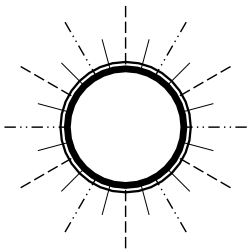




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Physics of Energetic and Non-thermal plasmas in the X (= magnetic reconnection) region

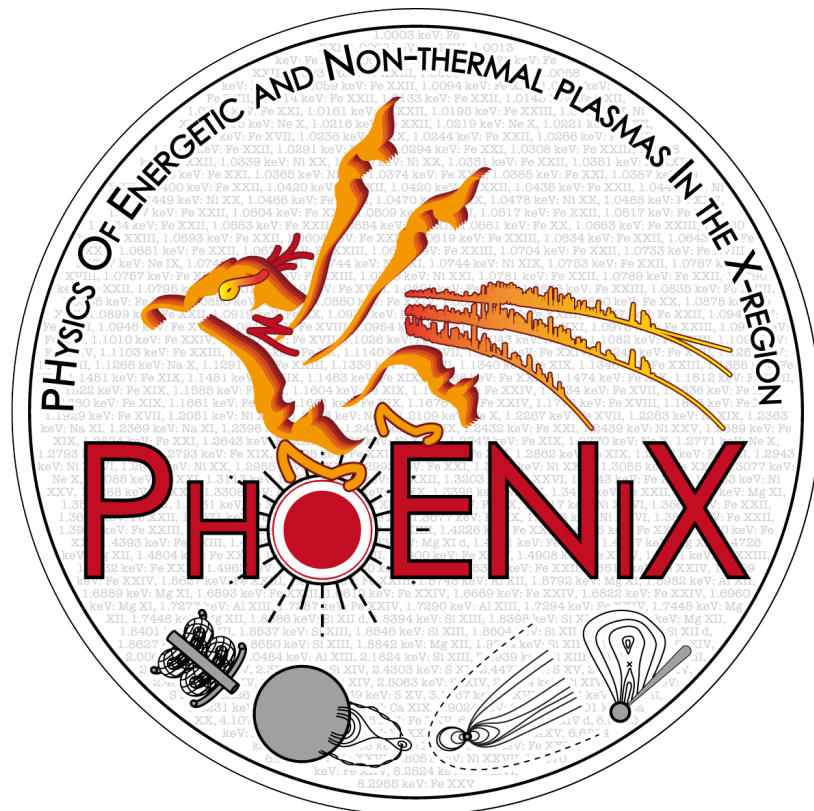
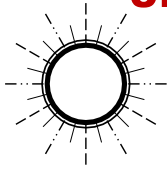


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Science Goal

Understanding of particle acceleration during magnetic reconnection

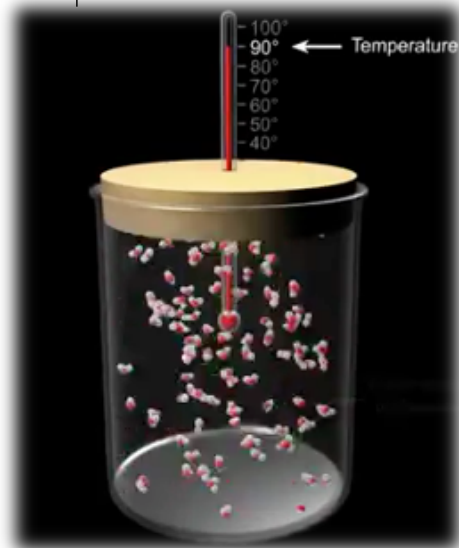
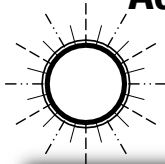


• Science Objectives

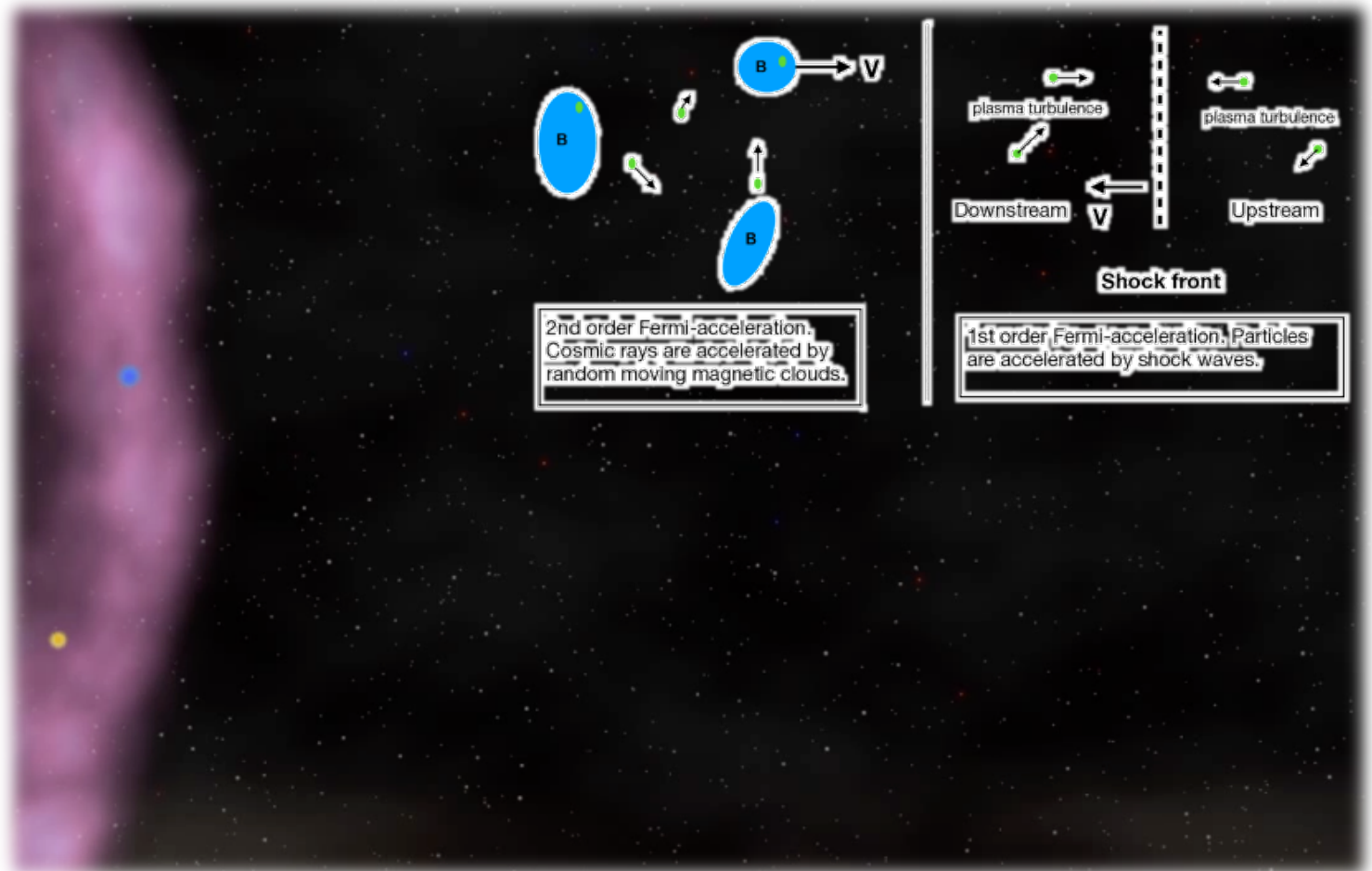
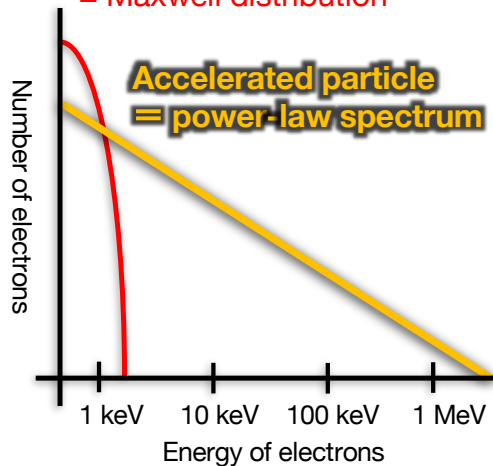
1. To identify *particle acceleration sites* in reconnection-associated structures in solar flares
2. To investigate *the timing of particle acceleration* during reconnection-associated phenomena in solar flares
3. To characterize *the properties of accelerated particle populations* in solar flares

Particle acceleration

Accelerated particles are deviated from equilibrium.

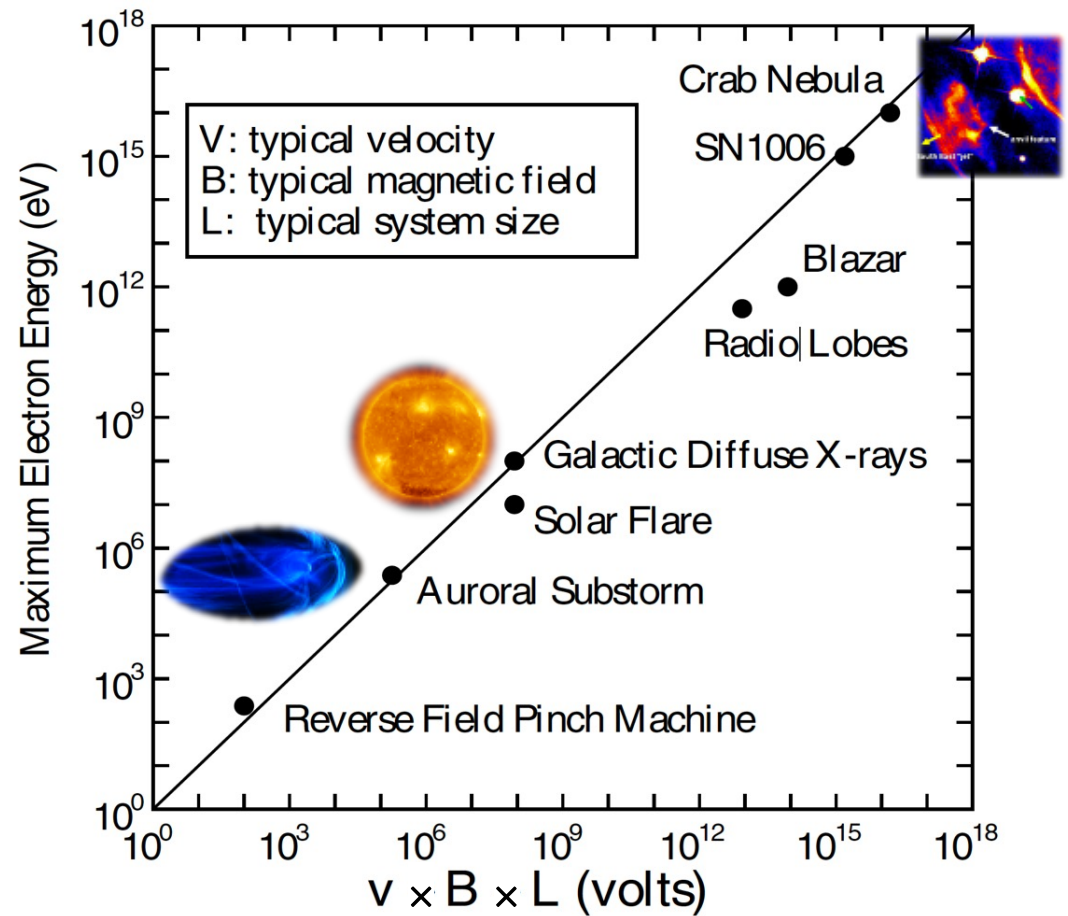
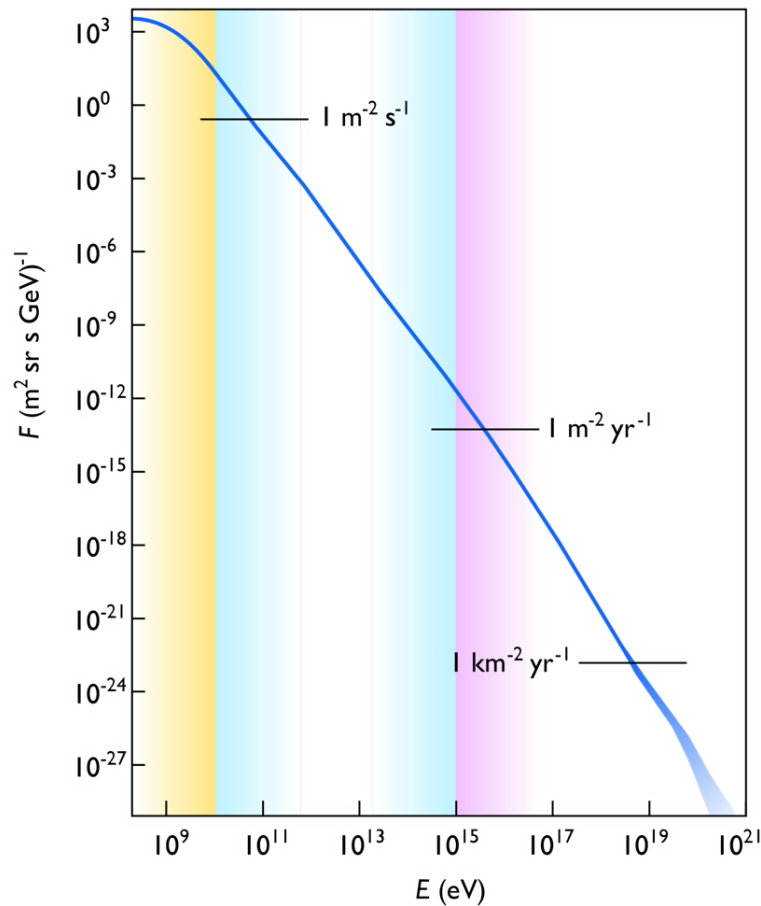
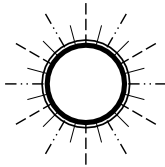


Thermal equilibrium
 = Maxwell distribution



Particle acceleration

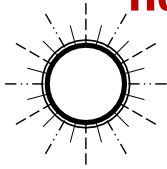
The energy of accelerated particles achieves up to 10^{20} eV.
 Accelerated particles are ubiquitously detected in the universe.



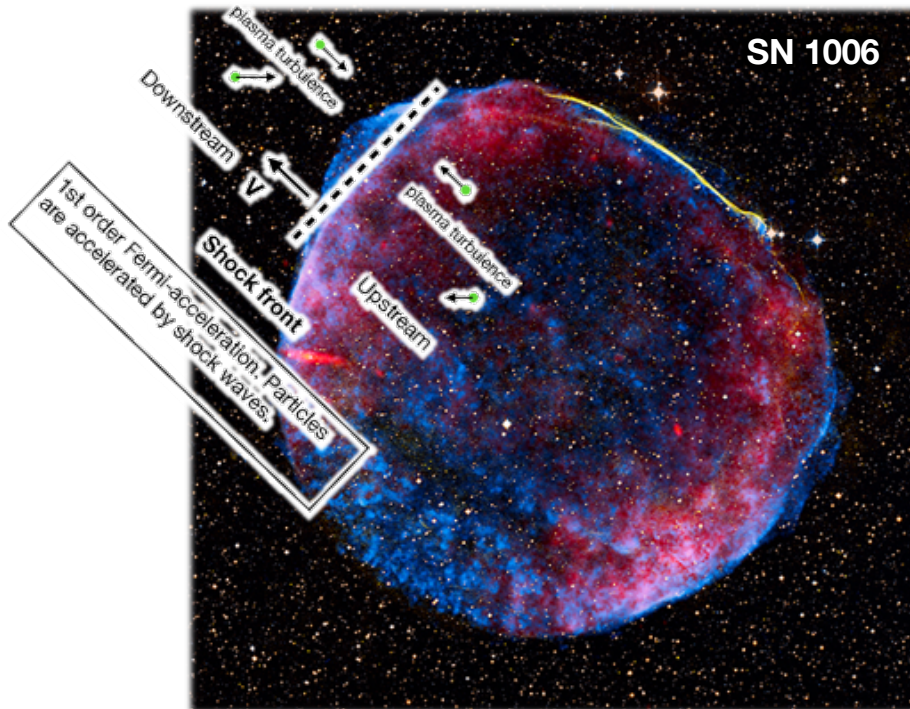
Makishima (1999)

Particle acceleration

How are particles accelerated? It is not fully understood.

