

# CCMC Data Standards

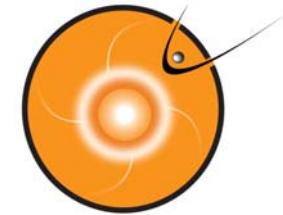
Conversion, Access, & Interpolation  
Using Kameleon

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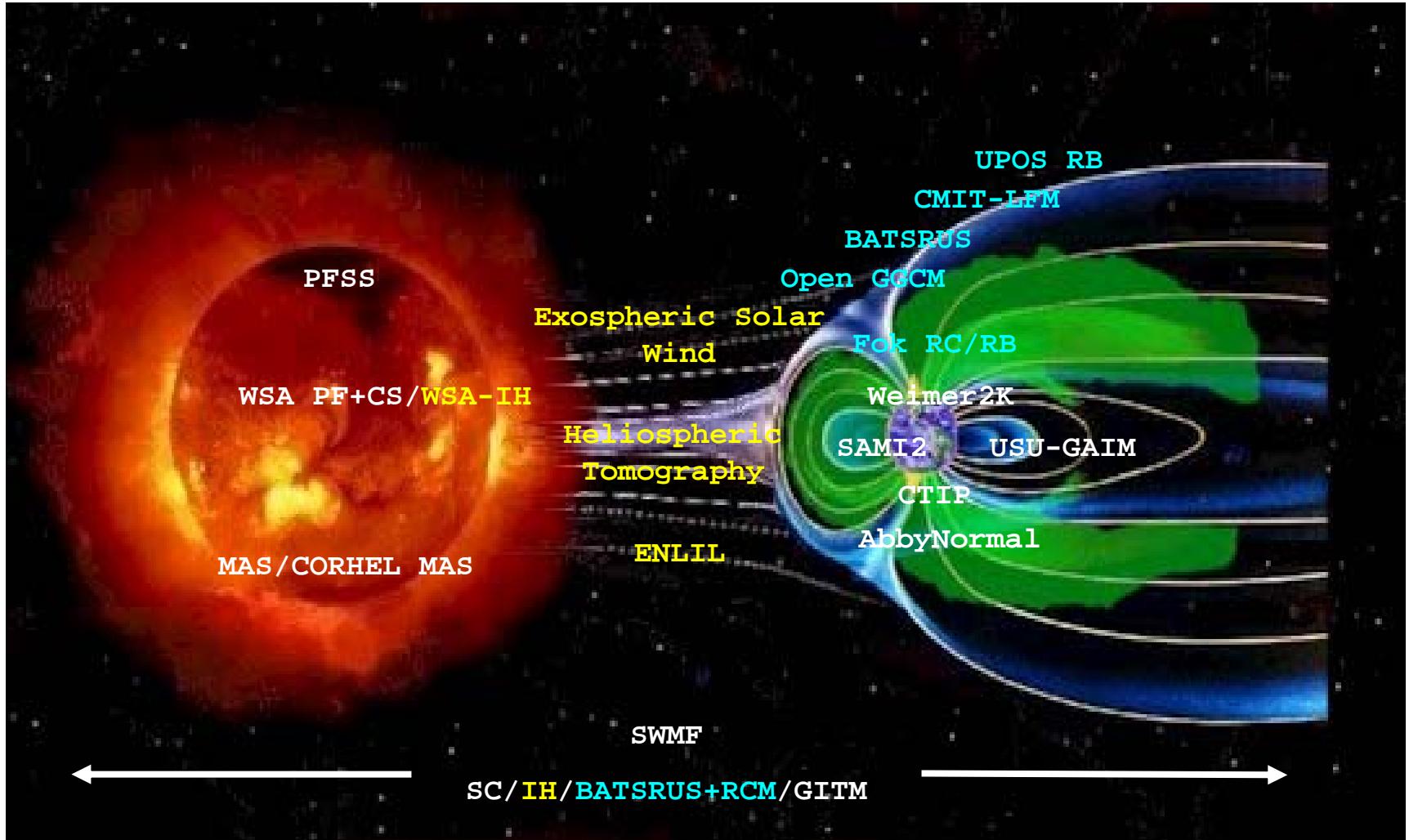
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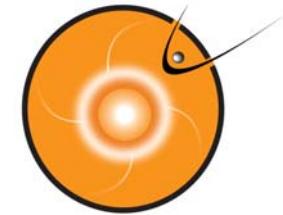
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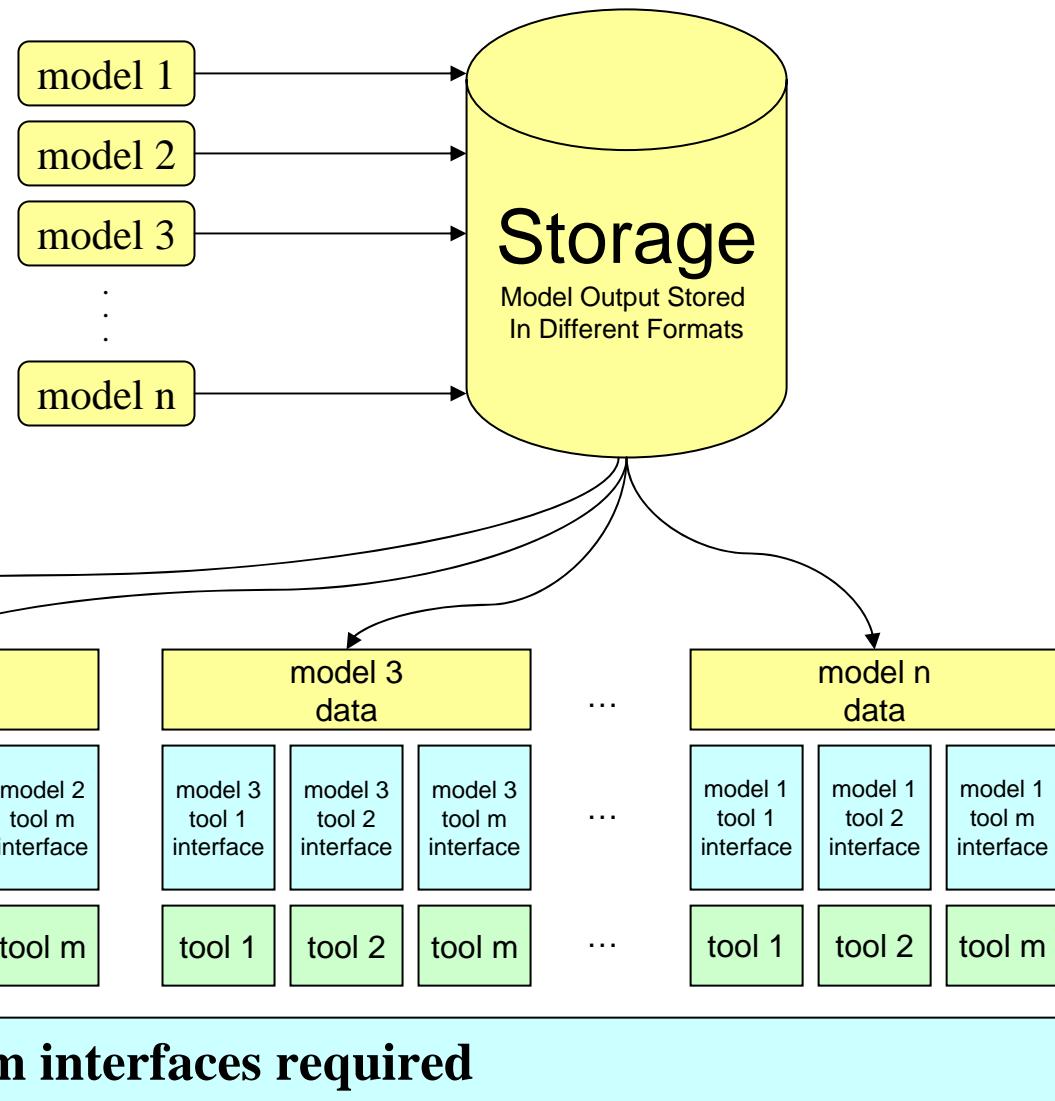
# Models Covering the Entire Domain

