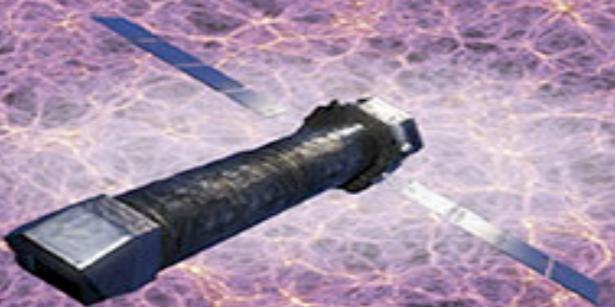


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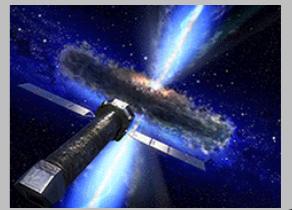
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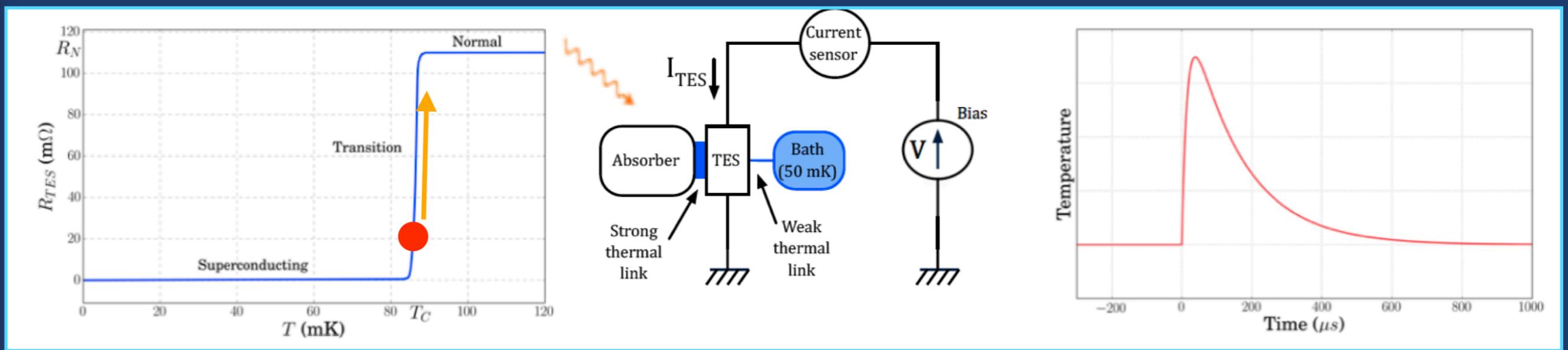
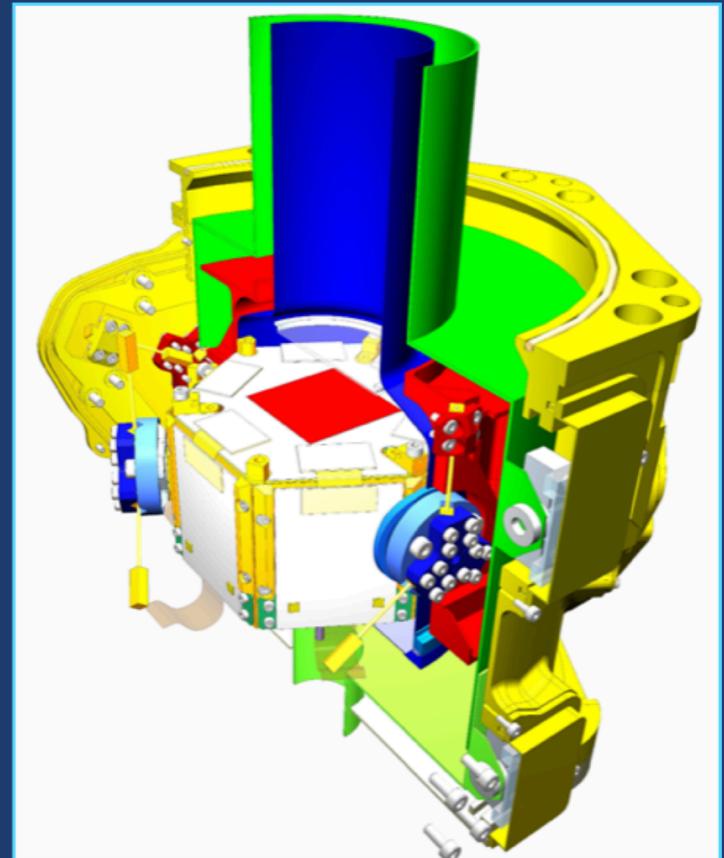
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on behalf of the X-IFU E2E simulations team  
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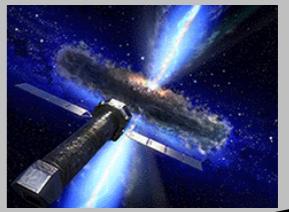
# THE X-IFU



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  - Detection plane populated by TESs cooled to their transition phase temperature
  - Sensitive to heat increases induced by impacting X-rays

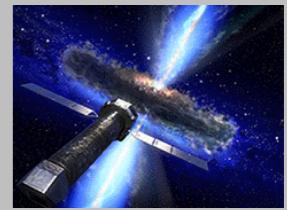


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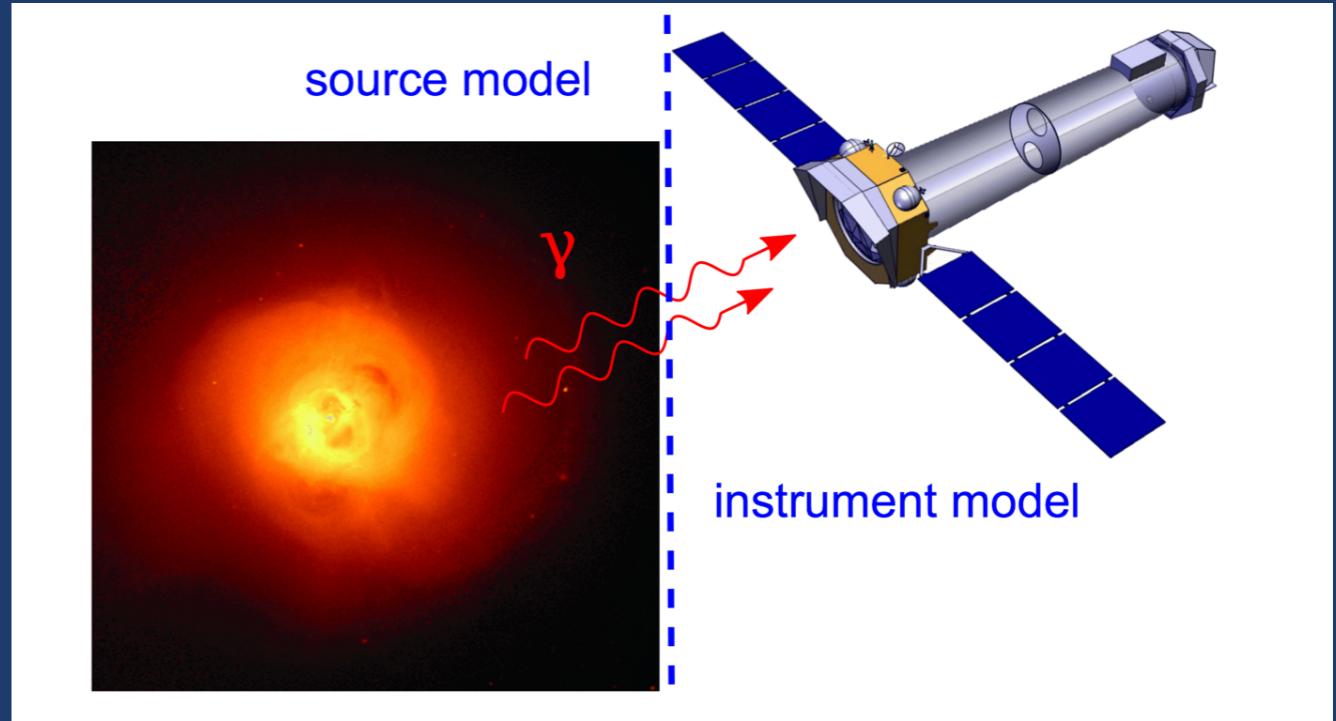


