

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PAPERS FOR THE NINTH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SPACE DEBRIS

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$$T_s = \frac{T_b}{1 + \left(\lambda^{T_b/\alpha}\right) \ln \varepsilon} \quad (1)$$

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