

Comparison of SphinX and XRT observations during very low solar activity

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Outline

- SphinX
- Hinode & XRT
- XRT observations in 2009
- XRT & SphinX

SphinX: *Solar Photometer in X-Rays*

Energy range: \approx 1–15 keV

Resolution: \approx 0.4 keV

Mass: \approx 3.7 kg

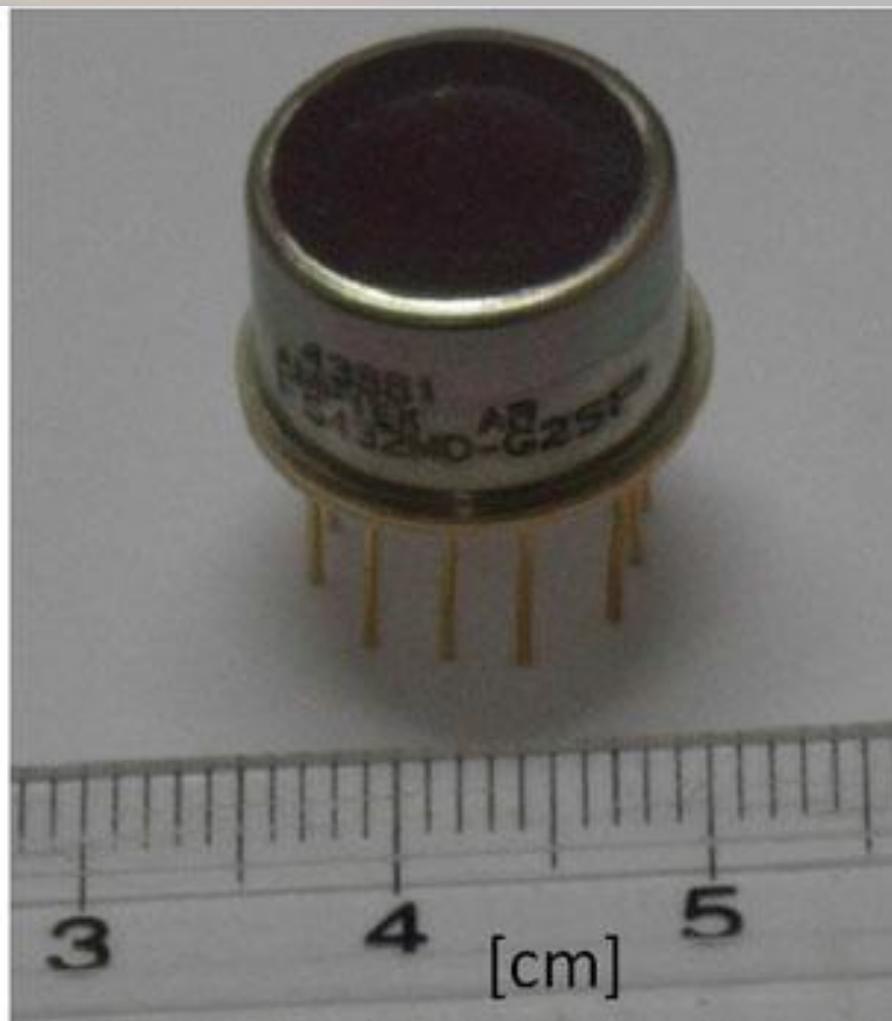
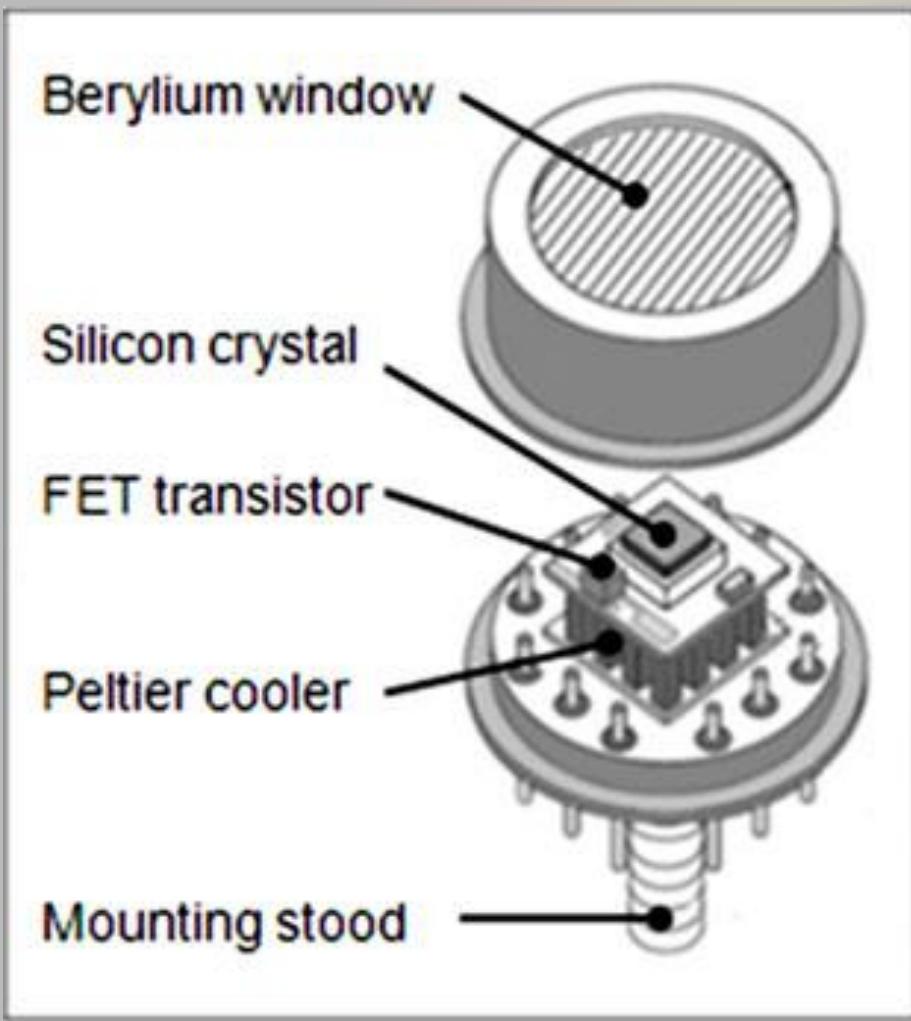
*Power consumption: 10 W
(peak)*

Satellite: CORONAS–PHOTON

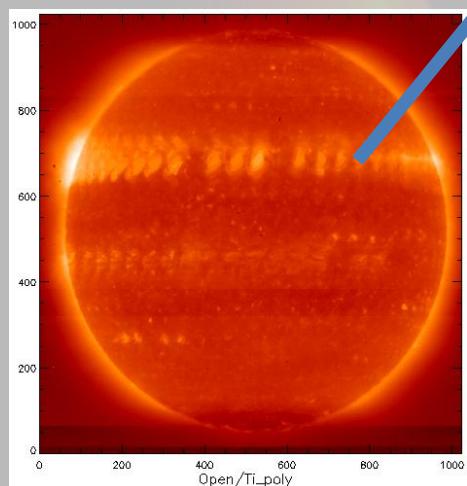
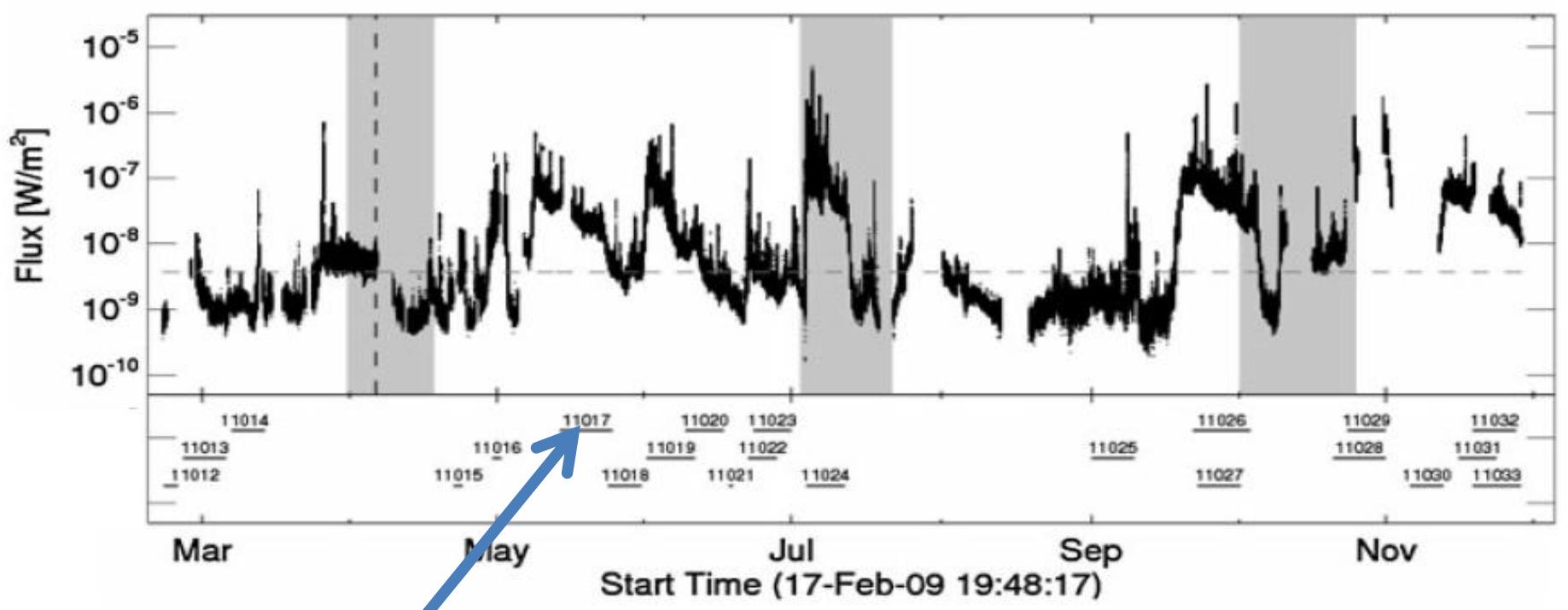
Orbit: circular, inclination 82.5°,
height 550 km, period 95 minutes



Mission duration: 20 Feb. 2009 – 29 Nov. 2009
Verz solar low activity.

