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# High energy data, Catalogues & Data archives

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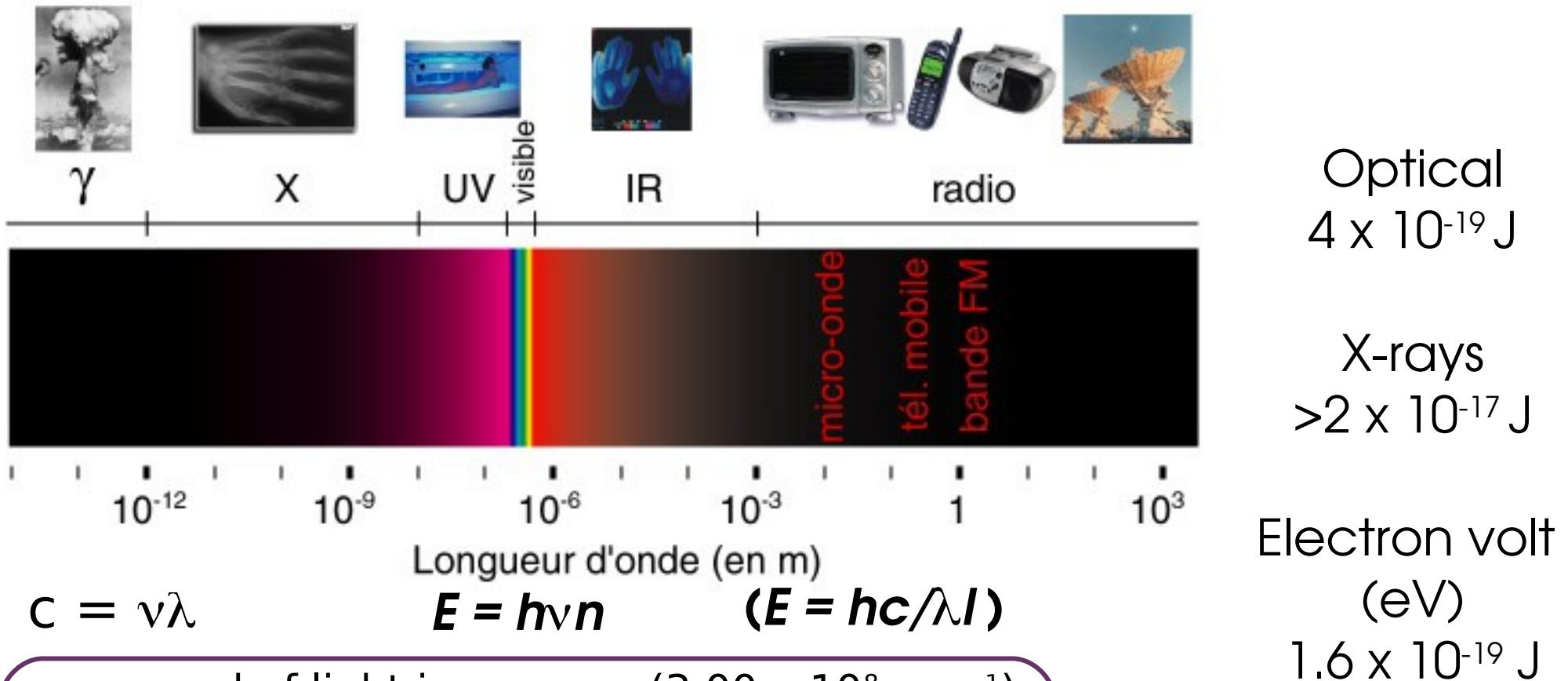
# Outline

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- 1) High energy data and FITS data files
- 2) High energy data reduction steps, detection of point sources
- 3) High energy data archives/catalogues
- 4) Exploiting high energy archival data on line or with the software "Topcat"

# High Energy data

What is high energy ?



$c$  = speed of light in vacuum ( $3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ )

