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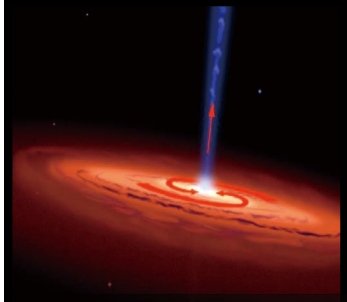
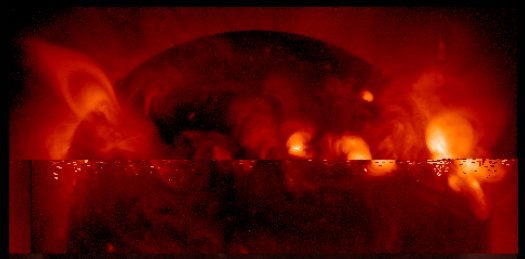
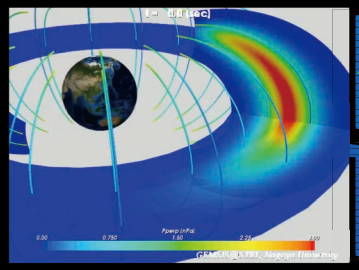
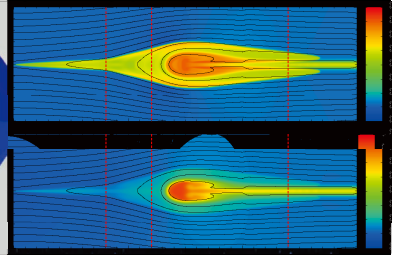
Introduction of the space physics and helio-physics education at the University of Tokyo



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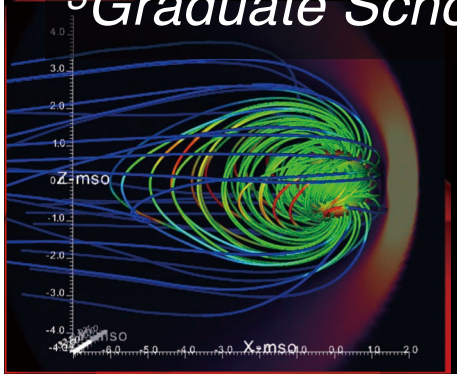


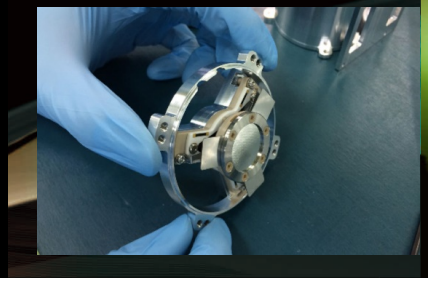


Space physics and heliophysics education at the University of Tokyo

UTOPS in the University of Tokyo

Graduate School of Science

Department of Earth and Planetary Science

- **Space Plasma Theory**
- **Solar Phyisics**
- **Solar-Planetary System Science**
- **Heliophysics with homemade instruments**
- **Comparative planetology**
- **Planetary Material Science**

Department of Astronomy

Graduate School of Frontier Sciences

- **Practical Education**

ISAS/JAXA

- **Education with space missions**

Inter-institutional affiliated faculty

Graduate School of Engineering

- **CubeSat Development**

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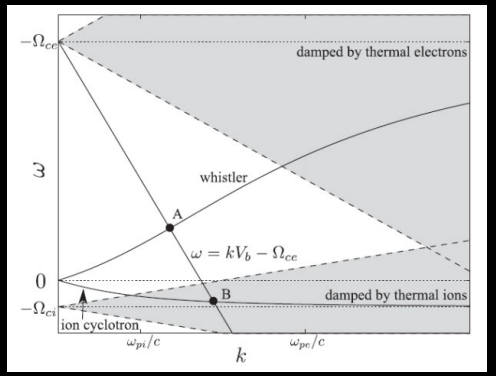
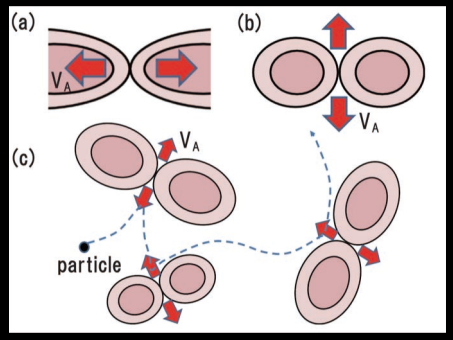
Space Plasma Theory

Contact: Hoshino and Amano

Understanding elementary physical processes and application to astrophysics.

