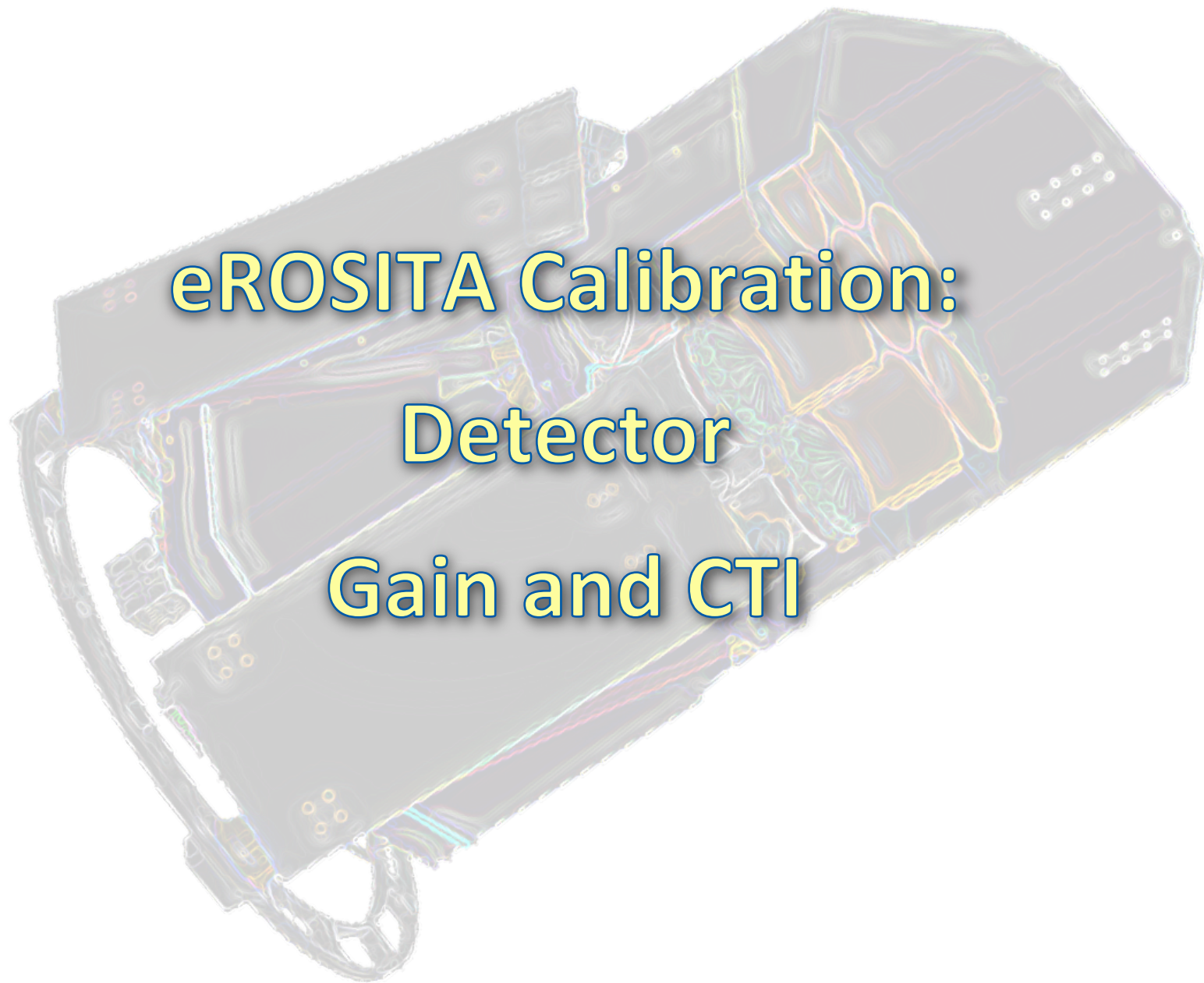




**eROSITA**  
**On-ground Calibration**  
**and beyond..**

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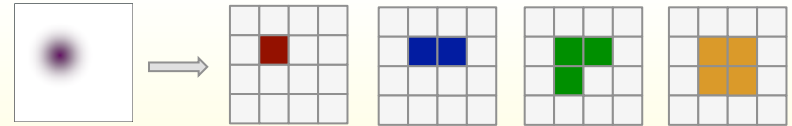
**eROSITA Calibration:**

**Detector**

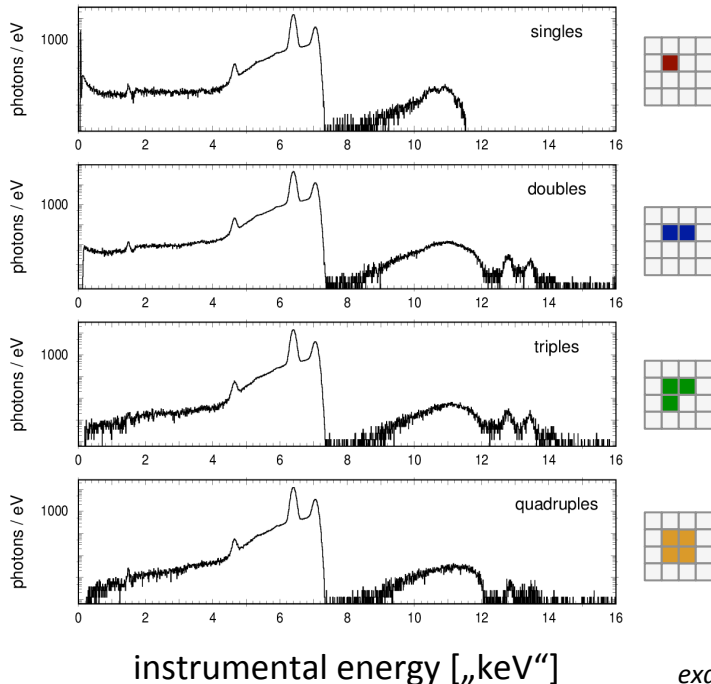
**Gain and CTI**

# Energy Calibration:

extent of charge cloud & 75  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel size  
 $\rightarrow$  4 pattern types

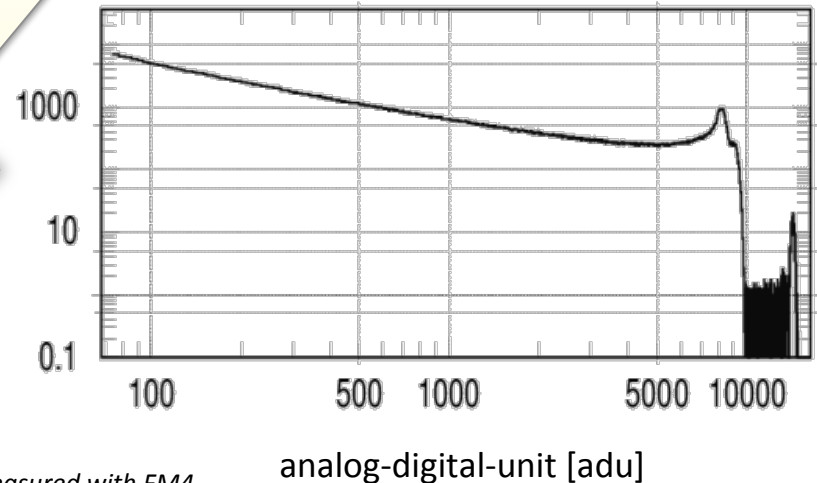


*reconstructed spectral distributions*



- superposition of partial charges
- charge transfer losses (CTI)
- gain differences between CCD columns

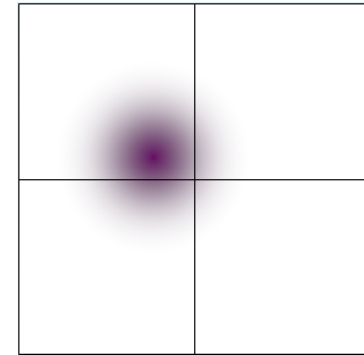
*observed pulse height distribution*



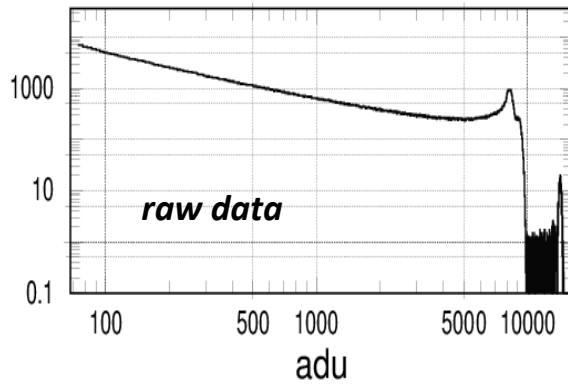
example: Fe-K, measured with FM4

Reconstructing the spectral distribution requires

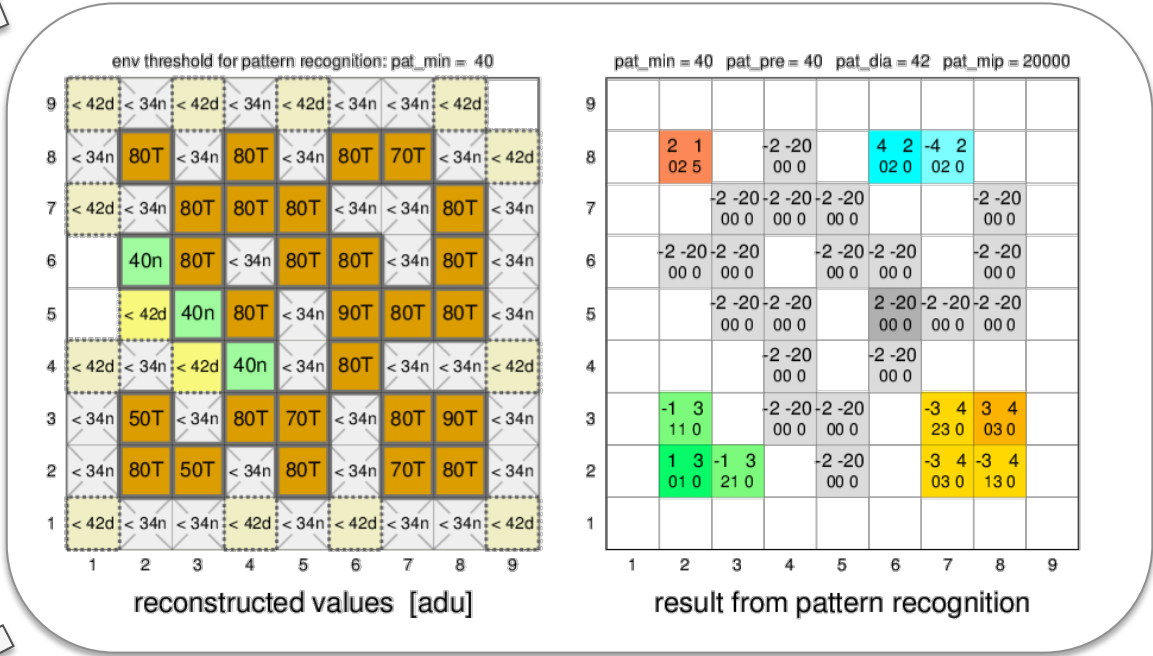
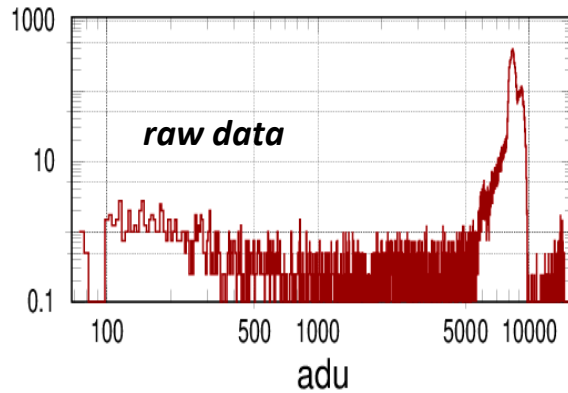
- **pattern** recognition
- correction for **gain** variations between CCD channels
- correction for charge transfer loss (**CTI**)



all events



singles



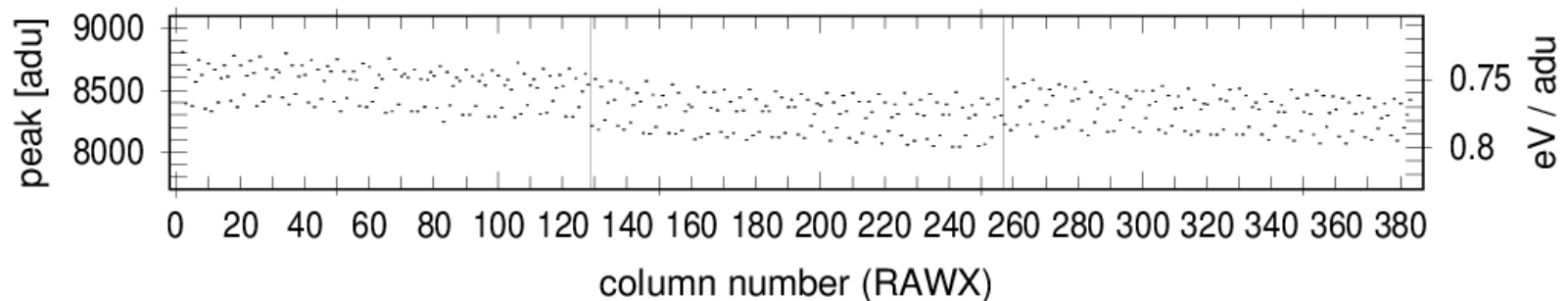
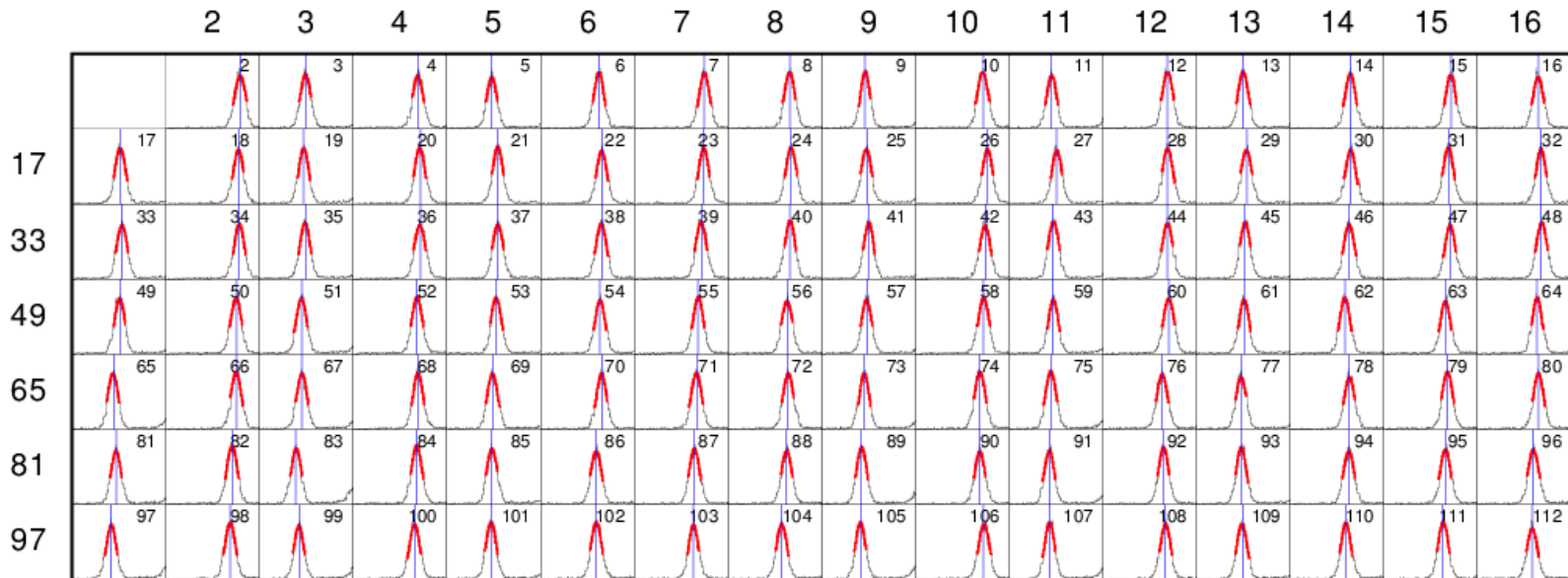
**pattern recognition**

Reconstructing the spectral distribution requires

- **pattern** recognition
- correction for **gain** variations between CCD channels
- correction for charge transfer loss (**CTI**)

example:

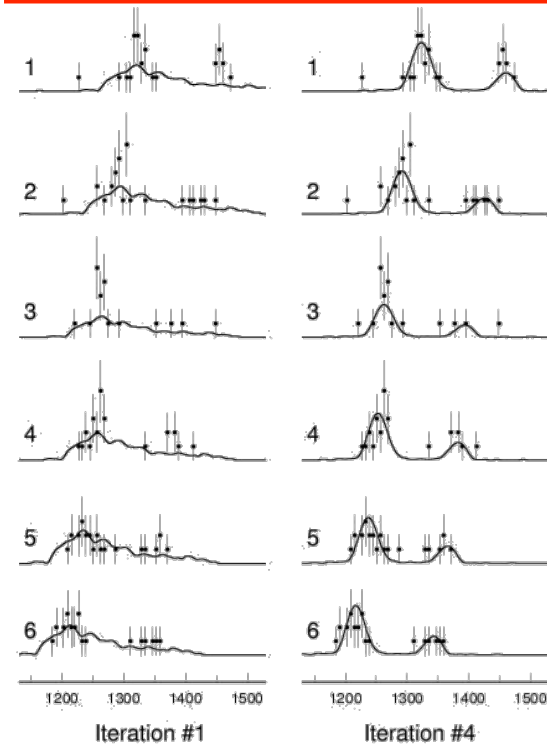
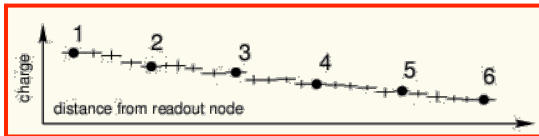
Fe-K, measured with FM4



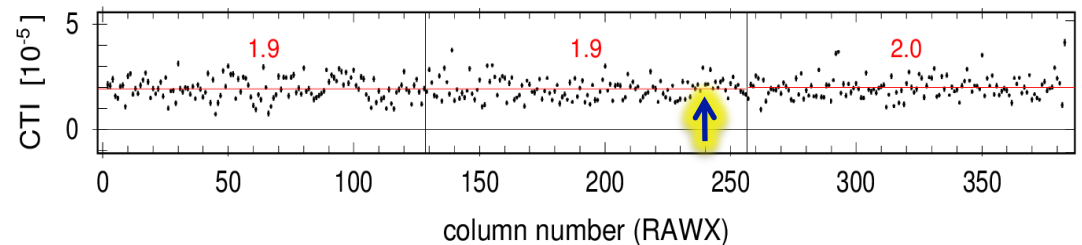
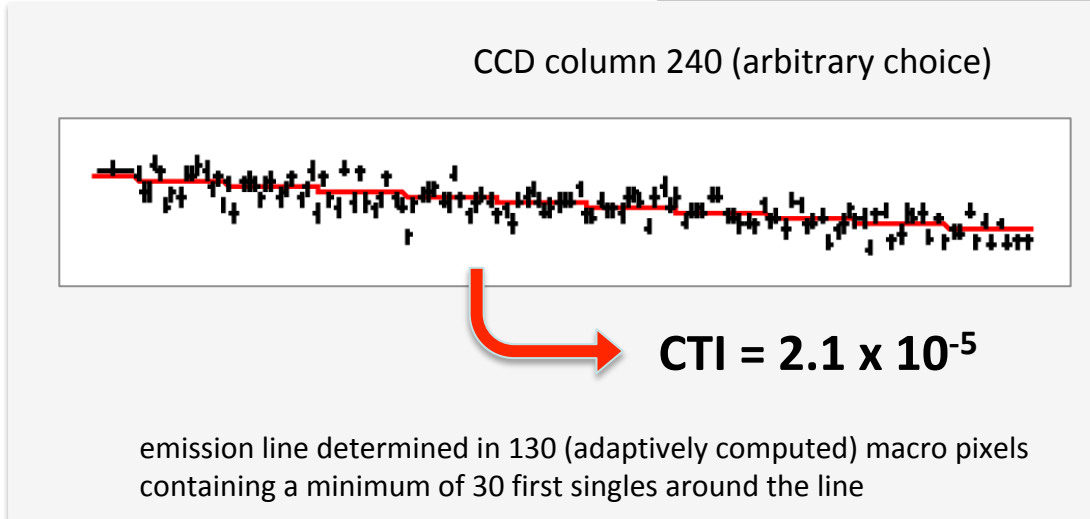
## gain determination

Reconstructing the spectral distribution requires

- **pattern** recognition
- correction for **gain** variations between CCD channels
- correction for charge transfer loss (**CTI**)



example:  
Fe-K, measured with FM4



## CTI determination

97	2.7	161	1.3	225	1.9	289	2.1
98	2.2	162	2.2	226	1.4	290	1.3
99	2.4	163	2.4	227	2.1	291	2.3
100	2.8	164	1.4	228	1.3	292	3.6
101	2.1	165	1.5	229	1.3	293	3.7
102	1.9	166	1.6	230	1.4	294	1.7
103	2.5	167	2.1	231	2.3	295	2.2
104	2.4	168	1.1	232	1.4	296	1.6
105	1.7	169	2.3	233	2.2	297	2.2
106	1.4	170	2.1	234	1.5	298	1.8
107	1.0	171	1.8	235	2.1	299	2.0
108	2.4	172	1.8	236	1.9	300	2.2
109	1.3	173	1.9	237	2.1	301	1.9
110	1.8	174	2.4	238	1.8	302	1.5
111	1.4	175	1.4	239	2.9	303	1.5
112	1.5	176	1.8	240	2.1	304	2.7
113	1.0	177	2.4	241	2.1	305	1.9
114	1.9	178	1.7	242	2.8	306	1.8
115	1.2	179	1.4	243	1.9	307	1.9
116	1.0	180	1.8	244	2.2	308	1.7
117	1.8	181	2.1	245	2.0	309	2.0
118	1.9	182	1.2	246	2.2	310	2.0
119	2.1	183	1.5	247	2.4	311	2.1
120	2.7	184	1.7	248	1.9	312	1.1
121	1.9	185	1.4	249	1.5	313	1.7
122	1.8	186	2.2	250	2.2	314	2.5
123	1.2	187	1.3	251	2.5	315	1.1

## CTI determination

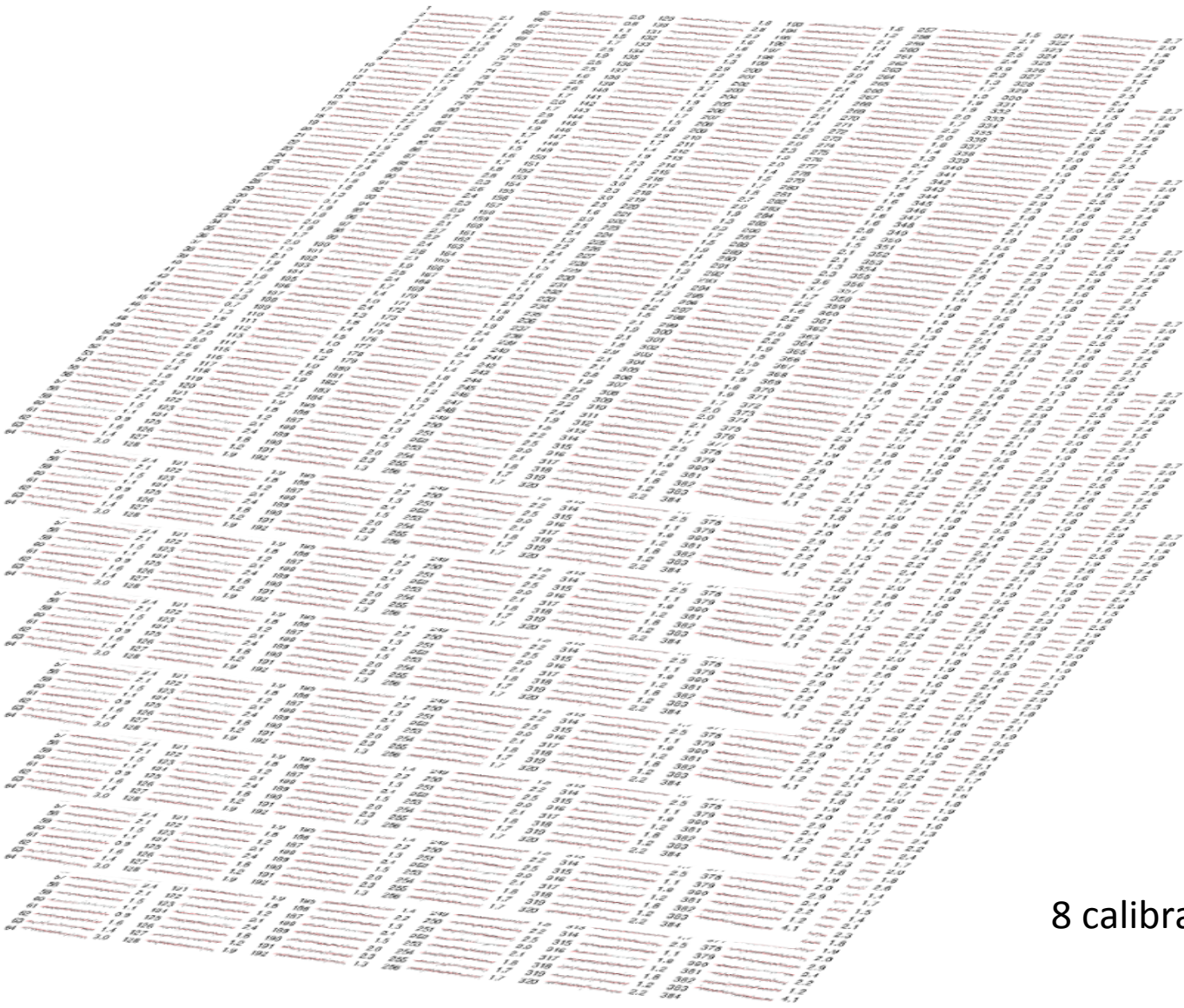
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2	2.1	66	0.8	130	2.8	194	1.2	258	2.0
3	2.1	67	1.1	131	2.2	195	2.1	259	1.8
4	2.4	68	1.5	132	1.6	196	1.4	260	1.9
5	1.6	69	1.7	133	1.6	197	1.4	261	2.6
6	1.5	70	2.5	134	2.5	198	1.8	262	2.4
7	2.0	71	1.9	135	1.3	199	2.4	263	1.5
8	2.1	72	2.5	136	2.9	200	3.0	264	2.1
9	1.1	73	2.5	137	2.2	201	1.8	265	2.5
10	2.5	74	1.6	138	1.7	202	2.1	266	2.4
11	2.6	75	2.5	139	3.7	203	1.4	267	2.9
12	1.7	76	2.6	140	1.4	204	2.1	268	1.5
13	1.9	77	1.7	141	1.9	205	2.1	269	1.6
14	1.7	78	2.0	142	1.5	206	2.1	270	2.5
15	2.1	79	1.7	143	1.7	207	1.4	271	1.9
16	2.3	80	2.9	144	1.5	208	1.5	272	2.6
17	2.7	81	1.8	145	1.8	209	2.6	273	1.6
18	2.2	82	1.9	146	2.9	210	2.0	274	2.0
19	1.5	83	1.7	147	1.7	211	2.3	275	1.8
20	1.9	84	1.4	148	1.4	212	1.9	276	1.9
21	1.7	85	1.5	149	1.9	213	2.0	277	1.3
22	1.9	86	1.6	150	2.3	214	1.4	278	2.1
23	2.2	87	1.7	151	1.1	215	1.5	279	2.3
24	1.6	88	1.8	152	1.2	216	1.7	280	2.9
25	2.4	89	2.8	153	3.0	217	1.8	281	2.3
26	1.0	90	2.3	154	2.3	218	2.7	282	1.8
27	1.8	91	2.6	155	3.0	219	2.0	283	2.1
28	1.8	92	2.4	156	2.5	220	1.9	284	2.1
29	1.3	93	2.3	157	1.6	221	1.3	285	1.9
30	3.1	94	2.9	158	2.3	222	2.3	286	3.5
31	1.9	95	2.7	159	2.5	223	1.7	287	1.6
32	1.8	96	2.1	160	2.4	224	1.5	288	2.4
33	2.0	97	2.7	161	1.3	225	1.9	289	2.1
34	1.9	98	2.2	162	2.2	226	1.4	290	2.6
35	1.7	99	2.4	163	2.4	227	2.1	291	1.7
36	2.0	100	2.8	164	1.4	228	1.3	292	2.1
37	1.5	101	2.1	165	1.3	229	1.3	293	1.6
38	1.1	102	1.9	166	1.6	230	1.4	294	1.8
39	1.0	103	2.5	167	2.1	231	2.3	295	1.9
40	1.5	104	2.4	168	1.1	232	1.4	296	1.8
41	1.8	105	1.7	169	2.3	233	2.2	297	1.6
42	2.7	106	1.4	170	2.1	234	1.5	298	1.3
43	1.3	107	1.0	171	1.8	235	2.1	299	2.4
44	2.3	108	1.4	172	1.8	236	1.9	300	2.2
45	0.7	109	2.3	173	1.9	237	2.1	301	2.4
46	1.3	110	1.8	174	2.4	238	1.8	302	1.7
47	1.6	111	1.4	175	1.4	239	2.9	303	2.0
48	2.8	112	1.5	176	1.8	240	3.1	304	1.8
49	2.0	113	1.0	177	2.4	241	2.1	305	2.6
50	3.0	114	1.9	178	1.7	242	2.8	306	1.4
51	2.6	115	1.2	179	1.4	243	1.9	307	1.7
52	2.6	116	1.0	180	1.8	244	2.2	308	1.5
53	1.5	117	1.8	181	2.1	245	2.0	309	1.4
54	2.4	118	1.9	182	1.2	246	2.2	310	2.1
55	1.8	119	2.1	183	1.5	247	2.4	311	2.3
56	2.5	120	2.7	184	1.7	248	1.9	312	1.8
57	2.4	121	1.9	185	1.4	249	1.5	313	1.9
58	2.1	122	1.8	186	2.2	250	2.2	314	2.0
59	1.5	123	1.2	187	1.9	251	2.5	315	2.9
60	1.1	124	2.1	188	2.4	252	3.0	316	2.4
61	0.9	125	2.4	189	1.5	253	2.1	317	2.2
62	1.6	126	1.8	190	2.0	254	1.8	318	1.2
63	1.4	127	1.2	191	2.3	255	1.7	319	4.1
64	3.0	128	1.9	192	1.3	256	1.7	320	2.2
								321	2.0
								322	1.8
								323	1.9
								324	2.6
								325	2.4
								326	1.5
								327	2.1
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								377	2.0
								378	2.9
								379	2.4
								380	2.2
								381	1.2
								382	4.1
								383	
								384	

example:  
Fe-K, measured with FM4

plot contains  
47 267 data points  
each data point is  
the result of several  
iterative template fits

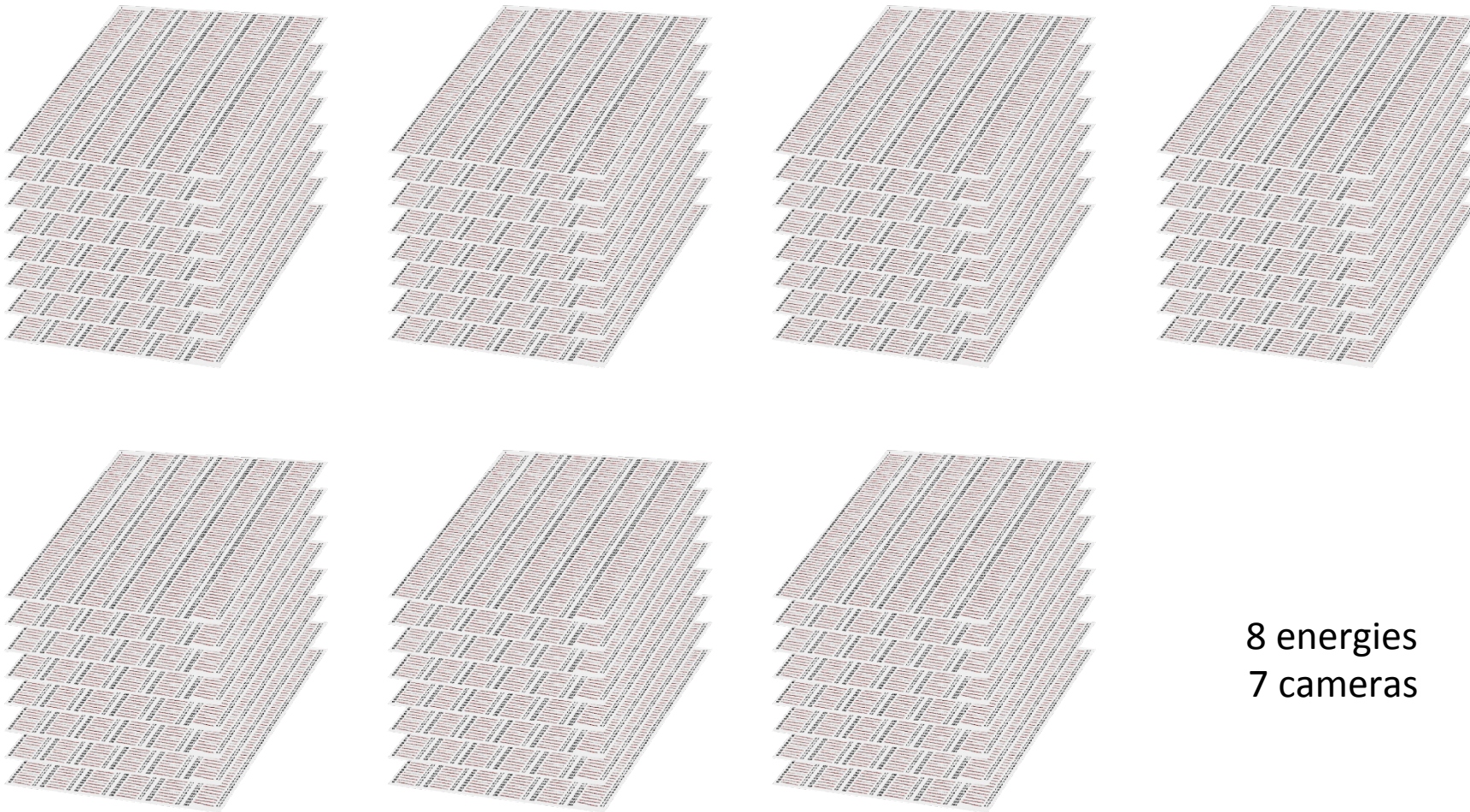
## CTI determination





8 calibration energies

# CTI determination



8 energies  
7 cameras

7 CCDs (with 3.3 billion events) calibrated

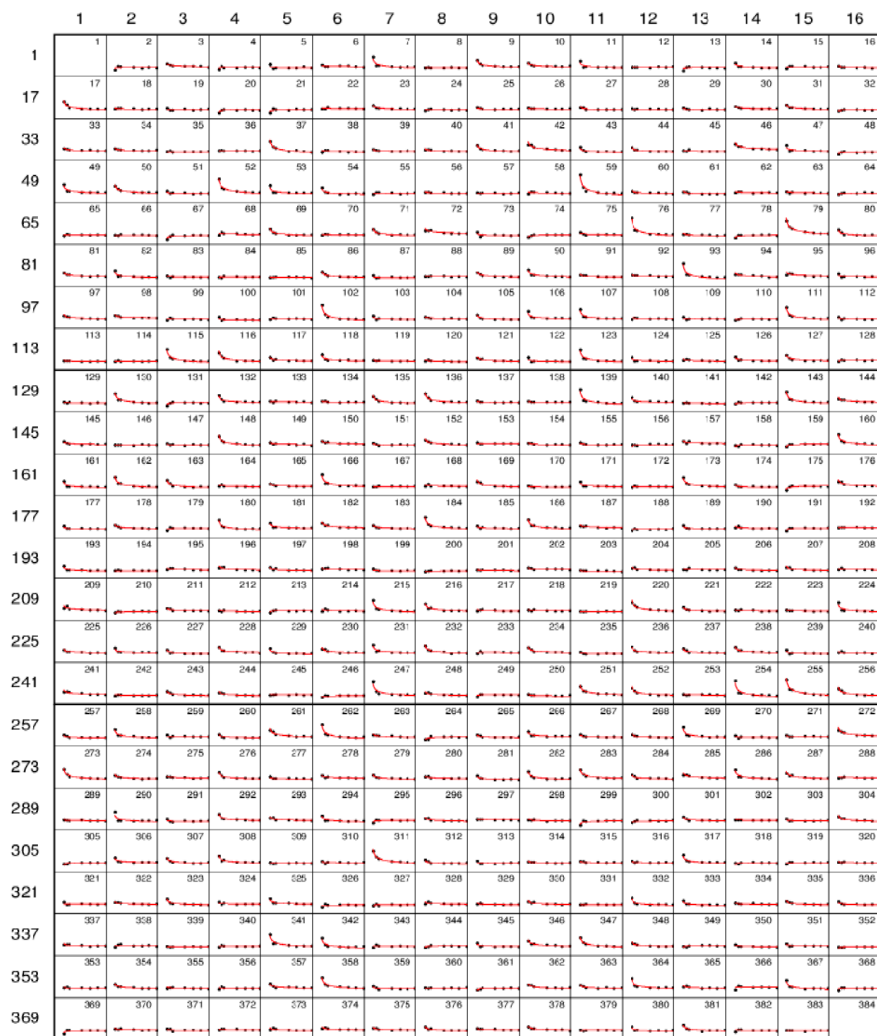
### CTI determination

# Energy interpolation of the CTI and gain

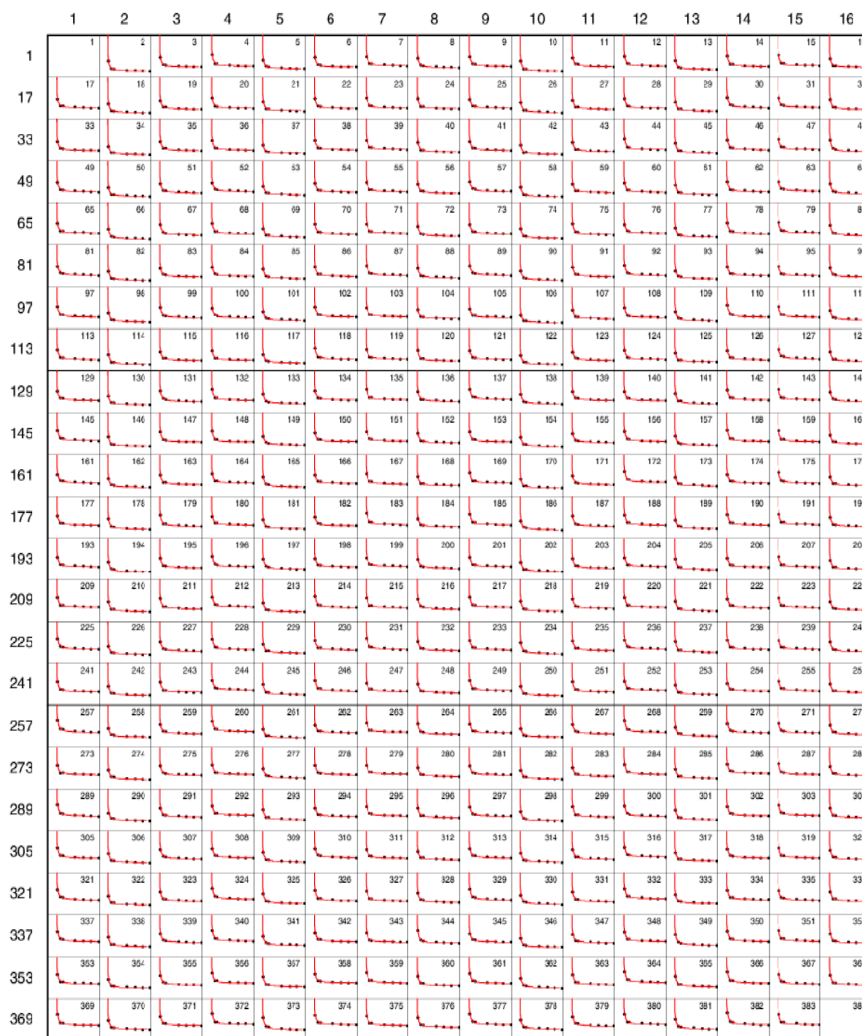
CTI

individually for each CCD column

gain



x axis: energy (linear) , min : -2.00 keV, max : 10.00 keV  
 y axis: CTI (linear) , min : -5.0 e-5 , max : 20.0 e-5  
 energies [keV]: 0.277 0.277 0.930 1.486 4.508 6.398 8.040 9.886  
 transition lines: C-K O-K Cu-L Al-K Ti-K Fe-K Cu-K Ge-K

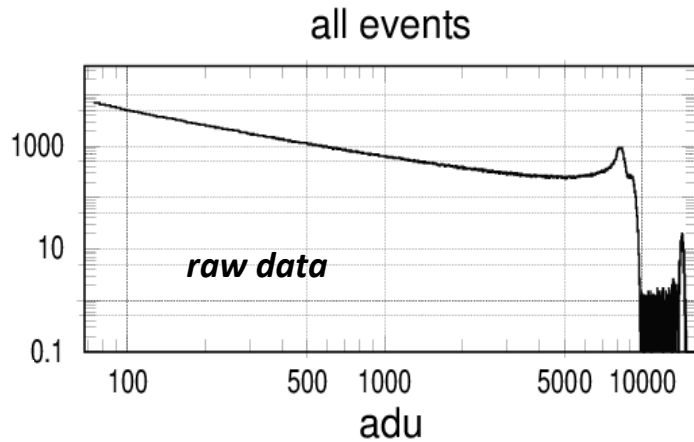


x axis: energy (linear) , min : -2.0 keV, max : 10.0 keV  
 y axis: gain (linear) , min : 0.72 eV / adu , max : 0.95 eV / adu  
 energies [keV]: 0.277 0.277 0.930 1.486 4.508 6.398 8.040 9.886  
 transition lines: C-K O-K Cu-L Al-K Ti-K Fe-K Cu-K Ge-K

Reconstructing the spectral distribution requires

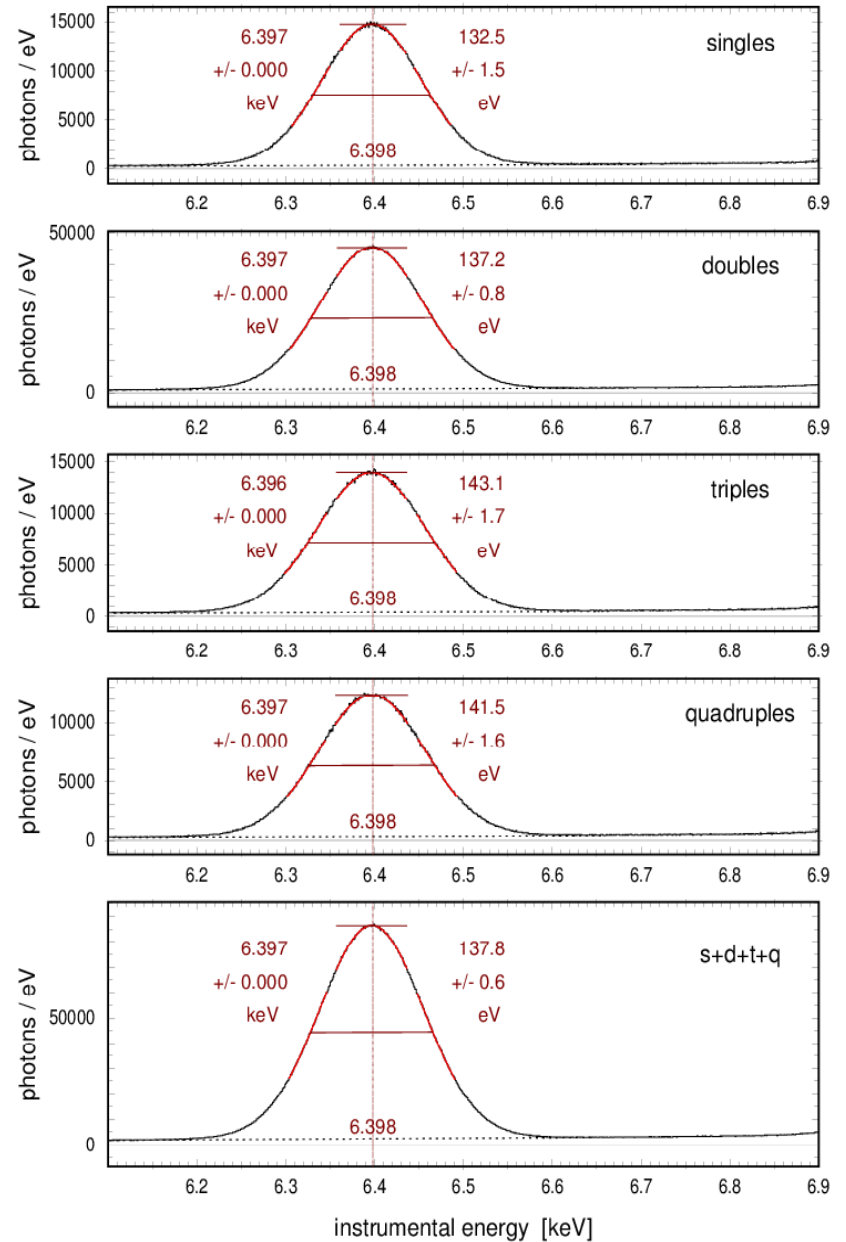
- **pattern** recognition
- correction for **gain** variations between CCD channels
- correction for charge transfer loss (**CTI**)

example: Fe-K, measured with FM4



FWHM = 132.5 – 143.1 eV  
all photons: FWHM = 137.8 eV

accuracy of absolute  
energy scale: 2 eV (0.03%)



**reconstructed spectral distribution**

# Energy Calibration: internal calibration source

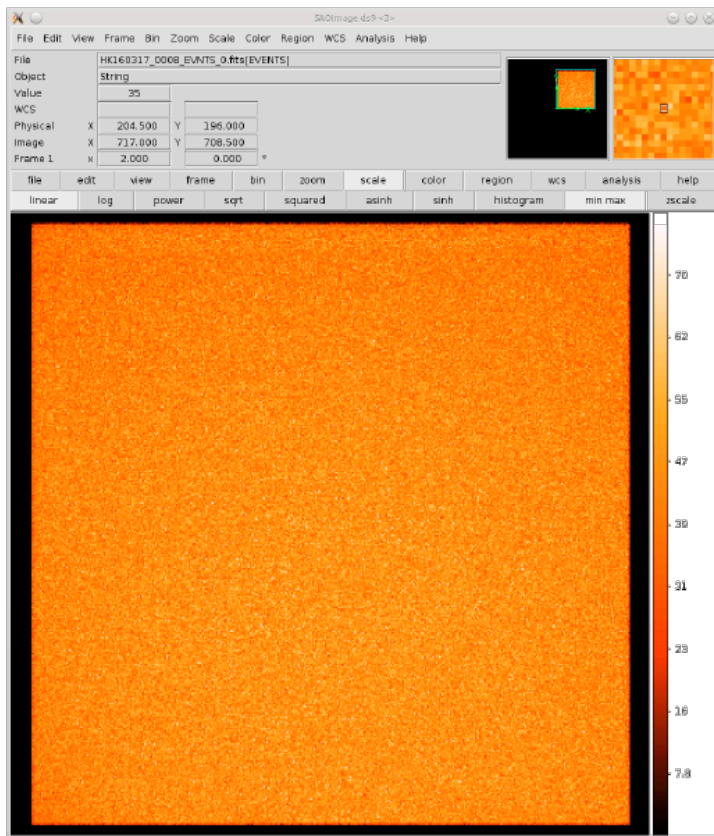


Fig. 76. Distribution of all Ti-K photons with an instrumental energy between 4.3 and 4.7 keV in the exposure with the internal calibration source.

