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## Triggering Short Gamma-Ray Bursts

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Although they were discovered more than 30 years ago, short gamma-ray bursts are still a mystery. All that we can be confident about is that they involve compact objects and relativistic plasma. Current ideas and prospects are briefly reviewed. There are, fortunately, several new observations that could help clarify some of the issues.