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OBSERVATIONS OF GAMMA-RAY BURSTS OF COSMIC ORIGIN

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ABSTRACT

Sixteen short bursts of photons in the energy range 0.2–1.5 MeV have been observed between 1969 July and 1972 July using widely separated spacecraft. Burst durations ranged from less than 0.1 s to \sim 30 s, and time-integrated flux densities from \sim 10⁻⁵ ergs cm⁻² to \sim 2 × 10⁻⁴ ergs cm⁻² in the energy range given. Significant time structure within bursts was observed. Directional information eliminates the Earth and Sun as sources.

Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRBs)



Short (~1-100 s) and bright (even brighter than the whole sky!) bursts of gamma-rays

Time scale → size

 $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{t}$

If photons **A** and **B** are emitted simultaneously, **A** will be detected later than **B**, with a time delay: t = d/c

An intensity change from **A** will take a time t=d/c to reach **B**

 \Rightarrow any intensity variation with time dutation *t* must have been emitted from a region of size:

d<*c*•*t*

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Luminosity depends on distance

Where they came from ?

The Solar System \rightarrow

The Galaxy \rightarrow

Other Galaxies \rightarrow

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Spectrum

Peak ~ 0.1 - 1 MeV

$$N(E) = E^{\alpha} \cdot e^{-\frac{E}{E_0}} ((\alpha - \beta)E_0)^{\alpha - \beta} E^{\beta} e^{\alpha - \beta}$$



Durations



Bimodal T90 dist

Short/hard vs Long/Soft

Durations



Bimodal T90 distribution

Short/hard vs Long/Soft

Light Curves



Rapid varibility (Dob. Time ~ 1e-2 s) \rightarrow size

Multiple peaks , often fred-like

When you see a GRB you have seen one GRB

Compactness problem



GCRO / Batse



8 Detectors Almost Full Sky Coverage Few Degree Resolution 20-600keV

BATSE Module



BATSE Consists of two NaI(TI) Scintillation Detectors: Large Area Detector (LAD) For sensitivity and the Spectroscopy Detector (SD) for energy coverage



Isotropic distribution, in contrast with most (Galactic) models

 \rightarrow at cosmological distances or very nearby

LogN - LogS



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So, the number of GRBs brighter than f is

$$N(>f) = \int_{f}^{\infty} n(f) df = const \ f^{-3/2}$$

Theoretical input

Gamma-Ray Bursts in the Solar System

- Lightning in the Earth's atmosphere (High Altitude)
- Relativistic Iron Dust Grains
- Magnetic Reconnection in the Heliopause



Red Sprite Lightning

Gamma-Ray Bursts in the Milky Way

- Accretion Onto White Dwarfs
- Accretion onto neutron stars

 I) From
 binary companion
 II) Comets
- Neutron Star Quakes
- Magnetic Reconnection



Extragalactic Models

- Large distances means large energy requirement (10⁵¹erg)
- Event rate rare (10-6-10-5 per year in an L_{*} galaxy) – Object can be exotic



Cosmological Models



- Collapsing WDs
- Stars Accreting on AGN
- White Holes
- Cosmic Strings
- Black Hole Accretion Disks

 Binary Mergers
 Collapsing Stars

Black-Hole Accretion Disk (BHAD) Models

Binary merger or Collapse of rotating Star produces Rapidly accreting Disk (>0.1 solar Mass per second!) Around

black hole.



Hyperaccreting Black Holes



Massive Star Collapse

Collapsar Model – Collapse of a Rotating Massive Star into a Black Hole

Main Predictions: Beamed Explosion, Accompanying supernova-like explosion





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Italian-Dutch Satellite Launch: April 30, 1996 Goal: Positional Accuracy <5 arc minutes

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Italy in space

- ✓ X-ray astronomy pioneers (rocket in 1962 and Uhuru satellite in 1972): Bruno Rossi (1905-1993) and Riccardo Giacconi (1931-, Nobel in 2002)
- ✓ 3rd country launching a **satellite** (San Marco 1, 1964)
- ✓ One of the few countries with 2 national astronomy space missions: *BeppoSAX* (X-rays; 1996-2002) and *AGILE* (gamma-rays; 2007-)





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GRB afterglows: the mystery is solved!



