

SWAP Image Calibration

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Primary Image Calibration Steps

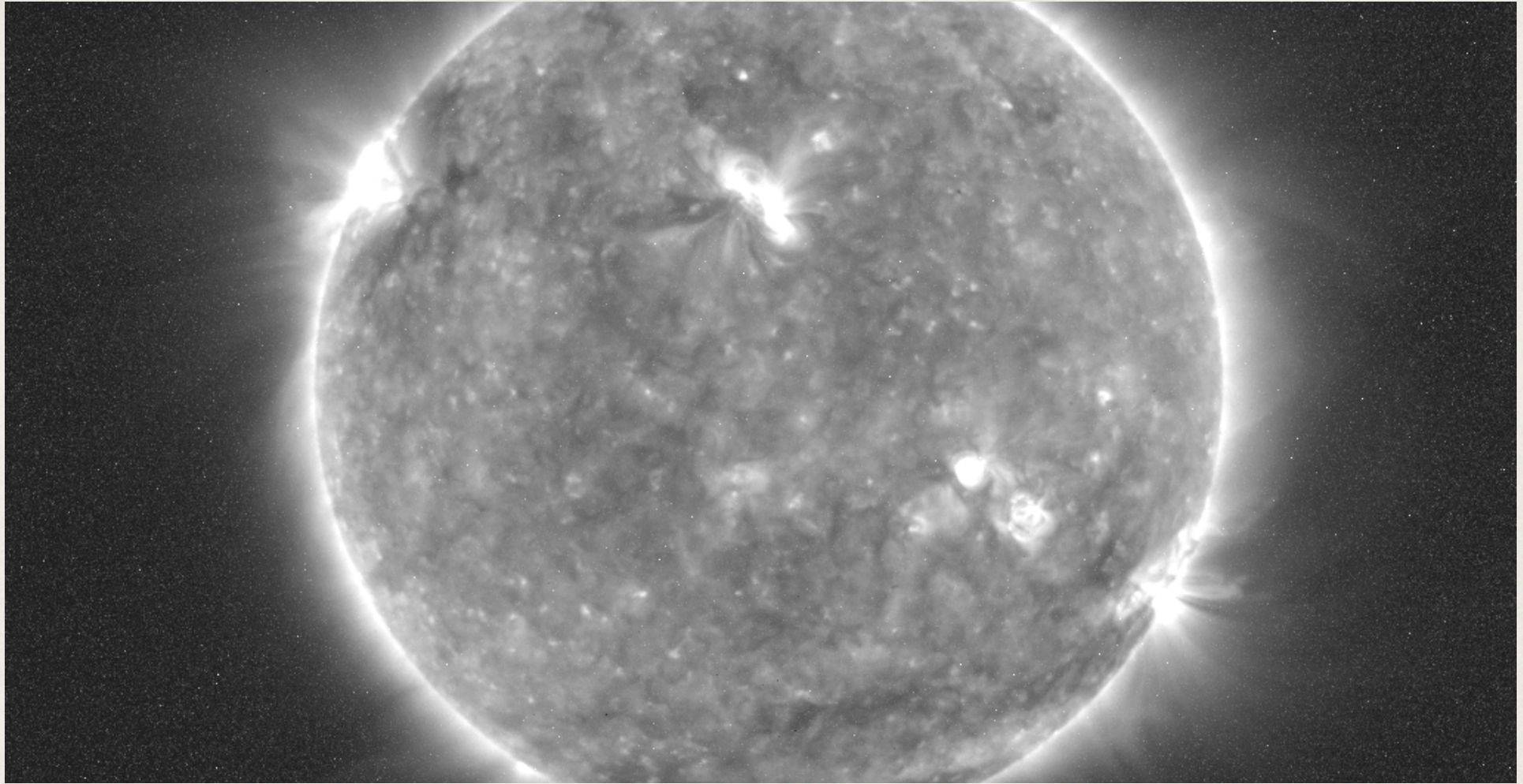
- ❖ **Implemented**

- ❖ Dark Subtraction
- ❖ Pixel Map Correction
- ❖ Image Scaling, Rotation, & Centering

- ❖ **In Progress**

- ❖ Flat Field Correction
- ❖ Linearity

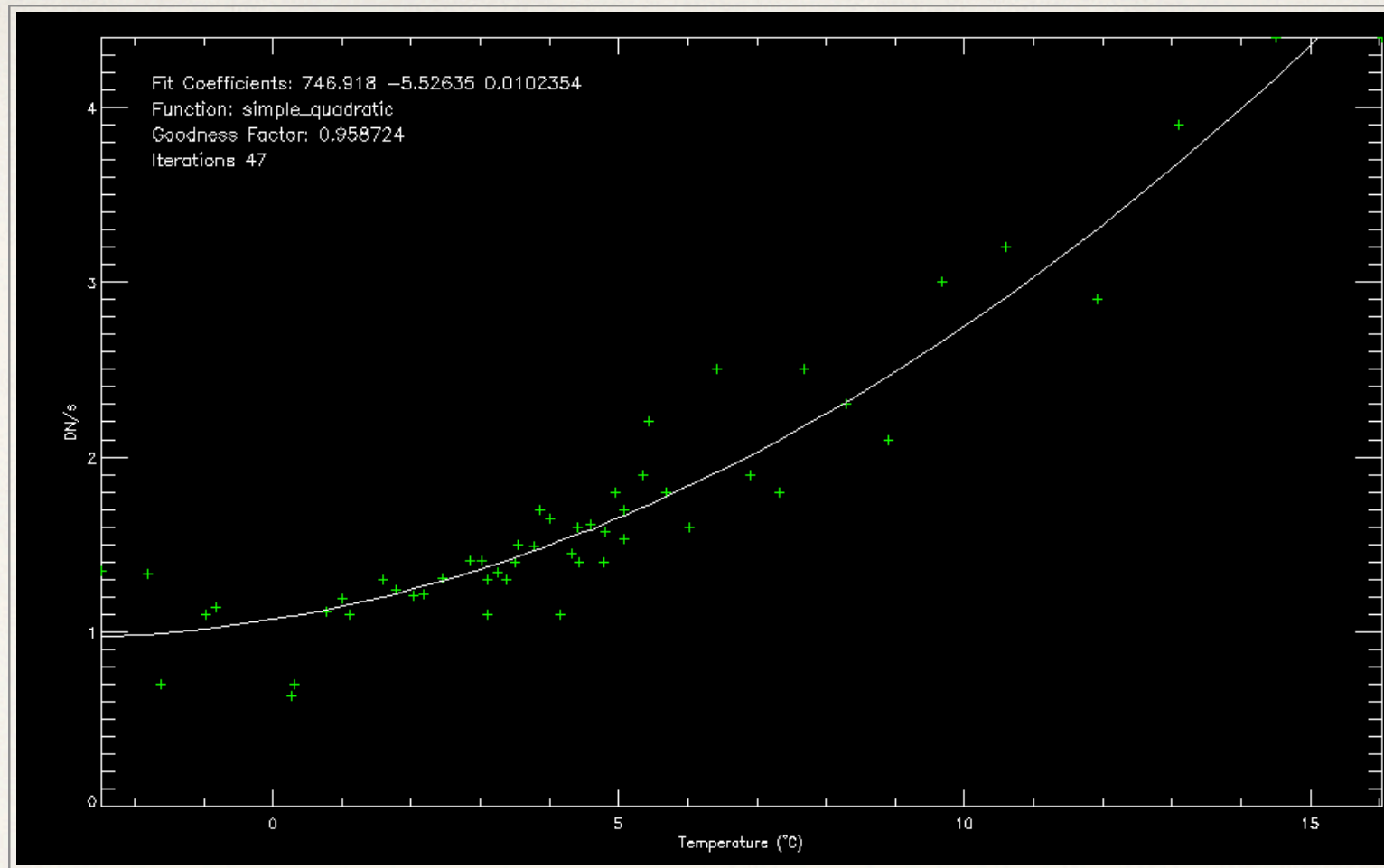
Implemented Steps



Dark Subtraction

Dark Current is the major source of noise in nominal operations

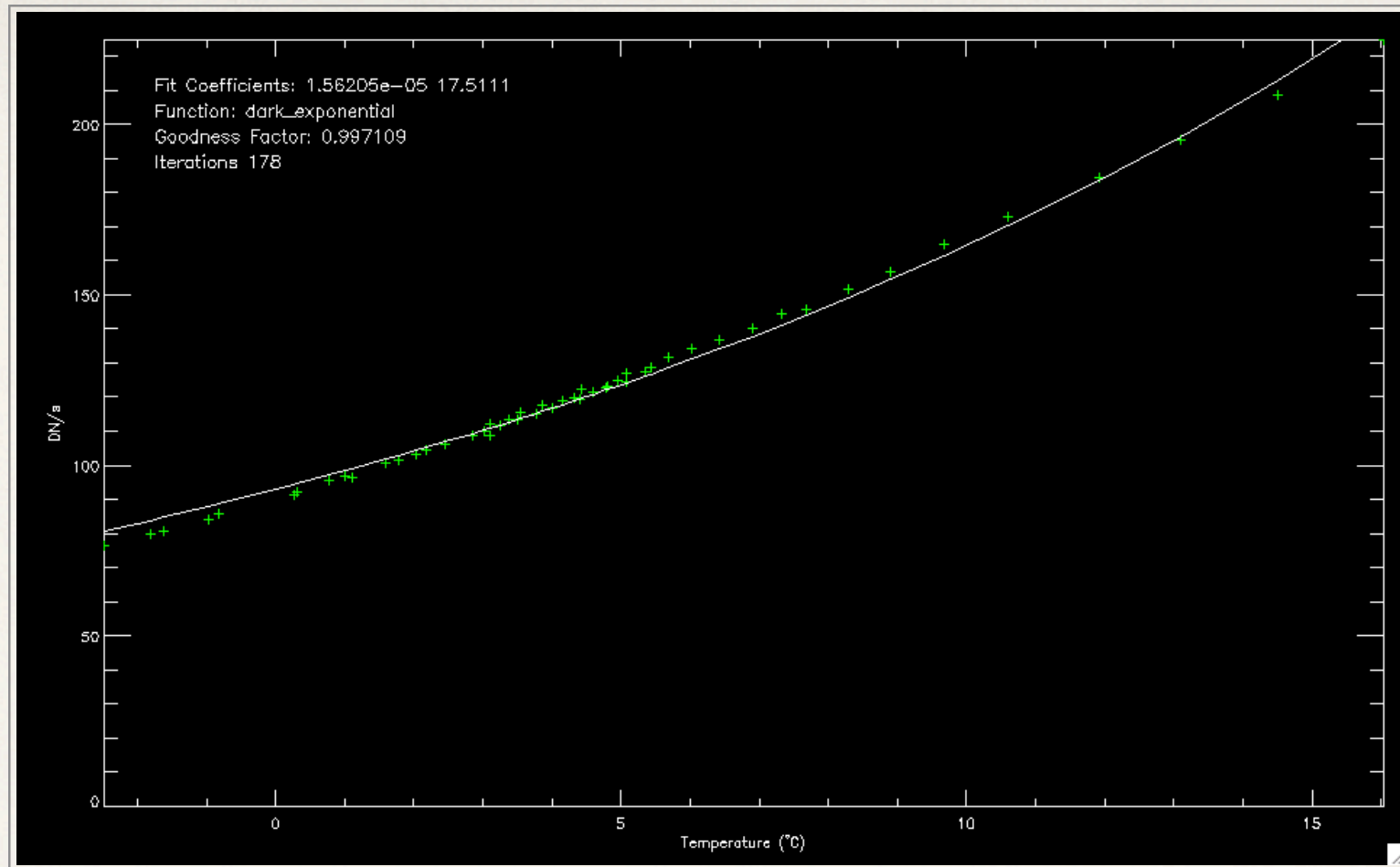
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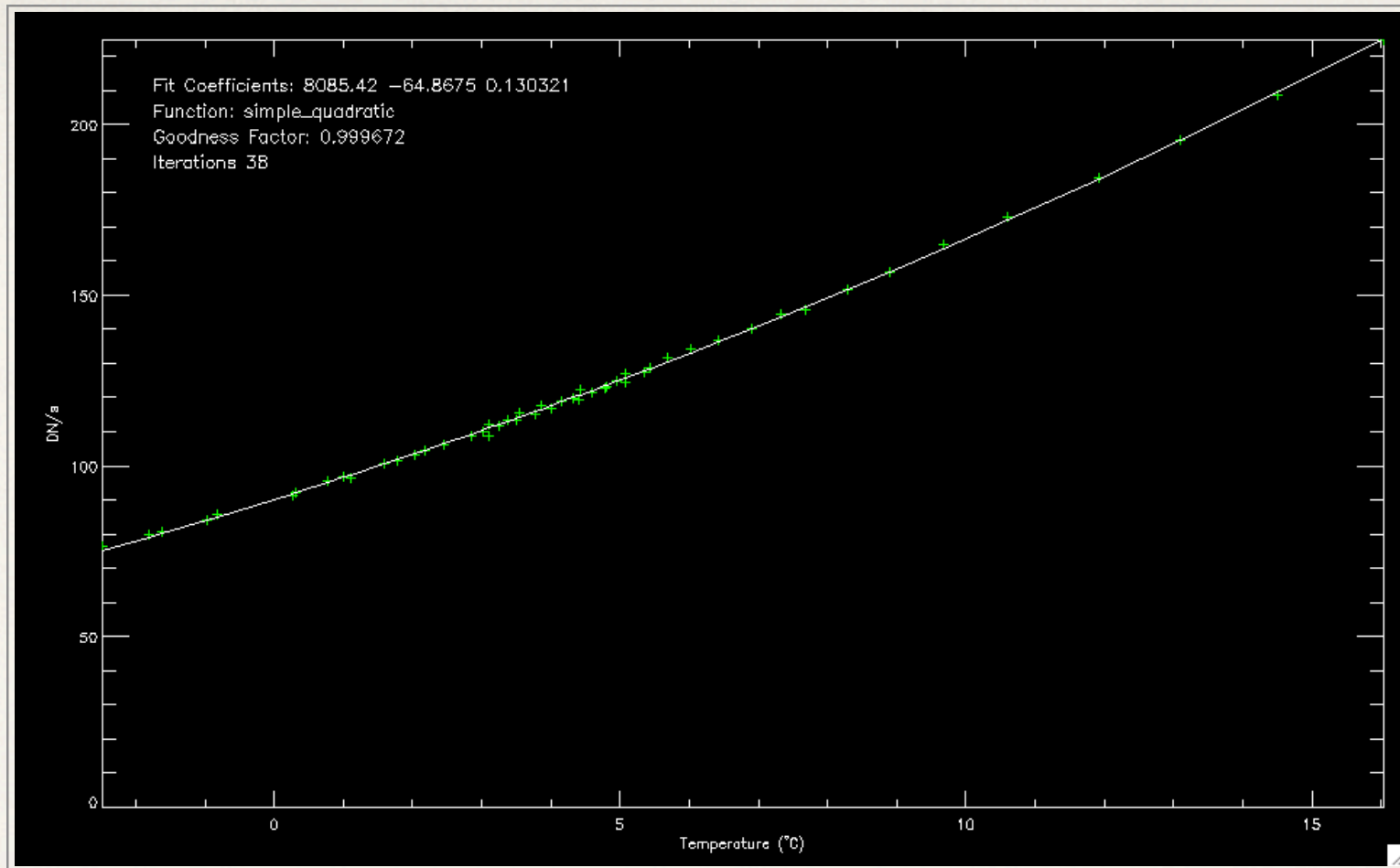
Dark frames are created on the fly

