

# BAT data analysis tutorial

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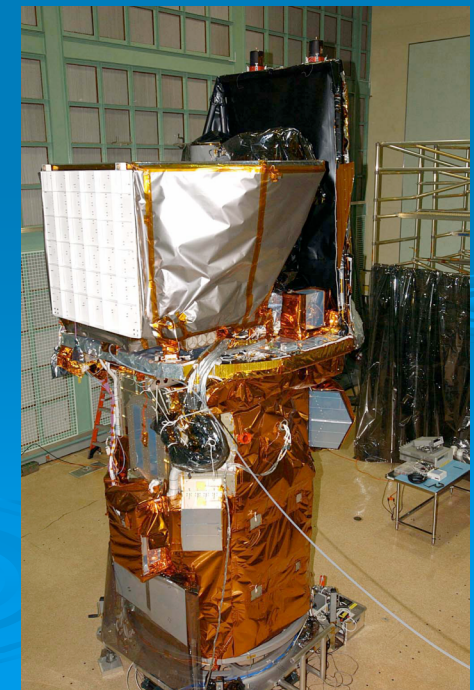
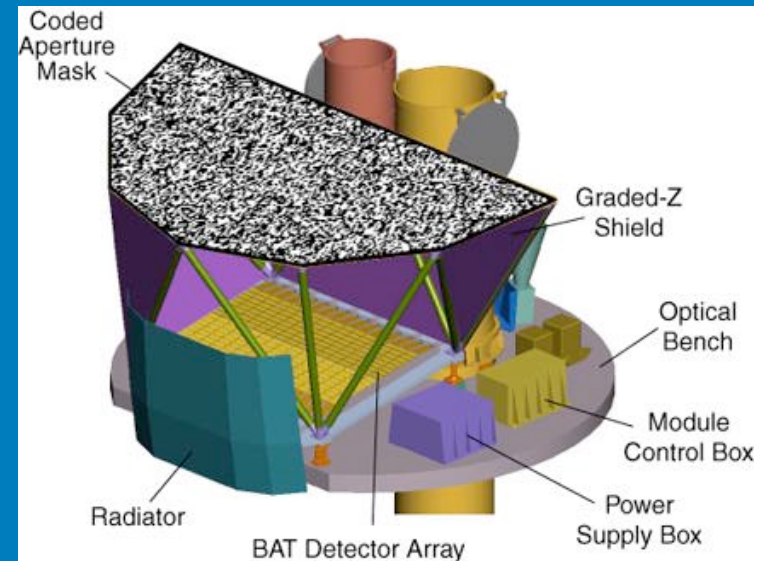


# Overview

- BAT instrument overview
  - Coded Mask Aperture, Trigger, Performances, GRB LCs
- BAT GRB data
- BAT software
- BAT GRB analysis

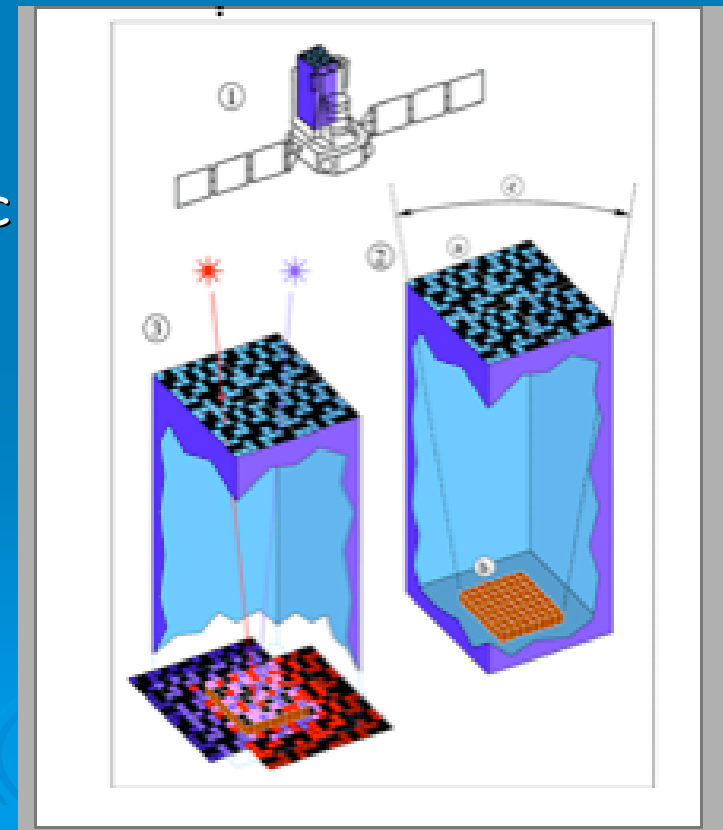
# Burst Alert Telescope

- 32768 CdZnTe
- [15-150 keV]
- $\sim 2$  sr FOV
- Detector area  $5200 \text{ cm}^2$
- Pos. accur.  $\sim 1\text{-}4$  arcmin
  - $>10\sigma$  and  $<45^\circ \rightarrow 0.5'$
- BKG rates  $< 17$  kcts
- $100 \mu\text{s}$  Timing res



# Coded Mask Apertures

- Until focussing X-ray optics (Simbol-X) are available Coded Masks are the best way to detect and image hard X-ray photons
- They are "indirect and inefficient"
- Advantages:
  - The only way to detect HX-ray !!
  - Large FOV -> good for monitoring
  - Mask Weight. Tech provides automatic bkg subtraction
- Disadvantage:
  - Sources are bkg for each other
  - Insensitive to extended sources
  - ~arcmin angular resolution (hole size)



