

THE PROGENITORS AND HOSTS OF STELLAR EXPLOSIONS

Christina C.Thöne
(IAA-CSIC/HETH, Granada)

High Energy Transients & their Hosts

Founded in 2012

Funding:

- 2 Ramon y Cajal fellows
- 1 junior PI grant
- 3 (4) Juan de la Cierva fellows
- 1 PTA, 2 PhD grants

156 refereed Publications

9900 Citations

„h-index“ 48

Closing on Dec. 15, 2021 ;-(



Martin Blazek

Feli Agüi

Antonio de Ugarte

Christina Thöne

Alex Kann

Kasia Bensch



PhD student/
data scientist

PTA
(technical postdoc)

PhD student

co-PI
↓
OCA Nice

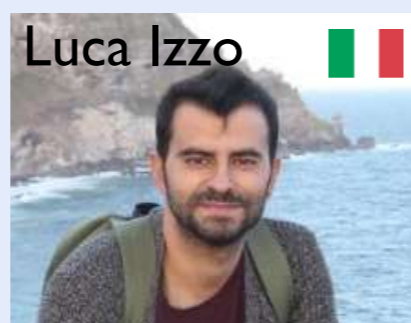
PI
↓
??

AYA-JIN
(junior leader)

Former members



↓
Univ. Potsdam



↓
DARK, Copenhagen



↓
IAA → INAF/OA Rome

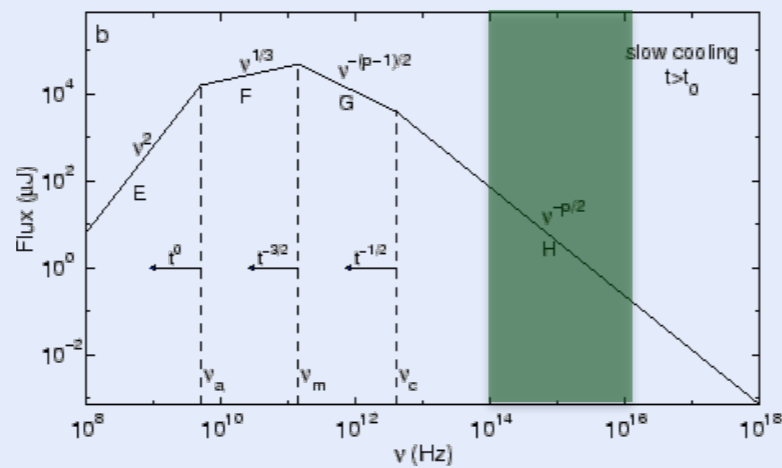
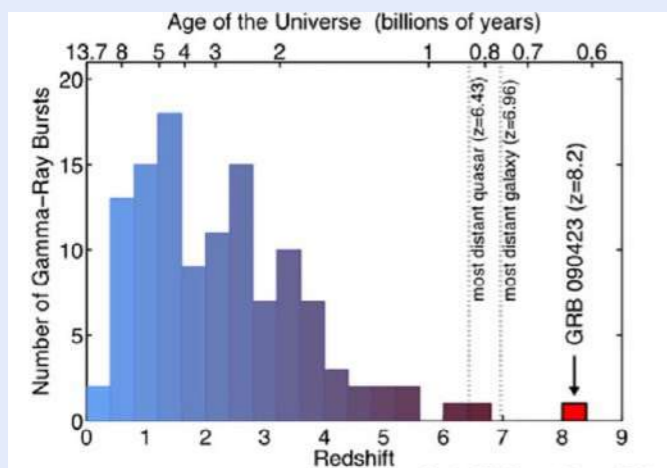


↓
NOT → Stockholm

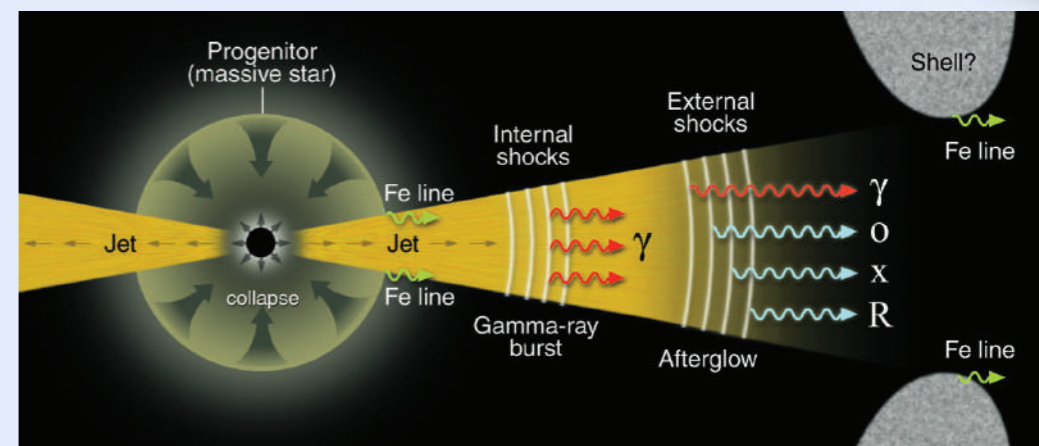


↓
Left academia

Stellar explosions: GRBs



Synchrotron spectrum



Long/soft GRB

Short/hard GRB

$T_{90} > 2\text{s}$

$T_{90} < 2\text{s}$

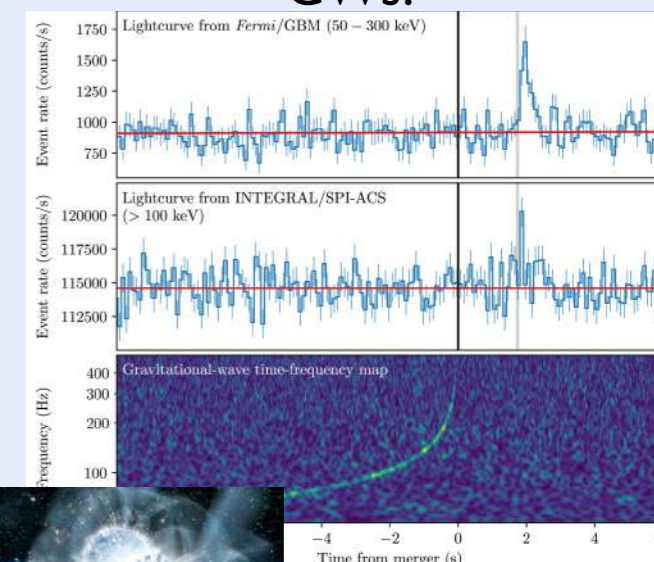
BL-Ic SN
star-forming
host

kilonova
young+old hosts

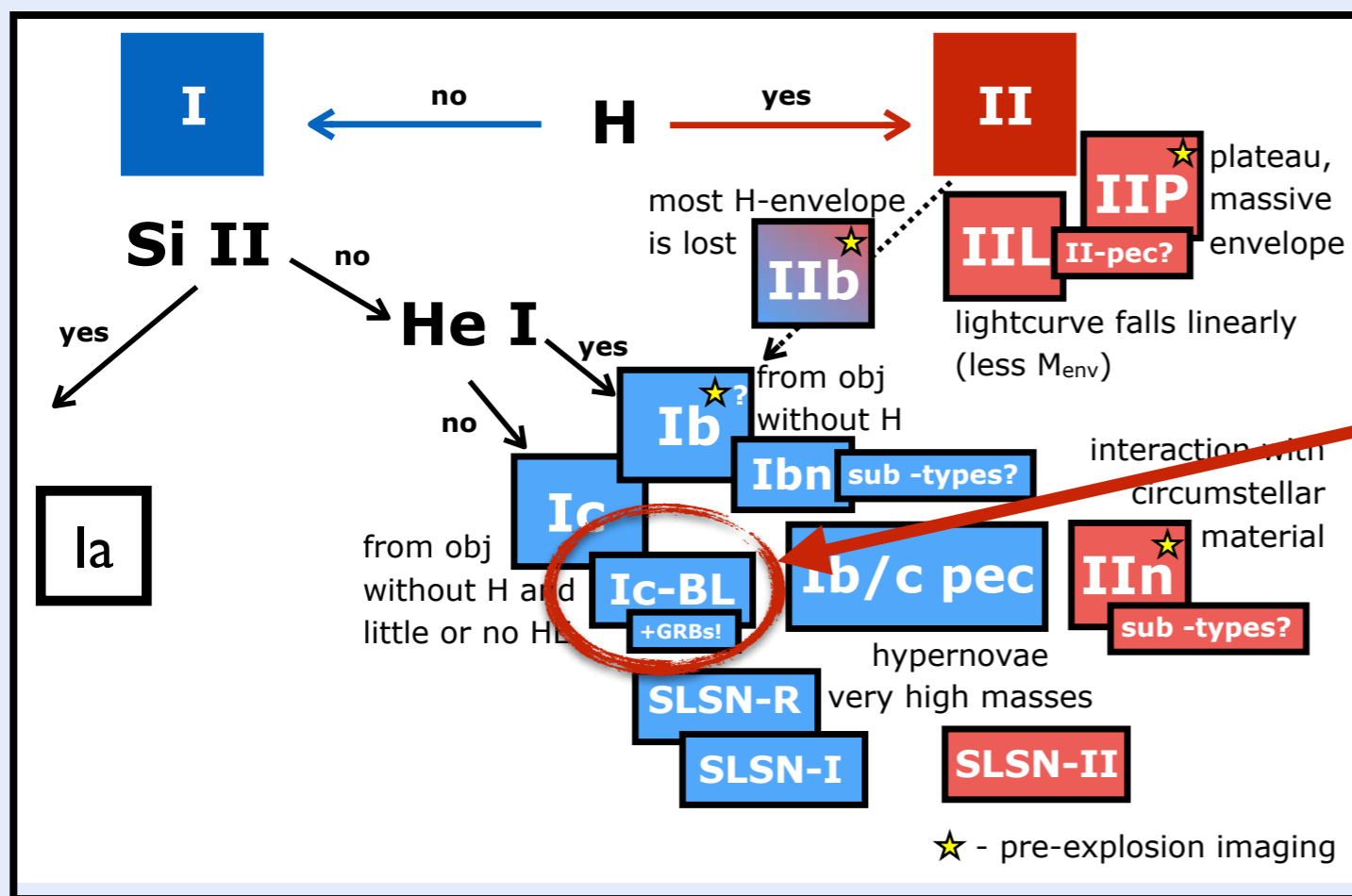
GWs!



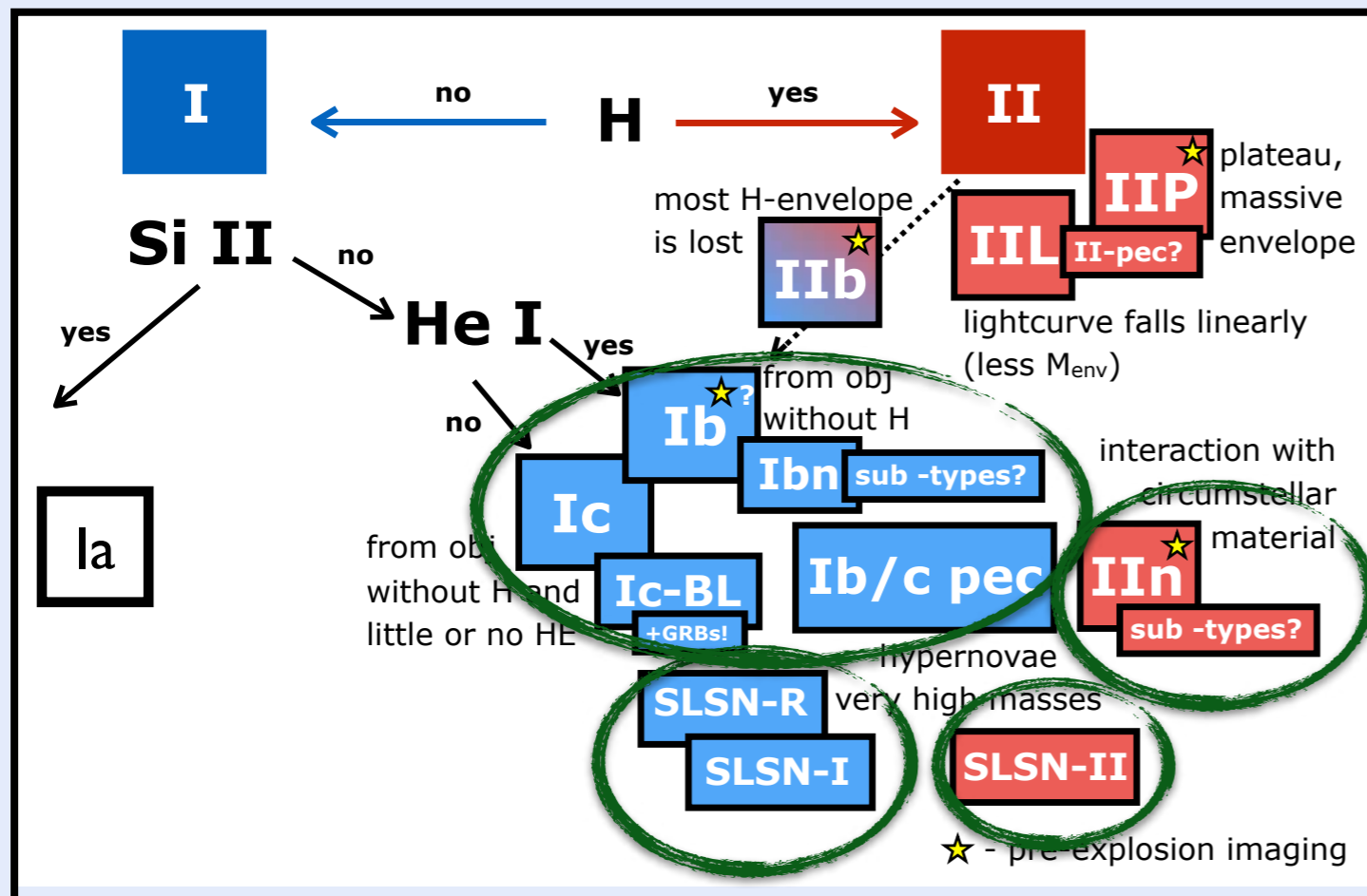
Collapsar
(massive star)



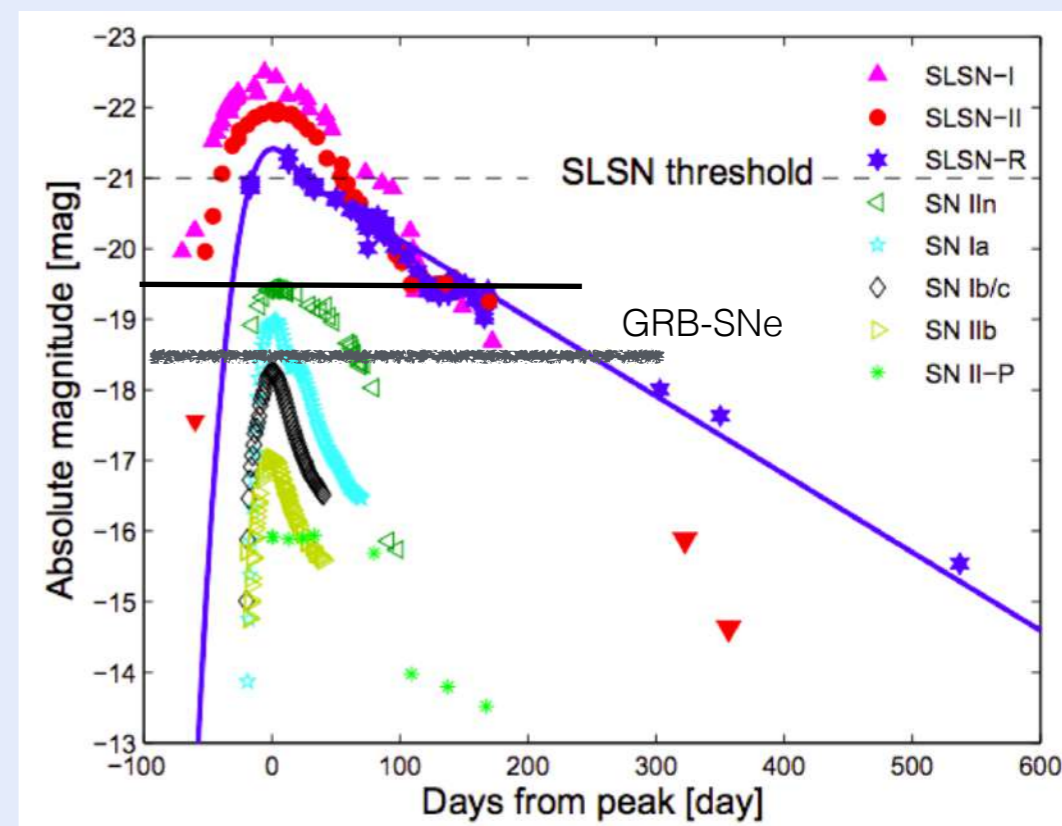
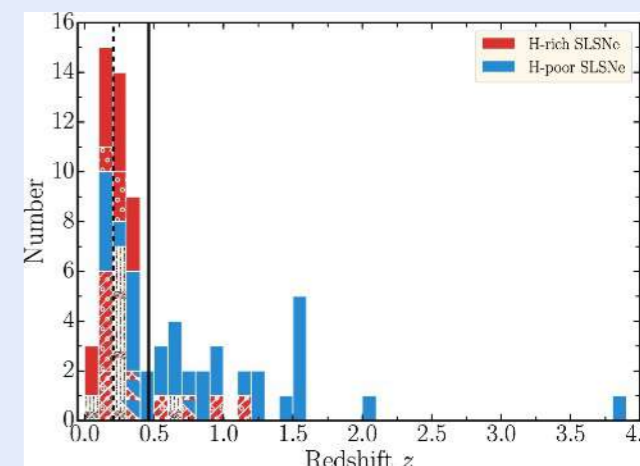
NS merger



Stellar explosions: supernovae



- SLSN-I: very massive stars
- SLSN-II: luminous IIn SNe? (CSM interaction)
- Powered by magnetars....?!
- Related to FRBs?!

