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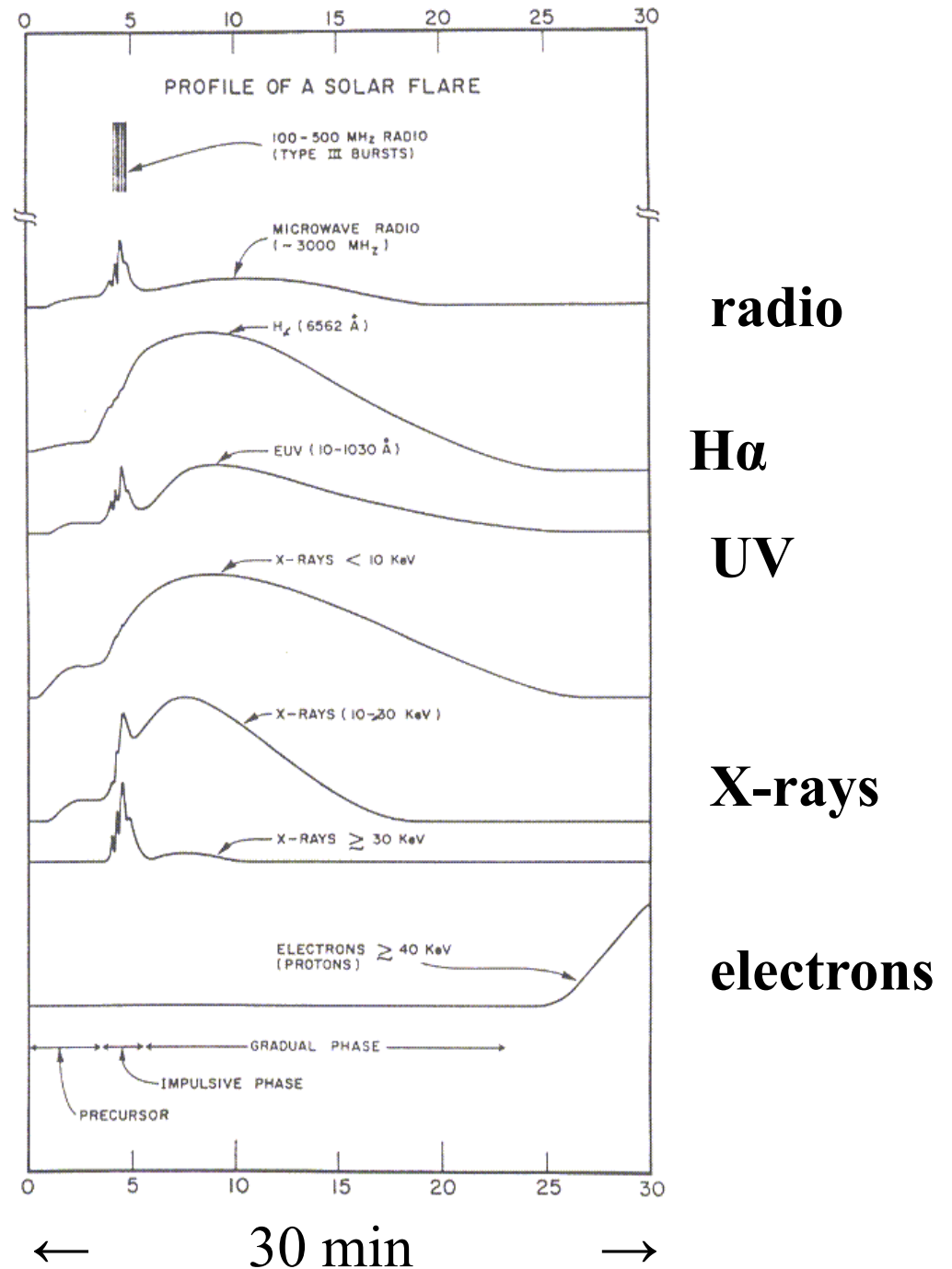
# NoRH-RHESSI-Hinode-SDを用いた フレア・フィラメント放出の多波長解析

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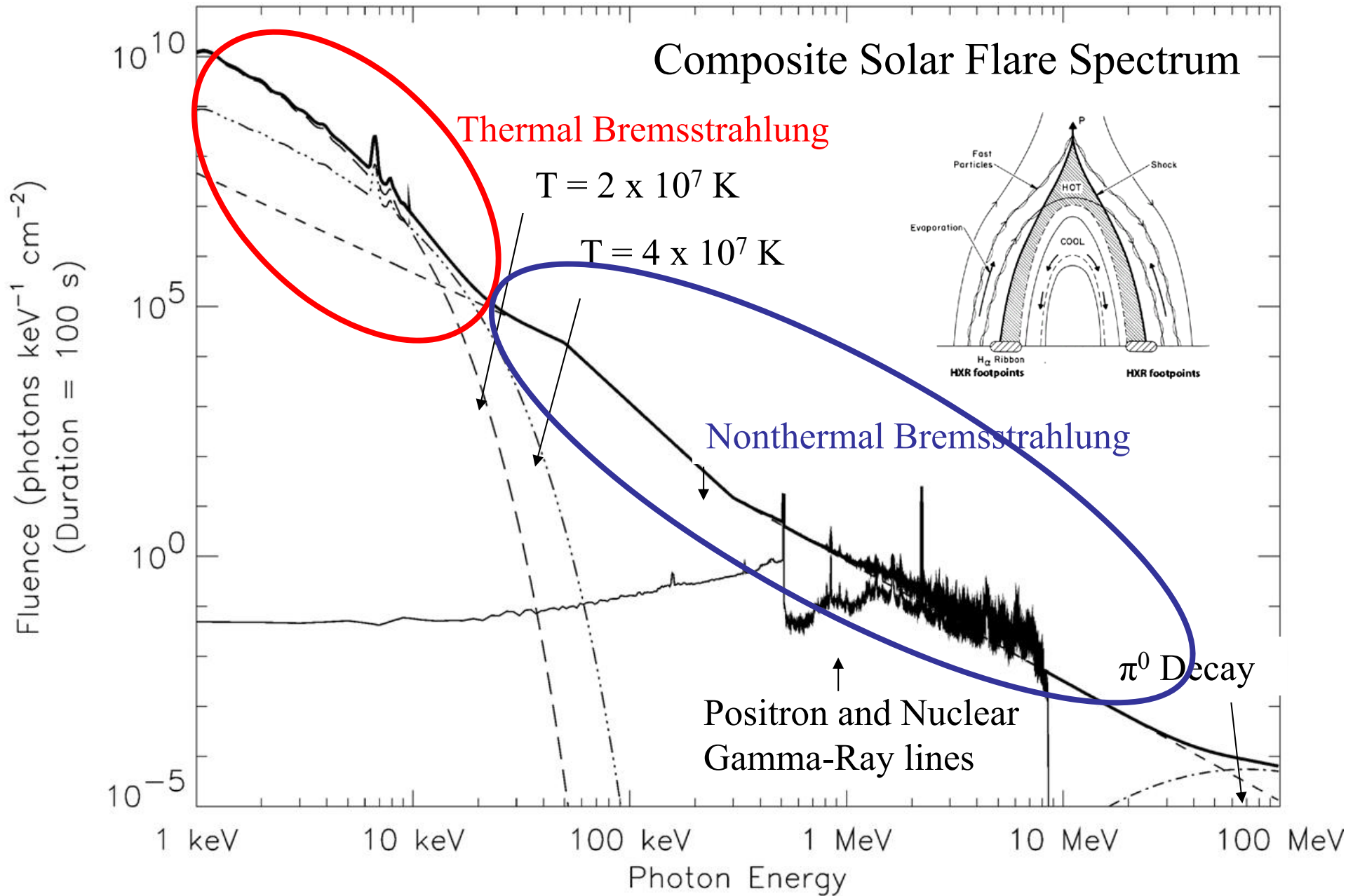


# Characteristics

- Increase in intensity of electromagnetic waves in various wavelengths
- duration  
A few minutes – a few hours
- temperature  
> 10 MK
- Energy  
 $10^{27}$ - $10^{33}$  ergs
- Occurrence  
 1 event/month – 10 events/day



# Composite Solar Flare Spectrum

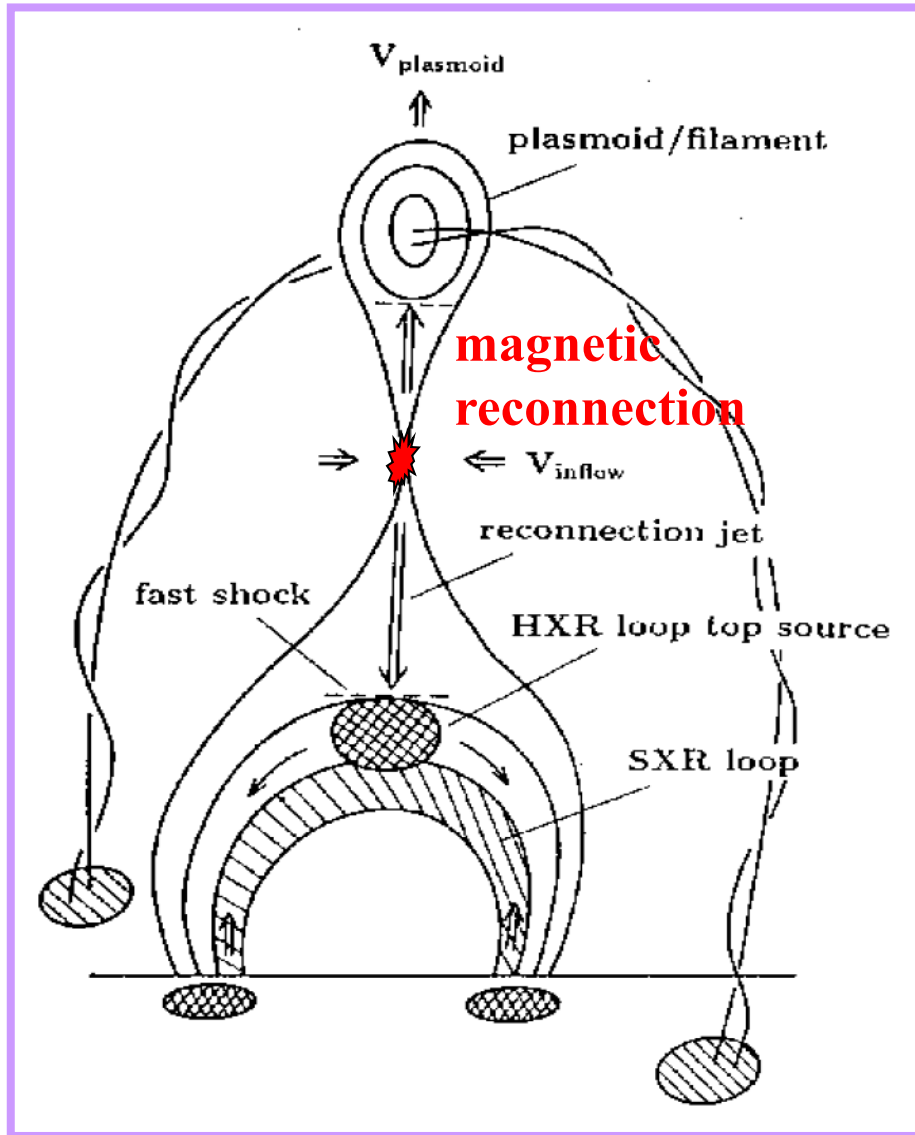


SXR<sub>s</sub>

HXR<sub>s</sub>

gamma-rays

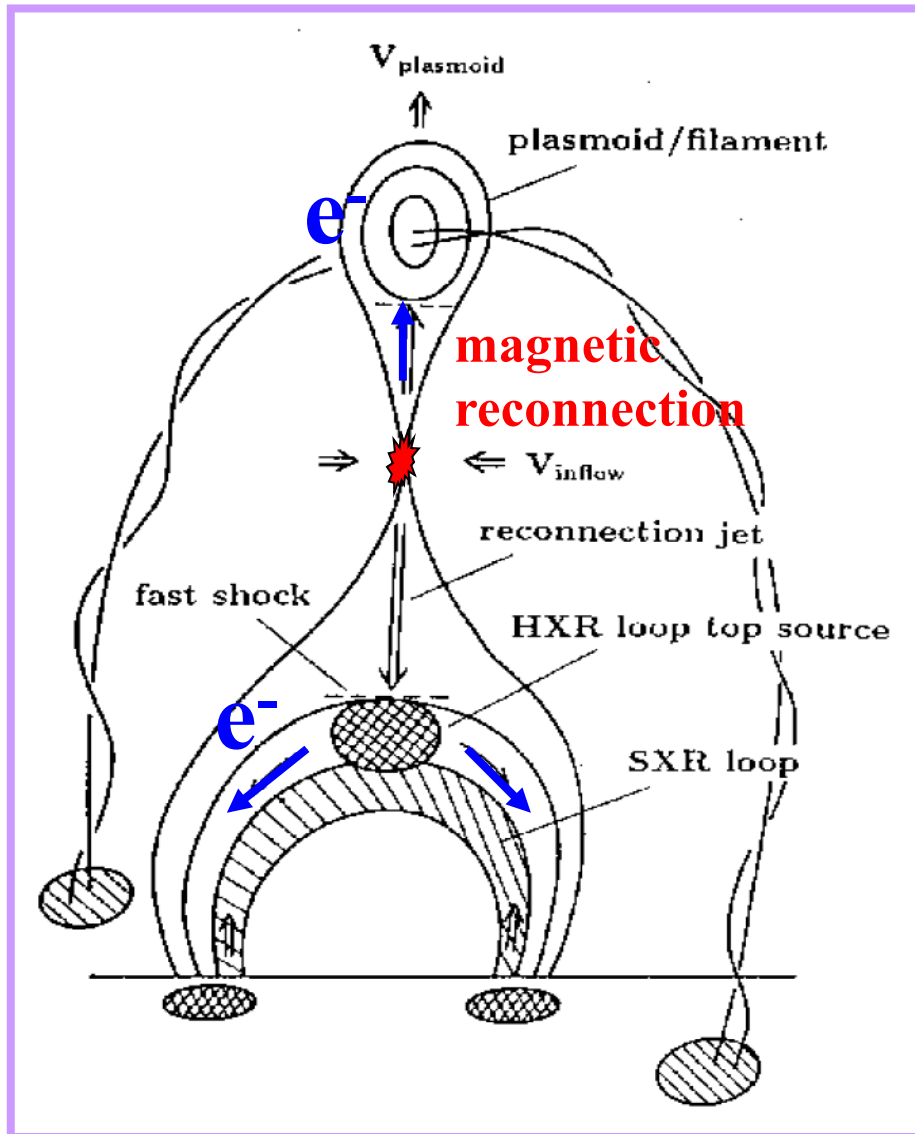
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from Shibata + Krucker

