

The Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array Measuring Obscuration in the Local Universe

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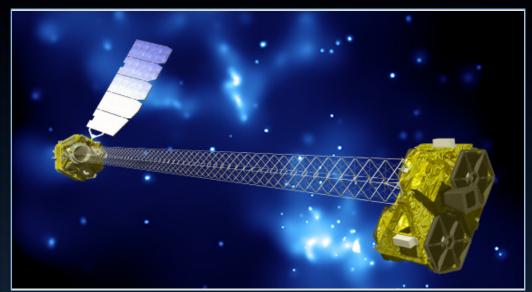


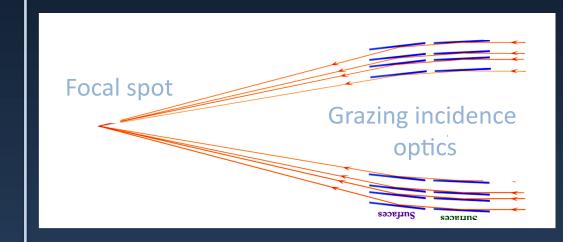
INTEGRAL, Swift BAT

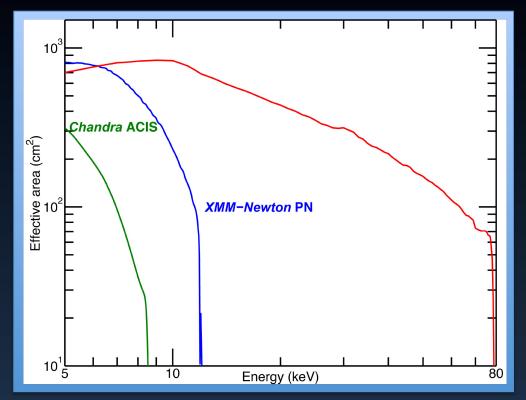


Coded aperture mask Detector plane Shadow pattern

NuSTAR







Satellite (instrument)	Sensitivity
INTEGRAL (ISGRI)	~0.5 mCrab (20-100 keV) with >Ms exposures
Swift (BAT)	~0.8 mCrab (15-150 keV) with >Ms exposures
NuSTAR	~0.8 μCrab (10-40 keV) in 1 Ms

NuSTAR two-telescope total collecting area

Sensitivity comparison

1 Ms Sensitivity

$$3.0 \times 10^{-15} \text{ erg/cm}^2/\text{s} (6 - 10 \text{ keV})$$

 1.2×10^{-14} (10 - 30 keV)

Timing

relative 100 microsec absolute 30 msec

Imaging

HPD ~50" FWHM 10"

Localization 2" (1-sigma)

Spectral response

threshold 2.5 keV

 $\Delta E @ 6 \text{ keV}$ 0.6 keV FWHM

 $\Delta E @ 60 \text{ keV} 1.0 \text{ keV FWHM}$

Field of View

FWZI 12.5' x 12.5'

FWHI 10' @ 10 keV

8' @ 40 keV

6' @ 68 keV

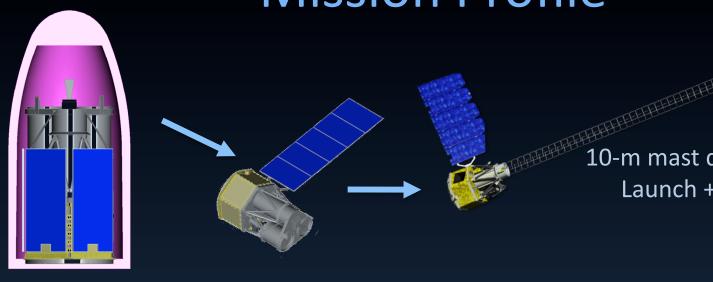
Target of Opportunity

response <24 hr (reqmt)