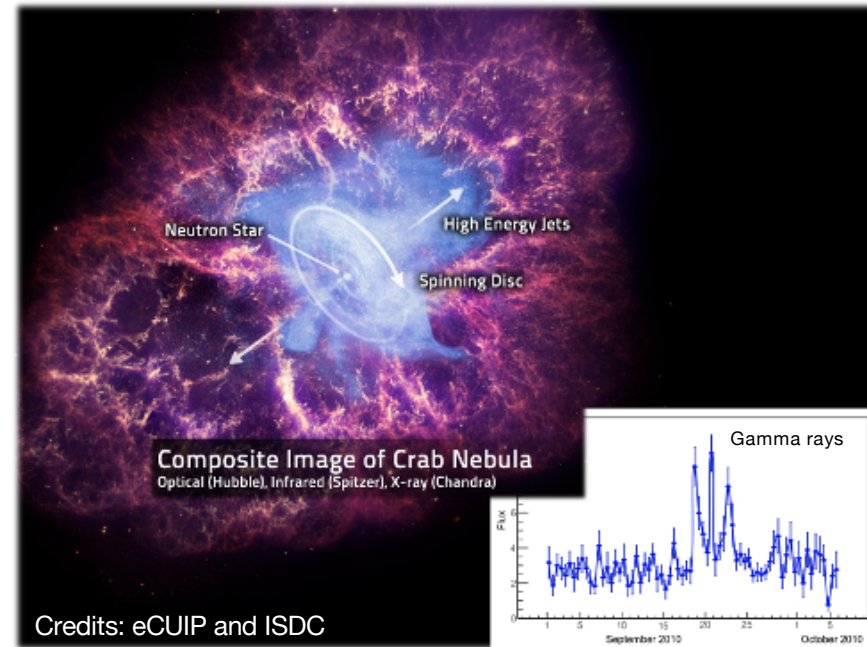


Super Nova Remnant
(long time acceleration)



1st order Fermi-acceleration
Statistical acceleration

Gamma-ray Burst
(short time acceleration)



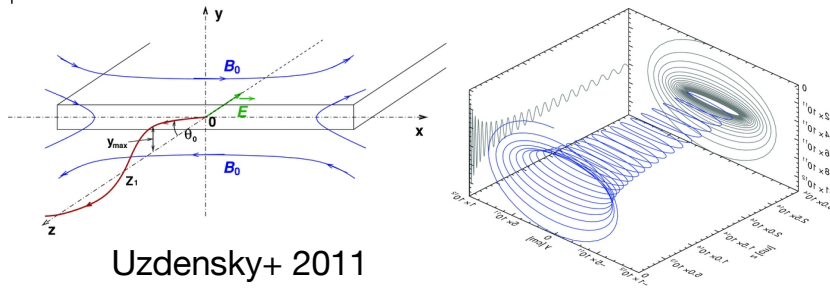
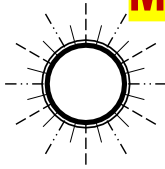
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Balbo+ 2011

How are particles accelerated
in very short time?

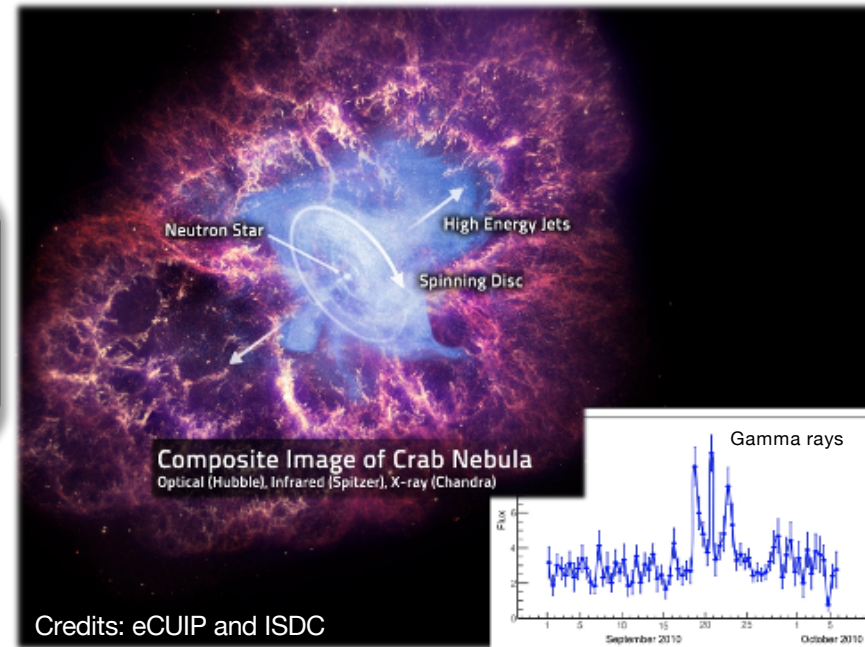
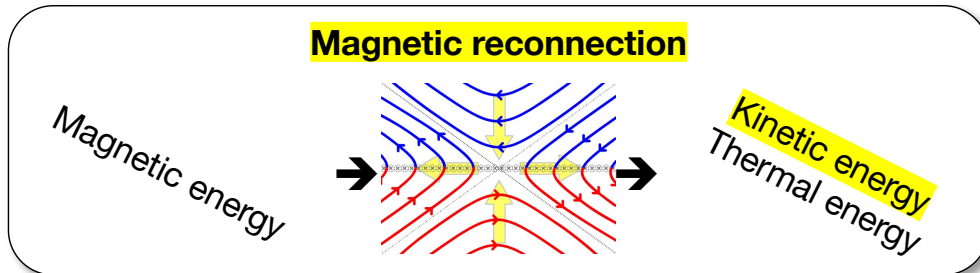
Particle acceleration

Magnetic reconnection is a key.



Uzdensky+ 2011

Gamma-ray Burst
(short time acceleration)



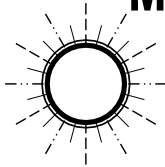
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Magnetic Reconnection

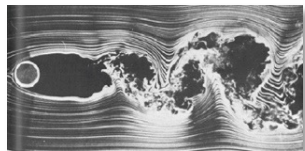
MR is fundamental plasma process and ubiquitously occurs in the universe.



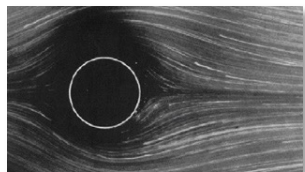
Lundquist number

$$S \equiv \frac{\mu_0 V_A L_{CS}}{\eta}$$

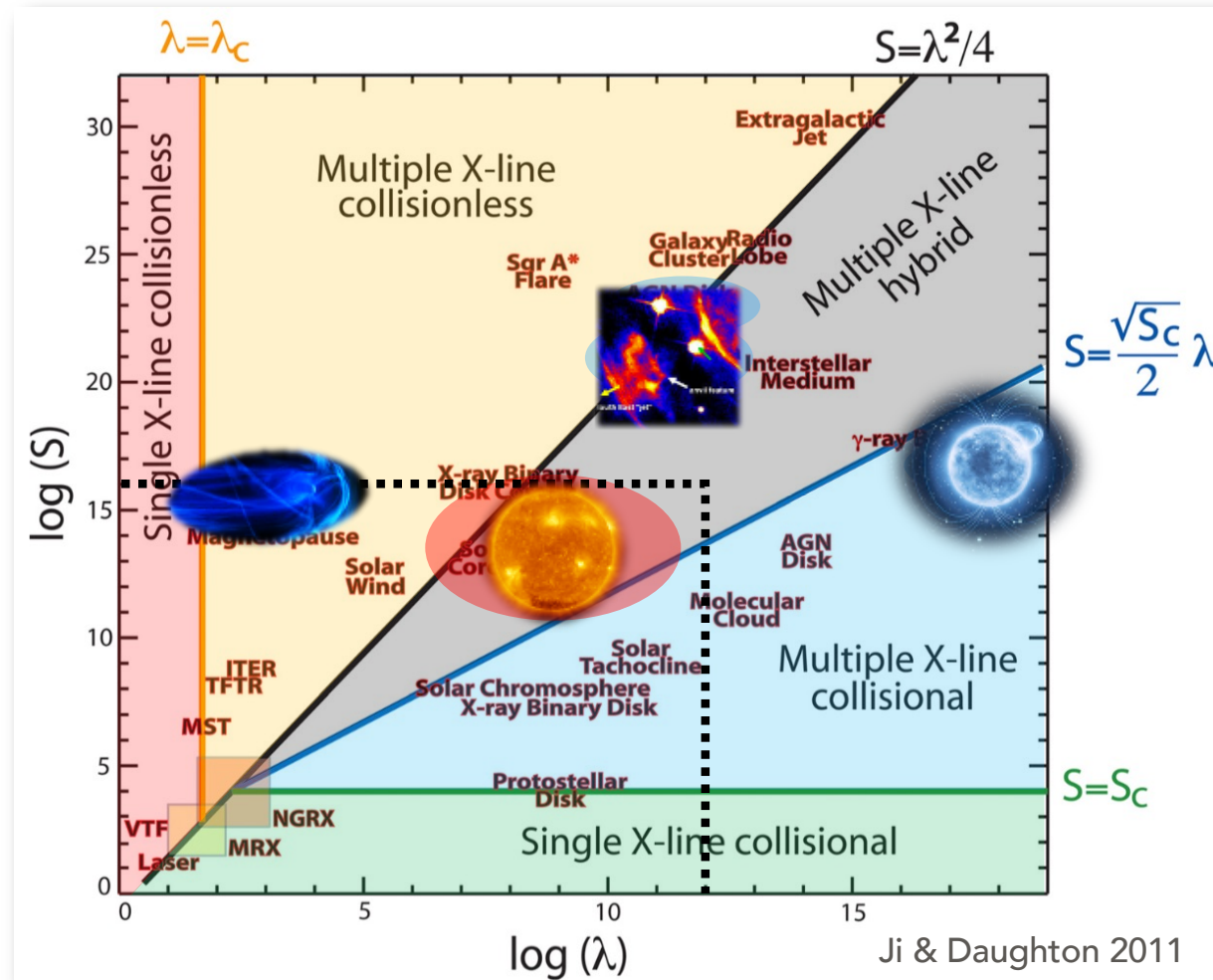
Cf. Reynolds number



$Re = 10^4$



$Re = 1.54$



Effective plasma size

$$\lambda \equiv \frac{L}{d_i}$$

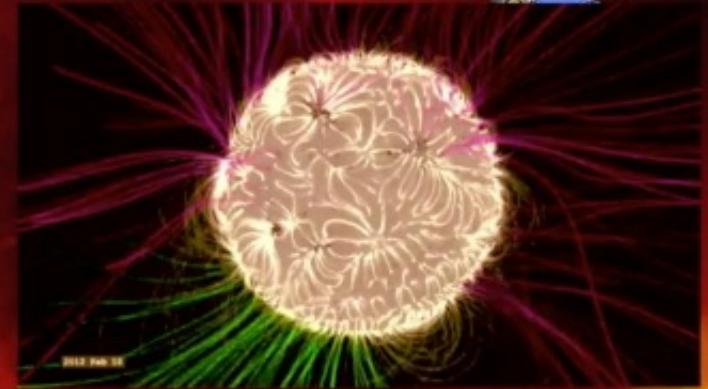


Significance of solar flare study

[Plasma physics]

Natural laboratory of plasma

- Magnetic reconnection
- Particle acceleration



[Unique observation target]

The closest star

- Solar phenomenon can be observed with wide field of view and with spatial and temporal resolutions

[Impacts on the Earth and social environments]

The mother of the Earth

- Evolution of life (cosmic rays)
- Space weather

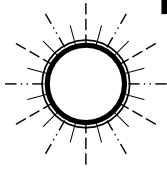


[As a star]

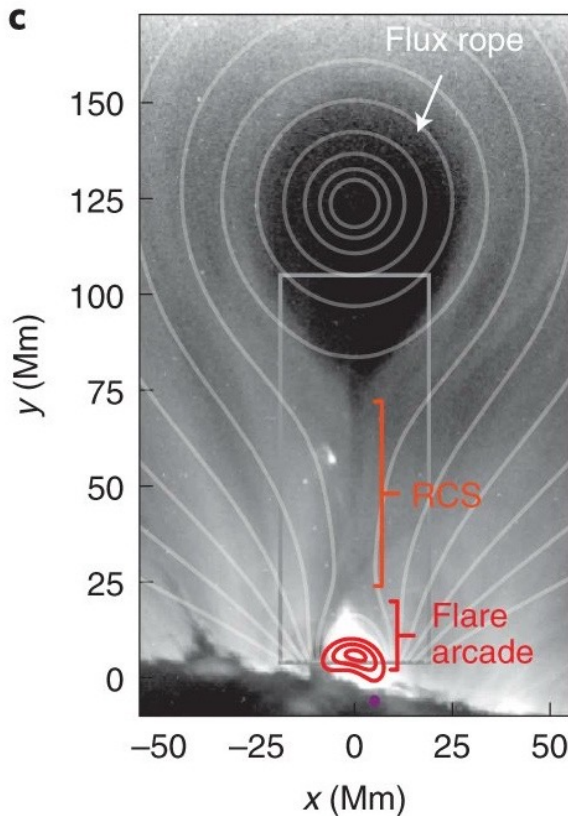
- Reference of other astrophysical objects

Magnetic Reconnection Picture in Solar Flare

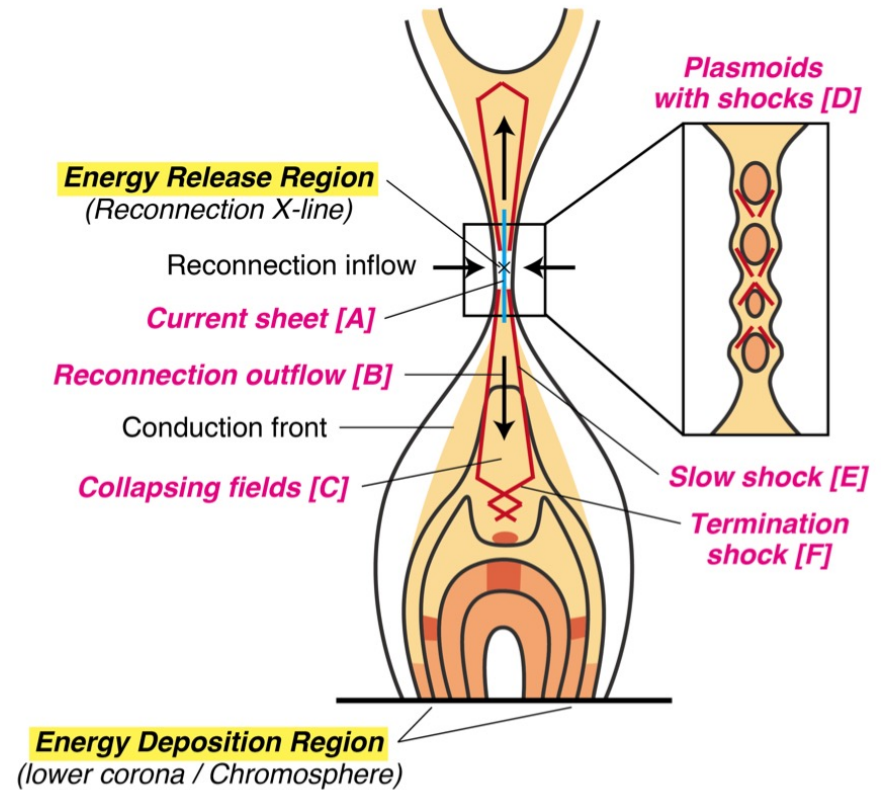
has been established by both observation and theory.



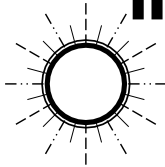
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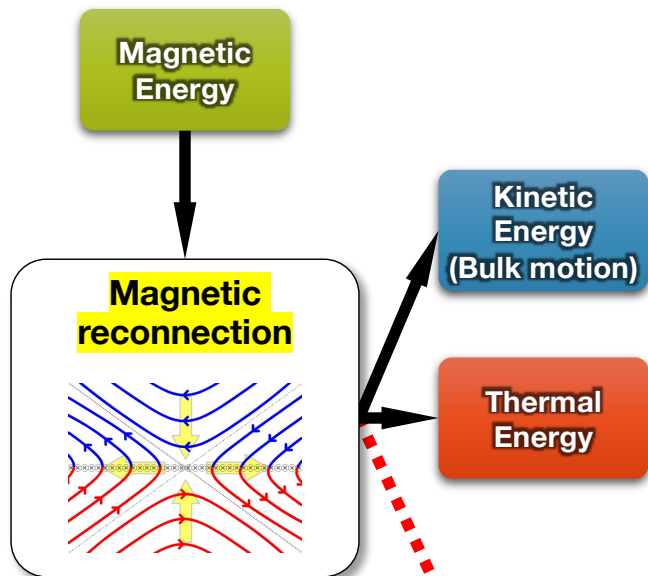
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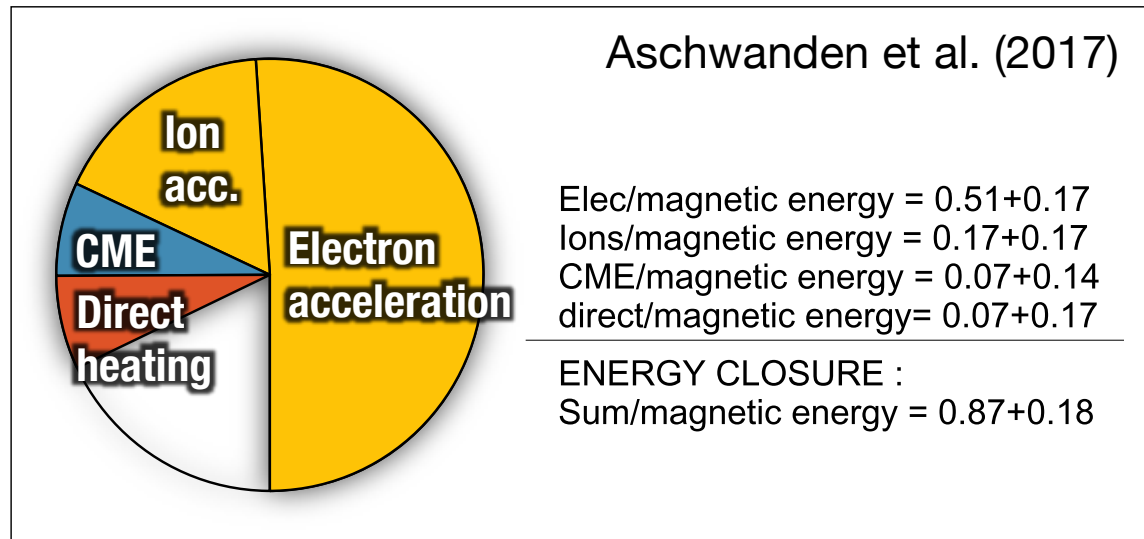
Magnetic reconnection & Particle acceleration in solar flare



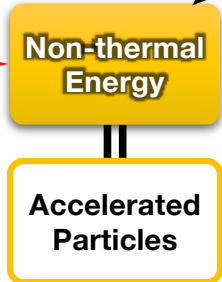
1. A solar flare is an efficient accelerator.