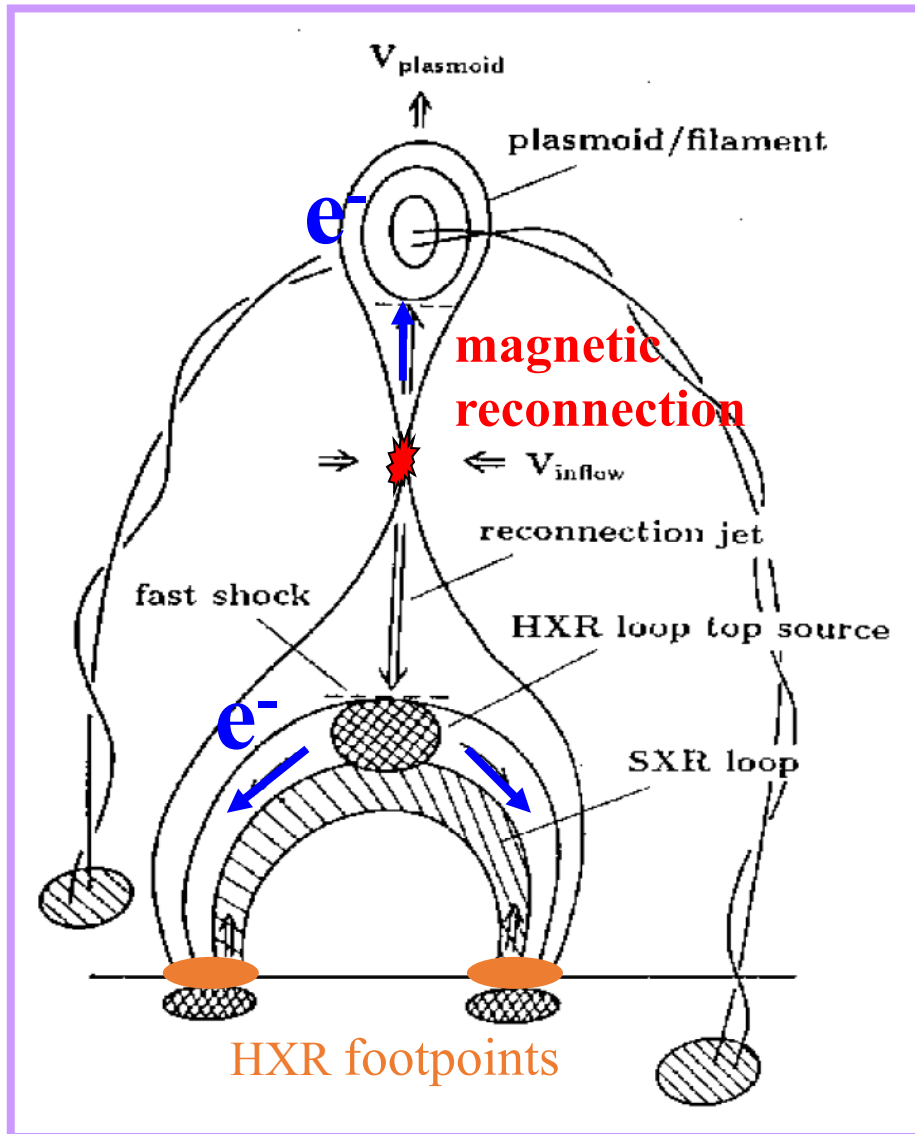
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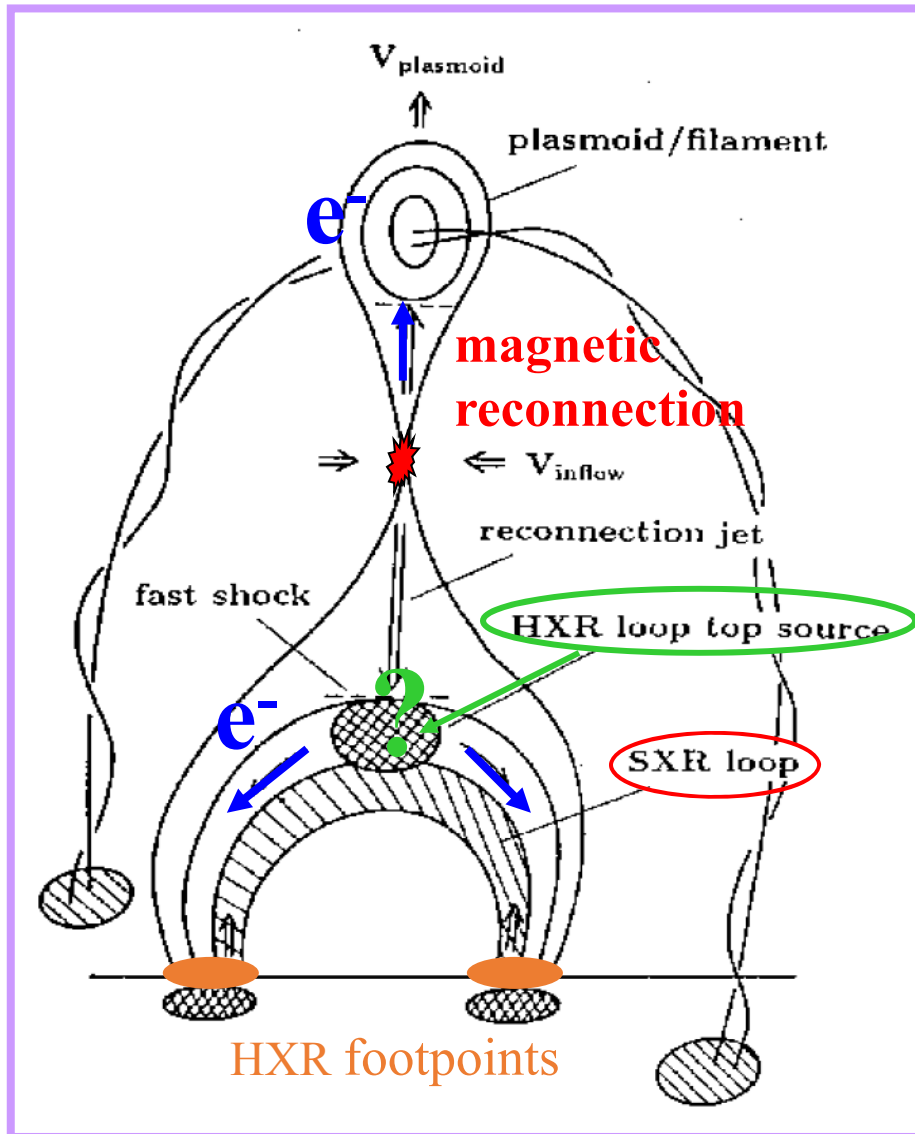
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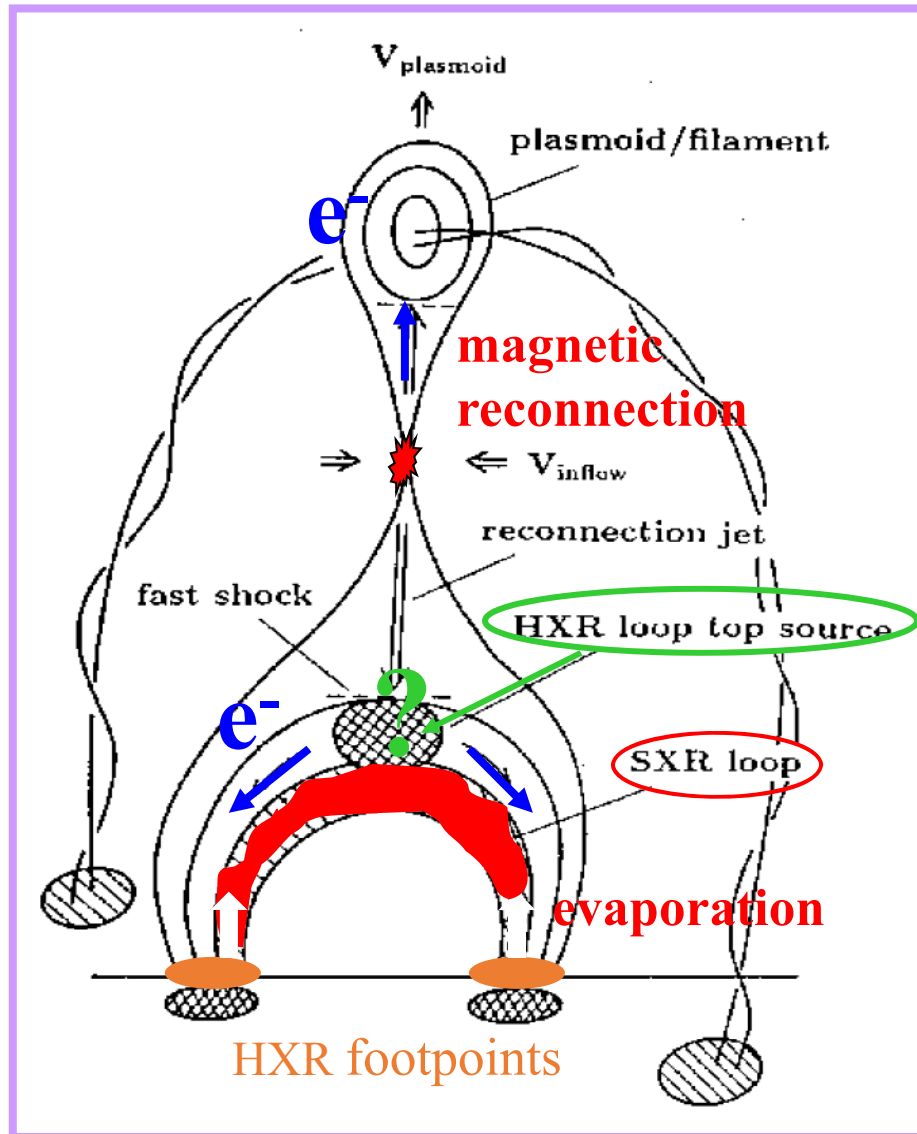


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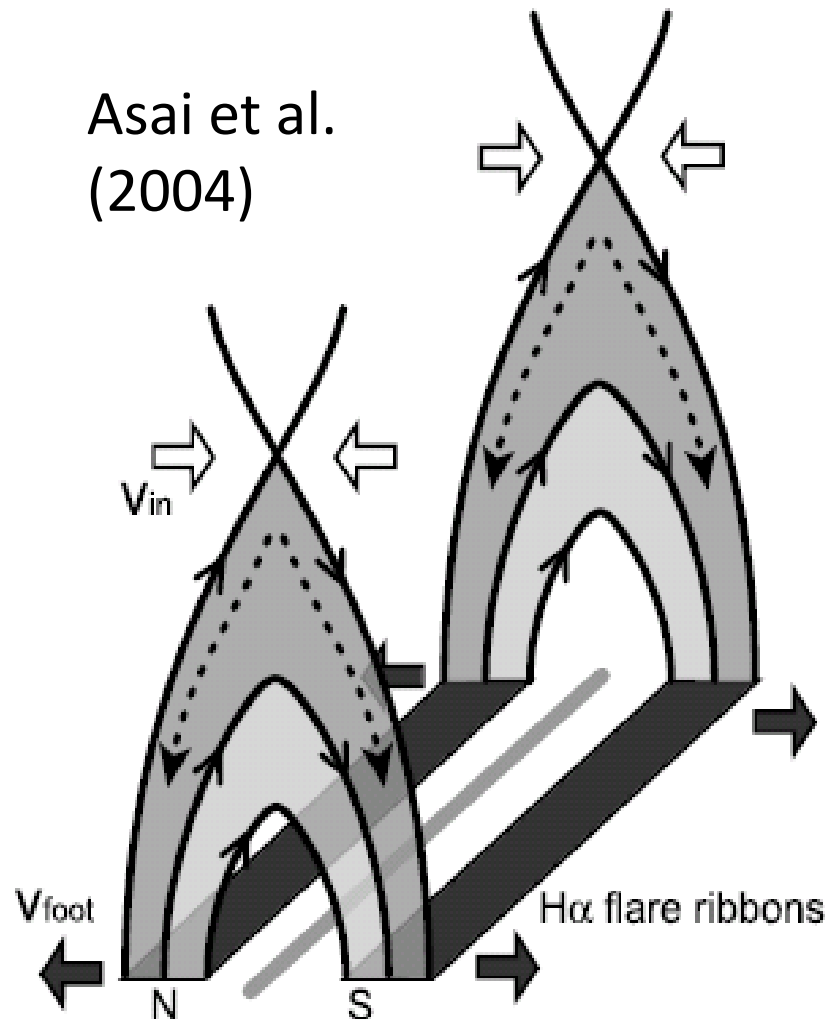
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- 5) collisional losses of acc. electrons heat plasma
- 6) “evaporation” fills loop

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## Relationships between electric field and particle acceleration

$\mathbf{E}_{\text{rec}} = -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$  is estimated from observations.



