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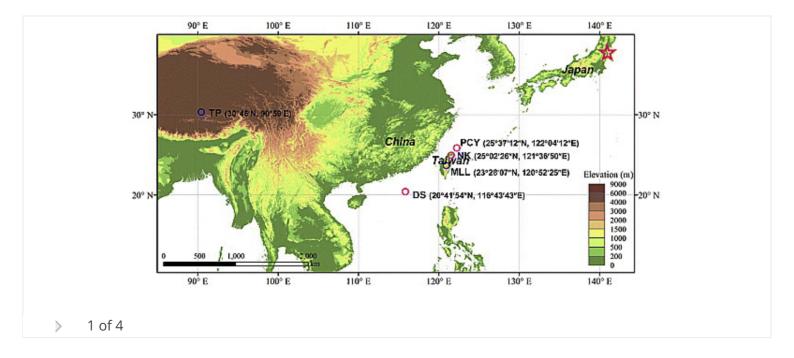
Hemispheric dispersion of radioactive plume laced with fission nuclides from the Fukushima nuclear event

Shih-Chieh Hsu, Chih-An Huh, Chuen-Yu Chan, Shuen-Hsin Lin, Fei-Jan Lin, Shaw Chen Liu First Published: 12 January 2012 Vol: 39, L00G22 | DOI: 10.1029/2011GL049986

KEY POINTS

- A round of hemispheric transport for Japan radiation clouds is about 18 days
- The first two waves of radiation clouds transported at distinctive altitudes
- A schematic model is constructed for the hemispheric dispersion

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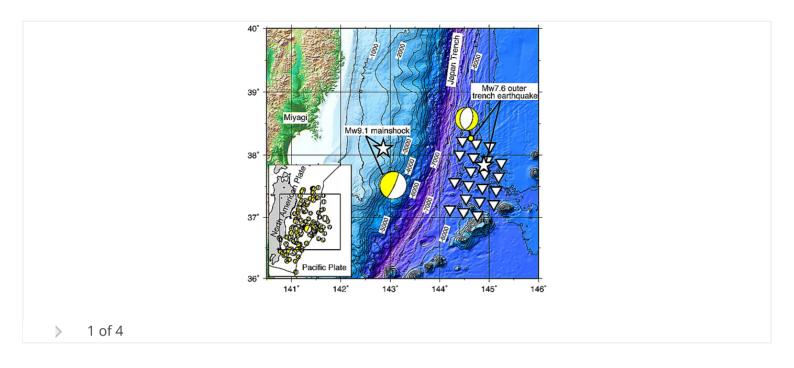
Normal-faulting earthquakes beneath the outer slope of the Japan Trench after the 2011 Tohoku

earthquake: Implications for the stress regime in the incoming Pacific plate

Koichiro Obana, Gou Fujie, Tsutomu Takahashi, Yojiro Yamamoto, Yasuyuki Nakamura, Shuichi Kodaira, Narumi Takahashi, Yoshiyuki Kaneda, Masanao Shinohara First Published: 31 January 2012 Vol: 39, L00G24 | DOI: 10.1029/2011GL050399

KEY POINTS

- OBS observations for outer trench slope earthquakes after the 2011 Tohoku EQ
- Normal-faulting earthquakes in oceanic crust and mantle of the incoming plate
- Stress regime in the Pacific plate was changed by the 2011 Tohoku earthquake



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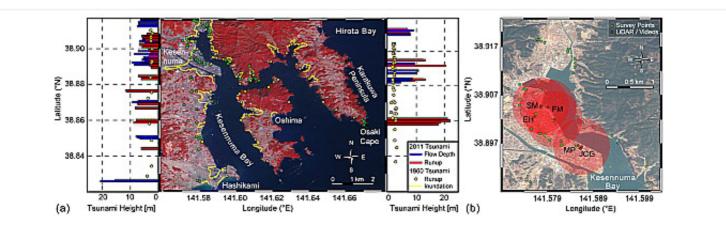
The 2011 Japan tsunami current velocity measurements from survivor videos at Kesennuma Bay using LiDAR

Hermann M. Fritz, David A. Phillips, Akio Okayasu, Takenori Shimozono, Haijiang Liu, Fahad Mohammed, Vassilis Skanavis, Costas E. Synolakis, Tomoyuki Takahashi First Published: 21 January 2012 Vol: 39, L00G23 | DOI: 10.1029/2011GL050686

