

*Measuring the birth and growth of Black Holes:*  
**Epoch of Reionization Energetic X-ray Survey**  
***EREXS***

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*(what we **should** have submitted to Astro2010 as a Probe mission that might **EXIST**)*

# Talk Outline

- An all-sky, All-timescale approach to IXO science
- Key science questions and motivation for ***EREXS***
- Mission Requirements
- **Overview of proposed *EREXS* mission**
  - Science objectives
  - Instruments and Mission model
- Current development prototype: ***ProtoEXIST2/HXI***
- Summary and prospects

## A *Wide-field, Wide-Timescale, Approach to IXO/NWNH Science*

- 4 of the 5 IXO Science Objectives center on BHs or NSs which are “rare” (vs. stars or normal galaxies) and require large samples over large redshift and temporal range: need ***wide field imaging-temporal surveys***
- **Growth of structure** requires WF-surveys and many sight-lines to sample and measure largest to smallest scales: ***GRBs are ideal probes at high-z!***
- **SMBH growth from spin (vs. mergers)** can be probed by ***deep full-sky Blazar surveys*** since Jet power  $\sim$  spin, and beamed jets require wide field surveys for significant sample sizes vs. redshift
- **SMBH masses** from temporal variability and PDS vs. luminosity, with *high cadence, high time resolution* WF surveys
- WF surveys with onboard NF followup capitalize on Time Domain Astrophysics (TDA), as recommended by NWNH, for optimum science

**EREXS**

## Why start with the EoR (Epoch of Reionization) ?

- Because it traces back to the **very first stars**, which were massive (current best estimates  $\sim 30\text{-}100 M_{\odot}$ ), and thus the **very first stellar BHs**, and thus *traced by GRBs*
- Because the ionization itself is now almost surely by these same massive stars, not the still rare AGN, and so GRBs at  $z > 10$  followed up by moderate resolution ( $R \sim 1000$ ) spectroscopy can *trace the first growth of structure*
- Because it is clear that SMBHs must have formed by the end of the EoR (highest redshift SDSS QSO at  $z \sim 6.9$ ; EOR not yet complete), so that **very first SMBHs and all subsequent growth begin in EoR**
- ***Thus to trace when and how SMBHs grow, it is necessary to begin with significant numbers of AGN at  $z > 7\text{-}8$***

Beamed AGN (Blazars) are ideal since brightest and likely spin-powered

# IXO science goals 2-4 begin with *Probes of Early Universe*

And will then also address fundamental NWNH science goals:

- **When** and how did the **very first** (“Pop III”) stars form & evolve?
- Did they produce **>300  $M_{\odot}$  BHs** or **~30  $M_{\odot}$  BHs** from Pop III binaries?
- How did subsequent generations of Pop II.5 stars then form & **evolve into first galaxies?**
- When did **reionization** of Universe (by hot stars) **begin** and **how did structure form** into galaxies ?
- ***When did the first  $\sim 10^8 M_{\odot}$  Supermassive black holes form? Did they require  $>100 M_{\odot}$  PopIII BH “seeds”?***
- **IXO Science Goal 5 (NS-EOS constraints): short GRBs coincident with Advanced LIGO – Grav. Wave vs. GRB waveforms constrain EOS**

# Requirements for the *desired* high-z GRB and BH survey mission

- GRB and BH survey sensitivity  $\sim 10X$  greater than Swift/BAT at 15-150 keV and  $\infty$  better at energies  $\sim 5-15$  keV
- *IR (1-2.3 $\mu$ m) imaging and spectroscopy  $>10X$  more sens. than VLT or Keck!*
- Band width extending to both lower and higher energy than BAT
- Instantaneous FoV comparable to BAT, but *larger sky coverage and cadence*
- Rapid on-board image triggers on multi-timescales
- High energy resolution ( $\sim 5-100$ keV)  $\leq 3$ arcmin to avoid source confusion
- Optical (0.3-1 $\mu$ m) imaging and spectroscopy  $\sim 10X$  more sens. than UVOT

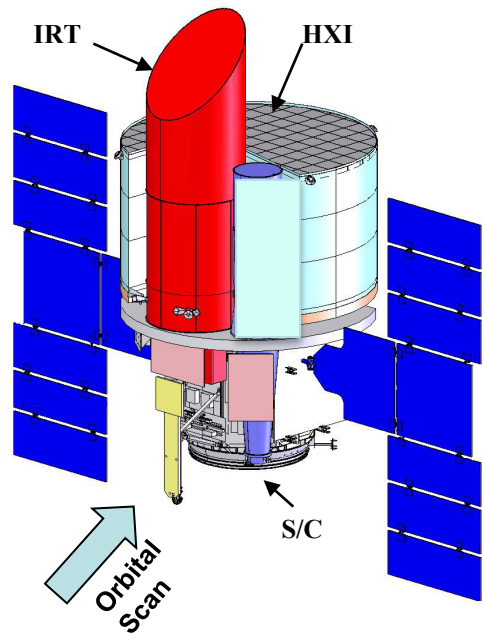
***Such a mission requires more mass, power than Swift but (only) comparable to Fermi to enable both Discovery and Followup science to finally **EXIST*****

# What is **EREXS** ?

(Epoch of **Re-ionization Energetic X-ray Survey**)

- A Probe Class Mission to conduct the most sensitive *full-sky* survey for **Black Holes** on all scales (stellar to supermassive) to **Probe the high-z Universe**
- A wide-field ( $80^\circ \times 50^\circ$ ) **hard X-ray (5-300 keV) imaging** (**3 arcmin resolution, <20'' source positions**) telescope surveying/monitoring full sky *every 3h* with 10X higher sensitivity than any previous or planned full-sky HX imaging survey...
- *Plus* a 0.8m **optical -IR telescope (IRT)** to obtain identifications, redshifts and diagnostics of black holes, transients & extreme objects for followup study by **Fermi, JWST, LSST, ALMA, SKA, ATHENA (?) and LISA(?)**
- Complements **NuSTAR, Astro-H, & particularly eROSITA for <10 keV survey**
- Scaled down & *improved* from **EXIST** studied under **Astrophysics Strategic Mission Concept (ASMC) Study** program, in preparation for *Astro2010*
- **EXIST was recommended by the previous (2001) Decadal Survey & EREXS considerably improved in its science, implementation & unique capabilities**

A Hard X-ray, full-sky imaging mission with deep **IR** followup is required for the ultimate GRB & SMBH survey back to the EoR



**HXI:** CZT detector arrays + mask:  
5-300 keV **1.8m<sup>2</sup> tiled CZT**,  
**coded mask** images 80° x 50°  
FoV, 3' resol. & <20" positions

**IRT:** 0.8m; cooled (-30C)  
(dichroic: 0.3-0.9μm (HyViSI)  
and 0.9–2.3 μm (NIRSPEC)

**HXI** at ~zenith **scans** at orbital rate  
& **points IRT/HXI** to GRBs  
within ~100s

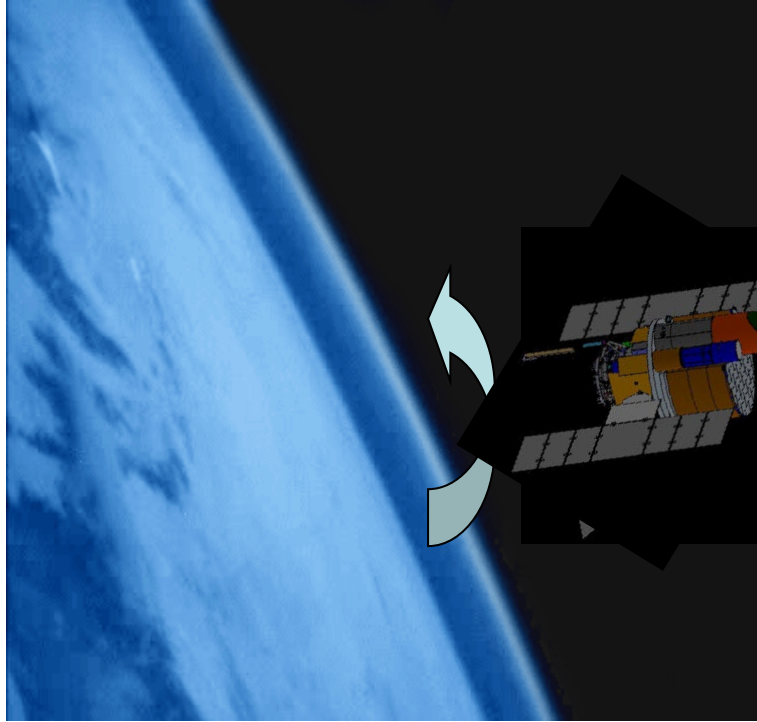
Mass, power, cost <40% of **EXIST**

### The **New EREXS** mission (600km LEO, $i \leq 15^\circ$ ):

- **2y full sky survey:**  $\pm 20$ deg Zenith-pointed **scanning**, 2sr FoV, full-sky ea. 3h.
- **3y followup IDs:** **IRT/HXI pointings** for IDs, **redshifts**, spectra & timing



## How does *EREXS* operate?



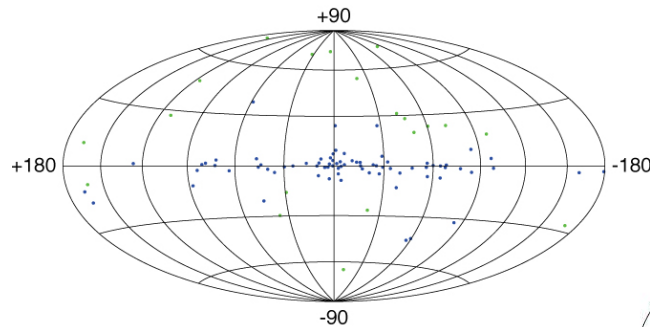
1. Zenith (+/-~30°) **scan** of 90° FoV of HXI at orbital rate to cover ~half-sky each orbit
2. Imaging in **80° FoV** detects **Gamma-ray burst (GRB)** -- or variable AGN or transient
3. **EREXS** slews S/C onto GRB for IRT imaging ID and spectrum (optical + IR) for redshift
4. Pointing for 1-2 orbits to measure structure in distant Universe; HXI measures spectrum & variability of target *and* continues Survey
5. Resume scan (years 1 & 2) or new target

# Deepest Hard X-ray Full-Sky Survey

- **EREXS/HXI**: 5-300 keV full sky mission survey to  $F_x \sim 7 \times 10^{-13}$  cgs, or **10X more sensitive than *Swift* or *INTEGRAL***, gives  $\geq 6 \times 10^4$  sources,  $< 20''$  positions
- **EREXS/IRT**: 0.3-2.3 $\mu$ m imaging & spectra (AB  $\leq 24$ , 19; R = 30, 1000),  $< 0.2''$  pos.

## 2000 Hard X-ray Sky

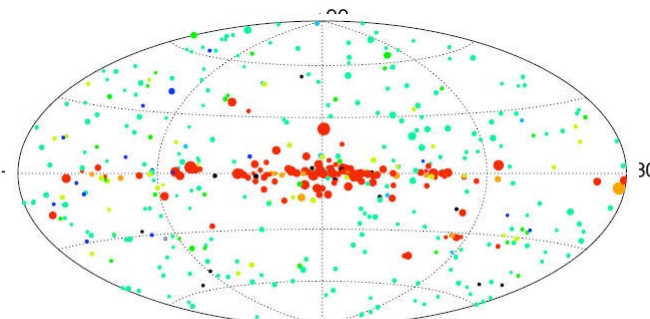
HEAO-1, BeppoSAX



~100 sources

## 2011 Hard X-ray Sky

Swift (& INTEGRAL)

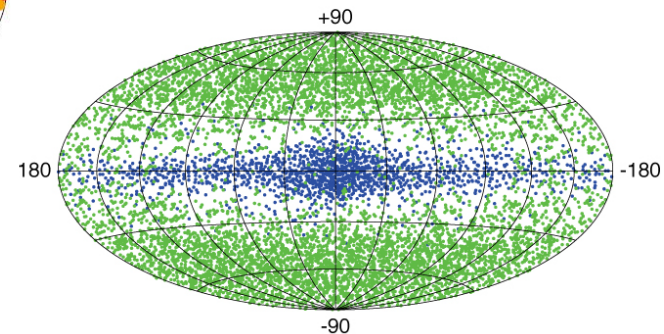


● Unidentified ● Extragalactic ● Seyfert Galaxies ● CVs/Stars ● X-ray Binaries  
● Galactic ● Galaxy Clusters ● Beamed AGN ● Pulsars/SNR