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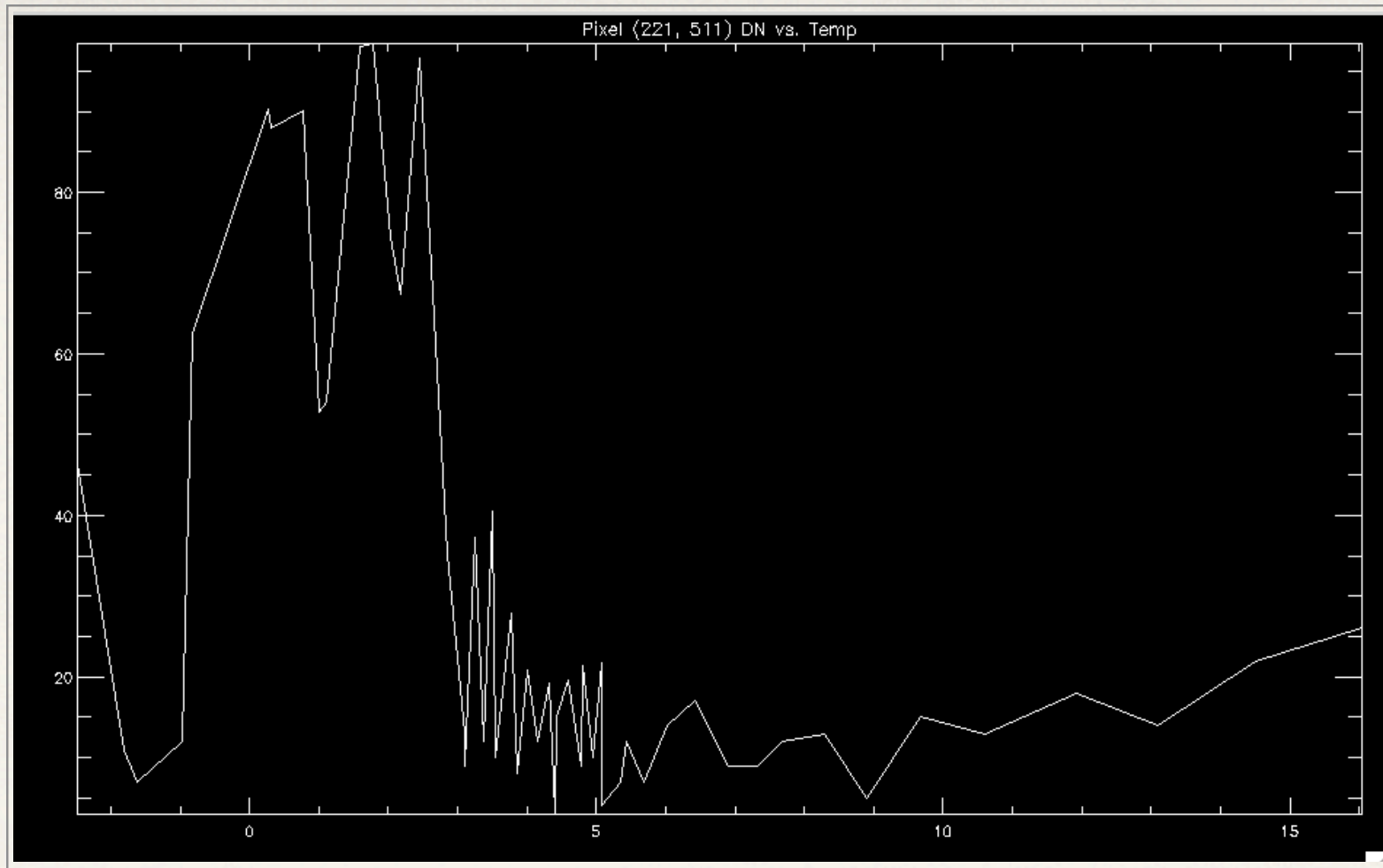
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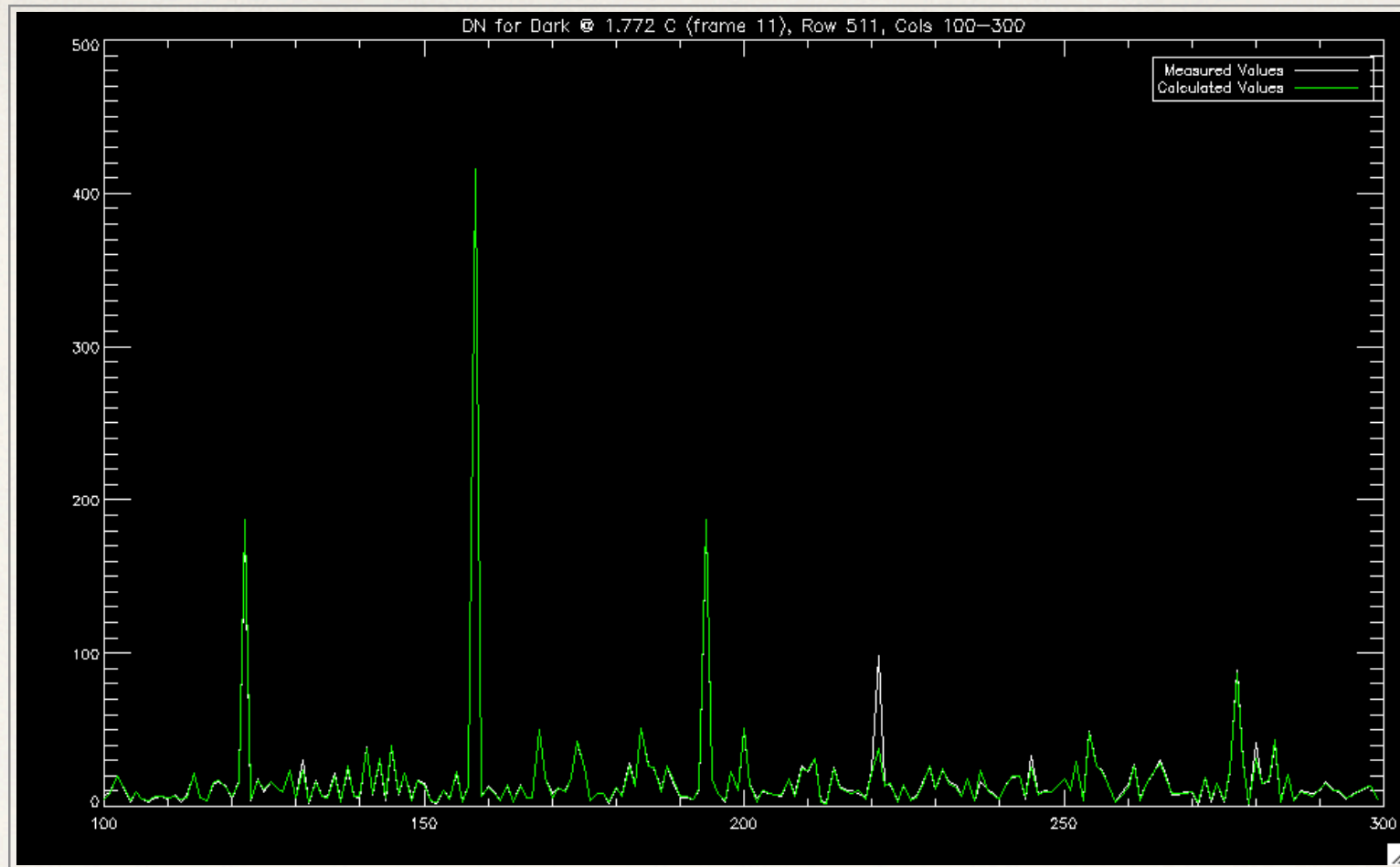
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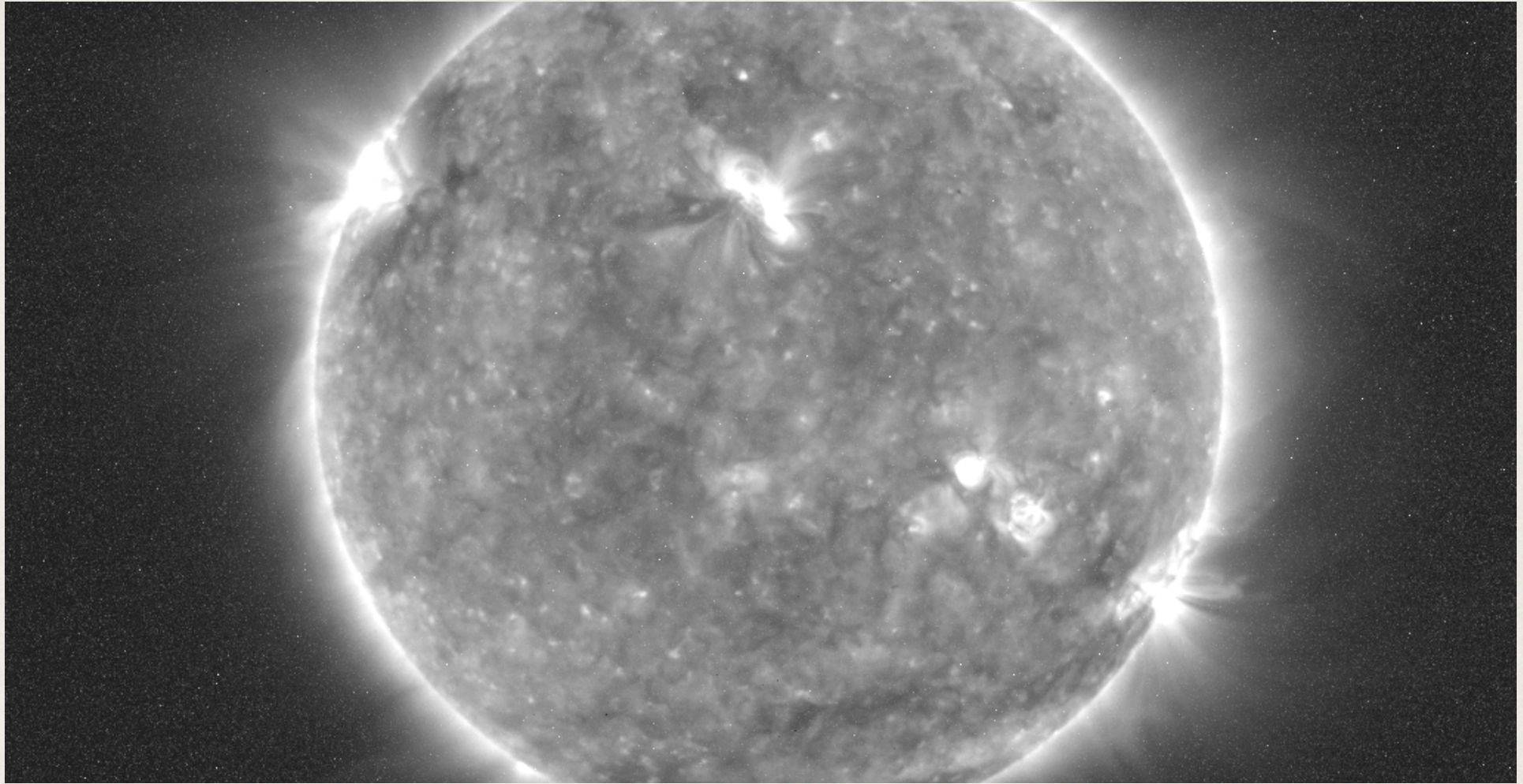
A small number of strange pixels cannot be fit