Theory





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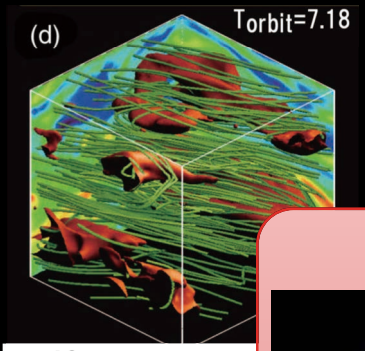
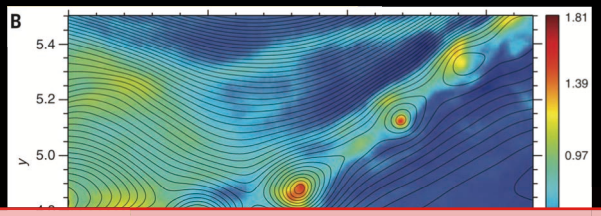
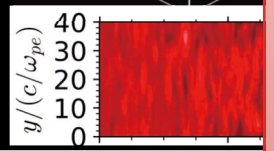
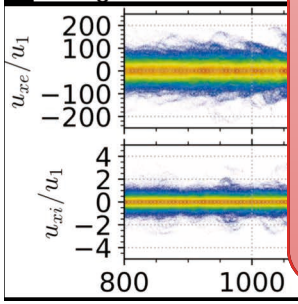
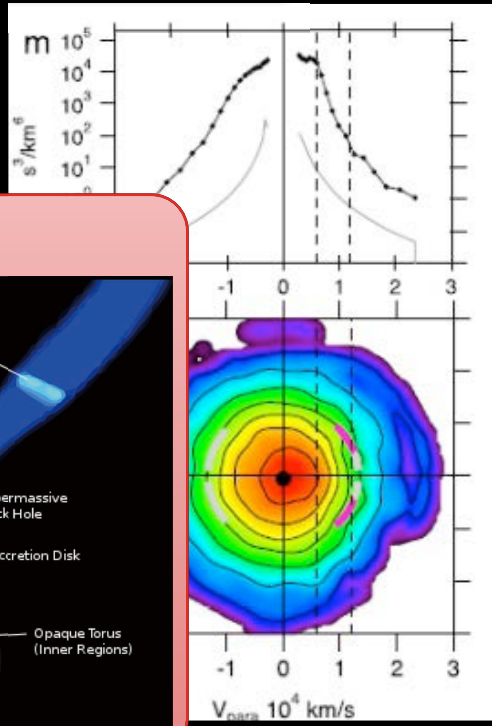




