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1 Overview

The program corrVandFluxRec displays and analyzes data from the NASA Magnetospheric Multiscale (MMS) Mission which have been preprocessed by the program corrVandFlux in order to obtain reconstructed electron density data from the spacecraft potential.

The program is a modified version of the program corrVandFlux. The key addition is the plotting and processing of reconstructed densities.

1.1 Instrument data

Inputs to the program include data from the instruments

Acronym	Name	Ref.	Parameter
ASPOC	Active Spacecraft Potential Control	[1]	Ion beam current
EDI	Electron Drift Instrument		Gun beam current
EDP	Electric Field Double Probes, consisting of:	[3]	
SDP	Spin Plane Double Probes	[4]	Spacecraft potential, Electric field
ADP	Axial Double Probes	[5]	Spacecraft potential, Electric field
FPI	Fast Plasma Instrument, consisting of:	[7]	
DES	Dual Electron Sensors		Electron moments, energy distributions
DIS	Dual Ion Sensors		Ion moments, energy distributions

1.2 Input data base

The program corrVandFlux has been used to generate spin average data of spacecraft potential, electric field, ASPOC current, electron density, temperature, and current, and most importantly reconstructed electron densities. The files in the distribution cover the time range 2015-09-01 to 2023-06-30. The columns of these files contain:

- spacecraft potential (generated by mmsedpana)
- total electric field (generated by mmsedpana)
- electron density (generated by mmsedpana)
- electron temperature (generated by mmsedpana)
- electron current (generated by mmsedpana)
- ASPOC current minus EDI current (generated by mmsedpana)
- sum of electron and ASPOC current as result of the fitting (generated by corrVandFlux)
- density reconstructed from spacecraft potential and measured temperature (generated by corrVandFlux)
- density reconstructed from spacecraft potential and assumed temperature of 10 eV (generated by corrVandFlux)
- density reconstructed from spacecraft potential and assumed temperature of 100 eV (generated by corrVandFlux)
- density reconstructed from spacecraft potential and assumed temperature of 1000 eV (generated by corrVandFlux)

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- ion velocity (generated by mmsedpana)
- ion Mach number (generated by mmsedpana)
- region ID (0=any, 1=magnetosphere, 2=solar wind, 3=magnetosheath)
- ID for parameter set used
- ID for interpolation between regions (0=no, 1=yes)
- ID showing that interpolated values are replaced by values derived from measured densities

In the distribution these files have names in the nomenclature mms<N>_rec_*.dat.

Some lines of one of these files are reproduced below.

```
Source: mms I_out_edppeandiv.
Data include velocities
Analysing electrons
Limits (from/to):
2015-11-01T00:00:00/2016-11-01T00:00:00
E-field: 0.00/10.00
S/C potential: 2.0/50.0
El. Density: 0.080/1000.000
El. Temp.: 5.0/10000.0
El. Current: 0.100/1000.000
ASPOC current: -1.00/1.00
LyA: 0.0000/0.0098
Orbit radius: 10.00/30.00
Orbit phase (Sun=0): 0/360
| ne-ni | <999.0 OR ne/ni<2.00
In Magnetosphere
Transition width: 2.5
T-exponent: -0.25
applies for T < 50.0
and exp: 0.00
for higher T up to:
E-field correction term for Vsc:
v(ion) correction term for Vsc:
Fudge factor for maxcurrent: 1.00
Fudge factor for Iplasma: 1.00
Use set low-E-Maxw for Maxw-fit: No
coefs:j0: 31.90
VO: 1.610
Fit I vs V: Power i~V^x
or n vs V: No
#Terms: I
Limits: Yes
Method: Simple
Error exp: 0
in: Y
Break V: Variable
Vbreak I e:
Vbreak2e:
            14.0
T for n-fit: Variable
at 2V: 20.0
at 7V:
         40.0
at 10.5V: 70.0
at 20V: 300.0
```

fixed: 150.0

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```
jph = 30.762*V^{(-1.708)}
T = 10.000:
n=213.832*V^(-1.708)
T = 100.000:
n=67.620*V^{(-1.708)}
T = 1000.000:
n=21.383*V^(-1.708)
END OF PARAMETERS
Time[UT]
                        Vsc Etotamp El.Dens El.Temp El.Curr ASP-EDI le+afit neTmeas neT0010 neT0100 Vion Machlon modVsc
Time[UT]
                        [V] [mV/m] [cm^-3] [eV] [uA] [uA] [uA] [cm^-3] [cm^-3] [cm^-3] [cm^-3] [km/s]
                                                                                                                   [V] RPIF
                                                                                                           [1]
2015-09-01709:52:25.887 3.010 0.184 0.609 272.42 2.699 19.710 32.346 2.852 14.888 4.708 1.489
                                                                                                    6.54
                                                                                                           0.01 3.010 1 4 0 0
2015-09-01T09:52:45.246 3.023 0.202 0.495 329.90 2.413 19.711 32.183 2.558 14.694 4.647 1.469
                                                                                                    9.07
                                                                                                           0.01 3.023 1 4 0 0
2015-09-01T09:53:04.590 3.027 0.253 0.354 451.44 2.019 19.705 32.211 2.193 14.734 4.659 1.473 12.61
                                                                                                           0.01 3.027 1 4 0 0
```

1.3 Processing options

Processing options include the following

- Plots or tables of data over time, including reconstructed densities
- · Plots of MMS data in the equatorial plane
- Correlation of MMS data with solar activity indices
- Correlation between spacecraft potential and plasma density, including reconstructed density

1.4 Output

Plots in PNG or Postscript format

2 System Requirements

Source codes are compatible with IDL 8.7 or higher. The program works best in a Windows environment.

