

Observation of the sky with gamma-ray from space: **16** years of discoveries with Fermi Large Area **Telescope and Italian AGILE Satellite Sara Cutini**

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Road map of gamma-ray astronomy



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First image of gamma-ray sky with EGRET

Third EGRET Catalogue ~200 gamma-ray sources —> 27 possible AGN/blazar identifications



Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope





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Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GMB)

- 12 Nal and 2 BGO
- Energy range: 8 keV 40 MeV

Large Area Telescope (LAT)

- Pair conversion telescope
- Energy range: 20 MeV-> 300 GeV
- Large field of view (< 2.4 sr): 20% of the sky at any time, all parts of the sky for 30 minutes every 3 hours

 Good energy resolution (<15% for E>100 MeV)
 Good point spread function (<1 deg for E>1 GeV)
 Large effective area (>8000 cm² on-axis for E>1 GeV)

LAT key features

Fermi in numbers

Fermi-LAT in data

- 99792 orbits since launch
- 6237 days of science mission (2008 Aug. 4)
- LAT has 99.8% runtime

Event counts

- ~ 8.5 billion triggers on the LAT
- ~ 200 billion events downlinked
- ~ 5 billion LAT events available at the FSSC

Short notice publications (LAT):

788 ATels of flaring source activity488 GCN circular on GRB and others of LAT detections

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related scientific RateMeters (RMs) AntiCoincidence (AC) [50 keV – 200 keV] 4 (x3) +1 plastic scintillators

Super AGILE (SA) [18 keV – 60 keV] 4 Si detectors + W coded mask

Gamma-Ray Imaging Detector (GRID) Silicon Tracker [30 MeV – 50 GeV] 22 W-Si foils

> MiniCALorimeter (MCAL) [350 keV – 100 MeV] 30 Csl (Tl) bars





γ-ray Sky

Preliminary

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Gamma-ray science menù



4th Fermi-LAT Source Catalog



4FGL-DR4 catalog contains 7195 gamma-ray sources [1] 14 years of Fermi LAT data 50 MeV < E < 1 TeV

Fermi-LAT catalog included source not seen before in gamma-ray:

non-AGN galaxies, globular clusters, high-mass binaries, novae and star forming regions

Some source classes are more populated than expected:

milliseconds pulsars, radio quite pulsars and high redshift AGNs

~30% of sources are still unassociated:

new type of gamma-ray emitters?

Fermi light curve repository online

https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/LightCurveRepository/about.html

• Provides 3 day, 1 week and 1 month light curves for many 4FGL sources



AGILE Light Curve interactive analysis

https://www.ssdc.asi.it/mmia/index.php?mission=agilelv3mmia



PG 1553+113 periodicity studies



- Confirmed the predicted maxima up to now
- Optical and radio LC shows a similar periodicity then gamma-ray one
 - Primary hypothesis —> super massive binary BH system

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Fermi-LAT catalogs of periodic sources

Preliminary



Figure 6.13: On the left, the light curve of S5 1044+71, in energy flux with monthly binning. On the right the local WWZ and on its side the global wavelet, black line, and the LSP, blue line. It exhibits a period of 3.1 yr with a significance > 4.7 σ from E13 simulations.



Source Name	Period (yr)	$N\sigma$
PKS 0215+015	3.4	3.5σ
4C + 28.07	3.4	3.3σ
PKS 0405-385	2.6	3σ
PKS 0426-380	3.7	3.4σ
PKS 0454-234	3.4	3.5σ
TXS 0518+211	3	$> 4.7\sigma$
OJ 014	4.2	$> 4.7\sigma$
S4 0814+42	2.2	$> 4.7\sigma$
S5 1044+71	3.1	$> 4.7\sigma$
S4 1144+40	3.3	$> 4.7\sigma$
B2 1215+30	2.8	3.5σ
PKS 1502+106	2.3	3.7σ
PG 1553+113	2.2	$> 4.7\sigma$
PKS 2155-304	1.6	3.7σ

Table 6.1: Sources with E13 significance $> 3\sigma.$ We can highlight a golden sample of 6 sources with $> 4.7\sigma$, no higher peaks in 1 million simulations for each source.



