



# Swift Data Analysis

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Swift was launched 20 years ago (in 4 weeks and 1 day from now!), with the main goal of detecting and monitoring Gamma-Ray Bursts.

Over the years this expanded to all manner of EM transients – and multi-messenger follow-up.



The University of Leicester provides an online XRT product generator (for light-curves, spectra, images, positions and source detection), which can either be accessed via a web form at

[https://www.swift.ac.uk/user\\_objects/](https://www.swift.ac.uk/user_objects/)

or through the swifttools API

<https://www.swift.ac.uk/API/>

GRBs (both BAT triggers and those we follow up from other missions) are automatically analysed, with the results available at

[https://www.swift.ac.uk/xrt\\_products/](https://www.swift.ac.uk/xrt_products/)

There is online documentation, and even more details in

Evans et al. (2007, A&A, 469, 379)

Evans et al. (2009, MNRAS, 397, 1177)

Evans et al. (2010, A&A, 519, A102).

**These products are completely suitable for scientific analysis and the tools are relied upon by the Swift team on a daily basis.**



# Swift – XRT data analysis

Swift: Building XRT products

Version 1.10 of the Python API has been released as part of swifttools v3.0. Users are advised to update, and see the [Release notes](#).

On 2022 August 5 we added some [new features](#) for [SAS2.10](#) to this service.

This web-form is not designed for bulk processing of large numbers of datasets. If you have a large project you wish to perform, please use the [ZTF](#) the documentation includes an example of how to submit a large number of jobs to our servers.

Using this form you can build an XRT light curve, spectrum or enhanced position of any point source observed by Swift. Full documentation for this process is given in the [online documentation](#). You need to be registered to use this service. (Why?)

There are still open issues related to the analysis of Swift-XRT data. Please read the [XRT digest pages](#) before drawing conclusions from the products you generate here.

You currently have 0 jobs in the queue or running.

Copy previous settings

Processing will be performed using HEASOFT v6.32.

Select products

To reduce the load on our servers, please select only the independent products you require.

Light curve ☒ Spectrum ☐ Position ☐ Image ☐ Source detection ☐

Build products

Object details

\*Name: RS Ophiuchi

\*Target ID: 00014823.00014825

Time zero: 650206830.6

All input times since this? ☐

\*Coordinates: 5546817.67069643

Global options

E-mail address:

Remember me ☒

Email me when complete? ☐

\*Try to centroid? ☒ Yes

\*Centroid method: Single pass

\*Max attempts: 10

\*Search radius (arcmin):

Super-soft sources? ☐

Show advanced pile-up control? ☐

\*Use LSST source lists (if available) ☒ Yes

Spectral details

\*Fit spectrum? ☒ Yes

\*Galactic absorber? ☐

\*Use redshift? ☐ No

\*Redshift:

\*Which model: Power-law ☒ Blackbody ☐ AFEC ☐

\*q stat: 0.706

\*Use which observations? All

Those covering times:  hrs of the first

\*Spectrum prefix:

\*Time for spectrum:

Image details

\*Energy bands: 0.3-10.0, 3.1-5.1, 5.1-10

\*Use which observations? All

These obsIDs:

Light curve details

Binning Method: Time

\*Bin length (s):

WT:  PC:

\*Hardness ratio bin length (s):

Same as main curve? ☐

WT:  PC:

Min fractional exposure:

Minimum sigma:

Allow upper limits? ☒ Yes

Allow Bayesian bins? ☒ Yes

Use Bayesian when below: Counts:  SNR:

\*Time axis unit: seconds

Energy and grade selection: Default

Specify observations? ☐

Use which data:

Position details

\*Inclusion radius (arcsec):

\*Use which observations? All

Those covering times:  hrs of the first

\*Method: Detect & Centroid

\*Detection method: Single pass

Standard positions ☒ Enhanced positions ☐ Astrometric positions ☐

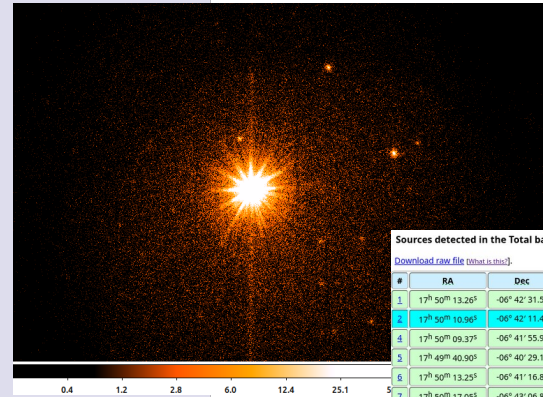
Source detection details

\*Use which observations? All

Those covering times:  hrs of the first

\*Which energy bands: Total (0.3-10 keV) only

\*Model star light: ☐

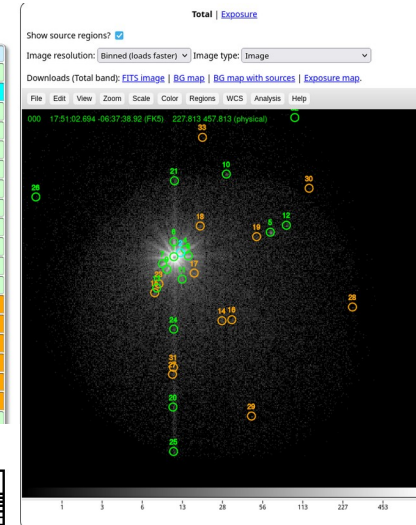
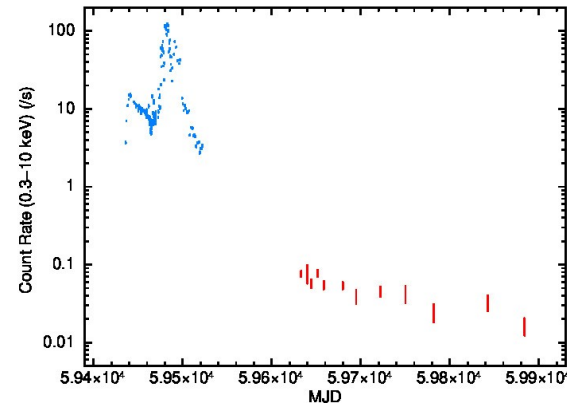


Sources detected in the Total band

[Download raw file \(what is this?\)](#)

