

# EPI-Hi/HET Rate Data for Inside 0.25 AU

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**Abstract:** This memo presents a draft version of EPI-Hi High Energy Telescope (HET) data products resulting from real-time onboard analysis during the encounter phase of the Solar Probe Plus mission. It tabulates the energy/nucleon bins that are expected to be populated by SEP and GCR ions with  $1 \leq Z \leq 28$  and  $Z \geq 30$  ions that stop in the HET detector stack. The  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and  $^{22}\text{Ne}/^{20}\text{Ne}$  ratios should also be measureable over a portion of the geometry factor. Analysis of “penetrating particles will extend the HET energy range by as much as a factor of  $\sim 3$ . Electron and ion pitch-angle distributions can be measured in 25 “sectors” over two separate fields of view. A HET neutral mode can be used to detect gamma-rays and neutrons from large solar flares. The remaining data rate will be allocated to housekeeping and singles rates, and to transmitting pulse-height data from as many energetic particle events as possible. It is expected that considerable savings can be obtained by data compression techniques.

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## 1. Introduction

In this document we outline the onboard data products and Rate data that will be produced by the EPI-Hi High Energy Telescope (HET) pictured in Fig. 1, which includes 10 solid state detectors. HET is double-ended with the A-end pointed  $\sim 10^\circ$  off the west limb of the Sun. It is sometimes convenient to label events by the number of detectors they trigger. Thus “Range 3” includes H1A•H2A•H3A and H1B•H2B•H3B events.

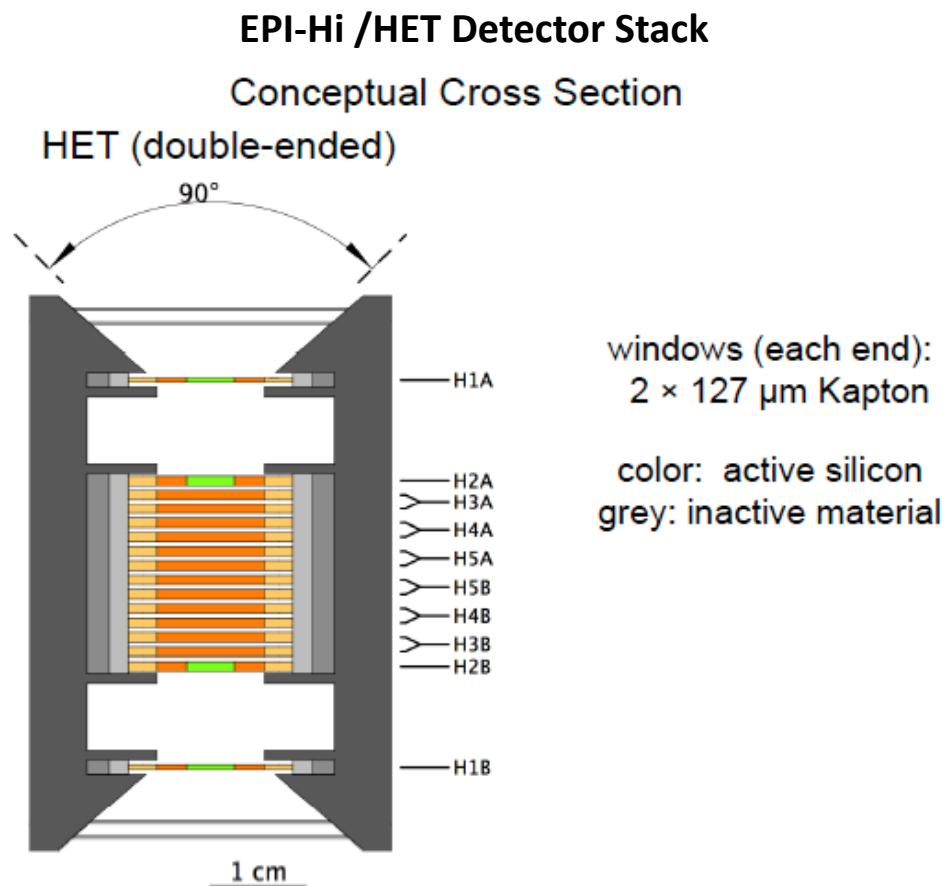


Figure 1: This conceptual view of the HET detector stack was presented at the ISIS PDR. Note that the front and back entrances are symmetrical. The H1 and H2 detectors have five active segments surrounded by a Guard region. The H3A through H3B devices have a single active center region surrounded by a Guard region. See McComas et al. (2014) for more information.

## HET Detectors:

The Table below summarizes the dimensions of the various HET detectors. Examples are pictured below.

EPI-Hi Silicon Solid-State Detector Designs						
Detector Telescope HET	Detector Designations	Thickness	Number of Central / Guard / Small Pixel Segments	Central Active Area	Guard Active Area	Notes
	H1A, H1B	500 $\mu\text{m}$	5 / 1 / 1	1.0 $\text{cm}^2$	1.73 $\text{cm}^2$	[2]
	H2A, H2B	1000 $\mu\text{m}$	5 / 1 / 1	1.0 $\text{cm}^2$	1.73 $\text{cm}^2$	[2]
	H3A, H3B	2 $\times$ 1000 $\mu\text{m}$	1 / 1 / 1	1.0 $\text{cm}^2$	1.73 $\text{cm}^2$	[2]
	H4A, H4B	2 $\times$ 1000 $\mu\text{m}$	1 / 1 / 1	1.0 $\text{cm}^2$	1.73 $\text{cm}^2$	[2]
	H5A, H5B	2 $\times$ 1000 $\mu\text{m}$	1 / 1 / 1	1.0 $\text{cm}^2$	1.73 $\text{cm}^2$	[2]

Notes:  
 [1] new technology development  
 [2] small pixel at edge for rate monitoring on some detectors; area: 1  $\text{mm}^2$