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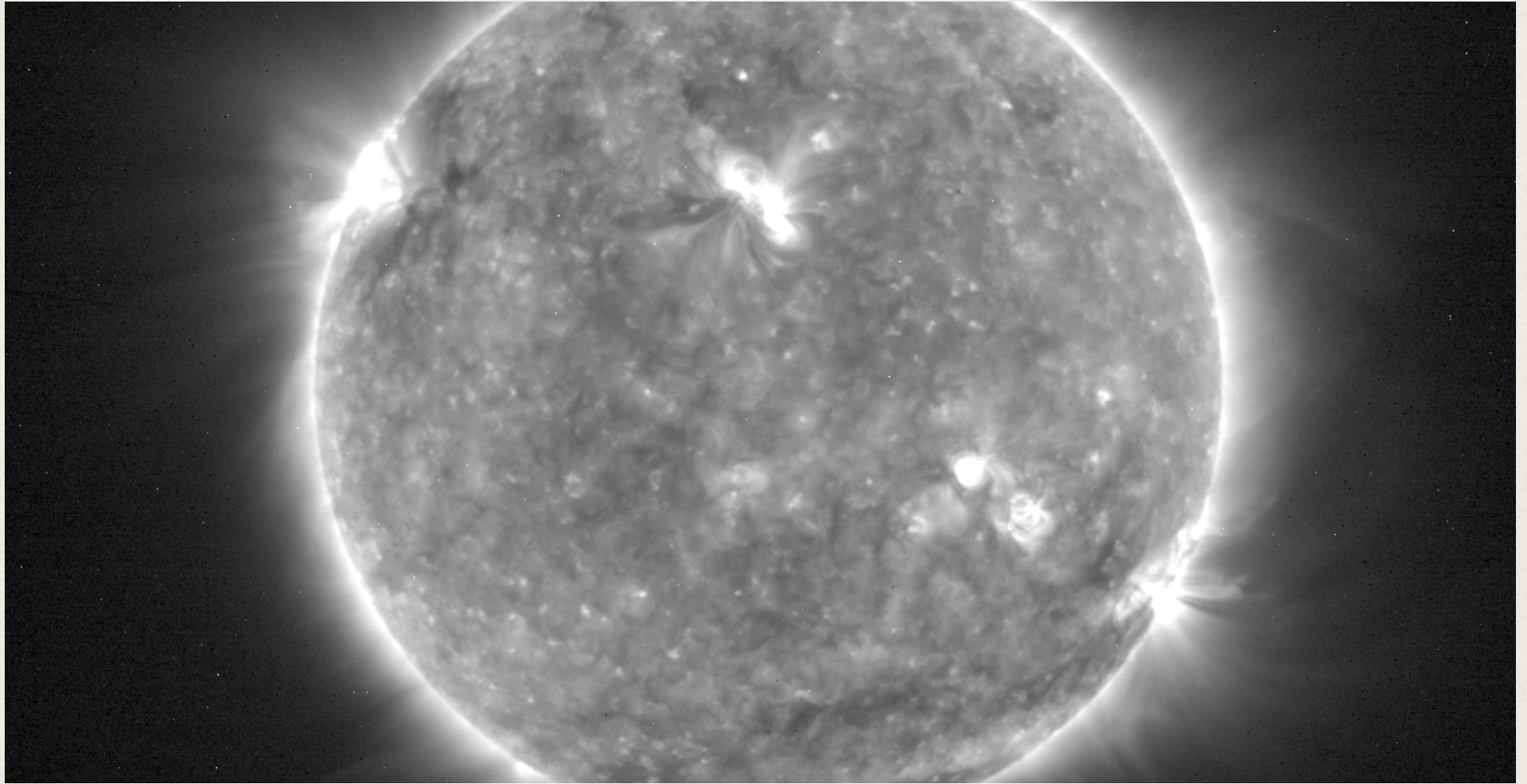
Most pixels can be fit to within a few counts



Dark Subtraction

Dark subtraction removes most image noise

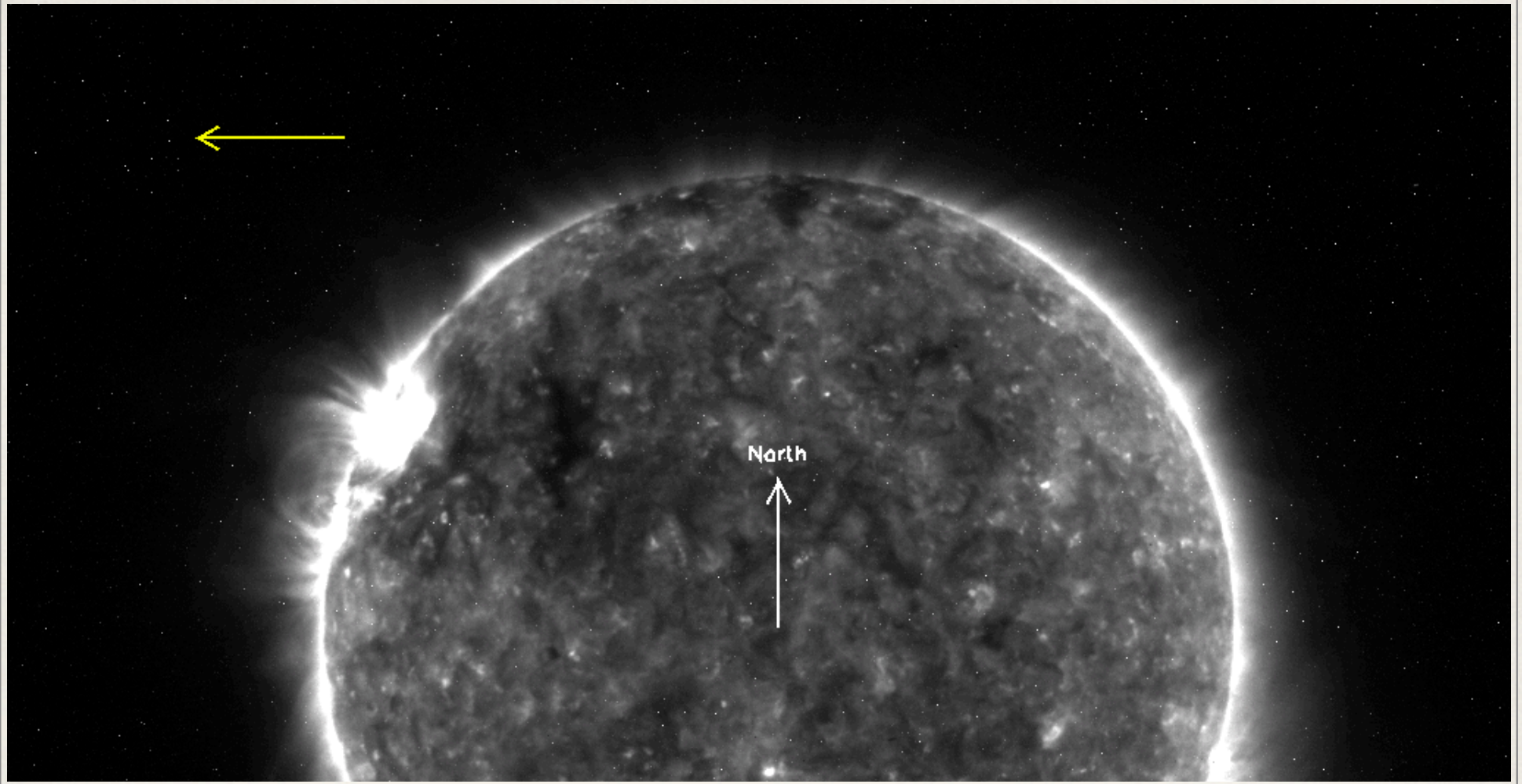
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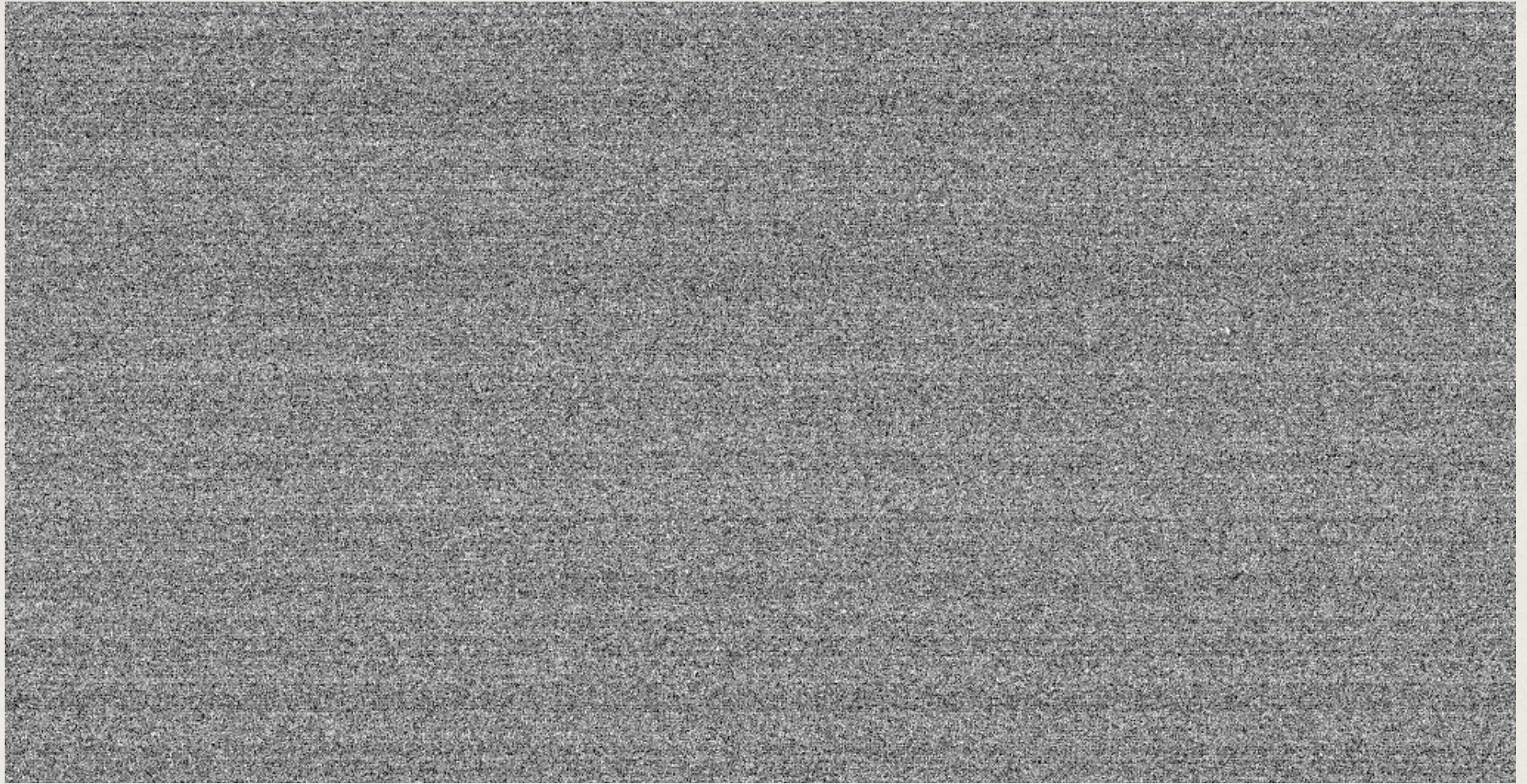
Pixel map correction

Pixels with known incorrect behavior are replaced

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Additional Fixed-Pattern Noise

