New Horizons Solar Wind Around Pluto

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Low Energy Plasma Instrument consisting of a Retarding Potential Analyzer (RPA), and Electrostatic Analyzer (ESA), and a deflector (DFL).

Mass: 3.29 kg

Power: 2.84 W

Energy (min,max): 30-7700 eV

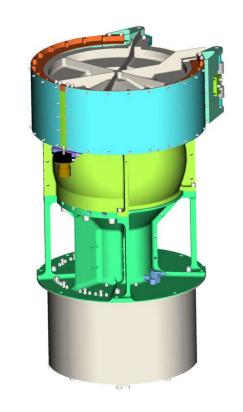
Energy Resolution: 1 eV

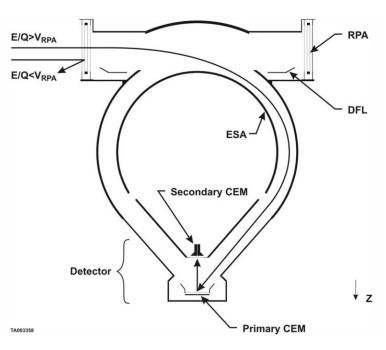
Field of View: 270° x 10°

Angular Resolution: N/A

Geometric Factor 1.8x10⁻³cm² sr eV/eV

Sweep Time (128 steps) 64 s Accumulation Time 0.39 s





NH-SWAP Data Set Evaluation Tools

Evaluation -

Machine: Dell XPS 15 9560

Operating System: Windows 10

Datasets:

nh-x-swap-2-kem1-v3.0 nh-x-swap-3-kem1-v3.0

Volumes:

NHKESW_1001 NHKESW_2001

Volume Level Files AAREADME – files are acceptable VOLDESC – files are acceptable

Comments on review procedure

The catalog, documents, and calib directories of these volumes are nearly identical, and most of their contents have been previously reviewed many times.

I have taken advantage of this fact to reduce the review effort.

I used the folder compare option in BeyondCompare 3.3.13 to compare like folders across the four volumes, and then compare files contained in the folders. Most of the time, the only variation in the directory contents or the file therein were the file time stamps and the data_set_id's in the label files.

Once this information was available to me, I only reviewed unique files

Lastly, I looked at issues raised in the Feb 2020 review to make sure that they had been addressed in this release.

Catalog Directory:

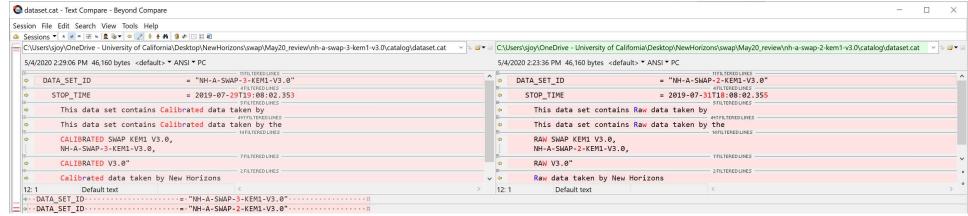
catinfo.txt - ok, might consider updating http://pds.jpl.nasa.gov/ to use
https://

nh_kem.cat – ok (Frahm 2/20 review comments about date ranges not addressed)
(Joy suggestion about adding C/A date, mention Arrokoth and aliases addressed)
nhsc.cat – ok (Frahm 2/20 review comments about KBO observations not addressed)
ref.cat – good

There are no differences between files that should be identical on the two volumes (nh_kem.cat, nhsc.cat, ref.cat, swap.cat, etc.) – good, correct versions included

dataset.cat (NH-X-SWAP-2-KEM1-V3.0) and dataset.cat (NH-X-SWAP-3-KEM1-V3.0)

are effectively the same file with only the most minor differences - previously noted and accepted



Calib Directory:

