



HESPE
High Energy Solar Physics Data in Europe

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HESPE's rationale

- to formulate and implement computational methods for hard X-ray spectroscopy, imaging and imaging spectroscopy
- to utilize Information and Communication Technology tools to provide solar physics, heliophysics and space weather scientists with algorithms and science ready products

description - 1

- framework programme: FP7
- theme: SPA.2010.2.1-03
SPACE: exploitation of space science and exploration data
- specific program: cooperation
- funding scheme: collaborative project
- starting date: 01/12/2010
- duration: 36 months
- status: second year almost finished

description - 2

crew:

- università di genova, italy (unige) (coordinator)
- fachhochschule nordwestschweiz, switzerland (fhnw)
- university of glasgow, uk (unigla)
- universitaet graz, austria (unigra)
- cnrs, observatoire de paris, france (cnrs)
- university of california at berkeley (ucb)

third parties:

- cnr, italy (in unige, no cost)
- nasa goddard space flight center (in unige, no cost)

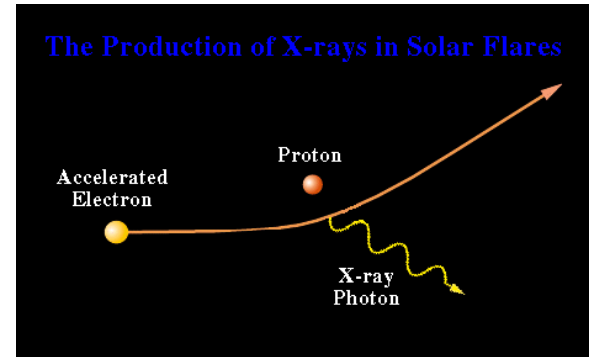
description - 3

work packages:

- wp1: management
- wp2: other activities (dissemination)
- wp3: theory
- wp4: computation
- wp5: technology
- wp6: future

physics, mathematics and computer science

models for energy transport, particle acceleration and x-ray emission aims to explain solar fares and their impact on the heliosphere



x-ray telescopes work by modulation rather than focusing; raw data (visibilities) reveal the image just after mathematical computation



ICT methods allow fast and intelligent retrieval of data and science products



two satellites

reuben ramaty high energy solar spectroscopic imager (RHESSI)



