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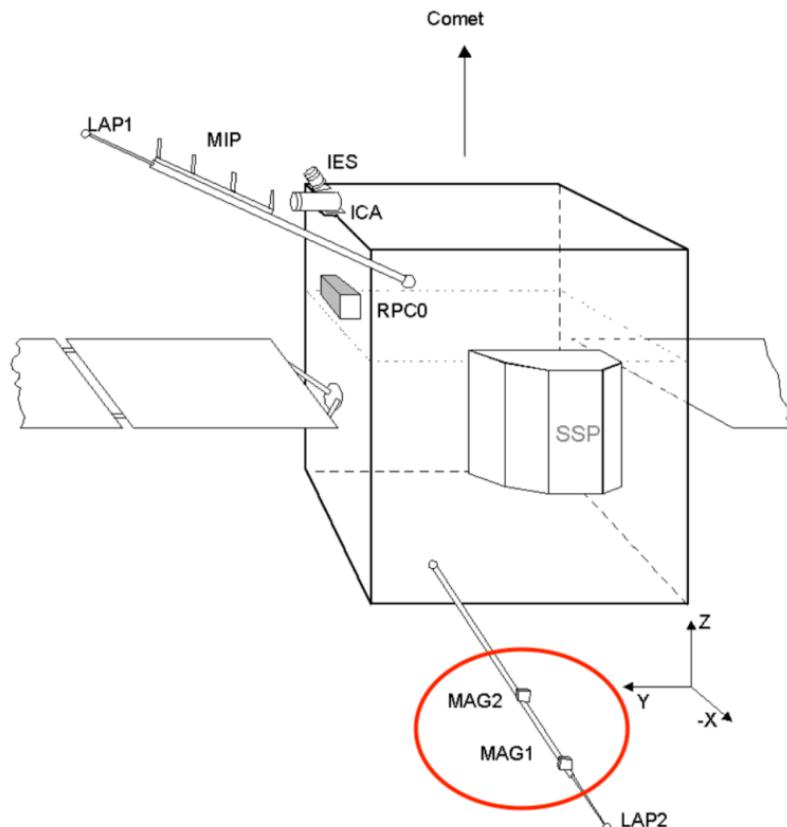
The purpose of this document is to detail the mapping of RPCMAG PDS3 datasets into CDF/ISTP compliant files. This conversion is performed by the ESA SSpace dAta foRmat TrAnslator (SPARTA) software. This technical note assumes that the reader is familiar with the PDS3 and CDF/ISTP formats. Otherwise, the reader is invited to explore first the following links

<https://pds.jpl.nasa.gov/tools/standards-reference.shtml>

<https://cdf.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

As underlined by (Glassmeier et al., 2007), RPCMAG aims to measure the magnetic field in the interaction region of the solar wind plasma with comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko. It consists of a system of two ultra-light (about 28 g each) triaxial fluxgate magnetometer sensors, mounted close to the tip of the 1.5 m long spacecraft boom and 15 cm closer to the s/c on the same boom. Two magnetometer sensors are required to determine the influence of the rather complex spacecraft magnetic field on the actual measurements, and for redundancy purposes. The measurement range of each sensor is  $\pm 16,384$  nT with quantization steps of 31 pT. The magnetometer sensors are operated with a time resolution of up to 0.05 s, corresponding to a bandwidth of 0-10 Hz. This performance allows detailed analyses of magnetic field variations in the cometary environment. RPC-MAG furthermore is designed to study possible remnant magnetic fields of the nucleus, measurements which have been done in close cooperation with the ROSETTA lander magnetometer experiment ROMAP .

Glassmeier, KH., Richter, I., Diedrich, A. et al., *RPC-MAG the fluxgate magnetometer in the ROSETTA plasma consortium*, Space Sci. Rev., 128: 649, 2007; <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-006-9114-x>



## 1. RPCMAG PDS3 DATASETS CONVERTED BY SPARTA

Three levels of the RPCMAG PDS3 datasets have been delivered by the RPCMAG team to the [ESA Planetary Science Archive](#) (PSA)

Level 2: 20 raw datasets

Level 3: 20 calibrated datasets, of subtypes A, B, C

Level 4: 20 resampled (calibrated) datasets, of subtypes F, G, H, K, L

As of 10 September 2019, PSA provide all these datasets in version 9.0, expected to be the final release.

Each of these datasets contain different sub-levels of the data corresponding to different coordinate systems and sometimes corrections/cleaning of the data. All these (sub) level types are explained below.

The RPCMAP PI team considers the following datasets as the most scientifically relevant

- CLC, best time resolution calibrated data in celestial coordinates
- CLG, averaged CLC data
- CLH, reaction wheel disturbance eliminated CLC- OB data in Burst mode (when available)

Furthermore, the CLB and CLF data in spacecraft coordinates are also considered to be useful.

SPARTA converts all PDS3 Level 3 datasets of type B and C and PDS3 Level 4 of type F, G, H. PDS3 Level 2 (raw data) are not converted by SPARTA as only calibrated datasets are converted.

### 1.1 RPCMAG Level 3 datasets

Level 3 datasets contain calibrated magnetic field vector data and quality flags with the highest time resolution from in the inboard and outboard sensors.

- **LEVEL\_A** provide magnetic field data in instrument coordinates, sensor temperatures as well as housekeeping data.
- **LEVEL\_B** contain magnetic field data in spacecraft coordinates and sensor temperatures. S/C generated noise and residual field are not taken into account.
- **LEVEL\_C** provide magnetic field data in J2000 celestial body coordinate system. Nominal s/c position and attitude have been considered during the evaluation. Spacecraft generated noise and residual fields are not taken into account. Data also contain spacecraft positions.

### 1.2 RPCMAG Level 4 datasets

Level 4 datasets contain resampled data, which are derived from Level 3 (calibrated) datasets by averaging to a specified time period, e.g. 1 second or 1 minute, sometimes correcting specific disturbance sources by application of special filters. This leads to

- **LEVEL\_F** are calibrated data in spacecraft coordinates. Derived from LEVEL\_B or LEVEL\_K data. Spacecraft generated noise and residual fields are not taken into account. Data averaged. Different modes are taken into account if necessary.
- **LEVEL\_G** are calibrated data in J2000 celestial body coordinate system. Derived from LEVEL\_C or LEVEL\_L. Spacecraft position and attitude have been considered during the evaluation. Spacecraft generated noise and residual fields are not taken into account. Data contain s/c positions as well. Data averaged. Different modes are taken into account if necessary.
- **LEVEL\_H** data are derived from LEVEL\_C outboard sensor in burst mode. A filter algorithm has been applied to get rid of the noise produced by ROSETTA's reaction

wheels. Nominal S/C position and attitude have been considered during the evaluation. Residual fields are not taken into account. Data contain s/c positions as well. Data are not averaged but resampled due to filter algorithm in frequency domain.

Each RPCMAG PDS3 level 4 dataset does not contain all of levels of data mentioned above. Please find below what they contain in more details as of 20 November 2018 in PSA

<b>Rosetta mission phase (dataset acronym)</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Stop</b>	<b>RESAMPLED data levels</b>	<b>Dataset version on PSA</b>
Cruise Phase (CVP)	2004-03-17	2004-10-14	F, G, H	9
Earth Flyby (EAR1)	2005-03-01	2005-03-29	F, G, H	9
Solar wind (CR2)	2005-06-16	2006-07-08	F, G	9
Mars Flyby (MARS)	2006-08-29	2007-05-22	F, G, H	9
Earth Flyby (EAR2)	2007-09-28	2007-09-29	F, G	9
Earth Flyby (EAR2)	2007-11-07	2007-11-20	F, G, H	9
Earth Flyby (EAR3)	2008-01-07	2008-01-08	F, G, H	9
Cruise Phase (CR4A)	2008-07-19	2008-07-26	F, G, H	9
Asteroid Steins (AST1)	2008-09-01	2008-09-10	F, G, H	9
Cruise Phase (CR4B)	2009-01-31	2009-02-01	F, G	9
Earth Flyby (EAR3)	2009-10-01	2009-10-02	F, G	9
Earth Flyby (EAR3)	2009-11-09	2009-11-17	F, G, H	9
Cruise Phase (CR5)	2010-02-24	2010-04-27	F, G, H	9
Asteroid Lutetia (AST2)	2010-07-07	2010-07-13	F, G, H	9
Solar wind (RVM1)	2010-12-06	2010-12-06	F, G	9
Solar wind (PRL)	2014-03-24	2014-11-21	F, G, H	9
Comet phase (ESC1, ESC2, ESC3, ESC4, EXT1, EXT2, EXT3)	2014-11-22	2016-09-30	F, G, H	9

## 2. MAPPING OF THE RPCMAG PDS3 DATA CONTENT

### 2.1 Level B

The DATA folder contains up to four types of data files per day

RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLB\_OB\_M2.TAB  
 RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLB\_IB\_M2.TAB  
 RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLB\_OB\_M3.TAB  
 RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLB\_IB\_M3.TAB

where

IB is an acronym for InBoard sensor

OB is an acronym OutBoard sensor

M2 relates to different time resolution (1s for OB, not fixed for IB)

M3 relates to different time resolution (0.05 s for OB, 1s for IB)

The content of each column is described in its related metadata file (so called label file, or LBL)

For files of type RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLB\_OB\_M2 or RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLB\_OB\_M3