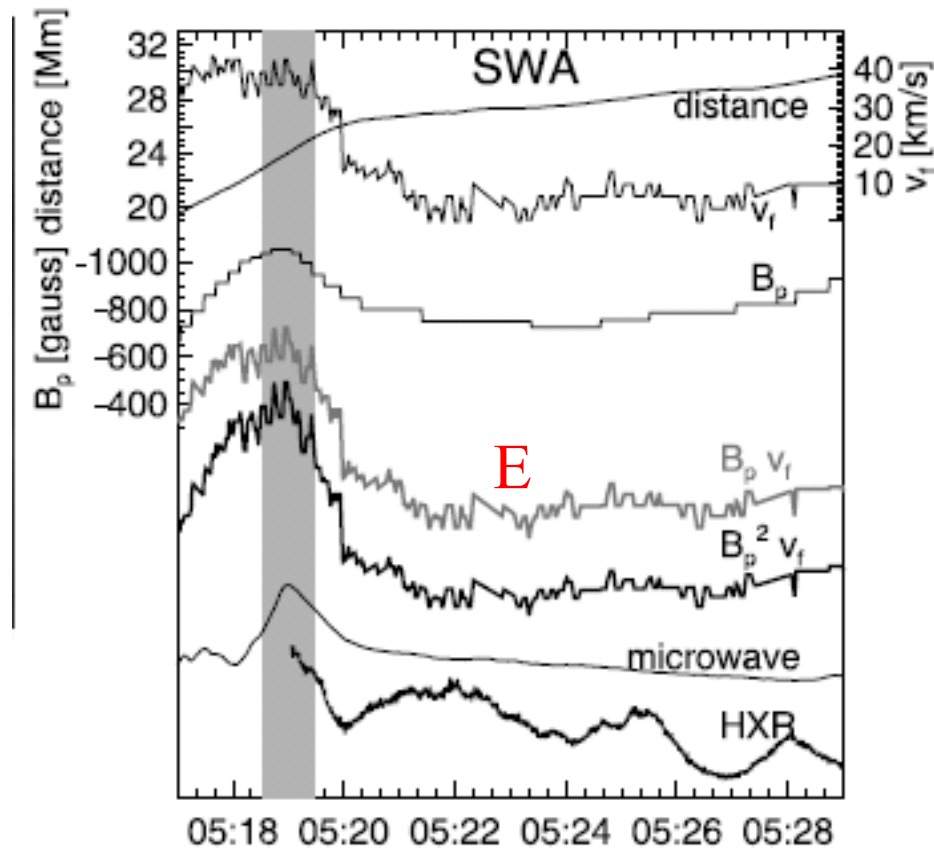
$\mathbf{v}$ : ribbon expansion

$\mathbf{B}$ : photospheric  
magnetic field

Flare ribbon  
(or footpoint HXR source)  
= frontline of continuous  
reconnection in the corona

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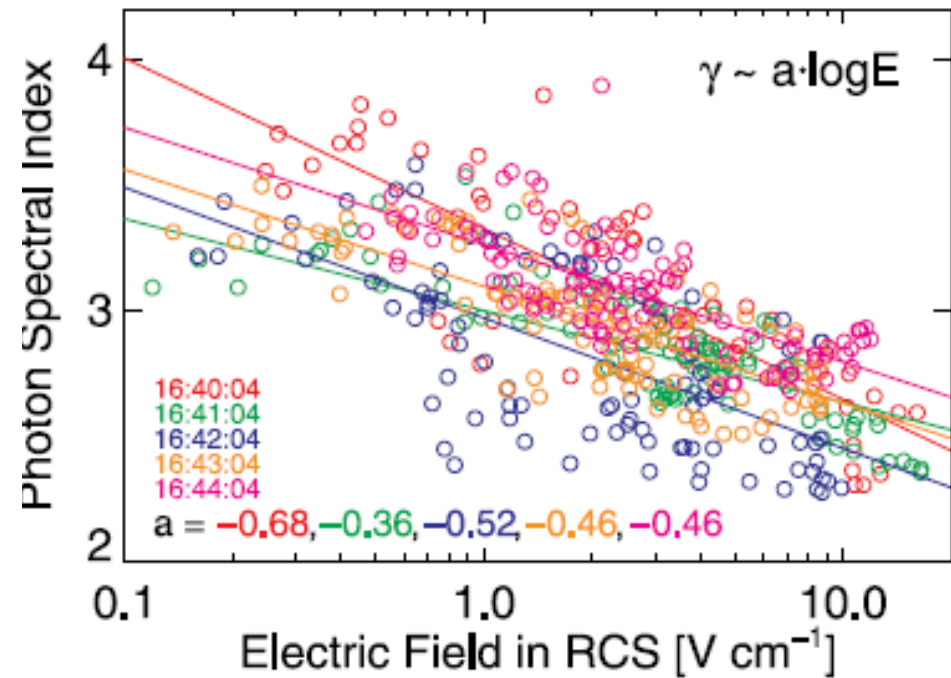
## Electric field vs HXR intensity



↑  
HXR/microwave peak

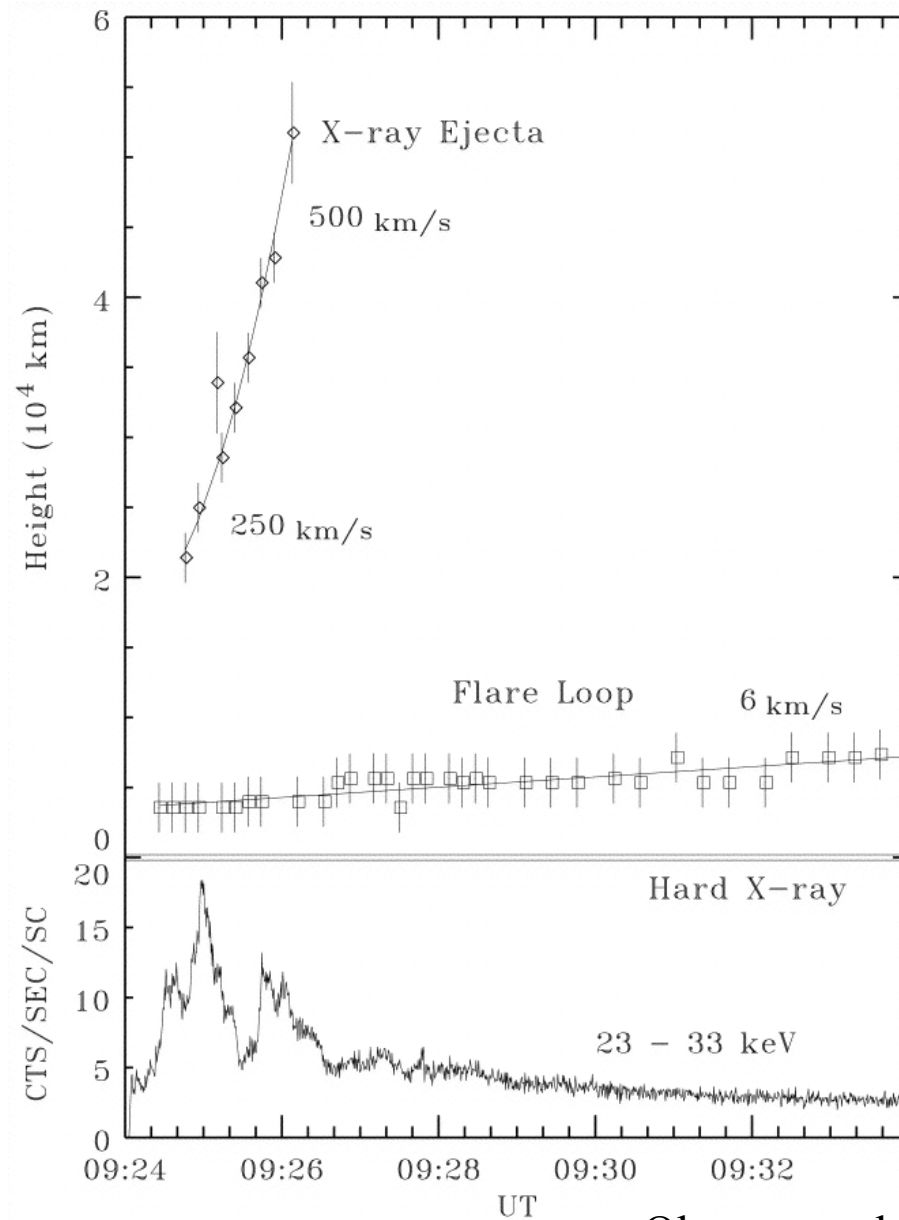
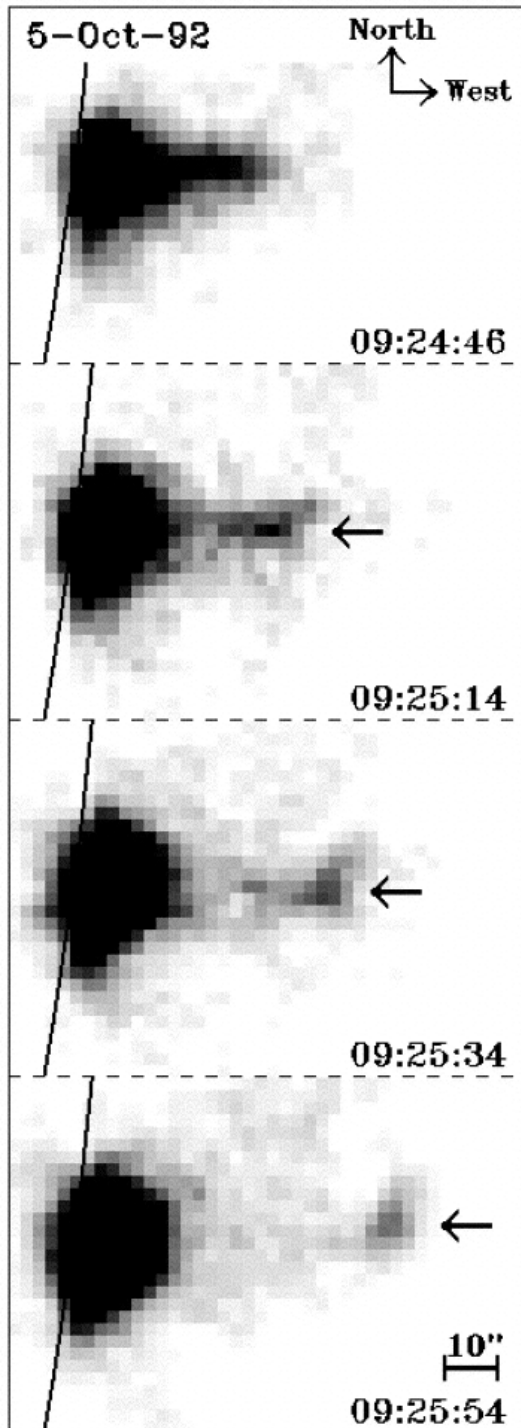
(Asai et al. 2004)

## Electric field vs HXR spectral index



(Liu et al. 2008)

# プラズマ放出現象と粒子加速(硬X線)



Ohyama and Shibata (1998)

# **Purpose**

To understand the relationship between particle acceleration and magnetic reconnection in solar flares.