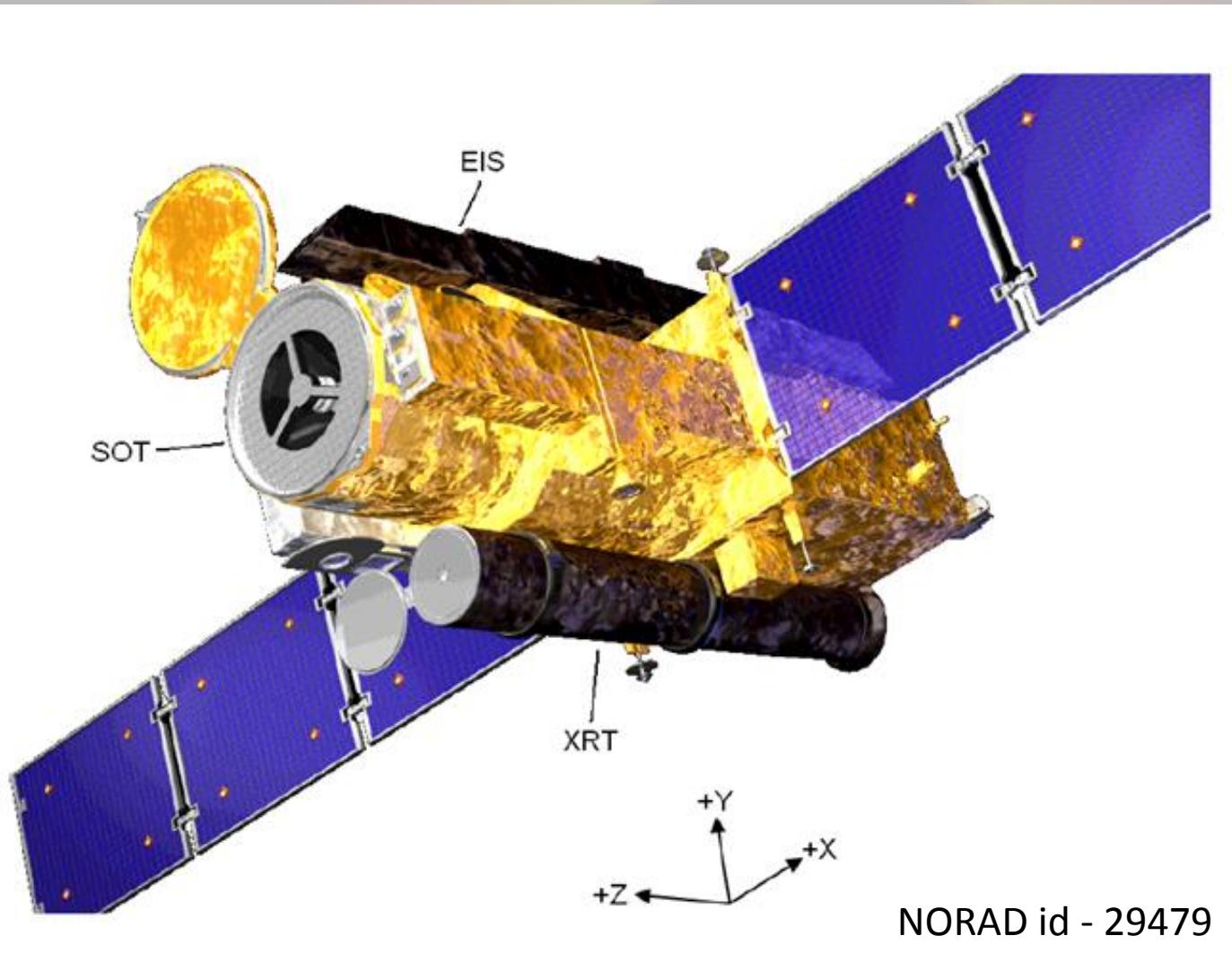


SphinX lightcurve – mission long



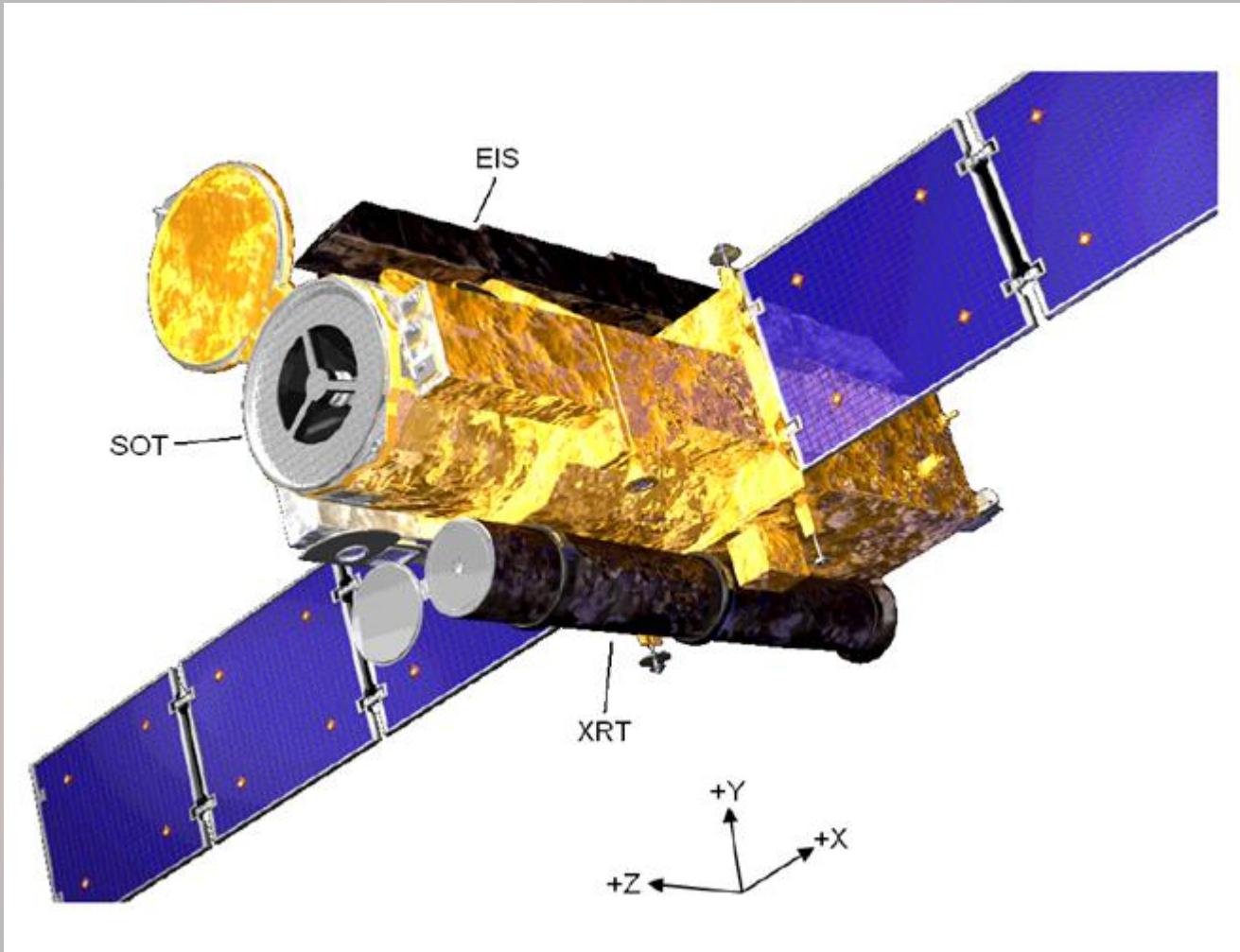
XRT stack plot for 11017
Active Region
(76 images superimposed)

Solar B, renamed Hinode (pronounced 'hee-no-day')
launch Friday September 22, 2006



Management:
Japan (JAXA)

Hinode instruments



- **Solar Optical Telescope (SOT)**
- **X-Ray Telescope (XRT)**
- **Extreme Ultraviolet Imaging Spectrometer (EIS)**

