

SOLAR MESOSPHERE EXPLORER  
INFRARED RADIANCE DATA

1981-1987

In the normal data mode the spectrometer samples data at two wavelengths, 1.27 micrometers and 1.87 micrometers. The limb altitude radiance profiles with identifying data are on the tapes. See Thomas et al., 1984 for more informaton.

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The radiance data from the near infrared spectrometer is written in standard ASCII labeled format with one orbit per file. Each orbit consists of 20 to 60 (approximate range) merged spin sets. Filenames are of the format RMxxxxx.NSS, where xxxxx is the orbit number. The data set consists of 52 tapes containing radiance data from Day 350, 1981 through Day 280, 1983. The following is a listing of tapes and orbit intervals contained on tapes:

Tape Label	Orbit Interval	No. Orbits on Tape
AG0001	1074 - 1952	300
AG0002	1953 - 2693	306
AG0003	2701 - 3399	301
AG0004	3403 - 4055	306
AG0005	4065 - 4675	308
AG0006	4676 - 5189	300
AG0007	5190 - 5750	300
AG0008	5751 - 6286	303
AG0009	6294 - 6832	314
AG0010	6835 - 7377	308
AG0011	7379 - 7914	314
AG0012	7921 - 8459	307
AG0013	8466 - 9004	314
AG0014	9007 - 9543	295
AG0015	9950 - 10091	281
AG0016	10095 - 10629	278
AG0017	10637 - 11066	213
AG0018	10900 - 11698	329
AG0019	11699 - 12455	339
AG0020	12456 - 13001	254
AG0021	13006 - 13306	144
AG0022	13309 - 13608	137
AG0023	13612 - 14010	184
AG0024	14017 - 14418	189
AG0025	14426 - 14823	183
AG0026	14826 - 15117	136
AG0027	15124 - 15520	185
AG0028	15524 - 15921	184
AG0029	15928 - 16502	255
AG0030	16515 - 17399	313

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Tape Label	Orbit Interval	No. Orbits on Tape
AG0031	17404 - 18193	296
AG0032	18200 - 18799	298
AG0033	18800 - 19299	336
AG0034	19300 - 19899	379
AG0035	19900 - 20296	318
AG0036	20300 - 20797	325
AG0037	20800 - 21198	316
AG0038	21202 - 21599	311
AG0039	21600 - 22051	346
AG0052	22052 - 22499	311 ** Tape is out of sequential order
AG0040	22502 - 23095	408
AG0041	23102 - 23699	411
AG0042	23700 - 24096	296
AG0043	24100 - 24499	297
AG0044	24500 - 24977	395
AG0045	25000 - 25493	370
AG0046	25500 - 25941	310
AG0047	26000 - 26499	310
AG0048	26500 - 26999	341
AG0049	27000 - 27499	441
AG0050	27500 - 27999	382
AG0051	28000 - 28813	290

The first step in the analysis of the raw science data from the near infrared spectrometer is to merge the spins, data collection rotations of the SME satellite, into groups of 1 to 6 spins. The data consists of long (1.87 micron) and short (1.27 micron) channel radiances and information to identify merged spin set position. The ASCII format of a merged spin set follows:

Format	Description
1X,I3,1X	Julian Day
32(E9.2,1X)	Long channel radiances (wavelength = 1.87 $\mu$ , units = MR)
32(E9.2,1X)	Short channel radiances (wavelength = 1.27 $\mu$ , units = MR)
F7.1	Seconds into day (GMT)
1X,F8.3	Latitude of merged spin set
1X,F8.3	Longitude of merged spin set
1X,F5.0	Highest altitude (106 km)
1X,F3.0	Number of spins in merged set (1-6)
1X,F3.0	Sampling limb (+1 leading, -1 trailing)
1X,F5.0	Chronological order in orbit of last spin merged into set

The physical characteristics of the tapes are:

- Density      1600 bytes per inch
- Tracks       9
- Blocksize   796 bytes
- Label        AGxxxx, where xxxx is the tape # in the series.

