

# Les organisateurs:

→ « Pourrais-tu nous parler des instruments qui produisent des alertes X/ $\gamma$  dans la décennie à venir ? »

*TS2020 workshop  
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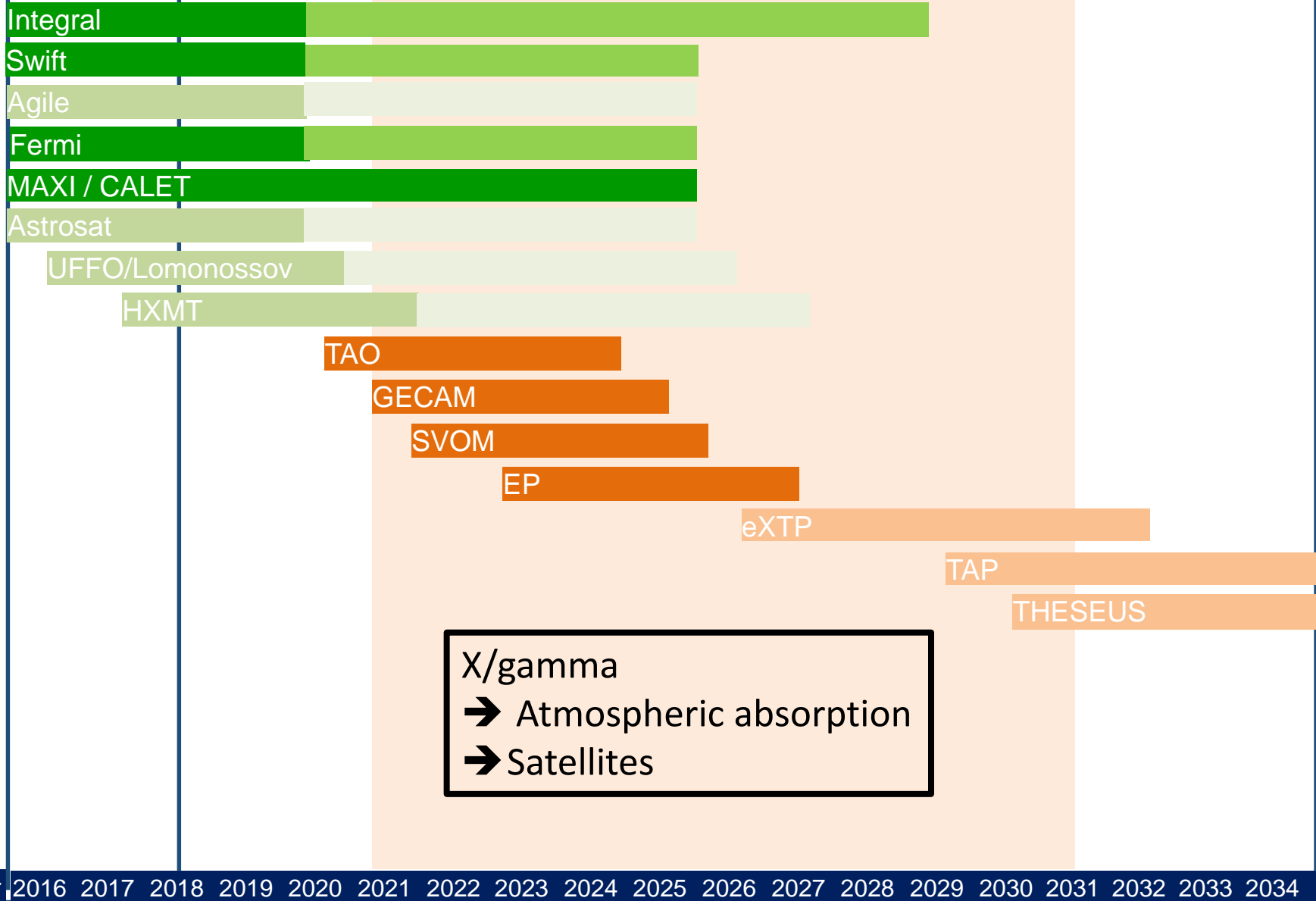
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# Missions d'alertes X/gamma de la 203<sup>ème</sup> décennie

X/γ-ray alerts



X/gamma  
 → Atmospheric absorption  
 → Satellites

**X/Gamma-ray Events  
Trigger Machines  
for the 203<sup>rd</sup> decade**

**in operation**



# Integral: International Gamma-Ray Astrophysics Laboratory



Launched : 16 October 2002

## Instruments

IBIS / ISGRI (CdTe) and PICSIT (CsI) + coded mask  
SPI (Ge) + SPI/ACS (BGO) + coded mask  
Jem-X, OMC

## INTEGRAL Burst Alert System (IBAS):

automatic software for near real time detection of GRBs by on ground analysis of the INTEGRAL data received at INTEGRAL Science Data Center (ISDC).

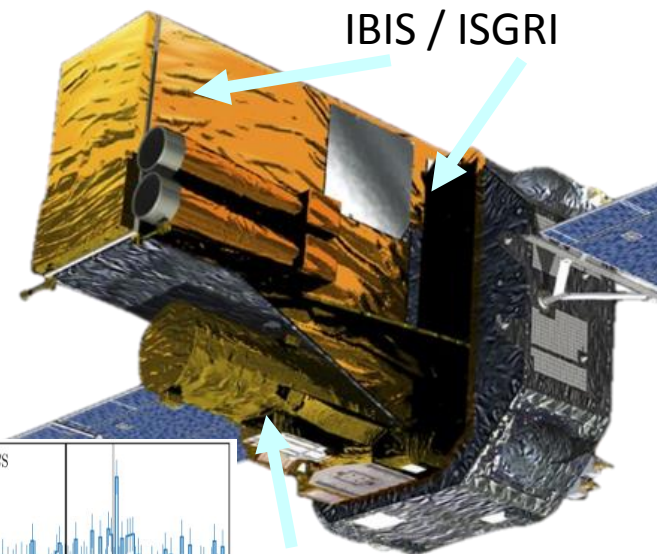
Developed by IASF Milano, MPE Garching & ISDC.

Data from IBIS / ISGRI and SPI / ACS.

- GRB rate ~ 1 / month (IBIS / ISGRI)
- ~ 0.5 / day (SPI / ACS)
- Delay ~20 – 30 s

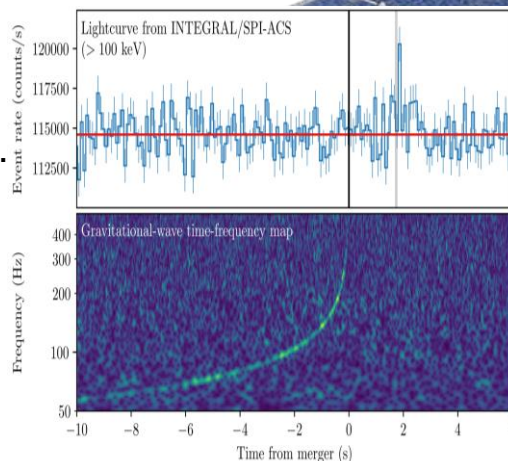
IBAS trigger types:

- POINTDIR for robotic telescopes
- SPIACS detected by the SPI ACS (no position)
- WAKEUP first alert with position information
- REFINED subsequent messages with better info
- OFFLINE results of interactive analysis
- WEAK low significance triggers



IBIS / ISGRI

SPI / ACS



**ISGRI:**  
 $E = 15 \text{ keV} \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$   
 $\text{FoV} = 29^\circ \times 29^\circ$   
 $\text{Loc} = 2 - 3 \text{ arcmin}$

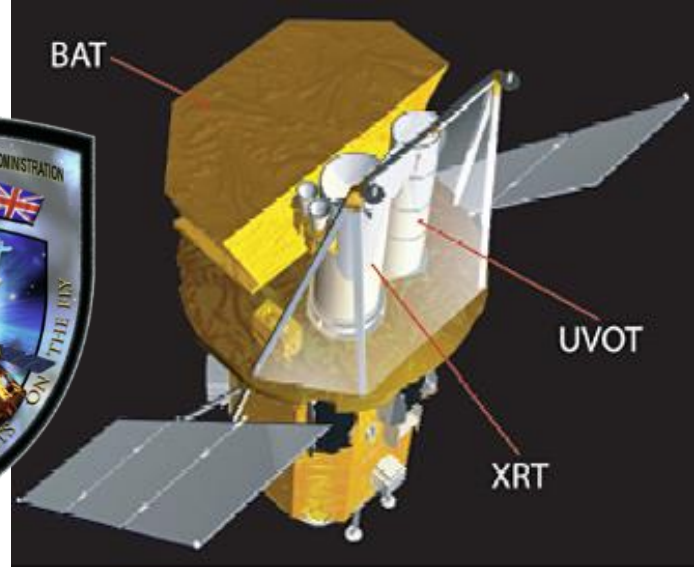
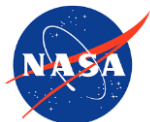
**SPI/ACS:**  
 $E > 100 \text{ keV}$   
 $\text{FoV} \sim 4 \text{ pi}$   
 $\text{Loc: none}$

Integral  
 approved for  
 2 more years

Reentry in  
 Feb 2029



# Swift: Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory



Launched : 20 November 2004

Multi-wavelength observatory (gamma, X, UV).  
Rapid identification and multiwavelength follow-up  
of gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) and their afterglows.

