

Using ISAS X-ray beamline

Measurement of Effective area of Lobster Eye Optics

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HiZ-GUNDAM Launch aim 2030s

High-z Gamma-ray bursts for Unraveling the Dark Ages Mission

Early Space Exploration

- The properties of the early universe are different from those of the modern universe, and direct observation of the early universe is necessary to elucidate star formation and ionization states.
- The light luminosity of galaxies in the early universe are extremely dim, making it difficult to measure the physical condition.

Gamma-Ray Bursts

- GRB releases $10^{52\sim54}$ erg energy in a few seconds
- Known as one of the brightest explosion in the universe

Optical and Near-Infrared Telescopes

Follow-up observation of detected GRBs

Wide Field X-ray Monitor

- Detect and localize GRBs
- Energy band 0.4-4 keV
- Positioning accuracy < 3 arcmin

Structure of Wide Field X-ray Monitor

Lobster Eye Optics (LEO)

Principle of light collection

- Single reflection
- No reflection
- Double reflection
- Single reflection

Feature

- Focus soft X-ray ($10^2\sim^3$ eV)
- Background is removed by concentrating light
- Placed on a spherical surface to ensure a wide field of view

Micro pores

- 6 μ m
- 20 μ m

PNCCD (X-ray detector)

Alignment Adjustment

Adjust the focusing position of the LEOs by tuning the angle of the LEOs.

Fixed using silicon glue (WACKER RTV-S 691 A/B)

Objective

Parallel X-rays of the ISAS 30m beamline are used to investigate the angular dependence of the effective area of the aligned LEOs used in HiZ-GUNDAM.

Configuration ISAS X-ray beam line

Best focus of LEO # A

295 mm, 280 mm, 27 m

Slit 8 x 8 mm

Characteristic X-ray
 Voltage 5 kV
 Current 10 mA
 Target Al 1.5 keV

CMOS 2 x 2 cm

$\theta_y \pm 10$ deg

θ_z 0 to 360 deg

S_y
 S_z

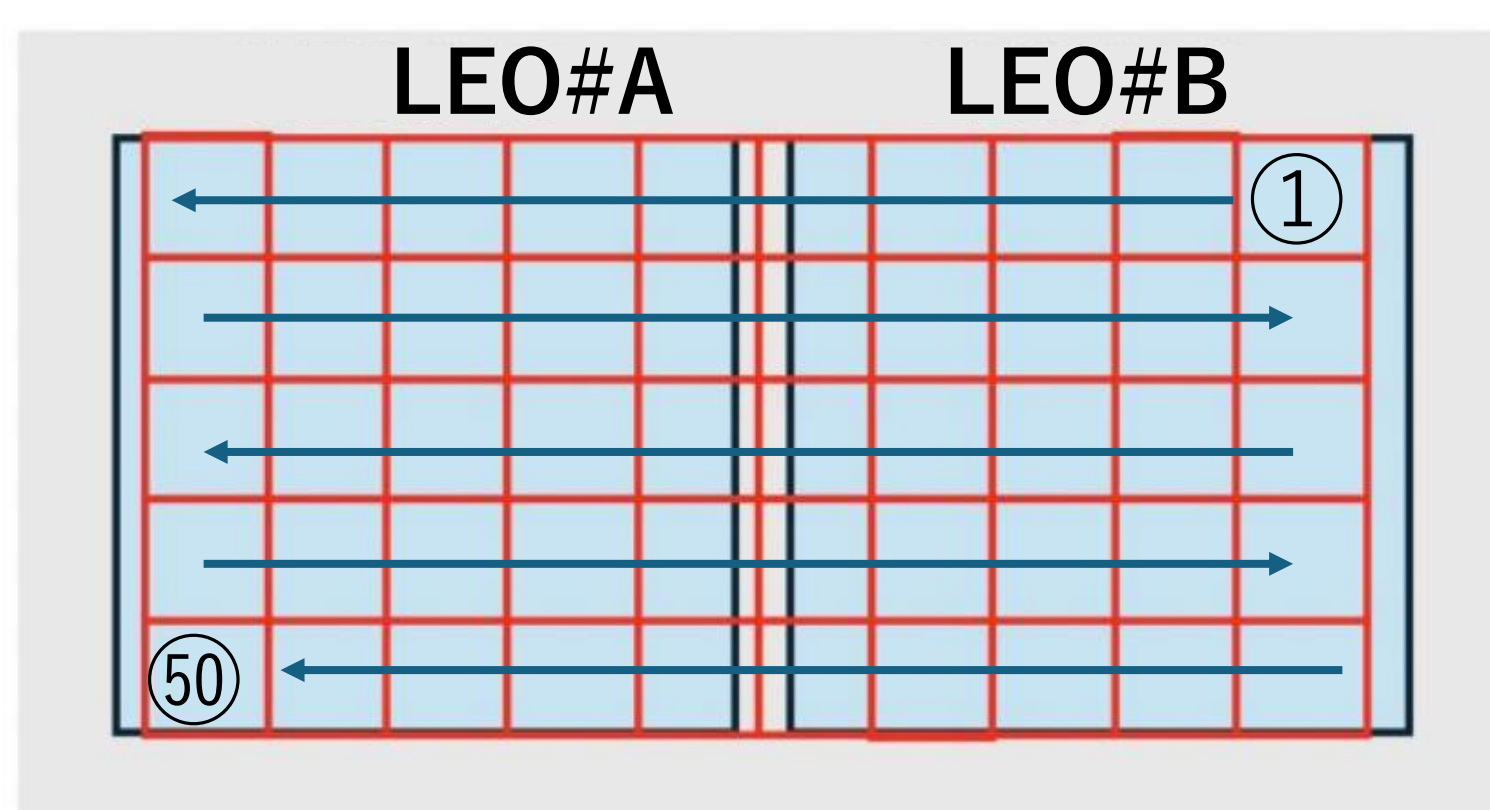
Sy -270 to 370 mm
 Sz \pm 250 mm
 $S\theta_y$ \pm 5 deg
 $S\theta_z$ \pm 5 deg

