



Mercury's exospheric sodium

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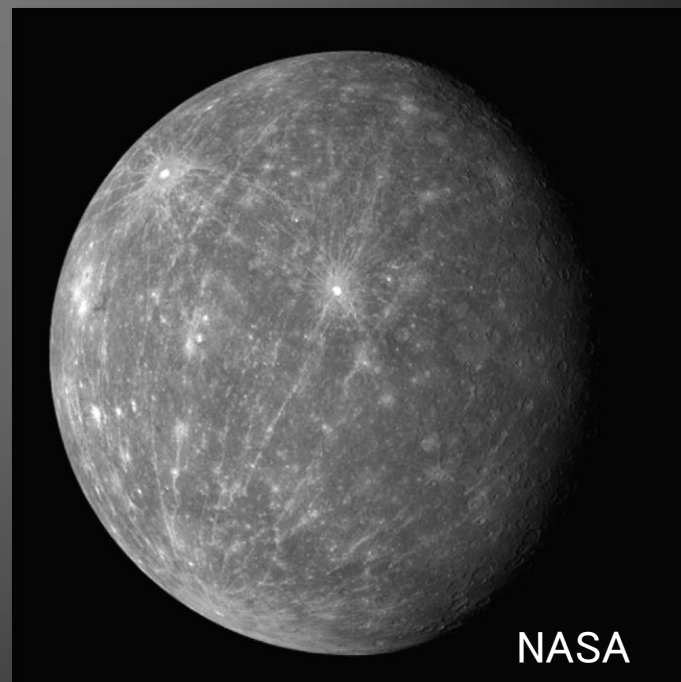
--土星までの惑星の中で唯一周回衛星による
観測が行われていない惑星

--金星・火星にはない

弱い固有磁場を持つ

↑ 流体核の存在 [Margot et al., 2007]

--大気は非常に薄く無衝突



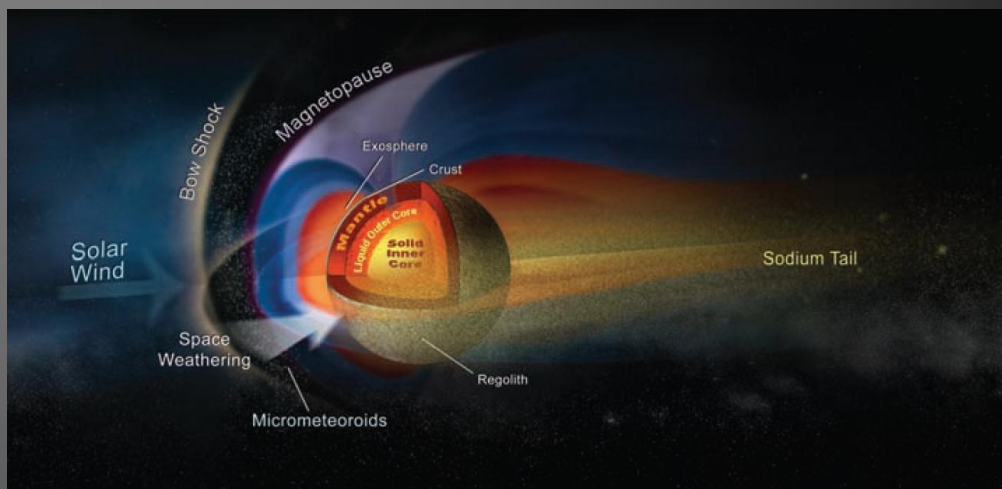
水星大気

• 水星固体表面と水星環境の相互作用

—大気圏・電離圏がなく、太陽風・磁気圏粒子が地表に衝突

—太陽光・隕石ダストの衝突

表面物質が大気中に放出され、無衝突のまま惑星間空間に散逸していく

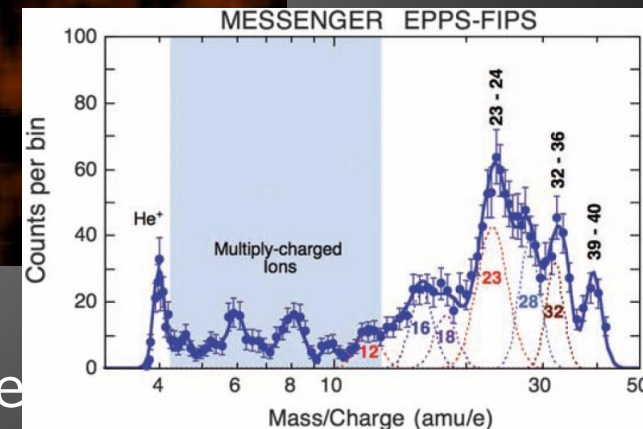
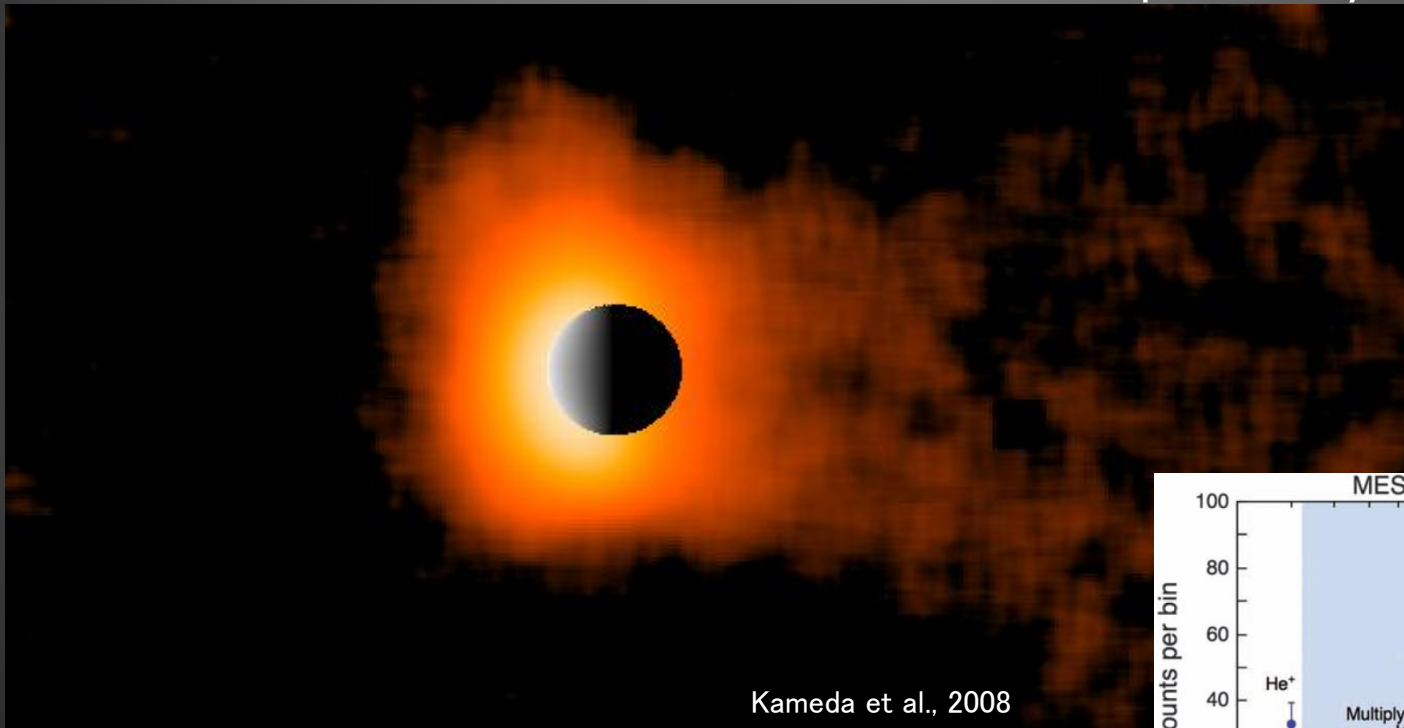


Mercury's exosphere

Collisionless atmosphere $P \sim 10^{-12}$ atm

Released from the surface

- Impact to the surface (SP, SW, IPD)
- Loss to the Interplanetary Space



Remote Sensing: H, He, O, Na, K, Ca, Mg, Ca⁺, Al?, Fe

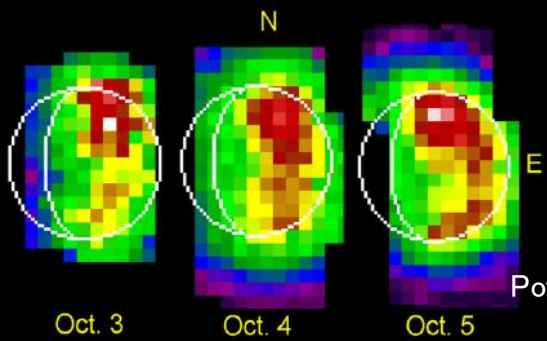
In Situ : H⁺, He⁺, Na⁺ (Mg⁺), O₂⁺, K⁺ (Ca⁺, Ar⁺), etc.

Source process of Mercury's exosphere?

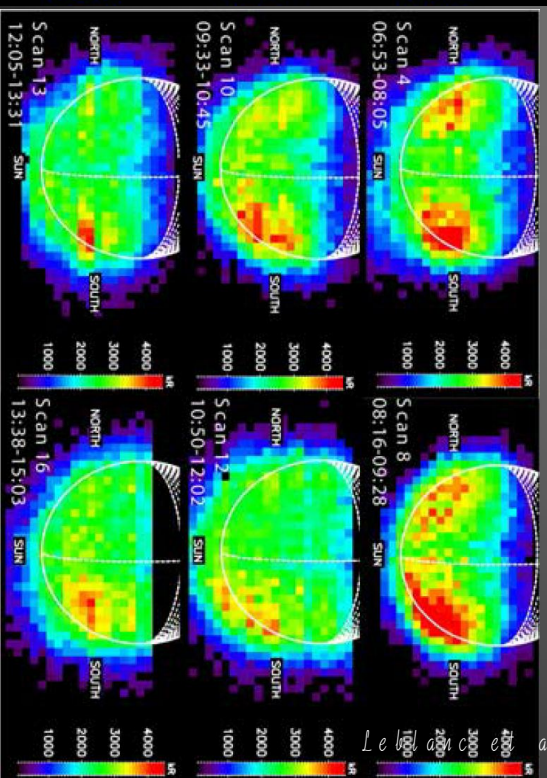
Concentration at High latitudes and Temporal variability

→ **Effect of Solar wind impact??**

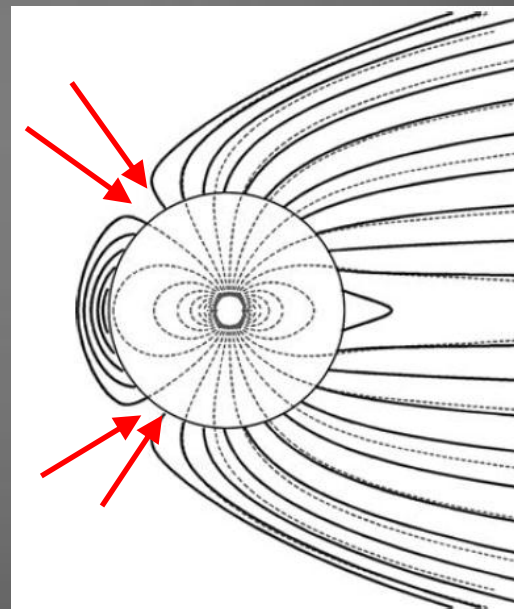
Mercury Sodium D2 Maps
October 3, 4, 5 2003
Dusk Terminator



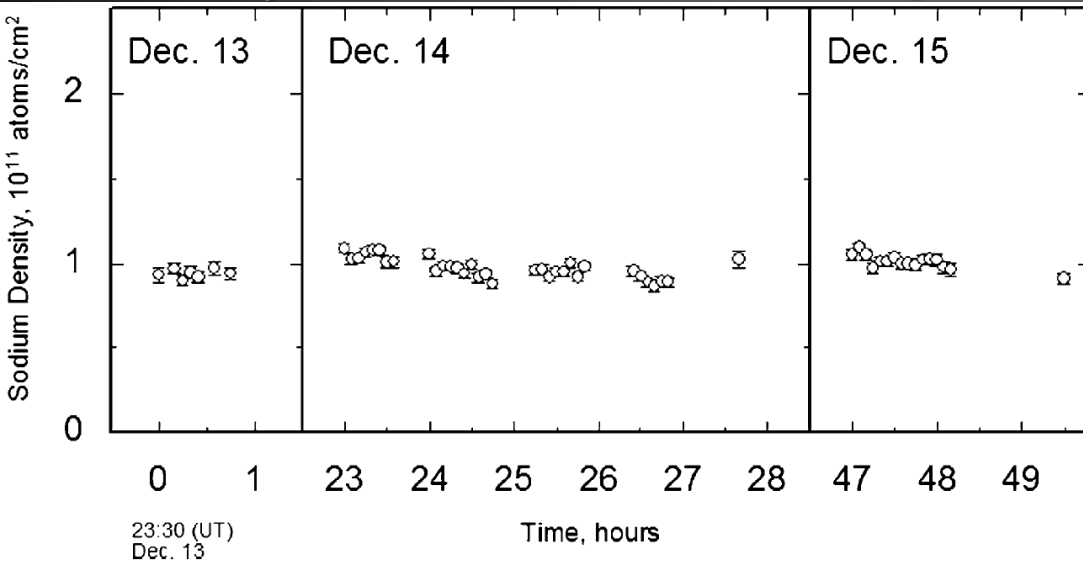
Potter et al., 2008



Leblond et al., 2009



Temporal variability of average density

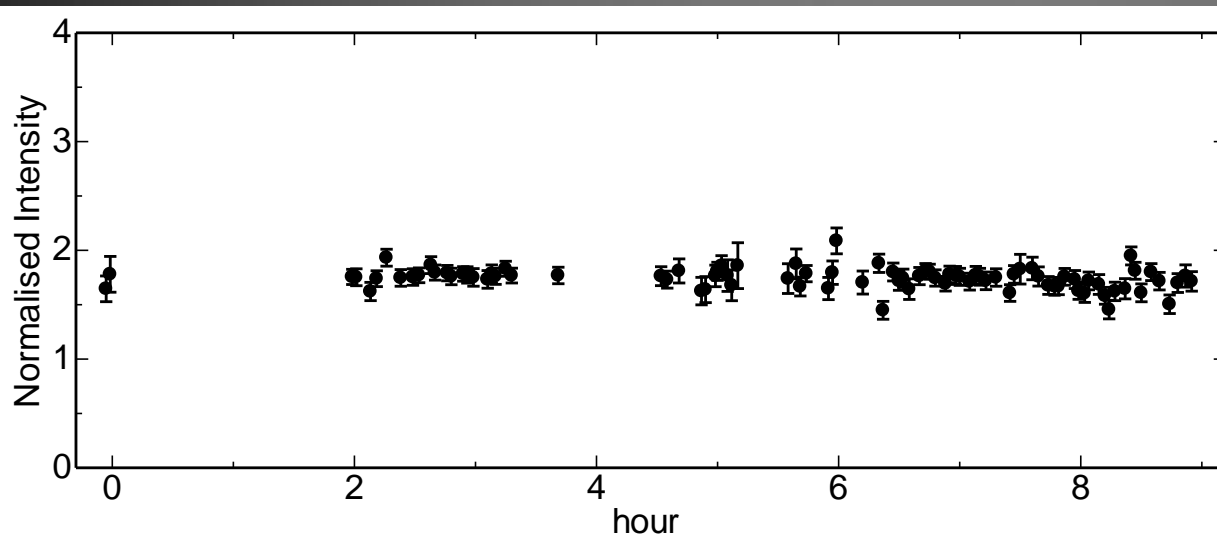


Kameda et al., 2007

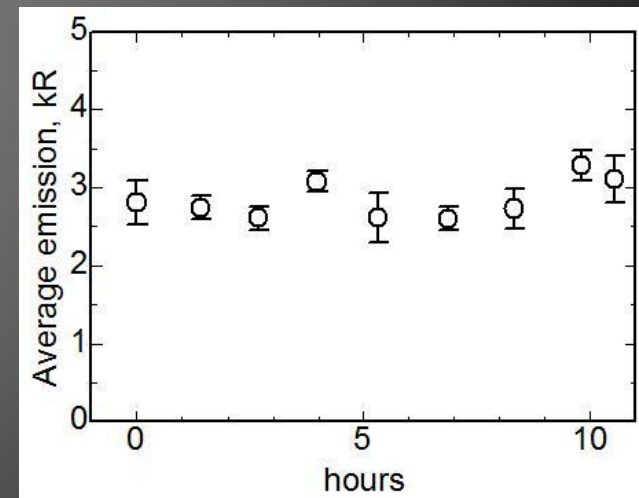
Dec 2005 & Aug 2008
(OAO in Japan)

Temporal variability of
Average density
< $\sim 10\%$

→ SW variability should be
higher.



