

Space Weather Observing Infrastructure in China

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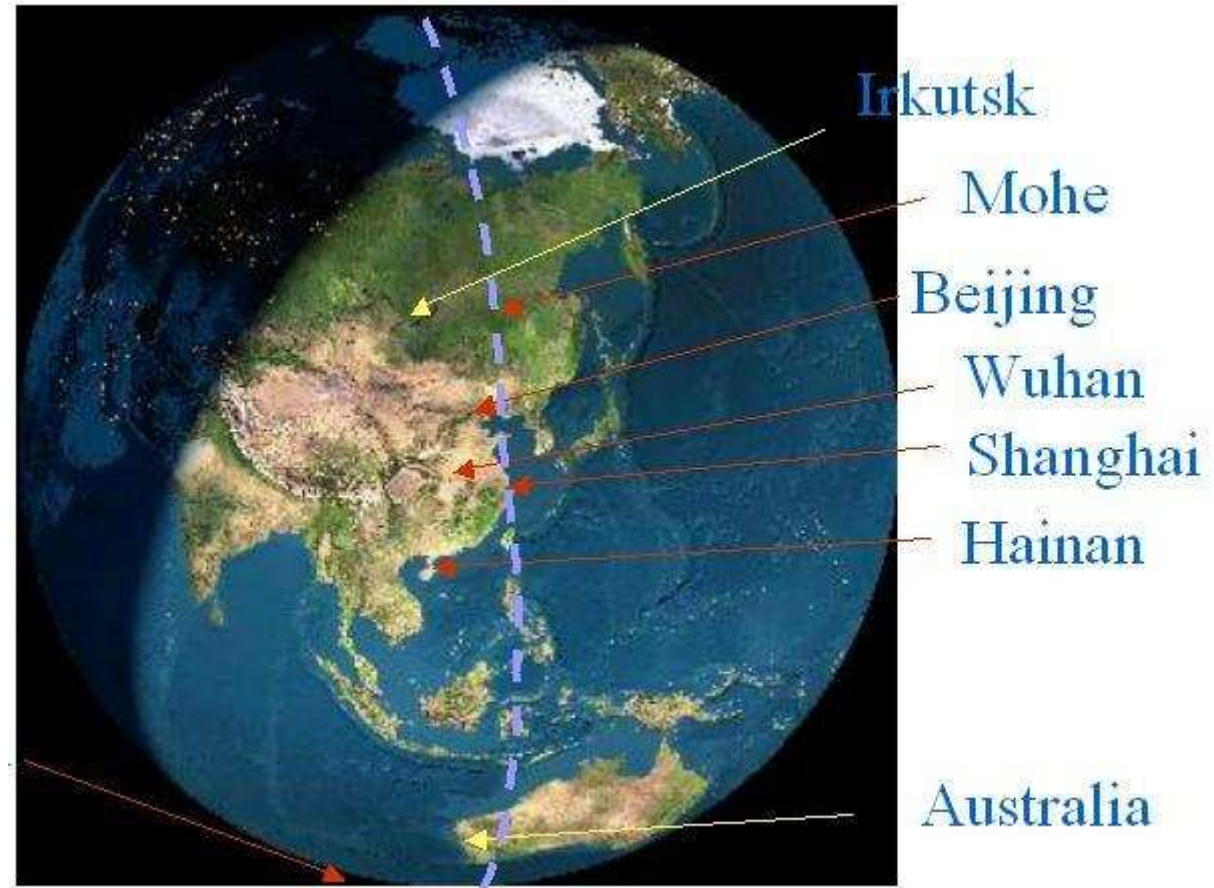
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Meridian Project



It is a Chinese multi-station chain along 120°E to monitor space environment, starting from Mohe, the most northern station in China, through Beijing, Wuhan, Guangzhou and extended to Chinese Zhongshan station in the Antarctic.

