

CANADA'S FLAGSHIP X-RAY TELESCOPE

# THE COLIBRÌ MISSION



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# Colibrì: Take Home Message

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High- Time Resolution  
High-Spectral Resolution  
High-Throughput

Transition Edge Sensor  
(TES) Detectors in Space

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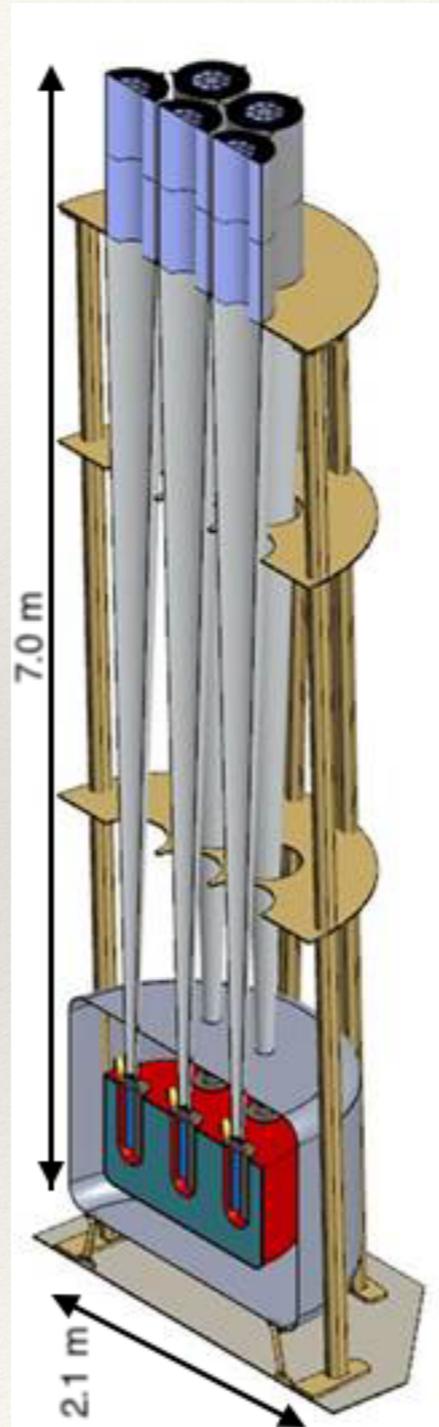
# Colibrì Mission Overview

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- ❖ High-time resolution, high-spectral resolution and high throughput
- ❖ Science questions:
  1. Does general relativity apply in the strong gravity regime? Is spacetime around black holes well described by the Kerr metric?
  2. Can we better understand the physics of accretion? How do accretion disks lose angular momentum? What is the mechanism behind winds? How are jets launched?
  3. How does matter behave in extreme environments in terms of density, gravity and magnetic fields? What is the physics of ultra-dense matter? What are the masses, radii and atmospheric composition of neutron stars?
- ❖ Current Status: 18-month concept study (September 2018 - February 2020)

# Colibrì Mission Specs

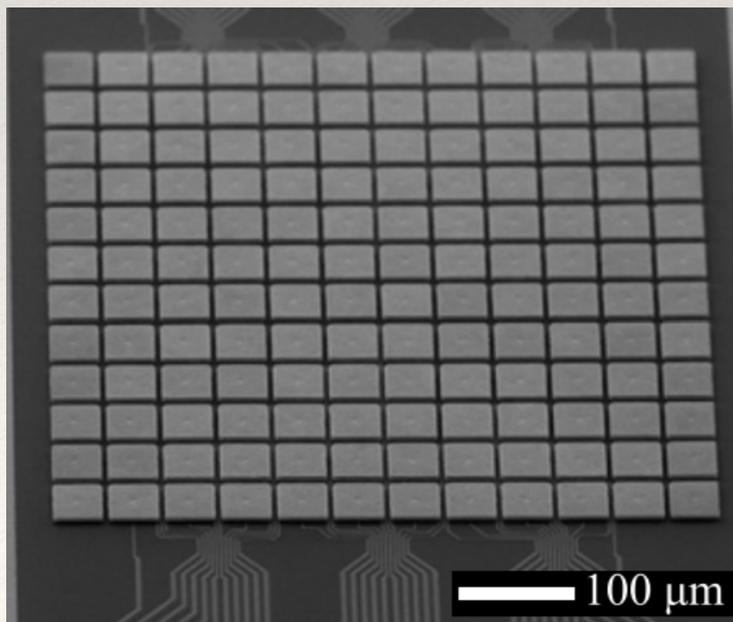
- ❖ Energy Range: 0.5 - 20 keV
- ❖ Energy Resolution: 2 - 5 eV
- ❖ Timing Resolution: 250 ns
- ❖ Effective Area: 3000 cm<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ Count Rate: >100 kHz
- ❖ Orbit: Sun Synchronous, 500-800km
- ❖ Mission Lifetime: 5 years
- ❖ Ground Ops: X-band, CSA  
Sat-Ops/ NRCan