dz \pm 50 mm
 dx \pm 25 mm
 dy \pm 50 mm

Grid scan

Combine images taken while moving the frame to cover the measured area.

Exposure time	20 ms
Frame	1000
x 50 grids	



X-ray Beam flux

Move the stage to a place where there is no LEO and irradiate the X-rays on the grid

Overlapping ingredients of grid scan

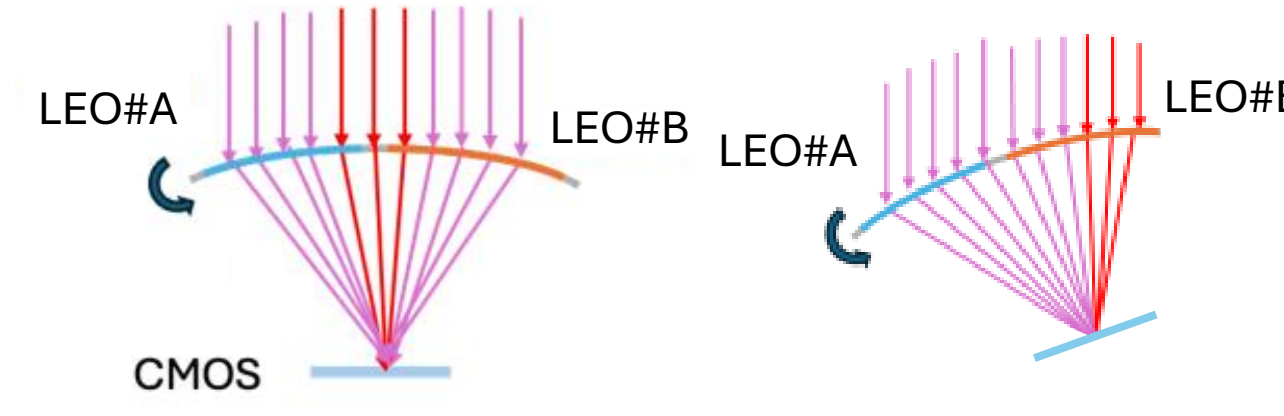
- X-axis projection to remove overlapping components and take an average count
- Subtract the overlapping components of the y-axis projection from the one obtained in ①
- Divide by the area used for counting