- ~90 GRBs discovered per year
- <90 s slew: reaction time for onboard follow-up
- 0.5-5 arcsec positions for almost every GRB
- Results publicly distributed within seconds

## \* Burst Alert Telescope (BAT)

Coded mask telescope (CdZnTe)

GSFC + LANL (flight software)

Oboard trigger: Count-rate + Image trigger (thresh > 25 keV)

## \* X-ray Telescope (XRT)

After slew: images, spectra & light curves: flaring and long-term decay of afterglow.

XRT built using existing JET-X hardware (MOS CCD)

Penstate, Brera & Uni Leicester

## \* UV/Optical Telescope (UVOT)

Copy of the XMM-Newton Optical Monitor (OM).

Penstate and MSSL.

Images, spectra (via grism) and light curves after slews.

Onboard fuel (orbit maneuvers) until ~ 2026

### BAT:

Eff area: 5200 cm<sup>2</sup>

E = 15 ~ 150 keV

FoV ~ 2 sr

Loc = 2 – 3 arcmin

Rate > 90 GRB / yr

Rate ~ 90 GRB/yr

Slew in ~1 min

Loc < 5 arcsec

### XRT:

Eff area: 120 cm<sup>2</sup> at 1.5 keV

E = 0.3 ~ 10 keV

FoV ~ 23 x 23 arcmin

Loc ~ 5 arcsec

Rate ~ 90 GRB / yr

### UVOT:

Loc ~ 0.5 arcsec

6 colors: 180-600 nm

→ for brightest UV/optical afterglows,  
redshift via Lyman-alpha cut-off.

# Agile: Astro-Rivelatore Gamma a Immagini Leggero



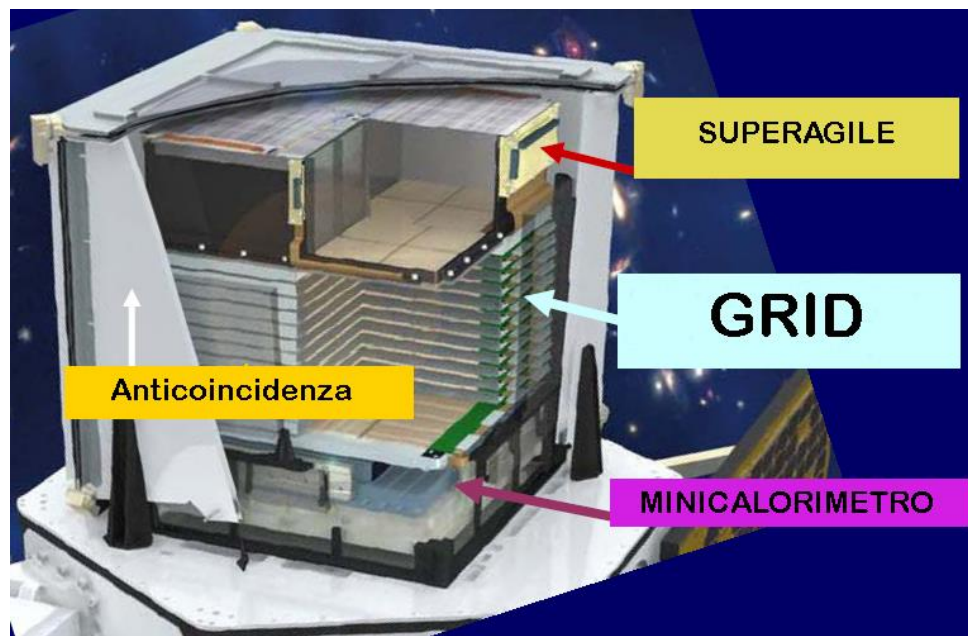
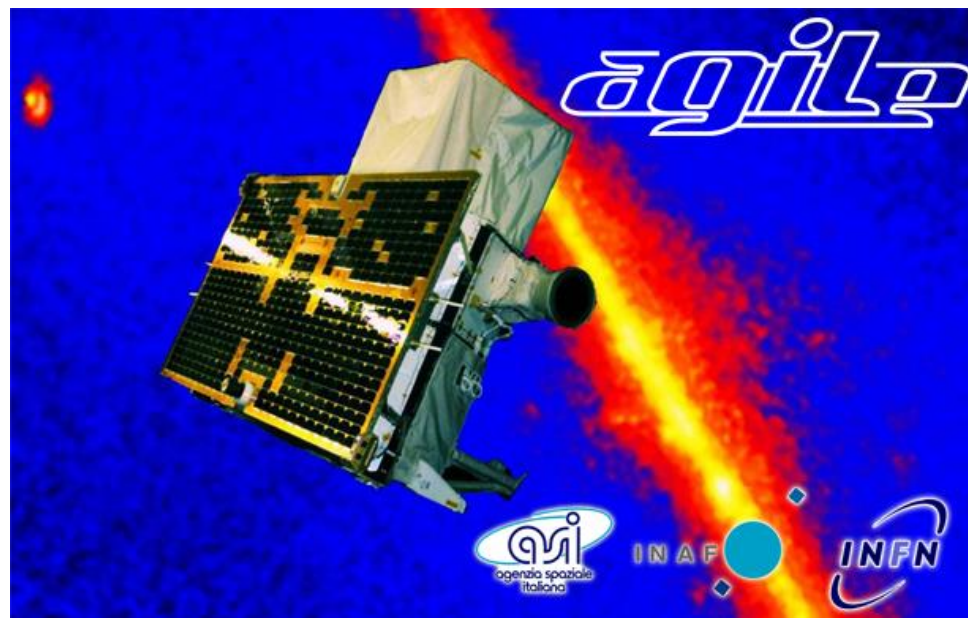
Launched : 23 April 2007

## Instruments

- GRID: silicon tracker
- Super-AGILE : enhances detection and imaging capabilities in X-rays (10-40 keV).

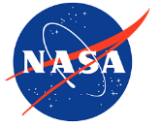
Super-AGILE: additional plane of four Silicon square units positioned on top of the GRID Tracker plus an ultra-light coded mask structure with a top absorbing mask at the distance of 14 cm from the Silicon detectors. Main goals : simultaneous gamma-ray and hard X-ray detection of astrophysical sources, optimal source positioning (1-3 arcmin)

Fast gamma-ray burst and transient alert, on board trigger capability.



GRB triggers since 2013 ?

# Fermi: Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope



Launched : 11 June 2008

Gamma-Ray Large Area Space Telescope (GLAST)

**Instruments:**

## LAT (Large Area Detector)

- 20 MeV – 300 GeV
- Pair conversion telescope (  $e^+ e^-$  )
- 18 Si layers (tracker  $\rightarrow$  direction)
- 8 CsI layers (calorimeter  $\rightarrow$  energy)
- $\rightarrow$  High energy sources (AGN, Pulsars...)

