Astrofisica Nucleare e Subnucleare **Gamma ray Bursts**

Bethe Bloch Formula $\frac{1}{\rho}\frac{dE}{dx}=-4\pi r_e^2\,m_ec^2\,\frac{Z_1^2}{\beta^2}\,N_A\frac{Z}{A}\left[\ln\frac{2m_ec^2\beta^2\gamma^2F}{I}-\beta^2-\frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2}\right]$ Für Z>1, I ≈16Z 0.9 eV $50.0₁$ For Large β ^y the medium is being polarized by the $dE/dx \propto \beta^{-5/3}$ π^{\pm} on Cu strong transverse fields, which reduces the rise of $I = 322 \text{ eV}$ $dE/dx \propto \beta^{-2}$ 20.0 the energy loss \rightarrow density effect $\rm MeV\,g^{-1}cm^2)$ Radiative effects $10.0 +$ become important At large Energy Transfers (delta electrons) the Approx T_{max} liberated electrons can leave the material. 5.0 dE/dx without δ In reality, E_{max} must be replaced by E_{cut} and the $-100 \times$ $1/\rho - dE/dx$ Minimum energy loss reaches a plateau (Fermi plateau). shen ionization correct. 2.0 Characteristics of the energy loss as a function T_{cut} = 0.5 MeV of the particle velocity $(\beta \gamma)$ 1.0 Complete dE/dx The specific Energy Loss 1/p dE/dx 0.5 1000 0.1 1.0 10 100 10000 $\beta \gamma = p/Mc$ \cdot first decreases as $1/\beta^2$ \cdot increases with In γ for $\beta = 1$ \cdot is \approx independent of M (M>>m_a) \cdot is proportional to Z_1^2 of the incoming particle. \cdot is \approx independent of the material (Z/A \approx const) • shows a plateau at large $\beta\gamma$ (>>100) \bullet dE/dx \approx 1-2 x p [g/cm³] MeV/cm

Interactions of photons with matter

Scintillation Detectors

Risposta del rivelatore - 1

Risposta del rivelatore - 2

Photo-peak (full-energy peak): all photoelectric events remain in the detector and produce an energy deposit at the energy of the incoming photon Single-escape peak: one annihilation photon leaves the detector without further interaction Double-escape peak: both annihilation photons leave the detector (escape)

Case of intermediate-size detector (Knoll)

Detector Response Matrix

The response of a detector, which signal depends of the energy of an incoming photon, distributes the photon of a certain energy over many pulse height channels according to the gain and energy resolution of the detector. Usually this resolution function is relative complicated and depends on the photon energy. Since the energy acceptance and resolution of a given detector is determined by its design it is convenient to table this function while the photon energy serves as a parameter. This procedure leads directly to a form of a matrix and gives the whole data set the name *detector response matrix*.

Exercise #1

- Find the web sites of BATSE
- Find the web site (if any) of BeppoSAX
- Find the web site of Fermi/GBM
- Find the web site of AGILE/MCAL GRB catalog
- Find the web site of CALET GRBM
- Find the web site of AstroSAT CZTI GRB
- Find the web site of GECAM

Exercise #1

- Find the web sites of BATSE
- https://gammaray.nsstc.nasa.gov/batse/

2:50 - 100 keV

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3: 100 - 300 keV
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 $4:$ > 300 keV

Exercise #1

- Find the web site(s) of BeppoSAX
	- https://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/W3Browse/all/ saxgrbmgrb.html
	- https://www.ssdc.asi.it/bepposax/
	- https://www.ssdc.asi.it/grb_wfc/

Exercise #1

- Find the web site of Fermi/GBM
- https://gammaray.nsstc.nasa.gov/gbm/

Exercise #1

- Find the web sites of AGILE/MCAL GRB catalog
- https://www.ssdc.asi.it/mcalgrbcat/
- https://www.ssdc.asi.it/mcal2grbcat/

The Second AGILE-MCAL GRB Catalog

Exercise #1

- Find the web site of CALET GRBM
- e.g. https://cgbm.calet.jp/cgbm_trigger/ground/1306670489/

Exercise #1

- Find the web site of AstroSAT CZTI GRB
- http://astrosat.iucaa.in/czti/?q=grb

Compton_lightcurve

Exercise #1

- Find the web site of GECAM
- e.g. http://twiki.ihep.ac.cn/pub/GECAM/GRBList/ gecamb_lc_grd_all_combine_68795799.png

