太陽フレアと地球への影響

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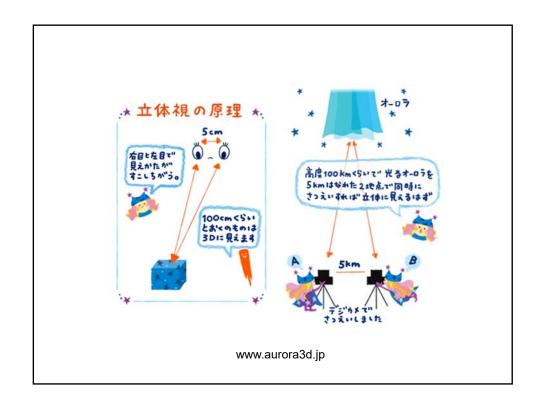
100年前の発見:オーロラはどこで光っているのか?

Carl Störmer (1874-1957)



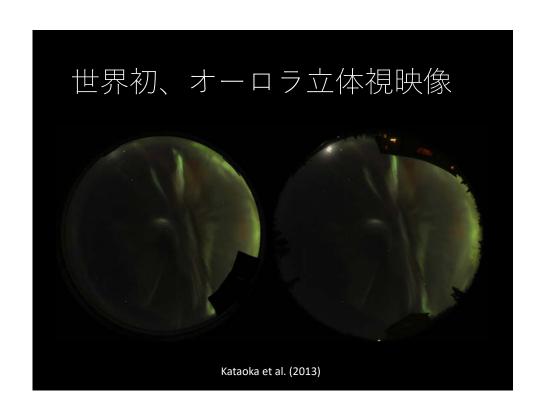
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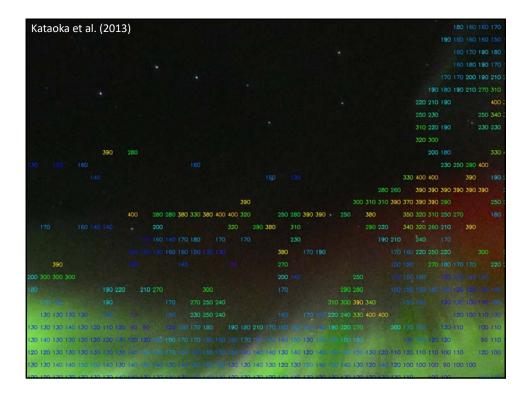


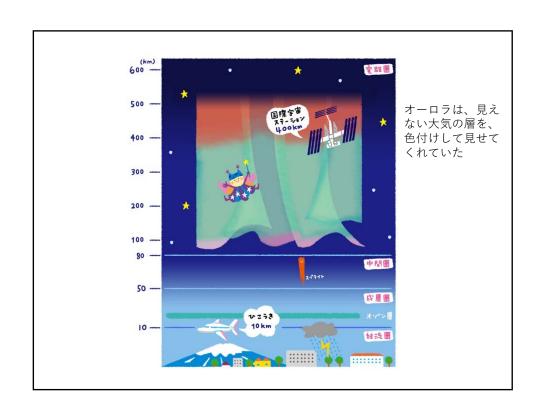


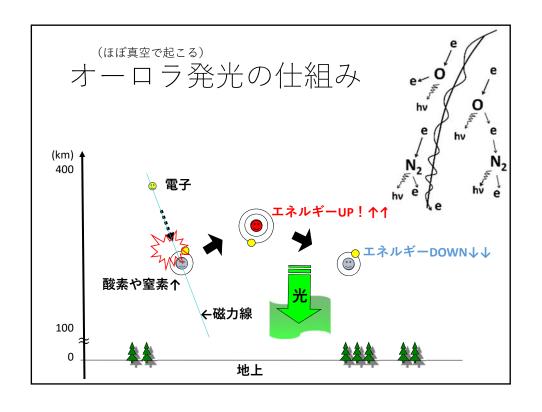






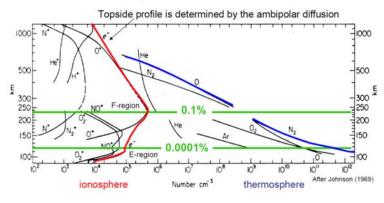






オーロラの色は大気の色

Earth's ionosphere and thermosphere



- $\begin{array}{ll} \text{1. Dissociative recombination (molecular, fast):} & NO^+ + e^- \rightarrow N + O \\ \text{2. Radiative recombination (atomic, slow):} & O^+ + e^- \rightarrow O + photon \\ \end{array}$

