

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

$\text{atotal} = \text{adrag} + \sigma \text{SRP} + \text{aalbedo}/\text{IR} + \text{aemp} + \text{asmalla}$
 $\text{adrag} = -12 \text{CDAeffmp} | v | v_a$
 $\sigma \text{drag2} = \sigma p^2 + \sigma \text{CD2} + \sigma A/m^2 + \sigma \theta^2 \sigma \text{drag}^2 = \sigma \rho^2 + \sigma C_D^2 + \sigma A/m^2 + \sigma \theta^2$

$$a_{\text{total}} = a_{\text{drag}} + a_{\text{SRP}} + a_{\text{albedo/IR}} + a_{\text{emp}} + a_{\text{small}}$$

$$a_{\text{drag}} = -\frac{1}{2} C_D \frac{A_{\text{eff}}}{m} \rho ||v|| v$$

$$\sigma_{\text{drag}}^2 = \sigma_{\rho}^2 + \sigma_{C_D}^2 + \sigma_{A/m}^2 + \sigma_{\theta}^2$$

Covariance Matrix

$$\Sigma_a = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_d^2 & \rho_{ds}\sigma_d\sigma_s & \rho_{de}\sigma_d\sigma_e \\ \rho_{ds}\sigma_d\sigma_s & \sigma_s^2 & \rho_{se}\sigma_s\sigma_e \\ \rho_{de}\sigma_d\sigma_e & \rho_{se}\sigma_s\sigma_e & \sigma_e^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boxed{\Sigma_a \succ 0}$$

PD requirement ensures OD/Kalman stability.

2. Attribution Model

X=[Kp,Dst, $\Delta A/m$,ECOM drift,flux,belt,prox,mags,QC,...]X=[Kp,Dst,\Delta A/m,ECOM\drift,flux,belt,prox,mags,QC,\dots]X=[Kp,Dst, $\Delta A/m$,ECOM drift,flux,belt,prox,mags,QC,...]

$$X = [Kp, Dst, \Delta A/m, ECOM drift, flux, belt, prox, mags, QC, \dots]$$

Storm-weight suppression:

$$w = e^{-\alpha Kp} = e^{-\alpha Kp}$$

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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	-
K	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**.