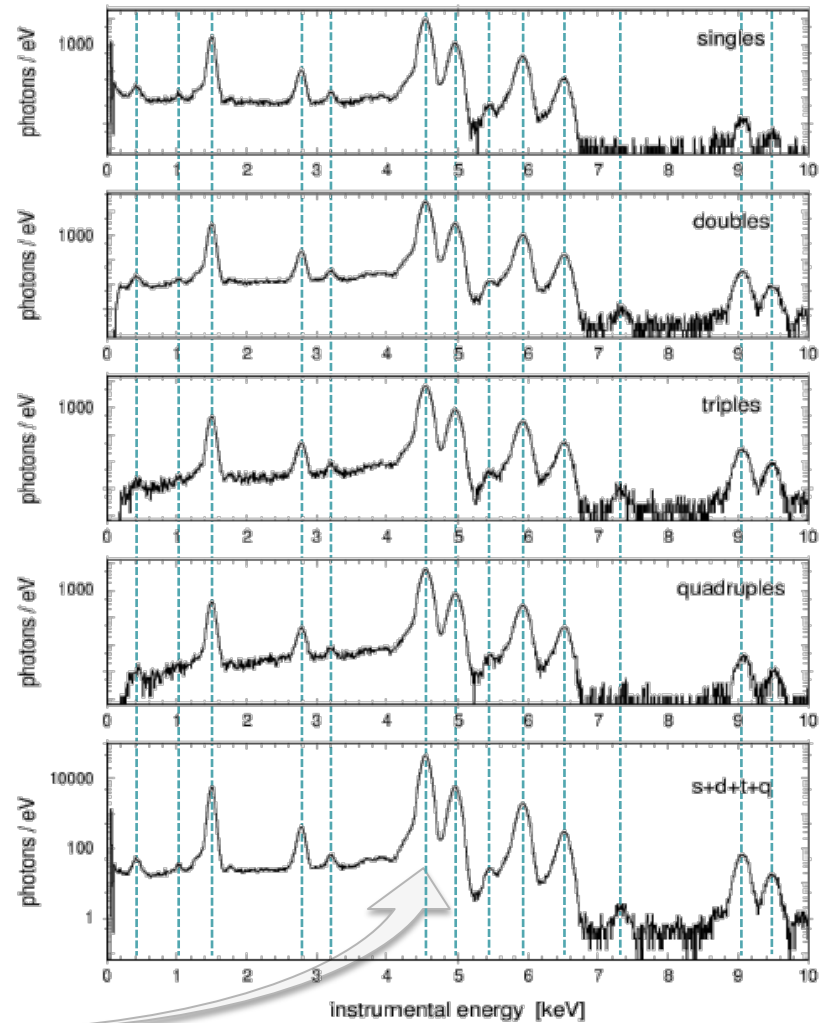
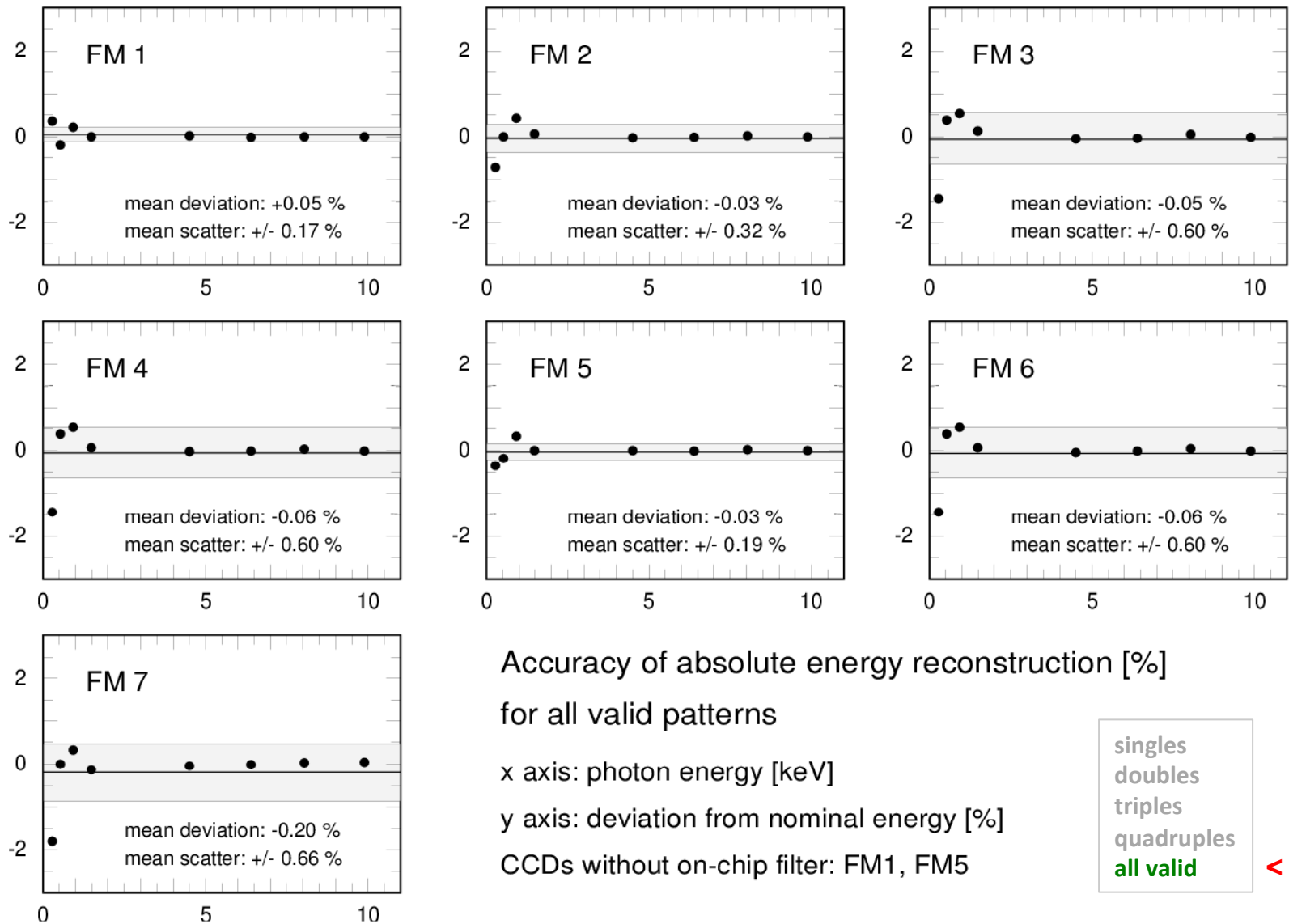


Fig. 80. Reconstructed photon energies for the exposure with the internal calibration source, in a logarithmic scale.

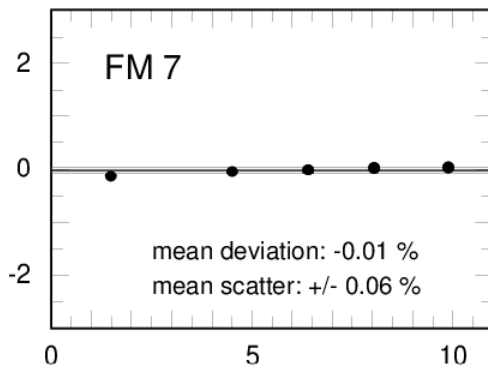
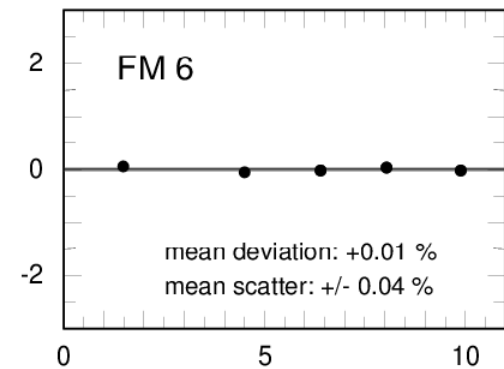
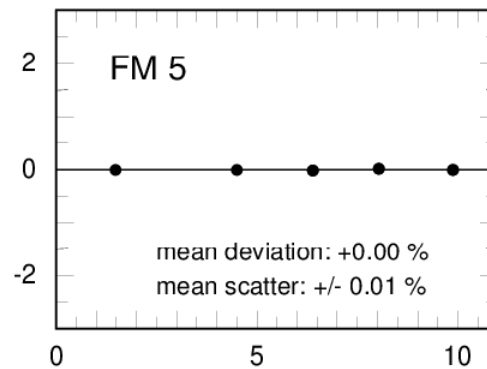
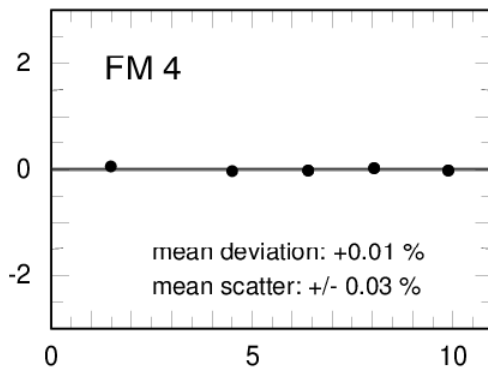
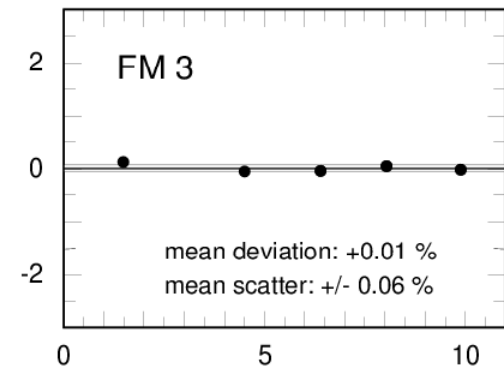
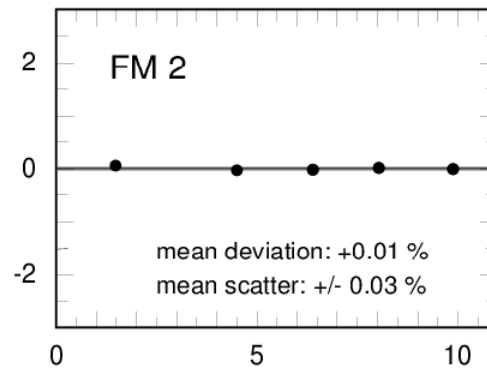
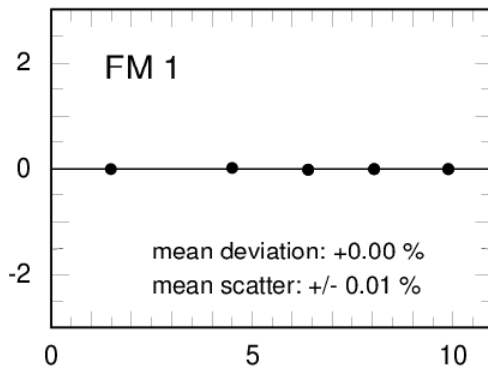
# eROSITA flight cameras: absolute energy reconstruction

derived from flatfield measurements at PUMA with a split threshold of 46 adu ( $\sim 39$  eV)



# eROSITA flight cameras: absolute energy reconstruction

derived from flatfield measurements at PUMA with a split threshold of 46 adu ( $\sim 39$  eV)



Accuracy of absolute energy reconstruction [%]

for all valid patterns

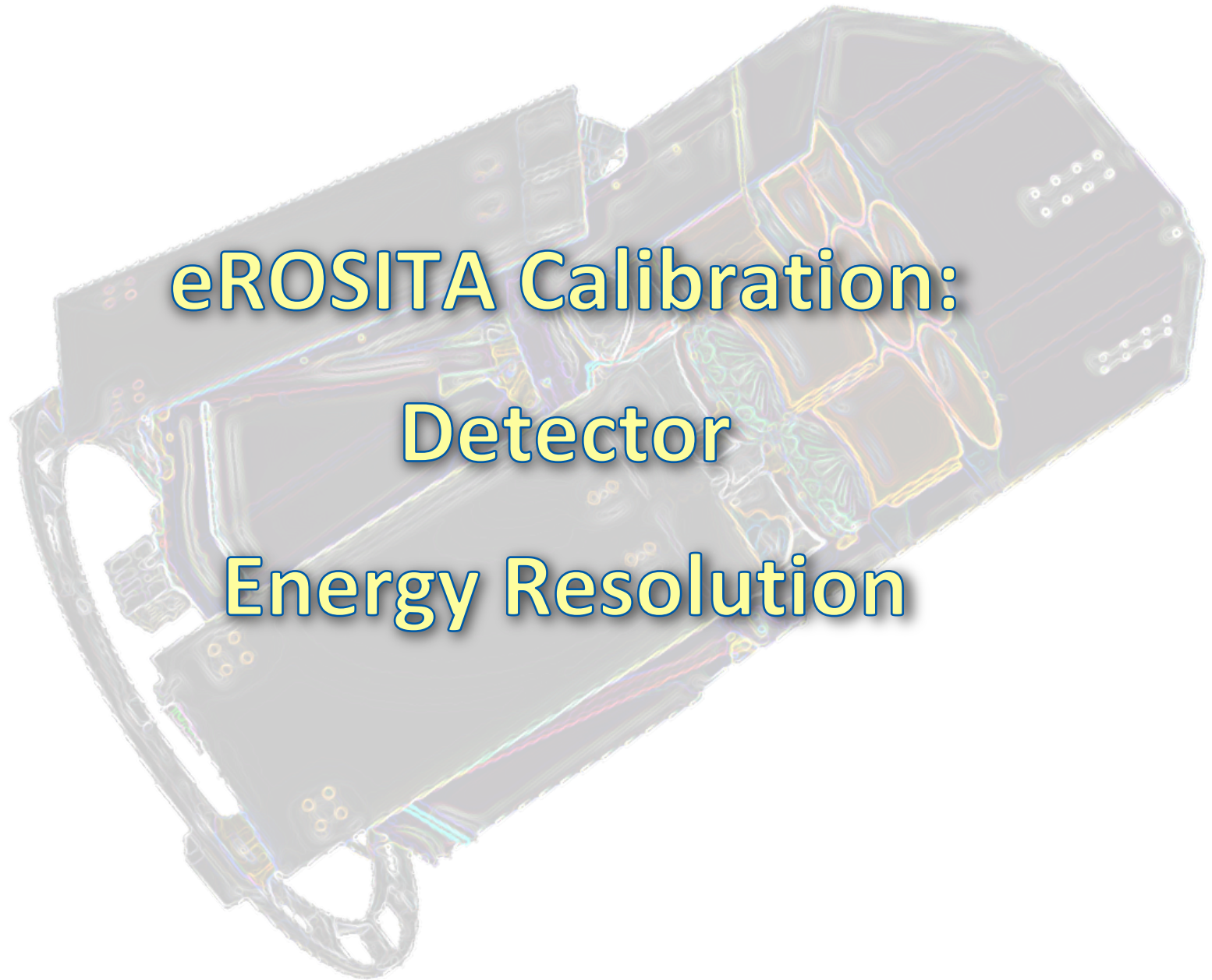
x axis: photon energy [keV]

y axis: deviation from nominal energy [%]

CCDs without on-chip filter: FM1, FM5

singles  
doubles  
triples  
quadruples  
all valid

**< ± 0.07%**

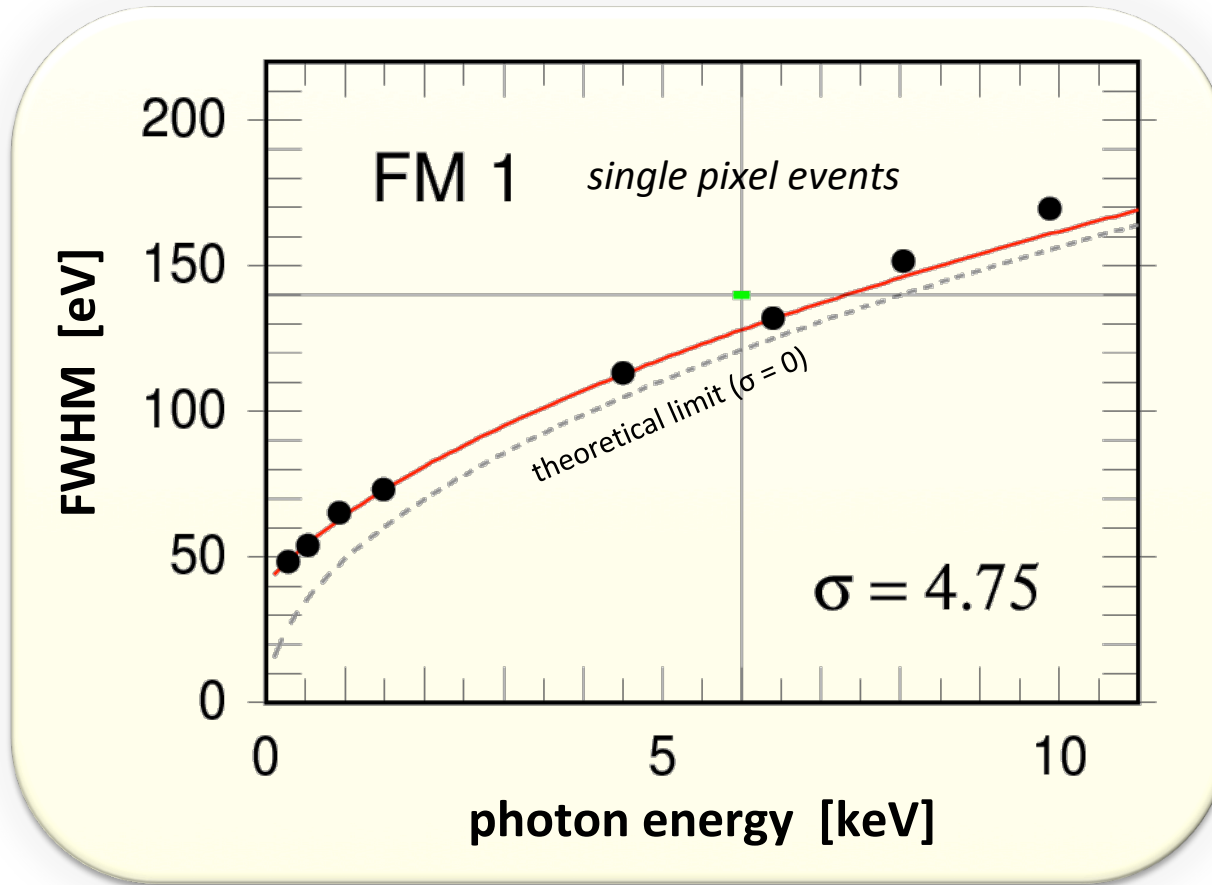


**eROSITA Calibration:  
Detector  
Energy Resolution**



# Energy resolution of the eROSITA flight cameras

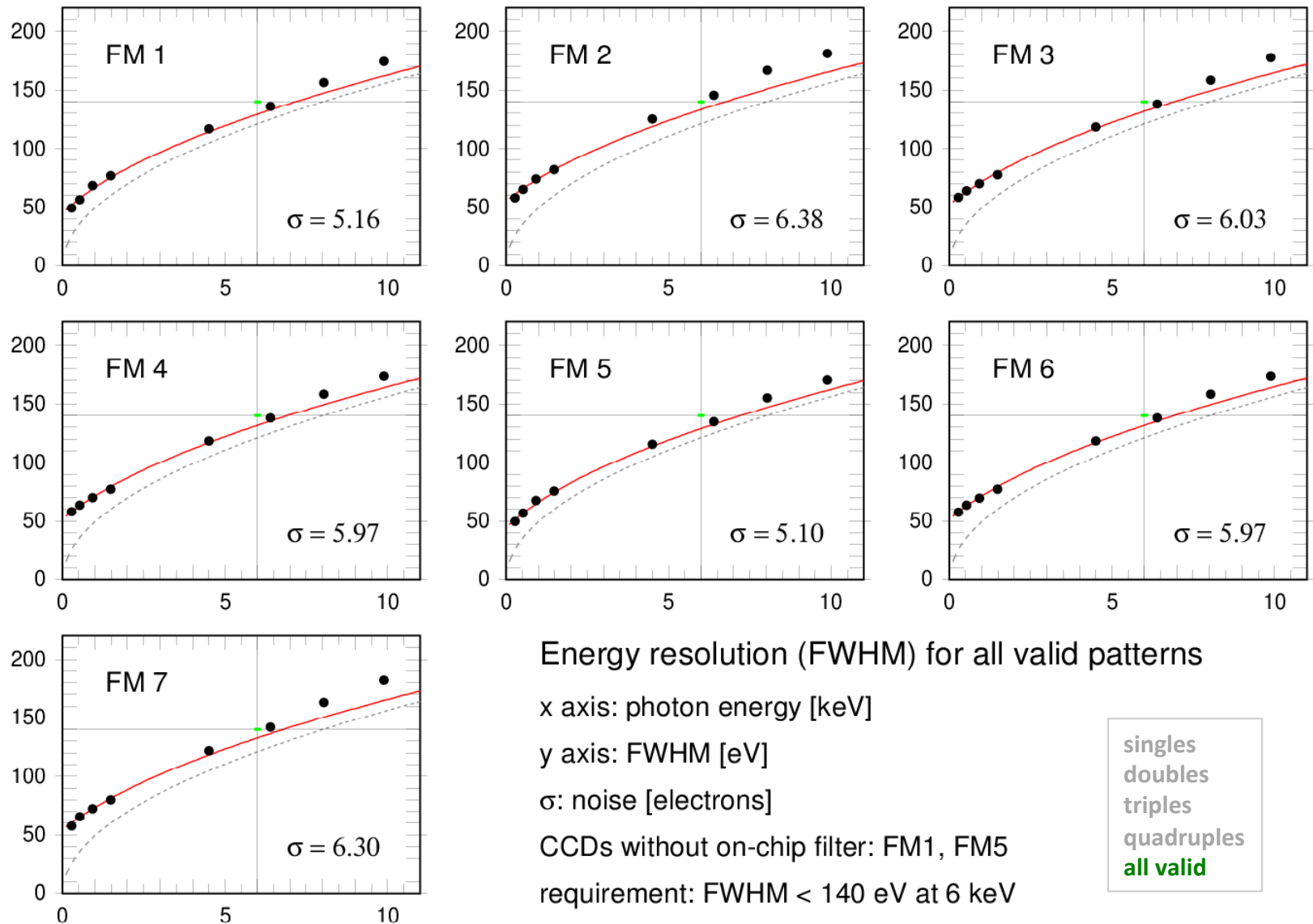
obtained from flatfield measurements at PUMA with a split threshold of 46 adu (~39 eV)  
at 8 energies (C-K, O-K, Cu-L, Al-K, Ti-K, Fe-K, Cu-K, and Ge-K)

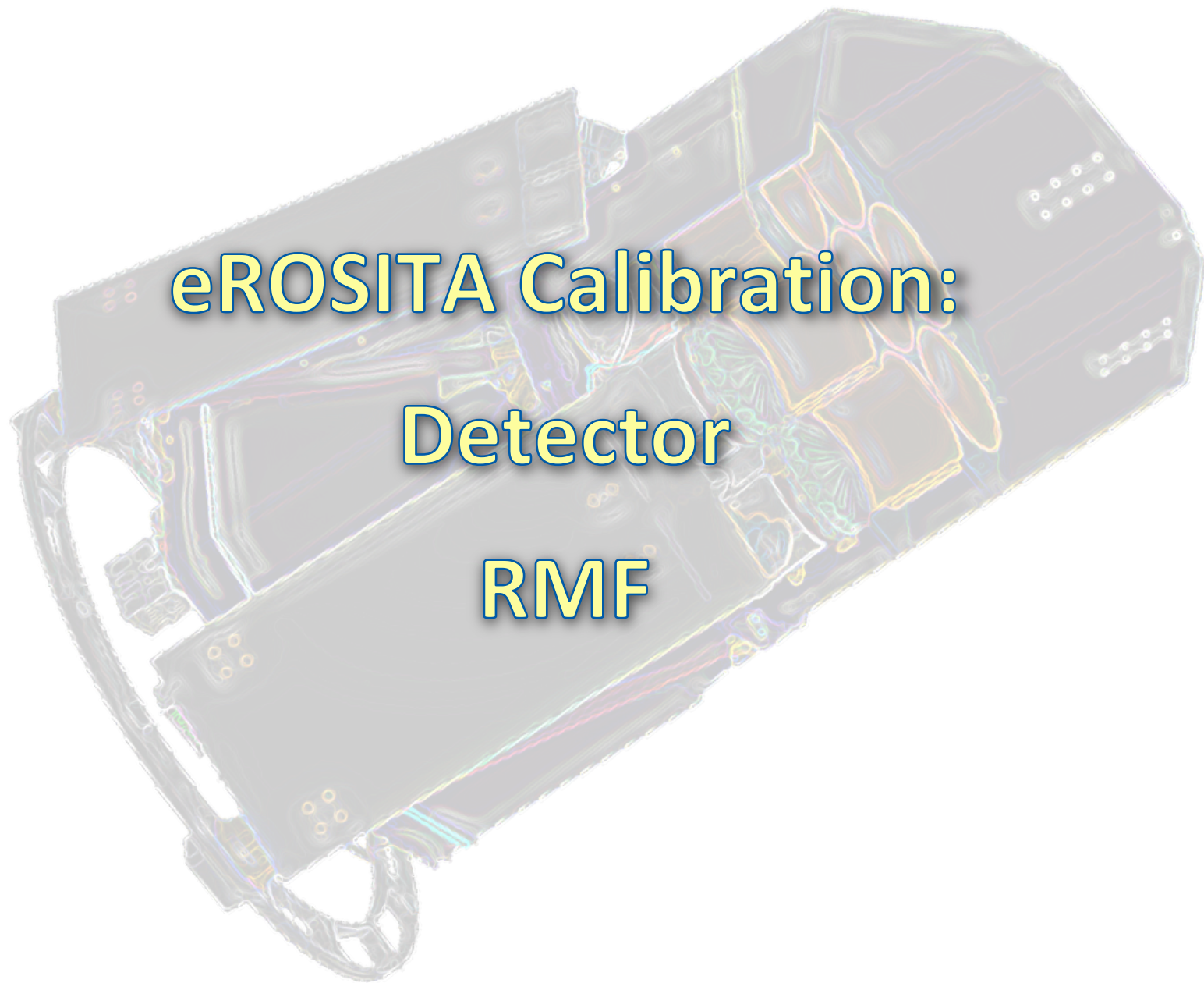


solid curves:  $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 2.35 \omega \sqrt{\sigma^2 + F \frac{E_\gamma}{\omega}}$  with  $\omega = 3.68$  eV and  $F = 0.12$

# Energy resolution of the eROSITA flight cameras

obtained from flatfield measurements at PUMA with a split threshold of 46adu ( $\sim 39$  eV)



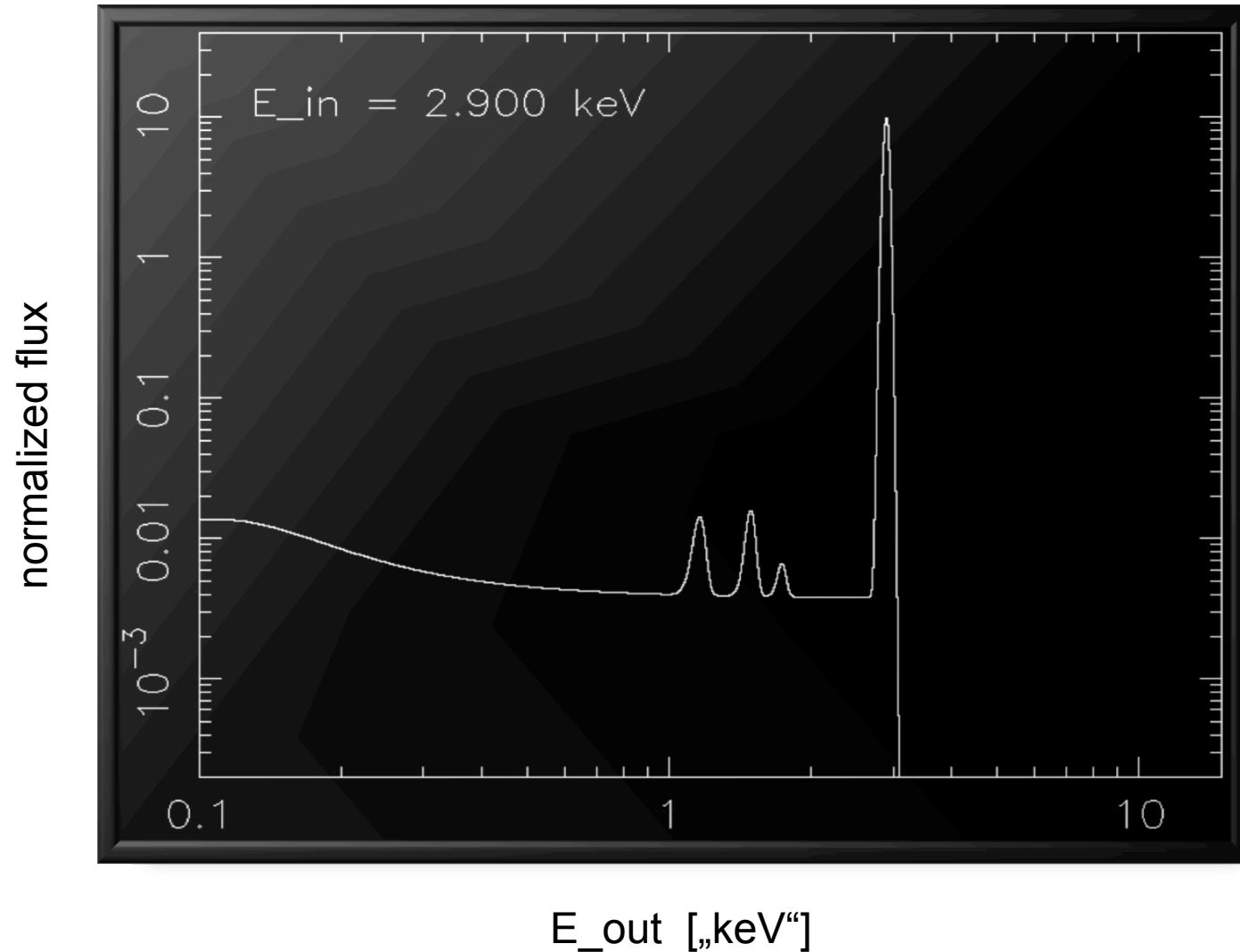


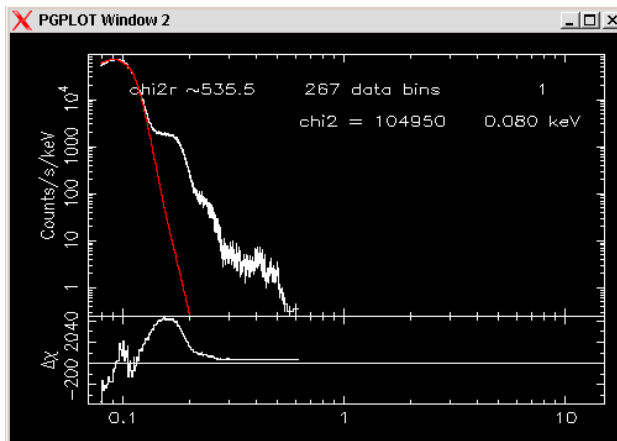
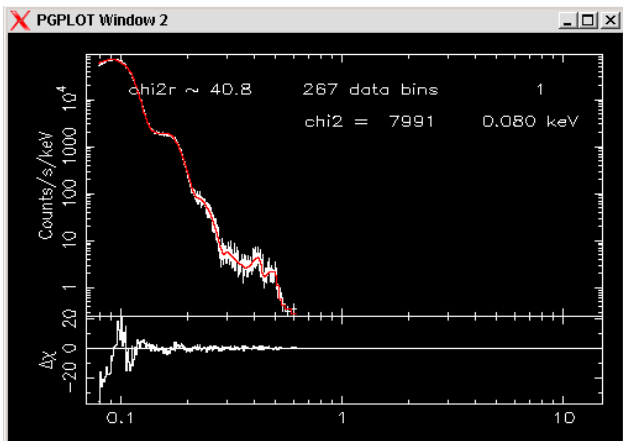
**eROSITA Calibration:**

**Detector**

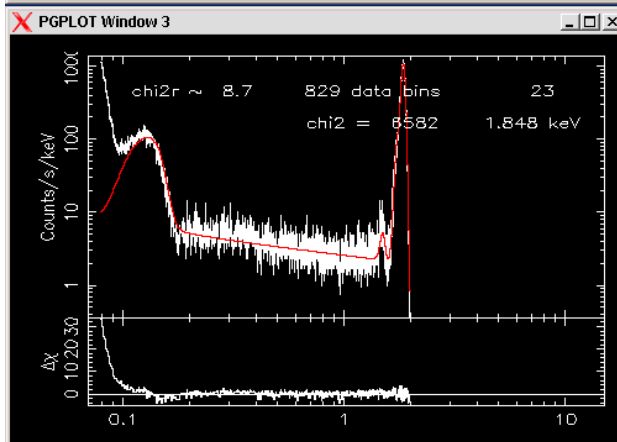
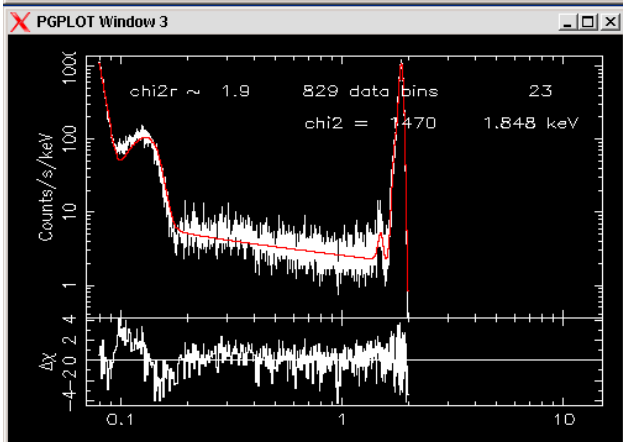
**RMF**

# eROSITA Calibration: Detector Response

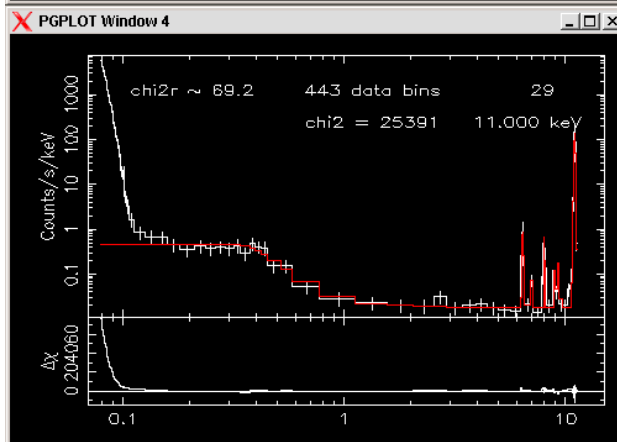
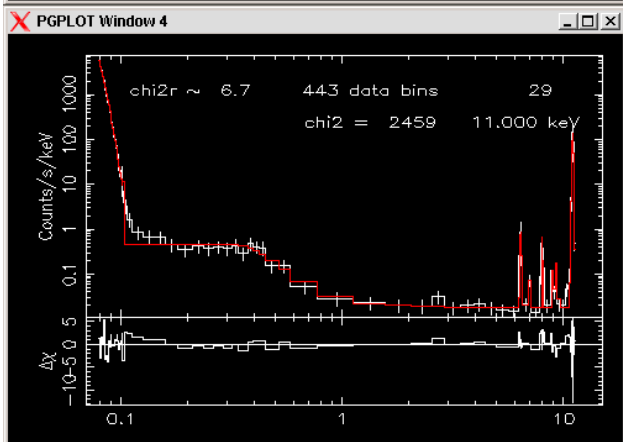




E = 0.800 keV

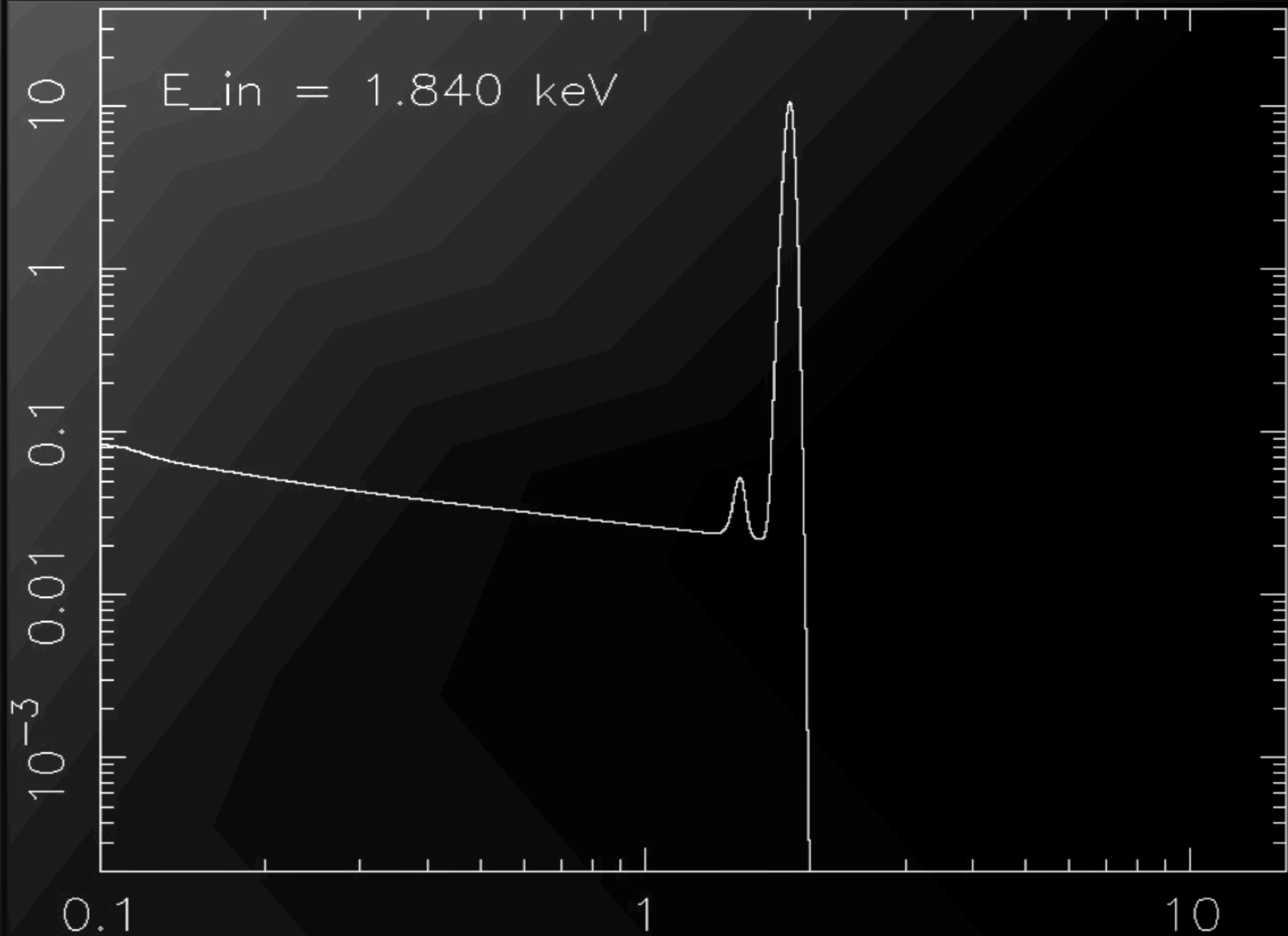


E = 1.848 keV

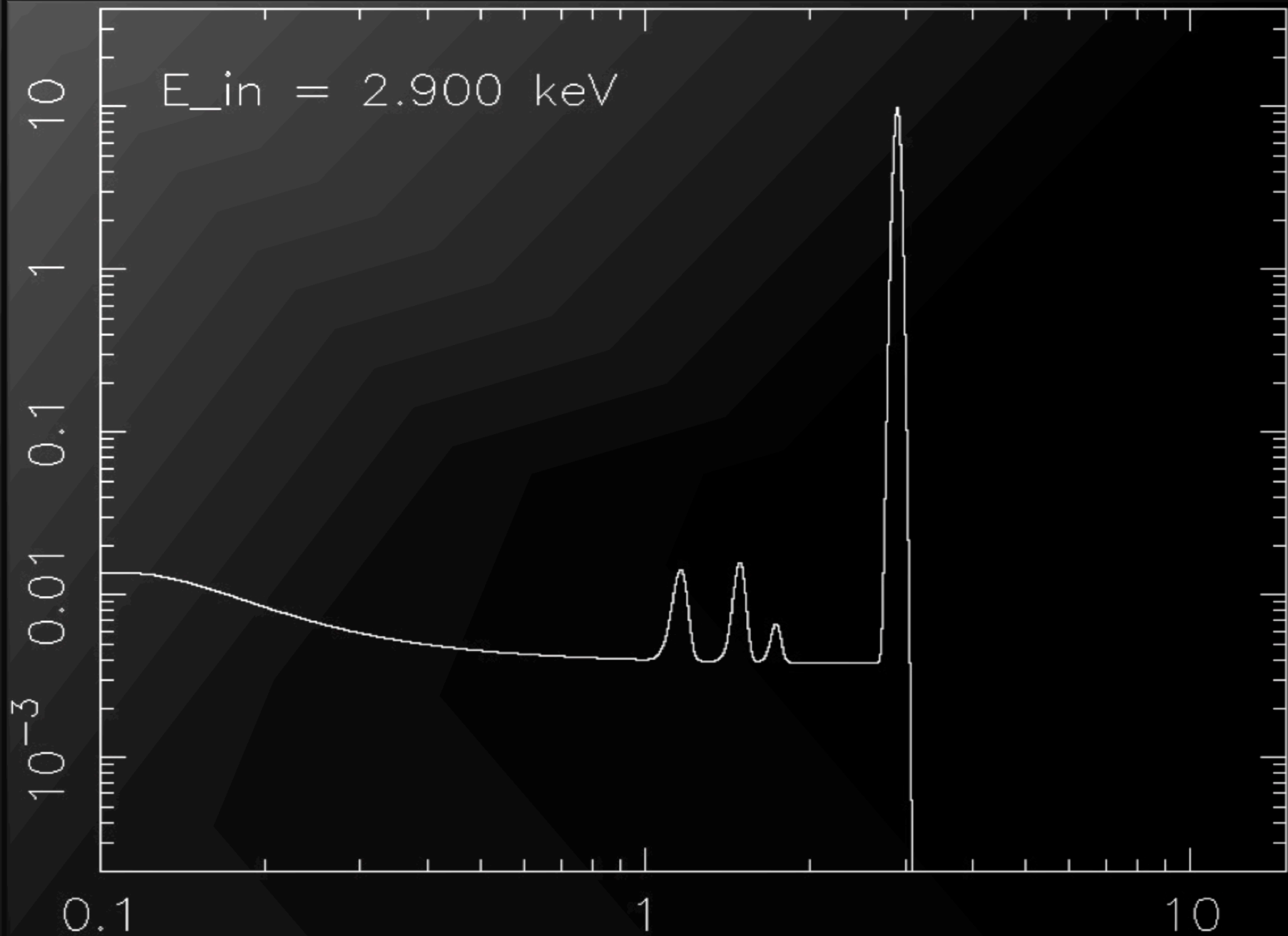


E = 11.0 keV

$E_{in} = 1.840 \text{ keV}$

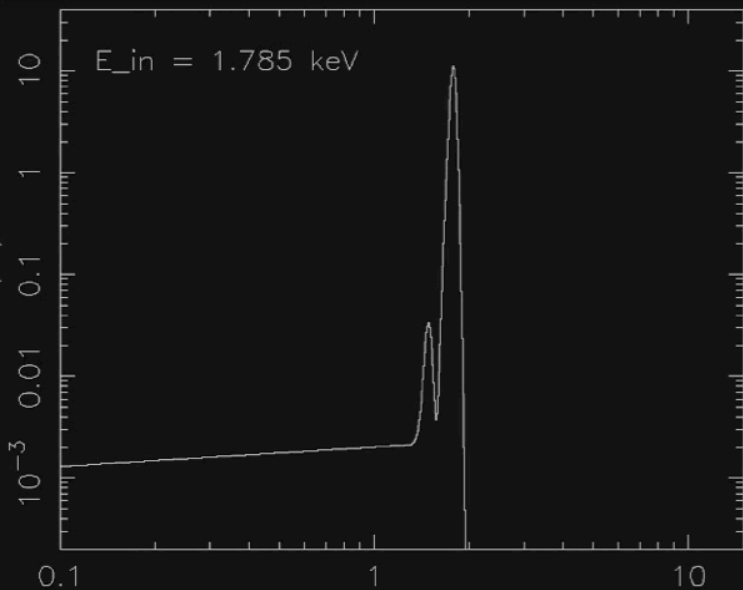
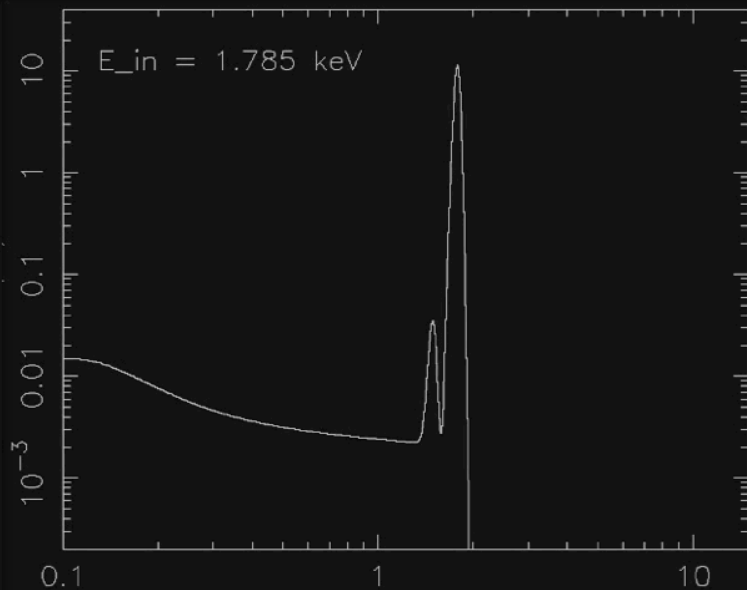