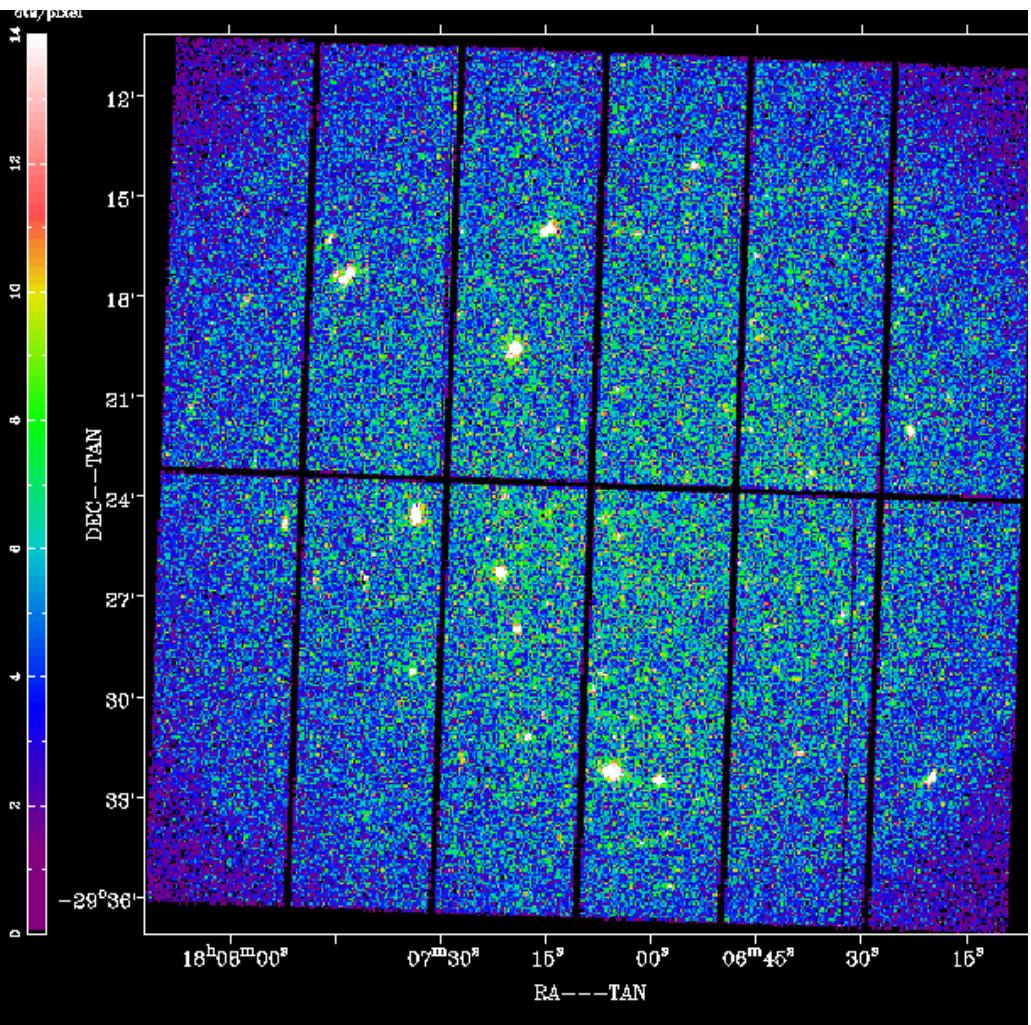
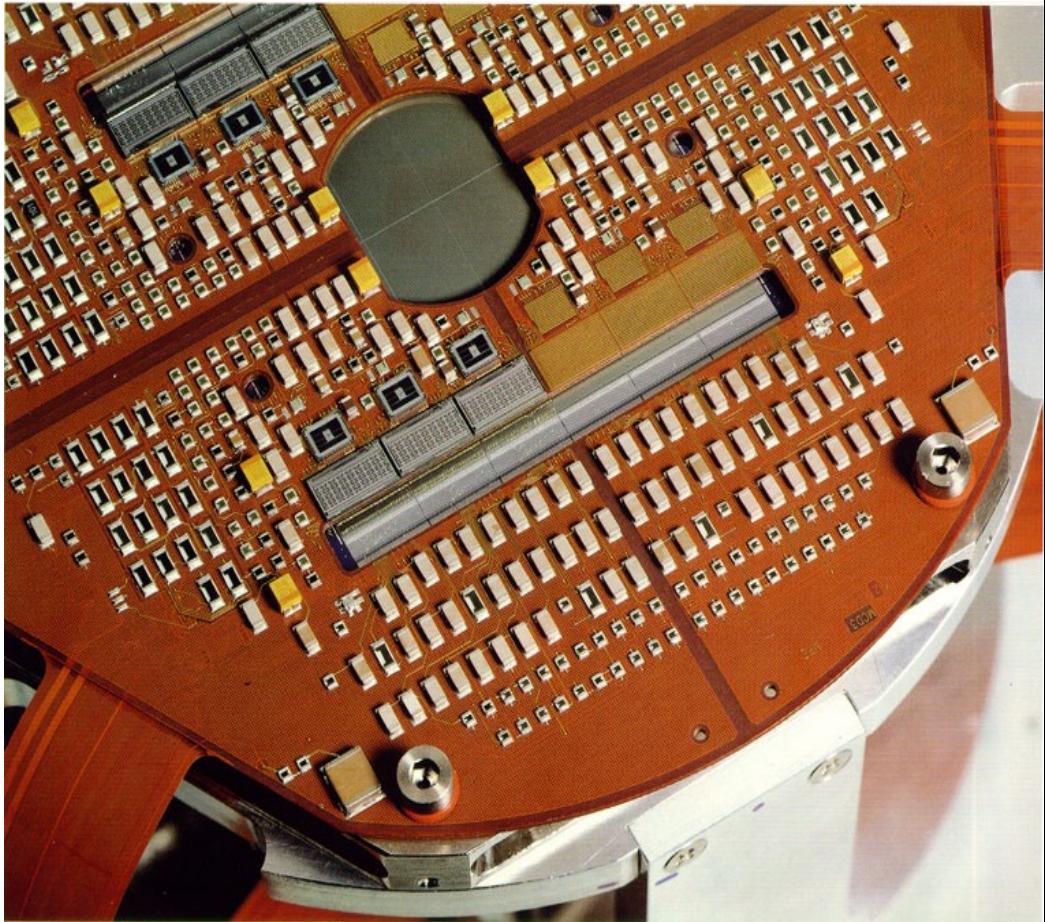
$\nu$  = frequency

$\lambda$  = wavelength

$E$  = energy

$h$  = Planck constant ( $6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$ )

# High Energy data



Know photon:  
Position on CCD  
Time of arrival  
Energy

# High Energy data

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X-ray detectors are photon-counting => two main consequences:

- X-ray astronomy is an intrinsic Poissonian science – scientific products can have a few or even zero events in large ranges of their parameter spaces
- The event is characterised by:
  - position on the detector
  - “pulse height”, which is related to the X-ray energy of the incoming photon in a complex and generally non-linear way
  - arrival time at the spacecraft
  - event “shape” (used to separate X-ray events from particles)
  - CCD number, and other secondary attributes (you don’t generally have to worry about)

# Example : XMM-Newton



**Cameras :**

**2 x MOS (0.1-12.0 keV)**

**1 x PN (0.1-15.0 keV)**

**2 x RGS (0.33-2.5 keV)**

**1 x OM (optical/UV)**

# High Energy data

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From observation data file (example XMM-Newton data):

*emframes* on auxiliary file, event file and external GTI file (if any), to create a frame file and a CCD/node specific GTI file

*badpix* to add BADPIX extension to event file. If bad pix file exists, it is used instead of the CAL calls for the non-uplinked bad pixels.

*emeevents* on event list, offset/variance & frame file, to create new event list

*gtialign* on external GTI file and event file

*gtimerge* to merge resulting aligned GTI and the CCD/node GTI.

*attcalc* (attitude correction) on new event list, filling the X/Y columns.

*emenergy* on new event list, filling the FLAG, PHA and PI columns.