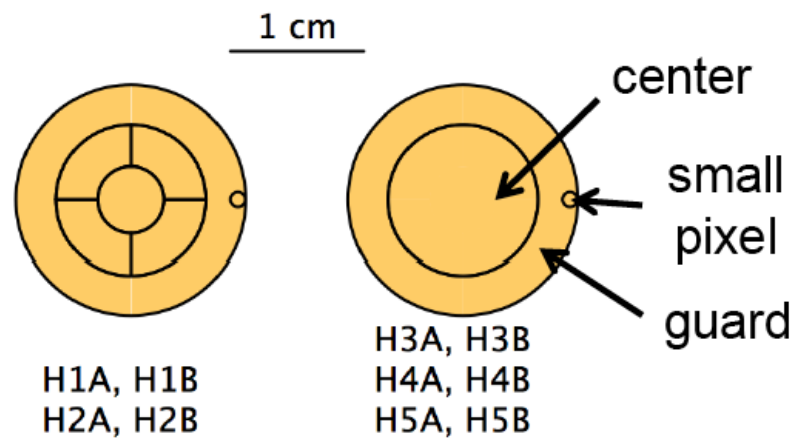


Figure 2: HET Detectors

## 2. HET Geometry Factors

Table 1 shows calculations of the geometry factor for ions stopping in at the beginning and end of each detector in the HET stack, using dimensions in the table below. The H1-H2 spacing was chosen to give a maximum opening angle of 45° for ions that traverse completely through H1 and H2 without triggering a Guard. The detector thicknesses and spacings are given below. Note that H3A through H3B are 2-mm Si in thickness, made up of two 1-mm devices spaced by 0.5 mm. Except for H1 and H2, there is a 0.5 mm gap between all detectors. The window thickness (in Si equivalent) is appropriate for 2 x 5-mil Kapton at ~30-100 MeV/nuc. From this table it is possible to calculate the minimum thickness of Si to reach a given “Range” (for 0° incidence angle), and also the maximum thickness at the appropriate “Theta max” angle.

Table 1

HET Geometry Factors												RAM
ISIS/EPI-Hi												6/16/13
												Wide
												Gfac
Item	Thick (mm)	R1	R2	A1	A2	Theta Max	Height (cm)	Sep. D	Sumsq.	term	Const	(cm2sr)
front window	0.210	1.908	1.254	11.44	4.94					22.88	4.935	
H1Atop	0.5	0.252	0.564	0.200	0.999		0.00			0.081	4.935	
H1Abot		0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000		0.05			0.405	4.935	
H2ATop	1	0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	46.26	1.08	1.08	1.80	0.405	4.935	0.5731
H2Bbot		0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	44.96	1.13	1.13	1.91	0.405	4.935	0.5380
H3Atop	2	0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	43.72	1.18	1.18	2.03	0.405	4.935	0.5056
H3Abot		0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	38.28	1.43	1.43	2.68	0.405	4.935	0.3784
H4Atop	2	0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	37.32	1.48	1.48	2.83	0.405	4.935	0.3584
H4Abot		0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	33.11	1.73	1.73	3.63	0.405	4.935	0.2777
H5Atop	2	0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	32.37	1.78	1.78	3.81	0.405	4.935	0.2647
H5Abot		0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	29.07	2.03	2.03	4.76	0.405	4.935	0.2112
H5Btop	2	0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	28.48	2.08	2.08	4.96	0.405	4.935	0.2023
H5Bbot		0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	25.84	2.33	2.33	6.07	0.405	4.935	0.1653
H4Btop	2	0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	25.37	2.38	2.38	6.30	0.405	4.935	0.1591
H4Bbot		0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	23.22	2.63	2.63	7.55	0.405	4.935	0.1326
H3Btop	2	0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	22.83	2.68	2.68	7.82	0.405	4.935	0.1281
H3Bbot		0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	21.06	2.93	2.93	9.22	0.405	4.935	0.1086
H2Btop	1	0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	20.74	2.98	2.98	9.52	0.405	4.935	0.1052
H2Bbot		0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	20.43	3.03	3.03	9.82	0.405	4.935	0.1020
H1Btop	0.5	0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	15.53	4.06	4.06	17.12	0.405	4.935	0.0584
H1Bbot		0.564	0.564	1.000	1.000	15.35	4.11	4.11	17.53	0.405	4.935	0.0571

