

Event Generator for GRB

Status Report

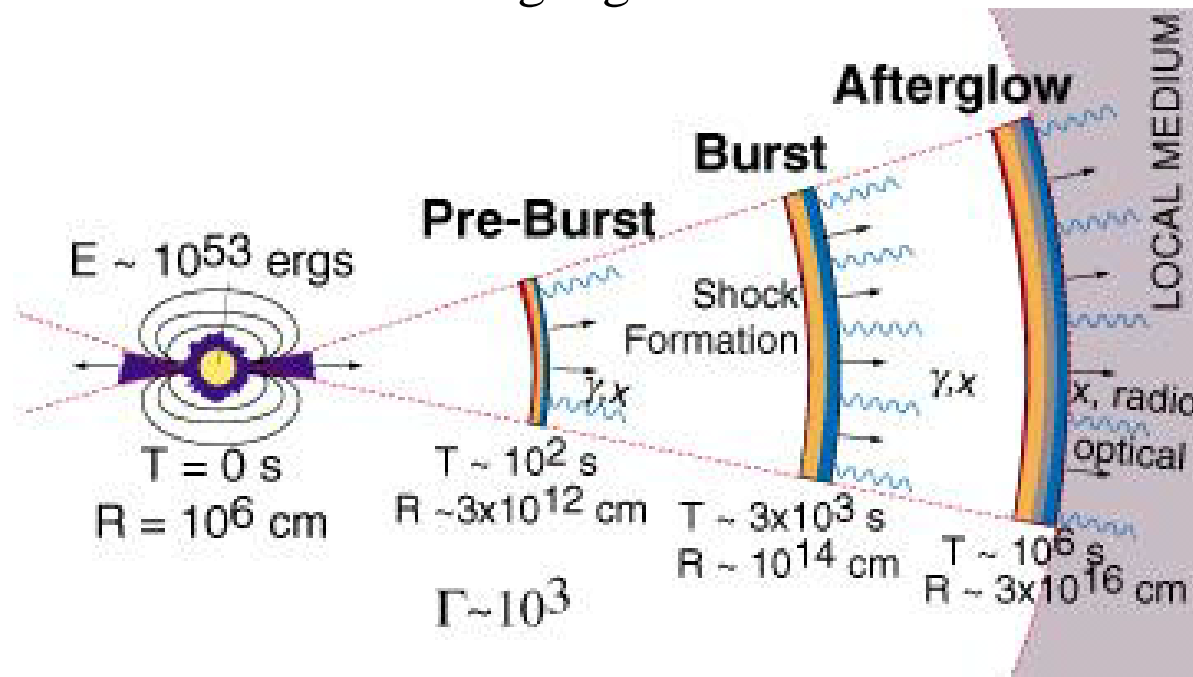
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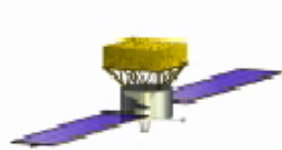