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calinfo.txt - good
background_009_dac.tab (lbl) - good
background_009_dac_jup.tab (lbl) - good
esa_rpa_v16_energy_binsf_new.tab (lbl) - good
esa_rpa_v18_energy_binsf_new.tab (lbl) - good
esa_rpa_v19_energy_binsf_new2.tab (lbl) - good
esa_shape.tab (lbl) - good
fov_mask_2d.tab (lbl) - good
list_energy.tab (lbl) - good
rpa_shape.tab (lbl) - good
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Document Directory:

docinfo.txt (all) - good
codmac_level_definitions, lunineetal1995, payload_ssr, swap_ssr
 PDF files all PDF/A format. All previously reviewed and acceptable
swap_cal - good
nh_met2utc.tab file has be updated as requested.
data_summary_plots directory contents are ok, plots are useful
nh_mission_trajectory.tab (lbl) - good, complete
quat_axyz_instr_to_j2k.asc (lbl) - good
seq_swap_kem1.tab (.lbl) - good, complete
seq_swap_kemcruise1.tab (.lbl) - good, complete
nh_fov.png (lbl) - good

Document/data_summary_plots Directory:

Plots available for all days when data are available - issue corrected

Document/traj Directory

trajinfo.txt - good

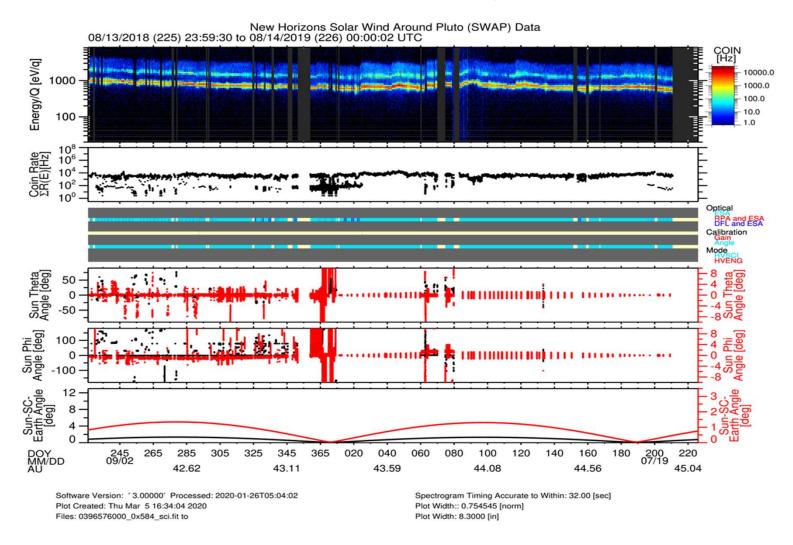
traj_2006_2021_1d.tab (lbl, fmt) – Label indicates use of out-of-date kernels naif0011.tls vs. naif0012.tls, no BC after 2018, etc. Please verify that this is a labelling error and that the correct kernels were used to generate the data file (don't match the set in the SWAP data file labels). See next

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From TRAJ 2006 2021 1D.LBL
                                                   From swa_0426729632_0x586.lbl
SPICE FILE NAME = ("NH V03.TM"
                                                           not included
         , "NAIF0011.TLS"
                                                           current = naif0012.tls
         , "PCK00010.TPC"
                                                           same
    removed TPC, TI, and TF files
         , "DE418.BSP"
         , "JUP260.BSP"
                                                           same
         , "NH PLU017.BSP"
         , "KBO CENTAUR 20131129.BSP"
                                                           same
         , "NH EXTRAS.BSP"
                                                           same
         , "SB 2002JF56 2.BSP"
                                                           same
         , "SB 2014MU69 20150903 S6.BSP
                                                           NavSBE 2014MU69 od151.bsp
         , "NH NEP URA 000.BSP"
                                                           same
         , "NH PRED ALLEPH OD124.BSP"
         , "NH RECON E2J V1.BSP"
                                                           same
         , "NH RECON J2SEP07 PRELIMV1.BSP"
                                                           same
         , "NH RECON OD077 V01.BSP"
         , "NH RECON OD117 V01.BSP"
         , "NH RECON PLUTO OD122 V01.BSP"
                                                           same
         , "MERGED NHPC 2006 V011.BC"
                                                           same
         , "MERGED NHPC 2007 V006.BC"
                                                           same
         , "MERGED NHPC 2008 V001.BC"
                                                           same
         , "MERGED NHPC 2009 V001.BC"
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         , "MERGED NHPC 2010 V001.BC"
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         , "MERGED NHPC 2015 V001.BC"
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         , "MERGED NHPC 2016 V001.BC"
                                                           merged nhpc 2016 v003.bc
         , "MERGED NHPC 2017 V001.BC"
                                                           merged nhpc 2017 v014.bc
         , "MERGED_NHPC_2018_V001.BC"<sub>NH-SWAP</sub> Review S. Joy
                                                           merged nhpc 2018 v097.bc
          missing 2019 BC kernel
                                                           merged nhpc 2019 v015.bc
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Index Directory:

indxinfo.txt - good index.tab (lbl) - good slimindx.tab (lbl) - good checksum.tab (lbl) - good

Data Directory Contents

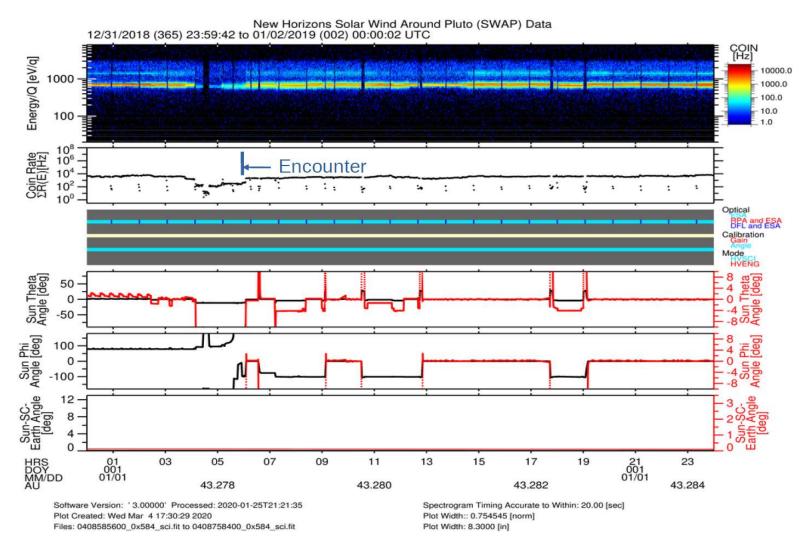


Data are fairly continuous. Gaps in the E/Q spectra are either associated with gaps in the trajectory data (real data gaps), or with time intervals when the spacecraft was not Sun-pointed (unfavorable geometry). In general, the data show a clear solar wind beam signature when Sun-pointed.

Data Directory Contents

(486958) 2014 MU69 (Arrokoth) Flyby

Data around the encounter are nearly continuous and look good.



Plot courtesy of R. Frahm

Recommendations

In general, both of these datasets are in good shape. As previously noted, the dataset.cat descriptions are very generic and do not contain any specific discussion of these particular data. Since the other documentation is complete, no liens have been written.

Liens:

- 1) Check the traj_2006_2021_1d.tab file and verify it was generated using the latest set of SPICE kernels. Either update the data and label, or the label as required.
- 2) The swap_cal.pdf file is corrupted (equations missing), probably when converting to PDF/A after correcting issues reported in last review text corrected.

Recommendation:

Consider adding a new document that describes the science objectives of the KEM mission for all of the instruments. The information could likely be extracted with little effort from the extended mission proposal.

Comment:

Neither the DS.CATs nor the labels for the Jan 1, 2019 file list MU69 (Arrokoth) as a TARGET (TARGET = "SOLAR WIND"). It's mentioned in the dataset description of the DS.CAT but wouldn't show up in a search for data associated with this target.

These datasets are currently usable by the science community and can be certified.