GECAM-B - Trigger 68795799 - 2021-03-07 05:56:39.100 UT

GRB history

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OBSERVATIONS OF GAMMA-RAY BURSTS OF COSMIC ORIGIN

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ARSTRACT

Sixteen short bursts of photons in the energy range 0.2-1.5 MeV have been observed between 0.1 1969 July and 1972 July using widely separated spacecraft. Burst durations ranged from less than 0.1 s to \sim 30 s, and time-i

Subject headings: gamma rays - X-rays - variable stars

I. INTRODUCTION

On several occasions in the past we have searched the records of data from early Vela spacecraft for indications of gamma-ray fluxes near the times of appearance of supernovae. These searches proved uniformly fruitless. Specific predictions of gammaray emission during the initial stages of the development of supernovae have since been made by Colgate (1968). Also, more recent Vela spacecraft are equipped with much improved instrumentation. This encouraged a more general search, not restricted to specific time periods. The search covered data acquired with almost continuous coverage between 1969 July and 1972 July, yielding records of 16 gamma-ray bursts distributed throughout that period. Search criteria and some characteristics of the bursts are given below.

IL. INSTRUMENTATION

The observations were made by detectors on the four Vela spacecraft, Vela 5A, 5B, 6A, and 6B, which are arranged almost equally spaced in a circular orbit with a geocentric radius of \sim 1.2 \times 10⁸ km.

On each spacecraft six 10 cm³ CsI scintillation counters are so distributed as to achieve a nearly isotropic sensitivity. Individual detectors respond to energy depositions of 0.2-1.0 MeV for Vela 5 spacecraft and 0.3-1.5 MeV for Vela 6 spacecraft, with a detection efficiency ranging between 17 and 50 percent. The scintillators are shielded against direct penetration by electrons below ~ 0.75 MeV and protons below ~ 20 MeV. A high-Z shield attenuates photons with energy below that of the counting threshold. No active anticoincidence shielding is provided.

Normalized output pulses from the six detectors are summed into the counting and logics circuitry. Logical sensing of a rapid, statistically significant rise in count rate initiates the recording of discrete counts in a series of quasi-logarithmically increasing time intervals. This capability provides continuous coverage in time which, coupled with isotropic response, is unique in observatonal astronomy. A time measurement is also associated with each record.

The data accumulations include a background component due to cosmic particles and their secondary effects. The observed background rate, which is a function of the energy threshold, is \sim 150 counts per second for the Vela 5 spacecraft and \sim 20 counts per second for the Vela 6 spacecraft.

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Vela satellites discovery (1967 - 1973) \bullet

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First Detected Gamma-Ray Burst

Creativity of Theorists

With so few constraints, theorists came up with all Sorts of models relying on a range of physics.

Models for Galactic GRBs

- Accretion I) Binary Companion - no companion seen II) SN Fallback – Too long after explosion
- Magnetic Fields
	- $~10^{15}$ G Fields
		- -"Magnetars"

If normal GRBs are also neutron stars, GRBs should Also center around the Galactic Equator.

This is a Prediction of the Galactic Models!

Extragalactic Models

- Large distances means large energy requirement $(10^{51}$ erg)
- Event rate rare $(10^{-6}-10^{-5})$ per year in an L_{*} galaxy) – Object can be exotic

Models for Cosmological GRB

- Collapsing WDs
- Stars Accreting on AGN
- Black Hole Accretion Disks I) Binary Mergers II) Collapsing Stars

GRB History

Interplanetary Network (IPN)

http://www.ssl.berkeley.edu/ipn3/

24 The Compton Gamma Ray Observatory (CGRO) is a sophisticated satellite observatory dedicated to observing the high-energy Universe. It is the second in NASA's program of orbiting "Great Observatories", following the Hubble Space Telescope. While Hubble's instruments operate at visible and ultraviolet wavelengths, Compton carries a collection of four instruments which together can detect an unprecedented broad range of high-energy radiation called gamma rays. These instruments are the Burst And Transient Source Experiment (BATSE), the Oriented Scintillation Spectrometer Experiment (OSSE), the Imaging Compton Telescope (COMPTEL), and the Energetic Gamma Ray Experiment Telescope (EGRET).

Table 1: SUMMARY OF COMPTON GRO DETECTOR CHARACTERISTICS

CGRO performance

The Oriented Scintillation Spectrometer Experiment (OSSE) measured the distribution of the energy emitted from a number of gamma-ray sources, and as such studied nuclear lines in solar flares, radioactive decay of nuclei in supernova remnants, and matter-antimatter annihilation taking place near the center of our galaxy. OSSE consisted of four NaI scintillation crystals, and was sensitive to gamma rays with energies ranging from 50 keV to 10 Mev. Each of the detectors could be pointed individually. For most instances, observations of a gamma ray source were alternated with observations of nearby blank sky so as to be able to determine the background gamma ray emission.