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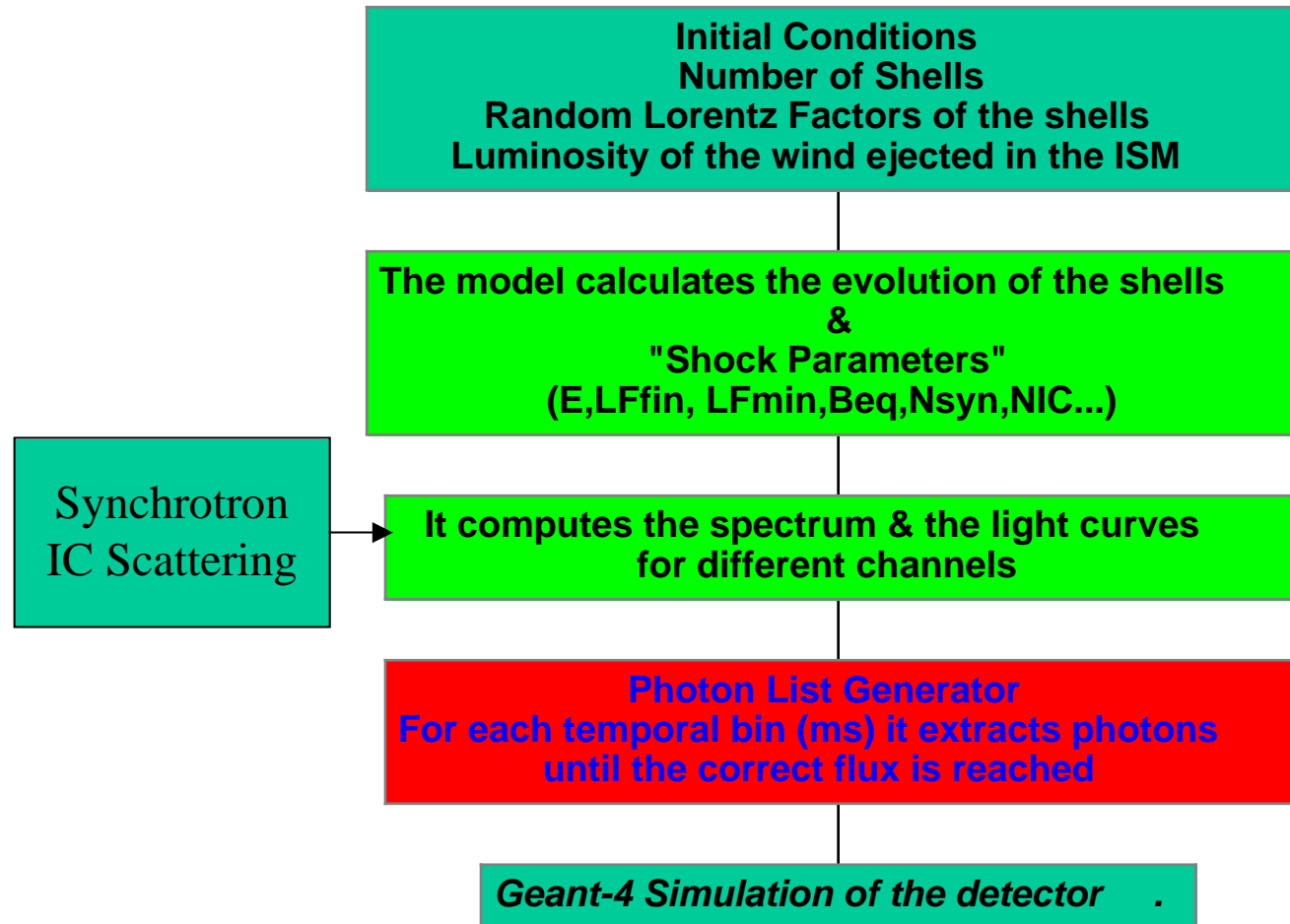
The Fireball Model (an artistic view)