#	RA	Dec	Det flag
1	17h 50m 13.26s	-06° 42' 31.5"	Good
2	17h 50m 10.96s	-06° 42' 11.4"	Reasonable
3	17h 49m 09.37s	-06° 41' 53.9"	Good
4	17h 49m 40.90s	-06° 40' 29.1"	Good
5	17h 50m 13.25s	-06° 41' 16.8"	Good
6	17h 50m 17.05s	-06° 43' 06.8"	Good
7	17h 50m 08.38s	-06° 42' 27.2"	Good
8	17h 50m 15.57s	-06° 43' 35.0"	Good
9	17h 49m 55.65s	-06° 35' 38.8"	Good
10	17h 50m 10.47s	-06° 44' 24.0"	Good
11	17h 49m 35.53s	-06° 39' 54.6"	Good
12	17h 50m 19.01s	-06° 45' 08.0"	Good
13	17h 49m 57.12s	-06° 47' 51.6"	Poor
14	17h 50m 19.70s	-06° 45' 31.6"	Poor
15	17h 49m 53.81s	-06° 47' 46.1"	Poor
16	17h 50m 06.42s	-06° 43' 53.8"	Poor
17	17h 50m 04.38s	-06° 39' 58.5"	Poor
18	17h 49m 45.48s	-06° 40' 51.7"	Poor
19	17h 50m 13.52s	-06° 55' 02.5"	Good
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Swift/XRT data of RS Ophiuchi





# Swift – UVOT data analysis



There is no direct UVOT equivalent of the XRT product generator, but the Italian SSDC provide links on their versions of the Quick-look site and archive for online interactive UVOT image analysis.



Thu Sep 26 07:03:17 2024 GMT

## Instructions:

- Click on a sequence number to access data for that sequence.
- Click on a column header to sort the table by that column.
- Rows with a gray background have been replaced by a more recent reprocessing.
- After one week the data are archived at HEASARC, ISAC, and UKDC and removed from this list.
- The columns are described at the bottom of the table.

Sequence	Version	Object	Observed	Processed	Comment	XRT Interactive Archive	UVOT Interactive Archive
00016492050	010	ZTF20abwtifz	2024-09-07T00:06:57	2024-09-17	FINAL FOR ARCHIVE	XRT Interactive Quick Look	UVOT Interactive Quick Look
00031480011	007	XSer	2024-09-07T01:07:57	2024-09-17	FINAL FOR ARCHIVE	XRT Interactive Quick Look	UVOT Interactive Quick Look
00076634002	007	saa-cold-251-00	2024-09-07T01:17:55	2024-09-17	FINAL FOR ARCHIVE	XRT Interactive Quick Look	UVOT Interactive Quick Look
00016281031	010	IGRJ06074+2205	2024-09-07T01:51:57	2024-09-17	FINAL FOR ARCHIVE	XRT Interactive Quick Look	UVOT Interactive Quick Look
00097689001	012	SDSSJ1323	2024-09-07T02:19:56	2024-09-17	FINAL FOR ARCHIVE	XRT Interactive Quick Look	UVOT Interactive Quick Look
00021711001	013	GRB240905b	2024-09-07T02:30:19	2024-09-17	FINAL FOR ARCHIVE	XRT Interactive Quick Look	UVOT Interactive Quick Look
00097377028	010	NGC5907ULX1	2024-09-07T02:47:56	2024-09-17	FINAL FOR ARCHIVE	XRT Interactive Quick Look	UVOT Interactive Quick Look
00031222033	005	1A1744-361	2024-09-07T02:49:46	2024-09-17	FINAL FOR ARCHIVE	XRT Interactive Quick Look	UVOT Interactive Quick Look
00016552028	005	GX339-4	2024-09-07T04:25:22	2024-09-17	FINAL FOR ARCHIVE	XRT Interactive Quick Look	UVOT Interactive Quick Look

## UVOT On-line Analysis

### UVOT filters available for the analysis

☐ V ☐ U ☐ B ☐ W1 ☐ M2 ☐ W2

V filter has 3 exposure slices

U filter has 3 exposure slices

B filter has 3 exposure slices

W1 filter has 3 exposure slices

M2 filter has 3 exposure slices

W2 filter has 3 exposure slices

☐ use the longest exposure slice only (in case of problems in slice summing)

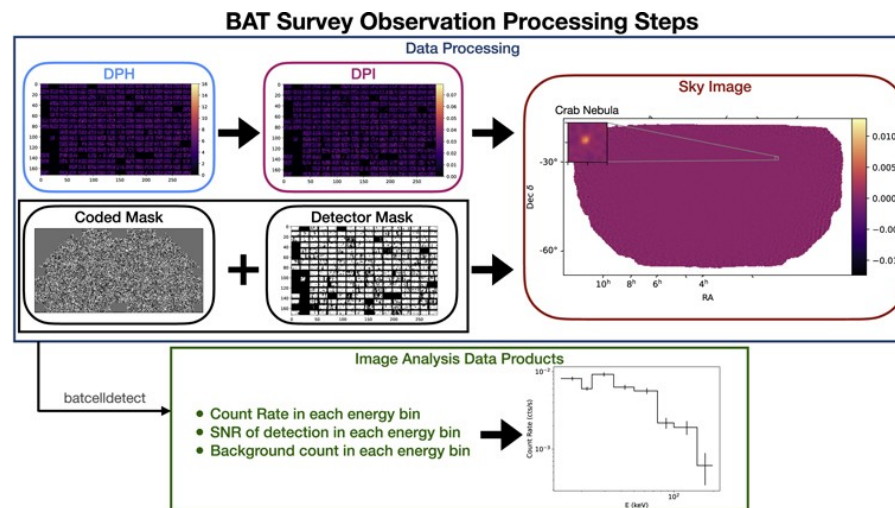
SUBMIT

<https://swift.ssdsc.asi.it/cgi-bin/ql/createqlhtml?sortcol=Observed>

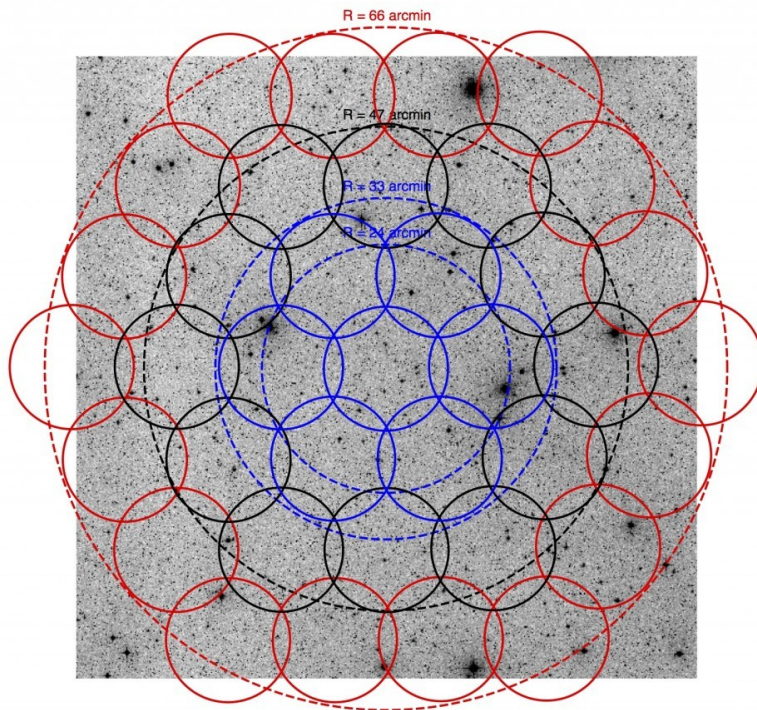


If BAT triggers on a gamma-ray source (typically a GRB, but sometimes other sources), then Swift saves event files and TDRSS data, and the standard `batgrbproduct` script can be used.

