## Infrared Eclipse Observations: Implications for DKIST

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## The Airborne IR Spectrometer



Airborne InfraRed Spectrometer (AIR-Spec)

NSF/NCAR Gulfstream-V High-performance Instrumented Airborne Platform for Environmental Research (GV HIAPER)



https://www.eol.ucar.edu/content/about-hippo

## **Target Lines**



#### Goals

- 1. Measure line wavelengths and intensities in different regions of the corona.
- 2. Measure intensity gradient as a function of distance from the limb. *Information on line excitation processes*
- 3. Search for time-varying Doppler velocities. *Signatures of waves or flows*

## **Eclipse Data Summary**



1. West Limb	63.5 sec	953 frames
2. Prominence	41.5 sec	622 frames
3. East Limb	35.7 sec	536 frames
4. Prom./West Limb	82.4 sec	1236 frames
5. Chromosphere	5 sec	75 frames



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### **Emission Line Parameters**



#### Obs. 3, East Limb

	Vacuum Wavelength (µm)	FWHM (Å)	Amplitude (σ)	Integrated Flux (10 <sup>12</sup> ph s <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup> )
Si X	1.4308	10.1	185	44
S XI	1.9217	10.8	13	7.8
Fe IX?	2.8436	21.8	9.3	1.4
Fe IX?	2.8537	12.3	4.2	0.36
Mg VIII	3.0287	18.4	9.3	1.3
Si IX	3.9362	23.1	17	4.4



## Fe IX 2.84 µm, First Observation

- 2.844  $\mu$ m, 3s23p53d 3F $\downarrow$ 3  $\rightarrow$  4 $\uparrow$ o
- First observation by AIR-Spec
- Total atmospheric absorption
- ge 250 200 AIR-Spec Intensity (DN) 150 Fe IX 100 50 NAI 2.8 2.82 2.84 2.86 2.88 2.9 Wavelength (µm) in air

- 2.218 µm, 3s23p53d 3F↓2 → 310
- Similar branching ratio to 2.844 μm
- Transmitted to the ground



## Telluric Absorption, 14 km

- Atmospheric absorption band overlaps Si X
- At 14 km, affects baseline but not Si X line shape
- At **3 km**? Implications for groundbased observatories
  - Is simultaneous atmospheric monitoring required to achieve the necessary spectropolarimetric precision?
  - How precisely do we need to know the rest wavelengths of the emission lines?



## Intensity Gradient, East Limb



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# Si X Intensity Gradient

Obs. 3

Obs

0.2

Mean

Obs

Normalized Intensity

10<sup>-1</sup>

10<sup>-2</sup>

0

AIR-Spec Si X

04

06

0.4

- EUV lines expected to be collisionally dominated (  $\sim n \downarrow e \uparrow 2$  )
- **Visible lines** have radiative contributions
  - Compare with EUV to find relative importance (Habbal et al. 2011)
- IR lines? Compare with AIA.





Distance from Limb (R<sub>o</sub>)

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## Si X Velocities



- Two measurements of instrument PSF
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> contact spatial PSF (black)
  - H I Paschen line, 1.875 μm (red)
  - Both have 7.5 Å FWHM
- Si X 1.43 µm profiles
  - At least  $40^{-1}$  wider than PSF
  - 150 km/s non-thermal width
  - Double Gaussian needed to fit obs. 2 and 4
  - Velocity separation > 100 km/s
- Hypothesis: Distinct flows superimposed along the line of sight

Ground-based visible spectrometer 800 km/s, coronal & chromospheric lines 17:45 UTC

## Ground-based Comparison

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AIR-Spec slit 18:25 UTC

for use

t released for use

Not released for use

#### H $\alpha$ Red Shifted

## Not released for use

AIR-Spec slits 18:22 – 18:26 UTC 0 km/s

250 km/s

## Not released for use

Not released

Ground-based visible spectrometer 17:51 UTC

## Off-Limb Activity in AIA 171 & 304





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### DST-processed LASCO/C2 images with white light eclipse image



## Conclusions

- IR lines are visible throughout the corona
  - Fe IX 2.218  $\mu m$  should be visible based on AIR-Spec detection of the 2.844  $\mu m$  line
- Line intensity and radial fall-off similar to model predictions (Judge 1998, Del Zanna & Deluca 2018)
  - Significant radiative contributions to Cryo-NIRSP lines Si X 1.43  $\mu m$  and Si IX 3.93  $\mu m$
- Faster than expected flows in coronal plasma, due to off-limb activity during the eclipse
- Telluric absorption may be important