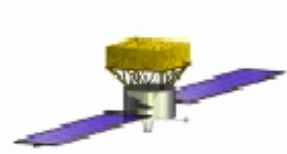
- The source has to be a compact object (from the observed time variability)
- The central engine is hidden but, the observed variability seems to be directly connected with the variability of the central engine.
- The conversion of the kinetic energy into radiation is provided by shocks
- Relativistic motion of the emitting region





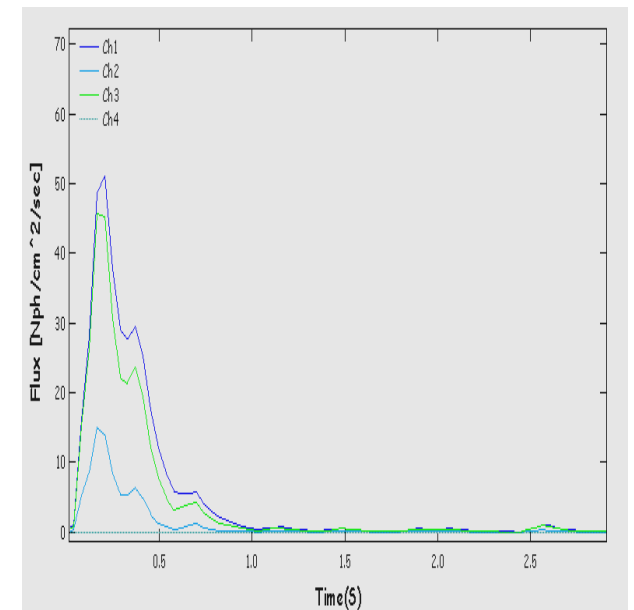
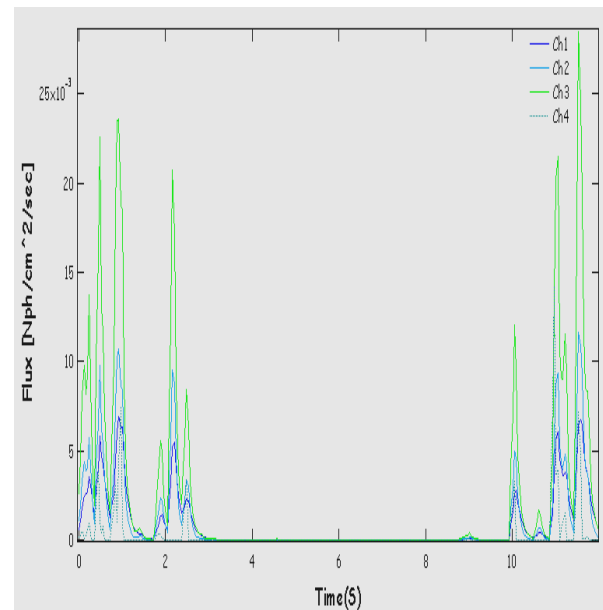
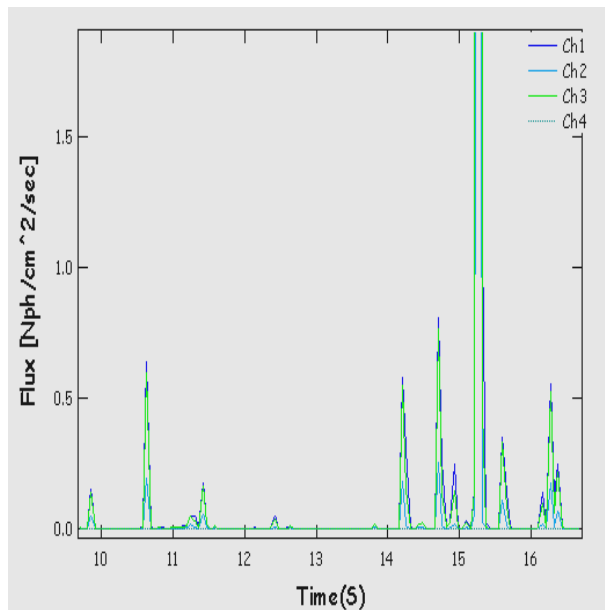
How does the model Work ?

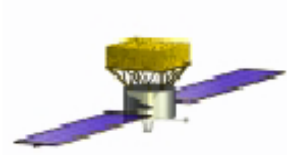




The Light Curves

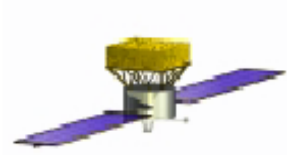
- The basic idea is to reproduce a large family of different light curves
- Extending the variability observed @ BATSE energies ($< 2\text{MeV}$)





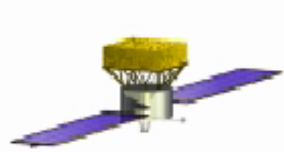
The Spectral Shape

- In the fireball description the photons produced by the synchrotron emission can be up-scattered against the high energy electrons.
- The correct number of photons emitted is fixed by the Optical depth of the shell and by opacity (i.e. by Pair Production).
- Other phenomena can change the spectra (i.e. π^0 annihilation)
- Three different scenarios:
 - Pure Synchrotron Model (No IC component)
 - Pure IC Model (Optical depth is 1)
 - Synchrotron + IC model, with the evaluated optical depth



