

# SRN NDA Routine Jupiter EDR CDF Dataset Specification v1.7

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## Introduction

The Nançay Decameter Array (NDA) at the Station de Radioastronomie de Nançay (SRN) is a phased array of 144 « Teepee » helicoidal antenna, composed of two sub-arrays of 72 antenna each, sensitive to Right Handed (RH) and Left Handed (LH) circular polarization, respectively [A,B,C]. The « Routine » digital receiver is connected to this array and is observing Jupiter in the decametric range (10 to 40 MHz) since September 1990, recording alternatively a spectrum on a single polarization, every 0.5 sec. For each spectral sweep, the LH array is sampled first, followed by the RH array. The receiver is sampling 401 spectral steps in 350 ms. The spectral step is thus 75 kHz and the temporal sampling step is about 0.87 ms. The internal clock of the receiver cannot provide a better timing accuracy than 10  $\mu$ s. The spectral bandwidth for each measurement is 30 kHz (– 3 dB filter bandwidth).

This dataset provides EDR (experiment data record) uncalibrated data. The first 400 samples of each sweep are recorded (the 401st sample is lost). The number of spectral sweep is N in the following documentation. The Epoch variable contains the LH sweep start times. LH and RH spectral sweeps are provided in separate variables. In order to reconstruct the observation time of each spectral step for each polarization (with a 10 ms accuracy), two additional variables are provided:

- `Sweep_time_offset_ramp`: a series of 400 offset times (in seconds), to be added to the sweep start time in order to recover the actual time of measurement for each sample of a sweep;
- `RR_sweep_time_offset`: a series of N offset times (in seconds), to be added to each Epoch time in order to get the actual start time of each RH sweep.

The unit of LH and RH spectra are provided in dB. The sample values are proportional to the power in dB[V<sup>2</sup>/Hz] measured at the input of the receiver. Value 256 corresponds to 80 dB[V<sup>2</sup>/Hz]. It is straightforward to convert RH and LH spectra into dB[V<sup>2</sup>/Hz] with a 0.3125 multiplying factor.

Calibration sweeps, regularly acquired every hour are also included in the data. They can be identified with the Status variable:

- Status value = 17 at time of mode switch, before calibration mode. This Status code appears also when switching between attenuation values during the calibration sequences.
- Status value = 0 at the end of the calibration sequence.

In practice, the calibration sweeps are executed as follows. The signal summed up over each bloc of 8 antennas is replaced by the signal of a reference noise diode with delivers a fixed power of 42 dB ENR (or -72 dBm/MHz). This signal is then attenuated by 30 dB, 20 dB, 10 dB and 0 dB and measured over 10 s long exposures for each attenuation factor. The 30 dB attenuation factor approximately corresponds to the mean sky level.

The data are distributed in CDF (Common Data Format). A CDF file is structured with a header section containing the global attributes, and a data section containing the variables and the associated variable attributes [1]. A series of links and documents introducing to CDF is available at NASA PDS/PPI node (Planetary Plasma Interactions node of NASA Planetary Data System) [2].

The selected CDF specifications are compliant with archive quality CDF as defined by ISTP (International Solar Terrestrial Program) [3] and PDS4 (NASA Planetary Data System version 4) [4]. They also contain the required metadata to be compliant with the EPNcore data model, used by the VESPA project for its data distribution protocol EPN-TAP [5].

## Metadata description

The global attributes are organized in 4 sections: the ISTP section, the PDS section, the VESPA section and the NDA section. The following items provide the list of global attributes, by section, with their default values and definition.

### ISTP section

#### TITLE

Definition	This attribute is an NSSDC standard global attribute, which is a title for the data set
Value	SRN NDA Routine Jupiter EDR Dataset

#### Project

Definition	This attribute identifies the name of the project and indicates ownership.
Value	SRN>Station de Radioastronomie de Nancy OBSPM>Observatoire de Paris PADC>Paris Astronomical Data Centre

#### Discipline

Definition	This attribute describes both the science discipline and subdiscipline. More than one entry is allowed.
Value	Planetary Physics>Waves

#### Data\_type

Definition	This attribute identifies the data type of the CDF data set. Both a long name and a short name are given.
Value	EDR>Experiment Data Record

#### Descriptor

Definition	This attribute identifies the name of the instrument or sensor that collected the data
CDF Type	CDF_CHAR
Value	routine_jup>Routine receiver with Jupiter pointing

#### Data\_version

Definition	This attribute identifies the version of a particular CDF data file. This is string containing a number (0 padded, on 2 digits), incremented every time the file is updated.
CDF Type	CDF_CHAR

Value (Updated by script)

### **Instrument\_type**

Definition This attribute is used to facilitate making choices of instrument type through CDAWeb. More than one entry is allowed.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR

Value Radio Telescope

### **Logical\_file\_id**

Definition This attribute stores the name of the CDF file using the naming convention.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR

Value (Updated by script)

### **Logical\_source**

Definition This attribute carries source\_name, data\_type, and descriptor information.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR

Value srn\_nda\_routine\_jup\_edr

### **Logical\_source\_description**

Definition This attribute writes out the full words associated with the encrypted Logical\_source .