launch: 5 febbraio 2002

two more years support

high spectral resolution

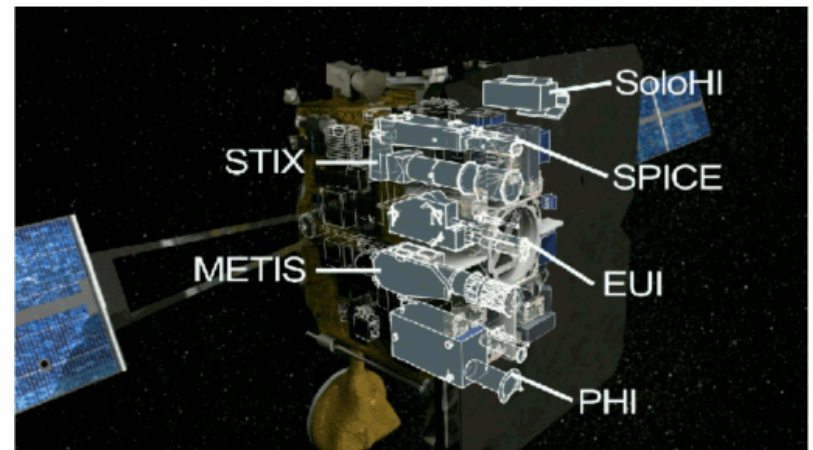
good spatial resolution

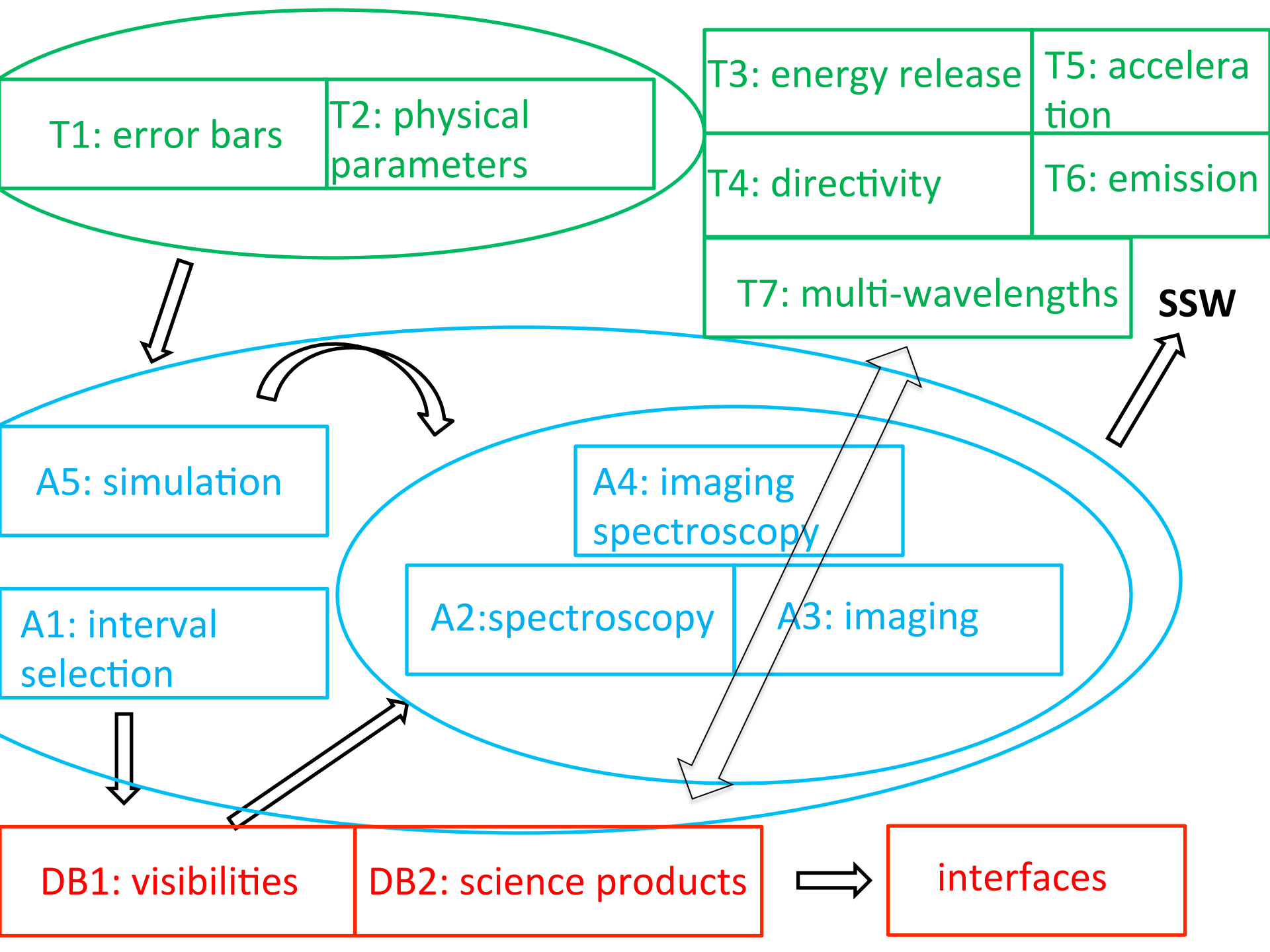
spectrometer/telescope for imaging hard x-rays (stix)