# BAT Trigger

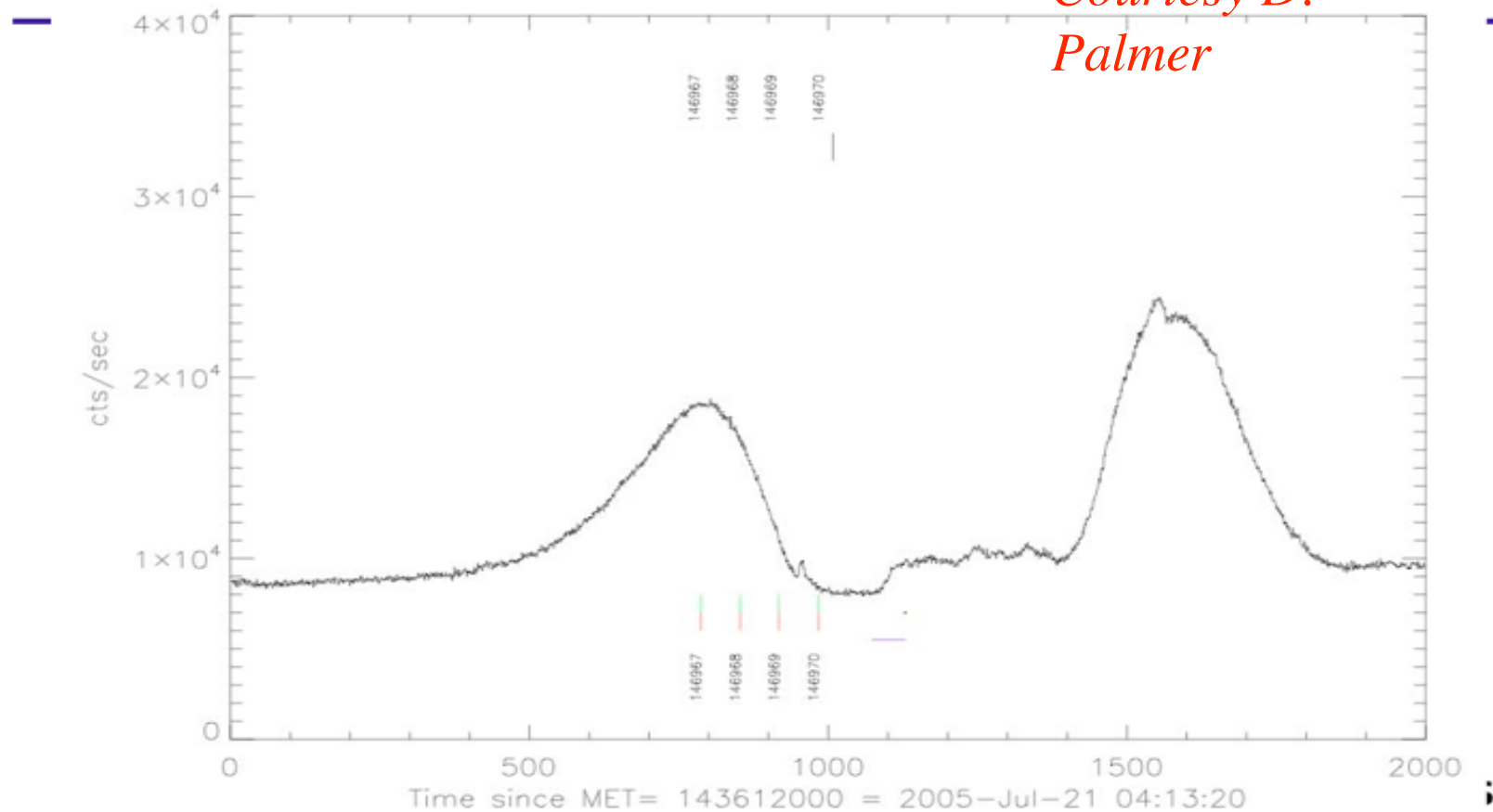
- 2 Trigger types: rate & image (adapted from HETE-2)
- Rate:
  - Short triggers (<64ms) : 4 energies (over 320 ms) (dominated by CR showers)
    - Find maxima on 4-64 ms timescale
  - Long triggers (>64ms) : 4 energies
    - One sided: bkg before current time
    - Double sided: bkg before and after
    - Three sided
- Image (15-50keV):
  - 64 s image : Anything new is called a GRB
  - 320s image (full obs): Anything new is called a transient (not slewing)