KEY POINTS

- Application of LiDAR in post-tsunami survey
- Tsunami video analysis using PIV
- Video based tsunami water level time series

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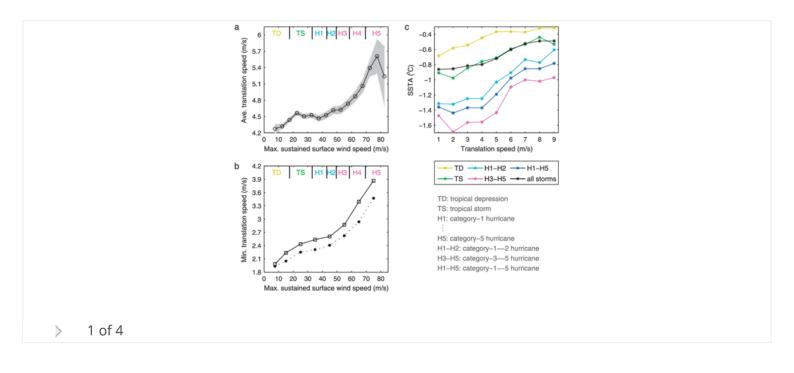
The effect of translation speed upon the intensity of tropical cyclones over the tropical ocean

Wei Mei, Claudia Pasquero, François Primeau First Published: 5 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07801 | DOI: 10.1029/2011GL050765

KEY POINTS

- The intensity of TCs correlates with their translation speed in the tropics
- Ave cold wake temperature is determined by TC intensity and translation speed
- TC-induced ocean cooling feeds back onto the TC intensification process

Highlight



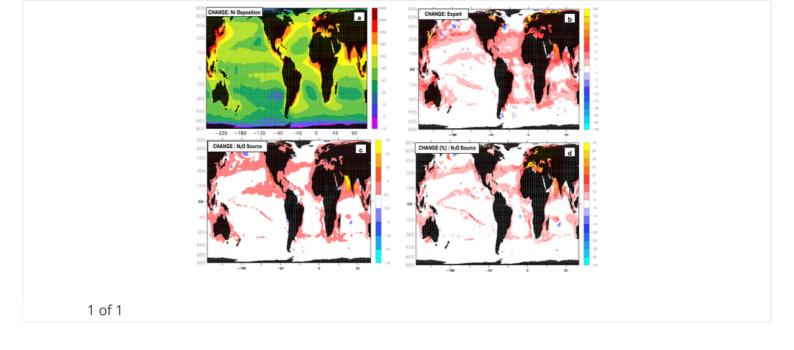
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Quantifying the impact of anthropogenic nitrogen deposition on oceanic nitrous oxide

Parvadha Suntharalingam, Erik Buitenhuis, Corinne Le Quéré, Frank Dentener, Cynthia Nevison, James H. Butler, Hermann W. Bange, Grant Forster

First Published: 12 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07605 | DOI: 10.1029/2011GL050778

- Anthropogenic N deposition has modest global but high local impact on ocean N2O
- Highest impact where high N deposition overlays hypoxic zones of high N2O yield
- Previous scaling estimates omitted a source of new nitrogen in their analysis

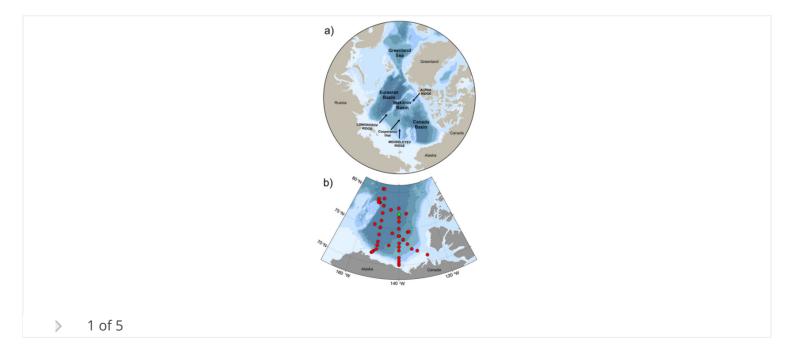


The Arctic Ocean warms from below

Eddy C. Carmack, William J. Williams, Sarah L. Zimmermann, Fiona A. McLaughlin First Published: 7 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07604 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL050890