Most of the time, however, BAT operates in survey mode, collecting Detector Plane Histograms. There is now an API to analyse these data, called `BatAnalysis`, available at <https://github.com/parsotat/BatAnalysis>. See Parsotan et al. (2023, *ApJ*, 953, 15) for details.



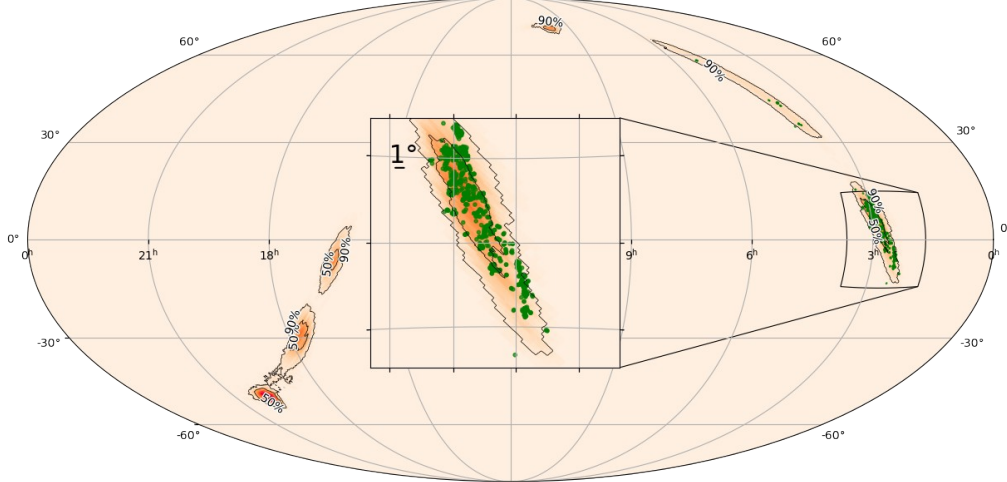
LVK error regions are large, even when all 3 observatories are functioning; ditto IceCube regions. (Waiting for KM3NeT to improve things...) The XRT FOV is circular, with diameter 23.6 arcmin, while UVOT has a square FOV, 17 arcmin each side.



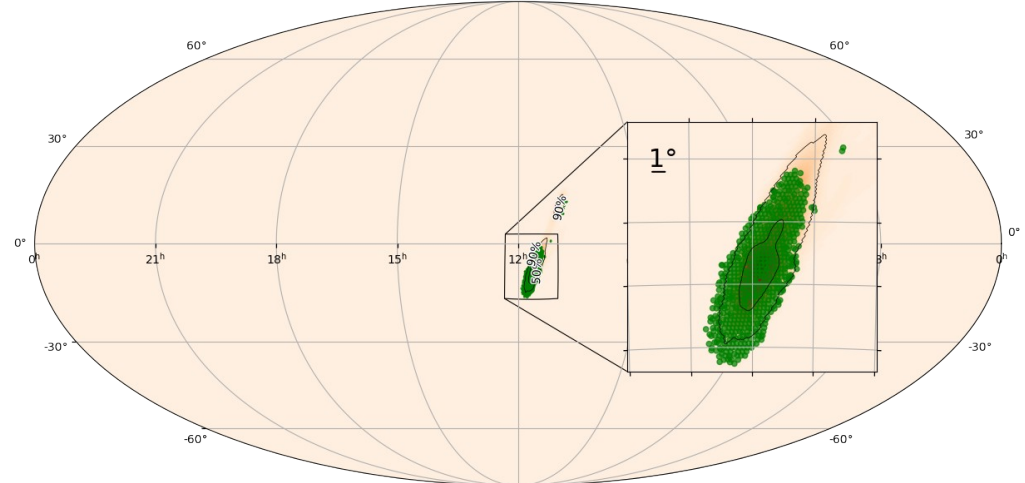
Over the GW observing runs, the ability of Swift to tile large areas of the sky has been implemented and improved.

We are now not even constrained to use our network of ground stations to upload the commands, but have a method known as “Continuous Commanding”, which involves “joysticking” Swift around the sky, uploading tile by tile via TDRSS.

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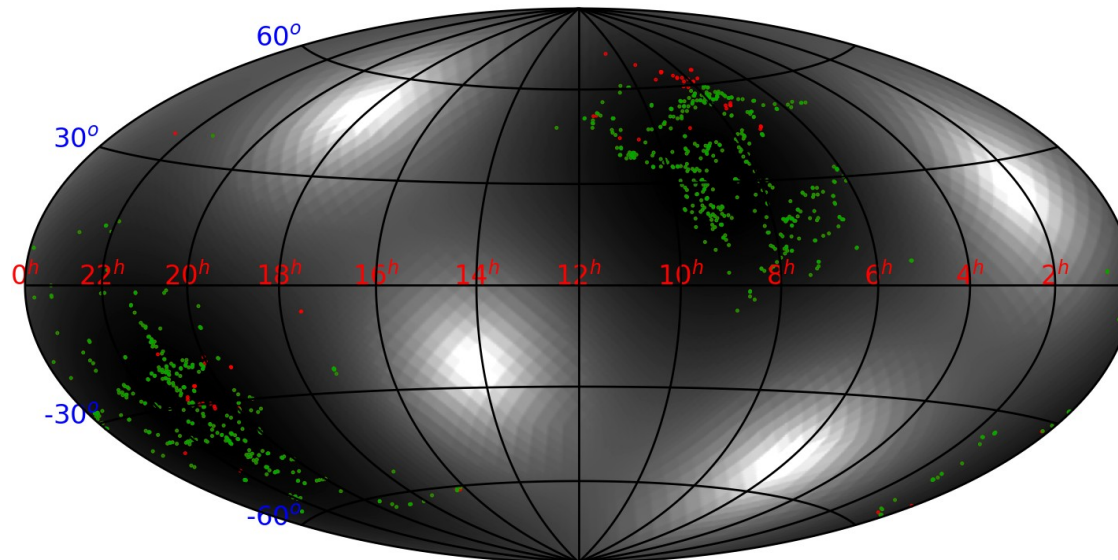


