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09 Nov 2004	<del>How to deal with Geometry Index files for data sets with several targets, i.e. a data set containing data products for Mars, Phobos and Deimos. In the current approach, Phobos and Deimos data products will not be referenced in the Geometry Index File.</del>
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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose

The data archiving working group identified the need of one geometry index file per logical archive volume (or per release/revision of a logical archive volume) to collect all the required geometry and position information for each data product within the logical archive. This geometry and position information will be described in the Geometry Index file by a set of required parameters. Besides, other PDS keywords must be also included in this index file to supply additional information about the data product. Placing this information outside the data products allows easier updating of the values.

The teams are encouraged to use the appropriate keywords in the label of the data products, and at the same time noting in a PDS standard comment that the given information may be updated in the geometry index file.

This document describes the concept, purpose and format of the geometry index file, giving some guidelines for its implementation, as well as a detailed description of all the parameters required to allow future users of the PSA to query and identify data products of interest.

### 1.2 Intended Readership

- Experimenter archive working group members.
- Inter-disciplinary scientists.
- PSA Development Team.

### 1.3 Naming Conventions

None

### 1.4 Acronyms

IAU, International Astronomical Union

PSA, Planetary Science Data Archive

PDS, Planetary Data System

SI, International Standard for Units

### 1.5 References

- [1] Planetary Science Archive. Experiment Data Release Concept. Technical Proposal SOP-RSSD-TN-015
- [2] Planetary Data System Standards Reference. October 12, 2002. Version 3.5 Jet Propulsion Laboratory. California Institute of Technology. Pasadena, California.
- [3] ESA Planetary Missions Science Archive (PSA). User Requirements Document (URD). SOP-RSSD-RS-006
- [4] Report of the IAU/IAG Working Group on Cartographic Coordinates and Rotational Elements of the Planets and Satellites: 2000," Sheidelmann et al., Celestial Mechanics, 2000.



## 2 Coordinate Systems and Cartographic Standards

The following cartographic standards are used in the generation of the Geometry Index files (For further information please refer to [4]):

### 2.1 Inertial Reference Frame, Time and Units

The Earth Mean Equator and Equinox of Julian Date 2451545.0 (referred to as the J2000 system) is the standard inertial reference frame.

The standard format for time tags is UTC in year, month, day, hour, minute, second and decimal fraction of a second.

The standard units are SI metric units, including decimal degrees.

### 2.2 Spin Axes and Prime Meridians

The IAU-defined spin axes and prime meridians defined relative to the J2000 inertial reference system are the standard for planets, satellites and asteroids where these parameters are defined.

### 2.3 Body-Fixed Rotating Coordinate System

The Planetocentric coordinated system is the standard Body-Fixed Rotating Coordinate System. The planetocentric system has an origin at the center of mass of the body. Planetocentric latitude is the angle between the equatorial plane and a vector connecting the point of interest and the origin of the coordinate system. Latitudes are defined as positive in the northern hemisphere of the body, where north is the direction of Earth's angular momentum vector, i.e., pointing toward the north hemisphere of the solar system invariant plane. Longitudes increase toward the east, i.e., counterclockwise with respect to the North pole direction of the invariant plane.

## 3 The Geometry Index File

### 3.1 Introduction

Data archiving is one of the important phases of every scientific mission. The access to these data is sometimes complex and time consuming and therefore, ESA has designed a set of online services to help the scientific community to get the required data in a fast and reliable way. Originally it was intended to offer the data sets on physical media, but it became obvious that the scientific exploitation of the planetary data would increase by offering these online services that are provided by the Planetary Missions Science Archive. PSA shall allow multi-instrument searches across scientific disciplines and even between different missions.

A broad range of search possibilities will be offered to the PSA user. A scientist or an instrument team member may search on detailed instrument specific parameters, combining his/her detailed search with a more general query on another instrument of the same mission. But he/she may also combine his/her initial search query with a query on another mission.

The amount of archived data from planetary missions is growing with every new mission and the detailed search is becoming more and more complex, hence there is a need for a reliable filtering engine that reduces the number of data products to be analyzed and searched in detail.

Furthermore, for outstanding planetary missions, we intend to be able to ingest future data sets with minimal database re-engineering and software changes, and that implies a common



mission independent searchable list of parameters. Each data product within a data set shall be described by these parameters contained in the geometry index file.

One of the PSA interfaces gives the user the possibility of displaying a map of a body (for instance, Mars), and select regions with the mouse where she/he wants to get results back. The Geometry Index file will provide the PSA software team with a tool that makes easier the implementation of such a capability.

### **3.2 The Geometry Index Concept**

Index files in PDS are used to describe the data stored on a dataset and to point to the data products containing these data. This is to help the end user to locate data of interest. To provide geometry and position information about the data, a geometry index is used. Although the Geometry Index File provides geometry and position information, it is an index table meant to locate the data within the data set, and therefore it shall be placed in the INDEX directory. Moreover, within the PSA, the geometry index files are read by the database software and allow the ingestion of additional searching parameters into the database. For further information about this topic, refer to [1].

Due to the big amount of data stored in a database, and the diversity of them in terms of instruments, targets, missions, geometry conditions..., there is a need for reducing the data to be searched using more specific queries. This is done in the PSA by searching the entire database looking for some general conditions in terms of geometry and position information parameters among others. The geometry and position information parameters for each data product shall be stored in the geometry index file.

Since the first query will be applied to all the data sets the geometry index file shall have a mission and instrument independent format. Therefore it is required to have a common set of parameters that can be computed for all missions and all instruments in most of the cases. The geometry index file shall include geometrical and position information to describe the observations/measurements performed by any instrument in any planetary mission at a given time.

The Geometry Index file shall provide geometrical information about every data product in the dataset, in a format described in the following sections. As it is noted in section 3.1, one of the goals of the Geometry Index file is to facilitate the retrieval of observations in a body by browsing on a map of it, so the geometrical information in the file shall relate somehow the data products to the body surface.

The set of parameters that shall be included in the Geometry Index will also be described in this document. Formatting, file naming conventions, labeling and some additional comments and guidelines will be given in this document as well.

It must also be understood that - especially considering long-term data preservation - the geometry index file can be used directly by any scientist or engineer for their own purposes.

### **3.3 Number of Geometry Index Files to be delivered to PSA**

Data sets may contain data for different targets, for instance Earth and Moon, or Mars, Phobos and Deimos. The reference target used to compute spacecraft related parameters might be different between missions, or even between mission phases.

Although PSA has decided to use a single Geometry Index File per reference target (see Chapter 3.8 for the file naming scheme) this file may point to more than a single target. For example, it would be possible to have an Index File with the Earth as Reference Target, indexing data products for both the Earth and the Moon. Another example would be a Mars



Index File containing information about data products for Mars, Phobos and Deimos.

PSA, therefore, requires as many Geometry Index Files as Reference Targets used within a data set.

### 3.4 Types of instruments.

In principle it is possible to consider three general types of instruments:

1. Imaging instruments. These instruments map the surface of the body.
2. In-house instruments. These instruments analyse the environment of the spacecraft.
3. Atmospherical instruments. These instruments analyse the atmosphere of the body.