50年前の発見:オーロラは大きな環だった

オーロラは環になっている

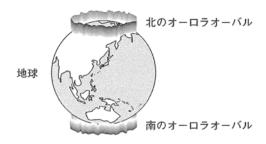
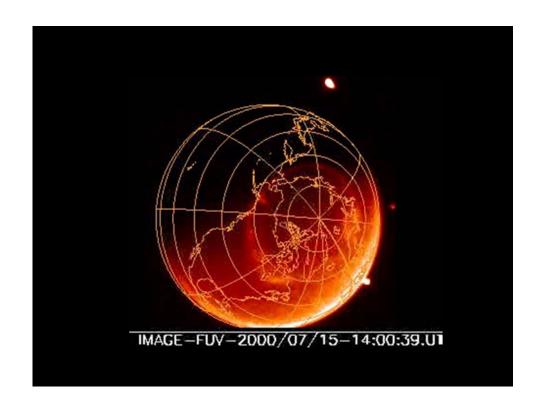
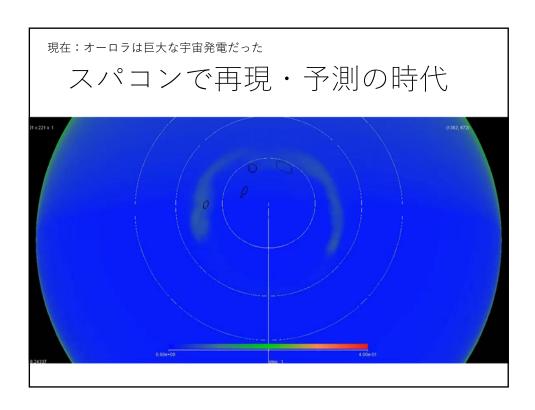
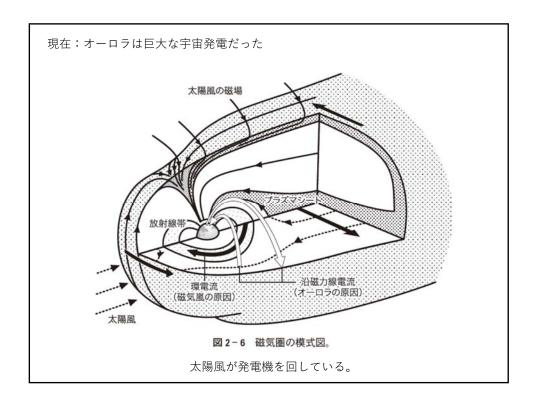


図1-7 ふたつのオーロラオーバル。オーロラは大きな 環の形をしている







オーロラ発電機の発電量?

- オーロラの発電は、10 MAと100 kV程度なのでTW のオーダー。
 - ・大型の発電所の出力はGWだから、発電所1000基分。
 - クイズ:メガ、ギガ、テラはわかりますね。つぎは?
- 人間活動を賄える電力は、いつも自然に出来ていて近くにあった。
 - 発電所の電気はその程度、という気づき
- 地球は電気の星だった
 - 大自然のエネルギーの使い方とは?

1. オーロラとは?まとめ

- 100年前の大きな発見
 - オーロラは宇宙と大気の境界で光っていた
- 50年前の大きな発見
 - オーロラは環だった(環は爆発する)
- 現在
 - スーパーコンピュータで再現・予測の時代
 - オーロラの再現に必要なのは3つだけ

2. オーロラを作る3つの要素?