FACT: > 50 % of energy released by MR is spent for particle acceleration

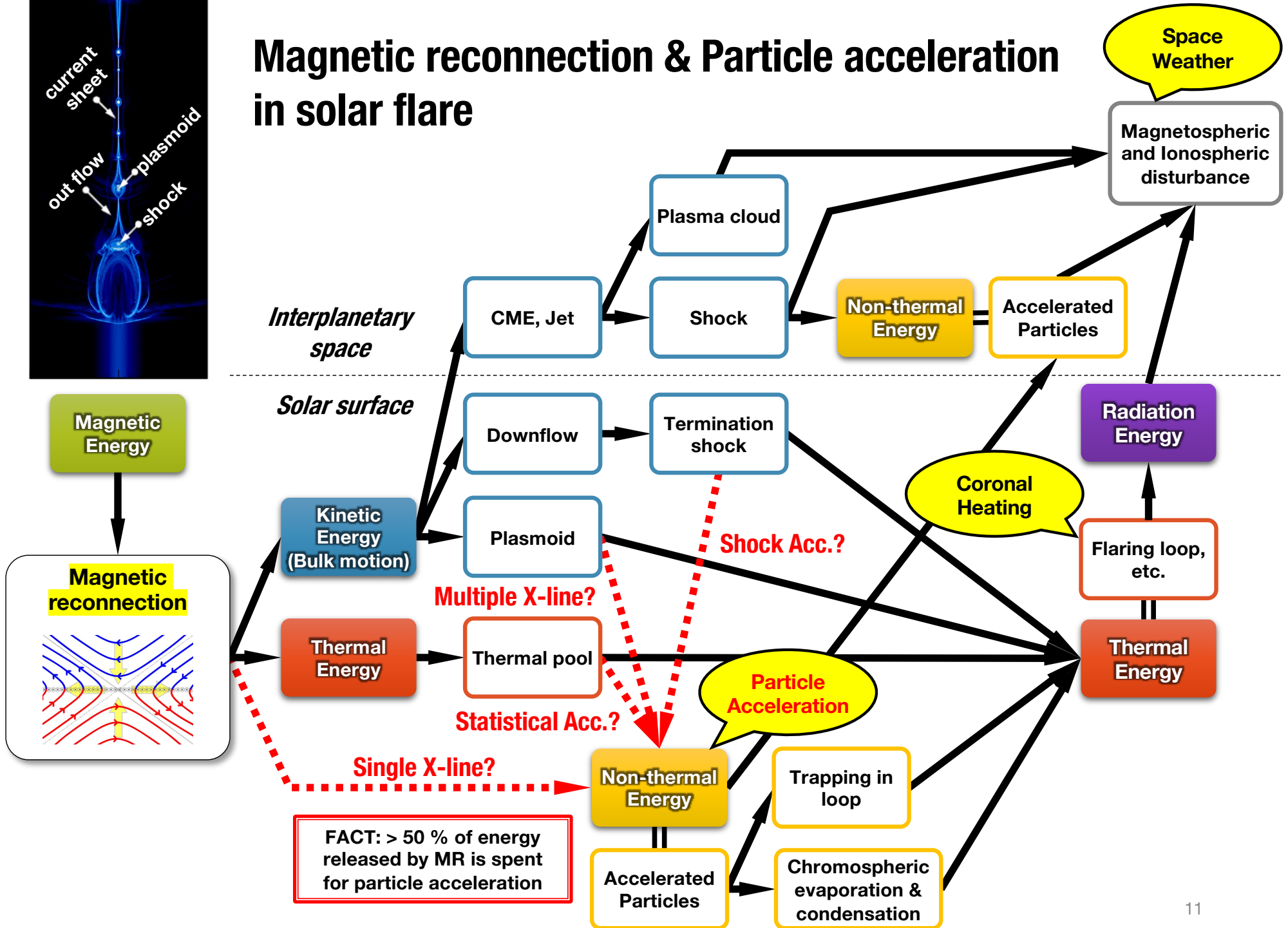
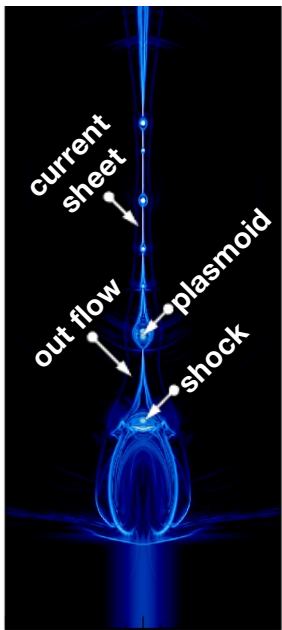


Particle Acceleration

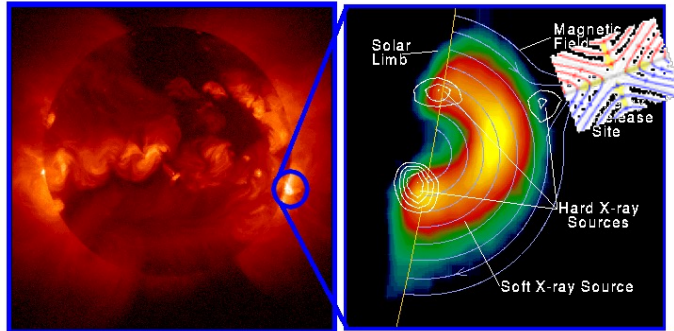
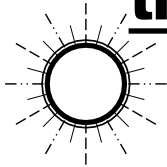


2. The particle acceleration is a key to energy release and conversion in solar flares.

Magnetic reconnection & Particle acceleration in solar flare



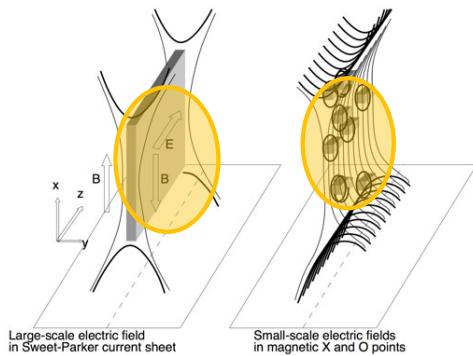
Particle Acceleration is one of the long-standing major puzzles in solar physics



By hard X-ray observations, it is known that the particles are accelerated by solar flares. But even particle acceleration site is still puzzle.

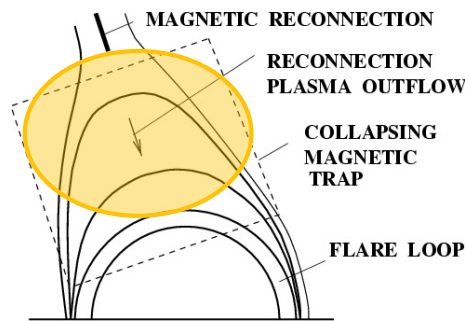
[Reason 1] Poor observations, especially for the energy release region (around the X-point)

DC acceleration?



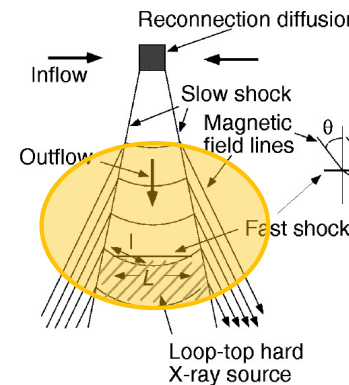
Aschwanden (2002)

Collapsing magnetic traps?



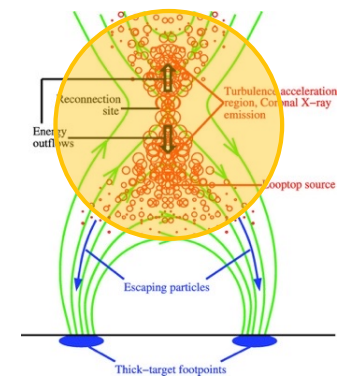
Karlicky & Kosugi (2004)

Shocks?



Tsuneta & Naito (1998)
Takasao & Shibata (2016)

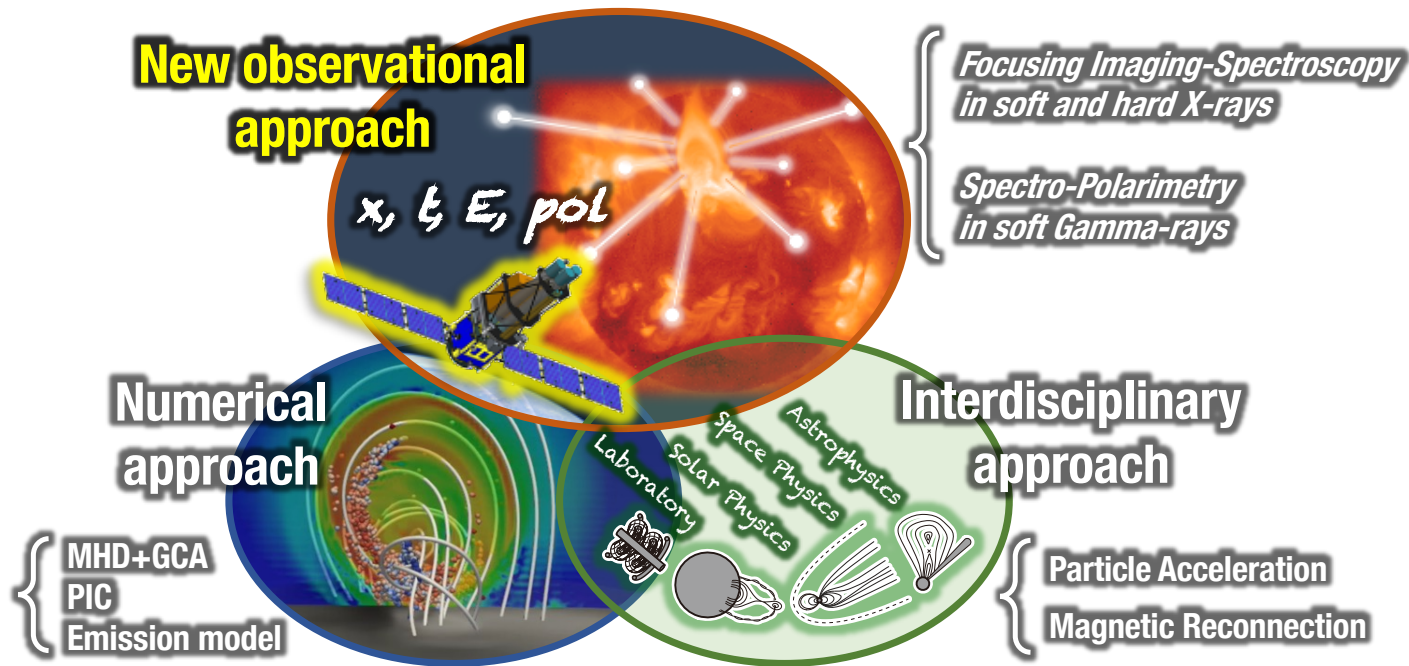
Turbulence?



Liu et al. (2008),
Petrosian, (2012)

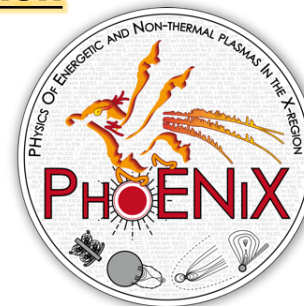
Accelerator	MHD scale	$\sim 10^7 - 10^{10}$ cm (Size of plasma structures)	~ 10 sec (Alfven time)
Accelerated Particles	Particle scale	$\sim 10^0 - 10^2$ cm (Electron - Ion Larmor radius)	$\ll 1$ sec

[Reason 2] - Huge scale gap in both space and time!!



Science Objectives of *PhoENiX* mission

1. Identify particle acceleration sites **in solar flares** [where]
2. Investigate temporal evolution of particle acceleration [when]
3. Characterize properties of accelerated particles [how]

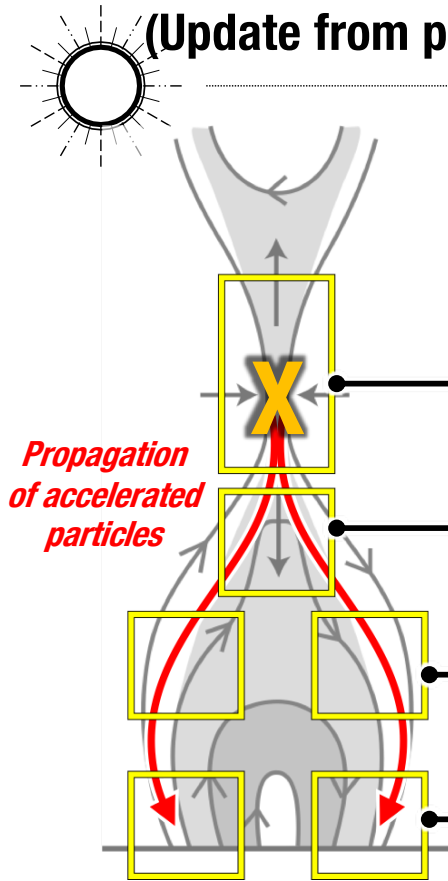


planned to be realized
in Solar Cycle 26 (2030')

Required measurements to trace the accelerated particles in MHD-scale solar flare system



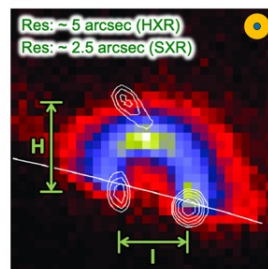
(Update from past or existing observations)



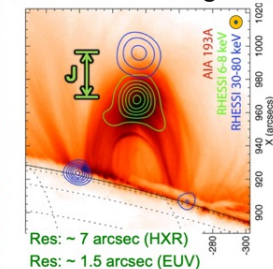
ZONE	Structural characteristic	Property in particle acceleration point of view	Observational capability	
			Past or existing obs.	Requirements for new obs.
ZONE1	Around reconnection site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy release region ➔ Possible acceleration site 	Few samples in X-ray obs.	Plasma diagnostic capability for both thermal and non-thermal plasmas in all the ZONES and capability to track the propagation of accelerated particles
ZONE2	Above-the-loop-top	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary between rare and dense plasmas ➔ Possible acceleration site 	Sometimes observed as hard X-ray coronal sources	
ZONE3	Flare loop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transit area Trapping area ➔ Possible acceleration site 	Few samples in hard X-ray obs.	
ZONE4	Foot points of the flare loop (Solar surface)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy deposition region Mirroring region 	Observed in many flares as the brightest hard X-ray source	

Above-the-looptop & footpoint sources

h Masuda et al. 1992

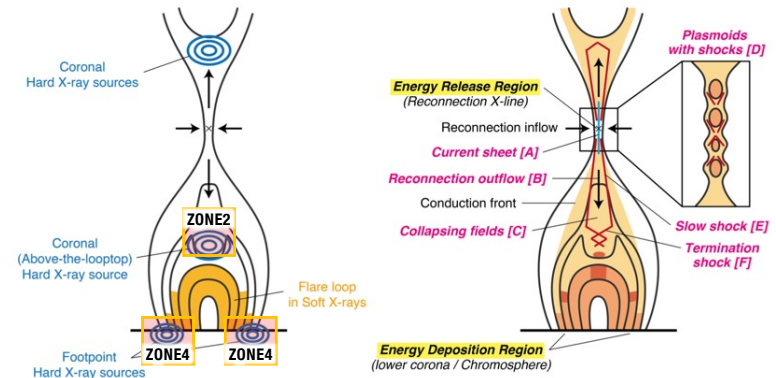
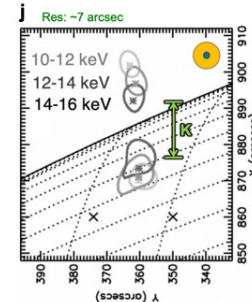


i Krucker & Battaglia 2014



Double coronal source

Sui and Holman 2003



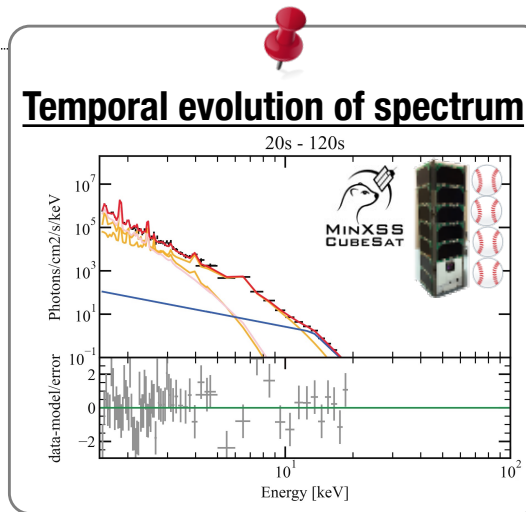
Observational Approach for Scientific Objectives

Spatially resolved spectrum in X-rays

Thermal component

Non-thermal component (accelerated electrons)

Temperature EM (Density) Spectrum Index

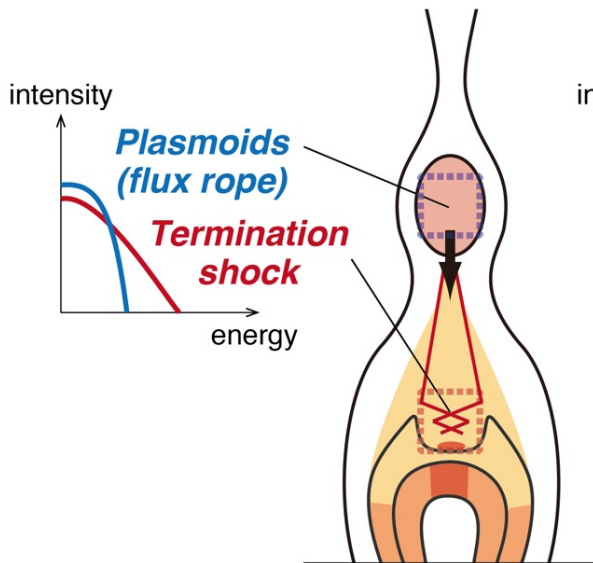


Energy transportation & budget

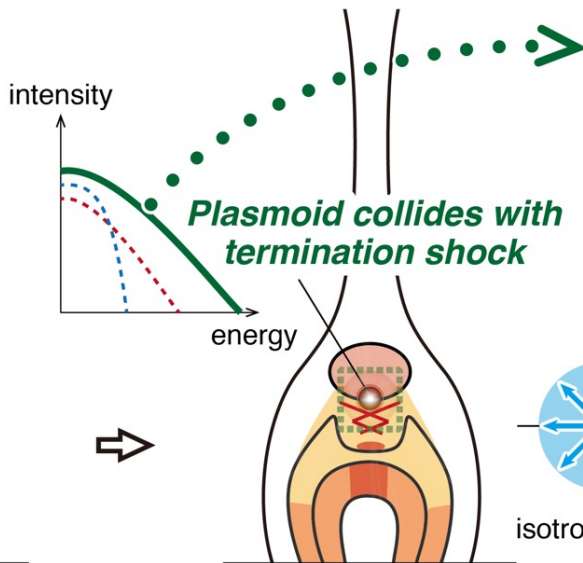
- Released magnetic energy = $E_{B_pre-flare} - E_{B_post-flare}$

- Kinetic energy of bulk plasma = $1/2 N_p m_p v^2$
- Thermal energy = $\int 3/2 N k_B T dT$
- Energy of accelerated particles = $\int N_{NT} E_{NT} dE$

Scientific Objective 1 where?