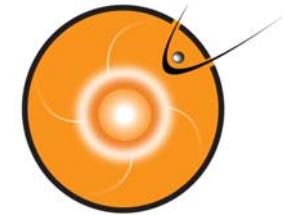




# Working With Unique Model Output

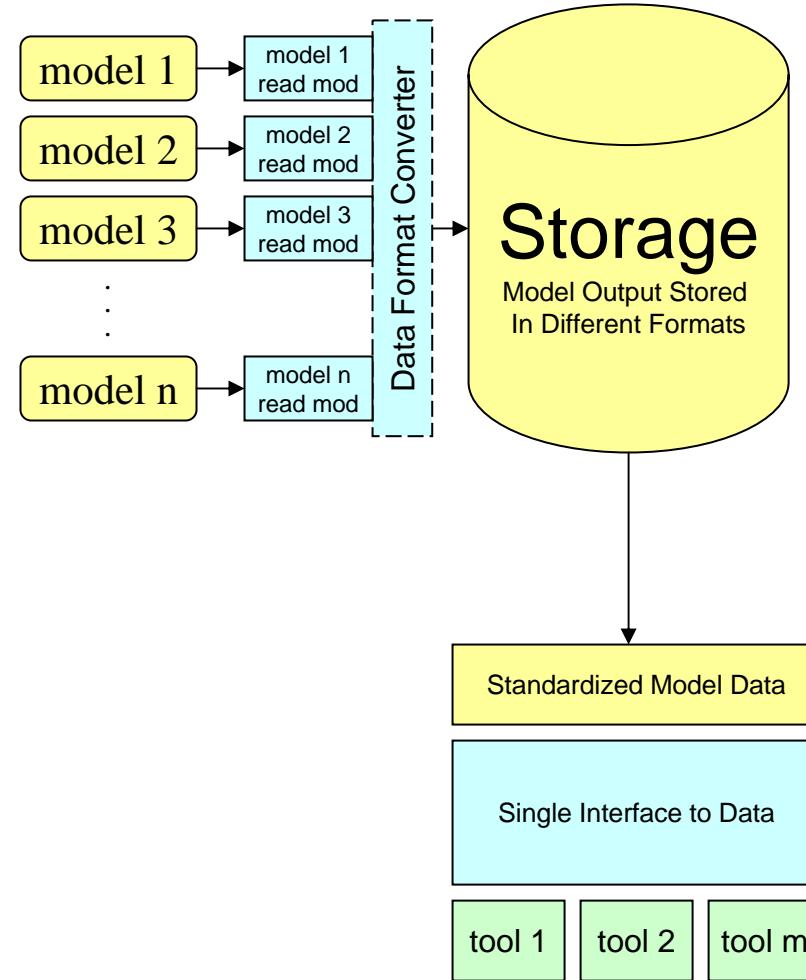
- No rules for standard model interfaces
- Each new model has unique output format
- Developer/user needs to become familiar with internal structure of each output file
- Custom read routines to access model data
- Data typically is not self descriptive
- Reduces portability and reuse of
  - Data output itself
  - Tools created to analyze data



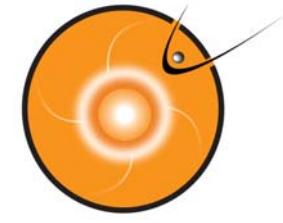


# Standardizing Unique Model Output

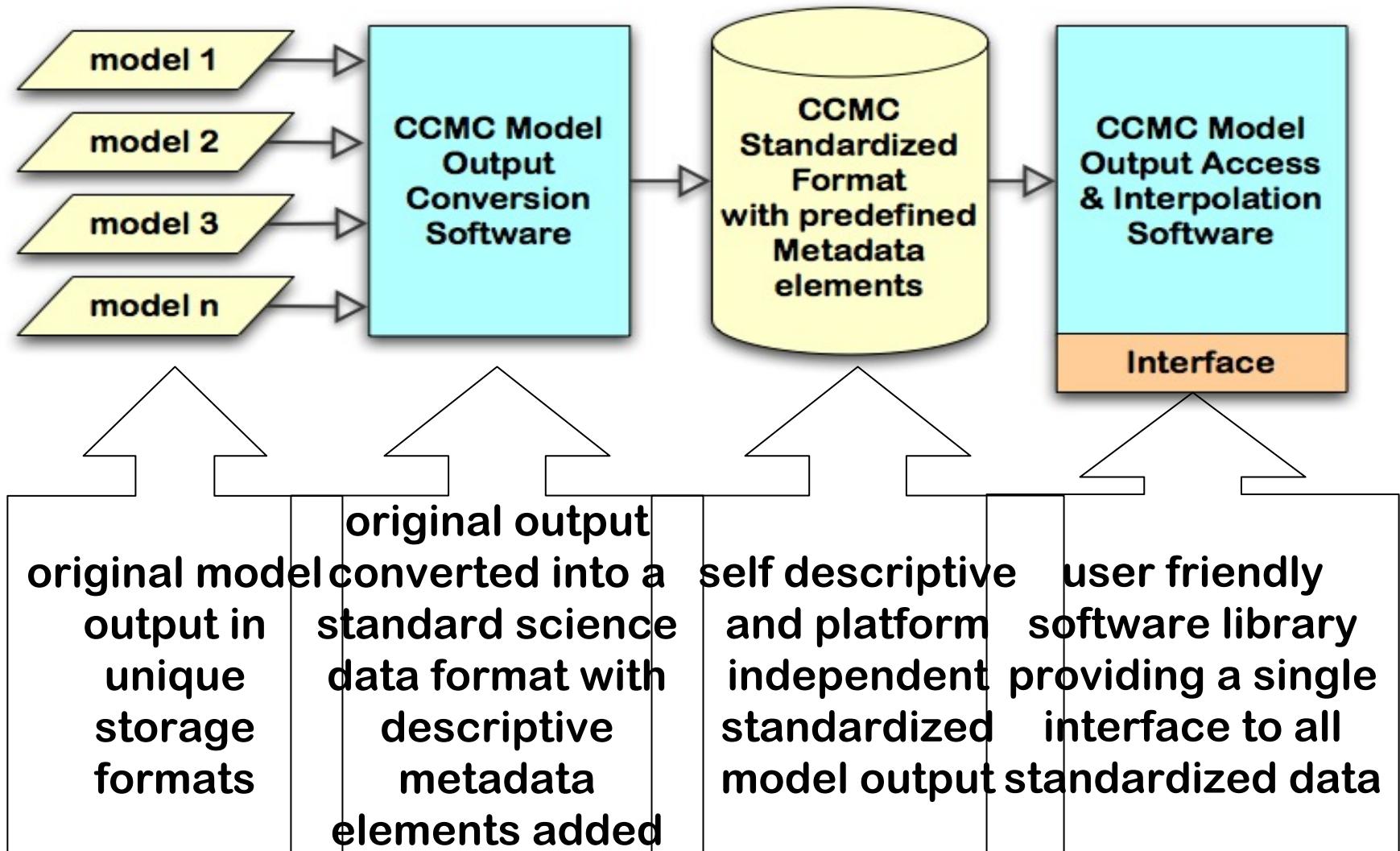
- Original output can be preserved
- Standard format for storage, coupling, visualization, & dissemination
- Model developers continue to have freedom of choice
- Ensures compatibility between models for coupling
- Ground work for which standard, reusable interfaces and tools can be developed

