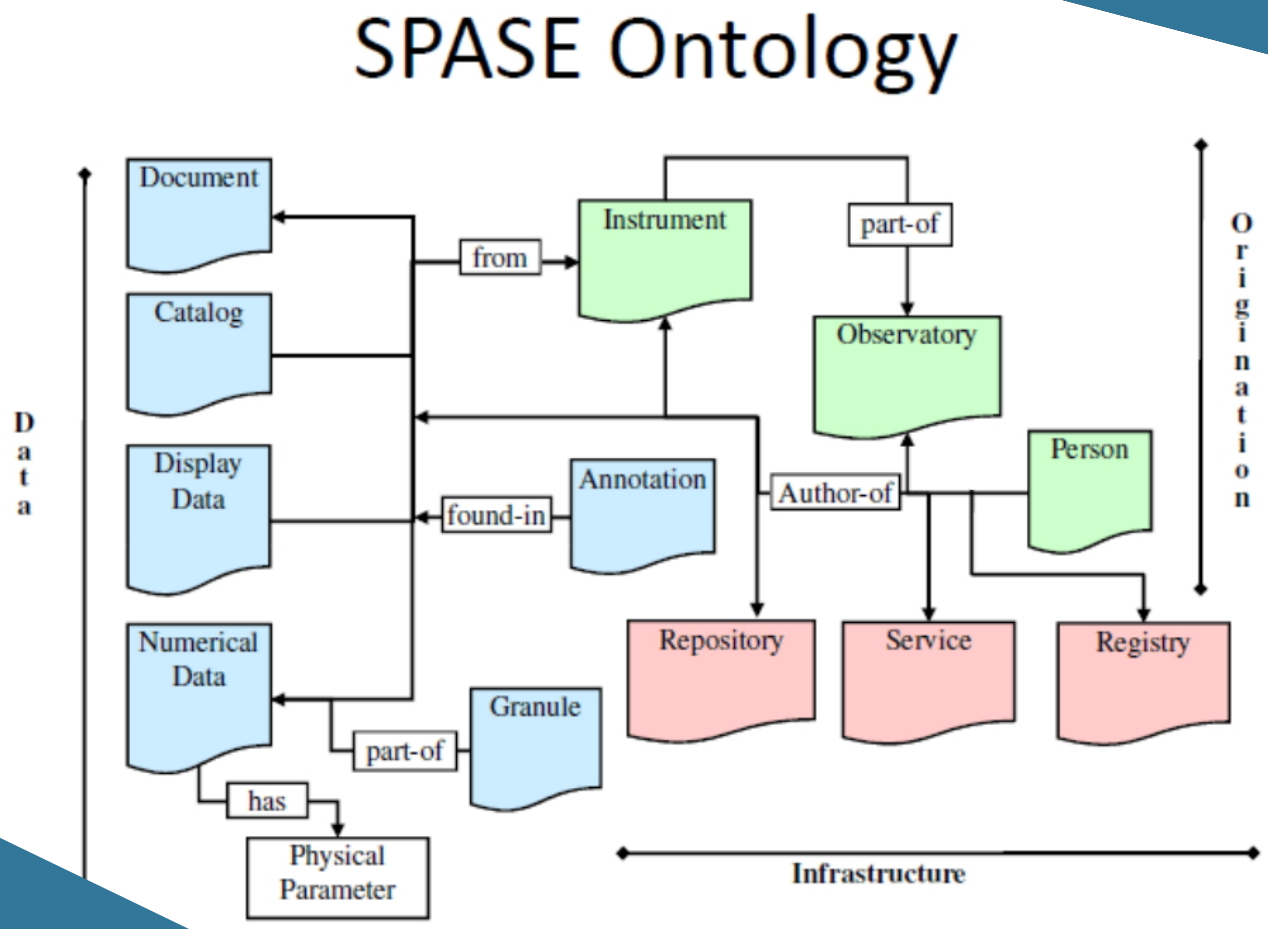
SPASE

Space Physics Archive Search and Extract



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1. Executive Summary

Research in Heliophysics requires information from multiple sources which includes data from and about spacecrafts, groundbased observatories, models, simulations and more. The results from research are also invaluable in building up a body of knowledge and need to be available. All the different sources and types of information are considered a "Resource". The Resources exist, are shared, exchanged and used in a framework called the "data environment". The SPASE (Space Physics Archive Search and Extract) group has defined a Data Model which is a set of terms and values along with the relationships between them that allow describing all the resources in a heliophysics data environment. It is the result of many years of effort by an international collaboration of heliophysicists and information scientists to unify and improve on existing Space and Solar Physics data models. The intent of this Data Model is to provide the means to describe resources, most importantly scientifically useful data products, in a uniform way so they may be easily registered, found, accessed, and used.

The 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 for1992 to 2005), together with essential retrieval and contact information. It also allows for the incremental annotation of resources with expert assessments and the free association of resources to create bundles or networks of resources. Resource descriptions can be stored with the data or at remote locations. Sites can harvest the resource descriptions to enable services like a search engine or portal (Virtual Observatory). A typical use would be to have a collection of descriptions stored in one or more related internet-based registries of products; that can be queried with specifically designed search engines and ultimately link users to the data they need. The Data Model also provides constructs for describing components of such a data delivery system. This includes repositories, registries and services.

The SPASE group website is located at https://www.spase-group.org/

A PDF version of this document can be downloaded from the SPASE site.

2. Introduction

The SPASE (Space Physics Archive Search and Extract) Data Model is a set of terms and values along with the relationships between them that allow describing all the resources in a heliophysics data environment. It is the result of many years of effort by an international collaboration (see https://spase-group.org) to unify and improve on existing Space and Solar Physics data models. The intent of this Data Model is to provide the means to describe resources, most importantly scientifically useful data products, in a uniform way so they may be easily registered, found, accessed, and used.

The SPASE data model divides the heliophysics data environment into a limited set of resources types. A key resource type is Numerical Data. This type of resource typically consists of a set of files containing values of one or more physical variables and that differ from each other only by the time span. To fully describe a Numerical Data resource requires other types of Resources, namely Observatory, Instrument, Person, and Repository, whose names are self-explanatory, and each of which has its own set of attributes. Often, numerical data are presented in prepared images (gif or jpeg), and such presentations are referred to as Display Data resources. The other data related resource types are Catalog which are lists of events; Annotation which enable expert comments on data products; and Granule which describe individual files within another resource (i.e., Numerical Data, Display Data or Catalog). Other types of resources include Document which can contain narratives or supporting information; Service that provide software to use data resources; Repository for storage locations; and Registry for metadata collections. Resource descriptions and the links in them are intended to make the Resource useful to scientific users.

2.1. History of Development

The data model presented here has grown from the efforts begun in 2002 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. The SPASE Data Model was developed with an iterative process where additions were made when unaddressed needs were discovered. The original impetus occurred at an ISTP meeting in 1998 where a resolution was passed calling to make data more accessible. Interoperability test beds were constructed in 2001 and in 2002 a grassroots effort was undertaken to define the needs of community. 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, led to the release of version 1.0 of the data model in November 2005. Following the release of version 1.0 many existing data products were described and lead to further improvements of the data model. Version1.1 was released in August 2006. At this time NASA established the Heliophysics VxOs and after an extended period of use and improvements version 1.2.2 was released in August of 2008. The version of the data model described in this document is an extension of this earlier release.

2.2. Intended Purpose

The design of the SPASE data model is based on a core set of principles related to the intended purpose of descriptive information (metadata), the data environment, and the operational environment. The overall goal of the Data Model is to be able to describe resources using a taxonomy of terms familiar to the heliophysics domain. This taxonomy should provide sufficient scientific context and data content information for an individual to assess the applicability of the resource (data and metadata) to a research question. A data model is the cornerstone of an information system and one purpose for the SPASE Data Model to enable the creation of "Virtual Observatories" that will link the broad range of heliophysics resources which may be available in a loosely coupled distributed environment. Additional goals of the data model are to:

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. Facilitate 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 content of a resource description based on the data model should enable services (either at the provider or in a VxO) to discover and access individual resources. The service layer can contain services for a variety of purposes. The basic functionality of the service layer is to provide the links necessary to connect user applications and search- and-retrieval front ends to data repositories. Ultimately, the data environment based on the data model will involve a number of software tools and services linked together as an internet-based environment. The data along with software tools and documentation associated with products will be directly accessible using standard web protocols (http, ftp). 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 investigate emerging questions in heliophysics.

2.3. Design Principles

The design of the SPASE data model begins with a few basic principles. These principles are:

1. **Data is self-documented.**

   Data resources have internal schema or structures for storing values. The physical structure is determined by the storage format. Each retrievable entity on the format is assigned a key or tag which can be used to retrieve the entity.

   The SPASE Data Model does not attempt to describe the physical storage of the parameters, for example, the byte offsets, record format or data encoding in the data resource. Instead, the SPASE Data Model describes the scientific attributes of the parameter and links this to the parameter by a key or tag used by the storage format. Applications can use the SPASE descriptions to locate a parameter and the appropriate format-specific reader to extract parameters.

Not all data in the Heliophysics data environment is stored in self- documented formats. For example, data stored as ASCII tables. The method of assigning a key or tag name for each field in the ASCII table is external to the SPASE data model. This method must be part of an "format" specification which may be as simple as the first row of the table containing the tag name of the field.

2. Resources are distributed.

There are many providers of resources and these providers can be located anywhere in the world.

Each provider operates independently and activities are not necessarily coordinated. The SPASE data model assumes that providers have local autonomy and may operate under local rules or jurisdictions.

3. Online Resources have Universal Resource Locators (URL)

If a resource is on-line it can be accessed and retrieved using Universal Resource Locators (URL).

4. The data environment is continuously evolving.

New resources are actively generated either as part of an on-going experiment or as a result of analysis and assessment.

These new resources may be directly related to other resources. As new resources are generated or new associations defined the network or collections formed will expand over time.

2.4. Conceptual System Environment

The data model is intended to enable the sharing of knowledge through structured metadata (SPASE Descriptions) which can be exchanged in queries and responses between systems. The operational environment this occurs in is the current Internet where systems and users are loosely coupled and highly distributed. Special services or portals may harvest (collect) the SPASE descriptions from multiple sources to create an enriched capability for the user. For example, a search engine may provide a comprehensive search for a particular scientific discipline. The web site https://hpde.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 illustrates a conceptual architecture in a distributed environment. In this environment multiple communities have resources to share. The storage location of a resource is called a repository. Some of these repositories (boxes) have local SPASE descriptions which are available through a local registry service (balls). The contents of other repositories are described at external, possibly independent, locations which make the descriptions available through remote registries. Gateways (rings) can harvest and aggregate the resources from multiple registries or perform federated searches which provide a single access point to multiple registries. Applications access the registries to discover resources, determine their location and retrieve them from the repositories.

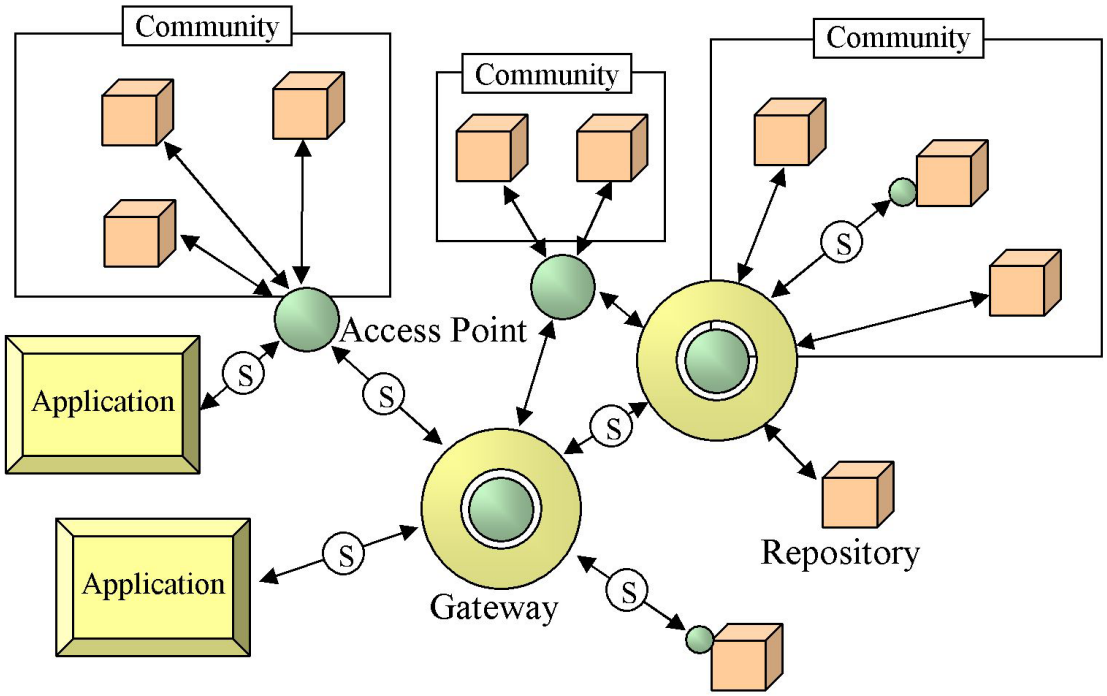

Figure 1: A possible data environment architecture. Information and data flows from Repositories to Applications through Access Points and Gateways. In this model, any Access Point or Gateway may be considered an instance of a Virtual Observatory. The portions of the system using SPASE-Data-Model-based messages are indicated with the Ⓢ.

3. SPASE Data Model

3.1. Resource Types

The top level entity in the SPASE data model is a Resource. There are 12 different types of resources. Each resource type consists of a set of attributes that characterize the resource. The resource types can be divided into three categories: Data Resources, Origination Resources and Infrastructure Resources.

This section provides an overview of the resource types. Complete details for each resource can be found in Section 4.

3.1.1. Data Resources

Data Resources describe one or more data products. A "data product" is a set of data that is uniformly processed and formatted, from one or more instruments, typically spanning the full duration of the observations of the relevant instrument(s). A data product may consist of a collection of granules of successive time spans, but may be high-level entities such as event catalogs. Data products can be images (Display Data), sample or observation values (Numerical Data), event lists (Catalog). Included in the Data Resource category are the resources used to describe individual files (Granule) which are part of data product sets and assessments of a resource (Annotations). The complete list of Data Resources is:

Numerical Data,
Display Data,
Catalog,
Annotation,
Document, and
Granule

3.1.2. Origination Resources

Origination Resources describe the generators or sources of data. Included in a Data Resource description is information about the origination of the data. A Data Resource will refer to one or more Origination Resource. The complete list of Origination Resources is:

Observatory,
Instrument, and
Person

3.1.3. Infrastructure Resources

Infrastructure Resources describe system components that are part of the exchange and use of data. This includes storage locations for data (Repository), metadata (Registry) and functions (Service). The complete list of Infrastructure Resources is:

Registry,
Repository, and

Service

3.1.4. Ontology

In the SPASE data model there can be associations between pairs of resources. Some associations are specific and are required in order to fully describe a resource. For example, an Instrument resource is always associated with an Observatory resource. The specific associations form an ontology which is illustrated in Figure 2. The SPASE data model also allows associations of resources which are not explicitly defined in the ontology. These associations are described and assigned a relationship type using generic association attributes.

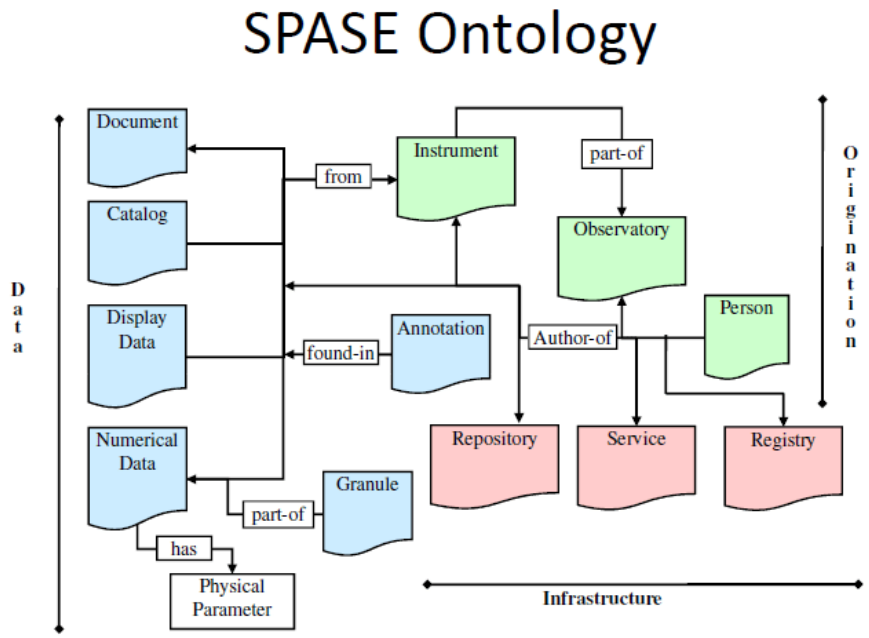

Figure 2: The association map between resources in the SPASE model. Arrows point in the direction of association.

3.2. Resource Identifiers

Every resource has a unique identifier so that it can be tracked and referenced within a system. This identifier is defined by the naming authority for the resource. The entity which acts as the naming authority is determined by the agency or group who provides the resource. Each resource identifier is a URI that has the form

scheme://authority/path

where "scheme" is "spase" for those resources administered through the SPASE framework, "authority" is the unique identifier for the naming authority within the data environment and "path" is the unique local identifier of the resource within the context of the "authority". The resource ID must be unique within the data environment.

To illustrate the definition of a resource identifier consider that there is a registered "authority" called "SMWG" which maintains information for spacecraft (Observatory) resources. One such spacecraft is GOES8. Now "SMWG" decides that the "path" to the GOES8 resource

description should include the Resource Type as part of the path and that the observatory "name" will be "GOES8". So, the resource identifier would be:

spase://SMWG/Observatory/GOES8

The Resource ID is used to formally or informally associate one resource with another. For example an Instrument resource must be formally associated with an Observatory. A Numerical Data resource may be formally associated with an Instrument resource and informally associated with other Numerical Data resources. The free association of resources allows networks or collections to be formed from distributed resources and allows for new associations to be formed as needed without affecting existing associations.