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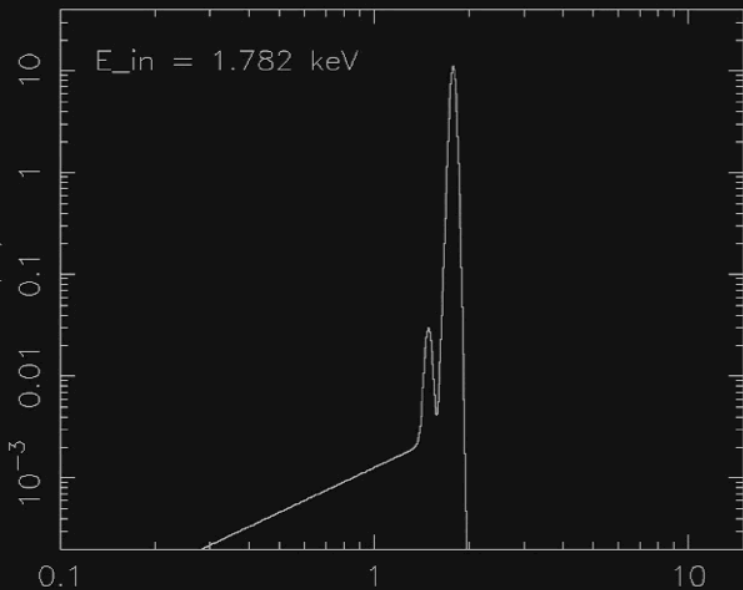
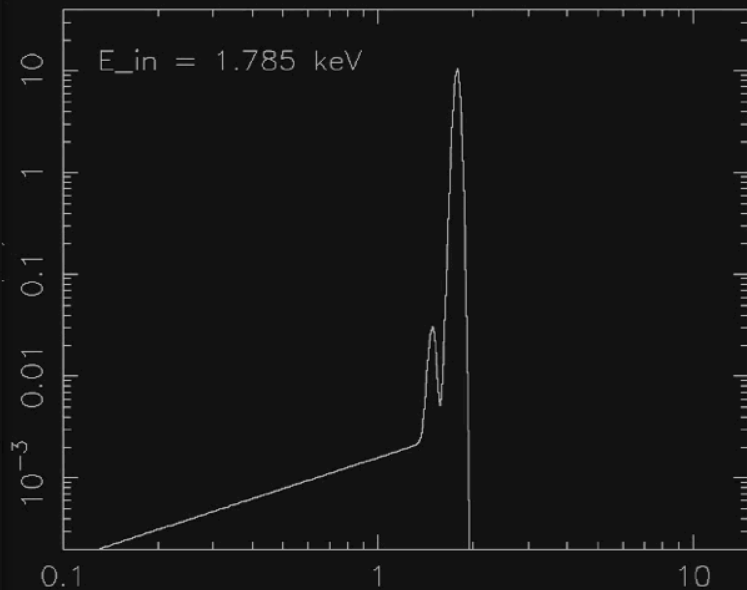
# Deriving the spectral response from measured spectra

singles



doubles

triples

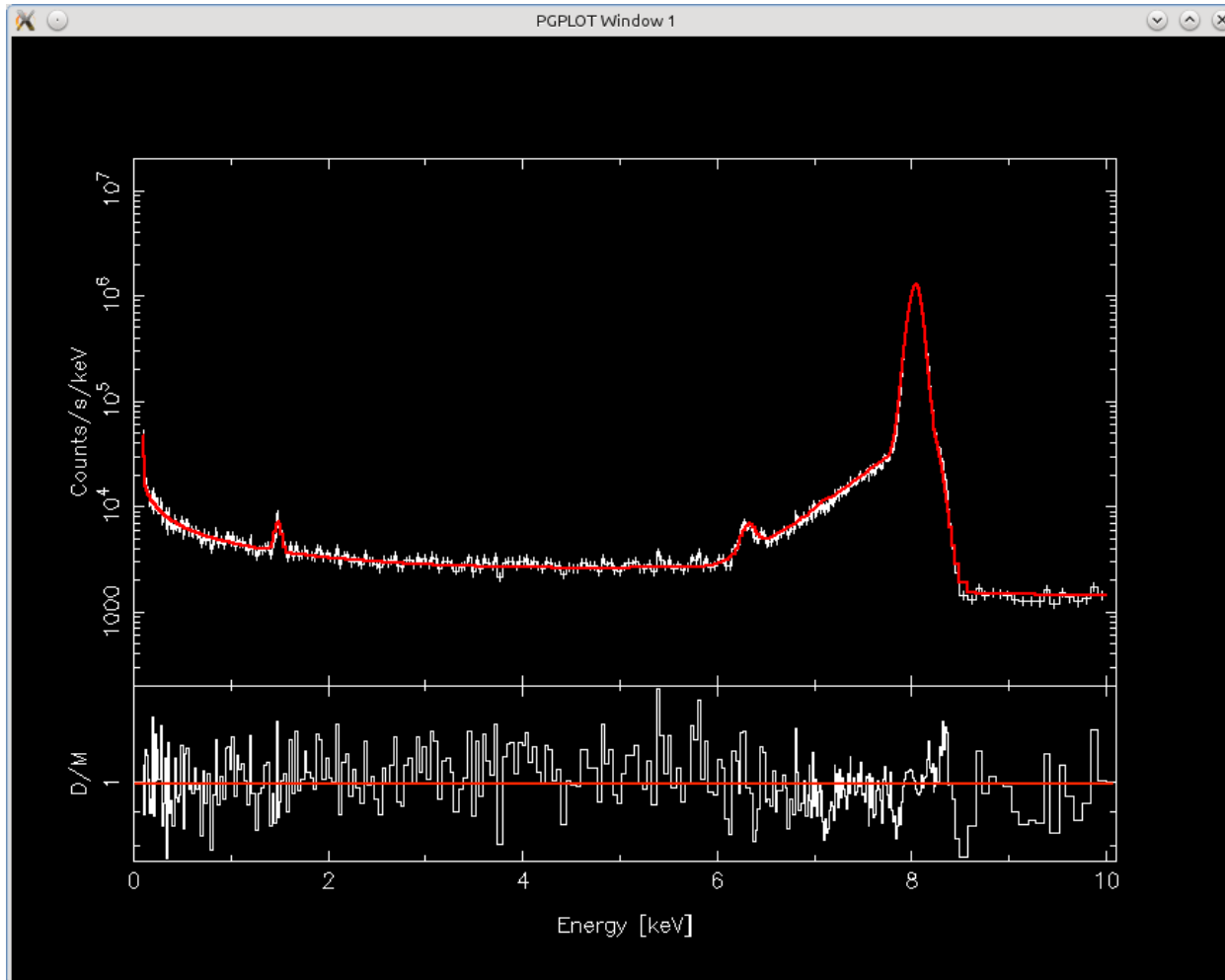


quadruples



# eROSITA: first spectral fits of observational data

3 ks „observation“ of Cu-K in PUMA at 440 counts/s on 11 Feb 2014 (QM140211.015)



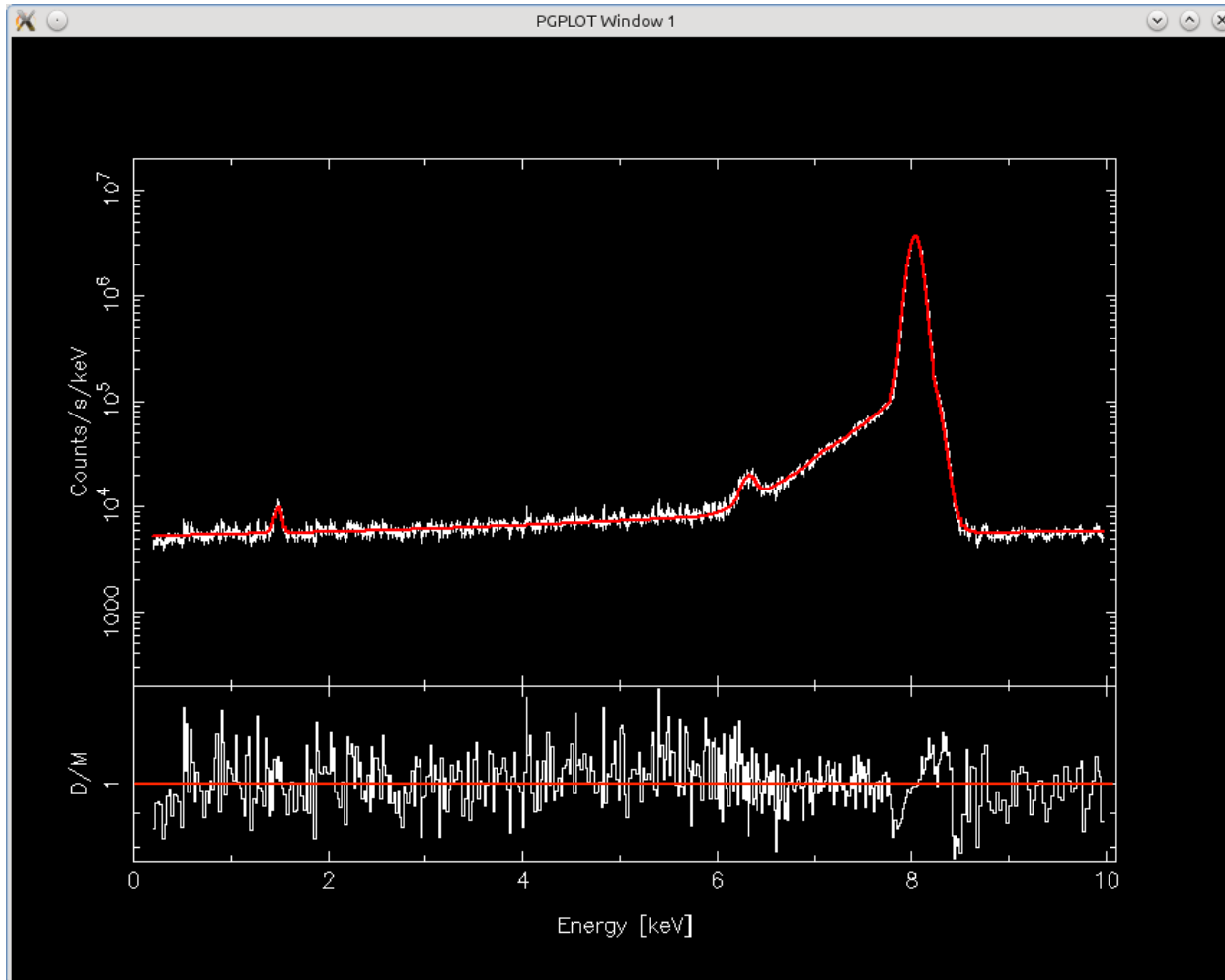
simultaneous fit to  
spectra from all  
patterns  
using appropriate  
RMFs and ARFs

spectral distribution  
of **singles**



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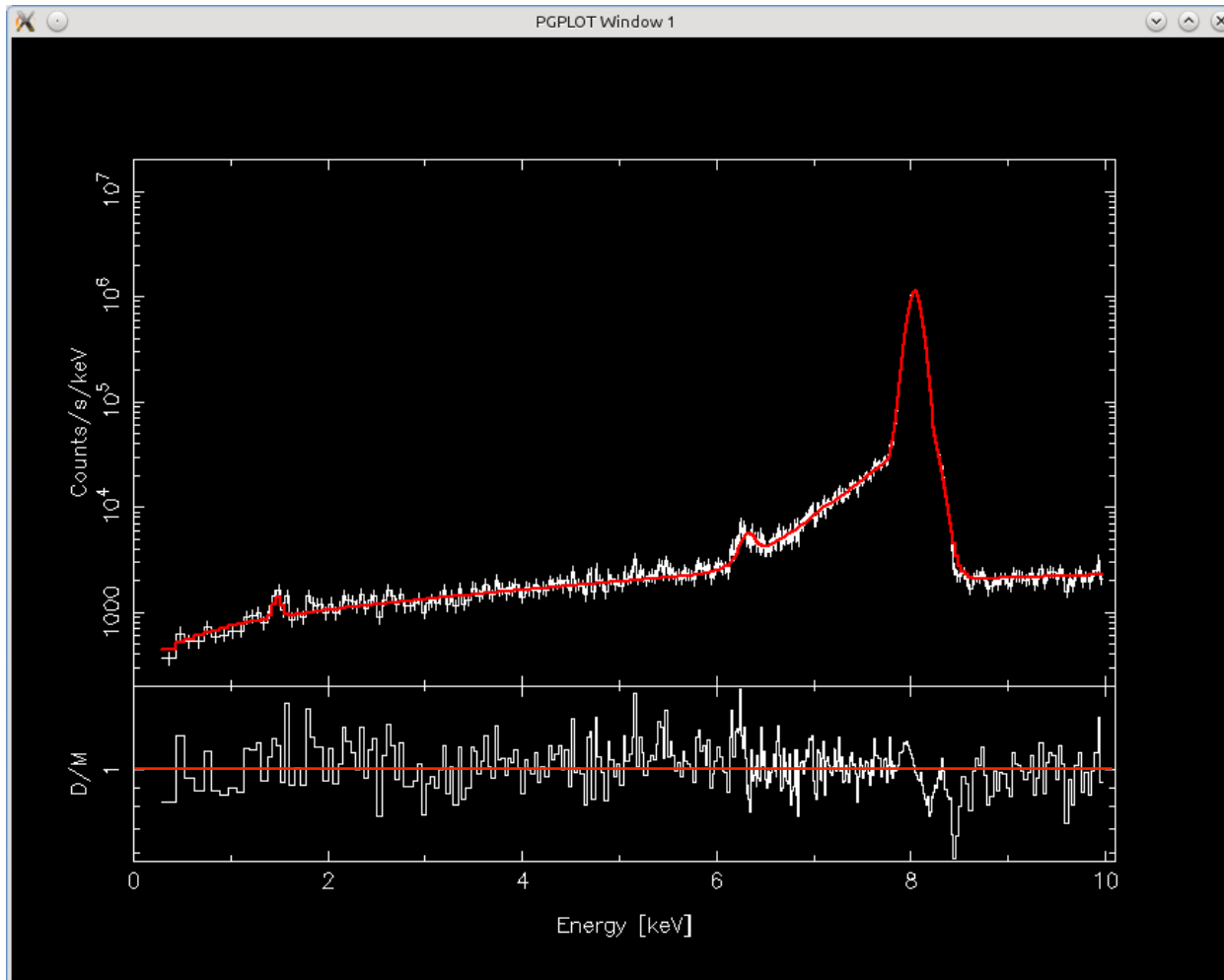


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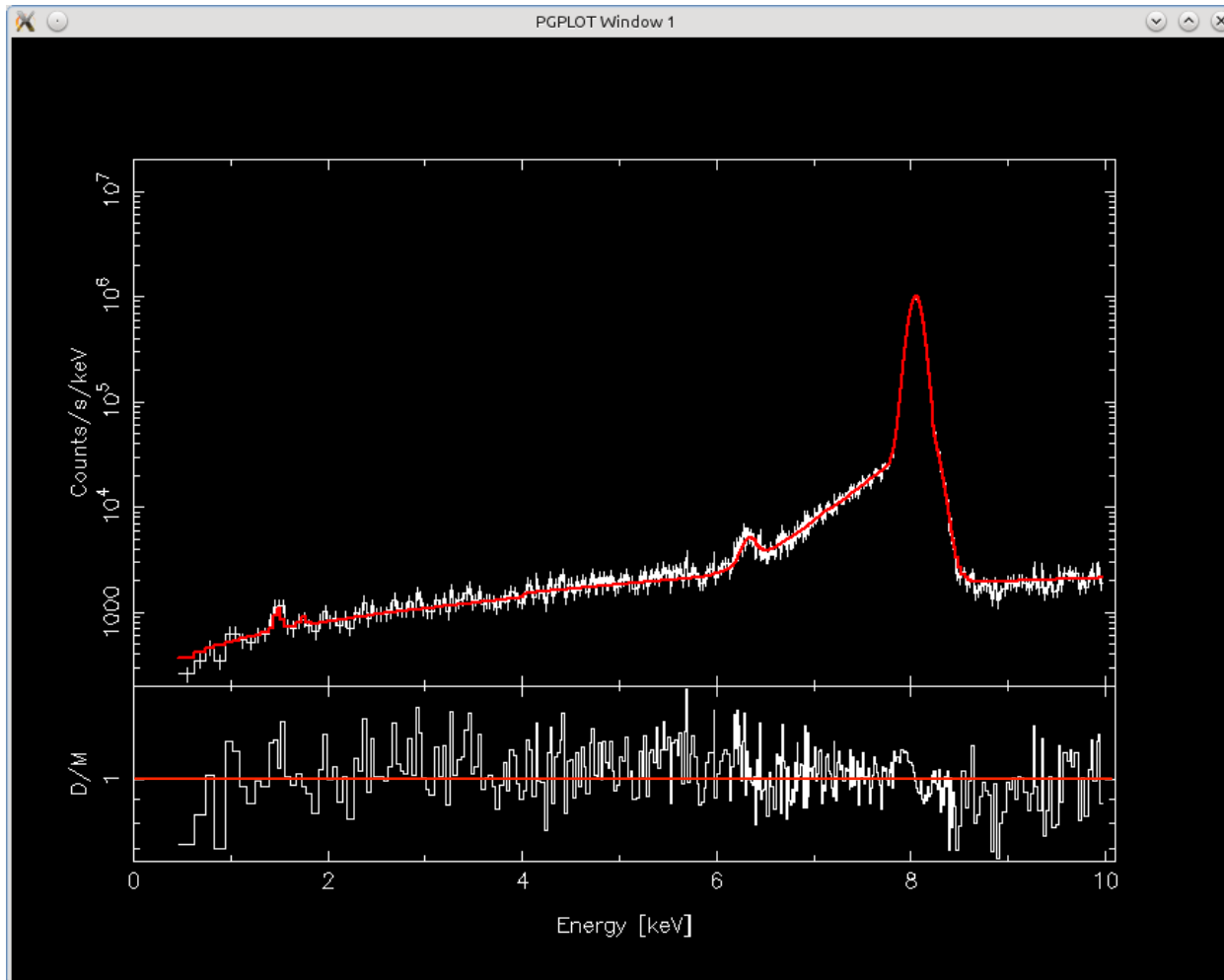


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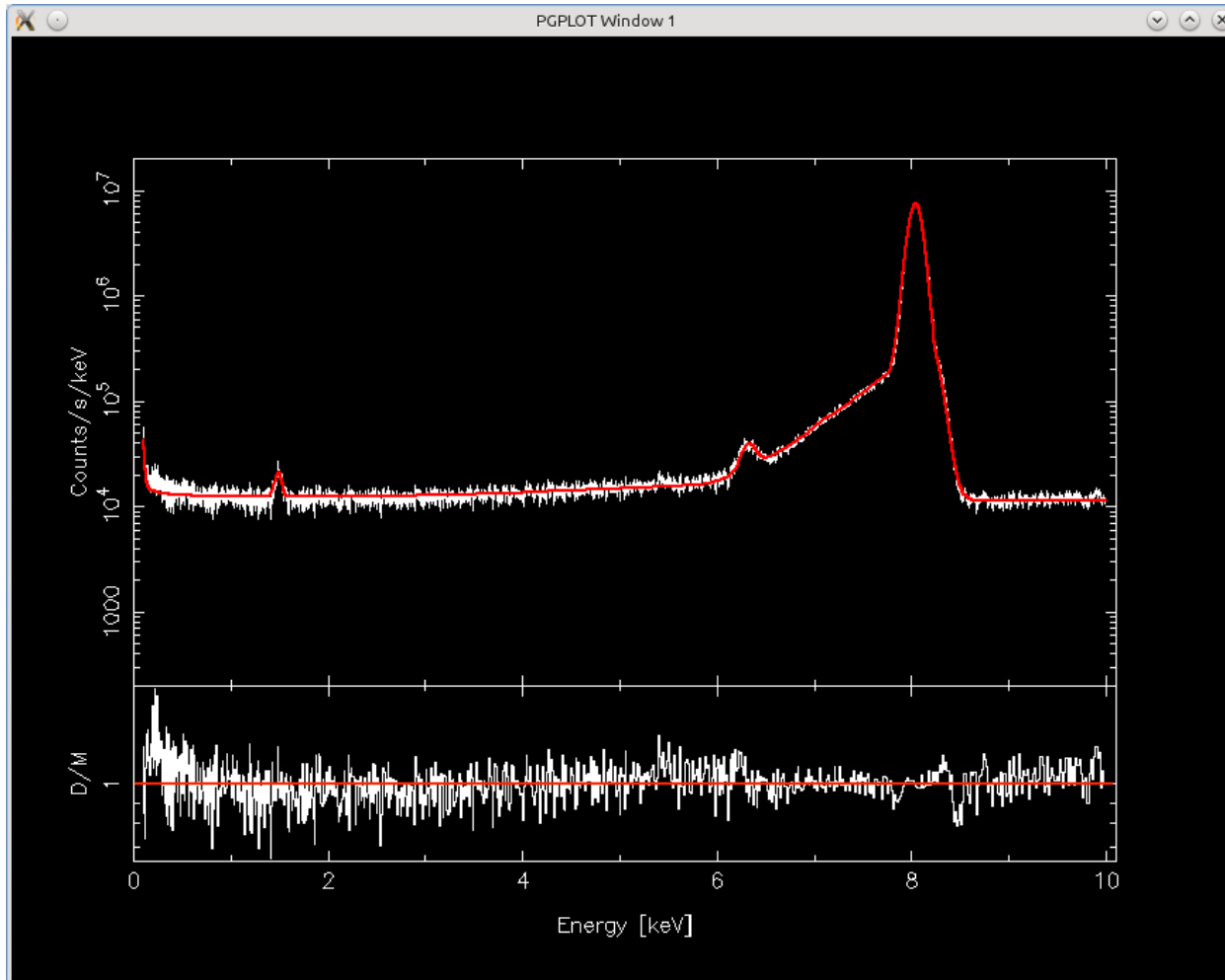


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of **quadruples**

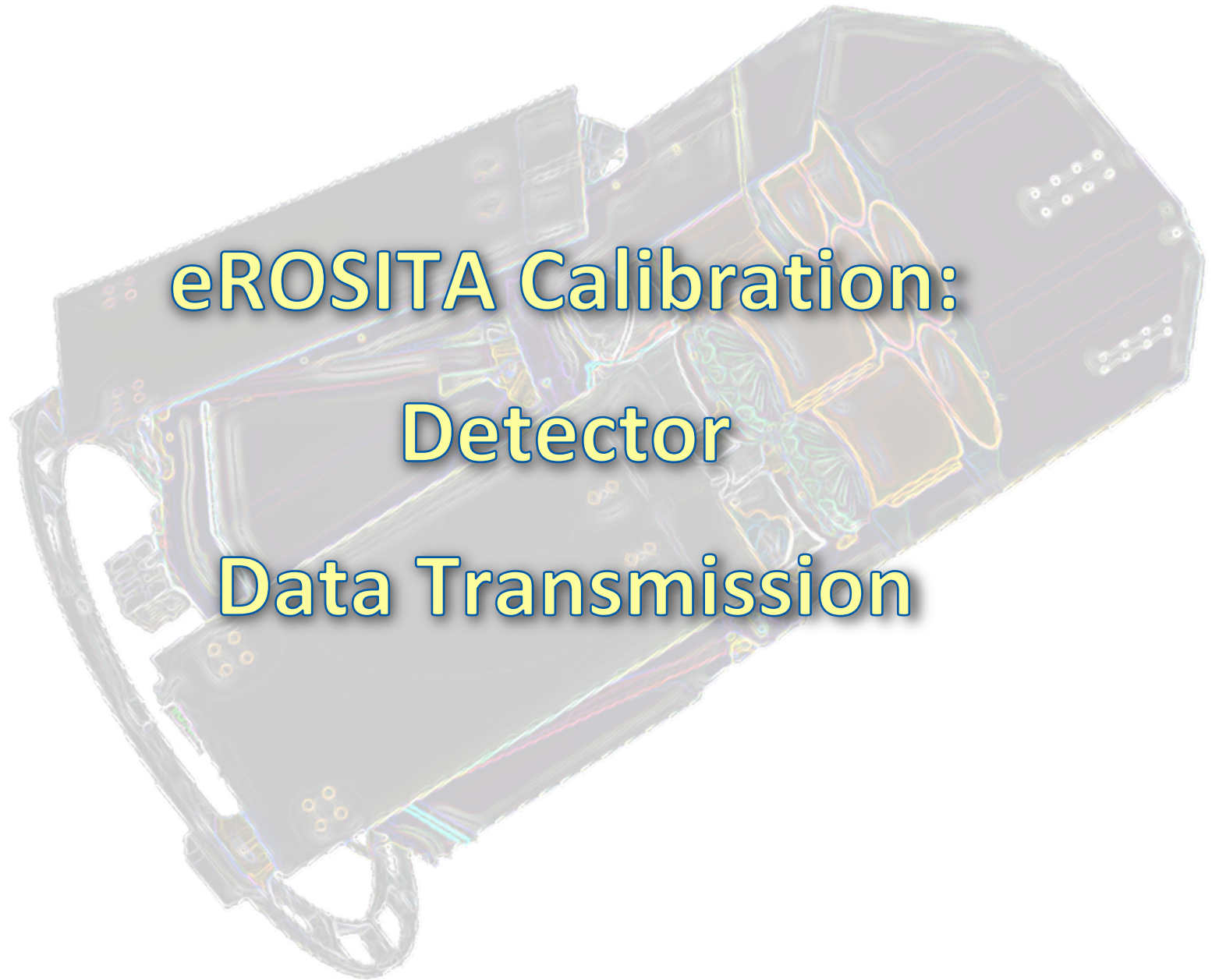
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simultaneous fit to  
spectra from all  
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spectral distribution  
of **singles**  
**+ doubles**  
**+ triples**  
**+ quadruples**



**eROSITA Calibration:**

**Detector**

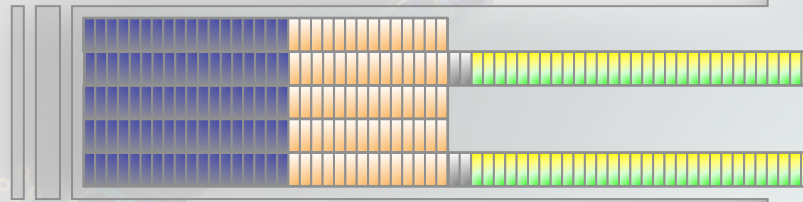
**Data Transmission**

# eROSITA Event Compression

*a novel, fast, efficient compression method  
for maximizing the telemetry content*



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18	59	16	37	27	47	27	35	12
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# By-product of the Event Compression: information about the spectroscopic quality

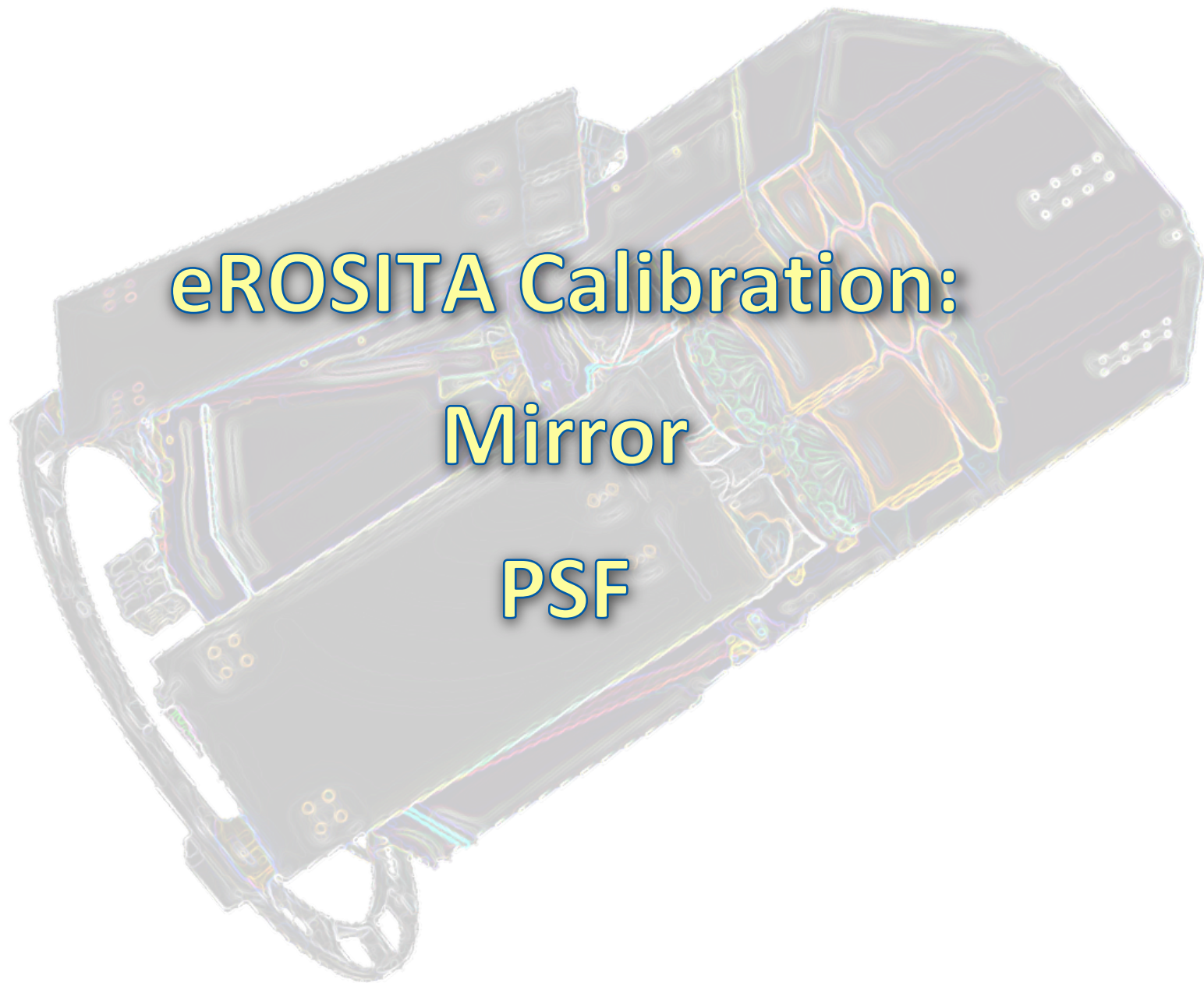
**New:** each reconstructed „photon pattern“ will come with **spectroscopic quality information**, indicating

- whether there was a MIP precursor (→ uncertainty about charge transfer loss)
- how „clean“ the environment was (→ efficiency of charge collection)

The **additional spectral quality information** will make it possible to adjust the photon selection according to the specific scientific goal:

- if **sensitivity** is of prime importance (e.g. source detection, variability studies), then this flag can be ignored
- if **spectroscopy** is of prime importance and if the photon statistics is sufficient, then low values of this flag should be useful for increasing the spectral resolution





