

# *the* FUTURE of HIGH-RESOLUTION X-RAY IMAGING

THE FIRST  
ASTROPHOTOGRAPH



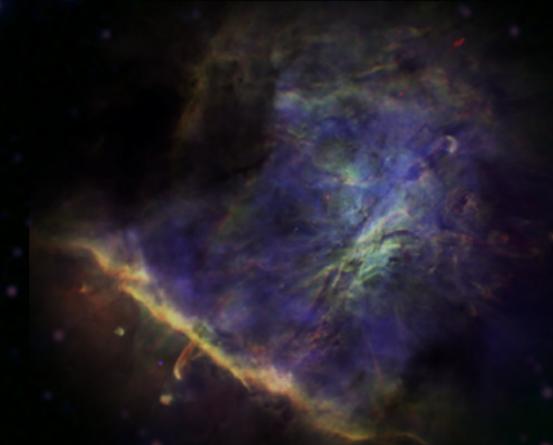
Henry Draper, 1880

IMAGING  
STATE OF THE ART

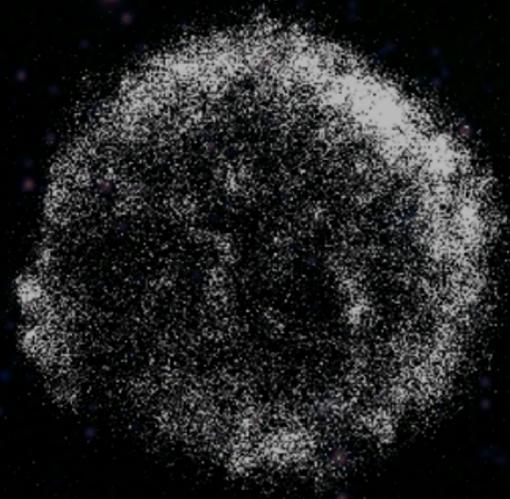


Hubble Space Telescope

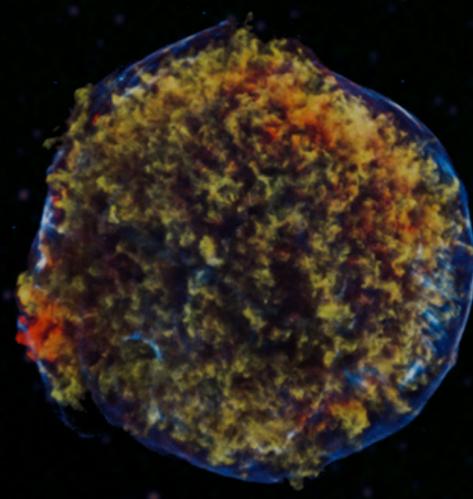
BEYOND  
IMAGING



MUSE / VLT



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CHANDRA



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*of* HIGH-RESOLUTION  
X-RAY IMAGING  
*is*



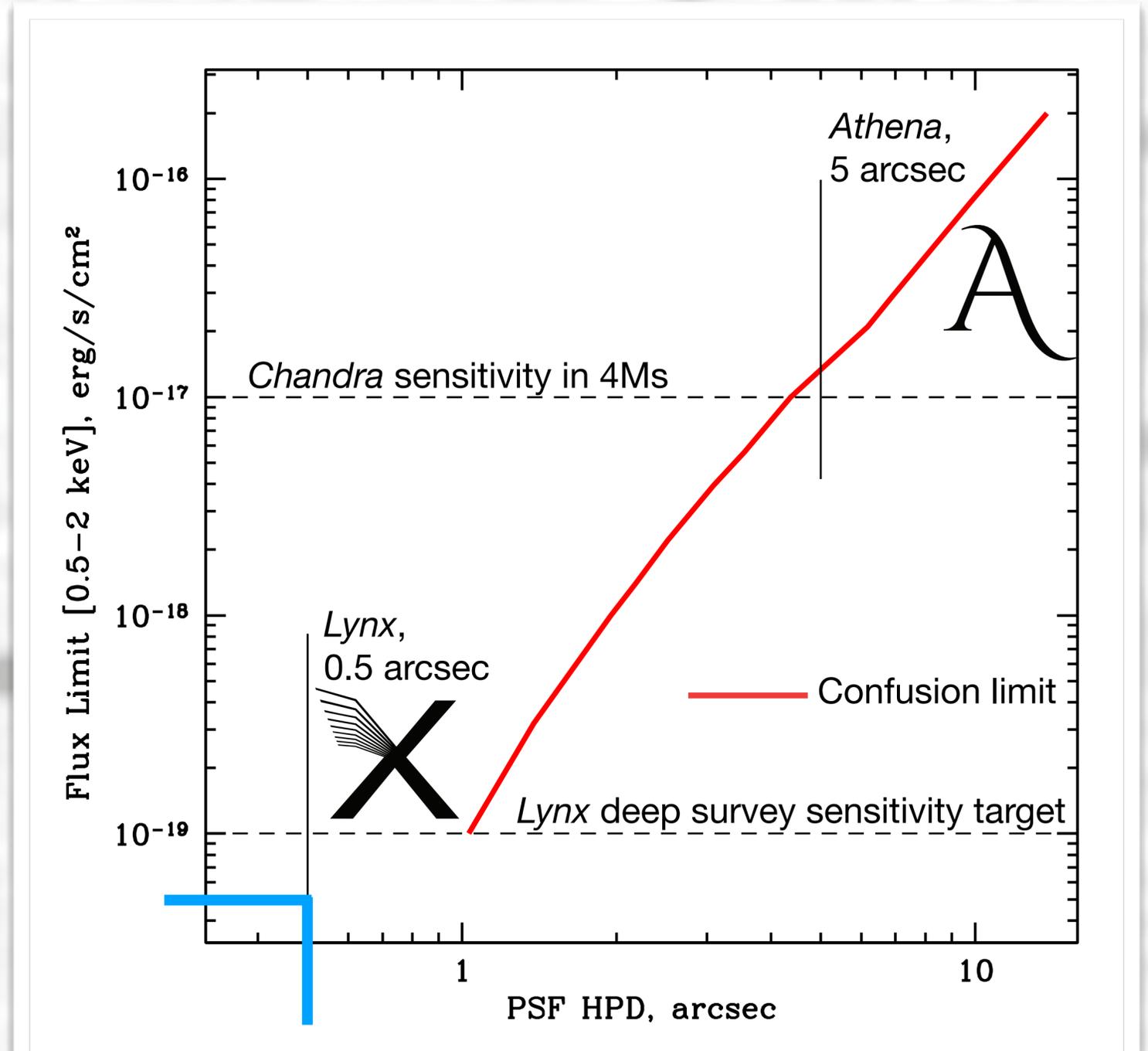
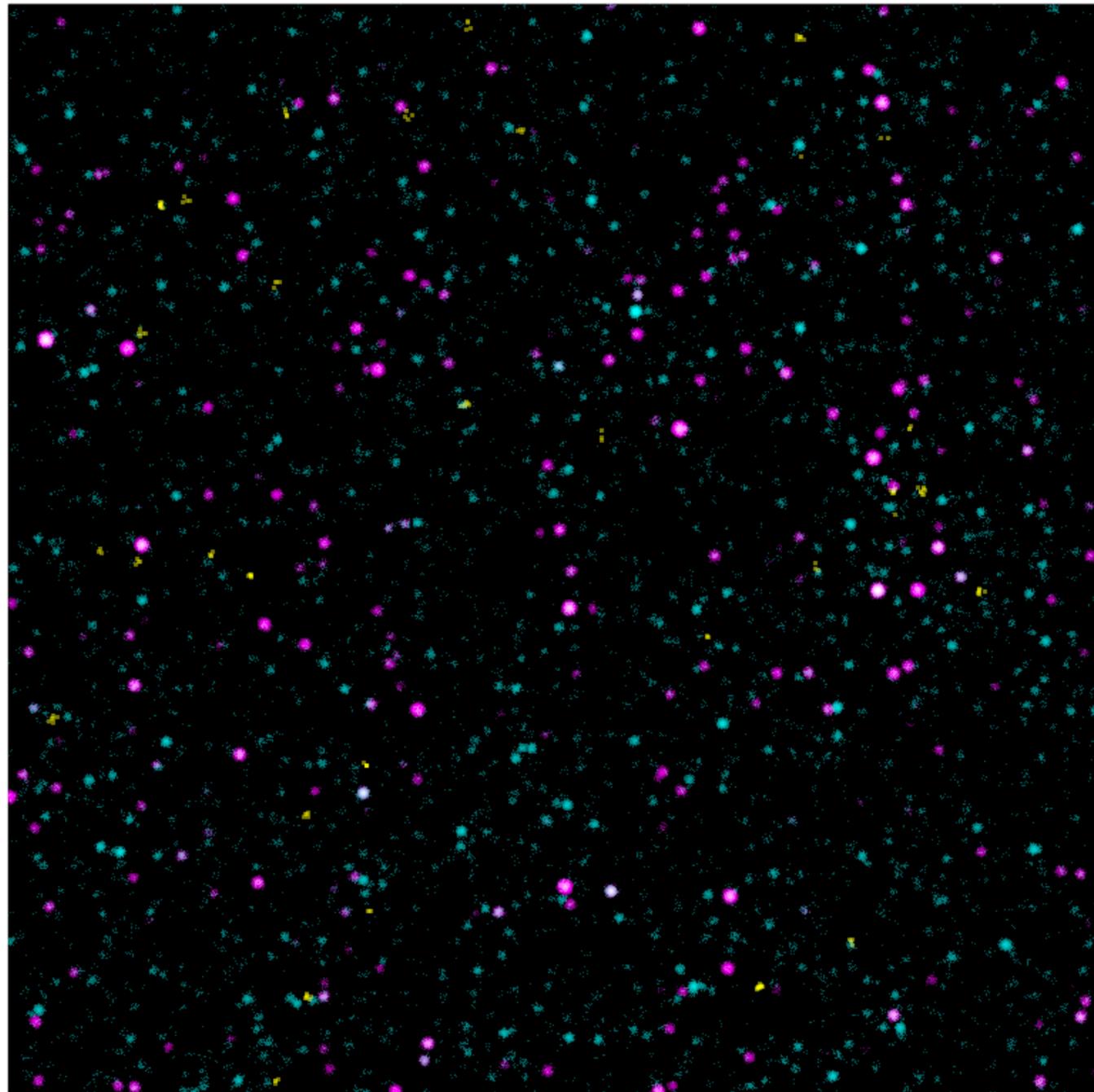


*“In astronomy, discovery  
eclipses physics”*

R. GIACCONI

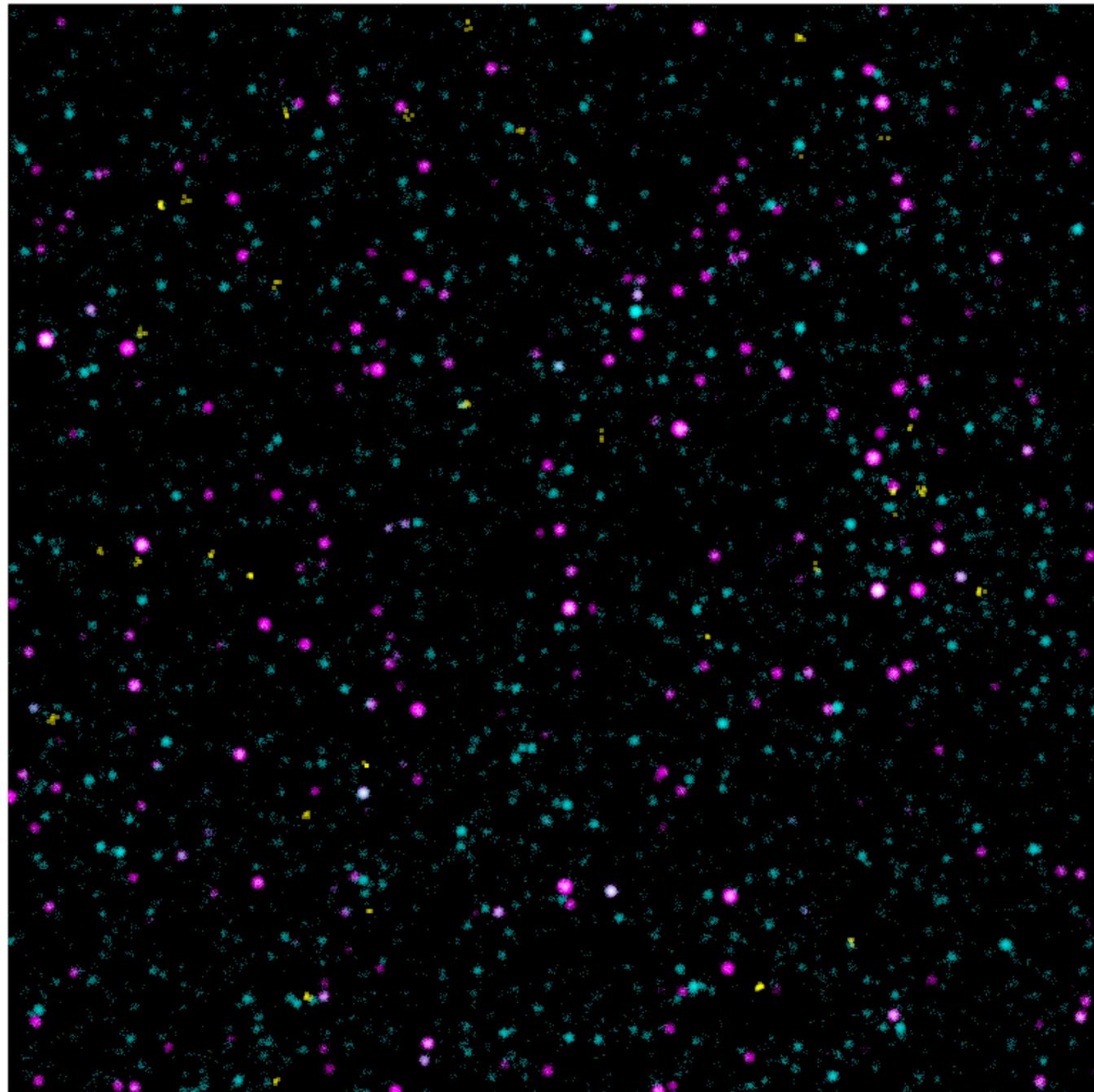
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0.5" PSF

