

ESA's Planetary Science Archive (PSA): Ensuring The Long-term Usability Of Data

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PSA Definition and Purpose

The Planetary Science Archive (PSA) is the initiative, the setup, the process and the implementation to preserve data from ESA's spacecraft to planetary bodies, as well as supplementary information acquired in lab

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ESA PLANETARY SCIENCE ARCHIVE

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WELCOME TO THE ARCHIVE

The European Space Agency's Planetary Science Archive (PSA) contains data returned by ESA's Solar System missions.

The primary objectives of the PSA are to:

- Support the experimenter teams in the preparation of their data
- Enable and ensure the long-term preservation of the data in the archive
- Distribute scientifically useful data to the world-wide community
- Provide supplementary data services aiming to maximise the usage of planetary mission data and ease scientific data analysis.

The PSA use NASA's Planetary Data System standard as a baseline for the formatting and structure of all data contained within the archive. Follow the 'About the PSA' link below for information on the PSA and the PDS standards.

For information on the latest data and software releases, follow the link below to the latest PSA news.

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SPICE DATASETS: NOW AVAILABLE FOR MARS EXPRESS AND ROSETTA

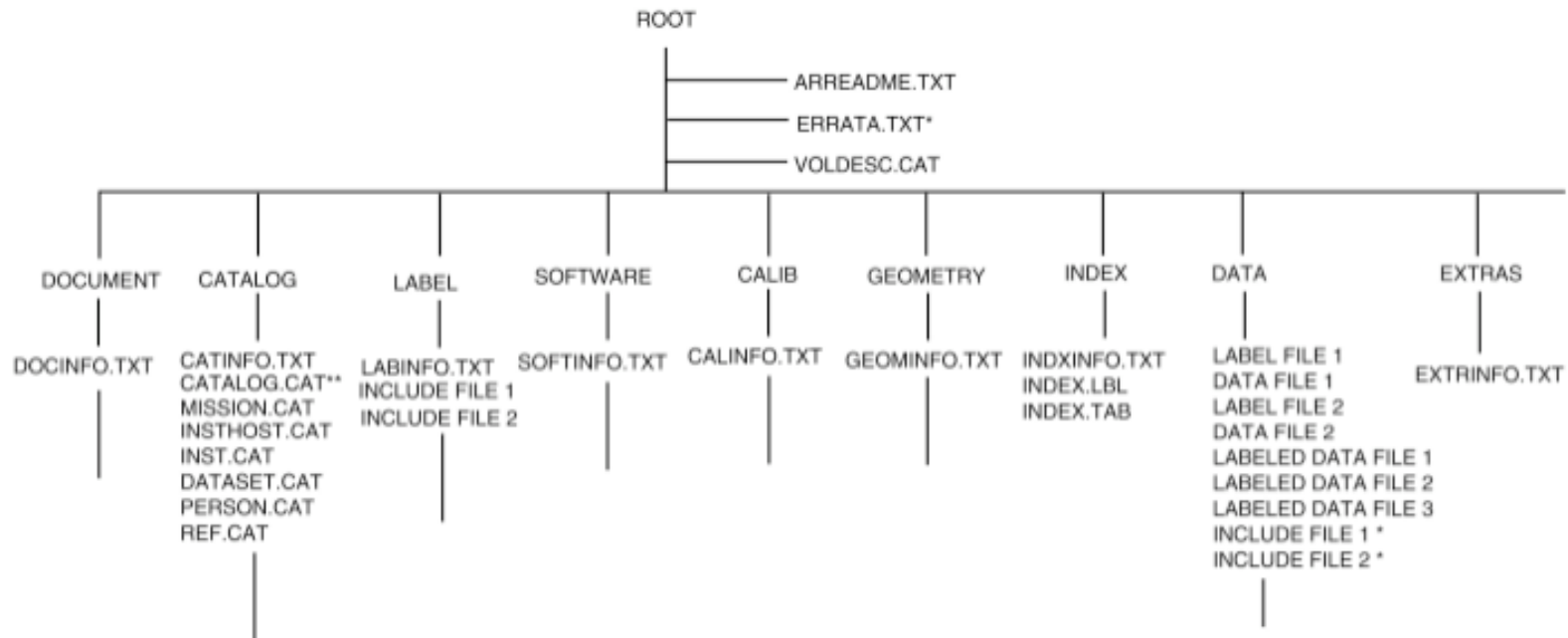
The SPICE datasets containing ancillary data for the Mars Express and Rosetta missions are now available. These can be accessed via the Advanced Search and FTP Access pages.

[FTP ACCESS: MARS EXPRESS](#)
[FTP ACCESS: ROSETTA](#)

The PDS Standards

- With the PDS Standards, data are organized into Data Sets and (PDS) sets, selecting together observations of similar type, processing level, and/or from a specific mission phase or observation campaign.
 - This is the first step in ensuring that the data can be processed widely

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xxxxINFO.TXT Required for each non-data subdirectory if present
 * Optional
 ** Individual catalog files are preferred, or they may be combined in a single CATALOG.CAT file.

The PDS Standards

➤ All PDS compatible data formats conform to a unified standard format incorporating documentation, calibration, and raw and processed data files.

➤ The format distinguishes:

➤ Metadata Files

➤ **These files are included on any distribution medium intended to be an entire, self-contained archive of data examples (set of DVDs, one ZIP file, etc.) and the descriptive files, details of organization of the archive (in terms of objects or, just) "catalog" files, additional documentation and software which might be included.**

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          EDR NPI DATA"
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in Analyzer of Space Plasmas and Energetic Atoms experiment, 3rd edition
pr (ASPERA-3), aboard the Mars Express spacecraft. The ASPERA-3
in Principal Investigator is Dr. Rickard Lundin, Swedish Institute of
fo Space Physics (IRF), Kiruna, Sweden. The primary source for ASPERA-3
data is the ESA Planetary Science Archive (PSA)."

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The PDS Standards

- **The lowest level is that of the data themselves.**
 - Each file will have a PDS label either appended to the beginning of the file or, more often, in a separate but proximate file. "One file, one label" is the general rule.

