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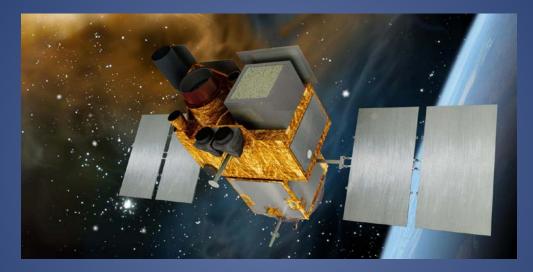
The SVOM mission

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SVOM in context

• **SVOM = S**pace-based multiband astronomical **V**ariable **O**bjects **M**onitor

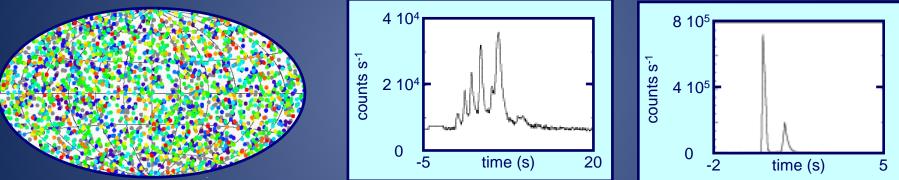


- SVOM is a **Chinese-French** space mission dedicated to the detection and study of **Gamma Ray Bursts** and their use for astrophysics and cosmology.
- SVOM is planned to be launched early in the next decade (2021), for a 3 year nominal mission.

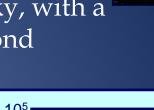


The Gamma-ray Burst

- Discovered in the 70s
- Gamma ray flashes isotropically distributed in the sky, with a duration of few tenths of second to a few tens of second



- Some of them are the most distant celestrial body (~13 Gyr)
- The most energetic events in the universe since the Big Bang
- Now, from one to five detectable per day





Scientific rationale of the SVOM mission

GRB phenomenon

– Diversity and unity of GRBs

GRB physics

- Acceleration and nature of the relativistic jet
- Radiation processes
- The early afterglow and the reverse shock

GRB progenitors

- The GRB-supernova connection
- Short GRB progenitors

• Cosmology

- Cosmological lighthouses (absorption systems)
- Host galaxies
- Tracing star formation
- Re-ionization of the universe
- Cosmological parameters
- Fundamental Physics
 - Origin of High-Energy Cosmic Rays
 - Probing Lorentz invariance
 - Short GRBs and gravitational waves



- SVOM is mini-satellite class mission (< 1000kg)
- SVOM will provide ~80 GRB/yr. It will explore the area of soft GRBs and X-ray Flashes (above 4 keV), and the prompt optical emission with a good sensitivity.
- We aim at measuring the redshift of >50% of SVOM GRBs
- We expect to detect ~5 GRBs/yr at redshift z>5
- SVOM will operate in the era of advanced GW detectors, providing the opportunity to search for correlations between GW and GRBs.
- SVOM GRBs will benefit from follow-up with a new generation of astronomical instruments: JWST, SKA, CTA, LSST, etc.

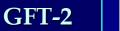
SVOM scientific instrument arrangement



Satellite ~ 930 Kg Payload ~ 350 kg







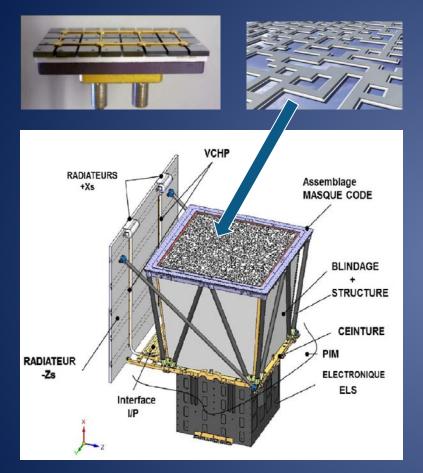
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In space : ECLAIRs – The trigger camera



Main characteristics

Coded mask telescope Wide FOV : 2 Sr 6400 CdTe - 1024 cm² 4 keV – 150 keV

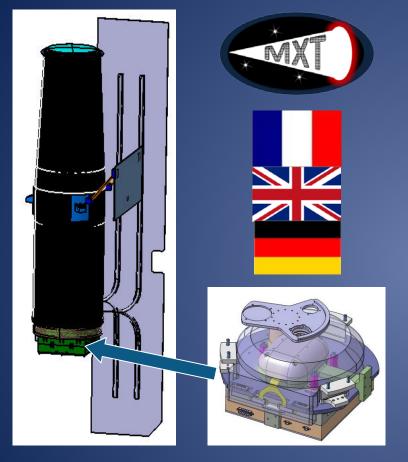
Anticipated performances

Loc. accuracy < 16 arcmin 4 arcmin for bright bursts 80 GRBs / year

IRFU develops the Scientific Processing Unit in charge of the computation, in real time, of the position of the GRB.



In space : MXT – The Multi-channel X-ray Telescope



Main characteristics

MCP "Lobster eyes"X-ray optic FOV ~ 1 deg² 256 x256 PN CCD 0.2 keV – 10 keV

Anticipated performances

~50 cm² at 1 keV Loc. accuracy <1 arcmin 20 arcsec for bright GRB ~ 70 GRBs/yr

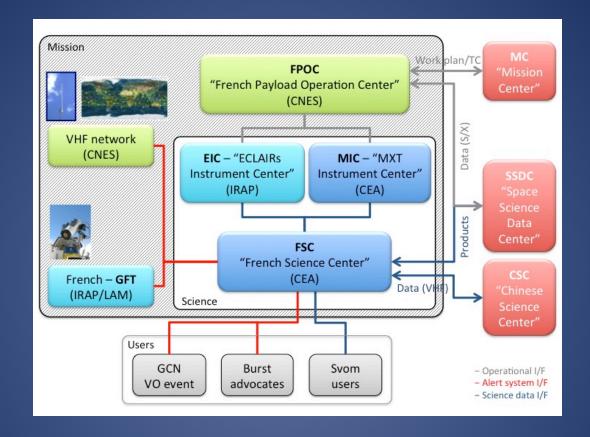
Irfu develops the X-ray camera at the focal plane of the MXT.

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On ground : the Scientific Ground Segment



Irfu develops the French Science Center in the middle of the Scientific ground segment in charge to distribute the scientific data in quasi real time (T0+1 mn).



Irfu Involvement Department involved : SAp, SEDI, SIS



Scientific responsibility :

- Scientific responsibility of the mission for the French side : PI B. Cordier
- Scientific responsibility of the ground segment : I-PI A. Claret
- Scientific responsibility of the X-Ray telescope MXT: I-PI D. Götz

	Activity	FTE (2015-2020)
Science	Coordination, GRBs, Cosmology, X-ray sources, AGNs	32
ECLAIRs	Development of the UGTS	26
MXT	Development of the X-ray camera	29
Scientific Center	Development of the FSC and MIC	24
TOTAL		111







- SVOM is the inheritor of Swift.
- SVOM, like Swift, will be a highly versatile astronomy satellite, with built-in multi-wavelength capabilities, autonomous repointing and dedicated ground follow-up.
- SVOM will have a broad science return thanks to its unique instrumental combination of 3 wide-field instruments: ECLAIRs, GRM, GWAC, and 3 narrow-field instruments: MXT, VT, GFTs.
- IRFU is strongly involved in the SVOM mission both scientifically and technically. This involvement should contribute to the success of the SVOM mission that we hope comparable with that of the Swift mission.

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launch 2021

Phase B kick-off September 2014





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