Total exposure time = 20 ms x 1000 frames x 9 grids = 180 s
 Photon counts = 162152 ± 419 counts
 Counting area = 4.37 cm²

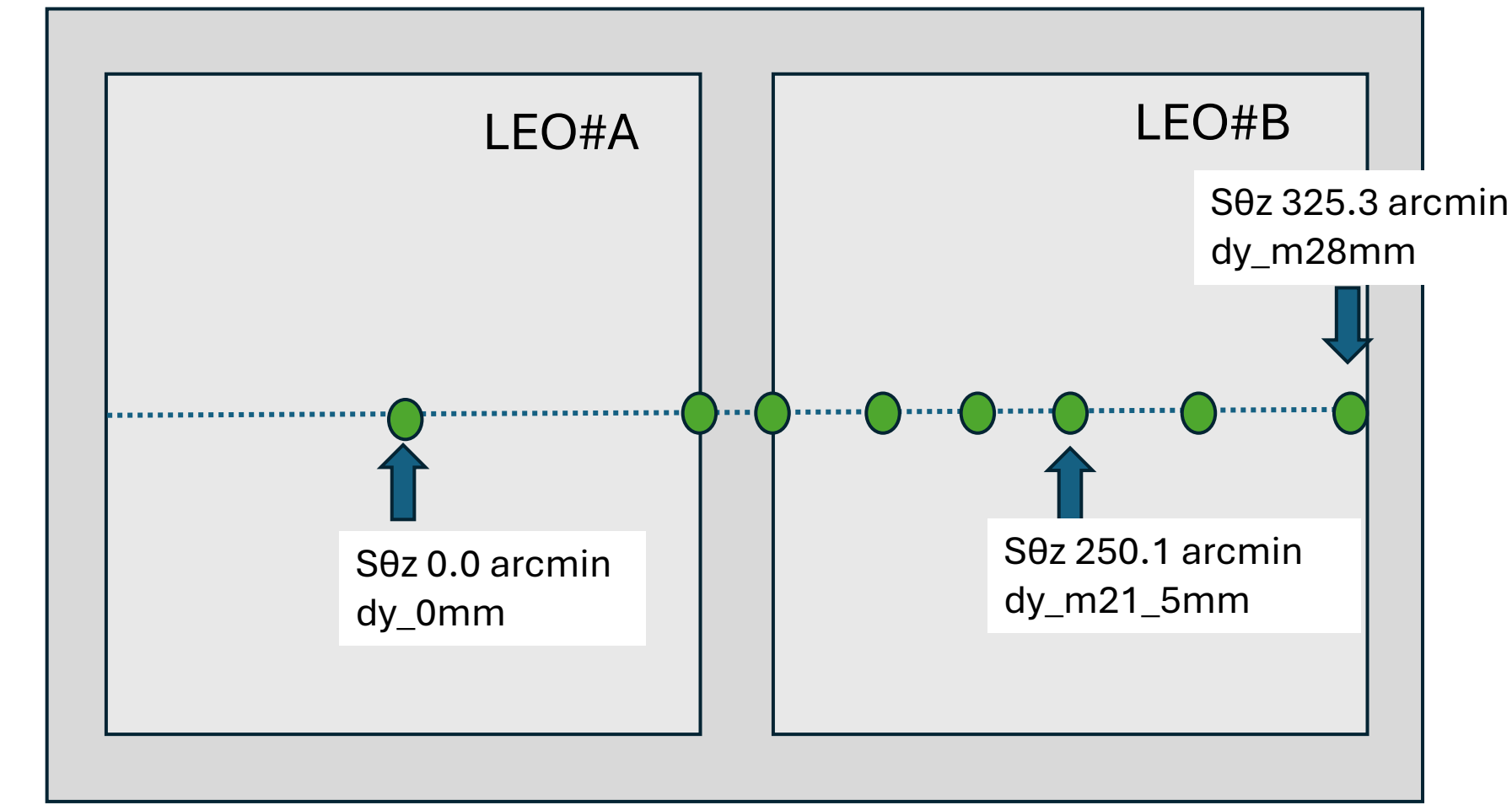
Photon flux = 1855.3 ± 4.8 counts/cm²/s

Effective area

While keeping the image focused in the center of the CMOS, change the incidence position of X-ray