typical 6-8 hours

85% sky accessibility

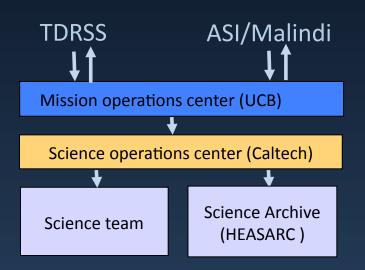
Mission Profile



10-m mast deployment Launch + 1 week

Pegasus XL Feb 3 2012

6° inclination 550 x 600 km Low background 55% observing efficiency



2-year baseline science mission

Baseline Science Mission

Key science goal	Observations	Time (weeks)
Locate massive black holes	Deep and wide-field extragalactic surveys (GOODS S, COSMOS, BAT-shallow)	23
Study the population of compact objects in our Galaxy	Survey Galactic Center and other fields of varied ages (spiral arms, bulge)	20
Explosion dynamics and nucleosynthesis in core collapse and 1a SNe	Pointed observations of young (τ < 500 yr) remnants – Cas A, SN1987A, GX1+9 ToO observations of nearby SN1a	22
Understanding relativistic jets in supermassive black holes	Contemporaneous multiwavelength observations of GeV/TeV blazars	6
Other Objectives	Observations	Time
Varied	In final planning stage	33

Extragalactic Surveys

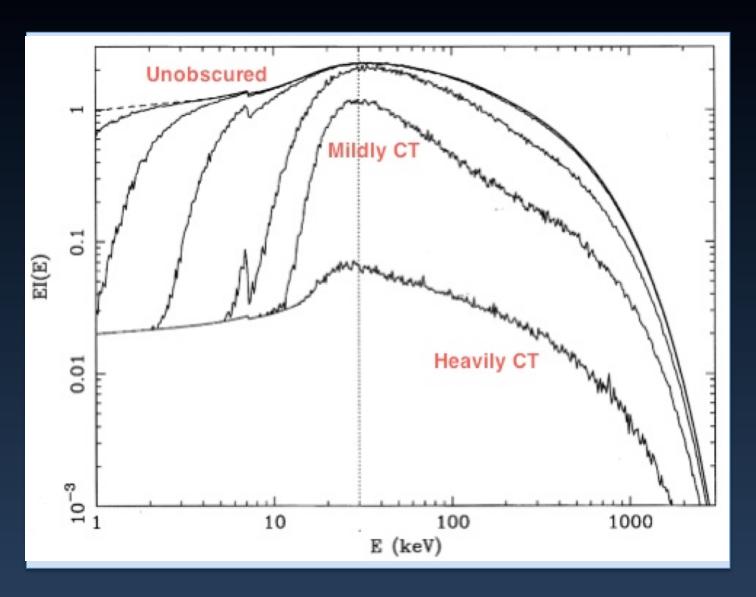
How did black holes grow as a function of redshift?

Does the obscured AGN fraction increase with redshift (from 0 < z < 2)?

Do the most heavily obscured AGN reside in specific host-galaxy environments?

What AGN populations dominate the X-ray background at 30 keV?

X-ray Absorption in AGN



Extragalactic Survey Fields

COSMOS+E-CDFS-S - > 1 deg² @ > 50ksec/pixel

 $L = 10^{44} \text{ erg/s } (10 - 30 \text{ keV}) \text{ to } z^2, L = 10^{42} \text{ erg/s for CDFS}$

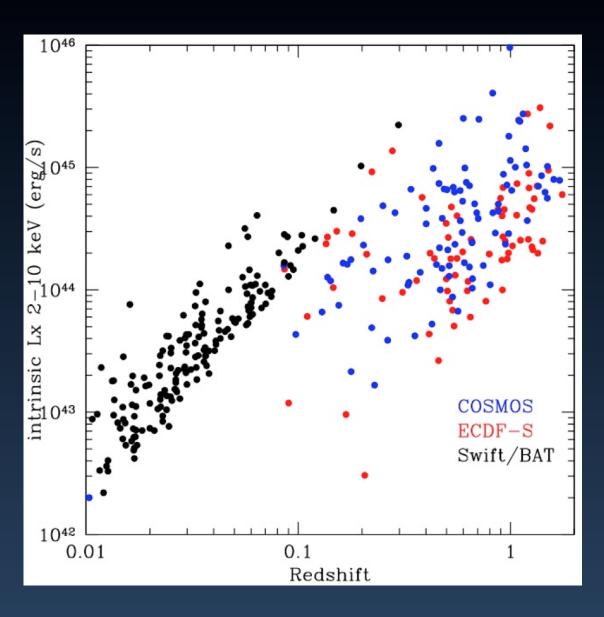
AGN/host evolution up to $z \sim 2$

BAT sources @ 5ksec/exposure to cover 3 deg² to L~10⁻¹³

Constrain the spectral characteristics of the local AGN population

Serendipitous survey connecting BAT/INTEGRAL to NuSTAR

Extragalactic Surveys



High SNR Observations of Obscured AGN

Understand the nature of absorbing medium in obscured AGN

geometry, size, composition, (existence) of torus

Study range of known nearby objects ranging from Compton thick to obscured

NGC 1068, NGC 7674, NGC 3393 (HCT) Mrk 3, Ciercinus, NGC 4945 (MCT) NGC 1365m NGC 1365 (BCT)

What is the AGN Contribution to ULIRGS?

