TIMED Solar EUV Experiment: Phase E Annual Report for 2007

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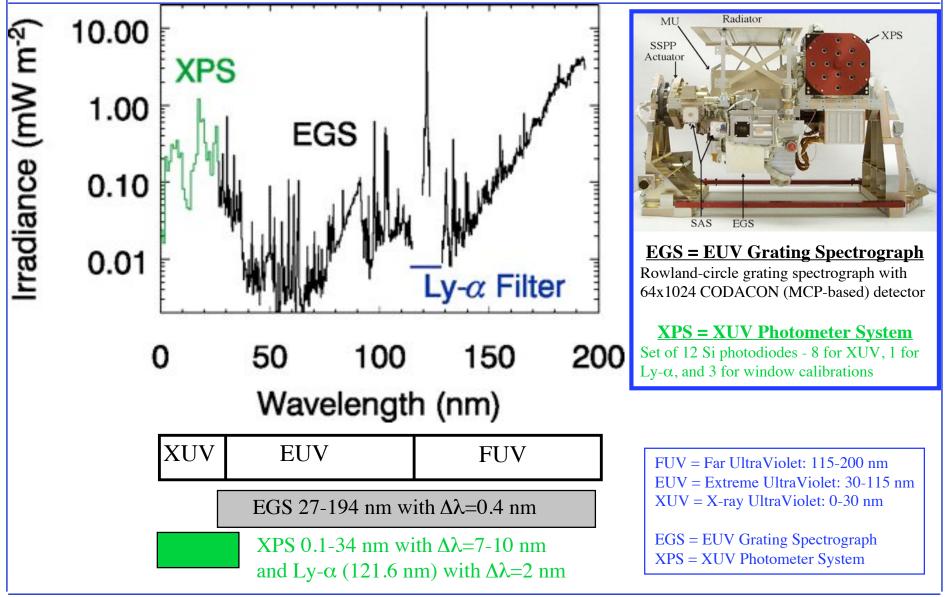


Report Outline

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Overview of Operations and Data Processing

SEE Measures the Solar VUV Irradiance



Summary of SEE Flight Operations

- Planned Experiments (through Oct 31, 2007)
 - Number of normal solar experiments = XXX
- Actual Experiments (through Oct 31, 2007)
 - Number of normal solar experiments = XXX (XX%)
- Calibration rockets provide degradation rates for SEE
 - NASA 36.192 launched on Feb. 8, 2002, complete success
 - Rocket results incorporated into Version 6 data
 - NASA 36.205 launched on Aug. 12, 2003, complete success
 - Rocket results incorporated into Version 7 data
 - NASA 36.217 launched on Oct. 15, 2004, complete success
 - Rocket results incorporated into Version 8 data
 - NASA 36.233 launched on Oct. 28, 2006
 - Partial success (only 0.1-36 nm and 121.6 nm irradiance measured)
 - Reflight scheduled for April 2008

List of SEE Data Gaps - Very Few Gaps

Date	State	Sensor(s)	Science Data Affected
March 1, 2002	Safe Mode	Both	Part day
March 2, 2002	Safe Mode	Both	All day
March 4, 2002	Ground SW Anomaly	EGS	All day
March 5, 2002	Ground SW Anomaly	EGS	Part day
March 19, 2002	Safe Mode	Both	Part day
March 29, 2002	Safe Mode	Both	Part day
July 24 - 30, 2002	XPS Filter Wheel Anomaly	XPS	All days
Nov. 18-19, 2002	Leonid Safing	Both	Part day
Sept. 16 - 21, 2004	TIMED Flight Software Load	Both	Sept. 16,21: Part day Sept. 17-20: All day
Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2004	TIMED Flight Software Load	Both	Sept. 29, Oct. 1: Part day Sept. 30: All day
May 4, 2005	Lost data due to HK rate being at 5 sec (normally 15 sec)	Both	Part day (after SSR allocation reached)

Status of SEE Instruments

No recent changes for SEE

• EUV Grating Spectrograph (EGS) - fully functional

- The EUV ($\lambda < 115$ nm) has degradation mostly at the bright lines on the CODACON (MCP-based) detector, but it is being tracked with on-board redundant channel and flat-field detector lamp weekly experiments
- The FUV (115-195 nm) has small recovery rate that is corrected using UARS, SORCE, and XPS comparisons

• XUV Photometer System (XPS) - 3 channels functional

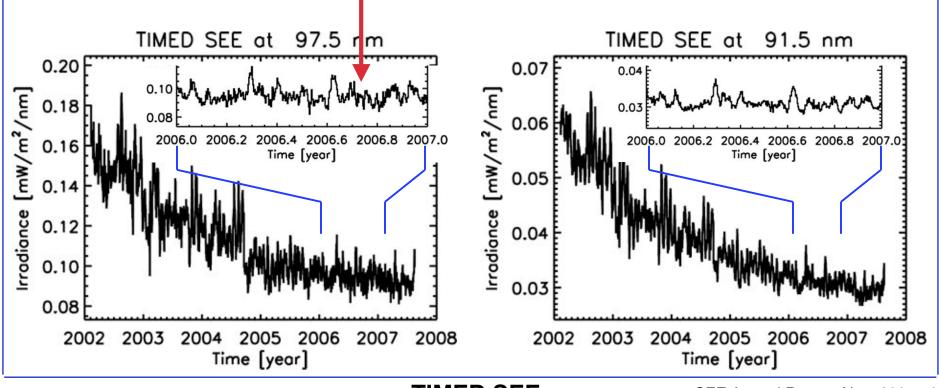
- Fully functional until 2002/205 when there was a filter wheel anomaly (filter wheel stuck in position 6)
- Three channels providing solar measurements
- No spectral gaps in the XUV though because of new XPS Level 4 algorithm
- Microprocessor Unit (MU) fully functional
- SEE Solar Pointing Platform (SSPP) fully functional

