





High-Energy Gamma-ray Observations Using the CALorimetric Electron Telescope (CALET) on the ISS

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CALET Payload







Launched on Aug. 19th, 2015 by the Japanese H2-B rocket

Emplaced on JEM-EF port #9 on Aug. 25th, 2015 (JEM-EF: Japanese Experiment Module-Exposed Facility)



Mass: 612.8 kg

JEM Standard Payload Size:

- 1850mm(L) × 800mm(W) × 1000mm(H)
- Power Consumption: 507 W (max)

Telemetry: Medium 600 kbps (6.5GB/day) / Low 50 kbps

CALET/CAL Detector



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



Cannady et al., ApJS 238:5 (2018)

Gamma Ray Event Selection

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



well contained, constant shower development

Effective Area and Sensitivity Cannady et al., ApJS 238:5 (2018)

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} . LE- γ trigger: > 1 GeV



Mostly axially symmetric except for FOV cut

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

* LE- γ mode is activated when the geomagnetic latitude is below 20° and following a CALET Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (CGBM) burst trigger

Gamma-ray candidates in CALET FOV



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ISS structures in CALET FOV

- Fixed structures (ISS truss, JEM pressurized sect.)
 - Model calculation
- Robot arms (SSRMS, JEMRMS)
 - Check gamma-ray data monthly
- Solar panels, radiators
 - Rotation in 90min period
 - Model calculation in each period

FOV used for celestial gamma ray analysis is enhanced, taking account of angular resolution (3° from structures)



Improvements in exposures



(Gamma-ray candidates after the improved cut) > 3*(candidates after the old cut)⁰

Galactic Longitude

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Gamma-ray skymap



(Contours show relative exposures)

Gamma-ray spectra

 $\label{eq:LE-gmode} \begin{array}{c} \text{LE-} \gamma \text{ mode} \\ \text{from 2015 November to 2018 May} \end{array}$



Some discrepancies with Fermi-LAT are seen, especially in the ``off-plane'' region, which may indicate remaining backgrounds and possible systematic errors, and should be studied further.

Searching transient events

- Gamma ray bursts, AGN flares, EM counterparts of GW, ...
- We define a 'transient event' as <u>a gamma-ray pair</u> coming from the same direction (within our angular resolution) in a 120-s time window.



Judging 'pairs' using PSF

Transient gamma-ray monitor system

- Running since 2018/08/20 at WCOC
- Parallel processing (60 threads) 40 min for 1hr data



Limits on electromagnetic emission from gravitational wave events (LIGO/Virgo O3)

GCN	LIGO/Virgo	Trigger time	Events	90% C.L.	Summed	CAL	CAL
No.	trigger	<i>T</i> ₀ (2019)	$T_0 \pm 60 \text{ s}$	U.L.	probability	α (°)	δ (°)
24088	S190408an	04-08 18:18:02.288 UTC	0	$2.3 imes10^{-6}$ †	80%	352.9	8.3
24218	S190425z	04-25 08:18:05.017 UTC	0	$1.0 imes 10^{-4}$	5%	131.3	-43.6
24276	S190426c	04-26 15:21:55.337 UTC	0	$2.5 imes 10^{-5}$	10%	183	-50.9
24403	S190503bf	05-03 18:54:04.294 UTC	0	$4.2 imes 10^{-5}$	10%	169	-45.5
24495	S190510g	05-10 02:59:39.292 UT	0	-	No	295.7	50.8
24531	S190512at	05-12 18:07:14.422 UT	0	$1.9 imes10^{-5}$	10%	214.9	37.7
24548	S190513bm	05-13 20:54:28.747 UT	0	$6.0 imes 10^{-5}$ †	5%	348	4.4
24593	S190517h	05-17 05:51:01.831 UT	0	-	No	126.2	-31.9
24617	S190519bj	05-19 15:35:44.398 UT	0	-	No	243.1	51.1
24648	S190521g	05-21 03:02:29.447 UT	0	$6.0 imes10^{-6}$	30%	205.7	49.2
24649	S190521r	05-21 07:43:59.463 UT	0	-	No	225.3	51.4
24735	S190602aq	06-02 17:59:27.089 UT	0	$2.9 imes10^{-4}$	5%	127.5	45.1

Table 1: Summary of CALET/CAL gamma-ray observations on gravitational event candidates in the LIGO/Virgo third observing run reported in GCN circulars [10]. Upper limits (U.L.) are given in unit of erg cm⁻²s⁻¹ for the energy range 10–100 GeV except for those marked with \dagger which are for 1–10 GeV, which corresponds to the HE and the LE- γ mode of the trigger condition of CAL around T_0 . 'Summed probability' is the maximum probability in the overlap region of the CAL field-of-view at T_0 with the summed LIGO/Virgo probability map ('No' means there is no overlap). Also shown are the coordinates of the center of CAL field-of-view at T_0 .

Energy flux limit map for S190408an



90% C.L. upper limit on S190408an energy flux in the energy region 1–10 GeV and time window [T_0 -60s, T_0 +60 s] shown in the equatorial coordinates. The thick cyan line shows the locus of the FOV center of CAL, and the plus symbol is that at T_0 . Also shown by green contours is the localization significance map of S190408an reported by LIGO/Virgo.

Summary



- CALET cosmic ray detector onboard the ISS has been monitoring cosmic gamma-rays above 1 GeV since 2015 October.
- We have developed new cuts to reduce secondary gamma-ray background produced in the various ISS structures, which increase our event statistics significantly.
- A parallel-processing analysis server to search for gamma-ray pairs has been developed to reduce delay time from occurrence of transient events.
- Searches for electromagnetic counterparts of gravitational events upon triggers supplied by LIGO/Virgo interferometers during their third observing run yielded upper limits on gamma-ray emission.
- We continue observation at least until 2021, hoping for a further extension.