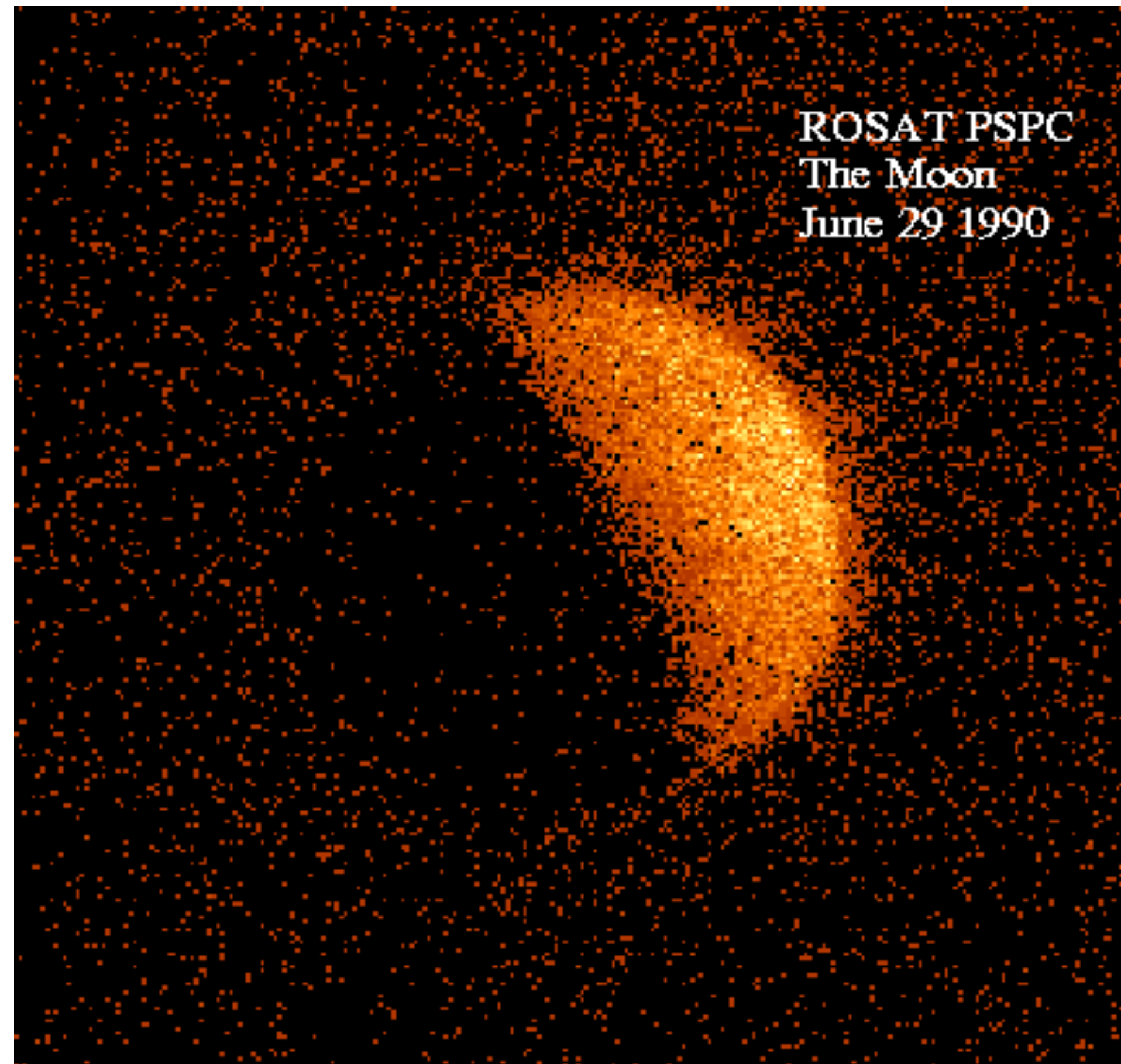


# Summary

**Some history, neglected topics, & questions**

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The unexpected detection of bright X-ray emission from comets, which could be explained only with charge-exchange



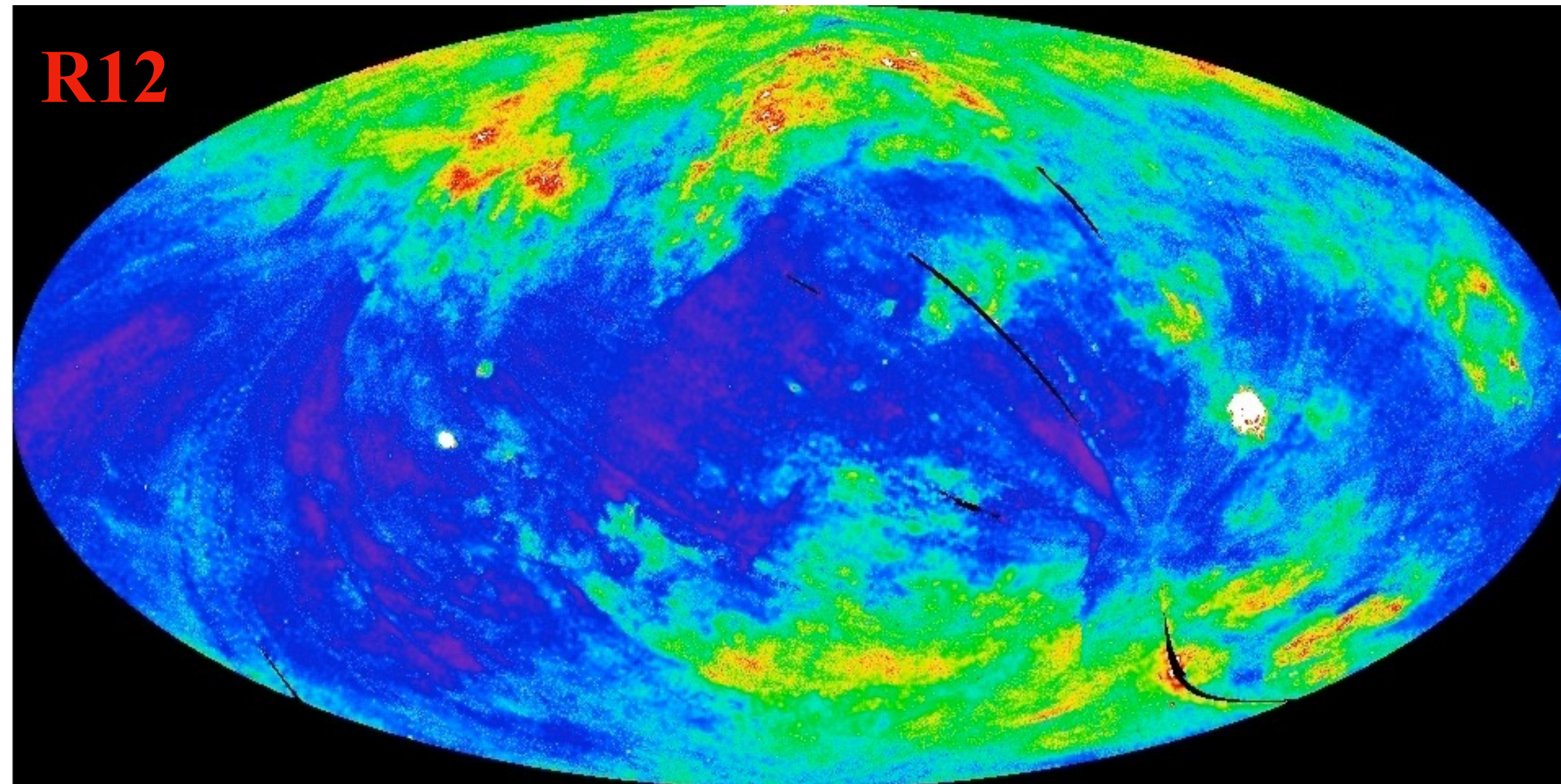
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First seen by ROSAT in the All Sky-Survey, though it was not recognized. The Long-Term Enhancements (LTEs) in the X-ray background with time-scales of hours to days.

Since each point viewed multiple times over successive orbits, the LTEs could be “measured” by a constrained minimization routine.

