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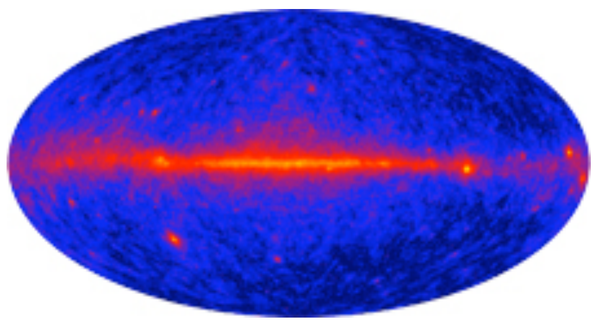
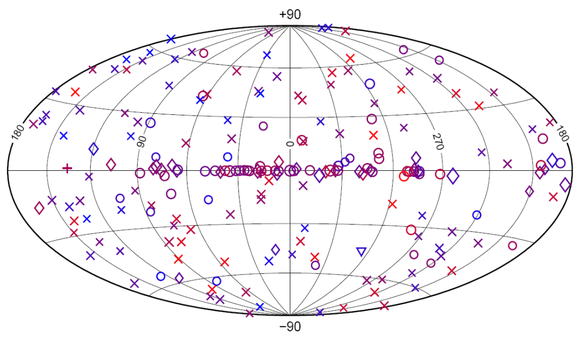
Fermi Mission

- Launched in June 2008
- Observing the dynamic high energy gamma ray universe

High Energy Gamma Ray Sky

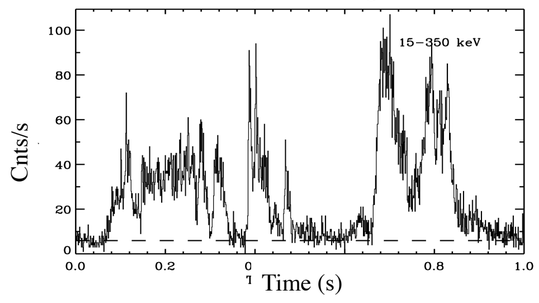




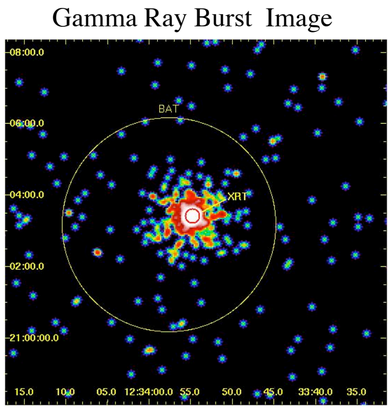
Swift Mission

- Launched in November 2004
- Observing gamma ray bursts, the most powerful explosions in the universe

Gamma Ray Burst Lightcurve



Gamma Ray Burst Image



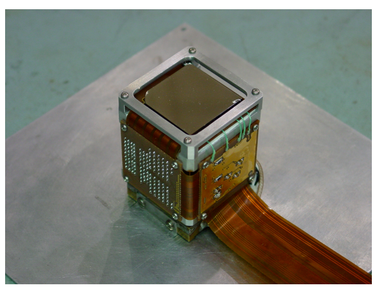
BESS Flight in Antarctica December 2007

BESS Balloon Instrument

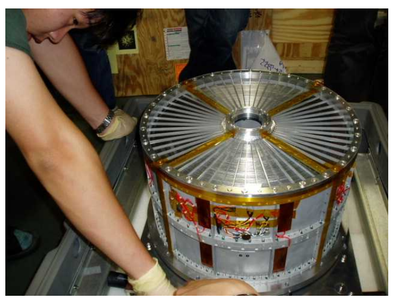
- Flown in 2003, 2004 & 2007
- Observing antimatter particles to determine the basic physical processes of the universe

Instrument R&D

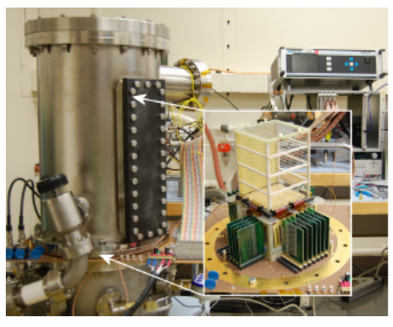
Cadmium Zinc Telluride Gamma Ray Detector



Multilayer Hard X-ray Mirror



Micro-well Gamma Ray Detector



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