Scientific Principles



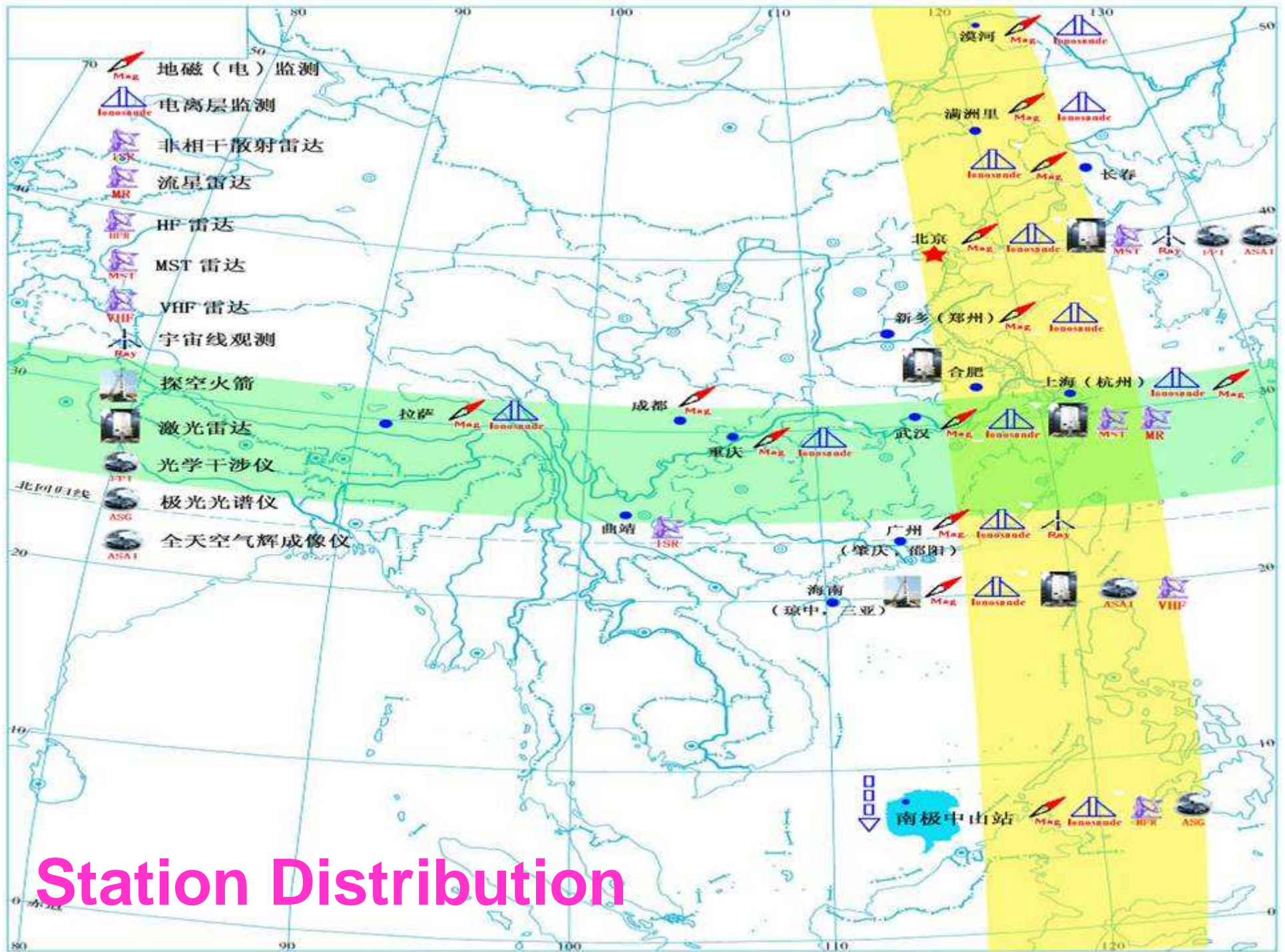
☑ Many basic physical processes occur along the meridian circle.

☑ With the rotation of the Earth, we can make global measurements of the space environment.

Observatories

15 Stations :

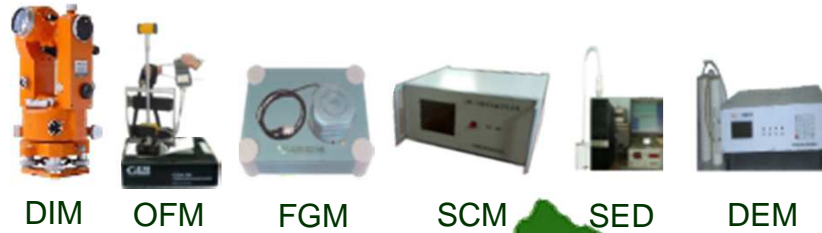
- **120° E Meridian Chain (10 stations):** Mohe、Manzhouli、Changchun、Beijing、Xinxiang、Hefei、Wuhan、Guangzhou、Hainan、Zhongshan;
- **30° N Chain (5 stations):** Shanghai (Hangzhou)、Chongqing、Chengdu、Qijing、Laasa。
- **Among them, Beijing、Wuhan、Hainan、Zhongsan are multi-tasking stations.**



Station Distribution

Chinese Meridian Project

- Geomagnetic
- Optical-atoms.
- Radio
- Rocket





Spatial Coverage

By

The Meridian Project

Parameters Observed

- **Earth Surface:** Geomagnetic field, Geoelectronic field, Cosmic Rays;
- **Middle-Upper Atmosphere:** density, temperature, composition, electric current;
- **Ionosphere:** density of electron and proton, temperature, irregular structures, electric current