- ❖ **Correlated Double Sampling (CDS):**
 - ❖ Bias subtraction unnecessary
 - ❖ Bias automatically removed during image acquisition
- ❖ **Double Sampling (DS):**
 - ❖ Bias must be indirectly measured
 - ❖ Bias-subtraction implemented for DS images



Additional Fixed-Pattern Noise

Faint horizontal stripes remain after dark subtraction

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Telescope Effects

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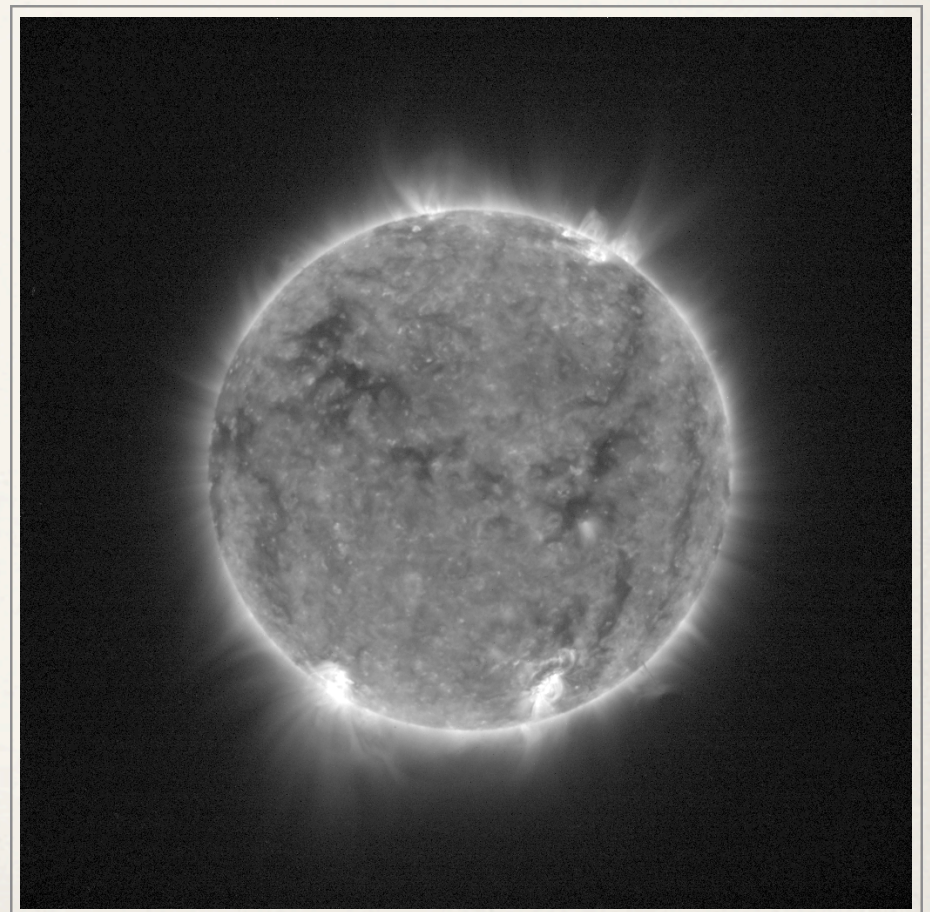


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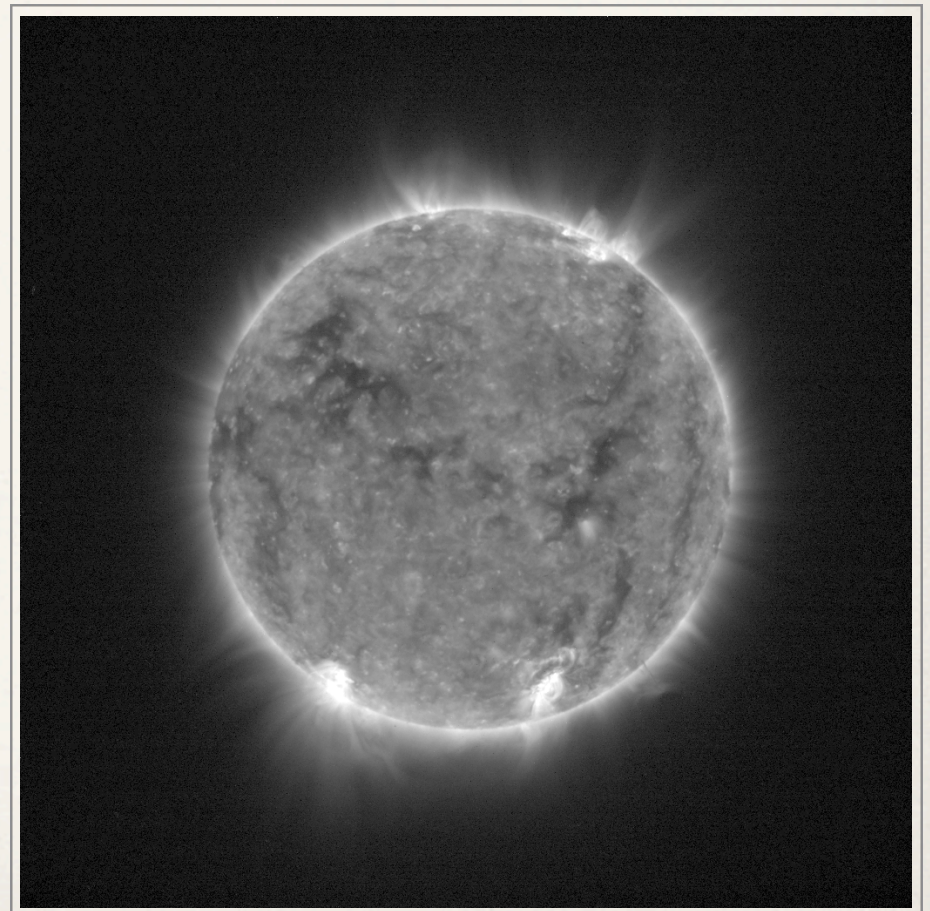


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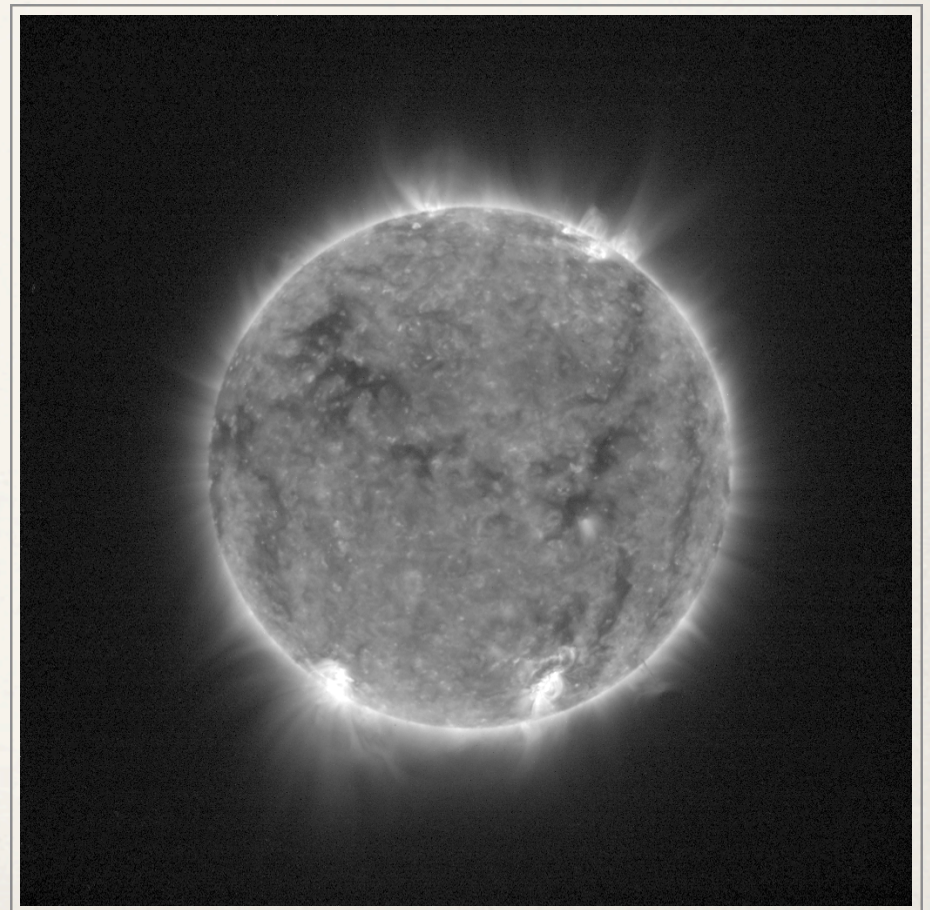


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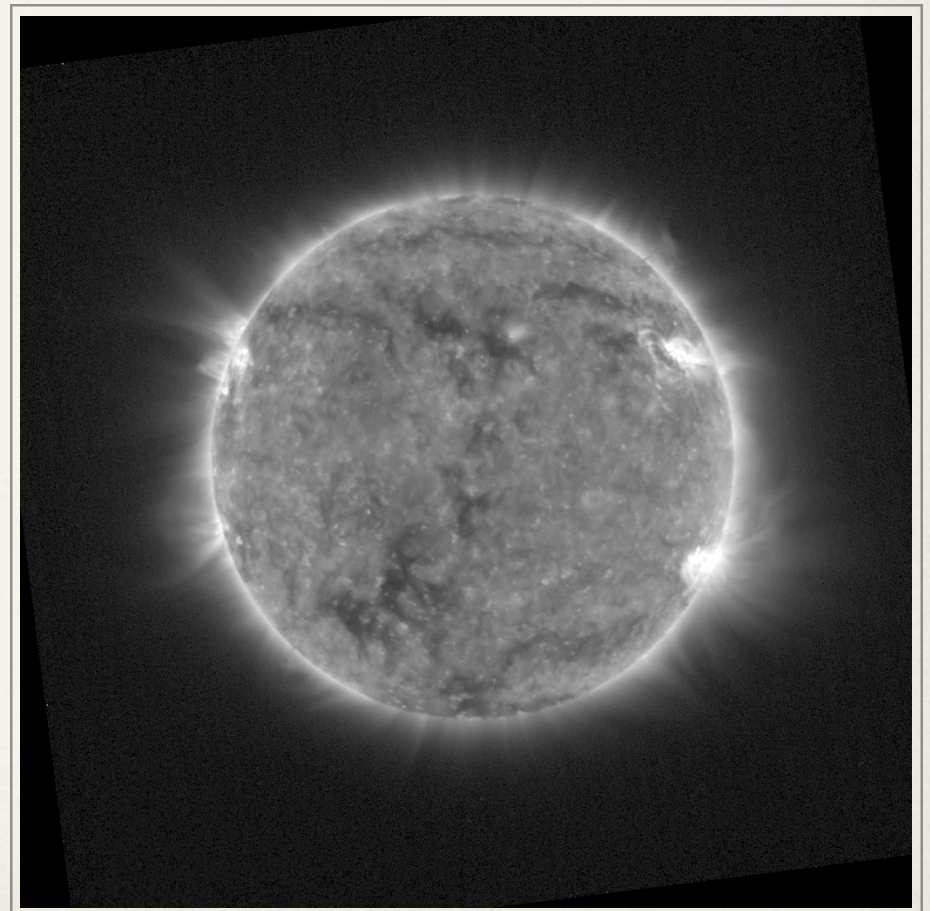


