

Some phenomena in studies of transient luminous events measured by TATIANA2 satellite.

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Speaker contribution to the science teams is design and manufacturing of detectors, development of research methods, on-line data processing and analysis

TATIANA-2 at the time of integration



Carrier rocket: "Souz-2" Upper-stage rocket "Frigate"

Operating orbit: Polar Sun synchronous Altitude : 800 – 850km Inclination 98.8⁰ Mass: 100kg Power: 100W

TATIANA-2 one orbit ground track on November 16 2009 which is discussed in this report



Block-diagram of the UV, IR & CP detector



UV and IR detector comprises 2 PMT tubes and electronics block.

(first two tubes measure an optical radiation, third measures the charge particle background)

Two code are recorded and used in measurements:

M- PMT gain DAC code and N- the PMT anode current ADC code

(1) collimator, (2) UV-1 filter, (3) IR filter, MX—multiplexor, HV—voltage supply for PM tubes, ADC and DAC—analog-digital and digital-analog convertors, Logic Unit-FPGA.
(4)Scintillate plastic.



UV	240-400nm
IR	610-800nm
Sensitive area	~ 0.5cm ²
Field of view ~	15 ⁰
Mass ~	0.65kG
Power <	2.5Wt



Example of one of the optical transient waveform registered by detector



IR Earth night glow and light produced by charged particles in SAA region recorded by TATIANA -2

Charged particles detector



Sensitive area - 350cm² Energy threshold for electrons -1MeV



An example of charged particle flux waveform registered by detector

Global charged particles distribution recorded by TATIANA-2





Detector structure

One day TLE signals altitudes distribution



Example of gain changing during one day



Examples of two temporal profile recoded TLE





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One day TLE distribution recorded by TATIANA-2 above clouds map 16 November 2009

INFRARED COMPOSITE FROM 16 NOV 09 AT 06:00 UTC (SSEC:UW-MADISON)

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Some of the flashes are observed in cloudless regions were not detected by WWLLN

There are a lot of clouds above oceans but there are no registered events above them Length of such series reach 10 thousand kilometers which is much more longer then expected thunderstorm or clouds area crossed by satellite

Efficiency of WWLLN is less then 30% so to miss 7 events which are out of clouds regions will be $(1-0.3)^7 \approx 0.08$. At the same time in accordance to WWLLN data efficiency to detect event in cloud less regions is less then 10^{-2} per min per detector field of view, so probability to detect 7 of the same kind events is about $(10^{-2})^7$ One orbit TLE distribution recorded by TATIANA-2 micro satellite above clouds map 19 NOVEMBER 2009



Distribution in number of flashes $N_{\mbox{\scriptsize s}}$ in one series for various number of photons $Q_{\mbox{\scriptsize a}}$

Q_a/N_s	1	2	3	4	>4	Total number of flashes				
$10^{20} - 10^{22}$	202	59	48	18	49	372				
$10^{22} - 10^{23}$	118	146	128	85	222	699				
>10 ²³	44	58	56	37	103	298				

Typically only about 15 to 30% of strokes detected. These strokes are usually the stronger ones. Recent research indicates our detection efficiency for strokes about 30 kA is approximately 30% globally.



In these examples to be found less then 10 events out of clouds locations. Exposition time is 60 min, considering aria is about **S=10⁸ km²** lightning detecting probability out of cloud region is less then **10⁻⁷ min⁻¹×km²**

UV detector field of view **s=10⁵ km²** Probability to detect one lightning out of cloud region by UV detector less then **10⁻²** per min

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UV TRANSIENT FLASHES MEASURED BY "UNIVERSITETSKY-TATIANA-2" SATELLITE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION IN THE EQUATORIAL RE-GION AND THEIR PROBABLE IONOSPHERIC ORIGIN

The set of scientific payload on-board "Universitetsky-Tatiana-2" satellite, launched on the 17 of September, 2009, measured transient (milliseconds) flashes in the atmosphere in two wavelength bands: UV (240-400 nm) and red (610-800 nm). Global distribution of the flashes is discussed in this work. Several characteristics of this distribution are against conventionally assumed lightning origin of the transient events. Transient flashes, measured from the satellite, are frequently detected in cloudless regions. Those events are not seen by the global net of lightning radio detectors. These evidences point to their upper ionosphere origin. At the same time flashes are mainly observed above continents stretching along magnetic meridians. This fact indicates the important role of geomagnetic field and the role of electrically active zones of the continents in formation of electric field in the ionosphere. The observed absence of transient events above the Sahara Desert stresses the role of water vapor in formation of electrically active zones not only in the troposphere but also in the ionosphere.

TLE altitudes distribution recorded by TATIANA-2 above South & North America



Example of temporal profile of TLE recoded at south age of trajectory

Example of temporal profile of TLE recoded at north age of the same trajectory





Global distribution of the TLE recorded by TATIANA -2



Charged particles global distribution recorded by TATIANA -2



Transient optical phenomena differential photon number distribution in discharge point



Conjugate points: connection points Brazil & Canada



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1.At the time of the flash there was not detected response of electrons in SAA. In all temporal profile of the charge particle detector recoded above Brazil there were not detected any kind of bursts in the particles flux.

Example of optical signals records in UV and IR range together with signals from charge particle detector during TATIANA-2 mission



Examples of signals of charge particle detector recorded during TATIANA-2 mission in SAA



Conjugate points: connection from Brazil to Canada (downward electrons)

2.At high latitudes above the north Canada registered several flashes which emit at least $W > 10^{20}$ photons. In this region the Earth magnetic field has vertical direction and electrons move downward. Lets estimate the possibility of generation of these flashes by the flow of relativistic penetrating electrons.

Efficiency of electron to produce light is about $\eta \sim 5$ photons / m

With the average path length of ~30 kilometers each electron is emits $P = 30 \times 5 \times 1000 = 1.5 \times 10^5$ photons. In our case 10^{20} photons can be produced by $n = W / p = 10^{20} / 1.5 \times 6 \times 10^5 = 10^{14}$ electrons.

Density of the electrons in this beam with diameter of about 500 km and corresponded area S~ 10^{11} /m² will be $\rho = 10^{14}$ / $10^{11} = 10^3$ m-².

Delay time between electrons and photons from flash for satellite orbit with altitude 1000 km. will be in range 1000km × 3.3 km/msec. = 3.3ms for electrons moving along magnetic field and ~ 33 ms for electrons moving in a spiral trajectory are in range of detector recording time trace

Expected signal for such flashes in charge particle detector with area a=0.05m2 will be $\rho \times a = 0.05m^2 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^{-2} = 50$ particles, which exceeds the detector sensitivity at list two time.

But during measurement there were not find candidates for such model.

Conclusions

1. In Sun-synchronous orbit measurements along satellite trajectory observed series of the flashes which observed every day

2. Series of flashes are observed not only above clouds in thunderstorm regions, but also over cloudless ones

3. Number of flashes in series increase with increasing number of photons in flashes 4. Flashes were not observed above Sahara desert.

Also

Measurements provide:

1.No evidence find for synchronous occurrence of flashes and expected electrons generated in lighting discharge.

2.No evidence finds for influence of electric field of lighting discharge on electrons with energy greater than 1MeV in near Earth space.

3.No evidence find for flashes generated by downward electrons in conjugate points.

THANKS!