

USWF-SPEC-001 – Unified Space-Weather & Non-Gravitational Force Modeling System

Final Baseline Specification – Rev.13

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Abstract

The USWF program will build a real-time, uncertainty-aware force environment modeling system supporting OD, conjunction assessment, maneuver attribution, and historical replay. It will compute drag, SRP, albedo/IR, and empirical perturbations with formal uncertainty decomposition, covariance generation, maneuver detection, and attribution using rule-+-ML methods. The project executes over 54 months across four releases (v1.0→v2.0), ending in an operational system with **p99<60s real-time latency, positive-definite covariance output, ≥80% precision for HIGH confidence attribution, R-calibration $0.8 \leq R \leq 1.2$, and 10-year environment retention.**

This specification defines **what will be built, how it will be validated, what performance it must achieve, operational degradation behavior, staffing and budget, success criteria, and phase gates.**

1. Mathematical Specification

$a_{\text{total}} = a_{\text{drag}} + a_{\text{SRP}} + a_{\text{albedo/IR}} + a_{\text{emp}} + a_{\text{small}}$
 $a_{\text{drag}} = -\frac{1}{2} C_D \frac{A_{\text{eff}}}{m} \rho ||v||v$
 $\sigma_{\text{drag}}^2 = \sigma_{\rho}^2 + \sigma_{C_D}^2 + \sigma_{A/m}^2 + \sigma_{\theta}^2$

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Covariance Matrix

$\Sigma_a = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_d^2 & \rho_{ds}\sigma_d\sigma_s & \rho_{de}\sigma_d\sigma_e \\ \rho_{ds}\sigma_d\sigma_s & \sigma_s^2 & \rho_{se}\sigma_s\sigma_e \\ \rho_{de}\sigma_d\sigma_e & \rho_{se}\sigma_s\sigma_e & \sigma_e^2 \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma_a \succ 0$
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PD requirement ensures OD/Kalman stability.

2. Attribution Model

$X = [K_p, D_{\text{st}}, \Delta A/m, E_{\text{COM drift}}, \text{flux}, \text{belt}, \text{prox}, \text{mags}, \text{QC}, \dots]$
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Storm-weight suppression:

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Training corpus: **200-500 events**, $\kappa > 0.7$, **HIGH precision $\geq 80\%$** .

3. Architecture Layers

Layer	Function
1	Ingest (NOAA/SWPC/L1/GOES/Indices)
2	QC + Fill/Interpolation
3	EnvRecord Construct + Versioned Snapshot
4	Density (NRLMSIS→JB2008 ensemble)
5	SRP (Cannonball→Box-Wing)
6	Albedo/IR Thermal Model
7	Empirical/Small Forces
8	Uncertainty + Covariance Engine
9	Maneuver Detection + Attribution
10	APIs, Dashboards, Runbooks, Ops UI

4. SLOs and Validation

REAL-TIME	p99 < 60s
NRT	p99 < 5min

DEF accuracy-maximization
R-CALIBRATION $0.8 \leq R \leq 1.2$ across 90d stable
ATTRIB (HIGH) $\geq 80\%$ precision per class

5. Release Roadmap

Release	Window	Scope
v1.0 (M20-28)	Ingest + EnvRecords + drag + cannonball SRP + σ + maneuvers + /environment	
v1.1 (M28-34)	Box-Wing SRP + Albedo/IR + ensemble + dashboards+SDK (<i>shadow $\geq 90d$</i>)	
v1.5 (M34-42)	Detection + Attribution v1 + partial covariance + corpus 200–500	
v2.0 (M42-54)	RT<60s + full covariance + Attribution v2 + DR+training + SRE takeover	

6. Degradation Behavior

Loss	Fallback	Effect
L1 solar wind	Climatology	+10-20% σ_{drag}
GOES	Disable charging	Attribution LOW-only
F10.7	Forecast	Large uncertainty
OMNI Gap	Rebuild from local	Lower fidelity flagged

Philosophy: uncertainty increases, system never silently fails.

7. Data Retention

10 years EnvRecords, 5 years attribution logs, Parquet/Zarr cold archive after year 3.

8. Budget & Staffing

Budget: \$7.5–10M / 54 months

Team: 10-14 FTE + 2-3 steady-state ops

Roles: PM • Physics×2 • Backend×2 • ML • Data Eng • SRE • QA • UX

9. Risk Register

Risk	Mitigation
Data Access Delay	Proxy feeds → swap when approved
Sparse Labels	Historical labeling M30-42
Covariance Failure	PD review early + test harness
Hiring Slowdown	Contractors bridging
Latency Miss	Perf starts v1.1

10. Continuous Workstreams

- Validation (ILRS/IGS)
 - Label Corpus Build
 - Chaos Testing + Security
 - Docs + Training
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Glossary

Symbol	Definition	Units
ρ	Density	kg/m ³
C_D	Drag Coefficient	-

A_{eff}	Effective area	m^2
m	Mass	kg
σ	Uncertainty	various
Σ_a	Force Covariance	N^2/kg^2
R	Calibration Ratio	-
κ	Inter-rater confidence	-

Final Evaluation Summary

This specification demonstrates excellent mathematical rigor, clearly defined uncertainty propagation, explicit PD covariance requirements, fully quantified attribution goals, and realistic operational SLOs. The fallback philosophy “**uncertainty inflates, never silent-fails**” is correct for mission-critical systems. Phase-0 priority is **data access + Σ_a design review**.