3.3. Core Attributes

With the exception of Granule and Person, every resource has a common set of core attributes. The core attributes provide textual descriptions of the resource and the capability to reference external sources of information (Information URL). It also describes the context of the resource in the larger data environment. This context consists of associations with other resources (Association) and with previous versions (Prior ID). These attributes are grouped in a Resource Header and consists of:

Resource Name
Alternate Name
Release Date
Expiration Date
Description
Acknowledgement
Contact
Information URL
Association
Prior ID

3.4. Text Mark-up

While descriptive text may be brief, some formatting of the text may be necessary to convey the necessary information, for example, multiple paragraphs or nested lists. To ensure system portability text values in SPASE are sequences of alphanumeric one byte UTF-8 (US_ASCII) characters with white space preserved. When text is displayed in some applications (a web browser is the best example) a strict preservation of white space may not result in a desirable presentation. Also, to make the metadata more human readable (for example in XML) additional white space may be introduced in the form of indentation. If strictly preserved, this could result in an undesirable presentation. To allow an author to express a preferred layout for the text, a special set of text "mark-up" rules are defined. The layout can then be determined by normalizing the text and applying a simple set of interpretation rules.

3.4.1 Normalization Rules

To aid in determining the layout or structural intent of the author the following rules are to be applied to text to create a normalized form:

1. All lines are to end with a newline character.
2. All text is left justified. No line has leading whitespace.

Text Interpretation Rules

After normalization of text the following rules can be used to interpret the layout intent of the author.

1. Blank lines indicate paragraph breaks.
2. Lists
    1. Must be preceded by a blank line.
    2. Items are indicated by a line beginning with a reserved character followed by a space. Three levels of lists are supported. The reserved characters are:

        * : First level list
        - : Second level list (must appear within a first level context)
        . : Third level list (must appear within a second level context)
    3. End with a blank line.
3. Tables
    1. Begin and end with a line that starts with "+--".
    2. The first "row" of a table is the field headings.
    3. Fields in a table are separated with a vertical bar ("|").
    4. Visual row separators are lines which begin with "|--".

3.5. Extensions

The SPASE Data Model allows for additional metadata to be embedded within a SPASE description. Every Resource Type has an "Extension" element which can contain metadata compliant with other data models. The "Extension" element has a SPASE data model type of "Text", but is not limited to alphanumeric characters and may contain tagged information.

4. Guidelines for Metadata Descriptions

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 necessary 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 of the data, 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. Also consider if additional documentation is neccesary and if so create an Document resource and associate it with the data resource. An "Information URL" may also be used to provide links to more detailed information.

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.

5. Examples

As an example let us describe a person using SPASE metadata. This person is "John Smith" from Smith Foundation. While the SPASE data model is implementation neutral, XML representation is preferred. This example uses the SPASE XML form.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<Spase>
  <Version>2.0.0</Version>
   <Person>
     <ResourceID>spase://person/jsmith@smith.org</ResourceID>
     <PersonName>John Smith</PersonName>
     <OrganizationName>Smith Foundation</OrganizationName>
     <Address>1 Main St., Smithville, MA</Address>
     <Email>jsmith@smith.org</Email>
     <PhoneNumber>1-800-555-1212</PhoneNumber>
  </Person>
</Spase>
```

For a more extensive 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. While the SPASE data model is implementation neutral, XML representation is preferred. This example uses the SPASE XML form. The presented URLs are fictitious and will not direct you to the actual data.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<Spase>
  <Version>2.0.0</Version>
  <NumericalData>
     <ResourceID>spase://VMO/NumericalData/ACE/MAG/200301</ResourceID>
     <ResourceHeader>
        <ResourceName>ACEMAG200301</ResourceName>
        <ReleaseDate>2006-07-26T00:00:00.000</ReleaseDate>
        <Acknowledgement>
           User will acknowledge the data producer and instrument P.I. in any
           publication resulting from the use of these data.
        </Acknowledgement>
      <Description>
         ACE MFI 1-minute averaged magnetic-field data in GSE coordinates
         from Jan 2003. These data have been derived from the 16 second
         resolution ACE MFI which were linearly interpolated to a 1-minute
         time grid with time stamps at second zero of each minute.
      </Description>

      <Contact>
         <Role>PrincipalInvestigator</Role>
         <PersonID>spase://SMWG/Person/Norman.F.Ness</PersonID>
      </Contact>

      <Contact>
         <Role>Co-Investigator</Role>
         <PersonID>spase://SMWG/Person/Charles.Smith</PersonID>
      </Contact>

      <Contact>
         <Role>DataProducer</Role>
         <PresonID>spase://SMWG/Person/James.M.Weygand</PresonID>
      </Contact>
```

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</ResourceHeader>

<AccessInformation>
   <AccessRights>Open</AccessRights>
   <AccessURL>
      <URL>http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/getResource?format=text&id=spase://UCLA/ACEMAG200301</URL>
   </AccessURL>
   <Format>Text</Format>
   <Encoding>GZIP</Encoding>
</AccessInformation>

<InstrumentID>spase://SMWG/ACE/MAG</InstrumentID>
<MeasurementType>MagneticField</MeasurementType>

<TemporalDescription>
   <TimeSpan>
     <StartDate>1997-01-01T00:00</StartDate>
     <StopDate>2004-01-31T23:59</StopDate>
   </TimeSpan>
   <Cadence>PT1M</Cadence>
</TemporalDescription>

<InstrumentRegion>Heliosphere.NearEarth</InstrumentRegion>
<ObservedRegion>Heliosphere.NearEarth</ObservedRegion>

<Parameter>
   <Name>SAMPLE_TIME_UTC</Name>
   <ParameterKey>time</ParameterKey>
   <Description>
    Sample UTC in the form DD MM YYYY hh mm ss where
      DD   = day of month (01-31)
      MM   = 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).
   </Description>
   <Support>
     <SupportQuantity>Temporal</SupportQuantity>
   </Support>
</Parameter>

<Parameter>
   <Name>MAGNETIC_FIELD_VECTOR</Name>
   <Units>nT</Units>
   <CoordinateSystem>
      <CoordinateRepresentation>Cartesian</CoordinateRepresentation>
      <CoordinateSystemName>GSE</CoordinateSystemName>
   </CoordinateSystem>
   <Description>
       Magnetic field vector in GSE Coordinates (Bx, By, Bz).
   </Description>
   <Field>
      <Qualifier>Vector</Qualifier>
      <FieldQuantity>Magnetic</FieldQuantity>
  </Field>
</Parameter>

<Parameter>
   <Name>SPACECRAFT_POSITION_VECTOR</Name>
   <CoordinateSystem>
      <CoordinateRepresentation>Cartesian</CoordinateRepresentation>
      <CoordinateSystemName>GSE</CoordinateSystemName>
```

```
      </CoordinateSystem>
      <Units>EARTH RADII</Units>
      <UnitsConversion>6378.16 km</UnitsConversion>
      <Description>
         ACE spacecraft location in GSE coordinates (X,Y,Z)."
      </Description>
      <Support>
        <SupportQuantity>Positional</SupportQuantity>
      </Support>
   </Parameter>