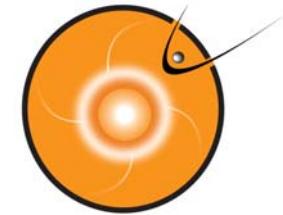


**$n + m$  interfaces required**

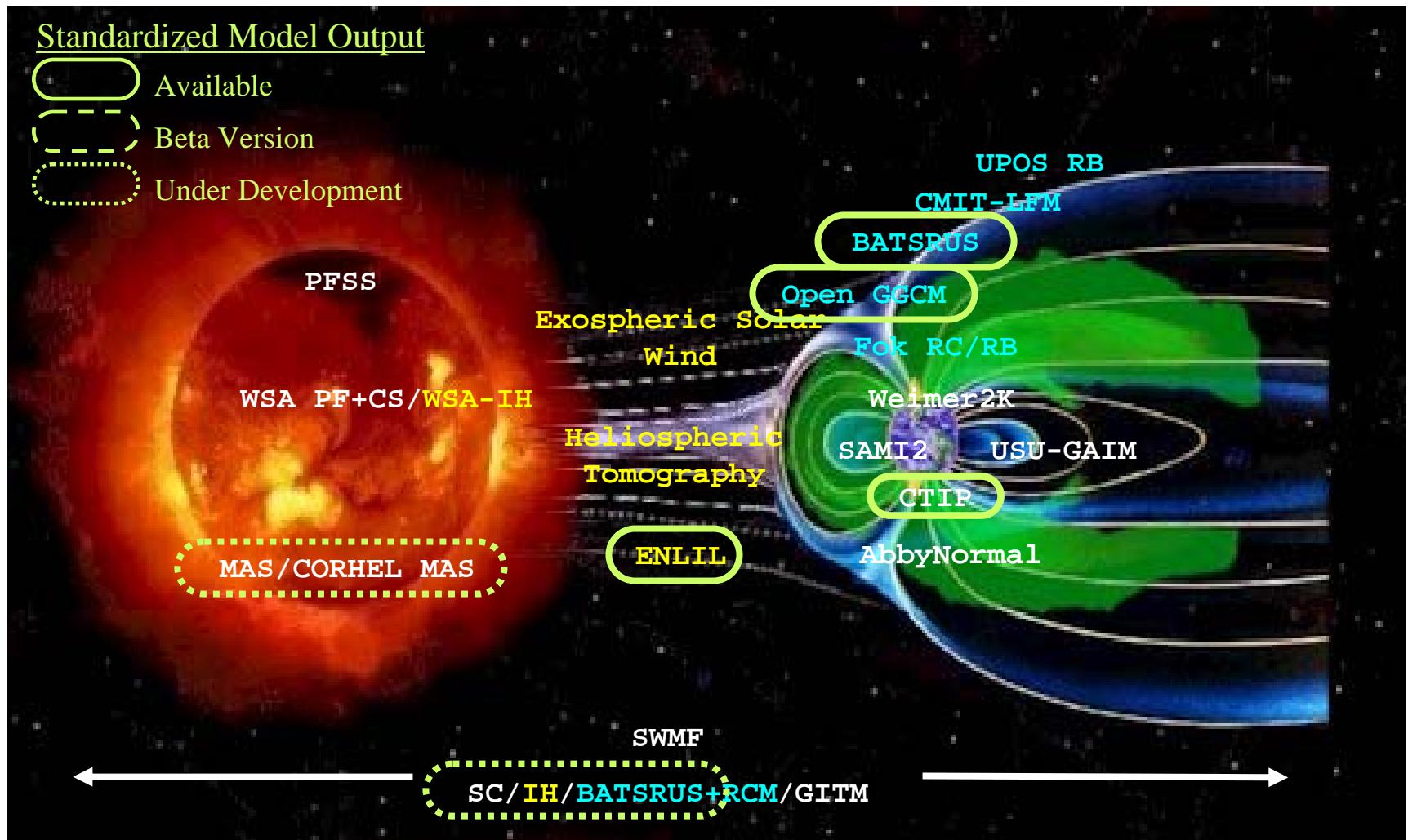


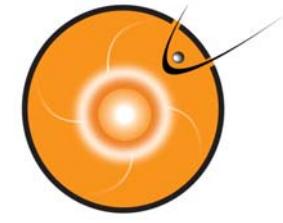
# Handling Unique Model Output With Kameleon





# Kameleon Supported Models At The CCMC

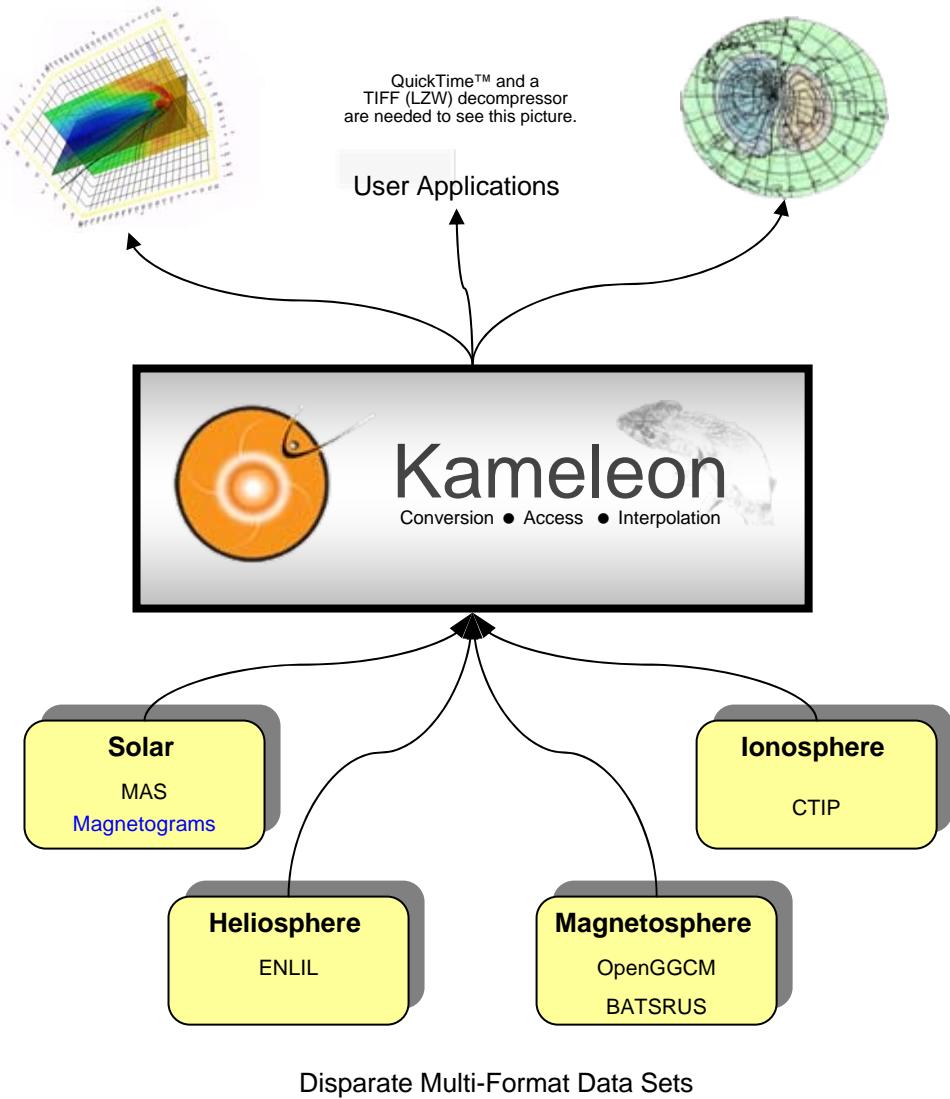




# Kameleon Software Suite Overview

## Kameleon Sofware Suite

- Converts and stores disparate data sets into self-descriptive standardized files
- Comprehensive metadata model applied to each file
- Library provides direct data access to converted space weather data
- Interpolation, metadata extraction, & derived variable calculations
- Library callable from any C-supported programming language or application
- Promotes data reuse & code reuse
- Can support/be applied to more than model output - Magnetogram Synthesis ( P. Macneice )