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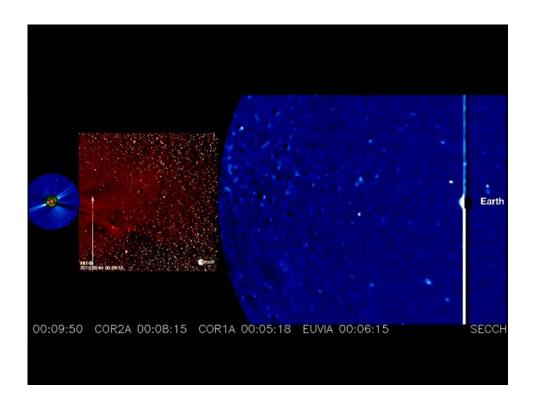
ヒントは絵の中に。

太陽風、地磁気、大気、です。



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太陽風は大気にぶつからない。途中に地球を守る壁(地磁気)があるため。 太陽風と地磁気が作用して電流が生まれ、その電流が大気中でオーロラを光らせる。

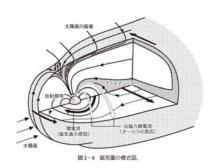


復習〇×クイズ

• オーロラは、太陽風が大気に衝突して光る

復習〇×クイズ

- オーロラは、太陽風が大気に衝突して光る
 - 間違い。太陽風は大気に衝突しません。
 - ・オーロラは磁気圏の発電で光っています。



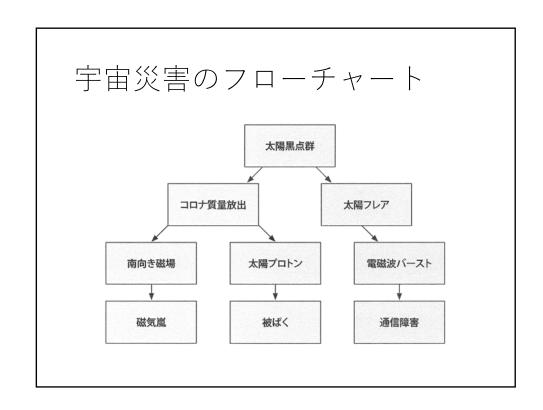
- 1. 太陽風が磁気圏という 発電機を回して電流が複雑 に流れる。
- 2. 電流を担う電子が集中した場所がオーロラとして確認できる。

素朴な疑問:日本でオーロラは見られる?

3. オーロラのダークサイド

	年月日	詳細	文 献
\Rightarrow	1770年9月	京都上空までオーロラが到達。キャリントン級の磁 気嵐	Kataoka&lwahashi (2017)
\Rightarrow	1859年9月	キャリントン・イベント。フレアも磁気嵐も史上最 大と推定されている	Cliver (2006)
	1921年5月	キャリントン級の磁気嵐。サモアでもオーロラが観 測。スウェーデンの電信局で火災	Boteler et al. (1998)
	1967年5月	冷戦中に深刻な通信障害が発生	Knipp et al. (2016)
	1989年3月	過去50年で最大の磁気嵐。カナダで9時間停電	Bolduc (2002)
-	2003年10月	ハロウィン・イベント。観測史上最大のフレア。ス ウェーデンで90分停電	Gopalswamy et al. (2005)

図4-2 巨大磁気嵐の歴史

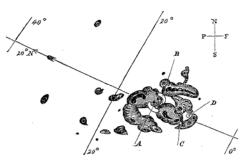


3. Darkside of aurora

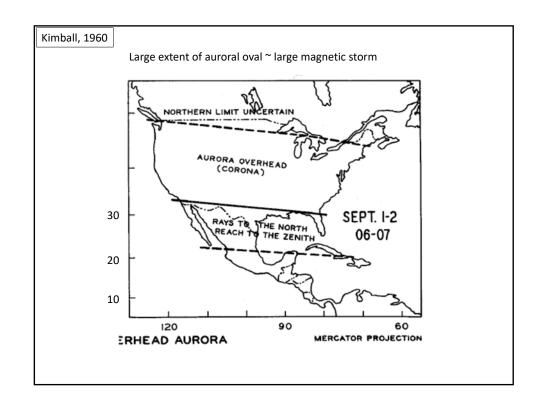
- Introduction
 - 1859 Carrington event and 1770 Kyoto event
- Power outages
 - 1989 Hydro-Quebec event
- Radiation dose
 - 2003 Halloween event
- Summary