- **The LBL file must contain a full description of the data object(s)**
 - Allows for all PDS products to be read by existing standard software
 - Allows for long-term data usage with clear description of data to allow users to read files with their own software

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'H0887_0000_ND2IMG'	
DATA_SET_ID	= 'MEX-MHRSC-3-
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...	
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BAND_SEQUENTIAL	
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*Image reader
or PDS reader*

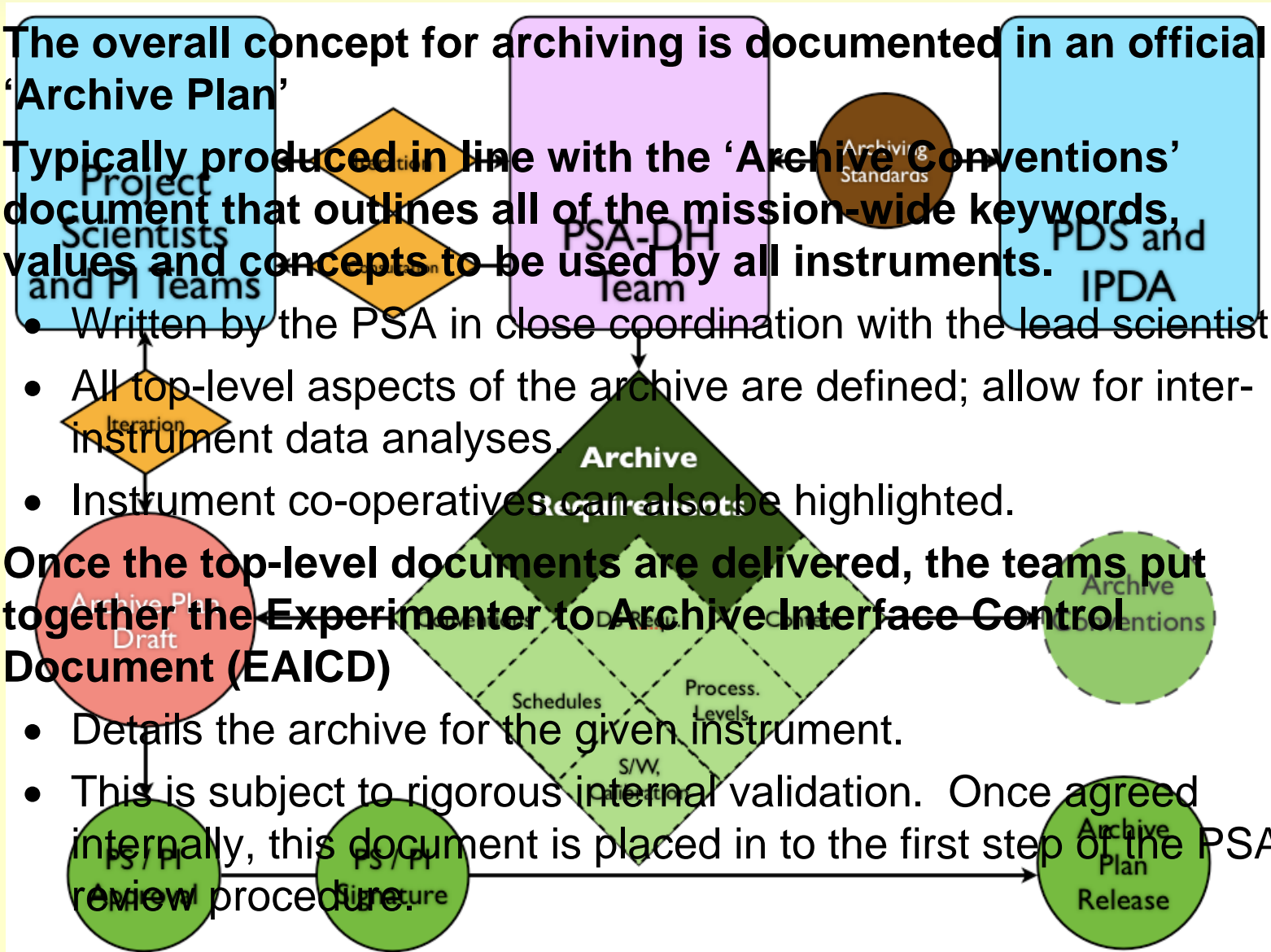


Planetary Archiving at ESA

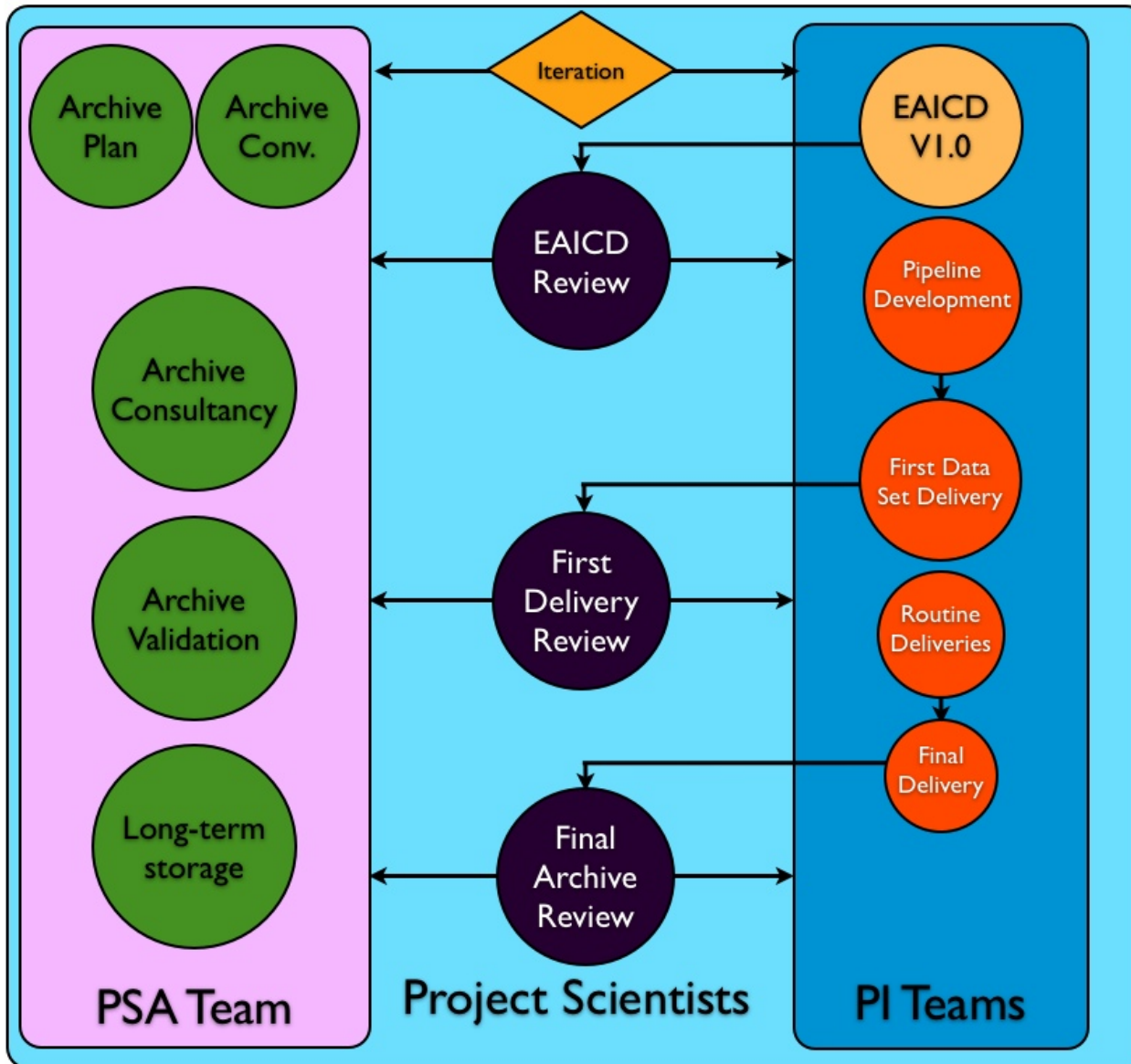
- ❑ **Top-level processes and procedures followed by PSA**
 - Consultation during data product, documentation and data set development – typically through ‘Feedback Document’
 - Independent reviews co-ordination and support
 - Handling the science data delivered by the PI teams, completing checks and validation on all data prior to ingestion
 - Documentation checks
 - PVV
 - QBTool
 - PVS
 - Spot checks
 - Data sets proprietary access management after ingestion

