ASTROSAT and POLIX





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ASTROSAT

UVIT: Twin Telescope, 1.8 arcsec 38 cm each, filters 130-180, 200-300, 320-550 nm

SXT: Soft X-ray Telescope, 2 arcmin 0.2-8 keV, CCD: 150 eV @ 5.9 keV 150 cm^2 at 1.5 keV

CZTI: CdZnTe pixelated detectors 2-D coded mask, 15-150 keV 6% @ 100 keV, 480 cm^2

CZTI

LAXPC: 3 Proportional counters FOV 42 x 42 arcmin, 10 microsec 12% @ 22 keV, 6000 cm^2, 3-80

SSM: 3 Positional Sensitive PC 1-D coded mask, 2.5-10 keV ~50 mCrab per staring

Launch: 28 Sep, 2015 650 km, 6 degree inclination

Ultra Violet Imaging Telescope (UVIT)



UVIT filters





Tandon et al. 2016 4

UVIT image resolution









Ultra Violet Imaging Telescope (UVIT)



GALEX



UVIT





Singh et al. 2016 ⁷



Right ascension

Singh et al. 2016⁸





150 eV @ 5.9 keV





Singh et al. 2016 ¹⁰

CdZnTe Imager (CZTI)



FWHM: 4.6 x 4.6 degree, CsI(TI) veto detector

Angular resolution: 17 arcmin

Bhalerao et al. 2016¹

CZTI Instrument Performance: Crab observations







Rao et al.2016, Vadawale et al. 2016

CZTI detection of 151006A

- > On the first day of operation.
- > Incident at 60°.7 from vertical ($\theta_x = 34^\circ; \theta_y = 58^\circ$)
- Material around CZT detectors are transparent to X-rays above 100 keV.
- Significant detection area for off-axis sources.





Crab Polarization





300

W



Vadawale et al. in preparation

Large Area X-ray Proportional Counter (LAXPC)











Crab Pulse Profile (19 Oct 2015)







Start Time 17448 18:40:05:178 Stop Time 17448 20:39:39:959

PSR 1509-586



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4U 1636-536: Thermonuclear X-ray bursts



Time (s)

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4U 1636-536: QPOs



Frequency (Hz)

HMXBs: Vela X-1



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Spectroscopy with LAXPC

Crab LAXPC1 (Photon index 2.04) data and folded model

normalized counts s⁻¹ keV⁻¹



Transparency of LAXPC layers

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Vela X-1



HMXBs: 4U 0115+63



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Frequency (Hz)

High frequency signlas with LAXPC







4U 1728-34; Cauhan et al. in preperation

Hard X-ray sensitivity of LAXPC



20 50 Energy (keV)

20

50

1H 1743-322; Pahari et al. in preperation

The first year of ASTROSAT

- Six months PV phase
- Six months GT
- 30 Ms
 Efficiency : ~10% (UVIT) to
 ~55% (CZTI)
- 140 sources, 337 targets





Ram Angle: +- 12 degree of satellite orbit

Bright Earth Avoidance

Limited maneuver

UVIT obs in crowded field

POLIX: Thomson X-ray Polarimeter



Photoelectron/Bragg: < 10

keV

•Thomson: 5-50 keV

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$$MDP = \frac{4.29}{\mu r} \sqrt{\frac{r+b}{T}} = \frac{4.29}{\mu} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{1+\frac{b}{r}},$$

•3% MDP for 50 mCrab

X-ray Polarisation

Polarisation is unexplored in High Energy Astrophysics

X-ray emission from the following processes should be polarised

Emission, transmission through magnetic field
Emission, scattering from non-spherical plasma
Synchrotron, Cyclotron, Non-Thermal Bremsstrahlung

These objects should produce polarised X-ray radiation

- Accretion powered pulsarsRotation powered pulsars
- •Magnetars
- •Pulsar wind nebulae

Crab nebula is the only source for which high S/N X-ray polarisation Measurement exists. This was made in 1976 !!

- Non-thermal supernova remnants
- •Black holes, micro-quasars and active galactic nuclei
- •Solar X-rays

Laboratory Unit



Polarised X-ray Source





Cylindrical detector







POLIX Detectors

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21.12.2011













The Satellite Bus

- 3 Axis Stabilised
- 200 kg Payload
- 800 W power

0.1 degree pointing Spin Long staring



POLIX: Sensitivity



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Source Strength (Crab)

Accreting X-ray Pulsars





Meszaros et al. 1988

X-ray Polarisation in Black Holes

 $M = 10 M_{\odot}$ a/M = 0.9 $L = 0.1 L_{\rm Edd}$



Schnittman et al.

X-ray Polarisation and Corona



Dovciak et al.