3 Installation

3.1 Contents of distribution

The distribution comes as a zip file corrVandFluxRec.zip containing three directories.

doc documentation including this document and

the EDP data products guide

data files with spin average data and solar activity

source IDL source code

3.2 Directories

Input data (spin average MMS data, orbit data, solar aspect (tilt) angle of the spacecraft, and solar activity data) should be located in the same directory.

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3.3 Step-by-step installation procedure

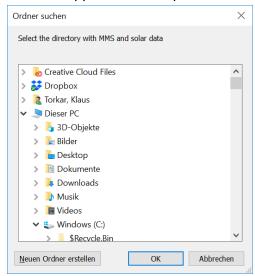
Unpack the zip file

- Move the files in the directory "source" to the appropriate path of the IDL distribution for subsequent compilation and execution.
- Move the files in the directory "data" to the final location.

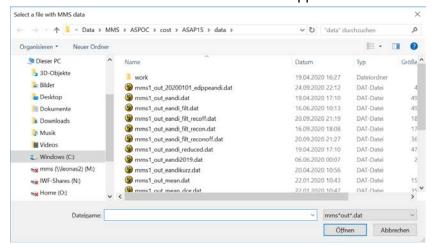
Compile the sources and execute them, or load the sources into the IDL development environment and execute them.

3.4 Program usage

• At the beginning the following window entitled "Select the diretory with MMS and solar data" will appear for the input of a directory which contains all input data:



 Thereafter the user shall select the MMS data file for analysis. The following window entitled "Select the file with MMS data" will appear



 Thereafter the main control panel shown below will appear. For further instructions refer to the user manual for corrVandFlux. Document Title: corrVandFluxRec User Manual Issue: 3
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3.5 Interaction between programs

Three programs working in the Windows environment analyse spin average data, define parameters for the reconstruction of plasma densities, and produce tables of the reconstructed values.

3.5.1 corrVandFlux

- Reads spin average data from a single spacecraft (mms*_out_edppeandiv.dat), orbit data, solar aspect angle data, and solar indices
- Calculates reconstruction parameters for a single magnetospheric region or for all regions together, and outputs files of these parameters. Available regions are: magnetosphere, magnetosheath, solar wind. Parameters are different for ASPOC OFF and ASPOC ON (nominal current). Therefore there are 6 parameter files in total.
- Produces plots with data from a single region or all regions together.
- Plots solar correlations.
- Calculates reconstructed densities.
- Uses a special temperature law for the combination of ASPOC ON, inside magnetosphere.
- Uses correction terms for the spacecraft potential in dependence of electric field, ion velocity, F10.7 cm flux, ion Mach number.
- Outputs parameter files to be used by corrVandFluxPredef.
- Outputs reconstructed density files for a single region and a single ASPOC state in a format compatible with outputs of multiple regions produced by corrVandFluxPredef.

3.5.2 corrVandFluxPredef

- This program serves to use the six parameter files produced by corrVandFlux to produce a single file with reconstructed densities covering all regions.
- Reads spin average data from a single spacecraft (mms*_out_edppeandiv.dat), orbit data, and solar indices
- No filtering of input data except for time
- Results near the region boundaries are interpolated in order to get smooth transitions
- Outputs reconstructed density files for all regions and ASPOC states together in a format compatible with outputs of single regions produced by corrVandFlux.

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3.5.3 corrVandFluxRec

- Reads a reconstructed density file, orbit data, and solar data (mms*_rec_*.dat.