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR

Value Jupiter Observations from the Routine receiver of the Nancay Decameter Array at Station de Radioastronomie de Nancay

### **File\_naming\_convention**

Definition This attributes give the file naming convention.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR

Value source\_descriptor\_type\_yyyymmddhhmm\_yyyymmddhhmm\_ver

### **Mission\_group**

Definition This attribute has a single value and is used to facilitate making choices of source.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR

Value SRN>Station de Radioastronomie de Nancay

### **PI\_name**

Definition This attribute value should include first initial and last name.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR

Value L. Lamy

### **PI\_affiliation**

Definition This attribute value should include a recognizable abbreviation.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value LESIA>LESIA, Observatoire de Paris, PSL Research University, CNRS, Sorbonne Universites, Universite de Paris, 92195 Meudon, France  
  
SRN>Station de Radioastronomie de Nancay, Observatoire de Paris, PSL Research University, CNRS, Universite d'Orleans,18330 Nancay, France

### Source\_name

Definition This attribute identifies the mission or investigation that contains the sensors.  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value SRN\_NDA>Nancay Decameter Array

### TEXT

Definition This attribute is an NSSDC standard global attribute, which 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. A written description of the data set is also desirable. This attribute can have as many entries as necessary to contain the desired information.  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value The Nancay Decameter Array (NDA) at the Station de Radioastronomie de Nançay (SRN) is a phased array of 144 « Teepee » helicoidal antenna, composed of two sub-arrays of 72 antenna each, sensitive to Right Handed (RH) and Left Handed (LH) circular polarization, respectively. The « Routine » digital receiver is connected to this array and is observing Jupiter in the decametric range (10 to 40 MHz) since September 1990, recording alternatively a spectrum on a single polarization, every 0.5 sec. (more details at: <http://www.obs-nancay.fr/reseau-decametrique/>)

### Generated\_by

Definition This attribute allows for the generating data center/group to be identified.  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value LESIA>Laboratoire d'Etudes Spatiales et d'Instrumentation en Astrophysique  
SRN>Station de Radioastronomie de Nancay

### Generation\_date

Definition Date stamps the creation of the file using the syntax yyyyymmdd

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value (Updated by script)

### LINK\_TEXT

Definition This attribute stores text describing on-line data available at PI or CoI web sites.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value The NDA Routine Jupiter data are available at

### LINK\_TITLE

Definition This attribute stores the title of the web site holding on-line data available at PI or CoI web sites.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value Station de Radioastronomie de Nancay

### HTTP\_LINK

Definition This attribute stores the URL for the PI or CoI web site holding on-line data.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value <http://www.obs-nancay.fr>

### MODS

Definition This attribute is an NSSDC standard global attribute which is used to denote the history of modifications made to the CDF data set.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value (Updated by script)

### Parents

Definition This attribute lists the parent CDF(S) for files of derived and merged data sets.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value (Updated by script)

Note This is the name of the corresponding raw RT1 file.

### Rules\_of\_use

Definition Text containing information on, e.g. citability and PI access restrictions. This may point to a World Wide Web page specifying the rules of use.

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value SRN/NDA observations in open access can be freely used for scientific purposes. Their acquisition, processing and distribution is ensured by the SRN/NDA team, which can be contacted for any questions and/or collaborative purposes.  
Contact email: [contact.nda@obs-nancay.fr](mailto:contact.nda@obs-nancay.fr)

We kindly request the authors of any communications and publications using these data to let us know about them, include minimal citation to the reference below and appropriate acknowledgements whenever needed.

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### **Skeleton\_version**

Definition This attribute contains the version number of this dataset description file.  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value (Updated by script)

### **Software\_version**

Definition This attribute contains the software version number.  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value (Updated by script)

### **Software\_language**

Definition This is a text attribute containing the software language used for the processing.  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value python3

### **Time\_resolution**

Definition Specifies time resolution of the file  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value 1 second

### **Acknowledgement**

Definition Text string at PI disposal allowing for information on expected acknowledgment if data is citable.  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value The authors acknowledge the Station de Radioastronomie de Nançay of the Observatoire de Paris (USR 704-CNRS, supported by Universite d'Orleans, OSUC, and Region Centre in France) for

providing access to NDA observations accessible online at  
<http://www.obs-nancay.fr>

### Spase\_DatasetResourceID

Definition SPASE Dataset resource ID  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value spase://GBO/NumericalData/SRN/NDA/RoutineJupiter/PT1S