Scientific Objective 2 when?



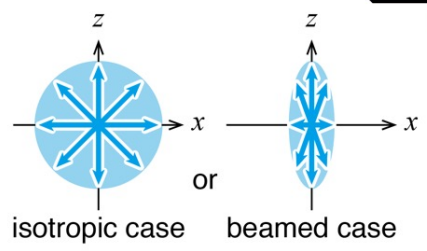
Parameters obtained from spectroscopy

- Power-Law Index
- Relative Intensity
- Lower/Higher Energy Cut-off
- Break Energy

Theory / Model

- Numerical Simulation
- Laboratory Experiment
- Comparison with other observations than solar

Scientific Objective 3 how?



Parameters obtained from polarimetry

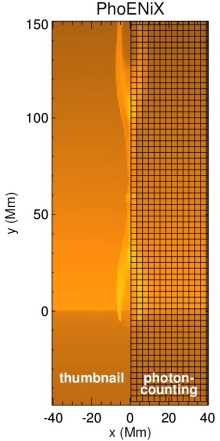
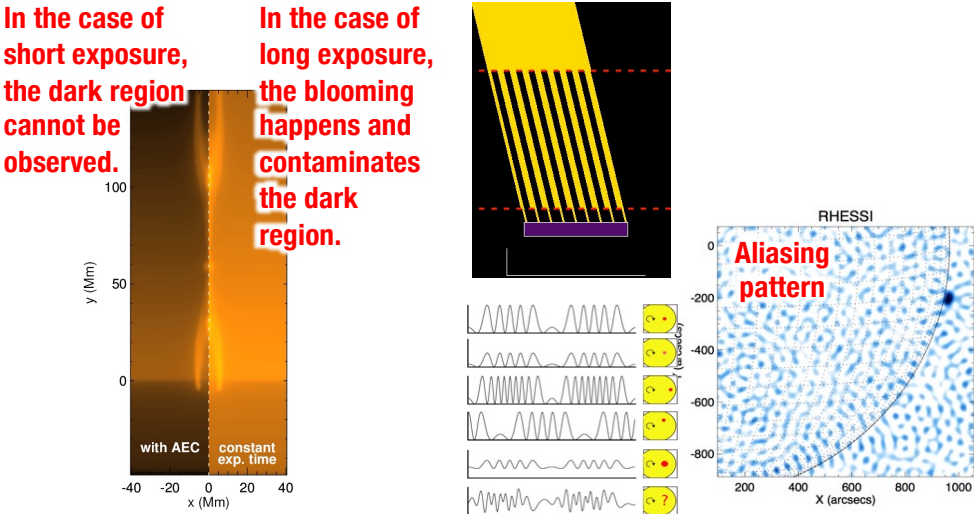
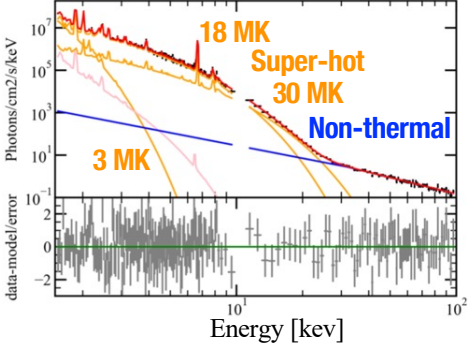
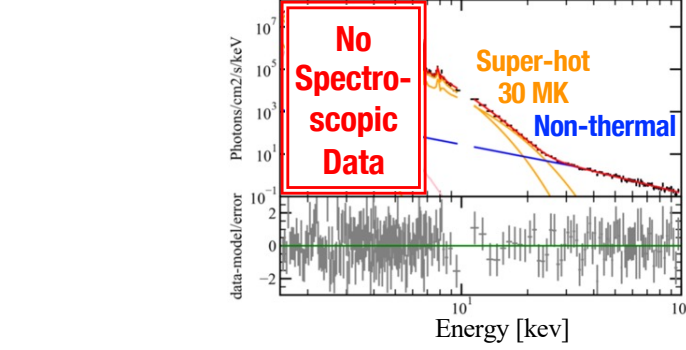
- Direction of polarization
- Degree of polarization

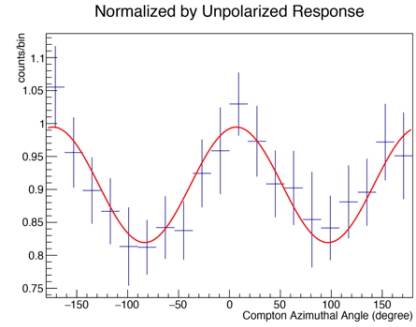
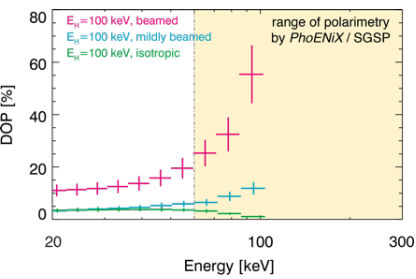
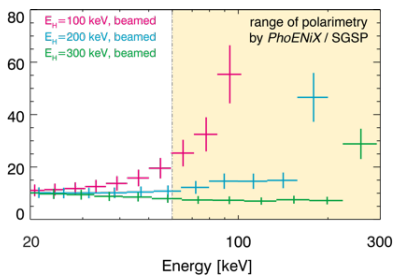
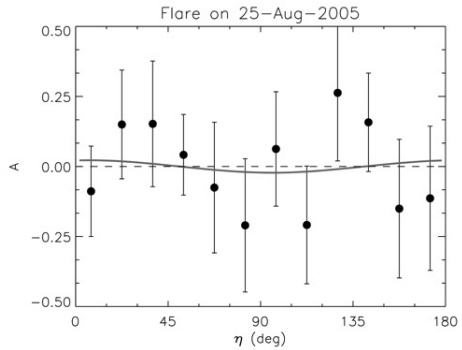
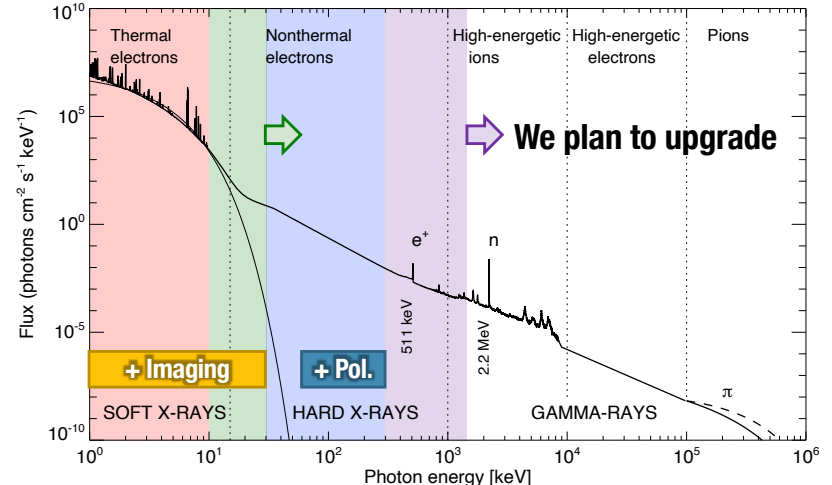
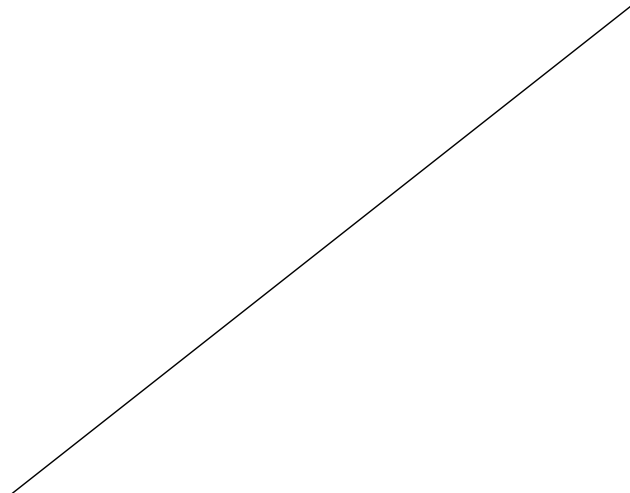
Why X-rays and Gamma-rays?

– comparison with spectroscopy in other wavelengths

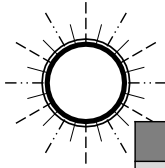


Significant	New by PhoENiX	Collaboration			
Wavelength	EUV	Soft X-rays	Hard X-rays	Gamma-rays	Radio
Energy	< 0.1 keV	0.1 – 10 keV	10 – 100 keV	0.1 – 1 MeV	0.1 – 1 MeV
Common properties					
Dynamic range	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓		✓
Field of view	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓		✓✓✓
Spatial sampling	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓		✓
Temporal sampling	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
For investigation of thermal plasmas (possible agents of particle acceleration)					
Temperature diagnostic capability	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓		
Response speed to temperature change	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓		
Velocity measurement of bulk plasma	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓		✓
For investigation of non-thermal plasmas (particle acceleration)					
Accelerating electrons	(✓)	✓✓✓	✓		
Accelerated electrons	(✓)	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Low energy cutoff		✓✓	✓		
Maximum energy				✓✓	
Electron anisotropy				✓✓	✓
Magnetic field measurement					
Magnetic field measurement					✓

Capability	PhoENiX	Other (past or existing) X-ray missions
<p align="center">Dynamic Range To observe entire ZONEs</p>	 <p align="center">[SXR & HXR] Focusing optics (mirror) + CMOS or CdTe</p>	<p>In the case of short exposure, the dark region cannot be observed.</p> <p>In the case of long exposure, the blooming happens and contaminates the dark region.</p>  <p align="center">[SXR] Focusing optics (mirror) + CCD</p> <p align="center">[HXR] with modulation collimator</p>
<p>Imaging Spectroscopy</p> <p>SXR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thermal plasma • Accelerating e⁻ • Low energy cutoff <p>HXR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerated e⁻ 	 <p align="center">[SXR & HXR] Imaging spectroscopy</p>	 <p align="center">[SXR] Mainly Imaging only</p> <p align="center">[HXR] Imaging spectroscopy</p>

Capability	PhoENiX	Other (past or existing) X-ray missions
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Polarization</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electron anisotropy (velocity angle to the guiding magnetic field) • High energy cutoff (highest energy electrons produced by the acceleration conditions: mechanism, spatial extent, and time) 	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p style="text-align: center;">Normalized by Unpolarized Response</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>Minimum detectable polarization degree < 10%</p> <p>← Expected modulation polarization with PhoENiX for 60 – 300 keV in an M3.4 flare. Assumed polarization degree is 20%.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p style="text-align: center;">range of polarimetry by PhoENiX / SGSP</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p style="text-align: center;">range of polarimetry by PhoENiX / SGSP</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Jeffrey et al. (2020)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Polarization = $6 \pm 25\%$ for 100 – 350 keV in M7 flare</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Flare on 25-Aug-2005</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Suarez-Garcia et al. (2006)</p> <p>There are some studies to estimate the polarization in solar flares with RHESSI. But <u>RHESSI is not designed (calibrated) to derive the polarization.</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Energy Coverage</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Flux (photons $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{keV}^{-1}$)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Photon energy [keV]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+ Imaging (SOFT X-RAYS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+ Pol. (HARD X-RAYS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We plan to upgrade</p>	

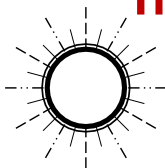
Specification of the PhoENiX instruments



observational capability	Requirement	Rationale
Requirements for observing solar flares (common requirements for observations in all energy bands)		
FOV	> 360×360 arcsec²	The entire flare area must fit in the field of view.
Observation time	> 10 minutes	At least, to observe from pre-flare to the peak of flare.
Temporal resolution	< 10 sec per spectrum < 1 sec per light curve	For the spectrum, it is specified by the Alfvén time; For the light curve, it is specified by the propagation time of accelerated electrons.
Requirements for investigating the plasma structure produced by flare systems and the electron population during acceleration: Soft X-ray imaging spectroscopy		
Energy coverage	0.5 keV – 10 keV	To obtain the temperature of the plasma structure (thermal spectrum) and information about the electrons under acceleration (spectrum deviating from the thermal distribution).
Energy resolution	< 0.2 keV (FWHM)	To distinguish the emission line group and the continuum component
Spatial resolution	< 2 arcsec (FWHM)	Since the structures produced by magnetic reconnection contain scale-free ones, we set the requirements for spatial resolution as follows: For large scale flares (~10 ⁵ km ~ 140"), plasma structures should be identified by resolving each Zone. For small flares (~10 ⁴ km ~ 14"), at least the flare region can be resolved into Zones 1 to 4.
Dynamic range	> 10⁴	To observe all the Zones even when the flare loops increase in intensity
Photon number per spectrum	> 1600 photons	To suppress the measurement error of temperature and density to 10% or less
Requirements for detecting accelerated electron populations and tracking their propagation: Hard X-ray imaging spectroscopy		
Energy coverage	5 keV – 30 keV	To obtain information on accelerated electrons (power spectrum deviating from thermal distribution)
Energy resolution	< 1 keV (FWHM)	To detect components with different acceleration states (broken power law spectrum)
Positioning accuracy	< 2 arcsec	It is crucial to determine the position of the accelerating electrons in the spatially resolved plasma structure (candidate acceleration source). The accuracy of this determination should be the same as the spatial resolution required to investigate the plasma structure. To achieve this accuracy, the spatial resolution should be twice as high as that required to the positioning accuracy.
Spatial resolution	< 4 arcsec (FWHM)	
Dynamic range	> 10³	To observe all the Zones even when the foot point of loop increase in intensity
Photon number per spectrum	> 3200 photons	To suppress the measurement error of the total number of accelerated electrons to a factor of 2 or less
Requirements for investigating the anisotropy of accelerated electron motion and the maximum energy: Soft gamma-ray spectropolarimetry		
Energy coverage	20 keV – 300 keV, a few MeV	To obtain information on electrons accelerated to higher energies
Energy resolution	< 10 % (FWHM)	To detect components with different acceleration states (broken power law spectrum)
Lower limit of detectable polarization	< 10 % in >M5 class flares	To evaluate the anisotropy of the accelerated electron motion. Note that due to the measurement method, the energy range of the polarization measurement is 60 keV - 300 keV.
Photon number per spectrum	> 500 photons	To achieve the above polarization measurement accuracy

Instruments and Key technologies of PhoENiX

The basic developments of these technologies have been completed.