~900 sources

## 2018(?) Hard X-ray Sky

EREXS



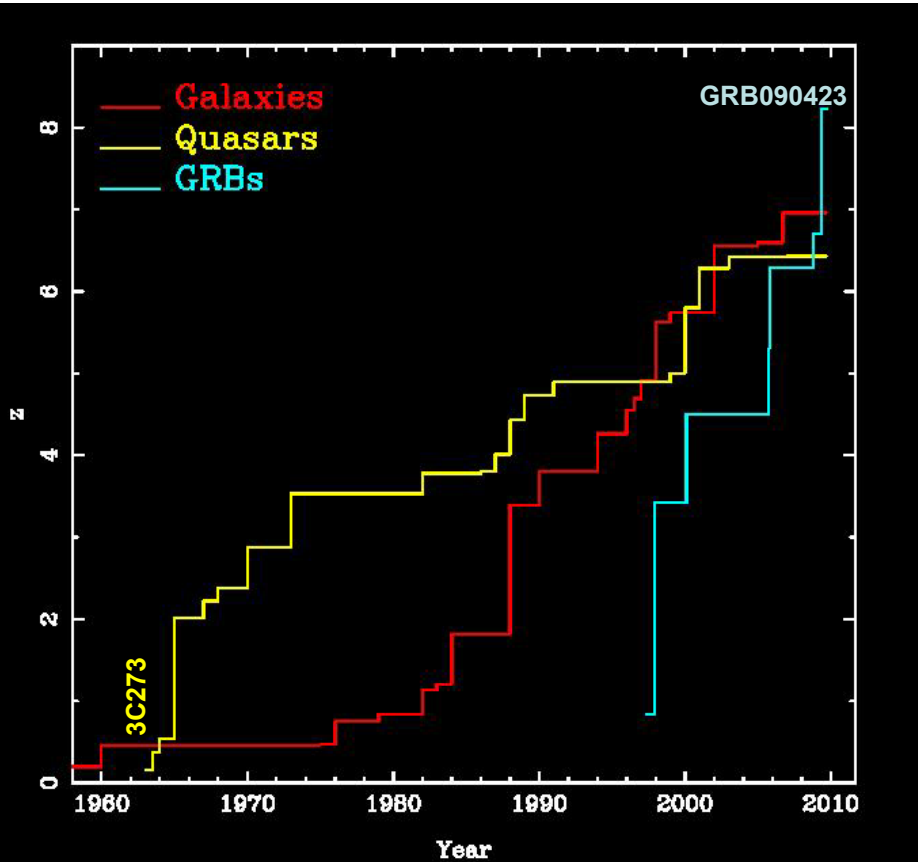
~60,000 sources

# Primary Science Goals for *EREXS*

(to survey and study Black Holes on all scales: stellar to supermassive)

- **G1: Measure** cosmic gamma-ray bursts as in-situ probes of the **Epoch of Reionization at redshifts  $z > 7-12$**  from prompt GRB redshifts and spectra
- **G2: Measure supermassive BHs in galaxies**, including *obscured* or *dormant*, to constrain SMBH demographics, growth and evolution, and **to constrain the accretion luminosity of the universe & SMBH evolution**
- **G3: Measure the stellar and intermediate mass BH populations in the Galaxy and Local Group** by a generalized survey for Transients for which prompt IDs and X-ray/HX/IR spectra distinguish SNe, SGRs & Blazars and complement *Fermi, JWST, LSST, Astro-H, LOFAR/ALMA/GMT-TMT-ELT* with prompt alerts for unique objects

# GRBs *must* precede QSOs: highest-z stellar Probes

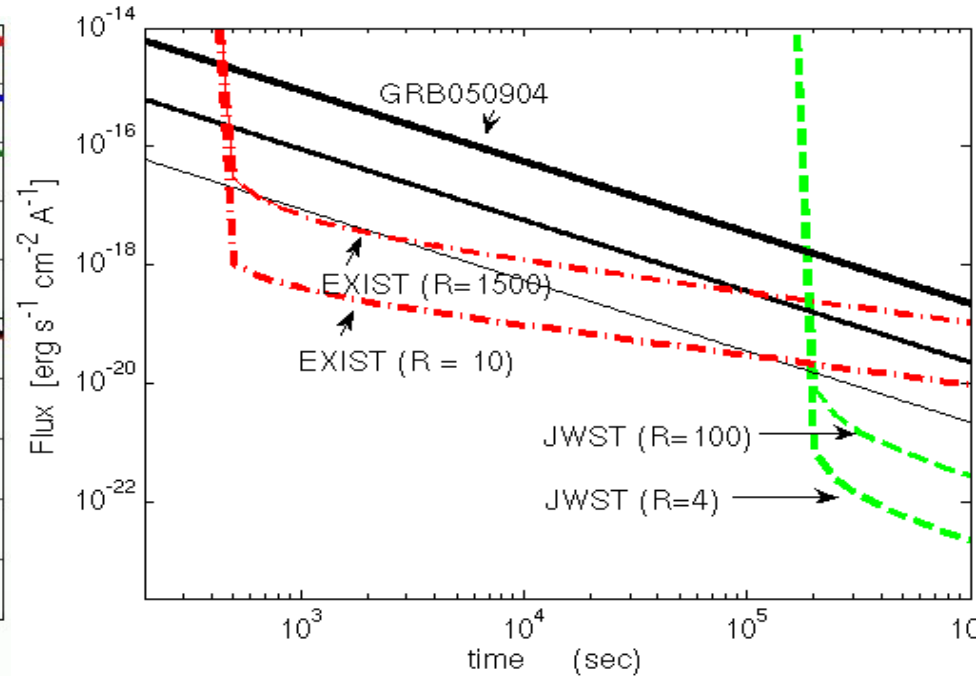
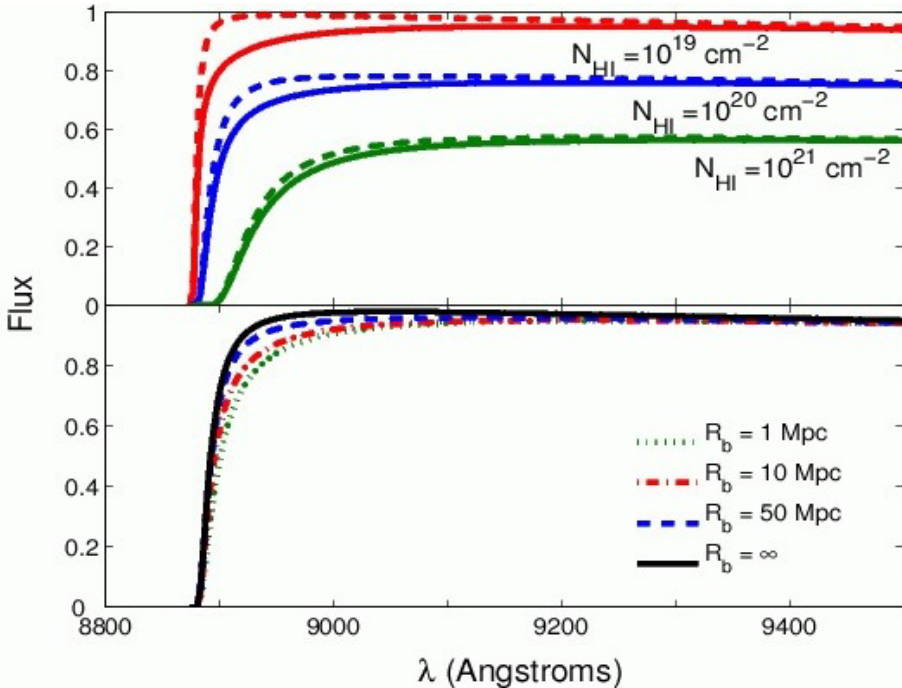


**GRBs** clearly outpace AGN for most effective probes of Early Universe at  $z > 7-8!$

- Swift GRBs at  $z = 6.3, 6.7$  and **record spectroscopic  $z = 8.3$  for GRB090423!** GRBs are detectable out to at least  $z \sim 8-10$  and early Pop II & possibly even Pop III?
- Broader energy band, higher sensitivity & FoV needed for large sample at  $z \geq 8-12$
- IR from space needed for  $z \geq 7$  since Ly-dropout then in NIR & spectra less sensitive from ground (OH lines bkgd)
- GRBs provide “back-light” for IR spectroscopy of host ISM & IGM gas. *Measure galactic structure (vs.  $z$ ) back to epoch of re-ionization (EOR)*

# EXIST IRT spectra (R = 30) in 300-1000s: AB(H) ~22-23

2 VIS + 2 IR bands enable **GRB redshifts** out to  $z \sim 20$ (!)



Sensitivity of Ly-break *shape* to local IGM & EOR (McQuinn et al 2008) **but need gal. IGM  $\leq 10^{21} \text{cm}^{-2}$**

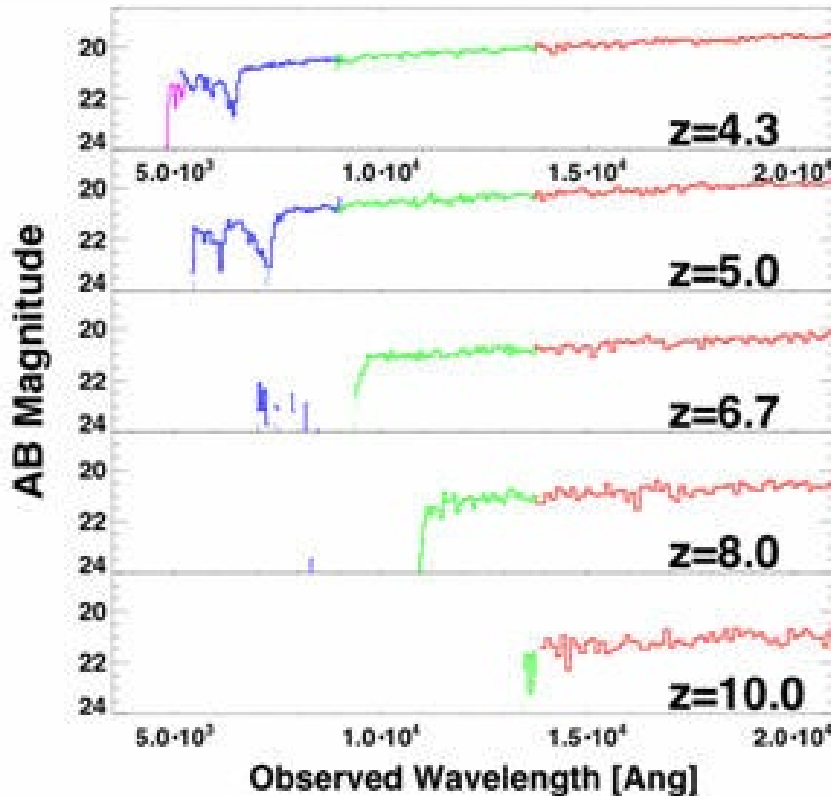
IRT vs. JWST for GRBs 1X, 0.1X and 0.01X flux of GRB050904.

• **IRT spectra (R ~1000) for AB(H) ~18-20 in 3000sec exp. *simultaneously* for optical (0.3-0.9 $\mu\text{m}$ ) and IR (0.9-2.1  $\mu\text{m}$ ): Ly profiles for EOR studies of high-z IGM**

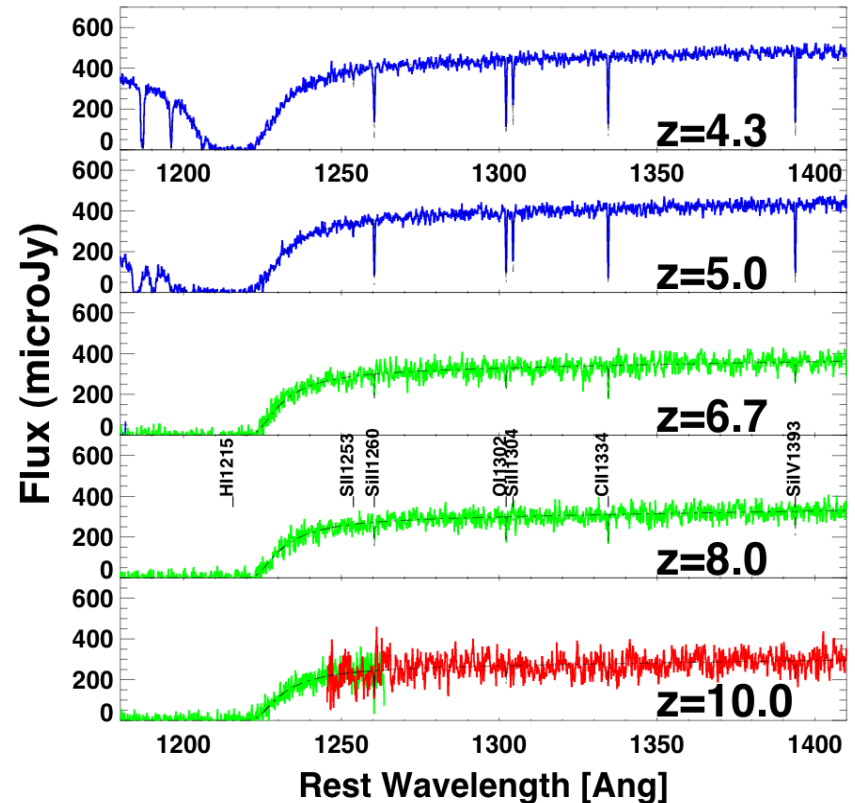
• **Simulations: > 450 GRBs/yr of EXIST GRBs would have  $z$  measured ; and ~30/yr at  $z > 8$ . Over 5y mission, expect  $N(z > 8) \sim 100$  EOR sight-lines to be measured.**

# Simulated Ly-breaks for *EREXS IRT* vs. $z$ ( $R = 1000$ , $T = 2000$ sec) for a GRB 3mag brighter than the anomalously faint GRB080913 ( $z = 6.7$ )

