Interface Region Imaging Spectrograph First Results



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IRIS provides novel views of the mass cycle at the interface between the cool surface and hot atmosphere



Strong Dopplershifts from IRIS spectra reveal multitude of violent events



2792 2794 2796 2798 Wavelength [Å]

S Mg II h/k spectra

15,000 K

IRIS Si IV spectra 65,000 K

Wavelength [Å]

IRIS Slit-jaw Image Si IV sensitive to plasma of 65,0

IRIS images and spectra reveal a bewildering complexity of turbulent motions in solar prominences



The complex motions and cooling/heating patterns provide a significant challenge to theoretical models



Coordinated observations with other spacecraft (Hinode and SDO) help reveal the thermal evolution of spicules



IRIS spectra and images reveal high velocities and rapid heating



Strong transverse motions are common in spicules



These observations provide significant challenge for numerical models

















2794 2796 2798 2800 2802 2804 2806 Wavelength [A]



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-150 Solar × ["]





