# UBAT (UFFO Burst Alert Telescope)

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# **UBAT next to SMT**



# Mask

#### • (a) mask

(b) Shadow images of sources at different locations





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### Detectors



- visible light Detector is MAPMT
  - PMTs are old fashioned high e- multiplication type detectors.





# **Close-up**

• (a) UBAT DM, (b) a YSO scintillator crystal array, (c) a MAPMT



### How it Works

- Detection Medium is YSO crystals
- visible light Detector is MAPMT
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# Charge Spectrum

 "Energy spectrum of the radiative source, Americium-241 (Am241) measured by YSO and MAPMT. There are two peaks; the low-energy peak, ~20 keV is measured to be 16.63 pC and the high-energy peak, ~60 keV is measured to be 38.33 pC using the charge-to-digital convertor (QDC)." - JE Kim, UBAT DM paper



# **Electronics**



# **Electronic Block Diagram**

• Gets a little complicated....





#### Definitions:

- IDPU = Image Data Processing Unit (Gowoon's FPGA thingy that does UBAT imaging.)
- Coord & messaging = not instrument data; e.g. commands & coordinates Serial?
  - With Packets = 3X(4 byte bits) each element?

BBI = Nikolay's bus

- UBI = UBAT internal bus (Provided by NV, logically outside of UFFO)
- Note 1 from p. 14 trigger\_summary\_gwna, only pre-formatted data go to UDAQ.

#### Re: data flow?

Answered: What does "UDAQ" include? Ans: FPGA, memory & supporting chips.

Where do you use parallel ribbon cables, where serial? Mostly serial; mostly many-line custom cables.

Separate FPGA in SMT, UDAQ, UBI, and UBAT-IDPU? Ans: Yes, indicated above.

# Trigger

- Analog Electronics --- Noise threshold (for noise, NOT background rejection)
  - PMT voltage drifts, has little noises, etc.

- Software Monitor rate of FULL ARRAY, look for very large variations in countrate (e.g. 8 sigma)
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- look for large variations in countrate (e.g. 5 sigma)
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# Trigger

- Calculate background sigma
- Calculate background, subtract for flux
- Test for trigger







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• Is source > 5 sigma?







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- Now, SMT does its job. Stay tuned for SMT lecture..

# Summary

- UBAT is a coded mask X-ray camera
- Light shines through a mask and the shadow position gives source location
- Scintillating crystals make light when hit by X-rays...
- PMTs convert light to e<sup>-</sup>s; electronics converts e<sup>-</sup>s into counts...
- Trigger looks for big (e.g. SNR>8) counts...
- Images made by software deconvolving shadow pattern on detector array.
- Source location steers mirror for optical measurement.

# Thank you





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