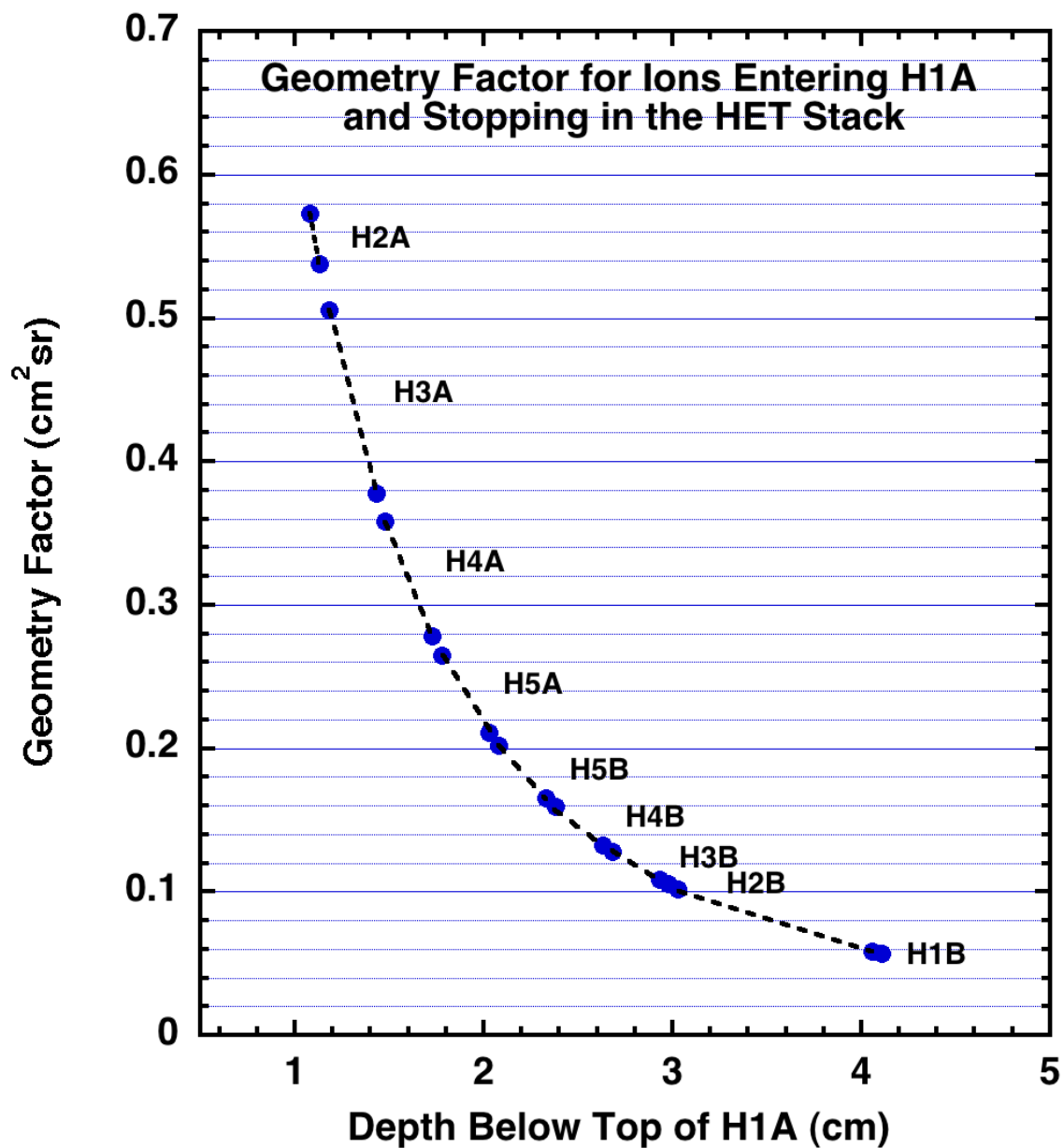


Figure 3: The total HET geometry factor for stopping ions is plotted versus the depth in the detector stack (see Table 1). Since the geometry factor varies significantly with range, it is necessary to consider each range separately (unlike most of LET).

Onboard composition analysis will follow the STEREO/LET model (Mewaldt et al. 2007). For each HET Range the energy limits for each ion of interest were calculated by determining the minimum and maximum energy/of ions stopping in the last detector, based on the allowed range of incidence angles and nominal detector thicknesses. The Table below gives the energy intervals for Range 2 as an example. The selected bins are designed to include the effects of angle-of-incidence variations as well as isotopic variations in range vs. energy relations. Since most of these 1-minute rates will equal zero during quiet-time hours, considerable savings should be possible by compressing these rates. The Z>30 bins are notional and should be adjusted using appropriate range-energy relations.

						Min and Max Energy/nuc for each Range, including Angle Variation																																									
		Theta	Theta	Thick	Thick	Sum from 10s Rates																				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
		Min	Max	Min	Max	H <sub>e</sub>	He3	3.5	He	H <sub>e</sub>	He3	3.5	H <sub>e</sub>	H <sub>e</sub>	C	N	O	Ne	Ne20	Ne21	Ne22	Na	Mg	Al	Si	S	Ar	31	35.0	36.24	38.1	40.34															
Range		Min	Max	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si	mm	Si												
2A	0	45	0.71	2.12				10.0	11.8	10.0	10.0	18.5	20.4	21.7	24.5	24.5	23.8	23.2	26.29	26.9	27.5	29.2	31.2	33.1	35.0	36.24	38.1	40.34																			
								20.1	22.0	22.0	20.1	34.5	37.7	40.6	45.9	45.9	44.7	43.5	49.48	50.7	51.9	55.2	59.2	62.98	66.7	69.8	73.4	77.69																			
3A	0	38.3	1.71	4.46				16.5	19.5	16.5	16.5	30.8	33.4	35.9	40.6	40.6	39.5	38.4	43.8	44.8	46.0	48.7	52.4	52.4	52.4	61.46	64.6	68.4																			
								29.4	33.5	33.5	29.4	52.5	57.3	61.7	69.9	69.9	68.0	66.2	75.5	77.8	79.3	84.4	90.7	96.76	102.8	108.1	113.8	120.4																			
4A	0	33.1	3.71	6.57				25.7	30.1	25.7	25.7	47.3	51.6	55.6	63.1	63.1	61.4	59.7	68.0	69.7	71.4	76.2	82.1	87.35	92.6	97.08	102.1	108																			
								36.2	41.5	41.5	36.2	65.3	71.2	76.8	87.1	87.1	84.8	82.5	94.1	96.5	98.9	105	113	121	129	136	143	151																			
5A	0	29.1	5.71	8.58				32.7	38.3	32.7	32.7	60.4	65.8	70.9	80.4	80.4	78.3	76.2	86.9	89.1	91.3	97.1	105	112	119	125	132	139																			
								41.8	48.3	48.3	41.8	76.0	82.9	89.4	101	101	98.7	96.0	110	112	115	123	132	141	150	159	167	177																			
5B	0	25.8	7.71	10.55				38.8	45.4	38.8	38.8	71.5	78.0	84.1	95.3	95.3	92.8	90.3	103	106	108	115	124	133	141	149	157	166																			
								46.8	54.2	54.2	46.8	85.4	93.1	100	114	114	111	108	123	127	130	138	149	159	169	179	189	200																			
4B	0	23.2	9.71	12.51				44.1	51.8	44.1	44.1	81.5	88.9	96	109	109	106	103	118	121	124	132	142	152	162	171	180	190																			
								51.4	59.7	59.7	51.4	94.0	103	111	126	126	122	119	136	139	143	153	165	176	188	199	209	221																			
3B	0	21.1	11.71	14.47				49	57.5	49.0	49	90.6	98.9	107	121	121	118	115	131	134	138	147	158	169	180	191	201	212																			
								55.7	64.8	64.8	55.7	102	112	120	137	137	133	130	148	152	156	166	179	192	204	217	228	241																			
2B	0	20.4	12.71	15.47				53.6	60.2	53.6	53.6	95	104	112	127	127	124	120	137	141	144	154	166	178	189	200	211	223																			
								57.8	67.2	67.2	57.8	106	116	125	142	142	138	135	154	158	162	173	187	199	212	225	237	251																			
1B	0	15.4	13.21	16.08				55.7	61.5	55.7	55.7	97	106	114	130	130	126	123	140	144	147	157	170	182	194	205	216	228																			
								58.9	68.7	58.9	58.9	109	118	128	145	145	142	138	157	161	165	177	191	204	217	231	243	257																			

Using these limits energy bins that will be populated were identified for each ion. Two bins were added above and below that would be expected to have little or no nominal counts, neglecting nuclear interactions or other deviations like multiple scattering. The Table below shows the energy bins for HET Range 2 (2 => both directions), and tabulates the resulting bit rate assuming He isotope data use 12-bit log-compressed rates and that  $Z \geq 6$  ions use 8-bit log-compressed rates. In addition to  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and  $^{22}\text{Ne}/^{20}\text{Ne}$  separation for narrow angle sectors there are  $^3\text{He}$  and  $^{21}\text{Ne}$  rates that monitor  $^4\text{He}$  and  $^{22}\text{Ne}$  spill-over. H and He events based on the full geometry are not counted here but are available from the 10s rates.

