Kanazawa-SAT³

X-ray Transient Localization Experiment Searching for Electromagnetic Counterparts of Gravitational-wave Sources

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Are NS-NS mergers really progenitors of short gamma-ray bursts?



Short GRB monitoring associated with GW observation is still crucial to investigate extreme environments at the moment of coalescence of binary compact objects!

Objectives of Kanazawa-SAT³

- monitoring a wide FoV of 1 sr, localizing X-ray transients within ~ 15', contributing to gravitational wave astronomy
- alerting the trigger times and coordinates of transients using a commercial mobile satellite service with latencies of 1 min for a few percent of events, and less than a few hours for the others



X-ray extended emission associated with short GRBs



It is unclear the association fraction is real or artificial by the instrument energy range. We need a soft X-ray wide monitor!

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Strategy to study X-ray extended emissions



Energetics and Geometry:

Isotropic energies are reported to be comparable!! (Perley+ 2009, Bostanci+ 2013) Associated GW observation will constrain an inclination angle.

Emission process:

They have soft spectra modeled by rather power law than black body. (Kagawa+ 2015) Associated MeV-to-TeV observation will constrain emission models.

Satellite Bus Configuration

Weight & Size	50 kg, 50 cm cube
Target Launch	in 2020
Mission Life	> 3 years as goal
Target Orbit	Sun-synchronous, LEO
Attitude	Anti-direction of the Sun No follow-up maneuver
Communication	Iridium satellite (Alert) S-band and UHF (TM/TC)
Mission Payload	T-LEX : X-ray imaging detector
	KGD: Wide field gamma-ray burst monitor



Structural and Thermal Model



Sensitivity of T-LEX

<u>T-LEX configuration</u> Energy range: 2 – 20 keV Detector size: 100 cm² (in total of X/Y) Aperture fraction: 0.2 FoV: 1 sr (full-coded)

flux limit (photon/cm²/s in 2 - 20 keV)



T-LEX has a comparable sensitivity for GRBs with Epeak of a few keV to *Swift*/BAT, and will efficiently detect GRBs with photon indices of > 2.





Imaging Performance Test at Lab.



We are confirming on-board imaging and burst trigger systems.







KGD: gamma-ray burst monitor





<u>. 80 mm</u>



Prototype Readout Board

• sensitive area of ~ 50 cm², hard X-rays of > 30 keV

- comprising commercial products (low cost ☺)
- radiation tolerance confirmed (TID of > 20 krad)
- low power consumption of < 1 W.



Structural and thermal model of bus system

Summary

- Soft X-ray Extended Emissions in short GRBs are poorly understood. Their geometries and energies, and emission process are unclear.
- We plan to launch a micro-satellite, Kanazawa-SAT³, in ~ 2020, alerting the trigger time and coordinate of X-ray transients.
- T-LEX, a soft X-ray imager, has a comparable sensitivity to that of Swift/BAT for ultra soft GRBs.
- Currently, we have developed a proto-flight model of T-LEX, and are confirming on-board trigger and localization systems.
- KGD, an optional gamma-ray burst monitor, is small, inexpensive, and made of commercial products, but validated in total dose tests. It will help to detect hard X-ray transients.
- So far, we performed environmental tests such as vibration tests to the structural and thermal model of the satellite bus system.

Back up

T-LEX system block diagram

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