Parameter	Baseline requirement
Spectral resolution	2.5 eV
Field of view	5' (equivalent diameter)
Pixel size	< 5'' (mirror PSF HEW)
Instrumental bkg level	< $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ count/s/cm <sup>2</sup> /keV
Energy range	0.2-12 keV
Count rate capability	80 % high res events @ 1 mCrab
Bright source throughput	30 % @ 1 Crab
Detection quantum efficiency	> 75% @ 1 keV / > 83 % @ 6 keV
Time resolution	10 µs

# X-IFU E2E SIMULATIONS IN A NUTSHELL

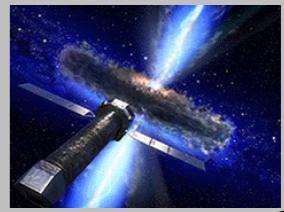


- Athena telescope model
  - pointing (attitude)
  - ARF
  - vignetting
  - PSF
- X-IFU instrument model
  - background
  - X-IFU focal plane geometry
  - TES physics and event-reconstruction
  - pile-up
  - crosstalk (soon)
- Source model
  - SIMPUT source



Outputs an event file with energy, time  
and pixel position  
with additional information for performance  
analysis

# DESCRIBING THE X-IFU: OVERALL SET-UP



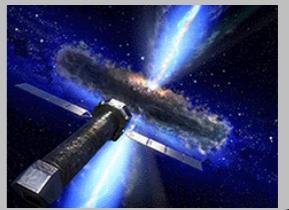
- The overall X-IFU set-up is described by a standard SIXTE XML file
  - Similar to the WFI
  - Allows easy changes of the optical properties of the ATHENA optics

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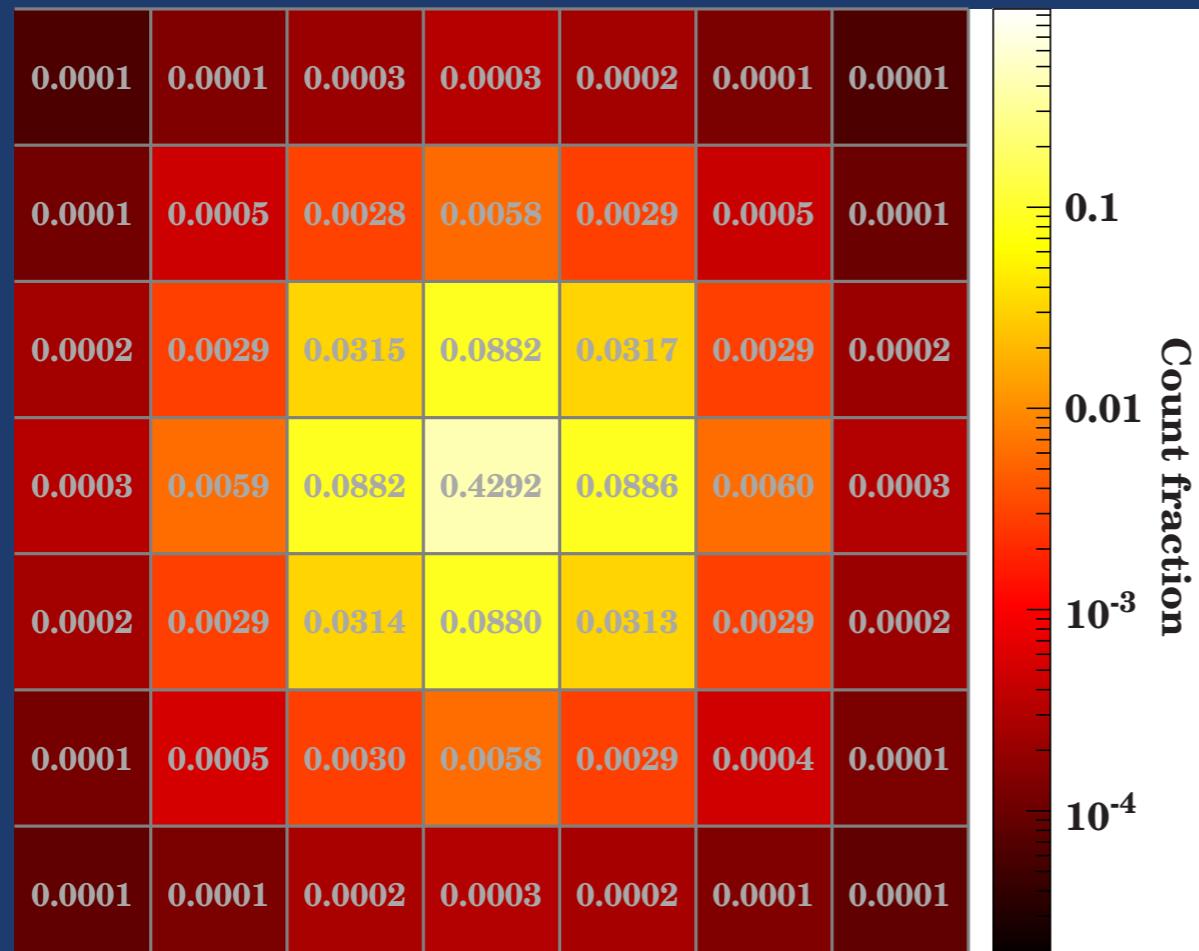
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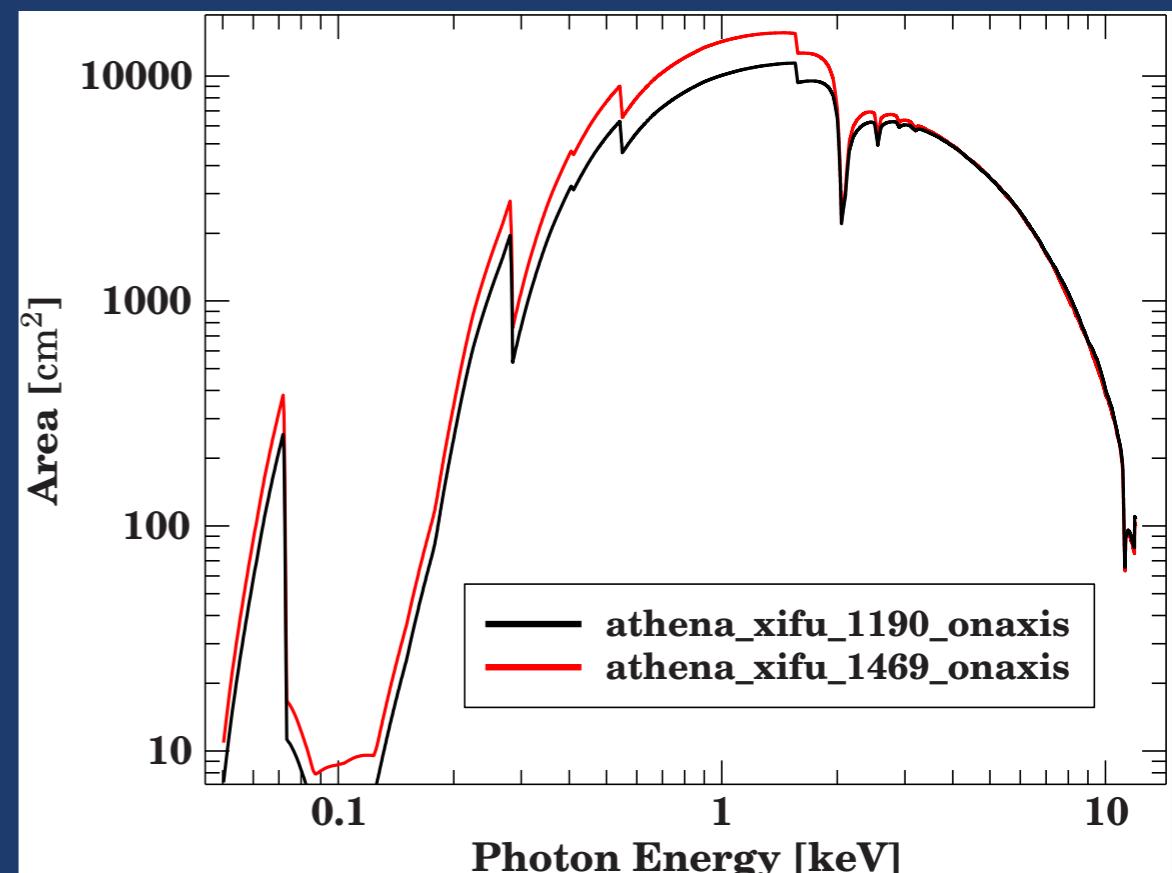
# THE ATHENA OPTICS AND THE X-IFU



