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# The X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission

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# Discovery of X-ray Emission from Clusters of Galaxies

X-ray emission from clusters of galaxies was first detected by Gursky et al., 1971 in the Uhuru X-ray sky survey

 Extended (~45 arcmin) source found associated with the Coma cluster.

Similar extended cluster X-ray sources were later discovered (e.g. Perseus, Virgo), but the spectra at the time were insufficient to distinguish between power law and thermal bremsstrahlung spectra.

Two possible mechanisms were proposed:

- Inverse Compton radiation from 3 K microwave background photons interacting with a relativistic electron population in the cluster (Brecher and Burbidge, 1972).
- Thermal bremsstrahlung from a hot isothermal gas (Lea et al., 1973).

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#### ARIEL 5 OBSERVATIONS OF THE X-RAY SPECTRUM OF THE PERSEUS CLUSTER

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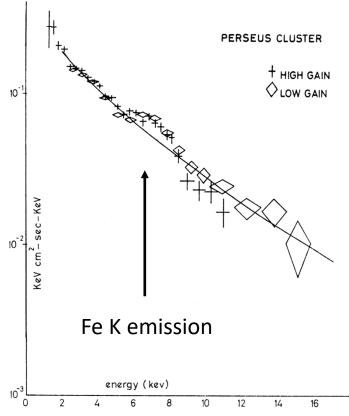
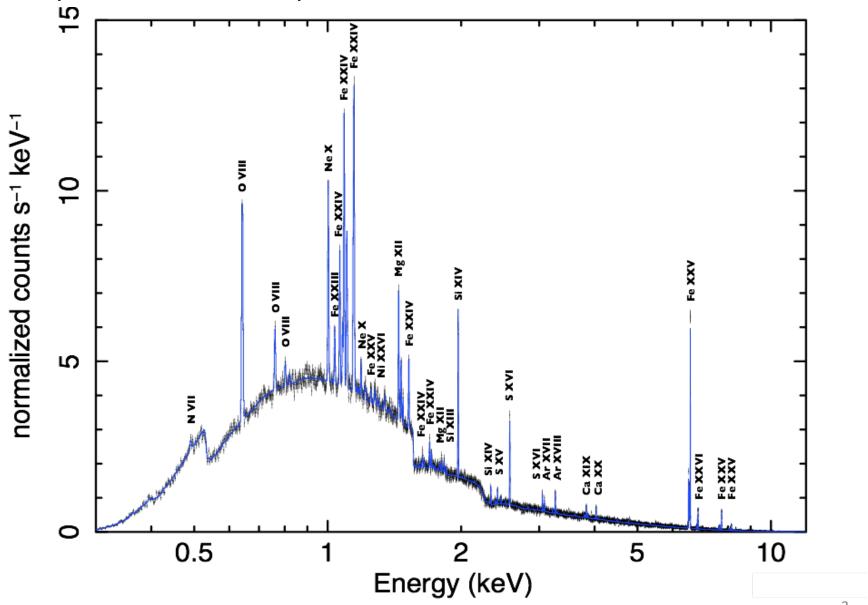


Fig. 1. The Ariel 5 X-ray spectrum of the Perseus Cluster in the energy range 1 3–16 keV. The two detector gain modes are selected by ground command. The solid line represents the computed continuous spectrum from a Gull & Northover adiabatic gas sphere with central temperature (T(0)) 32 keV and  $T_{\infty} = -4$  keV. The emission feature at around 7 keV is visible in both gain modes.

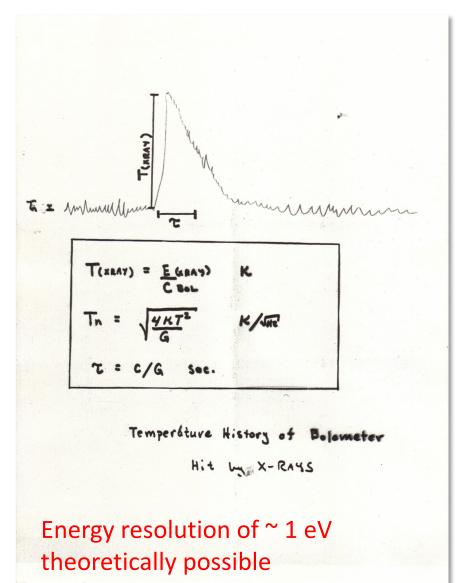
## Expected X-ray spectrum of intra-cluster medium



# X-Ray Calorimeter (1982)

Bolometric X-Ray Spectrometer
H. Moseley and R. Mushotzky

- Theory and current experiments suggest sensitive belometers can be used as x-ray detectors with the efficiency of imaging detectors and energy resolution exceeding that of current crystal spectrometers.
- We propose to produce and test such detectors to prove their utility as practical x-ray detectors.