Steve Snowden did a pretty good job, what remains are

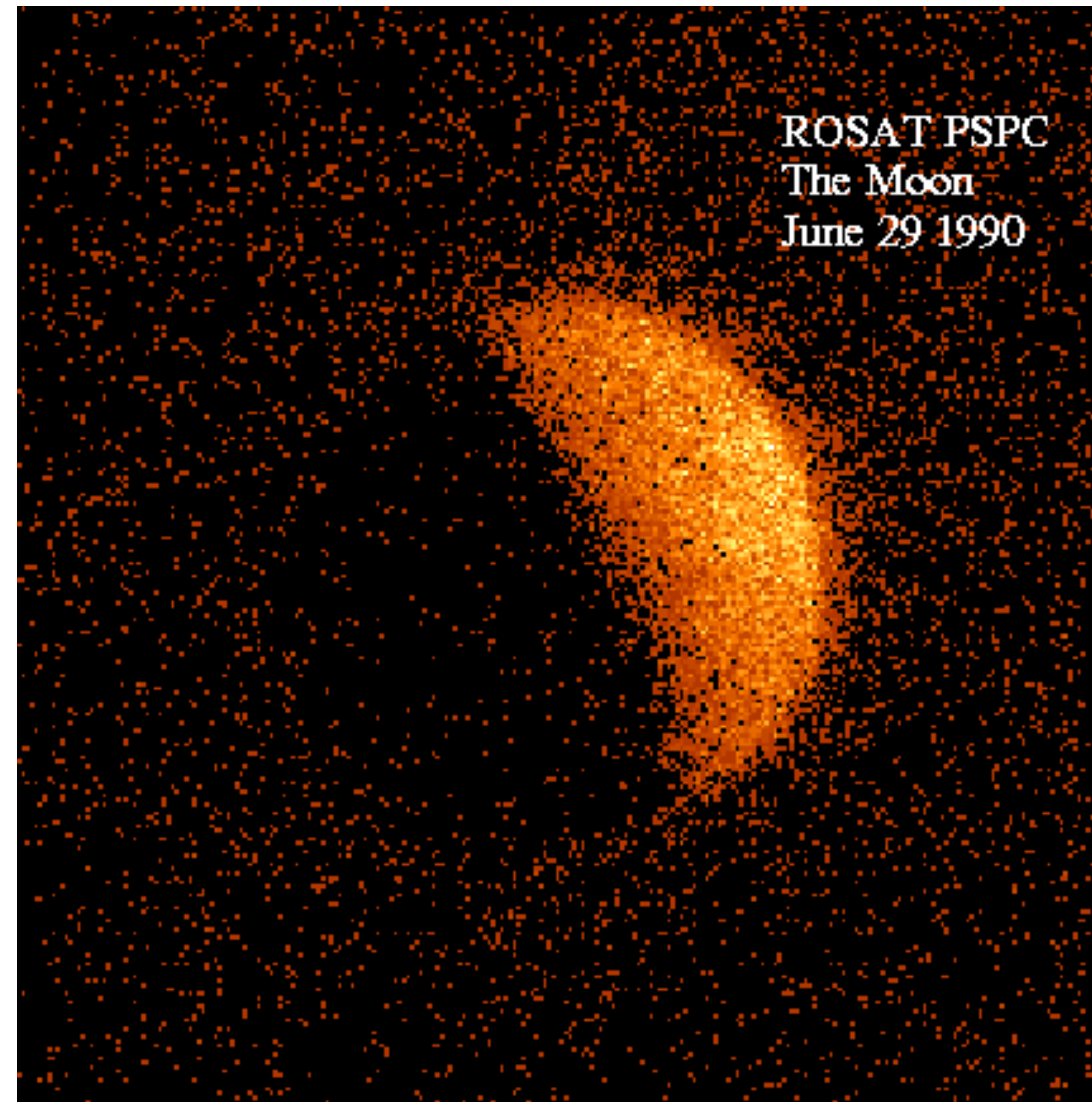
- Faint residuals of the LTEs
- Non-time-variable component of the SWCX



# History

LTEs removed without actually knowing what they were, but...

Observation of the dark side of the moon had same rate as the contemporary LTE rate → the emission is cis-lunar



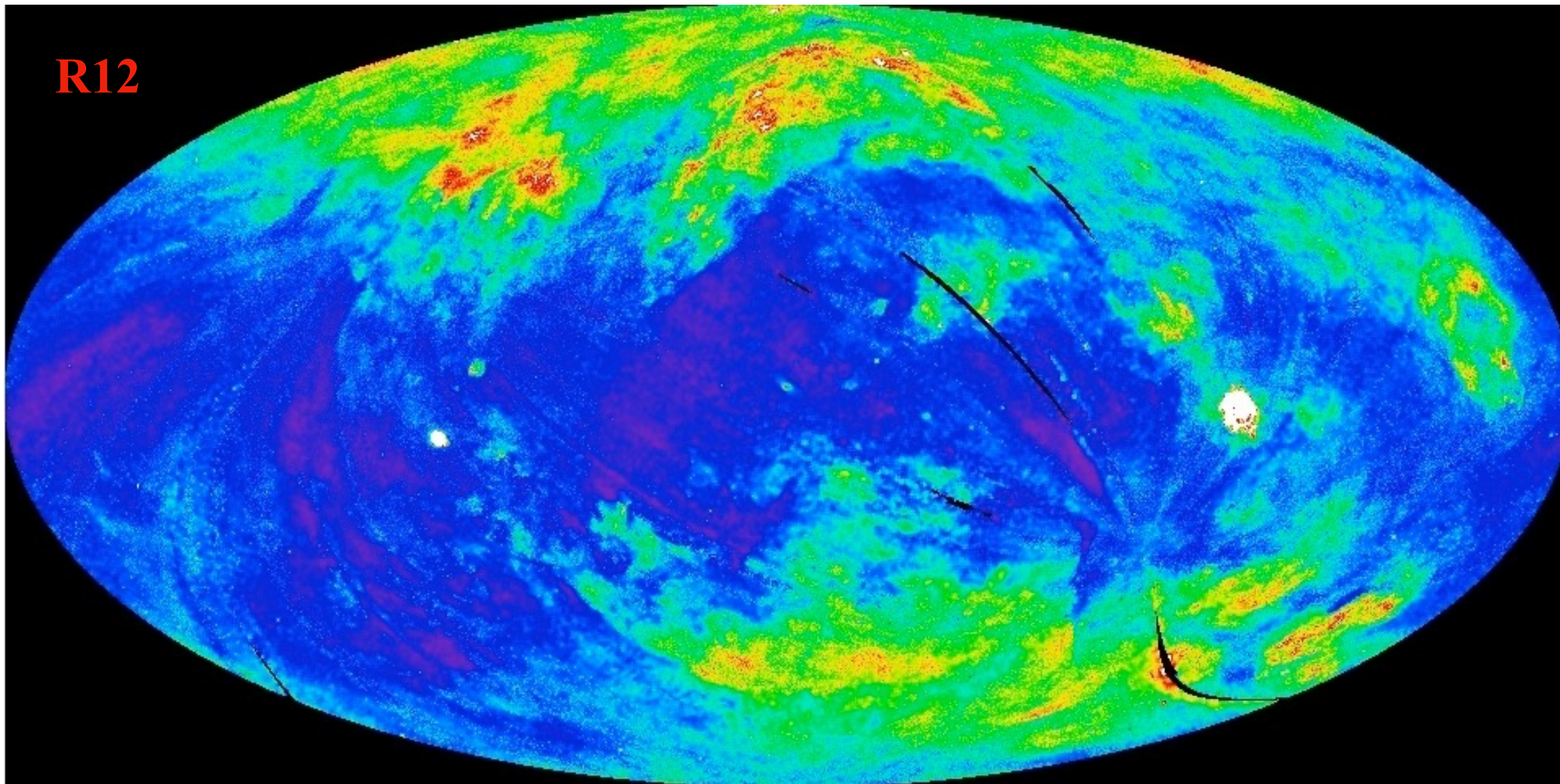
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The dark parts of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  keV sky are still X-ray bright.

This emission is easily absorbed by very small columns of neutral H  $\rightarrow$  local emission.  
Is that emission due to the local Galaxy or is it heliospheric CX?