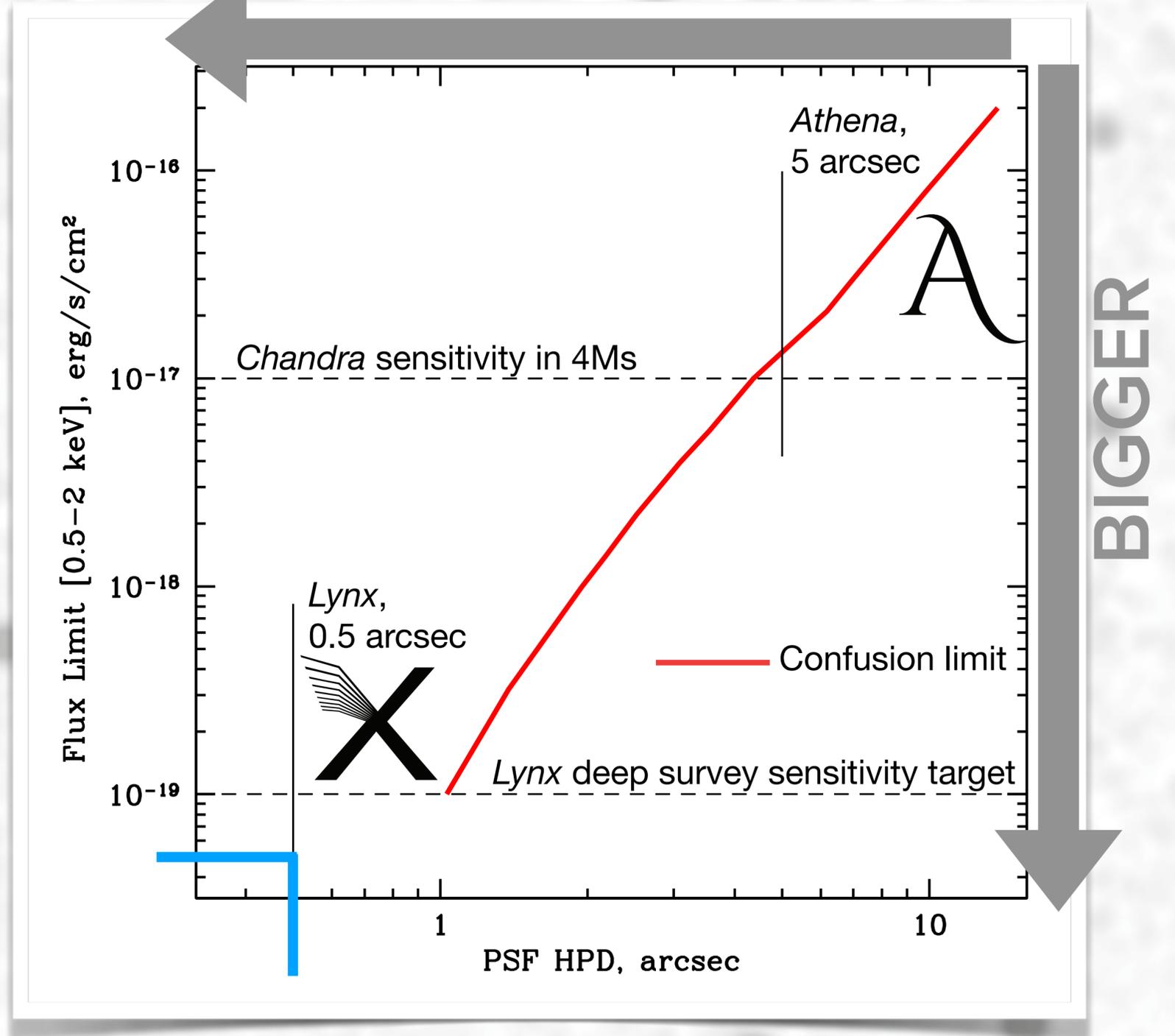


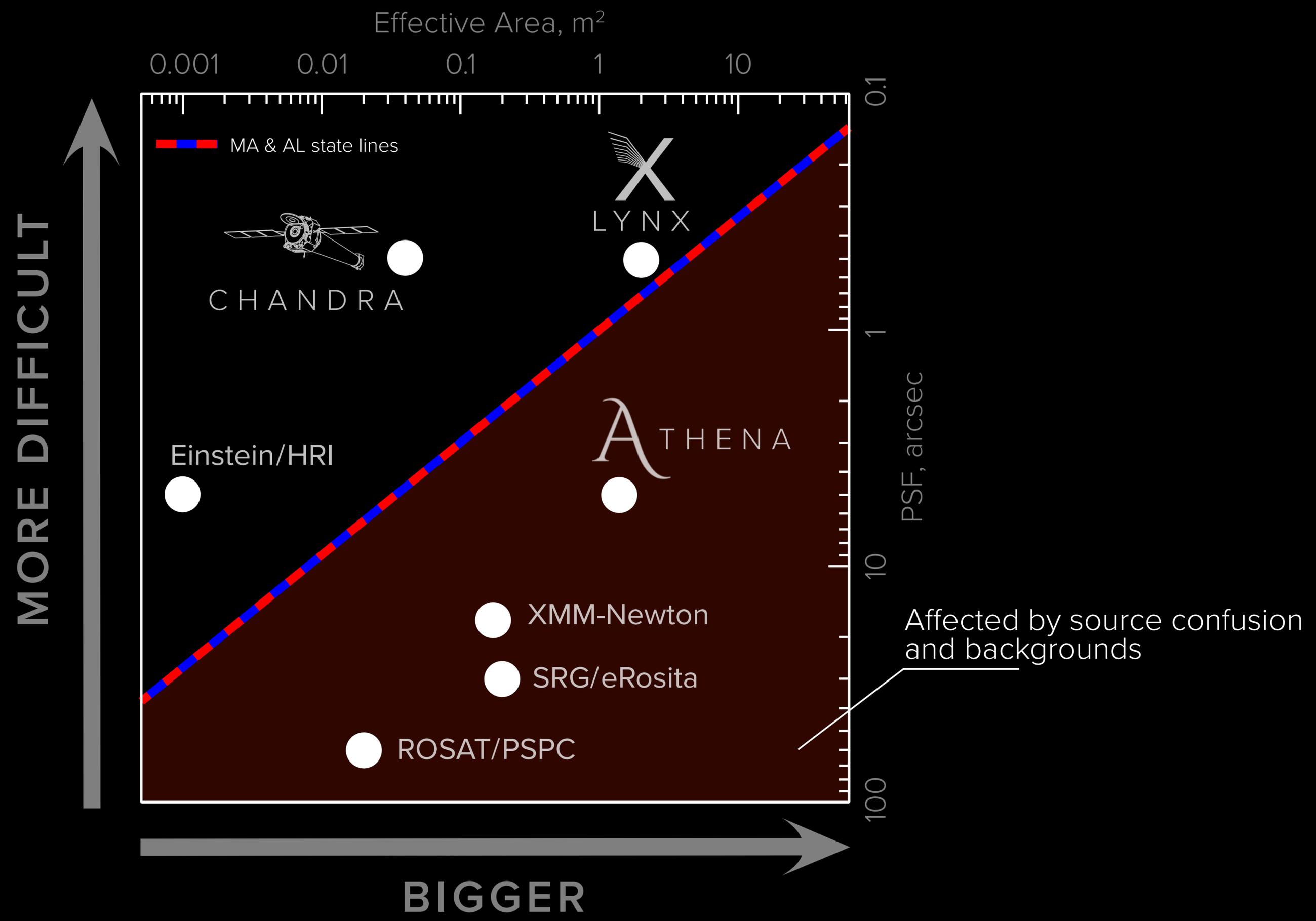
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MORE DIFFICULT





# Concept for ESA's Voyage 2050 program

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ESA Voyage 2050 call

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Lengths

Wavelengths (Wolter-I)

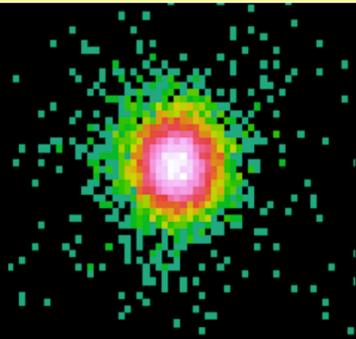
Detector plane

Interferometer

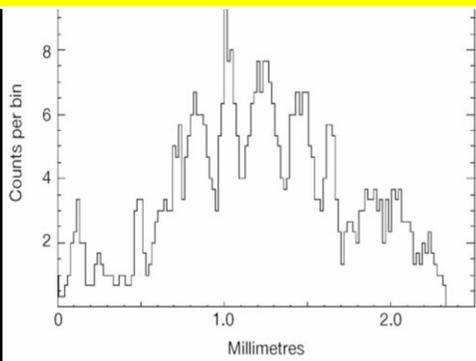
Detector plane

and longer wavelengths, but remain 4 or more orders of magnitude shorter than the X-ray wavelengths. The use of flat mirrors – fringes have been demonstrated in space with longer baselines.