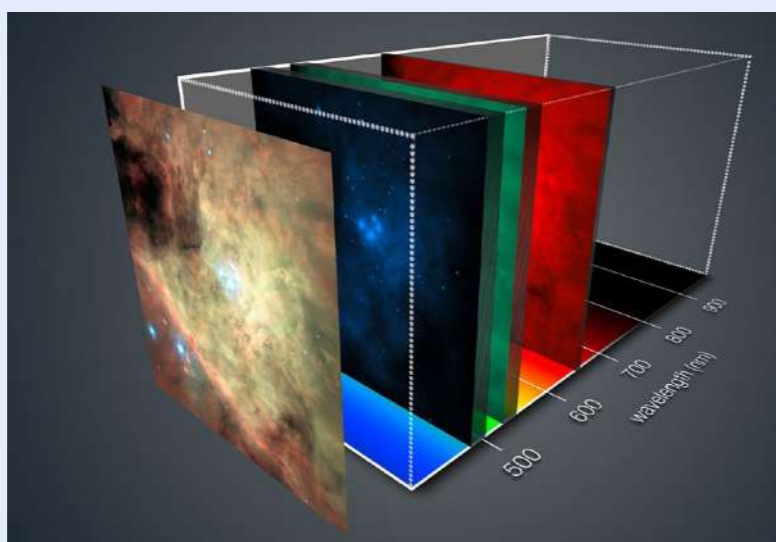
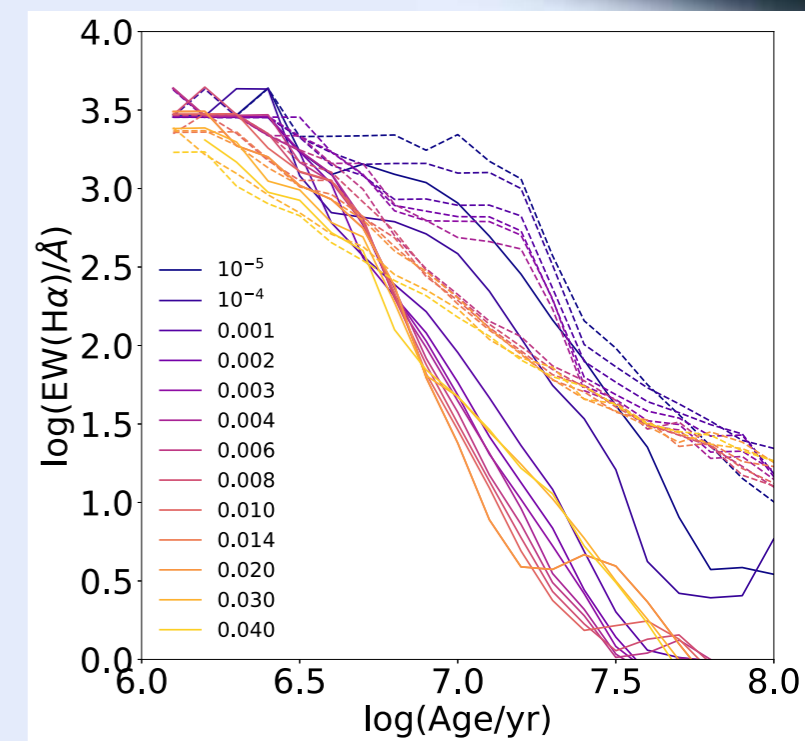


Other luminous SNe and progenitors:

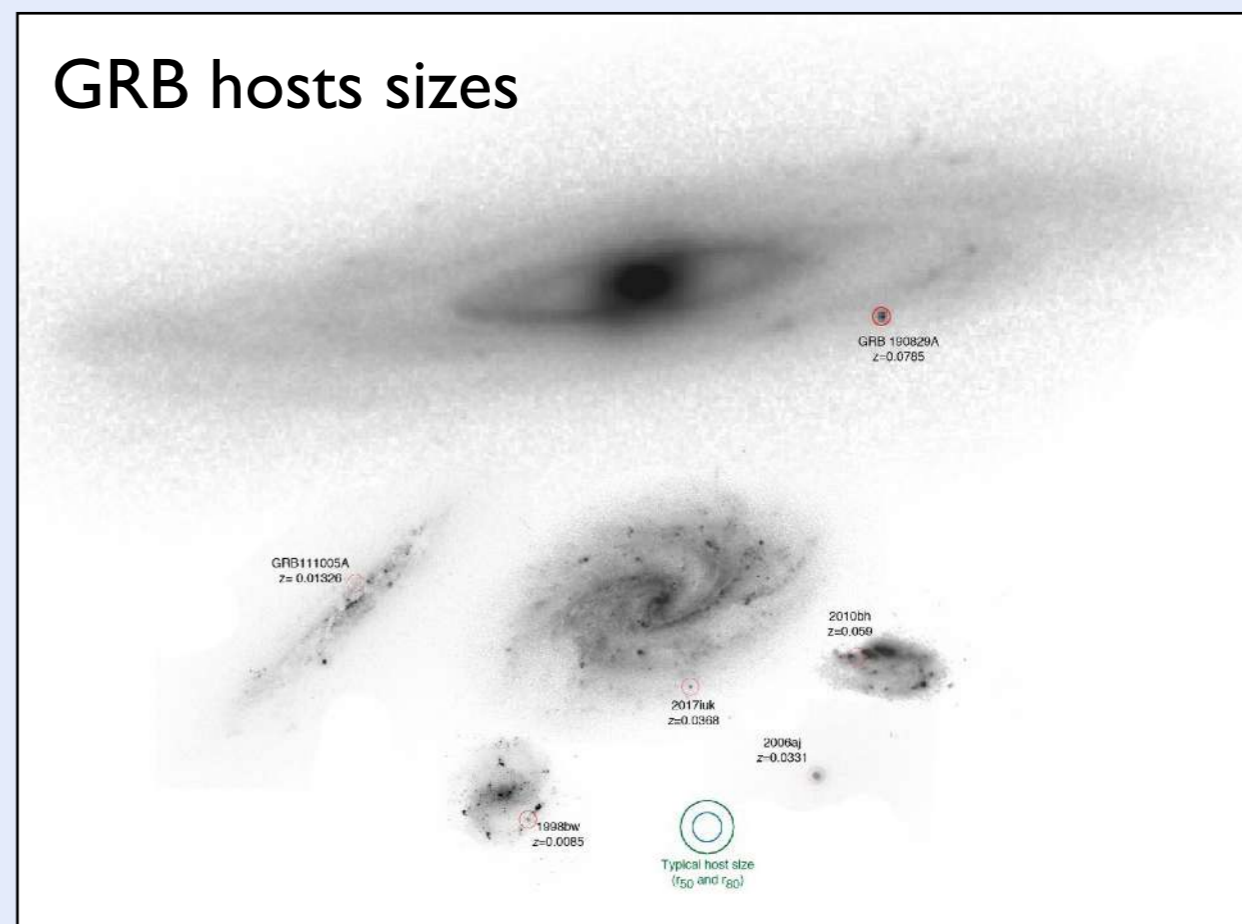
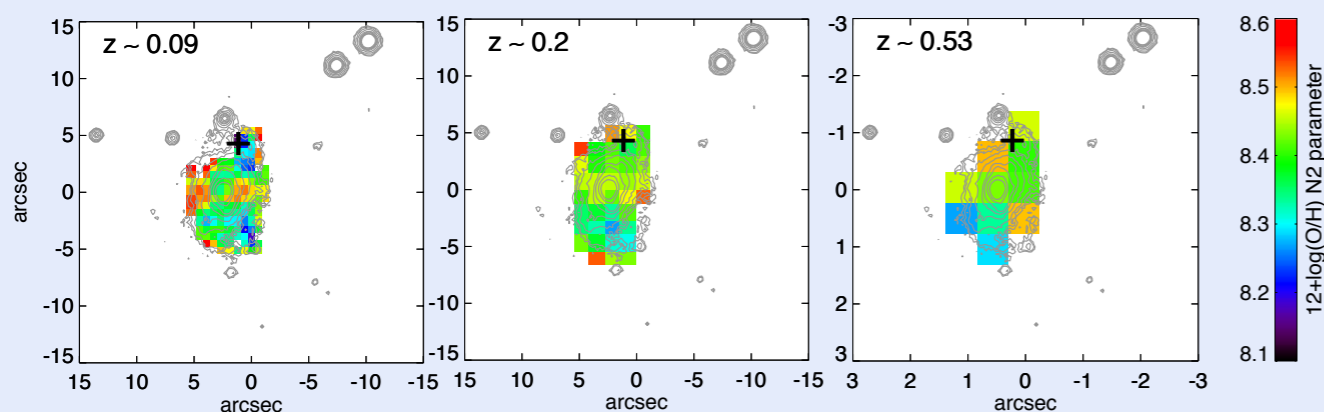
- IIn (interaction with CSM)
- Ib/c without GRB (stripped envelope stars)

Progenitor properties from the environment

- Progenitor imaging tricky (anything beyond >50 Mpc): infer mass, Z , age from environment
- Problem 1: most GRB hosts far & unresolved: $\langle z \rangle = 2.1 \rightarrow 8$ kpc / arcsec!
- Problem 2: low- z GRB and SLSN hosts dwarf galaxies



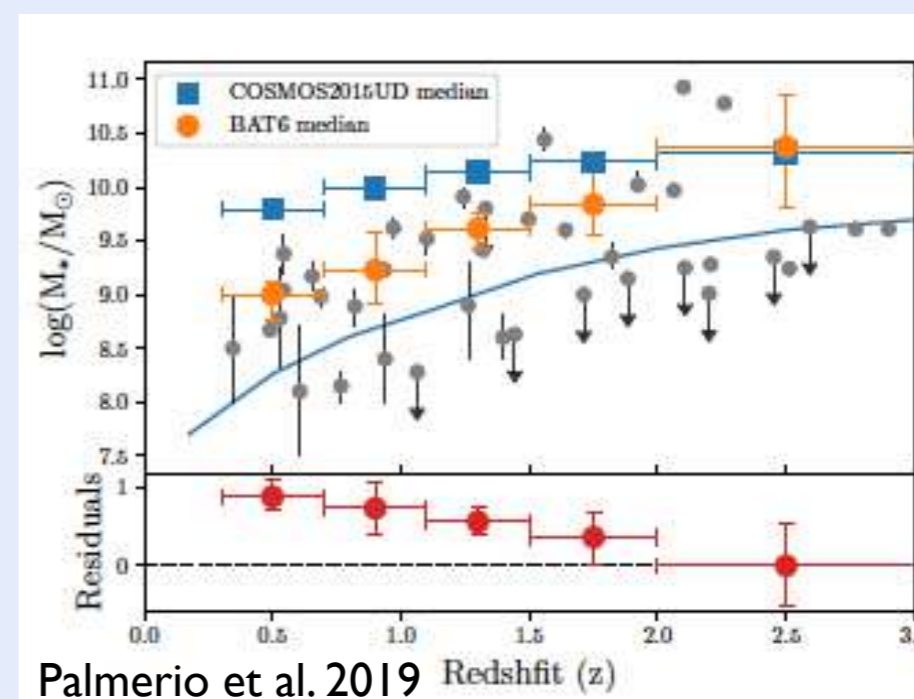
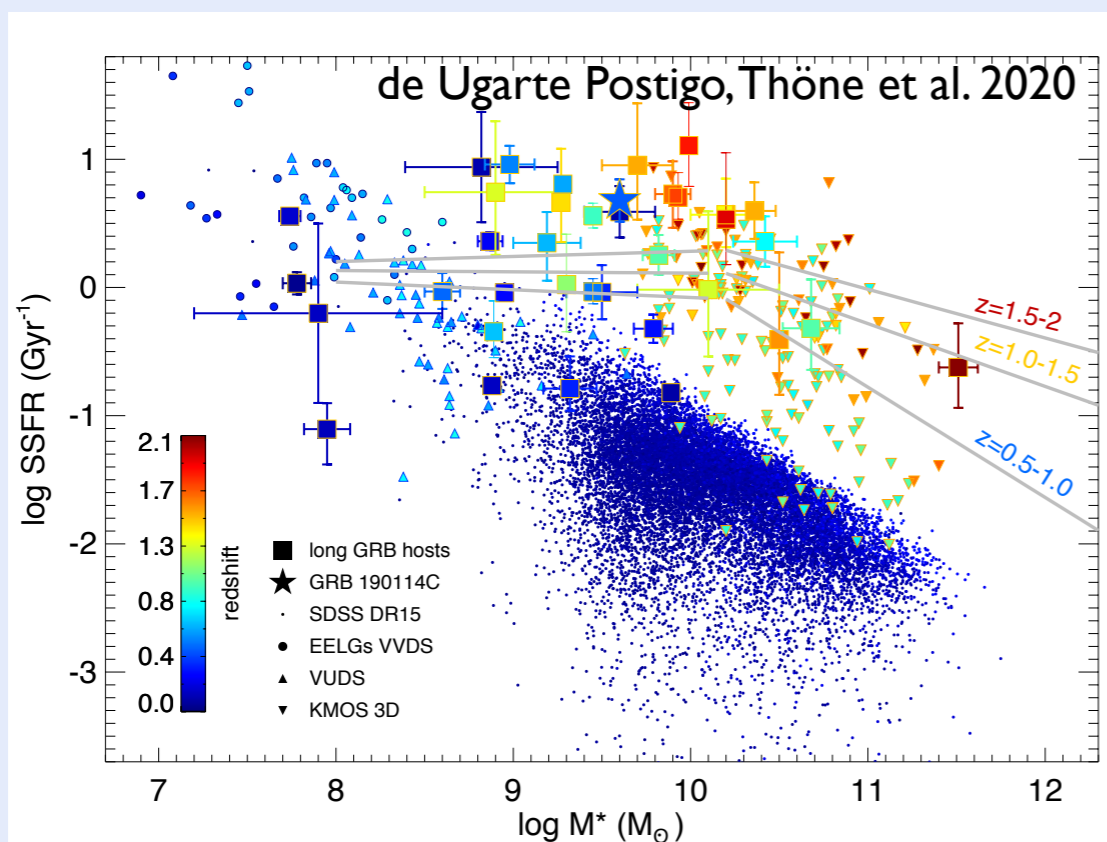
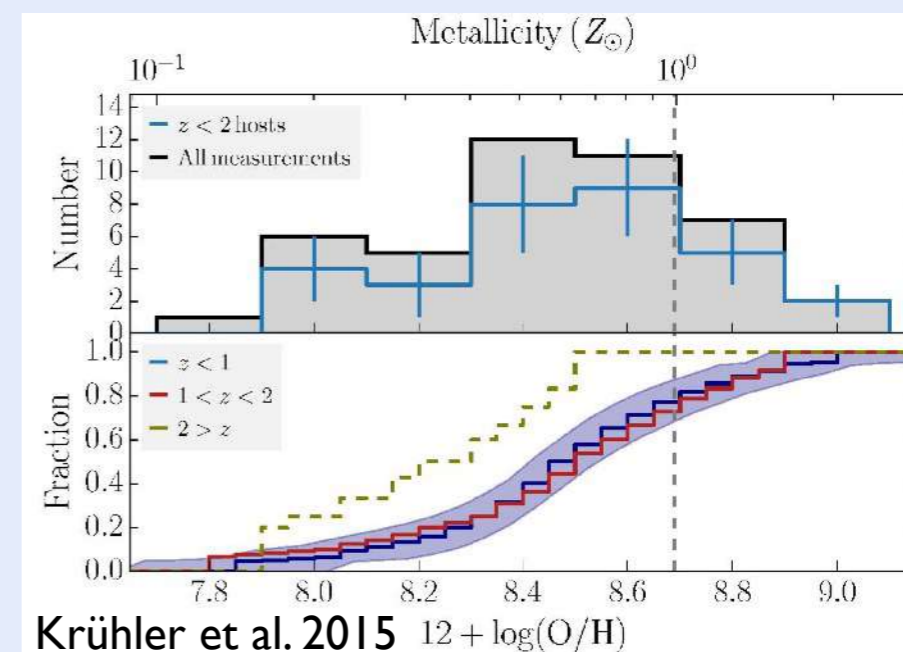
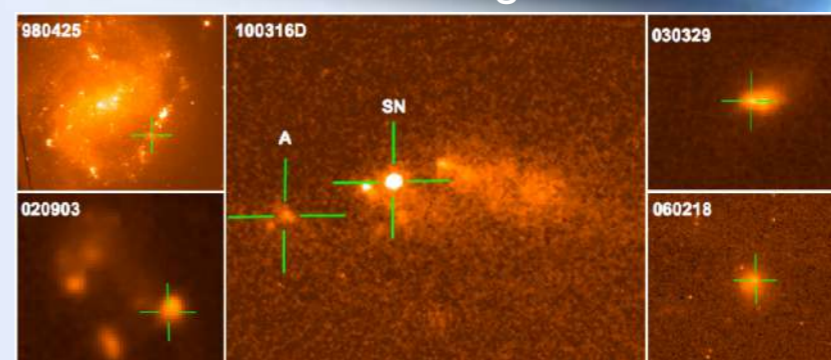
Careful with resolution issues (simulation, Thöne et al. 14)



GRB hosts - resolved and unresolved

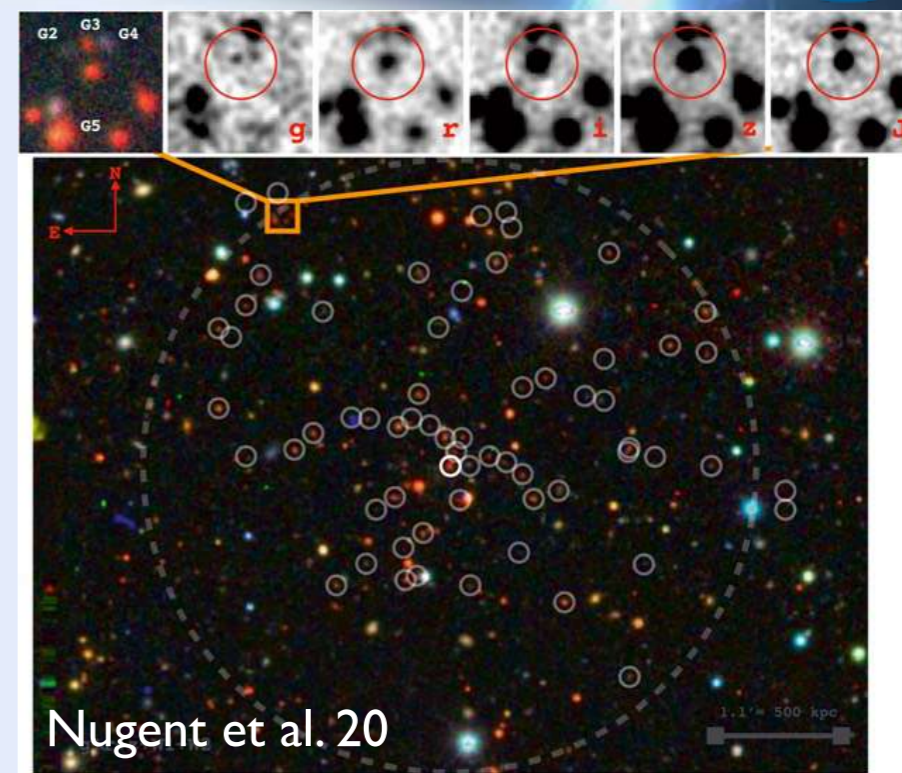
Long GRB hosts

- GRB hosts
 $z < 1$, mostly dwarfs ($\log M < 9 M^*$)
 $z > 2 \sim 10 M^*$
- lowish metallicity (< 0.5 solar)
- high specific SFR

