pysat Documentation

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ONE

INTRODUCTION

The Python Science Analysis Toolkit (pysat) is a package providing a simple and flexible interface for downloading, loading, cleaning, managing, processing, and analyzing scientific measurements. Though pysat was initially designed for in-situ satellite based measurements it aims to support all instruments in space science.

Every scientific instrument has unique properties though the general process for science data analysis is independent of platform. Find and download the data, write code to load the data, clean the data, apply custom analysis functions, and plot the results. Pysat provides a framework for this general process that builds upon these commonalities to simplify adding new instruments, reduce data management overhead, and enable instrument independent analysis routines.

This instrument independence is achieved through a pysat.Instrument object which provides a layer of separation between the user and the particulars of any given science data set. Loading data for any instrument becomes the same process with the same result, instrument.load() produces data in instrument.data. Behind the scenes different load functions will actually be called for different instruments, as appropriate, but this is now a hidden implementation detail.

Frequently science data sets don't have all of the parameters needed for a given analysis. If an analysis routine is to be truly instrument independent then there needs to be a mechanism to get custom data into a routine without having to modify the routine itself. Thus, a nano-kernel is attached to the pysat.Instrument object. Upon each instrument.load call a queue of user selected custom functions are applied before the data is available in instrument.data. The instrument object is 'set and forget', regardless of location the data available in instrument.data will be properly processed.

The final component for instrument independence requires the Python Data Analysis Library (pandas), the underlying data object, capable of handling 1D through nD data in a single structure. Pandas data structures are also indexed, thus math operations between two arrays A and B are aligned before the operation. Measurements across platforms are rarely always at the same time, thus pandas also significantly reduces the overhead while increasing the rigor of inter-platform comparisons.

This document covers installation, a tutorial on pysat including demonstration codes, an overview of adding new instruments to pysat, and an API reference.

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INSTALLATION

Pysat requires some external non-python libraries for loading science data sets stored in netCDF and CDF formats.

- CDF: http://cdf.gsfc.nasa.gov
- netCDF: http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/

Pysat itself may be installed via `pip install pysat`

Pandas may be obtained similarly, `pip install pandas`

To get the forked pandas that accommodates pandas Series and DataFrames within each cell of a Series use

```
pip install git+https://github.com/rstoneback/pandas.git
```

The forked pandas is required for higher dimensional data sets. A pull-request is planned.

Pysat will maintain organization of data from various platforms. Upon the first `import pysat`

pysat will remind you to set the top level directory that will hold the data, `pysat.utils.set_data_dir(path=path)`

CHAPTER

THREE

TUTORIAL

3.1 Basics

The core functionality of pysat is exposed through the pysat.Instrument object. To work with Magnetometer data from the Vector Electric Field Instrument onboard the Communications/Navigation Outage Forecasting System (C/NOFS) begin with

```
vefi = pysat.Instrument(platform='cnofs', name='vefi', tag='dc_b')
```

Behind the scenes pysat uses a python module named cnofs_vefi that understands how to interact with 'dc_b' data. Let's download some data,

```
import pysat
# define date range to download data and download
start = pysat.datetime(2009,5,9)
stop = pysat.datetime(2009,5,12)
vefi.download(start, stop)
```

The data is downloaded to pysat_data_dir/platform/name/tag/, in this case pysat_data_dir/cnofs/vefi/dc_b/. pysat_data_dir should have previously been set using

```
pysat.utils.set_data_dir(path=path)
```

Data is loaded into vefi using the .load method using year, day of year; by date; or by filename.

```
vefi.load(2009,1)
vefi.load(date=start)
vefi.load(fname=fname)
```

The pandas DataFrame holding the data is available in .data. Convenience access is also available at the instrument level.

```
# all data
print vefi.data
# particular magnetic component
print vefi.data.dB_mer
# alternative access
print vefi['dB_mer']
# slicing
print vefi[0:10, 'dB_mer']
# slicing by date time
print vefi[start:stop, 'dB_mer']
```

See pysat.Instrument for more.

Metadata is also stored along with the main science data.

```
# all metadata
print vefi.meta.data
# dB_mer metadata
print vefi.meta['dB_mer']
# units
vefi.meta['dB_mer'].units
# update units for dB_mer
vefi.meta['dB_mer'] = {'units':'new_units'}
# update display name, long_name
vefi.meta['dB_mer'] = {'long_name':'Fancy Name'}
# add new meta data
vefi.meta['new'] = {'units':'fake', 'long_name':'Display'}
```

Data may be assigned to the instrument, with or without metadata.

```
vefi['new_data'] = new_data
```

The same activities may be performed for other instruments in the same manner. In particular, measurements from the Ion Velocity Meter and profiles of electron density from COSMIC

```
# assignment with metadata
ivm = pysat.Instrument(platform='cnofs', name='ivm', tag='')
ivm.load(date=date)
ivm['double_mlt'] = {'data':2.*inst['mlt'], 'long_name':'Double MLT',
                     'units':'hours'}
```

```
cosmic = pysat.Instrument('cosmic2013','gps', tag='ionprf',  clean_level='clean')
start = pysat.datetime(2009,1,2)
stop = pysat.datetime(2009,1,3)
# requires CDAAC account
cosmic.download(start, stop, user='', password='')
cosmic.load(date=start)
# the profiles column has a DataFrame in each element which stores
# all relevant profile information indexed by altitude
# print part of the first profile, selection by integer location
print cosmic[0,'profiles'].iloc[55:60, 0:3]
# print part of profile, selection by altitude value
print cosmic[0,'profiles'].ix[196:207, 0:3]
```

Output for both print statements:

```
               ELEC_dens    GEO_lat    GEO_lon
MSL_alt
196.465454  81807.843750 -15.595786 -73.431015
198.882019  83305.007812 -15.585764 -73.430191
201.294342  84696.546875 -15.575747 -73.429382
203.702469  86303.039062 -15.565735 -73.428589
206.106354  87460.015625 -15.555729 -73.427803
```

3.2 Custom Functions

Science analysis is built upon custom data processing. To simplify this task custom functions may be attached to the Instrument object. Each function is run automatically when new data is loaded.