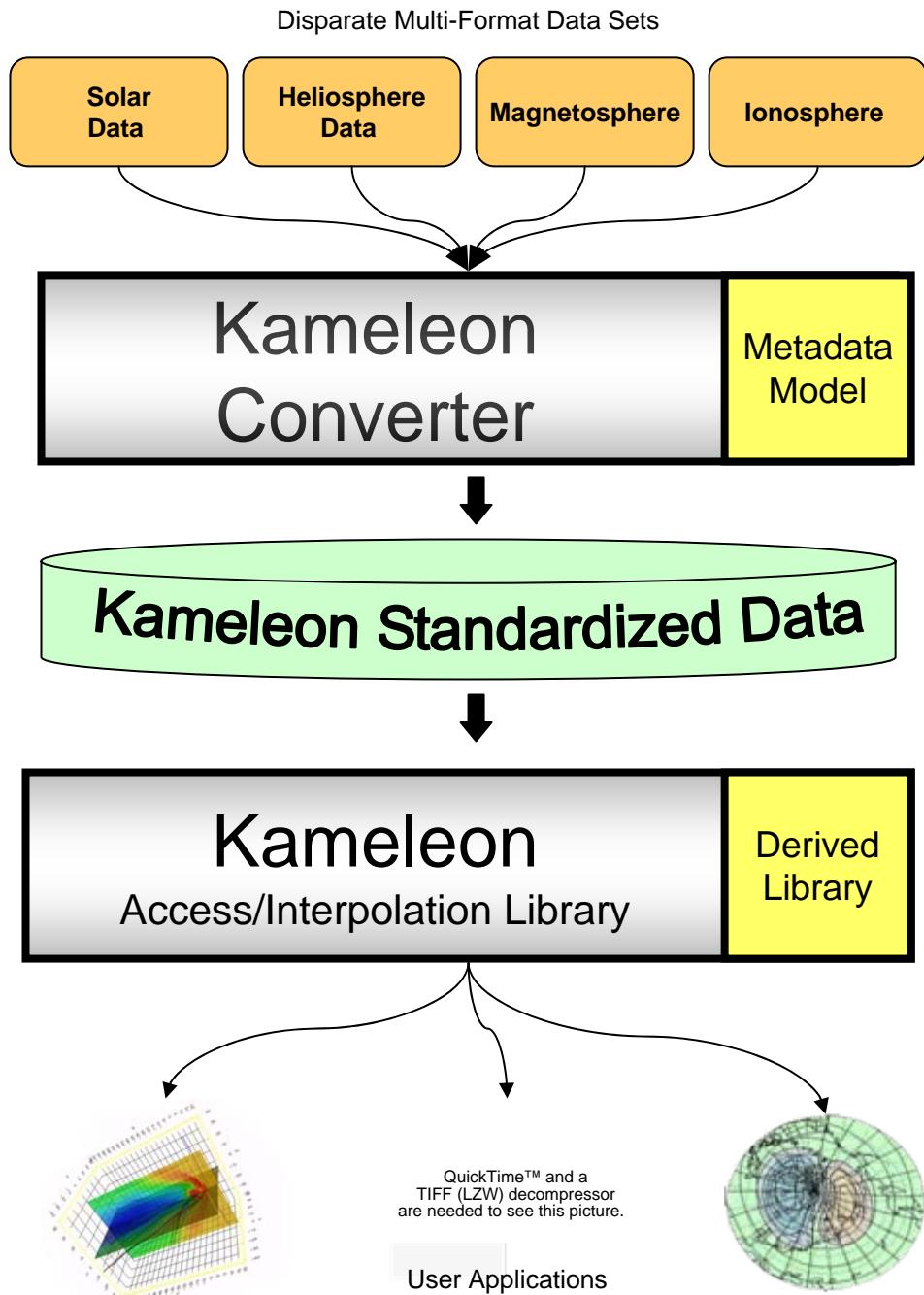


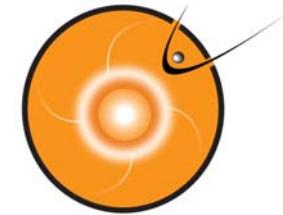
# Kameleon Converter

- Ingests supported data files and converts original data into a specific scientific data standard format
  - Platform independent
- Adds descriptive meta elements to each converted data files
  - Grid description Information
  - Coordinate System descriptions
  - Detailed variable descriptors
  - General and Model specific descriptive information

# Kameleon Library

- Provides access and interpolation functionality to Kameleon converted data files
  - Standard interface to Multiple and diverse data sets
  - Masks complexity of underlying storage container
  - Efficient direct data access
- Spatial & temporal interpolation
- Query global & variable metadata attributes
- Several interfaces Provided
  - C, C++, FORTRAN, IDL
- Can be used in any C supporting application





# Metadata

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- Aside from the one-to-one data conversion, what additional metadata do we want to provide?
- Global
  - General description of the model / data
  - Coordinate system(s)
  - Grid Description
    - # of grids
    - # of dimensions
    - dimension size(s)
  - Date & Time Information
- Variable metadata - descriptive elements for each variable
  - Units
  - Actual & Valid Min/Max values
  - Masks Values
- Model Specific Metadata
- SPASE - Space Physics Archive Search and Extract Data Model
  - Computational Model Group
- UMICH - SWMF / Batsrus Data Standardization

# Kameleon Global Attributes

- README
- README\_visualization
- model\_name
- model\_type
- generation\_date
- original\_output\_file\_name
- run\_registration\_number
- generated\_by
- terms\_of\_usage
- grid\_system\_count
- grid\_system\_n\_number\_of\_dimensions
- grid\_system\_n\_dimension\_m\_size
- grid\_system\_n
- output\_type
- standard\_grid\_target
- grid\_n\_type
- start\_time
- end\_time
- run\_type

