WXT520"/>
</sfl:SensingProcedure>
</sfl:provides>
<sfl:provides>
    <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="windDirection">
        <sfl:method>Vaisala WINDCAP®sensor uses ultrasound to determine horizontal wind speed and direction.</sfl:method>
        <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#windDirection"/>
        <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="deg"/>
        <sfl:qualifiedBy>
            <sfl:MeasurementCapability gml:id="MC_windDirection">

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<sf1:accuracy>
  <swe:QuantityRange>
    <swe:uom code="deg"/>
    <swe:value>-3.0 3.0</swe:value>
  </swe:QuantityRange>
</sf1:accuracy>
<sf1:resolution>
  <swe:Quantity>
    <swe:uom code="deg"/>
    <swe:value>1.0</swe:value>
  </swe:Quantity>
</sf1:resolution>
<sf1:responseTime>
  <swe:Quantity>
    <swe:uom code="ms"/>
    <swe:value>250</swe:value>
  </swe:Quantity>
</sf1:responseTime>
<sf1:extension>
  <swe:QuantityRange definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#azimuth">
    <swe:uom code="deg"/>
    <swe:value>0.0 360.0</swe:value>
  </swe:QuantityRange>
</sf1:extension>
</sf1:MeasurementCapability>
</sf1:qualifiedBy>
<sf1:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Vaisala_WXT520"/>
</sf1:SensingProcedure>
</sf1:provides>
<sf1:provides>
  <sf1:SensingProcedure gml:id="rainfall">
    <sf1:method>
      The WXT520 precipitation measurement is based on the unique
      Vaisala RAINCAP® Sensor, which detects the impact of individual rain
      drops. The signals exerting from the impacts are proportional to the
      volume of the drops. Hence, the signal from each drop can be converted
      directly to the accumulated rainfall.
    </sf1:method>
    <sf1:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#rainfall"/>
    <sf1:unitOfMeasure uom="mm"/>
    <sf1:alternativeUnitOfMeasure uom="in_i"/>
    <sf1:qualifiedBy>
      <sf1:MeasurementCapability gml:id="MC_rainfall">
        <sf1:accuracy>
          <swe:Quantity>
            <swe:uom code="%"/>
            <swe:value>5</swe:value>
          </swe:Quantity>
        </sf1:accuracy>
        <sf1:resolution>
          <swe:DataRecord>
            <swe:field name="outputUnit1">
              <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom code="mm" />
                <swe:value>0.01</swe:value>
              </swe:Quantity>
            </swe:field>
            <swe:field name="outoutUnit2">
              <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom code="in_i" />
                <swe:value>0.001</swe:value>
              </swe:Quantity>
            </swe:field>
          </swe:DataRecord>
        </sf1:resolution>
      </sf1:MeasurementCapability>
    </sf1:qualifiedBy>
    <sf1:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Vaisala_WXT520"/>
  </sf1:SensingProcedure>
</sf1:provides>
<sf1:provides>
  <sf1:SensingProcedure gml:id="rainfall_duration">
    <sf1:method>
      The WXT520 precipitation measurement is based on the unique
      Vaisala RAINCAP® Sensor, which detects the impact of individual rain
      drops. The signals exerting from the impacts are proportional to the
      volume of the drops. Hence, the signal from each drop can be converted
    </sf1:method>
  </sf1:SensingProcedure>
</sf1:provides>

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directly to the accumulated rainfall.