Potential Life Issues for SEE

- EGS (grating spectrograph)
 - MCP-based detector has significant degradation at a few wavelengths (~5% of spectral range). Accuracy already degraded at those wavelengths. Degradation has slowed down with time, but still expect this degradation to continue during extended mission.
 - No degradation or anomalies for HV supply or slit changer mechanism; expect them to perform well for several more years
- XPS (set of photometers)
 - None : filter wheel mechanism is not used anymore
 - Lower priority than EGS as have SORCE XPS
- SSPP (pointing platform)
 - No degradation or anomalies for SSPP; expect it to perform well for several more years

Example EGS Effect at 97.5 nm

• The C III 97.7 nm emission has brightest signal for EGS detector and has degraded the most. Day-to-day noise has increased over time; consequently, the solar rotation variation is more noisy than at other wavelengths.



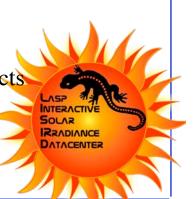
SEE Data Products



SEE Version 9 Data

Version 9 released in April 2007

- EGS revisions
 - Improved flagging of data affected by energetic particles (in polar regions)
 - Updated FUV degradation rates from comparison to SORCE
 - Did NOT update EUV degradation rates (incomplete EUV coverage for cal rocket)
- XPS revisions
 - Updated radiometric calibrations and updated XUV degradation rates
 - New XPS Level 4 algorithm using GOES XRS for flare temperature and CHIANTI model
 - Also improves Level 3A 0-27 nm irradiance results for flares
- New SEE EGS Level 2B occultation data product
 - Produce atmospheric transmission from EGS solar occultation measurements (60-500 km range)
- LASP Interactive Solar IRradiance Datacenter (LISIRD)
 - Relatively new data center at LASP for its solar irradiance data products
 - SME, UARS SOLSTICE, TIMED SEE, SORCE, rocket experiments
 - Future missions: Glory TIM, SDO EVE
 - http://lasp.colorado.edu/LISIRD/



Summary of SEE Data Products

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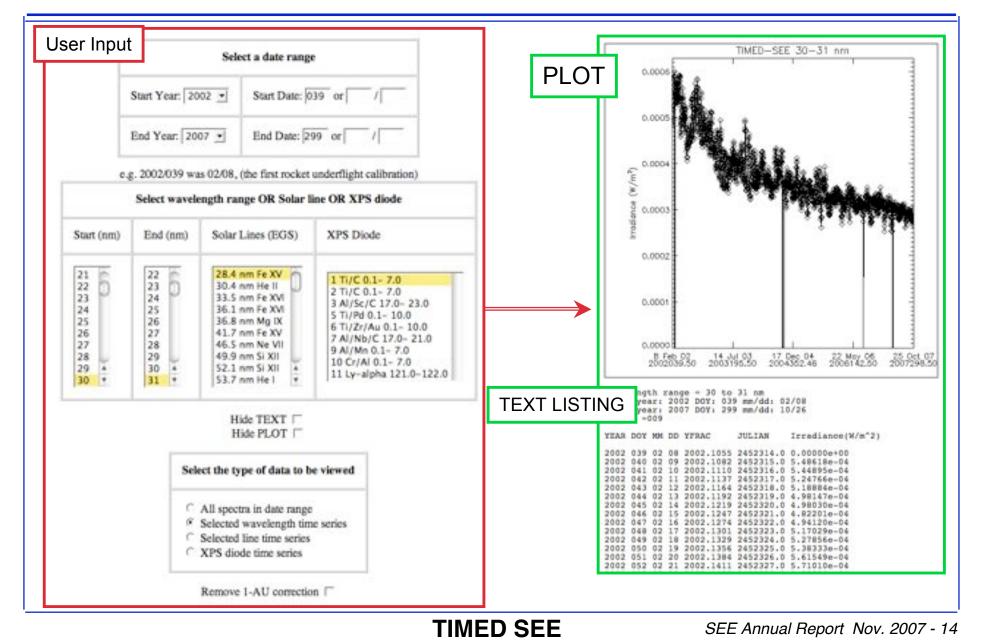
- Download data for individual days or merged set for the full mission
- Download IDL read / plot code
- Plot / browse data (ION script interface)

Data Product	Period	Description
SEE L2A SpWx	Orbit	8 solar indices (emissions/bands) for SpWx Ops
SEE L3	Day	1-nm spectrum from 0.5 nm to 194.5 nm,
		38 emission lines, XPS 9 bands
SEE L3A	Orbit	Same as L3 but for orbit average (3-min avg)
EGS L2, L2A	D&0	0.1-nm spectrum from 27 nm to 195 nm
XPS L2, L2A	D & O	XPS 9 bands
XPS L4, L4A	D & O	0.1-nm spectral model from 0 to 40 nm
EGS L2B (Occ)	Orbit	Atmospheric transmission (single altitude)
Composite Ly-a	Day	H I Lyman- α irradiance from 1947 to present

Example TIMED SEE Data Web Page (Table)

				SEE Data				
Title	Description		Data	Helpful IDL Procedures				
		Calendar	FTP Directory	Merged NetCDF	Plot/Browse	1111112122022		
Space Weather README	SpWx	NA	2002 2003 2004 2005 2005 2005 2005	NA	lanest plots	plot sec spwx.pro plots space weather data <u>plot_sec_spwx.zip</u> contains complete IDL code bundle		
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Example TIMED SEE Data Browser



Example SEE Flare Catalog

TIMED-SEE Flare Catalog

This page is a catalog of flare events observed by TIMED-SEE. Each row contains NOAA SEC flare information from the daily edited event reports for periods when TIMED-SEE was observing the sun anywhere between the start and stop times of these events. Events have been filtered to exclude periods when no appreciable increases were detected by SEE. Catalog last updated on Wed Sep 26 16:47:09 2007. An excel-compatible CSV file is also available.

