



## Status of X-ray astronomy and first eROSITA highlights

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## The solar corona



## The solar corona in X-rays

## Dying Stars in X-rays

Tycho SNR Credit: NASA/CXC/RIKEN & GSFC/T. Sato et al Puppis A SNR Credit: SRG/eROSITA MPE Predehl



## Accreting black holes

Chandra Deep Field South: The deepest X-ray image of the sky ever taken (Xue et al. 2011)

Quasi Periodoc Eruptions (QPE)



Credit: ESA XMM-Newton, G. Miniutti

Every dot is a (supermassive) black hole!

Accreting black holes Probes of GR





WHIM, Filaments, the hot CGM and the "missing baryons"



Credit: de Graaf et al. 2020

## **Clusters of Galaxies**

Bullet Cluster, Optical, X-ray and DM

Perseus Cluster, edge enhanced X-ray emission

Credit: X-ray: NASA/CXC/CfA/M.Markevitch, Optical and lensing map: NASA/STScI, Magellan/U.Arizona/D.Clowe, Lensing map: ESO WFI

Credit: NASA, Chandra, J. Sanders





Chandra [1999] Sub-arcsec resolution imaging, Soft and Hard X-ray gratings spectroscopy

Sensitive Soft X-ray ~all-sky imaging and fast follow-up of transients

Einstein Probe [2024]

Wide FoV imaging and highresolution calorimeter's talk? spectroscopy

Perseus

NICER [2017]

High-throughput

(non-imaging)

spectroscopy of

bright sources

timing and

XRISM [2023]

IXPE [2021] Zane's talk Imaging Polarimetry

This talk SRG eROSITA ART-XC [2019]

The X-ray Sky **Observatories** 

Hard X-ray imaging and

timing

[2017]

HXMT-Insight

Virgo

Centaurus

XMM-Newton [1999]

High-throughput CCD spectroscopy, soft X-ray gratings spectroscopy

> SWIFT [2004] Fast response, ToO, flexible scheduling, CCD imaging and spectroscopy

> > NuSTAR [2012]

Hard X-ray imaging and CCD spectroscopy

All-sky monitor, high-throughput timing, multiwavelength

Hydra

AstroSAT [2015]

MAXI [2009]

All-sky monitor, high-cadence observations of bright sources

## Why eROSITA? Clusters Cosmology



- Clusters are exponentially sensitive tracers of growth of structures
- A signature of clusters is the hot ( $\sim 10^7$  K), extended X-ray ICM
- eROSITA (PSF, sensitivity) was designed to be able to detect >10<sup>5</sup> clusters (Pillepich+ 2018)





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- Large Effective area (~1300 cm<sup>2</sup> @1keV, ~XMM-Newton)
- Large Field of view: 1 degree (diameter)
- Half-Energy width (HEW) ~18" (on-axis, point.); ~30" (FoV avg., survey)
  - Positional accuracy: ~4.5" (1σ)
- X-ray baffle: 92% stray light reduction
- pnCCD with framestore:  $384x384x7 \sim 10^6$  pixels (9.4"), no chip gaps, no 'out of time' events,
- Spectral resolution at all measured energies within specs (~80eV @1.5keV)

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Moon diameter 30 arcmin



XMM-Newton Field of view  $\sim$  30 arcmin







## Programmatics



eRASS = eROSITA All-Sky Survey



- Early Data Release (EDR) in 2021: several fields, including eFEDS mini-survey
- DR1 on 31.1.2024
- DR2 (eRASS:4.x) TBD (about two years from now)



## The All-Sky Surveys by Numbers

- Completed 4 all-sky survey (12/2019 12/2021)
- Uniform exposure, avg.~800s; up to 120ks at the Ecliptic Poles (confusion limited)
- Very few background flares, flexible mission planning: no gaps in exposure
- ~1.6 Billion 0.2-5keV calibrated photons (~350 Gb telemetry)
- Typical (point-source) sensitivity:
  - Single pass (eRASS1,2,3,4)
    - $\sim 5 \times 10^{-14} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2 [0.2-2.3 \text{ keV}];$  4-5x deeper than RASS
    - $\sim 7 \times 10^{-13} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2 [2.3-5 \text{ keV}]$
  - Cumulative (eRASS:4)
    - $\sim 2x10^{-14} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2 [0.2-2.3 \text{ keV}]$
    - $\sim 2x10^{-13} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2 [2.3-5 \text{ keV}]$
- eRASS1 (half-sky): 0.9M point sources ~doubles the number of known X-ray sources!
- eRASS:4 (half-sky): 2.8M point sources; 87k extended; ~45k confirmed clusters