Initial Archive Development

- ❑ The overall concept for archiving is documented in an official 'Archive Plan'
- ❑ Typically produced in line with the 'Archiving Conventions' document that outlines all of the mission-wide keywords, values and concepts to be used by all instruments.
 - Written by the PSA in close coordination with the lead scientist
 - All top-level aspects of the archive are defined; allow for inter-instrument data analyses.
 - Instrument co-operatives can also be highlighted.
- ❑ Once the top-level documents are delivered, the teams put together the **Experimenter to Archive Interface Control Document (EAICD)**
 - Details the archive for the given instrument.
 - This is subject to rigorous internal validation. Once agreed internally, this document is placed in to the first step of the PSA's



Review Lifecycle

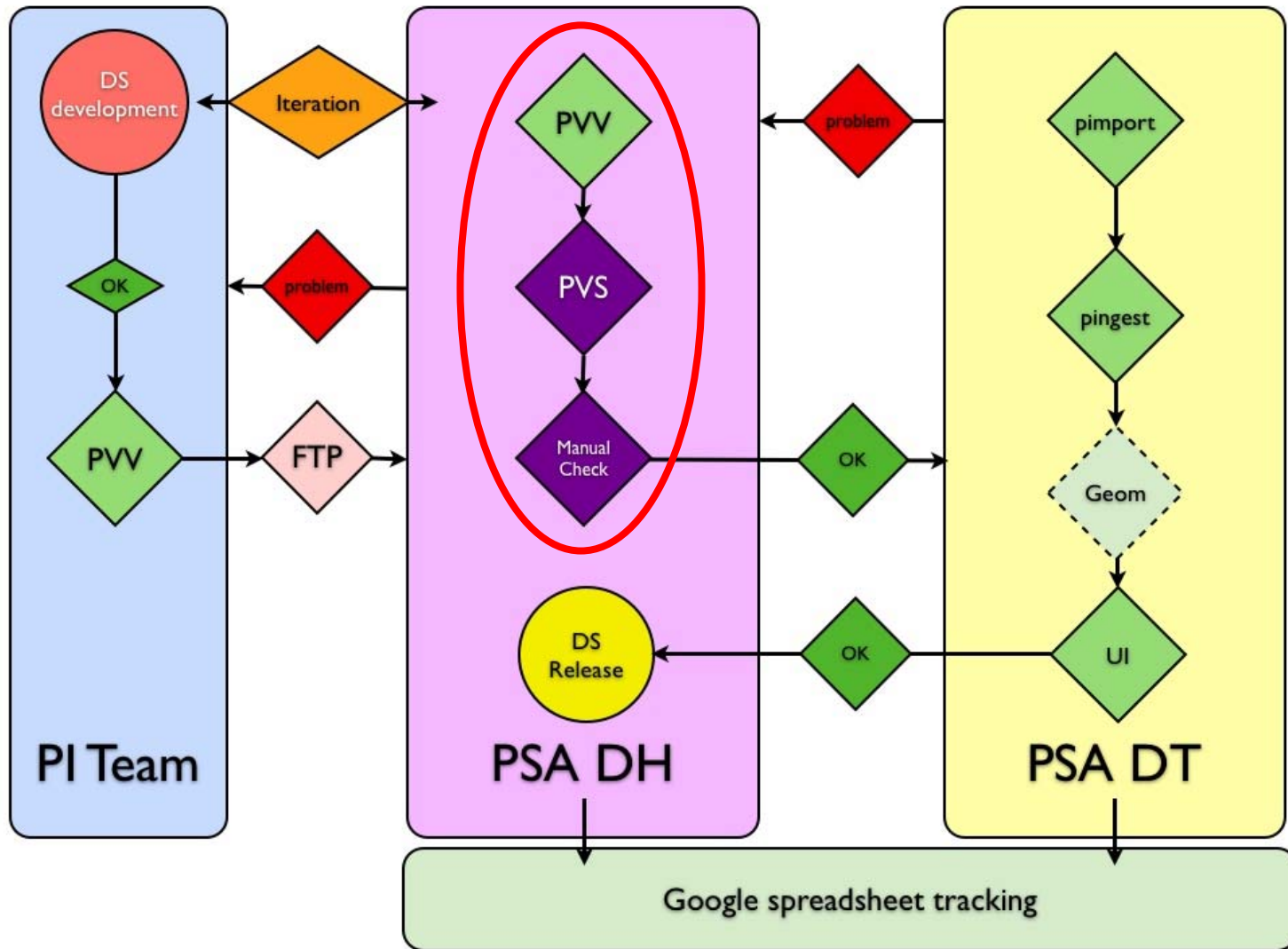


Review Cycle Details

- ❑ **Typically, reviews have been split into three main phases for the planetary missions**
 - EAICD review: Internal review of documentation
 - First Delivery Review: Independent review of first data delivered for release to public.
 - For long ‘multi-flyby’ missions (e.g. Rosetta), reviews are held at each major milestone / flyby.
 - Final mission archive Review: Independent review of full mission archive, preparing for deep archiving.