Show/hide column descriptions. Columns can be sorted by clicking on the column headings.

A comprehensive list of SEE data products are available for download.

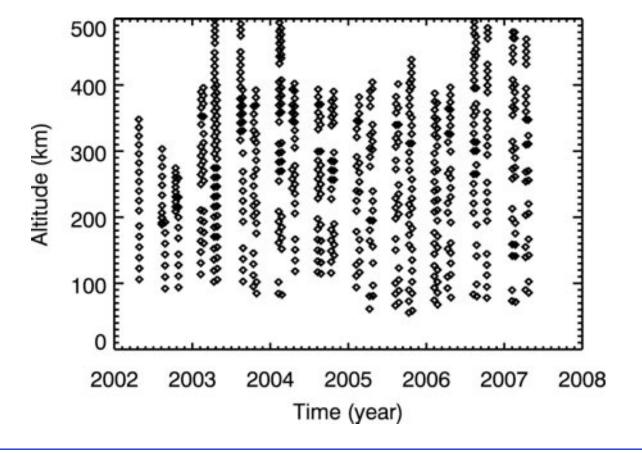
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2003/308 11-04	1929	1953	2006	X 17.4	19	-83	0486	8080	61.11	2.13	-282	Level 3A data	Plot SEE L3A
2003/301 10-28	0951	1110	1124	X 17.2	-16	-8	0486	5120	30.77	2.37	454	Level 3A data	Plot SEE L3A
2005/020 01-20	0636	0701	0726	X 7.1	14	61	0720	4270	24.53	1.28	-79	Level 3A data	Plot SEE L3A
2005/256 09-13	1919	1927	2057	X 1.5	-9	-10	0808	9710	15.06	1.41	2944	Level 3A data	Plot SEE L3A
2003/306 11-02	1703	1725	1739	X 8.3	14	-56	0486	7360	15.00	1.42	694	Level 3A data	Plot SEE L3A
2003/147 05-27	2256	2307	2313	X 1.3	7	-17	0365	5610	11.03	1.40	110	Level 3A data	Plot SEE L3A
2005/015 01-15	2225	2302	2331	X 2.6	15	5	0720	3090	10.81	1.11	1315	Level 3A data	Plot SEE L3A
2005/253 09-10	2130	2211	2243	X 2.1	-13	-47	0808	8920	9.82	1.13	1773	Level 3A data	Plot SEE L3A
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TIMED SEE

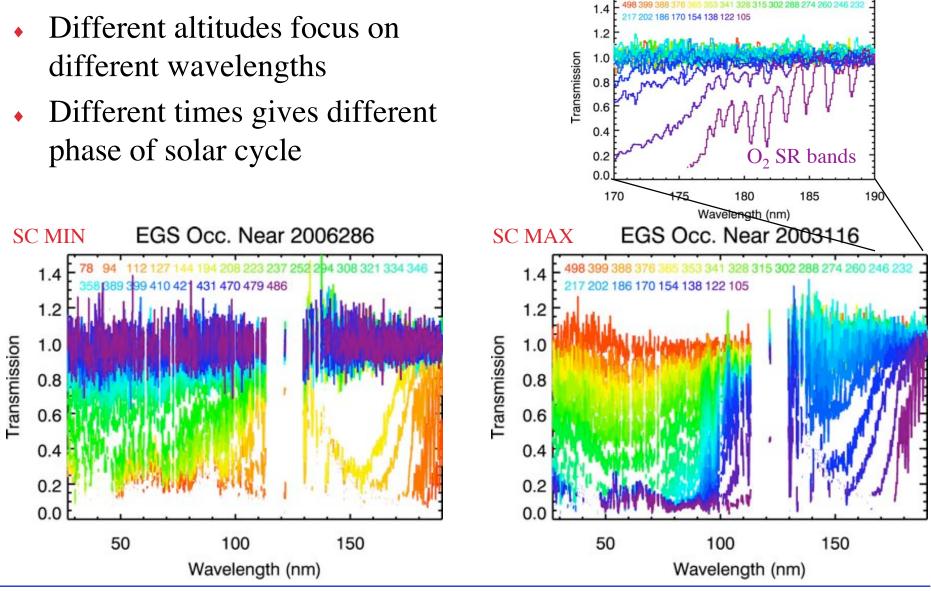
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EGS Solar Occultation Observations

- With TIMED orbit and SEE pointing platform (1-axis only), the solar occultation observations are available for a couple weeks about every 2 months
- Each 3-min EGS observation is essentially at a single tangent altitude
- New EGS Level 2B data product contains the solar occultation transmissions