PDS3 COLUMN NAME	PDS3 description																														
TIME_UTC	UTC TIME OF OBSERVATION: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.FFFFFFF																														
TIME_OBT	S/C CLOCK AT OBSERVATION TIME,SECONDS SINCE 00:00 AT 1.1.2003: SSSSSSSS.FFFFF																														
BX_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD X COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, OB SENSOR																														
BY_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Y COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, OB SENSOR																														
BZ_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Z COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, OB SENSOR																														
T_OB	TEMPERATURE OF RPCMAG OB SENSOR																														
QUALITY_FLAGS	<p>These flags describe the quality of the magnetic field data.          The quality is coded in a 8 byte string. Each character can have          the following values:</p> <table> <tr> <td>VALUE:</td> <td>MEANING:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>x</td> <td>property described by flag is still unknown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>o</td> <td>no disturbance, good quality</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1..9</td> <td>specific disturbance/problems, see below</td> </tr> </table> <p>Description of the specific flags:</p> <table> <tr> <td>FLAG-STRING</td> <td>FLAG DESCRIPTION</td> </tr> <tr> <td>87654321</td> <td>1 IMPACT OF REACTION WHEELS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>.....</td> <td>x = impact not assessed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>.....</td> <td>o = no disturbance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>.....</td> <td>1 = disturbance eliminated during data analysis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>.....</td> <td>2 = disturbance elimination failed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>.....</td> <td>3 = data disturbed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>.....</td> <td>2 IMPACT OF LANDER HEATER CURRENTS:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>.....</td> <td>x = impact not assessed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>.....</td> <td>o = no disturbance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>.....</td> <td>1 = disturbance eliminated during data analysis</td> </tr> </table>	VALUE:	MEANING:	x	property described by flag is still unknown	o	no disturbance, good quality	1..9	specific disturbance/problems, see below	FLAG-STRING	FLAG DESCRIPTION	87654321	1 IMPACT OF REACTION WHEELS	.....	x = impact not assessed	.....	o = no disturbance	.....	1 = disturbance eliminated during data analysis	.....	2 = disturbance elimination failed	.....	3 = data disturbed	.....	2 IMPACT OF LANDER HEATER CURRENTS:	.....	x = impact not assessed	.....	o = no disturbance	.....	1 = disturbance eliminated during data analysis
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:::::	2 = disturbance elimination failed
:::::	3 = data disturbed
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::::::-----	<b>3 BOOM DEPLOYMENT:</b>
:::::	0 = boom deployed
:::::	1 = boom stowed
:::::	2 = boom deployment ongoing. Data only valid in instrument coordinates
:::::	3 = pyros fired for boom release
:::::	
::::::-----	<b>4 OFFSET/RESIDUAL-FIELD RELATED EFFECTS:</b>
:::::	x = offset/residual-field issues not assessed
:::::	0 = no offset/residual-field problems
:::::	1 = offset/residual-field behavior not clear
:::::	2 = offset drifts, sensor not in thermal equilibrium thus temperature model N/A
:::::	3 = offset/residual-field drifts, reason unknown
:::::	4 = /residual-field jump detected, reason unknown
:::::	
::::::-----	<b>5 CORRELATION BETWEEN IB AND OB SENSOR</b>
:::	x = correlation not assessed
:::	0 = perfect correlation
:::	1 = good correlation
:::	2 = poor correlation
:::	3 = IB and OB show different long term behavior
:::	
::::::-----	<b>6 OTHER IMPACTS DECREASING THE QUALITY</b>
:::	x = no assessment
:::	0 = no other problems detected
:::	1 = TBD
:::	2 = TBD
:::	3 = TBD
:::	4 = data disturbed by pulses originated in s/c
:::	5 = data disturbed by AC signal originated in s/c
:::	6 = data noisy due to power on failure
:::	7 = data not calculatable due to thermistor failure
:::	8 = sensor saturated due to huge external field
:::	9 = sensor saturated, instrument power on sequence failed
:::	
::::::-----	<b>7 TBD</b>
:	x = no assessment
::::::-----	<b>8 TBD</b>
:	x = no assessment

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For files of type RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLB\_IB\_M2LBL  
or RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLB\_IB\_M3LBL, only the following variables are different OB will be replaced by IB in the variable names and description

## 2.2 Level C

The DATA folder contains two types of data files per day

RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLC\_OB\_M2.TAB

RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLC\_IB\_M2.TAB

RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLC\_OB\_M3.TAB

RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLC\_IB\_M3.TAB

where

IB relates to InBoard sensor

OB relates to OutBoard sensor

M2 to different time resolution (1s for OB, not fixed for IB)

M3 relates to different time resolution (0.05 s for OB, 1s for IB)

The content of each column is described in its related label file

For files of type RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLC\_OB\_M2LBL

or RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLC\_OB\_M3LBL

PDS3 COLUMN NAME	PDS3 description
TIME_UTC	UTC TIME OF OBSERVATION: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.FFFFFFF
TIME_OBT	S/C CLOCK AT OBSERVATION TIME,SECONDS SINCE 00:00 AT 1.1.2003: SSSSSSSS.FFFFF
POSITION_X	SPACECRAFT POSITION, X COMPONENT, 67P/C-G_CSEQ
POSITION_Y	SPACECRAFT POSITION, Y COMPONENT, 67P/C-G_CSEQ
POSITION_Z	SPACECRAFT POSITION, Z COMPONENT, 67P/C-G_CSEQ
BX_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD X COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE, CORRECTED DATA, OB SENSOR, 67P/C-G_CSEQ
BY_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Y COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE, CORRECTED DATA, OB SENSOR, 67P/C-G_CSEQ
BZ_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Z COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE, CORRECTED DATA, OB SENSOR, 67P/C-G_CSEQ
QUALITY_FLAGS	Same as level B

For files of type RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLC\_IB\_M2LBL

or RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLC\_IB\_M3LBL, differences are

PDS3 COLUMN NAME	PDS3 description
BX_IB	MAGNETIC FIELD X COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE, CORRECTED DATA, IB SENSOR, 67P/C-G_CSEQ
BY_IB	MAGNETIC FIELD Y COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE, CORRECTED DATA, IB SENSOR, 67P/C-G_CSEQ
BZ_IB	MAGNETIC FIELD Z COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE, CORRECTED DATA, IB SENSOR, 67P/C-G_CSEQ

## 2.3 Level F

The DATA folder contains four types of data files per day

RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLF\_OB\_A1.TAB  
 RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLF\_OB\_A6o.TAB  
 RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLF\_IB\_A1.TAB  
 RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLF\_IB\_A6o.TAB

where

IB relates to InBoard sensor  
 OB relates to OutBoard sensor

A6o to 1 minute resolution

A1 to 1 s resolution

The content of each column is described in its related metadata label file

For files of type RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLF\_OB\_A1.LBL.

PDS3 COLUMN NAME	PDS3 description
TIME_UTC	UTC TIME OF OBSERVATION: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.FFFFFFF
TIME_OBT	S/C CLOCK AT OBSERVATION TIME,SECONDS SINCE 00:00 AT 1.1.2003: SSSSSSSS.FFFFF
BX_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD X COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, 1S_AVERAGE-OB SENSOR
BY_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Y COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, 1S_AVERAGE-OB SENSOR
BZ_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Z COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, 1S_AVERAGE-OB SENSOR
T_OB	TEMPERATURE OF RPCMAG OB SENSOR
QUALITY_FLAGS	Same as level B

For files of type RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLF\_OB\_A6o.LBL, differences are

PDS3 COLUMN NAME	PDS3 description
BX_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD X COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, 6oS_AVERAGE-OB SENSOR
BY_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Y COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, 6oS_AVERAGE-OB SENSOR
BZ_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Z COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, 6oS_AVERAGE-OB SENSOR

For files of type RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLF\_IB\_A1.LBL

or RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLF\_IB\_A6o.LBL

IB replaces OB

## 2.4 Level G

The DATA folder contains four types of data files per day

RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLG\_OB\_A1.TAB

RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLG\_IB\_A1.TAB

where IB relates to InBoard sensor, OB to OutBoard sensor, A60 to 1 minute resolution and A1 to 1 s resolution

The content of each column is described in its related metadata file (so called label file), as follows for files of type RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLG\_OB\_A1.LBL.

PDS3 COLUMN NAME	PDS3 description
TIME_UTC	UTC TIME OF OBSERVATION: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.FFFFFFF
TIME_OBT	S/C CLOCK AT OBSERVATION TIME,SECONDS SINCE 00:00 AT 1.1.2003: SSSSSSSSS.FFFFF
POSITION_X	SPACECRAFT POSITION, X COMPONENT, S/C-COORDS
POSITION_Y	SPACECRAFT POSITION, Y COMPONENT, S/C-COORDS
POSITION_Z	SPACECRAFT POSITION, Z COMPONENT, S/C-COORDS
BX_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD X COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, 1S_AVERAGE-OB SENSOR, S/C-COORDS
BY_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Y COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, 1S_AVERAGE-OB SENSOR, S/C-COORDS
BZ_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Z COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, 1S_AVERAGE-OB SENSOR, S/C-COORDS
QUALITY_FLAGS	Same as level B

For files of type RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLF\_IB\_A1.LBL

PDS3 COLUMN NAME	PDS3 description
TIME_UTC	UTC TIME OF OBSERVATION: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.FFFFFFF
TIME_OBT	S/C CLOCK AT OBSERVATION TIME,SECONDS SINCE 00:00 AT 1.1.2003: SSSSSSSSS.FFFFF
POSITION_X	SPACECRAFT POSITION, X COMPONENT, S/C-COORDS
POSITION_Y	SPACECRAFT POSITION, Y COMPONENT, S/C-COORDS
POSITION_Z	SPACECRAFT POSITION, Z COMPONENT, S/C-COORDS
BX_IB	MAGNETIC FIELD X COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, 1S_AVERAGE-IB SENSOR, S/C-COORDS
BY_IB	MAGNETIC FIELD Y COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, 1S_AVERAGE-IB SENSOR, S/C-COORDS
BZ_IB	MAGNETIC FIELD Z COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, 1S_AVERAGE-IB SENSOR, S/C-COORDS
QUALITY_FLAGS	Same as level B

## 2.5 Level H

The DATA folder contains up to 6 types of data files per day

RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLH\_OB\_M2.TAB  
 RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLH\_OB\_M3.TAB  
 RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLH\_OB\_M4.TAB  
 RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLH\_IB\_M2.TAB

where

IB relates to InBoard sensor

OB relates to OutBoard sensor

M2, M3 and M4 to different time resolutions (1s, 0.05 s, 0.2 s)

The content of each column is described in its related metadata file (so called label file)

For files of type RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLH\_OB\_MX.LBL where MX is either M2, M3 or M4

PDS3 COLUMN NAME	PDS3 description
TIME_UTC	UTC TIME OF OBSERVATION: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.FFFFFFF
TIME_OBT	S/C CLOCK AT OBSERVATION TIME,SECONDS SINCE 00:00 AT 1.1.2003: SSSSSSSS.FFFFF
POSITION_X	SPACECRAFT POSITION, X COMPONENT, ECLIPJ2000
POSITION_Y	SPACECRAFT POSITION, Y COMPONENT, ECLIPJ2000
POSITION_Z	SPACECRAFT POSITION, Z COMPONENT, ECLIPJ2000
BX_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD X COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE AND REACTION WHEEL AND LAP DISTURBANCE CORRECTED DATA, OB SENSOR, ECLIPJ2000
BY_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Y COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE AND REACTION WHEEL AND LAP DISTURBANCE CORRECTED DATA, OB SENSOR, ECLIPJ2000
BZ_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD Z COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE AND REACTION WHEEL AND LAP DISTURBANCE CORRECTED DATA, OB SENSOR, ECLIPJ2000
QUALITY_FLAGS	Same as level B

For files of type RPCMAGYYMMDD\_CLH\_IB\_MX.LBL where MX is either M2, M3 or M4, same as above except the magnetic field components

