

# The high-redshift Universe and the role of galaxies and AGN to cosmic reionization

## Lecture 4

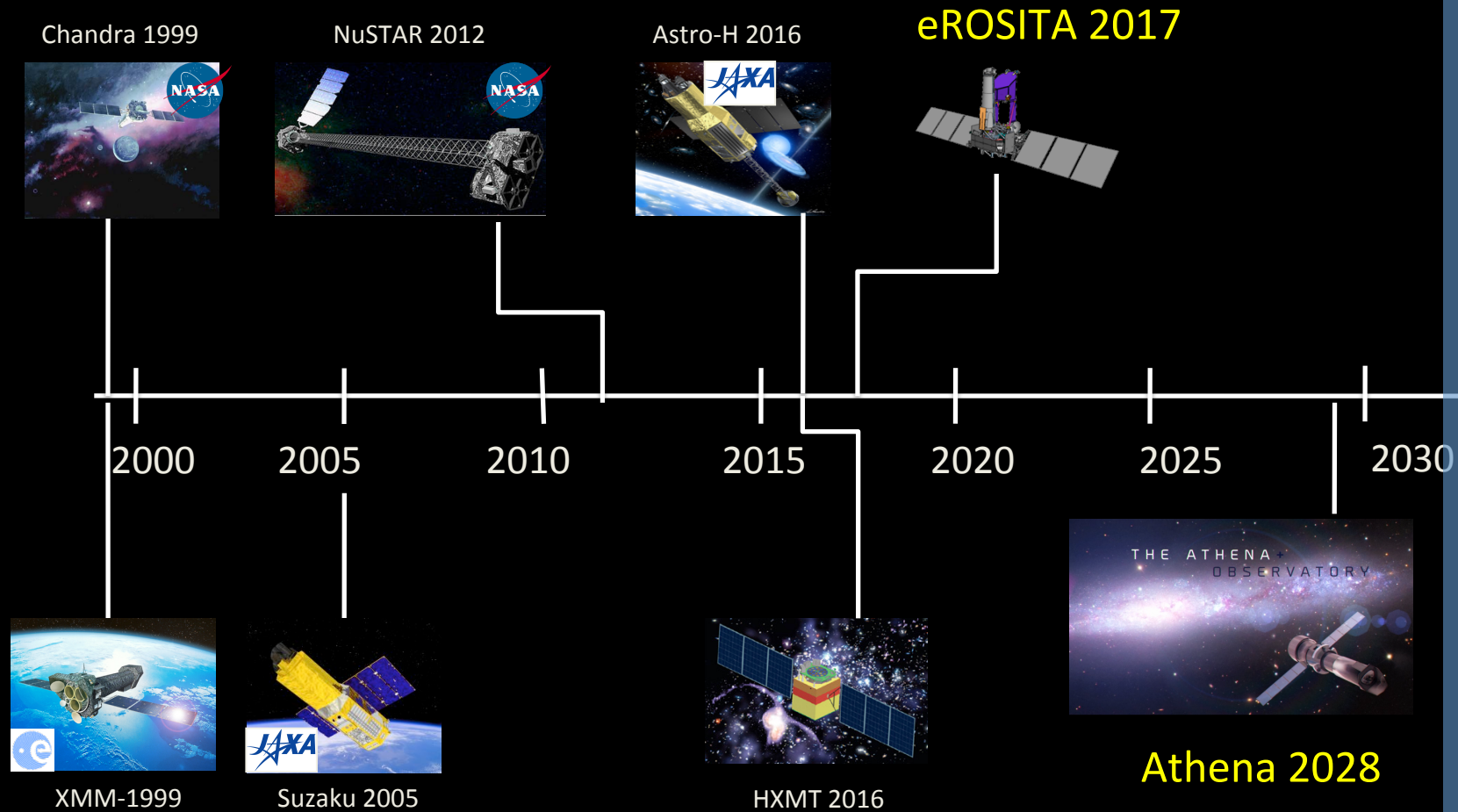
- Future X-ray facilities: eROSITA, Athena and beyond (or in between..)

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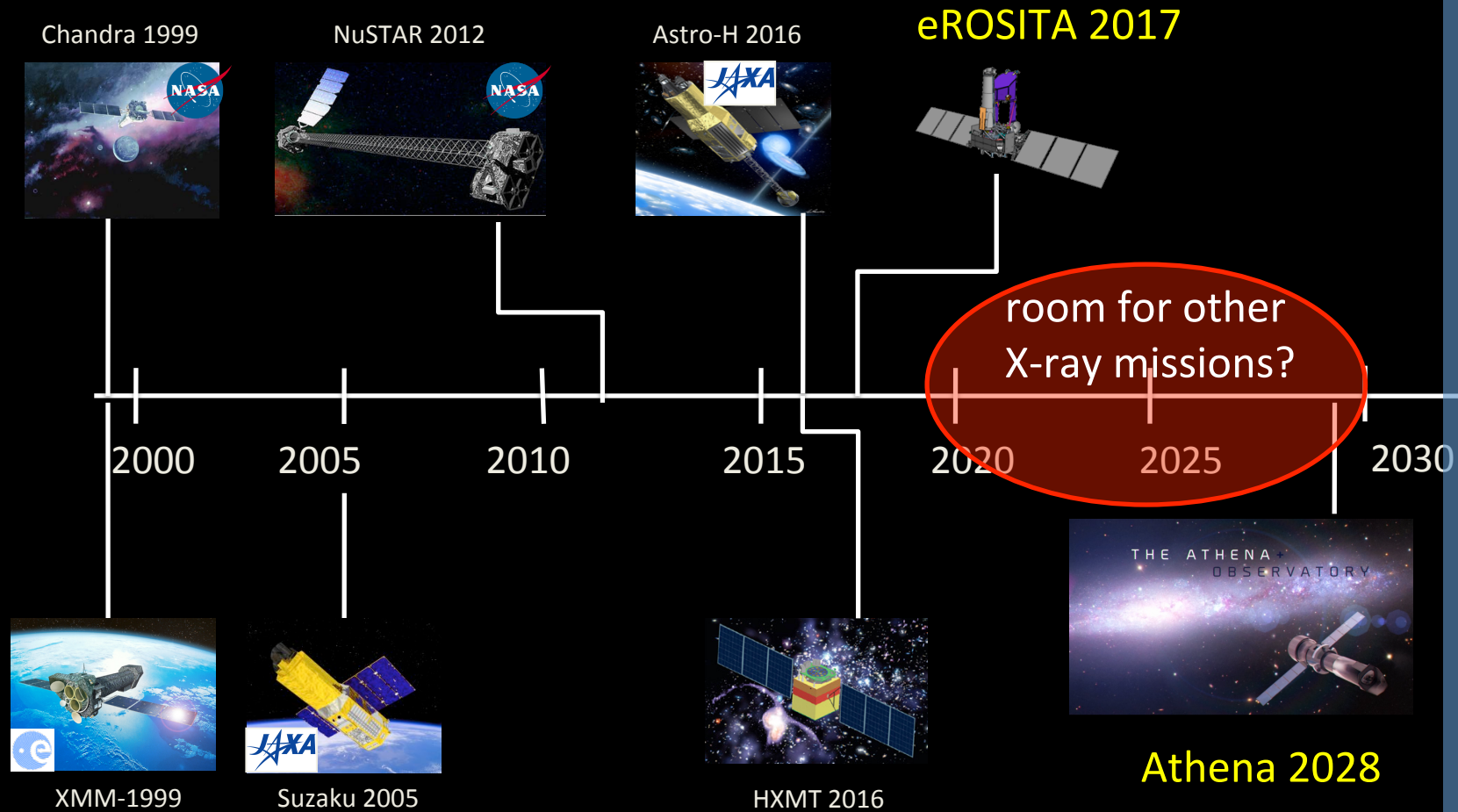
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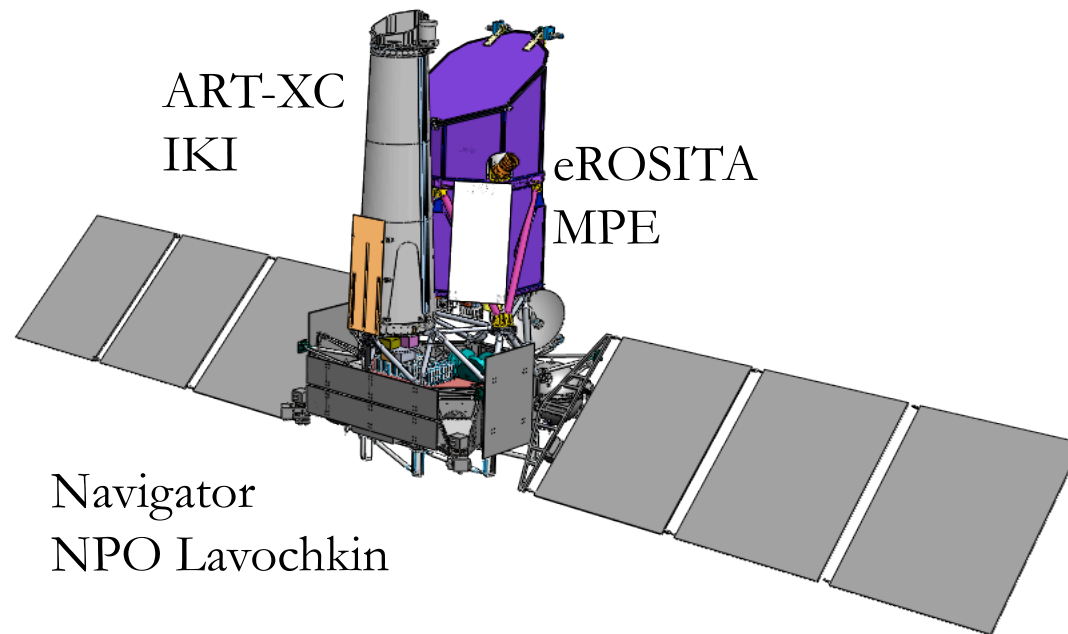
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# eROSITA on Spektrum Röntgen Gamma (SRG)

German/Russian collaboration



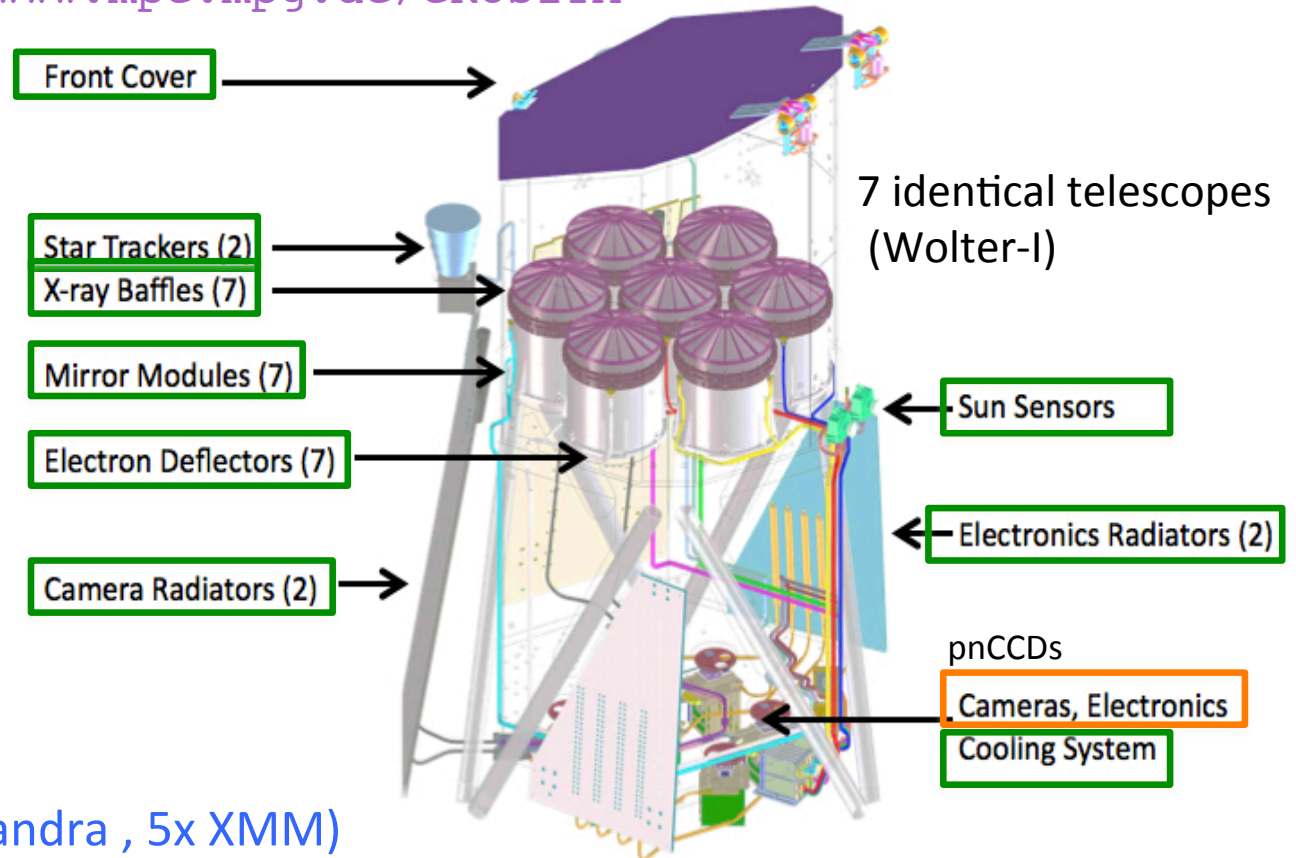
Launch: [Spring 2017](#) from Baykonour



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[www.mpe.mpg.de/eROSITA](http://www.mpe.mpg.de/eROSITA)