# BAT Trigger



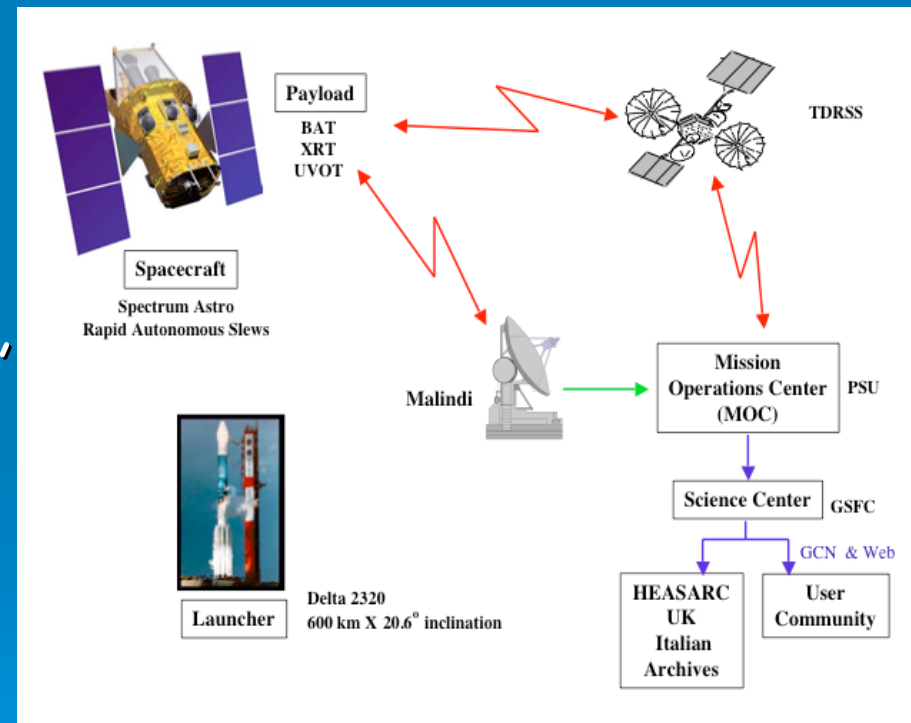
What are we up against? Spot the GRB

*Courtesy D.  
Palmer*



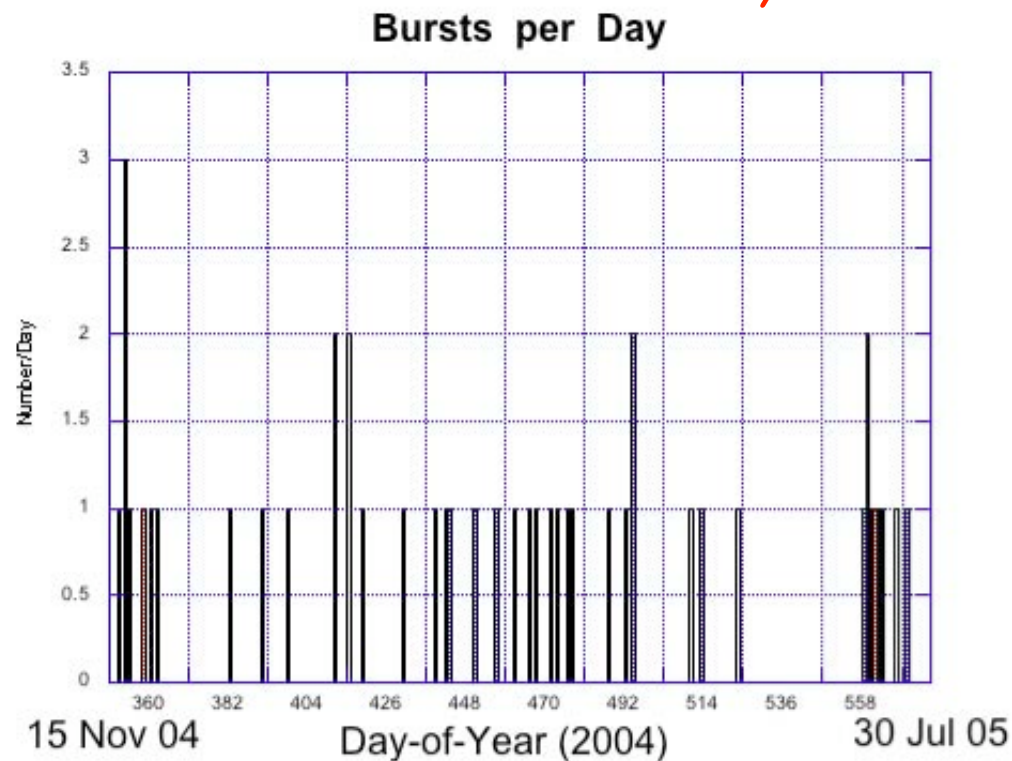
# What happens then ?

- GRB data are sent (real time) to the ground via TDRSS and GCN to community
  - Position, slew decision, FOM, XRT position (50%), UVOT source list /image, BAT LC

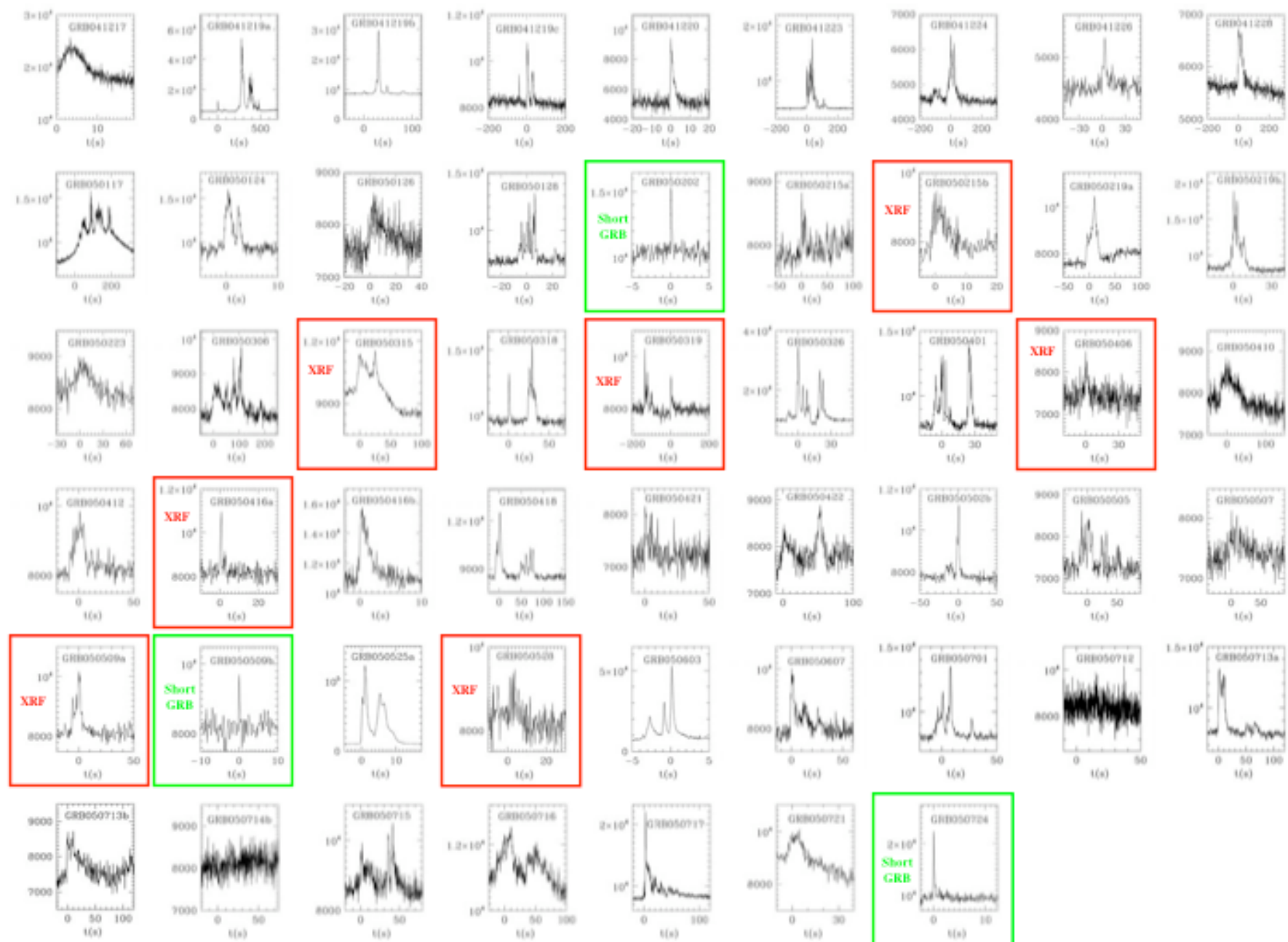


# BAT performances

*Courtesy S. Barthelmy*



GRB rate:  $\sim 90$  GRBs  $\text{yr}^{-1}$  measured,  $100 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  predicted  
BAT background: 12 Kcnts/s measured, 17 Kcnts/s predicted