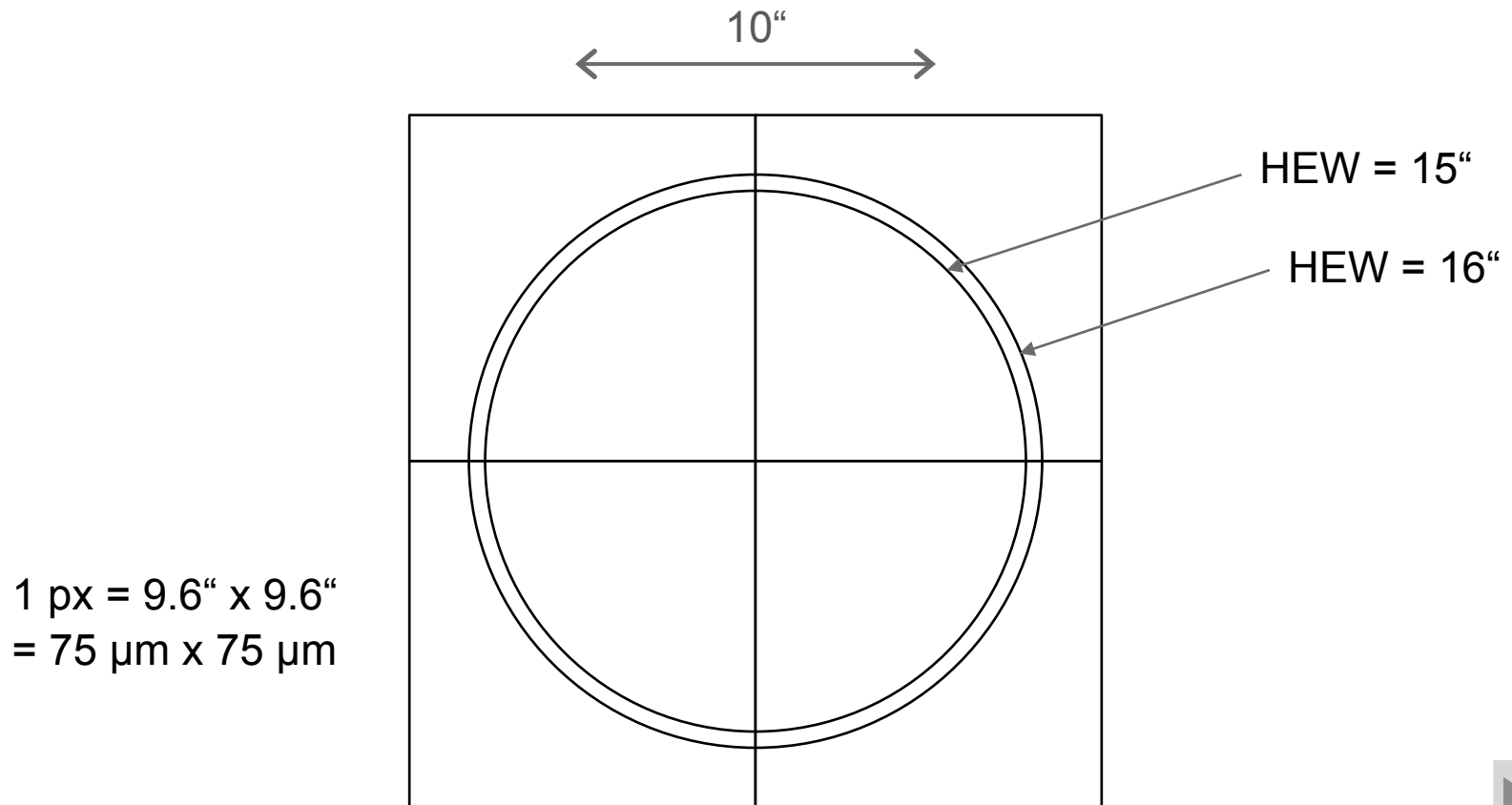
**eROSITA Calibration:**

**Mirror**

**PSF**

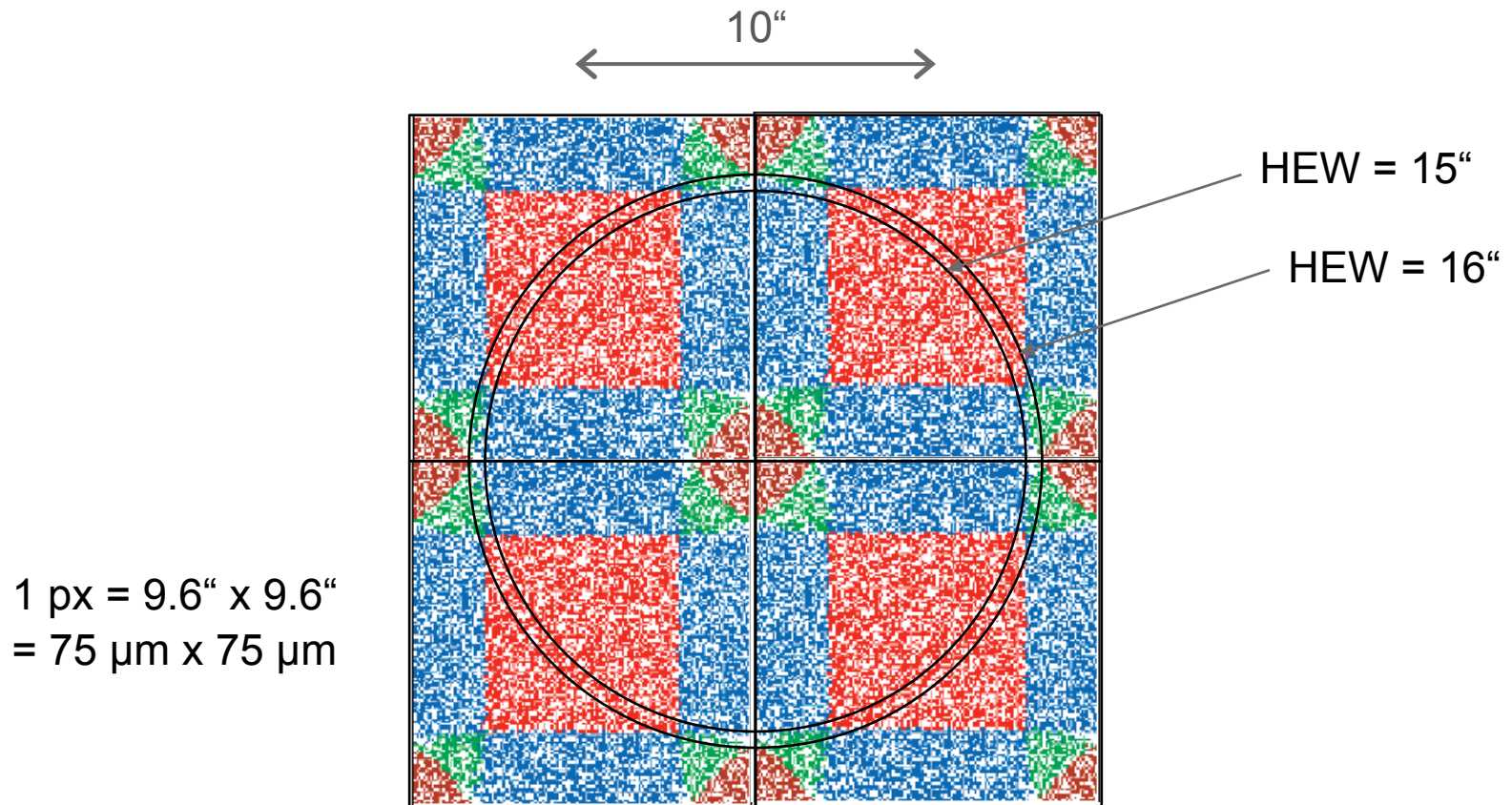
# Determination of the eROSITA PSF

## On-axis PSF

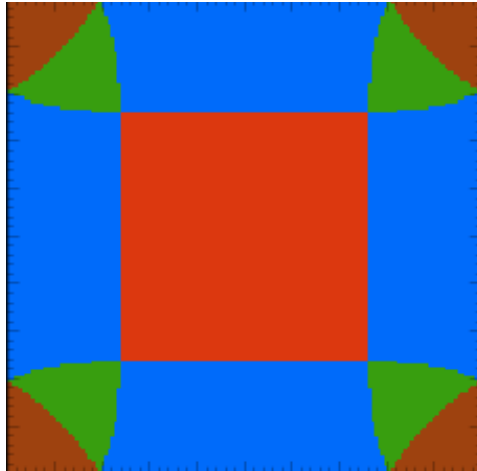


# Determination of the eROSITA PSF

## On-axis PSF



# Effective resolution obtained with „sdtq“ in pixel scans

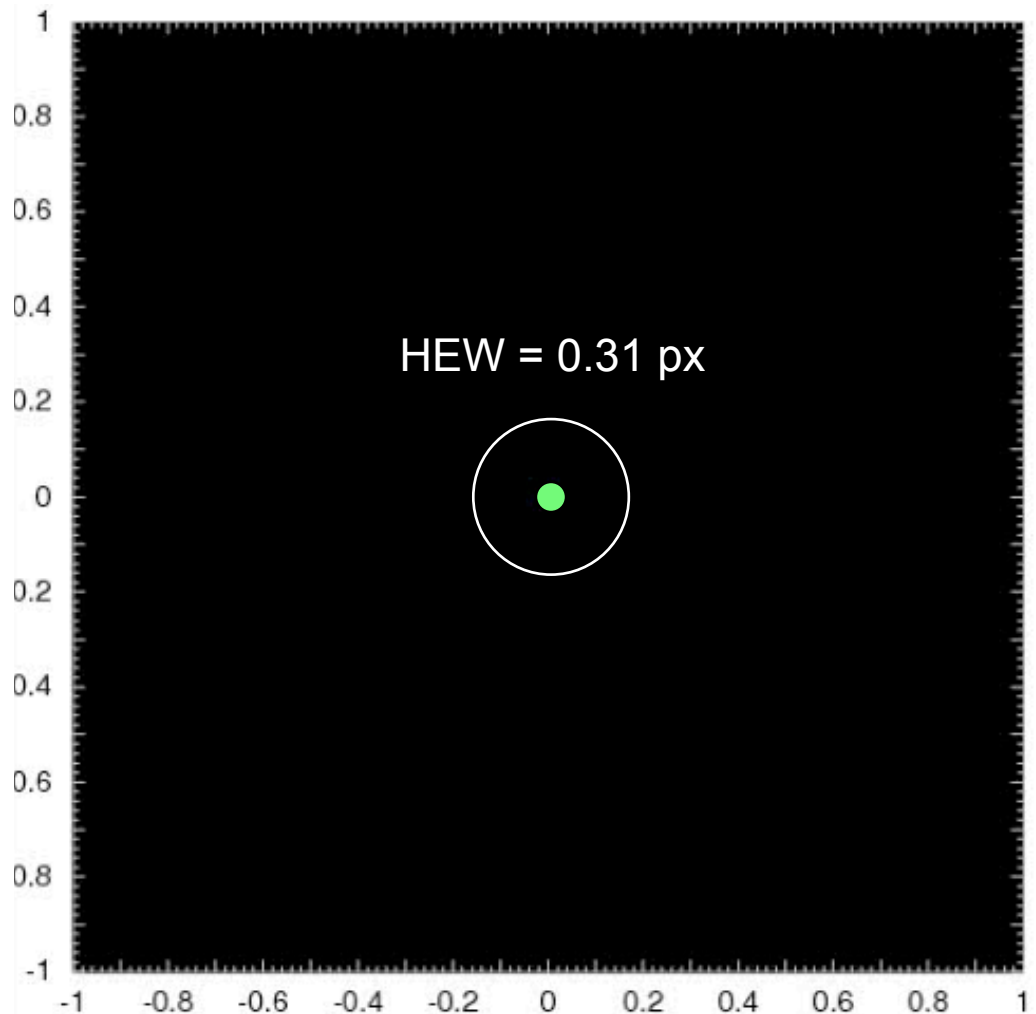


pixel size

using subpixel  
information for **all**  
**valid patterns**

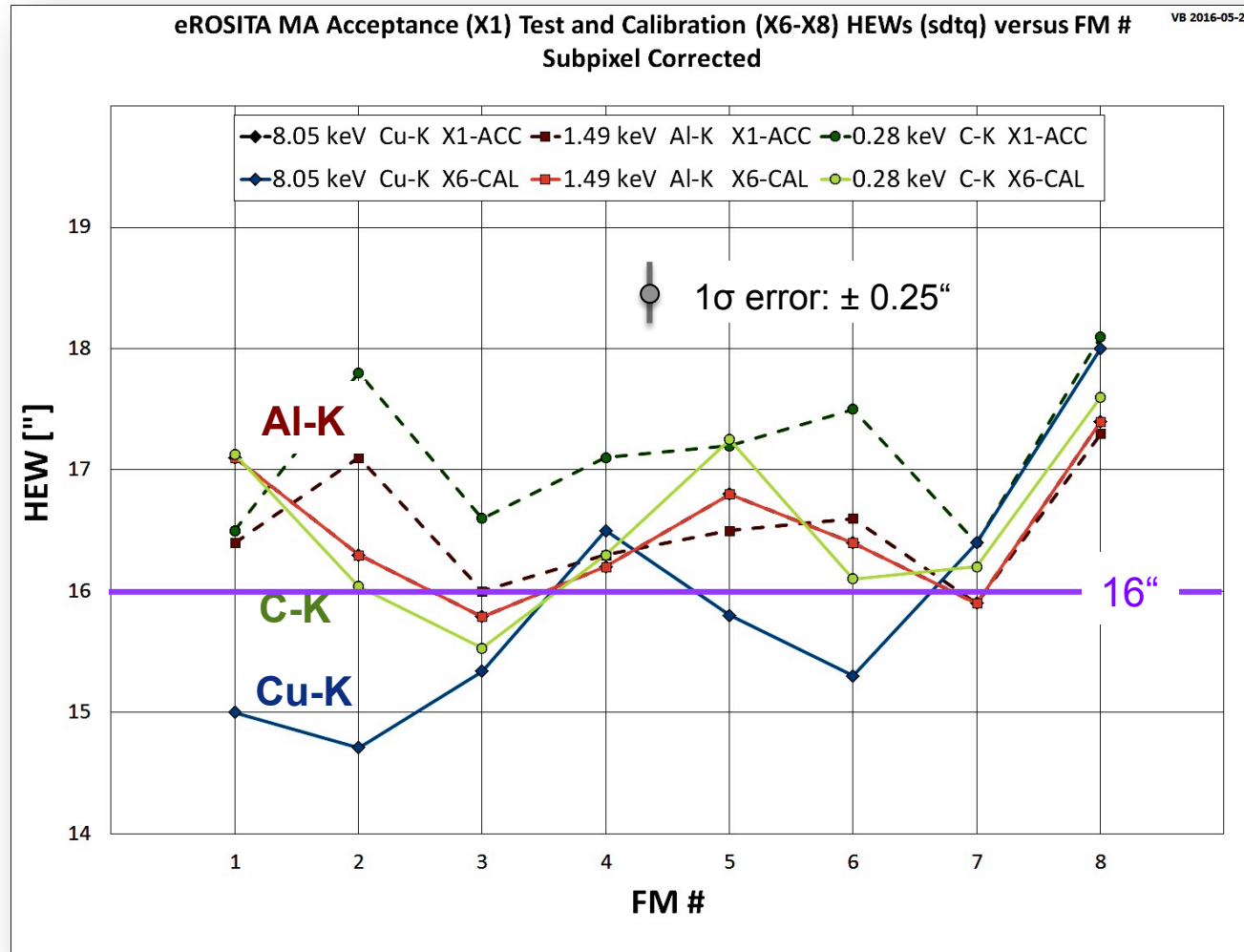
Al-K

12 x 12 raster



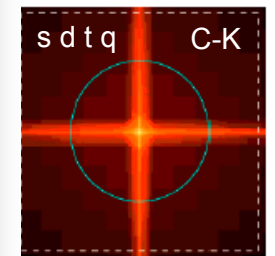
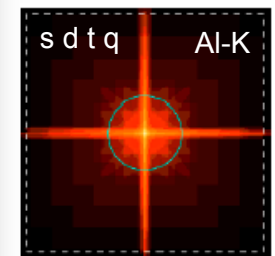
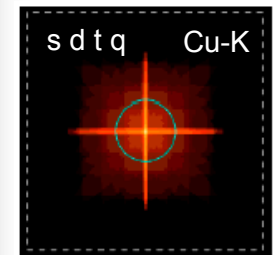
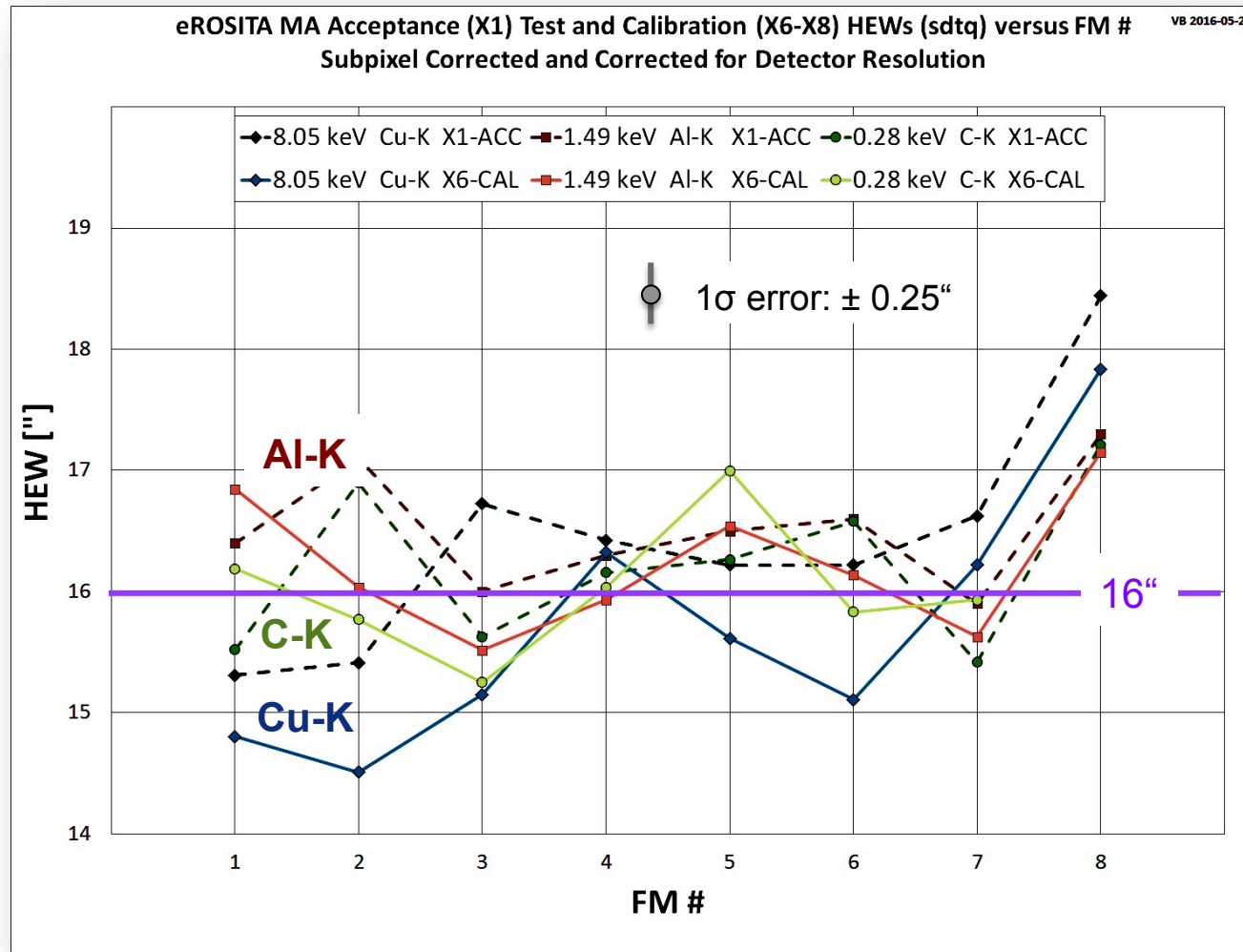
# Determination of the eROSITA PSF

## On-axis HEW for all eROSITA mirror modules



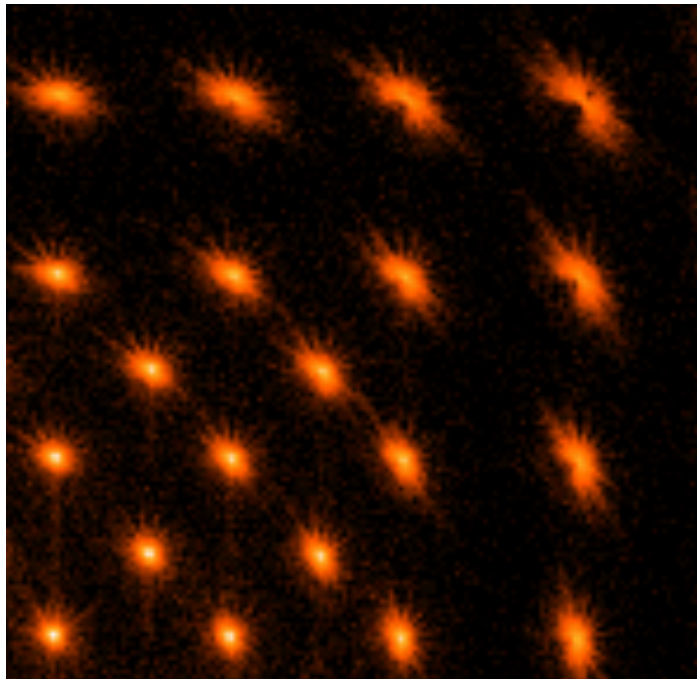
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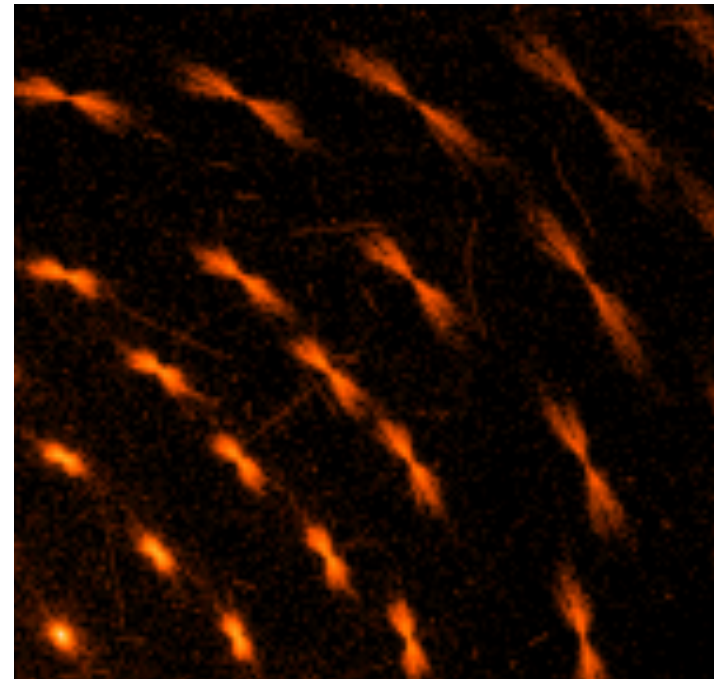


# Determination of the eROSITA PSF

## Off-axis PSF



1.5 keV

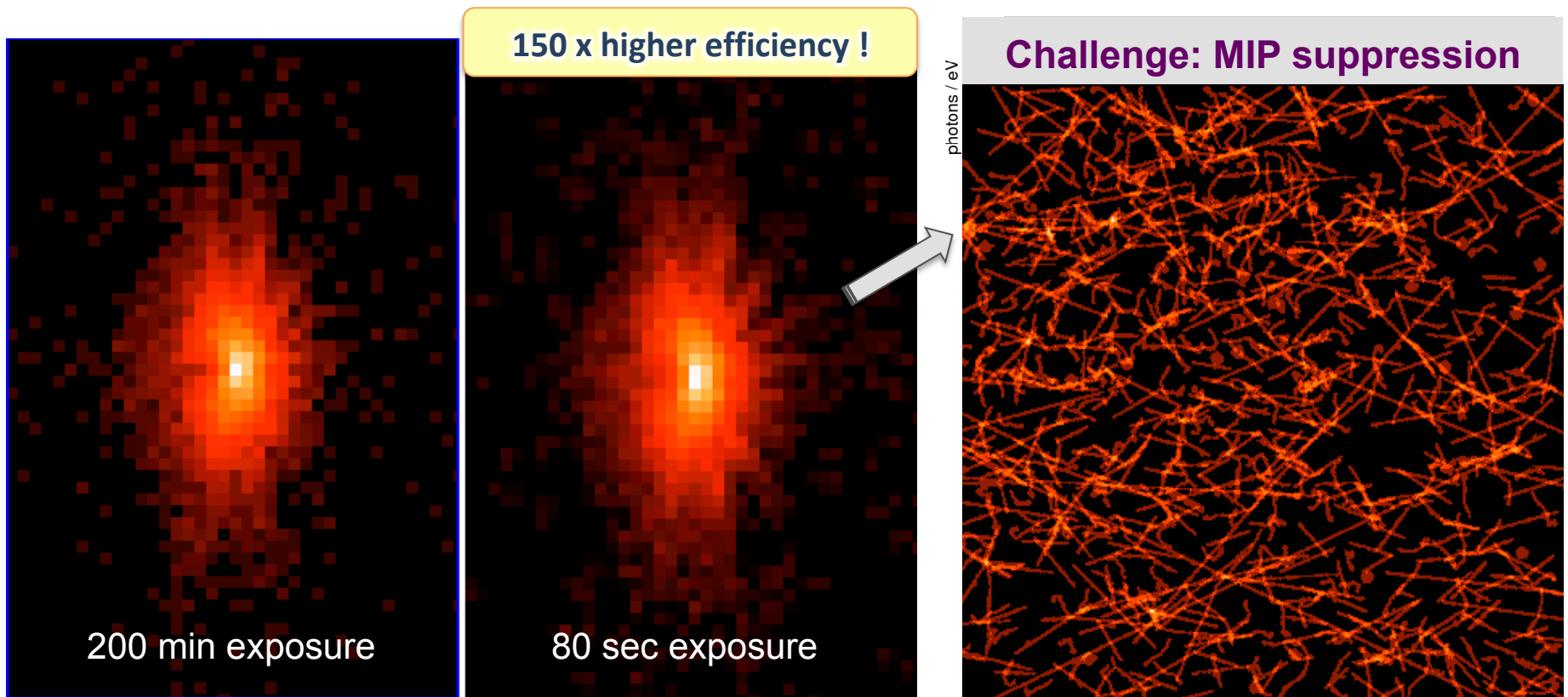


6.4 keV

**1 pixel scan takes ~ 6-8 hours: how can we shorten the exposure time ?**

# Method : operate the CCD in „charge accumulation mode“

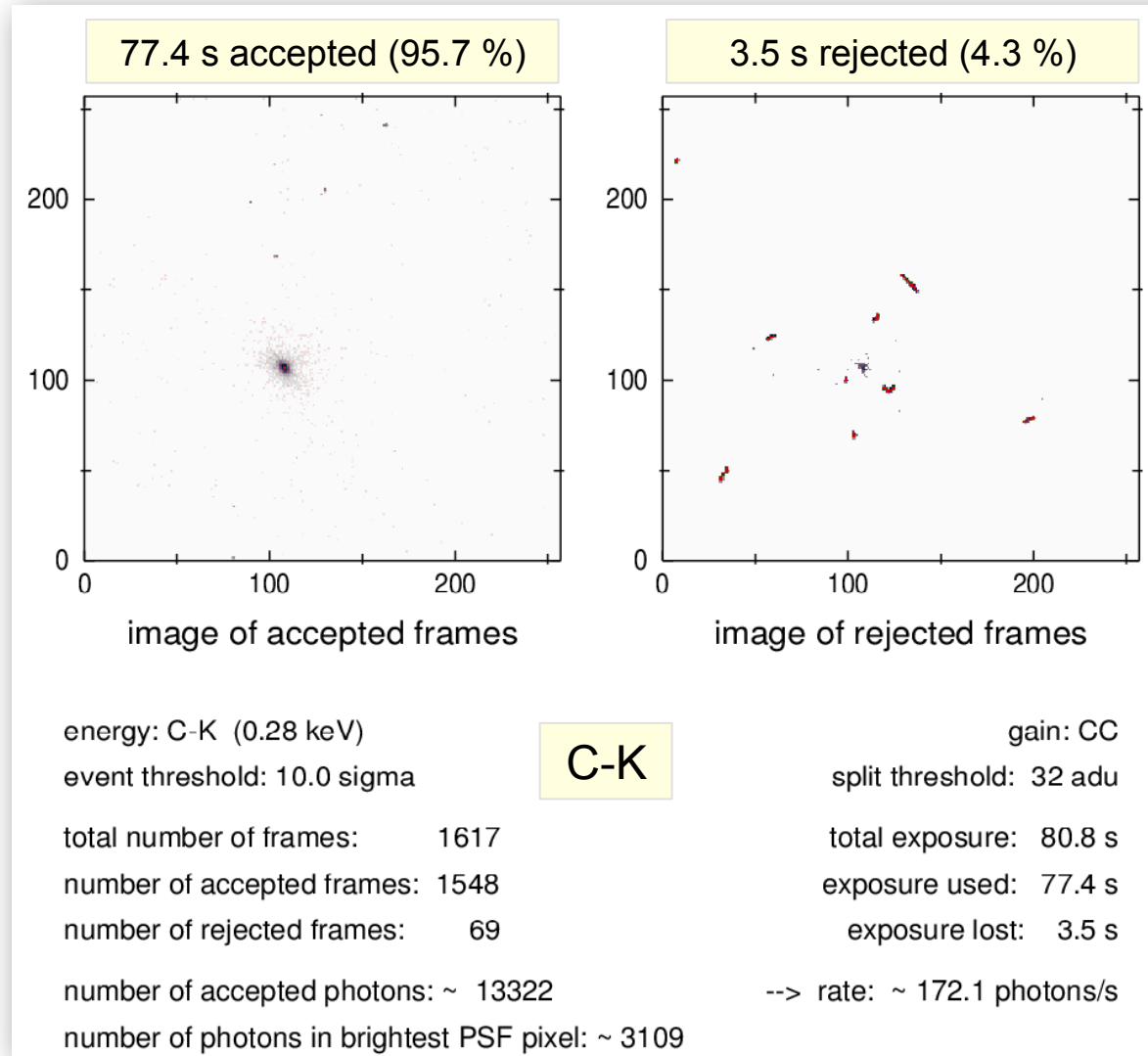
- 1) utilize the fact that the dominant photon energy is known
- 2) analyse the accumulated charges (challenge: MIP suppression)
- 3) abandon subpixel resolution (not required for off-axis PSF)





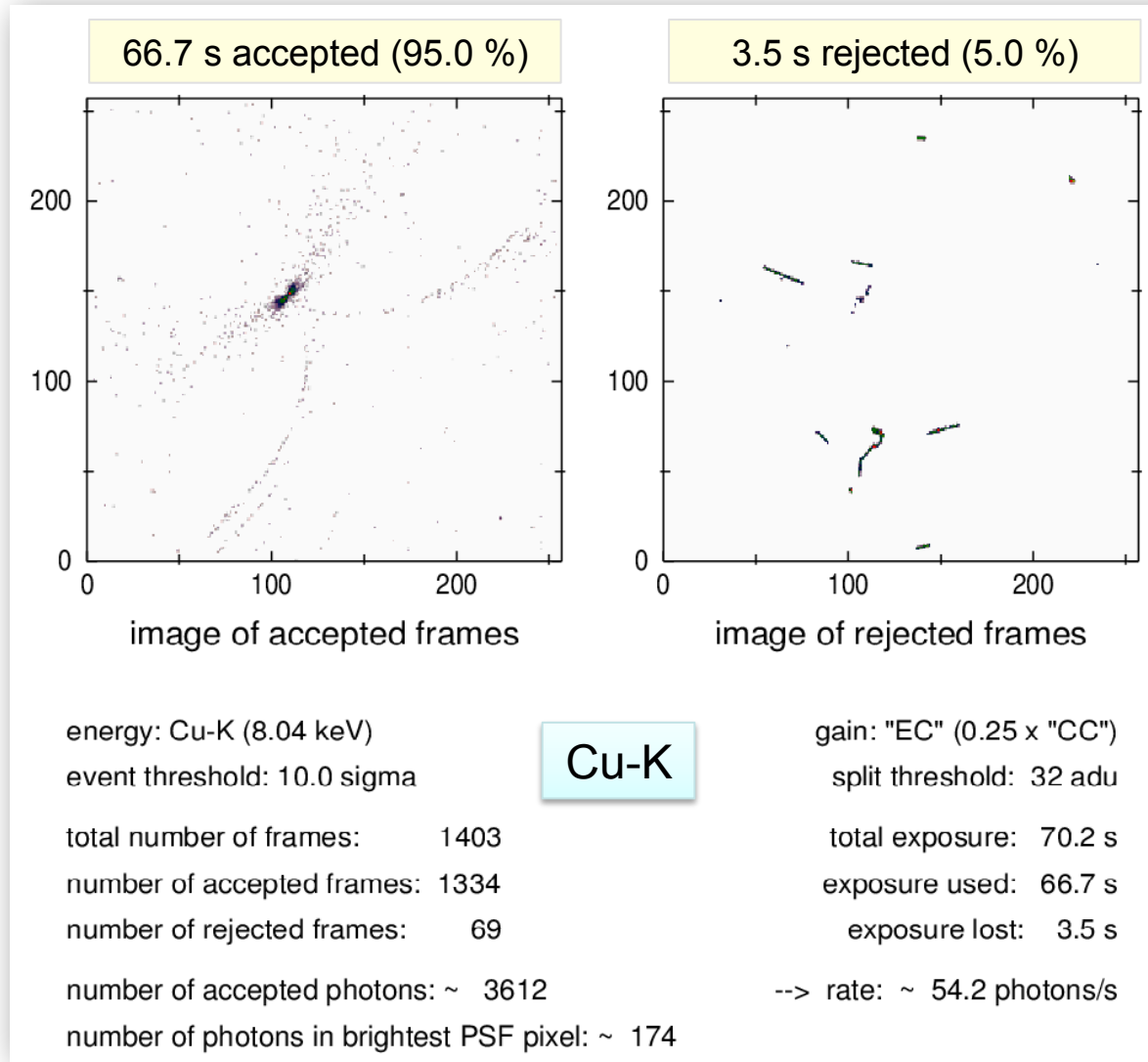
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## Challenge: Suppression of MIPs in the case of extreme pile-up



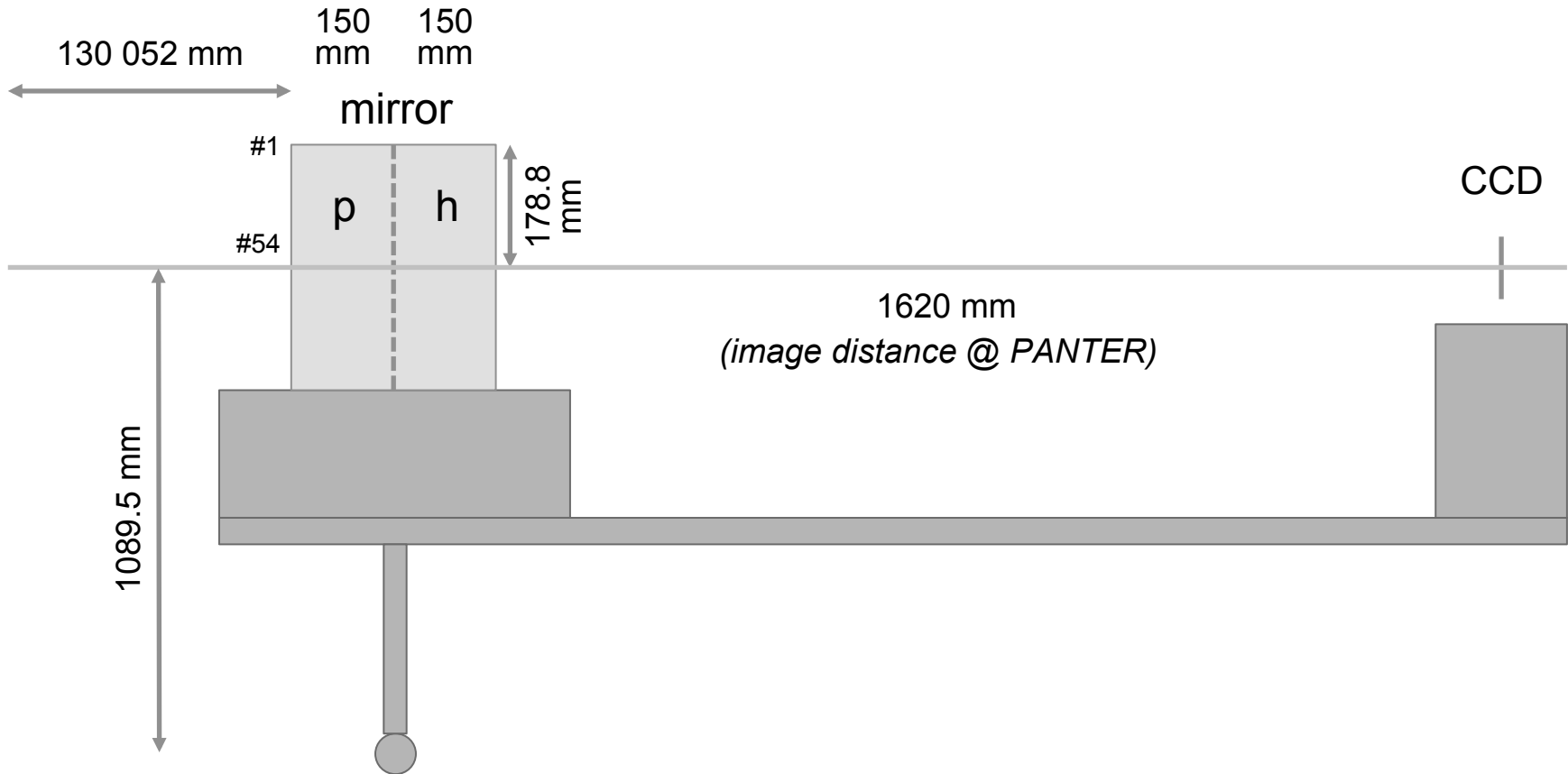
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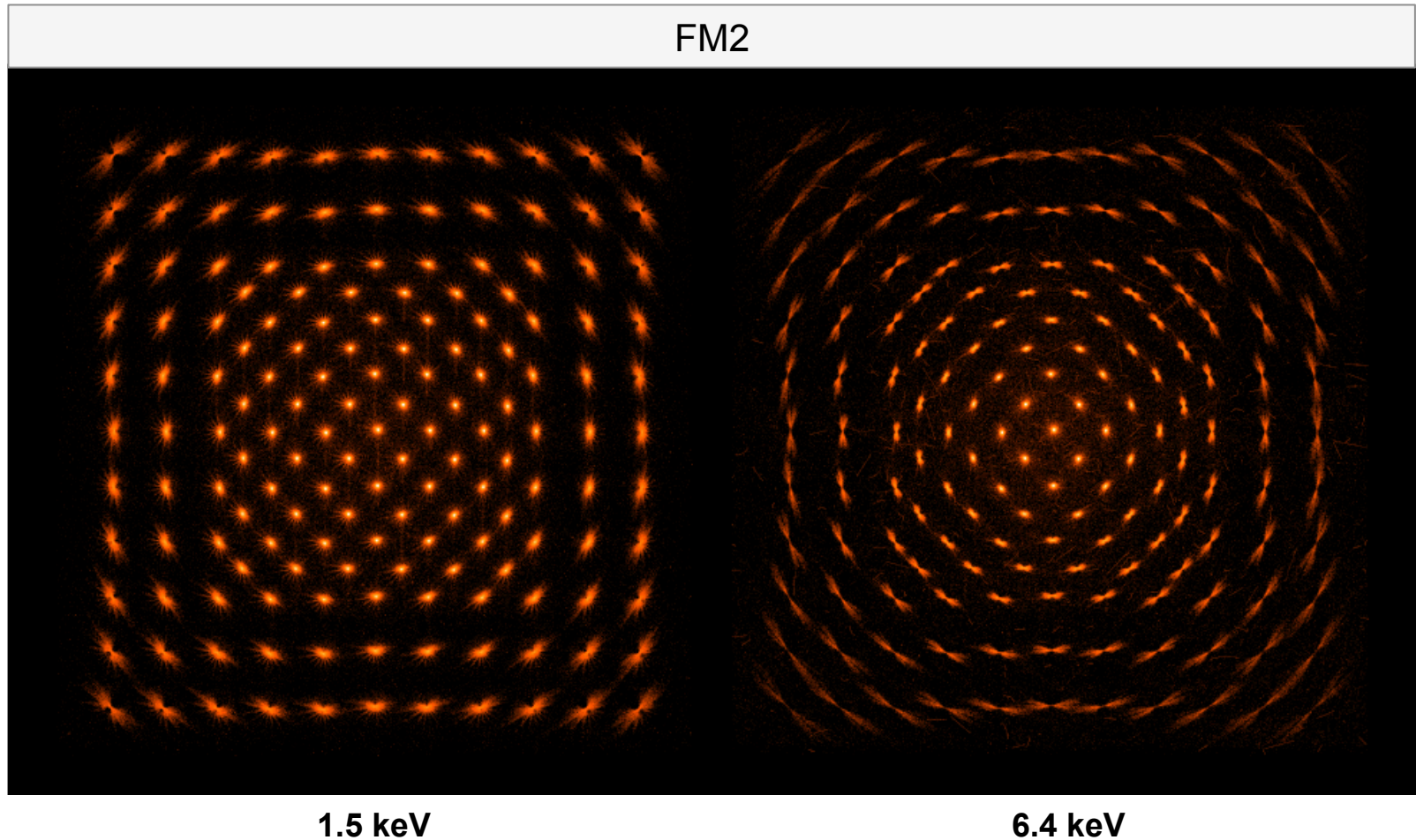
# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

## PANTER Geometry (overview)

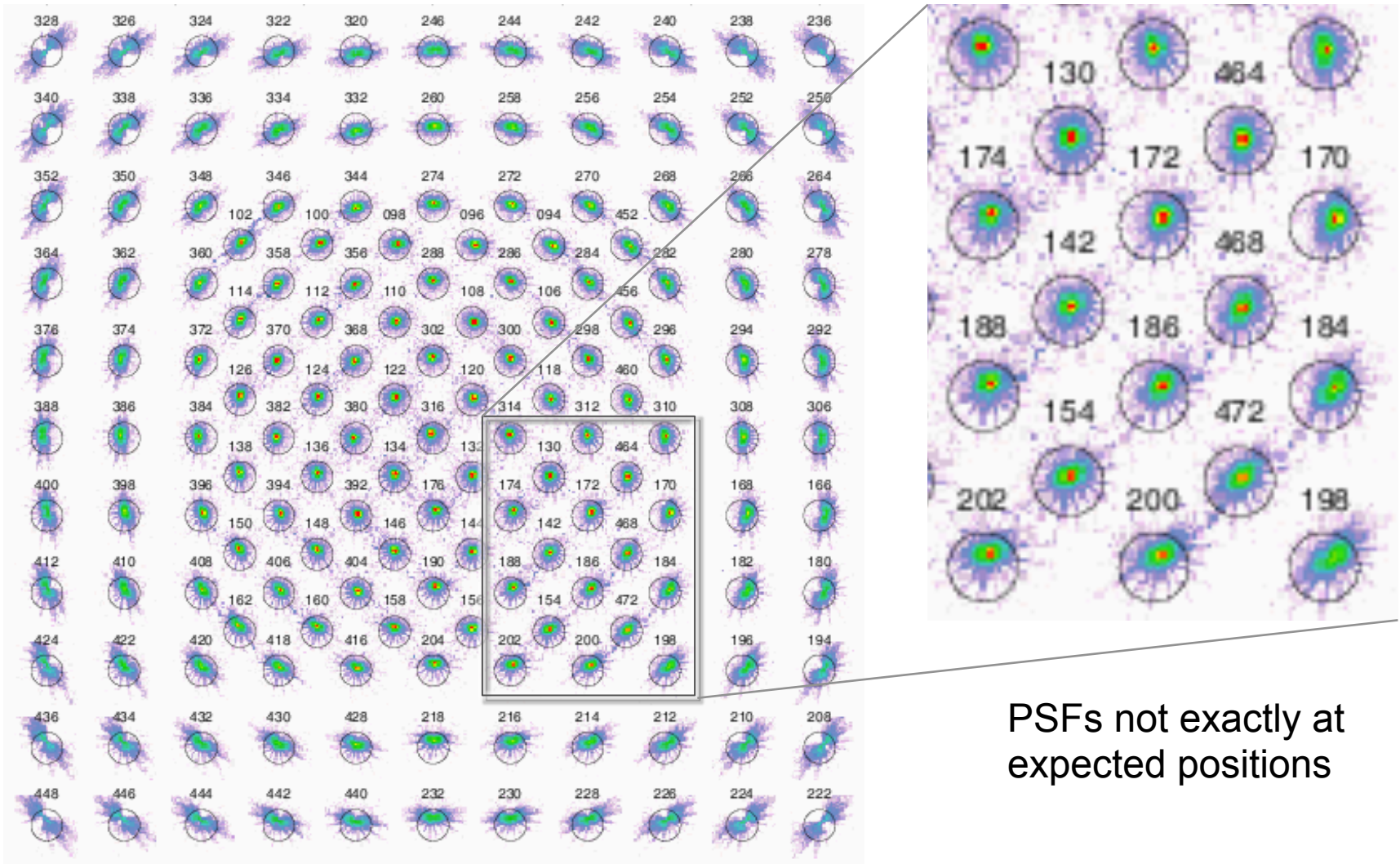


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## PSF Focal Plane Mapping



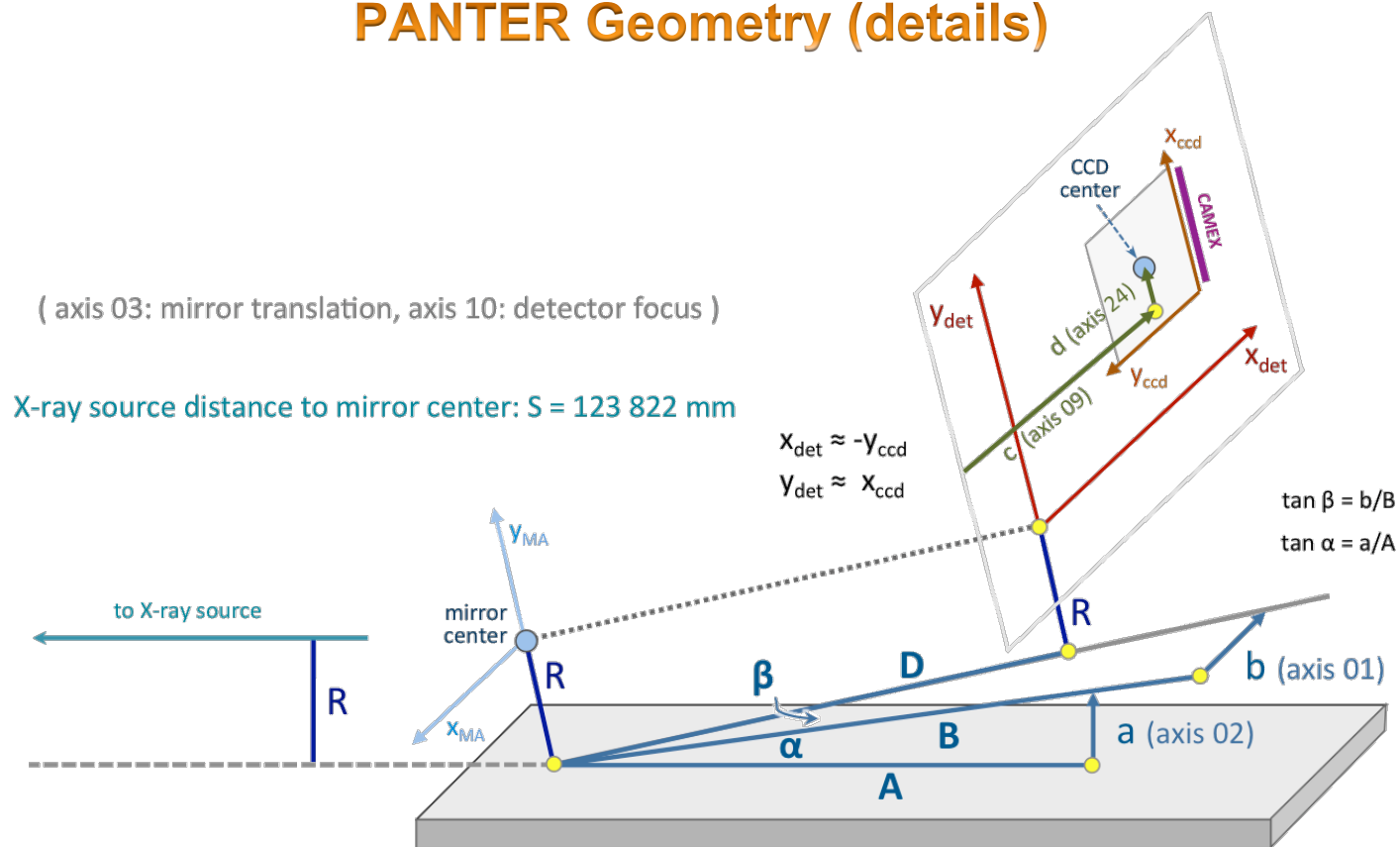
# PSF Focal Plane Mapping



PSFs not exactly at expected positions

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

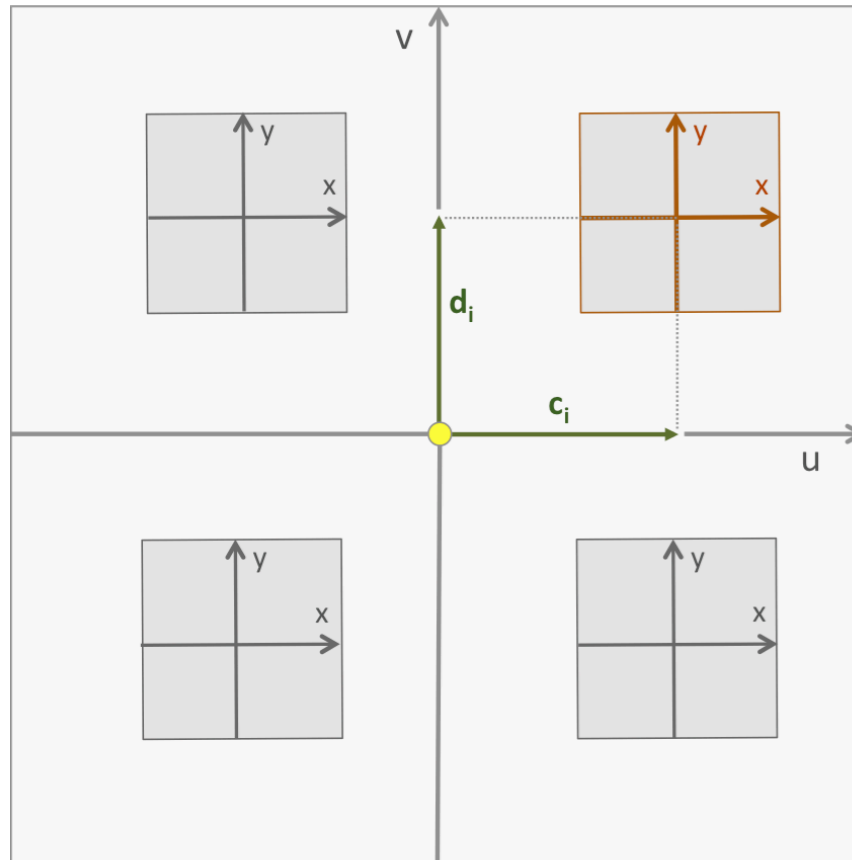
## PANTER Geometry (details)



**$D = 1622.2\text{ mm}$**   
 **$A = 3060.4\text{ mm}$  (62.5 nm/step)**  
 **$B = 3270.0\text{ mm}$  (1.25  $\mu\text{m}$ /step) (+/- 10mm)**  
 **$R = 1089.5\text{ mm}$**

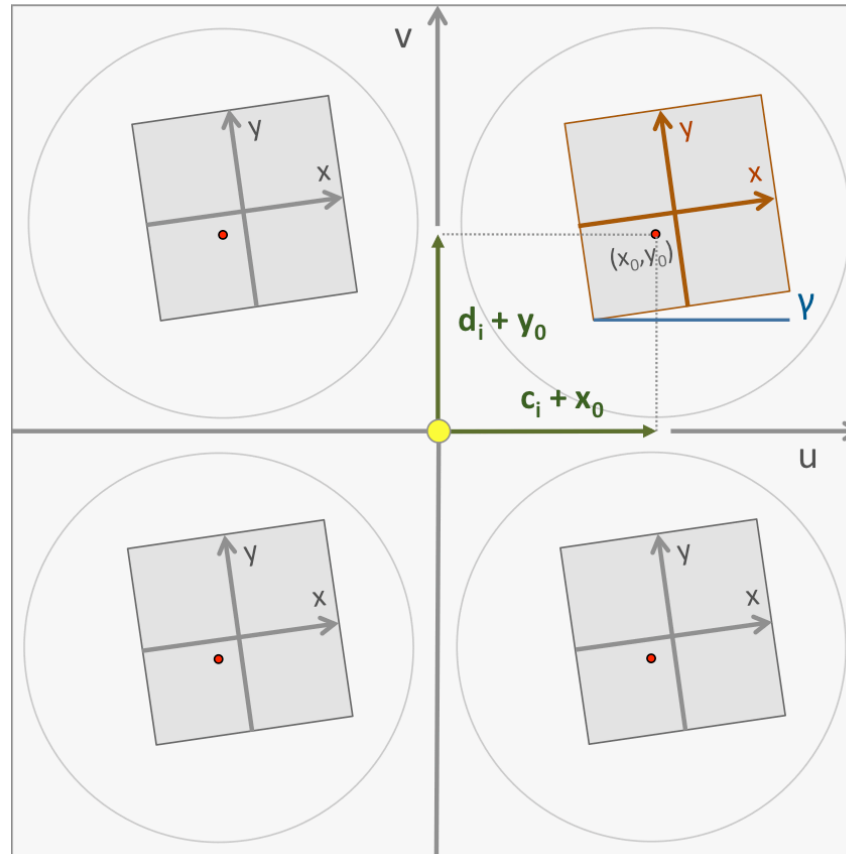
1 step = 62.5 nm  
 4610017 steps  $\rightarrow \alpha = 5.37835\text{ deg}$   
 $\rightarrow a = 288.126\text{ mm}$   
 $\rightarrow A = a / \tan \alpha = 3060.4\text{ mm}$