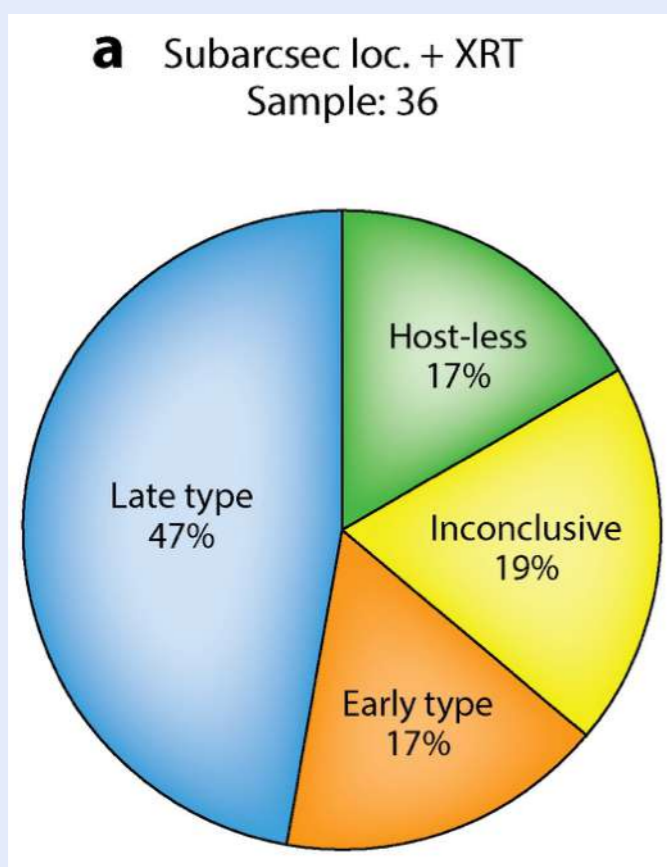


Short GRB hosts

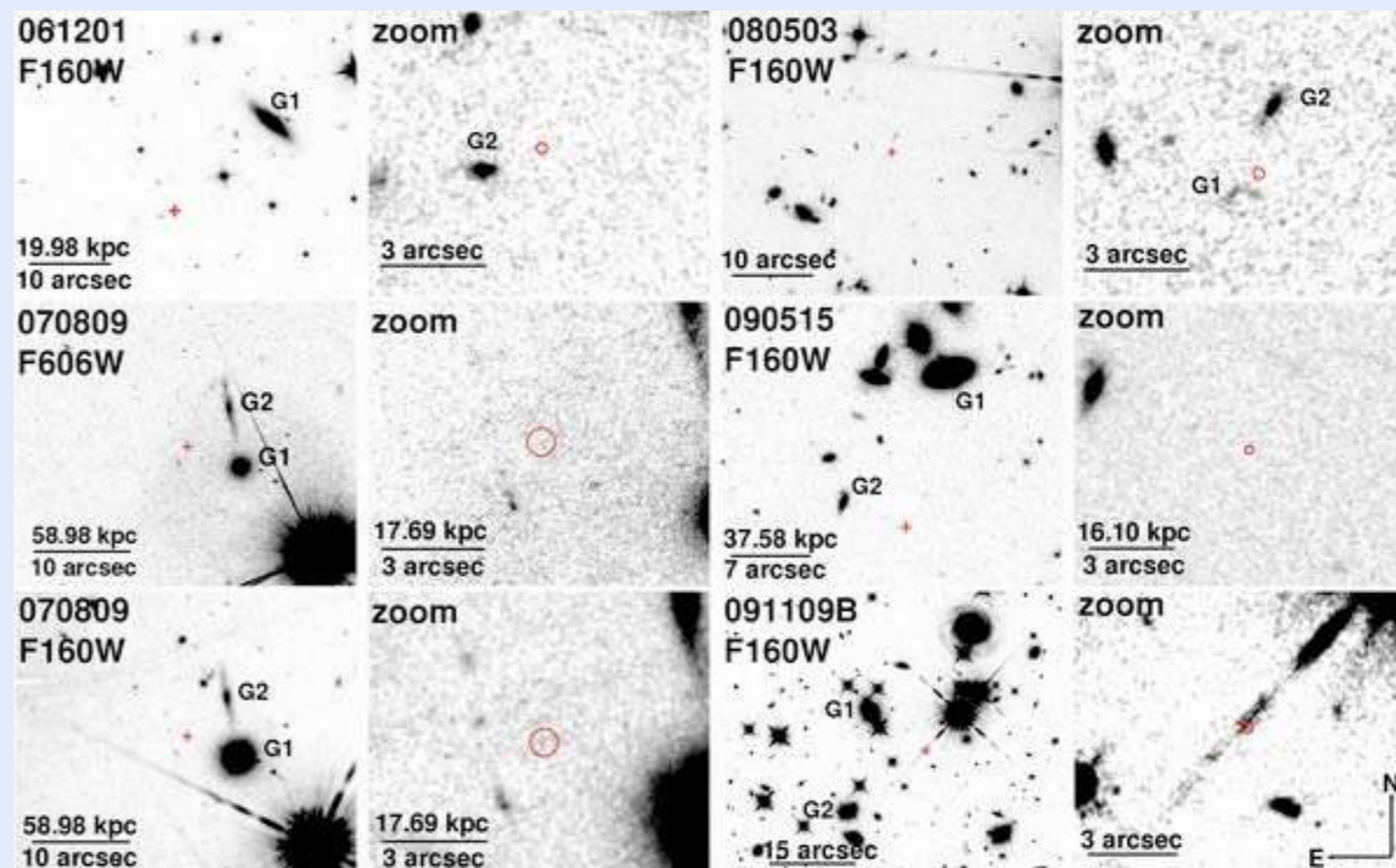
- only ~20% early type hosts!
- Many insecure host identifications, some revised later
- Only 4 afterglow spectra so far
- Very few hosts in galaxy clusters



Nugent et al. 20



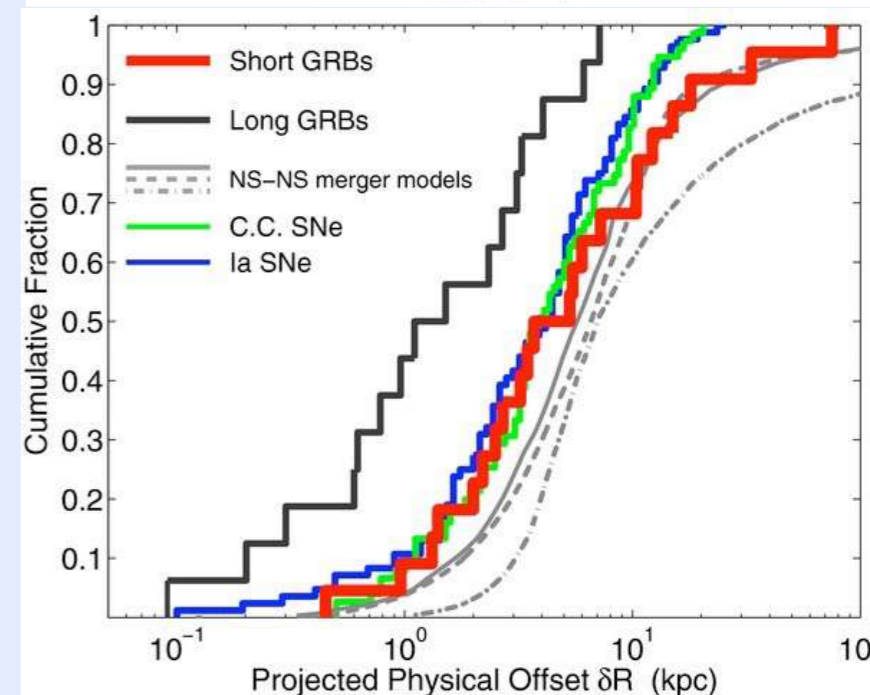
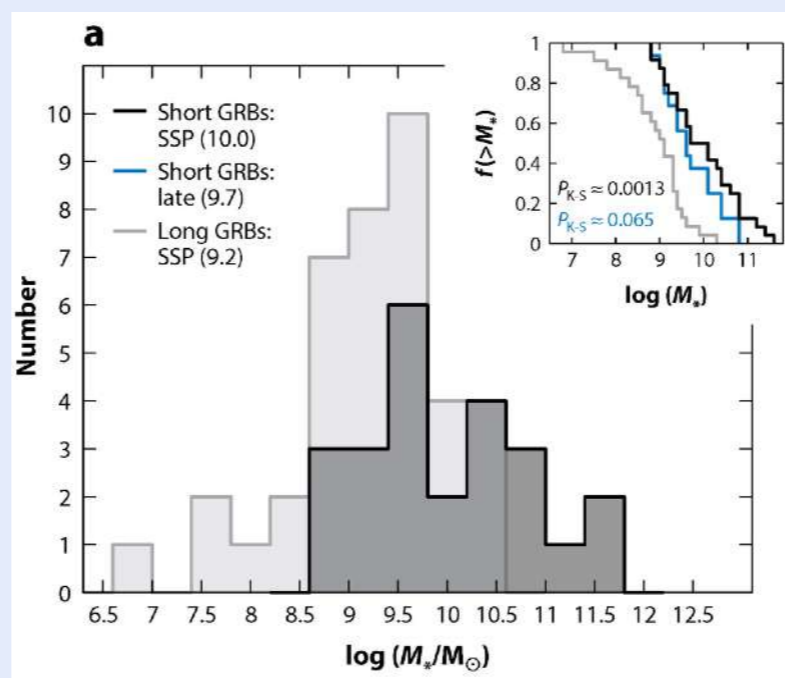
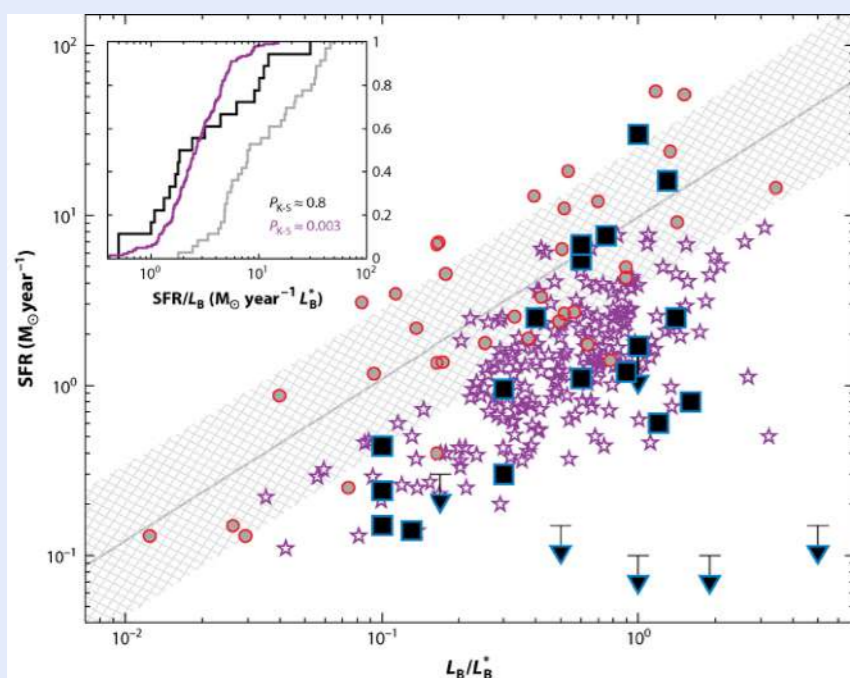
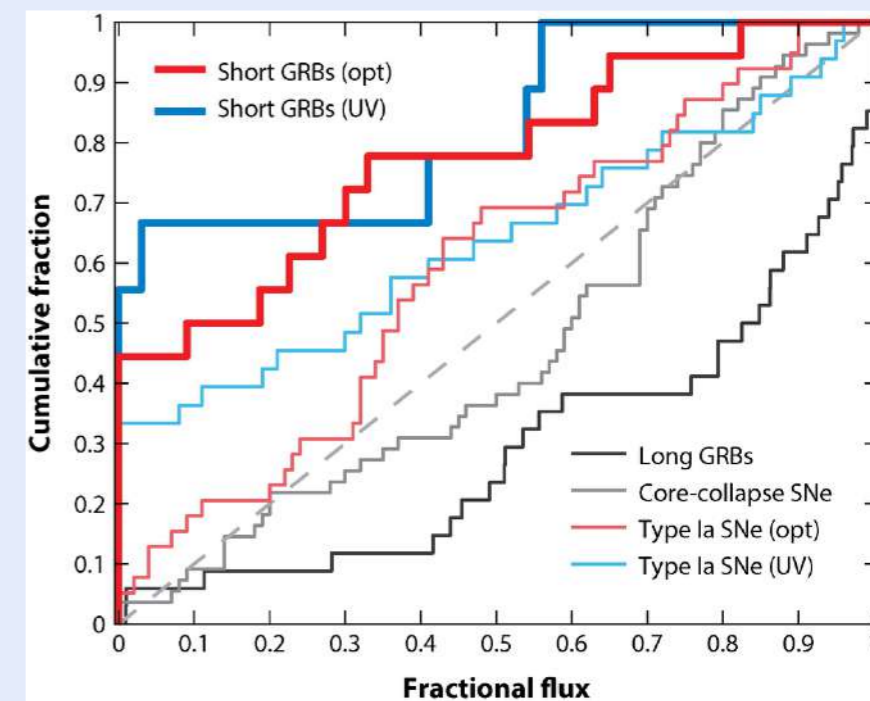
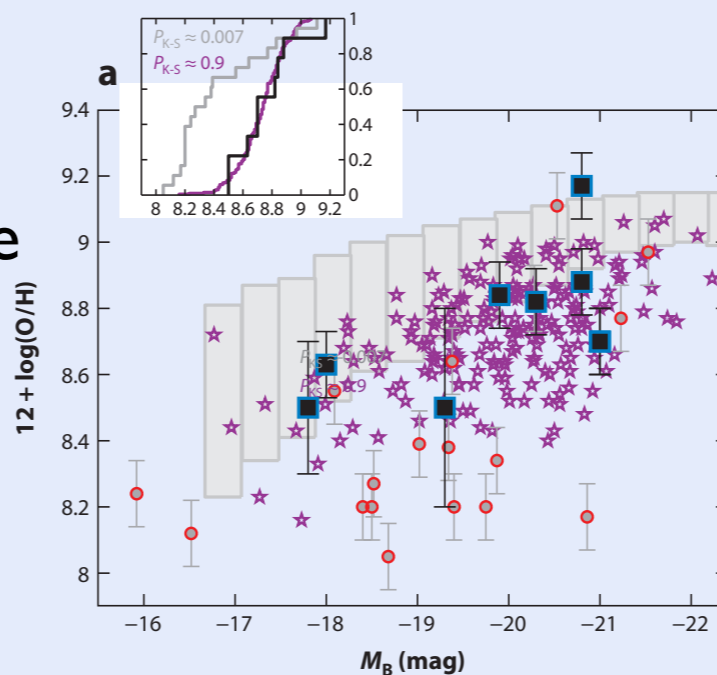
Berger 14



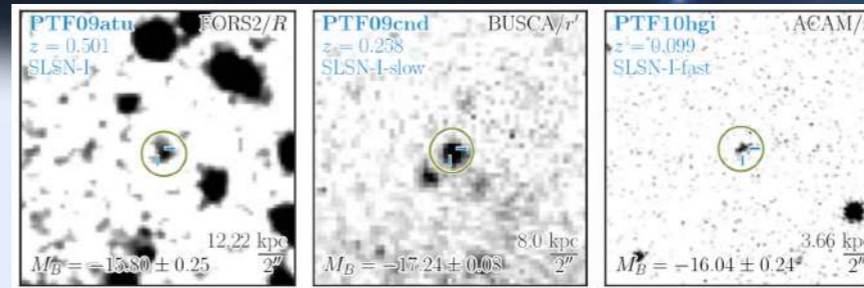
Fong & Berger 13

Short vs. long hosts

- Short hosts typically more massive
- Less SFR/luminosity
- higher metallicity?!
- Offset $\sim 5x$ larger
1.5x normalized to galaxy size
- No correlation with bright (=star-forming) regions like for long GRB hosts

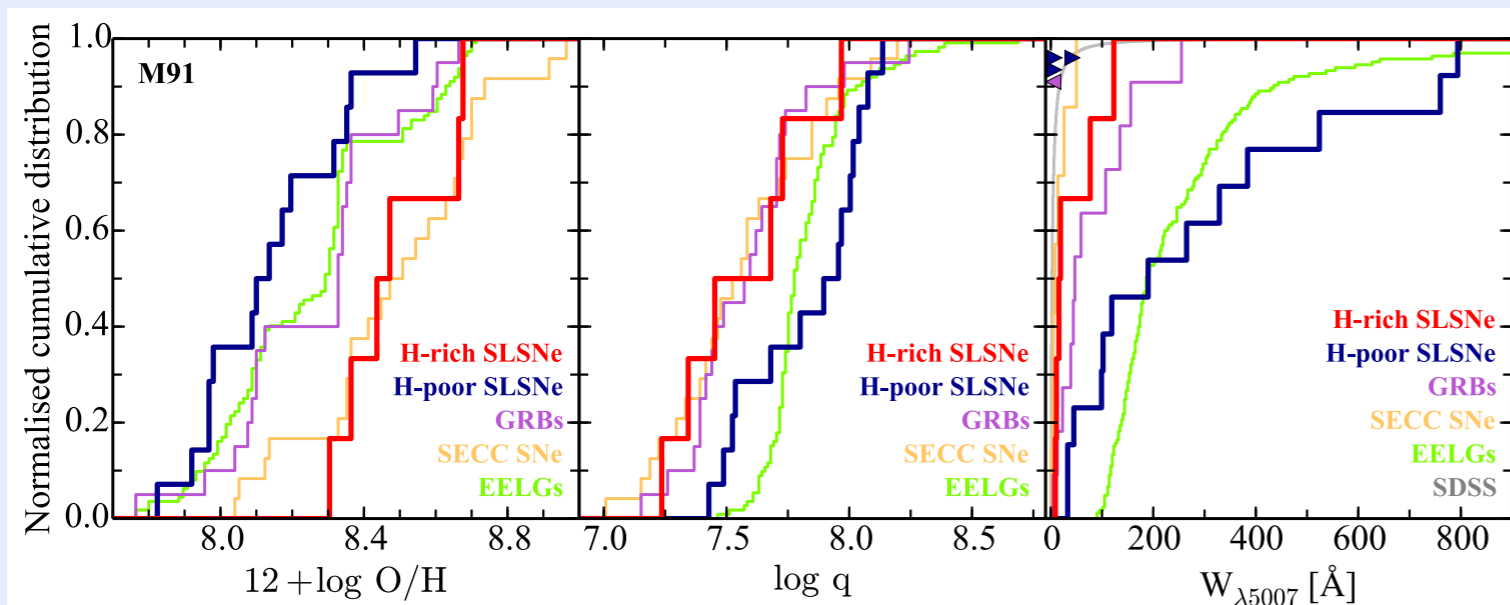
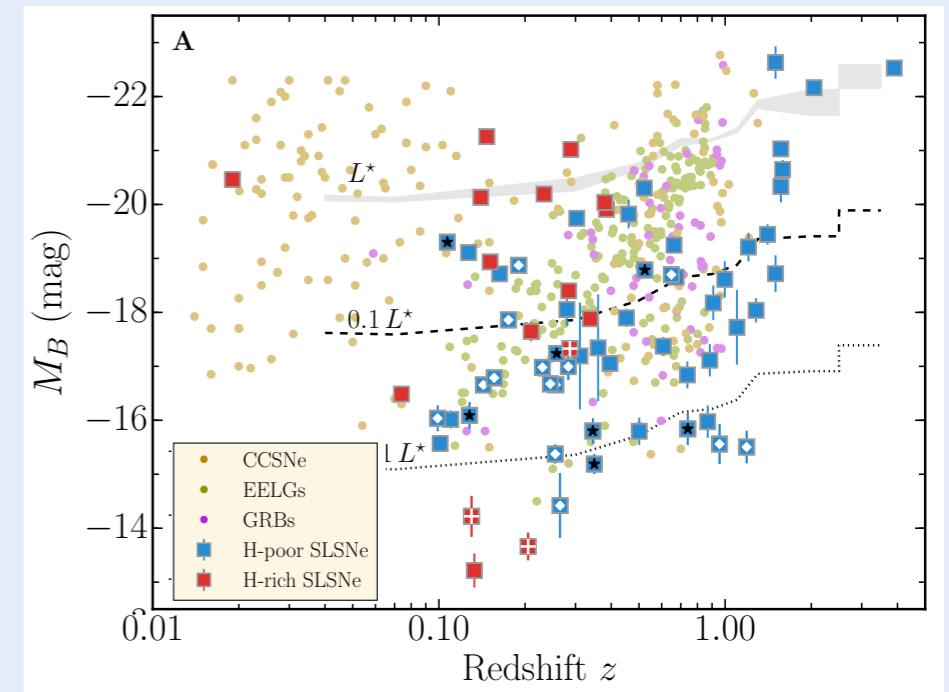


SLSN hosts

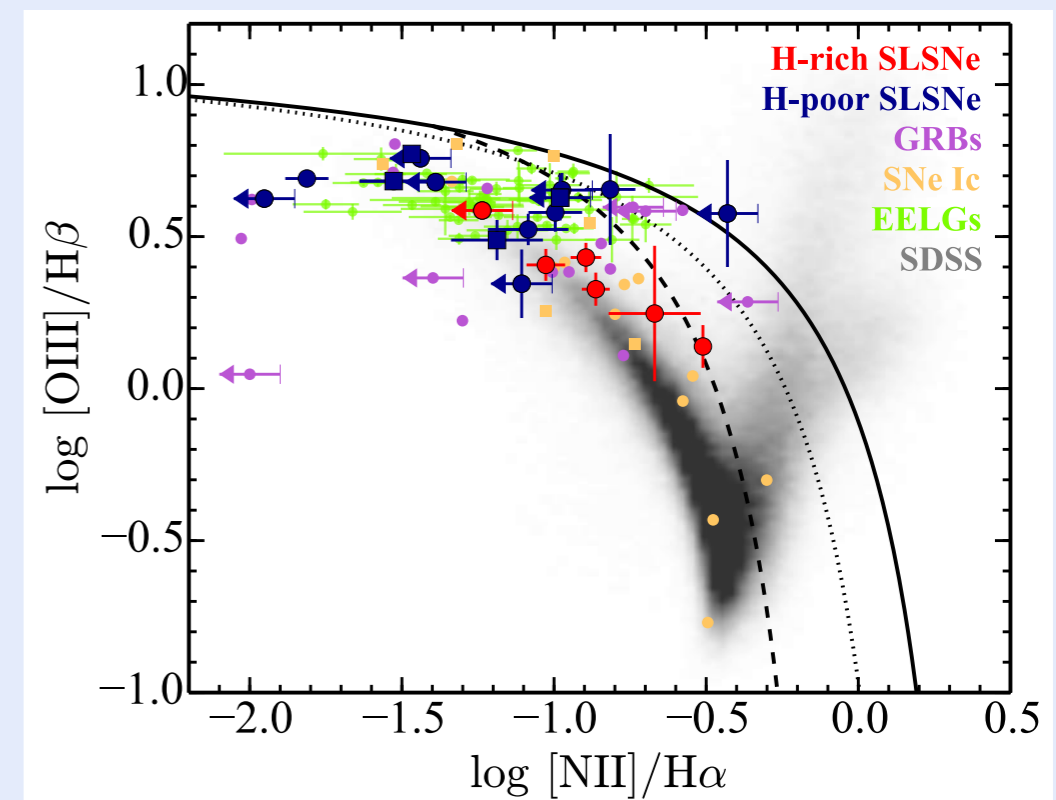


Schulze et al. 2018

- SLSN-I (mostly) in compact dwarfs with low metallicity
- SLSN-II hosts more massive & metal-rich
- 50% SLSN-I are EELGs
-> more extreme galaxies than GRB hosts?