 Table 1. Top:
 list of the 11 periodic-emission candidates, with their Fermi-LAT name, coordinates,

 AGN type, redshift, association name and period (in years) obtained with the periodicity-search pipeline.
 Bottom: list of 13 AGN with low significance period detection.

3FGL Source Name	RAJ2000	DecJ2000	Type	Redshift	Association Name	Period
J0043.8+3425	10.96782	34.42687	fsrq	0.966	GB6 J0043+3426	1.8
J0210.7 - 5101	32.68952	-51.01695	\mathbf{fsrq}	1.003	PKS 0208 - 512	2.6
J0211.2 + 1051	32.81532	10.85811	bll	0.2	MG1 J021114 + 1051	1.7
J0521.7 + 2113	80.44379	21.21369	bll	0.108	TXS 0518+211	2.8
J0811.3 + 0146	122.86418	1.77344	bll	1.148	OJ 014	4.3
J1146.8 + 3958	176.73987	39.96861	\mathbf{fsrq}	1.089	$S4 \ 1144 + 40$	3.3
J1248.2 + 5820	192.07728	58.34622	bll	_	PG 1246 + 586	2.2
J1454.5 + 5124	238.93169	11.18768	bll	-	TXS $1452 + 516$	2.1
J1555.7 + 1111	238.93169	11.18768	bll	0.36	PG 1553+113	2.2
J2158.8 - 3013	329.71409	-30.22556	bll	0.116	PKS 2155-304	1.7
J2258.0 - 2759	344.50485	-27.97588	\mathbf{fsrq}	0.926	PKS 2255-282	1.3



The prompt phase of GRB 221009A lasted a few hundred seconds. It was so bright that we identify a bad time interval of 64 s caused by the extremely high flux of hard X-rays and soft gamma rays



The overall spectrum exhibits a characteristic two-bump structure typical of synchrotron and SSC, In addition, a Gaussian line is statistically significant in the first five intervals, and only marginally significant (or not significant) in the last two.

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Flux light curves (left panel) and rest-frame luminosity light curves (right panel) in the 100 MeV-100 GeV rest frame energy range for GRB 221009A (red) and for other LAT-detected GRBs with redshifts included in the 2FLGC. Three previous record-holder GRBs are highlighted in different marker colors. . GRB 221009A is particularly bright thanks to its proximity.



Very intense GeV gammaray emission is detected by AGILE in the prompt and early afterglow phase up to 10,000 seconds. During the prompt phase, the event shows spectrally different MeV and GeV emissions that are most likely generated by physical mechanisms occurring in different locations.

Magnetar Giant Flares

GRB 200415A

Transient on April 15th 2020

- GBM triggered at 08:48:05.56 UTC
- Localized with 20 square arcmin precision through interplanetary Network of gamma-ray detectors
- Burst most likely originated in star forming Sculptor Galaxy, DL~ 3.5 Mpc





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Magnetar Giant Flares

GRB 200415A

LAT detected 3 photons

Maximum test statistic TS=29

- NGC 253 (Sculptur gal.) at 72% localization CL
- Probability of chance coincidence: < 2.9 x 10-3
- Long delay of first photon to TO atypical for sGRB

Time since T ₀ (s)	Energy (MeV)	Distance to NGC 253 (°)	Assoc. Prob.
19.18	480	0.3	0.990
180.22	1300	0.5	0.988
284.05	1700	0.9	0.999



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Magnetars and FRB connection?

The recent LAT detection of GeV emission from a magnetar flare in the sculptor galaxy motivated the search for gamma-rays from FRBs AGILE detection of X-ray burst in coincidence with the very bright radio burst from the Galactic magnetar SGR 1935+2154

->The largest and deepest systematic search for gamma-ray emission was performed from all the reported repeating and not-repeating FRB with 12 years of Fermi-LAT data



Gamma-ray pulsar timing array (PTA)

Coalescing supermassive black holes in the centers of merging galaxies fill the universe with low-frequency gravitational waves (@nanohertz)

Searches for this background utilize pulsar timing arrays. ->We use 12.5 years and 35 brightest MSP of Fermi Large Area Telescope data form a gamma-ray pulsar timing array.

This provides an independent method to search for signals detected by radio PTAs; unlike the radio PTAs, it is free from the effects of the ionized interstellar medium.

