

ROSAT All-Sky Survey observations of IRAS galaxies

I. Soft X-ray and far-infrared properties

Th. Boller¹, F. Bertoldi¹, M. Dennefeld², and W. Voges¹

¹ Max-Planck-Institut für Extraterrestrische Physik, D-85748 Garching, Germany

² Institute d'Astrophysique (IAP), 98 bis boulevard-Arago, F-75014 Paris, France

Received June 9; accepted September 16, 1997

Abstract. The 120 000 X-ray sources detected in the RASS II processing of the ROSAT All-Sky Survey are correlated with the 14 315 IRAS galaxies selected from the IRAS Point Source Catalogue: 372 IRAS galaxies show X-ray emission within a distance of 100 arcsec from the infrared position. By inspecting the structure of the X-ray emission in overlays on optical images we quantify the likelihood that the X-rays originate from the IRAS galaxy. For 197 objects the soft X-ray emission is very likely associated with the IRAS galaxy. Their soft X-ray properties are determined and compared with their far-infrared emission. X-ray contour plots overlaid on Palomar Digitized Sky Survey images are given for each of the 372 potential identifications. All images and tables displayed here are also available in electronic form.

Key words: galaxies: general — galaxies: active — galaxies: Seyfert — X-rays: galaxies

1. Introduction

In a previous paper (Boller et al. 1992a) we presented results of a first correlation between the ROSAT All-Sky Survey and the 14 708 extragalactic sources selected from the IRAS Point Source Catalogue (hereafter IRAS PSC). This initial correlation used the first processing of the All-Sky Survey data by the Standard Analysis Software System (RASS I) (Voges et al. 1996a; Downes et al. 1994) and resulted in a sample of 244 objects. From the distribution of source separations (see Fig. 4 of Boller et al. 1992a) the number fraction of spurious sources herein was estimated to about 16%.

Recently, a second processing of the ROSAT All-Sky Survey (RASS II) was performed that yielded about 120 000 sources with detection likelihoods larger 8

(Crudace et al. (1988) for the definition of the detection likelihood). The major differences of the second processing as compared with the first are: (i) the photons were not collected in strips but merged in 1378 sky-fields of 6.4×6.4 degree, which takes full advantage of the increasing exposure towards the ecliptic poles; (ii) neighboring fields overlap by at least 0.23 degree in order to ensure the detection of sources at the field boundaries, which posed a problem in the first processing; (iii) a new aspect solution reduces the number of sources with erroneous positions and morphology.

In this paper we present the results of a correlation of the 14 315 IRAS galaxies with the RASS II source list¹. For consistency we have still taken the IRAS PSC sources, but use whenever available the IRAS FSC position and fluxes instead of the IRAS PSC positions and fluxes. Section 2 describes how the X-ray emitting IRAS galaxies were identified through a spatial correlation, and a subsequent superposition of X-ray emission contours on optical images. We adopted a classification scheme to characterize the likelihood that the infrared and X-ray emission originate from the same object. Thereby we obtained a list of IRAS galaxies with a very high probability of detected X-ray emission. Their soft X-ray spectral properties were analyzed and compared with their infrared emission in Sect. 3.

The aim of this paper is to present the basic data and to quantify the likelihood that the X-rays we measure are associated with the IRAS galaxy. In subsequent papers we shall present results of optical follow-up observations of our galaxy sample and of theoretical models addressing

¹ In order to maintain a well defined infrared source sample we did not include in our correlation the incomplete sample of high flux [$f(100 \mu\text{m}) > 10 \text{ Jy}$] IRAS galaxies. These objects are excluded by the multivariate selection technique (cf. Adorf & Meurs 1988; Boller et al. 1992b; Sect. 2 of Boller et al. 1992a); however their RASS I spatially correlated sources are included in our first correlation.

the X-ray and far-infrared emission of galaxies in different states of nuclear activity.

The 197 IRAS galaxies with secure X-ray emission are subject of an optical follow-up observation program. The results will be presented in subsequent papers. The images for the 372 potential identifications and the tables 3 to 5 of the paper are available as postscript files from <http://www.rosat.mpe-garching.mpg.de/bol/irasrassII> or can be retrieved via anonymous ftp from <ftp.rosat.mpe-garching.mpg.de> in the subdirectories `/outgoing/bol/iras-rassII/images` and `/outgoing/bol/iras-rassII/tables`, respectively.

2. Identifying X-ray emitting IRAS galaxies

Our RASS II source catalogue only includes sources with a detection likelihood larger than eight. In addition, the number of source photons in the (0.1–2.4 keV) energy band must be larger than six. The latter restriction is obtained from an analysis of the distribution of detection likelihood values versus the ratio of source to background count rates. Sources with five or less source photons show unusually high source to background count ratios for their values of the detection likelihood, compared to sources with a higher detection likelihood. This may be due to uncertainties in the standard analysis software analysis of weak sources. To avoid the uncertainties introduced by the SASS detection algorithm we therefore require the number of source photons to be above some threshold. The RASS II source catalogue thereby constrained has 116 471 sources.

Through a correlation of the positions of 14 315 IRAS galaxies with 116 471 RASS II source positions we obtained a list of 372 possible identifications. Because of its superior positional accuracy, when available we used the IRAS FSC position instead of the IRAS PSC position. Table 2 lists the corresponding FSC and PSC names for such objects.

In Sect. 2.1 we estimate the number of chance coincidences among our correlated IRAS and RASS II sources, as well as the dependence of that number on the positional uncertainty of the RASS II source positions.