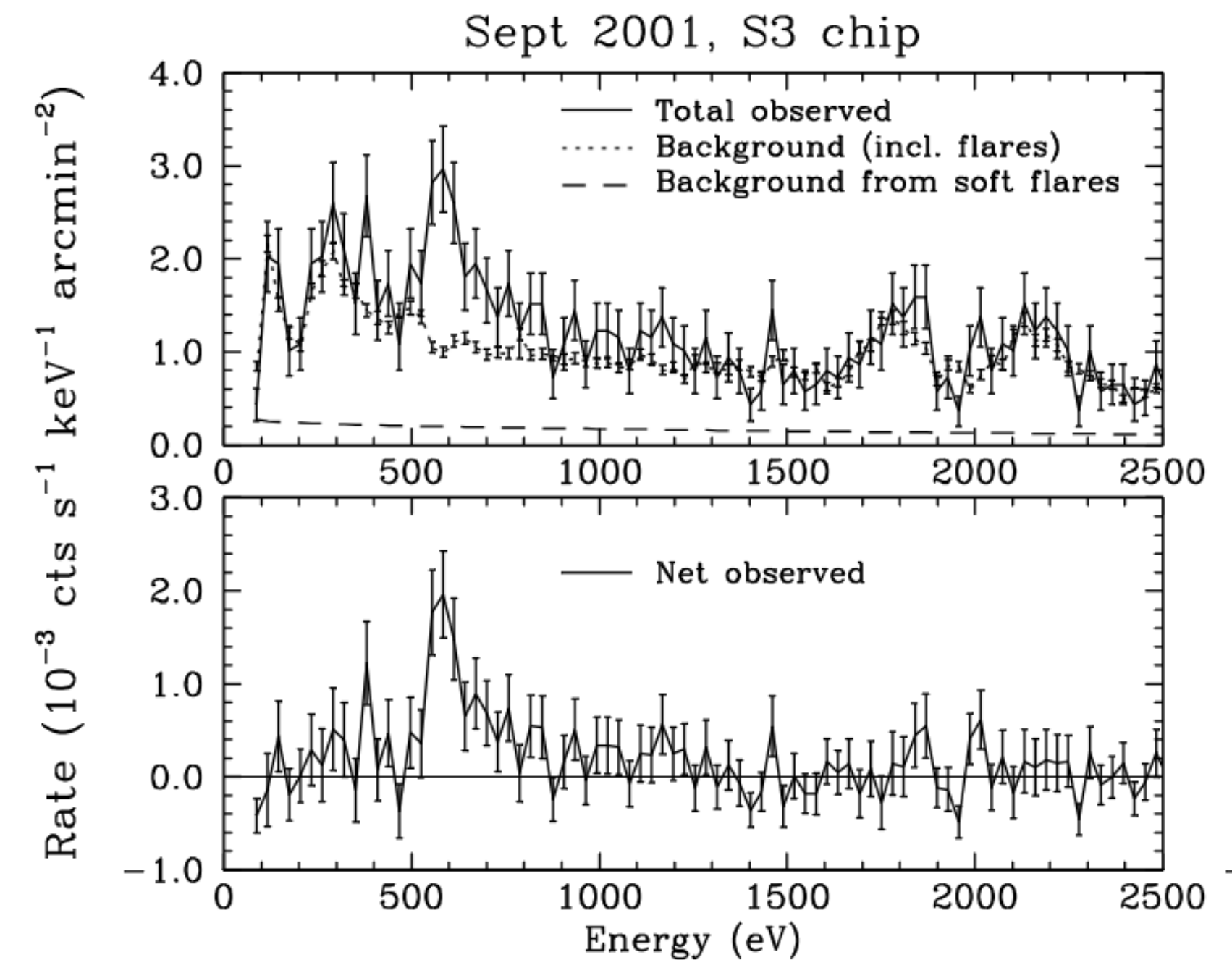
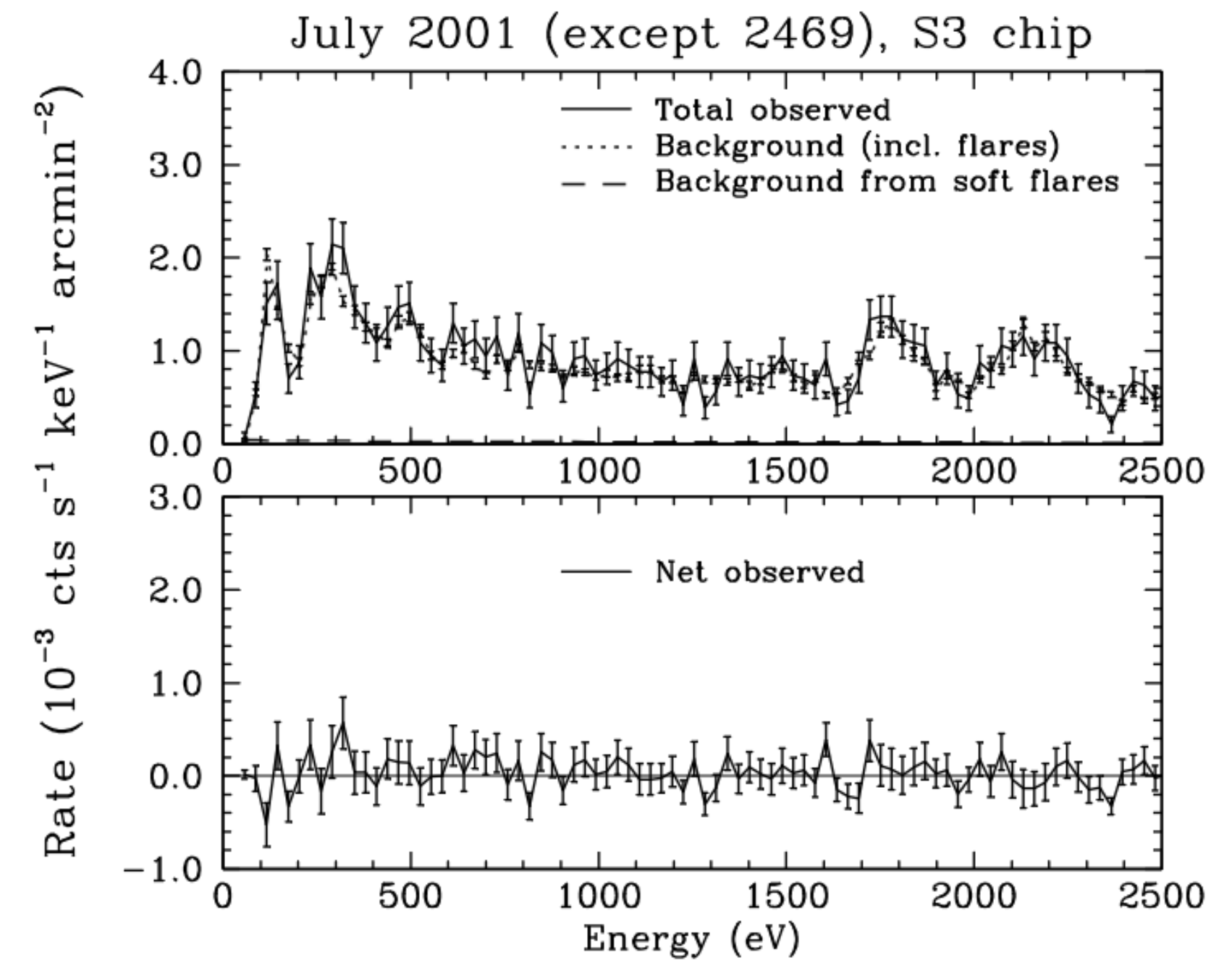


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- Time variable with O VII!





