

The background is a detailed illustration of a traditional Chinese observatory. It features a multi-story building with ornate architectural details, including a balcony with a railing. Several figures in traditional Chinese attire are engaged in various activities: some are seated at tables, others are standing and looking through instruments. A large telescope-like device is mounted on a stand. The scene is set in a courtyard with a tiled floor and a hanging lantern. The overall style is that of a historical woodblock print or a detailed drawing.

# Astronomia X Made in China

## 在中國製造的X-射線天文學

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# The enhanced X-ray Timing Polarimetry Mission

## 增強的X射線計時和旋光測量任務



Zhang, S. N., Feroci, M., Santangelo A., et al., 2016,  
Proc. of the 2016 SPIE Conference, Vol. 9905,  
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# High-throughput X-ray Astronomy in the eXTP era

## eXTP开启高产出X射线天文新纪元

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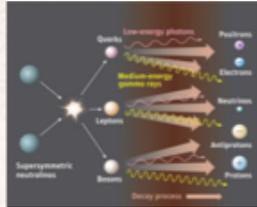
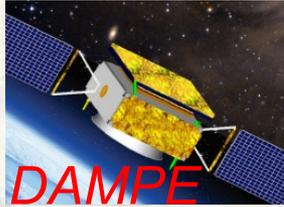
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# China's HE Satellites

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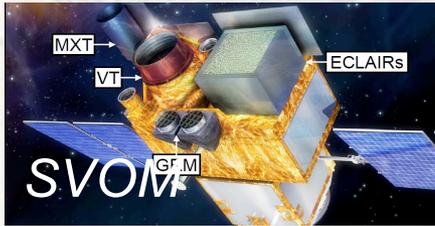
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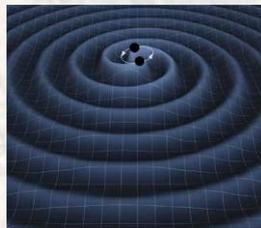
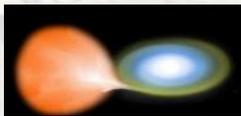
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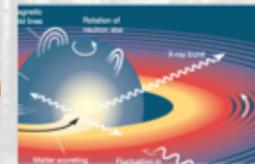
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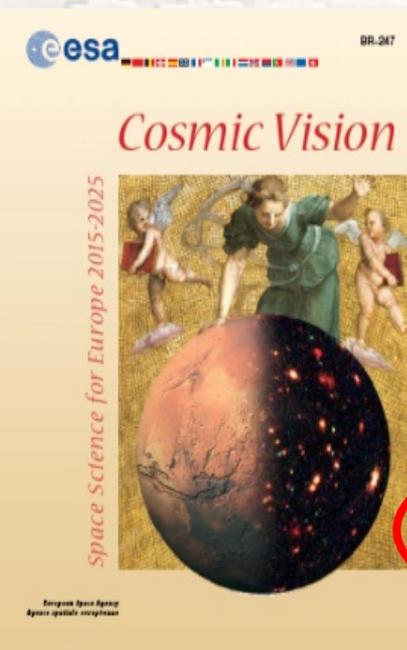
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# Preamble: LOFT, the Large Observatory For X-ray Timing



## 3. What are the fundamental physical laws of the Universe?

### 3.1 Explore the limits of contemporary physics

Use stable and weightless environment of space to search for tiny deviations from the standard model of fundamental interactions

### 3.2 The gravitational wave Universe

Make a key step toward detecting the gravitational radiation background generated at the Big Bang

### 3.3 Matter under extreme conditions

Probe gravity theory in the very strong field environment of black holes and other compact objects, and the state of matter at supra-nuclear energies in neutron stars



- LOFT was conceived as an experiment to address specific themes in the ESA Cosmic Vision Programme

Probe the **state of matter at supra nuclear densities** in Neutron Stars

Probe **gravity theory in the very strong field** environment of Black Holes

- Mission goals expanded to include those of an actual Observatory

Probe **physics** of hundreds of Galactic and bright extragalactic cosmic sources

# LOFT Requirements

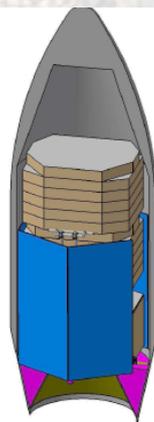
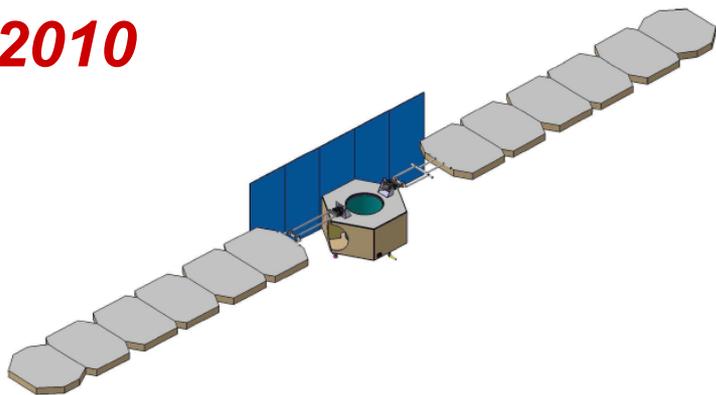
I. Exploit the Diagnostics of  
**X-ray Variability**  
on Dynamical Timescales ( $\sim 0.1$ ms):  
**Large Collecting Area**  
( $\sim 10\text{m}^2 @ 10 \text{ keV}$ )

II. Exploit the Diagnostics of  
**Spectral Variability**  
on Dynamical Timescales ( $\sim 0.1$ ms):  
**Good Energy Resolution**  
( $\sim 200 \text{ eV} @ 6 \text{ keV}$ )

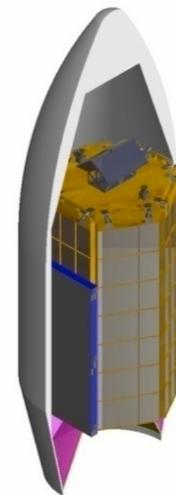
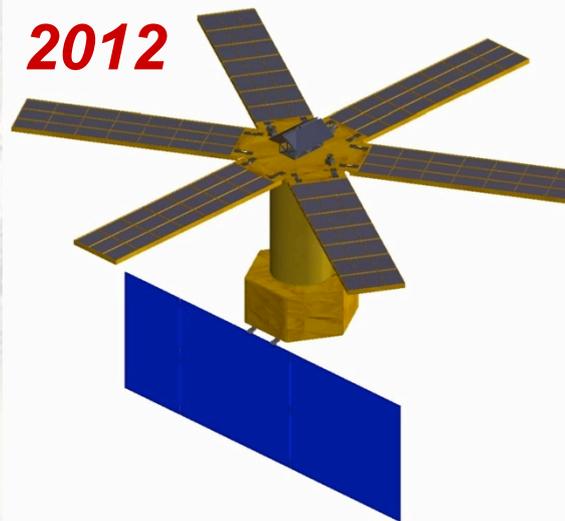
III. Study a statistically  
representative source sample.  
**Sensitivity to fainter sources:**  
**Large Collecting Area**  
( $\sim 10\text{m}^2 @ 10 \text{ keV}$ )

Requirements met through **the  
employment of new detector  
technologies and new  
detector/satellite design**

**2010**



**2012**

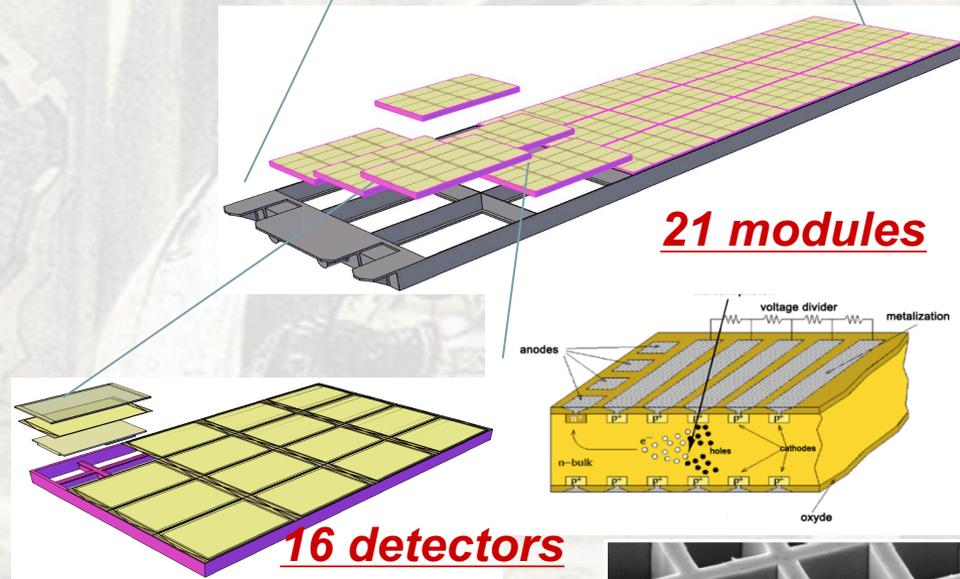


# The Large Area Detector (LAD)

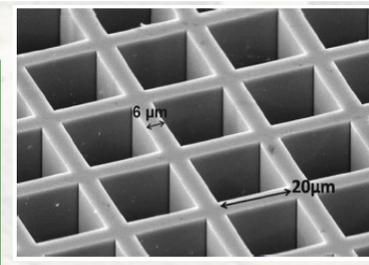
- Fully modular (126 detectors)
- Driving Technology: large-area Silicon Drift Detectors (SDD) – ALICE experiment @ CERN - and capillary plate collimators.



