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## Abbreviations

ASD	Amplitude Spectral Density
AXPs	Anomalous X-Ray Pulsars
EFE	Einstein Field Equation
BBH	Binary Black hole
BBN	Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
BHNS	Black hole Neutron Star
CBC	Compact Binary Coalescence
CMBR	Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation
CW	Continuous Wave
PN	Post Newtonian
GRBs	Gama-ray Bursts
GR	General Relativity
GW	Gravitational Wave
LIGO	Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory
LISA	Laser Interferometer Space Astronomy
MBH	Massive Black hole
NR	Numerical Relativity
SEOBNR	Spin Effective One Body Numerical Relativity
IMRPhenom	In-spiral Merge Ringdown Phenomenological
PSDs	Power Spectral Density
SGRS	Soft Gama-ray Repeaters
SNR	Signal to Noise Ratio

## Physical Constants

Speed of Light	$C = 2.99792458 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$
Universal Gravitational Constant	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
Mega parsec	$\text{Mpc} = 3.08568025 \times 10^{24} \text{ cm}$
Planck luminosity	$L_0 = 10^{59} \text{ egr/s}$
Mass of the Sun	$M_{\odot} = 1.99 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}$
Kilo parsec	$\text{kpc} = 3.08568025 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}$
luminosity of the Sun	$L_{\odot} = 3.839 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg/s}$
Positive Cosmological constant	$\Lambda = (10^{16} \text{ ly})^{-2}$
Hubble's constant	$H_0 = 70.65 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$

## Symbols

$f_{GW}$	Gravitational Wave frequency in Hz
$L$	Total radiated luminosity in erg/s
$\tau$	Time remaining before coalescence in second(s)
$M_c$	Chirp mass in $M_\odot$
$\rho_{crit}$	Critical energy density in $eV/cm^3$
$D_l$	Luminosity distance of the from the source to Earth in Mpc
$S_{GW}$	Power spectral density in unit of egr/sHz

# **Abstract**

## Physics of gamma-ray bursts.

### 1.1 Introduction

#### what are gamma-ray bursts?

Gamma Ray Bursts (GRBs) are Sudden ,intense , bright and non-repeative flashes of gamma-ray photons of energy in the gamma -ray band (keV - GeV) lasting from a few tens of milliseconds to several minutes.They are the fastest extended objects of Nature, that injecting large amount of energy of order  $10^{55}$  ergs or  $10^{47}$  joules from very small compact region in a few seconds at cosmological distance.The energy released for a few second to hundred seconds comparable to the energy that the Sun will emit in its entire 10 billion years of life time. Furthermore,the overall observed fluence ranges from  $10^{-4}$  ergs/ $cm^2$  to  $10^{-7}$  ergs/  $cm^2$  (shown in fig 1.2 , section 1.2 ), that corresponds to the isotropic equivalent luminosity of  $10^{48}$  to  $10^{54}$  erg  $s^{-1}$  [1].

Gamma Ray Bursts (GRBs) are at the intersection of many different areas of astrophysics: they are relativistic events connected with the end stages of massive stars; they reveal properties of their surrounding medium and of their host galaxies; they emit radiation from gamma-rays to radio wavelengths, as well as possibly non-electromagnetic signals, such as neutrinos, cosmic rays and gravitational waves. Due to their enormous luminosities, they can be detected even if they occur at vast distances, and are therefore also of great interest for cosmology [2].

During explosions, ultra relativistic jets are produced accompanied by an intense gamma-ray flashes called prompt emissions that outshine all the sky at very high red shifts.These prompt emissions are often followed by afterglow signals across the electromagnetic spectrum from X-ray to radio wavelengths covering timescales from tenth of seconds up to several months or more [1, 2].

GRB events are classified as being either long (lasting  $> 2$ ) or short (lasting  $< 2$  s), separated by the length of durations  $T_{90} \sim 2\text{sec}$ , and spectral hardness of their prompt emissions, with long GRBs (LGRBs) believed to be associated with the deaths of collapsed massive stars, whilst short GRBs (SGRBs) more likely to be the result of either the merger of binary neutron stars (BNS) or the merger of a neutron star with a black hole (NS-BH) [3].

Due to their huge radiated energies, GRBs can be observed up to  $z \sim 10$ , therefore they are very powerful cosmological tools, complementary to other probes such as SN-Ia, clusters etc. The correlation between spectral peak photon energy  $E_{p,i}$  and intensity ( $E_{iso}$ ,  $L_{iso}$ ,  $L_{p,iso}$ ) is one of the most robust and intriguing properties of GRBs and a promising tool for measuring cosmological parameters [2, 3].