- The ATHENA PSF and X-IFU ARF are described through calibration files

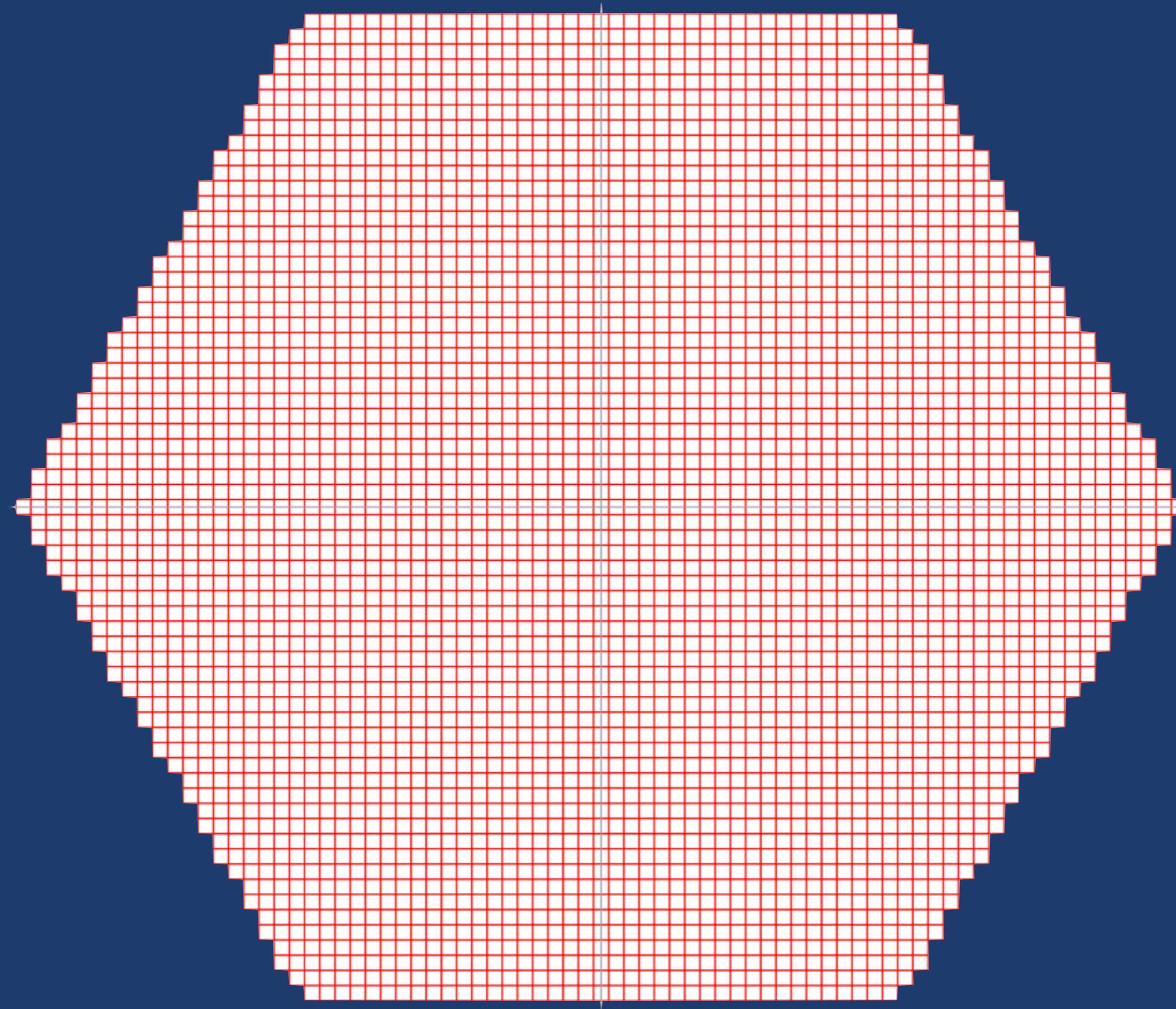
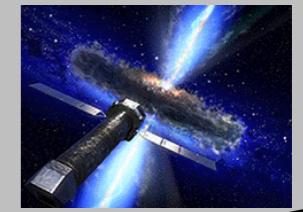