- Plots solar correlations.
- Plots correlations between measured and reconstructed data.

4 Control Panel Items

The control panel is largely identical to the one of the program corrVandFlux, but a few items have been removed or added, respectively.

The program checks for most possible inconsistencies between entries in the control panel. However, bad entries are not always checked and the program might crash in these cases, for example if letters are entered into a field that requires a number. Possible inputs in the main control panel are numerical values, selections in drop lists, and buttons.

4.1 Main Group

4.1.1 Line 1

Type: Button

Label: EXECUTE WITH CURRENT DATA

Description: Runs the program with the current selection of input files.

Type: Button

Label: LOAD NEW DATA

Description: Allows the user to select new input files, but by default from the same directory

as at the start of the program. All other values in the control panel are kept.

Type: Button

Label: REFRESH PANEL

Description: Refreshes the main control panel. Thereby the energy ranges in the drop list

for partial moments and the spacecraft names are updated.

Type: Button

Label: END PROGRAM

Description: This button ends the program execution.

Labels at the right of the buttons indicate the primary input file and the selected spacecraft.

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4.1.2 Line 2

Type: Drop list
Label: Output
Variable: makeoutput

Description: Defines output options for tables and plots

Selection:

Plots to screen only

Plots to screen only, no output in files

Plots to screen and data to file

Plots to screen, output of tabulated data including reconstructed densities (see

section 4.2). The output file contains the filtered time intervals only.

Plots to screen and all data with filtered ASPOC to file

Plots to screen, output of tabulated data including reconstructed densities (see section 4.2). The output file contains all time stamps of the input file for which

filtered ASPOC status is valid.

Plots to screen and PNG files

Plots to screen, and output of plot files in PNG format

Plots to PNG files

No plots to screen, output of plot files in PNG format

Plots to PS files

No plots to screen, output of plot files in Postscript format.

Type: Drop list **Process** Variable: withfpi

Description: Defines whether all input data input are processed or only those records which

contain valid FPI data.

Selection:

all data
All records in the input file are processed

density data

Input records without valid FPI data are ignored

Type: Drop list
Label: Dump data
Variable: dodump

Description: Allows to print test data in the IDL development environment.

Selection:

No No output of test data Yes Output of test data

Type: Drop list **Label: Hide fits** Variable: suppress

Description: Allows to print test data in the IDL development environment.

Selection:

No Fitted lines are shown in all plots

Yes Only data points, but no fitted lines are shown in the plots

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Type: Drop list
Label: Plot style
Variable: plotstyle

Description: Defines the style of plots.

Plot style, size, and character size are interconnected as follows:

Standard plot style, fixed plot size: By choosing a larger character size than

1.5, the text is larger but may spill outside the plot window.

Standard plot style, variable plot size: By choosing a larger character size than 1.5, the plot size is automatically increased if the character size exceeds 1.5. Publication plot style: character size is set to 2.5 and the plot size is increased

accordingly

Selection:

Std Plots are produced in their standard format for working purposes

Pub Plots are produced in a format suitable for publication

Type: Drop list **Control OR size**

Variable: dovariableplotsize

Description: Defines the size of plot windows, typically 800*600 pixels.

Selection:

Fixed Plots are produced in fixed size, without taking into account the size of the

characters.

Variable Plots are produced in variable size depending on the size of the characters.

Type: Number Label: Char size

Variable: cs

Description: Defines the size of the characters in the plots. The standard value is 1.5.

4.1.3 Line 3

This line the user shall input the time range of the analyses. Note that the time range of the input data provided in the distribution is from 2015-09-01 to 2023-06-30.

Type: Number

Label: Start time: year

Variable: yrmin

Description: Year of the start of the time interval.

Type: Number Label: month Variable: momin

Description: Month of the start of the time interval (1 ... 12).

Type: Number **Label: day** Variable: damin

Description: Day of the start of the time interval (1 ... 31).

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Type: Number Label: hour Variable: hrmin

Description: Hour of the start of the time interval (0 ... 23).

Type: Number **Label: minute** Variable: mimin

Description: Minute of the start of the time interval (0 ... 59).

Type: Number **Label: second** Variable: semin

Description: Second of the start of the time interval (0 ... 59).

Type: Number

Label: End time : year

Variable: yrmax

Description: Year of the end of the time interval.