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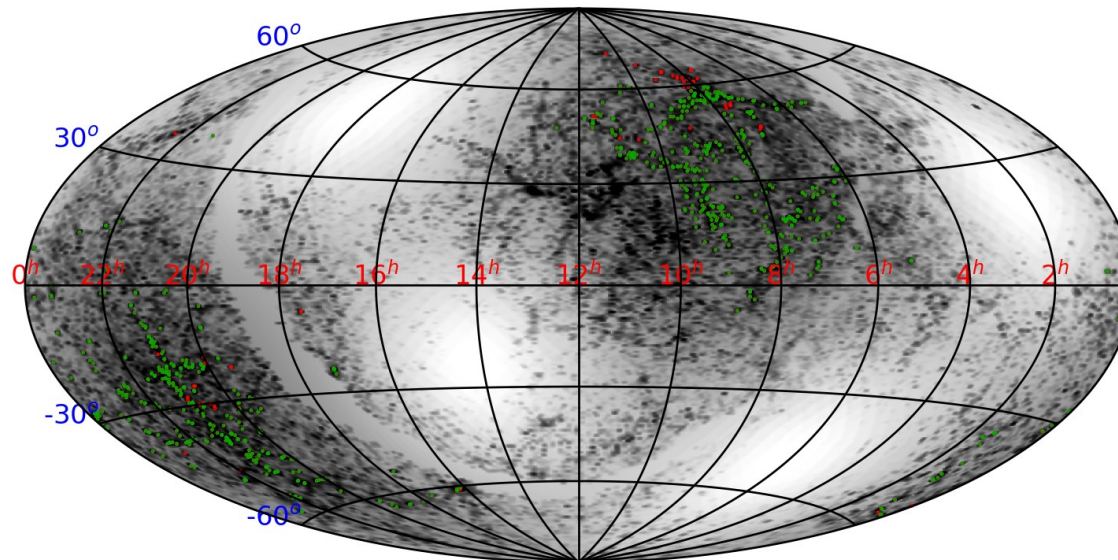




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One of the main difficulties when trying to identify a counterpart to a multi-messenger trigger is knowing whether a source is new, or just hadn't been observed previously to an equal depth (ie if there is an upper limit, it is not deep enough to be useful). We really need archival images to perform image differencing – particularly for the UVOT data.

To help with this, we implemented the Swift Gravitational Wave Galaxy Survey.

SGWGS is a pre-imaging survey of 4773 fields, containing the ~14,000 most likely host galaxies for BNS mergers within ~100 Mpc (from the GWGC), to obtain both X-ray and UV templates.

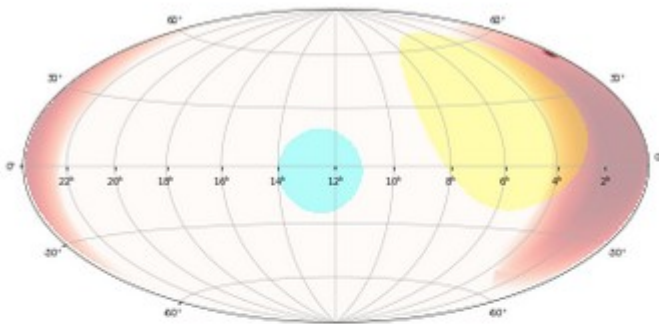
For XRT, we also have LSXPS: the Living Swift-XRT Point Source catalogue – which updates every time we observe anything in Photon Counting mode – and the Transient Detector, with which to compare MM follow-up.

<https://www.swift.ac.uk/LSXPS/>  
<https://www.swift.ac.uk/LSXPS/transients/>



BBH, FAR = 1 in 100 yr, distance =  $1420 \pm 235$  Mpc  
 Convolved map covered 8 sq. deg. We observed 199 tiles, covering 84% of the map.  
 Results at <https://www.swift.ac.uk/LVC/>

Raw GW map | Convolved with 2MPZ



The red area is the BAT field of view at the LVC trigger time. Yellow and cyan circles are the Sun/Moon constrained regions.

Sun/moon constraints were calculated on 2024-167-11:36:20.724000, when the LIGO ligo-skymap-from-samples map was received. [Update](#).

[GW map \(HEALPix\)](#) | [GW map \(FITS\)](#) | [ligo-skymap-from-samples\\_convolved map \(HEALPix\)](#) | [ligo-skymap-from-samples\\_convolved map \(FITS\)](#)

## GW details

Trigger Date: 2024-06-15 at 11:36:20.715 UT  
 Trigger type: Compact Binary Coalescence  
 Distance:  $1420 \pm 235$  Mpc  
 ProbContainsNeutronStar: 0  
 ProbEMBright: 0  
 False alarm rate:  $3.168 \times 10^{-10}$  Hz = 1/100.1 yr  
 GraceDB: [GraceDB](#)