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping



$$u_i = c_i + x$$
$$v_i = d_i + y$$

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

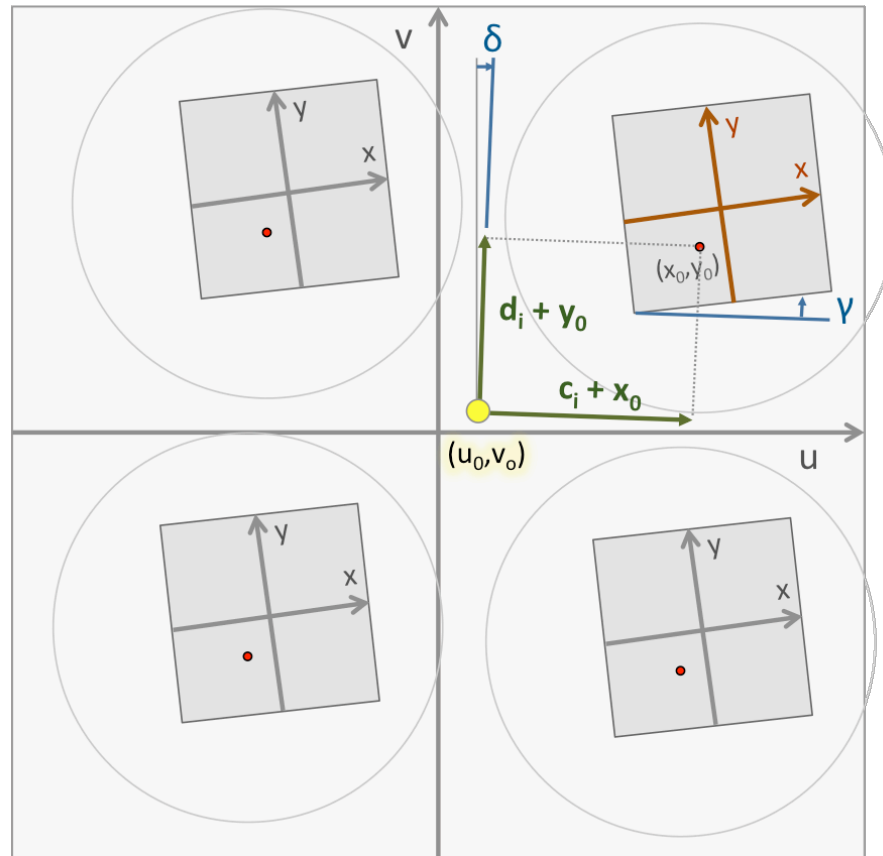


$$u_i = c_i + x_0 + (x - x_0) \cos \gamma - (y - y_0) \sin \gamma$$

$$v_i = d_i + y_0 + (x - x_0) \sin \gamma + (y - y_0) \cos \gamma$$



# PSF Focal Plane Mapping



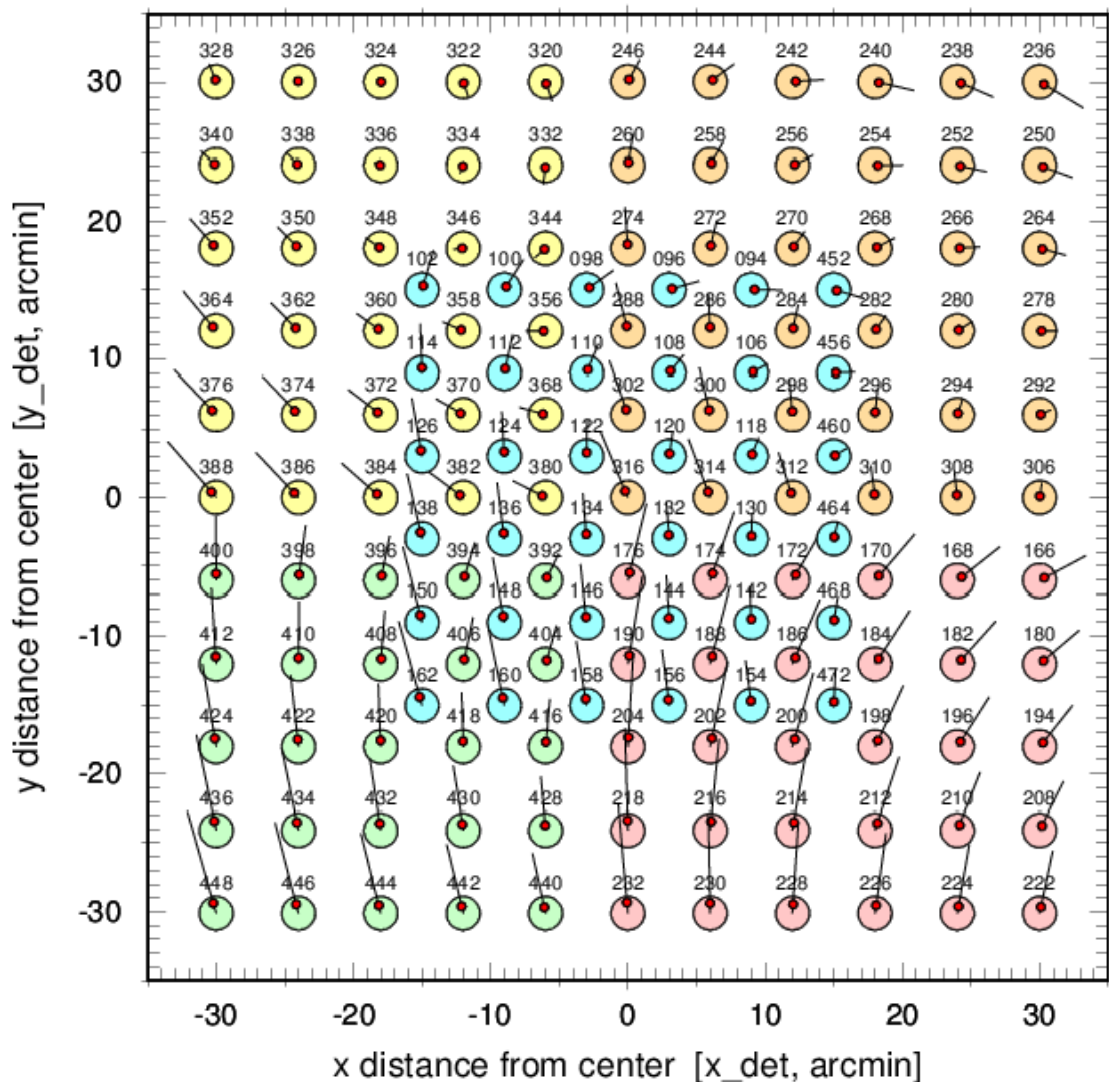
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$$v_i = d_i + y_0 + (x - x_0) \sin \gamma + (y - y_0) \cos \gamma$$

$$u_i' = u_0 + (u_i - u_0) \cos \delta - (v_i - v_0) \sin \delta$$

$$v_i' = v_0 + (u_i - u_0) \sin \delta + (v_i - v_0) \cos \delta$$

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

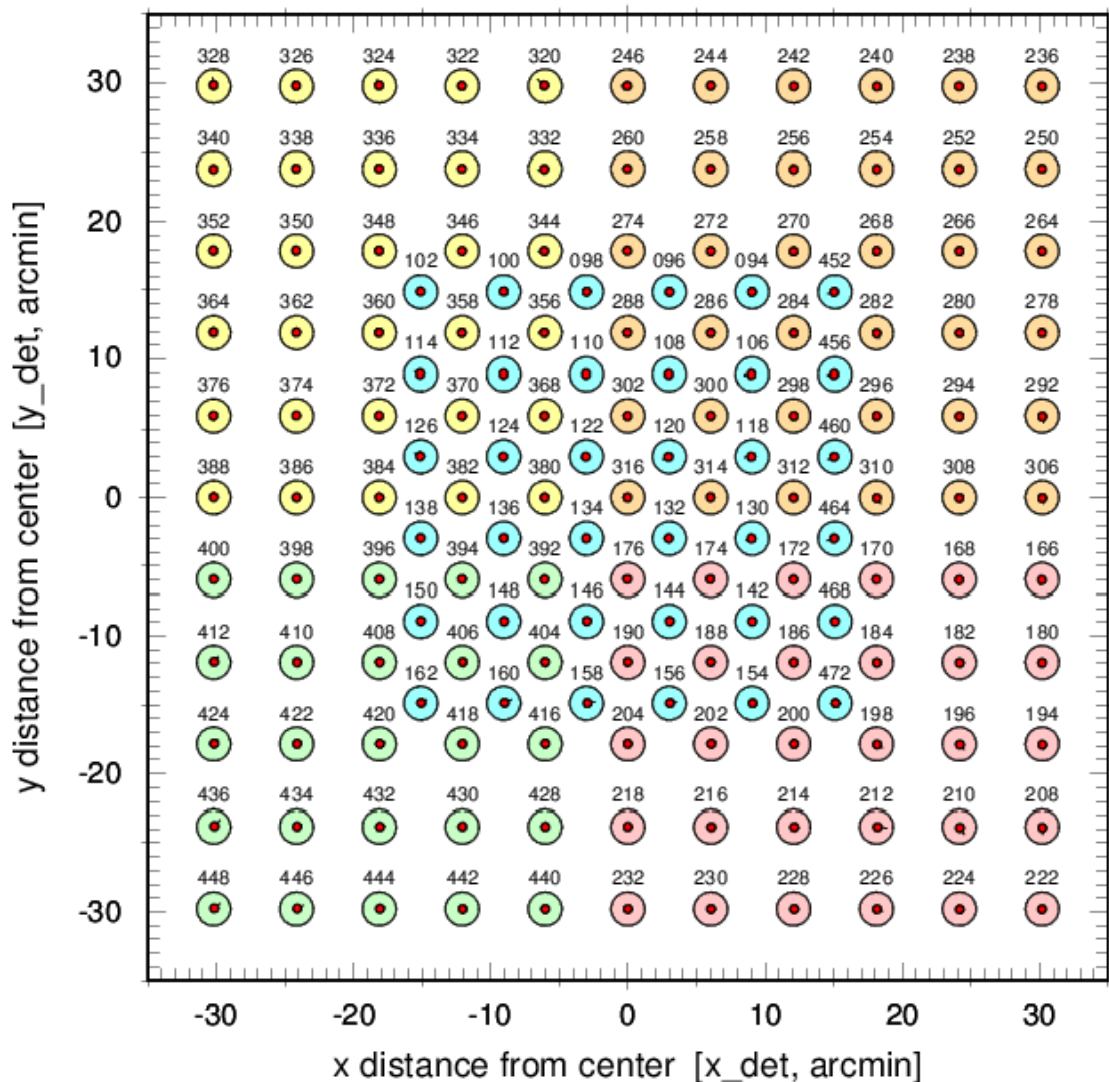


large circles: predicted PSF centers  
 small circles: corr. measured PSF centers  
 displacement lines enlarged by factor 10.0

A = 3060.4 mm, B = 3270.0 mm, C = 1621.0 mm  
 gamma = 0.0 arcmin, delta = 0.0 arcmin  
 $x = (128.0 - y_{\text{ccd}})$ ,  $y = (x_{\text{ccd}} - 128.0)$

mean positional  $1\sigma$   
 deviation: 20.6"

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping



Result of geometrical fit  
with 7 parameters:

$A, B, D, \gamma, \delta, x_0, y_0$

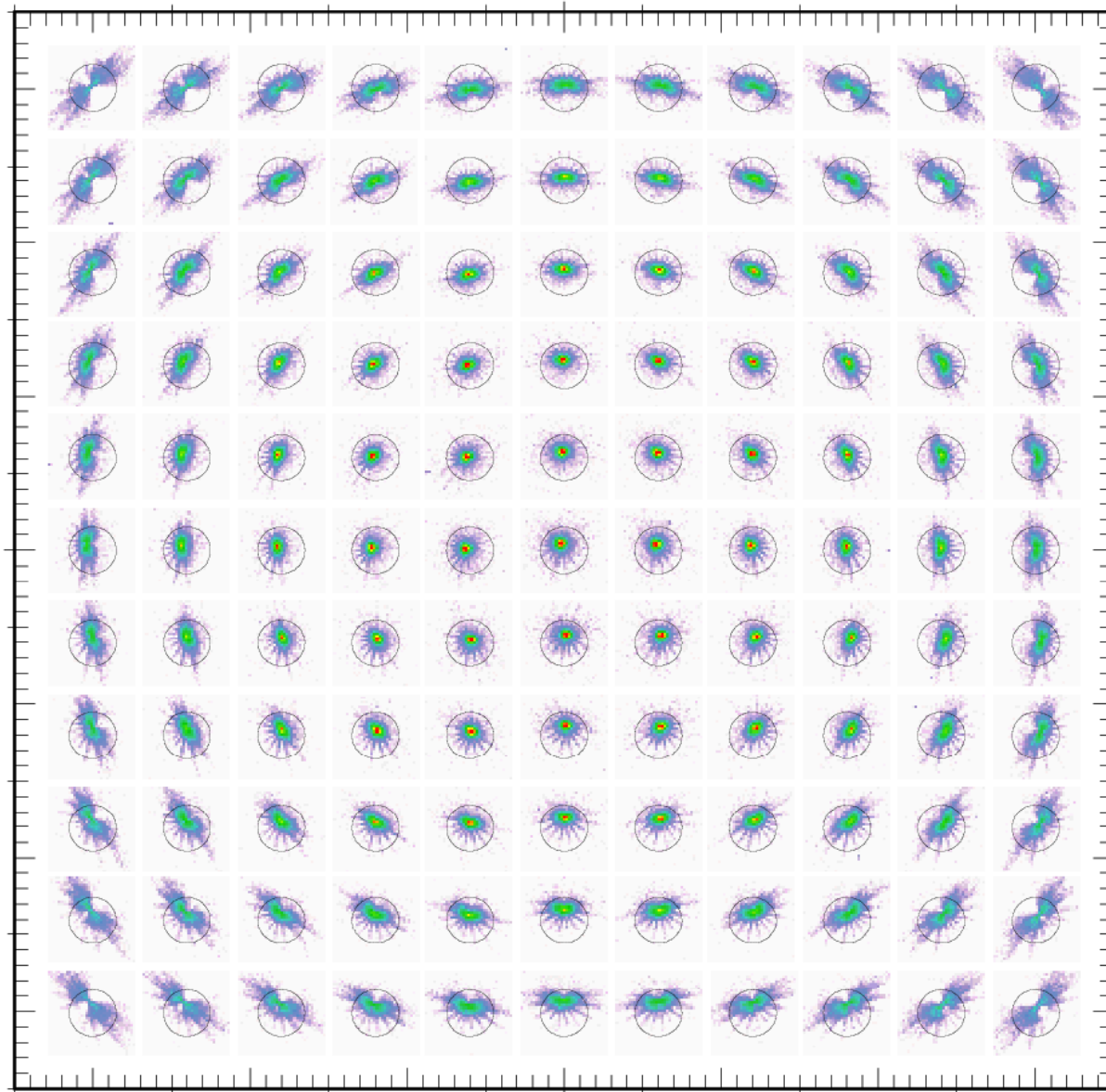
large circles: predicted PSF centers  
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$A = 3095.3 \text{ mm}, B = 3252.7 \text{ mm}, D = 1622.2 \text{ mm}$   
 $\gamma = 46.4 \text{ arcmin}, \delta = -9.9 \text{ arcmin}$   
 $x = (127.8 - y_{\text{ccd}}), y = (x_{\text{ccd}} - 129.7)$

mean positional  $1\sigma$   
deviation: 2.1"

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

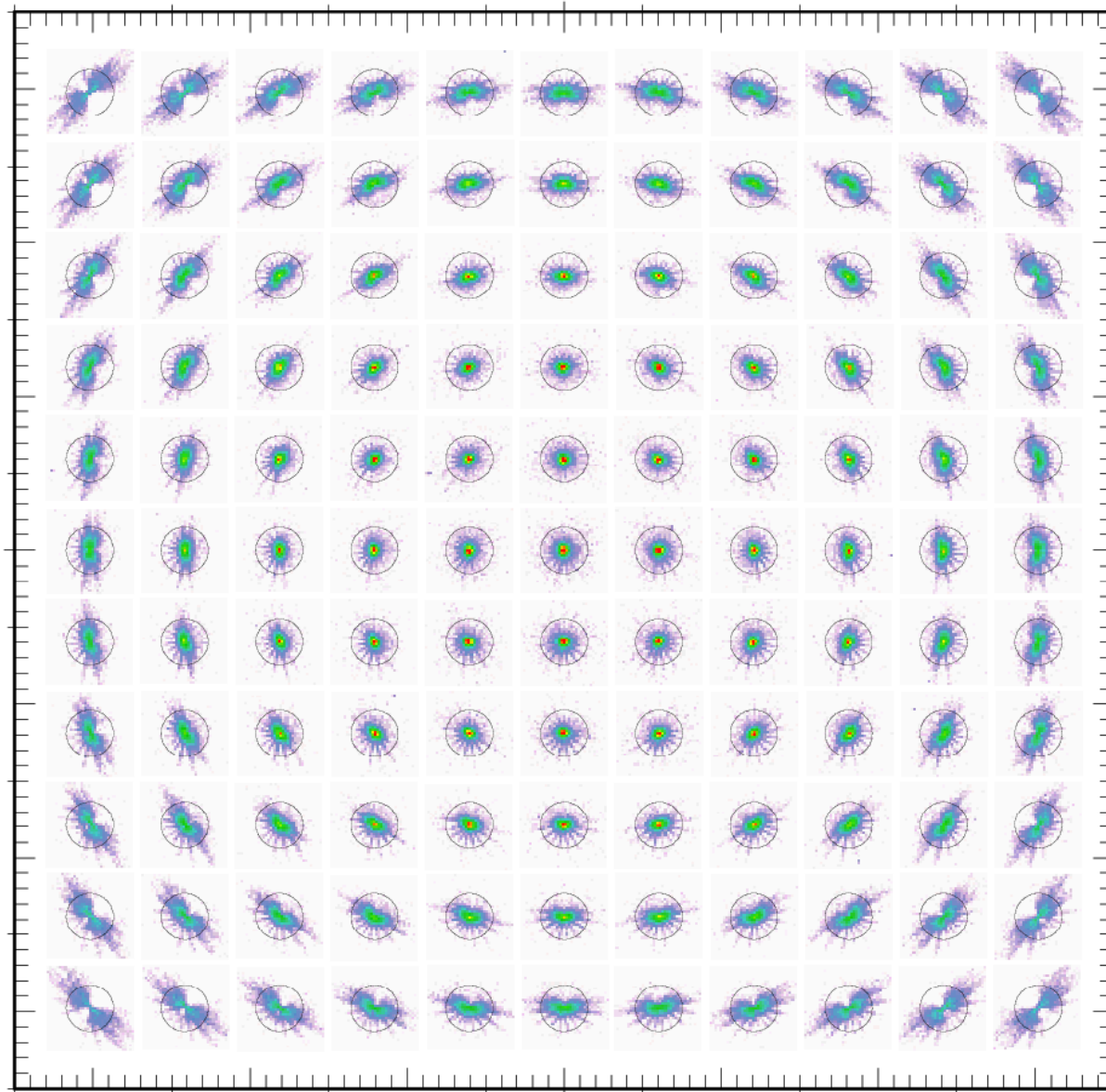
FM2, AI-K



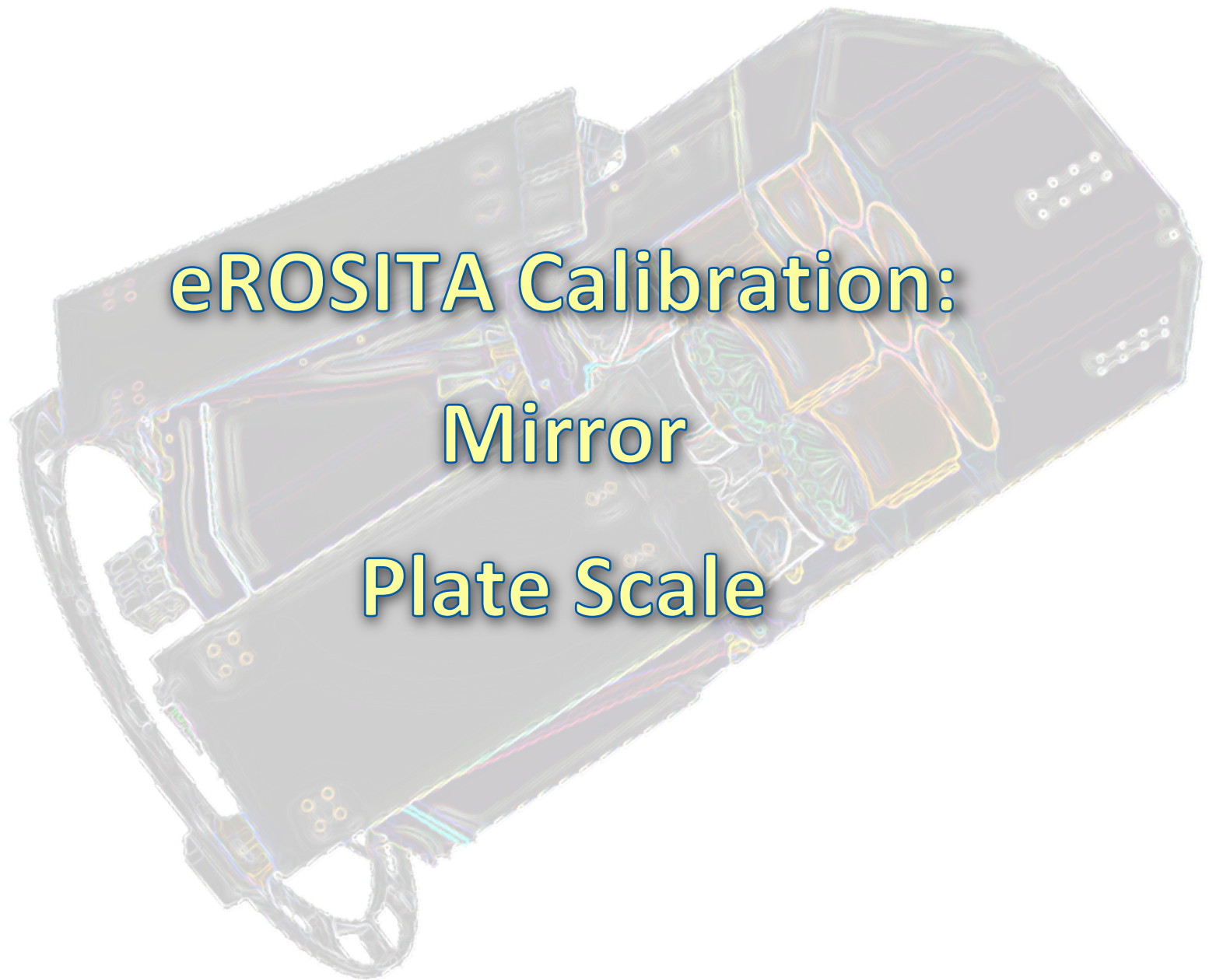
before  
geometry  
correction

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

FM2, AI-K



after  
geometry  
correction



**eROSITA Calibration:**

**Mirror**

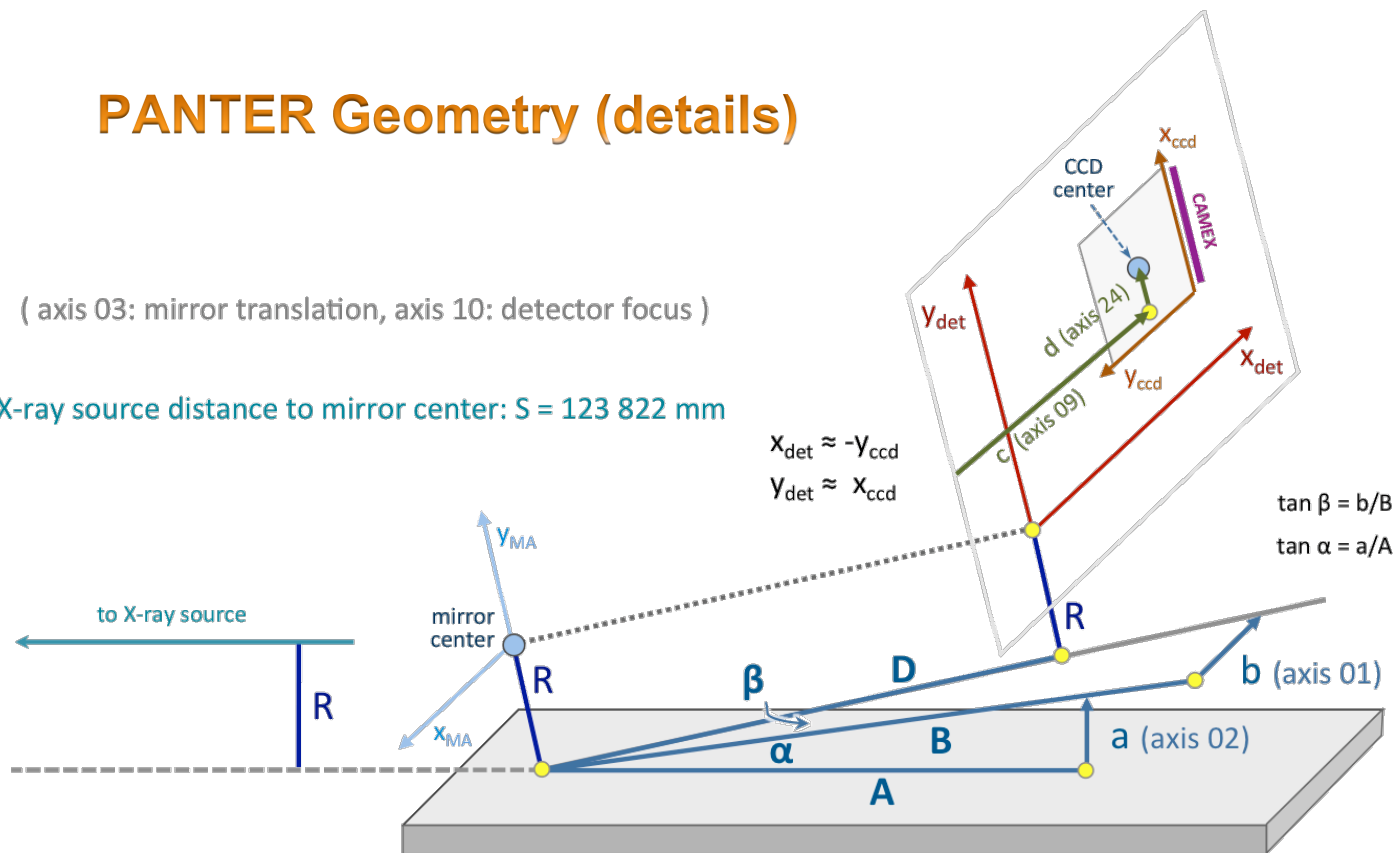
**Plate Scale**

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

## PANTER Geometry (details)

( axis 03: mirror translation, axis 10: detector focus )

X-ray source distance to mirror center:  $S = 123\,822\text{ mm}$



$D = 1622.2\text{ mm}$

$A = 3060.4\text{ mm} \rightarrow 3095.3\text{ mm}$

$B = 3270.0\text{ mm} \rightarrow 3252.7\text{ mm}$

$R = 1089.5\text{ mm}$

*application to the other energies..*

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

Result from common fit of all energies,  
with (A, B,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ ) fixed

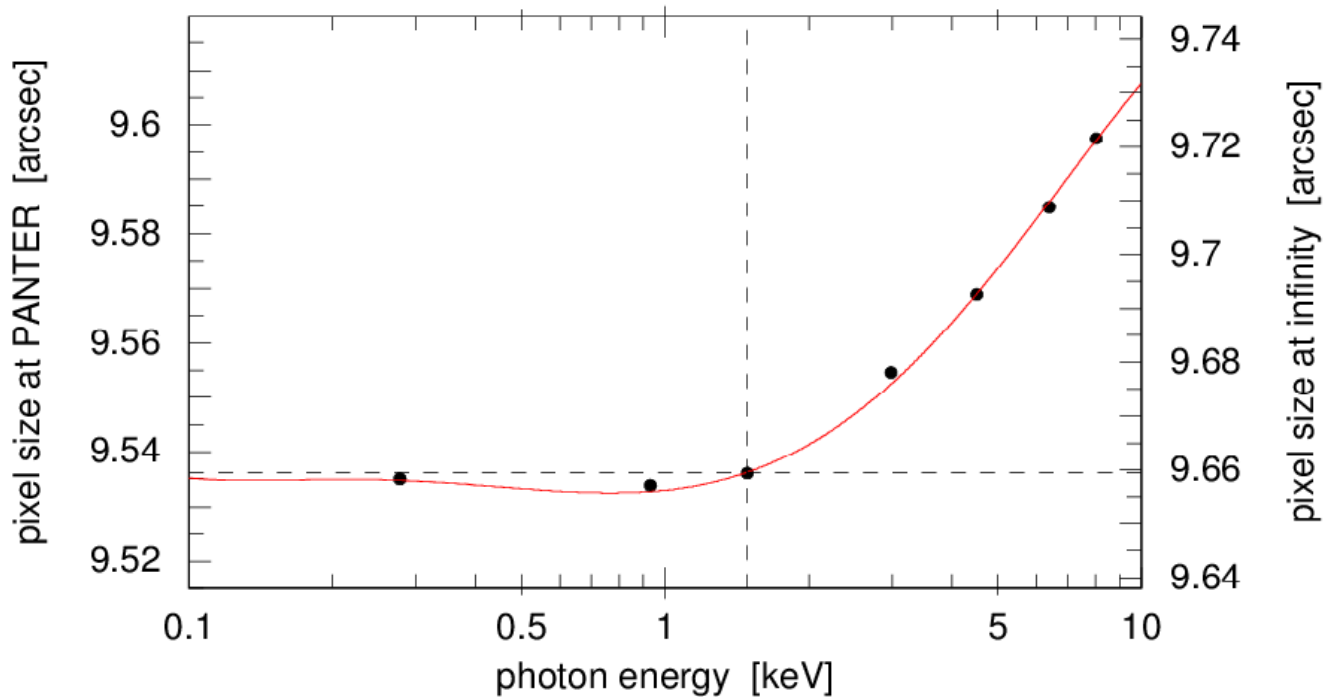
	C-K	Cu-L	Al-K	Ag-L	Ti-K	Fe-K	Cu-K	
<b>A</b>	= 3095.3 mm							fixed
<b>B</b>	= 3252.9 mm							fixed
<b><math>x_0</math></b>	126.5	126.2	127.8	126.4	126.6	127.8	126.9	<b>free</b>
<b><math>y_0</math></b>	129.7	129.6	129.7	129.7	129.7	129.8	129.7	<b>free</b>
<b><math>\gamma</math></b>	= 45.8'							fixed
<b><math>\delta</math></b>	= -9.7'							fixed
<b>D</b>	<b>1622.4</b>	<b>1622.6</b>	<b>1622.2</b>	<b>1619.1</b>	<b>1616.7</b>	<b>1614.0</b>	<b>1611.9</b>	<b>free</b>

The image distance depends on the energy !



# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

Result from common fit of all energies,  
with  $(A, B, \gamma, \delta)$  fixed

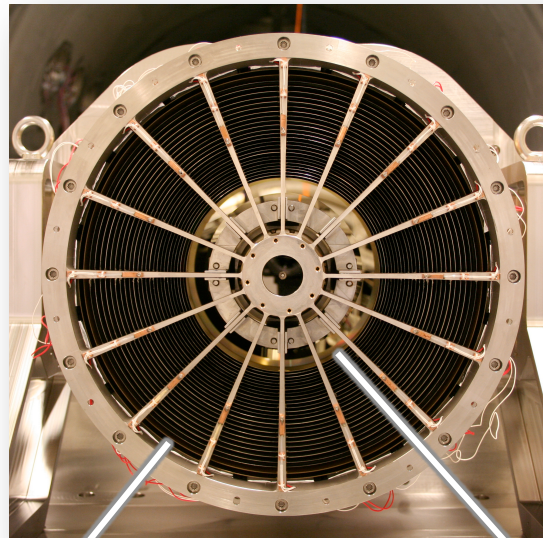


The plate scale depends on the energy !

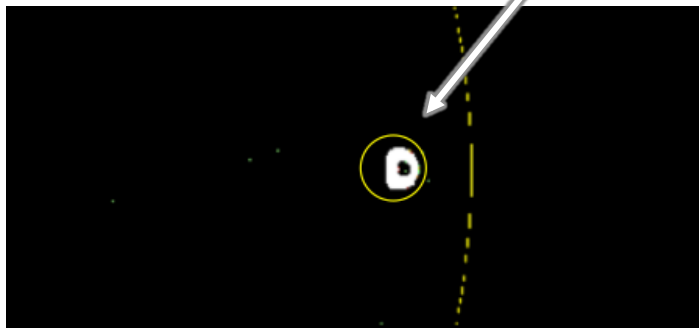
# Energy dependence of the eROSITA Plate Scale

## Ray-tracing simulation

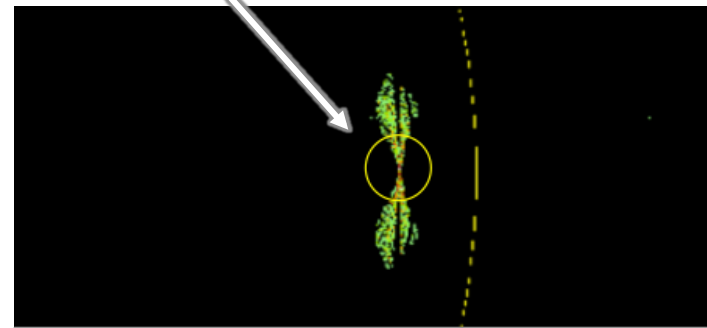
(P. Friedrich, M. Freyberg)



0.1 – 13 keV,  
white spectrum,  
28 arcmin off-axis

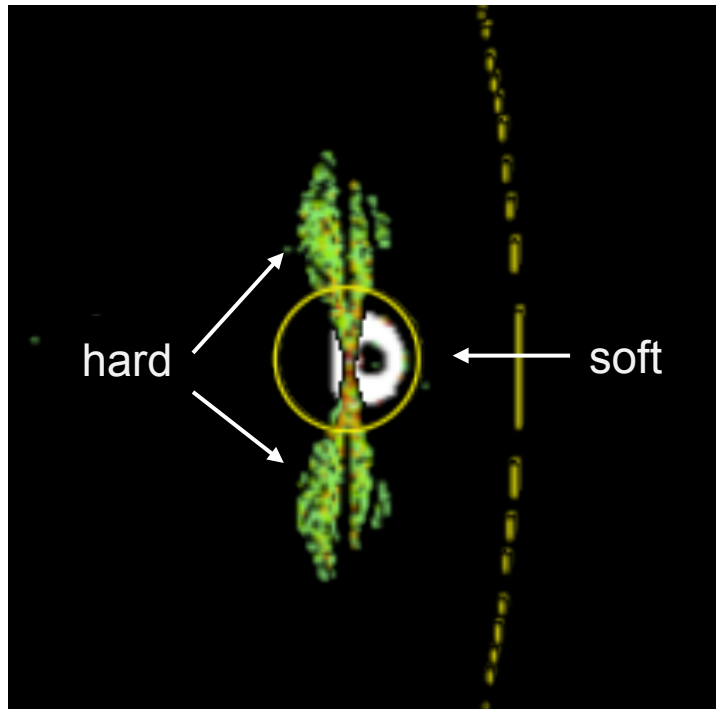


shell 1 (outermost, „soft“)

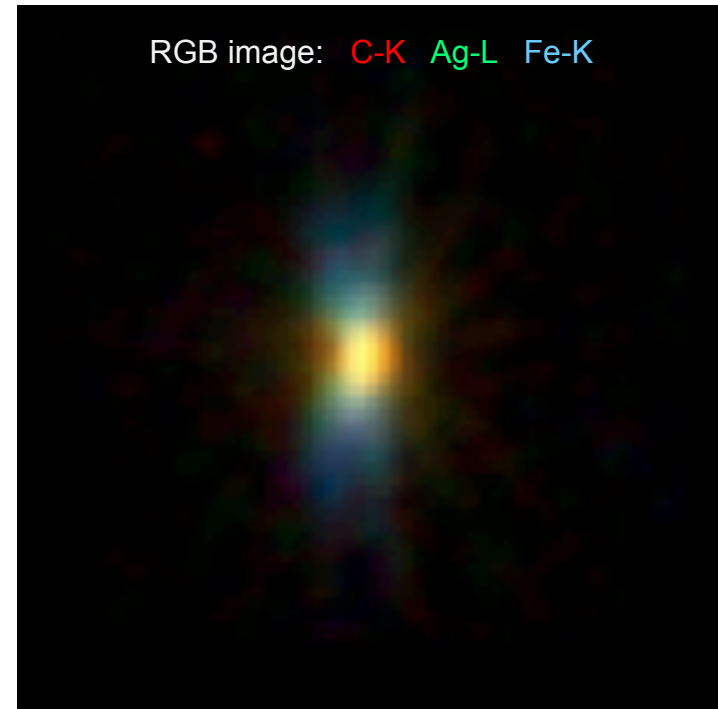


shell 54 (innermost, „hard“)

# Energy dependence of the eROSITA Plate Scale



Ray-tracing simulation



PSF Focal Plane Mapping

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

## eROSITA FoV

RGB image:

C-K Ag-L Fe-K

distance of PSF centers:

226.5 px @ Al-K

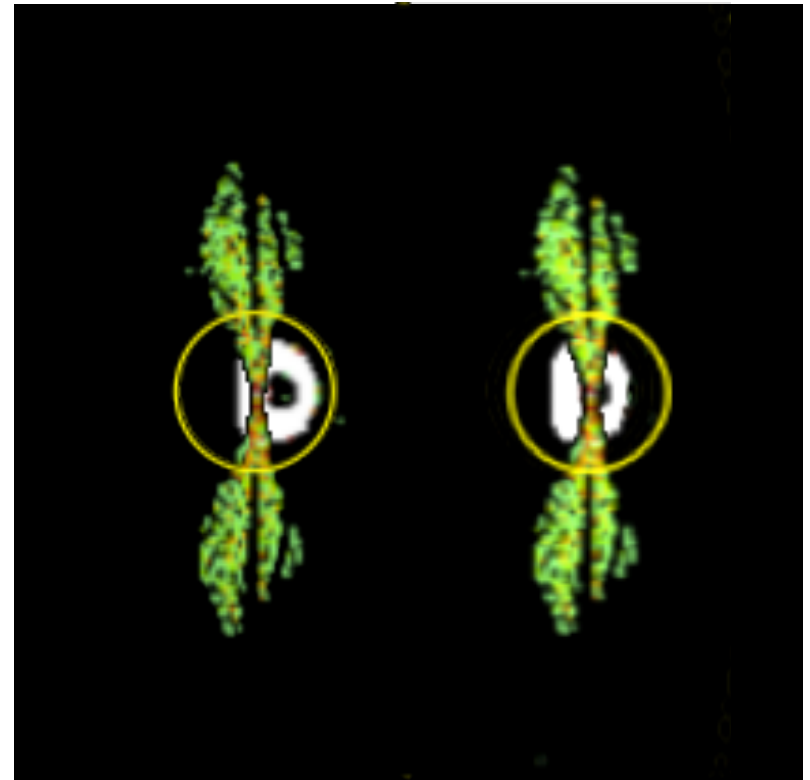
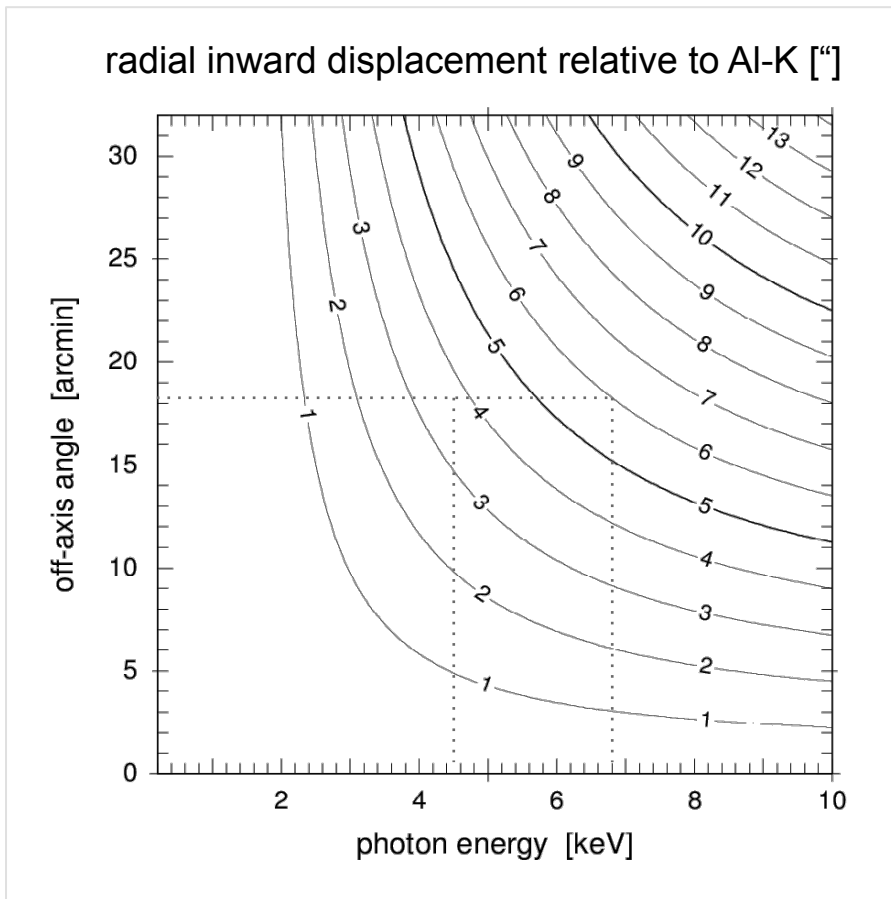
225.7 px @ Ti-K

225.4 px @ Fe-K

→ 12" difference

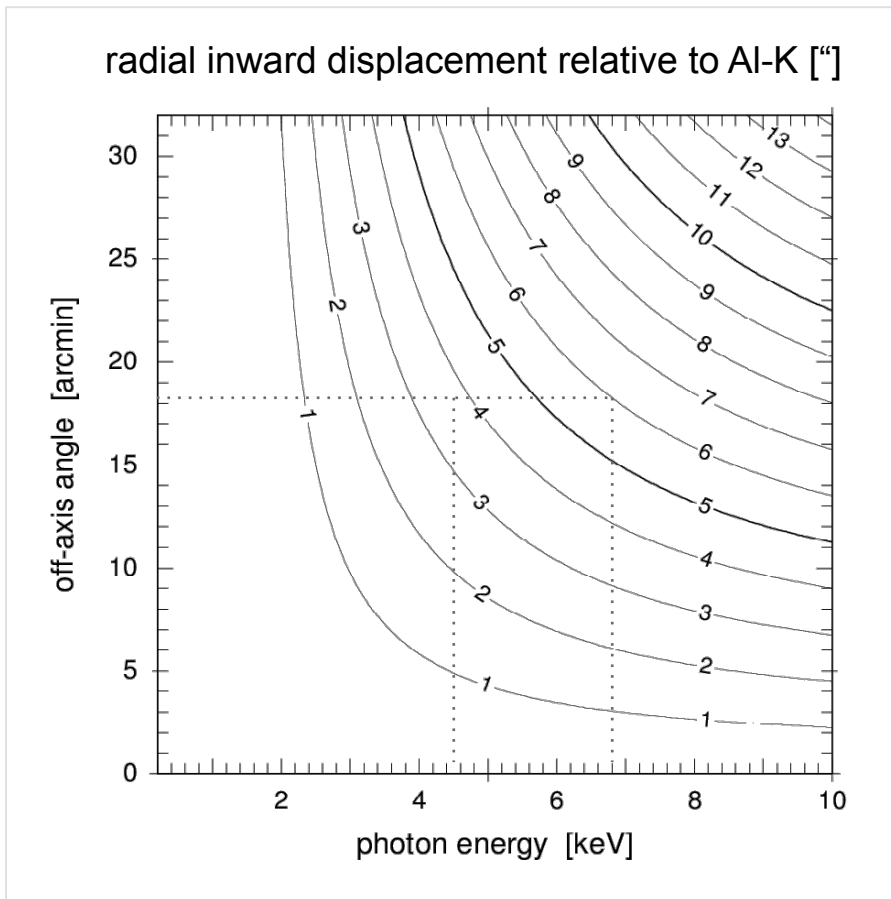
← 36.0 arcmin →

# Energy dependence of the eROSITA Plate Scale



If the energy dependence of the plate scale is not taken into account, then the PSF is larger than necessary !

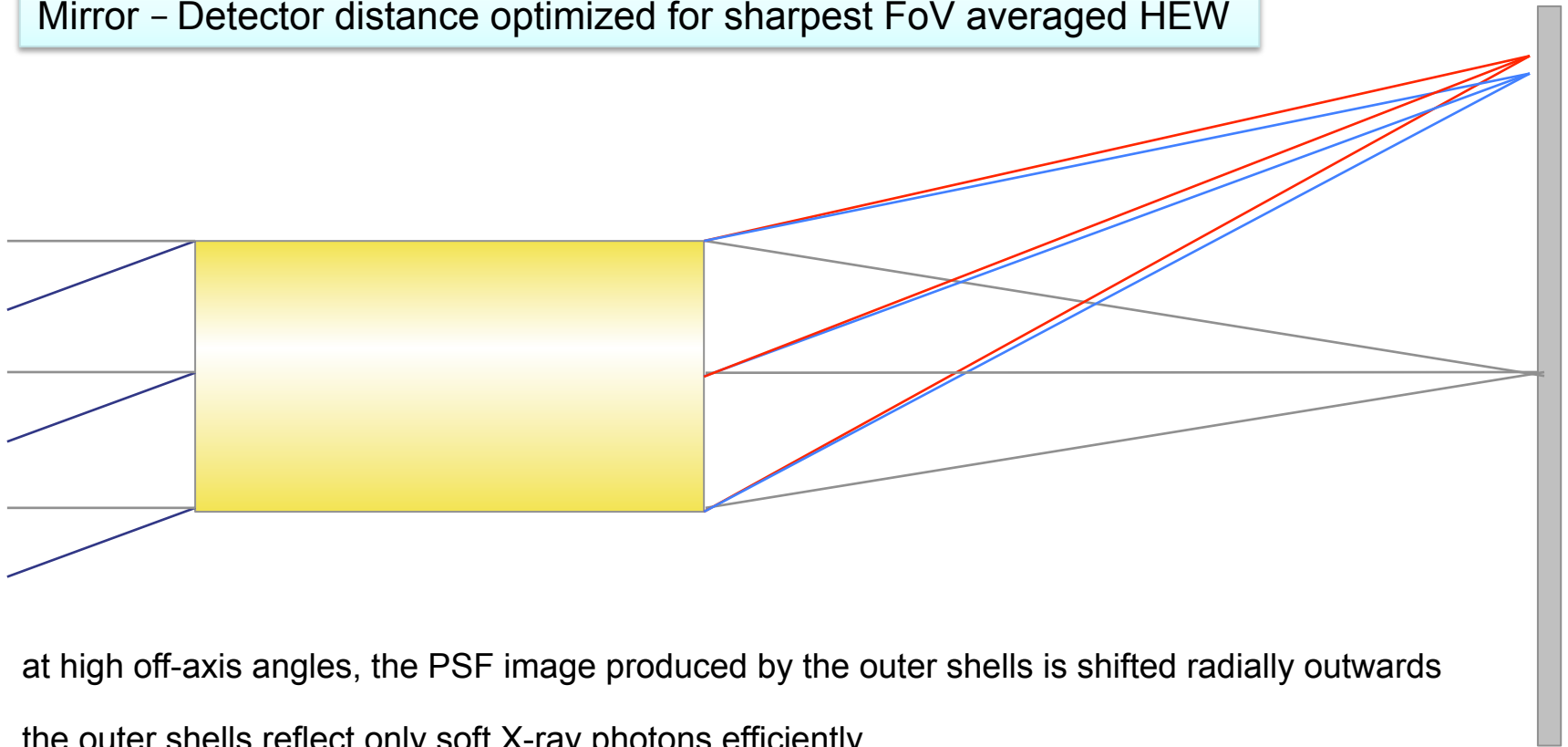
# Energy dependence of the eROSITA Plate Scale



If the energy dependence of the plate scale is not taken into account, then sharp boundaries of emission regions may show spectral gradients !