LAD – Large Area Detector	
Effective Area	4 m <sup>2</sup> @ 2 keV 8 m <sup>2</sup> @ 5 keV 10 m <sup>2</sup> @ 8 keV 1 m <sup>2</sup> @ 30 keV
Energy range	2-50 keV primary 2-80 keV goal
Energy resolution FWHM	260 eV @ 6 keV 200 eV @ 6 keV (45% of area)
Collimated FoV	1 degree FWHM
Time Resolution	10 μs
Absolute time accuracy	1 μs
Dead Time	<1% at 1 Crab
Background	<10 mCrab (<1% syst)
Max Flux	500 mCrab full event info 15 Crab binned mode

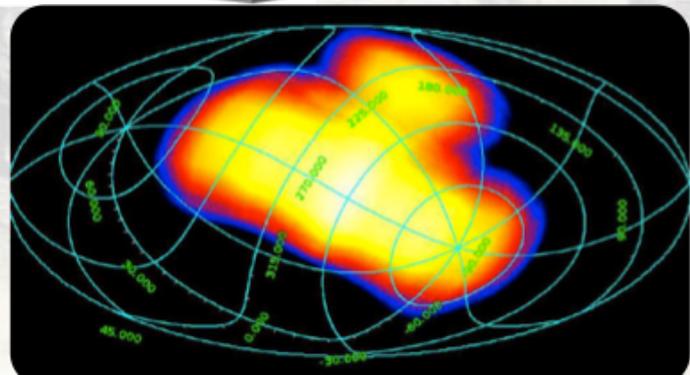
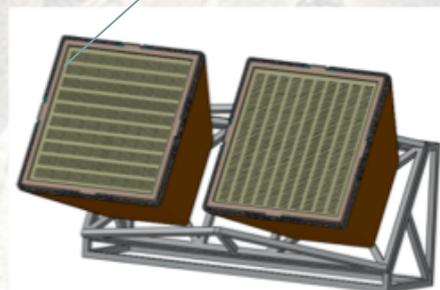
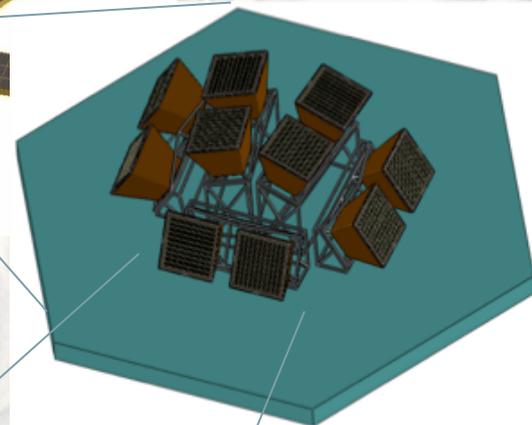
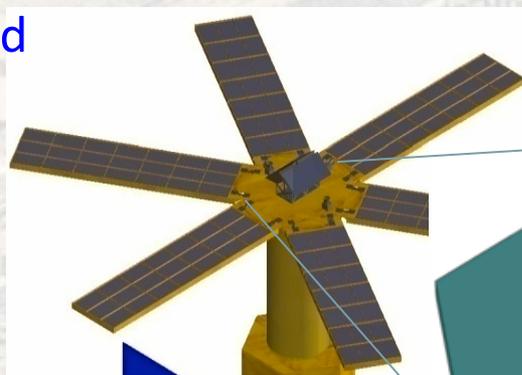


Low weight/power/volume  
per unit effective area  
**1m<sup>2</sup> ~ 100 kg**



# The Wide Field Monitor (WFM)

- 5 Independent Units, each one composed of 2 cameras.
- SDDs plus coded mask aperture
- WFM FoV coverage  $\sim 33\%$  of the sky at any time in the 2-50 keV range



WFM- Wide Field Monitor	
Energy range	2-50 keV primary 50-80 keV extended
Active Detector Area	1820 cm <sup>2</sup>
Energy resolution	300 eV FWHM @ 6 keV
FOV (Zero Response)	4.1 steradians
Angular Resolution	5' x 5'
Point Source Location Accuracy (10- $\sigma$ )	1' x 1'
Sensitivity (5- $\sigma$ , on-axis)	
Galactic Center, 3 s	270 mCrab
Galactic Center, 1 day	2.1 mCrab
Standard Mode	5-min, energy resolved images
Trigger Mode	Event-by-Event (10 $\mu$ s res) Realtime downlink of transient coordinates

# LOFT History

- Candidate M3 mission in February 2011 (+64). Down-selection in February 2014: PLATO selected with LOFT ranked second by the **ESA Astronomy Working Group**
- The LOFT science was fully recognized as **very strong** and the mission **suitable** to address it.
- The LOFT technology was evaluated as **mature** and the mission **feasible** within the boundaries of an ESA M-class mission.
- The **non-overlap** between the LOFT and **Athena** science cases was also **clearly acknowledged**.
- LOFT 2.0 re-proposed for M4. Budget decreased to 450 M€. LOFT 2.0 slightly descope
  - **LAD 10 to 8m<sup>2</sup> effective area**
- LOFT M4 proposal submitted and passed the first programmatic/technical evaluation screening but **not selected** – another proposed X-ray mission (**XIPE**)
- Lol sent to ESA but LOFT **not proposed** for M5



# X-ray Timing Explorer (XTP)

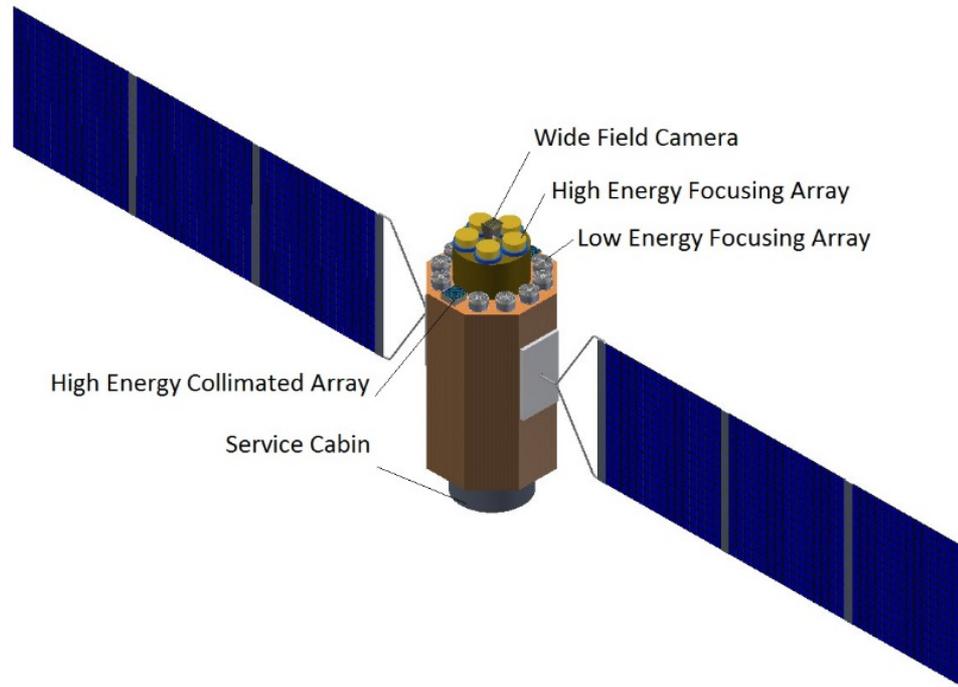
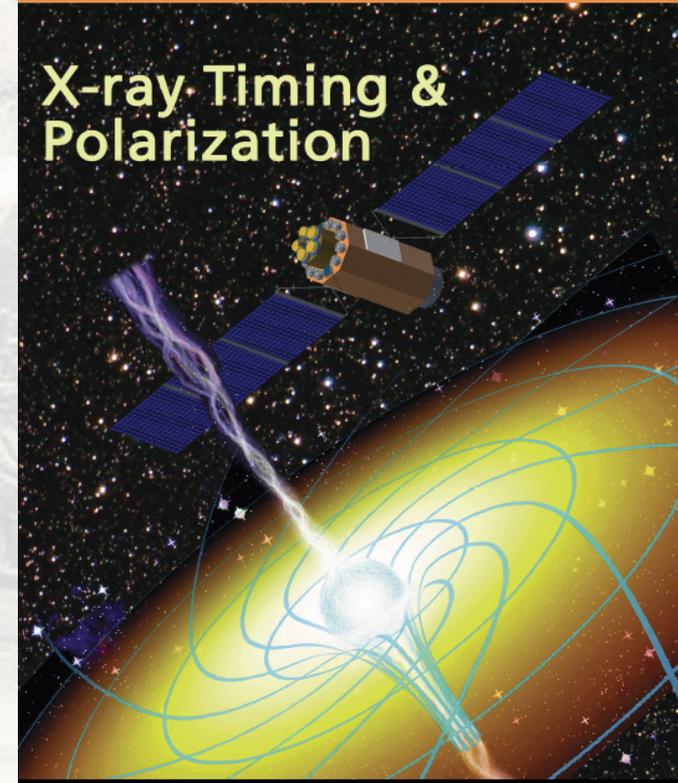
- **Key Science: Matter under extreme conditions**, exactly like LOFT (and Strobe-X)!
- **Precise Light curve: Neutron Star equation of state, BH basic parameters, formation and growth ...**
- **X-ray Polarization: Radiation mechanism...**
- **Diffuse X-ray emission, hot gas distribution in Galaxy**



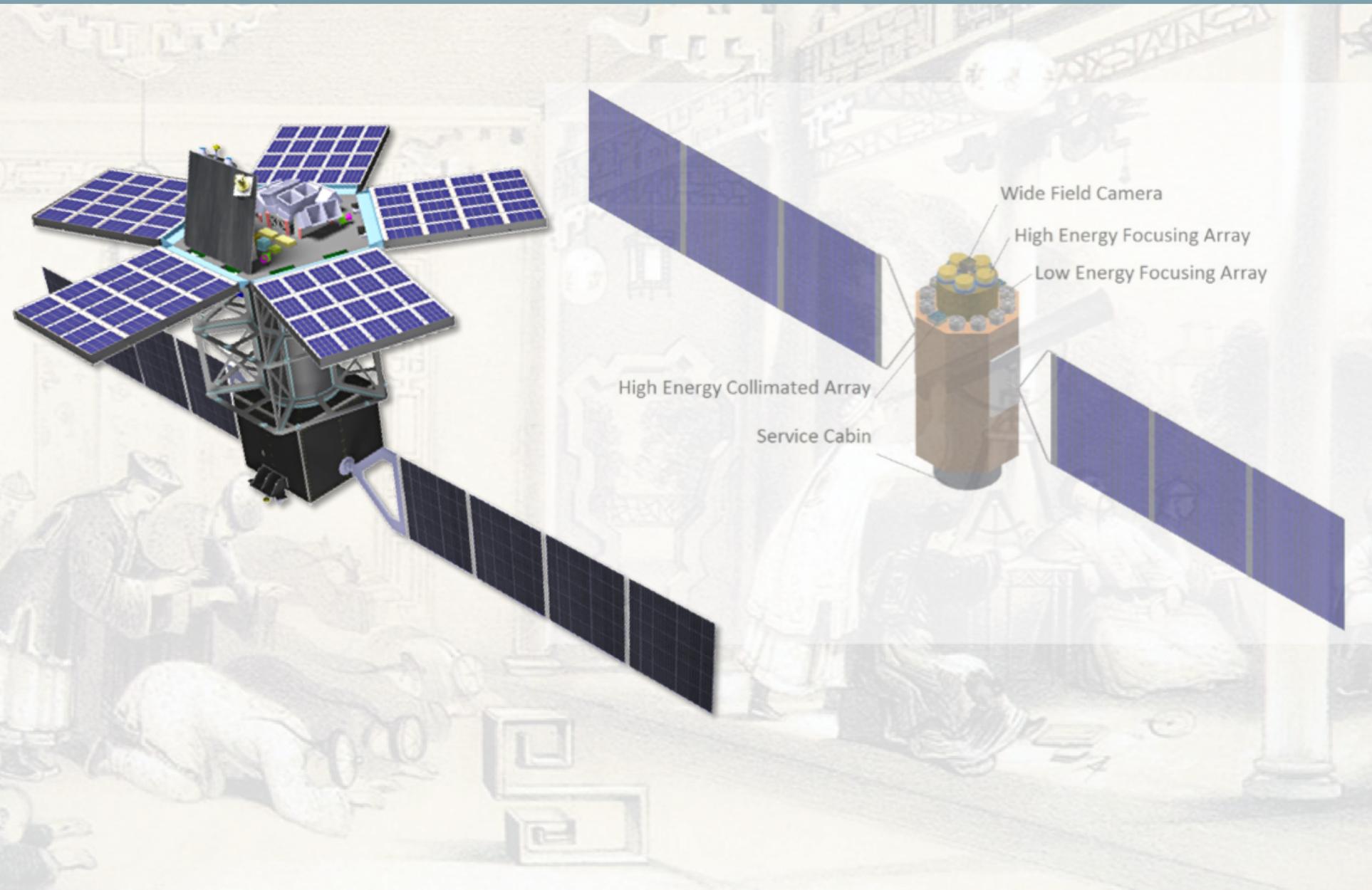
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## X-ray Timing & Polarization