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SOLAR MESOSPHERE EXPLORER  
AIRGLOW SPECTROMETER RADIANCE DATA FOR THE  
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APPENDIX

Each of the enclosed tapes has the following characteristics:

1. 9-track, 1600 bpi. Written on a Digital TU77 drive.
2. ANSI STANDARD tape headers and End-of-File (EOF) structure (7-bit ASCII characters) as per VAX 11/780 system software. After the Volume Header record (80 bytes), there are four File Header records (80 bytes each), one EOF, the data records (796 bytes each), one EOF, four File Trailer records (80 bytes each), and one EOF for each of the data files on this tape.
3. Physical data blocks are 796 bytes long; each block contains one logical record. If the logical record is less than 796 bytes long, a hexadecimal value of 5E is used as fill from the end of the logical record to the end of the physical record.
4. The VAX writes bytes onto a 9-track tape in the following order:

Vax word	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Vax tape	<----->							<----->								
Word written	2nd							1st								

The resulting tape (up is the tape beginning direction)

8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Word part 2
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Word part 1

5. An annotated dump is attached which shows the contents of the first eight physical blocks. The left side of the dump shows the hexadecimal word (read from right to left) and the right side of the dump shows the ASCII equivalent word contents (read from left to right). The last column on the right is the hexadecimal 4-byte word number for the rightmost four bytes in the hexadecimal dump section.







Jump to video frame on 21-UT-1980 22:15:44.77

Block number 3 (00000000), 75h (031C) bytes

28453331	28352020	30302845	34322530	20203030	25453332	25332020	35373220	275	3.225E+00	3.94E+00	5.15E+	000000
30302845	38362135	20203030	28453031	28342020	30302845	33322534	20203030	00	4.89E+00	4.10E+00	5.88E+00	000020
20203030	26453030	20302020	30302845	30302845	30302845	28453337	28342020	4.73E+00	5.20E+00	5.30E+00	5.30E+00	000040
28332020	30302845	32372833	20203030	26453375	30302845	33382836	33382836	6.83E+00	4.67E+00	3.72E+00	3.000060	3.000060
35322135	20203030	28453030	28342020	30302845	31342834	20203030	28453336	66E+00	4.41E+00	4.68E+00	5.25	000080
28453434	28352020	30302845	38342135	20203030	26453434	28352020	30302845	E+00	5.44E+00	5.48E+00	5.44E+	0000A0
30302845	35332137	20203030	28453370	28352020	30302845	35352835	20203030	00	5.58E+00	5.07E+00	7.35E+00	0000C0
20203030	28453732	28352020	30302845	32352838	20203030	28453338	28373020	7.86E+00	8.62E+00	5.27E+00	-	0000E0
28362020	30302845	30302836	20203030	28352020	28362020	30302845	30302836	5.00E+00	-6.00E+00	-6.00E+00	-6.00E+00	000100
30302836	20203030	28453030	28352020	30302845	30302836	28453030	28453030	00E+00	-6.00E+00	-6.00E+00	-6.00	000120
20453235	28342020	30302845	33352835	20203030	28453335	28342020	30302845	E+00	4.53E+00	5.53E+00	4.52E+	000140
31302845	34322532	20203130	28453735	28312020	30302845	31322536	20203030	00	6.91E+00	1.57E+01	2.94E+01	000160
20203130	20453937	28362020	31302845	35352834	20203130	28453238	28332020	3.82E+01	4.53E+01	6.79E+01	000180	000180
28322020	32302045	38342831	20203230	28453031	28312020	31302845	37342839	9.47E+01	1.16E+02	1.48E+02	2.0001A0	2.0001A0
30342833	20203230	28453533	28332020	32302845	39362832	20203230	28453430	04E+02	2.69E+02	3.35E+02	3.90	0001C0
28453338	28322020	32302845	36352833	20203230	28453530	28342020	32302845	E+02	4.05E+02	3.56E+02	2.83E+	0001E0
32302845	30352831	20203230	28453238	28312020	32302845	35322832	20203230	02	2.25E+02	1.82E+02	1.50E+02	000200
20203230	28453134	28312020	32302845	31322831	20203230	28453433	28312020	1.34E+02	1.31E+02	1.41E+02	-	000220
28362020	30302845	30302836	20203030	28453030	28342020	30302845	30302836	6.00E+00	-6.00E+00	-6.00E+00	-6.00	000240
30302836	20205030	28453030	28362020	30302845	30302836	20203030	28453030	00E+00	-6.00E+00	-6.00E+00	-6.00	000260
20203031	34283236	31202033	30332835	36202020	36283335	32303120	30302845	E+00	10259.6	-85.303	-162.410	000280
5E5E5E5E	20283731	20202020	31202020	36202030	35362834	36202020	28363031	106.	84.650	6.1.	17. ^^^^	0002A0
5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^	^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^	^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^	^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^	0002C0
5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	5E5E5E5E	^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^	^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^	^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^	^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^	0002E0
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