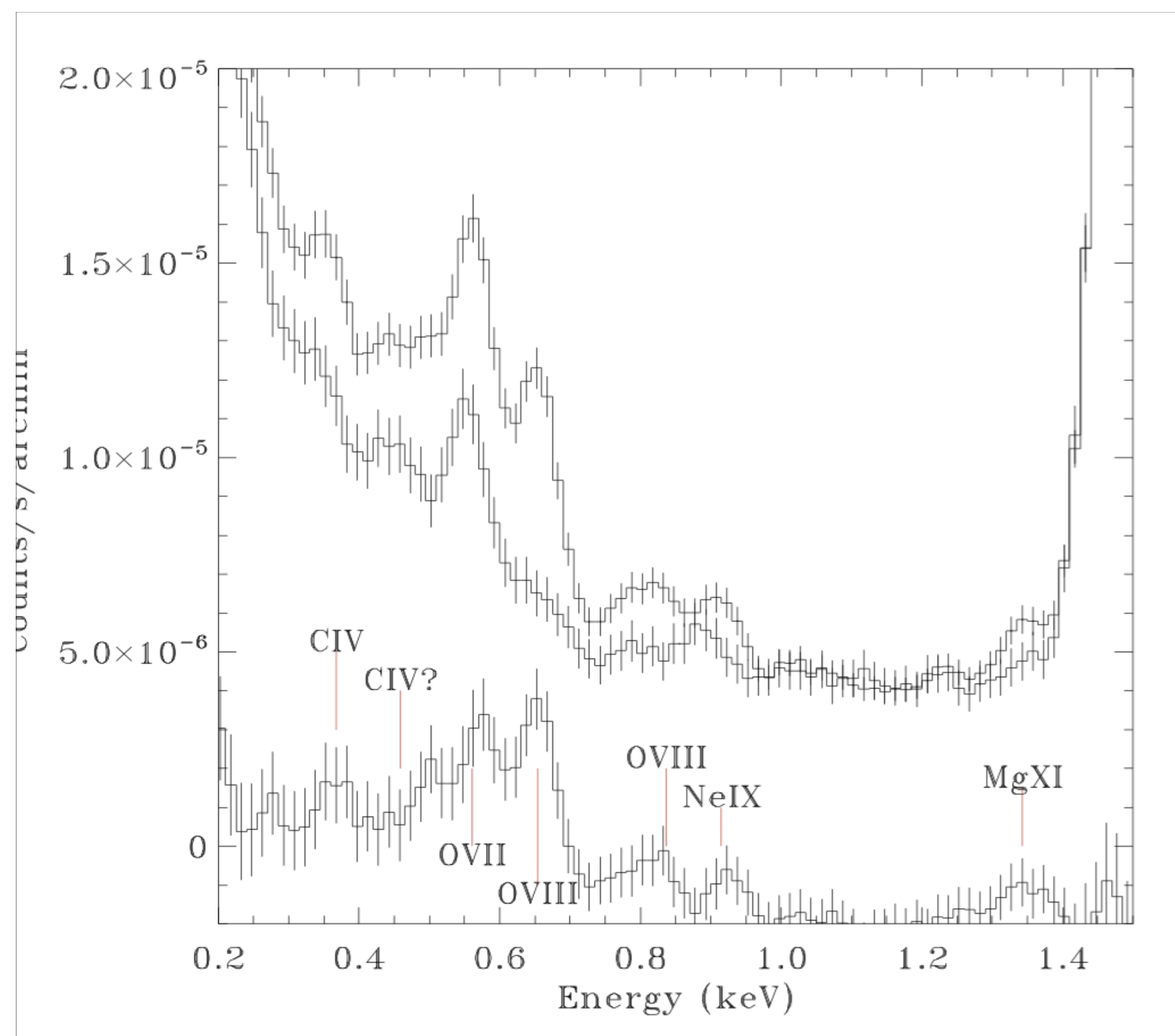
# Observational Verification

## Magnetospheric Emission:

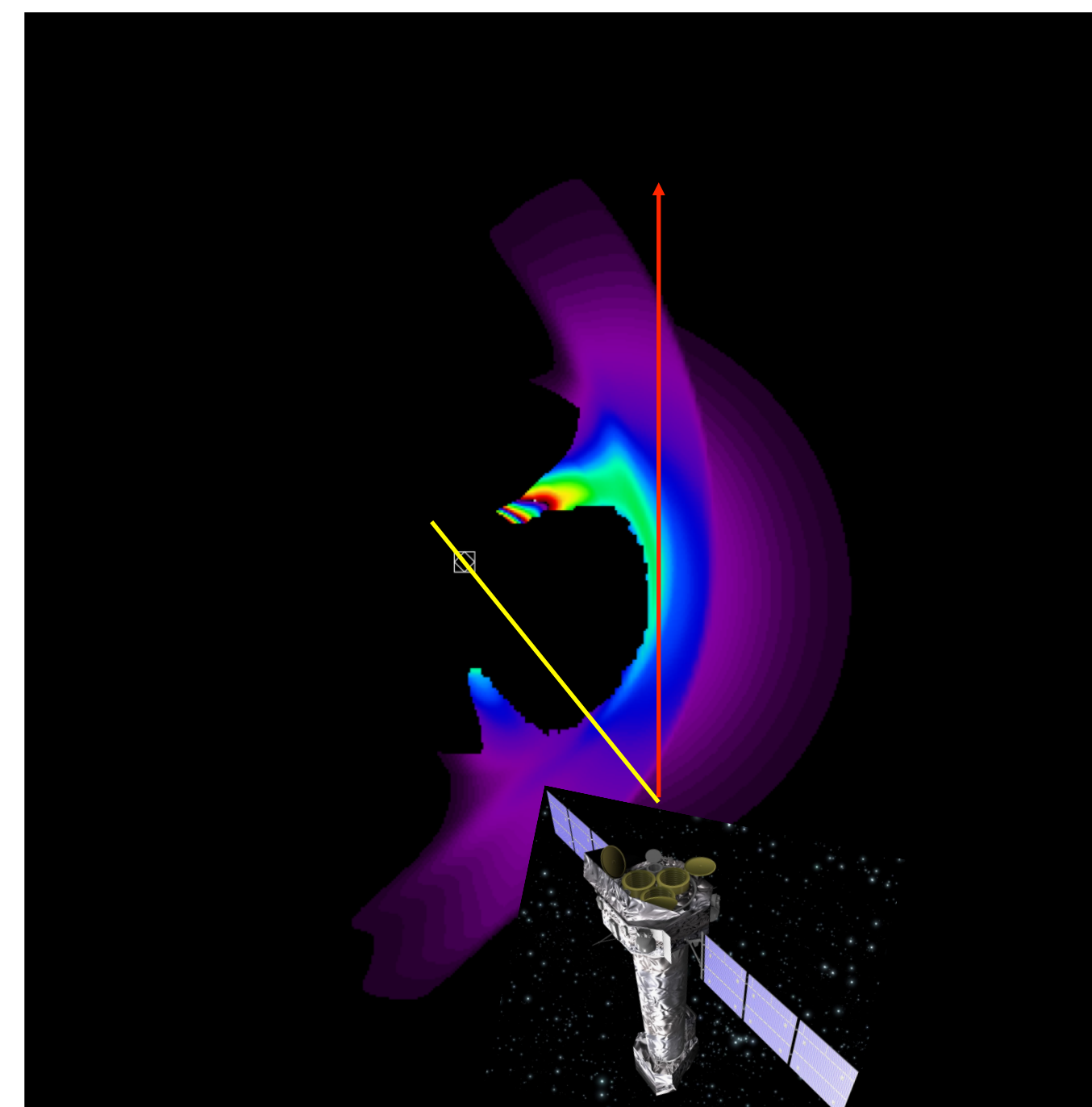
Detection in XMM observations of HDF-N

- comparing different observations of same field

- line of sight near the sub-solar point of magnetosheath



Snowden, Collier, Kuntz (2004)



xz cut of emissivity

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# This Meeting

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# Tools for Understanding CX: Atomic Data

- Calculation of  $\sigma$

Significant progress over past years! Need theory to span parameter space not coverable by experiment.

But very little benchmarking so far.

- Laboratory Measurement of  $\sigma$

L-shell!!!!!!

Simple lab set-ups produce results that are hard to compare to calculations, and good comparisons require difficult lab set-ups.

Remarkable progress has been made...and there are so many groups now...but it seems so slow.

In part because we often don't see the immediate resulting papers AND we generally have to wait for the results to show up in KRONOS...where we don't notice how much additional data has been added.

[Is there a current review-type paper?](#)

- Missions (Observation/Measurements of  $\sigma$ )

The era of high resolution spectroscopy of CX is (nearly?) upon us.

LEM *could* allow benchmarking using the object that we really want to study.

# Tools for Understanding CX: Spectral Packages

## ACX2 vs SPEX

Headline Saturday Night Fight!

But it would be nice if we had  
a good understanding of  
the differences in the results  
of these two packages.

# Using CX as a Tool

*Anywhere “hot” gas and cold gas meet...*

# Using CX as a Tool

*For a man with a hammer, the whole world's a nail...*

We need to be careful, for example, an over-ionized plasma has the same triplet ratios as charge exchange. We can tell the difference *IF* we can see the higher-n transitions, but this may be difficult with complex spectra.

# Charge eXchange as a tool

- Astrophysics Calibration - removing foregrounds  
If we want to diagnose faint emission from diffuse plasmas (LHB, Galactic Halo) we need to remove contribution from SWCX that is in the same lines.
- Space Physics - allows us to trace magnetic fields  
May or may not require spectral information to separate CX from reflected X.
- Planetary - can use different species to track different sources of the ions  
Allows diagnosis of acceleration mechanisms and locations
- Heliophysics - samples solar wind abundances at different places in heliosphere
- Astrophysics -
  - Clusters of galaxies
  - Star-burst galaxies vs. AGN
  - Star-formation regions
  - Supernovae
  - Novae
  - Stars, stellar binaries, XRBs
  - Local Hot Bubble (at the boundaries?)
  - Heliosphere and Astrospheres