PDS3 COLUMN NAME	PDS3 description
BX_IB	MAGNETIC FIELD X COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE AND REACTION WHEEL AND LAP DISTURBANCE CORRECTED DATA, IB SENSOR, ECLIPJ2000
BY_IB	MAGNETIC FIELD Y COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE AND REACTION WHEEL AND LAP DISTURBANCE CORRECTED DATA, IB SENSOR, ECLIPJ2000
BZ_IB	MAGNETIC FIELD Z COMPONENT, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE AND REACTION WHEEL AND LAP DISTURBANCE CORRECTED DATA, IB SENSOR, ECLIPJ2000

### 3. MAPPING OF THE RPCMAG PDS3 METADATA CONTENT

#### 3.1 RPCMAG CDF global attributes

RPCMAG CDF global attributes are described in the following sub-sections

1. [CDF ISTP required global attributes \(RPCMAG\)](#)
2. [Mapping of the PDS3 keywords \(RPCMAG\)](#)
3. [Mapping of the PDS3 CATALOG files \(RPCMAG\)](#)
4. [Mapping of the PDS3 DOCUMENT and CALIB files \(RPCMAG\)](#)

##### 3.1.1 CDF ISTP required global attributes (RPCMAG)

In this section, the CDF global attributes of a Level F dataset are described in details. The global attributes of any other RPCMAG level 3 or level 4 dataset is converted in a similar way by SPARTA. For a CDF file to be ISTP compliant, a number of global attributes are compulsory (in bold) while others are recommended (in italic). For RPCMAG, level 4, level F, OutBoard (OB) sensor at 1s resolution, measured on 20160929, here is how they are defined. These global attributes are listed at the top of the global attributes' list contained in the converted file named Rosetta\_RPCMAG\_clf\_ob\_a1\_20160929\_V6.0.cdf.

**Project:** {'ROSETTA'}

**Discipline:** {'Space Physics>Interplanetary Studies'}

**Source\_name:** {'ROSETTA>International Rosetta mission'}

**Data\_type:** see [Data\\_type global attribute sub-section](#)

**Descriptor:** {'RPCMAG>Rosetta Plasma Consortium fluxgate MAGnetometer'}

**Data\_version:** {'9.0'}

**TEXT:** see [TEXT global attribute subsection](#)

**Logical\_file\_id:** {'Rosetta\_RPCMAG\_clf\_ob\_a1\_20160929\_V9.0'}

**Logical\_source:** {'rosetta\_rpcmag\_clf\_ob\_a1'}

**Logical\_source\_description:** {'This dataset contains [...] '}

**PI\_name:** {'Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Glassmeier'}

**PI\_affiliation:** {"Technische Universitaet Braunschweig - Institute For Geophysics And Extraterrestrial Physics'}

**Instrument\_type:** {'Magnetic Fields (space)'}

**Mission\_group:** {'Rosetta'}

**Generated\_by:** {'Dr. Ingo Richter for the RPCMAG team, converted to CDF by SPARTA'}

**Generation\_date:** {'20171106'}

**File\_naming\_convention:** {'source\_descriptor\_datatype\_yyyyMMdd'}

Please note that Logical\_file\_id and logical\_source depends on the PDS3 dataset and the type of file

- to be adapted to the level version (B, C, F, G, H), i.e. clb,clc,clf,clg or clh
- to be adapted to the time resolution/mode, i.e. either a1 or a60 for level versions F and G or M2, M3 or M4 for versions B, C and H

PI\_affiliation is mapped from PDS3 keyword PRODUCER\_INSTITUTION\_NAME

#### Data\_type global attribute

last part of data\_type description is mapped from PDS3 keyword INSTRUMENT\_MODE\_DESC in the LBL file of the dataset

Data\_type for B version shall read

**Data\_type:** {'CLB\_OB\_M2>Codmac Level H, OutBoard sensor, NORMAL MODE: 32 PRIMARY & 1 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 32 SECONDS'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLB\_OB\_M3>Codmac Level H, OutBoard sensor, BURST MODE: 320 PRIMARY & 16 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 16 SECONDS'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLB\_IB\_M2>Codmac Level H, InBoard sensor, NORMAL MODE: 32 PRIMARY & 1 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 32 SECONDS'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLB\_IB\_M3>Codmac Level H, InBoard sensor, BURST MODE: 320 PRIMARY & 16 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 16 SECONDS'}

M2 corresponds to a time resolution of 0.05s M3 to 1s when operated in primary normal mode

Data\_type for C version shall read

**Data\_type:** {'CLC\_OB\_M2>Codmac Level H, OutBoard sensor, NORMAL MODE: 32 PRIMARY & 1 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 32 SECONDS'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLC\_OB\_M3>Codmac Level H, OutBoard sensor, BURST MODE: 320 PRIMARY & 16 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 16 SECONDS'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLC\_IB\_M2>Codmac Level H, InBoard sensor, NORMAL MODE: 32 PRIMARY & 1 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 32 SECONDS'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLC\_IB\_M3>Codmac Level H, InBoard sensor, BURST MODE: 320 PRIMARY & 16 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 16 SECONDS'}

M2 corresponds to a time resolution of 0.05s M3 to 1s when operated in primary normal mode

Data\_type for F version shall read

**Data\_type:** {'CLF\_OB\_A1>Codmac Level F, OutBoard sensor, 1s averages'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLF\_OB\_A60>Codmac Level F, OutBoard sensor, 60s averages'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLF\_IB\_A1>Codmac Level F, InBoard sensor, 1s averages'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLF\_IB\_A60>Codmac Level F, InBoard sensor, 60s averages'}

Data\_type for G version shall read

**Data\_type:** {'CLG\_OB\_A1>Codmac Level G, OutBoard sensor, 1s averages'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLG\_OB\_A60>Codmac Level G, OutBoard sensor, 60s averages'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLG\_IB\_A1>Codmac Level G, InBoard sensor, 1s averages'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLG\_IB\_A60>Codmac Level G, InBoard sensor, 60s averages'}

Data\_type for H version shall read

**Data\_type:** {'CLH\_OB\_M2>Codmac Level H, OutBoard sensor, NORMAL MODE: 32 PRIMARY & 1 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 32 SECONDS'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLH\_OB\_M3>Codmac Level H, OutBoard sensor, BURST MODE: 320 PRIMARY & 16 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 16 SECONDS'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLH\_OB\_M4>Codmac Level H, OutBoard sensor, MEDIUM MODE: 160 PRIMARY & 1 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 32 SECONDS'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLH\_IB\_M2>Codmac Level H, InBoard sensor, NORMAL MODE: 32 PRIMARY & 1 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 32 SECONDS'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLH\_IB\_M3>Codmac Level H, InBoard sensor, BURST MODE: 320 PRIMARY & 16 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 16 SECONDS'}

**Data\_type:** {'CLH\_IB\_M4>Codmac Level H, InBoard sensor, MEDIUM MODE: 160 PRIMARY & 1 SECONDARY VECTORS PER 32 SECONDS'}

M2 corresponds to a time resolution of 0.05s M3 to 1s and M4 to 0.2s

The last part of the data type global attribute is a direct mapping of the INSTRUMENT\_MODE\_DESC PDS3 keyword.

### TEXT global attribute

The RPCMAG TEXT global attribute shall always read as follows

*Instrument reference paper:*

Glassmeier, K.H., Richter, I., Diedrich, A., Musmann, G., Auster, U., Motschmann, U., Balogh, A., Carr, C., Cupido, E., Coates, A., Rother, M., Schwingenschuh, K., Szegoe, K., Tsurutani, B., *RPC-MAG The Fluxgate Magnetometer in the ROSETTA Plasma Consortium, Space Sci. Rev.*, 128, 649-670, 2007

*For more information*

*Rosetta mission overview - See Rosetta\_Mission\_cat global attribute*

*Rosetta spacecraft overview - See Rosetta\_Insthost\_cat global attribute*

*Rosetta targets overview - See Rosetta\_target\_cat global attribute*

*Rosetta references listing - See Rosetta\_ref\_cat global attribute*

*RPCMAG instrument overview - See RPCMAG\_inst\_cat global attribute*

*RPCMAG software overview - See RPCMAG\_software\_cat global attribute*

*RPCMAG personnel contacts - See RPCMAG\_pers\_cat global attribute*

*RPCMAG dataset overview - See Dataset\_cat global attribute*

*RPCMAG dataset quality flags overview - See Quality\_flags\_description global attribute*

*Those attributes are located at the bottom of the global attributes list.*

*The content of these attributes is mapped from the original PDS3 catalog files.*

### DOCUMENTATION

A number of documents describing how the instrument was operated, calibrated and tips on how data shall be interpreted are available

at <ftp://psa.esac.esa.int/pub/mirror/INTERNATIONAL-ROSETTA-MISSION/RPCMAG/RO-C-RPCMAG-4-EXT3-RESAMPLED-V6.0/DOCUMENT/>

### CALIBRATION

A number of products describing the instrument calibration are available at

<ftp://psa.esac.esa.int/pub/mirror/INTERNATIONAL-ROSETTA-MISSION/RPCMAG/RO-C-RPCMAG-4-EXT3-RESAMPLED-V6.0/CALIB/>

### 3.1.2 Mapping of PDS3 keywords to CDF global attributes

For each of the TAB data file, a label file is provided (same filename with LBL extension). The top tier of such an LBL file is displayed in Figure 14.

Each of this file provides

- a list of PDS3 keywords and their associated values (including SPICE information),
  - The PDS3 keywords list has been mapped into the Global attributes of the CDF file. The mapping has been done exactly in the same order as they are listed in the label file, and listed after the CDF ISTP global attributes. The first PDS3 mapped keyword of this list is simply PDS\_VERSION\_ID = PDS3. "Pds\_" has been added at the beginning of each PDS3 mapped keyword to make the distinction, see Figure 15.
- an ordered list of the variables corresponding to the data columns in the TAB files,
  - This list is mapped to the *Variables* of the CDF file while their related metadata such as Unit or description is stored in the *VariableAttributes* of the CDF file.
- an extensive description of the quality flags.
  - The quality flags description has been added as a separate global attribute named Quality\_flags\_description. A reference to this global attribute is also present in the CATDESC variable attribute of the QUALITY\_FLAGS variable.

