

\* **The Sun is the most powerful particle accelerator in the solar system**

Ions up to  $\sim 10$ s of GeV

Electrons up to  $\sim 100$ s of MeV

\* **Solar Flares – the most powerful explosions in the solar system**

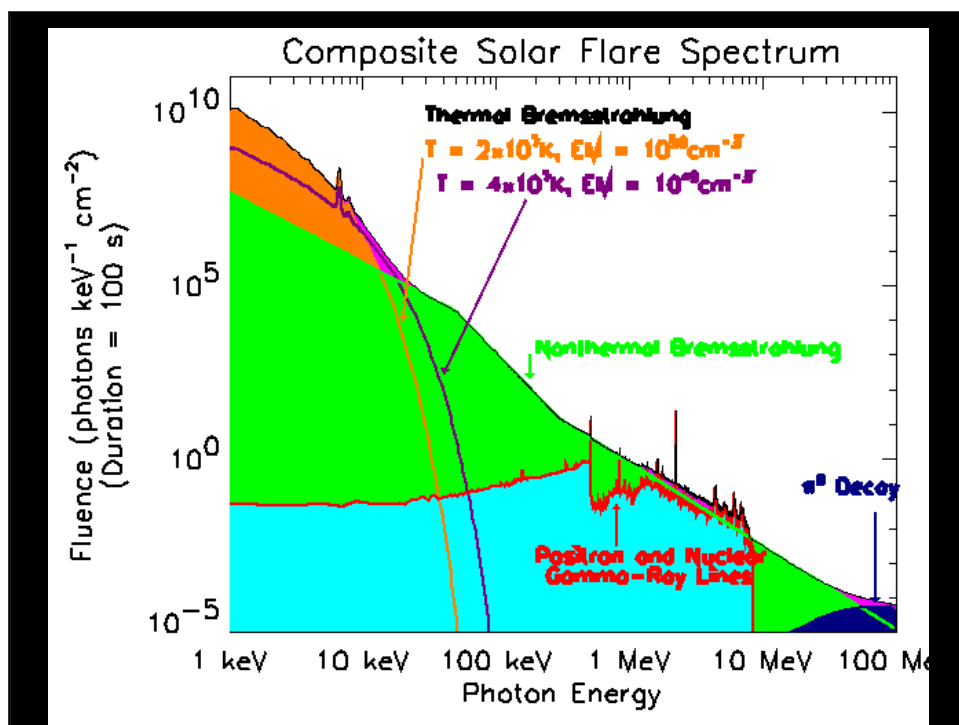
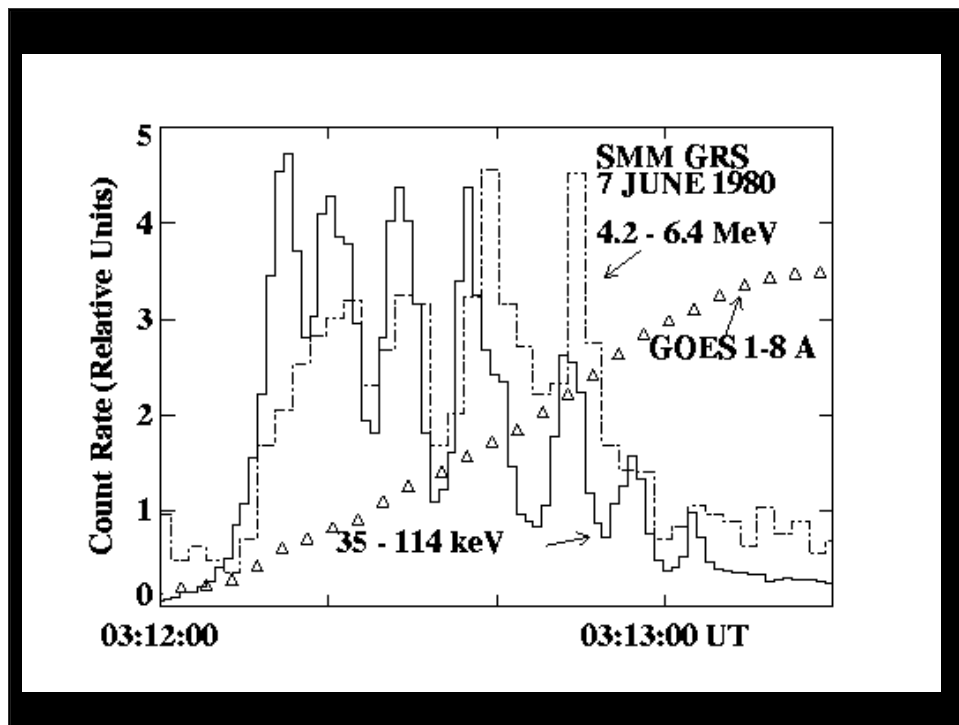
Releases up to  $\sim 10^{32}$  -  $10^{33}$  ergs in  $\sim 10$  –  $10^3$  seconds

Flare-accelerated  $\sim 10$ - $100$  keV electrons contain  $\sim 10$ - $50\%$  of energy released, and  $> \sim 1$  MeV ions may contain comparable energy  
=> Acceleration is intimately related to flare energy release

\* **Fast ( $> \sim 700$  km/s) Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs)**

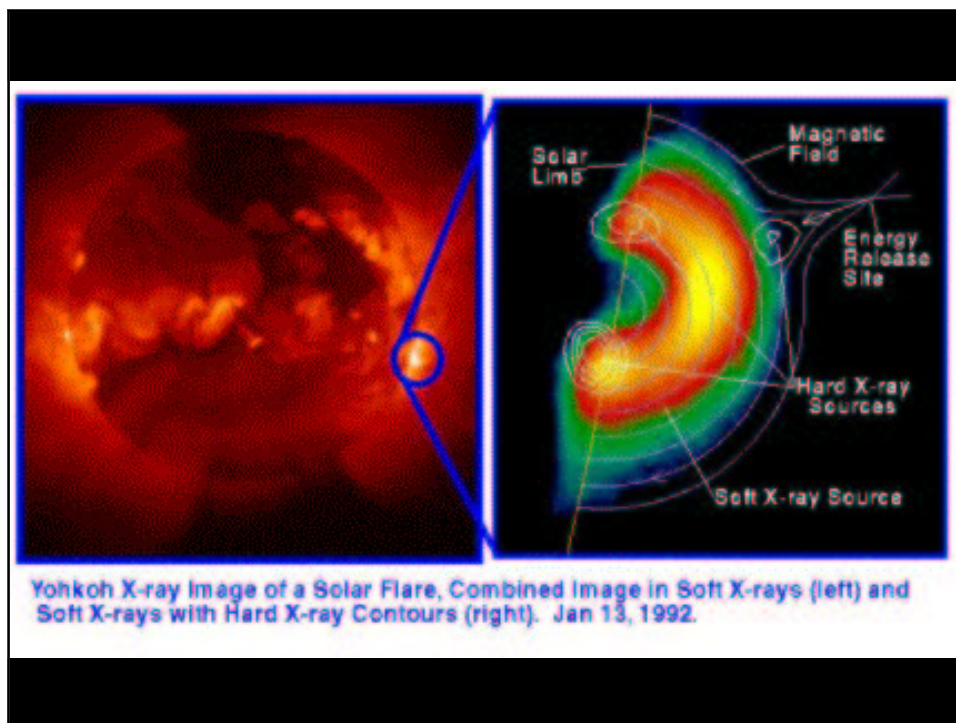
CMEs eject  $\sim 10^{15}$  –  $10^{16}$  g from Sun

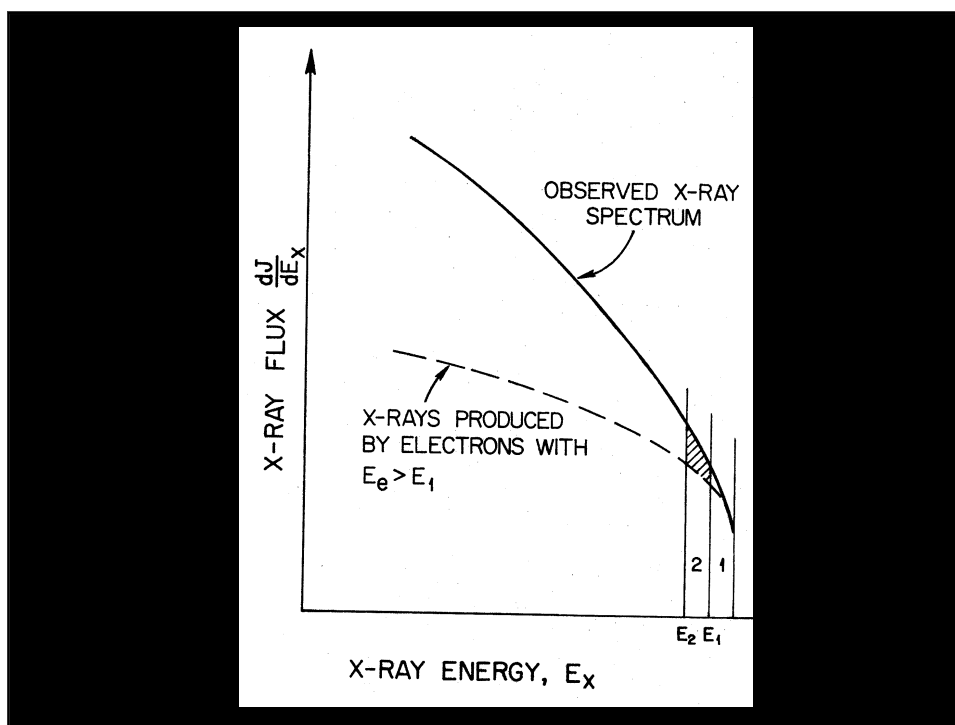
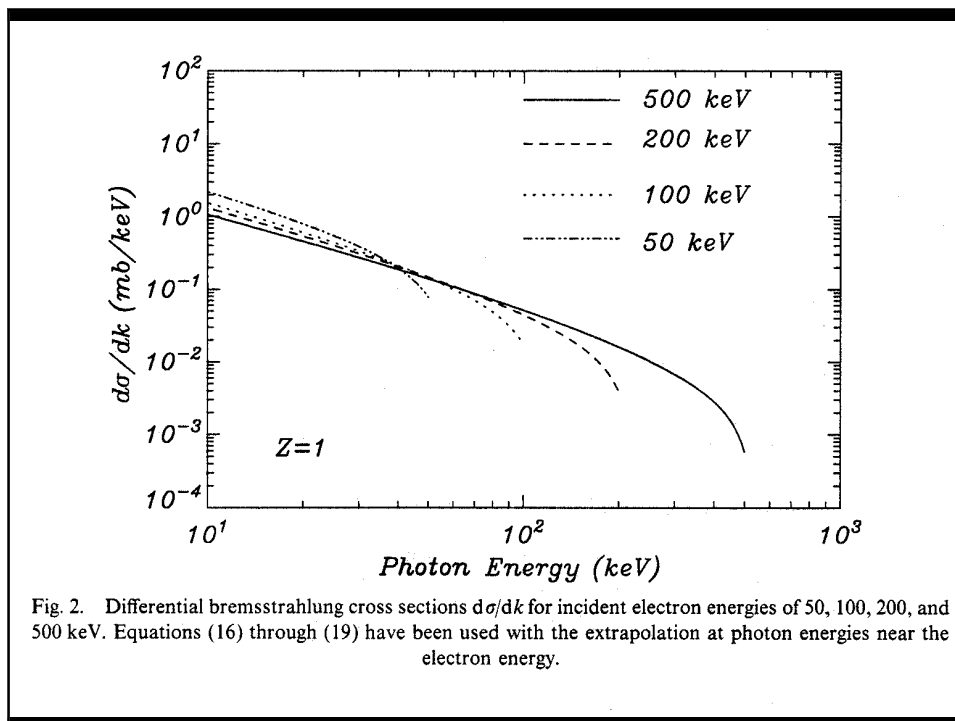
CME shocks appear to accelerate particles in large solar energetic particle L(SEP) events observed in the interplanetary medium



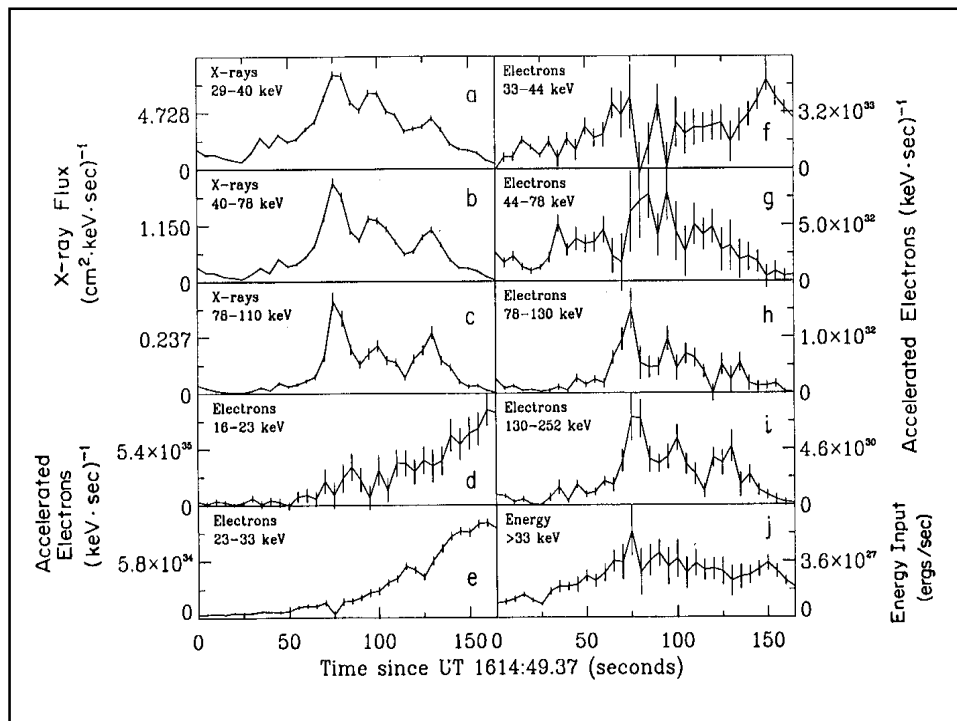
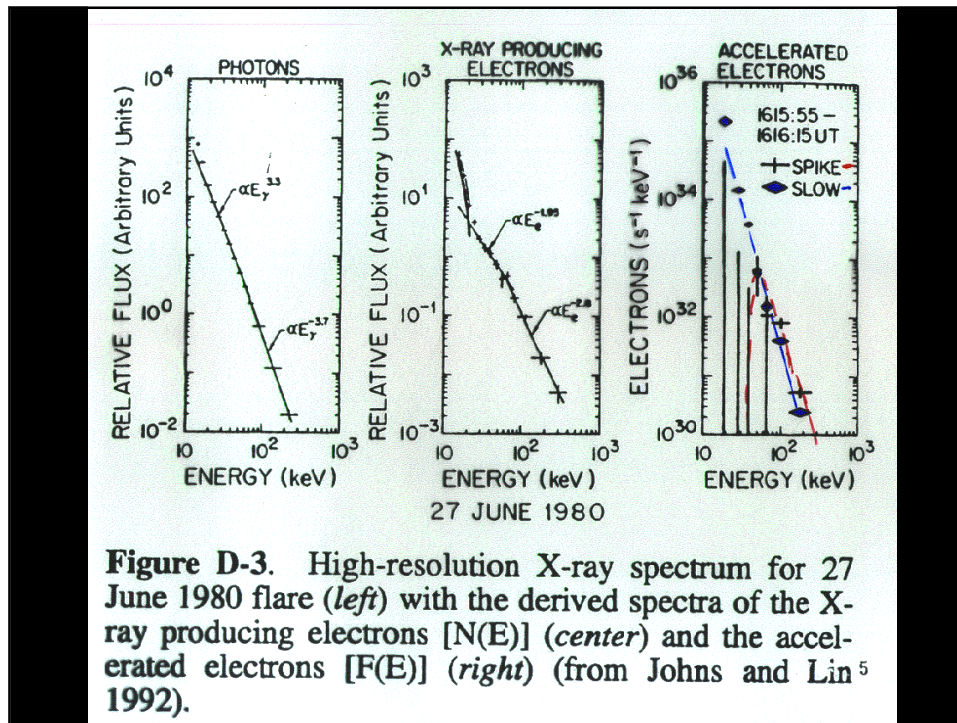
- ⊕  $\sim 10^{32}$  ergs in  $\sim 10^3$  seconds =  $\sim 10^{29}$  ergs/s
- ⊕  $\Rightarrow \sim 10^{36}$  electrons/s!!  $\Rightarrow$  empty entire flare loop
- ⊕  $\Rightarrow \sim 10^{17}$  amps!!

