The Plasma-Wave Complex of scientific instrumentation for wave and plasma parameters measurements in the frame of Russian Segment of ISS.


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- plasma-wave processes arising in NSZ from the interaction of super-large SC with the ionosphere;
- environmental plasma and electromagnetic fields disturbance levels from the technical injection from ISS and mechanisms of artificial electromagnetic waves distribution;
- mass characteristics of heavy molecular ions (NO\(^+\) and O\(_2^+\)) in NSZ on the basis of the measured VLF noise and plasma concentration data;
- geophysical plasma-wave processes connected to solar - magnetosphere - ionosphere - atmosphere - lithosphere interactions;
- ecological monitoring of low-frequency electromagnetic radiation of anthropogenic character, and also connected with global hazard;
- space weather conditions in equatorial, middle-latitude and sub-aurora ionosphere.

The PWC measure physical parameters:

• current parameters (in two points):
  - electrons temperature, Te – 1000 - 6000 K
  - electrons and ions density, Ne, Ni - 1.10^9 – 1.10^{13} m\(^{-3}\)
  - DC electric and magnetic fields and currents;
  - AC electric and magnetic fields and currents;
  - spectra of ELF-VLF-HF electromagnetic fluctuation (<15 MHz).

• current plasma and ISS potential 0 – 200 V;

• electron spectra with energy range 0,01-10 keV and oscillations HF: 0-10^7 Hz; VLF: 0-10^4 Hz; ELF: 0-150 Hz.

The results of the OBSTANOVKA experiment (beginning realization 2005) are common for all participants (see above the list of organization). The continuous work in ionosphere (altitude of 350-450 km) within not less than 5 years is planned. This data may be used in the SWENET frame.