Modify Functions

The instrument object is passed to function without copying, modify in place.

```
def custom_func_modify(inst, optional_param=False):
    inst['double_mlt'] = 2.*inst['mlt']
```

Add Functions

A copy of the instrument is passed to function, data to be added is returned.

```
def custom_func_add(inst, optional_param=False):
    return 2.*inst['mlt']
```

Add Function Including Metadata

```
def custom_func_add(inst, optional_param1=False, optional_param2=False):
    return {'data':2.*inst['mlt'], 'name':'double_mlt',
            'long_name':'doubledouble', 'units':'hours'}
```

Attaching Custom Function

```
ivm.custom.add(custom_func_modify, 'modify', optional_param2=True)
ivm.load(2009,1)
print ivm['double_mlt']
ivm.custom.add(custom_func_add, 'add', optional_param2=True)
ivm.bounds = (start,stop)
custom_complicated_analysis_over_season(ivm)
```

The output of custom_func_modify will always be available from instrument object, regardless of what level the science analysis is performed.

3.3 Iteration

The whole VEFI data set may be iterated over on a daily basis

```
for vefi in vefi:
    print 'Maximum meridional magnetic perturbation ', vefi['dB_mer'].max()
```

Each loop of the python for initiates a vefi.load() for the next date, starting with the first available date. By default the instrument instance will iterate over all available data. It is equivalent to

```
date_array = pysat.utils.season_date_range(start,stop)
for date in date_array:
    vefi.load(date=date)
    print 'Maximum meridional magnetic perturbation ', vefi['dB_mer'].max()
```

The output is,

```
Returning cnofs vefi dc_b data for 05/09/10
Maximum meridional magnetic perturbation  19.3937
Returning cnofs vefi dc_b data for 05/10/10
Maximum meridional magnetic perturbation  23.745
Returning cnofs vefi dc_b data for 05/11/10
Maximum meridional magnetic perturbation  25.673
Returning cnofs vefi dc_b data for 05/12/10
Maximum meridional magnetic perturbation  26.583
```

Bounds may be set to control the dates covered by the iteration,

```
# continuous season
vefi.bounds = (start, stop)
```

```
# multi-season season
vefi.bounds = ([start1, start2], [stop1, stop2])
# iterate over custom season
for vefi in vefi:
     print 'Maximum meridional magnetic perturbation ', vefi['dB_mer'].max()
```

3.4 Orbit Support

Pysat has functionality to determine orbits on the fly from loaded data. These orbits will span day breaks as needed (generally). Information about the orbit needs to be provided at intialization. The 'index' is the name of the data to be used for determining orbits, and 'kind' indicates type of orbit. See pysat.Orbit for latest inputs.

```
info = {'index':'mlt', 'kind':'local time'}
ivm = pysat.Instrument(platform='cnofs', name='ivm', tag='',
                       clean_level='clean', orbit_info=info)
start = [pd.datetime(2009,1,1), pd.datetime(2010,1,1)]
stop = [pd.datetime(2009,4,1), pd.datetime(2010,4,1)]
ivm.bounds = (start, stop)
for ivm in ivm.orbits:
    print 'next available orbit ', ivm.data
```

CHAPTER

FOUR

ADDING A NEW INSTRUMENT

pysat works by calling modules written for specific instruments that load and process the data consistent with the pysat standard. The name of the module corresponds to the combination 'platform_name' provided when initializing a pysat instrument object. The module should be placed in the pysat instruments directory or in the user specified location (via mechanism to be added) for automatic discovery. A compatible module may also be supplied directly to pysat.Instrument(inst_module=input module) if it also contains attributes platform and name.

Three functions are required:

4.1 List Files

Pysat maintains a list of files to enable data management functionality. It needs a pandas Series of filenames indexed by time. Pysat expects the module method platform_name.list_files to be:

```
def list_files(tag=None, data_path=None):
    return pandas.Series(files, index=datetime_index)
```

where tag indicates a specific subset of the available data from cnofs_vefi.

See pysat.utils.create_datetime_index for creating a datetime index for an array of irregularly sampled times.

Pysat will store data in pysat_data_dir/platform/name/tag, helpfully provided in data_path, where pysat_data_dir is specified by user in pysat settings.

pysat.Files.from_os is a convenience constructor provided for filenames that include time information in the filename and utilize a constant field width. The location and format of the time information is specified using standard python formatting and keywords year, month, day, hour, minute, second. A complete list_files routine could be as simple as

```
def list_files(tag=None, data_path=None):
    return pysat.Files.from_os(data_path=data_path,
                   format_str='cindi-{year:4d}{day:03d}-ivm.hdf')
```

4.2 Load Data

Loading is a fundamental pysat activity, this routine enables the user to consider loading a hidden implementation 'detail'.

```
def load(fnames, tag=None):
    return data, meta
```

- The load routine should return a tuple with (data, pysat metadata object).
- data is a pandas DataFrame, column names are the data labels, rows are indexed by datetime objects.

- pysat.utils.create_datetime_index provides for quick generation of an appropriate datetime index for irregulary sampled data set with gaps
- pysat meta object obtained from pysat.Meta(). Use pandas DataFrame indexed by name with columns for 'units' and 'long_name'. Additional arbitrary columns allowed. See pysat.Meta for more information on creating the initial metadata.
- If metadata is already stored with the file, creating the Meta object is trivial. If this isn't the case, it can be tedious to fill out all information if there are many data parameters. In this case it is easier to fill out a text file. A convenience function is provided for this s situation. See pysat.Meta.from_csv for more information.