E1	E2	H <sub>1</sub> He	He3	He3.5	He4	C	N	O	Ne	Ne20	Ne21	Ne22	Na	Mg	Al	Si	S	Ar	Ca	Cr	Fe	Ni	30-40	40-50	50-60	>60	H <sub>1</sub> He	Zz6	
6.73	8.00		2	2	2																						6	0	
8.00	9.51	Get	2	2	2																						6	0	
9.51	11.3	from	2	2	2																						6	0	
11.3	13.5	10s	2	2	2	2																					6	2	
13.5	16.0	rates	2	2	2	2	2	2																			6	6	
16.0	19.0		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2														6	16	
19.0	22.6		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2										6	24	
22.6	26.9		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2						6	32	
26.9	32.0		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	6	42	
32.0	38.1		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				0	34	
38.1	45.3		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				0	34	
45.3	53.8		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		2	2	2	2	0	42
53.8	64.0							2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2					0	30	
64.0	76.1												2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2					0	20	
76.1	90.5															2	2	2	2	2	2	2		2	2	2	2	0	22
90.5	108																		2	2	2	2					0	8	
108	128																					2					0	2	
128	152																							2	2	2	2	0	8
152	181																												
181	215																												

HET Range 2 (2-Detector Events)

H1A•H2A

H1B•H2B

Rates	54	322
Bits	12	8
bps	10.8	42.9
Sum	53.7	

## Matrices for Ions Stopping in Ranges 3 and 4

Shown below are the energy intervals for ions stopping in HET Ranges 3, 4, and 5. The “2’s” in the boxes indicate that particles incident from the front and back are tabulated separately. H and He are tabulated on a 10s basis and then summed on the ground to obtain 1-hr rates. The intervals take into account the minimum and maximum angles of incidence as well as isotope effects and we always attempt to leave two bins expected to be empty above and below the nominal minimum and maximum energy deposits for each species. The first and last bins could be expanded lower and higher, respectively, to capture a larger fraction of possible background events due to nuclear interactions, or we could add additional broad background bins (see later).

E1	E2	H,He	He3	He3.5	He4	C	N	O	Ne	Ne20	Ne21	Ne22	Na	Mg	Al	Si	S	Ar	Ca	Cr	Fe	Ni	30-40	40-50	50-60	>60	H,He	Z≥6
11.3	13.5		2	2	2																						6	0
13.5	16.0	Get	2	2	2																						6	0
16.0	19.0	from	2	2	2																						6	0
19.0	22.6	10s	2	2	2	2																					6	2
22.6	26.9	rates	2	2	2	2	2	2																			6	6
26.9	32.0		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2													6	18
32.0	38.1		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2										6	24
38.1	45.3		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2							6	30
45.3	53.8					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	34
53.8	64.0					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	34
64.0	76.1					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	34
76.1	90.5						2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	32
90.5	108								2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	28
108	128									2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	16
128	152																		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	10
152	181																				2	2	2	2	2	2	0	6
181	215																											
																										Rate:	36	274
																										Bits	12	8
																										bps	7.2	36.5
																										Sum	43.7	

E1	E2	H, He	He3	3.5	He4	C	N	O	Ne	Ne20	Ne21	Ne22	Na	Mg	Al	Si	S	Ar	Ca	Cr	Fe	Ni	30-40	40-50	50-60	>60	Sum	Sum
16.0	19.0		2	2	2																						6	0
19.0	22.6		2	2	2																						6	0
22.6	26.9	Get	2	2	2																						6	0
26.9	32.0	from	2	2	2																						6	6
32.0	38.1	10s	2	2	2	2	2	2																			6	14
38.1	45.3	rates	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		6	20
45.3	53.8		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	26
53.8	64.0		2			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	42
64.0	76.1					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	34
76.1	90.5					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	28
90.5	107.6					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	12
108	128								2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	8
128	152												2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	8
152	181																	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	8
181	215																			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0
215	256																											
256	304																											
304	362																											
362	431																											
																										Rates	38	258
																										Bits	12	8
																										bps	7.6	34.4
																										Sum	42.0	



## Matrices for Ions Stopping in Ranges 5, 6, and 7

E1	E2	H,He	He3	He3.5	He4	C	N	O	Ne	Ne20	Ne21	Ne22	Na	Mg	Al	Si	S	Ar	Ca	Cr	Fe	Ni	30-40	40-50	50-60	>60	H,He	Z≥6	
22.6	26.9	Get from 10s rates	2	2	2																						6	0	
26.9	32.0		2	2	2																						6	0	
32.0	38.1		2	2	2																						6	0	
38.1	45.3		2	2	2	2																					6	2	
45.3	53.8		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2												6	8	
53.8	64.0		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2												6	18		
64.0	76.1		2			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2									2	24		
76.1	90.5					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2			2	2	2	2	0	38	
90.5	107.6					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				0	34		
108	128						2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				0	32		
128	152									2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				0	34		
152	181													2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				0	20		
181	215																2	2	2	2	2	2				0	12		
215	256																			2	2	2				0	14		
256	304																												
304	362																												
362	431																												
																											Rates	38	236
																											Bits	12	8
																											bps	7.6	31.5
																											Sum	39.1	

																										Sum	Sum	
E1	E2	H,He	He3	He3.5	He4	C	N	O	Ne	Ne20	Ne21	Ne22	Na	Mg	Al	Si	S	Ar	Ca	Cr	Fe	Ni	30-40	40-50	50-60	>60	H,He	Z≥6
26.9	32.0	Get from 10s rates	2	2																							4	0
32.0	38.1		2	2	2																						6	0
38.1	45.3		2	2	2																						6	0
45.3	53.8		2	2	2	2																					6	2
53.8	64.0		2	2	2	2	2	2	2																		6	6
64.0	76.1		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2													6	18
76.1	90.5		2			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2										2	24
90.5	108					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2							0	30
108	128					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2					0	34
128	152						2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		2	2	2	0	40
152	181								2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2					0	28
181	215														2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2					0	16
215	256																	2	2	2	2	2	2				0	18
256	304																					2	2					
																										Rates	36	216
																										Bits	12	8
																										bps	7.2	28.8
																										Sum	36.0	