Soft X-ray Imaging Spectrometer (0.5 keV ~ 10 keV)

Hard X-ray Imaging Spectrometer (5 keV ~ 30 keV)

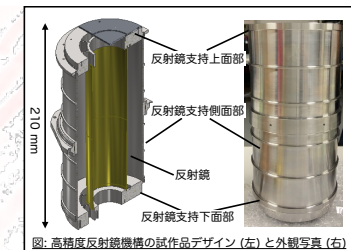
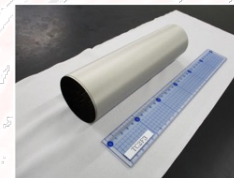
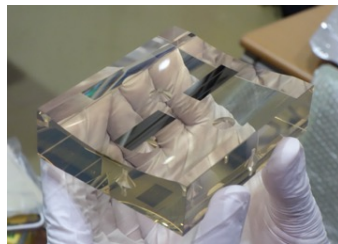
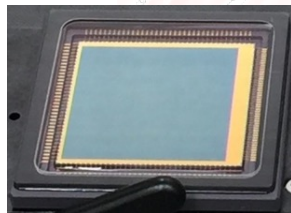


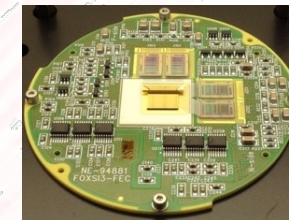
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High-precision X-ray mirror
Resolution: < 2 arcsec
Low scatter: 10^{-4} @ 20 arcsec

Large effective area X-ray mirror
Resolution: < 4 arcsec (FWHM)



High-speed soft X-ray camera
Back-illuminated CMOS sensor



High-sensitivity hard X-ray camera
Fine-pitch CdTe detector

~3.0m

~2.0m

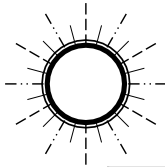
Soft Gamma-ray SpectroPolarimeter (20 keV ~ > 300 keV (> 1 MeV))





Si/CdTe Compton camera with active shield
Polarization measurement: > 60 keV



FOXSI sounding rocket series

– Demonstration of SXIS & HXIS of PhoENiX



	FOXSI-1 in 2012 	FOXSI-2 in 2014 	FOXSI-3 in 2018 	FOXSI-4 in 2024 
Obs. target	Quiet sun	Active region and Quiet sun	Full sun including Active region	Solar flare
Energy range				
Telescope	7 shells x 7 modules	10 shells x 2 modules 7 shells x 5 modules	(10 shells + blocker) x 1 (7 shells + collimator) x 2 10 shells x 3 modules 7 shells x 1 modules	high resolution optics x 5 10 shells x 2 modules
Detector	Si (7.7 arcsec) x 7 [for hard X-rays]	CdTe (6.7 arcsec) x 2 Si (7.7 arcsec) x 5 [for hard X-rays]	CdTe (6.7 arcsec) x 2 Si (7.7 arcsec) x 4 [for hard X-rays] + CMOS (1.1 arcsec) x 1 [for soft X-rays]	CdTe (6.7 arcsec) x 5 [for hard X-rays] + CMOS (1.1 arcsec) x 2 [for soft X-rays]

FOXSI-3 Soft X-ray data

250 FPS data (4 ms continuous exposure)



integrated image : 0,00000 photons

FOXSI-3 phoenix data QL

image (like pointillism)

time profile photons

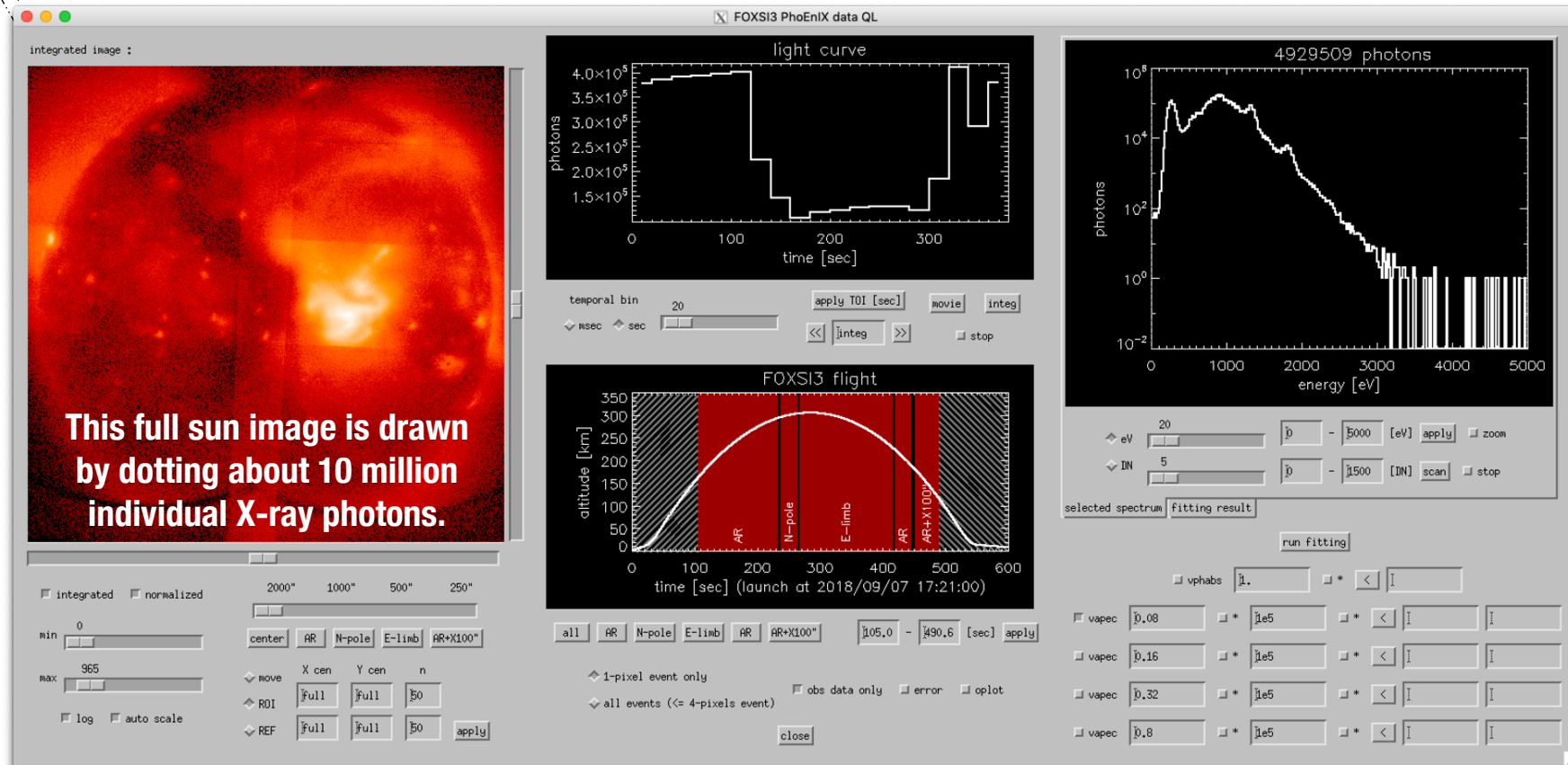
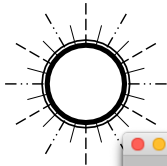
spectrum 65 photons

FOXSI-3 instrument

E min [eV] : 0 , E max [eV] : 5000

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Data analysis software



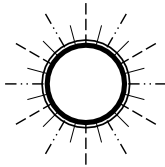
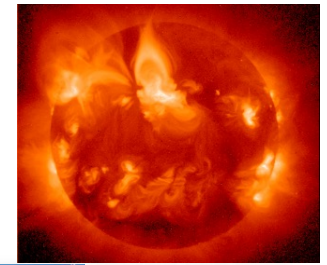
Data analysis software (GUI tool) for FOXSI-3

1. Selection of area, timing and energy range
2. Adjustment of binning for space, time and energy
3. Spectral fitting with *Xspec*

This version is developed with IDL, which is widely used in solar physics community.



FOXSI-4 sounding rocket project : It's time to observe a flare!!



First sounding rocket to observe a solar flare

Science objectives:

1. Determine how much particle acceleration occurs in the gradual phase of a flare
 2. Produce images and spectra of flare footpoints from thermal to non-thermal energies
 3. Determine where non-thermal sources and heated plasma are located in a given coronal configuration
 4. Measure the spatial distribution of superhot sources in a flare
 5. Identify locations of energetic electrons in an erupting CME
- Method: **Focusing imaging spectroscopy in X-rays (update of FOXSI-3 observation)**

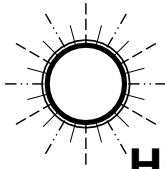


OVERALL GRADE (mark panel overall score with "X")

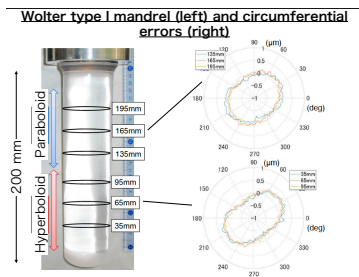
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'X': Overall grade.	X								

	July, 2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Schedule	Proposal was accepted by NASA	Design & Development	Fabrication & Test	Integration & Test	Launch!! 24

FOXSI-4 sounding rocket project

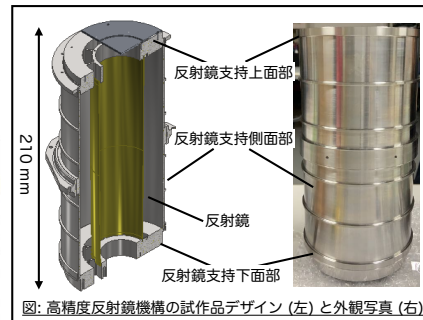
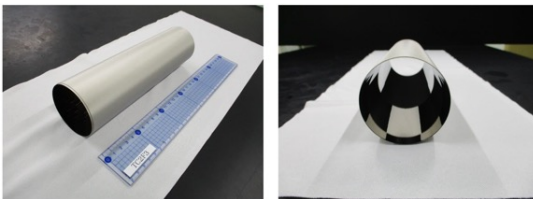


High-precision electroformed X-ray mirror



Goal (cf. FOXSI-3)

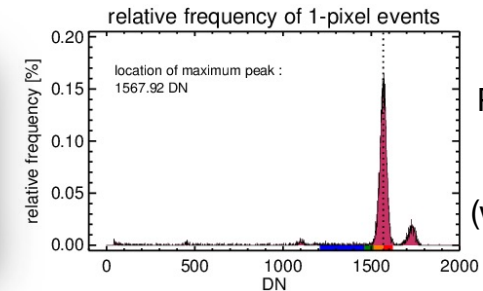
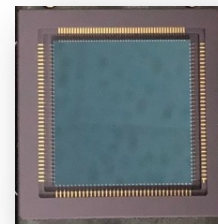
- **<10" HPD** (← 25" HPD)
- **<4" FWHM** (← 5" FWHM)



Updated CMOS (for soft X-rays) & CdTe (for hard X-rays) detectors

CMOS detector (cf. FOXSI-3)

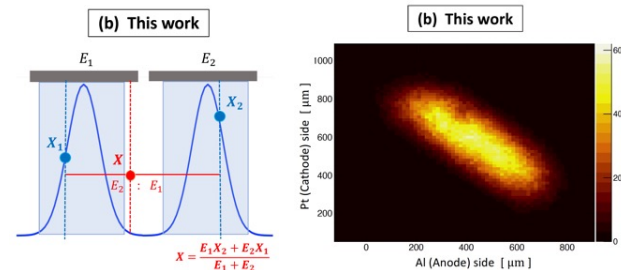
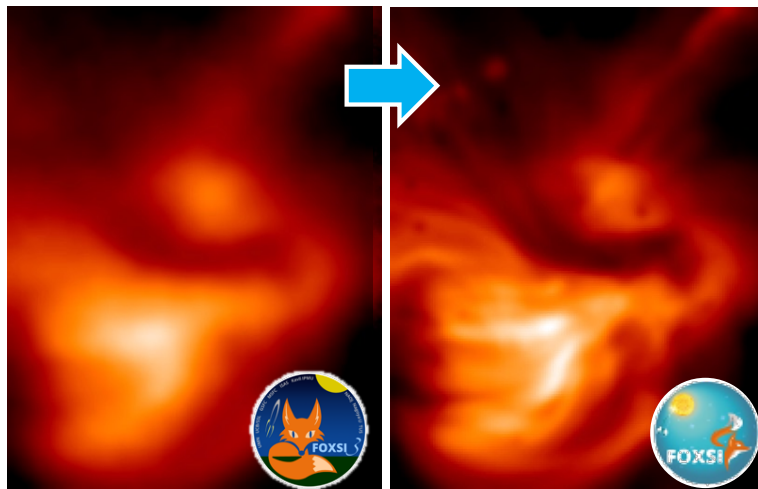
- **25 um depletion layer thickness** (← 4 um) for
- Higher sensitivity to high-energy X-rays
- Higher robustness against X-rays



Photon counting capability of CMOS (with ⁵⁵Fe source)

CdTe detector (cf. FOXSI-3)

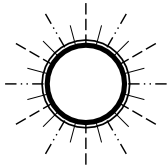
- Position resolution (~30 μm ← 60 μm)
- High Count Rate (~5 k events / s / detector ← 500 events / s / detector)



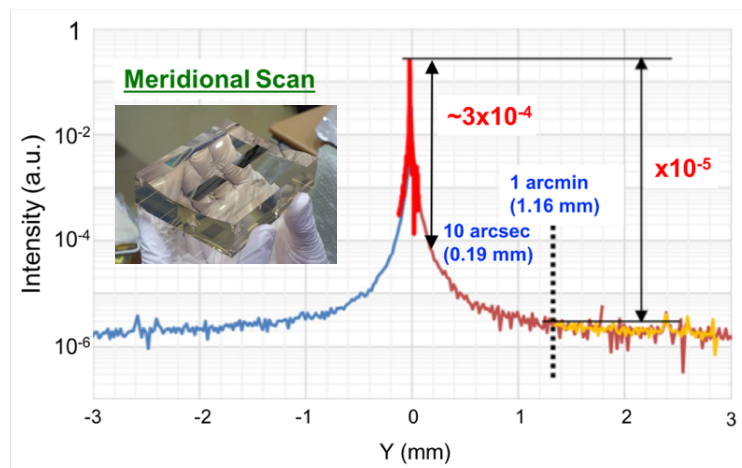
Sub-strip resolution (Furukawa et al., 2020)

Development of key technologies

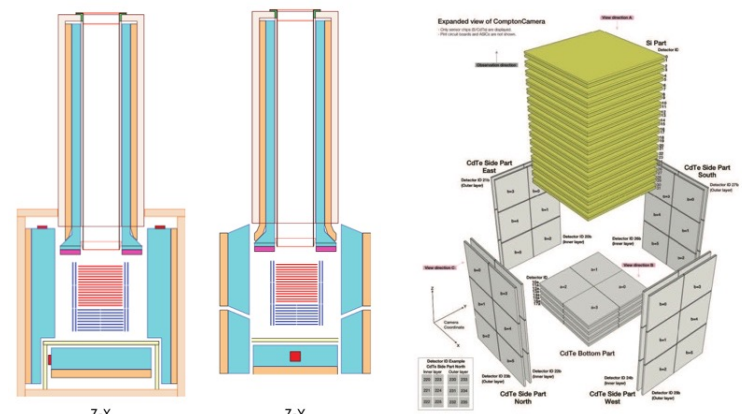
– Soft X-ray mirror, Soft Gamma-ray spectropolarimeter



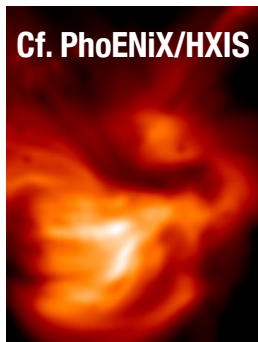
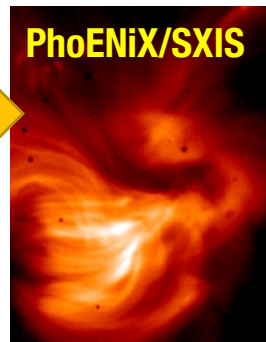
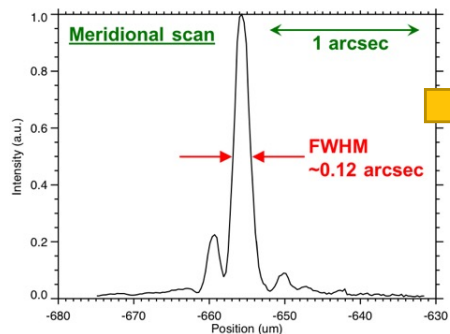
High precision soft X-ray glass-polished mirror



Si/CdTe Compton camera with active shield

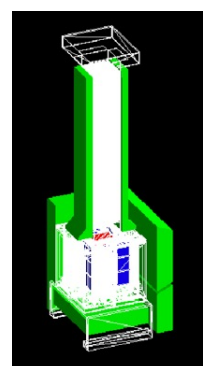


Design for PhoENiX: 1CC



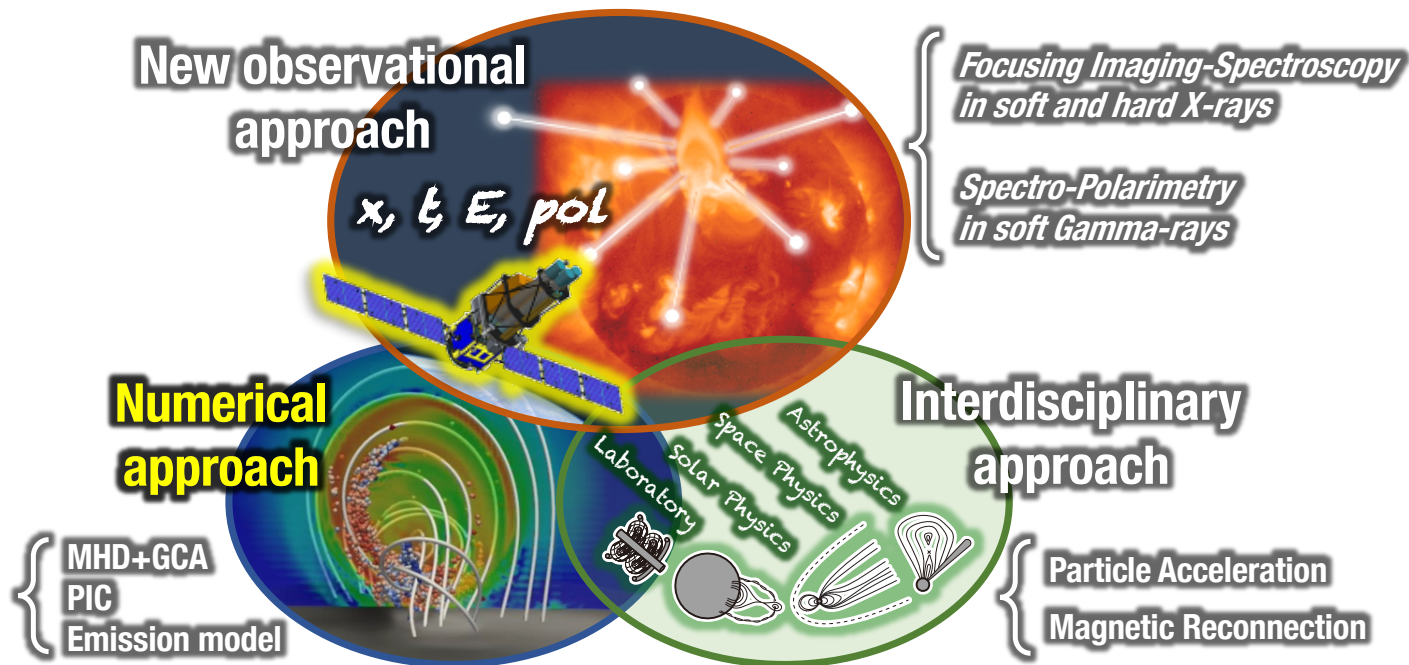
< 2" FWHM (Hinode/XRT)