Name

**DATA**

- RESAMPLED
- 2016
- SEP
- LEVEL\_F
- OB
- IB

- RPCMAG160930\_CLF\_IB\_A60.TAB
- RPCMAG160930\_CLF\_IB\_A60.LBL
- RPCMAG160930\_CLF\_IB\_A1.TAB
- RPCMAG160930\_CLF\_IB\_A1.LBL
- RPCMAG160929\_CLF\_IB\_A60.TAB
- RPCMAG160929\_CLF\_IB\_A60.LBL
- RPCMAG160929\_CLF\_IB\_A1.TAB

1 of 146 selected

```

PDS_VERSION_ID          = PDS3
LABEL_REVISION_NOTE     = "V1.0"
RECORD_TYPE              = FIXED_LENGTH
RECORD_BYTES             = 90
FILE_RECORDS             = 1438
DATA_SET_ID              = "R0-C-RPCMAG-4-EXT3-RESAMPLED-V6.0"
DATA_SET_NAME             = "ROSETTA-ORBITER 67P RPCMAG 4 EXT3 RESAMPLED V6.0"
PRODUCT_ID                = "RPCMAG160929_CLF_IB_A60"
PRODUCT_CREATION_TIME      = "2016-11-30T14:35:00"
PRODUCT_TYPE               = "REFDR"
MISSION_ID                 = "ROSETTA"
MISSION_NAME                = "INTERNATIONAL ROSETTA MISSION"
MISSION_PHASE_NAME           = "ROSETTA EXTENSION 3"
OBSERVATION_TYPE            = "N/A"
INSTRUMENT_HOST_ID           = "R0"
INSTRUMENT_HOST_NAME          = "ROSETTA-ORBITER"
INSTRUMENT_ID                  = "RPCMAG"
INSTRUMENT_NAME                = "ROSETTA PLASMA CONSORTIUM - FLUXGATE MAGNETOMETER"
INSTRUMENT_TYPE                 = "MAGNETOMETER"
INSTRUMENT_MODE_ID              = "AVERAGED"
INSTRUMENT_MODE_DESC             = "60 S AVERAGES"
TARGET_NAME                  = "67P/CHURYUMOV-GERASIMENKO 1 (1969 R1)"
TARGET_TYPE                   = "COMET"
START_TIME                    = "2016-09-29T00:01:29.427"
STOP_TIME                     = "2016-09-29T23:58:29.427"
SPACECRAFT_CLOCK_START_COUNT    = "1/433727999.60731"
SPACECRAFT_CLOCK_STOP_COUNT      = "1/433814219.60731"

START_JULIAN_DATE_VALUE        = 2457660.5010350351
STOP_JULIAN_DATE_VALUE         = 2457661.4989517019
SC_SUN_POSITION_VECTOR          = ( 537347421.18, 193790968.09, -35564807.47)
SC_TARGET_POSITION_VECTOR        = ( -20.42, -0.14, -11.45)
SC_TARGET_VELOCITY_VECTOR        = ( 0.00, -0.00, -0.00)
SPACECRAFT_ALTITUDE             = 21.311
SUB_SPACECRAFT_LATITUDE          = -18.736
SUB_SPACECRAFT_LONGITUDE          = 175.856
SPICE_FILE_NAME                  = {"PREHIB\ATNR_P040302093352_00127.BC",
                                         "PREHIB\ORER____00031.BSP",
                                         "PREHIB\ORFR____00067.BSP",
                                         "PREHIB\ORGR____00096.BSP",
                                         "PREHIB\ORHR____00122.BSP",
                                         "PREHIB\ORMR____00052.BSP",
                                         "PREHIB\ORHO____00077.BSP",
                                         "ROS_SA_2004_V0001.BC",
                                         "ROS_SA_2005_V0001.BC",
                                         "ROS_SA_2006_V0001.BC",
                                         "ROS_SA_2007_V0001.BC",
                                         "ROS_SA_2008_V0038.BC",
                                         "ROS_SA_2009_V0054.BC",
                                         "ROS_SA_2010_V0052.BC",
                                         "ROS_SA_2011_V0013.BC",
                                         "ROS_SA_2014_V0047.BC",
                                         "ROS_SA_2015_V0042.BC",
                                         "ROS_SA_2016_V0041.BC",
                                         "ROS_HGA_2008_V0018.BC",
                                         "ROS_HGA_2009_V0051.RC"
                                         }

```

**Figure 14.** Top tier of the **RPCMAG160929\_CLF\_IB\_A60.LBL** file of **RPCMAG** related to the description of the data.

## List of PDS3 keywords converted to global attributes, displayed within Matlab

```

>> info=spdfcdfinfo('Rosetta_RPCMAG_clf_ob_a1_20160929_V6.0.cdf');
>> info.GlobalAttributes
ans =
    struct with fields:

        Project: {'ROSETTA'}
        Discipline: {'Space Physics>Interplanetary Studies'}
        Source_name: {'ROSETTA>International Rosetta mission'}
        Data_type: {'CLF_DB_A1>Codmac Level F, OutBoard sensor, 1 s averages'}
        Descriptor: {'RPCMAG>Rosetta Plasma Consortium fluxgate MAGnetometer'}
        Data_version: {'6.0'}
        TEXT: {25x1 cell}
        Logical_file_id: {'Rosetta_RPCMAG_clf_ob_a1_20160929_V6.0'}
        Logical_source: {'rossetta_rpcmag_clf_ob_a1'}
        Logical_source_description: {6x1 cell}
        PI_name: {'Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Glassmeier'}
        PI_affiliation: {'Technische Universitaet Braunschweig - Institute For Geophysics And Extraterrestrial Physics'}
        Instrument_type: {'Magnetic Fields (space)'}
        Mission_group: {'Rosetta'}
        Time_resolution: {'1 s'}
        Generated_by: {'Dr. Ingo Richter for the RPCMAG team, converted to CDF by the ESA SPARTA software'}
        Generation_date: {'20180607'}
        File_naming_convention: {'source descriptor datatype vvvvMdd'}
        Pds_version_id: {'PDS3'}
        Pds_label_revision_note: {'V1.0'}
        Pds_record_type: {'FIXED_LENGTH'}
        Pds_record_bytes: {'90'}
        Pds_file_records: {'86357'}
        Pds_data_set_id: {'RO-C-RPCMAG-4-EXT3-RESAMPLED-V6.0'}
        Pds_data_set_name: {'ROSETTA-ORBITER 67P RPCMAG 4 EXT3 RESAMPLED V6.0'}
        Pds_product_id: {'RPCMAG160929_CLF_DB_A1'}
        Pds_product_creation_time: {'2016-11-30T14:35:00'}
        Pds_product_type: {'REFDR'}
        Pds_mission_id: {'ROSETTA'}
        Pds_mission_name: {'INTERNATIONAL ROSETTA MISSION'}
        Pds_mission_phase_name: {'ROSETTA EXTENSION 3'}
        Pds_observation_type: {'N/A'}
        Pds_instrument_host_id: {'RO'}
        Pds_instrument_host_name: {'ROSETTA-ORBITER'}
        Pds_instrument_id: {'RPCMAG'}
        Pds_instrument_name: {'ROSETTA PLASMA CONSORTIUM - FLUXGATE MAGNETOMETER'}
        Pds_instrument_mode_id: {'AVERAGED'}
        Pds_instrument_mode_desc: {'1 S AVERAGES'}
        Pds_target_name: {'67P/CHURYUMOV-GERASIMENKO 1 (1969 R1)'}
        Pds_target_type: {'COMET'}
        Pds_start_time: {'2016-09-29T00:00:36.177'}
        Pds_stop_time: {'2016-09-29T23:59:52.177'}
        Pds_spacecraft_clock_start_count: {'1/433727946.61579'}
        Pds_spacecraft_clock_stop_count: {'1/433814302.61579'}
        Pds_start_julian_date_value: {'2457660.5004187156'}
        Pds_stop_julian_date_value: {'2457661.4999094564'}
        Pds_sc_sun_position_vector: {3x1 cell}
        Pds_sc_target_position_vector: {3x1 cell}
        Pds_sc_target_velocity_vector: {3x1 cell}
        Pds_spacecraft_altitude: {'21.311'}
        Pds_sub_spacecraft_latitude: {'-18.716'}
        Pds_sub_spacecraft_longitude: {'176.132'}
        Pds_spice_file_name: {59x1 cell}
        Pds_producer_id: {'RPC_MAG_TEAM'}
        Pds_producer_full_name: {'INGO RICHTER'}
        Pds_producer_institution_name: {'IGEP-TU-BRAUNSCHWEIG'}
        Pds_data_quality_id: {'N/A'}
        Pds_data_quality_desc: {'ONLY 'GOOD' RAW DATA HAVE BEEN PROCESSED AND STORED'}
        Pds_processing_level_id: {'4'}
        Pds_description: {5x1 cell}
        Pds_flight_software_version_id: {'FIL:V1.0'}
        Pds_platform_or_mounting_desc: {'MAGNETOMETER_BOOM: DEPLOYED'}
        Pds_note: {21x1 cell}
        Rosetta_mission_cat: {2270x1 cell}
        Rosetta_insthost_cat: {2161x1 cell}
        Rosetta_target_cat: {1509x1 cell}
        Rosetta_ref_cat: {1618x1 cell}
        RPCMAG_inst_cat: {1121x1 cell}
        RPCMAG_software_cat: {6x1 cell}
        RPCMAG_pers_cat: {50x1 cell}
        Dataset_cat: {219x1 cell}
        Quality_flags_description: {68x1 cell}
        Software_version: {'SPARTA DEVELOPMENT'}
    
```

CDF ISTP required and recommended Global attributes

PDS3 data label file keywords mapped to CDF Global

ROSETTA\_MISSION.CAT  
ROSETTA\_INSTHOST.CAT  
ROSETTA\_TARGET.CAT  
ROSETTA\_REF.CAT  
RPCMAG\_INST.CAT  
RPCMAG\_SOFTWARE.CAT  
RPCMAG\_PERS.CAT  
DATASET.CAT  
Quality flags desc from LBL

**Figure 15. Listing of all global attributes of an RPCMAG CDF ISTP compliant file converted by SPARTA**

This list of global attributes can also be visualized and edited by the NASA CDFedit tool software, see below

CDF:/Users/amasson/Documents/Archive_Science_Lead/SPARTA/RosettaRPC/PCMAG/Test files/Rosetta_RPCMAG.clg_ob_a1_20160929_V9.0									
pAttribute	File	gAttributes	vAttributes	zVariables	Global Attributes	Variable Attributes	Variables		
Project					CDF Specifications				
Discipline					Version	Format	Encoding	Majority	Num2Vars
Source_name					3.6.3	SINGLE	NETWORK	COLUMN	7
Data_type									NumAttrs
Descriptor									Max Rec #
Data_version									86357
TEXT									Compression
Logical_file_id									None
Logical_source									Checksum
Logical_source_description									LeapTableUpdated
PI_name									20170101
PI_affiliation									
Instrument_type									
Mission_group									
Time_resolution									
Generated_by									
Global_attributes									
File_naming_convention									
Pds_version_id									
Pds_label_revision_note									
Pds_record_type									
Pds_record_bytes									
Pds_file_records									
Pds_data_set_id									
Pds_data_set_name									
Pds_data_set_id									
Pds_product_creation_time									
Pds_product_type									
Pds_mission_id									
Pds_mission_name									
Pds_mission_phase_name									
Pds_observation_type									
Pds_instrument_id									
Pds_instrument_host_name									
Pds_instrument_id									
Pds_instrument_name									
Pds_instrument_mode_id									
Pds_instrument_mode_desc									
Pds_target_name									
Pds_target_type									
Pds_coordinate_system_center_name									
PI_name									

