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# 1. Executive Summary

The Solar and Space Physics communities need a unified data environment to facilitate finding, retrieving, formatting, and obtaining basic information about data essential for their research. With the increasing requirement for data from multiple sources, this need has become acute. A unified method to describe data and other resources is the key to achieving this unified environment. The SPASE (Space Physics Archive Search and Extract) Data Model provides a basic set of terms and values organised in a simple and homogeneous way, to facilitate access to Solar and Space Physics resources. This initial version of the Model is primarily concerned with numerical data and the display data based on it, but the model will be extended to include descriptive terms for other resources including data from empirical or physics based models and software for models and data interpretation. The SPASE Data Model is comparable to the data models developed by the Planetary Data System (PDS) and the International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA) for planetary and astronomical data, respectively. The SPASE Model will provide the detailed information at the parameter level required for Solar and Space Physics applications.

The SPASE consortium is an international team of space and solar physicists and information scientists. It first examined many existing data models, but found none to be adequate. A set of terms based on a half-dozen or so of the most complete of such models was refined based on applying the model at various levels of detail to a large number of existing products to arrive at the current version. The major creators of SPASE-based product descriptions are expected to be domain-based Virtual Observatories ("VxOs"), data centers, and individual data and model providers. The SPASE Data Model will continue to evolve in a controlled way as data and service providers and benefiting researchers suggest improvements to extend its framework of common standards. Success of the model will be measured by the extent of community support and use.

The present Data Model provides enough detail to allow a scientist to understand the content of Data Products (e.g., a set of files for 3 second resolution Geotail magnetic field data for 1992 to 2005), together with essential retrieval and contact information. A typical use would be to have a collection of descriptions stored in one or more related internet-based registries of products; these could be queried with specifically designed search engines which link users to the data they need. Initially, this Data Model stops short of providing the means to access specific "granules" (individual files) or subsets of them, but this extension is foreseen. Other extensions of the model will include the description of software tools and services useful to read and analyse the data, and of physically- or empirically-based models to interpret it.

This document provides potential users of SPASE with the Data Model for review and use. Sections 2 and 3 provide an overview of the origins and the concepts of the data model. Section 4 presents the set of elements in a hierarchy that shows the natural relationships among them. This is followed by usage suggestion and pedagogic examples in Section 5 and 6, and by the complete set of definitions of terms and enumerated lists in Section 7.

#### 2. Introduction

The Space and Solar Physics community is now addressing fundamental questions concerning the plasma and magnetic environment of the Sun, Heliosphere, and planets. We seek to understand everything from "microscopic" phenomena such as magnetic reconnection and turbulent energy dissipation to global issues such as how solar events are related to potentially damaging electric currents and energetic particles in the vicinity of the Earth. Multispacecraft and ground observatory investigations are becoming the norm, but there has been little corresponding unification of data access, formats and tools, resulting in a great deal of time being spent finding, retrieving and reformatting data. The key to reducing this inefficiency is a uniform way to describe adequately what exists. This is the purpose of the SPASE Data Model, which is intended to do for Space and Solar Physics what the Planetary Data System (PDS) is doing for Planetary Science, and what the International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA) is doing for Astronomy and Astrophysics.

Astronomy, Planetary Science, and Space and Solar Physics have developed their data models with different objectives and constraints. Astronomy has objects defined by their direction, and makes much use of standard formats; PDS was developed for long-term archiving; while SPASE is oriented towards data searching and exploitation. PDS often does a better job of describing technical information such as how the data were processed, the form of the data etc., while SPASE includes a better physical description, which facilitates rapid data retrieval and exploitation. Over time, the Astronomy, PDS, and SPASE models may converge. The increasing use of, for example, time series in Astronomy and images in Space Physics may lead to stronger connections between the efforts in these areas. There will also be a need for SPASE to understand Earth Science data models, as Space Weather studies reveal the coupling of the larger plasma environment to terrestrial effects.

## 2.1. What is a data model?

A data model is a set of terms and their relationships that capture the essential concepts of a given domain. The Data Model presented here can be used to describe the scientific relevance of products resulting from observation and modeling in the domain of solar and space physics. These products typically consist of related collections of files that will be accessed, in whole or in part, by science users. Types of products include numerical datasets, display data plots, images, software, documentation, and event lists ("catalogues"). Products are a subset of a larger class of "Resources" that includes Spacecraft, Instruments, Repositories, and even People, that can be described by their own set of terms, and then referred to in product descriptions, rather than being repeatedly described in each product. This data model includes terms relevant to all "Sun-Earth Connection" domains, but it does not try to systematically include Earth Science terms. We also defer to later the question of a uniform description of "service resources" such as web-based format translators or display tools. We initially intend a level of description that will allow a scientist to use the data retrieved, and will add later a set of terms to describe specific access methods for direct data retrieval. At all stages, broad community input and feedback is essential.

#### 2.2. What is its use?

The Data Model provides a set of terms that, ideally, can be mapped onto the terms used for specific products, thus providing a uniform means of access and description. The data model is intended to provide the cornerstone of one or more "Virtual Observatories" that will link broad ranges of solar and space physics in a natural way. More specifically, the data model should:

- (1) Provide a way of registering products using a standard set of terms that allow the products to be found with simple searches and described so that users can determine their utility for a specific purpose;
- (2) Allow searching for products containing particular physical quantities (e.g., magnetic field; spectral irradiance) that are variously represented in a diverse array of data products; and
- (3) Create a means of mapping comparable variables from many products onto a common set of terms so that visualization, analysis, and higher-order query tools and services can be used on all of them without regard to the origin of the data.

The accomplishment of these tasks requires "middleware" (either at the provider or in a VxO) that understands product registries and performs the translations needed to map the idiosyncratic product and parameter names of each repository onto the standard terms. This intermediate layer, which can take many forms for different purposes, will provide the links necessary to connect user applications and search-and-retrieval front ends to data repositories. Ultimately, the data environment centered on the data model will involve a number of software tools as well, linked together as internet-based services or other means. Specific software tools and documentation associated with products will be straightforwardly accessible. This "system" has the potential to provide capabilities that can aid even expert users of a particular dataset (e.g., on-the-fly coordinate transformations, the ability to merge datasets from different instruments, easy reference to related indices or other data), in addition to providing the broad access needed to solve global problems in Sun-Earth connection physics. Success will require a concerted cooperative effort across disciplines. Existing efforts in Space and Solar Physics as well as in other areas such as Earth and Planetary Sciences and Astronomy will guide the work.

# 2.3. What process led to the current Data Model?

The data model presented here has grown from the efforts begun a number of years ago that became formalized in regular teleconferences of a group of interested data providers, including scientific and technical representatives of some of the largest data holdings in the US, Europe, and Japan. As the effort to provide seamless access to distributed data proceeded, it became clear that the data model efforts were central. Thus, in March of 2003 a meeting of many of the people in the Contributors list at the beginning of this document was convened to begin the data model construction in earnest. The initial effort involved collecting terms from CDPP, SWRI, NSSDC, ISTP, and other sets to form a starting point. Two years of teleconferences, e-mailed revisions, and occasional face-to-face efforts, along with the application of the terms to specific cases, has led to the present document.

The general philosophy of the Data Model is to describe products using a natural taxonomy of data sources and of the physical world as represented in actual or potential datasets and models. The resulting Data Model has been put to many tests, but will have to evolve as new products are considered.

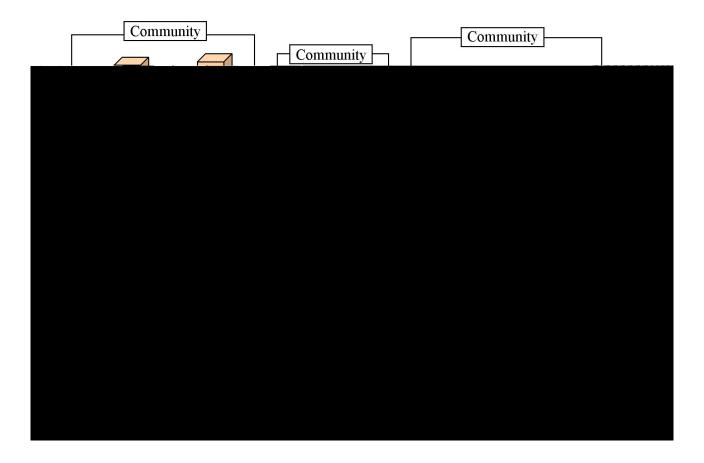
# 2.4. The Data Model in a Virtual Observatory context

The current conceptual model is intended to serve as the basis for interoperability between independent data systems. It is an attempt to capture the various concepts that are used to represent the knowledge to be shared in the Space and Solar Physics domains. These concepts are used to convey queries and responses between the user and various remote data systems. Many such

systems, in diverse fields, are now functioning or planned. The paradigm for this interoperability is the "Virtual Observatory", originally coined by the astronomical community as a way to allow any researcher, anywhere in the world, to access all known observations of a chosen patch of the sky using the Internet to query repositories of information distributed around the world at data centers and observatories.

The concepts presented in this document are independent of any implementation, but we have in mind a likely map of the eventual data environment. Figure 1 illustrates a possible architecture; the details will depend on the outcome of a number of current efforts and their coordination. The web site http://lwsde.gsfc.nasa.gov gives a guide to many currently active projects and a great deal of background information. Of particular interest there is the document entitled, "A Framework for Space and Solar Physics Virtual Observatories."

Figure 1 is very schematic, but the "Access Points" could be discipline specific "VxOs" that aggregate the repositories they serve, making them all appear as one. This is now done by the VSO for solar data. The VSO can then be treated as a repository by other services (VSPO and EGSO currently do this). The "Gateways" in the figure would be places where large numbers of products are registered with pointers to Access Points, Repositories, and other services (not shown) as needed. With the right connections and a common language, the data environment becomes very rich and flexible. Note that more conventional access to any of the Repositories could continue as before.



A prototypical usage scenario is:

1. The scientist uses an application (e.g., a browser or IDL) to define his query in terms of

the SPASE model.

- 2. The application contacts a relevant participating access point or gateway that may generate a response (e.g. URLs of files or services, or metadata about these), or may pass the query to other access points or gateways to obtain further information before responding to the query.
- 3. The application uses the replies either to present metadata to the user or to request the resource. A request may go directly to a repository or an access point, or may be routed through a gateway for additional services.
- 4. The requested resources might be processed in various ways at the repository, the access point, the gateway, or by a separate service. For example, the system may assemble a collection of resources, subset the data, generate a graphic, or reformat the resource prior to delivering it to the application.

We envision that different control authorities will maintain different aspects of the Data Model. For example, the list of observatory names is maintained by NSSDC, the definition of prime meridian used in describing local latitude and longitude is set by IAU, and the accepted format for time representation is defined by ISO. There will need to be a community-approved group to be the central authority on the Data Model; SPASE is currently serving as a prototype for this role.

It remains to be determined the extent to which registries of products will be centralized such that one location will contain the latest list obtained from registered data providers. There should at least be a common format, if only keyword=value lists, for the exchange of product registries. XML schema are likely to provide the preferred framework.

# 3. Data Model overview and general concepts

As noted in the introduction, this Data Model focuses on describing Products, which are a subset of Resources. In general, each Resource Type consists of a similar collection of things that share a common descriptive hierarchy. Data and Display Products (the latter being pre-rendered Plots and Images based on data) are typically defined as collections of files that differ only in the time of the observations to which they refer. Note that what is delivered to the user may be generated dynamically from underlying files, and thus can be more variable: for a particular product, modes may change with time of observation, and calibrations with time of processing. Thus, in general, the delineation of a product is up to the providers. All of the terms in the Model require a precise definition to be useful, and these are provided in the Dictionary. Note that in other data models what SPASE would call "files" or "granules" are sometimes referred to as "products" or "datasets," so it is important to keep in mind that these terms are used here to refer to complete collections of like data.

The SPASE Data Model describes Data Products by stating what was observed and where and when the data were obtained, as well as giving the source of the observations, and the location (repository), format and other technical aspects of the data.

### 3.1. Resources

At top level of the present Data Model is the Resource Type. These consist of the Product Types:

Numerical,

Data Display, and Catalogue

and the Resource Types that support these:

Observatory, Repository, Instrument, and Person.

Each of these types has its own set of terms. In the case of the non-product resources, the present version of the dictionary provides only a basic set of terms that may be augmented if it proves useful to have more detail. Any resource may have a URL that will provide the user with more information to supplement the metadata.

A set of Elements (the general model term for what could roughly be termed a keyword) is common to all Resource descriptions; they are grouped for convenience of presentation in a Resource Header, consisting primarily of:

Resource Name
Provider Resource Name
Description
Acknowledgement
Contact
Alias
Information URL

For Products, a similar set is grouped as Access Information, which can be replicated with the appropriate changes to describe copies of the product which may differ only in format or encoding. The Access Information provides the:

Repository Name Availability Access URL Caveats Format Encoding

These general elements are often free text, although Instrument Name, Format, and various other terms are from a specific (often extensible) list. Having enumerated lists will allow searches to be more efficient, so that, for example, a simple query will isolate all registered products from a particular Region without worrying about many more-or- less equivalent terms.

### 3.2. Numerical Data Resources

Since Numerical Data Resources are the key to most science investigations, our focus has been on providing a Data Model that will provide users with a means to exploit these data. It will be useful to agree on a uniform means for accessing the data (standard conventions for how to describe file naming and variable access methods), but initially our focus is on the scientific content of the data. We have initial sets of terms for the other Product Types, but these are less detailed; in many cases we expect much less detail will be needed even in the more final form.

Numerical Data Resources or Products (called "Datasets" in some systems) are described by the Headers plus other elements, including:

Observatory ID (link to Resource description)
Instrument ID (also a link)
Measurement Type (the general category, such as Thermal Plasma)
Temporal Description (time range available, resolution)
Physical Parameter (optional, but very useful)

Each Physical Parameter is a description for a the physical quantity that the provider wishes to advertise in the product. This could consist of one entry describing image data as being a full-Sun image in white light, or it could contain many entries for the various parameters (density, temperature, velocity, variance in these, error bars, and quality flags) for a thermal plasma product. Each Physical Parameter would be described by a standard set of terms including:

Name
Description
Caveats
Cadence
Units
Units Conversion
Coordinate System
Dimension
Size
Description
Measured
Support

and then a choice of the parameter type (Support or Measured). Measured parameters are described by an Entity, and a Quantity with one or more Qualifiers. Note that the independent variables (e.g., energy and angular ranges for particle distribution functions) are specified in the current Data Model in the Description of the Dimensions of a Parameter. Later versions of the model should allow for a more direct numerical specification of independent variable ranges.