PSF spread on the baseline X-IFU pixels

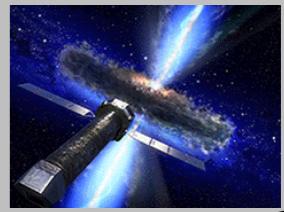


X-IFU ARF depending on the mirror are

# DESCRIBING THE X-IFU FOCAL PLANE (BASELINE)



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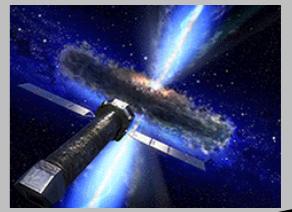
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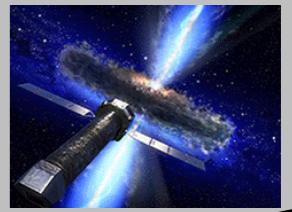
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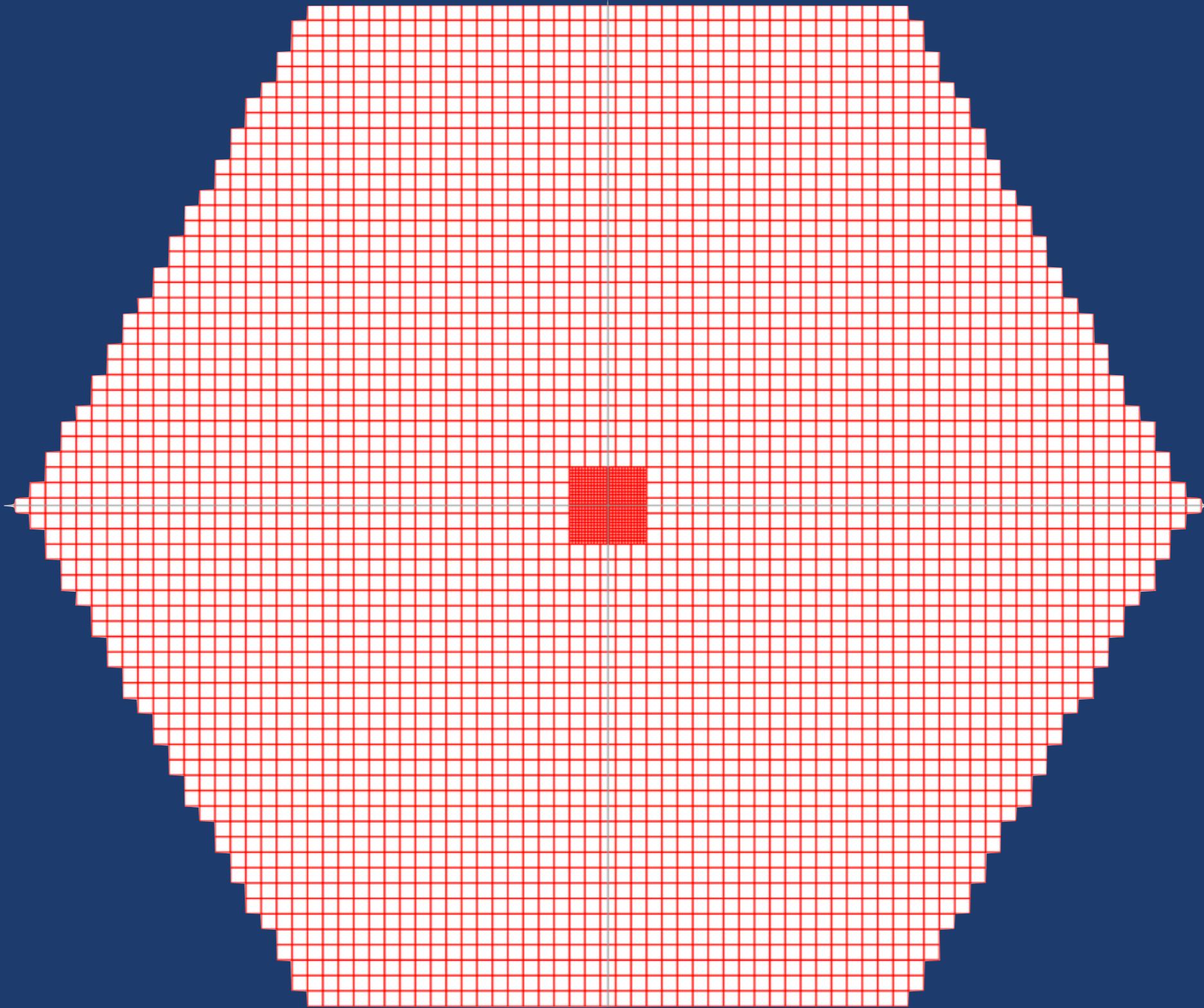
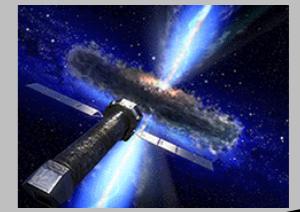
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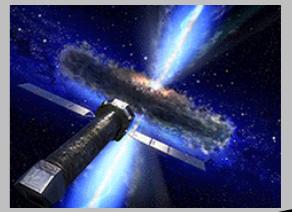
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# DESCRIBING THE X-IFU FOCAL PLANE (WITH SPA)



