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かぐや LRS による月表面のレーダ観測 Radar observation of lunar surface by KAGUYA LRS

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We present recent result of lunar surface observation of KAGUYA Lunar Radar Sounder (LRS).

Extracting nadir surface echoes out of LRS observation data, we made a surface echo map of the Moon, i.e. LRS lunar surface image. Nadir surface echo was defined as the most intense peak of an A-scope data. More than 10⁸ observation data was used. The LRS lunar surface image has a wide dynamic range of 20 dB, and shows variety of radar surface features as follows;

- 1. Highland surface appears darker while mare surface appears brighter.
- 2. Statistical property of surface echoes is different in highland and mare.
- 3. A crater whose diameter is larger than a few tens of kilometers can be recognized in the image.
- 4. The central peak of a middle sized crater is recognized as a dark spot.
- 5. Wrinkle ridges in maria appeared dark linear features.
- 6. Surface echo intensity of mare surface has a strong correlation with the surface age.

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