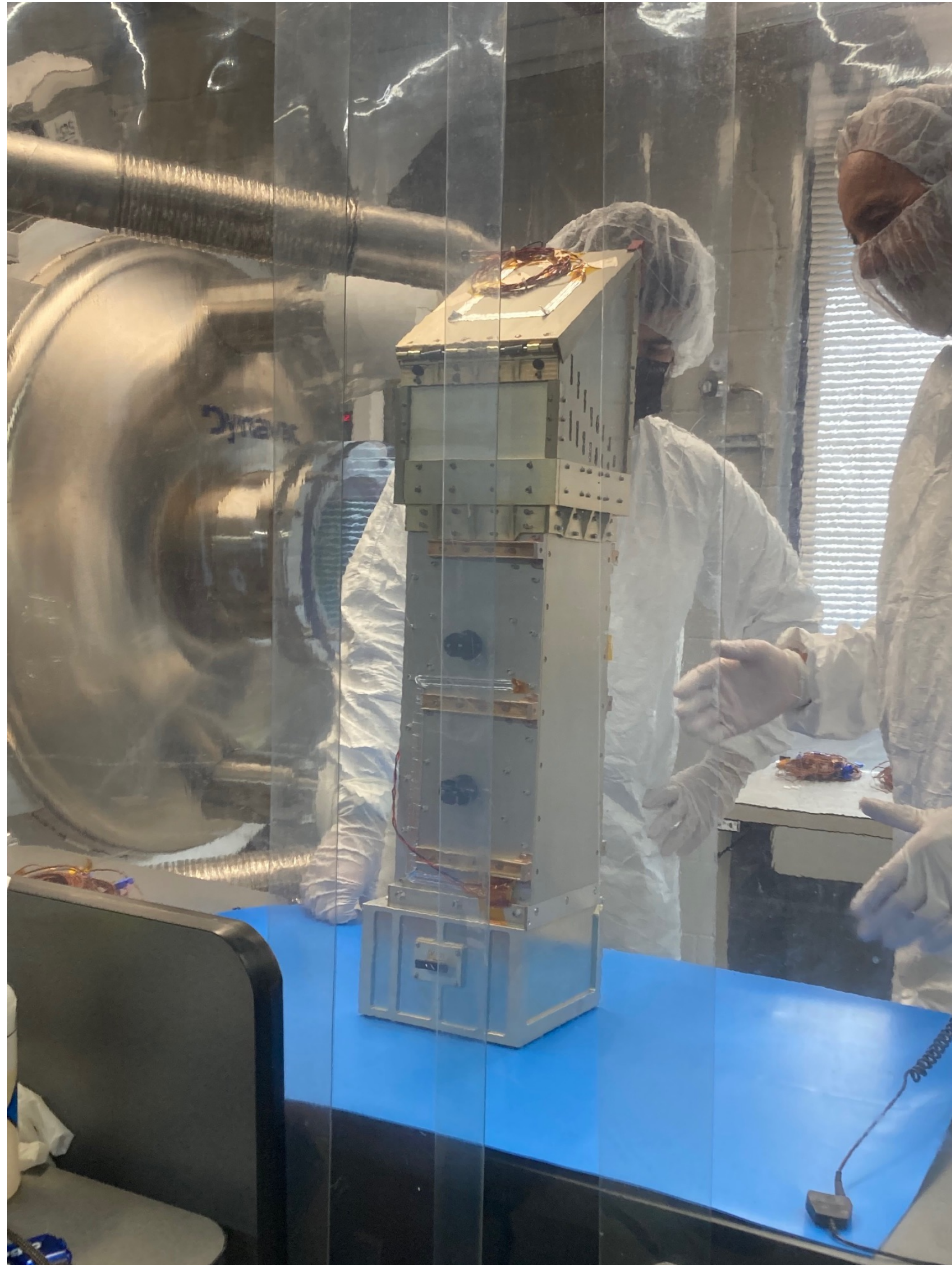


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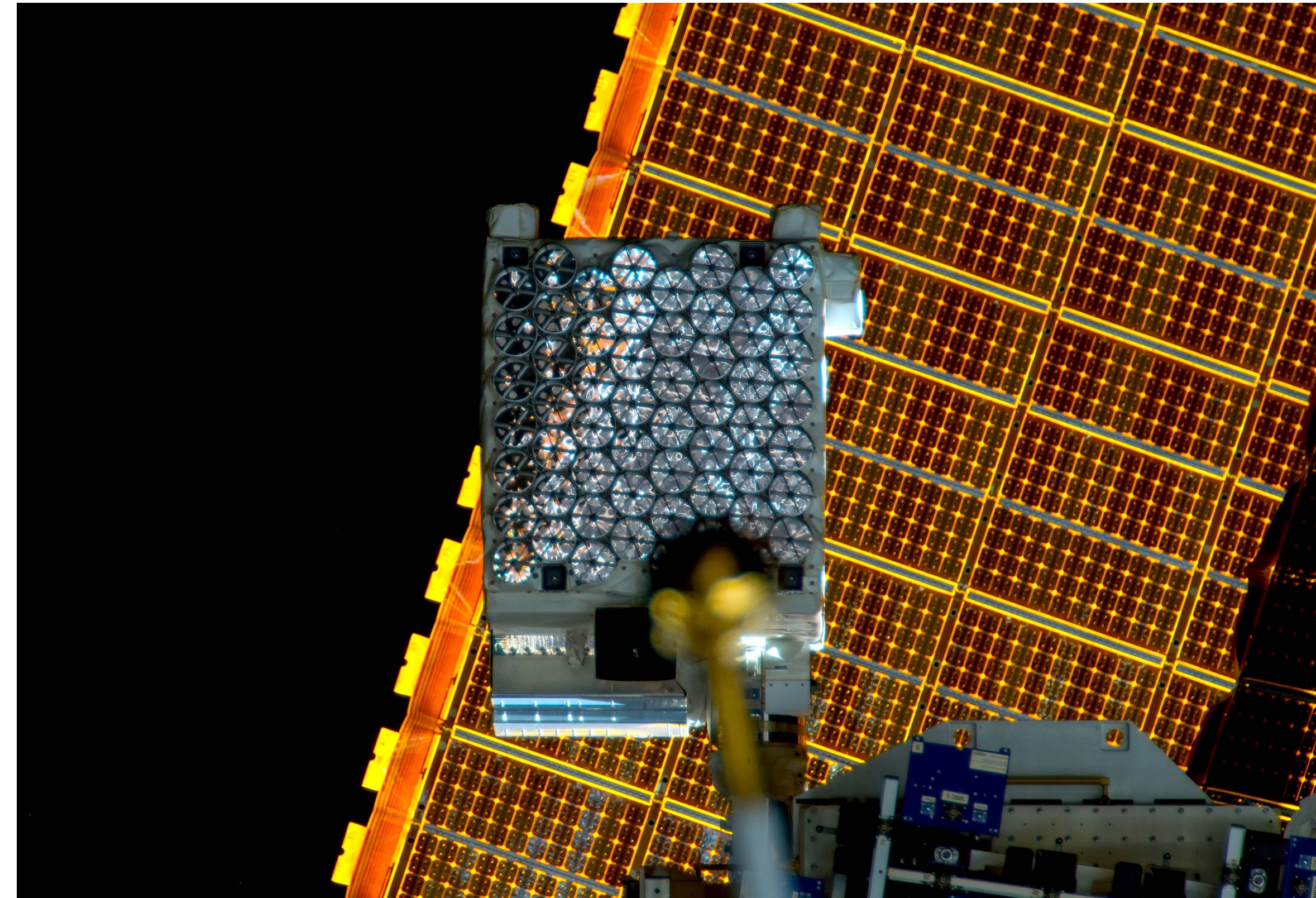
|                        | Laboratory Astrophysics | Magnetosphere  | Heliosphere                          | Astrophysical Objects                        |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| No Energy Resolution   |                         | LEXI<br>STORM<br>OWLEYE  |                                      |  |
| Minimal Resolution     | ROSAT<br>DXL            | ROSAT<br>DXL   | ROSAT<br>DXL                         |  |
| Silicon/CCD Resolution |                         | Chandra XMM<br>Suzaku XTEND<br>HaloSat <b>NICER</b><br>SMILE Geo-X | XMM<br>HaloSat<br>eROSITA<br>(HSWCX) | Chandra (RGS)<br>XMM<br>Integral!            |
| Maximally Resolved     | RESOLVE?<br>LEM         | RESOLVE<br>LEM   | LEM-ASS                              | DXS <b>XQC</b><br>Gratings<br>RESOLVE<br>LEM |

# Some Missions Not Mentioned

LEXI ready for the Moon

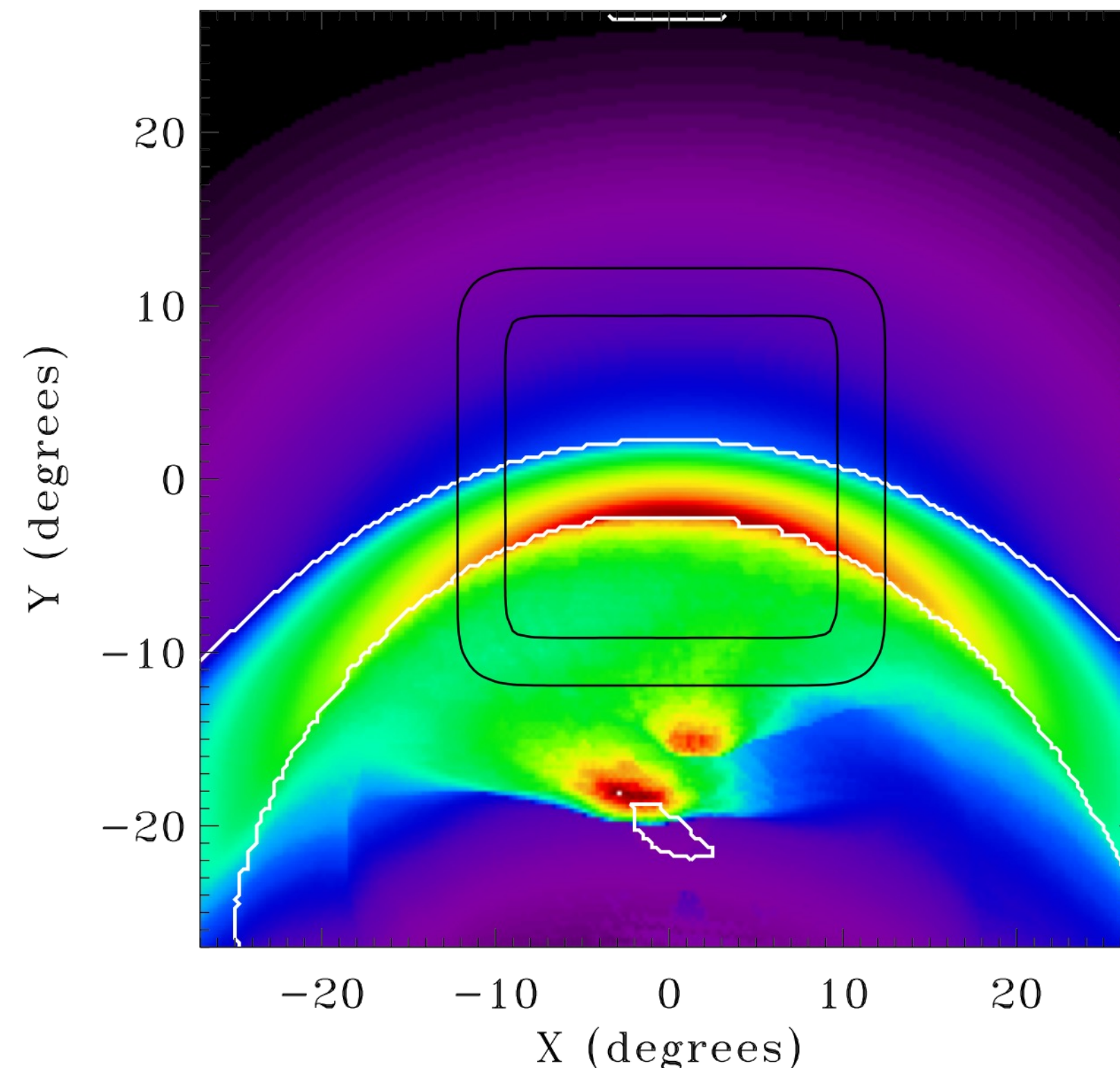


NICER on the ISS



# No Energy Resolution

- No energy resolution required if you are just trying to figure out where the emission is:
  - LEXI (MCP), STORM (MCP planned) looking for magnetospheric from outside
  - OWLEYE (MCP) looking for cusp emission from sounding rocket
- OF COURSE energy resolution is useful, to remove backgrounds if nothing else
  - SMILE (CCD) most observations will sum over substantial fraction of bandpass



