Gamma Ray Bursts a luminous candle?



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GRB a general introduction



An artistic connection?



GRB 020813 (credits to CXO/NASA)



Outline



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 - A new step towards "standardization"











- Distribution of sources
- Cosmological or Galactic?
- No host problem
- NS binary?

COMPTON OBSERVATORY INSTRUMENTS



The BATSE instrument



Nal scintillators
20 keV – 2 MeV
FoV 4π



Gamma-Ray Bursts







GRB: where are they?



The great debate (1995)



Fluence:10⁻⁷ erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ Distance: 1 Gpc Energy:10⁵¹ erg

Distance: 100 kpc Energy: 10⁴³ erg

Cosmological - Galactic?

Need a new type of observation!



Declination (deg; J2000)

The Afterglow





Good Angular resolution (< arcmin) Observation of the X-Afterglow



Distance determination







- Relativistic motion of the emitting region
- Shock mechanism converts the kinetic energy of the shells into radiation.
- Baryon Loading problem





NS/BH Binary Mergers





Scenario I: DNS Formation Initial Conditions: $M_{BH}^{>}M_{P}^{>}M_{sn}$ $M_{BH} > M_S > M_{SN}$ Orbital Separation ≤1 AU Primary Evolves off Main Sequence **Primary Expands** Roche Lobe Overflow Mass Transfer Red Gian **Primary Collapses** Supernova Secondary Evolves **Off Main Sequence** Red Gian X-ray Binary Phase **Common Envelope Phase Orbital Separation Shrinks** He Merger XIII He Core Merges With NS Envelope Supernova Ejected **DNS Binary Merges** GRB Sc. I

Merging of compact objects (NS-NS, NS-BH, BH-BH). These objects are observed in our Galaxy. The merging time is about 10⁸ yr, via GW emission.

Eichler et. al. (1989)







- Detection of Host Galaxies
- GRB beaming and energetics
- SN connection
- X-ray lines



Jet Opening Angle



Harrison et al (1999)





Woosley (2001)





Frail et al. (2001)



Jet and Energy Requirements





Bloom et al. (2003)







GRB 990705













GRB 030227

Watson et al. (2003)



Collapsar model



Woosley (1993)





Very massive star that collapses in a rapidly spinning BH.Identification with SN explosion.











SupraMassive NS **Baryon Clean Environment**

Vietri & Stella (1998)



Dar & De Rujula (2000)

EMBH and Vacuum Breakdown





Ruffini et al. (2003)

Charged BH





The energetics of the long duration GRB phenomenum is compared with models of a rotating Black Hole (BH) in a strong magnetic field generated by an accreting torus.

Blandford-Znajek mechanism for GRB





Blandford & Znajek (1977) Brown et al. (2000) Barbiellini & Longo (2001) Barbiellini, Celotti & Longo (2003)

Figure from McDonald, Price and Thorne (1986)





A rough estimate of the energy extracted from a rotating BH is evaluated with a very simple assumption an inelastic collision between the rotating BH and the torus.

- Inelastic collision between a rotating BH (10 M_{\odot})and a massive torus (0.1 M_{\odot}) that falls down onto the BH from the last stable orbit
- Conservation of angular momentum: $I_{bh}\Omega_{bh} + I_t\Omega_t = I\Omega$
- Available rotational energy:

$$\Delta E_{rot} \approx \frac{1}{2} I_{bh} \Omega_{bh}^2 \left(1 - \frac{I_{bh}}{I} \right) = 2 M_{bh}^3 \Omega_{bh}^2 \left(1 - \frac{M_{bh}^3}{M^3} \right)$$
$$\Delta E_{rot} \approx 2 M_{bh}^3 \Omega_{bh}^2 \left(3 \frac{M_t}{M_{bh}} \right) \approx 3 E_{rot,bh} \frac{M_t}{M_{bh}} \approx \frac{3}{8} M_t c^2$$

- Available gravitational energy:
 - Total available energy:

$$\Delta E_{grav} = \frac{GM_t M_{bh}}{R_{bh}} - \frac{GM_t M_{bh}}{3R_{bh}} \approx \frac{1}{3}M_t c^2$$

$$\Delta E = \Delta E_{rot} + \Delta E_{grav} \cong 10^{53} \text{ erg}$$





The GRB energy emission is attributed to an high magnetic field that breaks down the vacuum around the BH and gives origin to a e^{\pm} fireball.