## **Data Analyses**

### **STEP 1**

**Electric field ← Hard X-ray source motion, photospheric magnetic field  
Ca II ribbon motion, photospheric magnetic field**

### **STEP 2**

**Hard X-ray intensity, spectrum (power-law index) vs electric field  
Microwave intensity, spectrum (power-law index) vs electric field  
Eruption (SDO, STEREO) vs electric field**

# Hard X-rays 硬X線

radiation mechanism 放射機構

Bremsstrahlung 制動放射 ( or free-free emission)

same as soft X-rays

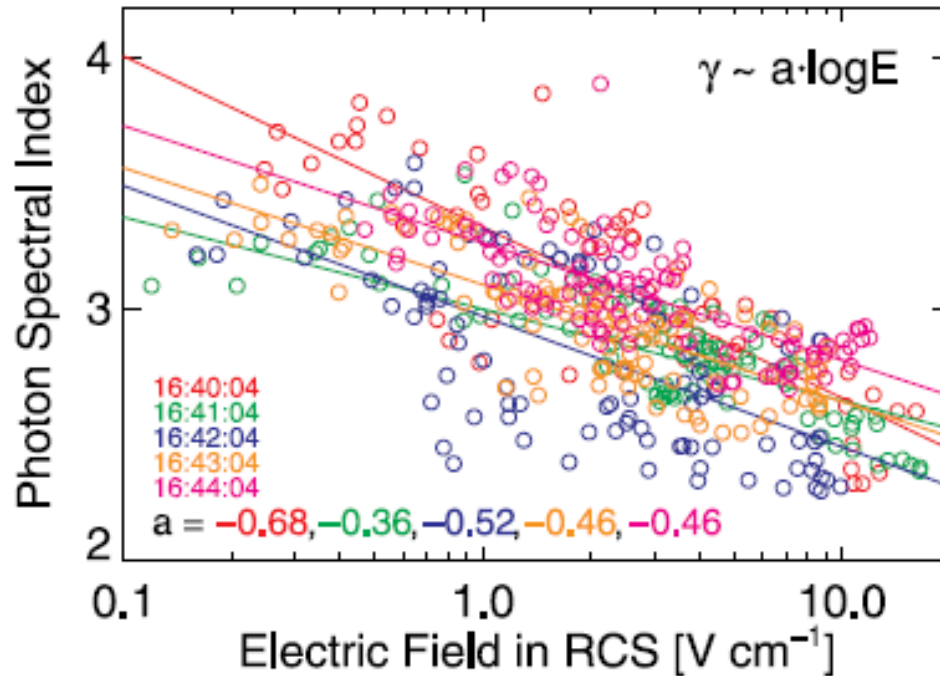
but by nonthermal electrons

or by super-hot ( $>30\text{MK}$ ) plasma

Hard X-rays are detected only during a solar flare.

The solar corona is usually very dark in hard X-rays.

## Electric field vs HXR spectral index



(Liu et al. 2008)

Only in this event, the relationship between hard X-ray spectral index and electric field was reported.

We must check if this relationship is valid or not in other events.

## Event selection

### Criteria

- (1) Reported in the NoRH event list
- (2) Simultaneous observations with RHESSI  
and RHESSI detected  $> 50$  keV photons
- (3) SDO data are available
- (4) Occurred near the disk center (East 30 deg. to West 30 deg.)
- (5) Hinode/SOT data are available

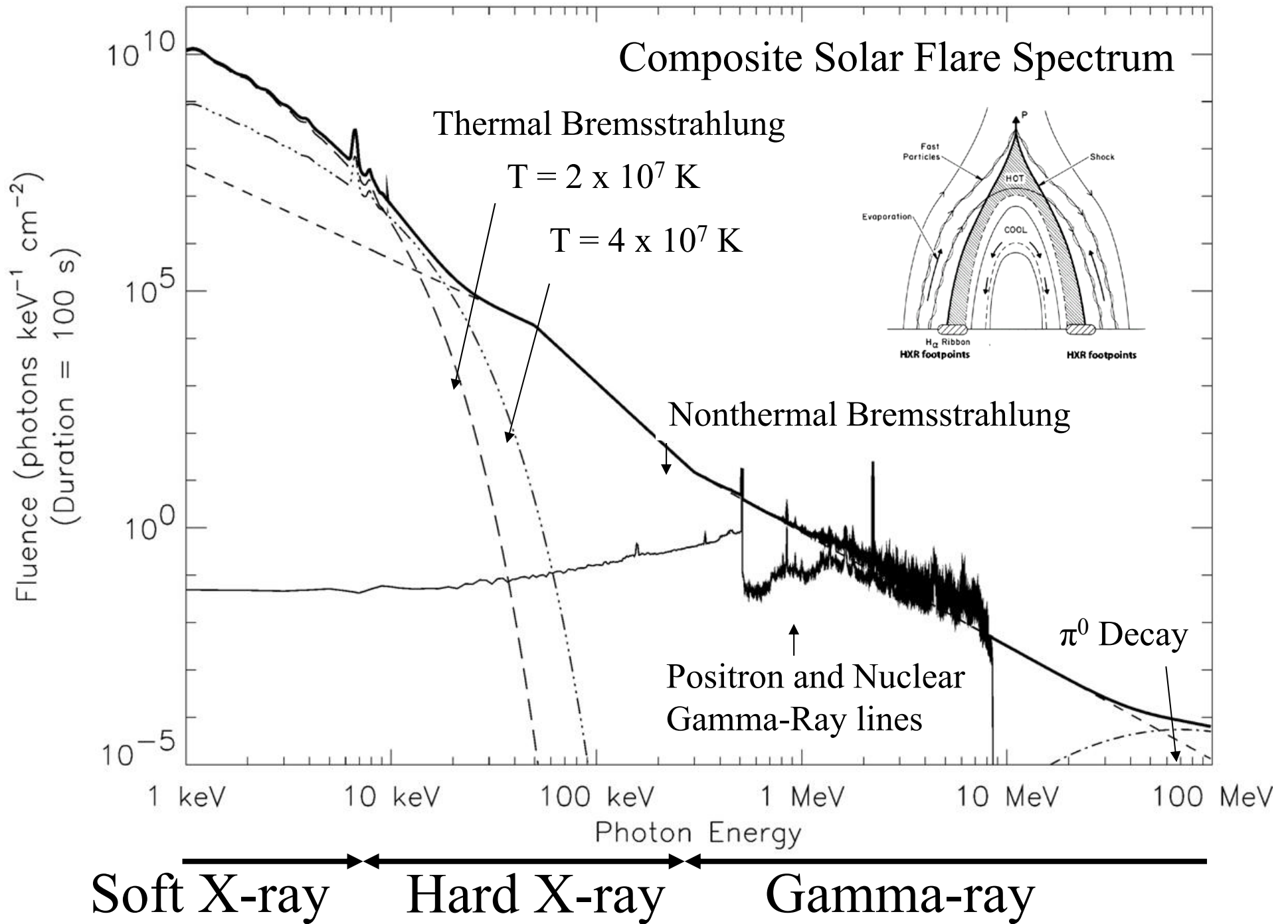
### The selected events

20110215_0154	X2.2	S20W10
20120705_0337	M4.7	S18W29
20130502_0504	M1.1	N10W26





# Hard X-ray Observations in solar flares



## 2.4.2 hard X-ray telescope 硬X線望遠鏡

It is very hard to reflect hard X-rays with a mirror optics.

modulation-collimator type telescope (すだれコリメータ)  
proposed by Dr. Minoru Oda (小田 稔)

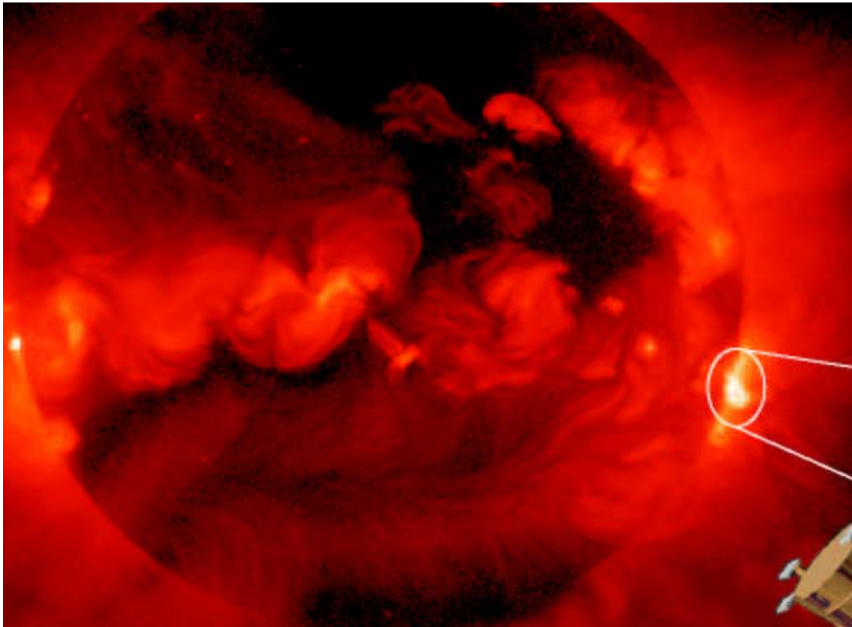
Characteristics of hard X-rays:

high transmission, low diffraction  
(高い透過性、低い回折性 = 高い直進性)

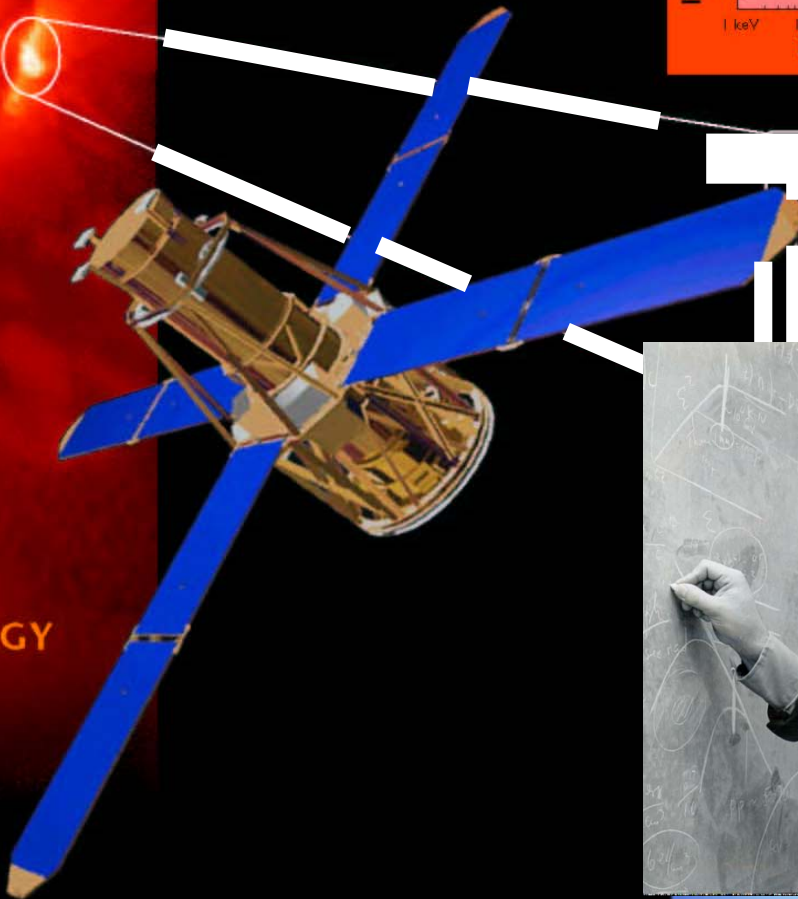
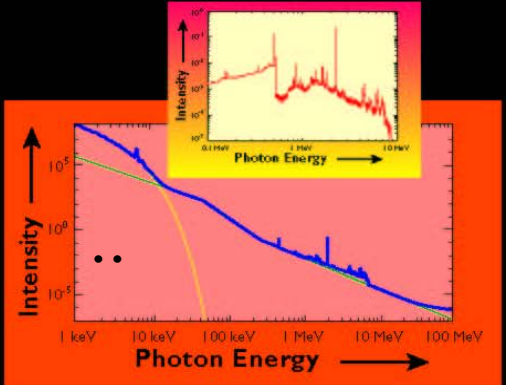
Hinotori/SXT (1981 – 1982) rotating bigrid