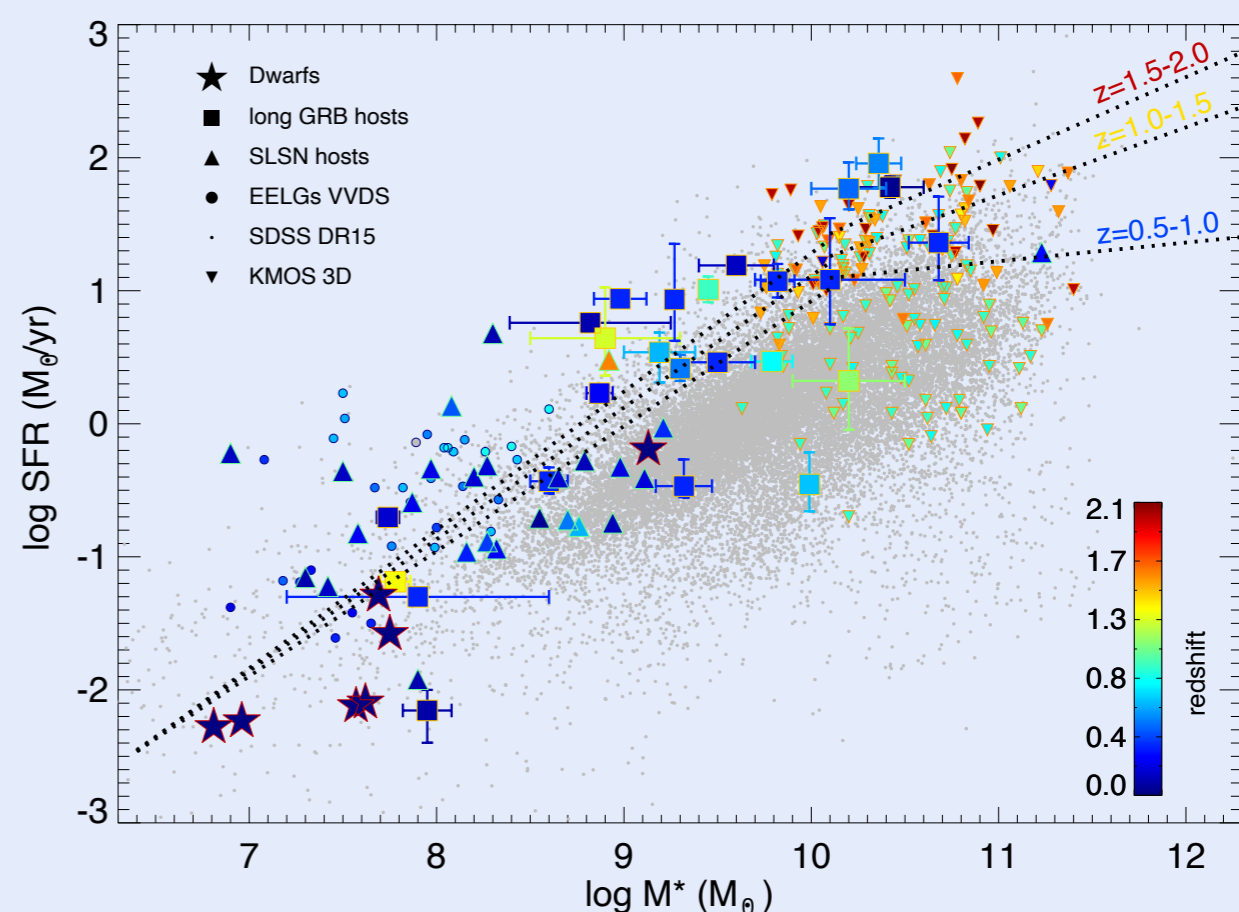
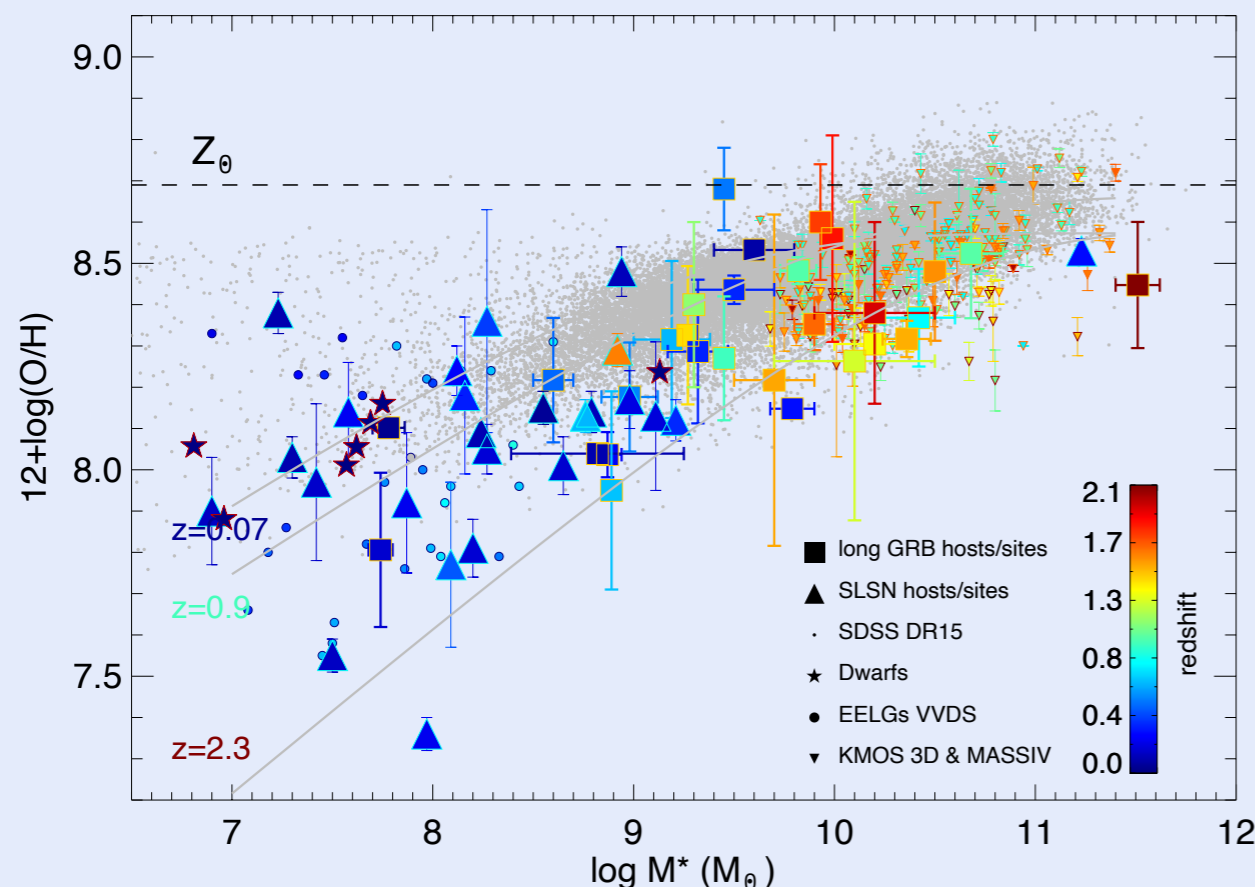


Leloudas et al. 2015



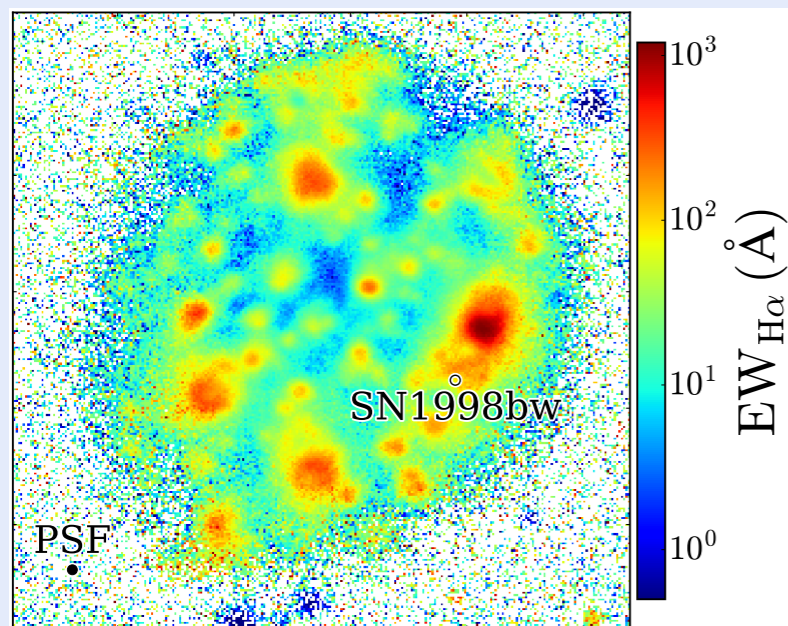
Long GRB vs. SLSN hosts

- SLSN hosts more metal poor and less mass than GRB hosts
- Redshift evolution for GRB hosts, not enough data yet for SLSN hosts
- metal poor, young, star-forming dwarfs not overlapping
- GRB site has usually lower metallicity than host, not much difference for SLSNe?

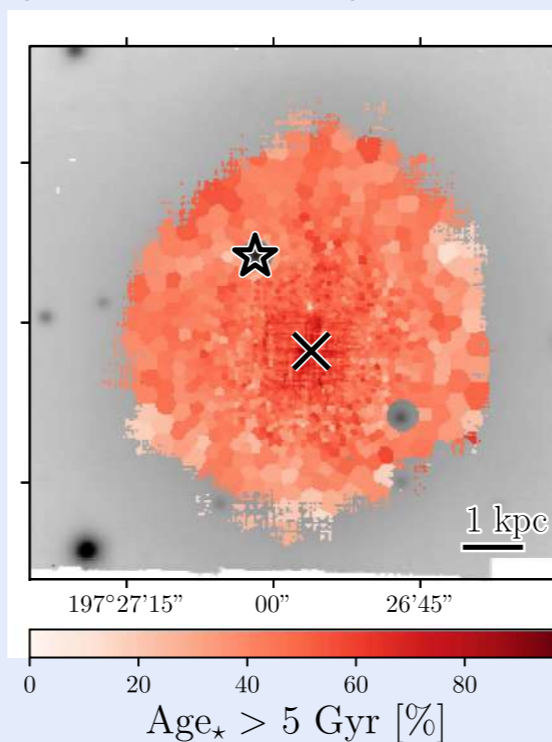


GRB hosts resolved

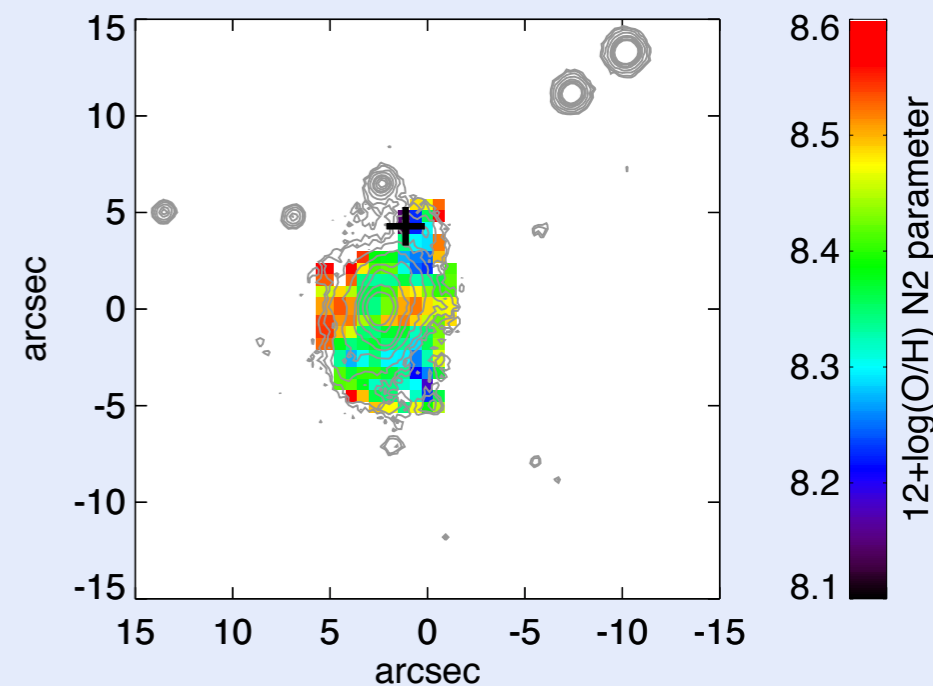
GRB-SN 980425, dwarf spiral
(Christensen et al. 08, Krühler et al. 17)



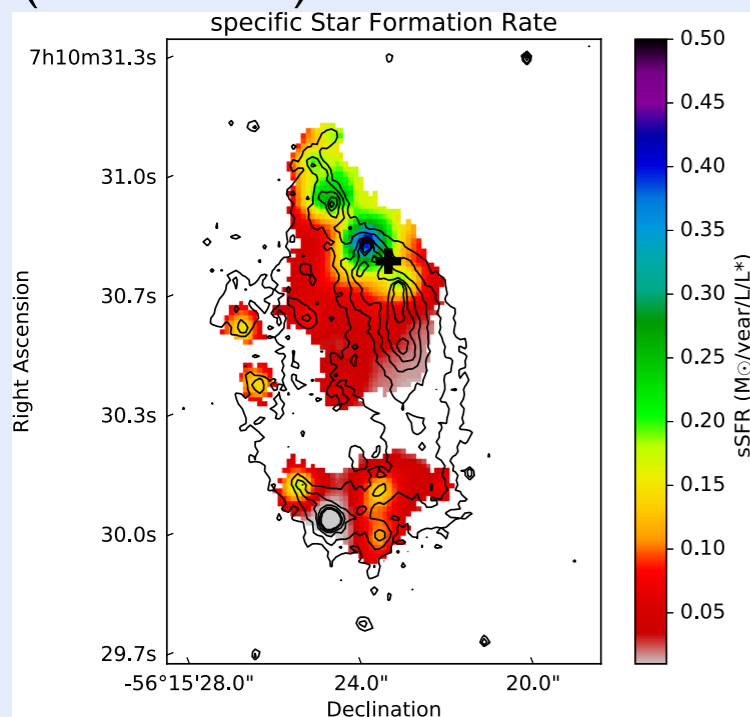
GRB 170817, short, elliptical
(Levan et al. 17)



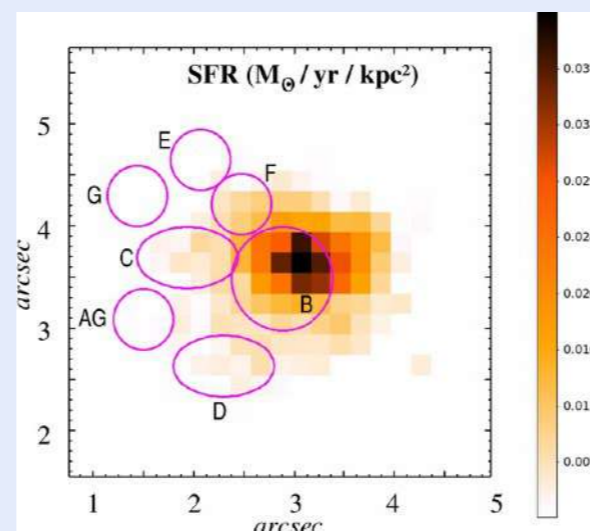
GRB 060505, SN-less
(Thöne et al. 14)



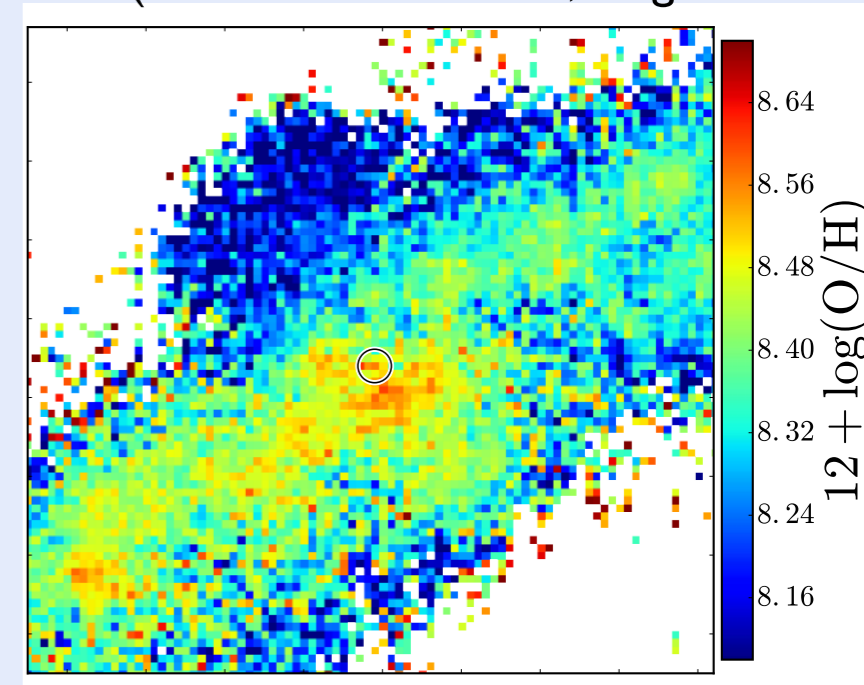
GRB-SN 100316D, dwarf
(Izzo et al. 17)



