

STI PRODUCT TYPE FACTSHEET FOR DOE LABORATORY RESEARCHERS:



Scientific Datasets

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DEFINITION

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SUBMISSIONS

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Staff will use the STI Manager's E-Link account to submit the metadata to OSTI. Data Centers, repositories, or projects needing to submit large volumes of data with high frequency may work directly with OSTI to create an E-Link account and automate their submissions using an Application Programming Interface (API). OSTI provides the service of assigning a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) and registering it with DataCite if a DOI is not already assigned. See DOE Data ID Service (<https://www.osti.gov/pids/doi-services/doe-data-id-service>) for full details. Datasets cannot be uploaded or stored at OSTI.

STI AVAILABILITY

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Research results include journal articles/accepted manuscripts and related metadata; technical reports; scientific research datasets and collections; scientific software; patents; conference and workshop papers; books and theses; and multimedia. **OSTI.GOV** provides access to this DOE STI by offering numerous easy-to-use search capabilities and customization options; and for the DOE community, additional citation information is available to help researchers evaluate article impact and find related research.



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OSTI also works in close collaboration with Google and others, using Sitemap Protocols and other information industry standards to facilitate the discovery of DOE STI through widely used search engines.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/CONTACTS

- ✚ The STIP website at <https://www.osti.gov/stip/>
- ✚ OSTI staff will respond to questions/suggestions sent to stip@osti.gov
- ✚ Data related questions should be directed to DOEDataID@osti.gov
- ✚ Questions related to E-Link may also be sent to elink_Helpdesk@osti.gov