## XRT details

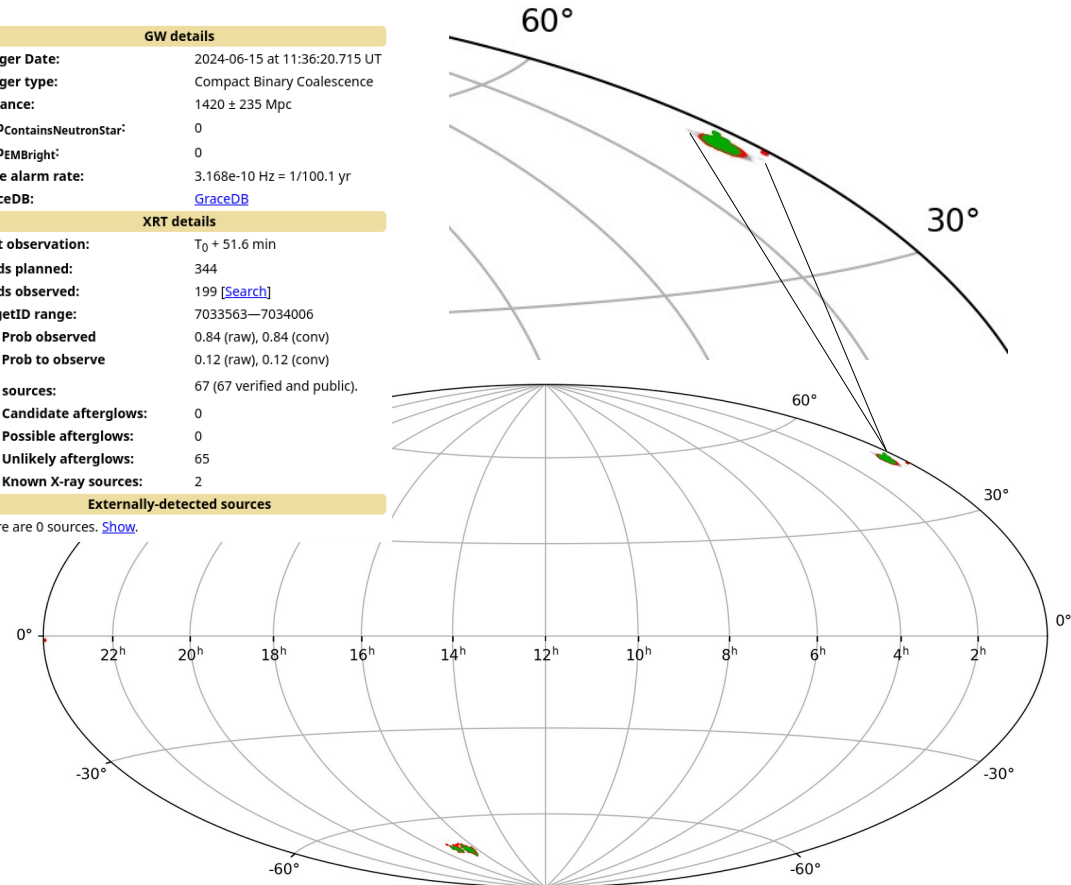
First observation:  $T_0 + 51.6$  min  
 Fields planned: 344  
 Fields observed: 199 [\[Search\]](#)  
 TargetID range: 7033563—7034006  
 LVK Prob observed: 0.84 (raw), 0.84 (conv)  
 LVK Prob to observe: 0.12 (raw), 0.12 (conv)

## XRT sources:

67 (67 verified and public).  
 Candidate afterglows: 0  
 Possible afterglows: 0  
 Unlikely afterglows: 65  
 Known X-ray sources: 2

## Externally-detected sources

There are 0 sources. [Show](#).



XRT source detection is run automatically as the data come down to the ground. Sources are assigned a rank, depending on how likely they are to be a counterpart of the GW trigger (see <https://www.swift.ac.uk/ranks.php>), as well as a flag (Good, Reasonable or Poor, depending on false positive rate: 0.3%, 7%, 35%, respectively).

## All X-ray sources

Coordinate style:  Filter by position:  Radius:

Include: Unvetted sources ☐ Poor sources ☐

#	Position	Err <sup>1</sup>	Flag <sup>2</sup>	Class <sup>3</sup> (Rank)	Exp (s)	Cat source?	Fdiff (σ) <sup>4</sup>	Near Galaxy?	Near 2MASS	Near SIMBAD	Search /build	Notes
1	00h 29m 35.98s +46° 06' 38.2"	6.9"	Good	U (3)	276	N	≤0	N	N	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
4	00h 24m 34.85s +46° 01' 51.6"	8.4"	Good	U (3)	2437	N	≤0	N	N	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
5	00h 23m 43.15s +46° 00' 40.9"	9.8"	Good	U (3)	2728	N	≤0	N	Y	Yes	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
6	16h 35m 45.42s -72° 36' 59.3"	7.3"	Good	U (3)	139	N	≤0	N	Y	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
8	00h 34m 53.24s +45° 43' 44.5"	6.6"	Good	U (3)	571	N	≤0	N	Y	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
11	16h 35m 48.47s -71° 28' 36.4"	8.5"	Good	U (3)	117	N	≤0	N	Y	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
12	00h 25m 17.22s +45° 34' 26.4"	6.1"	Good	U (3)	1041	N	≤0	N	N	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
14	00h 24m 18.85s +45° 25' 10.0"	5.1"	Good	U (3)	4834	N	≤0	N	N	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
15	00h 25m 03.91s +45° 24' 20.8"	5.3"	Good	U (3)	5271	N	≤0	N	N	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	

58	00h 31m 05.12s +46° 33' 25.6"	13.3"	Reasonable	U (3)	314	N	≤0	N	Y	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
60	00h 35m 42.54s +45° 48' 05.6"	5.7"	Good	U (3)	506	N	1.5	N	N	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
64	00h 28m 43.62s +45° 01' 49.1"	5.6"	Good	U (3)	783	N	≤0	N	N	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
66	00h 33m 53.13s +46° 45' 28.6"	7.7"	Good	U (3)	514	N	≤0	N	N	Yes	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
68	00h 25m 25.85s +45° 33' 41.3"	5.9"	Good	U (3)	7914	N	≤0	N	Y	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
70	00h 28m 46.16s +46° 05' 15.6"	8.3"	Reasonable	U (3)	687	N	≤0	N	N	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
71	00h 28m 30.50s +46° 19' 12.1"	6.2"	Good	U (3)	1433	N	≤0	N	N	No	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
72	00h 28m 09.61s +46° 18' 20.6"	7.4"	Reasonable	U (3)	1433	N	≤0	N	N	Yes	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	
9	00h 27m 42.35s +45° 14' 56.5"	7.5"	Good	K (4)	228	Y	0.7	N	Y	Yes	V S N  X LS 3X (build)	

## Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Error is 90% confidence, radius

<sup>2</sup> G=Good, R=Reasonable, P=Poor (What?)

<sup>3</sup> AG = [Candidate afterglow](#), I=[Interesting source](#), U=[Uncatalogued X-ray source](#), K=[Known X-ray source](#).

<sup>4</sup> For uncatalogued sources this is how many sigma above the historical upper limit the source is, for known sources this is how many sigma above the catalogued flux the source is.










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## Source S240615dg\_X4

Please see [the usage policy](#) before using these data.