GRB 050709, short, dwarf
(Nicuesa-Guelbenzu et al. 21)



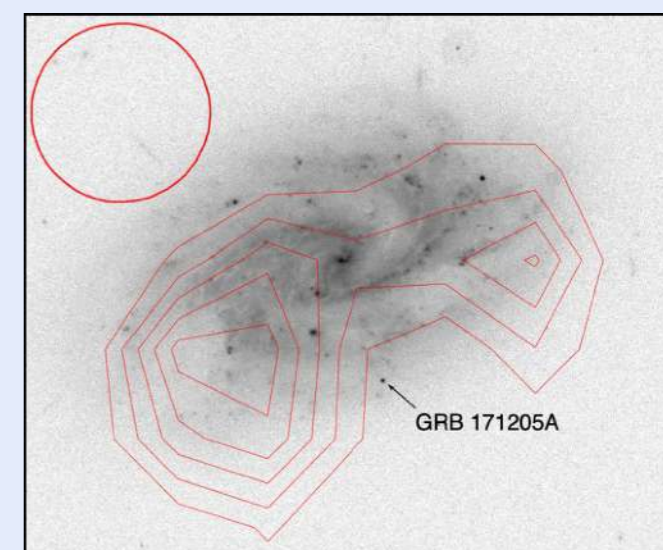
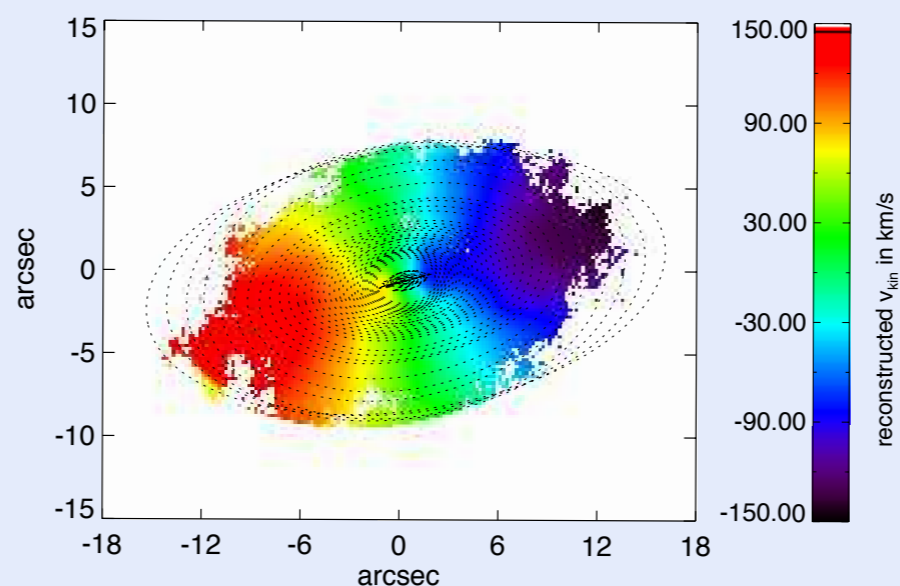
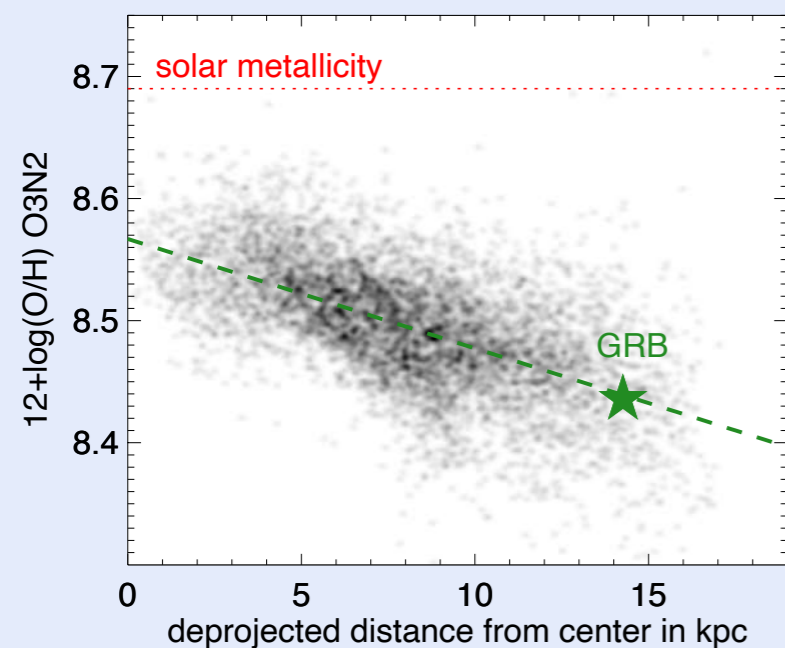
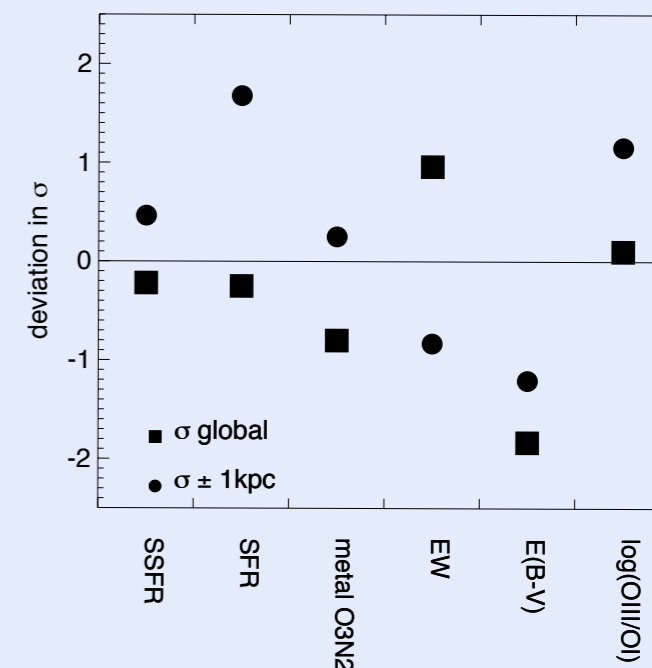
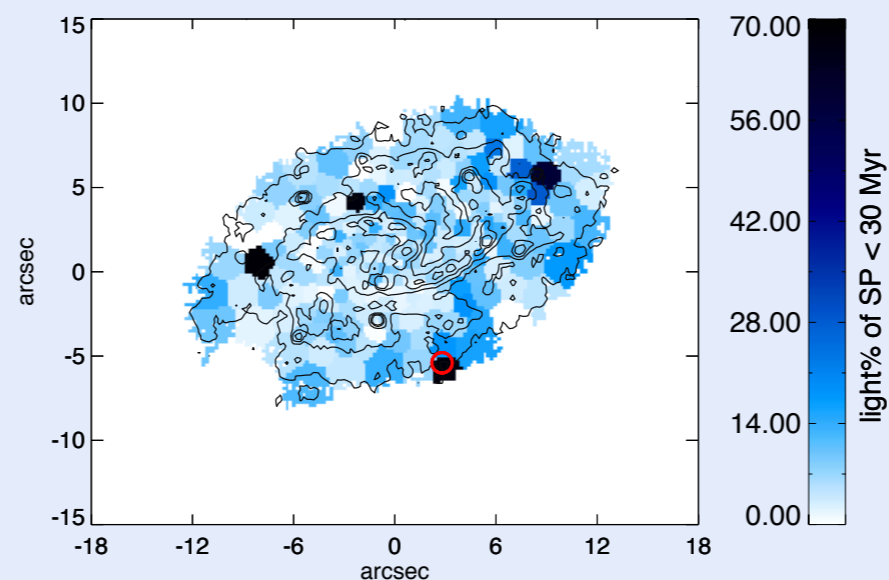
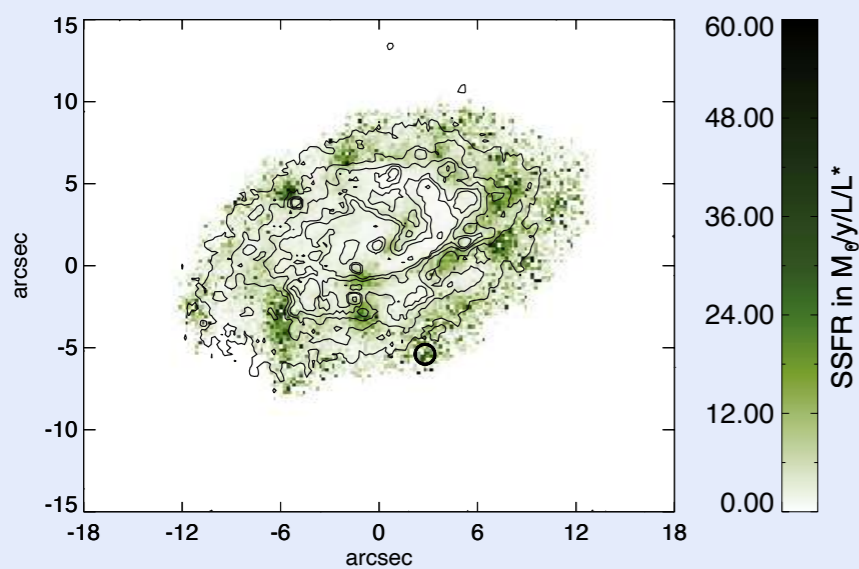
GRB 111005A, SN-less
(Michalowski et al. 17, Tanga et al. 17)



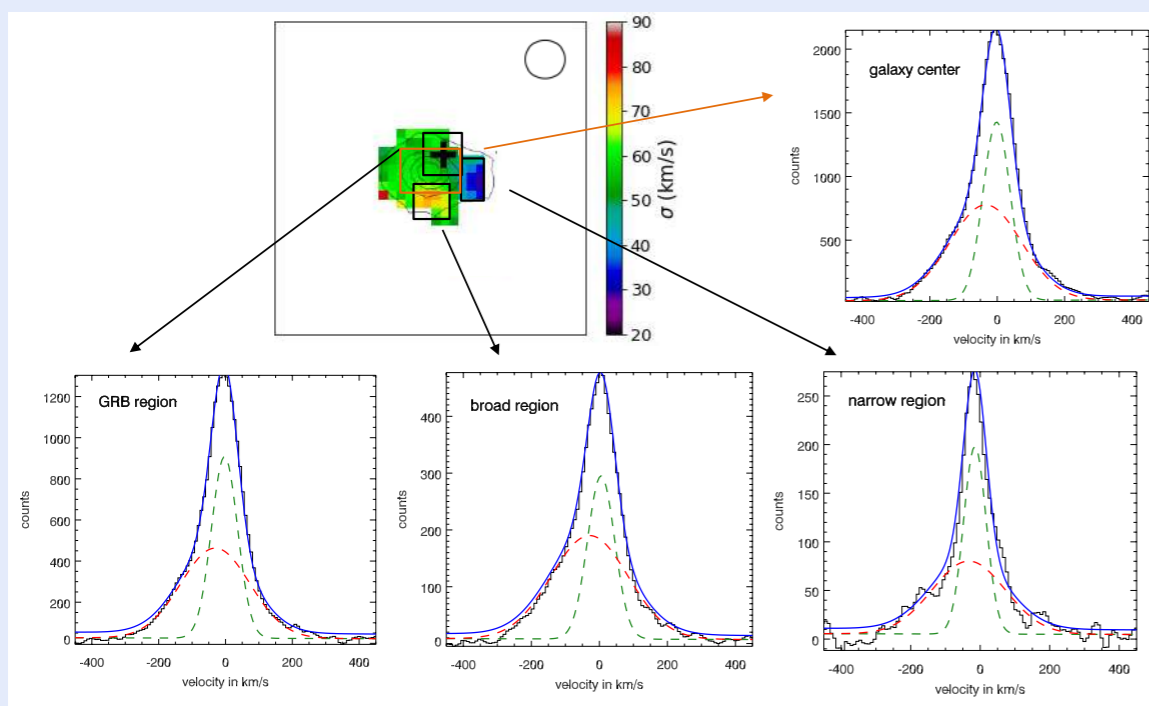
GRB 171205A



- Grand-design spiral, 163 Mpc
- High SSFR, low Z, low age at GRB site, but otherwise not too special
- no SF trigger indication from (optical) rotation field

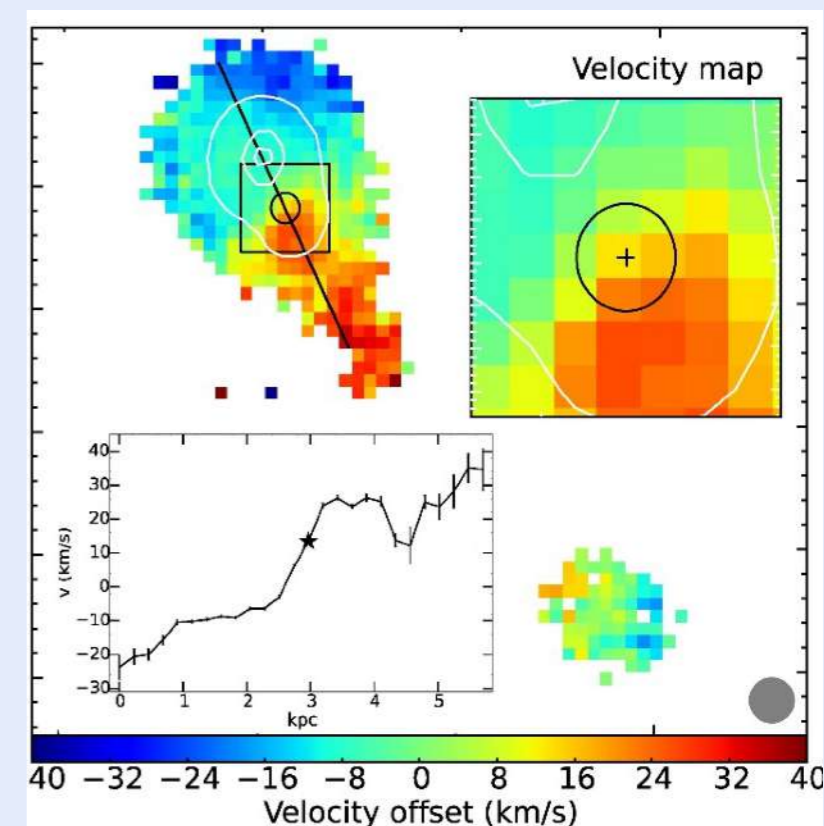
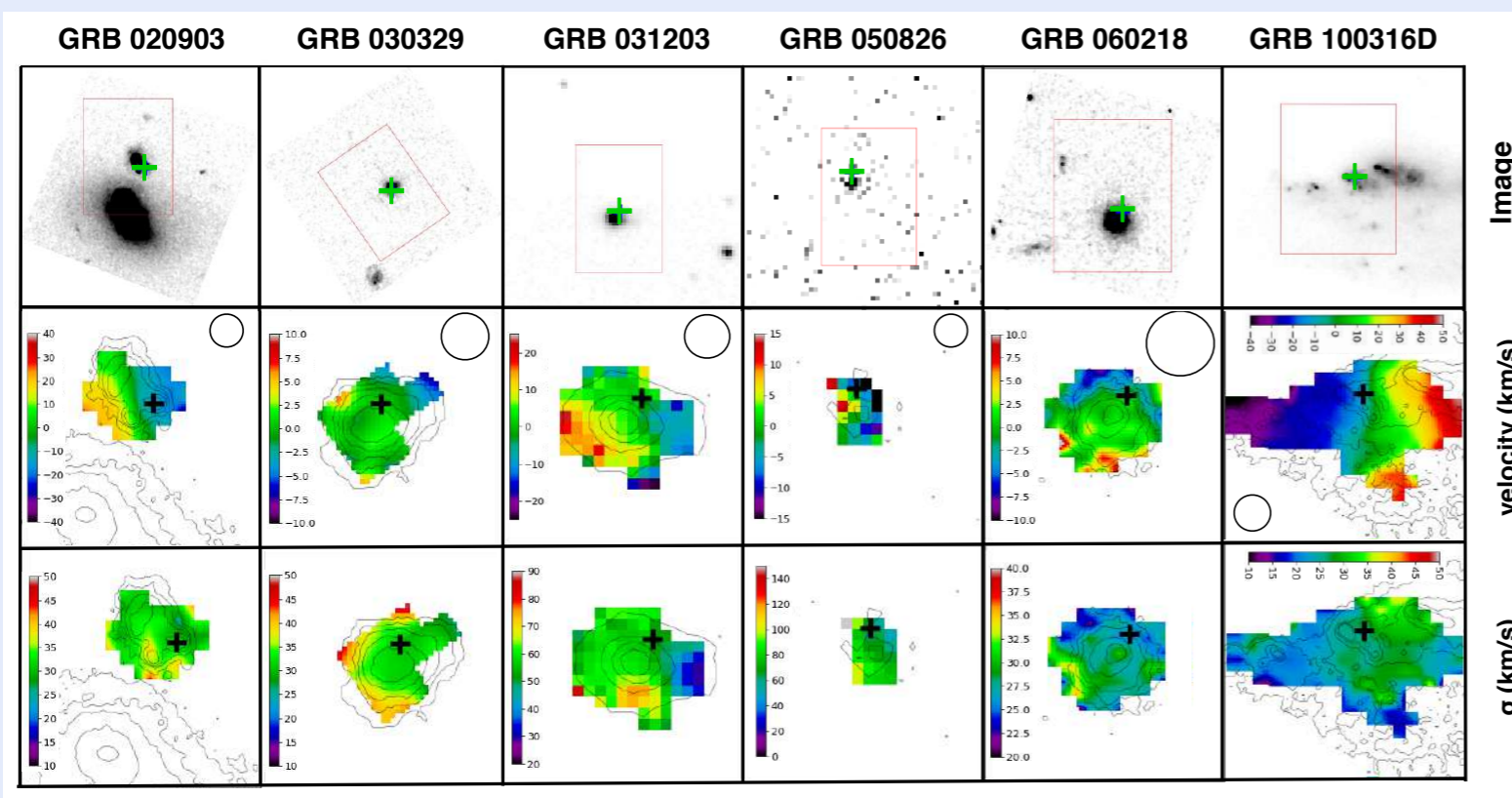


GRB host kinematics



- Only some low- z GRB hosts show a disk-like rotation, some double components (mergers??)
- Powerful winds/outflows correlated with SF
- Still lacking studies for SLSN hosts

PTFI 1hrq (Cikota et al. 2017)

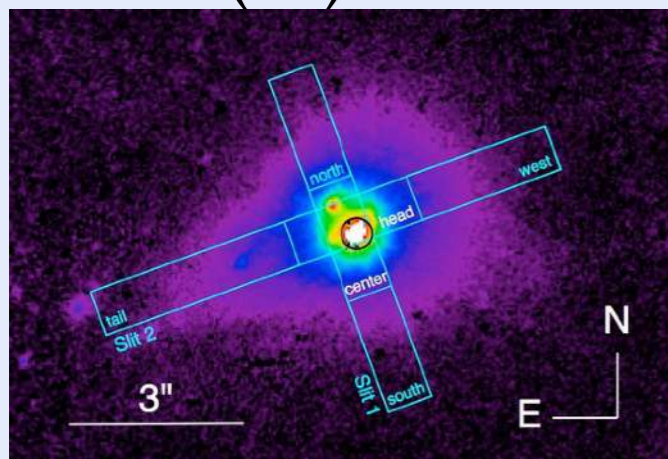


Resolved SLSN hosts

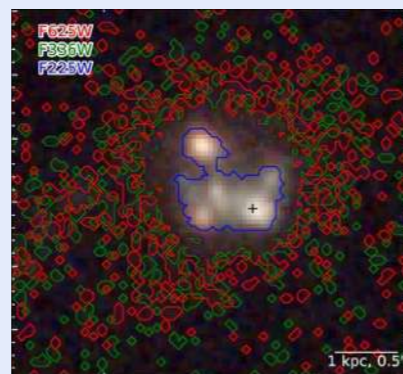
PTF12dam: A very young stellar population