KEY POINTS

- The deep water is warming at a measurable rate of ~0.0004 deg C yr-1
- This heating is not escaping along the basin perimeter
- A greater fraction of the heat escapes vertically than previously thought

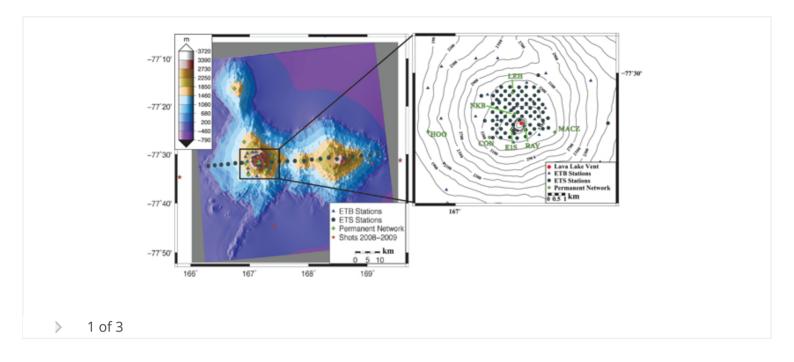


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Imaging of Erebus volcano using body wave seismic interferometry of Strombolian eruption coda

J. A. Chaput, D. Zandomeneghi, R. C. Aster, H. Knox, P. R. Kyle First Published: 14 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07304 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL050956

- High resolution scattering image of an active volcano
- Body seismic interferometry applied to eruption coda

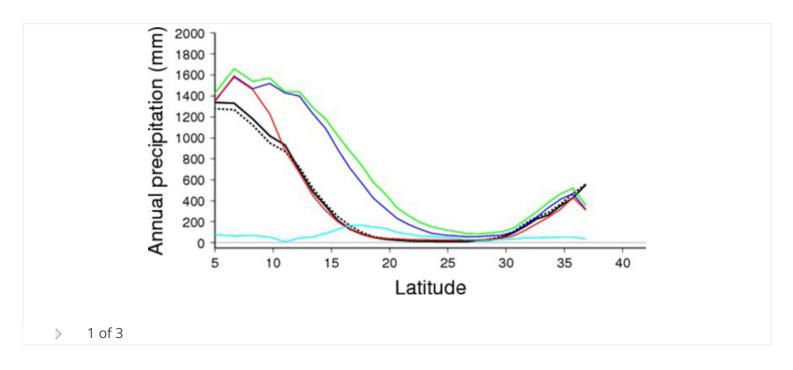


Climate

A reassessment of lake and wetland feedbacks on the North African Holocene climate

G. Krinner, A.-M. Lézine, P. Braconnot, P. Sepulchre, G. Ramstein, C. Grenier, I. Gouttevin First Published: 3 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07701 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL050992

- Open-water surfaces lead to increased precipitation rates in North Africa
- This provides a major positive feedback to the mid-Holocene
- Climate models should take this effect into account

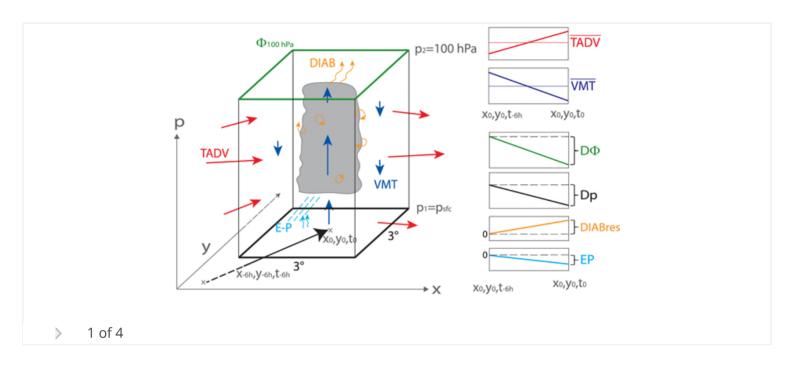


Diagnosing the influence of diabatic processes on the explosive deepening of extratropical cyclones

Andreas H. Fink, Susan Pohle, Joaquim G. Pinto, Peter Knippertz First Published: 12 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07803 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051025

KEY POINTS

- Novel version of the classical surface pressure tendency equation is presented
- Role of diabatic processes to deepening of extratropical cyclones is quantified
- Predominance of diabatic contribution to deepening found for Xynthia and Klaus

