

Help on module operational\_sep\_quantities:

## NAME

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## FUNCTIONS

### all\_program\_info()

This program will calculate various useful pieces of operational information about SEP events from GOES-08, -10, -11, -12, -13, -14, -15 data and the SEP-EM (RSDv2) dataset.

SEP event values are always calculated for threshold definitions:

>10 MeV exceeds 10 pfu

>100 MeV exceed 1 pfu

The user may add an additional threshold through the command line.

This program will check if data is already present in a 'data' directory. If not, GOES data will be automatically downloaded from NOAA ftp site. SEP-EM (RSDv2) data must be downloaded by the user and unzipped inside the 'data' directory. Because the SEP-EM data set is so large (every 5 minutes from 1974 to 2015), the program will break up the data into yearly files for faster reading.

The values calculated here are important for space radiation operations:

- Onset time, i.e. time to cross thresholds

- Peak intensity

- Time of peak intensity

- Rise time (onset to peak)

- End time, i.e. fall below 0.85\*threshold for 3 points (15 mins for GOES)

- Duration

- Event-integrated fluences

User may choose differential proton fluxes (e.g. [MeV s sr cm<sup>2</sup>]<sup>-1</sup>) or integral fluxes (e.g. [s sr cm<sup>2</sup>]<sup>-1</sup>). The program has no internal checks or requirements on units - EXCEPT FOR THE THRESHOLD DEFINITIONS OF >10, 10 and >100, 1. If you change those thresholds in the main program accordingly, you should be able to use other units. Also, all of the plots and messages refer to MeV, pfu, and cm.

If a previous event is ongoing and the specified time period starts with a threshold already crossed, you may try to set the **--DetectPreviousEvent** flag. If the flux drops below threshold before the next event starts, the program will identify the second event. This will only work if the threshold is already crossed for the very first time in your specified

time period, and if the flux drops below threshold before the next event starts.

Set the desired directory locations for the data and output at the beginning of the program in datapath and outpath. Defaults are 'data' and 'output'.

In order to calculate the fluence, the program determines time\_resolution (seconds) from two (fairly random) data points at the start of the SEP event. GOES and SEP-EM data sets have a time resolution of 5 minutes. If the user wishes to use a data set with measurements at irregular times, then the subroutine calculate\_fluence should be modified.

**OUTPUT:** This program outputs 3 to 4 files, 1 per defined threshold plus a summary file containing all of the values calculated for each threshold. A file named as e.g. fluence\_GOES-13\_differential\_gt10\_2012\_3\_7.csv contains the event-integrated fluence for each energy channel using the specified threshold (gt10) to determine start and stop times. A file named as e.g. sep\_values\_GOES-13\_differential\_2012\_3\_7.csv contains start time, peak flux, etc, for each of the defined thresholds.

**USER INPUT DATA SETS:** Users may input their own data set. For example, if an SEP modeler would like to feed their own intensity time series into this code and calculate all values in exactly the same way they were calculated for data, it is possible to do that. Fluxes should be in units of  $1/[\text{MeV cm}^2 \text{ s sr}]$  or  $1/[\text{cm}^2 \text{ s sr}]$  and energy channels in MeV for the plot labels to be correct. You can use any units, as long as you are consistent with energy units in energy channel/bin definition and in fluxes and you **MODIFY THE THRESHOLD VALUES TO REFLECT YOUR UNITS**. You may then want to modify plot labels accordingly if not using MeV and cm.

NOTE: The first column in your flux file is assumed to be time in format YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.

NOTE: The flux file may contain header lines that start with a hash #, including blank lines.

NOTE: Any bad or missing fluxes must be indicated by a negative value.

NOTE: Put your flux file into the "datapath" directory.

NOTE: Please use only differential or integral channels. Please do not mix them. You may have one integral channel in the last bin, as this is the way HEPAD works and the code has been written to include that HEPAD >700 MeV bin along with lower differential channels.

The user must modify the following variables at the very top of the code (around line 30):

user\_col - identify columns in your file containing fluxes to analyze;

even if your delimiter is white space, consider the date-time column as one single column.

user\_delim - delimiter between columns, e.g. " " or "," Use " " for any amount of whitespace.

user\_fname - specify the name of the file containing the fluxes

time\_resolution - will be calculated using two time points in your file; if you have irregular time measurements, calculate\_fluence() must be modified/rewritten

Then please define your energy bins in the subroutine

define\_energy\_bins() under "if experiment == "user":""

### **calculate\_event\_info(energy\_thresholds, flux\_thresholds, integral\_fluxes, detect\_prev\_event)**

Uses the integral fluxes (either input or estimated from differential channels) and all the energy and flux thresholds set in the main program to calculate SEP event quantities.

