

“I have a big library at home.”

“Oh, like, a couple of bookcases?...”

“Well, it's a bit more than that...”

Bay 1 (Astrophysics) and 2 (Rocket Launches, Shuttle missions)



Bay 2 and 3 (Rocket launches)



Bay 4 (NASA publications, conference proceedings)



Bay 4, 3, 5 (Reference books), 6 (Periodicals)



# Bay 7 (Monographs, ESA publications)



Bay 8 (Astronomy books, other)





Jonathan McDowell's Archive of Astronautics Technical History  
Brickbottom Artists Building, Somerville, MA, USA

- Scope: What actually happened in our exploration of outer space?
- What rockets were launched?
- What satellites went into space? What did they do?

My goal is to preserve the technical details of the early space age.  
What exactly happened on all the early rocket launches and satellite missions?

SIZE: 920 linear feet Space  
450 linear feet Astrophysics  
500 linear feet History, non fiction, science fiction  
Total 1870 l.f. in a 1900 sq.ft apartment

What do I do with it?

- Monthly internet newsletter since 1989
- Web site with the comprehensive list of rocket launches and satellites, extracted from info in the collection

(above two are the ultimate source of much of the spaceflight data in Wikipedia)

- Published articles (if only I had more time)
- The Book (someday)
- Answer questions from public, industry, government, media

Some questions I have been asked recently:

“I'm writing an article on the recently declassified GAMBIT 4352 spy satellite which flew in 1982. What did people figure out at the time?” - academic researcher

“How many countries have launched satellites?” - journalist

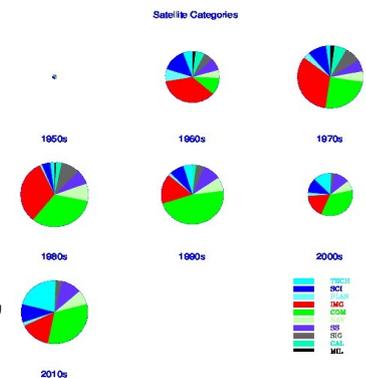
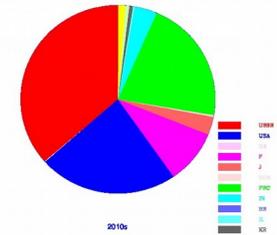
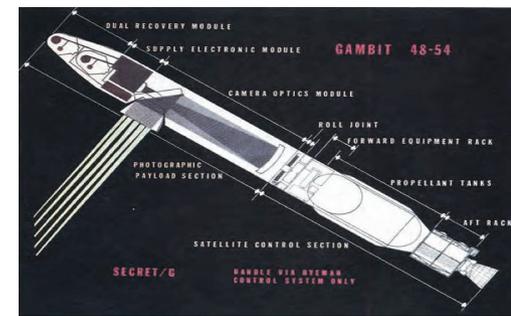
“This Transtage satellite recently disintegrated in orbit; it was launched in 1969. What was its serial number? (so we can call it by its correct name)” - NASA

“What is the difference between Suisei, the 1985 Japanese comet probe, and the Suisei in the name of the new Japanese Mercury mission?” (answer: same transliteration, different Kanji) - me

“What is the fraction of communications satellites now, and back in the 1960s?” - journalist

“Please review this analysis of Chinese space activity in 2014” - US/China Trade Commission

Some media I've talked to recently: BBC, 60 Minutes, io9.com, NPR, ...



## Collection areas:

### Books

- NASA publications      rare, but now mostly available scanned
- European Space Agency      rare
- Astronaut bios      common
- US space program      mostly common
- Russian space program      rare, many Russian language books
- Other space topics      some quite rare; overall collection is extensive but not unique

### Journals and magazines

- Trade publications
- Russian magazines
- NASA, ESA periodicals
- British Interplanetary Society

### Documents

- **Rocket launches**      - unique collection, uniquely organized
- Organizations and launch sites      - unique collection
- US human spaceflight missions      - 70% available online, some rare