In a second step (Sect. 2.2) the candidate identifications were individually examined through superimposing the X-ray emission contours on optical images taken from the Palomar Digitized Sky Survey. In these images we also show the IRAS 3σ error ellipse. All objects were classified according to how clearly the X-rays appear to originate from the optical counterpart of the respective IRAS source.

2.1. Identification through positional coincidence and chance coincidence rate

This section describes our first identification step, a search for RASS II sources within 5 arcmin around each of the

14 315 IRAS galaxies. We estimate the chance coincidence rate and its dependence on the positional identification uncertainty.

2.1.1. Chance coincidence rate from two random sets

From two random sets of $N_1 = 14\,315$ and $N_2 = 116\,471$ sources we expect

$$N_{cc} = \frac{N_1 N_2}{4\pi} \cdot \pi \left(\frac{\pi\theta}{180 \cdot 60^2} \right)^2 = 98 \left(\frac{\theta}{100''} \right)^2 \quad (1)$$

chance pairs with an angular separation less than θ , where θ is measured in arcsec. Within a separation of 100 arcsec we therefore expect 98 chance coincidences, which account for one quarter of the source pairs we found.

To empirically verify this number of chance coincidences we re-correlated the IRAS galaxy positions five times with RASS II positions that were offset by ± 30 arcmin in right ascension and/or declination. The number of chance coincidences of separation less than 100 arcsec turned out to be 101 ($\Delta\alpha = +30'$), 105 ($\Delta\alpha = -30'$), 113 ($\Delta\delta = +30'$), 105 ($\Delta\delta = -30'$), 102 ($\Delta\alpha = +30'$, $\Delta\delta = -30'$). The slightly higher number of pairs in the test correlations may be due to an excess of correlation below about 150 arcsec separations that we attribute to a wider spatial correlation between diffuse cluster X-ray emission and the infrared emission from galaxies within the clusters (see the discussion in the following section).

The number distribution of pairs drawn from two randomly distributed sets of N_1 and N_2 objects, respectively, should follow

$$\frac{dN_{cc}}{d\theta} = \frac{N_1 N_2}{2} \frac{\pi^2 \theta}{180^2 \cdot 60^4} = 0.0196 \left(\frac{N_1}{14315} \right) \left(\frac{N_2}{116471} \right) \cdot \theta \quad (2)$$

A least square fit to the average distribution up to 300 arcsec of our five test correlations (cf. Fig. 1b) yields $dN_{cc}/d\theta = 0.0190 \cdot \theta$, which corresponds to $N_1 \cdot N_2 = 1.62 \cdot 10^9$, in fair agreement with the expected value of $N_1 \cdot N_2 = 1.67 \cdot 10^9$.

2.1.2. Chance coincidence rate from the RASS II - infrared catalogue

We searched for RASS II counterparts within a radius of 5 arcmin around the position of each of the 14 315 IRAS galaxies and found 372 possible identifications. Figure 1a shows the distribution of distances between the infrared position and its nearest X-ray source. In contrast to the distribution of random associations displayed in Fig. 1b, the actual correlation of the two catalogues shows a strong excess of source pairs within about 50 arcsec. Of the 372 pairs within 100 arcsec the expected number of chance coincidences is 105, with an uncertainty estimated from the different X-ray catalogue offsets of about ± 8 . Thus statistically, we should have found about 267 IRAS sources with X-ray emission in their actual vicinity.

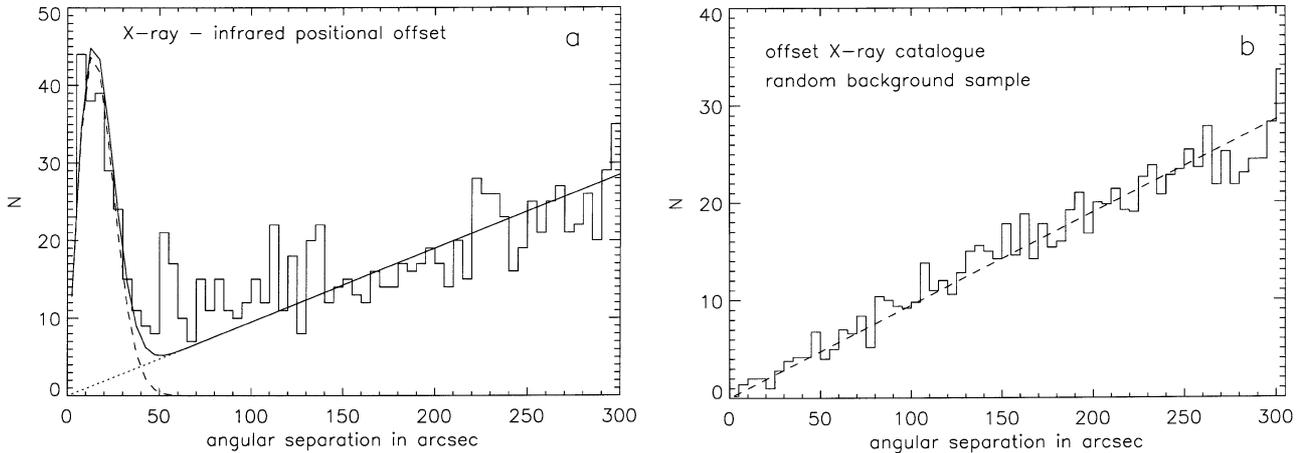


Fig. 1. Distribution of separations between the IRAS PSC and ROSAT All Sky Survey II sources (left panel) and an offset X-ray catalogue (right panel, see text for details). We chose a maximum angular separation of 100 arcsec to obtain a first set of 372 candidate identifications. We estimate between 98 and 113 chance coincidences among these. After a visual examination of these objects we allow for a maximum separation of only 30 arcsec, which reduces the number of expected chance coincidences to 10 ± 1 pairs