**Figure 16. Visualization of the global attributes of a CDF file converted by SPARTA with NASA CDFedit tool. Please note the CDF/ISTP required global attribute TEXT, which describes the experiment related to the file.**

### 3.1.3 Mapping of PDS3 CATALOG files to CDF global attributes

A folder named CATALOG is contained in the PDS3 dataset entitled RO-C-RPCMAG-4-EXT3\_RESAMPLED-V6.o. It is composed of 8 files, see below

▼	RO-C-RPCMAG-4-EXT3-RESAMPLED-V6.0
►	CALIB (only relevant for fluxgate magnetometer specialists)
▼	CATALOG
►	CATINFO.TXT (just a listing of the content)
►	DATASET.CAT
►	ROSETTA_INSTHOST.CAT
►	ROSETTA_MISSION.CAT
►	ROSETTA_REF.CAT
►	ROSETTA_TARGET.CAT
►	RPCMAG_INST.CAT
►	RPCMAG_PERS.CAT
►	RPCMAG_SOFTWARE.CAT
►	DATA
►	DOCUMENT
►	FLIGHT_REPORTS (Mission commissioning report not relevant for regular scientists)
►	INDEX files (only relevant for PDS3 format)
►	AAREADME.TXT
►	ERRATA.TXT
►	VOLDESC.CAT

**Figure 17. Content of the CATALOG folder of the RPCMAG PDS3 dataset RO-C-RPCMAG-4-EXT3\_RESAMPLED-V6.0.**

The content of each of these eight files has been mapped to eight global variables in the CDF file. These variables have been named with the PDS CATALOG filenames, as follows

**PDS3 Catalog files CDF/ISTP global attributes**

```
ROSETTA_MISSION.CAT -----> Rosetta_mission_cat
ROSETTA_INSTHOST.CAT-----> Rosetta_insthost_cat
ROSETTA_TARGET.CAT -----> Rosetta_target_cat
ROSETTA_REF.CAT -----> Rosetta_ref_cat
RPCMAG_INST.CAT -----> RPCMAG_inst_cat
RPCMAG_SOFTWARE.CAT -----> RPCMAG_software_cat
RPCMAG_PERS.CAT -----> RPCMAG_pers_cat
DATASET.CAT -----> Dataset_cat
```

These global attributes are located at the bottom of the global attributes list.

This mapping is detailed in the mandatory ISTP global attribute TEXT (see 7<sup>th</sup> global attribute from the top of the global attributes' list in Figure 16). This attribute is a "text description of the experiment whose data is included in the CDF. A reference to a journal article(s) or to a World Wide Web page describing the experiment is essential, and constitutes the minimum requirement. [...]" according to its NASA definition.

For the example treated here, this global attribute reads (using Matlab)

```
>> info.GlobalAttributes.TEXT
```

*Instrument reference paper:*

Glassmeier, K.H., Richter, I., Diedrich, A., Musmann, G., Auster, U., Motschmann, U., Balogh, A., Carr, C., Cupido, E., Coates, A., Rother, M., Schwingenschuh, K., Szegoe, K., Tsurutani, B., *RPC-MAG The Fluxgate Magnetometer in the ROSETTA Plasma Consortium, Space Sci. Rev., 128, 649-670, 2007*

*For more information*

*Rosetta mission overview - See Rosetta\_Mission\_cat global attribute  
 Rosetta spacecraft overview - See Rosetta\_Insthost\_cat global attribute  
 Rosetta targets overview - See Rosetta\_target\_cat global attribute  
 Rosetta references listing - See Rosetta\_ref\_cat global attribute  
 RPCMAG instrument overview - See RPCMAG\_inst\_cat global attribute  
 RPCMAG software overview - See RPCMAG\_software\_cat global attribute  
 RPCMAG personnel contacts - See RPCMAG\_pers\_cat global attribute  
 RPCMAG dataset overview - See Dataset\_cat global attribute  
 RPCMAG dataset quality flags overview - See Quality\_flags\_description global attribute  
 Those attributes are located at the bottom of the global attributes list.  
 The content of these attributes is mapped from the original PDS3 catalog files.*

**DOCUMENTATION**

A number of documents describing how the instrument was operated, calibrated and tips on how data shall be interpreted are available

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A number of products describing the instrument calibration are available

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### 3.1.4 Mapping of the PDS3 DOCUMENT and CALIB files (RPCMAG)

#### 3.1.4.1 Reference to PDS3 DOCUMENT directory

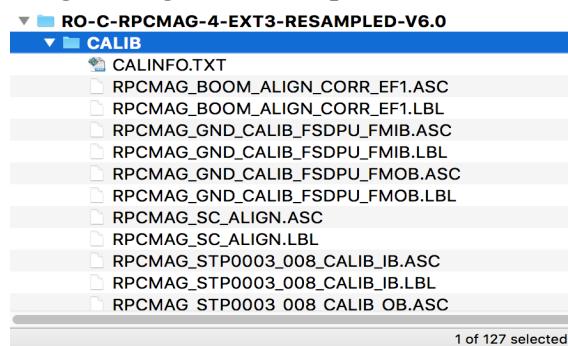
A folder named DOCUMENT is contained in the RPCMAG PDS3 dataset level 3 and 4 converted by SPARTA. It contains the following subfolders

- CALIBRATION
  - FLIGHT\_REPORTS
  - INTERFERENCE
- + five documents with their related label files
- RPC MAG logbook(LOGBOOK\_YYDDMM\_YYDDMM.ASC)
  - RPCMAG EAICD (RO\_IGEP\_TRO009\_MAC\_EAICD.PDF)
  - RPCMAG user guide (RO\_IGEP\_TRO074\_MAC\_USERGUIDE.PDF)
  - RPCMAG instrument (RPCMAP\_INSTRUMENT.PDF)
  - RPC user guide (RPC\_USER\_guide.PDF)

A reference to this directory with a direct ftp link is mentioned in the TEXT global attribute about this set of documents (see [previous subsection](#)).

#### 3.1.4.2 Reference to PDS3 CALIB directory

A directory named CALIB is contained in every RPCMAG level 3 and 4 PDS3 dataset converted by SPARTA. The CALIB directory contains all necessary information to generate calibrated magnetic field values from the Inboard (IB) and the Outboard (OB) sensor. As an example, for the dataset RO-C-RPCMAG-4-EXT3\_RESAMPLED-V6.0, this directory is composed of 126 files and enables to understand the calibration of the magnetic field measurement, changes of reference frames etc... This information is relevant mostly for fluxgate magnetometer specialists.



**Figure 20. Content of the CALIB folder of the PDS3 dataset RO-C-RPCMAG-4-EXT3\_RESAMPLED-V6.0.**

A reference to this directory with a direct ftp link is mentioned in the TEXT global attribute about this set of documents (see [previous subsection](#)).

### 3.1.5 Mapping of the quality flags (RPCMAG)

The quality flags available in any LBL file is static, hence its content is stored as the last before last global variable and named Quality\_flags\_description.

## 3.2 CDF variable attributes

To be ISTP compliant, the following variable attributes are compulsory (in bold) or recommended

**FIELDNAM** for all variables

**CATDESC** for all variables

**VAR\_TYPE** for all variables (CDF specific)

**UNITS** for data and support data

**FORMAT** for all variables not using FORM\_PTR

**FILLVAL** for data, Record Varying (RV) support\_data, and RV metadata

**VALIDMIN** for data and RV support\_data

**VALIDMAX** for data and RV support\_data **DEPEND\_O** for data, RV support\_data, and RV metadata

**DISPLAY\_TYPE** for data

**LABLAXIS** for data of type image, scalar time series and 1D spectrogram

**LABL\_PTR\_1** for vectors

Additional variable attributes are recommended

**TIME\_BASE** (recommended for time variables) or optional like **SI\_CONVERSION**

All these variable attributes are explained in more detailed in section 6. The values of these variable attributes have been mapped from the PDS3 LBL files. The variable attributes' values are detailed below.

### 3.2.1 Level B

The magnetic field data are stored in the original PDS3 TAB files per component (e.g. for the outboard sensor Bx\_OB, By\_OB, Bz\_OB). When files are converted to CDF files by SPARTA, the magnetic field is stored as a vector in one variable instead, the third variable, named B\_OB for outboard sensor or B\_IB for inboard sensor. In this case, a variable **LABEL\_B\_OB** (resp. **LABEL\_B\_IB**) of type metadata is recommended by NASA SPDF ISTP guidelines to label the values Bx, By, Bz.

These variable attributes are the same for M2 and M3 files.

CDF variable names	FIELDNAM
TIME_UTC	TIME_UTC
TIME_OBT	SpacecraftOnBoard clock Time
B_OB	Magnetic Field Vector
T_OB	Sensor Temperature
QUALITY_FLAGS	QUALITY_FLAGS
LABEL_B_OB	LABEL_B_OB

CDF variable names	CATDESC
TIME_UTC	UTC TIME OF OBSERVATION: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.FFFFFFF
TIME_OBT	S/C CLOCK AT OBSERVATION TIME,SECONDS SINCE 00:00 AT 1.1.2003: SSSSSSSS.FFFFF
B_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD VECTOR, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, OB SENSOR

T_OB	TEMPERATURE OF RPCMAG OB SENSOR				
QUALITY_FLAGS	See Quality_flags_description global attribute				
LABEL_B_OB	Labels of the vector B_OB				

CDF variable names	VAR_TYPE	UNITS	SI_CONVERSION	TIME_BASE	FORMAT
TIME_UTC	support_data	ps	1.0e-12>s	oAD	A27
TIME_OBT	support_data	s	1.0>s		F15.5
B_OB	data	nT	1.0e-9>T		F9.2
T_OB	data	K	1.0>K		F6.2
QUALITY_FLAGS	data				A11
LABEL_B_OB	metadata				A3

CDF variable names	FILLVAL	VALIDMIN	VALIDMAX	DEPEND_O	UNIT
TIME_UTC	31-Dec-9999 23:59:59.999	On the fly	On the fly		
TIME_OBT	-1.0e-31	On the fly	On the fly	TIME_UTC	
B_OB	-1.0e-31	-16384	16384.0	TIME_UTC	NANOTESLA
T_OB	-1.0e-31	113.15	393.15	TIME_UTC	KELVIN
QUALITY_FLAGS				TIME_UTC	
LABEL_B_OB					

CDF variable names	DISPLAY_TYPE	LABEL_PTR_1	LABLAXIS
TIME_UTC			UTC
TIME_OBT			Onboard Time
B_OB	time_series	LABEL_B_OB	B (OB sensor)
T_OB	time_series		Temp. (OB sensor)
QUALITY_FLAGS	no_plot		
LABEL_B_OB			[Bx, By, Bz]

### 3.2.2 Level C

The magnetic field data are stored in the original PDS3 TAB files per component (e.g. for the outboard sensor Bx\_OB, By\_OB, Bz\_OB). When files are converted to CDF files by SPARTA, the magnetic field is stored as a vector in one variable instead, the third variable, named B\_OB for outboard sensor or B\_IB for inboard sensor. In this case, a variable LABEL\_B\_OB (resp. LABEL\_B\_IB) of type metadata is recommended by NASA SPDF ISTP guidelines to label the values Bx, By, Bz. Hence the variable attributes for files of type.