E1	E2	H,He	He3	3.5	He4	C	N	O	Ne	Ne20	Ne21	Ne22	Na	Mg	Al	Si	S	Ar	Ca	Cr	Fe	Ni	30-40	40-50	50-60	>60	H,He	Z≥6																										
26.9	32.0	Get from 10s rates		2	2																							Sum	Sum																									
32.0	38.1			2	2	2																						6	0																									
38.1	45.3			2	2	2																						6	0																									
45.3	53.8			2	2	2																						6	0																									
53.8	64.0			2	2	2																						6	4																									
64.0	76.1			2	2	2					2	2																6	10																									
76.1	90.5		2			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2													2	20																									
90.5	108					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2											0	24																									
108	128					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2							0	32																									
128	152					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	42																									
152	181							2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	30																									
181	215									2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	20																									
215	256													2	2	2			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	8																										
256	304															2	2		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2																										
																																								</														

## Matrices for Ions Stopping in Range 8

Range 8 is the last “stopping” Range. “Penetrating” ions (that trigger H1 and H2 at one end, as well as H2 at the opposite end), are tabulated separately.

E1	E2	H, He	He3	He3.5	He4	C	N	O	Ne	Ne20	Ne21	Ne22	Na	Mg	Al	Si	S	Ar	Ca	Cr	Fe	Ni	30-40	40-50	50-60	>60	H,He Sum	Z≥6 Sum
32.0	38.1			2	2																						4	0
38.1	45.3		2	2	2																						6	0
45.3	53.8	Get	2	2	2																						6	0
53.8	64.0	from	2	2	2																						6	0
64.0	76.1	10s	2	2	2	2	2	2																			6	6
76.1	90.5	rates	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2															6	14
90.5	108		2			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2											0	22
108	128					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2								2	28
128	152					2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	42
152	181						2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	32
181	215								2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	28
215	256													2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	26
256	304																	2	2		2	2	2	2	2	0	0	10
304	362																				2	2	2	2	2	0	0	6
																										Rates	36	214
																										Bits	12	8
																										bps	7.2	28.5
																										Sum	35.7	

In Table 2 we tabulate the bits per second required for the 3He and 4He analysis and for heavy ions with Z≥6. . The charge range over which we can identify Z≥30 elements will not be known until we decide on the PHASIC gain settings, which will depend on threshold and noise measurements in the flight electronics as well as other considerations. If we were to add 1 broad extra “background” bin at lower and higher energies for each of the four Z≥30 bins it would take an additional (2\*4\*8 bits/60s) x 7 ranges = 7.5 bps. This brings the total bit rate to 292.7 bps.

## Summary of 1-Minute 3He/4He and Z≥6 Rates

Range	3He/4He Rates	bps	Z≥6 Rates	bps	Sum bps
2	54	10.8	322	43.0	53.8
3	36	7.2	274	36.5	43.7
4	38	7.6	258	34.4	42.0
5	38	7.6	236	31.5	39.1
6	36	7.2	216	28.8	36.0
7	32	6.4	214	28.5	34.9
8	36	7.2	214	28.5	35.7
Sum	270	54.0	1734	231.2	285.2

#### 4. Penetrating Ion Rates

Penetrating ions are defined as particles that pass completely through the entire telescope. Examples of A-Side event signatures include:

H1A•H2A•H3A•H4A•H5A•H5B•H4B•H3B•H2Bc, and  
H1A•H2A•H3A•H4A•H5A•H5B•H4B•H3B•H2B(n+s+e+w)

Wiedenbeck (2014) is developing a new technique to identify the nuclear charge and kinetic energy of penetrating ions. With this approach it may be possible to extend the energy range of the HET telescope by a factor of up to  $\sim 3$  over that for stopping ions. Assuming this is successful, the Table below shows the energy range that could be covered for penetrating particles. Note that we are focusing on the abundant elements, that will have the best statistical accuracy and lowest background from adjacent species. Measurements of penetrating ions are needed to meet the goal of extending SEP H and He spectra to 100 MeV/nuc. The “4” in the Table indicates that there are two directions, with two coincidence signatures for each.

HET Penetrating Ions													
E1	E2	H	He	C	N	O	Ne	Mg	Si	Fe	H, He Z≥6		
Time (sec)		60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60			
32.0	38.1										0	0	
38.1	45.3					Range PEN					0	0	
45.3	53.8					H1A•H2A•H3A•H4A•H5A•H5B•H4B•H3B•H2B					0	0	
53.8	64.0	4	4			H1B•H2B•H3B•H4B•H5B•H5A•H4A•H3A•H2A					8	0	
64.0	76.1	4	4								8	0	
76.1	90.5	4	4								8	0	
90.5	108	4	4	4	4						8	8	
108	128	4	4	4	4	4					8	12	
128	152	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			8	20	
152	181	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		8	24	
181	215			4	4	4	4	4	4		0	24	
215	256			4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	28	
256	304			4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	28	
304	362					4	4	4	4	4	0	20	
362	431							4	4	4	0	12	
431	512								4	4	0	8	
512	609									4	0	4	
609	724									4	0	4	
											Rates	56	192
											Bits	12	8
											bps	11.2	25.6
											Sum	36.8	

## 5. HET 10-Second Rates

**5.1 HET 10-Second Electron Rates:** The 10-second rates are useful to timing studies of SEP events and of interplanetary structures such as shocks. On the ground these data will also be used to construct longer term averages such as 1-hour and 1-day averages. In the Table below Range 2 corresponds to H1A•H2A and H1B•H2B events and so forth down through H1A•H2A•H3A•H4A•H5A•H5B•H4B•H3B events. Electrons will be separated from ions by their location in the lower-left hand corner of a plot of the next-to-last versus the last triggered detector, with maximum energy losses of TBD MeV in any individual detector (depending on thickness). The minimum energy losses in the Table below are based on calibration data for the IMP-7 Electron/Isotope Spectrometer on IMP-7 (see Mewaldt 1975). The maximum energy losses for a given detector combination will be determined by GEANT4 simulations.