The width of the distribution of “real” source pair separations arises from positional uncertainties in each catalogue, resulting in a Gaussian distribution with some angular width σ . We therefore model the observed distribution as the sum of N_{real} “real” pairs, and a background characterized by the total number, $N_1 \cdot N_2$, of pairs in two sets of randomly distributed objects:

$$dN(\theta) = \left(\frac{N_{\text{real}}}{\sigma^2} e^{-\theta^2/2\sigma^2} + \frac{N_1 N_2}{2} \frac{\pi^2}{180^2 \cdot 60^4} \right) \theta d\theta \quad (3)$$

A least square fit to the observed distribution yields $\sigma = 14$ arcsec and $N_{\text{real}} = 204$ (we have fixed the value of $N_1 \cdot N_2$ to that obtained from the distribution of Fig. 1b). Our visual inspection (cf. Sect. 2.3 and our overlays) of all 372 pairs resulted in 197 secure identification of X-ray emitting IRAS galaxies, a number in good agreement with the 204 objects attributed to the central Gaussian of the pair distribution function.

The number of 204 sources we attribute to the central Gaussian is smaller than the total number of pairs to 100 arcsec minus the expected random pairs, $372 - 105 = 267$. This is probably due to another excess above the expected random distribution and outside the central Gaussian peak, reaching out to about 150 arcsec (cf. Fig. 1a). This wider excess could most naturally be explained as coming from IRAS galaxies embedded in clusters with diffuse X-ray emission from the intercluster gas. In such cases the IRAS galaxy is not the source of the X-ray emission, which come from the cluster gas and may peak somewhere within the cluster size away from the IRAS galaxy. The size of nearby clusters from which we would expect RASS-detectable intercluster gas emission is in fact of order 2 arcmin. In our detailed comparison of the ROSAT emission with the optical images we indeed found such clusters

that we flagged accordingly (grade 3, see Sect. 2.3). The X-ray emission on the line of sight to IRAS F05537–6653 is a representative example.

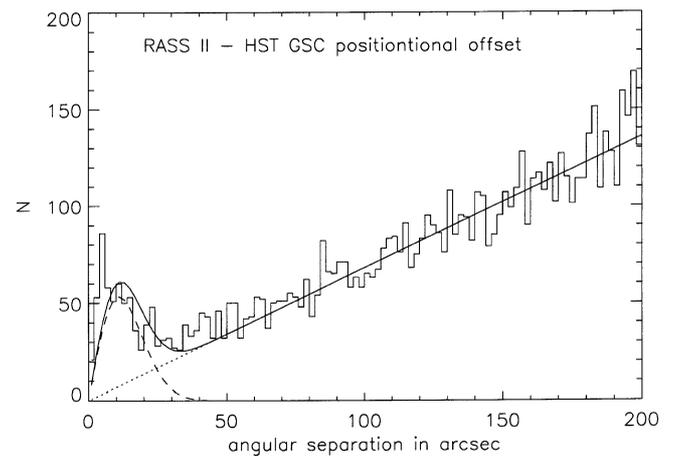


Fig. 2. Distribution of separations between the HST GSC and RASS II detected IRAS galaxies. The standard deviation σ of the Gaussian distribution is 11 arcsec. The value of 11 arcsec can be used to estimate the pointing accuracy for RASS II sources

For our 372 candidate pairs we searched the NASA/IPAC extragalactic database (NED) for optical identifications within a distance of 2 arcmin around the IRAS PSC positions. Table 3 lists the X-ray and infrared positions, and the positions of the found NED counterparts (we list at most nine of them) with their basic optical properties. Since NED comprises many catalogues, it may identify a given galaxy with several different names and

coordinates. When an IRAS galaxy was clearly identified with an optical galaxy, the more accurate optical galaxy position is listed in Table 3 instead of the IRAS position.

We are aware that the spectral classification in NED is collected from the literature without quantifying the likelihood of the classification. For a better and consistent classification we therefore initiated an optical follow-up program the results of which will be presented in a separate paper.

2.1.3. X-ray position accuracy

In order to estimate the positional (aspect) errors of the X-ray sources we selected all IRAS galaxies with optical counterparts, and correlated the optical and RASS II positions. For accurate optical positions for the IRAS galaxies we searched the *Hubble Space Telescope* (HST) Guide Star Catalogue (GSC) (Lasker et al. 1990; Russell et al. 1990; Jenkner et al. 1990). Within a search radius of 5 arcmin 16 274 counterparts were found. Figure 2 shows the distribution of the optical and RASS II position offsets. Under the reasonable assumption that the accuracy of the HST GSC positions is much higher than that of the RASS II positions, we estimate the aspect error of the X-ray positions from the Gaussian width of the central distribution peak as $\sigma = 11$ arcsec. For a Gaussian distribution this results in 68% (90%) of ROSAT sources found within 10 arcsec (18 arcsec) of the HST GSC position. These numbers are in good agreement with the results (12 and 20 arcsec) found by Voges & Boller (1997) by correlating the ROSAT Bright Source Catalogue (Voges et al. 1996b) with the TYCHO catalogue for bright stars having an error of less than 1 arcsec (see their Fig. 3).

