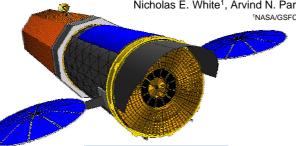


# International X-ray Observatory (IXO)

# The International X-ray Observatory (IXO) Mission Configuration

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The IXO is an inter-agency project with participation from ESA, JAXA, and NASA. The IXO will be a major new astronomical space based facility in the 2020 timeframe to address three timely, high priority science topics:

- Black Holes and Matter under Extreme Conditions
   Galaxy Formation, Galaxy Clusters, and Cosmic Feedback
   Life Cycles of Matter and Energy

To address these topics the mission will provide a factor of 10 gain in telescope aperture with an effective area of 3 sq m at 1 keV and 5 arc sec angular resolution. The next generation instruments are a X-ray Microcalorimeter Spectrometer (XMS), Wide Field Imager (WFI) and Hard X-ray Imager (HXI), a X-ray Grating Spectrometer (XGS), a High Time Resolution Spectrometer (HTRS) and an X-ray Polarimeter (XPOL). This presentation summarizes the mission implementation based on NASA, ESA, and JAXA design studies.

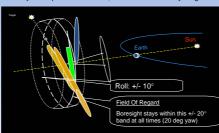
IXO will bring a factor of 10 gain in telescope aperture combined with next generation instrument technology to realize a quantum leap in capability

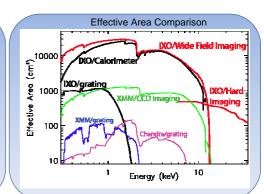
# NASA Project Manager: Jean Grady ESA Study Manager: Philipe Gondoin JAXA Study Manager: Tadayasu Dotani Key IXO Performance Requirements

_	Mirror Effective Area	3 m <sup>2</sup> @ 1.25 keV 0.65 m <sup>2</sup> @ 6 keV with a goal of 1 m <sup>2</sup> 150 cm <sup>2</sup> @ 30 keV with a goal of 350 cm <sup>2</sup>	Black hole evolution, large scale structure, cosmic feedback, EOS Strong gravity, EOS Cosmic acceleration, strong gravity
	Spectral Resolution	$\Delta E = 2.5$ e/V within 2 x 2 urc min (0.3 – 7 keV) . $\Delta E = 10$ e/V within 5 x 5 arc min (0.3 – 7 keV) . $\Delta E = 10$ e/V within 5 x 5 arc min (0.3 – 7 keV) . $\Delta E = 10$ keV $E = 1000$ from 0.3 – 1 keV with an area of 1,000 cm <sup>2</sup> for point sources $\Delta E = 1$ keV within 8 x 8 arc min (10 – 40 keV)	Black Hole evolution, Large scale structure  Missing baryons using tens of background AGN
	Mirror Angular Resolution	S5 arc sec HPD (0.1 – 7 keV) S30 arc sec HPD (7 - 40 keV) with a goal of 5 arc sec	Large scale structure, cosmic feedback, black hole evolution, missing baryons Black hole evolution
	Count Rate	1 Crab with >90% throughput. ΔE < 200 eV (0.1 – 15 keV)	Strong gravity, EOS
	Polarimetry	1% MDP at 3 $\sigma$ confidence on 1 mCrab in 100 ksec (2 - 6 keV)	AGN geometry, strong gravity
	Astrometry	1 arcsec at 3σ confidence	Black hole evolution
	Absolute Timing	50 µsec	Neutron star studies

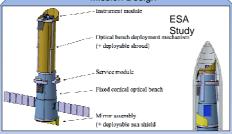
### IXO Launch, Orbit, and Mission Life

Launch on an Atlas V 551 or Ariane V in 2020 Direct launch into an 800,000 km semi-major axis L2 orbit 5 year required mission life, consumables for 10 year goal





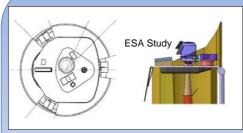
### Mission Design



NASA and ESA mission studies demonstrate that the mission is feasible with no technical challenges The two separate and independent studies result in very similar implementation approaches

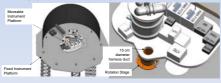


### Instrument Module



## **NASA Study**

- es transfer heat between electronics and radia ent Platform and on Fixed Instrument Platform



On moveable instrument platform, with grating CCD fixed on fixed instrument platform

### **Payload Summary**

Flight Mirror Assembly (FMA) 5 arc sec grazing incidence, high Instruments on translating platform

- X-ray Micro-calorimeter Spectrometer (XMS)

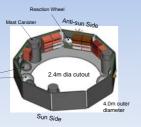
   0.3 to 7 keV with 2.5 eV & 5 arc min FOV
- Wide Field Imager (WFI)

   0.1 to 15 keV with < 150 eV & 18 arc min FOV
- Hard X-ray Imager (HXI)
- Extends band pass to 40 keV
  High Time Resolution Spectro
   Bright source capability
  X-ray Polarimeter (XPOL)
- Fixed Instrument (always observing)
- X-ray Grating Spectrometer (XGS)
   Dispersive from 0.3 to 1 keV with R ~ 3000
- CCD camera for read
- Observatory Level Mass Rack up NASA Study



## Spacecraft Bus Module - NASA Study

- 3 mast canisters fit inside the Bus
- 9 equipment panels provide plenty of room for avionics & harness
- Large hole in bottom and top decks necessary for the X-ray beam from the FMA and gratings
- interface between metering structures and the bus frame is titanium fittings
- ulsion tanks on sun-s
- Avionics are mounted to equipment panels on the anti-sun side of spacecraft. Heat conducts through to exterior of panels to zones of white NS43G thermal paint. Heat is radiated away



### **Deployable Structure Components – NASA Concept**





# IXO Schedule - For Launch in 2021