EGS Occultation Data Examples

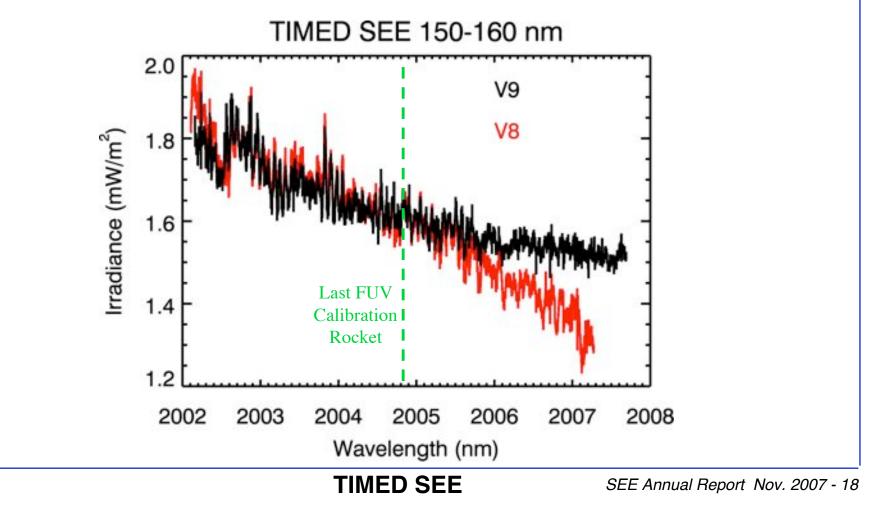


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EGS Validation: FUV Trend Updated

- Version 9 data improved the FUV range by using the SORCE SOLSTICE results for the long-term degradation trend
- SEE depends on SORCE for FUV calibration beyond 2005 (no FUV calibration rockets planned)



EGS Validation: Dips in the EUV

- Dips in EGS time series
 - Started in late 2004
 - 4 dips per year

25

20

15

10

5

0

50

Daily Noise (%)

- Mostly in EUV range
- Perhaps related to FOV correction, but not solved yet

100

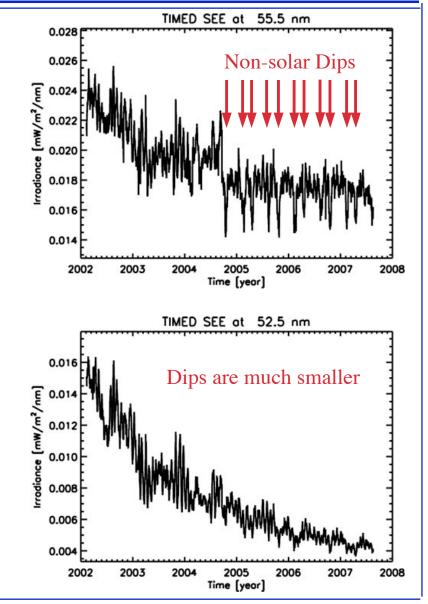
Wavelength (nm)

Dips at $> 2 \sigma$

Dip period noise

150

Daily noise x 2

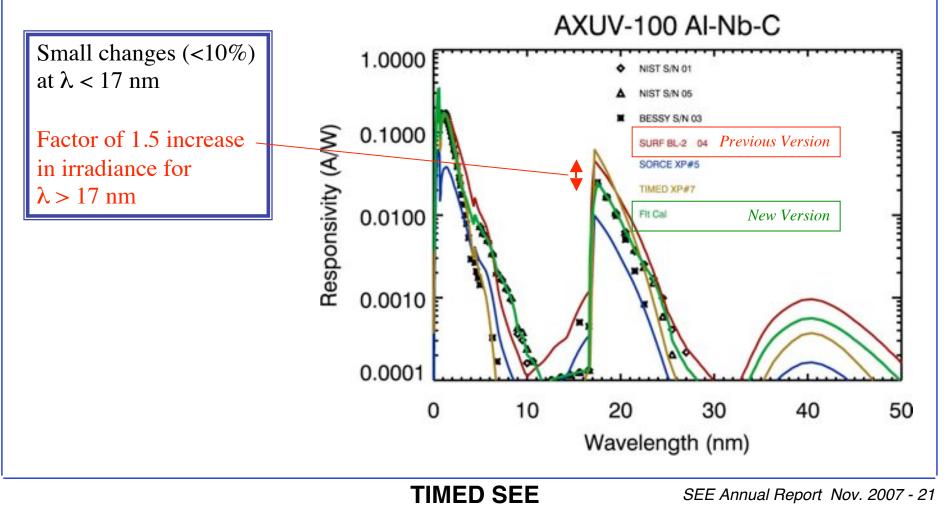


XPS Validation

- Version 9 includes updated XPS calibration and new algorithm for XPS Level 4 data product
- New XPS Level 4 algorithm (use of CHIANTI spectral models) have been validated with EGS spectral measurements longward of 27 nm and with other solar measurements

XPS Revised Calibration Example for Al/Nb/C Photometer

- Previous calibration used the SURF BL-2 results
- New calibration uses PTB BESSY at 1-3 nm, SURF BL-9 at 5-26 nm, and SURF BL-2 to fill gaps