[Build custom XRT products for this source.](#)

### Source details

**Rank/Classification:** 3: Uncatalogued X-ray source  
**RA (J2000):** 00h 24m 34.85s (= 6.14521°)  
**Dec (J2000):** +46° 01' 51.6" (= +46.0310°)  
**Error (radius, 90%):** 8.4"  
**Detection flag:** Good  
**XRT exposure:** 4081 s (vignetting corrected)  
**Peak rate:**  $3.4 (\pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3} \text{ ct s}^{-1}$   
**Peak flux:**  $1.5 (\pm 0.6) \times 10^{-13} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
**LVK dist towards this source:**  $\mu=1326.3; \sigma=257.5 \text{ Mpc}$   
**Peak L at 1326.3 Mpc:**  $3.1 (\pm 1.3) \times 10^{43} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$   
**LVK prob at this pos<sup>1</sup>:** 1.319e-4  
**Convolved prob at this pos:** 1.277e-4

### Catalogue information

**Known X-ray emitter?** No.  
**RASS upper limit<sup>3</sup>** 0.020 XRT ct s<sup>-1</sup>  
**Obs rate/RASS UL**  $\leq 0 \sigma$   
**Matches SGWGS source?** Not at analysis time [[Search SGWGS](#)]  
**SGWGS upper limit:** Position not in SGWGS data at analysis time  
**Gal Completeness<sup>4</sup>** 3.3%  
**Near GWGC/2MPZ galaxy?** No  
**Near 2MASS source?** No  
**Near SIMBAD source?** No.  
**Catalogue Search** Cone search radius 25" [Vizier](#) | [Simbad](#) | [NED](#)  
[X-ray master](#) | [LSXPS](#) | [3XMM-DR5](#)

### Image | Exposure map



This source is detected in 2 blocks. [Show all images.](#)

[Show observations of this source.](#)

### Notes

All XRT count rates and fluxes are 0.3–10 keV

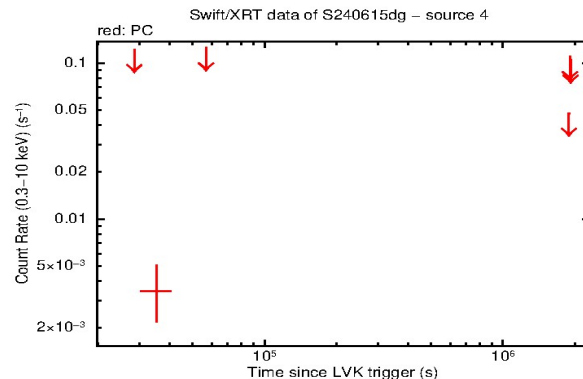
<sup>1</sup> Distance from the LVK skymap to this position;  $D = \text{Gauss}(\mu, \sigma) R^2$ .

<sup>2</sup> Count rates have been converted to XRT equivalents using the spectrum in note 3.

<sup>3</sup> Fluxes have been deduced assuming a power-law spectrum with  $N_H = 3 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ,  $\Gamma = 1.7$ .

<sup>4</sup> The completeness of the galaxy catalogue along the line of sight to this source.

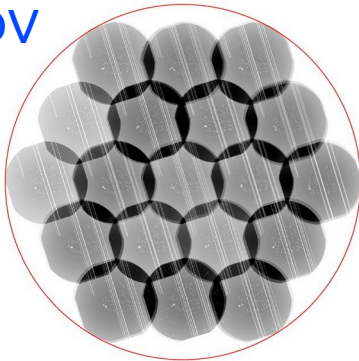
### Light curve





Historically, the tiling pattern used by Swift was optimised to enable the greatest coverage with XRT. However, UVOT has a smaller FOV, and – after the discovery of the blue kilonova for GW 170817 (AT2017gfo; Evans et al., 2017, Sci, 358, 1565) – we believe UVOT is more likely than XRT to discover a counterpart.

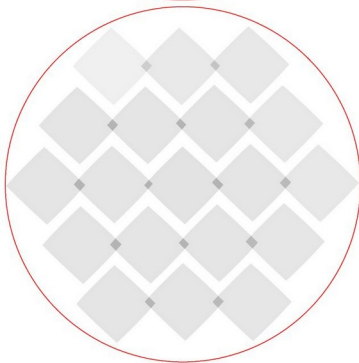
XRT FOV



Therefore, since O3, galaxies with a high probability of being the host will fall completely within the UVOT FOV.

The UVOT GW pipeline uses the standard files from the Swift Data Centre (SDC), along with the standard suite of FTools. The sources are run through a series of steps to check if they were previously known, extended, or image artefacts. Those which pass, are then compared with Gaia DR2 and the Minor Planet Checker.

UVOT FOV



Sources are assigned Quality flags, Q0 or Q1 being most likely counterparts (depending on brightness).



# BAT GUANO

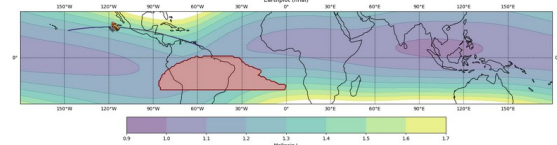
While we obviously hope there will be a simultaneous (significant) BAT sGRB detection and GW trigger, there is also a method to perform targeted searches in BAT event data around the time of a non-BAT trigger (other GRB missions, FRBs or MM), searching for sub-threshold events.

**GUANO** = Gamma-ray Urgent Archiver for Novel Opportunities  
(Tohuvavohu et al., 2020, ApJ, 900, 35)

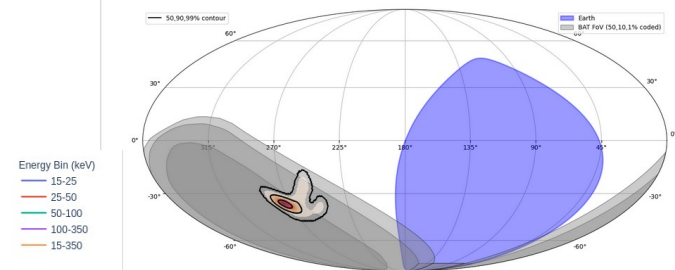
**NITRATES** = Non-Imaging Transient Reconstruction  
And Temporal Search  
(DeLaunay & Tohuvavohu, 2022, ApJ, 941, 169)

Following a trigger, an automated command to save BAT event data around the trigger is sent up to Swift and, once the data are on the ground, automated analysis is posted online: <https://guano.swift.psu.edu/>

Spacecraft Position History



Skyplot





Swift will plan to tile any GW or neutrino triggers which satisfy certain criteria, and automatically analyse the XRT and UVOT data collected; if BAT GUANO data are available, they will also be analysed.

ToO requests to follow up these large-scale events are not required, BUT if you have a specific potential counterpart you wish us to observe, please do submit a ToO request at <https://www.swift.psu.edu/toop/too.php> or via the API ([https://www.swift.psu.edu/too\\_api/](https://www.swift.psu.edu/too_api/)) - we can't keep track of everything announced in GCNs, ATels and AstroNotes ourselves!