Courtesy Neil Gehrels

# BAT GRB DATA (where are they?)

## ➤ GRB of the day:

- <http://swift.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/swift/swiftsc.html> and then go to "QUICKLOOK" area
- Select your GRB
- Download :
  - AUXIL, BAT directories(+ XRT & UVOT)

## ➤ Old GRB ? Use HEASARC:

- <http://heasarc.nasa.gov/db-perl/W3Browse/w3table.pl?tablehead=name%3Dswiftmastr&Action=More+Options>

# BAT GRB DATA (where are they?)

**GODDARD  
SPACE FLIGHT CENTER**

[+ Swift Help/FAQ](#)  
[+ Swift What's New](#)  
[+ NASA Homepage](#)

Search the Swift site:

HEASARC Quick Links  
---Quick Links---

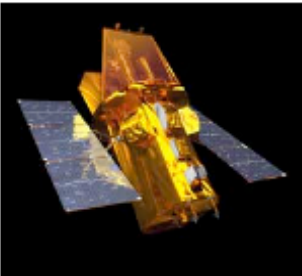
HEASARC HOME | **SWIFT HOME** | ARCHIVE | DATA ANALYSIS | PROPOSALS & TOOLS | EDUCATION & PUBLIC INFO

**Swift: Catching Gamma-Ray Bursts on the Fly**

**U.S. site**  
**Italian site**  
**U.K. site**

ABOUT SWIFT | **QUICKLOOK DATA** | GCN | SWIFT RESULTS | SWIFT OPERATIONS | RELATED SITES | GALLERY

**The Swift Gamma-Ray Burst Mission**



Gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) are the most powerful explosions the Universe has seen since the Big Bang. They occur approximately once per day and are brief, but intense, flashes of gamma radiation. They come from all different directions of the sky and last from a few milliseconds to a few hundred seconds. So far scientists do not know what causes them. Do they signal the birth of a black hole in a massive stellar explosion? Are they the product of the collision of two neutron stars? Or is it some other exotic phenomenon that causes these bursts?

With Swift, a NASA mission with international participation, scientists will now have a tool dedicated to answering these questions and solving the gamma-ray burst mystery. Its three instruments will give scientists the ability to scrutinize gamma-ray

**Swift Resources**  
[+ GRB, BA, & TOO Contact Information](#)  
[+ Daily Observing Schedule](#)  
[+ Table of Journal Papers Related to Swift](#)

**Latest Swift Gamma-Ray Bursts**  
March 19, 2006 [GRB060319](#)  
March 13, 2006 [GRB060313](#)  
March 12, 2006 [GRB060312](#)  
[+ All Swift Bursts \(Updated March 19, 2006\)](#)

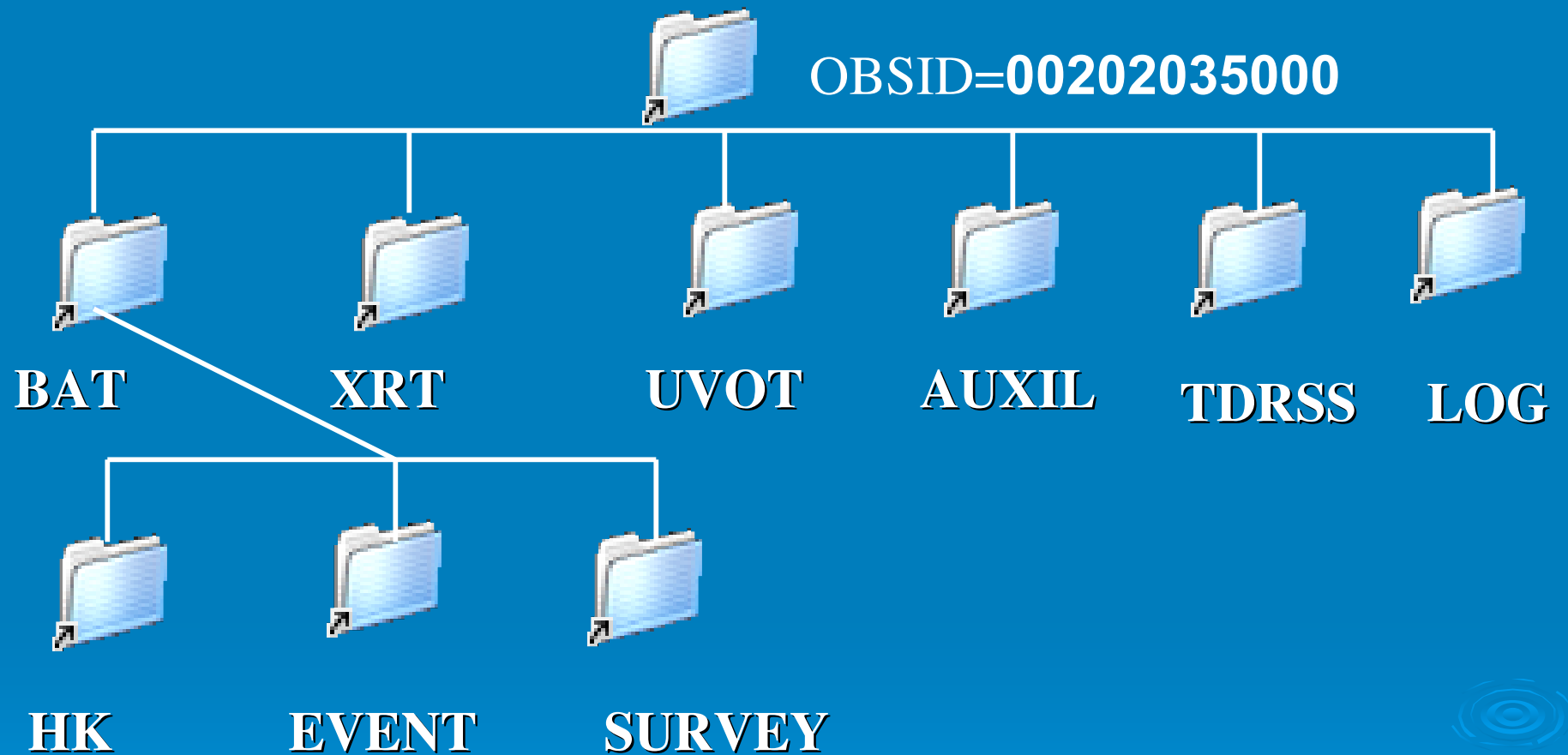
# BAT GRB DATA (where are they?)