XRT orbit params



REAL TIME SATELLITE TRACKING <http://www.n2yo.com/?s=29479>

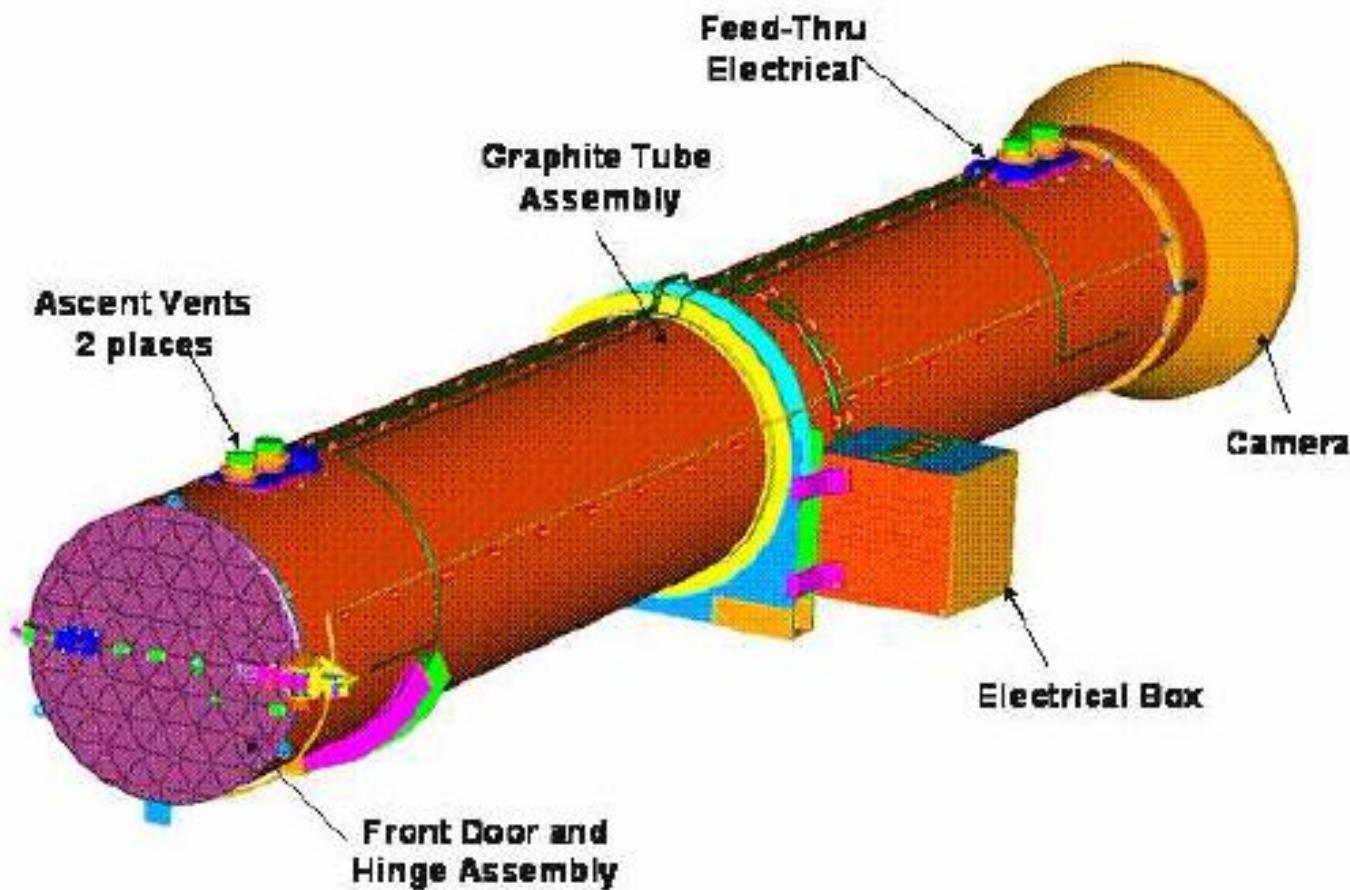
Height - 680 km

Period - 96 min

Inclination - 97,9°

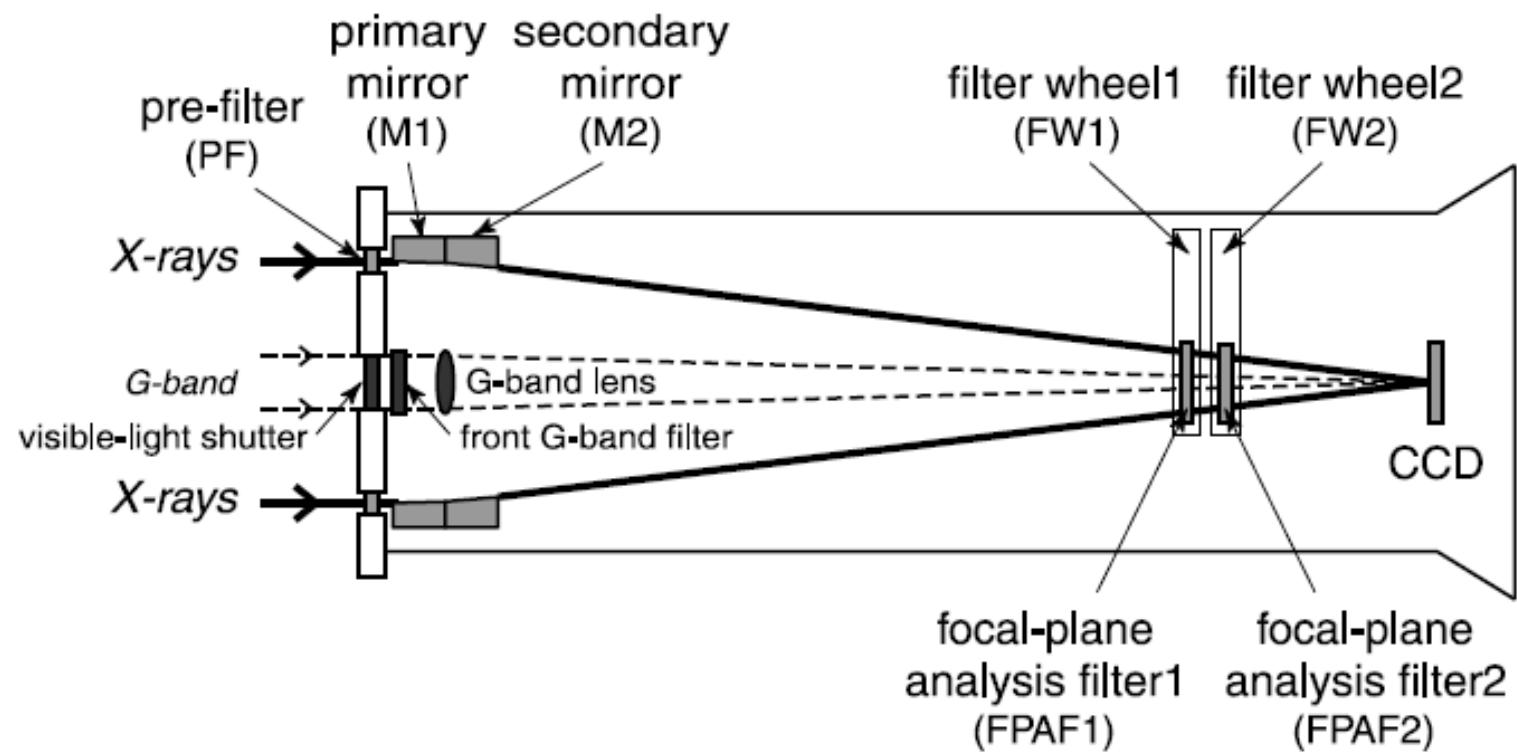
Att control - 0,4 arcmin/min

XRT telescope



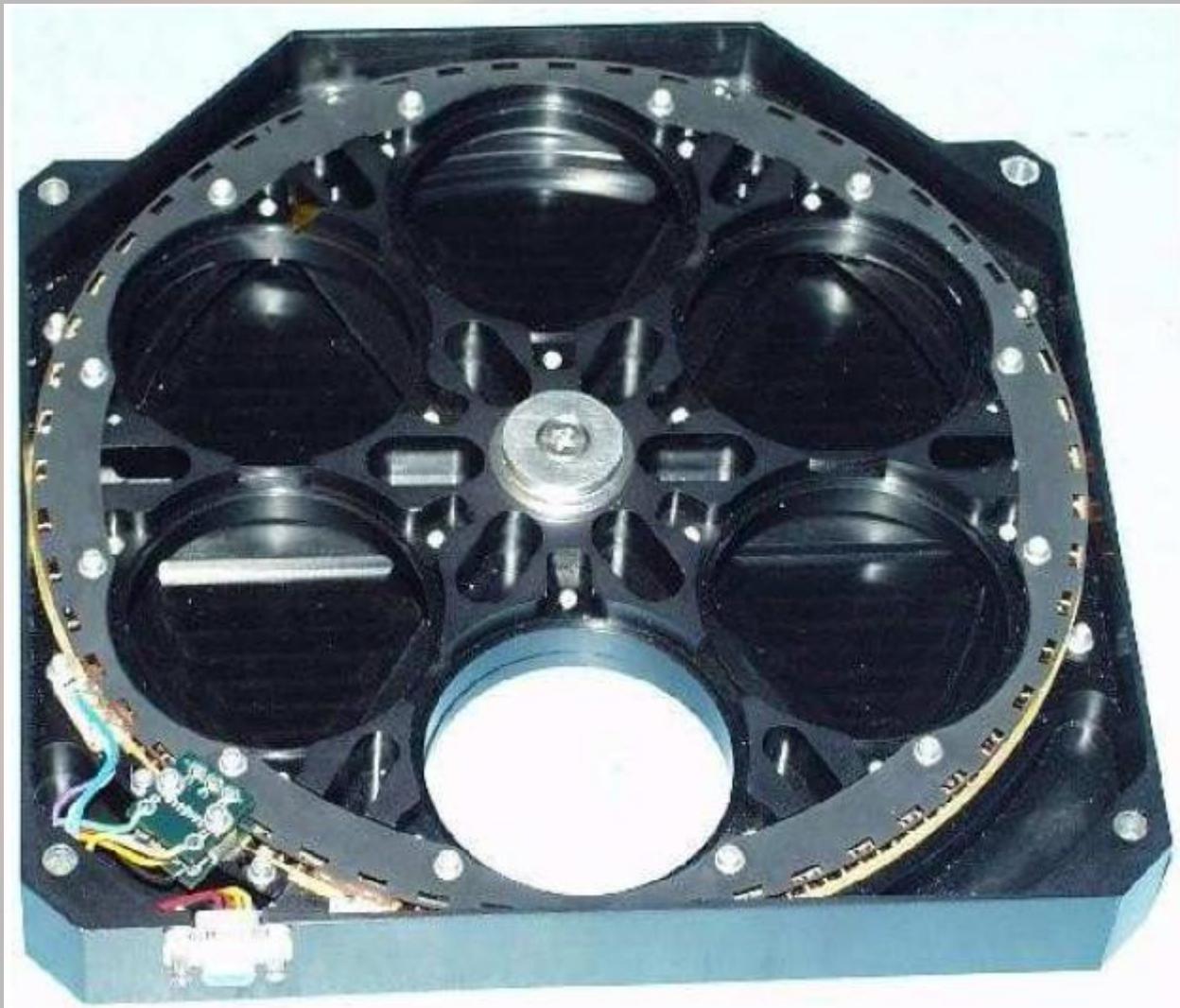
XRT telescope

