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### Gamma-Ray Bursts in 1 Slide

- Most energetic events in the universe
  - Measured to z = 8.2 (GRB090423)
  - Can be seen to z~12 with large detectors
- Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRB) last msec hr.
- Measured up to GeV (rest energy of a proton)
- Afterglow can be detected weeks after burst, has power law decay light curve in all bands for some long type GRBs
- Long Type GRB associated with massive star collapse SuperNovae



Time in Seconds

### 500 GRBs Observed by Swift



# 2 Main Types of GRB

- GRB=Gamma-Ray Burst
- LGRB=Long, softer t<sub>90γ</sub> >2 s, Typical ~ 20 s
- SGRB = Short GRB t<sub>90γ</sub> < 2 s, Typical ~ 0.4 s</li>
  - "harder" X-γ spectra,
  - much fainter all optical
  - faint X-γ afterglow
- (OTHER classifications exist)



-we show that the fundamental defining characteristic of the short-burst class is that the initial spike exhibits negligible spectral evolution at energies above ~25 keV. \*- Norris & Bonnell 2005

 $t_{90\gamma}$  = GRB duration = interval of 90% fluence in  $\gamma$  light curve. Hard = flatter spectrum = crude ratio of high, low energy channels.



### Inspiraling & Merging Neutron Star Model

### Crashing neutron stars can make gamma-ray burst jets





7.4 milliseconds

13.8 milliseconds



15.3 milliseconds

21.2 milliseconds

26.5 milliseconds

Credit: NASA/AEI/ZIB/M. Koppitz and L. Rezzolla

### Neutron Star Inspiral Model Video









## Extinctions or Sterilization of Earth





- Using cutting edge research, the latest scientific theories and incredible CGI to bring prehistoric animals back to life,
- Animal Armageddon an eight-part mini-series

   transports viewers
   It seems that gamma-rays from
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It seems that gamma-rays from space may have been responsible for the massed extinction of the Ordovician period (488 to 443 million years ago) where about 70% of sea life died out.



### SHGRB Origin Unknown

SHGRB now associated with coalescence models



- Consistency
  - SHGRB faintcompared to LGRB, lower energy.
  - Usually not in star forming regions, far from galaxy, so could be evolved system - like dead neutron start (NS) or black holes (BHs)
  - No actual proof;
- Outstanding Mystery
- Compact object coalescence would mean Gravitational Waves (GW), likely detectable by next-generation GW detectors if close enough.





### Black Hole disrupts and swallows star



# Very Short GRBs ? Black Hole Evaporation Bombs?

- "Does Very Short Gamma **Ray Bursts originate from** Primordial Black Holes?" by D.B. Cline & S. Otwinoski arXiv:1105.5363
- Primordial Black Holes with mass of about 5 x 10<sup>14</sup> gm evaporate now in a final state explosion. (Power goes as 1/m<sup>4</sup> and lifetime as 1/m<sup>3</sup> and see plot to right) Hawking 1973 Zel'dovich 1971





Fig.1. The time distribution T<sub>90</sub> for all GRB from BATSE detector [1].

7. Time profile of rising part of BATSE VSGRBs is in agreement with evaporation PBH.



Fig.10. Composite burst profiles for all VSGRB (black line), for bursts from Galactic Anticenter region (red line) and for bursts from outside that region (blue line). The analytical fit (dashed line) is given by Eq.1. Better fit for the decay part is provided by Ryde & Svensson function (Eq. 2) [10].

### Faster-Steer the Beam

SWIFT rotates entire spacecraft to point opt instrument





We use mirrors to steer the *beam*, not the spacecraft
 - much faster.







### **UFFO** -pathfinder mission

 We were \*given\* 20 kg on the Russian Lomonosov spacecraft in UNIVERSITAT program-Launch in Nov!



### Il Park is P.I. UFFO-Pathfinder

























### **UFFO-100**

- Dr. Bruce Grossan Pl
- 120 kg design cpt.
- X-Ray Coded Mask
- 30-cm optical teles
- Science Goals
  - Lorentz factor
  - Calibration
  - Internal vs External shocks
  - Multimessenger

### The UFFO (Ultra Fast Flash Observatory) Pathfinder: Science and Mission

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### Future



### **MEMS Technology**



- MEMS technology mirror arrays @ Ewha RMST Lab
  - FAST from +30 deg. to -30 deg. in ~ ms, including settling, negligible power, moment of Inertia
- Speed Costs:
  - limiting factor is uniformity of manufacture
  - ~ 2 arc minute PSF
  - correction possible? NO- any individual control greatly increases # lines on chip
  - "grating effect" and diffraction limit also give problems so slew large mirror plate in 1 second

### Fast and Ultra-fast Slewing

tor System of MEMS Mirror Array + Rotating Mirror Plate

## Hybrid **MEMS/Gimbal** Concept



- Ultra-fast Mode:
  - MEMS array responds in ~  $10^{-3}$  s
  - PSF  $\sim$  up to 2 arcmin means reduced sensitivity!
    - OK for brightest bursts.
- Fast-Reponse Mode:
  - MEMS array off.
  - PSF now < 1 arcsec
  - Gimbals respond < 1 s over  $90^{\circ}$ -field.

## Rapid-Response Measurements needed to measure Lorentz factor

- Measure Bulk Lorentz Factor of Optical Emission
- given by time of the early UVoptical emission peak (from Molinari et al. 2007, Sari & Piran1999)
- Some dependence on external density; assumes external shock
- Bulk Lorentz Factors measured by Fermi may be too high
- Note: Need rapid response to measure the bulk Lorentz Factors > few hundred



### Internal vs. External Shock



### shock behavior.

 How will optical appear during burst? Need rapid response, high time resolution.

### GRB Luminosity Calibration? Cosmological tool?



### "Multi-Messenger" Measurements

- Physics in correlation and delay for
  - Short GRB: gravitational wave vs. optical-gamma light <sup>(1)</sup>
    - GRB optical emission for source ID,
    - GW vs. photon arrive time for models.
    - SN-GRB: neutrinos vs. optical-to-gamma prompt light
    - GRB UHECR: Air shower detector signals vs. optical prompt light
  - test models, identify sources
    - physics of explosion, jet processes
    - time between gamma and optical peak agree with models same time scale for all components constrains radiation mechanism, different time scales & correlations, suggestions different mechanisms
    - GR alternative models- UHE photons vs. Low E delay (can do experiment to  $z \ge 8$ , large  $\Delta v$ ) constrains alternative models.

<sup>1</sup> e.g. Nishizawa, Taruya & Saito, cosmology with Space GW detectors also needs red shift; perhaps get many from prompt observations of SHGRB.