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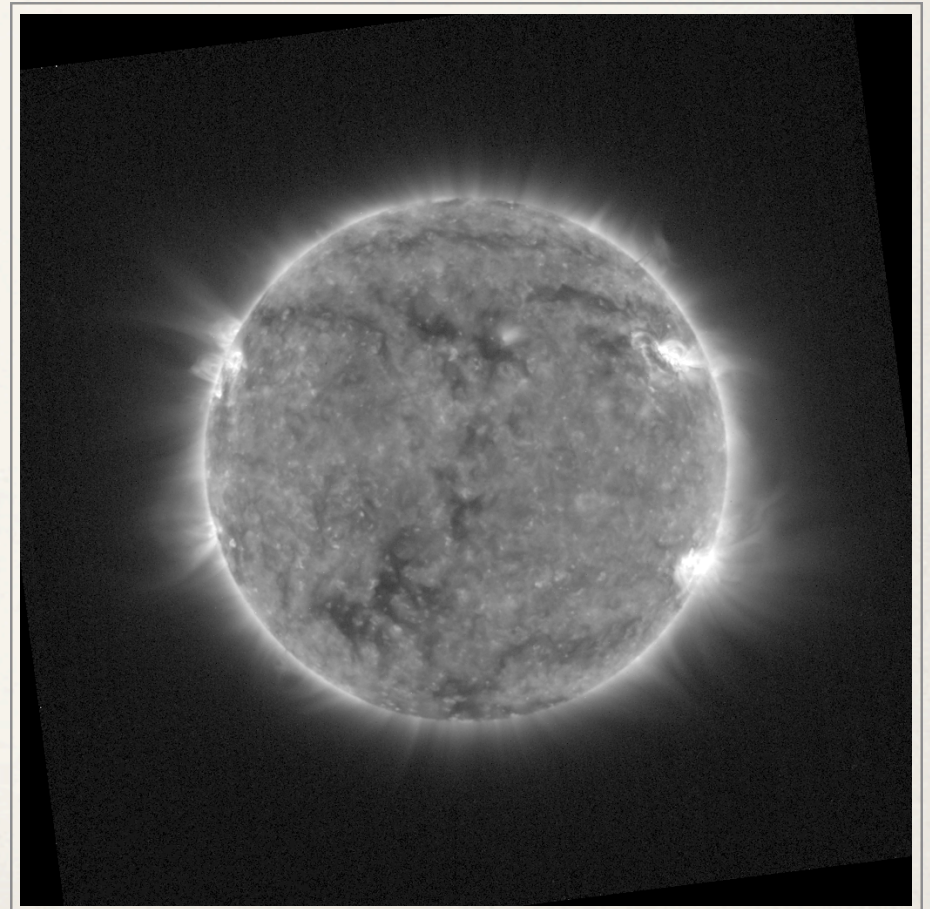
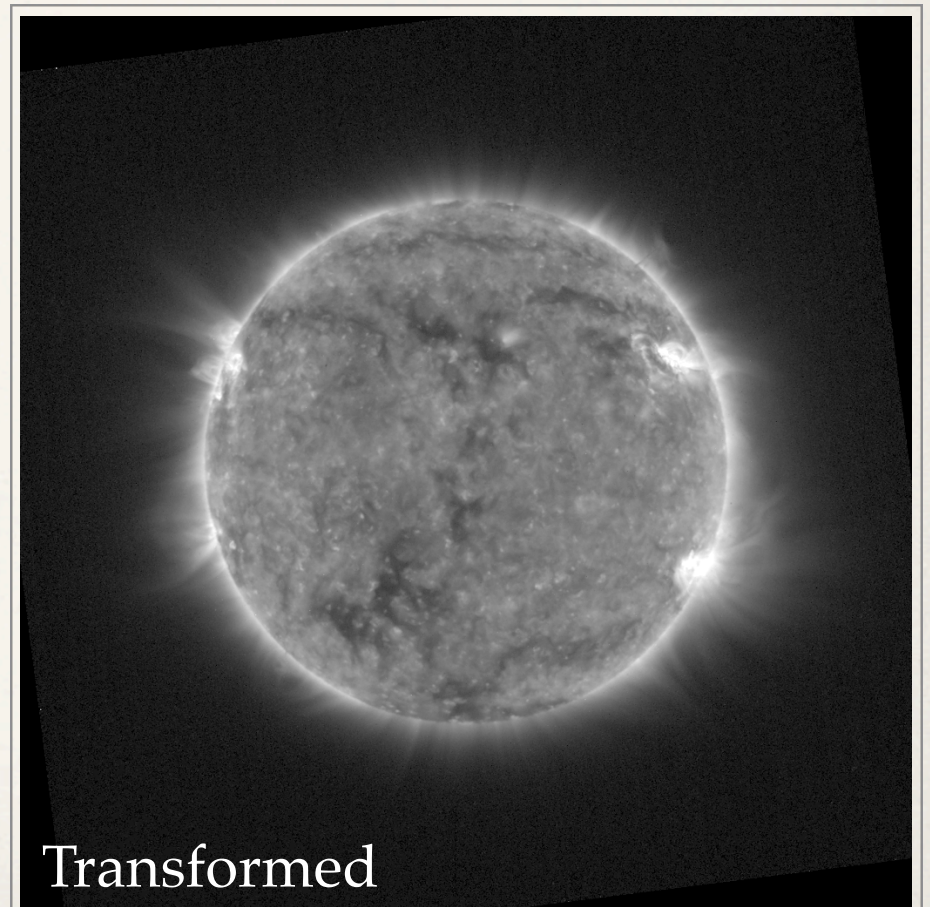
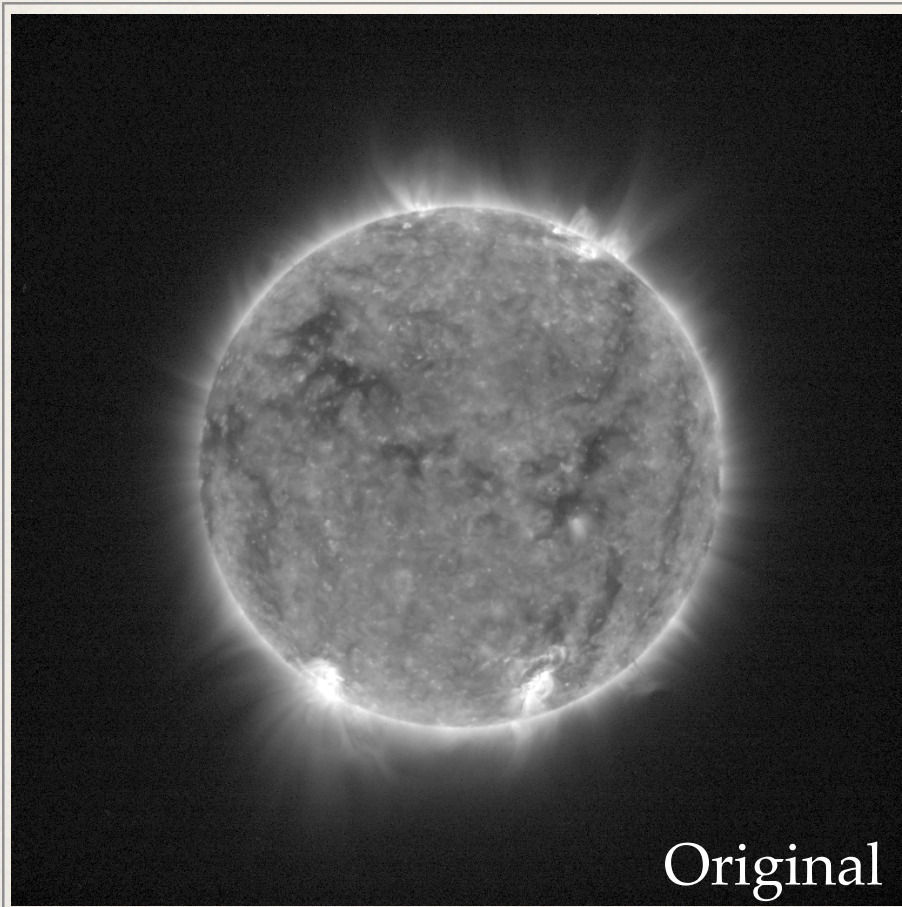


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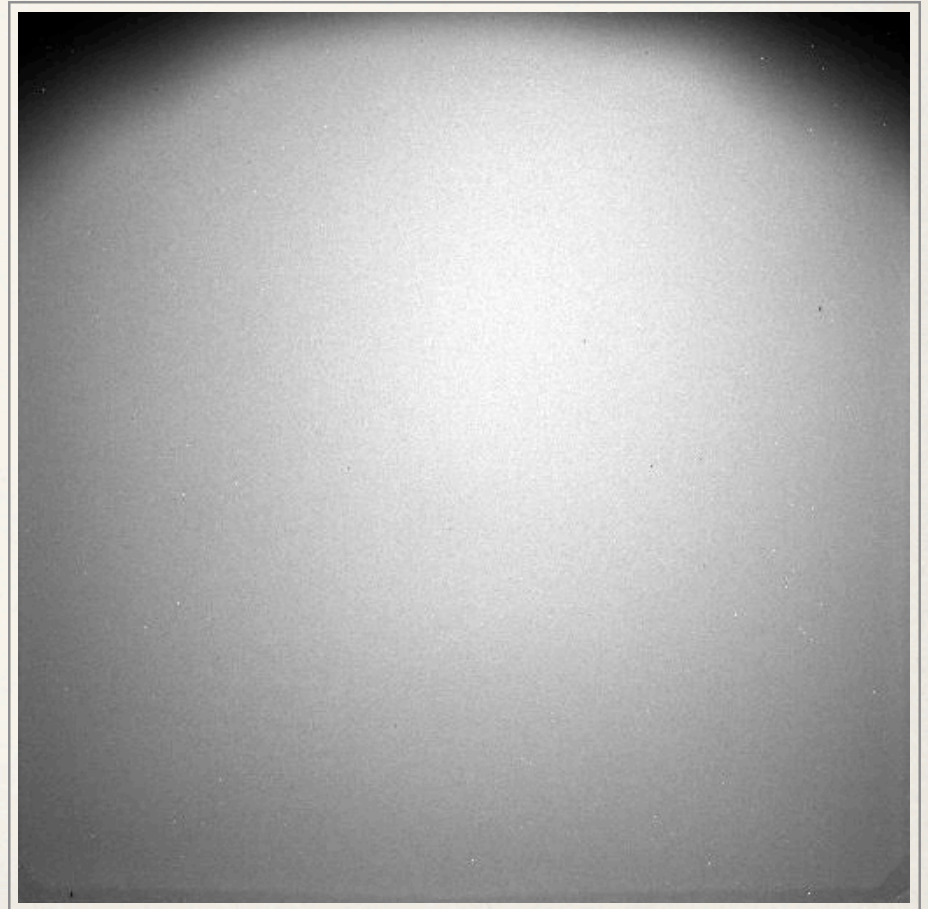


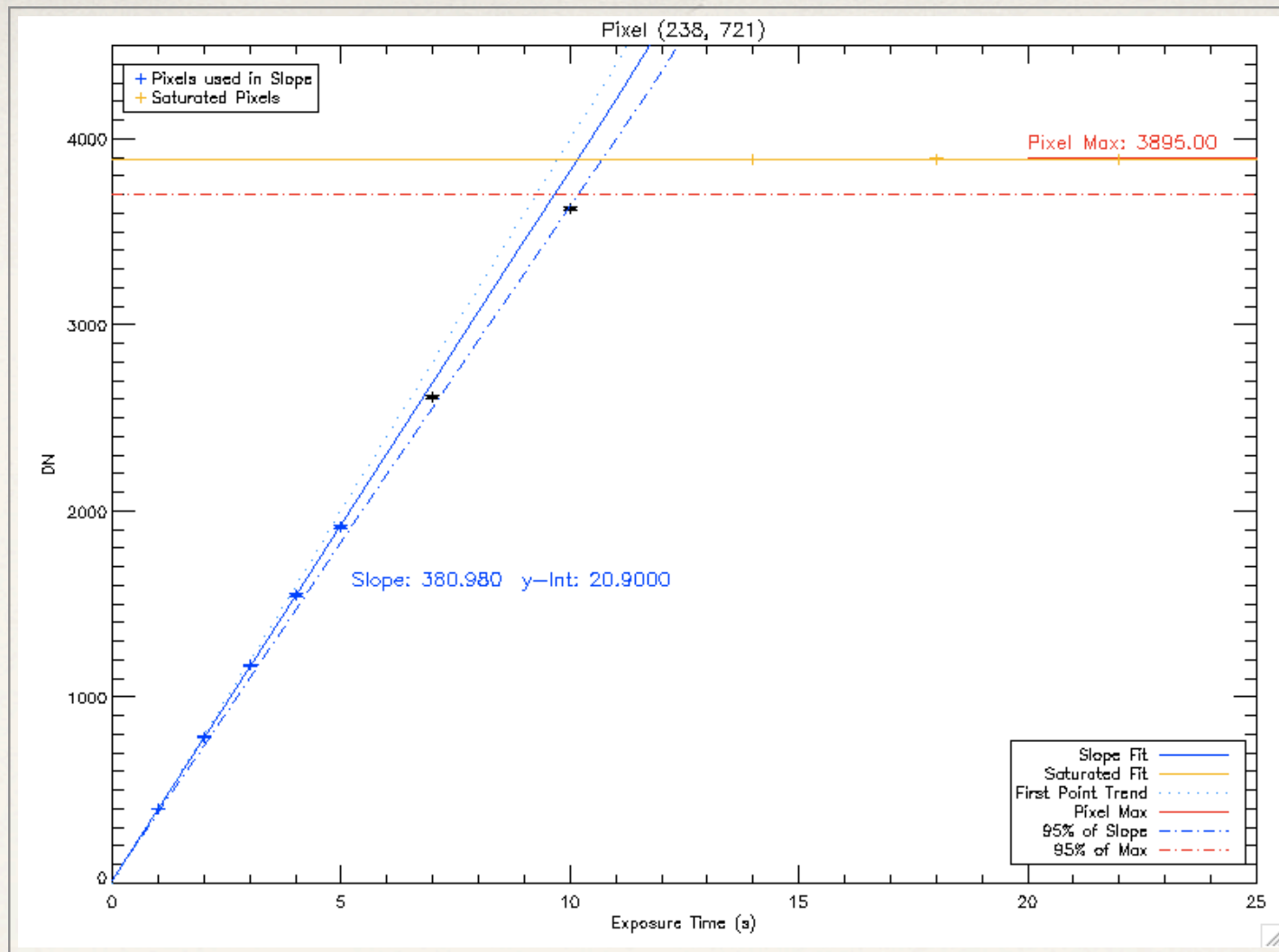
Outstanding Issues

Flat-Field Correction

Flat-field correction will address:

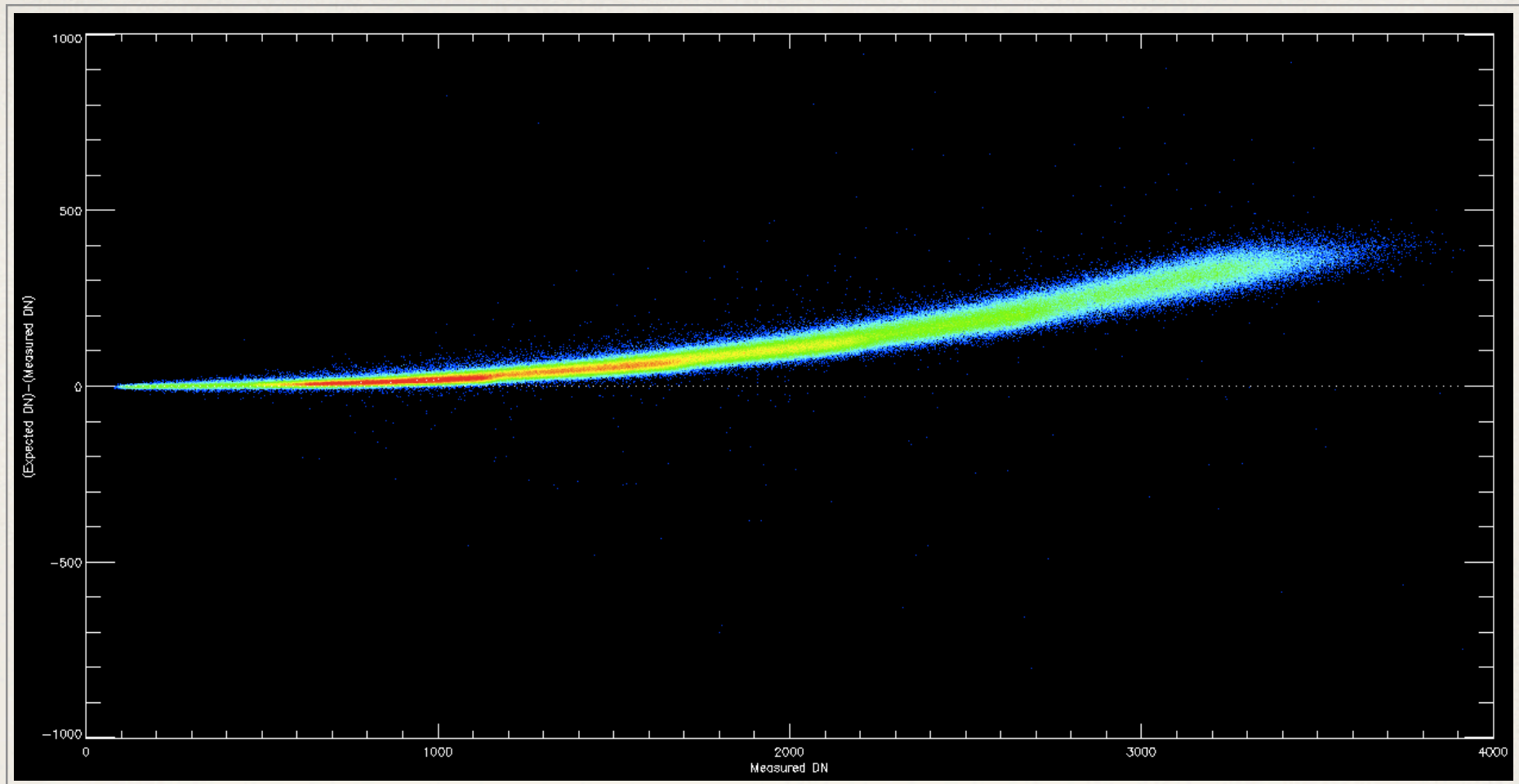
- ✧ Pixel-to-pixel variations
- ✧ Vignetting
- ✧ Other optical issues





Linearity

Detector response is linear to within 5%

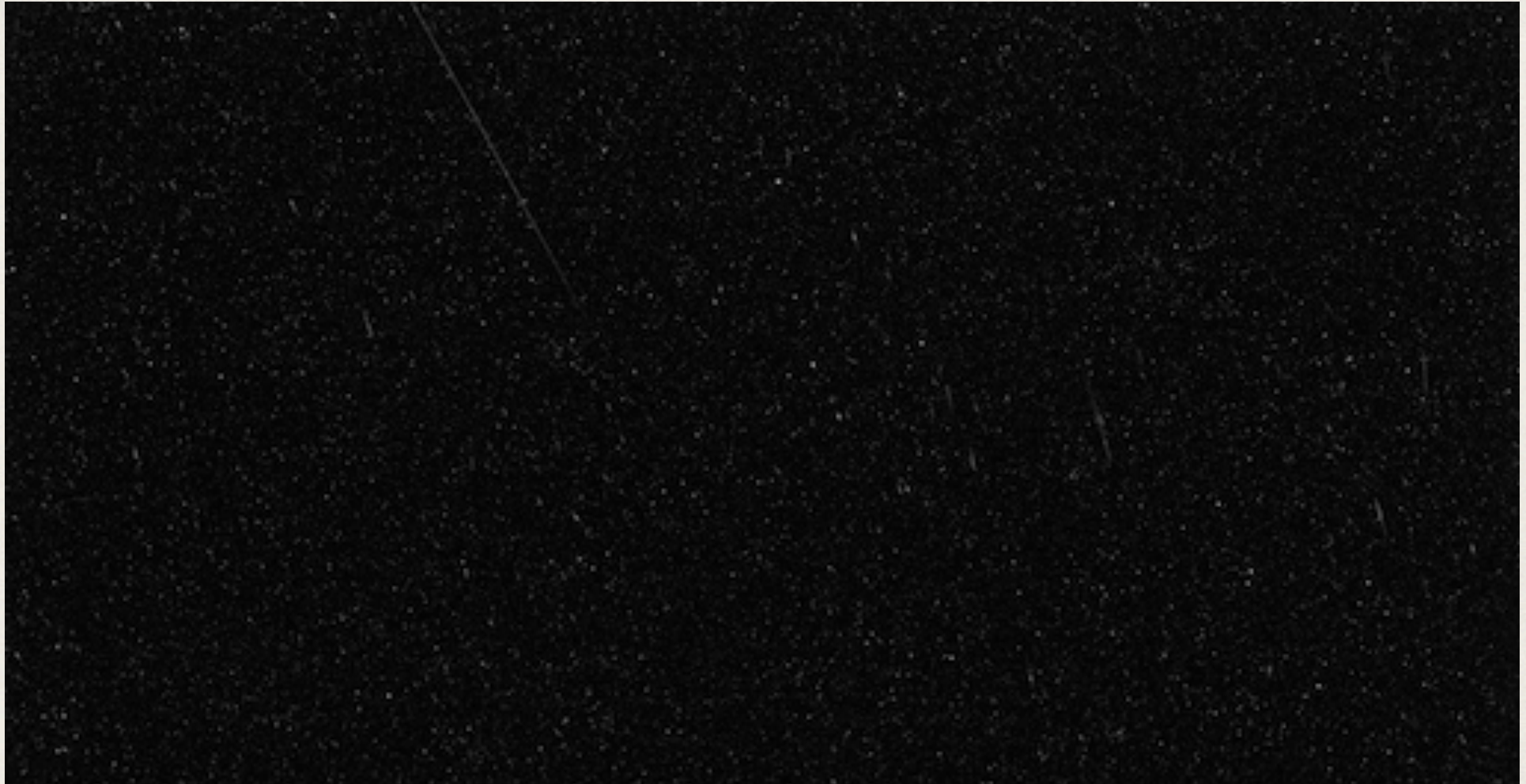


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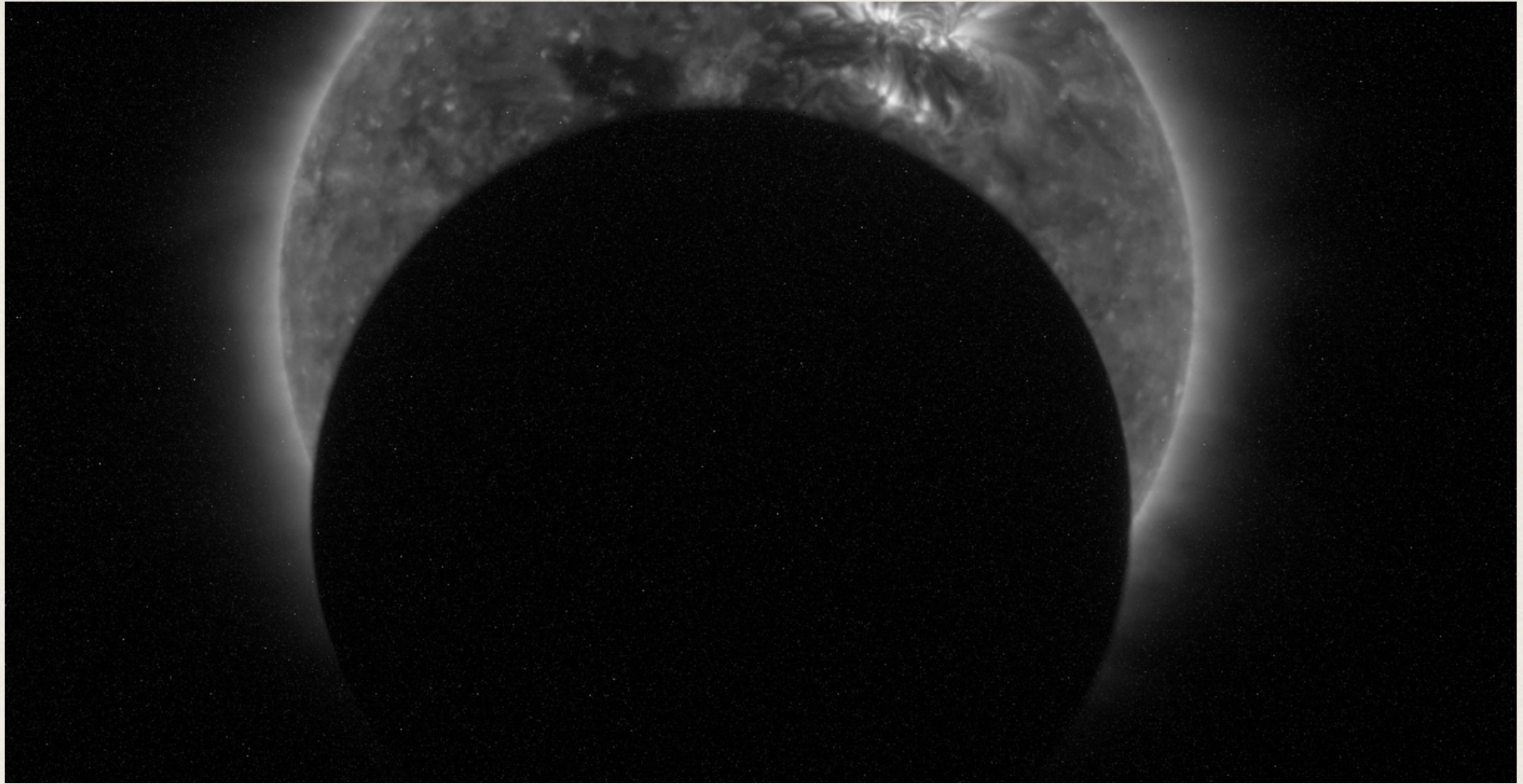
Other Image Properties



Radiation Effects

Additional noise can come from the South Atlantic Anomaly, Solar Wind & Shocks, etc.