Geomagnetic Instrument



ZD9A-11 地电场仪

Geo-electric



Overhauser



Fluxgate



Sensor

Atmospheric electric



Induction



DI-fluxgate

ISR Radar

**Aetna
dome**



**Control
room**



transmitter



**Cooling
system**



MST Radar

Beijing



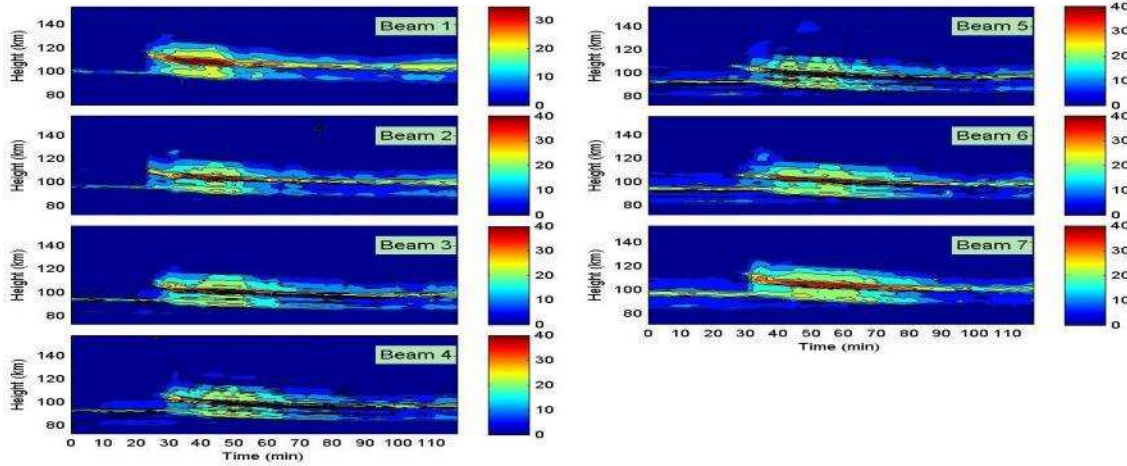
Wuhan



HF Radar



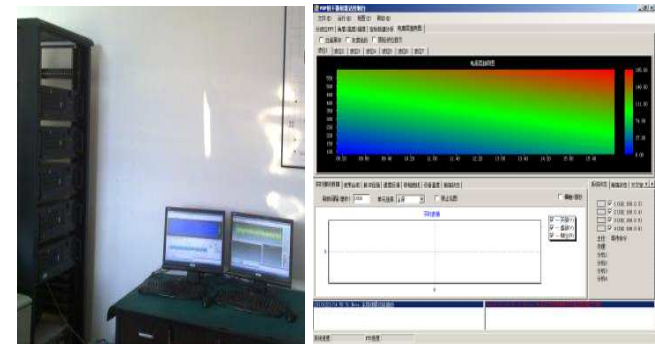
VHF Radar



前端数字单元实物



时钟同步设备



后端处理系统



Meteor Radar



Digisonde



Beijing



Hainan



Wuhan



Mohe



Zhongshan



Neutron Monitor



Beijing



Guangzhou

Lidar

Beijing



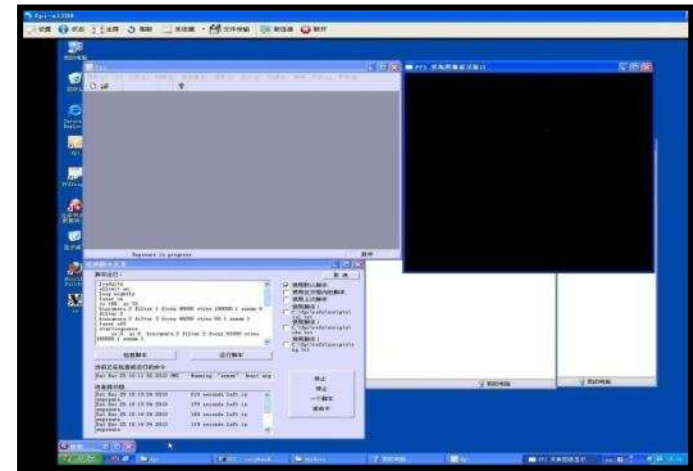
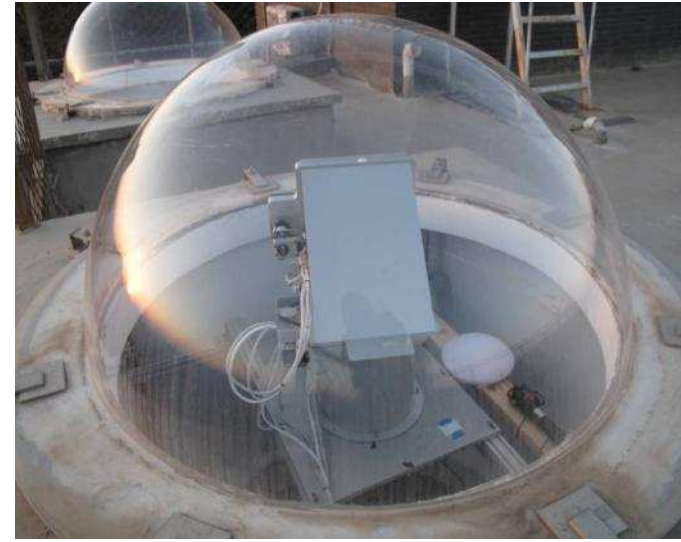
Hainan