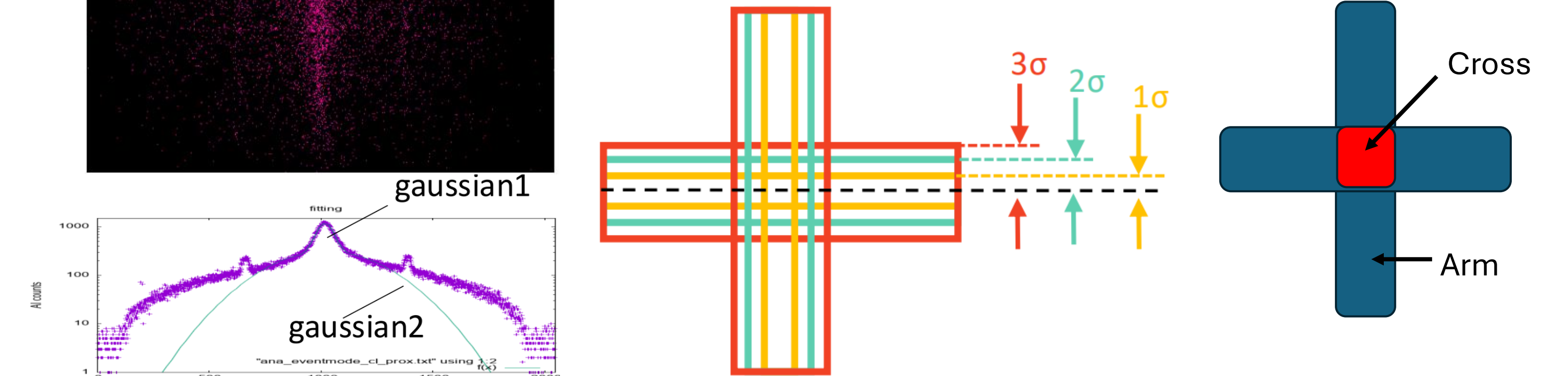


Measuring points

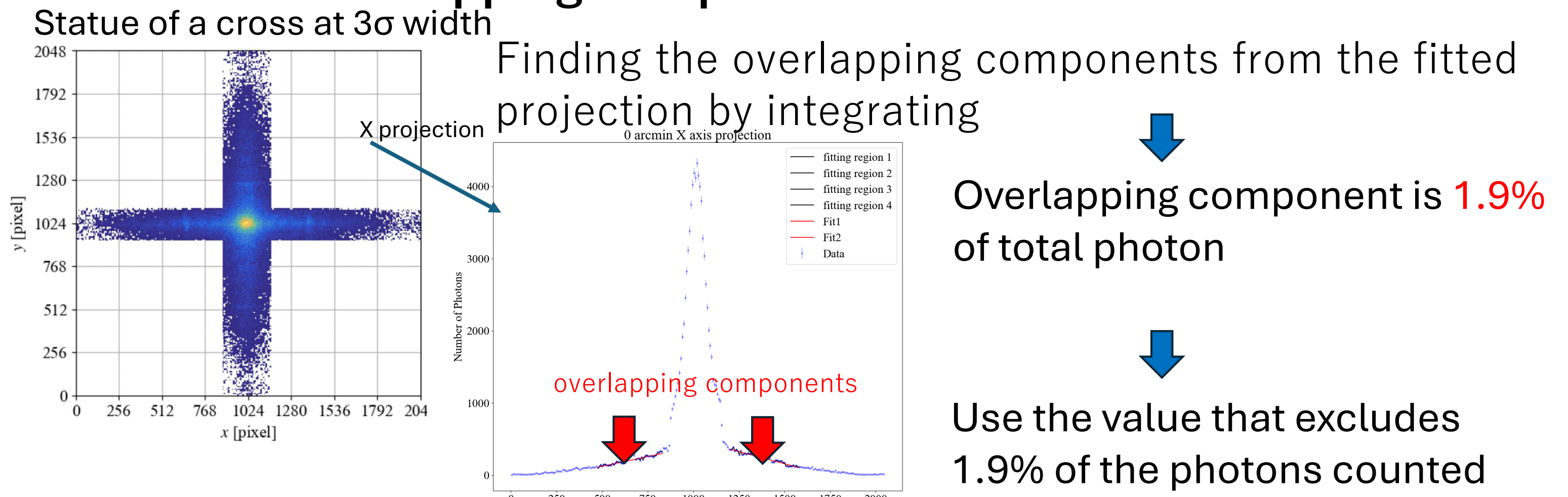


How to evaluate the effective area

- Perform a double Gaussian fit on the projection and find the standard deviation σ of central Gaussian
- Count the photons in the region of the arm and center when the width of one of the crosses is 1σ , 1.18σ (HWHM), 2σ , and 3σ