The list of Entities, which form the basic set of Measured parameters, is based on the natural taxonomy of the physical world, but also corresponds to entities in known products. The list of entities include: Photons, which are electromagnetic fields; Fields, distinguished from Photons by being measured as time series; Particles, which are forms of matter; and Mixed, which are composite or derived quantities. Photons form optical or X-ray images, or radio waves when measured as amplitudes of signals in frequency bands.

The Physical Quantities, specific to each entity, are the two classical fields (electric and magnetic) and the associated electric potential: number/energy fluxes to describe distribution functions of particles (differential by bins); the first four moments of a particle distribution function; intensity, counts, and various derived quantities. It remains to be determined if we want a list of all the derived quantities contained in all relevant products; what appears below covers the many cases we have examined, but modifications will be needed as new products are described. Wave fields are described either as time series of fields (waveform), or in terms of "spectral density," although some products use terms such as "peak electric field" whose precise meaning may not be immediately evident. Ideally the description will become more precise when cast in SPASE terms.

Qualifiers of Physical Quantities can be combined, e.g., the variance of the x-component. The field-aligned component of the proton heat flux vector would be described as the parallel component of the heat flux of protons in magnetic coordinates.

The essential information for a Numerical Data Product description consists of what measured it, where to get it, its basic Measurement Type, whom to ask about it, and a few other simple descriptors. Of course, the more detailed the description, the more likely it is that users will understand what a product is and be more able and likely to use it.

# 3.3. Display Data Resources

Display products are very similar to Numerical Data, since they are based on the data, but are preprocessed images in, for example, JPEG, GIF or PNG format that show a picture of a graph or of an object or region. Generally these products will be summaries or browse-level images of data plots, so less detail will be needed in their description. The convention chosen here is that, for example, the FITS file containing the data for a solar H-alpha image is part of a Numerical Data Product, whereas a GIF or JPEG produced from that file, which is more difficult to use for quantitative purposes, is part of a Display Data Product.

# 3.4. Catalogue Resources

Catalogues can include complete listings of files and the times they cover, but this is not the main intent here. Rather, a Catalogue will typically consist of a set of start and stop times for "events" which can be anything from Coronal Mass Ejection occurrences in SOHO images, to intervals when data are available in a particular product, to identifications of when a spacecraft is in a particular region such as the Earth's magnetosheath. These types of catalogues are already being used for assistance in data searches by VSO and EGSO.

# 3.5. Other Resource Types

The "nonproduct" Resource types are generally self-explanatory. In a more complete Data Model, further information could be given about Observatories, Instruments, etc., but for now such details are left to the links provided in Information URLs.

### 3.6. Future Direction

Future versions of the SPASE Data Model will include terms for Software (tools for use of data), Models (physics- and empirically-based predictive schemes, often in the form of programs), Documents (focusing on support documents for other resources rather than on scientific papers), and Services (web-based format translation, coordinate transformation, plotting, visualization, etc.) It was felt that the standards for these resource types were not mature enough to be included in this release.

#### 3.7. General Considerations

The SPASE Entity-Relationship Tree of Section 3 has been produced from information held in a data base. This database also holds all the element definitions which are explained in Section 5 and tabulated in Section 6. From this database it is also possible to generate an XSD schema, which is the default encoding that has been developed for evaluating the Data Model. Thus, Resources are most naturally described by XML files, but this is not essential. In fact, the examples in this

document are presented in a keyword=value format to be more human readable.

A PDF version of this document can be downloaded from the SPASE site, http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/spase/

# 4. The Data Model presented hierarchically

The taxonomy tree shows the inter-relationship of elements in the data model. This provides a "big picture" view of the SPASE data model. This taxonomy is implementation neutral. Details for each element are contained in the data dictionary.

Notes: Occurrence specifications are enclosed in parenthesis: 0 = optional, 1 = required, \* = zero or more, + = 1 or more

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     + Instrument Name (1)
     + Instrument Type (0)
```

```
+ Investigation Name (1)
     + Acronym (1)
+ Observatory (*)
     + Resource ID (1)
     + Resource Header (0)
          + Resource Name (1)
          + Provider Resource Name (*)
          + Description (1)
          + Acknowledgement (0)
          + Contact (1)
                + Person ID (1)
                + Role (+)
          + Alias (*)
          + Information URL (*)
                + Name (0)
                + URL (1)
                + Description (0)
     + Observatory Name (1)
     + Observatory Group (0)
+ Person (*)
     + Resource ID (1)
     + Person Name (0)
     + Organization Name (1)
     + Address (0)
     + Email (*)
     + Phone Number (*)
```

# 5. Guidelines for Metadata Descriptions of Products

The following sections describe the details of the SPASE Data Model, especially the metadata used to describe data. There is a richness in the available metadata that allows very detailed descriptions of products. Many of the types of metadata may not apply in your case or you may not need much detail to adequately describe your data holdings. But it must be remembered that the better data are described, the easier they will be to use.

To determine what level of detail is needed, we recommend considering not only what the user needs to find the correct data, but also what is needed to know if the data will be useful for the requestor's purpose. The user might get this information by contacting you, but if the data were moved somewhere else and only the data description were available to determine the utility, consider if the user would have sufficient information to know if this is the right data set and what problems might be associated with the use of these data. Documentation may be added as a Resource Type to a future version of the SPASE Data Model, but for now we recommend using "Information URLs," available for each resource, to provide links to more detailed information about data products and their sources.

In summary, products need not be described in minute detail, but users will need, at minimum, information for assessing what the data products represent and where to find them. Of course it is also useful to include information on how the data can be applied and common pitfalls in their use, but the first need is to make the products usefully visible.

# 6. Examples

As an example let us consider a collection of numerical data from the magnetometer on the ACE spacecraft. This data set has been averaged to 1 minute intervals (cadence) and spans the beginning of the mission to the end of 2004 (1997-09-01 through 2004-12-31). The ACE spacecraft orbits the L1 point between the Earth and the Sun. The presented URLs are fictitious and will not direct you to the actual data. It's presented in the Object Definition Language (ODL) which is a Keyword=Value representation with a reserved keyword of "OBJECT" used to indicate groupings. In practice the preferred format will likely be XML because of its wide community support. The example is provided in ODL because it is more human readable.

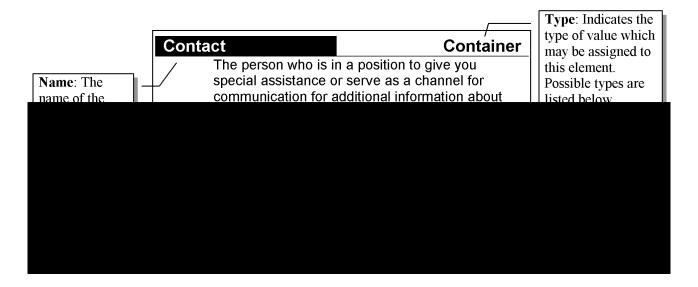
```
VERSION
                             = "1.0.0"
OBJECT
                             = NUMERICAL_DATA
 RESOURCE_ID
"UCLA::ACE-SW-MFI-4-RDR-PROC-V1.0:ACEMAG200301:1"
 MEASUREMENT_TYPE
                             = "Magnetic Field"
                             = "ACE"
 OBSERVATORY ID
 INSTRUMENT_ID
                            = "ACE MFI"
                             = "UCLA"
 PROVIDER ID
 ACCESS_RIGHTS
                             = "Open"
                            = RESOURCE_HEADER
 OBJECT
   ACKNOWLEDGEMENT = "ACEMAG200301"
 RESOURCE_NAME
      User will acknowledge the data producer and instrument P.I. in any
      publication resulting from the use of these data."
 DESCRIPTION
    ACE MFI 1-minute averaged magnetic-field data in GSE coordinates
    from Jan 2003. These data have been linearly interpolated to the
    even minute from 16 second data."
 OBJECT
                             = CONTACT
    ROLE
                              = "Principal Investigator"
                              = "nfness@bartol.udel.edu"
    PERSON ID
 END OBJECT
                             = CONTACT
 OBJECT
                             = CONTACT
    ROLE
                             = "Co-Investigator"
    PERSON ID
                             = "Charles.Smith@unh.edu"
 END_OBJECT
                             = CONTACT
 OBJECT
                             = CONTACT
                              = "Data Producer"
    ROLE
                             = "jweygand@igpp.ucla.edu"
    PERSON ID
 END OBJECT
                             = CONTACT
 END_OBJECT
                             = RESOURCE_HEADER
 OBJECT
                             = TEMPORAL_DESCRIPTION
   CADENCE
                             = 00:01:00
   OBJECT
                             = SPAN
     START_DATE
                             = 1997-01-01T00:00
                             = 2004-01-31T23:59
     STOP_DATE
                             = SPAN
   END_OBJECT
 END_OBJECT
                             = TEMPORAL_DESCRIPTION
 OBJECT
                             = INSTRUMENT_REGION
                             = "Near L1"
    HELIOSPHERE
                             = INSTRUMENT REGION
 END OBJECT
                             = OBSERVED REGION
 OBJECT
    HELIOSPHERE
                             = "Near L1"
```

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END OBJECT
                             = OBSERVED REGION
 OBJECT
                             = PHYSICAL_PARAMETER
   NAME
                             = SAMPLE_TIME_UTC
   SUPPORT
                             = TEMPORAL
   DESCRIPTION
       Sample UTC in the form DD MM YYYY hh mm ss where
         DD = day of month (01-31)
             = month of year (01-12)
         YYYY = Gregorian Year AD
         hh = hour of day (00:23)
         mm = minute of hour (00-59)
         ss = second of minute (00-60)."
  END_OBJECT
                             = PHYSICAL_PARAMETER
  OBJECT
                             = PHYSICAL_PARAMETER
   NAME
                             = MAGNETIC_FIELD_VECTOR
   UNITS
                             = "nT"
   COORDINATE_SYSTEM
                            = "GSE"
                             = "
   DESCRIPTION
       Magnetic field vector in GSE Coordinates (Bx, By, Bz)."
   OBJECT
                             = MEASURED
                             = FIELD
       FIELD_PHYSICAL_QUANTITY = "Magnetic"
       FIELD_PHYSICAL_QUALIFIER = "Resampled"
                             = FIELD
     END_OBJECT
   END_OBJECT
                             = MEASURED
 END_OBJECT
                             = PHYSICAL_PARAMETER
 OBJECT
                             = PHYSICAL_PARAMETER
                             = SPACECRAFT_POSITION_VECTOR
   NAME
                             = "POSITIONAL"
   SUPPORT
                             = "GSE"
   COORDINATE_SYSTEM
                             = "EARTH RADII"
   UNITS
                             = "6378.16 km"
   UNITS_CONVERSION
                             = "
   DESCRIPTION
       ACE spacecraft location in GSE coordinates (X,Y,Z)."
 END_OBJECT
                             = PHYSICAL_PARAMETER
 OBJECT
                              = ACCESS_INFORMATION
   ACCESS_URL
"http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/getdata?mission=ACE&instrument=mag&format=text"
   FORMAT
                             = "text"
   ENCODING
                             = "qzip"
 END OBJECT
                             = ACCESS INFORMATION
 OBJECT
                             = ACCESS_INFORMATION
   ACCESS_URL
"http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/getdata?mission=ACE&instrument=mag&format=matlab"
   FORMAT
                             = "matlab"
   ENCODING
                             = "none"
                             = ACCESS_INFORMATION
 END OBJECT
END_OBJECT
                             = NUMERICAL_DATA
END
```

## 7. Definitions of the Data Model Terms

#### **How to Read a Definition**

Each element has certain attributes and context for use. The details for each element are presented in the following form:



The value associated with an element must be one of the following:

**Attribute**: Extra information regarding the element on which it appears. It is tightly coupled to the element.

**Container**: An element that is a container of other elements. If "Container" is specified the element must have sub-elements specified. When a container element is used no value is assigned to the element. All values are contained within the sub-elements.

**Numeric**: An element that has a value which is a real number expressed in base 10.

**Date**: An element that has a value which is a date. A date is given in the ISO 8601 recommended primary standard notation: YYYY-MM-DD. where YYYY is the year in the Gregorian calendar, MM is the month of the year between 01 (January) and 12 (December), and DD is the day of the month between 01 and 31. It may also have an optional time portion (See Time). The time portion must follow the date portion with both portions separated by a "T". For example, "2004-07-29" is July 29, 2004 and "2004-07-29T12:30:00" is precisely 12:30 on July 29, 2004.

**Enumeration**: An element that has a value selected from a list of values. The list to use is indicated in the definition. For example, "Enumerates - see Project List" indicates only values found in the "Project List" may be assigned to this element.

**Count**: An element that has a value which is a base 10 integer number.

**Item**: An element which indicates a state or existence of an attribute. An item is valueless. An item may not contain other elements, but could have attributes. An item may also be an member of an enumerated list.

**Text**: An element that has a value which is a sequence of characters. The number of characters may be limited and is indicated in the definition. A text may have a formation rule. If so this is indicated in the definition.

**URL**: An element or attribute that has a value of a Uniform Resource Locator, the global address of documents and other resources on the World Wide Web. The first part of the address indicates what protocol to use, and the second part specifies the IP address or the domain name where the resource is located, the third part is the path within the domain of the resource.

Access Information Container

Attributes of the resource which pertain to how to acquire the resource, availability and storage format.

Sub-elements:

Access URL

Acknowledgement

Availability Caveats

Encoding Format

Repository Name

Access Rights Enumeration

Permissions granted or denied by the host of a product to allow other users to access and use the resource.

Allowed Values:

Open Restricted

Access URL Text

Attributes of the method of acquiring a resource including a URL, name and description. Sub-elements:

Description Name URL

Acknowledgement

The individual, group or organization which should be acknowledged when the data is used in or contributes to a presentation or publication.

Acronym

An alternate or shortened name used to refer to a resource.

Activity Index Item

An indication, derived from one or more measurements, of the level of activity of an object or region, such as sunspot number, F10.7 flux, Dst, or the Polar Cap Indices.

Address

Directions for finding some location; written on letters or packages that are to be delivered to that location.