These variable attributes are the same for M2 and M3 files.

### **Rosetta\_RPCMAG\_clc\_ob\_M2\_YYMMDD\_V6.o.cdf reads**

CDF variable names	FIELDNAM
TIME_UTC	TIME_UTC
TIME_OBT	SpacecraftOnBoard clock Time
POSITION	Rosetta orbiter position
B_OB	Magnetic Field Vector
QUALITY_FLAGS	QUALITY_FLAGS
LABEL_B_OB	LABEL_B_OB
LABEL_POSITION	LABEL_POSITION

CDF variable names	CATDESC
TIME_UTC	UTC TIME OF OBSERVATION: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.FFFFFF
TIME_OBT	S/C CLOCK AT OBSERVATION TIME,SECONDS SINCE 00:00 AT 1.1.2003: SSSSSSSS.FFFF
POSITION	SPACECRAFT POSITION VECTOR, 67P/C-G_CSEQ comet-centred solar equatorial (CSEQ) coordinate system
B_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD VECTOR, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE, CORRECTED DATA, OB SENSOR, 67P/C-G_CSEQ
QUALITY_FLAGS	See Quality_flags_description global attribute
LABEL_B_OB	Labels of the vector B_OB
LABEL_POSITION	Labels of the vector POSITION

CDF variable names	VAR_TYPE	UNITS	SI_CONVERSION	TIME_BASE	FORMAT
TIME_UTC	support_data	ps	1.0e-12>s	oAD	A26
TIME_OBT	support_data	s	1.0>s		F15.5
POSITION	data	km	1.0e3>m		F13.2
B_OB	data	nT	1.0e-9>T		F9.2
QUALITY_FLAGS	data				A11
LABEL_B_OB	metadata				A3
LABEL_POSITION	metadata				A3

CDF variable names	FILLVAL	VALIDMIN	VALIDMAX	DEPEND_o	UNIT

TIME_UTC	31-Dec-9999 23:59:59.999	On the fly	On the fly		
TIME_OBT	-1.0e-31	On the fly	On the fly	TIME_UTC	
POSITION	-1.0e-31	0	9e8	TIME_UTC	KILOMETER
B_OB	-1.0e-31	-16384	16384.0	TIME_UTC	NANOTESLA
QUALITY_FLAGS				TIME_UTC	
LABEL_B_OB					
LABEL_POSITION					

CDF variable names	DISPLAY_TYPE	LABEL_PTR_1	LABLAXIS	FRAME
TIME_UTC			UTC	
TIME_OBT			Onboard Time	
POSITION	time_series		Position	vector>ECLIPJ2000
B_OB	time_series	LABEL_B_OB	B	vector>ECLIPJ2000
QUALITY_FLAGS	no_plot			
LABEL_B_OB			[Bx, By, Bz]	
LABEL_POSITION			[X, Y, Z]	

### 3.2.3 Level F

The magnetic field data are stored in the original PDS3 TAB files per component (e.g. for the outboard sensor Bx\_OB, By\_OB, Bz\_OB). When files are converted to CDF files by SPARTA, the magnetic field is stored as a vector in one variable instead, the third variable, named B\_OB for outboard sensor or B\_IB for inboard sensor. In this case, a variable LABEL\_B\_OB (resp. LABEL\_B\_IB) of type metadata is recommended by NASA SPDF ISTP guidelines to label the values Bx, By, Bz. Hence the variable attributes for files of type

**Rosetta\_RPCMAG\_clf\_ob\_a1\_YYMMDD\_V6.o.cdf** reads

CDF variable names	FIELDNAM
TIME_UTC	TIME_UTC
TIME_OBT	SpacecraftOnBoard clock Time
B_OB	Magnetic Field Vector
T_OB	Sensor Temperature
QUALITY_FLAGS	QUALITY_FLAGS
LABEL_B_OB	LABEL_B_OB

CDF variable names	CATDESC
TIME_UTC	UTC TIME OF OBSERVATION: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.FFFFFFF

TIME_OBT	S/C CLOCK AT OBSERVATION TIME,SECONDS SINCE 00:00 AT 1.1.2003: SSSSSSSS.FFFFF
B_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD VECTOR, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, 1S_AVERAGE-OB SENSOR
T_OB	TEMPERATURE OF RPCMAG OB SENSOR
QUALITY_FLAGS	See Quality_flags_description global attribute
LABEL_B_OB	Labels of the vector B_OB

CDF variable names	VAR_TYPE	UNITS	SI_CONVERSION	TIME_BASE	FORMAT
TIME_UTC	support_data	ps	1.0e-12>s	oAD	A27
TIME_OBT	support_data	s	1.0>s		F15.5
B_OB	data	nT	1.0e-9>T		F9.2
T_OB	data	K	1.0>K		F6.2
QUALITY_FLAGS	data				A11
LABEL_B_OB	metadata				A3

CDF variable names	FILLVAL	VALIDMIN	VALIDMAX	DEPEND_o	UNIT
TIME_UTC	31-Dec-9999 23:59:59.999	On the fly	On the fly		
TIME_OBT	-1.0e-31	On the fly	On the fly	TIME_UTC	
B_OB	-1.0e-31	-16384	16384.0	TIME_UTC	NANOTESLA
T_OB	-1.0e-31	113.15	393.15	TIME_UTC	KELVIN
QUALITY_FLAGS				TIME_UTC	
LABEL_B_OB					

CDF variable names	DISPLAY_TYPE	LABEL_PTR_1	LABLAXIS
TIME_UTC			UTC
TIME_OBT			Onboard Time
B_OB	time_series	LABEL_B_OB	B (OB sensor)
T_OB	time_series		Temp. (OB sensor)
QUALITY_FLAGS	no_plot		
LABEL_B_OB			[Bx, By, Bz]

### 3.2.4 Level G

The magnetic field data are stored per component (e.g. for the outboard sensor Bx\_OB, By\_OB, Bz\_OB). When files are converted to CDF files by SPARTA, the magnetic field is stored as a vector in one variable, the third variable, named B\_OB for outboard sensor or B\_IB for inboard sensor. In this case, a variable LABEL\_B\_OB (resp. LABEL\_B\_IB) of type

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metadata is recommended by NASA SPDF ISTP guidelines to label the values Bx, By, Bz.  
Hence the variable attributes for files of type

**Rosetta\_RPCMAG\_clg\_ob\_a1\_YYMMDD\_V6.0.cdf** reads

CDF variable names	FIELDNAM
TIME_UTC	TIME_UTC
TIME_OBT	SpacecraftOnBoard clock Time
B_OB	Magnetic Field Vector
POSITION	Rosetta orbiter position
QUALITY_FLAGS	QUALITY_FLAGS
LABEL_B_OB	LABEL_B_OB
LABEL_POSITION	LABEL_POSITION

CDF variable names	CATDESC
TIME_UTC	UTC TIME OF OBSERVATION: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.FFFFFFF
TIME_OBT	S/C CLOCK AT OBSERVATION TIME,SECONDS SINCE 00:00 AT 1.1.2003: SSSSSSSS.FFFFF
B_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD VECTOR, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE CORRECTED DATA, S/C-COORDINATES, 1S_AVERAGE-OB SENSOR
POSITION	SPACECRAFT POSITION VECTOR, S/C-COORDS
QUALITY_FLAGS	See Quality_flags_description global attribute
LABEL_B_OB	Labels of the vector B_OB
LABEL_POSITION	Labels of the vector POSITION

CDF variable names	VAR_TYPE	UNITS	SI_CONVERSION	TIME_BASE	FORMAT
TIME_UTC	support_data	ps	1.0e-12>s	oad	A26
TIME_OBT	support_data	s	1.0>s		F15.5
B_OB	data	nT	1.0e-9>T		F9.2
POSITION	data	km	1.0e3>m		F13.2
QUALITY_FLAGS	data				A11
LABEL_B_OB	metadata				A3
LABEL_POSITION	metadata				A3

CDF variable names	FILLVAL	VALIDMIN	VALIDMAX	DEPEND_o	UNIT
TIME_UTC	31-Dec-9999 23:59:59.999	On the fly	On the fly		
TIME_OBT	-1.0e-31	On the fly	On the fly	TIME_UTC	
B_OB	-1.0e-31	-16384	16384.0	TIME_UTC	NANOTESLA

POSITION	-1.0e-31	0	9e8	TIME_UTC	KILOMETER
QUALITY_FLAGS				TIME_UTC	
LABEL_B_OB					
LABEL_POSITION					

CDF variable names	DISPLAY_TYPE	LABEL_PTR_1	LABLAXIS	FRAME
TIME_UTC			UTC	
TIME_OBT			Onboard Time	
B_OB	time_series	LABEL_B_OB	B	vector>ECLIPJ2000
POSITION	time_series		Position	vector>ECLIPJ2000
QUALITY_FLAGS	no_plot			
LABEL_B_OB			[Bx, By, Bz]	
LABEL_POSITION			[X, Y, Z]	

### 3.2.5 Level H

The magnetic field data are stored per component (e.g. for the outboard sensor Bx\_OB, By\_OB, Bz\_OB). When files are converted to CDF files by SPARTA, the magnetic field is stored as a vector in one variable, the third variable, named B\_OB for outboard sensor or B\_IB for inboard sensor. In this case, a variable LABEL\_B\_OB (resp. LABEL\_B\_IB) of type metadata is recommended by NASA SPDF ISTP guidelines to label the values Bx, By, Bz. Hence the variable attributes for files of type

**Rosetta\_RPCMAG\_clh\_ob\_M2\_YYMMDD\_V6.o.cdf** reads

CDF variable names	FIELDNAM
TIME_UTC	TIME_UTC
TIME_OBT	SpacecraftOnBoard clock Time
B_OB	Magnetic Field Vector
POSITION	Rosetta orbiter position
QUALITY_FLAGS	QUALITY FLAGS
LABEL_B_OB	LABEL_B_OB
LABEL_POSITION	LABEL_POSITION