Future SEE Data Products

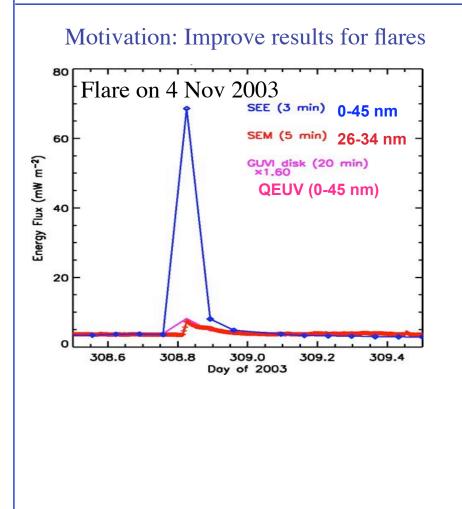
- <u>No new</u> SEE data <u>products</u> are planned
- <u>Future</u> SEE data <u>versions</u> (about once a year)
 - Update instrument degradation functions (calibration rocket in Apr. 2008)
 - Address EGS time series dips at some EUV wavelengths

- Updated solar irradiance models (using SEE Version 9 data)
 - FISM Phil Chamberlin
 - 0-190 nm with 1-min cadence (flares)
 - Updated with latest SEE and SORCE latest data versions
 - SIP (SOLAR2000) Kent Tobiska
 - Updated with flare components
 - Updated with lastest data versions

New XPS Level 4 Data Product and Results



New XPS Algorithm Needed for Flares

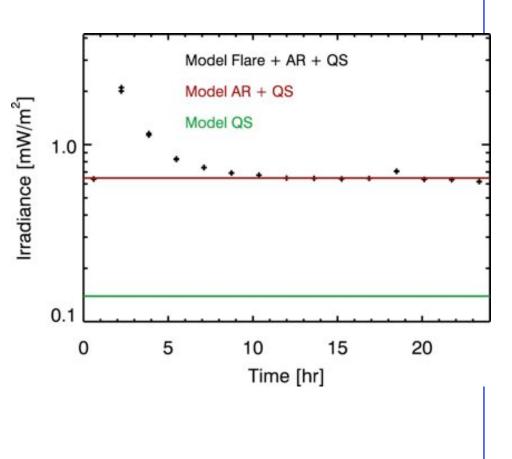


 Old SEE version 8 data over predicted the irradiance during flares

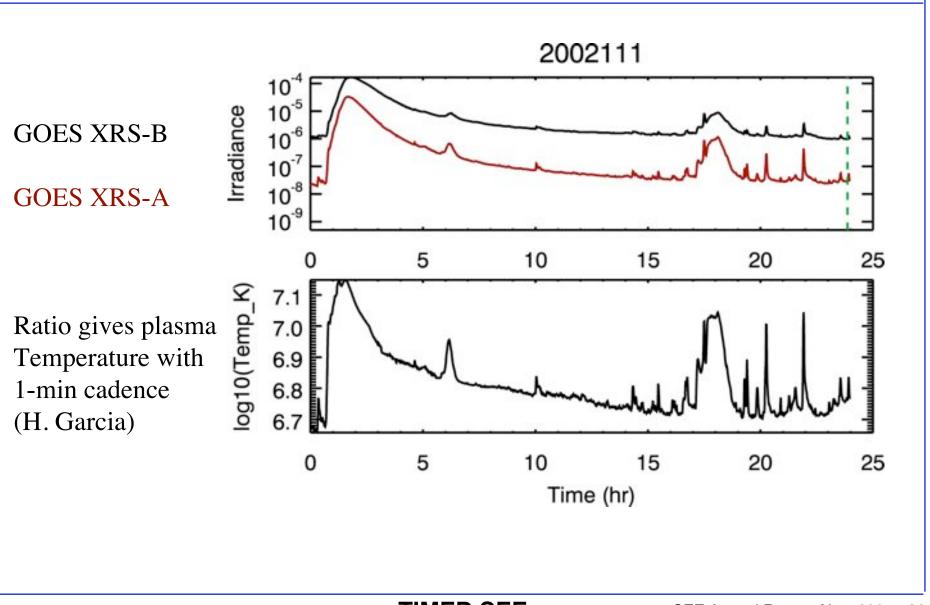
 New algorithm / product for version 9 uses combination of CHIANTI spectral models in the 0-40 nm range to match the XPS signals

New XPS Level 4 Algorithm

- Changed spectral model for XPS Level 4 processing
 - Use CHIANTI spectral model results scaled to XPS#1 & 2 signal (current)
- Daily Components (2)
 - Quiet Sun (QS), Coronal Hole (CH), and Active Region (AR) DEM used
 - MIN_REF = (QS + CH) / 2 based on solar minimum data $(SF_{OS} \le 1.0)$
 - Daily Variability = Scale Factor (fractional area) of AR spectrum
 - based on minimum signal of XPS#1-2 for each day (SF_{AR} ~ 0 0.1)
- Flare Component
 - GOES XRS-B / XRS-A ratio defines plasma temperature for flare
 - **CHIANTI iso-thermal spectrum** used at this temperature (1-min cadence)
 - Residual XPS#1 & 2 signal provides magnitude for flare spectrum (SF_{Flare} ~ 0 - 100)