## Problems:

- Government collections (e.g. NASA, NRO) only collect their own stuff, and often lose even that
- Corporate collections (e.g. McDonnell Douglas) often destroyed/lost during mergers
- Academic historians are trained to focus on people and policy. They are usually not interested in robots. Many official histories therefore stop, or at least become highly superficial, once the rocket leaves the pad
- Internal documentation usually extensive during planning phase, but post launch analysis often not well archived, and final fate of a long mission sometimes not well recorded (since team is let go at that point). Bottom line: easier to find what was planned than what really happened

## Sources:

Print: Internet

Purchase: Amazon, Abebooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand bookstores  
Magazine subscriptions, ebay

Xerox: Academic and observatory libraries

Visit (and xerox): National and institutional archives

- NatArchives, NASA, NRO, Vandenberg Air Force Base, CNES-Toulouse, ISRO- Bangalore, ISAS-  
Tokyo, UK Science Museum archive, Deutsches Museum, BUAA-Beijing

Acquire data/email/documents:

Contacts in TsUP-Moscow, NASA-Houston, USAF, Aerospace Corporation, etc.

Harassing phone cold calls to relevant space managers/engineers

Beg, Borrow, Steal, get donated:

Library discard piles

Program managers' bookshelves (with permission)

Retirees' garages





**ВЫНОСЯЩИЕ ИЗ ОГНЯ**



**В НЕБЕ НАД НАМИ**

Самый последний полет в истории космонавтики. С 1967 по 1983 год в СССР было совершено 15 полетов на космических кораблях «Союз». Последний из них — «Союз Т-10» — состоялся 26 сентября 1983 года. Он был последним полетом в рамках программы «Союз-Аполлон».

**THE MISSION OF SOYUZ T-10-1**

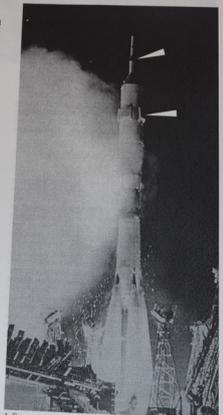
P.S. CLARK  
Lex, London

**1. INTRODUCTION**

On 26 September 1983 the Soviet Union suffered its second manned launch abort in its space programme. In April 1973 there was an abort at altitude, which V.P. Glushko has called Soyuz 18-1 [1]; the 1983 abort will thus be designated as Soyuz T-10-1, the next manned flight being Soyuz T-10.

**2. THE LAUNCH ABORT**

In September 1983 Salyut 7 was orbiting the Earth with a two-man crew launched on Soyuz T-9 on 10 June. V.A. Lyakhov was commander and A.P. Aleksandrov was flight crew, and it was thought that the Soviets might take the opportunity to launch a replacement crew to Salyut, so that it could be permanently manned.



A Soyuz A-2 launch with two vital elements of the T-10 abort indicated. The upper arrow shows the rockets of the escape system; the lower points to the 'petals' that were deployed to slow down the escaped craft. (This picture is from the French/Soviet mission of June 1982).

**3. THE SOYUZ T-9 PRESS CONFERENCE**

As a result of the abort, the T-9 crew remained in orbit for an extra six weeks on an unreturned to Earth on 23 November. In December they held their post-flight press conference, and they discussed the launch failure and its implications; these comments were not carried by the Soviet media.

- Two pieces of new information came out concerning the aborted mission:
1. The T-9 crew were intended to hand Salyut 7 over to the intended T-10 crew.
  2. The EVA work conducted by the T-9 crew on 1 and 2 November was intended for completion by the T-10 crew. This would have been done before the T-9 crew returned to Earth.

Additionally, the crew of the aborted mission was confirmed as that given above.

Пролетарии всех стран, соединяйтесь!  
партия Советского Союза

**РАВДА**

рационального Комитета КПСС

четверг, 9 февраля 1984 года

Сообщение ТАСС  
**«Союз Т-10»**

В соответствии с программой исследования космического пространства в мирных целях 8 февраля 1984 года в 15 часов 07 минут московского времени в Советском Союзе осуществлен запуск космического корабля «Союз Т-10», пилотируемого экипажем в составе командира корабля Героя Советского Союза летчика-космонавта СССР полковника Кизима Леонида Деисовича, бортинженера Соловьева Владимира Алексеевича и космонавта-исследователя Атькова Олега Юрьевича.