$R = 30$  Grism, imaging or slit, for  $AB(H) > 20$



$R = 3000$  long slit (4"), for  $AB(H) < 20$



## Assumed model (which *IRT* tests!):

$AB(H) = 15.5$  at  $T = 200$ s, then GRB lightcurve decays:  $F \sim T^{-1} v^{-1} \text{Log}(NH) = 20$  in GRB host  
Metallicity vs.  $z$ :  $z < 6$ ,  $[Fe/H] = -2$ ;  $6 < z < 7$ ,  $[Fe/H] = -3$ ;  $Z > 7$ ,  $[Fe/H] = -4$

Simultaneous spectra obtained in 4 IRT bands: **0.3 – 0.9 $\mu$ m**, **0.52 – 0.9 $\mu$ m**, **0.9 – 1.38 $\mu$ m**, **1.38 – 2.1 $\mu$ m**

***EOR & Fe/H can be measured vs.  $z$ !***

**EREXS/IRT can measure z for All Swift GRBs and high res. spectra for ~3/4 of all Swift sample for spectra extrapolated to J, H, K and redshifted to z ~12!**

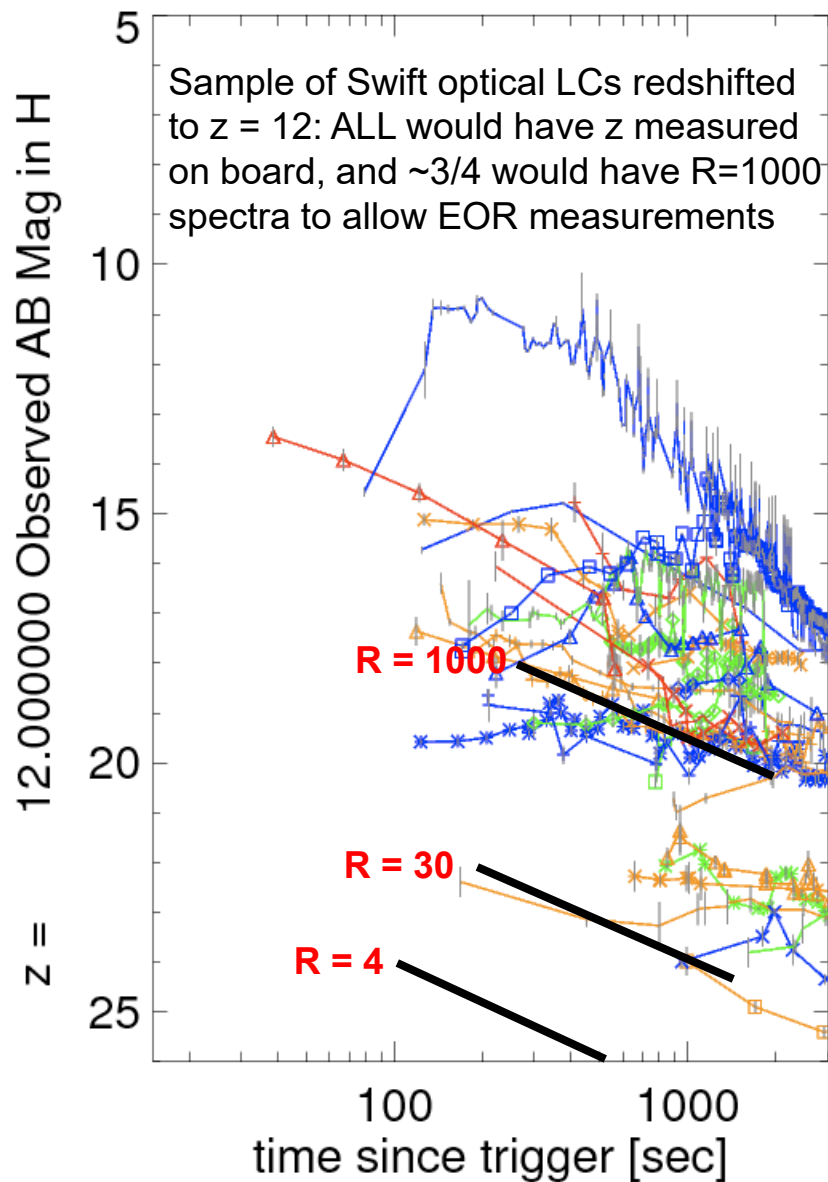
Swift GRB AGs with spectra in/extrap. to H band and redshifted to **z = 12**.

IRT sensitivities for prompt imaging in 4 bands (0.3 – 2.2 $\mu$ m):

4-band **Imaging (R = 4)** :  
AB ~24 (10 $\sigma$ ) in 100s  
*photo-z's*

R = 30 **Spectra** :  
AB ~22 (10 $\sigma$ ) in 200s  
*accurate-z's*

R=1000 **Spectra** :  
AB ~19 (10 $\sigma$ ) in 2000s  
*EOR & Fe/H measures!!*

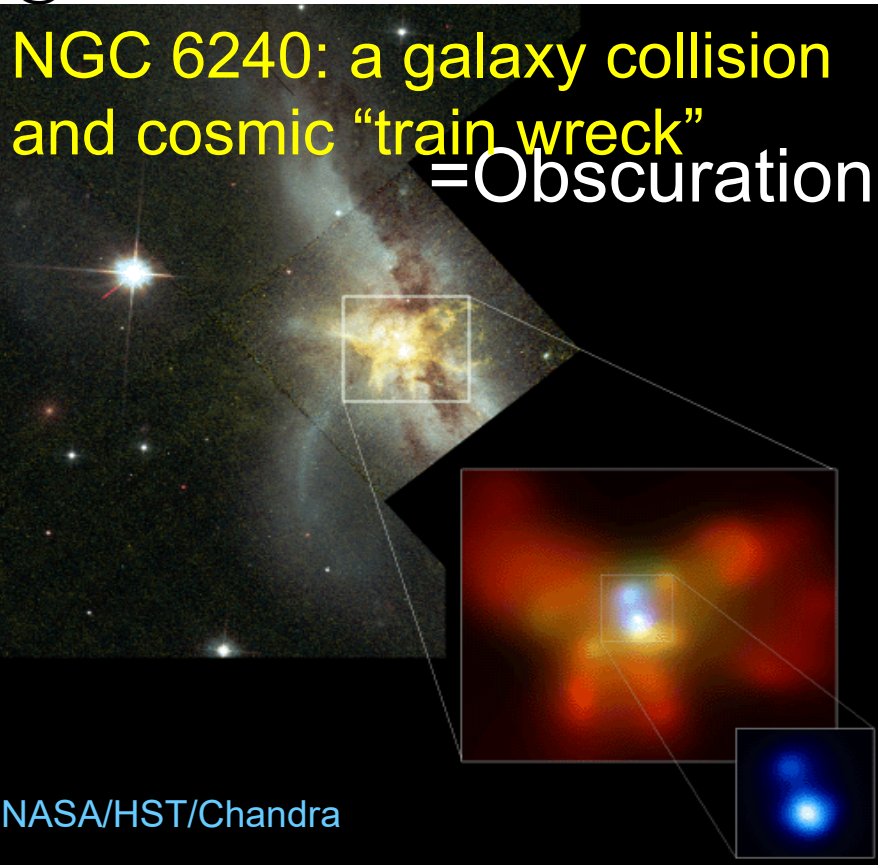


## G2: Obscured or Dormant AGN (all types) & Blazars vs. z?

- **EXIST** discovers: 1) **obscured AGN** over a broad range of  $L_x$  and absorption column  $N_H$  to constrain  $N_H$  vs.  $z$  and growth of SMBHs, and 2) **Dormant SMBHs** (like SgrA\*) revealed by HX flares from Tidal Disruption of field stars → **LISA triggers**

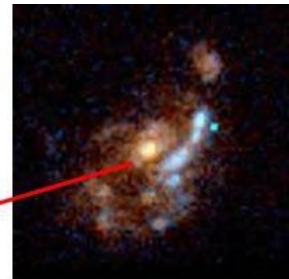
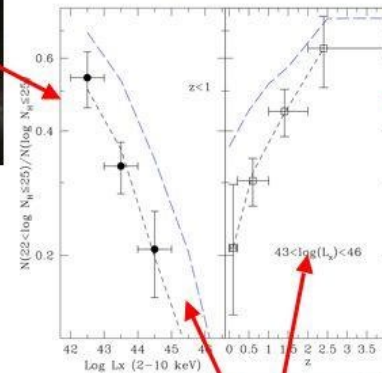
- **EXIST** best suited to discover rare **Type 2 QSOs** at  $z \leq 3$  and study Type 2s vs. SFGs @ $z \sim 1$

NGC 6240: a galaxy collision and cosmic "train wreck" = Obscuration



Small mass progenitors

A working scenario for Compton thin AGN



More cold gas is available at high  $z$  for both accretion and obscuration

Large mass progenitors

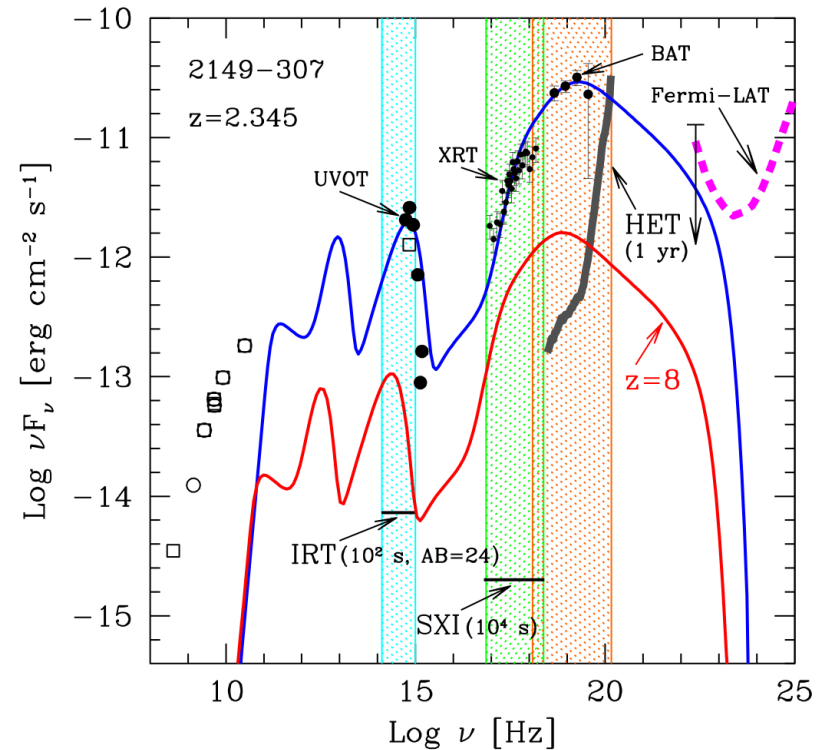


**EXIST** survey will explore the evidence (e.g. La Franca et al 2005 and Treister & Urry (2006) that obscured AGN are *increasing* as  $(1+z)^{0.4}$



# **EREXS** could extend Blazar surveys to $z \geq 8$ !

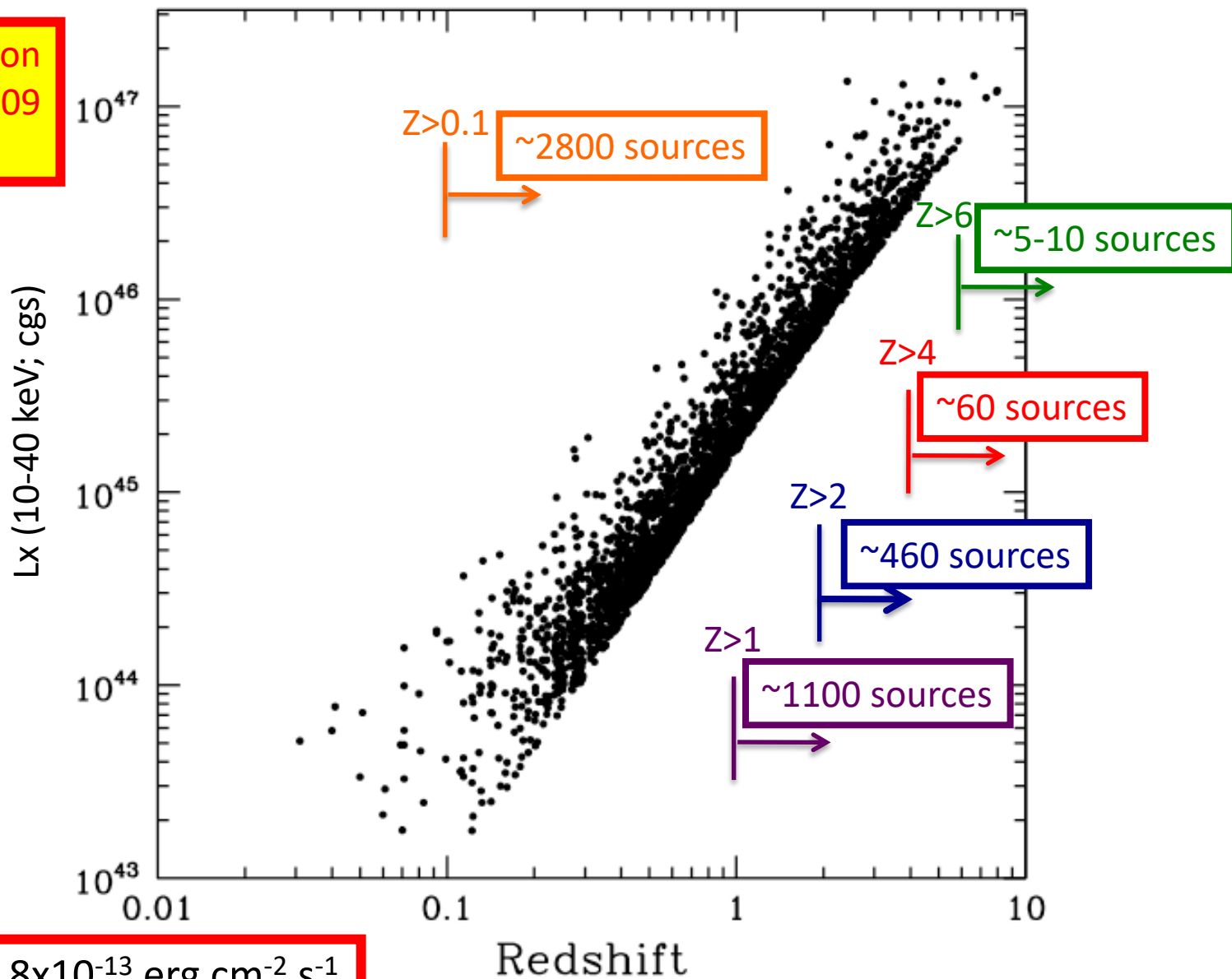
- Blazars are the AGN analog of GRBs: persistent, extreme-beamed and exceptionally luminous and variable
- Understanding their formation and evolution requires deep full sky samples with sensitivity to rapid variability
- **EREXS** could detect the Blazar 2129-307 (detected by Swift/BAT, XRT, UVOT) out to  $\sim 8$ . Blazars might best probe SMBH growth (Ghisellini et al 2010)
- Blazar jets imply high spin SMBHs form first?
- Sensitivity for detection and variability study with **EREXS**/HXI exceeds Fermi/LAT



