**Swift and Suzaku Observations of the X-Ray Afterglow from the GRB 060105**

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**Abstract**

Results are presented of early X-ray afterglow observations of GRB 060105 by *Swift* and *Suzaku*. The bright, long gamma-ray burst GRB 060105 triggered the *Swift* Burst Alert Telescope (BAT) at 06:49:28 on 5 January 2006. The *Swift* X-Ray Telescope (XRT) started pointed observations 87 s after the trigger (T₀). The *Suzaku* team commenced a pre-planned target of opportunity observation at 19 ks (5.3 hr) after the *Swift* trigger as the first *Suzaku* attempt at a rapid response to a new gamma-ray burst. The X-ray flux faded during the observations from 6.8 x 10⁻⁹ erg s⁻¹ cm⁻² (at T₀ + 87 s with the *Swift*/XRT) to 1.5 x 10⁻¹³ erg s⁻¹ cm⁻² (at T₀ + 94–101 ks with the *Suzaku* X-ray Imaging Spectrometer (XIS)) in the 2–10 keV energy band. The afterglow exhibited four phases of decay consisting of different decay indices during the *Swift*/XRT and *Suzaku* observations. The inferred flux and spectral shapes with both instruments are fully consistent within the statistics, although there are hardening in the first shallow decay phase and softening in very steep decay phases in the end of the observations. Following the prompt emission and successive very steep decay, a shallow decay was observed from T₀ + 187 s to T₀ + 1287 s. After an observation gap during T₀ + (1.5–3) ks, an extremely early steep decay was observed in T₀ + (4–30) ks. The lightcurve flattened again at T₀ + 30 ks, and another steep decay followed from T₀ + 50 ks to the end of observations. Both steep decays exhibited decay indices α ≈ 2.3 – 2.4. This lightcurve behavior can be explained as a steep decay resulting from side expansion of a jet, while the two flattening portions suggest energy injection and refreshed shock passage, respectively. This very early break, if it is a jet break, is the earliest case among X-ray afterglow observations, suggesting a very narrow jet whose opening angle is well below 1°. The unique *Suzaku*/XIS data allow us to set very tight upper limits on line emission or absorption in this GRB. For the reported pseudo-redshift of z = 4.0 ± 1.3 the upper limit on the iron line equivalent width is 50 eV.

**Key words:** X-ray: Individual (Gamma-Ray Burst, GRB060105, afterglow) — X-ray: stars acceleration of particles — radiation mechanisms: non-thermal — relativistic jet
1. Introduction

Gamma-ray bursts (GRB) are thought to be caused by a sudden release of a large amount of energy ($\sim 10^{51}$ erg for long GRBs), on the scale of a single star. The prompt gamma-ray emission is attributed to internal shocks in a highly relativistic outflow (Rees & Mészáros 1994; Sari & Piran 1997) with a Lorentz factor of over 100 (see Piran 1999, and references therein). After this early phase, relativistic ejecta sweep up a sufficient amount of external medium and are decelerated to cause external shocks. A highly relativistic forward shock propagates into the circumstellar medium to produce the afterglow which can be observed across a wide energy band.

Before Swift (Gehrels et al. 2004), X-ray afterglow observations typically started several hours after the burst onset, and they showed a smooth single power-law decay $\sim t^{-1}$. In contrast, optical afterglow lightcurves often showed an achromatic steepening to $\sim t^{-2}$, which is attributed to the sideways expansion of a narrow jet (Rhoads 1999; Sari, Piran & Halpern 1999). The advent of Swift has opened the earlier time window from $10^2$ to $10^4$ s with the onboard X-Ray Telescope (XRT; Burrows et al. 2005a). The early — the first few hours — afterglow evolution is a probe not only of the early radiative energy losses from the external shock and energy injection, but also of the chemical abundance and density profile of the circumburst medium.

Because Swift observes X-ray afterglows much more rapidly and so has revealed a fundamental discrepancy from the simple power-law decay (e.g. Nousek et al. 2006). These data show the limitations of a simple “fire-ball model” assuming a delta function-like “sudden” energy injection with self-similar evolution, and implies hidden physical processes. Zhang et al. (2006) interpreted the Nousek et al. (2006) canonical afterglow lightcurve as having four phases: (i) very steep decay ($F_\nu(t) \propto t^{-\alpha}; \alpha \sim 3 - 5$); (ii) (very) shallow decay ($\alpha \sim 0.5$); and (iii) somewhat steeper (or normal) decay ($\alpha \sim 1$), where $F_\nu(t)$, $t$, and $\alpha$ are the X-ray flux, time from the burst, and decay index, respectively. In addition to those, (iv) jetlike (steep) decay ($\alpha \sim 2$); and temporal X-ray flares are observed in many GRBs (e.g. Burrows et al. 2005b).