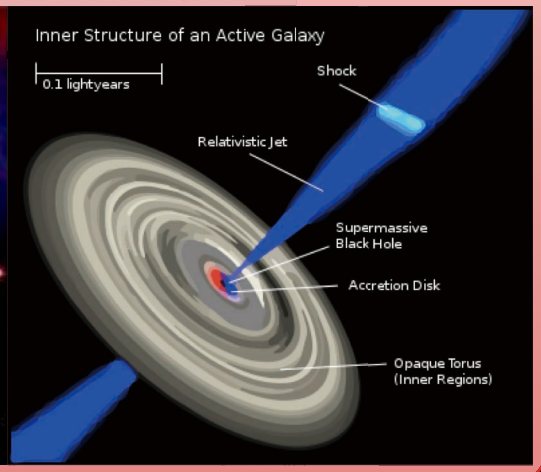




Spacecraft Data Analysis



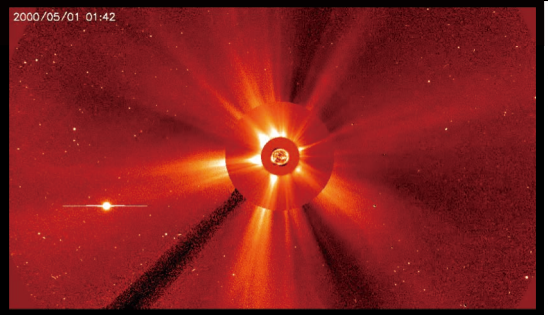
Astrophysical Applications

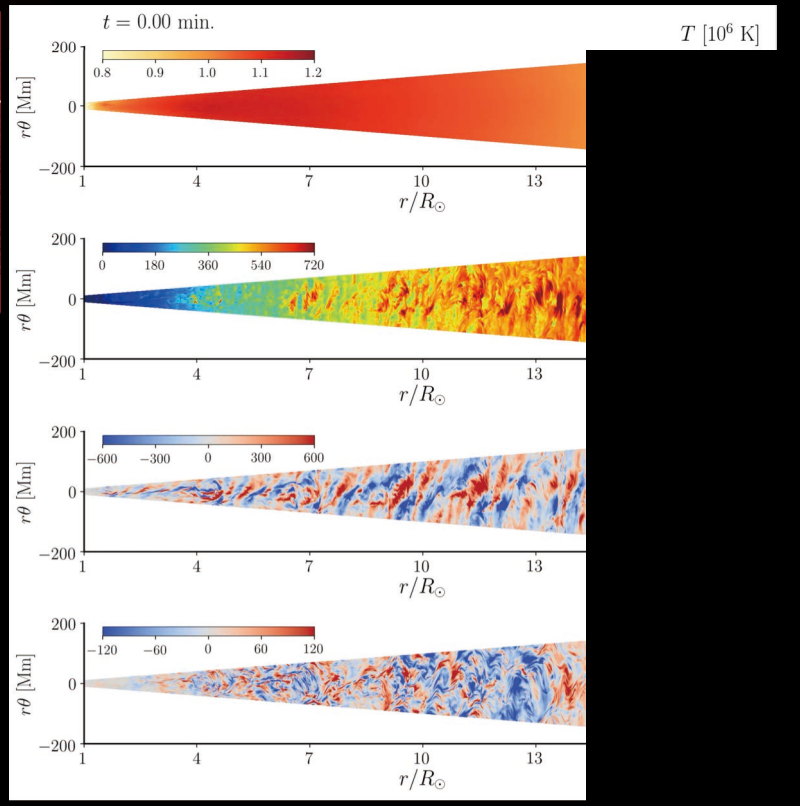


Solar Physics

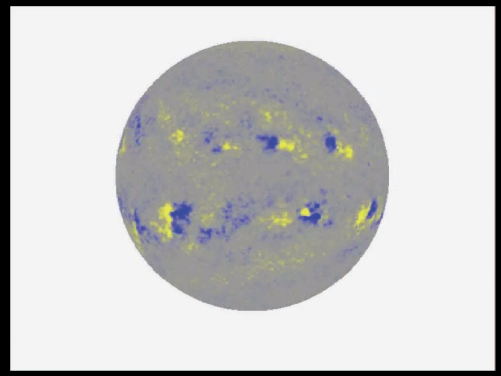
Contact: Yokoyama

Solar plasma dynamics is studied by high-performance computations. Non-linear interactions between the global-scale magneto-flow and small-scale turbulence are the key physics in the phenomena.





Solar wind (Shoda+ 2019)



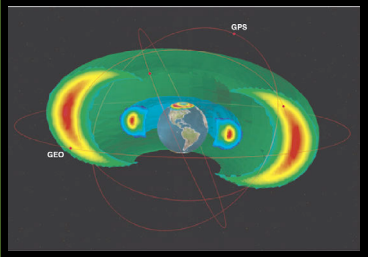
Solar interior magnetoconvection (Hotta+ 2016)

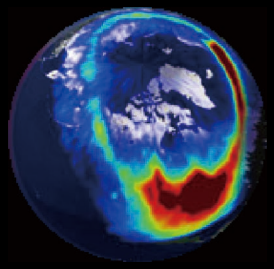
Solar-Planetary System Science

Contact: Seki

Plasma processes to cause the dynamic change of geospace environment:

aurora, radiation belts, current system, outflows, atmospheric heating





ARASE(ERG)