"IR Quasars"

trace building of stellar mass in galaxies

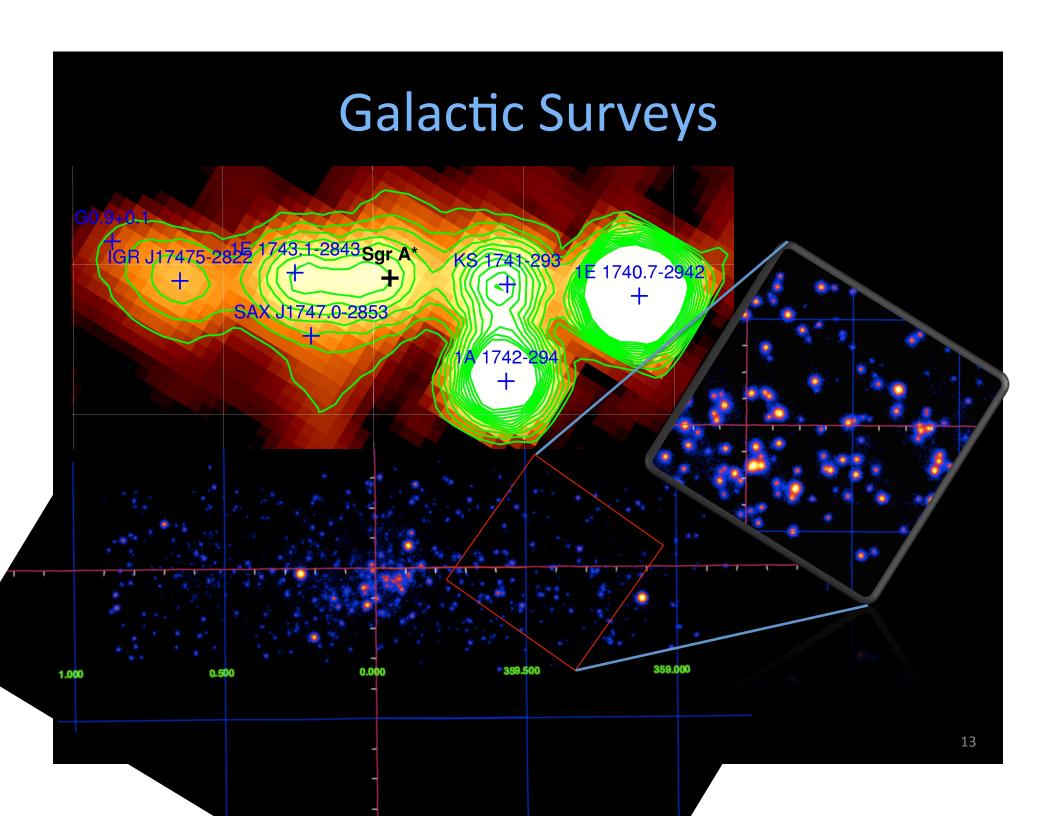
1000x more common at ~>2 than today

At Z>~2 – average star forming galaxy is a ULIRG

What makes ULIRGs shine?

Need extinction-robust way to measure AGN luminosity

Sample of 15 nearby ULIRGs to determine AGN contribution



Population Studies

Galactic chronology/understanding evolution/end states of binaries - HMXBs (~10 MYr) CVs (Gyr)

Spiral arms (Norma) vs. GC vs. Bulge

Fraction of HXMBs with BH vs. NS

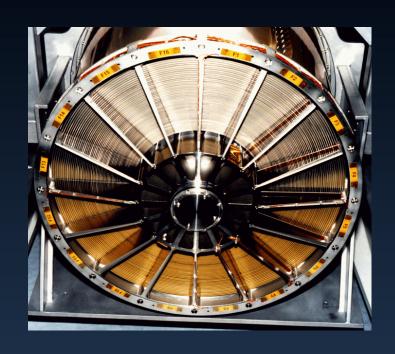
Estimating NS/NS, SN/BH, BH/BH populations

