Swift Observations of GRB 100802A

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1 Introduction

The Swift/BAT triggered and located GRB 100802A (Trigger 430603) at 05:45:36 UT (Troja, et al., GCN Circ. 11031). This was a rate trigger on a burst with $T_{90} = 487$ sec. Swift slewed immediately to the burst, XRT and UVOT began follow-up observations at T + 69 sec and T + 88 sec respectively.

Our best position is the UVOT position (Siegel, et al., GCN Circ. 11032): RA(J2000) = 2.46862 deg (00h09m52.47s), Dec(J2000) = +47.75531 deg (47d45'19.1'') with an uncertainty of 0.8 arcsec (radius, 90% confidence).

2 BAT Observation and Analysis

Using the data set from T-239 sec to T+963 sec, further analysis of BAT GRB 100802A has been performed by the Swift team (Baumgartner, et al., GCN Circ. 11035). The BAT ground-calculated position is $RA(J2000) = 2.482 \, deg \, (00h09m55.6s)$, $Dec(J2000) = 47.752 \, deg \, (47d45'05.5'')$ with an uncertainty of 1.1 arcmin (radius, sys+stat, 90% containment). The partial coding was 84%.

The mask-weighted light curve (Fig. 1) shows a FRED peak starting at $\sim T-7$ sec and peaking at $\sim T+1$ sec. There is a second peak on the tail of the first at $\sim T+90$ sec and a long peak starting around $\sim T+250$ sec, peaking at $\sim T+450$ sec, and ending at $\sim T+700$ sec. T_{90} (15-350 keV) is 487 ± 30 sec (estimated error including systematics).

The time-averaged spectrum from T-3.3 to T+531.7 sec is best fit by a simple power-law model. The power law index of the time-averaged spectrum is 1.85 ± 0.10 . The fluence in the 15-150 keV band is $(3.6 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6}$ ergs/cm². The 1-sec peak photon flux measured from T-0.08 sec in the 15-150 keV band is 0.9 ± 0.1 ph/cm²/sec. All the quoted errors are at the 90% confidence level.

3 XRT Observations and Analysis

The Swift/XRT began follow-up observations of the field of GRB 100802A 69 sec after the BAT trigger (Troja, et al., GCN Circ. 11031). The dataset consists of 9 s of Windowed Timing (WT) settling mode, 795 s of WT mode, and 133.8 ks of Photon Counting (PC) mode observations.

Using 794 sec of XRT PC mode data and 2 UVOT images for GRB 100802A, we find an astrometrically corrected X-ray position (using the XRT-UVOT alignment and matching UVOT field sources to the USNO-B1 catalogue): $RA(J2000) = 2.46489 deg \ (00h09m52.44s)$, $Dec(J2000) = +47.75479 deg \ (47d45'17.3'')$ with an uncertainty of 2.0 arcsec (radius, 90% confidence; Evans, et al., GCN Circ. 11036).

The 0.3-10 keV light curve (Fig. 2) shows an initial power-law decay with an index of α =1.64 \pm 0.03 and a large flare peaking at T+515 sec, which is consistent with a BAT peak (Baumgartner, et al., GCN Circ. 11035). After the first orbit the light curve flattens to an index of 0.23 \pm 0.23 and breaks at $\sim T+34$ ks to a final decay index of 0.69 \pm 0.08.

A spectrum formed from the WT mode data can be fit with an absorbed power-law with a photon index of 1.88 ± 0.03 and a column density $N_H=(1.93\pm0.09)\times~10^{21}~{\rm cm}^{-2}$, in excess of the Galactic value of $9.7\times~10^{20}~{\rm cm}^{-2}$ (Kalberla et al. 2005). The PC mode spectrum spanning from 4.1~ksec to