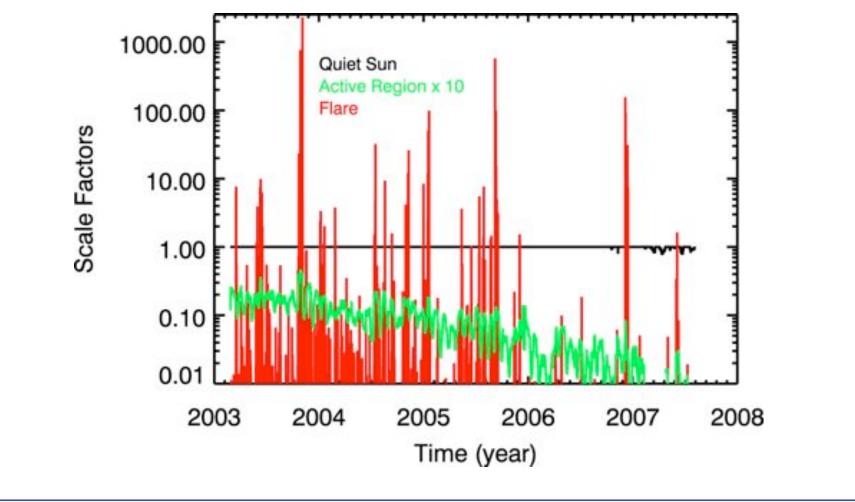


Example Plasma Temperature for 2002/111



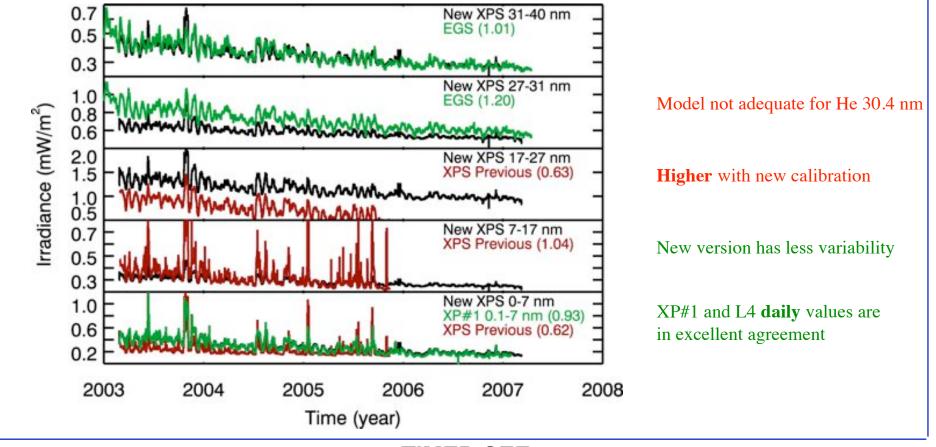
Scale Factors are Indicators of Variability

- Active Region SF = solar rotation and solar cycle indicator
- Flare SF = flare activity indicator



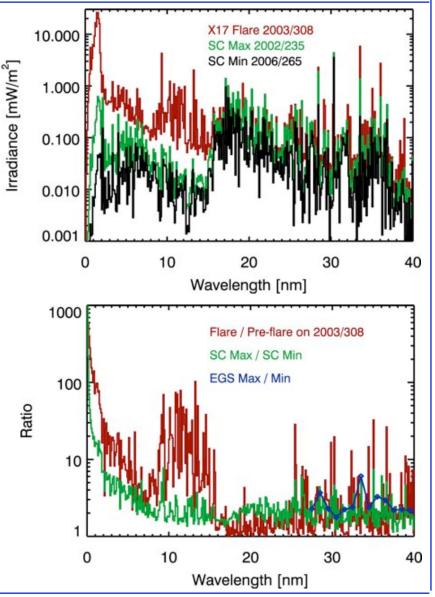
XPS L4 Compared to EGS and Previous XPS Version

- Good agreement with EGS except for He 30.4 nm (CHIANTI not adequate for optical thick emissions)
- Excellent agreement with XP#1 at 0-7 nm
 - Expected since using XP#1 signal for scaling CHIANTI spectra (MIN, AR, Flare spectra)
- Less variability in the 7-17 nm range than previous version
- Increased irradiance in the 17-27 nm range (new calibration)



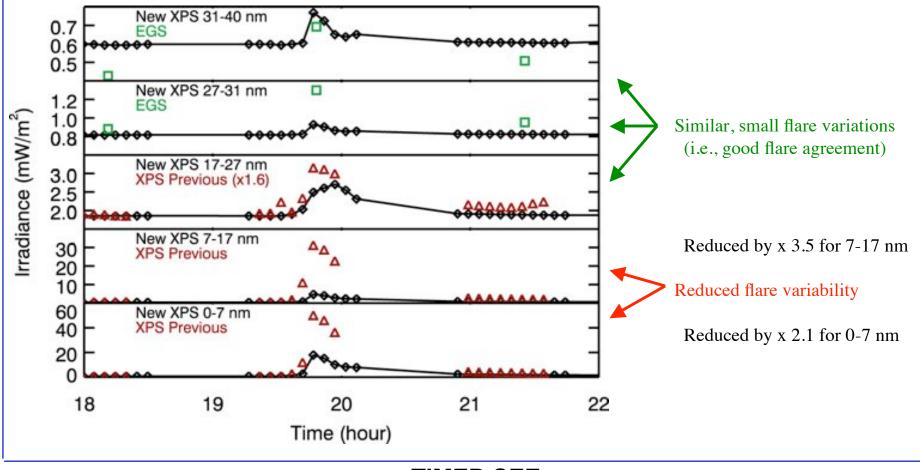
Higher Spectral Resolution (0.1 nm)

- Note that XPS L4 spectra are <u>model</u> results, not directly measured
 - XPS bands are 7-10 nm
- Solar cycle variations are consistent with EGS (27-40 nm) and XPS broad band results
- Flare variations indicate larger changes at $\lambda < 17$ nm
 - Especially at λ < 2 nm and at 9-15 nm