Thöne et al. 2015

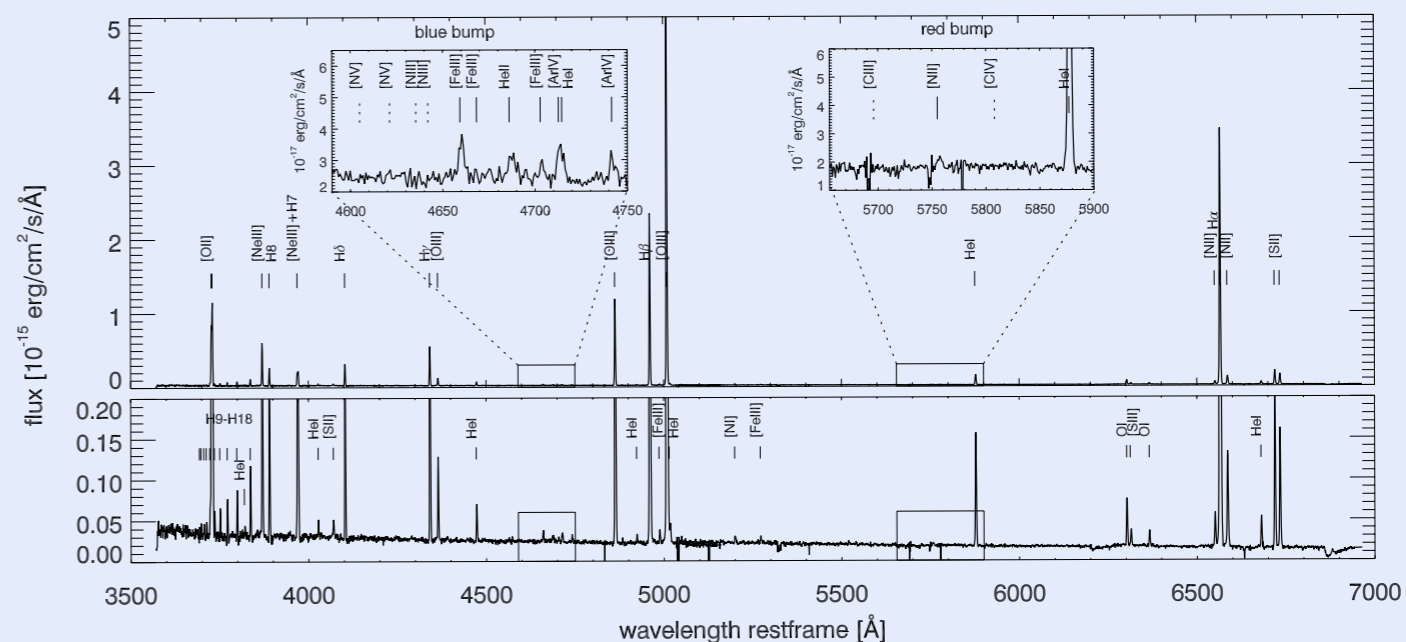
OSIRIS (slit)



HST



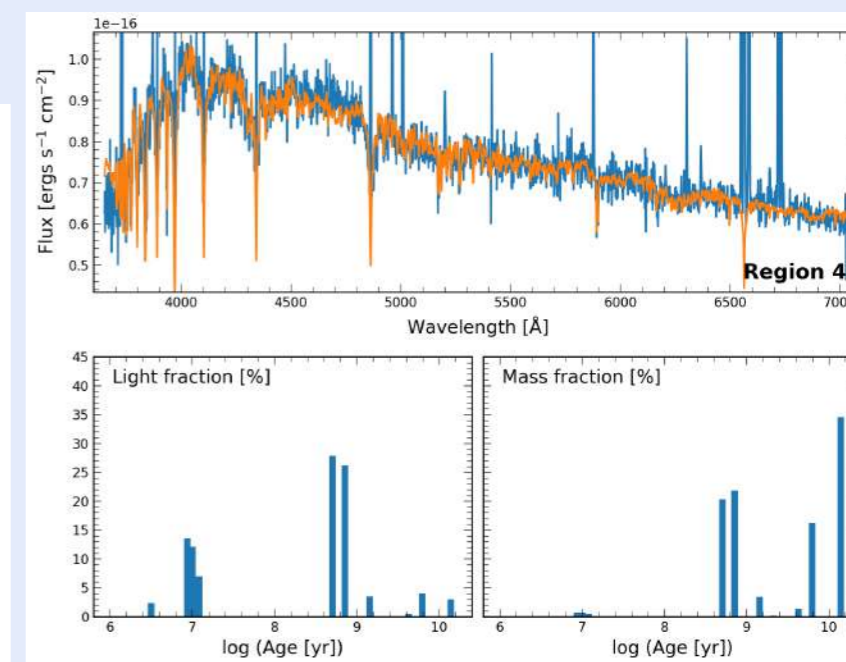
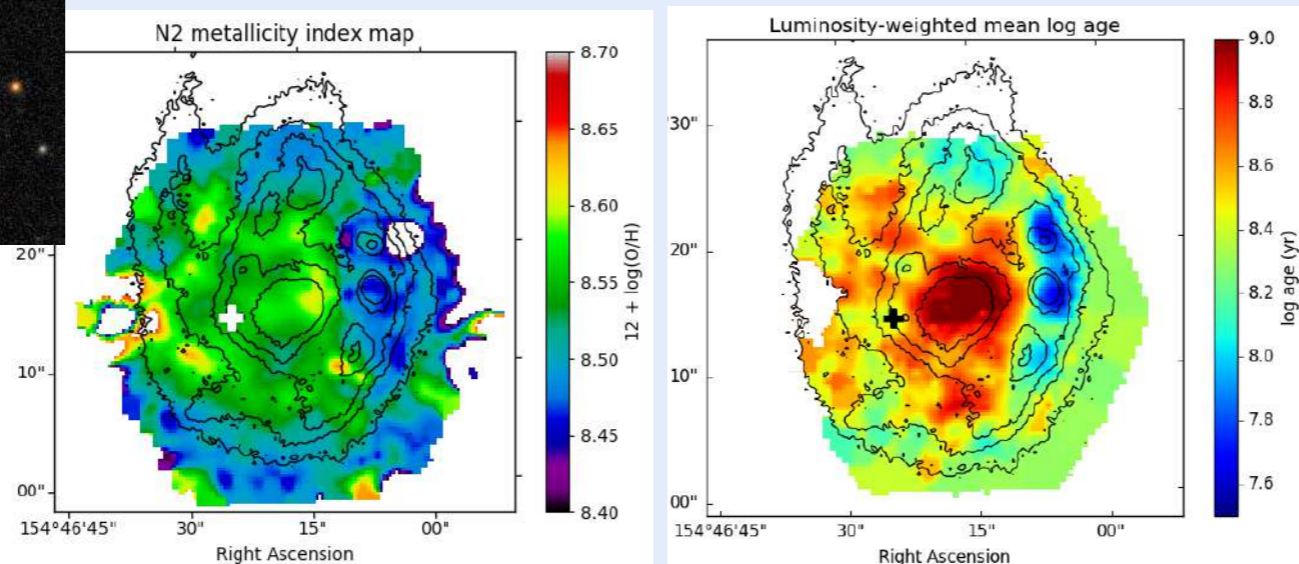
Cikota et al. 2017



SN 2017egm: A SLSN-I in a solar host but with two populations at the SN site



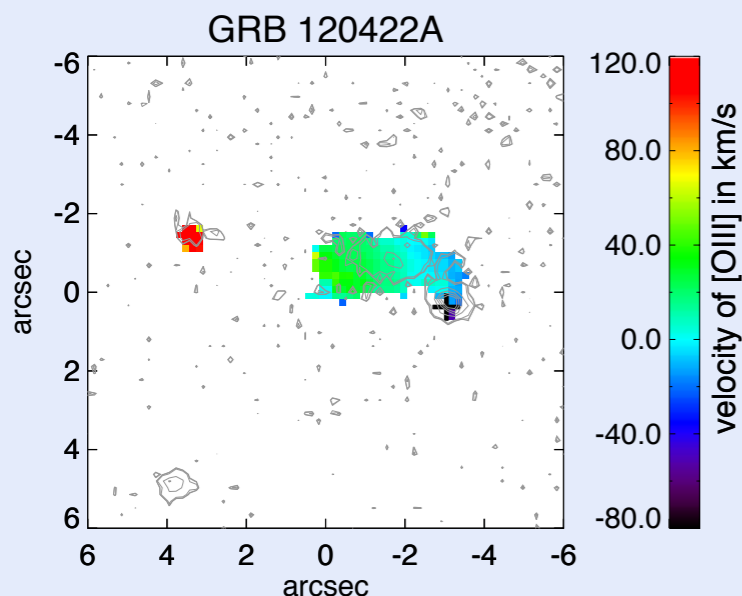
Izzo, Thöne et al. 2017



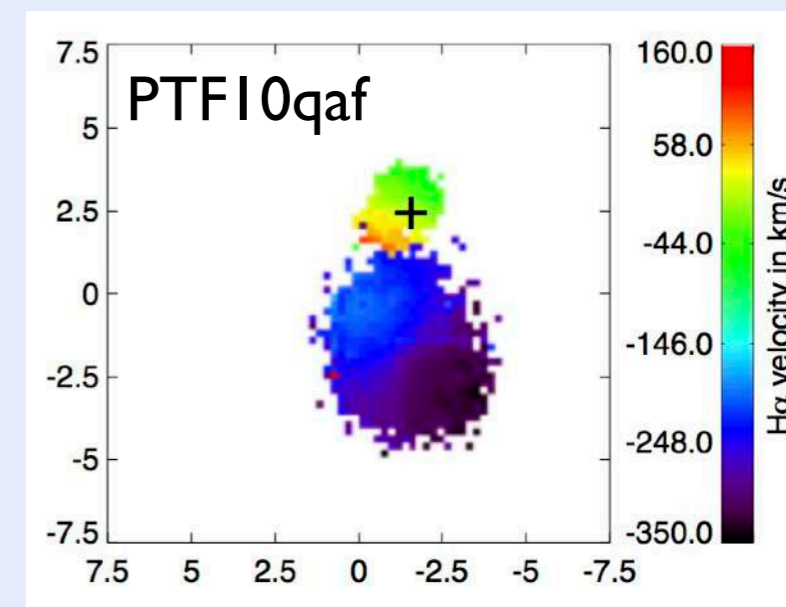
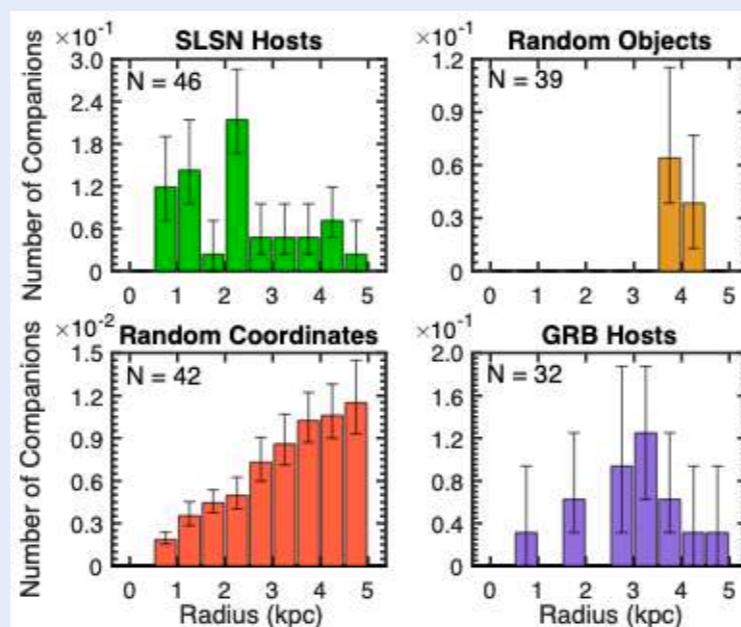
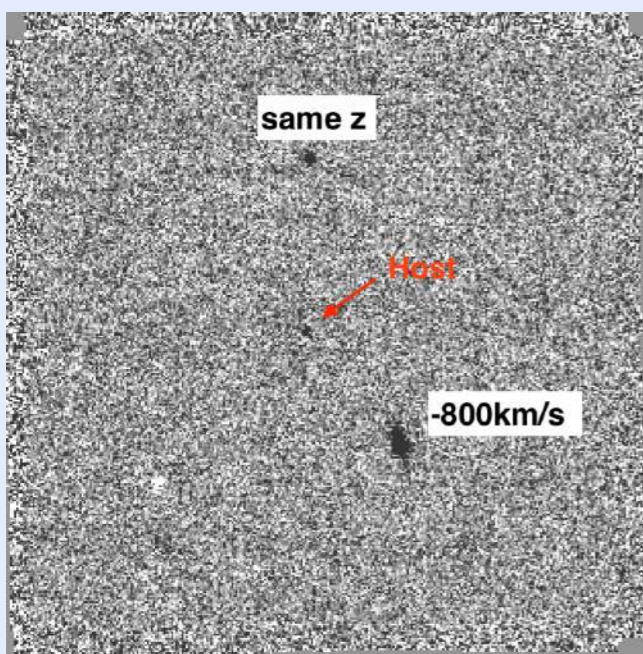
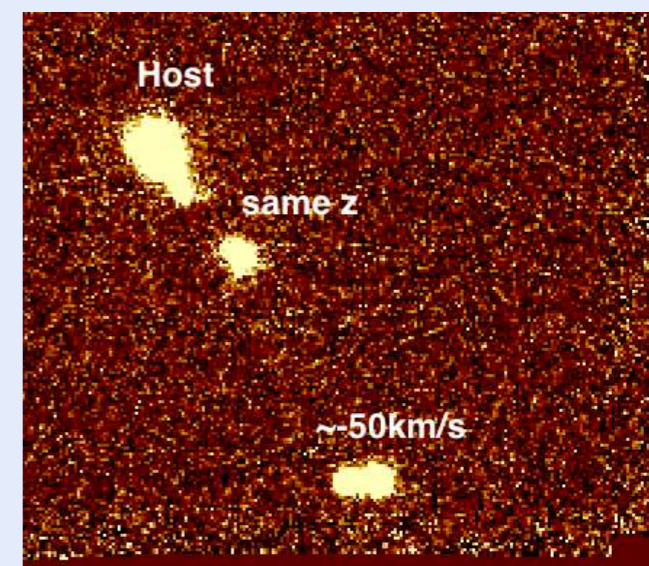
Influence of the environment?

- Ideal with MUSE (large FOV)
- GRBs: Only 2/11 have a nearby galaxy, only one obviously interacting
- SLSN hosts: ~50 % have a neighbour at +/- 300 km/s

