



What's Up with Oxygen 834?

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834A emission has been used as a tracer of O^+ density - and thus the e^- density - in the Earth's sunlit upper atmosphere. In the standard paradigm the emission is produced in the lower thermosphere and travels upward where it scatters off of O^+ ions in the ionosphere.

Over the last 40 years sounding rocket observations have revealed the existence of 834A emission on the night side of the Earth. This emission presumably still arises from O^+ ions but no obvious mechanism for its production is evident.

I will discuss our observations of 834A emission, both past and future, and explore possible sources of the night side emission.

4:00pm in CAS 502. Refreshments served at 3:45pm in CAS 500.



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