- ❑ **Data are NOT released in PSA until the independent review is fully closed.**

Basic Data Set Lifecycle



Standard Validation Tools /Checks

- ❑ **All data delivered to the PSA are subjected to a set of rigorous validation procedures.**
 - *PVV Syntax validation*: ensures syntax and the presence of all required keywords. No data can be ingested without full PVV compliance.
 - *PVS*: completes more qualitative checks and ensures keyword values are consistent with the data themselves.
 - *Manual Checks*: a series of spot-checks are made on all data deliveries to ensure data can be read and are useable. These vary greatly between the different instruments delivering data.
- ❑ **The validation requirements are drawn from all archive documentation**
 - These are input primarily via the 'PSA Dictionary' and are then verified automatically by the PSA Volume Verifier (PVV) and PSA Validation System (PVS) tools.

PSA Dictionary

- ❑ Dictionary is at the core of the PSA
- ❑ PSA maintain the dictionary
 - Built up from the PSA
 - Mission specific
- ❑ ‘Labels’ are defined
 - Specify the record in the archive, mission
 - PVV checks against the dictionary
 - Ensures that a label is unique at the PSA level, all data in the PSA
- ❑ Maintenance of the dictionary
 - PSA and PDS
 - PSA work in close cooperation
 - Regular merging

ABSTRACT_DESC

" The ABSTRACT_DESC contains an abstract for the product or DATA_SET_INFORMATION object in which it appears. It provides a string that may be used to provide an abstract for the product (data set) in a publication."

Properties

Aliases	None
General Data Type	CHARACTER
Standard Value Type	TEXT
Max/Min Length	NONE/1
Max/Min Value	NONE/NONE
Unit	NONE
Status	APPROVED
Standard Value Set	NONE
PSA Value Type	SCALAR
PSA Value Set	<input type="text"/> Sub <input type="button" value="Add"/>

Done

PVV and PVS Validation



PSA Validation

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Distributed validation

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[deather@ssols02 MEX-M-HRSC-3-RDR-V2.0_NOW]$ pvv verify -Dwarn=off -DmaxMemory=2048m -Ddictionary=3.0 -Drelease=73
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                          Verifying Entire DataSet
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*****
Checking Structure of Dataset
*****
Checking catalogs of Dataset
*****
[VERIFY ][E][02.038][0001] End of odl file reached, missing END statement
(CATALOG/REF.CAT, 0)
Malformed odl file missing END keyword required to mark end of ODL
part of file, end of file reached.
[VERIFY ][E][02.040][0002] Expected keyword missing for this file type
(CATALOG/DATASET.CAT, -1)
Keyword definition for LABEL_REVISION_NOTE missing from
CATALOG/DATASET.CAT, File =CATALOG/DATASET.CAT, line -1
[VERIFY ][E][02.040][0003] Expected keyword missing for this file type
(CATALOG/SOFT.CAT, -1)
Keyword definition for LABEL_REVISION_NOTE missing from
CATALOG/SOFT.CAT, File =CATALOG/SOFT.CAT, line -1
*****
Checking data products of Dataset
*****
Checking documents of Dataset
*****
Checking browse products of Dataset
*****
Checking geometry index of Dataset
*****
Checking software products of Dataset
*****
EXECUTION FAILED
Total time: 1 minute 37 seconds
  
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ID	Status	Check			
		Total	Pending	Fail	Error
RELEASE_ID=0002, REVISION_ID=0000	not valid	224	0	24	0

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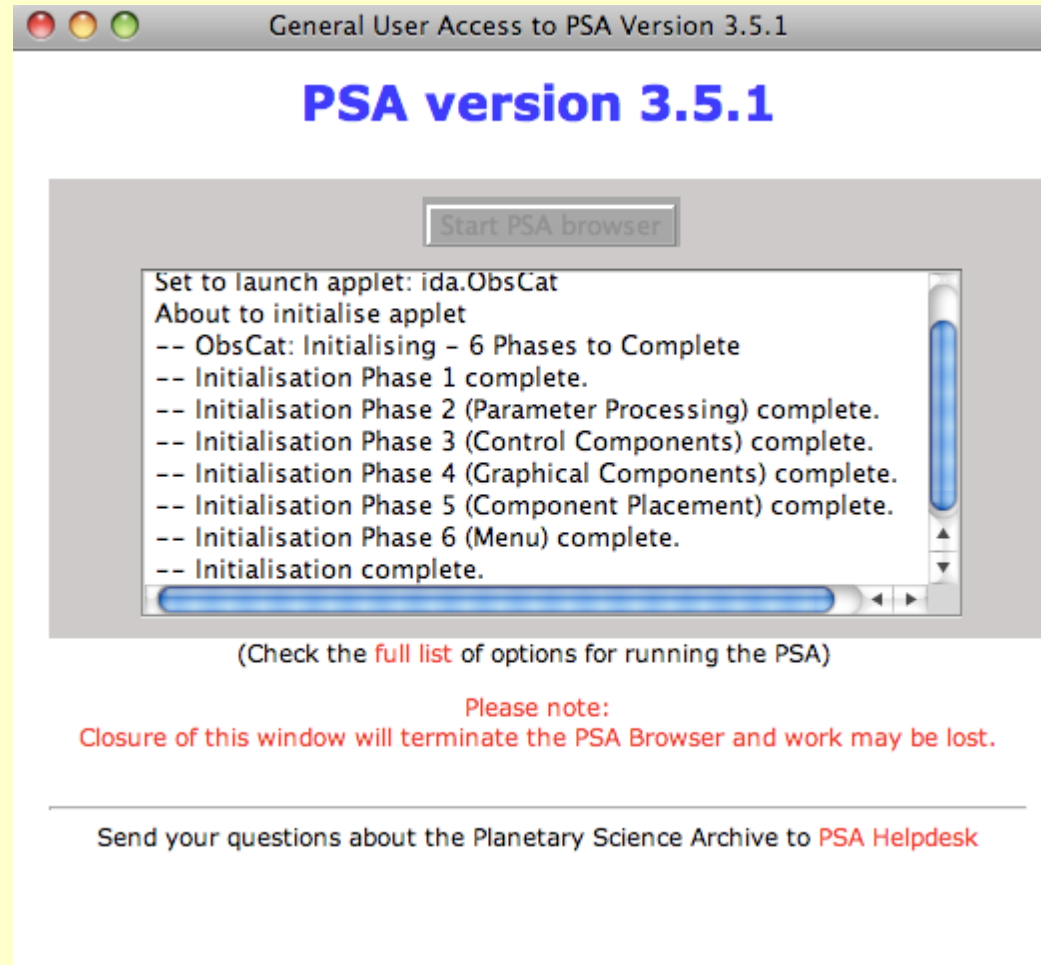
The User Interface Link

PSA is a client-server application. The user runs a JAVA application locally on her/his desktop.