  </NumericalData>
</Spase>
```

6. Element Data Types

Each element in the SPASE Data Model has a data type. One design feature of the SPASE data model is that an element can contain either a value or other elements. Mixed content (elements and values) are not allowed. This allows the data model to be implemented in a wider range of metadata languages. The following data types are supported:

Container
: A container of other elements. If "Container" is specified the element must have sub-elements specified.

Count
: A whole number.

DateTime
: A value is given in the ISO 8601 recommended primary standard notation: YYYY-MM-DD. where YYYY is the year in the usual 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 given in the ISO 8601 recommended primary standard notation: HH:MM:SS.sss where HH is the number of complete hours that have passed since midnight (00-24), MM is the number of complete minutes that have passed since the start of the hour (00-59), and SS is the number of complete seconds since the start of the minute (00-60), and sss are milliseconds that have passed since the start of the second (000-999). Time zones are not allowed so all times are in Universal 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.

Duration
: A duration of time. A time value given in the ISO 8601 recommended primary standard notation: PTHH:MM:SS.sss where PT are tokens to indicate that the time value is a duration, HH is the number of complete hours that have passed since midnight (00-24), MM is the number of complete minutes that have passed since the start of the hour (00-59), and SS is the number of complete seconds since the start of the minute (00-60), and sss are milliseconds that have passed since the start of the second (000-999).

Enumeration
: Value is selected from a list of allowed values. The name of list is an additional attribute of the element. Lists may be externally controlled in which case the location of the list is indicated in the textual definition of the element.

Item
: An element which is a value for an enumerated list.

Numeric
: A fractional number which can be expressed in scientific notation. The string "NaN" represents not-a-number (flag) values and the string "INF" represents an infinitely large value. The value "-INF" represents an infinitely small value.

Sequence
: A list of whole number values where the order of the values is fixed. A space separates each value. For example, "1 2 3".

Text

A string of alphanumeric characters. A text based "markup" is supported. See the "Text Mark-up" section in specification document for complete details.

URL

Universal Resource Locator

7. Enumerations

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

Allowed Values:
Open
Restricted

Annotation Type
Identifiers for an classification of an annotation.

Allowed Values:
Anomaly
Event
Feature

Association Type
Identifiers for resource associations.

Allowed Values:
Child Event Of
Derived From
Observed By
Other
Part Of
Revision Of

Availability
Identifiers for indicating the method or service which may be used to access the resource.

Allowed Values:
Offline
Online

Classification Method
Identifiers for the technique used to determine the characteristics of an object.

Allowed Values:
Automatic
Inferred
Inspection

Component
Identifiers for the axis of coordinate systems.

Allowed Values:
I
J

K

Confidence Rating

Identifiers for the classification of the certainty of an assertion.

Allowed Values:

Probable
Strong
Unlikely
Weak

Coordinate Representation

Identifiers of the method or form for specifying a given point or vector in a given coordinate system.

Allowed Values:

Cartesian
Cylindrical
Spherical

Coordinate System Name

Identifiers of the origin and orientation of a set of typically orthogonal axes.

Allowed Values:

CGM
Carrington
DM
GEI
GEO
GSE
GSEQ
GSM
HAE
HCC
HCI
HCR
HEE
HEEQ
HG
HGI
HPC
HPR
J2000
LGM
MAG
MFA
RTN
SC
SE
SM
SR
SR2
SSE
SSE_L

Spacecraft Orbit Plane
WGS84

Direction Angle

Identifiers for the angle between a vector and a base axis.

Allowed Values:

Azimuth Angle
Elevation Angle
Polar Angle

Display Type

Identifiers for types or classes of rendered data.

Allowed Values:

Image
Plasmagram
Spectrogram
Stack Plot
Time Series
Wave Form

Document Type

Identifiers for the characterization of the content or purpose of a document.

Allowed Values:

Paper

Earth

Identifiers for the regions surrounding the Earth.

Allowed Values:

Magnetosheath
Magnetosphere
Near Surface
Surface

Encoding

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

Allowed Values:

ASCII
BZIP2
Base64
GZIP
None
S3_BUCKET
TAR
Unicode
ZIP

Field Quantity

Identifiers for the physical attribute of the field.

Allowed Values:

Current
Electric

Electromagnetic
Gyrofrequency
Magnetic
Plasma Frequency
Potential
Poynting Flux

Format

Identifiers for data organized according to preset specifications.

Allowed Values:

AVI
Binary
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CEF 1
CEF 2
Excel
FITS
GIF
HDF
HDF 4
HDF 5
HTML
Hardcopy
IDFS
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JPEG
MATLAB_4
MATLAB_6
MATLAB_7
MPEG
NCAR
NetCDF
PDF
PNG
Postscript
QuickTime
TIFF
Text
UDF
VOTable
XML

Hardcopy

Identifiers for permanent reproductions, or copy in the form of a physical object, of any media suitable for direct use by a person.

Allowed Values:

Film
Microfiche
Microfilm
Photograph

Photographic Plate
Print

Hash Function

Identifiers for functions or algorithms that convert a digital data object into a hash value.

Allowed Values:

MD5
SHA1
SHA256

Heliosphere

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.

Allowed Values:

Heliosheath
Inner
Near Earth
Outer
Remote 1AU

Instrument Type

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

Allowed Values:

Antenna
Channeltron
Coronograph
Double Sphere
Dust Detector
Electron Drift Instrument
Electrostatic Analyser
Energetic Particle Instrument
Faraday Cup
Flux Feedback
Fourier Transform Spectrograph
Geiger-Mueller Tube
Imager
Imaging Spectrometer
Interferometer
Ion Chamber
Ion Drift
Langmuir Probe
Long Wire
Magnetometer
Mass Spectrometer
Microchannel Plate
Multispectral Imager
Neutral Atom Imager
Neutral Particle Detector

Particle Correlator
Particle Detector
Photometer
Photopolarimeter
Platform
Proportional Counter
Quadrispherical Analyser
Radar
Radiometer
Resonance Sounder
Retarding Potential Analyser
Riometer
Scintillation Detector
Search Coil
Sounder
Spacecraft Potential Control
Spectral Power Receiver
Spectrometer
Time Of Flight
Unspecified
Waveform Receiver

Integral

Identifiers for values above a given threshold and over area or solid-angle range.

Allowed Values:

Area
Bandwidth
Solid Angle

Ionosphere

Identifiers for ionospheric regions.

Allowed Values:

D-Region
E-Region
F-Region
Topside

Magnetosphere

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

Allowed Values:

Magnetotail
Main
Polar
Radiation Belt

Measurement Type

Identifiers for the method of making an estimated value of a quantity that forms the basis of an observation.

Allowed Values:

Activity Index

Dopplergram
Dust
Electric Field
Energetic Particles
Ephemeris
Image Intensity
Instrument Status
Ion Composition
Irradiance
Magnetic Field
Magnetogram
Neutral Atom Images
Neutral Gas
Profile
Radiance
Spectrum
Thermal Plasma
Waves

Mixed Quantity

Identifiers for the combined attributes of a mixed parameter quantity.

Allowed Values:

Akasofu Epsilon
Alfven Mach Number
Alfven Velocity
Frequency-To-Gyrofrequency Ratio
Magnetosonic Mach Number
Other
Plasma Beta
Total Pressure
V Cross B

Near Surface

Identifiers for regions of the gaseous and possibly ionized environment of a body extending from the surface to some specified altitude.

Allowed Values:

Atmosphere
Auroral Region
Equatorial Region
Ionosphere
Mesosphere
Plasmasphere
Polar Cap
South Atlantic Anomaly Region
Stratosphere
Thermosphere
Troposphere

Particle Quantity

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

Allowed Values:

Arrival Direction
Atomic Number Detected
Average Charge State
Charge State
Count Rate
Counts
Energy
Energy Density
Energy Flux
Flow Speed
Flow Velocity
Fluence
Gyrofrequency
Heat Flux
Mass
Mass Density
Mass Number
Number Density
Number Flux
Phase-Space Density
Plasma Frequency
Pressure
Sonic Mach Number
Sound Speed
Temperature
Thermal Speed
Velocity

Particle Type

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

Allowed Values:

Aerosol
Alpha Particle
Atom
Dust
Electron
Ion
Molecule
Neutron
Proton

Phenomenon Type

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

Allowed Values:

Active Region
Aurora
Bow Shock Crossing
Coronal Hole
Coronal Mass Ejection

EIT Wave
Energetic Solar Particle Event
Forbush Decrease
Geomagnetic Storm
Interplanetary Shock
Magnetic Cloud
Magnetopause Crossing
Radio Burst
Solar Flare
Solar Wind Extreme
Stream Interaction Region
Substorm

Processing Level

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

Allowed Values:

Calibrated
Raw
Uncalibrated

Projection

Identifiers to projections into a coordinate system.

Allowed Values:

IJ
IK
JK

Qualifier

Identifiers for terms which refine the type or attribute of a quantity.

Allowed Values:

Anisotropy
Array
Average
Characteristic
Circular
Column
Component
Core
Cross Spectrum
Deviation
Differential
Direction
Direction Angle
Directional
Field-Aligned
Fit
Group
Halo
Integral
Line Of Sight

Linear
Magnitude
Maximum
Median
Minimum
Moment
Parallel
Peak
Perpendicular
Perturbation
Phase
Phase Angle
Projection
Pseudo
Ratio
Scalar
Spectral
Standard Deviation
Stoke's Parameters
Strahl
Superhalo
Symmetric
Tensor
Total
Trace
Uncertainty
Variance
Vector

Region

Identifiers for areas of the physical world which may be occupied or observed.

Allowed Values:

Asteroid
Comet
Earth
Heliosphere
Interstellar
Jupiter
Mars
Mercury
Neptune
Pluto
Saturn
Sun
Uranus
Venus

Rendering Axis

Identifiers for the reference component of a plot or rendering of data.

Allowed Values:

Color Bar

Horizontal
Vertical

Role

Identifiers for the assigned or assumed function or position of an individual.

Allowed Values:

Archive Specialist
Co-Investigator
Contributor
Data Producer
Deputy-PI
Former-PI
General Contact
Metadata Contact
Principal Investigator
Project Scientist
Publisher
Scientist
Team Leader
Team Member
Technical Contact

Scale Type

Identifiers for scaling applied to a set of numbers.

Allowed Values:

Linear Scale
Log Scale

Source Type

Identifiers for the characterization of the function or purpose of a source.

Allowed Values:

Ancillary
Browse
Data
Layout
Thumbnail

Spectral Range

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.

Allowed Values:

Ca-K
Extreme Ultraviolet
Far Ultraviolet
Gamma Rays
H-alpha
Hard X-rays
He-10830

He-304
Infrared
K-7699
LBH Band
Microwave
Na-D
Ni-6768
Optical
Radio Frequency
Soft X-Rays
Ultraviolet
White-Light
X-Rays

Sun

Identifiers for regions of the star upon which our solar system is centered.

Allowed Values:

Chromosphere
Corona
Interior
Photosphere
Transition Region

Support Quantity

Identifiers for the information useful in understanding the context of an observation, typically observed or measured coincidentally with a physical observation.

Allowed Values:

Instrument Mode
Other
Positional
Temporal
Velocity

Text

Identifiers for the encoding of sequences of characters.

Allowed Values:

ASCII
Unicode

Wave Quantity

Identifiers for the characterization of the physical properties of a wave.

Allowed Values:

AC-Electric Field
AC-Magnetic Field
Absorption
Doppler Frequency
Emissivity
Energy Flux
Equivalent Width
Frequency
Gyrofrequency
Intensity

Line Depth
Magnetic Field
Mode Amplitude
Plasma Frequency
Polarization
Poynting Flux
Propagation Time
Stoke's Parameters
Velocity
Wavelength

Wave Type

Identifiers for the carrier or phenomenum of wave information observed by the measurement.

Allowed Values:

Electromagnetic
Electrostatic
Hydrodynamic
MHD
Photon
Plasma Waves

Waves

Identifiers for experimental and natural wave phenomena.

Allowed Values:

Active
Passive

8. Data Model Tree

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

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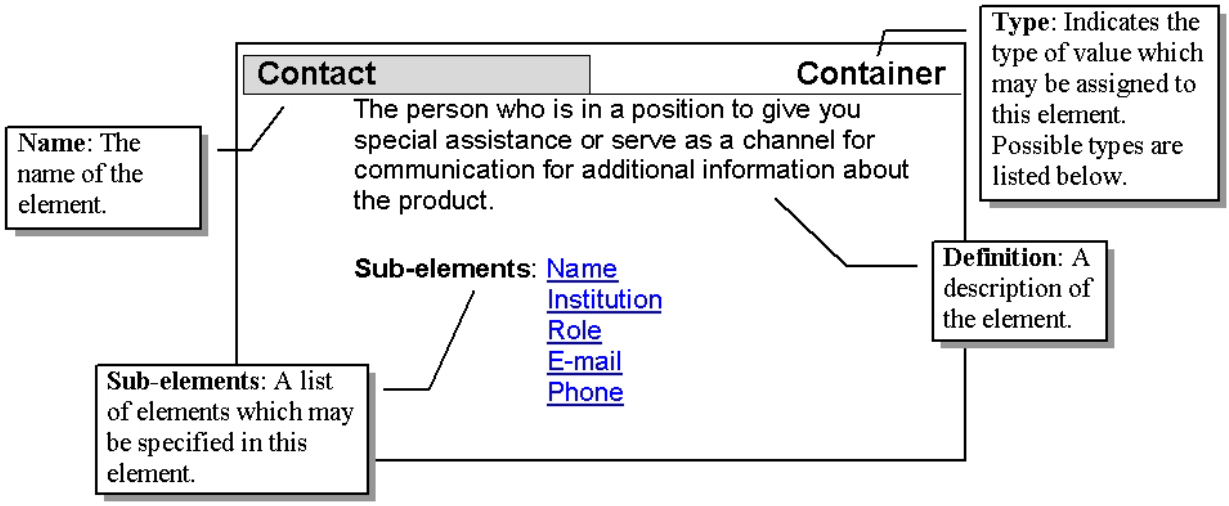
9. Dictionary

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:



Absorption

Item

Decrease of radiant energy (relative to the background continuum spectrum).

Since:1.3.5

Access Information

Container

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

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Repository ID
Availability
Access Rights
Access URL
Format
Encoding
Data Extent
Acknowledgement

Used by: Catalog
Display Data
Document
Numerical Data

Access Rights

Enumeration

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

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values Open
Restricted

Used by: Access Information

Access URL — Container

Attributes of the method for accessing a resource including a URL, name and description.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Name
URL
Description
Language

Used by: Access Information
Registry
Repository
Service

AC-Electric Field — Item

Alternating electric field component of a wave.

Since:1.3.5

Acknowledgement — Text

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

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Access Information
Resource Header

AC-Magnetic Field — Item

Alternating magnetic field component of a wave.

Since:1.3.5

Active — Item

Exerting an influence or producing a change or effect. An active measurement is one which produces a transmission or excitation as a part of the measurement cycle.

Since:1.3.0

Active Region — Item

A localized, transient volume of the solar atmosphere in which PLAGEs, SUNSPOTS, FACULAe, FLAREs, etc. may be observed.

Since:1.3.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Address — Text

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

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Person

Aerosol — Item

A suspension of fine solid or liquid particles in a gas.

Since:1.0.0

Akasofu Epsilon — Item

A measure of the magnetopause energy flux and an indicator of the solar wind power available for subsequent magnetospheric energization. Defined as: V*B^2*l^2sin(theta/2)^4 where B is the IMF, l is an empirical scaling parameter equal to 7 RE, and theta = tan(BY /BZ)^-1 the IMF clock angle.

Since:1.3.5

Alfven Mach Number — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Alfven Velocity — Item

Phase velocity of the Alfven wave; In SI units it is the velocity of the magnetic field divided by the square root of the mass density times the permeability of free space (mu).

Since:1.3.5

Alpha Particle — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Alternate Name — Text

An alternative or shortened name used to refer to a resource. This includes acronyms, expanded names or a synonym for a resource.

Since:1.1.0

Used by: Resource Header

Ancillary — Item

A complementary item which can be subordinate, subsidiary, auxiliary, supplementary to the primary item.

Since:1.3.1

Anisotropy — Item

Direction-dependent property.

Since:1.2.1

Annotation — Container

Information which is explanatory or descriptive which is associated with another resource.

Since:1.3.4

Sub-elements: Resource ID, Resource Header, Image URL, Annotation Type, Phenomenon Type, Classification Method, Confidence Rating, Time Span, Observation Extent, Extension

Used by: Spase

Annotation Type — Enumeration

A classification for an annotation.

Since:1.3.4

Allowed Values: Anomaly, Event, Feature

Used by: Annotation

Anomaly — Item

An interval where measurements or observations may be adversely affected.

Since:1.3.4

Antenna — Item

A sensor used to measure electric potential.

Since:1.0.0

Archive Specialist — Item

An individual who is an expert on a collection of resources and may also be knowledgeable of the phenomenon and related physics represented by the resources. This includes librarians, curators, archive scientists and other experts.

Since:1.2.1

Area — Item

Integration over the extent of a planar region, or of the surface of a solid.

Since:1.3.6

Array — Item

A sequence of values corresponding to the elements in a rectilinear, n-dimension matrix. Each value can be referenced by a unique index.

Since:1.2.0

Arrival Direction — Item

An angular measure of the direction from which an energetic particle or photon was incident on a detector. The angles may be measured in any coordinate system.

Since:2.0.2

ASCII — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Association — Container

Attributes of a relationship a resource has with another resource.

Since:1.3.3

Sub-elements Association ID
Association Type
Note

Used by: Resource Header

Association ID — Text

The resource identifier for a resource with which this resource is closely associated.

Since:1.1.0

Used by: Association

Association Type — Enumeration

A characterization of the role or purpose of an associated resource.

Since:1.3.3

Allowed Values Child Event Of
Derived From
Observed By
Other
Part Of
Revision Of

Used by: Association

Asteroid — Item

A small extraterrestrial body consisting mostly of rock and metal that is in orbit around the

sun.

Since:1.2.0

Atmosphere Item

The neutral gases surrounding a body that extends from the surface and is bound to the body by virtue of the gravitational attraction.

Since:1.1.0

Atom Item

Matter consisting of a nucleus surrounded by electrons which has no net charge.

Since:1.3.6

Atomic Number Numeric

The number of protons in the nucleus of an atom.

Since:1.1.0

Used by: Particle

Atomic Number Detected Item

The number of protons in the nucleus of an atom as determined by a detector.

Since:1.1.0

Aurora Item

An atmospheric phenomenon consisting of bands of light caused by charged solar particles following the earth's magnetic lines of force.

Since:1.2.0

Auroral Region Item

The region in the atmospheric where electrically-charged particles bombarding the upper atmosphere of a planet in the presence of a magnetic field produce an optical phenomenon.

Since:1.1.0

Automatic Item

Determined by the analysis or assessment performed by a program or server.

Since:1.3.6

Availability Enumeration

An indication of the method or service which may be used to access the resource.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values Offline
Online

Used by: Access Information

Average — Item

The statistical mean; the sum of a set of values divided by the number of values in the set.

Since:1.0.0

Average Charge State — Item

A measure of the composite deficit (positive) or excess (negative) of electrons with respect to protons.

Since:1.0.0

AVI — Item

Audio Video Interleave (AVI) a digital format for movies that conforms to the Microsoft Windows Resource Interchange File Format (RIFF).

Since:1.0.0

Axis Label — Text

A short character string (approximately 10 characters, but preferably 6 characters - more only if absolutely required for clarity) which can be used to label a y-axis for a plot or to provide a heading for a data listing.

Since:1.3.1

Used by: Rendering Hints

Azimuth Angle — Item

The angle between the projection into the i-j plane of a position or measured vector and the i-axis of the coordinate system. Mathematically defined as arctan(j/i).

Since:1.3.4

Azimuthal Angle Range — Container

The range of possible azimuthal angles for a group of energy observations. Default units are degrees.

Since:1.1.0

Sub-elements: Low, High, Units, Bin

Used by: Particle

Band Name — Text

A common or provider assigned name for a range of values.

Since:1.3.0

Used by: Bin

Bandwidth — Item

Integration over the width a frequency band.

Since:1.3.6

Base64 — Item

A data encoding scheme whereby binary-encoded data is converted to printable ASCII characters. It is defined as a MIME content transfer encoding for use in Internet e-mail. The only characters used are the upper- and lower-case Roman alphabet characters (A-Z, a-z), the numerals (0-9), and the + and / symbols, with the = symbol as a special suffix (padding) code.

Since:1.1.0

Bin — Container

A grouping of observations according to a band or window of a common attribute.

Since:1.1.0

Sub-elements Band Name
Low
High

Used by: Azimuthal Angle Range
Energy Range
Frequency Range
Polar Angle Range
Wavelength Range

Binary — Item

A direct representation of the bits which may be stored in memory on a computer.

Since:1.0.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Browse — Item

A representation of an image which is suitable to reveal most or all of the details of the image.

Since:1.3.1

BZIP2 — Item

An open standard algorithm by Julian Seward using Burrows-Wheeler block sorting and Huffman coding. See <http://www.bzip.org/>

Since:1.0.0

Cadence — Duration

The time interval between the start of successive measurements.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Parameter
Temporal Description

Ca-K Item

A spectrum with a wavelength of range centered near 393.5 nm. VSO nickname: Ca-K image with range of 391.9 nm to 395.2 nm.

Since:1.2.1

Calibrated Item

Data wherein sensor outputs have been convolved with instrument response function, often irreversibly, to yield data in physical units.

Since:1.0.0

Carrington Item

A coordinate system which is centered at the Sun and is fixed with respect to the synodic rotation rate; the mean synodic value is about 27.2753 days. The Astronomical Almanac gives a value for Carrington longitude of 349.03 degrees at 0000 UT on 1 January 1995.

Since:1.2.1

Cartesian Item

A representation in which a position vector or a measured vector (e.g., field or flow) is specified by its components along the base axes of the coordinate system.

Since:1.0.0

Catalog 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. A Catalog resource is a type of data product which is a set of data that is uniformly processed and formatted, from one or more instruments, typically spanning the full duration of the observations of the relevant instrument(s). A data product may consist of a collection of granules of successive time spans, but may be a single high-level entity.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Resource ID