This classification is important since for each of these instrument types there is a different way of describing the observation in the Geometrical Index file.

### 3.5 The Footprint. Concept and description.

The main objective of the geometry index file is to describe the geometry associated with a data product in an instrument and mission independent way. This is a complex task due to the huge diversity of instruments flying in all the different missions. Each instrument maps the surface or measures the environment of a body in a different way. The observed region of a body depends on the instrument characteristics and performance. Moreover, a data product can hold any number of observations, each of which can also contain any number of samples. The footprint is the description of a data product in the geometry index file. As stated above, this representation shall somehow link the data product to the body surface, whether there is a clear relationship (imaging instruments) or not.

Therefore, a simple instrument independent way of describing a footprint is required.

A footprint shall be made up of lines, and the way these lines define the footprint is instrument-type dependent. As a first approximation, a footprint can be seen as an area on the body surface, and the lines as “samples” of this surface.

The number of “lines” for each data product in the Geometry Index File is related with the sampling frequency. This number shall be chosen to provide a good description of the instrument’s data product. The sampling frequency shall be defined by the team, which means the teams have the possibility to select the sampling frequency that better suits their instrument and their instrument’s operation mode. PSA does not impose any constraint in the number of lines required to describe a data product, although there shall be at least one line per observation; this means that if a data product contains two different observations, there shall appear at least two records for that data product in the Geometry Index file.

The sampling frequency can be different between data products, even within the same data set. It is also possible to have different sampling resolutions within a data product. This will help to define more precisely the footprint of the data product. Three different possibilities can be used for the establishment of the sampling frequency: a fix sampling frequency for the whole data set, a fix sampling frequency for each data product but variable within the data set, and finally a variable sampling frequency even within data products. PSA recommends to use this last option which describes more accurately the surface mapped (environment measured) by the instrument.

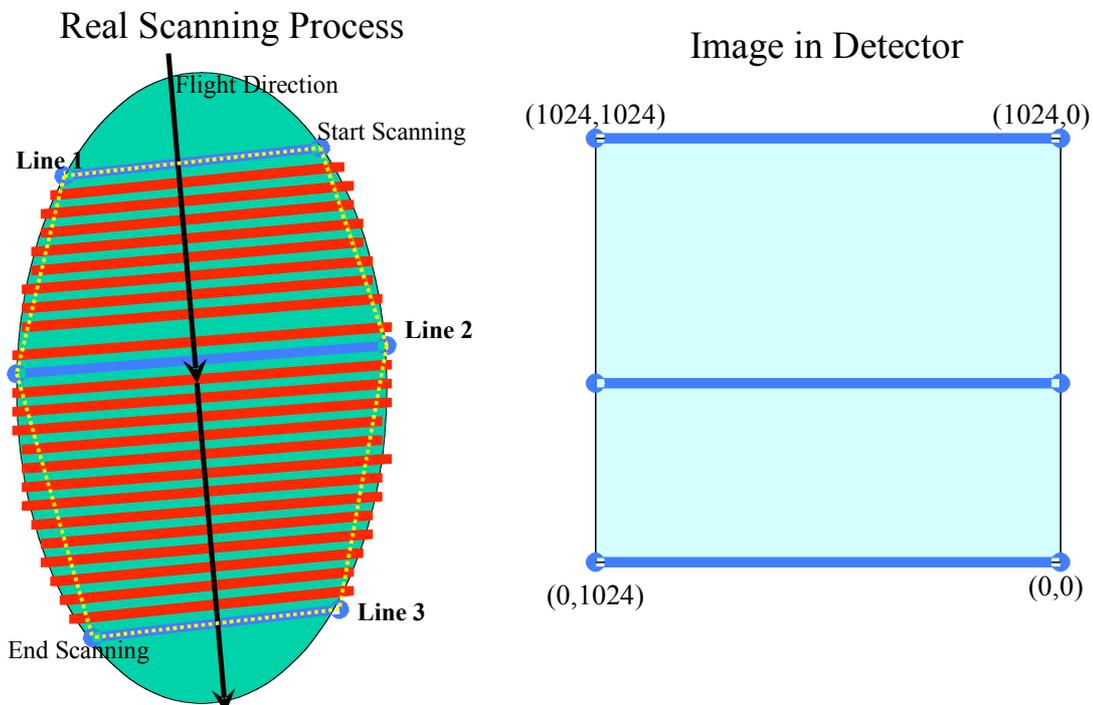
#### 3.5.1 Center of a “line”

A line is defined by specifying its two extreme points and its center point. Although it would be desirable for the center point to be the actual geometrical center point of a line, such a point

would be difficult to calculate in general. Furthermore, the purpose of a footprint is to have a rough relation between the observation and the part of the body surface “under” the observation, and therefore it makes no sense to have a very precise calculation of the center point; an approximation is good enough. In the points below (3.4.2, 3.4.3 and 3.4.4) a definition of the center point of a line is given in function of the type of instrument.

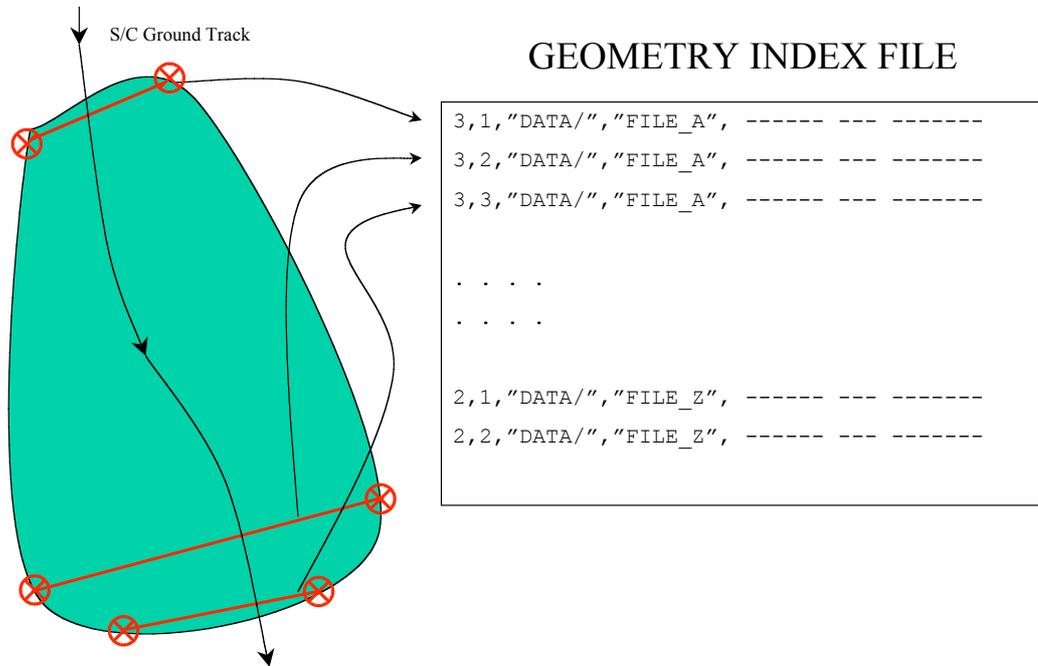
### 3.5.2 Mapping instruments.