Type: Number Label: month Variable: momax

Description: Month of the end of the time interval (1 ... 12).

Type: Number **Label:** day Variable: damax

Description: Day of the end of the time interval (1 ... 31).

Type: Number Label: hour Variable: hrmax

Description: Hour of the end of the time interval (0 ... 23).

Type: Number Label: minute Variable: mimax

Description: Minute of the end of the time interval (0 ... 59).

Type: Number **Label:** second Variable: semax

Description: Second of the end of the time interval (0 ... 59).

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4.1.4 Line 4

Type: Drop list
Label: Solar Data
Variable: sunselect

Description: Defines the solar activity parameter for correlations. Note that solar activity

data are available in the period 2015-09-01 to 2023-06-30.

Selection:

SEE TIMED SEE L3A data of solar irradiance from

https://cdaweb.gsfc.nasa.gov/cgi-

bin/eval2.cgi?dataset=TIMED_L3A_SEE&index=sp_phys

F10.7 Penticton Solar Radio Flux at 10.7 cm from

https://lasp.colorado.edu/lisird/data/penticton_radio_flux/

Sunspots American Relative Sunspot Number from

https://lasp.colorado.edu/lisird/data/american_relative_sunspot_number_daily/

Type: Drop list

Label: Plot: Solar correl.

Variable: plotsun

Description: Allows to plot correlations between various quantities and the selected solar

index.

Selection:

No No plot

Yes Plots correlations between various quantities and the selected solar index

Type: Drop list **Vsc vs E** Variable: plotve

Description: Allows to plot the correlation between spacecraft potential and electric field.

Selection:

No No plot

Yes Plots the correlation between spacecraft potential and electric field

Type: Drop list

Label: Time series Variable: plottime

Description: Allows to plot time series of various quantities.

Selection:

No No plot

Yes Plots time series of various quantities

Type: Drop list Label: nTlv

Variable: donovertplot

Description: Allows to plot the dependence of current and density on various parameters.

Selection:

No No such plots

Yes Plots current over temperature, current over electron velocity, current over ion

velocity, current over ion Mach number, density over temperature, density over electron velocity, density over ion velocity, electron velocity over

temperature, ion velocity over temperature.

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Type: Drop list Label: Vsc-Tv

Variable: dovscovervtplot

Description: Allows to plot the dependence of spacecraft potential on various parameters.

Selection:

No No such plots

Yes Plots spacecraft potential over electron velocity, ion velocity, temperature, and

ion Mach number.

Type: Drop list
Label: Detrend
Variable: dodetrend

Description: If set, a trend of log(current) with potential is subtracted from the current, and

the result is set to 1 at the mean potential.

Selection:

No No detrend

Yes A detrend as described above is done.

Type: Drop list

Label: meas-rec-corr w/T Variable: domeasreccorr

Description: Defines whether the correlation between measured and reconstructed density

for a given temperature is plotted

Selection:

No No such plots

Yes Measurement-Reconstruction correlation is plotted.

4.1.5 Line 5

In this line the limits of various solar activity parameters can be set, which are used for filtering the input data. In addition, the limits for the tilt angle of the spacecraft axis to the sun can be set.

Type: Number

Label: Solar activity: Irradiance>

Variable: seemin

Description: Sets the lower limit of SEE in [W/m^2/nm].

Type: Number Label: <

Variable: seemax

Description: Sets the upper limit of SEE in [W/m^2/nm].

Type: Number

Label: F10.7 cm Flux>

Variable: f107min

Description: Sets the lower limit of F10.7 cm flux in [Jy].

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Type: Number Label: <

Variable: f107max

Description: Sets the upper limit of F10.7 cm flux in [Jy].

Type: Number
Label: Sunspots>
Variable: sunspotmin

Description: Sets the lower limit of the sunspot number.

Type: Number

Label: <

Variable: sunspotmax

Description: Sets the upper limit of the sunspot number.

Type: Number
Label: Tilt(deg)>
Variable: tiltmin

Description: Sets the lower limit of the tilt angle.

Type: Number

Label: <

Variable: tiltmax

Description: Sets the upper limit of the tilt angle.

4.1.6 Line 6

In this line several parameters related to orbit filtering and plotting are defined

Type: Number Label: Orbit: R> Variable: orbitrmin

Description: Sets the lower limit of the radial distance from the Earth in Earth radii, which is

used for filtering the input data.