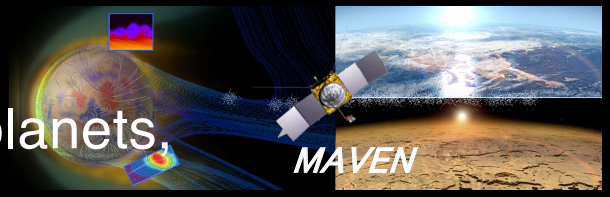
Comparative study of solar-planetary environments

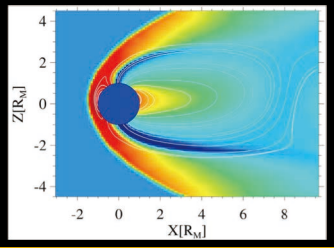
Universality and variety of solar-planetary environment:

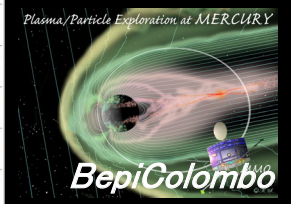
intrinsic magnetic fields,

aurora of unmagnetized planets,

effects of atmosphere, atmospheric escape and habitability, …



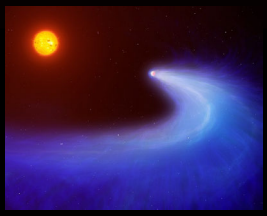


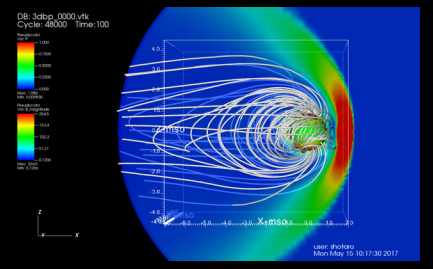


Space climate researches

Relation between solar (stellar) evolution and planetary climate:

Effects of XUV and solar wind evolution on planetary climate, Application to exoplanets, …

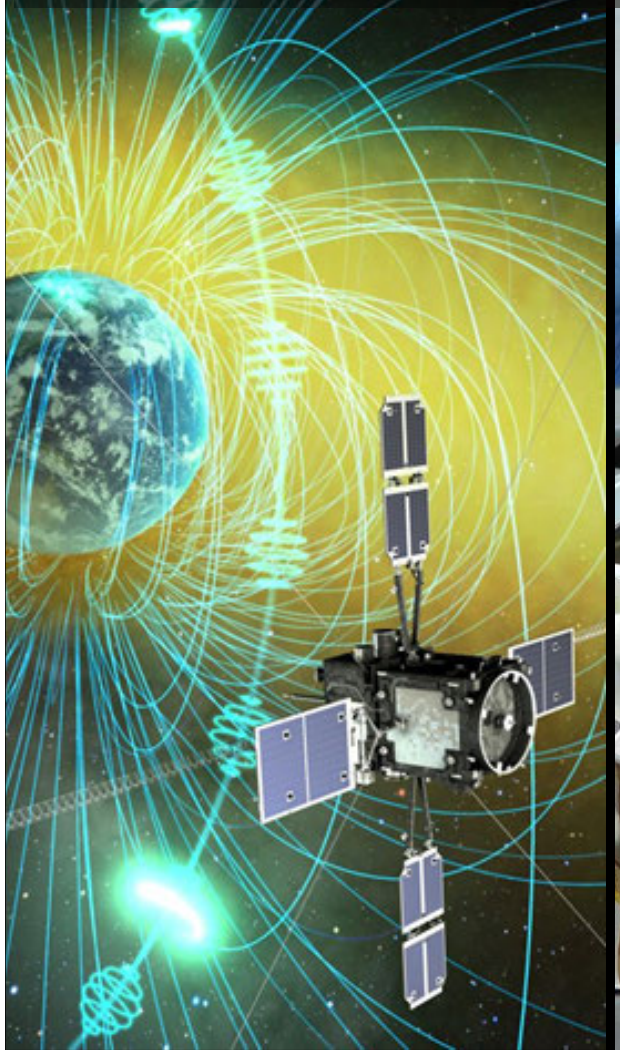




Heliophysics with homemade instruments

Contact: Kasahara

Students lead design, fabrication, and tests of particle instruments (mass spectrometers, electron sensors, etc) onboard spacecraft.
Relevant mission: ***ERG*** (Arase), Comet Interceptor, Mars orbiter, etc