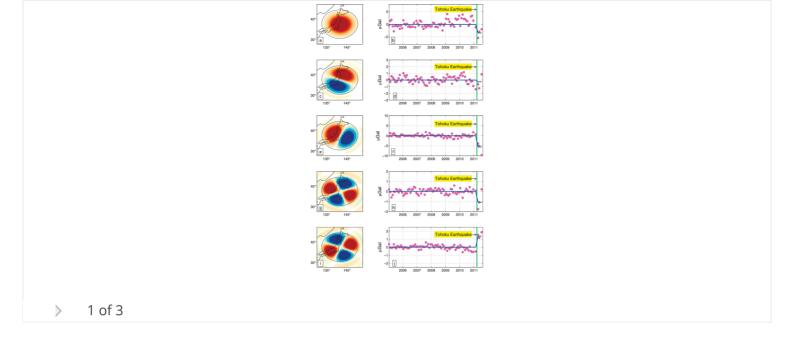


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Coseismic and postseismic deformation of the 2011 Tohoku-Oki earthquake constrained by GRACE gravimetry

Lei Wang, C. K. Shum, Frederik J. Simons, Byron Tapley, Chunli Dai First Published: 5 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07301 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051104

- The total seismic moment is estimated from GRACE data
- GRACE data are sensitive to the after-slip of the earthquake
- Inversion of GRACE data can now quantify the earthquake deformation mechanism



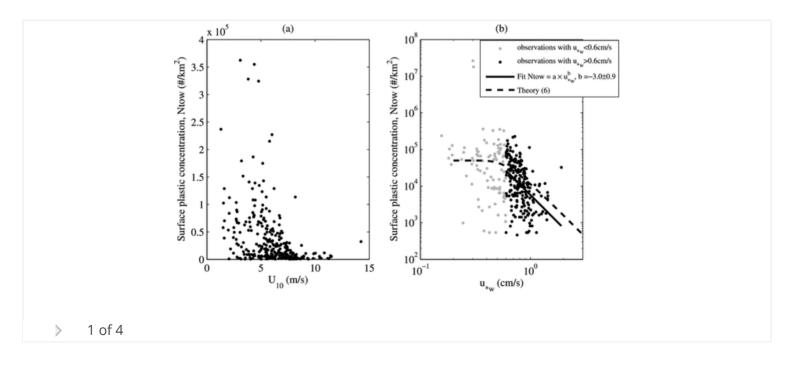
Oceans

The effect of wind mixing on the vertical distribution of buoyant plastic debris

T. Kukulka, G. Proskurowski, S. Morét-Ferguson, D. W. Meyer, K. L. Law First Published: 3 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07601 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051116

KEY POINTS

- Plastic debris is vertically distributed due to wind-driven upper ocean mixing
- Traditional measurements significantly underestimate marine plastic content
- A geophysical approach must be taken to quantify marine plastic pollution



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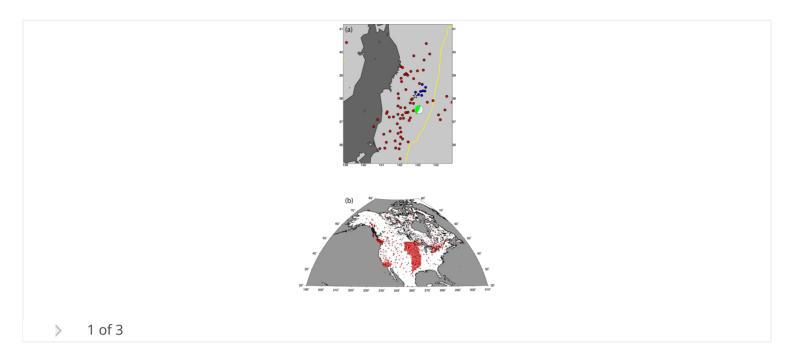
The March 11, 2011 Tohoku-oki earthquake and cascading failure of the plate interface

Eric Kiser, Miaki Ishii First Published: 2 March 2012 Vol: 39, L00G25 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051170

KEY POINTS

- The 2011 Mw 9.0 Tohoku-oki earthquake has frequency-dependent rupture behavior
- Near-trench ruptures updip and south of the epicenter may be tsunami sources
- Seismicity surrounding the mainshock gives insights into future seismic hazards

