Swift Observation of GRB 081022

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1 Introduction

At 14:23:48 UT Swift/BAT triggered and located the long GRB 081022 (trigger=332399) (Stratta et al. GCN Circ 8395).

Due to Sun constraint Swift could not slew to the BAT position and there are no XRT or UVOT data for this burst.

2 BAT Observation and Analysis

Using the data set from T-239 to T+903 sec the BAT ground-calculated position is RA (J2000) = 226.584 deg, Dec. (J2000) = 12.409 deg which is RA(J2000) = 15^h 06^m 20.1^s , Dec(J2000) = $+12^d$ 24' 32.7'' with an uncertainty of 1.4 arcmin (radius, sys+stat, 90% containment). The partial coding was 64%.

The mask-weighted light curve shows a long smooth peak starting at \sim T-10 sec, peaking around T+50 sec, and ending around T+210 sec. T_{90} (15-350 keV) is 160 ± 40 sec (estimated error including systematics) (Figure 1).

The time-averaged spectrum from T-9.3 to T+207.3 sec is best fit by a simple power-law model. The power law index of the time-averaged spectrum is 1.67 ± 0.11 . The fluence in the 15-150 keV band is $(2.5 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6}$ erg cm⁻². The 1-sec peak photon flux measured from T+57.18 sec in the 15-150 keV band is (0.6 ± 0.1) ph cm⁻² sec⁻¹. All the quoted errors are at the 90% confidence level (Ukwatta et al. GCN Circ 8397).

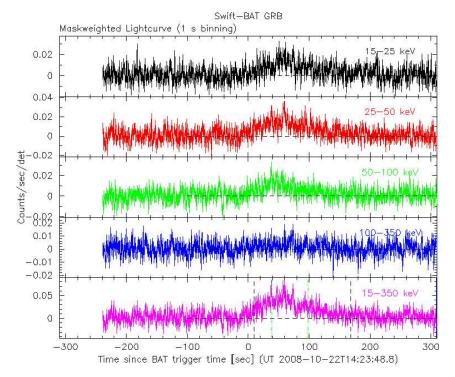


Figure 1: BAT Light curve. The mask-weighted light curve in the 4 individual plus total energy bands. The units are counts $\rm s^{-1}$ illuminated-detector⁻¹ (note illum-det = 0.16 cm²).