PoGOLite Update - Flight plan in 2011 -

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Pol. measurement in the X/ γ bands

- Unexplored area in high energy astro -

□ What will we learn?

Emission mech: synchrotron, inverse Compton scattering
 Why not much explored until now?

- Typical pol. expected is small (5-10%)
- Pol. expected only in non-thermal emission (E>>a few keV)
- Eff. area of X-ray mirrors drops sharply beyond ~20keV
- Need very long observation time, typically a few 100ks
- Only one exploratory mission launched into orbit in 1970s
- Integral measured polarization in Crab and Cygnus X-1
- □ Future polarization experiments
- PoGOLite61 (2011) will cover 80>E>20keV
- **GEM mission** (2013?) will cover E<8 keV
- Astro-H SGD (2015?) will cover 200>E>40 keV

Crab Nebula Polarization Measurements

Instrument	Energy	Pol. degree	Pol. angle	Ref.
	450–950 nm,	Peaks: low	Peaks: rapidly	
OPTIMA	$\sim 13~\mathrm{eV}$	polarization,	changing,	[34]
	(Optical)	${\sim}5{-}10\%$	${\sim}70{-}170^{\circ}$	
050.8	2.6 keV (X-rays)	$(19.2 \pm 1.0)\%$	$(156.4 \pm 1.4)^{\circ}$	[29 22]
050-0	5.2 keV (X-rays)	$(19.5 \pm 2.8)\%$	$(152.6 \pm 4.0)^{\circ}$	[52, 55]
		Peaks: little or	Peaks:	
INTEGRAL	$0.2{-}0.8~{ m MeV}$	no polarization	N/A	[20]
(IBIS)	(Gamma-rays)	Off-pulse:	Off-pulse:	ျပ
		$>\!\!88\%$ pol.	$(122 \pm 7.7)^{\circ}$	
INTEGRAL	$0.1{-}1~{ m MeV}$	Off-pulse:	Off pulse:	[40]
(SPI)	(Gamma-rays)	$(46 \pm 10)\%$	$(123 \pm 11)^{\circ}$	[40]

PoGOLite61	20-80keV	+/-3% (1 day)	+/-2 deg (1 day)	
		+/-1% (10 days)	+/-1 deg (10 day)	

Cygnus X-1 Polarization Measurement

Instrument	Energy	Pol. degree	Pol. angle	Ref
Integral	250-400keV	<20%	?	Laurent 2011
(IBIS)	400-2000keV	67+/-30%	?	Laurent 2011
PoGOLite61	20-80keV	+/-3% (1 day)	+/-2 deg (1 day)	
		+/-1% (10 days)	+/-1 deg (10 day)	

PoGOLite Instrument

Polarimeter, and Star Trackers



Polarimeter



Polarimeter developed at SLAC/KIPAC

Cross section

Phoswich Detector Cell (PDC)



Most other works done at KTH and Stockholm U





Mechanical structure and attitude control





PoGOLite61 Payload



Gondola assembly



Figure 2.27. Foreseen flight-configuration of the PoGOLite Pathfinder gondola.

Gondola in Oct 2010



Balloon, parachute, ladder, and gondola



North Pole circumnavigation



Elevation angle: atmospheric attenuation

Ratio to the vertical



Figure 3.5: Elevation angle of targets during PoGOLite pathfinder flight (inclination angle is 90° - elevation). Observations of the Crab will begin upon reaching observation altitude at approximately four hours with an elevation angle of 28° , or inclination of 62° , and continue at least until hour ten. The smallest inclination angle during this time will be 46° at eight hours. From [2].

Science with PoGOLite

Possible targets in the northern sky

Target	ra, dec	mCrab in Swift/BAT	
Crab (nebula+pulsar)	<mark>84</mark> , 22	1000	PWN and pulsar
Cygnus X-1	300 , 35	56-743	HM XB (BH)
Cygnus X-3	308, 41	97-209	HMXB (BH or NS)
Hercules X-1	254, 35	32-81	LMXB (NS cyclotron)
Mkn 421	166, 38	6-72	Blazar
GRS 1915	289, 11	147-274	LMXB (BH)

Crab nebula and pulsar



Crab Total Spectral Model - Total Pulsed, Off-Pulse, Nebula -

Eckert, D.; Savchenko, V.; Produit, N.; Ferrigno, C., 2010, A&A, 509, 33 "INTEGRAL probes the morphology of the Crab nebula in hard X-rays/soft γ-rays"

Pulsed component = Count(0.95-0.45) - (0.5/0.3)*Count(0.6-0.9)Crab nebula total = Count(0.95-0.45) + (0.5/0.3)*Count(0.6-0.9)

For PoGO (monitoring) we will simplify by Pulsed = Count(0.95-0.45) – Count(0.45-0.95) Total = Count(0.95-0.45) + Count(0.45-0.95)

Pulsed Fraction = $0.13 + 0.055 \log(E/20)$ [keV]



Fig. 6. Pulsed fraction of the Crab pulsar/nebula complex as a function of energy. The solid line shows a linear fit to the data, with 1σ error given by the dashed lines.

