

# XMM-Newton Cross-Calibration Archive data processing

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# Overview

- Calibration archive
  - overview and structure
- Old data reduction package
  - calibration process
- XARV package
  - improvements

# XMM-Newton: EPIC and RGS detectors

- 5 independent cameras
  - EPIC MOS1,MOS2
    - Array of 7 CCDs
  - EPIC PN
    - Array of 12 CCDs
  - RGS1, RGS2
    - High resolution spectroscopy
- Observing in X-ray from 0.2-12 keV

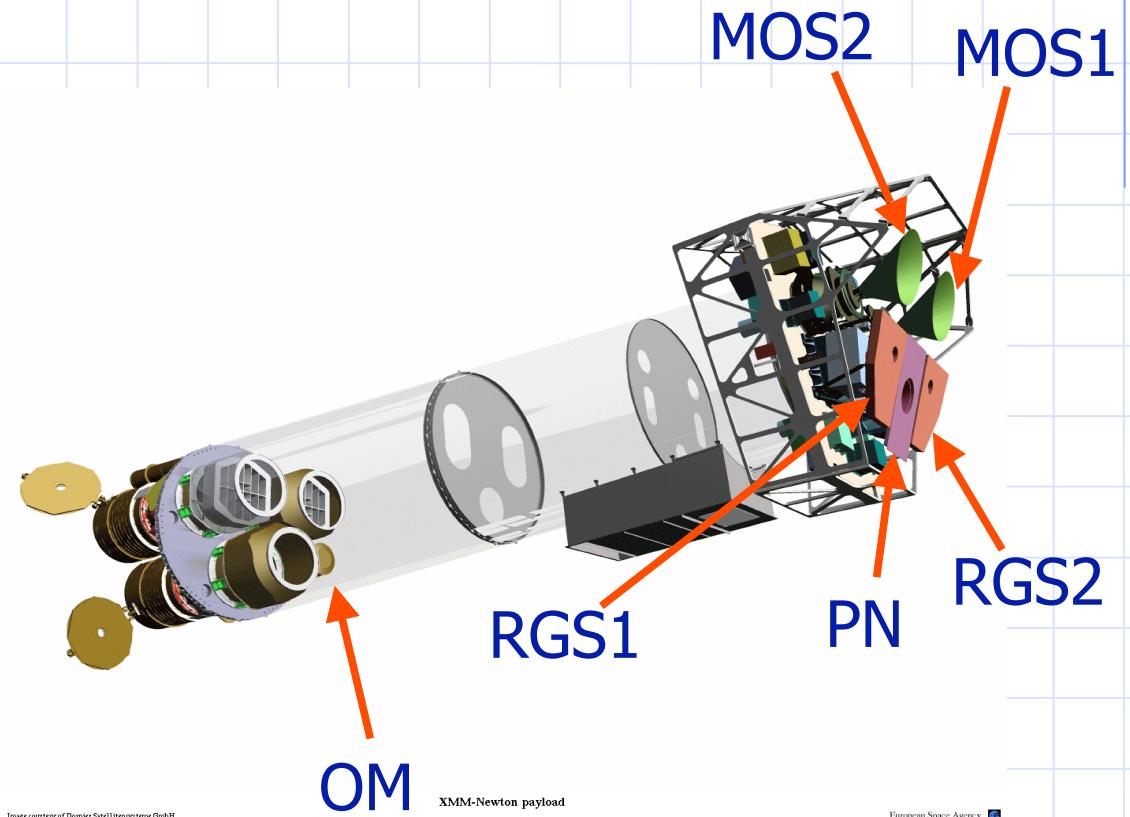


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# Why do we need a calibration archive?

