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HXMT

A Chinese High Energy Astrophysics Mission

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Hard X-ray is a key waveband for our understanding of the high energy Universe:

• Physical processes and curved spacetime close to the event horizon



- Formation and evolution of supermassive black holes over the history of the Universe
- The cosmic X-ray background

Integral and Swift : coded mask telescope



Hard X-ray Modulation Telescope HXMT



Based on a new inversion technique – the direct demodulation method, HXMT can make both full-sky 10-250 keV hard X-ray survey with highest spatial resolution and sensitivity, and high signal-to-noise ratio pointing observation of scientific hot spot sources for temporal and spectral studies.



Coded Mask Collimator <u>SNR</u> (signal to noise ratio) Good Bad Angular Resolution with CC (Cross Correlation) Mid Bad with DD (Direct Demodulation) Good Best

The DD technique makes use of information in the collected photons more sufficiently than traditional inversion technique

 $\Delta_{dd} = f(\Delta_{cc}, S, SNR)$



- correlated eq. $P^* f = c$
- 3, solve corelated eq. iteratively with constaints

<u>Direct reconstruction</u>

Direct demodulation algorithm

(Li & Wu 1993, AP&SS, 1, 1; astro-ph/0503126)

iteratively solving correlation equations with constraints

Observation equations Pf = dCorrelation transform $P^T Pf = P^T d$ Correlation equations $P^* f = c$ Iterative calculations $f_i^{(l)} = \frac{1}{p_{ii}^*} (c_i - \sum_{j \neq i} p_{ij}^* f_j^{(l-1)})$ Constraints $f_i \ge b_i$ Stability, convergence & global optimality

DD calculations converge to a globally optimal solution

Imaging: Collimator vs Coded Mask



2×700 cm² 5⁰×0.5⁰ FWHM aperture 1473 cm² 93×99 pixels ($\Delta_0 \approx 2.5^0$) ($\Delta_0 = 0.3^0$)





Cross-Correlation

Direct Demodulation

X-ray map from EXOSAT-ME slew observations (from Lu et al. 1996, *Astron. Astrophys. Suppl.* **115**, 395)



Map of Hard X-ray the galactic center region from HEAO1-A4 survey (from Lu et al. 1995, *Proc. CHEP'95*, 848)

Integr (20	al/IBIS 02-)	HXMT	Swift/BAT (2004-)
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<u>Angular Resolution</u>	12'	< 5'	14'
<u>Source Location</u> (2 mCrab 0.5year)	15'	3'	5'
pointing(10^5s, 3º@100keV, in mCrab) 3	0. 5	4.4
imaging(0.5year survey, 5 σ , in mCrab)	6.8	0.5	1



Around 2010, HXMT will provide

- > unique fast timing studies of black holes
- unique cosmic hard X-ray background imaging studies



more than 1000 obscured supermassive black holes and more black holes in our Galaxy



HXMT is an stepping stone from INTEGRAL/IBIS and Swift/BAT to future black hole probes in NASA's Beyond Einstein Program or ESA's Cosmic Version

Status of HXMT mission

HAPI -4 (Inst. Of High Energy Phys., CAS)







GRIP (Caltec, US) 2000-2005 Phase A study: A project under the Major State Basic Research Program in China Founded by Ministry of Science and Technology Chinese Academy of Sciences Tsinghua University

2005.9: Phase B study



The ground test system

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Thank You!



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