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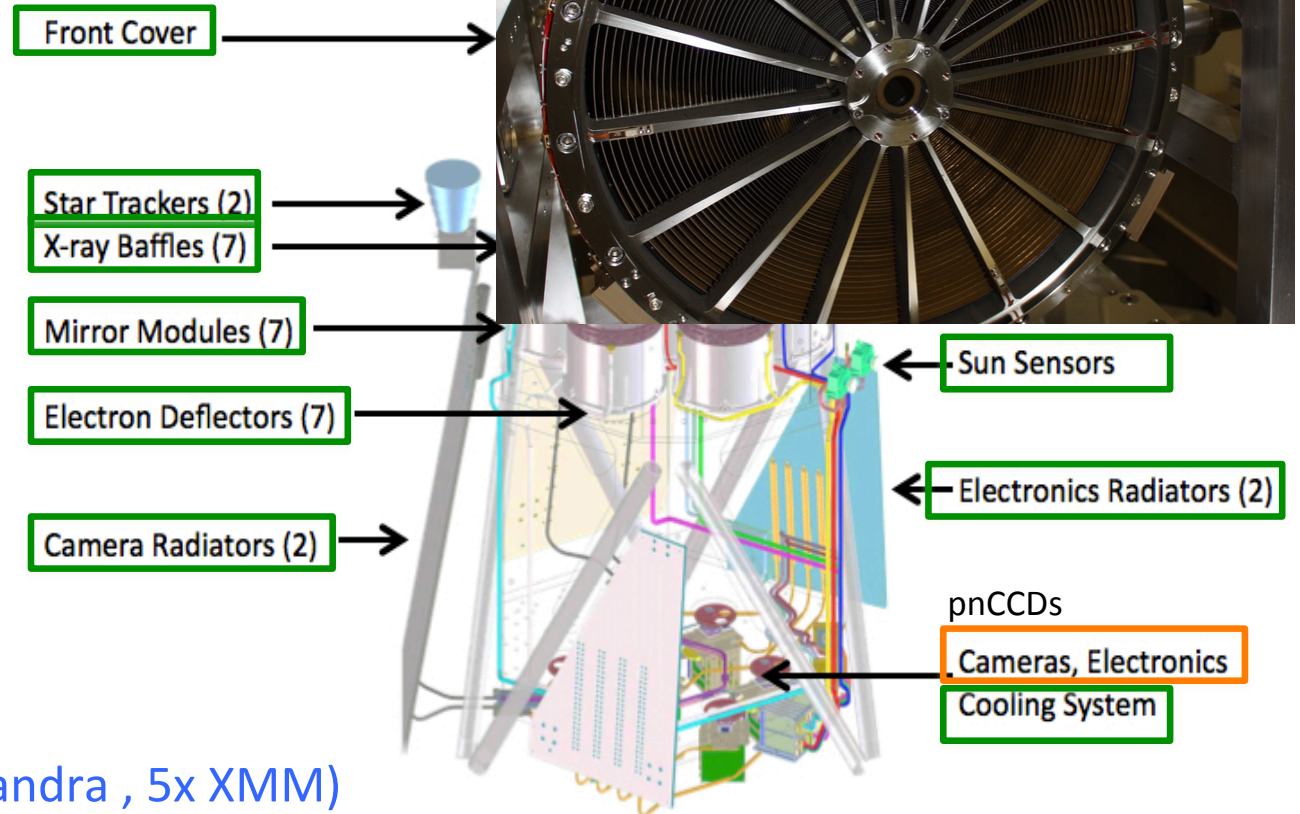
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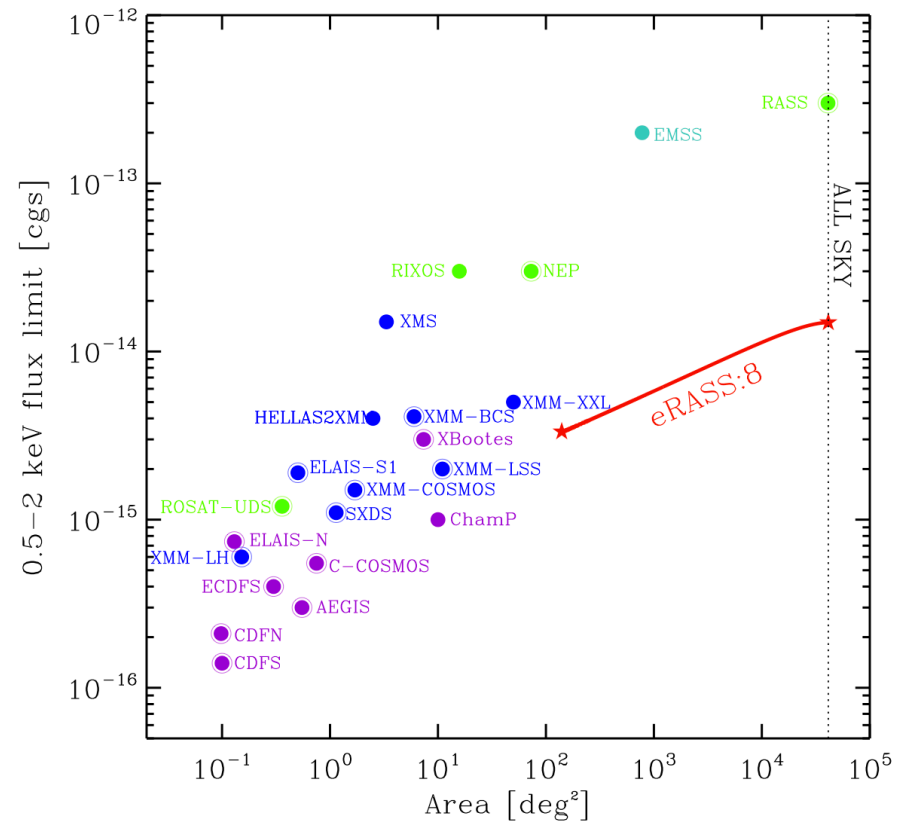
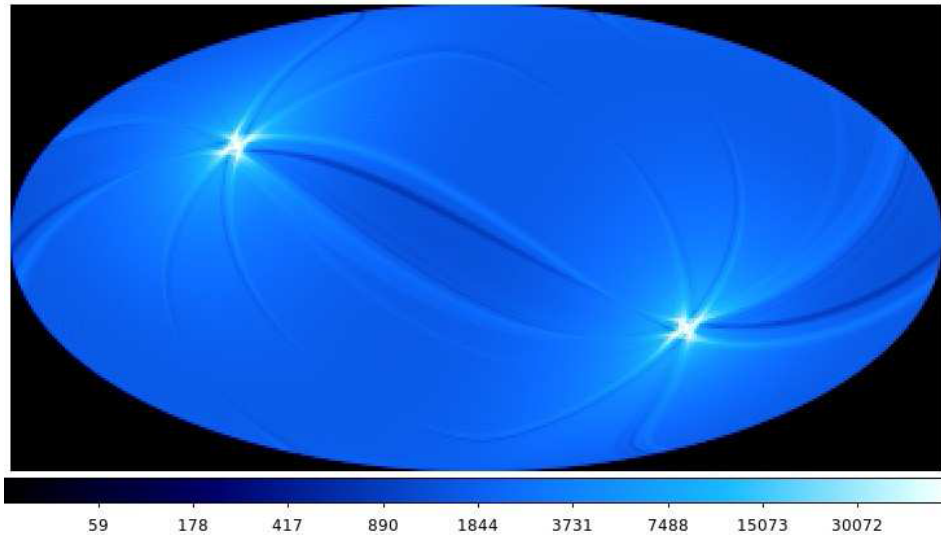
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# eRASS:8 - the eROSITA all-sky survey

All-sky exposure map



first 4 years: all sky survey

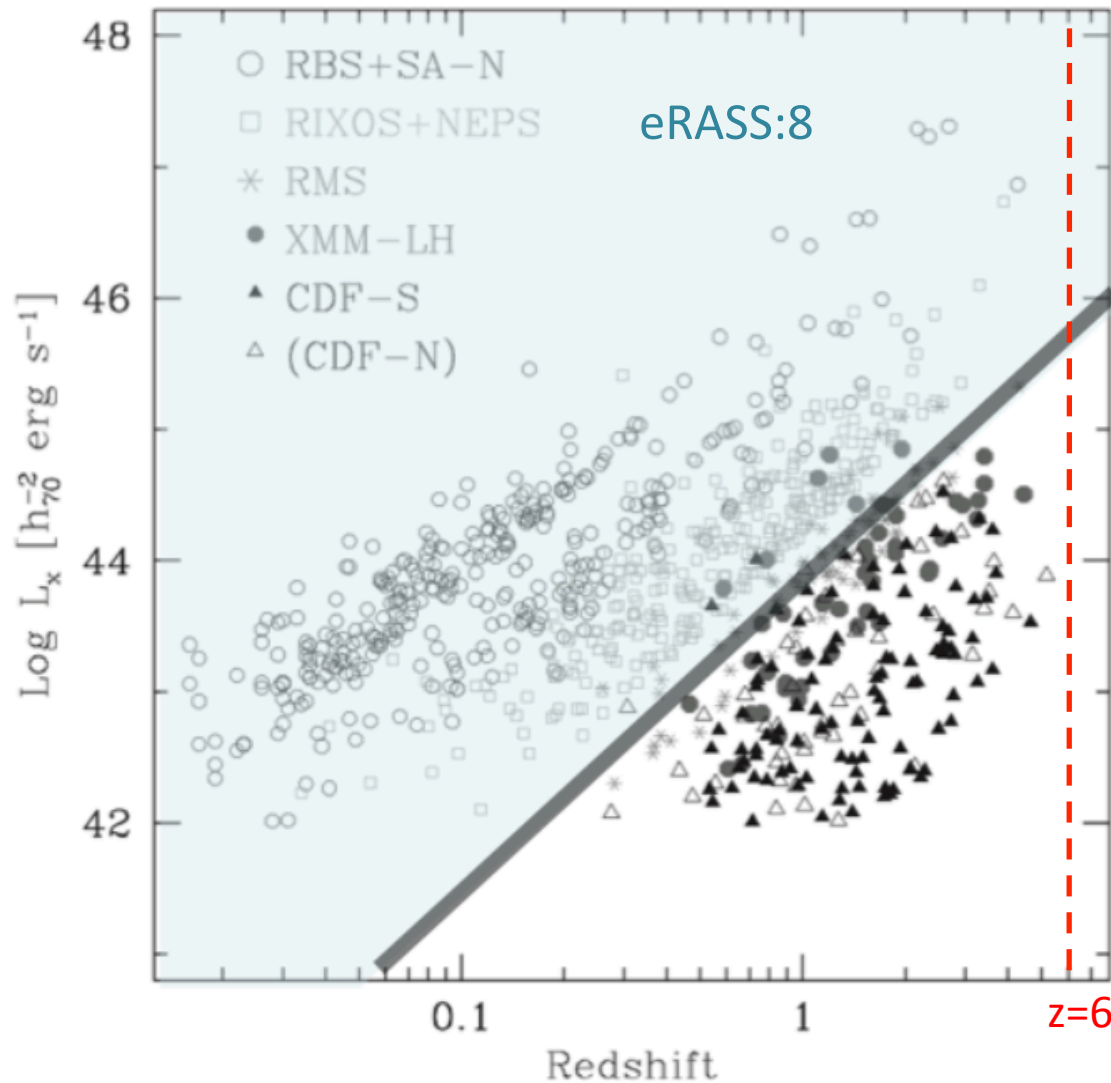
1 pass every 6 months → 8 passes → eRASS:8

subsequent 3.5 years: pointed observation phase

3millions AGN expected in eRASS:8 , how many at high-z ??