Each transition suggests an evolution of the physical state, such as a start or end of energy injection, re-acceleration by a reverse or forward shock, deceleration of a structured or uniform jet, and/or spatial distribution of physical parameters. However, no significant spectral transition has been observed. Precise spectroscopy, utilizing a high sensitivity X-ray telescope, is the key to determining any spectral evolution at the phase transitions, which will enable us to understand what physics controls phase transitions in GRB jets. Observations with high sensitivity and high energy resolution also examine the question of line features reported by some authors, but which have not been confirmed by statistically strong detections (Piro et al. 1999; Yoshida et al. 2001; Reeves et al. 2002; Butler et al. 2003; Watson et al. 2003; and Sako et al. 2005). X-ray spectral data also provide limits on the environment in the very near vicinity around the gamma-ray burst and its progenitor.

We utilized the fifth Japanese X-ray observatory, Suzaku (Mitsuda et al. 2006a), to conduct a follow-up observation of GRB 060105. Aiming to observe the X-ray afterglow in the fastest possible time, we organized a Target of Opportunity (ToO) team to watch and respond quickly to Swift notices with Suzaku during the initial performance verification phase — the Science Working Group time.

2. Observations

2.1. Early phase observations

The Swift Burst Alert Telescope (BAT; Barthelmy et al. 2005) was triggered by GRB 060105 at 06:49:28 UT on January 5, 2006 (hereafter $T_0$; Ziaeepour et al. 2006; trigger number 175942) and located it at ($\alpha, \delta$) = ($-19^h49^m54^s, +46^\circ21^\prime45^\prime$) (J2000). HETE-2 also noticed the GRB at 06:50:14 via the GRB Coordinate Network (GCN). With Konus-Wind, Golenetskii et al. (2006) reported the 20 keV to 2 MeV fluence of $(7.86^{+0.19}_{-0.37}) \times 10^{-5}$ erg cm$^{-2}$ with a power-law with an exponential cutoff model spectrum, whose peak energy is $E_p = 424^{+25}_{-22}$ keV. The Swift/BAT lightcurve of the prompt emission is shown in figure 1, in which we see a precursor and two major peaks. A similar three peaked lightcurve was also confirmed with the Suzaku Wideband All-sky Monitor (WAM; Yamaoka et al. 2006) in a harder (100 keV to 1 MeV) band (Ohno et al. 2006).

The Swift/XRT began observations at 06:50:55.3 UT ($T_0 + 87$ s), and discovered a fading uncataloged X-ray source within the BAT error circle. The Swift/XRT continued the observation in windowed timing (WT) mode from $T_0 + 187$ s to $T_0 + 1,287$ s, automatically changing to photon counting (PC) mode from $T_0 + 1,431$ s to $T_0 + 24$ hr. Although the UV/Optical Telescope (UVOT; Roming et al. 2005) took a finding chart exposure of 200 s with the V filter starting 91 s after the BAT trigger, no afterglow candidate was observed. Neither optical nor radio afterglow has been reported with ground observations (e.g. Izumiura et al. 2006; Maeno et al. 2006; Godet et al. 2006; Yanagisawa et al. 2006; Schandy et al. 2006; Yonetoku et al. 2006; Zimmerman et al. 2006; Frail et al. 2006; Sarapov et al. 2006).

2.2. Follow up observation with Suzaku

The Suzaku GRB Target of Opportunity (ToO) team received the Swift notice and quick look result via the GCN at 87 s and 67 min after the trigger, respectively (Ziaeepour et al. 2006). The reported position satisfied the Suzaku solar angle constraint ($65^\circ \leq \theta_{sun-z} < 110^\circ$), and the initial X-ray afterglow flux was high enough ($F_\nu(2-10keV) > 10^{-11}$ erg cm$^{-2}$s$^{-1}$) to project that Suzaku instruments could measure the X-ray spectrum hours after the trigger. Upon receiving these notices the Suzaku steering committee approved the ToO observation. As the timing of this decision was 1.25 hrs before the first of five contact orbits, the specially organized team prepared...
commands to upload to Suzaku on the third contact orbit. Observations started at 12:10 ($T_0 + 5.3$ hr) and ended at 12:00 on the next day ($T_0 + 29.2$ hr). The Suzaku X-ray Imaging Spectrometer (XIS; Koyama et al. 2006), installed at the focal plane of the X-Ray Telescopes (XRT; Serlemitsos et al. 2006), immediately detected an uncatalogued fading source, thus confirming the detection of the X-ray afterglow of GRB060105. The quick-look and refined analysis results were reported by Mitsuda et al. (2006), and Nakazawa et al. (2006), respectively.