Type: Number

Label: <

Variable: orbitrmax

Description: Sets the upper limit of the radial distance from the Earth in Earth radii, which is

used for filtering the input data.

Type: Number

Label: Phase(Sun=0deg)> Variable: orbitphasemin

Description: Sets the lower limit of the angular location in the GSE XY plane in degrees.

Zero points to the Sun, the angle is defined in anticlockwise direction. For example, to select data from within 10° form the Sun enter 350° in this field

and 10° in the field to the right.

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Type: Number

Label: <

Variable: orbitphasemax

Description: Sets the upper limit of the angular location in the GSE XY plane.

Type: Drop list

Label:

Variable: anyinoutbound

Description: Selects the inbound, outbound, or both legs of the orbit.

Selection:

In- & Outbound

All parts of the orbit

Inbound only

Select only the inbound part of the orbit

Outbound only

Select only the outbound part of the orbit

Type: Drop list
Label: Orbit map
Variable: colorposfrom

Description: Selects the parameter for the colour scale in the orbit map.

Selection:

None No orbit map is plotted

E-field-total

Parameter is the total electric field

SC-Potential

Parameter is the spacecraft potential

Density Parameter is the density of the species selected above

Temperature

Parameter is the temperature of the species selected above

Current

Parameter is the current of the species selected above

ASPOC Current

Parameter is the ASPOC current

Modified Current

Parameter is the current of the species selected above in a modified

calculation method

El. Velocity

Parameter is the electron velocity

Ion Velocity

Parameter is the ion velocity

Debye Length

Parameter is the Debye length

Ion Mach Number

Parameter is the ion Mach number

Rel Ve Error

Parameter is the relative error of the electron velocity in the input data. Not available in the current version of the input files.

Rel Vi Error

Parameter is the relative error of the ion velocity in the input data. Not available in the current version of the input files.

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Type: Drop list Label: **Scale**

Variable: posscaleislimits

Description: Selects the range of the colour scale in the orbit map.

Selection:

Data The range of the colour scale is defined by the input data

The range of the colour scale is defined by the limits specified in the control Limits

panel

posbini

Drop list Type: Label: Resol.

Description: Selects the spatial resolution of the orbit map.

Selection:

Variable:

0.1Re One pixel is 0.1 x 0.1 Earth radii One pixel is 0.2 x 0.2 Earth radii 0.2Re 0.5Re One pixel is 0.5 x 0.5 Earth radii 1Re One pixel is 1 x 1 Earth radii 2Re One pixel is 2 x 2 Earth radii 4Re One pixel is 4 x 4 Earth radii

Type: Number

Label: Separator at X&+Y&-YGSE

Variable: xasedist

Description: Sets the X(GSE) value of the nominal parabola defining the magnetopause in

the GSE XY plane, for Y(GSE)=0.

Type: Number

Label:

Variable: pygsedist

Description: Sets the positive Y(GSE) value of the nominal parabola defining the

magnetopause in the GSE XY plane, for X(GSE)=0.

Type: Number

Label:

Variable: nygsedist

Description: Sets the nagative Y(GSE) value of the nominal parabola defining the

magnetopause in the GSE XY plane, for X(GSE)=0.

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Issue:

Type: Drop list **Label:** Region

Variable: regionselect

Description: Selects the region in space for which the input data are filtered.

Selection:

All All regions are selected (no filtering)

Msph Regions inside the magnetosphere are selected. For the definition of

boundaries see label "Width@Y=0&Y=20".

Wind Regions in solar wind are selected. For the definition of boundaries see label

"Width@Y=0&Y=20".

Sheath Regions inside the magnetosheath are selected. For the definition of

boundaries see label "Width@Y=0&Y=20".

Type: Number

Label: Width@Y=0&Y=20

Variable: regiontrans0

Description: This is the width of the transition range (+/-) around the nominal

magnetopause at Y(GSE)=0.

Type: Number

Label:

Variable: regiontrans20

Description: This is the width of the transition range (+/-) around the nominal

magnetopause at Y(GSE)=20 Earth radii.

4.1.7 Line 7

Type: Drop list **Label:** Color label is

Variable: colorfrom

Description: Selects the parameter for the colour scale in the correlation plots.