HET 10-sec Rates		Electrons							
Time Resolution (sec)		10 Range	10	10	10	10	10	10	
<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Sum</u>
0.354	0.42								0
0.420	0.50								0
0.500	0.59	2							2
0.595	0.71	2							2
0.707	0.84	2	2						4
0.841	1.00	2	2						4
1.000	1.19	2	2	2					6
1.189	1.41	2	2	2					6
1.414	1.68	2	2	2	2				8
1.682	2.00	2	2	2	2	2			10
2.000	2.38	2	2	2	2	2	2		12
2.378	2.83	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
2.828	3.36	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
3.364	4.00	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
4.000	4.76		2	2	2	2	2	2	12
4.757	5.66			2	2	2	2	2	10
5.657	6.73				2	2	2	2	8
6.727	8.00								

Rates

126

Bits

12

bps

151.2

## 5.2 HET 10-Second Ion Rates

The H and He intensities are accumulated as 10-sec rates. All He ions are assumed to be mass 4. The boxed intervals are where  $4\text{He}$  is expected and also allow for the lowest energy  $3\text{He}$  that can trigger, which then is binned at  $\frac{3}{4}$  of its actual energy/nuc. To minimize bit-rate we propose here to transmit the bins that good He events will occupy every 10s, but send down adjoining “background” bins only once per minute. If this proves too much trouble to implement, we can transmit all bins every 10s or possibly reduce the number of bits allocated to the background bits from 12 to 8.

To obtain the energy spectra from these it is necessary to sum the contributions to each energy interval weighted by the appropriate geometry factors. Thus, the 19.0 to 22.6 MeV intensity would be a weighted sum over Range 2, 3 and 4 (see below).

HET 10-Second H and He Rates											
Last Detectors		H2A,B	H3A,B	H4A,B	H5A,B	H5B,A	H4B,A	H3B,A	60 Transmit	10 Transmit	
Cadence (sec)		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	Each Minute	Each 10 sec	
E1	E2	Rnge 2	Rnge 3	Rnge 4	Rnge 5	Rnge 6	Rnge 7	Rnge 8			
4.00	4.76								0		
4.76	5.66								0		
5.66	6.73	4							4		
6.73	8.00	4							4		
8.00	9.51	4							0	4	
9.51	11.3	4	4						4	4	
11.3	13.5	4	4						4	4	
13.5	16.0	4	4	4					4	8	
16.0	19.0	4	4	4					4	8	
19.0	22.6	4	4	4	4				4	12	
22.6	26.9	4	4	4	4	4			12	8	
26.9	32.0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	16	12	
32.0	38.1		4	4	4	4	4	4	12	12	
38.1	45.3		4	4	4	4	4	4	8	16	
45.3	53.8			4	4	4	4	4	8	12	
53.8	64.0				4	4	4	4	12	4	
64.0	76.1					4	4	4	12		
76.1	90.5							4	4		
									Rates	112	104
									Bits	12	12
									bps	22.4	124.8
									Total	147.2	
Boxed:		Expect to be populated									
Unbox:		Background bins									

Boxed: Expect to be populated  
Unbox: Background bins

## 6. HET 1-second Rates:

In response to a Requirement from the SPP STDT Report (McComas et al. 2005) both HET and LET will provide 1-second intensities for both protons and electrons, as summarized in the Table below. Both LET and HET data are provided in this Table to show that for electrons LET and HET compliment each other by measuring the same energy intervals, thereby enabling measurements from five points of view. For protons it is only possible to achieve LET/HET overlap over a limited energy range because it is expected that LET proton measurements will extend only to ~16 MeV (depending on noise measurements and threshold settings in the LET L1 detectors). We suggest 8-bit compressed rates be used to minimize the required bps.

1-Sec Electron Rates				1-Sec Proton Rates			
<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	Electron Intensity per (cm <sup>2</sup> -sr-s-MeV)		<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	Proton Intensity per (cm <sup>2</sup> sr-s-MeV)	
		LET	HET			LET	HET
0.354	0.42			1.000	1.19	3	
0.420	0.50			1.189	1.41		
0.500	0.59			1.414	1.68		
0.595	0.71			1.682	2.00		
0.707	0.84	3	2	2.000	2.38		
0.841	1.00			2.378	2.83	3	
1.000	1.19			2.828	3.36		
1.189	1.41	3	2	3.364	4.00		
1.414	1.68			4.000	4.76		
1.682	2.00			4.757	5.66		
2.000	2.38			5.657	6.73	3	
2.378	2.83		2	6.727	8.00		
2.828	3.36			8.000	9.51		
3.364	4.00			9.514	11.31		2
4.000	4.76			11.314	13.45		
4.757	5.66			13.454	16.00		
5.657	6.73			16.000	19.03		
6.727	8.00			19.027	22.63		
				22.627	26.91		2
				26.909	32.00		
		<u>LET</u>	<u>HET</u>			<u>LET</u>	<u>HET</u>
Number		6	6	Number		9	4
Bits		8	8	Bits		8	8
bps		48	48	bps		72	32

## 7. HET Pixel Rates

Both LET and HET have small ( $\sim 1 \text{ mm}^2$ ) pixels (see Figures 2 and 4) that are located in the Guard regions of the detectors. If count rates get too high (e.g., trigger rates  $>10^5/\text{sec}$ ) during a large SEP event, it should still be possible to measure heavy ions ( $Z \geq 6$ ) by raising thresholds, but it may not be possible to continue measuring H, He and electrons. The purpose of the “pixel” rates is to provide a means of monitoring the count rate of H +He at various depths in the stack under extreme conditions. Note that the pixel count rates can be calibrated against the standard H and He rates and energy spectra during smaller events and as the intensities build up to  $>10^5/\text{s}$  and then later as they retreat again.

The minimum threshold for reaching pixels located in H2A and the bottom layers of H3A, H4A, and H5A are  $\sim 11$ ,  $\sim 23$ ,  $\sim 32$ , and  $\sim 40$  MeV/nuc for H and  $^4\text{He}$ . The thresholds will be set sufficiently high to prevent triggering by electrons.

The pixel count rates will be counted by scalers that are not affected by deadtime in the coincidence logic. There are a maximum of eight pixels that can be implemented, requiring a maximum of eight 16-bit rates.

