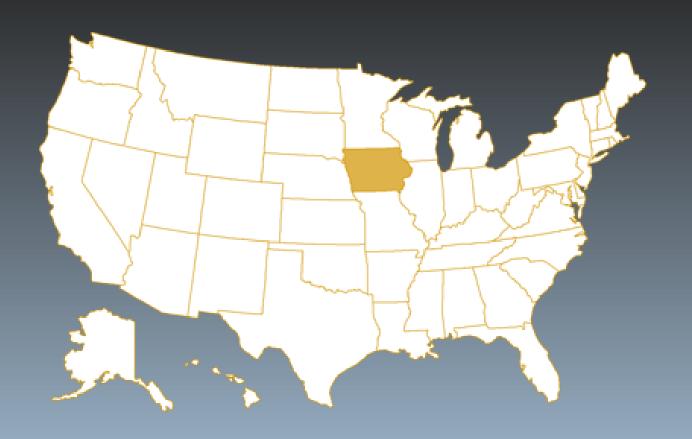


# A shot in the dark:

Stewarding early space data at the University of Iowa

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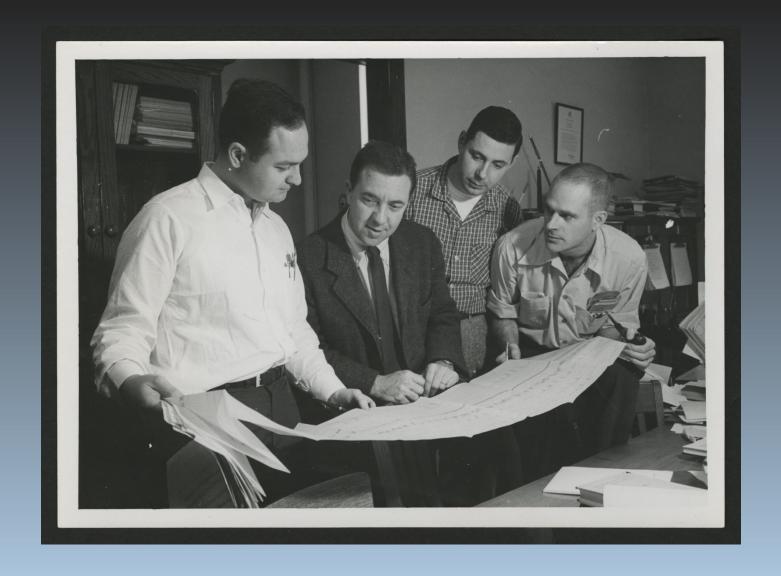