## 1.2 Historical Discovery of gamma-Ray bursts

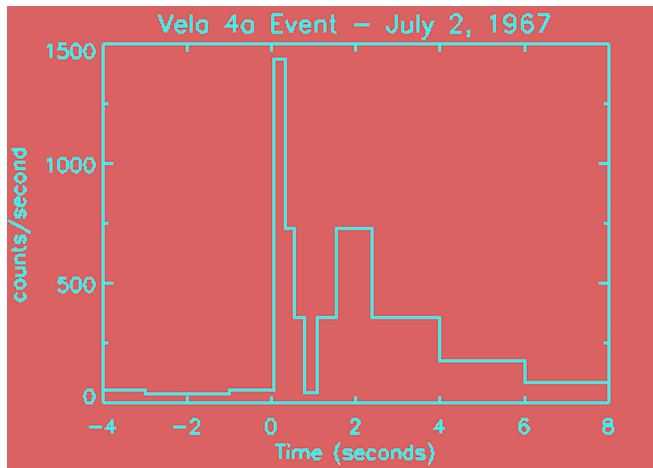
Gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) were first discovered unexpectedly during the Cold War in the late of 1960s by the Vela military satellites that were equipped with detectors of gamma-rays, X-rays and neutrons and launched by USA Air Force in collaboration with the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The first event was recorded in 1967. After verification, it was clear that gamma radiation was not of human origin, nor even terrestrial. However, the existence of Gamma-ray flashes coming from cosmos was announced the first event after six years in 1973 dating back to July 2, 1967 [4].

The study of GRBs physics mainly led by observations with help of improved detecting instruments on satellites to monitor phenomena in the universe in relation to Gamma-ray emissions. Prompted by the instrumental progress from time to time, the story of observational research of GRBs from early time to recent classified in five eras [4] [5].

### 1.2.1 Dark era (1967-1990)

The first gamma-ray burst discovered named as "GRB 670702" that detected by Vela satellite (see Fig 1.1). In the name "GRB 670702", the first two digits represent the burst year, the middle two and the last two digits represent month and the last

two digits date of the burst. If more than two events of bursts were happened in one day, they labeled to identify them using English letters alphabetically. [4] [5].



**Figure 1.1:** Light curve of the first GRB ever detected by Vela. Two separate pulses can be identified over a duration of less than 10 seconds [4]

After the first discovery, the series of Vela satellites were launched, and more than 70 GRBs were detected. These earliest observational results of GRBs only consist of several structures “spikes” found in the Gamma-ray band, but no way to identify their location. However, after a series of Vela satellites were launched with improved detecting instruments, the origins of GRBs were believed to be outside the solar system by offset information [4] [5].

The fundamental questions of the era were: Where do GRBs come from? What is the source of such flashes of light? By what mechanisms? Do they appear in our galaxy, the Milky Way, or in more distant galaxies? To answer such questions, more than one hundred models were proposed to explain the origin and production mechanisms of GRBs. However, only a few of them were explaining that GRB events occur at cosmological (at far distances). On the other hand, the majority of the models were indicating that the events of GRBs are closer to the Earth (galactic origin) apparently to overcome the energy output. During the era, the detection and interpretation of GRBs were not progressive due to lack of improved detecting instruments, however, GRBs as a new field of science were opened at the end of the era [4] [6].



### 1.2.2 BATSE era (1991-2000)

The Burst And Transient Source Experiment (BATSE) was the early advanced space detecting instruments that carried on the Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory (CGRO), that capable to map Gamma-ray sources from almost the entire sky in energy range of (20keV - 2MeV ).The contributions of BATSE in its nine years successful operations were:

- At its early operation in 1991,the apparent isotropic spatial distributions of 2704 GRBs were confirmed (see fig 1.2 ) ,and then the cosmological origin of GRBs was accepted by astronomers although the debate between galactic and cosmological origin continued until BeppoSAX. [5][7].

The fig shows,the distribution is « isotropic »: the bursts are distributed randomly on the map indicating that they are either very close to the Earth, or very far, of extragalactic origin. No concentration of bursts along the plane of the Milky Way, symbolized on the map by the horizontal center line, appears. This most likely excludes candidates from our galaxy.