3. Data Analysis and Results

3.1. Early phase observation with Swift/BAT

The BAT data were analyzed using the standard BAT analysis software within heasoft 6.0.6. Hereafter the quoted errors are at the 90% confidence level value. Mask-tagged BAT lightcurves for the 15 – 150 keV band at 0.1 s time resolution are shown in figure 1. The 15 – 150 keV fluence was $(1.82 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-5}$ erg cm$^{-2}$, as reported by Markwardt et al. (2006), and the $T_{90}$ (the time interval over which the flux is within 90% of the peak burst photon fluence), calculated from the lightcurves was 54.4 $\pm$ 1.4 s.

3.2. Afterglow observations with Swift and Suzaku

Swift/XRT data were first processed by the Swift Data Center at NASA/GSFC into Level 1 products. We further processed them using the XRTDAS software package to produce a final cleaned event list. In particular, we processed the retrieved data with xrtpipeline and calibration data distributed with the heasoft 6.0.6. We used only grade 0–12 and 0–2 for PC and WT mode data, respectively (according to Swift nomenclature; Burrows et al. 2005a).

An X-ray source was confirmed at $(\alpha, \delta) = (19^h 50^m 00^s 6, +46^\circ 20' 58'')$ with an estimated uncertainty of 3', which was exactly the same position reported by Godet et al. (2006). The data before $T_0 + 10$ks were affected by pile-up in the PC-mode observation. Our position takes into account correction for misalignment between telescope and the satellite optical axis.

Suzaku data were extracted using the revision 0.7 pipeline process products. We used data from the BI chip (XIS1) and FI chips (XIS0, XIS2 and XIS3), except for the first 24 minutes of data because Suzaku had not yet reached a stable attitude. The net exposure time was 35.4 ks. Figure 2 shows the synthesized image of the four XIS fields of view. The brightest west source is located at the position, $(\alpha, \delta) = (19^h 49^m 56^s, +46^\circ 20' 56'')$. It is consistent with that reported by Swift/XRT within the accuracy at this stage of calibration (Serlemitsos et al. 2006). We accumulated events within 2'86 from the observed source center, while background events are also taken within the same radius but masked to exclude the contaminating point source and set at the axisymmetric position on the optical axis of the Suzaku/XRT. The two circular regions are shown in figure 2.

Swift/XRT and Suzaku/XIS lightcurves in the soft (0.5 – 1.7 keV) and the hard (1.9 – 8.0 keV) bands are jointly shown in figure 3 with the derived hardness ratios. It is obvious that these lightcurves are not represented by a
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**4. Discussion**

### 4.1. Decay time constants in different phases

We observed the X-ray afterglow of the GRB 060105 with Swift and Suzaku through $T_0 + 87$ s to $T_0 + 29$ hr almost continuously. The 0.5 to 8 keV spectra, obtained with Swift/XRT and Suzaku/XIS, were well described with an absorbed power-law model. On the other hand, the observed spectral index ($\beta \sim 1.1$) suggests that the X-ray bands are above the synchrotron cooling frequency. If so, the spectral index of electron energy distribution is $p \sim 2.2$, where electron number density is $n \propto E^{-p}$.

In the early X-ray afterglow lightcurve (figure 5), we identified four phase of decays as shown in table 2. Each phase decay was successfully fitted with the function of $F(t) \propto (t - t_{\text{offset}})^{-\alpha}$, where $F(t)$, $t$ and $t_{\text{offset}}$ are the derived X-ray flux, time from the Swift trigger ($T_0$), and time offset from the trigger, respectively. First we derived the best fit value of $t_{\text{offset}} = 39.7 \pm 0.9$ s and $\alpha_1 = 0.691 \pm 0.019$, from the phase 1 data. Then we fitted other two phase (2 and 4) decay indices using the previously derived $t_{\text{offset}}$ as a fixed parameter (table 2). The slope of decay in phase 1 seems to be consistent with those of both “shallow (or somewhat steeper) decay” and “classical (or normal) decay” (e.g. Nousek et al. 2006).

As for the phase 2 decay, the obtained decay index ($\alpha_2 = 2.41 \pm 0.14$) is too steep to regard it as the classical decay. It is consistent with the post-jet-break decay, although the rather large reduced $\chi^2$ value may suggest that it includes possible small X-ray flares. We saw no discontinuity in spectral index between phase 1 and 2. The decay without spectral change supports geometric changes in emission region like jet-break.