# The AXAF X-Ray Spectrometer (XRS)

A PROPOSAL FOR AN X-RAY SPECTROSCOPY
INVESTIGATION FOR THE AXAF OBSERVATORY

VOLUME 1: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

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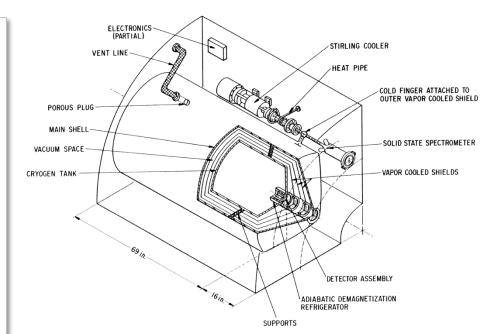
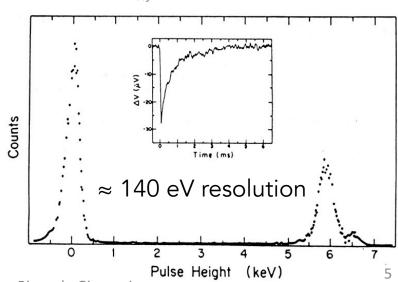
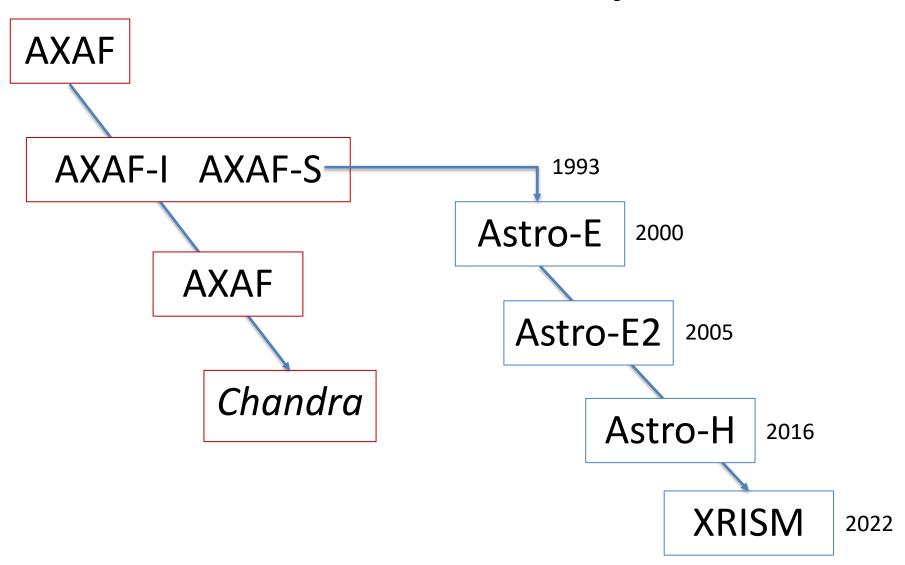


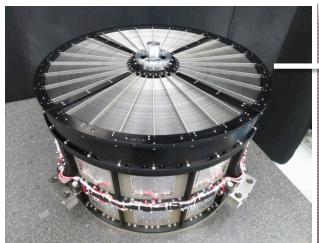
Fig. 1. Overall experiment layout



# The "XRS" is History!



#### NASA Hardware Contributions to Astro-H



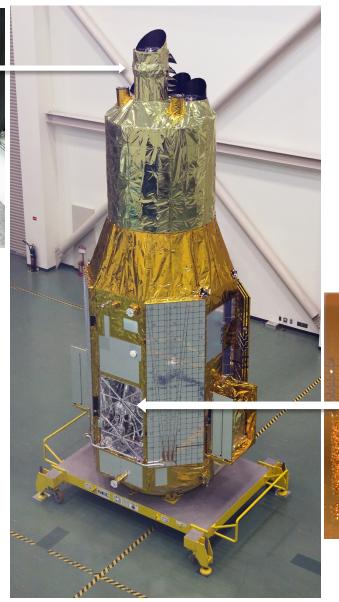
Soft X-Ray Telescope

5.6 m focal length – fixed optical bench

203 concentric shells (1624 individual reflectors)