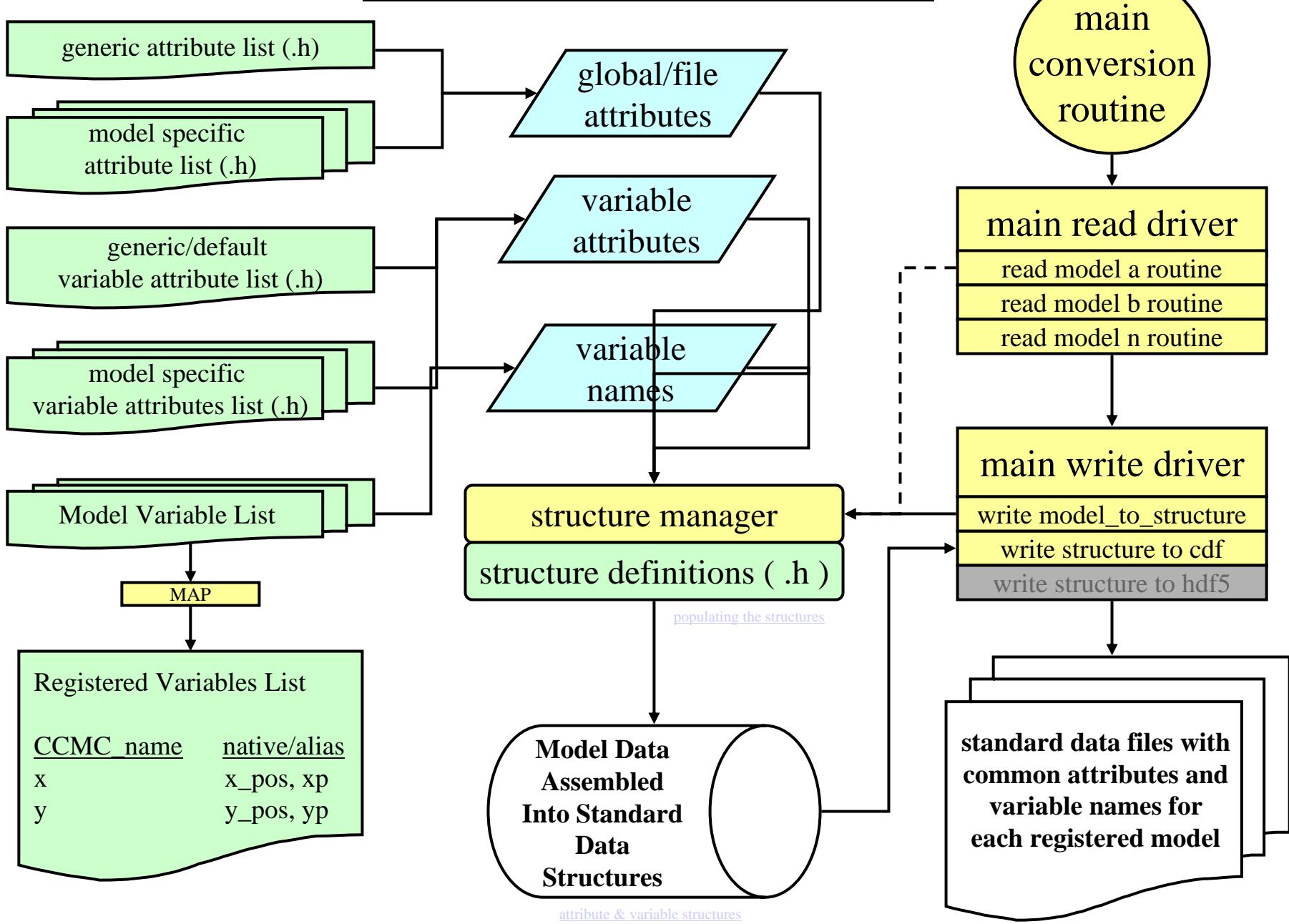
## Kameleon Variable Attributes

- valid\_min
- valid\_max
- units
- grid\_system
- mask
- description
- is\_vector\_component
- position\_grid\_system
- data\_grid\_system
- actual\_min
- actual\_max

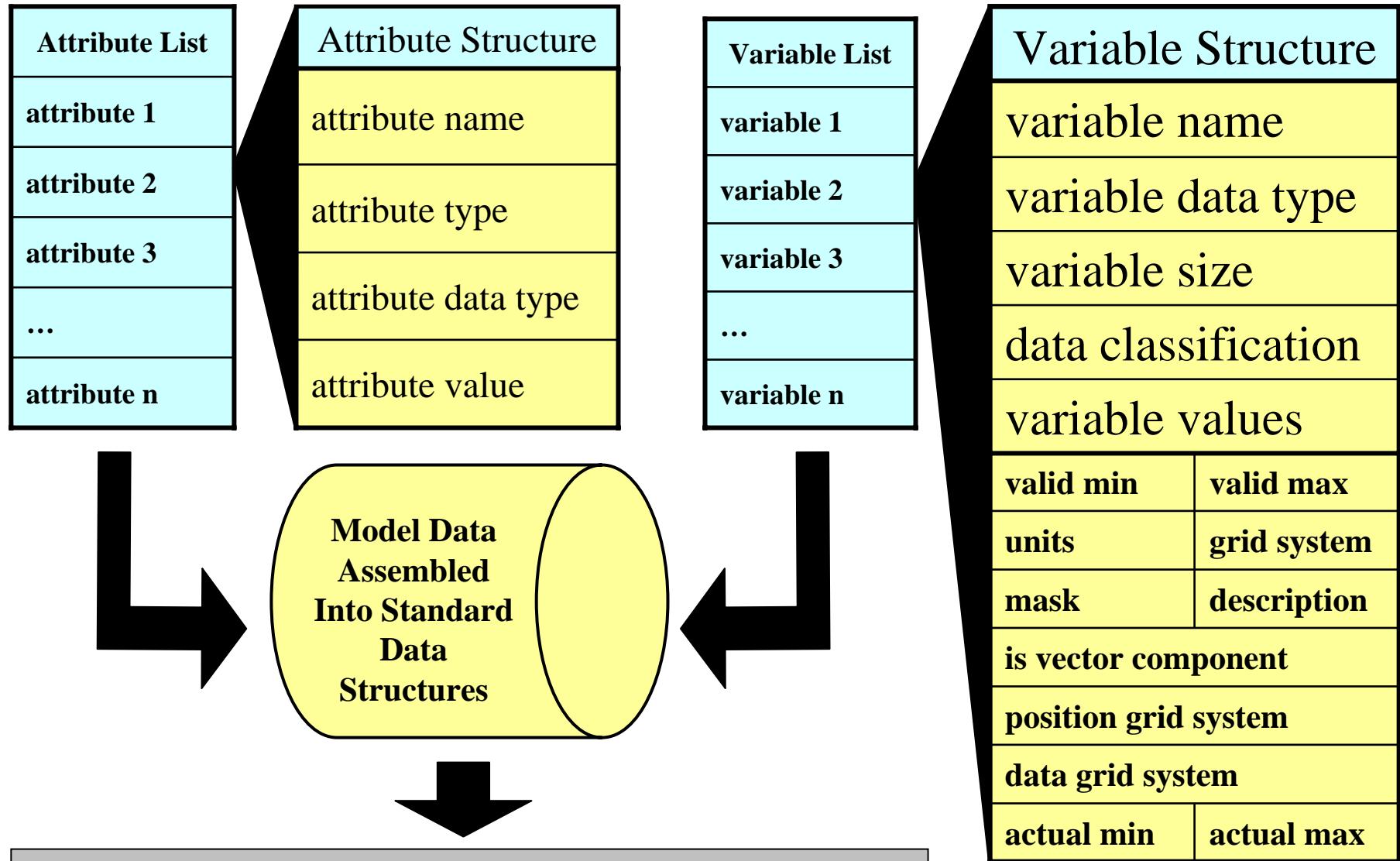
## Model Specific Attributes

- Additional grid descriptors
- Original output data or descriptors that don't map to predefined attributes
- Any additional elements that are specific or unique to a particular model or space weather domain

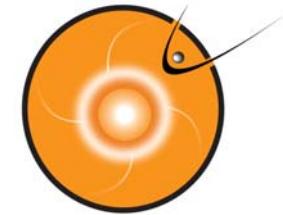
## Kameleon Conversion Software Components



