ATel draft for HB89 1749+701 and BZU J0742+5444

Important Note

The initial draft (very bottom) was for flaring of two sources. The first one (1749+701) did have a recent ATEL #3171 so the new draft is only for the latter source (J0742+5444)

New draft just on flare of BZU J0742+5444

Fermi LAT detection of a GeV flare from BZU J0742+5444

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The Large Area Telescope (LAT), one of the two instruments on the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope, has observed a bright gamma-ray flare from a source positionally consistent with the flat spectrum radio source, 87GB 073840.5+545138 = BZU J0742+5444 (RA: 07h42m39.8s, Dec: +54d44m25s, J2000, A. J. Beasley et al. 2002, ApJS, 141, 13) with z=0.72 (J. Halpern et al. 2003, AJ, 125, 572).

Preliminary analysis indicates that on February 26, 2011 the source was in a high state with a gamma-ray flux (E>100MeV) of (1.2+/-0.3) x 10^-6 ph cm^-2 s^-1 (error is statistical only). This value represents an increase of a factor of ~20 with respect to the flux in the 1FGL catalog (Abdo et al. 2010, ApJS, 188, 405), which reports the average flux from August 2008 through June 2009.

Because Fermi operates in an all-sky scanning mode, regular gamma-ray monitoring of this source will continue. The Fermi LAT contact person for this source is Davide Donato (donato@milkyway.gsfc.nasa.gov).

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Initial draft on two sources... but 1749+701 was already recently reported (ATEL 3171)

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Preliminary analysis indicates that on February 26, 2011 the two sources were in a high state with a gamma-ray flux (E>100MeV) of $(1.3+/-0.2) \times 10^{-6}$ ph cm² s⁻¹ and $(1.2+/-0.3) \times 10^{-6}$ ph cm² s⁻¹ (errors are statistical only), respectively. Those values represent an increase of a factor of ~50 and ~20 with respect to the source flux level reported in the 1FGL catalog (Abdo et al. 2010, ApJS, 188, 405), which reports the average flux from August 2008 through June 2009.

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