

Swift Observations of GRB 110106A

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1 Introduction

BAT triggered on GRB 110106A at 15:25:16 UT, (trigger 441664, Mangano *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11520). This was a 1.024 s rate-trigger on a long burst with $T_{90} = 4.3 \pm 1.1$ s. Swift slewed immediately to the burst and found an X-ray counterpart to the burst in XRT. XRT began follow up observations at $T + 91$ s, and UVOT observations began at $T + 92$ s.

Our best position is the enhanced XRT position (using the XRT-UVOT alignment and matching UVOT field sources to the USNO-B1 catalogue): $RA(J2000) = 79.30578$ deg ($05^h 17^m 13.39^s$) $Dec(J2000) = +64.17349$ deg ($+64^d 10' 24.6''$) with an uncertainty of 1.8 arcsec (radius, 90% confidence, Osborne *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11526).

The field of GRB 110106A has been observed by some ground based optical telescopes:

the Xinglong Tsinghua-NAOC Telescope (TNT) telescope in the R band 10 min after the trigger (Xin *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11521); the MASTER II robotic telescope located in Kislovodsk 41 s after the trigger (Gorbovskoy *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11523); the 3.6m TNG telescope, located in the Canary Islands in the R and I band 4.41 hr after the trigger (Malesani *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11524) and then in the K band 10.33 hr after the GRB (Malesani *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11539); the MITSuME 50cm telescope of Okayama Astrophysical Observatory in the g', Rc and Ic filters 65 s after the trigger (Kuroda *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11535); the 1.3m ISAS-Kanazawa telescope, located at Sagamihara in the Rc band 1.3 min after the trigger (Yatsu *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11536). None of these telescopes could detect an optical afterglow inside the XRT error circle, but a galaxy at $z=0.093$ (Piranomonte *et al.* *GCN Circ.* 11530) was found just outside the error circle, and suggested for possible association with the GRB (Malesani *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11524 and *GCN Circ.* 11539, Gorbovskoy *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11542).

2 BAT Observation and Analysis

Using the data set from $T - 61$ to $T + 242$ s refined analysis of BAT GRB 110106A was performed by the Swift team and reported in Stamatikos *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11527.

The BAT ground-calculated position is $RA(J2000) = 79.295$ deg ($05^h 17^m 10.8s^s$), $Dec(J2000) = +64.199$ deg ($+64^d 11' 56.4''$) with an uncertainty of 2.0 arcmin, (radius, sys+stat, 90% containment). The partial coding was 34%.

The mask-weighted light curve (Fig.1) shows a pulse starting at $\sim T - 1$ s and lasting about 6 s. T_{90} (15–350 keV) is 4.3 ± 1.1 s (estimated error including systematics).

The time-averaged spectrum from $T - 1.0$ to $T + 3.9$ s is best fit by a simple power-law model. The power law index of the time-averaged spectrum is 1.71 ± 0.28 . The fluence in the 15–150 keV band is $3.0 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-7}$ erg cm⁻². The 1-s peak photon flux measured from $T + 0.32$ s in the 15–150 keV band is 1.9 ± 0.3 ph cm⁻² s⁻¹. All the quoted errors are at the 90% confidence level.

The results of the batgrbproduct analysis are available at http://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/notices_s/441664/BA/

3 XRT Observations and Analysis

Swift-XRT began follow-up observations of the field of GRB 110106A (trigger 441664, Mangano *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11520) 91 s after the BAT trigger.

The whole dataset consists of about 22.9 ks of data from 91 s to 92.2 ks after the BAT trigger. The data comprise 8 s in Windowed Timing (WT) mode (taken while Swift was slewing), with the remainder in Photon Counting (PC) mode. (Mangano *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11526).

Using 3088 s of XRT Photon Counting mode data and 6 UVOT image for GRB 110106A, we find an astrometrically corrected X-ray position (using the XRT–UVOT alignment and matching UVOT field sources to the USNO–B1 catalogue): RA($J2000$), Dec($J2000$) = 79.30578, +64.17349 which is equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RA}(J2000) &= 05^h 17^m 13.39^s \\ \text{Dec}(J2000) &= +64^d 10' 24.6'' \end{aligned}$$

with an uncertainty of 1.8 arcsec (radius, 90% confidence; Osborne *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11526).

This position is within 2.9 arcsec of the initial XRT position reported by Mangano *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11520.

The late-time 0.3–10 keV XRT light curve (from $T + 3.5$ ks, Fig.2) is well fitted by a power-law with a decay index of $1.2_{-0.3}^{+0.4}$.