- to verify the calibration systematically on a huge number of observations → reliable statistics
- unique, fast and automated extraction process

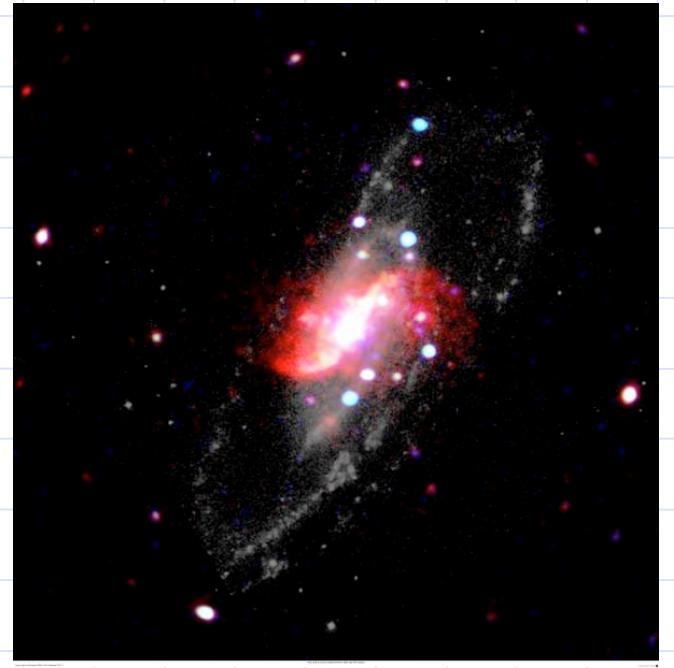
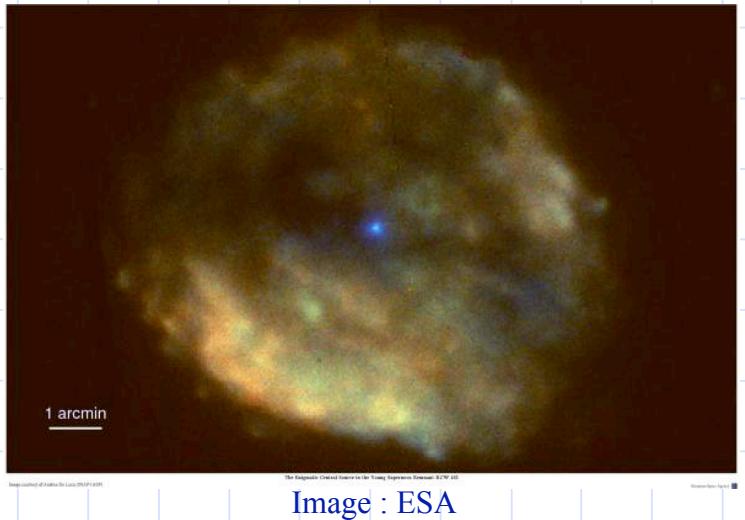


## Project Aim

- cross calibration of X-ray sources for EPIC-MOS, - PN and RGS detectors
  - testing and extending a new master processing package (XARV )
  - extending the archive
    - introduce extended sources

# Calibration archive : Overview

- contains 52 individual objects
- 254 observations
  - 38: AGN/LMXB/HMXB/Pulsars/NS
  - 10: Stars
  - 4: SNR
  - 0: Galaxy clusters
- 21 targets with 92 observations ready
  - no Stars, SNR or Galaxy clusters yet!