Rate < 1 GRB / month

## GBM (GLAST Burst Monitor)

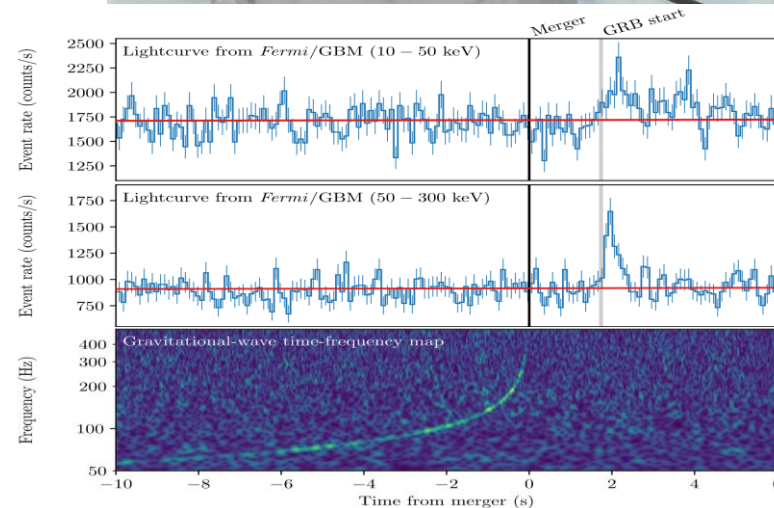
scintillators: photon energy and time

- 12 NaI (8 keV – 1 MeV, 126 cm<sup>2</sup> each, FoV~2pi)
- 2 BGO (150 keV – 30 MeV)
- $\rightarrow$  Transient events, variable sources

Rate ~ 240 GRB / yr  
Loc > 3 ~ 15° (det ratios)

GBM On-board trigger (count-rate increase),

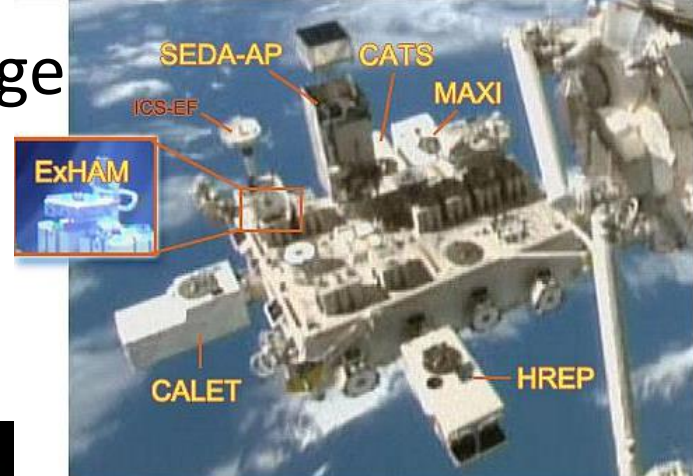
- different time scales, threshold > ~50 keV
- Alerts via TDRSS to GCN (~30 s delay)
- some Spacecraft slew for LAT.







# Maxi : Monitor of All-sky X-ray Image



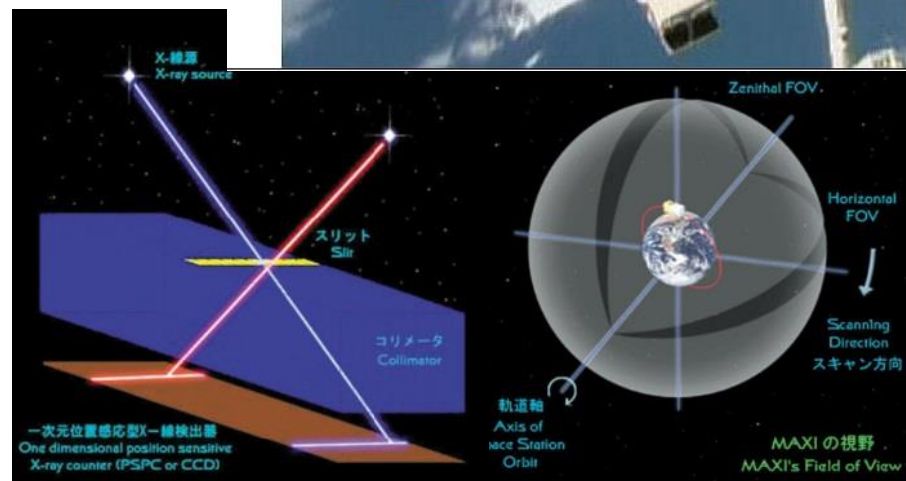
Launched : August 2009, installed on ISS/JEM

## All-sky X-ray scanner: sensitive X-ray slit cameras

MAXI monitors the X-ray variability once every 96 minutes for more than 1,000 X-ray sources covering entire sky on time scales from a day to a few months.

### Overview

- Slit camera ~2% of sky at once.
- $E = 0.5 \sim 30 \text{ keV}$
- 1D X-ray detector : determine 1 direction of source
- Motion of ISS: other position when source in FoV.
- ISS orbit every 96 min = 1 full sky scan.

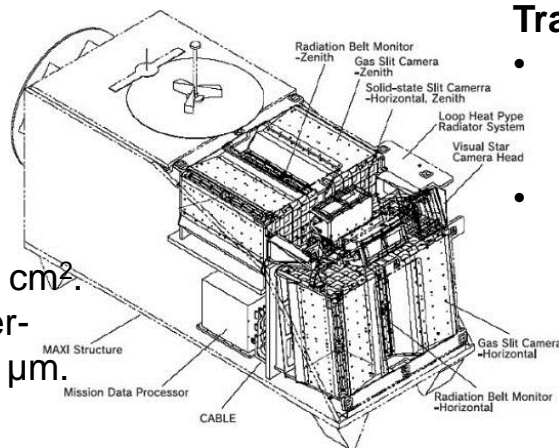


### Gas Slit Camera (GSC)

12 gas proportional counters, total 500 cm<sup>2</sup>, 2-30 keV, 1D position: 10μm anodes.

### Solid-state Slit Camera (SSC)

2 cameras. 16 CCD chips per camera, total 200 cm<sup>2</sup>. CCD: X-ray 0.5 to 10 keV, made in Japan, peltier-cooled, 1024x1024 pixels per CCD, pixel:24x24 μm.



### Transient X-ray sources

- Ground detection (30 s delay when real-time ISS link available, ~16 h/day)
- Alerts on GCN (Position and detection confidence in the notices, Spectrum in circulars)

Loc ~< 10 arcmin

Successor: iWF-MAXI is currently targeted to begin observation at the ISS by 2019





# Calet: CALorimetric Electron Telescope



Launch : August 2015, ISS/JEM

CALET: astrophysics mission of JAXA searching for signatures of dark matter and measuring cosmic-ray electron spectrum.

## CGBM (CALET Gamma-ray Burst Monitor)

can detect short duration gamma ray bursts, x-ray flashes to longer burst events. Time resolution of 62.5 ms. Two components:

**The SGM (Soft Gamma-ray Monitor) uses a single Bismuth Germanate scintillator (BGO)** of size 102 x 76 mm, covering an energy range of 100 to 20 000 keV.

**The HXM (Hard X-ray Monitor) uses two Lanthanum Bromide scintillators (LaBr<sub>3</sub>)** 12.7 mm thick and 66x79 cm in diameter. Energy range of 7 to 1000 keV.

CGBM (CALET Gamma Ray Burst Monitor)

FRGF (Flight Releasable Grapple Fixture)

ASC (Advanced Stellar Compass)

CHD (Charge Detector)

GPSR (GPS Receiver)

MDC (Mission Data Controller)

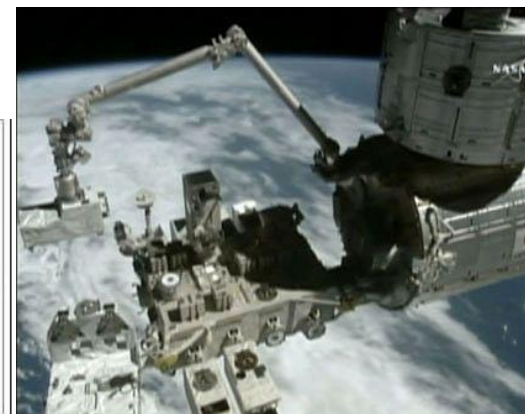
IMC (Imaging Calorimeter)

TASC (Total Absorption Calorimeter)

- CALET's CGBM (CALET Gamma-ray Burst Monitor) has measured the light curves of 30 GRB's as of July, 2016.
- 5-year observations are planned.

HXM

SGM







# Astrosat: India's 1<sup>st</sup> X/γ space observatory



Not many news...