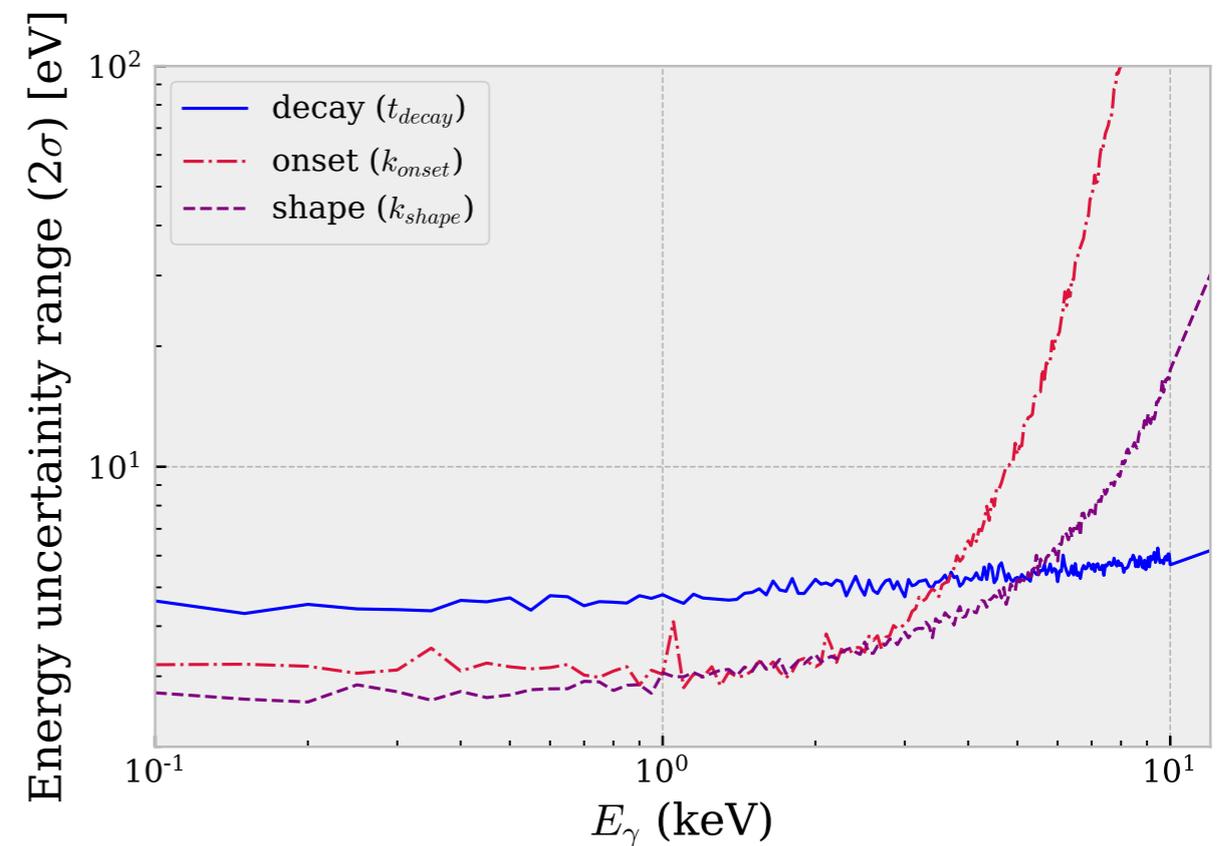
- ❖ Focal Length: 4.9 m
- ❖ Number of Arrays: 7
- ❖ Foils per Array: 30
- ❖ Coating: Iridium
- ❖ Detectors: TES  
Bolometers
- ❖ Bath Temp: 70 mK
- ❖ T<sub>c</sub> = 100 mK

# Colibrì: TES Detectors

- ❖ Transition Edge Sensors: high energy resolution and sensitivity
- ❖ Canadian TES detector development to be at Stewart Blusson Quantum Matter Institute at UBC
- ❖ On-board pulse processing - Sample every 5 microseconds
- ❖ Use of Linear filters (Paul Ripoche, Graduate student at UBC)



TES array for X-ray detection from Lee et al. 2015



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# Colibrì Science Goals

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## Black Holes

- ❖ Reverberation mapping: Test GR, measure BH Mass
- ❖ Quasi Periodic Oscillations
- ❖ Warm/Hot Intergalactic Medium
- ❖ High Velocity Hot Outflows

See WP 036 for more details,  
Talk by Ilaria Caiazzo at  
UBC Town Hall (Nov 26)