# Standardized Attribute & Variable Structure Lists

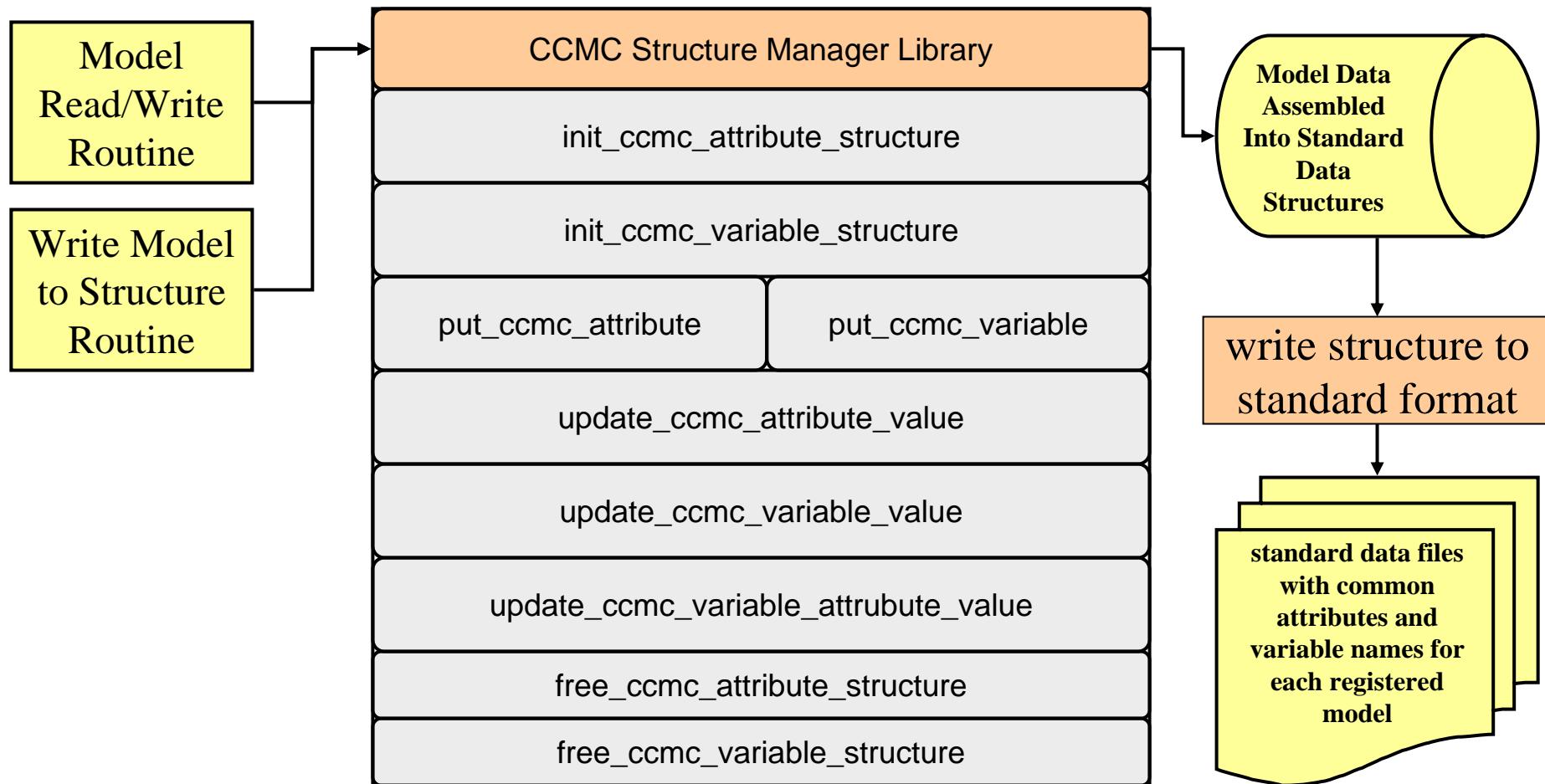


write from structure to standard format module

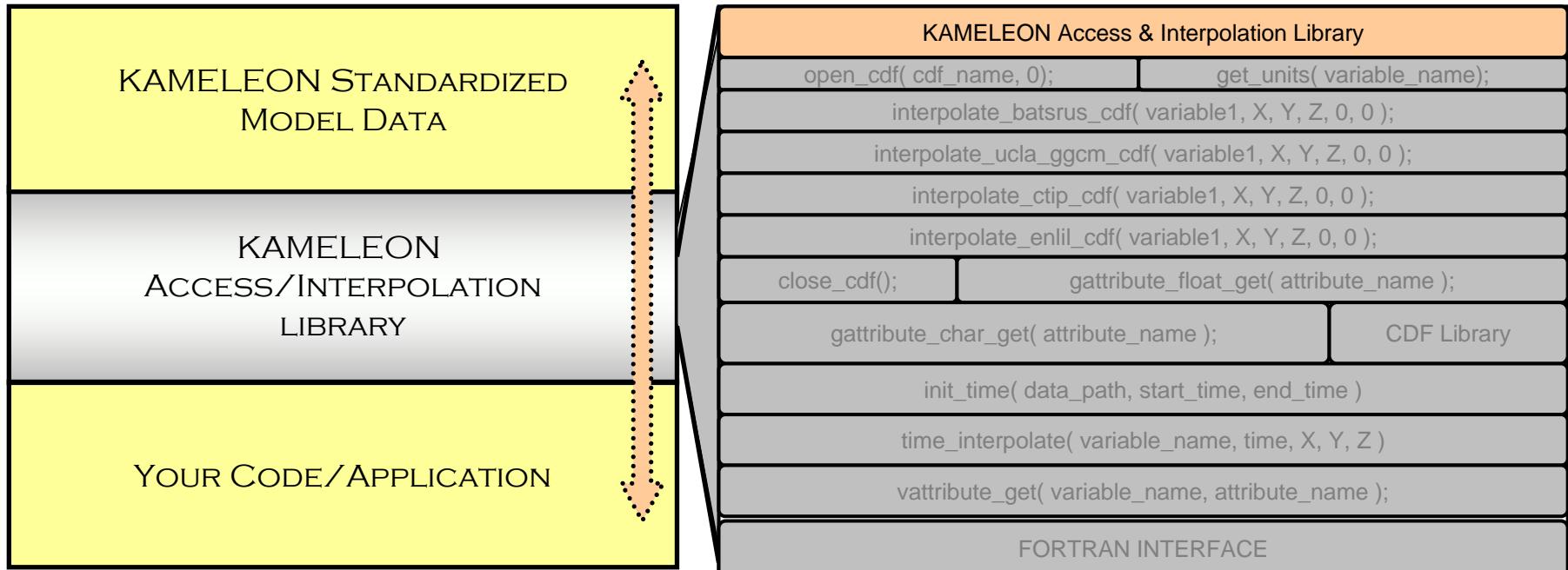


# Populating the Structures

- Library of C routines that are used to populate the standard attribute and variable structures.