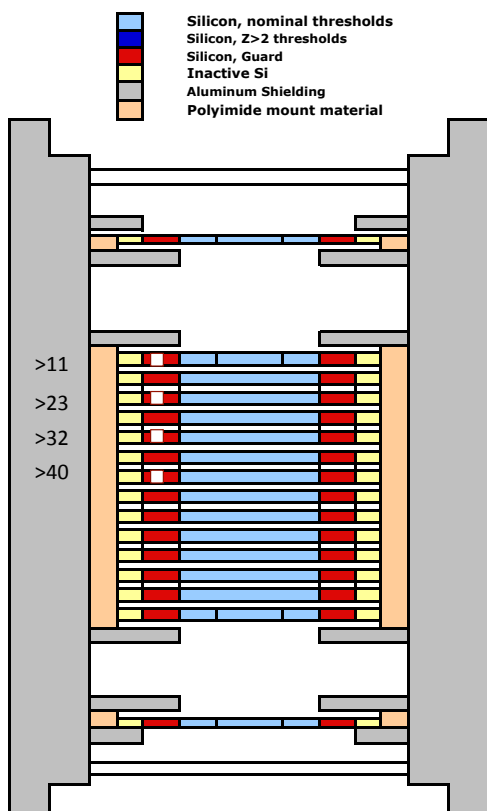


Figure 4: Drawing of the HET stack showing placement of 4 pixel detectors in L2A, L3A, L4A, and L5A. The approximate proton energy thresholds are noted at the side in MeV. The readout rate is TBD – we assume every 10 seconds.

**8. HET Anisotropy Studies:** The five segments of the H2 detectors are rotated by 45° with respect to those in the H1 detectors. This provides 25 separate view directions, as shown in the LET version of this document. The matrix below shows the species for which we will accumulate the distribution of arrival directions with 5-minute resolution. In order to improve the statistical accuracy, we have broadened the energy intervals, and also combined species with similar A/Z ratios (e.g., Leske et al. 1995). Note that the SPP thermal protection system (TPS) is within the HET field of view (FoV) over ~TBD% of its FoV. The count rates of sectors that view the TPS must be corrected for this. The chosen energy intervals are accessible with HET out to 45° incidence angle, but the geometry factor of a given sector will vary with penetration depth. Thus HET is not as well suited for anisotropy studies as is LET. We should consider treating more individual species (e.g., C, O, Ne, Mg, Si, and Fe) rather than element groups. We can also consider introducing He and heavy ion intervals in LET that match those in HET (not possible for protons). The selected intervals are all accessible over all angles from 0° to 45°.

Angular Distributions in all 25 Detector combinations - each end																				
Sectors	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Time Res	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
E1	E2	Elec	H	He	C	N	O	Ne	Na	Mg	Al	Si	S	Ar	Ca	Cr	Fe	Ni	H,He	Z≥6
0.354	0.50																		0	0
0.500	0.71																		0	0
0.707	1.00																		0	0
1	1.41	2																	2	0
1.41	2.00																		0	0
2.00	2.83	2																	2	0
2.83	4.00																		0	0
4.00	5.66																		0	0
5.66	8.00																		0	0
8.00	9.51																		0	0
9.51	11.3																		0	0
11.3	13.5																		0	0
13.5	16.0	2	2																4	0
16.0	19.0																		0	0
19.0	22.6																		0	0
22.6	26.9	2	2																4	0
26.9	32.0				2														0	2
32.0	38.1																		0	0
38.1	45.3									2									0	2
45.3	53.8																		0	2
53.8	64.0															2			0	2
64.0	76.1																		0	0
76.1	90.5																		0	0
90.5	108																		0	0
																	Rates		12	8
																	Bits		12	8
																	bps		12.0	5.3
																	Sum		17.3	



## 9. The HET Neutral Mode

The HET telescope includes an almost completely shielded volume that can be used to detect the interaction products of solar  $\gamma$ -rays and neutrons. Note that the centers of H3A through H3B comprise a volume of  $1.2 \text{ cm}^3$  of active silicon that is surrounded by their Guard regions and by H2A and H2B (see Figure 1). Gamma-rays with  $\sim 0.5$  to  $8 \text{ MeV}$  can be detected via Compton scattering or the photo-electric effect with efficiencies ranging from  $\sim 4\%$  to  $10\%$ . Neutrons with  $\sim 2$  to  $\sim 20 \text{ MeV}$  can be detected when they undergo nuclear reactions with the Si detector including  $^{28}\text{Si}(n,p)^{28}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{28}\text{Si}(n,\alpha)^{25}\text{Mg}$ , and  $^{29}\text{Si}(n,\alpha)^{26}\text{Mg}$ , with efficiencies of  $\sim 2\%$  to  $4\%$ . The  $\gamma$ -ray intensity will increase as  $1/r^2$  as SPP nears the Sun. The neutron intensity falls off much faster because most neutrons decay well before they approach  $1 \text{ AU}$  (mean life  $\approx 886\text{s}$ )

The Caltech EIS instrument on IMP-7 and IMP-8 had a similar volume of  $1.25 \text{ cm}^3$  that detected energy spectra of  $\gamma$ -ray and neutron interactions. Figure 5 shows solar quiet-time energy spectra of neutral mode events extending from  $\sim 0.16$  to  $100 \text{ MeV}$ . The lower-energy peaks are due to  $\gamma$ -rays and the higher peaks are due to neutron interactions. This background of neutral particles is due mainly to cosmic-ray interactions with spacecraft material (see Mewaldt et al. 1977). HET will have a similar background. Solar  $\gamma$ -rays and neutrons will cause an increase above this steady background.