For mapping instruments, the geometry index will describe each observation using a set of “lines” to describe the shape of the footprint. Each line will be defined by identifying two points, one at either end. These lines can be seen as defining a polygon, which is the footprint. It is important to distinguish between the footprint and its mapping in the instrument detector. When speaking about left-hand and right-hand points, these points are referring to the mapping itself and not to the footprint. For example, let’s consider a push-broom camera scanning from left to right with respect to the flying direction. The detector stores the data from pixel (0,0) to pixel (1024, 1024) and the camera starts the scanning in the top right side of the footprint, as shown in the following image. Red strips correspond to the scanned lines. Each of these scanned lines is stored in the detector as 1024 pixels. In this example, the footprint is described by three “lines” (blue strips in the image). The latitude and longitude of the scanning start point corresponds to the point (0,0) in the image, and therefore to the right-hand point of the “line” 1. The latitude and longitude of the scanning end point corresponds to the point (1024,1024) in the image, and therefore to the left-hand point of “line” 3. The reconstructed footprint corresponds to the yellow dashed box in the image.



The description of the footprint will be completed by providing all of the instrument-related parameters for the “central point” of the each line. These parameters provide the necessary information to locate the footprint in the database. The figure above provides a visual representation of the schema.

### Footprint in FILE\_A



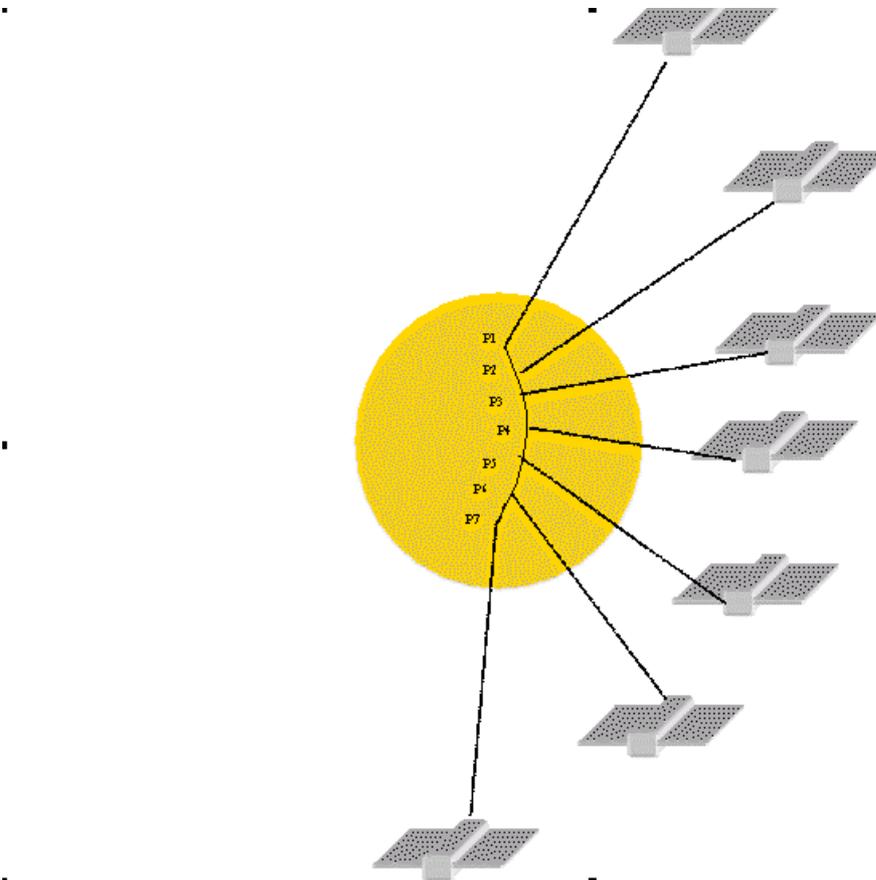
For an imaging camera, the center point of a line is defined as the geometrical center point in latitude and longitude, as seen from the instrument. The plane defined by the instrument position and the start and end points of the line may differ from the plane defined by the center of the planet and the same two end points. Therefore, the center of the line from the instrument perspective may differ from the geometrical center as seen from the centre of the planet, and may also differ from the mathematical center of a straight line connecting both end points.

### 3.5.3 In-house Instruments

An environment instrument gathers scientific data around the spacecraft, Therefore the concept of footprint becomes difficult to define, since the instrument is not pointing to a given direction in space as, for instance, an imaging camera is. As an example, the ASPERA-4 instrument onboard Venus Express analyses the plasma in the neighborhood of the spacecraft, so the measurement is by any means related to the Venus surface.

However, it might be useful to know above which point in the body the spacecraft was when an observation was taken, so it can be correlated with observations from other instruments.

The figure below describes how a footprint for such an instrument is created. From the start to the end of the observation the projection of the spacecraft on the body surface can be sampled in order to get a set of points. These points can be joined in sets of three (starting, middle and end point), to create the lines that make up the footprint.



The figure shows how the footprint is created for an environment instrument.

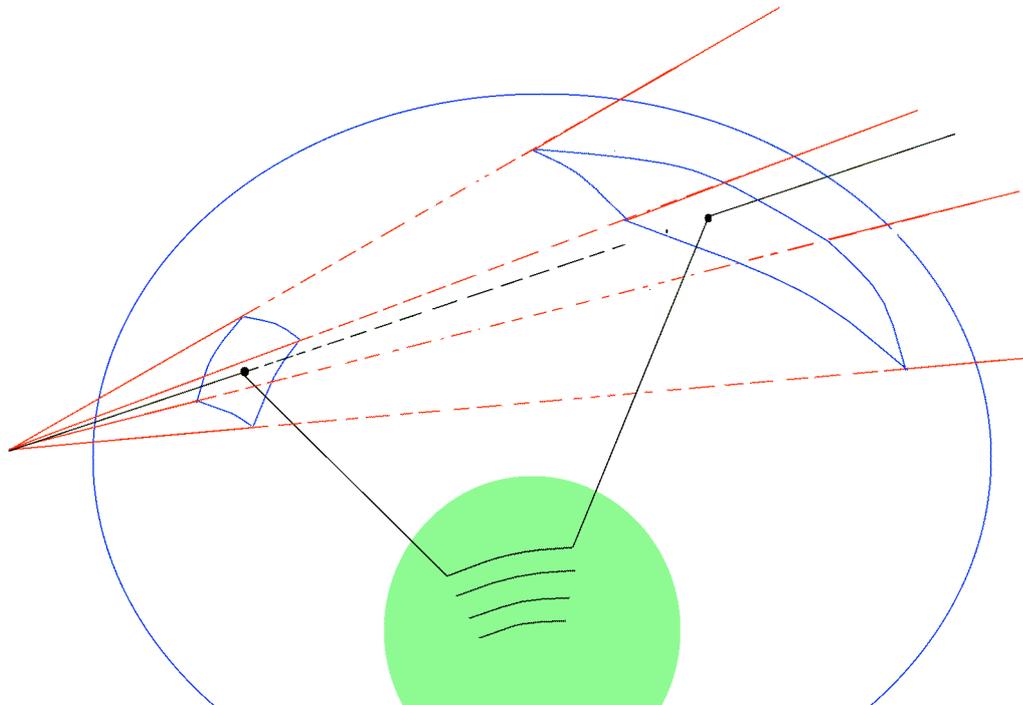
This segment – the spacecraft subsurface track – can be represented in the index file as a number of individual lines that make up the segment, e.g. the line from (P1,P3); then from (P3,P5), and finally from (P5,P7). In the following table an example is given for  $n=3$ .  $N$  must be determined by the instrument team such that the discrepancy between the accurate spacecraft surface track and the line is a known and acceptable value (to be described in the EAICD).