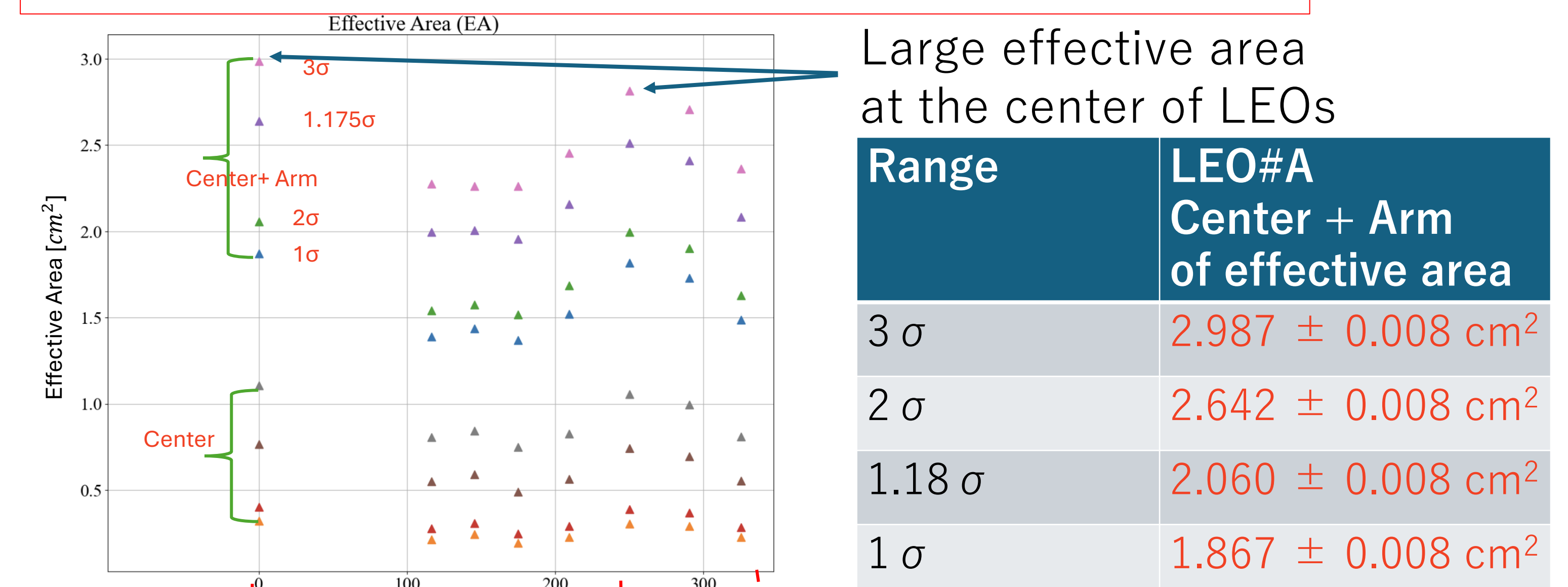


Get rid of overlapping components

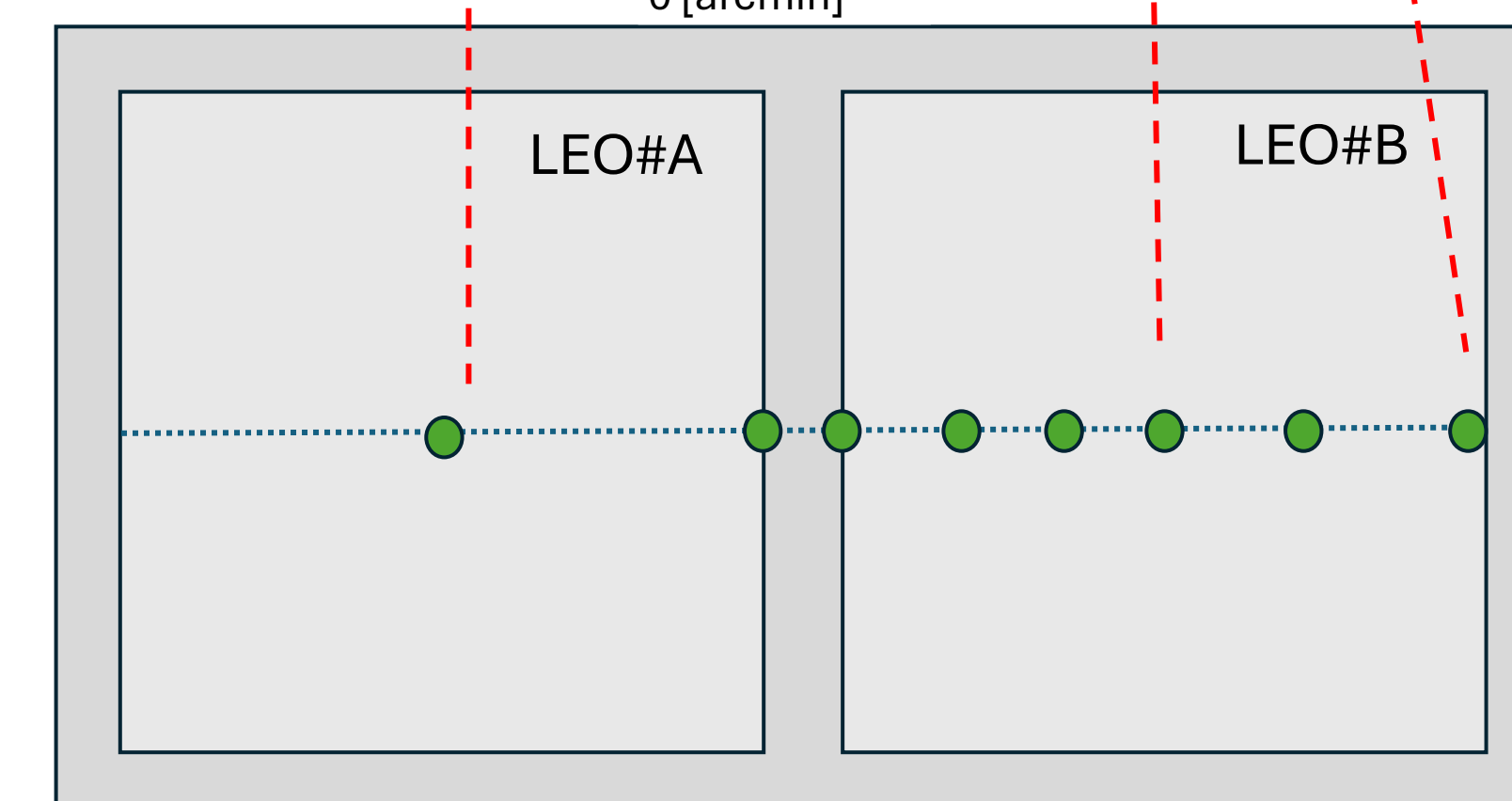
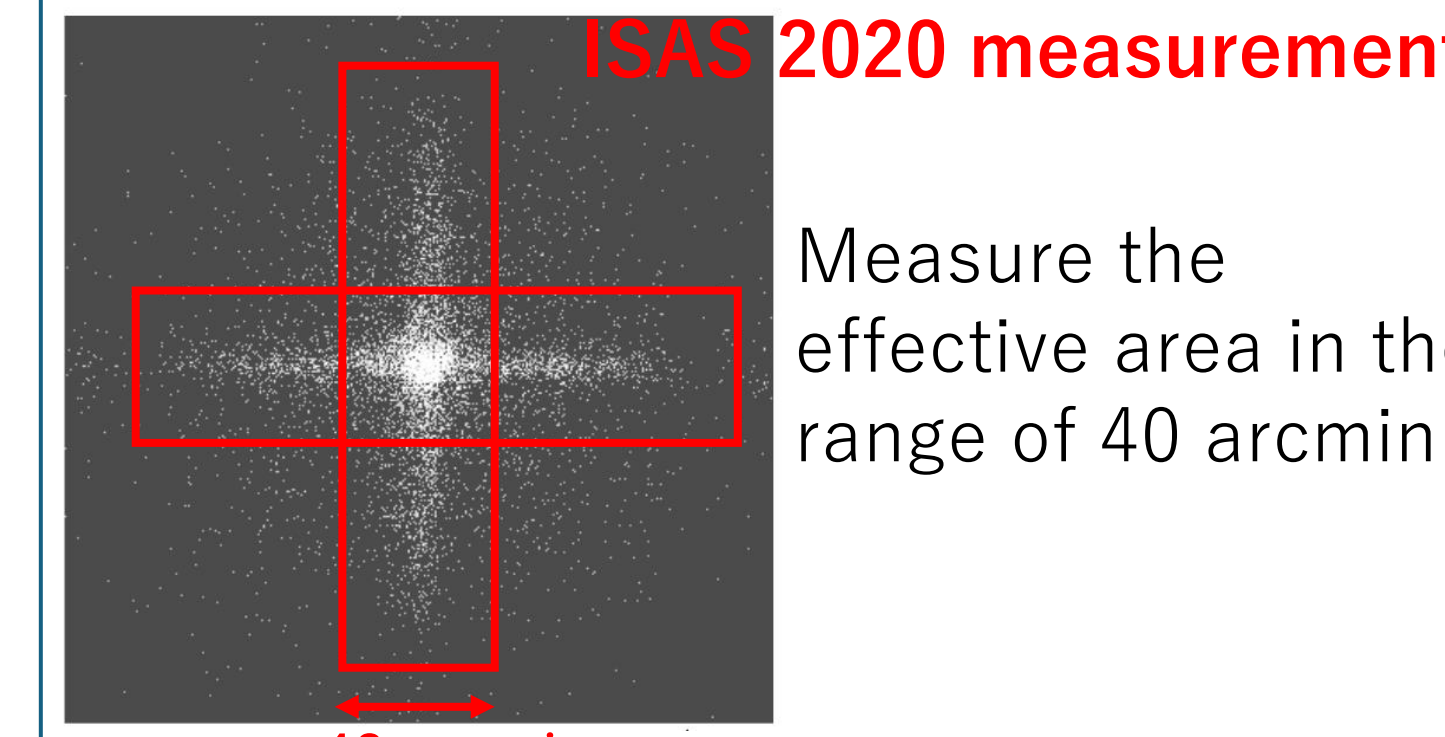


Result

Effective area = Photon counts / Photon flux



Comparison with Past Measurements



Range	Effective area @1.5 keV (2024ISAS) [cm ²]	Effective area@1.5keV (2020ISAS) [cm ²]
Center + Arm Width=40 arcmin	3.214 ± 0.012	3.49
Center 40 x 40 arcmin	1.434 ± 0.007	1.37

Center + Arm matched with a margin of error of 8.59% and center with a margin of error of 4.46%

Discussion

The effective area is the largest at the center of LEO and smaller at the boundary between LEO#A and LEO#B because it is blocked by the frame and it is difficult to focus light.

Conclusion

- Since the image of the cross was cut off at the end of the sensor, it was necessary to expand the measurement area next time
- Results from Einstein Probe and previous HiZ effective area simulations Comparison with the results of this measurement

Reference

X-ray performance and simulation study of lobster eye optics (Li 2020)