Selection:

None No colour scale is applied

E-field-total

Parameter is the total electric field

SC-Potential

Parameter is the spacecraft potential

Density Parameter is the density of the species selected above

Temperature

Parameter is the temperature of the species selected above

Current

Parameter is the current of the species selected above

ASPOC Current

Parameter is the ASPOC current

Modified Current

Parameter is the current of the species selected above in a modified

calculation method

Radius

Parameter is the Earth distance

XY GSE Angle

Parameter is the angle in the GSE XY plane

Rel. Time

Parameter is the time

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Solar Index

Parameter is the previously selected solar activity index

El. Velocity

Parameter is the electron velocity

Ion Velocity

Parameter is the ion velocity

Debye Length

Parameter is the Debye length

Ion Mach Number

Parameter is the ion Mach number

Rel Ve Error

Parameter is the relative error of the electron velocity in the input data. Not

available in the current version of the input files.

Rel Vi Error

Parameter is the relative error of the ion velocity in the input data. Not

available in the current version of the input files.

Type: Drop list

Label: Colour is occurrence

Variable: doocc

Description: Defines the colour of the individual bins in the alternative plots of density or

current over spacecraft potential (extensions _ivscb and _nvscb).

Selection:

No The bins are coloured according to the selected colour label above. Yes The bins are coloured according to the occurrence of the data.

Type: Drop list

Label: Label time plots Variable: dotimecolor

Description: Selects the style of time series plots.

Selection:

No Time series plot style is full lines in a single colour.

Yes Time series are plotted with symbols in the colour according to the previously

selected parameter.

Type: Number

Label: #labels in n-V-plots

Variable: ntimelabels

Description: Defines the maximum number of labels attached to data points in the density

over potential plots. The maximum number is 100. Note that the parameter

range within the labels is defined in the fields at the right.

Type: Number Label: in V

Variable: labelyscmin

Description: Defines the minimum spacecraft potential in the density-potential plots which

is labelled.

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Type: Number

Label:

Variable: labelyscmax

Description: Defines the maximum spacecraft potential in the density-potential plots which

is labelled.

Type: Number Label: and n

Variable: labeldensmin

Description: Defines the minimum particle density in the density-potential plots which is

labelled.

Type: Number

Label:

Variable: labeldensmax

Description: Defines the maximum particle density in the density-potential plots which is

labelled.

Type: Drop list **Label:** Scale ranges

Variable: dofixscales

Description: Selects the scale range style in all plots except the orbit plots.

Selection:

Data The scale range is defined by the input data

Limits The scale range is defined by the limits specified in the control panel

Type: Drop list

Label: 2nd param f. solar correl.

Variable: secondvar

Description: Defines whether an additional dimension shown as coloured symbols is

applied in correlations with solar activity.

Selection:

None No second variable is used

E-field-total

Second variable is the total electric field

SC-Potential

Second variable is the spacecraft potential

Density Second variable is the density of the species selected above

Temperature

Second variable is the temperature of the species selected above

Current

Second variable is the current of the species selected above

ASPOC Current

Second variable is the ASPOC current

Modified Current

Second variable is the current of the species selected above in a modified

calculation method

Radius

Second variable is the Earth distance

XY GSE Angle

Second variable is the angle in the GSE XY plane

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4.1.8 Line 8

Type: Drop list
Label: Correlate
Variable: usemodifiedvsc

Description: Defines whether the measured spacecraft potential or a modified potential is

used as an additional dimension shown as coloured symbols in correlation plots. The modifications include the correction terms for electric field, solar activity, plasma bulk velocity, ion Mach number, and electron temperature, as defined in the program corrVandFlux when the files with reconstructed data

are produced.

Selection:

original Measured spacecraft potential (from column "Vsc" in the data) is used modified Spacecraft potential (from column "modVsc" in the data) is used

Type: Drop list
Label: Vsc with
Variable: vsccorrwith

Description: Defines whether an additional dimension shown as coloured symbols is

applied in correlation plots.

Selection:

None No correlation of any parameter is performed with spacecraft potential

Density Spacecraft potential is correlated with particle density

Density and current

Spacecraft potential is correlated with particle density and current

Density and current and modified current

Spacecraft potential is correlated with particle density, current, and a current

calculated in a modified way

Temperature

Spacecraft potential is correlated with temperature of selected species

Electric field

Spacecraft potential is correlated with the total electric field

Uncontr. Vsc at ASPOC ONOFF or from 2 SC

If data of only a single spacecraft are available, then a correlation between controlled and uncontrolled potentials around times when ASPOC turned on or off is performed. If data of two spacecraft are available, then the potential of the primary spacecraft is assumed to be the controlled one and the other potential the uncontrolled one, and a correlation between controlled and uncontrolled potential is performed.