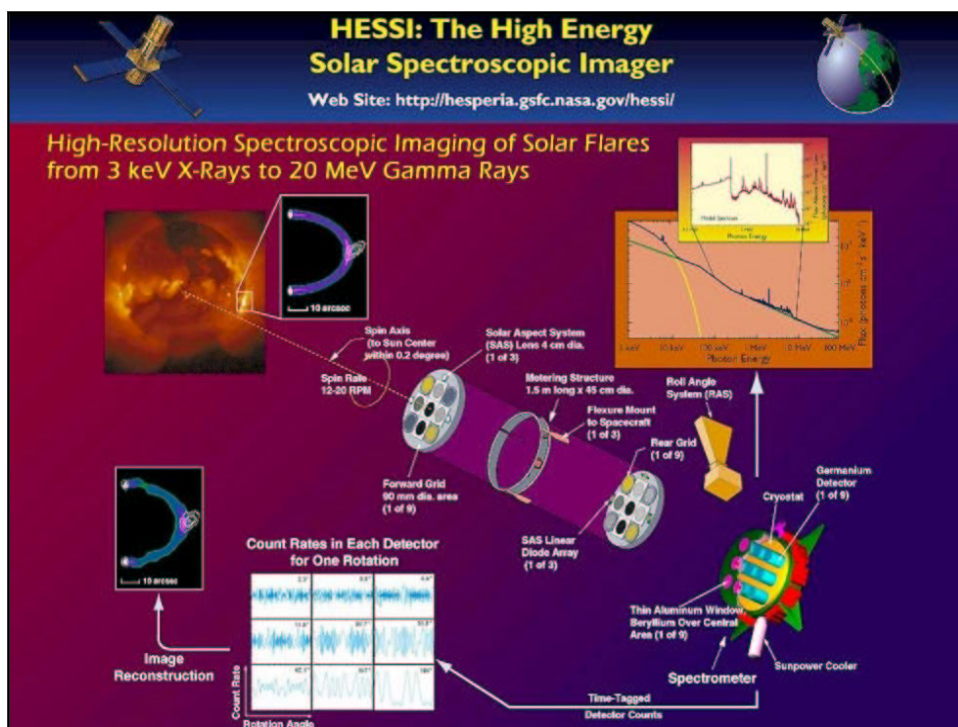
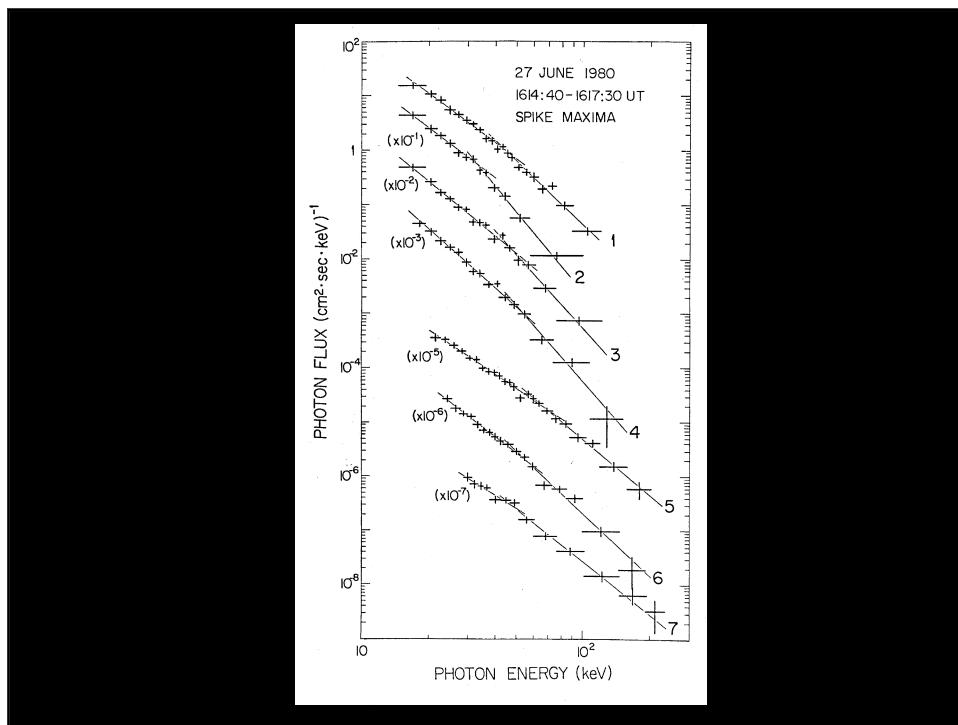
What about thermal emission from confined  $\sim 10^8$  K plasma?

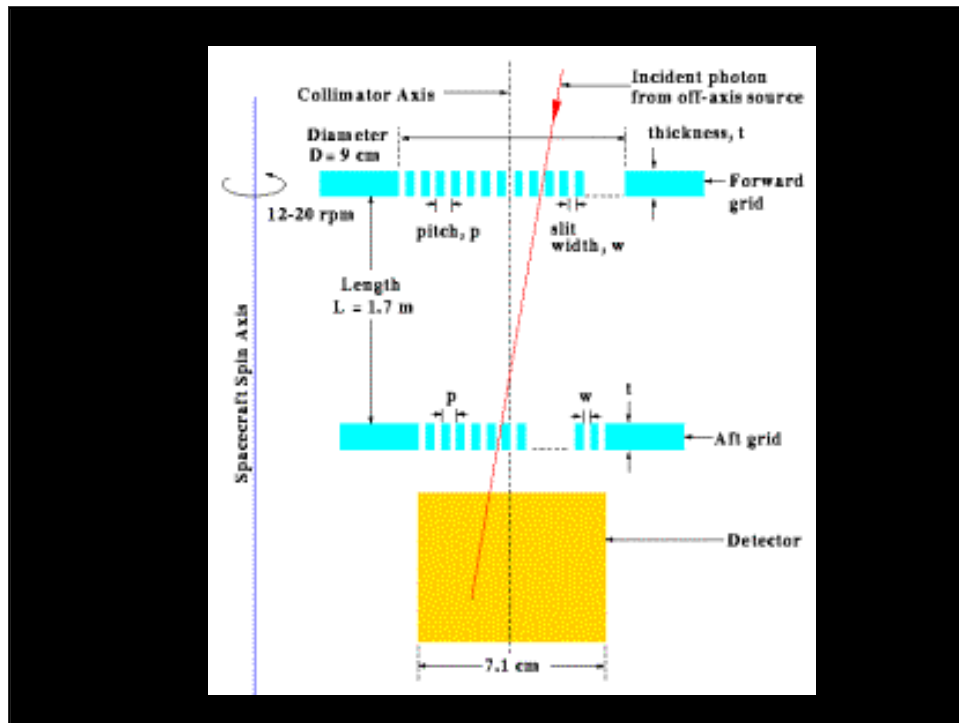




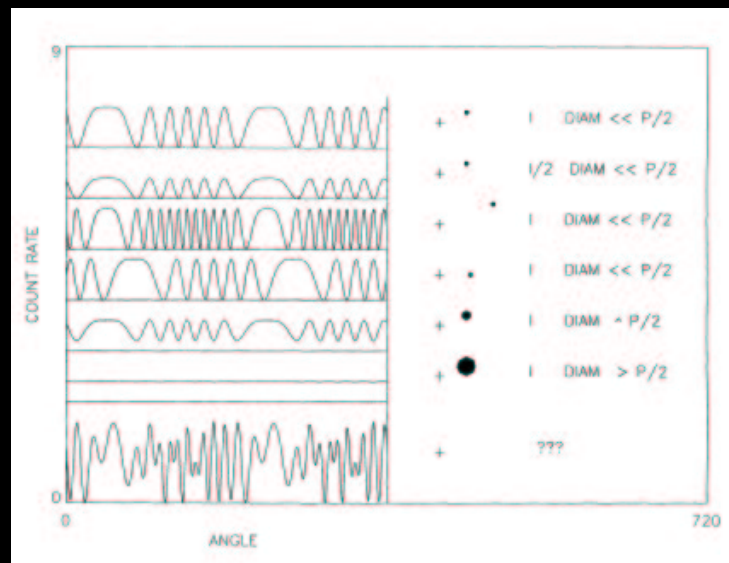


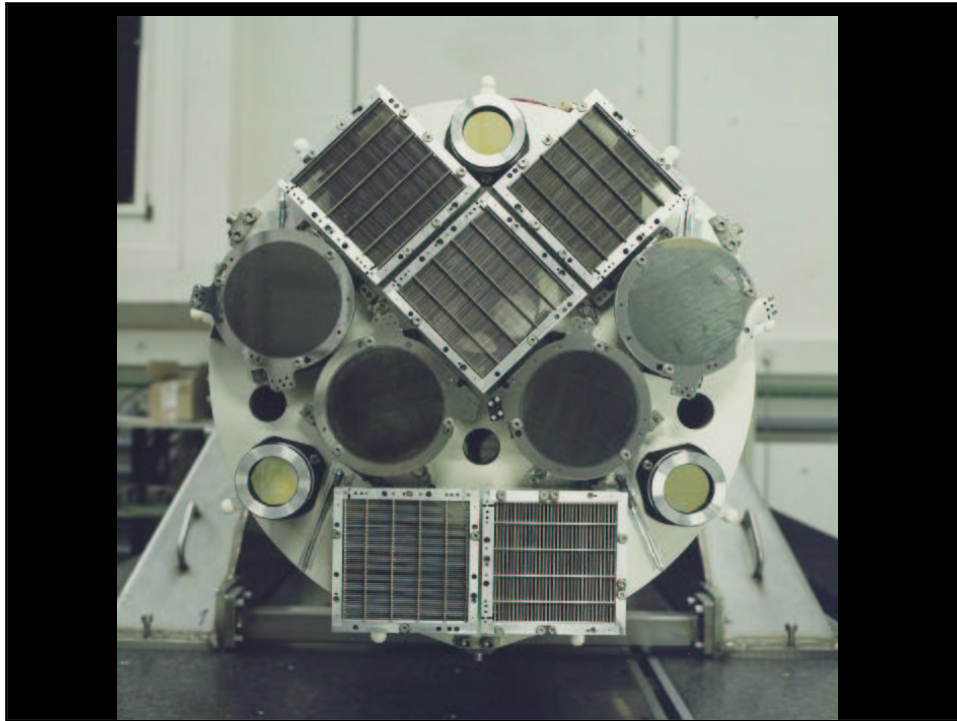




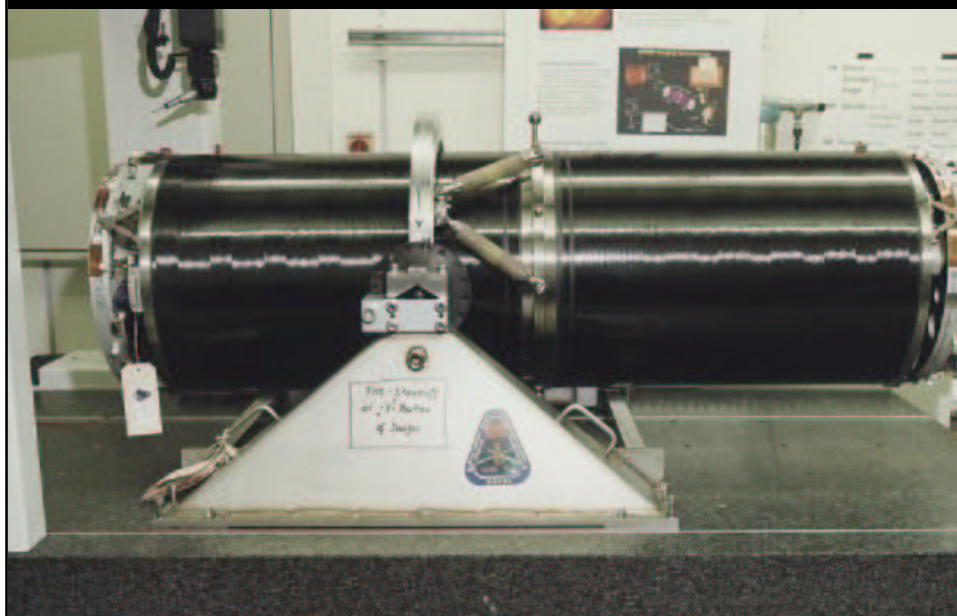


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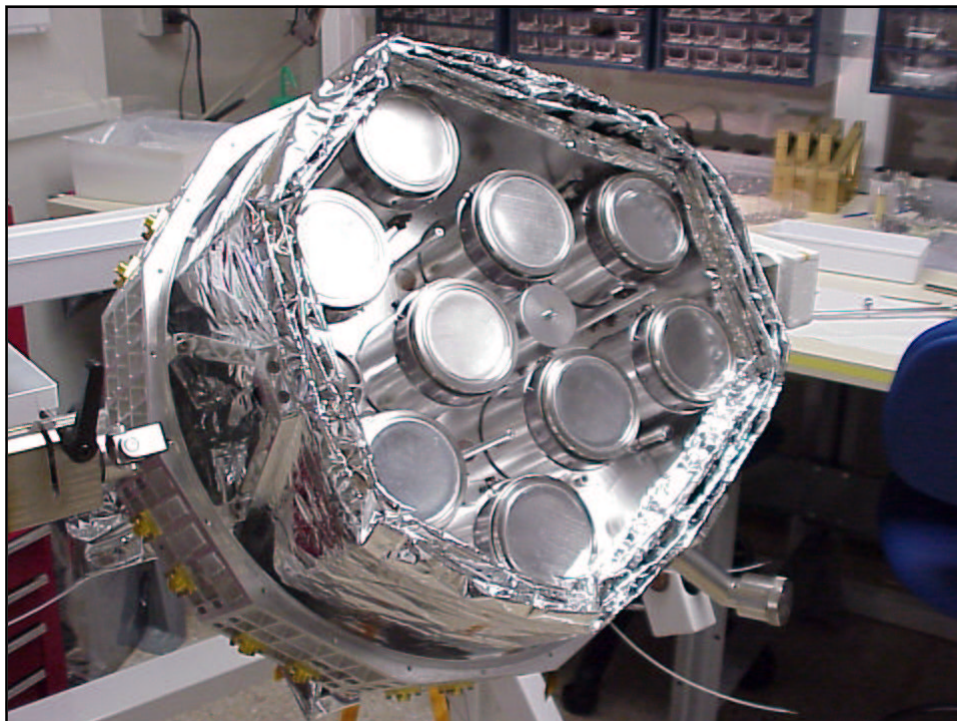
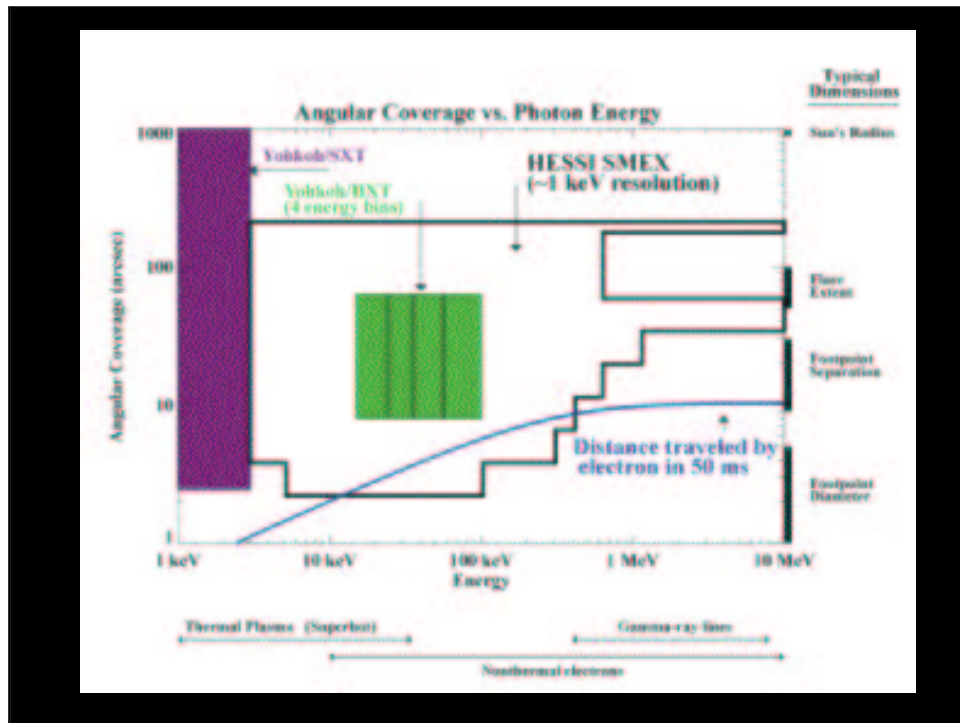