## The eRASS1 (soft) photon Pie



#### ~340 Million calibrated events

- 107 Million CXB photons
- 67 Million MW Hot CGM photons (58M halo + 9M 'Corona'; Ponti+'23)
- 63 Million Instrumental BKG photons (FWC)
- 34 Million Local Hot Bubble photons
- 27 Million Solar Wind Charge Exchange photons
- 32 Million Point Sources' photons
  - 24 Million AGN photons; 8 Million Stars photons
- 8 Million Extended Sources' photons





## eROSITA-DE Data Release 1 products







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- Software
- Calibration DB
- Attitude files
- Exposure maps
- Events

, 15/4/2024

- Count rate maps
- Source catalogues
- X-ray Spectra
- Light-curves

Merloni et al. (2024)

## eRASS1 in time domain



eRASS1 cts rate image Movie courtesy of J. Sanders (MPE)





## eRASS: Timescales

- **50 msec [Readout]:** Time resolution of each CCD (frame readout cycle)
- **40 sec [Visit]:** Scan speed + 1 deg. FoV (avg effective exposure)
- **4 hours [eRoday]:** Rotation period of SRG (Interval between scans/visits)
- 1 day [Visibility]: avg. visibility length (~6 visits)
- 6 months [eRASS]: one complete all-sky survey (revisit period for most of the sky)
- 2 years: 4 all-sky surveys





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Article

**X-ray detection of a nova in the fireball phase** 

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Novae are caused by runaway thermonuclear burning in the hydrogen-rich envelopes of accreting white dwarfs, which leads to a rapid expansion of the envelope and the ejection of most of its mass<sup>1,2</sup>. Theory has predicted the existence of a 'fireball' phase following directly on from the runaway fusion, which should be observable as a short, bright and soft X-ray flash before the nova becomes visible in the optical<sup>3-5</sup>. Here we report observations of a bright and soft X-ray flash associated with the classical Galactic nova YZ Reticuli 11 h before its 9 mag optical brightening. No X-ray source was detected 4 h before and after the event, constraining the duration of the flash to shorter than 8 h. In agreement with theoretical predictions<sup>4,6-8</sup>, the source's spectral shape is consistent with a black-body of  $3.27^{+0.11}_{-0.33} \times 10^5$  K ( $28.2^{+0.9}_{-2.8}$  eV), or a white dwarf atmosphere, radiating at the Eddington luminosity, with a photosphere that is only slightly larger than a typical white dwarf.





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- 2 years: 4 all-sky survey

#### Article X-ray quasi-periodic eruptions from two previously quiescent galaxies

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Quasi-periodic eruptions (QPEs) are very-high-amplitude bursts of X-ray radiation recurring every few hours and originating near the central supermassive black holes of galactic nuclei<sup>1,2</sup>. It is currently unknown what triggers these events, how long they last and how they are connected to the physical properties of the inner accretion flows. Previously, only two such sources were known, found either serendipitously or in archival data<sup>1,2</sup>, with emission lines in their optical spectra classifying their nuclei as hosting an actively accreting supermassive black hole<sup>3,4</sup>. Here we report observations of QPEs in two further galaxies, obtained with a blind and systematic search of half of the X-ray sky. The optical spectra of these galaxies show no signature of black hole activity, indicating that a pre-existing accretion flow that is typical of active galactic nuclei is not required to trigger these events. Indeed, the periods, amplitudes and profiles of the QPEs reported here are inconsistent with current models that invoke radiation-pressure-driven instabilities in the accretion disk<sup>5-9</sup>. Instead, QPEs might be driven by an orbiting compact object. Furthermore, their observed properties require the mass of the secondary object to be much smaller than that of the main body<sup>10</sup>, and future X-ray observations may constrain possible changes in their period owing to orbital evolution. This model could make OPEs a viable candidate for the electromagnetic counterparts of so-called extreme-mass-ratio inspirals<sup>11-13</sup>, with considerable implications for multi-messenger astrophysics and cosmology<sup>14,15</sup>.