Threshold crossing time (onset)

Peak Flux in date range specified by user

Time of Peak Flux

Rise Time (onset to peak flux)

Event End Time (below  $0.85 \times \text{threshold}$  for 3 data points, e.g 15 min)

Duration (onset to end)

If the detect\_prev\_event flag is set to true and the threshold is crossed on the first time in the specified date range, this indicates that fluxes were already high due to a previous event. The code will look for the flux to drop below threshold and then increase above threshold again during the specified time period. If this flag is not set, then the code simply take the first threshold crossing as the start of the SEP event.

### **calculate\_fluence(dates, flux)**

This subroutine sums up all of the flux in the 1D array "flux". The "dates" and "flux" arrays input here should reflect only the intensities between the SEP start and stop times, determined by the subroutine integral\_threshold\_crossing. "flux" should contain the intensity time series for a single energy bin or single integral channel (1D array). The subroutine does not differentiate between differential or integral flux. dates contains the 1D array of datetimes that correspond to the flux measurements.

The extract\_date\_range subroutine is used prior to calling this one to make the dates and fluxes arrays covering only the SEP time period.

The flux will be multiplied by time\_resolution and summed for all of the data between the start and end times. Data gaps are taken into account.

Fluence units will be 1/[MeV cm<sup>2</sup> sr] for GOES or SEP-EM differential fluxes or 1/[cm<sup>2</sup> sr] for integral fluxes.

For SRAG operational purposes, the event start and end is determined by the >100 MeV fluxes, as they are most pertinent to astronaut health inside of the space station.

#### **check\_data(startdate, enddate, experiment, flux\_type)**

Check that the files containing the data are in the data directory. If the files for the requested dates aren't present, they will be downloaded from the NOAA website. For SEP-EM (RSDv2) data, if missing, the program prints the URL from which the data can be downloaded and unzipped manually.

The RSDv2 data set is very large and takes a long time to read as a single file. This program will generate files containing fluxes for each year for faster reading.

#### **check\_for\_bad\_data(dates, fluxes, energy\_bins)**

Search the data for bad values (flux < 0) and fill the missing data with an estimate flux found by performing a linear interpolation with time, using the good flux values immediately surrounding the data gap.

#### **check\_paths()**

Check that the paths that hold the data and output exist. If not, create.

#### **define\_energy\_bins(experiment, flux\_type)**

Define the energy bins for the selected spacecraft or data set

#### **do\_interpolation(i, dates, flux)**

If bad fluxes (flux < 0) are found in the data, find the first prior data point and the first following data point that have good flux values.

Perform linear interpolation in time:

$$F(t) = F1 + (t - t1) * (F2 - F1) / (t2 - t1)$$

This subroutine does the calculation for a single instance of bad data that corresponds to array index i.

#### **extract\_date\_range(startdate, enddate, all\_dates, all\_fluxes)**

Extract fluxes only for the dates in the range specified by the user.

#### **extract\_integral\_fluxes(fluxes, flux\_thresholds, energy\_thresholds, energy\_bins)**

Select or create the integral fluxes that correspond to the desired energy thresholds.

If the user selected differential fluxes, then the differential fluxes will be converted to integral fluxes with the minimum energy defined by the set energy thresholds.

If the user selected integral fluxes, then the channels corresponding to the desired energy thresholds will be identified.

**find\_goes\_data\_dimensions(filename)**

Input open csv file of GOES data. Identifies the start of the data by searching for the string 'data:', then returns the number of header rows and data rows present in the file.

**from\_differential\_to\_integral\_flux(min\_energy, energy\_bins, fluxes)**

If user selected differential fluxes, convert to integral fluxes to calculate operational threshold crossings (>10 MeV protons exceed 10 pfu, >100 MeV protons exceed 1 pfu).

Assume that the measured fluxes correspond to the center of the energy bin and use power law interpolation to extrapolate integral fluxes above user input min\_energy.

The intent is to calculate >10 MeV and >100 MeV fluxes, but leaving flexibility for user to define the minimum energy for the integral flux.

An integral flux will be provided for each timestamp (e.g. every 5 mins).

**get\_fluence\_spectrum(flux\_type, energy\_threshold, flux\_threshold, sep\_dates, sep\_fluxes, energy\_bins, save\_file)**

Calculate the fluence spectrum for each of the energy channels in the user selected data set. If the user selected differential fluxes, then the fluence values correspond to each energy bin. If the user selected integral fluxes, then the fluence values correspond to each integral bin.

Writes fluence values to file according to boolean save\_file.