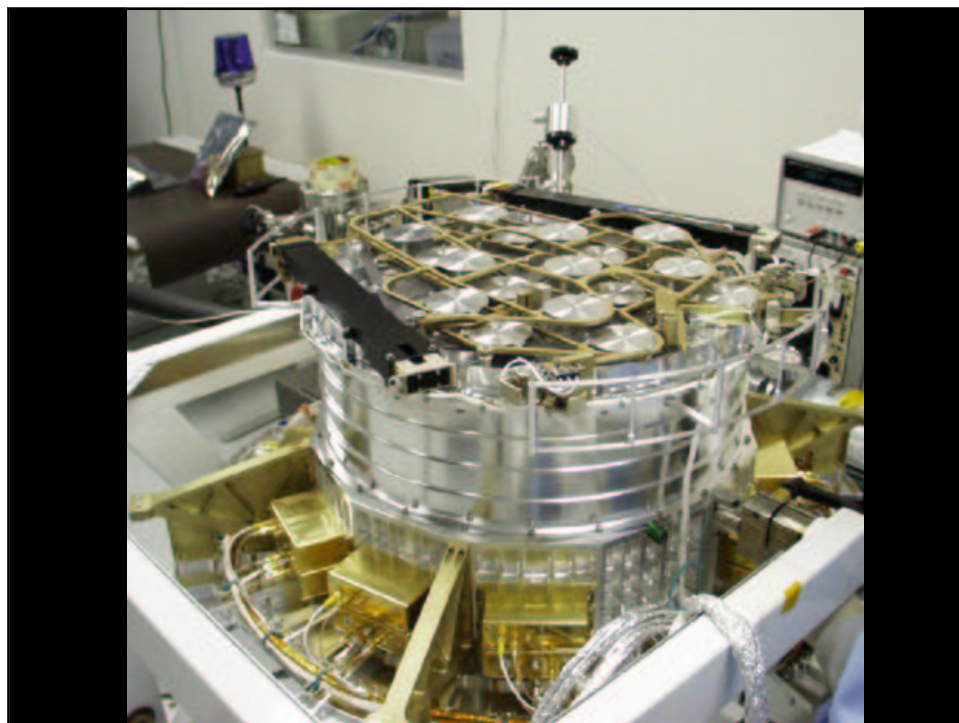
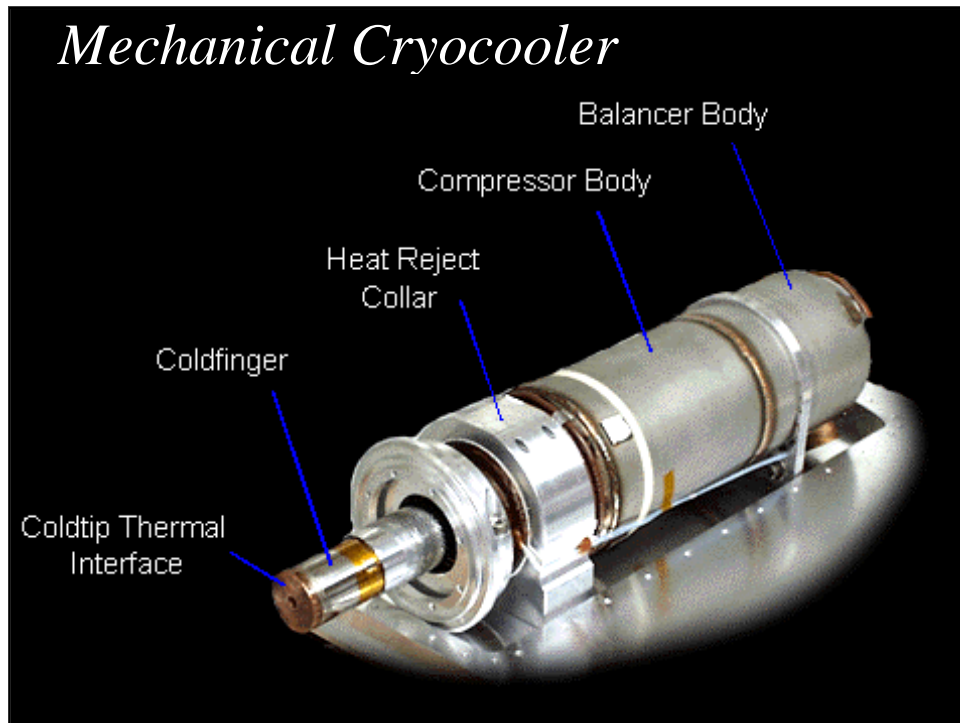


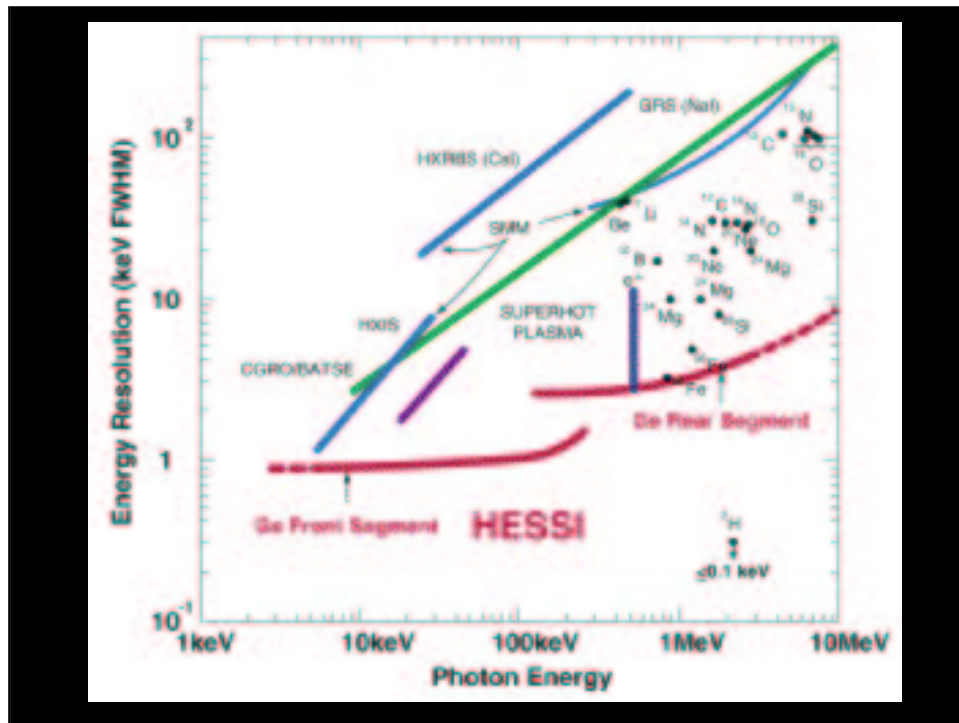
*Imager – side view*



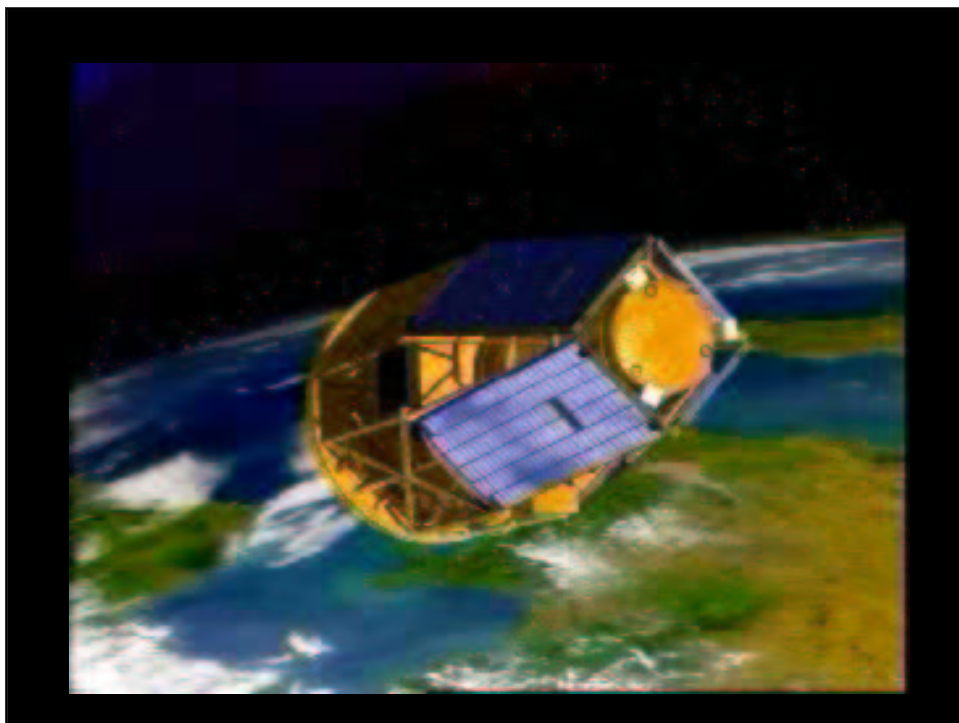
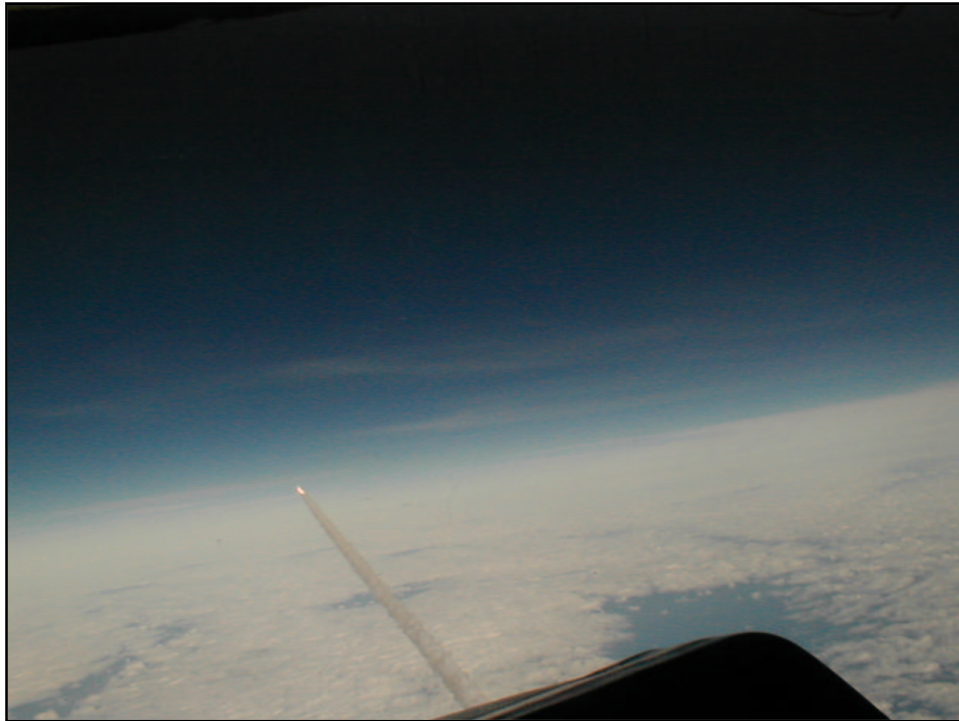




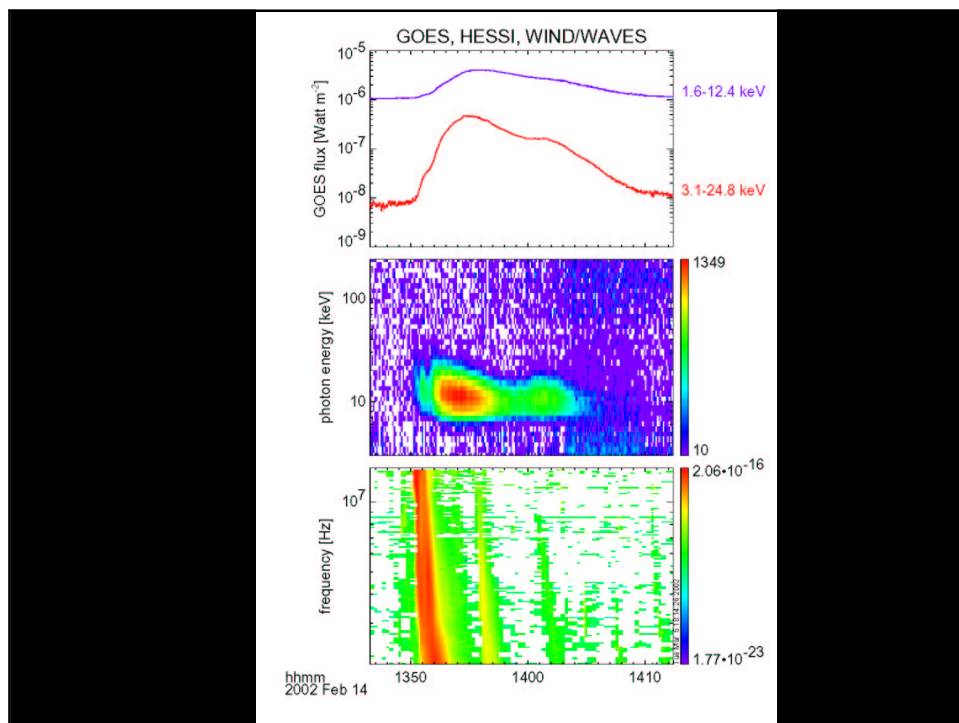
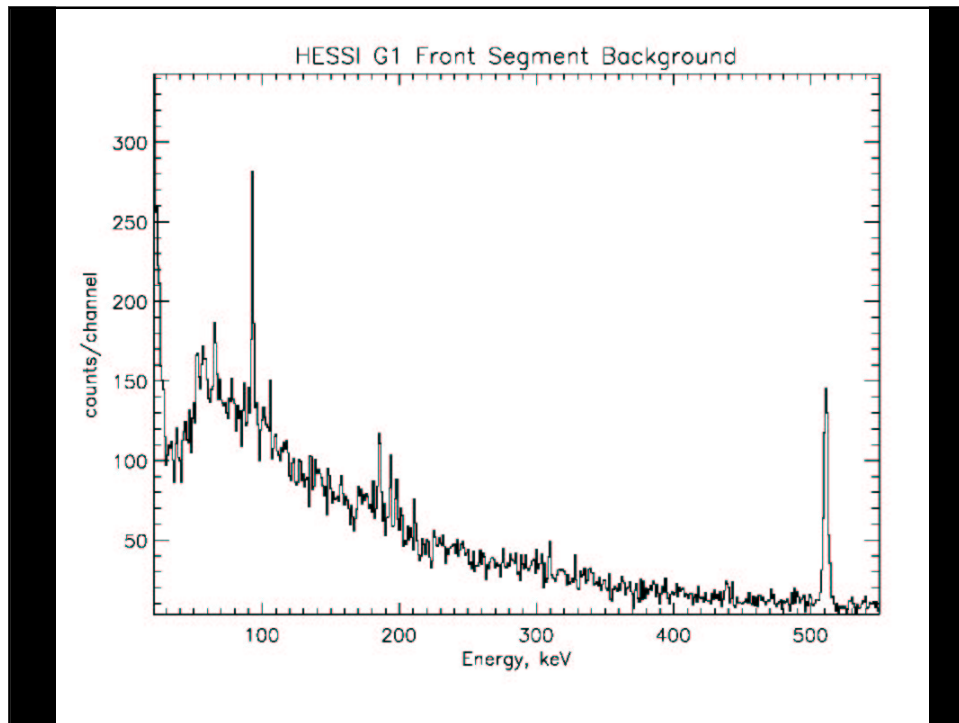