Resource Header
Access Information
Provider Resource Name
Provider Version
Instrument ID
Phenomenon Type
Time Span
Caveats
Keyword
Input Resource ID
Parameter

Extension

Used by: Spase

Caveats Text

Information which may be important in the avoidance of the misuse of the resource, for instance instrument maladies, corruption or contamination.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Catalog
Display Data
Instrument
Numerical Data
Parameter

CDF Item

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

Since:1.0.0

CEF Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

CEF 2 Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

CGM Item

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 <http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/cgm/cgmm_des.html>

Since:1.0.0

Channeltron — Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

Characteristic — Item

A quantity which can be easily identified and measured in a given environment.

Since:1.2.1

Charge State — Item

Charge of a fully or partially stripped ion, in units of the charge of a proton. Charge state of a bare proton = 1.

Since:2.0.2

Checksum — Container

A computed value that is dependent upon the contents of a digital data object. Primarily used to check whether errors or alterations have occurred during the transmission or storage of a data object.

Since:1.2.0

Sub-elements Hash Value
Hash Function

Used by: Source

Child Event Of — Item

A descendant or caused by another resource.

Since:1.3.6

Chromosphere — Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

Circular — Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

Classification Method — Enumeration

The technique used to determine the characteristics of an object.

Since:1.3.6

Allowed Values: Automatic, Inferred, Inspection

Used by: Annotation

Co-Investigator — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Color Bar — Item

A spectrum or set of colors used to represent data values.

Since:2.2.0

Column — Item

A two-dimensional measure of a quantity. The column is the area over which the quantity is measured.

Since:1.3.4

Comet — Item

A relatively small extraterrestrial body consisting of a frozen mass that travels around the sun in a highly elliptical orbit.

Since:1.2.0

Component — Enumeration

Projection of a vector along one of the base axes of a coordinate system.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values: I, J, K

Confidence Rating — Enumeration

A classification of the certainty of an assertion.

Since:1.3.4

Allowed Values: Probable, Strong, Unlikely, Weak

Used by: Annotation

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.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Person ID
Role

Used by: Resource Header

Contributor — Item

An entity responsible for making contributions to the content of the resource.

Since:1.3.0

Coordinate Representation — Enumeration

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

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values Cartesian
Cylindrical
Spherical

Used by: Coordinate System

Coordinate System — Container

The specification of the orientation of a set of (typically) orthogonal base axes.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Coordinate Representation
Coordinate System Name

Used by: Parameter

Coordinate System Name — Enumeration

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

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values CGM
Carrington
DM
GEI
GEO
GSE
GSEQ
GSM
HAE
HCC
HCI

HCR
HEE
HEEQ
HG
HGI
HPC
HPR
J2000
LGM
MAG
MFA
RTN
SC
SE
SM
SR
SR2
SSE
SSE_L
Spacecraft Orbit Plane
WGS84

Used by: Coordinate System
Location

Core Item

The central or main part of an object or calculated distribution. For example, the part of a distribution of particles at low energies that is a thermal (Maxwellian) population.

Since:2.2.1

Corona Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Coronal Hole Item

An extended region of the corona, exceptionally low in density and associated with unipolar photospheric regions. A coronal hole can be an open magnetic field in the corona and (perhaps) inner heliosphere which has a faster than average outflow (wind); A region of lower than quiet ion and electron density in the corona; or a region of lower peak electron temperature in the corona than in the quiet corona.

Since:1.3.0

Coronal Mass Ejection Item

A solar event (CME) that involves a burst of plasma ejected into the interplanetary medium. CME's may be observed remotely relatively near the sun or in situ in the interplanetary medium. The latter type of observations are often referred to as Interplanetary CME's (ICME's).

Since:1.0.0

Coronograph Item

An instrument which can image things very close to the Sun by using a disk to block the Sun's bright surface which reveals the faint solar corona and other celestial objects.

Since:1.2.1

Count Rate Item

The number of events per unit time.

Since:1.3.1

Counts Item

The number of detection events occurring in a detector over the detector accumulation time.

Since:1.0.0

Cross Spectrum Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Current Item

The flow of electrons through a conductor caused by a potential difference.

Since:1.2.1

Cylindrical Item

A coordinate representation of a position vector or measured vector (field or flow) by its k-component, the magnitude of its projection into the i-j plane, and the azimuthal angle of the i-j plane projection.

Since:1.0.0

Data Item

A collection of organized information, usually the results of experience, observation or experiment, or a set of premises. This may consist of numbers, words, or images, particularly as measurements or observations of a set of variables.

Since:1.3.1

Data Extent Container

The area of storage in a file system required to store the contents of a resource. The default units for data extent is bytes.

Since:1.2.0

Sub-elements Quantity
Units
Per

Used by: Access Information
Source

Data Producer Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Deputy-PI Item

An individual who is an administrative or scientific leader for an investigation operating under the supervision of a Principal Investigator.

Since:1.2.0

Derived From Item

A transformed or altered version of a resource instance.

Since:1.3.3

Description Text

A narrative explanation with detail appropriate for the item it describes. For example a description of data resource 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 the resource.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Access URL
Information URL
Parameter
Resource Header
Structure

Deviation Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Differential Item

A measurement within a narrow range of energy and/or solid angle.

Since:1.1.0

Direction Item

The spatial relation between an object and another object, the orientation of the object or the course along which the object points or moves.

Since:1.3.5

Direction Angle — Enumeration

The angle between a position vector or measured vector (or one of its projections onto a plane) and one of the base axes of the coordinate system.

Since:1.3.4

Allowed Values
- Azimuth Angle
- Elevation Angle
- Polar Angle

Directional — Item

A measurement within a narrow range of solid angle.

Since:2.2.0

Display Cadence — Duration

The time interval between the successive display elements.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Display Data

Display Data — Container

A graphical representation of data wherein the underlying numeric values are not (readily) accessible for analysis.. Examples are line plots and spectrograms. A Display Data resource is a type of data product which is a set of data that is uniformly processed and formatted, from one or more instruments, typically spanning the full duration of the observations of the relevant instrument(s). A data product may consist of a collection of granules of successive time spans, but may be a single high-level entity.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements
- Resource ID
- Resource Header
- Access Information
- Processing Level
- Provider Resource Name
- Provider Processing Level
- Provider Version
- Instrument ID
- Measurement Type
- Temporal Description
- Spectral Range
- Display Cadence
- Observed Region
- Caveats
- Keyword
- Input Resource ID
- Parameter

Extension

Used by: Spase

Display Type — Enumeration

The general styling or type of plot that is suitable for the variable.

Since:1.3.1

Allowed Values Image
Plasmagram
Spectrogram
Stack Plot
Time Series
Wave Form

Used by: Rendering Hints

DM — Item

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 <http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf>

Since:1.0.0

Document — Container

A set of information designed and presented as an individual entity. A document may contain plain or formatted text, in-line graphics, sound, other multimedia data, or hypermedia references. Some examples of documents include a paper, letter, book, user guide, map, drawing, photograph, or image.

Since:1.3.0

Sub-elements Resource ID
Resource Header
Access Information
Keyword
Document Type
Input Resource ID

Used by: Spase

Document Type — Enumeration

A characterization of the content or purpose of a document.

Since:1.3.0

Allowed Values Paper

Used by: Document

Doppler Frequency — Item

Change in the frequency of a propagating wave due to motion of the source, the observer, the reflector, or the propagation medium.

Since:1.3.5

Dopplergram — Item

A map or image depicting the spatial distribution of line-of-sight velocities of the observed object.

Since:1.0.0

Double Sphere — 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.

Since:1.0.0

D-Region — Item

The layer of the ionosphere that exists approximately 50 to 95 km above the surface of the Earth. One of several layers in the ionosphere.

Since:1.2.0

Dust — Item

Free microscopic particles of solid material.

Since:1.0.0

Dust Detector — Item

An instrument which determines the mass and speed of ambient dust particles.

Since:1.3.1

Earth — Enumeration

The third planet from the sun in our solar system.

Since:1.1.0

Allowed Values
- Magnetosheath
- Magnetosphere
- Magnetosphere.Magnetotail
- Magnetosphere.Main
- Magnetosphere.Polar
- Magnetosphere.Radiation Belt
- Near Surface
- Near Surface.Atmosphere
- Near Surface.Auroral Region
- Near Surface.Equatorial Region
- Near Surface.Ionosphere
- Near Surface.Ionosphere.D-Region
- Near Surface.Ionosphere.E-Region
- Near Surface.Ionosphere.F-Region
- Near Surface.Ionosphere.Topside

Near Surface.Mesosphere
Near Surface.Plasmasphere
Near Surface.Polar Cap
Near Surface.South Atlantic Anomaly Region
Near Surface.Stratosphere
Near Surface.Thermosphere
Near Surface.Troposphere
Surface

EIT Wave Item

A wave in the corona of the Sun which produce shock waves on the Sun's chromosphere (Moreton Waves). EIT Waves are produced by large solar flare and expand outward at about 1,000 km/s. It usually appears as a slowly moving diffuse arc of brightening in H-alpha, and may travel for several hundred thousand km.

Since:1.3.0

Electric Item

The physical attribute that exerts an electrical force.

Since:1.0.0

Electric Field Item

A region of space around a charged particle, or between two voltages within which a force is exerted on charged objects in its vicinity. An electric field is the electric force per unit charge.

Since:1.0.0

Electromagnetic Item

Electric and magnetic field variations in time and space that propagate through a medium or a vacuum with the wave's propagation, electric field, and magnetic field vectors forming an orthogonal triad. Waves in this category are detected by having their field quantities measured.

Since:1.3.5

Electron Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Electrostatic — Item

Collective longitudinal electric-field and plasma oscillations trapped within a body of plasma.

Since:1.3.5

Electrostatic Analyser — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Element — Container

A component or individual unit of a multiple value quantity such as an array or vector.

Since:1.2.0

Sub-elements Name
Qualifier
Index
Parameter Key
Units
Units Conversion
Valid Min
Valid Max
Fill Value

Used by: Structure

Elevation — Numeric

The distance in meters above (positive) or below (negative) the zero elevation defined by the World Geodetic System reference frame (WGS84).

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Location

Elevation Angle — Item

The angle between the position or measured vector and the i-j plane of the coordinate system. Mathematically defined as arctan(k/SQRT(i^2+j^2)).

Since:1.2.0

Email — Text

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

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Person

Emissivity — Item

The energy emitted spontaneously per unit bandwidth (typically frequency) per unit time per unit mass of source. Emissivity is usually integrated over all directions/solid angles.

Since:1.0.0

Encoding — Enumeration

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

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values: ASCII, BZIP2, Base64, GZIP, None, S3_BUCKET, TAR, Unicode, ZIP

Used by: Access Information

Energetic Particle Instrument — Item

An instrument that measures fluxes of charged particles as a function of time, direction of motion, mass, charge and/or species.

Since:1.0.0

Energetic Particles — Item

Pieces of matter that are moving very fast. Energetic particles include protons, electrons, neutrons, neutrinos, the nuclei of atoms, and other sub-atomic particles.

Since:1.0.0

Energetic Solar Particle Event — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Energy — Item

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)

Since:1.0.0

Energy Density — Item

The amount of energy per unit volume.

Since:1.2.1

Energy Flux — Item

The amount of energy passing through a unit area in a unit time.

Since:1.2.1

Energy Range — Container

The minimum and maximum energy values of the particles represented by a given physical parameter description.

Since:1.1.0

Sub-elements: Low, High, Units, Bin

Used by: Particle, Wave

Ephemeris — Item

The spatial coordinates of a body as a function of time. When used as an Instrument Type it represents the process or methods used to generate spatial coordinates.

Since:1.2.0

Equatorial Region — Item

A region centered on the equator and limited in latitude by approximately 23 degrees north and south of the equator.

Since:1.2.0

Equivalent Width — Item

The spectral width of a total absorption line having the amount of absorbed radiant energy being equivalent to that in an observed absorption line.

Since:1.0.0

E-Region — Item

A layer of ionised gas occurring at 90-150km above the ground. One of several layers in the ionosphere. Also called the The Kennelly-Heaviside layer.

Since:1.2.0

Event — Item

An action or observation which occurs at a point in time.

Since:1.3.4

Excel — Item

A Microsoft spreadsheet format used to hold a variety of data in tables which can include calculations.

Since:2.2.0

Expiration Date — DateTime

The date and time when a resource is no longer available. If the Expiration Date is specified then it indicates that resource should not be made available after that time. However, this is only advisory and in practice a resource description should be unpublished to eliminate access to a resource.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Granule
Resource Header

Exposure — Duration

The time interval over which an individual measurement is taken.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Temporal Description

Extension — Text

A container of other metadata which is not part of the SPASE data model. The contents of this element are defined by individual usage. The organization and content are constrained by the implementation. For example, in an XML representation of the SPASE metadata the content must conform to the XML specifications.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Annotation
Catalog
Display Data
Instrument
Numerical Data
Observatory
Person
Registry
Repository
Service

Extreme Ultraviolet — Item

A spectrum with a wavelength range of 10.0 nm to 125.0nm. VSO nickname: EUV image with a range of of 10.0 nm to 125.0 nm

Since:1.2.1

Far Ultraviolet — Item

A spectrum with a wavelength range of 122 nm to 200.0nm. VSO nickname: FUV image with a range of 122.0 nm to 200 nm

Since:1.3.5

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.

Since:1.0.0

Fax Number — Text

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

Since:1.2.1

Used by: Person

Feature — Item

A prominent or distinctive characteristic that occurs at a location or persists over a period of time.

Since:1.3.4

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.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements: Qualifier, Field Quantity, Frequency Range

Used by: Parameter

Field Quantity — Enumeration

The physical attribute of the field.

Since:1.1.0

Allowed Values: Current, Electric, Electromagnetic, Gyrofrequency, Magnetic, Plasma Frequency, Potential, Poynting Flux

Used by: Field

Field-Aligned — Item

The component of a quantity which is oriented in the same direction of a field.

Since:1.3.6

Fill Value — Text

A value that indicates that a quantity is undefined.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Element, Parameter

Film Item

An image recording medium on which usually a negative analog image is registered. A positive image can be recovered or reproduced from film, which is usually made of flexible materials for ease of storage and transportation.

Since:2.2.0

Fit Item

Values that make an model agree with the data.

Since:1.0.0

FITS Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

Flow Speed Item

The rate at which particles or energy is passing through a unit area in a unit time.

Since:1.2.1

Flow Velocity Item

The volume of matter passing through a unit area perpendicular to the direction of flow in a unit of time.

Since:1.3.1

Fluence Item

The time integral of a flux. A fluence does not have any per unit time in its units.

Since:2.2.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values
- AVI
- Binary
- CDF
- CEF
- CEF 1
- CEF 2
- Excel
- FITS
- GIF
- HDF
- HDF 4
- HDF 5
- HTML
- Hardcopy
- Hardcopy.Film
- Hardcopy.Microfiche
- Hardcopy.Microfilm
- Hardcopy.Photograph
- Hardcopy.Photographic Plate
- Hardcopy.Print
- IDFS
- IDL
- JPEG
- MATLAB_4
- MATLAB_6
- MATLAB_7
- MPEG
- NCAR
- NetCDF
- PDF
- PNG
- Postscript
- QuickTime
- TIFF
- Text
- Text.ASCII
- Text.Unicode
- UDF
- VOTable
- XML

Used by: Access Information

Former-PI Item

An individual who had served as the administrative and scientific lead for an investigation, but no longer assumes that role.

Since:2.0.3

Fourier Transform Spectrograph Item

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

Since:1.0.0

F-Region Item

A layer that contains ionized gases at a height of around 150-800 km above sea level, placing it in the thermosphere. the F region has the highest concentration of free electrons and ions anywhere in the atmosphere. It may be thought of as comprising two layers, the F1- and F2-layers. One of several layers in the ionosphere. Also known as the Appleton layer.

Since:1.2.0

Frequency Item

The number of occurrences of a repeating event per unit time.

Since:1.3.5

Frequency Range Container

The range of possible values for the observed frequency.

Since:1.1.0

Sub-elements Spectral Range
Low
High
Units
Bin

Used by: Field
Wave

Frequency-To-Gyrofrequency Ratio Item

The ratio of the characteristic frequency of a medium to gyrofrequency of a particle.

Since:1.3.6

Gamma Rays Item

Photons with a wavelength range: 0.00001 to 0.001 nm

Since:1.0.0

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

Since:1.0.0

Geiger-Mueller Tube Item

An instrument which measures density of ionizing radiation based on interactions with a gas.

Since:1.2.1

General Contact Item

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

Since:1.0.0

GEO Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

GIF Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Granule Container

An accessible portion of another resource. A Granule may be composed of one or more physical pieces (files) which are considered inseparable. For example, a data storage format that maintains metadata and binary data in separate, but tightly coupled files. Granules should not be used to group files that have simple relationships or which are associated through a parent resource. For example, each file containing a time interval data for a Numerical Data resource would each be considered a Granule. The ParentID of a Granule resource must be a NumericalData resource. The attributes of a Granule supersede the corresponding attributes in the NumericalData resource.

Since:1.1.0

Sub-elements Resource ID
Release Date

Expiration Date
Parent ID
Prior ID
Start Date
Stop Date
Source

Used by: Spase

Group Item

An assemblage of values that a certain relation or common characteristic.

Since:1.3.6

GSE Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

GSEQ Item

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

Since:1.0.0

GSM 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

Since:1.0.0

Gyrofrequency Item

The number of gyrations around a magnetic guiding center (field line) a charged particle makes per unit time due to the Lorentz force.

Since:1.2.1

GZIP Item

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

Since:1.0.0

HAE Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

Halo — Item

The part of an object or distribution surrounding some central body or distribution. For example, the particles above the core energies that show enhancements above the thermal population. Typically, a power law tail shows a break from the core Maxwellian at a particular energy.