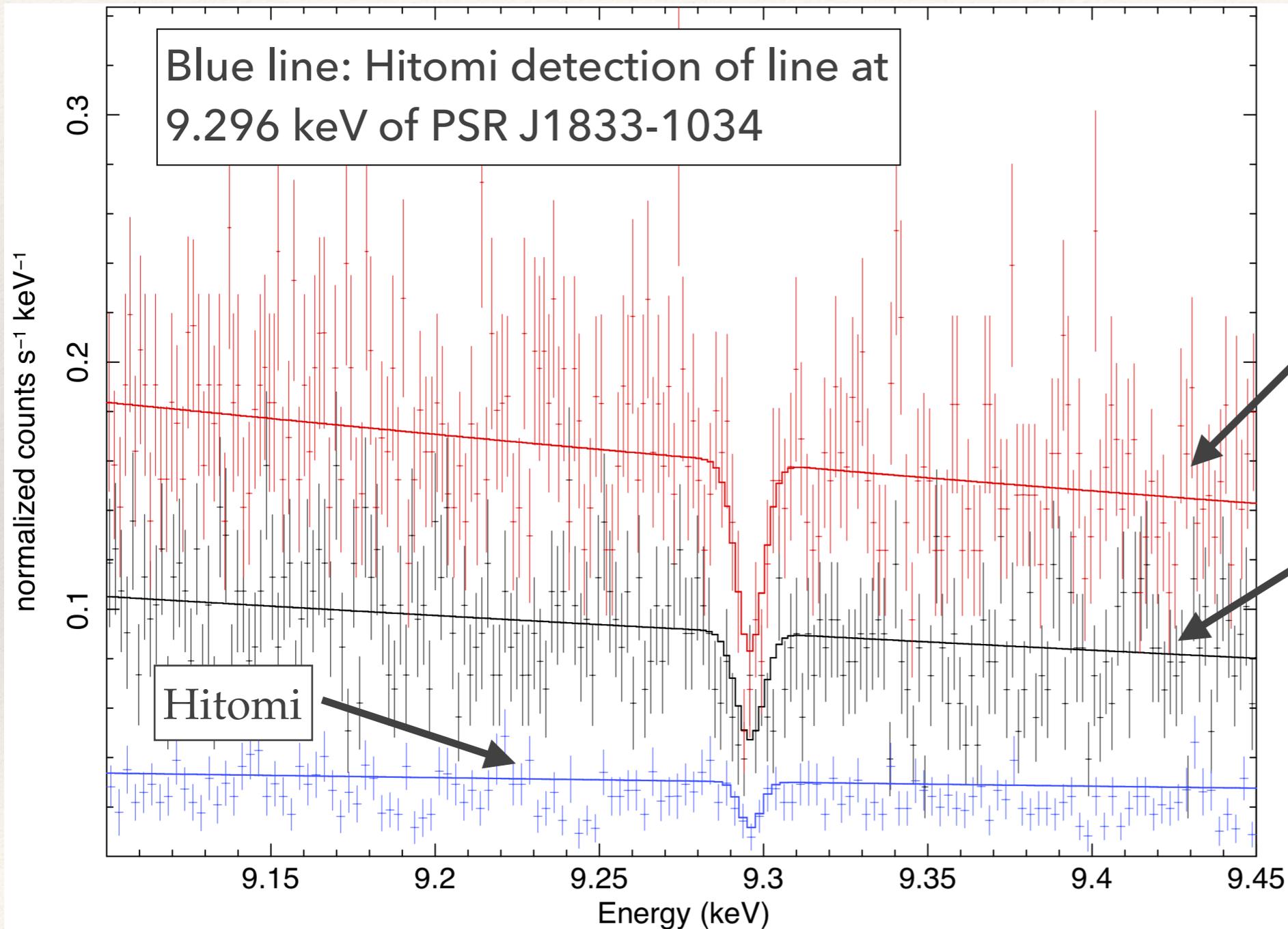
## Neutron Stars

- ❖ Lines/Spectroscopy: Isolated and Accreting
- ❖ Magnetar Spectral Lines
- ❖ Accretion Disk Winds
- ❖ Quasi Periodic Oscillations
- ❖ Thermonuclear bursts
- ❖ Mass & Radius of Neutron Stars