Chandra point-spread function: 0.5 arcsec HEW

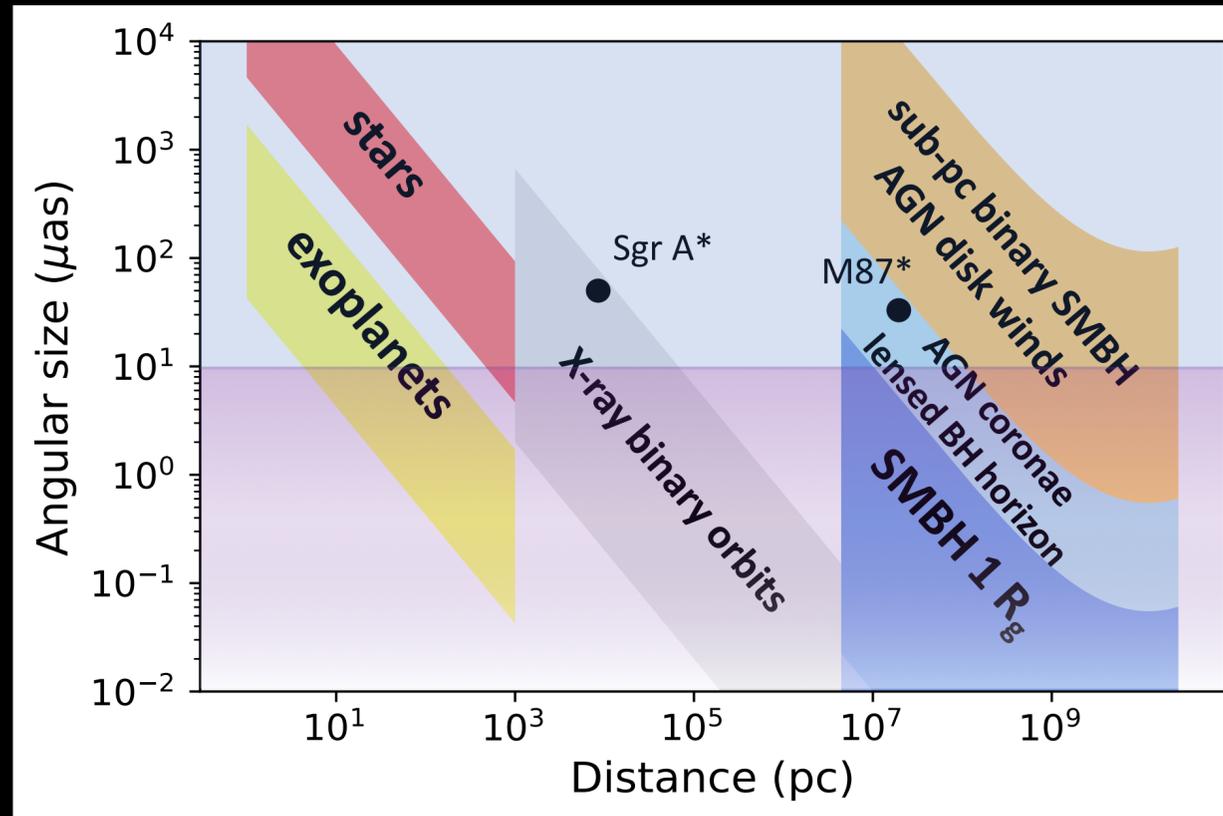


Lab measurement of X-ray fringes for 1 mm baseline: 0.1 arcsec resolution



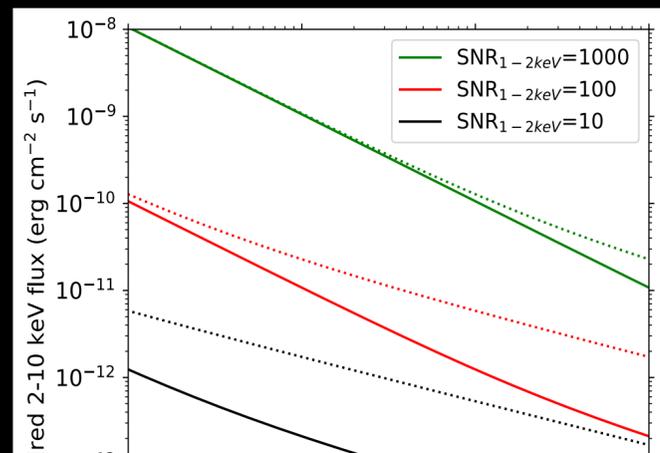
Cash et al. 2000

## The X-ray universe at $\mu\text{as}$ resolution



Single spacecraft (1-10 keV)

Formation flying (1-10 keV)



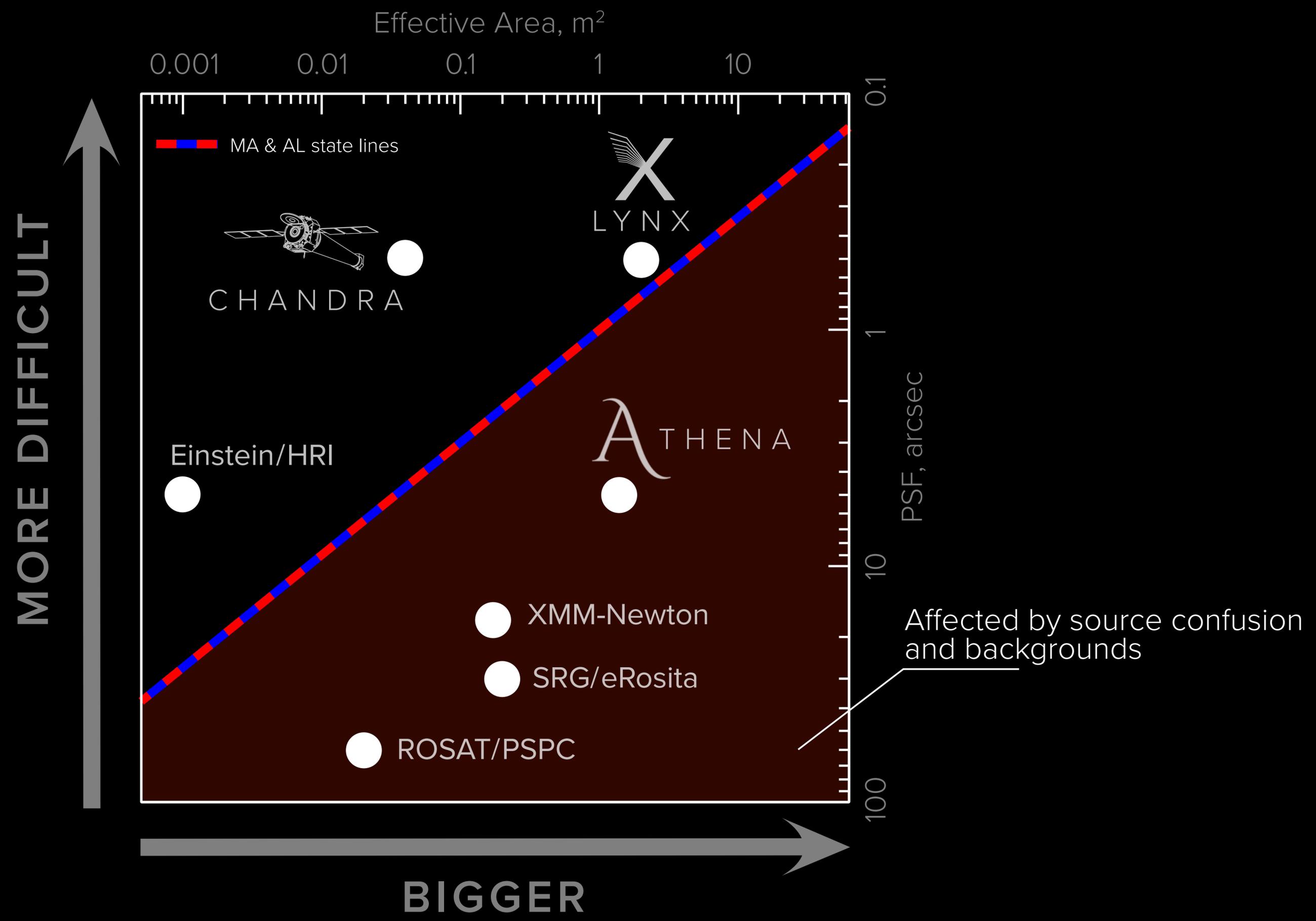
Left: 1-2 keV point-source sensitivity curves for  $1000 \text{ cm}^2$  collecting area, assuming AGN-like spectra. With arcmin-scale collimation, background should be dominated by cosmic rays. The dotted curves show the required Athena-WFI background at 12 and solar minimum. The solid

Low mass star AU Mic (and transiting exoplanet) at 10 pc. Pixel size is  $1 \mu\text{as}$ , which is just attainable on a single spacecraft.

Accreting  $10^9 M_{\text{sol}}$  black hole with corona above the accretion disk. The image is blurred to  $1 \mu\text{as}$  resolution (< 100 m baselines).

$10 r_g$

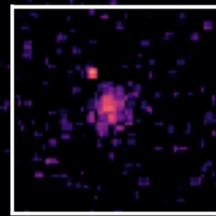
Above: an X-ray interferometer



X HDXI

100 ksec, 0.5 - 2 keV

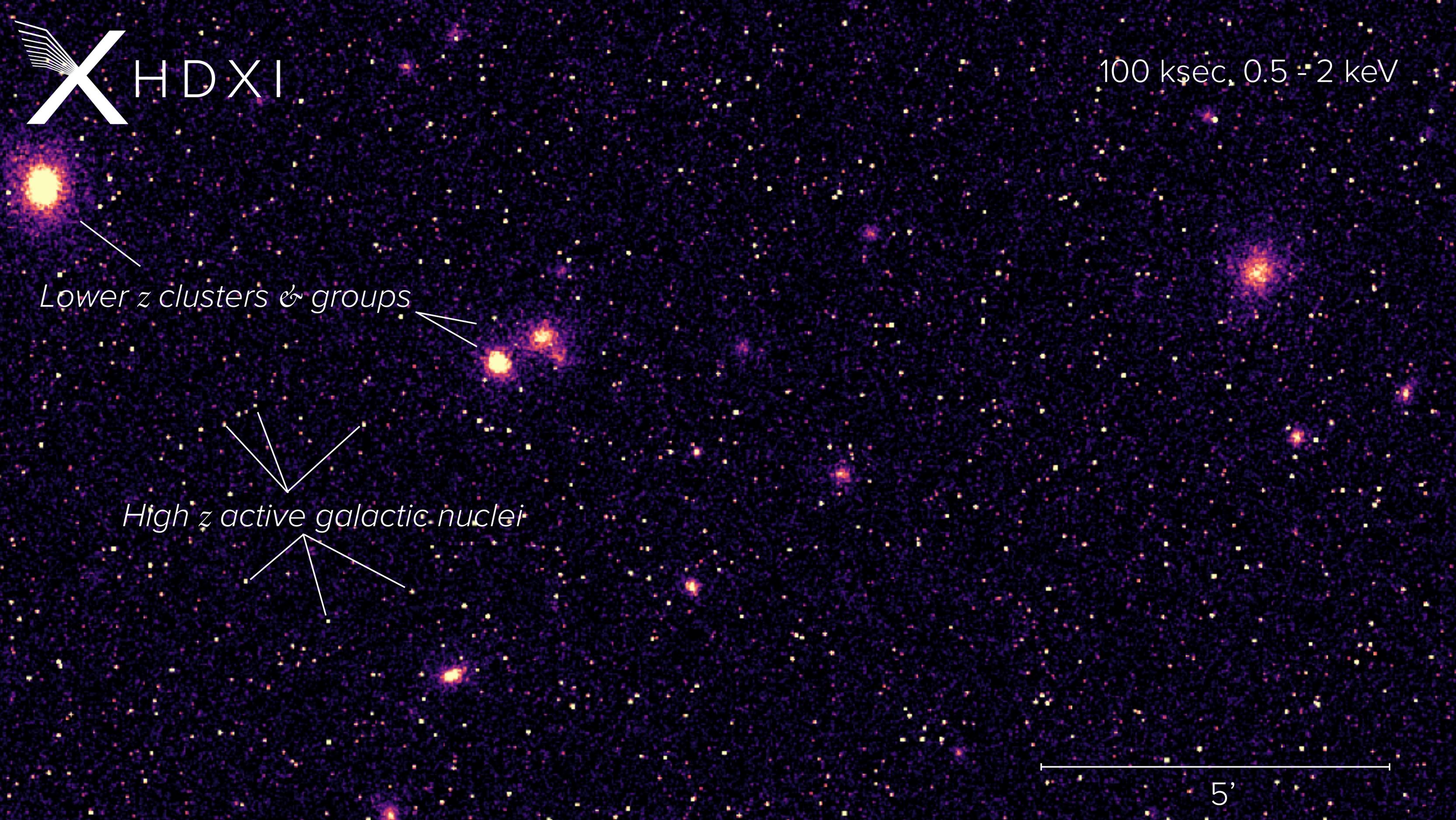
*$z = 3.27$  galaxy group*



$3 \times 10^{13} M_{\odot}$



2'