Aerosol

A suspension of fine solid or liquid particles in gas.

Alfven Mach Number Item

The ratio of the bulk flow speed to the Alfven speed.

Alias

An alternate or shortened name used to refer to a resource.

Alpha Particle Item

A positively charged nuclear particle that consists of two protons and two neutrons.

Antenna

A sensor used to measure electric potential.

ASCII

A sequence of characters that adheres to American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) which is an 7-bit character-coding scheme.

Aurora Item A high latitude atmospheric optical phenomenon caused by electrically-charged particles bombarding the upper atmosphere of a planet in the presence of a magnetic field. Enumeration An indication of the method or service which may be used to access the resource. Sub-elements: Offline Online Allowed Values: Offline Online Average Item The statistical mean; the sum of a set of values divided by the number of values in the set. Audio Video Interleave (AVI) a digital format for movies that conforms to the Microsoft Windows Resource Interchange File Format (RIFF). Azimuthal Angle Item The horizontal angular distance from a reference direction. For a vector (X,Y,Z) in any coordinate system, the azimuthal angle is arctan(Y/X). Item A direct representation of the bits which may be stored in memory on a computer Bow Shock Crossing Item A crossing of the boundary between the undisturbed (except for foreshock effects) solar wind and the shocked, decelerated solar wind of the magnetosheath. Item An open standard algorithm by Julian Seward using Burrows-Wheeler block sorting and Huffman coding. See <a href="http://www.bzip.org/">http://www.bzip.org/> Time The time interval between the start of successive measurements. Value Data wherein sensor outputs have been convolved with instrument response function, often irreversibly, to yield physical parameter values. A coordinate system in which the position of a point is determined by its distance from two or three mutually perpendicular axes. Container A tabular listing of events or observational notes, especially those that have utility in aiding a user in locating data. Catalogues include lists of events, files in a product, and data availability. Sub-elements: **Access Information** Input Resource ID Instrument ID Keyword Observatory ID Phenomenon Type Resource Header Resource ID Timespan

Caveats

Information which may be important in the avoidance of misuse of the resource. This includes things such as instrument maladies, corruption or contamination.

CDF

Common Data Format (CDF). A binary storage format developed at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC).

CEF

Cluster Exchange Format (CEF) is a self-documenting ASCII format designed for the exchange of data. There are two versions of CEF which are not totally compatible.

CEF 1 Item

Cluster Exchange Format (CEF), version 1, is a self-documenting ASCII format designed for the exchange of data. The metadata contains information compatible with the ISTP recommendations for CDF.

CEF 2

Cluster Exchange Format (CEF), version 2, is a self-documenting ASCII format designed for the exchange of data and introduced for Cluster Active Archive. Compared to version 1, the metadata description of vectors and tensors is different.

CGM

Corrected Geomagnetic - A coordinate system from a spatial point with GEO radial distance and geomagnetic latitude and longitude, follow the epoch-appropriate IGRF/DGRF model field vector through to the point where the field line crosses the geomagnetic dipole equatorial plane. Then trace the dipole magnetic field vector Earthward from that point on the equatorial plane, in the same hemisphere as the original point, until the initial radial distance is reached. Designate the dipole latitude and longitude at that point as the CGM latitude and longitude of the original point. See <a href="http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/cgm/cgmm\_des.html">http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/cgm/cgmm\_des.html</a>

Channeltron

An instrument that detects electrons, ions, and UV-radiation, according to the principle of a secondary emission multiplier. It is typically used in electron spectroscopy and mass spectrometry.

Charged Particle Flux

Item

Measurements of fluxes of charged or ionized particles at above thermal energies, including relativistic particles of solar and galactic origin. May give simple fluxes, but more complete distributions are sometimes possible. Composition measurements may also be made.

Chromosphere

The region of the Sun's (or a star's) atmosphere above the temperature minimum and below the Transition Region. The solar chromosphere is approximately 400 km to 2100 km above the photosphere, and characterized by temperatures from 4500 - 28000 K.

Circular

Relative to polarization, right-hand circularly polarized light is defined such that the electric field is rotating clockwise as seen by an observer towards whom the wave is moving. Left-hand circularly polarized light is defined such that the electric field is rotating counterclockwise as seen by an observer towards whom the wave is moving. The polarization of magnetohydrodynamic waves is specified with respect to the ambient mean magnetic field: right-hand polarized waves have a transverse electric field component which turns in a right-handed sense (that of the gyrating electrons) around the magnetic field.

Co-Investigator Item

An individual who is a scientific peer and major participant for an investigation.

Component

A part of a multi-part entity, e.g., the components of a vector.

Contact Container

The person or organization who may be able to provide special assistance or serve as a channel for communication for additional information about a resource.

**Sub-elements:** 

Person ID Role

# Coordinate Representation

Enumeration

The method or form for specifying a given point in a given coordinate system

Allowed Values:

Cartesian Cylindrical Spherical

Coordinate System

Container

Specification of the origin and orientation of axes against which the location of some point is given and the representative form of each point.

**Sub-elements:** 

Coordinate Representation Coordinate System Name

#### Coordinate System Name

Enumeration

Identifies the coordinate system in which the position, direction or observation has been expressed.

Allowed Values:

**CGM** DM **GEI GEO GSE GSEQ GSM** 

> **HAE HEE HEEQ** HG **HGI**

LGM MAG **MFA** 

RTN SC

SE

SM SR

SR<sub>2</sub> SSE

Corona

The outermost atmospheric region of the Sun or a star, characterized by ionization temperatures above 10<sup>5</sup> K. The solar corona starts at about 2100 km above the photosphere; there is no generally defined upper limit.

#### **Coronal Mass Ejection**

Item

A solar event which involves a burst of plasma which is ejected from the Sun into the interplanetary medium.

Counts Item

An enumeration of the number of detection events occurring in a particle detector.

#### Cross Spectrum

Item

The Fourier transform of the cross correlation of two physical or empirical observations.

Cylindrical

A system of curvilinear coordinates in which the position of a point in space is determined by its perpendicular distance from a given line, its distance from a selected reference plane perpendicular to this line, and its angular distance from a selected reference line when projected onto this plane.

Data Producer Item

An individual who generated the resource and is familiar with its provenance.

Dayside

Sunward of a dawn-dusk meridian, either on the surface of, or above, some reference body.

Description

A detailed description of the resource which should include discussions of the main quantities in the resource, possible uses and search terms. A description should also include whether any corrections (i.e, geometry, inertial) have been applied to it.

Deviation

The difference between an observed value and the expected value of a quantity.

Dimension

Attributes of an independent variable or axis associated with the data.

Sub-elements:

Description Size

Display Cadence
Time

The time interval between the successive display elements.

Display Data Container

A graphical representation of data wherein the underlying numeric values are not (readily) accessible for ana6q 0.. Examplues are lineplotes and xpecro grmsa.

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Sub-elements:

Item

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Item

A dipole antenna of which the active (sensor) elements are small spheres located at the ends of two wires deployed in the equatorial plane, on opposite sides of a spinning spacecraft.

Dust

Free microscopic particles of solid material.

Dynamic Spectra Item

A three-dimensional representation of successive spectra which allows time evolution to be clearly seen. Time is plotted along the abscissa, frequency (or particle energy) along the ordinate, and the spectral power density (or differential particle flux) is represented by different shades of grey, or color. This representation is also known as a spectrogram.

Electric

The physical attribute that exerts an electrical force.

Electric Field Item

Measurements of electric field vectors (sometimes not all components) as a time series.

Electron

An elementary particle consisting of a charge of negative electricity equal to about  $1.602 \times 10^{**}(-19)$  Coulomb and having a mass when at rest of about  $9.109534 \times 10^{**}(-28)$  gram.

Electron Drift Instrument Item

An active experiment to measure the electron drift velocity based on sensing the displacement of a weak beam of electrons after one gyration in the ambient magnetic field.

Electrostatic Analyser Item

An instrument which uses charged plates to analyze the mass, charge and kinetic energies of charged particles which enter the instrument.

Email

The electronic address at which the individual may be contacted expressed in the form "local-part@domain".

Emissivity

The ratio of radiant energy from a material to that from a blackbody at the same kinetic temperature

Encoding

A set of unambiguous rules that establishes the representation of information within a file. Allowed Values:

**ASCII** 

GZIP None Unicode ZIP

End Date Date

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Item

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An enhancement of interplanetary fluxes of energetic ions accelerated by interplanetary shocks and/or solar flares.

Energy

The capacity for doing work as measured by the capability of doing work (potential energy) or the conversion of this capability to motion (kinetic energy)

Attributes: Units

Equivalent Width Item

The area of the spectral line profile divided by the peak height or depth.

Exposure

The time interval over which an individual measurement is taken.

Faraday Cup Item

An instrument consisting of an electrode from which electrical current is measured while a charged particle beam (electrons or ions) impinges on it. Used to determine energy spectrum and sometimes ion composition of the impinging particles.

Field Container

The space around a radiating body within which its electromagnetic attributes can exert force on another similar body that is not in direct contact.

Sub-elements:

Field Physical Quantity Field Qualifier

# Field Physical Quantity

Enumeration

The physical attribute of the field.

Allowed Values:

Cross Spectrum

Electric Magnetic Potential Poynting Flux

Field Qualifier Enumeration

Characterizes the directional and statistical aspects of the field observation.

Allowed Values:

Average Component Deviation Magnitude Peak

Perpendicular Variance Vector

Fit

Values that make an model agree with the data.

FITS

Flexible Image Transport System (FITS) is a digital format primarily designed to store scientific data sets consisting of multi-dimensional arrays (1-D spectra, 2-D images or 3-D data cubes) and 2-dimensional tables containing rows and columns of data.

Flux

In radiation studies, this refers to the amount of radiant energy passing through a unit area Attributes: Units

Flux Feedback Item

A search coil whose bandwidth and signal/noise ratio are increased by the application of

negative feedback at the sensor (flux) level by driving a collocated coil with a signal from the preamplifier.

Forbush Decrease Item

A rapid decrease in the observed galactic cosmic ray intensity following the passage of an outwardly convecting interplanetary magnetic field disturbance, such as those associated with large CME's, that sweep some galactic cosmic rays away from Earth.

Format Enumeration

The organization of data according to preset specifications. The value is selected from a list of accepted names for known, well documented formats.

Allowed Values:

AVI
Binary
CDF
CEF
CEF 1
CEF 2
FITS
GIF
HDF
HDF 4
HDF 5
HTML
IDFS
IDL
JPEG

MPEG MPEG NetCDF

PDF PNG

QuickTime

Text TIFF UDF XML

#### Fourier Transform Spectrograph

Item

An instrument that determines the spectra of a radiative source, using time-domain measurements and a Fourier transform.

Frequency

(1) The number of occurrences within a given time period. (2) Vibrations per second of the photon field; may be given as a single number, multiple numbers, or as ranges.

Gamma Rays

Item

Photons with a wavelength range: 0.00001 to 0.001 nm

GEI Item

Geocentric Equatorial Inertial - A coordinate system where the Z axis is along Earth's spin vector, positive northward. X axis points towards the first point of Aries (from the Earth towards the Sun at the vernal equinox). See Russell, 1971

General Contact Item

An individual who can provide information on a range of subjects or who can direct you to a domain expert.

GEO

Geographic - geocentric corotating - A coordinate system where the Z axis is along Earth's spin vector, positive northward. X axis lies in Greenwich meridian, positive towards Greenwich. See Russell, 1971.

Geomagnetic Storm Item

A magnetospheric disturbance typically defined by variations in the horizontal component of the Earth's surface magnetic field. The variation typically starts with a field enhancement associated with a solar wind pressure pulse and continues with a field depression associated with an enhancement of the diamagnetic magnetospheric ring current.

GIF

Graphic Interchange Format (GIF) first introduced in 1987 by CompuServe. GIF uses LZW compression and images are limited to 256 colours.

GSE

Geocentric Solar Ecliptic - A coordinate system where the X axis is from Earth to Sun. Z axis is normal to the ecliptic, positive northward. See Russell, 1971.

GSEQ

Geocentric Solar Equatorial - A coordinate system where the X axis is from Earth to Sun. Y axis is parallel to solar equatorial plane. Z axis is positive northward. See Russell, 1971

Item

Geocentric Solar Magnetospheric - A coordinate system where the X axis is from Earth to Sun, Z axis is northward in a plane containing the X axis and the geomagnetic dipole axis. See Russell, 1971

GZIP

An open standard algorithm distributed by GHU based on LZ77 and Huffman coding. See <a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/gzip/gzip.html">http://www.gzip.org/></a>

HAE

Heliocentric Aries Ecliptic - A coordinate system where the Z axis is normal to the ecliptic plane, positive northward. X axis is positive towards the first point of Aries (from Earth to Sun at vernal equinox). Same as SE below. See Hapgood, 1992.

Hard X-rays Item

Photons with a wavelength range: 0.001 to 0.1 nm

HDF Item

Hierarchical Data Format

HDF 4

Hierarchical Data Format, Version 4

HDF 5

Hierarchical Data Format, Version 5

Heat Flux Item

Flow of thermal energy through a gas or plasma; typically computed as third moment of a distribution function.

HEE

Heliocentric Earth Ecliptic - A coordinate system where the Z axis is normal to the ecliptic plane, positive northward. X axis points from Sun to Earth. See Hapgood, 1992

HEEQ

Heliocentric Earth Equatorial - A coordinate system where the Z axis is normal to the solar equatorial plane, positive northward. X axis is generally Earthward in the plane defined by the Z axis and the Sun-Earth direction. See Hapgood, 1992.

Heliosphere Enumeration

The solar atmosphere extending roughly from the outer corona to the edge of the solar plasma at the heliopause separating primarily solar plasma from interstellar plasma.

Allowed Values:

Inner Near 1AU Near L1 Outer

HF radar Item

An instrument which uses high frequency (HF) radar to obtain an image of an object.

HG

Heliographic - A heliocentric rotating coordinate system where the Z axis is normal to the solar equatorial plane, positive northward. X, Y axes rotate with a 25.38 day period. The zero longitude (X axis) is defined as the longitude that passed through the ascending node of the solar equator on the ecliptic plane on 1 January, 1854 at 12 UT. See <a href="http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor">http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor</a> des.html>

HGI

Heliographic Inertial - A heliocentric coordinate system where the Z axis is normal to the solar equatorial plane, positive northward. X axis is along the intersection line between solar equatorial and ecliptic planes. The X axis was positive at SE longitude of 74.367 deg on Jan 1, 1900. (See SE below.) See <a href="http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor\_des.html">http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor\_des.html</a>

High Latitude Item

The region located poleward of 60 degrees of latitude.