4.3 Download Data

Download support significantly lowers the hassle in dealing with any dataset. Fetch data from the internet.

```
def download(date_array, data_path=None, user=None, password=None):
    return
```

- date_array, a list of dates to download data for
- data_path, the full path to the directory to store data
- user, string for username
- password, string for password

Routine should download data and write it to disk.

4.4 Optional Routines

Initialize

Initialize any specific instrument info. Runs once.

```
def init(inst):
    return None
```

inst is a pysat.Instrument() instance. init should modify inst in-place as needed; equivalent to a 'modify' custom routine.

Default

First custom function applied, once per instrument load.

```
def default(inst):
    return None
```

inst is a pysat.Instrument() instance. default should modify inst in-place as needed; equivalent to a 'modify' custom routine.

Clean Data

Cleans instrument for levels supplied in inst.clean_level.

- 'clean' : expectation of good data
- 'dusty' : probably good data, use with caution
- 'dirty' : minimal cleaning, only blatant instrument errors removed

- 'none' : no cleaning, routine not called

```
def clean(inst):
    return None
```

inst is a pysat.Instrument() instance. clean should modify inst in-place as needed; equivalent to a 'modify' custom routine.

CHAPTER

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EXAMPLES

pysat tends to reduce certain science data investigations to the construction of a routine(s) that makes that investigation unique, a call to a seasonal analysis routine, and some plotting commands. Several demonstrations are offered in this section.