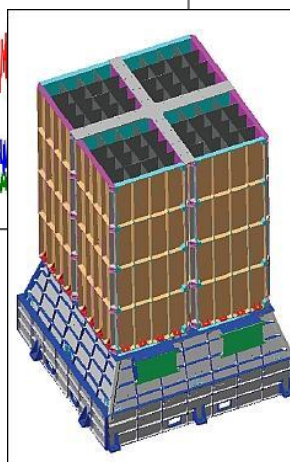
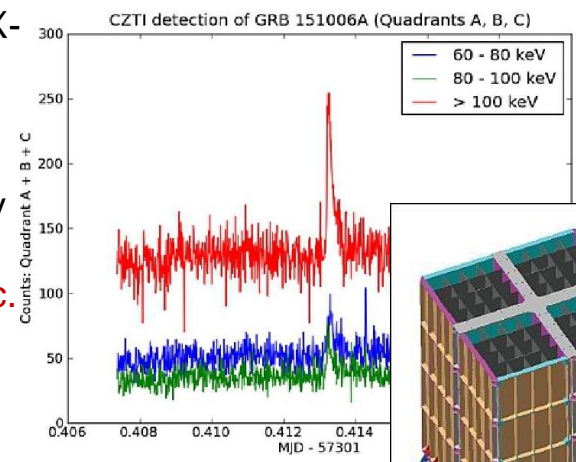
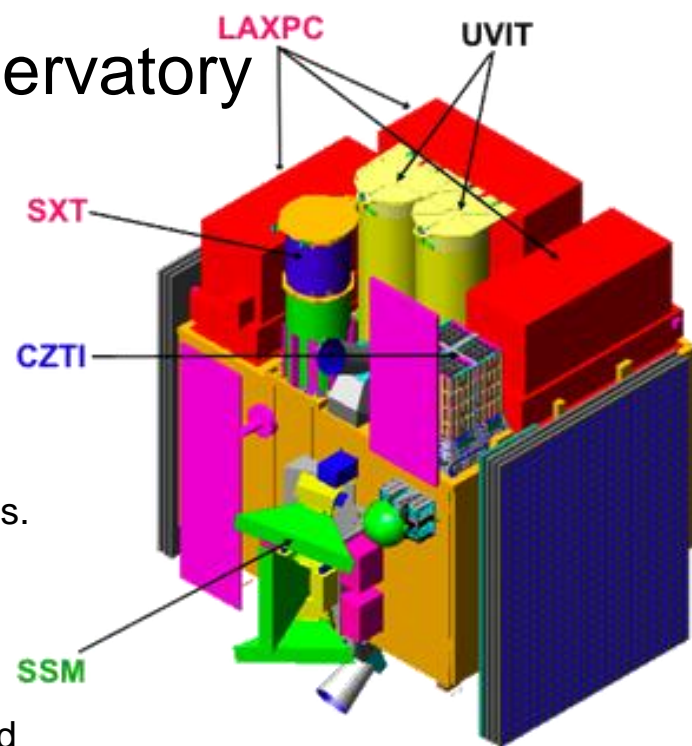
Launched : 28 September 2015

Launch Vehicle: PSLV-C30/AstroSat MISSION / ISRO

Deeper insight into the astrophysical processes occurring in the various types of astronomical objects of the universe, through the visible, Ultraviolet and X-rays coming from distant celestial sources.

## Instruments:

- \* **The Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (UVIT)**
- \* **Soft X-ray Telescope (SXT)** 0.3-8 keV
- \* **Large Area X-ray Proportional Counter (LAXPC)**, is designed for study the variations in the emission of X-rays from sources like X-ray binaries, Active Galactic Nuclei and other cosmic sources.
- \* **Scanning Sky Monitor(SSM)**, sky scan, long term monitoring of bright X-ray binaries and transients: Slit camera, 1D positioning.
- \* **Cadmium Zinc Telluride Imager (CZTI)**, functioning in the X-ray region, extends the capability of the satellite to sense X-rays of high energy in 10-100 keV range. → **GRB detection and (sometimes) loc.**



Energy range	10 - 150 keV, up to 1 MeV (photometric)
Energy resolution	5% @ 100 keV
Pixel size, number of pixels	2.4 mm x 2.4 mm (5 mm thick)
Number of pixels	16384
Geometric area	1024 cm <sup>2</sup>
FOV (Field of View)	6° x 6° (10-100 keV) (defined by collimator) 17° x 17° (> 100 keV) (defined by coded mask housing)
Angular resolution	8 arcmin (< 100 keV)

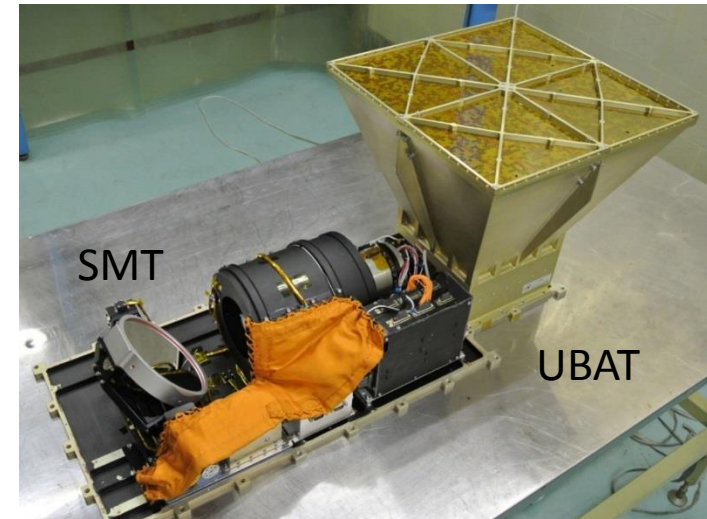




# Uffo: Ultra-Fast Flash Observatory Pathfinder



Launched : 28 April 2016  
onboard Lomonosov russian university  
satellite (UFFO: Korea, Russia, Denmark)



News are hard to find: Nov 2017 paper “UBAT of UFFO/Lomonosov: The X-Ray Space Telescope to Observe Early Photons from Gamma-Ray Bursts”:

*Laboratory confirmation was achieved for the algorithm correcting for the continual drift of detector pixels resulting from satellite movement. Calculations of excess in count rates and the imaging of X-ray sources together with a real time correction of satellite movement (drift correction) was successfully implemented through the onboard FPGA IC chips of the UBAT system. This is the first time ever utilization of FPGAs, which permit the much faster implementation of X-ray imaging algorithms (less than a second) and lower power consumption (less than 2 W).*

*The UBAT aboard the UFFO/Lomonosov went through a careful initial check-up process in orbit in preparation for operation with actual GRB triggers. During the early phase of instrument calibration, we have measured and understood the diffuse X-ray background and examined a series of trigger schemes through the adjustment of programmable instrument parameters.*

## UBAT

Field of view	~1.8 sr (partially coded)
Detector	6 × 6 MAPMT+YSO
Energy-band	5–200 keV
Angular resolution	1.07°
Pointing accuracy	≤10 arcmin accuracy for >70 keV
Number of detector pixels	48 × 48
Pixel size	2.88 × 2.88 × 3 mm <sup>3</sup>
Detection area (Effective area)	191.1 cm <sup>2</sup> (165.5 cm <sup>2</sup> )
Energy resolution	2 keV (FWHM) at 60 keV
Detection efficiency	99.4% at 30–50 keV
Passive shielding composition	0.2 mm W + 3.0 mm Al
Passive shielding absorption	100% at 4–50 keV
Coded mask pattern	W alloy of 1 mm thickness
Coded mask size	400 × 400 × 1 mm <sup>3</sup>
Mask to Detector	280 mm
Weight	10.5 kg



# Insight-HXMT: China's 1<sup>st</sup> X/γ space observatory



Hard X-ray Modulation Telescope

IHEP Beijing

Launched : 15 June 2017

- China's 1st X-ray astronomy sat.
- Selected in 2011, launched from Jiuquan
- Cir. Orbit 550 km, incl. 43° weight 4500 kg
- Design lifetime 4 yrs

## Core Science

- Galactic plane scan and monitoring of weak & short transient sources in 1-250 keV
- Pointed observations: High stat. long term obs. of bright sources and XRB outbursts
- Multi-wavelength obs. with other telescopes
- GRBs, GW EM, FRB, etc.

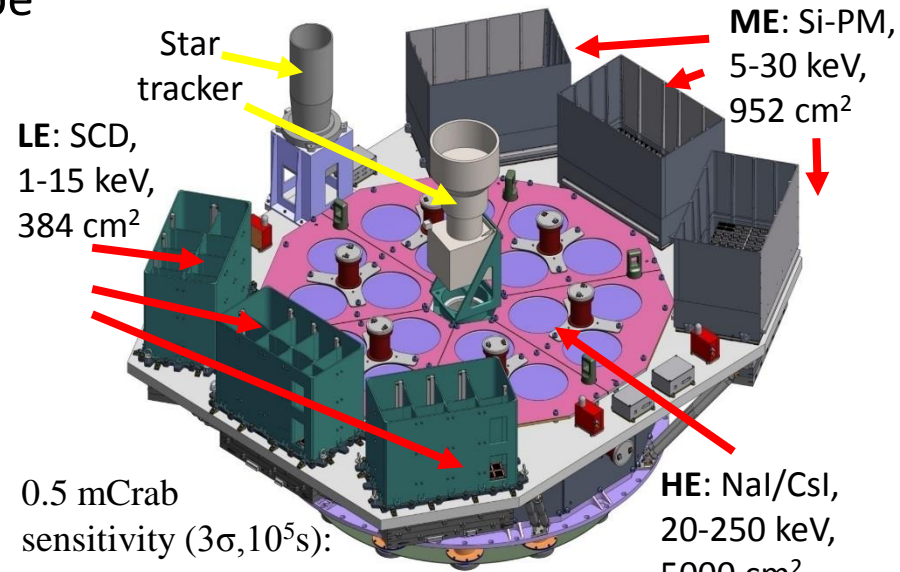
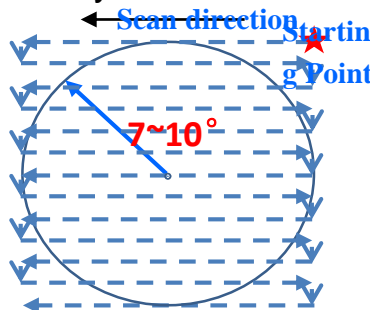
## ToO