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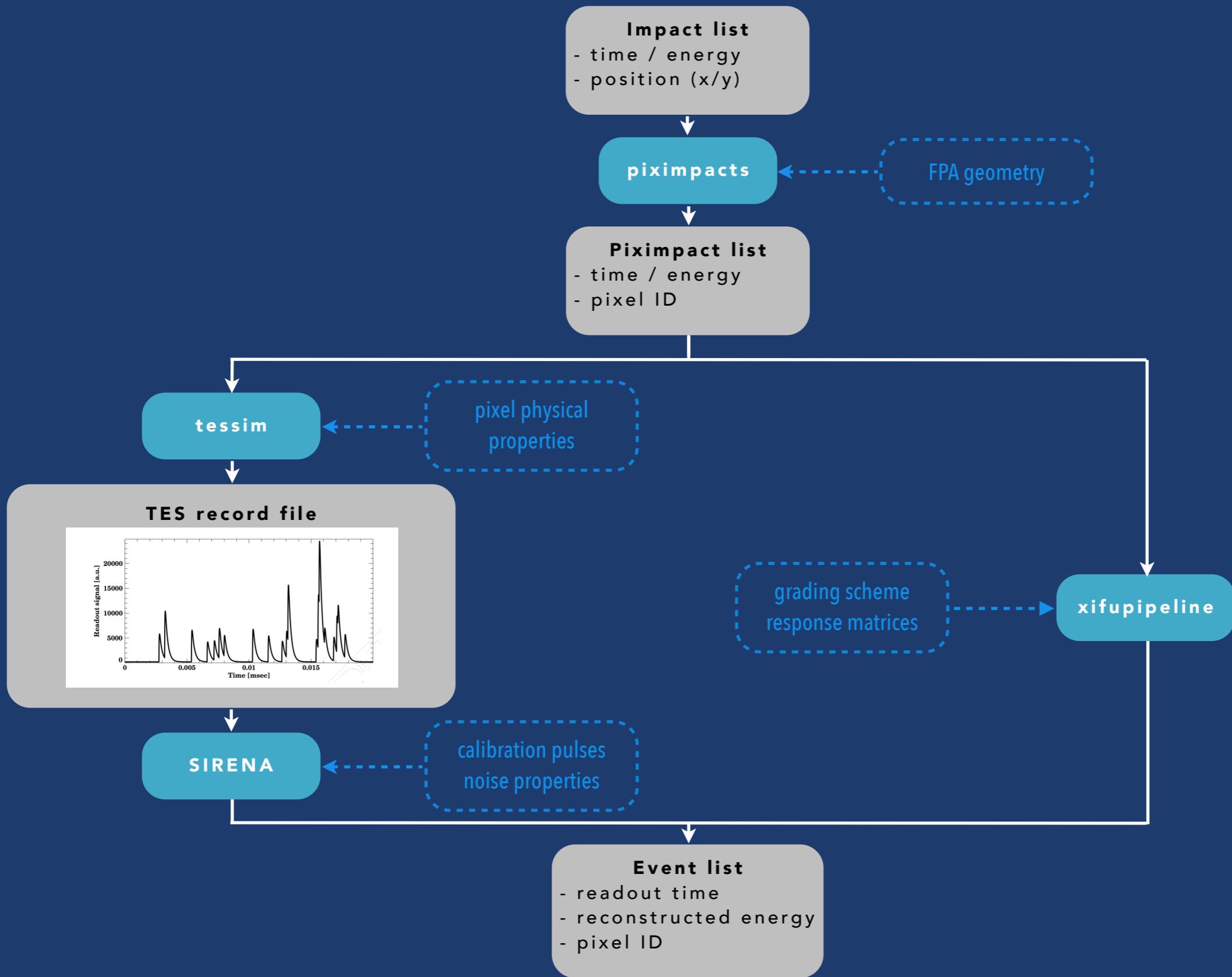
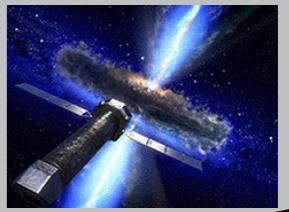
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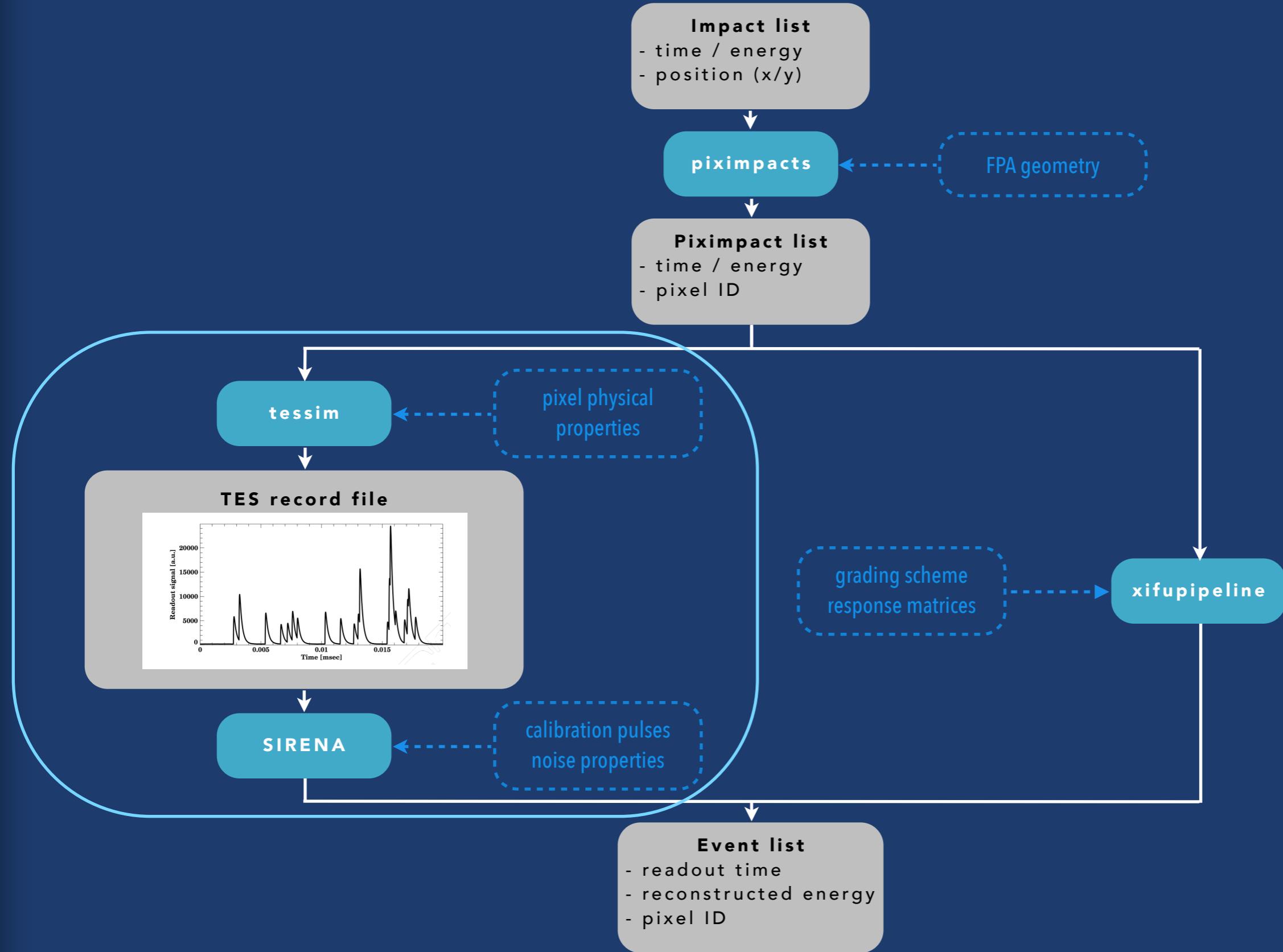
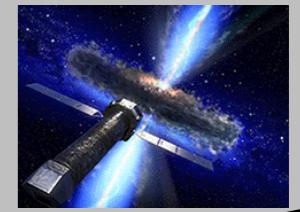
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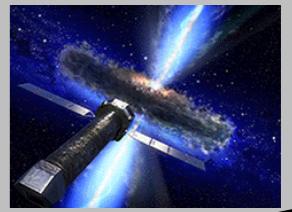
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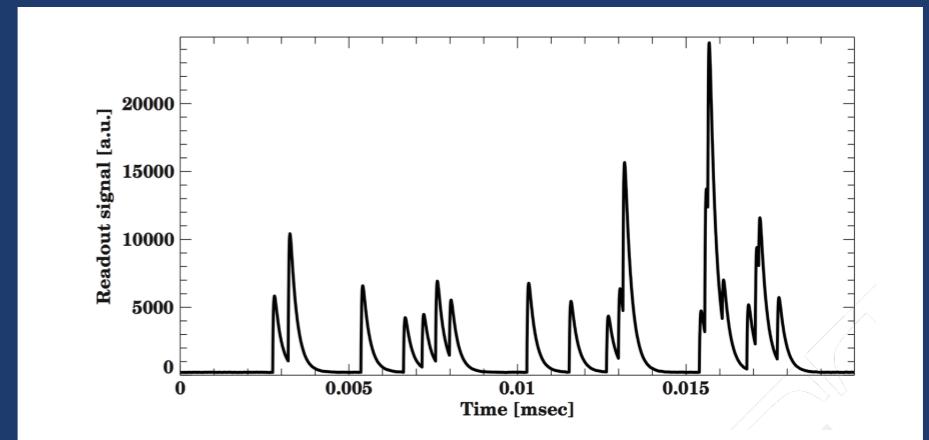
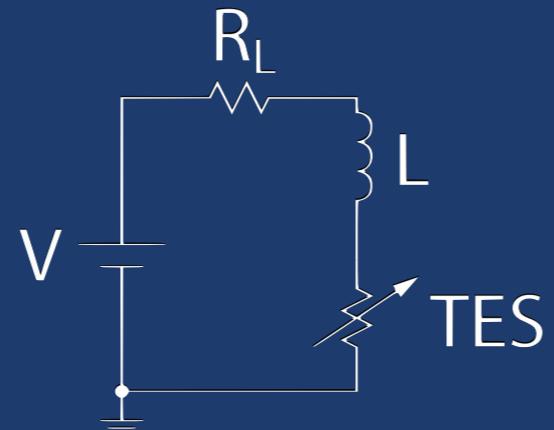
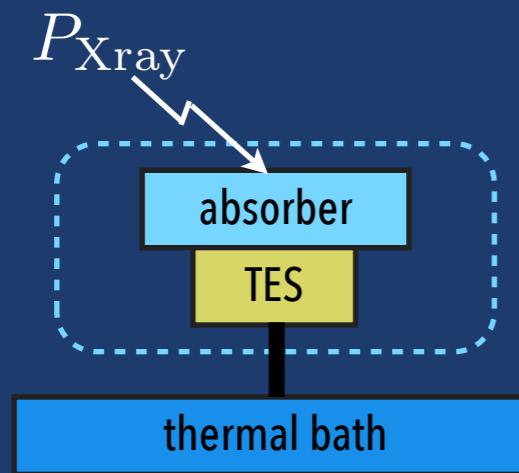
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# TESSIM AND SIRENA

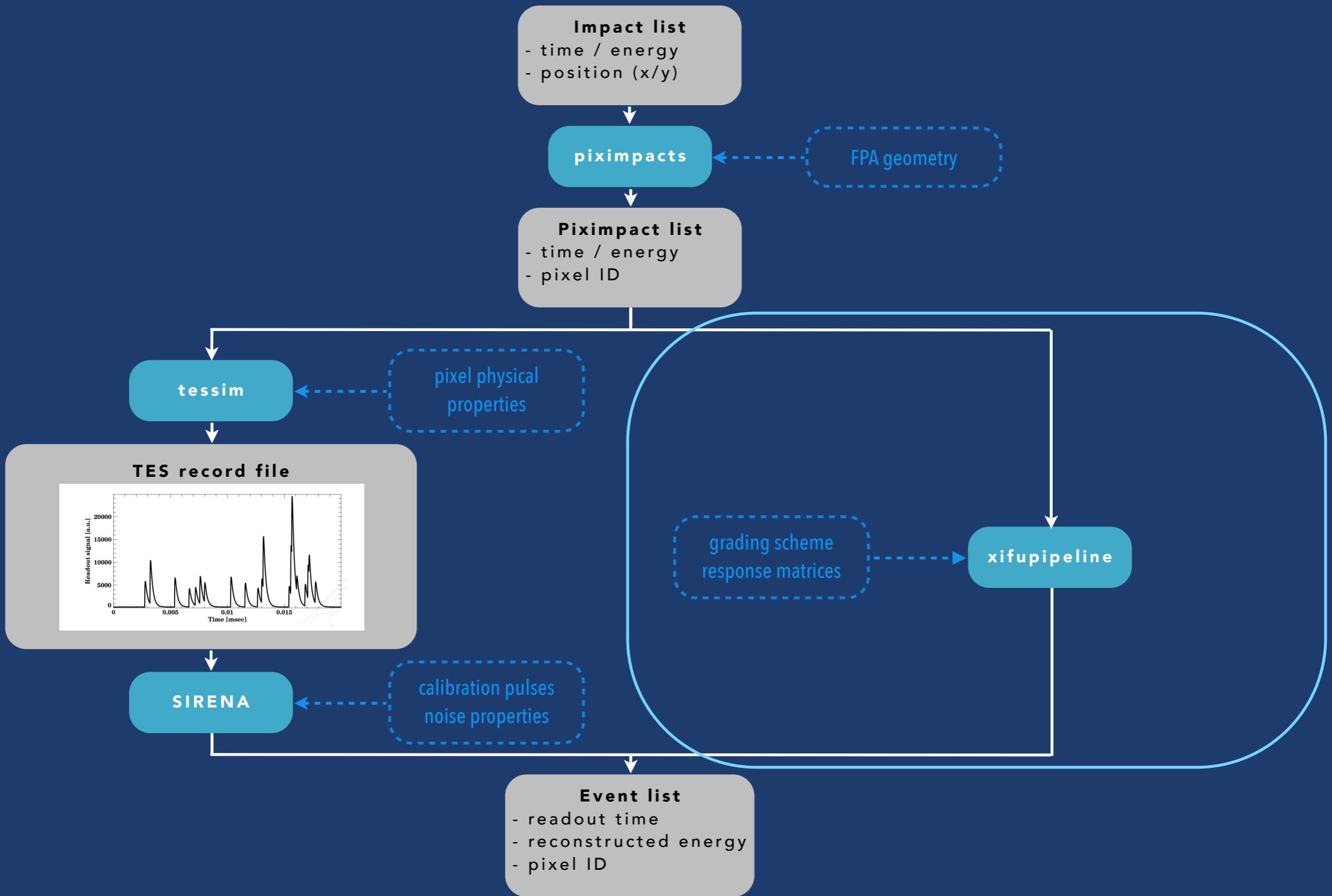
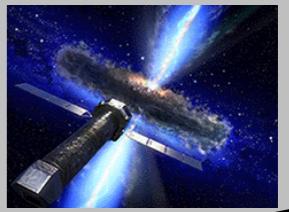