**get\_west\_detector(filename, dates)**

For GOES-13+, identify which detector is facing west from the orientation flag files. Get an orientation for each data point. EPEAD orientation flag. 0: A/W faces East and B/E faces West. 1: A/W faces West and B/E faces East. 2: yaw-flip in progress.

**integral\_threshold\_crossing(energy\_threshold, flux\_threshold, dates, fluxes)**

Calculate the time that a threshold is crossed.

Operational thresholds used by the NASA JSC Space Radiation Analysis

Group to determine actions that should be taken during an SEP event are:

>10 MeV proton flux exceeds 10 pfu ( $1/[\text{cm}^2 \text{ s sr}]$ )

>100 MeV proton flux exceeds 1 pfu ( $1/[\text{cm}^2 \text{ s sr}]$ )

If the user input differential flux, then the program has converted it to integral fluxes to calculate the integral threshold crossings.

If the user selected fluxes that were already integral fluxes, then the correct channel was identified to determine these crossings.

GOES and SEP-EM data have a 5 minute time resolution, so initial crossings are accurate to 5 minutes.

This program also calculates peak flux and time of peak flux for time period specified by user. It then calculates rise time by comparing:  
rise time = time of peak flux - threshold crossing time

If no thresholds are crossed during specified time period, peak time and rise time will be 0.

The event end time is much more subjective. For this program, I follow the code that officially calls the end of an event when SRAG supports ISS operations. When the flux has three consecutive points (15 minutes of GOES data) below  $0.85 \times \text{threshold}$ , then the event is ended. The end time is corrected back to the first of the three data points. This end criteria has no physics basis. It simply ensures that a new event will not erroneously begin within the SRAG SEP alarm code due to flux fluctuations around threshold as the SEP flux decays away slowly.

If the time period specified by the user ends before the event falls below  $0.85 \times \text{threshold}$ , then the event\_end\_time is set to the last time in the specified time range. The program will give a message indicating that the user may want to extend the requested time frame in order to better-capture the end of the event.

#### **make\_yearly\_files(filename)**

Convert a large data set into yearly files.

#### **print\_values\_to\_file(flux\_type, energy\_thresholds, flux\_thresholds, crossing\_time, peak\_flux, peak\_time, rise\_time, event\_end\_time, duration, integral\_fluxes)**

Write all calculated values to file for all thresholds. Event-integrated fluxes for >10, >100 MeV (and user-defined threshold) will also be included. Writes out file with name e.g.

output/sep\_values\_experiment\_fluxtype\_YYYY\_M\_D.csv

**read\_in\_files(experiment, filenames1, filenames2, filenames\_orien)**

Read in the appropriate data files with the correct format. Return an array with dates and fluxes. Bad flux values (any negative flux) are set to -1. Format is defined to work with the files downloaded directly from NOAA or the RSDv2 (SEPTEM) website as is.

The fluxes output for the GOES-13+ satellites are always from the westward-facing detector (A or B) by referring to the orientation flags provided in the associated orientation file. Data taken during a yaw flip (orientation flag = 2) are excluded and fluxes are set to -1.

Note that the EPS detectors on GOES-08 and -12 face westward. The EPS detector on GOES-10 faces eastward. GOES-11 is a spinning satellite.

**read\_in\_user\_files(filenames1)**

Read in file containing flux time profile information that was specified by the user.

The first column MUST contain the date in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS format. The remaining flux columns to be read in are specified by the user in the variable user\_col at the very beginning of this program.

The date column should always be considered column 0, even if you used whitespace as your delimiter. The code will consider the date format YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS as one column even though it contains whitespace.

Any number of header lines are allowed, but they must be indicated by # at the very beginning, including empty lines.

Be sure to add the energy bins associated with your flux columns in the subroutine define\_energy\_bins under the "user" is statement.

**report\_threshold\_fluxes(flux\_type, energy\_thresholds, energy\_bins, sep\_dates, sep\_fluxes)**

Report fluences for specified thresholds, typically >10, >100 MeV. These values are interesting to use for comparison with literature and for quantifying event severity.

If the user has input integral channels, then this information has also been saved in the output fluence file. If the user selected differential channels, then these values come from the estimated integral fluxes.

**DATA**

\_\_email\_\_ = 'kathryn.whitman@nasa.gov'

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__maintainer__ = 'Katie Whitman'  
badval = -1  
datapath = 'data'  
exp = <ufunc 'exp'>  
outpath = 'output'  
user_col = array('i', [1, 2, 3, 4, 5])  
user_delim = ','  
user_fname = ['EPREM/samplefile_new.csv']
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