- Alerts from GCN, HXMT scan
- Rescheduling within >4h (on 8 orbits/day)

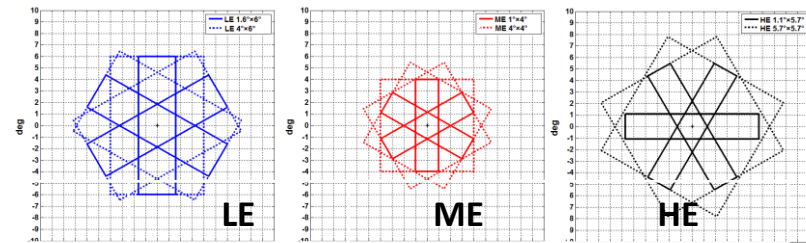
HE: ~ 200 GRB/yr  
Alerts ? Loc ?

## Observation modes

- Scanning duration : 2 h ~ 5 days  
radius: 7~10°  
step: 0.1~1°  
vel. 0.01~0.06 ° /s
- Pointed 1 orbit – 20 dy
- GRB mode (for HE):  
CsI : 3 MeV  
monitor GW error box



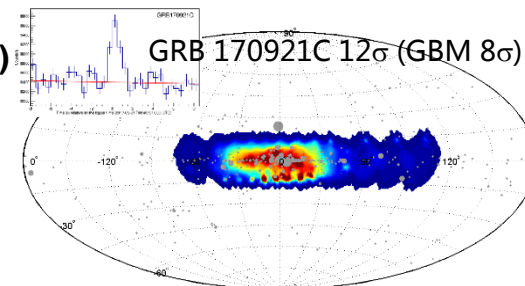
## Fields of view of the different Collimators



	LE	ME	HE
Small FoV	1.6° x 6°	1° x 4°	1.1° x 5.7°
Large FoV	4° x 6°	4° x 4°	5.7° x 5.7°

## Results (first 6 months)

- GPS (>200 scans)
- > 30 pointed sources
- Detected >30 GRBs
- Joined IPN
- GW 170817 follow-up



**X/Gamma-ray Events  
Trigger Machines  
for the 203<sup>rd</sup> decade**

**in preparation**

# Svom: Space Variable Objects Monitor



NAOC Beijing, CEA Saclay  
CNSA/CAS + CNES/CEA,CNRS

## **ECLAIRs** caméra X/g

6400 pixels CdTe, énergie 4 – 150 keV  
Eff. Area ~ 1000 cm<sup>2</sup> (before masking)  
Coded mask (Ta, 0.6 mm)  
Large FoV (2sr ~ 6600 deg<sup>2</sup>, 90 x 90 °)  
Localization <12 arcmin

### **Onboard Trigger** (4-120 keV)

- count-rate 10 ms ~ 20 s + loc.
- Image trigger 20 s ~ 20 min
- **Automatic satellite slew (3~5 min)**
- **Alert to ground (via VHF ~ 30 s)**

Rate ~ 50-75 GRB/yr

## **MXT** Télesc. X

Lobster Optics  
Energy : 0.2 – 10 keV  
CCD-X 256x256  
FoV 1 deg<sup>2</sup>  
Loc <1 arcmin

## **VT** Télesc. Vis.

Diameter 40 cm  
Red and Blue band  
CCDs 2Kx2K  
FoV 26x26 arcmin  
Loc ~ arcsec  
Mv ~ 22.5 (in 300 s)

Launch : 2021 ?

Adopted by CNAS/CAS/CNES (Phase C: jan 2017)

Sat ~ 950 kg, payload 450 kg, 3 axis stabilized, LEO  
650 km, 28° incl. Chinese Platform, Launcher LM2C

### Scientific objectives

- Trigger on all known types of GRBs (~ 200 in 3 years)
- Provide fast, reliable and accurate positions of GRBs
- Spectrum and light curve (from visible to MeV) of GRB
- Slew → Afterglows and arcsec positions of GRBs
- Redshift indicators for GRBs
- **Core Program (CP)** : follow-up ECLAIRs triggers (about 70 GRB/yr) ~ 25% of time
- **Targets of Opportunity (ToO)**: 1 / dy: external triggers: multi-wave (LSST, SKA, CTA...) or multi-msg (GW, neutrino) ~15% of time
- **General Program (GP)**: AGN, TDE, Galactic sources (CV, XRB, pulsars) ...~ 40 % of time

+ ground visible:

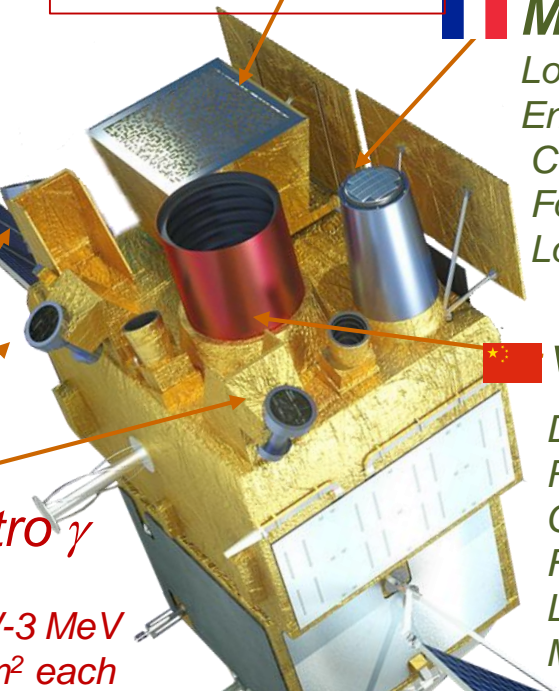
 **GWAC** prompt

  **2 GFTs** f.-up



 **GRM** spectro  $\gamma$

3 NaI detectors  
Energy : 20 keV-3 MeV  
Eff area: 190 cm<sup>2</sup> each





# Gecam: Gravitational Wave Electromagnetic Counterpart All-sky Monitor

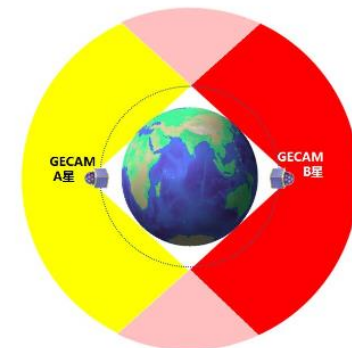
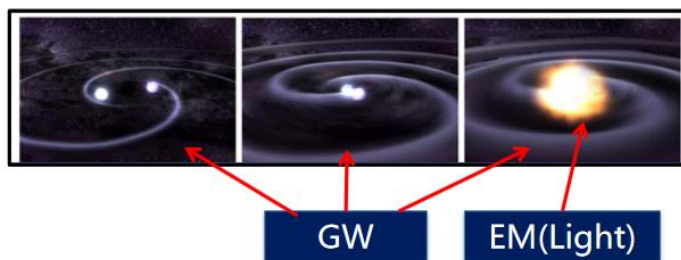


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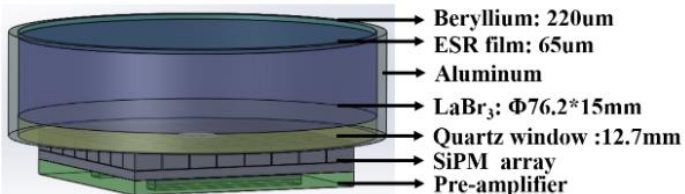
Launch : 2021 ?