**IRT** and **eROSITA/SXI** sensitivities allow short observations during **HXI** survey or pointings. **IRT** measures redshifts directly for Blazar survey

# EREXS expected for blazars (all sky, 1y survey)

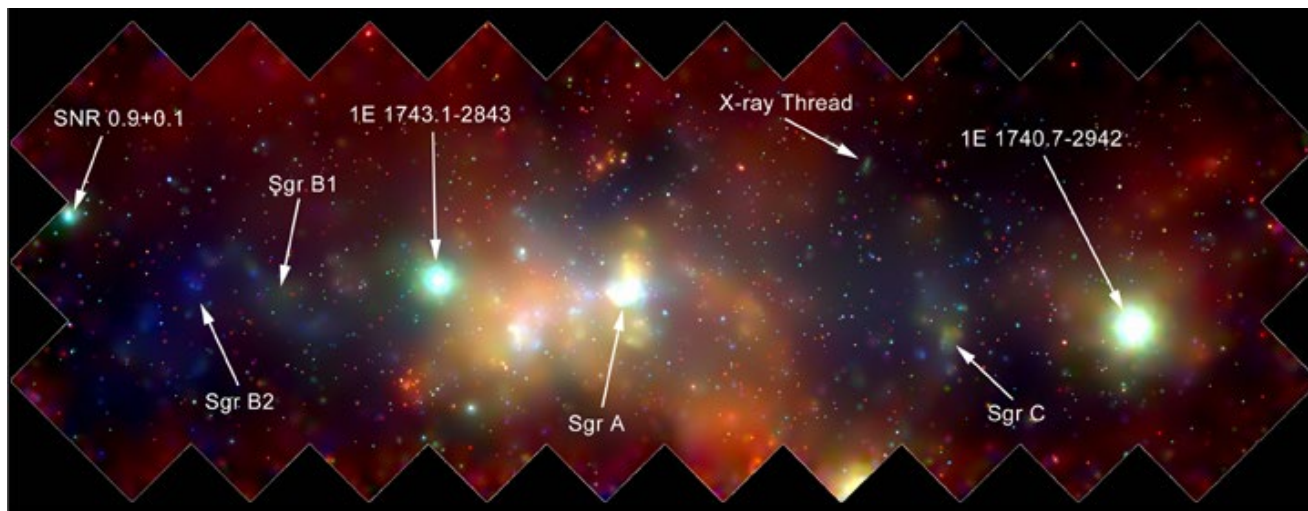
Best fit XLF + Evolution  
from Ajello et al., 2009  
(Swift/BAT sample)



$F_{\text{lim}} (10-40 \text{ keV}) = 8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

### G3: *EXIST* measures stellar BHs & IMBHs as Transients in Galaxy, Local Group

- **EREXS** detects all bright stellar BHs in transients ( $L_x(>10 \text{ keV}) \sim 10^{36-38} \text{ erg/s}$ ) throughout Galaxy, LMC/SMC and M31. **Reveal population of obscured HX sources. QPO monitoring of bright BH-LMXBs; ULX's in Local Group**
- **Isolated stellar BHs in Galaxy and IMBHs** in Local Group accreting via Bondi-Hoyle (with  $\sim 10^{-4}$  efficiency) from GMCs nearly Compton thick
- **Faint BH transients in Central Galactic Bulge?**: BHs in nuclear cusp (Alexander & Livio 2004) detected ( $\sim 10\text{d}$ ) as VFXTs if  $L_x(>10 \text{ keV}) \sim 10^{34.5} \text{ erg/s}$  BH vs. NS or WD binaries around *SgrA*\* distinguished by Type I bursts & novae



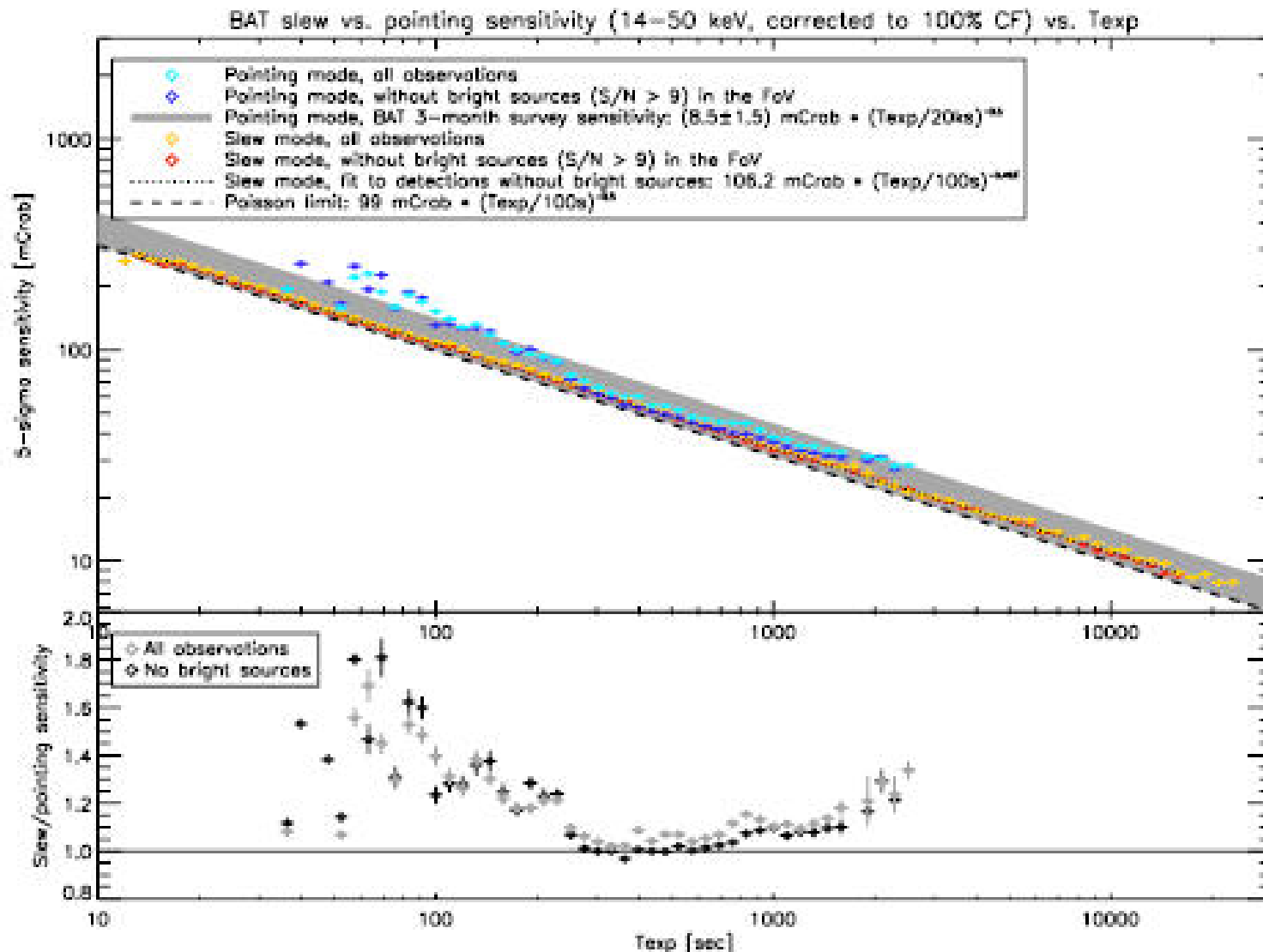
Chandra view of central Bulge ( $\sim 2^\circ \times 1^\circ$ )

## EREXS scanning demonstrated with BAT Slew Survey (**BATSS**)

- Swift conducts ~4 slews per orbit (to/from targets and Earth limb avoidance) at ~45arcmin/sec, moving BAT FoV by ~2-3 diameters. Aspect file gives S/C pointing direction each 0.2sec (~9' ~BAT resolution/2 for Nyquist sampling of scan image)
- By turning “event mode” data on during a slew, and sending it down on next TM pass, BAT imaging tools can be run on each 0.2sec data segment to make 500 images in given band for a 100sec slew and then co-add for sky image (not trivial...). **BATSS provides the only high-time res. imaging from Swift/BAT; all other data (except GRBs) comes down as 5min integrations!**
- BATSS images formed in 2 bands (S= 15-50keV and H= 50-150keV) and BAT detect run on each separately as well as on co-added broad band image (B = 15-150keV)
- **~90% sky coverage/day optimizes GRBs and search for PopIII GRBs(?), possibly ~0.5d duration (!) events (Meszaros and Rees 2010)**
- **Re-processing of all BATSS catalogs (single slews, orbits, day, week, month, year slew sums) coming SOON on CfA website**

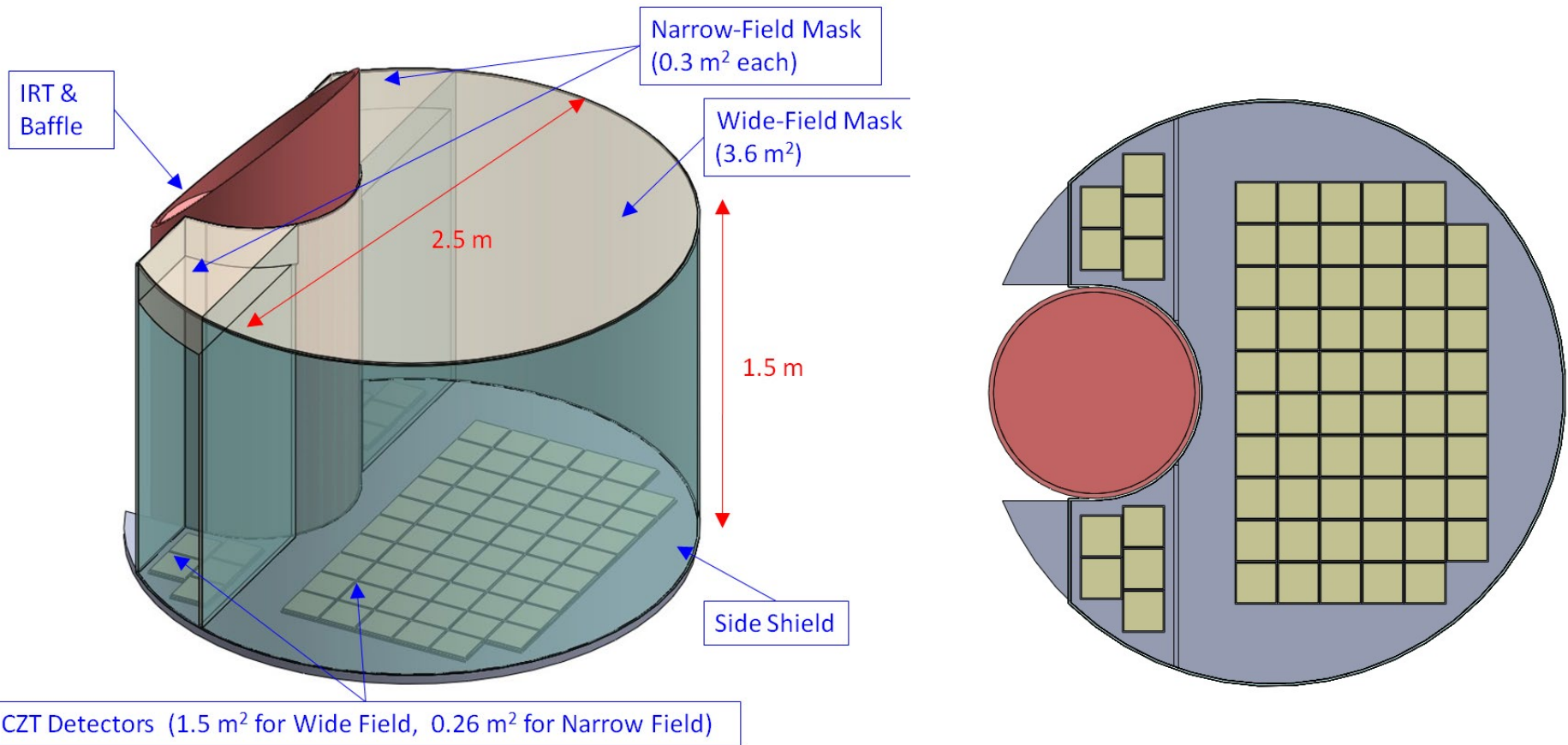
See Copete et al (2012a,b) for description of BATSS processing; Copete et al (2012c,d) for GRB results and new transients, and Grindlay et al (2012) for Blazars