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</sfl:method>
<sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#rainfallDuration"/>
<sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="s"/>
<sfl:qualifiedBy>
  <sfl:MeasurementCapability gml:id="MC_rainfallDuration">
    <sfl:resolution>
      <swe:Quantity>
        <swe:uom code="s"/>
        <swe:value>10</swe:value>
      </swe:Quantity>
    </sfl:resolution>
  </sfl:MeasurementCapability>
</sfl:qualifiedBy>
<sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Vaisala_WXT520"/>
</sfl:SensingProcedure>
</sfl:provides>
<sfl:provides>
  <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="rainIntensity">
    <sfl:method>
      The WXT520 precipitation measurement is based on the unique
      Vaisala RAINCAP® Sensor, which detects the impact of individual rain
      drops. The signals exerting from the impacts are proportional to the
      volume of the drops. Hence, the signal from each drop can be converted
      directly to the accumulated rainfall.
    </sfl:method>
    <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#rainfallIntensity"/>
    <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="mm/h"/>
    <sfl:alternativeUnitOfMeasure uom="in_i/h"/>
    <sfl:qualifiedBy>
      <sfl:MeasurementCapability gml:id="MC_rainIntensity">
        <sfl:range>
          <swe:QuantityRange>
            <swe:uom code="mm/h"/>
            <swe:value>0.0 200.0</swe:value>
          </swe:QuantityRange>
        </sfl:range>
        <sfl:resolution>
          <swe:DataRecord>
            <swe:field name="outputUnit1">
              <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom code="mm/h" />
                <swe:value>0.1</swe:value>
              </swe:Quantity>
            </swe:field>
            <swe:field name="outputUnit2">
              <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom code="in_i/h" />
                <swe:value>0.01</swe:value>
              </swe:Quantity>
            </swe:field>
          </swe:DataRecord>
        </sfl:resolution>
      </sfl:MeasurementCapability>
    </sfl:qualifiedBy>
    <sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Vaisala_WXT520"/>
  </sfl:SensingProcedure>
</sfl:provides>
<sfl:provides>
  <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="hail">
    <sfl:method>cumulative amount of hits against the collecting surface</sfl:method>
    <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#hail"/>
    <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#hitsPercm2"/>
    <sfl:alternativeUnitOfMeasure uom="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#hitsPerinchess2"/>
    <sfl:alternativeUnitOfMeasure uom="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#numberOfHits"/>
    <sfl:qualifiedBy>
      <sfl:MeasurementCapability gml:id="MC_hail">
        <sfl:resolution>
          <swe:DataRecord>
            <swe:field name="outputUnit1">
              <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#hitsPercm2"/>
                <swe:value>0.1</swe:value>
              </swe:Quantity>
            </swe:field>
            <swe:field name="outputUnit2">
              <swe:Quantity>
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<swe:uom xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#hitsPerInches2" />
  <swe:value>0.01</swe:value>
</swe:Quantity>
</swe:field>
<swe:field name="outputUnit3">
  <swe:Count definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#hits">
    <swe:value>1</swe:value>
  </swe:Count>
</swe:field>
</swe:DataRecord>
</sfl:resolution>
</sfl:MeasurementCapability>
</sfl:qualifiedBy>
<sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Vaisala_WXT520"/>
</sfl:SensingProcedure>
</sfl:provides>
<sfl:provides>
  <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="hail_duration">
    <sfl:method>The WXT520 precipitation measurement is based on the unique
      Vaisala RAINCAP® Sensor, which detects the impact of individual rain
      drops. The signals exerting from the impacts are proportional to the
      volume of the drops. Hence, the signal from each drop can be converted
      directly to the accumulated rainfall. Counting each ten-second increment whenever hailstone is
      detected</sfl:method>
    <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#hailDuration"/>
    <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="s"/>
    <sfl:qualifiedBy>
      <sfl:MeasurementCapability gml:id="MC_hailDuration">
        <sfl:resolution>
          <swe:Quantity>
            <swe:uom code="s"/>
            <swe:value>10.0</swe:value>
          </swe:Quantity>
        </sfl:resolution>
      </sfl:MeasurementCapability>
    </sfl:qualifiedBy>
    <sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Vaisala_WXT520"/>
  </sfl:SensingProcedure>
</sfl:provides>
<sfl:provides>
  <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="haillIntensity">
    <sfl:method>
      The WXT520 precipitation measurement is based on the unique
      Vaisala RAINCAP® Sensor, which detects the impact of individual rain
      drops. The signals exerting from the impacts are proportional to the
      volume of the drops. Hence, the signal from each drop can be converted
      directly to the accumulated rainfall. One-minute running average in ten-second steps.
    </sfl:method>
    <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#haillIntensity"/>
    <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="hits/cm2h"/>
    <sfl:alternativeUnitOfMeasure uom="hits/in_i2h"/>
    <sfl:alternativeUnitOfMeasure uom="hits/h"/>
    <sfl:qualifiedBy>
      <sfl:MeasurementCapability gml:id="MC_haillIntensity">
        <sfl:resolution>
          <swe:DataRecord>
            <swe:field name="outputUnit1">
              <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom code="hits/cm2h" />
                <swe:value>0.1</swe:value>
              </swe:Quantity>
            </swe:field>
            <swe:field name="outputUnit2">
              <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom code="hits/in_i2h" />
                <swe:value>1.0</swe:value>
              </swe:Quantity>
            </swe:field>
            <swe:field name="outputUnit3">
              <swe:Quantity>
                <swe:uom code="hits/h" />
                <swe:value>1.0</swe:value>
              </swe:Quantity>
            </swe:field>
          </swe:DataRecord>
        </sfl:resolution>
      </sfl:MeasurementCapability>
    </sfl:qualifiedBy>
  </sfl:SensingProcedure>
</sfl:provides>

