The spatial and temporal variation of oxidant component in the Martian atmosphere observed by MEX/PFS

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Introduction ~CH4~



Introduction ~H2O2~

• <u>Vast quantities of H2O2 can be produced in the Martian dust</u>



Introduction ~CH4 & H2O2~

- The loss process of CH4 [Atreya et al., 2007]
- 1.Photochemistry
 - Lifetime→300-600 years
- 2.Oxidation

Oxidation by string oxidant

Methane is destroyed by means of oxidation from H2O2 generated around dust grains?



Introduction ~H2O2~

Table 2. Previous H₂O₂ observations

Ref.	Ls	Instrument	Date	Wavelength $(\mu m/cm^{-1})$	Mixing ratio
Krasnopolsky et al., 1997	222°	FTS @ Kitt peak (R=120000)	1988/6	8.08-8.14 1229-1237	upper limit (30ppb)
Encrenaz et al., 2002	112°	IRTF/TEXES (R=80000)	2001/2	8.05-8.10 1235-1243	upper limit (6ppb)
Clancy et al., 2004	254°	JCMT	2003/9	362.156 GHz	18±4ppb
Encrenaz et al., 2004	206°	IRTF/TEXES	2003/7	8.05-8.10 1235-1243	20-50ppb
Encrenaz et al., 2008	332°	IRTF/TEXES	2005/11/30- 12/1	8.05-8.10 1235-1243	15±10ppb

We have not understood fully seasonal variation and global map.

1. <u>The seasonal variation of the H2O2</u>

Objective2. The longitudinal and latitudinal variation of the H2O2

3. To compare the variation of H2O2 with that of CH4 using same data set.

MEX/PFS

Consecutive and high spectral resolution observation → Mars Express / Planetary Fourier Spectrometer



Table 3. PFS character

	Spectral range	Spectral resolution	FOV	NEB	Detector
SW	1.2 - 5.5µm	$1.3 cm^{-1}$	1.7°	$4 \times 10^{-8} W cm^{-2} sr^{-1}$	Photoconductor
LW	5.5-45µm	$1.3 cm^{-1}$	2.8°	$5 \times 10^{-9} W cm^{-2} sr^{-1}$	Pyroelectric

[Formisano et al., 2005]

Wave length : 300-400 cm-1 (25-33µm)

Related Presentation

V. Formisano et al., "Search for hydrogen peroxide in the Martian atmosphere." (Poster Presentation)

The example of PFS spectrum



Fig 7. The example of spectrum observed by the PFS at 300-400cm-1 (average 2000 measurements)

Line strength in 300-400 cm-1



- •Parameters of absorption lines from HITRAN04 database
- •Pressure, temperature and H2O vertical profile from Mars Climate Databasae
- •H2O2: Constant of mixing ratio in the range between 0 to 200 km
- •Instrumental function is provide by MEX/PFS PI team.

The result of Forward model



The result of Forward model



Fig 10. The expected observation by the PFS spectral resolution (358-368cm-1)

Data handling



The method of fitting

Step1

Retrieval the martian surface temperature and surface emissivity

(using the least squares method)

Surface temperature is retrieved -->> at 1250 - 1350cm-1 Surface emissivity -->> at 312.9, 326.0, 330.1, 359.4, 365.4, 366.4, 389.6, 390.7, 391.7 and 392.7 cm-1



Retrieval the H2O column abundance

(using the Levenberg-Marquardt aloglism) H2O -->> at 326 - 332 cm-1



Retrieval the H2O2 column abundance

(using the Levenberg-Marquardt aloglism)

H2O2 -->> at 360.4, 361.4, 362.4, 363.4, 364.4 and 365.4 cm-1



The example of fitting result



The example of fitting result



Result of Seasonal variation



The seasonal variation is suggested, but it is necessary to discuss whether the variation is meaningful or not because there are the period we have not analyzed yet. To derive the seasonal variation in another martian year is indispensable.

Future works

- \checkmark To check the validity of analyzing method.
- \checkmark To derive the seasonal variation in another martian year.
- ✓ To investigate whether there are the enhancement of H2O2 abundance in short time scale.
- ✓ To compare the variation of H2O2 with that of CH4 using same data set together with INAF-team.
- ✓ We plan to observe the martian H2O2 by APEX submillimeter telescope at the end of this November.

APEX proposal

A sensitive search for minor constituent related to possible sources and sinks of methane on Mars				
Altitude	5107 m, Latitude: 23°00'2	0.8" South, longitud	e: 67°45'33.0"	
Antenna		12 m		
Beam	18"	'@345GHz		
Frequency	220-370 G	Hz, 1.25-1.39 T	Hz	
Receiver	APEX-2 FFTS 8192 (Bandy	[275-370 GHz] channels (122 width : 1 GHz	kHz)	
Date(proposal)	17 Nov. 2009, UT7:00-9:30			
Mars diameter	8.8"			
Doppler	-9.78 km/s (12 MHz)			
Line	SO2(358.2156 GHz), H2O2(362.156 GHz)			
Total RMS=0.016K	Total : 1.563(SO2), 1.458(H2O2) Tsum : 5.00(SO2), 4.67(H2O2)			

APEX proposal

In this proposal, we search the minor elements related to the production and the loss processes in the expected methane cycle by the first-time simultaneous spectroscopic observation of SO2 and H2O2.