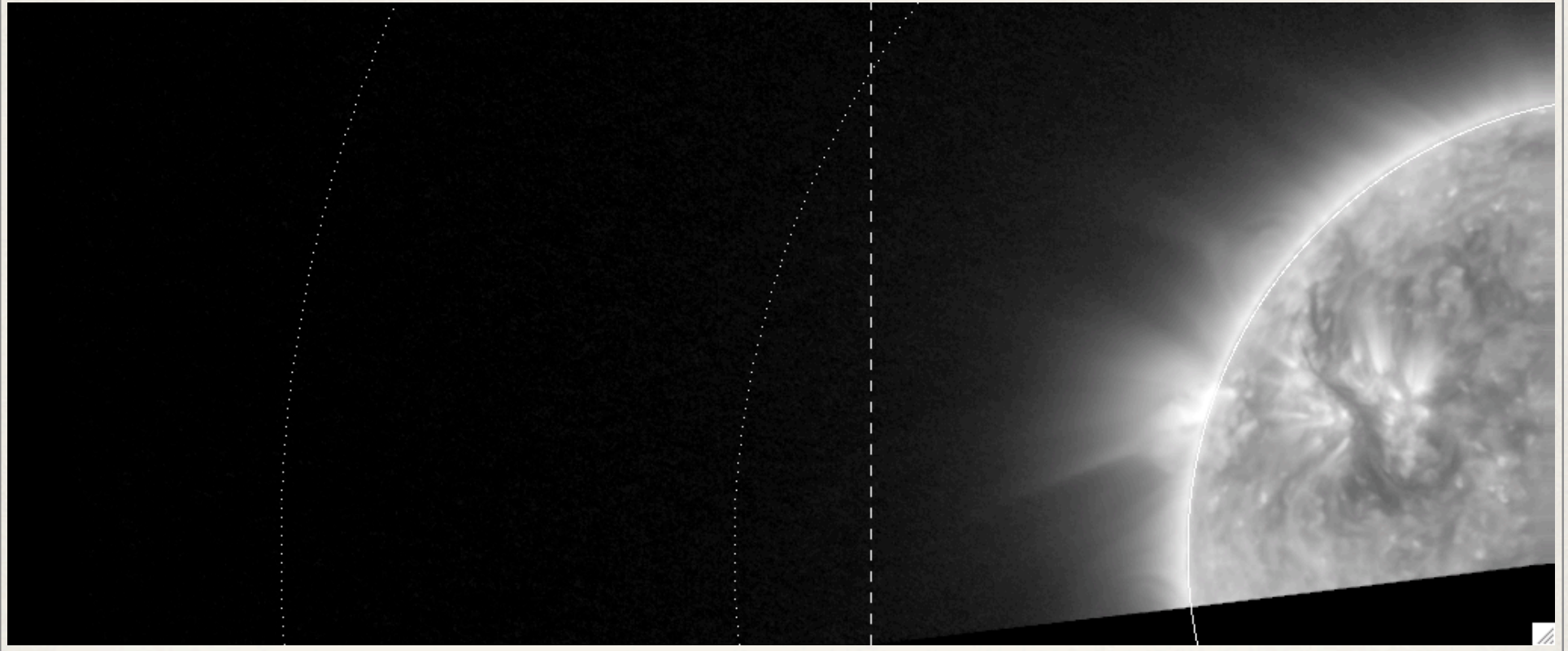
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Stray Light

Some measurements made, eclipse images can provide additional data

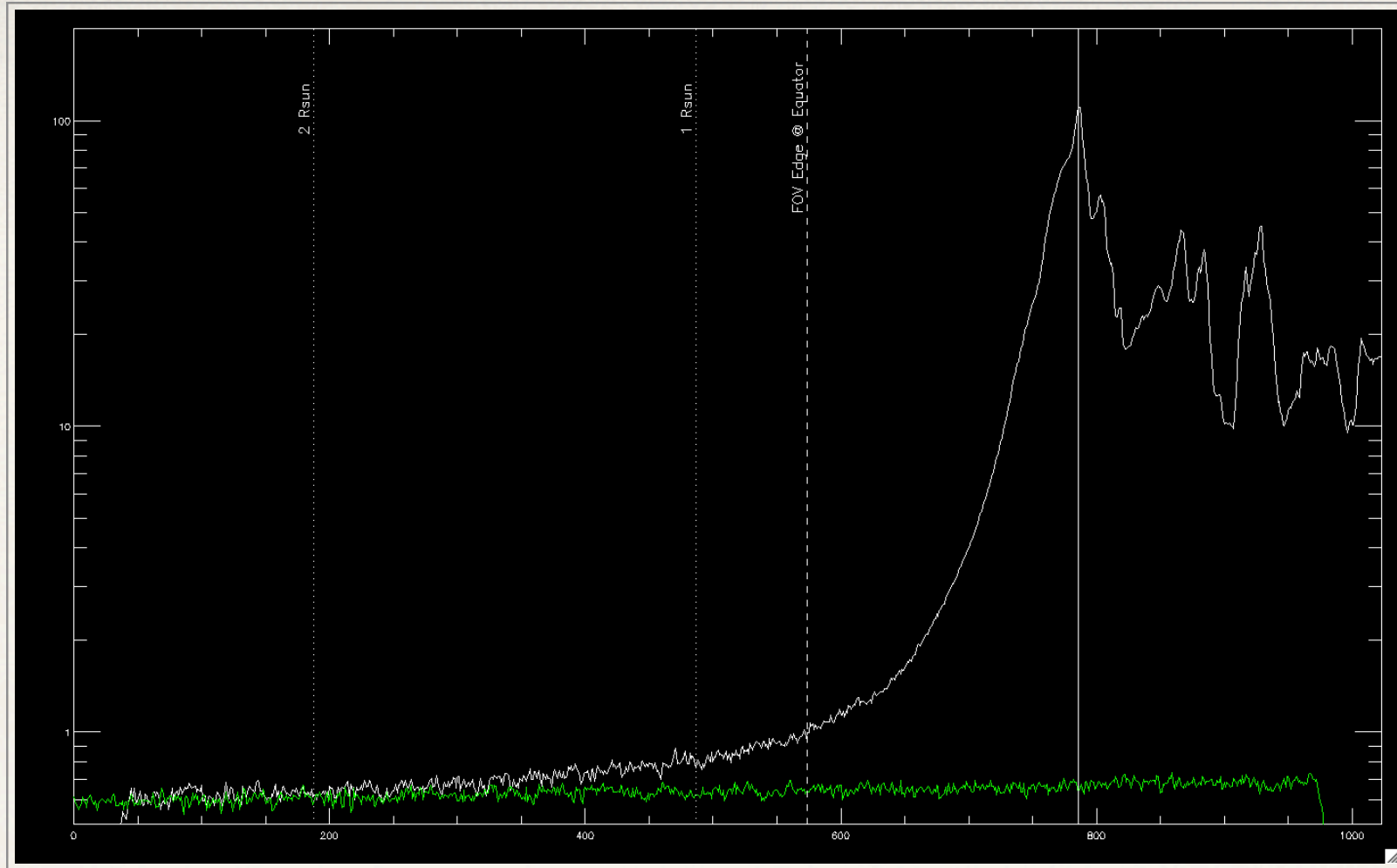
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Off-pointed images

Signal is present at distances at least $1.5 R_{\text{sun}}$ above the limb

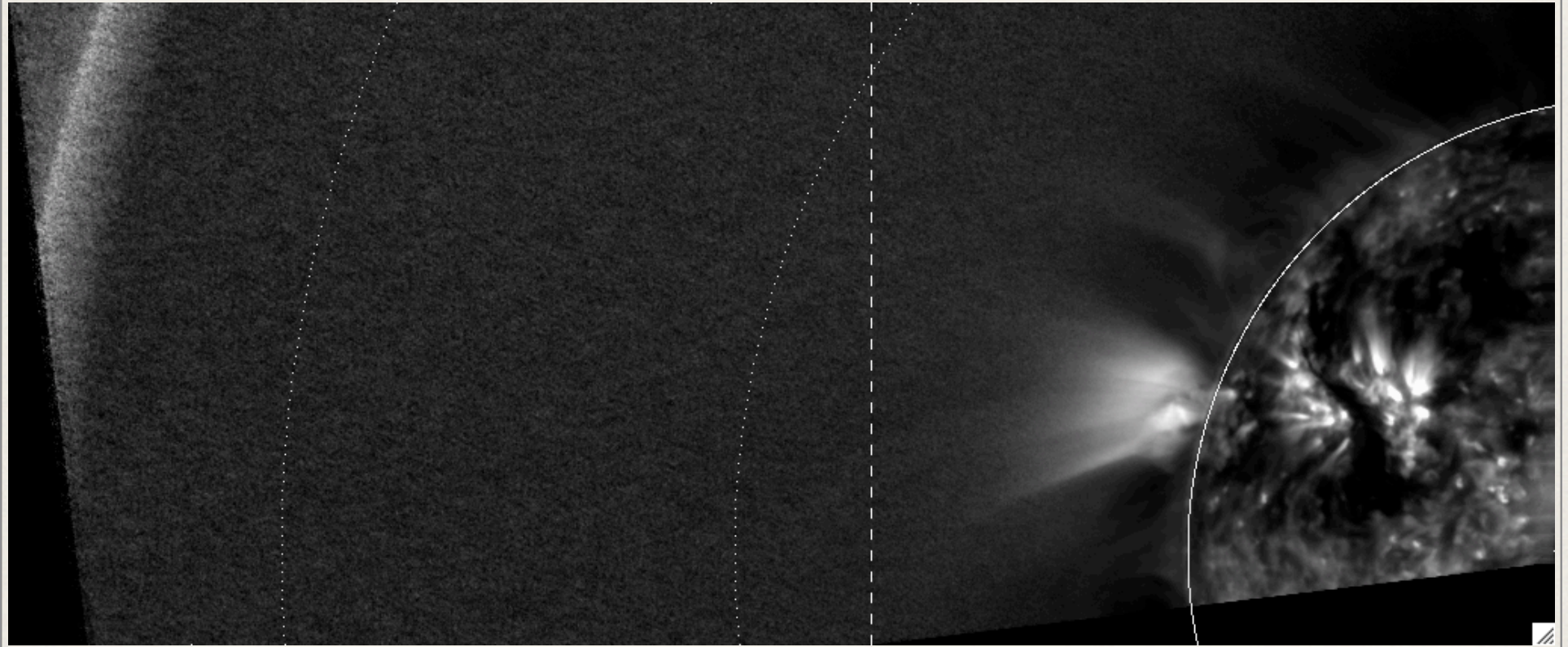
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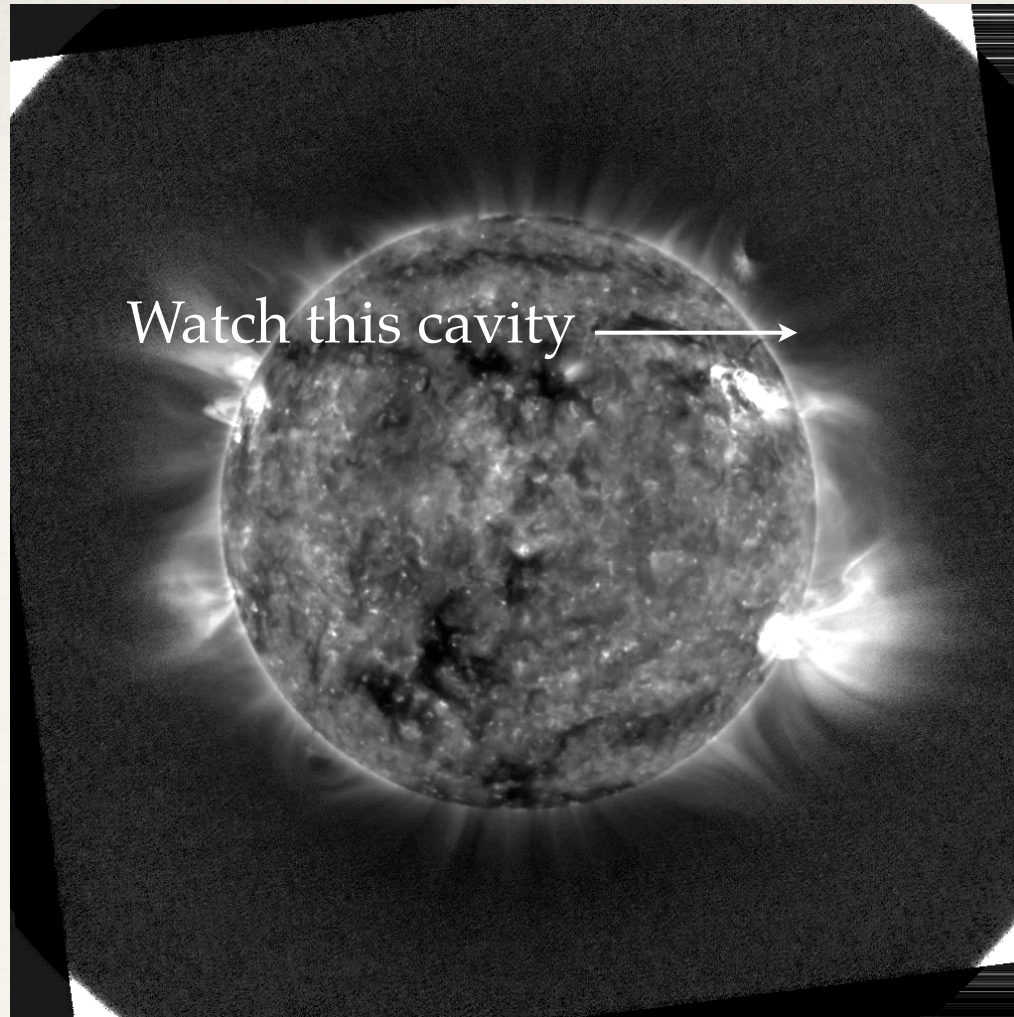
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Under current quiet conditions, few features extend above $1 R_{\text{sun}}$