25 Aug 2008

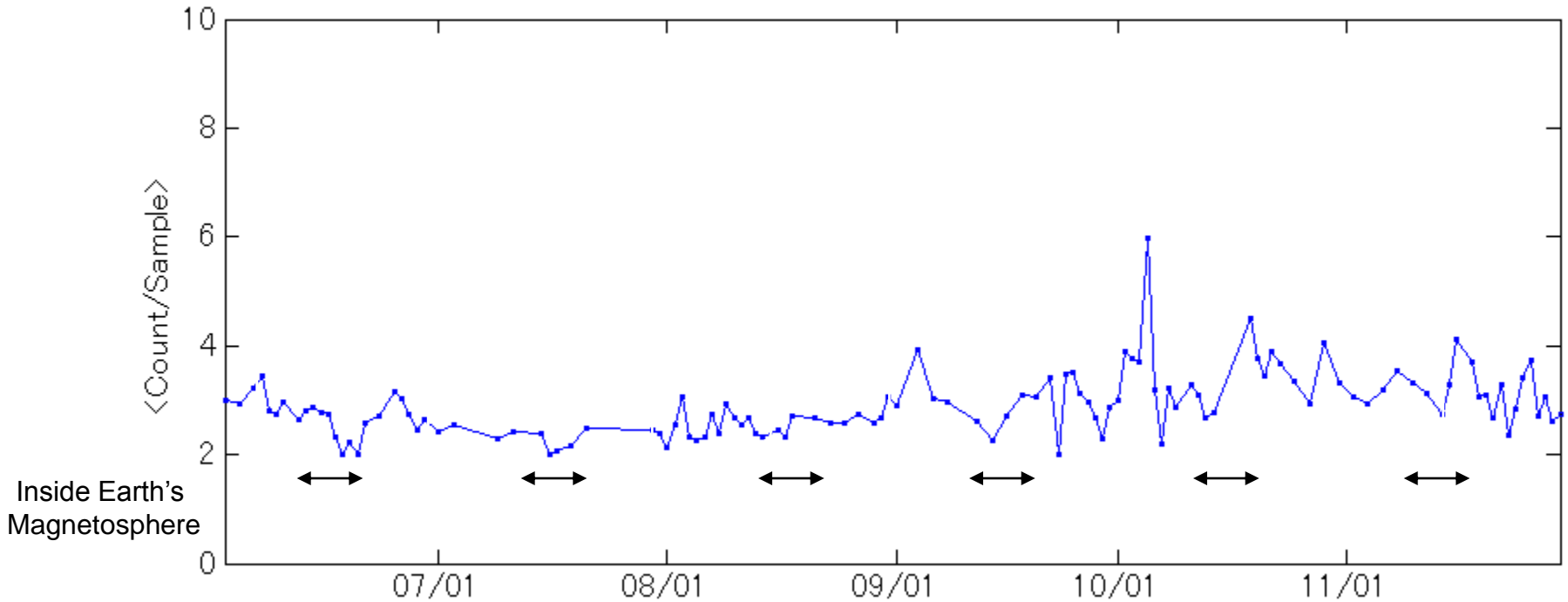


$1\sigma \sim 9\%$ [Leblanc et al. 2009]

For Reference
Lunar Na ion observed by PACE-IMA on Kaguya



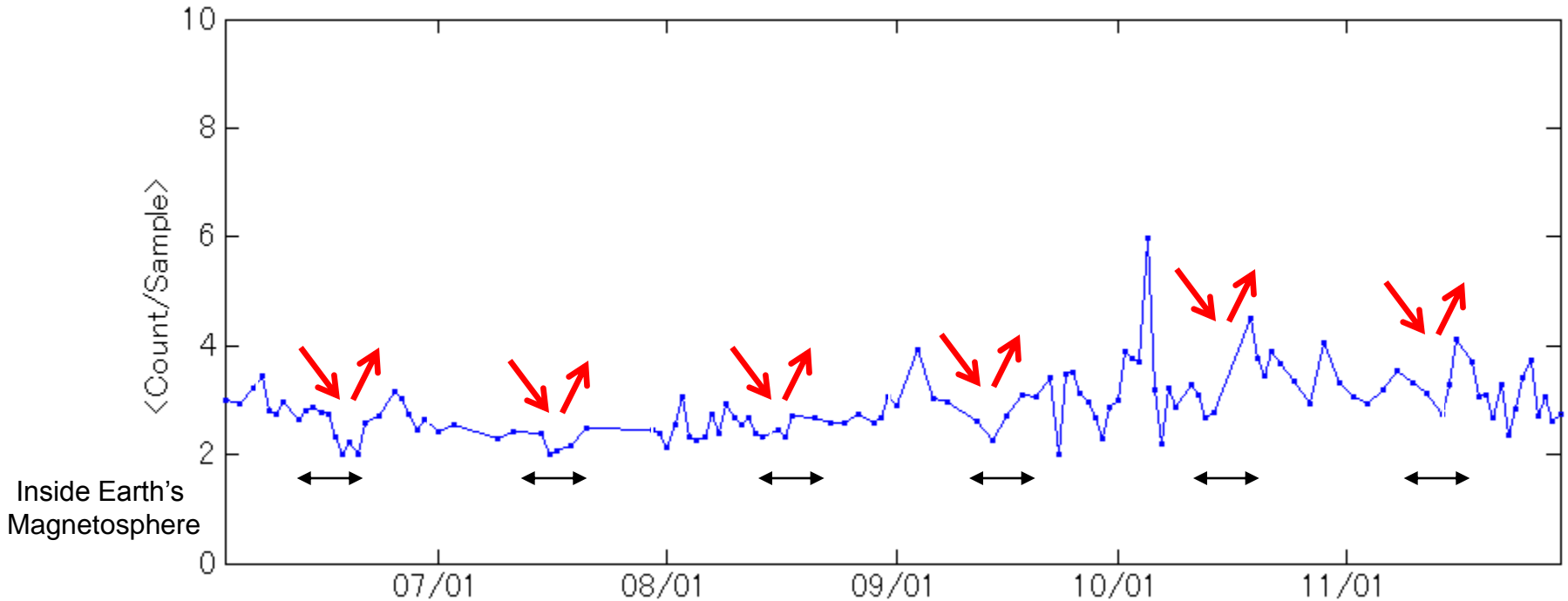
Count/Sample



Yokota et al.

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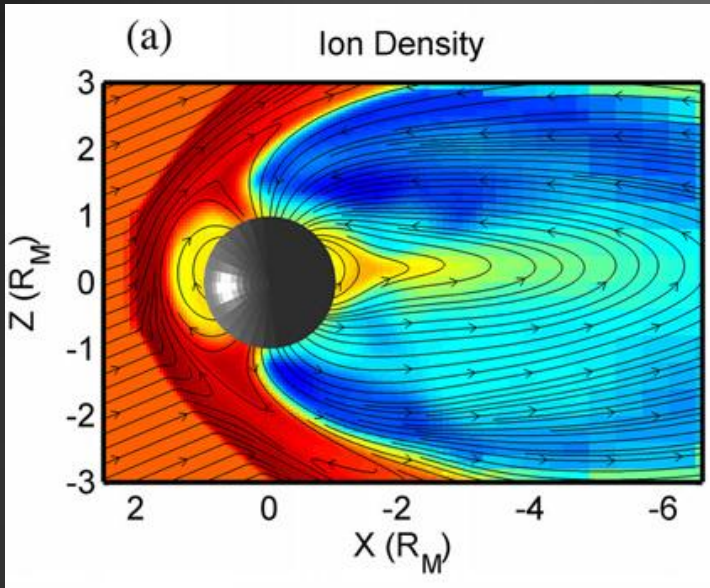


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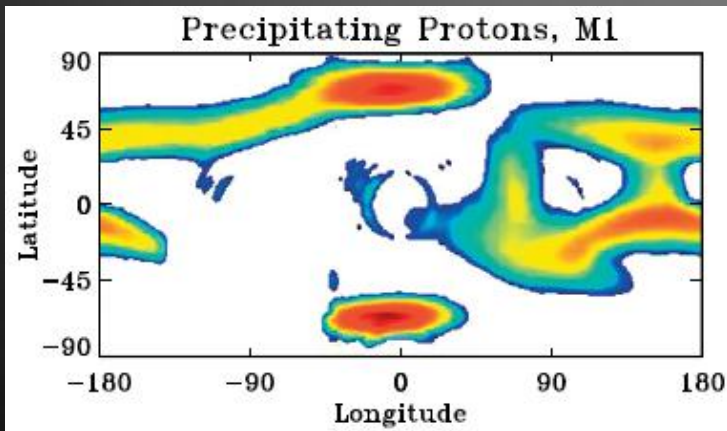
Solar Wind sputtering is not dominant source process, but
“Gardening” is possibly effective.

↑ SW particles sticks into the surface and diffuses material.

Solar Wind-Magnetosphere-Surface



Benna et al., 2010



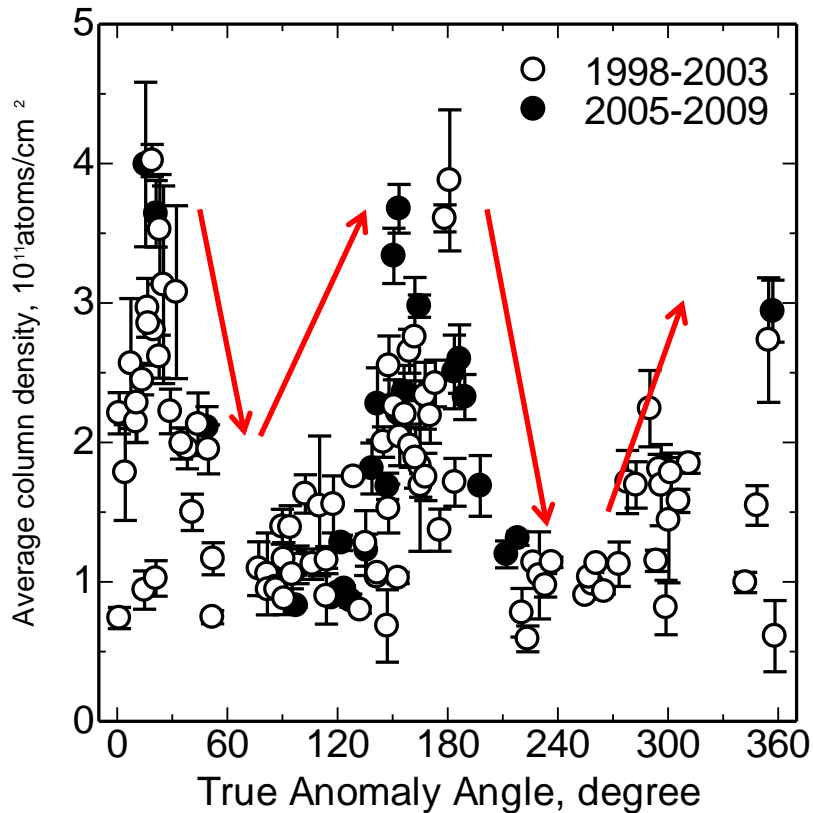
Burger et al., 2010

Simulation has already been done based on the data obtained in Messenger Flyby.

*Ion flux to the surface

*Sodium density on the dayside

Long-term variability



$$d_{\text{ave}} = \Phi_{\text{source}} \tau_{\text{lifetime}}$$

$$\Phi_{\text{PSD}} \propto n^{-2}$$

$$\tau_{\text{PI}} \propto n^2$$

$$\rightarrow d_{\text{ave}} = \text{const.}$$

In 1 Mercury year,
the average
density changes by
a factor of ~ 4 .

● Potter et al. (2007)

○ Kameda et al. in prep.

Okayama and Haleakala

What makes sodium released from the surface?

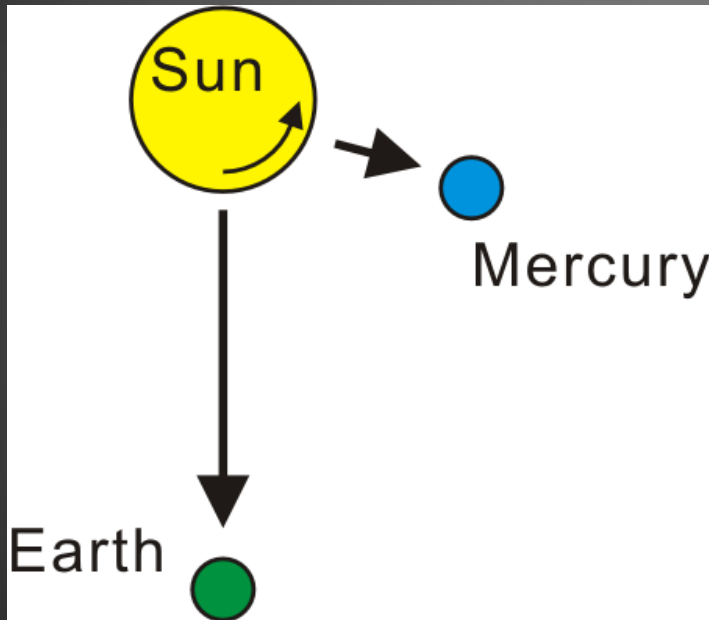
Average Na density vs

- 1, F10.7 solar flux
- 2, Solar flux (0-200nm)
- 3, Solar wind proton flux
- 4, Distance from ecliptic plane
- 5, Distance from symmetry plane
of Interplanetary Dust distribution
- 6, Tidal force



1. $f_{10.7}$ solar flux

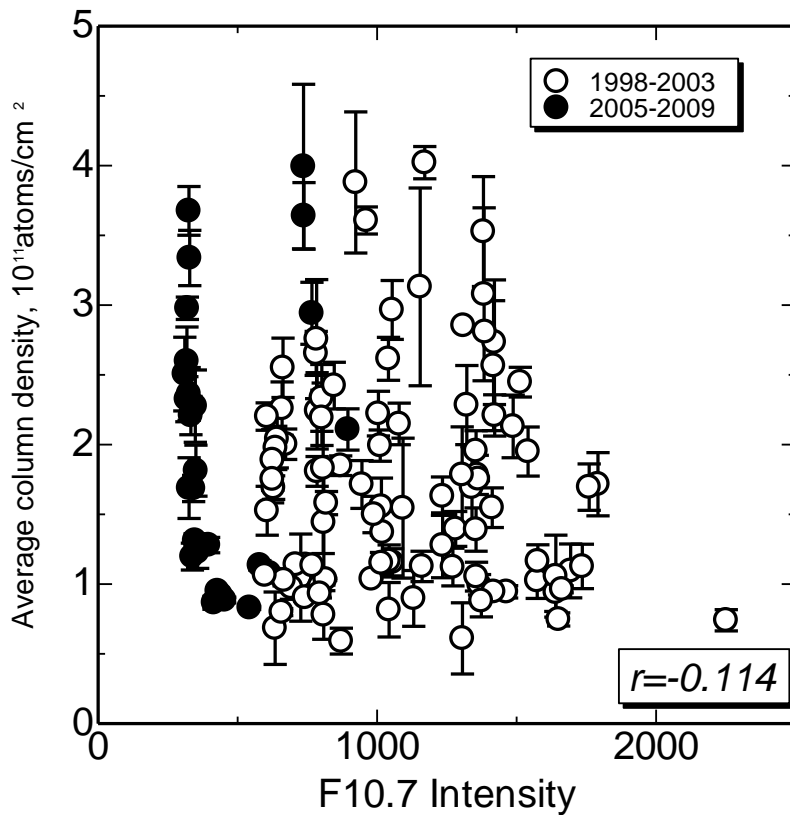
- $F_{10.7}$ solar flux \rightarrow UV/EUV flux



- $F_{10.7}$ at Mercury is estimated considering the heliospheric distance and the rotation of the sun assuming $F_{10.7}$ is dependent on longitude and independent on time.

