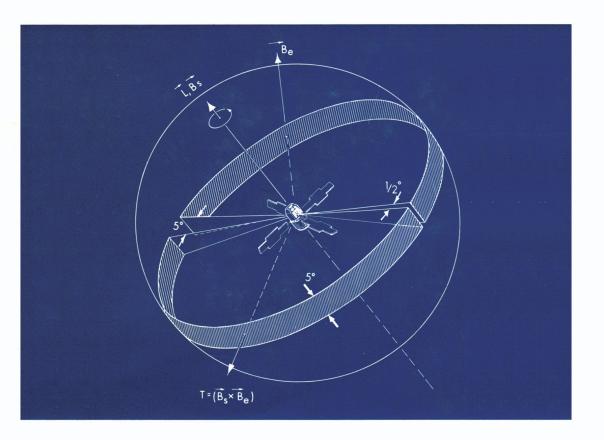
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Interstellar absorption divides the electromagnetic spectrum into two low energy regions and a high energy region. The latter is the subject of the present book. From the point of view of the observational requirements, it is convenient to further subdivide this region into sub regions of soft X-rays, hard X-rays, and γ -rays, respectively.

High energy astronomy is a very young science: it began in the early '60's and has evolved with remarkable speed. As the development of new observational techniques has played a crucial role in its progress, the book begins with a discussion of these techniques, including those that are planned for future work. Other subjects dealt with are: the results on individual X-ray sources and on the diffuse background, the relation of X-ray stars to other galactic objects, the physical phenomena responsible for the strong X-ray emissions by the discrete sources, and background radiation.

The papers many of which are original, written by the best specialists on the subject, make this work the most complete study on X-ray and γ -ray astronomy now available.

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