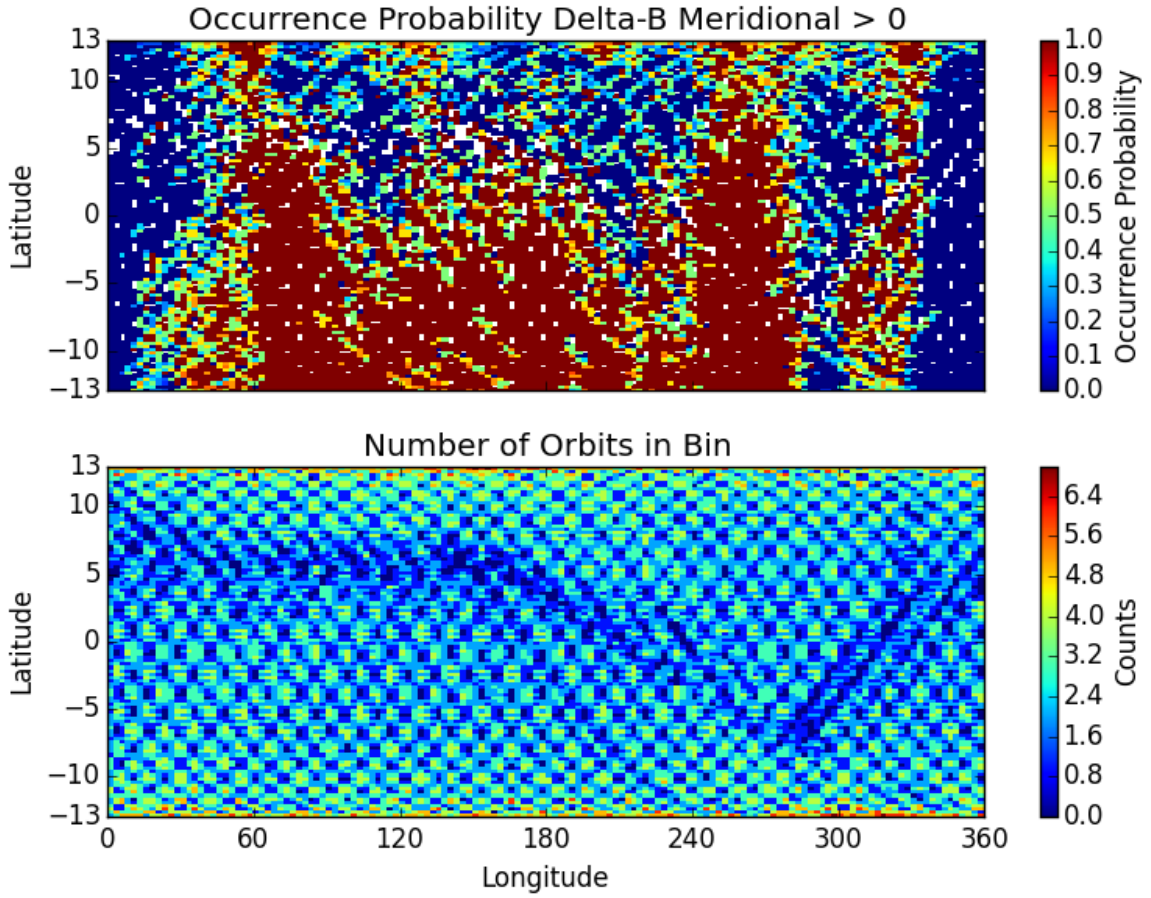
5.1 Seasonal Occurrence by Orbit

How often does a particular thing occur on a orbit-by-orbit basis? Let's find out. For VEFI, let us calculate the occurrence of a positive perturbation in the meridional component (North/South) of the geomagnetic field.

```
import os
import pysat
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pds
import numpy as np

# set the directory to save plots to
results_dir = ''

# select vefi dc magnetometer data, use longitude to determine where
# there are changes in the orbit (local time info not in file)
orbit_info = {'index':'longitude', 'kind':'longitude'}
vefi = pysat.Instrument(platform='cnofs', name='vefi', tag='dc_b',
                        clean_level=None, orbit_info=orbit_info)

# define function to remove flagged values
def filter_vefi(inst):
    idx, = np.where(vefi['B_flag']==0)
    vefi.data = vefi.data.iloc[idx]
    return
# attach function to vefi
vefi.custom.add(filter_vefi,'modify')
# set limits on dates analysis will cover, inclusive
start = pds.datetime(2010,5,9)
stop = pds.datetime(2010,5,15)

# if there is no vefi dc magnetometer data on your system
# run command below
# where start and stop are pandas datetimes (from above)
# pysat will automatically register the addition of this data at the end
# of download
vefi.download(start, stop)
```

```
# leave bounds unassigned to cover the whole dataset
vefi.bounds = (start,stop)

# perform occurrence probability calculation
# any data added by custom functions is available within routine below
ans = pysat.ssnl.occur_prob.by_orbit2D(vefi, [0,360,144], 'longitude',
             [-13,13,104], 'latitude', ['dB_mer'], [0.], returnBins=True)

# a dict indexed by data_label is returned
# in this case, only one, we'll pull it out
ans = ans['dB_mer']
# plot occurrence probability
f, axarr = plt.subplots(2,1, sharex=True, sharey=True)
masked = np.ma.array(ans['prob'], mask=np.isnan(ans['prob']))
im=axarr[0].pcolor(ans['binx'], ans['biny'], masked)
axarr[0].set_title('Occurrence Probability Delta-B Meridional > 0')
axarr[0].set_ylabel('Latitude')
axarr[0].set_yticks((-13,-10,-5,0,5,10,13))
axarr[0].set_ylim((ans['biny'][0],ans['biny'][-1]))
plt.colorbar(im,ax=axarr[0], label='Occurrence Probability')

im=axarr[1].pcolor(ans['binx'], ans['biny'],ans['count'])
axarr[1].set_xlabel('Longitude')
axarr[1].set_xticks((0,60,120,180,240,300,360))
axarr[1].set_xlim((ans['binx'][0],ans['binx'][-1]))
axarr[1].set_ylabel('Latitude')
axarr[1].set_title('Number of Orbits in Bin')

plt.colorbar(im,ax=axarr[1], label='Counts')
f.tight_layout()
plt.show()
plt.savefig(os.path.join(results_dir,'ssnl_occurrence_by_orbit_demo') )
```