2.1.4. Comparison with RASS I catalogue

The 14 315 IRAS galaxies were previously correlated with the RASS I source catalogue and the results were presented in Boller et al. (1992a). The advantages of the RASS II processing with respect to the RASS I processing are discussed in the introduction of this paper. 52 objects from the original RASS I source catalogue are no longer included in the present catalogue. There are three reasons why objects were excluded; (i) the infrared flux at 100 μm is greater than 10 Jansky (see the footnote in our introduction), 26 objects fulfill this criteria; (ii) the positional offset from the new RASS II processing between the RASS II position and the infrared position is larger than 100 arcsec and/or the RASS II detection likelihood is less than eight (25 objects), and (iii), the number of RASS II source photons is less than six (one object).

Due to the merging of the original RASS I strips into 1378 sky-fields of 6.4×6.4 degree, 78 new objects at fainter X-ray fluxes are detected in the RASS II processing with respect to the RASS I processing and these objects

appear now also in our new RASS II catalogue of IRAS galaxies.

The improved RASS II processing and our individual examination of the X-ray emission structure with respect to the optically visible galaxy and its environment together provide a higher degree of reliability of this catalogue compared to the previous RASS I – IRAS correlation. A third release of this catalogue might be called for if major improvements can be made in the SASS processing.

2.2. X-ray contours on optical images

The Photon Event (PET) Files from the RASS II processing were used to produce X-ray images and contour plots. To obtain an optimal spatial resolution of the X-ray images, the PET files were binned in 5 arcsec width bins. The resulting images were then smoothed with a $\sigma = 19$ arcsec Gaussian filter, corresponding to a full-width at half maximum of 45 arcsec, which is the expected width of the point spread function in the ROSAT All-Sky Survey. X-ray contours were computed in units of source photons per FWHM detection cell. The background photon density n_{bg} is known at each source position from the RASS II processing. To detect at least one source photon within a circular area of 45 arcsec diameter requires a mean photon density of $6.29 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ photons arcsec}^{-2} + n_{\text{bg}}$. The source plus background photon density is known from the PET files and the exposure map. The lowest contour line was chosen to represent two source photons per FWHM detection cell. The higher contour levels represent 3, 5, 9, 17 (doubling the contour value difference) and then 2^n (for $n \geq 5$) photons per FWHM detection cell. This choice of contours appears to best trace the source structure over their dynamic range.

The X-ray photon flux contours were overlaid on optical images, and a cross marks the centroid X-ray position obtained by the RASS II processing. Rectangles were drawn to mark the positions of NED sources, and for the IRAS FSC or PSC sources the 3σ error ellipse. The likelihood grade of the association of the X-ray emission with the IRAS galaxy (see next section) is printed in the lower right corner of each image.

2.3. Classification of X-ray detection likelihood

For a visual inspection we consider all 372 pairs with a separation of 100 arcsec as potentially “real” correlations subject to further analysis.

This does however not necessarily imply that the IRAS galaxy itself is responsible for the X-ray emission. Since galaxies tend to be clustered (see our discussion in Sect. 2.1.1), the IR and X-ray emission may arise from neighboring galaxies, or from extended intercluster gas. An visual inspection of all 372 sources is therefore necessary to assess the emission structure in relation to the optically visible galaxy and its environment. In the visual examination we

finally allow for a maximum separation of only 30 arcsec between the X-ray and the IR position, which reduces the number of expected chance coincidences to 10 ± 1 pairs.

We adopted a classification scheme with the following six grades to characterize the quality and likelihood of an identification of the RASS II emission with an IRAS galaxy.

1) The X-ray emission is spatially clearly coincident with an optical counterpart to the IRAS galaxy. There is no significant surrounding X-ray emission peak within the 5 arcmin detection cell used in the RASS II processing. Objects with a classification grade 1 have the highest likelihood that the X-ray emission is actually originating from the IRAS galaxy.

2) The X-ray emission is spatially coincident with an optical counterpart of the IRAS galaxy. However, there is significant surrounding X-ray emission within the RASS II detection cell. In this case the RASS II count rate was corrected by subtraction of the surrounding emission peaks, using the PET files. The number of source photons after subtraction of the secondary peaks is still required to be equal or greater than six.

2db) The IRAS galaxy may be a blend of two or more galaxies not resolved in the IRAS FSC or IRAS PSC. The X-ray emission is spatially coincident with the infrared position. The spatial resolution of the ROSAT All-Sky Survey does not allow a unique identification of one of the optical counterparts with the X-ray emission.

3) The X-ray emission shows complex and diffuse structure and cannot be uniquely associated with the IRAS galaxy. The complex emission may originate from inter-cluster gas, background or foreground objects. An identification with the IRAS galaxy is uncertain.

4) There is significant X-ray emission near the IRAS position, but it peaks at a distance larger than about 30 arcsec from the IRAS galaxy, which is about 2.5σ from the X-ray peak. This appears too far, but in some cases may be due to pointing errors in RASS II.

5) There is no spatial association of the X-ray emission with the IRAS galaxy. The RASS II centroid position only fortuitously coincides with the IRAS galaxy position.

9) Other:

(i) a bright foreground star close to the position of the IRAS galaxy is the most likely source of the X-ray emission;

(ii) less than 2 source photons are detected at the position of the RASS II centroid position, i.e. no contour lines are plotted (cf. IRAS 05576–7655).

Only objects with a classification grade 1, 2 or 2db are considered secure identifications of X-ray emission with an IRAS galaxy.

2.4. RASS II sources with resolved X-ray emission

In Table 1 we list sources considered as secure identifications which have an source extent that exceeds the point

spread function. The likelihood of the source extent is required to be at least 10, a value obtained from a verification process of that SASS parameter.