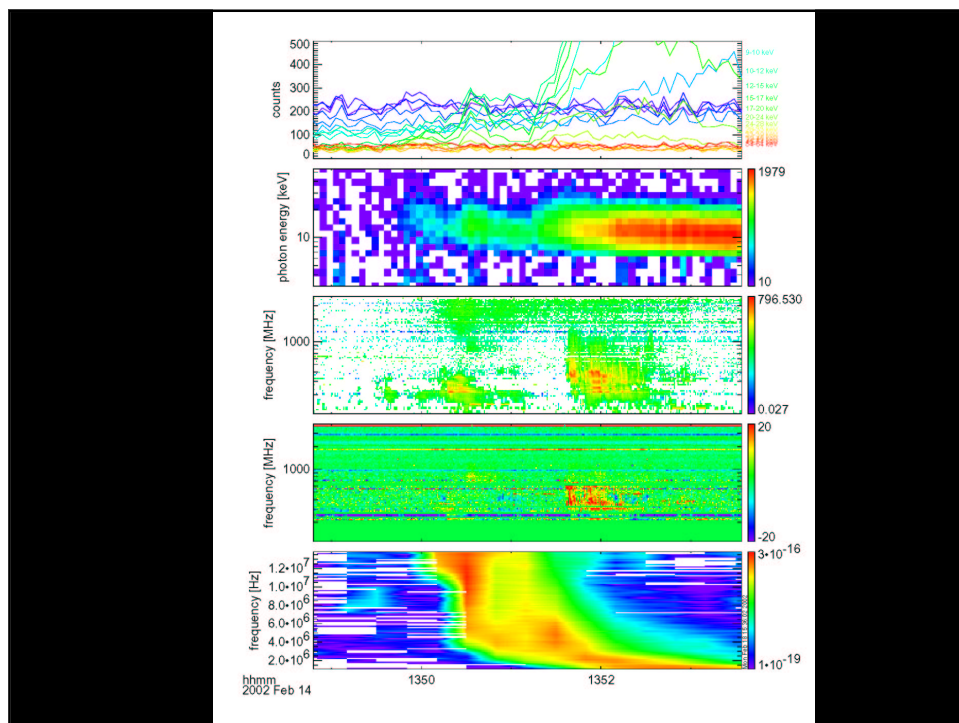
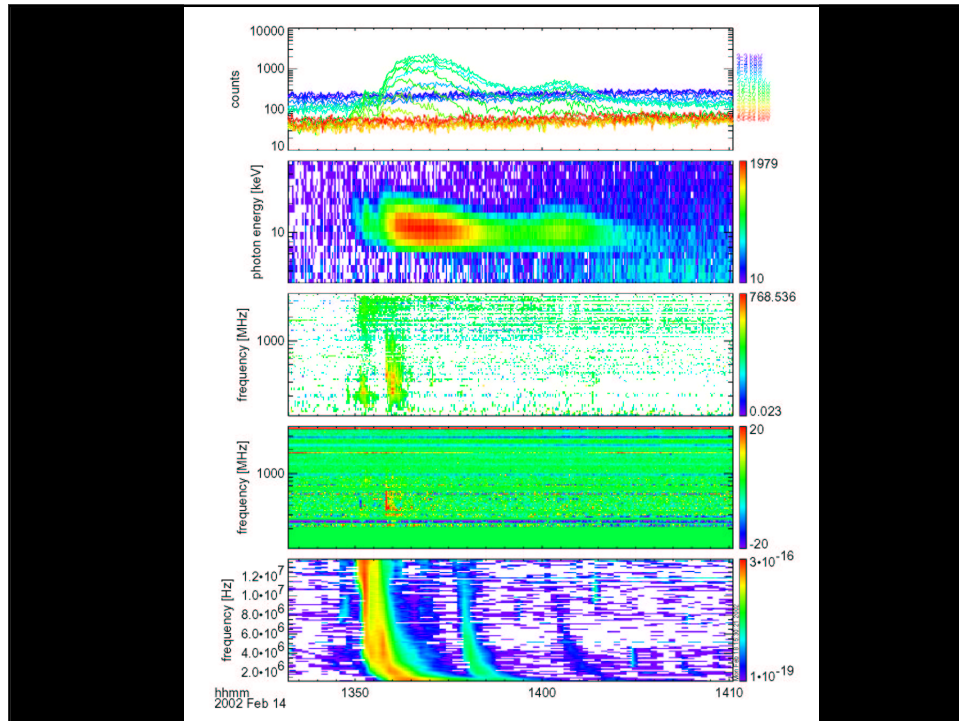




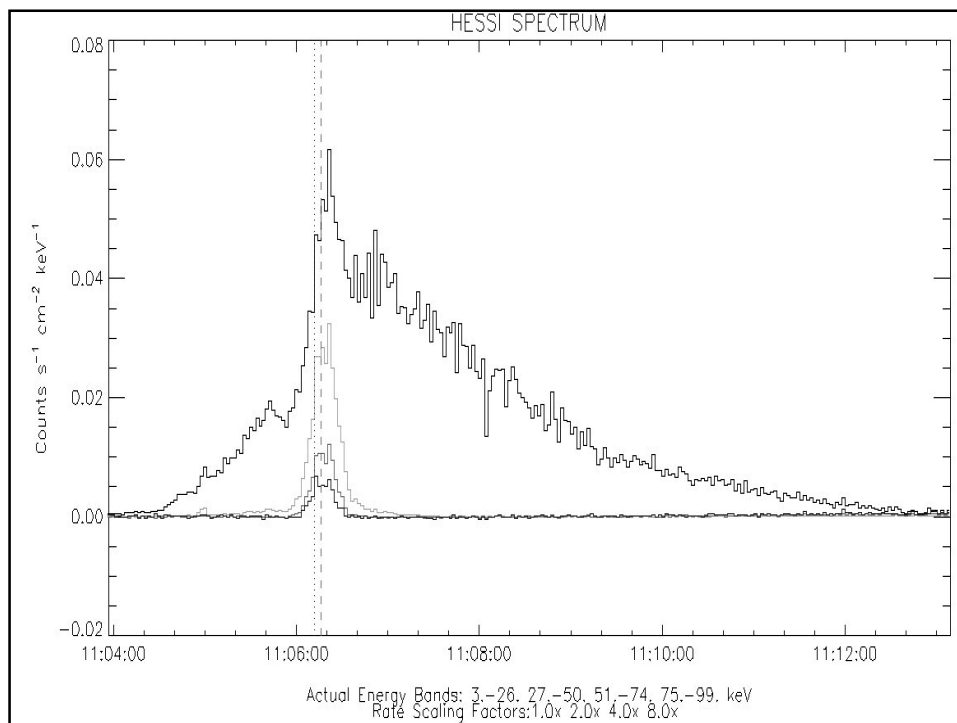
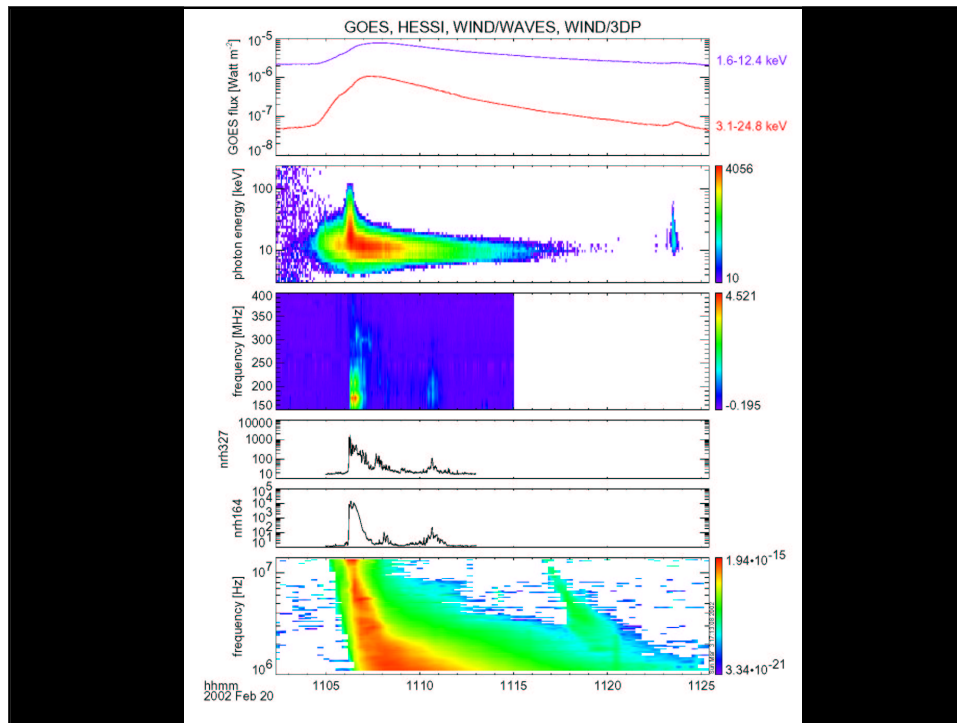


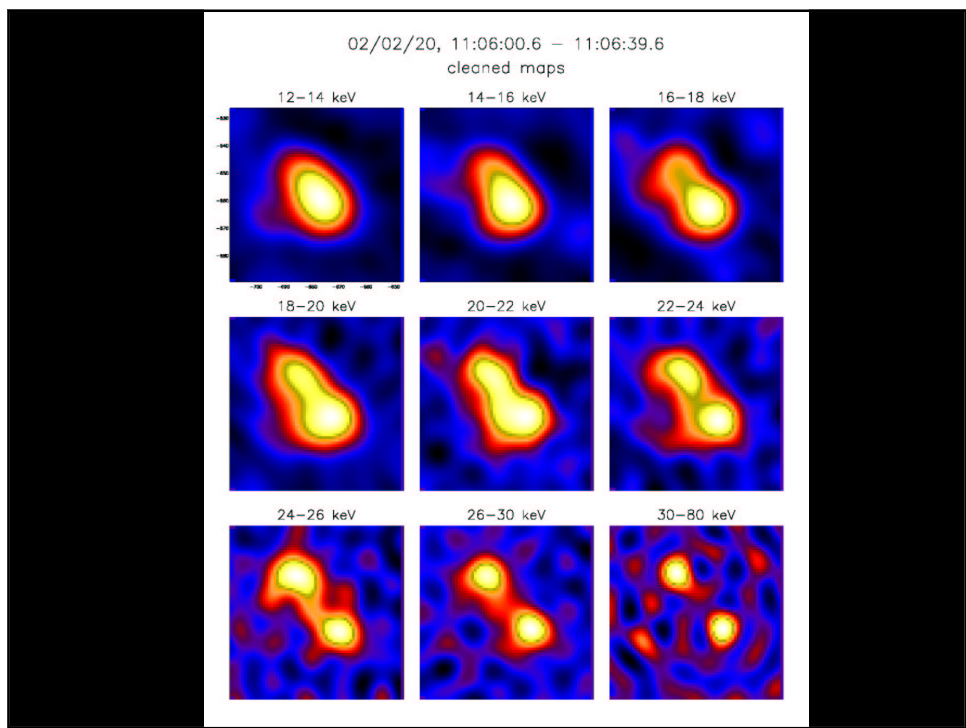
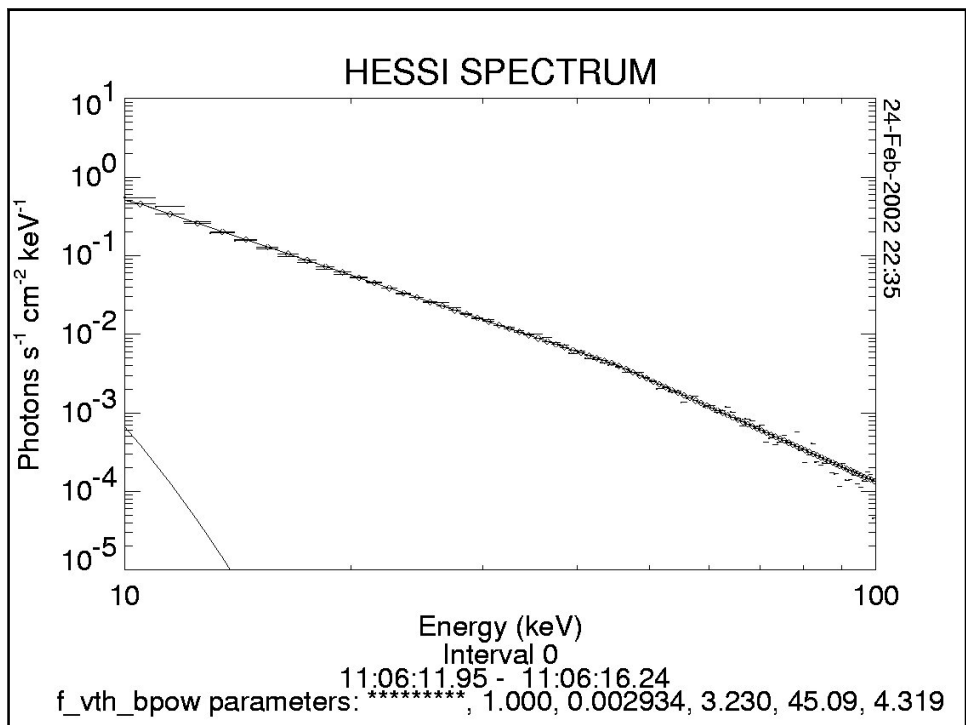


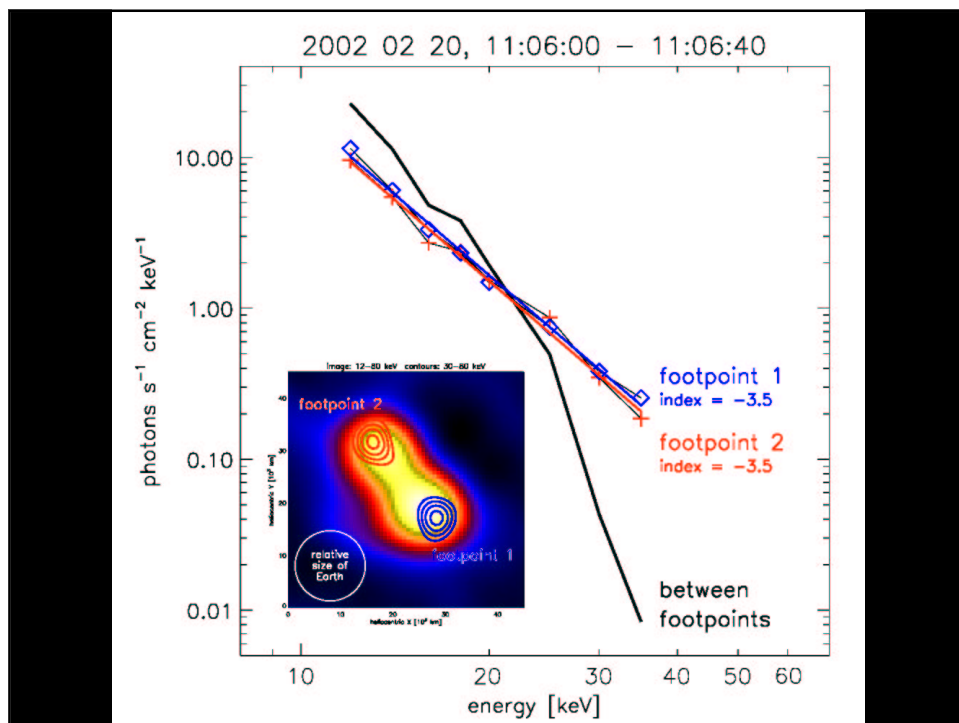
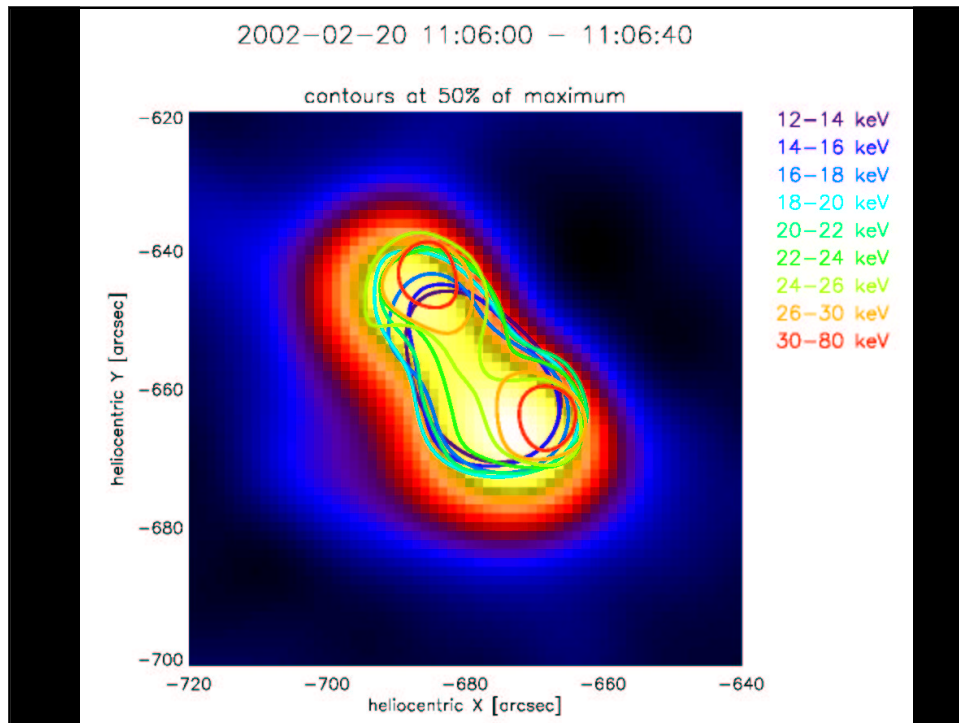