launch: 2017

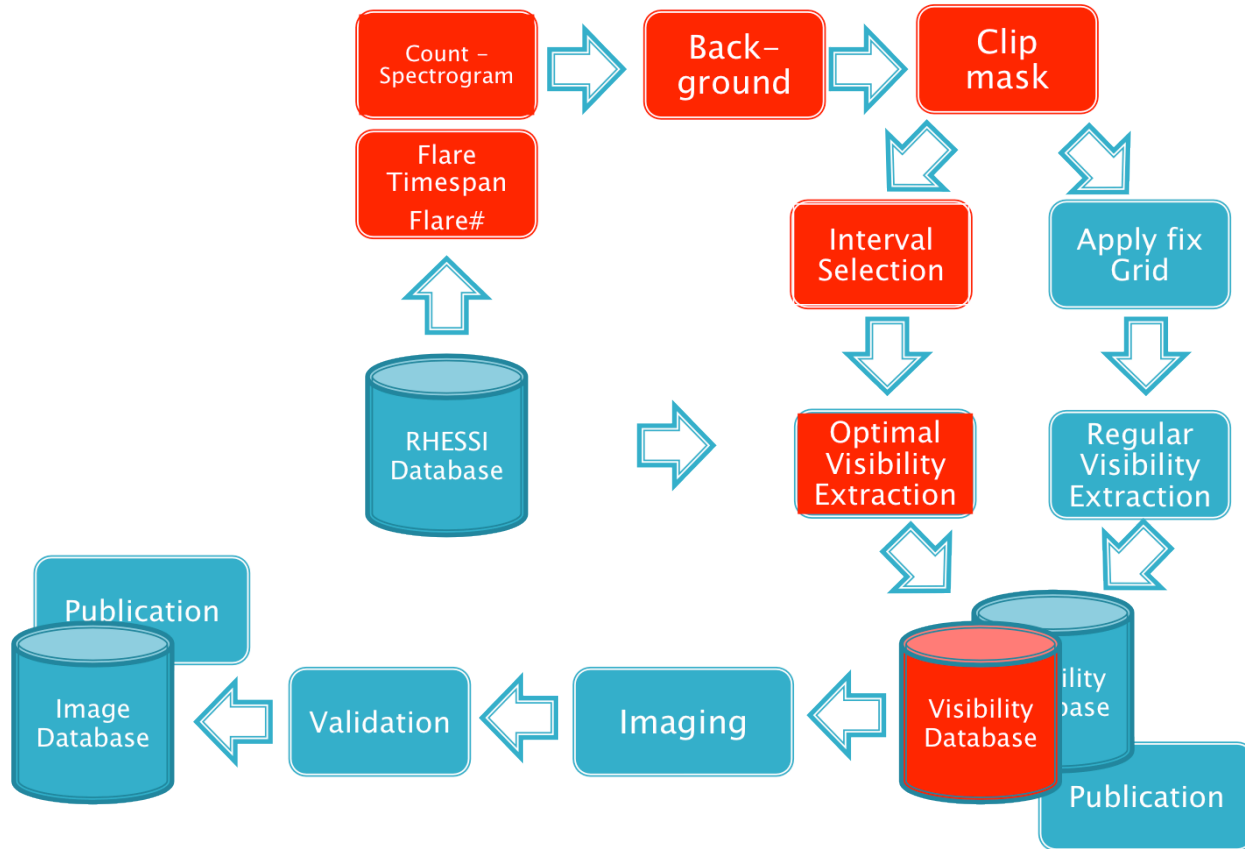
‘in situ’ measurements

integration with other