Coronal-Temperature-Diagnostic Capability of the *Hinode/X-Ray Telescope*



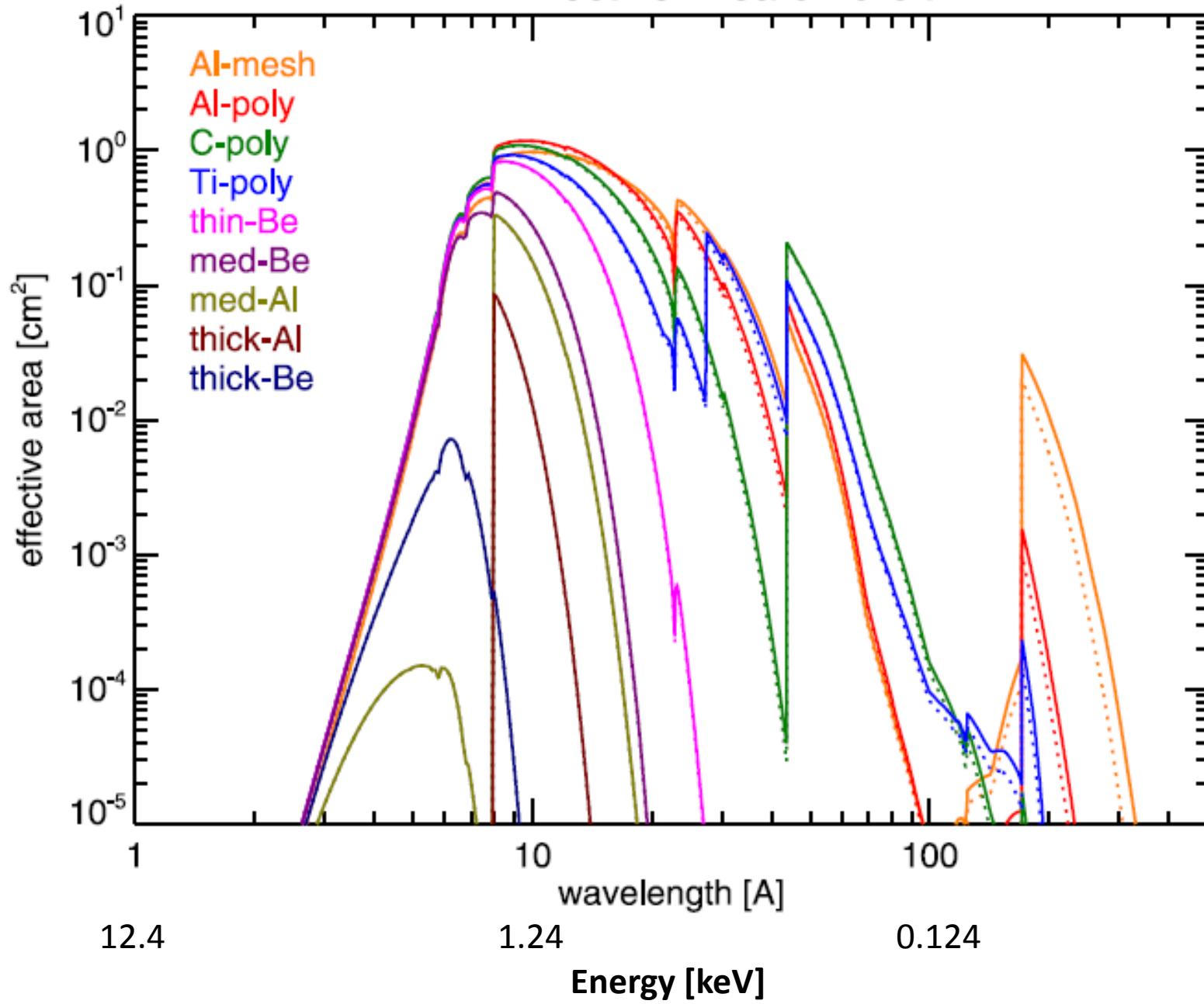
XRT uses 2048x2048 pixel CCD detector

XRT filter wheels

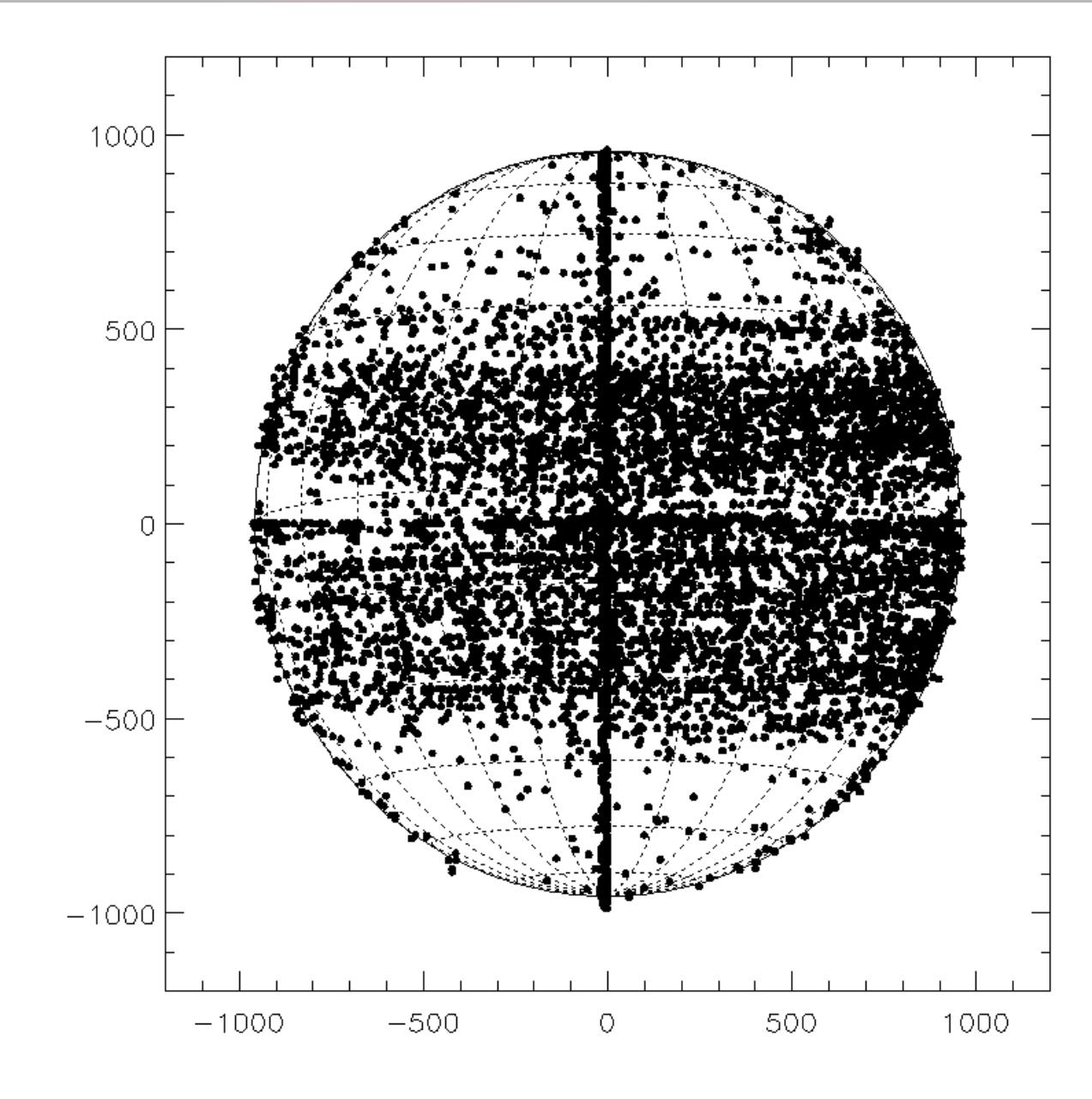


Golub, L., et al., *The X-ray Telescope (XRT) for the Hinode Mission*, 2007, *Solar Physics*, 243, 63