Please note that Quick Look data is by its very nature preliminary, and should be treated with caution.

Check out the [Quick Look status page](#) for a list of current known problems.

| <a href="#">Sequence</a>    | <a href="#">Vers</a> | <a href="#">Object</a> | <a href="#">Observed</a> | <a href="#">Processed</a> | <a href="#">Comment</a>                 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">00202035992</a> | 012                  | GRB060319 (UVOT only)  | 2006-03-19T00:39:46      | 2006-03-20T01:11:34       | 1st day UVOT ONLY moc2006-03-20T005000  |
| <a href="#">00202035991</a> | 012                  | GRB060319 (XRT only)   | 2006-03-19T00:39:46      | 2006-03-20T01:11:05       | 1st day XRT ONLY moc2006-03-20T005000   |
| <a href="#">00202035990</a> | 013                  | GRB060319 (TDRSS only) | 2006-03-19T00:40:43      | 2006-03-20T01:09:25       | 1st day TDRSS ONLY moc2006-03-20T005000 |
| <a href="#">00202035003</a> | 006                  | GRB060319              | 2006-03-22T01:05:01      | 2006-03-22T09:44:56       | new data moc2006-03-22T093201           |
| <a href="#">00202035003</a> | 005                  | GRB060319              | 2006-03-22T01:05:01      | 2006-03-22T07:59:56       | new data moc2006-03-22T074701           |
| <a href="#">00202035002</a> | 013                  | GRB060319              | 2006-03-21T01:00:01      | 2006-03-22T04:42:50       | new data moc2006-03-22T042601           |
| <a href="#">00202035000</a> | 023                  | GRB060319              | 2006-03-19T00:39:46      | 2006-03-21T15:06:53       | new data moc2006-03-21T143601           |
| <a href="#">00201487015</a> | 011                  | GRB060313              | 2006-03-17T00:34:10      | 2006-03-18T04:21:16       | new data moc2006-03-18T040101           |

# DATA structure



# BAT units definition

- BAT mask-weighted counts (in LC, PHA, Images):
  - Bkg-subtracted counts per fully illuminated detector for an equivalent source on-axis
    - -> mask wt produces automatic bkg subtraction
    - -> normalized by # of enabled dets (..detector..)
    - -> partial coding correction
    - -> flatfielding correction

# BAT Software

- batbinevt (for LC, DPI, DPH, PHA)
- bathotpix
- batmaskwtevt
- battblocks
- batfftimage
- batcelldetect
- batdrngen
- maketime (not BAT soft, but very important)

# Why do you want to process BAT GRB data ?

- BAT-team does already everything !
- Burst Advocates have a script which performs the complete analysis
  - It is being discussed if it will be included in future software release (keep monitoring)

*Last chance to say that you don't want to learn how  
to process BAT data.....*

# Analysis Example: GRB050319

- Imagine you downloaded the data:
  - Access info (trigger time, GRB pos from fsw)
  - Get/Create quality map
  - Define time intervals (tricky !)
  - Extract events
  - Determine duration times
  - Refine GRB position (maybe skipped)
  - Make PHAs and LCs (as many as you want)
  - Make response matrices
  - Use your intelligence to understand if results are correct !!

# The files you'll need

## ➤ Event :

- bat/event/sw00111622000bevsh<type>\_uf.evt

## ➤ Auxiliar:

- bat/event/sw00111622000bevtr.fits

## ➤ Attitude:

- auxil/sw00111622000sat.fits

# Weighting your Events

- This step is generally already done, but if you need or you have refined your GRB position and you need to re-generate your weights:
  - `%> batmaskwtevt grb.evt detmask=qmap.fits  
ra=raGRB dec=decGRB attitude=sat.att  
auxfile=sat.aux`

# GRB info

- They are in the header of the EVENT file or in the TDRSS LC
  - Evt file name is : sw00111622000bevsh<type>\_uf.evt
    - Type can be:
      - sp = slew pointing
      - sl = slew
      - po = pointing