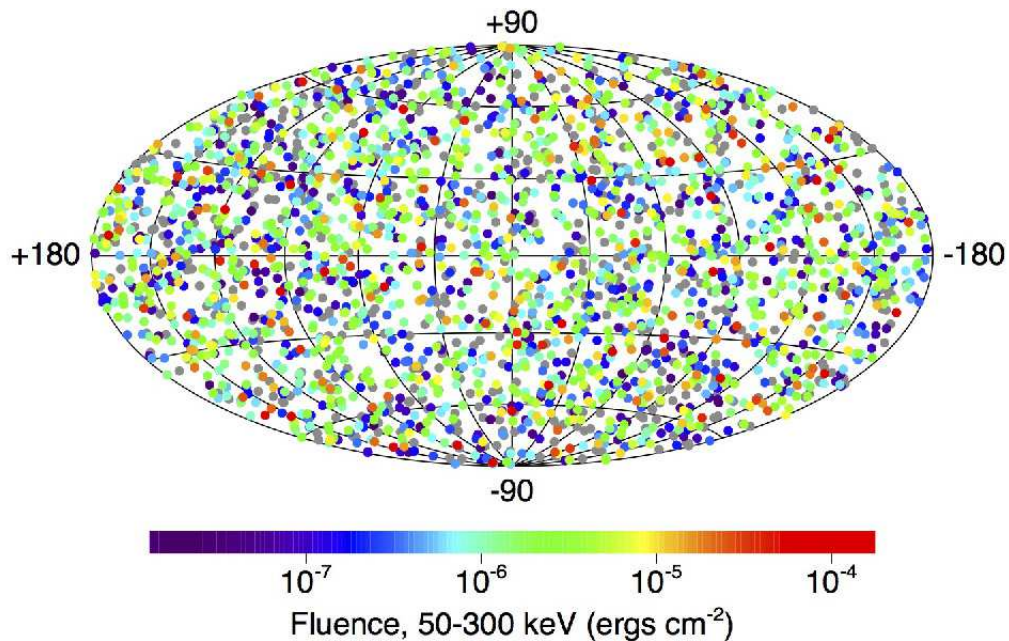
- Fireball model as the theoretical tool to explain the huge amount of energy driven from observed flux and fast time variability.
- confirm the classification GRBs into two types (short and long GRBs) according to bimodal distribution of durations parameter  $T_{90}$ .
- provide database of GRBs, their spectral and temporal properties [5][7].

#### **limitations of BATSE**

- unable to classify diversities(single spikey pulses,smooth with or multiple peaks,very erratic,chaotic and spikey).
- BATSE's observations remain limited to gamma-rays alone,no follow-up observations at other longer wavelengths [5][6] [7].

### 1.2.3 BeppoSax era (1997-2000)

BeppoSax equipped with improved instruments on satellite launched in 1997. It was designed to detect long -living afterglows from X-ray to radio wavelength.The contributions of BATSE in its seven years operations were:



**Figure 1.2:** The distribution of all 2704 GRBs detected by BATSE satellite: they are clearly isotropically distributed [7].

- confirm the precise location of the burst in the X-rays rapidly transmitted and also discovered weak and decreasing signals. This was the late-time, weaker emission radiates in the X-rays, optical and radio waves.
- Opened a new era for the current understanding of the mystery of GRBs.
- predicted the existence of GRBs afterglow in longer energy bands (from optical to radio wave length).
- Provide clues for GRB-SN possible connection, which was later confirmed by HETE-2 and Swift that support the collapsar model and explosions of massive stars of Wolf-Rayet (WR), leaving behind BH.
- Provide crucial information on the progenitors of GRBs.
- X-ray flash as a new class of GRB with less-luminous and low redshift identified from traditional GRBs [4] [7].

### **limitation of Beppo-sax**

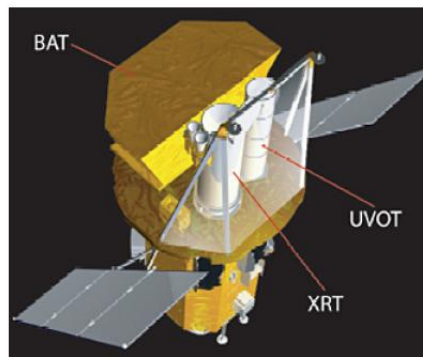
- unable to show the canonical behavior of x-ray afterglow which was later shown by Swift [5].