# High-z AGN in eRASS:8

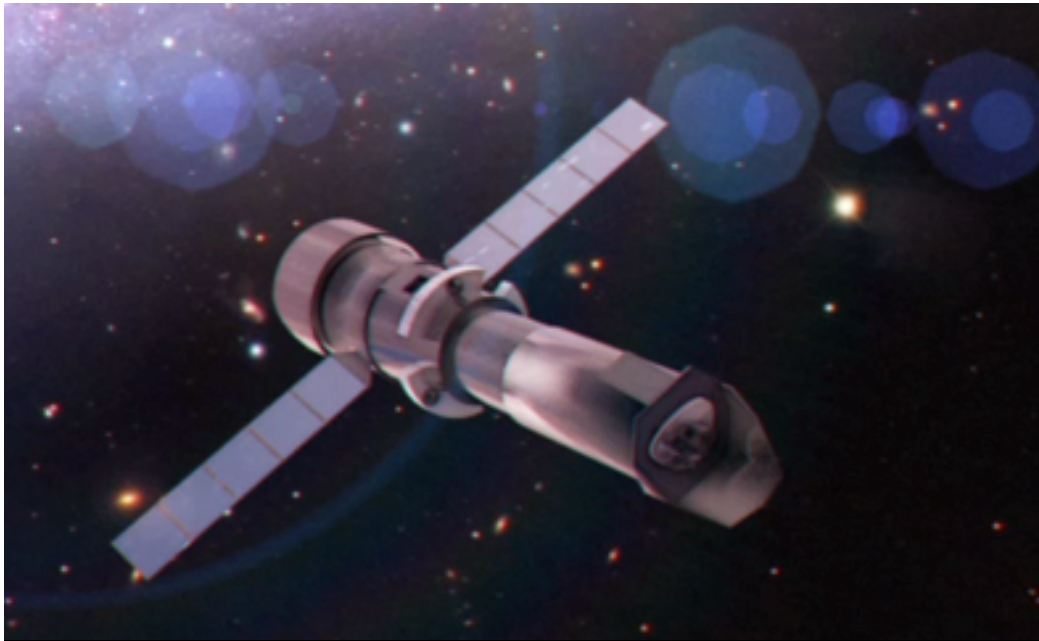


$L_x \sim 10^{46} \text{ erg/s}$   
 $L_{\text{bol}} \sim 8 \times 10^{13} L_{\text{sun}}$   
 $\rightarrow$  SDSS QSOs

| logLx | N(z>3) |
|-------|--------|
| 44-45 | 3200   |
| 45-46 | 21400  |
| >46   | 472    |

Hasinger et al. 2005, Merloni et al. 2012

progress at  $z>3$  but  
not at  $z>6$



## Athena

The X-ray observatory  
to study the Hot and  
Energetic Universe

<http://www.the-athena-x-ray-observatory.eu>

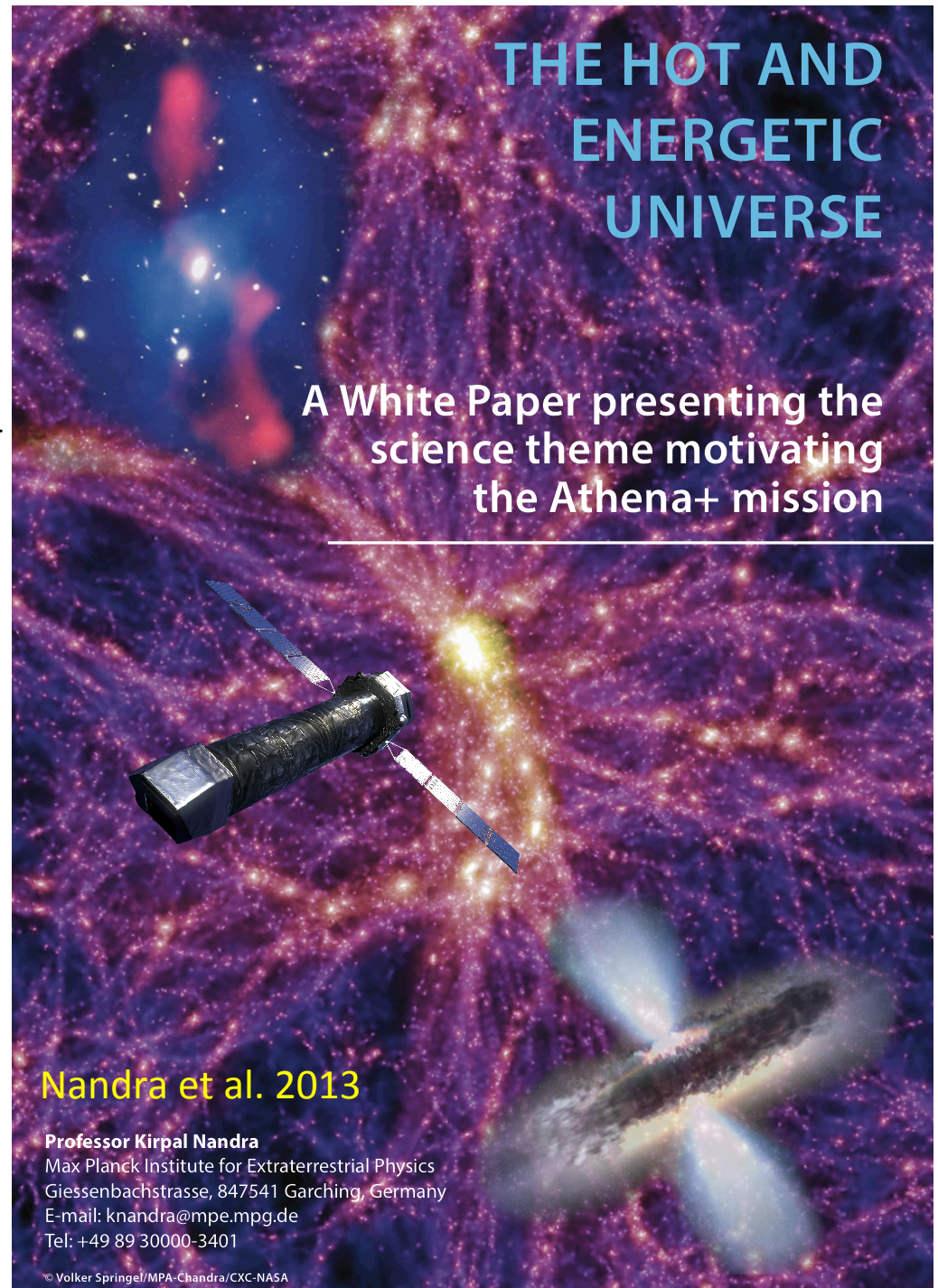
In 2014 Athena was selected by ESA as its second large mission, L2

(L1 is JUICE mission to Jupiter)

Launch foreseen in 2028

# The science themes of Athena

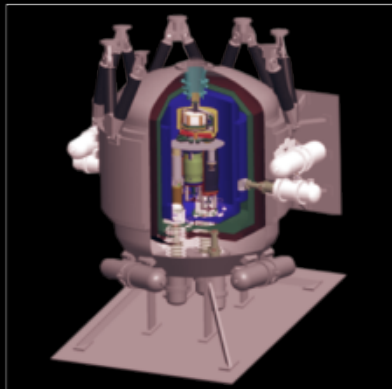
- **The Hot Universe:** How does the ordinary matter assemble into the large-scale structures that we see today?
  - >50% of the baryons today are in a hot ( $>10^6$  K) phase
  - there are as many hot ( $> 10^7$  K) baryons in clusters as in stars over the entire Universe
- **The Energetic Universe:** How do black holes grow and influence the Universe?
  - Building a SMBH releases  $30 \times$  the binding energy of a galaxy
  - 15% of the energy output in the Universe is in X-rays



# The Athena Observatory

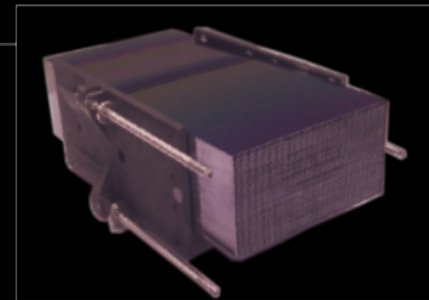
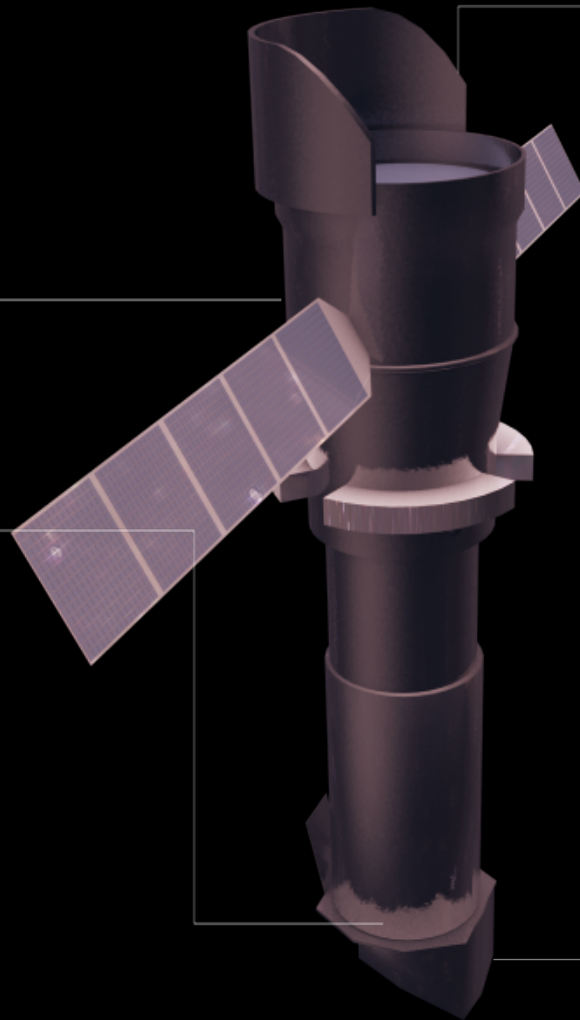
## L2 orbit Ariane V

Mass < 5100 kg  
Power 2500 W  
5+ year mission



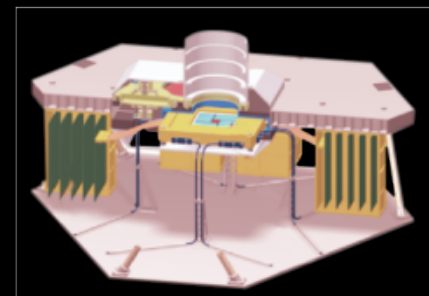
## X-ray Integral Field Unit (X-IFU):

$\Delta E$ : 2.5 eV (R=2400)  
Field of View: 5 arcmin  
Operating temp: 50 mk



## Silicon Pore Optics:

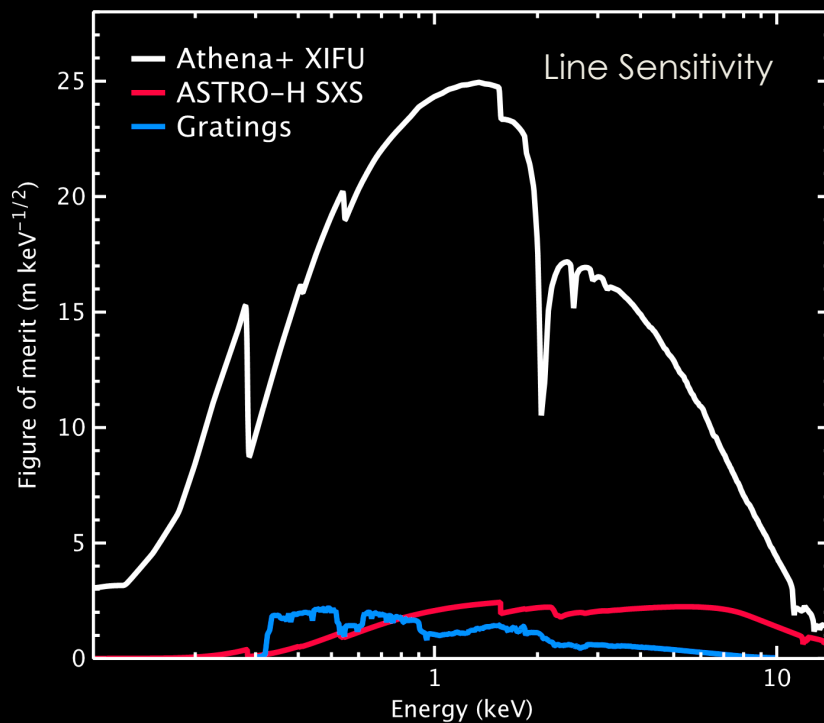
2 m<sup>2</sup> at 1 keV  
5 arcsec HEW  
Focal length: 12 m  
Sensitivity:  $3 \times 10^{-17}$  erg cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>