PTF11hrq

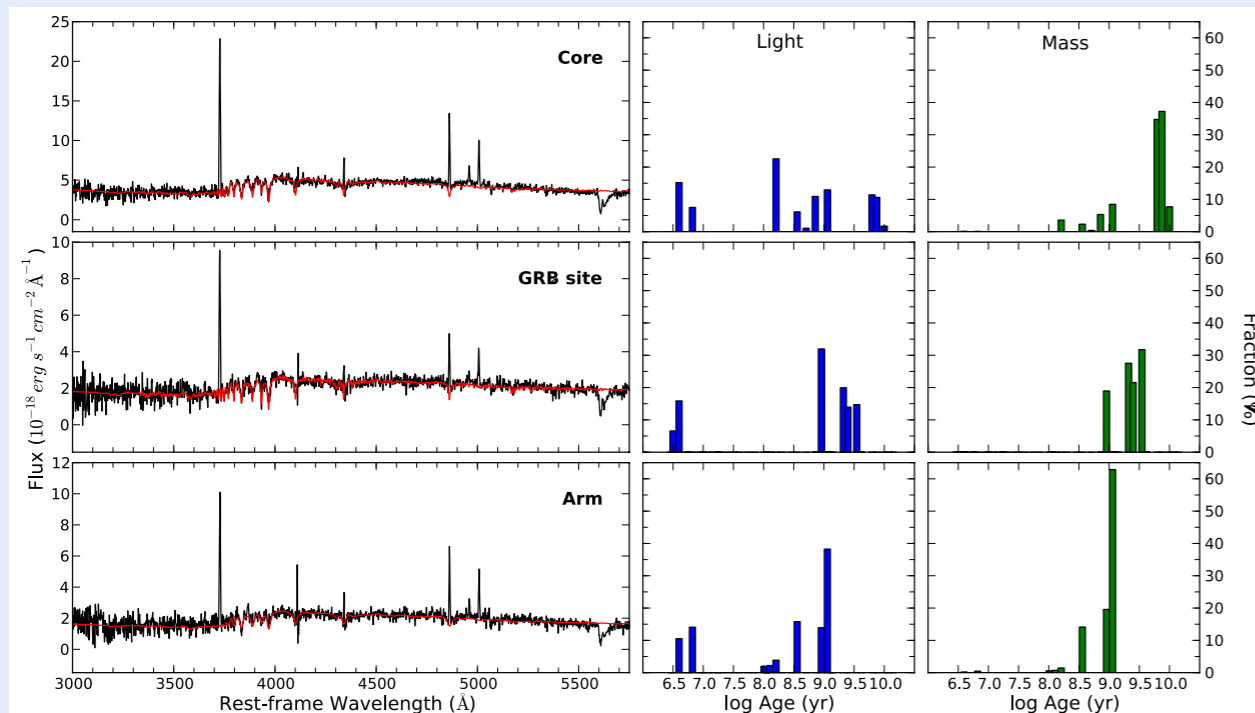
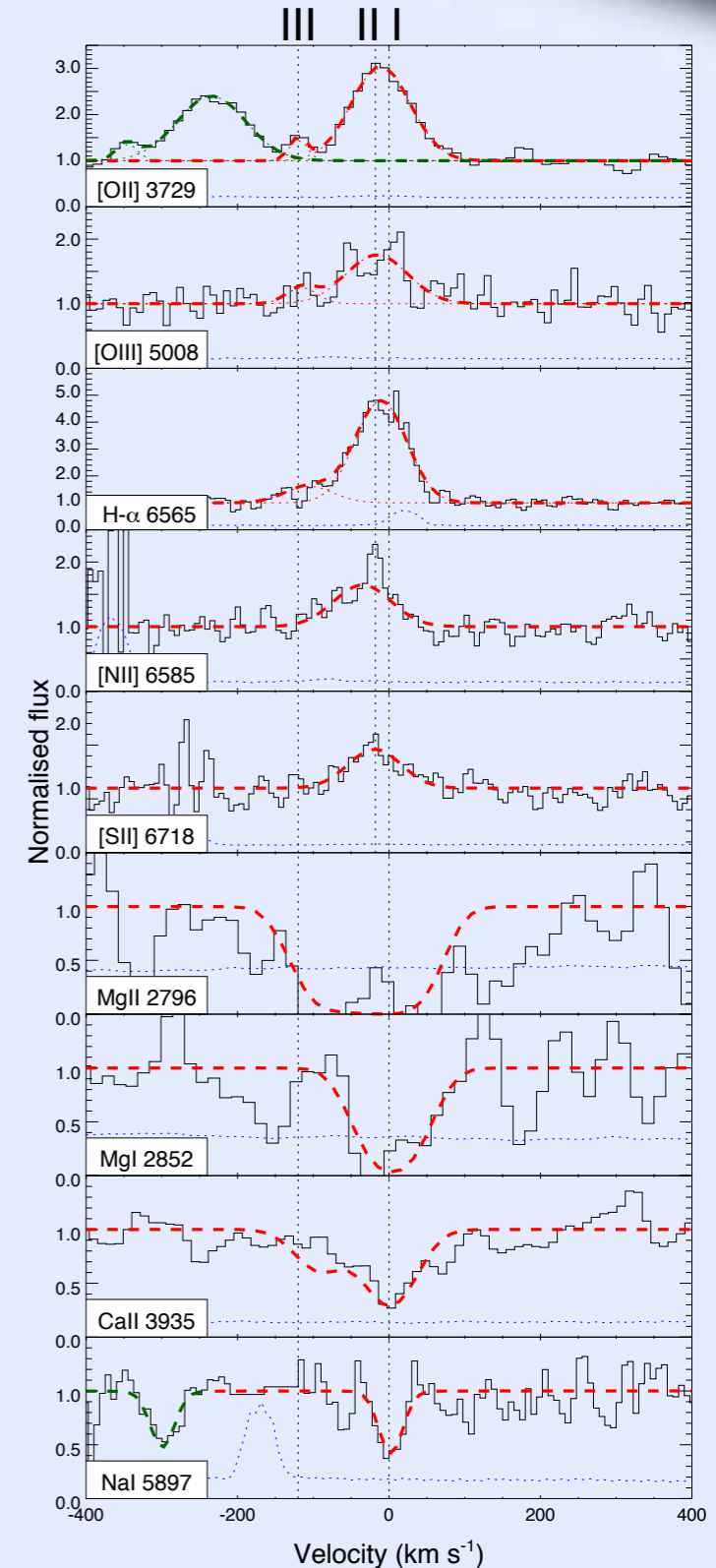
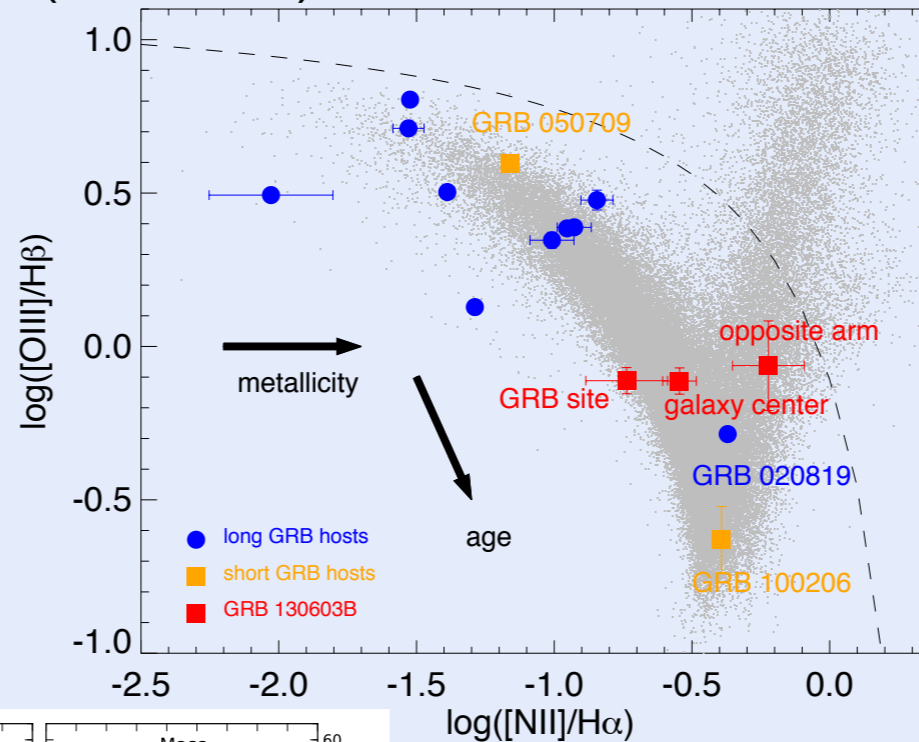
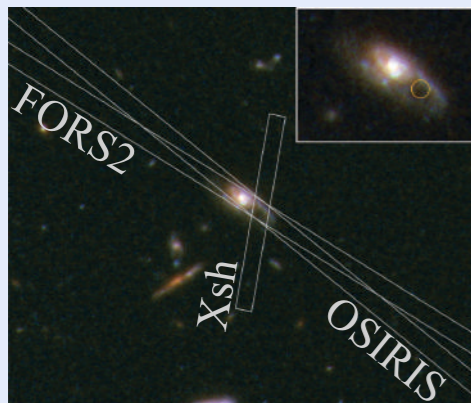


Ørum et al 2020 (HST):
 ~50% of SLSN hosts have an object within 5kpc
 Only ~25% for GRB hosts
 Smaller offsets for SLSN hosts



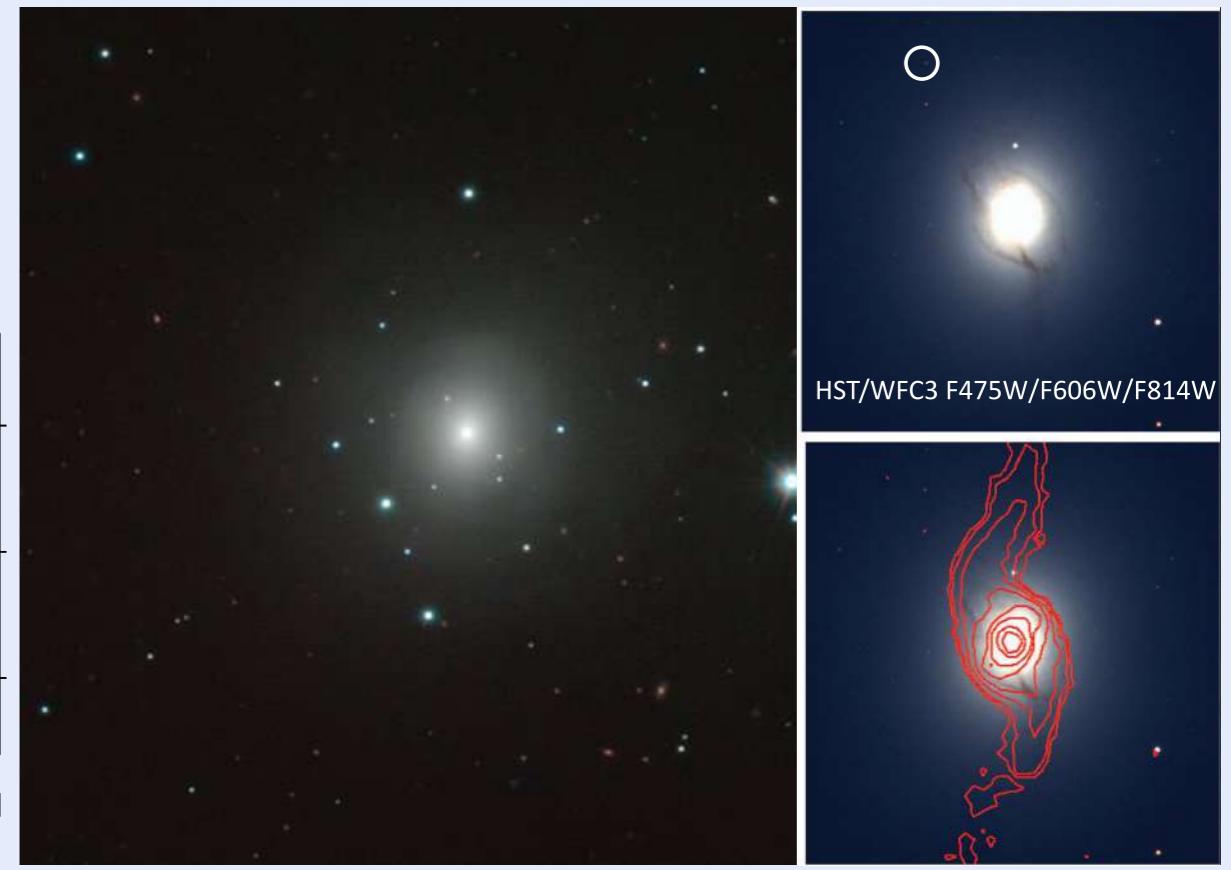
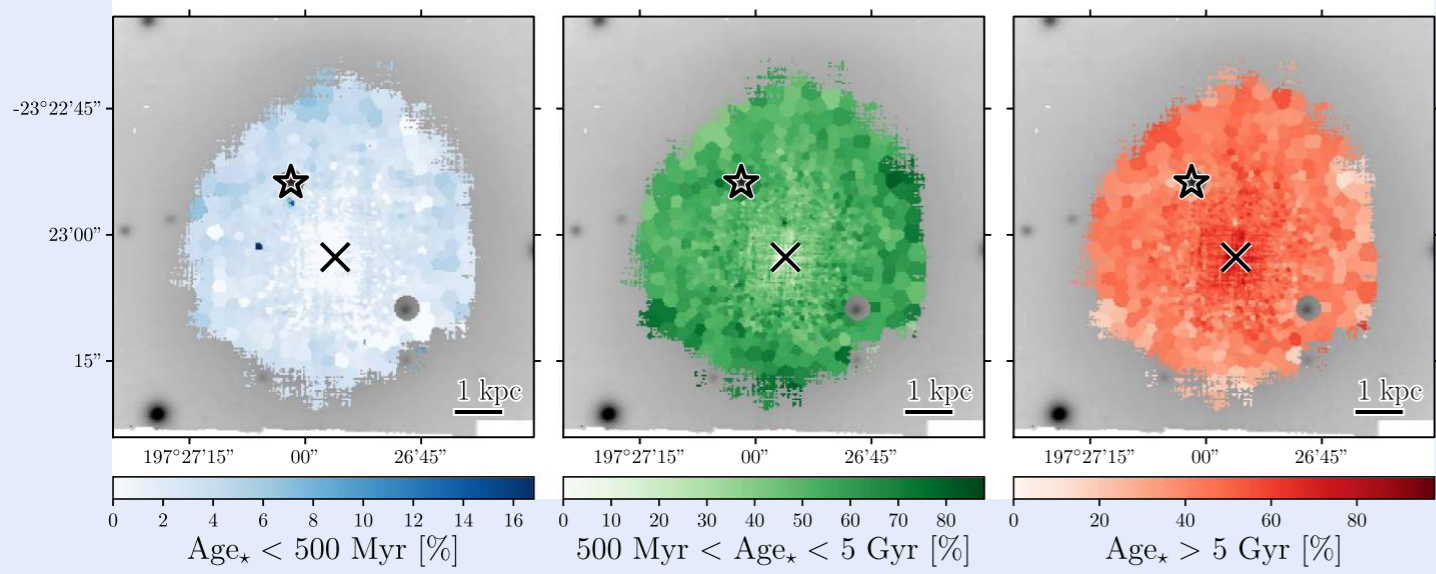
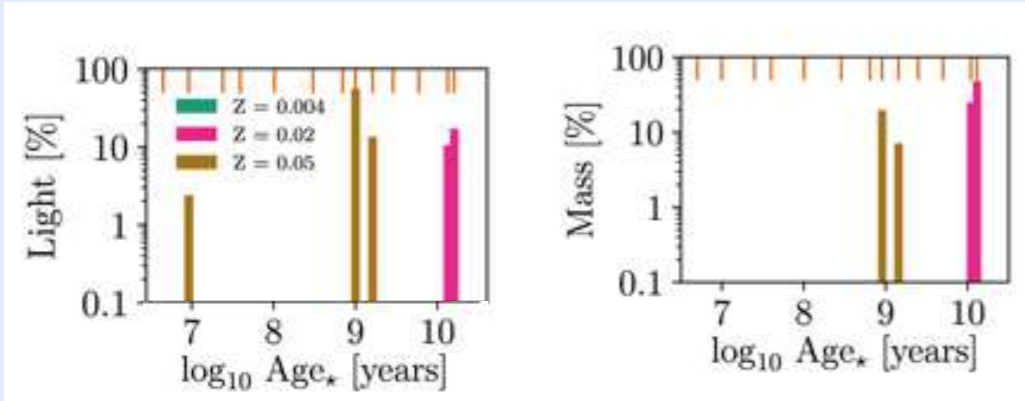
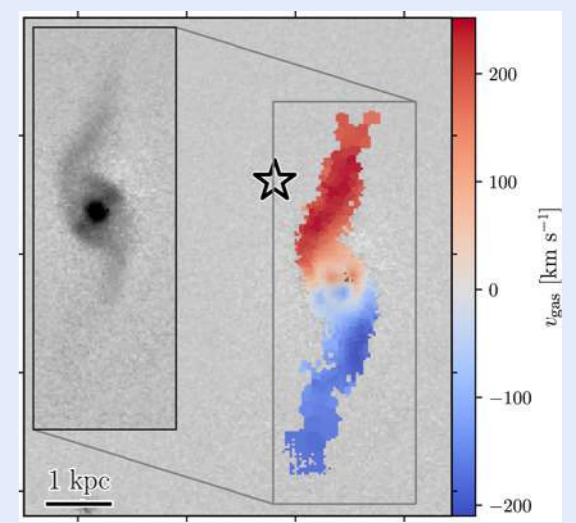
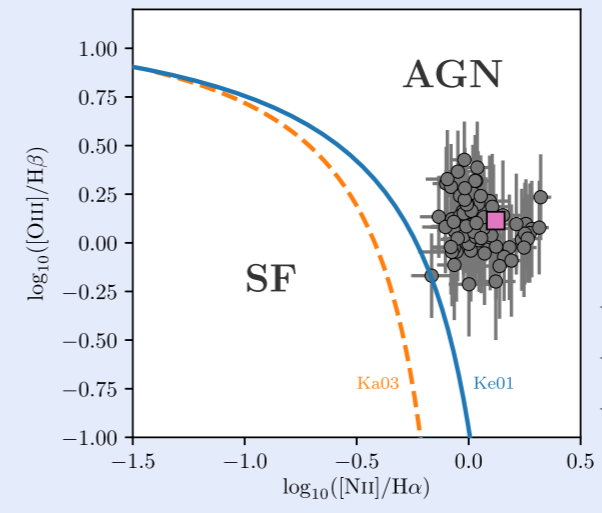
Short GRB 130603B

- Late type (tidally disturbed?) host
- SFR $\sim 4.8 M_{\odot}/y$, $Z \sim 0.5$ solar (GRB site)
- Both old and young (<10 Myr) population



Short hosts: GW170817

- S0 galaxy with $1.4 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}/y$
- hosts an AGN
- dust lanes in [NII], dry merger (?)
- mostly old stellar population

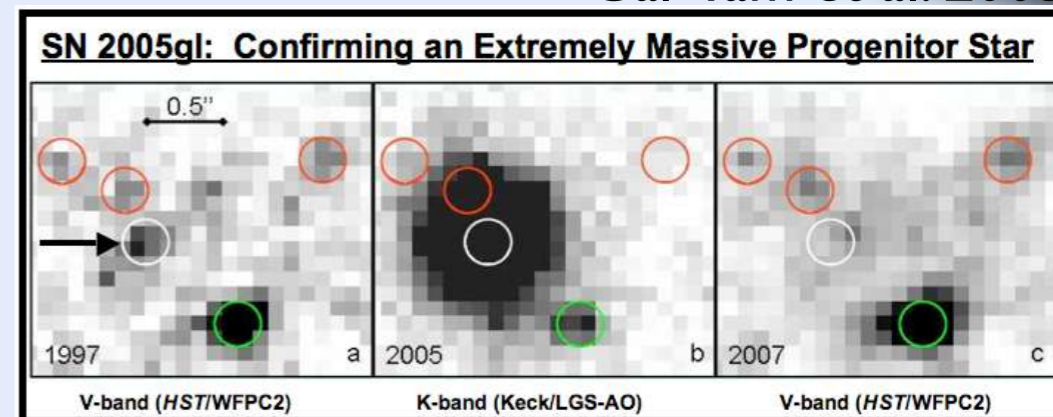


SN progenitors

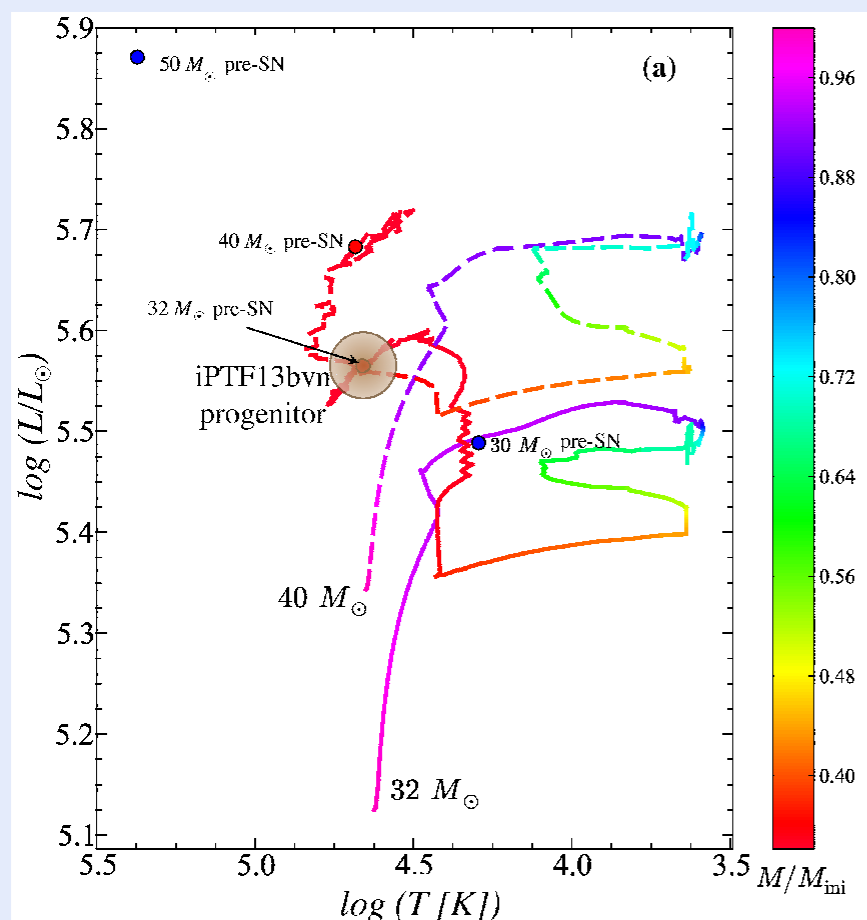
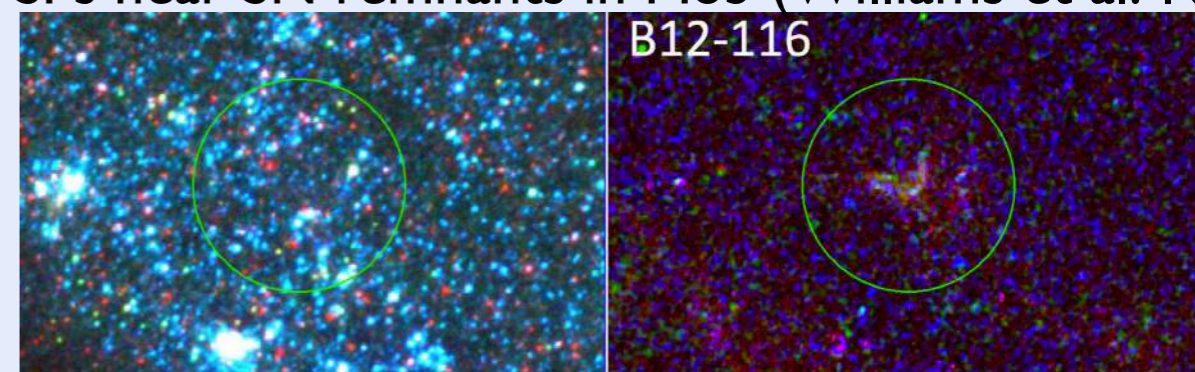
SN progenitor detections