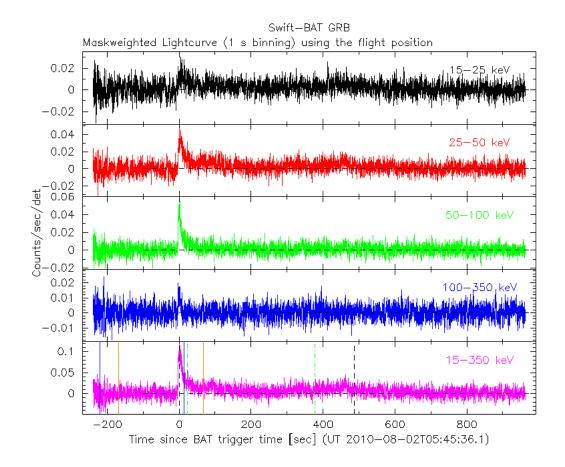


Figure 1: BAT Light curve. The mask-weighted light curve in the 4 individual plus total energy bands. The units are counts/sec/illuminated-detector.

24~ksec has a photon index of $2.21^{+0.23}_{-0.33}$ and a column density of $1.39^{+0.82}_{-0.42} \times 10^{21}~cm^{-2}$. The counts to observed (unabsorbed) flux conversion factor deduced from this spectrum is $1~count/sec = 3.5 \times 10^{-11} (5.2 \times 10^{-11})~ergs/cm^2/sec$.

4 UVOT Observation and Analysis

The Swift/UVOT began settled observations of the field of GRB 100802A 88 sec after the BAT trigger (Troja, et al., GCN Circ. 11031). UVOT took a finding chart exposure of 150 seconds with the White filter starting 88 seconds after the BAT trigger and a finding chart exposure of 250 seconds with the U filter starting 301 seconds after the BAT trigger.

A new optical source was found by UVOT (Siegel, et al., GCN Circ. 11032) in the early White and U filter exposures. The position of the source is: $RA(J2000) = 2.46862 deg \ (00h09m52.47s)$, $Dec(J2000) = +47.75531 deg \ (47d45'19.1'')$ with an uncertainty of 0.8 arcsec (radius, 90% confidence). The UVOT magnitudes of the detections and 3σ upper limits are reported in Table 1.

The quoted values have not been corrected for the expected Galactic extinction along the line of sight, corresponding to a reddening of $E_{B-V} = 0.12$ mag (Schlegel et al. 1998, ApJ, 500, 525). All photometry is on the UVOT photometric system described in Poole et al. (2008, MNRAS, 383, 627).

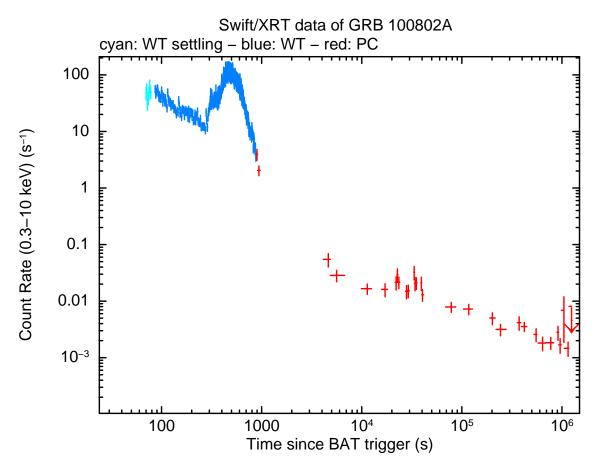


Figure 2: XRT light curve. Counts/sec in the 0.3-10 keV band: Windowed Timing settling mode (cyan), Windowed Timing mode (blue), Photon Counting mode (red). The approximate counts to observed (unabsorbed) flux conversion factor is 1 count/sec = 3.5×10^{-11} (5.2×10^{-11}) $ergs/cm^2/sec$.

Filter	Start	Stop	Exposure	Mag
white (FC)	89	238	147	20.7 ± 0.24
u (FC)	301	551	246	$19.57 {\pm} 0.22$
white	581	5566	327	21.85 ± 0.48
V	632	5977	432	> 20.6
b	557	6754	388	> 21.2
u	706	6593	412	>20.92
w1	682	6388	432	> 20.9
m2	657	6183	432	>20.6
w2	608	5772	432	>21.0

Table 1: Magnitudes from UVOT observations