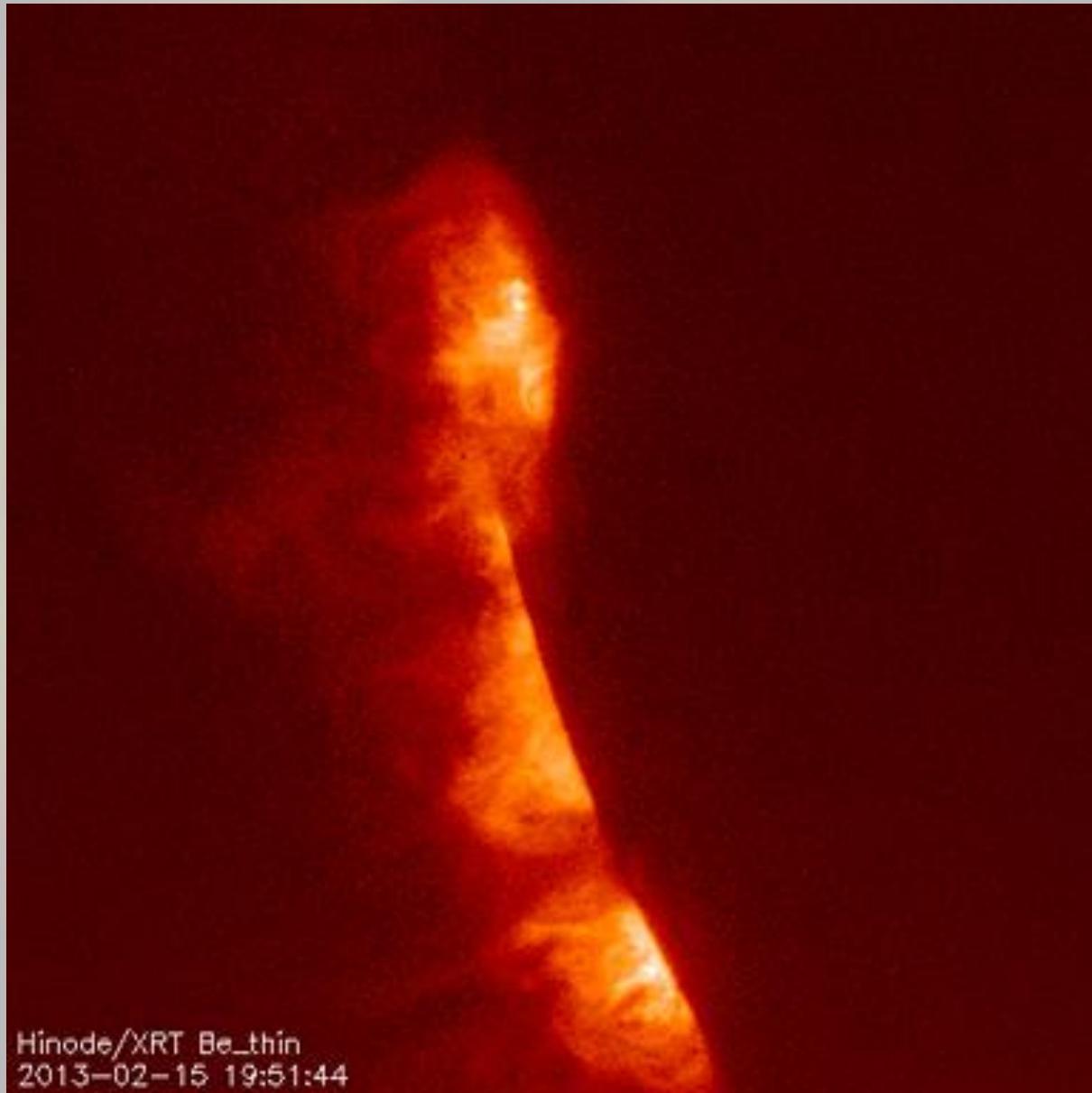
XRT Effective Area on orbit



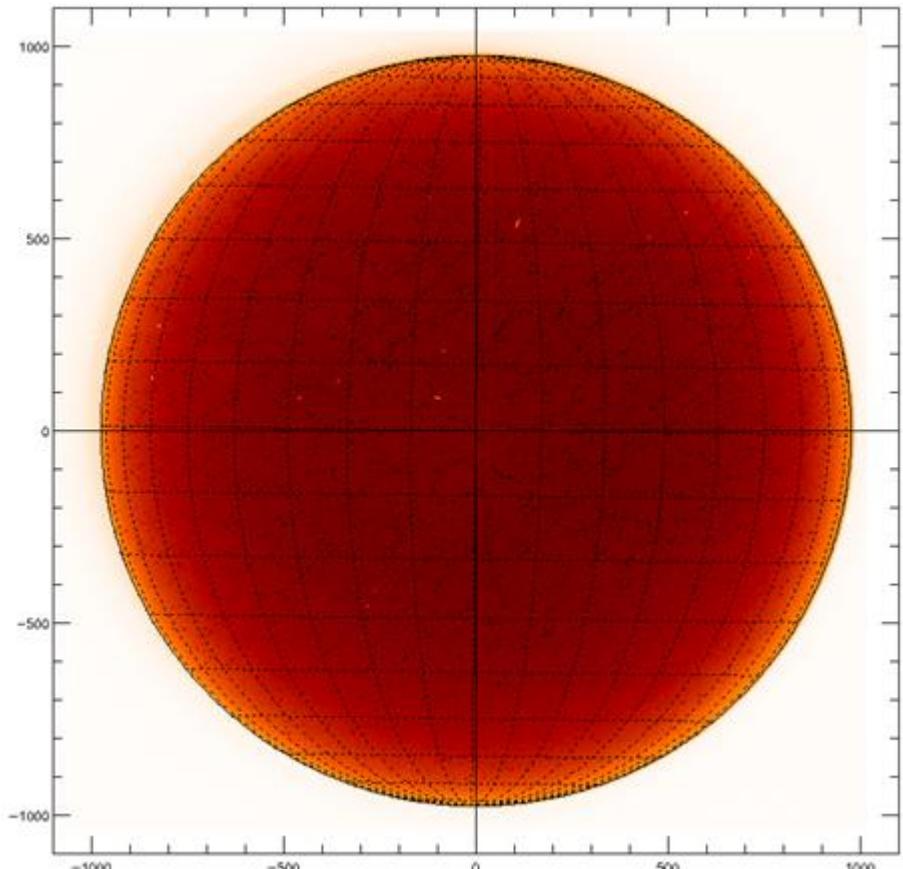
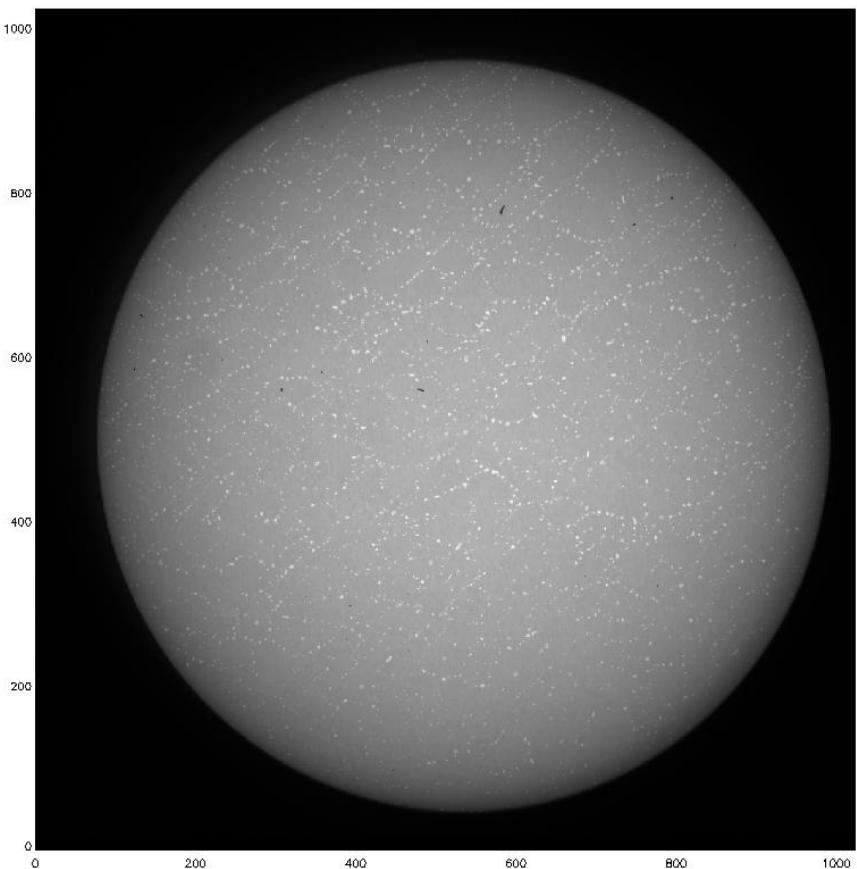
Hinode pointing