# BATSS has demonstrated enhanced *scanning* coded aperture imaging sensitivity vs. Pointings: average over pixel-pixel systematics



Factor of ~1.2-1.6 enhanced sens. For  $T_{\text{exp}} < 200\text{sec}$ ; factor ~1.3 for  $T_{\text{exp}} > 2\text{ksec}$

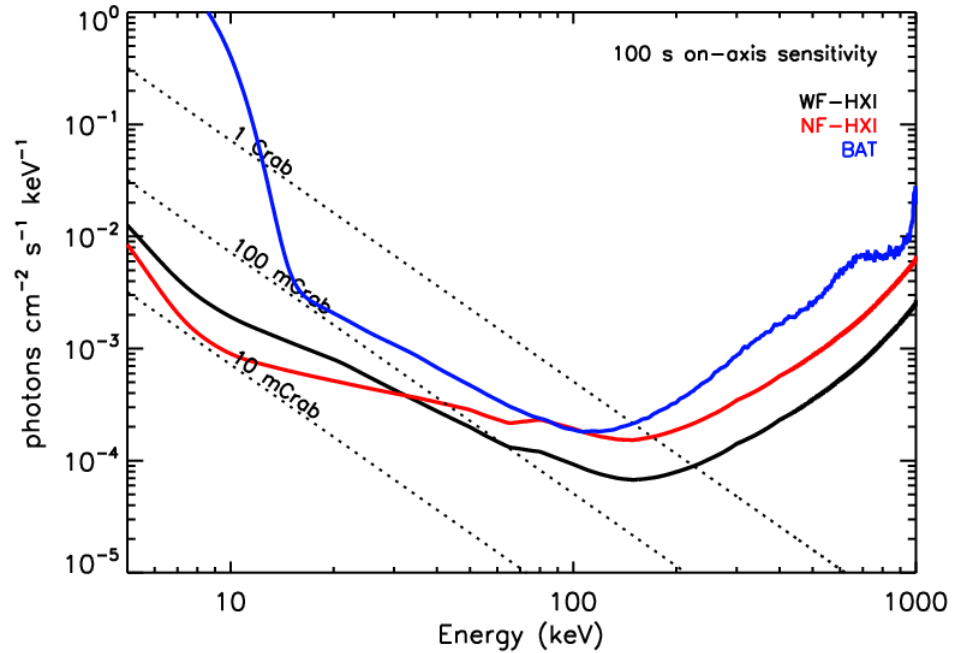
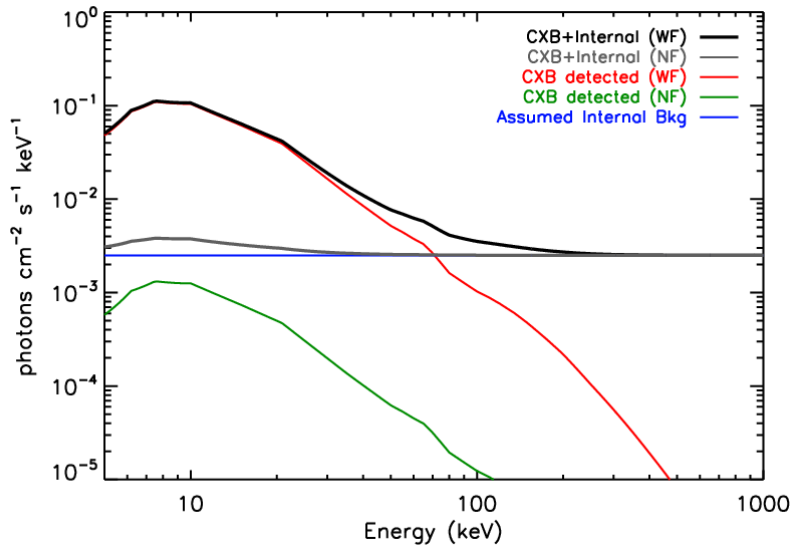
# EREXS scanning survey and pointing instruments



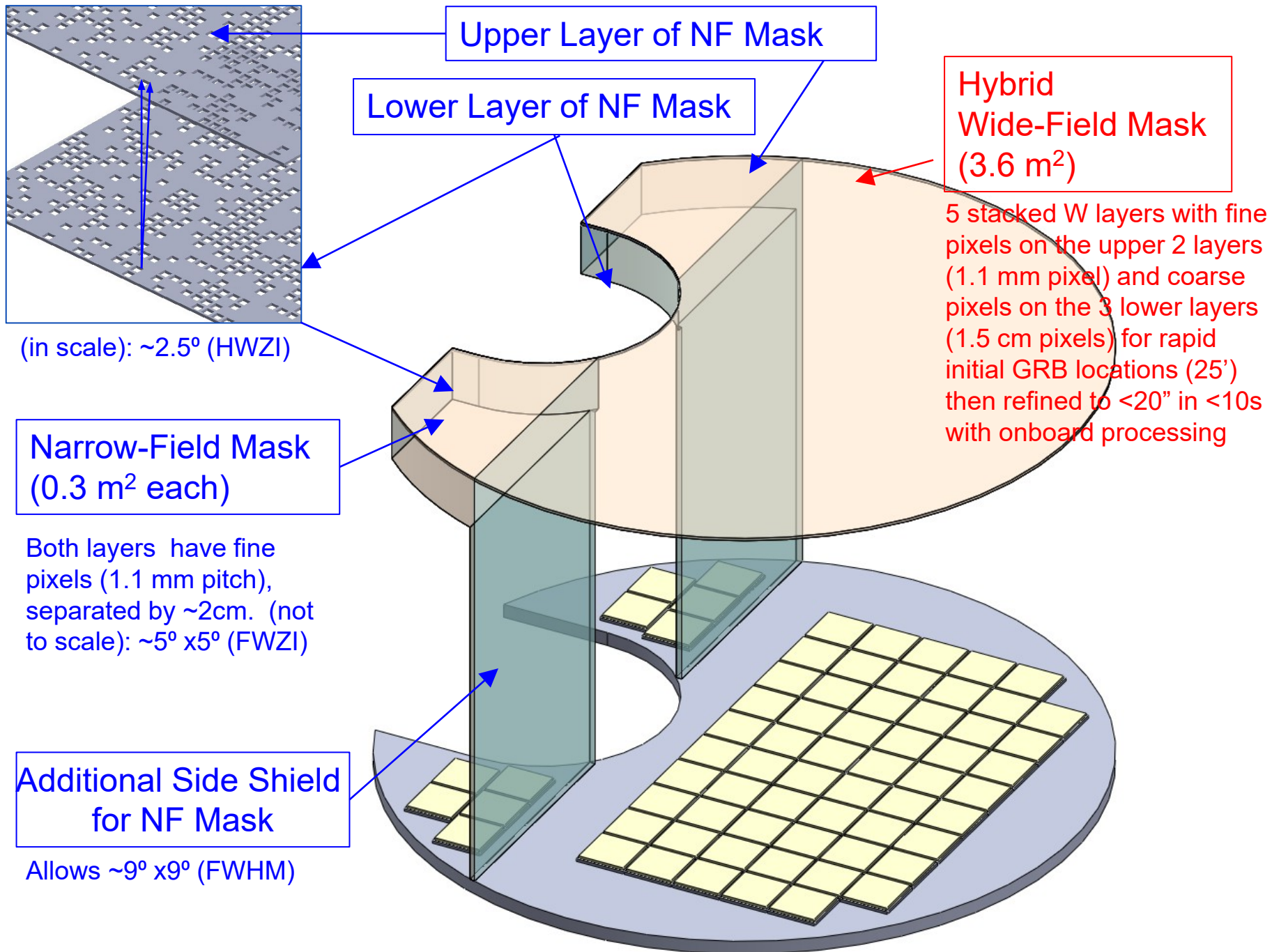
**HXI:** Identical imaging CZT modules (5-300 keV) divided into Wide-field (80° x 50°) for Scanning survey and Narrow-field (low bkgd.) modules for sensitive followup-pointing.

**IRT:** 0.8m passively cooled (-30C) imaging & spectroscopy over 0.3 – 2.3μm

# Relative background and sensitivities, WF vs. NF-HXI

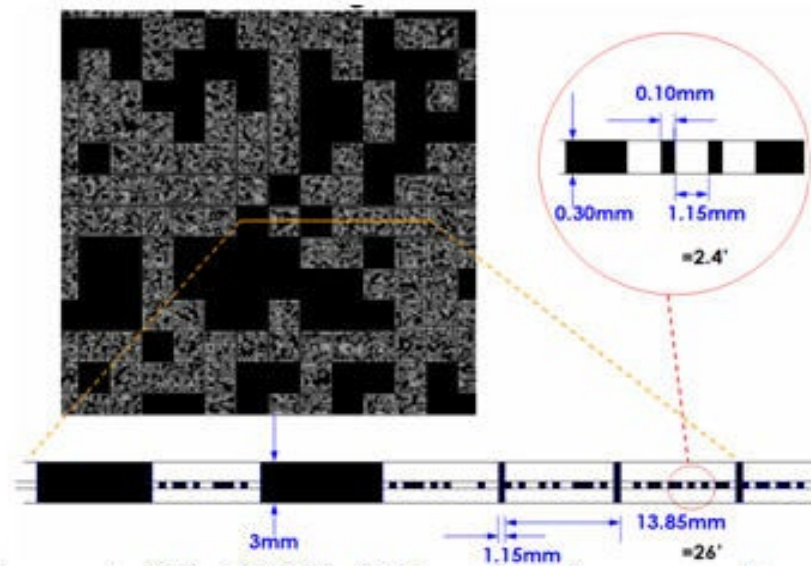


CXB Background (left) in NF-HXI with  $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$  FoV defined by 2-layer mask is  $\sim 30X$  Lower than WF-HXI, giving sensitivity (right)  $\sim 2-3X$  better at  $\sim 6-30$  keV for pointing and timing studies during the pointed mission phase.





# HXI Hybrid coded mask design for WF imaging



Hybrid (2-scale) mask for HXI would be 3 x 0.3mm thick for coarse mask, not 3mm, and 2 x 0.3mm thick for fine mask above, for total mask thickness of 1.5mm which allows >90% attenuation of opaque elements at 200 keV.

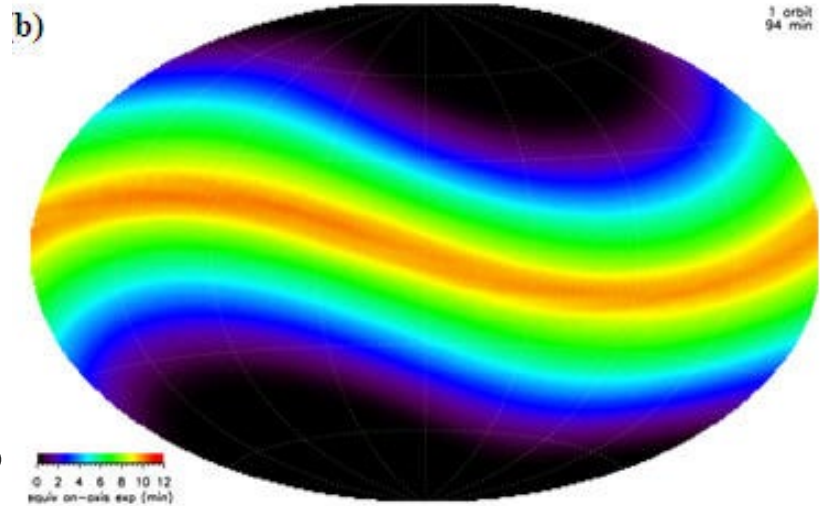
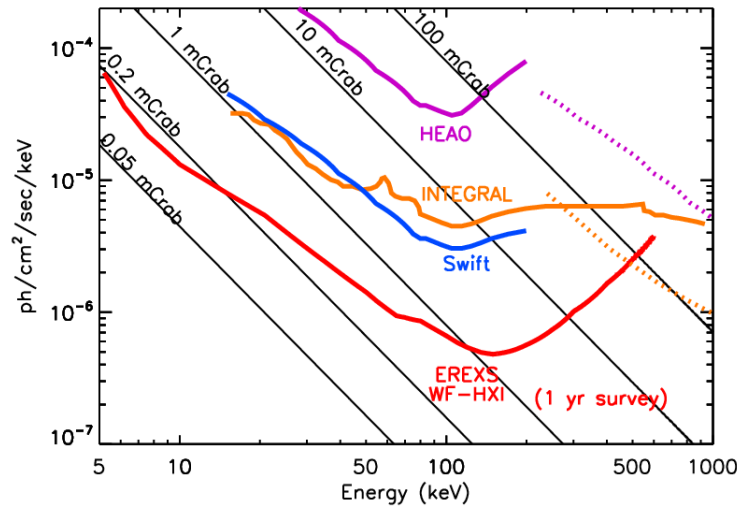
(Hybrid masks proposed by Skinner & Grindlay 1993)

## Additional new GRB science from HXI:

- Image triggers and *fast FFTs from 2-scale mask*: well-defined triggers
- **Polarization in GRBs**:  $\leq 10\%$  for Fluence  $\geq 10^{-6}$  erg/cm<sup>2</sup> : **test for EM jets?!**

# EREXS sensitivity and sky survey coverage

( $5\sigma$  survey threshold, 1 year of mission ops., **full-sky**;  $15^\circ$  orbit incl.)