Type: Number

Label: ASPOC step analysis: time window(s)

Variable: tawindow

Description: This entry specifies the time window used in the comparison between

controlled and uncontrolled potentials around a turn-on or turn-off of ASPOC. The program will look for all pairs of data which are tawindow seconds apart. There will be several pairs for any single on/off. The program will determine

the significant differences.

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Type: Number Label: I-window Variable: iawindow

Description: This entry specifies the minimum change of ASPOC current (in µA) that

characterizes a turn-on or turn-off.

Type: Number **Label: Max gap** Variable: maxgap

Description: This entry specifies the maximum allowed size of a data gap (i nunits of spin

periods) around an apparent turn-on or turn-off of ASPOC to be considered in

the analysis.

Type: Number

Label: Fudge factor for maxcurrent

Variable: maxcurrentfactor

Description: The program uses a constant ASPOC current for some calculations, which is

derived from the mean value of this current in the data. This field contains a

correction factor to this.

Type: Number
Label: for Iplasma
Variable: iefudgefactor

Description: This field contains a correction factor for the plasma current calculated from

density and temperature.

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4.1.9 Line 9

Type: Drop list

Label: Histograms of Vsc vs

Variable: vschistsel

Description: Defines the parameter used to plot histograms versus spacecraft potential.

Selection:

None No histogram is plotted

E-field-total

Histograms of total electric field versus spacecraft potential are plotted

SC-Potential

Histograms of spacecraft potential versus spacecraft potential are plotted

Density Histograms of particle density versus spacecraft potential are plotted

Temperature

Histograms of temperature versus spacecraft potential are plotted

Current Histograms of plasma current versus spacecraft potential are plotted

ASPOC Current

Histograms of ASPOC current versus spacecraft potential are plotted

Modified Current

Histograms of modified plasma current versus spacecraft potential are plotted

Radius Histograms of radial distance versus spacecraft potential are plotted

XY GSE Angle

Histograms of the position angle in the GSE XY plane versus spacecraft

potential are plotted

Solar Index

Histograms of the solar index selected in line 4 versus spacecraft potential are

plotted

El. Velocity

Histograms of electron bulk velocity versus spacecraft potential are plotted

Ion Velocity

Histograms of ion bulk velocity versus spacecraft potential are plotted

Debye Length

Histograms of Debye length versus spacecraft potential are plotted

Ion Mach Number

Histograms of ion Mach number versus spacecraft potential are plotted

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Type: Number **Label: #bins** Variable: histnbins

Description: Specifies the number of bins in the histograms.

Type: Number

Label: #parameter steps

Variable: histnystep

Description: Specifies the number of curves in the histograms.

Type: Number

Label: Scatterplots 1:x points

Variable: n100

Description: Scatterplots may become too crowded if all data of a long time period are

plotted. In this field the user may specify that only a subset of points is plotted.

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Type: Number **Symbol size**

Variable: symsi

Description: Specifies the symbol size in scatterplots.

Type: Number **Label: #bins** Variable: nscatbins

Description: Specifies the number of bins in alternative scatterplots, for example for density

over spacecraft potential.

Type: Number **Label: cutoff** Variable: lowcutoff

Description: Specifies the minimum number of data points in each plotted bin in alternative

scatterplots, for example for density over spacecraft potential. Bins with less data points are set emptynumber of bins in alternative scatterplots, for

example for density over spacecraft potential.

Type: Number

Label: #equal-weight bins

Variable: nhistbins

Description: Specifies the number of bins of equal weight. This entry is valid only if in the

drop list "Error exp" the value "hist" has been selected.

Type: Drop list

Label: Omit data near NaN

Variable: omitnearnan

Description: Selects whether data points in the time series which are adjacent to not

available data (NaN) are omitted

Selection:

No No omission Yes Data are omitted

4.1.10 Line 11

Type: Number

Label: Use Vsc dev. from smoothing x spins (0=no). x:

Variable: smoothvscdata

Description: If set greater than 0, this value sets the smoothing range of the spacecraft

potential in the correlation with the electric field.