Yohkoh/HXT (1991 – 2001) multi-element bigrid

RHESSI (2002 – present) rotating multi-element bigrid

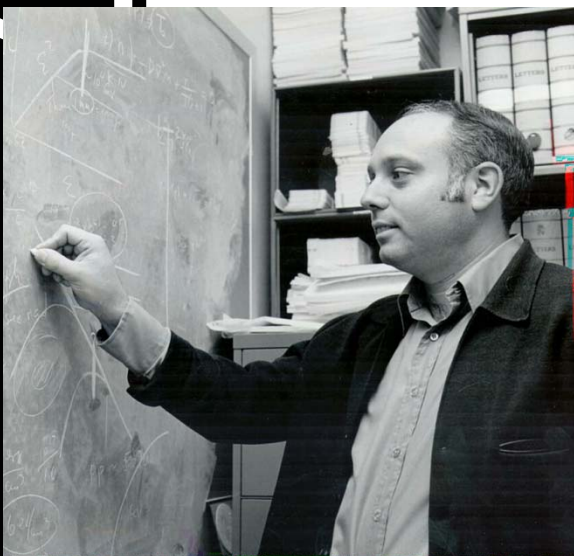


High-Resolution Spectroscopic Imaging of Solar Flares in X Rays and Gamma Rays



# RHESSI

THE REUVEN RAMATY HIGH ENERGY SOLAR SPECTROSCOPIC IMAGER

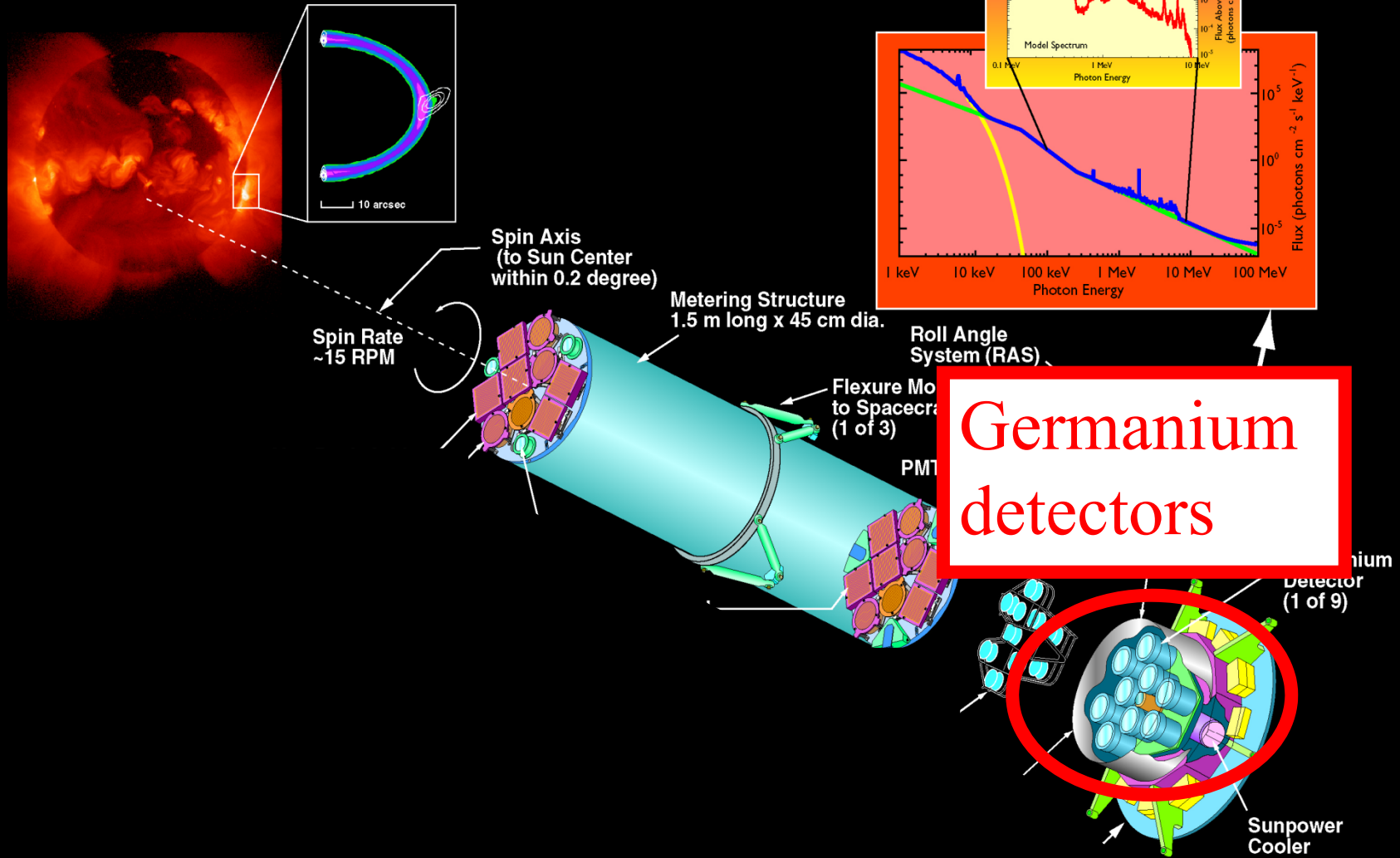


Reuven Ramaty  
1937 – 2001



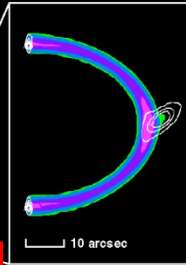
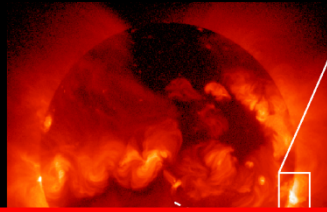
*To explore the basic physics of particle acceleration and explosive energy release in solar flares*

# RHESSI Imaging Spectroscopy





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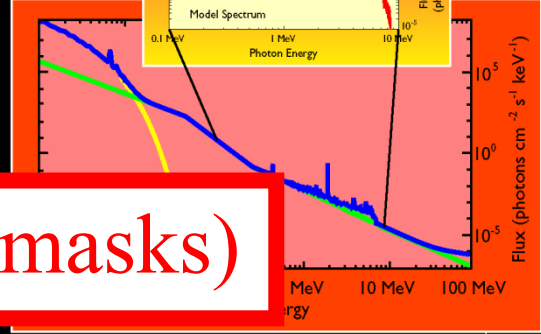
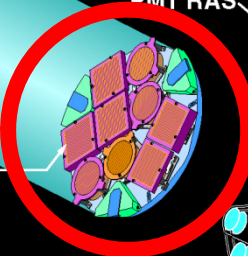
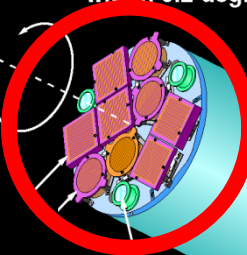


spinning spacecraft

Spin Axis (to Sun Center within 0.2 degree)  
Spin Rate ~15 RPM

grids (masks)

1.5 m long x 45 cm dia.



Roll Angle System (RAS)

Flexure Mount to Spacecraft (1 of 3)

PMT RAS

Cryostat

Germanium Detector (1 of 9)

Sunpower Cooler

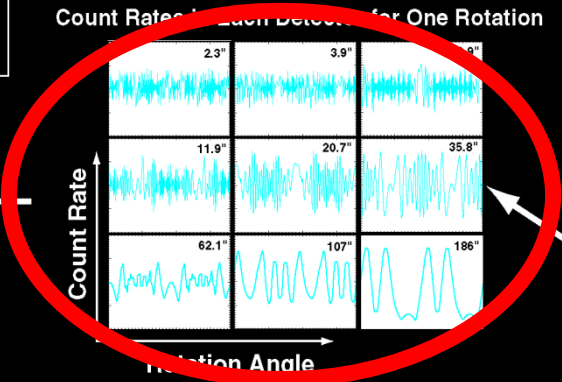
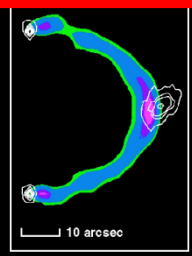
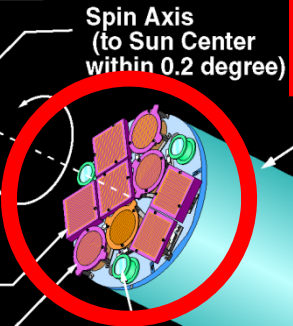
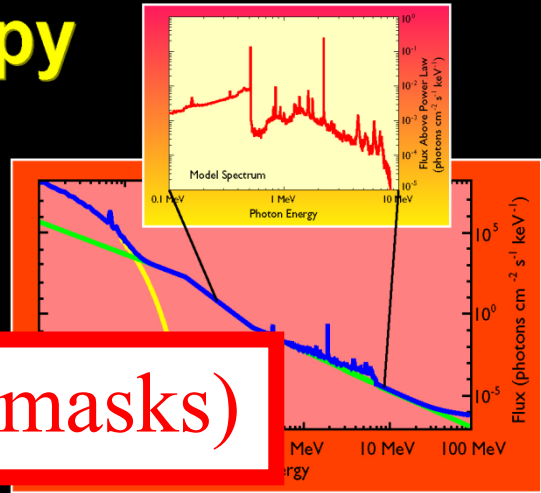
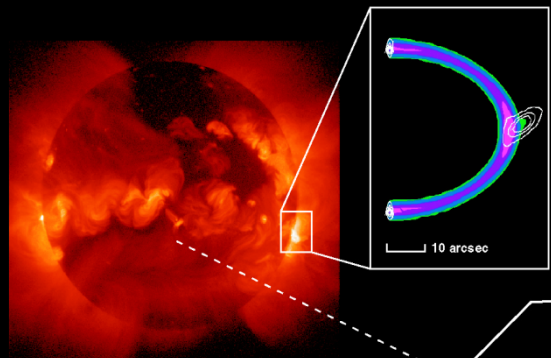


# RHESSI Imaging Spectroscopy

Modulated signal

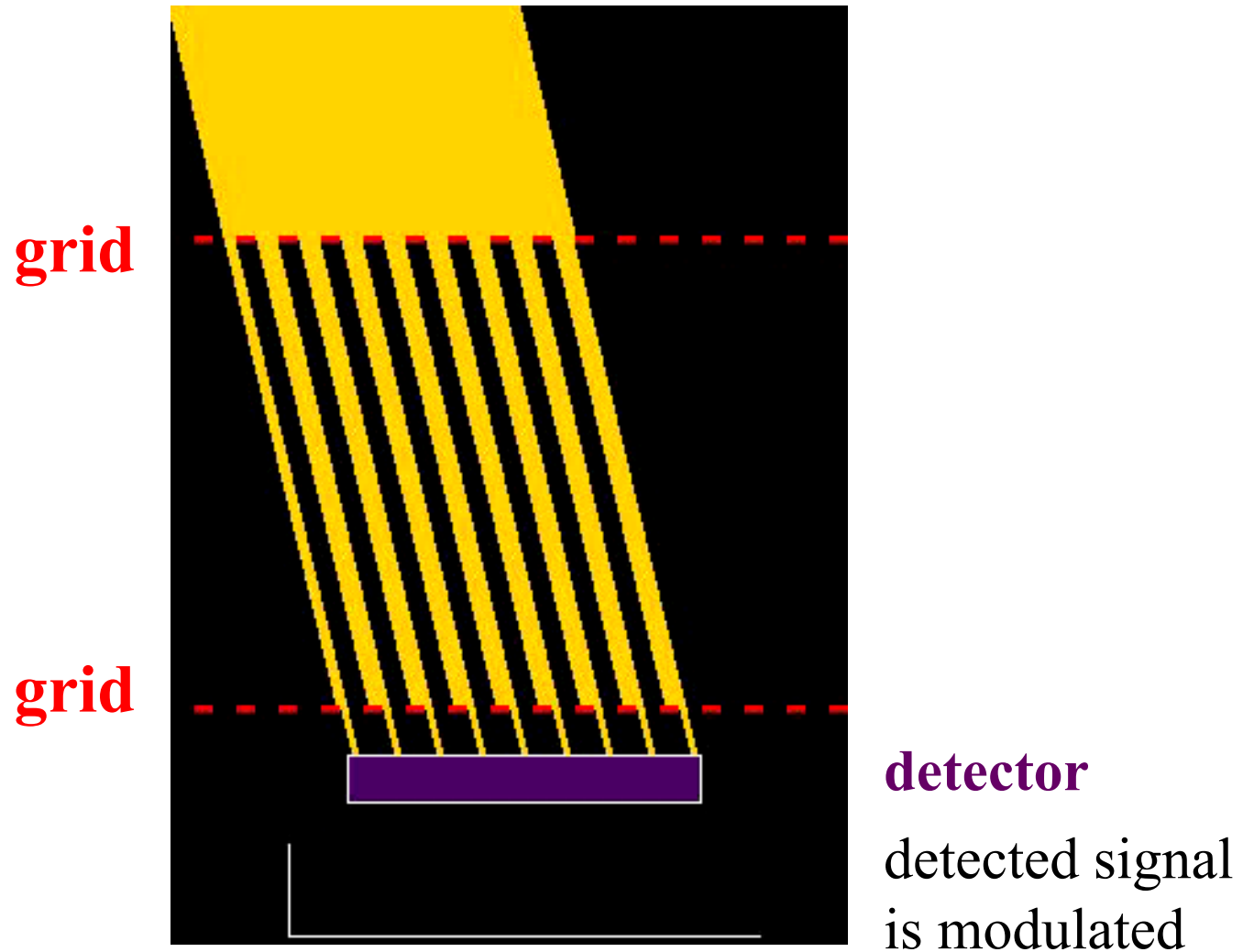
grids (masks)