Adopted by CAS (in 2018)

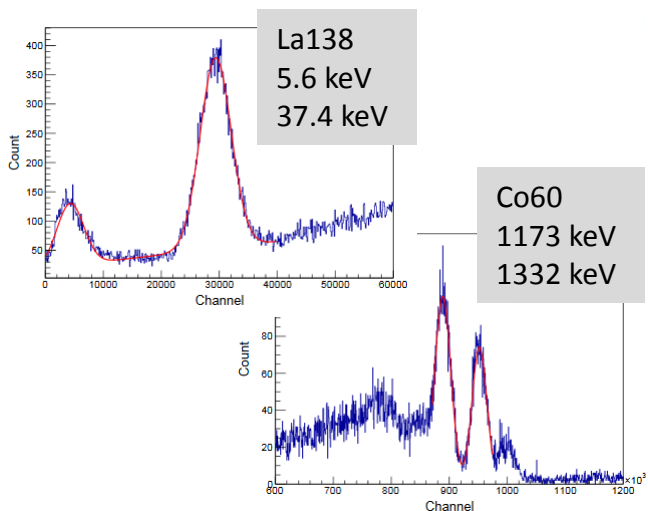
- Core Science: GW ElectroMagnetic counterpart (GWEM)



Detector  
La Br<sub>3</sub>



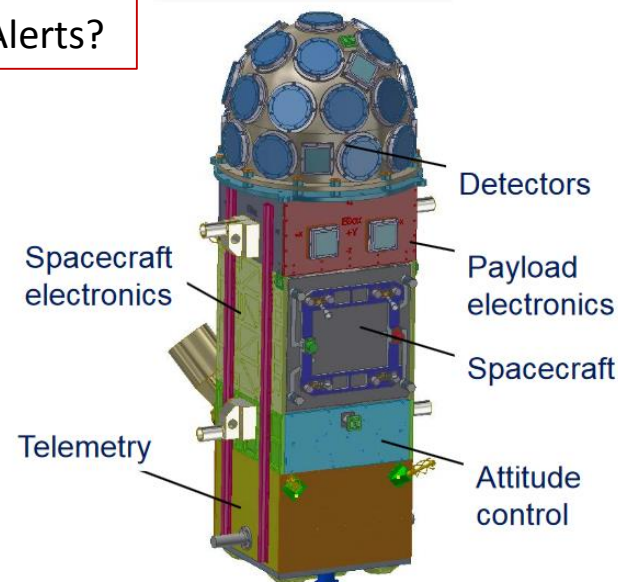
- Independent confirmation of GW event
- Accurate localization, host galaxy, redshift
- Astrophysical content of the GW source
- GW+EM, Cosmology, fundamental physics



## • Features

Trigger? Alerts?

- FOV : 100% all-sky
- Sensitivity :  $\sim 2E-8$  erg/cm<sup>2</sup>/s
- Localization :  $\sim 1$  deg (1-sigma, stat.)
- Energy band : 6 keV – 5 MeV
- Planned to launch in the 2021
- Joint observation with LIGO & Virgo when they reach best sensitivity







# Tao: Transient Astrophysics Observatory (former ISS-Lobster)



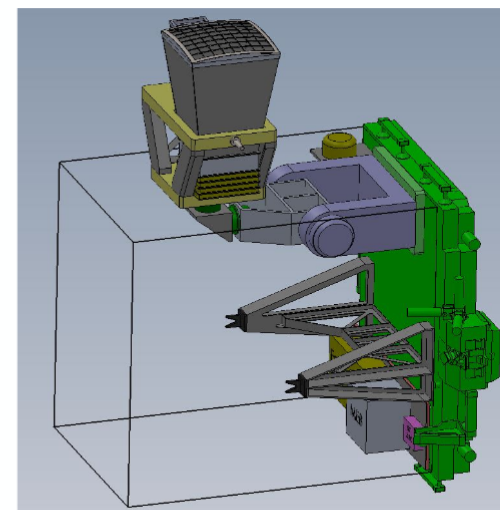
- ISS payload on the Express Logistics Carrier
- ISS provides
  - “free” launch
  - “free” power
  - continuous uplink/downlink 80% of the time, with sufficient data rates
- Instruments

## Launch : 2021 ?

TAO *esson*#2: NASA GSFC  
*everything is transient*

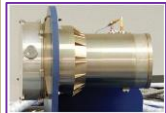
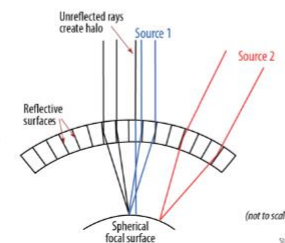
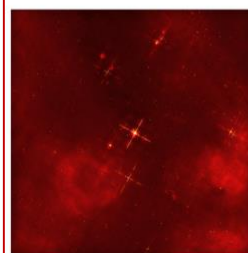
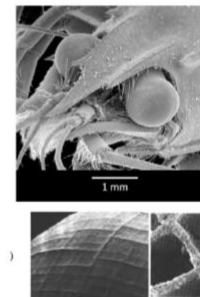
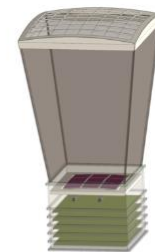
- 2x *Fermi*-GBM built-to-print NaI detectors (scintillators + PMTs)
- FoV  $\sim 2\pi$
- Energy range 10 keV - 1 MeV
- Onboard triggering in 3 timescales and 3 energy ranges
- Localization not possible

- Gamma-ray Transient Monitor (GTM)
  - Wide-field Imager (WFI)
- Operations:
- Sky survey/ToOs (incl. GW)
  - Rapid autonomous repointing to new transients
- 3 year mission (5 year goal)



- Multi-channel (lobster) optics with CCD focal plane (Angel 1979)
- 45 cm focal length
- FoV:  $20^\circ \times 20^\circ$
- Sensitivity:  $10^{-10} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (20 s),  $10^{-12} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (10 ks)
- Energy Range: 0.3-5 keV
- Centroid:  $\sim 1$  arcmin

FoV  $\sim 0.12 \text{ sr}$



Source Type	WFI source rate (/yr)
NS-NS GW counterparts	1-3
NS-BH GW counterparts	8-14
ccSN shock breakout	1
TDEs	24 (15 non-jetted, 9 jetted)
AGN (monitored)	600 (weekly) 100 (daily)
Blazars (monitored)	300 (weekly) 80 (daily)
Stellar Super Flares	10-100
Novae	0.3
Thermonuclear Bursts	110
Long GRBs	80
High-z GRBs ( $z \geq 5$ )	2
Short GRBs	10



# EP: Einstein Probe

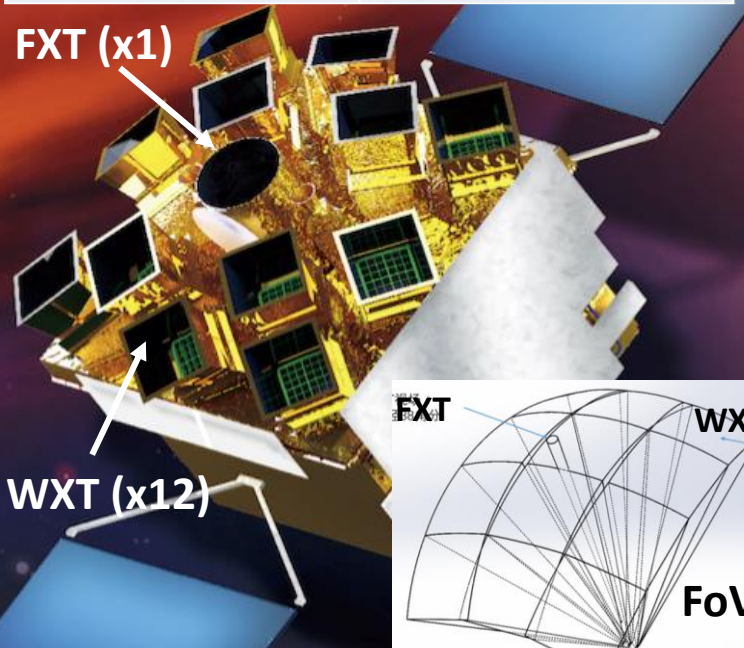


NAOC Beijing

Launch : 2022 ?