Hefei



All-Sky Imager



Aurora Spectrometer



Zhongshan

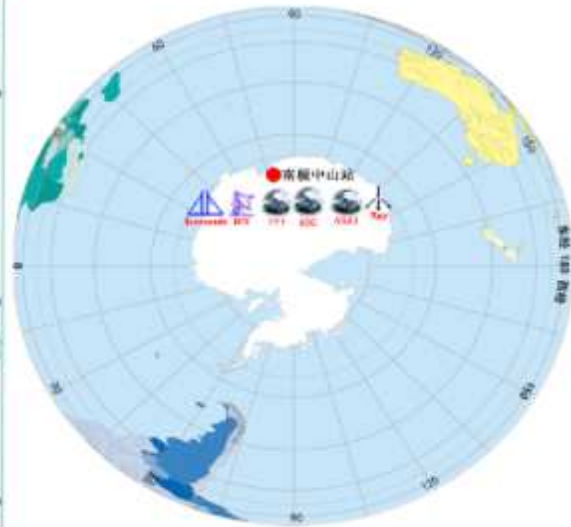
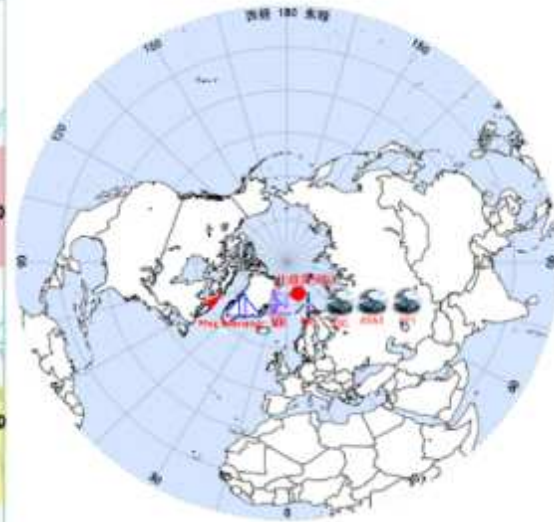
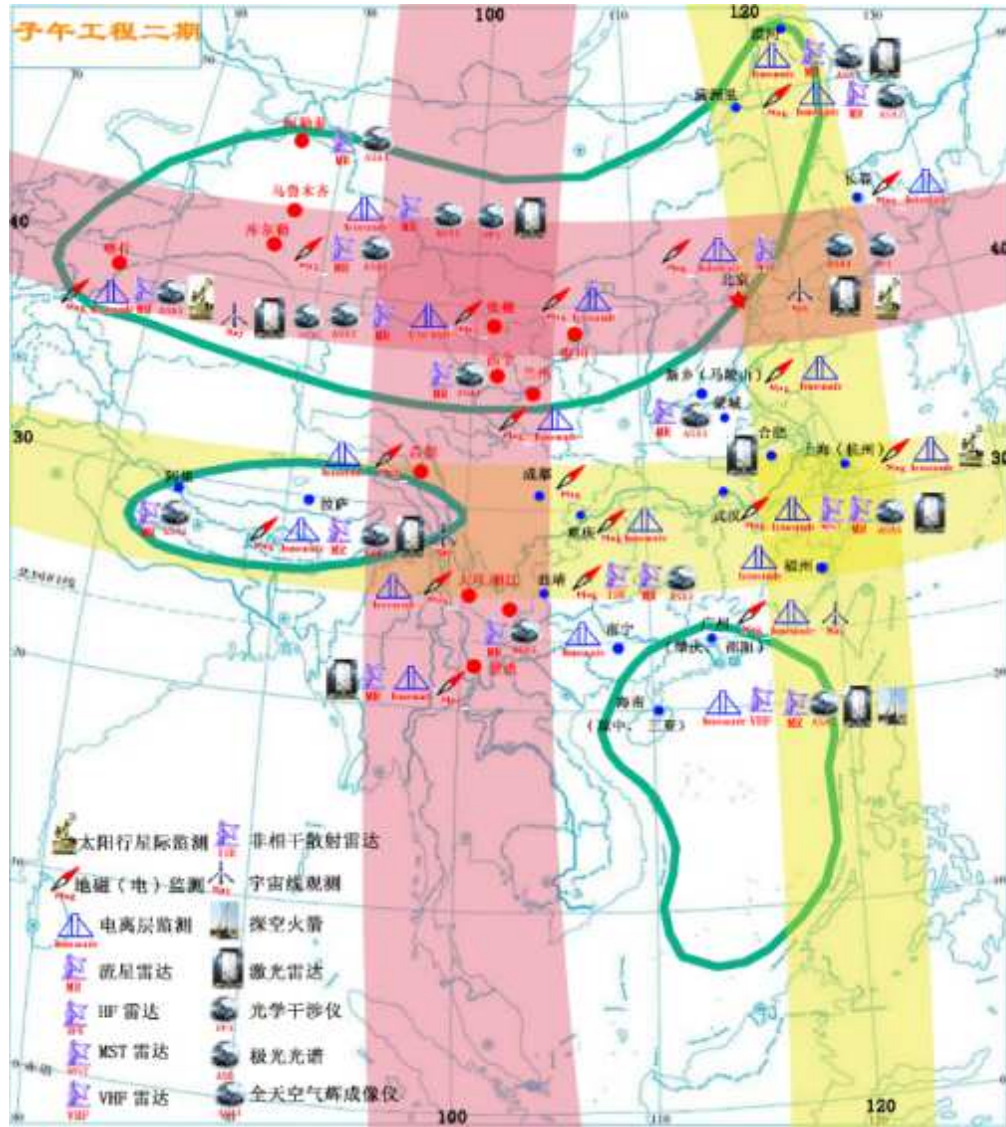
Sounding rocket



