The Flare Irradiance Spectral Model (FISM) and its Contributions to Studies of the Ionosphere and Thermosphere

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  - Algorithms
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- Gait2 Results
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### The Flare Irradiance Spectral Model (FISM)



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- Developed for my Ph.D. Dissertation (U. of Colorado, 2005)
- Chamberlin *et al.*, Space Weather, 2007, 2008
- FISM is an empirical model of the solar
   vacuum ultraviolet (VUV; 0.1-190 nm)
   irradiance at 60 second temporal resolution.
- Uses traditional proxies (MgII c/w, F10.7, and Lyα) as well as new proxies (0-4 nm, 36.5 nm, and 30.5 nm) to model the daily component provide more accurate CLV.
- Uses the GOES 0.1-0.8 nm irradiance as the proxy to model flare variations.
- FISM is the first flare model that can be used for near real-time space weather operations.







## **FISM Solar Cycle Variations**







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### **FISM Solar Rotation Estimations**



### X17 Flare Comparison to SEE



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### Solar Variation on Various Time Scales



solar cycle variations for the Oct 28, 2003 flare

Transition
region
emissions
increased by up
to a factor of 10
during the
impulsive phase

EUV irradiance increased by a factor of 2 and XUV increases by a factor of 100 during the gradual phase



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http://lasp.colorado.edu/lisird/fism.htm		
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	1. Chamberlin, P. C., T. N. Woods, F. G. Eparvier, New flare model	
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# TIE-GCM Model using FISM data for an X17.0 solar flare on September 7, 2005 Gang Lu, NCAR







# GAIT2 model run using FISM as input for the X17.2 flare on October 28, 2003 Chris Smithtro, Air Force Institute of Technology





# Neutral heating rate increase due to VUV increases from flare





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### Electron density changes due to the X17 solar flare





- Larger density (factor of 6) increases at low latitudes (~100 km) due to the order of magnitude increases in the solar X-rays.
- Increased electron densities persist for hours after the peak of the solar flare.

Plots Courtesy of C. Smithtro, AFIT



# Mars Ionospheric model using FISM compared to MGS RS Measurements for a flare on April 15, 2001

Paul Withers, Boston University



### Mars Ne Model and Observation Results



The 110 km peak (produced by X-Rays) exceeds the 140 km peak (produced by EUV) during a flare. The red line on the right corresponds temporally to the blue line on the left, both at 14:16 UT.

Mars Global Surveyor Radio Science Instrument

Plots courtesy Paul Withers, 2007

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## Conclusion

- FISM currently provides the most accurate, high temporal resolution estimations of the solar VUV irradiance to the I/T community.
- FISM driven I/T models are currently providing results of many responses of the I/T system to flares.
- Many planned improvements for FISM (nowcast, planetary corrections, impulsive phase timing, EVE data-1 Å)
- EVE will contribute greatly to the FISM estimation, especially for  $\lambda$ <27 nm and in the number of flares that FISM is based on.





# Extra Slides





## EUV Variability Experiment (EVE)

Launch in early 2009 onboard the Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO) http://lasp.colorado.edu/eve/



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### How does EVE measure the EUV?

- Multiple EUV Grating Spectrograph
   (MEGS)
  - At 0.1 nm resolution
    - MEGS-A: 5-37 nm
    - MEGS-B: 35-105 nm
  - At 1 nm resolution
    - MEGS-SAM: 0-7 nm
  - At 10 nm resolution
    - MEGS-Photometers: @ 122 nm
  - Ly-α Proxy for other H I emissions at 80-102 nm and He I emissions at 45-58 nm
- EUV Spectrophotometer (ESP)
  - At 4 nm resolution
    - 17.5, 25.6, 30.4, 36 nm
  - At 7 nm resolution
    - 0-7 nm (zeroth order)
- In-flight calibrations from ESP and MEGS-P on daily basis and also annual calibration rocket flights







# How will EVE help FISM?

- 10 sec (0.25 sec for ESP) temporal resolution, 100% duty cycle
  - EVE will measure all flares with very good temporal resolution and concurrent spectral information.
  - FISM is currently based on 11 impulsive phase observations and 29 gradual phase observations at one point during the flare from TIMED SEE.
- Extend the solar XUV and EUV irradiance measurement set with better accuracy.
- Higher spectral resolution, especially for  $\lambda$ <27nm
  - EVE measurements will allow FISM to improve to 0.1 nm resolution.
- EVE will help determine the relationship between EUV and XUV flares.
  - Can there be an EUV flare with no XUV component?





### Earth's Atmosphere Absorbs Solar VUV



Solar VUV irradiance is deposited in the Earth's upper atmosphere and is the primary source of energy that provides the temperature and density characteristics



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### Solar Cycle Effects on Earth's Atmosphere



Electron density varies by a factor of 10 over a solar cycle

Temperature varies by a factor of 2 over a solar cycle

Neutral density varies by more than a factor of 10



### Solar Variations Cause Atmospheric Changes GRACE daytime density (490 k

- Increased neutral particle density in low latitude regions on the dayside —> Satellite Drag.
- Sudden Ionospheric Disturbances (SIDs) lead to Single Frequency Deviations (SFDs).
- Cause radio communication blackouts
- Cause increased error in GPS accuracy





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#### **TIEGCM** Difference TEC Maps During Flare



#### Observed N<sub>E</sub>





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# Electron temperature changes due to the X17 solar flare





Temperature changes can be as high as 400K in the upper atmosphere around 500 km. The increased electron density at high latitudes leads to larger cooling rates that produce cooler temperatures post-flare at these latitudes

Plots Courtesy of C. Smithtro, AFIT





# Photoelectron production from FAST observations and FLIP simulations using FISM for the X3.0 flare on July 15, 2002 W. K. Peterson, LASP



#### FAST PE

Temporal response of the PE spectrum relative to a static model based on the HEUVAC EUV spectrum

FISM - FISM(t0) FISM(t0)

GOES X-ray Flux

**Differential** of GOES X-ray Flux

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**ORBIT:** 23511  $10^{3}$ Energy (eV) PE\_cor Log eV/ 10<sup>2</sup>  $10^{1}$  $10^{2}$  $10^{3}$ 1.2 (PE-FLIP)/PE Energy (eV) Linear Ratio 10<sup>2</sup>  $10^{1}$ 0.0 50 (FISM-FISM(0))/FISM(0) Wavelength (nm) ATIO 25 10<sup>-1</sup> Goes-L W/m^2 10<sup>-6</sup> Dif Goes-L /m^2/s Fri Aug 24 12:17:08 10<sup>-5</sup> 10<sup>-6</sup> 10<sup>-7</sup> 20:15 20:00 20:05 2<mark>0:10</mark> Time (UT) Hours from 2002-07-15/20:00:00

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Temporal response of the FISM model EUV spectrum

#### (1nm resolution)

Peterson et al., LWS, Boulder, 2007

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## FISM/FLIP and FAST Comparison