image information is stored in modulations

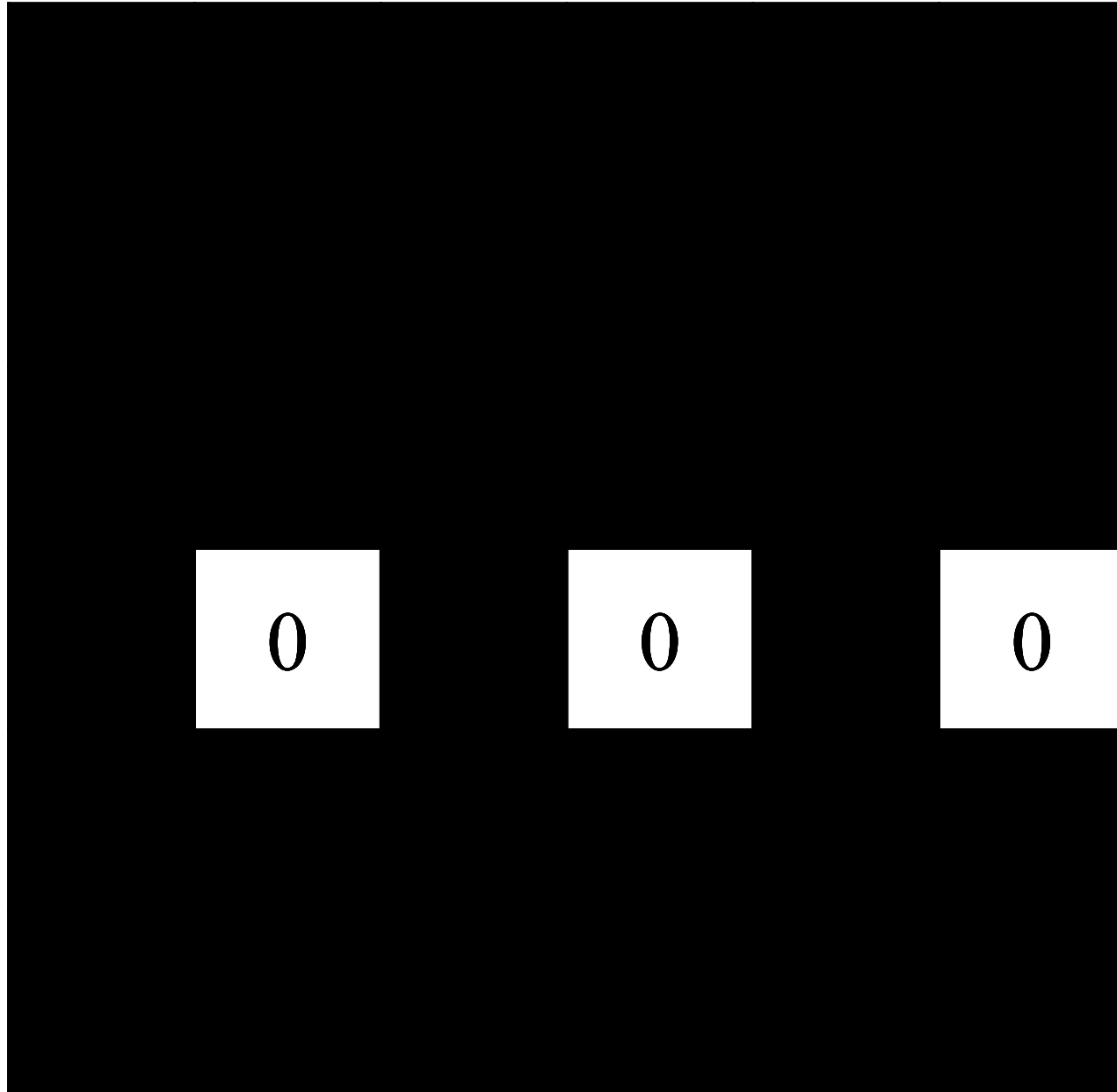


# RHESSI imaging

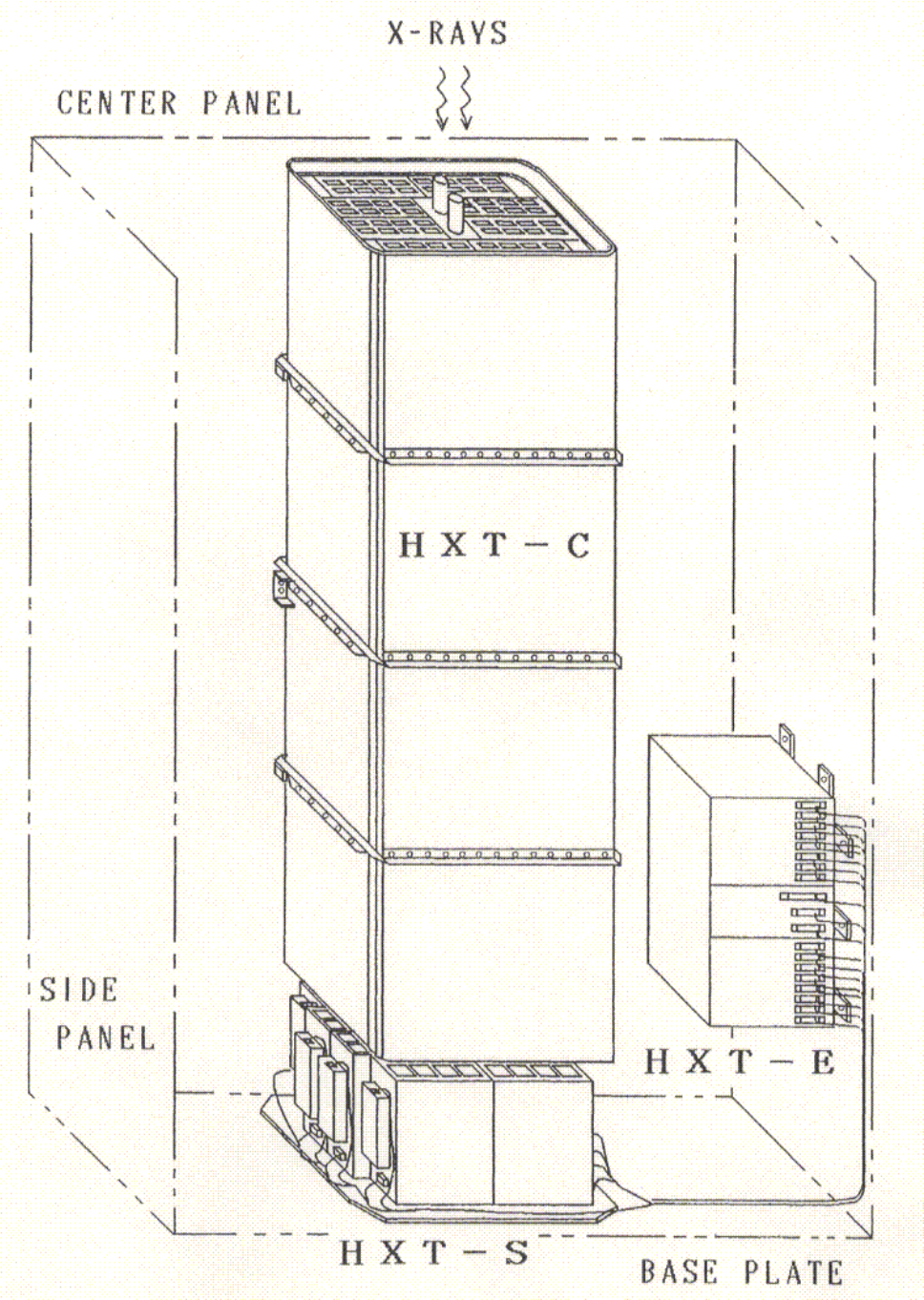
incoming X-rays



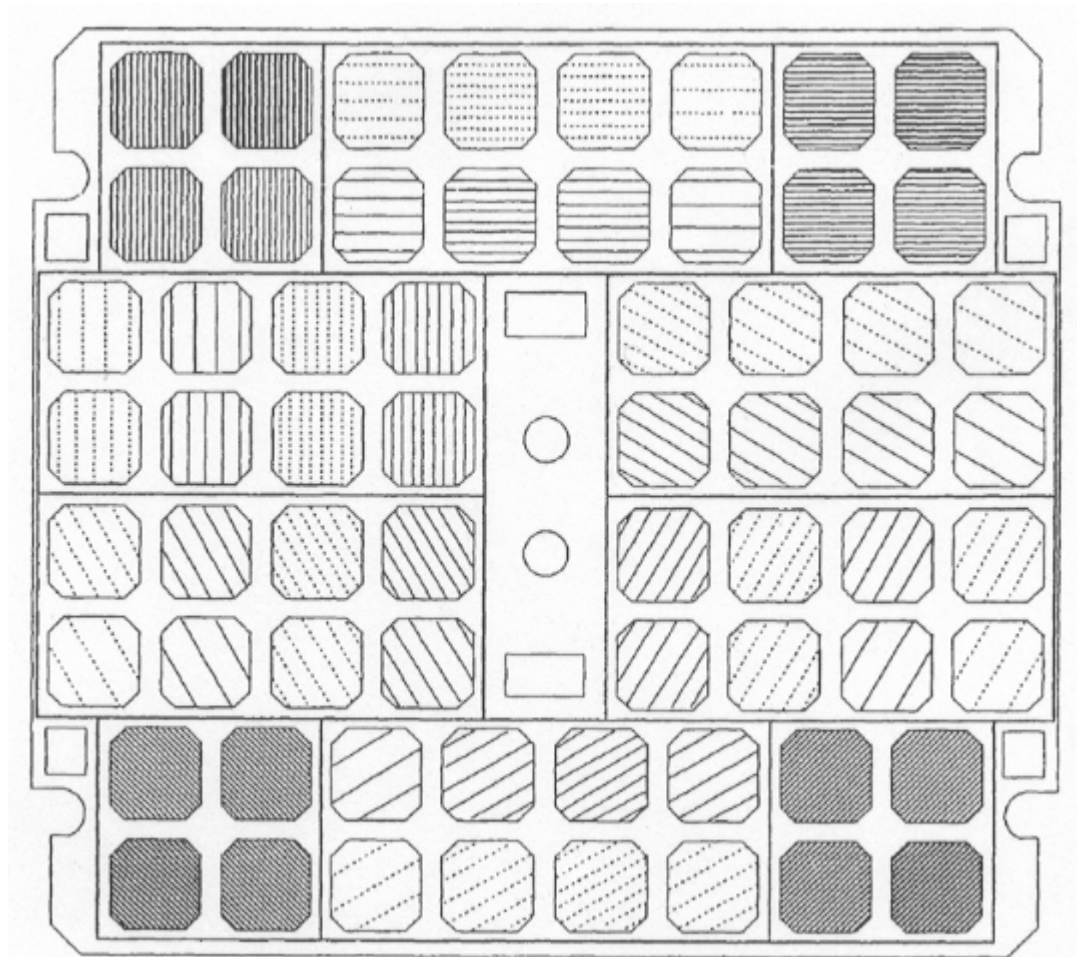
# Spatial distribution of hard X-ray sources (硬X線源の分布)



