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PLASMASPHERIC ELEC. FLD. 3 SEC. AVG

77-102A-11D

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1. INTRODUCTION:

The documentation for this data set was originally on paper, kept in NSSDC's Data Set Catalogs (DSCs). The paper documentation in the Data Set Catalogs have been made into digital images, and then collected into a single PDF file for each Data Set Catalog. The inventory information in these DSCs is current as of July 1, 2004. This inventory information is now no longer maintained in the DSCs, but is now managed in the inventory part of the NSSDC information system. The information existing in the DSCs is now not needed for locating the data files, but we did not remove that inventory information.

The offline tape datasets have now been migrated from the original magnetic tape to Archival Information Packages (AIP's).

A prior restoration may have been done on data sets, if a requestor of this data set has questions; they should send an inquiry to the request office to see if additional information exists.

2. ERRATA/CHANGE LOG:

NOTE: Changes are made in a text box, and will show up that way when displayed on screen with a PDF reader.

When printing, special settings may be required to make the text box appear on the printed output.

Version	Date	Person	Page	Description of Change
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3 LINKS TO RELEVANT INFORMATION IN THE ONLINE NSSDC INFORMATION SYSTEM:

http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/nmc/

[NOTE: This link will take you to the main page of the NSSDC Master Catalog. There you will be able to perform searches to find additional information]

4. CATALOG MATERIALS:

a. Associated Documents

To find associated documents you will need to know the document ID number and then click here.

http://nssdcftp.gsfc.nasa.gov/miscellaneous/documents/

b. Core Catalog Materials

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THIS DATA SET HAS BEEN RESTORED. THERE WAS ORIGINALLY

ONE 9-TRACK, 1600 BPI TAPE WRITTEN IN EBCDIC. THERE IS ONE

RESTORED TAPE WRITTEN IN ASCII. THE DR TAPE IS A 3480 CARTRIDGE

AND THE DS TAPE IS 9-TRACK, 6250 BPI. THE TIME SPAN IS NOT

CONTAINED ON THE TAPE AND CAN NOT BE VERIFIED. THE ORIGINAL

TAPE WAS CREATED ON AN IBM 360 COMPUTER AND WAS RESTORED ON AN

IBM 9021 COMPUTER. THE DR AND DS NUMBER ALONG WITH THE

CORRESPONDING D NUMBER AND TIME SPAN IS AS FOLLOWS:

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REQ. AGENT	REQ. NO.	ACQ. AGENT
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This data set catalog consists of 1 data tape. The tape is 1600, bpi, 9 track, EBCDIC, with 160 files of data. The time span is not on the tape. The D and C numbers are as follows:

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601/NSSDC/Kent Hills

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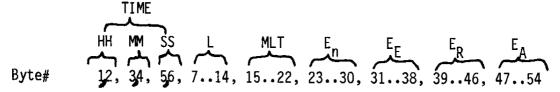
696/Computer Sciences Corporation

SUBJECT: 9 Track 1600 bpi Tape of the ISEE-1

Attached is a 9 track 1600 bpi tape of the ISEE-1 culled data sets for a 12 month period beginning in December 1977. In addition, there is a chronological listing of the files noting the start and finish times and whether the satellite was in-bound or out-bound. There are 166 files on the tape and the following is a list of their characteristics:

The recordlength is 55 bytes (the 55th byte is a control character) and the block size is 2750 bytes.

Format (312, 6F8.3, 1x)



where E_r and E_a are the electric field components in the equatorial plane and E_r and E_E are their ionospheric projections. A data description is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Cathia Mach

Cathie Meetre (344-5403)

Attachments: 2

T0:

601/NSSDC/Kent Hills

FROM:

696/Electrodynamics Branch

SUBJECT: ISEE-1 Electric Field Data

Attached is (1) a data tape, (2) tape format, (3) listing of files and (4) a brief description of how the data was handled for ISEE-1 Electric Field data from the HPM instrument. The tape covers from December 1, 1977 to December 1, 1978 and includes all usuable data in the plasmasphere (mostly inside L of 6). The listing of files gives each UT time span. We would like to submit this data to the NSSDC ISEE files. For more information contact N. C. Maynard.