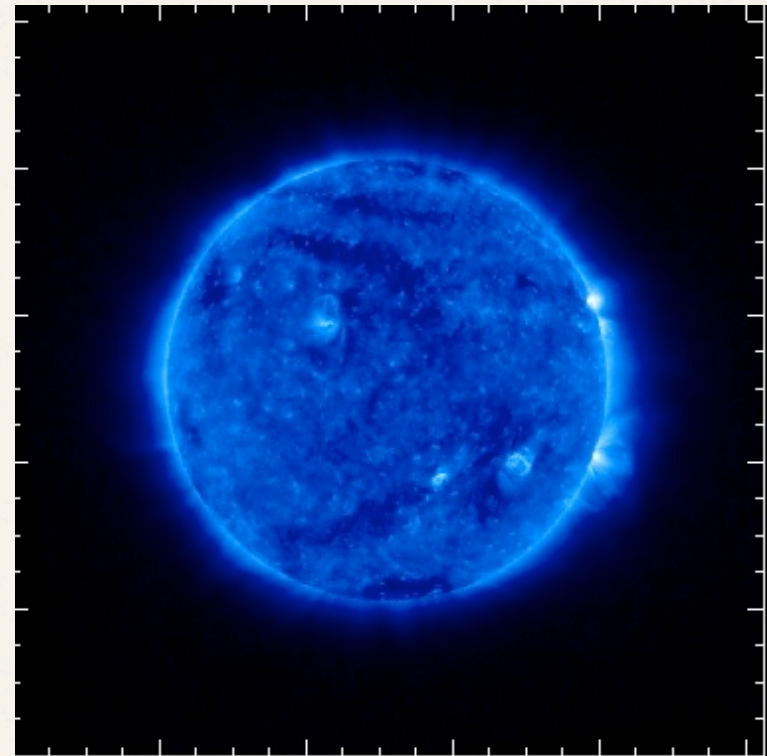
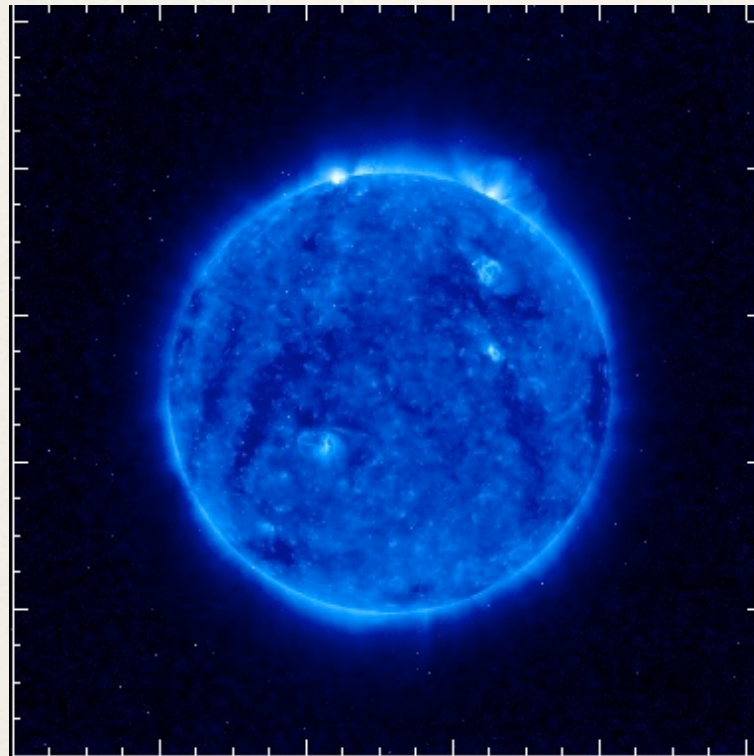
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Off-limb signal

Prominence Cavity Eruption - 13 June 2010, UT 03:00:00-10:00:00

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SWAP Calibration Software

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Getting Calibration Software

- * Requires recent SSWIDL 'gen' update
 - * IDL> ssw_upgrade, /swap, /spawn, /loud
- * Fetches the following SSWIDL directories for SWAP
 - * \$SSW/proba2/swap/caldb/ (calibration database: e.g., darks, flats, pixel maps)
 - * \$SSW/proba2/swap/doc/ (documentation: e.g., instrument paper)
 - * \$SSW/proba2/swap/idl/objects/ (visualization and analysis software)
 - * \$SSW/proba2/swap/idl/prep/ (calibration software)
 - * \$SSW/proba2/swap/resp/ (instrument response data)
 - * \$SSW/proba2/swap/setup/ (instrument-specific IDL setup scripts)

Running Calibration Software

- ✧ **Dual-use code**

- ✧ P2SC automated pipeline (high-level info- and error- status reporting)
- ✧ end-user scientists (reduced content optional reporting)

- ✧ **Handles single files or filelists**

- ✧ IDL> Infiles = FILE_SEARCH('~ / data / swap / swap_lv0_*.fits')
- ✧ IDL> P2SW_PREP, Infiles, Index_out, Image_out

- ✧ **Some redundant keywords for end-users**

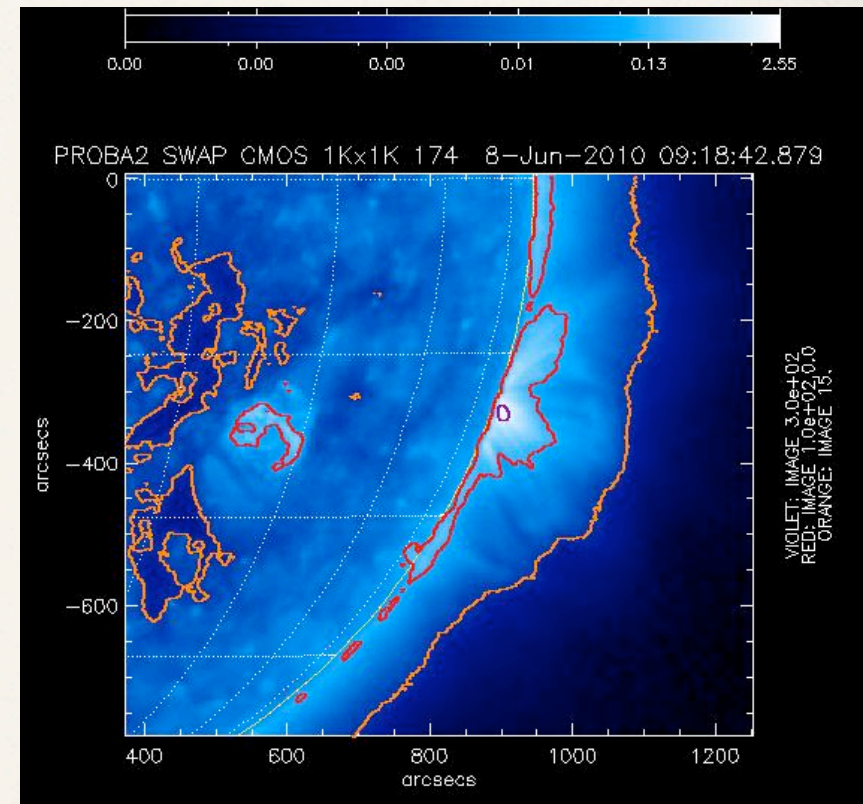
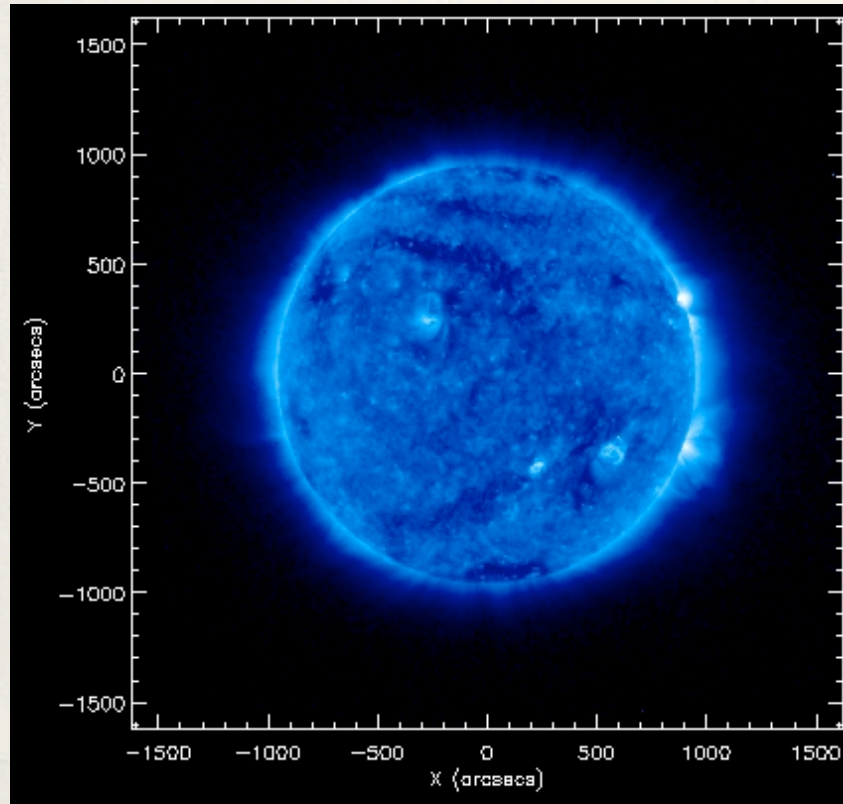
- ✧ all options explained in detailed IDL routine description text

Calibration Steps and Options I

1. Information passing to terminal (optional on-switch: /VERBOSE)
2. FITS validity
3. Filename conformity (optional on-switch: /NAME_CHK)
4. FITS checksum test
5. FITS header conformity
6. Reinstate pixels x2/x4 onboard (optional off-switch: /NO_PMCDIV)
7. Reinstate pixels identified as cosmic rays onboard (optional off-switch: /NO_PIXREP)
8. Saturated pixel replacement
9. Dark current subtraction (optional off-switch: /NO_DARK)

Calibration Steps and Options II

10. Replace pixels not read out onboard (optional off-switch: /NO_PMCREP)
11. Flat-field correction (optional off-switch: /NO_FLAT)
12. Image despiking (optional on-switch and threshold level: /DESPIKE, SPIKE_SIG=6)
13. Sun centering, pixel rescaling, and rotation (optional master and individual off-switches)
14. Time normalization (optional on-switch: /NORMALIZE)
15. Retention of floating-point precision images (optional on-switch: /FLOAT)
16. Retention of all index headers and images in data cube (optional off-switch: /NO_CUBE)
17. Individual FITS writing (optional on-switch and location: /OUTFITS, OUTDIR=CURDIR())
18. Error checking procedure halt (optional on-switch: /DEBUG)



SWAP Visualization Software

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Concept for Visualization and Analysis Software

- ❖ Object-oriented software package
 - ❖ object definition and configuration codes in `$SSW/proba2/swap/idl/objects/`
 - ❖ inherits framework and object functionality from `$SSW/gen/`
- ❖ Fully configurable
 - ❖ customized session-to-session defaults in `SWAP_OBJ_CONFIG.PRO`
 - ❖ specific changes within an object's lifetime are remembered
- ❖ Website tutorial for the SWAP object (<http://www.solarmonitor.org/objects/swap/>)

Running Visualization and Analysis Software

- * Create object
 - * IDL> swap = OBJ_NEW('swap')
- * Set data level, prepping required, and data source
 - * IDL> swap -> SET, FILTER = 'lv1', PREP = 0, LOCAL = 1 ; Level-1, no prepping, from local hard disk
 - * IDL> swap -> SET, FILTER = 'lv0', PREP = 1, LOCAL = 0 ; Level-0, to be prepped, from remote server
- * List full-path filenames (local = 1, filesystem path; local = 0, http address)
 - * IDL> flist = swap -> LIST(TIMERANGE = ['8-Jun-2010 08:15:00', '8-Jun-2010 09:00:00'])
- * Copy files, read into IDL, and plot image
 - * IDL> swap -> COPY, FILELIST = flist[0:10] ; only if local = 0
 - * IDL> swap -> READ, FILELIST = flist[0:10] ; includes run through P2SW_PREP if PREP = 1
 - * IDL> swap -> PLOT, FILELIST = flist[0] ; or just run this line, object knows to copy and read data

P2SW_PREP Calibration Steps

- ❖ FITS files checked for suitability (checksum, header content; optional name check)
- ❖ Pixels modified onboard reinstated and corrected (optional off-switches)
- ❖ Standard calibration steps (saturation, darks, flats; optional off-switches)
- ❖ Image optionally despiked using local-pixel statistics (optional threshold level)
- ❖ Image transformed (sun centered, rescaled pixels, rotated to solar North up; optional off-switches)
- ❖ Final image options applied (integer / float, IDL data cube, FITS writing)