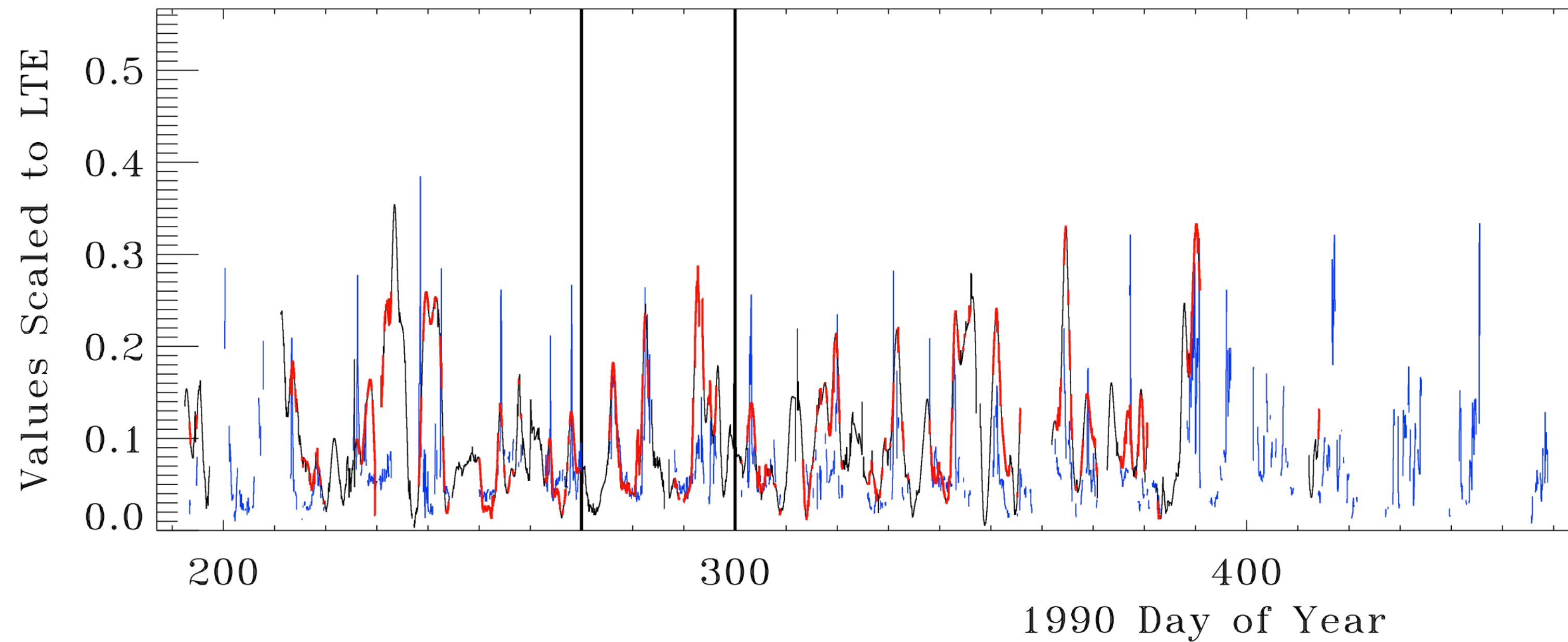
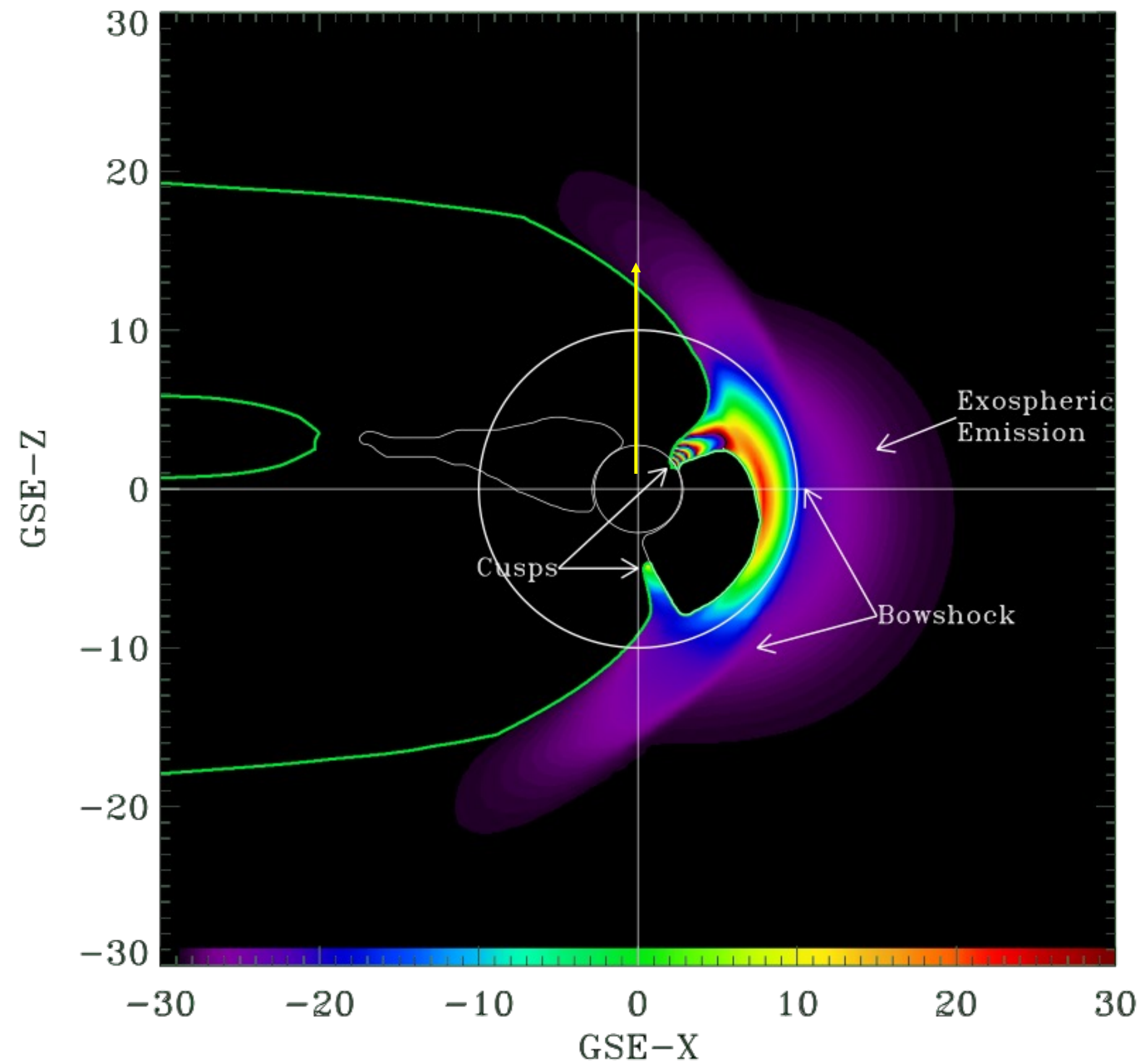
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- Sounding rockets with proportional counters ( $E/\Delta E \sim 1$ ) have large collecting areas



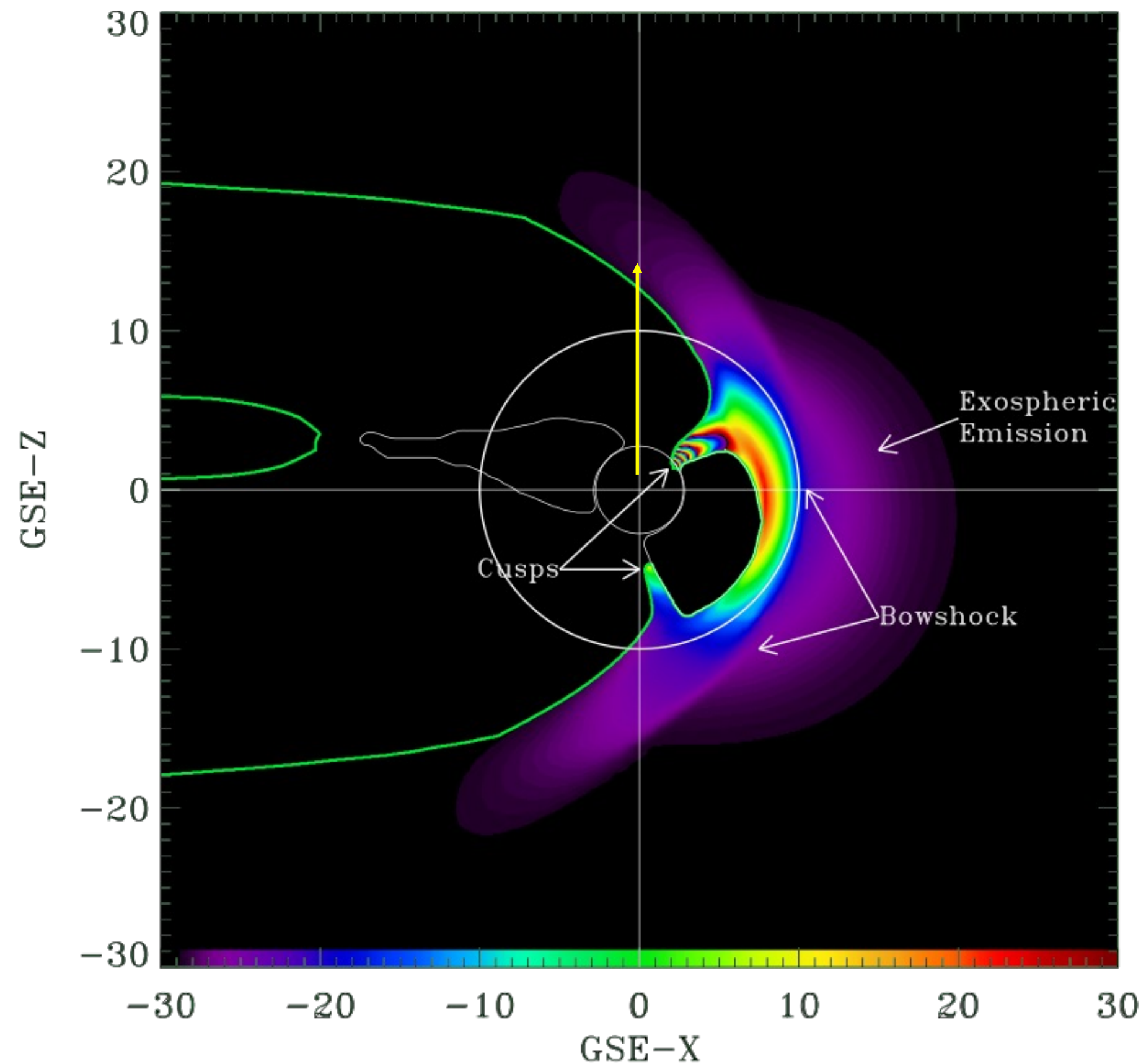
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  - The Suzaku archive is still producing interesting new results - mostly CME
    - e.g. the abundance evolution during the CME interaction
  - XRISM-XTEND will continue this work!