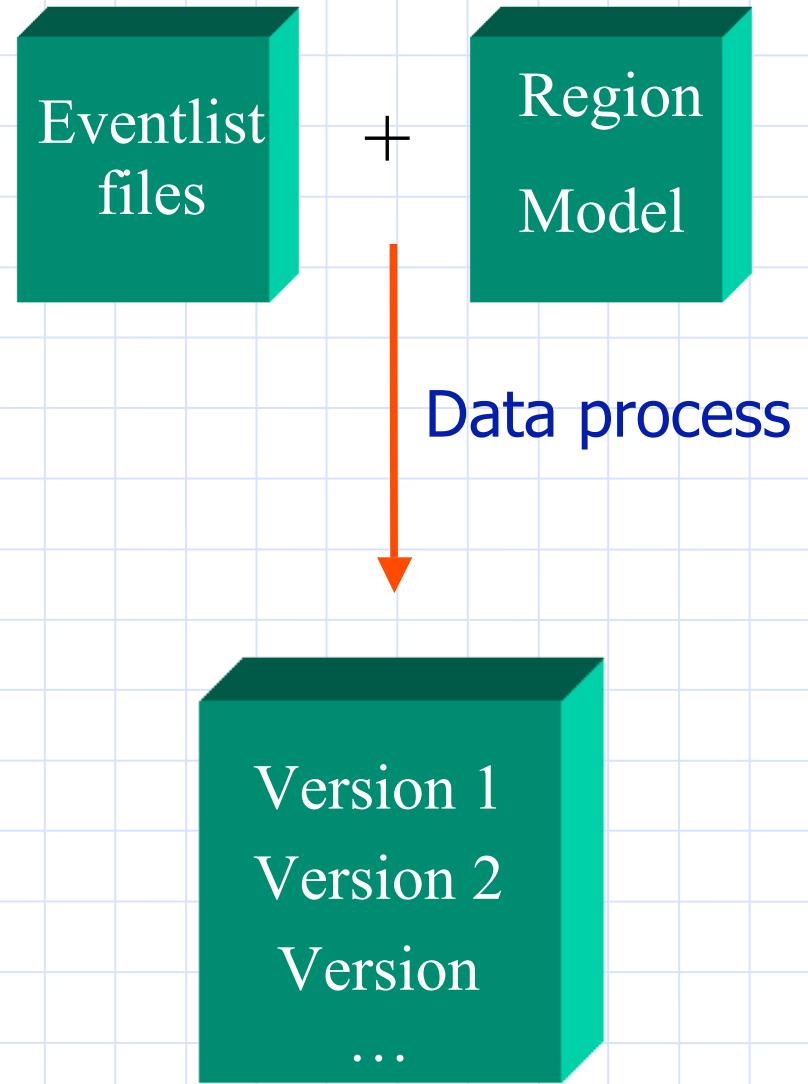


# Calibration archive: Structure

calibration archive contains

- eventlists of all observations of targets
- definition of source and background extraction regions
- spectra, response files
- model: parameters to fit spectra

