Documentation for the IDL GRB simulator, GRBfullsim.pro, extracted from its comment lines.

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Overview:

- (1) The main routine calls GRBglobal; sets up arrays; loops through the number of bursts to be generated, calling makeGRB for each burst; optionally records the photon list per burst in an output file; optionally plots the burst time profile.
- (2) Module GRBglobal computes the number of bursts/year (Nbsim) within GLAST FOV and calls procedures { get_durs, get_fluxes, get_plaws } which return Nbsim samples from each of the distributions { durations, peak fluxes, power-law indices }, respectively.
- (3) Module makeGRB computes the number of photons for this burst, and calls maketimes.
- (4) Module maketimes makes BATSE-like time profiles, but with pulse widths extrapolated to GLAST energies, generated in a call to module pickwidth; photons are distributed within a given pulse according to an energy-dependent formulation.

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pro GRBglobal, iseed, Zen Norm
 The program computes the number of bursts per year expected in the GLAST
 field of view. It then calls procedures which return samples from global
; distributions for GRBs: durations, peak fluxes, and power-law indices.
; INPUT:
; none
: OUTPUT:
; durs, the duration array
; dur gt2s, flag indicating if duration is {<>} 2 seconds
; Frats, the array of ratios of peak flux to maximum
; Fp, the array of ratios of peak fluxes
; betas, the array of power-law indices
 Nbsim, the number of bursts to manufacture
 Assume zenith acceptance angle = 75 degrees, 810 bursts/yr all-sky,
 and scanning mode. Then we simulate in this solid angle acceptance
; Nbsim bursts per year.
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pro makeGRB, isim, Ethres, iseed, madeburst
 Computes number of photons for this burst, N inc:
    SpecNorm units, integrated Peak Flux: photons cm^-2 s^-1 (> Ethres). Researches on normalization:
   (1) Bonnell's fits to bright BATSE bursts; (2) comparison with EGRET norms for bright bursts –
   Catelli's, Dingus' and Schneid's works; and definitively (3) analysis of Preece et al. spectroscopy catalog
   of bright BATSE bursts (see JPN routine Specanal.pro).
   The cofactors for SpecNorm are: (a) {average flux / peak flux} =\sim 1/7;
   (b) scaling by (peak flux)^1.5, determined from inspection of Preece et al.;
    (c) duration (seconds); (d) 282743 cm<sup>2</sup> (6-meter dia. illuminated disk);
    (e) scaling to integral above Ethres (e.g., 0.03 \text{ GeV}) for case beta = -2;
    (f) dispersion (dynrange) to approximately replicate the scatter in peak flux
      vs. normalization at 1 MeV as estimated from Preece et al. catalog; and
    (g) a dependence on power-law index as estimated from Preece et al. catalog.
 Thus, N inc is number of photons normally incident on projected disk of GLAST illumination sphere,
 integrated above Ethres, for chosen peak flux & duration. Energies distributed as power-law, index beta.
; INPUTS: (1) Ethres, minimum energy photon for set of simulated bursts; (2) Frats(isim), ratio of this
 burst's peak flux to the maximum; (3) duration, this burst's total duration, (4) beta, this burst's
; power-law index; (5) Npuls, this burst's number of pulses.
: OUTPUTS:
 The program returns:
; Specnorm, the spectral normalization described above
; N inc [Nphotons(isim)], the total number of photons for which times will be chosen
 GRBenergies, the array of photon energies
; madeburst, a flag {y,n} indicating whether or not a burst was made
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pro get_durs, iseed
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; The program chooses durations from the BATSE bimodal duration distribution,
; where the measurement process is described by Bonnell et al. (1997, ApJ, 490, 79).
; The parent sample is same as for peak fluxes: from GRB 910421 (trig# 105) to
; GRB 990123 (trig# 7343). This partial sample (1262) includes bursts where
; backgrounds could be fitted, and peak fluxes subsequently measured.
; The sample spans 7.75 years.
; INPUTS:
; none
; OUTPUTS:
; The program returns a float array of durations (durs), and an integer array
