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**ABSTRACT:**

The contract work presented in this Final Report is a follow-up of the TREND-2 study (ESA/ESTEC TRP Contract No. 9828/92/NL/FM).

A number of new radiation belt models have been developed based on data from the following satellite experiments: AZUR/EI-88, SAMPEX/PET, UARS/PEM, CRRES/MEA, and ISEE/WIM. For each experiment, the mission and instrument characteristics and the data base formats have been described in detail in the Technical Notes of the project, and are summarised in this Final Report. The data binning procedures and the formats and limitations of the new models are described as well. The models have been intercompared where applicable, and have been compared to the standard NASA models AP-8 and AE-8. All new models have been implemented in the software package UNIRAD.

Besides the models developed in the framework of TREND-3, the ESA-SEE1 (Vampola 1996) model and the CRRESPRO (Meffert & Gussenhoven 1994) and CRRESELE (Brautigam & Bell 1995) models have also been adapted to and integrated in UNIRAD.

A large effort has been devoted to the development of a comprehensive Fortran subroutine library, called UNILIB, with the following functionalities: calculation of magnetic coordinates (e.g.  $B$ ,  $L$ ) and adiabatic invariants, coordinate transformations, field line and drift shell tracing, and averages of the atmospheric and ionospheric density over drift shells. The library is extensively documented on the World-Wide Web.

An extensive study has been made of the anisotropy of the low altitude trapped proton flux. After a review of the literature, one of the most commonly used models has been implemented in UNIRAD, together with an improved version. In addition, a method has been developed to render the anisotropy effects in terms of a natural coordinate system attached to the magnetic field. The method has been validated with the SAMPEX/PET data base.

Appropriate analytical functions have been found to fit the pitch angle distributions measured by CRRES/MEA. Finally, a new, corrected, Meteosat-3/SEM-2 data base has been produced.

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# List of symbols

- $A$  Detector surface area
- $\alpha$  Pitch angle
- $\alpha_0$  Equatorial pitch angle
- $\beta$  Azimuthal angle defined in the local mirror plane
- $B$  Geomagnetic field intensity
- $\mathbf{B}$  Geomagnetic field vector
- $B_m$  Mirror point geomagnetic field intensity
- $B_0$  Equatorial geomagnetic field intensity
- $B_c$  Geomagnetic field intensity at the atmospheric cutoff
- $C$  Counting rate
- $E$  Particle energy
- $\epsilon$  Detector efficiency
- $F_{10.7}$  Solar radio flux at 10.7 cm
- $G$  Geometric factor ( $\text{cm}^2\text{sr}$ )
- $\Gamma$  Telescope gathering power
- $h$  Effective detector area
- $j$  Differential particle flux
- $J$  Integral particle flux
- $L$  McIlwain's (1961) parameter ( $R_E$ )
- $\lambda$  Wavelength ( $\text{\AA}$ )

$\omega$  Solid angle (sr)

$\phi$  Geocentric longitude or azimuth angle

$\varphi$  Angle introduced by Daly & Evans (1993)

$\mathbf{r}$  Position vector

$R$  Telescope directional response function

$S$  Total area

$d\sigma$  Element of surface area

$t$  Time

$T$  Total observation time

$\theta$  Polar angle

$Z$  Atomic number



# List of acronyms

- ADC** Analog to Digital Converter
- ACS** Attitude Control System
- ACE** Attitude Control Electronics
- ASCII** American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- BIRA** Belgisch Instituut voor Ruimte-Aëronomie
- BFO** Blood Forming Organs
- CCN** Contract Change Notice
- CDF** Common Data Format
- CIRA** COSPAR International Reference Atmosphere
- COSPAR** COmmittee for SPace Research
- CRRES** Combined Release and Radiation Effects Satellite
- DEC** Digital Equipment Corporation
- DGRF** Definitive Geomagnetic Reference Field
- ESA** European Space Agency
- ESTEC** European Space and TEchnology Centre
- FOV** Field Of View
- FTP** File Transfer Protocol
- GEI** GEocentric Inertial
- GEO** GEostationary Orbit
- GSFC** Goddard Space Flight Center