< 4" FWHM (previous page)



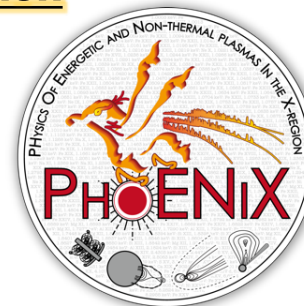
BGO design as

- Active shield for **polarimetry**
- Detector to evaluate **maximum energy** (for above MeV detection)



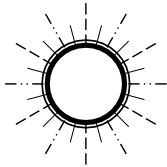
Science Objectives of *PhoENiX* mission

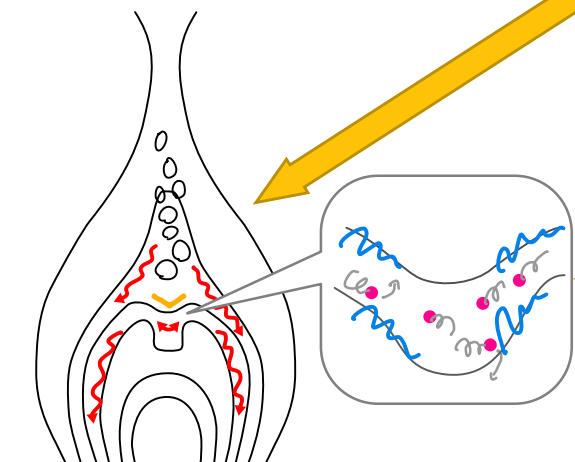
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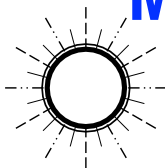
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Strategy of numerical approach

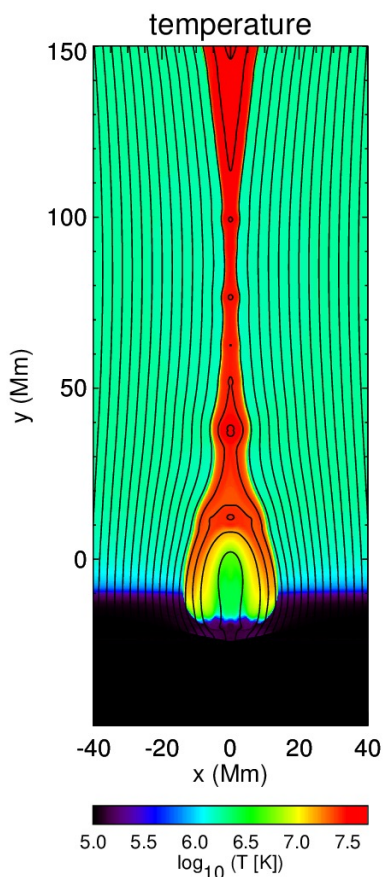
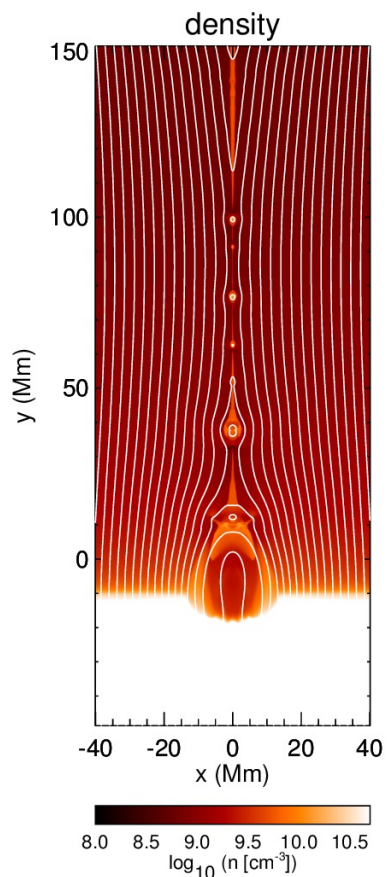


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- **MHD calculation ($\sim 10^7 - 10^{10}$ cm) + test particle**
 - Determine global energy release process
 - Provide the magnetic field and velocity field structures (boundary conditions of particle calculations)
 - e.g., **Shocks, Magnetic mirror**
 - **Particle calculation ($\sim 10^0 - 10^2$ cm)**
 - e.g., **Scattering processes via the wave-particle interaction**, etc.
 - For example, pick up local regions and study acceleration & trapping processes using kinetic models (e.g., PIC)
 - **Comparison between numerical simulation and observation**
 - via emission model
 - **Energy spectrum \Leftrightarrow Photon spectrum**
 - **Electron anisotropy \Leftrightarrow Polarization**, etc.

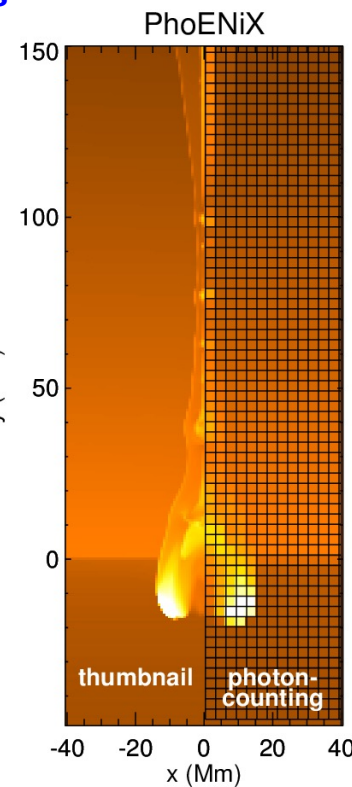
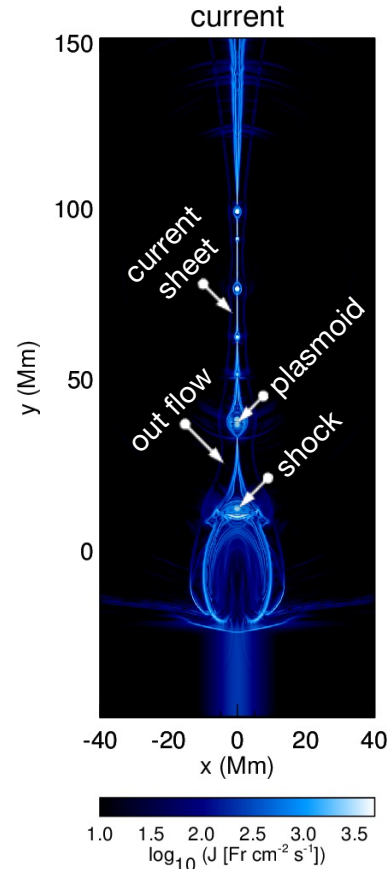
Numerical Approach in macro scale MHD for understanding of ambient plasma



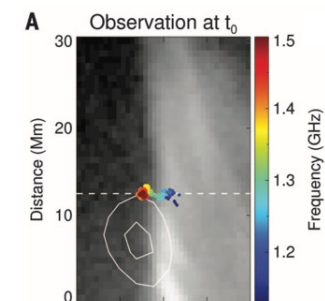
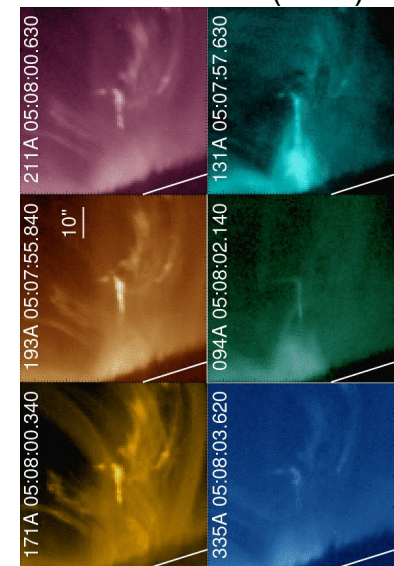
MHD simulation of a solar flare (magnetic reconnection)
calculated by Kaneko



Possible acceleration sites



Takasao et al. (2012)

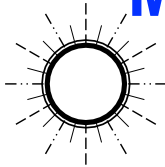


Chen et al. (2015)

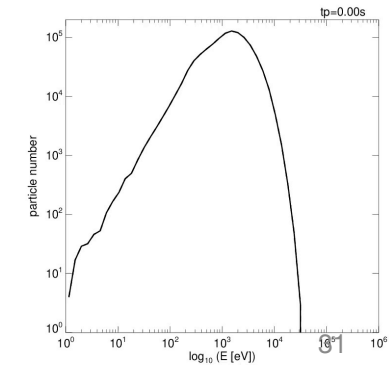
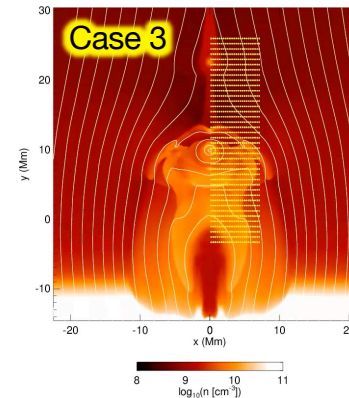
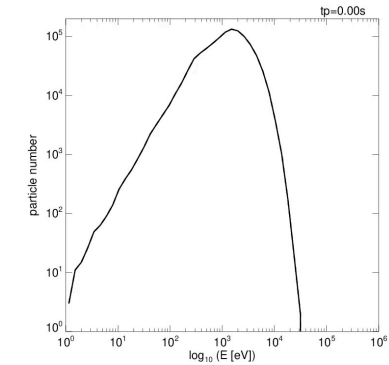
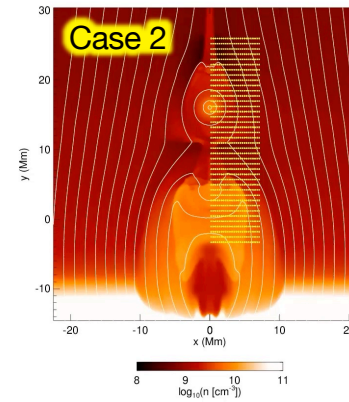
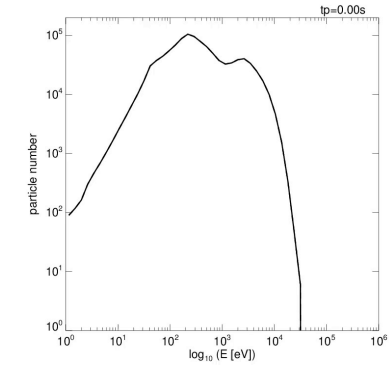
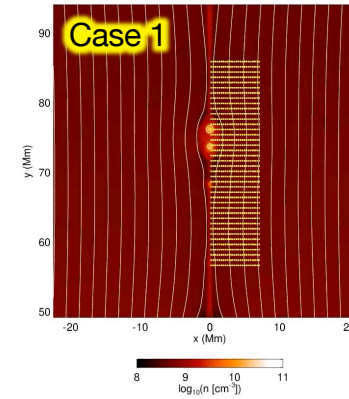
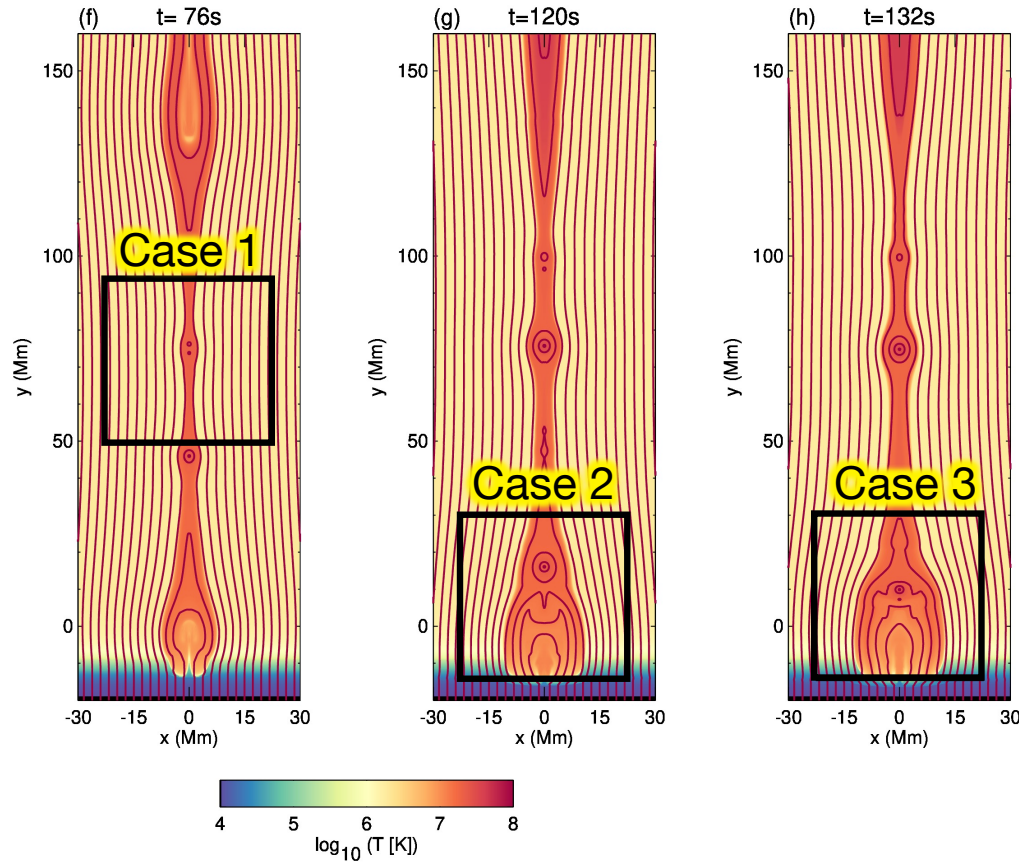
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Numerical Approach in macro scale

MHD + GCA for understanding of particle acceleration

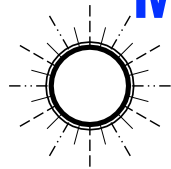


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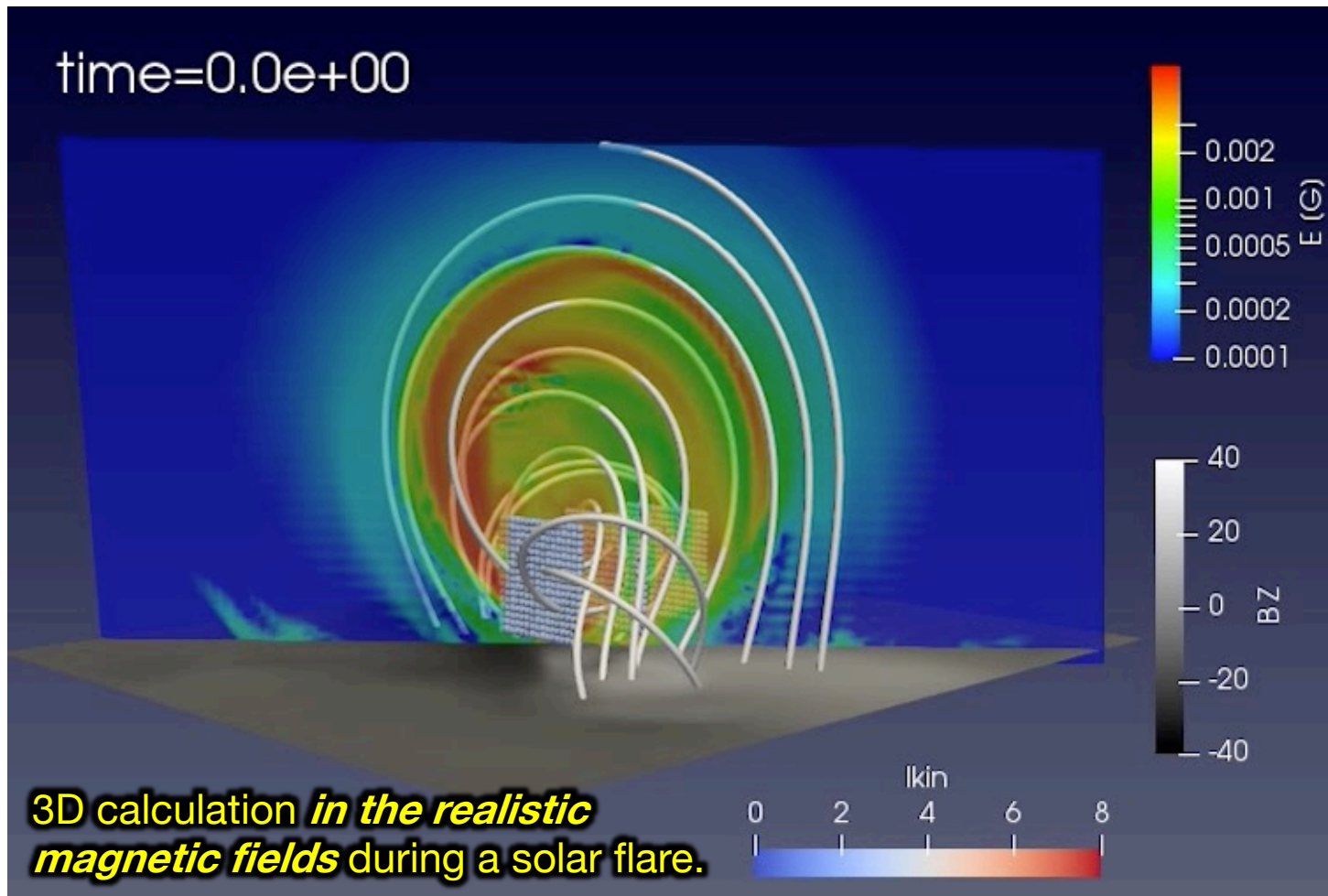