### 1.2.4 Swift era(2004-now)

The Swift was a robotic spacecraft. It was launched into orbit on November 20, 2004 and orbits at 567 km x 585 km with a period of 95.9 min. is to investigate four phenomena : GRB progenitors, different physical processes underlying different GRB class observations, the interaction between the blastwave and its surroundings, and the early Universe through GRBs. Swift also aimed to investigate other non-GRB-related phenomena. It was the first multi wavelength mission for the study of GRBs, being elaborated by an international collaboration. In its ten years operations , Swift detected more than 2300 GRBs [4] [6].

Swift designed to detect and study the two phases of GRBs : prompt and afterglow emissions , and equipped with three sophisticated detecting instruments working together to observe GRBs and their afterglows in the gamma-ray, X-ray, ultraviolet and Optical wavebands.(see fig 1.3) The instruments and their functions described below:[8][9].

#### **Burst Alert Telescope (BAT).**



**Figure 1.3:** Schematic view of the swift satellite(Gehrels et.al 2004).The size of Mask of BAT is  $2.7m^2$  [7]

BAT detects GRB event and computes its coordinate (position) in the sky and locates the position of each event with an accuracy of 1 - 4 arcminutes with in 15 seconds. This position immediately relayed to the ground and rapid slew-ground based telescope catches the informations.

#### **X-Ray Telscope (XRT)**

It takes image and perform spectral analysis of the GRB afterglow. This provides more precise postion of GRB with a typical error circle of approximation 2 arcseconds

radius. The XRT also used to perform long term monitoring of GRB afterglow light curves and operated in energy range of 0.2 keV - 10 keV .

### **Ultra Violet optical Telescope (UVOT)**

UVOT used to detect optical afterglow and provide a sub-arcseconds position. It also used to provide longer wave length follow ups of GRB afterglow light curves. Swift has been a great success in its observations. results include:

- Revealed unusual yet “canonical” X-ray afterglow behavior of X-ray flaring activity during the afterglow phase.
- show the transition from prompt to afterglow emission.

Finally, it detected the high- $z$  GRBs such as 050904,080913 and 090423, which were the most distant cosmic explosions [5] [7].

### **1.2.5 Fermi era (2008-now)**

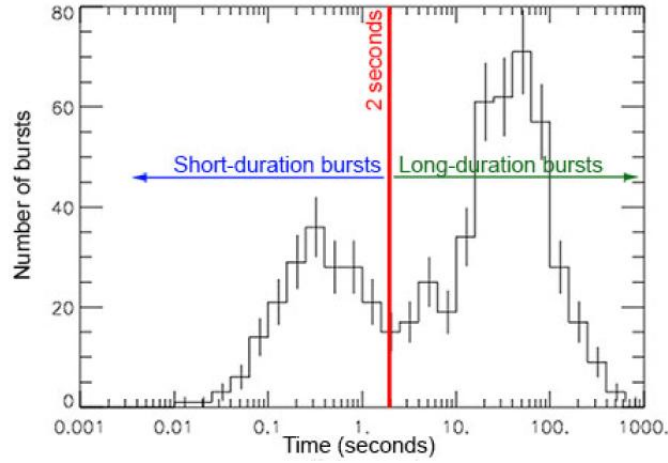
Fermi designed to focus on prompt emissions phase of GRBs by using much higher energy ranges (8keV - 300keV) than swift (15keV -150keV).It carries on board two types of detectors known to be Gamma-Ray Burst Monitor (GRBM ) and Large Area Telescope (LAT).They provide unprecedented spectral coverage for seven orders of magnitudes of energy from 8 keV to 300 GeV.Fermi made Significant progresses for the current understanding of origin of GRBs.

The contributions of Fermi since launched were:

- The existence of three elemental spectral components (Band function-like, thermal and extra non-thermal power-law components ) in GRB spectra was confirmed.
- Suggest that the featureless Band function spectra extended from keV to GeV band a Poynting-flux-dominated flow.
- Explain the existence of thermal components in some GRBs(e.g GRB 5090902B) due to hot fireball without strong magnetization.
- The delayed onset of GeV emission in some LAT GRBs suggests that there likely be a change of either particle acceleration condition or the opacity of the fireball during the early prompt emission epoch.
- confirms that long lived GeV emission is likely of external origin, while GeV emission during the prompt phase, on the other hand is likely of internal origin [10] [11].

