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Theoretical models of GRB 090227B and GRB 090510

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Brief reminder to the Fireshell Model



1) GRBs originate from an optically thick e^{\pm} plasma in thermal equilibrium, having total energy E_{\pm}^{tot} and formed in the gravitational collapse to a black hole.

2) The gradual annihilation of the pairs is confined in an expanding shell, the *fireshell*, and engulfs the baryonic matter, described by the Baryon Load $B=M_B c^2/E_{\pm}^{tot}$, left over in the process of collapse.

3) The shell, in thermal equilibrium among pairs and baryons, self-accelerates to ultra-relativistic velocities until the transparency condition is reached and the Proper-GRB (P-GRB) is emitted.

4) After the transparency, the remaining thin shell composed of baryons still expands ballistically and starts to slow down by collisions with the Circum Burst Medium (CBM) with average density n_{CBM} , giving rise to the extended afterglow.

Brief reminder to the Fireshell Model



GRB 090227B: Observations and data analysis

The bright short-hard GRB 090227B was observed by:

Fermi-GBM (GCN 8921)

The light curve consists of one spike with a duration (T₉₀) of about 0.9 s (10-1000 keV). The time-integrated spectrum (from T₀-0.1s to T₀+0.4s) is best fitted by a Band function with E_p = (2255 ± 116) keV, α = -0.53 ± 0.02 and β = -3.04 ± 0.23 (reduced- χ^2 =1.11). The fluence (10-1000 keV) in this time interval is (0.87 ± 0.01)x10⁻⁵ erg/cm².

Konus-Wind (GCN 8926)

The time-integrated spectrum (from T₀ to T₀+0.192 s) is fitted (in the 20 keV - 10 MeV range) by a Band model with α = -0.41(-0.10, +0.12), β < -2.5 and E_p = 2134 (-326, +332) keV (χ^2 = 28.1/46 dof).

The emission is clearly seen up to 10 MeV.

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GRB 090227B: Theoretical estimate of the redshift

No X-ray and optical observations \Rightarrow no z

From the measured fluences

$$\frac{E_{P-GRB}}{E_{e^{\pm}}} = \frac{4\pi d_l^2 F_{BB} \Delta t_{BB} / (1+z)}{4\pi d_l^2 F_{tot} \Delta t_{tot} / (1+z)} = \frac{S_{BB}}{S_{tot}} = (40.67 \pm 0.12)\%.$$

$$E_{e^{\pm}} \begin{bmatrix} E_{e^{\pm}}^{tot}(z), B(z) \end{bmatrix} \implies kT_{obs} = kT_{blue} / (1+z). \implies Z$$

$$E_{iso} = 4\pi d_l^2 \frac{S_{tot}}{(1+z)} \frac{\int_{E_{min}/(1+z)}^{E_{max}/(1+z)} EN(E)dE}{\int_{8}^{40000} EN(E)dE} \qquad \checkmark$$

Fireshell Parameter	Value
$E_{e^{\pm}}^{tot}$ [erg]	$(2.83 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{53}$
B	4.13×10^{-5}
Γ_{tr}	14365
r_{tr} [cm]	1.76×10^{13}
kT_{blue} [keV]	1336
Ζ,	1.61 ± 0.14

GRB 090227B: Interpretation within the Fireshell model

Simulated light curve and spectrum of the extended afterglow



Fit of the spectrum of the P-GRB : BB + on-set of the extended afterglow



Observations and data analysis of GRB 090510

The bright short-hard GRB 090510 was observed by AGILE (Giuliani, A., et al., 2010, ApJ, 708, L84) and Fermi-GBM and LAT (Ackermann, M., et al., 2010, ApJ, 716, 1178).

GRB 090510 shows a deviation from a Band function during the prompt emission phase. The time-integrated spectrum is fit by a Band function with $E_p = (3.9 \pm 0.3)$ MeV and a hard power-law component with $\gamma = -1.62 \pm 0.03$ that dominates the emission below 20 keV and above 100 MeV.

A faint GBM pulse and a LAT photon are detected 0.5 s before the main pulse.



The LAT detected a photon with energy 30.5 (+5.8, -2.6) GeV, the highest ever measured from a short GRB.

Using simple opacity arguments with a variability time scale on the order of tens of ms, and z = 0.903 one can obtain $\Gamma \ge 1000$ (Ackermann, M., et al., 2010, ApJ, 716, 1178).

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Conclusions (1)

- → GRB 090227B and GRB 090510 are characterized by extremely low values of the Baryon load B ≈ 5 x10⁻⁵. They are the missing links between the long/disguised short GRBs and the genuine short GRBs class.
- Such sources have Γ > 10000 and possible GeV-emission like in the case of GRB 090510.
- → The GeV-emission is produced in the dyadosphere and as a consequence we have to take into account it in the energy content of the transparency emission.



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Conclusions (2)

- → GRB 090227B and GRB 090510 are peculiar bursts exploded in low density environment of the order of <n_{CBM}> ≈ 10⁻⁵ # /cm³.
 For higher densities the extended afterglow emission results in a spiky emission "squeezed" on the P-GRB and with a prolonged soft tail.
- In these cases, for less energetic and further sources the emission can result in a small spike-like structure that can be easily discarded by the trigger algorithms of the detectors or be under instrumental thresholds.



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