<http://www.rssd.esa.int/psa>

❑ All parameters that can be queried must be available for ingestion

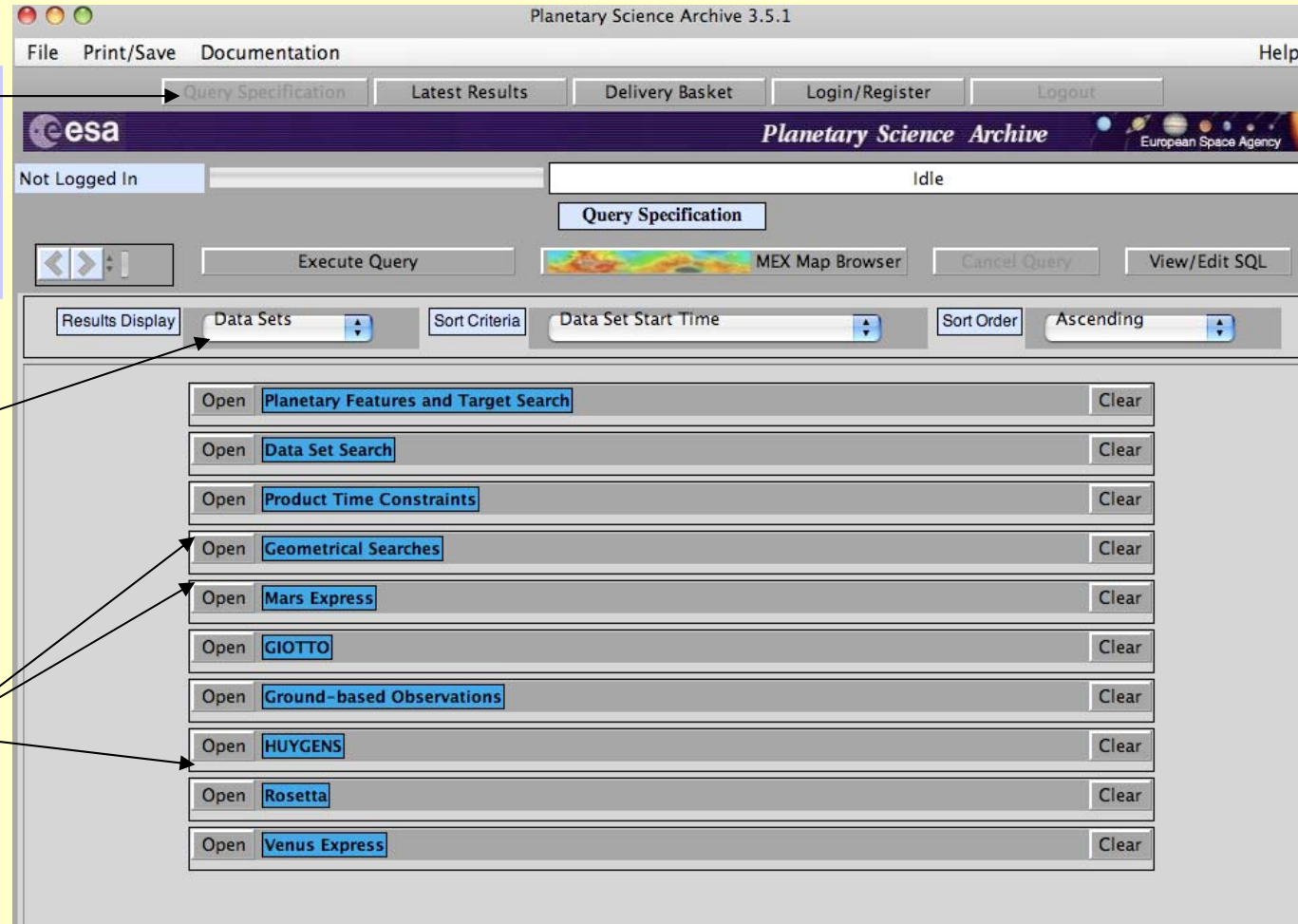
- from a label or associated file
- Query definition must be determined quite early
- PSA ensure that all query parameters are included in the labels defined within the PSA Dictionary.



PSA Interface

PSA supports 4 different views:

- Query
- Latest Results
- Delivery Basket
- Login/Register



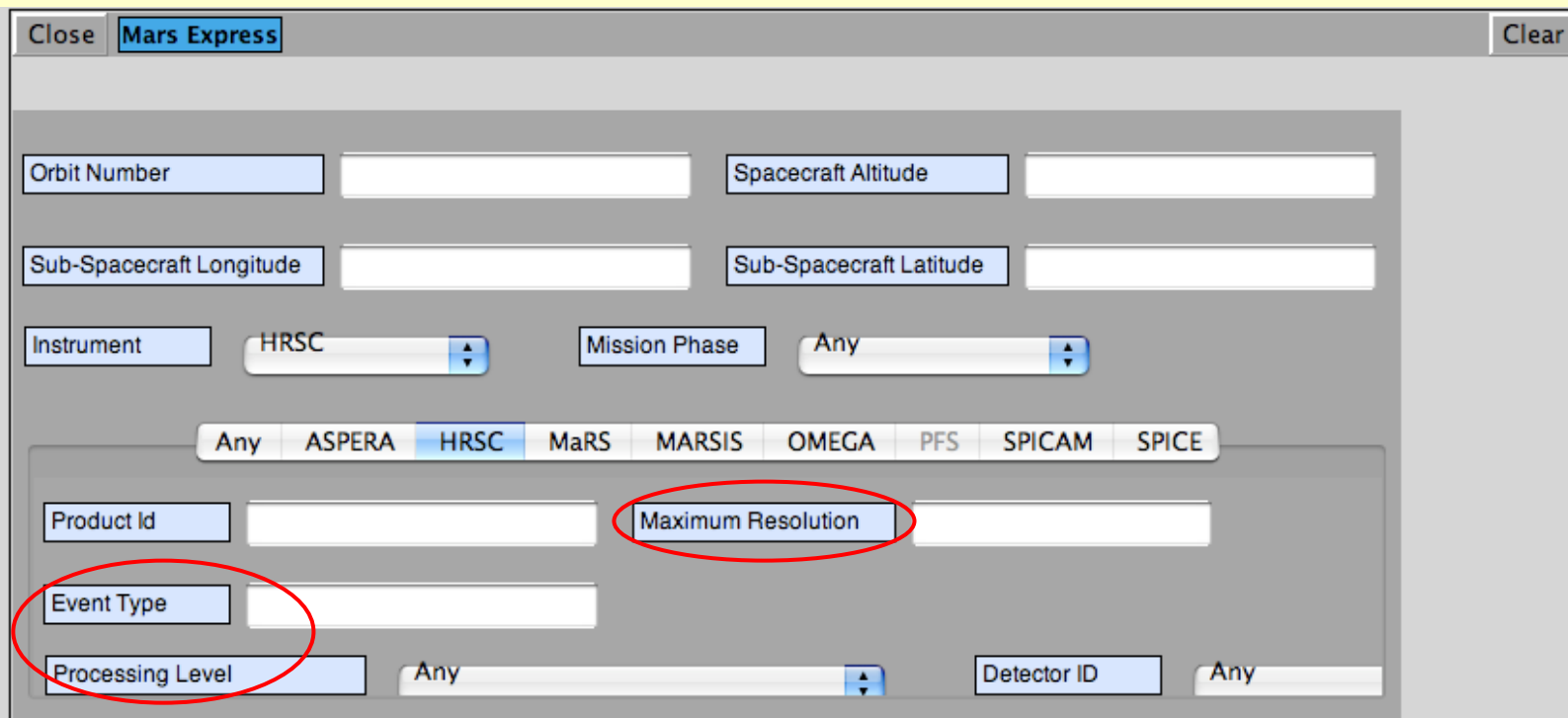
Selection of Result Display Options

Query Panel are ANDED when querying the database

PSA Interface

Mars Express Specific Panel:

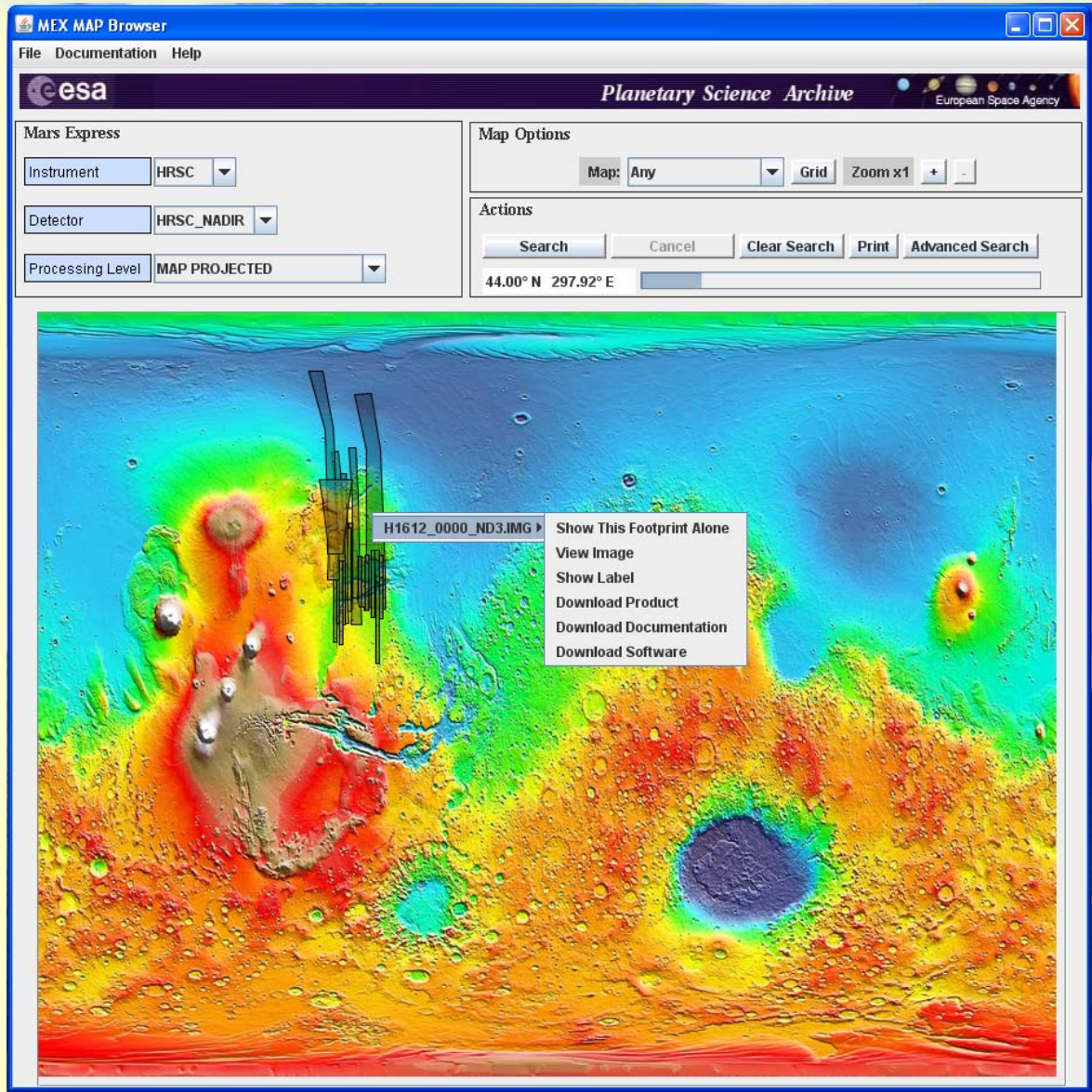
- Individual instrument query details
- In this example, HRSC requires that the 'Maximum Resolution', 'Event Type', 'Processing Level ID' etc. keywords are present in labels or associated files
- This will be entered into the PSA Dictionary for the HRSC label.



The screenshot shows a software interface for querying Mars Express data. At the top, there is a window title 'Mars Express' with 'Close' and 'Clear' buttons. Below this are several input fields and dropdown menus:

- Orbit Number** and **Spacecraft Altitude**: Text input fields.
- Sub-Spacecraft Longitude** and **Sub-Spacecraft Latitude**: Text input fields.
- Instrument**: A dropdown menu currently set to 'HRSC'.
- Mission Phase**: A dropdown menu currently set to 'Any'.
- A horizontal tab bar with options: Any, ASPERA, **HRSC** (selected), MaRS, MARSIS, OMEGA, PFS, SPICAM, SPICE.
- Product Id**: A text input field.
- Maximum Resolution**: A text input field, circled in red.
- Event Type**: A text input field, circled in red.
- Processing Level**: A text input field, circled in red.
- Detector ID**: A dropdown menu currently set to 'Any'.