# LOFT + XTP → eXTP [not eLOFT]



# The eXTP International Consortium

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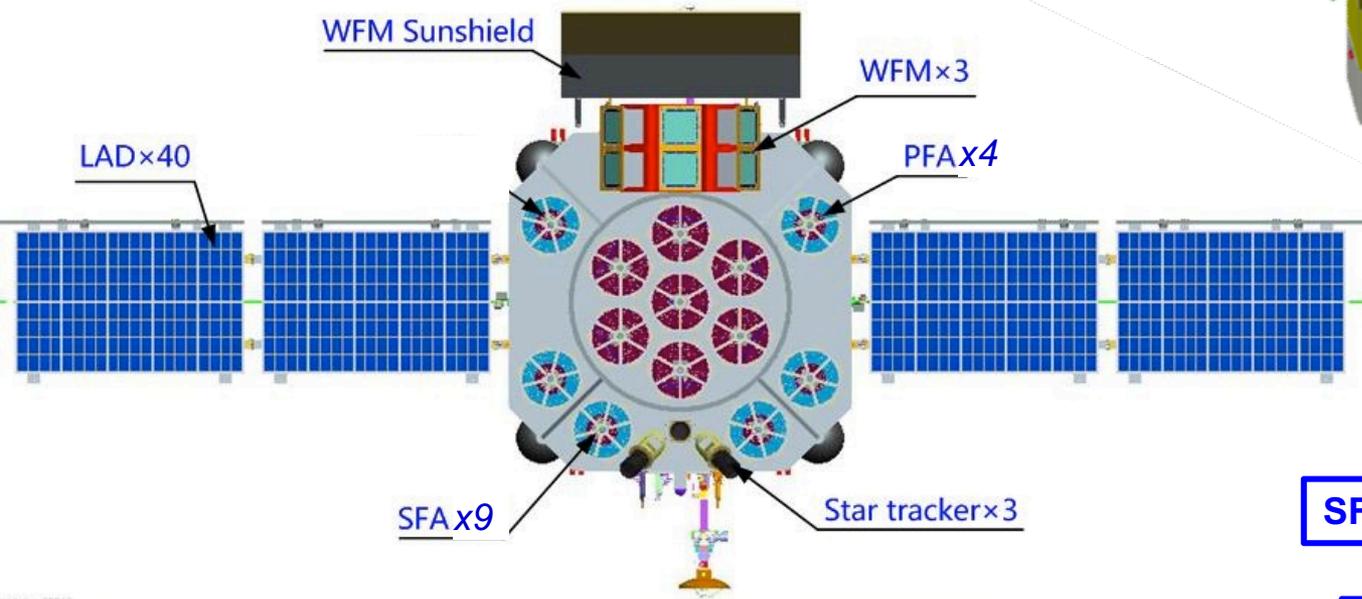
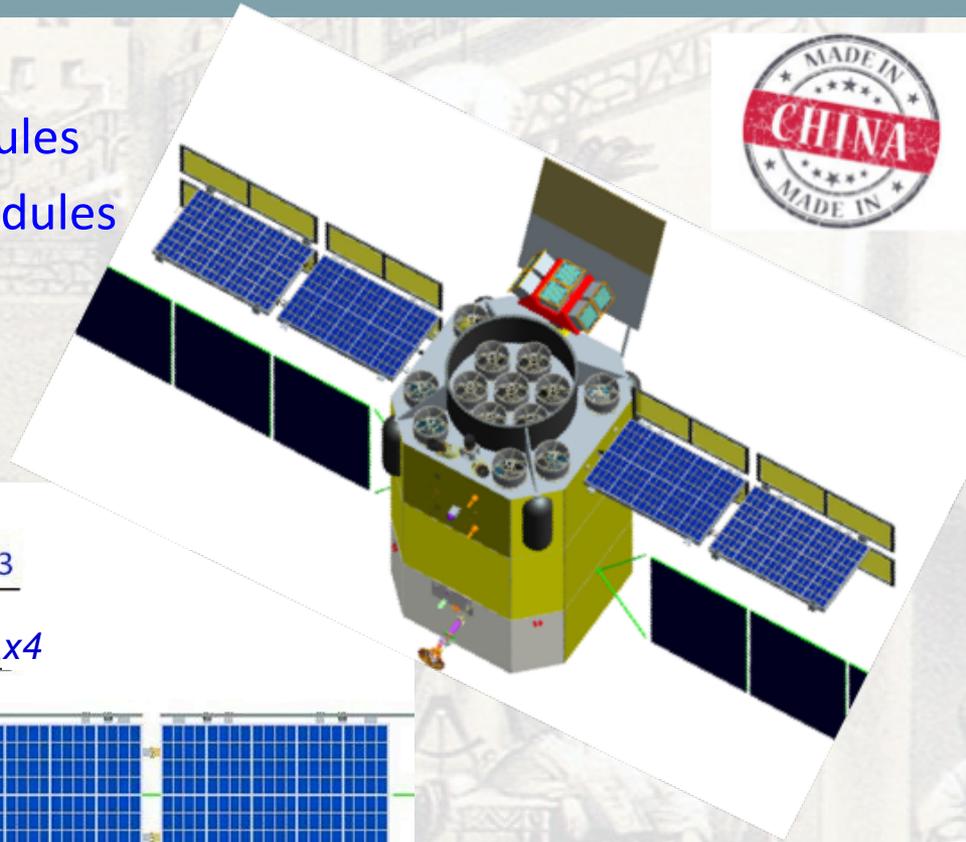
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# eXTP - enhanced X-ray Timing and Polarimetry

## Payload concept

- Short focal-length for multiple modules
- Deployable panel for collimated modules
- Polarimeter with imaging capability
- Wide field monitor



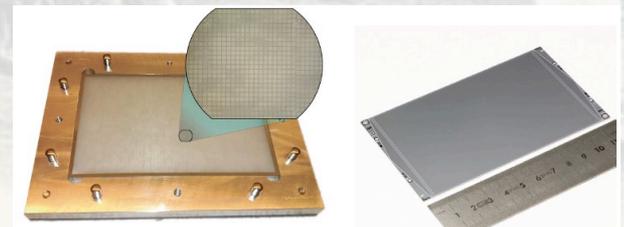
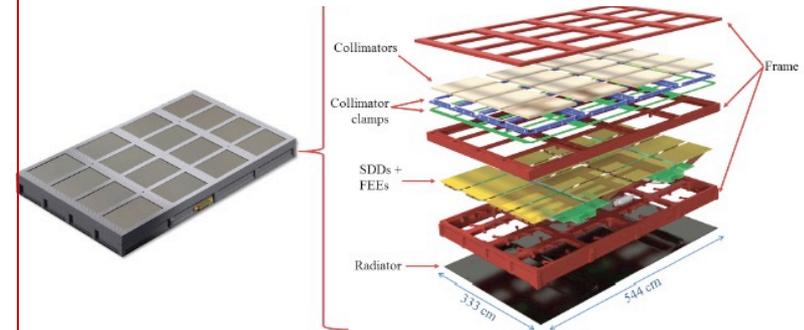
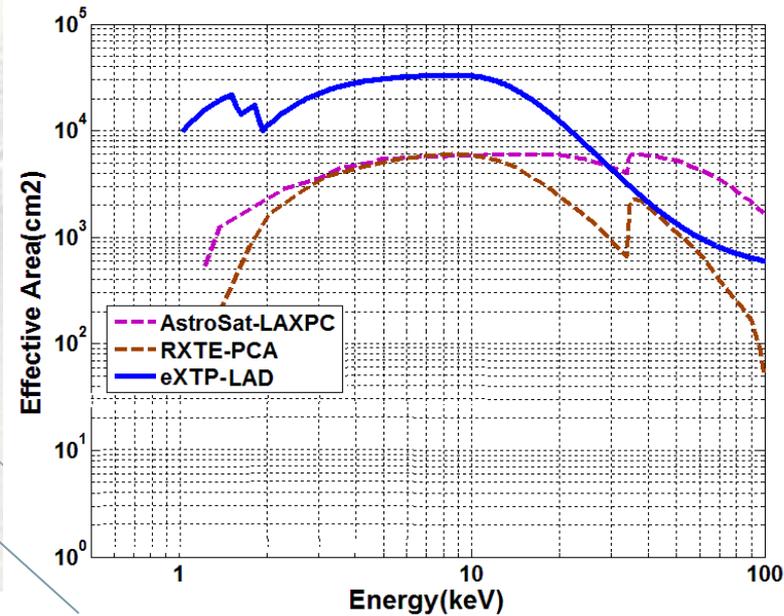
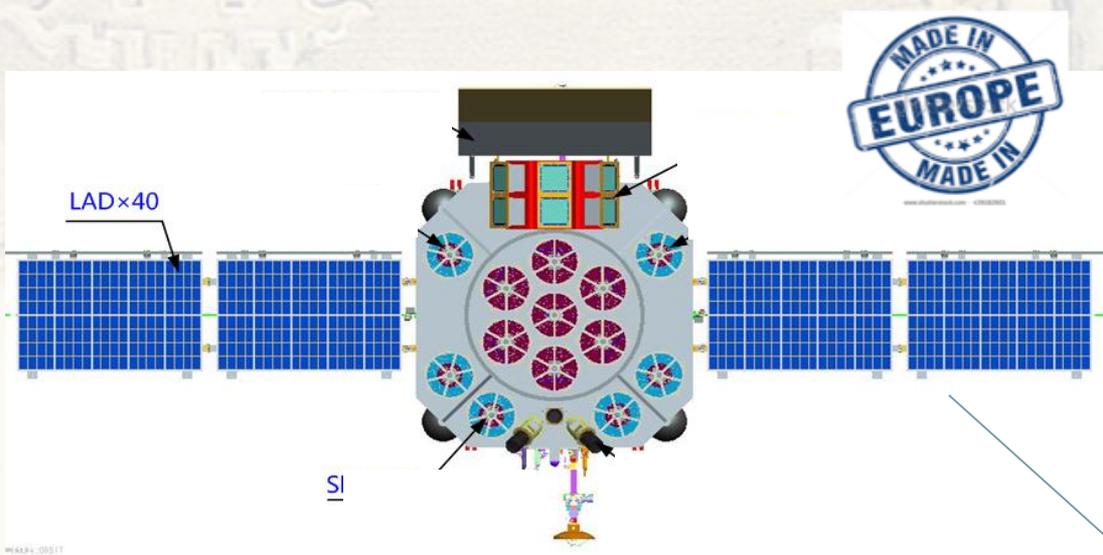
LAD- Large Area Detector