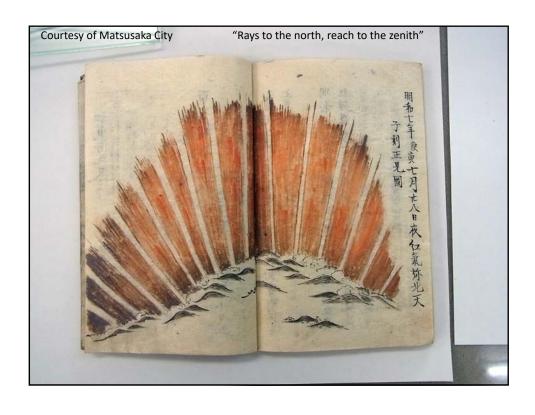
1859 Carrington event

- 1859 Sep 1, Carrington watched a flare during sketching huge sunspots
- 1859 Sep 2, Aurora all over the world.
 - Spark discharges at several telegraph offices
- The largest magnetic storm for last 200 years
 - If it occurred now, economic loss of \$1-2 trillion expected



Carrington (1859)





1770 Kyoto event?

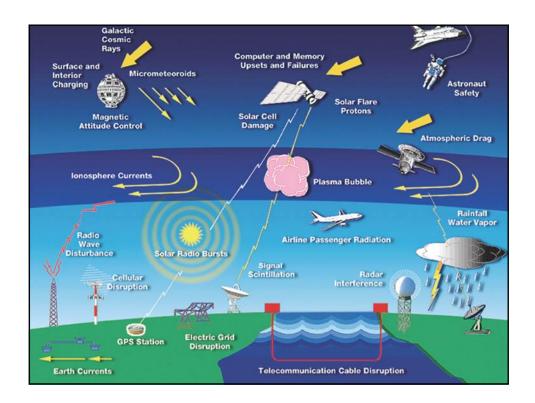
- 1770 September 17
 - The largest number (>100) of old diaries about witnessing red auroras in Japanese history
 - Even larger number of records than Carrington event
- 1770 September 16
 - Captain James Cook and Joseph Banks watched red aurora in the southern hemisphere around Indonesia.
- 1770 September 16-18
 - Red auroras were observed in China for three days
 - Similar prolonged events (= very eruptive Sun) can also be found in "Meigetsuki" in 13th century