**EREXS-HXI** survey sensitivity and sky coverage over 1 orbit. S/C “nods” N then S on alternating orbits OR alternating Summer/Winter for IRT always  $>30^\circ$  from Sun!

**$5\sigma$  in 2 yr sky survey flux sens. over band  $\Delta E = E$ , with image psf  $3'$  & pos.  $<20''$**

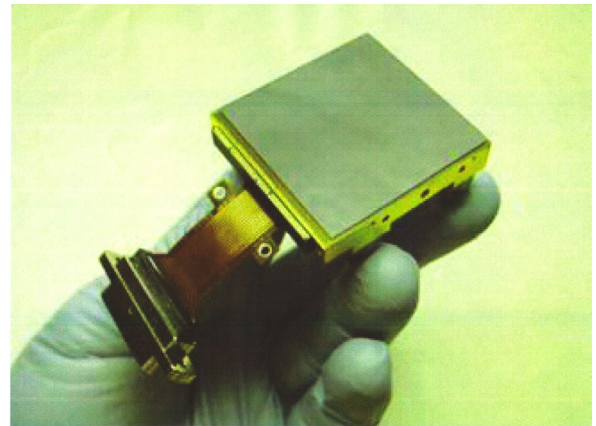
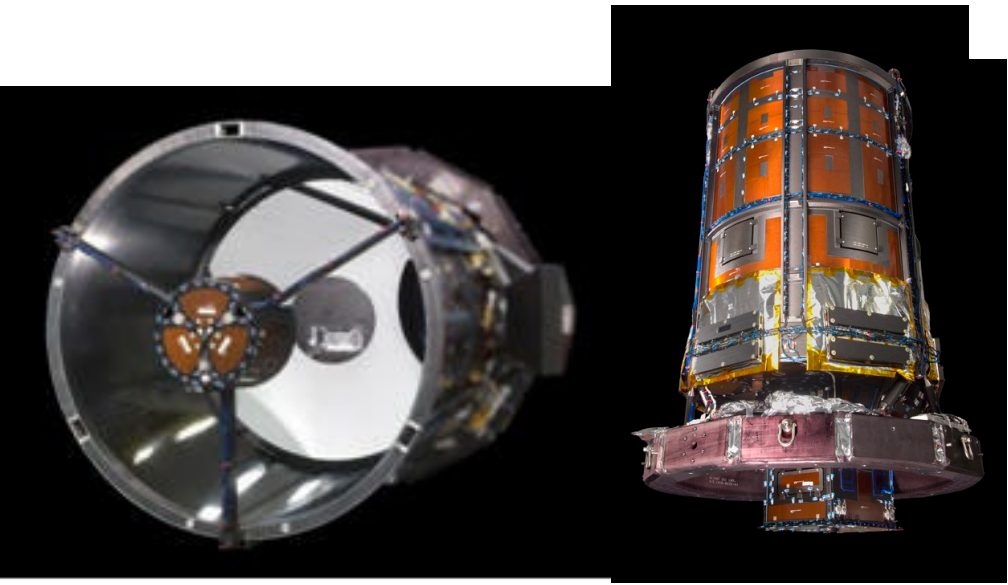
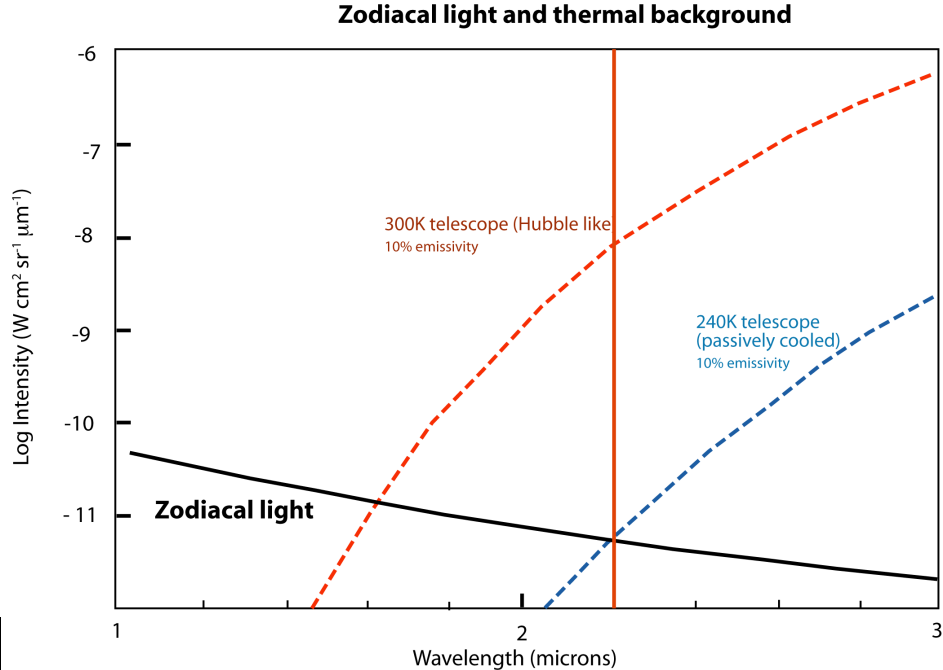
- $0.07\text{mCrab} = 7 \times 10^{-13}$  cgs, ( $>10X$  below Swift/BAT) for **HXI** (5-100 keV)
- $\sim 0.5\text{mCrab} = 1 \times 10^{-11}$  cgs (  $\sim 20X$  below INTEGRAL/IBIS) for **HXI** (100-300 keV)
- $\sim 600$  GRBs/yr ( $\sim 6X$  Swift/BAT rate) and  $\sim 30,000$  AGN: **IRT redshifts for most!**
- **unique  $\sim 10\%$  duty cycle coverage on any source,  $\sim 90\%$  full-sky every 3 hours!**

# EREXS IRT: 0.8m cold telescope for 0.3-2.3 $\mu$ m imaging & spectra

- IRT mirrors (primary and secondary) **passively cooled to -30C** (radiator) give zodiacal light limited backgrounds: IRT is ~10X faster than Keck at 2 $\mu$ m and has sens. limits only 2mag brighter than JWST!

**EREXS-IRT imaging: AB(JHK) = 23 in 100s  
= 28 in 1Ms**

- IRT based on space-qualified 1.1m telescope (ITT-GeoEye) and H2RG IR arrays with readout ASIC (developed for JWST-NIRSPEC/NIRCAM)

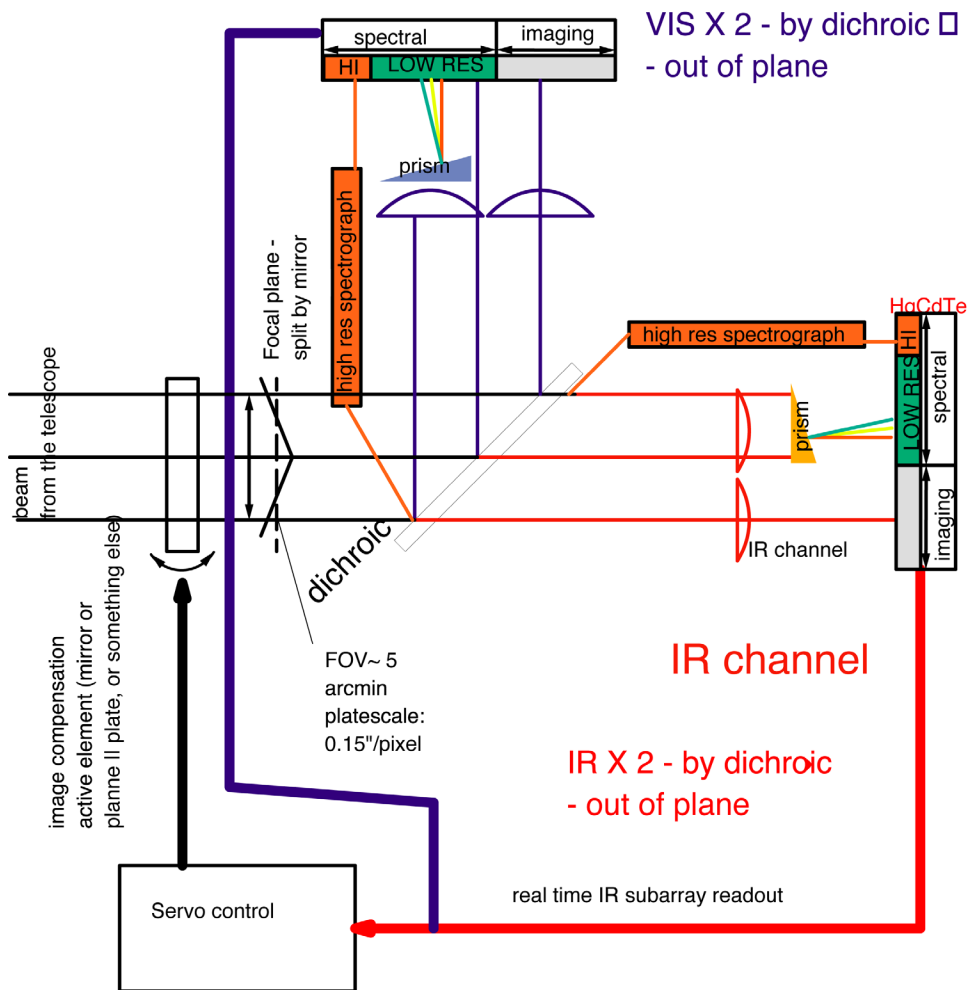


**IR:** HgCdTe +H2RG detectors (2K x 2K)  
**Vis:** CMOS+H2RG (2K x 2K); pix size 0.15"

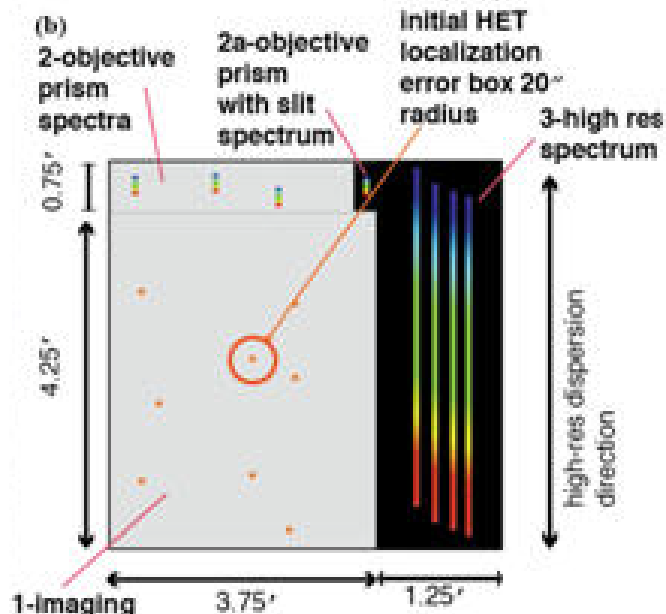
# IRT telescope and instrument layout

(H. Moseley & A. Kutyrav, GSFC)

Vis channel



## Imaging/Spectroscopy Focal Plane: Simultaneous 4-band imaging & spectra



### EXIST-IRT Parameters

Telescope	1.1m aperture Cassegrain		
Ang. Res.	$\leq 0.3''$ PSF (0.15"/pixel pl. scale)		
Spectral Bands (4)	0.3 - 0.52, 0.52 - 0.9 $\mu\text{m}$ ( $H\alpha/ViSi$ ) 0.9 - 1.38, 1.38 - 2.2 $\mu\text{m}$ ( $H2RG$ )		
Mode	Field of view	Spec. Res.	AB @ S/N $\geq 10\sigma$ (int. time sec)
Imaging (4 bands)	3.75' x 4.25' (16 arcmin <sup>2</sup> )	~3	Vis: 24 (100 sec) IR: 24 (200 sec)
Low Res. Obj. Prism	3.75' x 0.75' (1.8 arcmin <sup>2</sup> )	~30	Vis: 22 (200 sec) IR: 22 (700 sec)
Low Res. Single Slit	20" long slit	~30	Vis: 22 (150 sec) IR: 22 (300 sec)
High Res. Single Slit	4" long slit	3000	Vis: 19 (1500 sec) IR: 19 (3000 sec)