# Energy dependence of the eROSITA Plate Scale

Mirror - Detector distance optimized for sharpest FoV averaged HEW

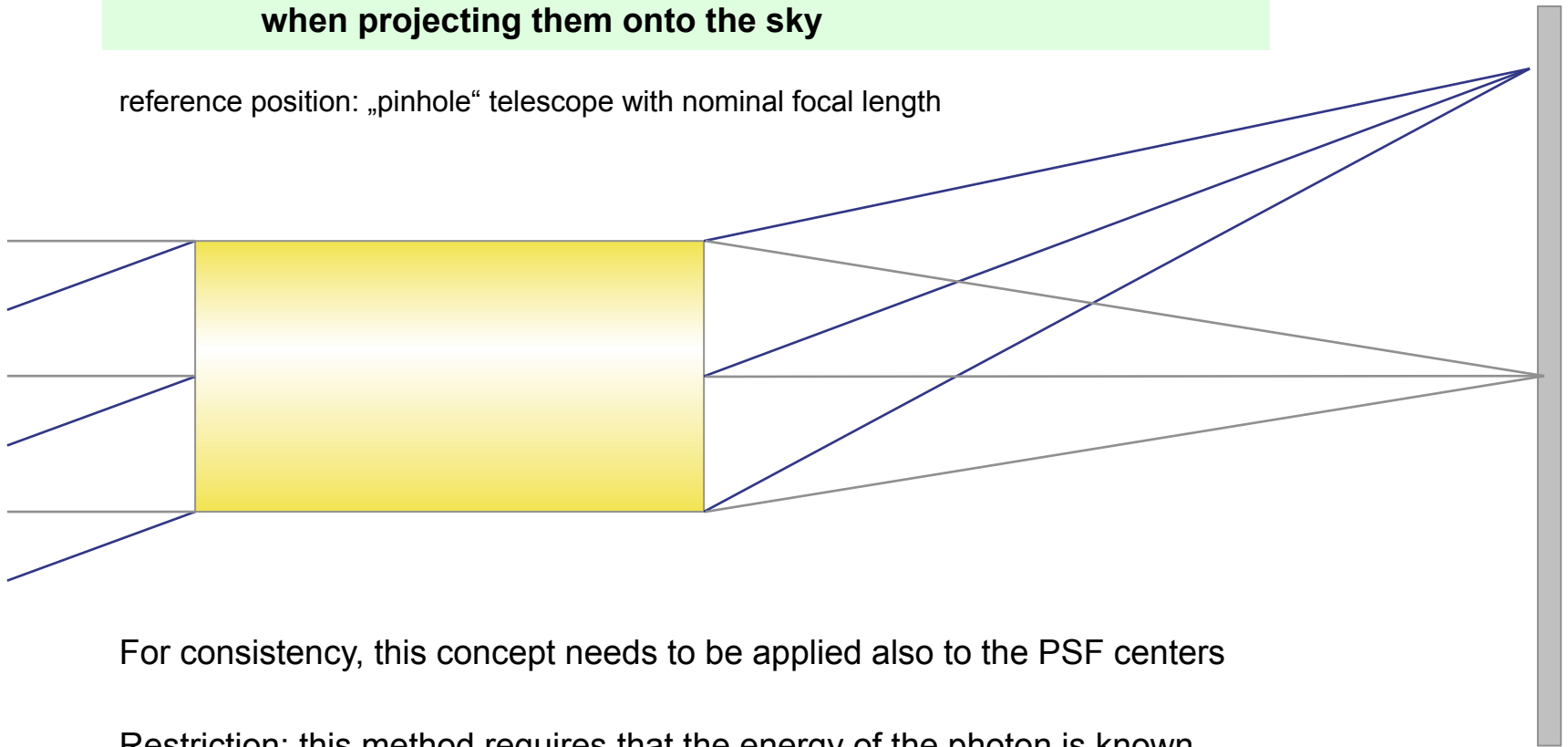


- at high off-axis angles, the PSF image produced by the outer shells is shifted radially outwards
  - the outer shells reflect only soft X-ray photons efficiently
- **chromatic aberration** (in addition to field curvature)
- image distance given by focal length and image scale are conceptually different

# Energy dependence of the eROSITA Plate Scale

**Method: apply radial energy dependent shifts to the photon positions when projecting them onto the sky**

reference position: „pinhole“ telescope with nominal focal length



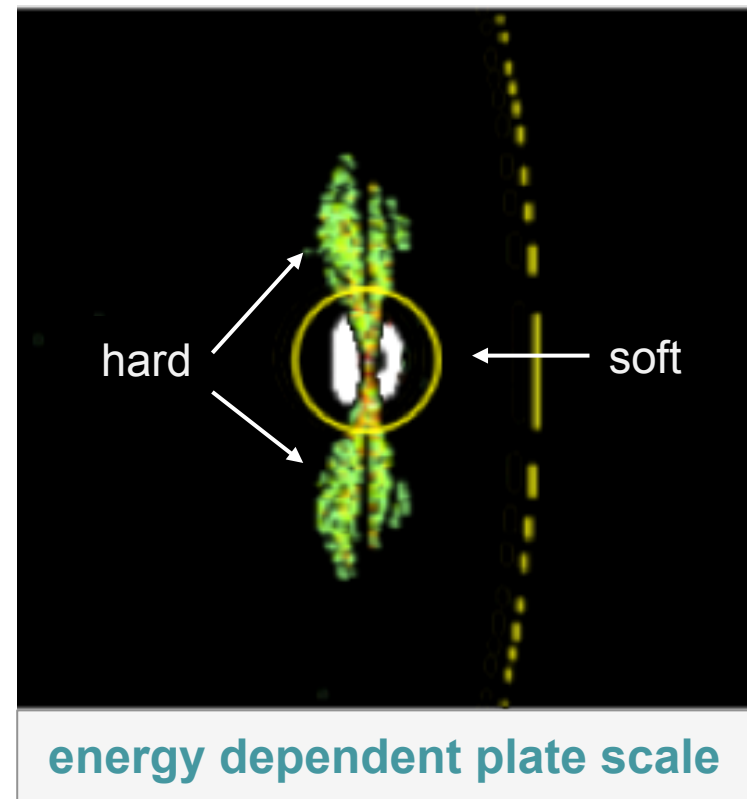
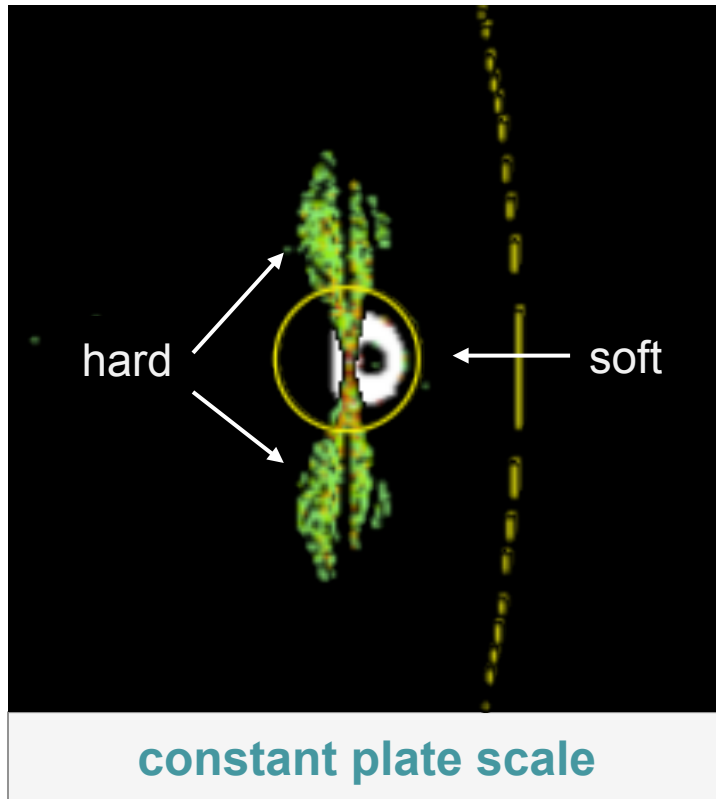
For consistency, this concept needs to be applied also to the PSF centers

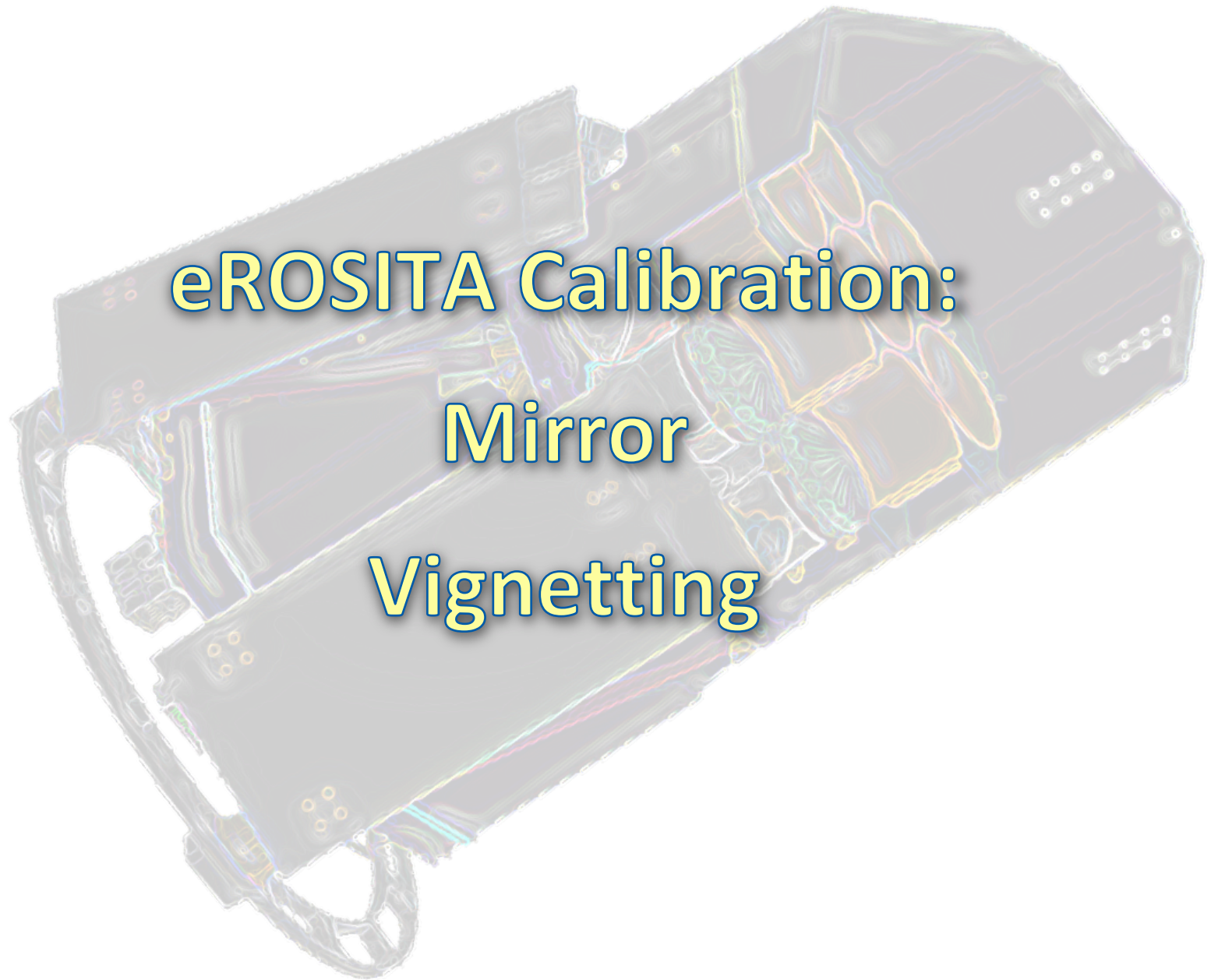
Restriction: this method requires that the energy of the photon is known

→ Problems may occur with escape peak and pile-up,  
but there should be an overall improvement



# Energy dependence of the eROSITA Plate Scale





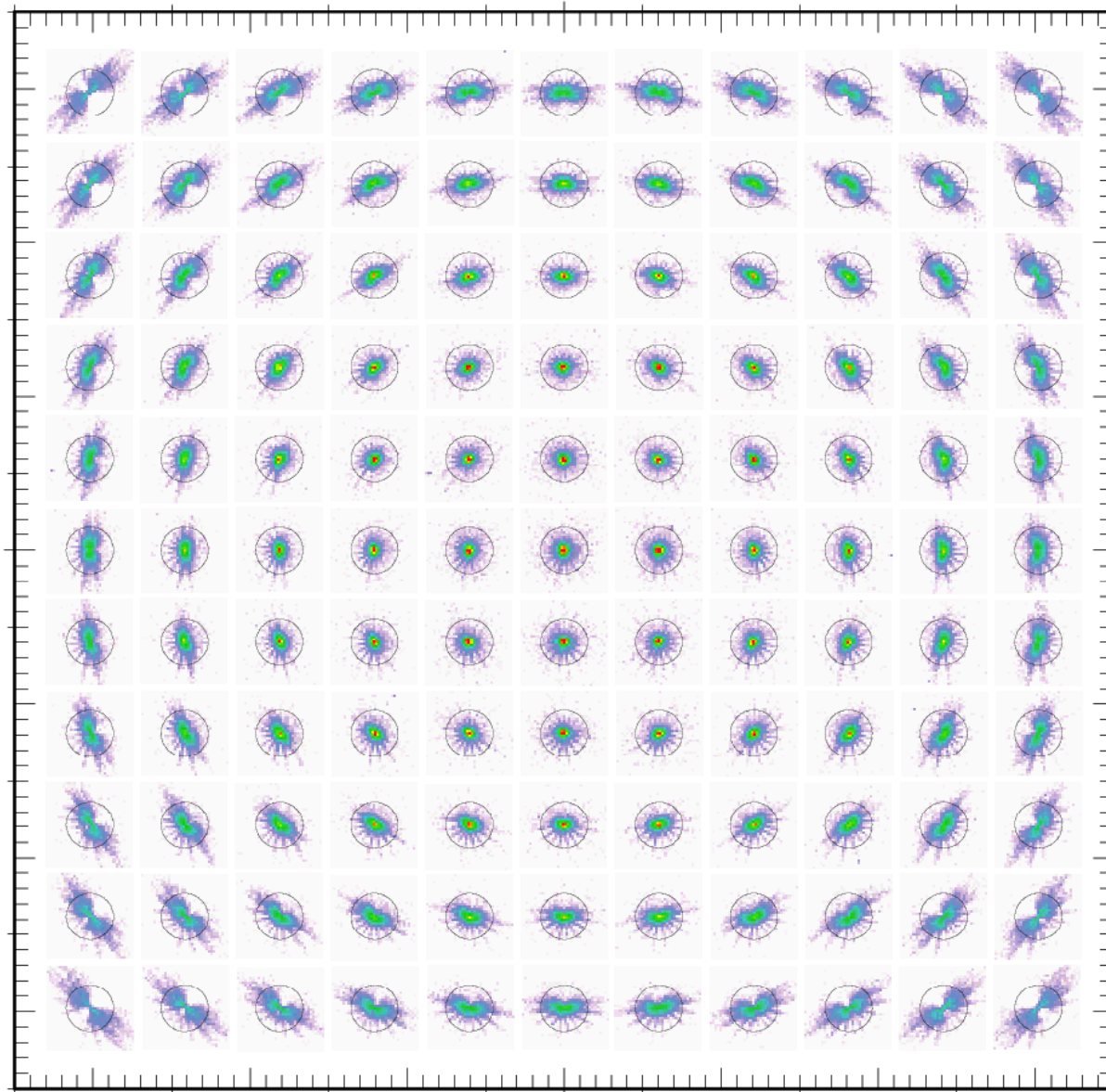
**eROSITA Calibration:**

**Mirror**

**Vignetting**

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

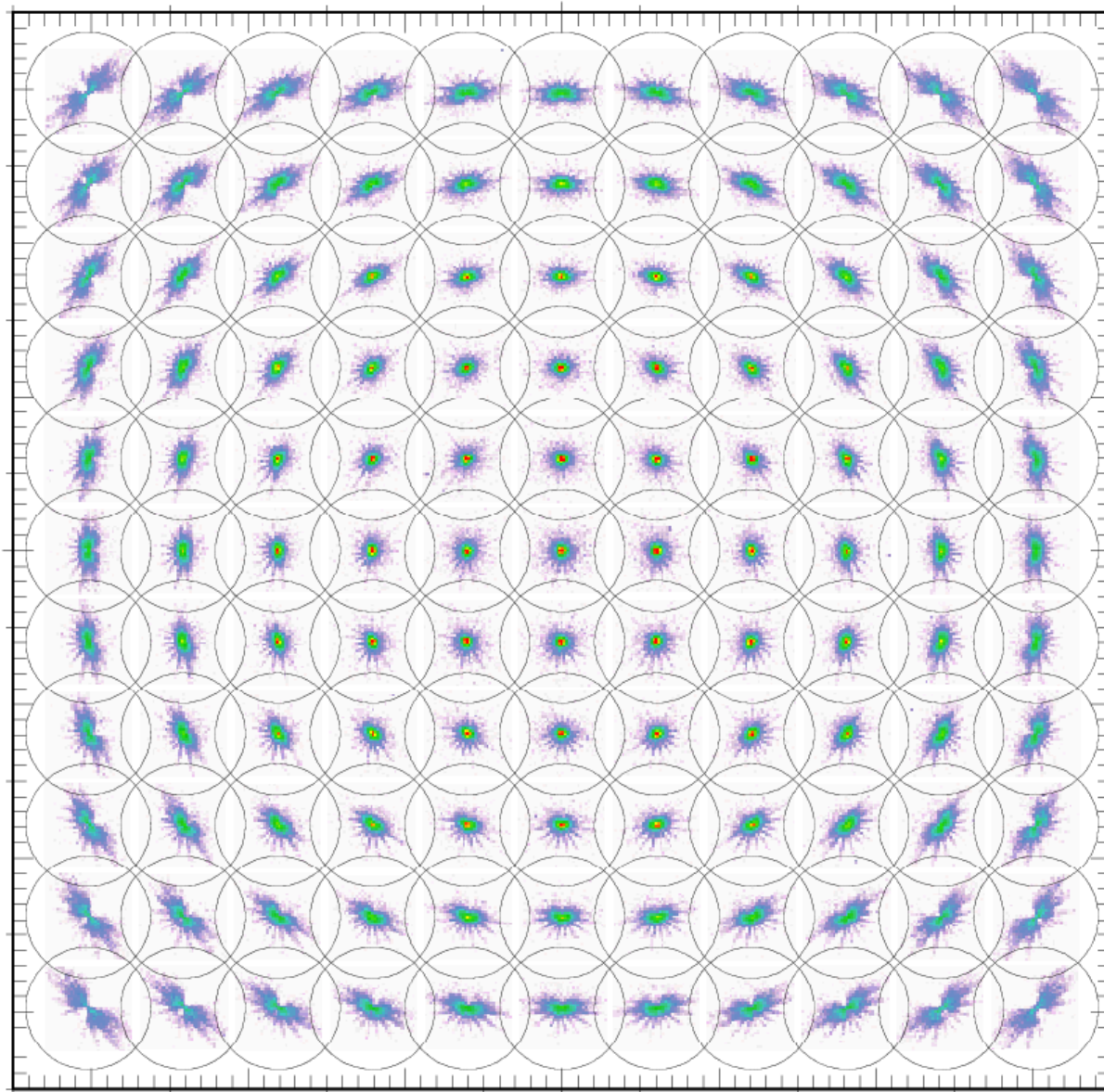
FM2, AI-K



after  
geometry  
correction

# PSF Focal Plane Mapping

FM2, AI-K



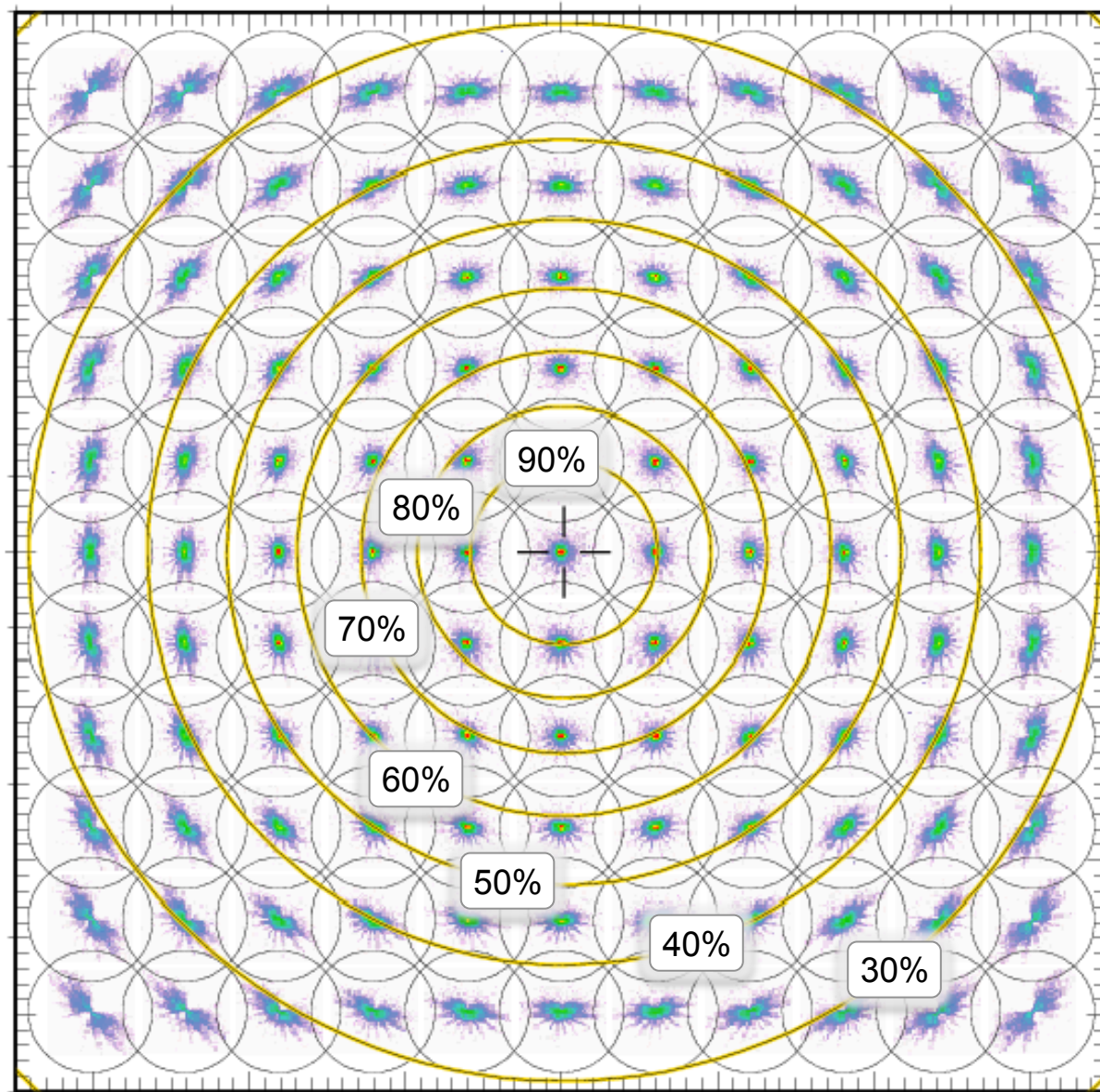
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extraction radius:  
4 arcmin

→ vignetting

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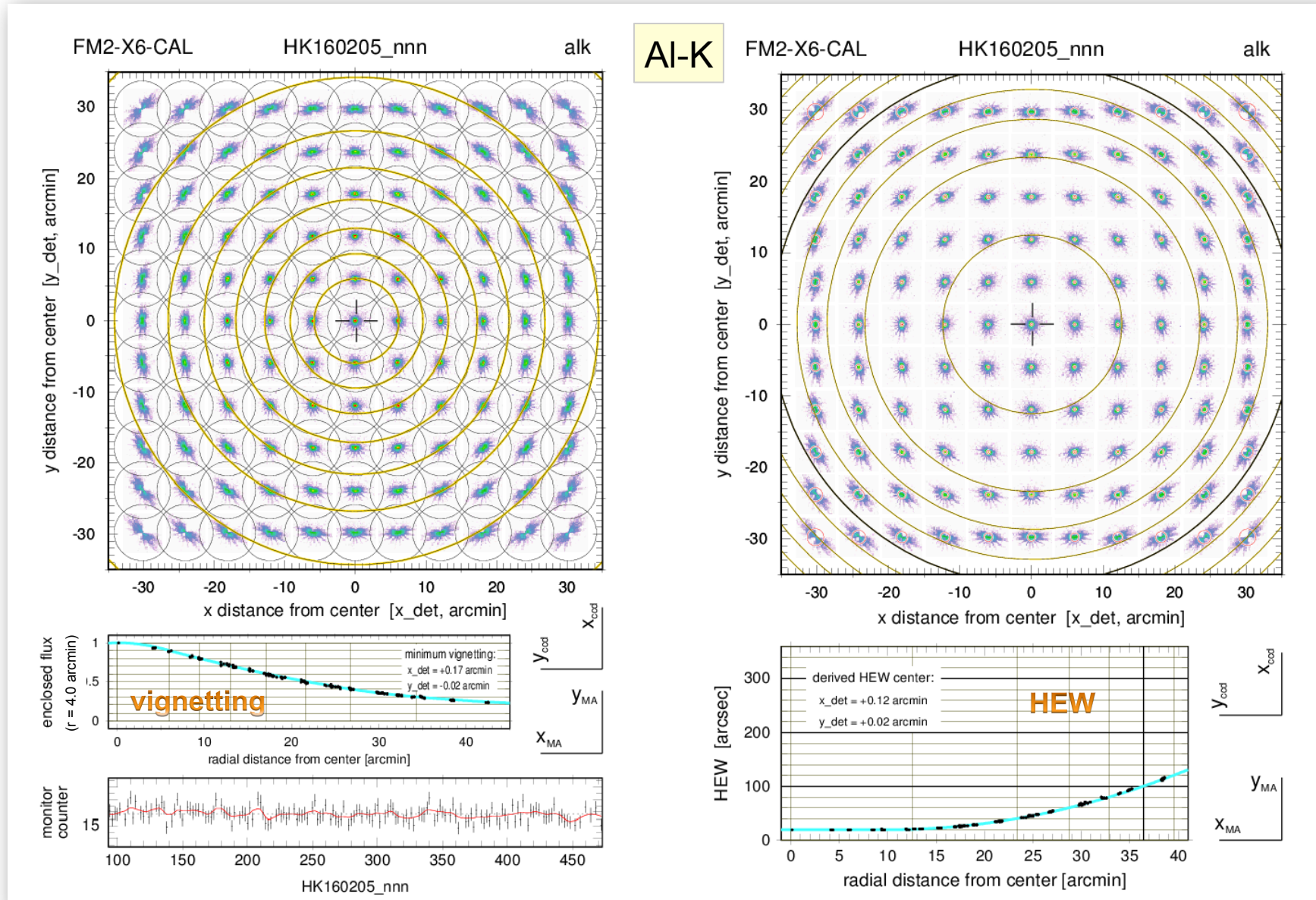


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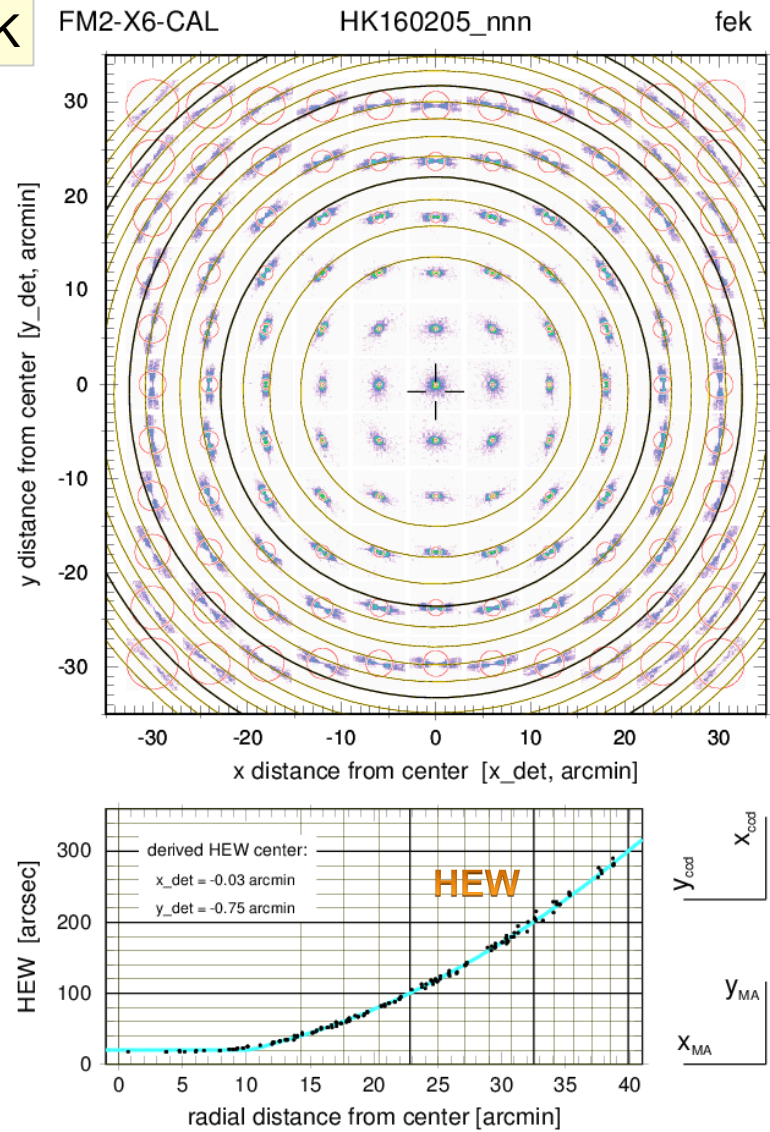
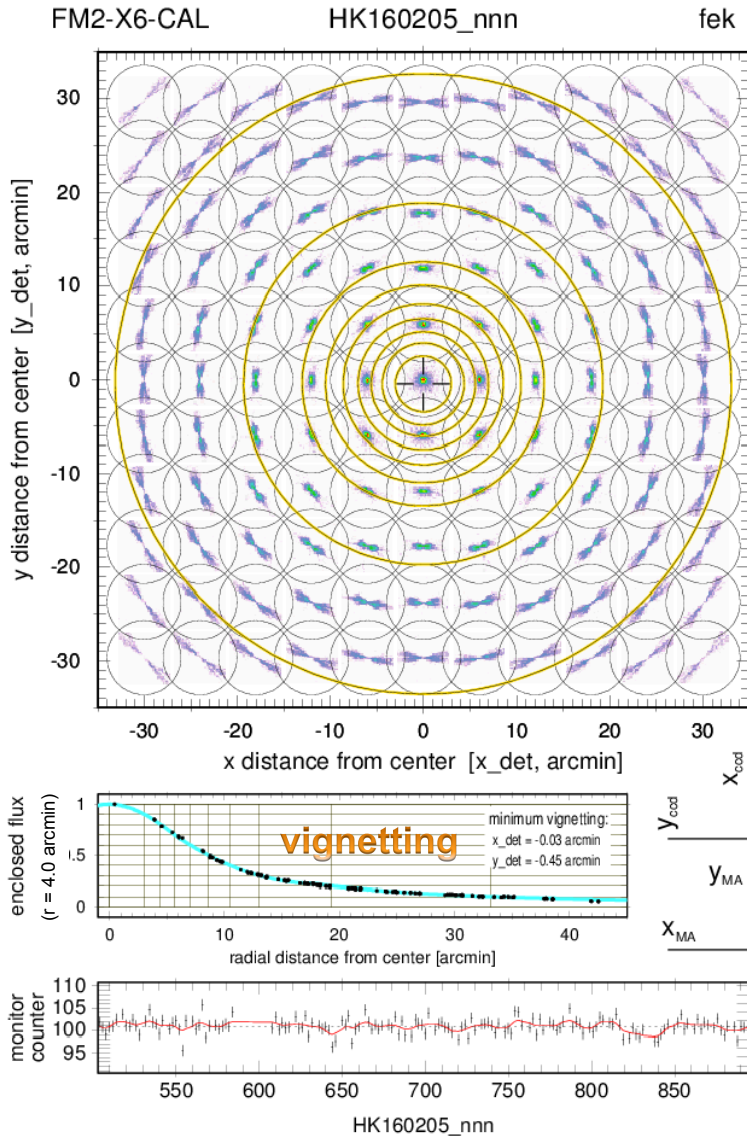
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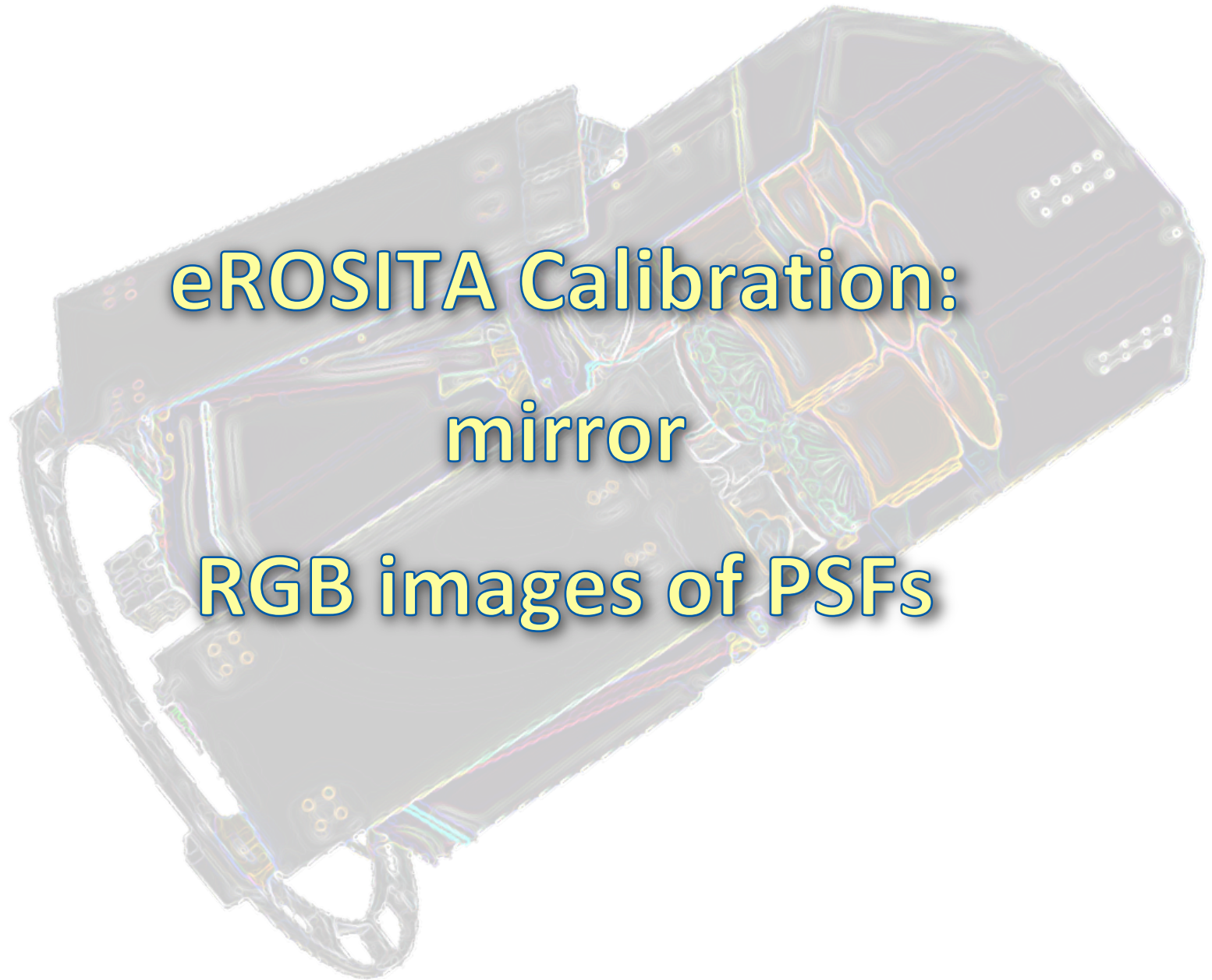
# PSF Focal Plane Mapping: Vignetting and HEW



# PSF Focal Plane Mapping: Vignetting and HEW

Fe-K





**eROSITA Calibration:**

**mirror**

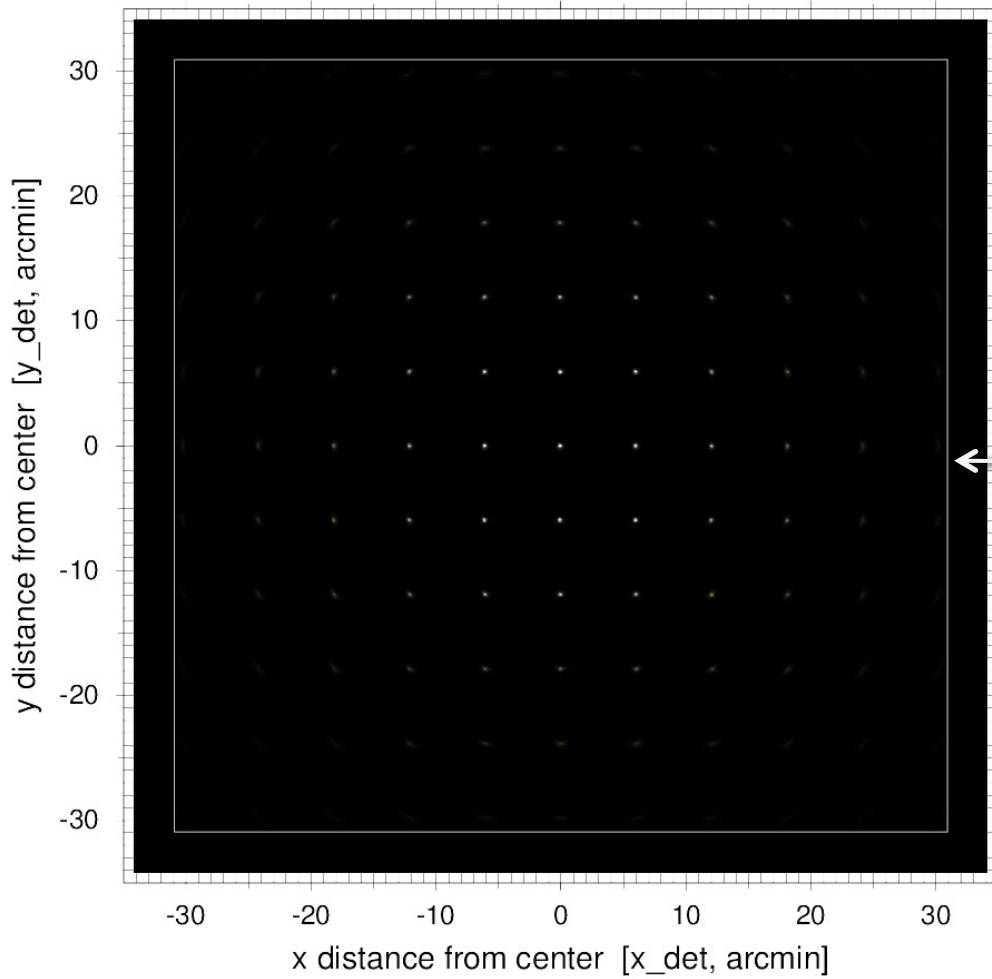
**RGB images of PSFs**



FM2-X6-CAL

PSF Focal Plane Mapping

RGB image



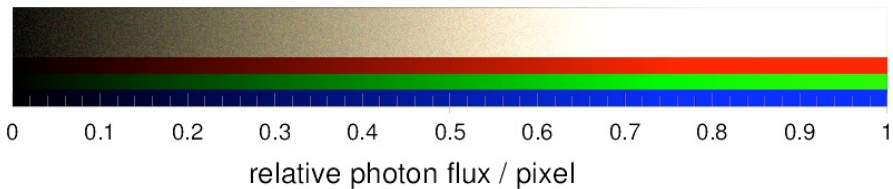
# PSF Focal Plane Mapping: RGB images

eROSITA FoV

121 PSFs from scans 1 – 4,  
each composed of 3 energies  
brightest pixel of all PSFs at each  
energy normalized to 1.0  
linear transfer function,  
full range: [0.0, 1.0]

c-k    alk    agl    tik    fek    cuk

selected RGB energies

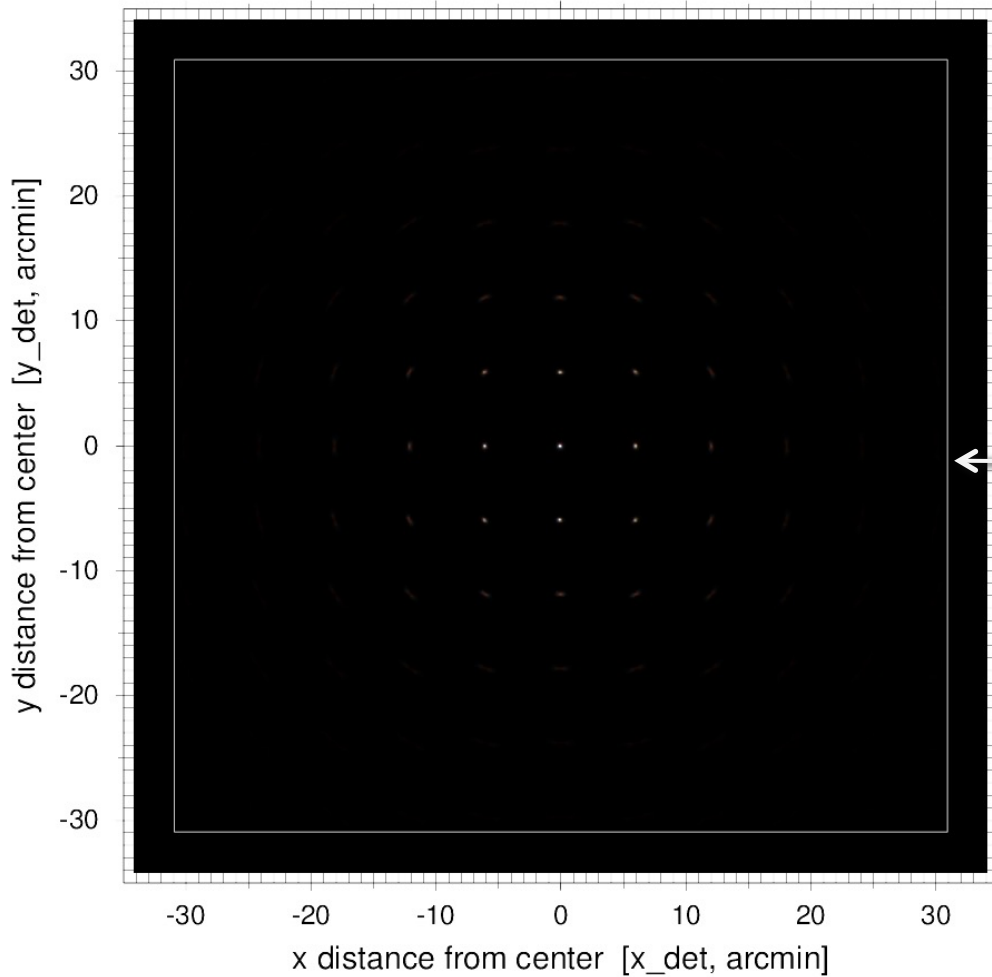


FM2-X6-CAL

PSF Focal Plane Mapping

RGB image

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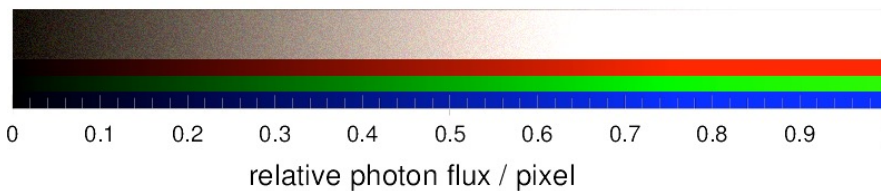


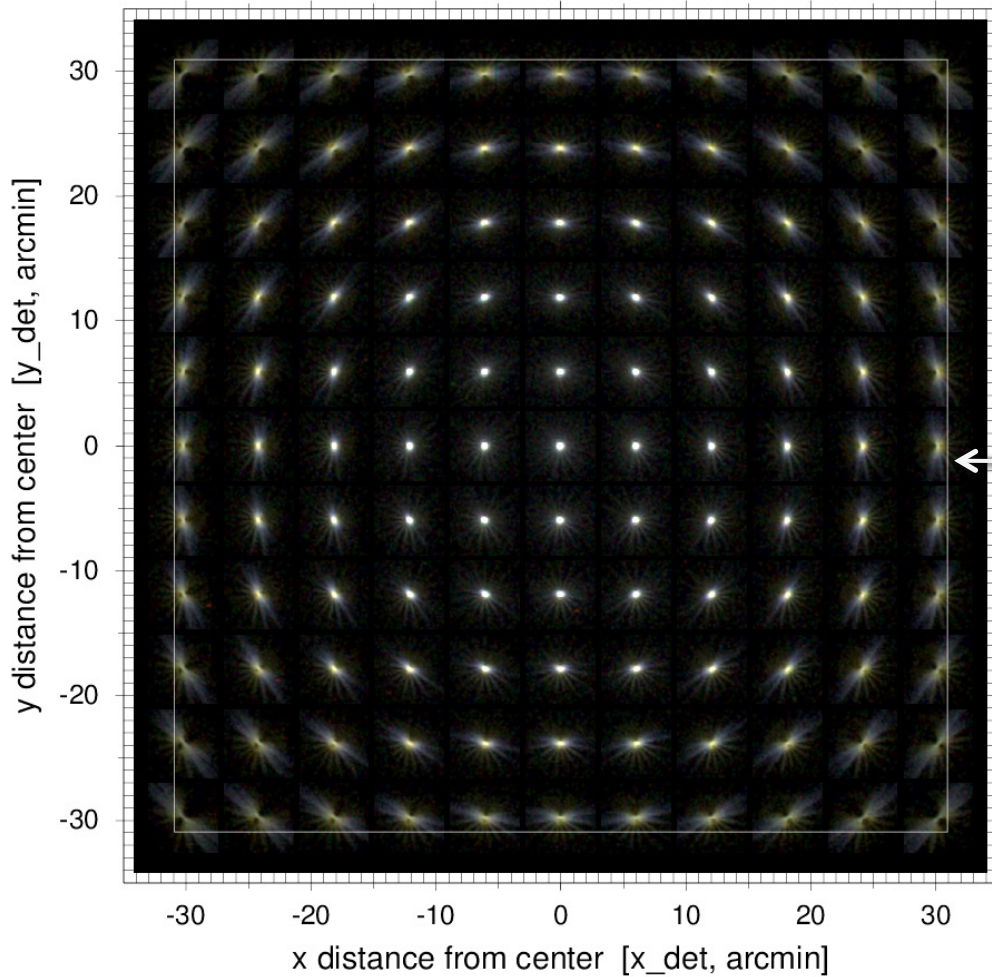
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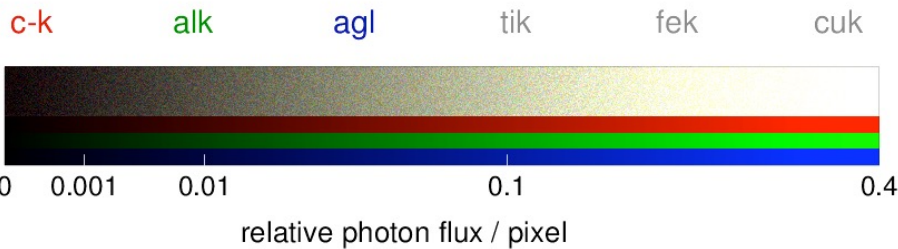
selected RGB energies





