ISS-IMAPによって観測された 中性大気・電離大気結合と大気上下結合

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Can gravity waves from the lower atmosphere seed plasma bubble?

VISI: Visible-light and Infrared Spectral Imager

• Airglow

- 730nm (OH, Alt. 85km), 762nm (O2, Alt 95km), 630nm(O, Alt.250km)
- Nadir looking with forward and backward slits perpendicular to the ISS trajectory
- Spatial Resolution: 18km (OH and O2) and 25km(O)
- Exposure Time: 1 sec.-
- Weight 14.5kg





Outline of ISS-IMAP

- ISS-IMAP was installed on the exposure facility (EF) of Japanese experimental module 'Kibou' on International Space Station (ISS).
- ISS-IMAP consisted of two sets of images.
 - VISI for the observation of the airglow in the nadir direction.
 - EUVI for the observation of the resonant scattering from ions in the limb direction.
- The ISS-IMAP observation was carried out from
 October 15, 2012 to August 24, 2015.





Airglow spectrum by VISI

Averaged for 56 calibration mode data taken from August to December, 2012.

- * [1] 557.7nm(O)
- * [2] 589.6nm(Na)
- * [3] 630.0nm(O)
- * [4] 636.4nm(O)
- * [5] 732.0nm(O⁺)
- * [6] 761.9nm(O₂)
- * [7] 777.4nm(O)
- * [8] 844.6nm(O)
- * [9] 864.5nm (O₂)





630nm airglow around 03:58 March 16, 2015



630nm airglow around 01:06 Nov. 22, 2013



Occurrence rate of Plasma bubble measured with ground-based GPS-TEC data





Statistical characteristics of the concentric wave structure in 762nm



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Geographical distribution of occurrence of the concentric wave structure in 762nm



GPSによって観測された 夏の夜に日本上空でほぼ毎日見られる プラズマの波状構造



Summary

- Concentric wave structure at 95km altitude is interpreted to be generated in the lower atmosphere and prpagate upward.
- The horizontal wavelength is around 100km, (This could contain a bias by observational sensitivity.)
- The occurrence rate has maxima at ±40 degrees in latitude, and low in the equatorial region.
- Although the role in seeding of plasma bubble is not clear, the hot spot in Africa could cause the high bubble activity in this region.