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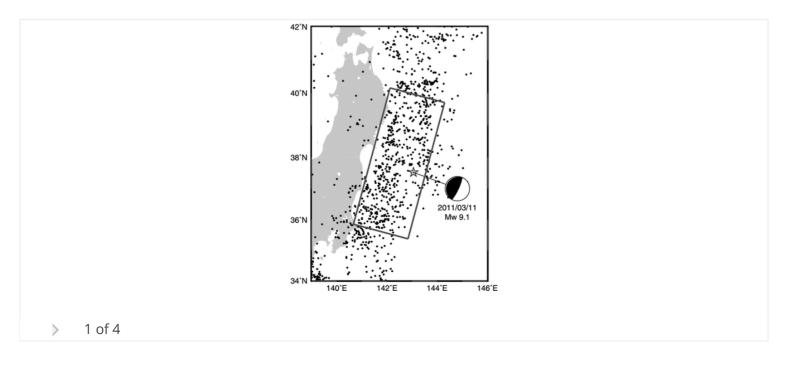


Tidal triggering of earthquakes prior to the 2011 Tohoku-Oki earthquake (M_w 9.1)

Sachiko Tanaka

First Published: 7 April 2012 Vol: 39, L00G26 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051179

- Tidal triggering prior to the 2011 Tohoku-Oki earthquake is observed
- Triggering occurred in and near the initial rupture site of the mainshock
- Influence existed over a decade-long period before the Tohoku-Oki earthquake



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Ammonia sources in the California South Coast Air Basin and their impact on ammonium nitrate formation

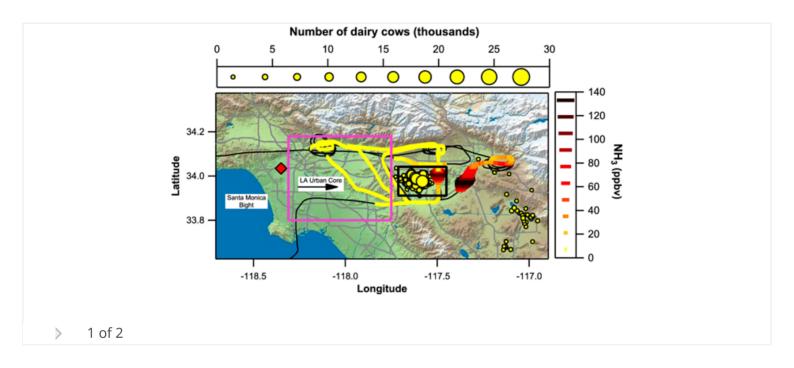
J. B. Nowak, J. A. Neuman, R. Bahreini, A. M. Middlebrook, J. S. Holloway, S. A. McKeen, D. D. Parrish, T. B. Ryerson, M. Trainer

First Published: 12 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07804 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051197

KEY POINTS

- Mass of SoCAB ammonia emissions is similar from automobile and dairy sources
- SoCAB dairy ammonia emissions are underrepresented in inventories

• Dairy ammonia emissions have larger impact on SoCAB ammonium nitrate formation Highlight



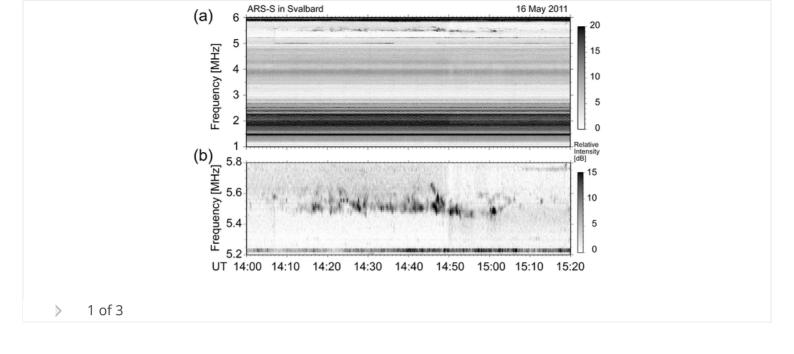
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First observations of 4*f_{ce}* auroral roar emissions

Y. Sato, T. Ono, N. Sato, Y. Ogawa

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- First observations of auroral roar near 4 times electron cyclotron frequency
- The 4fce auroral roar occurs only under the sunlit condition from noon to evening
- Its origin should be upper hybrid waves favorably generated at fUH ~ 4fce



Solid Earth

Scale dependence of *in-situ* permeability measurements in the Nankai accretionary prism: The role of fractures