• Critical magnetic field:

$$B_c = 4.5 \cdot 10^{13}$$
 Gauss

 Charge acquired by a
 BH rotating in an external magnetic field (Wald 1974)

$$Q = 2BJ \approx 2 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ C}$$

Electric field:

$$E \approx 2 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ V/cm}$$

Pair volume:

$$V_c \approx R_{_{bh}}^3$$





The energy released in the inelastic collision is available to create a series of plasmoids made of the pairs created and accelerated close to the BH.

- Pair density (e.g. Fermi 1966):
- Magnetic field density:
- Energy per particle:
- Energy in plasmoid:
- Number of plasmoids:

$$n_{e^{\pm}} = 8 \cdot 10^{29} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$U_B = 8 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ erg cm}^{-3}$$

$$\varepsilon_0 \approx \eta_{acc} 10^{-4} \text{ erg}$$

$$E_{plasmoid} = V_c U_B \approx 10^{45} \text{ erg}$$

$$N_{plasmoid} = \eta_B \frac{\Delta E}{E_{plasmoid}} \approx \eta_B 10^8$$





After the formation of the plasmoid the particles undergo three processes.

- Acceleration time scale in E field:
- Particle collimation by B field:

$$t_{acc} \approx \frac{10^{-7} \eta_{acc} m_e c^{-2}}{eEc} \approx 10^{-19} \eta_{acc} s$$
$$t_{coll} \approx \frac{\rho}{c \sin \lambda} \approx \frac{\eta_{acc}}{\sin \lambda} 10^{-19} s$$

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Curvature radius:
$$\rho = 3 \cdot 10^6 \frac{E(\text{GeV})}{B(\text{Gauss})} \text{ cm}$$

Randomisation time scale by Compton Scattering in radiation field with temperature T_0 :

$$T_0 = \left(\frac{B^2}{8\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{a}\right)^{1/4} \approx 10^{10} \,\mathrm{K}$$

$$t_{rand} \approx 10^{-16} \eta_{acc} \mathrm{s}$$





The first phase of the evolution occurs close to the engine and is responsible of energizing and collimating the shells. It ends when the external magnetic field cannot balance the radiation pressure.

- Phase 1 (acceleration and collimation) ends when:
- Assuming a dependence of the B field: this happens at $R_1 \approx 10^8 \text{ cm}$

$$t_{rand} = t_{coll}$$



Parallel stream with

$$\Gamma_1 = 30\eta_{acc}$$

Internal "temperature"

$$\Gamma'_{1} \approx 1$$





The second phase of the evolution is a radiation dominated expansion.

- Phase 2 (adiabatic expansion) ends at the smaller of the 2 radii:
 - Fireball matter dominated:
 - Fireball optically thin to pairs:



$$R_{pair} = R_0 \left(\frac{3E}{4\pi R_0^3 T_p^4}\right)^{1/4}$$

- R_2 estimation $R_2 = 50R_0$
- Fireball adiabatic expansion

$$\frac{\Gamma_2'}{\Gamma_1'} = \frac{R_2}{R_0}$$





The fireball evolution is hypothized in analogy with the in-flight decay of an elementary particle.



Figure from Landau-Lifšits (1976)

Lorentz factors

$$\Gamma_{\parallel} = 2\Gamma_{1}\Gamma_{2}^{'} \qquad \Gamma_{\perp} = \Gamma_{2}^{'}$$

Opening angle

$$heta_{\mathrm{c}} \sim an heta_{\mathrm{c}} = rac{\Gamma_{\perp}}{\Gamma_{1}\Gamma_{2}'} = rac{\Gamma_{2}'}{\Gamma_{1}\Gamma_{2}'} = rac{1}{\Gamma_{1}}$$

Result:

$$heta_{\rm c} \sim rac{1}{\Gamma_1} \sim 2 \times 10^{-1}$$



The observed angular distribution of the fireball Lorentz factor is expected to be anisotropic.



