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ERRATUM

In the paper “A Search for Nontriggered Gamma-Ray Bursts in the BATSE Database” by Jefferson M. Kommers et al. (ApJ, 491, 704 [1997]), the values of $\langle V/V_{\max} \rangle$ that include on-board-triggered bursts are incorrect. Owing to a programming error, whenever a value of C_{\min} was available for a burst listed in the 4B catalog, that catalog value (appropriate for the on-board burst trigger) overwrote the value appropriate for our more sensitive off-line search. Thus the values of V/V_{\max} were overestimated by a factor of $\sim 2^{3/2}$ for the bursts that were triggered on board. This error does *not* affect the values of C_{\max}/C_{\min} and C_{\min} for the nontriggered gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) listed in Table 3, nor does it affect the value of $\langle V/V_{\max} \rangle = 0.28 \pm 0.03$ computed for the nontriggered (only) GRB sample.

The correct value of $\langle V/V_{\max} \rangle$ for the on-board-triggered bursts detected by our off-line search is $\langle V/V_{\max} \rangle = 0.13 \pm 0.02$. For the *combined* nontriggered GRB candidates and on-board-triggered bursts, $\langle V/V_{\max} \rangle = 0.18 \pm 0.02$. This value is significantly lower than the value $\langle V/V_{\max} \rangle = 0.33 \pm 0.01$ obtained from the 3B catalog. These corrections, therefore, significantly *strengthen* the conclusion of the paper: that the BATSE on-board trigger has *not* missed a significant population of faint gamma-ray bursts owing to the biases inherent in the on-board burst trigger mechanism.