# The event list

File	Edit	Tools	Help	TIME	RAWX	RAWY	DETX	DETY	X	Y	PHA	PI	FLAG	PATTERN	PAT_ID	PAT_SEQ	CCDNR
Select	D	I	I	I	J	J	I	I	J	B	I	B	B				
All	s	pixel	pixel	0.05 arcsec	0.05 arcsec	0.05 arcsec	0.05 arcsec	channel	eV								
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1	2.873553184715E+08	15	142	-3418	3792	27837	28609	56	432	0	2	5121	0	0	1		
2	2.873553185031E+08	29	81	-4648	8765	28182	33720	124	890	0	2	5121	0	0	1		
3	2.873553185090E+08	24	140	-4170	3961	28548	28907	1077	5611	0	0	0	0	0	1		
4	2.873553186078E+08	42	57	-5646	10759	28817	35858	767	3952	0	0	0	0	0	1		
5	2.873553185756E+08	24	118	-4186	5785	28246	30705	364	1907	0	0	0	0	0	1		
6	2.873553186103E+08	34	144	-5043	3611	29469	28714	1073	5652	0	0	0	0	0	1		
7	2.873553186446E+08	54	19	-6668	13934	29270	39162	302	1533	0	0	0	0	0	1		
8	2.873553186391E+08	13	60	-3261	10554	26504	35240	860	4300	0	0	0	0	0	1		
9	2.873553186888E+08	9	71	-2930	9621	26341	34264	798	4009	0	0	0	0	0	1		
10	2.873553187408E+08	45	38	-5917	12391	28800	37512	314	1632	0	0	0	0	0	1		
11	2.873553187889E+08	32	44	-4888	11870	27877	36820	1019	5063	0	0	0	0	0	1		
12	2.873553188425E+08	63	131	-7421	4697	31621	30198	179	988	0	0	0	0	0	1		
13	2.873553188314E+08	64	139	-7469	3998	31791	29518	625	3433	4	0	0	0	0	1		
14	2.873553189489E+08	56	75	-6837	9315	30242	34643	29	152	2097152	0	0	0	112	1		
15	2.873553189541E+08	52	103	-6521	6994	30335	32303	446	4540	0	2	5121	0	1			
16	2.873553191227E+08	56	88	-6821	8259	30410	33601	1648	8609	0	0	0	0	0	1		
17	2.873553191289E+08	54	143	-6701	3725	31082	29115	679	4306	0	1	5121	0	0	1		
18	2.873553191173E+08	22	175	-4054	1064	28939	26034	1219	6445	0	0	0	0	0	1		
19	2.873553192505E+08	38	115	-5326	6020	29328	31135	276	1490	0	0	0	0	0	1		
20	2.873553192389E+08	7	183	-2769	379	27793	25135	1811	9855	0	3	5121	1	1	1		

Go to:  Edit cell:

# Cleaning X-ray data

Filter for high background (soft proton flares):

Create a binned lightcurve of data above 10 keV (*evselect*)

MOS : (PI $\geq$ 10000)&&(PATTERN==0)&&(#XMMEA\_EM)

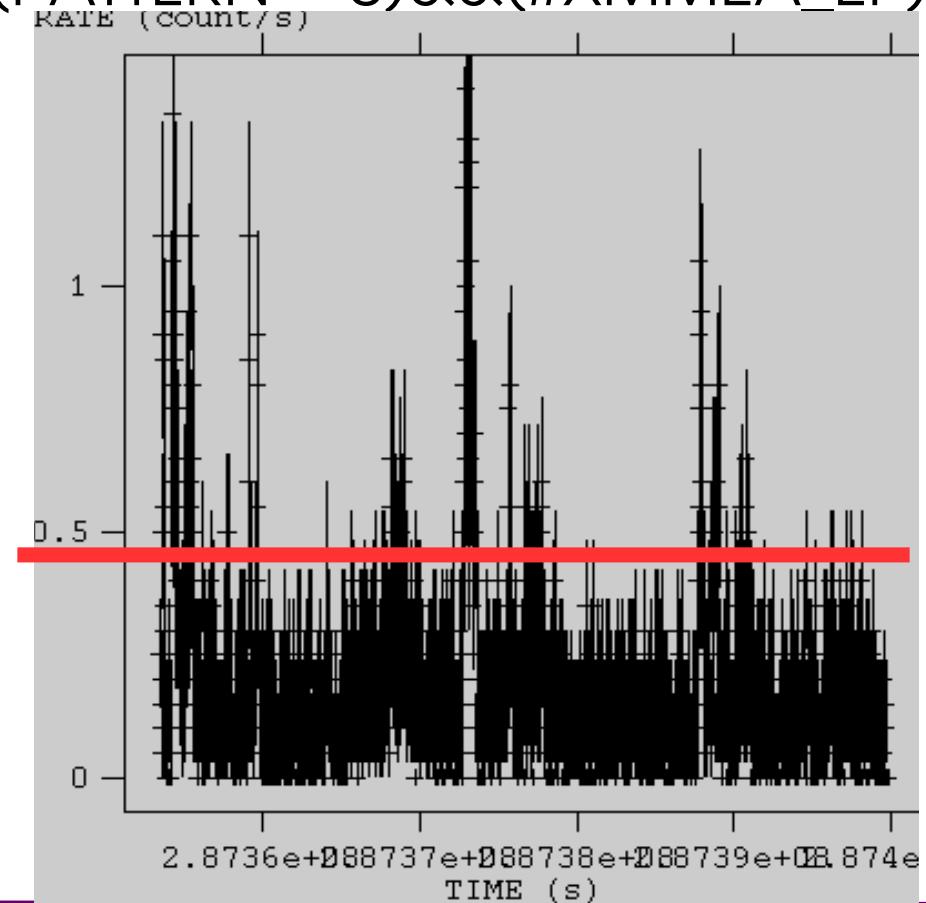
pn : (PI in (10000:12000))&&(PATTERN==0)&&(#XMMEA\_EP)

