Swift Observations of GRB 091130B

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1 Introduction

BAT triggered on GRB 091130B at 17:59:04 UT (Trigger 377487) (Racusin, et al., GCN Circ. 10214). This was a rate-trigger on a long burst with $T_{90} = 112.5 \pm 17.1$ sec. Swift slewed to this burst immediately and XRT began follow-up observations at T+85.4 sec, and UVOT at T+95 sec. Our best position is the XRT enhanced location $RA(J2000) = 203.14852deg \ (13h32m35.64s)$, $Dec(J2000) = +34.08856deg \ (+34d05'18.8'')$ with an error of 1.4 arcsec (radius, 90% confidence).

2 BAT Observation and Analysis

Using the data set from T-60 to T+243 sec, further analysis of BAT GRB 091130B has been performed by Swift team (Ukwatta, et al., GCN Circ. 10221). The BAT ground-calculated position is $RA(J2000) = 203.149 deg \ (13h32m35.8s)$, $Dec(J2000) = +34.068 deg \ (+34d05'11.0'')$ with an error of 1.3 arcmin, (radius, systematic and statistical, 90% containment). The partial coding was 77%.

The masked-weighted light curves (Fig.1) shows several broad, irregular, overlapping peaks starting at T-25 sec, peaking at T and ending at T+120 sec. $T_{90}(15-350keV)$ is 112.5 ± 17.1 sec (estimated error including systematics).

The time-averaged spectrum from T-4.7 to T+127.4 sec is best fit by a simple power law model. This fit gives a photon index of 2.15 ± 0.15 . For this model the total fluence in the 15-150 keV band is $(1.3\pm0.1)\times10^{-6}$ ergs/cm² and the 1-sec peak flux measured from T-0.06 sec in the 15-150 keV band is 1.1 ± 0.2 ph/cm²/sec. All the quoted errors are at the 90% confidence level.

3 XRT Observations and Analysis

Using 35 ks of XRT Photon Counting mode data and 54 UVOT images for GRB 091130B, the astrometrically corrected X-ray position (using the XRT-UVOT alignment and matching UVOT field sources to the USNO-B1 catalogue) is $RA(J2000) = 203.14852deg \ (13h32m35.64s)$, $Dec(J2000) = +34.08856 \ deg \ (+34d05'18.8'')$ with an error of 1.4 arcsec (radius, 90% confidence). This position is within 1.1 arcsec of the initial XRT position.

The 0.3-10~keV light curve (Fig.2) shows an initial steep decline with a slope of $3.60^{+0.19}_{-0.18}$ with super-imposed flares, following by a shallow slope of 0.34 ± 0.08 , beginning at $T+1800\pm400~sec$. At $(5.2^{+1.9}_{-0.9})\times10^4~sec$ the light curve breaks with a slope of 1.13 ± 0.07 .

Three segments of the X-ray lightcurve can be modeled with an absorbed power-law with spectral indices of 2.27 ± 0.07 , 2.60 ± 0.17 , and $2.46^{+0.13}_{-0.21}$, respectively. The measured N_H column density is in excess of the galactic column density $(8.0 \times 10^{19} cm^{-2})$ with values of $(2.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{21} cm^{-2}$, $(2.0^{+0.3}_{-0.4}) \times 10^{21} cm^{-2}$, and $(2.1^{+0.2}_{-0.5}) \times 10^{21} cm^{-2}$, respectively. The average observed (unabsorbed) fluxes over $0.3 - 10 \ keV$ for these spectra (spanning a times of 85-300 seconds, 3 - 52ks, and $52 \ ks - 2 \ Ms$ after the trigger) are 4.8×10^{-9} (8.5×10^{-9}) $ergs/cm^2/sec$, 1.5×10^{-12} (3.2×10^{-12}) $ergs/cm^2/sec$, and 1.8×10^{-13} (3.4×10^{-13}) $ergs/cm^2/sec$, respectively.

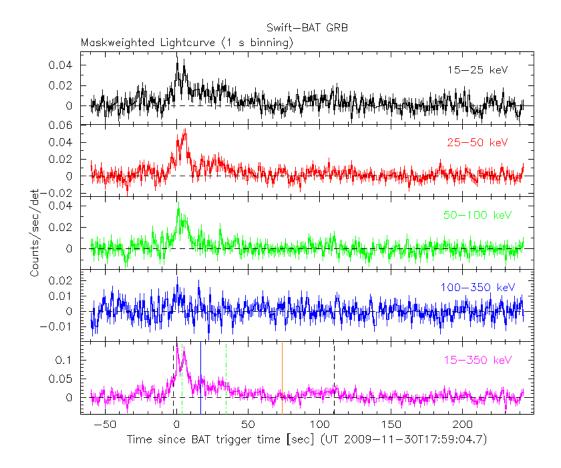


Figure 1: BAT Light curve. The mask-weighted light curve in the 4 individual plus total energy bands. The units are counts/sec/illuminated-detector and T_0 is 17:59:04 UT.

4 UVOT Observation and Analysis

The UVOT began observing the field of GRB 091130B at 18:00:39 UT, 95 sec after the initial BAT trigger (Racusin et al., GCN Circ. 10214). No new source was detected within the XRT enhanced error circle. Upper limits are summarized in Table 1. These upper limits are not corrected for Galactic extinction E(B-V)=0.01 mag (Schlegel et al. 1998). All photometry is on the UVOT photometric system described in Poole et al. (2008, MNRAS, 383, 627).

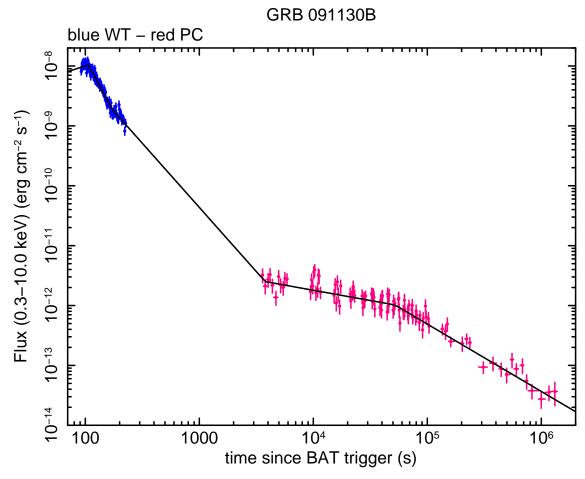


Figure 2: XRT Lightcurve. Flux in the 0.3-10 keV band: Window Timing mode (blue), Photon Counting mode (red). The approximate observed (unabsorbed) conversion from count rate to flux is $1 \text{ count/sec} = \sim 3.2 \times 10^{-11} (6.6 \times 10^{-11}) \ ergs/cm^2/sec.$

Filter	Start	Stop	Exposure	3-Sigma UL
white	95	230	132	> 20.20
white	4517	4717	196	> 20.97
v	3492	3692	196	> 19.38
b	4313	4512	196	> 20.31
u	4107	4307	196	> 19.91
uvw1	3903	4102	196	> 19.88
uvm2	3697	3897	196	> 19.76
uvw2	4723	4923	196	> 19.98

Table 1: Magnitude limits from UVOT observations