Study of emission mechanism of Gamma-Ray Bursts by the gamma-ray polarization with IKAROS-GAP



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GRB polarimetry

How to release the huge amount of energy of 10⁵²⁻⁵⁴ erg in gamma-ray band in short time duration.

Direction (spatial distribution), Time Variability, Spectrum, The another information of E-M Wave "Polarization".







Interplanetary Kite-craft Accelerated by Radiation Of the Sun

GAmma-ray burst Polarimeter

Angular distribution of Compton Scat.Geometrical symmetry

 $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{r_0^2}{2} \frac{E^2}{E_0^2} \left(\frac{E_0}{E} + \frac{E}{E_0} - 2\sin^2\theta\cos^2\phi\right)$

- r₀ : classical electron radius
- E_0 : energy of incident photon
- E : energy of scattered photon





Yonetoku et al. (2011)

Systematic Uncertainty for Off-Axis Incident Photon

⁵⁷Co (122keV) ²⁴¹Am (59.5keV) 1m

The systematics caused by imperfect tunings of parameters in the ground and in-orbit calibrations for the **off-axis radiation**.

Comparing the experimental and simulated modulation curves, we estimated the systematic uncertainty is ~ 1.7% of the total coincidence gamma-rays.





Data Samples

Konus, Fermi, Swift, WAM, Integral, Mess.

a : 10-1000 keV c : 20-5000 keV b : 20-10000 keV d : 20-200 keV

No	GRB	Fluence (erg/cm²)	incident angle	Other Obs.	No.	GRB	Fluence (erg/cm ²)	incident angle	Other Obs.
1	100707A	^a 8.8×10 ⁻⁵	93	K,F,W, M	16	110124A		-	K,W
2	100715A		19	K,I,W,M	17	110301A	^a 3.7×10 ⁻⁵	48	K,F,W
3	100719B		145	K,F	18	110406A	^b 4.8×10 ⁻⁵	133	K,W,I,Sw
4	100722A		34	K,F	19	110423A		-	К
5	100804A		63	K,F	20	110428A	^a 2.3×10 ⁻⁵	109	K,F,W,Sw
6	100809A		-	К	21	110505?		-	?
7	100820A		34	K,F	22	110510?		-	?
8	100826A	^b 3.0×10 ⁻⁴	20	K,F,W, M	23	110514		-	К
9	101014A	^a 2.0×10 ⁻⁴	54	K,F	24	110604A	^c 3.1×10 ⁻⁵	43	K,W,Sw
10	101021A		41	K,F	25	110625A	^b 6.1×10 ⁻⁵	41	K,F,Sw
11	101113A		26	K,F	26	110708A	^d 2×10 ⁻⁶	67	K,F,Sw
12	101123A	^a 1.3×10 ⁻⁴	74	K,F,I,Sw	27	110715A	^b 2.3×10⁻⁵	88	K,W,Sw
13	101126A		62	K,F	28	110717B		25	F,K
14	101219A	^b 3.0×10 ⁻⁶	52	K,Sw	29	110721A	^a 3.5×10 ⁻⁵	30	K,F,I,M



GRB110301A & GRB110721A

We detected the polarization from two bright GRBs with high significance.

The polarization angles did not change during the prompt GRBs.





Results of Polarization Analyses



Significant Polarization was detected from 3 GRBs.
GRB100826A : Polarization angle changed (3.5s confidence level.)
GRB110721A & GRB110301A : Polarization angle was stable.

We need the emission model to explain both cases of change and no-change of polarization angle.



Globally Random Magnetic Fields, But Locally Ordered

The change of polarization angle can be explained with patchy structures of smaller than $1/\Gamma$.

Inner Structures may exist in the Jet.





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Summary

- We successfully launched the GRB polarimeter "GAP".
- We detected the gamma-ray polarization from 3 GRBs, and set upper-limit for 4 GRBs.
- The emission mechanism of prompt GRBs are probably the synchrotron radiation in the magnetic fields.

(we cannot exclude the photospheric and comptnized emission model)

■ Since the polarization angle rapidly changed, the multiple emission regions and/or the patchy structures with the scale of < 1/Γ may exist in the relativistic jet.</p>

Next gamma-ray polarimeter aboard "TSUBAME" small satellite by the Tokyo-Tech team will be launched at the end of this year.

Image of Gamma-ray bursts

Inner structures & Magnetic Fields

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