"Other" Science

- Planetary Wind Nebulae
- Supernova la ToO
- Magnetars
- X-ray Binaries
- Pulsars
- Gamma-ray binaries
- Flaring protostars
- Sun

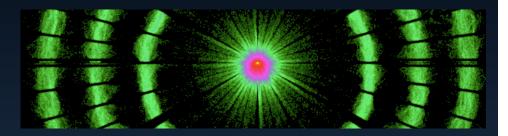
- AGN physics
- Starburst galaxies
- Galaxy clusters
- Blazars
- Radio galaxies
- Ultra-Luminous X-ray
 Sources

Optics



Depth-graded multilayer coated optics – 133 shells

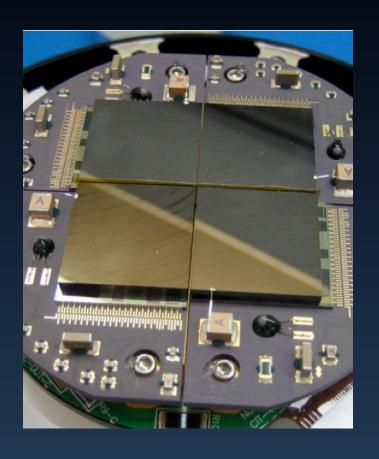
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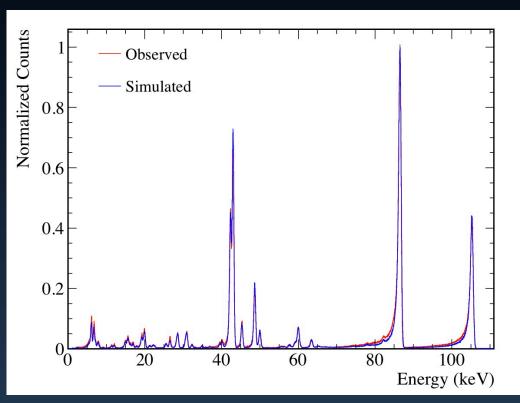


