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# FERMI SATELLITE

Gamma-ray Large Area Space Telescope

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## Historical overview of Gamma ray satellite



# I. Overview of the Fermi satellite



Launched on 11 June 2008 Cost: \$690,000,000 publications: > 600

Large Area Telescope	Gamma-ray Burst Monitor	
Pair-production instrument	NaI and BGO scintillators	
20 MeV to 300 GeV	8 keV to 40 MeV	
Field of view: 20% of the sky	Field of view: 9.5 steradians	
angular resolution: <1° at 1 GeV	GRB localization: typical 3°	
Timing accuracy: < 10 μs	Timing accuracy: 2 ms	



(https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/)

## II. Instrument(Large Area Telescope)



#### Top views:

A 4 × 4 array of 16 modules

#### Converter:

For pair production

#### Tracker:

- Trace the electron/positron
- Determine the incoming direction of gamma-ray

 $\gamma_{||}$  incoming gamma ray

#### Anti-coincidence shield:

 Reject the charged-particle background

#### Calorimeter(热量计):

 To measure the energy deposition

electron-positron pair

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8 layers of 12 CsI(Tl) crystals per tower particle interact with scintillator(闪烁体) => produce photons => read out by PIN photodiodes (光电二极管)



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2008-2018		1991-2000
pair production	Detection principle	pair production
20MeV-300GeV	energy range	20MeV-30GeV
<10%	energy resolution	10%
< 3.5° (100 MeV) < 0.15° (>10 GeV)	angular resolution	5.8° (100 MeV)
2.4sr	Field of view	~0.5sr
<20µs	Time accuracy	50µs







**Supernova Remnants** 



Active Galactic Nuclei



#### Catalogs



**Dark Matter** 



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Terrestrial Gamma-ray Flashes



Radiation



**Gamma-ray Bursts** 

That's what I can do!



**Pulsar Wind Nebulae** 

Extragalactic

Background

# III. Discovery of Fermi Bubble

Gamma ray with known source from the center of Milky Way:



#### Subtract the radiation above, we will get the radiation we cannot explain

- Use the Fermi Diffuse Galactic Model provided by the Fermi team
- Employ a dust map to trace ISM related process, and a disk model to trace ISRF
- Use the lower energy band 0.5–1.0 GeV Fermi map as a template of a diffusion emission model

### Method I. Fermi Diffuse Galactic Model



## Method II. Simple Template-based Diffuse Galactic Model



 $\pi^0$  / bremsstrahlung gamma-ray intensity  $\propto$  ISM density  $\times$  the CR proton/electron



## Method III. Low-energy Fermi Map as a Diffuse Galactic Model



(Su et al. ApJ 724:1044-1082, 2010)

## What is the origin of Fermi Bubble?

Past AGN jet?



Black halo burp?





Dark matter?

SCIENTISTS HOPE TO PROVE DARK MATTER SOON BY





## BCU: Blazar Candidates of Uncertain type They are blazars according to observation in other bands, but we are not which which kind of blazar it is.





# IV. Summary

- 1. Fermi satellite has two instruments: LAT and GBM
- 2.Fermi LAT uses pair production to detect gamma ray with 20MeV < E < 300 GeV
- 3.Fermi LAT has a much better performance than its progenitor — EGRET
- 4.Fermi bubble can be discovered after careful subtraction of radiation from known sources
- 5.Fermi LAT provide a huge dataset for the study of AGN in gamma ray band