- TESSIM is a TES physical model creating representative data streams coming out of the future X-IFU pixels
  - Allows the precise testing of the future X-IFU performance at the pixel level
  - See Joern's talk tomorrow

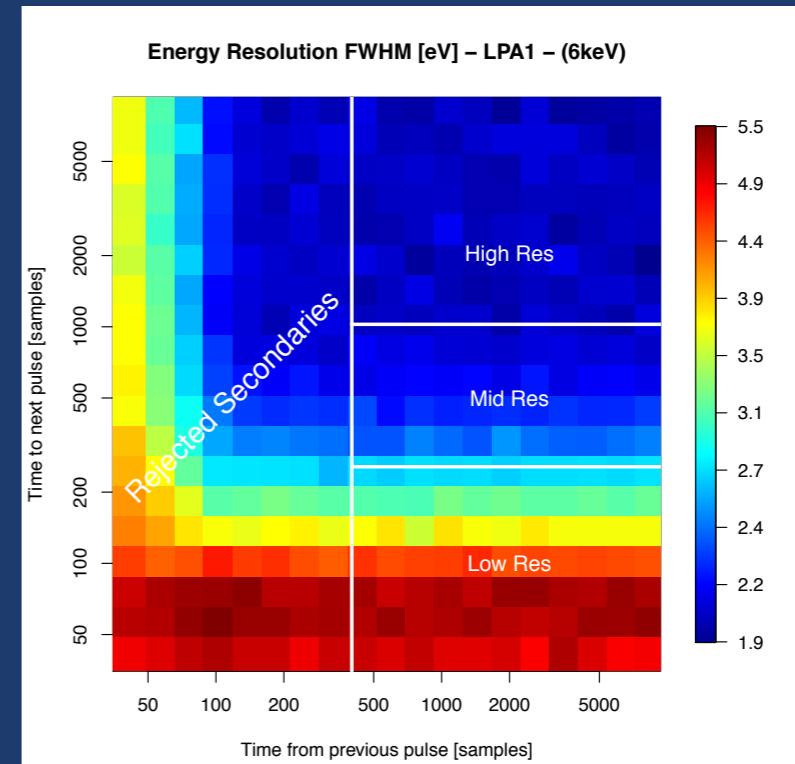
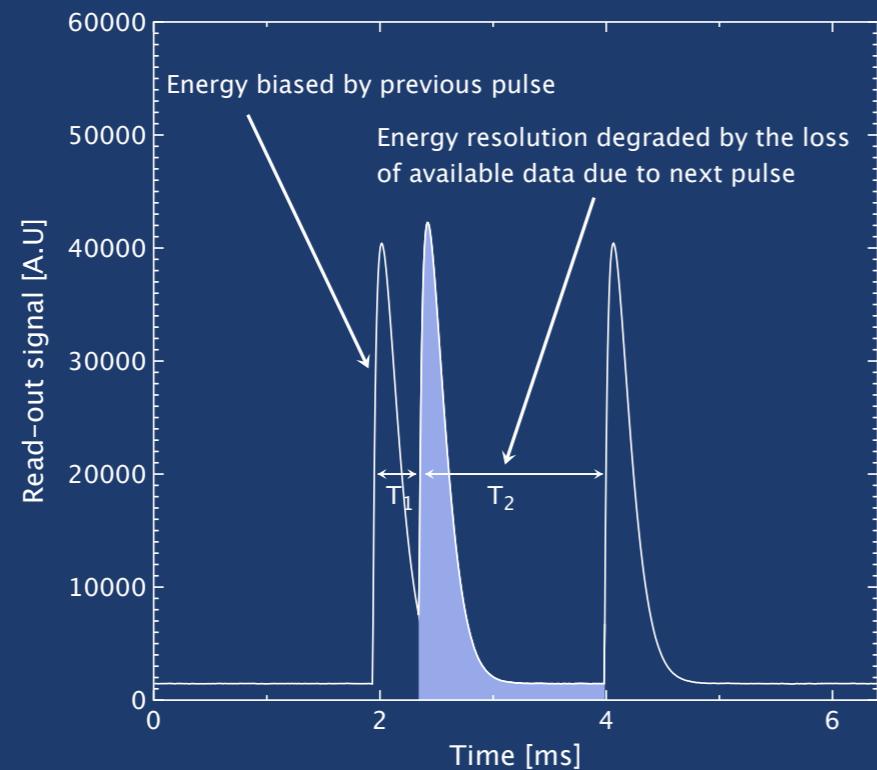
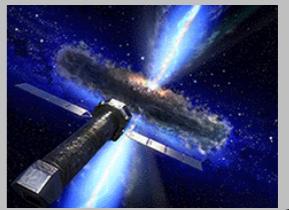


- The future pulse reconstruction on-board software SIRENA has been fully integrated into the SIXTE software
  - Responsible for extracting the time and energy of each impacting photon from the pulses train
  - Its future performance can be tested and parametrized using SIXTE

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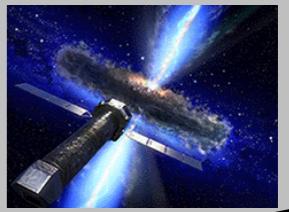


# EVENT GRADING



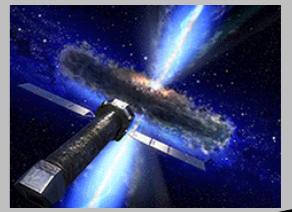
- Event grades depending on pulse separation defined from TESSIM/SIRENA studies

Grade	T1	T2	$\Delta E$
High res	$\geq 2.6 \text{ ms}$	$\geq 6.6 \text{ ms}$	2.5 eV
Medium res	$\geq 2.6 \text{ ms}$	$\geq 1.6 \text{ ms}$	3.0 eV
Low res	$\geq 2.6 \text{ ms}$	$\geq 6.4 \mu\text{s}$	15 eV
Secondary	-	-	N/A