David F. Boutt, Demian Saffer, Mai-Linh Doan, Weiren Lin, Takatoshi Ito, Yasuyuki Kano, Peter Flemings, Lisa C. McNeill, Timothy Byrne, Nicholas W. Hayman, et al

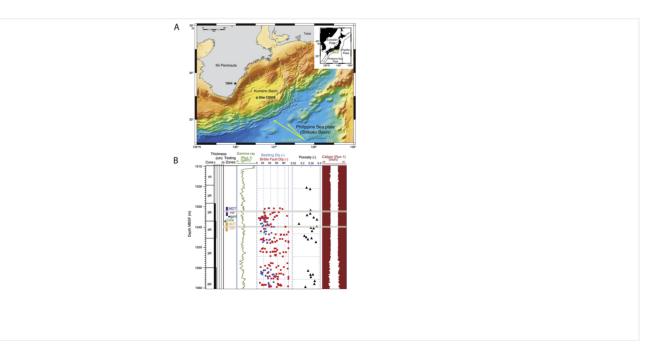
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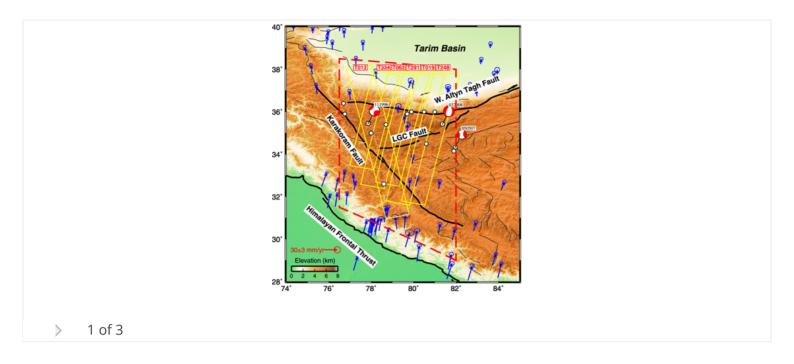
- We present in-situ measurements of permeability in the active interior wedge
- In-situ permeability is 3 orders of magnitude larger than core-based measures
- Fractures and faults in the interior wedge material are fluid conduits



Satellite geodetic imaging reveals internal deformation of western Tibet

KEY POINTS

- A new method to derive dense, regional-scale velocity fields from InSAR and GPS
- High strain found away from the major mapped faults of western Tibet
- Low slip rate of the Karakoram Fault (< 6 mm/yr) confirmed



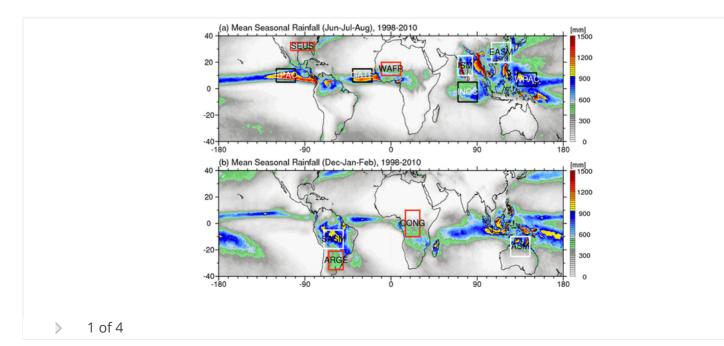
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Properties of deep convection in tropical continental, monsoon, and oceanic rainfall regimes

Weixin Xu, Edward J. Zipser

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- Clear regime separation exists among continent, monsoon, and oceanic convection
- Regime variations are most evident in mixed-phase precipitation processes
- Monsoon actives (breaks) are slightly more continental (oceanic) in nature



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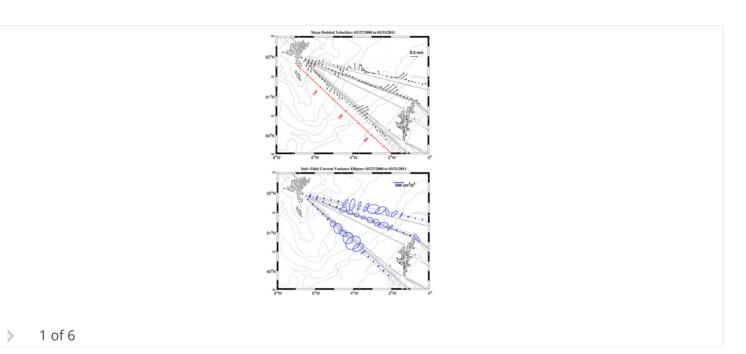
Direct measurement of volume flux in the Faroe-Shetland Channel and over the Iceland-Faroe Ridge

