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東向きにドリフトするオーロラの地上・衛星同時観測 Coordinated ground and multi-satellite observations of eastward drifting auroral forms in the post-midnight sector

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We present eastward drifting auroral forms in the post-midnight sector on 21 September 2009 and the associated in-situ signatures in the near-Earth tail. All-sky cameras (ASC) at the Iceland-Syowa geomagnetic conjugate stations observed successive eastward passage of optical auroral forms similar to omega bands. The auroral forms had dimensions of 100-200 km in longitude and less than 100 km in latitude, and an eastward propagation speed of ~1.5 km/s. The ground magnetometer measured magnetic field fluctuation with period of ~2 minutes and amplitude of ~10-20 nT, which were generated by the passage of brighter auroral forms. During this interval, the Cluster satellites were located in the central near-Earth tail (X= -11~-14 Re) conjugate to the ground-based ASCs. The Cluster 2 and 4, which were longitudinally separated by ~7700 km in Ygsm (Cluster 2 was closer to the midnight), detected similar local magnetic field variations with a time delay comparable to the eastward propagation time of the observed auroral forms. The in-situ magnetic field variations are probably attributed to a series of oppositely directed field-aligned currents responsible for the auroral forms. In addition to the above-mentioned features, we will discuss more detailed relationship between the eastward drifting auroral forms and the counterparts in the near-Earth tail.

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