Identify count rate above which  
the background is not low and  
stable

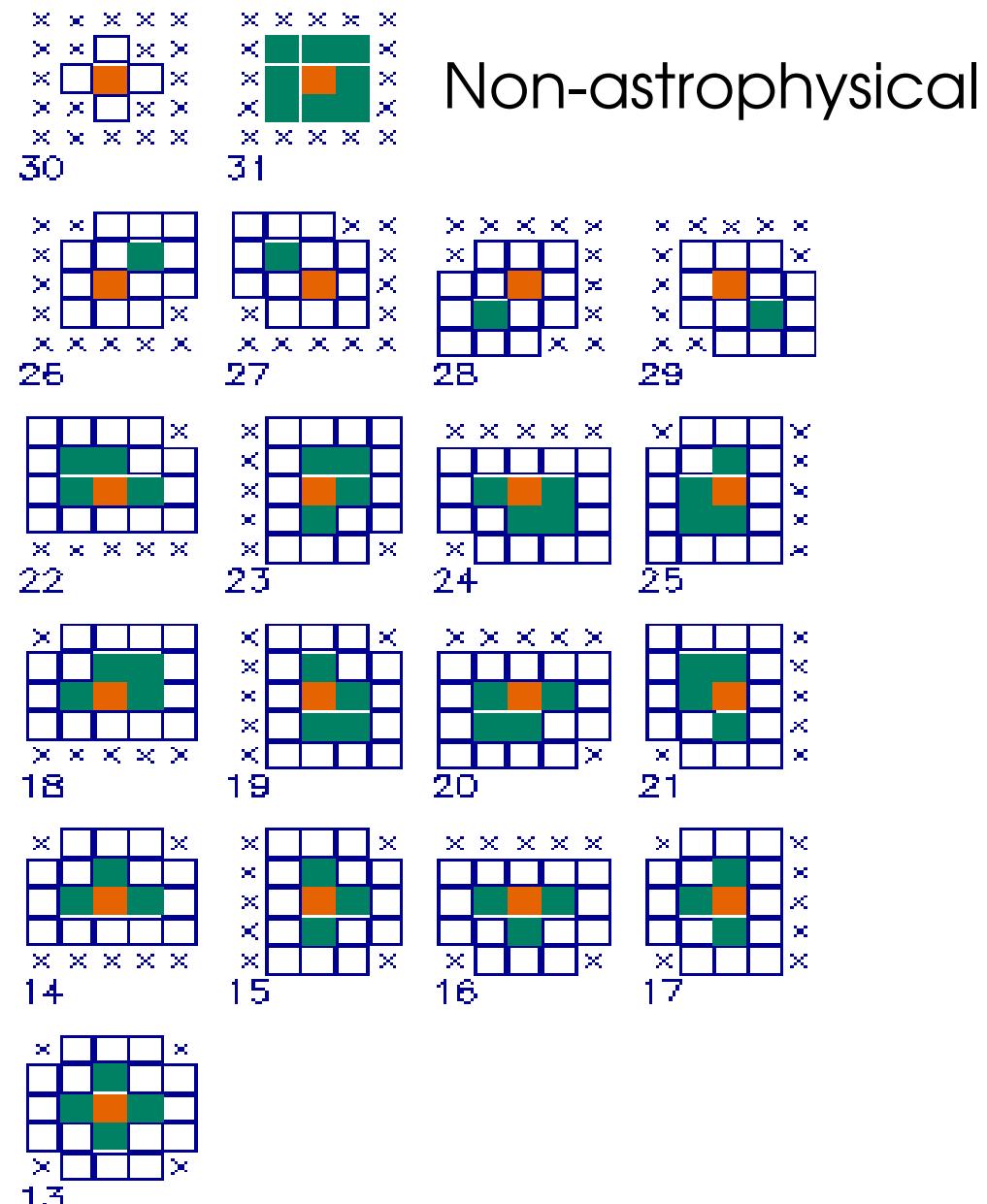
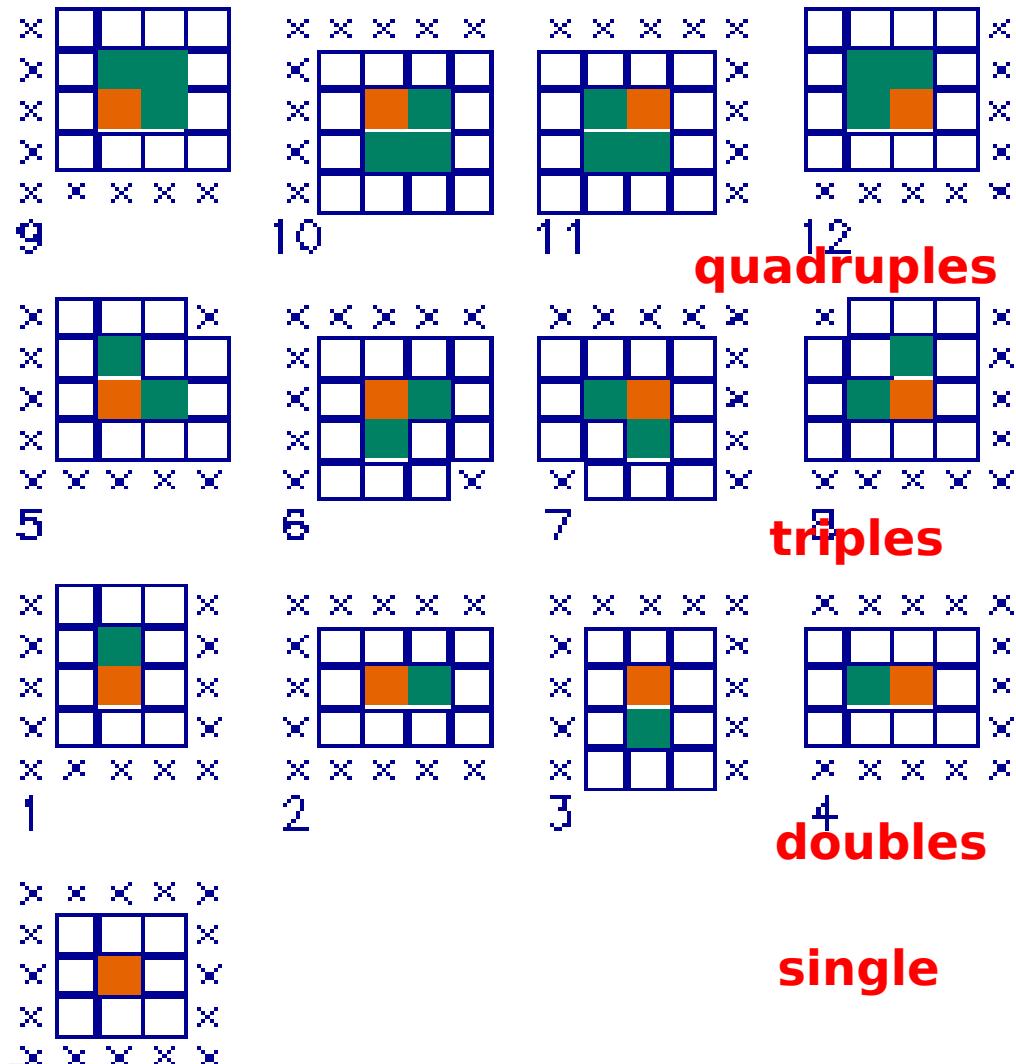
Create good time intervals  
(*tabgtigen*)

Filter for good time, X-ray  
patterns, etc (*evselect*)