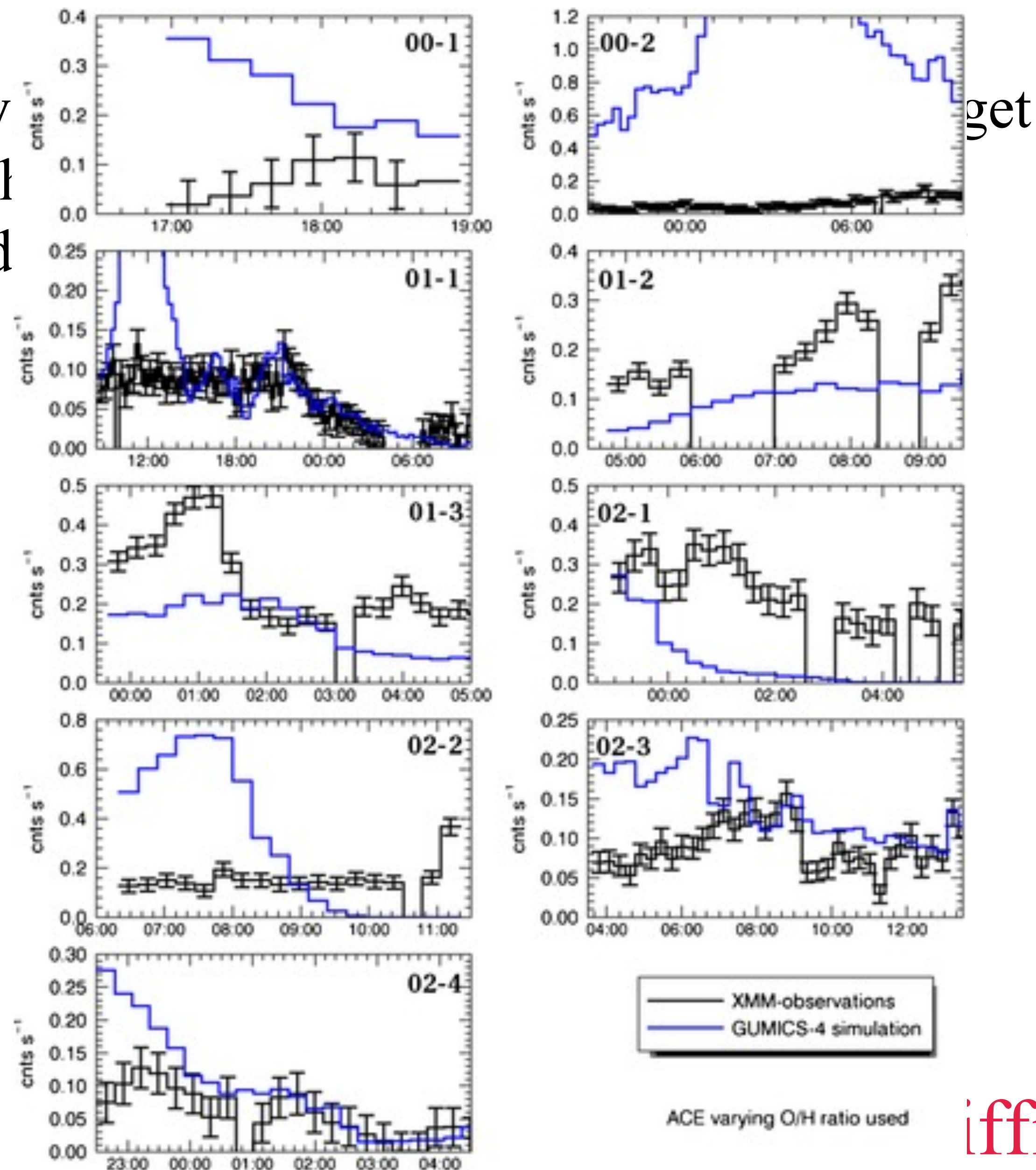
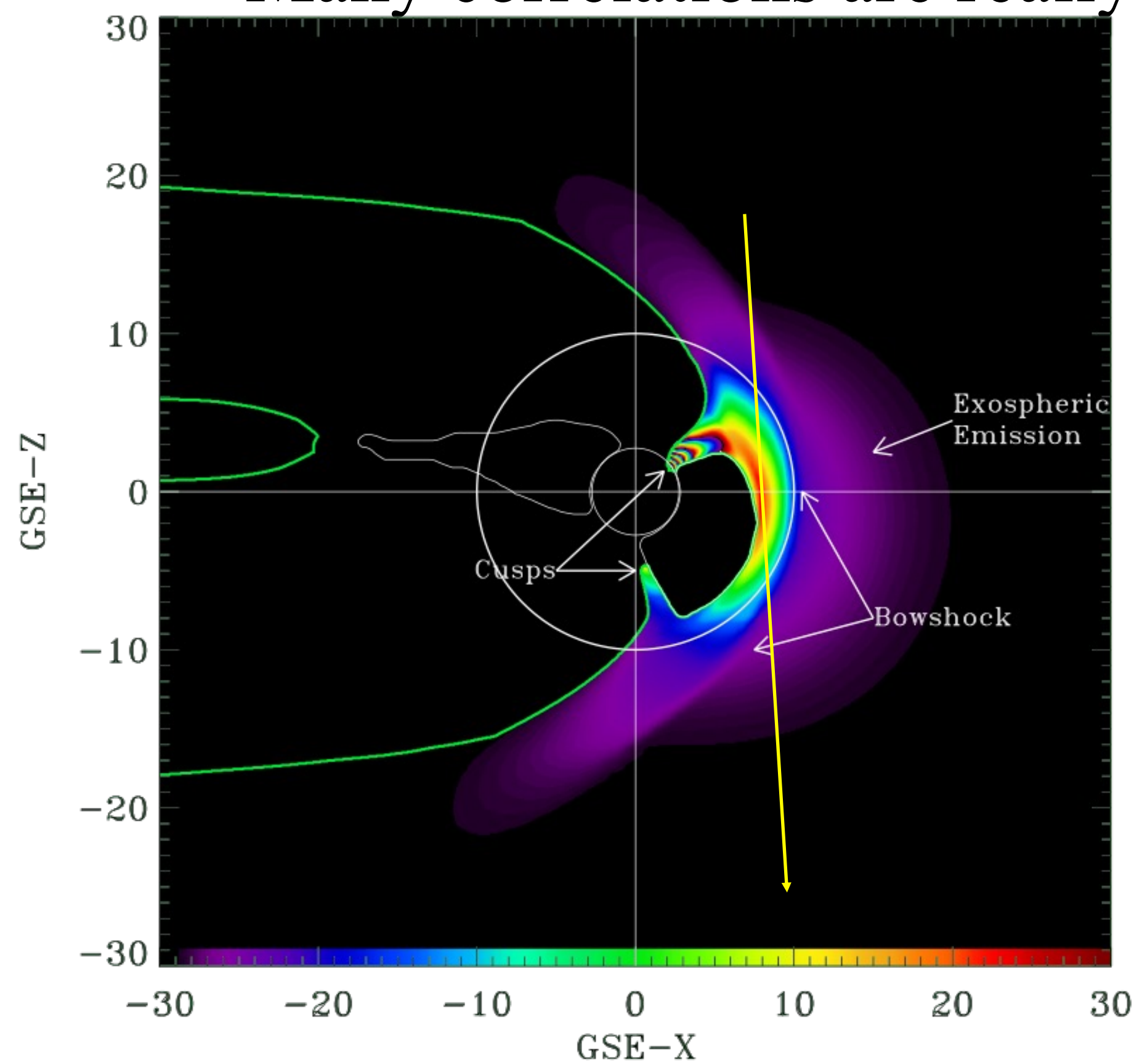