Line Number	3/1	3/2	3/3
Line Points	P1-P3	P3-P5	P5-P7
Start	P1	P3	P5
Center	P2	P4	P6
End	P3	P5	P7

### 3.5.4 Atmospheric instruments

An atmospheric instrument is most of the time pointing to a part of the body atmosphere in a way that its line of sight doesn't encounter the body surface (see figure below). In this case it wouldn't make any sense to define a footprint like above. Ideally, we could try to find the portion in the atmosphere the instrument is analysing, and define the footprint of the observation as the

projection on the body surface of that portion of atmosphere. In the figure below, the situation of a measurement is represented. An instrument field-of-view would be e.g. rectangular and span a pyramid-like volume. To simplify, only the center field-of-view vector is considered – represented by the black line in the figure below. This vector enters and exists a fixed, predefined altitude in the atmosphere – e.g. 100km – defining two points. The projection of these points on the target surface will define a line that is one of the lines of the footprint. These lines can be taken as spaced as needed, while the observation is being made.



In this case, the center point of the line is defined as the projection on the body of the center point of the beam central line (black line in the figure).

### 3.6 Release/Revision Concept and Geometry Index File

The Release Object allows the incremental ingestion of data in the PSA. See [1] for further details.

The first delivery of data to be ingested in the PSA shall contain all the required/necessary directories and files and, therefore a geometry index file. All further deliveries shall contain also geometry index files referring to all data in the data set, and not only those data products that have been modified, updated, deleted or added to the data set. Every time a new ingestion in the PSA is accomplished a geometry index file shall be produced from the all data products contained in the data set and the result of this will be a new release or revision of the geometry index file and label. Therefore, the Geometry Index Label File shall have always the release/revision keywords assigned to the latest release/revision identifiers of the data set.



Should a data set contain two different Geometry Index Files, i.e. one for the data with the Earth as reference target and another one with Mars, and only the data related to Mars have been included/modified/removed, then only the Mars Geometry Index Files (table and label) shall be delivered along with the new data, with the corresponding update in the release/revision keywords. The Earth Geometry Index Files will remain unchanged.

In the case of implementing the Release/Revision Concept in a data set, the Geometry Index File shall contain information about the Release and Revision of each of the data products by means of the columns `RELEASE_ID` and `REVISION_ID`, and information about the last modification of the data product itself by using the `CHANGE_MODE` column (The format and meaning of these columns is explained in the chapter 4.2).

The values of the columns `RELEASE_ID` and `REVISION_ID`, and `CHANGE_MODE` shall remain unchanged until the data product described by this entry is modified. Once this happens, the new values remain as is, until a new update is applied to the data product.

## 3.7 The Geometry Index Format

### 3.7.1 Geometrical Description of a Data Set

The Geometry Index File is overall an index file, which means that it is meant to locate data files. The team shall define the sorting of the data files within the index file. There are several possibilities such as by archiving time, name, file-size, etc. PSA only imposes a constraint to sort the data files: all the information about a data file must be together. It is also recommended to include a line for begin time and another for end time of every single observation in each data file, whilst the time resolution and number of lines per observation can be variable. In the case of data files with overlapping times, the files can be sorted in whatever way the team may decide, but placing all the information referring to a file together.

There is a set of required parameters that shall be contained in the index file. This is the minimum number of columns that shall be provided in the Geometry Index File, but in case of additional geometry and/or position information, additional columns can be added to the Geometry Index File, after the last required column. PSA recommends the additional information to be added in the Geometry Index File rather than have separate files. These additional columns shall be described in the label of the Geometry Index File in the appropriate location within the `INDEX_TABLE` object.

### 3.7.2 The Geometry Index Table Format

The Geometry Index Table file is based on fixed length rows. Each of the rows will describe a footprint *line*, and therefore there could be as many lines per data product as required. The table is formatted so that it may be read directly by many data management systems: all columns are separated by commas and have the same length; character fields are enclosed in double quotation marks and each record (row) ends in a carriage return/line feed sequence.

The geometry index file shall contain the values of a complete set of parameters that will allow the user to search the data set for specific files of interest and identify the exact location and the status of the file.

These parameters can be split in several groups as follows:

1. Line Description Parameters (**LDP**)
  - Number of *lines* describing the footprint (N)
  - Number of the current *line* (l)



## 2. Non Geometrical Parameters (**NGP**)

All the geometry index files shall include several parameters not related with either the geometry or the position information. These keywords shall point to and give additional information about the file that is being described by the geometry and position keywords. These parameters are:

- Change Mode (CM)
- Pathname (P)
- Filename (F)
- Product ID (PID)
- Data Set ID (DID)
- Release ID (RSID)
- Revision ID (RVID)

Please note that even if the release/revision concept is not implemented in the data set, the columns Release ID and Revision ID shall be included, giving to them the "N/A" values.

## 3. Position Generic Parameters (**PGP**)

Generic parameters are those that are completely independent of any other parameters but time. The Position Generic Parameters are:

- Geometry Epoch (GE)
- Orbit Number (ON)

## 4. Solar Related Parameters (**SRP**)

The solar related parameters are those that can be computed without any additional information about the spacecraft, and therefore only the time is needed. These parameters are computed always for the reference target body described in the Geometry Index Label using the `REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME` keyword (The definition of this keyword is in chapter 3.7.3). The Solar Related Parameters are:

- Solar Longitude (SL)
- Sub-Solar Latitude (SLAT)
- Sub-Solar Longitude (SLON)

## 5. Spacecraft Related Parameters (**SCP**)

The spacecraft related parameters are those that are related only with the spacecraft and the reference target body or the sun, but completely independent of the instruments, orientation, attitude and viewing directions, and, in some cases, even the data product target. Because of this, these parameters are applicable to all the instruments onboard the spacecraft. They describe the state of the spacecraft with respect to the reference target body and the sun, in terms of position and velocity. It is possible to have different targets within a data set, with the same reference target body, i.e. Mars, Phobos and Deimos would have for the same reference target: Mars. The reference target body used for these parameters shall be described using the `REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME` keyword in the Geometry Index Label. This keyword is used as the reference to help define a particular vector component (The definition of this keyword is in chapter 3.7.3).