### Validate

Definition Details to be specified. This attribute is written by software for automatic validation of features such as the structure of the CDF file on a simple pass/fail criterion.  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Note (Updated by script)

### PDS section

#### PDS\_Observation\_start\_time

Definition Observation Start Time in ISO format  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value (Updated by script)

#### PDS\_Observation\_stop\_time

Definition Observation Stop Time in ISO format  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value (Updated by script)

#### PDS\_Observation\_target

Definition Observation Target Name  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value Jupiter

#### PDS\_Observation\_type

Definition Observation Type  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value Radio

### VESPA section

#### VESPA\_dataproduct\_type

Definition Organization of the data product, from enumerated list  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value DS>Dynamic Spectrum

#### VESPA\_target\_class

Definition Type of target, from enumerated list

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value planet

#### VESPA\_target\_region

Definition Type of region of interest (possible from UAT:  
<http://astrothesaurus.org>)  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value Aurora  
Magnetosphere

#### VESPA\_feature\_name

Definition Secondary name (can be standard name of region of interest)  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value Decametric radio emissions (DAM)

#### VESPA\_instrument\_host\_name

Definition Observatory or Space Mission name  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value SRN>Station de Radioastronomie de Nancay

#### VESPA\_instrument\_name

Definition Instrument or Telescope Name  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value NDA>Nancay Decameter Array

#### VESPA\_receiver\_name

Definition Receiver or Channel name  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value RoutineJup>Routine Jupiter

#### VESPA\_time\_sampling\_step

Definition Time sampling step  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value 1.0

#### VESPA\_time\_sampling\_step\_unit

Definition Unit of time sampling step  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value s

#### VESPA\_time\_exp

Definition Sample integration time  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value 0.875

### VESPA\_time\_exp\_unit

Definition Unit of sample integration time  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value ms

### VESPA\_spectral\_range\_min

Definition Min spectral range (frequency)  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value 10

### VESPA\_spectral\_range\_max

Definition Max spectral range (frequency)  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value 40

### VESPA\_spectral\_range\_unit

Definition Unit of spectral range  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value MHz

### VESPA\_spectral\_sampling\_step

Definition Spectral sampling step (frequency)  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value 75

### VESPA\_spectral\_sampling\_step\_unit

Definition Unit of spectral sampling step (frequency)  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value kHz

### VESPA\_spectral\_resolution

Definition Spectral observation bandwidth (frequency)  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value 30

### VESPA\_spectral\_resolution\_unit

Definition Spectral observation bandwidth (frequency)  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value kHz

### VESPA\_measurement\_type

Definition A physical characterization of the data, using UCDs (Unified Content Descriptor) as defined by IVOA  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value phys.flux.density;em.radio;phys.polarization

### VESPA\_access\_format

Defintion File format type, using MIME Types.  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value application/x-cdf

### VESPA\_bib\_reference

Defintion Bibliographic reference for the dataset, preferably an ADS bibref or a DOI.  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value 2000GMS...119..321L

### VESPA\_target\_distance

Definition Distance to target (in km)  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value (Updated by script)

### VESPA\_target\_distance\_unit

Definition Unit of distance to target  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value km

### VESPA\_subobserver\_longitude\_min

Definition Minimum CML  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value (Updated by script)

### VESPA\_subobserver\_longitude\_max

Definition Maximum CML  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value (Updated by script)

### VESPA\_subobserver\_longitude\_unit

Definition Unit of CML  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value deg

### VESPA\_subobserver\_latitude\_min

Definition Minimum Jovian latitude  
CDF Type CDF\_REAL4  
Value (Updated by script)

### VESPA\_subobserver\_latitude\_max

Definition Maximum Jovian latitude  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value (Updated by script)

### VESPA\_subobserver\_latitude\_unit

Defintion Unit of Jovian latitude  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Value deg

### NDA section

#### NDA\_geographic\_longitude

Defintion Longitude of SRN/NDA on Earth  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit degrees  
Value 47.380510

#### NDA\_geographic\_latitude

Defintion Latitude of SRN/NDA on Earth  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit degrees  
Value 2.193226

#### NDA\_geographic\_altitude

Defintion Altitude of the SRN on Earth  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit meters  
Value 135

#### NDA\_rf\_filter\_selected

Defintion Value of the selected RF filter  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit N/A  
Value (Updated by script)

#### NDA\_rf\_filter\_time\_change

Defintion Date of the change of RF filter  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit ISO formatted time (UTC)  
Value (Updated by script)

#### NDA\_power\_resolution

Defintion Power resolution (dB per division)  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit dB/div  
Value (Updated by script)

#### NDA\_meridian\_time

Defintion Date of Jupiter passing meridian

CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit ISO formatted time (UTC)  
Value (Updated by script)