MOS : (PATTERN $\leq$ 12)&&(#XMMEA\_EM)  
&&GTI(m1.gti,TIME)&&(PI in (200:12000))

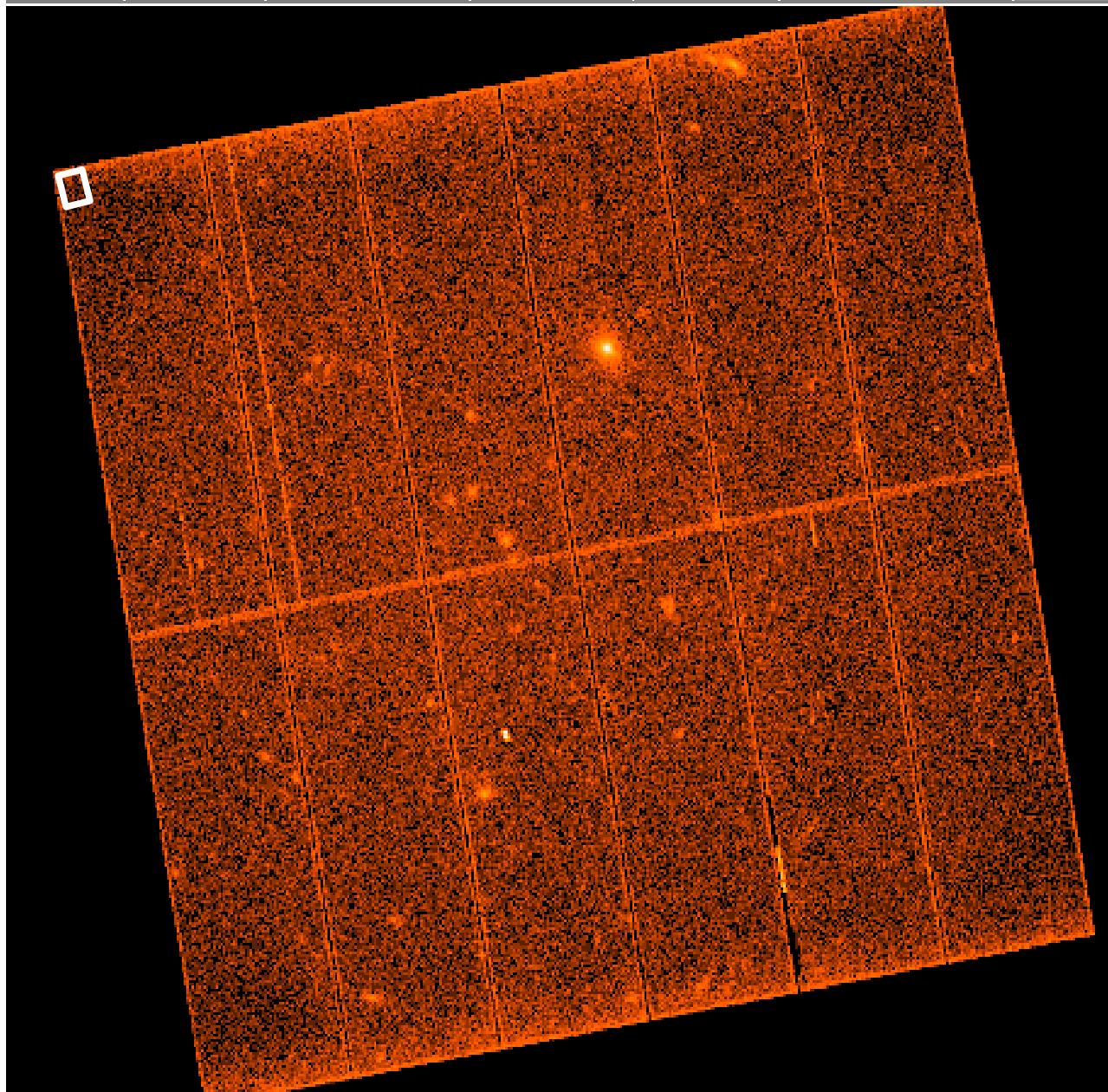


# Astrophysical and non-astrophysical patterns



# X-ray source detection

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# X-ray source detection

## edetectchain

eexpmap	creation of exposure maps	attitude file, event list, image	exposure maps	eboxdetect (map mode)	box detection using background maps	images, exposure maps, detection mask, background maps	map detect source list
emask	creation of detection masks	exposure map	detection mask	emldetect	maximum likelihood fitting	images, exposure maps, background maps, map detect list	final source list
eboxdetect (local mode)	sliding box detection	images, exposure maps, detection mask	box detect source list	esensmap	creation of sensitivity maps	exposure map, detection mask, background map	sensitivity map
esplinemap	creation of background maps	image, exposure map, detection mask, local box list	background map				

Alternative : *ewavelet*, based on a Mexican hat wavelet algorithm

# Catalogues

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The majority of observatories today provide some form of catalogue of detections

They cover all wavelengths and contain a variety of information

Catalogues are useful for :

- Quick access to data products (fluxes, spectra, images, etc)
- Finding new objects
- Population studies
- Cross correlation for multi-wavelength studies

Existing catalogues at :<http://vizier.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/VizieR>

- 14465 catalogues

Any one catalogue is usually provided in >1 format

# Catalogue formats

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Catalogues are often provided in tabular form (fits, csv, text)

These tabular forms can be manipulated with :

- sql scripts
- ftools
- excel (or similar)
- dedicated software such as Topcat/Stilts
- scripts (python, c, idl, ....)
- many, many other things !!!



This allows you to have complete freedom to access all aspects of the catalogue

# Catalogue formats, example : 3XMM

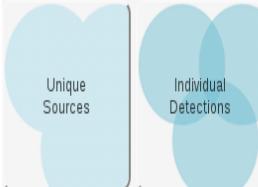
Alternatively they can be accessed via online archives, e.g.:

[xcatdb.unistra.fr/3xmmdr5/](http://xcatdb.unistra.fr/3xmmdr5/)

xmmssc

## 3XMM-DR5 Interface - Observatory of Strasbourg

- DB content - Contact - [2xmmdr3](#) - [3xmmdr4](#) - b



Unique Sources      Individual Detections

Edit Query   

XcatDB Content [Data access by clicking either on or on ]

- Possible identifications of all EPIC sources in archival catalogs.
- 3XMM Slim catalog of unique sources with possible identifications in archival catalogs.
- EPIC spectra, EPIC time series and other useful previews.
- Optical Finding Charts.