Adopted by CAS (end 2017)

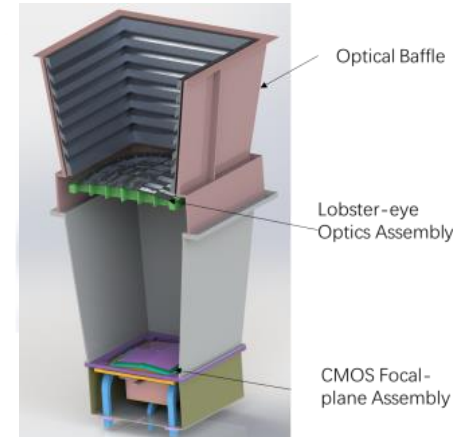
Type of events	Detections /yr
TDE	30-120 (onset/peak)
TDE with jets	20 - 40
SN shock breakout	7
GRB $z > 6$ (8)	7 (3)
magnetars	1
X-ray flash	~ 10
Low-luminosity GRB	< 8
SFXT	~ 13



- EP is an explorer-class mission
  - Dedicated to time-domain astronomy
  - For all-sky monitoring to discover and study high-energy transients and variability in the soft X-ray band
- Science Objectives
  - Carry out systematic survey of soft X-ray transients and variability of X-ray sources at unprecedented sensitivity and high cadence
  - Discover otherwise quiescent **Black holes** at all astrophysical mass scales and other compact objects by capturing their transient flares
  - Detect and localize the electromagnetic-wave sources of **gravitational-wave** events by synergy with gravitational-wave detectors

## Payloads

- Wide-field X-ray Telescope (WXT)
  - X-ray optics: lobster-eye MPO; FoV~ 3600 square degrees
  - Detector: CMOS array
- Follow-up X-ray Telescope (FXT)
  - X-ray optics: Wolter-1 type; FoV ~ 38 arcmin
  - Detector: CCD



## Features

FoV 1 sr

- Large Field of View **3600 sq. deg.**; grasp: **~10,000 deg<sup>2</sup>.cm<sup>2</sup>**
- Monitoring: soft X-ray band: **0.5-5keV**
- Sensitivity: > 1 order of magnitude higher than those in orbit
- Good angular resolution (**~5 arcmin**) and positioning accuracy (**<1 arcmin**)
- Autonomous follow-up (**<10 arcsec** localisation; 0.3-10keV)
- Fast alert data downlink and (possible) fast uplink (ToO)



# eXTP: extended Timing and Polarimetry mission



IHEP Beijing  
INAF Rome

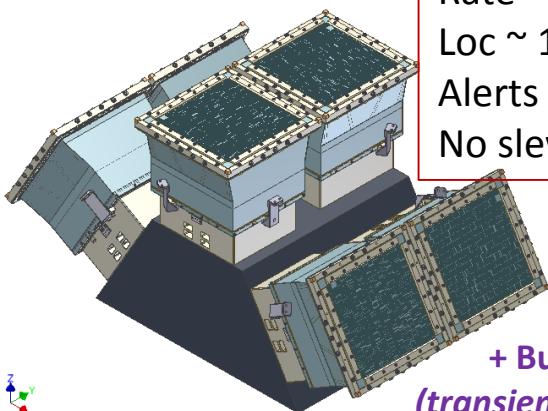
Launch : 2025 ?

Selected for CAS Phase A+  
(in 2018)

## Wide Field Monitor (WFM)

- 3 units (6 cam): 1.5 D coded mask
- Detectors: SDD
- Energy range: 2-50 keV
- Energy resolution: 500eV@6keV
- Field of view: 3.2 sr
- Angular resol.: 5', Location: 1'
- Time resol.: 10μs
- Sensitivity: 4mCrab (1day)
- Effective area: 170cm<sup>2</sup>@6keV

Rate ~ 120 GRB/yr  
Loc ~ 1 arcmin  
Alerts via VHF of Baidu  
No slew



+ Burst Alert System  
(transient events trigger)

## Overview:

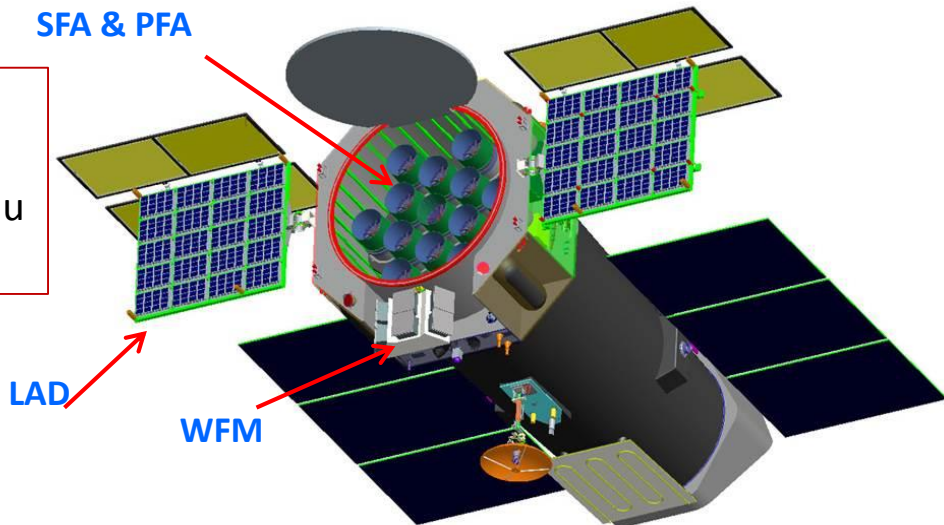
- eXTP = XTP + LOFT. 3 March 2018: kick off of extended Phase A/B by CAS (440 Myuan until end 2020).
- CAS + European consortium (ASI lead). + possible ESA MoO.
- Launch > 2025, 4.5 tons, low Earth equatorial orbit, LM7

## Science goals:

- Fundamental physics (Dense matter, strong gravity, extreme magnetism), observing neutron stars (M vs R relation, nuclear matter EOS, QCD), black holes (GR) & magnetars (QED).
- Time domain X-ray astro. of compact objects and transients

Payload	Configuration	Eff. area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Timing res. (μs)
Spectroscopic Focusing Array (SFA)	9 telescopes	0.54m <sup>2</sup> @1keV	10
Large Area Detector (LAD)	40 modules	3.4m <sup>2</sup> @2-10keV	10
Polarimetry Focusing Array (PFA)	4 telescopes	700cm <sup>2</sup> @2keV	500
Wide Field Monitor (WFM)	6 cameras	3.2 Sr (FOV)	10

## SFA & PFA





# Theseus: Transient High-Energy Sky and Early Universe Surveyor



Launch : end of 203<sup>rd</sup> decade? 2032 ?

Selected for ESA M5 Phase A (in 2018, 3 competitors)

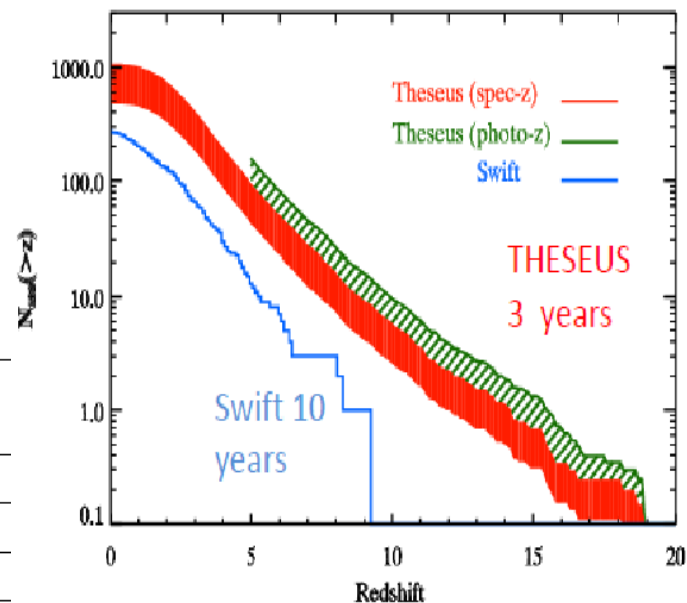
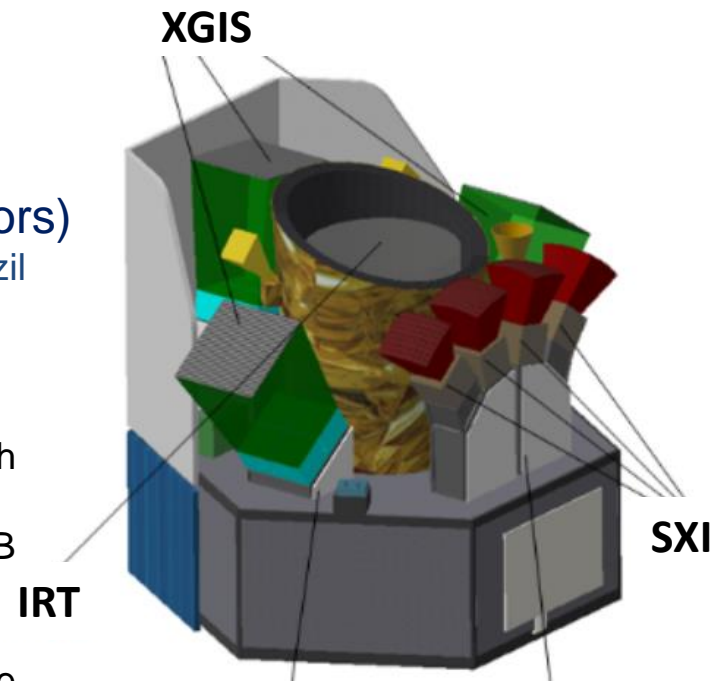
Italy-led European collaboration, with interest of USA, China, Brazil

