



# MEGS – ESP Comparison through August 2012

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# Instruments



 MEGS – Multiple EUV grating Spectrograph:
 MEGS-A: grazing incidence grating spectrograph for 5 nm to 37 nm range MEGS-B: double normal-incidence grating spectrograph for 35 nm to 105 nm

ESP – EUV Spectrophotometer has 9 Si photodiodes behind a transmission grating:
ESP#1: 33.3-40.04 nm bandpass
ESP#2: 22.28-28.78 nm bandpass
ESP#3: dark photometer to measure particle background
ESP#4, 5, 6, & 7: 0.1-7 nm bandpass
ESP#8: 16.64-21.5 nm bandpass
ESP#9: 27.16-33.8 nm bandpass





# Comparisons



- 1. Daily average irradiance ratios: ESP band/ integrated EVE spectra
- 2. Comparison of solar rotation variability: RMS of irradiance time series minus 81 day smoothed irradiance shown on slide
- 3. Long term trends of 1. and 2. based on linear fit to ratio time series
- 4. ESP/MEGS irradiance ratios for solar flare conditions

### Solar rotation variability - example





Plots show how the ESP and MEGS solar rotation variability is compared: Top: 81 day rm (blue) is subtracted from daily average irrad. time series (red - only ESP is shown here)

Middle: Residuals from above subtraction show modulation due to solar rotation for ESP(red) and MEGS (blue) Bottom: RMS over an 81 day window is calculated and compared in the bottom plot on slides 5-8



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# Channel 9: 27.16-33.8 nm EVE Version 3





Some downward drift in the ESP/ MEGS ratio for Channel 9

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# Channel 8: 16.64-21.5 nm EVE Version 3







# Channel 2: 22.28-28.78 nm EVE Version 3





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# Channel 1: 33.3-40.04 nm EVE Version 3









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Mean ratio		Channel			
		1	2	8	9
EVE Version	2	0.445	0.965	1.061	1.009
	3	0.844	0.963	1.041	1.059

Slope (yr <sup>-1</sup> )						
		1	2	8	9	
EVE Version	2	-1.97E-01	-3.98E-02	-3.05E-03	4.43E-02	
	3	1.85E-02	7.71E-03	1.09E-02	-5.05E-02	

Mean RMS ratio		Channel				
		1	2	8	9	
EVE Version	2	1.368	0.948	1.102	1.149	
	3	1.188	0.964	1.043	1.065	

#### Slope (yr-1)

		1	2	8	9
EVE Version	2	6.01E-02	8.63E-03	-1.29E-02	1.45E-01
	3	3.10E-01	1.63E-02	2.05E-02	-5.11E-02

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### ESP/MEGS ratios during flares Ch. 9





Flare peaks starts later and lasts longer in in the ESP profile, indicating a possible difference between ESP bandpass and MEGS spectrum integration limits

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## ESP/MEGS ratios during flares Ch. 8

EVE MEGS Comparison: 2012023-10000.0 sec to 20000.0 sec (0.000) (0.0ESP channel 8: 16.6-21.5 nm EVE band: 16.6-21.5 nm 7.5×10<sup>-4</sup>  $1.2 \times 10^{4}$  $1.8 \times 10^{4}$  $1.4 \times 10^{4}$ 1.6×10<sup>4</sup> 1.2 ratio: ESP/MEGS 0.0 1.0 60

1.2×10<sup>4</sup> 1.4×10<sup>4</sup> 1.6×10<sup>4</sup>

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 $1.8 \times 10^{4}$ 

### ESP/MEGS ratios during flares Ch 2



1.2  $SB_{W} = 0.9$  0.8  $1.2 \times 10^4$   $1.4 \times 10^4$   $1.6 \times 10^4$   $1.8 \times 10^4$ 

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# Conclusions



- ESP/MEGS daily average irradiance values agree within ~6% averaged over the SDO mission with the exception of the Ch1: 33.3-40.04 nm band for which ESP is known to have a substandard photodiode detector with large, temperature sensitive dark currents.
- Some minor (~5% year) divergence in ESP vs. MEGS sensitivity to solar rotation variability is apparent in the ESP Ch 9: 27.16-33.8 nm bandpass, probably correctable through updates of the degradation models used in data processing.
- EVE Version 3 has resulted in better general agreement and lower rate of divergence between ESP and MEGS compared to Version 2 with the exception of ESP Channel 9
- Greater than average ESP-MEGS discrepancies are seen during flares. Also, time difference in time profile peaks suggests possible need for further refinement of ESP bandpass definitions.





#### **Backup Slides**



# Channel 9: 26.7-33.8 nm EVE Version 2





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# Channel 8: 14.5-21.5 nm EVE Version 2







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# Channel 2: 22.2-29.2 nm EVE Version 2





# Channel 1: 33.0-40.3 nm EVE Version 2











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