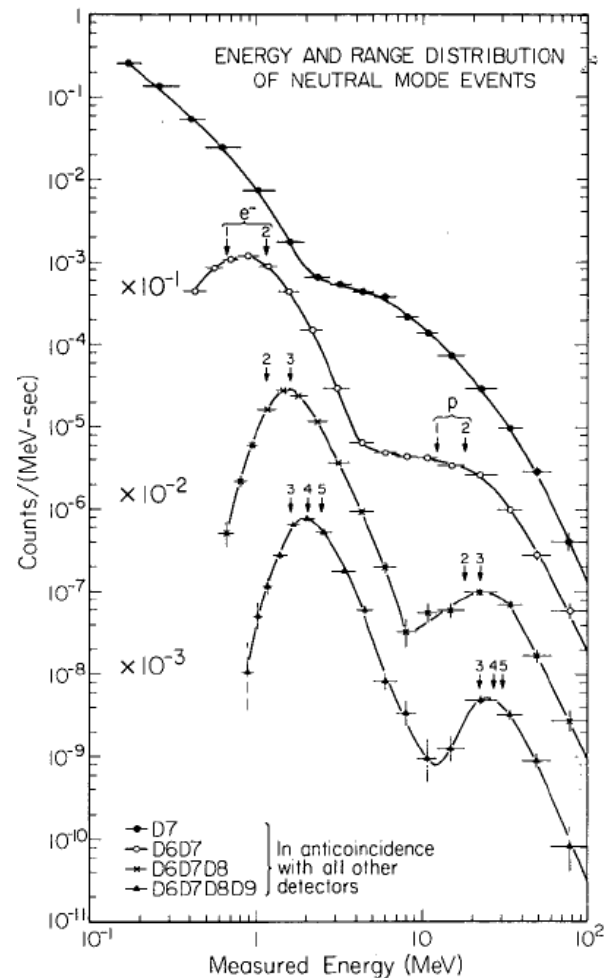


Figure 5

### 9.1 HET Neutral Mode-1:

Neutral Mode-1 allows the background rate and energy spectrum of neutral interaction products to be accurately measured for each detector and detector combination. The background will vary with time, and threshold and position in the stack. It is against this background that we look for increases (either at the times of known flares and/or CMEs, when 2 or 3-sigma increases can be meaningful), or against the quiet-time background (when 5-sigma increases may be necessary). The background (due mainly to neutral products of cosmic ray interactions with spacecraft material) will also vary over the solar cycle, and, according to Messenger, with heliographic radius. Once we know the thresholds of each detector, we can better define the minimum energy to trigger detector combinations, and eliminate some low-energy channels in the table below.

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**9.2 HET Neutral Mode 2:** In this mode, like detector combinations are summed and the time resolution is increased. This mode will be the most useful to search quickly for possible  $\gamma$ -ray or neutron increases. It also offers better timing resolution. Earlier studies show that solar neutron arrival times provide a good measurement of their energy (if the flare time profile is measured by GOES or other spacecraft).

Neutral Mode 2				Summed Combinations with 10s Time Resolution			
Time Res (s)							
10	10	10	10	10	10		
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Sum							
H3	H34	345	3456	H3-H7	H3-H8		
H4	H45	456	4567	H4-H8			
H5	H56	567	5678				
H6	H67	678					
H7	H78						
H8							
0.250	0.30					Sum	
0.297	0.35	1				1	
0.354	0.42	1	1			2	
0.420	0.50	1	1	1		3	
0.500	0.59	1	1	1	1	4	
0.595	0.71	1	1	1	1	5	
0.707	0.84	1	1	1	1	6	
0.841	1.00	1	1	1	1	6	
1.000	1.19	1	1	1	1	6	
1.189	1.41	1	1	1	1	6	
1.414	1.68	1	1	1	1	6	
1.682	2.00	1	1	1	1	6	
2.000	2.38	1	1	1	1	6	
2.378	2.83	1	1	1	1	6	
2.828	3.36	1	1	1	1	6	
3.364	4.00	1	1	1	1	6	
4.000	4.76	1	1	1	1	6	
4.757	5.66	1	1	1	1	6	
5.657	6.73	1	1	1	1	6	
6.727	8.00	1	1	1	1	6	
8.000	9.51	1	1	1	1	6	
9.514	11.3	1	1	1	1	6	
11.3	13.5	1	1	1	1	6	
13.5	16.0	1	1	1	1	6	
16.0	19.0	1	1	1	1	6	
19.0	22.6	1	1	1	1	6	
22.6	26.9	1	1	1	1	6	
26.9	32.0	1	1	1	1	6	
32.0	38.1	1	1	1	1	6	
38.1	45.3	1	1	1	1	6	
45.3	53.8	1	1	1	1	6	
53.8	64.0	1	1	1	1	6	
64.0	76.1	1	1	1	1	6	
76.1	90.5	1	1	1	1	6	
90.5	108	1	1	1	1	6	
108	128	1	1	1	1	6	
Neutral Mode 2						Rates	195
						bits	8
						bps	156

## 10. Rate Data and Bit Rates for $\geq 0.25$ AU:

These files are not yet defined, but the main philosophy will be to produce the same data products but with less time resolution (e.g., mostly 1-hr rates) with limited 1-minute data for SEP timing. We will also include key housekeeping data.

## 11. Quick-Look Data:

Ideally, these data would be the same content as as the  $\geq 0.25$  AU files. Then we would have a complete summary of the entire orbit available with uniform time bases that could be telemetered first and provide a summary of any SEP, CIR, or shock events, and temperature, noise, or background count-rate changes.

## 12. Summary of HET Bit Rate Estimates

The Table below summarizes the bit rates estimated in Sections 2 through 9. It also includes some quiet time count rates based on IMP-7&8 and it includes some description of what fraction of the rates will be non-zero.

Because the SPP/HET geometry factors are similar to those in STEREO/HET (and  $\sim 30$  times lower than in ACE/SIS), we know that count rates due to galactic cosmic rays will be low ( $\sim 1$  per minute). Therefore, we should gain a lot from data compression during solar quiet times.

HET Bit Rate Summary ( $\leq 0.25$ AU)			
Item	Time Res (sec)	bps	Comments
1-Min Stopping Ions	60	293	Most rates typically = 0
1-Min Penetrating Ions	60	37	Most rates typically = 0
10-sec Electrons	10	151	Rate $\sim 0.2$ /sec
10-sec Ions	10	160	Rate typically $< 0.1$ /sec
1-sec Electrons	1	48	Rate $\sim 0.2$ /sec
1-sec Protons	1	32	Rate typically $< 0.1$ /sec
HET Pixel Rates	10 ?	13	Typically $< .0001$ /sec ?
Sectorized Ions & Electrons	300	17	Typically $< 5\%$ of non-zero rates
Neutrals-1	60	93	Typically $\sim 10\%$ of these non-zero
Neutral-2	10	156	Typically $\sim 5\%$ are non-zero
Events	-	300	$< 1$ /sec electrons, H, He, $Z \geq 6$ , and neutrals
History	$\sim$ hr	$\sim 20$ ?	More dense than above
Housekeeping	$\sim 10$ min?	100	Cadence and bit rate TBD
	Sum	1420	Typically $< 1000$ bps?

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