The PC mode spectrum (extracted from $T + 113$ s to $T + 21.8$ ks, 8.65 ks exposure) has a photon index of $2.7_{-0.5}^{+0.4}$ and a best-fitting absorption column of $4.0_{-1.4}^{+1.6} \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, in excess of the Galactic value of $1.3 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ (Kalberla *et al.* 2005) with a significance of 4.8 sigma. The counts to observed (unabsorbed) 0.3–10 keV flux conversion factor deduced from this spectrum is $3.4 \times 10^{-11} (1.0 \times 10^{-10}) \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

The results of the XRT-team automatic analysis are available at http://www.swift.ac.uk/xrt_products/00441664.

4 UVOT Observation and Analysis

The UVOT began settled observations of the field of GRB 110106A 92 s after the BAT trigger (Mangano *et al.*, *GCN Circ.* 11520). Settled observations started at 110 s. We do not detect an optical afterglow in any of the UVOT filters.

3-sigma upper limits for the finding charts (FC) and co-added exposures are given in the following Table 1 where T_{start} and T_{stop} are the start and stop time of the observation.

The above upper limits are not corrected for the Galactic extinction corresponding to a reddening of $E(B-V) = 0.05$ (Schlegel *et al.*, 1998, *ApJS*, 500, 525). The photometry is on the UVOT photometric system described in Poole *et al.* (2008, *MNRAS*, 383, 627).

Filter	$T_{start}(s)$	$T_{stop}(s)$	Exp(s)	3-sigma upper limit
white_FC	110	162	52	>20.2
	3530	3680	150	>20.3
v	3687	16046	1278	>20.3
b	4508	10281	1082	>21.1
u	4302	5939	393	>20.4
uvw1	4097	5734	393	>20.2
uvm2	3892	5529	393	>20.1
uvw2	4918	11717	706	>20.9
white	110	11194	1280	>22.0