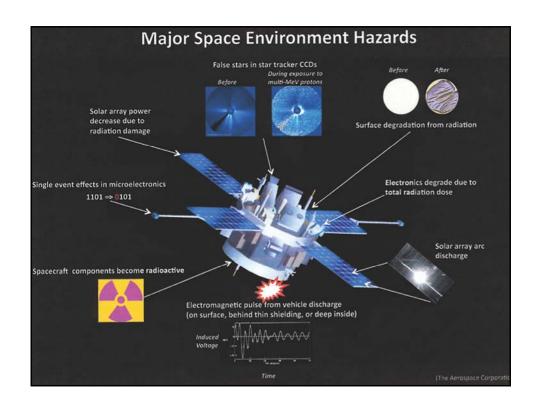
What we learn from the history

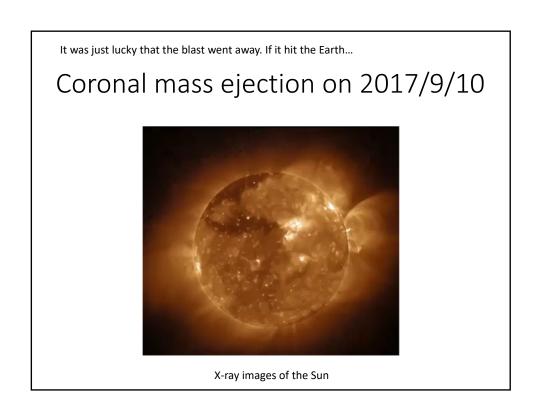
- Japanese old literatures of >1000 years tell us many important things
 - The historically great (and very rare) magnetic storms can be identified to fix the geophysical fact,
 - which is necessary to understand the great poet Fujiwara-no-Teika, as well as to understand transitions of citizen's mind to fear natural disasters and their view of nature.
- Carrington-class "dangerous" magnetic storms occurred at least twice within 100 years.
 - 150 years have already passed since the Carrington event. Modern society is vulnerable to the space weather hazard and we have to prepare to save life.

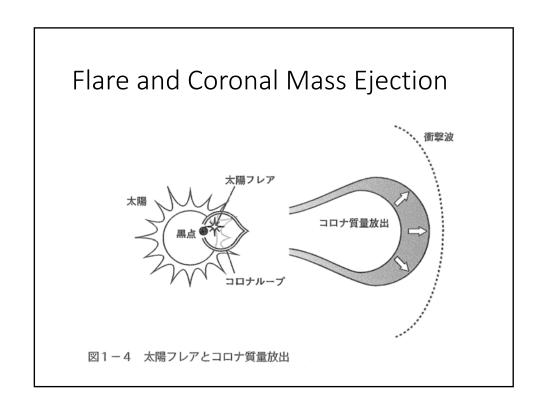
What happens if it occurred now

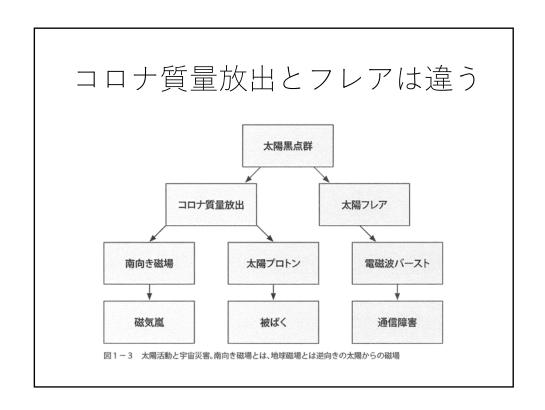
- Infrastructures of modern society are vulnerable to space weather events
- Power grids are sensitive "antennas" to space
 - Main cause of the economic loss (\$1-2 trillion expected)
- We are flying too high
 - Significant radiation to humans
- Many others, including communication failures and satellite malfunctions.





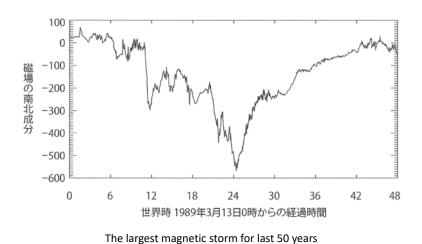






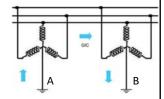
Remember that aurora is huge MA current, which can deform the global geomagnetic field.

Hydro-Quebec magnetic storm



Geomagnetically Induced Current

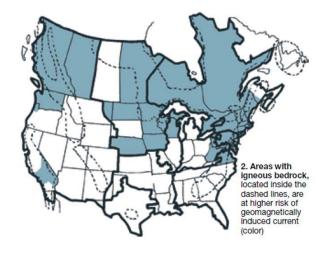
- Earth current: electric current flows on the ground
 - Don't worry. We don't feel the electric shock because the ground is better conductor than human
- The large variation of the auroral current (magnetic storm) causes large voltage difference on ground between distant positions A and B.
- If a conductive artificial structure also connected the positions A and B, the electric current flows along the structure.
 - This is called GIC, which disrupt power grids





\$12 million transformer at Nuclear Plant

Hazard map of GIC power outage



Hydro-Quebec accident in 1989 March event:

Within 92 seconds it brought down almost the entire grid, knocking 21.5 GW off line. The blackout lasted more than nine hours, affected six million people, and cost \$2 billion.

c.f., Hokkaido blackout: order of 1 GW , \$2 billion

Halloween event

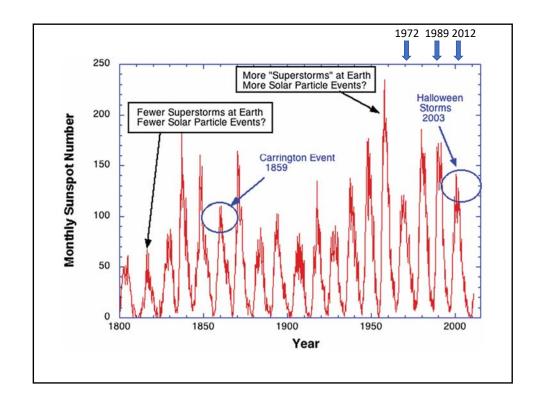


Coronal Mass Ejections and Solar Protons: artificial eclipse makes you see the coronal activity

Some histories of solar protons

- 1972 April 27, Apollo 16 came back from the Moon
 - 1972 August 4, solar proton event occurred.
 - If astronauts were at the Moon, the dose would be >10 Sv.
- 1989 October 19, astronauts had to shield themselves at ISS
 - Comparable solar protons to 1972 August event.
 - People enjoyed aurora in Niigata prefecture Japan.
- 2012 July 23, JAXA's Akatsuki damaged
 - Comparable solar protons to 1972 August event.
 - Solar panels degrade >10 %.

All around the Solar MAX



How much dose by solar protons?

- It can exceed lethal dose of 10 Sv for astronauts at the Moon (without atmosphere) or toward Mars
- However, only up to 1 mSv at flight altitude
 - Not harmful, comparable to abdominal X-rays
 - Radiation workers close to "5 mSv rule" have to care
 - Airplanes in polar route sometimes reroute (several times/year), mainly to avoid critical communication failures and to protect electronics etc. It cost only additional fuel.
- Why so safe?

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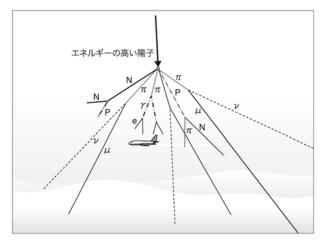
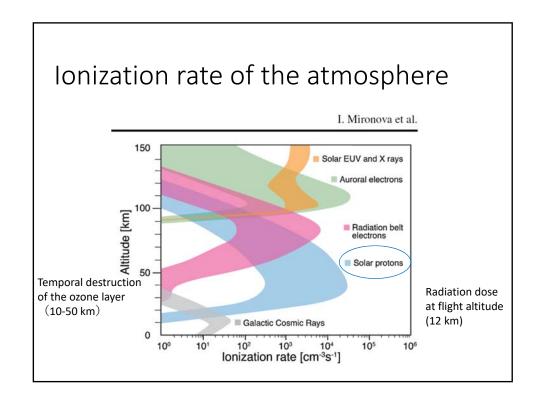


図2-4 空気シャワーの模式図。



Summary: Space Disaster

- Infrastructures of modern society are vulnerable to space weather events
- Power grids on ground are sensitive to space hazards, and we are flying too high
 - GICs can cause blackouts over US (\$1-2 trillion expected)
 - Solar protons cause radiation dose above flight altitude
- Carrington-class magnetic storms occurred at least twice within 100 years.
 - Note that 150 years have already passed since the Carrington event.

Question: True or false?

• Magnetic storms are driven by solar flares

Question: True or false?

- Magnetic storms are driven by solar flares
 - False. Please differentiate flares (light) and blast.
 - Magnetic storms are driven by coronal mass ejections.
 - Coronal mass ejections also create solar protons to cause radiation dose for aircrews and astronauts.