CDF variable names	CATDESC
TIME_UTC	UTC TIME OF OBSERVATION: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.FFFFFFF
TIME_OBT	S/C CLOCK AT OBSERVATION TIME,SECONDS SINCE 00:00 AT 1.1.2003: SSSSSSSS.FFFFF
B_OB	MAGNETIC FIELD VECTOR, CALIBRATED, TEMPERATURE AND REACTION WHEEL AND LAP DISTURBANCE CORRECTED DATA, OB SENSOR, ECLIPJ2000

POSITION	SPACECRAFT POSITION VECTOR, ECLIPJ2000				
QUALITY_FLAGS	See Quality_flags_description global attribute				
LABEL_B_OB	Labels of the vector B_OB				
LABEL_POSITION	Labels of the vector POSITION				

CDF variable names	VAR_TYPE	UNITS	SI_CONVERSION	TIME_BASE	FORMAT
TIME_UTC	support_data	ps	1.0e-12>s	oAD	A26
TIME_OBT	support_data	s	1.0>s		F15.5
B_OB	data	nT	1.0e-9>T		F9.2
POSITION	data	km	1.0e3>m		F9.2
QUALITY_FLAGS	data				A11
LABEL_B_OB	metadata				A3
LABEL_POSITION	metadata				A3

CDF variable names	FILLVAL	VALIDMIN	VALIDMAX	DEPEND_o	UNIT
TIME_UTC	31-Dec-9999 23:59:59.999	On the fly	On the fly		
TIME_OBT	-1.0e-31	On the fly	On the fly	TIME_UTC	
B_OB	-1.0e-31	-16384	16384.0	TIME_UTC	NANOTESLA
POSITION	-1.0e-31	0	9e8	TIME_UTC	KILOMETER
QUALITY_FLAGS				TIME_UTC	
LABEL_B_OB					
LABEL_POSITION					

CDF variable names	DISPLAY_TYPE	LABEL_PTR_1	LABLAXIS	FRAME
TIME_UTC			UTC	
TIME_OBT			Onboard Time	
B_OB	time_series	LABEL_B_OB	B	vector>ECLIPJ2000
POSITION	time_series	LABEL_POSITION	Position	vector>ECLIPJ2000
QUALITY_FLAGS	no_plot			
LABEL_B_OB			B	
LABEL_POSITION			POSITION	

## 4. LOADING AND PLOTTING A DC MAGNETIC FIELD VECTOR FROM A CDF FILE

### 4.1 Loading and plotting a DC magnetic field vector from a RPCMAG CDF file

This section details how to load and display DC magnetic field vector from the CDF file Rosetta\_RPCIES\_l3elc\_flux\_20160930\_V1.0.cdf converted by SPARTA in Matlab and IDL. The following NASA ISTP compliant CDF routines for Matlab and IDL must be installed and are available at

[https://spdf.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/software/cdf/dist/cdf37\\_0/matlab/](https://spdf.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/software/cdf/dist/cdf37_0/matlab/)  
[https://spdf.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/software/cdf/dist/cdf37\\_0/idl/](https://spdf.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/software/cdf/dist/cdf37_0/idl/)

These routines are available for all major platforms. They are necessary as for instance in MATLAB, variable attributes are not allowed to be of type EPOCH16 and are not read by the native functions *cdfinfo.m* and *cdfread.m*.

#### 4.2 Matlab

The following NASA ISTP compliant CDF routines for Matlab must be installed and is available at

[https://spdf.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/software/cdf/dist/cdf37\\_0/matlab/](https://spdf.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/software/cdf/dist/cdf37_0/matlab/)

These routines are available for all major platforms. They are necessary as for instance in MATLAB, variable attributes are not allowed to be of type EPOCH16 and are not read by the native functions *cdfinfo.m* and *cdfread.m*.

Make sure the NASA library (cdf370\_patch-64 on 64bits Mac for instance) is in your path

```
>> info=spdfcdflinfo('Rosetta_RPCMAG_clf_ib_a60_20160929_V6.0.cdf');
>> info.Variables
ans =
 6x12 cell array
  'TIME_UTC'      [1x2 double]    [1438]    'epoch16'    'T/'    'Full'    'None'    [1438]    [1x2 double]    [1x2 double]    [1x2 double]
  'TIME_OBT'      [1x2 double]    [1438]    'double'     'T/'    'Full'    'None'    [1438]    [-1.0000e+30]    [-1.0000e+31]    [4.3373e+08]    [4.3381e+08]
  'B_IB'          [1x2 double]    [1438]    'double'     'T/T'   'Full'    'None'    [1438]    [-1.0000e+30]    [-1.0000e+31]    [-16384]    [ 16384]
  'T_IB'          [1x2 double]    [1438]    'double'     'T/T'   'Full'    'None'    [1438]    [-1.0000e+30]    [-1.0000e+31]    [ 113.1500]    [ 393.1500]
  'QUALITY_FLAGS' [1x2 double]    [1438]    'char'      'T/'    'Full'    'None'    [1438]    ' '       ' '       ' '       []
  'LABEL_B_IB'   [1x2 double]    [ 1]     'char'      'F/T'   'Full'    'None'    [ 1]     ' '       ' '       ' '
>> data=spdfcdfrread('Rosetta_RPCMAG_clf_ib_a60_20160929_V6.0.cdf')
data =
 1x6 cell array
  [1438x1 double]    [1438x1 double]    [1438x3 double]    [1438x1 double]    [1438x8 char]    [3x2 char]
>> B_IB=data(3); whos B_IB
  Name           Size            Bytes  Class        Attributes
  B_IB            1438x3         34512  double
```

**Figure 21. Extraction of the variable names and their content from a SPARTA ISTP compliant CDF file in Matlab using the NASA Matlab routines designed to read ISTP compliant CDF file version 3.6.4**

The only difference with the PDS3 TAB file is the following. The magnetic field is stored as a vector in one variable (the third variable B\_IB is indeed described as [1438x3 double], corresponding to 1483 time steps). In the PDS3 TAB file, the data are stored per component (Bx\_IB, By\_IB, Bz\_IB). A variable LABEL\_B\_IB of type metadata has been added with values Bx Inboard, By Inboard, Bz Inboard as recommended by NASA SPDF ISTP guidelines [https://spdf.gsfc.nasa.gov/istp\\_guide/variables.html - Metadata egi](https://spdf.gsfc.nasa.gov/istp_guide/variables.html - Metadata egi)

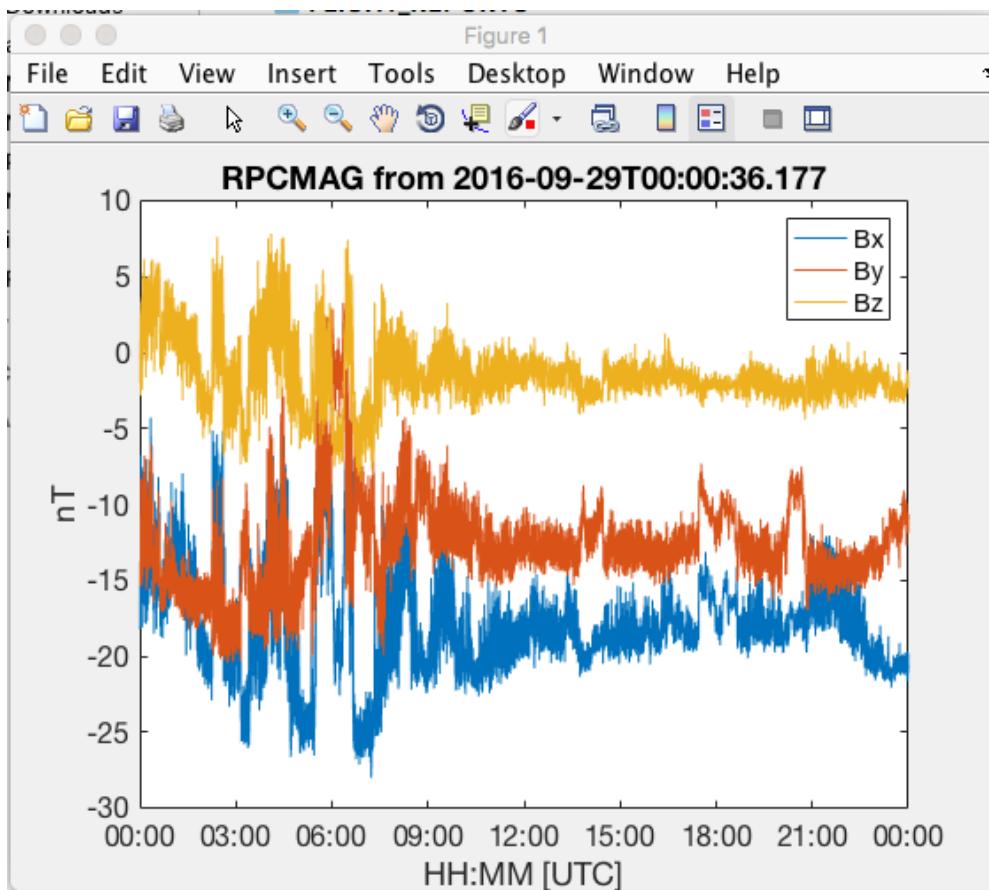
Please note that by using the *spdfcdflinfo* routine and *info.Variables*, the last two columns correspond to the validmin and validmax VariableAttributes values extracted from the RPCMAG documentation.