Table 1. RASS II sources which have a source extent larger than the point spread function. Column 1 gives the source name from IRAS FSC or PSC, respectively. The source extent above the point spread function in arcsec is given in Col. 2. The last column lists the likelihood of the source extent (cf. Cruddace et al. 1986)

	(1)	(2)	(3)
IRAS name	extent	likelihood	
F07387+4955	27	186	
F13518+6933	13	23	
F14157+2522	10	26	
F14400+3539	12	38	
F16136+6550	11	19	
F17020+4544	12	11	
F18011+4246	75	12	
F18216+6419	23	485	
F20240–5233	67	16	
F22402+2927	9	26	
23566–0424	19	10	

3. Soft X-ray and far-infrared properties of secure identifications

In Table 4 we list the soft X-ray (0.1–2.4 keV) fluxes and luminosities and the far-infrared (40–120 μm) fluxes and luminosities for the secure identifications. To compute the soft X-ray (0.1–2.4 keV) energy flux from the PSPC count rate we assume a simple power-law spectrum

$$f_E dE \propto E^{-\Gamma+1} dE, \quad (1)$$

where $f_E dE$ is the galaxy's energy flux between photon energies E and $E + dE$. We assume a fixed photon spectral index $\Gamma = 2.3$, which is the typical value found for extragalactic objects with ROSAT (cf. Hasinger et al. 1991; Walter & Fink 1993), and an absorbing column density of hydrogen fixed at the Stark et al. (1992) Galactic value N_{Hgal} along the line of sight. In other words, the normalization of the spectrum from which the energy flux is derived is chosen such that a power law photon spectrum with $\Gamma = 2.3$, absorbed by a column N_{Hgal} , produces the observed count rate. These fluxes are referred to in the following as f_{X1} .

For 42 objects with more than 100 detected source photons we were able to improve the flux estimates by fitting power-law spectra with free spectral index Γ , and free absorption column density, N_{H} ; latter was however required to be larger or equal to the Galactic value at the respective position, N_{Hgal} . Under the assumption that the intrinsic spectrum is a power law, we can thereby account for absorption of X-rays inside the respective galaxy.

The flux derived this way, f_{X2} , should usually be higher than that derived with fixed Γ and N_{H} , since it is derived from a larger absorbing column. However, in some cases $f_{X2} < f_{X1}$. This occurs when our best fit $\Gamma < 2.3$, which results in a lower energy flux for a given count rate, and when at the same time N_{H} is not much larger than the Galactic value. It may also be due to differences between the count rates determined in the standard analysis and the count rates derived from the Photon Event files using the EXSAS package (Zimmermann et al. 1994). The integrated energy fluxes and other spectral parameters for the 42 X-ray brightest galaxies we were able to fit this way are listed in Table 4. In Fig. 3 we compare the fluxes obtained from a free fit, f_{X2} , with those of a fixed spectral shape fit, f_{X1} . As expected, most objects have $f_{X2} > f_{X1}$.

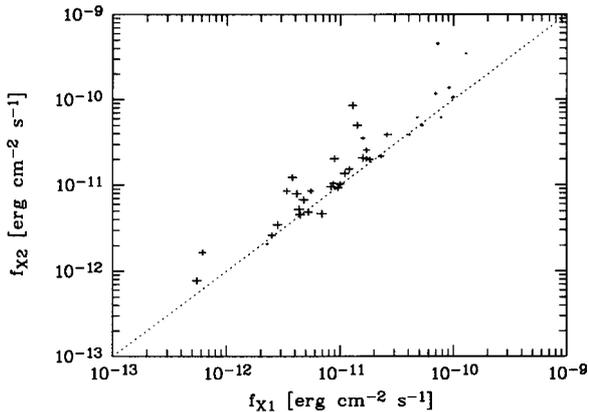


Fig. 3. Soft X-ray flux f_{X1} derived from a power-law model with fixed spectral index $\Gamma = 2.3$ and corrected only for Galactic absorption, plotted against the flux f_{X2} computed from a best fit power-law spectrum with free spectral index and absorbing column $N_{\text{H}} \geq N_{\text{Hgal}}$

We are aware that in objects where detailed spectral modeling was performed, it often though not always appears that the spectrum can be fit with a hard power-law plus a soft excess component. Even if the spectrum is well represented by a power-law, the spectral index may assume a wide range of values (e.g. Boller et al. 1996) find a correlation between the soft X-ray photon index and the FWHM of the H_{β} line). In these cases the power-law approximation may result to uncertain fluxes and luminosities.

To illustrate the robustness of our flux determination we have searched the literature for detections by other X-ray satellites or other authors on RASS-detected IRAS galaxies from this paper. From the secure identification listed in our Table 4 the following sources have published X-ray fluxes obtained with the Einstein satellite (Fabbiano et al. 1992): IRAS F02321–0900, F03207–3723 (as well as ROSAT RASS I observations (Brinkmann et al. 1994)), F03372–1850, F04150–5554, F11034+7250, F11210–0823, F12125+3328, F13277+5840, F14157+