## Core science:

- GRB population in the 1<sup>st</sup> Gyrs (Early Univ., reionization era)
- Deep monitoring of the soft X-ray transient Universe
- GW/multi-messenger and time domain astro, in synergy with aLIGO/aVirgo, LISA, ET, Km3NET, LSST, E-ELT, SKA, CTA...
- Athena synergy: repoint Athena (6hr) to interesting GRB afterglows for simultaneous X-ray and NIR spectroscopy

## Instruments:

- **Soft X-ray Imager (SXI, 0.3 – 6 keV)**: 4 sensitive lobster-eye telescopes, total FoV ~1sr, location accuracy < 1-2 arcmin
- **X-Gamma rays Imaging Spectrometer (XGIS, 2 keV – 20 MeV)**: 3 coded-mask X-gamma ray cameras using bars of Silicon diodes coupled with CsI crystal scintillators, total FoV of ~1sr, overlapping SXI, 5' source location accuracy;
- **InfraRed Telescope (IRT, 0.7 – 1.8 μm)**: a 0.7m class IR telescope with 10'x10' FoV, fast response, imaging & spectro



THESEUS GRB#/yr	All	$z > 5$	$z > 8$	$z > 10$
Detections	387 - 870	25 - 60	4 - 10	2 - 4
Photometric z		25 - 60	4 - 10	2 - 4
Spectroscopic z	156 - 350	10 - 20	1 - 3	0.5 - 1



# Tap: Transient Astrophysics Probe



NASA GSFC

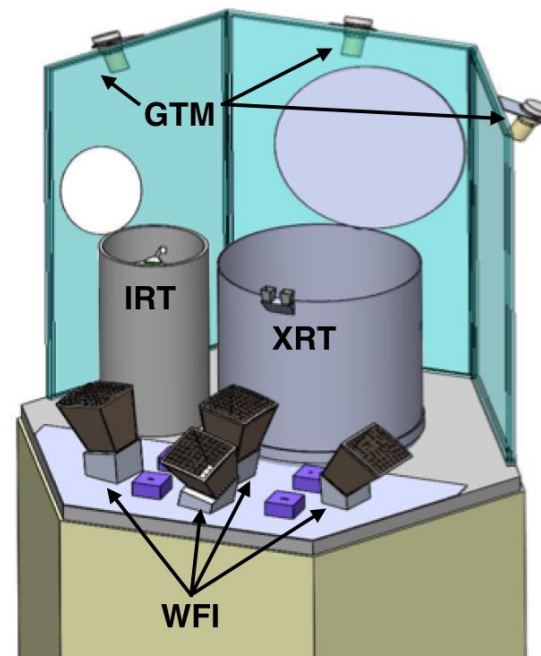
Launch : end of 203<sup>rd</sup> decade? 2030 ?

Selected for NASA Probe Concept study (in 2017)

adoption of the mission not before Oct. 2023

## Instruments:

- **Wide Field Imager (WFI)** - soft X-ray wide field of view Lobster microchannel optic surveys the sky
- **X-ray Telescope (XRT)** - sensitive crystal silicon, grazing incidence, soft X-ray telescope that follows up and localizes transients and conducts a deep survey
- **InfraRed Telescope (IRT)** - near-IR telescope provides localizations and rapid low-resolution spectroscopy of transients
- **Gamma-ray Transient Monitor (GTM)** - NaI scintillators coupled to PMTs monitoring the sky for transients



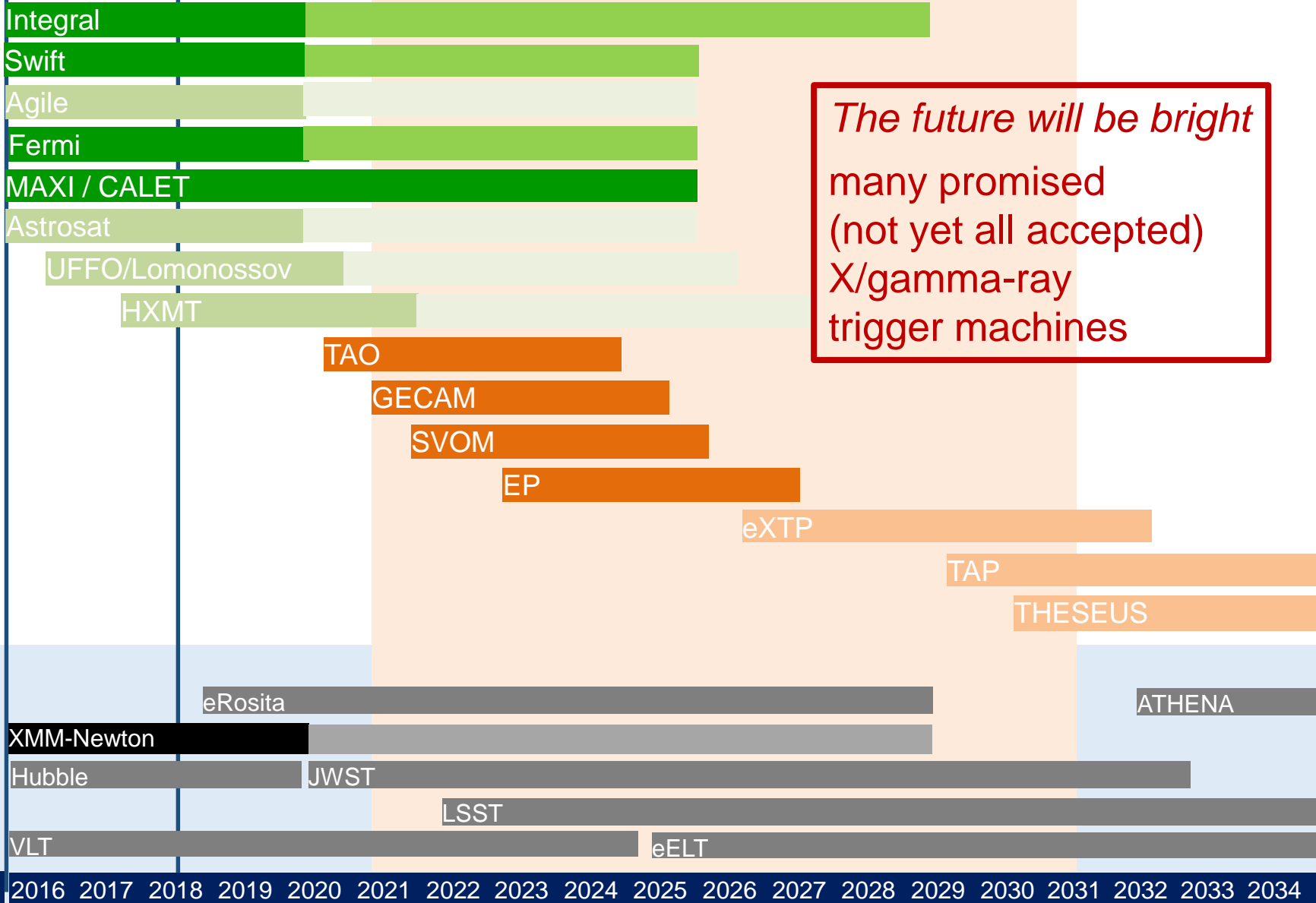
Parameter	WFI	XRT	IRT	GTM
Quantity	4-6 Lobster Eye	1 Grazing Incidence	1 near IR	3-12 NaI/PMT
FoV	N x 19°x19° (0.5 sr)	1° diameter	1°x1°	2 π sr
Aperture Diameter	n/a	130 cm; fl=500 cm	70 cm	n/a
PSF/FWHM	8 arcmin	3 arcsec	1 arcsec	n/a
Energy Range	0.3 - 5 keV	0.5-6 keV	0.6 - 2.5 μm	10 keV - 1 MeV
Sensitivity	10 <sup>-11</sup> erg cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> (2ks)	2x10 <sup>-15</sup> erg cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> (2ks)	23 mag (300 sec)	1 ph cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>

# X/Gamma-ray Events Trigger Machines for the 203<sup>rd</sup> decade

**conclusions**

# Missions d'alertes X/gamma de la 203<sup>ème</sup> décennie

X/γ-ray alerts



*The future will be bright  
many promised  
(not yet all accepted)  
X/gamma-ray  
trigger machines*

