A PRELIMINARY POPULATION STUDY OF GAMMA RAY BURSTS DETECTED IN THE VERY HIGH ENERGY DOMAIN

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Emission in Gamma-ray Bursts



GRB080319B (Racusin et al., 2008)

GRB Standard Model



Afterglow: the external forward shock scenario

Decelerating blastwave interacting with the circumburst external medium



Numerical multi-wavelength afterglow modeling

Radiative output: Synchrotron radiation



See Sari et al, 1998; Panaitescu et al. 2000; Granot et al. 2002

Numerical multi-wavelength afterglow modeling



Open Issue: the HE and VHE radiation

HE emission

- Almost consistent with synchrotron radiation (synchrotron burnoff limit)
- No spectral cut-off identified (shock microphysics uncertaintes, non-uniform magnetic fields)





2001; Nakar et al. 2009)

VHE emission

VHE emission



VHE emission: KN corrections

Shaping the VHE spectrum



VHE emission: **XX** absorption

Shaping the VHE spectrum



VHE emission

Afterglow open issues

- Flares, plateaus not included in the external fwd shock scenario
- GRB environmental conditions (external medium profile: ISM? wind-like?)
- Shock microphysical parameters (ξ , ε_e , ε_B) unconstrained/time-dependent
- Absence of synchrotron spectral cutoff
- Prompt emission efficiency

VHE detection can provide renovate and boost afterglow studies

	T_{90}	$E_{\gamma,iso}$	Z	T_{delay}	E_{range}	IACT (sign.)
	s	erg		S	TeV	
160821B	0.48	$1.2 imes 10^{49}$	0.162	24	0.5-5	MAGIC (3.1 σ)
180720B	48.9	$6.0 imes 10^{53}$	0.654	3.64×10^{4}	0.1 - 0.44	H.E.S.S. (5.3 σ)
190114C	362	$2.5 imes 10^{53}$	0.424	57	0.3-1	MAGIC (> 50σ)
190829A	58.2	$2.0 imes 10^{50}$	0.079	1.55×10^4	0.18-3.3	H.E.S.S. (21.7 σ)
201015A	9.78	$1.1 imes 10^{50}$	0.42	33	0.14	MAGIC (3.5σ)
201216C	48	$4.7 imes 10^{53}$	1.1	56	0.1	MAGIC (6.0 σ)

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What we have learned so far

• IACT Capabilities

• Redshift impact

• Energetics

• X-ray similarities and TeV modeling

IACT Capabilities

"Mandatory" requirements:

- low zenith angles
- dark nights
- small delays
- low z
- highly energetic events

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GRB190114C: zenith >55°, Moon conditions
GRB160821B: Moon conditions
GRB180720B, GRB190829A: T_{delay} \sim hrs/days
GRB201216C: z = 1.1
GRB190829A, GRB201015A, GRB160821B: E_{v,iso} \sim 10^{49} - 10^{50} erg
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Nava, 2021

X-ray similarities



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MAGIC Coll. et al., 2019

Responsible radiation mechanism: Sync? SSC? GRB190829A





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Model free parameters (GRB environment, shock microphysics)

	E_k	ϵ_{e}	e	В	n	р		ξ_e	θ_{i}
	erg				$\rm cm^{-3}$				rad
Hess Coll. (SSC)	$2.0 imes10^{50}$	0.91	5.9 - 7.7	7×10^{-2}	1.	2.06-2.15		1.	/
Hess Coll. (Sync)	$2.0 imes10^{50}$	$0.03-0.08$ \approx		1 1.		2.1		1.	/
Salafia + 2021	$1.2 - 4.4 imes 10^{53}$	0.01-0.06	1.2 - 6.0	$0 imes 10^{-5}$	0.12-0.58	2.01	< 0	6.5×10^{-2}	0.25-0.29
Zhang + 2021	$9.8 imes 10^{51}$	0.39	$8.7 imes10^{-5}$		0.09	2.1	0.34		0.1
		E_k	ϵ_{e}	ϵ_B		n	р	ξ_e	
		erg			с	m ⁻³			
	MAGIC Coll.	$\gtrsim 3 imes 10^{53}$	0.05-0.15	0.05-1 ×10) ⁻³ ().5-5	2.4-2	.6 1	
	Wang + 2019	6×10^{53}	0.07	$4 imes 10^{-5}$	5	0.3	2.5	1	
	Asano + 2020	10^{54}	0.06	9×10^{-4}	4	1	2.3	0.3	
	Asano + 2020	10 ⁵⁴	0.08	1.2×10^{-1}	-3 0.1	(wind)	2.35	5 0.3	
	Joshi + 2021	$4 imes 10^{54}$	0.03	0.012	2×10	$^{-2}$ (wind)	2.2	. 1	
	Derishev + 2021	3×10^{53}	0.1	$2 - 6 \times 10$)-3	2	2.5	1	
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		E_k erg	$\log(\epsilon_e)$	$\log(\epsilon_B)$	log(n) cm ⁻³	р	ξe	θ_j rad	
	MAGIC Coll.	$10^{51} - 10^{52}$	[-1;-0.1]	[-5.5 ; -0.8]	[-4.85 ; -0.24]] 2.2-2.35	1	/	
	Troja + 2019	$10^{50} - 10^{51}$	[-0.39 ; -0.05]	[-3.1 ; -1.1]	[-4.2 ; -1.7]	2.26-2.39	1	0.08-0.50	
	Zhang + 2021 (SSC)	3×10^{51}	-0.52	-5	-1.3	2.3	0.5	0.15	
	Zhang + 2021 (EIC)	2×10^{51}	-0.3	-6	-1	2.5	0.1	0.1	