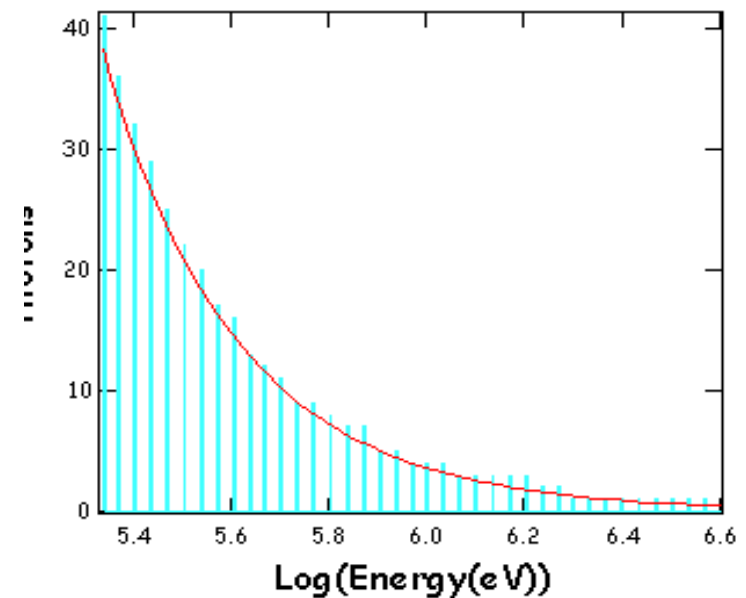
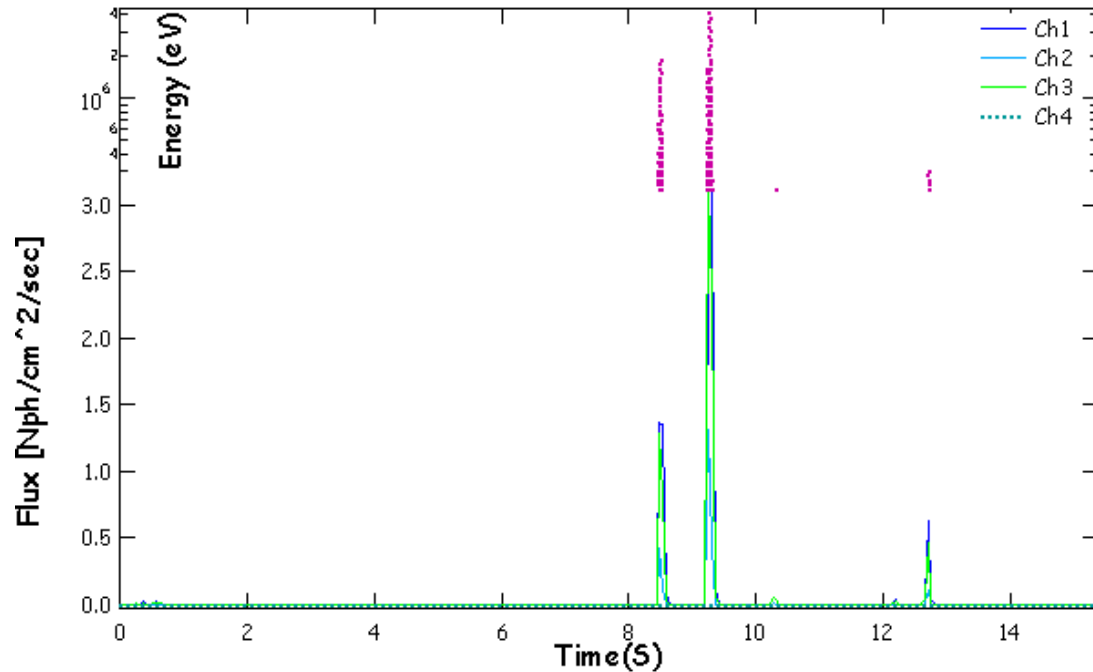
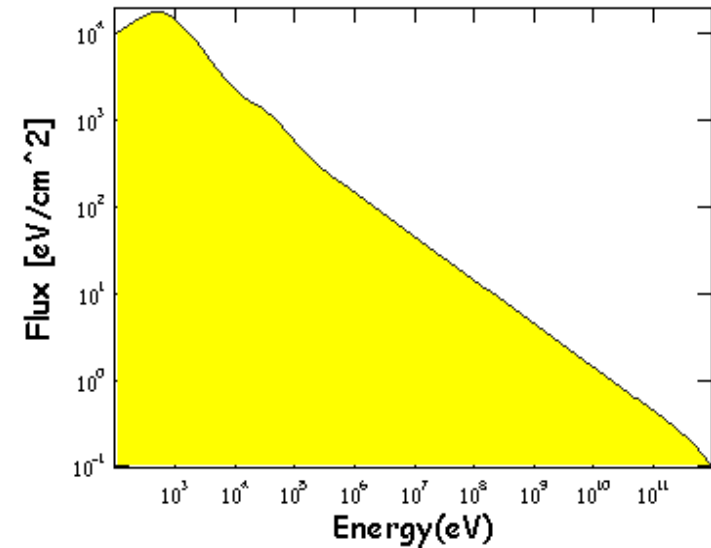
The 'Photon List'

