

Most probable turbulent velocity ξ [2, 4]

h in km	0	1000	2000	above transition
ξ in km/s	2.6	8	14	10

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§ 84. Corona

Radiation from the corona contains three components:

K = continuous spectrum scattered by electrons

F = Fraunhofer spectrum diffracted by interplanetary particles

L = coronal emission lines, L is negligible for coronal photometry (about 1%)

Total coronal light beyond $1.03 \mathcal{R}_\odot$ (for typical lunar disk) [1, 3]

at sunspot maximum = 1.3×10^{-6} solar flux = 0.57 full moon

at sunspot minimum = 0.8×10^{-6} solar flux = 0.35 full moon

Total F corona = 0.29×10^{-6} solar flux

Spectral distribution of K component is similar to \mathcal{F}_λ of § 82, with $B - V = 0.65$.

The F component is slightly redder, with $B - V \simeq 0.75$.

The base of the corona may be taken as the transition region at $r = 1.003 \mathcal{R}_\odot$.

Coronal ellipticity from isophotes ϵ [3, 6, 7, 13]

$$\epsilon = (A_3 - P_3)/P_3 \simeq (A_1 - P_1)/A_1$$

where A_1 and P_1 are equatorial and polar diameters, and for A_3 , P_3 the corresponding diameters are averaged with those oriented 15° on either side

ϵ at sunspot max. $\simeq 0.05$

ϵ at sunspot min. $\simeq 0.23$ near $r = 1.6 \mathcal{R}_\odot$

Values are tabulated against r/\mathcal{R}_\odot

Polarization of coronal light ($K + F$) [1, 10, 12]

$$p = (I_t - I_r)/(I_t + I_r)$$

where I_t and I_r are intensities polarized in the tangential and radial direction (electric vector).

$p_{\max} \simeq 42\%$. Other values tabulated against r/\mathcal{R}_\odot .

Density irregularities in the corona may be specified approximately by an irregularity factor $x = \overline{N^2}/(\overline{N})^2$, where N_e is the electron density. Then r.m.s. $N_e = \overline{N}_e x^{1/2}$. In the striated outer corona one might write:

$$x \simeq 1/(\text{fraction of space occupied by striae})$$

Only approximate data exist (see table). x varies with r/\mathcal{R}_\odot .

Temperature of corona.

Quiet corona T_{\max} at $r \simeq 2R_{\odot} = 1.8 \times 10^6$ °K

T increases in dense streamers in accordance with

$$\Delta \log T = 0.4 \Delta \log N_e [4]$$

Radial variations of p, ϵ, α, T

r/R_{\odot}	1.0	1.2	1.5	2	3	5	10	20	215
Polarization in % p at equator	21	33	42	34	20	10	4	2.6	
p at pole (sp. min)	20	28	30	17	6	2			
Ellipticity ϵ	0.06	0.11	0.17	0.16	0.08	0.09	0.18	0.25	
Irregularity α [8]	1.1	1.2	1.6	2.5	4	8	17	21	25
T in 10^6 °K [13]	0.5	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.2

Brightness of sky near Sun during a total eclipse [1, 5]

$$= 1.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mean Sun brightness}$$

Smoothed coronal brightness and electron density [1, 5, 13, 14]

r ρ	\log $\left(\frac{r}{R_{\odot}} - 1\right)$	log (surface brightness)				log N_e		
		K		F				
		max.	min.		[1, 14]	max.	min.	
			eq.	pole			eq.	pole
R_{\odot}		in $10^{-10} F_{\lambda}$ (see § 82)				in cm^{-3}		
1.003	-2.5					9.0	9.0	9.0
1.005	-2.3					8.8	8.7	8.6
1.01	-2.0	4.68	4.43	4.35	3.22	8.6	8.4	8.3
1.03	-1.5	4.55	4.30	4.15	3.16	8.45	8.25	8.12
1.06	-1.2	4.41	4.16	3.90	3.06	8.36	8.10	7.98
1.10	-1.0	4.25	4.01	3.72	3.00	8.23	7.96	7.81
1.2	-0.7	3.91	3.65	3.15	2.80	7.90	7.67	7.30
1.4	-0.4	3.34	3.08	2.39	2.46	7.44	7.18	6.64
1.6	-0.2	2.92	2.67	1.89	2.24	7.05	6.83	6.13
1.8	-0.1	2.54	2.30	1.48	2.06	6.78	6.56	5.78
2.0	0.0	2.23	2.00	1.15	1.93	6.52	6.31	5.50
2.2	+0.1	1.98	1.78	0.91	1.81	6.28	6.10	5.25
2.5	+0.2	1.63	1.44	0.6	1.65	6.00	5.81	5.00
3.0	+0.3	1.23	0.99	0.2	1.43	5.65	5.45	4.7
4	+0.5	0.70	0.44	-0.3	1.10	5.18	4.97	4.3
5	+0.6	0.3	0.05	-0.7	0.83	4.90	4.70	4.0
10	1.0	-0.5	-0.8	-1.7	0.23	4.1	4.0	
20	1.3		-1.7		-0.27		3.2	
50	1.7						2.2	
100	2.0						1.5	
215	2.3						0.7	