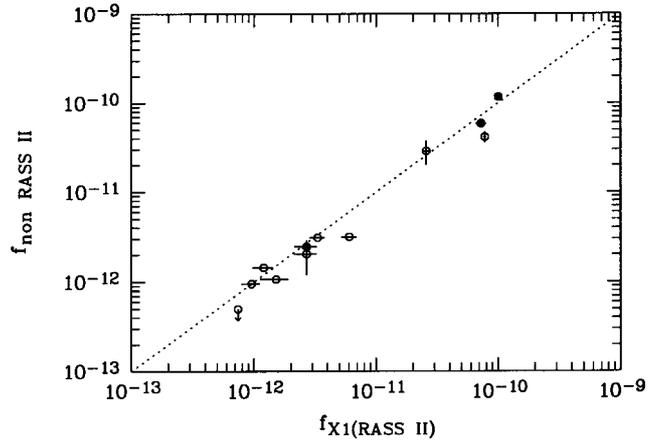


Fig. 4. Comparison of the X-ray fluxes f_{X1} obtained in this paper with X-ray fluxes obtained by other authors. We searched the literature and found 11 sources out of the 197 secure identifications listed in Table 4 with published soft X-ray fluxes. The open symbols mark detections by the Einstein satellite and the filled symbols were obtained within ROSAT pointed observations. The fluxes obtained from different measurements are in good agreement and the differences may be due to either intrinsic variability of the sources (cf. Voges & Boller 1997 for an statistical analysis of the variability of ROSAT sources) or slight differences in the spectral modeling used to convert count rates to fluxes

2522; and within ROSAT pointed observations (Brinkmann et al. 1994) F04305+0514 and F12265+0219. Figure 4 shows a good agreement between different flux measurements. We are aware that source variability might also contribute to the scatter in Fig. 4, since the majority of ROSAT sources show variability (cf. Voges & Boller 1997 for a statistical analysis of the variability of ROSAT sources).

The total far-infrared ($40 - 120 \mu\text{m}$) fluxes, f_{FIR} , were computed following Helou (1985) from the IRAS $60 \mu\text{m}$ and $100 \mu\text{m}$ band fluxes:

$$f_{\text{FIR}} = 1.26 \cdot 10^{-11} (2.58 f_{60} + f_{100}) \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}, \quad (2)$$

where f_{60} and f_{100} are given in Jansky. The soft X-ray and far-infrared fluxes were converted to luminosities using Eq. (7) of Schmidt & Green (1986):

$$L(E_1, E_2) = 4\pi(c/H_0)^2 C(z) A^2(z) f(E_1, E_2), \quad (4)$$

where a power-law spectrum is assumed in the energy range (E_1, E_2) , so that the redshift-dependent functions $C(z)$ and $A(z)$ are then given by:

$$C(z) = (1+z)^{\Gamma-2}, \quad (5)$$

$$A(z) = 2 \left[(1+z) - (1+z)^{1/2} \right]. \quad (6)$$

For the photon index in the far-infrared we assumed $\Gamma = 1.5$. A Hubble constant $H_0 = 50 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

Table 2. FSC names and PSC names for identical objects

PSC name	FSC name						
00127+2817	00128+2817	00360-2432	00361-2432	00488+2907	00489+2908	00540-0133	00541-0133
01134+3046	01134+3045	01464+1249	01464+1248	02025+0941	02025+0940	02093+3714	02092+3714
02223-1922	02223-1921	02537-1641	02536-1641	03208-3723	03207-3723	03229-0618	03229-0619
03398-2124	03398-2123	03543-7216	03544-7216	04105-6811	04105-6810	04339-1028	04340-1028
04384-4848	04384-4849	04470-6227	04469-6227	04503+0114	04504+0114	04576+0912	04575+0912
05264-3936	05263-3937	05291-2608	05290-2608	05335-7359	05334-7359	05399-8345	05400-8345
05339-5804	05340-5804	05576-7655	05577-7655	05581-5907	05580-5907	06280+6342	06279+6342
06295+5743	06296+5743	07388+4955	07387+4955	07451+5543	07452+5543	08080-6109	08081-6109
08066-1905	08068-1906	08082+7900	08080+7900	08162+2717	08162+2716	09162+2628	09161+2628
09241+5735	09242+5735	09571+8435	09572+8435	10213+0644	10214+0644	10291+6517	10290+6517
11029+3130	11028+3130	11033+7250	11034+7250	11058+7159	11060+7158	11161+6020	11162+6020
11395+1033	11396+1033	11419+2022	11419+2023	12055+6527	12056+6527	12175+2933	12176+2933
12409+7823	12409+7824	12446-4058	12446-4057	12551+2040	12552+2039	12561+2752	12561+2751
12566+3507	12566+3506	12584+2803	12585+2803	13003+8017	13004+8017	13150+2051	13150+2052
13177-2021	13176-2020	13428+6652	13429+6652	13446+1121	13445+1121	13467+4014	13468+4013
13503+6104	13504+6104	13519+6933	13518+6933	13510+0442	13509+0442	13578+0516	13577+0517
14156+2522	14157+2522	14457+2308	14457+2309	15480+6822	15480+6821	15519+1444	15519+1445
16040+1818	16042+1824	17166-7536	17167-7536	17520+3250	17520+3249	17550+6520	17549+6520
17552+6209	17551+6209	17511-6542	17512-6542	18011+4247	18011+4246	18130+5703	18129+5703
18216+6418	18216+6419	18396-6225	18402-6224	19073-5257	19074-5257	19290+5830	19289+5830
19463-5843	19462-5843	19519-8141	19518-8142	20051-1117	20050-1117	20069+5929	20068+5929
20044-6114	20045-6114	20448+2515	20448+2514	20546-4849	20547-4849	21236-6013	21235-6013
21467-5530	21468-5530	22403+2927	22402+2927	22453-1744	22454-1744	22482-7027	22481-7028
22537-6511	22537-6512	23016-5144	23017-5144	23229+2835	23229+2834	23252+2318	23251+2318
23410+0228	23411+0228	-	-	-	-	-	-