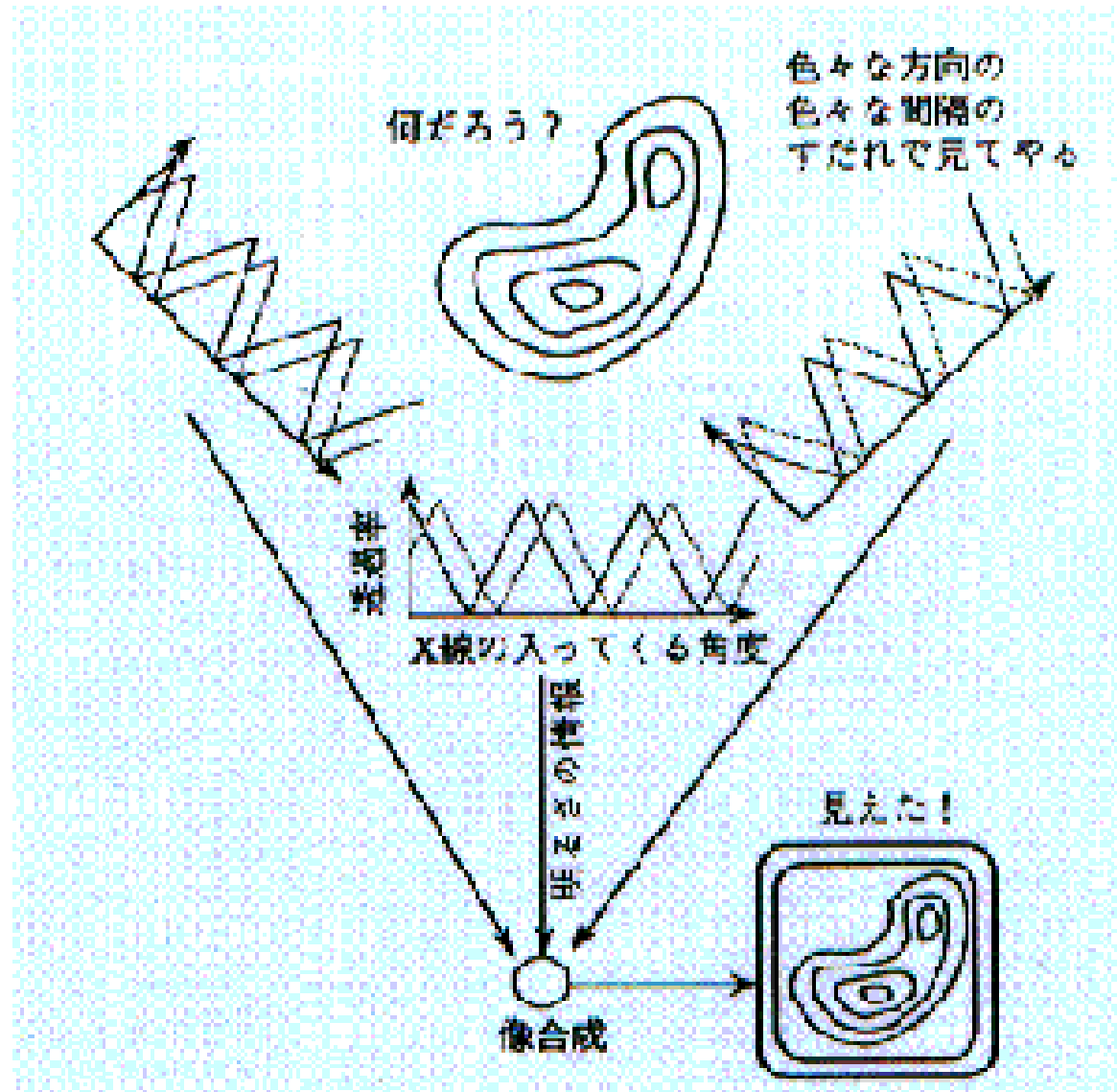
Yohkoh  
Hard X-ray Telescope

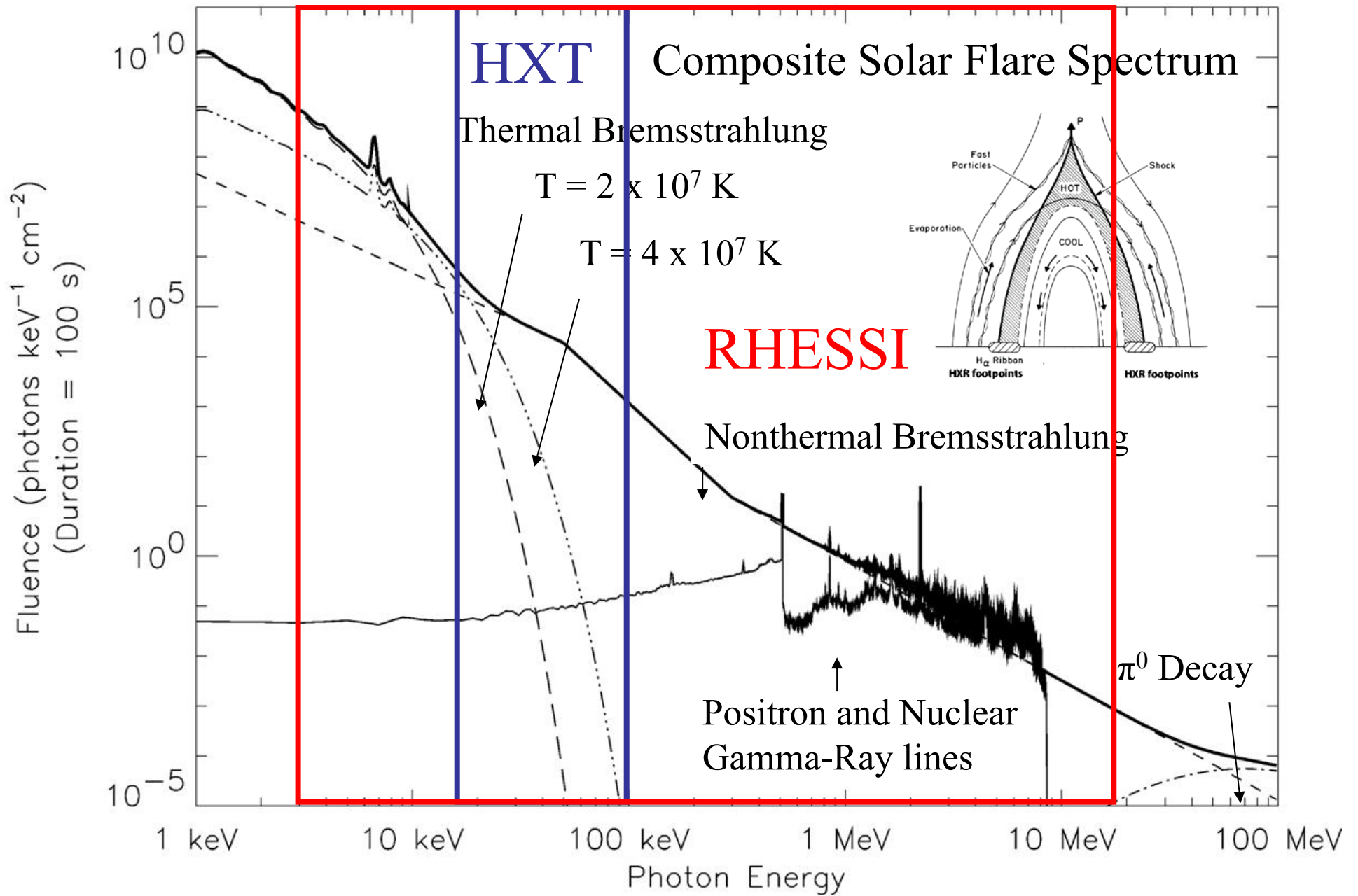


# Yohkoh/HXT: concept of modulation collimators



# Image synthesis by modulation collimators すだれコリメータによる像合成の概念図



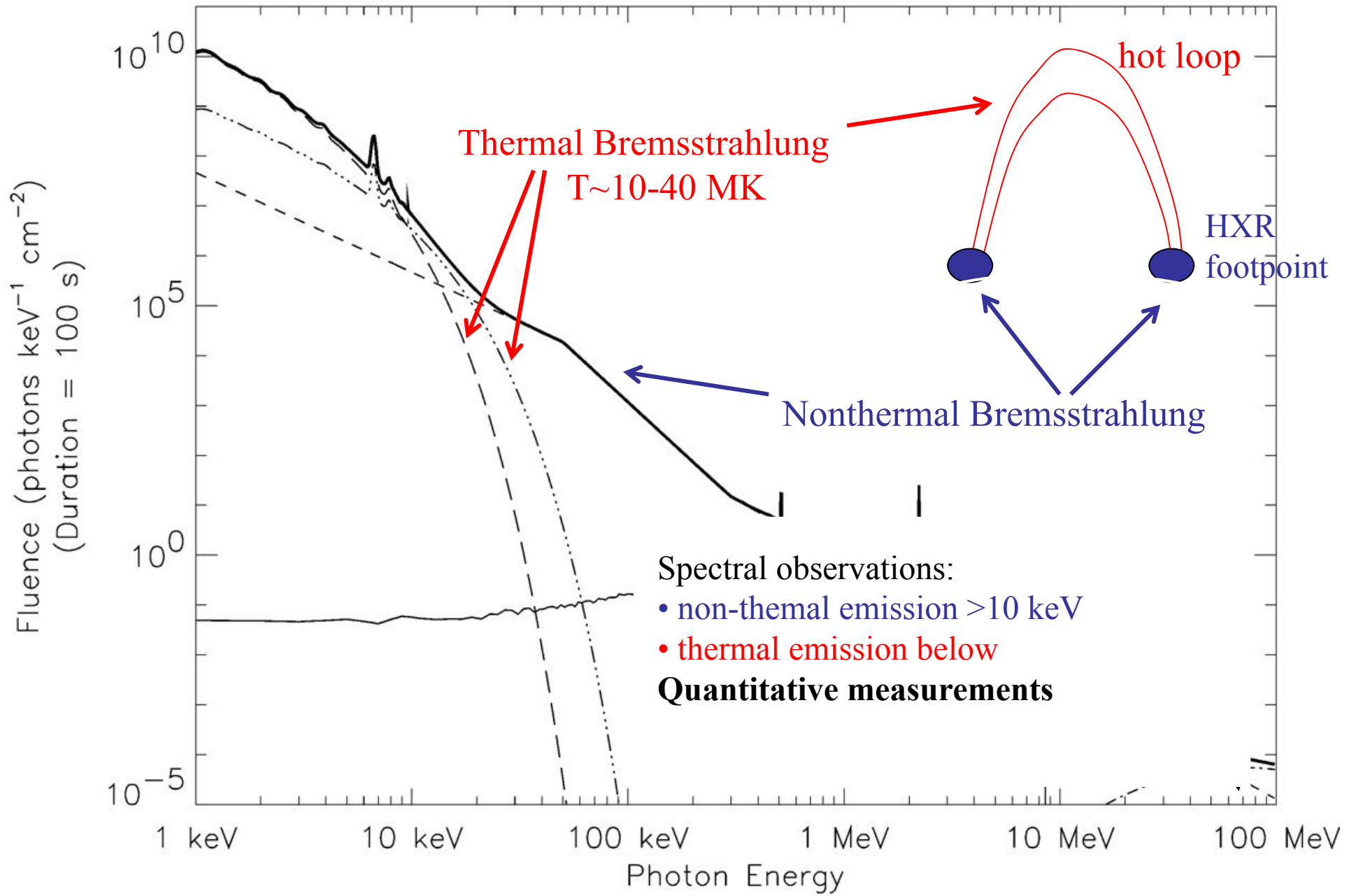


Soft X-ray      Hard X-ray      Gamma-ray



# Yohkoh/HXT vs RHESSI

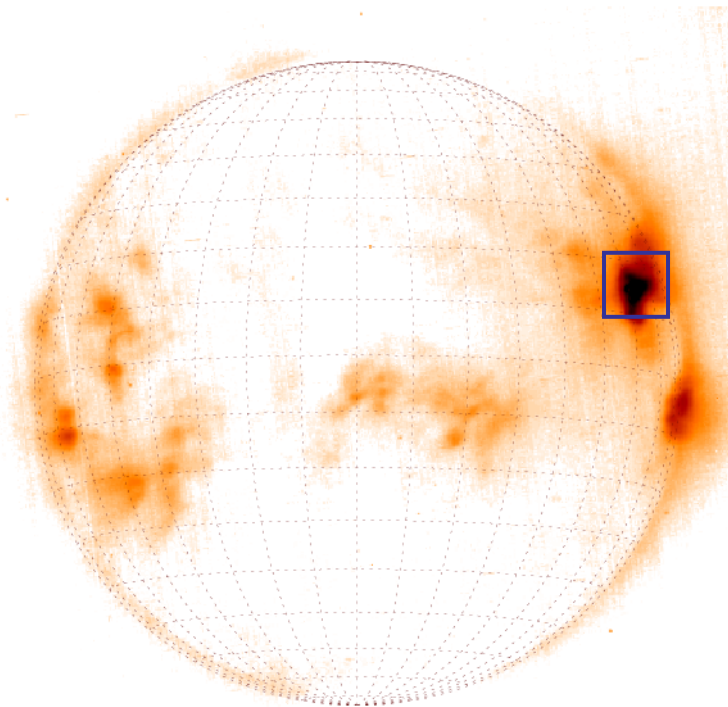
	Yohkoh/HXT	RHESSI
Effective area	~60cm <sup>2</sup> (64 detectors)	~100cm <sup>2</sup> (9 detectors)
Energy range	14-93 keV	3 keV – 15 MeV
Energy resolution	2 keV at 10 keV 10 keV at 100 keV	< 1 keV at 3 keV 5 keV at 15 MeV
Field of view	full sun	full sun
Spatial resolution	~5 arcsec	<del>2 arcsec &lt; 100 keV 7 arcsec &lt; 400 keV 36 arcsec &gt; 400 keV</del>
Time resolution	0.5 sec	2 sec
Dynamic range	~10:1	<del>50:1 – 100:1</del>