**EXIST-IRT competitive with JWST! Unique for surveys!**

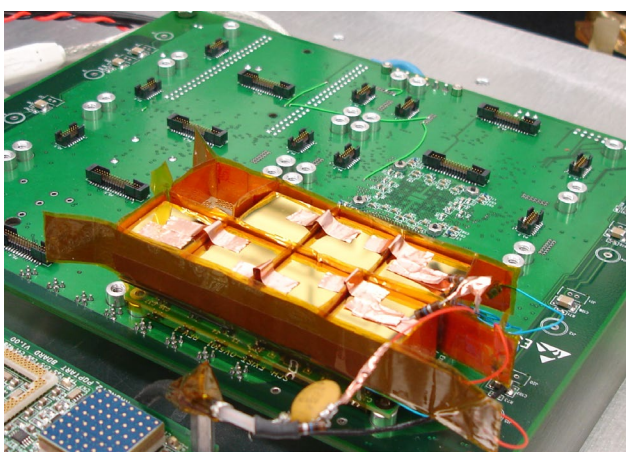
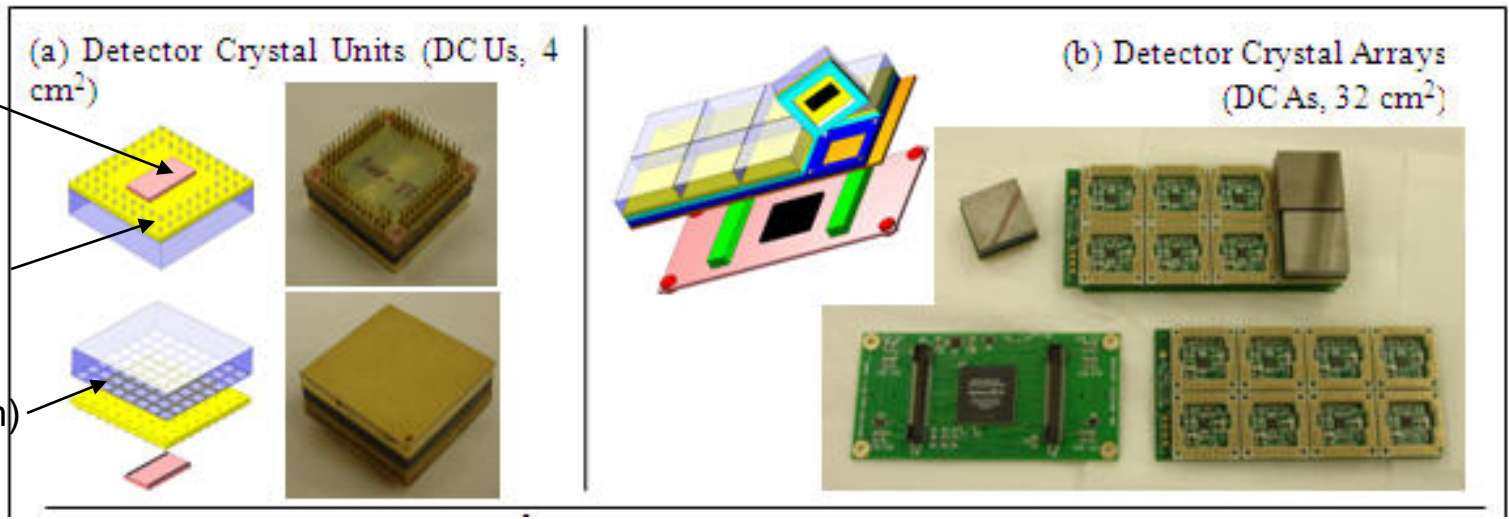
At same S/N, fainter AB  $\sim T_{\text{exp}}^{1/2}$  (ZL bkgd.)

# HXI Detector development: building a large area CZT detector/telescope prototype *ProtoEXIST1*, successfully tested on first balloon flight

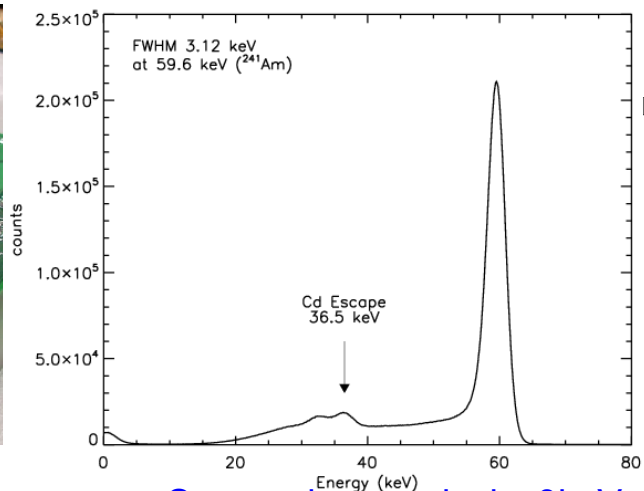
RadNet  
ASIC: 1D,  
64 pixels

2D→1D  
Interposer  
Board (IPB)

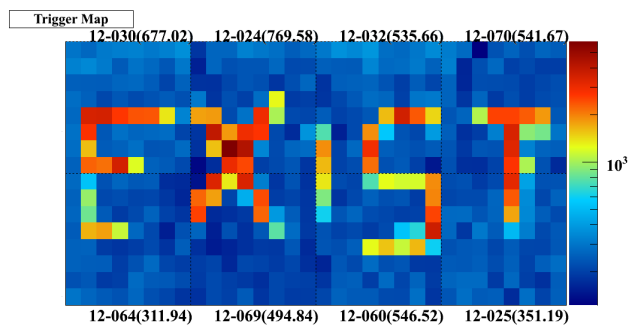
2D 8 x 8 pix  
CZT (2x2cm)



Test flight DCA board (1 of 8). DCUs  
Isolated by mylar-coated thin Cu shields

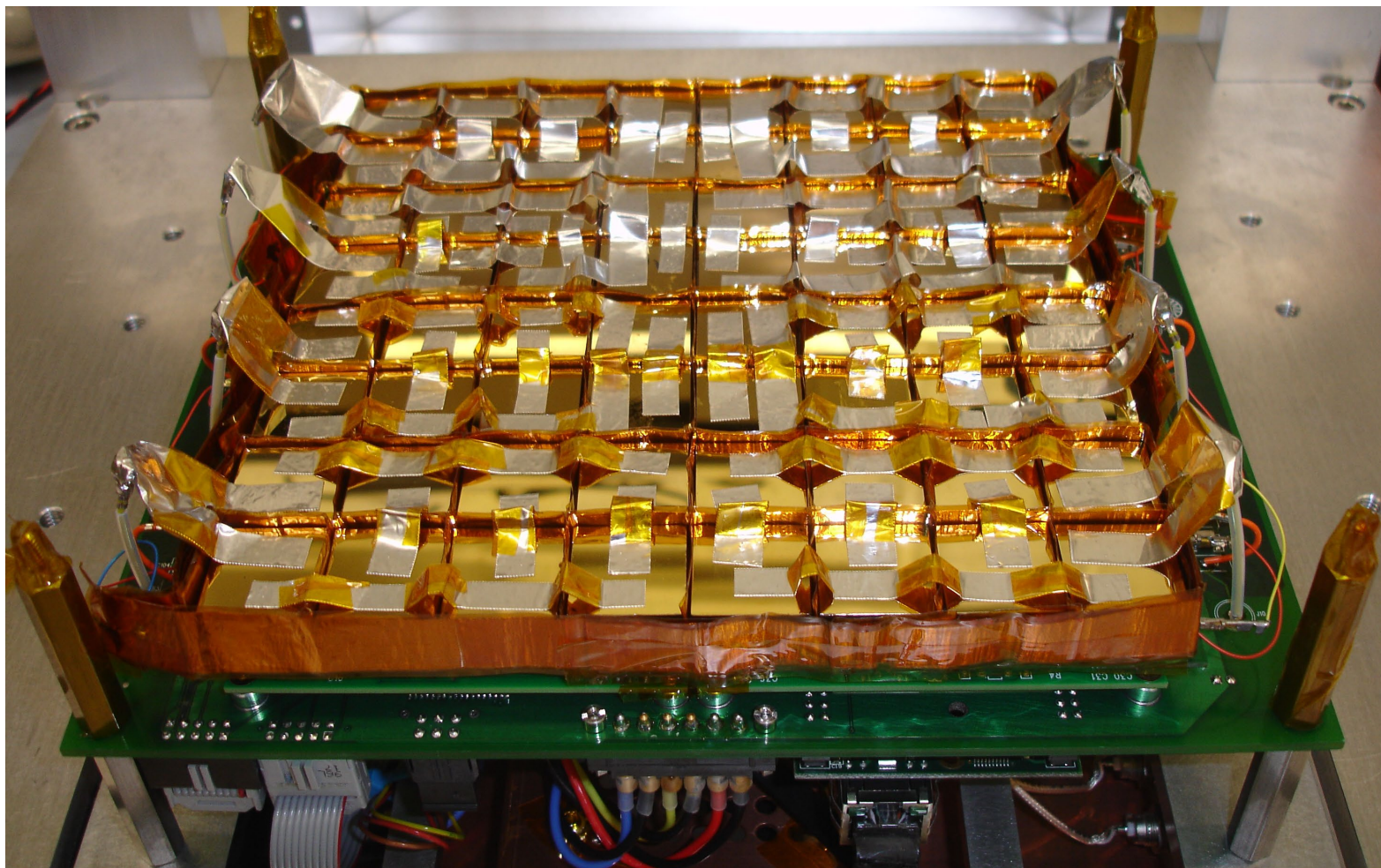


Summed array pixels: 3keV  
Energy resolution (FWHM)



60keV spectrum & DCA image  
(2.5mm pixels) through Pb mask

## Fully integrated first *ProtoEXIST1* detector array



8 x 8 array of close-tiled (0.4mm gaps) CZT crystals (20 x 20 x 5mm), each with 8 x 8 pixels (2.5mm) for 256cm<sup>2</sup> imaging through coded mask

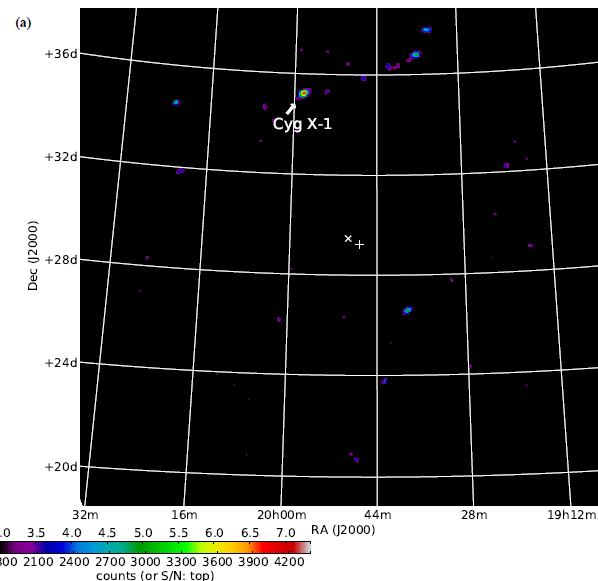
# ProtoEXIST1 in Gondola, 2009 flight & First CygX-1 image



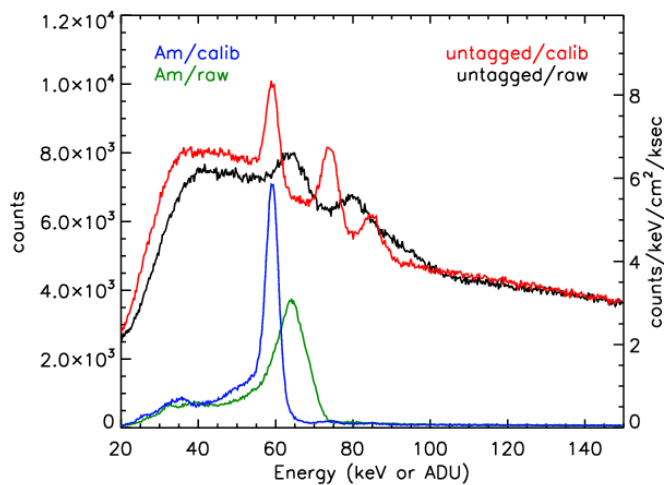
ProtoEXIST1 payload for first Ft. Sumner flight, Oct. 2009



Fully-inflated 40mcuft balloon for Oct. 9, 2009, first flight (success!)