Since:2.2.1

H-alpha — Item

A spectrum with a wavelength range centered at 656.3 nm. VSO nickname: H-alpha image with a spectrum range of of 655.8 nm to 656.8 nm.

Since:1.2.1

Hard X-rays — Item

Photons with a wavelength range: 0.001 to 0.1 nm and an energy range of 12 keV to 120 keV

Since:1.0.0

Hardcopy — Enumeration

A permanent reproduction, or copy in the form of a physical object, of any media suitable for direct use by a person.

Since:2.2.0

Allowed Values
- Film
- Microfiche
- Microfilm
- Photograph
- Photographic Plate
- Print

Hash Function — Enumeration

A function or algorithm that converts a digital data object into a hash value. Typically the hash value is small and concise when compared to the digital data object.

Since:1.2.0

Allowed Values
- MD5
- SHA1
- SHA256

Used by: Checksum

Hash Value — Text

The value calculated by a hash function, e.g. the message digest of a digital data object.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Checksum

HCC Item

Heliocentric Cartesian - A 3-D orthonormal coordinate system that is primarily intended to specify with two dimensions a point on the solar disk. The Z axis points toward the observer. The Y axis lies in the plane defined by the solar spin vector and the Z axis, positive northward. The X axis is perpendicular to the Y and Z axes, positive toward solar west. Standard representation for this system is via the point's x and y values, expressed either as physical distances or as fractions of the solar disk radius.

Since:2.2.0

HCI Item

Heliographic Carrington Inertial.

Since:1.2.1

HCR Item

Heliocentric Radial - A 3-D orthonormal coordinate system that is primarily intended to specify with two dimensions a point on the solar disk. The Z axis points toward the observer. The Y axis lies in the plane defined by the solar spin vector and the Z axis, positive northward. The X axis is perpendicular to the Y and Z axes, positive toward solar west. Standard representation for this system is via the point's distance rho from the Z axis [Rho = SQRT(x**2 + y**2)] and its phase angle psi measured counterclockwise from the +Y axis [psi = arctan (-y/x)]

Since:2.2.0

HDF Item

Hierarchical Data Format

Since:1.0.0

HDF 4 Item

Hierarchical Data Format, Version 4

Since:1.0.0

HDF 5 Item

Hierarchical Data Format, Version 5

Since:1.0.0

He-10830 Item

A spectrum with a wavelength range centered at 1082.9 nm. VSO nickname: He 10830 image with a range of 1082.5 nm to 1083.3 nm.

Since:1.2.1

He-304 Item

A spectrum centered around the resonance line of ionised helium at 304 Angstrom (30.4 nm).

Since:1.3.5

Heat Flux Item

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

Since:1.0.0

HEE Item

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

Since:1.0.0

HEEQ Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

Heliosheath Item

The region extending radially outward from the heliospheric termination shock and in which the decelerated solar wind plasma is still significant.

Since:2.2.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values
- Heliosheath
- Inner
- Near Earth
- Outer
- Remote 1AU

HG Item

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 <http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor_des.html>

Since:1.0.0

HGI Item

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 <http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor_des.html>

Since:1.0.0

High — Numeric

The largest value within a range of possible values.

Since:1.1.0

Used by: Azimuthal Angle Range
Bin
Energy Range
Frequency Range
Polar Angle Range
Wavelength Range

Horizontal — Item

Parallel to or in the plane of the horizon or a base line.

Since:2.2.0

HPC — Item

Helioprojective Cartesian = A 3-D orthonormal (left-handed) coordinate system that is primarily intended to specify with two dimensions a point on the solar disk. The Z axis points from the observer to the center of the solar disk. The Y axis lies in the plane defined by the solar spin vector and the Z axis, positive northward. The X axis is perpendicular to the Y and Z axes, positive toward solar west. Given as the distance between the observer and the center of the solar disk, the standard representation of an (x,y) point on the solar disk is via the point's longitude angle [arctan (x/d)] and latitude angle [arctan y/d].

Since:2.2.0

HPR — Item

Helioprojective Radial - A 3-D orthonormal (left-handed) coordinate system that is primarily intended to specify with two dimensions a point on the solar disk. The Z axis points from the observer to the center of the solar disk. The Y axis lies in the plane defined by the solar spin vector and the Z axis, positive northward. The X axis is perpendicular to the Y and Z axes, positive toward solar west. Given as the distance between the observer and the center of the solar disk, the standard representation for this system of an (x,y) point on the solar disk is via the point's latitude angle theta {= arctan [SQRT(x**2 + y**2)]/d]} or equivalent declination parameter delta (= theta - 90 deg), and its phase angle psi as measured counter- clockwise from the +Y axis [psi = arctan (-y/x)].

Since:2.2.0

HTML — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Hydrodynamic Item

Periodic or quasi-periodic oscillations of fluid quantities.

Since:1.3.5

I Item

Projection of a vector along the first named axis of a coordinate system. Typically the X axis, but could be the R axis for an RTN coordinate system.

Since:1.3.4

IDFS Item

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).

Since:1.0.0

IDL Item

Interactive Data Language (IDL) save set. IDL is a proprietary format.

Since:1.0.0

IJ Item

A measure of the length of a position or measured vector projected into the i-j (typically X-Y) plane of the coordinate system.

Since:1.3.4

IK Item

A measure of the length of a position or measured vector projected into the i-k (typically X-Z) plane of the coordinate system.

Since:1.3.4

Image Item

A two-dimensional representation of data with values at each element of the array related to an intensity or a color.

Since:1.3.1

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.

Since:1.0.0

Image URL — URL

A URL to graphic, image or movie.

Since:1.3.5

Used by: Annotation

Imager — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Imaging Spectrometer — Item

An instrument which is a multispectral scanner with a very large number of channels (64-256 channels) with very narrow band widths.

Since:1.2.1

Index — Sequence

The location of an item in an array or vector. An index can be multivalued to represent the location in a multidimensional object. The index of the first item is 1. A value of 0 is a wild card for all elements at the location in an array. A value of -1 is a reference to the dimension at the location in the array. A -1 is used when describing the attributes of the dimension, where as 0 or a positive integer is used to describe attributes of individual elements.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Element
Rendering Hints

Inferred — Item

Determined by the analysis of other information or resources.

Since:1.3.6

Information URL — Container

Attributes of the method of acquiring additional information.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Name
URL
Description
Language

Used by: Resource Header

Infrared — Item

Photons with a wavelength range: 760 to 1.00x10^6 nm

Since:1.0.0

Inner — Item

The region of the heliosphere extending radially outward from the solar coronal base to just

inside 1 AU.

Since:1.0.0

Input Resource ID — Text

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

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Catalog
Display Data
Document
Numerical Data

Inspection — Item

Determined by the analysis or assessment performed by a person.

Since:1.3.6

Instrument — Container

A device that makes measurements used to characterize a physical phenomenon, or a family of like devices.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Resource ID
Resource Header
Instrument Type
Investigation Name
Operating Span
Observatory ID
Caveats
Extension

Used by: Spase

Instrument ID — Text

The identifier of an Instrument resource.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Catalog
Display Data
Numerical Data

Instrument Mode — Item

An indication of a state (mode) in which the instrument is operating. How a mode influences the interpretation and representation of data is described in instrument related documentation.

Since:2.0.2

Instrument Status — Item

A quantity directly related to the operation or function of an instrument.

Since:1.2.0

Instrument Type Enumeration

A characterization of an integrated collection of software and hardware containing one or more sensors and associated controls used to produce data on an environment.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values
- Antenna
- Channeltron
- Coronograph
- Double Sphere
- Dust Detector
- Electron Drift Instrument
- Electrostatic Analyser
- Energetic Particle Instrument
- Faraday Cup
- Flux Feedback
- Fourier Transform Spectrograph
- Geiger-Mueller Tube
- Imager
- Imaging Spectrometer
- Interferometer
- Ion Chamber
- Ion Drift
- Langmuir Probe
- Long Wire
- Magnetometer
- Mass Spectrometer
- Microchannel Plate
- Multispectral Imager
- Neutral Atom Imager
- Neutral Particle Detector
- Particle Correlator
- Particle Detector
- Photometer
- Photopolarimeter
- Platform
- Proportional Counter
- Quadrispherical Analyser
- Radar
- Radiometer
- Resonance Sounder
- Retarding Potential Analyser
- Riometer
- Scintillation Detector

Search Coil
Sounder
Spacecraft Potential Control
Spectral Power Receiver
Spectrometer
Time Of Flight
Unspecified
Waveform Receiver

Used by: Instrument

Integral — Enumeration

A flux measurement in a broad range of energy and solid angle.

Since:1.1.0

Allowed Values: Area, Bandwidth, Solid Angle

Intensity — Item

The measurement of radiant or wave energy per unit detector area per unit bandwidth per unit solid angle per unit time.

Since:1.0.0

Interferometer — Item

An instrument to study the properties of two or more waves from the pattern of interference created by their superposition.

Since:1.2.1

Interior — Item

The region inside the body which is not visible from outside the body.

Since:1.0.0

Interplanetary Shock — Item

A shock propagating generally anti-sunward through the slower solar wind, often seen in front of CME-associated plasma clouds.

Since:1.0.0

Interstellar — Item

The region between stars outside of the star's heliopause.

Since:1.3.2

Investigation Name — Text

The name given to the contract or engagement which enabled the data to be produced. Each

investigation is associated with a Principal Investigator or Guest Investigator who was responsible for the original proposal. For single PI missions each major subsystem having its own identified Team Leader may also be classed as an Investigation for the purposes of data archiving.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Instrument

Ion Item

An atom that has acquired a net electric charge by gaining or losing one or more electrons. (Note: Z>2)

Since:1.0.0

Ion Chamber Item

A device in which the collected electrical charge from ionization in a gas-filled cavity is taken to be the proportion to some parameter (e.g. dose or exposure) of radiation field

Since:1.3.4

Ion Composition Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

Ion Drift Item

A device which measures the current produced by the displacement of ambient ions on a grid, thereby allowing the determination of the ion trajectory and velocity.

Since:1.3.1

Ionosphere Enumeration

The charged or ionized gases surrounding a body that are nominally bound to the body by virtue of the gravitational attraction.

Since:1.1.0

Allowed Values D-Region
E-Region
F-Region
Topside

Irradiance Item

Irradiance - A radiometric term for the power of electromagnetic radiation at a surface, per unit area. Irradiance is used when the electromagnetic radiation is incident on the surface. Irradiance data may be reported in any units (i.e. counts/s) due to, for example, being at a particular wavelength, or to being a not-fully-calibrated relative measurement.

Since:1.0.0

J Item

Projection of a vector along the second named axis of a coordinate system. Typically the Y axis, but could be the T axis for an RTN coordinate system.

Since:1.3.4

J2000 Item

An astronomical coordinate system which uses the mean equator and equinox of Julian date 2451545.0 TT (Terrestrial Time), or January 1, 2000, noon TT. (aka J2000) to define a celestial reference frame.

Since:1.1.0

JK Item

A measure of the length of a position or measured vector projected into the j-k (typically Y-Z) plane of the coordinate system.

Since:1.3.4

JPEG Item

A binary format for still images defined by the Joint Photographic Experts Group

Since:1.0.0

Jupiter Item

The fifth planet from the sun in our solar system.

Since:1.2.0

K Item

Projection of a vector along the third named axis of a coordinate system. Typically the Z axis, but could be the N axis for an RTN coordinate system.

Since:1.3.4

K-7699 Item

A spectrum with a wavelength range centred at 769.9 nm. VSO nickname: K-7699 dopplergram with a range of 769.8 nm to 770.0 nm.

Since:1.2.1

Keyword Text

A word or phrase that is relevant to the resource but does not exist in other documentary information.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Catalog
Display Data
Document

Numerical Data

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.

Since:1.0.0

Language — Text

The two character indicator of language selected from the ISO 630-1 codes for the representation of names of languages.

Since:1.3.0

Used by: Access URL
Information URL

Latitude — Numeric

The angular distance north (positive) or south (negative) from the equator, measured along the meridian passing through the point.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Location

Layout — Item

The structured arrangement of items in a collection.

Since:1.3.1

LBH Band — Item

Lyman-Birge-Hopfield band in the far ultraviolet range with wavelength range of 140nm to 170 nm.

Since:1.3.5

LGM — Item

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)

Since:1.0.0

Line Depth — Item

The measure of the amount of absorption below the continuum (depth) in a particular wavelength or frequency in an absorption spectrum.

Since:1.0.0

Line Of Sight — Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

Linear — Item

Polarization where the E-field vector is confined to a given plane

Since:1.0.0

Linear Scale — Item

Intervals which are equally spaced.

Since:1.3.4

Location — Container

A position in space definable by a regional referencing system and geographic coordinates.

Since:1.2.0

Sub-elements: Observatory Region, Coordinate System Name, Latitude, Longitude, Elevation

Used by: Observatory

Log Scale — Item

Intervals which are spaced proportionally to the logarithms of the values being represented.

Since:1.3.4

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.

Since:1.0.0

Longitude — Numeric

The angular distance measured west (positive) or east (negative) from a north-south line called the Prime Meridian.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Location

Low — Numeric

The smallest value within a range of possible values.

Since:1.1.0

Used by: Azimuthal Angle Range, Bin

Energy Range
Frequency Range
Polar Angle Range
Wavelength Range

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 x Z.. See Russell, 1971, and <http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf>

Since:1.0.0

Magnetic Item

The physical attribute attributed to a magnet or its equivalent.

Since:1.0.0

Magnetic Cloud Item

A transient event observed in the solar wind characterized as a region of enhanced magnetic field strength, smooth rotation of the magnetic field vector and low proton density and temperature.

Since:1.3.0

Magnetic Field Item

A region of space near a magnetized body where magnetic forces can be detected (as measured by methods such as Zeeman splitting, etc.).

Since:1.0.0

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.)

Since:1.0.0

Magnetometer Item

An instrument which measures the ambient magnetic field.

Since:1.0.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Magnetosheath Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Magnetosonic Mach Number Item

The ratio of the velocity of fast mode waves to the Alfven velocity.

Since:1.3.5

Magnetosphere Enumeration

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.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values
- Magnetotail
- Main
- Polar
- Radiation Belt

Magnetotail Item

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).

Since:1.0.0

Magnitude Item

A measure of the strength of a vector quantity or length of its representational vector.

Since:1.0.0

Main Item

The region of the magnetosphere where the magnetic field lines are closed, but does not include the gaseous region gravitationally bound to the body.

Since:1.0.0

Mars Item

The forth planet from the sun in our solar system.

Since:1.2.0

Mass Item

The measure of inertia (mass) of individual objects (e.g., aerosols).

Since:1.0.0

Mass Density Item

The mass of particles per unit volume.

Since:1.0.0

Mass Number Item

The total number of protons and neutrons (together known as nucleons) in an atomic nucleus.

Since:2.0.2

Mass Spectrometer Item

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

Since:1.0.0

MATLAB_4 Item

MATLAB Workspace save set, version 4. MAT-files are double-precision, binary, MATLAB format files. MATLAB is a proprietary product of The MathWorks.

Since:1.1.0

MATLAB_6 Item

MATLAB Workspace save set, version 6. MAT-files are double-precision, binary, MATLAB format files. MATLAB is a proprietary product of The MathWorks.

Since:1.1.0

MATLAB_7 Item

MATLAB Workspace save set, version 7. MAT-files are double-precision, binary, MATLAB format files. Version 7 includes data compression and Unicode encoding. MATLAB is a proprietary product of The MathWorks.

Since:1.1.0

Maximum Item

The largest value of a batch or sample or the upper bound of a probability distribution.

Since:2.2.0

MD5 Item

Message Digest 5 (MD5) is a 128-bit message digest algorithm created in 1991 by Professor Ronald Rivest.

Since:1.2.0

Measurement Type Enumeration

A characterization of the quantitative assessment of a phenomenon.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values Activity Index
Dopplergram
Dust
Electric Field
Energetic Particles
Ephemeris
Image Intensity
Instrument Status
Ion Composition
Irradiance
Magnetic Field
Magnetogram
Neutral Atom Images
Neutral Gas
Profile
Radiance
Spectrum
Thermal Plasma
Waves
Waves.Active
Waves.Passive

Used by: Display Data
Numerical Data

Median Item

The measure of central tendency of a set of n. values computed by ordering the values and taking the value at position (n. + 1) / 2 when n. is odd or the arithmetic mean of the values at positions n. / 2 and (n. / 2) + 1 when n. is even.

Since:2.2.0

Mercury Item

The first planet from the sun in our solar system.

Since:1.2.0

Mesosphere Item

The layer of the atmosphere that extends from the Stratosphere to a range of 80 km to 85 km, temperature decreasing with height.

Since:1.2.0

Metadata Contact Item

An individual who can affect a change in the metadata describing a resource.

Since:1.2.0

MFA — Item

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 <http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf>

Since:1.0.0

MHD — Item

Hydrodynamic waves in a magnetized plasma in which the background magnetic field plays a key role in controlling the wave propagation characteristics.

Since:1.3.5

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.

Since:1.0.0

Microfiche — Item

A sheet of microfilm on which many pages of material have been photographed; a magnification system is used to read the material.

Since:2.2.0

Microfilm — Item

Film rolls on which materials are photographed at greatly reduced size; a magnification system is used to read the material.

Since:2.2.0

Microwave — Item

Photons with a wavelength range: 1.00x10^6 to 1.50x10^7 nm

Since:1.0.0

Minimum — Item

The smallest value of a batch or sample or the lower bound of a probability distribution.

Since:2.2.0

Mirror URL — URL

A Uniform Resource Locator (URL) to an alternate location of a resource.

Since:1.3.1

Used by: Source

Mixed — Container

A parameter derived from more than one of the type of parameter. For example, plasma beta, the ratio of plasma particle energy density to the energy density of the magnetic field permeating the plasma, is mixed.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Mixed Quantity
Particle Type
Qualifier

Used by: Parameter

Mixed Quantity Enumeration

A characterization of the combined attributes of a quantity.

Since:1.3.5

Allowed Values Akasofu Epsilon
Alfven Mach Number
Alfven Velocity
Frequency-To-Gyrofrequency Ratio
Magnetosonic Mach Number
Other
Plasma Beta
Total Pressure
V Cross B

Used by: Mixed

Mode Amplitude Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Molecule Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Moment Item

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

Since:1.0.0

MPEG Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Multispectral Imager Item

An instrument which captures images at multiple spectral ranges.

Since:1.2.1

Na-D — Item

A spectrum with a wavelength range of centered at 589.3 nm. VSO nickname: Na-D image with a range of 588.8 nm to 589.8 nm.

Since:1.2.1

Name — Text

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

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Access URL
Element
Information URL
Parameter

NCAR — Item

The National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) format. A complete description of that standard is given in appendix C of the Report on Establishment & Operation of the Incoherent- Scatter Data Base, dated August 23, 1984, obtainable from NCAR, P.O. Box 3000 Boulder, Colorado 80307-3000.

