# Spectral and timing analysis of eRO-QPE3

#### Example: GSN 069



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## What timescales is eROSITA sensitive to?

The eROSITA scanning strategy:



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## eRO-QPE3:

## The more the merrier: SRG/eROSITA discovers two further galaxies showing X-ray quasi-periodic eruptions

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### Step 1:

- Get the **skytile events** and **image** for eRO-QPE3 from the DR1 page

Hints:

- this is a very famous source (SIMBAD should resolve this)

https://erosita.mpe.mpg.de/dr1/erodat/skyview/skytile\_search/

- Both events and images can be found under the EXP directory

## Step 2:

Visualize the image with DS9.

- To find the source:
  - Play with the scale: under scale select 'log' and '99%'
  - Convolve with a smoothing kernel: analysis -> smooth
  - Define a region and input the coordinates: edit -> region
    - Drag your cursor on the image to define a circular region
    - Double click and input the source region coordinates
    - Select an appropriate radius size (any ideas?)
    - You can remove smoothing for this, to have a true representation of event locations.
- Save source region as src.reg in CIAO / WCS format: region -> save region
- Delete region and create an annulus region: region -> shape -> annulus
- Define a large background region and save it as bkg.reg
- Watchout for nearby sources!



![](_page_9_Picture_0.jpeg)

Extraction of the lightcurve with srctool

- Initialize Heasoft and eSASS

srctool eventfiles="./em01 211120 020 EventList c010.fits" \ srccoord="icrs;210.2222 -28.7665" prefix="eROQPE3 "\ todo="?" \ insts="1 2 3 4 6" \ srcreg="src.reg" \ backreg="bkg.reg" \ exttype="POINT" \ Ictype="REGULAR-" \ Icpars='10' \ Icemin="0.2 2.3" \ lcemax=" 2.3 5" \ psftype="2D PSF" \ flagsel="0" \ clobber="ves" \ gtitype="GTI" \ writeinsts="8"

the fractional exposure parameter is very important for accurate count rate estimation!

```
srctool eventfiles="./em01_211120_020_EventList_c010.fits" \
srccoord="icrs;210.2222 -28.7665"
prefix="eROQPE3_" \
todo="LC LCCORR" \
insts="1 2 3 4 6" \
srcreg="src.reg" \
backreg="bkg.reg" \
exttype="POINT" \
Ictype="REGULAR-" \
Icpars='10' \
Icemin="0.2 2.3" \
Icemax=" 2.3 5" \
psftype="2D_PSF" \
flagsel="0" \
clobber="yes" \
gtitype="GTI" \
writeinsts="8"
```

![](_page_11_Picture_0.jpeg)

Plot the light-curve with

https://github.com/rarcodia/eRebin

You can find the plots in the folder images

python3 Rebin\_eROday.py -names eROQPE3\_020\_LightCurve\_00001.fits -indir ./ -outdir ./

![](_page_12_Figure_0.jpeg)

## Step 5:

Let's extract spectra from the quiescence and from the QPE candidate. We need to split the events into different "good" time intervals (GTI)

- To identify GTI you could look at the lightcurve. I have already provided them for you.
- We will use evtool

https://erosita.mpe.mpg.de/dr1/eSASS4DR1/eSASS4DR1\_tasks/evtool\_doc.h tml

- You can either provide a fits GTI file:
  - evtool eventfiles="./em01\_211120\_020\_EventList\_c010.fits.gz" outfile="quiescence.fits" gti="gti\_file\_qui.fits"
- Or just a TSTART and TSTOP:
  - evtool eventfiles="./em01\_211120\_020\_EventList\_c010.fits.gz" outfile="QPE.fits" gti='633415227.333 633422427.333'

![](_page_14_Picture_0.jpeg)

Now extract Spectra Light Curves RMF and ARF with SRCTOOL from your new eventfiles.

Do your light-curves look like this?

![](_page_14_Figure_3.jpeg)

## Let's see if we find a harder when brighter behavior with Zsofi's analysis!

srctool eventfiles="./quiescence.fits" \ srccoord="icrs;210.2222 -28.7665" \ prefix="quiescence\_" \ todo="LC LCCORR SPEC ARF RMF" \ insts="1 2 3 4 6" \ srcreg="src.reg" \ backreg="bkg.reg" \ exttype="POINT" \ Ictype="REGULAR-" \ Icpars='10' \ Icemin="0.2 2.3" \ Icemax=" 2.3 5" \ psftype="2D\_PSF" \ flagsel="8" \ clobber="yes" \ gtitype="GTI" \ writeinsts="0" srctool eventfiles="./QPE.fits" \ srccoord="icrs:210.2222 -28.7665" \ prefix="gpe " \ todo="LC LCCORR SPEC ARF RMF" \ insts="1 2 3 4 6" \ srcreg="src.reg" \ backreg="bkg.reg" \ exttype="POINT" \ Ictype="REGULAR-" \ lcpars='10' \ . Icemin="0.2 2.3" \ Icemax=" 2.3 5" \ psftype="2D PSF" \ flagsel="0" \ clobber="yes" \ gtitype="GTI" \ writeinsts="8"