From Matteo Guianazzi's talk:

# Silicon/CCD Resolution

## HEO missions

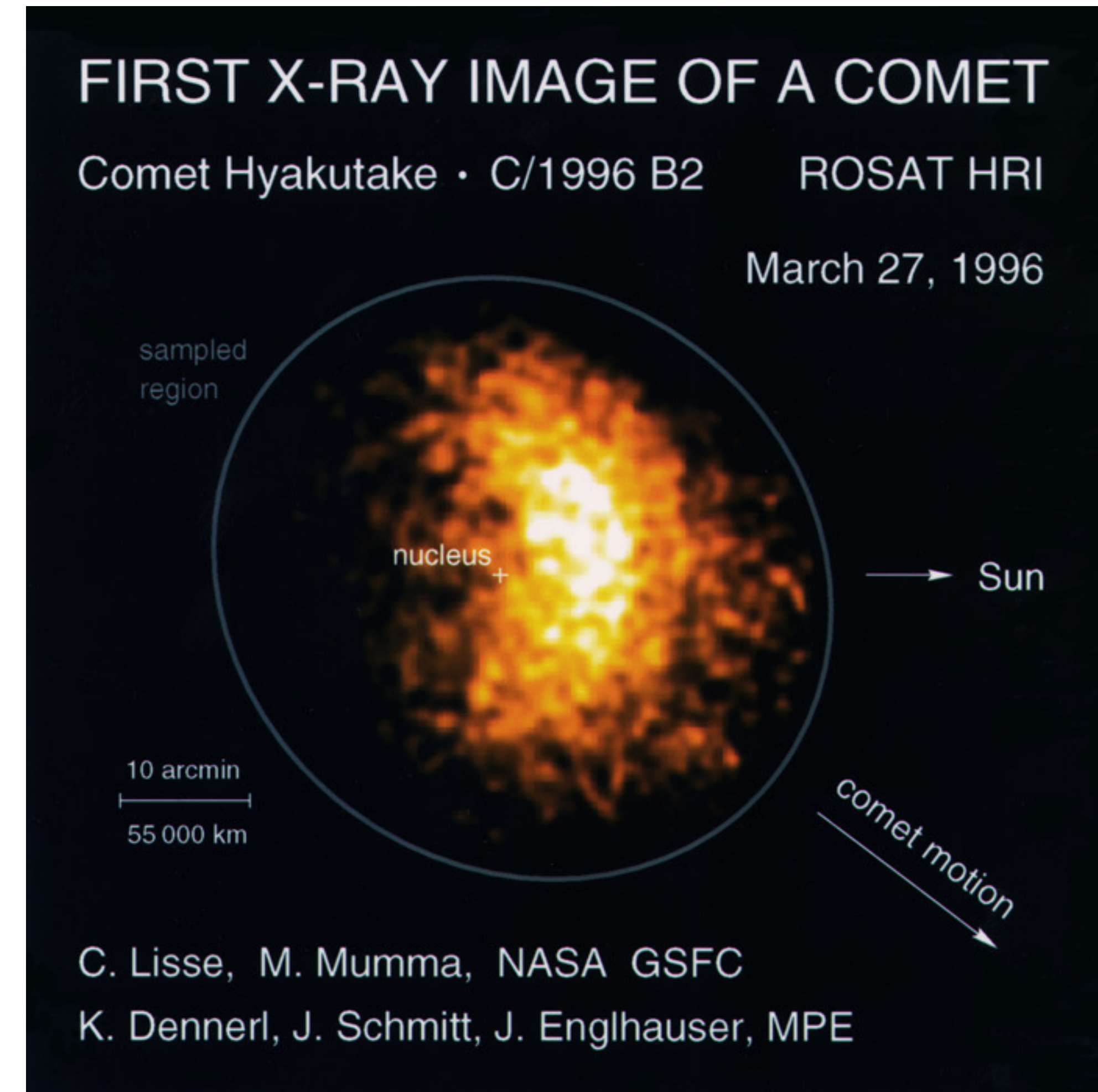
- Study of magnetospheric CX requires very
- Often FOV is very small, so easy to miss th
  - MHD models are notoriously bad at pred
  - Many correlations are really bad! (ACE)



# Silicon/CCD Resolution

## Comets (LEO & HEO)

- Comet spectra reveal the abundances of the solar wind *at the location of the comet*.
- At CCD resolution the information is limited, but still of interest, esp. at high ecl. lat.
- **How much is enough at this energy resolution?**





# Maximal Resolution: XRISM-Resolve

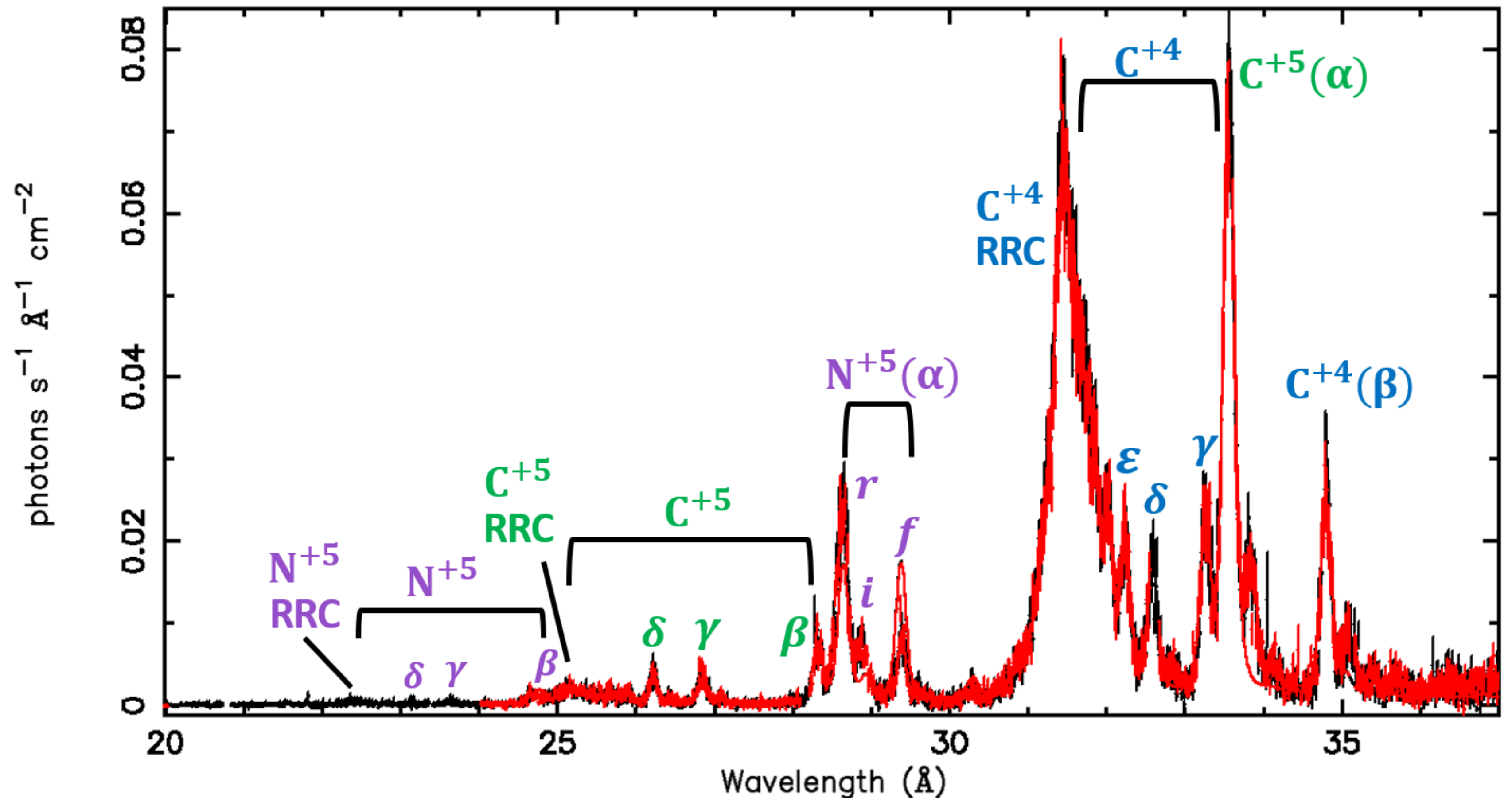
- Small Astrophysical Objects - should be really good
  - [Planets & comets?](#) FOV may be problematic.
- SWCX observations of the magnetosheath or the heliosphere
  - Data restricted to corners as point source PSF files the bulk of the detector
  - After several years of building up the archive SWCX studies might be possible...  
...but would require a great deal of work!

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From Sharon Mitrani's talk an RGS spectrum:



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- At this resolution we do have to worry about the neutral donor!

There are always going to be multiple species acting as donors in the ISM.

To what extent may they average out?

- Multiple impact velocities along LOS?
- multi- $e^-$  capture?
- dust/nano-particles?

# Misc.

- Continued need for *in situ* measurements of the solar wind abundances
  - Vital for magnetospheric and heliospheric SWCX studies
  - Vital for removing SWCX from astrophysical observations
  - ACE (at L1) has always been a bit more restrictive than *Ulysses* (solar polar orbit)
    - Since 2011 has been very problematic to use
  - But significant issues with *in situ* measurements particularly at L1
  - *Elfen* is absolutely necessary at this point.
- UV!
  - Another important player in CX, **but not well explored?**

Thank You!