

Line Intensities and Profiles From MOSES Sounding Rocket Data Charles Kankelborg, Shane Atwood, Hans Courrier, Jacob Plovanic, Thomas Rust

Abstract

The Multi-Order Solar EUV Spectrograph (MOSES) obtains images dispersed at three spectral orders from an objective grating, with the goal of reconstructing EUV spectra of He II (30.38 nm) and Si XI (30.33 nm) simultaneously over a large 2D field of view. We present preliminary results from a new data inversion code, estimating the spectrum in every pixel. This capability opens a new window on the solar atmosphere.

2006 Flight

Multi-Order Solar EUV The Spectrograph (MOSES) was first launched on February 8, 2006 from White Sands Missile Range at 18:44:01 UT on a NASA Terrier Black Brant sounding rocket.





Multi-Order Imaging Spectroscopy

A concave reflection grating forms images at several spectral orders simultaneously. Each spectral order presents a different combination of spectral and spatial information.



orders are imaged, the more spectral arameters can be inferred from the data. These parameters include line intensities, m = -1 doppler shifts, line widths, etc.

The configuration we flew in 2006 used a multilayer coated grating and secondary mirror for He II 303.8 Å and Si XI 303.3 Å. Our 2013 flight will be optimized for NeVII 465 Å.

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$(\text{FOV } 20' \times 10')$ Data



MOSES 304 Å image in spectral order m = -1.





Inversion Algorithm

We wish to infer spatially resolved spectra $G(x, y, \lambda)$ given images I_m at spectral orders m = -1, 0, +1:

$$I_{m}(x,y) = \int_{\mathfrak{P}} G(x+m\lambda,y,\lambda) \, d\lambda,$$
$$I_{\infty}(\lambda) = \iint_{\mathfrak{F}} G(x,y,\lambda) \, dx \, dy.$$

Our assumed mean spectrum, I_{∞} , is based on SERTS-95 measurements (Brosius et al., 1998 ApJ 119:255).





Line Shifts and Widths





Conclusions

MOSES allows us to obtain spectral information over a large field of view at high spatial and temporal resolution.

- Si XI is distinguishable from He II.
- Doppler shift and line width in He II are recovered, revealing dynamics of explosive events and jets.
- We find similar results from exposures of 1.5-24 s.





Spectral order m = 0.

Spectral order m = +1.

Next Steps

• The PSF is different in each spectral order, resulting in faint, ubiquitous "velocity dipole" artifacts (red on top, blue on bottom). We have a correction algorithm under development.

• Our summer 2013 flight will investigate dynamics of the upper transition region in NeVII.

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