1. $f_{10.7}$ solar flux

- F10.7 solar flux \rightarrow UV/EUV flux \rightarrow PSD



No correlation

(the same as shown by Kameda et al. (2009)

using the data obtained in 1998–2003 and 2006)

What makes sodium released from the surface?

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- 1, F10.7 solar flux → No
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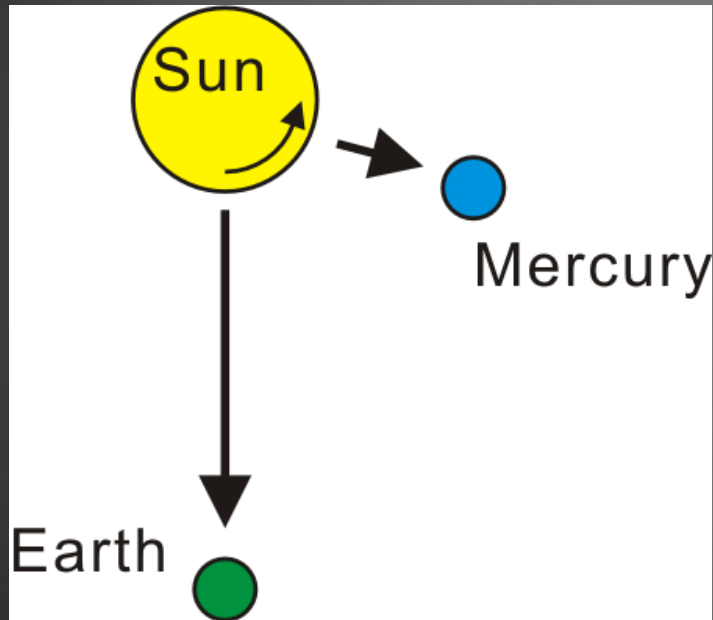


2. Solar flux (0–200 nm)

LASP

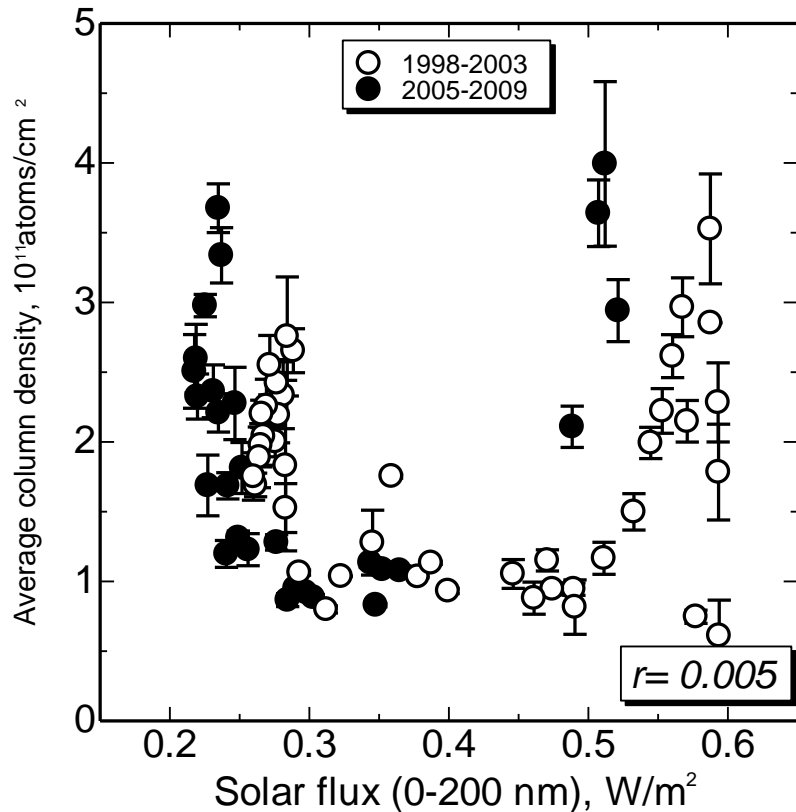


Solar EUV Experiment (SEE) on TIMED measured the solar flux at the wavelength of 0–200nm.



The flux at Mercury was estimated in the same way as F10.7.

2. Solar flux (0-200 nm)



No correlation

(SEE Observation was started in Feb 2002.)

PSD threshold wavelength is \sim 300 nm [Yakshinskiy and Madey, 2004].

What makes sodium released from the surface?

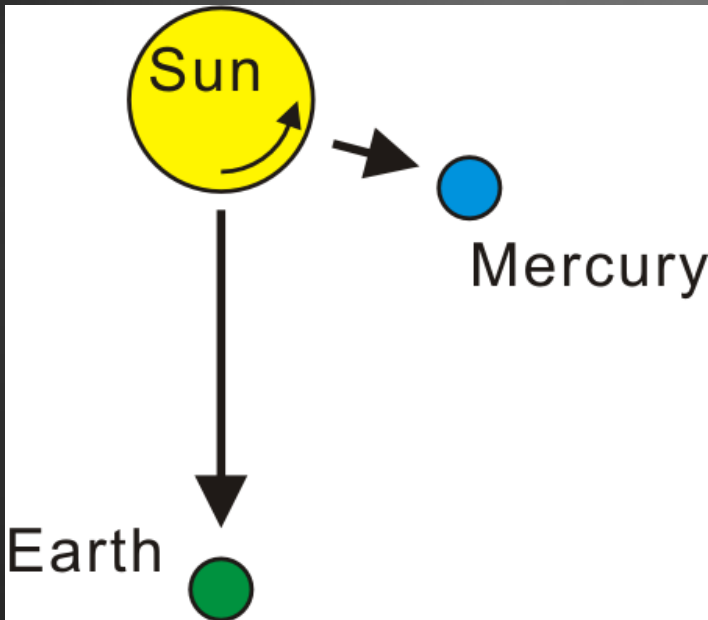
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2. Solar wind proton flux

LANL



Solar Wind Electron Proton Alpha monitor (SWEPAM) on ACE measured the solar wind proton flux at L1.

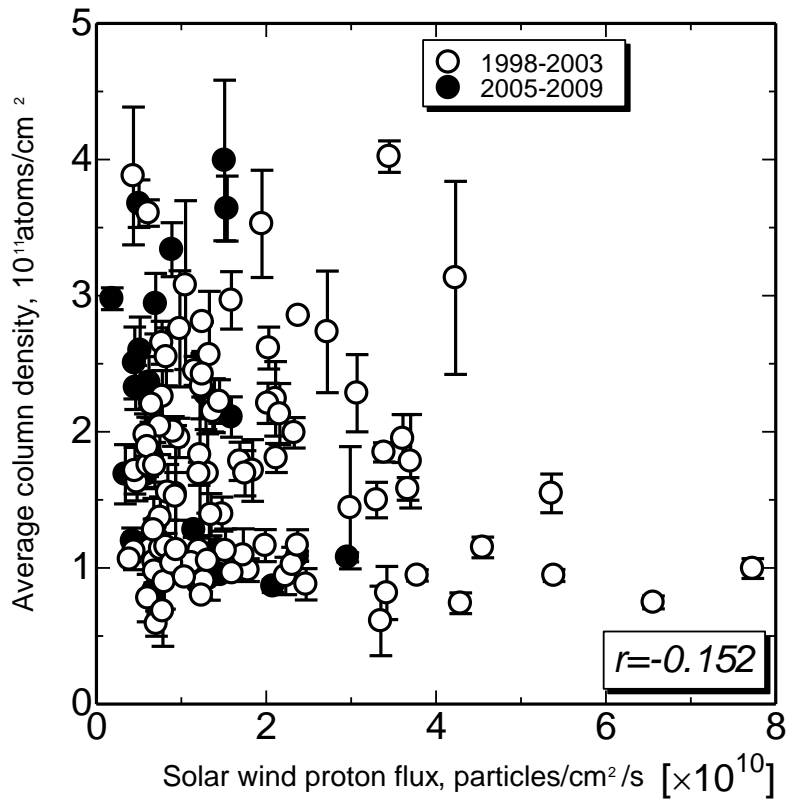
SW flux is estimated to be:

dependent on longitude

$$\propto r^{-2}$$

velocity is constant

2. Solar wind proton flux



No correlation

Sunspot number in
1998–2003 is
more than 2005–
2009

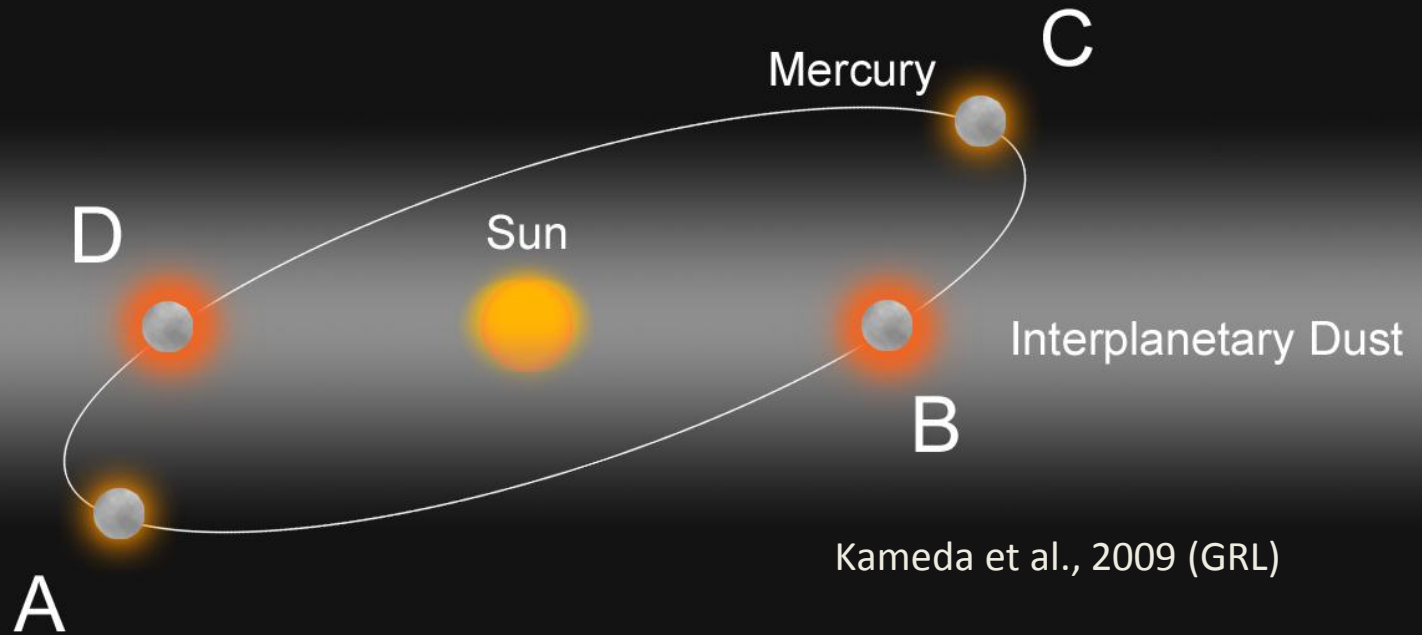
What makes sodium released from the surface?

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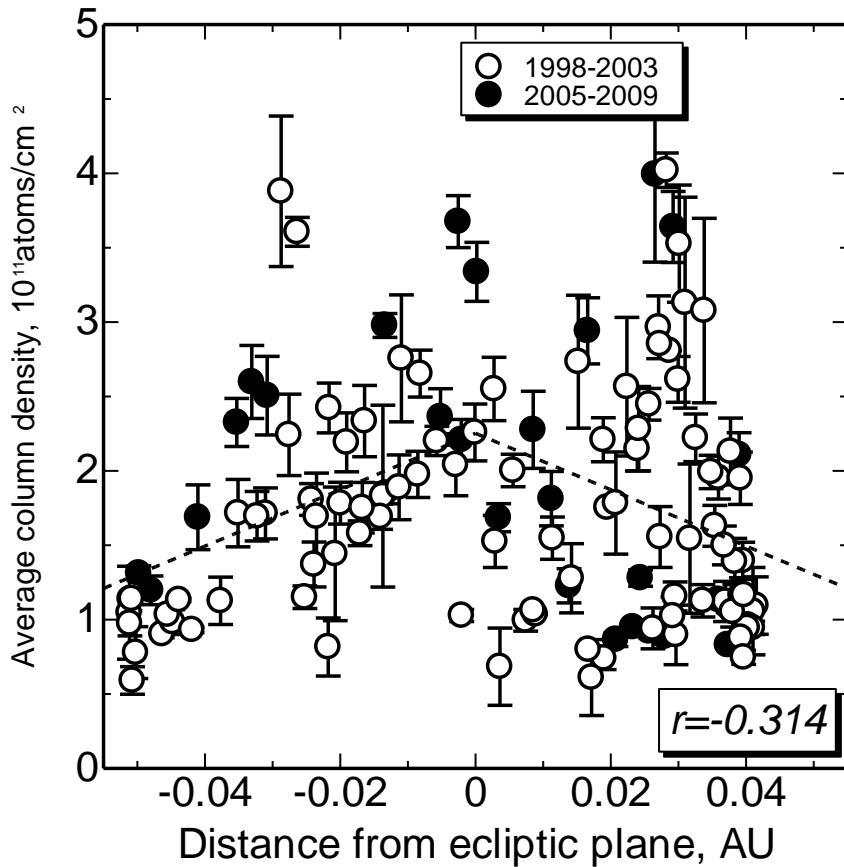
4. Distance from ecliptic plane



Mercury's orbital plane is tilted (7deg) against the ecliptic plane and the interplanetary dust (IPD) is concentrated near the ecliptic plane.

→ Frequency of IPD impact is higher at B and D.

4. Distance from ecliptic plane



Weak inverse
correlation

with absolute value
of distance from
ecliptic plane.

What makes sodium released from the surface?