XRT data – PFI images

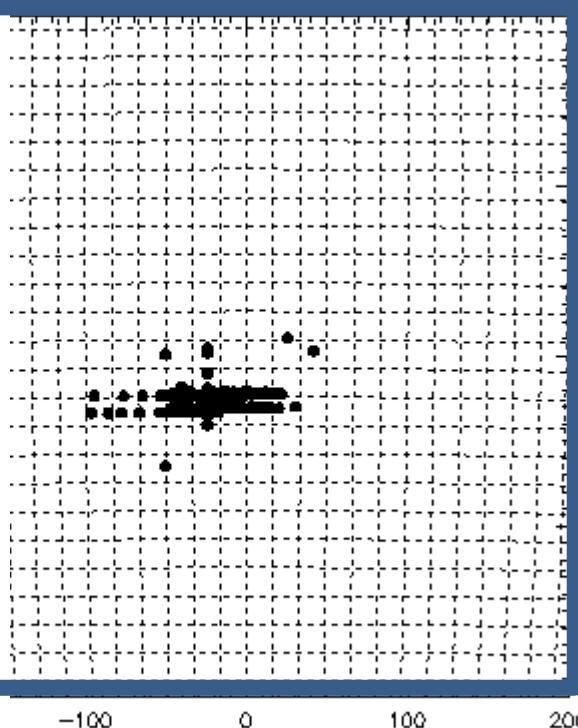
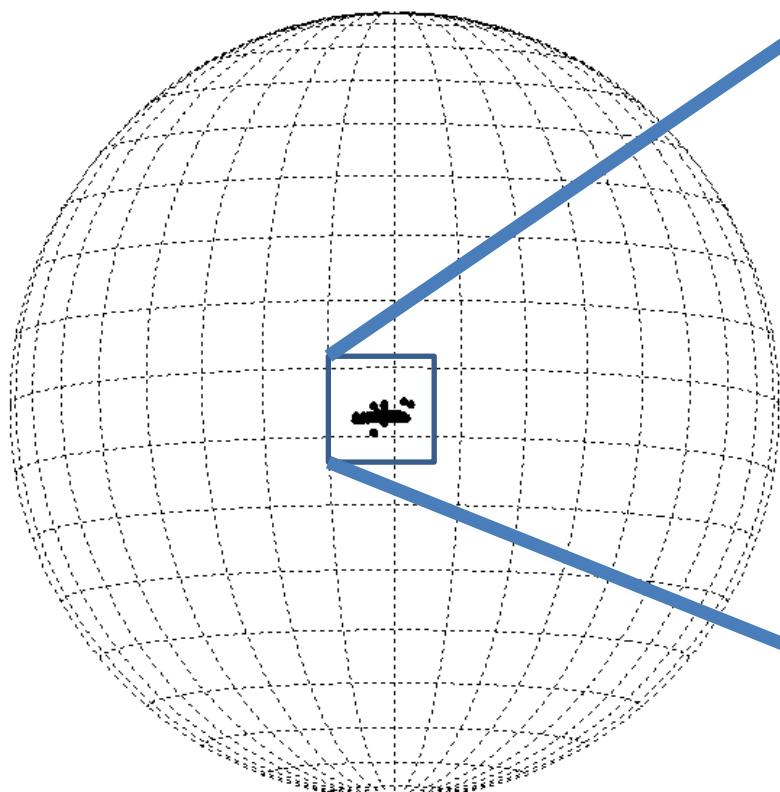