HTML

A text file containing structured information represented in the HyperText Mark-up Language (HTML). See <a href="http://www.w3.org/MarkUp/">http://www.w3.org/MarkUp/</a>

IDFS

Instrument Data File Set (IDFS) is a set of files written in a prescribed format which contain data, timing data, and meta-data. IDFS was developed at Southwest Research Institute (SwRI).

IDL Item

Interactive Data Language (IDL) save set.

Image Intensity Item

Measurements of the two-dimensional distribution of the intensity of photons from some region or object such as the Sun or the polar auroral regions; can be in any wavelength band, and polarized, etc.

Imager

An instrument which samples the radiation from an area at one or more spectral ranges emitted or reflected by an object.

Information URL Container

Attributes of the method of acquiring additional information.

Sub-elements:

Description Name URL

Infrared

Photons with a wavelength range: 760 to 1.00x10<sup>6</sup> nm

Inner

The region of the heliosphere extending radially out from the "surface" of the Sun to 1 AU.

Input Resource ID Text

The resource identifier for a resource which was used to generate this resource.

Instrument

A device which is used to sense and parameterize a physical phenomenon.

Sub-elements:

Acronym Instrument Name Instrument Type Investigation Name Resource Header Resource ID

Instrument ID Text

The identifier of an Instrument resource.

Instrument Name Text

A programmatically assigned name for a set of one or more interrelated instruments selected as a unit to operate on an observatory.

Instrument Region Container

The portion of space occupied by the instrument at the time of an observation. A region is distinguished by certain natural features or physical characteristics.

Sub-elements:

Heliosphere Magnetosphere Near Surface Sun Surface

Instrument Type Enumeration

The technique of observation: the type of instrument used to make the measurement, including the sensor and other hardware or software features as appropriate.

Allowed Values:

Antenna

Channeltron

Double Sphere

Electron Drift Instrument

Electrostatic Analyser

**Energetic Particle Instrument** 

Faraday Cup

Flux Feedback

Fourier Transform Spectrograph

HF Radar

**Imager** 

Langmuir Probe

Long Wire

Magnetometer

Mass Spectrometer

Microchannel Plate

Monopole

Particle Correlator

Quadrispherical Analyser

Resonance Sounder

Search Coil

Spacecraft Potential Control

Spectral Power Receiver

Spectrograph

Spectrometer

**Waveform Receiver** 

Intensity

The amount of energy transmitted by electromagnetic radiation, for example, the number of photons arriving in a given time.

Attributes: Units

Interior Item The region inside the body which is not visible from outside the body. **Interplanetary Shock** Item A shock propagating generally antisunward through the slower solar wind, often seen in front of CME-associated plasma clouds. Investigation Name Text The name given to a related set of observation which may be obtained from more than one observatory. Ion Item An atom that has acquired a net electric charge by gaining or losing one or more electrons.(Note: Z>2) Ion Composition In situ measurements of the relative flux or density of electrically charged particles in the space environment. May give simple fluxes, but full distribution functions are sometimes measured. Irradiance Measurements of time series of the integrated intensity of photons in some wavelength band from some region or object, typically the Sun. **JPEG** Item A binary format for still images defined by the Joint Photographic Experts Group Text A word or phrase that is relevant to the resource but does not exist in other documentary information. Langmuir Probe Item A monopole antenna associated with an instrument. The instrument applies a potential to the antenna which is swept to determine the voltage/current characteristic. This provides information about the plasma surrounding the probe and spacecraft. Local Geomagnetic - A coordinate system used mainly for Earth surface or near Earth surface magnetic field data. X axis northward from observation point in a geographic meridian. Z axis downward towards Earth's center. In this system, H (total horizontal component) = SORT  $(Bx^{**}2 + By^{**}2)$  and D (declination angle) = arctan (By/Bx)Line Depth In spectra, a measure of the amount of absorption for a particular wavelength or frequency in the spectrum Line of Sight The line of sight is the line that connects the observer with the observed object. This expression is often used with measurements of Doppler velocity and magnetic field in magnetograms, where only the component of the vector field directed along the line of sight is measured. Item Relative to polarization, confinement of the E-field vector to a given plane Long Wire Item A dipole antenna whose active (sensor) elements are two wires deployed in the equatorial plane on opposite sides of a spinning spacecraft, and whose length is several times greater than the spacecraft diameter. Low Latitude Item

The region located at or anti-poleward of 60 degrees of latitude.

MAG Item

Geomagnetic - geocentric. Z axis is parallel to the geomagnetic dipole axis, positive north. X is in the plane defined by the Z axis and the Earth's rotation axis. If N is a unit vector from the Earth's center to the north geographic pole, the signs of the X and Y axes are given by Y = N x $Z, X = Y \times Z$ .. See Russell, 1971, and <a href="http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf">http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf</a>

Item

The physical attribute attributed to a magnet or its equivalent.

Magnetic Field Item

Measurements of magnetic field vectors (sometimes not all components) as time series; can be space- or ground-based. Also, [Zeeman splitting, etc. based]: A region of space near a magnetized body where magnetic forces can be detected [as measured by methods such as Zeeman splitting, etc.]

Magnetogram Item

Measurements of the vector or line-of-sight magnetic field determined from remote sensing measurements of the detailed structure of spectral lines, including their splitting and polarization. ("Magnetogram.")

Magnetometer Item

An instrument which measures the ambient magnetic field.

Magnetopause Crossing

Item

A crossing of the interface between the shocked solar wind in the magnetosheath and the magnetic field and plasma in the magnetosphere.

Magnetosheath Item

The region between the bow shock and the magnetopause, characterized by very turbulent plasma.

Enumeration Magnetosphere

The region of space above the atmosphere or surface of the planet, and bounded by the magnetopause, that is under the direct influence of the planet's magnetic field. Allowed Values:

Magnetosheath Magnetotail Main Polar

Magnetotail

The region on the night side of the body where the magnetic filed is stretched backwards by the force of the solar wind. For Earth, the magnetotail begins at a night-side radial distance of 10 Re (X > -10Re).

Magnitude Item

A measure of the strength or size of a vector quantity.

Main Item

The region of the magnetosphere below 60 degrees in magnetic latitude and between the body's nearby region and the magnetopause. For Earth, the main magnetosphere is defined as the volume bounded by part of a sphere at 2000 km altitude, part of the magnetopause, the latitude = 60 deg surface and the X = -10 Re plane.

Mass Item

The property of a body that is a measure of its inertia, that is commonly taken as a measure of the amount of material it contains, that causes it to have weight in a gravitational field, and that along with length and time constitutes one of the fundamental quantities on which all physical measurements are based.

Mass Density Item The mass of particles per unit volume.

Attributes: Units

Mass Spectrometer

Item

An instrument which distinguishes chemical species in terms of their different isotopic masses.

Measured

Attributes of observations obtained from an instrument or sensor.

Sub-elements:

Field Mixed Particle Photon

## Measurement Type

Enumeration

A high level characterization of the content of the data product.

Allowed Values:

Activity Index

Charged Particle Flux

Dopplergram

Dynamic Spectra

Electric Field

**Energetic Particles** 

**Image Intensity** 

Ion Composition

Irradiance

Magnetic Field

Magnetogram

Neutral Atom Images

Neutral Gas

**Profile** 

Radiance

Radio and Plasma Waves

Radio Soundings Thermal Plasma

MFA

Magnetic Field Aligned - A coordinate system spacecraft-centered system with Z in the direction of the ambient magnetic field vector. X is in the plane defined by Z and the spacecraft-Sun line, positive sunward. See <a href="http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf">http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf</a>>

Microchannel Plate Item

An instrument used for the detection of elementary particles, ions, ultraviolet rays and soft X-rays constructed from very thin conductive glass capillaries.

Microwave

Photons with a wavelength range: 1.00x10<sup>6</sup> to 1.50x10<sup>7</sup> nm

Mixed

A measured observation which is derived from a combination of two or more individual measurements.

Mode Amplitude

Item

In helioseismology the magnitude of oscillation of waves of a particular geometry.

Molecule

A group of atoms so united and combined by chemical affinity that they form a complete, integrated whole, being the smallest portion of any particular compound that can exist in a free state

Moment

Parameters determined by integration over a distribution function convolved with a power of velocity.

MPEG

A digital format for movies defined by the Motion Picture Experts Group

N

An integer that approximates the mass of an isotope and that designates the number of nucleons in the nucleus. Also called the mass number. Often equated with the atomic mass.

Name Text

A language unit by which a person or thing is known.

Near 1AU Item

A heliospheric region approximately as far from the Sun as is the Earth, but at a significant angular separation from the Earth-Sun line (i.e., not Near L1).

Near L1 Item

A heliospheric region near the Earth that includes the location of L1 spacecraft as well as of spacecraft orbiting around or near the Earth that make excursions outside the bow shock. (The bow shock is where the solar wind undergoes a shock transition due to interaction with the Earth's magnetosphere.)

Near Surface Enumeration

The gaseous and possibly ionized environment of a body extending from the surface to some specified altitude. For the Earth, this altitude is 2000 km.

Allowed Values:

High Latitude Low Latitude

NetCDF

Unidata Program Center's Network Common Data Form (NetCDF). A self-describing data portable data format for array-oriented data access. See

<http://my.unidata.ucar.edu/content/software/netcdf>

Neutral

Either a particle, an object, or a system that has a net electric charge of zero

Neutral Atom Images Item

Measurements of neutral atom fluxes as a function of look direction; often related to remote energetic charged particles that lose their charge through charge-exchange and then reach the detector on a line.

Neutral Gas Item

Measurements of neutral atomic and molecular components of a body and its surrounding environments.

Nightside

Anti-Sunward of a dawn-dusk meridian, either on the surface of, or above, some reference body.

None

A lack or absence of anything.

Number Density Item

The number of particles per unit volume.

Attributes: Units

Numerical Data Container

Data stored as numerical values in a specified format.

Sub-elements:

**Access Information** Access Rights Input Resource ID Instrument ID **Instrument Region** 

Keyword

Measurement Type Observatory ID Observed Region Physical Parameter

**Provider Processing Level** 

**Provider Version** Resource Header Resource ID Spectral Range

Temporal Description

Container Observatory

The host (spacecraft, network, facility) for instruments making observations.

Sub-elements:

Observatory Group Observatory Name Resource Header Resource ID

**Observatory Group** Text

A set of programmatically related observatories. The value is taken from an approved list of observatory group names.

Observatory ID Text

The identifier of an Observatory resource.

Observatory Name Text

The language unit which identifies a location or platform. An observatory may be part of an observatory group. The value is taken from an approved list of observatory names.

**Observed Region** 

The portion of space measured by the instrument at the time of an observation. A region is distinguished by certain natural features or physical characteristics. It is the location of the observatory for in situ data, the location or region sensed by remote sensing observatories and the location-of-relevance for parameters that are derived from observational data.

Sub-elements:

Heliosphere Magnetosphere Near Surface Sun Surface

Offline Text

Not directly accessible electronically. This includes resources which may to be moved to an online status in response to a given request.

Sub-elements:

Medium

Online Item

Directly accessible electronically.

Item

Access is granted to everyone.

Optical Item Photons with a wavelength range: 380 to 760 nm

**Organization Name** 

Text

A unit within a company or other entity (e.g., Government agency or branch of service) within which many projects are managed as a whole.

Other

Values, such as flags, that are not time tags, location data or measured or derived parameters.

Outer

The region of the heliosphere from 1 AU to the farthest extent of the heliosphere (heliopause).

Parallel

Having the same direction as a given direction

Particle Container

A description of the types of particles observed in the measurement. This includes both direct observations and inferred observations.

Sub-elements:

Particle Physical Quantity

Particle Qualifier Particle Type

Particle Correlator Item

An instrument which correlates particle flux to help identify wave/particle interactions.

## Particle Physical Quantity

Enumeration

A characterization of the physical properties of the particle.

Allowed Values:

Alfven Mach Number

Coordinate System

Counts

Differential Directional Parti

Heat Flux Mass Density

**Number Density** 

Phase-Space Density

Plasma Beta

Pressure

Sonic Mach Number

Temperature

Thermal Speed

Velocity

Particle Qualifier Enumeration

Characterizes the directional and statistical aspects of the particle observation.

Allowed Values:

Average

Component

Deviation

Fit

Magnitude

Moment Parallel

r ai aii

Peak

Perpendicular

Variance

Vector

Particle Type Enumeration

A characterization of the kind of particle observed by the measurement.

Allowed Values:

Aerosol

Alpha Particle

Dust Electron

Ion

Mass Molecule

N

Neutral

Proton

Q Size

**PDF** Item

A document expressed in the Portable Document Format (PDF) as defined by Adobe.

Item

The maximum value for the quantity in question, over a period of time which is usually equal to the cadence.

Perpendicular Item

At right angles to a given direction.

Person Container

An individual human being.

Sub-elements:

Address

Email

Organization Name

Person Name Phone Number Resource ID

Person ID

Text

The identifier assigned to a Person description.

Person Name Text

The words used to address an individual.

Phase-Space Density Item

The number of particles per unit volume in the six-dimensional space of position and velocity.

Phenomenon Type Enumeration

The characteristics or categorization of an event type.

Allowed Values:

Aurora

**Bow Shock Crossing** Coronal Mass Ejection

Energetic Solar Particle Event

Forbush Decrease Geomagnetic Storm Interplanetary Shock Magnetopause Crossing

Solar Flare

Solar Wind Extreme

Phone Number Text

The symbols and numerals required to contact an individual by telephone. The string may contain punctuation marks such as dash (-) or dot (.) to separate fields within the string.

Photon

Photon (radio through gamma-rays): the fundamental particle or quantum of electromagnetic radiation (radiant energy)

Sub-elements:

Photon Physical Quantity

Photon Qualifier

### Photon Physical Quantity

Enumeration

A characterization of the physical properties of the photon.

Allowed Values:

Emissivity

Equivalent Width

Flux Intensity

Line Depth

Magnetic Field

Mode Amplitude

Photon Independent Variable

Polarization

Stoke's Parameters

Velocity

Photon Qualifier Enumeration

Characterizes the directional and statistical aspects of the photon observation.