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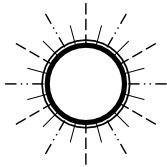
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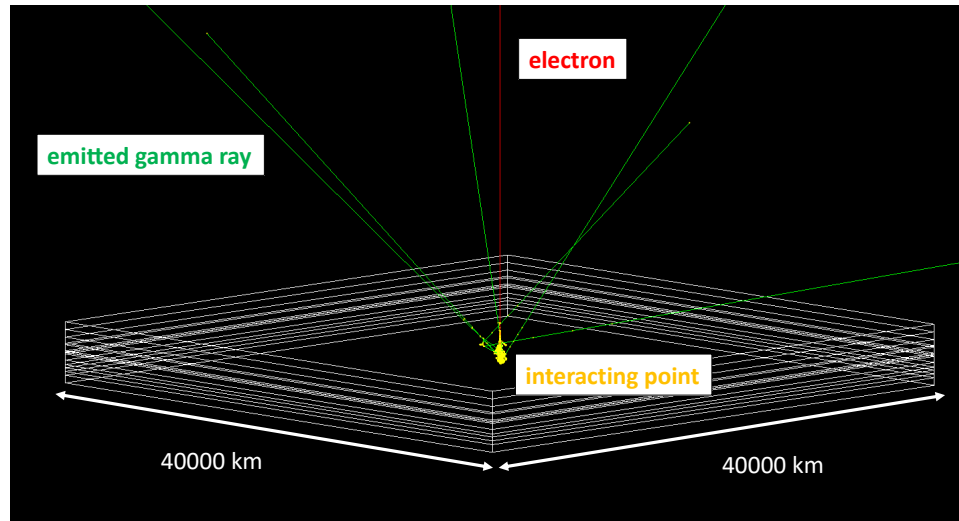
Numerical Approach

Emission model for comparison

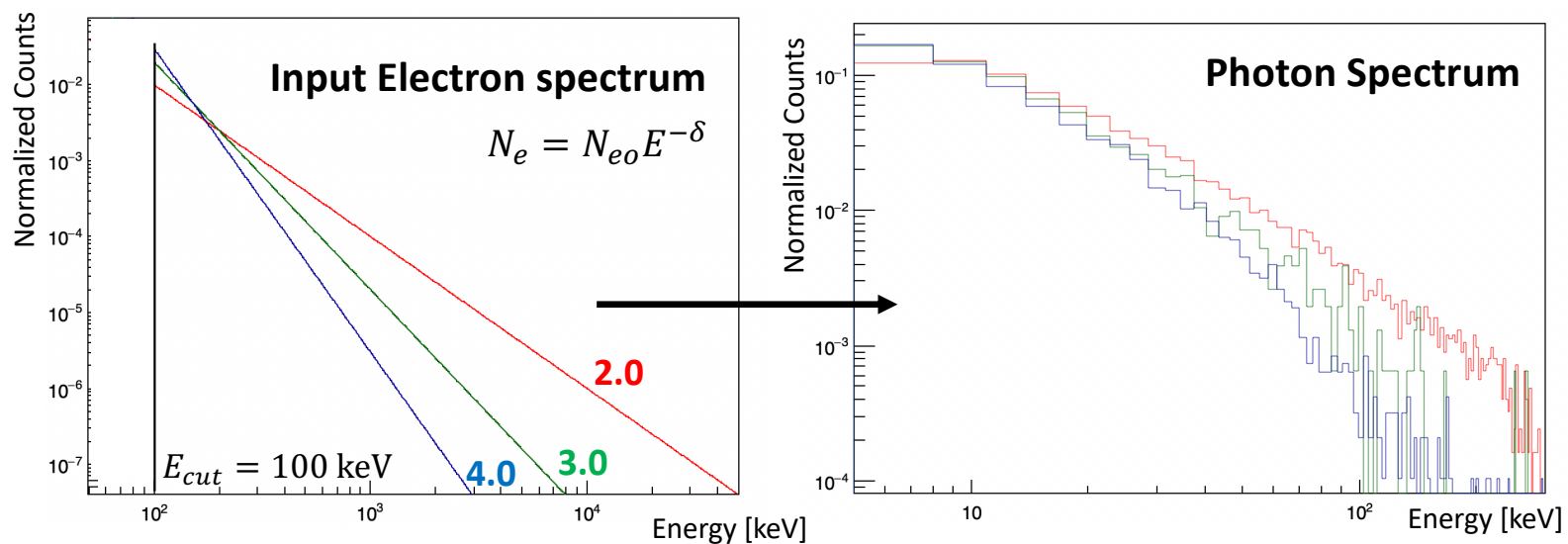
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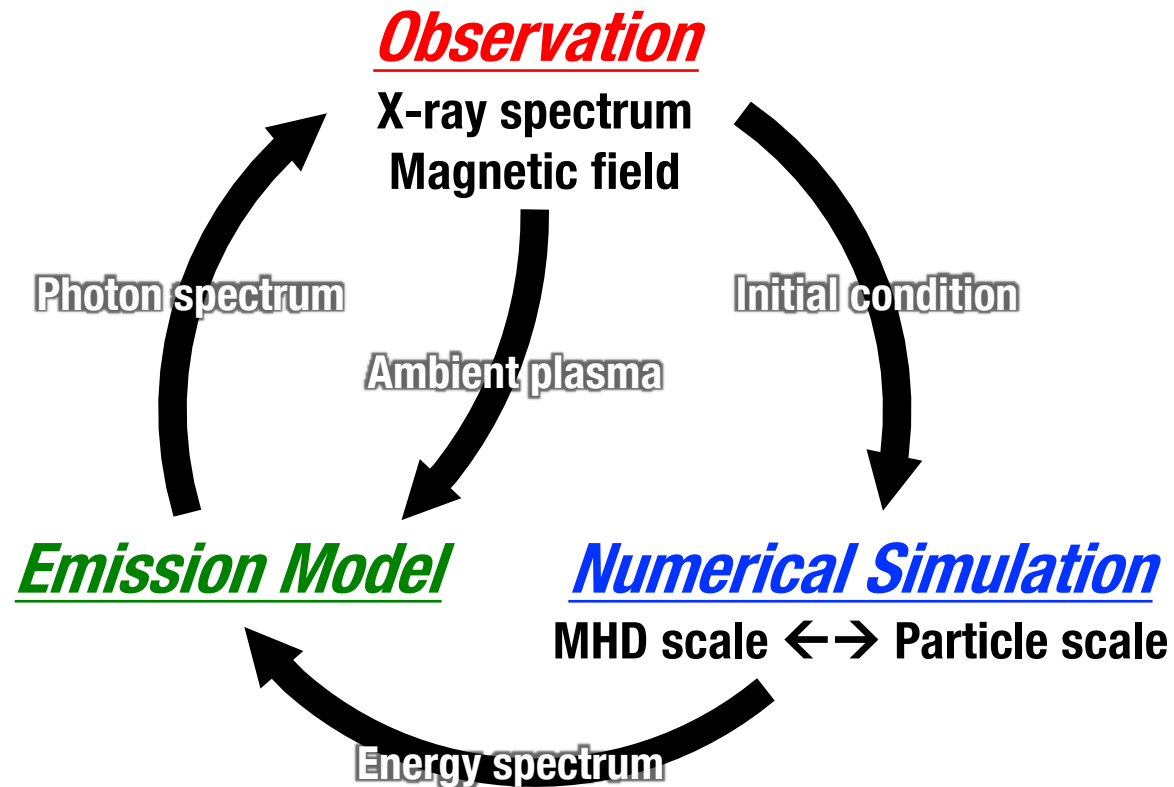
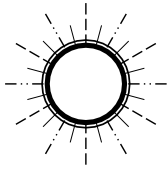
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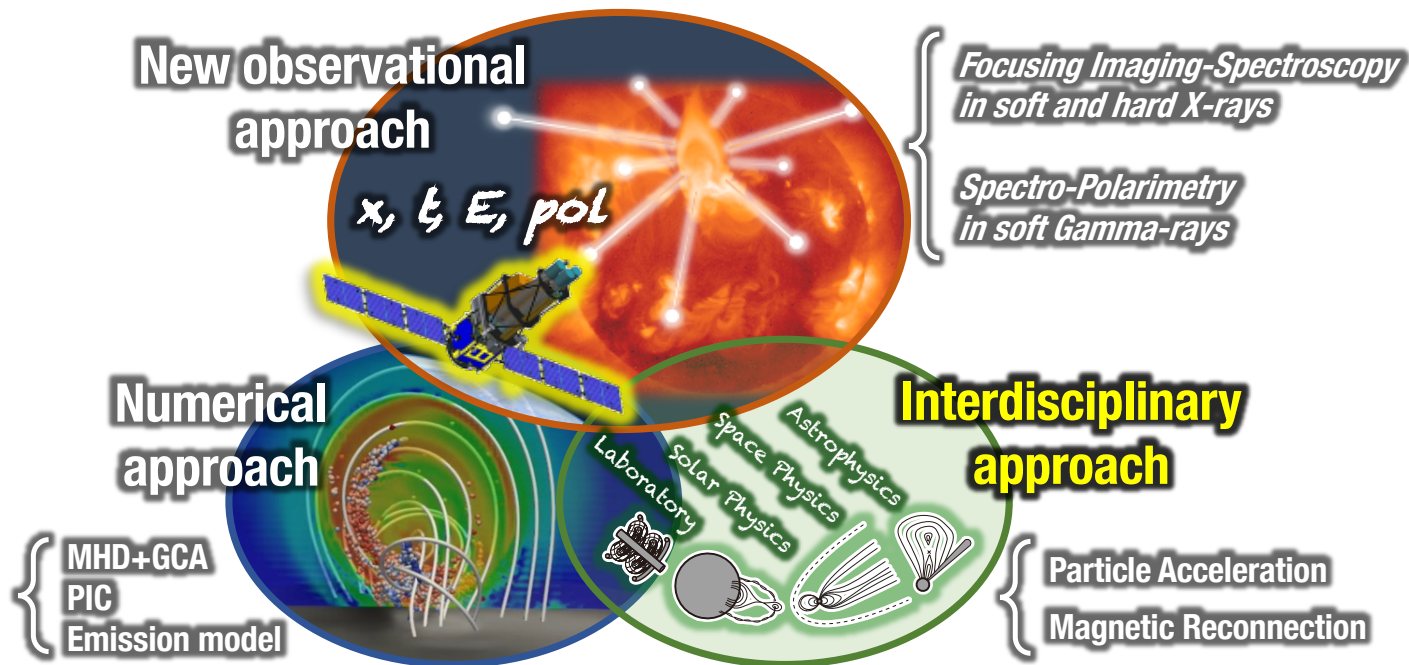


Solar corona model in ComptonSoft



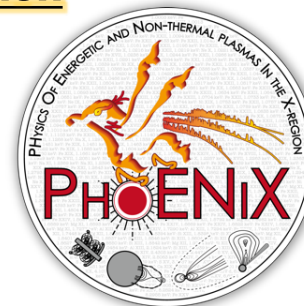
Iteration between observation and numerical simulation





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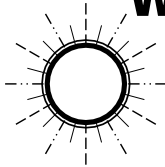
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Interdisciplinary approach with strength and heritage of each research field

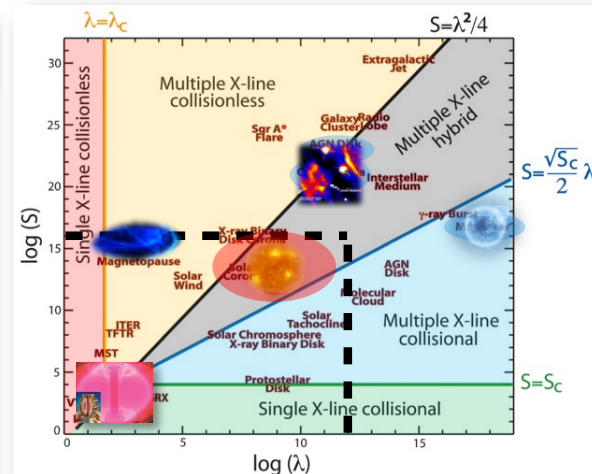
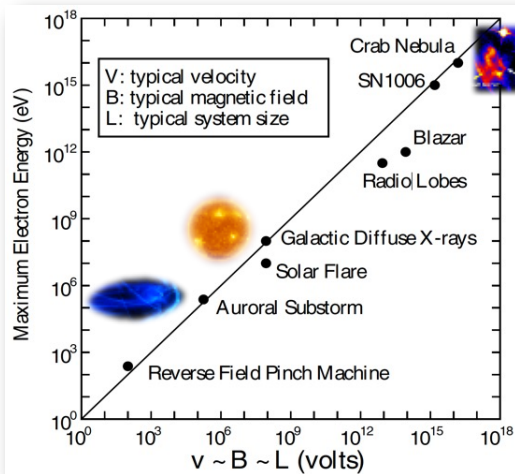


• Space Physics

- Observation in interplanetary space (trace of plasmas from the sun)
- PIC simulation

• Astrophysics

- X-ray & gamma-ray observations
- X-Ray Spectral Fitting Package (Xspec)
- X-ray emission model
- Key technologies



Common Physics

- **Particle Acceleration**
- **Magnetic Reconnection**

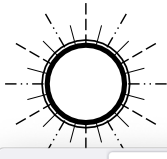
• Laboratory plasma physics

- Laboratory experiment of MR

• Solar Physics

- Solar observations
- MHD simulation
- Key technologies

SolFER (Solar Flare Energy Release) – NASA funded Drive Science Center



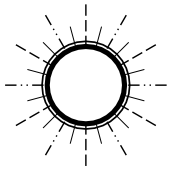
The screenshot shows the SolFER website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Research, Events, Papers & Talks, Outreach, and Resources. Below the menu is a large banner image of a solar flare with a text box that reads: "The NASA funded Solar Flare Energy Release (SolFER) Drive Science Center is a multi-institutional collaboration whose goal is to understand the release of magnetic field energy and associated particle acceleration in flares in the solar corona." Below the banner are two columns of news items. The left column is titled "SolFER News" and contains three items: "SolFER Collaboration Awarded Time on Frontera Supercomputer to Model Solar Flares", "Decay of the Coronal Magnetic Field", and "A New View into the Central Engine of a Large Solar Eruption". The right column is titled "Conference" and contains one item: "SolFER DRIVE Science Center Online Science Meeting on Solar Flare Energy Release - May 24-26, 2021" with a button for "CONFERENCE INDICO SITE". At the bottom of the right column, there is a section for "Upcoming Events" with a button for "Aug Group 4 call".