According to Sari, Piran, & Halpern (1999), the expected jetlike decay index is $\alpha_{\text{jet}} = 2\beta$, as long as the observed band is above the synchrotron cooling frequency. The observed spectral index ($\beta \sim 1.1$) implies that the decay indices ($\alpha_2$ and $\alpha_4$) in phase 2 and 4 are consistent with those expected for a jetlike decay. In addition, the fact that the spectral index remains the same after the flattening (in the phase 3) supports the hypothesis that the cooling time scale is shorter than the time scale of the observation. On the other hand, the electron energy index, $p \sim 2.2$ — estimated above, requires the decay index of 1.15 in the “classical decay regime”, which is much larger than that observed in phase 1. Therefore we could regard phase 1 as the “shallow decay”, and we suspect the...
expected “classical decay” could be during the data gap between phase 1 and 2. We also note that the suggested spectral hardening in phase 1 infers energy injection expected in the “shallow decay” phase. If this is the case, the jet break should occur between the cross point of extrapolations of the decays of phases 1 and 2 and the beginning of the observed phase 2. This requires the jet break time of \( t_0 + (3.5 - 4.0) \) ks (~0.04 day). This is the earliest jet break so far reported from the X-ray afterglow observations.

After the flat decay phase 3, we see another steep decay in phase 4 (\( t_0 + (50 - 120) \) ks). The evaluated decay index of \( \alpha_1 = 2.36 \pm 0.25 \) is consistent with the decay index in phase 2. The jet-like steep decay suggests the decay was also caused by side expansion of the emission region. We also note that X-ray spectra observed in phases 3 and 4 infer gradual softening in the steep decay phases (figure 5). This may implies a change of column density along the emission regions, since it does not require a steeper slope but a lower column density (table 1 (c) in comparison with those of (a)). However, we cannot reject gradual softening of the continuum. We need detailed examinations of the energy response and backgrounds of instruments before conclusion, since the fitting parameters of energy index and column density couples tightly.

4.2. Estimation of the jet opening angle and the kinetic energy

Under a simple assumption of a circumburst density medium of constant number density \( n \), and a uniform jet emitting a fraction \( \eta_j \) of its kinetic energy in the prompt gamma-ray phase, and the afterglow would show the jet break when its bulk Lorentz factor \( \Gamma \) is decelerated to the order of \( \Gamma \sim 1/\theta \). The \( \theta \) is estimated from equation (1) of Ghirlanda, Ghisellini & Lazzati (2004) or equation (1) of Sari, Piran & Halpern (1999). For the case of GRB 060105, the jet opening angle \( \theta \) is estimated as,

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\theta = 0.026 \left( \frac{t_{\text{jet},d}}{0.04} \right)^{3/8} \left( \frac{t}{1+z} \right)^{3/8} \left( \frac{\eta_j}{E_{\gamma,\text{iso},52}} \right)^{1/8},
\]

where \( z \) is the redshift, \( t_{\text{jet},d} \) is the break time in days, and \( E_{\gamma,\text{iso}} \) is the energy in gamma-rays calculated assuming that the emission is isotropic.

Although the host galaxy is not detected (Kann & Manohar 2006), if we adopt the reported 20 keV to 2 MeV fluence (Golenetskii et al. 2006; see also § 2.1) and the estimated “pseudo” redshift \( pz = 4.0 \pm 1.3 \) (Pelangeon & J-L. Atteia 2006), \( E_{\gamma,\text{iso}} \) could be \( 2.5 \times 10^{54} \) erg. Here we used the Hubble constant \( H_0 = 71 \) km s\(^{-1}\)Mpc\(^{-1}\), \( \Omega_M = 0.27 \), and \( \Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.73 \) to estimate luminosity distance. In this case, the jet opening angle \( \theta \) should be \( 0.012^{+0.003}_{-0.002} \) rad and the collimation-corrected energy \( E_\gamma(1 - \cos \theta)E_{\gamma,\text{iso}} \) is \( (1.8^{+0.3}_{-0.4}) \times 10^{50} \) erg. Here we take \( n = 3 \) cm\(^{-3} \) and \( \eta_j = 0.2 \) according to Ghirlanda, Ghisellini, & Lazzati (2004).