Allowed Values:

Average

Circular

Line of Sight

Linear

Peak

Stoke's Parameter

Variance

Vector

Photosphere

The atmospheric layer of the Sun or a star from which continuum radiation, especially optical, is emitted to space. For the Sun, the photosphere is about 500 km thick.

Physical Parameter Container

A container of information regarding a parameter whose values are part of the product. Every product contains or can be related to one or more parameters.

Sub-elements:

Cadence

Caveats

Coordinate System

Description

Dimension

Measured

Name

Support

Units

**Units Conversion** 

Plasma Beta Item

The ratio of the plasma pressure to the magnetic pressure.

PNG

A digital format for still images. Portable Network Graphics (PNG)

Polar Angle Item

The angle between the Z axis and the given vector direction.

Polarization Item Direction of the electric vector of an electromagnetic wave. The wave can be linearly polarized in any direction perpendicular to the direction of travel, circularly polarized (clockwise or counterclockwise), unpolarized, or mixtures of the above. Positional Item The specification of the location of an object or measurement within a reference coordinate system. The position is usually expressed as a set of values corresponding to the location along a set of orthogonal axes together with the date/time of the observation. Potential Item A field which obeys Laplace's Equation. Poynting Flux Item The rate of energy transport per unit area per steradian. Pressure Item A characterization of the random energy related to the velocity and distribution of particles. Principal Investigator Item An individual who is the administrative and scientific lead for an investigation. Item Measurements of a quantity as a function of height above an object such as the limb of a body. Proton Item An elementary particle that is a constituent of all atomic nuclei, that carries a positive charge numerically equal to the charge of an electron, and that has a mass of 1.673 x 10\*\*(-24) gram. Provider ID Item The identifier for a Contact resource for the person or organization who provided the resource. Provider Processing Level Text The provider specific classification of the processing performed on the product. Provider Release Date Date The date the product was made available by the provider. The Provider Release Date is relevant only to the product life-cycle of the provider. Provider Resource Name A short textual description of a resource used by the provider which may be used to identify a resource. **Provider Version** Text Describes the release or edition of the product used by the provider. The formation rule may vary between providers. It is intended to aid in queries to the provider regarding the product. O Numeric The charge state of an ion, generally expressed in multiples of the coulomb charge of an electron. Quadrispherical Analyser Item An instrument used for the 3-D detection of plasma, energetic electrons and ions, and for positive-ion composition measurements. OuickTime Item A format for digital movies, as defined by Apple Computer. See <a href="http://developer.apple.com/quicktime/">http://developer.apple.com/quicktime/</a> Radiance Item

A measure of the amount of electromagnetic radiation leaving a point on the surface in a specified time period in a unit area from a given direction.

#### Radio and Plasma Waves

Item

Measurements of electric and/or magnetic fields using electric or magnetic antennas at frequencies anywhere between the spacecraft spin frequency and the characteristic frequencies of the ambient plasma. The output can be waveform, power spectral density, or other statistical parameters.

Radio Frequency

Item

Photons with a wavelength range: 100,000 to 1.00x10<sup>1</sup>11 nm

Radio Soundings

Item

Measurements of plasma density, magnetic field and possibly other parameters of the space environment by active probing of the plasma by radio waves.

Repository Name

Text

Item

The name of the location or facility where the product is stored. The repository name is selected from a list of names for established repositories.

Allowed Values:

For a current list see Identifiers for the location or facility where the product is stored. The repository name is selected from a list of established repositories. See <a href="http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/spase/">http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/spase/</a> for the list.

Resonance Sounder

A combination of a radio receiver and a pulsed transmitter used to study the plasma surrounding a spacecraft by identifying resonances or cut-offs (of the wave dispersion relation), whose frequencies are related to the ambient plasma density and magnetic field. When the transmitter is off it is essentially a high frequency-resolution spectral power receiver.

Resource Header Container

Attributes of a resource which pertain to the provider of the resource and descriptive information about the resource.

Sub-elements:

Acknowledgement

Alias

Contact

Description

Information URL

Provider Resource Name

Resource Name

Resource ID Text

The unique identifier of an item. The resource ID must be unique within the context it is used.

Resource Name Text

A short textual description of a resource which may be useful when read by a person.

Restricted

Access to the product is regulated and requires some form of identification.

Role Enumeration

The assigned or assumed function or position of an individual.

Allowed Values:

Co-Investigator Data Producer

**General Contact** 

Principal Investigator

Scientist

Team Leader

Team Member

#### **Technical Contact**

RTF Item Rich Text Format (RTF). Structured information as defined by Microsoft. **RTN** Item Radial Tangential Normal. Typically centered at a spacecraft. Used for IMF and plasma V vectors. R (radial) axis is radially away from the Sun, T (tangential) axis is normal to the plane formed by R and the Sun's spin vector, positive in the direction of planetary motion. N (normal) is R x T. SC Item Spacecraft - A coordinate system defined by the spacecraft geometry and/or spin. Often has Z axis parallel to spacecraft spin vector. X and Y axes may or may not corotate with the spacecraft. See SR and SR2 below. Scientist Item An individual who is an expert in the phenomenon and related physics represented by the resource. SE Item Solar Ecliptic - A heliocentric coordinate system where the Z axis is normal to the ecliptic plane, positive northward. X axis is positive towards the first point of Aries (from Earth to Sun at vernal equinox). Same as HAE above. See <a href="http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor\_des.html">http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor\_des.html</a> Search coil Item A loop of wire used to determine the time variation of the magnetic flux threading the loop by measurement of the electric potential difference induced between the ends of the wire. Item Binary data compatible with Silicon Graphic platforms. Count Size The physical dimensions, proportions, magnitude, or extent of an object... Item Solar Magnetic - A geocentric coordinate system where the Z axis is northward along Earth's dipole axis, X axis is in plane of z axis and Earth-Sun line, positive sunward. See Russell, 1971. Soft X-rays Item Range:  $0.1 \le x < 10$  nm; Conventional abbreviation: XUV An explosive event in the Sun's atmosphere which produces electromagnetic radiation across the electromagnetic spectrum at multiple wavelengths from long-wave radio to the shortest wavelength gamma rays. Solar Wind Extreme Item Intervals of unusually large or small values of solar wind attributes such as flow speed and ion density. Sonic Mach Number Item The ratio of the bulk flow speed to the speed of sound in the medium. Spacecraft Potential Control Item An instrument to control the electric potential of a spacecraft with respect to the ambient plasma by emitting a variable current of positive ions.

Container

SPASE

Space Physics Archive Search and Extract (SPASE). The outermost container or envelope for SPASE metadata. This indicates the start of the SPASE metadata.

Sub-elements:

Catalog Display Data Instrument Numerical Data Observatory Person Version

Spatial Range Item

A description, in an appropriate coordinate system, of the positions of the elements of an image; may be done using a reference and relative positions, or with bins giving the description of a 2-D grid.

## Spectral Power Receiver

Item

A radio receiver which determines the power spectral density of the electric or magnetic field, or both, at one or more frequencies.

#### Spectral Range Name

Enumeration

The general term used to describe wavelengths or frequencies within a given span of values for those quantities.

Allowed Values:

Gamma Rays Hard X-rays Infrared Microwave Optical Radio Frequency Ultraviolet

X-Rays

Spectrograph

The image (intensity vs. wavelength) of the electromagnetic spectrum produced by a spectrometer.

Spectrometer

An instrument that measures the component wavelengths of light or other electromagnetic radiation into its component wavelengths.

Spectrum

Measurements of the intensity of radiation as a function of frequency or wavelength.

Spherical Item

A system of curvilinear coordinates characterized by an azimuthal angle (longitude), a polar angle (latitude), and a distance (radius) from a point to the origin.

SR

Spin Reference - A special case of a Spacecraft (SC) coordinate system for a spinning spacecraft. Z is parallel to the spacecraft spin vector. X and Y rotate with the spacecraft. See <a href="http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf">http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf</a>>

SR2 Item

Spin Reference 2 - A special case of a Spacecraft (SC) coordinate system for a spinning spacecraft. Z is parallel to the spacecraft spin vector. X is in the plane defined by Z and the spacecraft-Sun line, positive sunward. See <a href="http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf">http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf</a>>

SSE

Spacecraft Solar Ecliptic - A coordinate system used for deep space spacecraft, for example Helios. - X axis from spacecraft to Sun. Z axis normal to ecliptic plane, positive northward.

Note: Angle between normals to ecliptic and to Helios orbit plane  $\sim 0.25$  deg.

Date The specification of a starting point in time. Stoke's Parameters Item The four coordinates (usually called I, Q, U, and V) relative to a particular basis for the representation of the polarization state of an electromagnetic wave propagating through space. Enumeration Sun The star upon which our solar system is centered. Allowed Values: Chromosphere Corona Interior Photosphere Transition Region Enumeration Support Information useful in understanding the context of an observation, typically observed or measured coincidentally with a physical observation. Allowed Values: Other **Positional Temporal** Surface Item The outermost area of a solid object. Team Leader Item An individual who is the scientific and administrative lead for an investigation. Team Member Item An individual who is a major participant in an investigation. **Technical Contact** Item An individual who can provide specific information with regard to the resource or supporting software **Temperature** Item A measure of the kinetic energy of random motion with respect to the average. Temperature is properly defined only for an equilibrium particle distribution (Maxwellian distribution). **Temporal** Item Pertaining to time. **Temporal Description** Container A characterization of the time over which the measurement was taken. Sub-elements: Cadence Exposure Timespan Item A document expressed in the typesetting language TeX originally defined by Donald Knuth.

Text

ASCII text

Thermal Plasma

Item

Item

Measurements of the plasma in the energy regime where the most of the plasma occurs. May be the basic fluxes in the form of distribution functions or the derived bulk parameters (density, flow velocity, etc.).

Thermal Speed Item

For a Maxwellian distribution, the difference between the mean speed and the speed within which ~69% (one sigma) of all the members of the speed distribution occur.

ΓIFF

A binary format for still pictures. Tagged Image Format File (TIFF). Originally developed by Aldus and now controlled by Adobe.

Timespan

The duration of an interval in time.

Sub-elements:

End Date Start Date

Transition Region Item

A very narrow (<100 km) layer between the chromosphere and the corona where the temperature rises abruptly from about 8000 to about 500,000 K.

UDF

Universal Data Format (UDF). The Optical Technology Storage Association's Universal Disk Format, based on ISO 13346. See <a href="http://www.osta.org/specs/index.htm">http://www.osta.org/specs/index.htm</a>

Ultraviolet

Photons with a wavelength range: 10 to 400 nm

Uncalibrated

Duplicate data are removed from the data stream and data are time ordered. Values are not adjusted for any potential biases or external factors.

Unicode

Text in multi-byte Unicode format.

Units

A description of the standardized measurement increments in which a value is specified. The description is represented as a mathematical phrase. Individual units within the phrase must conform to the International System of Units (SI) which is maintained by BIPM (Bureau International des Poids et Mesures. See <a href="http://www.bipm.fr/">http://www.bipm.fr/</a>). The symbol associated with a unit should be used in the phrase. Within the phrase the circumflex (^) is used to indicate a power, a star (\*) is used to indicate multiplication and a slash (/) division. When symbols are not separated by a mathematical operator, multiplication is assumed. Symbols for base units can be found at: <a href="http://www.bipm.fr/en/si/si\_brochure/chapter2/2-1/#symbols">http://www.bipm.fr/en/si/si\_brochure/chapter2/2-1/#symbols</a> and those for common derived units can be found at: <a href="http://www.bipm.fr/en/si/derived\_units/2-2-2.html">http://www.bipm.fr/en/si/si\_brochure/chapter2/2-1/#symbols</a> and those for

Units Conversion Text

The multiplicative factor for converting a unit into International System of Units (SI) units. The factor is expressed in the form "number > x", where "number" is a numerical value and "x" is the appropriate SI units. The basic SI units are Enumerated: m (meter), N (newton), kg (kilogram), Pa (pascal), s (second), Hz (hertz), A (ampere), V (volt), K (kelvin), W (watt), rad (radian), J (joule), sr (steradian), C (coulomb), T (tesla), ohm (ohm), mho (mho or seimens), H (henry), and F (farad). Two useful units which are not SI units are: degree (angle), and unitless (no units). An example is: "1.0E-5>T" which converts the units, presumable nT, to tesla. Another example is: "1.0e-1>km/s" which converts a velocity expressed in meters per second to kilometers per second.

URL

Uniform Resource Locator (URL) is the global address of documents and other resources on the World Wide Web. The first part of the address indicates what protocol to use, and the second

part specifies the IP address or the domain name where the resource is located followed by the pathname of the resource. A URL is specified in the form

protocol://server.domain.name:port/pathname. Example protocols are HTTP or FTP, server domain name is the Internet name.

Variance

A measure of dispersion of a set of data points around their mean value. The expectation value of the squared deviations from the mean.

Vector

A quantity having both magnitude and direction, e.g. displacement, velocity, acceleration and force.

Velocity

Rate of change of position. Also used for the average velocity of a collection of particles, also referred to as "bulk velocity".

Version

Indicates the release identifier. When used to indicate the release of the SPASE data model, it is a in the form Major.Minor.Fix where Major: A significant change in the architecture of the model or rewrite of the implementation. This includes major changes in design or implementation language. This number starts at 0 (zero). Minor: An addition of terms or features that require changes in documentation/external API. This number starts at 0 (zero). Fix: Any change that doesn't require documentation/external API changes. This number starts at 0 (zero).

Waveform Receiver

A radio receiver which outputs the value of one or more components of the electric and/or magnetic field as a function of time.

Wavelength

The distance between successive points of equal amplitude and phase on a wave (for example, crest to crest or trough to trough)

Wavenumber

A quantity that is inversely proportional to the wavelength of a wave.

X-Rays Item

Photons with a wavelength range:  $0.001 \le x < 10 \text{ nm}$ 

XDR

Binary data in the eXternal Data Representation (XDR) format. See RFC 1014 <a href="http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc1014.html">http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc1014.html</a>

XML

eXtensible Mark-up Language (XML). A structured format for representing information. See <a href="http://www.w3.org/XML/">http://www.w3.org/XML/</a>>

Z

The number of protons in an atomic nucleus. Also called the atomic number.

ZIP

An open standard for compression which is a variation of the LZW method and was originally used in the PKZIP utility.

