

Two dimensional numerical study on Venusian gravity waves by using mesoscale model

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Recently Venusian gravity waves are often observed. For example, Airglow measurements of O₂ found the gravity waves with horizontal wavelength of ~100 km at 110 km altitude. UV images also detect gravity waves with the horizontal wavelength of 60-150 km at the cloud top level (70 km altitude). However, only a specific altitudes can be observed in these measurements, thus it is difficult to examine the propagation characteristics and momentum flux of waves. Radio occultation measurements also detect upward propagating waves from the vertical temperature profiles within the altitude range of 65-90 km and suggests that waves with the vertical wavelength of 5-10 km are dominant by the spectral analysis. However, horizontal resolution in this measurement is ~200 km, then small scale gravity waves cannot be observed. Therefore, it is difficult to understand how these gravity waves have their influence on the Venusian atmosphere.

In this study we developed a new Venusian mesoscale model and examined the propagation characteristic of the waves. In the model, we simulated the generation and propagation of the waves including the convective motion in the Venusian cloud layer. We will make a presentation about the initial analysis results.

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