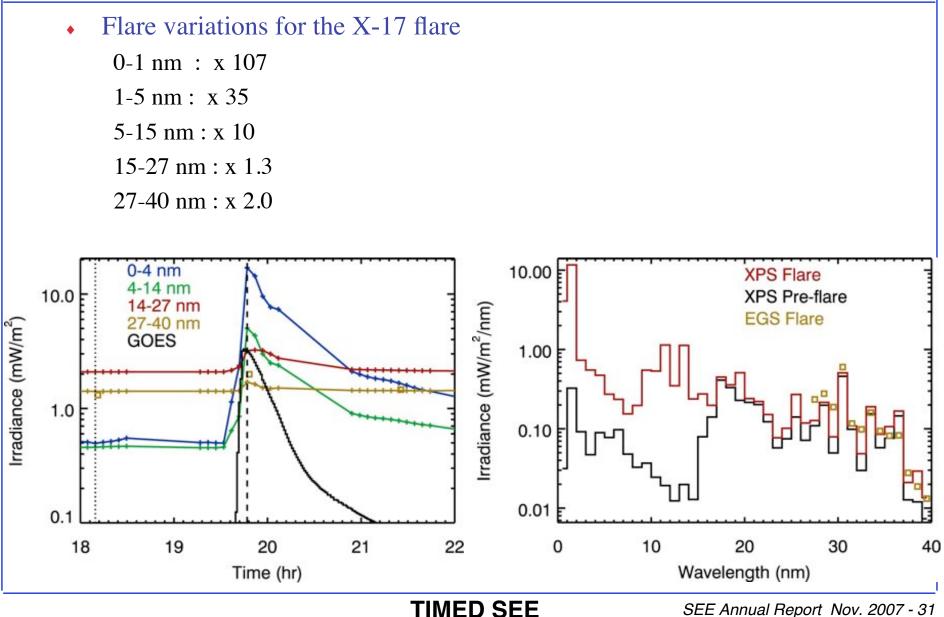


Flare Variations are Less in New XPS Version

• New XPS data products are expected to be more consistent with atmospheric results during flare events



Example Flare Result for Day 2003/308



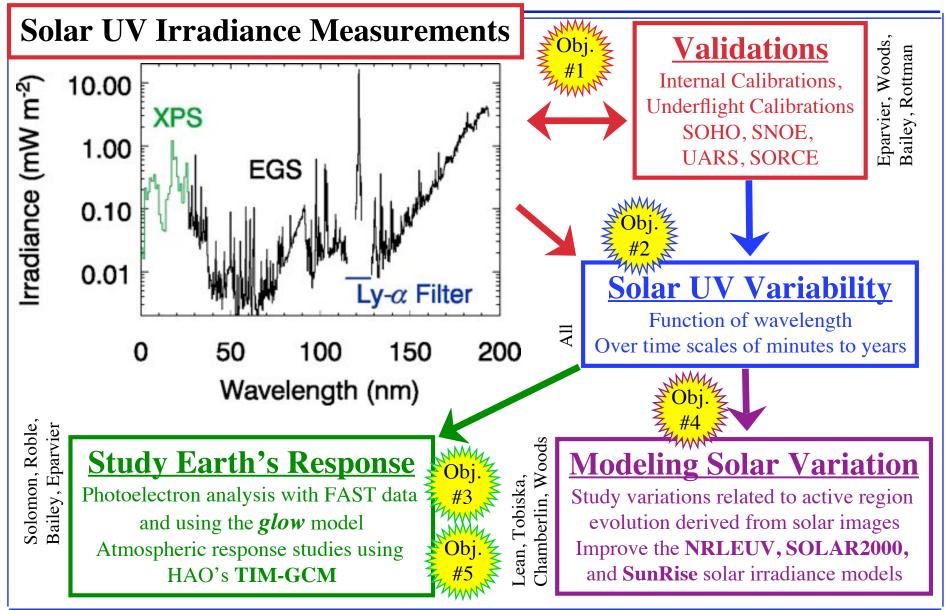
Summary for New XPS Level 4 Product

- New XPS L4 algorithm (CHIANTI spectral model with flare component) is improved over previous L4 product (daily spectral model)
- XPS L4 model in the 27-40 nm range agree well with EGS measurements, except for 30.4 nm as CHIANTI model inadequate for the He II optically thick emission
- Flare variations are significantly reduced, as expected from atmospheric measurements
- Updated calibration affects the 17-27 nm range mostly, increased irradiance by factor of ~1.5

SEE Science Overview



SEE Science Plans



Overview of SEE Science Objectives

- Accurately and precisely determine the timedependent solar vacuum ultraviolet (VUV: below 200 nm) spectral irradiance
- 2. Study solar VUV variability (27-day rotations, solar cycle changes) and its sources
- 3. Study the solar-terrestrial relationships utilizing atmospheric models, primarily the TIME-GCM at HAO/NCAR
- 4. Improve proxy models of the solar VUV irradiance
- 5. Determine the thermospheric neutral densities (O_2 , N_2 and O) from solar occultations

Summary of SEE Results - 1

• Objective 1: solar VUV spectral irradiance measurements

- Daily measurements since Jan. 22, 2002 with very few gaps
- SEE solar EUV irradiance (version 9) and GUVI QEUV (0-45 nm) have much less differences with recent improvements / calibrations for GUVI QEUV and for new XPS Level 4 algorithm for the 0.1-27 nm range [Woods, Meier, Lean]