**GTO** Geostationary Transfer Orbit  
**HETC** High Energy Transport Code  
**HILT** Heavy Ion Large Telescope  
**HTML** Hierarchical Text Mark-up Language  
**HTTP** HyperText Transfer Protocol  
**IASB** Institut d'Aéronomie Spatiale de Belgique  
**IDL** Interactive Data Language  
**IDFS** Instrument Data File Set  
**IGRF** International Geomagnetic Reference Field  
**IMF** Interplanetary Magnetic Field  
**IRI** International Reference Ionosphere  
**ISEE** International Sun Earth Explorer  
**JPL** Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
**LDEF** Long Duration Exposure Facility  
**LEICA** Low Energy Ion Composition Analyzer  
**LEO** Low Earth Orbit  
**MAST** MAss Spectrometer Telescope  
**MEA** Medium Electrons A  
**MEPE** Medium Energy Particle Experiment  
**MPAe** Max Planck Institut für Aeronomie  
**MS-DOS** MicroSoft Disk Operating System  
**MSIS** Mass-Spectrometer-Incoherent-Scatter  
**MSSL** Mullard Space Science Laboratory  
**NAPS** Narrow Angle Particle Spectrometer  
**NASA** National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
**NSSDC** National Space Science Data Center

**NOAA** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**PC** Personal Computer

**PEM** Particle Environment Monitor

**PET** Proton/Electron Telescope

**PI** Principal Investigator

**PLGD** Phillips Laboratory Geophysics Directorate

**PS** PostScript

**PSI** Paul Scherrer Institute

**REM** Radiation Environment Monitor

**SAA** South Atlantic Anomaly

**SAMPEX** Solar, Anomalous, and Magnetospheric Particle EXplorer

**SDDAS** Southwest Data Display and Analysis System

**SEM** Space Environment Monitor

**SMEX** SMall EXplorer

**SPENVIS** SPace ENVironment Information System

**SwRI** Southwest Research Institute

**TN** Technical Note

**TREND** Trapped Radiation ENvironment Development

**UARS** Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite

**URL** Uniform Resource Locator

**VAX** Virtual Address eXtension

**VMS** Virtual Memory System

**WAPS** Wide Angle Spectrometer

**WIM** Williams Mother

**WO** Work Order

**WP** Work Package

**WWW** World Wide Web



# Preface

This final report contains the main results obtained by the TREND-3 team during the study “Radiation Environments of Astronomy Missions and LEO Missions”. The TREND (Trapped Radiation ENvironment Development) study was initiated by E.J. Daly and funded by ESA under two earlier contracts. The present study started on 1 Feb, 1994, under ESA Contract No. 10725/94/NL/JG(SC), and was extended as WO-3 to ESA Contract No. 11711/95/NL/JG(SC). The duration of the project was 41 months.

Three institutes from three ESA member states participated in this project:

- BIRA/IASB, the Belgisch Instituut voor Ruimte-Aëronomie/Institut d’Aéronomie Spatiale, Brussels, Belgium (the prime contractor);
- MSSSL, the Mullard Space Science Laboratory, Dorking, UK;
- MPAe, the Max Planck Institut für Aeronomie, Katlenburg-Lindau, Germany.

In the sections below, the work performed by each team is summarised and grouped by Work Package (WP). The resulting Technical Notes (TN) are listed as well.

Seven progress meetings have been held at BIRA/IASB, MSSSL, and MPAe, and a mid-term review was held at ESTEC. The Final Presentation was given at ESTEC on 15 Sep 1998. The databases, software and models have been installed at ESTEC/WMA.

