

First International GLAST Symposium Summary

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Some Questions

- What can you do with so few photons?
- Why should I devote my precious observatory time to your future satellite? (Come back after its launched, if it works!)
- What's new?
- What will be nu?
- Where's the physics?
- Why are you doing this?
- Who will win a Nobel prize?







LAT

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- 0.02 300 GeV, ~0.1 energy resolution
- 2.5 sr, 10,000 cm²
- 5° 5'resolution
- 3 x 10⁻⁹ cm⁻² s⁻¹ (>0.1 GeV, point source)
- 10,000 sources mostly blazars+unidentified
- 10⁹ photons
- Negligible deadtime
- Cover sky every 3hr



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· GBM

- 0.01-30 MeV, ~ 0.1 energy resolution
- 9sr
- degree resolution
- All sky

Meegan





Ritz, Michelson

nb AGILE, VERITAS4 in spring Tavani Kieda





Data and Service Challenges

- Great progress handling simulated data, testing pipelines etc
- Integration with Science Working Groups
- Do we need Science Challenges?
- The Making of Lists Fosatti, Torres, Ubertini
 - 10,000 blazars, 100 pulsars 50/200 GRB/yr(LAT/GBM), 50 SNR/PWN, 10 HMXB....
 - Unidentified?







- Sun Share
 - Flares
 - Solar minimum->maximum
 - Observe neutrons
 - Radiation hazard
 - Minutes!
- 3 HMXB
- Dubus Cortina Hermsen
- LSI+61 303
 - NS-Be
 - **P=27d**
 - e ~0.7
 - *i* ~ 60°
- PWN orbiting Be excretion disk?









Pulsar Physics

Harding

- Detection
 - 100s pulsars?
 - 50 RQ pulsars?
 - 10 MSP
 - RRATS
 - Blind searches
- How do pulsars shine?
 - Polar cap vs slot gaps vs outer gaps
 - Locate gamma ray and radio emission
 - Does gamma ray power ~ V?
- Force free models
 - Compute pulse profiles for different emission sites and fit to radio, gamma ray observations

Johnston

Ransom

- Is the rotating vector model really supported by observations?
 - Orthogonal polarization!

Supernova Remnants

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- Nonthermal accelerators Drury
 - >100TeV
 - Spectral curvature
- Hadronic vs leptonic •
 - n problem or B problem?
 - GLAST should decide
 - Local FIR not CMB?
- Acceleration •
 - Slane Blandford
 - PeV-> mG
 - DSA vs F2 vs ?
 - If DSA do not need scattering behind shock! —

Backgrounds

- Interplanetary
 - C⁻¹ starlight
- Diffuse interstellar
 - GeV excess? Cygnus TeV? Digel, Knodelseder, Abdo
- Extragalactic gamma ray background
 - Sum of sources or new component? Dermer
- Extragalactic X-ray background
 - INTEGRAL reports HEAO-1 spectrum x 1.1
- Extragalactic stellar background
 - TeV observations vs Spitzer limits on Pop III contribution?
 - GLAST will see to greater distance and study evolution
- Extragalactic cosmic ray background
 - AGN vs GRB
 - Hard for UHECR to escape either environment
- Dark matter annihilation background
 - Lines?
 - No "no go" theorem
 - Bump
 - Validation of DM signal will be a challenge
 - Confusion with PWN etc?

Hartmann

Kuhlen, Wai, Koushiappas

The Multiwavelength Challenge

Thompson

- Blazars radio catalog,
 - Suzaku, Spitzer, Swift, LMT... Giommi

Gehrels

Kataoka Carraminana

- Pulsars timing models Thorsett
- GRBs Swift
 - 10yr, 0.25 overlap
- Suzaku, LMT
- IDs
 - Figure of merit
 - Variability
 - Statistical
- Discover new sources!!

Summary

- GLAST links great discoveries of X-ray astronomy to tremendous advances in TeV range
- Poised to address fundamental high energy astrophysics questions through observing AGN, GRB, PSR, PWN, SNR...
- Physical processes are generic laboratories to study emission mechanisms, RMHD, relativistic plasmas, particle acceleration, transport processes
- Investigations are mostly multi-wavelength over whole 70 octave EM spectrum (+v, CR, GW)
- Much work instrumental, computational, observational and theoretical - needs to be done prior to launch