# KAMELEON Access/Interpolation Library



Call from any C supported Programming Language:

-Fortran

-Java

-C/C++

-Perl

-IDL

-Vtk

-OpenDx

-Your App

Current Standardized Model Output Availability

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ENLIL

MAS ( *Beta Version* )

Currently Supported Science Data Formats

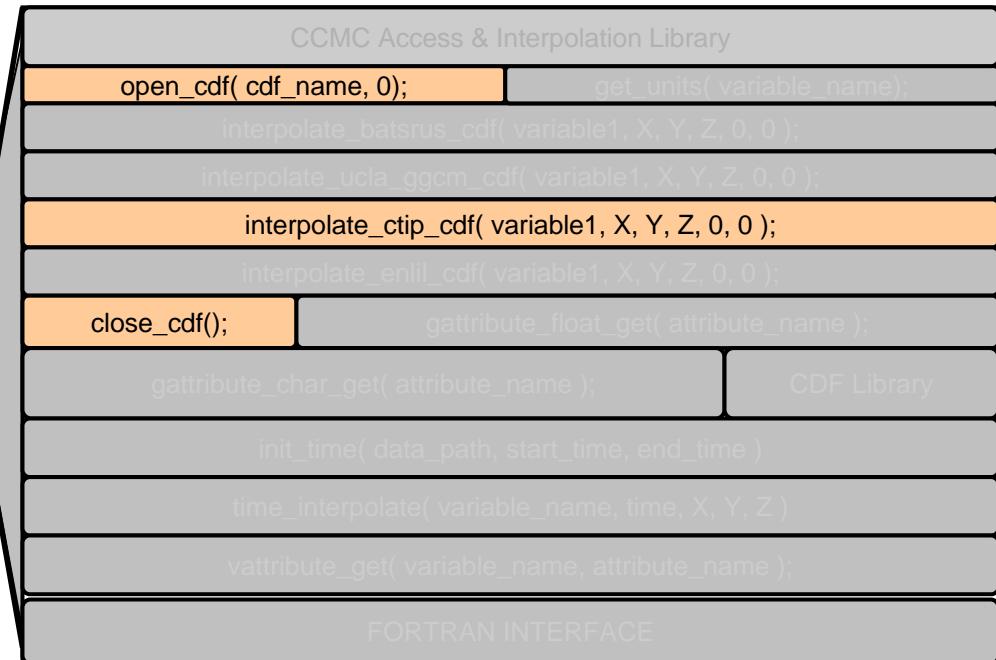
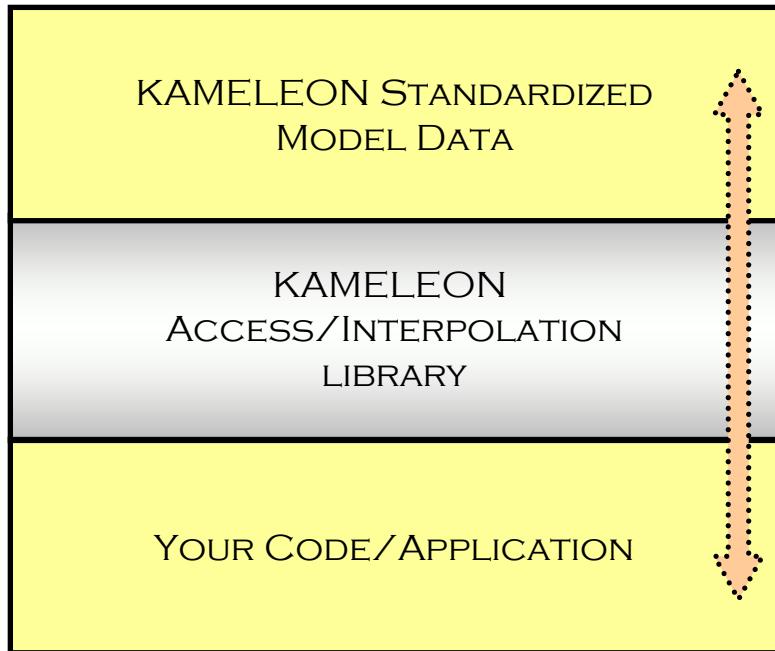
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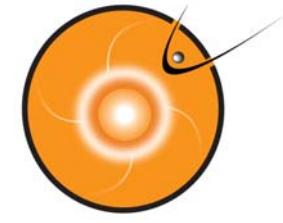
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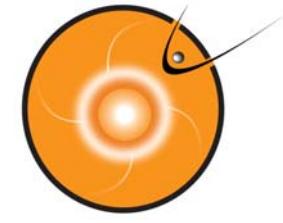
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## General Usage and Benefits

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- Self descriptive data files
- Platform independent
- Promotes data sharing
- Speed and efficiency of direct data access
- Same interface regardless of model/**data** input
- Facilitates code reuse
- Kameleon library allows model data to be more easily integrated into existing analysis and software applications
- ... **addresses some of the needs and requirements of “power-users”, as identified from the user feedback sessions from Monday.**



## Specific Usage and Benefits

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### CCMC:

- Runs-On-Request: Converted Data & Kameleon Download - to be automated
- CCMC Visualization: Space Weather Explorer
- CCMC Visualization: Space Weather View
- Particle Tracing
- Custom/Specialized Analysis Software: Field/Flow Line Tracing
- Derived Library Add-On for Kameleon -D. Berrios

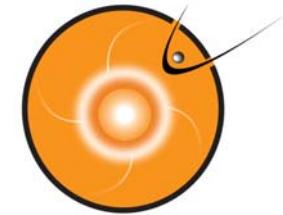
### External Research & Analysis Packages:

- MAGIC - MAGnetogram Interpolation & Composition - Magnetogram Synthesis
- Themis Support
- Visbard Integration
- Possible integration with CISMDx Viz tool

### Comparing Model data and observational data

### General data analysis - diverse set of users that have requested and used Kamaelon

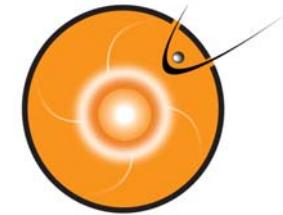
### Access/Interpolation library is highly configurable and expandable.



# TODO List / Things To Remember

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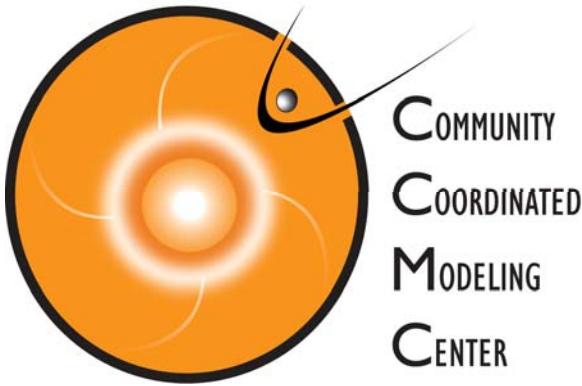
- Variable naming conventions
- Unit conversions
- Grid description refinement
- Coordinate transformations between native and target grid(s)
- Opening Multiple files in memory with targeted interpolation on specific data set
- Fulfilling expanded feature requests
- Extracting Kameleon converter structure manager for external use
- Refining access/interpolation library as feedback is acquired
- Identifying an extensive list of desired/requested routines and functionality
- Working with external groups - identifying methods to formally provide standardized model data along with the Kameeon access/interpolation library
- Configuration Management: Model, Converter, Access Library, Container versions



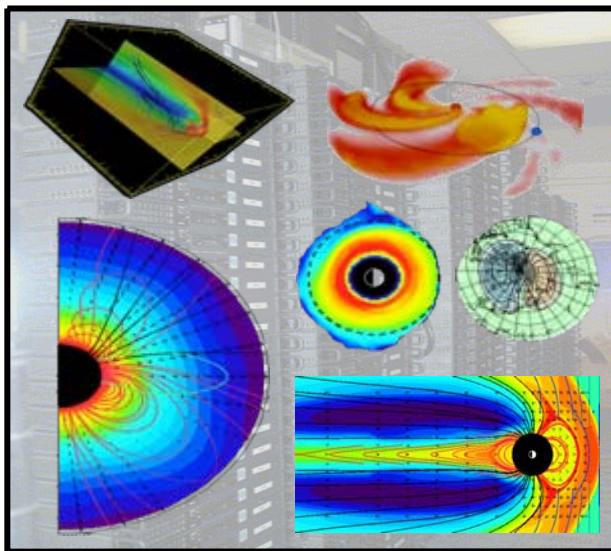
# Summary

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- Metadata is a key component.
  - clearly defined set of core metadata elements that are currently being implemented on Kameleon converted data sets
  - Recently started collaborating with SPASE Working Group
- Structure oriented architecture of Kameleon Converter ensures flexibility expandability
  - Internal kameleon conversion functionality can ultimately be used by external developers
- Kameleon Software Suite currently supports:
  - BATSRUS, OpenGGCM, CTIP, ENLIL, & MAS
  - Select Observational data sets for MAGIC / Magnetogram Synthesis
- Kameleon access/interpolation library key features:
  - Interface to easily extract global & variable metadata
  - Time interpolation for MHD data sets
  - Fortran interface
  - IDL interface
  - Derived Library