PSA UI – The Map Interface



Search Button
 Select Base Map Type
 (See also the main PSA UI)

1. Click and drag to select your area of interest

2. Press 'Search' and wait for Access to 'standard' UI footprints

5. Transfer at any time to the standard interface for advanced searches. 3. Click on a desired footprint

4. Download your search parameters will be remembered.

6. Return to the map browser, you can finish your search as required.

PSA Browser Interface

Opening Screen

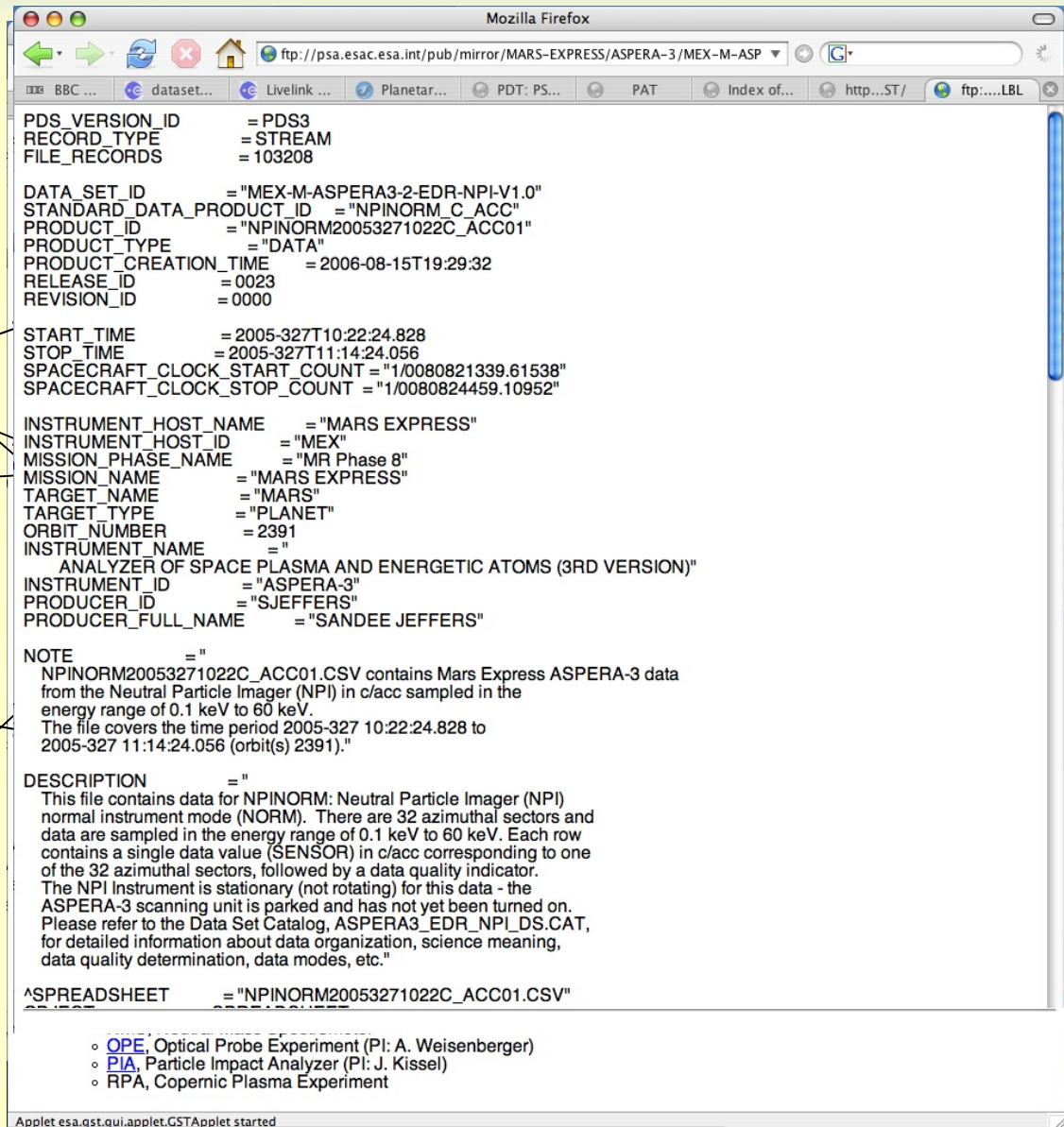
Click on the instrument that interests you

Select the data set you wish to look at

Browse through the directories to locate the files you want

Right click the product you want to save etc. to bring up the menu

Left click to view directly (where possible)



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RECORD_TYPE         = STREAM
FILE_RECORDS        = 103208

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RELEASE_ID           = 0023
REVISION_ID         = 0000

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STOP_TIME           = 2005-327T11:14:24.056
SPACECRAFT_CLOCK_START_COUNT = "1/0080821339.61538"
SPACECRAFT_CLOCK_STOP_COUNT = "1/0080824459.10952"

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INSTRUMENT_HOST_ID   = "MEX"
MISSION_PHASE_NAME   = "MR Phase 8"
MISSION_NAME         = "MARS EXPRESS"
TARGET_NAME          = "MARS"
TARGET_TYPE          = "PLANET"
ORBIT_NUMBER         = 2391
INSTRUMENT_NAME      = "ANALYZER OF SPACE PLASMA AND ENERGETIC ATOMS (3RD VERSION)"
INSTRUMENT_ID        = "ASPERA-3"
PRODUCER_ID          = "SJEFFERS"
PRODUCER_FULL_NAME   = "SANDEE JEFFERS"

NOTE                 = "
NPINORM20053271022C_ACC01.CSV contains Mars Express ASPERA-3 data
from the Neutral Particle Imager (NPI) in c/acc sampled in the
energy range of 0.1 keV to 60 keV.
The file covers the time period 2005-327 10:22:24.828 to
2005-327 11:14:24.056 (orbit(s) 2391)."
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This file contains data for NPINORM: Neutral Particle Imager (NPI) normal instrument mode (NORM). There are 32 azimuthal sectors and data are sampled in the energy range of 0.1 keV to 60 keV. Each row contains a single data value (SENSOR) in c/acc corresponding to one of the 32 azimuthal sectors, followed by a data quality indicator. The NPI Instrument is stationary (not rotating) for this data - the ASPERA-3 scanning unit is parked and has not yet been turned on. Please refer to the Data Set Catalog, ASPERA3_EDR_NPI_DS.CAT, for detailed information about data organization, science meaning, data quality determination, data modes, etc."

