Colibri Taking the pulse of

neutron stars and black holes



Canada's **First** Flagship X-ray Telescope (Concept Study) high-time-resolution, high-energy-resolution, high-throughput



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Science

- How do accretion disks transport material?
- How are relativistic jets launched?
- What is the structure of the spacetime surrounding black holes?
- What are the masses, radii and composition of neutron stars?

Goal Specs

- 0.5-10 keV (Fe-K, 6.4 keV)
- Energy resolution: 2-5 eV
 TES X-ray detectors
- Time resolution: 250 ns
- NICER-like optics*3+a big Hitomi (SXS)
- Effective area: 3000 cm²

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	Energy Range	Energy resolution	Timing resolution	Effective area
Colibrì	0.2 - 12 keV	3 eV @ 6.4 keV	<1 µs	> 2000 cm² @ 6.4 keV
NICER	0.2 - 12 keV	137 eV @ 6 keV	<0.3 µs	~ 600 cm² @ 6 keV
XMM-Newton	0.1 - 15 keV	130 eV @ 6.5 keV	300 µs	~ 700 cm² @ 6.4 keV
NuSTAR	3 - 79 keV	400 eV @ 6 keV	100 µs	~ 800 cm² @ 6.4 keV
Hitomi SXS	0.3 - 12 keV	7 eV @ 6 keV	5 µs	~ 210 cm ² @ 6 keV
RXTE PCA	2 - 250 keV	1100 eV @ 6 keV	1 µs	~ 6000 cm² @ 6 keV
ATHENA X-IFU	0.2 - 12 keV	2.5 eV @ 6 keV	10 µs	~ 3000 cm² @ 6 keV

Credit: Ilaria Caiazzo

G21.5-0.9 Rotation-Powered Pulsar J1833-1034

Hitomi's SXS absorption features at 4.2345 keV and 9.296 keV



Hitomi

Hitomi collaboration 2018

Colibrì (2 configurations

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Collaboration

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Low-mass X-ray binaries



Colibri simulated observation during the cooling tail of an X-ray burst exhibiting an absorption edge at 7.5 keV.

Colibri simulated observation with of quiescent Aquila X-1 showing an absorption feature at 0.55 keV.

Colibri LRP2020 white paper