T. Rossby, C. N. Flagg First Published: 4 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07602 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051269

KEY POINTS

- First direct measurement of exchange between the North Atlantic and Nordic Sea
- Power of the direct measurement of currents from vessels in regular traffic
- Will make accurate measurement of heat and salt flux possible

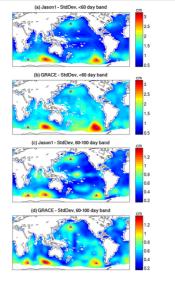
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High frequency barotropic ocean variability observed by GRACE and satellite altimetry

Katherine J. Quinn, Rui M. Ponte First Published: 5 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07603 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051301

- First global observational evidence for the barotropic ocean variability
- Confirms previous theoretical and model-based studies of barotropic behavior
- GRACE contains significant information over the oceans at subseasonal periods



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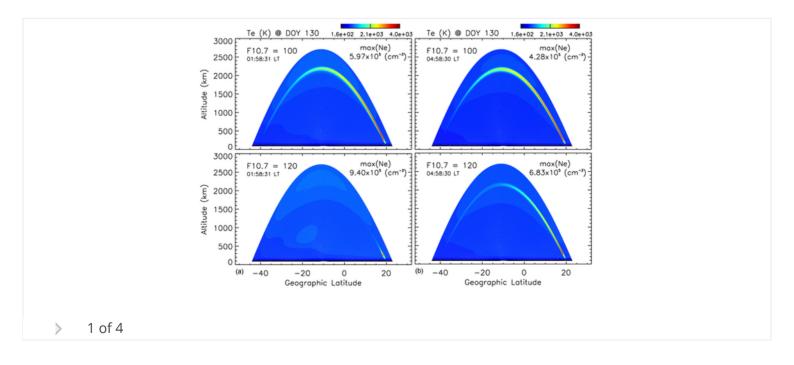
Modeling Arecibo conjugate heating effects with SAMI2

T.-W. Wu, J. D. Huba, G. Joyce, P. A. Bernhardt First Published: 10 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07103 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051311

KEY POINTS

- Arecibo heater can affect topside conjugate ionosphere
- Likely to occur for low-density ionosphere F region
- Electron-N2 collisions primarily inhibit conjugate effects

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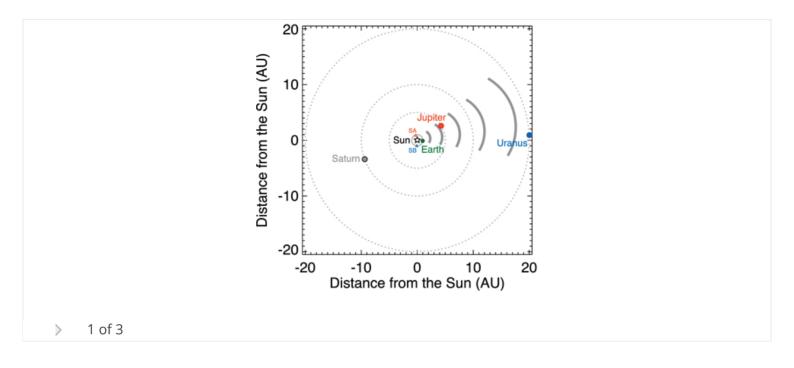
Earth-based detection of Uranus' aurorae

L. Lamy, R. Prangé, K. C. Hansen, J. T. Clarke, P. Zarka, B. Cecconi, J. Aboudarham, N. André, G. Branduardi-Raymont, R. Gladstone, et al First Published: 14 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07105 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051312

KEY POINTS

- We report the first Earth-based detections of Uranus aurorae
- This enabled us to investigate the atypical Uranian magnetosphere
- This opens a wide field of investigations of this poorly understood magnetosphere