Since:1.1.0

Near Earth — Item

The heliospheric region near the Earth which extends to and includes the area near the L1 and L2 Lagrange point.

Since:1.1.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values Atmosphere
Auroral Region
Equatorial Region
Ionosphere
Ionosphere.D-Region
Ionosphere.E-Region
Ionosphere.F-Region
Ionosphere.Topside
Mesosphere
Plasmasphere
Polar Cap
South Atlantic Anomaly Region
Stratosphere
Thermosphere
Troposphere

Neptune Item

The seventh planet from the sun in our solar system.

Since:1.2.0

NetCDF Item

Unidata Program Center's Network Common Data Form (NetCDF). A self-describing portable data format for array-oriented data access. See <http://my.unidata.ucar.edu/content/software/netcdf>

Since:1.0.0

Neutral Atom Imager Item

An instrument which measures the quantity and properties of neutral particles over a range of angles. Measured properties can include mass and energy.

Since:1.2.1

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-of-sight trajectory.

Since:1.0.0

Neutral Gas Item

Measurements of neutral atomic and molecular components of a gas.

Since:1.0.0

Neutral Particle Detector Item

An instrument which measures the quantity and properties of neutral particles. Measured properties can include mass and plasma bulk densities.

Since:1.2.1

Neutron Item

An elementary particle that has no net charge and is a constituent of atomic nuclei, and that has a mass slightly large than a proton (1.673 x 10^(-24) gram.)

Since:1.3.6

Ni-6768 Item

A spectrum with a wavelength range centered at 676.8 nm. VSO nickname: Ni-6768 dopplergram with a range of of 676.7 nm to 676.9 nm.

Since:1.2.1

None — Item

A lack or absence of anything.

Since:1.0.0

Note — Text

Information which is useful or important for the understanding of a value or parameter.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Association
Observation Extent
Operating Span
Person
Time Span

Number Density — Item

The number of particles per unit volume.

Since:1.0.0

Number Flux — Item

The number of particles passing a unit area in unit time, possibly also per unit energy (or equivalent) and/or per unit look direction.

Since:1.2.1

Numerical Data — Container

Data stored as numerical values in a specified format. A Numerical Data resource is a type of data product which is a set of data that is uniformly processed and formatted, from one or more instruments, typically spanning the full duration of the observations of the relevant instrument(s). A data product may consist of a collection of granules of successive time spans, but may be a single high-level entity.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Resource ID
Resource Header
Access Information
Processing Level
Provider Resource Name
Provider Processing Level
Provider Version
Instrument ID
Measurement Type
Temporal Description
Spectral Range
Observed Region
Caveats
Keyword
Input Resource ID

Parameter
Extension

Used by: Spase

Observation Extent Container

The spatial area encompassed by an observation.

Since:1.3.6

Sub-elements Observed Region
Start Location
Stop Location
Note

Used by: Annotation

Observatory Container

The host (spacecraft, network, facility) for instruments making observations, or a family of closely related hosts.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Resource ID
Resource Header
Observatory Group ID
Location
Operating Span
Extension

Used by: Spase

Observatory Group ID Text

The identifier of an Observatory resource which the referring resource is a member of.

Since:2.2.0

Used by: Observatory

Observatory ID Text

The identifier of an Observatory resource.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Instrument

Observatory Region Enumeration

A spatial location distinguished by certain natural features or physical characteristics where an observatory is located.

Since:1.2.0

Allowed Values Asteroid
Comet
Earth
Earth.Magnetosheath
Earth.Magnetosphere
Earth.Magnetosphere.Magnetotail

Earth.Magnetosphere.Main
Earth.Magnetosphere.Polar
Earth.Magnetosphere.Radiation Belt
Earth.Near Surface
Earth.Near Surface.Atmosphere
Earth.Near Surface.Auroral Region
Earth.Near Surface.Equatorial Region
Earth.Near Surface.Ionosphere
Earth.Near Surface.Ionosphere.D-Region
Earth.Near Surface.Ionosphere.E-Region
Earth.Near Surface.Ionosphere.F-Region
Earth.Near Surface.Ionosphere.Topside
Earth.Near Surface.Mesosphere
Earth.Near Surface.Plasmasphere
Earth.Near Surface.Polar Cap
Earth.Near Surface.South Atlantic Anomaly Region
Earth.Near Surface.Stratosphere
Earth.Near Surface.Thermosphere
Earth.Near Surface.Troposphere
Earth.Surface
Heliosphere
Heliosphere.Heliosheath
Heliosphere.Inner
Heliosphere.Near Earth
Heliosphere.Outer
Heliosphere.Remote 1AU
Interstellar
Jupiter
Mars
Mercury
Neptune
Pluto
Saturn
Sun
Sun.Chromosphere
Sun.Corona
Sun.Interior
Sun.Photosphere
Sun.Transition Region
Uranus
Venus

Used by: Location

Observed By Item

Detected or originating from another resource.

Since:1.3.6

Observed Region Enumeration

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.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values
- Asteroid
- Comet
- Earth
- Earth.Magnetosheath
- Earth.Magnetosphere
- Earth.Magnetosphere.Magnetotail
- Earth.Magnetosphere.Main
- Earth.Magnetosphere.Polar
- Earth.Magnetosphere.Radiation Belt
- Earth.Near Surface
- Earth.Near Surface.Atmosphere
- Earth.Near Surface.Auroral Region
- Earth.Near Surface.Equatorial Region
- Earth.Near Surface.Ionosphere
- Earth.Near Surface.Ionosphere.D-Region
- Earth.Near Surface.Ionosphere.E-Region
- Earth.Near Surface.Ionosphere.F-Region
- Earth.Near Surface.Ionosphere.Topside
- Earth.Near Surface.Mesosphere
- Earth.Near Surface.Plasmasphere
- Earth.Near Surface.Polar Cap
- Earth.Near Surface.South Atlantic Anomaly Region
- Earth.Near Surface.Stratosphere
- Earth.Near Surface.Thermosphere
- Earth.Near Surface.Troposphere
- Earth.Surface
- Heliosphere
- Heliosphere.Heliosheath
- Heliosphere.Inner
- Heliosphere.Near Earth
- Heliosphere.Outer
- Heliosphere.Remote 1AU
- Interstellar
- Jupiter
- Mars
- Mercury

Neptune
Pluto
Saturn
Sun
Sun.Chromosphere
Sun.Corona
Sun.Interior
Sun.Photosphere
Sun.Transition Region
Uranus
Venus

Used by: Display Data
Numerical Data
Observation Extent

Offline Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Online Item

Directly accessible electronically.

Since:1.0.0

Open Item

Access is granted to everyone.

Since:1.0.0

Operating Span Container

The interval in time from the first point at which an instrument or spacecraft was producing and sending data until the last such time, ignoring possible gaps.

Since:2.2.0

Sub-elements Start Date
Stop Date
Note

Used by: Instrument
Observatory

Optical Item

Photons with a wavelength range: 380 to 760 nm

Since:1.0.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Person

Other — Item

Not classified with more specific terms. The context of its usage may be described in related text.

Since:1.0.0

Outer — Item

The region of the heliosphere extending radially outward from just outside 1 AU to the heliospheric termination shock.

Since:1.0.0

Paper — Item

A formal presentation of an idea or discovery typically more than a few pages in length.

Since:1.3.0

Parallel — Item

Having the same direction as a given direction

Since:1.0.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Name
Set
Parameter Key
Description
Caveats
Cadence
Units
Units Conversion
Coordinate System
Rendering Hints
Structure
Valid Min
Valid Max
Fill Value
Field
Particle

Wave
Mixed
Support

Used by: Catalog
Display Data
Numerical Data

Parameter Key Text

The name or identifier which can be used to access the parameter in the resource. The associated value is dependent on the service used to access the resource.

Since:1.1.0

Used by: Element
Parameter

Parent ID Text

The resource identifier for a resource that a resource is a part of. The resource inherits the attributes of the referenced resource. Attributes defined in the resource override attributes of the parent in the manner prescribed by the containing resource.

Since:1.1.0

Used by: Granule

Part Of Item

A portion of a larger resource.

Since:1.3.3

Particle Container

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

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements Particle Type
Qualifier
Particle Quantity
Atomic Number
Energy Range
Azimuthal Angle Range
Polar Angle Range

Used by: Parameter

Particle Correlator Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Particle Detector Item

An instrument which detects particle flux!!!

Since:1.0.0

Particle Quantity — Enumeration

A characterization of the physical properties of the particle.

Since:1.1.0

Allowed Values
- Arrival Direction
- Atomic Number Detected
- Average Charge State
- Charge State
- Count Rate
- Counts
- Energy
- Energy Density
- Energy Flux
- Flow Speed
- Flow Velocity
- Fluence
- Gyrofrequency
- Heat Flux
- Mass
- Mass Density
- Mass Number
- Number Density
- Number Flux
- Phase-Space Density
- Plasma Frequency
- Pressure
- Sonic Mach Number
- Sound Speed
- Temperature
- Thermal Speed
- Velocity

Used by: Particle

Particle Type — Enumeration

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

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values
- Aerosol
- Alpha Particle
- Atom
- Dust
- Electron
- Ion
- Molecule
- Neutron

Proton

Used by: Mixed
Particle

Passive — Item

Movement or effect produced by outside influence. A passive measurement is one which does not produce a transmission or excitation as a part of the measurement cycle.

Since:1.3.4

PDF — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Peak — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Per — Duration

The time interval over which a characterization applies. For example, the number of bytes generated each day.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Data Extent

Perpendicular — Item

At right angles to a given direction.

Since:1.0.0

Person — Container

An individual human being.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements: Resource ID
Release Date
Person Name
Organization Name
Address
Email
Phone Number
Fax Number
Note
Extension

Used by: Spase

Person ID — Text

The identifier assigned to a Person description.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Contact

Person Name — Text

The words used to address an individual.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Person

Perturbation — Item

Variations in the state of a system.

Since:1.3.6

Phase — Item

A point or portion in a recurring series of changes.

Since:1.3.6

Phase Angle — Item

Phase difference between two or more waves, normally expressed in degrees.

Since:1.2.1

Phase-Space Density — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Phenomenon Type — Enumeration

The characteristics or categorization of an event type.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values
- Active Region
- Aurora
- Bow Shock Crossing
- Coronal Hole
- Coronal Mass Ejection
- EIT Wave
- Energetic Solar Particle Event
- Forbush Decrease
- Geomagnetic Storm
- Interplanetary Shock
- Magnetic Cloud
- Magnetopause Crossing
- Radio Burst
- Solar Flare
- Solar Wind Extreme

Stream Interaction Region
Substorm

Used by: Annotation
Catalog

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.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Person

Photograph — Item

An image (positive or negative) registered on a piece of photo-sensitive paper

Since:2.2.0

Photographic Plate — Item

A rigid (typically glass) medium that functions like film. Its rigidity is for guarding against image distortion due to medium deformation (caused by heat and humidity). Photographic plates are often used for astronomical photography.

Since:2.2.0

Photometer — Item

An instrument which measures the strength of electromagnetic radiation within a spectral band which can range from ultraviolet to infrared and includes the visible spectrum.

Since:1.2.1

Photon — Item

Electromagnetic waves detected by techniques that utilize their corpuscular character (e.g., CCD, CMOS, photomultipliers).

Since:1.0.0

Photopolarimeter — Item

An instrument which measures the intensity and polarization or radiant energy. A photopolarimeter is a combination of a photometer and a polarimeter.

Since:1.2.1

Photosphere — Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

Plasma Beta — Item

The ratio of the plasma pressure (nkT) to the magnetic pressure (B^2/2mu0) of the

SUM(nkT)/(B^2/2mu0).

Since:1.3.5

Plasma Frequency Item

A number-density-dependent characteristic frequency of a plasma.

Since:1.2.1

Plasma Waves Item

Self-consistent collective oscillations of particles and fields (electric and magnetic) in a plasma.

Since:1.3.5

Plasmagram Item

The characterization of signal strengths in active sounding measurements as a function of virtual range or signal delay time and sounding frequency. A Plasmagram is also referred to as an Ionogram.

Since:1.3.5

Plasmasphere Item

A region of the magnetosphere consisting of low energy (cool) plasma. It is located above the ionosphere. The outer boundary of the plasmasphere is known as the plasmapause, which is defined by an order of magnitude drop in plasma density.

Since:1.2.0

Platform Item

A collection of components which can be positioned and oriented as a single unit. A platform may contain other platforms. For example, a spacecraft is a platform which may have components that can be articulated and are also considered platforms.

Since:1.3.1

Pluto Item

The ninth (sub)planet from the sun in our solar system.

Since:1.2.0

PNG Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Polar Item

The region near the pole of a body. For a magnetosphere the polar region is the area where magnetic field lines are open and includes the auroral zone.

Since:1.1.0

Polar Angle Item

The angle between the position or measured vector and the k-axis of the coordinate system. Mathematically defined as arctan([SQRT(i^2+j^2)]/k).

Since:1.3.4

Polar Angle Range Container

The range of possible polar angles for a group of energy observations. Defaults units are degrees.

Since:1.1.0

Sub-elements Low
High
Units
Bin

Used by: Particle

Polar Cap Item

The areas of the globe surrounding the poles and consisting of the region north of 60 degrees north latitude an the region south of 60 degrees south latitude.

Since:1.2.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Postscript Item

A page description programming language created by Adobe Systems Inc. that is a device-independent industry standard for representing text and graphics.

Since:1.2.0

Potential Item

A field which obeys Laplace's Equation.

Since:1.0.0

Poynting Flux — Item

Electromagnetic energy flux transported by a wave characterized as the rate of energy transport per unit area per steradian.

Since:1.0.0

Pressure — Item

The force per unit area exerted by a particle distribution or field.

Since:1.1.0

Principal Investigator — Item

An individual who is the administrative and scientific lead for an investigation.

Since:1.0.0

Print — Item

A sheet of any written or printed material which may include notes or graphics. Multiple printed pages may be bound into a manuscript or book.

Since:2.2.0

Prior ID — Text

The resource identifier for a resource that is superseded or replaced by a resource.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Granule
Resource Header

Probable — Item

Likely given the available evidence. Considered in the range of 4-7 on a scale of 0-10.

Since:1.3.4

Processing Level — Enumeration

The standard classification of the processing performed on the product.

Since:1.2.0

Allowed Values: Calibrated
Raw
Uncalibrated

Used by: Display Data
Numerical Data

Profile — Item

Measurements of a quantity as a function of height above an object such as the limb of a body.

Since:1.0.0

Project Scientist — Item

An individual who is an expert in the phenomenon and related physics explored by the project. A project scientist may also have a managerial role within the project.

Since:1.1.0

Projection — Enumeration

A measure of the length of a position or measured vector as projected into a plane of the coordinate system.

Since:1.3.4

Allowed Values: IJ, IK, JK

Propagation Time — Item

Time difference between transmission and reception of a wave in an active wave experiment.

Since:1.3.5

Proportional Counter — Item

An instrument which measures energy of ionization radiation based on interactions with a gas.

Since:1.2.1

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.

Since:1.0.0

Provider Processing Level — Text

The provider specific classification of the processing performed on the product.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Display Data, Numerical Data

Provider Resource Name — Text

A short textual description of a resource used by the provider which may be used to identify a resource.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Catalog, Display Data, Numerical Data

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.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Catalog
Display Data
Numerical Data

Pseudo Item

Similar to or having the appearance of something else. Can be used to indicate an estimation or approximation of a particular quantity.

Since:1.3.4

Publisher Item

An individual, organization, institution or government department responsible for the production and dissemination of a document.

Since:1.3.0

Quadrispherical Analyser Item

An instrument used for the 3-D detection of plasma, energetic electrons and ions, and for positive-ion composition measurements.

Since:1.0.0

Qualifier Enumeration

Characterizes the refinement to apply to a type or attribute of a quantity.

Since:1.3.1

Allowed Values Anisotropy
Array
Average
Characteristic
Circular
Column
Component
Component.I
Component.J
Component.K
Core
Cross Spectrum
Deviation
Differential
Direction
Direction Angle
Direction Angle.Azimuth Angle
Direction Angle.Elevation Angle
Direction Angle.Polar Angle

Directional
Field-Aligned
Fit
Group
Halo
Integral
Integral.Area
Integral.Bandwidth
Integral.Solid Angle
Line Of Sight
Linear
Magnitude
Maximum
Median
Minimum
Moment
Parallel
Peak
Perpendicular
Perturbation
Phase
Phase Angle
Projection
Projection.IJ
Projection.IK
Projection.JK
Pseudo
Ratio
Scalar
Spectral
Standard Deviation
Stoke's Parameters
Strahl
Superhalo
Symmetric
Tensor
Total
Trace
Uncertainty
Variance
Vector

Used by: Element
Field
Mixed

Particle
Support
Wave

Quantity Numeric

A value that describes a characteristic of a system.

Since:1.3.0

Used by: Data Extent

QuickTime Item

A format for digital movies, as defined by Apple Computer. See <http://developer.apple.com/quicktime/>

Since:1.0.0

Radar Item

An instrument that uses directional properties of returned power to infer spatial and/or other characteristics of a remote object.

Since:1.0.0

Radiance Item

A radiometric measurement that describes the amount of electromagnetic radiation that passes through or is emitted from a particular area, and falls within a given solid angle in a specified direction. They are used to characterize both emission from diffuse sources and reflection from diffuse surfaces.

Since:1.0.0

Radiation Belt Item

The region within a magnetosphere where high-energy particles could potentially be trapped in a magnetic field.

Since:1.1.0

Radio Burst Item

Emissions of the sun in radio wavelengths from centimeters to dekameters, under both quiet and disturbed conditions. Radio Bursts can be Type I consisting of many short, narrow-band bursts in the metric range (300 - 50 MHz).; Type II consisting of narrow-band emission that begins in the meter range (300 MHz) and sweeps slowly (tens of minutes) toward dekameter wavelengths (10 MHz).; Type III consisting of narrow-band bursts that sweep rapidly (seconds) from decimeter to dekameter wavelengths (500 - 0.5 MHz); and Type IV consisting of a smooth continuum of broad-band bursts primarily in the meter range (300 - 30 MHz).

Since:1.3.0

Radio Frequency Item

Photons with a wavelength range: 100,000 to 1.00x10^11 nm

Since:1.0.0

Radiometer — Item

An instrument for detecting or measuring radiant energy. Radiometers are commonly limited to infrared radiation.

Since:1.2.1

Ratio — Item

The relative magnitudes of two quantities.

Since:1.1.0

Raw — Item

Data in its original state with no processing to account for calibration!!!

Since:1.0.0

Registry — Container

A location or facility where resources are cataloged.

Since:1.1.0

Sub-elements Resource ID
Resource Header
Access URL
Extension

Used by: Spase

Relative Stop Date — Duration

An indication of the nominal end date relative to the present.

Since:1.1.0

Used by: Time Span

Release Date — DateTime

The date and time when a resource is made available. The availability of a resource coincides with the release of a resource description. If the Release Date is specified as a future date then it indicates that resource should not be made available until that time. However, this is only advisory and in practice the Release Date should be the actual date the resource description was published.

Since:1.1.0

Used by: Granule
Person
Resource Header

Remote 1AU — Item

A roughly toroidal region that includes the Earth's orbit, but exclusive of the region near the Earth.

Since:1.1.0

Rendering Axis — Enumeration

A reference component of a plot or rendering of data. A plot typically is a 2-dimensional rendering with a horizontal and verticle axis. A third dimension can be introduced with a color coding of the rendered data.

Since:2.2.0

Allowed Values Color Bar
Horizontal
Vertical

Used by: Rendering Hints

Rendering Hints — Container

Attributes to aid in the rendering of parameter.

Since:1.3.1

Sub-elements Display Type
Axis Label
Rendering Axis
Index
Value Format
Scale Min
Scale Max
Scale Type

Used by: Parameter

Repository — Container

A location or facility where resources are stored.

Since:1.1.0

Sub-elements Resource ID