Additional Data and Features

- XMMFITCAT spectral fits (A.Corral et al.) can be accessed from the X-ray detection (see project [page](#)). Only the simple models fitted on DR4 spectra are supported yet.
- Online spectrum fitting Select sources with spectra click on below any spectrum preview, choose the model and submit. The back-end runs Xspec-python.
- Search by region (Individual detections only) Open the query editor on the Position tab, click on [Draw a Search Region](#), edit your region, accept and submit

### The 3XMM-dr5 XMM-Newton catalogue

The screenshot shows the XMM-Newton Survey Science Centre website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the query "xmmssc". Below the search bar, the XMM-Newton logo and survey name are displayed. A search result for "eso 243-49" is shown, along with a "SEARCH" button and a link to "Show query language". The main navigation menu includes links for HOME, CATALOG, DIAGRAMS, WEB SERVICES, DOCS, LINKS, and ABOUT. The search results page displays the source identifier "3XMM J011028.2-460422" prominently. To the left of the results is a small thumbnail image of the source's optical counterpart. The right side of the results page lists various parameters and their values, such as "sc\_ep\_1\_flux", "mjd\_first", "mjd\_last", "sc\_chi2prob", "sc\_ra", "sc\_dec", "sc\_poserr", "sc\_det\_ml", "sc\_ext\_ml", "sc\_fwhm", and "sc\_hd1".

sc_ep_1_flux	8.32252e-15 ± 3.1332e-16	sc_ep_2_flux 1.58134e-14 ± 4.31766e-16
mjd_first	53332.535162	sc_ep_3_flux 9.88641e-15 ± 3.53029e-16
mjd_last	56254.7151157	sc_ep_4_flux 8.62172e-15 ± 5.99312e-16
sc_chi2prob	0.039418887347	sc_ep_5_flux 1.27308e-14 ± 1.83782e-15
sc_ra	17.617656363	sc_ep_8_flux 7.9872e-14 ± 2.09926e-15
sc_dec	-46.0729608952	sc_ep_8_fmax 3.54705e-13 ± 7.76013e-15
sc_poserr	0.204063	sc_ep_8_fmin 2.22325e-14 ± 3.00177e-15
sc_det_ml	17087.3	sc_ep_9_flux 3.91494e-14 ± 8.30688e-16
sc_ext_ml	0.0	sc_extent 0.0
sc_fwhm	N/A	sc_hd1 0.112111 ± 0.011721

# Inside the catalogues

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In general : unique identification of each detection  
position of detection  
error on position  
source extension  
time/date of observation  
measure of the quality of the detection  
measure of flux/magnitude in one or several bands  
error on the flux/magnitude

Can also include :

- unique source identification
- spectral/timing products
- measure of the spectra/variability
- images
- tentative source identification
- observing conditions

...and many other products !

# Example the XMM-Newton catalogue : 3XMM-DR5



*Released 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015*

	3XMM-DR5	3XMM-DR4	Increment
Number of observations	7781	7427	354
Number of 'clean' observations (i.e., observation class < 3)	4735	4553	182
Observing interval	03-Feb-00 -- 20-Dec-13	03-Feb-00 -- 08-Dec-12	1 year
Sky coverage, taking overlaps into account ( $\geq 1\text{ksec}$ exposure)	877 sq.deg	794 sq.deg	83 sq.deg
Number of detections	565962	531261	34701
Number of 'clean' detections (i.e., summary flag < 3)	456904	432321	24673
Number of unique sources	396910	372728	24182
Number of 'cleanest' (summary flag = 0, not in high-background fields) extended detections	9082	7698	1384
Number of detections with spectra	133032	123867	9165
Number of detections with timeseries	133025	123860	9165
Number of detections where probability of timeseries being constant is $< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	4668	4612	56

# Access to 3XMM-DR5

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On the XMM-Newton Survey Science (SSC) webpages :

<http://xmmsc.irap.omp.eu>

But also at :

XSA at ESA's XMM-Newton SOC : <http://xmm.esac.esa.int/xsa/>

XCAT-DB at the SSC institute, Observatoire Astronomique, Strasbourg : <http://xcatdb.unistra.fr/3xmmdr5>

LEDAS at the SSC institute, University of Leicester :