Type: Number
Label: |dV/dE| scale<
Variable: dvdemax

Description: This entry sets the scale maximum of the quantity dVsc/dE in the plot of this

quantity over time.

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4.2 Group "MORE SETTINGS FOR PLOTS"

In this part of the screen the settings, mainly filters, are applied.

4.2.1 Line 1

Type: Drop list

Label: Time plot n and I Variable: timeplotmeasrec

Description: Defines whether time plots contain measured and/or reconstructed data.

Selection:

Measured Measured data are plotted. Reconstr. Reconstructed data are plotted.

Both the measured and reconstructed data are plotted.

Type: Drop list

Label: Corr plot n and I variable: corrplotmeasrec

Description: Defines whether correlation plots for density and current contain measured or

reconstructed data.

Selection:

Measured Measured data are plotted. Reconstr. Reconstructed data are plotted.

Type: Drop list **Label: for Temp** Variable: plotnt

Description: Defines which temperature is used for plotting the reconstructed densities.

Selection:

Measured Measured temperatures, as given in the input file, are used.

10 eV A temperature of 10 eV, as given in the input file, is used.

100 eV A temperature of 100 eV, as given in the input file, is used.

1000 eV A temperature of 1000 eV, as given in the input file, is used.

4.2.2 Line 2

Type: Number Label: Efield> Variable: efldmin

Description: Minimum total electric field used for filtering input data and for setting the scale

range.

Type: Number

Label: >

Variable: efldmax

Description: Maximum total electric field used for filtering input data and for setting the

scale range.

Type: Number Label: Vsc>

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Variable: vscmin

Description: Minimum spacecraft potential used for filtering input data and for setting the

scale range.

Type: Number

Label: >

Variable: vscmax

Description: Maximum spacecraft potential used for filtering input data and for setting the

scale range.

Type: Drop list
Label: Vsc scale
Variable: dologysc

Description: Defines the scale for the spacecraft potential in the correlation plots.

Selection:

Linear Spacecraft potential is plotted in a linear scale.

Logarithmic

Spacecraft potential is plotted in a logarithmic scale.

Type: Number Label: laspoc>

Variable: aspmin

Description: Minimum ASPOC current used for filtering input data. Note that the data files

in the distribution contain the difference between the ASPOC current and the EDI current. Therefore, in oder to include all data with ASPOC OFF, the minimum current should be set to -1 and the maximum current to +1.

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Type: Number Label: <

Variable: aspmax

Description: Maximum ASPOC current used for filtering input data. Note that the data files

in the distribution contain the difference between the ASPOC current and the EDI current. The nominal ASPOC current is 20µA per spacecraft. Therefore, in oder to include all data with ASPOC ON excluding the current sweeps, the minimum current should be set to 19 and the maximum current to +21.

4.2.3 Line 3

Type: Number

Label: Electrons: Ne> Variable: edensmin

Description: Minimum electron density used for filtering input data and for setting the scale

range.

Type: Number

Label: >

Variable: edensmax

Description: Maximum electron density used for filtering input data and for setting the scale

range.

Type: Number Label: Te> Variable: etempmin

Description: Minimum electron temperature used for filtering input data and for setting the

scale range.

Type: Number

Label: >

Variable: etempmax

Description: Maximum electron temperature used for filtering input data and for setting the

scale range.

Type: Number **Label: le>** Variable: ecurrmin

Description: Minimum electron current used for filtering input data and for setting the scale

range.

Type: Number

Label: >

Variable: ecurrmax

Description: Maximum electron current used for filtering input data and for setting the scale

range.

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Type: Number Label: lons: vi> Variable: ivelomin

Description: Minimum ion velocity used for filtering input data and for setting the scale

range.

Type: Number

Label: <

Variable: ivelomax

Description: Maximum ion velocity used for filtering input data and for setting the scale

range.

Type: Number Label: lonMach> Variable: machmin

Description: Sets the minimum ion Mach number used for filtering input data.

Type: Number

Label: >

Variable: machmax

Description: Sets the maximum ion Mach number used for filtering input data.

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6 Annex: List of Routines

6.1 Main program

CORRVANDFLUXREC

6.2 Routines inside corrVandFluxRec.pro

EP_TICKSD GAPOPLOT PRINTF111 TIMEAXISD YGAPOPLOT

6.3 Third party routines

none