Outer Diameter: 45 cm Mass: CBE = 46 kg.

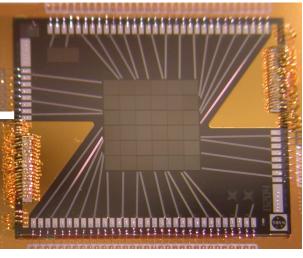
Half-Power Diameter of better than 1.2 arcmin



Soft X-Ray Spectrometer

SXS – energy resolution better than 4.9 eV at system level

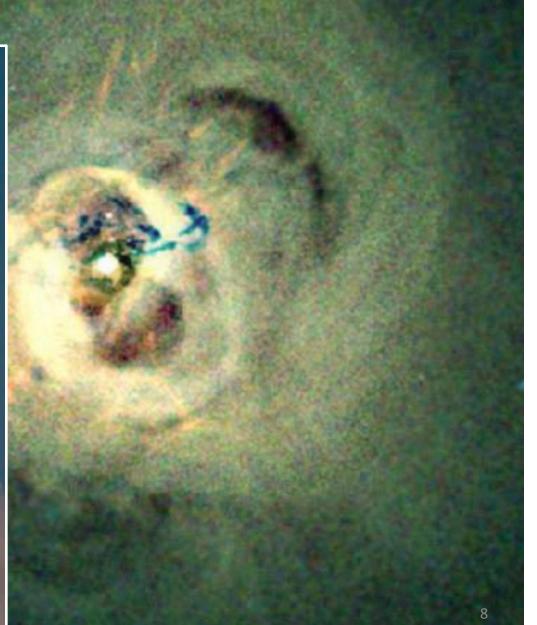
6 x 6 array of 30" x 30" pixels (3 arcmin FOV)