version control



# Old package

Calibration archive

- proc.csh processing

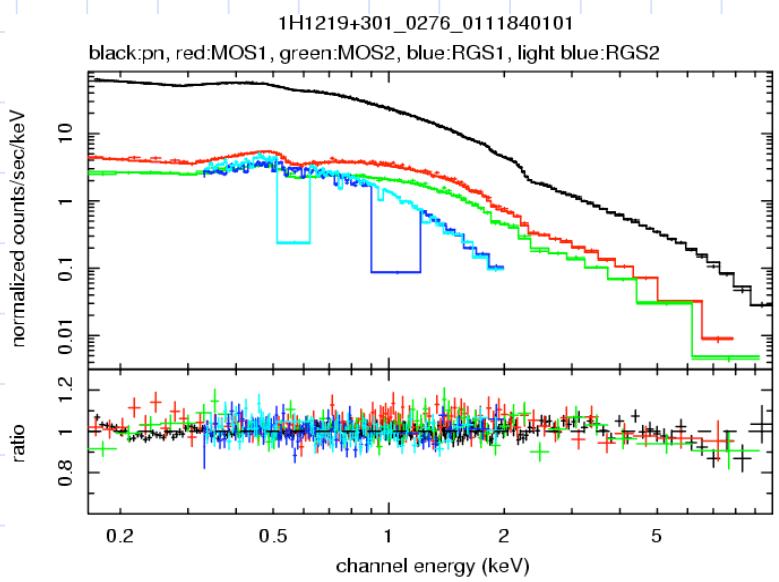
Calibrated eventlist

- Define region
- check\_pileup.csh
- extract.csh extract the spectra

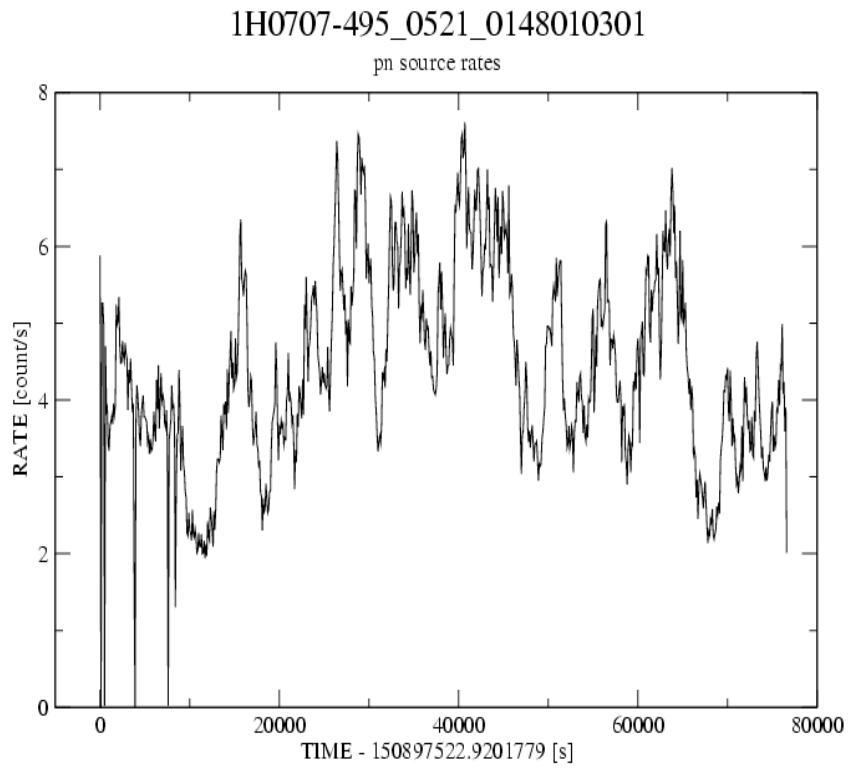
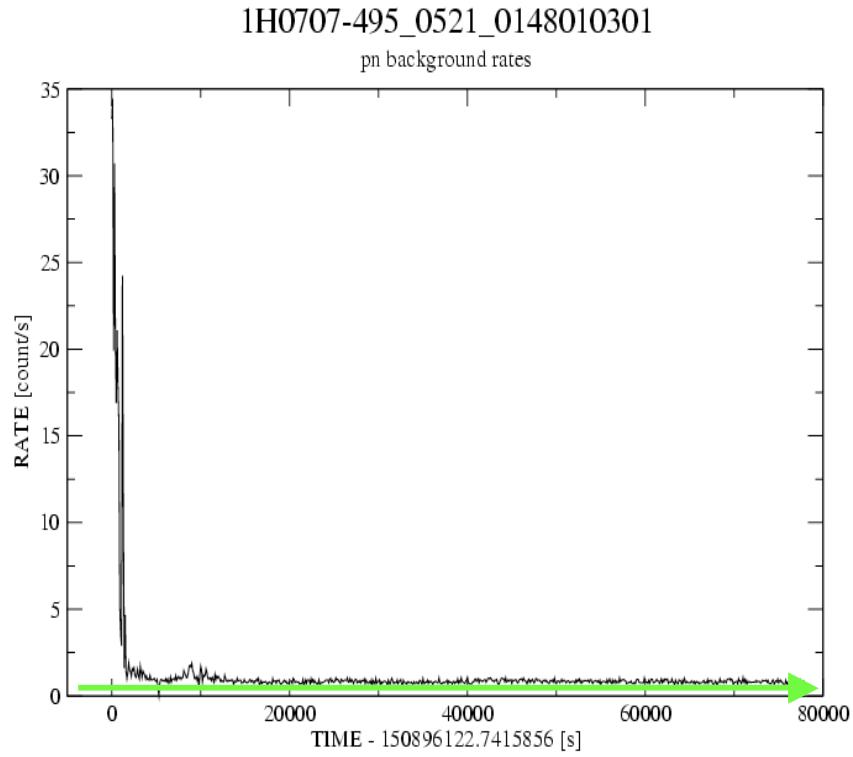
Clean spectra