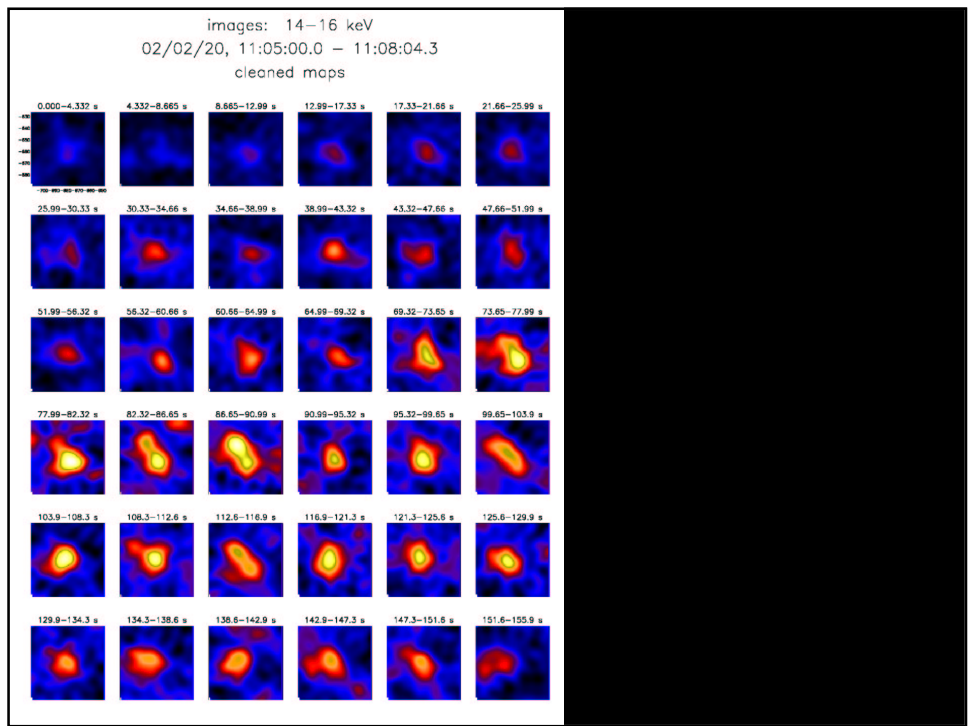
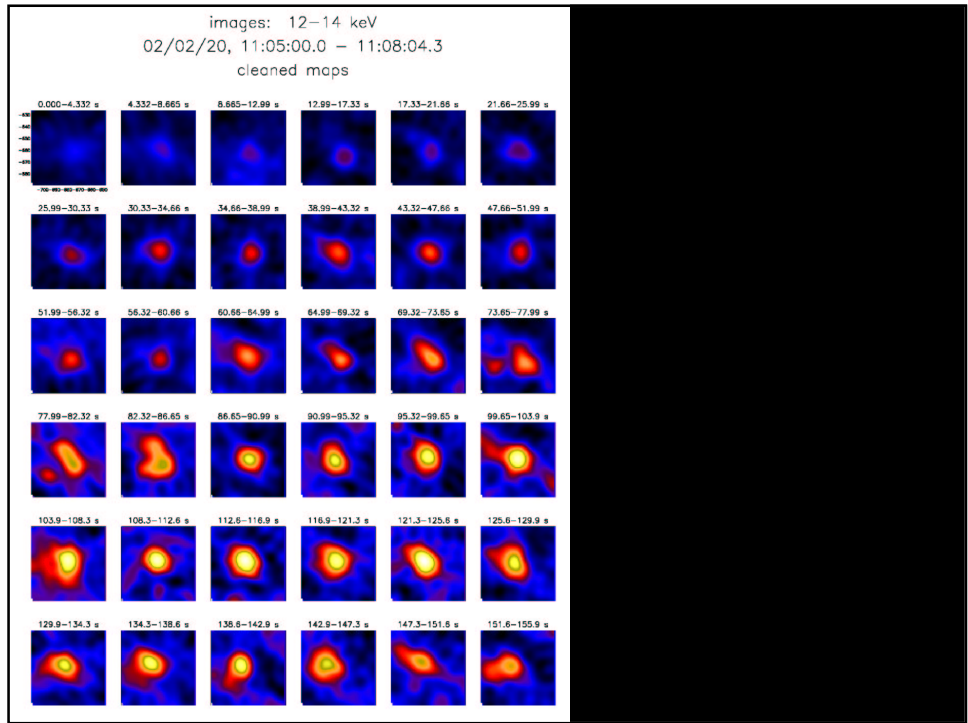
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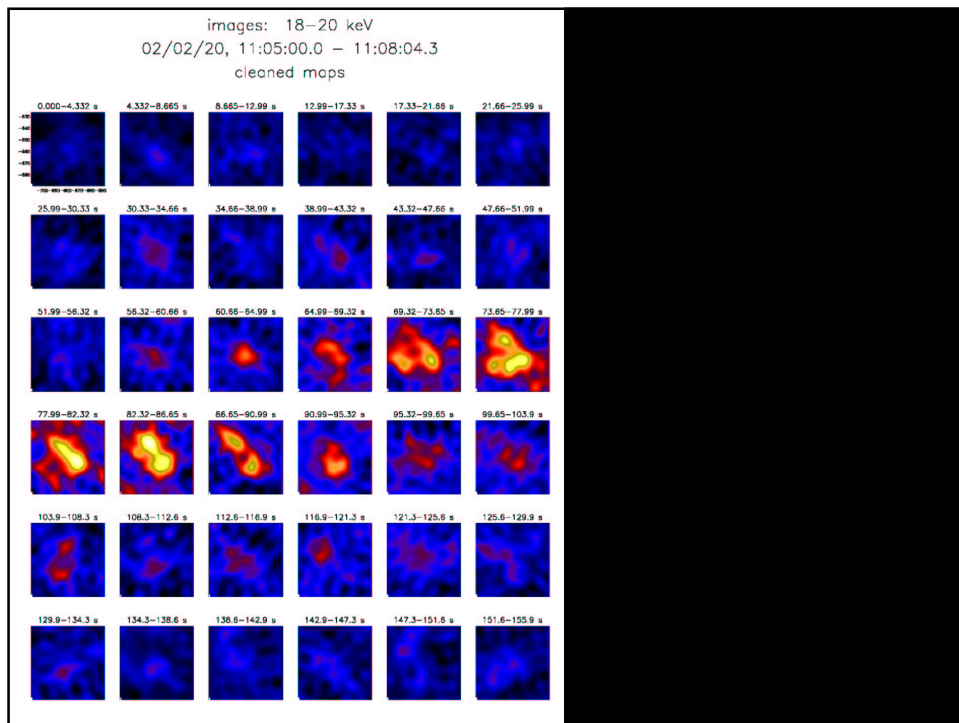
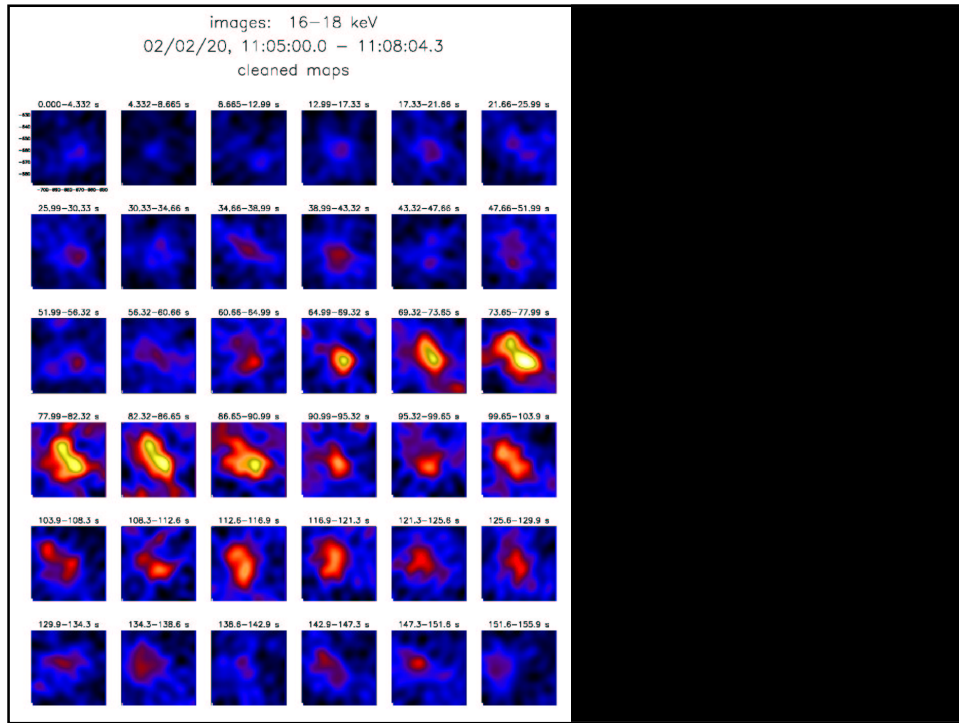


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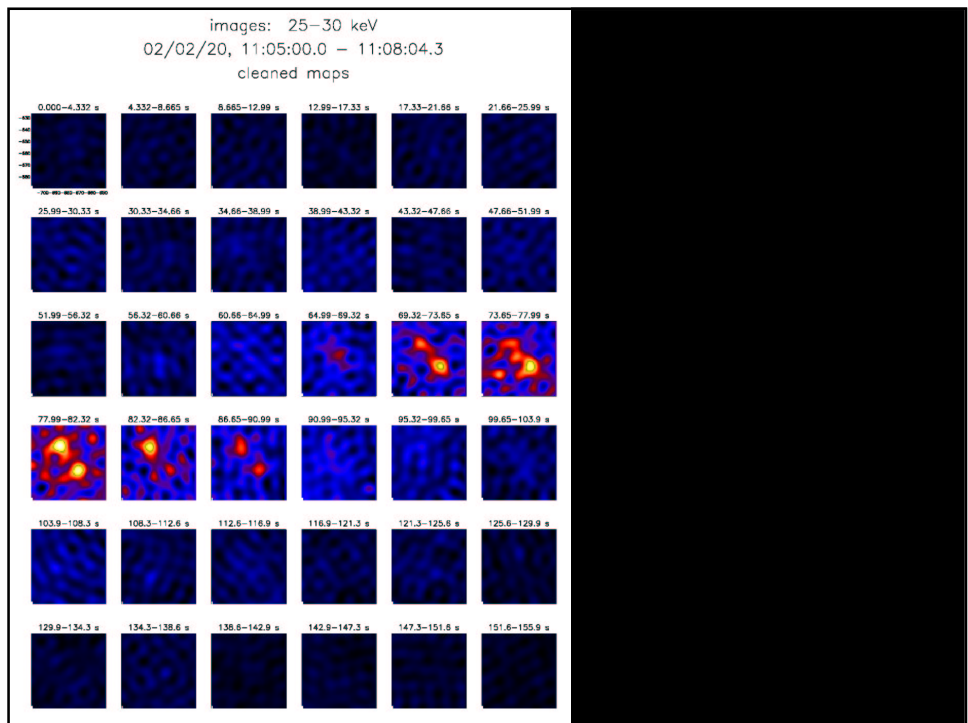
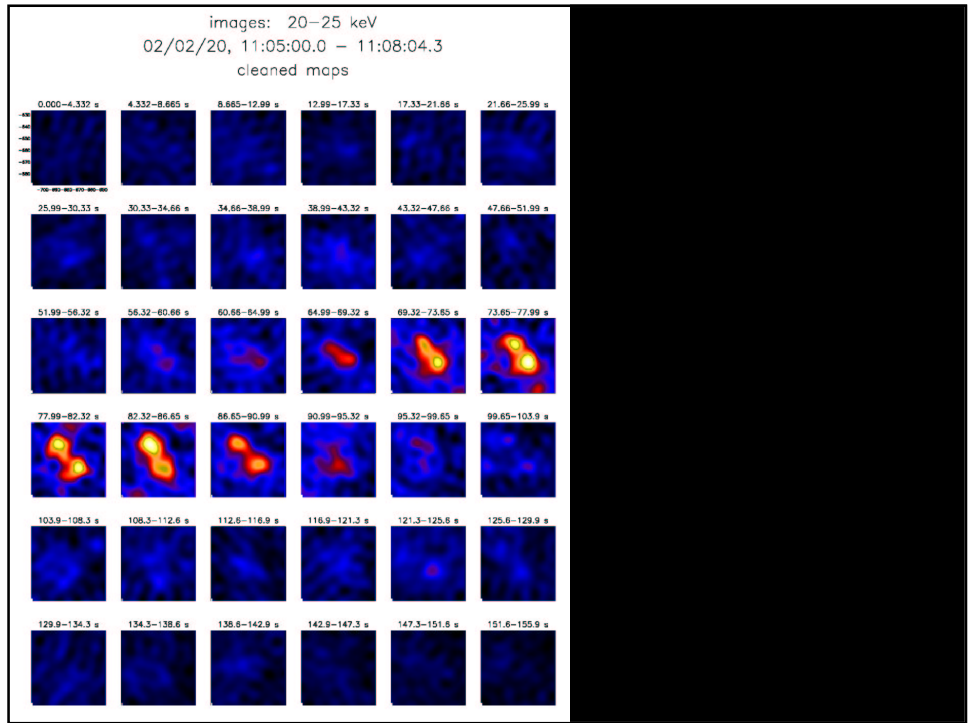




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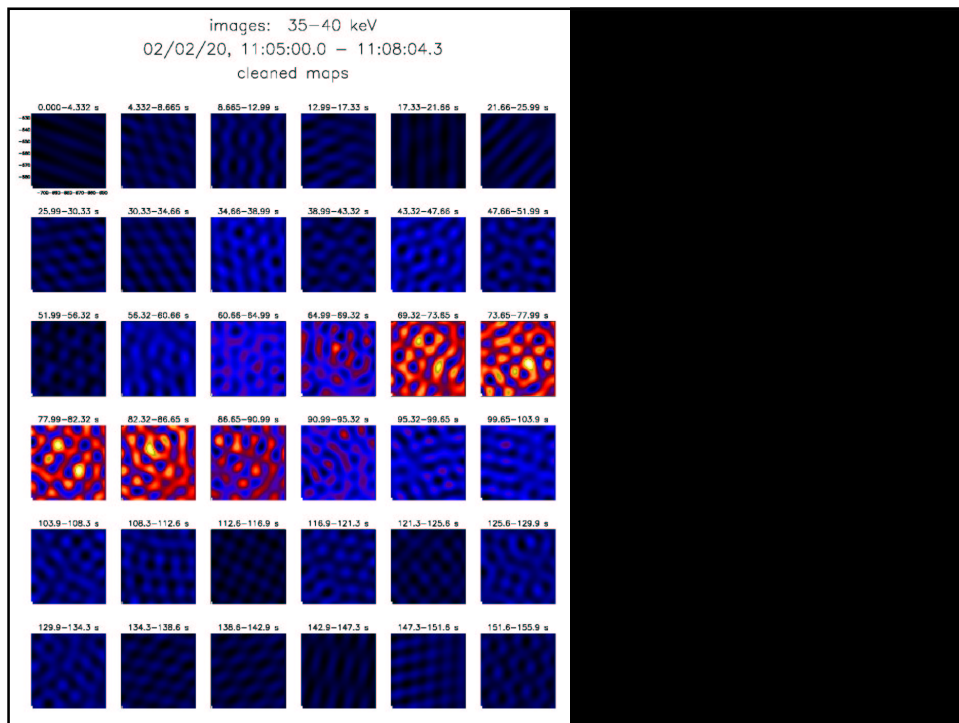
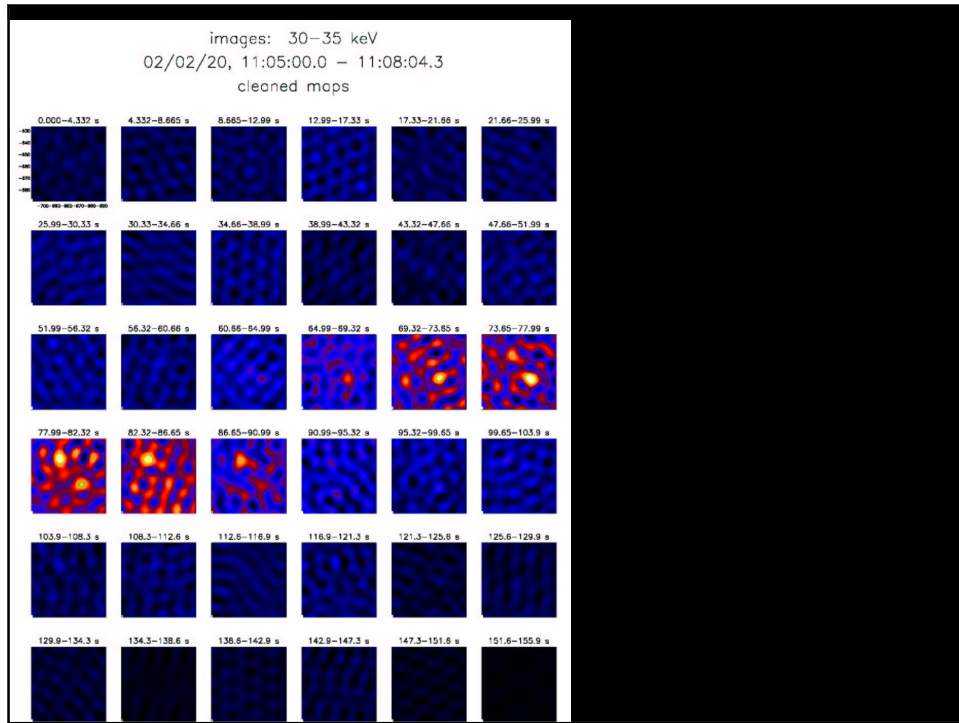