- Extracting photons of different energies until the correct flux is reached
- Extremely high photons number
 - Encountered some difficulties to process the data with GEANT4 (Memory Leakage Problem, not intrinsic in G4!)
 - Long computational time (not tested for longer than 30')
 - Big files (more than 100 Mb of ASCII data!!)
 - Solved: cutting on the energy below few MeV
- Validation of the Photon List Generator: we estimate the 'conversion efficiency' from flux into photons



No Inverse Compton

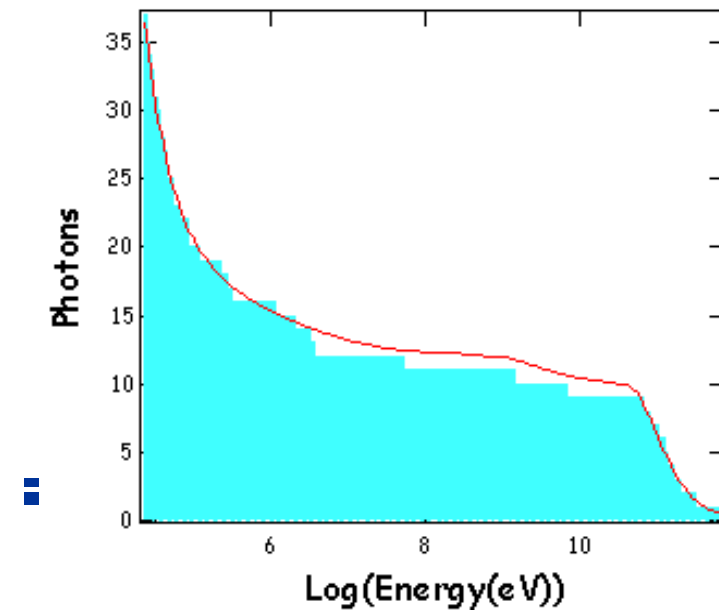
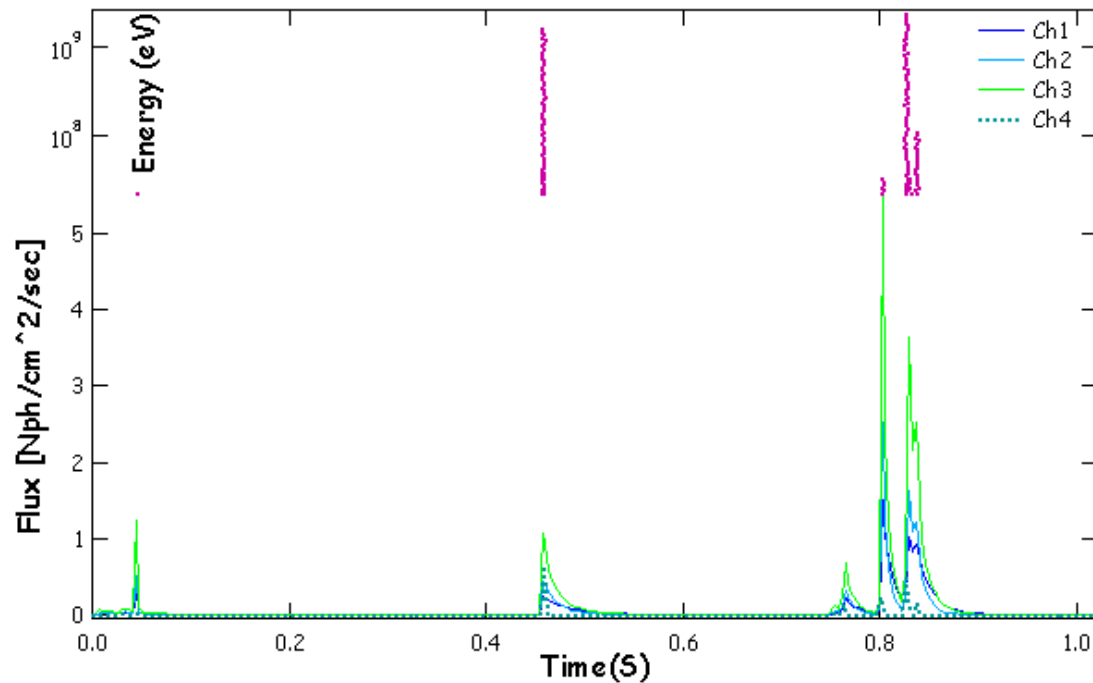
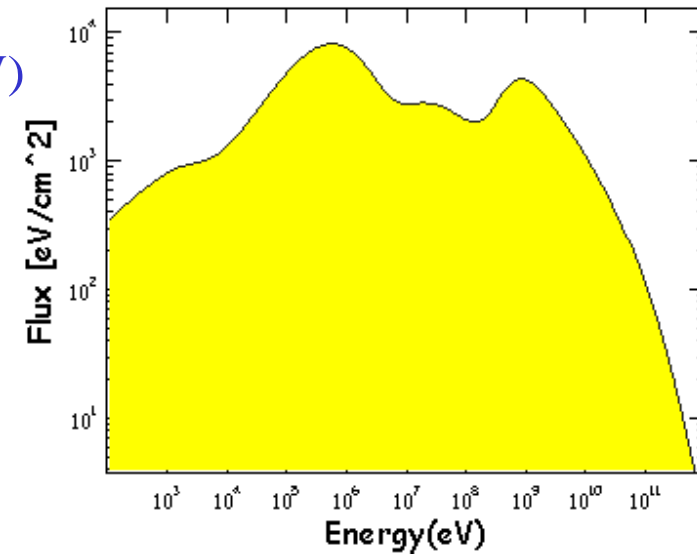
- The spectrum has a peak in the low energy range (KeV)
- Few photons at high energy (10 MeV)
- The algorithm of photon extraction works fine.