- Define a model using XSPEC

- do\_the\_fit.csh Obtain spectra



# Calibration process : Flarescreening



(all counts  $> 10$  keV) < 1cts/sec

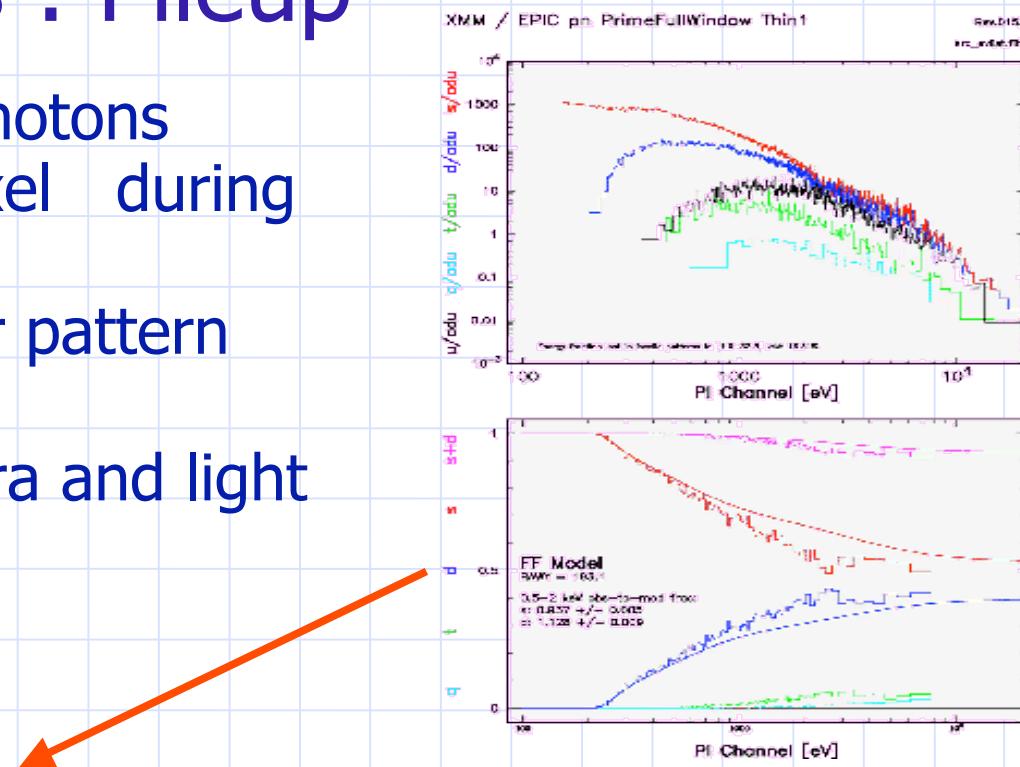
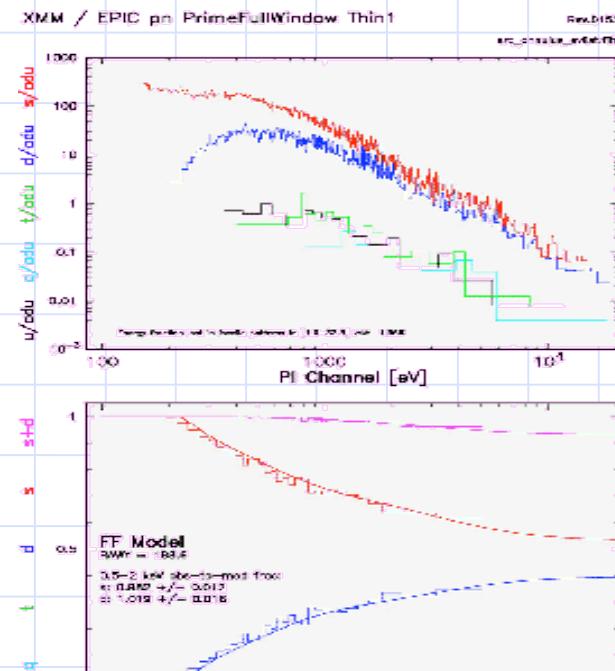
all source counts after filtering

# Calibration process : Pileup

Pileup: Two or more photons deposit in the same pixel during readout

Photon pileup or pattern pileup

→ Affects spectra and light curves



Solution:

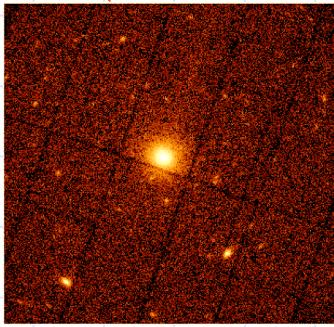
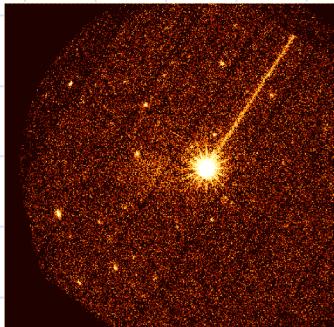
- define two annuli,  $R_{in}$ ,  $R_{out}$   
 $R_{out}$  remains fixed  
 $R_{in}$  define using xmselect to exclude pileup region  
Run proc.csh
- SAS task: epatplot

# Why we need a new package

Old extraction process does not take into account source characteristic

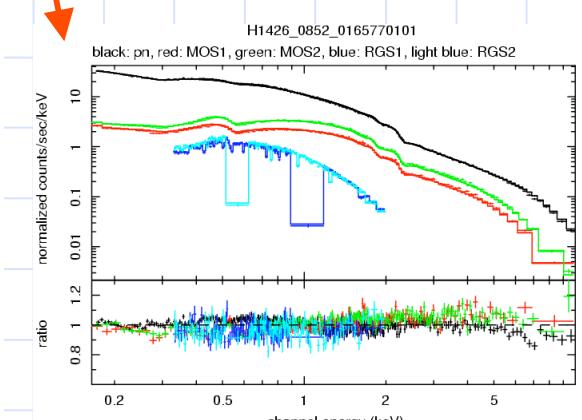
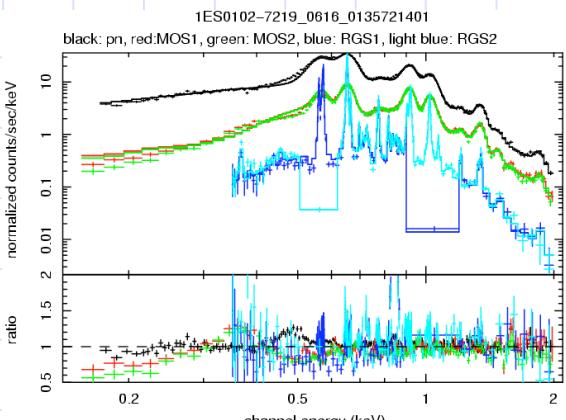
- source extent - point or extended e.g./ clusters, SNR