We provide online data analysis threads at Leicester

<https://www.swift.ac.uk/analysis/xrt/>  
<https://www.swift.ac.uk/analysis/uvot/>  
<https://www.swift.ac.uk/analysis/bat/>

as well as an email helpdesk: [swifthelp@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:swifthelp@leicester.ac.uk)

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## UVOT Data Analysis

### UVOT analysis threads

This page is designed to provide a starting point for the analysis of UVOT images. UVOT data are taken in 3 modes: Image mode, Event mode and Image&Event mode. There are 7 broadband filters and 2 grisms, and various window sizes. The subsequent pages deal with analysis of Image mode data. Event mode data are treated in a similar way to X-ray data. For analysis of Event mode data and grism observations you are referred to the [UVOT Software Guide](#), the [UVOT Digest](#) and [Paul Kuin's "brief data reduction guide for UVOT grism data"](#) (though see also [limits for the grism](#)). Online help for any of the UVOT tasks can be found with the `fhe1p` taskname or `pl1st` taskname.

Here we assume that at least the first batch of data has come down (after the TDRSS data), and we start from the [Level 2](#) products. Steps to convert Level 1 into Level 2 products are not outlined here; for this you are referred to the [Swift UVOT Software Guide](#). Particular care should be taken with the reduction and analysis if the field is crowded, the background is high or your source is very bright or very faint.

**New** [DRESSCode](#) is a python pipeline to reduce Swift UVOT images of extended sources written by Marjorie Declair of STScI.

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## BAT Data Analysis

This page explains the steps required to obtain sky images, spectra and light-curves from BAT event data. Running these scripts will result in a BAT spectrum and response matrix, which can then be used in [XSPEC](#), along with spectra from the [XRT](#) and [UVOT](#). If you are interested in analysing DPH/survey data, please see the paper by [Parsotan et al. \(2024\)](#). Please note that the UKSSDC team are unable to provide help with the [BatAnalysis Python package](#).

Many of these steps are performed by the pipeline at the SDC, but these individual scripts allow users to perform the data analysis "by hand". This is useful both for understanding what the processing does (rather than accepting the outputs of a "black box") and also if a problem with the pipeline were to develop.

The individual scripts are covered below, with some detail about the input files required for each step in the production of level 2 BAT data. Although the entire set of parameters can be typed directly at the command prompt, the required files do have to be in a specific order, which is not immediately obvious. However, the BAT ones will prompt for the required inputs, which simplifies matters. For example, typing `batbinevt` will then prompt for input event file name etc. There are, however, some 'hidden' settings, which will not be prompted for; these can be shown by using the `FTOOL` command `pl1st`, which will show all the parameters, including the hidden values, given in parentheses ([example](#)). The hidden defaults can be overridden in 1 of 3 ways: the new value can be defined on the command line (this is the method which has been used below, when going through the individual scripts), the `pset` command can be used or the `par` file can be edited. For more details on the `pfiles` commands, see the [FTOOLS Tutorial](#).

There are many other BAT tasks which can be used to perform tasks such as refining the GRB position (`batcelldetect`) and cleaning the background (`batclean`). Running `fhe1p swift` lists and explains these tools.

Note that HEASoft includes a complete GRB processing script, `batgrbproduct`, which generates all the standard products (images, light-curves and spectra) from the observations automatically. This is the recommended method to analyse BAT data. If time-sliced spectra or different energy bands for the light-curves are required, then the relevant threads listed below can be followed.

If a GRB is detected close to the edge of the BAT field of view (low partial coding fraction), the default processing may not show any counts during this time interval. To work around this, the command `batgrbproduct aperture=CALDB:DETECTION pcdethresh=0.01 imgpcodethresh=0.01 extractor=fextract -events` should be run.