kinds of data

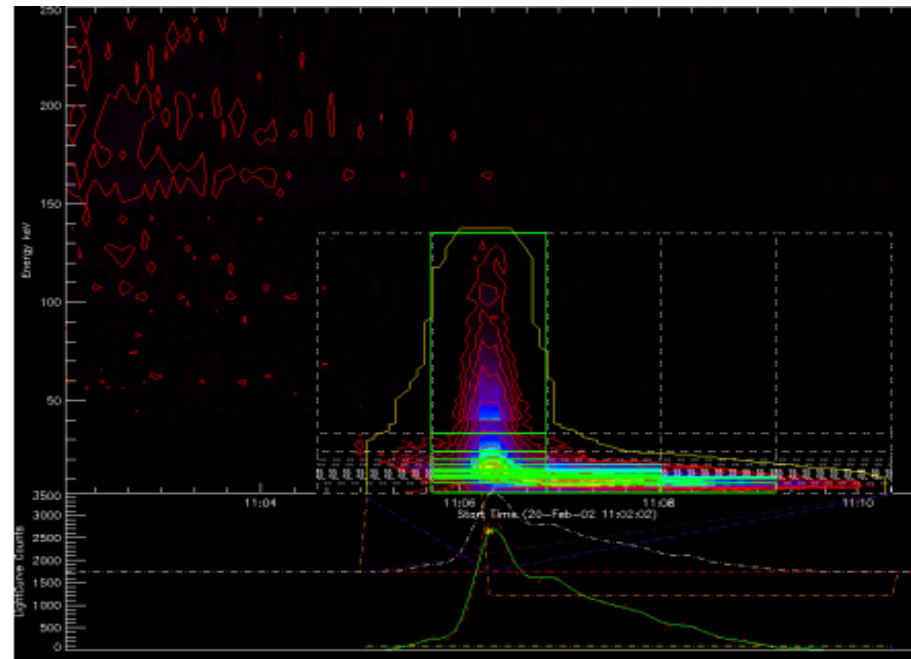
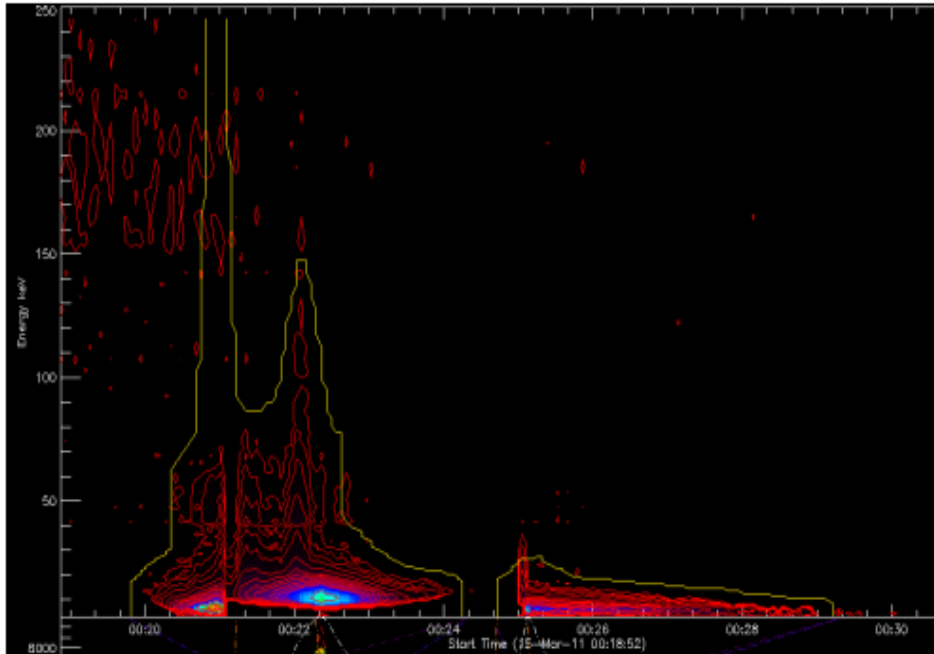