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Practical Education

Contact: Yoshikawa and Imamura

Hands-on education based on close cooperation between Science and Engineering.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF FRONTIER SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

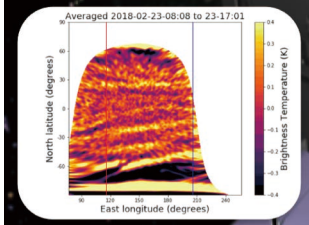
DESP
DEEP SPACE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Key technologies for spacecraft development

- Ion Thruster (Xenon ion & Water ion)
- Science instruments
- Hypersonic Aerodynamics for Atmospheric Entry
- Entry Probe using Deployable Membrane Aeroshell
- Operation for small satellites
- Calibration & Verification of satellites

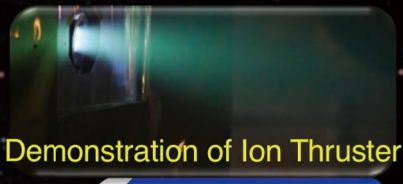
Science

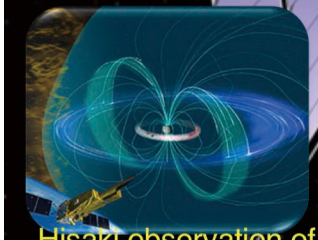
- Analysis of planetary atmosphere images (Akatsuki)
- **S**tudy for magnetosphere of outer planets (Hisaki)

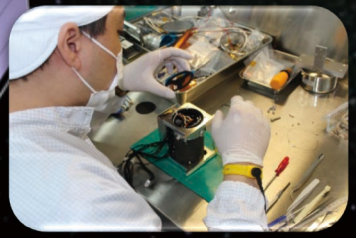


Venus IR image (Akatsuki)


Hodoyoshi-3 (Small satellite)


Demonstration of Ion Thruster

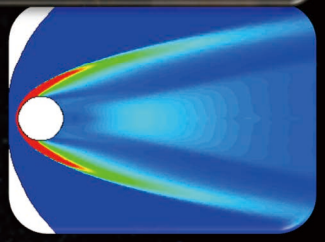

Hisaki observation of the IPT


Development of EUV camera on EQUULEUS


Integration of Hodoyoshi-3 (Small satellite)


Operation of small satellites


Entry Probe Aeroshell

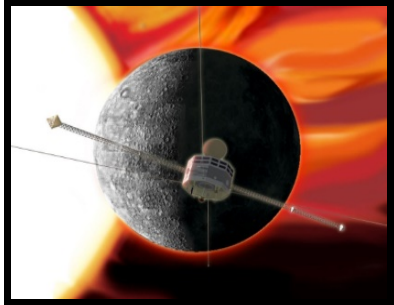

Simulation of Hypersonic

Education with Space missions

Contact: Saito and Shimizu

Cooperated graduate course at ISAS/JAXA enables students to promote researches and have unique experience in various phases of the satellite and rocket experiments.

Solar-terrestrial Physics, Planetary magnetospheres



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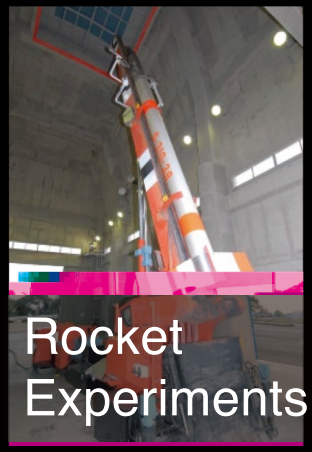
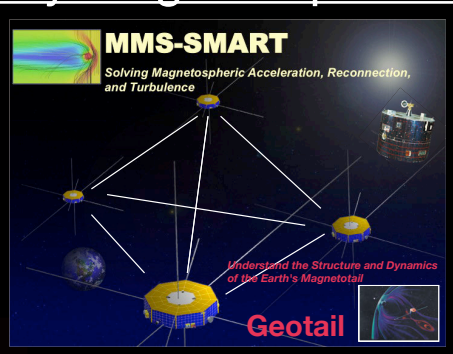