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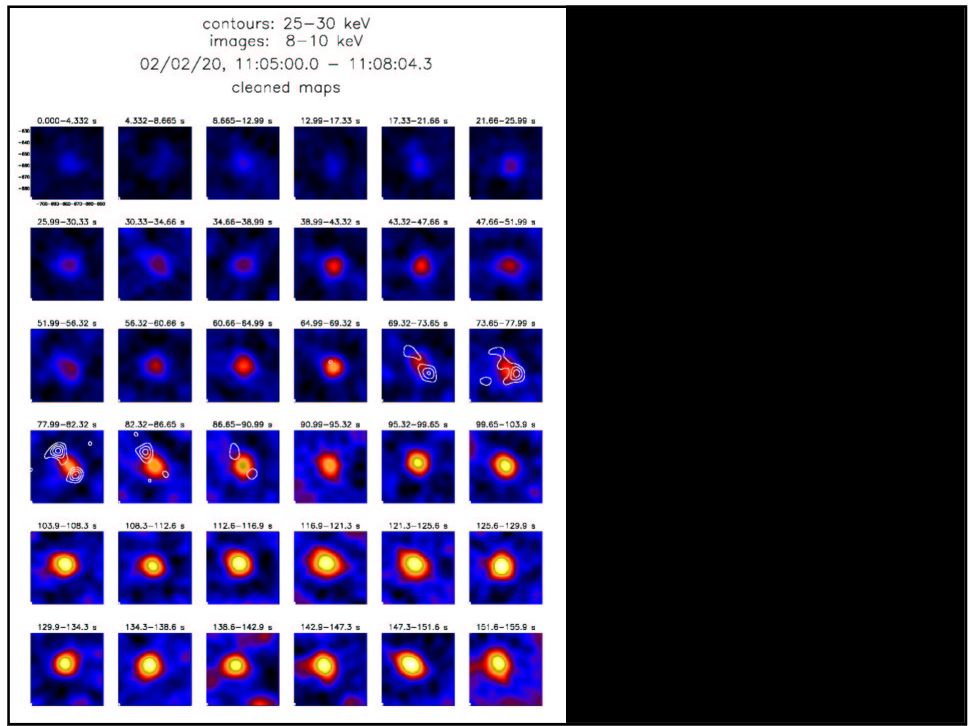
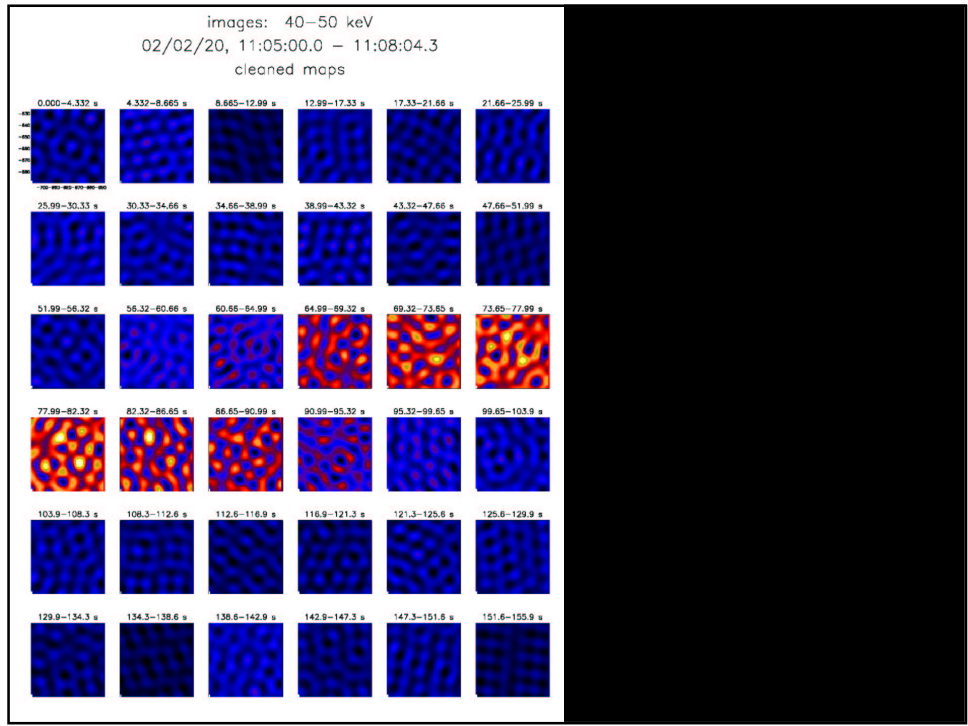