Status

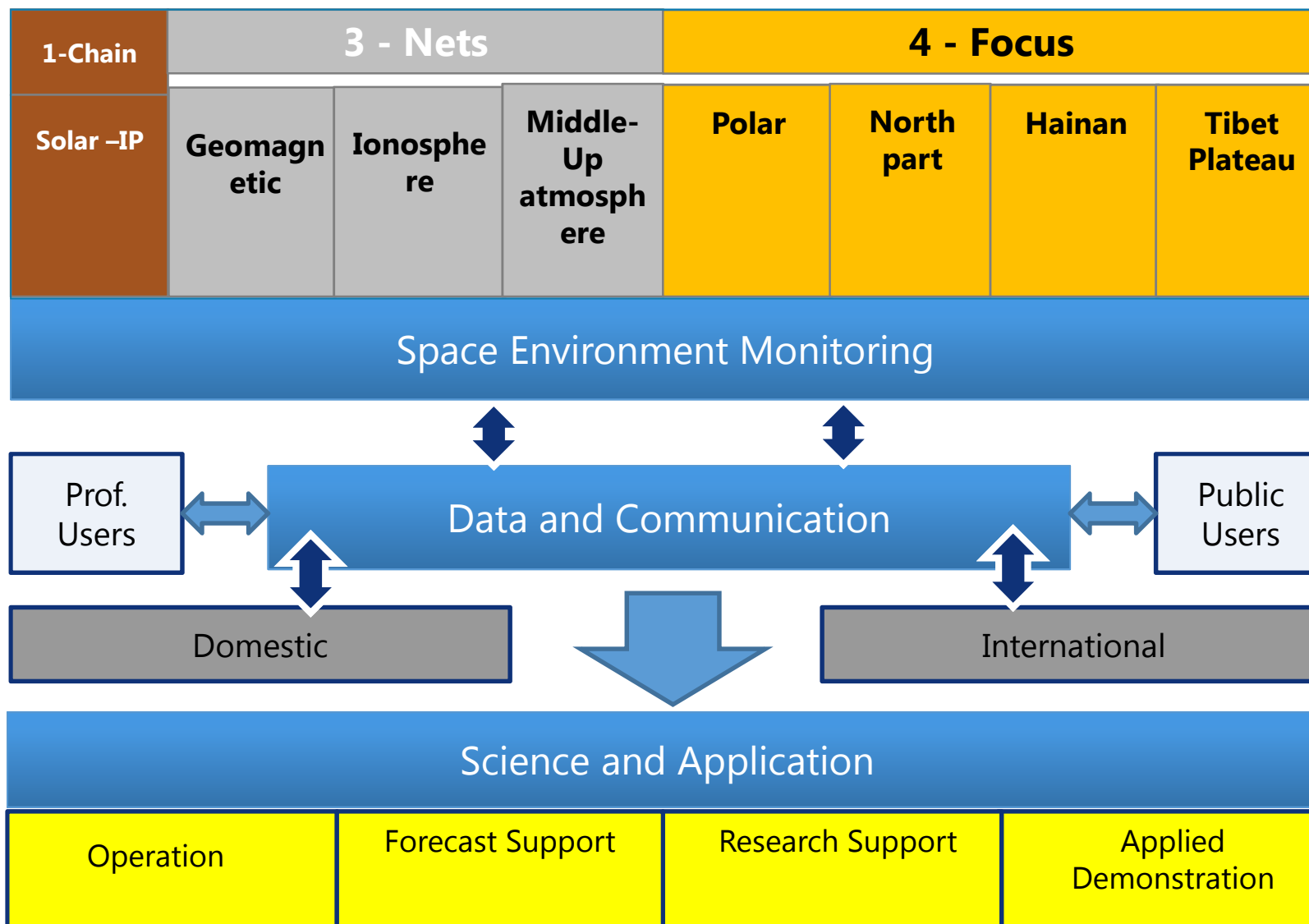
- **Chinese Meridian Project started data collection in Oct., 2012**
- **Up to Jan., 2017, it has collected 4.8 TB of scientific data for 23 space environment key parameters.**
- **More than 200 peer – reviewed paper have been published.**