Программой полета предусматривается стыковка корабля «Союз Т-10» с орбитальной станцией «Салют-7».

На борту комплекса экипажу предстоит выполнить научно-технические и медико-биологические исследования и эксперименты. Самостояние космонавтов Кизима, Соловьева и Атькова хорошее. Бортовые системы корабля «Союз Т-10» работают нормально.



25 лет назад впервые в истории космонавтики были осуществлены межорбитальные перелеты с одной космической станции на другую. Выполнили эти уникальные операции космонавты Леонид Кизим и Владимир Соловьев на корабле «Союз Т-15».

**«Мир» — «Салют-7» и обратно**

К 25-летию первого межорбитального перелета

О событиях того времени рассказывает их непосредственный участник — бортинженер корабля «Союз Т-15», а ныне первый заместитель генерального конструктора Ракетно-космической корпорации «Энергия» имени «Энергия» С.П. Королева, руководитель полета российского сегмента Международной космической станции дважды Герой Советского Союза Владимир Алексеевич Соловьев (В.С.).

В.С.: Программа работ на станции «Салют-7» была не завершена (предыдущим экипажем — Ред.). Станция продолжала летать с пристыкованным тяжелым грузовым кораблем «Космос-1886», на котором был установлен маяк «Искра» и антенна «Земля».

еще только готовили к легким испытаниям в беспилотном варианте.

В.С.: Корабль наш был, можно сказать, из «запасной» собраный, 26 сентября 1983 г. на стартовой позиции загорелась ракета с кораблем «Союз Т», на борту которого находились Владимир Титов и Геннадий Стрепалов. Система аварийного спасения работала — и космонавты благополучно приземлились. И от этого «Союза» осталась спускаемый аппарат — самая сложная часть, ведь на изготовление теплостойкости требуется много времени. Так вот, СА остался и был вполне кондиционным — его и установили на наш «Союз Т-15».

В Центре подготовки космонавтов имени Ю.А. Гагарина уже прошли обучение экипажи для работы на станции «Салют-7», в том числе и по военно-прикладным экспериментам. Но корабль был один!

В.С.: Тогда у Игоря Леонидовича Минкина (он руководил отделом транспортных кораблей) возникла идея...

Я повал к Валентину Петровичу, и он рассказал мне про идею перелета с «Мира» на «Салют-7». Потом спросил: «С кем бы вы хотели полететь? У нас две кандидатуры — Кизим и Попов. Вы с Кизимом много летали — не наелись?» Я сказал, что полету с Кизимом, так как его хорошо знаю и понимаю с полуслова.

Новую орбитальную станцию «Мир» запустили в ночь с 19 на 20 февраля 1986 г. Леонид Кизим и Владимир Соловьев стали ее первым экипажем. Они стартовали 13 марта 1986 г. и через двое суток прибыли на новую станцию. Их позывной, как и в предыдущем полете, был «Мазки».

В.С.: В этом полете мы все стыковки выполняли вручную. Но когда «Союз Т-15» стала старой система стыковки «Игла», а на «Мир» уже установили новую радиотехническую систему «Курс», «Игла» была только со стороны аварийного отсека, потому что к нему должны были стыковаться...

3e PARTIE

TABLEAU CHRONOLOGIQUE DES LANCEMENTS DE  
FUSEES-SONDES PAR LE C.N.E.S.