- rmfgen, arfgen need to know how flux is distributed

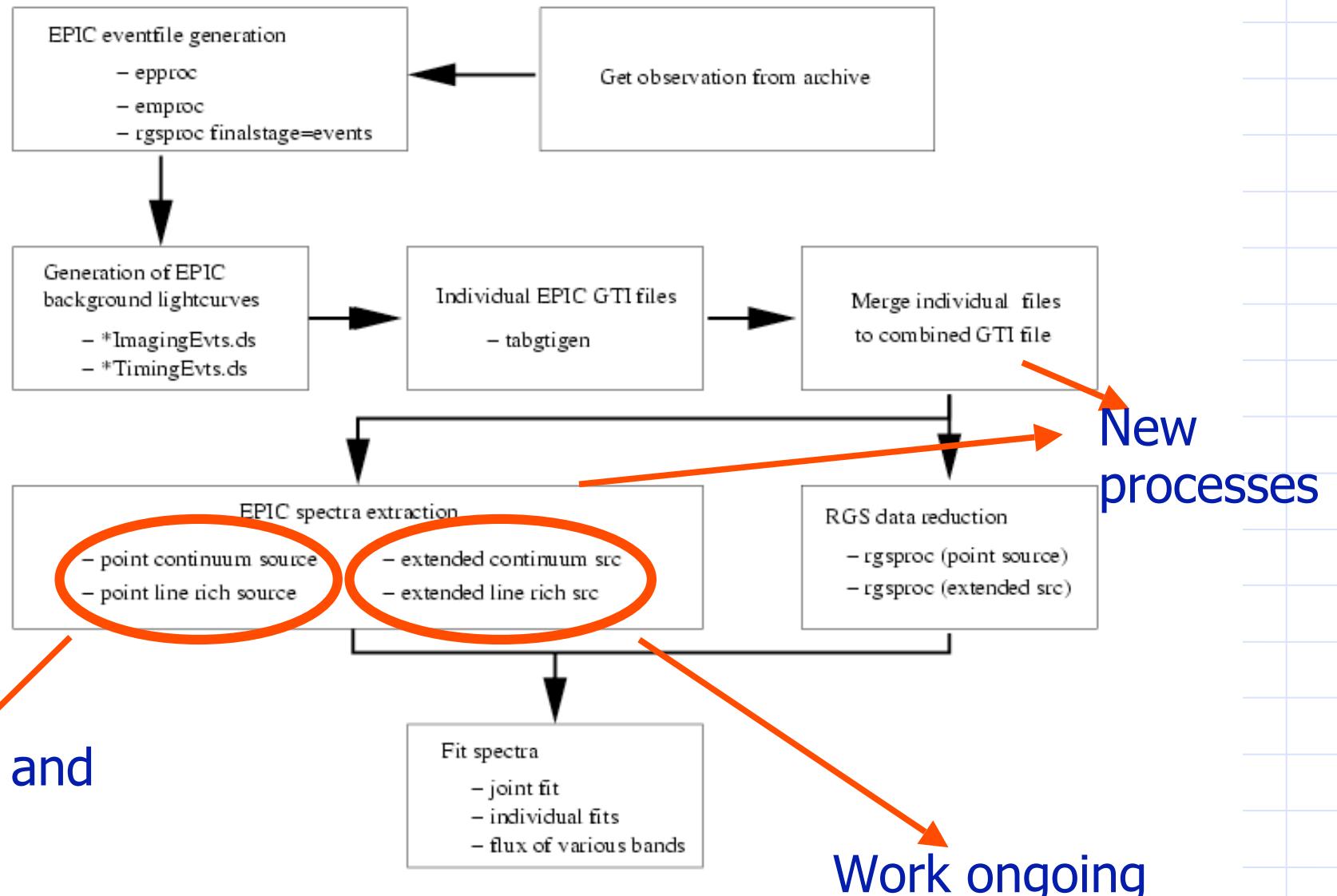


- spectral type – line, continuum

- correct pattern selection for source and background regions



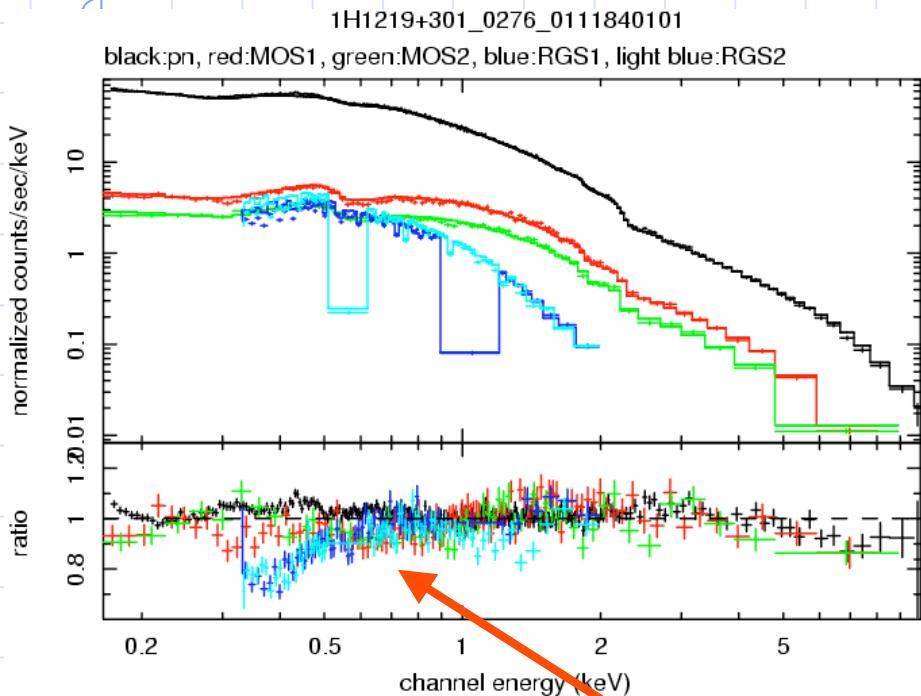
## XARV package: automatic data reduction