Table 1: 3-sigma upper limits from UVOT observations

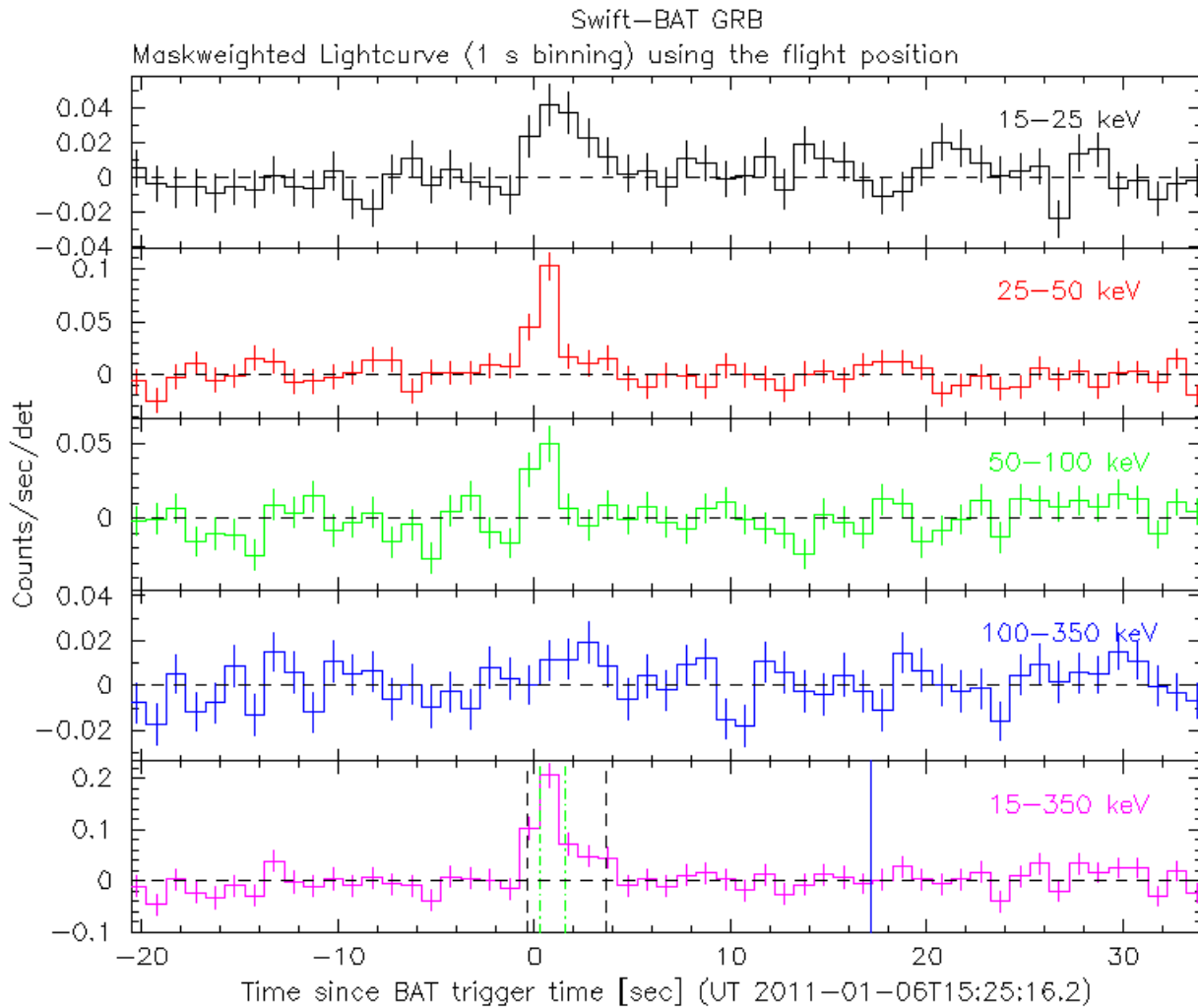


Figure 1: BAT Light curve. The mask-weighted light curve in the 4 individual plus total energy bands. The units are counts s^{-1} illuminated-detector $^{-1}$ (note illum-det = 0.16 cm^2) and T_0 is 2011 Jan 06 15:25:16 UT.

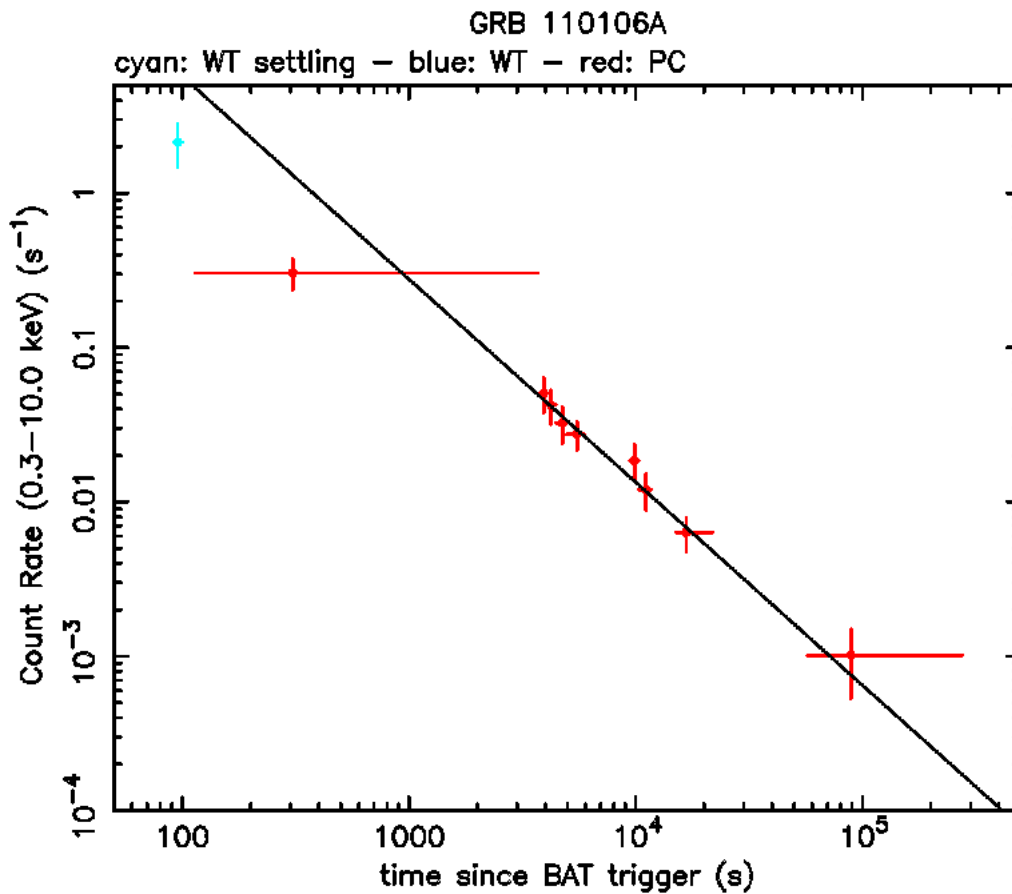


Figure 2: XRT Light curve. Counts/s in the 0.3–10 keV band: Window Timing mode (cyan for settling and blue for settled observation), Photon Counting mode (red). The approximate conversion is $1 \text{ count/s} = \sim 1.1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$.