SFA- Spectroscopy Focusing Array

PFA- Polarimetry Focusing Array

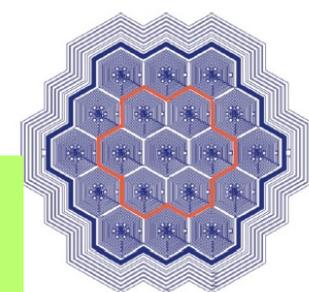
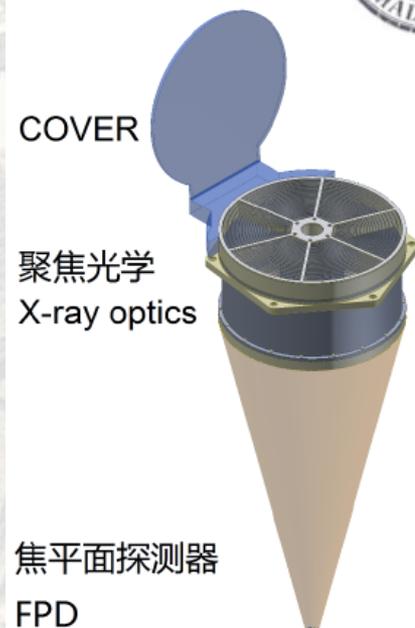
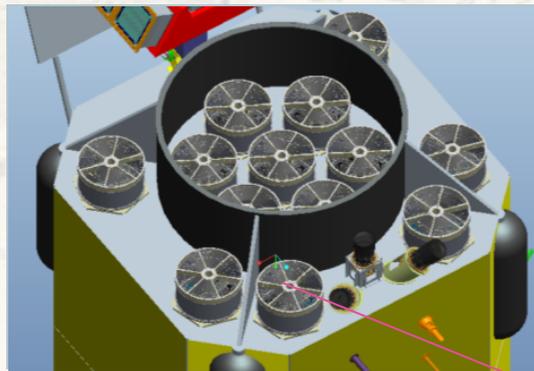
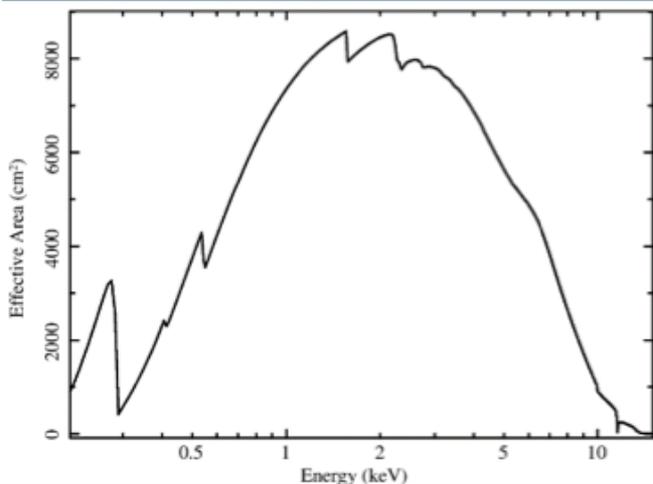
WFM- Wide Field Monitor

# LAD – Large Area Detector



- Based on the LOFT/LAD design
- 40 Modules on 2+2 deployable panels
- Collimated, large-area SDD detector.
- Single photon, <10 $\mu$ s
- Total effective area: 3.4 m<sup>2</sup> @8 keV
- Energy band: 2-30 keV
- Energy resolution: <240 eV FWHM @6 keV

# SFA – Spectroscopy Focusing Array

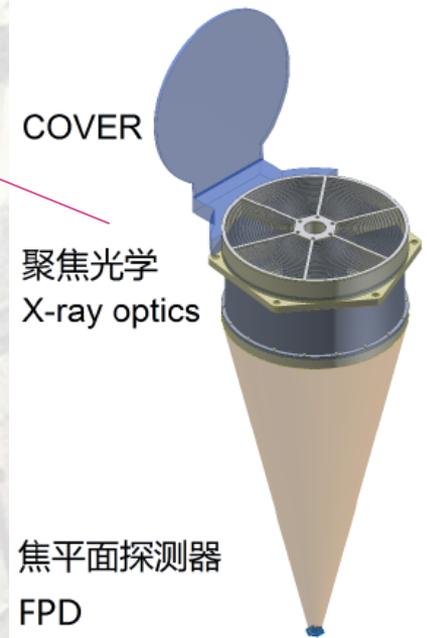
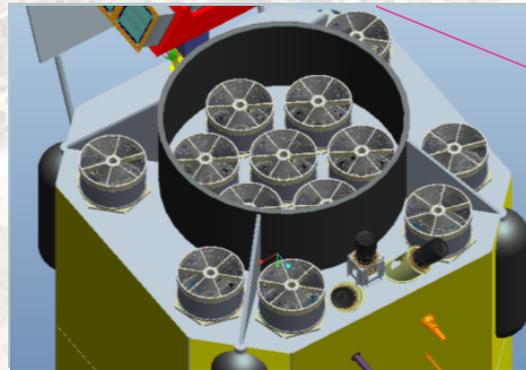
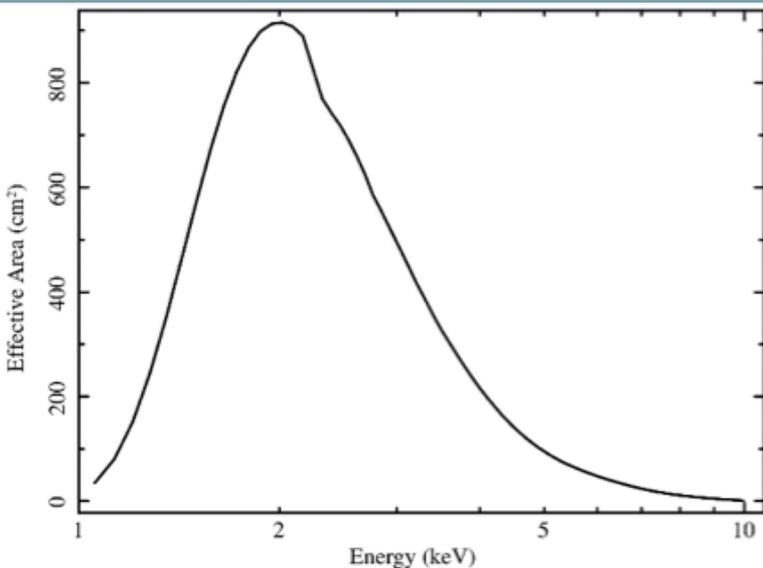


- Large collecting area achieved by multiple optics with short focal length. Baseline: 9 optics with 5.25m FL
- Non-imaging, PSF requirement 1 arcmin HPD, 12' FoV
- Multi-pixel SDD detector
- Single photon,  $<100\mu\text{s}$
- Energy band: 0.5-10 keV
- Energy resolution:  $<180\text{ eV FWHM @6 keV}$
- Total effective area:  $>0.7\text{ m}^2 @1\text{ keV}$ ,  $0.5\text{ m}^2 @6\text{ keV}$