Average Na density vs

1, F10.7 solar flux → No

2, Solar flux (0–200nm) → No

3, Solar wind proton flux → No

4, Distance from ecliptic plane → Weak

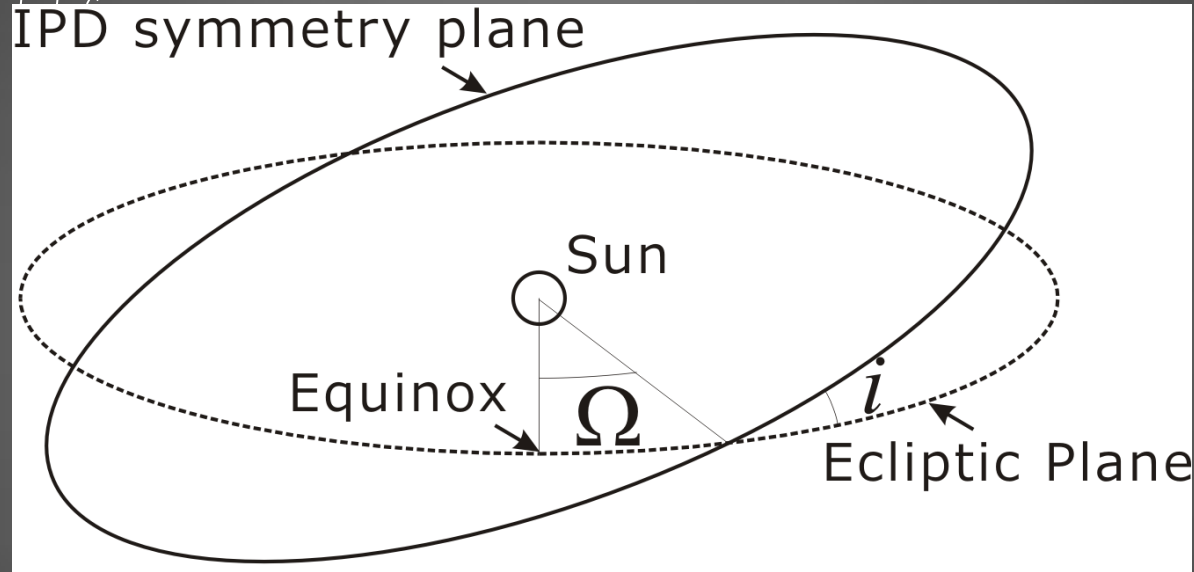
5, Distance from symmetry plane
of Interplanetary Dust distribution

6, Tidal force



5. Distance from IPD symmetry plane

- Symmetry plane is tilted against the ecliptic

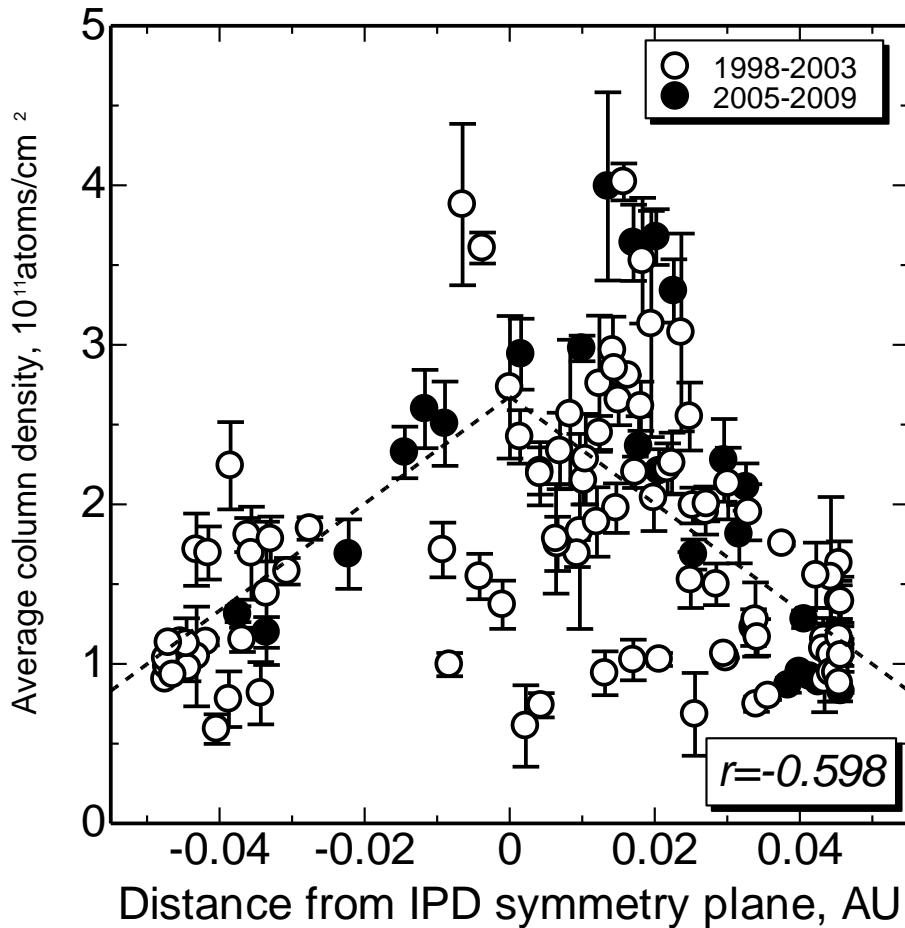


Ω : Ascending node, i : inclination

$\Omega = -31$ deg, $i = 2.9$ deg [Kameda et al., 2009]

*Mercury: $\Omega = 48$ deg, $i = 7$ deg

5. Distance from IPD symmetry plane



Correlated with the distance from IPD symmetry plane.

→ IPD impact is effective for the release of sodium atoms from the surface.

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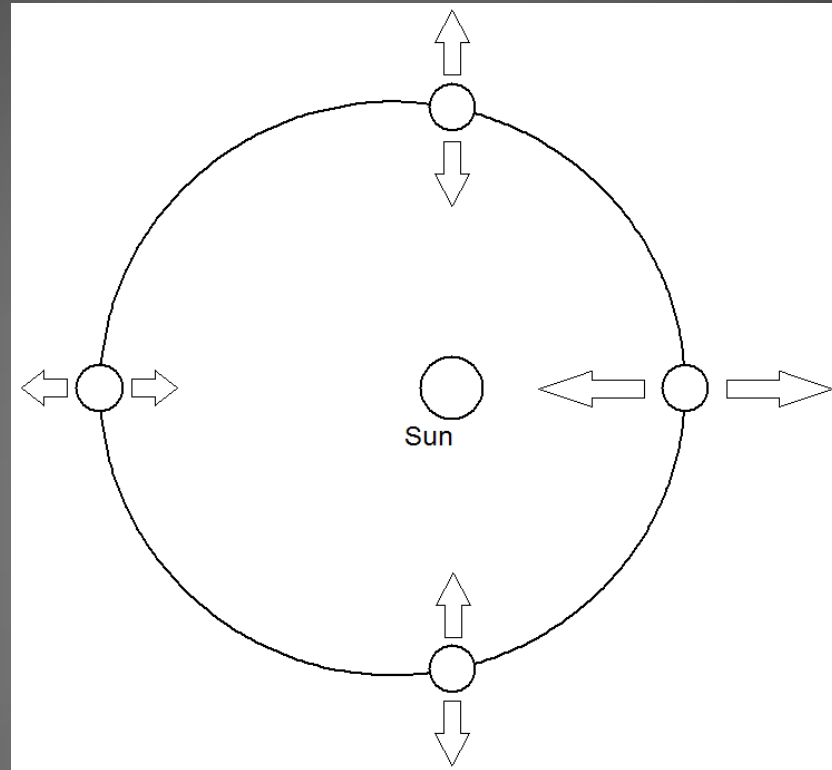
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→ Correlated

6, Tidal force



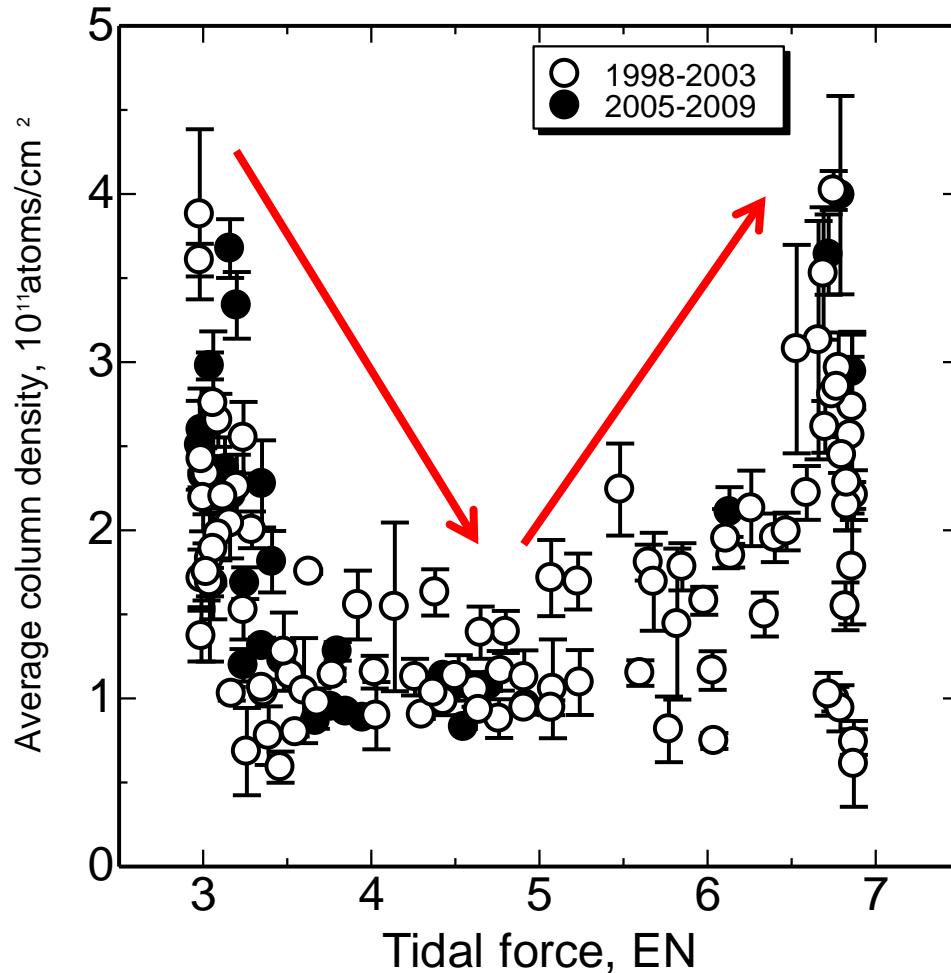
6. Tidal force



Mercury's orbital is eccentric ($e \sim 0.2$).

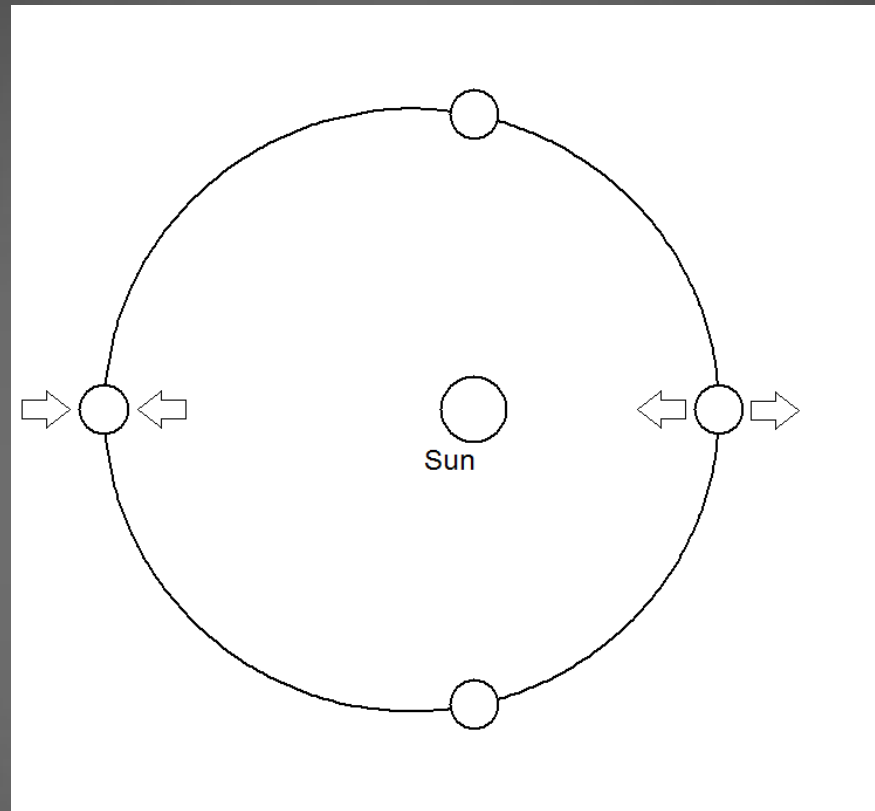
→ Tidal force at perihelion is twice stronger than that at aphelion.

6. Tidal force



Atmosphere is dense near perihelion and aphelion (but not always).

6. Tidal force

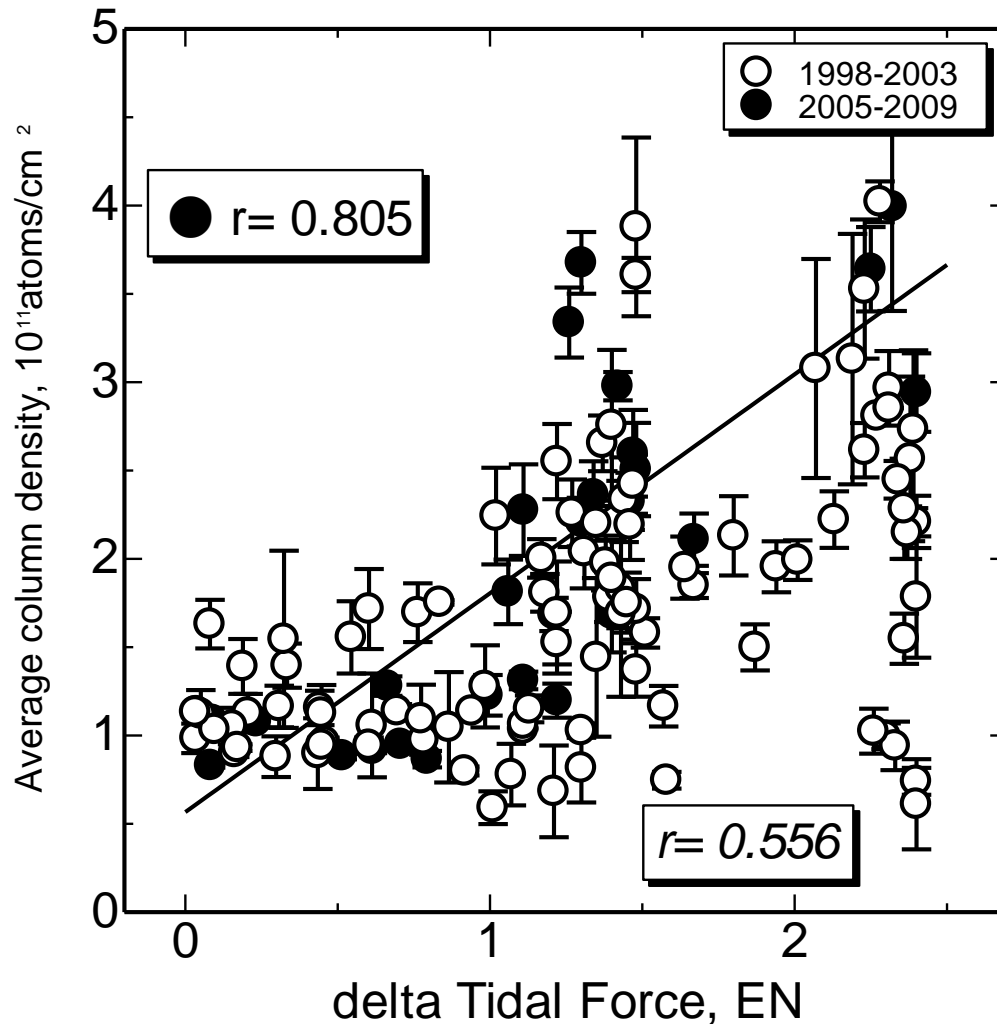


Tidal force is always outward.

→ Relative tidal force is inward at aphelion and outward at perihelion.

→ Distortion is greatest at perihelion and aphelion.

6. Tidal force



Tidal force is not a release process, however,,, Tidal force will possibly increase the source rate, e.g., refreshing the surface layer.

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- 6, Tidal force → Animation



IPD impact? Tidal force?