The Spacecraft Related Parameters are:



- Spacecraft-Sun Distance (SD)
- x/y/z components of the Spacecraft-Sun Position Vector (XSP,YSP,ZSP)
- x/y/z components of the Spacecraft-Sun Velocity Vector (XSV,YSV,ZSV)
- x/y/z components of the Spacecraft-Target Position Vector (XTP,YTP,ZTP)
- x/y/z components of the Spacecraft-Target Velocity Vector (XTV,YTV,ZTV)
- Spacecraft Altitude (SA)
- Sub-Spacecraft Latitude (SCLAT)
- Sub-Spacecraft Longitude (SCLON)

#### 6. Instrument Viewing Related Parameters (IRP)

The instrument viewing related parameters are those related with not only the spacecraft, but also with the target, the instrument type, mounting and alignment, and its field of view. A detailed description of each instrument is required to compute these parameters. These parameters may be not applicable for some instruments or targets but they must appear in the index file, using, in this case, the non-applicable accepted value. The Instrument Viewing Related Parameters are:

- Target Name (T)
- Local True Solar Time (LTST)
- Latitude of the Start Point (SPLAT)
- Longitude of the Start Point (SPLON)
- Latitude of the End Point (ELAT)
- Longitude of the End Point (ELON)
- Central Latitude (CLAT)
- Central Longitude (CLON)
- Phase Angle (PA)
- Incidence Angle (IA)
- Emission Angle (EA)
- Slant Distance (SLD)
- North Pole Azimuth Angle (NPAA)
- Sub-Spacecraft Azimuth Angle (SCAA)
- Sub-Solar Azimuth Angle (SAA)
- Horizontal Pixel Scale (H)
- Vertical Pixel Scale (V)

The format of a record line in the geometry index file is described as follows:

LDP	NGP	PGP	SRP	SCP	IRP
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A detailed description of the format can be found in the following tables:

LDP	NGP	PGP	SRP
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N	I	CM	P	F	PID	DID	RSID	RVID	GE	ON	SL	SLAT	SLON
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SCP															
SD	XSP	YSP	ZSP	XSV	YSV	ZSV	XTP	YTP	ZTP	XTV	YTV	ZTV	SA	SCLAT	SCLON

IRP																
T	LTST	SPLAT	SPLON	ELAT	ELON	CLAT	CLON	PA	IA	EA	SLD	NPAA	SCAA	SAA	H	V

### 3.7.3 The Geometry Index Label Format

The PDS object INDEX\_TABLE shall be used to describe the geometry index. This object has a set of required keywords that must be included as well as the description of all the columns in the geometry index table file. Each of the columns will correspond to a parameter described in this document.

The required keywords of the INDEX\_TABLE object are:

- INTERCHANGE\_FORMAT: always **ASCII**
- ROWS
- COLUMNS: always **46**
- ROW\_BYTES: Even though PDS recommends that ROW\_BYTES be an even number, which means rows with an even number of bytes, PSA will accept Geometry Index Tables with ROW\_BYTES as even or odd numbers.
- INDEX\_TYPE: always **SINGLE**

A COLUMN object must be used for each column, with the following required keywords:

- NAME<sup>1</sup>
- DATA\_TYPE<sup>1</sup>
- START\_BYTE
- BYTES<sup>1</sup>
- DESCRIPTION<sup>1</sup>
- FORMAT (optional keyword in the PDS standard)

Those parameters that could have a non-applicable value, their values are referred to some units, or they have a maximum or minimum value, the appropriate keyword shall be used in the COLUMN object:

- UNITS<sup>1</sup>
- VALID\_MAXIMUM<sup>1</sup>
- VALID\_MINIMUM<sup>1</sup>
- NON\_APPLICABLE\_CONSTANT<sup>1</sup>

Beside all the above mentioned keywords and objects, the geometry index label file shall contain also the following general keywords:

<sup>1</sup> The values of these parameters shall be picked from the geometry index file parameter's [definitions \(Chapter 4\)](#).



- PDS\_VERSION\_ID
- LABEL\_REVISION\_NOTE
- RECORD\_TYPE: always **FIXED\_LENGTH**
- RECORD\_BYTES: equal to ROW\_BYTES (from INDEX\_TABLE object)
- FILE\_RECORDS: equal to ROWS (from INDEX\_TABLE object)
- FILE\_NAME
- LABEL\_RECORDS
- DATA\_SET\_NAME
- DATA\_SET\_ID
- PRODUCT\_ID
- REFERENCE\_TARGET\_NAME: The name of the target body being used as the reference to help define the spacecraft/sun related parameters. Since there is no other way to identify the target body being used as a reference within the Geometry Index File, REFERENCE\_TARGET\_NAME shall have a single value. In the case of several reference targets being used for a data set, several Geometry Index Files shall be provided, one for each different Reference Target used (e.g. GEO\_MARS.TAB / GEO\_MARS.LBL for a Reference Target of Mars, GEO\_EARTH.TAB / GEO\_EARTH.LBL for a Reference Target of Earth etc.).
- INSTRUMENT\_HOST\_ID
- INSTRUMENT\_ID
- START\_TIME
- STOP\_TIME
- SPACECRAFT\_CLOCK\_START\_COUNT
- SPACECRAFT\_CLOCK\_STOP\_COUNT
- PRODUCT\_CREATION\_TIME
- ^INDEX\_TABLE: pointer to the INDEX\_TABLE object.
- RELEASE\_ID (if the release/revision concept is used): The RELEASE\_ID shall be the same in the Geometry Index and Label file names as well as within the labels. The value of this keyword shall correspond to the latest release of the data in the data set.
- REVISION\_ID (if the release/revision concept is used): The REVISION\_ID shall be the same in the Geometry Index and Label file names as well as within the labels. The value of this keyword shall correspond to the latest revision of the latest release of the data in the data set.

## 3.8 File Naming Scheme

### 3.8.1 Delivery Using the Release/Revision Concept

The file-naming scheme proposed for the INDEX files to be ingested in the PSA is defined in [1]. Therefore, for the Geometry Index file, the file name shall be:

**GEO\_{REFERENCE\_TARGET\_NAME}.LBL**  
**GEO\_{REFERENCE\_TARGET\_NAME}.TAB**



where  $\{REFERENCE\_TARGET\_NAME\}$  is the same as the `REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME` value given in the label file, (i.e. if `REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME = MARS` in the label file, then the geometry index files shall be named `GEO_MARS.LBL` and `GEO_MARS.TAB`)

These filenames would be the same in case of using a delivery based on a data set. When using Release/Revision concept to deliver data to the PSA, the keywords `RELEASE_ID` and `REVISION_ID` shall be contained in the `GEO_{REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME}.LBL` file with the appropriate values.

Please note that the `GEO_{REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME}.TAB` shall contain all entries in the data set referring to a given reference target body, i.e. it shall refer to every single data product included in the data set which is being described by the `REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME` body, and not only those delivered in the current Release and/or Revision of the data set.