- Tessim is a realistic but expensive tool
  - Well suited to study fine effects as well as degradations happening at very high count rates
  - Cannot be used with laptop-like resources to conduct ~ 100 ks observations on the whole detector array
- Xifupipeline fills in this gap
  - Full imaging implemented
  - Fast simulation based on response matrices
    - Each event gets its energy randomised according to its grade
    - Pile-up effects also simulated
    - Crosstalk will soon be simulated
  - Does not replace the physics based simulation, but good for spectro-imaging studies of faint sources

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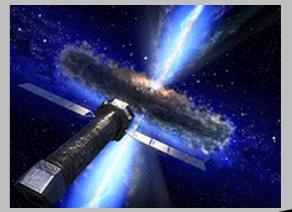
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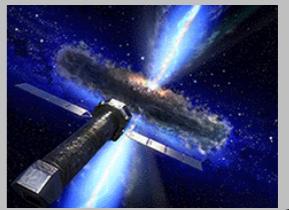
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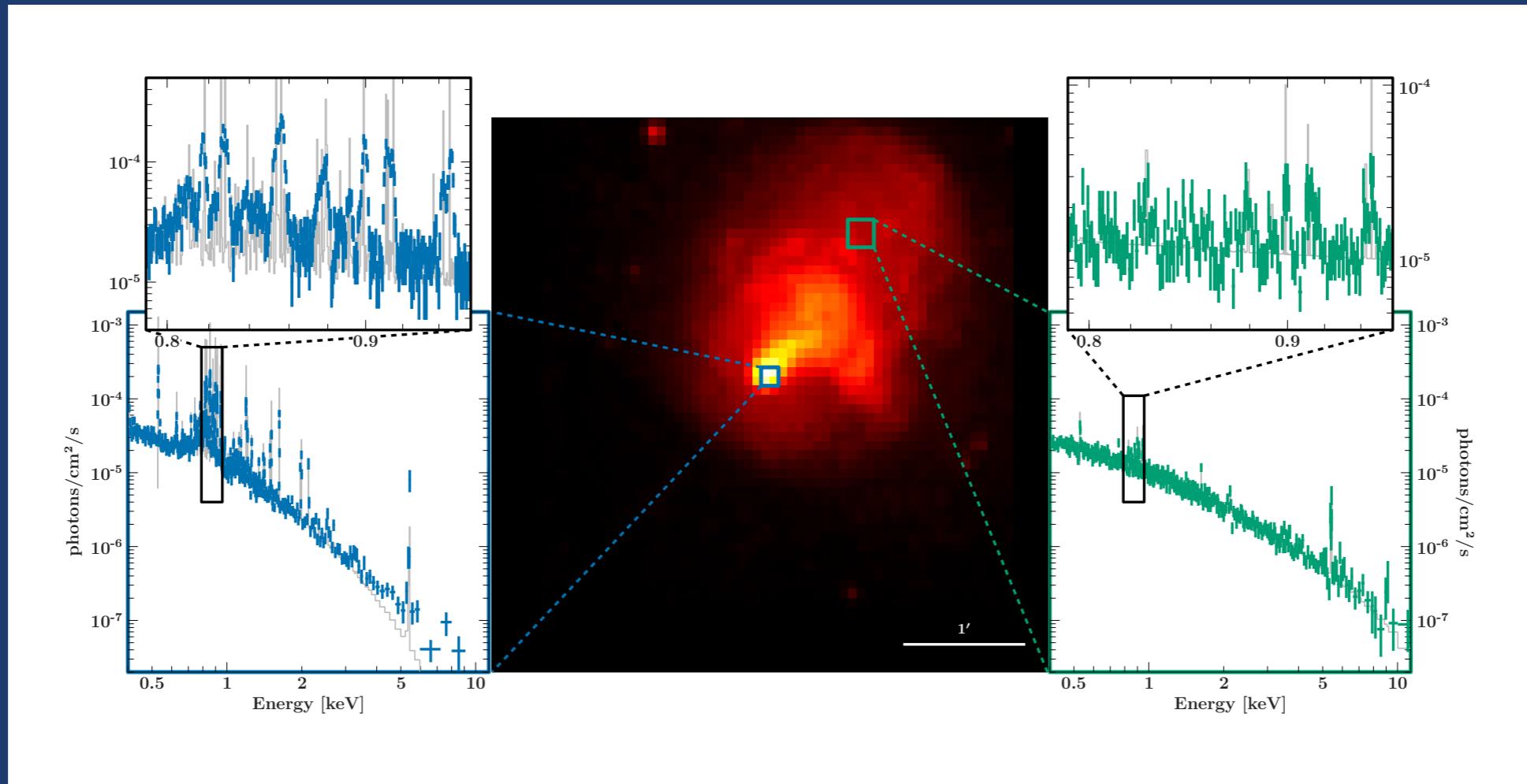
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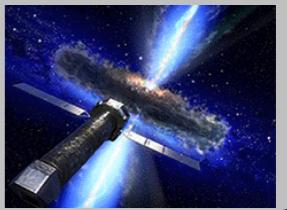
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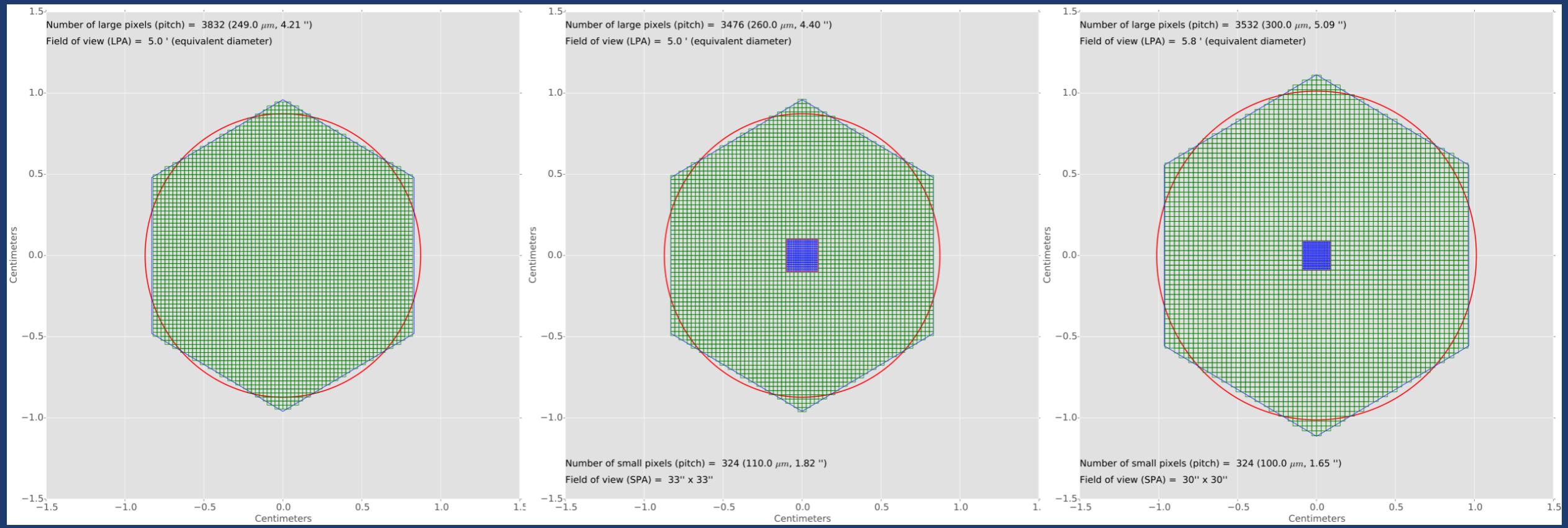
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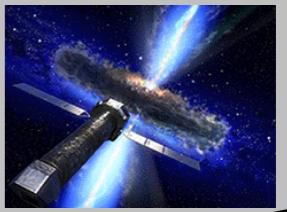
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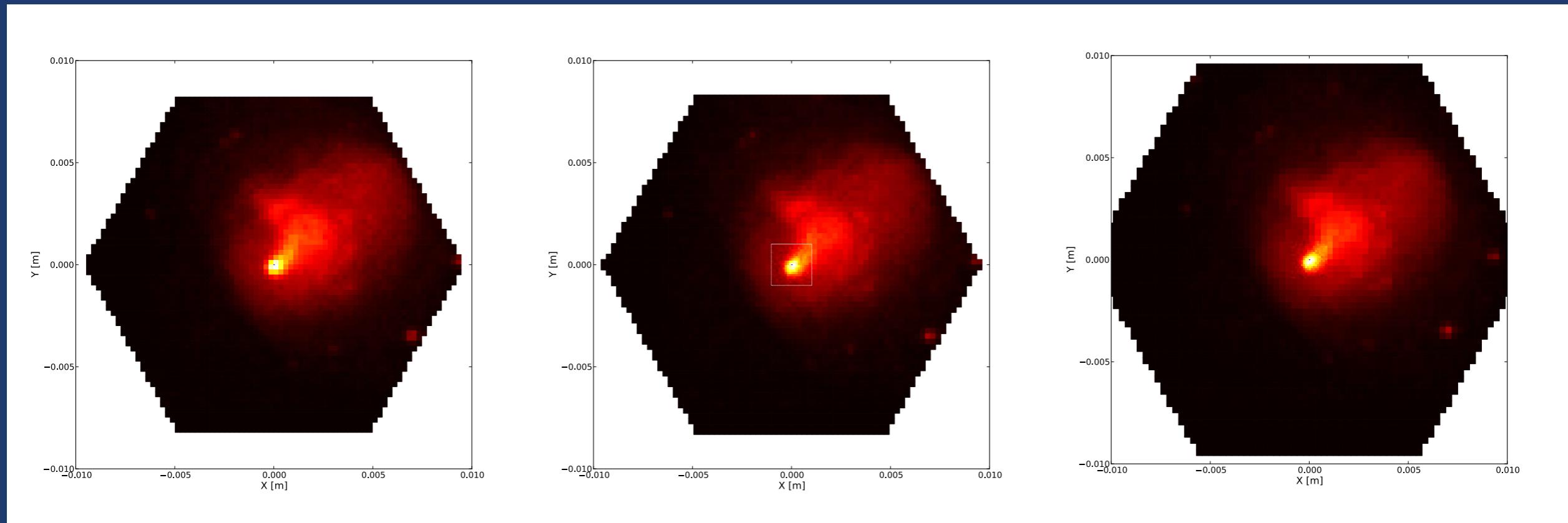
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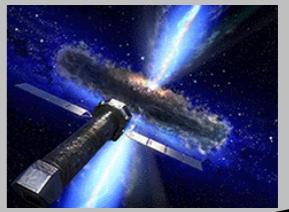
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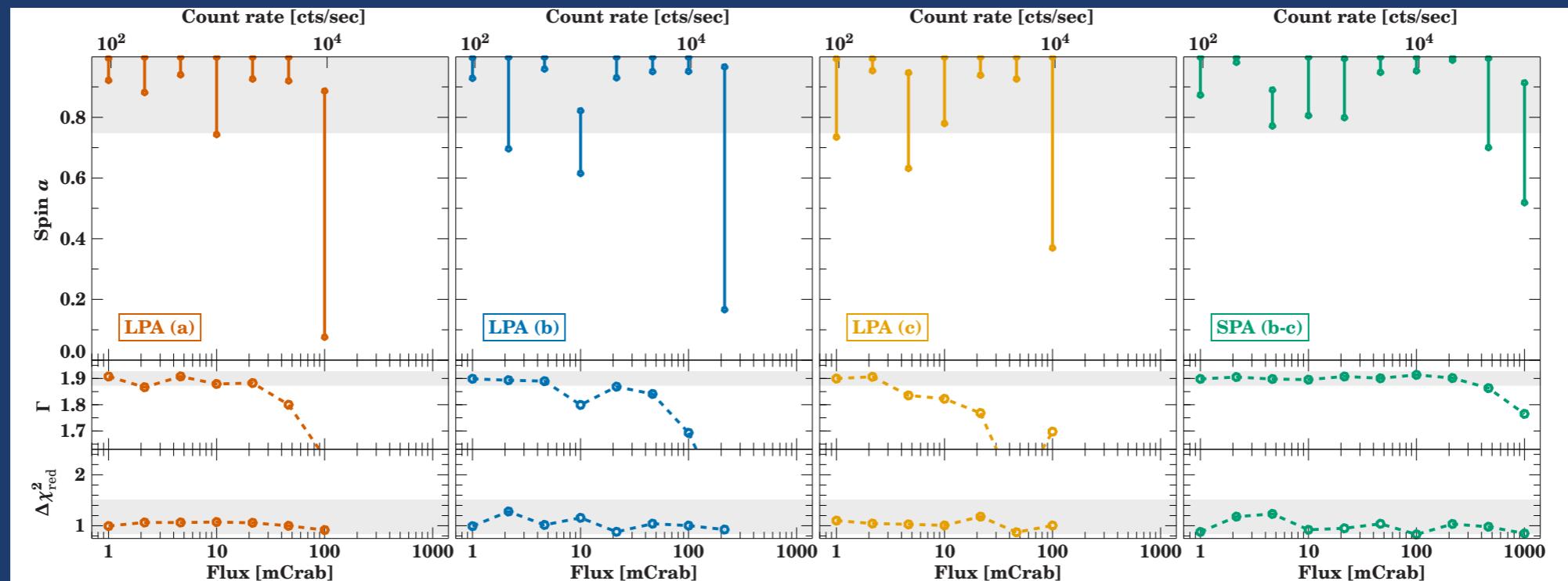
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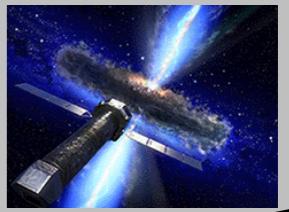
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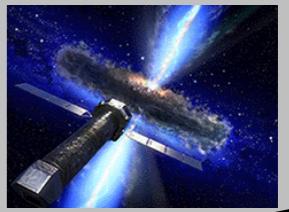


