

Stratospheric Sudden Warming Effects on the Ionospheric Migrating Tides during 2008-2010 Observed by FORMOSAT-3/COSMIC

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Motivations for the Present Study

• Ion and electron temperatures modification. [Goncharenko and Zhang, 2008]



Amplitude modification of Ionospheric Migrating tides during the 2009 SSW

The peak electric density (NmF2) obtained from radio occultation soundings of COSMIC are decomposed into their various constituent for studying the stratwarm.



 decreased during the SSW
 Contraction of thermospheric density [Liu et al,. 2011]
 SW2 intensification after SSW peak
 Mean wind condition in the MLT [Pedatella and Forbe,. 2010]
 Enhanced Ozone in the

tropical stratosphere. [Goncharenko et al,. 2012]

SW1 intensification accompany with SW2 after SSW peak

 Nonlinear interaction between PW1 and SW2.
 [Cheng et al,. 2009; Pedatella and

Forhes 2010]

Comparison of SSW events from 2008-2010



Phase modifications of ionospheric migrating tides during the SSW events

• Three distinct phase shifts follow the temperature variation.

2008 SSW

NmF2 DW1, initial phase (Local Time MAX hour

Mag. Lat ; U/2 (m/s) c

- The phase shifts appear good relationship with stratospheric temperature
 - Earlier time shift of DW1 are seen in all latitude
 - Earlier time shift of SW2 and TW3 are seen in EIA
 2009 SSW
 2010 SSW





NmF2 TW3, initial phase (Local Time MAX hour)







NmF2 TW3 , initial phase (Local Time MAX hour



15 20 25 30 35 40 Day of Year, 2009

NmF2 SW2, initial phase (Local Time MAX hour)

NmF2 TW3, initial phase (Local Time MAX hour)



Day of Year, 2008

Discussion -Physical meaning of ionospheric migrating tides

 Chang et al. (2013) investigate the physical meaning of these migrating tides.

DW1

- Forming the equatorial daytime paek in TEC¹
- Still could be modified by tidal forcing from below

SW2

□SW2

• The strength of EIA crests



Influenced strongly by the MLT SW2 forcing

DTW3

• TEC trough/dip between the EIA crests



Conclusions

- Although the PWs and mean wind conditions at MLT region for 2008-2010 events may be different, there exist clear similarities in responses of ionospheric tidal components.
- Decreases of ZaTM, DW1, SW2 and TW3 occur during SSW.
- Simultaneous enhancements of SW2 and SW1 occur after SSW peak
- The phase shift of ionospheric migrating tides is also a prominent indicator of ionospheric SSW effect.
- It is possibly the PWs during the SSW period modify the amplitudes and phases of migrating tides at MLT region and further lead to variation of the ionospehric migrating tidal components.

Thanks you for attention

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