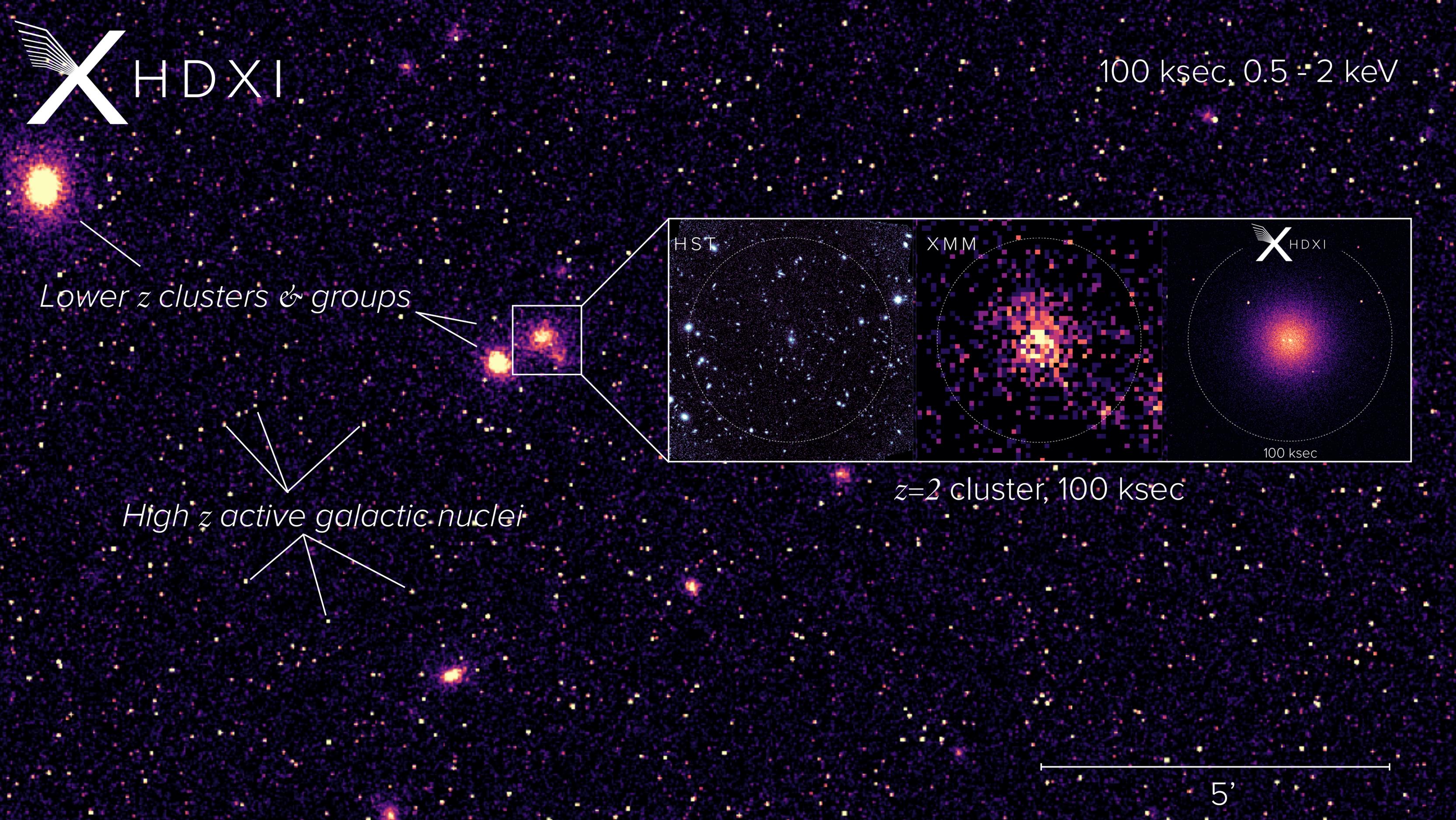
X HDXI

100 ksec, 0.5 - 2 keV

*Lower z clusters & groups*

*High z active galactic nuclei*

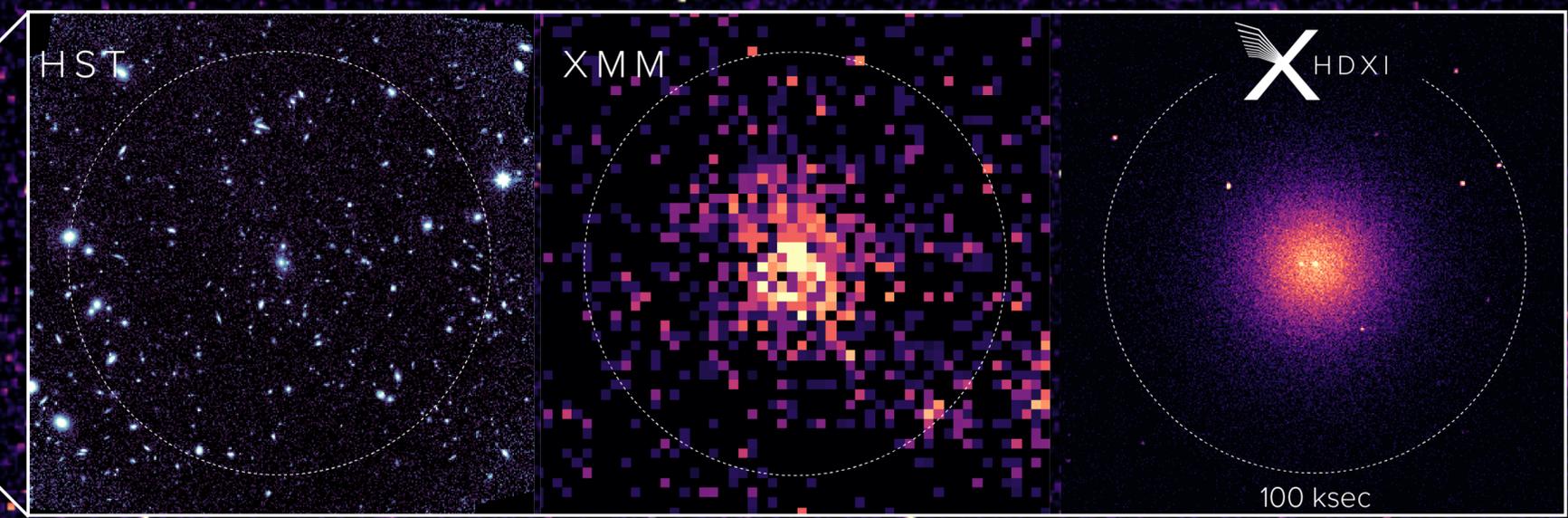
5'



**X** HDXI

100 ksec, 0.5 - 2 keV

*Lower z clusters & groups*



*z=2 cluster, 100 ksec*

*High z active galactic nuclei*

5'

*Lower z clusters & groups*

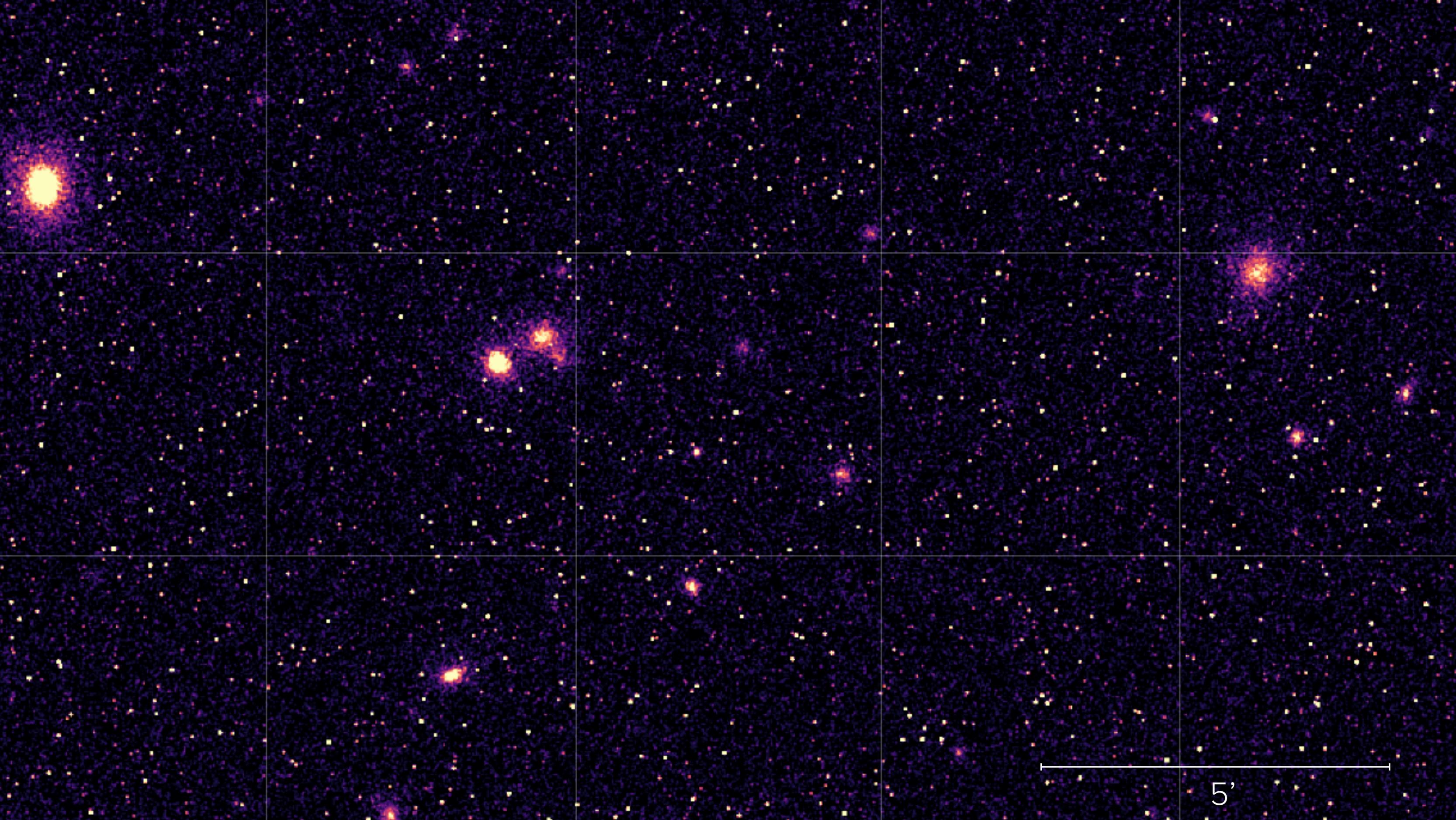
EVERY 100 KSEC HDXI EXPOSURE *is*

**DEEPER than the 7 MSEC CHANDRA DEEP FIELD SOUTH**

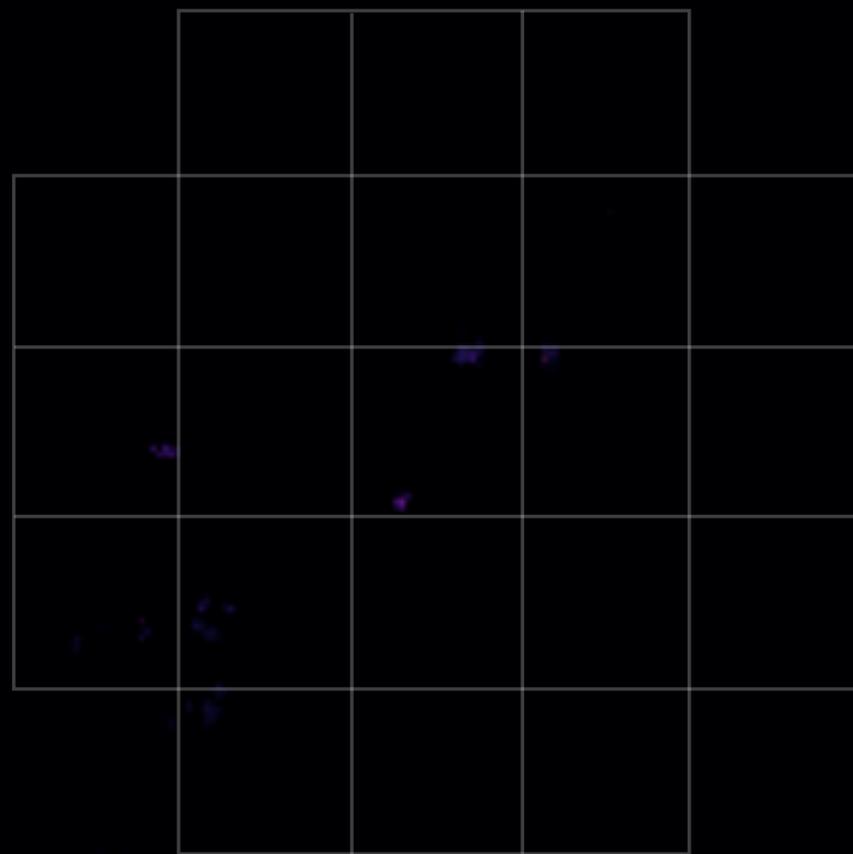
*High z active galactic nuclei*



*z=2 cluster, 100 ksec*



# X HDXI FOOTPRINT

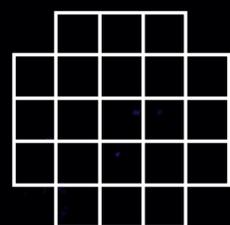
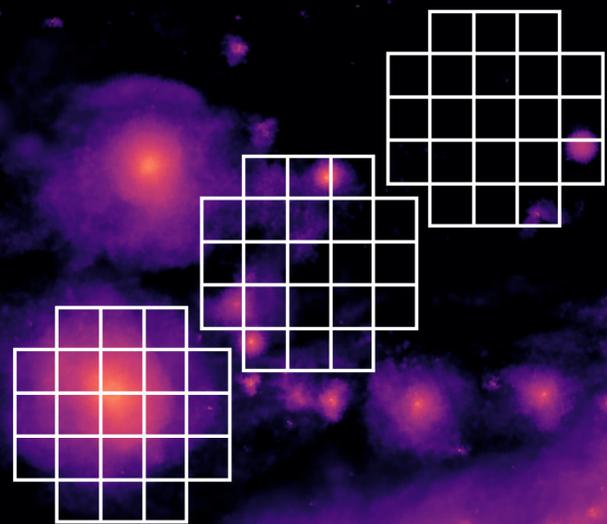