# Spectral Features: PSR J1833-1034

## Key mission specs:

High-Spectral Resolution  
High Throughput  
High-Time Resolution

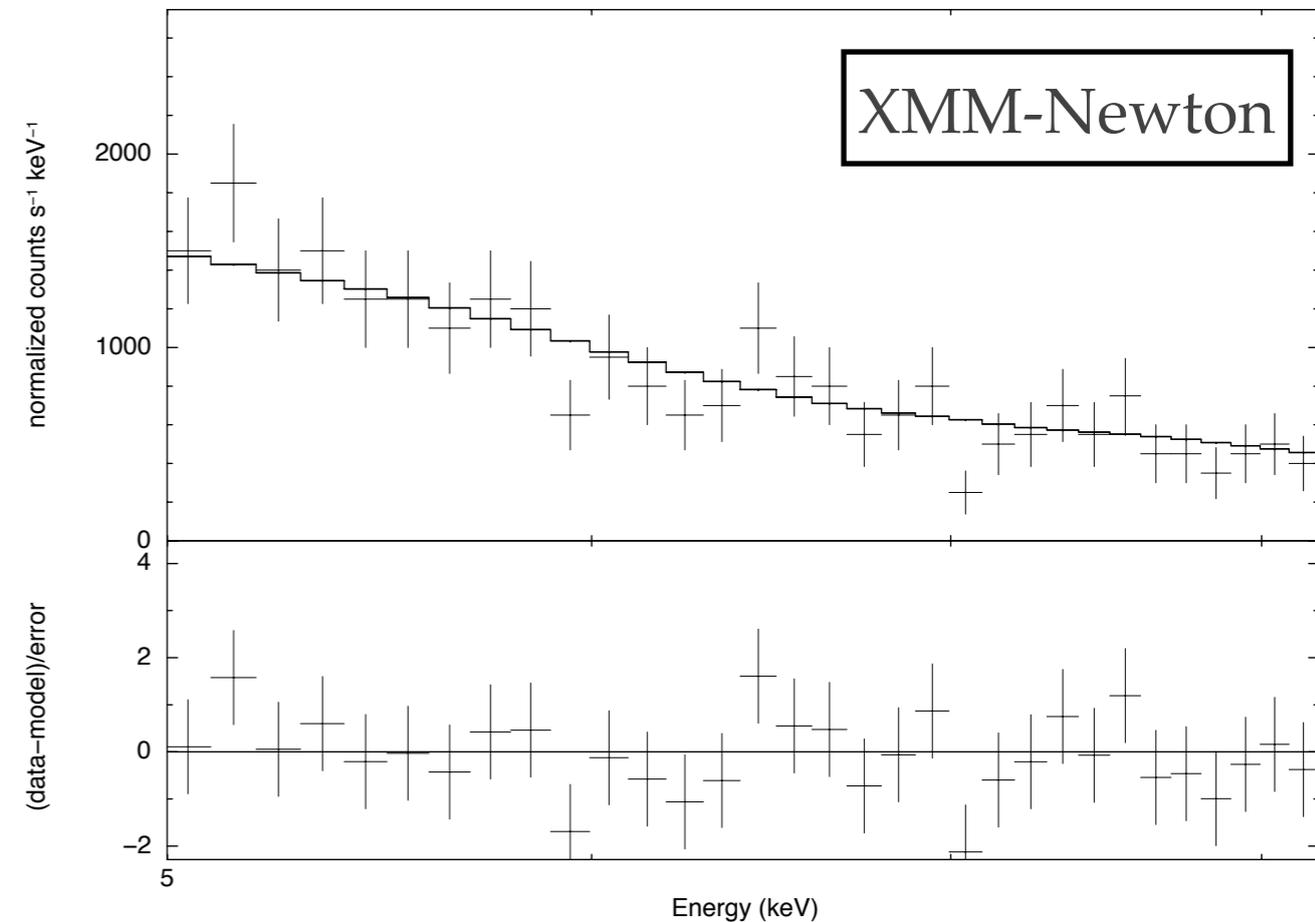
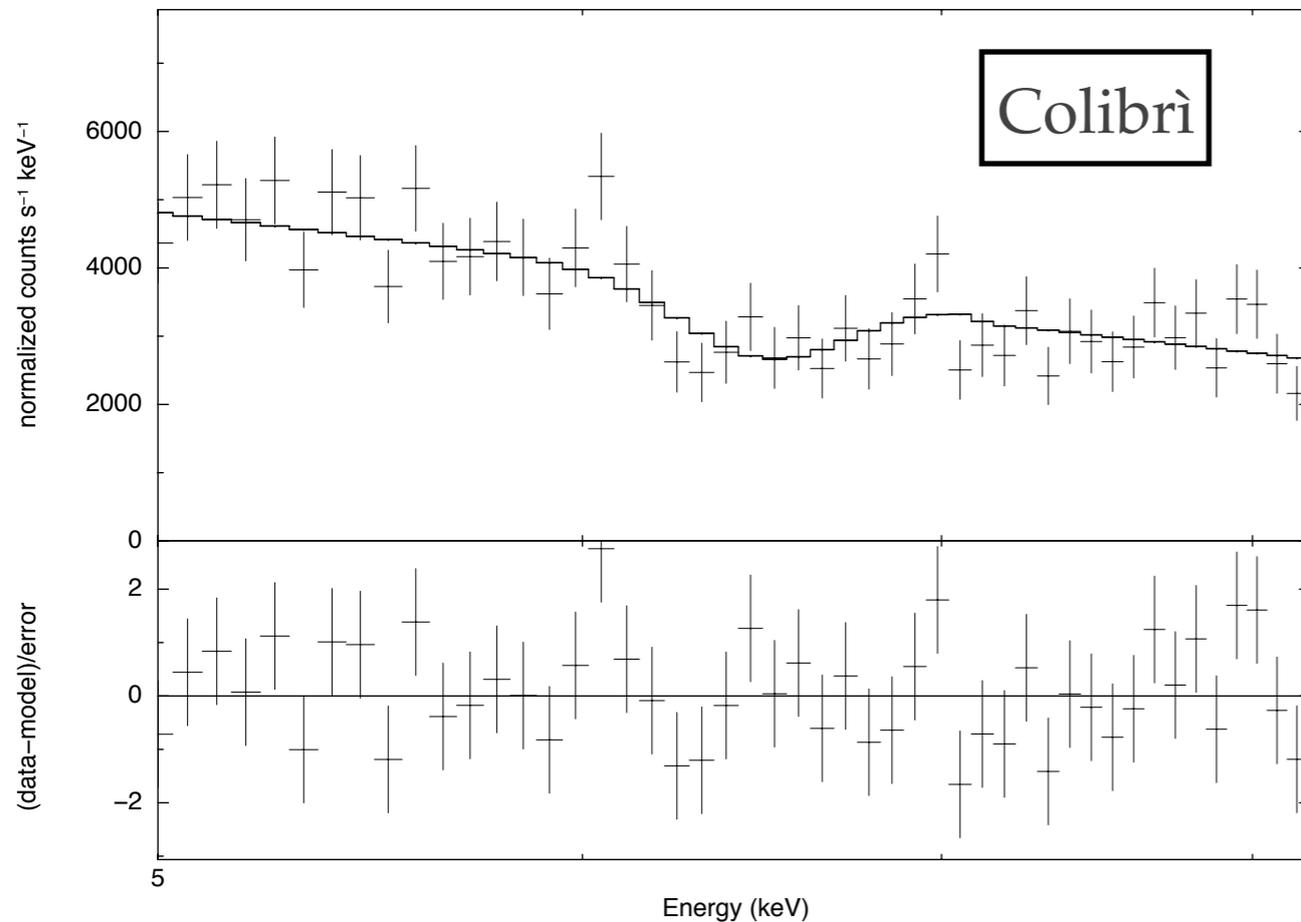