Result



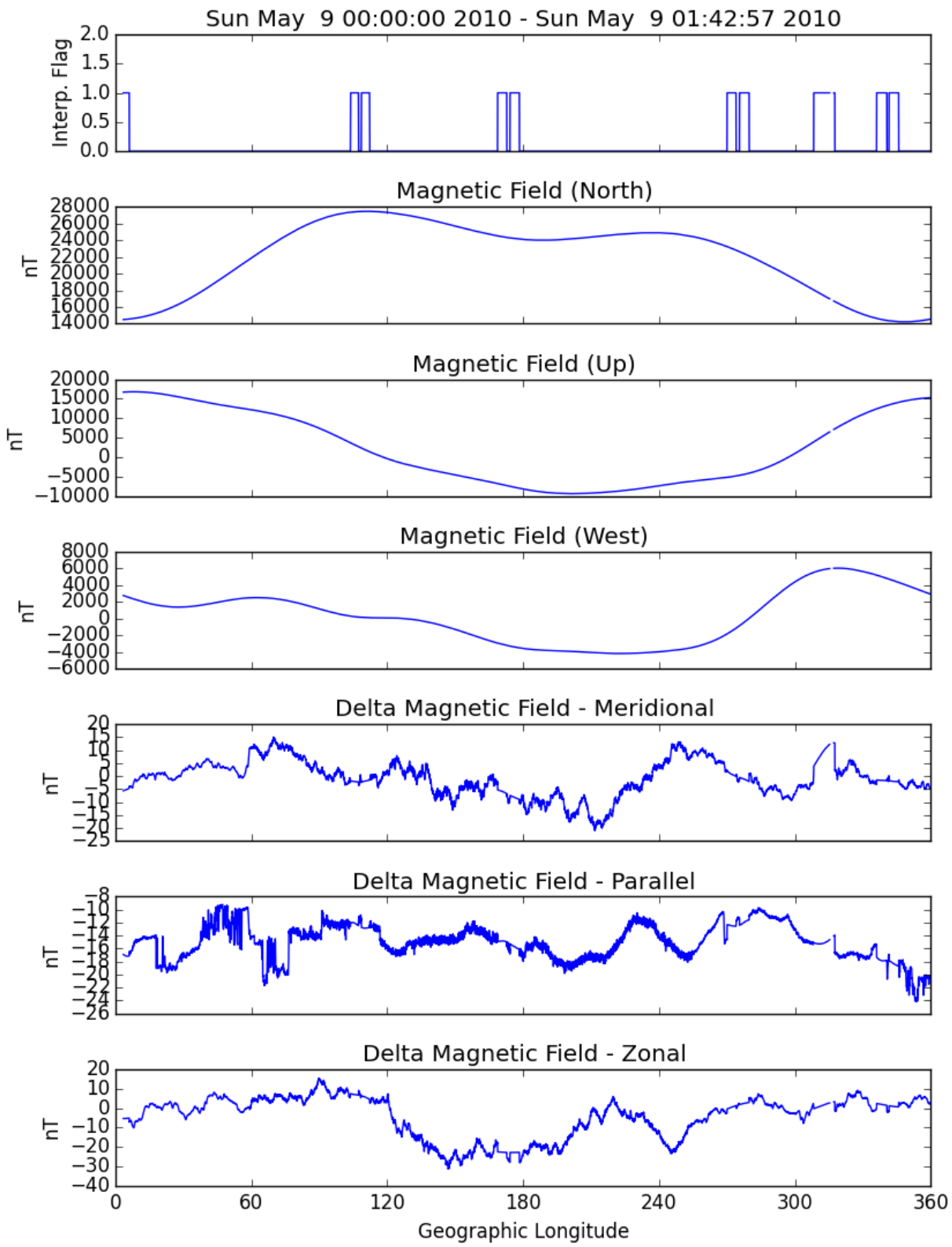
5.2 Orbit-by-Orbit Plots

Plotting a series of orbit-by-orbit plots is a great way to become familiar with a data set. If the data set doesn't come with orbit information, this can be a challenge. Orbits also go past day breaks, so if data comes in daily files this requires loading multiple files at once, joining the data together, etc. pysat goes through that trouble for you.

```
import os
import pysat
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pds

# set the directory to save plots to
results_dir = ''

# select vefi dc magnetometer data, use longitude to determine where
# there are changes in the orbit (local time info not in file)
orbit_info = {'index':'longitude', 'kind':'longitude'}
vefi = pysat.Instrument(platform='cnofs', name='vefi', tag='dc_b',
                        clean_level=None, orbit_info=orbit_info)

# set limits on dates analysis will cover, inclusive
start = pysat.datetime(2010,5,9)
stop = pysat.datetime(2010,5,12)
```

```
# if there is no vefi dc magnetometer data on your system
# then run command below
# where start and stop are pandas datetimes (from above)
# pysat will automatically register the addition of this data at the end
# of download
vefi.download(start, stop)

# leave bounds unassigned to cover the whole dataset
vefi.bounds = (start,stop)

for orbit_count, vefi in enumerate(vefi.orbits):
    # for each loop pysat puts a copy of the next available
    # orbit into   vefi.data
    # changing .data at this level does not alter other orbits
    # reloading the same orbit will erase any changes made

    # satellite data can have time gaps, which leads to plots
    # with erroneous lines connecting measurements on
    # both sides of the gap
    # command below fills in any data gaps using a
    # 1-second cadence with NaNs
    # see pandas documentation for more info
    vefi.data = vefi.data.resample('1S',  fill_method='ffill',
                                   limit=1, label='left' )

    f, ax = plt.subplots(7, sharex=True, figsize=(8.5,11))

    ax[0].plot(vefi['longitude'], vefi['B_flag'])
    ax[0].set_title( vefi.data.index[0].ctime() +' - ' +
                     vefi.data.index[-1].ctime() )
    ax[0].set_ylabel('Interp. Flag')
    ax[0].set_ylim((0,2))

    p_params = ['B_north', 'B_up', 'B_west', 'dB_mer',
                'dB_par', 'dB_zon']
    for a,param in zip(ax[1:],p_params):
       a.plot(vefi['longitude'], vefi[param])
       a.set_title(vefi.meta[param].long_name)
       a.set_ylabel(vefi.meta[param].units)

    ax[6].set_xlabel(vefi.meta['longitude'].long_name)
    ax[6].set_xticks([0,60,120,180,240,300,360])
    ax[6].set_xlim((0,360))

    f.tight_layout()
    fname = 'orbit_%05i.png' % orbit_count
    plt.savefig(os.path.join(results_dir, fname) )
    plt.close()
```

Output


Sun May 9 00:00:00 2010 - Sun May 9 01:42:57 2010
Interp. Flag
Magnetic Field (North)
nT
Magnetic Field (Up)
nT
Magnetic Field (West)
nT
Delta Magnetic Field - Meridional
nT
Delta Magnetic Field - Parallel
nT
Delta Magnetic Field - Zonal
nT
Geographic Longitude

CHAPTER

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API

6.1 Instrument

class pysat.**Instrument**(*platform=None*, *name=None*, *tag=None*, *clean_level='clean'*, *update_files=False*, *pad=None*, *orbit_info=None*, *inst_module=None*, **arg*, ***kwargs*)

Download, load, manage, modify and analyze science data.

Parameters

- **platform** (*string*) – name of platform/satellite.
- **name** (*string*) – name of instrument.
- **tag** (*string, optional*) – identifies particular subset of instrument data.
- **inst_module** (*module, optional*) – Provide instrument module directly (takes precedence over platform/name)
- **clean_level** (*{'clean','dusty','dirty','none'}, optional*) – level of data quality
- **pad** (*pandas.DateOffset, or dictionary, optional*) – length of time to pad the begining and end of loaded data for time-series processing. Extra data is removed after applying all custom functions. Dictionary, if supplied, is simply passed to pandas DateOffset.
- **orbit_info** (*dict*) – Orbit information, {'index':index, 'kind':kind, 'period':period}. See pysat.Orbits for more information.
- **update_files** (*boolean, optional*) – if True, query filesystem for instrument files and store. files.get_new() will return no files after this call until additional files are added.

data

pandas.DataFrame

loaded science data

date

pandas.datetime

date for loaded data

yr

int

year for loaded data

bounds

(datetime/filename/None, datetime/filename/None)

bounds for loading data, supply array_like for a season with gaps

doy
int

day of year for loaded data

files
pysat.Files

interface to instrument files

meta
pysat.Meta

interface to instrument metadata, similar to netCDF 1.6

orbits
pysat.Orbits

interface to extracting data orbit-by-orbit

custom
pysat.Custom

interface to instrument nano-kernel

kwargs
dictionary

keyword arguments passed to instrument loading routine, platform_name.load

Notes

pysat attempts to load the module platform_name.py located in the pysat/instruments directory. This module provides the underlying functionality to download, load, and clean instrument data. Alternatively, the module may be supplied directly using keyword inst_module.