7,000 SOURCES  
*from a "BLANK"*  
*part of the sky*



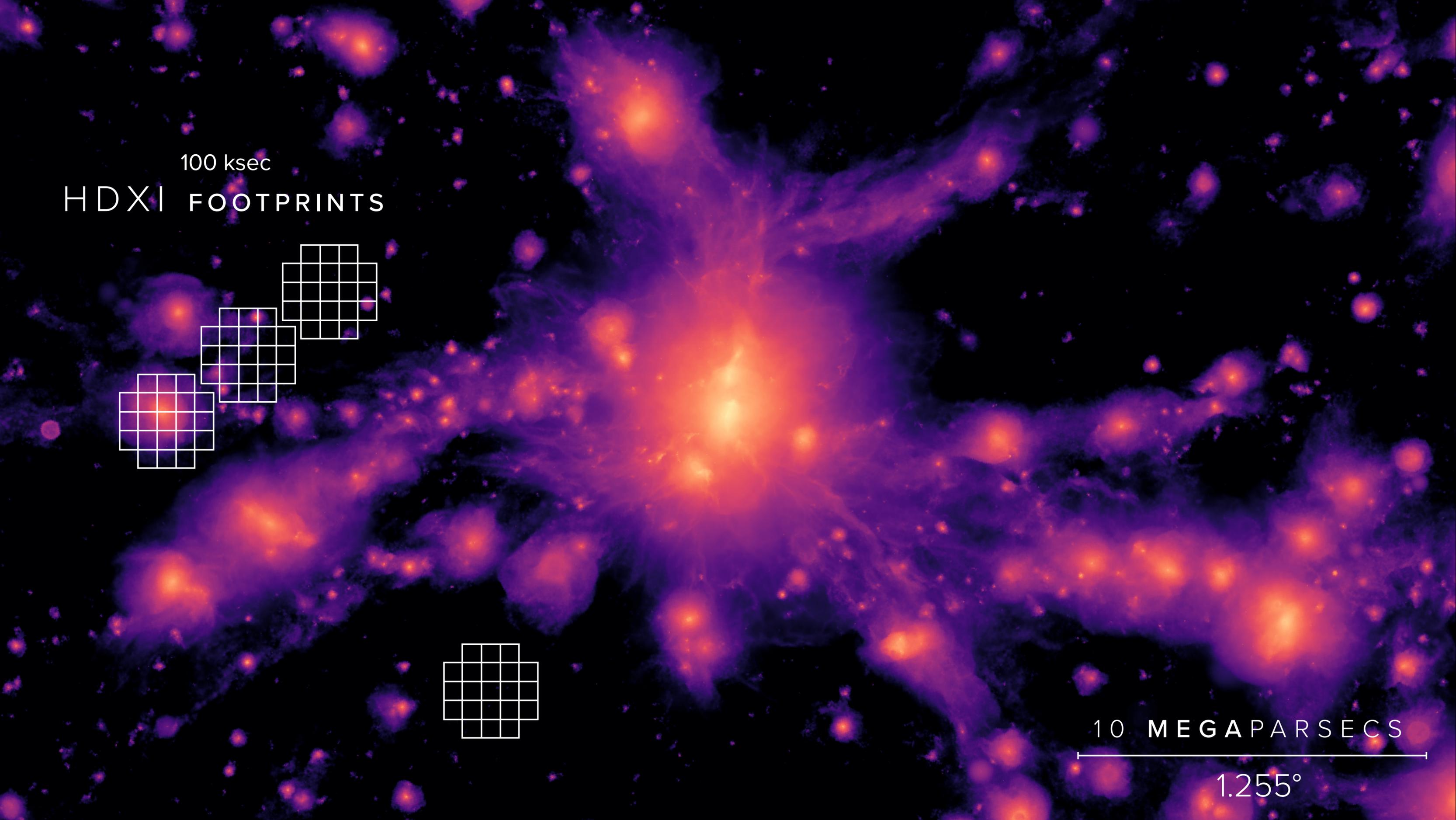
22'

