



Energetic ions on Interball-1: an empirical model of the upstream flux

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The ions with energy 20 - 500 keV observed by the Interball-1 spacecraft upstream from the Earth's bow shock over long time period are analyzed. The enhanced energetic ion flux events occurred when Interball-1 was magnetically connected to the bow shock. Using the geometry to the model bow shock and geomagnetic activity indices, we present a linear model of the ion flux for the 2 min bins when satellite is magnetically connected to the bow shock. The strong anticorrelation of energetic ion flux with θ_{Bn} is apparent, especially at low energies and for isotropic distribution. While geomagnetic activity has little influence on the flux for lower-energy ions, for ions >150 keV the flux is better correlated with Dst than with θ_{Bn} . Fermi acceleration accounts for most of the observed lower-energy ions. At higher energies the magnetospheric leakage becomes more important. Both solar wind and magnetosphere contribute to the seed particles for the Fermi process at the quasi-parallel bow shock. Using the geometry to the model bow shock and geomagnetic activity indices, we present a linear model of the upstream ion flux at different energies for the 2 min bins when satellite is magnetically connected to the bow shock. The limits of the empirical model are discussed. Analysis is supported by VEGA grant agency, project 4064.