# CCMC Data Standards Data Conversion, Access, & Interpolation Using Kameleon

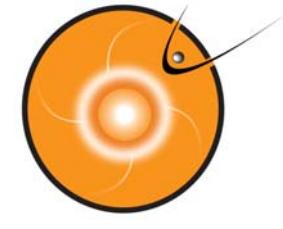


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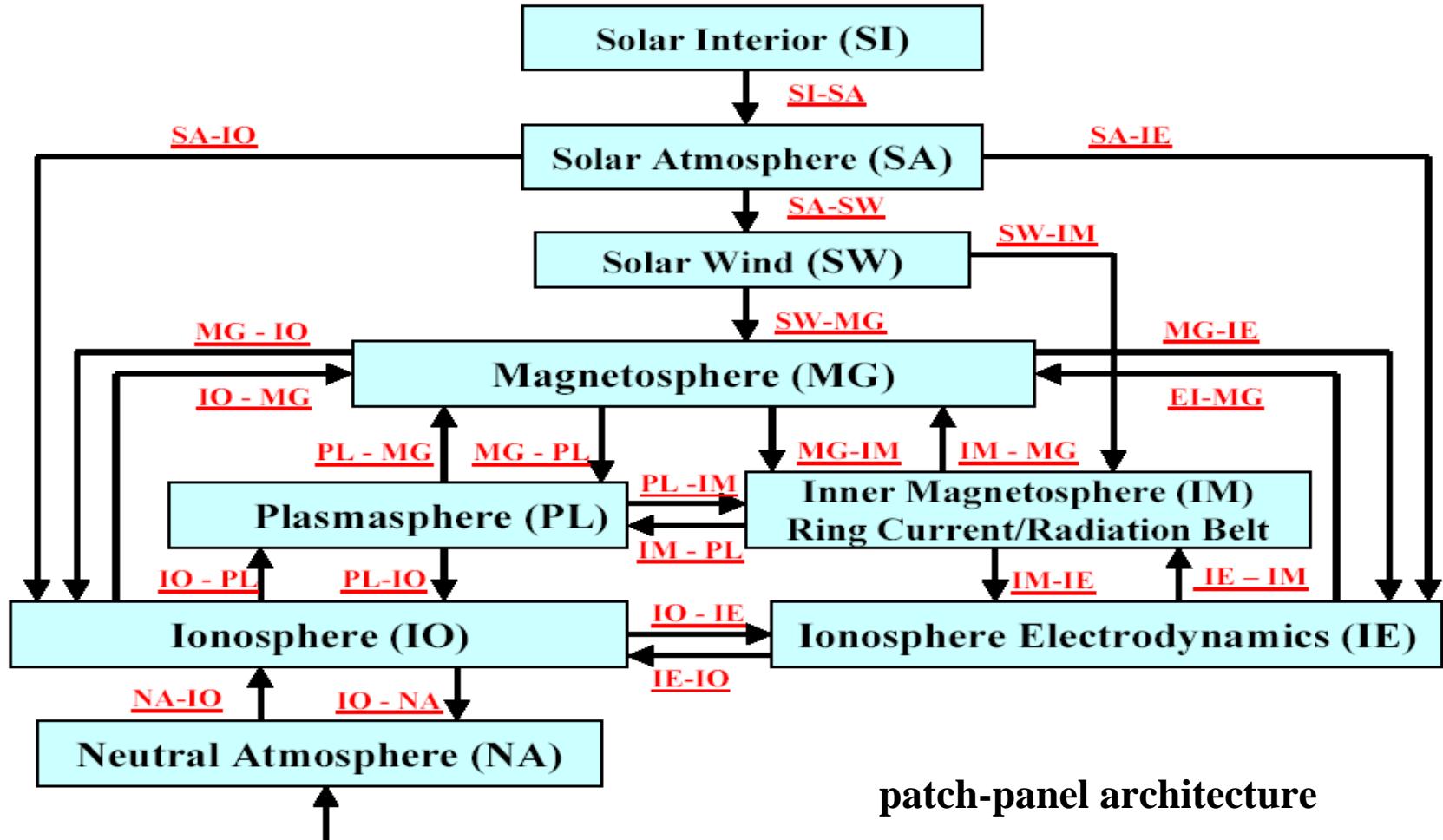
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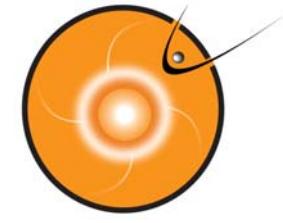
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# Space Weather Models





## Data Format Standard Options

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- CDF
- HDF, HDF4, HDF5
- NetCDF
- FITS
- GRIB
- BUFR
- GRADS
- Office Note 29
- Office Note 84
- VICAR
- PDS
- Open Dx Data Model



```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
    extern long init_time(char *, double *, double *);
    extern float time_interpolate(char*,double,float,float);
    long status;
    char data_path[750];
    char variable[10];
    float X, Y, Z;
    double time, start_time, end_time;
    float sample_time_interval;
    float time_interpolated_value;

    strcpy( data_path, argv[1] );
    strcpy( variable, argv[2] );
    X = atof( argv[3] );
    Y = atof( argv[4] );
    Z = atof( argv[5] );
    sample_time_interval = atof( argv[6] );

    status = init_time( data_path, &start_time, &end_time );

    printf("Simulation start_time:\t%f msec\n", start_time );
    printf("Simulation end_time:\t%f msec\n", end_time );

    for(time=start_time;time<=end_time;time+=sample_time_interval)
    {
        time_interpolated_value=time_interpolate(variable,time,X,Y,Z);
        printf( "%s [ %f, %f, %f ] @ %f milliseconds\t%f\n",variable,
        X,Y,Z,time,time_interpolated_value );
    }
    return 1;
}

```

C example of 4D time interpolation of CCMC standardized data using access/interpolation library

variable declarations

program input

interpolation library call

stdout

interpolation library call

FORTRAN spatial  
interpolation example of  
CCMC standardized data  
using access/interpolation  
library

```
program f2c_interp_open_ggcm
c Three functions used to interpolate
c data from a specified batsrus cdf file
external f2c_open_cdf, f2c_close_cdf, f2c_interp_bats_cdf
c Variables to be used for interpolation and data extraction
character*150 cdf_file_path
real*8 x,y,z
real*8 interpolated_value
integer status
character*50 var_to_read
c --- set your actual path name here ---
cdf_file_path='open_ggcm.cdf'
c Open the cdf file
status=f2c_open_cdf(cdf_file_path)
c --- set your position values in GSE ---
x=-55.0
y=12.0
z=20.0
c --- set name of variable of interest ---
var_to_read='bx'
c --- call the interpolation routine ---
status=
1f2c_interp_open_ggcm_cdf(x,y,z,interpolated_value,var_to_read)
c --- close the currently open cdf file
status=f2c_close_cdf(0)
write(*,*) var_to_read, interpolated_value
end
```

variable declarations

Interpolation Library Call

library input

interpolation library calls