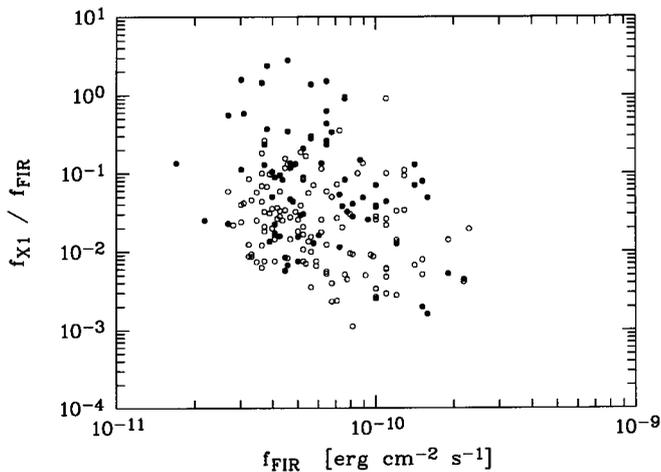


Fig. 5. Soft (0.1–2.4 keV) X-ray to far-infrared (40–120 μm) flux ratio versus far-infrared flux for ROSAT All-Sky Survey detected IRAS galaxies. Only objects with confident correlations, i.e., grade 1 and 2, are shown. Galaxies identified as Seyfert in NED are marked by filled symbols. The X-ray flux was obtained from a simple power-law model with a photon index $\Gamma = 2.3$ and an absorbing column density of hydrogen fixed to the Galactic value along the line of sight (cf. Sect. 3)

and cosmological deceleration parameter of $q_0 = 0.5$ were adopted.

In Fig. 5 we plot the ratio between the far-infrared and soft X-ray flux, f_{X1}/f_{FIR} against the far-infrared flux for the objects in Table 4. Galaxies identified as Seyfert in NED are marked as filled symbols. The ratio f_{X1}/f_{FIR} ranges over 4 orders of magnitude and IRAS galaxies identified as Seyfert in the NED tend to be located at the high end of this distribution.

4. Summary

(1) We have correlated the 116 417 X-ray sources detected in the RASS II processing with a sample of 14 315 galaxies selected from the IRAS PSC. Our results build upon a previous correlation of these IRAS galaxies with the RASS I processing.

(2) 372 IRAS galaxies show X-ray emission within a distance of 100 arcsec from the infrared position.

(3) X-ray contour plots overlaid on Palomar Digitized Sky Survey images were inspected to quantify the likelihood that the X-rays originate from the IRAS galaxy. These images are shown for each of the 372 potential identifications.

(4) For 197 objects the soft X-ray emission is very likely associated with the IRAS galaxy. For these objects the soft X-ray fluxes and luminosities are computed and compared with their far-infrared emission. For 42 objects with more

than 100 detected source photons we were able to improve the flux estimates by fitting power-law spectra with free spectral index and free absorption column density.

(5) The ratio between the soft X-ray and the far-infrared flux covers about 4 order of magnitudes and can reach values above unity.

Acknowledgements. We thank J. Trümper, W. Pietsch and U. Zimmermann for helpful discussions. We thank A. Vogler for the help in producing the images with overlaid X-ray contours. We thank the referee, Dr. M. Lehnert for his suggestions to further improve the paper. The ROSAT project is supported by the Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft, Forschung und Technologie (BMBF/DARA) and the Max-Planck-Society. FB acknowledges support by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