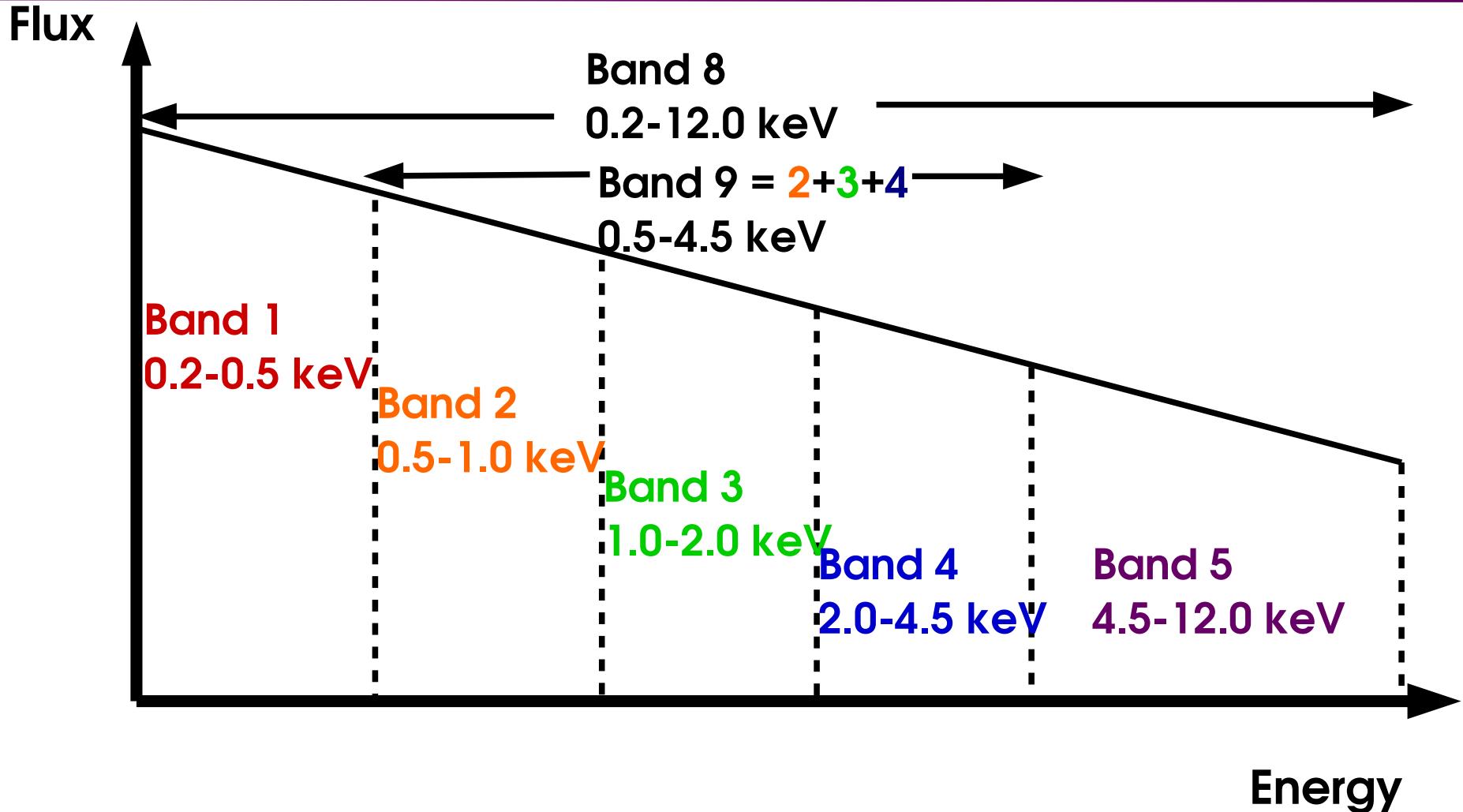
<http://www.ledas.ac.uk/>

Browse at HEASARC NASA GSFC :

<http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/db-perl/W3Browse/w3browse.pl>

The IRAP catalogue server XSA : <http://xmm-catalog.irap.omp.eu/>

# 3XMM bands and hardness ratios



$$HR_i = \frac{\text{Band}_{i+1} - \text{Band}_i}{\text{Band}_{i+1} + \text{Band}_i}$$

HR = hardness ratio

# Using the online data archives

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<http://xmm-catalog.irap.omp.eu/>

Provide a 3XMM-DR5 source name or do a cone search

e.g. 3XMM J133129.6+110755

or : cone('13 31 29.6 +11 07 55', '1deg')

or search categories of sources (CVs, ULXs, ...)

Visualise : Image (XMM and other catalogues)

Source parameters (flux in different bands, date obs., ...)

Fit spectrum

Visualise/extract lightcurve

Cross correlate with other catalogues

# Topcat – Tool for Operations on Catalogues And Tables

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- Allows to view table and meta-data
- Perform statistics on data
- Create plots of data
- Match/concatenate tables
- Perform functions (conversions, arithmetic, format change, ...)
- Use virtual observatory data/software
- Link several virtual observatory services together

# Using Topcat to manipulate the XMM catalogues

- Retreive 3XMM-DR5 at : <http://xmmssc.irap.omp.eu/>

The screenshot shows the XMM-Newton Survey Science Centre website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links to "The XMM-Newton SSC", "The XMM-Newton Catalogue", "The X-ray Identification project", "Software and tools", and "Restricted access". Below the navigation bar, there is a logo of three concentric circles and a menu titled "The catalogues" which includes links to "3XMM DR5", "3XMM DR4", "2XMM - DR3", "2XMM - DR2", "2XMM - DR1", and "2XMMp - Data pri". A warning message below the menu states: "Warning: Browsing these web pages with intern". To the right, there is a large "XMM-Newton" logo and a sub-navigation bar with links to "The XMM-Newton SSC", "The XMM-Newton Catalogue", "The X-ray Identification project", "Software and tools", and "Restricted access". Below the sub-navigation bar, there is another "XMM-Newton" logo with the text "SURVEY SCIENCE CENTRE".

**The latest from the XMM-Ne**

Please read the [Watchouts](#) section before using the catalogues.

• <b>May 2016:</b> Update to the <a href="#">XMM-Newton sp</a> 3XMM-DR5.	<a href="#">3XMM_DR5cat_v1.0.fits.gz</a>	FITS binary	468 MB	MD5: a6b2288dadae4af80a87adfced9beeed
• <b>April 2016:</b> If you are interested in having	<a href="#">3XMM_DR5cat_v1.0.csv.gz</a>	CSV	510 MB	MD5: e2f2140a2c8f61465d0a35e77e7519ca
• <b>March 2016:</b> <a href="#">Photo</a> from the 29th XMM-N	<a href="#">3XMM_DR5cat_slim_v1.0.fits.gz</a>	FITS binary	51 MB	MD5: 95b412d8ff9d3fec6d30d719907dd973
• <b>February 2016:</b> A new version of the Sci	<a href="#">3XMM_DR5cat_slim_v1.0.csv.gz</a>	CSV	57 MB	MD5: 0b3376af2abf08e226a62c224e3eef1d

For convenience, there are suitable SQL CREATE statements available for use with a relational DBMS in order to load the data in CSV format:

- [load 3xmmdr5cat v1.0.sql](#)
- [load 3xmmdr5cat\\_slim v1.0.sql](#)

Scroll down to :

# Topcat – plot the 3XMM-DR5 catalogue

How many detections in 3XMM-DR5 ?

How many unique sources in 3XMM-DR5 ?