#### QPE2

1 day!

followed-up with XMM-Newton

 $Lx_{0.5-2keV}^{peak} \approx 1e42 \ erg \ s^{-1}$ 

Arcodia+21

Arcodia et al. 2021, Nature



Credit: Sanders, Brunner (MPE); Churazov, Gilfanov (IKI)



Credit: Khabibullin, Selig (MPA)



## The eROSITA Bubbles



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- $L_{X,tot} \sim 10^{39} \text{ erg/s}$
- Energetics:
  - Assume kT=0.3 keV and abundances of 0.2
     Solar
  - Shock with  $M \sim 1.5$  (from T jump)
  - E<sub>tot</sub>~10<sup>56</sup> erg (~ 10x Fermi bubbles!)
    - Age~20 Myr
    - Energy release rate of ~1-3×10<sup>41</sup> erg/s
- Gas Cooling time ~2 x 10<sup>8</sup> years (>> age of bubbles)

Predehl, Sunyaev et al. Nature (2020)







## The Vela Supe

- Very extended X-ray-bright core-collapse SNR
  - Central energetic pulsar PSR B0833-45 & pulsar wind nebula (Vela X)
  - Nearby (~ 290 pc; *Dodson+03*)
  - Age ~ 11 30 kyr (Manchester+05, Espinoza+17)

▶eRASS:4 data provide opportunity to study

- Foreground absorption (≻ Local ISM properties)
- Ejecta distribution & composition (> SN nucleosynthesis)
- Synchrotron emission from PWN (> Cosmic ray acceleration)



Mayer, Becker et al. (2023)



Mayer, Becker et al. (2023)

With eROSITA, observe much larger size of pulsar's diffuse X-ray nebula, with a radial extent of  $2^{\circ}$  -  $3^{\circ}$ 





- Synchrotron emission in "Cocoon" visible with ROSAT & XMM (e.g. *Slane*+2018)







## eRASS1 and X-ray catalogues



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## The SRG/eROSITA all-sky survey: Identifying ~130k coronal-

### emitting stars Freund et al. (2024)



eROSITA

## Searching for X-ray counterparts of unassociated Fermi-LAT sources and rotation-powered pulsars with SRG/eROSITA



DAGN

DMSP

Table 4: List of top 50 candidate pulsar-type matches to 4FGL sources.