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1FLT Catalog of Long-Term Transient Sources



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The 1FLT distribution extends to softer Γ values compared to 4LAC, with a median value of 2.7 compared to 2.2 of 4LAC (2.5 if we consider only 4LAC FSRQs.)



Variation of Gamma Rays from the Sun over the Solar Cycle

Ext > 500 MeV

2020

2022

2024



We find that the flux variation of the disk anticorrelates with solar activity and correlates with

cosmic-ray protons.

The flux variation of the extended component

anticorrelates with solar activity only until mid ~2012.

After that, we no longer observe any correlation or anticorrelation, even with the CR electron flux. This most likely suggests that cosmic-ray transport and modulation in the inner heliosphere are unexpectedly complex and different for electrons and

protons or, alternatively, the presence of an additional, unknown component of gamma rays or cosmic rays.

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Gravitational wave follow-up

LIGO, Virgo, and partners make first detection of gravitational waves and light from colliding neutron stars



Fermi and AGILE play a fundamental rule in the follow-up of GW —> huge FoV and good localization —>Exploring also Fermi ACD data

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Abbott et al. 2017; 2017ApJ...848L..12A Abbott et al. 2017; 2017ApJ...848L..13A

Neutrino - gamma ray connection

Association of neutrino with flaring blazar TXS 0506+056 sparked interest to identify further counterparts

 So far, no other counterpart has been unambiguously identified—> however 10 IceCube neutrino's hotspots located in the southern sky are likely originated from blazars





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ceCube Coll. et al. 2018, 2018Sci...361.1378I; Garrappa et al. 2019, 2022icrc.confE.956G ; Buson et al 2022; 2022ApJ...933L..43B

Neutrino - NGC 1068

IceCube collaboration had found an excess of 79^{+22}_{-20} neutrinos associated with the nearby active galaxy NGC 1068 at a significance of 4.2 σ . NGC 1068 is one of the closest Seyfert II galaxies, it hosts Compton-thick AGN.



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Summary and Conclusions

- Fermi and AGILE first 16 years have produced numerous scientific discoveries that have revolutionized our understanding of the gamma-ray universe
- Fermi-LAT and GBM are working without major problems:

 ->Fermi had his first hardware failure on March 16, 2018, however the observatory has so much flexibility that this glitch has only minor impact on science operations
- After 17 years of operations, the AGILE satellite re-entered the atmosphere on 14 February 2024
- Fermi observations remain indispensable for multi-messenger counterpart searches
 —>Gravitational waves and neutrinos possibile counterparts



Without Fermi and AGILE the astrophysics is not the same!

Back-up slides

Gravitational wave follow-up

The new GW observing run is approaching; O4 will start at the end of the year **Promising previsions for Fermi in O4**

GW+ GRBs conservative approach

$\mathcal{R}(0)$	GW	GW+EM (prompt)							
		Swift/BAT		Fermi/GBM		INTEGRAL/IBIS		SVOM/ECLAIRs	
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$Gpc^{-3}yr^{-1}$	yr^{-1}	yr^{-1}	yr ⁻¹	yr^{-1}	yr ⁻¹	yr^{-1}	yr^{-1}	yr^{-1}	yr^{-1}
31	1	0.0006 (0.0023)	0.014-0.020	0.003 (0.013)	0.070-0.11	0.0001 (0.0004)	0.0024-0.0035	0.0005 (0.0019)	0.013-0.017
258	5	0.003 (0.01)	0.07-0.10	0.017 (0.068)	0.35-0.54	0.0005 (0.002)	0.01-0.02	0.002 (0.01)	0.06-0.08
765	13	0.008 (0.031)	0.18-0.26	0.045 (0.18)	0.91-1.42	0.001 (0.005)	0.031-0.046	0.006 (0.025)	0.17-0.22
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GW+ GRBs more optimistic approach