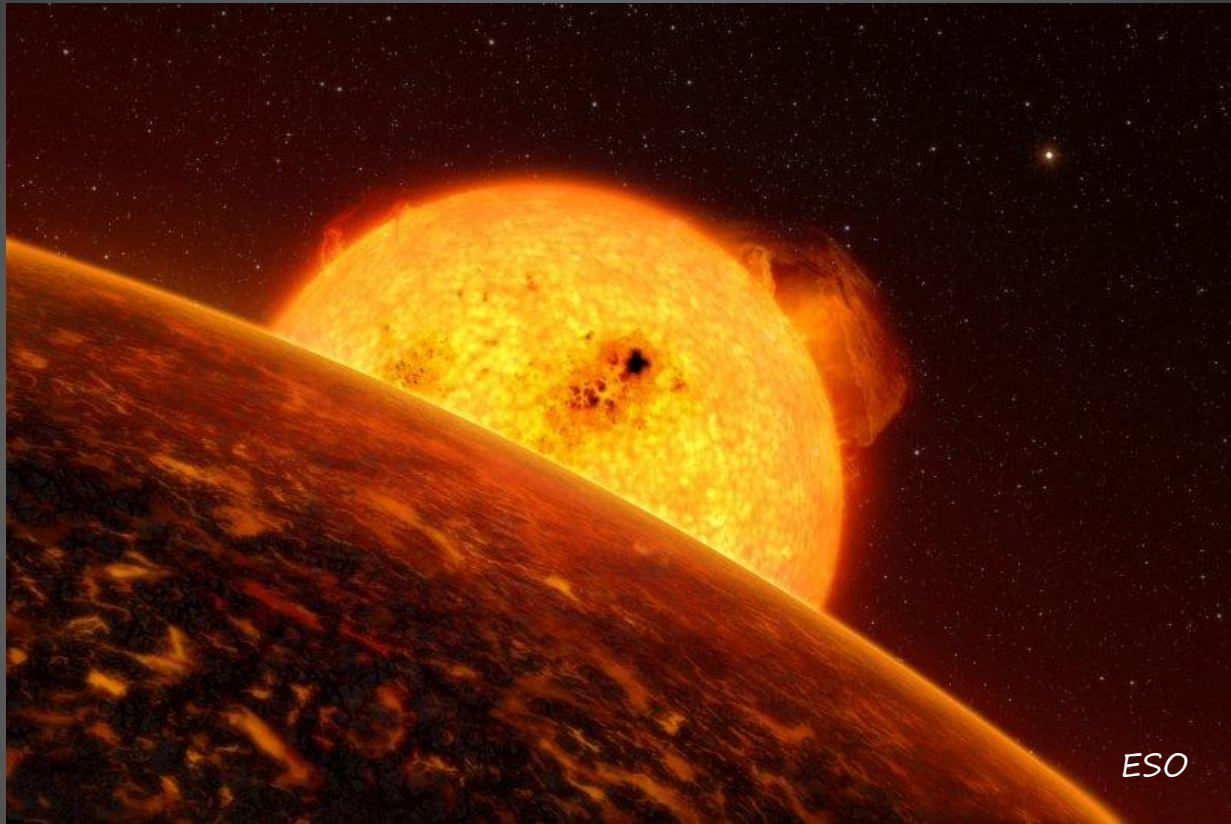
The perihelion and aphelion is near the ecliptic plane.

→ It is difficult to know which is more effective and explain sodium concentration at high latitudes.

→ Mercury Dust Monitor on BepiMMO and Mercury lander in the future.



~~Super Earth~~ Super Mercury



CoRoT-7b: 0.017 AU ($5M_E$)
(CoRoT-7c: 0.046 AU ($9M_E$))

ここなら熱脱離(?)が支配的

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Average Na density vs

2, Solar flux (0–200nm) → No

MASCS data for UV reflected on surface

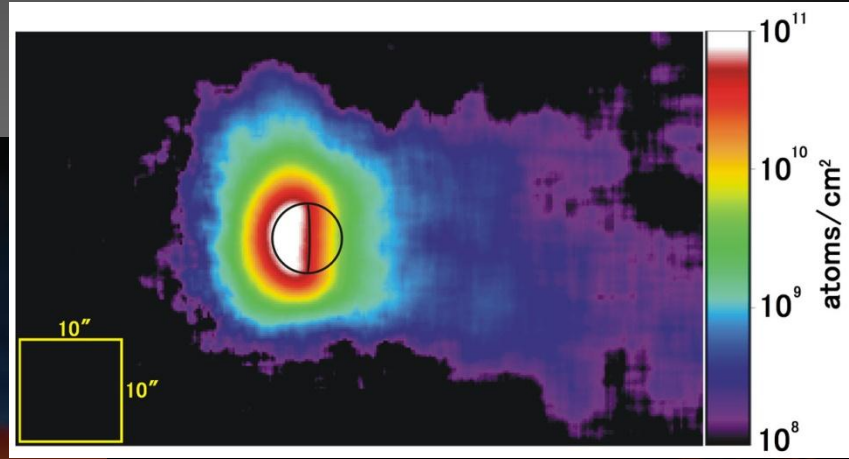
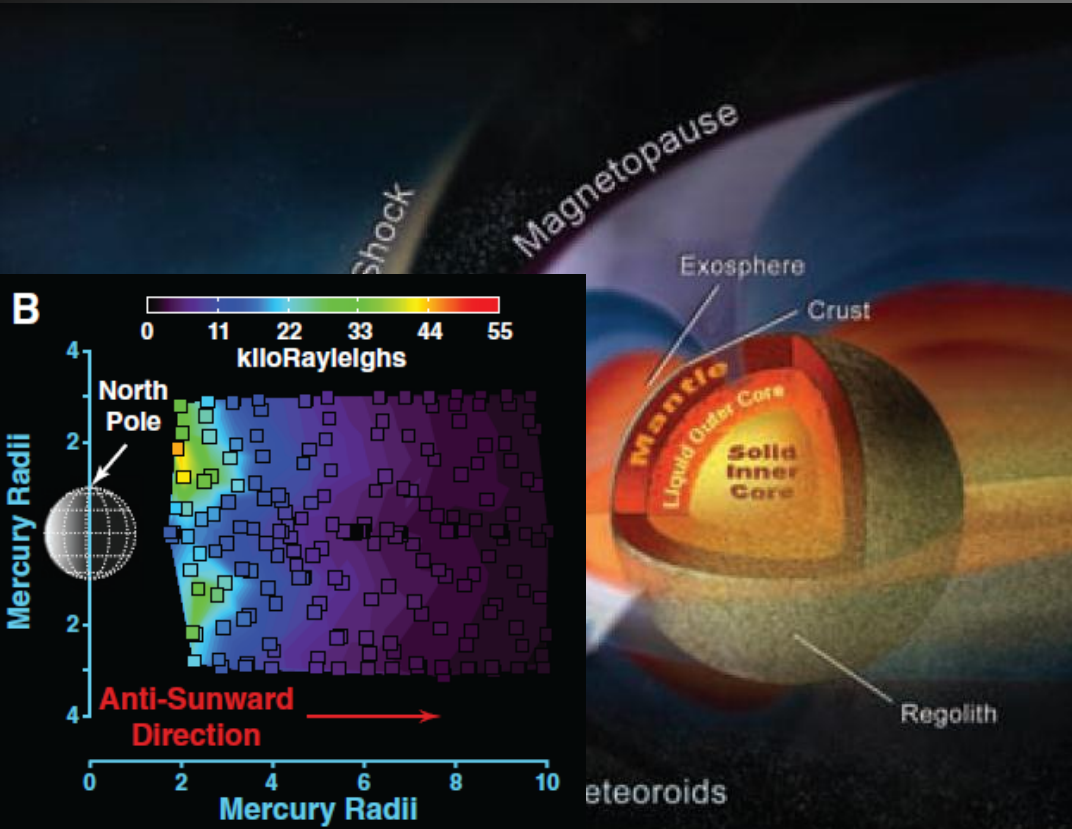
3, Solar wind proton flux → No

Precipitation detected using FIPS

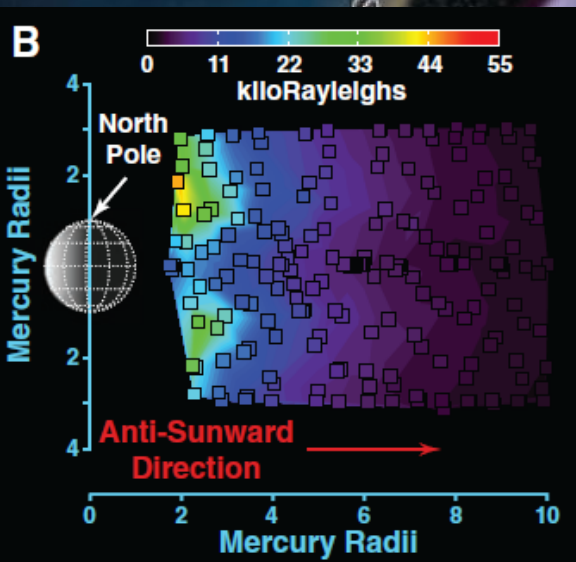
→ Long-term monitoring from March 18, 2010 will provide us something new.



Loss Process



Kameda et al., 2009



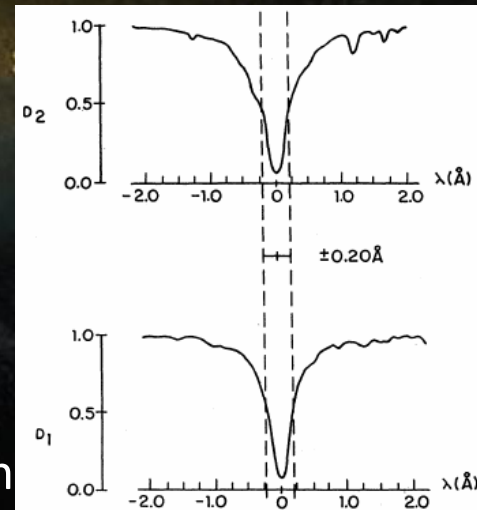
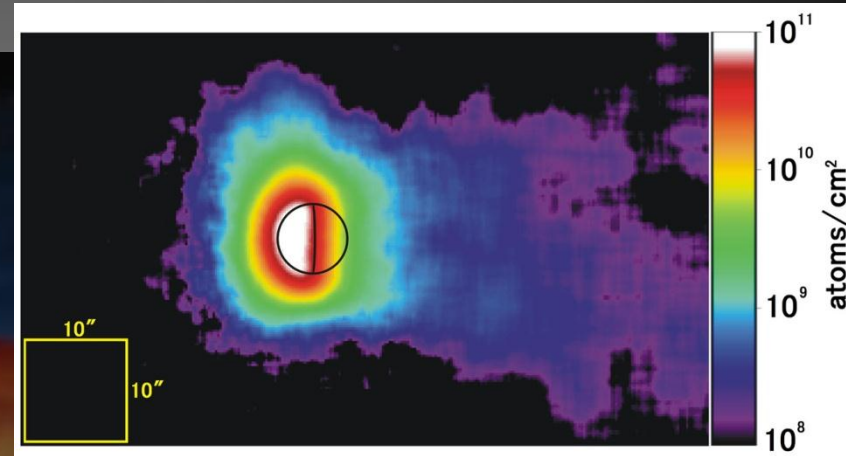
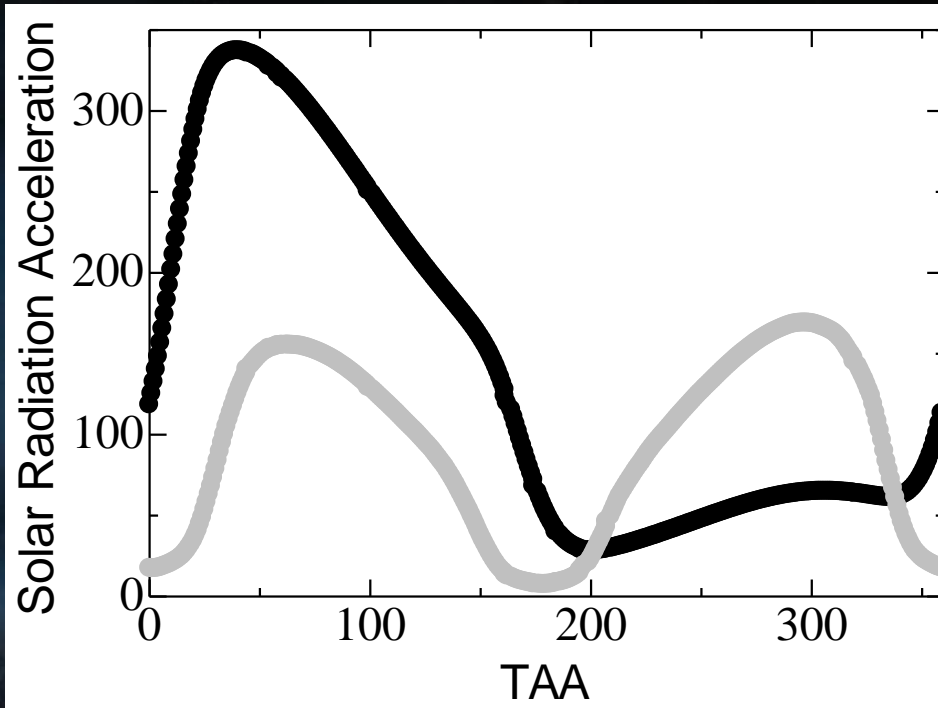
McClintock et al., 2008



Baumgardner et al., 2008

After released from the surface, sodium atoms move toward antisunward direction due to solar radiation pressure.
 → Photoionized in ~ 3 hours → Loss to the interplanetary space.

Loss process (Solar Radiation Pressure)



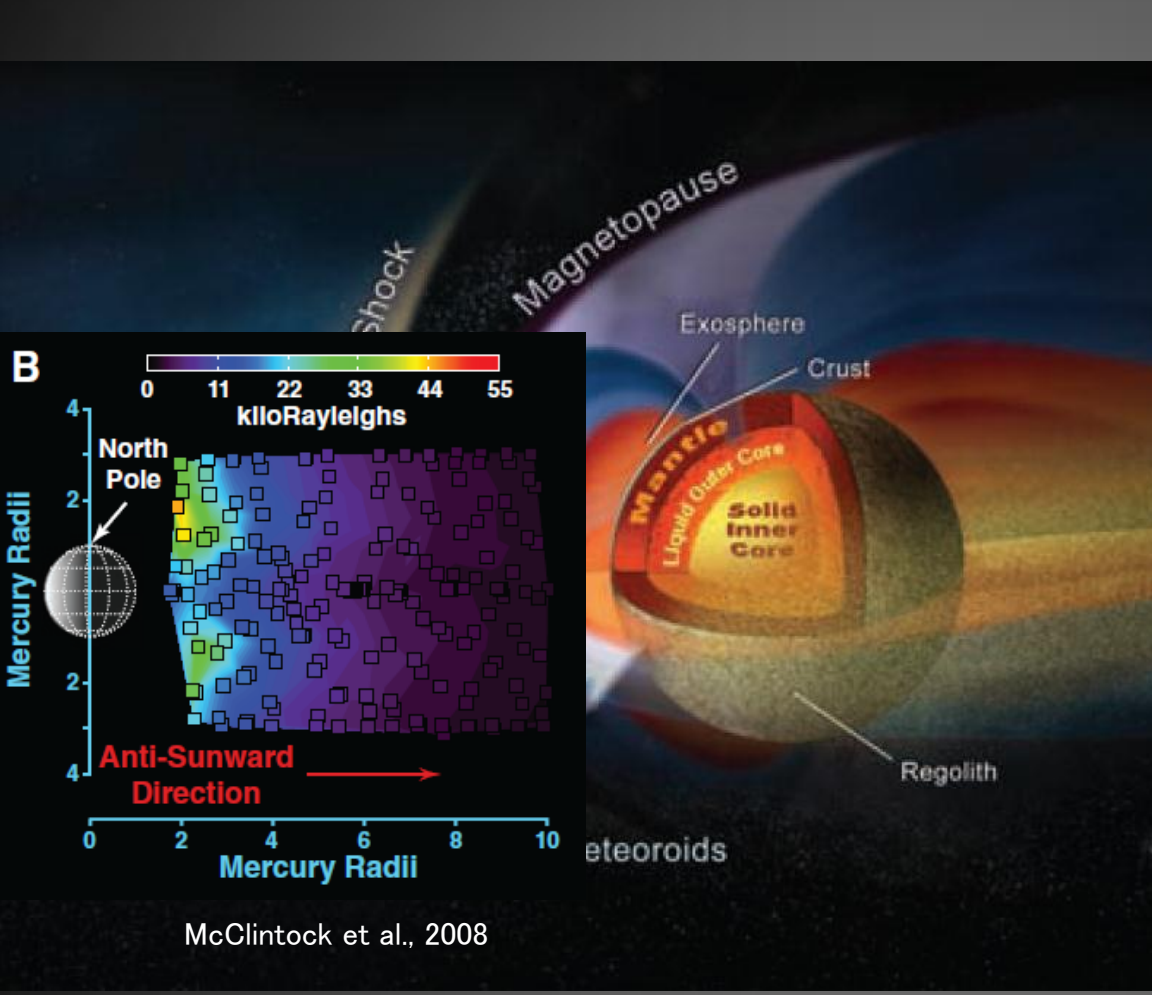
Micrometeoroids
 Solar radiation pressure depends on True Anomaly Angle.
 Gray line shows the result of calculation by Smyth and Marconi
 Black shows the result of ours.

