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Abbreviations

AMIE	Assimilative Mapping of Ionospheric Electrodynamics
AMPTE	Active Magnetospheric Particle Tracer Explorers
AMPTE/CCE	Active Magnetospheric Particle Tracer Explorers/Charge Composition Explorer
BGK	Bhatnagar-Gross-Krook
CGL	Chew-Goldberger-Low
CPCP	Cross Polar Cap Potential
CRRES	Combined Release and Radiation Effects Satellite
DE	Dynamics Explorer
DMSP	Defense Meteorological Satellites Program
ELF	Extremely Low Frequency
EMIC-waves	ElectroMagnetic Ion Cyclotron waves
EUV	Extreme UltraViolet
FAC	Field-Aligned Current
FFT	Fast Fourier Transform
FLIP	Field Line Interhemispheric Plasma
FMS	Fast MagnetoSonic
FWHM	Full Width at Half Maximum
GPS	Global Positioning System
HENA	High-Energy Neutral Atom
ICME	Interplanetary Coronal Mass Ejection
IM/S	Inner Magnetosphere/Storm
IMAGE	Imager for Magnetopause-to-Aurora Global Exploration
IMF	Interplanetary Magnetic Field
IRI	International Reference Ionosphere
IRM	Ion Release Module
ISEE	International Sun–Earth Explorer
ISIS	International Satellites for Ionospheric Studies
LANL	Los Alamos National Lab
LCB	Loss Cone Boundary