Model	$\mathcal{R}(0)$	GW	GW+EM (prompt)							
			Swift/BAT		Fermi/GBM		INTEGRAL/IBIS		SVOM/ECLAIRs	
	Gpc ⁻³ yr ⁻¹	yr ⁻¹	uniform yr ⁻¹	structured yr ⁻¹						
A1	31	5	0.002 (0.01)	0.05-0.08	0.014 (0.06)	0.27-0.46	0.0005 (0.002)	0.009-0.014	0.002 (0.008)	0.05-0.07
A3	258	22	0.01 (0.04)	0.24-0.37	0.06 (0.26)	1.17-2.00	0.002 (0.008)	0.04-0.06	0.009 (0.04)	0.22-0.32
A7	765	61	0.03 (0.12)	0.67-1.05	0.18 (0.74)	3.28-5.65	0.006 (0.02)	0.11-0.18	0.02 (0.10)	0.63-0.90

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Second Gamma Ray Burst Catalog





Pulsars population



Family portrait



[1] Abdo A. A, 2013ApJS..208...17A
[2] Abdo A.A 2009ApJ...696.1084A
[3] Allafort, A. 2013ApJ...777L...2A
[4] Abdo A. A. 2011Sci...331..739A

Before Fermi only 7 pulsars, now 147 with 2nd pulsars catalog ^[1] Emission region location: outer-gap model preferred respect to the polar-gap^[2] Pulsars, considered the must stable sources were discovered to be variable!^[3,4]

PSR J2021+4026 in the Gamma Cygni region: the first variable gamma-ray pulsar^[3]



Crab flare related to the nebulae^[4]





Active Galaxy Nucleus population and evolution



The 75% of the gamma-ray sources are aligned AGN: blazars (BL Lacs + FSRQ)^[1] MW follow-ups provide z for many Fermi blazars introducing the LL a population of high redshift BL Lacs were found^[1,2]



1]Ackermann M. 2015arXiv150106054A 2] Shaw M. 2013ApJ...764..135S 3] Ajello, M. 2014ApJ...780...73A



GRB 130427A: a nearby monster

2eV, 10 keV, 100 MeV flux (mJy)





Record breaking:

Highest γ-ray fluence (prompt) > 10⁻³erg/cm^{2[1]}
Highest γ-ray photons detected 95GeV^[1]
Longest live γ-ray emission (prompt+afterglow)^[1]
First Fermi-LAT γ-ray GRB with super novae detection:
GRB 130427A/SN 2013cq connection^[2]
2th brightest optical flash ever observed^[3]
Prompt emission described as Self Synchrotron Compton^[1]





3C 279: one of the most famous







LAT target of DM search





Low background, but low statistics



LAT target of DM search



Modified observing strategy to favor the galactic center (GC)

Search for spectral line: 133 GeV case

Weakly Iteracting Massive Particles (WIMP) are a promising dark matter candidate Indirect DM search: WIMP annihilation



No globally spectral lines is detected with P7rep $\sigma < 2^{[1]}$, even smaller significance with P8^[2] Too narrow feature in 133 GeV is seen with P7rep (previously reported in [3])



Search for spectral line

No globally significant lines found in each ROI



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Dark matter annihilation the Milky Way: dwarf Spheriodal Galaxies

The stellar kinematic data indicate that the dwarf spheriodal satellite galaxies (dSphs) of the Milky way contain a substantial DM component - 25 dSphs close to us to 25-250 Kpc



gamma-ray signals = particles properties x astrophysical properties

$$\phi_{\gamma}(E,\psi) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\left\langle \sigma_{\chi} v \right\rangle}{2m_{\chi}^2} N_{\gamma}(E) \times J(\psi)$$



Dwarf J-factors are determinated **spectroscopically** from the stellar velocity dispessions \rightarrow using the los velocity dispersion and assuming DM density profile (NFW) we can estimate the J-factor

Joint likelihood analysis in 15 dSphs : we constrain the dark matter annhilation cross section through the quark and τ -lepton channel for WIMP with $m_{\chi} < 100 \text{ GeV}$ -lies below the canonical

thermal relic cross section





Fermi Bubbles





Fermi bubbles have the same morphology of the WMAP microwave haze \rightarrow common origin The Fermi bubble structures were likely created by some large episode of energy injection in the GC, such as a past accretion event onto the central MBH, or a nuclear starburst in the last~10 Myr. Evidence of substructures but no an evidence of a jet [1] Su, M. 2010ApJ...724.1044S

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We detected an excess in the diffuse emission beween 1 GeV up to 50GeV [1*



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