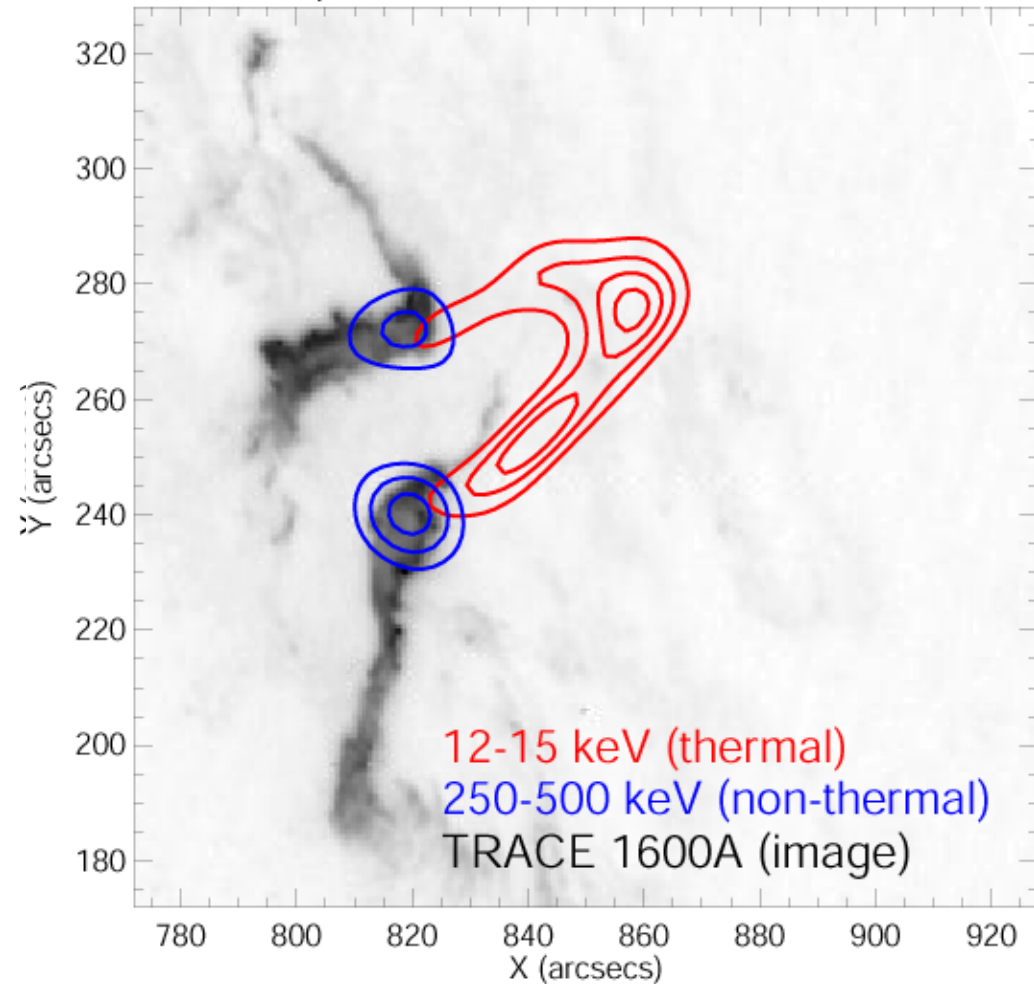
# X-ray imaging

Example:  
very large flare occurring near solar limb (side view)

GOES SXI: 20-Jan-2005 06:44:29.148 UT



flare peak: 20-Jan-2005 06:45:10.994 UT



Two ribbon flare with 2 HXR footpoints (blue) and thermal loop (red)

# flare near solar disk center (view from above)

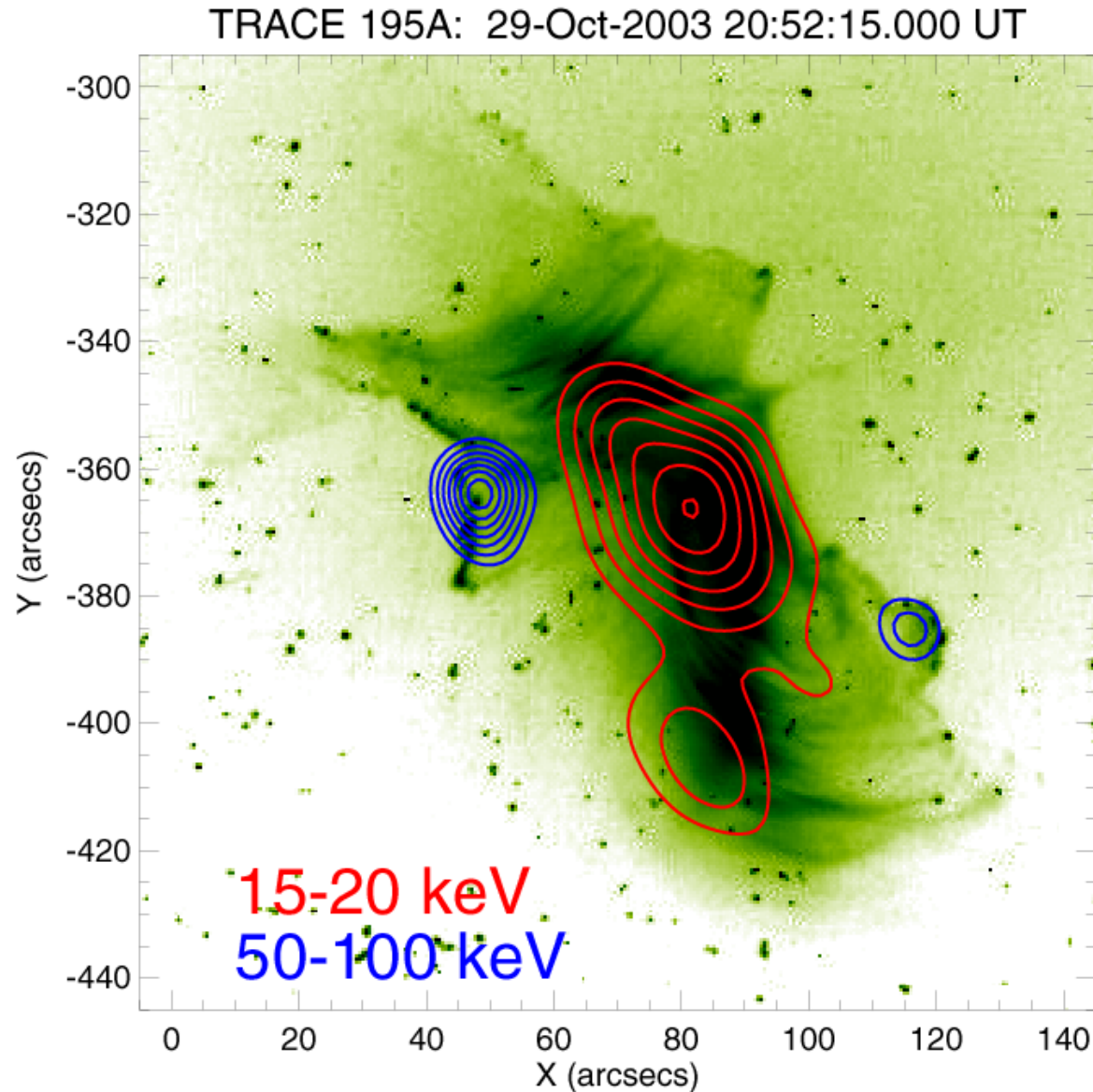


IMAGE:

TRACE EUV emission  
~1.5MK

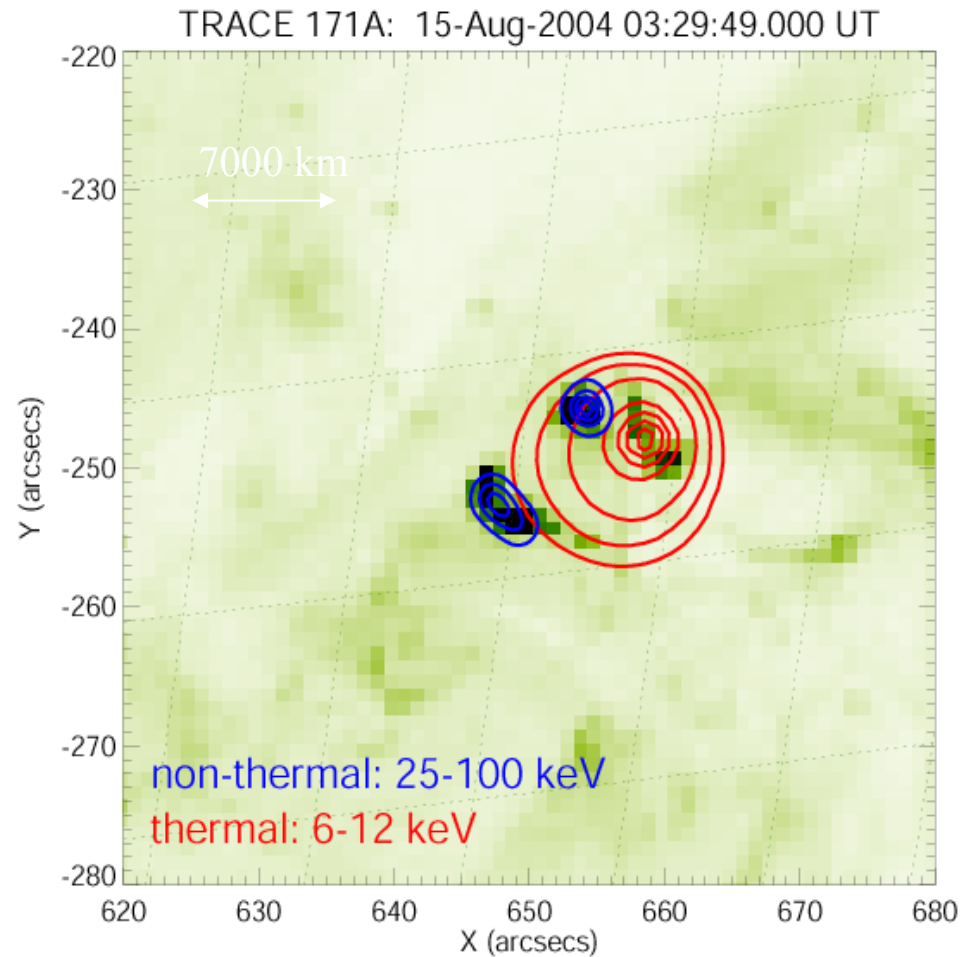
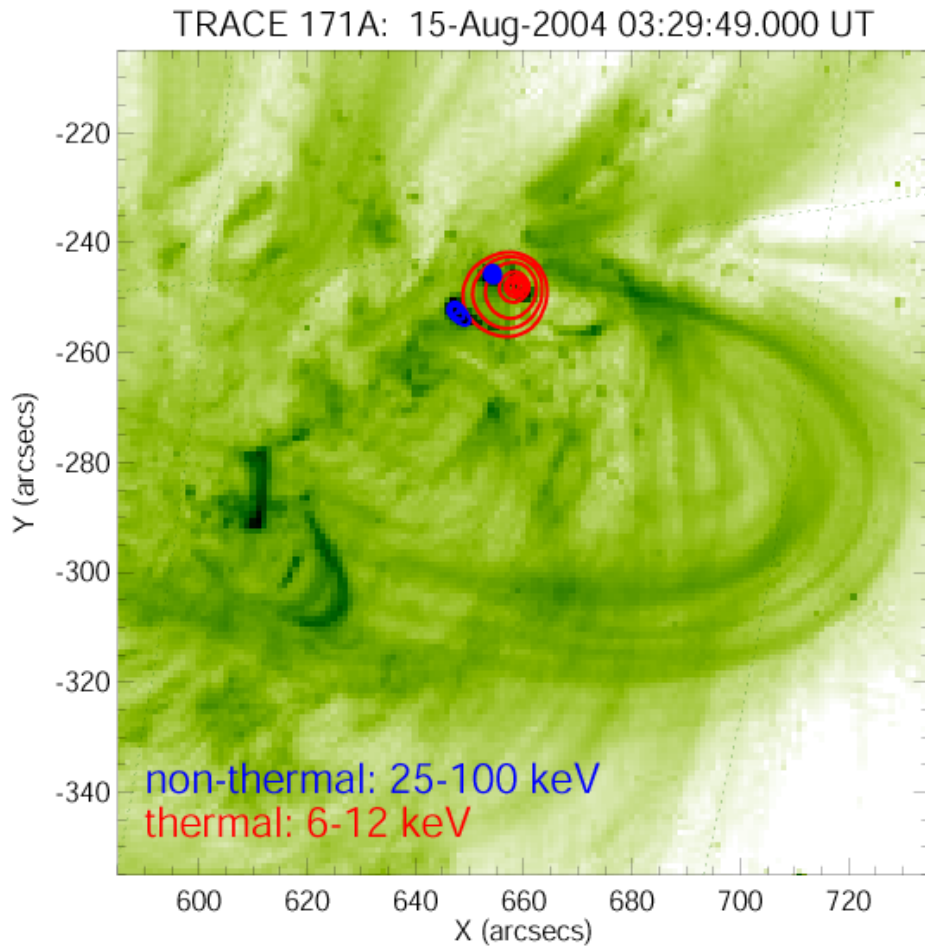
blue contours:

HXR footpoints  
(non-thermal  
Bremsstrahlung)

red contours:

thermal X-ray emission

# Very compact flare



2" (1500 km) spatial resolution