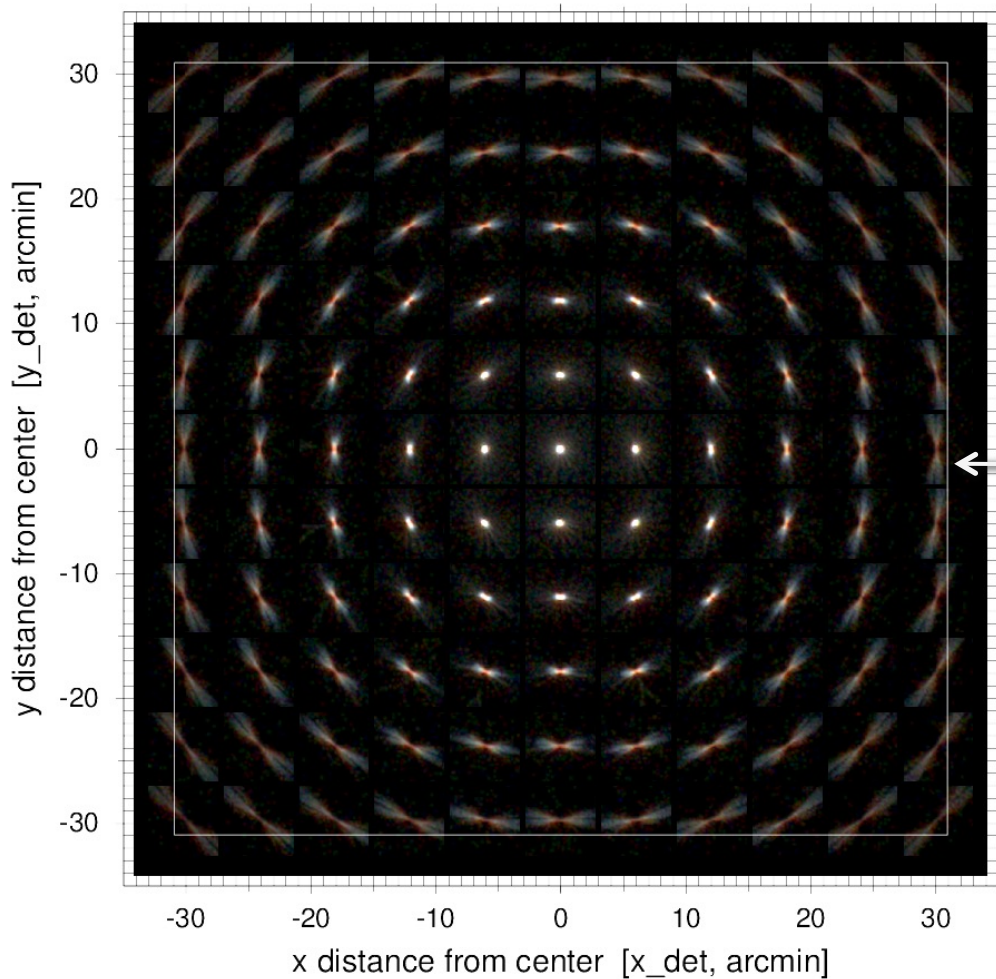
**PSF Focal Plane Mapping: RGB images**

121 PSFs from scans 1 – 4, each composed of 3 energies  
 brightest pixel of all PSFs at each energy normalized to 1.0  
 transfer function:  $f(z) = z^{0.4}$ , zoomed to [0.0, 0.4]



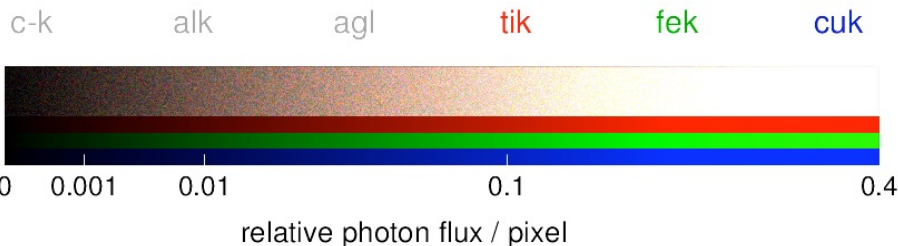
← selected RGB energies

**PSF Focal Plane Mapping: RGB images**

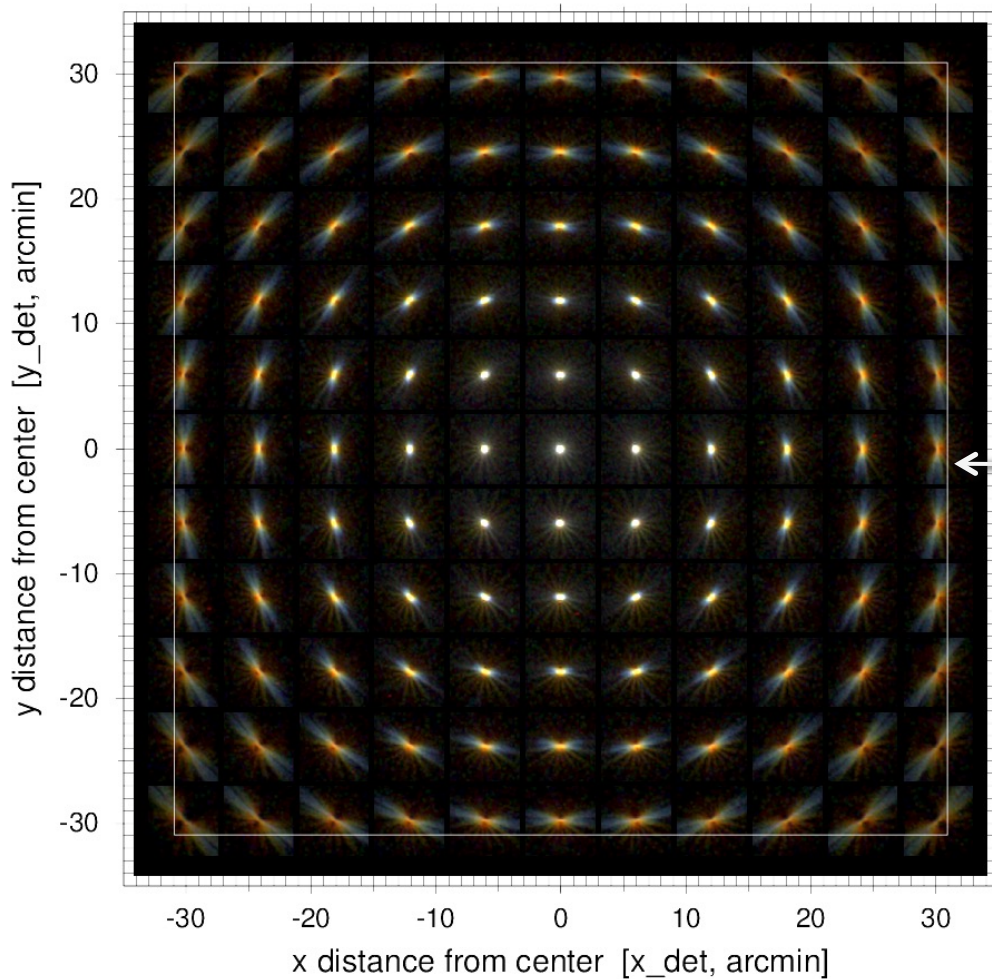


eROSITA FoV

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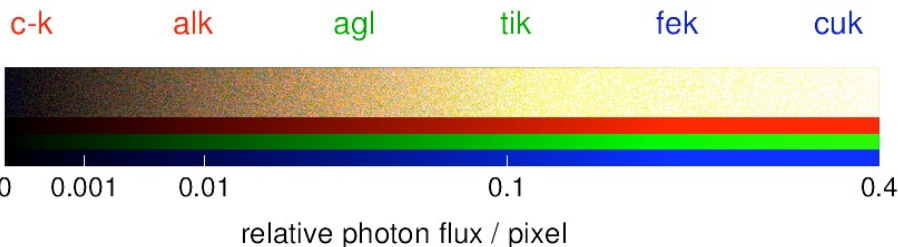
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**PSF Focal Plane Mapping: RGB images**

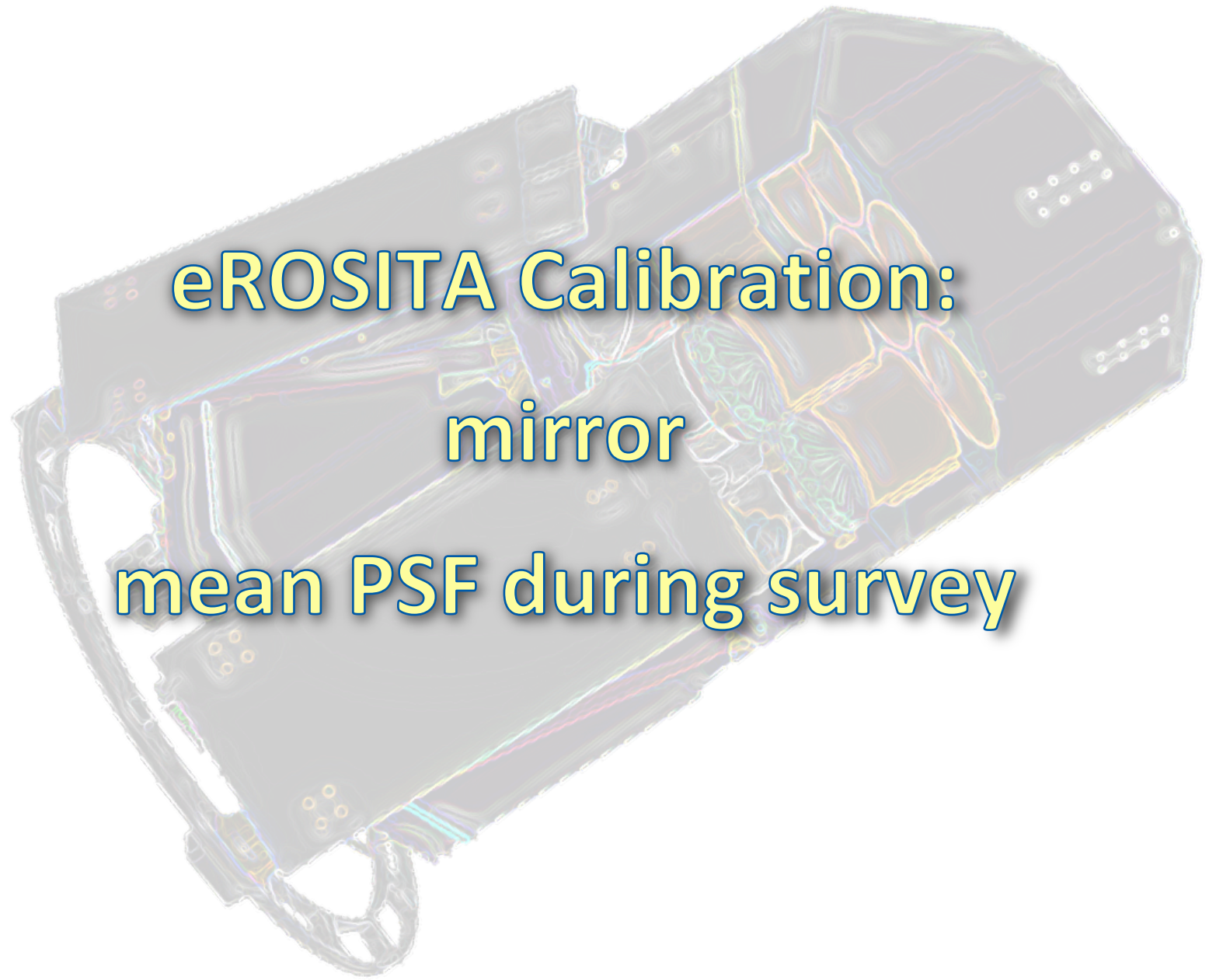
eROSITA FoV

121 PSFs from scans 1 – 4,  
 each composed of 6 energies  
 brightest pixel of all PSFs at each  
 energy normalized to 1.0  
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 zoomed to [0.0, 0.4]



selected RGB energies

**image contains 6 x 121 = 726 PSFs !**



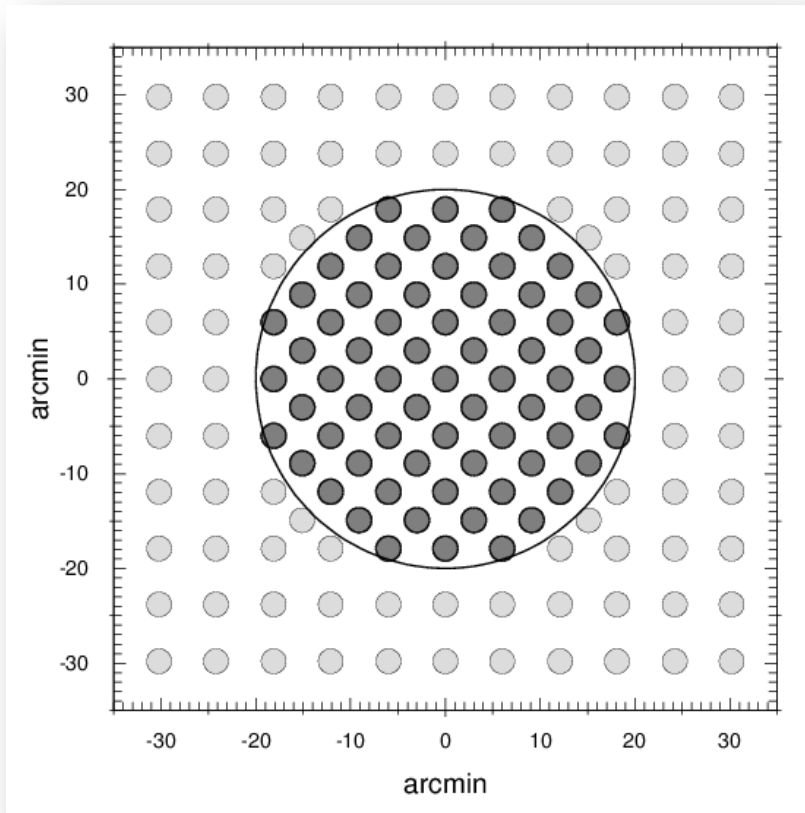
**eROSITA Calibration:**

**mirror**

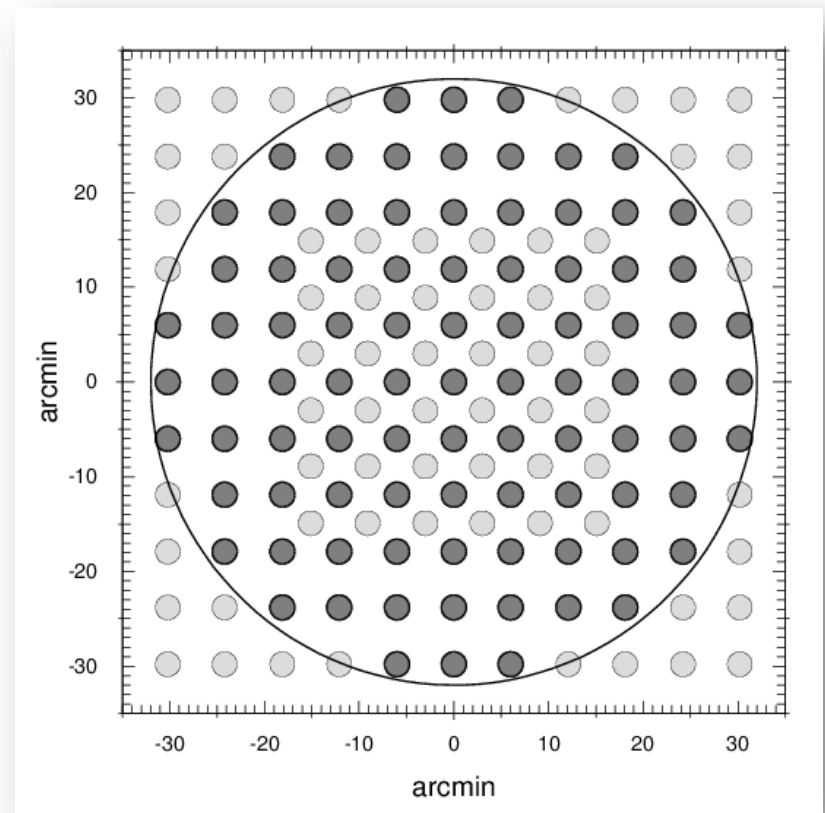
**mean PSF during survey**

# Superposition of PSFs

→ preview of the eROSITA Survey PSF



**inner FoV (40 arcmin diameter)**



**full FoV (60 arcmin diameter)**

# Preview of the eROSITA Survey PSF

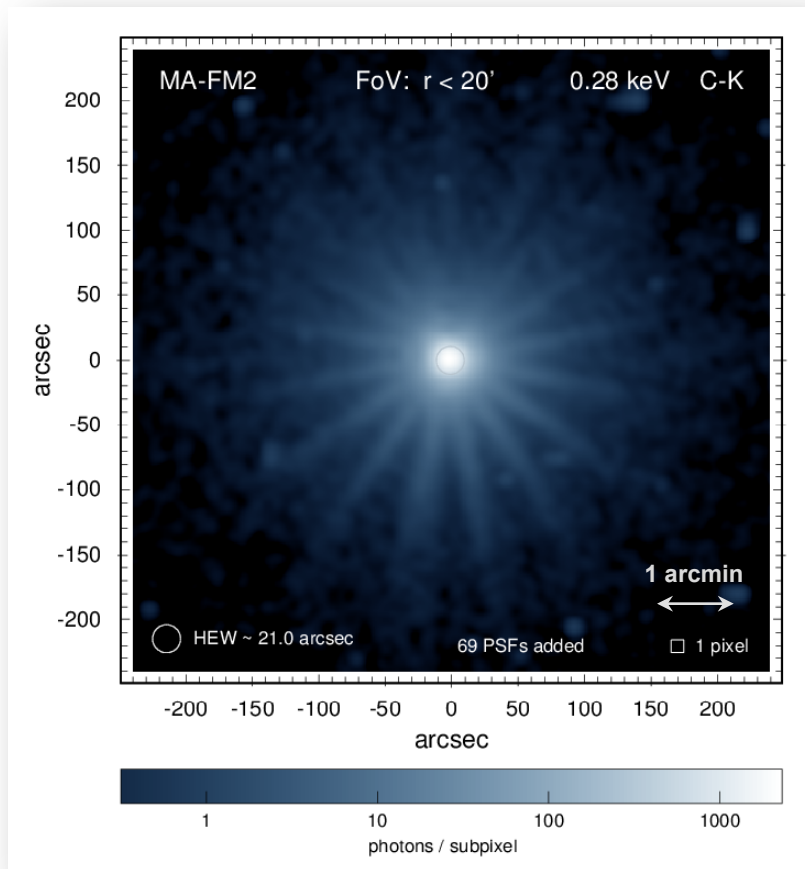
0.28 keV (C-K)

1.49 keV (Al-K)

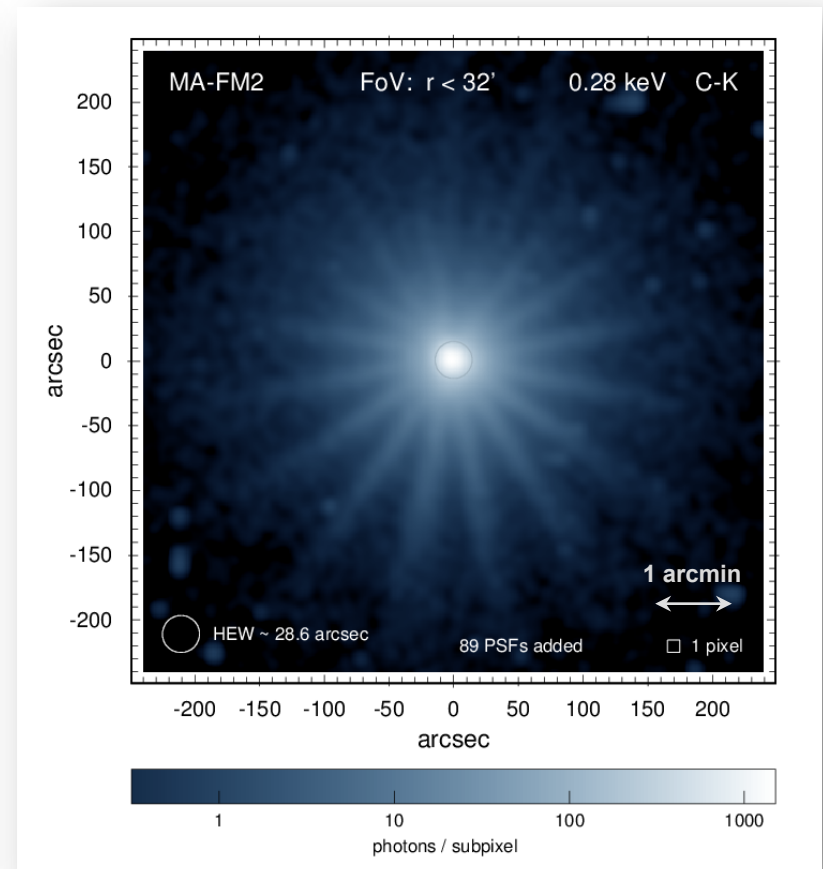
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6.40 keV (Fe-K)

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inner FoV (40 arcmin diameter)



full FoV (60 arcmin diameter)



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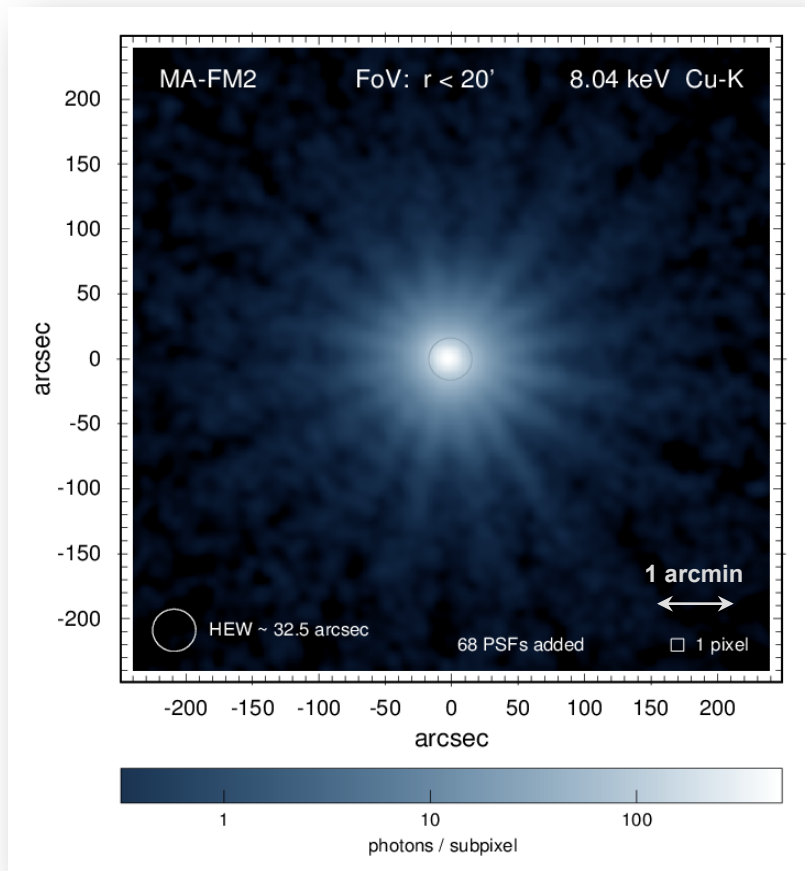
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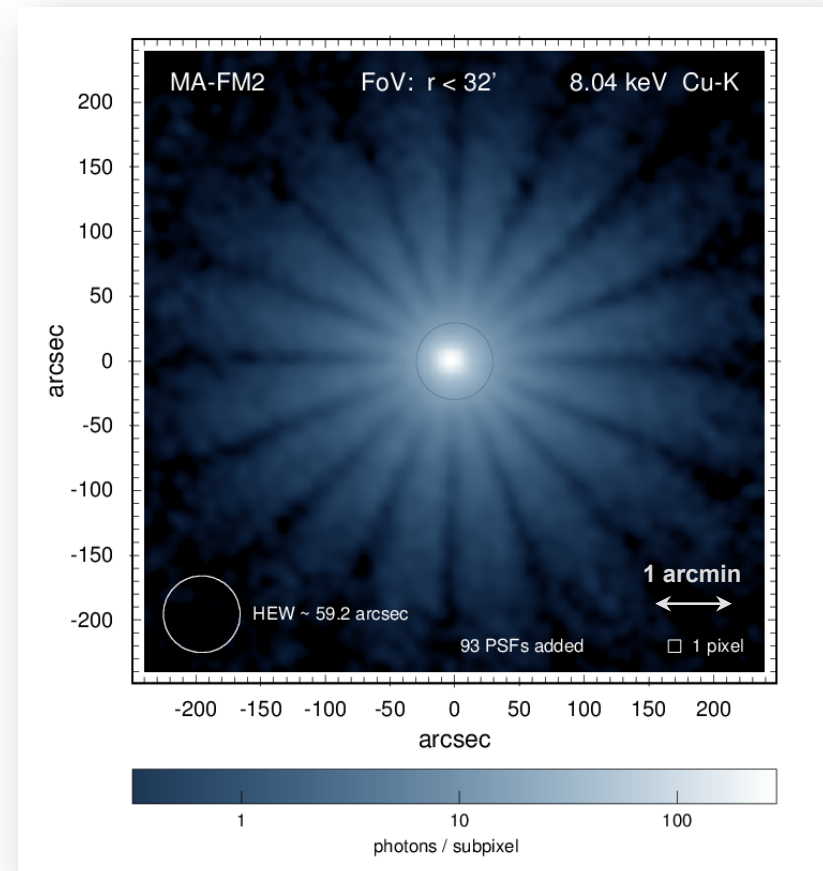
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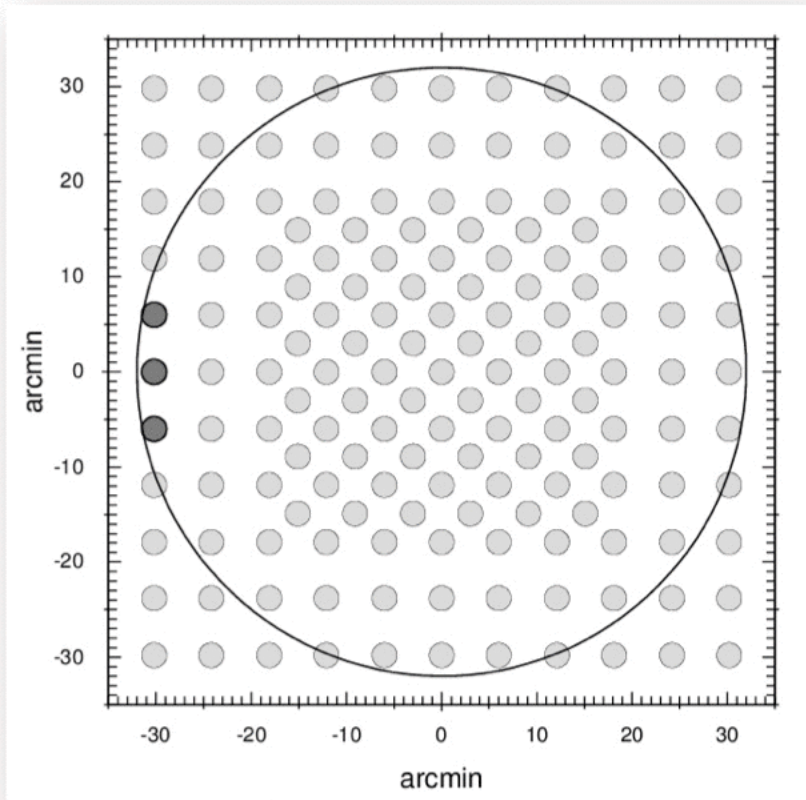
**eROSITA Calibration:**

**mirror**

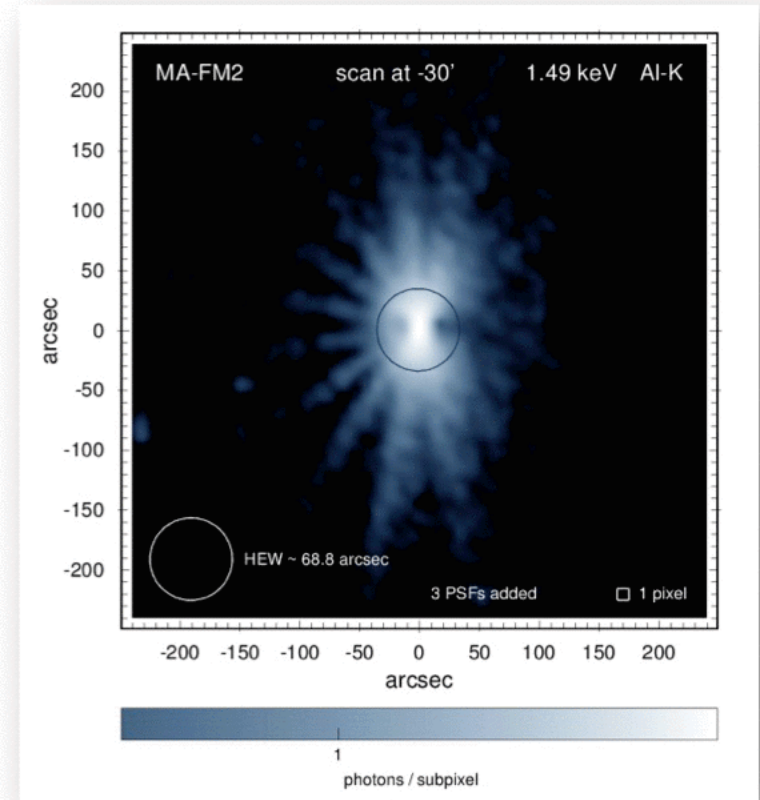
**mean PSF during survey scans**

# Superposition of PSFs

→ preview of the eROSITA Survey PSF



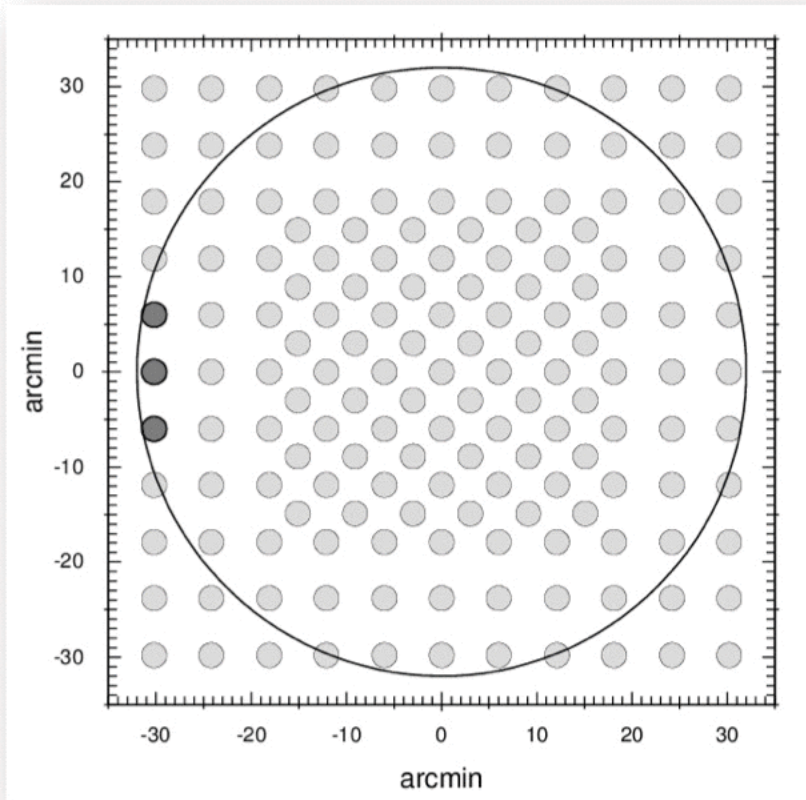
scan at -30 arcmin



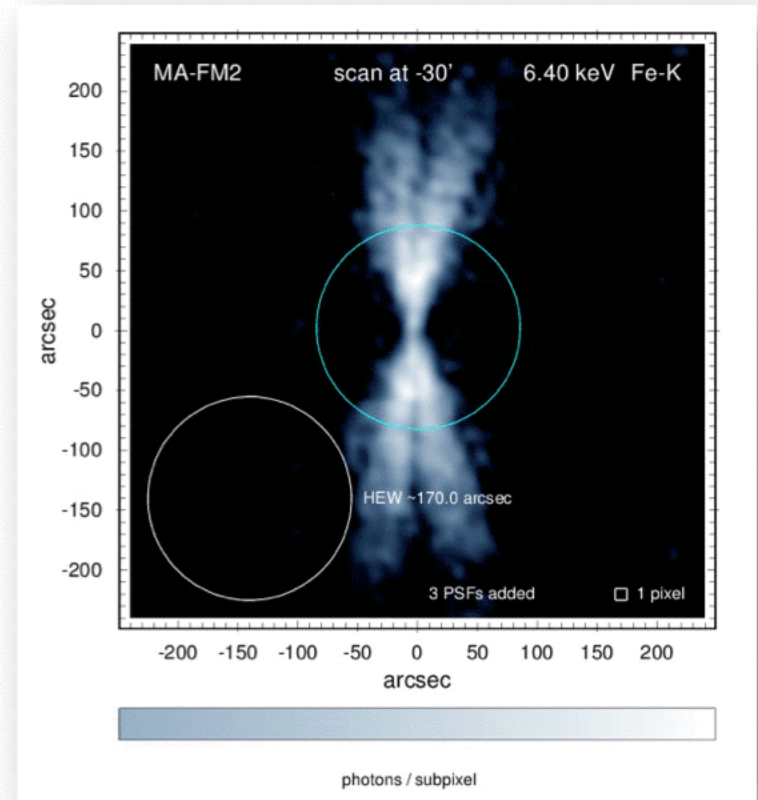
Al-K, 1.49 keV

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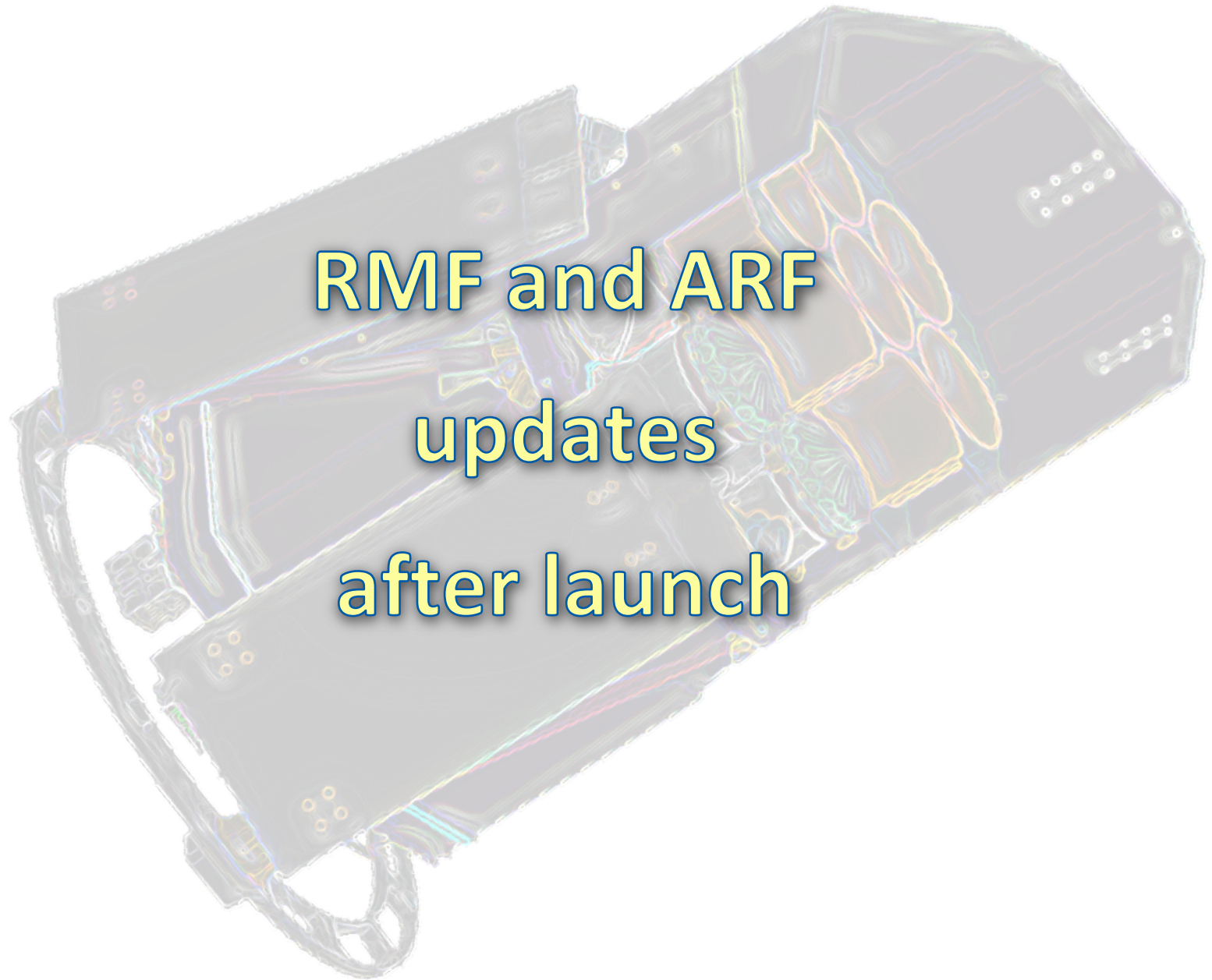
Fe-K, 6.40 keV



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**On-ground Calibration**

**and beyond..**



**RMF and ARF**

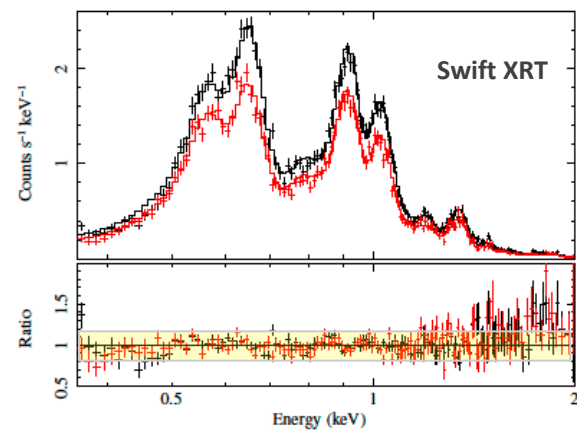
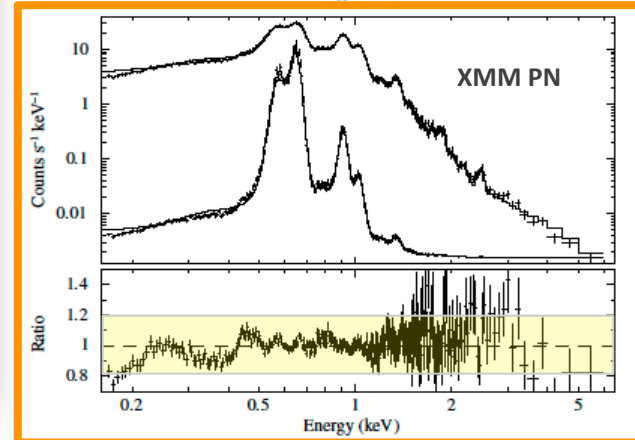
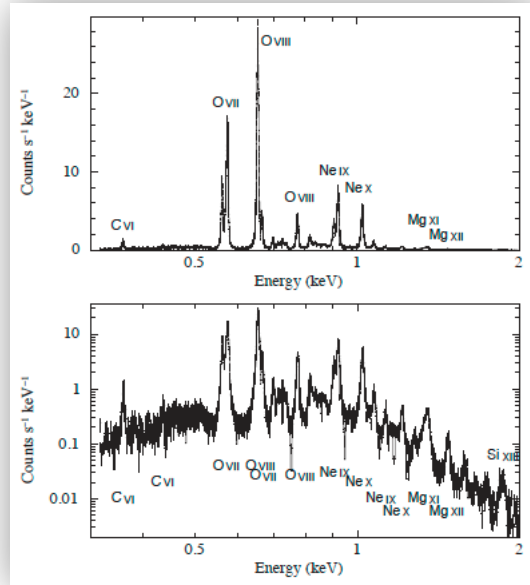
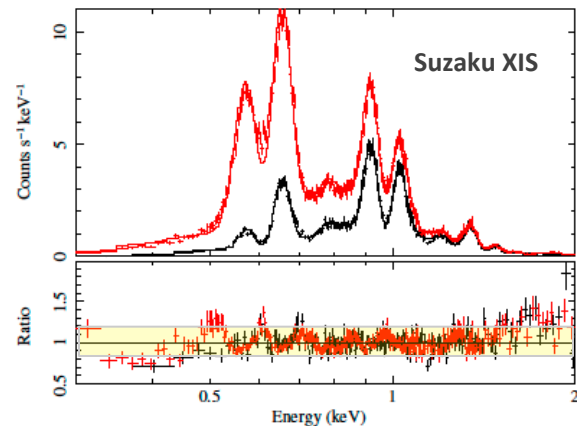
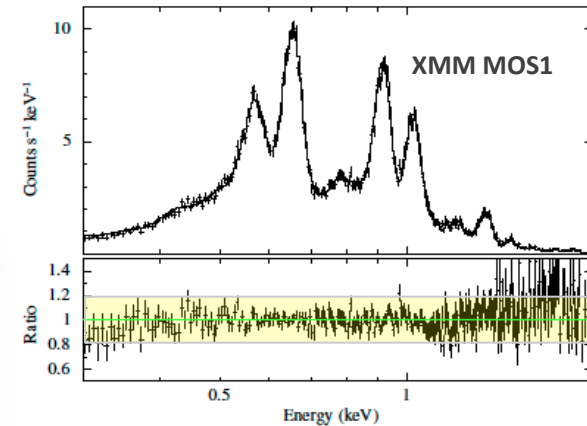
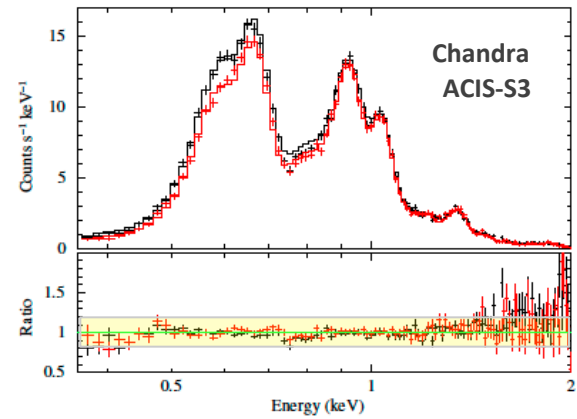
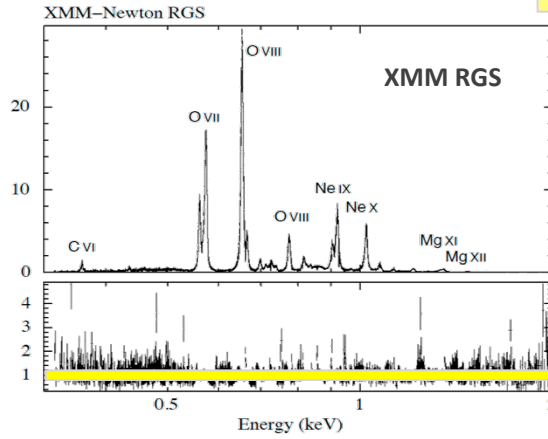
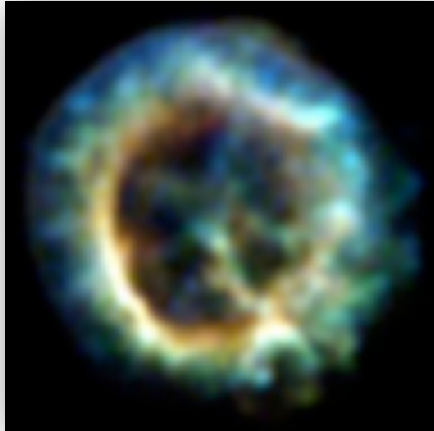
**updates**

**after launch**

$\pm 20\%$

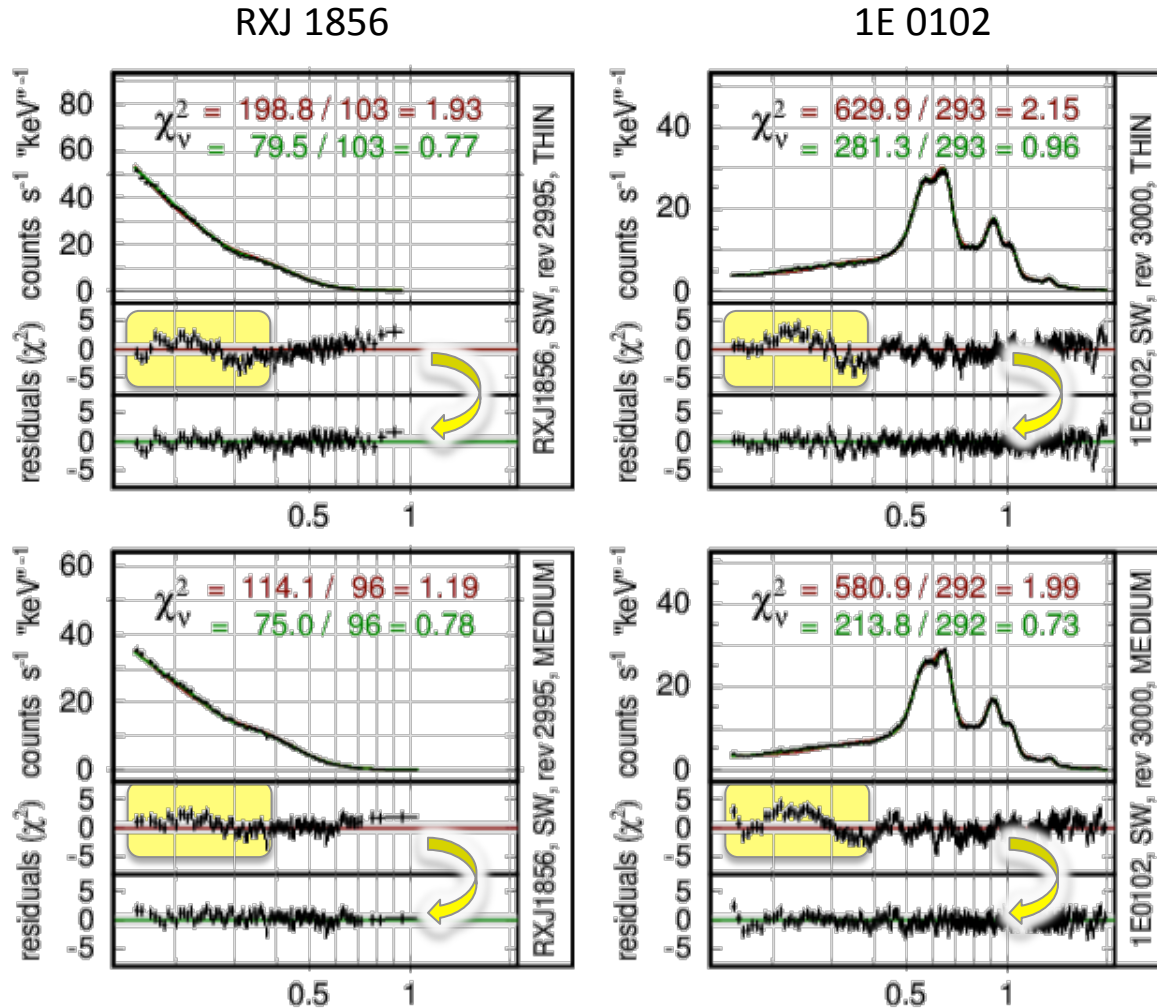
**SNR 1E 0102.2-7219 as an X-ray calibration standard in the 0.5–1.0 keV bandpass and its application to the CCD instruments aboard *Chandra*, *Suzaku*, *Swift* and *XMM-Newton***

Paul P. Plucinsky<sup>1</sup>, Andrew P. Beardmore<sup>2</sup>, Adam Foster<sup>1</sup>, Frank Haber<sup>3</sup>,  
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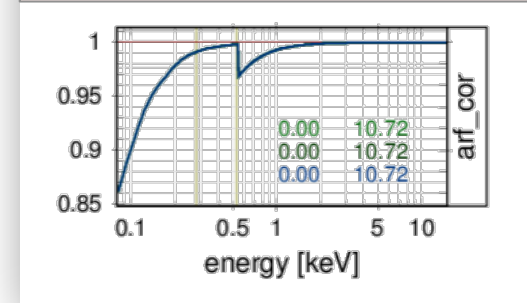
# Warning: ARF adjustments alone may be dangerous !