In October 1995, the BIRA/IASB TREND team has organised an international workshop in Brussels, where results of TREND-2 and TREND-3 were presented to an audience of 60 researchers in the field of radiation belt physics. The workshop proceedings have been edited by J.F. Lemaire, D. Heynderickx, and D.N. Baker, and have been published by the American Geophysical Union as Geophysical Monograph 97. This volume, entitled *Radiation Belts. Models and Standards*, has received the 1996 Honorable Mention for Geography & Earth Sciences from the Association of American Publishers, Inc. Part of the expenses for the compilation of this monograph have been charged to the present TREND contract as external services.

## Work performed by BIRA/IASB

J.F. Lemaire is the overall project manager and coordinator for the BIRA/IASB team, which further consisted of D. Heynderickx (werkleider), M. Kruglanski (post doctoral research assistant),

V. Pierrard (post graduate student), M. Echim (graduate student from the Institute of Gravitation and Space Sciences, Bucharest; he visited for six months at BIRA/IASB, on the support of TREND), J.-M. Vandenberghe (graduate student), and L. Fedullo (software engineer).

D. Heynderickx was responsible for the analysis of the AZUR and SAMPEX data, and for building the data bases and empirical models resulting from these satellite observations. He has also upgraded the UNIRAD package, including the extension of the trapped particle models with the various models developed in this study, and with the ESA-SEE1, CRRESPRO, and CRRESELE models. He was in charge of WP 2.1 (Flight Data Comparisons), WP 2.2R (SAMPEX Proton Model), and WP 3.1R (UNIRAD Revisited), is the principal author of the UNIRAD user manual, has contributed to TN 5 and TN 10, and coordinated the production of this final report.

M. Kruglanski was responsible for WP 2.2 (Generalised Anisotropy Model), WP 2.1R (Improvement of ANISO Program), and WP 3.2R (UNIRAD Library). He has visited South West Research Institute, San Antonio, to get acquainted with the UARS/PEM data set and software, and to implement them at BIRA/IASB. He has written the UNILIB software library and its documentation. He is the principal author of TN 6, TN 6(2), and has contributed to TN 5, TN 10, and the UNIRAD manual.

V. Pierrard has performed a statistical analysis of the count rates and livetimes of the SAMPEX/PET detector, and has written a report. J.-M. Vandenberghe has assisted in the development of the UNILIB library and in the production of its documentation. M. Echim has assisted in the building of the UARS/PEM database and model. L. Fedullo has installed and maintained the DEC/Alpha stations and personal computers which were used at BIRA/IASB for this study.

## **Work performed by MSSL**

A.D. Johnstone was the coordinator for Mullard Space Science Laboratory, Dorking. His team consisted of D.J. Rodgers (research assistant), S. Szita (research assistant), and G. Jones (research assistant). They were mainly concerned with the analysis of electron flux measurements made by the SEM-2 on METEOSAT and by the MEA instrument on CRRES. These observations were used to produce databases and models for the energetic electron environment.

MSSL Was in charge of WP 1.2 (Analysis of CRRES/MEA Data), WP 1.3 (Model Unification), and WP 1.3R (Creation of ISEE Electron Model). This work is described in their TN 2. They also improved the MEA electron model as part of WP 1.2R, which is documented in TN 2. The CRRES/MEA and ISEE models have been implemented in the UNIRAD software suite.

In TN 9 they describe how they updated and corrected the METEOSAT/SEM-2 data base and model that was developed in the TREND-2 project. This work constituted WP 4.2R.

In TN 8 they determined appropriate functions to fit the pitch angle distributions measured by the MEA detector on CRRES.

## **Work performed by MP Ae**

E. Keppler was the coordinator of the team working at Max Planck Institut für Aeronomie, Katlenburg-Lindau. He was assisted by, firstly, R. Friedel (research assistant), and later by G. Loidl (research assistant). They produced a database of the electron flux measurements made by the WIM instruments on the ISEE-1 and ISEE-2 satellites. The MP Ae team was responsible for WP 1.1 (ISEE Data Analysis) and WP 1.1R (Merging of ISEE Particle and Magnetic Field Observations), and produced TN 1.





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