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Simulations by Benson  
Guest, PhD Student at  
U Manitoba

# Magnetar Outbursts: SGR 1900+14

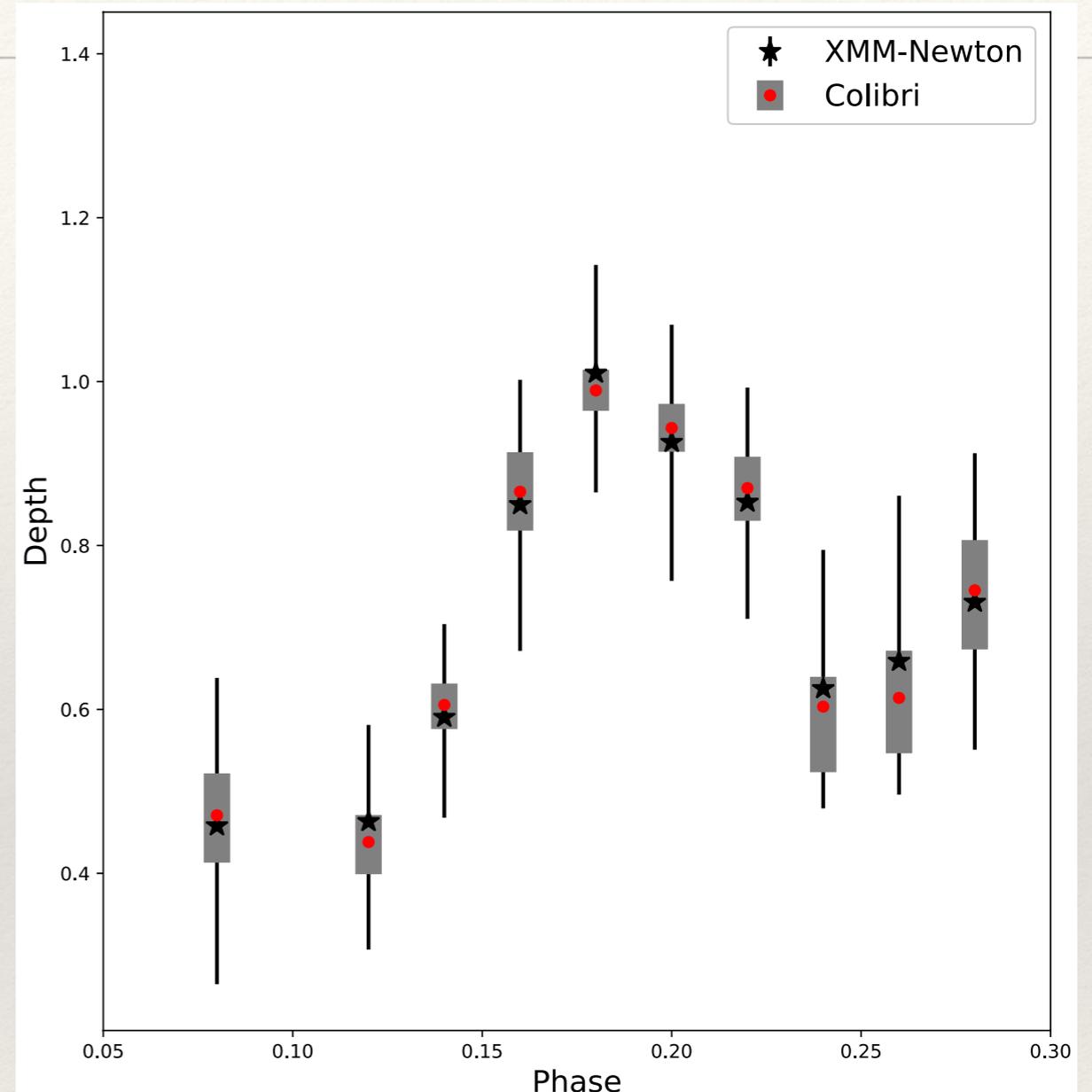
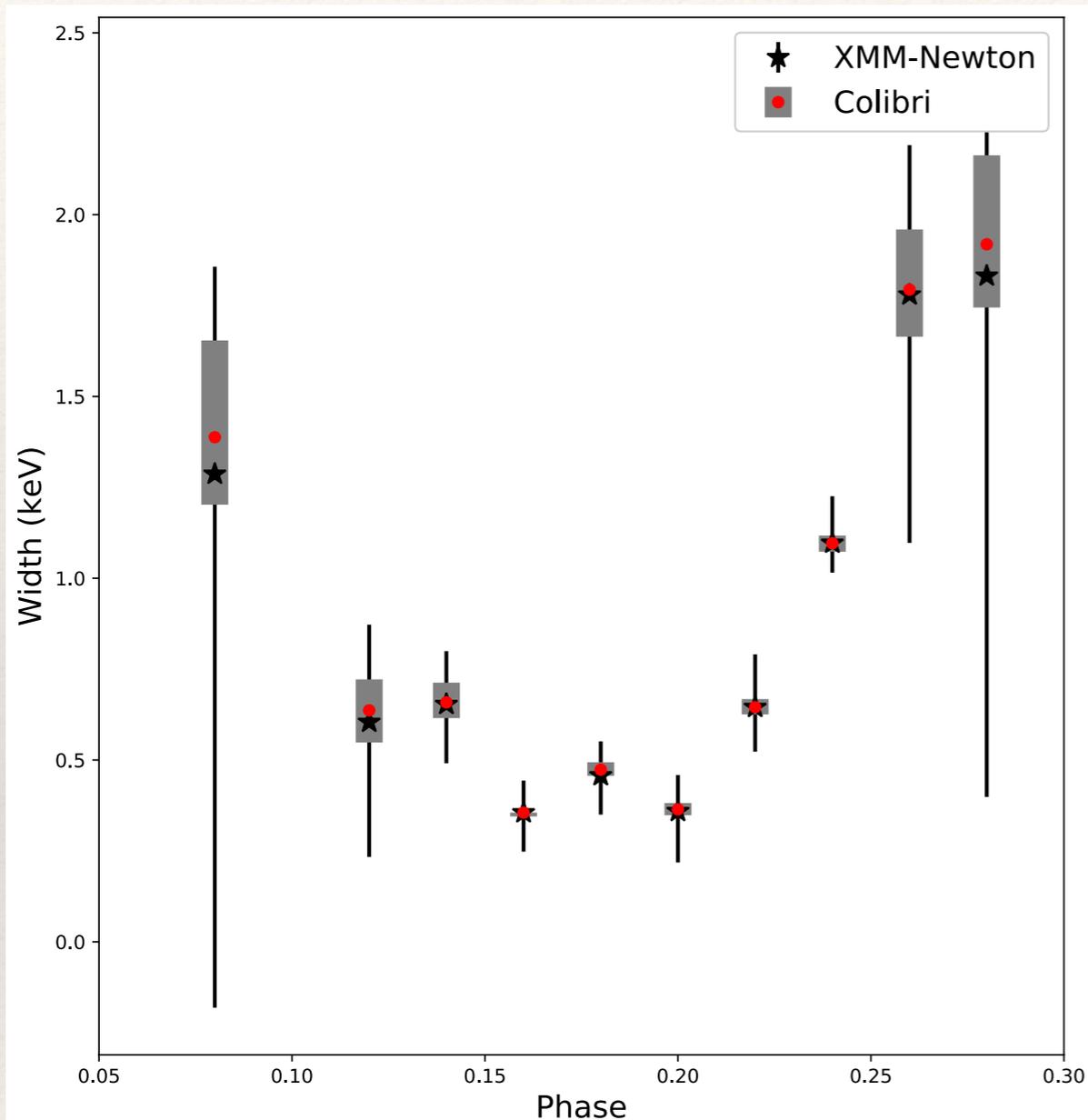