Examples

```
# 1-second mag field data
vefi = pysat.Instrument(platform='cnofs', name='vefi', tag='dc_b',
                        clean_level='clean')
start = pysat.datetime(2009,1,1)
stop = pysat.datetime(2009,1,2)
vefi.download(start, stop)
vefi.load(date=start)
print vefi['dB_mer']
print vefi.meta['db_mer']

# 1-second thermal plasma parameters
ivm = pysat.Instrument(platform='cnofs', name='ivm', tag='', clean_level='clean')
ivm.download(start,stop)
ivm.load(2009,1)
print ivm['ionVelmeridional']

# Ionosphere profiles from GPS occultation
cosmic = pysat.Instrument('cosmic2013', 'gps', 'ionprf', altitude_bin=3)
# bins profile using 3 km step
cosmic.download(start, stop, user=user, password=password)
cosmic.load(date=start)
```

__getitem__(*key*)
Convenience notation for accessing data; obtain inst.data.name using inst['name'].

Examples

By position : inst[row index, 'name']

Slicing by row : inst[row1:row2, 'name']

By Date : inst[datetime, 'name']

Slicing by date [(inclusive)] inst[datetime1:datetime2, 'name']

Slicing by name and row/date : inst[datetime1:datetime1, 'name1':'name2']

__iter__()
Iterates the instrument object by loading subsequent days or files as appropriate.

Limits of iteration, and iteration type (date/file) set by *bounds* attribute.

__setitem__(*key*, *new*)
Convenience method for adding data to instrument.

Examples

Simple Assignment : inst['name'] = newData

Assignment with Metadata : inst['name'] = {'data':new_data, 'long_name':long_name, 'units':units}

Note: If no metadata provided and if metadata for 'name' not already stored then default meta information is also added, long_name = 'name', and units = ''.

---

bounds
Boundaries for iterating over instrument object by date or file.

Parameters

- **start** (*datetime object, filename, or None (default)*) – start of iteration, if None uses first data date. list-like collection also accepted
- **end** (*datetime object, filename, or None (default)*) – end of iteration, inclusive. If None uses last data date. list-like collection also accepted

---

Note: both start and stop must be the same type (date, or filename) or None

---

copy()
Deep copy of the entire Instrument object.

download(*start*, *stop*, *user=None*, *password=None*)
Download data for given Instrument object.

Parameters

- **start** (*pandas.datetime*) – start date to download data
- **stop** (*pandas.datetime*) – stop date to download data
- **user** (*string*) – username, if required by instrument data archive

- **password** (*string*) – password, if required by instrument data archive

load(*yr=None*, *doy=None*, *date=None*, *fname=None*, *fid=None*, *verifyPad=False*)

Loads data for a chosen instrument into .data. Any functions chosen by the user and added to the custom processing queue (.custom.add) are automatically applied to the data before it is available to user in .data.

Keyword Arguments

- **yr** (*integer*) – year for desired data
- **doy** (*integer*) – day of year
- **date** (*datetime object*) – date to load
- **fname** (*'string'*) – filename to be loaded
- **verifyPad** (*boolean*) – if True, padding data not removed (debug purposes)

next()

Manually iterate through the data loaded in satellite object.

Bounds of iteration and iteration type (day/file) are set by *bounds* attribute

Note: If there were no previous calls to load then the first day (default)/file will be loaded.

prev()

Manually iterate backwards through the data loaded in satellite object.

Bounds of iteration and iteration type (day/file) are set by *bounds* attribute

Note: If there were no previous calls to load then the first day (default)/file will be loaded.

to_netcdf3(*fname=None*)

Stores loaded data into a netCDF3 64-bit file.

Stores 1-D data along dimension 'time' - the date time index. Stores object data (dataframes within dataframe) separately:

The name of the object data is used to prepend extra variable dimensions within netCDF, key_2, key_3, first dimension time

The index organizing the data stored as key_sample_index from_netcdf3 uses this naming scheme to reconstruct data structure

The datetime index is stored as 'UNIX time'. netCDF-3 doesn't support 64-bit integers so it is stored as a 64-bit float. This results in a loss of datetime precision when converted back to datetime index up to hundreds of nanoseconds. Use netCDF4 if this is a problem.

All attributes attached to instrument meta are written to netCDF attrs.

6.2 Custom

class pysat.**Custom**

Applies a queue of functions when instrument.load called.

Nano-kernel functionality enables instrument objects that are 'fire and forget'. The functions are always run whenever the instrument load routine is called so instrument objects may be passed safely to other routines and the data will always be processed appropriately.

Examples

```
def custom_func(inst, opt_param1=False, opt_param2=False):
    return None
instrument.custom.add(custom_func, 'modify', opt_param1=True)

def custom_func2(inst, opt_param1=False, opt_param2=False):
    return data_to_be_added
instrument.custom.add(custom_func2, 'add', opt_param2=True)
instrument.load(date=date)
print instrument['data_to_be_added']
```

See also:

`Custom.add`

Notes

User should interact with Custom through pysat.Instrument instance's attribute, instrument.custom

add (*function*, *kind='add'*, *at_pos='end'*, **args*, ***kwargs*)
Add a function to custom processing queue.

Custom functions are applied automatically to associated pysat instrument whenever instrument.load command called.

Parameters

- **function** (*string or function object*) – name of function or function object to be added to queue
- **kind** (*{'add', 'modify', 'pass}*) –

  add : Adds data returned from function to instrument object. A copy of pysat instrument object supplied to routine.

  modify : pysat instrument object supplied to routine. Any and all changes to object are retained.

  pass : A copy of pysat object is passed to function. No data is accepted from return.
- **at_pos** (*string or int*) – insert at position. (default, insert at end).

Notes

Allowed *add* function returns :

•{'data' : pandas Series/DataFrame/array_like, 'units' : string/array_like of strings, 'long_name' : string/array_like of strings, 'name' : string/array_like of strings (iff data array_like)}

•pandas DataFrame, names of columns are used

•pandas Series, .name required

•(string/list of strings, numpy array/list of arrays)

clear()
Clear custom function list.

6.3 Files

class pysat.**Files**(*sat*)
Maintains collection of files for instrument object.