### ***3.8.2 Delivery based on a Data Set***

The file-naming scheme proposed for the INDEX files to be ingested in the PSA is defined in [1]. Therefore, for the Geometry Index file, the file name shall be:

**`GEO_{REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME}.LBL`**

**`GEO_{REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME}.TAB`**

where  $\{REFERENCE\_TARGET\_NAME\}$  is the same as the `REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME` value given in the label file, (i.e. if `REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME = MARS` in the label file, then the geometry index files shall be named `GEO_MARS.LBL` and `GEO_MARS.TAB`)

Please note that the `GEO_{REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME}.TAB` shall contain all entries in the data set referring to a given reference target body, i.e. it shall refer to every single data product included in the data set which is being described by the `REFERENCE_TARGET_NAME` body.



## 4 Geometry Index File Parameters. Definitions

Below is an enumeration of all the columns that the Geometry index table shall have, with all the needed parameters. The field *Description* is an explanation of the content of the column, which can be copy-pasted in the DESCRIPTION keyword of the corresponding column in the table label. When a numeric value holds (if it is allowed to) a “Not Applicable” value, the equivalent numeric value specified in the enumeration below has to be put in the table. When the box “N/A Value” specifies *required*, the corresponding column is not allowed to hold a “Not Applicable” value.

### 4.1 Line Description Parameters

<b>Keyword</b>	N			<b>Max. Length</b>	6
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_INTEGER	<b>Units</b>	none	<b>N/A Value</b>	65533
<b>Max. Value</b>		<b>Min. Value</b>	1		
<b>Description</b>	The N element gives the number of lines used to describe the current observation. This number can be different for each data product within a data set and even different between observations within the same data product.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	none				
<b>Remarks</b>	none				

<b>Keyword</b>	I			<b>Max. Length</b>	6
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_INTEGER	<b>Units</b>	none	<b>N/A Value</b>	65533
<b>Max. Value</b>		<b>Min. Value</b>	1		
<b>Description</b>	The I element gives the position of the current line in the complete set of lines used to describe the current observation.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	none				
<b>Remarks</b>	The values of I go from 1 to N.				

### 4.2 Required Non-geometrical Parameters

<b>Keyword</b>	CHANGE_MODE			<b>Max. Length</b>	1
<b>Data Type</b>	CHARACTER	<b>Units</b>	none	<b>N/A Value</b>	X
<b>Max. Value</b>	none	<b>Min. Value</b>	none		
<b>Description</b>	The CHANGE_MODE element represents the additional information about the type of data contained in the new release/revision.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	The CHANGE_MODE element has a set of accepted values: <b>N</b> for new data product, <b>U</b> for updated data product and <b>D</b> for deleted data product.				



<b>Remarks</b>	<p>The CHANGE_MODE does not need to be the same in every line in a new delivery. If, for example, the RELEASE 0001 REVISION 0000 is delivered and two data products need updating, but a third is completely wrong and should be removed, then in RELEASE 0001 REVISION 0001 the updated products shall be sent to the PSA with a new index table. This index table shall contain references to all data products within the data set, but only those lines referring to the products that have changed from the previous release/revision shall change the value of this keyword, so two products will have a <b>U</b> for updated and one will have a <b>D</b> for deleted, and the rest shall have exactly the same value they had in the previous release/revision.</p> <p>If the CHANGE_MODE element has been set to <b>D</b>, all the information concerning the file that has been deleted shall be the same as in the previous revision of the data set. Therefore, the line in the index file shall remain the same with the only exception of the CHANGE_MODE element value and the RELEASE_ID and REVISION_ID.</p>
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<b>Keyword</b>	<b>PATH_NAME</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	72
<b>Data Type</b>	CHARACTER	<b>Units</b>	none	<b>N/A Value</b>	N/A
<b>Max. Value</b>	none	<b>Min. Value</b>	none		
<b>Description</b>	The PATH_NAME data element identifies the full directory path – excluding the file name -- used to locate a file on a storage medium or online system. To allow the indication of the full path and file name within a descriptive label, this data element shall be used in conjunction with the FILE_NAME data element.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	The PATH_NAME data element is expressed according to the UNIX convention, using forward slashes to delimit directories. While the leading slash denoting the root directory is omitted, the final slash is used. It shall be based in a concatenation of directory names. A directory name must consist of only uppercase alphanumeric characters and the underscore character (i.e. A-Z, 0-9, or “_”). A directory name must not exceed 29 characters in length, to comply with the ISO 9660 level 2 media interchange standard. In the case of using the maximum number of directory levels (7 subdirectories), this maximum length shall be reduced up to 8 characters in order to comply with the maximum length of the PATH_NAME data element. For further details, please refer to [2].				
<b>Remarks</b>	The PATH_NAME data element may consist up to eight directory levels and it is a relative path.				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>FILE_NAME</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	31
<b>Data Type</b>	CHARACTER	<b>Units</b>	none	<b>N/A Value</b>	N/A
<b>Max. Value</b>	none	<b>Min. Value</b>	none		
<b>Description</b>	The FILE_NAME element provides the location independent name of a file. It excludes node or volume location, directory path names, and version specification.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	The FILE_NAME shall be limited to 27-character base name, plus a dot (“.”) and 3-character extension, following the so called the “27.3” convention. The FILE_NAME must consist of only uppercase alphanumeric characters and the underscore character (i.e. A-Z, 0-9, or “_”), to comply with the ISO 9660 level 2 media interchange standard. For further details, please refer to [2].				
<b>Remarks</b>	none				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>PRODUCT_ID</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	40
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<b>Data Type</b>	CHARACTER	<b>Units</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>N/A Value</b>	N/A
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		
<b>Description</b>	The PRODUCT_ID data element represents a permanent, unique identifier assigned to a data product by its producer.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	In the PDS, the value assigned to PRODUCT_ID must be unique within its data set.				

<b>Keyword</b>	DATA_SET_ID			<b>Max. Length</b>	40
<b>Data Type</b>	CHARACTER	<b>Units</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>N/A Value</b>	N/A
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		
<b>Description</b>	The DATA_SET_ID element is a unique alphanumeric identifier for a data set or a data product. The DATA_SET_ID value for a given data set or product is constructed according to flight project naming conventions. In most cases the DATA_SET_ID is an abbreviation of the DATA_SET_NAME.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	The values for DATA_SET_ID are constructed according to standards outlined in the Standards Reference (Ref. [2]).				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	RELEASE_ID			<b>Max. Length</b>	4
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_INTEGER	<b>Units</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>N/A Value</b>	-1
<b>Max. Value</b>	9999	<b>Min. Value</b>	0001		
<b>Description</b>	The RELEASE_ID indicates the release number of the data described by the entries in the geometry index table.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	RELEASE_ID is required for every file in every line because there could easily be a situation where, in revision of a new release, just a few data products are updated, deleted or new. In this case, only those lines in the Geometry Index Files that are relevant to those products will have a different Release or Revision ID in the final Geometry Index Table. This way, the end user has a way of tracking the changes that have been made in the data set.				

<b>Keyword</b>	REVISION_ID			<b>Max. Length</b>	4
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_INTEGER	<b>Units</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>N/A Value</b>	-1
<b>Max. Value</b>	9999	<b>Min. Value</b>	0000		
<b>Description</b>	The REVISION_ID indicates the revision number for the release indicated in the RELEASE_ID.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	REVISION_ID is required for every file in every line because there could easily be a situation where, in revision of a new release, just a few data products are updated, deleted or new. In this case, only those lines in the Geometry Index Files that are relevant to those products will have a different Release or Revision ID in the final Geometry Index Table. This way, the end user has a way of tracking the changes that have been made in the data set.				