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- Next steps
  - Simulate calibration uncertainties (ARF, RMF, ...)
  - Finalize crosstalk study
- Papers and communications at upcoming Conferences
  - *SPIE*: 3 papers on TESSIM, Event reconstruction and Crosstalk
  - *High-resolution X-ray spectroscopic software and tools*: Tutorial session on X-IFU simulations
  - *EWASS 2016*: Talk on simulations of galaxy clusters outskirts with X-IFU

# ACCESS TO THE SIMULATOR



- The simulator is accessible via
  - a web page interface at <http://hydrus.sternwarte.uni-erlangen.de/~athenasim/>
    - limited configurations only, RMF based simulations
  - the SIXTE download page at <http://www.sternwarte.uni-erlangen.de/research/sixte/>
    - gives access to both official tar.gz releases and the git repository

Simulation Parameters

Instrument: X-IFU | X-IFU  
Mirror Assembly: nominal (2 m<sup>2</sup>)  
Detector mode: baseline  
Filter:

Detailed explanations of the WFI detector modes can be found in the [WFI bright source report](#) ?

Altitude  
 pointed Observation RA:  deg Dec:  deg

Spectral Components [Add simple point source](#)

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Cosmic X-ray Background (logN-logS AGN)  
 ROSAT All-Sky Survey (Bright & Faint Source Catalogs) + Sco X-1  
 Galactic Ridge X-ray Emission

Exposure time:  ks

Returned Data Products

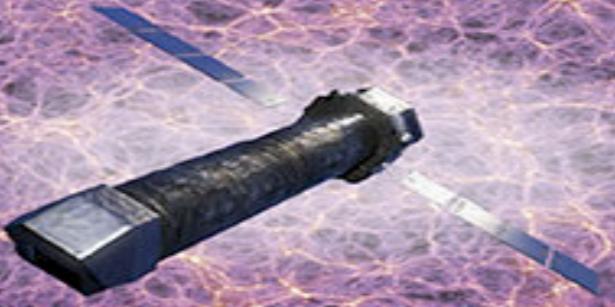
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