

Identifying Extra Spectral Content In MOSES Images Using **Cross Correlation**

Abstract

The MOSES (Multi-Order Solar EUV Spectrograph) sounding rocket was launched February 8th, 2006 to capture images of the sun at 304 Å. The MOSES concave grating forms solar images in multiple spectral orders, in an effort to measure line profiles from a single exposure over a wide field of view. We present a preliminary identification of spectral content in *MOSES* images. The cross correlation of subtracted images provide evidence of spectral content besides the normal 304 Å He II line. We place confidence on the peaks in correlation by cross correlating random data that is statistically representative of *MOSES* data. These significant peaks indicate a contribution to intensity from several coronal lines. These lines are individually weak, but if not taken into account, they would significantly increase the residuals when inverting *MOSES* images to obtain spectra.

Instrument Concept



The *MOSES* optics consist of a concave grating, secondary fold flat mirror, and three Charged Couple Device (CCD) detectors. Incident light on the grating is diffracted onto the *CCD*'s in the -1, 0, and +1 spectral orders. Each order contains different combination of spectral and spacial information. [2]

Significance Testing



Here is the cross correlation of our two *MOSES* subtracted images (in blue) and significance levels (red). We tested the significance of the peaks by correlating random data generated from *MOSES* columns.



Pictured here are the zero and plus order MOSES images, as well as an image of the zero order subtracted for the plus order. The plus and zero order images have been aligned to maximize the cross correlation in the grating dispersion (horizontal) direction as well as averaged over all exposures. The subtracted image highlights the subtle differences between the two images. These differences are caused by objects differing in wavelength from the dominant (He II 304 Å) wavelength. Small differences are caused by differing point spread functions between orders and Doppler shifted material. Large differences, boxed in green, are indicative of extra spectral content. That content is identified by cross correlating subtracted images in the dispersion direction.

Forward Model







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MOSES Images



Time Integrated Zero Order

Time Integrated Plus Order







Zero Order Image Subtracted From Plus Order Image