XRT data – FFI images

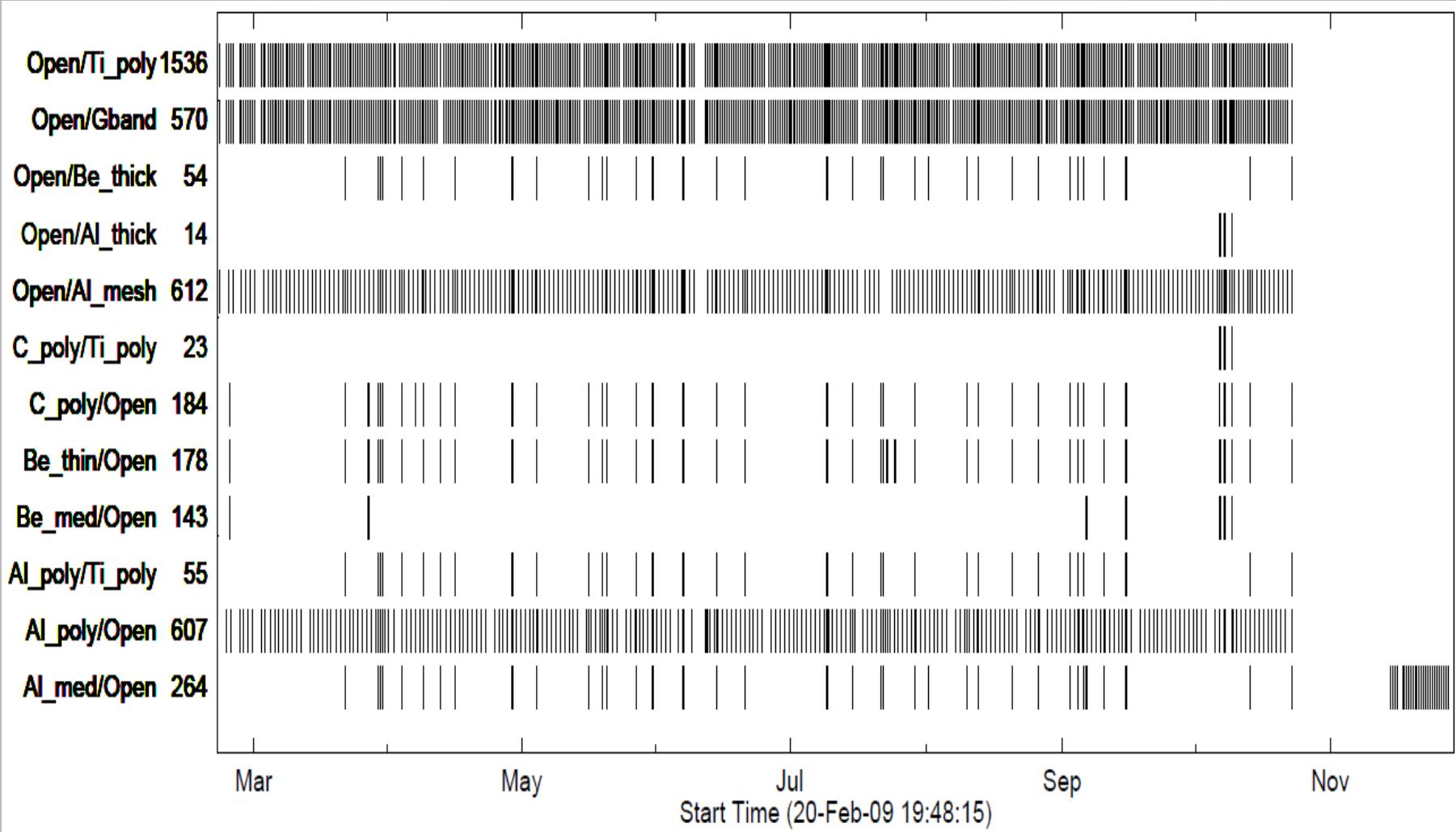


Cadence – usually 1, 2 images a day

Hinode pointing for full frames in 2009



XRT full frames – 2009 coverage

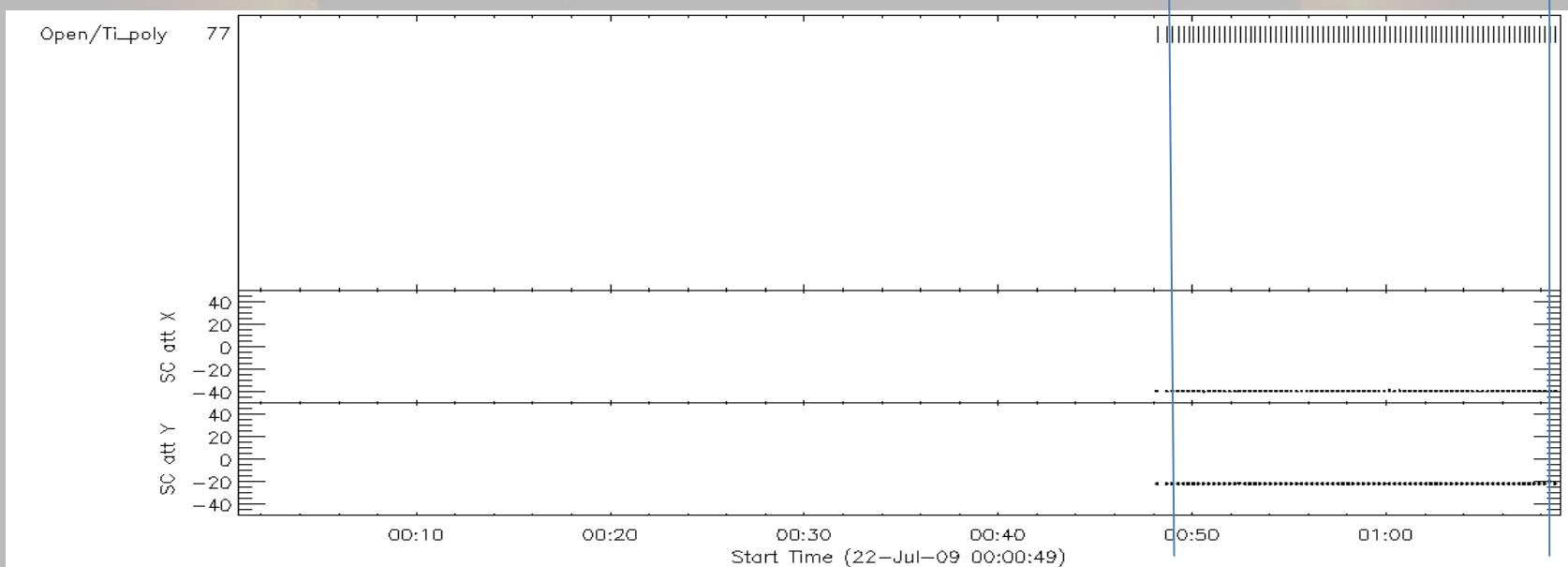
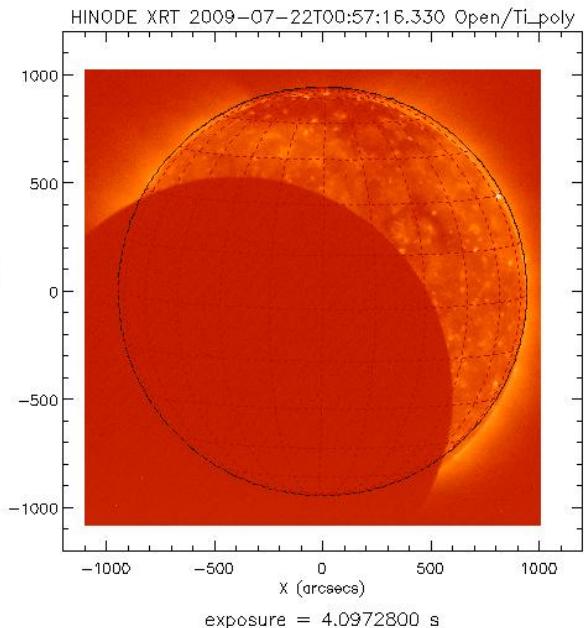


XRT 2009 Eclipse

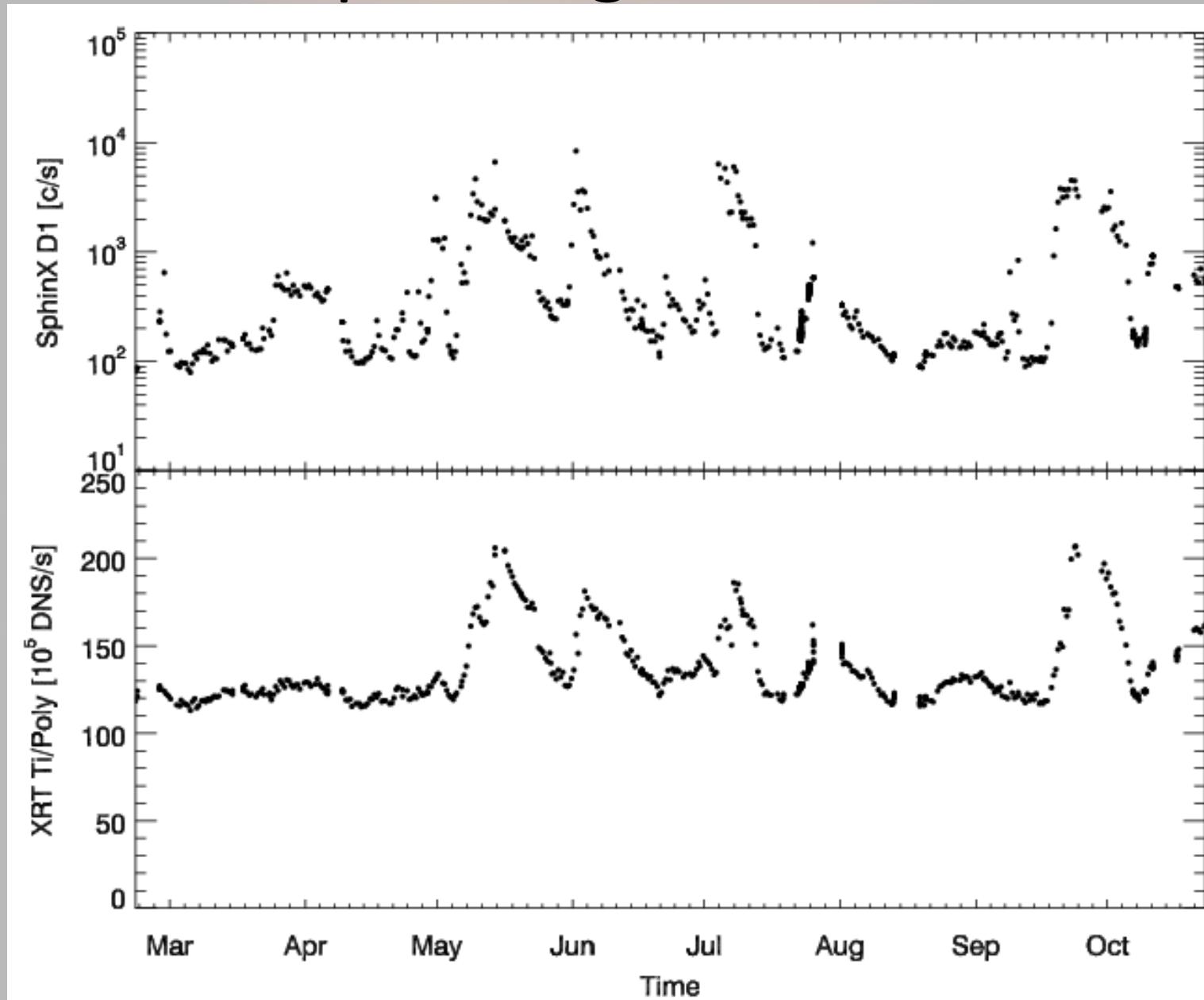
00:50 – 01:07

22 July 2009

(images in one XRT filter only)