By copy pasting the simple list of Matlab command presented below, Matlab will first load the metadata and the data stored in the file  
Rosetta\_RPCMAG\_clf\_ib\_a60\_20160929\_V6.0.cdf

then display these data (see Figure 22) using some of the metadata stored in the global and variable attributes. These RPCMAG data were originally stored in the PDS3 file RPCMAG160929\_CLF\_OB\_A1.TAB, converted with its relevant metadata information by SPARTA.

```
>> info=spdfcdffinfo('Rosetta_RPCMAG_clf_ob_a1_20160929_V6.0.cdf');
>> data=spdfcdfread('Rosetta_RPCMAG_clf_ob_a1_20160929_V6.0.cdf');
>> info.Variables
ans =
6×12 cell array
Columns 1 through 9
'TIME_UTC' [1×2 double] [86357] 'epoch16' 'T/' 'Full' 'None' [86357] [1×2 double]
'TIME_OBT' [1×2 double] [86357] 'double' 'T/' 'Full' 'None' [86357] [-1.0000e+30]
'B_OB' [1×2 double] [86357] 'double' 'T/T' 'Full' 'None' [86357] [-1.0000e+30]
'T_OB' [1×2 double] [86357] 'double' 'T/' 'Full' 'None' [86357] [-1.0000e+30]
'QUALITY_FLAGS' [1×2 double] [86357] 'char' 'T/' 'Full' 'None' [86357] ''
'LABEL_B_OB' [1×2 double] [ 1] 'char' 'F/T' 'Full' 'None' [ 1] ''
Columns 10 through 12
[1×2 double] [1×2 double] [1×2 double]
[-1.0000e+31] [4.3373e+08] [4.3381e+08]
[-1.0000e+31] [ -16384] [ 16384]
[-1.0000e+31] [ 113.1500] [ 393.1500]
[] [] []
[] [] []

>> time=data{1};B=data{3};labels=data{6};
>> plot(time,B);datetick('x','HH:MM')
>> info.VariableAttributes.UNITS
ans =
6×2 cell array
'TIME_UTC' 'ps'
'TIME_OBT' 's'
'B_OB' 'nT'
'T_OB' 'K'
'QUALITY_FLAGS' ''
'LABEL_B_OB' ''
>> xlabel('HH:MM [UTC]');ylabel(info.VariableAttributes.UNITS{9});
>> title([char(info.GlobalAttributes.Pds_instrument_id),' from
',char(info.GlobalAttributes.Pds_start_time)]);
>> xlabel('HH:MM [UTC]');ylabel(info.VariableAttributes.UNITS{9});
```



**Figure 22. RPCMAG data plotted in Matlab using an ISTP compliant CDF file converted by SPARTA.**

Similarly, for RPCMAG CLG type of file

```
info=spdfcdffinfo('Rosetta_RPCMAG_clg_ob_a1_20101206_V3.0.cdf');
data=spdfcdfread('Rosetta_RPCMAG_clg_ob_a1_20101206_V3.0.cdf');
time=data{1};B=data{4};labels=data{6};
plot(time,B);datetick('x','HH:MM')
xlabel('HH:MM [UTC]');ylabel(info.VariableAttributes.UNITS{11});
title([char(info.GlobalAttributes.Pds_instrument_id),' from
',char(info.GlobalAttributes.Pds_start_time)])
legend(labels)
```

### 4.3 IDL

To read an RPCIES CDF file converted by SPARTA with IDL, a few libraries need to be installed

- Installation of CDF3.7: [https://cdf.gsfc.nasa.gov/html/sw\\_and\\_docs.html](https://cdf.gsfc.nasa.gov/html/sw_and_docs.html)
- Installation of NASA CDF IDL  
PATCH [https://cdf.gsfc.nasa.gov/html/cdf\\_patch\\_for\\_idl.html](https://cdf.gsfc.nasa.gov/html/cdf_patch_for_idl.html)
- Installation of NASA SPDF CDAWLIB <https://spdf.gsfc.nasa.gov/CDAWlib.html>

For this installation, you need to edit compile\_cdaweb.pro contained in the installed CDAWLIB folder to fit YOUR paths in the following two lines

```
setenv,'LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/local/exelis/idl85/bin/:/home/cdaweb/lib'
setenv,'IDL_DLM_PATH=/usr/local/cdf37_0/lib'
```

### *Interest of CDAWLIB*

While CDAWLIB is not absolutely necessary, the function READ\_MYCDF is very handy to load the CDF file into an IDL structure. It was built to read from one to many variables from one to many CDF files, and returns all data and metadata for these variables in a single structure of the form:

```
structure_name.variable_name.attribute_name.value
```

Please find below blocks of IDL commands that can be simply be copy pasted in the IDL command window. Please do include a blank line at the end of each block for the last command to be executed.

#### **1. First, setup the path to your data folder (just an example below)**

```
my_data_folder='~/IDLWorkspace/Default'
```

#### **2. Loading and plotting an RPCMAG CDF into an IDL data structure**

```
cd,my_data_folder
@compile_cdaweb
@compile_IDLmakecdf
cdfilename=strarr(1)
cdfilename[0]='Rosetta_RPCMAG_clf_ob_a1_20160929_V6.o.cdf
data=read_mycdf(",/all,cdfilename)
```

#### **3. Content of an IDL data structure loaded with read\_myCDF**

```
IDL> help,/struct,data
** Structure <2e7foo8>, 6 tags, length=7102880, data length=7102856, refs=1:
TIME_UTC      STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
TIME_OBT      STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
B_OB          STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
T_OB          STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
QUALITY_FLAGS STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
LABEL_B_OB    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
```

Please note that all field names can also be listed with the command:

```
IDL>tag_names(data)
TIME_UTC
TIME_OBT
B_OB
T_OB
QUALITY_FLAGS
LABEL_B_OB
```

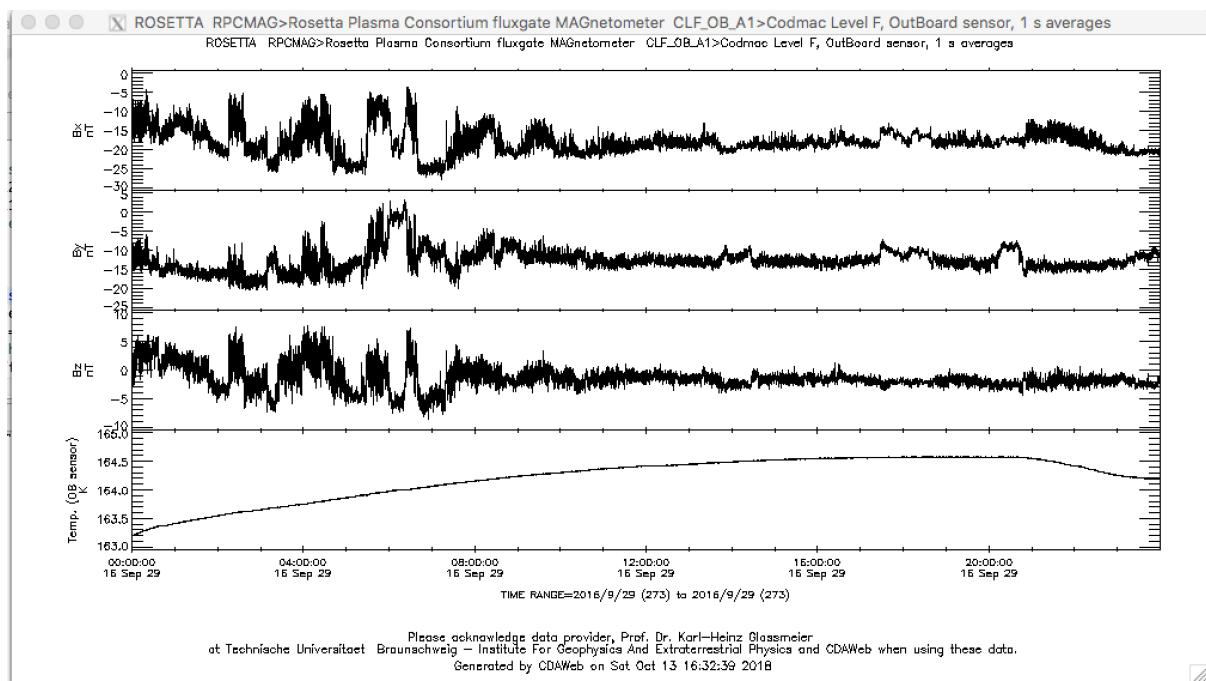
#### **4. Plotting the data content with NASA CDAWLIB plotmaster routine**

**Tested with CDAWLIB version released in May 2018 and CDF 3.7 routines and IDL patch.**

When the time resolution is of type EPOCH16 (ps precision), Plotmaster requires start and stop time

```
start='2016/09/29 00:00:00.00.000'
stop='2016/09/29 23:59:59.00.000'
plotmaster(data,xsize=1000,/AUTO, TSTART=start, TSTOP=stop)
```

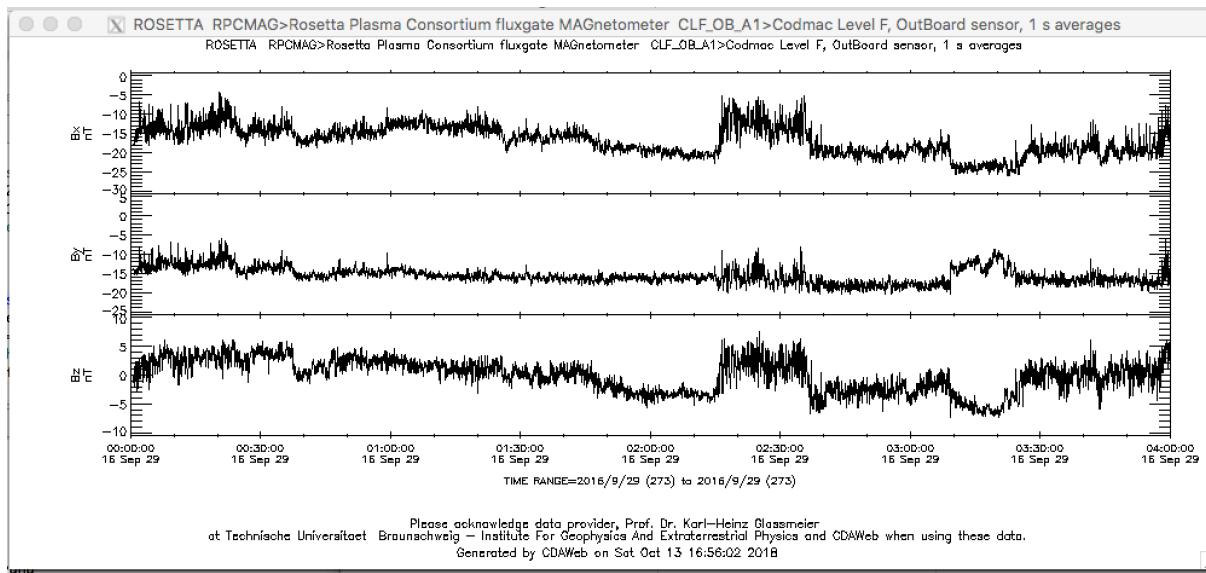
Plotmaster will then display the following figure where all metadata information is extracted automatically from the data structure



If you want to plot only a subset of the data, e.g. only the magnetic field vector components, and visualize only the first 4 hours

```
datasubset=read_myCDF('B_OB',cdffilename)
stop='2016/09/29 04:00:00.000'
plotmaster(datasubset,xsize=1000,/AUTO,TSTART=start,TSTOP=stop)
```

Plotmaster will then display the following figure where all metadata information is extracted automatically from the data structure



## Other relevant IDL resources

Accessing CDAWeb Data from

IDL: <https://cdaweb.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/WebServices/REST/CdasIdlLibrary.html>

IDL CDF functions

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