## 8. Enumeration of Selected Quantities

Lists are either "open" or "closed". The items in a "closed" list are determined by the SPASE model and definitions of each item is in the SPASE data dictionary. The items in an "open" list are determined by an external control authority. The URL for the control authority is indicated in the definition of each "open" list.

## Access Rights List

Identifier

Term	Definition
Open	Access is granted to everyone.
Restricted	Access to the product is regulated and requires some
	form of identification.

## Availability List

Identifier

Term	Definition
Offline	Not directly accessible electronically. This includes
	resources which may to be moved to an online status in
	response to a given request.
Online	Directly accessible electronically.

## Coordinate Representation List

Closed

Term	Definition
Cartesian	A coordinate system in which the position of a point is
	determined by its distance from two or three mutually
	perpendicular axes.
Cylindrical	A system of curvilinear coordinates in which the position
	of a point in space is determined by its perpendicular
	distance from a given line, its distance from a selected
	reference plane perpendicular to this line, and its angular
	distance from a selected reference line when projected
	onto this plane.
Spherical	A system of curvilinear coordinates characterized by an
	azimuthal angle (longitude), a polar angle (latitude), and
	a distance (radius) from a point to the origin.

## Coordinate System Name List

Closed

Identifiers for coordinate systems in which the position, direction or observation has been expressed.

Term	Definition
CGM	Corrected Geomagnetic - A coordinate system from a
	spatial point with GEO radial distance and geomagnetic
	latitude and longitude, follow the epoch-appropriate
	IGRF/DGRF model field vector through to the point
	where the field line crosses the geomagnetic dipole
	equatorial plane. Then trace the dipole magnetic field

DM

**GEI** 

vector Earthward from that point on the equatorial plane, in the same hemisphere as the original point, until the initial radial distance is reached. Designate the dipole latitude and longitude at that point as the CGM latitude and longitude of the original point. See

<a href="http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/cgm/cgmm\_des.html">http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/cgm/cgmm\_des.html</a>
Dipole Meridian - A coordinate system centered at the observation point. Z axis is parallel to the Earth's dipole axis, positive northward. X is in the plane defined by Z and the line linking the observation point with the Earth's

center. Y is positive eastward. See <a href="http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf">http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf</a>>

Geocentric Equatorial Inertial - A coordinate system where the Z axis is along Earth's spin vector, positive

northward. X axis points towards the first point of Aries (from the Earth towards the Sun at the vernal equinox).

See Russell, 1971

GEO Geographic - geocentric corotating - A coordinate system

where the Z axis is along Earth's spin vector, positive northward. X axis lies in Greenwich meridian, positive

towards Greenwich. See Russell, 1971.

GSE Geocentric Solar Ecliptic - A coordinate system where

the X axis is from Earth to Sun. Z axis is normal to the

ecliptic, positive northward. See Russell, 1971.

GSEQ Geocentric Solar Equatorial - A coordinate system where

the X axis is from Earth to Sun. Y axis is parallel to solar

equatorial plane. Z axis is positive northward. See

Russell, 1971

GSM Geocentric Solar Magnetospheric - A coordinate system

where the X axis is from Earth to Sun, Z axis is northward in a plane containing the X axis and the

geomagnetic dipole axis. See Russell, 1971

HAE Heliocentric Aries Ecliptic - A coordinate system where

the Z axis is normal to the ecliptic plane, positive northward. X axis is positive towards the first point of Aries (from Earth to Sun at vernal equinox). Same as SE

below. See Hapgood, 1992.

HEE Heliocentric Earth Ecliptic - A coordinate system where

the Z axis is normal to the ecliptic plane, positive northward. X axis points from Sun to Earth. See

Hapgood, 1992

HEEQ Heliocentric Earth Equatorial - A coordinate system

where the Z axis is normal to the solar equatorial plane, positive northward. X axis is generally Earthward in the plane defined by the Z axis and the Sun-Earth direction.

See Hapgood, 1992.

HG Heliographic - A heliocentric rotating coordinate system

where the Z axis is normal to the solar equatorial plane, positive northward. X, Y axes rotate with a 25.38 day period. The zero longitude (X axis) is defined as the longitude that passed through the ascending node of the

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	solar equator on the ecliptic plane on 1 January, 1854 at
	12 UT. See <a href="http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor_des.html">http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor_des.html</a>
HGI	Heliographic Inertial - A heliocentric coordinate system
	where the Z axis is normal to the solar equatorial plane,
	positive northward. X axis is along the intersection line
	between solar equatorial and ecliptic planes. The X axis
	was positive at SE longitude of 74.367 deg on Jan 1, 1900. (See SE below.) See
	<a href="http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor_des.html">http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor_des.html</a>
LGM	Local Geomagnetic - A coordinate system used mainly
	for Earth surface or near Earth surface magnetic field
	data. X axis northward from observation point in a
	geographic meridian. Z axis downward towards Earth's center. In this system, H (total horizontal component) =
	SQRT (Bx**2 + By**2) and D (declination angle) =
	arctan (By/Bx)
MAG	Geomagnetic - geocentric. Z axis is parallel to the
	geomagnetic dipole axis, positive north. X is in the plane
	defined by the Z axis and the Earth's rotation axis. If N is a unit vector from the Earth's center to the north
	geographic pole, the signs of the X and Y axes are given
	by $Y = N \times Z$ , $X = Y \times Z$ . See Russell, 1971, and
	<a href="http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf">http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf</a>
MFA	Magnetic Field Aligned - A coordinate system
	spacecraft-centered system with Z in the direction of the
	ambient magnetic field vector. X is in the plane defined by Z and the spacecraft-Sun line, positive sunward. See
	<a href="http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf">http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf</a>
RTN	Radial Tangential Normal. Typically centered at a
	spacecraft. Used for IMF and plasma V vectors. R
	(radial) axis is radially away from the Sun, T (tangential)
	axis is normal to the plane formed by R and the Sun's spin vector, positive in the direction of planetary motion.
	N (normal) is R x T.
SC	Spacecraft - A coordinate system defined by the
	spacecraft geometry and/or spin. Often has Z axis parallel
	to spacecraft spin vector. X and Y axes may or may not
SE	corotate with the spacecraft. See SR and SR2 below.
SE	Solar Ecliptic - A heliocentric coordinate system where the Z axis is normal to the ecliptic plane, positive
	northward. X axis is positive towards the first point of
	Aries (from Earth to Sun at vernal equinox). Same as
	HAE above. See
CD 4	<a href="http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor_des.html">http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor_des.html</a>
SM	Solar Magnetic - A geocentric coordinate system where
	the Z axis is northward along Earth's dipole axis, X axis is in plane of z axis and Earth-Sun line, positive sunward.
	See Russell, 1971.
SR	Spin Reference - A special case of a Spacecraft (SC)
	coordinate system for a spinning spacecraft. Z is parallel

	to the spacecraft spin vector. X and Y rotate with the spacecraft. See <a href="http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf">http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf</a> >
SR2	Spin Reference 2 - A special case of a Spacecraft (SC)
	coordinate system for a spinning spacecraft. Z is parallel
	to the spacecraft spin vector. X is in the plane defined by
	Z and the spacecraft-Sun line, positive sunward. See
	<a href="http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf">http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf</a>
SSE	Spacecraft Solar Ecliptic - A coordinate system used for
	deep space spacecraft, for example Helios X axis from
	spacecraft to Sun. Z axis normal to ecliptic plane,
	positive northward. Note: Angle between normals to
	ecliptic and to Helios orbit plane ~ 0.25 deg.

Encoding List Closed

Identifier for unambiguous rules that establishes the representation of information within a file.

Term	Definition
ASCII	A sequence of characters that adheres to American
	Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII)
	which is an 7-bit character-coding scheme.
BZIP2	An open standard algorithm by Julian Seward using
	Burrows-Wheeler block sorting and Huffman coding. See
	<a href="http://www.bzip.org/">http://www.bzip.org/&gt;</a>
GZIP	An open standard algorithm distributed by GHU based
	on LZ77 and Huffman coding. See
	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/gzip/gzip.html">http://www.gnu.org/software/gzip/gzip.html</a> or
	<a href="http://www.gzip.org/">http://www.gzip.org/&gt;</a>
None	A lack or absence of anything.
Unicode	Text in multi-byte Unicode format.
ZIP	An open standard for compression which is a variation of
	the LZW method and was originally used in the PKZIP
	utility.

## Field Physical Quantity List

Closed

Identifiers for the physical attribute of the field.

Term	Definition
Cross Spectrum	The Fourier transform of the cross correlation of two
	physical or empirical observations.
Electric	The physical attribute that exerts an electrical force.
Magnetic	The physical attribute attributed to a magnet or its equivalent.
Potential Poynting Flux	A field which obeys Laplace's Equation.  The rate of energy transport per unit area per steradian.

## Field Qualifier List

Closed

Identifiers for terms which can be associated with a Field Quantity.

Term	Definition
Average	The statistical mean; the sum of a set of values divided
	by the number of values in the set.
Component	A part of a multi-part entity, e.g., the components of a

	vector.
Deviation	The difference between an observed value and the
	expected value of a quantity.
Magnitude	A measure of the strength or size of a vector quantity.
Peak	The maximum value for the quantity in question, over a
	period of time which is usually equal to the cadence.
Perpendicular	At right angles to a given direction.
Variance	A measure of dispersion of a set of data points around
	their mean value. The expectation value of the squared
	deviations from the mean.
Vector	A quantity having both magnitude and direction, e.g.
	displacement, velocity, acceleration and force.

Format List Closed

Identifiers for data organized according to preset specifications.

Term	Definition
AVI	Audio Video Interleave (AVI) a digital format for movies
	that conforms to the Microsoft Windows Resource
	Interchange File Format (RIFF).
Binary	A direct representation of the bits which may be stored in
	memory on a computer
CDF	Common Data Format (CDF). A binary storage format
	developed at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC).
CEF	Cluster Exchange Format (CEF) is a self-documenting
	ASCII format designed for the exchange of data. There
	are two versions of CEF which are not totally
	compatible.
CEF 1	Cluster Exchange Format (CEF), version 1, is a
	self-documenting ASCII format designed for the
	exchange of data. The metadata contains information
	compatible with the ISTP recommendations for CDF.
CEF 2	Cluster Exchange Format (CEF), version 2, is a
	self-documenting ASCII format designed for the
	exchange of data and introduced for Cluster Active
	Archive. Compared to version 1, the metadata description
	of vectors and tensors is different.
FITS	Flexible Image Transport System (FITS) is a digital
	format primarily designed to store scientific data sets
	consisting of multi-dimensional arrays (1-D spectra, 2-D
	images or 3-D data cubes) and 2-dimensional tables
	containing rows and columns of data.
GIF	Graphic Interchange Format (GIF) first introduced in
	1987 by CompuServe. GIF uses LZW compression and
	images are limited to 256 colours.
HDF	Hierarchical Data Format
HDF 4	Hierarchical Data Format, Version 4
HDF 5	Hierarchical Data Format, Version 5
HTML	A text file containing structured information represented
	in the HyperText Mark-up Language (HTML). See
	<a href="http://www.w3.org/MarkUp/">http://www.w3.org/MarkUp/&gt;</a>
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IDFS	Instrument Data File Set (IDFS) is a set of files written in
	a prescribed format which contain data, timing data, and
	meta-data. IDFS was developed at Southwest Research
	Institute (SwRI).
IDL	Interactive Data Language (IDL) save set.
JPEG	A binary format for still images defined by the Joint
	Photographic Experts Group
MPEG	A digital format for movies defined by the Motion
	Picture Experts Group
NetCDF	Unidata Program Center's Network Common Data Form
	(NetCDF). A self-describing data portable data format
	for array-oriented data access. See
	<a href="http://my.unidata.ucar.edu/content/software/netcdf">http://my.unidata.ucar.edu/content/software/netcdf</a>
PDF	A document expressed in the Portable Document Format
	(PDF) as defined by Adobe.
PNG	A digital format for still images. Portable Network
	Graphics (PNG)
QuickTime	A format for digital movies, as defined by Apple
	Computer. See <a href="http://developer.apple.com/quicktime/">http://developer.apple.com/quicktime/</a>
Text	ASCII text
TIFF	A binary format for still pictures. Tagged Image Format
	File (TIFF). Originally developed by Aldus and now
	controlled by Adobe.
UDF	Universal Data Format (UDF). The Optical Technology
	Storage Association's Universal Disk Format, based on
	ISO 13346. See <a href="http://www.osta.org/specs/index.htm">http://www.osta.org/specs/index.htm</a>
XML	eXtensible Mark-up Language (XML). A structured
	format for representing information. See
	<a href="http://www.w3.org/XML/">http://www.w3.org/XML/&gt;</a>

Heliosphere List Closed

Identifiers for regions of the solar atmosphere which extends roughly from the inner corona to the edge of the solar plasma at the heliopause separating primarily solar plasma from interstellar plasma.

Term	Definition
Inner	The region of the heliosphere extending radially out from
	the "surface" of the Sun to 1 AU.
Near 1AU	A heliospheric region approximately as far from the Sun
	as is the Earth, but at a significant angular separation
	from the Earth-Sun line (i.e., not Near L1).
Near L1	A heliospheric region near the Earth that includes the
	location of L1 spacecraft as well as of spacecraft orbiting
	around or near the Earth that make excursions outside the
	bow shock. (The bow shock is where the solar wind
	undergoes a shock transition due to interaction with the
	Earth's magnetosphere.)
Outer	The region of the heliosphere from 1 AU to the farthest
	extent of the heliosphere (heliopause).

