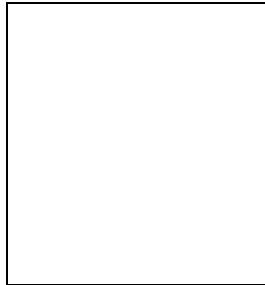


XMM

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XMM, was launched on Dec. 10 1999 from Kourou in French-Guyane. The satellite XMM (X-ray Multi-Mirror Mission) represents the second corner stone mission of ESA's Horizon 2000 program. The observatory consists of three X-ray telescopes with CCD's as detectors. XMM allows simultaneously high throughput non-dispersive spectroscopic imaging (EPIC instruments) and medium resolution dispersive spectroscopy (RGS). Besides the X-ray instruments XMM also has a small optical telescope aboard (OM). As XMM is in a phase of fast changes and as already a lot of publications on XMM are already available, we prefer not to give detailed information here, which most likely is obsolete at the moment of publishing the proceedings, but to link the reader's interest to the ESA XMM homepage at:

<http://xmm.vilspa.esa.es/>

Where exhaustive information on XMM can be found.