Meridian Project II

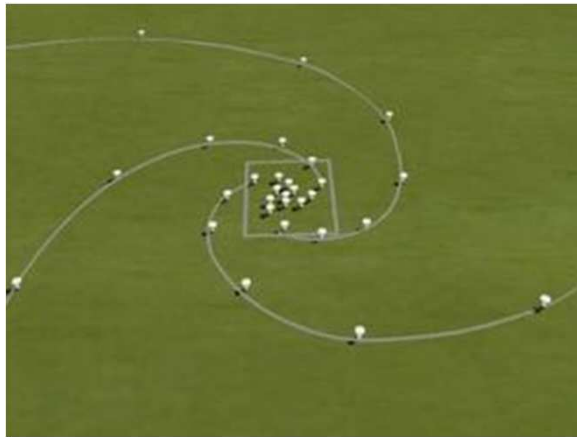




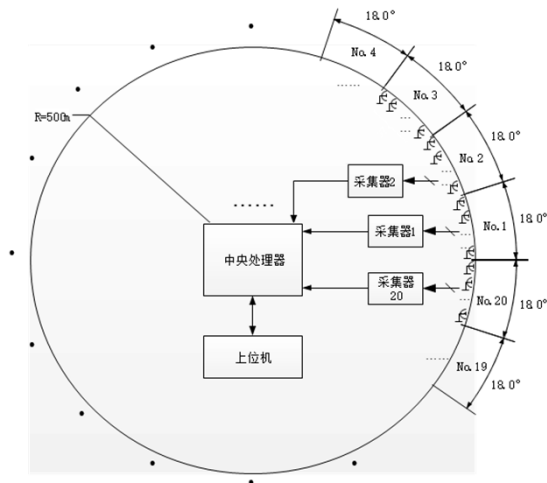
Framework



Solar Radio Heliograph



- Frequency: 30MHz—240MHz
- Freq. Resolution: 1 MHz
- No. of antenna: ~ 100
- Time Resolution: $\sim 100\text{ms}$
- Polarization: I、Q、U、V

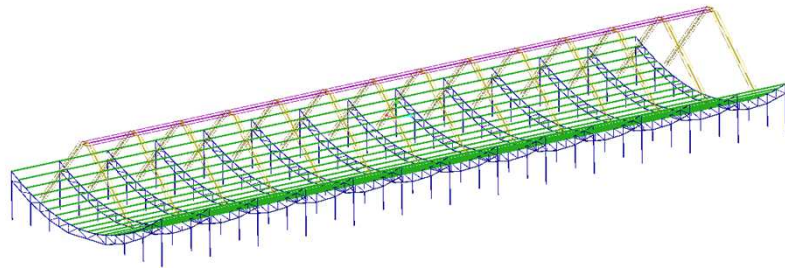


- Frequency: 150MHz—450MHz
- Freq. Resolution: 2 MHz
- No. of antenna: 401
- Time Resolution: 0.1s
- Array Diameter: 1000m

IPS



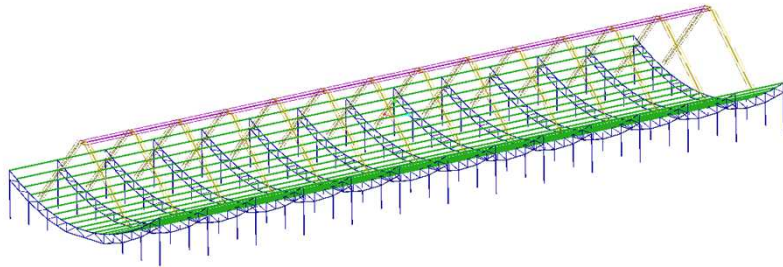
- 3-station, 2-frequency
- Frequency: 327 and 654 MHz
- System Temperature: 120 K
- Sensitivity: 0.3 Jy
- Sample Rate: 10 ms



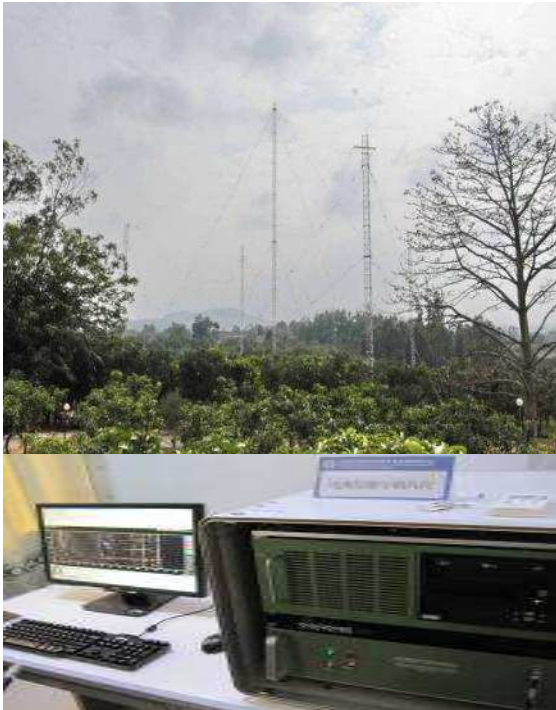
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Digisonde