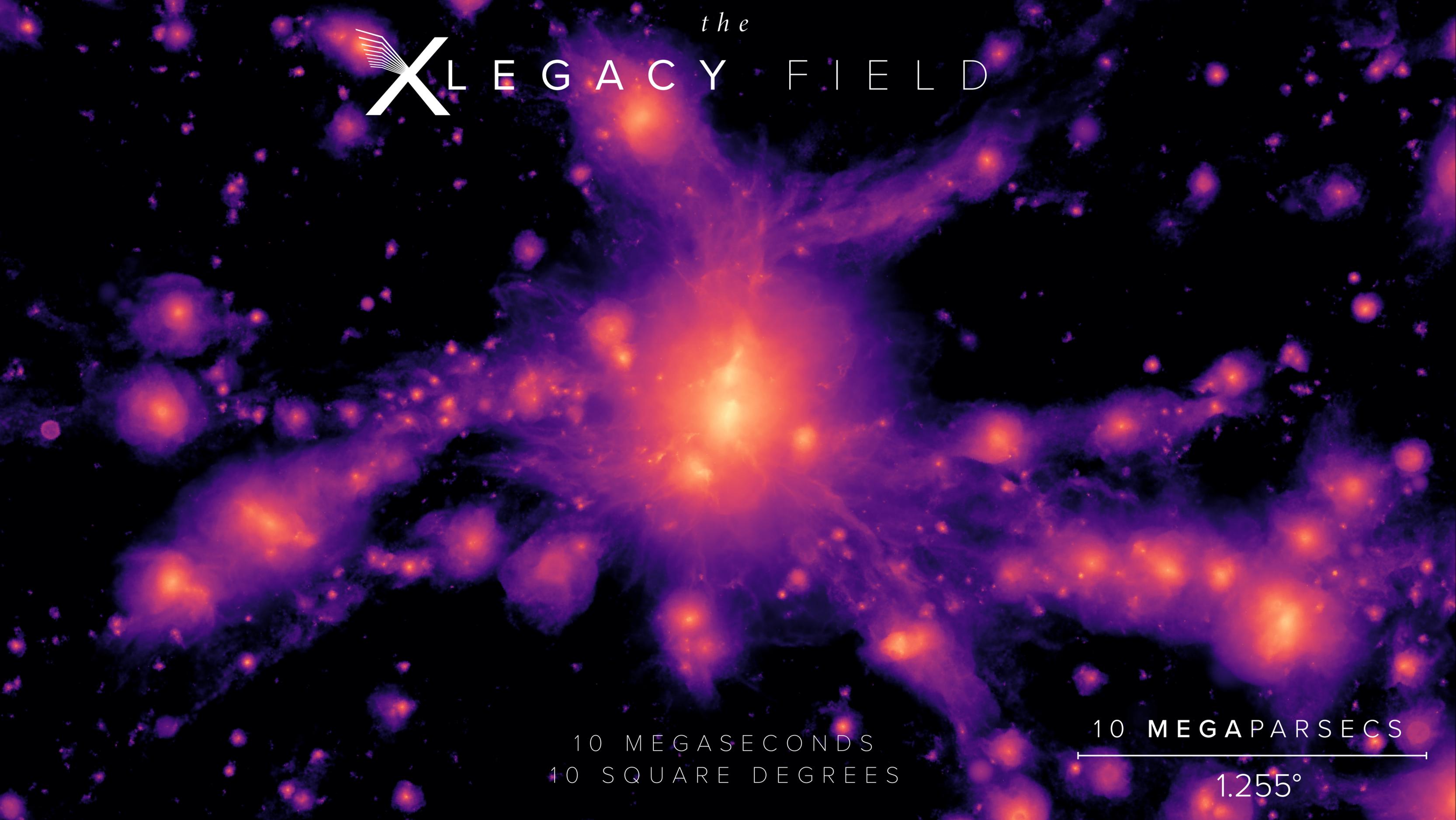
100 ksec  
HD XI FOOTPRINTS



10 MEGAPARSECS

1.255°

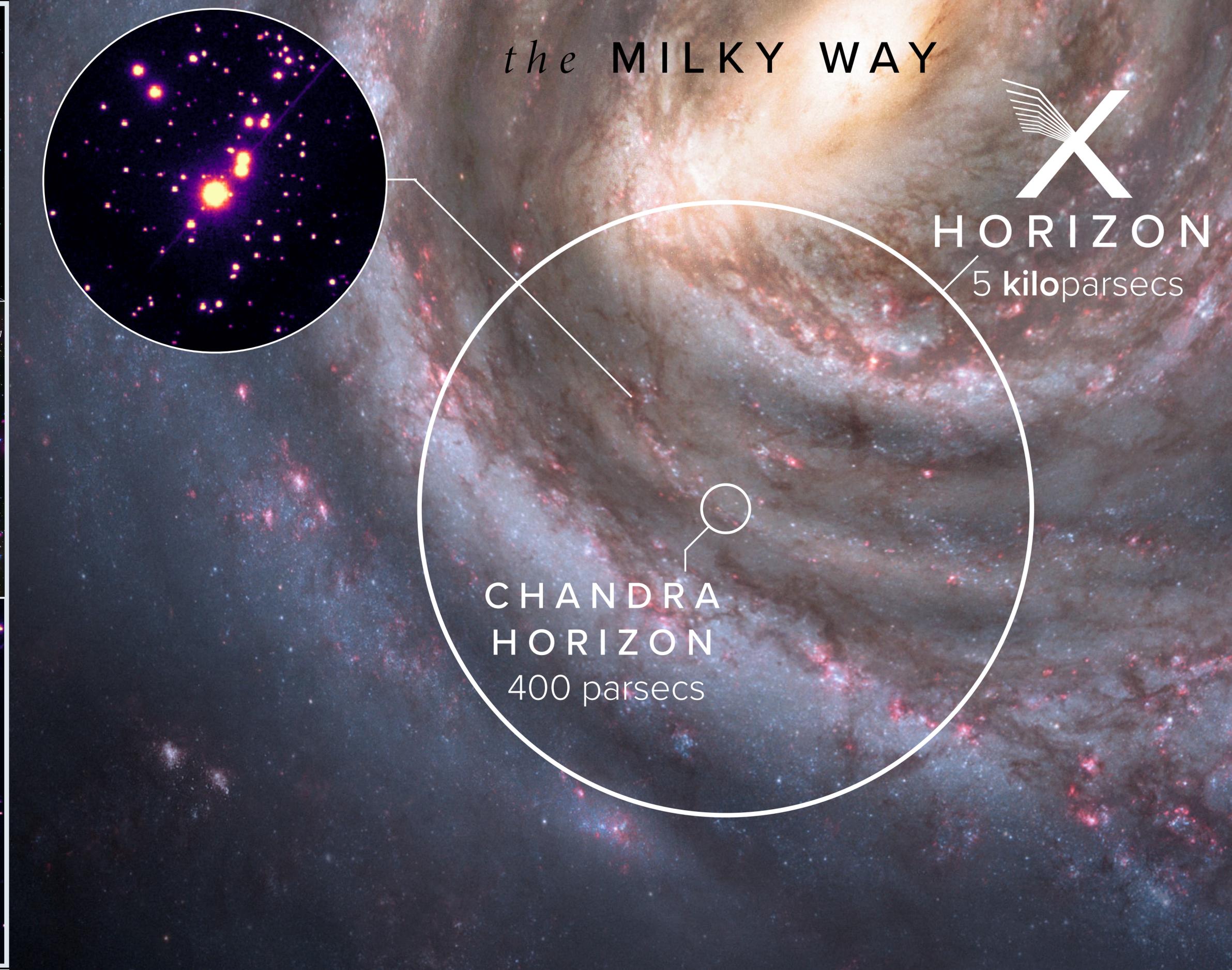
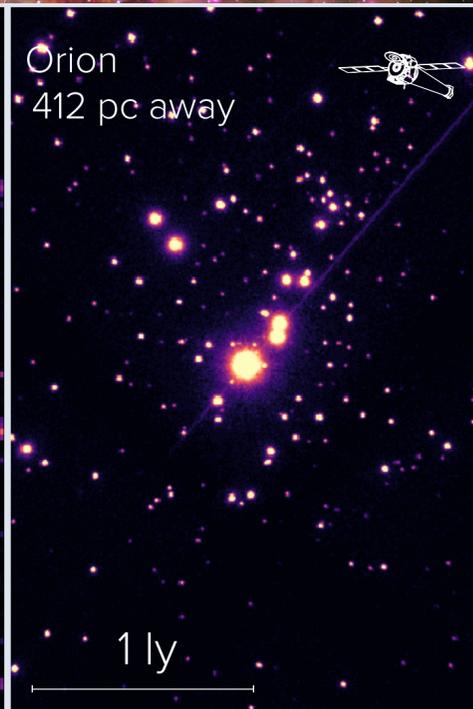
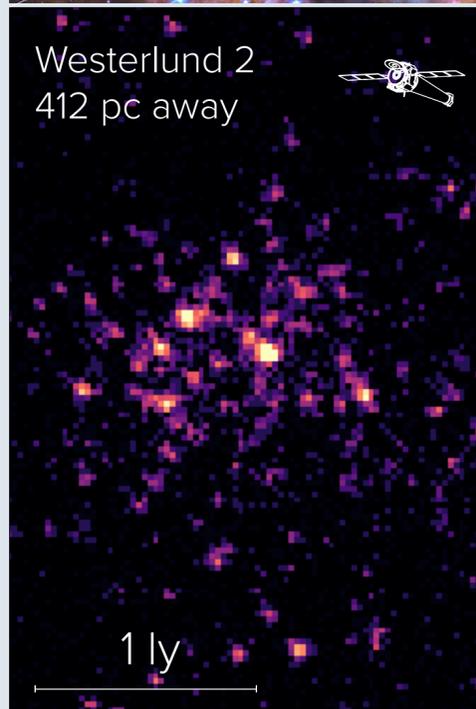
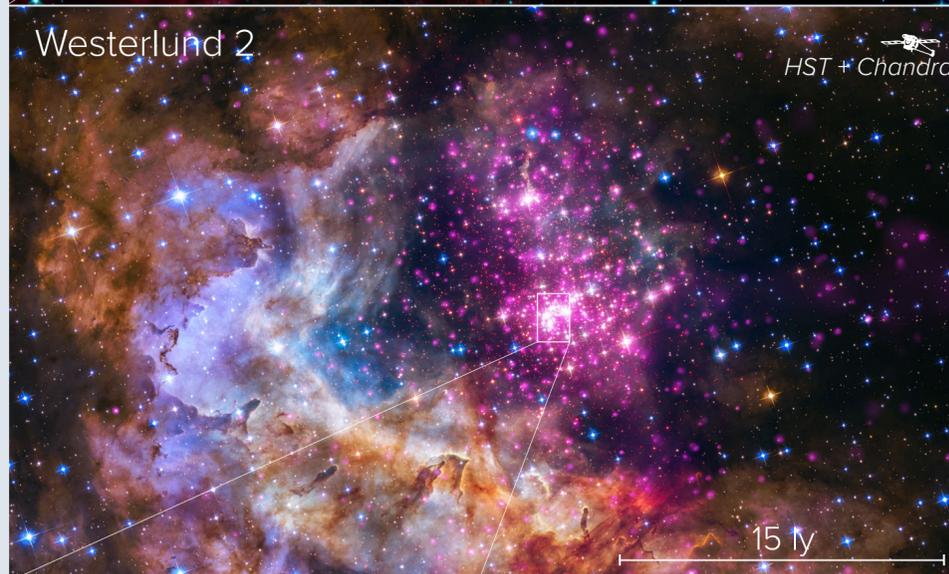
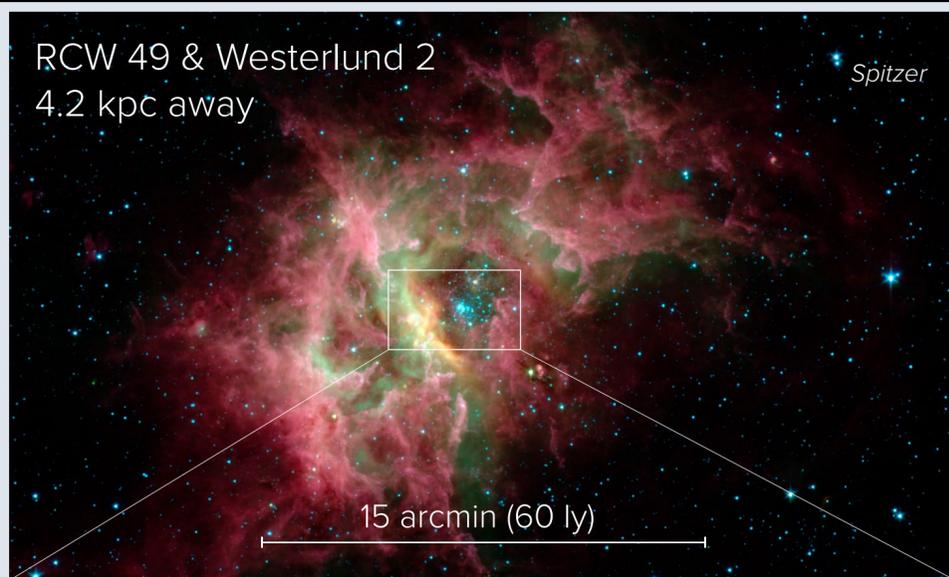




*the*  
**X** LEGACY FIELD

10 MEGASECONDS  
10 SQUARE DEGREES

10 MEGAPARSECS  
1.255°

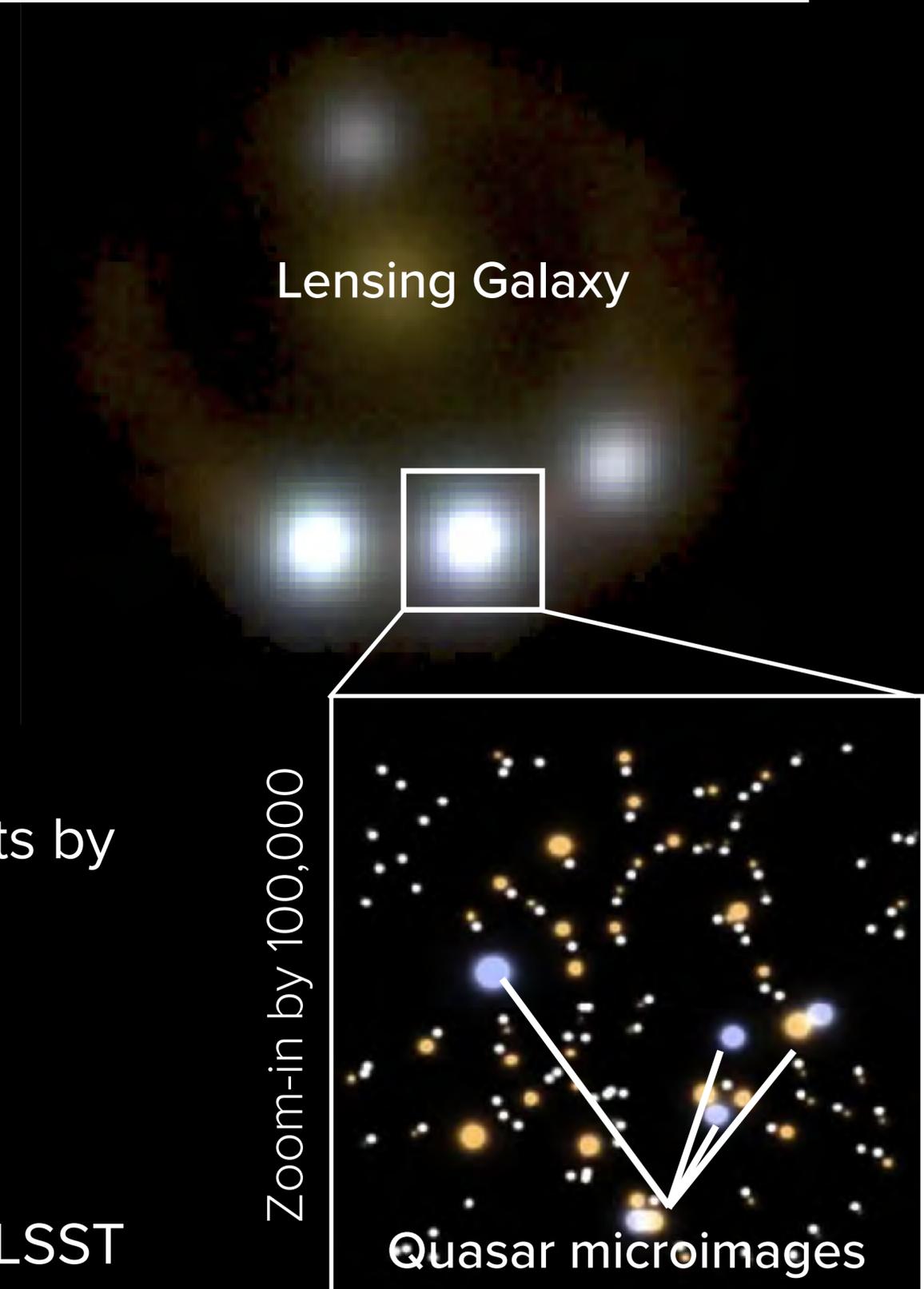


# *t h e* S T E L L A R I M F *v i a* Q U A S A R M I C R O L E N S I N G

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Nobody ever measures the stellar mass. That is not a measurable thing; it's an inferred quantity. You measure light, OK? You can measure light in many bands, but you infer stellar mass. Everybody seems to agree on certain assumptions that are completely unproven.

Carlos Frenk, 2017 May 15 (44:48)