## 1.3 Classification of gamma-ray bursts

Based on the bimodal distributions of durations  $T_{90}$  or  $T_{50}$  of prompt phase or hardness ratio, GRBs have been categorized into two groups: short/hard and long/soft GRBs. The duration of GRB,  $T_{90}$  or  $T_{50}$ , is defined by the time interval over which 90 % or 50 % of the burst fluence is detected respectively. The typical duration of a GRBs is  $\sim 20 - 30$  seconds for long bursts and  $\sim 0.2 - 1.3$  seconds for short bursts. Observationally the durations of GRBs can be in a range of 5 orders of magnitude, i.e, from  $\sim 10^{-2}$  s to  $\sim 10^3$  s. The bimodal distribution of  $T_{90}$  has been used to identify the two categories of GRBs, namely, “long” or “soft” ( $T_{90} \geq 2$  s) and “short” or “hard” ( $T_{90} \leq 2$  s) (see Fig1.4). Instrumentally,  $T_{90}$  or  $T_{50}$  depends on the energy band and the sensitivity limit of the detector. Theoretically, there are



**Figure 1.4:** The GRB classification (long and short) distribution.

three timescales which may be related to the observed GRB duration  $T_{90}$ :

- (1) central engine activity time scale  $t_{eng}$
- (2) relativistic jet launching time scale  $t_{jet}$
- (3) energy dissipation time scale  $t_{dis}$ . Then, the observed GRBs duration  $T_{90}$  should satisfy: [5]

$$T_{90} \leq \delta t_{dis} \leq \delta t_{jet} \leq \delta t_{eng} \quad (1.1)$$

### 1.3.1 short/hard gamma-ray bursts

Short/Hard gamma ray bursts (SGRBs) are events with a duration  $T_{90}$  less than 2 seconds and account for about 30% of the total gamma ray bursts. They are highly energetic /hard gamma-rays when compared with their long burst counterparts. For

many years short-hard GRBs were not deeply researched as long GRBs. As a result, study of short-hard GRBs (SHBs) is limited. However, one year after Swift launch, in 2005 a breakthrough occurred following the first detections of SHB afterglows [5][6].

The Swift observations established that SHBs are cosmological relativistic sources that, unlike long GRBs, do not originate from the collapse of massive stars, and therefore constitute a distinct physical phenomenon. One viable model for SHB origin is the coalescence of compact binary systems, in which case SHBs are the electromagnetic counterparts of strong gravitational-wave sources. In this burst, the conversion of energy into gamma-rays decreases as the burst progresses. There is no radio, optical, or x-ray counterpart has found for any short burst [5].

### 1.3.2 long/soft gamma-ray bursts

Another subclass of GRBs that account for 70% and have a duration of greater than 2 seconds are classified as long/soft GRBs (see fig 1.4 above). All long bursts display x-ray afterglow and about one-half as radio or optical afterglows. In long duration bursts energy conversion appears to remain constant through burst. Their creation linked to a young galaxies with rapid star formation and to a core collapse of supernova as well. This is unambiguously associating long GRB with the death of massive stars. Observations of LGRB afterglow at high red shift, are also consistent with the GRB having originated in star-forming regions [6].

### 1.3.3 Ultra long gamma-ray bursts (ULGRBs)

GRBs with highly a typical durations of more than 10,000sec called ultra-long gamma-ray bursts (ulGRBs). They are the tail end of the standard long GRBs that caused by the collapse of a blue supergiant star, tidal disruption events or a new born magnetar. They have been proposed to form a new third class of GRBs. One explanation which has been proposed for their ultra-long duration is that they could have progenitors differ from classical GRBs in that: they could be produced either by the core collapse of a low-metallicity supergiant blue star, the birth of a magnetar following the collapse of a massive star or the collapse of a Pop III star. In any case, it is clear that the durations of these bursts make them so peculiar that they need further studies [10] [11].

## 1.4 Global properties of GRBs

Two distinct global properties of “classical GRBs” began to emerge—the intensity /brightness and the angular / location distributions—both are important implications for the distance scale of GRBs and hence their origin.