technology: the HESPE framework



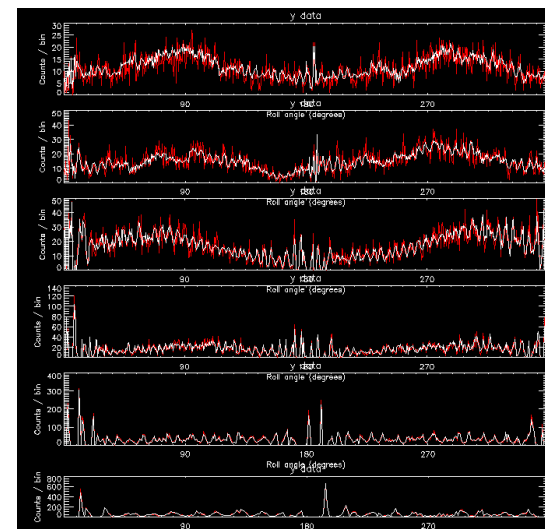
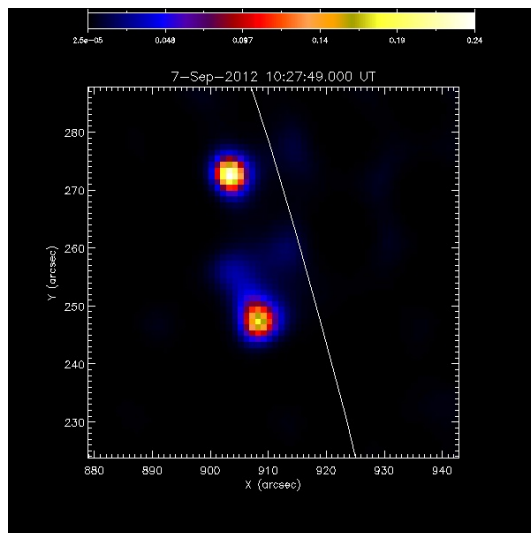
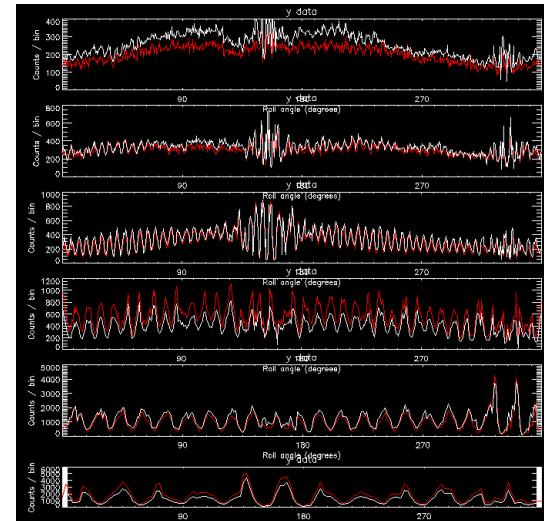
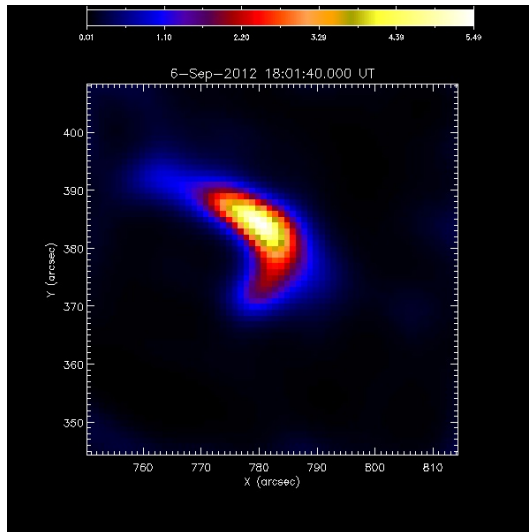
technology: interval selection algorithm



technology: the visibility database

- link laszlo con demo
- oppure snapshot della webpage

computation: maximum-likelihood approach to imaging



computation: electron maps from visibilities in SSW

IMAGING (* - changing these parameters forces reprocessing and takes longer)

Select Input: Raw Data 20-Feb-2002 11:00:00.000 to 11:22:00.000 Change...