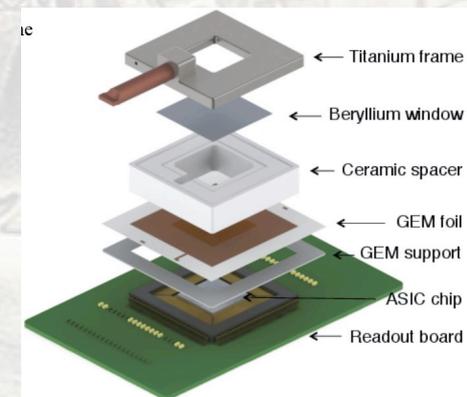
Complementary to the LAD

Lower effective area wrt the LAD

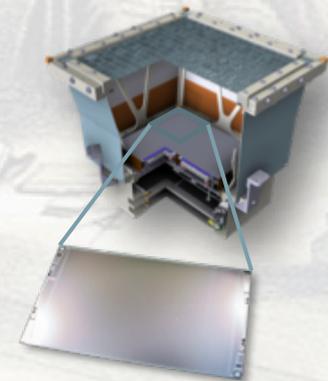
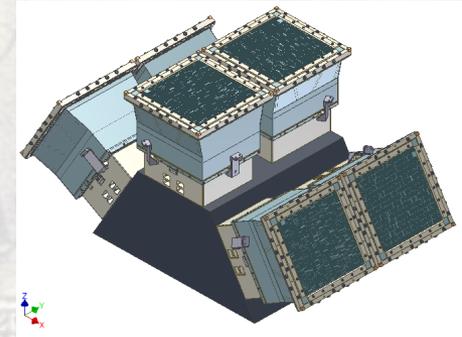
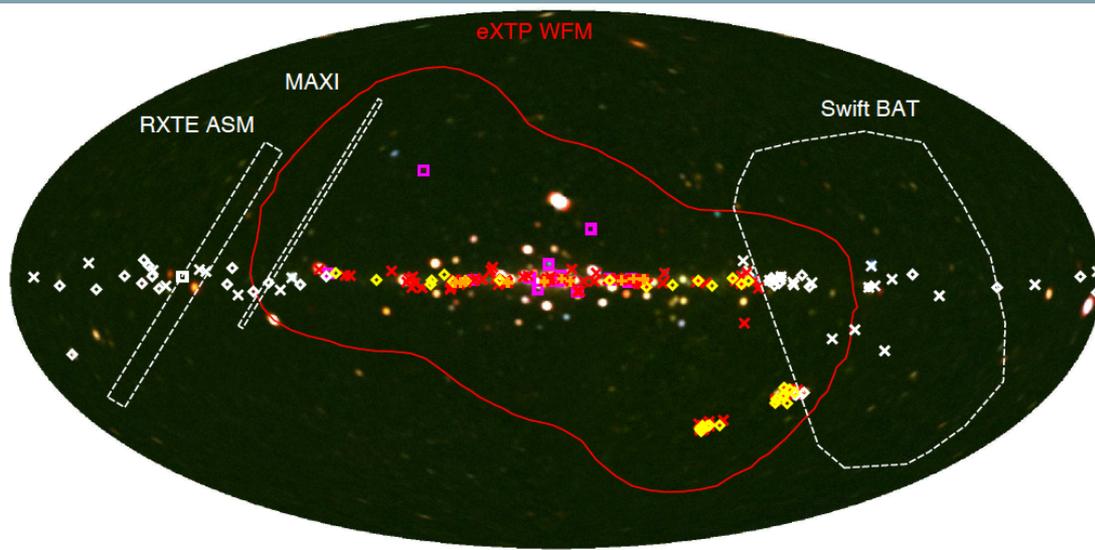
# PFA – Polarimetry Focusing Array



- Focal plane imaging polarimeter: 4 optics with 5.25m FL
- Imaging, PSF 20 arcsec HPD
- Gas Pixel Detector
- Single photon, <math><100\mu\text{s}</math>
- Energy band: 2-10 keV
- Energy resolution: 20% FWHM @6 keV
- Total effective area: 900 cm<sup>2</sup> @2 keV (includes QE)



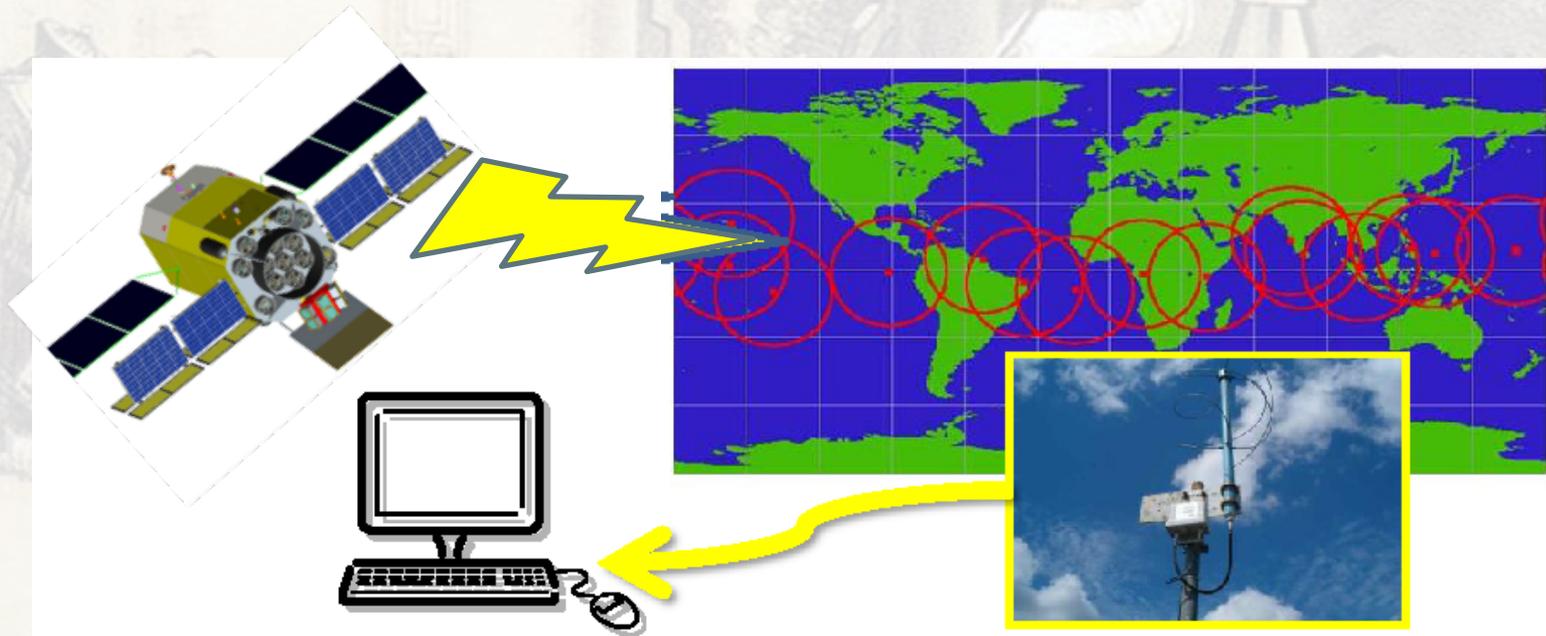
# WFM – Wide Field Monitor

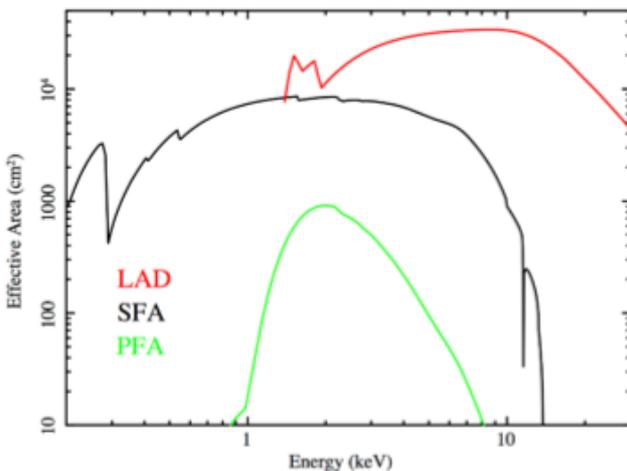


- Same design as LOFT/WFM, 3 units (6 cameras)
- Same detectors as LAD (SDD). Single photon,  $<10\mu\text{s}$
- Field of View: 4 steradian
- Imaging,  $<5$  arcmin angular resolution, 1 arcmin PSLA
- Energy band: 2-50 keV
- Energy resolution: 300 eV FWHM @6 keV
- Effective area:  $80\text{ cm}^2$  @6 keV (1 unit, on axis)

# eXTP Alert System

- The large field of view of the WFM provides unique opportunities for detecting Gamma Ray Bursts (**~100 GRBs per year**)
- **Onboard Burst Trigger** and Localization
- **Onboard VHF transmitter** to transmit short message with time and sky position
- Network of small ground stations to receive message
- Delivery of trigger time and burst position to end users **within 30 s** for fast follow up of the fading GRB afterglow





P/L	Parameter	Specification
SFA	Energy range	0.5-10 keV <b>Soft Response</b>
	Effective area	>7000 cm <sup>2</sup> @1 keV, >5000 cm <sup>2</sup> @6 keV
	Energy resolution	<180 eV FWHM @6 keV
	FoV/HPSD	12 arcmin / 1 arcmin
	Detector	Pixelated SDD (19 pixels)
LAD	Energy range	2-30 keV (extended: 30-80 keV)
	Effective area	34000 cm <sup>2</sup> @8 keV <b>Large Area</b>
	Energy resolution	<240 eV FWHM @6 keV
	FoV	1° (FWHM)
	Detector	Large area SDD (640 units, 40 Modules)
PFA	Energy range	2-10 keV
	Effective area	>900 cm <sup>2</sup> @2 keV <b>Polarisation</b>
	Energy resolution	1.2 keV FWHM @6 keV
	FoV/HPD	12 arcmin / 20 arcsec
	Detector	GPD (4 units)
WFM	Energy range	2-50 keV
	Energy resolution	300 eV FWHM @6keV
	FoV	>4 sr <b>Monitoring</b>
	Angular resolution	<5 arcmin
	Localization	<1 arcmin
	Detector	Large area SDD