### 1.4.1 Intensity distribution

The brightness distribution of GRBs appeared to show that we were seeing out to the edge of the GRB population: there were too few faint GRBs relative to the number expected if GRBs were uniformly (“homogeneously”) distributed in space. Brightness was most straight forwardly measured as the peak flux ( $P$ , with units [ $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$ ]) in the light curve of a GRB. The brightness distribution is usually measured as the number,  $N(>P)$ , of GRBs brighter than some peak flux  $P$  per year. If the peak luminosity ( $L$ , with units [ $\text{erg s}^{-1}$ ]) of all GRBs is the same, then, using the  $\frac{1}{r^2}$  law, for a given flux  $P$  we would see all the GRBs within a maximum distance: [7] [12].

$$d_{\max} \approx \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi P}} \propto P^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

All the GRBs to that distance would be brighter than  $P$  by construction. The number of GRBs we would detect to that brightness (or brighter) in one year would just be the volume times the intrinsic rate ( $R$ , in units of [event  $\text{yr}^{-1}$  per volume element]):  $N(>P) \propto V \times R \propto R \times d_{\max}^3 \propto R \times P^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ . So with a homogeneous distribution, we expect that the number of faint GRBs  $N$  should grow as a power law proportional to  $P^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ , where the constant of proportionality scales directly related to the intrinsic rate  $R$ : for every ten times fainter in flux we observe, we would nominally expect about thirty-two times more GRBs. While this was indeed seen for the brightest events, there was a flattening at the faint end of the brightness distribution. This flattening was highly suggestive that we were seeing the “edge” of the GRB distribution in space, an important clue in understanding the distance scale. But without knowing the intrinsic luminosity  $L$ , we could only infer the shape of the distribution, not the scale. It was like seeing a picture of a building but not knowing if it was of a miniature in a snow globe or the life-sized version [7][12].

### 1.4.2 Angular distribution

The locations of GRBs on the sky appeared to be randomly (isotropically) distributed: that is, there was no indication that any one direction on the sky was especially more apt to produce GRBs than any other (see fig1.2 in section 1.1). If GRBs were due to neutron stars strewn through out the disk of the Galaxy, for instance, the locations of GRBs on the sky should have been preferentially located near the Galactic plane (as is seen with SGRs). If associated with older stars in the roughly spherical “bulge” of the Milky Way, GRBs would have been preferentially located in the direction toward the Galactic center and less so toward the opposite direction. The inference that the Sun was roughly at the center of the GRB distribution in space, while casting aside some models, still allowed for a variety of distance scales: from a fraction of a light year to billions of light years [7].

## 1.5 Statement of the problems

As mentioned in section 1.1 above, to study the mystery and phenomenology of Gamma-ray bursts, several satellites (from Vela at early time to Fermi and others at recent time) equipped with different instruments (telescopes) have been launched. Among those satellites, Swift was open new era for the current understanding and development of gamma ray researches. Swift missions detected the prompt and the afterglow emission phases of GRB. Moreover, the temporal and spectral behaviors as well as properties of x-ray and optical light curves of most GRB also studied. However, as far as my search/review literature is concerned, there is a gap knowledge that explaining more about canonical x-ray light curves:

- Does x-ray afterglow the results of internal or external shocks or both?
- What parameters / variables responsible for the variations of temporal and spectral indices of canonical x-ray ;
- what is the implications the variations both indexes.

In this thesis, I emphasized on the theoretical and observational properties of canonical X-ray afterglow light curves qualitatively and quantitatively.

Regarding this work the unclear ideas or un answered questions are listed below. Among these:

- (1) what are the cause of canonical x-ray light curve of afterglow GRB?
- (2) what are the progenitors of canonical x-ray light curves?
- (3) Did the value of temporal index of any random GRB confirmed to the proposed



value in all phases canonical x-ray LCs ?

(4) Could some of the breaks at the end of the plateau phase actually be jet break or late steep decay phase? The goal of this thesis is attempt to explain and give answers for these questions.

## 1.6 Objectives and thesis outline

### General objective

To study how characteristics of light curves gamma ray bursts affected by some parameters or variables such as flux ,luminosity and time.

### specific objectives

- To explain the cause and effect for the variations of light curves of prompt and afterglow phases.
- To compare / contrast the proposed values of temporal and spectral indices of x-ray afterglow with/to the calculated values.
- To describe the implications of temporal ( $\alpha$ ) and spectral ( $\beta$ ) indices gamma -ray afterglows.

