

Observation Patterns



- Concern about usage of patterns other than 5x5, especially the Hex pattern. Systematics in deep ISGRI mosaics, energy calibration for SPI?
- **But** some scientific goals for Compact Objects and AGN require complementary coverage by monitors \Rightarrow astronomers request and TAC grants some time in Hex, which is currently **the only defined option maintaining source in monitor FOV**.
- Significant time (usually larger than Hex) also spent in non-5x5 grids (GCDE, Cygnus KP, Scutum/Norma) and various scans.
- Questions for next AO's:
 - Are there other patterns 'less bad' than Hex but keeping monitor coverage? What about, e.g., 3x3?
 - Is significant fraction of scans an issue?

Pattern Usage