Purpose :

✓ SO2 : Improvement of S/N and a search in the other seasonal phase than previous our observation -> conclude the contribution of crustal activities to the production of methane.
✓ H2O2 : Establish the production and loss processes of the oxidizer and help to constrain between several models of seasonal variation.

✓ The vertical profile of H2O2 : The relationship to water -ice clouds and dust storm E-fields



Summary

- ✓ The variation of H2O2 is the useful indicator to understand the variation of the oxidizer. It can constrain the variation of CH4 because the oxidizer is a candidate of the sink of CH4.
- ✓ The variation of H2O2 can be obtained by MEX/PFS. Though it is still preliminary, the seasonal variation is suggested in one martian year.
- ✓ Our sub-millimeter observation by APEX aims to obtain the vertical profile of H2O2. This observation helps to constrain Martian photochemical model.

To be continued ...



The example of fitting result



The example of fitting result



Radiative transfer model

*Temperature correction of line intesisity

$$S(T) = S_0(T_0) \frac{exp(-\frac{hcE}{kT})}{exp(-\frac{hcE}{kT_0})} \frac{Q(T_0)}{Q(T)} \frac{1 - exp(-\frac{hc\nu_0}{kT})}{1 - exp(-\frac{hc\nu_0}{kT_o})}$$

So:line intensity at T₀=296[K], E:Lower-state-energy (from HITRAN04)

*The method of calculation of Q(T) [Gamache et al., 2000]

$$Q(T) = A + BT + CT^2 + DT^3$$

A,B,C,D is constant (depend on molecular species)

Radiative transfer model

$$f(\nu - \nu_0) = \frac{1}{\alpha_D \pi^{\frac{1}{2}}} Voigt(x, y) \qquad (x = \frac{\nu - \nu_0}{\alpha_D(T)} , y = \frac{\alpha_L(p, T)}{\alpha_D(T)})$$

*The method calculation of $\alpha_{\rm L}$ and $\alpha_{\rm D}$

$$\alpha_L(p,T) = \alpha_L(p_0T_0)\frac{p}{p_0}(\frac{T_0}{T})^T$$
 The value of $\alpha_L(P_0,T_0)$ is from HITRAN04

$$\alpha_D(T) = \frac{\nu_0}{c} (\frac{2k_B T}{M_r})^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \text{Mr:molecular weight}$$

Voigt function $Voigt(x, y) = \frac{y}{\pi} \int \frac{exp(-t^2)}{y^2 + (x - t)^2} dt \qquad (t = \frac{\nu - \nu'}{\alpha_D(T)})$

*The solution of Voigh function refers to [Drayson, 1976]

Radiative transfer model





* Average of 100 measurement

- * Data set ;
- * Data selection ; Only nadir observation
 - ; Deribed surface temperature > 200K
- * The method of analysis ; Simply, derive the transmittance at 362 cm-1



To investigate whether there are the enhancement of H2O2 abundance in short time scale. (The limit of detection ~ 200ppb)



Fig 20. The depth of absorption at 362 cm-1 with Ls

Fig 21. The depth of absorption at 362 cm-1 with Local time





Fig 24. The average every 90° of Fig. 20

Fig 25. The average every 6 hours of Fig. 21



Fig 26. The average every 45° of Fig. 22

Fig 27. The average every 90° of Fig. 23



Table. Recent simulation of variation of hydrogen peroxide

Ref.	概要	特徴	
Krasnopolsky, 2006	GCM + 光化学過程 + Heterogeneous loss	Seasonal, spatial and LT variation	
Moudden, 2007	GCM + 光化学過程	4 seasonal global maps	
Lefever et al., 2008	GCM + 光化学過程 + Heterogeneous loss	Seasonal variation	
Krasnopolsky, 2009	GCM + 光化学過程 + Heterogeneous loss	Krasnopolsky, 2006の改良版	

*GCMと結合することで変動を予測



1. $H2O + hv \rightarrow H + OH$

Simulation ~Seasonal variation~



⇒両モデルの差 (1)Heterogenous lossメカニズム (2)反応式⑪の反応係数

•Ls = 207°の観測はLef08を支持

•Ls=112°と330°の観測はKraを支持

(Ls = 253°の観測は両方のモデルを支持)

・どちらのモデルがより現実を再現しているかは、
将来の観測に期待される



Fig. Simulated seasonal variation of hydrogen peroxide [Lefevre et al., 2008]

Simulation ~Dependence on LT~












































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