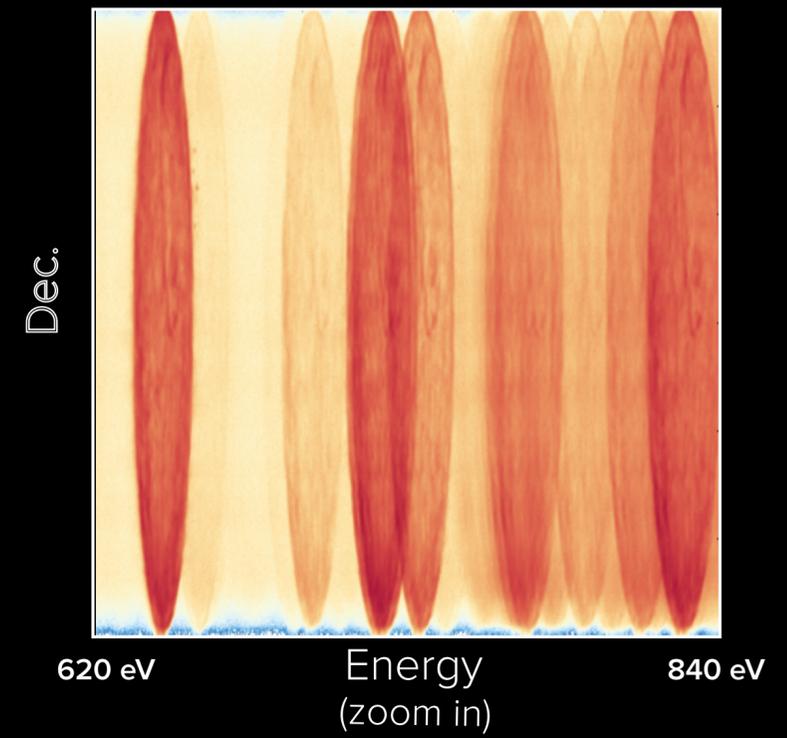
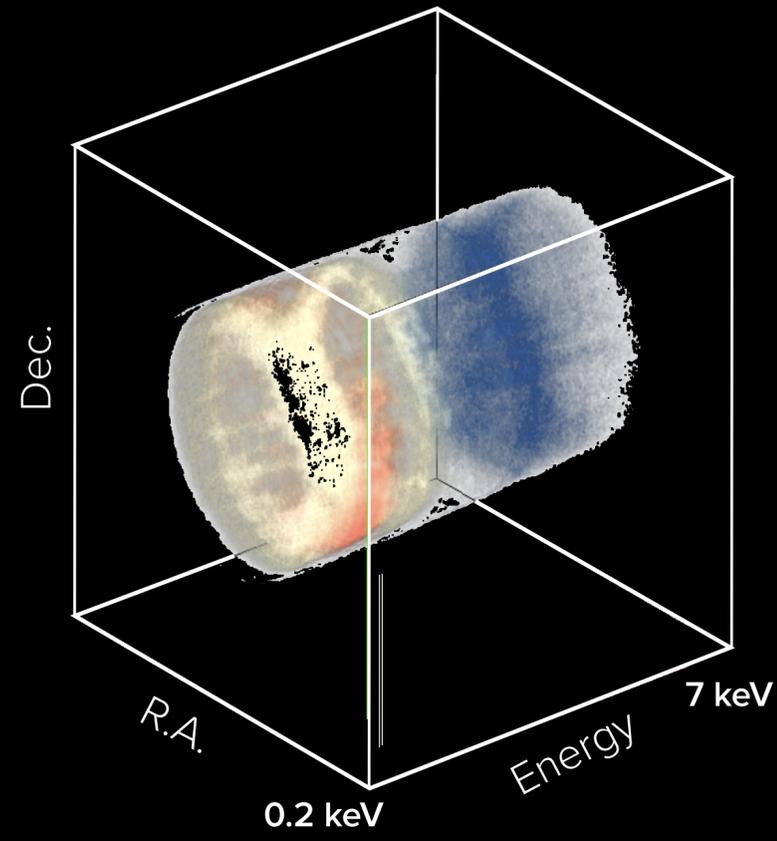
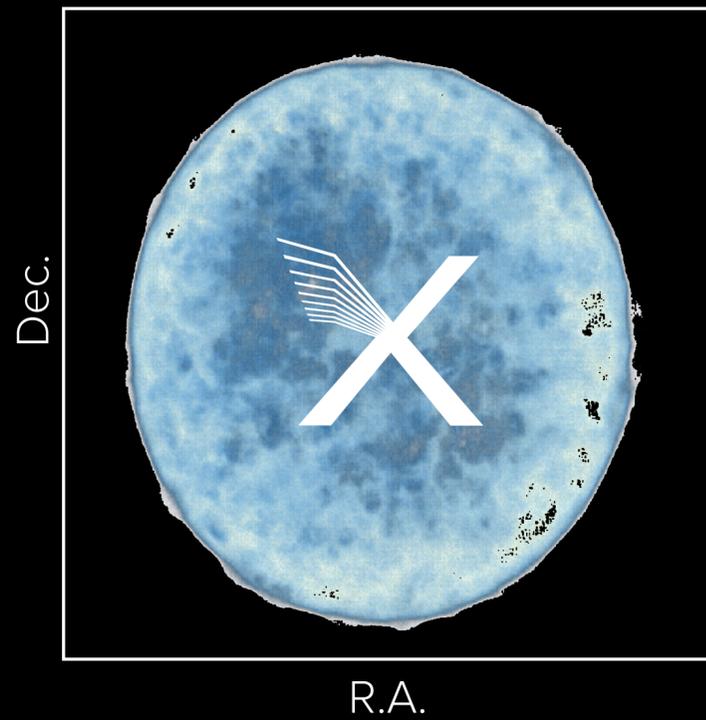
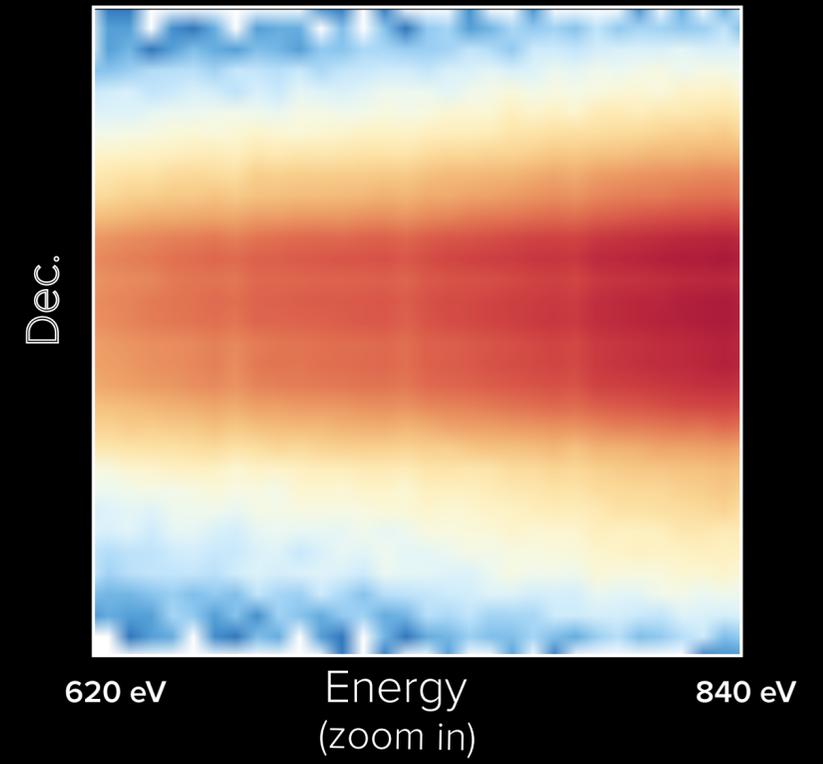
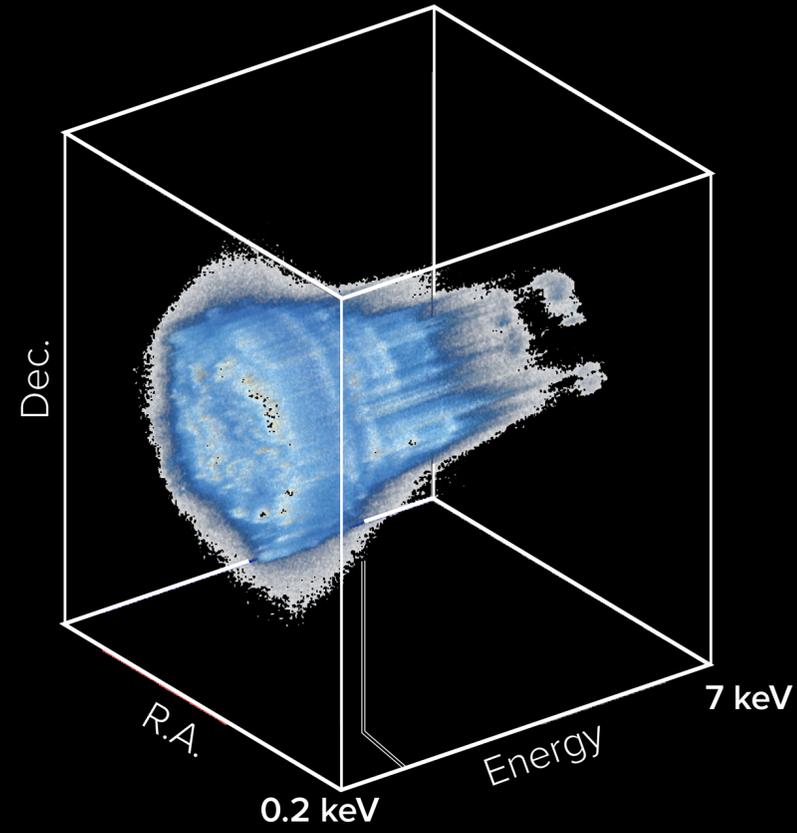
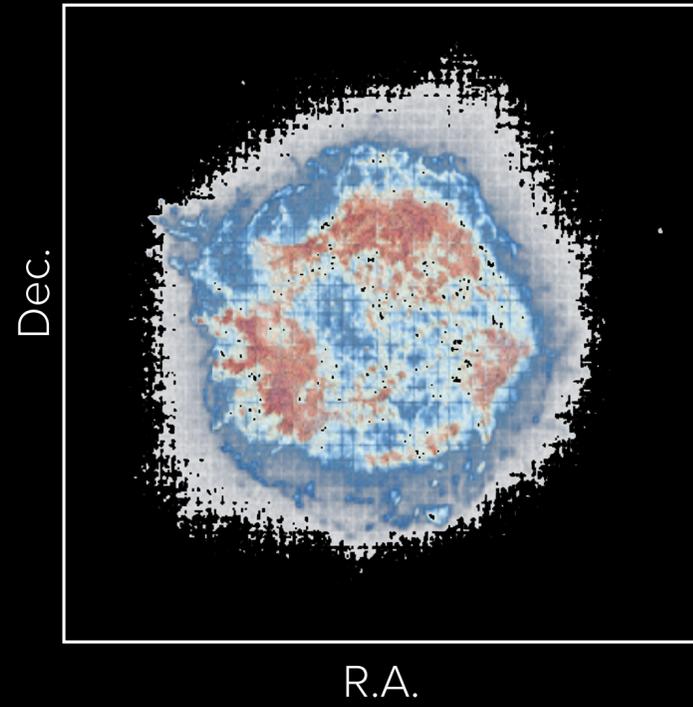
Order-of-magnitude variations in brightness when stellar field shifts by 10s of  $\mu\text{as}$ .

Macrolensing gives full mass

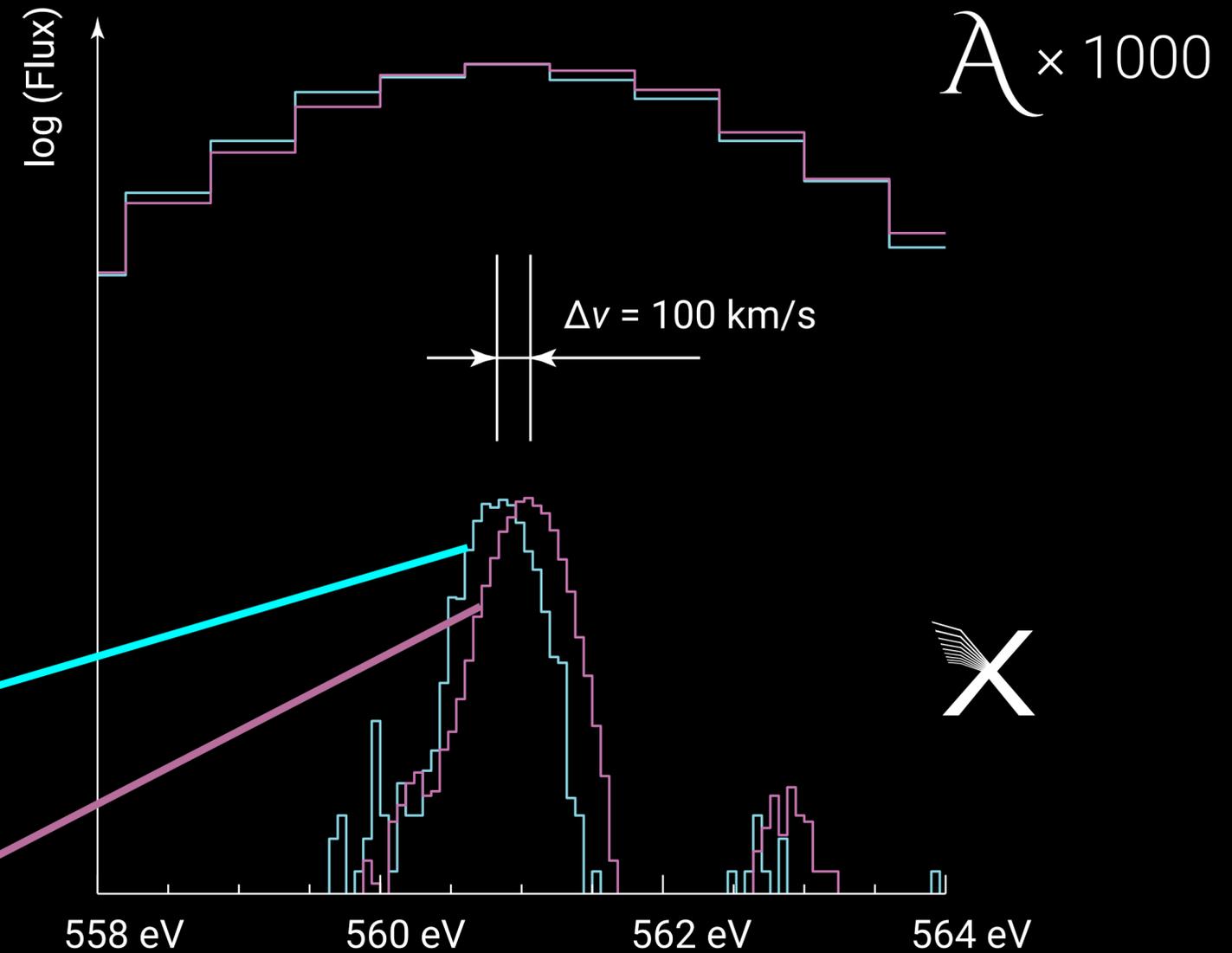
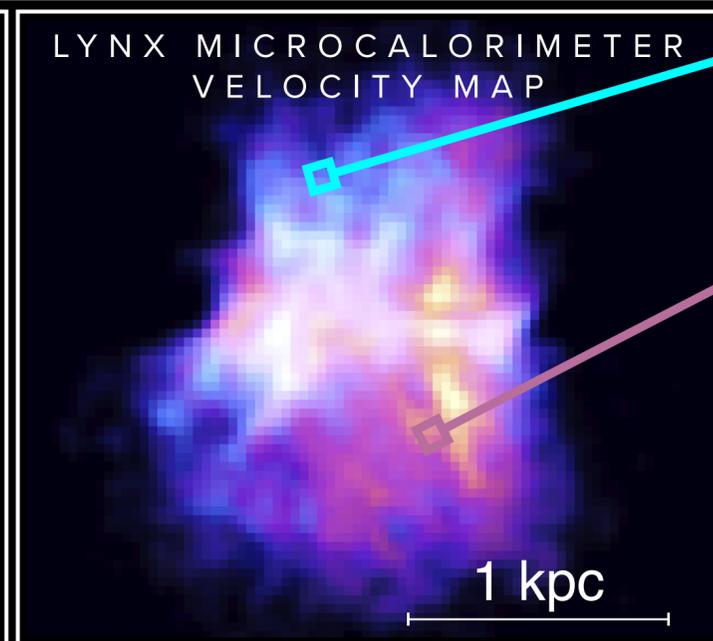
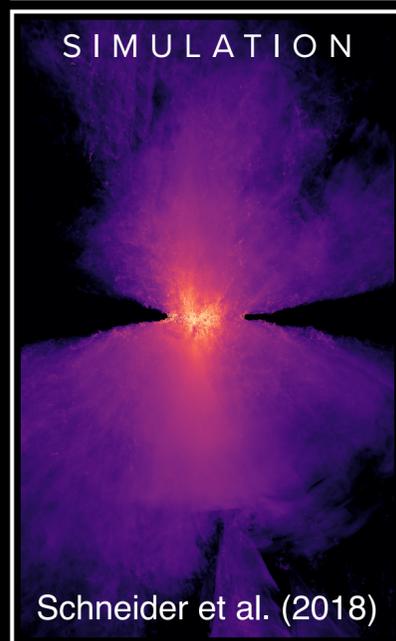
Microlensing gives mass in stars

