Spectrum-Roentgen-Gamma status and scientific prospects



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Launch from Baikonur with Zenit-Fregat, 2016

- 3 months: flight to L2, verification and calibration phase
- 4 years: 8 all-sky surveys (scanning mode: 6 rotations/day, 1 deg advance/day)
- 3 years: pointed observation phase (1 AO per year)



Exposure map (Galactic coordinates)

- Average exposure (4 years) ~2 ks
- Exposure near Ecliptic poles ~30 ks

Sky division



eROSITA



Wolter-1 optics Focal length 1.6 m 7 mirror modules of 54 shells (coated by gold)



Wolter-1 optics Focal length 2.7 m 7 mirror modules of 28 shells (coated by Iridium)



Scientific payload



	eROSITA	ART-XC
Energy band	0.2-10 keV	5-30 keV
Field of view	1 deg	30'
Angular resolution (HEW on-axis)	15″	45″
Area	2400 cm² @ 1 keV	450 cm² @ 8 keV

Effective area and grasp



2500 см² @ 1.4 keV 450 см² @ 8 keV 1100 cm² deg² @ 1.4 keV 45 cm² deg² @ 8 keV



ROSAT ALL-SKY SURVEY Bright Sources

Aitoff Projection Galactic II Coordinate System



Energy range: 0.1 - 2.4 keV Number of RASS-II sources: 18811 Hardness ratio: -1.0 | -0.4 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.0 (soft -> hard : magenta - red - yellow - green - cyan)

Bright Source Catalog: 18811 sources

Faint Source Catalog: 105924 sources

SRG All-Sky Survey

- * ~100,000 Galaxy clusters
- ✤ ~3,000,000 Active Galactic Nuclei
- ✤ ~1,000,000 Stars
- * ~100,000 Cataclysmic variables
- Isolated neutron stars, X-ray binaries ...
- Diffuse X-ray emission (SNRs, local bubble ...)
- Planets, comets ...
- ***** ???

Including rare/exotic objects!

Dark energy equation of state





Growth of SMBHs





Galactic objects











Isolated neutron stars

eROSITA (+ART-XC) can discover:
XDINSs (M7) beyond the Gould Belt (~100 or more)
Faint magnetars, compact central objects
Accreting ISNs

Variability studies



Simulated images of a series of eROSITA scans over a bright (~100 mCrab) point-like source at low ecliptic latitude

Merloni et al. 2012



eROSITA all-sky survey "cadence" map (equatorial coordinates) Number of daily visits of eROSITA during the 4-year survey. Each daily visit, with a total exposure of ~250 s consists of ~6 scans of ~30 sec each. About 1,000 deg² around the poles will be visited more than 30 times.



Merloni et al. 2012

Tidal disruption events



Tidal disruption events



eROSITA can detect ~1,000 such X-ray flares per year => Wealth of information about SMBHs and nuclear stellar clusters

Khabibullin et al. 2014

GRB afterglows



eROSITA can detect ~10 GRB afterglows/year + unknown number of orphan afterglows and failed GRBs ⇒ Unbiased statistics of GRB afterglows and related phenomena

Khabibullin et al. 2012

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Predehl et al. 2014