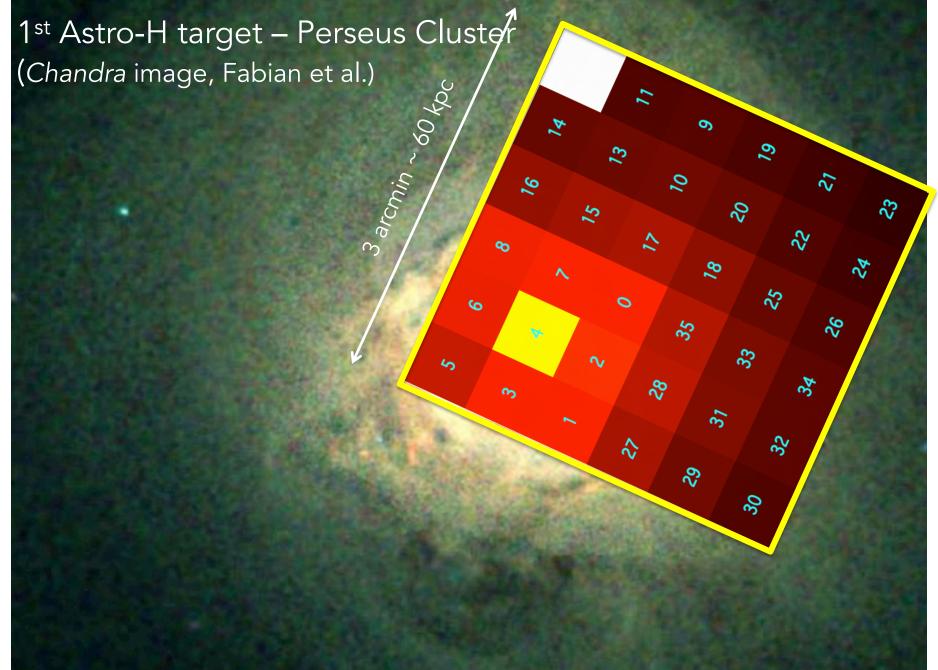


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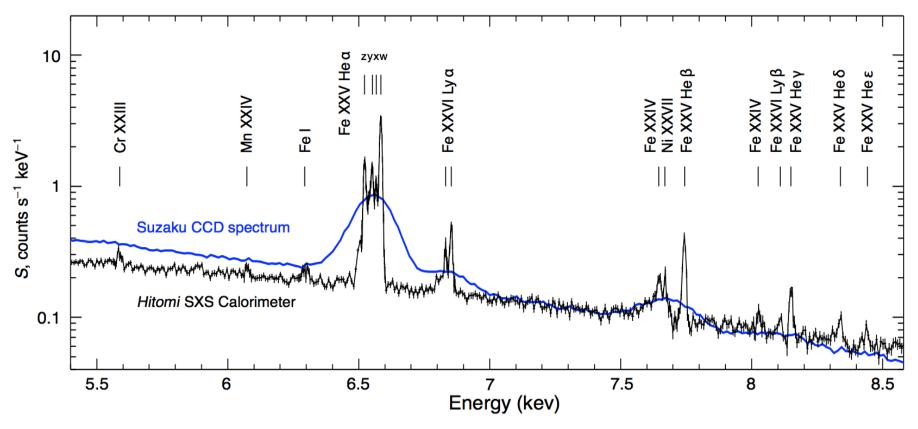
1<sup>st</sup> Astro-H target – Perseus Cluster (*Chandra* image, Fabian et al.)







## Astro-H (Hitomi) SXS Spectrum of Perseus cluster

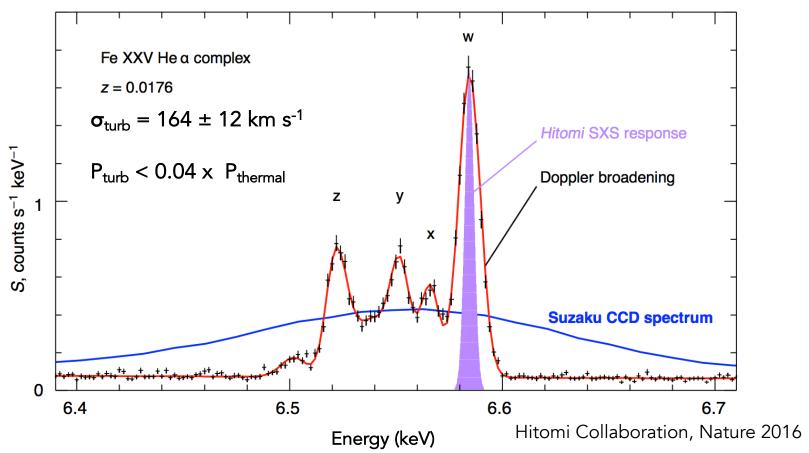


Hitomi Collaboration, Nature 2016

BLACK: Hitomi SXS (energy resolution 4.9 eV, FWHM)

BLUE: Best previous spectrum (Suzaku CCD; FWHM 140 eV)