Resource Header
Access URL
Extension

Used by: Spase

Repository ID — Text

The identifier of an Repository resource.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Access Information

Resonance Sounder — Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

Resource Header — Container

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

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements: Resource Name, Alternate Name, Release Date, Expiration Date, Description, Acknowledgement, Contact, Information URL, Association, Prior ID

Used by: Annotation, Catalog, Display Data, Document, Instrument, Numerical Data, Observatory, Registry, Repository, Service

Resource ID — Text

A Resource ID is a URI that has the form scheme://authority/path where scheme is spase for those resources administered through the SPASE framework, authority is the unique identifier for the resource provider registered within the SPASE framework and path is the unique identifier of the resource within the context of the authority. The resource ID must be unique within the SPASE framework.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Annotation, Catalog, Display Data, Document, Granule, Instrument, Numerical Data, Observatory, Person, Registry, Repository, Service

Resource Name — Text

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

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Resource Header

Restricted — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Retarding Potential Analyser — Item

An instrument which measures ion temperatures and ion concentrations using a planar ion trap.

Since:1.2.1

Revision Of — Item

A modified version of a resource instance.

Since:1.3.3

Riometer — Item

An instrument which measure the signal strength in various directions of the galactic radio signals. Variations in these signals are influenced by solar flare activity and geomagnetic storm and substorm processes.

Since:1.2.1

Role — Enumeration

The assigned or assumed function or position of an individual.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values
- Archive Specialist
- Co-Investigator
- Contributor
- Data Producer
- Deputy-PI
- Former-PI
- General Contact
- Metadata Contact
- Principal Investigator
- Project Scientist
- Publisher
- Scientist
- Team Leader
- Team Member
- Technical Contact

Used by: Contact

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.

Since:1.0.0

S3_BUCKET Item

A container of objects that comply with the Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) specifications. A bucket has a unique, user-assigned key (name). A bucket can contain any number of objects with an aggregate size of 5 gigabytes. A bucket may be accompanied by up to 2 kilobytes of metadata.

Since:2.2.0

Saturn Item

The sixth planet from the sun in our solar system.

Since:1.2.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Scalar Item

A quantity that is completely specified by its magnitude and has no direction.

Since:1.2.0

Scale Max Numeric

The maximum value that the variable is expected to attain. Used, for example, by automated plotting software.

Since:1.3.1

Used by: Rendering Hints

Scale Min Numeric

The minimum value that the variable is expected to attain. Used, for example, by automated plotting software.

Since:1.3.1

Used by: Rendering Hints

Scale Type Enumeration

The scaling to apply to an axis. If this attribute is not present, linear scale should be assumed.

Since:1.3.1

Allowed Values Linear Scale
Log Scale

Used by: Rendering Hints

Scientist Item

An individual who is an expert in the phenomenon and related physics represented by the resource.

Since:1.0.0

Scintillation Detector Item

An instrument which detects flouresences of a material which is excited by high energy (ionizing) electromagnetic or charged particle radiation.

Since:1.2.1

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 <http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/space/helios/coor_des.html>

Since:1.0.0

Search Coil Item

An instrument which measures the time variation of the magnetic flux threading a loop by measurement of the electric potential difference induced between the ends of the wire.

Since:1.0.0

Service Container

A location or facility that can perform a well defined task.

Since:1.1.0

Sub-elements Resource ID
Resource Header
Access URL
Extension

Used by: Spase

Set Text

A collection of items for a particular purpose.

Since:1.3.0

Used by: Parameter

SHA1 Item

Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA), a 160-bit message digest algorithm developed by the NSA and described in Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) publication 180-1.

Since:1.2.0

SHA256 Item

Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA), a 256-bit message digest algorithm developed by the NSA and described in Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) publication 180-1.

Since:1.2.0

Size Sequence

The number of elements in each dimension of a multi-dimensional array. A scalar has a size of 1. A multi-dimensional vector will have a size for each dimension. Note that the number of elements in the size of an N-dimensional array conveys the array's dimensionality while the product of those numbers conveys the total number of elements in the array. When size is used to describe a tensor it is the number of elements in the tensor. As such it has a limited set of values. A tensor of rank 1 has a size of 3, rank 2 a size of 9, rank 3 a size of 27 and rank n a size of 3^n.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Structure

SM 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.

Since:1.0.0

Soft X-Rays Item

X-Rays with an energy range of 0.12 keV to 12 keV.

Since:1.3.5

Solar Flare Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

Solar Wind Extreme Item

Intervals of unusually large or small values of solar wind attributes such as flow speed and ion density.

Since:1.0.0

Solid Angle Item

Integration over the angle in three-dimensional space that an object subtends at a point.

Since:1.3.6

Sonic Mach Number Item

The ratio of the bulk flow speed to the speed of sound in the medium.

Since:1.0.0

Sound Speed Item

The speed at which sound travels through a medium.

Since:2.0.1

Sounder Item

An instrument which measures the radiances from an object. A sounder may measure radiances at multiple spectral ranges.

Since:1.2.1

Source Container

The location and attributes of an object.

Since:1.3.1

Sub-elements Source Type
URL
Mirror URL
Checksum
Data Extent

Used by: Granule

Source Type Enumeration

A characterization of the function or purpose of the source.

Since:1.3.1

Allowed Values Ancillary
Browse
Data
Layout
Thumbnail

Used by: Source

South Atlantic Anomaly Region Item

The region where the Earth's inner van Allen radiation belt makes its closest approach to the planet's surface. The result is that, for a given altitude, the radiation intensity is higher over this region than elsewhere.

Since:1.2.0

Spacecraft Orbit Plane Item

A coordinate system where X lies in the plane normal to and in the direction of motion of the spacecraft, Z is normal to this plane and Y completes the triad in a right-handed coordinate system.

Since:1.2.1

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.

Since:1.0.0

Spase — Container

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

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements
- Version
- Catalog
- Display Data
- Numerical Data
- Document
- Granule
- Instrument
- Observatory
- Person
- Registry
- Repository
- Service
- Annotation

Spectral — Item

Characterized as a range or continuum of frequencies

Since:1.3.6

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.

Since:1.0.0

Spectral Range — Enumeration

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

Since:1.1.0

Allowed Values
- Ca-K
- Extreme Ultraviolet
- Far Ultraviolet
- Gamma Rays
- H-alpha

Hard X-rays
He-10830
He-304
Infrared
K-7699
LBH Band
Microwave
Na-D
Ni-6768
Optical
Radio Frequency
Soft X-Rays
Ultraviolet
White-Light
X-Rays

Used by: Display Data
Frequency Range
Numerical Data
Wavelength Range

Spectrogram Item

The characterization of signal strengths as a function of frequency (or energy) and time.

Since:1.3.5

Spectrometer Item

An instrument that measures the component wavelengths of light (or other electromagnetic radiation) by splitting the light up into its component wavelengths.

Since:1.0.0

Spectrum Item

The distribution of a characteristic of a physical system or phenomenon, such as the energy emitted by a radiant source, arranged in the order of wavelengths.

Since:1.0.0

Spherical Item

A coordinate representation of a position vector or of a measured vector by its magnitude and two direction angles. The angles are relative to the base axes of the coordinate system used. Typically the angles are phi [azimuth angle, =arctan (j/i)] and theta, where theta may be a polar angle, arctan {[SQRT(i^2+j^2)]/k}, or an elevation angle, arctan [k/SQRT (i^2+j^2)].

Since:1.0.0

SR Item

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

<http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf>

Since:1.0.0

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 <http://cdpp.cnes.fr/00428.pdf>

Since:1.0.0

SSE Item

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.

Since:1.0.0

SSE_L Item

Selenocentric Solar Ecliptic. The X axis points from the center of the Earth's moon to the sun, the Z axis is normal to the ecliptic plane, positive northward. And the Y axis completes the right-handed set of axes.

Since:2.2.0

Stack Plot Item

A representation of data showing multiple sets of observations on a single plot, possibly offsetting each plot by some uniform amount.

Since:1.3.1

Standard Deviation Item

The square root of the average of the squares of deviations about the mean of a set of data. Standard deviation is a statistical measure of spread or variability.

Since:1.2.0

Start Date DateTime

The specification of a starting point in time.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Granule
Operating Span
Time Span

Start Location Text

The initial position in space.

Since:1.3.6

Used by: Observation Extent

Stoke's Parameters — Item

A set of four parameters (usually called I,Q, U and V) which describe the polarization state of an electromagnetic wave propagating through space.

Since:1.0.0

Stop Date — DateTime

The specification of a stopping point in time.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Granule
Operating Span
Time Span

Stop Location — Text

The final position in space.

Since:1.3.6

Used by: Observation Extent

Strahl — Item

A distribution of particles concentrated in a narrow energy band. The band may be may be aligned with a secondary feature. For example, it may occur in a narrow cone aligned with the mean magnetic field direction.

Since:2.2.1

Stratosphere — Item

The layer of the atmosphere that extends from the troposphere to about 30 km, temperature increases with height. The stratosphere contains the ozone layer.

Since:1.2.0

Stream Interaction Region — Item

The region (SIR) where two solar wind streams, typically having differing characteristics and solar sources, abut up against (and possibly partially interpenetrate) each other.

Since:2.0.2

Strong — Item

Highly likely given the available evidence. Considered in the range of 7-10 on a scale of 0-10.

Since:1.3.4

Structure — Container

The organization and relationship of individual values within a quantity.

Since:1.2.0

Sub-elements Size
Description

Element

Used by: Parameter

Substorm — Item

A process by which plasma in the magnetotail becomes energized at a fast rate.

Since:1.2.0

Sun — Enumeration

The star upon which our solar system is centered.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values: Chromosphere, Corona, Interior, Photosphere, Transition Region

Superhalo — Item

The part of an object or distribution surrounding some central body or distribution evident in a second break in the distribution function (e.g., a different power law). It consists of a population at a higher energies than for a halo.

Since:2.2.1

Support — Container

Information useful in understanding the context of an observation, typically observed or measured coincidentally with a physical observation.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements: Qualifier, Support Quantity

Used by: Parameter

Support Quantity — Enumeration

A characterization of the support information.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values: Instrument Mode, Other, Positional, Temporal, Velocity

Used by: Support

Surface — Item

The outermost area of a solid object.

Since:1.0.0

Symmetric — Item

Equal distribution about one or more axes.

Since:1.3.1

TAR — Item

A file format used to collate collections of files into one larger file, for distribution or archiving, while preserving file system information such as user and group permissions, dates, and directory structures. The format was standardized by POSIX.1-1988 and later POSIX.1-2001.

Since:1.3.0

Team Leader — Item

An individual who is the designated leader of an investigation.

Since:1.0.0

Team Member — Item

An individual who is a major participant in an investigation.

Since:1.0.0

Technical Contact — Item

An individual who can provide specific information with regard to the resource or supporting software

Since:1.0.0

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).

Since:1.0.0

Temporal — Item

Pertaining to time.

Since:1.0.0

Temporal Description — Container

A characterization of the time over which the measurement was taken.

Since:1.0.0

Sub-elements: Time Span, Cadence, Exposure

Used by: Display Data, Numerical Data

Tensor Item

A generalized linear quantity or geometrical entity that can be expressed as a multi-dimensional array relative to a choice of basis of the particular space on which it is defined.

Since:1.2.0

Text Enumeration

A sequence of characters which may have an imposed structure or organization.

Since:1.0.0

Allowed Values ASCII
Unicode

Thermal Plasma 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.).

Since:1.0.0

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.

Since:1.0.0

Thermosphere Item

The layer of the atmosphere that extends from the Mesosphere to 640+ km, temperature increasing with height.

Since:1.2.0

Thumbnail Item

A small representation of an image which is suitable to infer what the full-sized imaged is like.

Since:1.3.1

TIFF Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Time Of Flight Item

An instrument which measures the time it takes for a particle to travel between two detectors.

Since:1.2.1

Time Series Item

A representation of data showing a set of observations taken at different points in time and charted as a time series.

Since:1.3.1

Time Span Container

The duration of an interval in time.

Since:1.1.0

Sub-elements Start Date
Stop Date
Relative Stop Date
Note

Used by: Annotation
Catalog
Temporal Description

Topside Item

The region at the upper most areas of the ionosphere.

Since:1.2.0

Total Item

The summation of quantities over all possible species.

Since:1.3.6

Total Pressure Item

In an MHD fluid it is the number density (N) times Boltzmann constant times the temperature in Kelvin.

Since:1.3.5

Trace Item

The sum of the elements on the main diagonal (the diagonal from the upper left to the lower right) of a square matrix.

Since:1.3.1

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.

Since:1.0.0

Troposphere Item

The lowest layer of the atmosphere which begins at the surface and extends to between 7 km (4.4 mi) at the poles and 17 km (10.6 mi) at the equator, with some variation due to

weather factors.

Since:1.2.0

UDF Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Ultraviolet Item

Photons with a wavelength range: 10 to 400 nm.

Since:1.0.0

Uncalibrated Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Uncertainty Item

A statistically defined discrepancy between a measured quantity and the true value of that quantity that cannot be corrected by calculation or calibration.

Since:1.2.0

Unicode Item

Text in multi-byte Unicode format.

Since:1.0.0

Units Text

A description of the standardized measurement increments in which a value is specified. The description is represented as a mathematical phrase. Units should be represented by widely accepted representation. For example, units should conform to the International System of Units (SI) which is maintained by BIPM (Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (see <http://www.bipm.fr/>) when appropriate or use tokens like Re to represent units of the Radius of the Earth. Within a 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: <http://www.bipm.fr/en/si/si_brochure/chapter2/2-1/#symbols> and those for common derived units can be found at: <http://www.bipm.fr/en/si/derived_units/2-2-2.html>

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Azimuthal Angle Range
Data Extent
Element
Energy Range
Frequency Range

Parameter
Polar Angle Range
Wavelength Range

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+3>m/s which converts a velocity expressed in kilometers per second to meters per second.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Element
Parameter

Unlikely Item

Not likely given the available evidence. Considered in the range of 0 on a scale of 0-10.

Since:1.3.6

Unspecified Item

A value which is not provided.

Since:1.2.1

Uranus Item

The eighth planet from the sun in our solar system.

Since:1.2.0

URL Text

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.

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Access URL
Information URL
Source

V Cross B Item

The cross product of the charge velocity (V) and the magnetic field (B). It is the electric field exerted on a point charge by a magnetic field.

Since:1.3.5

Valid Max — Text

The largest legitimate value.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Element
Parameter

Valid Min — Text

The smallest legitimate value.

Since:1.2.0

Used by: Element
Parameter

Value Format — Text

A string defining the output format used when extracting data values out to a file or screen. The magnitude and the number of significant figures needed should be carefully considered. The output format string can be in either Fortran or C syntax.

Since:1.3.1

Used by: Rendering Hints

Variance — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Vector — Item

A set of parameter values each along some independent variable (e.g., components of a field in three orthogonal spatial directions; atmospheric temperature values at several altitudes, or at a given latitude and longitude;).

Since:1.0.0

Velocity — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Venus — Item

The second planet from the sun in our solar system.

Since:1.2.0

Version — Text

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).

Since:1.0.0

Used by: Spase

Vertical Item

Perpendicular to the plane of the horizon or a base line.

Since:2.2.0

VOTable Item

A proposed IVOA standard designed as a flexible storage and exchange format for tabular data.

Since:1.1.0

Wave Container

Periodic or quasi-periodic (AC) variations of physical quantities in time and space, capable of propagating or being trapped within particular regimes.

Since:1.3.5

Sub-elements Wave Type
Qualifier
Wave Quantity
Energy Range
Frequency Range
Wavelength Range

Used by: Parameter

Wave Form Item

Spatial or temporal variations of wave amplitude over wave-period timescales.

Since:1.3.5

Wave Quantity Enumeration

A characterization of the physical properties of a wave.

Since:1.3.5

Allowed Values AC-Electric Field
AC-Magnetic Field
Absorption
Doppler Frequency
Emissivity
Energy Flux
Equivalent Width
Frequency
Gyrofrequency
Intensity

Line Depth
Magnetic Field
Mode Amplitude
Plasma Frequency
Polarization
Poynting Flux
Propagation Time
Stoke's Parameters
Velocity
Wavelength

Used by: Wave

Wave Type — Enumeration

A characterization of the carrier or phenomenon of wave information observed by the measurement.

Since:1.3.5

Allowed Values: Electromagnetic, Electrostatic, Hydrodynamic, MHD, Photon, Plasma Waves

Used by: Wave

Waveform Receiver — Item

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

Since:1.0.0

Wavelength — Item

The peak-to-peak distance over one wave period.

Since:1.3.5

Wavelength Range — Container

The range of possible values for the observed wavelength.

Since:1.3.0

Sub-elements: Spectral Range, Low, High, Units, Bin

Used by: Wave

Waves — Enumeration

Data resulting from observations of wave experiments and natural wave phenomena. Wave experiments are typically active and natural wave phenomena are passive. Examples of wave experiments include coherent/incoherent scatter radars, radio soundings, VLF propagation studies, ionospheric scintillation of beacon satellite signals, etc. Examples of natural wave phenomena include micropulsations, mesospheric gravity waves, auroral/plasmaspheric hiss, Langmuir waves, AKR, Jovian decametric radiation, solar radio bursts, etc.

Since:1.3.4

Allowed Values Active
Passive

Weak Item

Slightly likely given the available evidence. Considered in the range of 1-4 on a scale of 0-10.

Since:1.3.6

WGS84 Item

The World Geodetic System (WGS) defines a reference frame for the earth, for use in geodesy and navigation. The WGS84 uses the zero meridian as defined by the Bureau International de l'Heure.

Since:1.2.0

White-Light Item

Photons with a wavelength in the visible range for humans.

Since:1.0.0

XML Item

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

Since:1.0.0

X-Rays Item

Photons with a wavelength range: 0.001 <= x < 10 nm

Since:1.0.0

ZIP Item

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

Since:1.0.0

10. History

0.99.1

2005-06-23	Removed duplicate entries.
2005-06-23	Added Chris Harvey's definitions for Electron Drift.
2005-06-23	Particle Correlator and Spacecraft Potential Control.
2005-06-23	Released.

0.99.2