## Key mission specs:

High-Spectral Resolution  
High-Throughput  
No pile up issue for bright bursts

Simulations by Demet  
Kirmizibayrak, PhD Student at UBC

# SGR 0418+5729 Phase Resolved Spectroscopy



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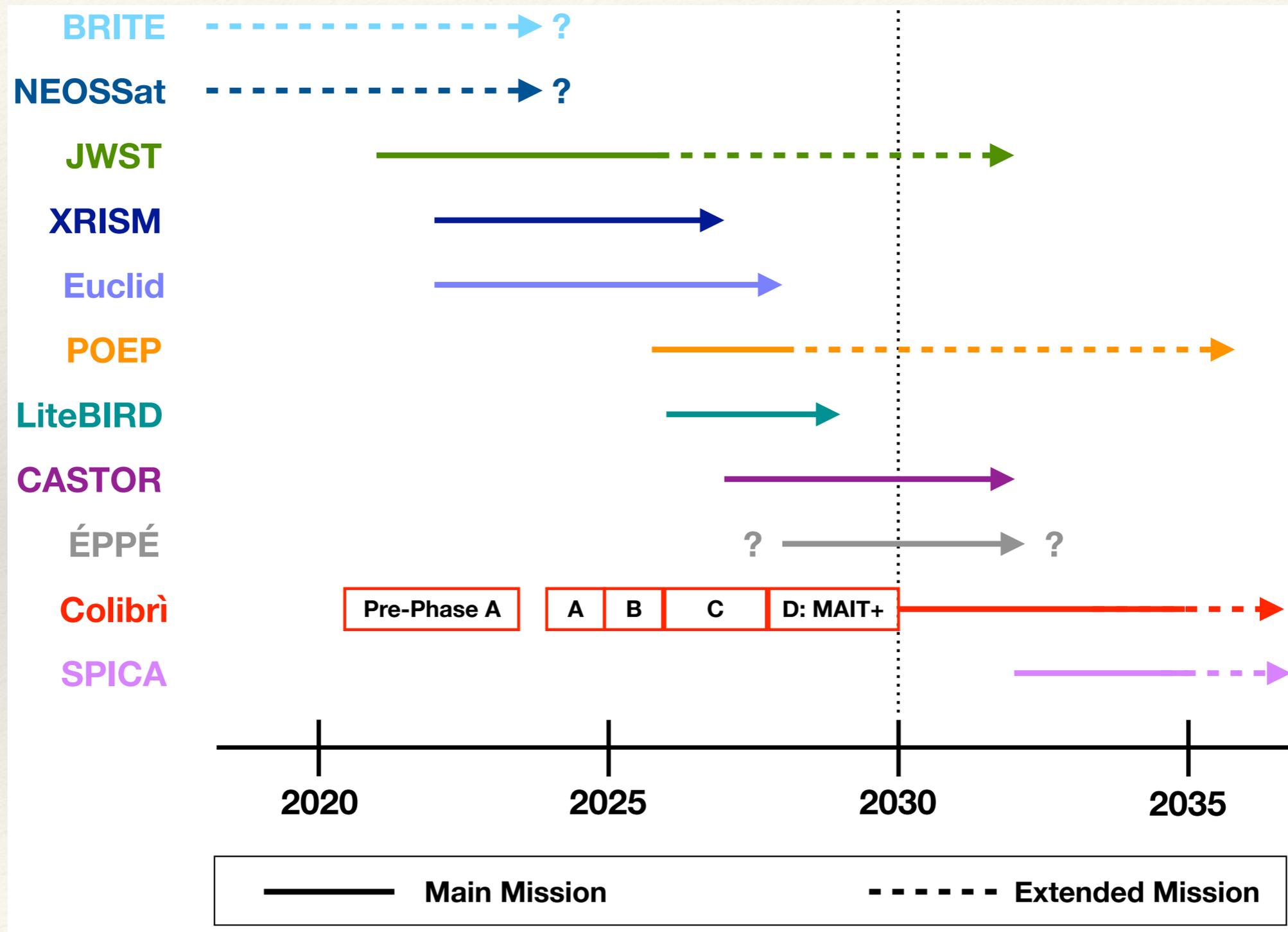
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# Colibrì: Training and Retention

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- ❖ HQP Training:
  - ❖ Student involvement has already been instrumental for the progress of the study
  - ❖ Preparation of the next generation of leaders
- ❖ HQP Retention:
  - ❖ Science office staff positions (R6 of WP: 64)
- ❖ Continued mission development also supports the Space Sector

# Colibrì and the Canadian Landscape



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# Colibrì: Next Steps

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- ❖ FAST — Recently submitted, will increase SRL
- ❖ SMS — Validate Science requirements, increase SRL
  - ❖ Develop secondary science goals
- ❖ STDP — Increase TRL of Canadian made TES detectors

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# The Colibrì Mission

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- ❖ Canada's First Flagship X-ray telescope
- ❖ Builds on CSA's investment in Hitomi and XRISM
- ❖ Study the laws of the Physics of the Extreme
- ❖ Combination of high-time resolution, high-spectral resolution and high throughput
- ❖ Development of TES detectors in Canada
- ❖ Opportunities for HQP training throughout development and mission operations
- ❖ Job Creation: Through HQP retention via science office, grow the detector industry in Canada, support Canadian space sector — Build a robust and experienced workforce in the Space Sciences
- ❖ In order to continue the development through 2020-2030, build capacity through a space program and support in the LRP report is required