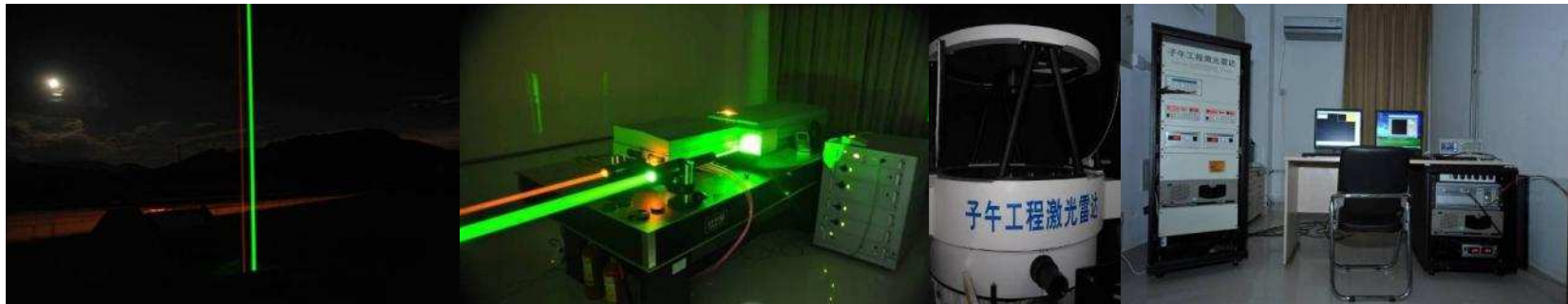


- Frequency: 1 - 30 MHz
- Power: 300W (peak)
- Height resolution: 2.5, 5, 10 Km
- Sensitivity: 130 dBm

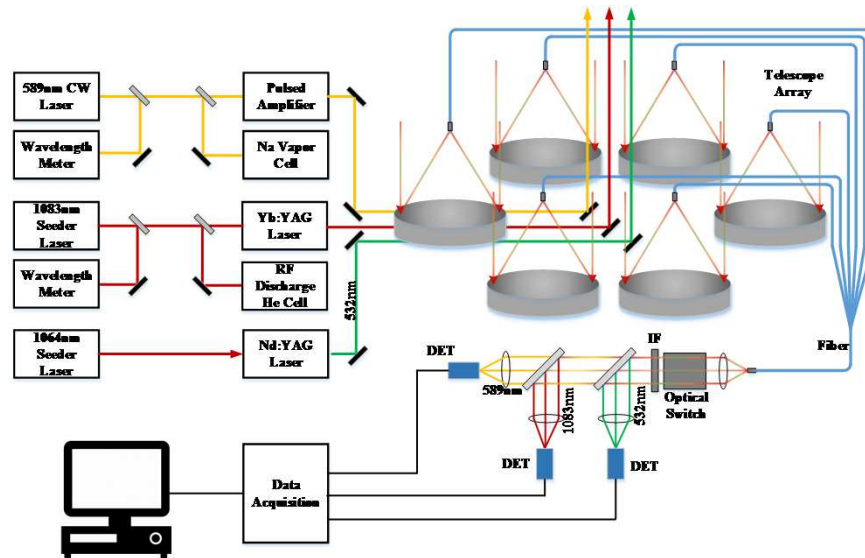
No. of Digisonde to be employed: 19

LIDAR

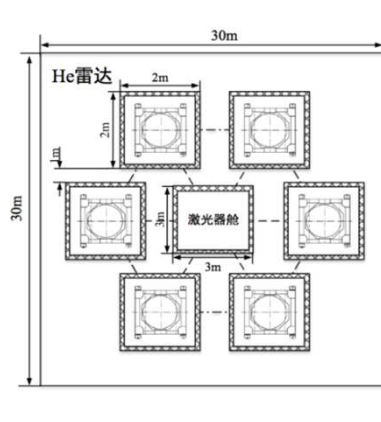
- Na- Lidar: 80-110 km, Temperature, Wind, and Density of Na-layer
589.1 nm
- Enhanced –Lidar: 80-110km, Na, Fe, Ca, Ka, Diameter: 2m



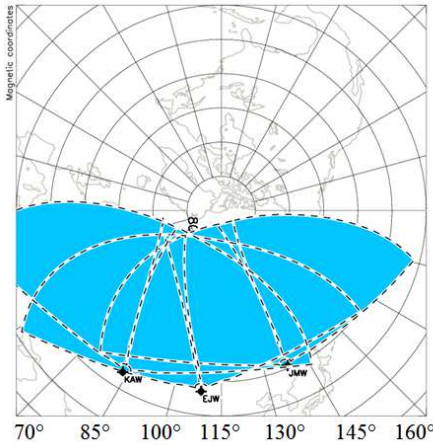
He- LIDAR



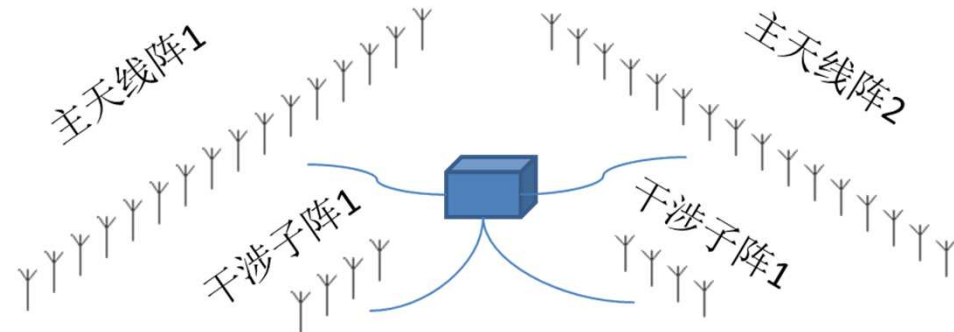
- Rayleigh: 30-90 km, T, N
- Na: 80-110km, wind, T, Na-density
- He: 200 -1000km, He-density
- Diameter: 6 m