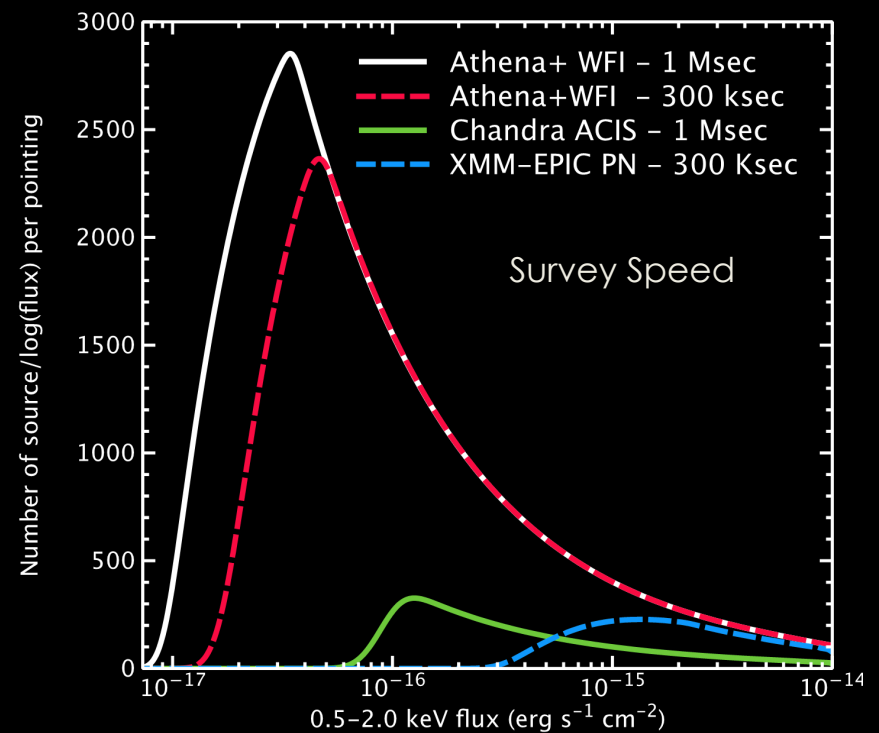
## Wide Field Imager (WFI):

$\Delta E$ : 125 eV (R=50)  
Field of View: 0.4 deg<sup>2</sup>  
High countrate capability

# A Deep Universe X-ray Observatory



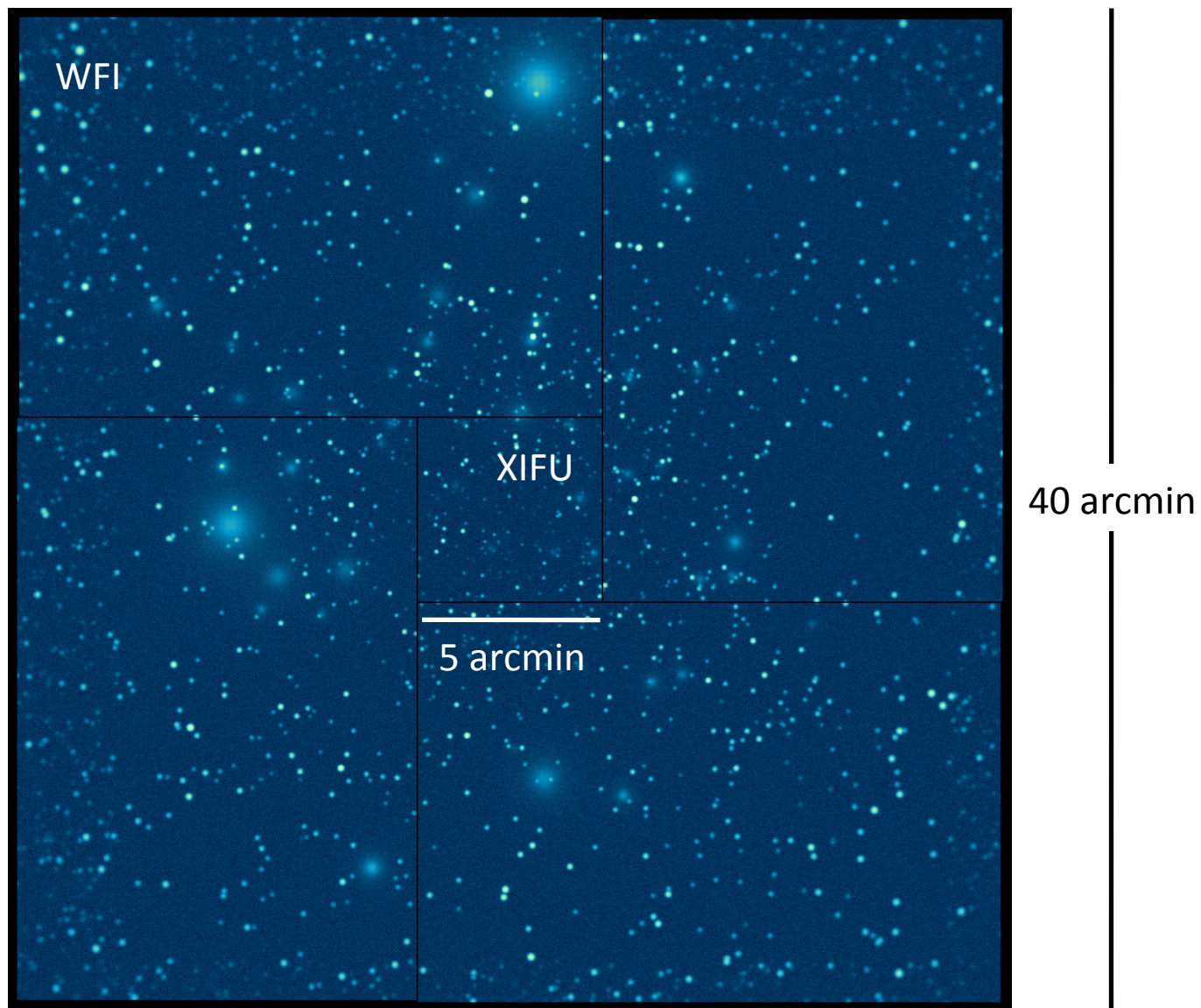
X-ray spectroscopy at the peak  
of the activity of the Universe



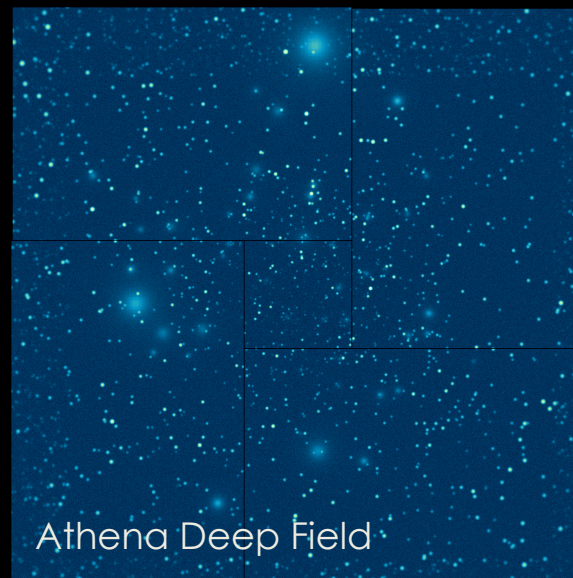
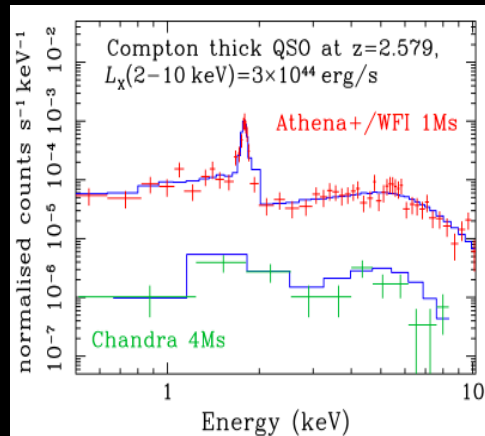
Deep survey capability into the dark  
ages and epoch of reionization



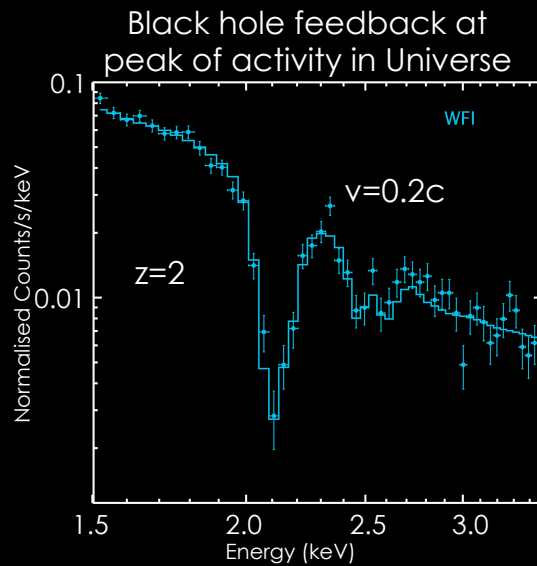
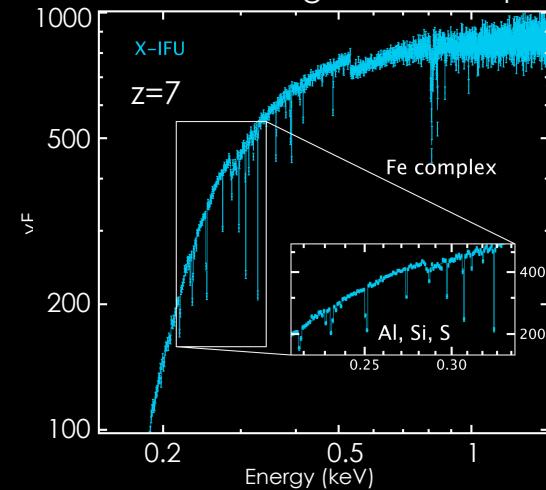
# Simulation of an Athena deep field ( $\sim 1\text{Ms}$ exposure)



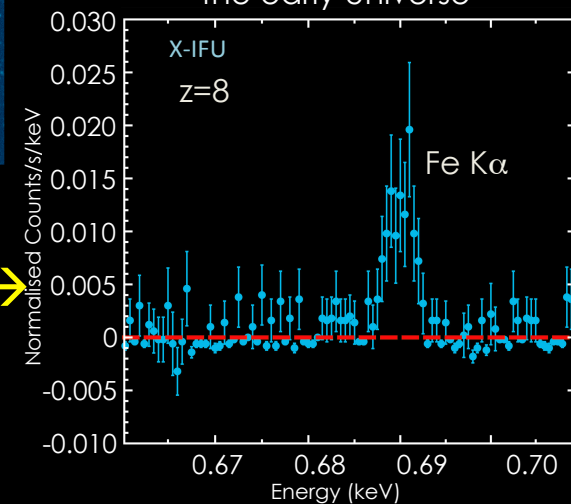
# Athena: Exploring the Hot and Energetic Universe