	#	$\alpha_X$	$o_X$	$O_X$	Ldet	Lext	Source_Name_4rg	JL $\Gamma_{\gamma}$	r	ri	ri	ri	Commen
		deg	deg	arcsec				•			-		
	1	236.06418	-25.92528	3.0	19.8	0.0	4FGL J1544.2-25	554 0.99	7 0.753	0.000	0.753	0.001	
	2	197.23184	-62.41172	1.6	180	0.0	4FGL J1309.1-62	223 0.99	7 0.637	0.630	0.007	0.003	
0.70	3	253.31237	-43.82513	4.2	5.2	0.0	4FGL J1653.2-43	349 0.98	9 0.563	0.562	0.000	0.000	
11112	4	143.50470	-62.56495	2.5	38	0.0	4FGL J0933.8-62	232 1.00	0 0.540	0.032	0.509	0.000	(a)
	5	244.20254	-53.69458	2.3	48	0.0	4FGL J1616.6-53	341 1.00	0 0.480	0.176	0.303	0.000	(b)
	6	252.34131	-44.73401	1.8	112	0.0	4FGL J1649.3-44	441 0.99	0 0.477	0.460	0.017	0.009	(b)
	7	118.04167	-29.50531	1.6	217	0.0	4FGL J0752.0-29	931 0.99	9 0.452	0.436	0.016	0.003	( <i>c</i> )
	8	263.86181	-29.75370	7.7	18.0	6.1	4FGL J1735.4-29	944 0.91	3 0.451	0.427	0.024	0.291	
	9	201.34839	-54.23968	3.8	10.3	0.0	4FGL J1325.3-54	113 0.96	8 0.448	0.018	0.430	0.005	( <i>d</i> )
).60	10	266.41332	-36.42802	3.0	37	0.0	4FGL J1745.6-36	526 0.75	1 0.448	0.023	0.425	0.267	
	11	236.33279	-45.90416	2.2	77	0.0	4FGL J1545.2-45	553 0.91	1 0.361	0.024	0.337	0.131	
	12	260.52566	-32.08855	4.2	5.4	0.0	4FGL J1722.1-32	205 0.97	1 0.349	0.033	0.316	0.003	
	13	209.23867	-61.38800	1.8	130	0.0	4FGL J1357.3-61	123 0.95	2 0.348	0.337	0.011	0.037	(b, e)
	14	236.81672	-48.00443	3.5	16.1	0.0	4FGL J1547.4-48	<b>302</b> 0.94	4 0.348	0.035	0.313	0.018	
	15	183.49466	-44.25681	4.0	10.8	0.0	4FGL J1213.9-44	<b>1</b> 16 0.94	5 0.335	0.002	0.332	0.007	
).50	16	214.66390	-61.19200	5.2	10.3	0.0	4FGL J1418.7-61	L10 0.91	7 0.326	0.318	0.007	0.005	
	17	260.15801	-26.87634	2.5	33	0.0	4FGL J1720.6-26	553c 0.40	0 0.324	0.031	0.293	0.539	
	18	245.57301	-72.05278	4.1	13.2	0.0	4FGL J1622 2-72	202 0.99	7 0.323	0.000	0.323	0.001	
	19	253.57303	-49.11719	3.3	12.6	0.0	4FGL J1654.2-49	<b>907c</b> 0.28	7 0.319	0.046	0.273	0.306	
	20	246.53852	-49.29462	2.6	28.3	0.0	4FGL J1626.0-49	917c 0.48	3 0.311	0.293	0.018	0.248	
	21	225.02645	-58.77219	5.1	7.5	0.0	4FGL J1500.1-58	346 0.50	9 0.306	0.301	0.005	0.068	
1.40	22	171.97380	-62.02326	1.5	163	0.0	4FGL J1127.9-61	158 0.99	8 0.303	0.291	0.012	0.001	(f)
en ante Anti-	23	126.56484	-50.90072	4.2	8.9	0.0	4FGL J0826.1-50	053 0.98	6 0.301	0.002	0.298	0.001	0/
「「「「「」」	24	92.18263	20.59542	4.0	39	0.0	4FGL J0608.8+20	34c 0.96	9 0.299	0.286	0.013	0.018	
81.	25	249.93840	-46.68515	4.9	10.2	0.0	4FGL J1639.8-46	542c 0.95	7 0.280	0.279	0.001	0.001	(e)
- 77	26	118,73457	-39.88257	4.4	7.4	0.0	4FGL J0754.9-39	953 1.00	0 0.279	0.003	0.276	0.000	(-)
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. durin	28	254.16530	-48.22062	2.6	39	0.0	4FGL J1656.9-48	314 0.72	2 0.270	0.077	0.194	0.110	(-,-,
1.30	29	194.20780	-63.66546	4.2	6.8	0.0	4FGL J1257.0-63	339 0.95	9 0.265	0.155	0.111	0.001	
	30	221.32135	-60.00743	3.1	18.7	0.0	4FGL J1445 1-59	958c 0.81	6 0.259	0.254	0.005	0.027	
	31	244.81362	-50.78953	3.2	22.0	0.0	4FGL J1619.3-50	47 0.98	2 0.258	0.253	0.005	0.002	
	32	259.37013	-44.03974	2.4	62	0.0	4FGL J1717.6-44	104 0.76	0 0.253	0.095	0.158	0.238	
	33	258 72454	-33 38508	3.6	10.9	0.0	4FGL 11714 9-33	324 0.99	9 0.252	0.046	0.206	0.000	
	34	264 39070	-33 54471	2.5	22.3	0.0	4FGL 11737.3-33	332 0.94	2 0.250	0.212	0.038	0.007	$(\mathbf{b})$
	35	198 12297	-62 57599	2.4	41	0.0	4FGL 11312.6-62	231c 0.98	7 0.245	0.200	0.045	0.004	(0)
	36	246.65399	-48.96485	3.5	18.8	0.0	4FGL 11626.5-48	358c 0.88	2 0.237	0.231	0.006	0.013	$(\tilde{b})$
1.20	37	252 33402	-45 23386	42	15.8	0.0	4FGL 11649 2-45	513c 0.96	4 0.232	0.221	0.011	0.002	(0)
	38	148 43061	-15 16169	53	5.2	0.0	4FGL 10953 6-15	509 100	0 0 229	0.000	0.228	0.000	
	39	251 25342	-41 38724	2.7	27.5	0.0	4FGL 11645 1-41	123c 0.94	7 0.228	0.022	0.206	0.031	
	40	254 48273	-46 92163	19	96	0.0	4FGL 11657 7-46	556c 0.52	7 0.226	0.102	0.123	0.433	(h)
	41	243 00184	-5142570	37	17.5	0.0	4FGL 11611 9-51	125c 0.95	7 0 224	0.222	0.002	0.001	(b)
	42	86 16917	22.63266	2.8	44	0.0	4FGL 10544 4+22	238 0.68	8 0.222	0.180	0.042	0.103	(0)
	43	228 44197	-15 34978	2.0 4 9	92	0.0	4FGL 11513 7-15	519 0.98	9 0 2 1 9	0.002	0.217	0.004	
	44	246 72777	-42 87342	29	25.0	0.0	4FGL 11626 6-42	251 0.90	8 0.217	0.025	0.192	0.016	$(\mathbf{h})$
	45	205 67808	-57 48130	4.0	17.2	0.0	4FGI 11342 6-57	730 0.70	3 0.217	0.023	0.152	0.281	(9)
	46	275 72745	_47 31907	53	52	0.0	4FGI 11822 0_/7	718 0.47	1 0.210	0.004	0.212	0.008	
	<u>10</u>	213 00350	-60 30056	24	37	0.0	4FGI 11/12 2 60	18 0.90	7 0.212	0.000	0.0212	0.625	
	18	254 33750	_39 28210	30	13.1	0.0	4FGI 11657 / 20	$\frac{10}{17c}$ 0.42	0.212	0.121	0.128	0.020	
).10	10	108 15828	_62 05827	3.1	18.7	0.0	AFCI 11312 2 62	257 0.03	6 0.200	0.005	0.128	0.025	
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	- 50	202.31393	-34.32373	3.1	22.1	0.0	4rdL J1/30.1-34	±44 0.93	0 0.208	0.195	0.014	0.002	