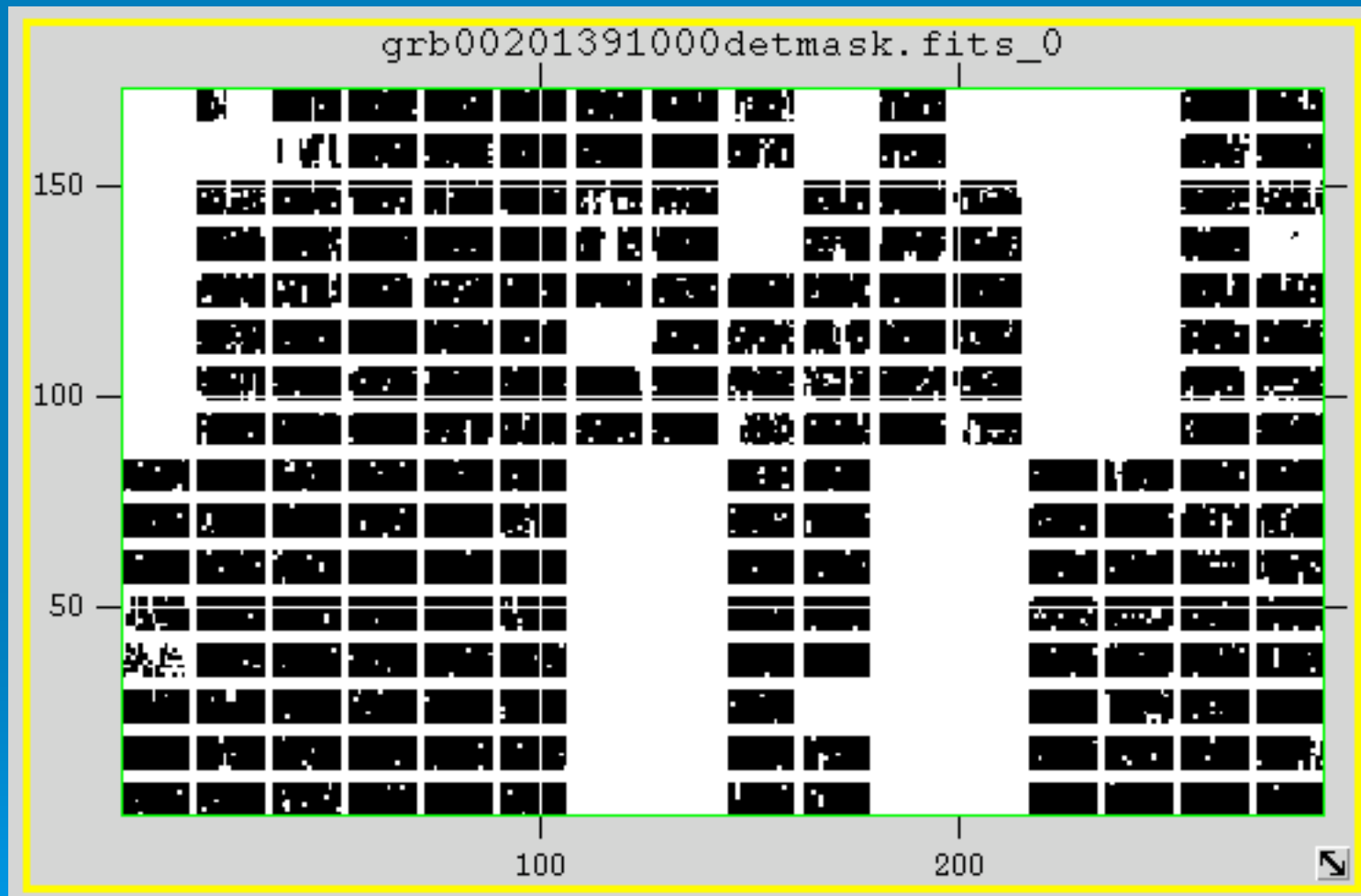
```
HISTORY P13 mode = 'h'
HISTORY END PARAMETER list for bateco
HISTORY
TRIGTIME= 132917477.888 / [s]
TTYPE5 = 'MASK_WEIGHT' / label
TFORM5 = '1E' / form
```

```
DETSIZEZ= 0.2 /
BAT_RA = 154.2017 /
BAT_DEC = 43.54632 /
BAT_XOBJ= 677.800310165806 /
BAT_YOBJ= -12194.0267695736 /
BAT_ZOBJ= 10000000. /
COORDTYPE= 'sky' /
```

# Quality map

- What's that? A map where:
  - Good pixel are flagged with 0, bad with 1
- How to create it:
  - `%> batbinevt grb.evt grb.dpi DPI 0 uniform 15-350 outunits=counts weighted=NO`
  - `%> bathotpix grb.dpi qmap.fits`