• Objective 2: solar variability

- Updated results on solar rotation and solar cycle variations [Woods et al.]
- Updated results on flare variability as SEE has observed >500 flares
 - New flare catalog on-line to make access to SEE's flare data quick and easy [Chamberlin, Woods]

• Objective 3: model solar response in Earth's atmosphere

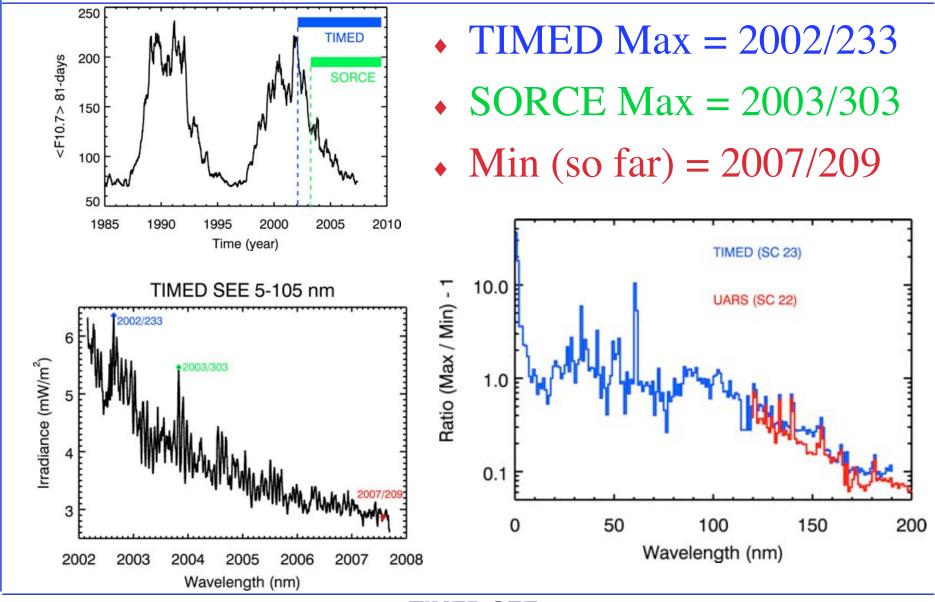
- Use of SEE solar data and FAST photoelectron data [Peterson, Richards]
- Use of HAO TIME-GCM for atmospheric response to SEE's solar input [Solomon, Roble, Qian, Lu]
- Analysis of GUVI FUV airglow data during flare events [Strickland, Lean, Woods]
- Satellite drag modeling / analysis indicating importance of solar EUV and FUV [Tobiska, Bowman, Solomon, Qian, Woodraska, Sutton, Forbes]

Summary of SEE Results - 2

• Objective 4: solar irradiance modeling

- SOLAR2000 (S2K) model improvements [Tobiska]
- NRLEUV model improvements [Lean, Warren]
- HEUVAC model improvements [Richards]
- Flare Irradiance Spectral Model (FISM) improvements [Chamberlin]
 - SEE data used to parameterize FISM daily components and 1-min flare components
- Objective 5: atmospheric density from solar occultations
 - New EGS Level 2B solar occultation data product released (version 9) [Eparvier]

Solar Cycle Irradiance Variations



SEE SCIENCE RESULTS SLIDES...

• Add slides from Co-Is and ones that summarizes papers published in 2007...

SEE Related Talks and Papers



SEE Related Talks in 2007

- AGU Fall Meeting: Dec. 06, 4 talks / posters
- GUVI-SABER Workshop: Feb. 07, 2 talks
- IUGG Meeting, Italy: July 07, 1 talk
- ILWS Meeting: Sep. 07, 4 talks / posters
- TIMED SWG Meeting: Sep. 07, 8 talks

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SEE Related Papers in 2007 - 2



SEE Related Papers in 2007 - 3



Conclusions and Future Plans



Summary of SEE Observations

- TIMED SEE has been very successful in obtaining new, accurate measurements of the solar EUV irradiance
 - SEE data available from http://lasp.colorado.edu/see/
- More than 500 flares have been observed by SEE
 - Extreme flare periods are April 2002, July 2002, May-June 2003, Oct.-Nov. 2003, July 2004, Jan. 2005, Sept. 2005, and Dec. 2006
 - Large flares vary as much as 11-year solar cycle variations
 - New flare models have been developed with SEE observations
- More than 75 solar rotations have been observed by SEE
 - Variability of 5-70% observed (wavelength dependent)
- TIMED mission has observed solar maximum and minimum activity during solar cycle 23
 - Extended TIMED mission would observe solar cycle rising activity, perhaps starting in 2009

SEE Plans for 2008

- Daily mission operations and data processing for SEE
 - Release of Version 10 data products is expected in 2008
- SEE calibration rocket being flown in April 2008
 - Last calibration rocket funded by TIMED
 - Future, additional underflight calibrations will be by SDO EVE calibration rockets that should start on an annual basis in early 2009
- Provide SEE data and model products for space weather operations
 - Already providing SEE Space Weather data product to Air Force and NOAA SEC for daily space weather operations
 - Phil Chamberlin plans to make FISM output available near real-time for space weather operations using SEE's daily Space Weather product and the 1-min cadence GOES X-ray measurements
- Detailed modeling of Earth's response to solar irradiance changes
 - Composition, dynamics, temperature using TIME-GCM for solar cycle variations
 - More detailed comparison to FAST photoelectron measurements during flare events
- Occultation data analysis
 - Analyze EGS Level 2B data for thermospheric densities of O, O₂, and N₂