James P. Heppner

I. S. Hegger

Attachments: 4

HPM PLASMAPHERIC ELECTRIC FIELDS

The Electric Field Data

Electric field measurements were made from the ISEE-1 spacecraft using the double probe technique with long cylindrical sensors (Heppner et al., 1978). The baseline (separation between the midpoints of the sensors) of the double probe system of long wires was 179 m. From this single axis, measurements of both components of the electric field in the spin plane were possible every spin period (3.05s). Data along the instantaneous direction of the axis were taken 16 or 32 times per second depending on the data rate. The spin plane was approximately coincident with the solar ecliptic XY plane in this 23.2 Re apogee orbit.

In all data presented here the \underline{v}_S x \underline{B} electric field from the satellite velocity \underline{v}_S and the corotation electric field have been vectorially subtracted. Thus the measurements are transferred to a coordinate system corotating with an observer on the Earth. The magnetic field used in the \underline{v}_S x \underline{B} calculations was that measured on board the spacecraft (Russell, 1978).

To determine the electric field in the spin plane, data taken when either antenna was within 20° of the sun was culled in order to remove any errors caused by shadowing of a sensor or by reduced photoemission from a small sun angle, and the remaining data was fitted to a sine wave using a least squares technique. The solar ecliptic X and Y electric field components in inertial space were then determined from the sine wave fit, and the \underline{v}_s x \underline{B} and corotation subtractions were done to yield the electric field in the earth fixed coordinate system.

The third component of the electric field (solar ecliptic E_z) was calculated assuming that $\underline{E} \cdot \underline{B} = 0$. This extrapolition is good providing that the ratio of \underline{B}_{XY} to \underline{B}_Z is low. The resulting vector electric field was then transformed into the radially outward and azimuthally eastward

components perpendicular to \underline{B} . For the plasmasphere studies these electric fields were then projected to the magnetic equatorial plane and to the ionosphere assuming that the magnetic field lines are equipotentials and that the magnetic field was a dipole. The projections were done on each data set to provide a common reference for comparison of data taken at different magnetic latitudes. When projected to the northern hemisphere ionosphere these components become the northward and eastward electric fields respectively. Note that the projection introduces errors from our inprecise knowledge of the magnetic field configuration. The original L values were calculated using the GSFC harmonic analyses of B with the Mead-Fairfield tail extension. We in turn have projected the values to the ionosphere assuming a symmetric dipole. Thus especially at the higher L values, both the projection factor and location will have some error. This was not considered to be critical to the results presented here.

The purpose of this study was to find the average electric field seen in the plasmasphere. Thus it was mandatory to remove any bad data that could affect the results. All data were scanned, and regions where the instrument was in its internal calibration cycle as well as regions where the Harvey instrument (Harvey et al., 1978) was transmitting (causing the electric field sensors to be shorted) were culled from the data set.

In regions of low density plasma ($< 1/cm^3$) the electric field instrument sees an apparent sunward directed electric field that is caused by the asymmetries of the sheath of photoelectrons around the spacecraft. The effect results from two causes. The dipole of the negatively charged sheath on the sunward side of the spacecraft and the positively charged spacecraft is one cause, and the other is the asymmetric collection by the sunward sensor of photoelectrons from the spacecraft, (see Cauffman and Maynard, 1975). It is hard to pinpoint exactly at what density this effect becomes significant (it is also a function of the temperature of the medium as well). As the plasma becomes more rarified, the first sign of asymmetrical photoelectron emission errors appears in data taken with the sensor axis within ${}_{\pm}20^{\circ}$ from the sun or at a near grazing angle (data which is not used in the least squares calculation to determine the electric field). In order to scrupulously avoid any data that might be the least

bit contaminated by this effect, all data were culled that had large bite outs where the antenna axis was directed toward the sun or that had a significant solar ecliptic $\mathbf{E_{x}}$. This last criteria eliminated some good data where the convective electric field would be expected to be in that direction. A comparison of the point where culling started and plots of electron density from the Harvey instrument for several orbits (M. Echeto, private communication, 1980) showed that the data that were kept were in general from regions of electron densities greater than 30 to $50/\mathrm{cm}^3$.

The ISEE-1 electric field data from 1 December 1977 to 1 December 1978 were scanned and culled with the above criteria to form the data base for this study. A second culling of the data base was done to remove data when the ratio of Bz to |B| was 0.2 or less in order to prevent errors from the $\underline{E} \cdot \underline{B}$ extrapolation from seriously effecting the results.

ISEE-1 Culled data sets in chronological order December 1977 - November 1978

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July 1982

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