

Can We Detect Soft X-Rays from Uranus's Magnetosheath?

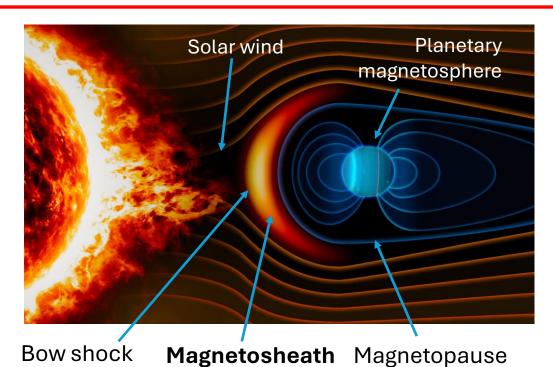
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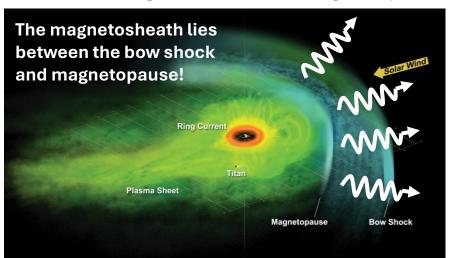
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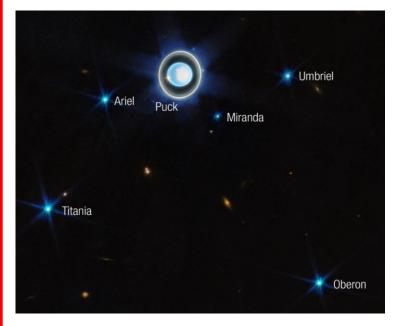
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How is Soft X-Ray Emission Generated?







Icy moons source water-group neutrals to the system

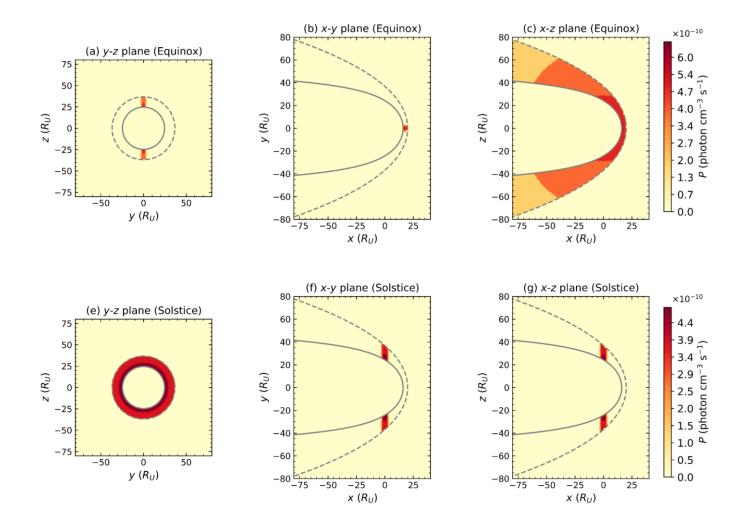
Source rates **unconstrainted**

X-ray emission generated by **charge exchange**:

$$H + O^{7+} \rightarrow H^{+} + O^{6+*} \rightarrow H^{+} + O^{6+} + \gamma$$

Imaging the X-rays provides a **dynamic**, **global** view of the magnetosheath

Can We Detect the X-Ray Emission?



Several questions:

- 1. How does neutral density drive emission?
- 2. Do solar wind variations affect emission?
- 3. Can we detect the emission in reasonable timescales?

Promising results that justify further model development!