Merloni, CTAO, 15/4/2024



## 1.04-2.3 keV Imaging the LSS

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Virgo (16Mpc)

Hydra (0.01)

Centaurus (0.02)

Shapley (0.048)

Leo (0.032)

## **Clusters and Groups in eRASS1**

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Optical ID/cleaning using Legacy DR10

12704 Clusters with redshift (o<z<1.4); Purity ~85% 3200 spec-z; 1900 velocity dispersions

Bulbul+ (2024); Kluge+ (2024)

-60°

-45°



## **Clusters Cosmology sample**







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eRASS1 Point sources subtracted map

eRASS1 Point sources map

Credit: J. Sanders, MPE





First results from the SRG/eROSITA All-sky Survey From Stars to Cosmology **RESEARCH CAMPUS**, GARCHING, GERMANY September 15-20, 2024 For information and registration see: Abstract Submission Deadline: May 15, 2024

## Conclusions

X-ray astronomy is a key contributor to our exploration of the Universe, as it reveals both  $\sim$  fundamental and exotic phenomena

The field has reached a high level of maturity and is well diversified

eROSITA on SRG is the most powerful wide-field X-ray telescope to date. It has been in operation since Q3 2019, for more than 2 years, having completed 4.4 all-sky surveys

Thanks to its large Grasp, stable background and observing cadence eROSITA opens up new parameter space for X-ray astronomy

eRASS1 marks the coming of age of clusters cosmology as a Stage IV experiment

Numerous science highlights from DR1!

eRASS1 is now fully public! <a href="https://erosita.mpe.mpg.de/dr1/">https://erosita.mpe.mpg.de/dr1/</a>



## www.mpe.mpg.de/eROSITA

## Thank you

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## **Extra Slides**



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## X-ray Background @ L2





- 1) Background much less variable than in the XMM and Chandra data
- 2) A factor of  $\sim$ 3 higher particle bkgnd than predicted in the White Book
- 3) Less fluorescence lines than EPICpn due to graded shields
- 4) But: iron line (+others) likely from impurities in the graded shield itself



# ROSITA

#### Survey HEW ~30" [0.2-2.3 keV]

Merloni et al. 2024

## **Calibration: Energy scale**



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## eRASS1 Catalogues



Soft band 0.2-2.3 keV, Point sources: 903k

Soft band 0.2-2.3 keV, extended: 26.6k (of which 12k optically confimred clusters)

Hard band 2.3-5 keV, Point Sources: 5k

Hard band 2.3-5 keV, Extended: 380



Merloni et al. (2024)



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X-ray intensity (wavelt filtered, color) with galaxies overdensity contours (white)

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# The hot CGM in eRASS1: I. X-ray brightness profiles (Yi et al.)



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## The hot CGM in eRASS1: II. Scaling Relations (Yi et al.)



The first all-sky survey of star-forming galaxies with SRG/eROSITA: Scaling relations and populations of X-ray luminous starbursts (Kyritsis et al.)



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## Probing the physical properties of the IGM using SRG/eROSITA spectra from blazars (Gatuzz et al.)





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