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</sfl:qualifiedBy>
  <sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Vasiala_WXT520"/>
</sfl:SensingProcedure>
</sfl:provides>
<sfl:provides>
  <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="air_temperature">
    <sfl:method>
      Barometric pressure, temperature, and humidity measurements are
      combined in the PTU module using capacitive measurement for each parameter.
    </sfl:method>
    <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#airTemperature"/>
    <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="deg"/>
    <sfl:alternativeUnitOfMeasure uom="[degF]"/>
    <sfl:qualifiedBy>
      <sfl:MeasurementCapability gml:id="MC_airTemperature">
        <sfl:accuracy>
          <sfl:ConditionalValue>
            <sfl:condition>
              <swe:Quantity definition="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#airTemperature">
                <swe:uom code="deg"/>
                <swe:value>20.0</swe:value>
              </swe:Quantity>
            </sfl:condition>
          <sfl:value>
            <swe:DataRecord>
              <swe:field name="outputUnit1">
                <swe:QuantityRange>
                  <swe:uom code="deg"/>
                  <swe:value>-0.3 0.3</swe:value>
                </swe:QuantityRange>
              </swe:field>
              <swe:field name="outputUnit2">
                <swe:QuantityRange>
                  <swe:uom code="[degF]">
                  <swe:value>-0.5 0.5</swe:value>
                </swe:QuantityRange>
              </swe:field>
            </swe:DataRecord>
          </sfl:value>
        </sfl:ConditionalValue>
      </sfl:accuracy>
      <sfl:range>
        <swe:DataRecord>
          <swe:field name="outputInDegreeCelsius">
            <swe:QuantityRange>
              <swe:uom code="deg"/>
              <swe:value>-52.0 60.0</swe:value>
            </swe:QuantityRange>
          </swe:field>
          <swe:field name="outputInDegreeFahrenheit">
            <swe:QuantityRange>
              <swe:uom code="[degF]">
              <swe:value>-60.0 14.0</swe:value>
            </swe:QuantityRange>
          </swe:field>
        </swe:DataRecord>
      </sfl:range>
      <sfl:resolution>
        <swe:DataRecord>
          <swe:field name="outputInDegreeCelsius">
            <swe:Quantity>
              <swe:uom code="deg"/>
              <swe:value>0.1</swe:value>
            </swe:Quantity>
          </swe:field>
          <swe:field name="outputInDegreeFahrenheit">
            <swe:Quantity>
              <swe:uom code="[degF]">
              <swe:value>0.1</swe:value>
            </swe:Quantity>
          </swe:field>
        </swe:DataRecord>
      </sfl:resolution>
    </sfl:MeasurementCapability>
  </sfl:qualifiedBy>
  <sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Vasiala_WXT520"/>
</sfl:SensingProcedure>