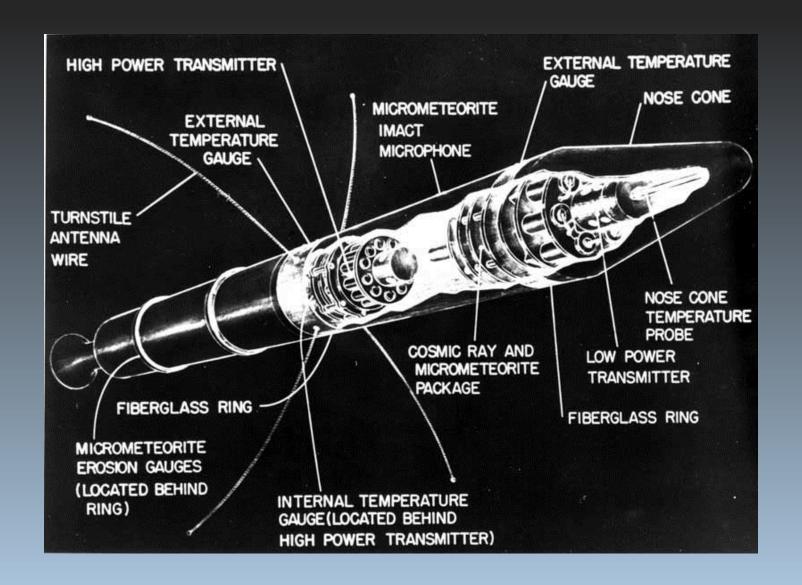








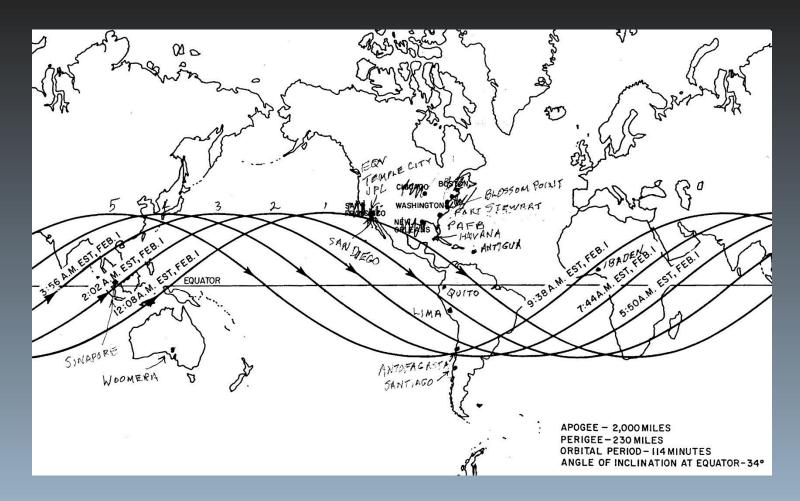










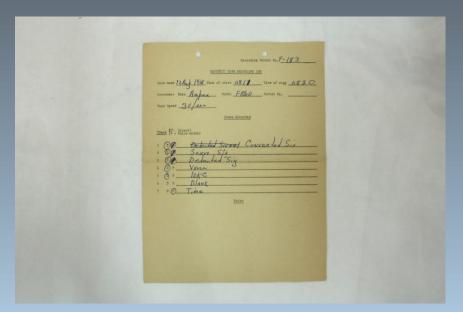






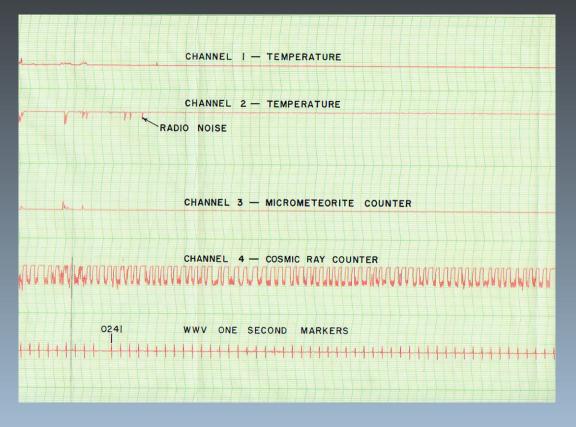








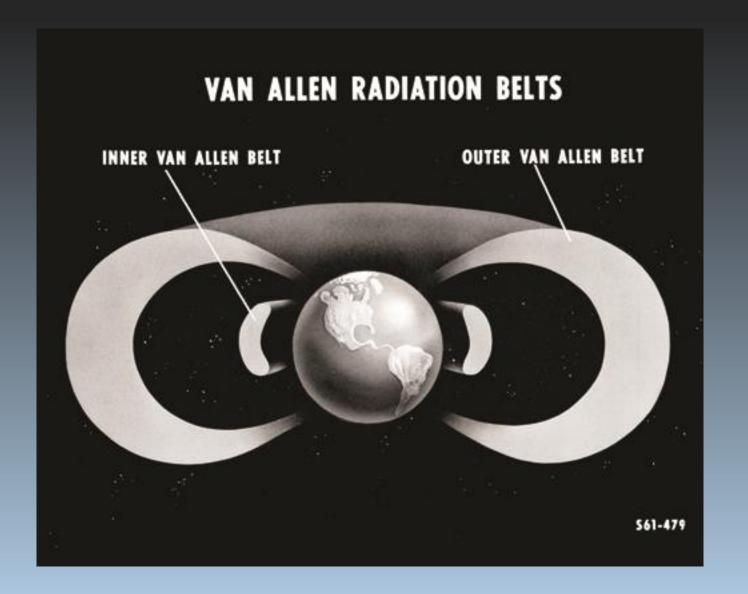
















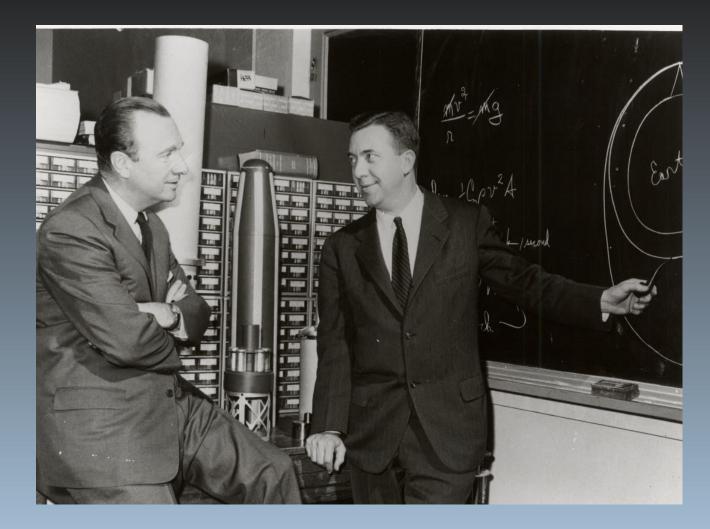




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# What is Common Data Format (CDF)?

- . Self-describing data format for the storage of scalar and multidimensional data in a platform- and discipline-independent way
- · Scientific data management package (CDF Library) allows application developers to manage these data arrays
- · Transparent access to data and metadata through Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)
- . Built-in support for data compression (gZip, RLE, Huffman) and automatic data uncompression
- Large file support (> 2GBytes)
- . CDF library includes a suite of tools that allow users to manipulate CDF files
- Provide read/write interfaces for C, Fortran, Java, Perl, C#/Visual Basic, IDL, MATLAB (and user-supplied software, e.g., Python, Sybase, mySQL)
- · More Frequently-Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Please email gsfc-cdf-support@lists.nasa.gov.with any CDF-related questions (both technical and policy-related).

Example external CDF visualization tool: Autoplot interactive browser

# **Announcements**

- 2014/03/31 NEW: CDF version <u>V3.5.0.2</u> is released. For the new <u>TT2000</u> data type, read our <u>requirements analysis</u> and <u>development approach</u> for more details.
   [Note for Mac OS X PPC users: we will stop supporting this port in the future release.]
- <u>IDL</u>: Patch based on the latest CDF V3.5.0 version <u>IDL Patch</u>.
- MATLAB: Patch based on the latest CDF V3.5.0 version MATLAB Patch
- C#/Visual Basic <u>C#/VB-CDF</u> on Windows based on the latest CDF V3.5.0.
- A suite of user-provided software can interact with CDF. Please check them out here.
- CDFsupport email address was changed to <a href="mailto:gsfc-cdf-support@lists.nasa.gov">gsfc-cdf-support@lists.nasa.gov</a>
- CDF's Java Network Launching Protocol latest development





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