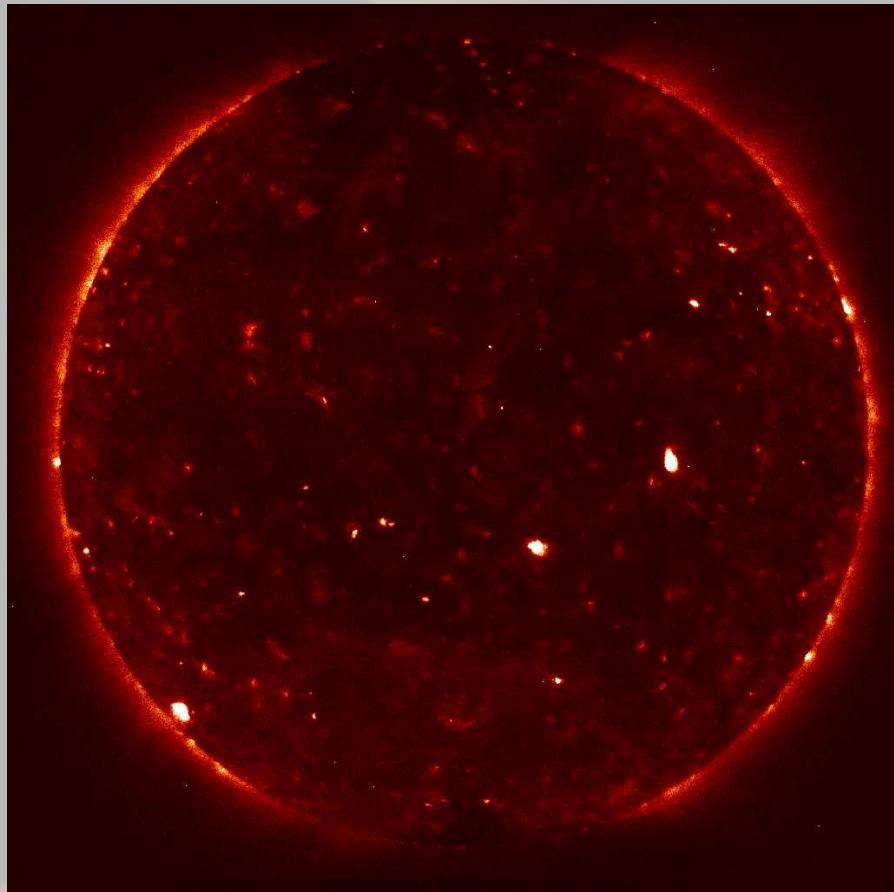
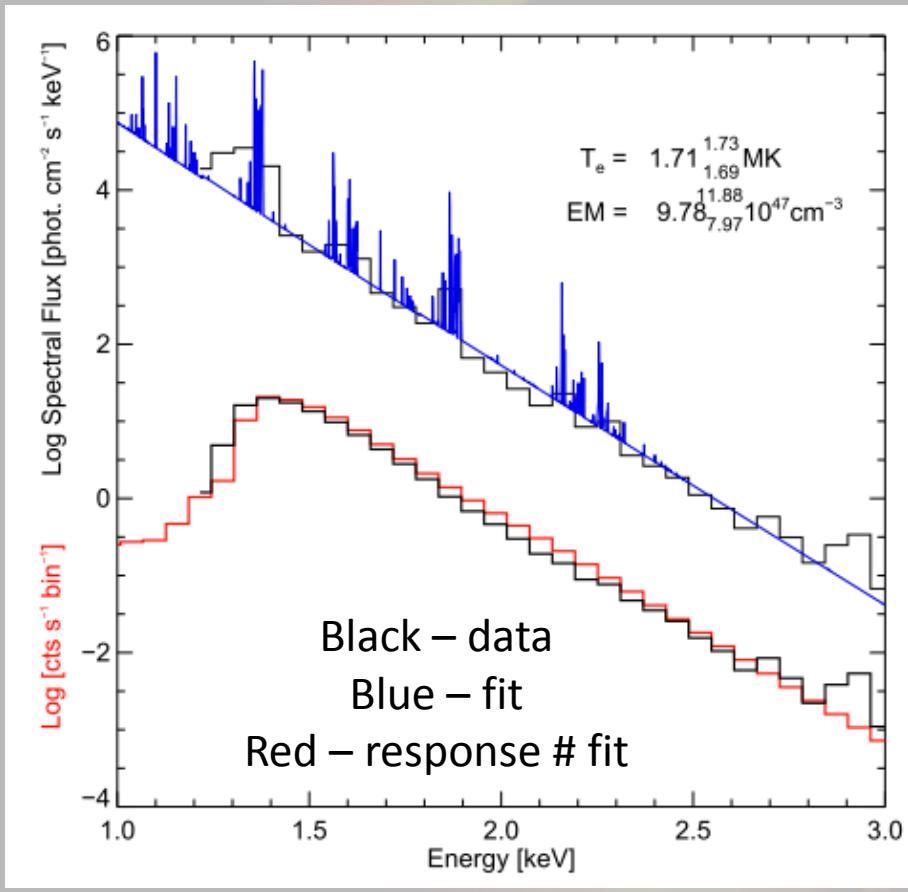
XRT and SphinX light curves in 2009



Extremely quiet X-ray Sun

SphinX spectrum for interval
2009 Sep. 16 between 01:50 UT and 07:33 UT

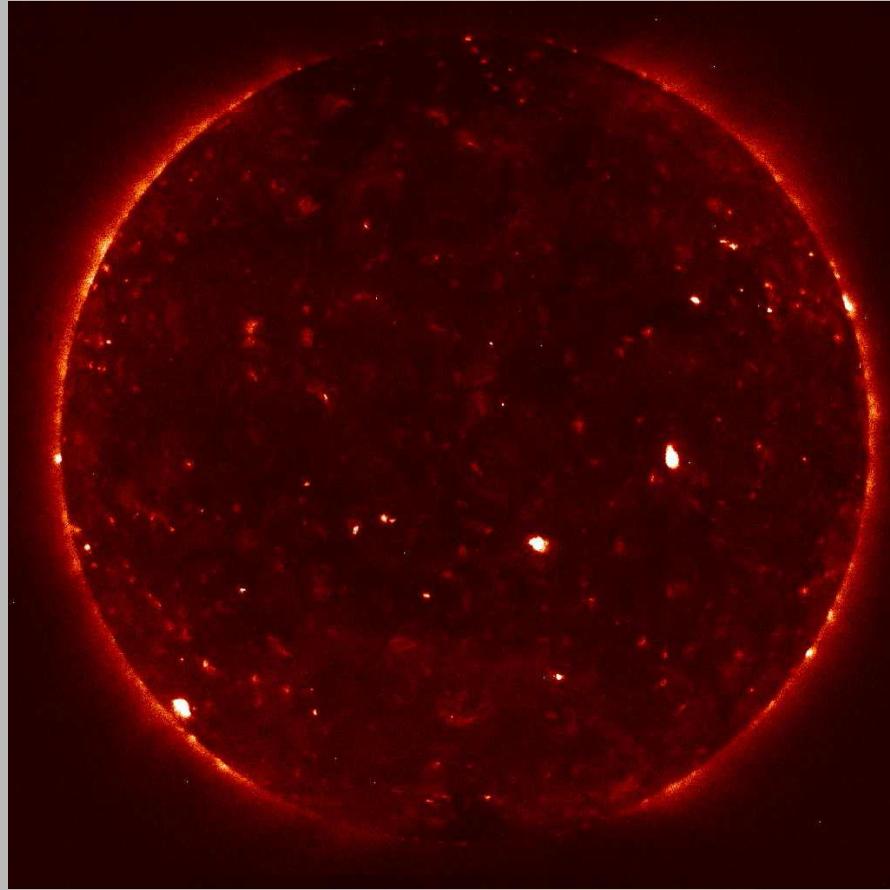
XRT image taken
on 2009 September 15 at 15:47:31 UT



Fit obtained using <http://www.chiantidatabase.org/>

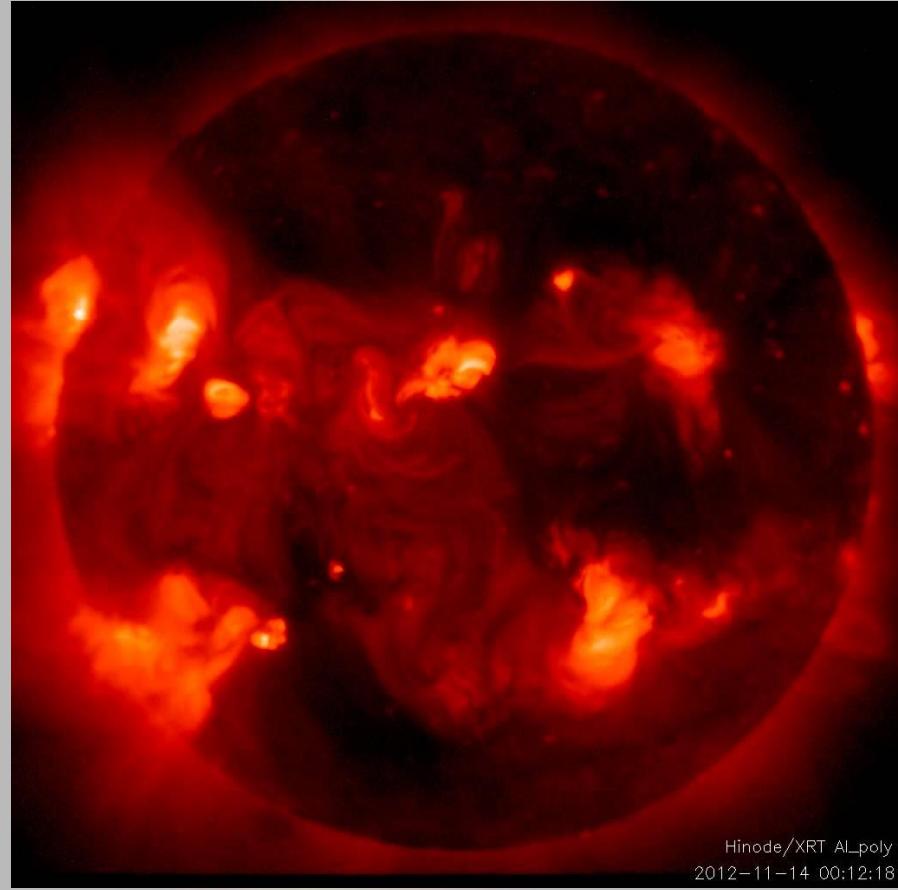
Quiet

15 September 2009



Active

14 November 2012



Hinode/XRT AI_poly
2012-11-14 00:12:18

Conclusions

- SphinX and XRT provide complementary data.
- XRT can provide context data and spatial resolutions for SphinX.
- XRT could extend SphinX towards lower E, EM and T.
- Comparison of physical solar plasma parameters derived from SphinX and XRT data is possible.
- Both datasets can be usefull in DM studies.

