

Alexander Lozinski

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- Postdoctoral Scholar & Lecturer at UCLA
- Expert in radiation belt physics and calculating spacecraft radiation effects
- UK citizen with permanent resident status/green card

Education

Ph.D. Physics, British Antarctic Survey & University of Cambridge 2021

Thesis: [*Modelling the Exposure of Satellites in Medium Earth Orbit to Proton Belt Radiation*](#)

Advisors: Prof. Richard Horne & Dr. Giulio Del Zanna

MSc Physics, Imperial College London, *Pass with Distinction* 2015

Project: *Modelling Magnetopause Reconnection at Saturn*

BSc Geophysics, Imperial College London, *First-Class Honours* 2014

Experience

Postdoctoral Scholar & Lecturer, Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences, UCLA 12/2022 - now

Researching methods to model Earth's radiation belts for real-time space weather awareness

- spacecraft **radiation effect calculations**, including monte carlo shielding simulations, solar cell nonionizing dose (DDD), SEE, internal charging of dielectrics (wrote my own numerical model: <https://github.com/atmosalex/spacecraft-internal-charging-model>);
- calculating radiation exposure along **spacecraft trajectories** (GEO, GTO, LEO, MEO);
- developed an [artificial neural network-based model](#) in **Pytorch** to forecast radiation belt phase space density and benchmark various architectures;
- developed a **Python library** to combine and inter-calibrate spacecraft measurements, currently used to train ML models and investigate instrument error;
- developed a **Python library** to simulate energetic particle transport in terms of a particle's adiabatic invariants ([see video demonstration](#))

Radiation Belt Scientist, British Antarctic Survey, UK 6/2021 - 11/2022

Delivered a **real-time physics-based numerical model** of Earth's proton radiation belt for a UK Met Office contract, deployed via a **Docker container**. This involved collaborating with a data scientist to develop a way of ingesting real-time data to drive the model outer boundary.

Ground Systems Engineer, Avanti Comms., UK

9/2015 - 01/2017 (prior to PhD)

Teaching

Instructor for Introduction to Machine Learning for the Physical Sciences

Fall 2023 - 2025

This course teaches seven of the most popular ML algorithms using scikit-learn and Google Colab. My classes compliment online lectures and focus on guided problem solving. I designed the final project component of the course requiring students to host a report on their own **Github pages** site. One challenge has been encouraging students to make use of AI tools whilst preventing over-dependence; I organized a faculty meeting to discuss this.

Publications

Lozinski et al. (2025), *Modeling the Internal Redistribution of Earth's Proton Radiation Belt by Interplanetary Shocks*, JGR: Space Physics, 130(6)

Lozinski et al. (2024), *Modeling Field Line Curvature Scattering Loss of 1–10 MeV Protons During Geomagnetic Storms*, JGR: Space Physics, 129(4)

Clilverd et al. (2024), *Improved Energy Resolution Measurements of Electron Precipitation Observed During an IPDP-Type EMIC Event*, JGR: Space Physics, 129(7)

Lozinski et al. (2021), *Modeling Inner Proton Belt Variability at Energies 1 to 10 MeV Using BAS-PRO*, JGR: Space Physics, 126(12)

Lozinski et al. (2021), *Optimization of radial diffusion coefficients for the proton radiation belt during the CRRES era*, JGR: Space Physics, 126(3)

Lozinski et al. (2019), *Solar cell degradation due to proton belt enhancements during electric orbit raising to GEO*, Space Weather, 17(7), 1059-1072

numerous conference talks, including *IRENE Space Radiation Modelling and Data Analysis Workshop* (5/20/2025) and *33rd Single Event Effects Symposium...* (SEEMAPLD, 5/14/2024)

Other Skills

Python and **Fortran**; ML libraries (**Pytorch**, **scikit-learn**); data science (**pandas**); technology for collaborative project management (**Jira**), development (**Git**), and deployment (**Docker**)

Hobbies include: building electronics (raspberry pi, Arduino), **triathlons**, DIY auto mechanic

Reference

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Prof. Richard Horne, Science Leader, British Antarctic Survey

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