### Thesis outline

Hereafter, I point out the outline of the thesis. In chapter 1 above, the background of gamma -ray physics and a short historical discoveries /explorations/, grb as well as gradual development of them for the past five decades would be discussed. Chapter 2,mainly focused on the production / emission mechanisms of gamma-ray bursts, theoretical and observational properties of grb explained using standard fireball models. Furthermore,the dissipative process( matter- dominated phase ) and Radiative process ( radiation - dominated phase) of gamma -ray emission mechanisms are explained in detail.

In chapter 3, I address methodology / methods , and models tools used to analyze the temporal and spectral properties of canonical x-ray light curves in swift/XRT for some selected gamma-ray bursts with red shifts two or more breaks. In chapter 4, I discuss on achieved results /findings with proposed values by comparing / contrasting using tables and charts.Finally,I forward a brief summary or review of the enlightenment of this work, as well as a hint for future research in the last chapter.

## Research methodology

### Introduction

After the launch of the Swift , observational and theoritical understanding of the prompt and afterglow phases of gamma-ray bursts promptedly changed due to use of satellites equipped with improved detecting instruments. Furthermore,the debating issues of GRBs at early dicoverly: its origin ( galactic or cosmological location ) , and isotropic distributions of GRBs were confirmed after 2004 in swift era. Not only these , standared models " fire ball " developed during this era to explain the emmission mechanisms of gamma-ray burst and its afterglows ( from X-ray to radio band ).However,(Features of temporal and spectral indices yet unclear as far as my search concerned ) to achieve objectives of this study , un explained ideas and knowledge gaps that appeared in review litrature shouldbe answerd.Therefore,appropriate and comprehensive methodology i.e , quantitative and qualitative research approaches and procedures are implemented.

### 3.1 Research designs

#### Fireball Models

As we have mentioned in section (2.2), the standard fireball model proposed to explain afterglow gamma-ray bursts. In standard fireball model, the behavior of X-ray light curves assumed to be characterized by a single power law decay where flux fading as:

$$f_{\nu}(t) \propto t^{-\alpha} \quad (3.1)$$

where  $f_{\nu}$  the flux decay with time and  $\alpha$  is the temporal index/decay slope and subscripted by numbers  $\alpha = 1, 2, 3,$  and  $4$  for early steep decay slope, shallow decay slope, normal decay slope and late decay slope respectively , that were captured by the swift/XRT. This is the model that relates both temporal( $\alpha$ ) and spectral(  $\beta$  ) indices in standard fireball model as:  $\alpha = 2 + \beta$  called the closure relation , where both  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  are unitless.

### spectral models

Several spectral functions are available for use with gtlike. The spectral model for X-ray point source defined by as:

#### Power law

$$\frac{dN}{dE} = N_o(dE/E_o)^{-\gamma} \quad (3.2)$$

where the parameters in the XML definition have the following mappings:

Prefactor =  $N_o$

Index =  $\gamma$

Scale =  $E_o$

and the units are  $cm^{-2} s^{-2} MeV^{-2}$ . Similarly, The spectral function characterizing diffuse sources defined as:

#### BrokenPowerLaw

The function has the form:  $\frac{dN}{dE} = N_o \times X$  and has units  $cm^{-2} s^{-2} MeV^{-2} sr^{-2}$ .

where the parameters in the XML definition have the following mappings:

#### Simple empirical model

## 3.2 GRBs afterglow data Sources and types

For my work, I used the existing secondary data source that has taken from Swift /Xrt data catalogue (evans et.al Online repository). In our data analysis, both the classes of gamma-ray bursts (short and long) are included as our sample from the source: Swift/Xrt that observed over longer periods; (from ... to ....this years).

## 3.3 Data sampling technique and size

As mentioned above, based on designed criteria for selection, (classes of grb, number of light curve breaks and specific redshifts), twenty (20) GRBs afterglows are selected using simple random probability sampling method. Accordingly, the size of selected GRB afterglows listed in table 3.1 below. make table based on criteria mentioned above. i.e 10 GRBs (5 SGRBs and 5 LGRBs with 1 or 2 lightcurves breaks, redshifts). Similarly for other 10 (5 SGRBs and 5 LGRBs by the same criteria but 3 light curves).

Class of GRBs	LC with Break 1	LC with Break 2	LC with Break 3	Total
Short GRB	2	3	5	10
Long GRB	3	2	5	10
Total	5	5	10	20

### **3.4 Validity and reliability of data**

### **3.5 Evaluating and justifying methodology**

### **3.6 Data processing and analyzing**

## **Result And Discussion**

### **4.1 Introduction**

**Conclusion**

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