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Satellite and Rocket Experiments in Preparation

USA Satellites

| <u>Spacecraft</u> | <u>Launch Site</u> | <u>Instrumentation</u> | <u>Study</u> |
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| OSO-D | Cape Kennedy mid 1967. | 1. Broadband X-ray spectrometer 2. Solar U-V monochromator. | Total solar X-ray flux. Total solar flux of HeII 304A radiation. |
| OSO-F | Cape Kennedy 1968 | X-ray scanning spectro- heliograph. | Solar X-rays from quiet and disturbed regions. |
| OSO-G | Cape Kennedy 1969 | U-V monochromators. | Total solar flux of HeI and HeII resonance radiation. |
| OAO-C | Cape Kennedy 1970 | X-ray telescope. | X-rays from galactic sources. |
| OGO-E | Cape Kennedy 1968 | Electron temperature probe. | Electron temperatures in magnetosphere. |

ESRO Satellites

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| ESRO I | Western Test Range USA late 1967 | Electron temperature probes (2): Positive ion energy spectrometer. | The polar ionosphere. |
| ESRO II | Western Test Range USA mid 1967 | Broadband X-ray spectrometer. | Total solar soft X-ray flux. |
| ESRO TD-2 | Western Test Range USA mid 1969 | Extreme ultra-violet spectro-heliograph. | Extreme ultra-violet radiation from Sun in quiet and disturbed regions. |

UK Rockets

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| Stabilised Skylark 305 | Woomera 1967 | X-ray scanning spectro- heliograph: Hydrogen Lyman- alpha scanning spectro- heliograph. | Solar X-rays from quiet and active regions: Solar Lyman-alpha emission. |
| Stabilised Skylarks 501/502 | Woomera 1967 | U-V monochromators: Electron temperature probe. | Ionospheric processes in E and lower-F regions. |
| Stabilised Skylarks | Woomera 1969 | High resolution UV spectrometer with image intensifier. | Stellar middle-UV studies. |

UK Rockets (Contd.)

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| SKUA 2 | UK 1967 | Electron temperature probe. | Correlation with magnetic activity. |
| PETREL | UK 1968 | Ionospheric package. | Ionospheric processes. |
| <u>ESRO Rockets</u> | | | |
| S.19 (2) | Sardinia 1967 | Electron temperature probe. | Electron temperature in lower and middle ionosphere. |
| S.26 (2) | Sardinia 1967 | Lyman-alpha detectors. | Solar Lyman-alpha emission. |
| S.16 (2) | Sardinia 1967 | Positive ion probe. Electron temperature probe. | Variation of electron temperatures and ion densities through auroral curtains. |
| A.50 | Kiruna 1968 | Positive ion probes. | Trial flight for A.40 |
| A.40 (6) | Kiruna 1968 | Positive ion probes. | Polar cap absorption. |
| C.48 (2) | Sardinia 1968 | Hydrogen Lyman-alpha detector. | Solar Lyman-alpha emission. |

Satellite and Rocket Results now being analysed.

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| DME-A (Explorer XXXI) | Western Test Range 1965 | Ion mass spectrometer. Electron temperature probes. | Ionospheric composition and processes. |
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UK Rockets

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| Stabilised Skylark 304 | Woomera 1966 | X-ray scanning spectro-heliograph: Hydrogen Lyman-alpha scanning spectro-heliograph. | Solar X-rays from quiet and active regions: Solar Lyman-alpha emission. |
| Skylarks 421/422 | Woomera 1965 | Plasma wave probe. | Production of plasma waves. |
| Skylarks 130/131 | Woomera 1965 | Ion probes. | Sporadic-E ionisation. |
| Skylarks 105/106 | Woomera 1965 | Ion probes, | Comparison of various probe designs. |

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| C.9 | Kiruna 1966 | Positive ion probes. | Auroral structure. |
| C.13) C.14) | Andoya 1966 | Negative ion probes. Positive ion probes. | Detection of negative ions. Measurement of positive ion densities. |
| C.10 | Kiruna 1967 | Negative ion probes | Detection of negative ions. |
| C.22) Arcas) | Greece 1966 | Electron temperatures. Positive ion densities and probes. | Solar eclipse: effect on charged particle. |
| <u>French Rocket</u> | | | |
| Centaur | Hammaguir 1965/66 | Ion probes. | Sporadic-E ionisation. |