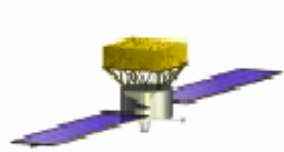




Pure Inverse Compton Model

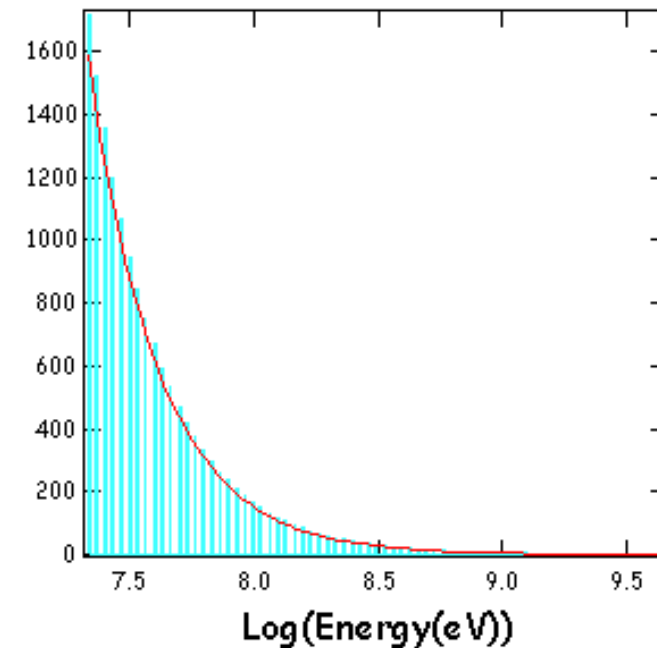
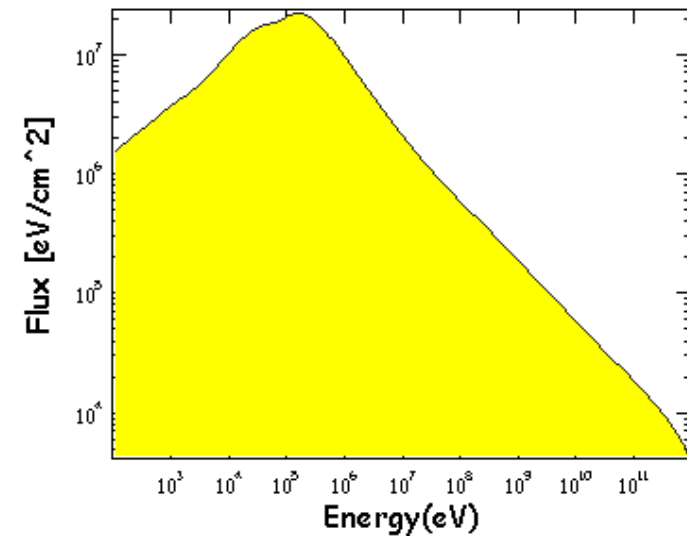
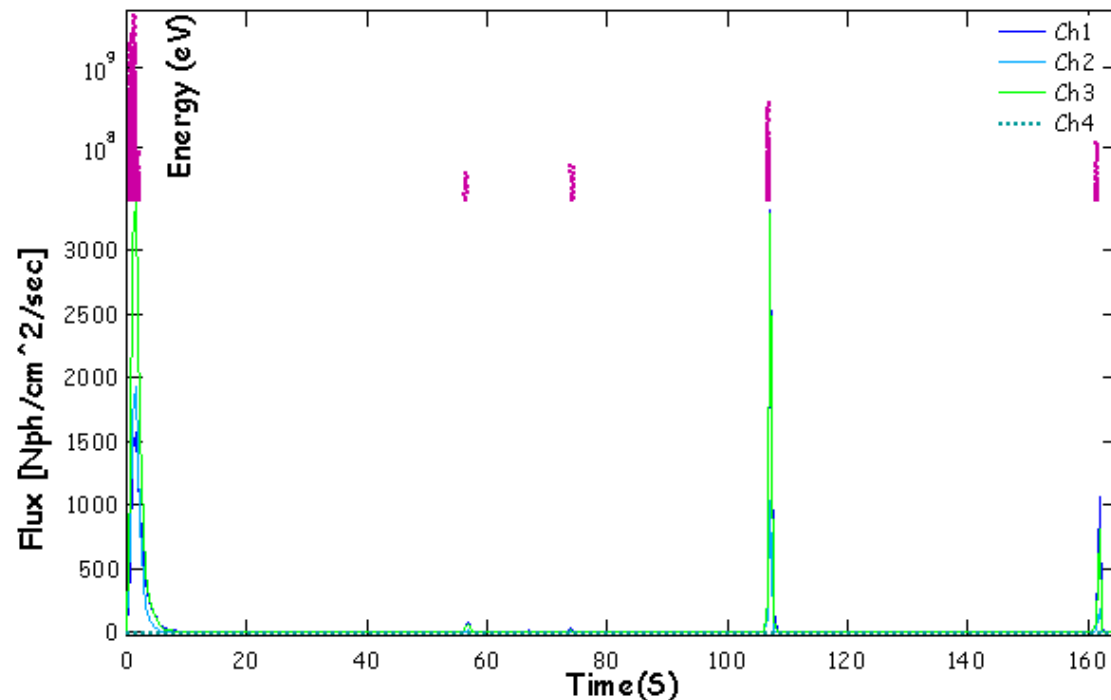
- The spectrum has a peak @ High Energy (GeV)
- Or it shows the characteristic shape with 'two bumps'
- Photons are extracted up to 100 GeV