Instrument Type List

Closed

Identifiers for the type of experiment the instrument performs. This is the technique of

## observation.

Term	Definition
Antenna	A sensor used to measure electric potential.
Channeltron	An instrument that detects electrons, ions, and
	UV-radiation, according to the principle of a secondary
	emission multiplier. It is typically used in electron
	spectroscopy and mass spectrometry.
Double Sphere	A dipole antenna of which the active (sensor) elements
r	are small spheres located at the ends of two wires
	deployed in the equatorial plane, on opposite sides of a
	spinning spacecraft.
Electron Drift Instrument	An active experiment to measure the electron drift
	velocity based on sensing the displacement of a weak
	beam of electrons after one gyration in the ambient
	magnetic field.
Electrostatic Analyser	An instrument which uses charged plates to analyze the
•	mass, charge and kinetic energies of charged particles
	which enter the instrument.
Energetic Particle Instrumen	tAn instrument that measures fluxes of charged particles
C	as a function of time, direction of motion, mass, charge
	and/or species
Faraday Cup	An instrument consisting of an electrode from which
	electrical current is measured while a charged particle
	beam (electrons or ions) impinges on it. Used to
	determine energy spectrum and sometimes ion
	composition of the impinging particles.
Flux Feedback	A search coil whose bandwidth and signal/noise ratio are
	increased by the application of negative feedback at the
	sensor (flux) level by driving a collocated coil with a
	signal from the preamplifier.
Fourier Transform Spectroga	raph instrument that determines the spectra of a radiative
	source, using time-domain measurements and a Fourier
	transform.
HF Radar	An instrument which uses high frequency (HF) radar to
	obtain an image of an object.
Imager	An instrument which samples the radiation from an area
	at one or more spectral ranges emitted or reflected by an
	object.
Langmuir Probe	A monopole antenna associated with an instrument. The
	instrument applies a potential to the antenna which is
	swept to determine the voltage/current characteristic.
	This provides information about the plasma surrounding
	the probe and spacecraft.
Long Wire	A dipole antenna whose active (sensor) elements are two
	wires deployed in the equatorial plane on opposite sides
	of a spinning spacecraft, and whose length is several
	times greater than the spacecraft diameter.
Magnetometer	An instrument which measures the ambient magnetic
	field.
Mass Spectrometer	An instrument which distinguishes chemical species in

Microchannel Plate	terms of their different isotopic masses.  An instrument used for the detection of elementary particles, ions, ultraviolet rays and soft X-rays constructed from very thin conductive glass capillaries.
Particle Correlator	An instrument which correlates particle flux to help identify wave/particle interactions.
Quadrispherical Analyser	An instrument used for the 3-D detection of plasma, energetic electrons and ions, and for positive-ion composition measurements.
Resonance Sounder	A combination of a radio receiver and a pulsed transmitter used to study the plasma surrounding a spacecraft by identifying resonances or cut-offs (of the wave dispersion relation), whose frequencies are related to the ambient plasma density and magnetic field. When the transmitter is off it is essentially a high frequency-resolution spectral power receiver.
Search Coil	A loop of wire used to determine the time variation of the magnetic flux threading the loop by measurement of the electric potential difference induced between the ends of the wire.
Spacecraft Potential Control	An instrument to control the electric potential of a spacecraft with respect to the ambient plasma by emitting a variable current of positive ions.
Spectral Power Receiver	A radio receiver which determines the power spectral density of the electric or magnetic field, or both, at one or more frequencies.
Spectrograph	The image (intensity vs. wavelength) of the electromagnetic spectrum produced by a spectrometer.
Spectrometer	An instrument that measures the component wavelengths of light or other electromagnetic radiation into its component wavelengths.
Waveform Receiver	A radio receiver which outputs the value of one or more components of the electric and/or magnetic field as a function of time.

# Magnetosphere List

Closed

Term	Definition
Magnetosheath	The region between the bow shock and the
	magnetopause, characterized by very turbulent plasma.
Magnetotail	The region on the night side of the body where the
	magnetic filed is stretched backwards by the force of the
	solar wind. For Earth, the magnetotail begins at a
	night-side radial distance of 10 Re ( $X > -10$ Re).
Main	The region of the magnetosphere below 60 degrees in
	magnetic latitude and between the body's nearby region
	and the magnetopause. For Earth, the main
	magnetosphere is defined as the volume bounded by part
	of a sphere at 2000 km altitude, part of the
	magnetopause, the latitude = $60 \text{ deg surface}$ and the $X =$

# -10 Re plane.

Measurement Type List Closed
Identifiers for the method of making an estimated value of a quantity that forms the basis of an observaton.

Term	Definition
Activity Index	An indication, derived from one or more measurements, of the level of activity of an object or region, such as sunspot number, F10.7 flux, Dst, or the Polar Cap Indices.
Charged Particle Flux	Measurements of fluxes of charged or ionized particles at above thermal energies, including relativistic particles of solar and galactic origin. May give simple fluxes, but more complete distributions are sometimes possible. Composition measurements may also be made.
Dopplergram	A map or image depicting the spatial distribution of line-of-sight velocities of the observed object.
Dynamic Spectra	A three-dimensional representation of successive spectra which allows time evolution to be clearly seen. Time is plotted along the abscissa, frequency (or particle energy) along the ordinate, and the spectral power density (or differential particle flux) is represented by different shades of grey, or color. This representation is also known as a spectrogram.
Electric Field	Measurements of electric field vectors (sometimes not all components) as a time series.
Energetic Particles	Pieces of matter that are moving very fast. Energetic particles include protons, electrons, neutrons, neutrinos, the nuclei of atoms, and other sub-atomic particles.
Image Intensity	Measurements of the two-dimensional distribution of the intensity of photons from some region or object such as the Sun or the polar auroral regions; can be in any wavelength band, and polarized, etc.
Ion Composition	In situ measurements of the relative flux or density of electrically charged particles in the space environment. May give simple fluxes, but full distribution functions are sometimes measured.
Irradiance	Measurements of time series of the integrated intensity of photons in some wavelength band from some region or object, typically the Sun.
Magnetic Field	Measurements of magnetic field vectors (sometimes not all components) as time series; can be space- or ground-based. Also, [Zeeman splitting, etc. based]: A region of space near a magnetized body where magnetic forces can be detected [as measured by methods such as Zeeman splitting, etc.]
Magnetogram	Measurements of the vector or line-of-sight magnetic field determined from remote sensing measurements of the detailed structure of spectral lines, including their splitting and polarization. ("Magnetogram.")

Neutral Atom Images	Measurements of neutral atom fluxes as a function of look direction; often related to remote energetic charged particles that lose their charge through charge-exchange and then reach the detector on a line.
Neutral Gas	Measurements of neutral atomic and molecular components of a body and its surrounding environments.
Profile	Measurements of a quantity as a function of height above an object such as the limb of a body.
Radiance	A measure of the amount of electromagnetic radiation leaving a point on the surface in a specified time period in a unit area from a given direction.
Radio and Plasma Waves	Measurements of electric and/or magnetic fields using electric or magnetic antennas at frequencies anywhere between the spacecraft spin frequency and the characteristic frequencies of the ambient plasma. The output can be waveform, power spectral density, or other statistical parameters.
Radio Soundings	Measurements of plasma density, magnetic field and possibly other parameters of the space environment by active probing of the plasma by radio waves.
Thermal Plasma	Measurements of the plasma in the energy regime where the most of the plasma occurs. May be the basic fluxes in the form of distribution functions or the derived bulk parameters (density, flow velocity, etc.).

Near Surface List Closed

Term	Definition
High Latitude	The region located poleward of 60 degrees of latitude.
Low Latitude	The region located at or anti-poleward of 60 degrees of latitude.
Observatory Group List	Open

For a current list see Identifiers for programmatically related observatories. The value is taken from an approved list of observatory group names. See <a href="http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/spase/">http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/spase/</a> for the list.

## Observatory Name List

For a current list see Identifiers for a location or platform. An observatory may be part of an observatory group. The value is taken from an approved list of observatory names. See <a href="http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/spase/">http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/spase/</a> for the list.

# Particle Physical Quantity List Closed

Term	Definition
Alfven Mach Number	The ratio of the bulk flow speed to the Alfven speed.
Coordinate System	Specification of the origin and orientation of axes against which the location of some point is given and the

	representative form of each point.
Counts	An enumeration of the number of detection events
	occurring in a particle detector.
Heat Flux	Flow of thermal energy through a gas or plasma;
	typically computed as third moment of a distribution
	function.
Mass Density	The mass of particles per unit volume.
Number Density	The number of particles per unit volume.
Phase-Space Density	The number of particles per unit volume in the
	six-dimensional space of position and velocity.
Plasma Beta	The ratio of the plasma pressure to the magnetic pressure.
Pressure	A characterization of the random energy related to the
	velocity and distribution of particles.
Sonic Mach Number	The ratio of the bulk flow speed to the speed of sound in
	the medium.
Temperature	A measure of the kinetic energy of random motion with
	respect to the average. Temperature is properly defined
	only for an equilibrium particle distribution (Maxwellian
	distribution).
Thermal Speed	For a Maxwellian distribution, the difference between the
	mean speed and the speed within which ~69% (one
	sigma) of all the members of the speed distribution occur.
Velocity	Rate of change of position. Also used for the average
	velocity of a collection of particles, also referred to as
	"bulk velocity".

## Particle Qualifier List

Closed

Identifiers for terms which can be associated with a Particle Quantity.

Term	Definition
Average	The statistical mean; the sum of a set of values divided
	by the number of values in the set.
Component	A part of a multi-part entity, e.g., the components of a
	vector.
Deviation	The difference between an observed value and the
	expected value of a quantity.
Fit	Values that make an model agree with the data.
Magnitude	A measure of the strength or size of a vector quantity.
Moment	Parameters determined by integration over a distribution
	function convolved with a power of velocity.
Parallel	Having the same direction as a given direction
Peak	The maximum value for the quantity in question, over a
	period of time which is usually equal to the cadence.
Perpendicular	At right angles to a given direction.
Variance	A measure of dispersion of a set of data points around
	their mean value. The expectation value of the squared
	deviations from the mean.
Vector	A quantity having both magnitude and direction, e.g.
	displacement, velocity, acceleration and force.

## Particle Type List

Closed

Identifiers for the characterization of the kind of particle observed by the measurement.

Term	Definition
Aerosol	A suspension of fine solid or liquid particles in gas.
Alpha Particle	A positively charged nuclear particle that consists of two
	protons and two neutrons.
Dust	Free microscopic particles of solid material.
Electron	An elementary particle consisting of a charge of negative
	electricity equal to about 1.602 x 10**(-19) Coulomb and
	having a mass when at rest of about 9.109534 x
_	10**(-28) gram.
Ion	An atom that has acquired a net electric charge by
	gaining or losing one or more electrons.(Note: Z>2)
Mass	The property of a body that is a measure of its inertia,
	that is commonly taken as a measure of the amount of
	material it contains, that causes it to have weight in a
	gravitational field, and that along with length and time
	constitutes one of the fundamental quantities on which all
Molecule	physical measurements are based.
Wolecule	A group of atoms so united and combined by chemical affinity that they form a complete, integrated whole,
	being the smallest portion of any particular compound
	that can exist in a free state
N	An integer that approximates the mass of an isotope and
	that designates the number of nucleons in the nucleus.
	Also called the mass number. Often equated with the
	atomic mass.
Neutral	Either a particle, an object, or a system that has a net
	electric charge of zero
Proton	An elementary particle that is a constituent of all atomic
	nuclei, that carries a positive charge numerically equal to
	the charge of an electron, and that has a mass of 1.673 x
	10**(-24) gram.
Q	The charge state of an ion, generally expressed in
	multiples of the coulomb charge of an electron.
Size	The physical dimensions, proportions, magnitude, or
	extent of an object
Z	The number of protons in an atomic nucleus. Also called
	the atomic number.

# Phenomenon Type List Closed

Identifiers for the characteristics or categorization of an observation. Note: Joe King to provide.

Term	Definition
Aurora	A high latitude atmospheric optical phenomenon caused
	by electrically-charged particles bombarding the upper
	atmosphere of a planet in the presence of a magnetic
	field.
Bow Shock Crossing	A crossing of the boundary between the undisturbed
	(except for foreshock effects) solar wind and the
	shocked, decelerated solar wind of the magnetosheath.
Coronal Mass Ejection	A solar event which involves a burst of plasma which is

Energetic Solar Particle Eve	ejected from the Sun into the interplanetary medium. enAn enhancement of interplanetary fluxes of energetic ions accelerated by interplanetary shocks and/or solar
Forbush Decrease	flares. A rapid decrease in the observed galactic cosmic ray intensity following the passage of an outwardly convecting interplanetary magnetic field disturbance, such as those associated with large CME's, that sweep
Geomagnetic Storm	some galactic cosmic rays away from Earth.  A magnetospheric disturbance typically defined by variations in the horizontal component of the Earth's surface magnetic field. The variation typically starts with a field enhancement associated with a solar wind pressure pulse and continues with a field depression associated with an enhancement of the diamagnetic
Interplanetary Shock	magnetospheric ring current. A shock propagating generally antisunward through the slower solar wind, often seen in front of CME-associated plasma clouds.
Magnetopause Crossing	A crossing of the interface between the shocked solar wind in the magnetosheath and the magnetic field and plasma in the magnetosphere.
Solar Flare	An explosive event in the Sun's atmosphere which produces electromagnetic radiation across the electromagnetic spectrum at multiple wavelengths from
Solar Wind Extreme	long-wave radio to the shortest wavelength gamma rays. Intervals of unusually large or small values of solar wind attributes such as flow speed and ion density.

Closed

Photon Physical Quantity List

Identifiers for the characterization of the physical properties of the photon.

Term	Definition
Emissivity	The ratio of radiant energy from a material to that from a
	blackbody at the same kinetic temperature
Equivalent Width	The area of the spectral line profile divided by the peak
	height or depth.
Flux	In radiation studies, this refers to the amount of radiant
	energy passing through a unit area
Intensity	The amount of energy transmitted by electromagnetic
	radiation, for example, the number of photons arriving in
	a given time.
Line Depth	In spectra, a measure of the amount of absorption for a
	particular wavelength or frequency in the spectrum
Magnetic Field	Measurements of magnetic field vectors (sometimes not
	all components) as time series; can be space- or
	ground-based. Also, [Zeeman splitting, etc. based]: A
	region of space near a magnetized body where magnetic
	forces can be detected [as measured by methods such as
	Zeeman splitting, etc.]
Mode Amplitude	In helioseismology the magnitude of oscillation of waves

	of a particular geometry.
Polarization	Direction of the electric vector of an electromagnetic
	wave. The wave can be linearly polarized in any
	direction perpendicular to the direction of travel,
	circularly polarized (clockwise or counterclockwise),
	unpolarized, or mixtures of the above.
Stoke's Parameters	The four coordinates (usually called I, Q, U, and V)
	relative to a particular basis for the representation of the
	polarization state of an electromagnetic wave
	propagating through space.
Velocity	Rate of change of position. Also used for the average
	velocity of a collection of particles, also referred to as
	"bulk velocity".
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## Photon Qualifier List

Closed

Identifiers for terms which can be associated with a Photon Quantity.