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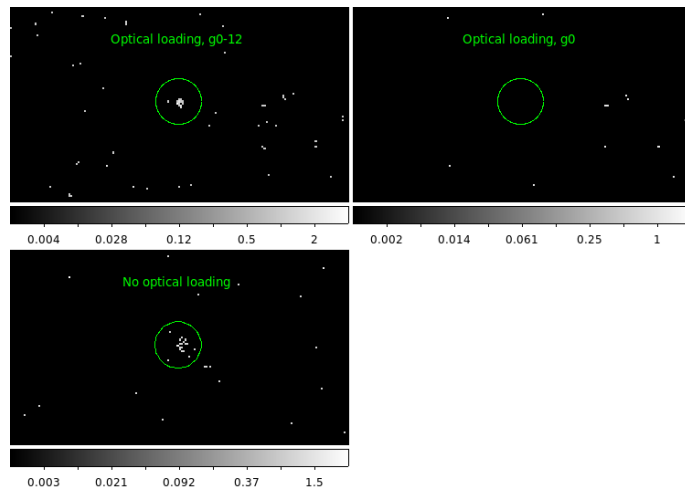
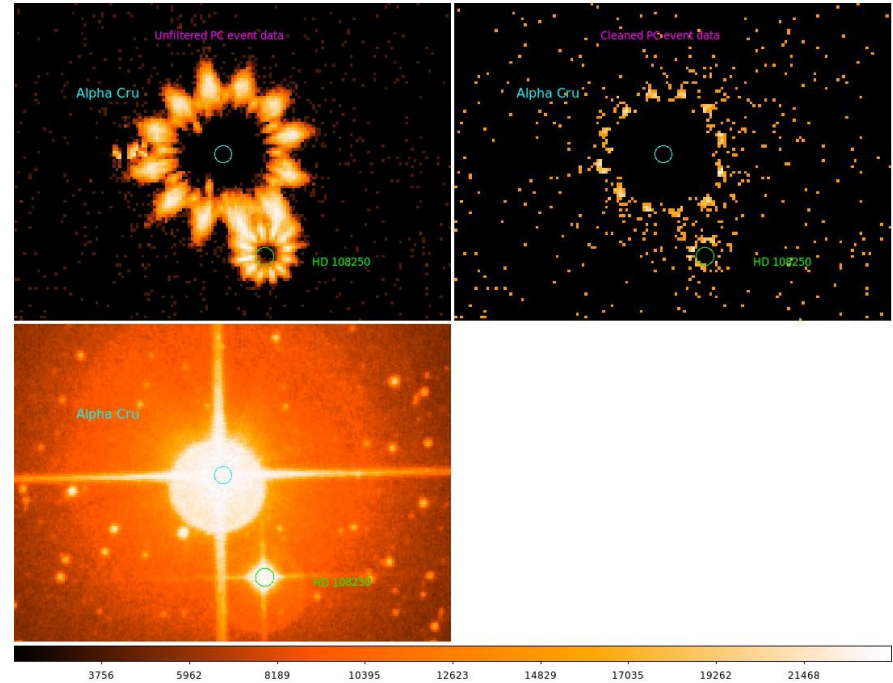
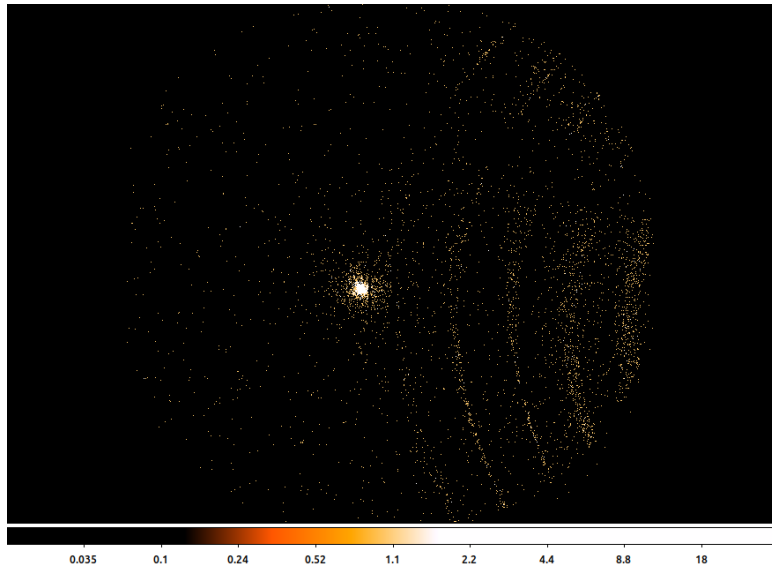
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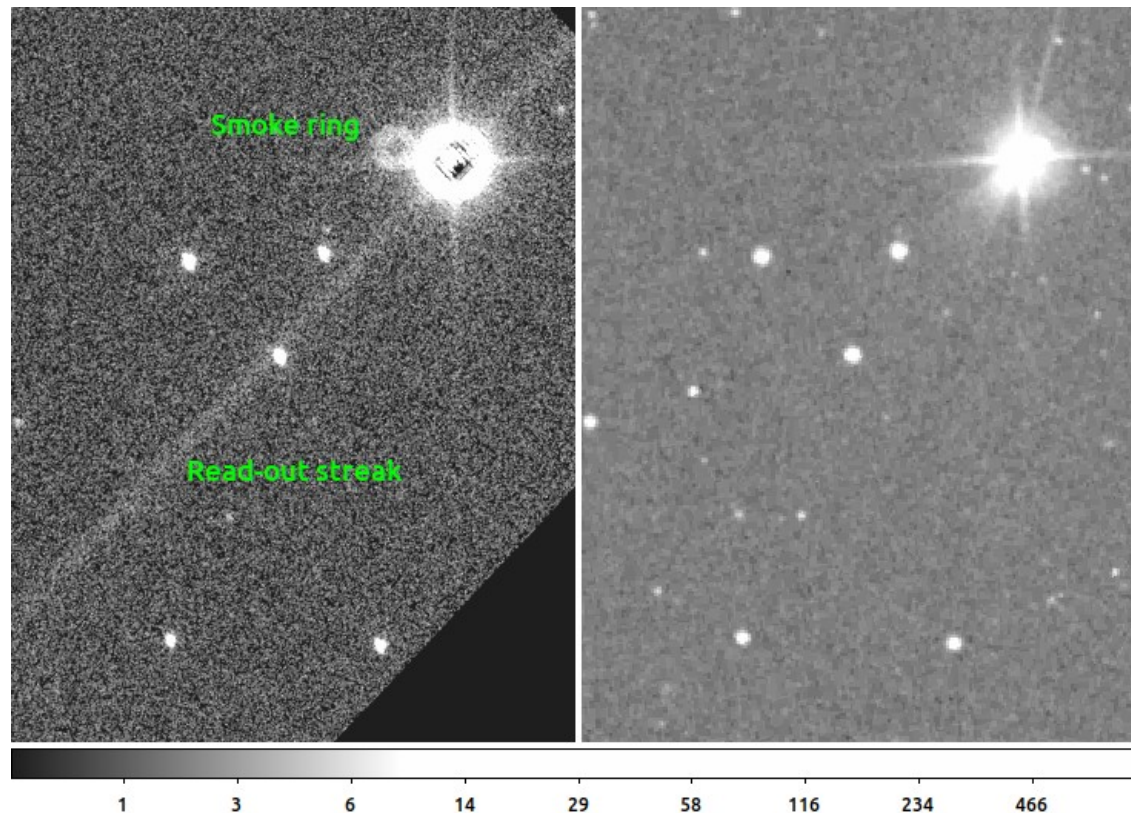
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### Helpdesk

Questions about Swift? Try our [guide to Swift](#) or the [guide to data processing and analysis](#). If these don't solve your problem, please feel free to [email us](#) at [swifthelp@le.ac.uk](mailto:swifthelp@le.ac.uk).  
[List of acronyms and abbreviations](#)  
We are located in the [Department of Physics & Astronomy](#), at the [University of Leicester](#) ([Directions](#))







As for XRT, there are certain image defects to look out for, e.g. read-out streaks, diffraction spikes, smoke rings, (rare) “ghosts” - scattered light, resulting from secondary reflections.



XRT source detection is run automatically as the data come down to the ground. Sources are assigned a rank, depending on how likely they are to be a counterpart of the GW trigger (see <https://www.swift.ac.uk/ranks.php>), as well as a flag (Good, Reasonable or Poor, depending on false positive rate: 0.3%, 7%, 35%, respectively):

**Rank 1 - Good GW counterpart candidate.**

Sources which lie within 200 kpc of a galaxy, and are either uncatalogued and at least  $5\sigma$  brighter than the  $3\sigma$  catalogue limit, or catalogued but at least  $5\sigma$  brighter than their catalogued flux.

**Rank 2 - Possible counterpart.**

As for Rank 1, except that 'brighter' is determined at the  $3\sigma$  level, and there is no requirement for the source to be near a known galaxy.

**Rank 3 - Undistinguished source.**

Sources which are uncatalogued, but are fainter than existing catalogue limits, or consistent with those limits at the  $3\sigma$  level.

**Rank 4 - Not a counterpart.**

Sources which are catalogued, and which have fluxes consistent with (at the  $3\sigma$  level) or fainter than their catalogued values



# UVOT Quality Flags

Sources are assigned Quality flags, Q0 or Q1 being most likely counterparts (depending on brightness).

**Q0** – Passes all the quality checks and is brighter than 19.9 mag.

**Q1** – Passes all the quality checks but is fainter than 19.9 mag. No lower limit, providing uvotdetect finds the source.

**Q2** – A previously-catalogued Q0 source, within an angular distance of 2.5" and 2 mag of the UVOT object.

**Q3** – A previously-catalogued Q1 source, within an angular distance of 2.5" and 2 mag of the UVOT object

Thumbnails of all Q0 or Q1 sources are then assessed by humans. XRT sources are checked (and vice versa: UVOT sources are looked at in XRT data).