**Example:** XMM/EPIC-pn, simultaneous fit to RXJ 1856 and 1E0102 in three filters each, using the same model spectrum for each source, with no normalization between the filters



The apparent excess in residuals below 0.4 keV could be „repaired“ by **increasing the ARF** at low energies ..

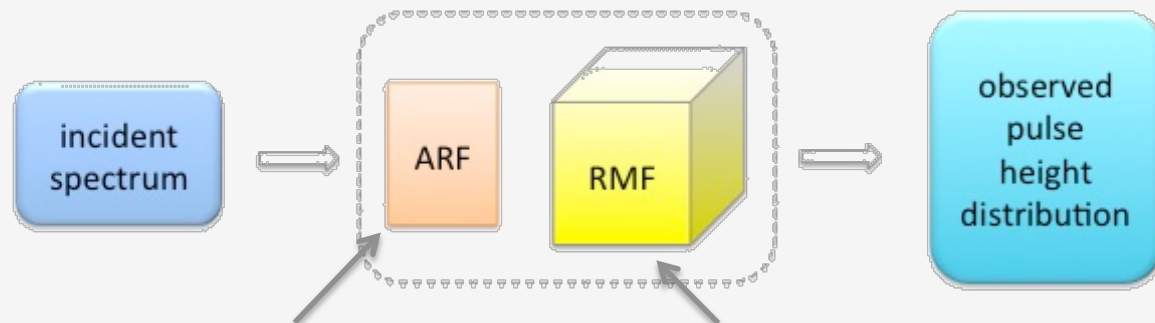
Work on the RMF refinement, however, suggests to **increase the redistribution** and to **decrease the ARF** at low energies !





# General properties of the ARF and RMF

ARF: „Ancillary Response File“, RMF: „Redistribution Matrix File“



EPIC pn:                    2067                    2067 x 4096 = 8 446 432  
                                  vector elements                    matrix elements

RMF @ EPIC pn: 4096 adu bins from 0.0 to 20.5 ,keV‘ („EBOUNDS“)  
                                  2067 eV bins from 50 eV to 16 keV

EPIC pn RMF: 8.5 million matrix elements → **HUGE** parameter space!  
EPIC pn ARFs: 3 x 2067 elements → comparatively trivial

→ find appropriate RMF parametrization and try to optimize it..

# Improving the XMM-Newton / EPIC-pn RMF and ARF by „fitting“ them to known astrophysical spectra

Very ambitious project, with the prospect of high impact, if successful

Work started in 2014, motivated by the experience gained in modeling the eROSITA PSF

Synergy between XMM-Newton and eROSITA !

## Major milestones already reached:

- ✓ parametrization of an existing RMF
- ✓ proof of concept
- ✓ separation of RMF and ARF effects
- ✓ parallelization
- ✓ temporal evolution

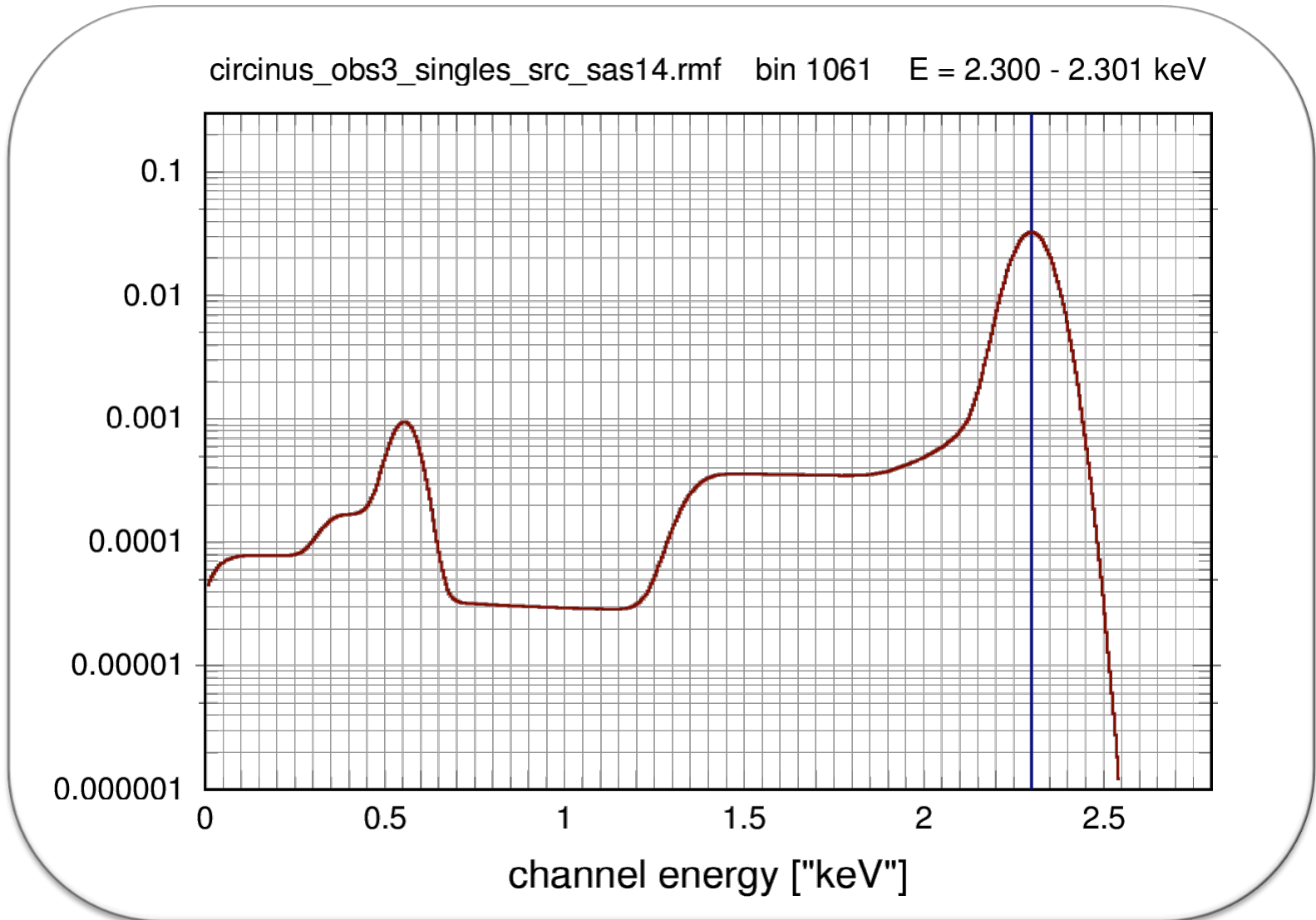
Currently **~14 000** lines of code,

**~100** programs/modules/subroutines

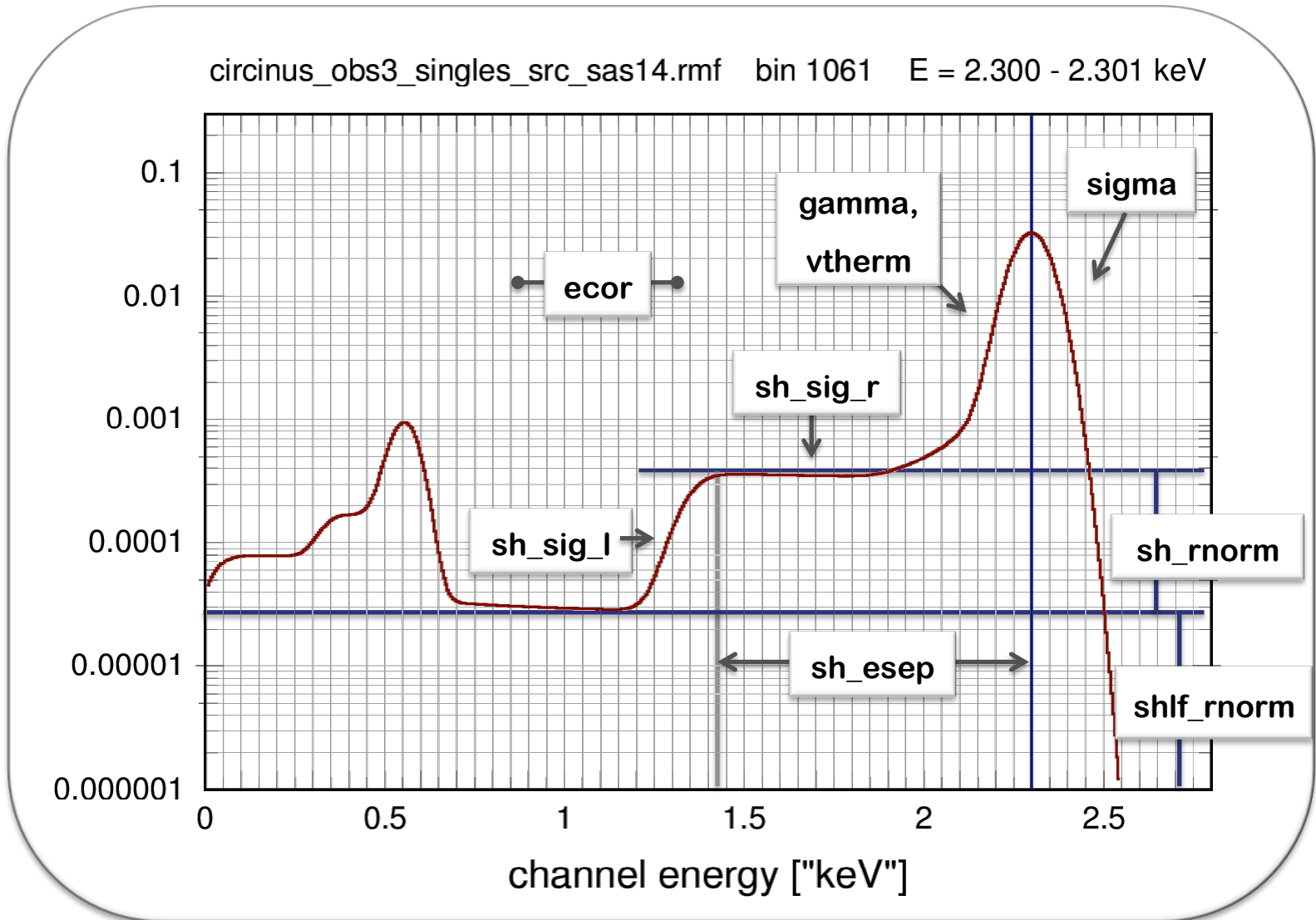
**852** RMF + ARF shaping parameters plus many control parameters

various possibilities for monitoring, checks, and documentation

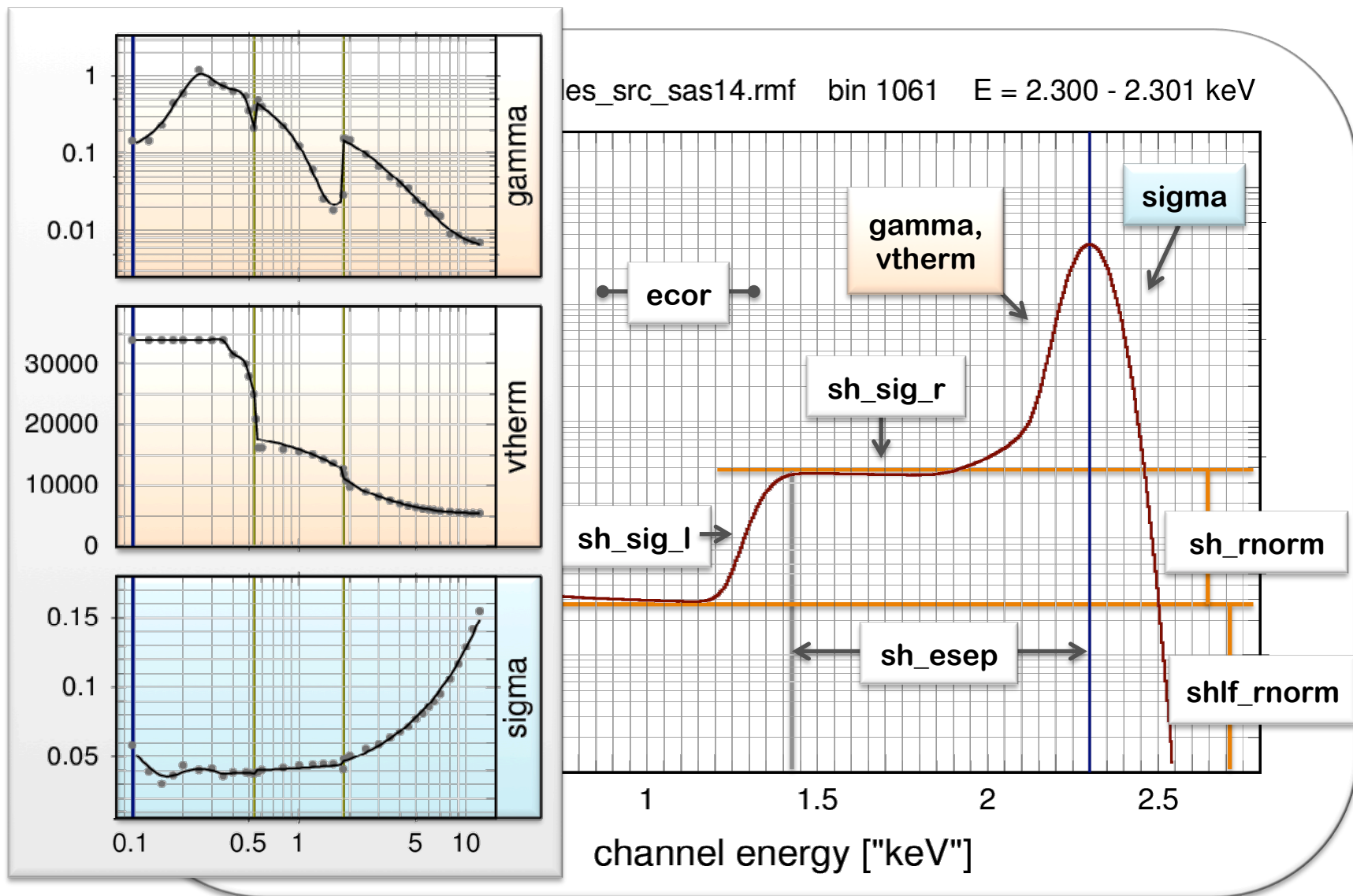
# Model Parameters for the EPIC pn RMF



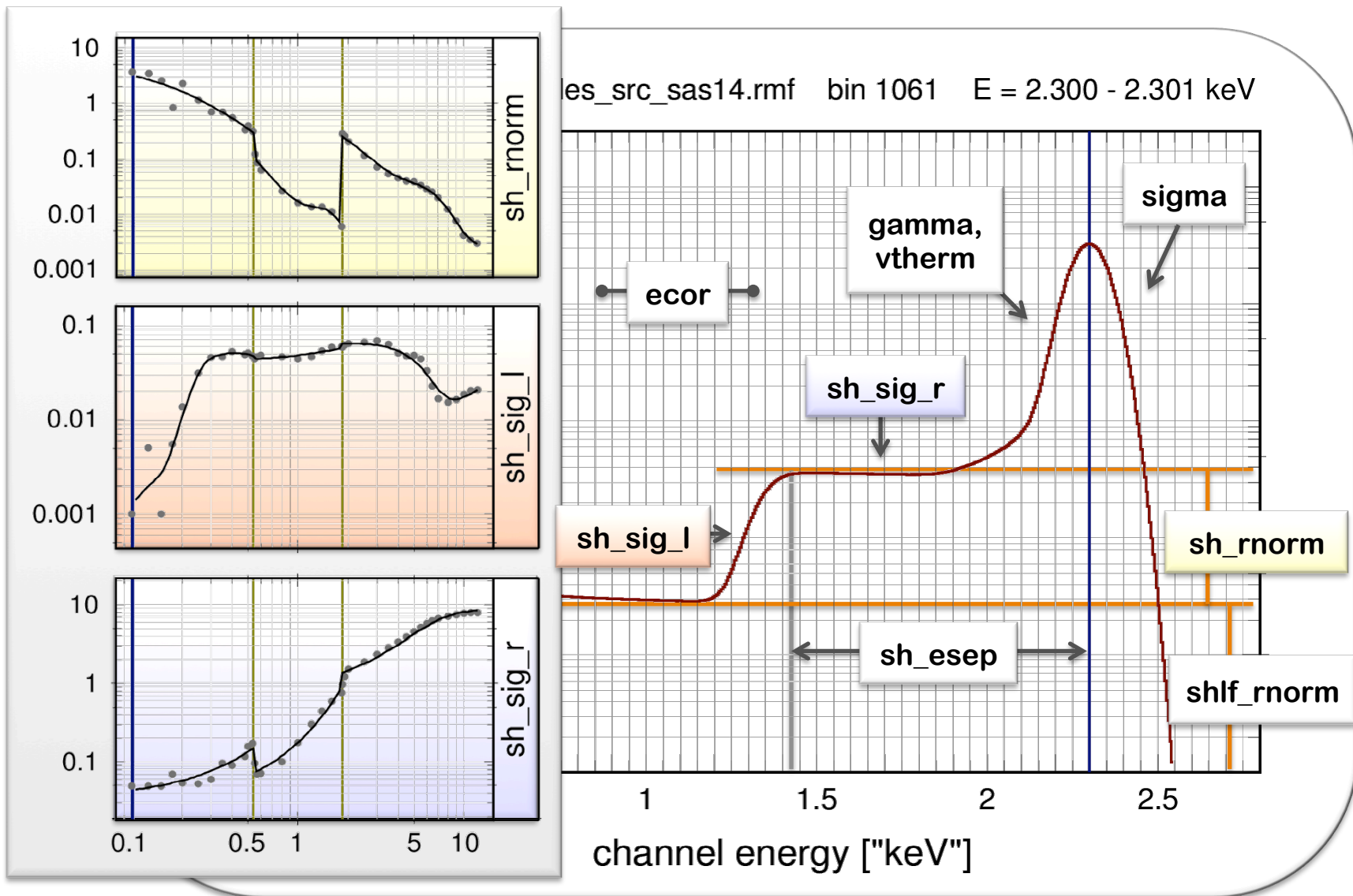
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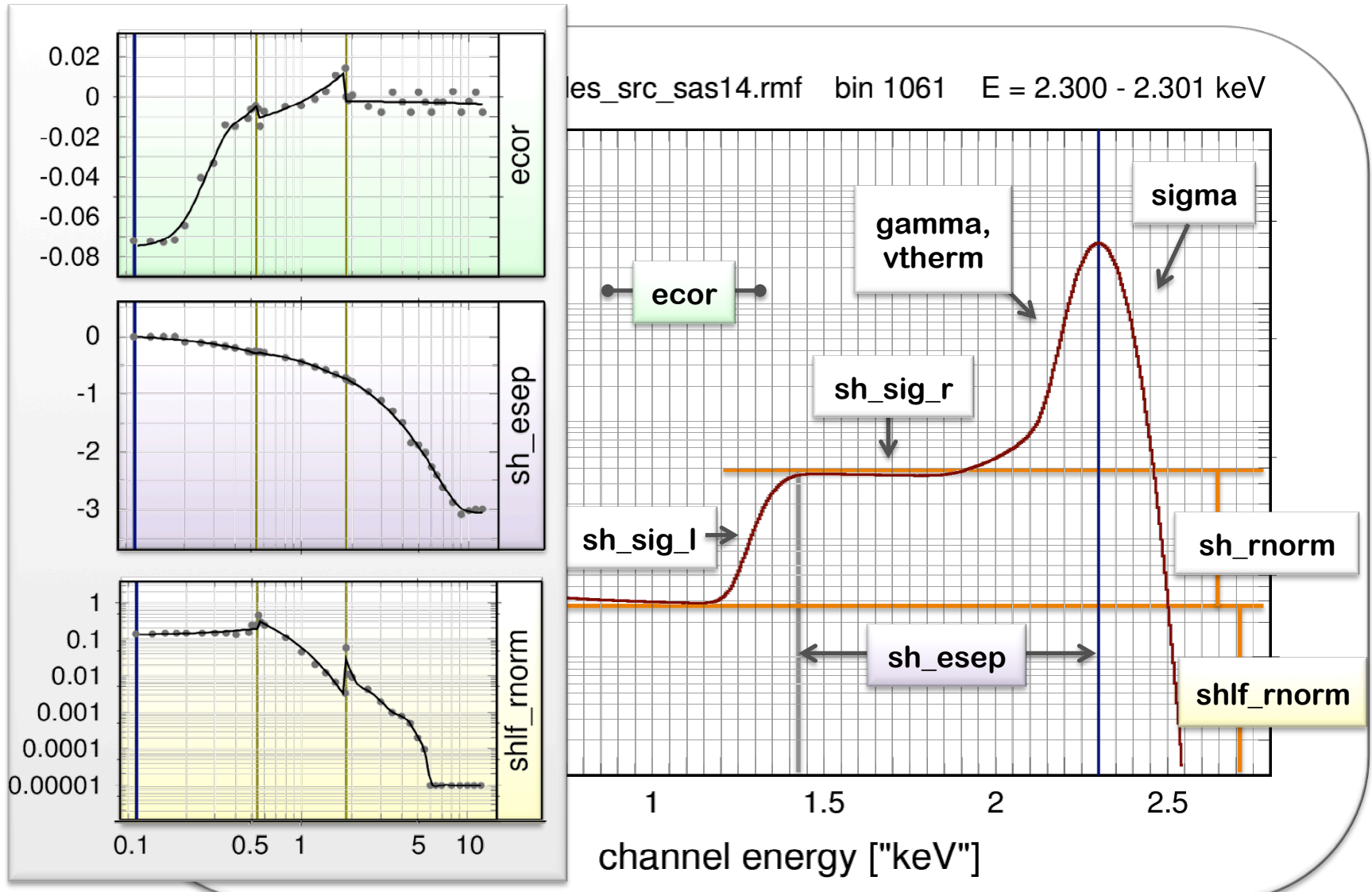
# Modeling the EPIC pn RMF at individual energies



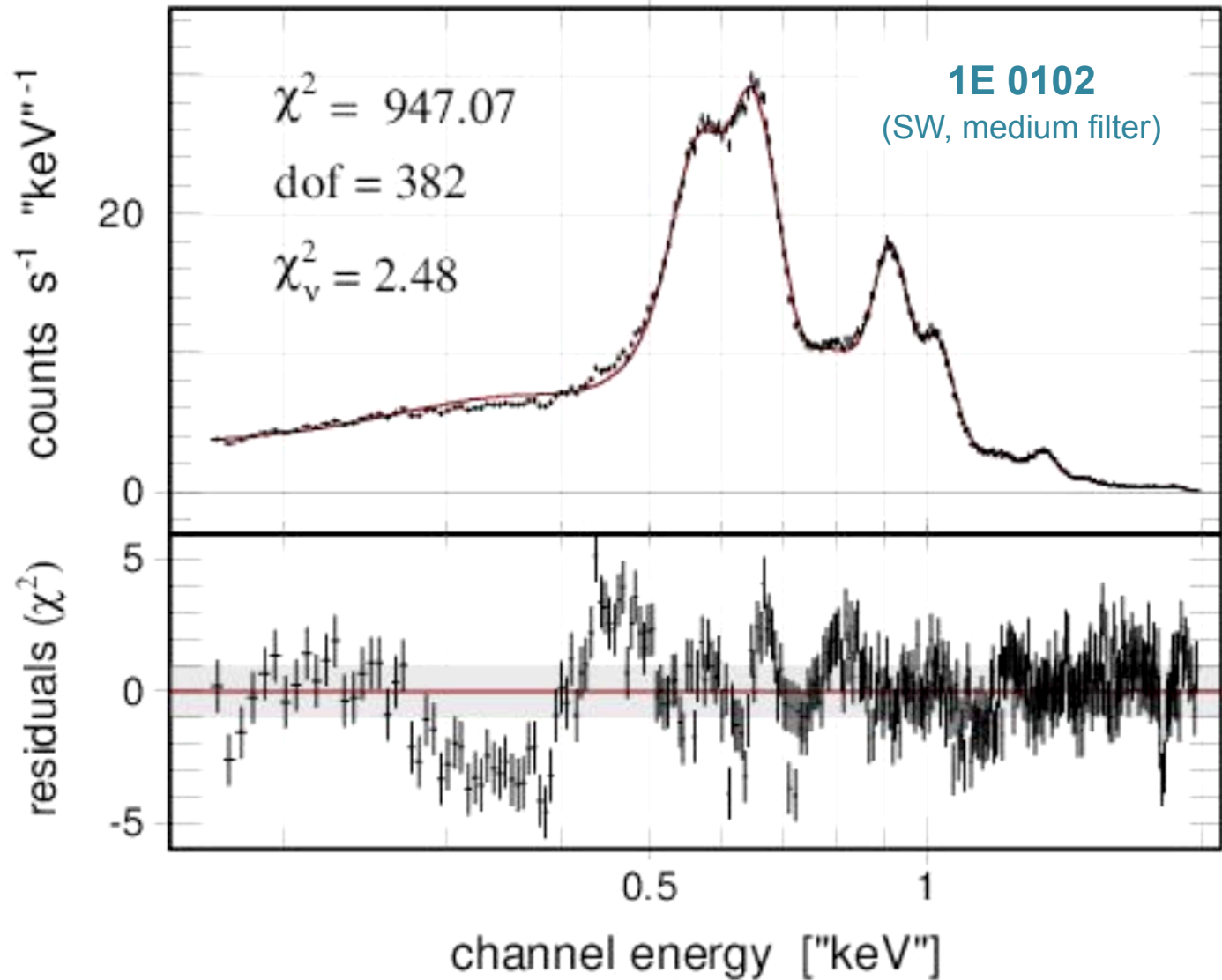
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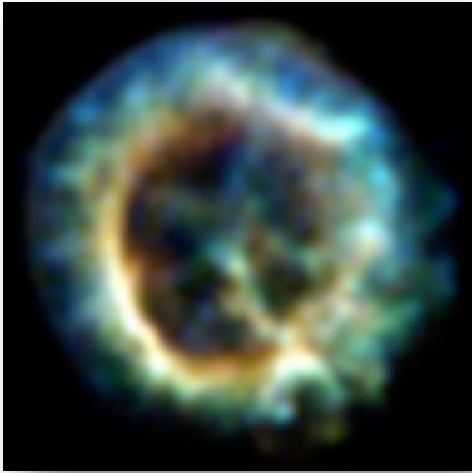
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# Improving the EPIC pn RMF



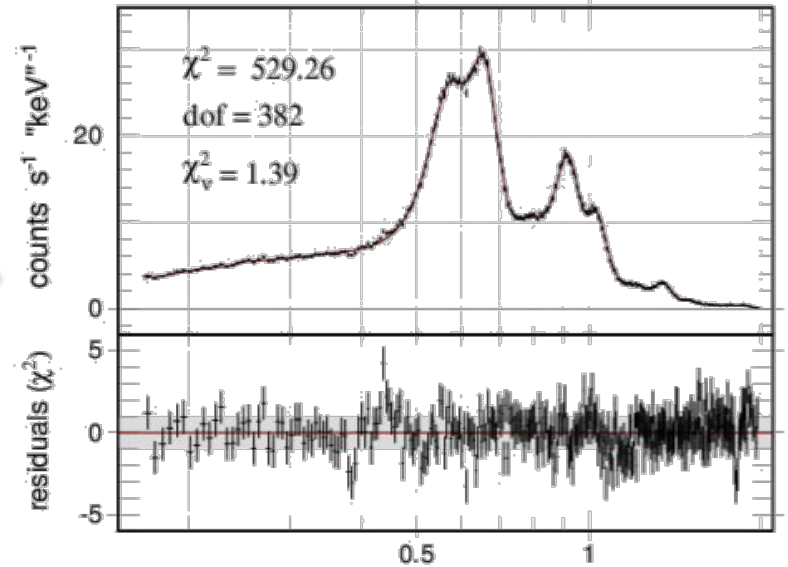
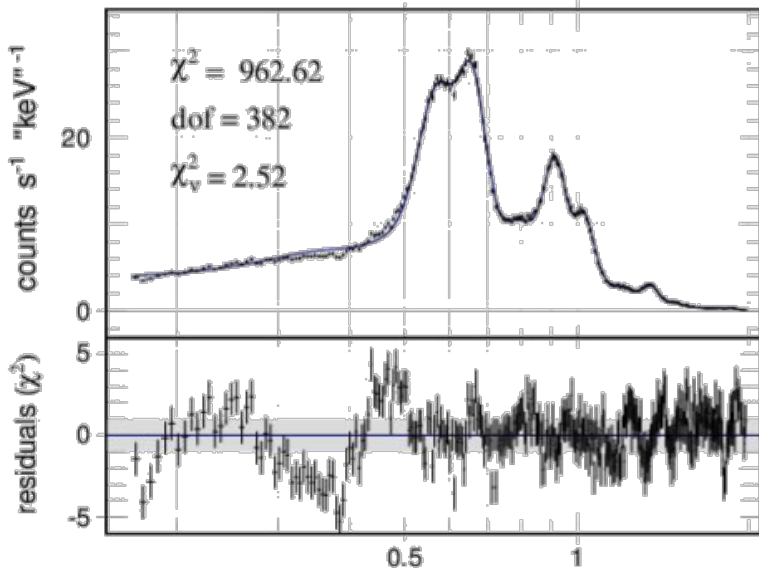
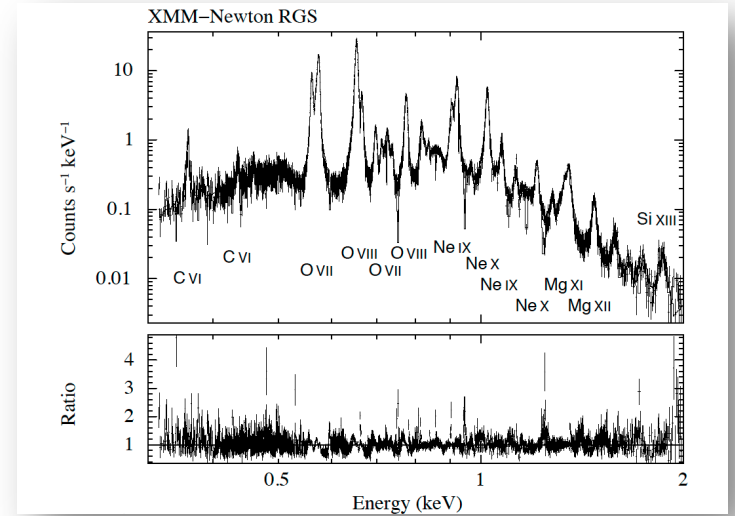




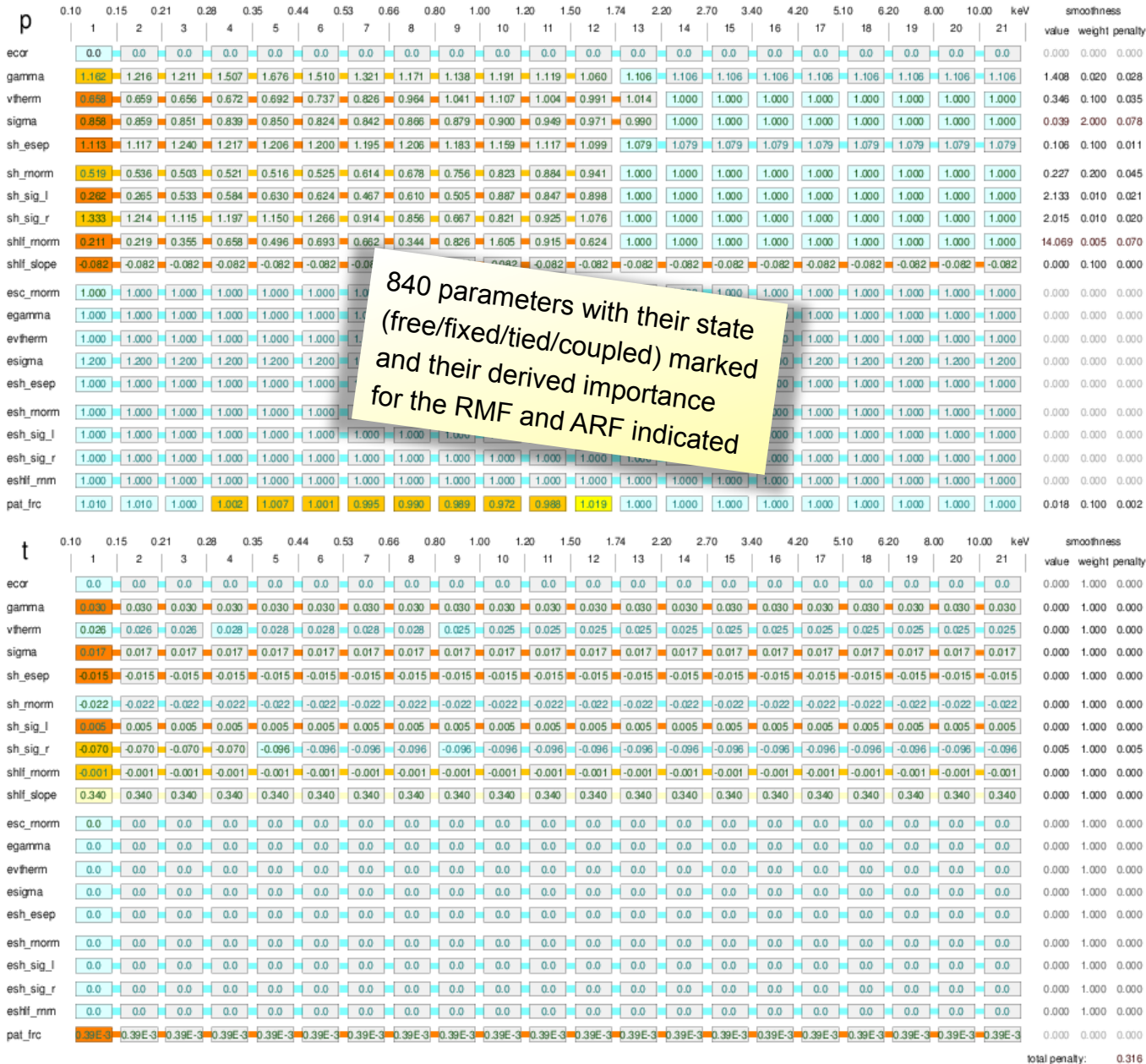
# Improving the EPIC pn RMF

SNR 1E 0102

proof of concept



# XMM / EPIC-pn RMF and ARF parameterization Small Window Mode



19 RMF shaping functions with 21 parameters each → 399 RMF parameters

21 parameters for correcting the energy dependence of the fraction of singles

2 correction functions for the filter transmission (O and C thickness) for each filter → 6 parameters

→ 27 ARF parameters

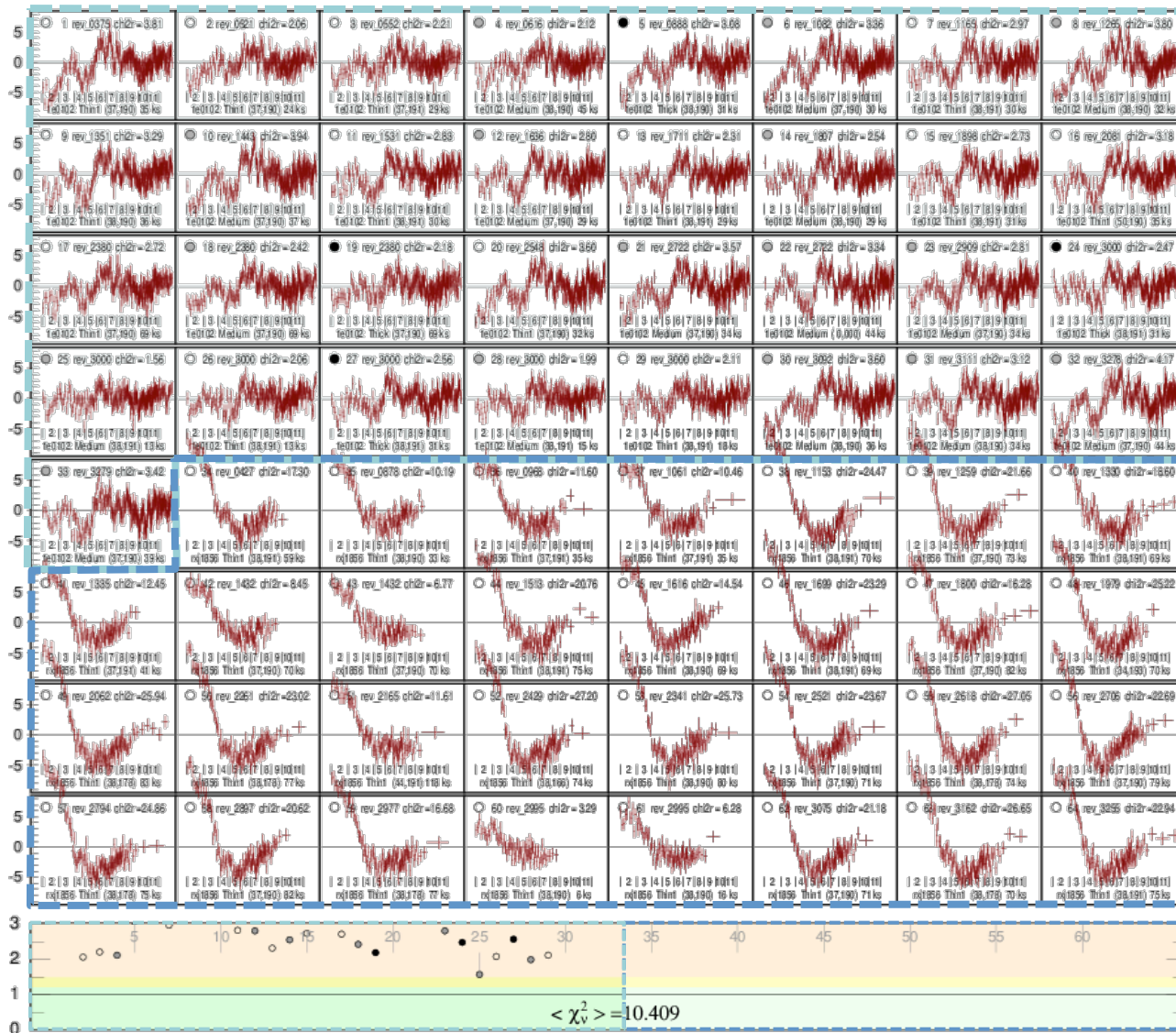
→ 426 parameters

temporal dependence of each parameter

→ 852 parameters

Parameters can be fixed, tied, coupled, constrained, and can be computed for a given smoothness of the shaping function

# Application to 64 XMM / EPIC pn spectra of 1E0102 (SNR) and RXJ1856 (isolated neutron star) taken from 2001 to 2017 in SW mode: residuals obtained with RMF and ARF from XMMSAS



## Spectral models used:

**1E0102:**  
 „IACHEC model“  
 with only 1 free parameter:  
 the global normalization  
 + gain fit (offset)

**RXJ1856:**  
 TBabs \* bbodyrad  
 with all parameters from Chandra  
 fixed (no free parameter!)  
 $n_H == 7.25 \text{ e-}19 \text{ cm-}2$   
 $kT == 62.4 \text{ eV}$   
 $\text{norm} == 1.58 \text{ e}5$   
 + gain fit (offset)

average reduced  $\chi^2 = 10.4$

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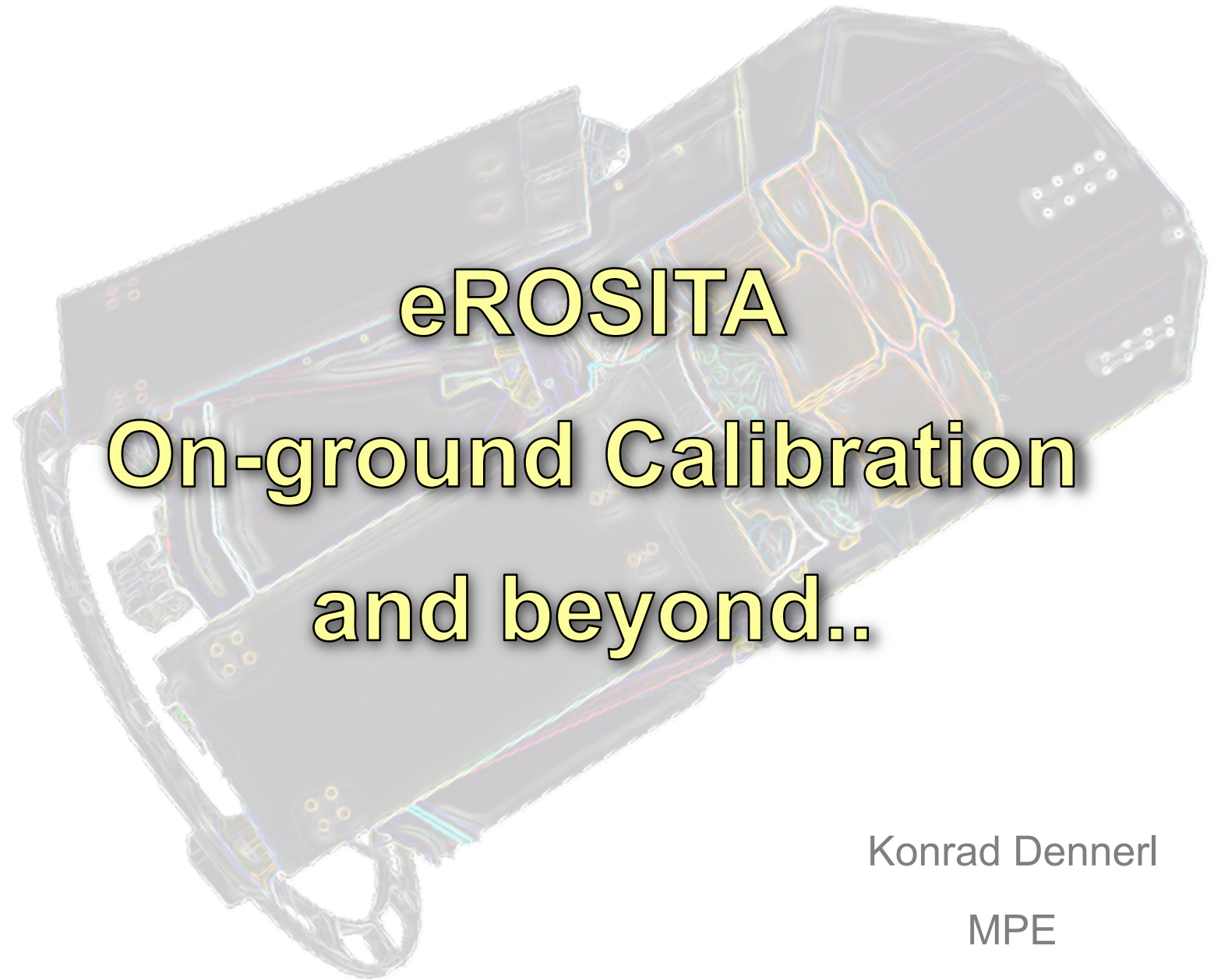


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