Primordial stellar populations  
via GRB afterglow follow up



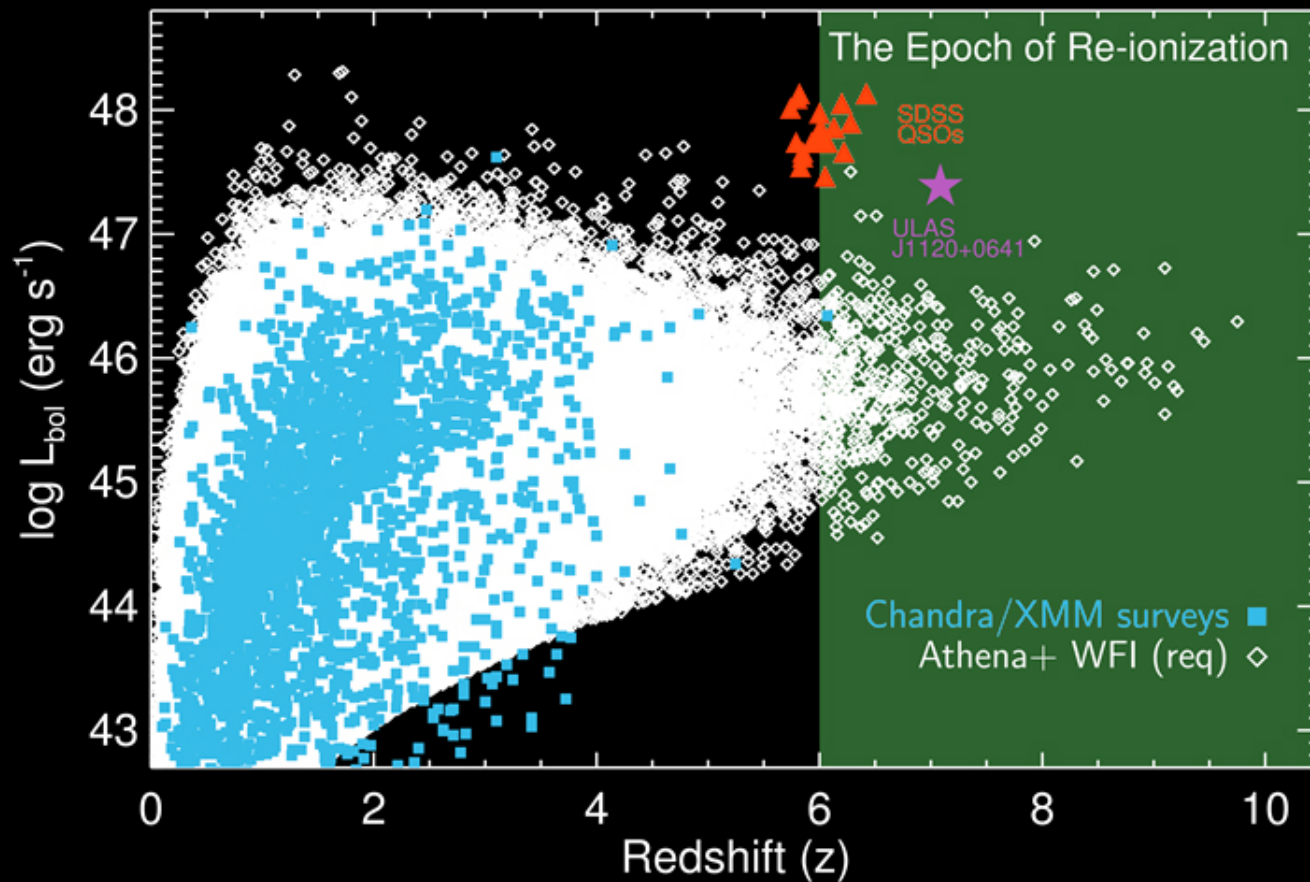
Obscured black hole in  
the early Universe



but how many?? →

# Black hole growth in the early Universe

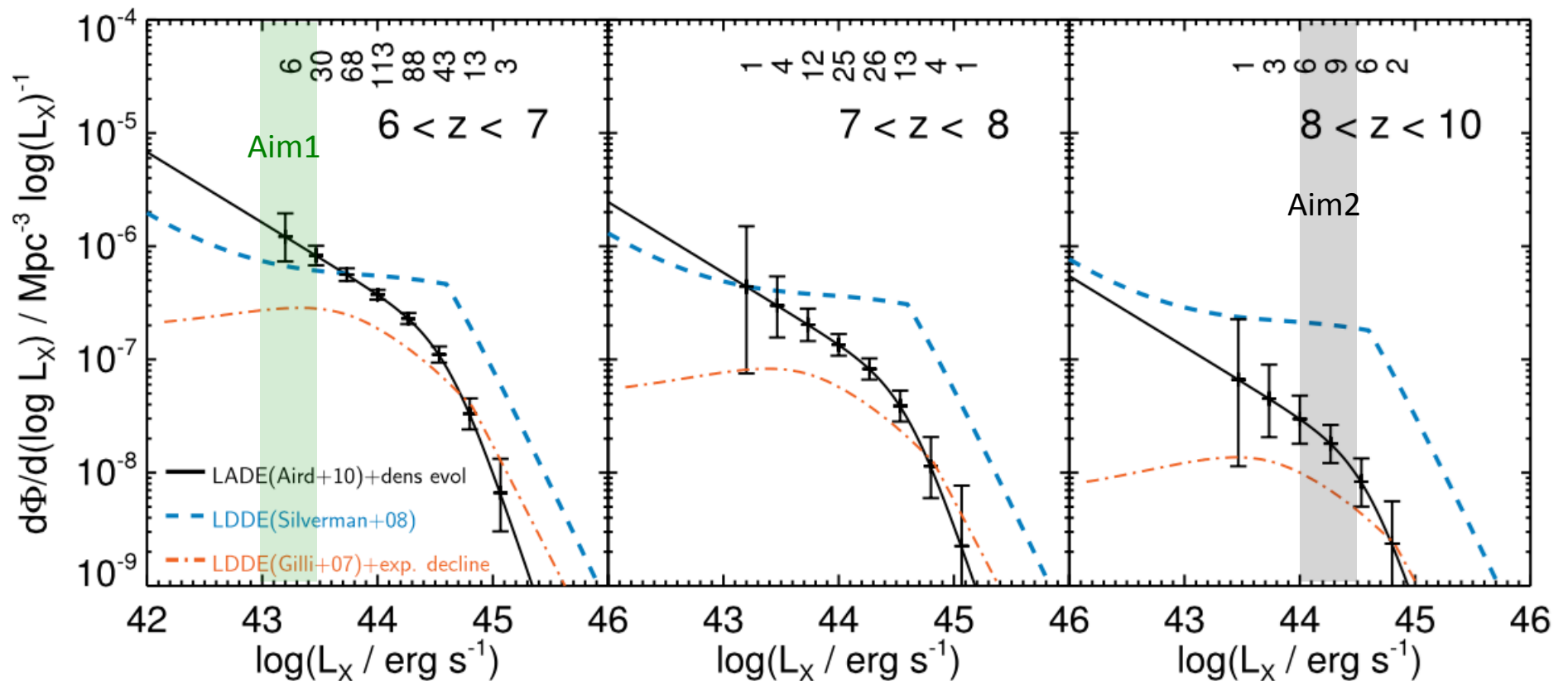
- What was the growth history of black holes in the epoch of reionization?



# Athena requirements for high-z AGN

Aim (1): 10 AGN at  $z=6-7$  with  $\log L_x=43-43.5$

Aim (2): 10 AGN at  $z=8-10$  with  $\log L_x=44-44.5$



$$M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^6 \lambda_{\text{Edd}}^{-1} M_{\text{sun}} @ z=6$$

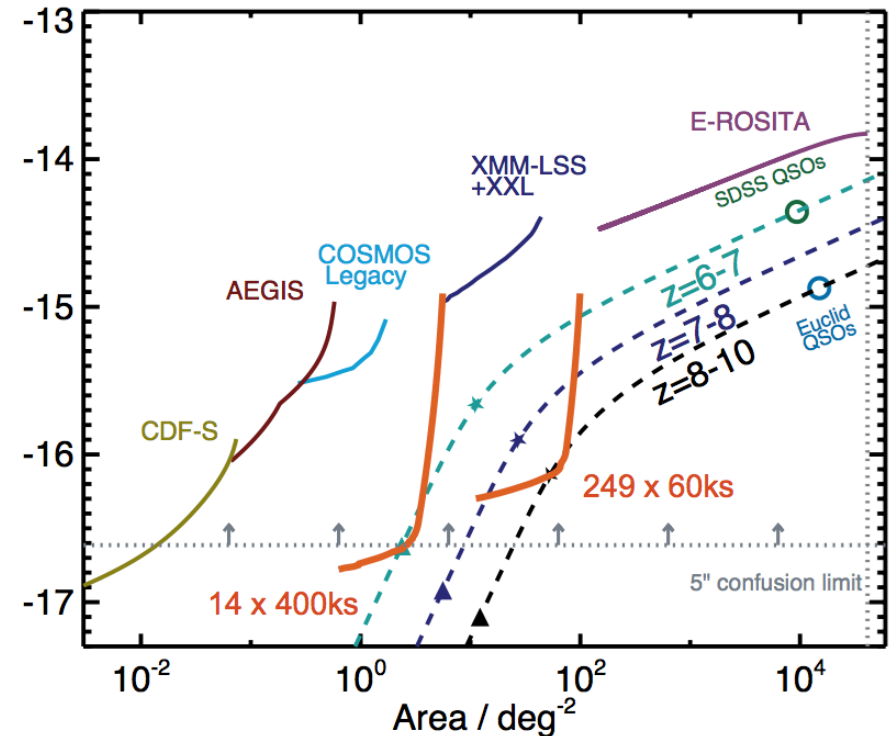
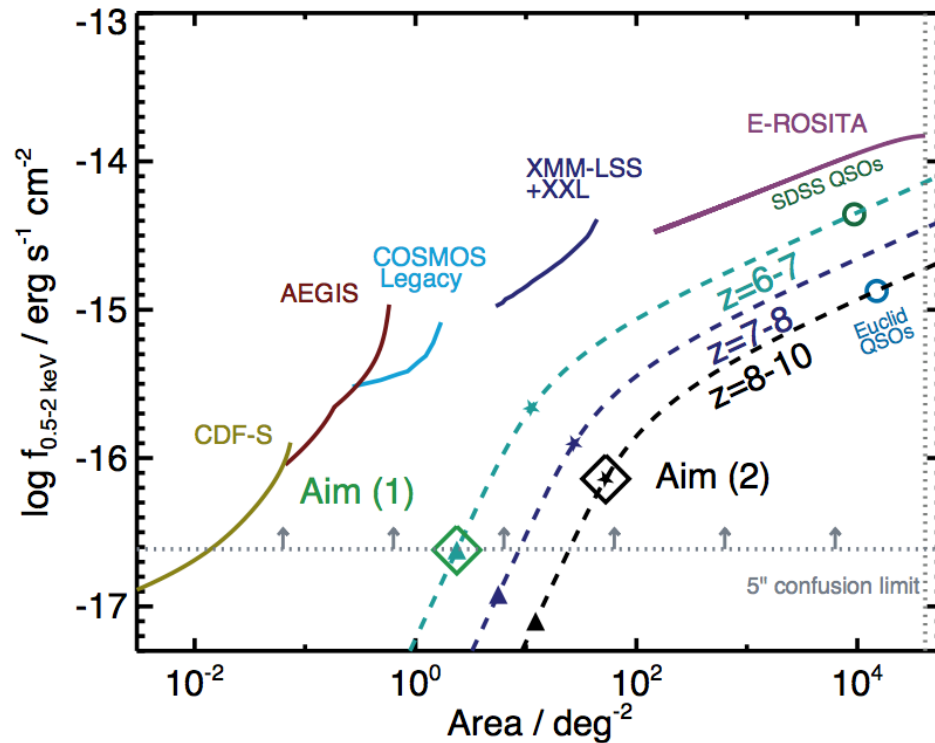
$$M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^7 \lambda_{\text{Edd}}^{-1} M_{\text{sun}} @ z=8$$



These requirements translate into two surveys:

2.4 deg<sup>2</sup> down to  $2 \times 10^{-17}$  erg/cm<sup>2</sup>/s and 52.7 deg<sup>2</sup> down to  $7 \times 10^{-17}$  erg/cm<sup>2</sup>/s

for a total observing time of  $\sim 1$  yr



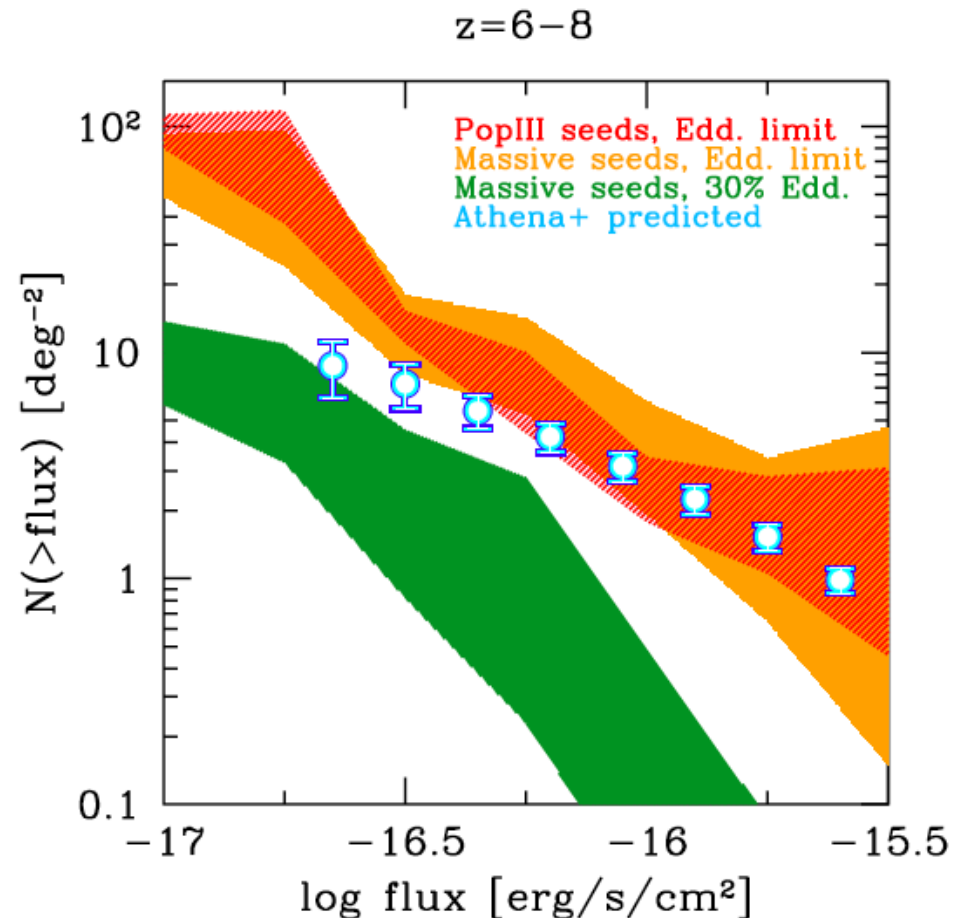
total of  $>400$  AGNs at  $z > 6$  in  $\sim 1$  yr

# Early Super-Massive Black Holes

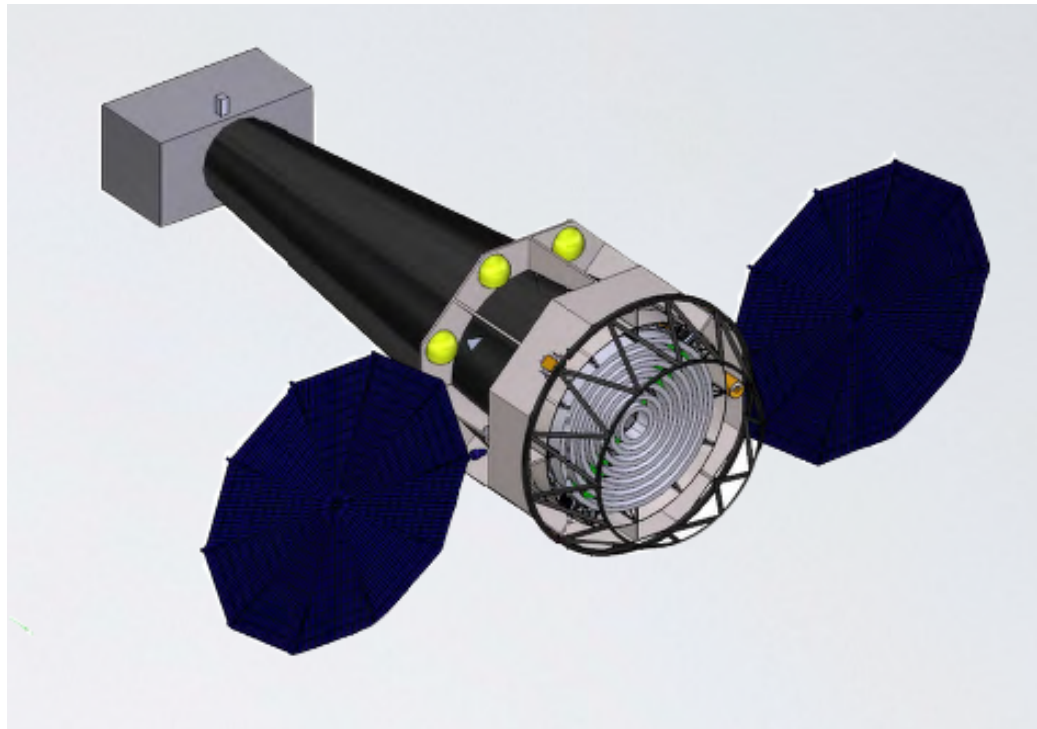
- What were the seeds of the early SMBH? How did they grow in the early stages after cosmic re-ionisation?

Determine the nature of the seeds of high redshift ( $z > 6$ ) SMBH, which processes dominated their early growth, and the influence of accreting SMBH on the formation of galaxies in the early Universe.

Trace the first generation of stars to understand cosmic re-ionization, the formation of the first seed black holes, and the dissemination of the first metals in the Universe.



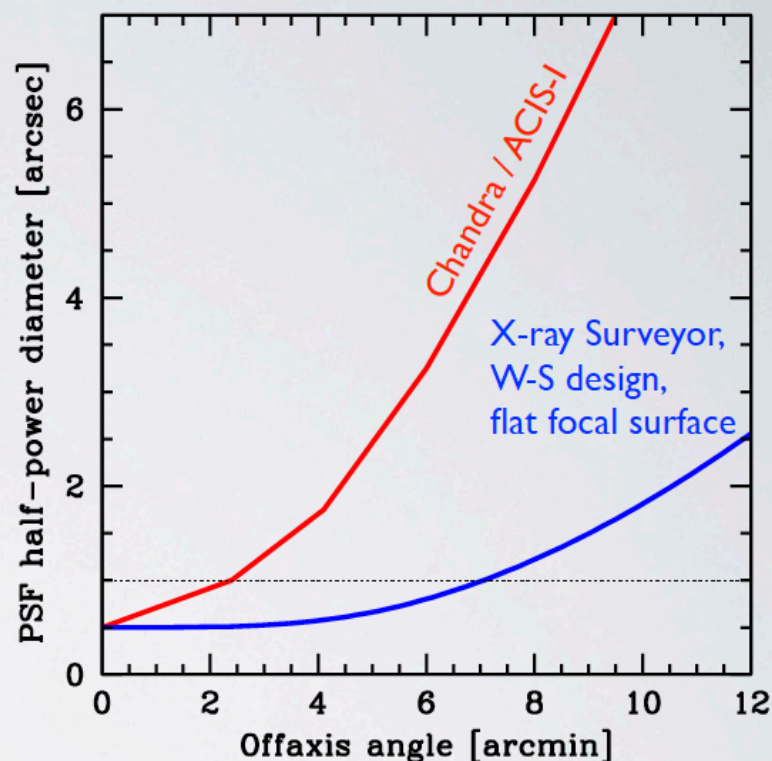
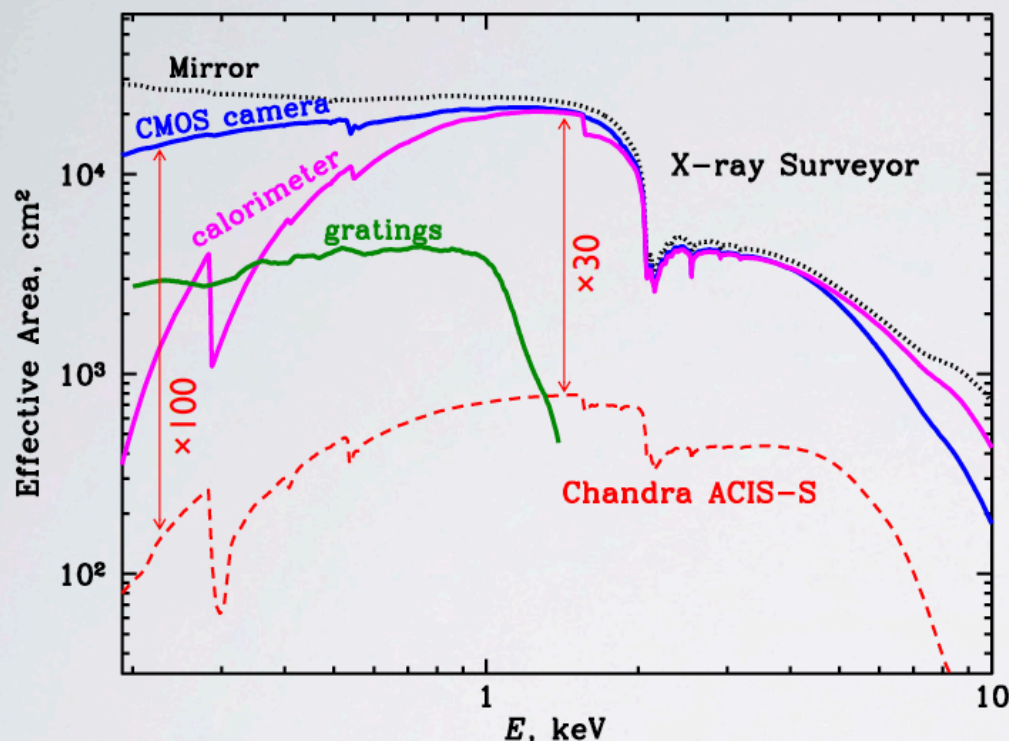
# X-ray surveyor



Mission concept study supported by NASA for submission to the Decadal 2020 survey

launch > 2030 (>>2030??)

# X-ray Surveyor capabilities: Sensitivity & field of view

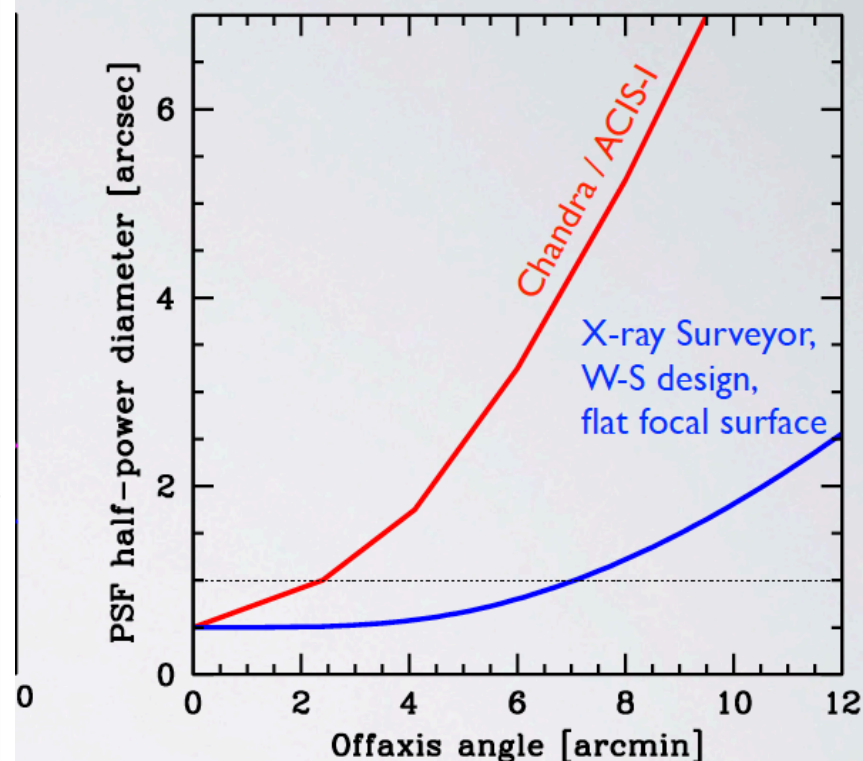
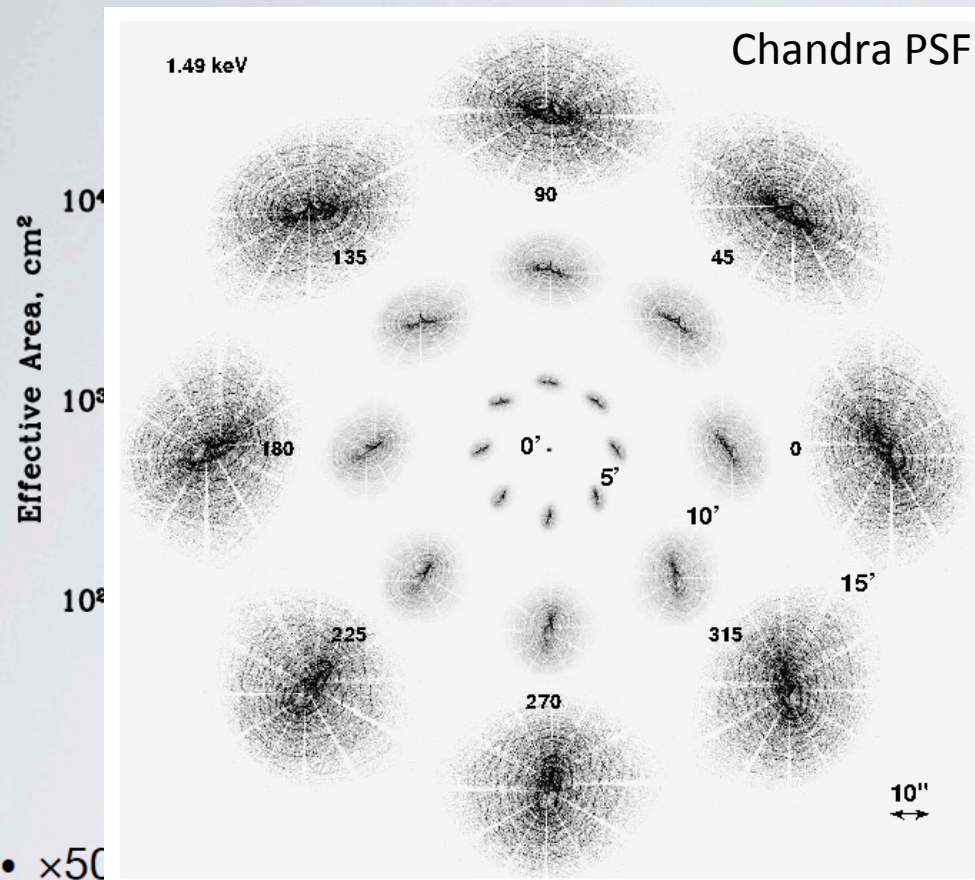