## Astro-H (Hitomi) SXS Spectrum of Perseus: He-like Fe



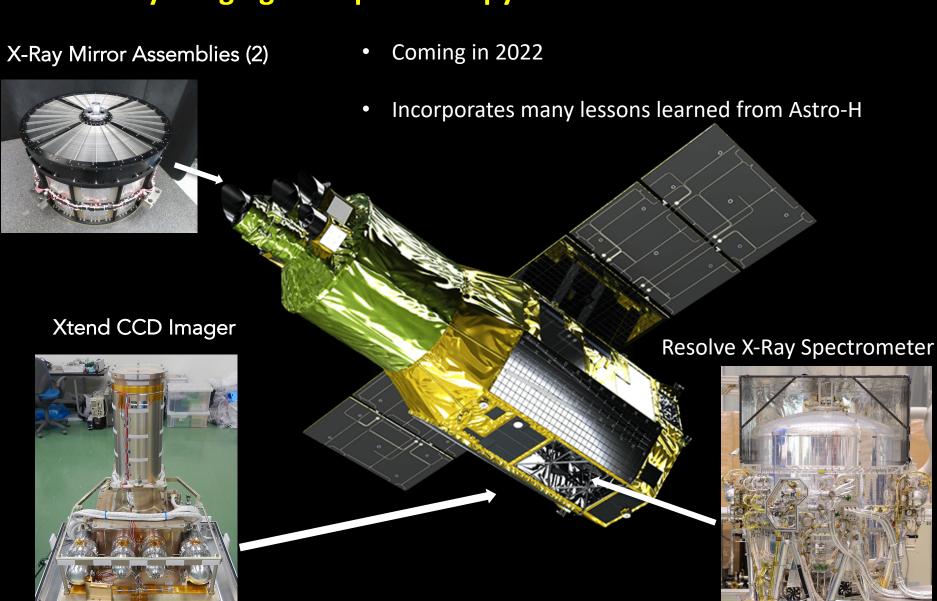
BLACK: Hitomi SXS data

PURPLE: Hitomi SXS line response function BLUE: Best previous spectrum (Suzaku CCD)

Notice how the high spectral resolution of Hitomi/SXS allows easy detection of the turbulent velocity broadening. This capability was eagerly anticipated for all nearby clusters.

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#### The X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission



#### **US Access to XRISM**

NASA to have access to ~ 44% of observing time and all data from *Resolve* and *Xtend* once in US archive (+1 year). JAXA and ESA have separate agreement on remainder.

NASA responsible for data pipeline and dissemination.

NASA Participating Scientists selected by NASA (science advisors):

Lia Corrales/U. Michigan Paul Plucinsky/SAO Erin Kara/MIT

Jon Miller/U. Michigan

Irina Zhuravleva/U. Chicago

Additional target *Collaborating Scientists* to be selected to support performance/verification phase (6 months duration following commissioning)

- It is anticipated that ~ 60 scientists will be selected to join target teams.
- AO for Collaborating Scientists to be released in late 2020.
- Negotiating early release data from a few targets shortly after commissioning.
- AO-1 released after commissioning (~ late Spring, 2022).

#### Giant leap: ATHENA will push capability all the way out to $z \sim 1$

- Contains very large fraction of all x-ray clusters
- > 3168-pixel array, 2.5 eV resolution

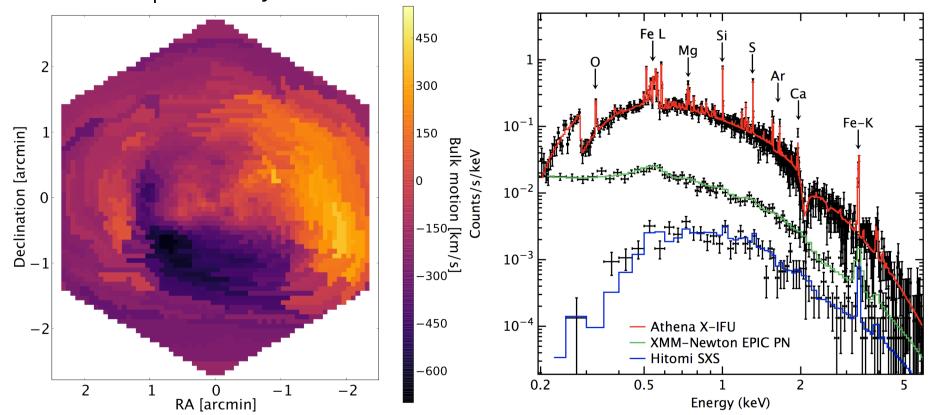


Figure 2. Left: Reconstructed bulk motion induced velocity field (in km/s) of the hot intra-cluster gas for a 50 kiloseconds X-IFU observation of the central parts of a Perseus like cluster from the numerical simulations in Ref. 20. The cluster has the luminosity of Perseus but is considered at a redshift of 0.1. Right: Simulated X-IFU spectrum of a z = 1 galaxy group with kT = 3 keV and  $L_X = 1 \times 10^{44}$  erg s<sup>-1</sup> for 50 ks. Emission lines from elements which are key to understand chemical evolution can be clearly seen.