BeppoSAX discovers **X-ray** afterglows

(Costa et al. 1997)

 \Rightarrow GRB position ~arcmin



Optical afterglow (van Paradijs et al. 1997) \Rightarrow position ~1" \Rightarrow host galaxy and redshift (z ~ 0.0085 - 9.4) \Rightarrow **E**_{iso}~10⁵¹-10⁵⁴ erg

The brightest cosmic explosions (after the Big Bang)

- In less than few minutes a GRB emits more energy than our Galaxy in 100 years!
- GRBs are hundreds of times brighter (but less frequent) than supernovae!

A GRB in our Galaxy might have caused mass extintions!



GRB Explosions are Highly Relativistic



A large amount of energy, $\sim 10^{53}$ erg, packed in a small space of $\sim c \times 0.1$ s.

Is highly optically thick to e^+e^- pair production: $\tau \sim 10^{15}$

In this case we should not see any γ 's above ~ MeV and see thermal emission

Relativistic outflow ($\Gamma \approx 100-1000$) **solves this compactness problem**

High energy density in any case leads to relativistic flow (*Paczynski 1986, ApJ 308, L43*; *Goodman 1986, ApJ 308, L47*)

Fireball Model of GRBs



Most photons produced by relativistic electrons (synchrotron)

Shocks also accelerate protons \Rightarrow interactions with photons \Rightarrow pions, muons, **neutrinos** (10¹⁴ - 10¹⁹ eV)

Prompt Emission: Internal Shocks

-0.5

0.0

0.5

1.0

log₁₀ time after burst (days)

1.5

2.0

$$E_{\gamma} = (1 - \cos \theta_j) E_{iso,\gamma}$$

The Swift Satellite

Spacecraft slews to GRB in <100 s

Swift

XRF

0

t(s)

20

50

t(s)

50

t(s)

0

t(s)

50

t(s)

-10

t(s)

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TITLE: GCN CIRCULAR NUMBER: 13182 SUBJECT: GRB 120401A: Swift detection of a burst DATE: 12/04/01 05:33:59 GMT FROM: David Palmer at LANL <palmer@lanl.gov>

A. P. Beardmore (U Leicester), W. H. Baumgartner (GSFC/UMBC), V. D'Elia (ASDC), A. Maselli (INAF-IASFPA), C. J. Mountford (U Leicester), C. Pagani (U Leicester), K. L. Page (U Leicester), D. M. Palmer (LANL), T. Sakamoto (NASA/UMBC), M. H. Siegel (PSU), R. L. C. Starling (U Leicester) and B.-B. Zhang (PSU) report on behalf of the Swift Team:

At 05:24:15 UT, the Swift Burst Alert Telescope (BAT) triggered and located GRB 120401A (trigger=519043). Swift
slewed immediately to the burst. The BAT on-board calculated location is RA, Dec 58.068, -17.671 which is
RA(J2000) = 03h 52m 16s
Dec(J2000) = -17d 40' 15"

with an **uncertainty of 3 arcmin** (radius, 90% containment, including systematic uncertainty). As is typical for an image trigger, no activity is apparent in the immediately available light curve.

The XRT began observing the field at 05:26:14.1 UT, 118.3 seconds after the BAT trigger. XRT found a bright, uncatalogued X-ray source located at RA, Dec 58.0835, -17.6349 which is equivalent to: RA(J2000) = +03h 52m 20.04s Dec(J2000) = -17d 38' 05.6" with an uncertainty of 5.4 arcseconds (radius, 90% containment). This location is 140 arcseconds from the BAT onboard position, within the BAT error circle. No event data are yet available to determine the column density using X-ray.

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The initial flux in the 2.5 s image was 1.35e-09 erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ (0.2-10keV).