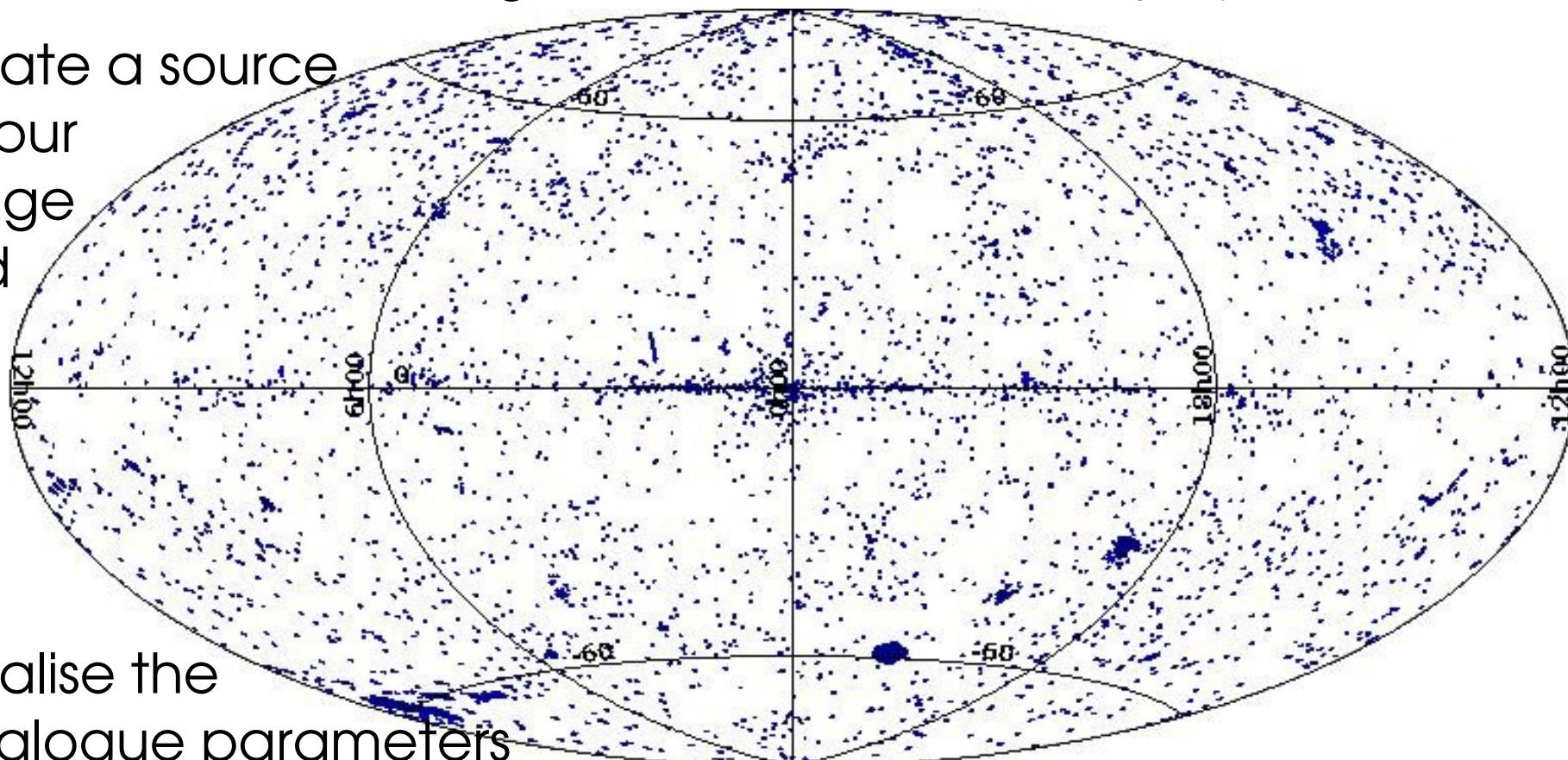
What is the mean number of detections of a source ?

What is the maximum number of detections of a source ?

Plot the whole catalogue in a Hammer-Aitoff projection :

Locate a source

in your  
image  
and



visualise the  
catalogue parameters

# Retrieve OM catalogue : SUSS 2.1

<http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/xmm-newton/xsa>

Scroll down to :

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.cosmos.esa.int/web/xmm-newton/xsa](http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/xmm-newton/xsa) in the address bar. The page title is "DOWNLOAD FULL XMM-NEWTON CATALOGUES". Below the title, a text block states: "Alongside all XMM-Newton scientific data products and observation-related information, high-level catalogues and a multiwavelength datasets can be accessed through the [XSA](#) user interface or downloaded from the links below:". A table follows, listing five catalogues with their descriptions, download links, and documentation links.

<a href="#">3XMM-DR5</a> XMM-Newton Serendipitous Source Catalogue	<a href="#">Download the FITS table</a> <a href="#">Download the CSV table</a>	<a href="#">Documentation and watchouts</a> (by the <a href="#">SSC consortium</a> )
Slim version of the 3XMM-DR5 catalogue	<a href="#">Download the FITS table</a> <a href="#">Download the CSV table</a>	<a href="#">Documentation and watchouts</a> (by the <a href="#">SSC consortium</a> )
The XMM-Newton <a href="#">Slew Survey</a> XMMSL1_Delta6 Source Catalogue	<a href="#">Download the FITS table (FULL)</a> <a href="#">Download the FITS table (CLEAN)</a>	<a href="#">Documentation</a>
<a href="#">XMM-Newton OM</a> Serendipitous Ultra-violet Source Survey Catalogue (XMM-SUSS2.1)	<a href="#">Download the FITS table</a> <a href="#">Download the FITS table (SLIM version)</a>	<a href="#">Documentation</a>
<a href="#">XID</a> program WFC/INT images		<a href="#">Documentation</a> (Maintained by the <a href="#">SSC consortium</a> )

Alongside the XSA user interface, 3XMM-DR5 is also available at:

- The [IRAP catalogue server](#)
- [LEDAS](#) (*Leicester Database and Archive Service*)
- [XCAT-DB](#) at the Observatoire Astronomique de Strasbourg
  - [HEASARC](#)

**Please note**, revised source lists with respect to those generated by the pipeline (PPS) and distributed by the [XSA](#), have been used to produce 3XMM-DR5. This was done to correct for the [erroneous errors in 3XMM-DR4](#). These revised source lists are not distributed by the [XSA](#), but they can be found [here](#). The cross-correlation products of potential counterparts at other wavelengths for 3XMM-DR5 are provided through the [XCAT-DB](#) and the [IRAP catalogue server](#).

Previous versions of the XMM-Newton Serendipitous Source Catalogue can be found [here](#).

# Topcat – match 3XMM-DR5 sources to SUSS 2.1 sources

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How many 3XMM-DR5 and SUSS sources match to 1" ?

Plot the matching sources on the Hammer-Aitoff plot

Determine the source parameters – try to identify a source of your choice

Select all matched sources with a U magnitude brighter than 18th

Try out some of the functionality described at

<http://www.star.bris.ac.uk/~mbt/topcat/> under Features

# Ideas

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- Upper limit servers, e.g. [http://www.ledas.ac.uk/flix/flix\\_dr5.html](http://www.ledas.ac.uk/flix/flix_dr5.html)
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