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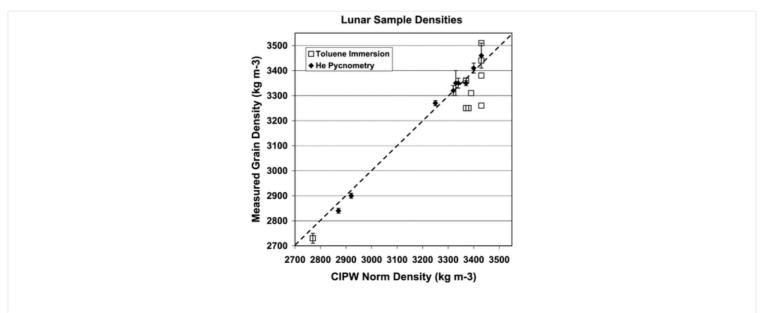


Planets

The density and porosity of lunar rocks

Walter S. Kiefer, Robert J. Macke, Daniel T. Britt, Anthony J. Irving, Guy J. Consolmagno First Published: 13 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07201 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051319

- Accurate lunar rock densities are needed for geophysical modeling of the Moon
- We provide density and porosity results for all 3 major lunar rock types
- New densities and porosities are ~5 times more accurate than literature values



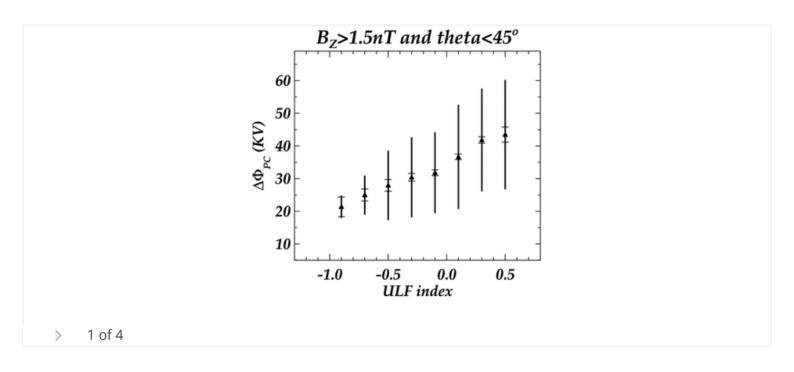
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A suggestion that two-dimensional turbulence contributes to polar cap convection for B_z north

M. C. Kelley, H.-J. Kim First Published: 12 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07102 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051347

KEY POINTS

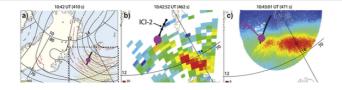
- We explain polar cap convection when Bz is northward
- High-latitude 2-D turbulence is driven by Alfven waves
- The 2-D turbulence supports an inverse cascade related to 2 of the polar cap scales



First in-situ measurements of HF radar echoing targets

J. Moen, K. Oksavik, T. Abe, M. Lester, Y. Saito, T. A. Bekkeng, K. S. Jacobsen First Published: 13 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07104 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051407

- First documentation of 10-m scale electron density structures
- Shows how 10-m scale structures are located relative to km scale gradients
- Gradients are sufficient for the gradient drift instability to operate



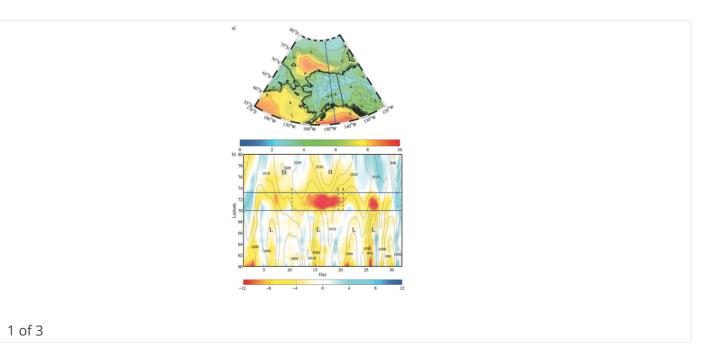
Oceans

Storm-induced upwelling of high pCO_2 waters onto the continental shelf of the western Arctic Ocean and implications for carbonate mineral saturation states

Jeremy T. Mathis, Robert S. Pickart, Robert H. Byrne, Craig L. McNeil, G. W. K. Moore, Laurie W. Juranek, Xuewu Liu, Jian Ma, Regina A. Easley, Matthew M. Elliot, et al First Published: 11 April 2012 Vol: 39, L07606 | DOI: 10.1029/2012GL051574

KEY POINTS

- Low pressure storm systems in the Arctic induce strong upwelling along the shelf
- Upwelling leads to large fluxes of CO2 out of the ocean
- Upwelling causes broad carbonate mineral suppression and undersaturation



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