N° FU	ENGIN	DATE DE TIR	LIEU	NATURE EXPERIENCE	LABORATOIRE	EXPERIMENTATEURS	COORDONNATEURS
	CENTAURE C 02	6.12.61	REGGAN	EMISSION NA	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
	CENTAURE C 06	6.12.61	H.M.G.	EMISSION NA K	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
	CENTAURE C 05	9.12.61	REGGAN	EMISSION NA	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
	CENTAURE C 07	9.12.61	H.M.G.	EMISSION NA K	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
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	BELIER B 04	16. 5.62	CERES	TECHNOLOGIQUE	CNET		
	CENTAURE C 10	18. 5.62	CERES	TECHNOLOGIQUE	CNET		
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	CENTAURE C 15	29. 5.62	REGGAN	EMISSION NA K	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
	CENTAURE C 18	29. 5.62	H.M.G.	EMISSION NA + EXPL.	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
	BELIER B 07	29. 5.62	H.M.G.	RADIOACTIVITE	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
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	VERONIQUE V 41	1. 6.62	H.M.G.	DOUBLE EXPLOSIF	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
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	CENTAURE C 14	5. 6.62	CERES	EMISSION NA K	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
	CENTAURE C 16	5. 6.62	REGGAN	EMISSION NA K	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
	CENTAURE C 17	5. 6.62	REGGAN	EMISSION NA K	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
	CENTAURE C 19	5. 6.62	H.M.G.	EMISSION NA + EXPL.	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	
	CENTAURE C 09	5. 6.62	H.M.G.	EMISSION NA K	AERONOMIE	PR. BLAMONT	



# NEWS RELEASE

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## SECOND ASTRONOMY EXPERIMENT AT WALLOPS

An experiment carrying instrumentation to measure the intensity of light from the stars was launched by NASA from the Wallops Island, Va., Station at 2:00 a.m. EDT today.

To accomplish its objective, it was necessary to launch the experiment at night when the sun and moon were more than twenty degrees below the horizon. It was also necessary that there be no aurora during the night of launch.

The 238-pound payload was flown on an Aerobee 150A vehicle and reached a peak altitude of 110 statute miles. Impact occurred in the Atlantic Ocean 57 miles from the launch site. No attempt was made to recover the payload. Desired data were telemetered to ground receiving stations during the flight, and will be compared with information obtained from a companion experiment launched early last Friday morning.

The experiment was conducted for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. Theodore P. Stecher was the Goddard Project Scientist, James E. Milligan the Project Manager, and Charles R. Rhodes the Vehicle Manager. Wayne D. Gunter was the Wallops Project Engineer.

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## AN OBSERVATION OF JUPITER IN THE ULTRAVIOLET (IV-12)

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RÉSUMÉ. — On a obtenu un spectre ultraviolet de Jupiter (1700-4000 Å, résolution 55 Å) au moyen d'un dispositif photoélectrique. Cet unique document est présenté comme une réflectivité géométrique, laquelle est évaluée supposée due à la diffusion Rayleigh par l'hydrogène moléculaire. On en déduit une limite supérieure de la quantité d'hydrogène moléculaire présente au-dessus de la couche de nuages d'une atmosphère de 11 km atm.

ABSTRACT. — A single photoelectric spectral scan of Jupiter in the ultraviolet is presented in the form of a geometric reflectivity. The reflectivity is then assumed to be due to Rayleigh scattering by molecular hydrogen. An upper limit to the amount of molecular hydrogen above the cloud layer of a 11 km atm. is derived.

Резюме. — Получен ультрафиолетовый спектр Юпитера (1700-4000 Å, разрешение 55 Å) при посредстве фотоэлектрического устройства. Этот единственный в своем роде документ представлен как геометрическая рефлективность, которой, затем, предположена являющейся следствием релеевского рассеяния молекулярным водородом. Из этого выведен верхний предел количества молекулярного водорода находящегося над слоем облаков атмосферы в 11 км атм.

A single spectral scan of Jupiter in the ultraviolet was obtained from an Aerobee rocket on July 23, 1963 at 06 h 02 mn U. T. The observation was made with an objective grating stellar spectrometer similar to those described by Stecher and Milligan (1962). The spectral range was from  $\lambda$  1700 to  $\lambda$  4000 with 55 Angstrom resolution. The instrument had been calibrated in the laboratory prior to flight so that the absolute flux above the earth's atmosphere was obtained at each point in the spectrum. The accuracy of the flux measurement was primarily determined by the noise in signal which was worse than one would like.