Na tail will be longest at TAA of ~40.

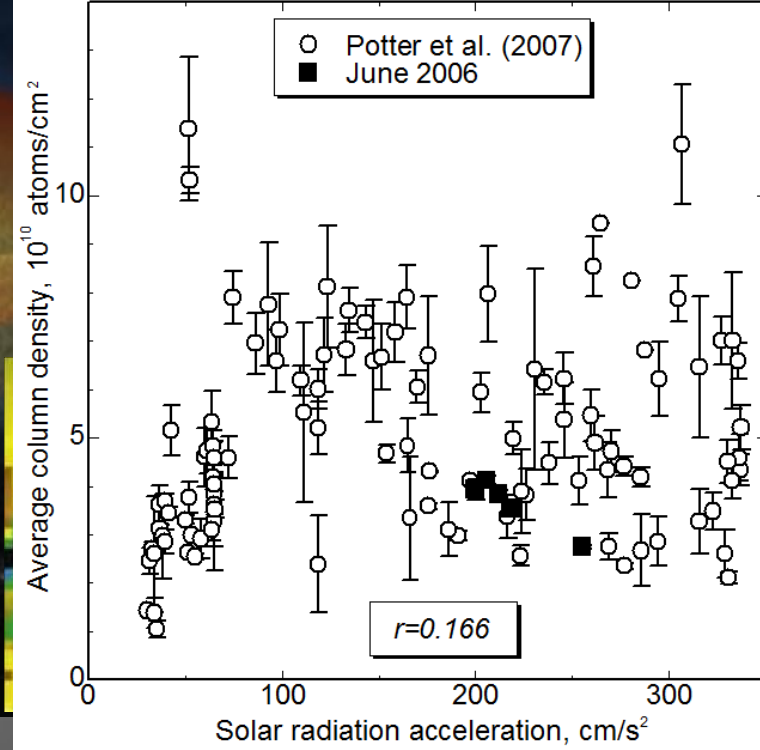
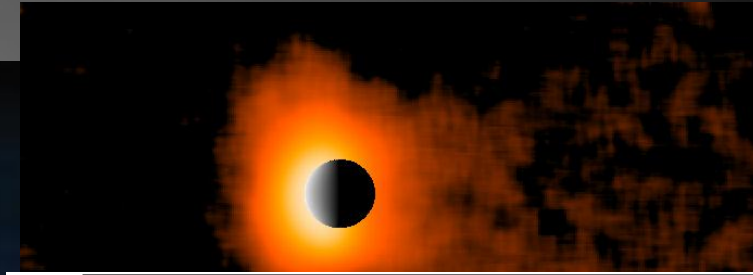
[Kameda et al., 2009 GRL]

$$A_{ave} = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} A_v \exp(-t/\tau) dt}{\int_0^{\infty} \exp(-t/\tau) dt}, \frac{dv}{dt} = A_v, v_{t=0} = 0$$

Loss Process

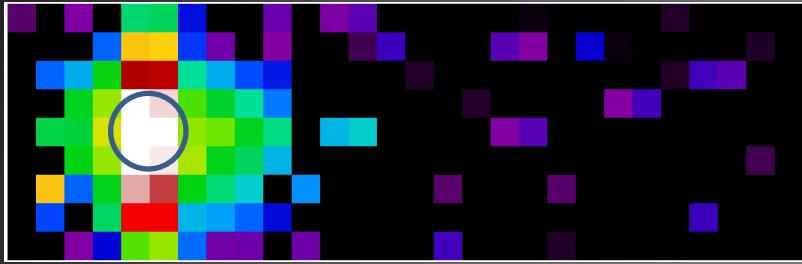


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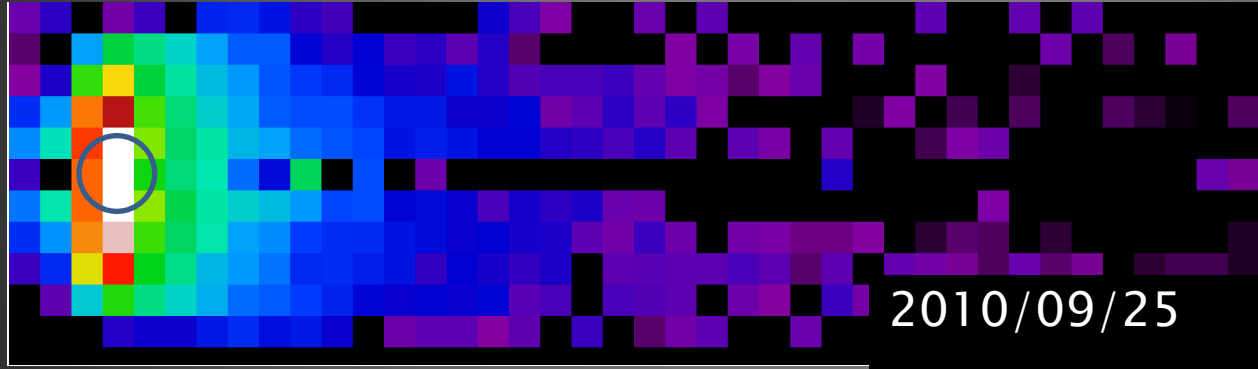


*No correlation between Sodium density and solar radiation acceleration.
(Solar radiation acceleration depends on orbital position of Mercury_{B7})*

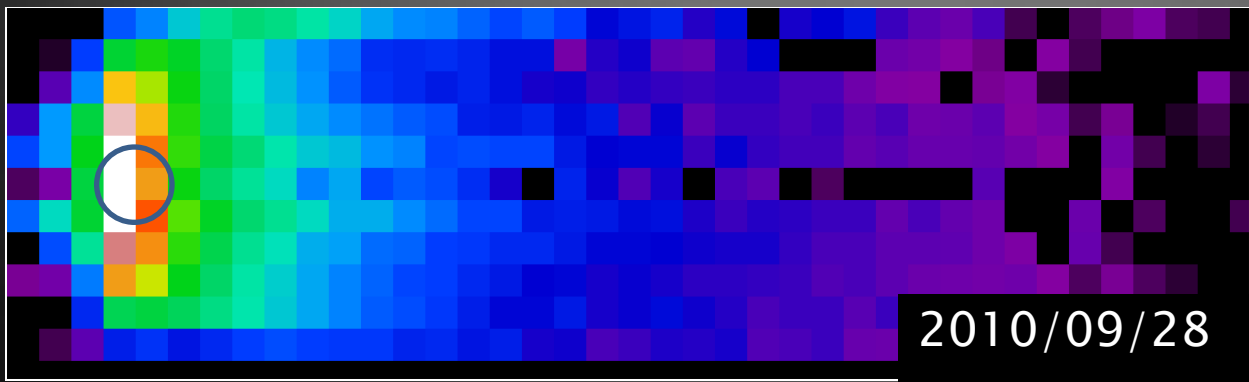
Observation at Haleakala Observatory



2010/09/19



2010/09/25



2010/09/28

Preliminary results

TAA=345, 23, 40

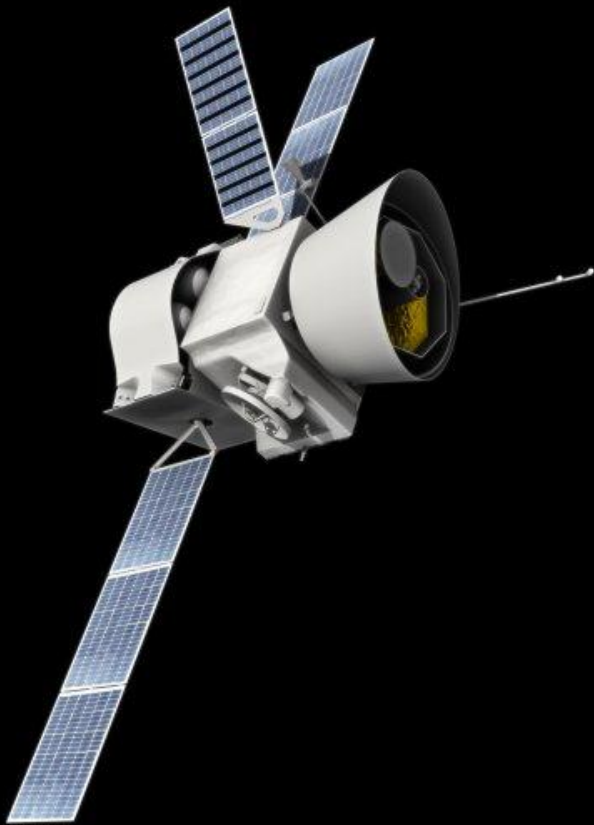
Distance of the tail varies with TAA.

Velocity resolution is ~ 1 km/s.

We plan to do In 2011-2012.

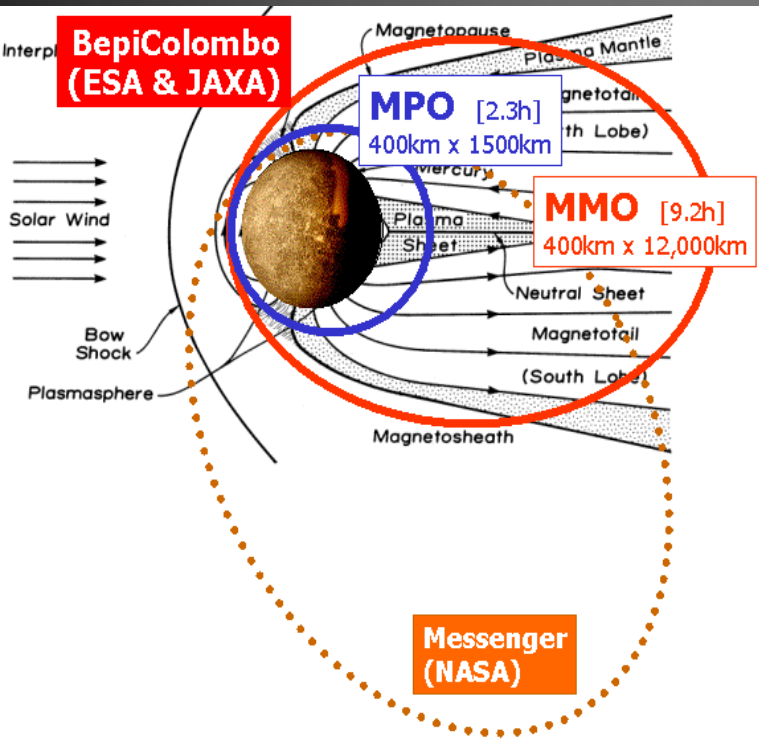
BepiColombo/MMO/MSASI

- **日欧共同水星探査計画**
--2014年打ち上げ
2020年軌道投入



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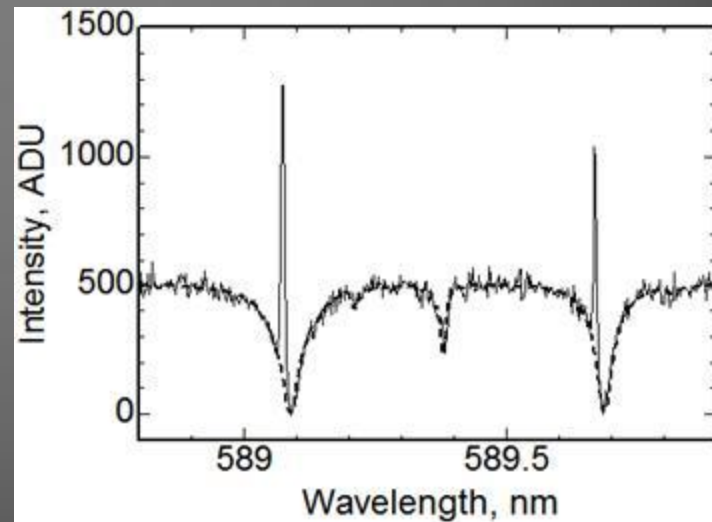
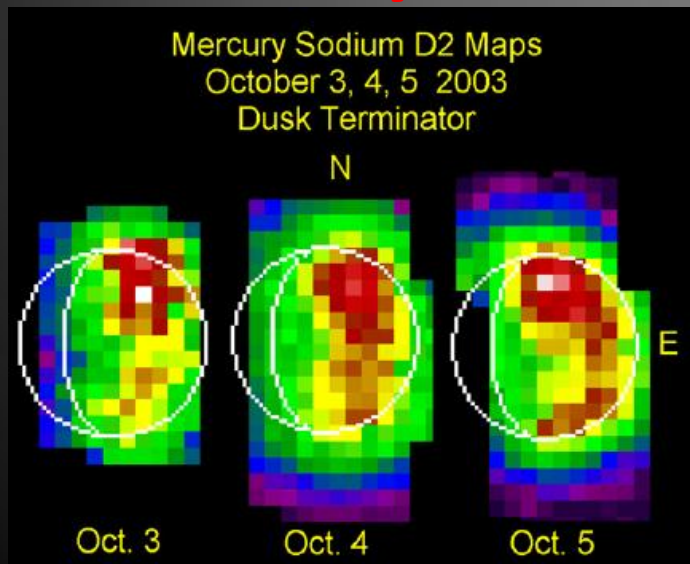
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- 磁気圏探査 (JAXA)
- 輸送 (ESA)