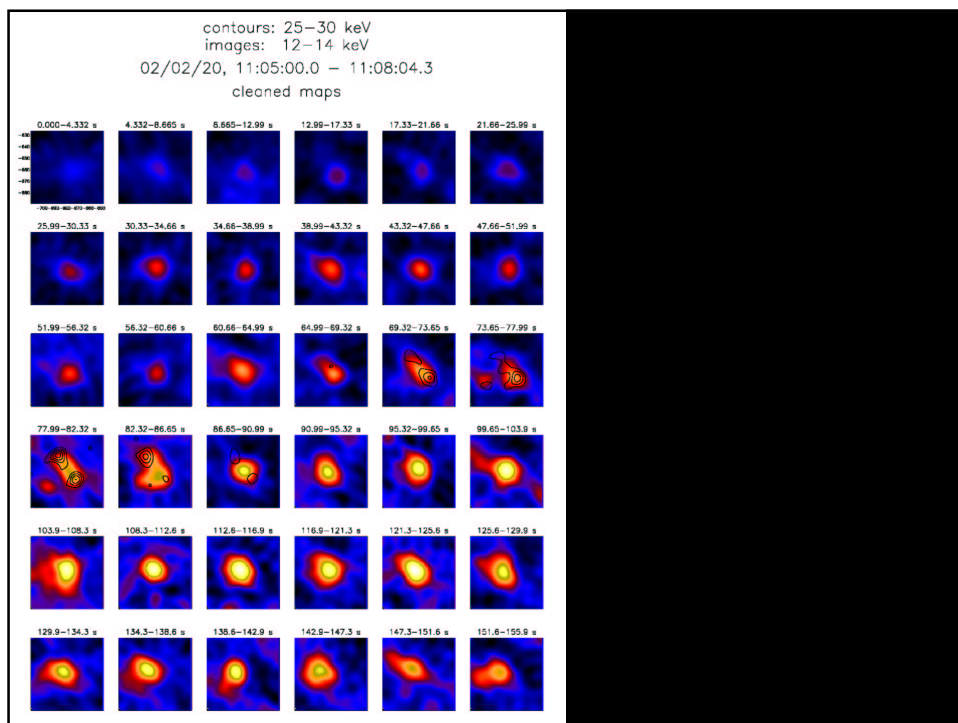
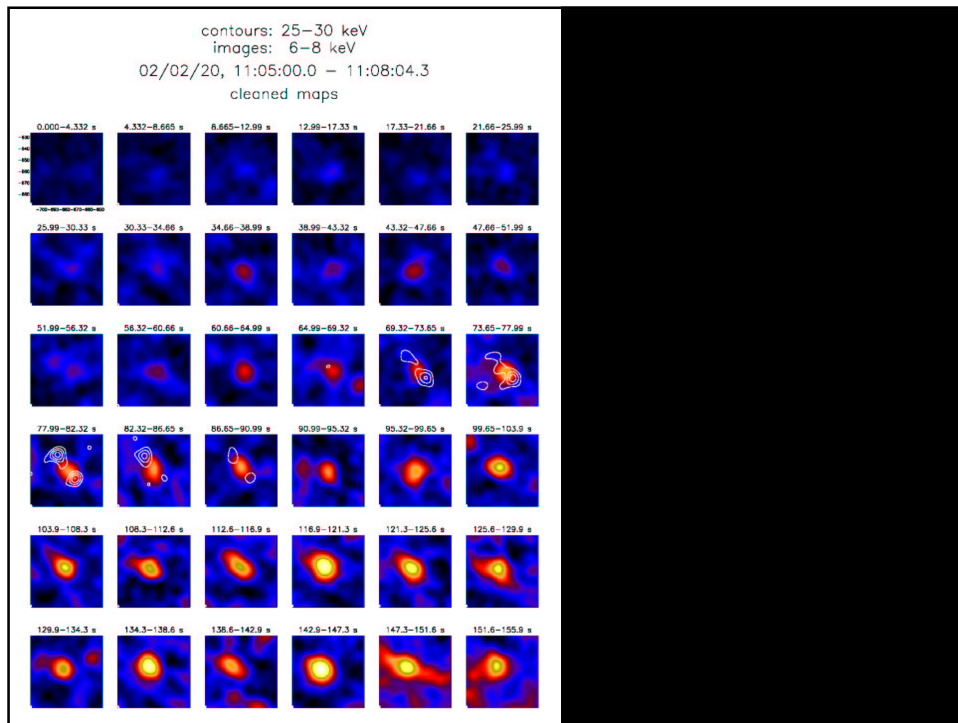
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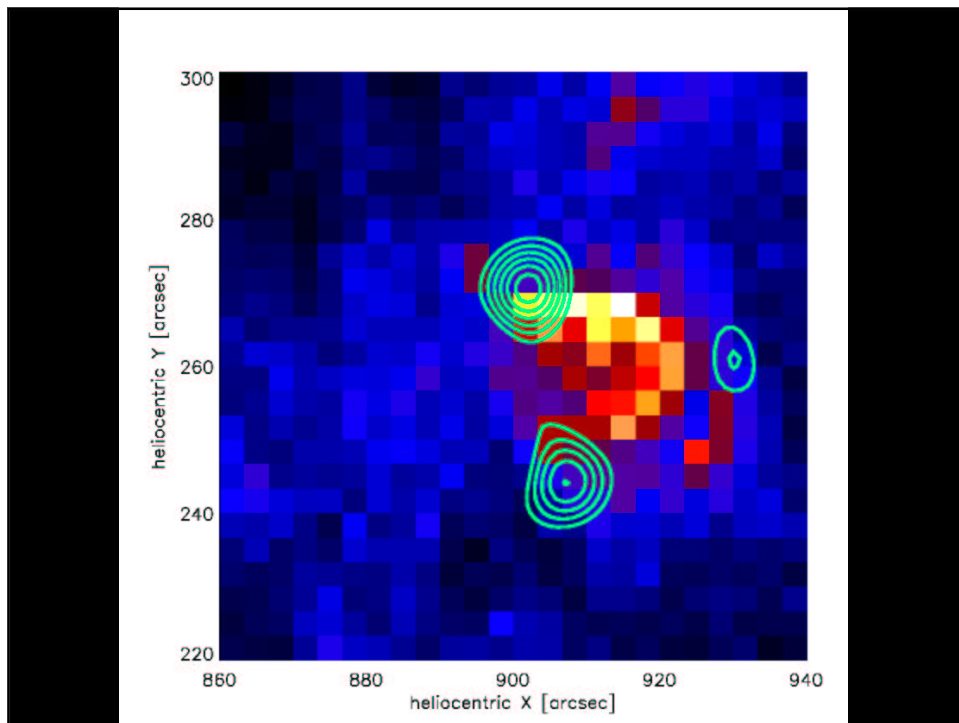
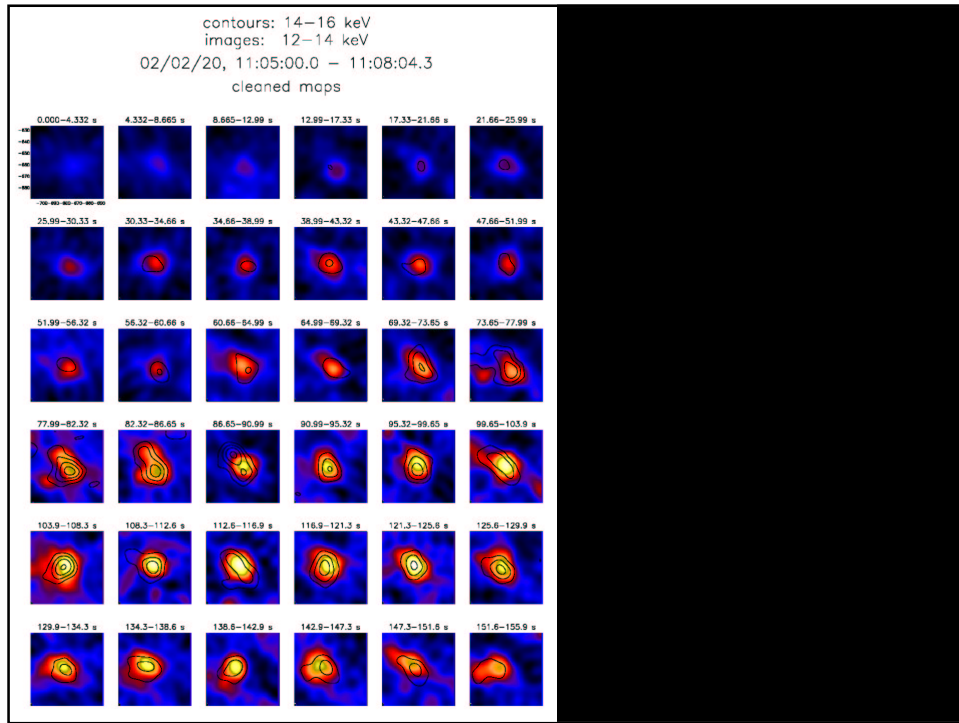
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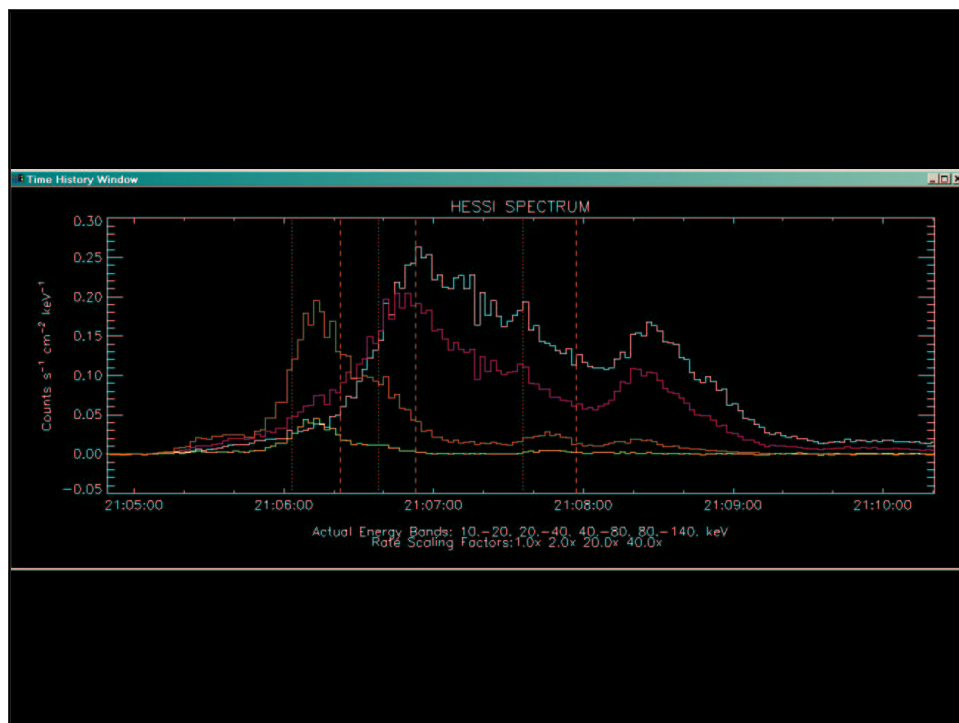
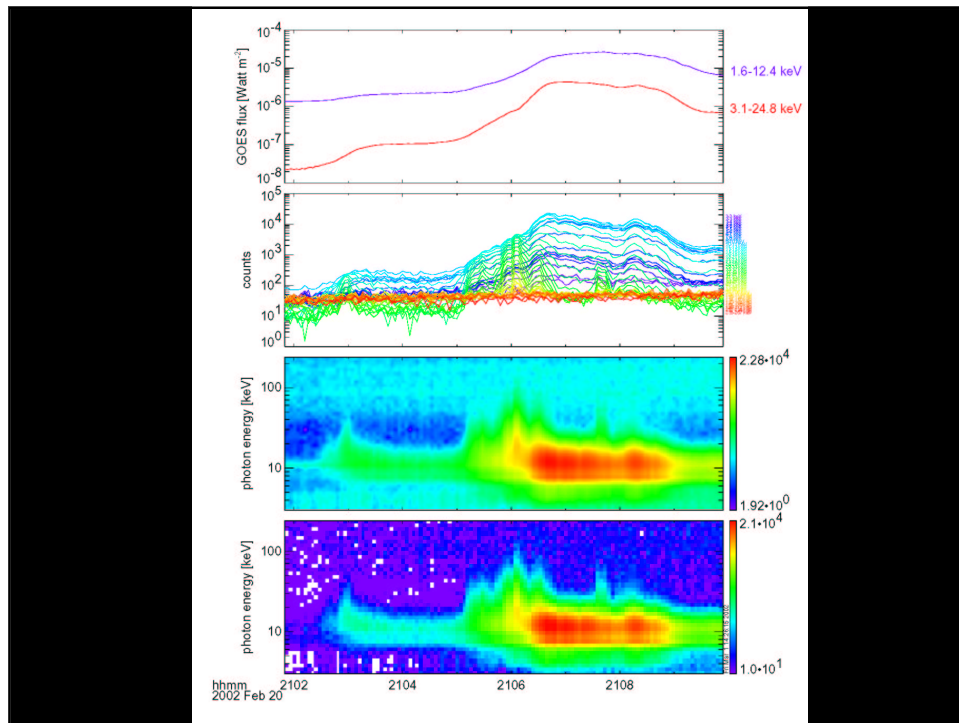
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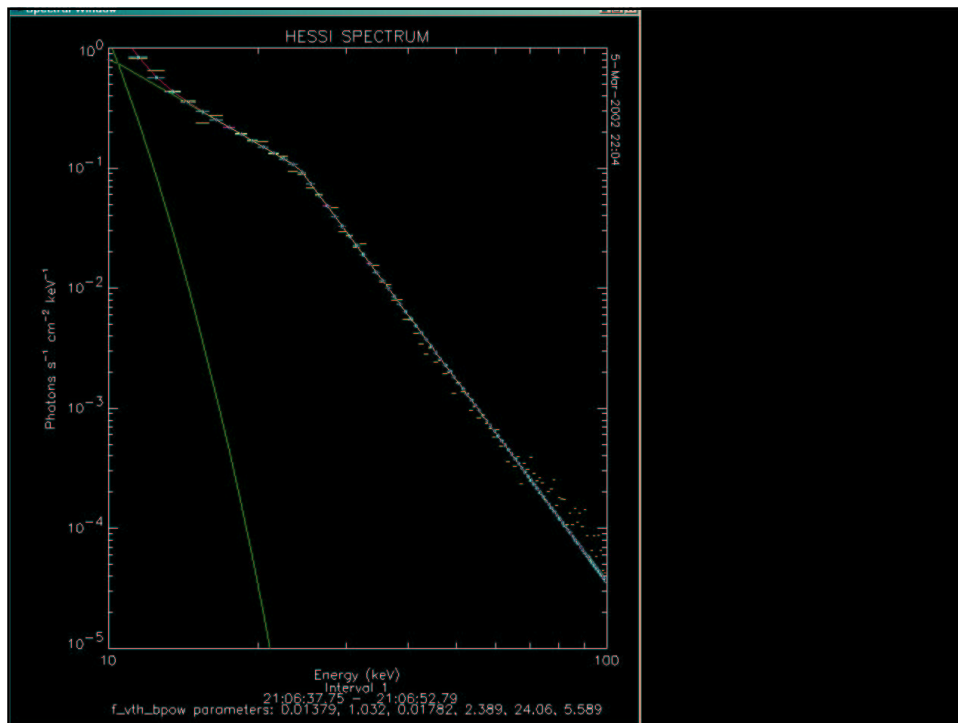
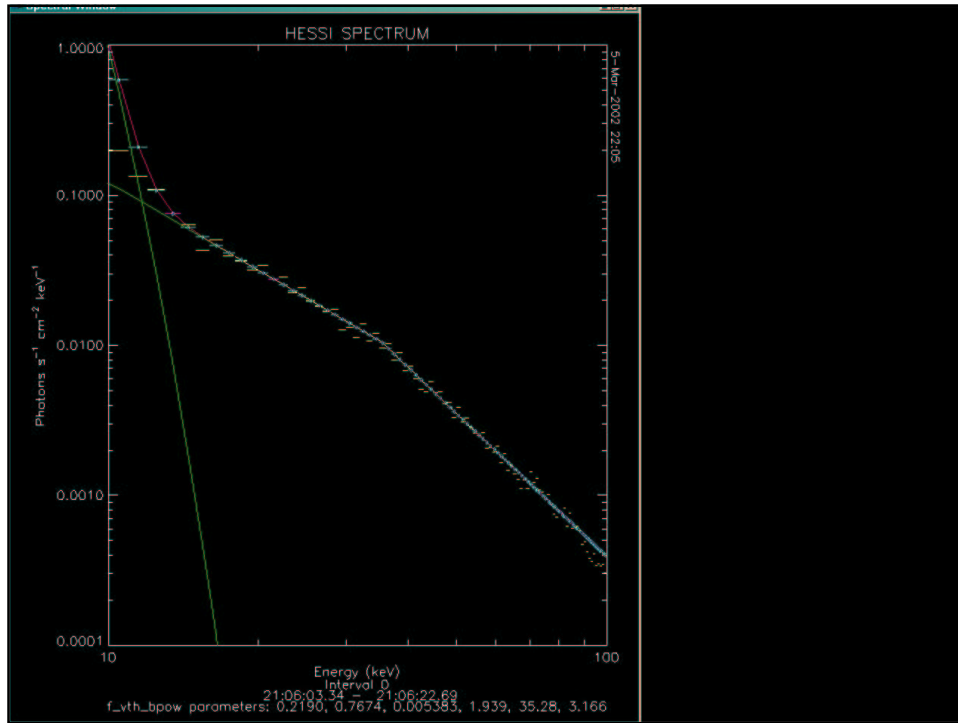
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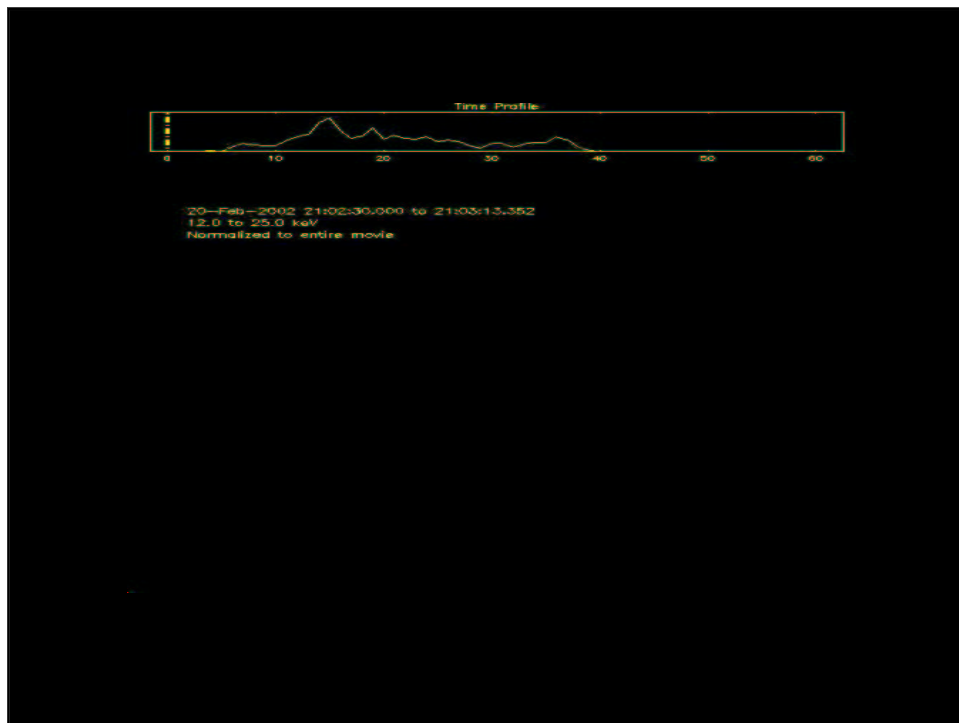
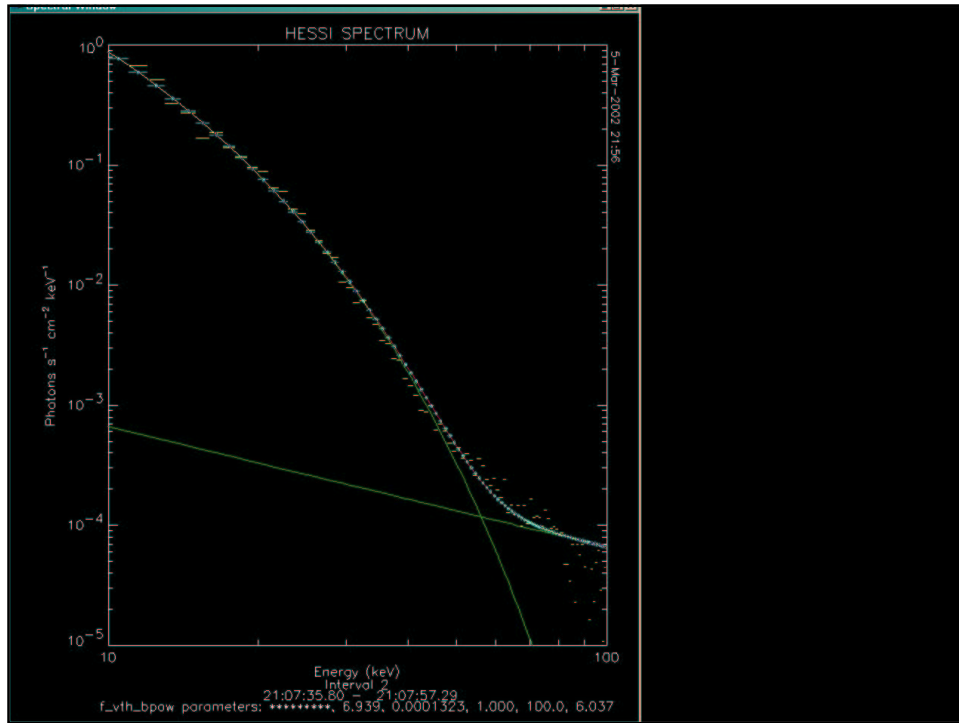
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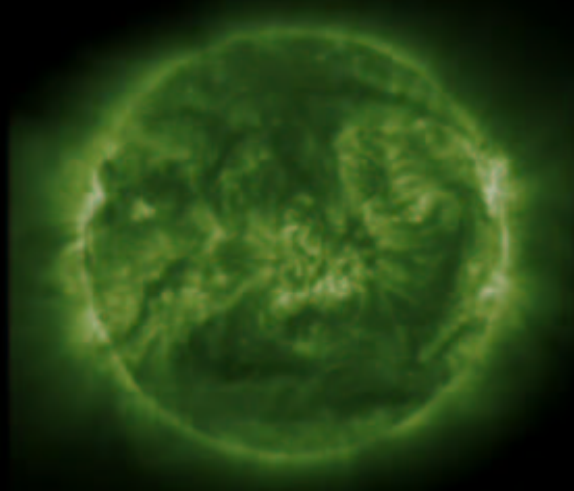


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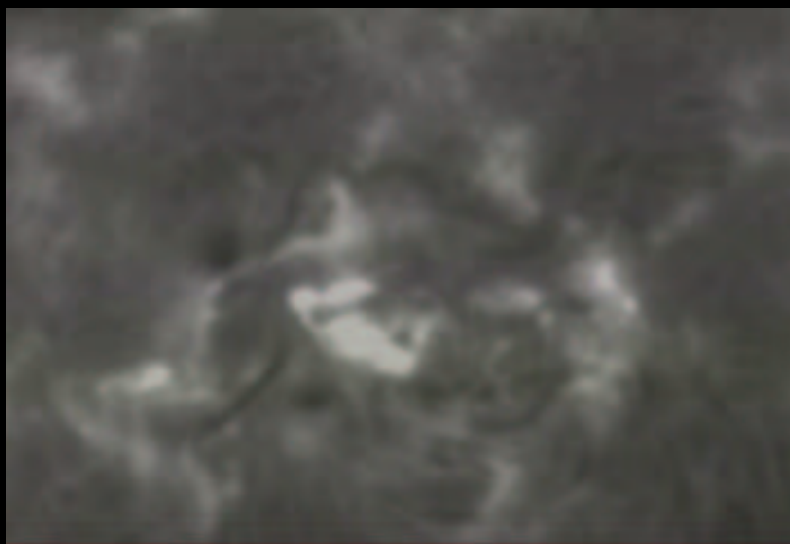


*First Flare movie for the HESSI instrument  
(speed 105X normal)*



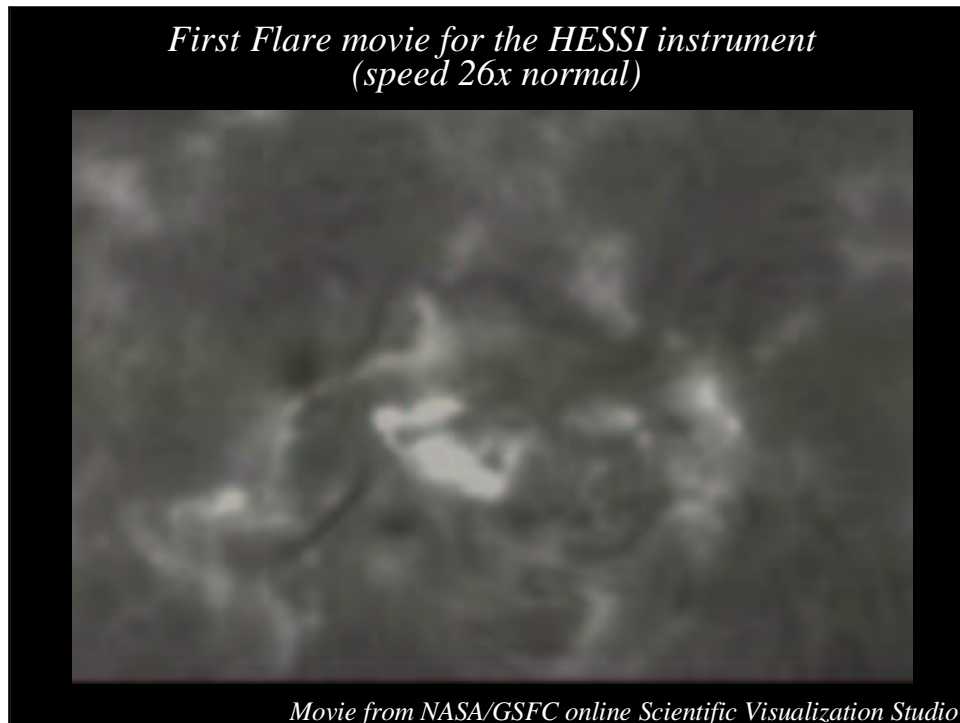
*Movie from NASA/GSFC online Scientific Visualization Studio*