Term	Definition
Average	The statistical mean; the sum of a set of values divided
	by the number of values in the set.
Circular	Relative to polarization, right-hand circularly polarized
	light is defined such that the electric field is rotating
	clockwise as seen by an observer towards whom the
	wave is moving. Left-hand circularly polarized light is
	defined such that the electric field is rotating
	counterclockwise as seen by an observer towards whom
	the wave is moving. The polarization of
	magnetohydrodynamic waves is specified with respect to
	the ambient mean magnetic field : right-hand polarized
	waves have a transverse electric field component which
	turns in a right-handed sense (that of the gyrating
	electrons) around the magnetic field.
Line of Sight	The line of sight is the line that connects the observer
	with the observed object. This expression is often used
	with measurements of Doppler velocity and magnetic
	field in magnetograms, where only the component of the
Times	vector field directed along the line of sight is measured.
Linear	Relative to polarization, confinement of the E-field
Peak	vector to a given plane  The maximum value for the quantity in question even a
reak	The maximum value for the quantity in question, over a
Variance	period of time which is usually equal to the cadence.
variance	A measure of dispersion of a set of data points around
	their mean value. The expectation value of the squared deviations from the mean.
Vector	A quantity having both magnitude and direction, e.g.
VCCto1	displacement, velocity, acceleration and force.
	displacement, velocity, accordation and force.

## Processing Level List

Closed

Identifiers to characterize the amount and type of manipulation which has been applied to the sampled data.

Term Definition
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Calibrated

Data wherein sensor outputs have been convolved with instrument response function, often irreversibly, to yield physical parameter values.

Uncalibrated

Duplicate data are removed from the data stream and data are time ordered. Values are not adjusted for any potential biases or external factors.

Repository Name List

Open

For a current list see Identifiers for the location or facility where the product is stored. The repository name is selected from a list of established repositories. See <a href="http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/spase/">http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/spase/</a> for the list.

Role List Closed

Term	Definition
Co-Investigator	An individual who is a scientific peer and major
	participant for an investigation.
Data Producer	An individual who generated the resource and is familiar
	with its provenance.
General Contact	An individual who can provide information on a range of
	subjects or who can direct you to a domain expert.
Principal Investigator	An individual who is the administrative and scientific
	lead for an investigation.
Scientist	An individual who is an expert in the phenomenon and
	related physics represented by the resource.
Team Leader	An individual who is the scientific and administrative
	lead for an investigation.
Team Member	An individual who is a major participant in an
	investigation.
Technical Contact	An individual who can provide specific information with
	regard to the resource or supporting software

Spectral Range List Closed

Identifiers for names associated with wavelengths. Based on the ISO 21348 Solar Irradiance Standard. Additions have been made to extend the frequency ranges to include those used in space physics. Those additions are indicated in blue text. The "Total Solar Irradiance" category has not been included since it is a type of measurement and not a specific spectral range. See Appendix A - Comparison of Spectrum Domains for a comparison of the spectral ranges with other systems.

Term	Definition
Gamma Rays	Photons with a wavelength range: 0.00001 to 0.001 nm
Hard X-rays	Photons with a wavelength range: 0.001 to 0.1 nm
Infrared	Photons with a wavelength range: 760 to 1.00x10 <sup>6</sup> nm
Microwave	Photons with a wavelength range: 1.00x10 <sup>6</sup> to
	1.50x10^7 nm
Optical	Photons with a wavelength range: 380 to 760 nm
Radio Frequency	Photons with a wavelength range: 100,000 to 1.00x10^11
	nm
Ultraviolet	Photons with a wavelength range: 10 to 400 nm
X-Rays	Photons with a wavelength range: $0.001 \le x < 10 \text{ nm}$

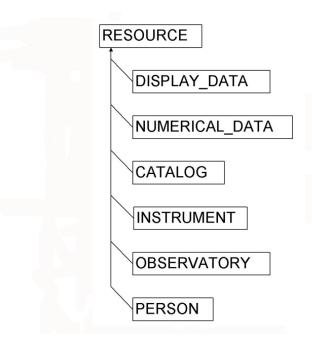
Sun List Closed

Term	Definition
Chromosphere	The region of the Sun's (or a star's) atmosphere above the
	temperature minimum and below the Transition Region.
	The solar chromosphere is approximately 400 km to
	2100 km above the photosphere, and characterized by
	temperatures from 4500 - 28000 K.
Corona	The outermost atmospheric region of the Sun or a star,
	characterized by ionization temperatures above 10 <sup>5</sup> K.
	The solar corona starts at about 2100 km above the
	photosphere; there is no generally defined upper limit.
Interior	The region inside the body which is not visible from
	outside the body.
Photosphere	The atmospheric layer of the Sun or a star from which
	continuum radiation, especially optical, is emitted to
	space. For the Sun, the photosphere is about 500 km
	thick.
Transition Region	A very narrow (<100 km) layer between the
	chromosphere and the corona where the temperature rises
	abruptly from about 8000 to about 500,000 K.

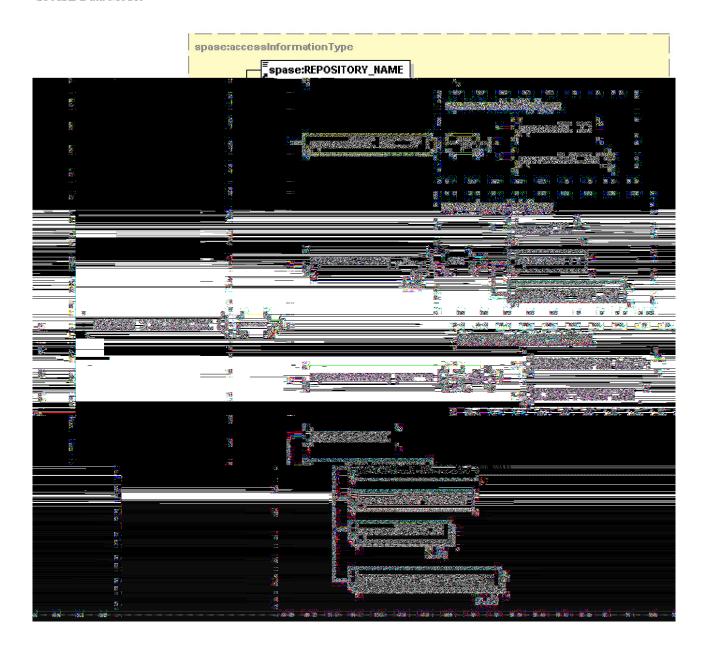
Support List Closed

Term	Definition
Other	Values, such as flags, that are not time tags, location data
	or measured or derived parameters.
Positional	The specification of the location of an object or
	measurement within a reference coordinate system. The
	position is usually expressed as a set of values
	corresponding to the location along a set of orthogonal
	axes together with the date/time of the observation.
Temporal	Pertaining to time.

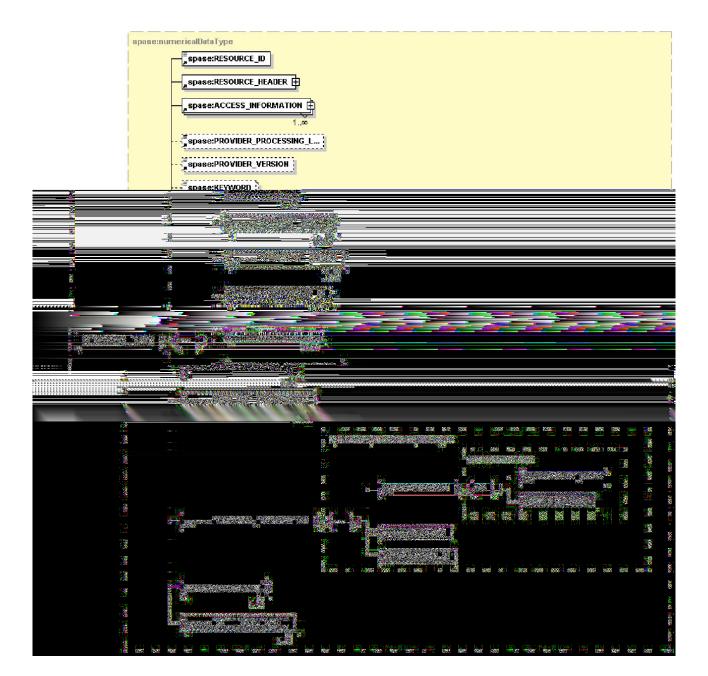
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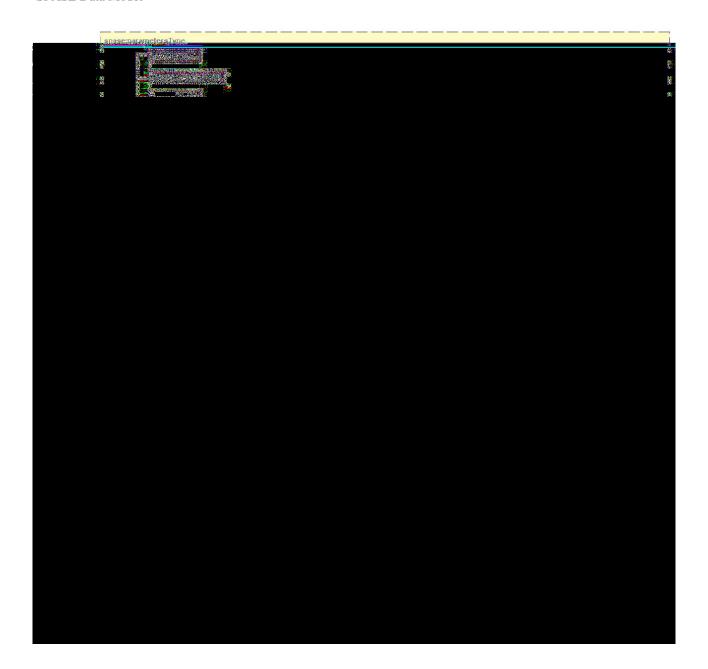


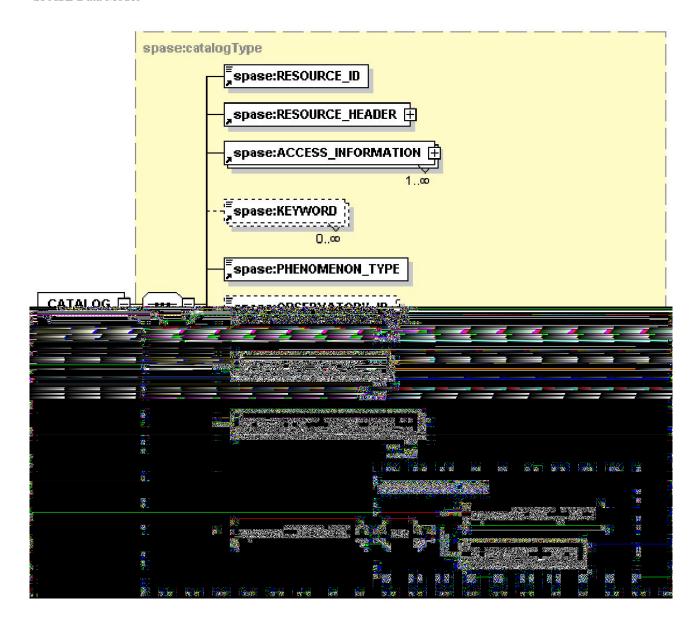


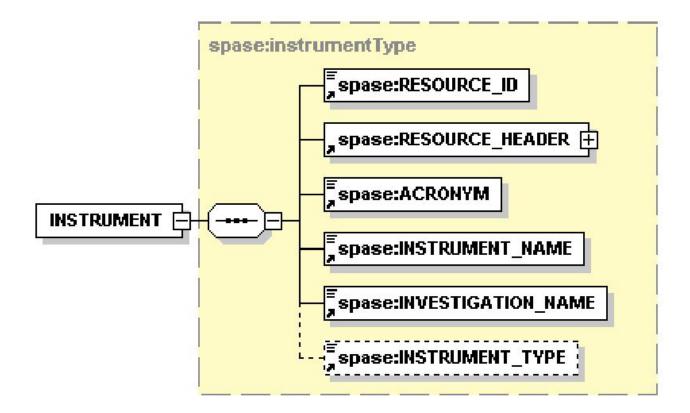


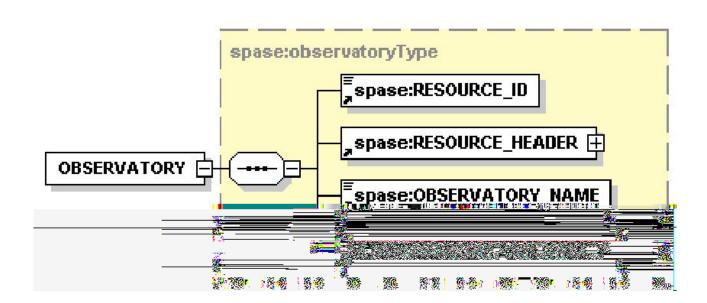


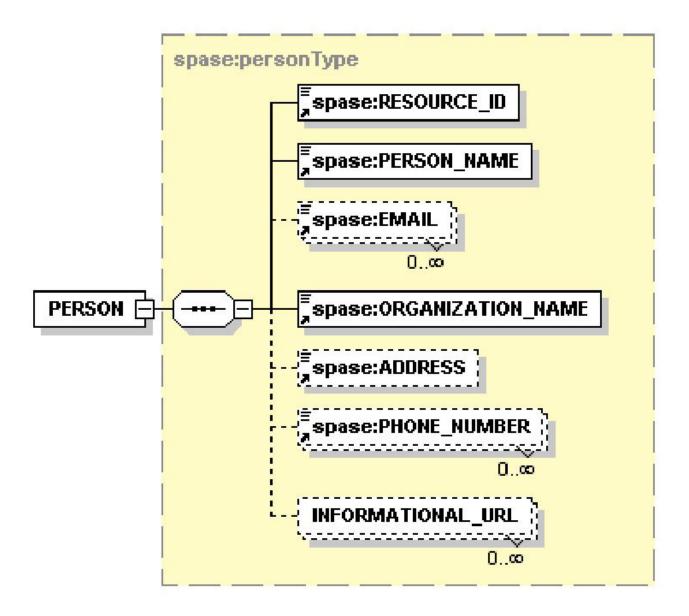












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