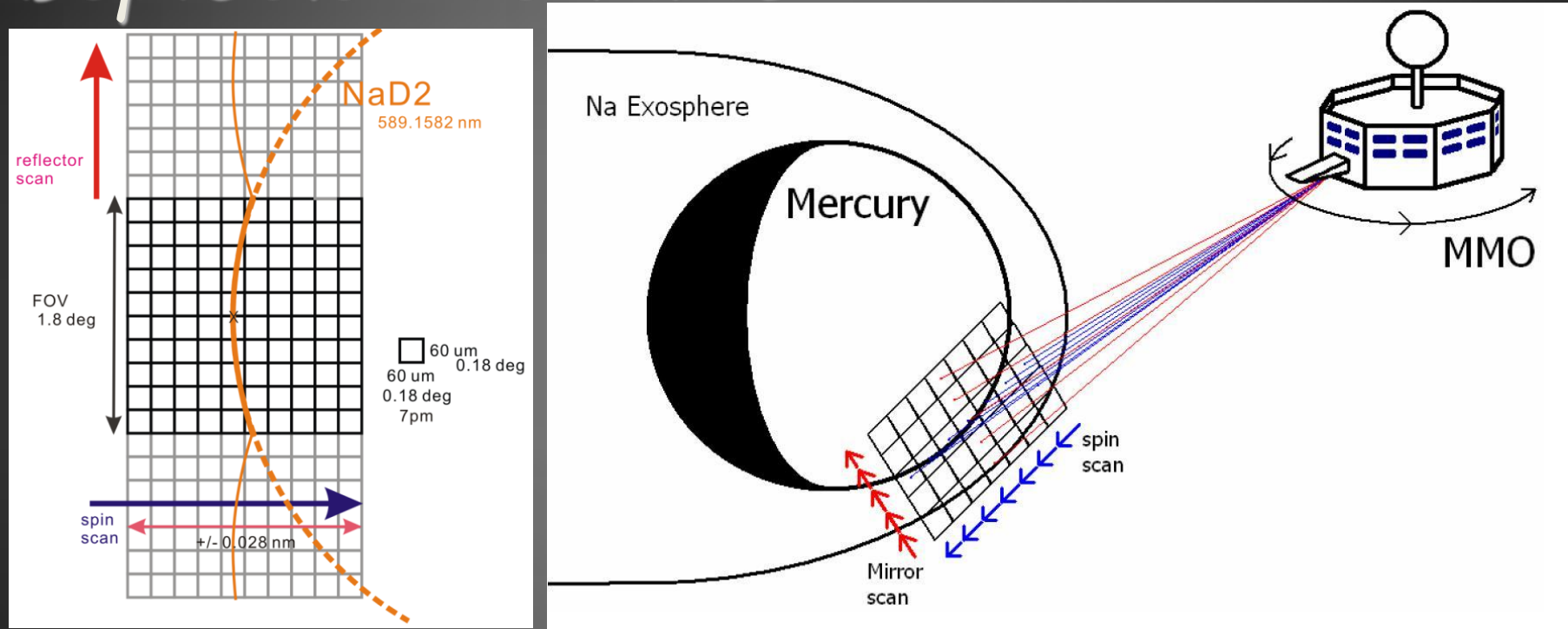
MSASI onboard BepiColombo MMO

- MSASI is “Mercury Sodium Atmosphere Spectral Imager.”
- Spectral resolution of $\sim 85,000$ (7pm) enables us to observe distribution of Na exosphere on the **dayside**.



Line width of NaD is 5pm

Mercury Sodium Atmosphere Spectral Imager (MSASI) onboard BepiColombo MMO

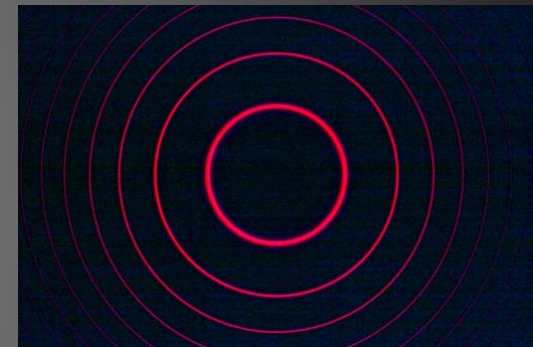
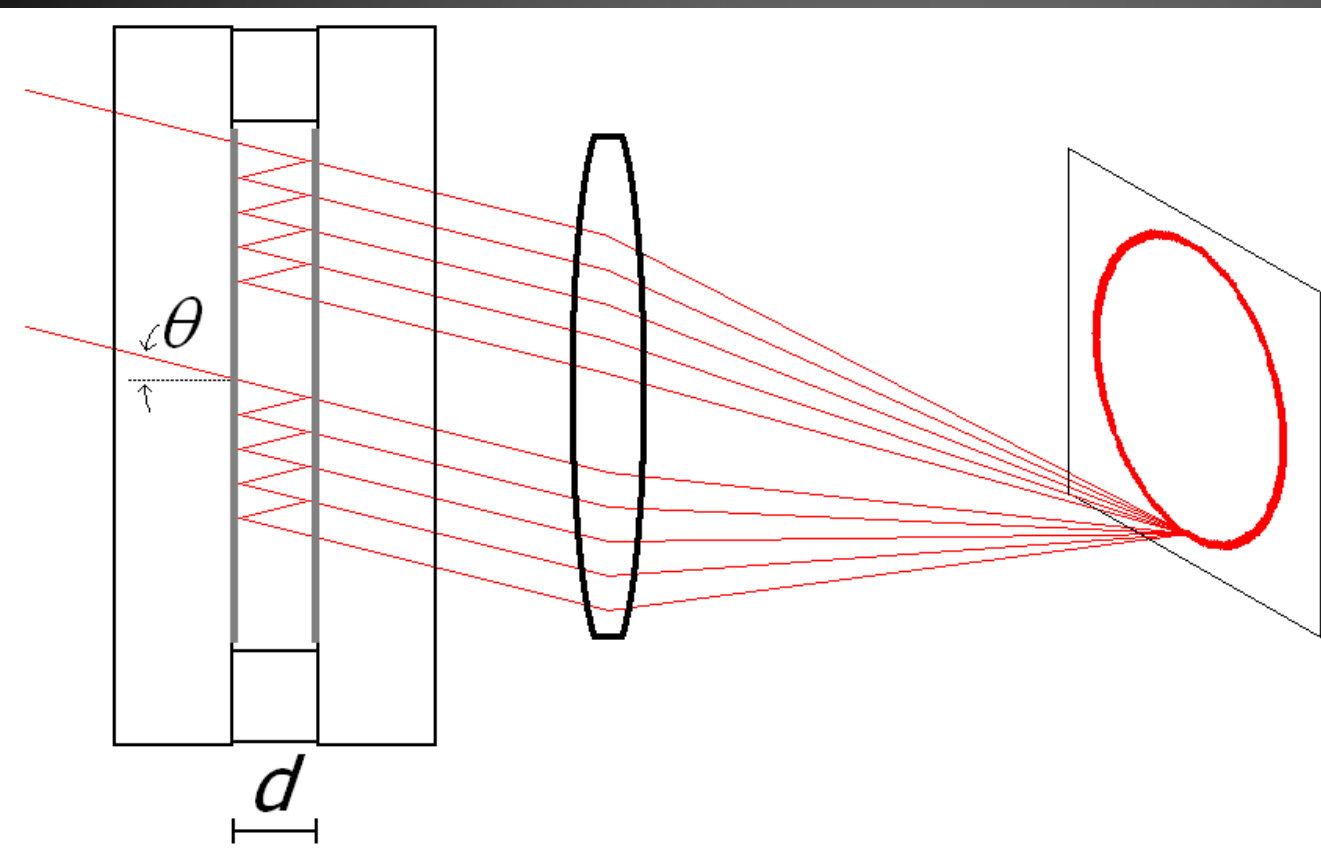


MMO is a spin-stabilized spacecraft. MSASI scans Mercury with moving mirror and S/C spin.

One pix corresponds to 2 msec. → The CMOS image sensor can take 500 images per sec.

The platescale is 1.3 km/pix at periapsis and 40 km/pix at apoapsis.

Fabry-Perot Interferometer

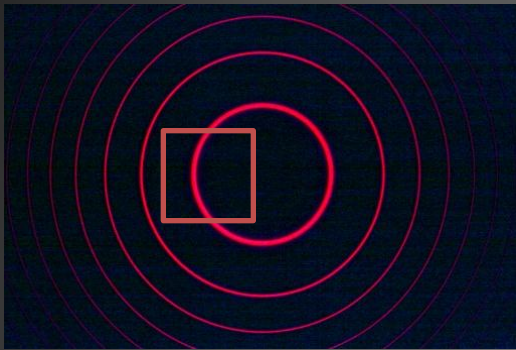


$$m \lambda = 2nd \cos \theta \rightarrow \text{Transmission}$$



Wavelength map on the detector

Interference fringe



$$\lambda_{\theta} = \lambda_0 \left[1 - \left(\frac{N_e}{N^*} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Where:

- λ_{θ} = Wavelength at angle of incidence
- λ_0 = Wavelength at normal incidence
- N_e = Refractive index of external medium
- N^* = Effective refractive index of the filter
- θ = Angle of incidence

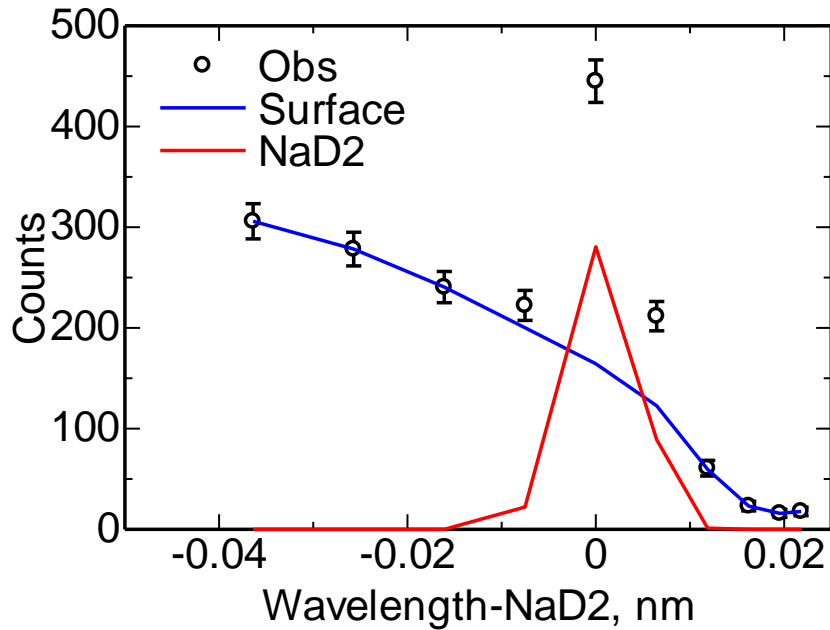
Transmit wavelength
 $\propto \cos \theta$ (Etalon)
 \propto Eq. above (Filter)

→ Tilt angle
 0.51 deg (Etalon)
 1.39 deg (Filter)

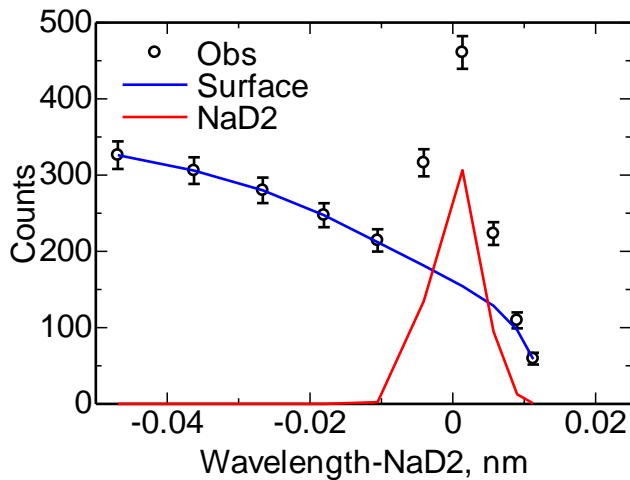
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589.12234	589.13046	589.13814	589.14537	589.15212	589.15835	589.164	589.16899	589.17316	589.17629
589.11865	589.12933	589.13895	589.14752	589.15504	589.16151	589.16692	589.17128	589.17458	589.17683
589.12471	589.13294	589.14076	589.14815	589.1551	589.16159	589.16757	589.17297	589.17765	589.18134
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Wavelength map on the detector



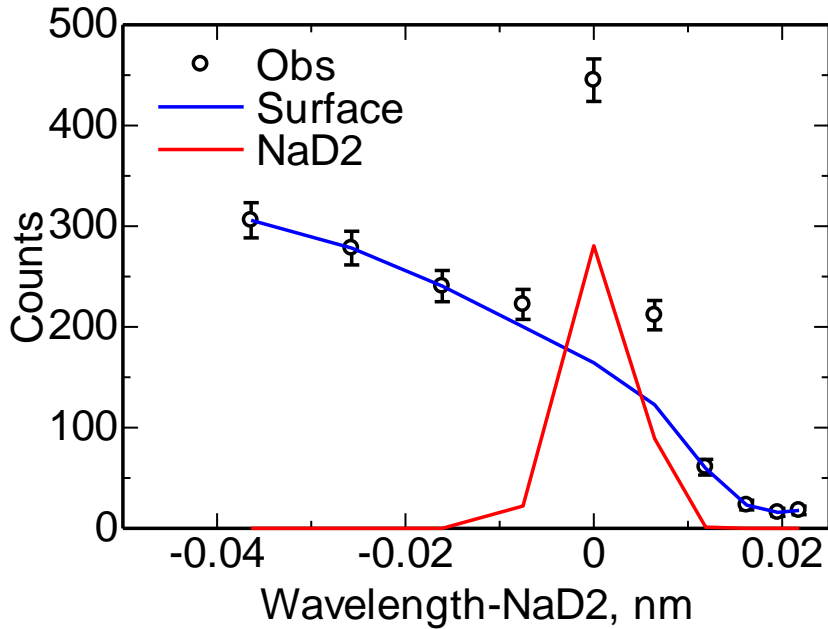
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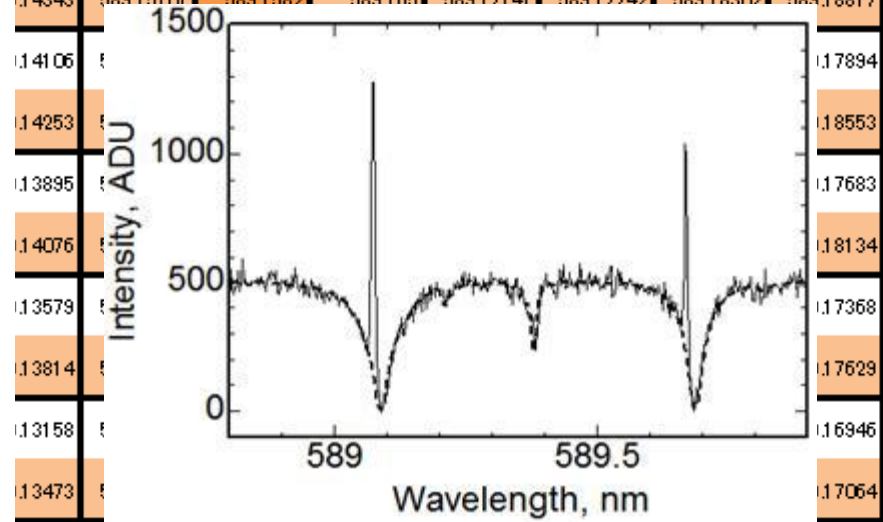
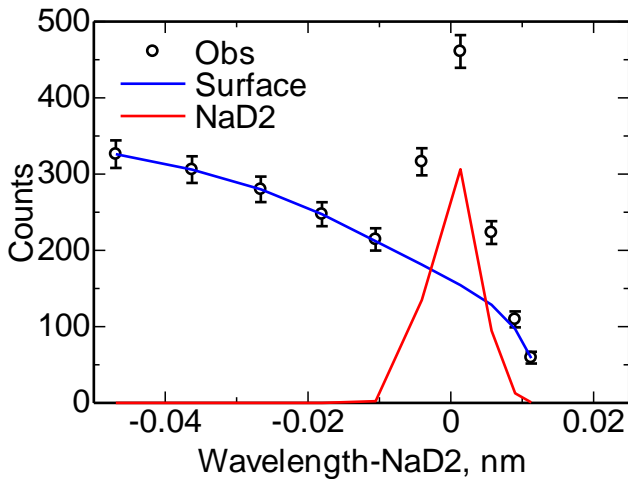
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Wavelength map on the detector