The geometrical reflectivity,  $p$ , as a function of wavelength is presented in Figure 1. This was obtained by using the solar flux values given by Toussy (1963) and the appropriate Ephemeris values for the necessary geometry. Jupiter was nearly at quadrature when the observation was made.

If we assume Jupiter has a Rayleigh atmosphere in the ultraviolet above the cloud layer, we may immediately obtain upper limits for the column density of any species if the reflectivity is known in terms of optical depth,  $\tau$ . Using the tables computed by Coulson, Dave and Sekera (1960), curves in the  $p$ - $\tau$  plane were constructed by numerical integration. Additional curves were obtained

for isotropic scattering from the available X-Y functions given by Mayers (1962) and by Sobuzi (1963). These were used to approximate Rayleigh scattering for  $\tau > 1$ .

The total number of atoms or molecules in a  $\text{cm}^2$  column perpendicular to the cloud layer is now obtained from  $\tau = n\sigma$  under the assumption of only one constituent. Here  $n$  is the number of atoms or molecules and  $\sigma$  is the Rayleigh scattering cross section per atom or molecule. The Rayleigh scattering cross section for molecular hydrogen is given by Dalgaard and Williams (1962). In Figure 1 three atmospheres of molecular hydrogen are presented each with the assumption of zero reflectivity for the cloud tops. The 27 km. atm. is that of Spinnrad and Trafton (1963) obtained from the  $\text{H}_2$  quadrupole bands. The 4.6 km. atm. is that of Zabriskie (1962) which is also from the  $\text{H}_2$  quadrupole bands. The 10.5 km. atm. is the one that best fits the reflectivity measurements. An all helium atmosphere which would produce the same reflectivity would be about 200 km. atm. and can probably be ruled out by pressure considerations (Spinnrad and Trafton, 1963).

The above analysis is based on coherent scattering. In the case of most molecular gases including molecular hydrogen this is known not to be the case. Raman scattering from  $\text{H}_2$  is one

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## IONOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY

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**Abstract:** Day and night observations of the positive ion composition of the ionosphere between 120 and 230 km were made at White Sands, New Mexico. Certain chemical reactions selected from a list prepared by Nicolet and Swider (1963) were found to be consistent with the experimental observations. Mechanisms for the active production of the night E region are found to be inconsistent with the measurements. An analysis of the day to night decay in the E region suggests that the values of the dissociative recombination coefficients for  $O_2^+$  and  $NO^+$  increase with increasing temperature under those conditions encountered in the ionosphere. It is proposed that simple decay via dissociative recombination may explain the maintenance of the night E region.