*First Flare movie for the HESSI instrument  
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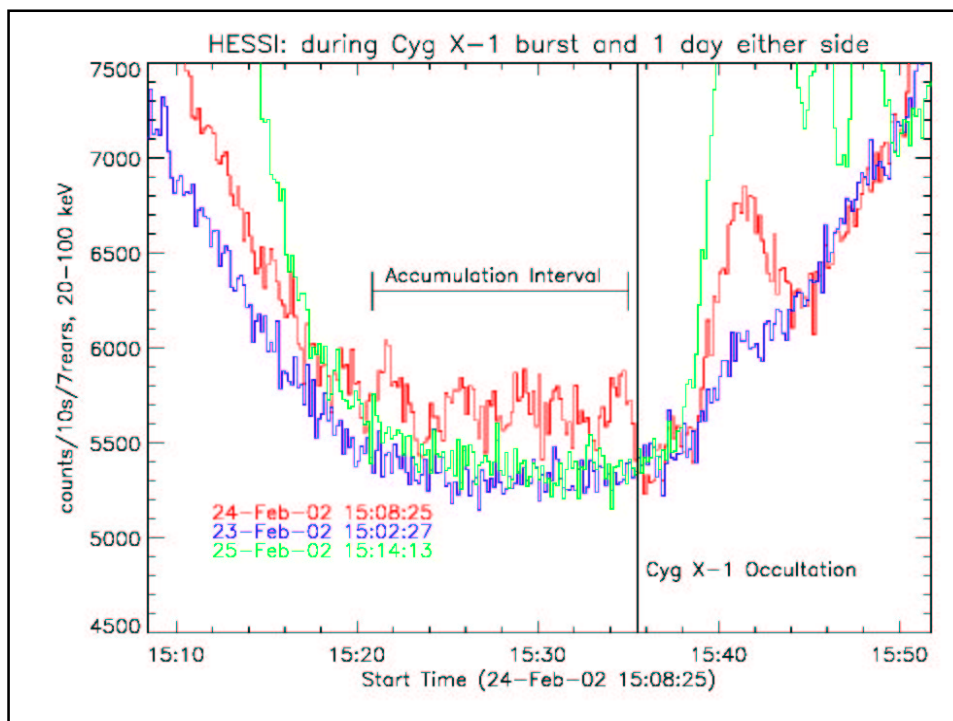
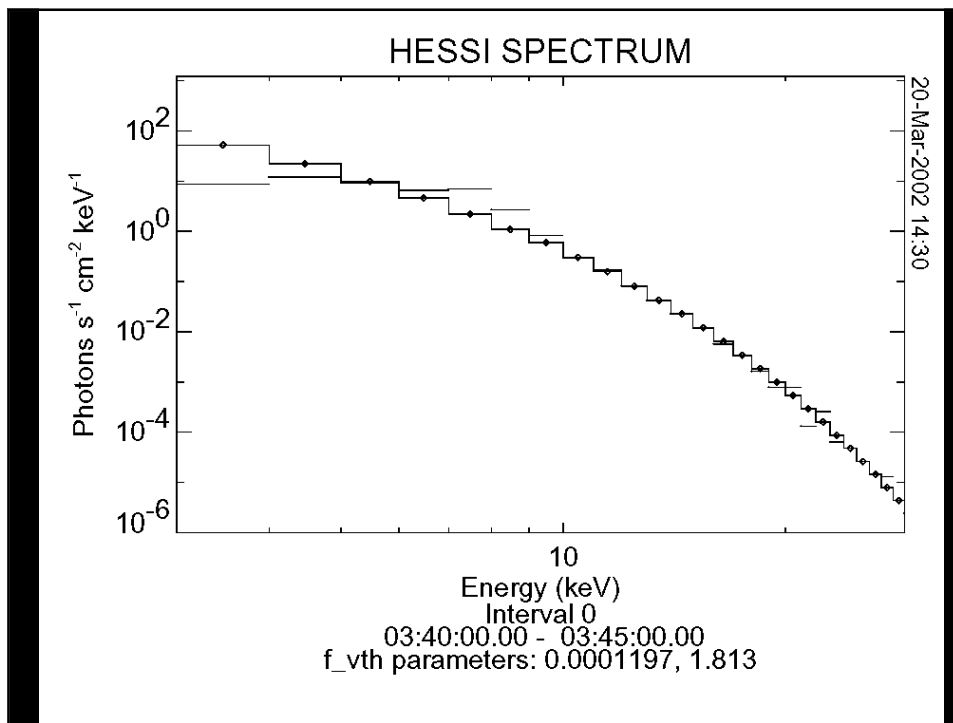
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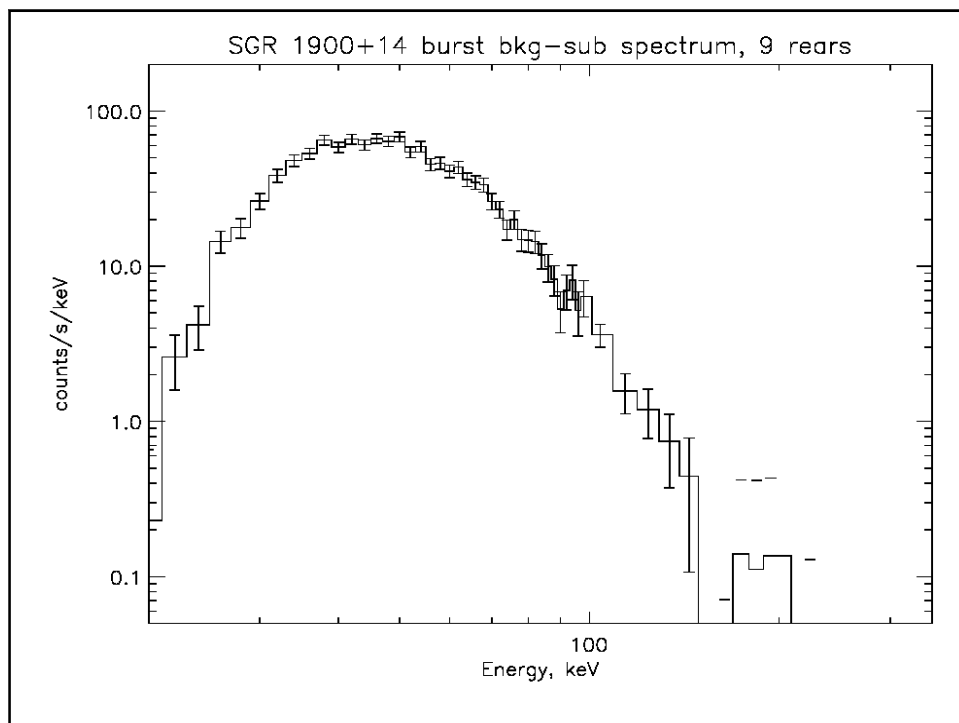
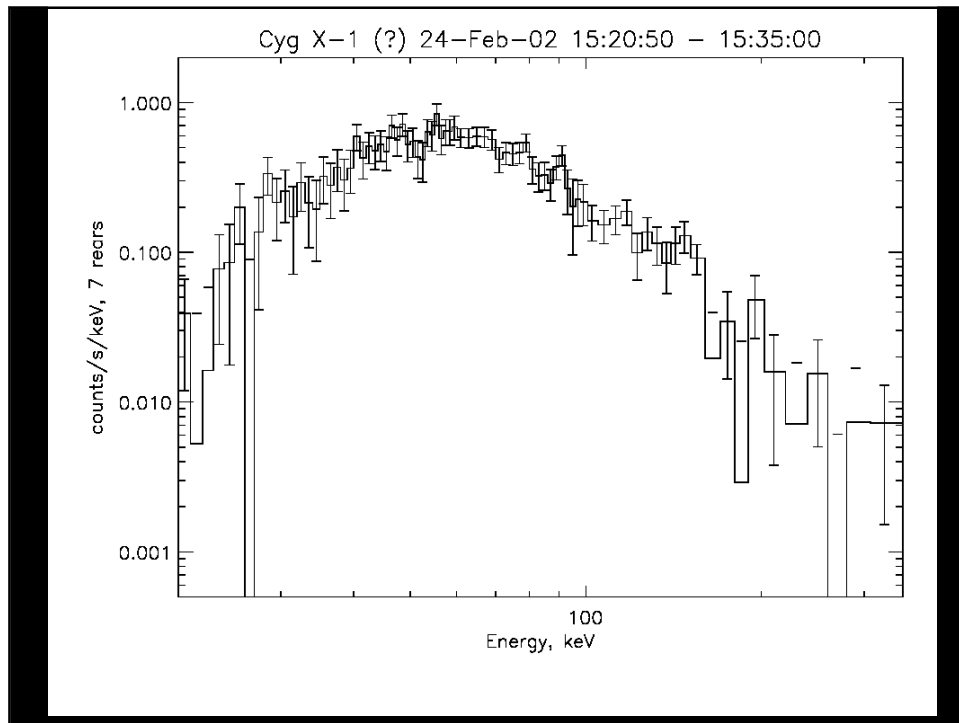
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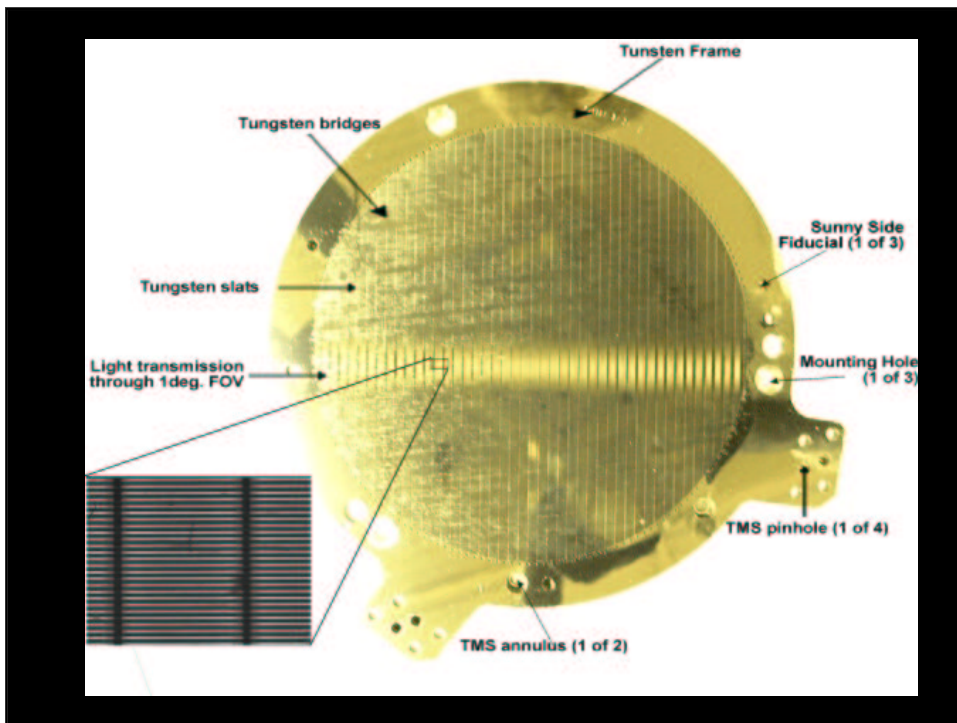
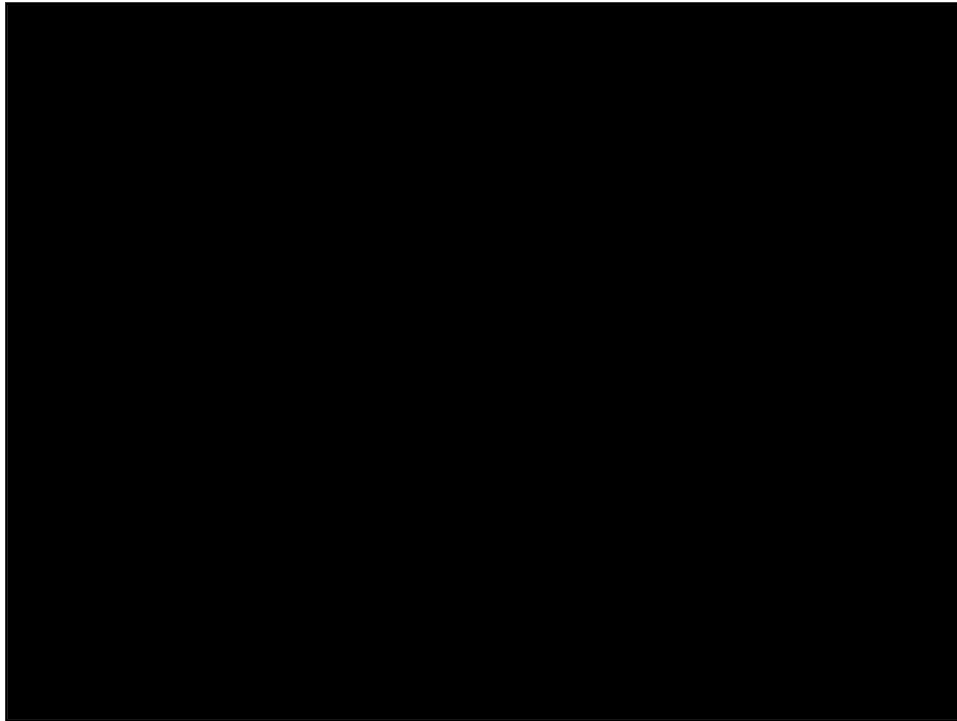
- Science data to be available on-line to the community without restrictions within 6 to 48 hours of acquisition.
- PI team and community will have equal access to on-line software tools required for scientific analysis.

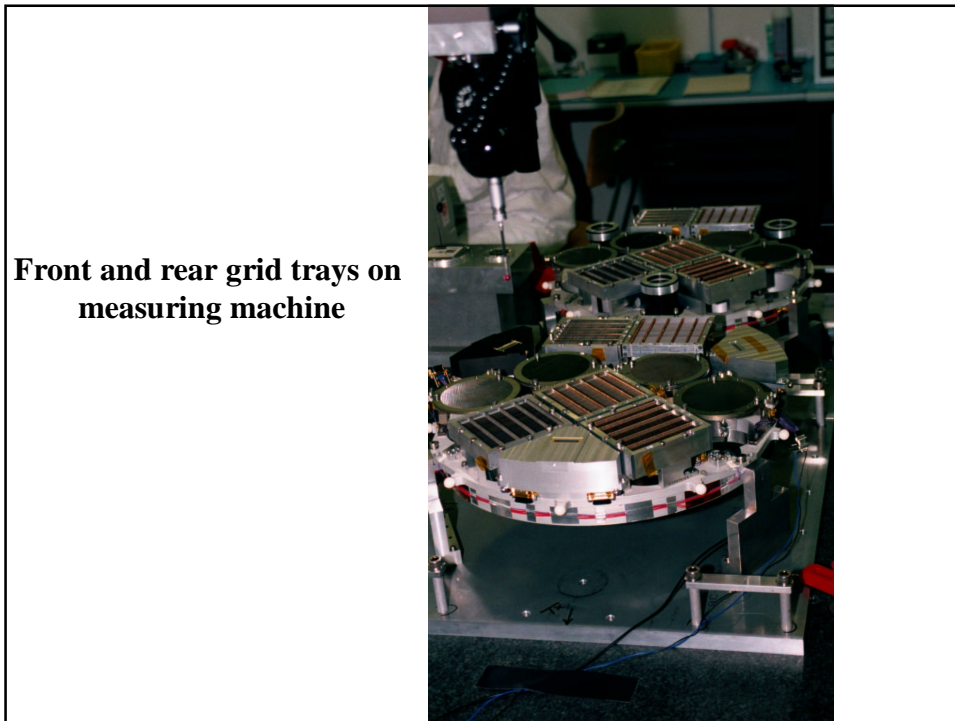
### PHOTON-BASED IMAGING

- HESSI science data contains time- and energy-tagged photons.
- Wide range of science-driven tradeoffs possible among:
  - Time resolution
  - Spatial resolution
  - Energy resolution;
  - Image field of view
  - Image quality
  - Imaging speed
- Key strategy is to defer these tradeoffs to data analysis phase (not mission-planning phase).











*HESSI vibration test anomaly*





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## **SPACEFLIGHT NOW**

Posted: June 4, 2001

### **X-43A launch failure**

### **Next Pegasus rocket launch delayed in X-43A aftermath**

The High Energy Solar Spectroscopic Imager, or HESSI satellite, was scheduled to rocket into space on Thursday aboard an air-launched Orbital Sciences Pegasus XL booster.

### ***Star-Crossed HESSI Mission Delayed Again***

*The eight-day slip until at least Feb. 1 represents a fourth delay for NASA's High Energy Solar Spectroscopic Imager, or HESSI, spacecraft, which originally had been slated for launch in July 2000.*

*Mission managers want to make certain that the satellite's launcher -- an Orbital Sciences Corp. Pegasus rocket -- will not suffer the same fate as a prototype missile defense booster that veered off course and was destroyed shortly after a Dec. 13 launch.*



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