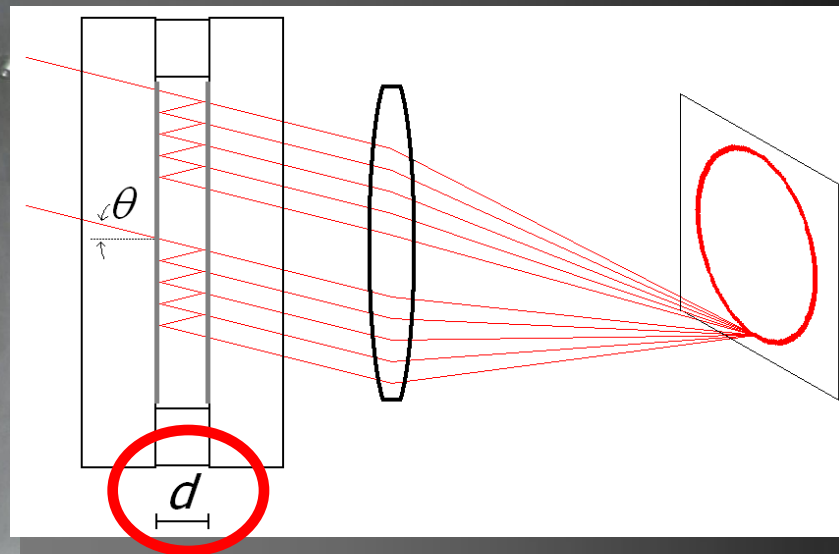
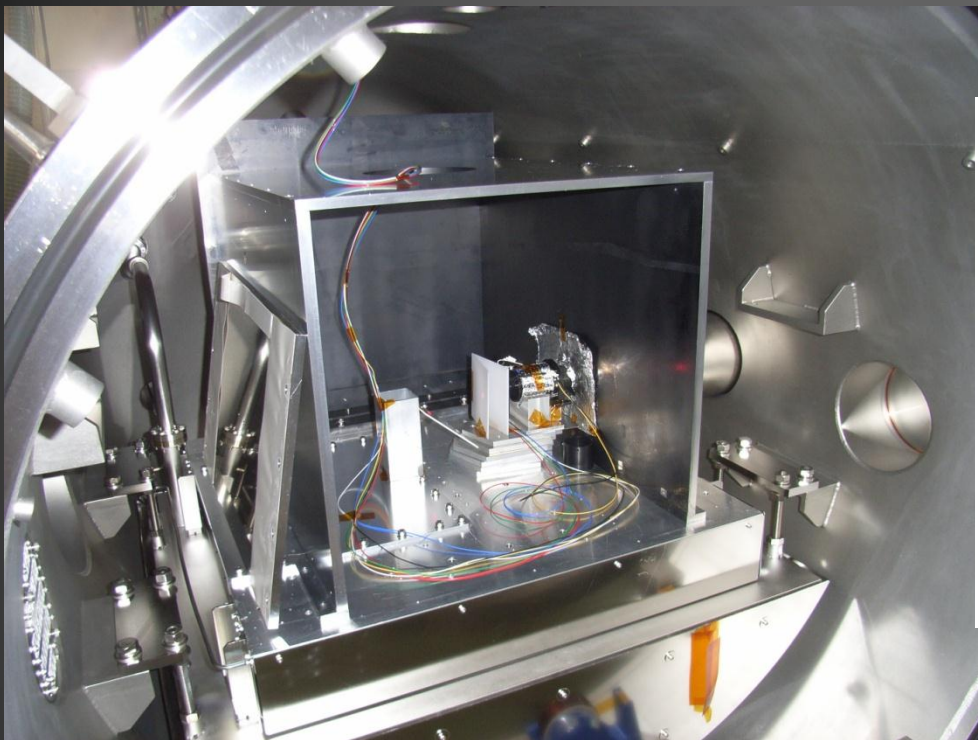


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Thermal Vacuum Test



-20 degC ~ +60 degC

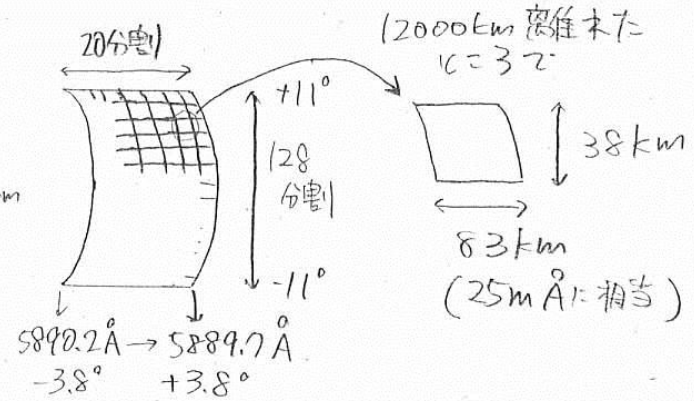
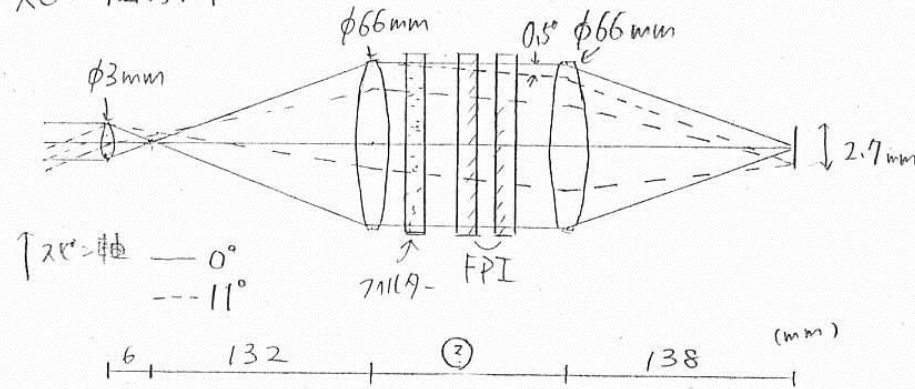
$d=1.49$ mm (Zerodur)

→ $\delta d < +/- \sim 15$ nm TEC ~ 10^{-7}

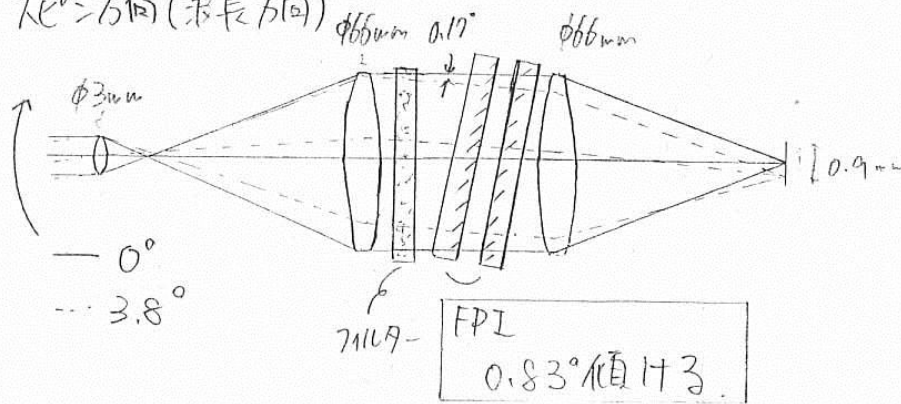
→ **δ CWL < 6 pm (Center Wavelength)**

光学設計 (2003年1月の太陽系シンポジウム)

スピ=軸方向



スピ=方向 (波長方向)



左: 光学系の設計図

左上: 横から見た図

左下: 上から見た図

上: 像面

要求される性能に従って

区画化した図

◎ スピ=軸

$\text{Na D2 } 5889.453\text{\AA}$
 を中心に持つ。

開口部 $\phi 3\text{mm}$ に入射する光量は、
上図の1区画毎に、

8.3×10^4
 [photons/100msec/25m \AA]

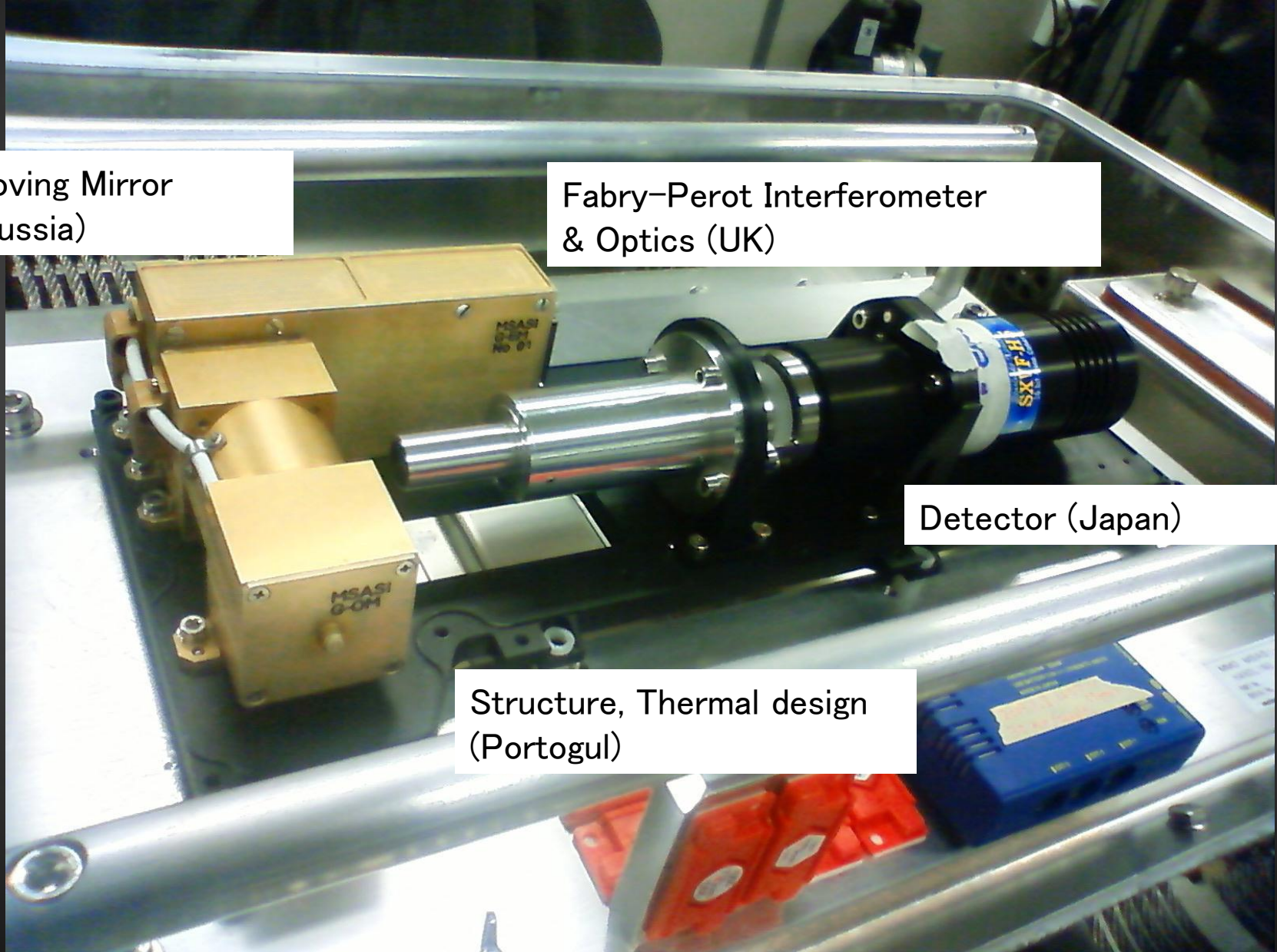
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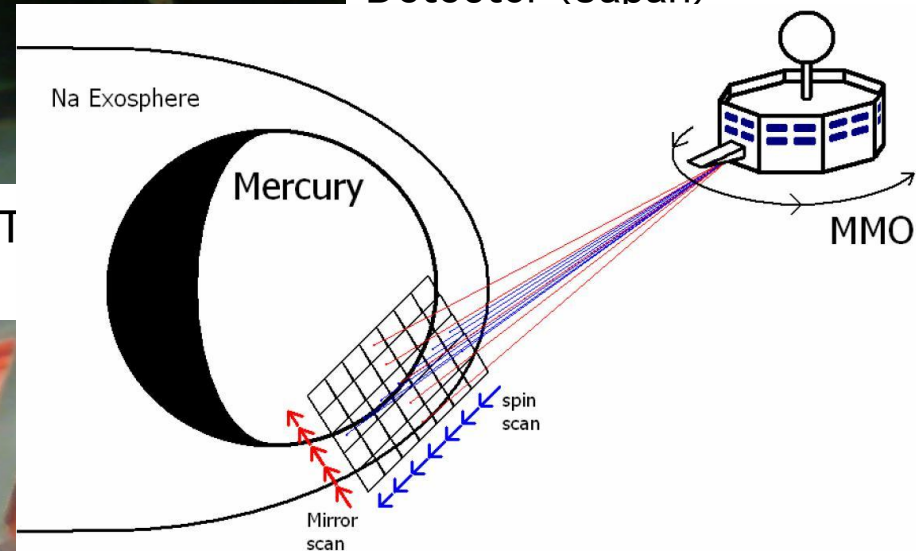
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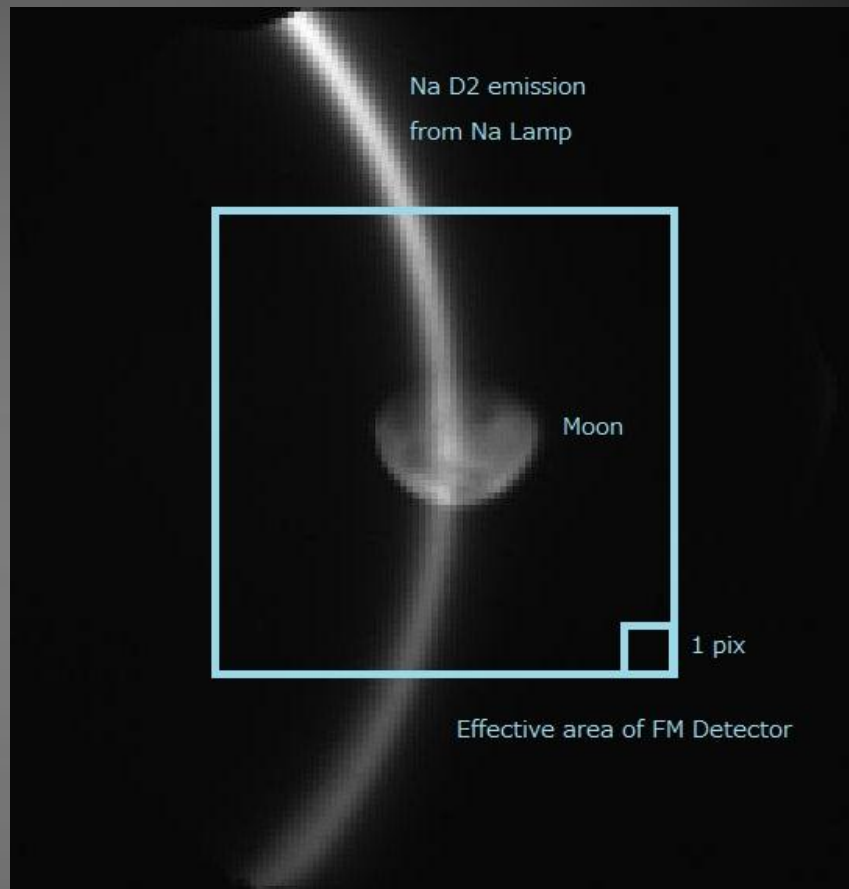




MSASI Observation



LTM on equatorial mounting
(The detector is not LTM.)



Moon and NaD2 line
(We turned on Na lamp was on for a short time during exposure for moon.)

MMO-MSASI

BepiColombo / MMO



Mercury **S**odium **A**tmosphere **S**pectral **I**mager

End