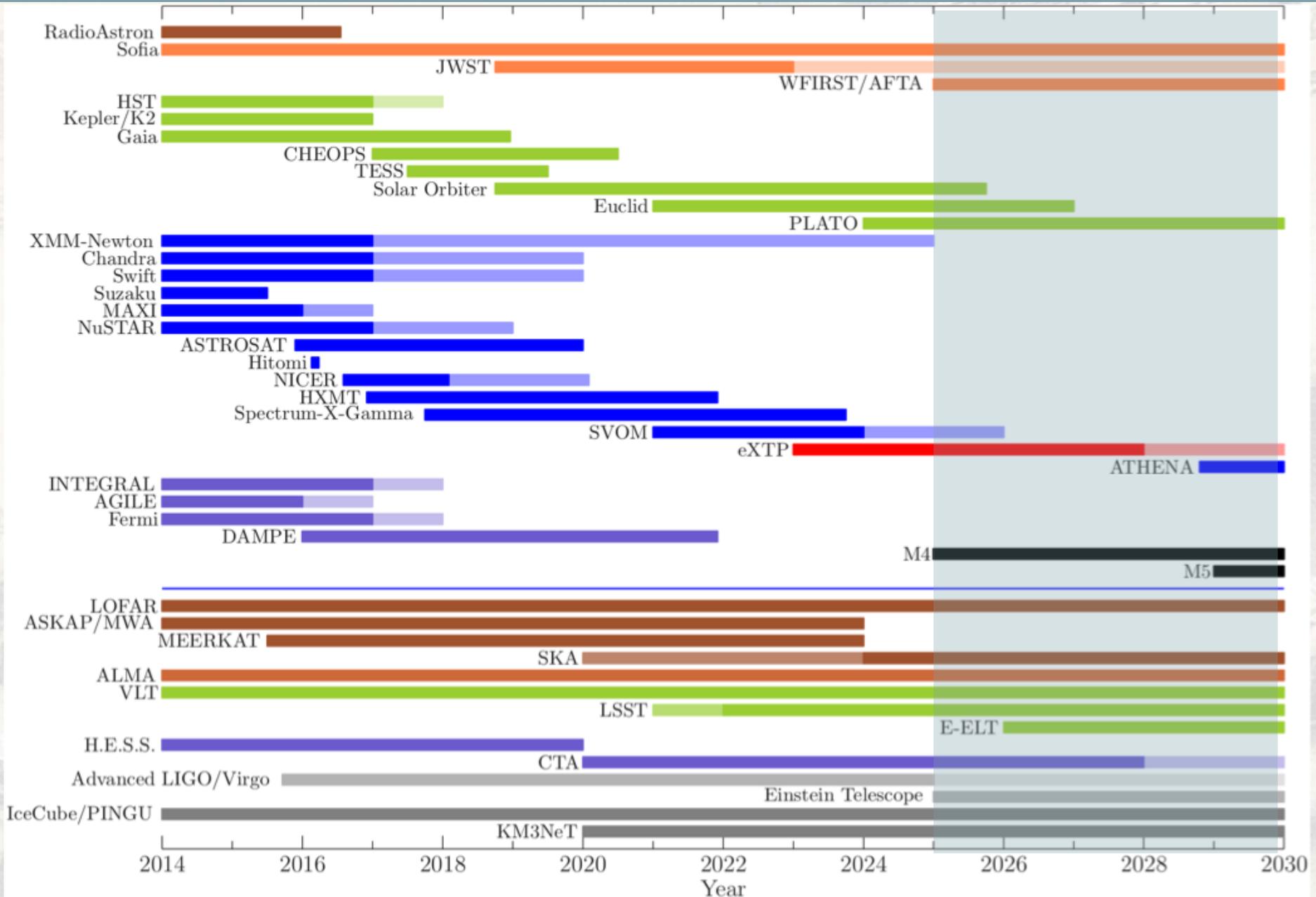
# eXTP Programmatics

- Now in Phase A2 study, in collaboration with a consortium of European institutes. Formal European participation + ESA MoO (*Mission of Opportunity*) TBD.
- 2017-2018: international coordination and preliminary design (Phase A2)
  - 2019-2020: Detailed design (Phase B)
  - 2021-2023: Space qualification model (Phase C)
  - 2024-2025: flight model (Phase D)
- **2025: launch with Long-March CZ-7**
- **2025-2035: Science Operation**
- eXTP will be an observatory open to the worldwide science community (Core Programme + Guest Investigator Programme)

Orbit	550 km, <2.5° inclination
Mass	3700 kg
Power	3.6 kW
Telemetry	3 Tb/day
Ground Stations	China, Malindi
Pointing	3-axis stabilized, < 0.01°
Sky visibility	50% (goal 75%)



# eXTP Time Frame



# eXTP Science

- In support to the mission study, international working groups were preliminarily formed on the main science topics, preparing White Papers :

1) **Accretion in Strong Field Gravity**

2) **Dense Matter**

3) **Strong Magnetism**

4) **Observatory Science**

5) **Multi-Messenger Astronomy, Synergy with GWs**

Core Science

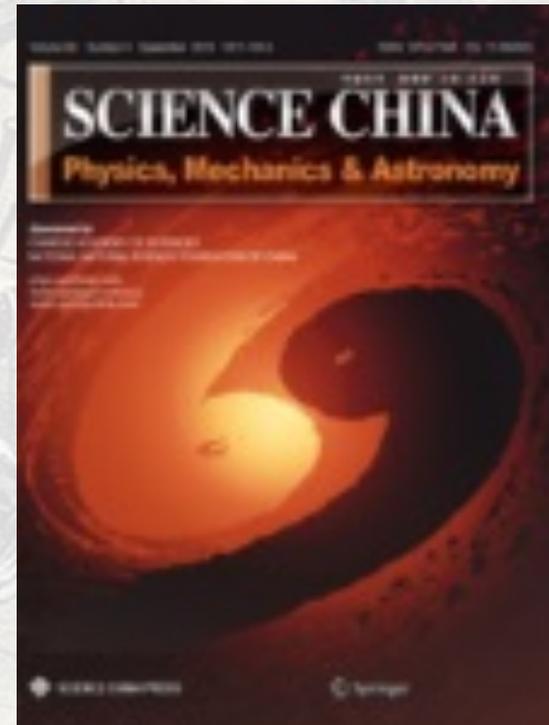
eXTP will be both an experiment  
and an observatory

- In the framework of the ongoing joint China-Europe study, the preliminary working groups were further opened and expanded to interested scientists. Currently, a total of >260 scientists are contributing.

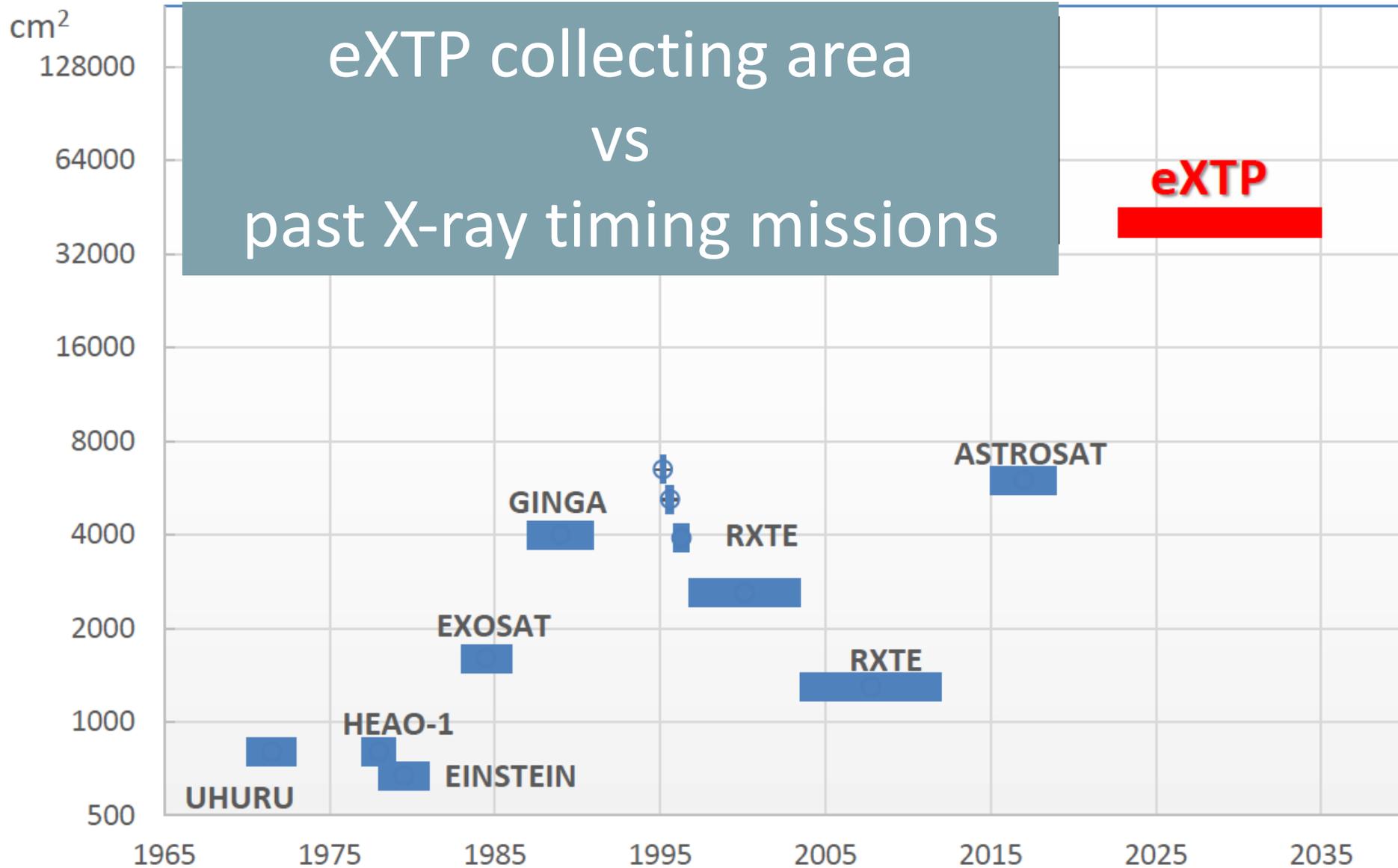
- More info at:

<http://www.isdc.unige.ch/extp/>

- The eXTP WPs are expected to be published on a special issue of the Science China journal beginning 2018.

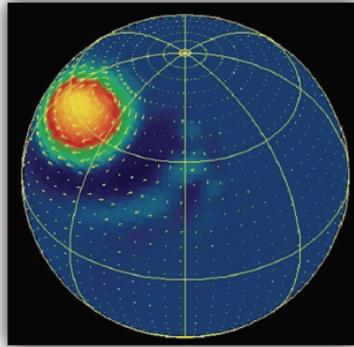


# The enhanced X-ray **Timing** Polarimetry Mission



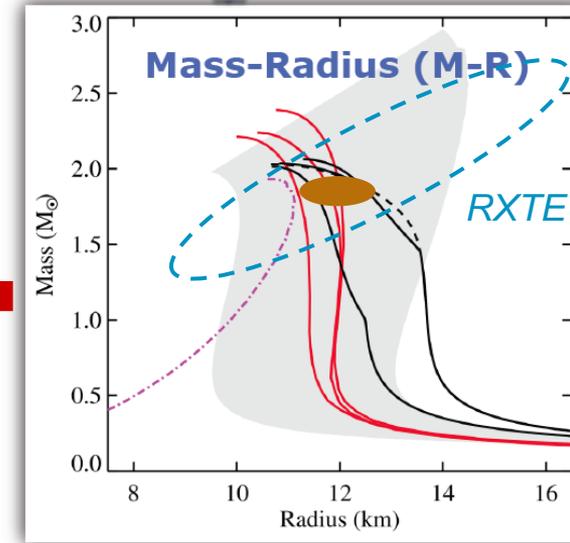
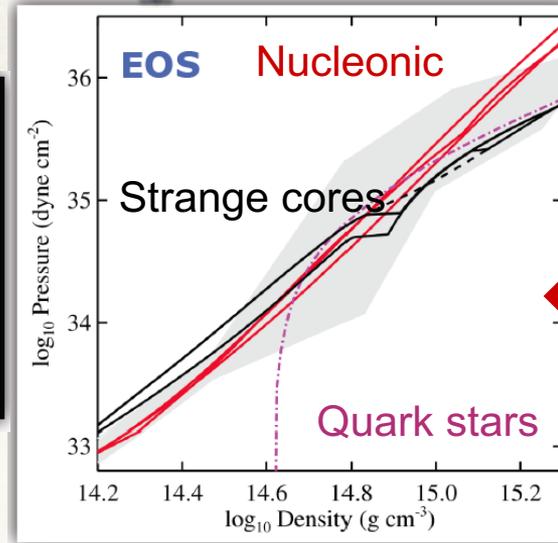
# Ex. 1: Neutron Star EoS (Dense Matter)

