

Blast!

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A portrait of a group of scientists who are passionate about finding out more about the origin of the universe. The film is full of drama following the first problematic launch of Blast (a revolutionary telescope on a NASA high-altitude balloon) in Northern Sweden, and the second successful launch at Antarctica resulting in the failed landing followed by a thrilling search of the vast iced-covered areas for the computer with all the data. Finally, after retrieving the computer, we glimpse the wide range of discoveries that scientists are now able to interpret. *Blast!* succeeds in making science exciting through drama and personal, identifiable characters who are portrayed as normal people torn between their families and a passion for the universe.