The nebula flux normalized by the pulsar



Polarization Measurement on Crab



Expected Polarization Measurement



Figure 3.12: Finding the best fit of a simulated observation of a signal polarized 46% at 123° in the polarization dataset. Confidence levels around the fitted value are also shown, and the real degree and angle are within the 68% level.

S. N. Bakas: Master thesis

Crab pulsar (P1)

Expected polarization at P1 (△phase=0.1) in 4 days (24 hours) for Polar cap model (P=80%) and Caustic model (P changes sign)



Crab pulsar polarization - No reliable prediction -

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Cygnus X-1 - Most studied Black Hole X-ray binary -

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The Astrophysical Journal, 728:13 (21pp), 2011

Cygnus X-1: orbital motion

Andrzej A. Zdziarski,^{1*} Guy G. Pooley² and Gerald K. Skinner^{3,4} Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc. 412, 1985–1992 (2011)



Cygnus X-1: may flare

BORIS E. STERN,^{1,2} ANDREI M. BELOBORODOV,¹ AND JURI POUTANEN THE ASTROPHYSICAL JOURNAL, 555:829–833, 2001



FIG. 1.—Count rate during the two outbursts of Cyg X-1 on 1999 April 21 (TJD 11,289) in LAD energy channels 1–3. The count rate is summed over two detectors closest to the line of sight to Cyg X-1. Count rates are higher in softer channels. Dotted, dashed, and dot-dashed curves show the background in channels 1, 2, and 3, respectively, as seen by two detectors looking away from Cyg X-1.

BATSE (50-300keV) detected 2 bursts In April 1999.

Pol. meas. of Cygnus X-1 by Integral



Cyg X-1 in hard state - Physical model -

JEREMY D. SCHNITTMAN AND JULIAN H. KROLIK The Astrophysical Journal, 712:908–924, 2010



Thin disc ("sandwich")





Hot spots



Spherical corona

Pol angle vs param



Pol degree vs param

Cygnus X-1 - Orbit-by-orbit Variability -

Swift-BAT Cyg X-1 Orbital



Cygnus X-1

- Sorting out Low and High Count-Rate Time-Bins -

Makishima, K., Takahashi, H. et al. 2008, PASJ, 60, 585 "Suzaku Results on Cygnus X-1 in the Low/Hard State"



Fig. 7. Background-inclusive XIS (top: 0.7–10 keV), HXD-PIN (middle: 10–60 keV), and HXD-GSO (bottm: 60–200 keV) light curves of Cyg X-1 with 1-s binning, sorted according to the instantaneous XIS0+XIS3 counts. Red and blue data bins represent those when the XIS0+XIS3 counts, C_i , are higher and lower than the local 200 s average, \bar{C} , respectively. No correction is made for the instrumental dead times.

Cyg X-1 flip-flops btwn 2 states at hour scale

Makishima, K., Takahashi, H. et al. 2008, PASJ, 60, 585 "Suzaku Results on Cygnus X-1 in the Low/Hard State"

J. Wilm, M. Boeck, et al. arXiv:0811.2357





Fig. 8. (a) The HP (high phase; black) and LP (low phase; red) spectra of Cyg X-1 recorded by XIS2, HXD-PIN, and HXD-GSO, while XIS0+XIS3 data are used in the intensity judgement. The corresponding HXD backgrounds have been subtracted. (b) The ratios between the HP and LP spectra.

Correl. btwn counting rate & polarization?



Counting rate

Background: Cosmic Ray Intensity by ACE

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http://www.srl.caltech.edu/ACE/ASC/DATA/level3/sis/



Figure 2. (a) Intensity of six abundant cosmic-ray species at $\sim 200 \text{ MeV}$ nucleon⁻¹ (rolling averages of three Bartels rotations) with each normalized to the first three rotations of the *ACE* mission (rotations 2240–2242). (b) Twenty-seven day average intensities of >120 MeV protons (see the text) and $\sim 200 \text{ MeV}$ nucleon⁻¹ oxygen, both normalized to unity during Bartels-rotation 2240 in 1997.

Technical details

Crab pulsar: polarizarion

The Astrophysical Journal, 627:L37–L40, 2005 July 1

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Polarization degree

Polarization angle



PoGOLite217 effective area



Fig. 11. Expected background rates at an atmospheric overburden of 4 g/cm^2 compared with signal rates expected for a Crab source (thick solid histogram) and a 100 mCrab source (thin solid histogram). (•) total background, (\bigcirc) neutron background and (\blacksquare) gamma-ray background.