GRB190114C

• Sync+SSC external forward scenario

- Two modeling displayed:
 - X to TeV (solid lines)
 - Radio-optical (dotted lines)
 - SSC contribution (dashed lines)
- Indication of time-dependent afterglow parameters



- Broadband intrinsic properties:
 - span more than 3 orders of magnitude in $E_{v,iso}$
 - span 2 orders of magnitude in terms of L_{VHE}
 - ranging in redshift between 0.079–1.1
- X-ray TeV connection:
 - similar fluxes and decay slopes
 - similar amount of radiated power
- Data modeling:
 - SSC suggested (not conclusive)
 - no preferences on constant/wind-like medium
 - $\epsilon_{e} \sim 0.1, \epsilon_{B} \sim 10^{-5} 10^{-3}, \xi < 1$



Miceli & Nava, 2022, adapted from D'Avanzo et al. 2014

Future facilities: CTA

CTA upgrades:

- a lower energy threshold (<30 GeV)
- a larger effective area at multi-GeV energies (~ 10⁴ times larger than Fermi-LAT at 30 GeV)
- a rapid slewing capability (180 degrees azimuthal rotation in 20 s).
- a full sky coverage

A few GRBs per year...



https://www.cta-observatory.org/science/ctao-performance/

Future challenges

• Test responsible radiation mechanisms (SSC, Syn)

Investigate conditions for VHE emission (GRB environment, microphysics, jet dynamics)

• VHE in short GRBs (so far only small hint of GRB160821B)

• VHE emission in prompt phase

BACKUP

Prompt phase



Afterglow phase



VHE emission

Cherenkov telescope observations: only upper limits until 2019



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Relativistic shocks in GRB afterglow **Interstellar Medium Shocked Interstellar Medium** n **Ν(γ) Forward shock** Ym Yc $u' = (Γ - 1)n'm_pc^2$ $u'_e = \xi < \gamma > m_e c^2 n'$ $\mathbf{u'}_{e} = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{e}\mathbf{u'} \quad \mathbf{u'}_{P} = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{P}\mathbf{u'}$ $u'_B = \varepsilon_B u' = B^2/8\pi$

GRBI90114C



GRBI90114C

- Long GRB
- $E_{\gamma,iso} \sim 2.5 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg}$
- z = 0.42

MAGIC detection info:

- T_{delay} ~ 57 s
- > 50 σ in 20 minutes
- detection up to 40 min
- 0.3 I TeV energy range
- moon conditions and Zd>50



MAGIC Coll. et al., 2019

GRB180720B

- Long GRB
- $E_{\gamma,iso} \sim 6.0 \times 10^{53} \, erg$
- z = 0.654

H.E.S.S. detection info:

- Tdelay ~ 10 hrs
- > 5.3σ in 2 hrs
- 0.1 0.44 TeV energy range



HESS Coll., 2019

Modeling of GRB180720B



Wang et al.,2019

GRB190829A

- Long GRB
- $E_{\gamma,iso} \sim 2.0 \times 10^{50} \text{ erg}$ • z = 0.079

H.E.S.S. detection info:

- T_{obs} ~ 4.3 55.9 hrs
- 21.7σ, 5.5σ, 2.4σ,
- 0.18 3.3 TeV energy range



GRB201216C

- Long GRB
- E_{y,iso} ~ 4.7 x 10⁵³ erg
 z = ...

MAGIC detection info:

- Tdelay ~ 56 s
- 6σ in 20 minutes
- 0.1 ? TeV energy range



GRB201015A (> 3σ excess)

- long GRB
- $E_{\gamma,iso} \sim 1.1 \times 10^{50} \text{ erg}$
- z = 0.426

MAGIC info:

- Tdelay ~ 33 s
- 3.5σ in 3.4 hrs
- 0.14 ? TeV energy range