- $\times 50$  more effective area than *Chandra* (due to mirror & QE improvements)
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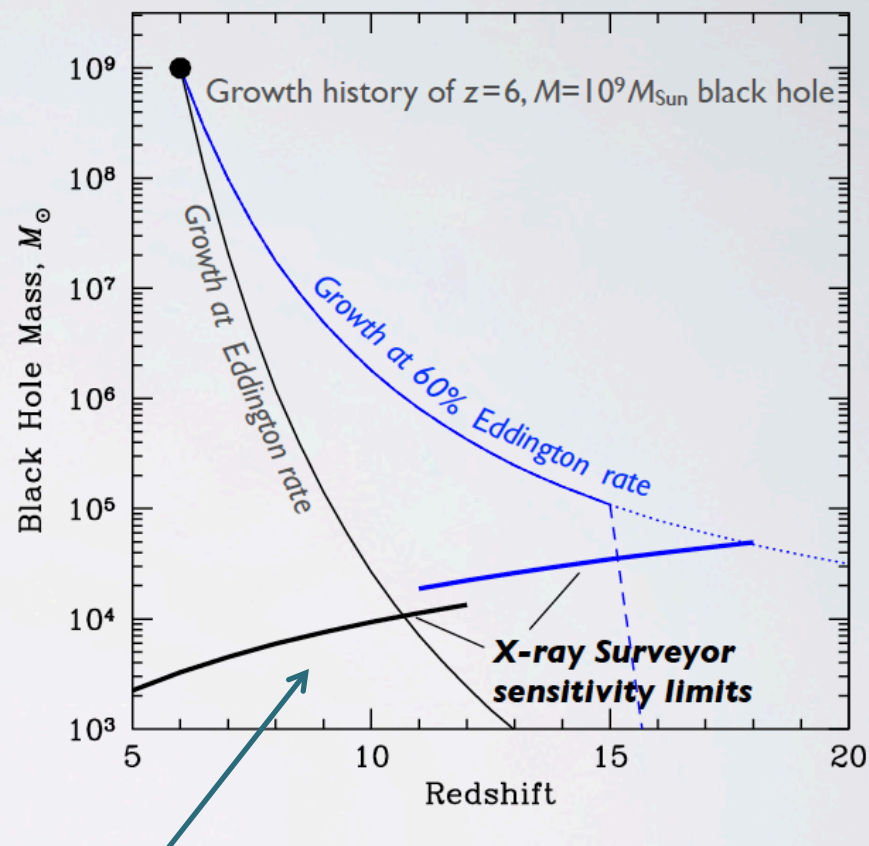


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  - For small seeds,  $L_{\text{opt,AGN}} < L_{\text{gal}}$
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$10^{-19} \text{ erg/cm}^2/\text{s}$  in 4(10??) Ms

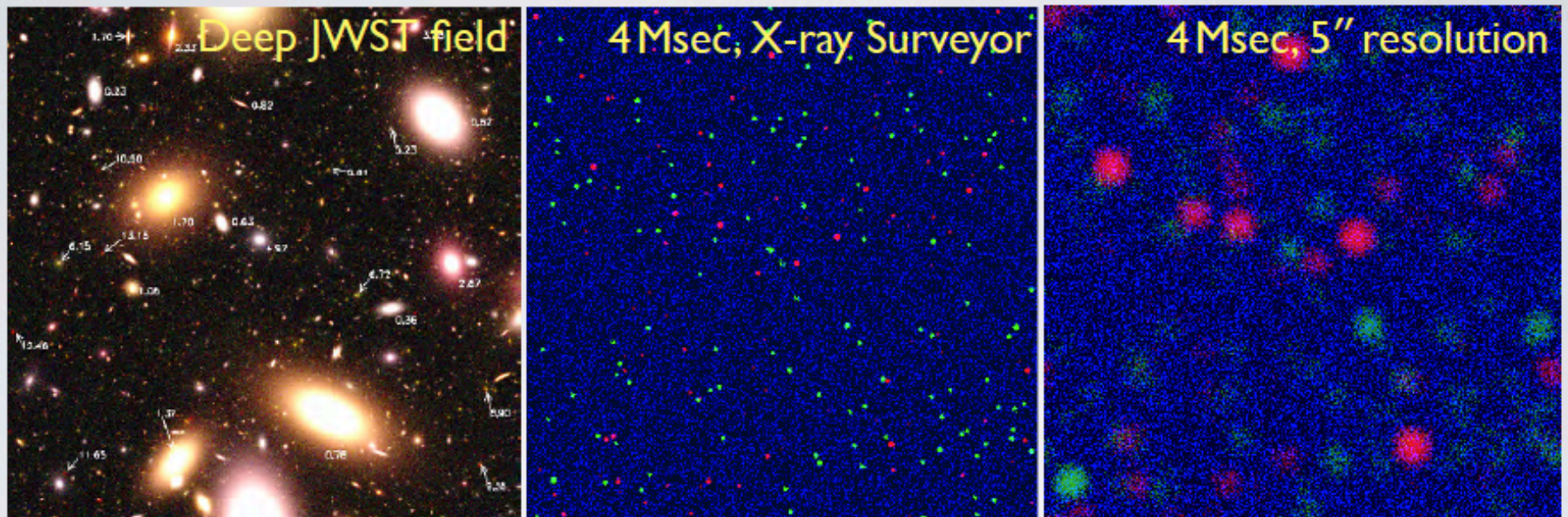
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# Angular resolution requirements for detecting first accretion light

Simulated 2x2 arcmin deep fields observed with JWST, X-ray Surveyor, and ATHENA

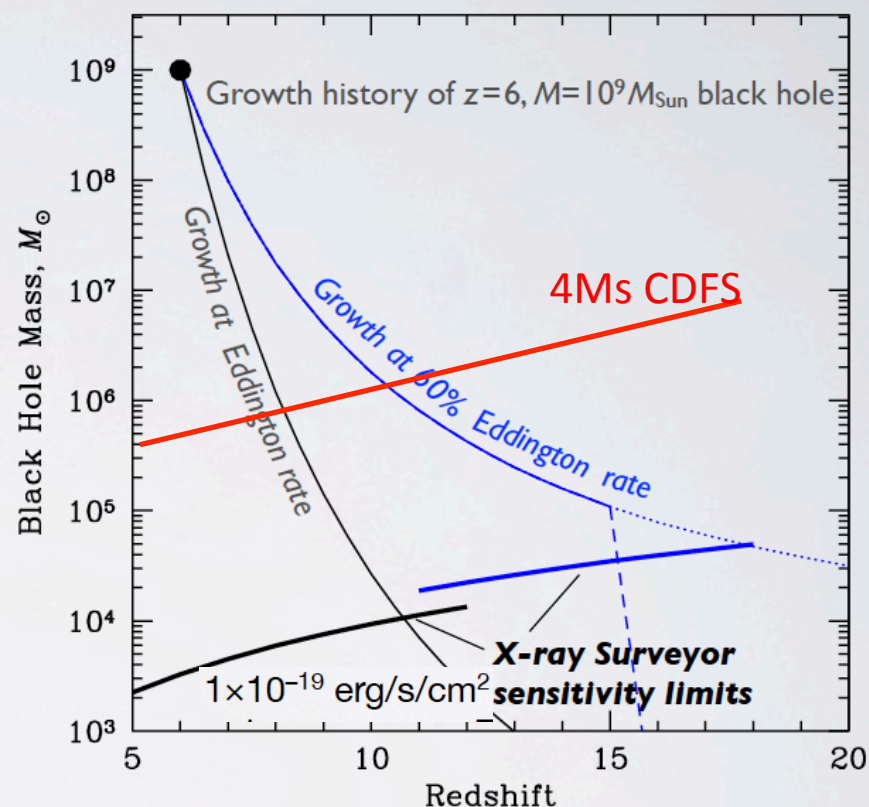


- JWST will detect  $\sim 2 \times 10^6$  gal/deg<sup>2</sup> at its sensitivity limit (Windhorst et al.). This corresponds to 0.03 galaxies per 0.5" X-ray Surveyor beam (not confused), and 3 galaxies per ATHENA 5" beam (confused).
- X-ray confusion limit for ATHENA is  $2.5 \times 10^{-17}$  erg/s/cm<sup>2</sup> (5x worse than the current depth of *Chandra* Deep Field). This corresponds to  $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 3 \times 10^6 M_{\text{Sun}}$  at  $z=10$  — above seed mass range. Confusion in OIR id's further increases the limit ( $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^7 M_{\text{Sun}}$  at  $z=8$  is quoted by ATHENA team).
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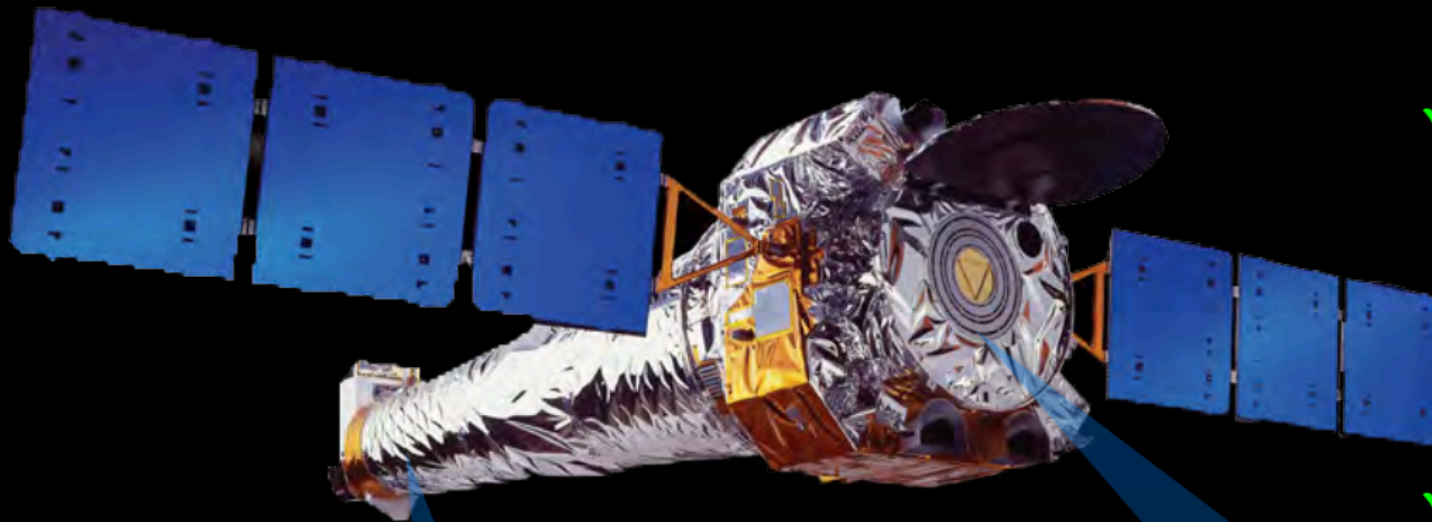
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# *X-ray Surveyor strawman mission concept*



- ✓ Technology incorporates *Chandra* heritage and IXO development
- ✓ Most spacecraft requirements similar to those achieved for *Chandra*, with some required extensions (power, data rate) being straightforward
- ✓ *Chandra*-like cost