2005-07-07	Corrected "Numerical Data" entry under Product
2005-07-07	Released.

0.99.3

2005-08-03	Added definitions supplied by J. Thieman, C. Harvey and T.King; Significant revision of document as suggested by Joe Hourcle

0.99.4

2005-08-08	Restructured the taxonomy of elements to match the one suggested by A. Roberts.
2005-08-08	Added definitions for new elements introduced in the new taxonomy.
2005-08-08	Released.

0.99.5

2005-08-26	Clarified some definitions and corrected typographical errors based on comments from J. Thieman and J. Hourcle.
2005-08-26	Changed data types of "Integer" to "Count" and "Double" to "Numeric".
2005-08-26	Added document elements to product resources.
2005-08-26	Added catalog, display data to top list.
2005-08-26	Included region descriptions from J. King with additions suggested by K. Reardon.
2005-08-26	Add parameters loosely based on a model proposed by A.Roberts.
2005-08-26	Released.

0.99.6

2005-09-07	Corrected the inclusion of Atmosphere-Ionosphere regions into the Magnetosphere.
2005-09-07	Changed Surface to Ground.
2005-09-07	Removed Body and references to it.
2005-09-07	Added Spherical and Cartesian under Position.
2005-09-07	Remove Ratio (Numerator and Denominator).
2005-09-07	Change Upper Latitude to High Latitude, Lower to Low.
2005-09-07	Introduced "Photon Context" and "Particle Context" as replacements for "Independent Variable".
2005-09-07	Removed "Provider" and "Manufacture" resources and replaced with ID pointers.

0.99.7

2005-09-08	Under Parameter add Description, Tensor Order.
2005-09-08	Change Photon Context and Particle Context to Independent Variable.
2005-09-08	Move Wavelength and Wave Number under Photon Independent Variable.

2005-09-08	Drop Speed from Particle Independent Variable.
2005-09-08	Move Polar Angle under Particle Independent Variable.
2005-09-08	Add Analysis Method under Field/Electric and Field/Magnetic.
2005-09-08	Add Wave Form, Spectra etc. under Analysis Method.
2005-09-08	Add Near 1AU under Heliosphere; Add Body under Atmosphere-Ionosphere, Magnetosphere and Ground.
2005-09-08	Add all planets + Moon under Body.
2005-09-08	Update definition of Magnetotail, etc. to be generic, add Earth examples.
2005-09-08	Change "Acceptable abbreviation" to "Conventional abbreviation" since abbreviations are not supported in the model.
2005-09-08	Released.

0.99.8

2005-11-03	General clean-up and alignment with the schema agreed upon at the APL meeting (Nov 2-4, 2005)
2005-11-03	Released.

0.99.9

2005-11-18	Incorporate comments from consortium members on the "final" draft before the release of version 1.0
2005-11-18	Released.

1.0.0

2005-11-22	Incorporate comments from consortium members on the "final" draft before the release of version 1.0.
2005-11-22	Added Phenomenon Type list and defined terms in the list.
2005-11-22	Released.

1.0.1

2006-01-03	Changes in value type for elements: Exposure, InputResourceID, RepositoryName, Size.
2006-01-03	Added elements: Pressure.
2006-01-03	Released.

1.0.2

2006-03-07	Added "Project Scientist" to dictionary and "Role".
2006-03-07	Added "Caveats" under "Instrument".
2006-03-07	Added "Repository" resource class.
2006-03-07	Added "Registry" resource class.
2006-03-07	Released.

1.0.3

2006-04-27	Added "Earth" as a enumeration with "Magnetosphere" as a member.
2006-04-27	Changed "Observed Region" and "Instrument Region" to enumerations.
2006-04-27	Changed definition of "Item" to indicate it is a value of an enumeration.
2006-04-27	Move "Access Rights" under "Access Information".
2006-04-27	Made "Acknowledgement" options.
2006-04-27	Change "HF Radar" to "Radar".
2006-04-27	Added "NCAR" as a "Format".
2006-04-27	Dropped N, Z, Q from dictionary.

2006-04-27 Moved Mass and Size under "Particle Physical Quantity" and changed to type item.
2006-04-27 Added "Near Earth" under "Heliosphere" and added "Outside Bowshock" and "Orbital" under "Near Earth".
2006-04-27 Changed "Spectral Range Name" to "Spectral Range" for consistency.
2006-04-27 Correct links to "Stoke's Parameters".
2006-04-27 Released.

1.1.0

2006-08-31 Removed "Orbital".
2006-08-31 Modified definition of "Near Earth".
2006-08-31 Changed "Instrument type" to allow multiple occurrences.
2006-08-31 Made data type of "Mixed" text.
2006-08-31 Added "Service" resource class.
2006-08-31 Updated description of "Resource ID".
2006-08-31 Added MAT_4, MAT_6, MAT_7 and VOTable as a Format.
2006-08-31 Added J2000 as a coordinate system.
2006-08-31 Added Base64 as an Encoding.
2006-08-31 Added Parent ID, Energy Range, Frequency Range, Azimuthal Angle Range, Polar Angle Range, Atomic Number Range, Integral, Differential, Low and High.
2006-08-31 Remove Coordinate System from Particle Physical Parameter.
2006-08-31 Updated Pressure definition.
2006-08-31 Add ObservatoryID under Instrument.
2006-08-31 Remove Observatory ID from Numerical Data and Display Data.
2006-08-31 Changed definition of Investigation Name.
2006-08-31 Remove Access Right from Display Data.
2006-08-31 Change Repository Name to Repository ID under Access Information.
2006-08-31 Added Granule.
2006-08-31 Added Parameter Key under Physical Parameter.
2006-08-31 Add Release Date to Resource Header, Person, and Granule.
2006-08-31 Changed "alias" to "alternate name".
2006-08-31 Removed "Instrument Name" and "Observatory Name".
2006-08-31 Added ChargeState to Particle Quantity.
2006-08-31 Add Field Component container.
2006-08-31 Add Statistics to Phenomenon Type.
2006-08-31 Released.

1.1.1

Changed InstrumentID and Bin to multiple occurrence.
Removed enumeration of Component.
Modified definition of Units.
Changed AccessURL to type container.

1.2.0

2007-05-22 Added Aurora and Substorm under Phenomenon Type.
2007-05-22 Added Checksum, Hash Value, Hash Function, MD5 and SHA1, SHA256.
2007-05-22 Added Note as a term and added Note under Timespan.

2007-05-22	Added all planets, Comet and Asteroid as regions.
2007-05-22	Added Data Extent, Bytes and Per to describe the size of a resource.
2007-05-22	Added Data Extent to Access URL and Granule.
2007-05-22	Added the ValidMin, ValidMax and FillValue to Physical Parameter.
2007-05-22	Added Uncertainty and Standard Deviation to qualifiers.
2007-05-22	Added Expiration Date to Resource Header and Granule.
2007-05-22	Added Longitude and Latitude to Orientation.
2007-05-22	Updated Phi and Theta definitions.
2007-05-22	Added Ephemeris as an Instrument Type.
2007-05-22	Added Sequence as a element type and changes Size to a Sequence.
2007-05-22	Defined PriorID and added PriorID to ResourceHeader and Granule.
2007-05-22	Changed InstrumentID in DisplayData and NumericalData to one or more occurrences.
2007-05-22	Added Metadata Contact to Role.
2007-05-22	Modified definitions of H, Flux, Integral and Differential.
2007-05-22	Cardinality of Access Information changed from 1 to + (1 or more).
2007-05-22	Added Deputy-PI to Roles;Changed cardinality of Caveats under Instrument to optional.
2007-05-22	Added Element with members of Name, Index, ParameterKey and Component.
2007-05-22	Added Element under Dimension.
2007-05-22	Removed Orientation.
2007-05-22	Made Component and enumeration with the values from Orientation.
2007-05-22	Added InstrumentStatus to MeasurementType.
2007-05-22	Converted Support to an enumeration with Other, Positional and Temporal as members.
2007-05-22	Added ProcessingLevel, Removed Theta and Phi.
2007-05-22	Added Postscript as a Format.
2007-05-22	Added "Extension" as a container.
2007-05-22	Made "URL" in "Granule" multi-valued.
2007-05-22	Changed name of "Date" data type to "DateTime" and "Time" data type to "Duration" to be consistent with conventional terminology.
2007-05-22	Under "Physical Parameter" made "Parameter Key" optional and "Name" required.
2007-05-22	Removed "Dynamic Spectra" from "Measurement Type".
2007-05-22	Added "Spectrum" to "Measurement Type".
2007-05-22	Removed D, H, T, N, Latitude, Longitude from the dictionary.
2007-05-22	Added "Theta" and "Phi" to "Component".
2007-05-22	Added Location container under Observatory and added the elements Latitude, Longitude, Elevation, ObservatoryGroup.
2007-05-22	Added ITM regions under Near Surface.
2007-05-22	Remove Instrument Region from NumericalData.
2007-05-22	Added WGS84 as a Coordinate System Name.
2007-05-22	Released.

1.2.1

2008-03-20	Added SpacecraftOrbitPlane to CoordinateSystemName.
2008-03-20	Added Parallel and PhaseAngle to FieldQualifier.
2008-03-20	Added Current, GyroFrequency, Energy, PlasmaFrequency to the appropriate ParticleQuantity, FieldQuantity, or PhotonQuantity.
2008-03-20	Added Characteristic to ParticleQualifier.
2008-03-20	Add EnergyRange and WavelengthRange to PhotonQuantity.
2008-03-20	Added White-light, H-alpha, He-10830, Ca-K, Na-D, Extreme Ultraviolet, Ni-6768, K-7699 to dictionary and to SpectralRange.
2008-03-20	Added Time Of Flight Interferometer, Photometer, Radiometer, Coronograph, ProportionalCounter, ScintillationDetector, Photopolarimeter, Geiger-MuellerTube, NeutralParticleDetector, Sounder, NeutralAtomImager, RetardingPotentialAnalyser, MultispectralImager, ImagingSpectrometer, Riometer, Unspecified to Instrument Type.
2008-03-20	Added Archive Specialist to Role.
2008-03-20	Added Flow Speed, Number Flux to Particle Quantity.
2008-03-20	Added Energy Flux to Particle Quantity and Photon Quantity.
2008-03-20	Added Anisotropy to Particle Qualifier.
2008-03-20	Added Carrington and HCI to Coordinate System.
2008-03-20	Updated definitions of Vector and Size.
2008-03-20	Removed Flux and Intensity.
2008-03-20	Released.

1.2.2

2008-07-31	Change "Plasmafrequency" to "Plasma Frequency".
2008-07-31	Change "Plasmafrequency" to "Plasma Frequency".
2008-07-31	Change "Retarding Potential Analyser" to "Retarding Potential Analyzer"
2008-07-31	Change "Time-of-flight" to "Time of flight".
2008-07-31	Change "Observatory Group" to "Observatory Name".
2008-07-31	Removed "Offline" from "Medium".
2008-07-31	Remove "Field Component" from lists.
2008-07-31	Remove "Near Earth" as a list.
2008-07-31	Added "Ionosphere" as a list.
2008-07-31	Azimuthal Angle,Dayside,Electric Field Instrument,Frequency,High Latitude,Low Latitude,Nightside,Polar Angle,Provider ID,Provider Release Date,RTF,SGI,Soft X-rays,Spatial Range,TeX,Wavelength,Wavenumber,XDR
2008-07-31	Added Repository ID and Stop Date
2008-08-14	Released.

1.3.0

2007	Add WavelengthRange to dictionary; Add BandName to Bin.
2007	Added SupportQuantity to Support.
2007	Moved Extension into each resource class.
2007	Add SpectralRange to EnergyRange, FrequencyRange and WavelengthRange.
2007	Added Units, UnitsConversion, ValidMin, ValidMax, FillValue to Element
2007	Added Fax Number to Person.
2007	Added Contributor and Publisher to dictionary and Role.

2007	Added Language to dictionary.
2008	Introduced Document resource.
2008	Added Document Type enumeration and Paper as an item.
2008	Added Number Flux to Particle Quantity.
2008	Moved CrossSpectrum from FieldQuantity to FieldQualifier.
2008	Added Electromagnetic to FieldQuantity.
2008	Added PhysicalParameter to Catalog and DisplayData.
2008-04-24	Removed "Structure Type" from dictionary and Structure.
2008-04-24	Removed "Observatory Group" from dictionary and Observatory.
2008-04-25	Removed "Provider Release Date" from dictionary.
2008-05-20	Added "Magnetic Cloud" to dictionary and "Phenomenon Type"
2008-05-20	Changed cardinality of "Phenomenon Type" to + in Catalog.
2008-04-24	Restored "Observatory Group" and made it multiple occurrence.
2008-05-22	Added "TAR" to the dictionary and to "Encoding Type".
2008-05-22	Made "Encoding Type" multiple occurrence (*) in "Access Information".
2008-05-22	Changed "End Date" to "Stop Date" and "Relative End Date" to "Relative Stop Date".
2008-05-22	Added "Active Region" to dictionary and "Phenomenon Type".
2008-05-22	Added "Coronal Hole" to dictionary and "Phenomenon Type".
2008-05-22	Added "Radio Burst" to dictionary and "Phenomenon Type".
2008-05-22	Added "EIT Waves" to dictionary and "Phenomenon Type".
2008-05-22	Fixed spelling of "Plasma Frequency" in the "Photon Qualifier" list.
2008-05-22	Removed "Array" from the Field, Photon and Particle qualifier lists.
2008-11-22	Released.

1.3.1

2008-07-21	Updated description of duration type.
2008-07-31	Added "Set" to "Physical Parameter"
2008-07-31	Added "Source" dictionary and to "Granule", Removed URL, Checksum and Data Extent from Granule (now in Source)
2008-07-31	Added "Source Type" as a list with possible values of Data, Layout, Ancillary, Browse and Thumbnail.
2008-07-31	Added "Qualifier" as a unified list of all qualifiers. Removed "Field Qualifier", "Photon Qualifier" and "Particle Qualifier" from the dictionary. Replaced each with "Qualifier" in the ontology. Added "Qualifier" to "Support"
2008-07-31	Added "Trace" to the dictionary and to the "Qualifier" list.
2008-07-31	Added "Ion Drift" and "Dust Detector" to the dictionary and to the "Instrument Type" list.
2008-07-31	Added "Platform" to the dictionary and to the "Instrument Type" list, remove "Ephemeris" from the "Instrument Type" list.
2008-09-04	Added "Rendering Hints" with elements Format, AxisLabel, DisplayType, ScaleMin, ScaleMax, ScaleType and related enumerated values.
2008-09-04	Added "Symmetric" to the dictionary and to Qualifier.
2008-09-04	Changed "Physical Parameter" to "Parameter".
2008-09-04	Removed "Measured" and shifted containers under "Measured" up one level.
2008-09-04	Added "Velocity" to "Support Quantity".

2008-09-04 Added "Count Rate" to the dictionary and to "Particle Quantity".

1.3.2

2008-10-07 Removed "Charged Particle Flux" from Measurement Type and the dictionary.

2008-10-07 Added "Interstellar" to dictionary and Region.

2008-10-15 Changed "Format" under "Rendering Hints" to "Value Format" to eliminate name conflict with "Format".

1.3.3

2008-10-16 Added the "Association" container and "Association Type" enumeration to the dictionary. Modified the ontology to replace "Association Type" with the new "Association" container.

1.3.4

2009-01-14 Added "Wave", "Passive" and "Active" to the dictionary. Added "Wave" as an enumeration. Remove "Radio and Plasma Waves" and "Radio Soundings" from the "Measurement Type" enumeration and added "Wave" to the enumeration.

2009-01-14 Added "Linear Scale" and "Log Scale" to the dictionary. Removed "Log" from the dictionary. Modified the definition of "Linear" to remove reference scaled related usage. Updated the "Scale" enumeration with the name changes.

2009-01-14 Added "Language" under "Information URL".

2009-01-14 Changed the definition of "Text" and converted "Text" to an enumeration with possible encoding types.

2009-01-14 Modified "Component" to consist of "I", "J", "K". Added "Direction Angle", and "Projection" to "Qualifier". Removed "R", "Theta", "Phi", "X", "Y", and "Z". Added "Direction Angle" as an enumeration with values of "Azimuth Angle", "Polar Angle" and "Elevation Angle". Added "Projection" as an enumeration with value of "IJ", "IK", and "JK".

2009-01-22 Modified definition of "Mixed"

2009-01-22 Changed occurrence of "Particle" to one or more.

2009-01-23 Added "Ion Chamber" to dictionary and "Instrument Type" list.

2009-02-05 Added (restored) "Intensity" to dictionary and "Photon Quantity" list.

2009-02-05 Changed "Line-of-sight" to "Line Of Sight".

2009-02-05 Added "Psuedo" and "Column" to the dictionary and to "Qualifier" list.

2009-02-26 Added "Annotation" resource and "Annotation Type" and "Confidence Rating" enumerations. The terms "Anomaly", "Event", "Feature", "Probable", "Good", "High" were added to support the new enumerations.

2009-02-27 Change "Wave" to "Waves".

1.3.5

2009-03-25 Updated definitions for "Numeric" and "Text" data types.

2009-03-26 Changed "Mixed" to a container with "Qualifier" and "Mixed Quantity" as attributes. Added "Mixed Quantity" enumeration with allowed values of "Alfven Mach Number", "Other", "Plasma Beta", "Thermal Pressure", "Alfven Velocity", "Magnetosonic Mach Number", "Plasma Beta", and "Plasma Frequency-To-Gyrofrequency Ratio".

2009-03-26 Added "Access URL" to "Repository" and "Registry".

2009-03-26 Added "Image URL" to "Annotation" and dictionary

2009-03-26 Various editorial updates to definitions, spelling and typos

2009-03-26	Added "Plasmagram", "Spectrogram" and "Wave Form" to the dictionary and to the "Display Type" list.
2009-03-26	Changed the name of "Photon" to "Waves" and "PhotonQuantity" to "WaveQuantity". Added "Wave Type" with values of "Electromagnetic", "Electrostatic", "Photon", "Plasma Waves", "Hydrodynamic", and "MHD".
2009-03-26	Updated definitions of "Emissivity", "Equivalent Width", "Gyrofrequency", "Intensity", "Line Depth", "Plasma Frequency", "Poynting Flux". Added "Wave Type" with values of "Electromagnetic", "Electrostatic", "Photon", "Plasma Waves", "Hydrodynamic", and "MHD".
2009-03-26	Added "Absorption", "AC-Electric Field", "AC-Magnetic Field", "Doppler Frequency", "Frequency", "Propagation Time", and "Wavelength" to dictionary and "Wave Quantity". Added "Wave Type" with values of "Electromagnetic", "Electrostatic", "Photon", "Plasma Waves", "Hydrodynamic", and "MHD".
2009-03-26	Added "Far Ultraviolet", "HE-304", "LBH Band" and "Soft X-Rays" to dictionary and "Spectral Range".
2009-04-06	Removed "Spectral Range" from under "Energy Range".

1.3.6

2009-04-09	Added "Atom" and "Neutron" to "Particle Type".
2009-04-09	Added "Array" and "Total" to "Qualifier".
2009-04-09	Added "Particle Type" to "Mixed".
2009-04-09	Added "Unlikely" and "Weak" to the dictionary and modified "Confidence Rating" to have values "Unlikely", "Weak", "Probable", and "Strong".
2009-04-09	Added "Classification Method" as a enumeration with allowed values of "Automatic", "Inspection", and "Inferred". Added "Classification Method" to "Annotation".
2009-04-09	Added "Observation Extent" with attributes of "Observed Region", "Start Location", "Stop Location" and "Note". Added "Observation Extent" to "Annotation".
2009-04-09	Added "Child Event Of" and "Observed By" to "Association Type".
2009-04-09	Added "Area", "Bandwidth" and "Solid Angle" to "Integral", added "Field-Aligned", "Group", "Perturbation", "Phase" and "Spectral" to "Qualifier".

2.0.0

2009-04-15	Released.

2.0.1

2009-07-12	Changed "Rendering Hints" to 0-to-many occurrence.
2009-07-12	Under "Element" replaced "Component" with "Qualifier" and allow multiple occurrences.
2009-07-12	Update the description of "Index" data type to explain wild cards.
2009-07-12	Added "Sound Speed" to dictionary and to "Particle Quantity".
2009-07-12	Updates to the definition "Access URL", "Data Extent", "Polar" and "Sonic Mach Number".

2.0.2

2009-09-24	Added "Atomic Number Detected", "Mass Number" and "Charge State" to dictionary and to "Particle Quantity" enumeration. Also added "Direction Angle" to "Particle Quantity".
2009-10-08	Added "Arrival Direction" to dictionary and to "Particle Quantity" enumeration. Added "Instrument Mode" to dictionary and "Support Quantity". Updated

	definitions of "Charge State" and "Atomic Number Detected".
2009-11-05	Added "Stream Interaction Region" to dictionary and to "Phenomenon Type" enumeration. Updated definition of "Coronal Mass Ejection".
2009-11-18	Modified definitions for "Observatory" and "Instrument".

2.0.3

2010-02-04	Added "Former-PI" to dictionary and to "Role" enumeration; Added "Note" to "Person".
2010-03-19	Updated definitions for "Number Flux", "Energy Flux", "Differential", and "Integral"; Added "Dust" to "Measurement Type" enumeration;

2.1.0

2010-03-19	Released.

2.2.0

2010-04-15	Added "Hardcopy" as an enumeration to dictionary and to "Format"; Added "Film", "Photographic Plate", "Photograph", "Microfiche", "Microfilm", "Print" to dictionary and to "Hardcopy" enumeration; Changed "Observatory Group" to "Observatory Group ID"; Updated definition of "Observatory" to make it more suitable for creation of conceptual Observatories.; Added "Operating Span" to dictionary with elements "Start Date", "Stop Date" and "Note"; Added "Operating Span" to "Instrument" and "Observatory".;
2010-05-21	Added "Heliosheath" to dictionary and to "Heliosphere" enumeration;
2010-06-25	Added "Fluence" to dictionary and "Particle Quantity"; Updated definitions for "Number Flux", "Coordinate System" and "Counts"; Added "HCC" (Heliocentric Cartesian), "HCR" (Heliocentric Radial), HPC (Helioprojective Cartesian) and "HPR" (Helioprojective Radial) to dictionary and "Coordinate System Name"
2010-08-17	Added "S3_BUCKET" to dictionary and "Encoding"; Add "Directional" to dictionary and to "Qualifier"; updated definition for "Energy Flux" and "Differential"
2010-08-20	Updated definitions of "Outer", "Inner", "Heliosheath" and "Remote 1AU"
2010-09-15	Added "Excel" to dictionary and to "Format" list; Added "Rendering Axis", and "Index" to dictionary and under "Rendering Hints"; Add "Vertical", "Horizontal", and "Color Bar" to dictionary and to the "Rendering Hints" enumeration; Changed cardinality of "Investigation Name" from 1 to +; Add "Median, " Maximum" and "Minimum" to dictionary and to "Qualifer" list.;
2010-09-17	Added "SSE_L" to dictionary and to "Coordinate System Name" list;
2011-01-06	Updated definition for "irradence".
2011-01-06	Released.

2.2.1

2011-05-12	Strike "product" from the definition of "Numerical Data".;
2011-06-16	Added "core", "halo", "strahl" and "superhalo" to the dictionary and to "Qualifier";
2011-08-18	Released.

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12. Appendix A - Comparison of Spectrum Domains

Electromagnetic Spectrum Domains
(all wavelengths given in nanometers)

Band	Wavelength [ISO 21348]		Wavelength [EGSO]		Wavelength [VSO]	
	min	max	min	max	min	max
Gamma	0.00001	0.001	-	0.025		
X	0.001	10	0.025	10	0.02	15
HXR	0.001	0.1	0.025	0.25	0.02	1
SXR[1]	0.1	10	0.25	10	1	10
EUV	10	121	10	90	10	100
UV	100	400	90	320	90	380
Visible	380	760	320	700	350	1000
IR	760	10^6	700	10^6	700	$3.5*10^5$
Near IR	760	1400	700	$25*10^2$	700	
Mid IR	1400	3000	$25 \cdot 10^2$	$5 \cdot 10^4$		
Far IR	3000	10^6	$5 \cdot 10^4$	10^6	$3.5*10^5$	
Microwaves	10^6	$1.5*10^7$	10^6	10^9		
Radio	10^5	10^{11}	10^9	-	10^7	10^9

1 Also called “XUV” in ISO 21348