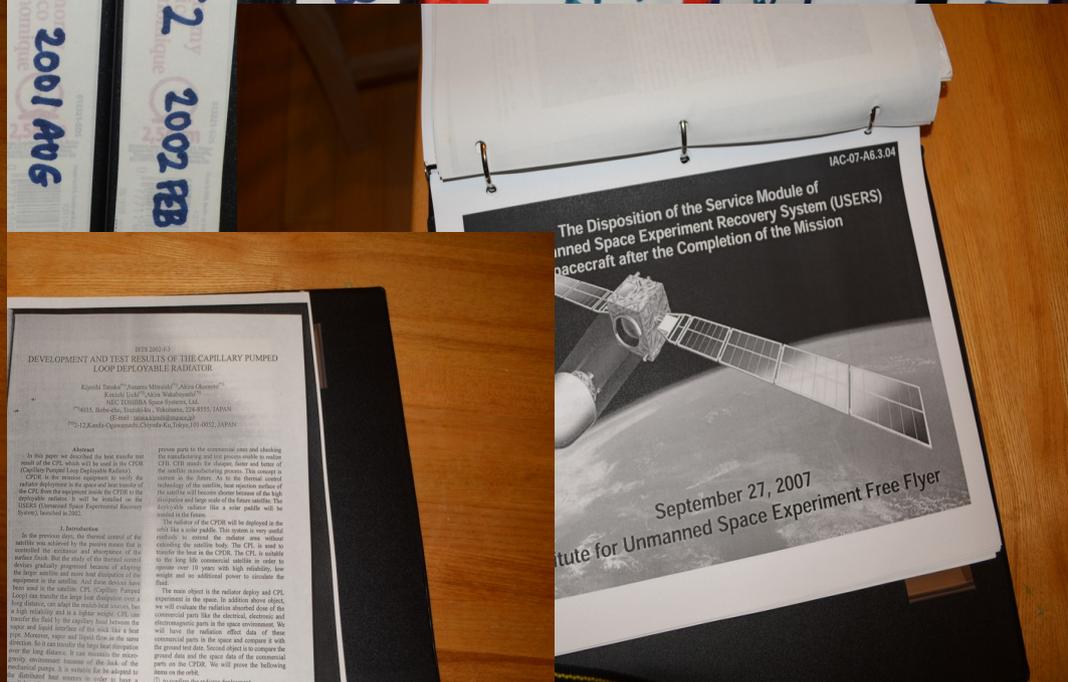
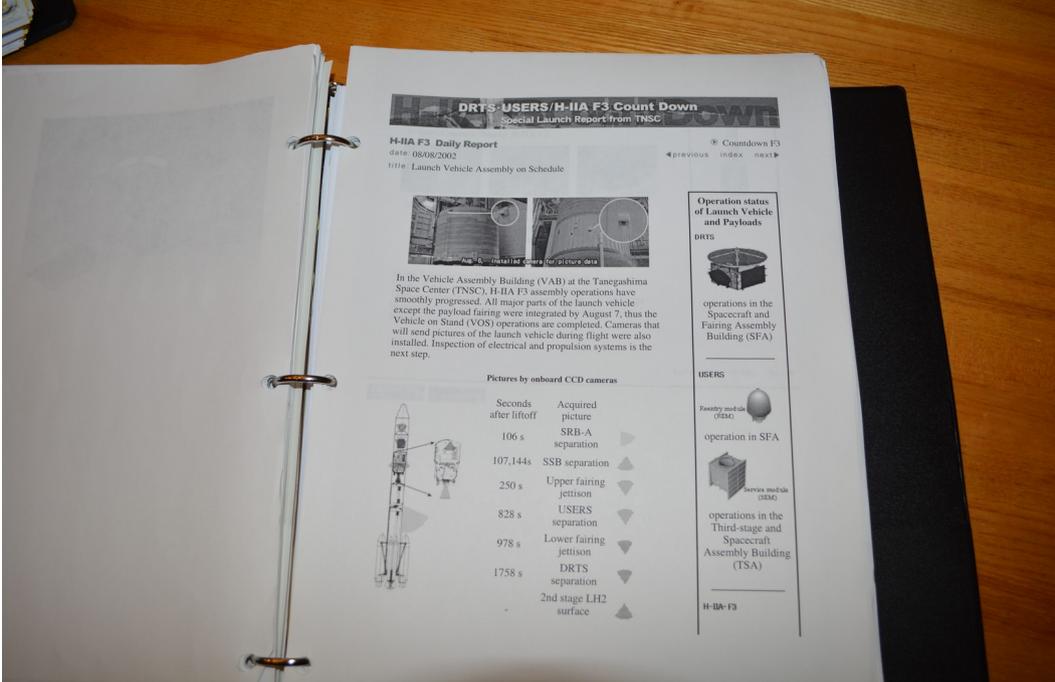
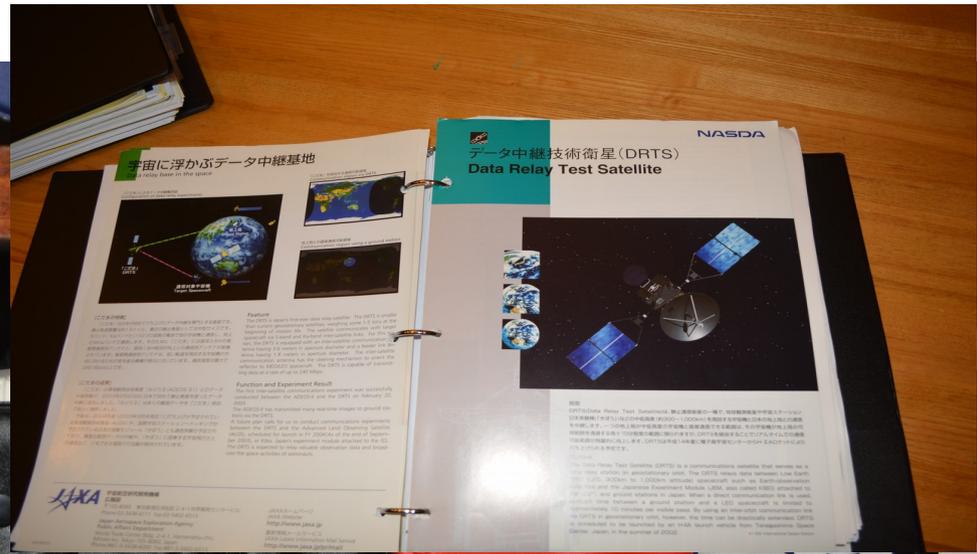
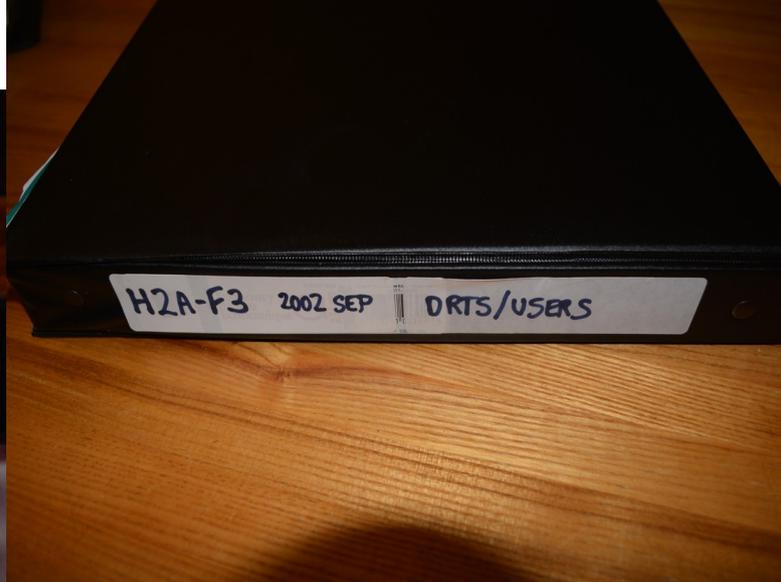
**Резюме:** Дневные и ночные наблюдения положительных ионов в ионосфере между 120 и 230 км были выполнены в Уайт Сэнде, Нью Мексико. Было установлено, что некоторые химические реакции и среди них разреженные Николе и Свидером (1963) должны соответствовать экспериментальным наблюдениям. Было показано, что механизмы активного образования ночной области несовместимы с измерениями. Анализ перехода от дневной и ночной области E дает значения коэффициентов диссоциативной рекомбинации для  $O_2^+$  и  $NO^+$  уменьшающиеся с уменьшением температуры. Предполагается, что подобный переход через диссоциативную рекомбинацию может объяснить сохранение ночной области E.

### 1. Introduction

In 1963, two rockets instrumented with Bennett mass spectrometers were flown at White Sands, New Mexico; the first flight took place at 0934 MST on February 15. The mass spectrometers were recovered by parachute, checked in the laboratory and reflown on a second rocket at 0106 MST on 1 August. Ionospheric positive ion composition and density data were obtained for both day and night.

### 2. Daytime data

Figure 1 shows the result of the daytime flight. The total ion current measured by each spectrometer was normalized to the total electron density



THANK YOU!!

## Idiosyncratic indexing system

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