Selected Time Range: 20-Feb-2002 11:00:00 to 20-Feb-2002 11:22:00
Flare 2022003: 20-Feb-2002 11:04:16.000 to 11:15:08.000 Peak: 11:06:58.000, 480.000 c/s

* 1 Image Time Interval: 20-Feb-2002 11:06:00.000 to 11:06:44.000 Change... 4s at peak

* 1 Energy Band (keV): 12.0 to 25.0 Change... Binning Code: None Show Binning Codes

Collimators and Detector Front/Rear Segments Selected:
1FR, 2FR, 3FR, 4FR, 5FR, 6FR, 7FR, 8FR, 9FR Change...

Automatic Time Bin Calculation: Enabled Digital Quality: 0.95

Pixel Size (asec): 4.0 x 4.0 Image Dimensions (pixels): 64 x 64 Click Image to Set Map Center
Offset of Map Center from Sun Center (asec): X: 910.87 Y: 255.76
Image Size = 256 x 256 asec Range: X: 783 to 1039 asec Y: 128 to 384 asec Change...

* Image Algorithm: MEM NJIT Set params... Mark clean boxes...

Visibility Type: regularized electron Set visibility params...

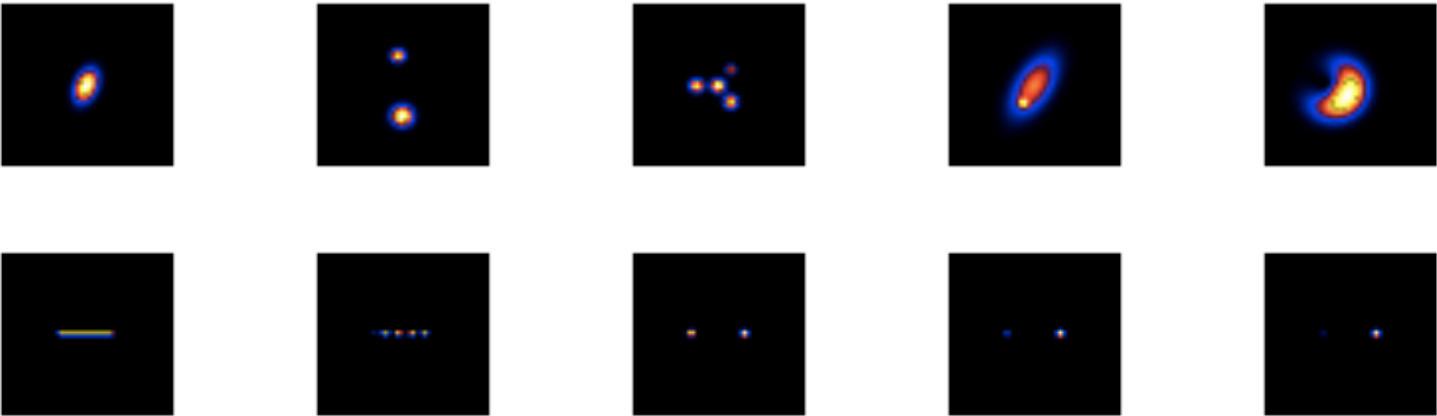
Flatfield: Enabled Modpat_skip: 1 Phase Stacker: Disabled Cull: Enabled (Fraction: 0.50)
Weighting: Natural Tapering Width (asec): 0.00 Local Average: Disabled Change...
Variable Flux Correction: Enabled Decimation Correction: Front Rate-based BProj: Enabled