*Chandra* results:  $M^*/L = 1.2 \pm 0.6$  Salpeter  $\longrightarrow$  exquisite post-LSST

# IMAGING *meets* SPECTROSCOPY



*the* DRIVERS of GALAXY EVOLUTION  
— FEEDBACK *in* ALL MODES, *on* ALL SCALES —



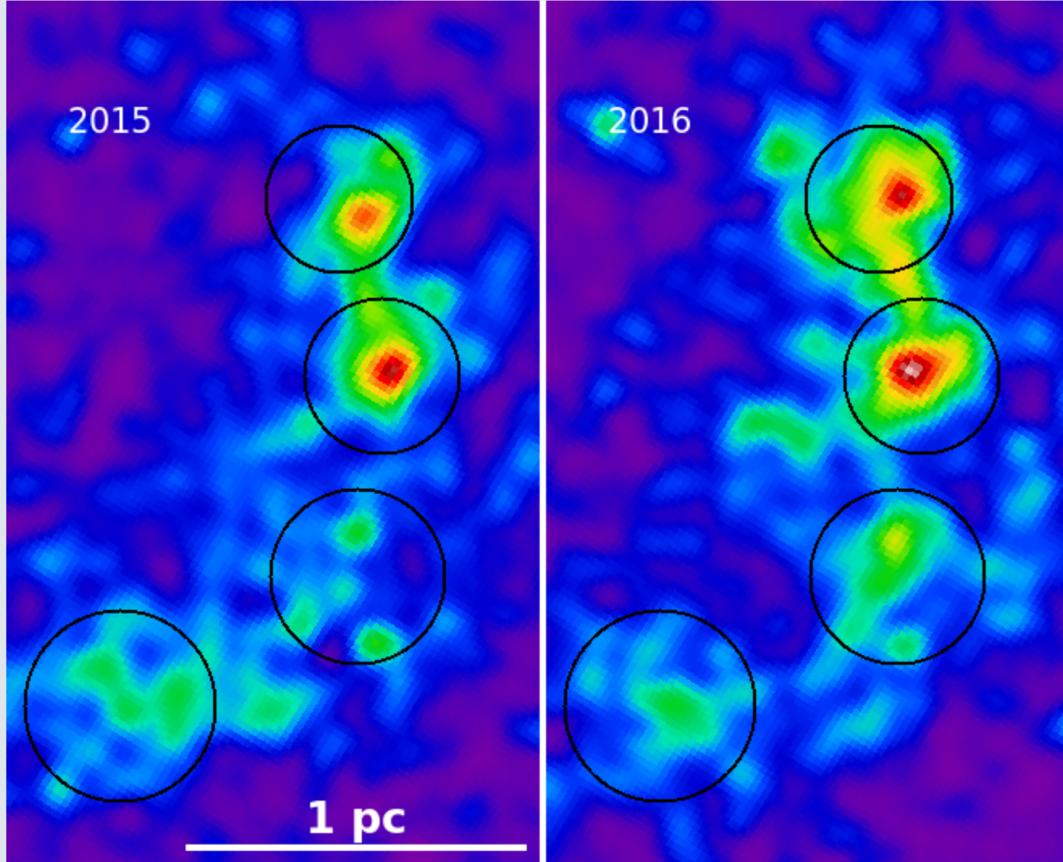
Structure of the galactic wind with 1 arcsec spatial and 30 km/s kinematic resolution

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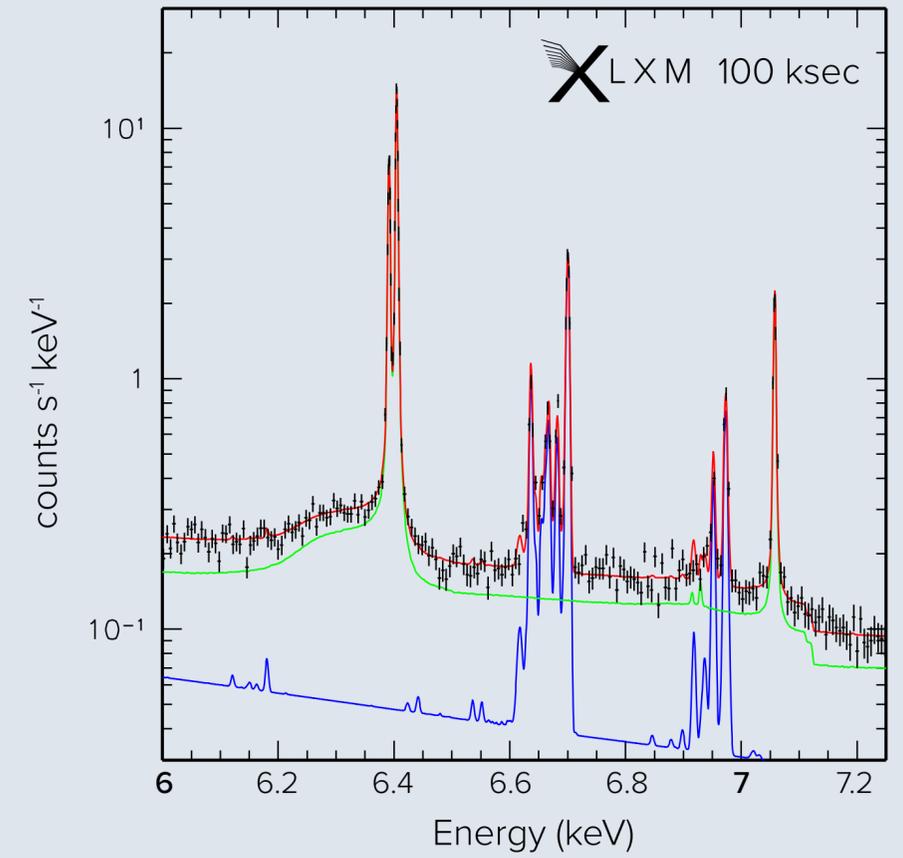
X-RAY REFLECTION IN THE GALACTIC CENTER

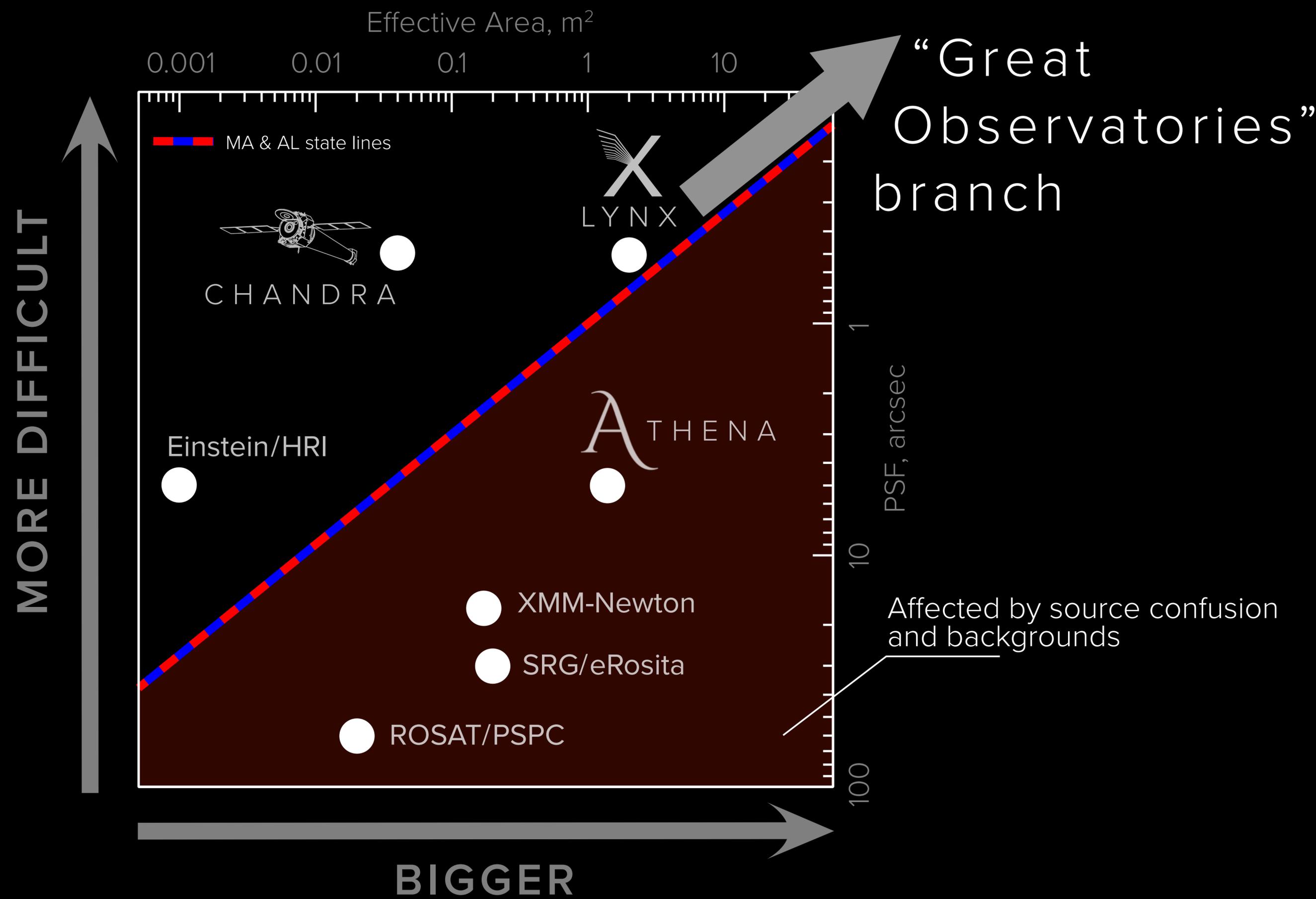


5 pc  
2'



ONE YEAR





*a* NEW GREAT OBSERVATORY *recipe*:  $A = 2\text{m}^2 \times (\text{PSF}/0.5'')^{-2}$

the most economical way to high sensitivity

X-ray discovery engine with profound impact across all of astrophysics

strong and easily understandable model constraints



*If an object does not appear in Lynx images,  
it does not exist!!*