Development of the multi-layer coating for the imagery of the oxygen ions resonance scattering (2)

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According to observations of the polar orbital and the geosynchronous satellites the oxygen ions sometimes become the main component, especially during the periods of the southward interplanetary magnetic field and the high geomagnetic activity. Besides the atmosphere of the terrestrial planets has oxygen atoms as the main component, and the process of the oxygen atoms/ions escape is one of most significant issues for the evolution of the planetary atmosphere. One of the powerful tools for this study is a imagery of the oxygen ions.

The concept study of the oxygen ions imagery proposed in 1990's has been expected to make a progress about the studies on the evolution of the planetary atmosphere and on the plasma structure in the direct interaction region between the solar wind and the planetary ionosphere. However, the observations have never been performed, because a reduction of the noise produced by hydrogen atom resonance emission is too difficult to observe the signal from the oxygen ions. The members of our research team has developed the instrument with the thick indium filter to reduce the hydrogen Lyman alpha emission, and succeeded in observing the oxygen ions emission. The technical methods is adopted to the Upper-atmosphere and Plasma Imager (UPI) on the SELENE(KAGUYA) sattelite. The imager is ready for the observation of the oxygen ion distribution in the polar wind and the near-earth magnetosphere.

But we revealed that the intensity of the Lyman beta emission was not negligible. Consequently, a multi-layer coating is designed to keep the reflectivity at the oxygen ions emission and to reduce simultaneously the reflectivities at the Lyman alpha and beta emissions. There are several methods of the noise reduction, but the use of only one multi-layer mirror has an advantage of the compact and light instrument. The measured reflectivity of the preproduction sample mirror is presented, and the optical performance is discussed.