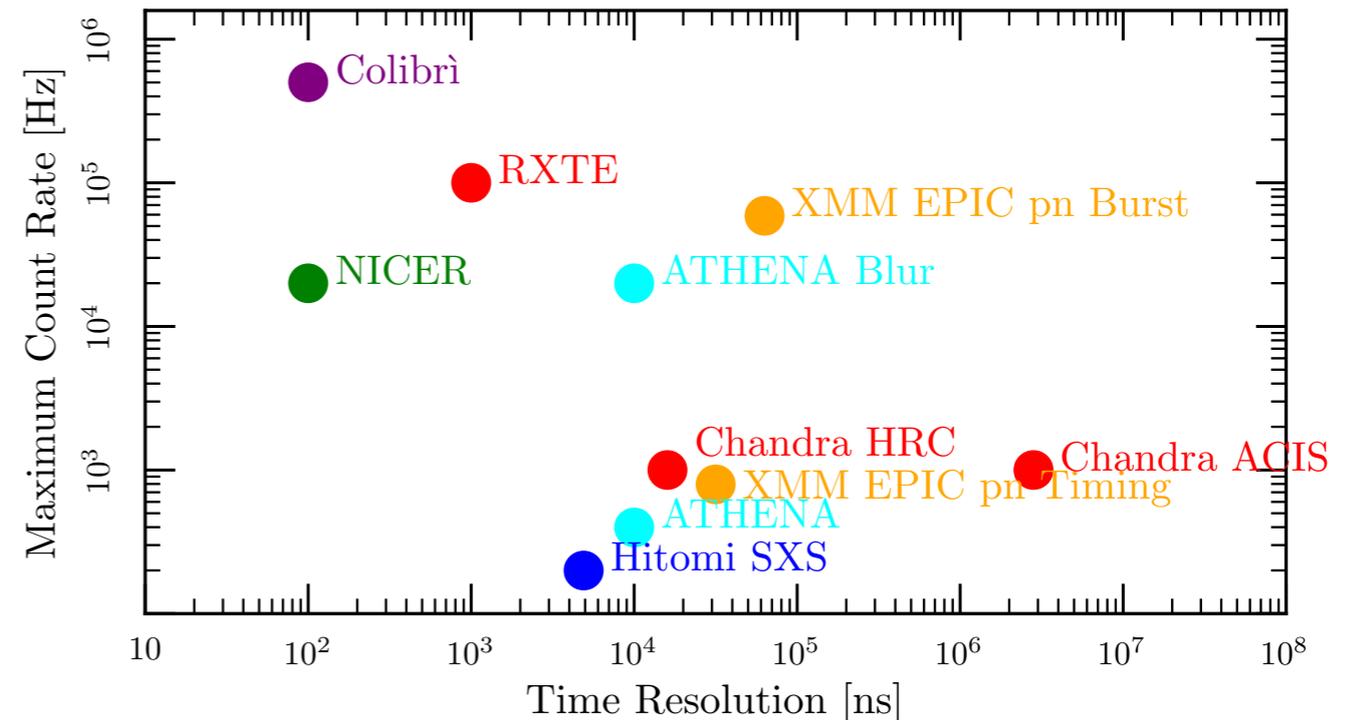
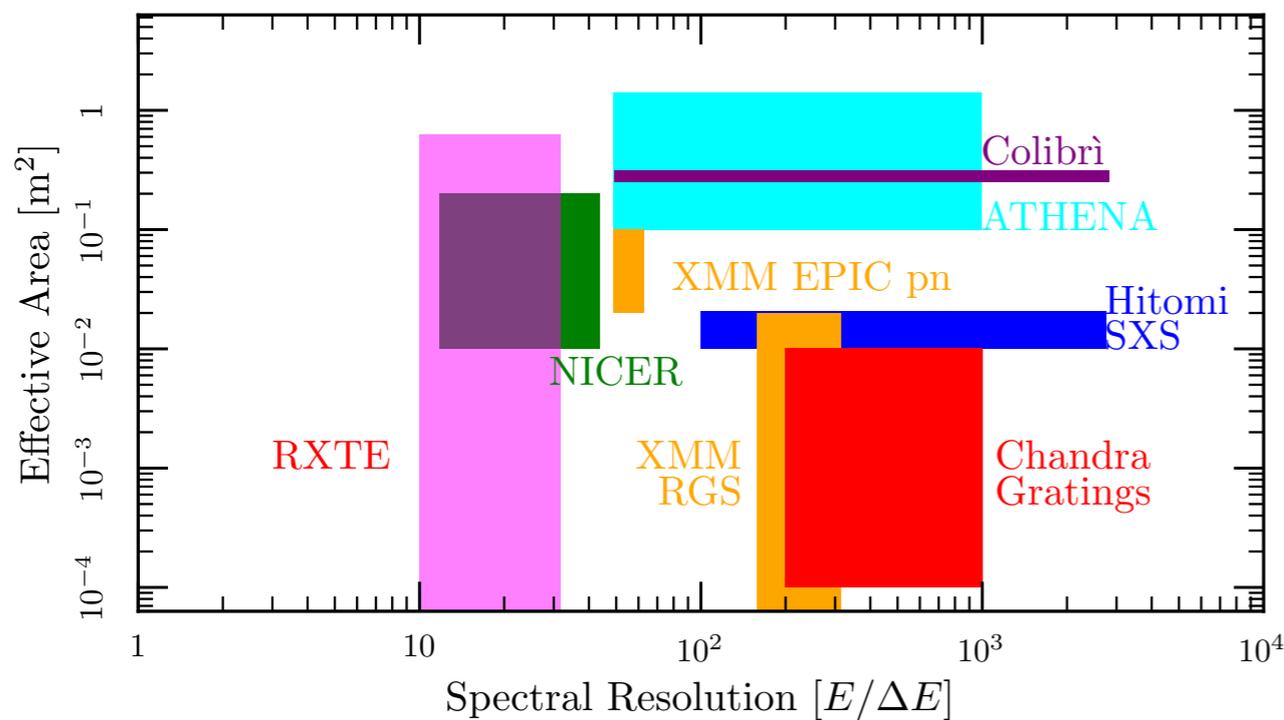
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# Back up slides

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# Comparison to other X-ray Missions



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