### 4.3 Position Generic Parameters

<b>Keyword</b>	GEOMETRY_EPOCH			<b>Max. Length</b>	24
<b>Data Type</b>	TIME	<b>Units</b>	seconds	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>required</i>



<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>none</i>
<b>Description</b>	The GEOMETRY_EPOCH element is the time when the geometrical and position parameters are computed. The GEOMETRY_EPOCH is the time associated with the central point of an observation's sample (See Chapter <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b> for further details).		
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sss</i>		
<b>Remarks</b>	The GEOMETRY_EPOCH shall be expressed in UTC.		

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>ORBIT_NUMBER</b>		<b>Max. Length</b>	5
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_INTEGER	<b>Units</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>N/A Value</b> -999
<b>Max. Value</b>	99999	<b>Min. Value</b>	1	
<b>Description</b>	The ORBIT_NUMBER element is the number of the orbit around the target body.			
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>			
<b>Remarks</b>	The ORBIT_NUMBER shall be obtained for the given GEOMETRY_EPOCH.			

#### 4.4 Solar related Parameters

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>SOLAR_LONGITUDE</b>		<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b> <i>required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	359.999	<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The SOLAR_LONGITUDE element provides the value of the angle between the body-Sun line at the time of interest and the body-Sun line at the vernal equinox. This provides a measure of season on a target body, with values of 0 to 90 degrees representing northern spring, 90 to 180 degrees representing northern summer, 180 to 270 degrees representing northern autumn and 270 to 360 degrees representing northern winter.			
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>			
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>			

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>SUB_SOLAR_LATITUDE</b>		<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b> <i>required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	90.000	<b>Min. Value</b>	-90.000	
<b>Description</b>	The SUB_SOLAR_LATITUDE element provides the latitude of the sub-solar point. The sub-solar point is that point on a body's reference surface where a line from the body center to the sun center intersects the surface.			
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>			
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>			

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>SUB_SOLAR_LONGITUDE</b>		<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b> <i>required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	359.000	<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The SUB_SOLAR_LONGITUDE element provides the latitude of the sub-solar point. The sub-solar point is that point on a body's reference surface where a line from the body center to the sun center intersects the surface.			
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>			
<b>Remarks</b>	Longitude increases towards the East.			



## 4.5 Spacecraft related Parameters

<b>Keyword</b>	SC_SUN_DISTANCE			<b>Max. Length</b>	14
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		<b>Min. Value</b>		
<b>Description</b>	The SC_SUN_DISTANCE element provides the distance from the spacecraft to the center of the sun.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	X_SC_SUN_POSITION_VECTOR			<b>Max. Length</b>	14
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>Required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>None</i>	
<b>Description</b>	The X_SC_SUN_POSITION_VECTOR element indicates the x component of the position vector from the spacecraft to the sun, center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>None</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>None</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	Y_SC_SUN_POSITION_VECTOR			<b>Max. Length</b>	14
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>Required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>None</i>	
<b>Description</b>	The Y_SC_SUN_POSITION_VECTOR element indicates the y component of the position vector from the spacecraft to the sun, center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>None</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>None</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	Z_SC_SUN_POSITION_VECTOR			<b>Max. Length</b>	14
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>Required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>None</i>	
<b>Description</b>	The Z_SC_SUN_POSITION_VECTOR element indicates the z component of the position vector from the spacecraft to the sun, center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>None</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>None</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	X_SC_SUN_VELOCITY_VECTOR			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM/S	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>None</i>	
<b>Description</b>	The X_SC_SUN_VELOCITY_VECTOR element indicates the x component of the velocity vector from the spacecraft to the Sun, center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>None</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>None</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	Y_SC_SUN_VELOCITY_VECTOR			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM/S	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>required</i>



<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Description</b>	The Y_SC_SUN_VELOCITY_VECTOR element indicates the y component of the velocity vector from the spacecraft to the Sun, center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.		
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>None</i>		
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>None</i>		

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Z_SC_SUN_VELOCITY_VECTOR</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM/S	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>None</i>		
<b>Description</b>	The Z_SC_SUN_VELOCITY_VECTOR element indicates the z component of the velocity vector from the spacecraft to the Sun, center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>None</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>None</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>X_SC_TARGET_POSITION_VECTOR</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	14
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>Required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>None</i>		
<b>Description</b>	The X_SC_TARGET_POSITION_VECTOR element indicates the x component of the position vector from the spacecraft to the target center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>None</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>None</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Y_SC_TARGET_POSITION_VECTOR</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	14
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>Required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>None</i>		
<b>Description</b>	The Y_SC_TARGET_POSITION_VECTOR element indicates the y component of the position vector from the spacecraft to the target center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>None</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>None</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Z_SC_TARGET_POSITION_VECTOR</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	14
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>None</i>		
<b>Description</b>	The Z_SC_TARGET_POSITION_VECTOR element indicates the z component of the position vector from the spacecraft to the target center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>X_SC_TARGET_VELOCITY_VECTOR</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM/S	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>	<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		
<b>Description</b>	The X_SC_TARGET_VELOCITY_VECTOR element indicates the x component of the velocity vector from the spacecraft to the target center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.				



<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>None</i>

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Y_SC_TARGET_VELOCITY_VECTOR</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM/S	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>none</i>	
<b>Description</b>	The Y_SC_TARGET_VELOCITY_VECTOR element indicates the y component of the velocity vector from the spacecraft to the target center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Z_SC_TARGET_VELOCITY_VECTOR</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM/S	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		<b>Min. Value</b>	<i>none</i>	
<b>Description</b>	The Z_SC_TARGET_VELOCITY_VECTOR element indicates the z component of the velocity vector from the spacecraft to the target center expressed in J2000 reference frame, and corrected for light time and stellar aberration.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>SPACECRAFT_ALTITUDE</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	14
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM	<b>N/A Value</b>	<i>required</i>
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The SPACECRAFT_ALTITUDE element provides the distance from the spacecraft to a reference surface of the target body measured normal to the surface.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>SUB_SPACECRAFT_LATITUDE</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	90.000		<b>Min. Value</b>	-90.000	
<b>Description</b>	The SUB_SPACECRAFT_LATITUDE element provides the latitude of the sub-spacecraft point that is the point on a body that lies directly beneath the spacecraft.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>SUB_SPACECRAFT_LONGITUDE</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	359.999		<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The SUB_SPACECRAFT_LONGITUDE element provides the longitude of the sub-spacecraft point that is the point on a body that lies directly beneath the spacecraft.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	Longitude increases towards the East.				