Rocket Experiments



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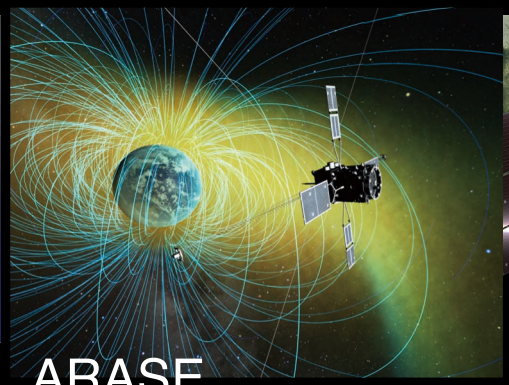

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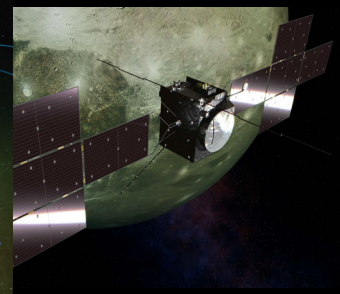

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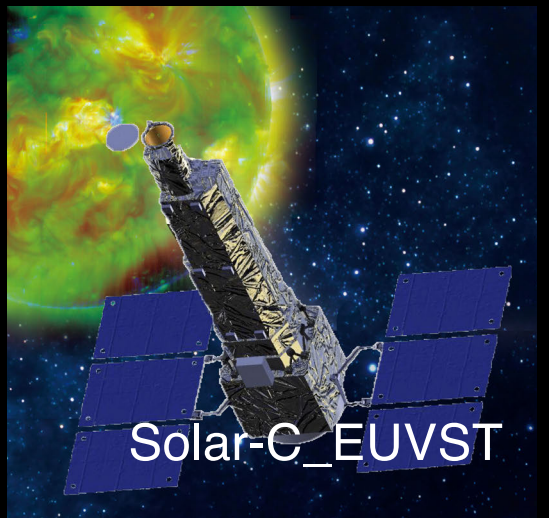
Data analysis | Mission operations | Instrumentations | Future mission planning

Solar Physics

Hinode

Sunrise-3



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Efforts of inter-disciplinary education

UTOPS

(UTokyo Organization for Planetary Space Science)

Joint Organization with Astronomy Department and Engineering School

- We develop ultra-small spacecraft and miniaturized scientific instruments, aiming at quick and well-focused planetary explorations, with students
- Relevant divisions:
  - ✓Solid planetary observations
  - ✓Astronomical observations
  - ✓Theoretical research
  - ✓Engineering
- Relevant missions:
  - ✓EQUULEUS (6U-cubesat to moon on NASA's SLS)
  - ✓Comet Interceptor (ESA-lead mission)
  - ✓TAO (The University of Tokyo Atacama Observatory)

Summary of space physics & heliophysics education at the University of Tokyo

Department of Earth and Planetary Science in the Graduate School of Science of the University of Tokyo have provided a unique education curriculum both for undergraduate and graduate levels in the space physics and heliophysics in cooperation with ISAS/JAXA as well as with the Graduate School of Frontier Science. The remarkable characteristics of the education curriculum includes:

- close cooperation with astronomy department and engineering school through UTOPS,
- hands-on experience utilizing the cube satellite projects, and
- stimulation of inter-disciplinary minds through a wide range of courses including various research background with strong connection to astrophysics and planetary sciences and methodological (theory/modeling, experiments, and observations) aspects.

Students can major a wide variety of research fields in the graduate course such as the plasma astrophysics, solar-planetary system science, and space and planetary explorations. Joint weekly colloquium and student-lead seminars help students to acquire broad perspectives.

Known issues and future perspectives

- ✓ The number of foreign students are not large and if no foreign students are present, lectures are given in Japanese.

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  International student exchange program such as middle- or long-term internship will help students to acquire international communication and collaboration skills and will strengthen our curriculum.

- ✓ SmallSat is useful platform to conduct hands-on education. However, the there is no regular SmallSat program dedicated to the education and the realization of CubeSat or SmallSat depends on funding situation.

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  The importance of the regular platform of SmallSat (6U~50kg) dedicated to human resource cultivation are pointed out in many fields of space sciences and aerospace engineering.