

The Mysterious Burst After the Short Burst

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Brief History of Short GRBs

- Ancient History (1973-1983) KONUS*, ISSE-3 There is a small hint of bimodality. SGRs discovered.
- Dark/Middle Ages (1984-1990) IPN, SMM SGRs consistent with Galactic Plane, LMC (A/A_{max}).
- BATSE Renaissance (1991-2000) BATSE Bimodality is clear. Shorts separately isotropic. Shorts appear slightly spectrally harder, but dynamic ranges of Longs' & Shorts' spectra largely overlap. Shorts tend to have much narrower temporal structures. (Short bursts with Extended Emission secretly postulated.)
- Statistical Interlude (2000-2004)
- Modern Age (2004 →) Swift, HETE-2 Afterglows lead to Redshifts, and no SN. Extended Emission evident in ~ 33% of Swift Short GRBs.

(*Konus lives)

HETE-2





Fig. 1. The bimodal duration distribution of GRBs. The observations (2041 bursts in the current BATSE catalog) are marked by the thick stairs. The decomposition of the distribution into two lognormal distributions, as determined by Horváth (2002), (*thin solid lines*) and the sum of these components (*thick solid line*) are superposed.



Swift/BAT: T90 vs. Spectral Hardness



Statistical Interlude: Hard X-ray Afterglows of Short GRBs



Fig. 2. Overall lightcurves in the 4 BATSE channels (from left to right) of the sample of short bursts (see text). The rightmost panels show the average signal in the first and second channels. The time interval of the burst emission has been excluded. The upper panels show the lightcurves without background subtraction (a constant has been subtracted in all panels for viewing purposes in order to have zero counts at t = 0). The solid line is the best fit background plus afterglow model (in the channel 3 and 4 panels the 3σ upper limit afterglow is shown). The dashed line shows the background contribution in all channels. The lower panels show the same data and fit after background subtraction.

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FIG. 7.—Light curve for 100 short (<1 s), summed, background-subtracted, BATSE bursts after peak alignment, with peak time suppressed.

Several central questions remain on short GRBs, especially concerning extended emission ...



Swift GRBs with Redshifts 15 Diamonds: Short GRBs Red Histo: Long GRBs 10 N_{occur} 5 ♦ ♦♦ ♦ \cap 0.01 0.1 10 1

Redshift









Geologic Time Scale					
Era	Period	Epoch	Years Before The Present		
	Quaternary	Holocene (Recent) Pleistocene (Glacial)		Us	5
Cenozoic	Tertiary	Pliocene Miocene Oligocene Eocene Paleocene	- 13,000,000 - 13,000,000 - 25,000,000 - 36,000,000 - 58,000,000		20 x k when Trilob Gamme
Mesozoic	Cretaceous Jurassic Triassic		- 135,000,000		had th
	Permian Pennsylvanian (Upper Carbon	i iferous)	- 230,000,000 - 280,000,000		
Paleozoic	Mississipian (Lower Carbon Devonian Silurian Ordovician Cambrian	iferous)	- 345,000,000 - 405,000,000 - 425,000,000 - 500,000,000		Trilobytes
Precambrian			- 600,000,000		7

20 x before the age when the first Trilobytes appeared, Gamma-Ray Bursts had their big heyday.



Questions on Short GRBs' Extended Emission

- (Usual) morphology of Short GRBs
- Dynamic range in $R_{int} = I_{EE} / I_{IPC}$
- Temporal structure of Extended Emission
- Spectra of Extended Emission (vs. R_{int})

Fraction of *individual* short bursts (reported) with Extended Emission:

BATSE ~ 1.5%

Swift/BAT ~ 33%

Two instrumental effects increase BAT percentage:

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(1) BAT has A_{eff} to ~ 15 keV, and
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(2) uses mask-tagged background estimation

{ NOT that: BAT less sensitive && $\mathbf{I}_{\text{EE}} \propto \mathbf{I}_{\text{IPC}}$ }



Spectral Lags: Short GRBs, w/ & w/o E.E.





Spectral Lags: Short & Long GRBs

Generalities

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(1) When good S/N, shorts have measured lags 0-few ms - fairly uniform picture.

(2) Median lag for *bright long* bursts is ~ 55 ms, with a few % extending to shorts' domain Lags for dimmer long bursts extend to several seconds.

> Spectral Lag is a good discriminant but by itself, not the "silver bullet"

Pulse Widths: Brightest Short & Long GRBs





Pulse Widths: GRB 060614 and 051221a





Short GRBs' Canonical Morphology: 3 phases



Initial short pulses complex ~ 0.1-3 s

~ 5-10 s hiatus

Extended Emission ~ 30 - 100 s



Short GRBs' Canonical Morphology: Intensity Ratio









R_{int} shrinks more



So, what's the "normal" Intensity Ratio?



231 bursts averaged, EE individually indiscernible

22 bursts, EE individually discernible



In most short bursts the E.E. component is present, but weak. There is no obvious relation between IPC and EE intensities.



The average spectral hardness for bursts with weak EE is near the middle of the HR21 distribution.

231 Co-added BATSE bursts (where EE "indiscernible"):



 $EE \approx 9.4 \text{ cts s}^{-1}$ IPC $\approx 5290 \text{ cts s}^{-1}$: $R_{int} \approx 0.0018$















"The Mysterious Burst After the Short Burst"

"New Gamma-Ray Burst Classification Scheme from GRB 060614" Gerhels et al. (Nature 2007)





Conclusions: Short GRB Morphology

- EE component is present in ~ 33% (25%) of BAT (BATSE) bursts at levels ranging over R_{int} = I_{EE}/I_{IPC} ~ 0.001 - 0.6, the large majority with R_{int} ~ 0.001 - 0.01.
- Over the range of R_{int} the EE components of individual bursts are spectrally similar, and no correlation with F_p{IPC}.
- Some of the brightest short bursts have no EE component, to R_{int} < 0.0003.
- Vast dynamic range in R_{int} is the clue to short bursts.





Prompt EE component temporally different from X-ray afterglow



Model fit: 4 Gaussians + triple power-law



Diverse X-ray Afterglows of Short GRBs, not correlated with presence/absence of EE component





No Extended Prompt Emission:



Late "flares"

Early "flares"

Three phases

10⁵ s

Three phases

10



Summary

- No one attribute is a silver bullet indicating short vs. long. However, Long GRBs manifest a large range in temporal attributes {pulse width, duration} — Short GRBs less so.
- EE component is present in ~ 33% (25%) of BAT (BATSE) bursts, to levels R_{int} > 0.001. Much below this level, neither BAT nor BATSE have the sensitivity to comment.
- Infrequent bursts with R_{int} ~> 0.1 appear phenomenal, but just represent the tail of the distribution.
- A few of the very brightest short bursts have no EE component, to R_{int} = I_{EE}/I_{IPC} < 0.0003.</p>
- Vast dynamic range in R_{int} is the real mystery.