#### **NDA\_reference\_level**

Defintion Reference level (dBm)  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit dBm  
Value (Updated by script)

#### **NDA\_sweep\_duration**

Defintion Duration of spectral sweep  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit s  
Value 0.35

#### **NDA\_header\_version**

Defintion Version of the header specification of RT1 file  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit N/A  
Value (Updated by script)

#### **NDA\_CML\_start**

Defintion Value of CML (Jupiter System III longitude of the observer) at the start of observation  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit deg  
Value (Updated by script)

#### **NDA\_CML\_end**

Defintion Value of CML (Jupiter System III longitude of the observer) at the end of observation  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit deg  
Value (Updated by script)

#### **NDA\_Io\_Phase\_start**

Defintion Value of Io-Phase as seen from the observer at the start of observation  
CDF Type CDF\_CHAR  
Unit deg  
Value (Updated by script)

## NDA\_Io\_Phase\_stop

Defintion	Value of Io-Phase as seen from the observer at the end of observation
CDF Type	CDF_CHAR
Unit	deg
Value	(Updated by script)

## Data Description

There are seven data variables in each file. Each variable is described below.

### Time axis

Name	Epoch
CDF Type	CDF_TIME_TT2000
Unit	nanoseconds after Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> 2000
Description	UTC time of each spectra.
Dimensions	N

### Frequency axis

Name	Frequency
CDF Type	CDF_REAL4
Unit	MHz
Description	Central frequency of each step of the spectral sweep.
Dimensions	400

### RH Spectrogram

Name	RR
CDF Type	CDF_UINT1
Unit	dB
Description	Spectrogram measured on the RH-polarized set of antennas.
Dimensions	N x 400

### LH Spectrogram

Name	LL
CDF Type	CDF_UINT1
Unit	dB
Description	Spectrogram measured on the LH-polarized set of antennas.
Dimensions	N x 400

### Status flag

Name	STATUS
CDF Type	CDF_BYTE

Unit N/A  
Description Instrument mode value at end of RH and LH sweeps.  
Dimensions N x 2

### Sweep Time Offset Ramp

Name SWEEP\_TIME\_OFFSET\_RAMP  
CDF Type CDF\_REAL4  
Unit second  
Description Time Offset to be added to the sweep start time to recover the actual time of measurement of each sweep sample.  
Dimensions 400

### RH Sweep Time Offset

Name RR\_SWEEP\_TIME\_OFFSET  
CDF Type CDF\_REAL4  
Unit second  
Description Time Offset to be added to the Epoch time to recover the actual start time of the RH sweep.  
Dimensions N

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[4] <http://ppi.pds.nasa.gov/doc/cdf/PDS4-Archiving-of-CDF-Files-v3.pdf>  
[5] <https://voparis-confluence.obspm.fr/display/VES/EPNcore+v2>

# Appendix

## RT1 file header versions

The raw data files (RT1 files) header specification changed six times since the start of operations on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1990. The header section of the RT1 files consists in a stream of 405 bytes. The header information is written in ASCII characters. In all versions, we find the following information: minimum and maximum observed frequencies, spectral resolution, temporal resolution and intensity scale description. Starting in version 2, the “meridian time” is specified. It is the time when Jupiter crosses the local meridian. Starting in version 5, the RF filter set up and changes are provided. In the last and current version, the meridian crossing date (in addition to the meridian time), the start of observation date and the end of observation time are specified. The specifications of each version are described below.

### Header format version 1

- In use for RT1 files from 1990-09-18 to 1990-11-26
- Used header length: 16 bytes (out of 405 bytes)
- Header structure
  - o Dummy 1 byte (= 0x15)
  - o Frequency min. (MHz) 2 ASCII characters
  - o Frequency max. (MHz) 2 ASCII characters
  - o Freq. resolution (kHz) 3 ASCII characters
  - o Reference Level (dBm) 3 ASCII characters
  - o Sweep Time (ms) 3 ASCII characters
  - o Power Scale (dB/div) 2 ASCII characters
- Example:

```
1040030-1035010
```

### Header format version 2

- In use for RT1 files from 1990-11-27 to 1994-02-23
- Used header length: 20 bytes (out of 405 bytes)
- Header structure
  - o Dummy 1 byte (= 0x15)
  - o Frequency min (MHz) 2 ASCII characters
  - o Frequency max (MHz) 2 ASCII characters
  - o F\_resolution (kHz) 3 ASCII characters
  - o Reference Level (dBm) 3 ASCII characters
  - o Sweep Time (ms) 3 ASCII characters
  - o Power Scale (dB/div) 2 ASCII characters
  - o Meridian Time (hour) 2 ASCII characters
  - o Meridian Time (min) 2 ASCII characters
- Example:

```
1040030-10350100432
```