## *Next-generation science instruments, e.g.:*

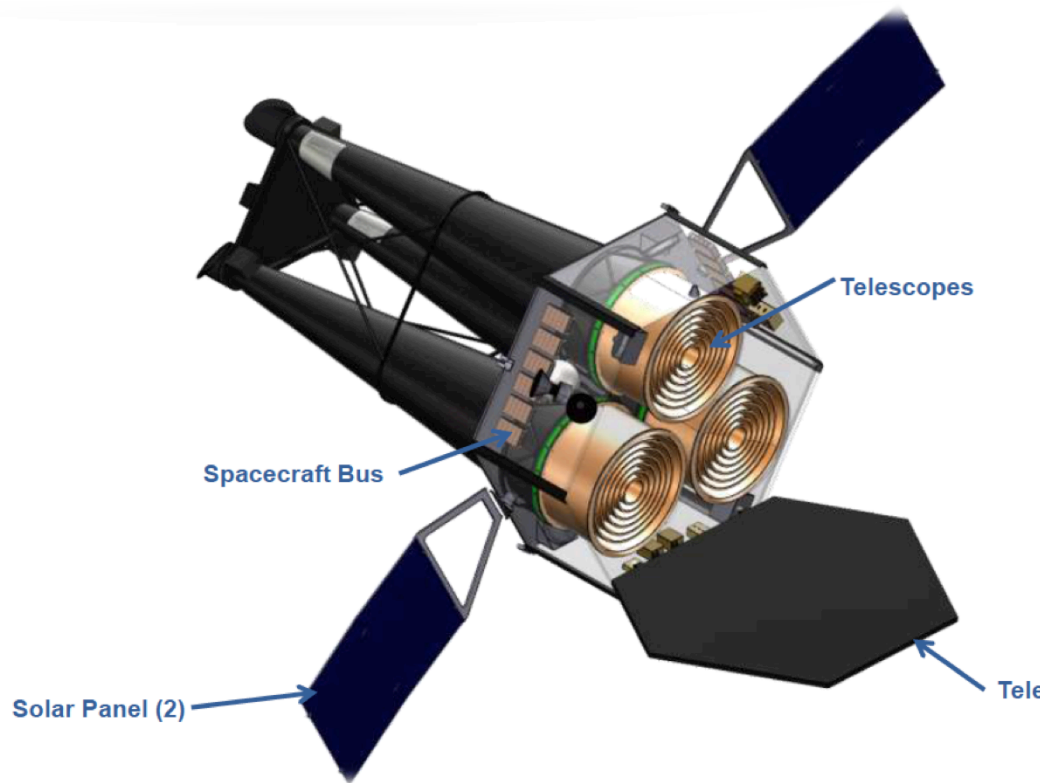
- 5'×5' microcalorimeter with 1'' pixels and high spectral resolution, 0.2–10 keV
- 22'×22' CMOS imager with 0.33'' pixels, 0.2–8 keV
- insertable gratings,  $R = 5000$ , 0.2–1.2 keV

Next-generation mirrors. Lower mass, same angular resolution, same focal length as *Chandra*'s. A factor of 30 (50 with QE gains) more effective area. Sub-arcsec imaging over 15×15' field.

# The Wide Field X-ray Telescope (WFXT)


<http://www.wfxt.eu>

<http://wfxt.pha.jhu.edu>



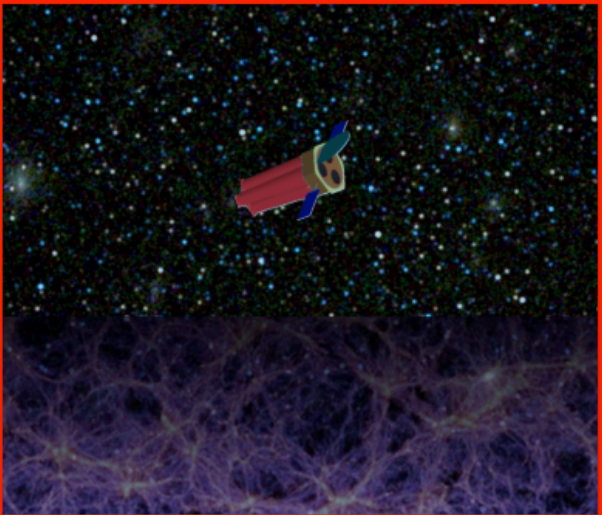
Mission Concept Study

Possible descope of X-ray surveyor or  
NASA Explorer mission (smaller option = WFXT/3)

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A Vast Legacy for Astrophysics and Cosmology  
Proceedings of the Bologna WFXT Workshop, November 25-26, 2009  
Edited by: P. Rosati, S. Borgani, R. Gilli, M. Paoillo and P. Tozzi

WFXT white book



<http://lanl.arxiv.org/html/1010.5889v3>

# WFXT Key Features

Constant PSF ( $\leq 5''$  HPD) across 1 degree FOV

Effective area  $\sim 15 \times$  Chandra at 1 keV (goal  $1 \text{ m}^2$ )

Bandpass:  $\sim 0.4\text{-}7 \text{ keV}$

Dedicated survey mission, calibrated data products released with no proprietary period

Science goals: discovery and characterization of groups and clusters up  $z \sim 1\text{-}2$ , evolution of AGN and growth of earliest AGN, star forming galaxies traced up to  $z > 1$ , halo stars, SNR and compact Galactic objects

Will serve as a target finder for future X-ray missions



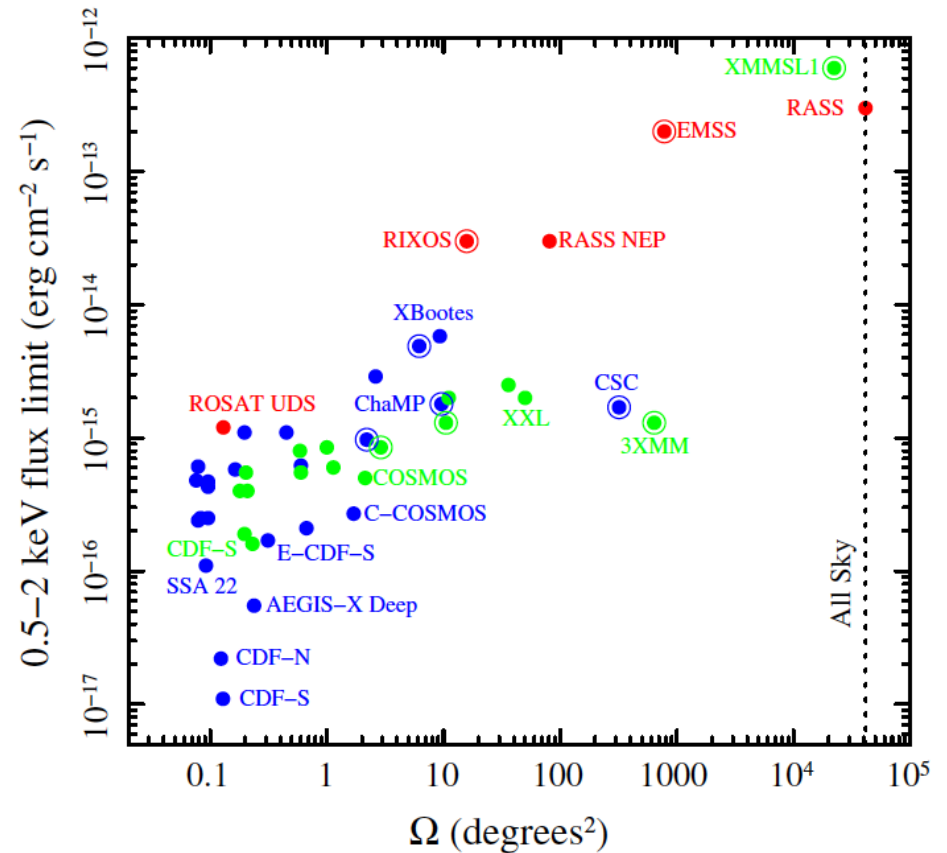
# Why WFXT?

The only soft X-ray all-sky survey has been the ROSAT All-Sky Survey (RASS)

Chandra and XMM-Newton are *not* survey instruments

eRosita is slated to launch in 2017 but has  $\sim 30''$  avg. PSF

Athena WFI will have 1.4-2 m<sup>2</sup> eff. area but will have a 40' FOV and may only spend  $\sim 1$  year on surveys

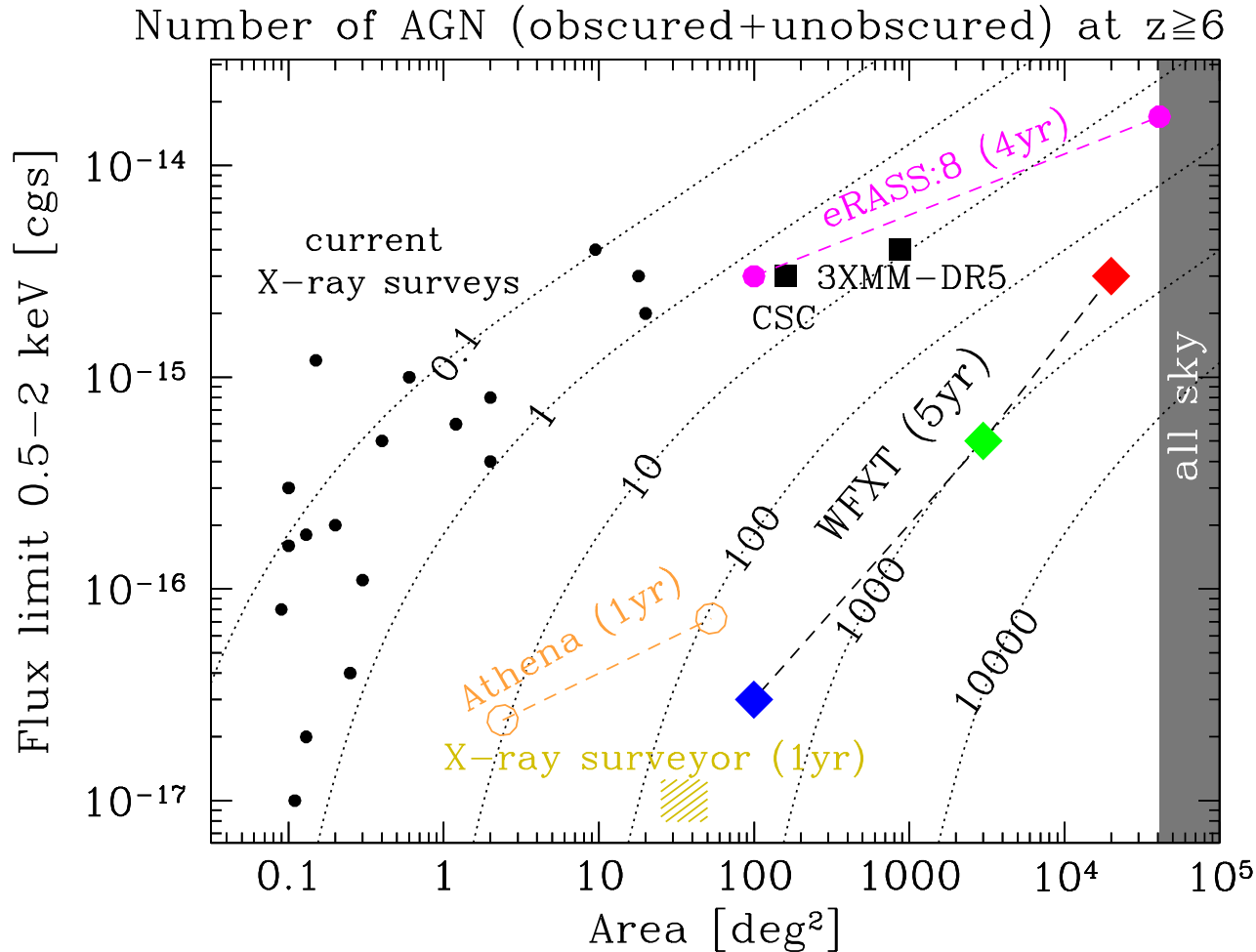


Brandt & Alexander (2015)

*We need a dedicated survey mission to cover large areas ( $> 100 \text{ sq. deg.}$ ) with flux depths matched to LSST and WFIRST: WFXT would be the X-ray SDSS*



# Wide-and-deep X-ray surveys with WFXT



3 surveys in 5 yrs:

1Ms CDFS x1000

+

Cosmos x1000

+

XBootes x1000

=

~1800 AGN at  $z \geq 6$

[ ~900 obscured and  
~70 at  $z > 8$  ]

→ obscured/unobscured AGN XLF and clustering at  $z > 6$

## Match with next-generation multi-band surveys