20 x 20deg image, 20' resol., from short exp. on CygX-1 on first flight of ProtoEXIST1

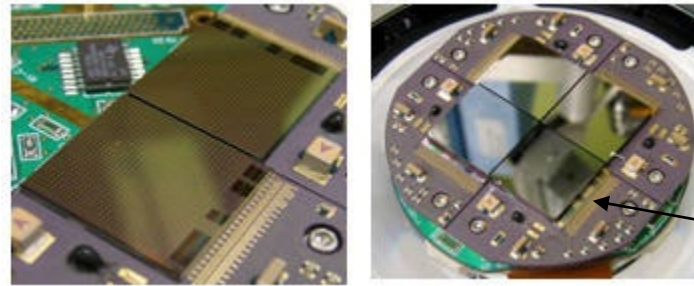


Spectra (raw vs. calib.) of background and Tagged  $^{241}\text{Am}$  calib. Source in flight

# Now developing *ProtoEXIST2/HXI*, with 32 x 32 pixel Nu ASIC

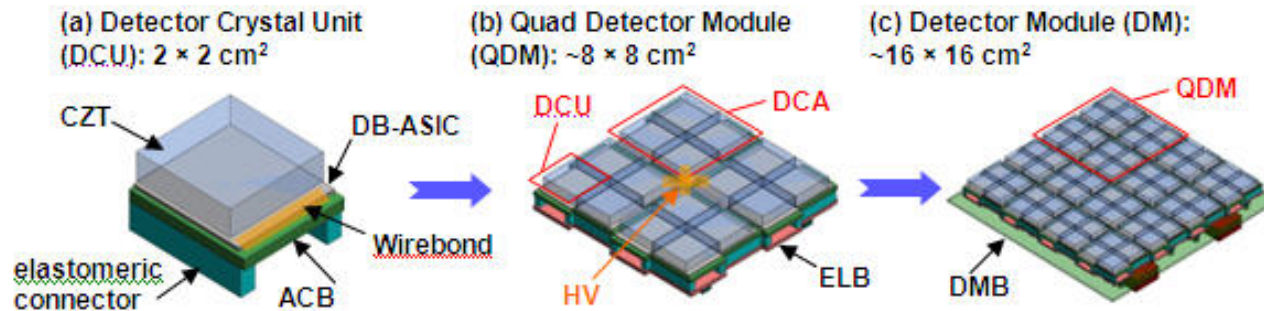
- **EEREXS** requires 3' imaging resolution to avoid source confusion; need 0.6mm pixel size on CZT for 1.2mm pixels on mask at  $f = 1.5\text{m}$
- Use Direct Bond (DB) ASIC developed by Rick Cook (Caltech) for readout of CZT on *NuSTAR* focusing HX telescope for 2013 NASA SMEX:

2 close-tiled DB ASICs ea.  
with 32 x 32 input pads



*NuSTAR* focal plane: 2 x 2  
CZTs (ea. 2 x 2 x 0.2cm),  
a 2K x 2K pixel imager. Note  
~5mm wirebond pad extension

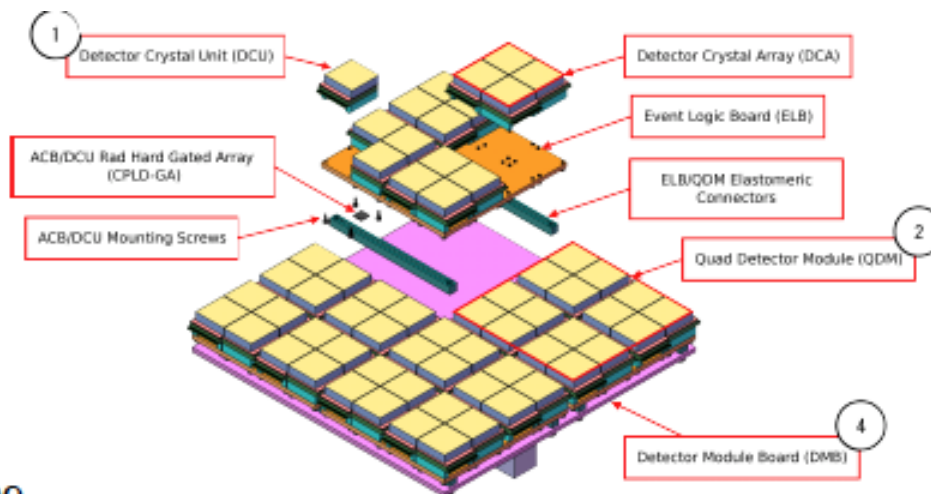
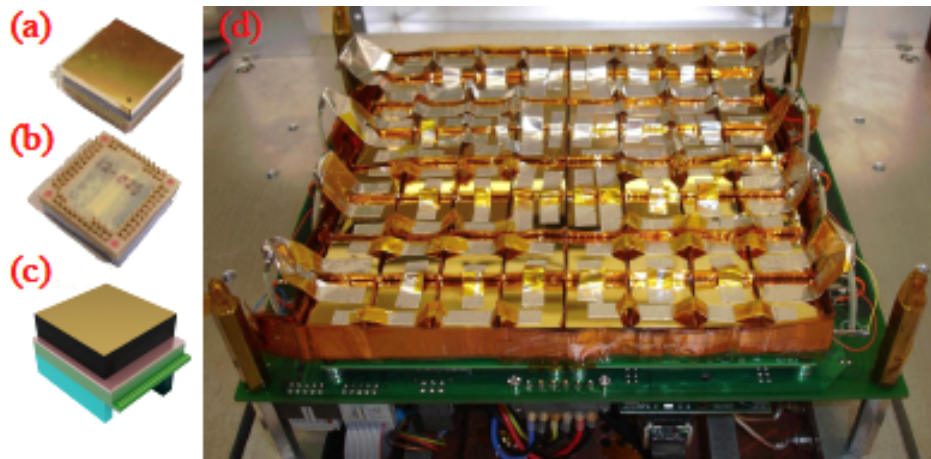
- *HXI* extends 2 x 2 CZT tiling to close-tiled hierarchical array packaging:



DCA has 0.6mm  
gaps (1 pix), but  
QDM has 5.4mm  
gaps (9 pix); **pixel  
Pitch preserved**

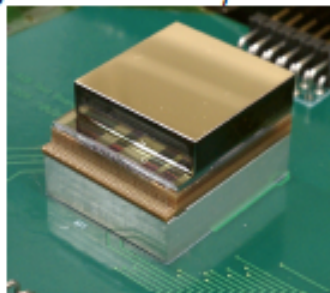
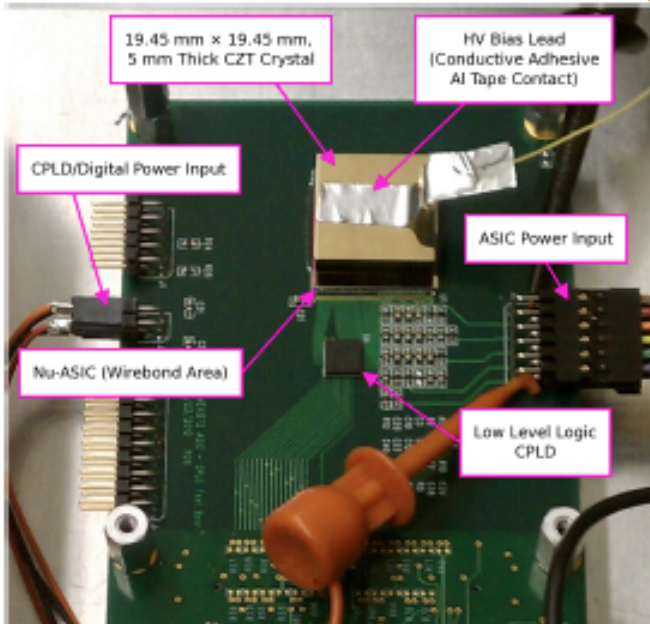


# P2 High Res imaging HXI detectors with 4X finer resol.

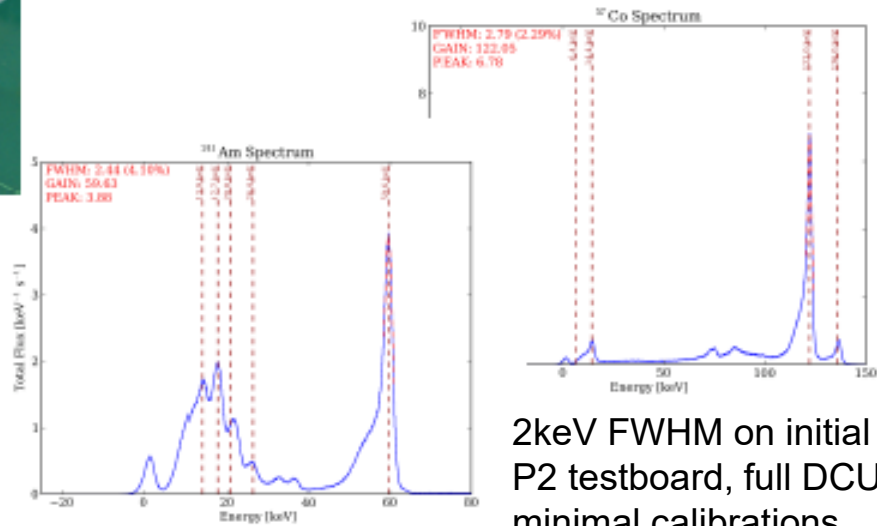


ProtoEXIST1 Detector Plane. First flight October 9, 2009.

The ProtoEXIST2 Detector Plane Architecture: 64 DCUs arranged in an 8x8 array.



D4- The First P2 Detector Crystal Unit (DCU). A single DCU contains a 32x32 pixilated anode (1024 pixels total).



Composite Spectra Collected from D4.

2keV FWHM on initial P2 testboard, full DCU, minimal calibrations

ProtoEXIST2 Test Detector D1 utilizing the NuSTAR ASIC

**Balloon flight test of P2/HXI imager in Sept. 2012!**

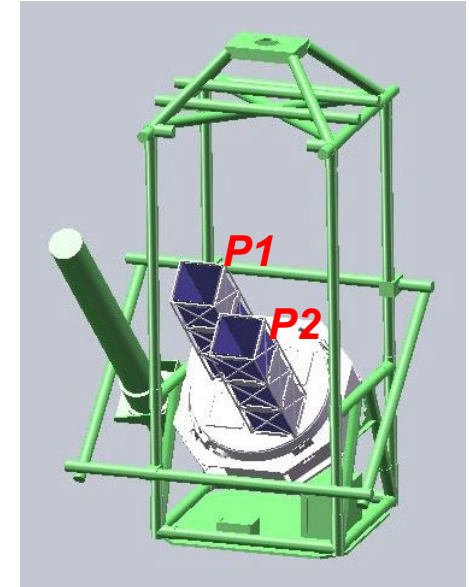
# EREXS mission summary

## Mission parameters:

Parameters	Values
Orbit	600 km, 15° inclination, 5yr mission
Mode	<u>Zenith orbital</u> scan (2yr); inertial pointing (3yr)
High Energy Telescope ( <b>HXI</b> ): Coded aperture, WF & NF imaging 1.8m <sup>2</sup> CZT: 58 WF modules (scanning) 10 NF modules (pointing)	5–300 keV, 80°×50° <u>FoV</u> (WF), 7° x 7° (NF), ≤20" positions (90% CL) 0.08–0.4 <u>mCrab</u> in 1yr survey; ~1mCrab in 1d (5-100 <u>keV</u> , 5σ) 10mCrab in 100s pointing; 1mCrab in 10 <sup>4</sup> s ptg. (5-100 <u>keV</u> , 5σ)
Optical/IR telescope ( <b>IRT</b> ): 0.8m aperture R-C	0.3–2.2 μm, 4'×4' <u>FoV</u> , 0.15" resolution AB~23 mag in 100 s; AB ~21, 19 for R = 30, 1000 spectra in 1000 s
Spacecraft (S/C)	Pointing: 2" stability; Aspect: 2" (90% conf.)
Mass	2150 kg (incl. 30% contingency and 156 kg propellant)
Power	1180 W (incl. all instruments and S/C with 30% contingency)
Telemetry	30 GB/day; <u>realtime</u> (TDRSS) GRB downlinks
Launcher	Delta II 7920 with 2.9m <u>fairing</u>
Cost range (GSFC Price H vs. Astro2010, scaled for mass & power from <i>EXIST</i> )	\$400M (GSFC Price H) vs. \$900M (Astro2010 for 2.5X larger HXI, 1.1m IRT, larger S/C, <u>AtlasV</u> launch and 5y mission ops.)

## EREXS TRL levels and costing

- HXI relies on NuSTAR ASIC but new high-density 0.6mm pixel array packaging and readout, derived from 2.5mm P1 prototype
- **P2**/HXI telescope & **P1** to fly Sept. 2012
- Balloon flight demo brings **HXI to TRL6**
- **EREXS** cost ~\$400M from GSFC/MDL:
  - Price H 70%CK cost scaled for mass from **EXIST**
  - Astro2010 costing (unrealistic) scaled: ~\$900M
- Scaling from **EXIST** is conservative since now have Delta II launch and simpler ground ops and analysis (no SXI)
- **EREXS** cost and TRL consistent with a ~2018 mission: **Finder for JWST!**



# **EREXS** Imaging/Spectra: Summary & Prospects

- Highest z stellar universe only measured via GRBs: >10X Swift sensitivity and 5X resolution and **IRT** essential for rapid **IDs & redshifts**. Locate ~2500 GRBs and opt-IR (0.3-2.2 $\mu$ m) **R=1000 spectra** for  $\geq 500$  GRBs to constrain structure to Pop III (!)
- Obscured, dormant & *First (?) SMBHs* as luminous Blazars best studied with **HXI** imager and **IRT**: complete BH census/evolution & accretion luminosity of universe
- Tidal Disruption Flares (TDFs) from Blazars (like Swift J16444) measured out to z ~1 and non-beamed TDFs constrain SMBH mass by IRT lightcurve decay timescales
- Short GRBs imaged in coincidence with Advanced LIGO (>2016): precision Hubble constant **constrains NS-EOS** from GW vs. EM waveforms
- Broad band (~5 – 300 keV), large area & FoV and **IRT** are unique for **EREXS**: image half-sky each orbit. ALL sources observed with  $\geq 10\%$  continuous coverage. **Continuously measure stellar BH states, bright QPOs and reflection spectra for bright AGN to constrain reflection spectra and 6.4 keV line emission and thus SMBH spin**
- **A wide-field, high time resolution imaging survey can achieve complementary and breakthrough science for at least 4 of the 5 IXO science objectives. Galaxy cluster AGN surveys constrain feedback and cluster structure (magnetic fields) is constrained by inverse Compton of radio electrons off the CMB for HX detected non-AGN clusters**