1. Fast Release Mechanisms
2. Onset of Energy Release
3. Energization of Electrons
4. Energization of Ions
5. Particle Transport
6. Plasma Heating

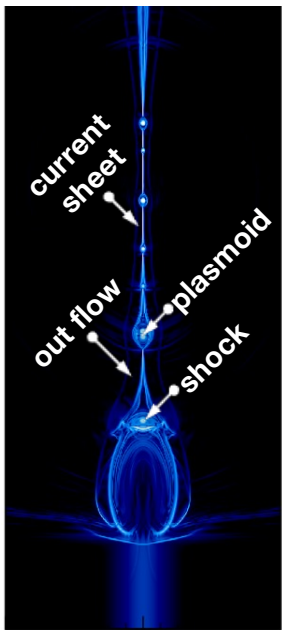
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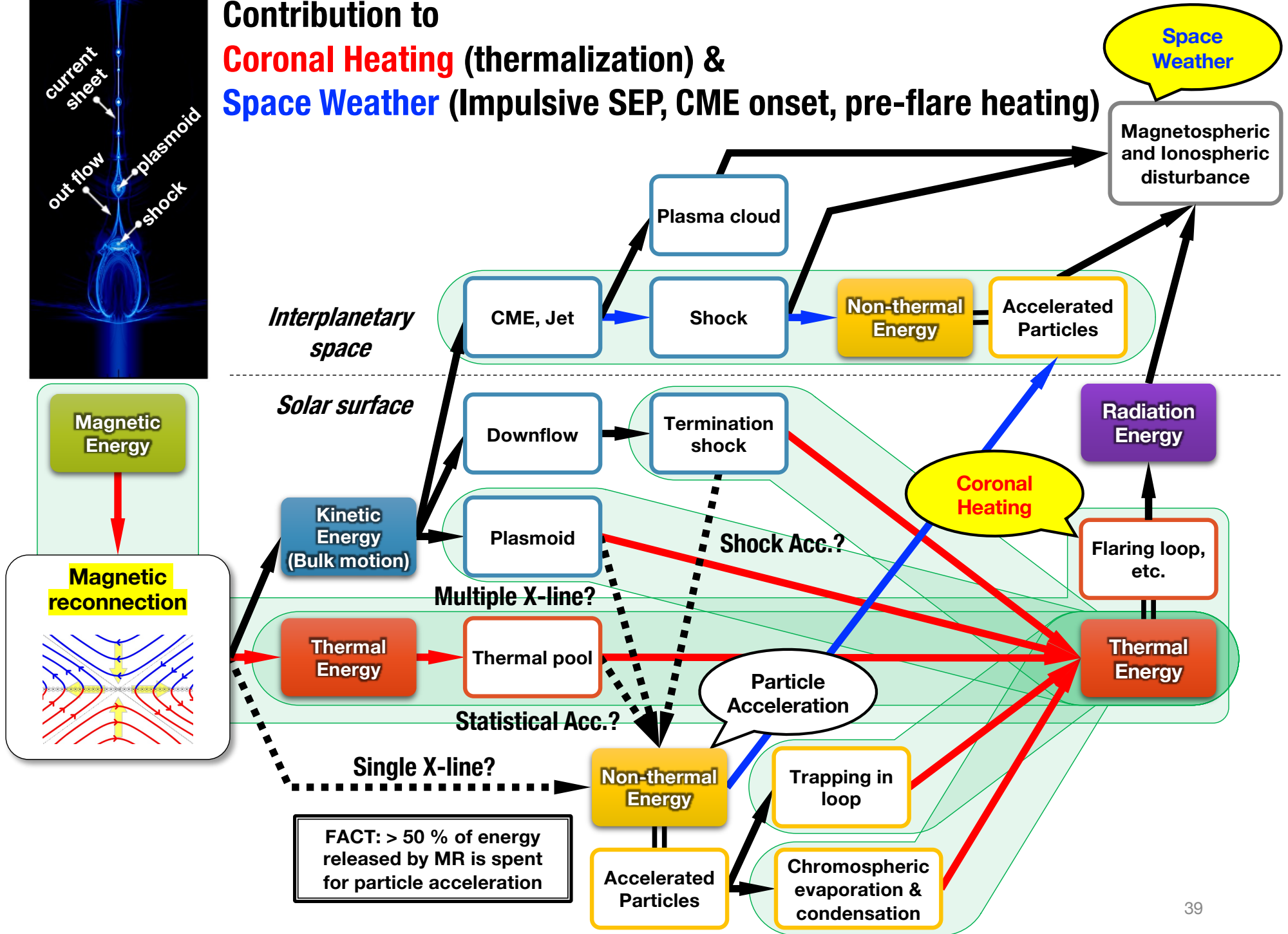
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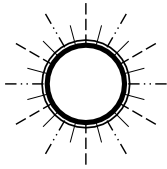
Beyond the PhoENiX Scientific Objectives



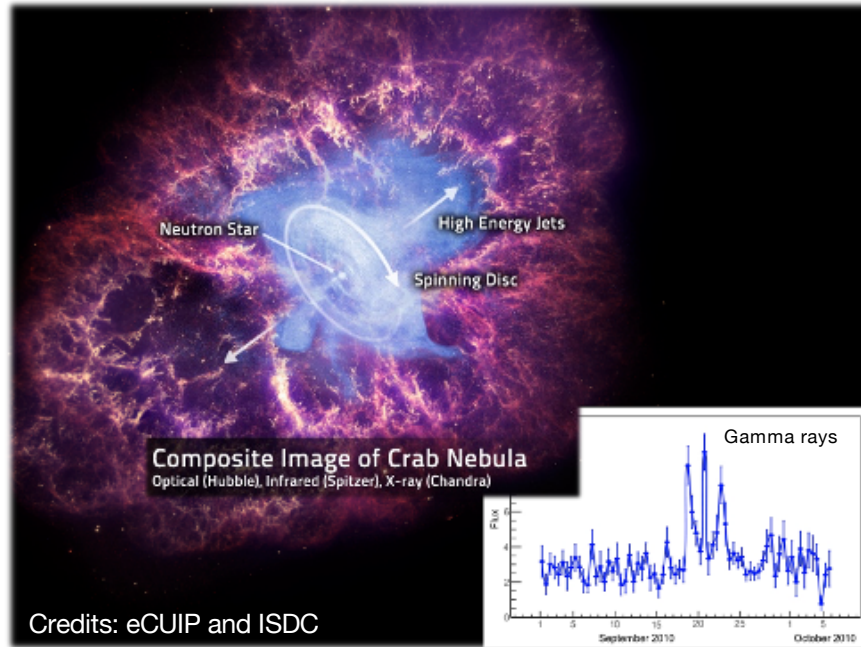
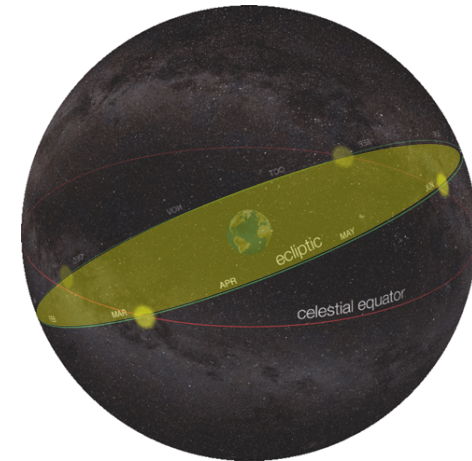
Contribution to Coronal Heating (thermalization) & Space Weather (Impulsive SEP, CME onset, pre-flare heating)



Observation of astronomical objects



PhoENiX can observe
the astronomical objects near the ecliptic plane
(within 5 degree).



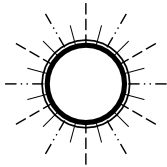
Balbo+ 2011

Crab Nebula



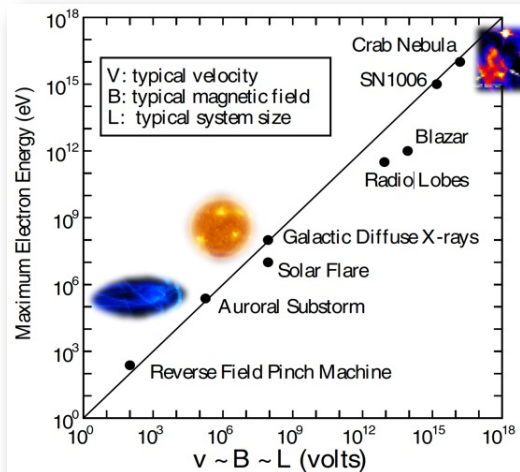
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Interdisciplinary approach



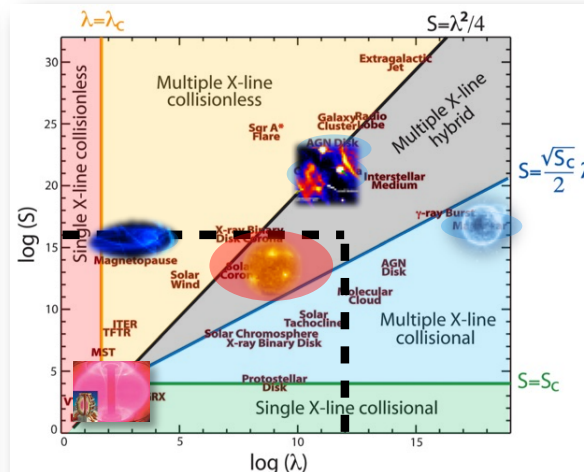
for the understanding of plasma physics beyond individual research field

Maximum Energy



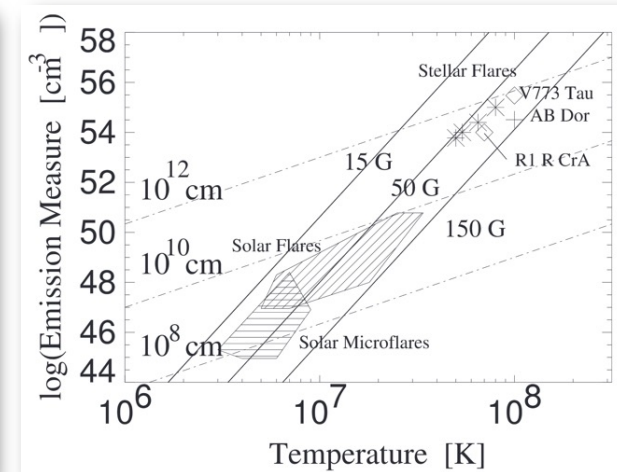
Makishima (1999)

Magnetic Reconnection



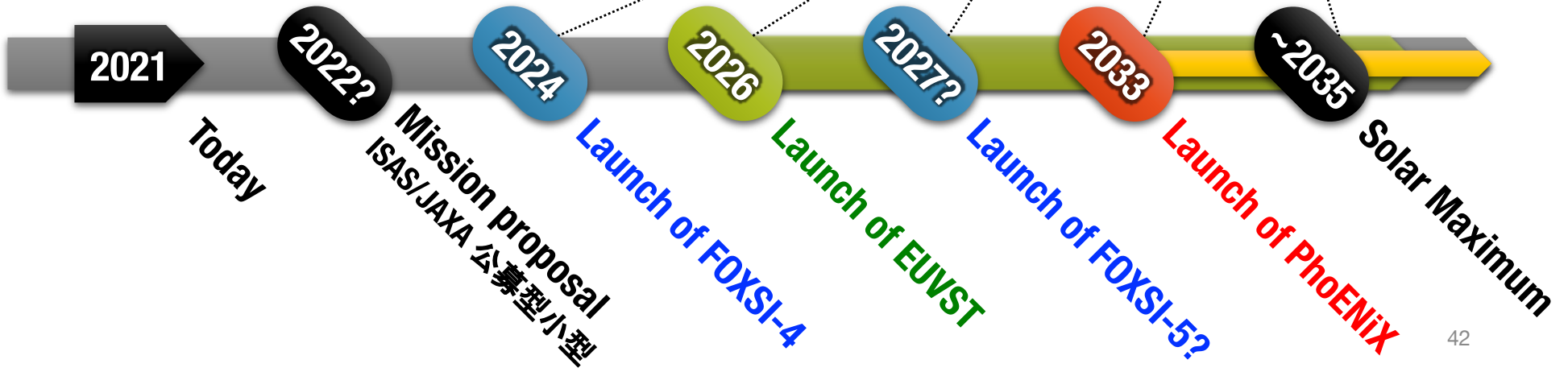
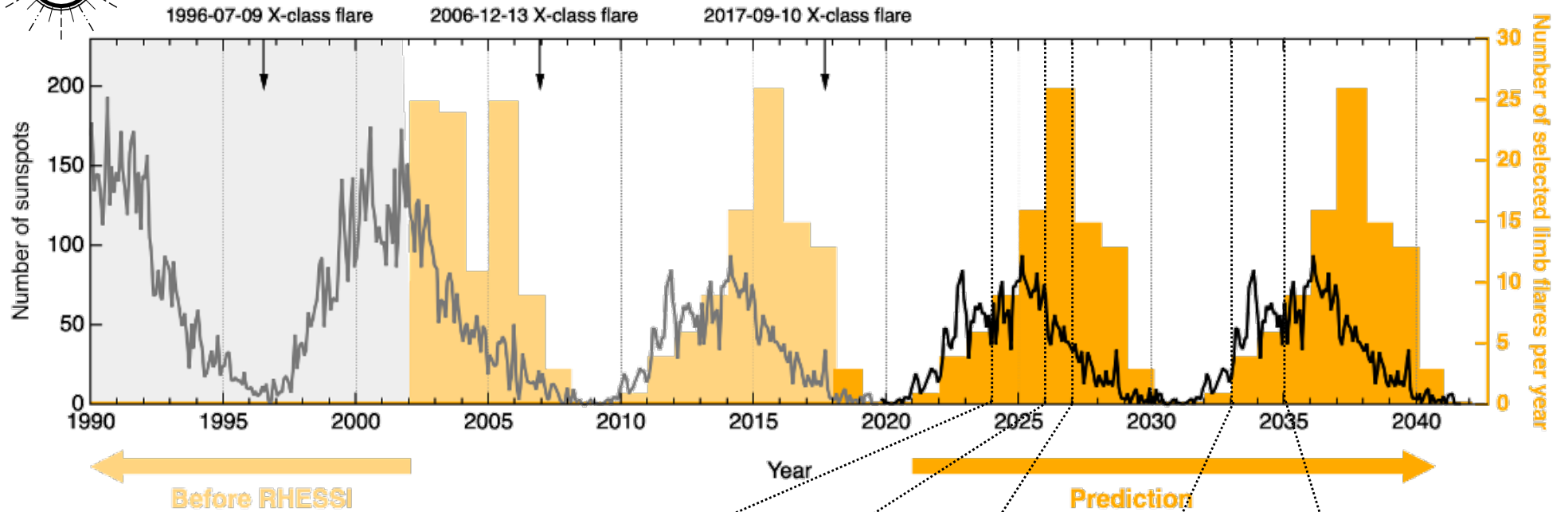
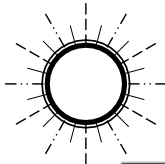
Ji & Daughton (2011)

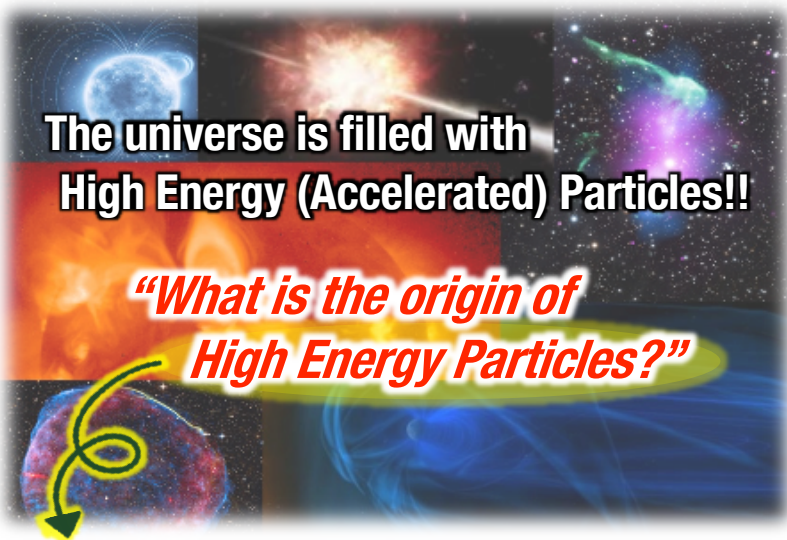
Flare



Shibata & Yokoyama (1999)

Schedule of PhoENiX





Science Objectives of *PhoENiX* mission

1. Identify particle acceleration sites **in solar flares** [where]
2. Investigate temporal evolution of particle acceleration [when]
3. Characterize properties of accelerated particles [how]

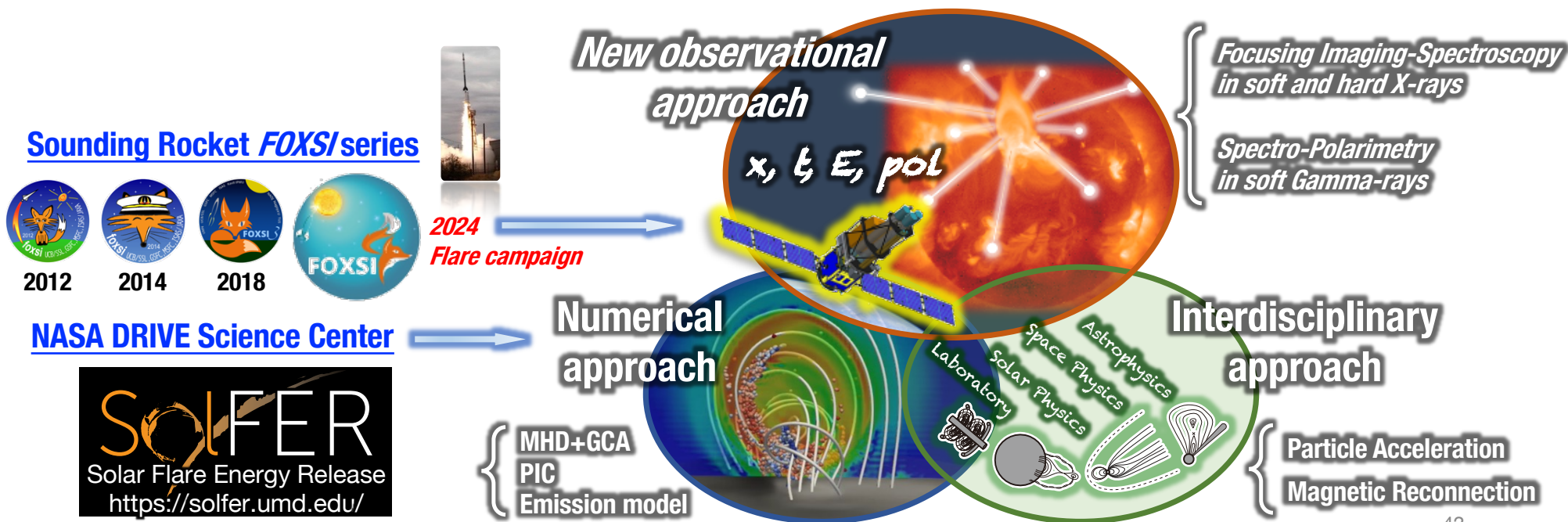


planned to be realized in Solar Cycle 26 (2030')

- ✓ Energization of space plasmas →
- ✓ Formation and evolution of life →
- ✓ Influence on planetary environments →

The sun is unique in that:

- ✓ A natural laboratory of high energy plasmas
- ✓ Mother of life
- ✓ Impact on earth and social environments



<https://indico.ipmu.jp/event/395/>

Particle acceleration in solar flares and the plasma universe -- Deciphering its features under magnetic reconnection

15-19 November 2021

Asia/Tokyo timezone

Overview

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Dates and time:

Monday, 15 November - Fri, 19 November, 2021

22:00–3:00 JST* each day

(* 21:00–2:00 CST / 14:00–19:00 CET / 8:00–13:00 EST / 5:00–10:00 PST)

Venue:

The workshop will be held as a virtual, online-only event. A link will be sent out later to registered participants.

Registration and Abstract Submission:

Abstract submission deadline is October 19, 2021, 23:59 UT.

Registration is available through November 10, 2021.