- One goal is to study the **EoS of ultradense matter in NS**. This requires measuring the NS  $M, R$  to few %



- Hot spots on the NS surface produce

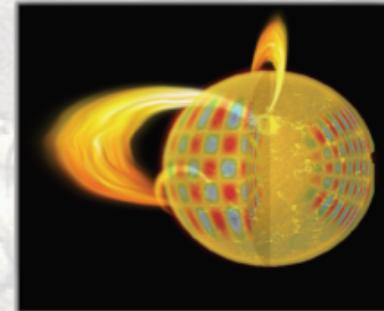
**X-ray pulsations.**



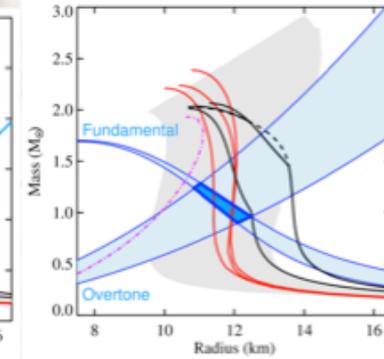
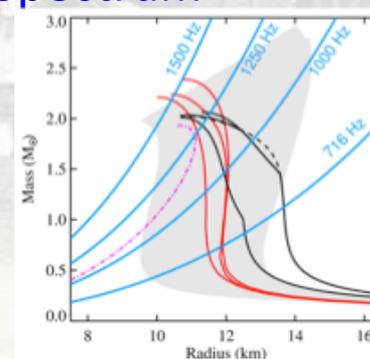
GR effects (light bending,  $g$ -redshift, etc.) encode information on  $M, R$ , recovered from the energy-dependent pulse profile.

- Starquakes on magnetars during flares produce **seismic oscillations** on the NS surface, seen in the Power Spectrum

Oscillation mode encodes  $M, R$  information



- Max NS rotation  $\nu$  (when  $V_{rot}$  at the  $R_{eq}$  equals the Keplerian  $V_{orb}$ ) depends on  $M, R$

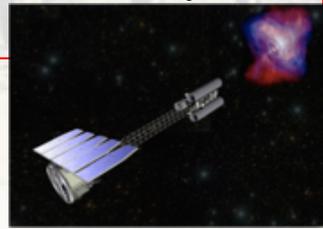


# The enhanced X-ray Timing **Polarimetry** Mission

	<b>IXPE</b>	<b>XIPE</b>	<b>eXTP</b>
<b>MDP</b>	1.8% ( $2 \times 10^{-10}$ cgs) 300 ks	1.2% ( $2 \times 10^{-10}$ cgs) 300 ks	1.3% ( $2 \times 10^{-10}$ cgs) 300 ks
<b>Bkg polarisation</b>	<0.3%	<0.5%	<1%
<b>Telescopes</b>	3	3	4
<b>Ang. resolution</b>	28"	22"	30" (<15")
<b>FoV</b>	12.9x12.9 arcmin <sup>2</sup>	12.9x12.9 arcmin <sup>2</sup>	12x12 arcmin <sup>2</sup>
<b>Effective Area</b>	<b>854 cm<sup>2</sup> @ 3 keV</b>	1530 cm <sup>2</sup> @ 3 keV	<b>600 cm<sup>2</sup> @ 3 keV</b>
<b>Spec. Resolution</b>	16% @ 5.9 keV	16% @ 5.9 keV	16% @ 6 keV
<b>Time Resolution</b>	<b>&lt;100 <math>\mu</math>s</b>	<8 $\mu$ s	<b>&lt;100 <math>\mu</math>s</b>
<b>Energy Range</b>	<b>2-8 keV</b>	2-8 keV	<b>2-10 keV</b>
<b>Mission Duration</b>	2+1 yrs	3+2 yrs	5 yrs (10)

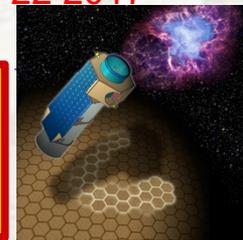
## Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE)

- NASA SMEX candidate (PI: M. Weisskopf)
- 175 M\$
- Pre-selected in 2015 for Phase A study
- Selected as a SMEX mission in January 2017
- Launch Date: **2020**



## X-ray Imaging Polarimeter Explorer (XIPE)

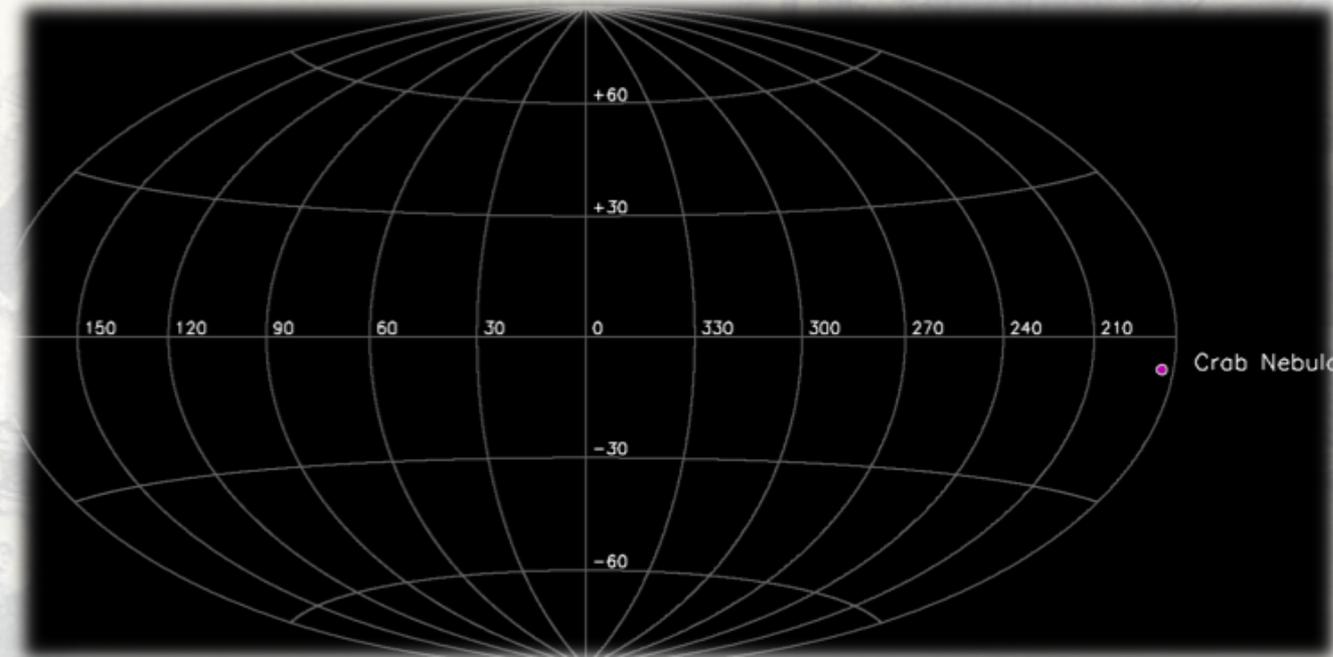
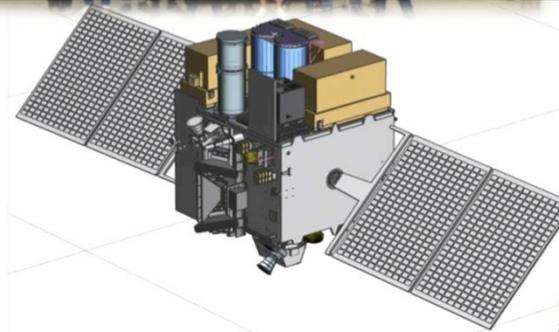
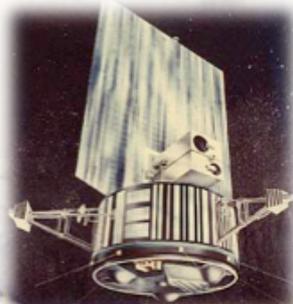
- ESA M4 candidate (PI: P. Soffitta)
- 450 M€
- Pre-selected in 2015 for Phase A study
- Down selection **November 22 2017**
- Launch Date: **2025**



**ARIEL recommended by ESA but  
official decision  
Postponed till February 2018**

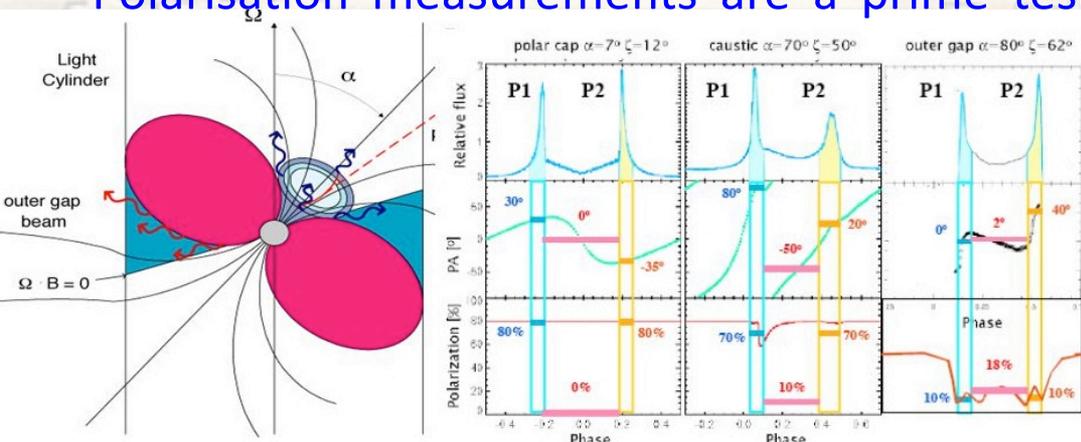
# The Brief History of X-ray Polarimetry