Uses the list_files functions for each specific instrument to create an ordered collection of files in time. Used by instrument object to load the correct files. Files also contains helper methods for determining the presence of new files and creating an ordered list of files.

base_path
string

path to .pysat directory in user home

start_date
datetime

date of first file, used as default start bound for instrument object

stop_date
datetime

date of last file, used as default stop bound for instrument object

data_path
string

path to the directory containing instrument files, top_dir/platform/name/tag/

Notes

User should generally use the interface provided by a pysat.Instrument instance. Exceptions are the classmethod from_os, provided to assist in generating the appropriate output for an instrument routine.

Examples

```
# convenient file access
inst = pysat.Instrument(platform=platform, name=name, tag=tag)
# first file
inst.files[0]

# files from start up to stop (exclusive on stop)
start = pysat.datetime(2009,1,1)
stop = pysat.datetime(2009,1,3)
print vefi.files[start:stop]

# files for date
print vefi.files[start]

# files by slicing
print vefi.files[0:4]

# get a list of new files
```

```
    # new files are those that weren't present the last time
    # a given instrument's file list was stored
    new_files = vefi.files.get_new()

    # search pysat appropriate directory for instrument files and
    # update Files instance, knowledge not written to disk.
    vefi.files.refresh()

    # search pysat appropriate directory for files and store new list
    vefi.files.refresh(store=True)
    # running get_new will now return an empty list until
    # additional files are introduced
```

classmethod **from_os**(*data_path=None*, *format_str=None*, *two_digit_year_break=None*)

Produces a list of files and and formats it for Files class.

Parameters

- **data_path** (*string*) – Top level directory to search files for. This directory is provided by pysat to the instrument_module.list_files functions as data_path.
- **format_string** (*string with python format codes*) – Provides the naming pattern of the instrument files and the locations of date information so an ordered list may be produced.
- **two_digit_year_break** (*int*) – If filenames only store two digits for the year, then '1900' will be added for years >= two_digit_year_break, and '2000' will be added for years < two_digit_year_break.

Notes

Does not produce a Files instance, but the proper output from instrument_module.list_files method.

get_file_array(*start*, *end*)

Return a list of filenames between and including start and end.

Parameters

- **start** (*array_like or single string*) – filenames for start of returned filelist
- **stop** (*array_like or single string*) – filenames inclusive end of list

Returns

- *list of filenames between and including start and end over all*
- *intervals.*

get_index(*fname*)

Return index for a given filename.

Parameters **fname** (*string*) – filename

Notes

If fname not found in the file information already attached to the instrument.files instance, then a files.refresh() call is made.

get_new()

List all new files since last time list was stored.

pysat stores filenames in the user_home/.pysat directory. Returns a list of all new fileanmes since the last store. Filenames are stored if update_files is True at instrument object level and if files.refresh(store=True) is called.

Returns

- *pandas Series of filenames*
- *False if no filenames*

refresh (*store=False*)
Refresh loaded instrument filelist by searching filesystem.

Searches pysat provided path, pysat_data_dir/platform/name/tag/, where pysat_data_dir is set by pysat.utils.set_data_dir(path=path).

Parameters **store** (*boolean*) – set True to store loaded file names into .pysat directory

6.4 Meta

class pysat.**Meta** (*metadata=None*)
Stores metadata for Instrument instance, similar to CF-1.6 netCDFdata standard.

Parameters **metadata** (*pandas.DataFrame*) – DataFrame should be indexed by variable name that contains at minimum the standard_name (name), units, and long_name for the data stored in the associated pysat Instrument object.

data
pandas.DataFrame

index is variable standard name, 'units' and 'long_name' are also stored along with additional user provided labels.

__getitem__ (*key*)
Convenience method for obtaining metadata.

Maps to pandas DataFrame.ix method.

Examples

```
print meta['name']
```

__setitem__ (*name*, *value*)
Convenience method for adding metadata.

Examples

```
meta = pysat.Meta()
meta['name'] = {'long_name':string, 'units':string}
# update 'units' to new value
meta['name'] = {'units':string}
# update 'long_name' to new value
meta['name'] = {'long_name':string}
# attach new info with partial information, 'long_name' set to 'name2'
meta['name2'] = {'units':string}
# units are set to '' by default
meta['name3'] = {'long_name':string}
```

classmethod **from_csv**(*name=None*, *col_names=None*, *sep=None*, ***kwargs*)
Create instrument metadata object from csv.

Parameters

- **name** (*string*) – absolute filename for csv file or name of file stored in pandas instruments location
- **col_names** (*list-like collection of strings*) – column names in csv and resultant meta object
- **sep** (*string*) – column seperator for supplied csv filename

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Note: column names must include at least ['name', 'long_name', 'units'], assumed if col_names is None.

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classmethod **from_dict**()
not implemented yet, load metadata from dict of items/list types

classmethod **from_nc**()
not implemented yet, load metadata from netCDF

replace(*metadata=None*)
Replace stored metadata with input data.

Parameters **metadata** (*pandas.DataFrame*) – DataFrame should be indexed by variable name that contains at minimum the standard_name (name), units, and long_name for the data stored in the associated pysat Instrument object.

6.5 Orbits

class pysat.**Orbits**(*sat=None*, *index=None*, *kind=None*, *period=None*)
Determines orbits on the fly and provides orbital data in .data.

Determines the locations of orbit breaks in the loaded data in inst.data and provides iteration tools and convenient orbit selection via inst.orbit[orbit num].