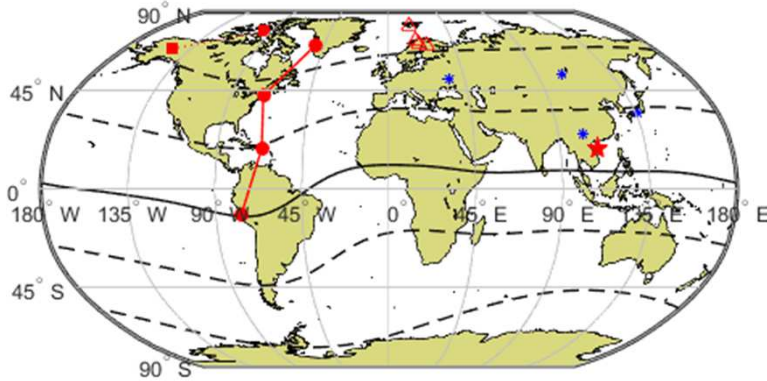
SuperDARN Radar



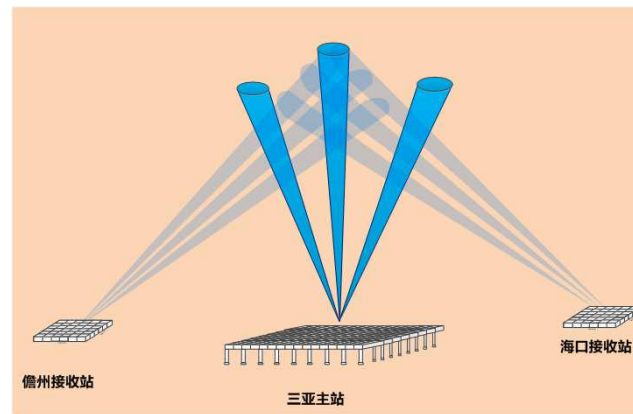
- Phased-array Radar
- Frequency: between 8 and 20 MHz
- Power: 9.6 kW
- Height resolution: 15 – 45 km



Sanya ISR



- 3-Station ISR
- Frequency: 440 Mhz
- Power: 4 MW (peak)
- Detection Range: 190 – 4000 km



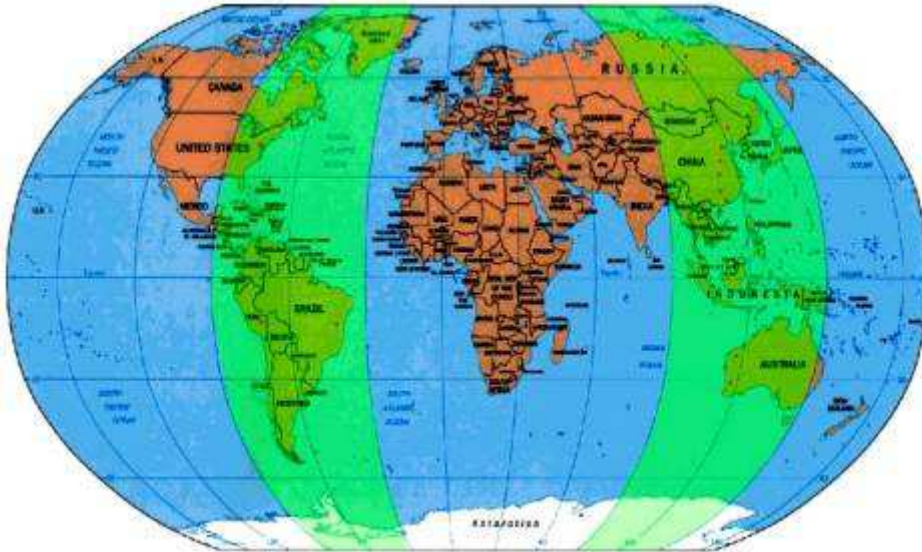
Status

- **Chinese Meridian Project II has been listed as one of the national key mega scientific infrastructure in 2016-2020 in China (Ranked #1 from 10).**
- **The construction phase is expected to start in 2018.**

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International Meridian Circle Plan (IMCP)



To connect 120°E and 60°W meridian chains of ground based monitors worldwide, in order to provide a global picture of unfolding space weather events.

What will IMCP do?

- **Data sharing and Exchange**
- **Coordinating observational campaigns;**
- **Encouraging collaboration on scientific research and observations;**
- **Promoting education and public outreach**

Status

- **The Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) of China is going to set up a few mega international science plans within coming two years.**
- **MOST has hosted a discussion meeting with us, and encouraged us to submit a proposal. A NOI (Notice of Intention) to submit a proposal was submitted to MOST on April 23, 2017.**

Thank You!