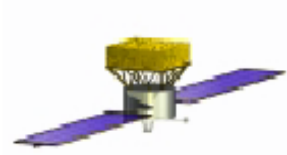




Synchrotron & Inverse Compton

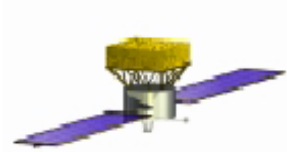
- The Spectrum has a peak @ 100 KeV and doesn't present any 'IC bump'
- High Energy Photons are extracted (up 10 GeV for 10^{54} erg source located at $z=1$)





Validation Procedure

- Temporal analysis:
 - The spike duration depends on the energy band of the light curve (harder spikes are shorter)
- Spectral analysis:
 - Time integrated
 - Spectral indexes
 - Time resolved
 - Variation of the spectral indexes in the time
 - Wavelet analysis



Next Step

- We need a more complete description of the fireball including non-thermal radiative processes
 - Pair Production & Pair Annihilations
 - π^0 annihilation (->high energy photons)
- Illumination of the satellite in the correct way
 - Generate the correct distribution of photons as function of the galactic coordinates
 - Needed for studying the detector capabilities as function of the incident angle
- Larger Statistics -> Better Evaluation
 - Solve the Memory Leakage problem encountered processing the GEANT4 Simulator (better hits generation)

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Working with other groups

- Organize a common framework with other W.G.
 - AGN simulator, Dark Matter Event Generator
 - All the models should provide the same structure of the output file! (Define Common class ? I.e. 'photon event' -> XML coded)
- We have also to consider using data collected by previous experiments (BATSE,EGRET)
 - Using real data instead of simulated data
 - Design a 'multi purpose' event generator (flux->photons)
 - Procedure to generate several input files in automatic way