; (dur_gt2s: 0 or 1) indicating whether the burst's duration is from the
; long mode (1) or short mode (0); this array is used to determine which
; peak-flux distribution to choose from. Size of returned arrays = Nbsim.
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pro get fluxes, iseed
 The program chooses peak fluxes from the BATSE log N - log P; see Bonnell
; et al. 1997, ApJ, 490, 79, which duplicates the procedure specified by
; Pendleton*. The measurement procedure is applied uniformly for that part
; of the BATSE sample from GRB 910421 (trig# 105) to GRB 990123 (trig# 7343).
; (*Pendleton used a different PF estimation technique for the initial BATSE Catalog.)
 This partial sample (1262) includes bursts where backgrounds could be fitted,
; and peak fluxes subsequently measured. It spans 7.75 years. Therefore,
; in order to draw from a PF distribution representing 1 year, we truncate
; at the eighth brightest burst in 7.75 \sim 8 years. The peak flux measure
; in Bonnell et al. is for 256-ms accumulations.
: INPUTS:
 The integer array dur gt2s (0 or 1) indicating whether the burst's duration
 is from the short mode (0) or long mode (1). This array is used to determine
; which peak-flux distribution to choose from, {N,P} for longs, {M,Q} for shorts.
: OUTPUTS:
 The program returns an array of peak fluxes (Fp), and an array of peak flux
 ratios (Frats), normalized to the brightest burst in one year.
; Size of returned arrays = Nbsim.
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pro get plaws, iseed
 The program chooses spectral power-law indices from the BATSE power-law
; distribution, as measured by Preece et al. (1999)
: INPUTS:
; none
: OUTPUTS:
; The program returns an array of power-law indices.
; Size of returned arrays = Nbsim.
pro pickwidth, UnivFWHM, duration, Ethres, iseed
 The program chooses a universal width for the pulses within a given burst.
 A given GRB tends to have pulses of comparable widths. Therefore (see Fig 3a
 of Norris et al. 1996 "attributes" paper), pick one pulse width from the
 distribution of fitted widths of "All" pulses, 50-300 keV, in bright, long
 BATSE GRBs. Then, since (a) \sim 1/4 of GRBs are short, and (b) short GRBs have
 pulse widths \sim 1/10-1/20 that of long GRBs -- multiply pulse widths for one
 quarter of the GRBs by compression factor of 1/10. Then using Width ~ E^(-0.333)
; relationship, scale chosen width to Ethres, from 100 keV.
: INPUTS:
 Ethres, the minimum energy photon for this set of simulated bursts
; duration, this burst's total duration
; OUTPUTS:
; The program returns a FWHM width to be using in making pulses for one burst.
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pro maketimes, GRBtimes, GRBenergies, N inc, Npuls, duration, Ethres, iseed
 make BATSE-like GRB time profiles, placing GLAST photons a la
 cumulative BATSE intensity, but in narrower pulses:
  (1) Npuls = number of pulses, proportional to BATSE duration.
  (2) pulse peak amplitude is random (0.0=>1.0); sort amps in descending amp order.
  (3) scramble amps of {1st,2nd} halves of pulses, separately (leaves profile asymmetric)
  (4) center of pulse time is random within duration. sort the times, ascending order.
  (5) pulse width is drawn from BATSE width distribution for bright bursts (attributes
     paper), scaled to GLAST energies, using width \sim E^{-0.333}.
  (6) make Npuls pulses with "bisigma" shapes => sum to produce time profile
  (7) form cumulative distribution of BATSE intensity
  (8) distribute the N inc photons according cumulative intensity => GRBtimes
  (9) offset the photon times according to (a) energy dependence, width \sim E^{-0.333}
     and (b) time of peak, also proportional to E^{-0.333}.
: INPUTS:
 Ethres, the minimum energy photon for this set of simulated bursts
 duration, this burst's total duration
 N inc, the total number of photons for which times will be chosen
; GRBenergies, the array of photon energies
: OUTPUTS:
; The program returns:
; Npuls, the number of pulses in this burst
 amplitudes, the pulse peak amplitudes
; tmax, the times of peak amplitude
; GRBtimes, the array of photon times
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