Calibration data

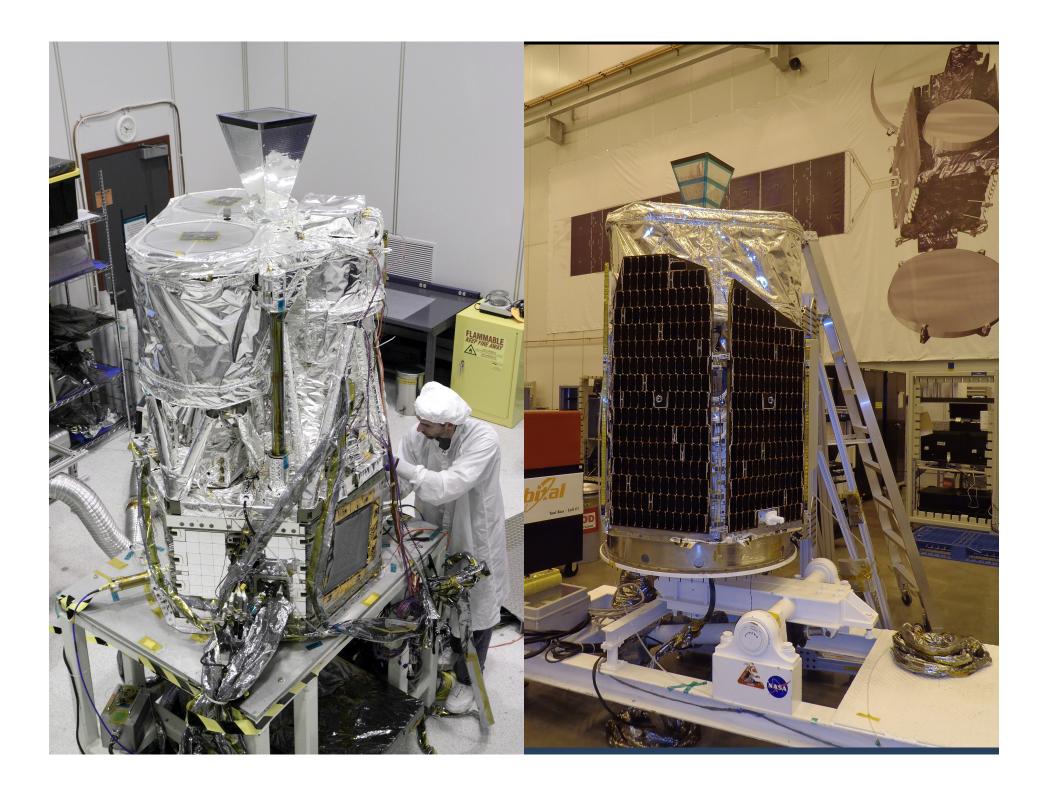


Focal Plane

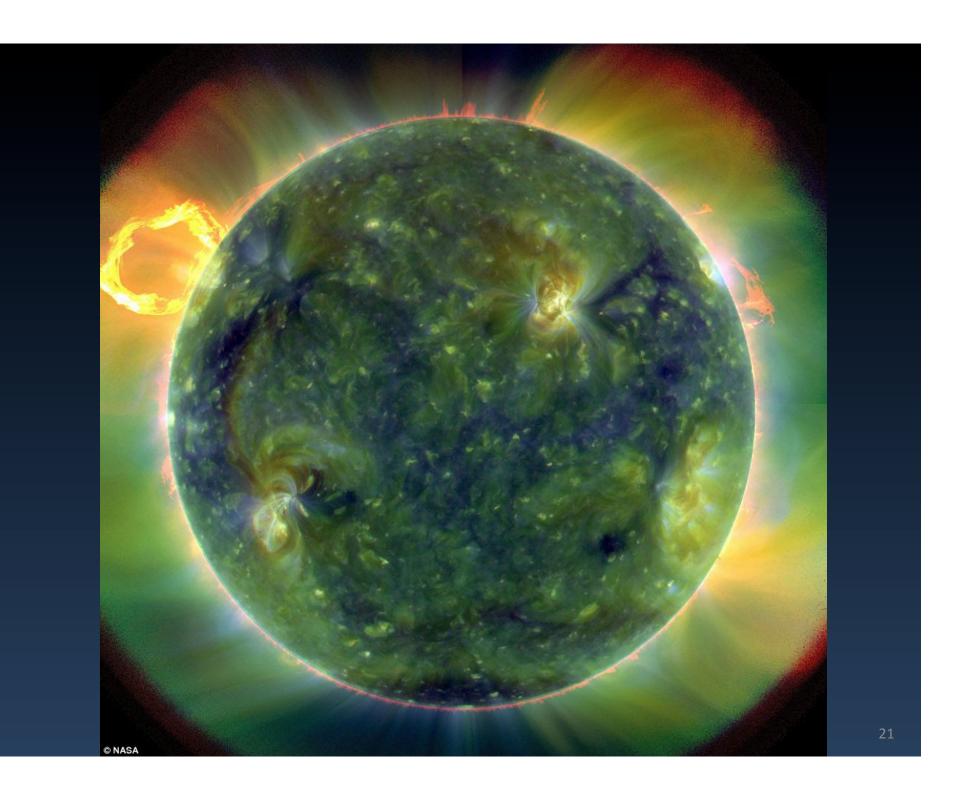




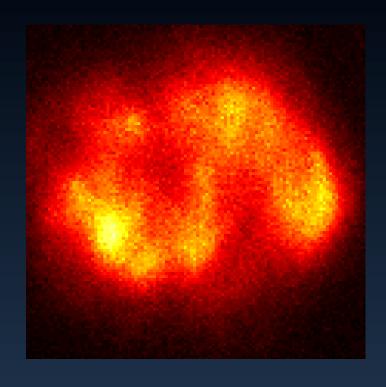




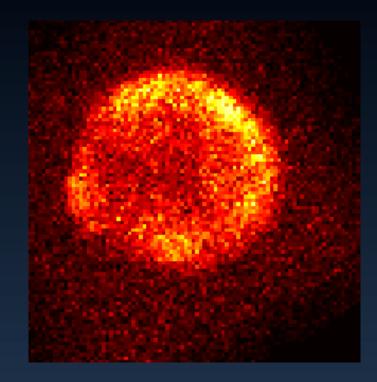
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Supernova Remnants



Cas A (> 10 keV) 1 Msec



Tycho (> 10 keV) 200 ksec

See poster by Zoglauer et al.