# Improvements

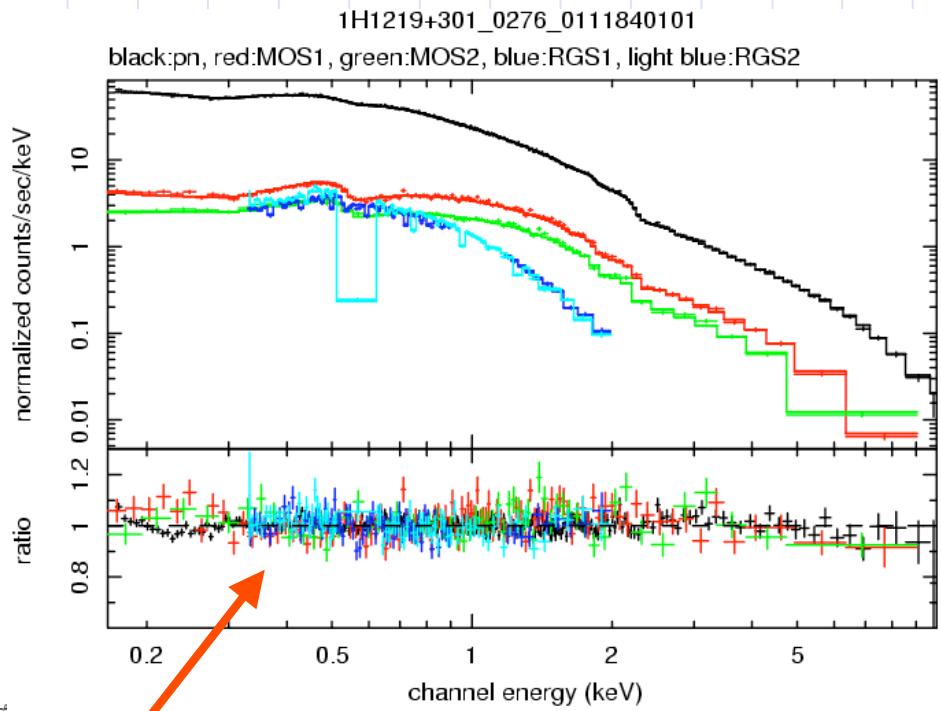
- Old package – large scripts
- XARV
  - built of modules
    - more flexibility (keywords)
    - easy maintenance
  - logfile generation
    - better error handling
  - (will be) fully documented :-)

# Example: 1H1219+301



SAS 6.5

RGS fit improved



SAS 7.0

# Web interface



## • Previewtool

The screenshot displays two instances of the XMM-Newton Calibration preview tool within Mozilla Firefox. The left window shows the overall interface with a search bar, dropdown menus, and a grid of plots for various instruments (JOINT, PN, MOS1) across different energy bands (log, par). The right window provides a detailed view of the PN instrument plots and a parameter table for the TBabs model component.

**Left Window (Main Interface):**

- Header:** Applications Actions, Mon Jul 2, 8:56 AM
- Toolbar:** Print page, Go to CHANDRA/XMM
- Search Bar:** http://xmm.esac.esa.int/cgi-doc/epf/preview.pl
- Menu:** File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help
- Links:** Red Hat, Inc., Red Hat Network, Support, Shop, Products, Training
- Form:** Preview Tool, instrument(s): all, select a target, add target
- Additional Tools:** show all available joint fits
- Buttons:** show all in the archive available joint fits, select a version xmmsas\_20050815\_1803-6.5.0.ccf\_pub, show
- Text:** evolution of Parameter, Flux - statistical evaluation of fluxes, Flux - output fluxes in various energy bands for all observations, Flux - evolution of flux in various energy bands for one target as a function of revolution, Publish news, Rescan archive

**Right Window (Detailed View):**

- Header:** Applications Actions, Tue Jul 3, 1:42 PM
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- Menu:** File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help
- Links:** Red Hat, Inc., Red Hat Network, Support, Shop, Products, Training
- Form:** Preview Tool, instrument(s): PKS2155-304, 0411780201 (rev: 1349), hide, plot parameter over all versions, plot flux over all versions, Observation Log Browser for 0411780201
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