



Search for GeV Gamma-Ray Counterparts of Gravitational Wave Events with CALET

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CALET System Overview





CALET-CAL Detector



Fully active thick calorimeter (30X₀) optimized for electron spectrum measurements well into the TeV region



1TeV electron shower is fully contained in TASC

Energy Measurements with TASC

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Objectives of CALET Gamma-Ray Observation

- Diffuse Component => High energy region
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 - Extragalactic
- Point Source
 - Calibration of pointing accuracy
 - Confirmation of angular resolution
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Statistics is the KEY

GW Counterpart Search with CALET

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CALET UPPER LIMITS ON X-RAY AND GAMMA-RAY COUNTERPARTS OF GW151226

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updated analysis will be presented

GW 151226 [B. P. Abbott et al., PRL 116 (2016) 241103]

- GW trigger Time: 2015/12/26 3:38:53.647 UT
 - gravitational-wave signal produced by the coalescence of two stellar-mass black holes at a luminosity distance of ~440Mpc.

CALET Observation

- CGBM HV-on (3:20 3:40 UT)
 - No on-board trigger
- CAL: low-energy gamma-ray mode (> 1GeV) 3:30-3:43UT



CAL Limit Calculation Procedure



Gamma Ray Event Selection

= Electron Selection Cut + Gamma-ray ID Cut w/ Lower Energy Extension



Electromagnetic Shower

Hadron Shower

well contained, constant shower development

larger spread

Effective Area and Sensitivity

Effective area is estimated as a function of incident angle (dx/dz, dy/dz) and energy. Maximum effective area is achieved at around 5 GeV, but lower energy is more important for steep spectrum like E⁻².



Mostly axially symmetric except for FOV cut

Effective area as a function of energy. Four representative zenith angle ranges are shown.

Rejects events coming from the direction of ISS structures \Rightarrow remove majority of secondary gamma-rays

CALET Sky Map w/ LE-γ Trigger (E>1GeV)

While exposure is not uniform, we have clearly identified the galactic plane and bright GeV sources.





Galactic Longitude [deg]

Point Source Spectra: Sensitivity Validation

CALET Preliminary



The observed point source spectra are well consistent with Fermi-LAT's parameterizations. Therefore, it was found that current selection criteria has a validated sensitivity and can be used to set limit on GW counterpart flux.

90% CL Upper limit for GW151226 Counterpart Search

NO event remained after applying all the selection criteria.



R.A [deg]

Background contamination is negligible in such a short time period.

90% CL Upper limit for GW151226 counterpart search





CALET observation constrains at least some portion of LIGO probability.

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Complete Search Results for GW Events during O2

- For GW170104, we set 90% C.L. limit of 8.3 x 10⁻⁶ erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ (10-100GeV) covering 30% of the summed LIGO probabilities in the time window [T0-60sec,T0+60sec] (observation mode was HE trigger).
- Unfortunately, other GW events (GW170608, GW170814, GW170817) occurred during O2 are all out of the CALET-CAL FOV.

CALET Preliminary



CALET Sensitivity to GeV Gamma-Rays

GeV gamma-ray emissions from short GRB coincident with GW signal could be detected by CALET-CAL given the closeness of GW candidates.



Summary & Prospects

- 1. CALET was successfully launched on Aug. 19, 2015, and the detector is being very stable for observation since Oct. 13, 2015.
- 2. As a result of GW151226 counterpart search in GeV gamma-rays, CALET-CAL observation constrains 15% of LIGO localization map by 90% upper limit flux of 9.3x10⁻⁸ erg cm⁻²sec⁻¹ (1-10GeV).
- 3. GeV gamma-ray counterpart seraches of other GW events during O1&O2 have been performed and limits are set if there are overlap between our FOV and LIGO/Virgo localization map.
- 4. Its sensitivity was validated with diffuse and point-source observations.
- 5. Due to closeness of GW candidates, FOV coverage is more important than deepness of counterpart search assuming on-axis short GRBs as candidates.
- 6. Automated pipeline to search for gamma-ray transient was also developed and is being implemented.

⇒ Transient objects such as GW counterparts and GRBs, as well as flaring point sources will be monitored.

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