29 Intensity of gamma-ray emission from positron-electron annihilation in the plane of our Galaxy near the Galactic center. The emission is at 511 keV, which is the rest-mass energy of the electron and positron. The map is of a model that fits the OSSE 511 keV observations. OSSE has discovered that the radiation is mostly contained in a region of about 10 degrees diameter centered on the center of the Galaxy. The line plot superimposed on the map represents an OSSE observation of the 511 keV emission line.

30 On June 4, 1991, the OSSE instrument observed a bright high-energy flare from an intensely active region of the sun. The energy spectrum of the flare shown in this slide indicates that solar flares accelerate particles to extremely high energies causing interactions which produce nuclear emission lines from excited atomic nuclei of Fe, Mg, Ne, Si, C, O, and N, along with emission lines from the formation of deuterium by neutron capture (labeled "n" in the slide) and electronpositron annihilation (labeled "e+").

Soft Gamma Repeaters are one of the biggest success stories of BATSE on CGRO. These recurrent soft X-ray transients were discovered in the early '80s and identified as a separate population of young neutron stars that emitted frequent, but randomly spaced in time, outbursts of low-energy gamma rays, of very short duration, usually tenths of seconds. Until 1998 only three such sources were known; SGR 1627-41 is the first new SGR discovered with BATSE in June 1998. The figure displays a tremendous outburst from the source that reached a peak count rate of \sim 300000 counts s⁻¹, and lasted less than 150 ms. In 1998, SGRs were shown to possess extremely strong magnetic fields, of the order of 10¹⁴ Gauss, i.e., roughly 1000 times stronger than the average magnetic fields of radio pulsars and binary X-ray pulsars. They now form a well defined new class of objects, together with the Anomalous X-ray Pulsars (AXPs), called "magnetars".

2704 BATSE Gamma-Ray Bursts

diagram shows the positions of 2704 bursts detected with BATSE over 9 years of operation. The map is an Aitoff equal-area projection in Galactic coordinates. The only anisotropy detectable in the distribution is due to a small anisotropy in BATSE's sky exposure. The isotropic source distribution, combined with information from the burst intensity distribution, showed conclusively that the burst sources do not reside in the Galactic disk, as previously thought. This discovery initiated a paradigm shift to the view that the sources lie at cosmological distances. Direct redshift measurements have now confirmed this interpretation, making gamma-ray bursts the most powerful explosions in the Universe.

CGRO-BATSE (1991-2000)

The Instruments on CGRO Cover Six Orders of Magnitude in Photon Energy **BATSE OSSE COMPTEL EGRET**

COMPTON OBSERVATORY INSTRUMENTS

GRB history

Distribution of Gamma-Ray Bursts on the Sky

Expected

Gamma-Ray Bursts

The GRB phenomenon

• most of the flux detected from 10-20 keV up to 1-2 MeV

- measured rate (by an all-sky experiment on a LEO satellite): \sim 0.8 / day; estimated true rate \sim 2 / day
- fluences (= av . flux $*$ duration) typically of \sim 10⁻⁷ -10^{-4} erg/cm²
- diverse and unclassifiable light curves

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Spectral variability

The Ep,i – Eiso correlation

 \triangleright spectra typically described by the empirical Band function with parameters α = low-energy index, β = high-energy index, E₀=break energy

 $\triangleright E_p = E_0 x (2 + \alpha) =$ peak energy of the vFv spectrum

- \ge all GRBs with measured redshift lie at cosmological distances ($z = 0.033 6.3$) (except for the peculiar GRB980425, z=0.0085)
- \triangleright from distance, fluence and spectrum, it is possible to estimate the cosmologica-rest farme peak energy Ep,i and the **radiated energy assuming isotropic emission, Eiso**

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E_{p,i} = E_p \times (1 + z)
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Ep,i and Eiso distributions for a sample of 41 long GRBs (Amati 2006)

The Ep,i – Eiso correlation

 \triangleright Amati et al. (2002) analyzed a sample of 12 BeppoSAX events with known redshif found evidence of a strong correlation between Ep,i and Eiso, highly significant ($\rho = 0.949$, chance prob. 0.005%)

 \triangleright by adding data from BATSE and HETE-2 of 10 more GRBs the correlation was confirmed and its significance increased

 \triangleright analysis of the most updated sample of *long* GRBs/XRFs with firm estimates of z and Ep,i (41 events) gives a chance probability for the Ep,i-Eiso correlation of \sim 10⁻¹⁵ and a slope of 0.57+/-0.02

 \triangleright the scatter of the data around the best fit power-law can be fitted with a Gaussian with $\sigma(\text{logEp},i) \sim 0.2$ (~0.15 extra-poissonian)

 \triangleright only firm outlier the local peculiar GRB 980425

Updated from Amati, MNRAS, 2006

Fermi Key Features

• Huge field of view

– LAT: 20% of the sky at any instant; in sky survey mode, expose all parts of sky for ~30 minutes every 3 hours. GBM: whole unocculted sky at any time.