Send Image(s) to: GUI FITS File Show: Progress Bar Verbose Images Profiles

Make/Plot Image(s) Plot GOES Write FITS File Display -> Movie Write Script ->

Refresh Reset to Defaults Set Params Manually Help Close

validation: imaging test



RHESSI Imaging Algorithm Evaluation Framework							
Criteria		Back projection	CLEAN	PIXON	MEM-NJIT	VIS_FWDFIT	UV_SMOOTH
General Characteristics							
Robustness		Green	Green	Yellow (slower)	Yellow (can crash)	Red	Green
Need for parameter optimization		Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Red	Green
Error estimation		Yellow (Only for single sources)	Red	Yellow	Red	Green	Red
Relative Speed		Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Green	Green

science ready products: information on the target

Event No.	L_0 (arcsec)	W (arcsec)	V_0 (100 arcsec ³)	n (10 ¹¹ cm ⁻³)	\mathcal{N} (10 ³⁷)	η (20 keV) (10 ⁻³ s ⁻¹)	f
1	18.6	7.0	7.2	1.5	4.1	6.5	0.45
2	16.3	6.9	6.2	1.4	3.2	14.5	0.83
3	16.7	7.3	7.0	4.4	11.7	4.0	0.04
4	16.6	7.3	7.0	4.8	12.8	7.3	0.11
5	16.6	8.2	8.7	10.5	34.9	3.3	0.03
6	11.9	5.9	3.3	4.9	6.0	0.6	0.02
7	10.4	6.0	3.0	1.8	2.0	12.1	0.44
8	17.8	6.9	6.4	2.6	7.1	24.1	0.90
9	18.8	6.6	6.5	2.9	7.7	23.1	1.05
10	15.1	6.0	4.2	2.9	5.4	13.8	0.72
11	16.0	5.7	4.1	1.9	3.1	27.8	1.95
12	10.3	6.6	3.5	5.1	6.7	4.9	0.08
13	9.9	6.5	3.3	4.6	5.7	4.1	0.18
14	21.5	5.3	4.8	1.5	2.8	1.4	0.13
15	17.4	6.3	5.4	0.8	1.7	1.7	1.03
16	17.8	6.4	5.8	2.3	5.1	0.3	0.18
17	11.0	6.2	3.3	3.9	5.0	2.9	0.05
18	9.9	6.3	3.1	3.2	3.8	7.0	0.22
19	19.9	6.2	6.1	11.1	25.7	13.6	0.02
20	14.5	6.1	4.2	5.2	8.3	23.4	0.10
21	9.9	6.1	2.9	2.2	2.4	16.5	0.53
22	12.4	6.0	3.6	1.7	2.3	5.2	0.26
Geometric Mean	14.5	6.4	4.7	2.9	5.4	6.0	0.20
×/÷	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.9	2.2	3.4	3.9

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dissemination initiatives - 1

- SIMAI, Turin, Italy, June 2012
 - SIPWORK VI, Montana State, USA, August 2012
 - Solar in Sonoma, Petaluma, USA, November 2012
 - AGU Meeting, San Francisco, USA, December 2012
 - COSPAR, Mysore, India, July 2012
 - NAM UK, Manchester, March 2012
 - Solar Orbiter V, Bruges, September 2012
 - PNST, La Londre, France, March 2012
 - French Reconnection, Paris, September 2012
 - June 29th 2012, Cool Stars 17, Barcelona
 - August 20th 2012, IAU XXVIII general assembly, Joint Discussion 3, Beijing, China
 - 8th October 2012, 'Rocks'n'Stars', Goettingen, Germany
 - 19th November 2012, Solar Physics with Radio Observations: 20 years of Nobeyama Radioheliograph and Beyond, Nagoya Japan
 - 7th December 2011 Colloquium, Royal Observatory Belgium
 - 23 May Queen's University Belfast
 - 16th August 2012, Colloquium, Purple Mountain Observatory, Nanjing, China
 - 16th October 2012, Seminar, MSSL
- 4th February 2012; Glasgow Science Centre
- 23 March 2012: Airdrie Astronomical Society
- 7th September 2012: Moray Astronomers Group

HESPE third year activity

it's time to provide more algorithms and more science products:

- HESPE directory in SSW
- publication of the database of science ready products

it's time to prepare the future:

- task 1: generation of synthetic data for future visibility-based instruments
- task 2: validation of algorithms against synthetic data
- task 3: generation of computational tools for processing generic visibility data