Parameters

- **sat** (*pysat.Instrument instance*) – instrument object to determine orbits for
- **index** (*string*) – name of the data series to use for determing orbit breaks
- **kind** (*{'local time', 'longitude', 'polar'}*) – kind of orbit, determines how orbital breaks are determined
  - local time: negative gradients in lt or breaks in inst.data.index
  - longitude: negative gradients or breaks in inst.data.index
  - polar: zero crossings in latitude or breaks in inst.data.index
- **period** (*np.timedelta64*) – length of time for orbital period, used to gauge when a break in the datetime index (inst.data.index) is large enough to consider it a new orbit

Notes

class should not be called directly by the user, use the interface provided by inst.orbits where inst = pysat.Instrument()

Examples

```
info = {'index':'longitude', 'kind':'longitude'}
vefi = pysat.Instrument(platform='cnofs', name='vefi', tag='dc_b',
                        clean_level=None, orbit_info=info)
start = pysat.datetime(2009,1,1)
stop = pysat.datetime(2009,1,10)
vefi.load(date=start)
vefi.bounds(start, stop)

# iterate over orbits
for vefi in vefi.orbits:
    print 'Next available orbit ', vefi['dB_mer']

# load fifth orbit of first day
vefi.load(date=start)
vefi.orbits[5]

# less convenient load
vefi.orbits.load(5)

# manually iterate orbit
vefi.orbits.next()
# backwards
vefi.orbits.prev()
```

__getitem__(*key*)

Enable convenience notation for loading orbit into parent object.

Example

```
inst.load(date=date)
inst.orbits[4]
print 'Orbit data ', inst.data
```

Note: A day of data must already be loaded.

__iter__()

Support iteration by orbit.

For each iteration the next available orbit is loaded into inst.data.

Example

```
for inst in inst.orbits:
    print 'next available orbit ', inst.data
```

load(*orbit=None*)

Load a particular orbit into .data for loaded day.

Parameters = orbit number, 1 indexed (*orbit*) –

Note: A day of data must be loaded before this routine functions properly. If the last orbit of the day is requested, it will automatically be padded with data from the next day. The orbit counter will be reset to 1.

next (**arg*, ***kwarg*)
Load the next orbit into .data.

Note: Forms complete orbits across day boundaries. If no data loaded then the first orbit from the first date of data is returned.

prev (**arg*, ***kwarg*)
Load the next orbit into .data.

Note: Forms complete orbits across day boundaries. If no data loaded then the last orbit of data from the last day is loaded into .data.

6.6 Utilities

pysat.utils.**create_datetime_index** (*year=None*, *month=None*, *day=None*, *uts=None*)
Create a timeseries index using supplied year, month, day, and ut in seconds.

Parameters

- **year** (*array_like of ints*) –
- **month** (*array_like of ints or None*) –
- **day** (*array_like of ints*) – for day (default) or day of year (use month=None)
- **uts** (*array_like of floats*) –

Returns

Return type Pandas timeseries index.

Note: Leap seconds have no meaning here.

pysat.utils.**getyrdoy** (*date*)
Return a tuple of year, day of year for a supplied datetime object.

pysat.utils.**load_netcdf3** (*fnames=None*, *strict_meta=False*, *index_label=None*, *unix_time=False*, ***kwargs*)
Load netCDF-3 file produced by pysat.

Parameters

- **fnames** (*string or array_like of strings*) – filenames to load
- **strict_meta** (*boolean*) – check if metadata across filenames is the same
- **index_label** (*string*) – name of data to be used as DataFrame index
- **unix_time** (*boolean*) – True if index_label refers to UNIX time

pysat.utils.**season_date_range** (*start*, *stop*, *freq='D'*)
Return array of datetime objects using input frequency from start to stop

Supports single datetime object or list, tuple, ndarray of start and stop dates.

freq codes correspond to pandas date_range codes, D daily, M monthly, S secondly

pysat.utils.**set_data_dir** (*path=None*)
set the top level directory pysat uses to look for data.

CHAPTER

SEVEN

SUPPORTED INSTRUMENTS

7.1 C/NOFS VEFI

Supports the Vector Electric Field Instrument (VEFI) onboard the Communication and Navigation Outage Forecasting System (C/NOFS) satellite. Downloads data from the NASA Coordinated Data Analysis Web (CDAWeb).

param tag

type tag {'dc_b'}

Notes

- tag = 'dc_b': 1 second DC magnetometer data

Warning:
- Currently no cleaning routine.
- Module not written by VEFI team.

7.2 C/NOFS IVM

Supports the Ion Velocity Meter (IVM) onboard the Communication and Navigation Outage Forecasting System (C/NOFS) satellite, part of the Coupled Ion Netural Dynamics Investigation (CINDI). Downloads data from the NASA Coordinated Data Analysis Web (CDAWeb) in CDF format.

param tag No tags supported

type tag string

Warning:
- The sampling rate of the instrument changes on July 29th, 2010. The rate is attached to the instrument object as .sample_rate.
- The cleaning parameters for the instrument are still under development.

7.3 COSMIC 2013 GPS

Loads data from the COSMIC satellite, 2013 reprocessing.

The Constellation Observing System for Meteorology, Ionosphere, and Climate (COSMIC) is comprised of six satellites in LEO with GPS receivers. The occultation of GPS signals by the atmosphere provides a measurement of atmospheric parameters. Data downloaded from the COSMIC Data Analaysis and Archival Center.

param altitude_bin Number of kilometers to bin altitude profiles by when loading. Currently only supported for tag='ionprf'.

type altitude_bin integer

Notes

- 'ionprf: 'ionPrf' ionosphere profiles
- 'sonprf': 'sonPrf' files
- 'wetprf': 'wetPrf' files
- 'atmPrf': 'atmPrf' files

Warning:
- Routine was not produced by COSMIC team

7.4 COSMIC GPS

Loads and downloads data from the COSMIC satellite.

The Constellation Observing System for Meteorology, Ionosphere, and Climate (COSMIC) is comprised of six satellites in LEO with GPS receivers. The occultation of GPS signals by the atmosphere provides a measurement of atmospheric parameters. Data downloaded from the COSMIC Data Analaysis and Archival Center.

Notes

- 'ionprf: 'ionPrf' ionosphere profiles
- 'sonprf': 'sonPrf' files
- 'wetprf': 'wetPrf' files
- 'atmPrf': 'atmPrf' files

Warning:
- Routine was not produced by COSMIC team

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