GBM Detectors

Provides spectra for GRB from 10 keV to 30 MeV.

Provides wide sky coverage (8 sr), enables autonomous repoints to allow for high energy afterglow observations with the LAT.

Fermi GBM

https://arxiv.org/pdf/2103.13528.pdf

Fermi spectra

The GRB phenomenon

- Flux \sim d^-2
- Number \sim d^3
- \cdot d ^ N^1/3
- Flux ^ $N^2-2/3$
- N ^ Flux ^-3/2

GRB: where are they?

The great debate (1995) $\sqrt{\text{Flux}:10^{-7} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}}$

Distance: 1 Gpc Energy: 10^{51} erg

Distance: 100 kpc Energy: 10^{43} erg

Cosmological - Galactic?

Need a new type of observation!

BeppoSAX (1995 - 2002)

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BeppoSAX

Phoswich detectors

57 Two scintillators with different decay times. Pulse analysis can distinguish. Back scintillator used as shield at low energy, as detector at high energies.

Rivelatori a scintillazione

- "Fondamenti" del processo: il γ incidente interagisce nel cristallo ereando un elevato numero di fotoni ottici
- I livelli energetici sono determinati dalla struttura del reticolo cristallino
- La band gap separa la banda di valenza dalla banda di conduzione
- Assorbendo energia, un e viene promosso dalla banda di valenza a quella di conduzione
- Il "drogaggio" del reticolo cristallino con impurità rende più efficiente il processo

Esempio: phoswich

The Phoswich (e.g. PDS on BeppoSAX)

Phoswich is short for 'phosphor sandwich'

Phosphor is the old name for a scintillator, and more than one are sandwiched together and viewed by the same photomultiplier.

More penetrating particles can produce signal in Both scintillators

Signals are separated by their pulse

hape
Different materials have different pulse shapes and are used to discriminate different events

BeppoSAX and the Afterglows

• Good Angular resolution (\leq arcmin) \bullet Observation of the X-Afterglow

- \bullet Optical Afterglow (HST, Keck)
- \bullet Direct observation of the host galaxies
- \bullet Distance determination

Afterglow Observations

Identificazione delle **Host Galaxies**

Fruchter et al (1999)

The compactness problem

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- Fluence (γ): $(0.1-10) \times 10^{-6}$ erg/cm² (Ω /4π)
- Total Energy: $E \sim 10^{51} \div 10^{52}$ erg

Relativistic motion of the emitting region

Exercise #2

- Find the GRB function by David Band (1993)
- Find the review paper by Piran 1999 on GRB afterglow
- Find the paper by L.Amati on Ep-Eiso correlation (2002)
- Find the papers of the "Great Debate (1995)"

The Fireball Model The Fireball Model

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Afterglow Observations

Harrison et al (1999)

Woosley (2001)

Jet and Energy Requirements

Frail et al. (2001)

Progenitors

- **n** Two populations of GRB?
- **n** Main models
- **n** Possible solution?

NS/BH Binary Mergers

Merging of compact objects (NS-NS, NS-BH, BH-BH). These objects are observed in our Galaxy. The merging time is about 10^8 yr, via GW emission.

Eichler et. al. $(1\frac{70}{989})$

Towards a solution?

Offset from Host Galaxy

Fruchter et al (1999)

Galama & Wijers (2000)

Star forming region density

Towards a solution?

GRB & SN first predictions

Hjorth, Fynbo, Dår & Courbin (1999)

GRB & SN

SN- GRB connection

(Galama et al. 98) 75 SN 1998bw - GRB 980425 chance coincidence O(10-4)

Hete2

HETE-2 Science Instrument Package

French Gamma-ray Telescope **(FREGATE):** 5-500 keV; ~π FOV

Wide-Field X-ray Monitor (WXM): 2-25 keV; \sim 5'-10' localizations

Soft X-ray Cameras **(SXC):**

1-10 keV; ~30" localizations

GRB 030329: the "smoking gun"?

(Matheson et al. 2003)

Collapsar model

Woosley (1993)

• Very massive star that collapses in a rapidly spinning BH. • Identification with SN explosion.