Predicted Energy-Angle relation







SN 1998bw - GRB 980425 chance coincidence O(10⁻⁴) (Galama et al. 98)

GRB & SN first predictions





Hjorth, Fynbo, Dar & Courbin (1999)







(Matheson et al. 2003)



A "Cosmological" era?



GRB cosmologyFirst Stars





High precision radiography of ISM from z=2.3



Schaefer et al. 2002







Djorgovski et al. 2003





Schaefer (2003)





Meszaros & Rees (2003) astro-ph/0305115
GRB afterglow detection in the range (z = 10 - 30)

Z	$rac{\lambda_{\mathrm{Ly}lpha,\mathrm{H}}}{\mu\mathrm{m}}$	$\frac{E_t}{\text{keV}}$	$\frac{E_{Fe, K\alpha}}{\text{keV}}$	$F_E(10s)$	$F_E(10^2{\rm s})$	$F_E(10^3{\rm s})$	$F_E(10^4{\rm s})$	$F_E(10^5 {\rm s})$
3	0.486	0.22	1.675	1.9^{-9}	6.8^{-10}	5.4^{-11}	4.3^{-12}	3.4^{-13}
6.5	0.912	0.22	0.893	6.1^{-10}	4.4^{-10}	3.5^{-11}	2.8^{-12}	2.2^{-13}
9.0	1.216	0.22	0.670	4.1^{-10}	4.1^{-10}	3.3^{-11}	2.6^{-12}	2.1^{-13}
12	1.581	0.22	0.515	3.0^{-10}	3.0^{-10}	3.2^{-11}	2.5^{-12}	2.0^{-13}
18	2.310	0.22	0.353	2.0^{-10}	2.0^{-10}	3.2^{-11}	2.6^{-12}	2.1^{-13}
30	3.770	0.22	0.216	1.3^{-10}	1.3^{-10}	3.5^{-11}	2.8^{-12}	2.2^{-13}

 X-ray flashes (E_{peak}, Rate ½ GRB, Isotropic) (Heise 2003) structured jets off-axis GRBs or high Z GRBs?

GRB Cosmology





Loeb and Barkana (2000)









Sakamoto et al. (2003)

The Compton Tail









"Prompt" luminosity

$$\langle L_{\rm s} \rangle = \langle \frac{dn_{\rm s}}{d\Omega \ dt} \rangle \simeq \frac{n_{\rm p} \ e^{-\tau}}{\pi \theta_{\rm s}^2 \ t_{\rm grb}} \cdot \frac{\theta_{\rm s}^2}{\theta_{\rm j}^2}$$

Compton "Reprocessed" luminosity

$$\langle L_{\rm c} \rangle = \frac{n_{\rm p} \left(1 - e^{-\tau}\right)}{2\pi t_{\rm geom}} \quad t_{\rm geom} \sim \frac{(R_0 + \Delta R)\theta_{\rm j}^2}{c}$$

"Q" ratio

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$$Q = \frac{\langle L_{\rm c} \rangle}{\langle L_{\rm s} \rangle} = (e^{\tau} - 1) \cdot \frac{c \ t_{\rm grb}}{(R_0 + \Delta R)}$$









- Bright bursts (peak counts >1.5 cm⁻² s⁻¹)
 - $Q = 4.0 \pm 0.8 \ 10^{-4} \ (5 \ \sigma)$
 - τ = 1.3
- Dim bursts (peak counts < 0.75 cm⁻² s⁻¹)
 - Q = 5.6 ± 1.4 10⁻³ (4 σ)
 - τ =2.8
- Mean fluence ratio = 11
- "Compton" correction

$$E = e^{\tau} E_{\rm obs}$$

- Corrected fluence ratio = 2.8
- A cosmological effect?



The SNIa "cosmology"



Hubble Plots









Djorgovski et al. 2003





- GRB and Cosmology: a long story
- Study of first galaxies and first stars
- Look into the Dark Ages
- Spectroscopy of high-Z Universe
- GRB as standard candle?
- GRB as cosmological probe