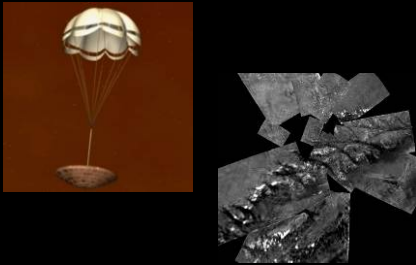
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- OPE, Optical Probe Experiment (PI: A. Weisenberger)
- PIA, Particle Impact Analyzer (PI: J. Kisse)
- RPA, Copernic Plasma Experiment

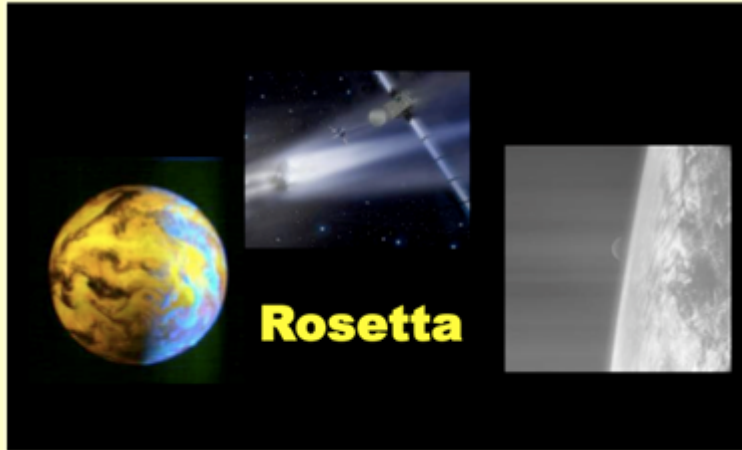
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PSA : one archive, several missions

Huygens



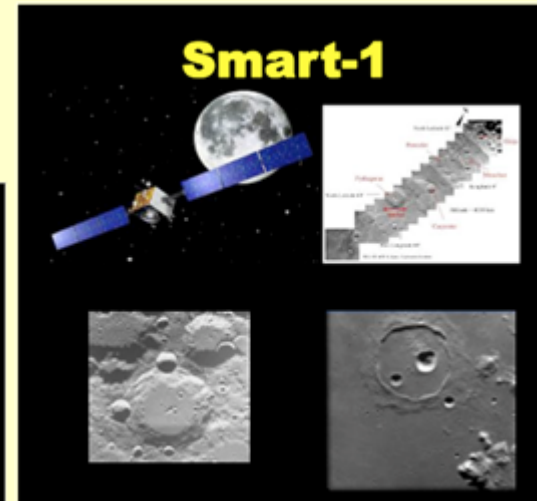
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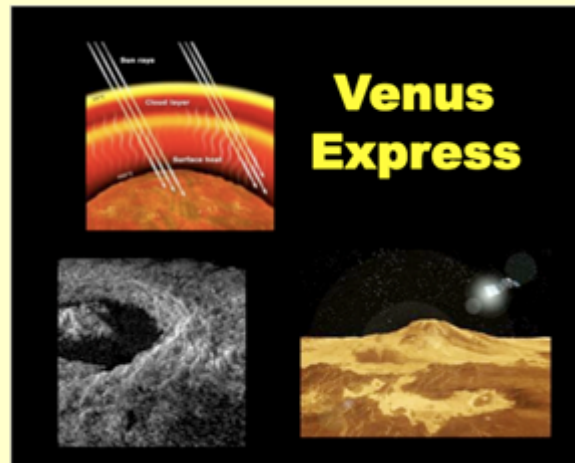
Giotto



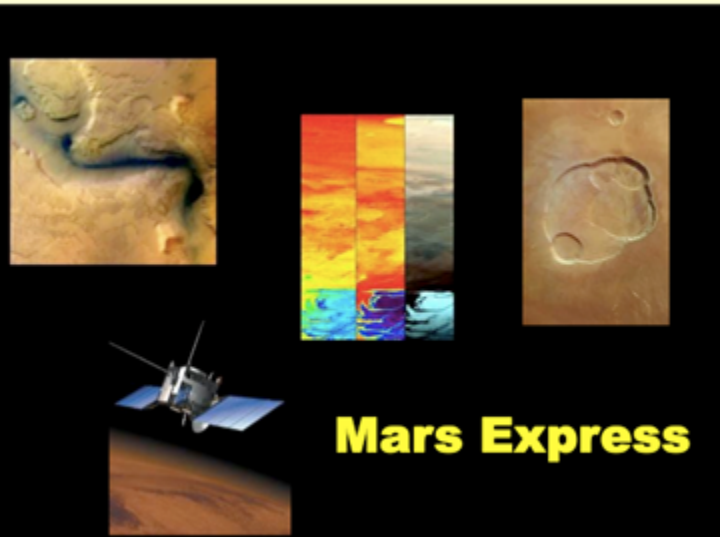
Smart-1



Venus Express



Mars Express



Current Status, Available Datasets

- GIOTTO data from comet Halley and Gripp-Skellerup
- Comet Halley ground-based observations (Halley-Watch)
- Comet Wirtanen ground-based observations
- Mars Express instrument and auxiliary data (ongoing)
- Venus Express instrument and auxiliary data (ongoing)
- Smart-1 instrument and auxiliary data (pending)
- Rosetta instrument and auxiliary data (ongoing , Peer Reviews in progress)
- Huygens (complete)
- BepiColombo data handling and archive support – in preparation
- ESA supported instruments on Chandrayaan 1 – pipeline development and support from PSA

IPDA and the Future

- ❑ **The PSA work very closely with experts at NASA's PDS as the Standards continue to develop.**

- ❑ **Archiving experts from all major countries involved in planetary exploration form the International Planetary Data Alliance (IPDA).**
 - One of the main objectives of this group is to try to develop data and archives that are inter-operable.

 - Validation of data to allow for this interoperability will be a future requirement in addition to the standard validations already discussed

- ❑ **The validation system is designed to ensures that all of ESA's planetary data will be available and useful to the community for many years after the mission has ended, and that they will be as compatible with as many other planetary archive data as possible.**
 - Time will tell!...