- First X-ray polarisation measurement of the Crab Nebula:  
PD= $15.4\% \pm 5.2\%$  (5-20 keV) (Novick et al. **1972**)
- By *OSO-8*: PD= $15.7\% \pm 1.5\%$  @2.6 keV; after Pulsar subtraction:  
PD= $19.2\% \pm 1.0\%$  (Weisskopf et al. **1976**; **1978**)
- PD= $20.9\% \pm 5.0\%$  (20-120 keV), Chauvin et al. (**2017**), *Pogo+*
- PD= $32.7\% \pm 5.8\%$  (100-380 keV), Vadawale et al. (**2017**), *Astrosat*



# Ex. 2: Pulsar and Magnetar Polarimetry (Strong Magnetism)

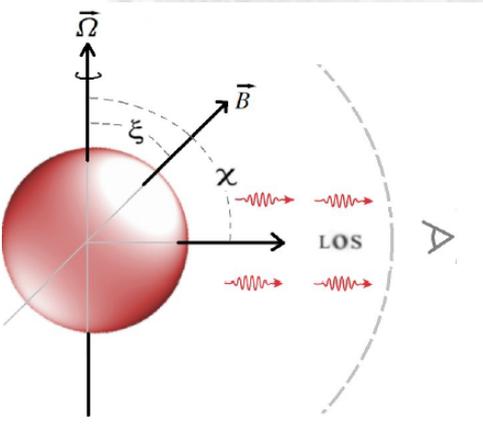
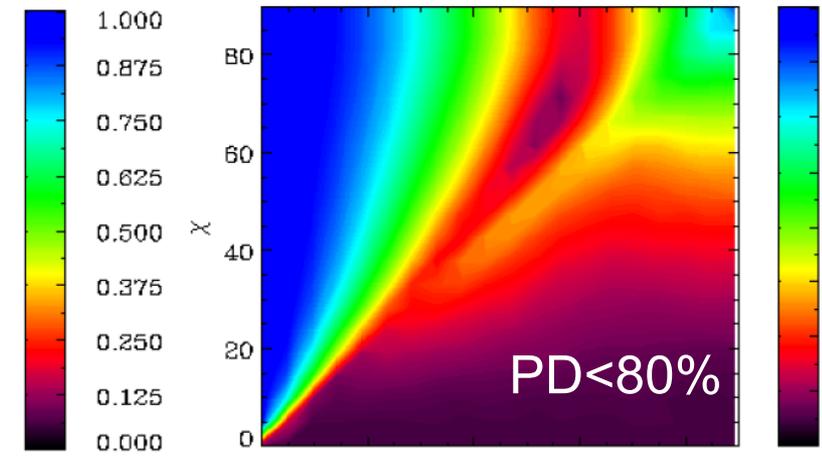
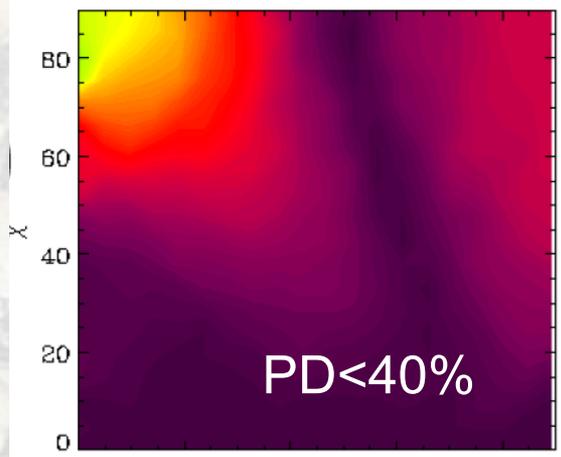
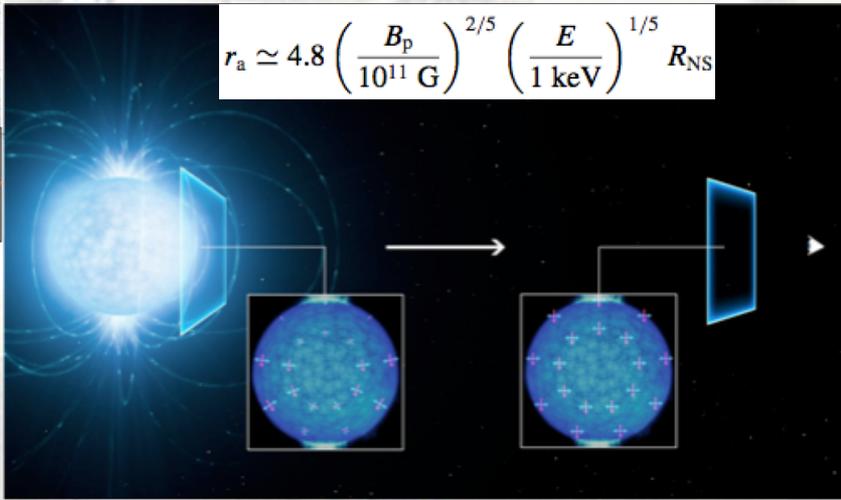
- Polarisation measurements are a prime test for NS magnetosphere models and theory of radiation emission processes.



- Vacuum birefringence from VLT polarimetry of J1856.5-3754 (Mignani+2017).

Too soft for X-ray polarimetry with eXTP.

Magnetars are suitable sources, Harder thermal X-ray spectrum



**QED OFF**

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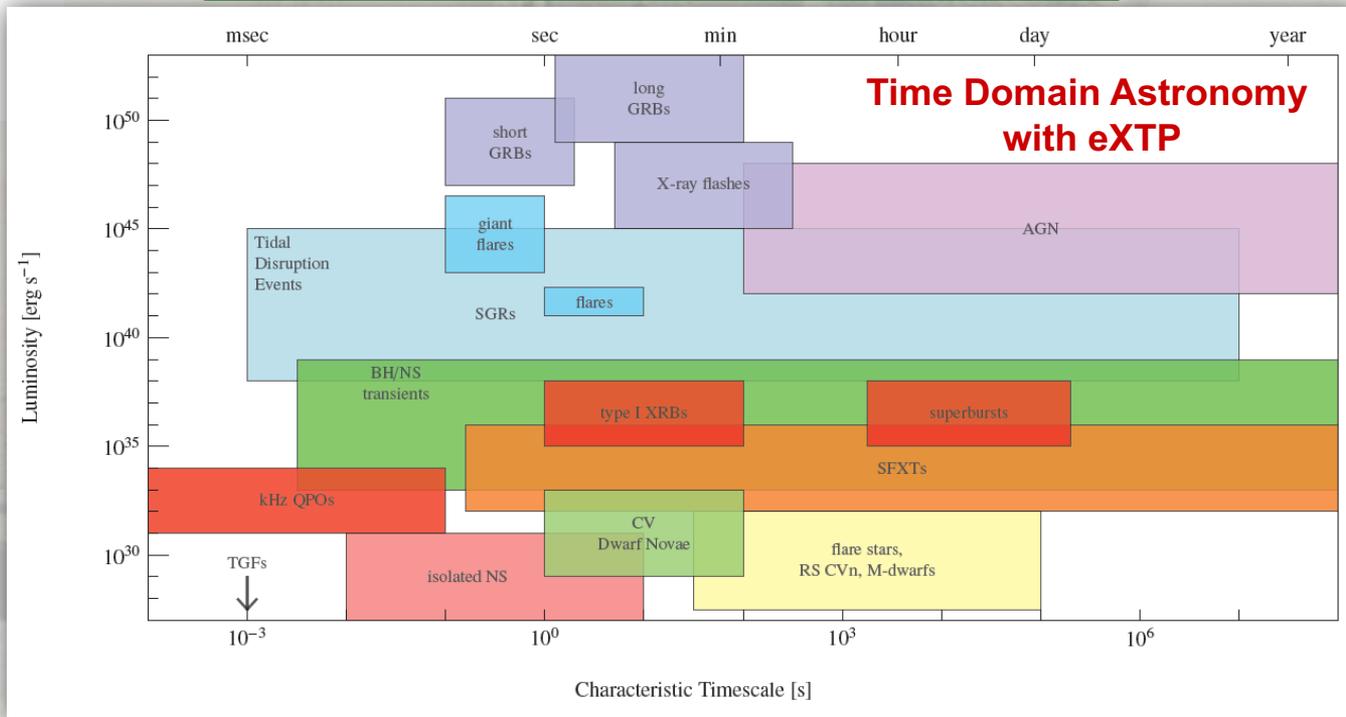
Taverna+ (2014;2017)

# eXTP in Summary

**High time resolution X-ray timing**  
(LAD;  $<10\mu\text{s}$ ), not possible with  
*ATHENA*

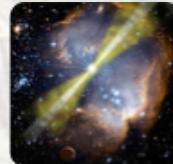
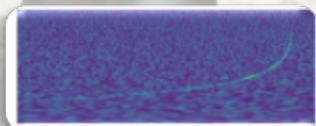
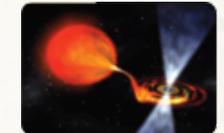
**X-ray polarimetry (PFA)**, sensitivity  
better than *IXPE* and  
comparable to *XIPE*

**Phase-res X-ray spectroscopy**  
(LAD+SFA;  $<10\mu\text{s}$ )  $<250\text{ eV}$ ,  $180\text{ eV}$



**Wide Field Monitoring**  
(WFM; 4 sr; 2-50 keV;  $<10\mu\text{s}$ )

<http://www.isdc.unige.ch/extp/>



# Conclusions

- ❑ *eXTP* is conceived as an extremely powerful and general observatory for the study of X-ray sources
  - It is a **multi-task** telescope that will offer for the most complete diagnostics of compact sources: excellent **spectral, timing** and **polarimetry** sensitivity on a **single** payload
  - Experiment for **fundamental physics**: strong field gravity and dense matter
  - **Wide Range** of science goals. Study of Galactic/Extragalactic sources.
  - **Time Domain Astronomy** from ms to year time scales
  - Open a new window on the Universe (**Polarisation**)
  - **Synergy** with other observing facilities (MMA)
- ❑ *eXTP* is proposed as a cooperative effort between (at least) China and Europe.

# European Contribution to X-ray Astronomy Missions

✓ XMM-Newton (1999)



• THESEUS – ESA M5 candidate (>2025)



• XIPE – ESA M4 (ex) candidate (2025)



✓ ATHENA – ESA L2 approved (2028)



✓ IXPE – NASA approved with participation from European Institutes (2021)

✓ eXTP – CAS approved (2025)



RPM, SM + ?

• Together with *ATHENA*, *eXTP* is currently the only approved mission with both European contribution and IASF participation

**Should we do more?**

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