

Friends of IXPE Forum

16 July 2026



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IXPE Cycle 4 proposals will be due on 17 September 2026.

- Proposals and Tools - Cycle 4, https://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/ixpe/proposals/ixpe_prop.html
- We now have a joint program with XMM-Newton.
- The policy on C targets has changed. If observations of a category C target are begun, then the target will be automatically carried over to future cycles, if necessary, until at least 80% of the requested exposure is completed. Category C targets that are not observed during a cycle will be dropped, but may be re-proposed in subsequent cycles.
- The next forum will be on 20 August 2026. : Sofia Forsblom (University of Turku) will speak on "Polarized emission from X-ray pulsars probed by IXPE".
- For September, we will change to the second Thursday of the month, **10 September 2026**, to avoid conflict with the proposal due date.
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Agenda

- IXPE mission and data processing status – Chien-Ting Chen (IXPE SOC, MSFC/USRA)
- IXPE Polarimetry of Pulsar Wind Nebulae – Jack Dinsmore (Stanford U.)
- Measuring X-ray Polarization: Weights and Statistics – Steven Ehlert (MSFC)