# Quality map

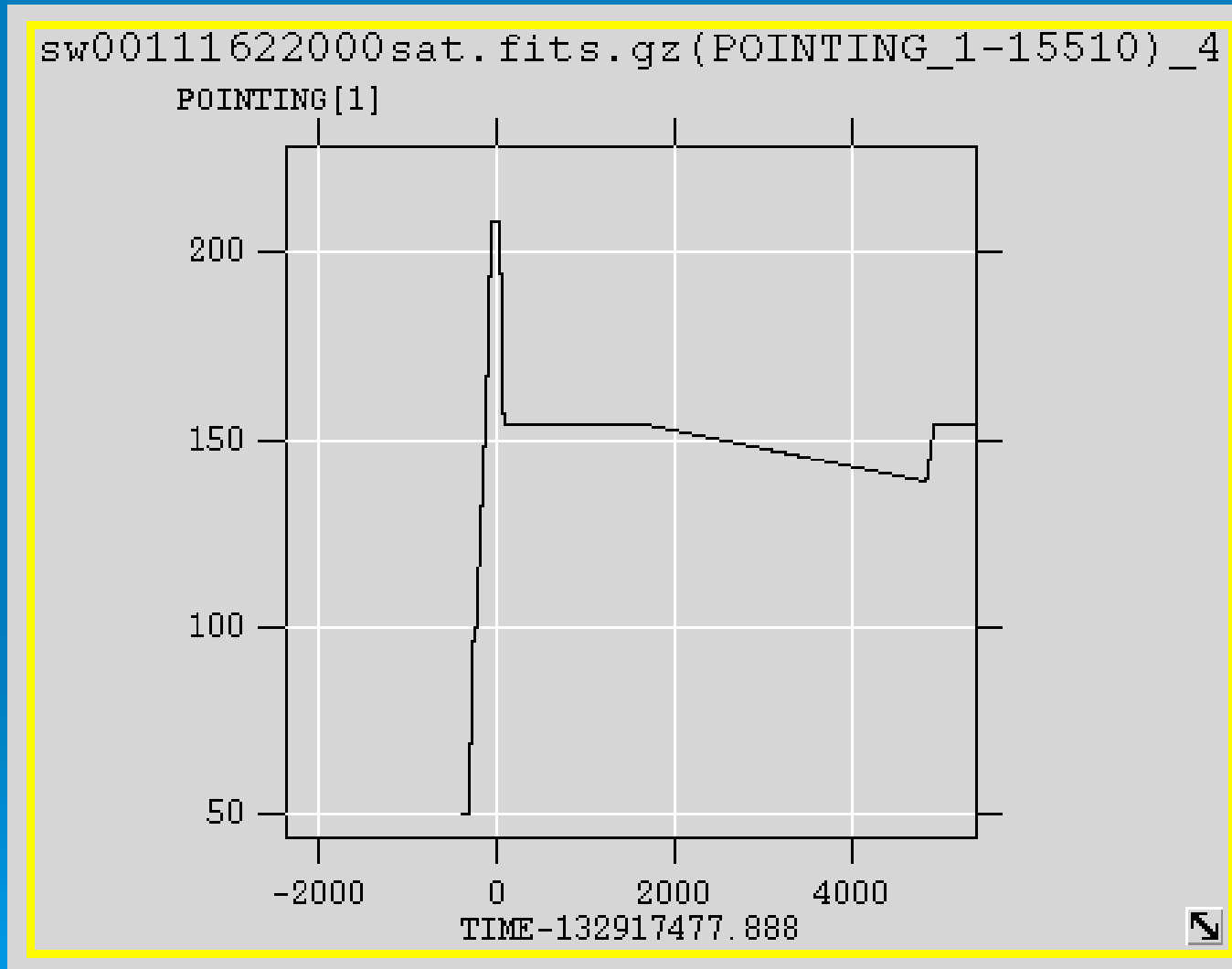


# Define GTI (why tricky ?)

## ➤ Define pre, in, post slew time interval:

- `%>maketime sat.att tenarmin.gti expr="FLAGS==b1xxxxxxx"  
compact=no prefr=0.5 postfr=0.5`
- `%> maketime sat.att slew.gti expr="FLAGS==b00xxxxxx  
prefr=0.5 postfr=0.5`
- `%>ftcopy tenarmin.gti[STDGTI][START<trigT and STOP>trigT]  
preslew.gti + opt`
- `%> ftcopy tenarmin.gti[STDGTI][START<trigT ] postslew.gti +  
opt`

# Define GTI (why tricky ?)



# Extract events (easy)

## ➤ Pre-slew events:

- `%>extractor grb.evt preslew.evt preslew.gti +opts`

## ➤ In-slew events:

- `%>extractor grb.evt inslew.evt slew.gti +opts`

## ➤ Post-slew events:

- `%>extractor grb.evt postslew.evt postslew.gti  
+opts`

# GRB durations

- Use battblocks for: T90, T50, Tpeak, TOT
  - Scargle, J. D. 1998, "Studies in Astronomical Time Series Analysis. V. Bayesian Blocks, Astrophys. J., 504, 405
- Make LC from EVTs: *Binning plays a role*
  - `%> batbinevt grb.evt tmp.lc LC 0.04 uniform 15-350 weighted=YES`
  - `%> battblocks tmp.lc bb.gti durfile=dur.gti bkgsub=YES countscol=RATE`
- Duration intervals are also in TDRSS

# GRB durations

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Estimated T90 duration: 149.768 s +/- 0.466039 s  
Estimated T50 duration: 124.148 s +/- 0.064 s  
Estimated Peak Interval: MET 132917479.19600001 +/- 0.500000 s  
Estimated background rate 1: -0.001 near MET 132917260.898000 s  
Estimated background rate 2: 0.001 near MET 132917640.324000 s  
Estimated total duration: 156.772 s (for data selection)  
                        (from MET 132917343.796000 to MET 132917500.568000)  
Estimated total fluence: 2.364724 count  
Created GTI with 11 entries  
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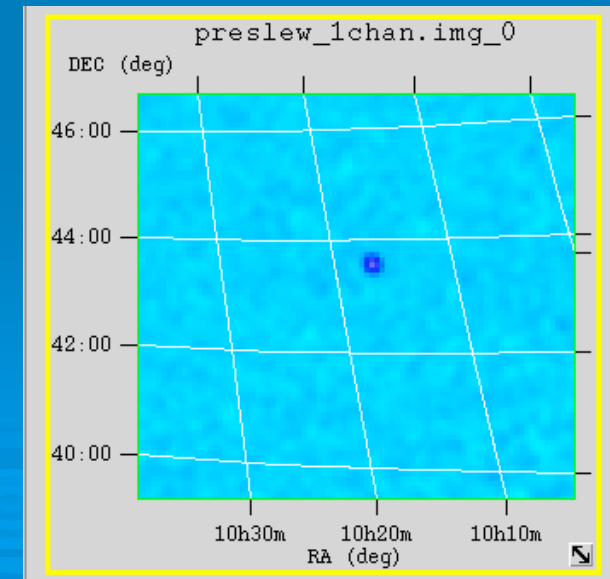
# Detect and Refine GRB position

## ➤ Make sky image from pre-slew data:

- `%> batbinevt preslew.evt preslew.dpi DPI 0 uniform 15-350 weighted=NO gti=gtiTOT detmask=qmap.fits`
- `%> batfftimage preslew.dpi preslew.img attitude=sat.att`

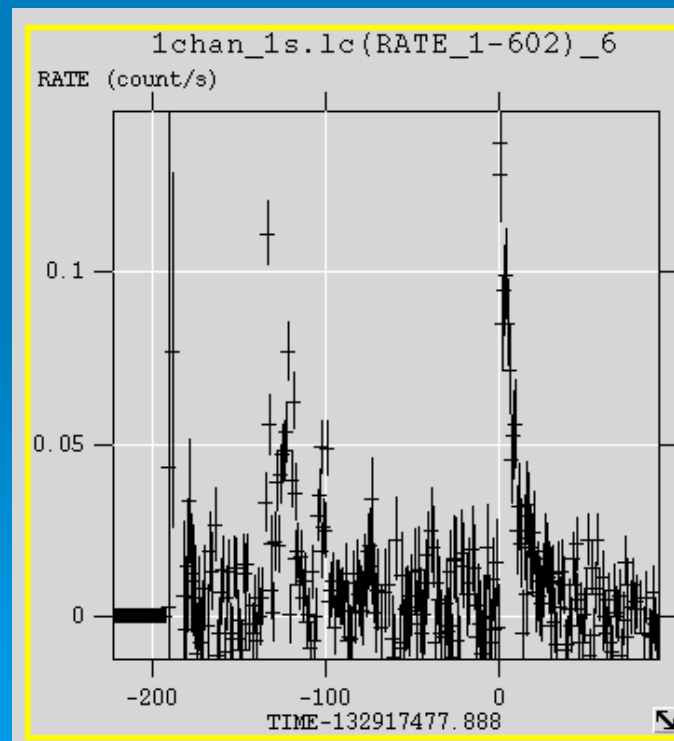
## ➤ Detect the GRB:

- `%> batcelldetect preslew.img soure.cat incatalog=Xray.cat`
- GRB fsw coords: 154.2017, 43.54632
- GRB refined: 154.1966, 43.5675



# Make Light curves

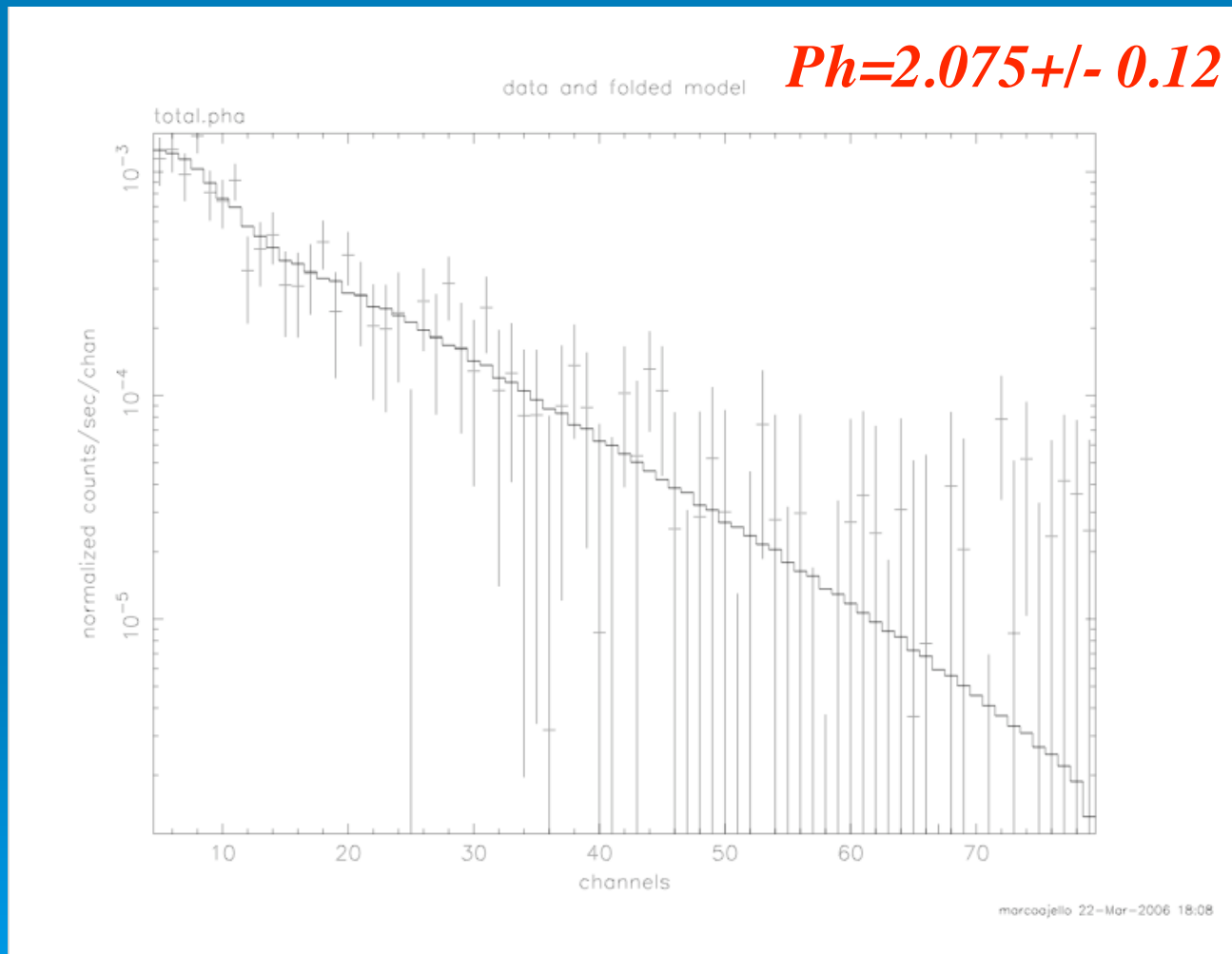
- On all timescales weighted/un-weighted
  - `%> batbinevt grb.evt 1chan_1s.lc LC 1 uniform 15-350 detmask=qmap.fits gti=none weighted=YES`



# Make Spectra (almost at the end)

- T90, T50, Peak, Total
  - %> batbinevt grb.evt total.pha PHA 0 uniform CALDB  
detmask=qmap.fits
- Change position keywords:
  - %> batupdatephakw total.pha auxfile
- Apply systematic errors:
  - %> batphasyserr total.pha CALDB
- Generate response:
  - %> batdrngen total.pha total.rsp NONE

# Make Spectra (almost at the end)



# Fluence

## ➤ Peak fluence:

- `%> batbinevt grb.evt peakflu.pha PHA 0 uniform  
15-25,25-50,50-100,100-35 outunits=counts  
gtifile=dur.gti[GTI_PEAK]`

## ➤ Total fluence:

- `%> batbinevt grb.evt totalflu.pha PHA 0 uniform  
15-25,25-50,50-100,100-35 outunits=counts  
gtifile=dur.gti[GTI_TOT]`

# Pages to monitor

- <http://swift.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/swift/analysis/>
  - BAT user's guide, bug status, BAT digest, BAT analysis thread
- Quick tutorial on how to analyze BAT GRB data (not completely correct):
  - <http://www.swift.ac.uk/BAT.shtml>

# Reminders

- Pay attention to GTI selections: slew/no-slew
- Try several T-binning to assess durations: T90-T50
- Monitor the HEADAS software release for the bat-burst-advocate script