UVOT took a finding chart exposure of 150 seconds with the White filter starting 127 seconds after the BAT trigger. No credible afterglow candidate has been found in the initial data products. The 2.7'x2.7' sub-image covers 100% of the XRT error circle. The typical 3-sigma upper limit has been about 19.6 mag. The 8'x8' region for the list of sources generated on-board covers 100% of the XRT error circle. The list of sources is typically complete to about 18 mag. No correction has been made for the expected extinction corresponding to E(B-V) of0.05.

Burst Advocate for this burst is A. P. Beardmore (apb AT star.le.ac.uk). Please contact the BA by email if you require additional information regarding Swift follow-up of this burst. In extremely urgent cases, after trying the Burst Advocate, you can contact the Swift PI by phone (see Swift TOO web site for information: http://www.swift.psu.edu/too.html.)

3 GRB @ z>6

Subaru Spectroscopy

Observational Constraints on the Central Engine

- Host Galaxies
- •GRB Environments
- Prompt Emission
- •Bumps in the Afterglow (SN?)
- Energetics and Beaming
- •Using GRBs as Cosmological Probes

Host Galaxies

Accurate positions Allowed Astronomers To watch the bursts Fade, and then Study their Host Galaxy!

> The fading optical afterglow of GRB 990123 as seen by HST on Days 16, 59 and 380 after the burst.

GRB 980703

GRB 980613

Holland 2001

TABLE Specific star-formation 1. rates for several GRB host galaxies.

GRB	z	$R_{\rm host}$	$\mathcal{M}_{\odot} \mathrm{yr}^{-1} L_B^* {}^{-1}$
970508	0.835	25.20	11.0
980613	1.096	24.56	20.0
980703	0.966	22.57	6.5
990123	1.600	24.07	11.0
990712	0.434	21.91	4.4

II) Star-formation rates high, but consistent With star forming galaxies.

Location, Location, Location (In addition to detecting hosts, we can determine where a burst occurs with respect to the host.

õ

3 kpc

GRB hosts

- GRBs trace brightest regions in hosts
- Hosts are sub-luminous irregular galaxies
- ⇒ Concentrated in regions of most massive stars
- ⇒ Restricted to low metallicity galaxies

970228	970508	970828	971214	980326	980329
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If we take These **Positions** At face Value, We can Determine The Distribution Of bursts With respect To the half-Light radius Of host **Galaxies!**

This Will Constrain The models!

Star-formation rate in GRB hosts

Savaglio+ 2008

FIG. 14.— Growth time scale $\rho_* = M_*/SFR$ (left y-axis) or specific star formation rate SSFR (right y-axis) as a function of redshift. Filled circles and triangles are GRB hosts with SFRs measured from emission lines and UV luminosities, respectively. Only hosts with stellar mass uncertainties $\Delta \log M_* < 1$ are shown. Small, medium and large symbols are hosts with $M_* \leq 10^{9.0} \text{ M}_{\odot}, 10^{9.0} \text{ M}_{\odot} < M_* \leq 10^{9.7} \text{ M}_{\odot}, \text{ and } M_* > 10^{9.7} \text{ M}_{\odot},$ respectively. Hosts with small white dots are associated with short GRBs. The curve is the Hubble time as a function of redshift, and indicates the transition from bursty to quiescent mode for galaxies. Crosses are GDDS galaxies at 0.5 < z < 1.7 (Juneau et al. 2005; Savaglio et al. 2005). Dots are LBGs at $1.3 \leq z \leq 3$, for which SSFRs are derived by assuming an exponential decline for star formation (Reddy et al. 2006). The big and small stars at zero redshift represent the growth time scale for the Milky Way and the Large Magellanic Cloud, respectively.

What we've learned from GRB Hosts!

- •Hosts of long GRBs are starforming galaxies
- •GRBs trace the stellar distribution (in distance from galaxy center)
- •GRBs occur in dense environments (star forming regions?)

GRB/SN connection

GRB 980425/SN1998bw: z=0.0085

SN 1998bw in Spiral Galaxy ESO184-G82

GRB 030329/SN2003dh: z=0.1685