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</sfl:provides>
<sfl:provides>
  <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="barometric_pressure">
    <sfl:method>
      Barometric pressure, temperature, and humidity measurements are
      combined in the PTU module using capacitive measurement for each parameter.
    </sfl:method>
    <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#barometricPressure"/>
    <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="hPa"/>
    <!-- The measurement capabilities have been removed. -->
    <sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Vasiala_WXT520"/>
  </sfl:SensingProcedure>
</sfl:provides>
<sfl:provides>
  <sfl:SensingProcedure gml:id="relative_humidity">
    <sfl:method>
      Barometric pressure, temperature, and humidity measurements are
      combined in the PTU module using capacitive measurement for each parameter.
    </sfl:method>
    <sfl:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/terms.html#relativeHumidity"/>
    <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="%"/>
    <!-- The measurement capabilities have been removed. -->
    <sfl:implementedBy xlink:href="#SensorCharacteristic_Vasiala_WXT520"/>
  </sfl:SensingProcedure>
</sfl:provides>
</sfl:SensorCharacteristic>

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1.3 Example: Sensor Deployment Middleton Pyranometer

The example given below describes a Middleton pyranometer being deployed. It references the SensorCharacteristic provided in clause 1.1. This is the intended usage, as the pyranometer is used with the ex-factory settings. Thus, the sensor characteristics provided by the manufacturer don't need to get replicated or overwritten, but simply referenced. The XML representation can be found [online as well](#).

Listing 7: Example of a SensorDeployment for Middleton Pyranometer SK08

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sfl:SensorDeployment gml:id="Deploy1"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://sensorweb.org/sfl ..schemas/DynamicModule.xsd"
  xmlns:sfl="http://sensorweb.org/sfl"
  xmlns:gco="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gco"
  xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2"
  xmlns:gmd="http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd"
  xmlns:swe="http://www.opengis.net/swe/2.0"
  xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <sfl:summary>
    This files describes the deployment of the Middleton pyranometer
    on the sampling site. The pyranometer is deployed on ground at a
    fixed location.
  </sfl:summary>
  <sfl:validTime>
    <swe:TimeRange>
      <swe:uom code="ISO8601"/>
      <swe:value>2011-03-01T10:00:00+00:00 2011-03-31T23:59:59+00:00</swe:value>
    </swe:TimeRange>
  </sfl:validTime>
  <sfl:deployer>
    <gmd:CI_Responsibility id="is01">
      <gmd:individualName>
        <gco:CharacterString>Ingo Simonis</gco:CharacterString>
      </gmd:individualName>
      <gmd:organisationName>
        <gco:CharacterString>iGSI GmbH</gco:CharacterString>
      </gmd:organisationName>
      <gmd:contactInfo>
        <gmd:CI_Contact>
          <gmd:phone>
            <gmd:CI_Telephone>

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<gmd:voice>
    <gco:CharacterString>+49.6171.2088551</gco:CharacterString>
</gmd:voice>
</gmd:CI_Telephone>
</gmd:CI_Contact>
</gmd:contactInfo>
<gmd:role/>
</gmd:CI_ResponsibleParty>
</sfl:deployer>
<sfl:deploymentLocation>
    <gml:Point gml:id="p1" srsDimension="2" srsName="urn:ogc:def:crs:EPSG:6.6:4326">
        <gml:pos>50.199927 8.581095</gml:pos>
    </gml:Point>
</sfl:deploymentLocation>
<sfl:mobile>
    false
</sfl:mobile>
<sfl:deploys>
    <sfl:Sensor gml:id="pyranometer01">
        <sfl:serialNumber>2735 2357 23574 96</sfl:serialNumber>
        <sfl:characteristics xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/SC_MiddletonPyranometer.xml"/>
        <sfl:senses>
            <sfl:Sensing gml:id="pSensing01">
                <sfl:sensingProcedure
xlink:href="http://www.igsi.eu/SensorWeb/SC_MiddletonPyranometer.xml#SP_GlobalSolarRadiation"></sfl:sensingPr
ocedure>
                <sfl:unitOfMeasure uom="microVolt"/>
                <sfl:active>true</sfl:active>
                <sfl:observedFor/>
            </sfl:Sensing>
        </sfl:senses>
    </sfl:Sensor>
    </sfl:deploys>
</sfl:SensorDeployment>
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