The estimated \( E_\gamma \), however, is far below the expected \( E_\gamma-E_p \) (Ghirlanda relation (Ghirlanda, Ghisellini & Lazzati 2004). Above, we evaluated \( E_{\gamma,\text{iso}} \) assuming the \( E_p-E_{\text{iso}} \) relation (Amati et al. 2002) using \( E_p \) given by Golenetskii et al. (2006). Then, regarding the phase 1 - 2 transition as the jet break, we estimated the jet opening angle \( \theta \) and resultant \( E_\gamma \), according to Ghirlanda, Ghisellini & Lazzati (2004). As far as we accept the \( E_p-E_{\text{iso}} \) relation, this discrepancy implies two possibilities: the phase 1 - 2 transition is not a jet break; or GRB 060105 is an outlier of the \( E_\gamma-E_p \) relation (e.g. Sato et al. 2006). Although the transition without spectral change seems to support the latter, the phase 3 - 4 transition could correspond to the “jet-break” so far recognized in the optical band. In order to examine the relation, in general, detailed investigation is needed in both the early phase X-ray and optical afterglow. For example, the possible energy injections as we saw in phase 1 and 3 could make deviation from the average fraction of kinetic energy having been estimated only from the prompt gamma-ray emission.

Alternatively, the jet break might have occurred after the observations. If we adopt the observed \( E_p = 424^{+22}_{-52} \) keV and estimated \( pz = 4.0 \pm 1.3 \) (Golenetskii et al. 2006) with the Ghirlanda relation, the expected jet opening angle \( \theta \sim 0.07 \) rad and the corresponding jet break time (~6 days) is far beyond the end of observation. If that is the case, however, it is very difficult to explain the very steep decay of \( \alpha \sim 2.2 \).

4.3. Spectral line feature search

There are several independent reports on discovery of the prominent emission line features in the X-ray afterglow spectra as mentioned in § 1. For example, Piro et al. (1999) reported the first detection of iron emission line in the X-ray afterglow spectrum of GRB 970508 though it disappeared in the following flaring activity. Yoshioka et al. (2001) found the radiative recombination edge of fully ionized iron in GRB 970528 during a period of flare activity. In all these cases, we have no information on the

| E(keV) | (a) XRT-WT (eV) | (b) XRT-PC (eV) | (c) 4XIS + PC (eV) | redshift |
|-------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------|
| 6.40  | <25.3          | <530.          | <213.             | 0       |
| 3.20  | <44.2          | <71.0          | <58.4             | 1       |
| 2.13  | <48.0          | <88.8          | <85.5             | 2       |
| 1.60  | <32.0          | <64.4          | <11.0             | 3       |
| 1.28  | <16.4          | <245.          | <14.4             | 4       |
| 1.07  | <20.6          | <79.2          | <50.6             | 5       |

Employed time regions and data are the same as that used in table 1. All the upper limits are calculated for 90% error.
spectrum in the early afterglow until the advent of \textit{Swift}.

We performed the line search in the early afterglow of GRB 060105, but found no emission line features, neither in the time averaged spectra from 87–1.2 \times 10^5 s after the trigger, nor in the time-resolved spectra for the time regions (a) – (c), including the possible late time refreshed shock phase. Thus we have to conclude that this event never exhibited any strong spectral features within the line sensitivity. In particular, assuming the redshift of \( \nu z = 4 \), we obtained extremely low upper limit of iron line equivalent width \( \text{EW} \leq 10 \) eV. The derived upper limits are very low, and candidates below the claimed iron line detections with \textit{Beppo-SAX} (Piro et al. 1999), \textit{ASCA} (Yoshida et al. 2001) and \textit{Chandra} (Butler et al. 2003). It agrees well with the report from the \textit{XMM-Newton} afterglow observations, while although there was a marginal claim of the soft lines, no iron lines were found (e.g. Reeves et al. 2002; Watson et al. 2003). On the possibility of the soft lines (e.g. Mg, Si, S), if the pseudo redshift is correct (i.e. \( z = 4 \)), then these lines would be shifted below the XIS soft band and would not be detectable. Future observations with a low \( \nu z \) burst will be required to test for the possibility of soft lines.

5. Conclusion

We observed the early X-ray afterglow from the GRB 060105 with \textit{Swift} and \textit{Suzaku}. The X-ray lightcurve obtained with \textit{Swift}/XRT and \textit{Suzaku}/XIS exhibited an early steep decay from 0.04 day and lasted for 0.3 day. After a flattening, the lightcurve shows a steep decay again, and the slope coincides with what we saw in the first steep decay. The X-ray spectral shape, energy index and absorption column are consistent with being constant during the observations, although it infers gradual flattening and steepening through the shallow decay to successive steep decay phase. The decay indices for the two steep decays suggest a jetlike decay, and phase transitions without spectral changes suggest early jet break, which, however, requires a very narrow jet and the GRB to be an outlier of the Ghirlanda relation. We also present a very strict upper limit on the possible spectral lines with the precise spectroscopy with the \textit{Suzaku}/XIS and the \textit{Swift}/XRT.

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