References

- Adorf H.-M., Meurs E.J.A., 1988, *Lect. Notes Phys.* 310, 315
 Boller Th., Meurs E.J.A., Brinkmann W., et al., 1992a, *A&A* 261, 57
 Boller Th., Meurs E.J.A., Adorf H.-M., 1992b, *A&A* 259, 101
 Boller Th., Brandt W.N., Fink H.H., 1996, *A&A* 305, 53
 Brinkmann W., Siebert J., Boller Th., 1994, *A&A* 281, 355
 Condon J.J., Yin Q.F., Thuan T.X., Boller Th., 1997, *AJ* (submitted)
 Cruddace R.G., Hasinger G., Schmitt J.H.M.M., 1988, in Murtagh F., Heck A. (eds.) *Astronomy from Large Databases: Scientific Objectives and Methodological Approaches*. ESO Conference and Workshop Proceedings 28. ESO Press, Garching, p. 177
 Downes R., White R., Reichert G., et al., 1994, *The ROSAT Data Products Guide*, (http://ftp.rosat.mpe-garching.mpg.de/rosat_svc/doc/productguide/ProdGuide.html)
 Fabbiano G., Kim D.-W., Trinchieri G., 1992, *ApJS* 80, 531
 Hasinger G., Trümper J., Schmidt M., 1991, *A&A* 246, 2
 Helou G., Soifer B.T., Rowan-Robinson M., 1985, *ApJ* 298, L7
 Jenkner H., Lasker B., Sturch C., et al., 1990, *AJ* 99, 2081
 Lasker B., Sturch C., McLean B., et al., 1990, *AJ* 99, 2019
 Russell J., Lasker B., McLean B., et al., 1990, *AJ* 99, 2059
 Schmidt M., Green R.F., 1986, *ApJ* 305, 68
 Stark A.A., Gammie C.F., Wilson R.W., et al., 1992, *ApJS* 79, 77
 Voges W., Boller Th., Dennerl K., et al., 1996a, *MPE Report* 263, 637
 Voges W., Aschenbach B., Boller Th., et al., 1996b, *IAUC* 6420
 Voges W., Boller Th., 1997, *Proceedings of the Vulcano Workshop* (in press)
 Walter R., Fink H.H., 1993, *A&A* 274, 105
 Zimmermann H.-H., Becker W., Belloni T., et al., 1994, *MPE Report* 257
- A. Notes on individual objects**
- IRAS F01268–5436:**
 Two galaxies are located within the IRAS FSC 3σ error ellipse. The major X-ray emission is probably associated with the galaxy centered south-east of the IRAS centroid position.
- IRAS F02562+0610:**
 Several optical sources in or near IRAS 3σ ellipse, and several optical sources near X-ray emission, thus no unique identification possible.
- IRAS F04392–2713:**
 X-ray centroid and NED position for IRAS F04392–2713 agree well, however, the IRAS FSC error ellipse is centered on a nearby galaxy about 1 arcmin west of the NED position, which is probably the source of the infrared emission.
- IRAS F05136–0012:**
 Relatively large offset of about 50 arcsec between the X-ray centroid and the infrared position. A PSPC pointed observation on F05136–0012 indicates that the X-ray centroid position and the optical position coincide. Therefore the offset is probably due to an unusually large aspect error of the survey data.
- IRAS F05340–5804:**
 The NED IRAS position is taken from the PSC and is inaccurate. The FSC position is associated with an optical galaxy, but this galaxy is not the source of the X-ray emission.
- IRAS F06059–4928:**
 The infrared emission is not clearly associated with any particular optical galaxy of the apparent cluster. NED identifies F06059–4928 with one of the galaxies but the X-ray emission is clearly not associated with that object.
- IRAS F06068–2705:**
 Condon et al. (1997) find that the IRAS and ROSAT sources are not identical. Most X-ray emission is probably related to the northeastern member of the galaxy pair near the X-ray centroid position which is a Seyfert 1.9 galaxy.
- IRAS 06269–0543:**
 Multiple optical counterparts within IR 3σ ellipse.
- IRAS 08140+7052:**
 Irregular galaxy Ho II with about 7 arcmin diameter, multi-component X-ray emission. Classification grade 1 is given since all the emission originates inside the galaxy despite the large offset between the IRAS FSC and the X-ray centroid positions. The infrared luminosity may be larger than given by FSC/PSC.
- IRAS F10214+0644:**
 Condon et al. (1997) identify the galaxy at optical position $\alpha = 10^{\text{h}}23^{\text{m}}59.9^{\text{s}}$, $\delta = +06^{\circ}29'00''$ as the IRAS and VLA source. The ROSAT source is probably associated with the radio-quiet galaxy CGCG 037–022.
- IRAS 11598–0112:**
 Two optical counterparts within IRAS PSC 3σ error ellipse. The X-ray emission is not spatially resolved.
- IRAS F12134+5459:**
 The IRAS source may be a blend of MCG +09–20–133

and MCG +09–20–134. From the RASS II contour lines we cannot resolve which galaxy is actually the source of the X-ray emission.

IRAS F13429+6652:

A nearby optical counterpart to IRAS galaxy could contribute to X-ray emission. The X-ray emission from the two components is not spatially resolved.

IRAS 14 072–5205:

The bright optical counterpart near the 3σ IRAS PSC error ellipse may be a star. The IRAS galaxy is not listed in the FSC.

IRAS F15195+5050:

Condon et al. (1997) identify the Seyfert 1 CGCG 274–040 NED02 at optical position $\alpha = 15^{\text{h}}21^{\text{m}}8.9^{\text{s}}, \delta = +50^{\circ}40'07''$ as the probable source of the X-ray emission. The starburst galaxy CGCG 274–040 NED01 is the primary identification of the VLA source. The X-ray emission is clearly identified with a neighboring optical galaxy. Both the VLA and ROSAT galaxies are equally distant to the IRAS source, thus it remains unclear which is the IRAS source.

IRAS F17023–0128:

Following Condon et al. (1997) and references for object note on IRAS F17023–0128, the Seyfert 1 galaxy UGC 10683 NOTES02 is the most likely IRAS source. This source is also the main X-ray emitter.

IRAS F18011+4246:

The peak X-ray emission appears associated with CGCG 227–016 NED02, however the IRAS galaxy identified by NED as CGCG 227–016 NED01 is within the X-ray positional error also consistent with the peak X-ray emission. The X-ray emission is spatially unresolved from both components.

IRAS 18396-3535:

The bright optical counterpart within the 3σ IRAS PSC error ellipse could be a star. The IRAS galaxy is not listed in the FSC.

IRAS 19211–2855:

Multiple optical counterparts within the 3σ IRAS PSC error ellipse. The X-ray emission could arise from a star within the IRAS error ellipse. The IRAS galaxy is not listed in the FSC.

IRAS F19462–5843:

The optical galaxy ESO 142– G047 associated with the IRAS source seems not to be related to the X-ray centroid position. There are faint optical counterparts located at the X-ray peak emission. The ROSAT survey data do not allow a unique identification of the IRAS source as X-ray emitter.

IRAS F20547–4849:

The optical galaxy NGC 6987 has a relatively large offset to the X-ray centroid position. The ROSAT survey data do not allow a unique identification of the IRAS source as X-ray emitter.

IRAS 22146–5955:

The X-ray centroid position is outside the 3σ IRAS PSC error ellipse. There seems no unique association of the strong X-ray emitter with one optical counterpart.

IRAS F23251+2318:

The X-ray emission may arise from the faint optical counterpart near the X-ray peak emission.

B. Identical objects with different FSC and PSC names

Where possible we use the IRAS FSC position and band fluxes instead of the IRAS PSC entries. Due to an improved position determination in the IRAS FSC the IRAS names for identical objects may differ between the PSC and the FSC. Below we list PSC and FSC names for identical objects.