#### 4.6 Instrument Viewing related Parameters

<b>Keyword</b>	TARGET_NAME			<b>Max. Length</b>	120
<b>Data Type</b>	CHARACTER	<b>Units</b>	none	<b>N/A Value</b>	required
<b>Max. Value</b>	none		<b>Min. Value</b>	none	
<b>Description</b>	The TARGET_NAME element provides the name of an observed target. The Target might be a planet, satellite, ring, region, feature, asteroid, comet, etc.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	none				
<b>Remarks</b>	none				

<b>Keyword</b>	LOCAL_TRUE_SOLAR_TIME			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	359.999		<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The LOCAL_TRUE_SOLAR_TIME element provides a measure of the instantaneous apparent sun position at the center of the observation. The LOCAL_TRUE_SOLAR_TIME is the angle between the extension of the vector from the Sun to the target body center and vector from the target body's planetocentric center to the spacecraft projected on the target body's ecliptic plan. This angle is measured in a counterclockwise direction when viewed from north of the ecliptic plane.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	none				
<b>Remarks</b>	none				

<b>Keyword</b>	START_POINT_LATITUDE			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	90.000		<b>Min. Value</b>	-90.000	
<b>Description</b>	The START_POINT_LATITUDE element provides the latitude of the left-hand corner point of the current "line" in the instrument detector.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	none				
<b>Remarks</b>	none				

<b>Keyword</b>	START_POINT_LONGITUDE			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	359.999		<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The START_POINT_LONGITUDE element provides the longitude of the left-hand corner point of the current "line" in the instrument detector.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	none				
<b>Remarks</b>	Longitude increases towards the East.				

<b>Keyword</b>	END_POINT_LATITUDE			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	90.000		<b>Min. Value</b>	-90.000	
<b>Description</b>	The END_POINT_LATITUDE element provides the latitude of the right-hand corner point of the current "line" in the instrument detector.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	none				
<b>Remarks</b>	none				

<b>Keyword</b>	END_POINT_LONGITUDE			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999



<b>Max. Value</b>	359.999	<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000
<b>Description</b>	The END_POINT_LONGITUDE element provides the longitude of the right-hand corner point of the current "line" in the instrument detector.		
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>		
<b>Remarks</b>	Longitude increases towards the East.		

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>CENTER_LATITUDE</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	9
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.99999
<b>Max. Value</b>	90.00000	<b>Min. Value</b>	-90.00000		
<b>Description</b>	The CENTER_LATITUDE element provides the reference latitude for the observation. This is the latitude that corresponds with the central point of the observation, as seen from the instrument on the spacecraft.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	The plane defined by the instrument position and the start and end points of the line may differ from the plane defined by the center of the planet and the same two end points. Therefore, the center of the line from the instrument perspective may differ from the geometrical center as seen from the center of the planet, and may also differ from the mathematical center of a straight line connecting both end points.				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>CENTER_LONGITUDE</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	9
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.99999
<b>Max. Value</b>	359.99999	<b>Min. Value</b>	0.00000		
<b>Description</b>	The CENTER_LONGITUDE element provides the reference longitude for the observation. This is the longitude of the central point of the observation, as seen from the instrument on the spacecraft.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	Longitude increases towards the East. The plane defined by the instrument position and the start and end points of the line may differ from the plane defined by the center of the planet and the same two end points. Therefore, the center of the line from the instrument perspective may differ from the geometrical center as seen from the center of the planet, and may also differ from the mathematical center of a straight line connecting both end points.				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>PHASE_ANGLE</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	180.000	<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000		
<b>Description</b>	The PHASE_ANGLE element provides a measure of the relationship between the instrument viewing position and incident illumination (such as solar light). Phase angle is measured at the target; it is the angle between a vector to the illumination source and a vector to the instrument.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>INCIDENCE_ANGLE</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	90.000	<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000		



<b>Description</b>	The <code>INCIDENCE_ANGLE</code> element provides a measure of the lighting condition at the intercept point. Incidence angle is the angle between the local vertical at the intercept point (surface) and a vector from the intercept point to the sun. The incidence angle varies from 0 degrees when the intercept point coincides with the sub-solar point to 90 degrees when the intercept point is at the terminator (i.e., in the shadowed or dark portion of the target body).
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>EMISSION_ANGLE</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	90.000		<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The <code>EMISSION_ANGLE</code> element provides the value of the angle between the surface normal vector at the intercept point and a vector from the intercept point to the spacecraft. This angle varies from 0 degrees when the spacecraft is viewing the sub-spacecraft point (nadir viewing) to 90 degrees when the intercept is tangent to the surface of the target body.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>SLANT_DISTANCE</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	8
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	KM	<b>N/A Value</b>	-999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	<i>none</i>		<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The <code>SLANT_DISTANCE</code> element provides a measure of the distance from the spacecraft to the center of the observation on the target.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>none</i>				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>NORTH_POLE_AZIMUTH_ANGLE</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	359.999		<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The <code>NORTH_POLE_AZIMUTH_ANGLE</code> element provides the value of the angle between a line from the image center to the north pole and a reference line in the image plane. The reference line is a horizontal line from the image center to the middle right edge of the image. This angle increases in a clockwise direction.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				
<b>Remarks</b>	The <code>NORTH_POLE_AZIMUTH_ANGLE</code> is defined as the angle between a vector from the "line center" to the north pole, and a vector from the "line center" to the right-hand end point of the line.				

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>SUB_SC_AZIMUTH_ANGLE</b>			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	359.999		<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The <code>SUB_SC_AZIMUTH_ANGLE</code> element provides the value of the angle between the line from the center of an image to the sub-spacecraft point and a horizontal reference line (in the image plane) extending from the image center to the middle right edge of the image. The values of this angle increase in a clockwise direction.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	<i>none</i>				



<b>Remarks</b>	The SUB_SC_AZIMUTH_ANGLE is defined as the angle between a vector from the "line center" to the sub-spacecraft point, and a vector from the "line center" to the right-hand end point of the line.
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<b>Keyword</b>	SUB_SOLAR_AZIMUTH_ANGLE			<b>Max. Length</b>	7
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	DEGREES	<b>N/A Value</b>	999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	359.999		<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The SUB_SOLAR_AZIMUTH_ANGLE element provides the value of the angle between the line from the center of an image to the sub-solar point and a horizontal reference line (in the image plane) extending from the image center to the middle right edge of the image. The values of this angle increase in a clockwise direction.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	None				
<b>Remarks</b>	The SUB_SOLAR_AZIMUTH_ANGLE is defined as the angle between a vector from the "line center" to the sub-solar point, and a vector from the "line center" to the right-hand end point of the line.				

<b>Keyword</b>	HORIZONTAL_PIXEL_SCALE			<b>Max. Length</b>	
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	METER	<b>N/A Value</b>	-999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	none		<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The HORIZONTAL_PIXEL_SCALE provides the number of meters per horizontal resolution unit at the center of the observation.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	none				
<b>Remarks</b>	none				

<b>Keyword</b>	VERTICAL_PIXEL_SCALE			<b>Max. Length</b>	
<b>Data Type</b>	ASCII_REAL	<b>Units</b>	METER	<b>N/A Value</b>	-999.999
<b>Max. Value</b>	none		<b>Min. Value</b>	0.000	
<b>Description</b>	The VERTICAL_PIXEL_SCALE provides the number of meters per horizontal resolution unit at the center of the observation.				
<b>Formation Rule</b>	none				
<b>Remarks</b>	none				