Gal-Yam et al. 2005

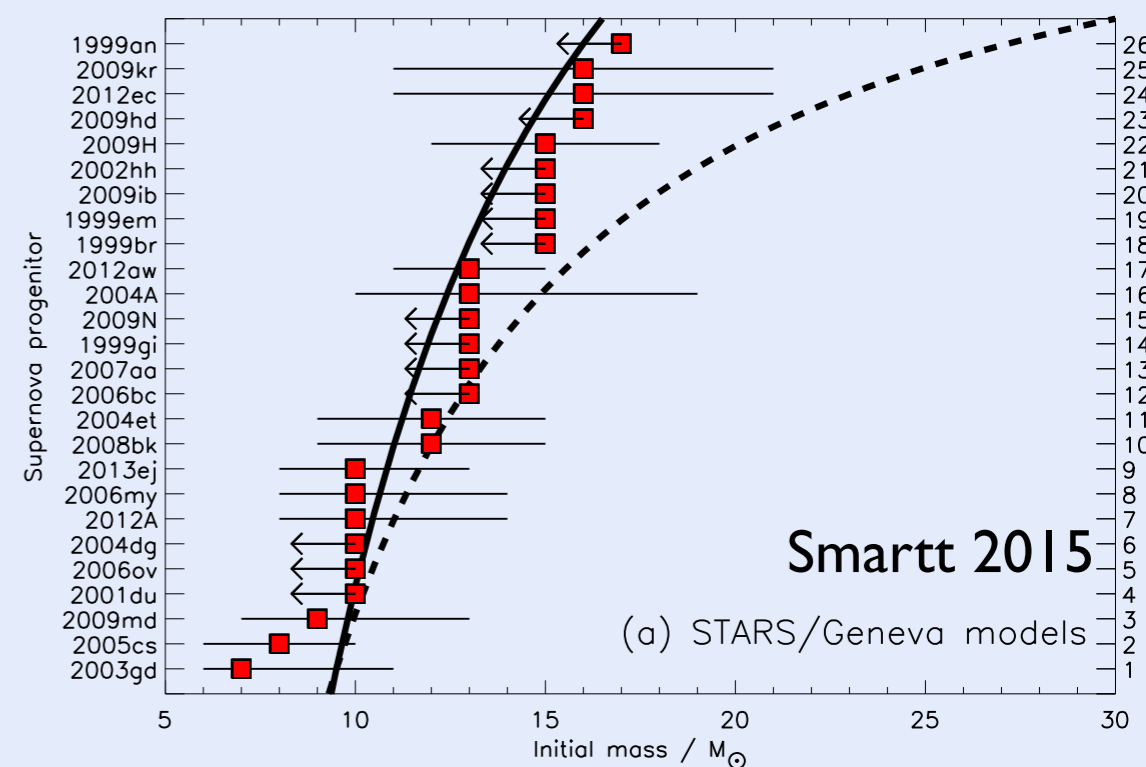
- II-P/IIIn least massive
- IIIn LBVs?
- Ib/c only candidates (binaries?!)
- rest still elusive
- Indirect determination of the SP



SPs near SN remnants in M83 (Williams et al. 19)

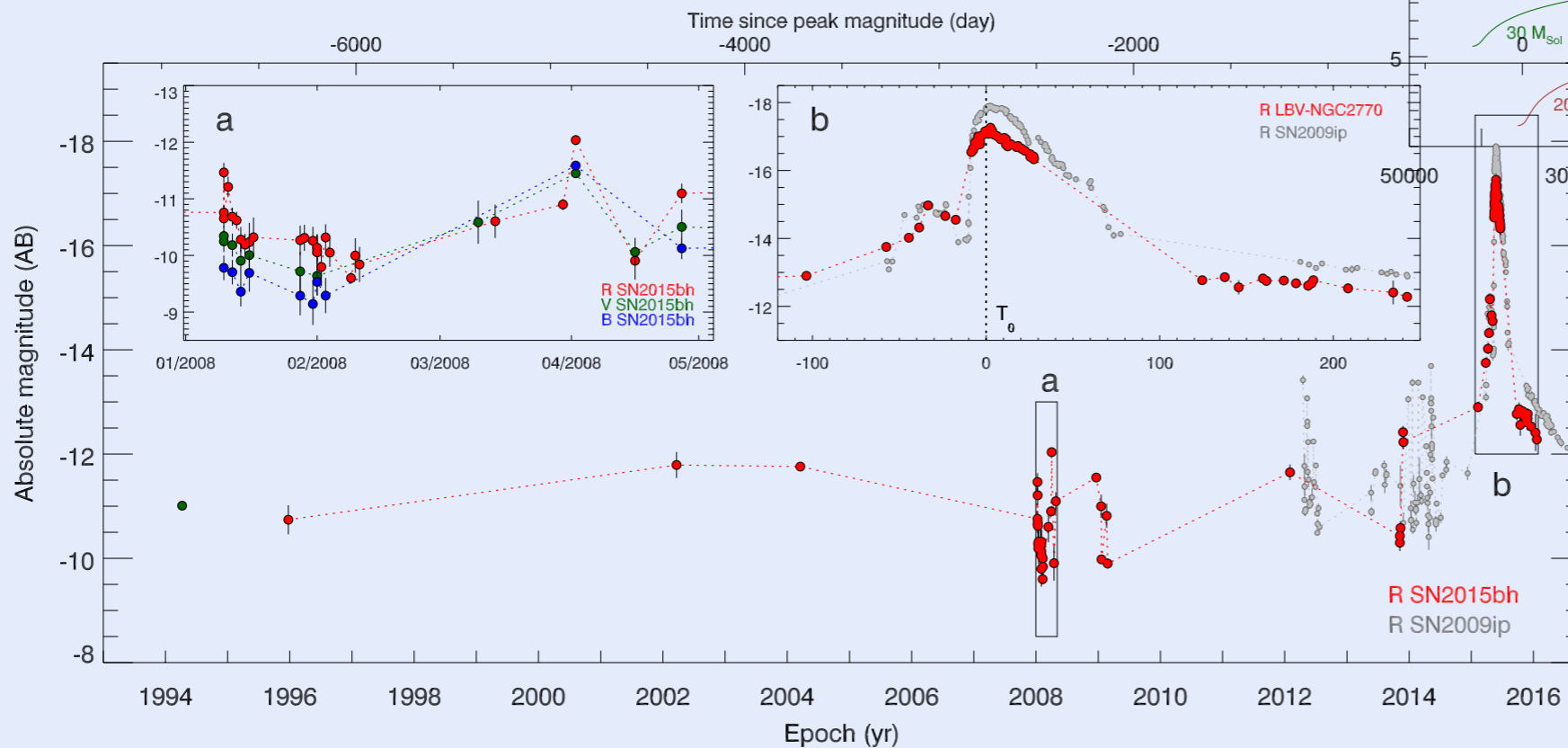
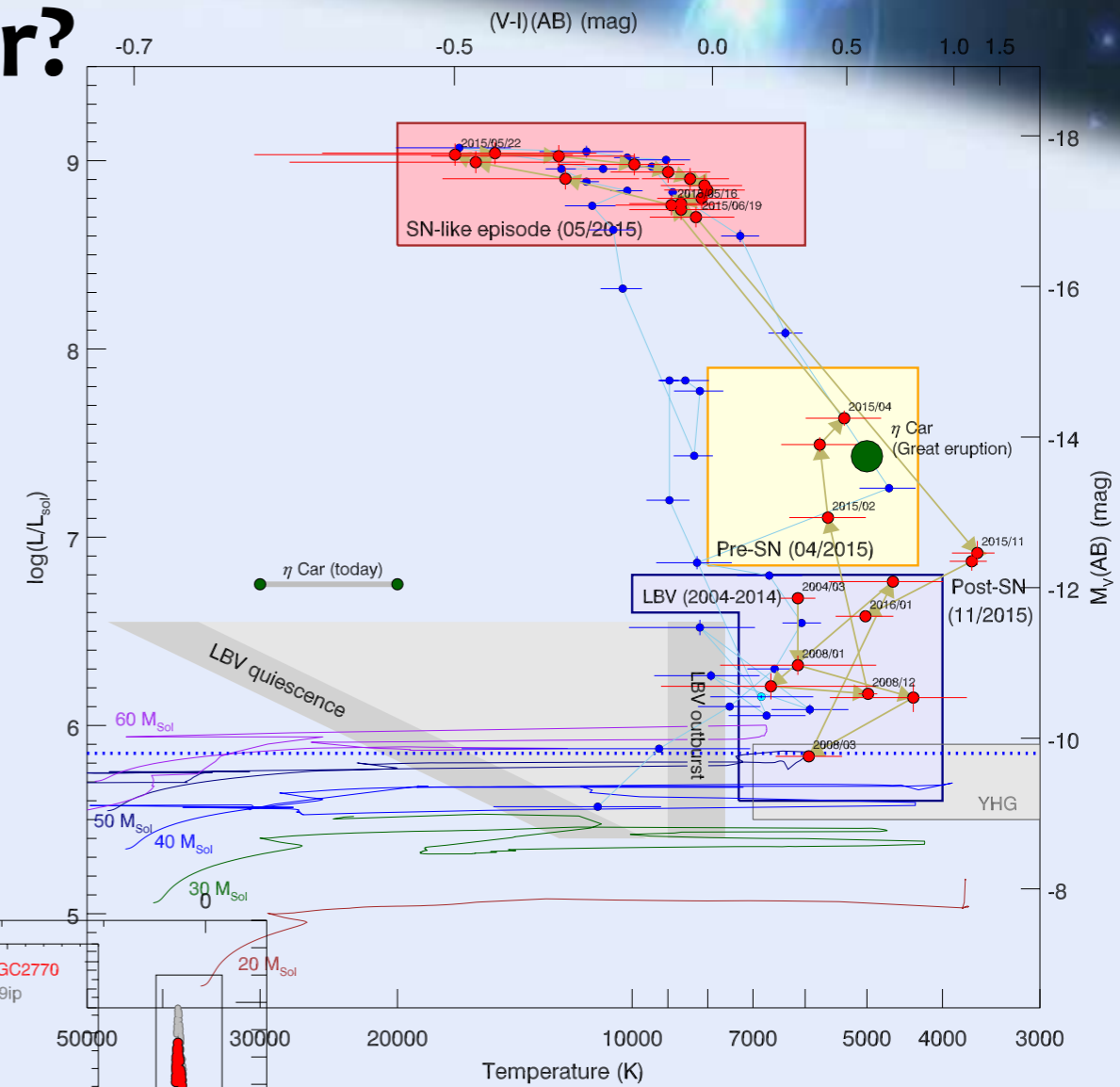


Groh et al. 2015



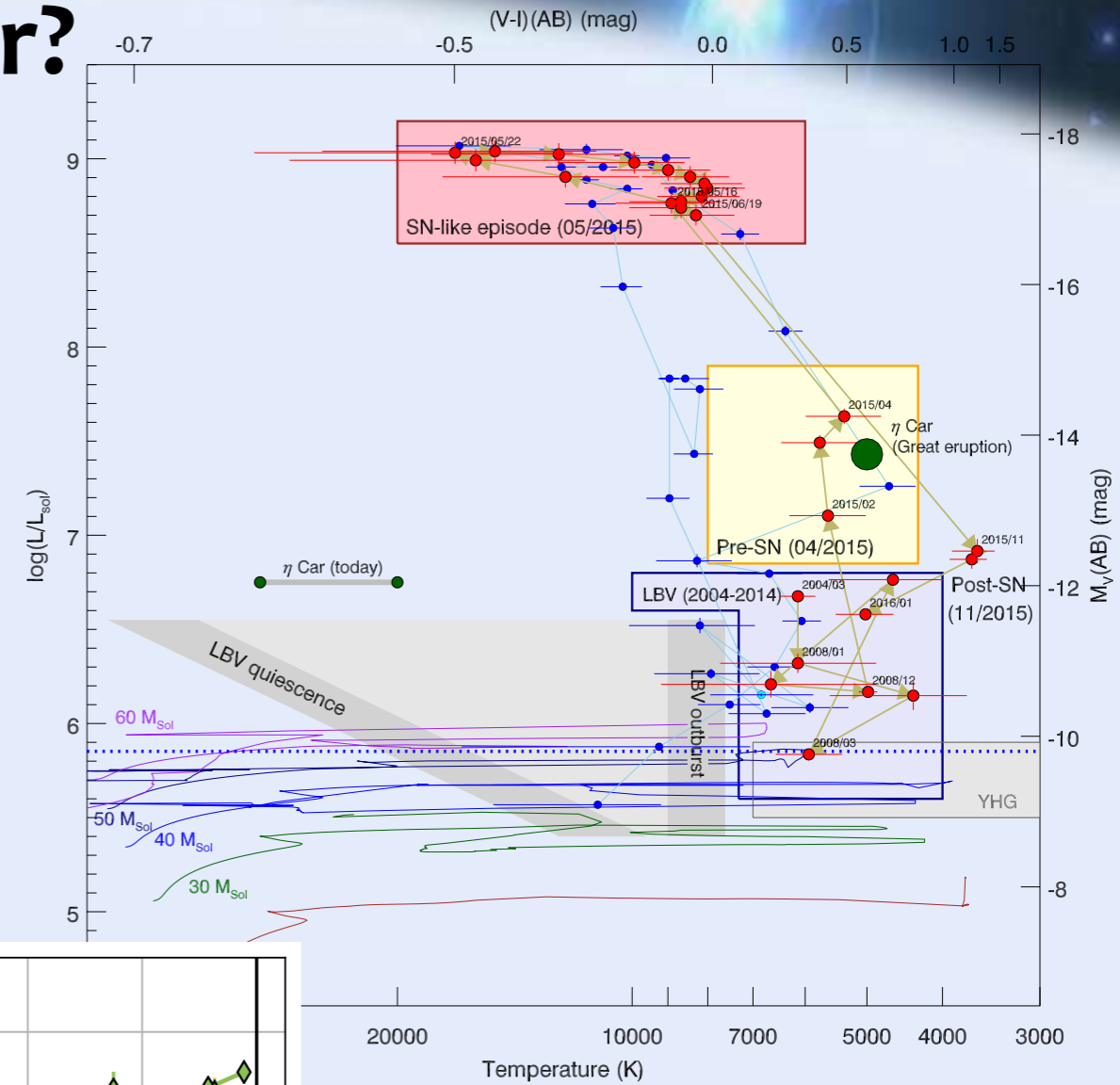
SN 2015bh: a SN or an impostor?

- Outburst detected in 2013 (not reported) second outburst in early 2015
- IIn SN (?) in May 2015
- Outbursts during > 21 years!
- Progenitor a >50 M_⊙ LBV?

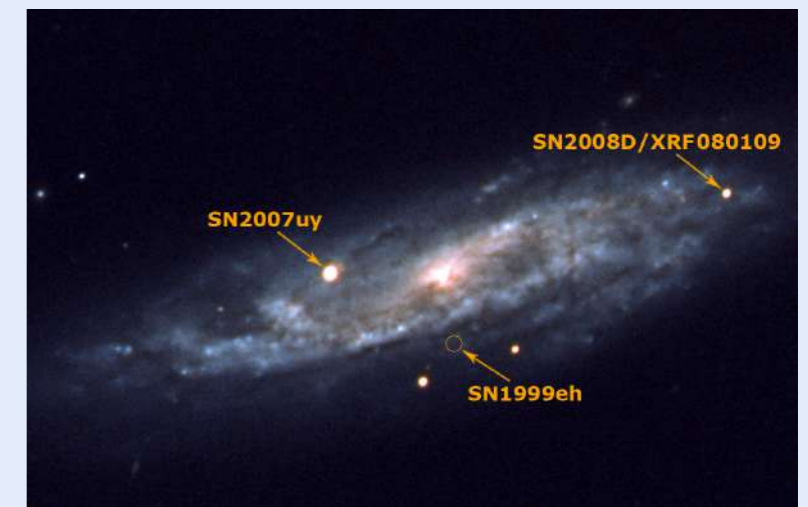
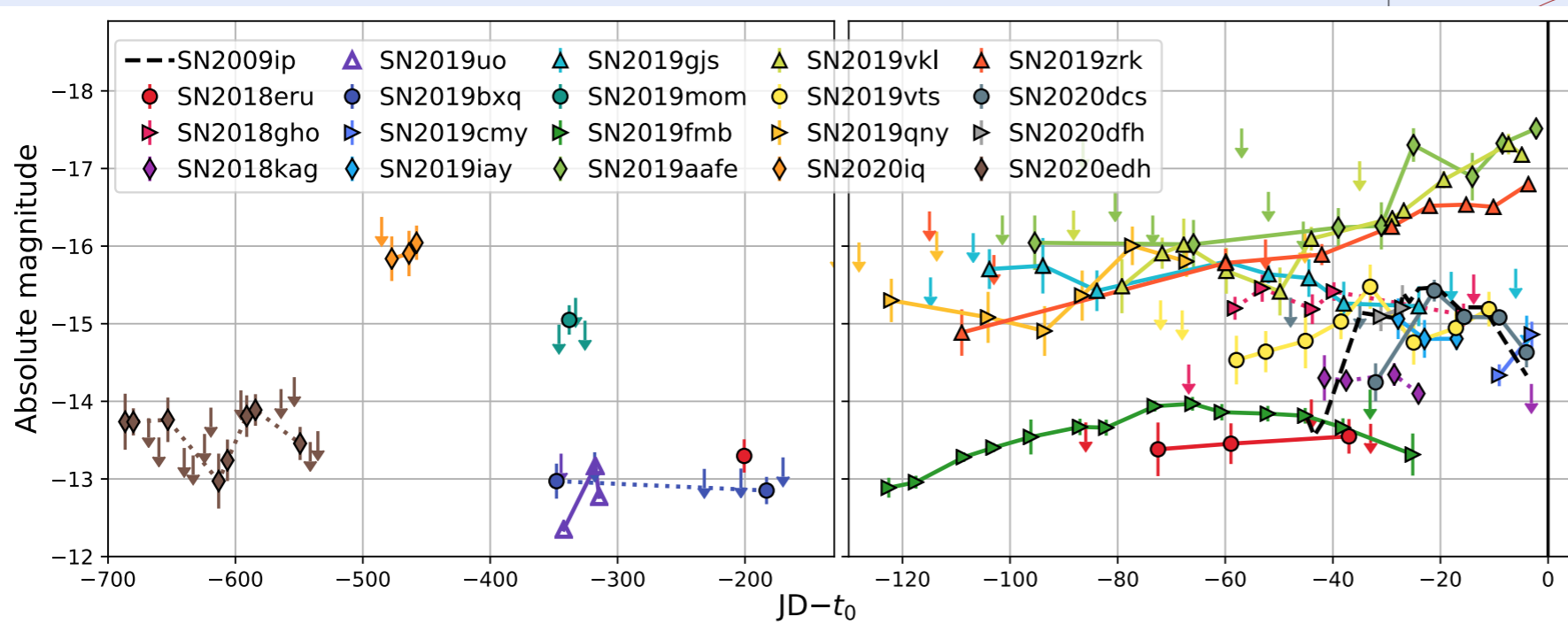


SN 2015bh: a SN or an impostor?

- Outburst detected in 2013 (not reported) second outburst in early 2015
- In SN (?) in May 2015
- Outbursts during > 21 years!
- Progenitor a $>50 M_{\odot}$ LBV?

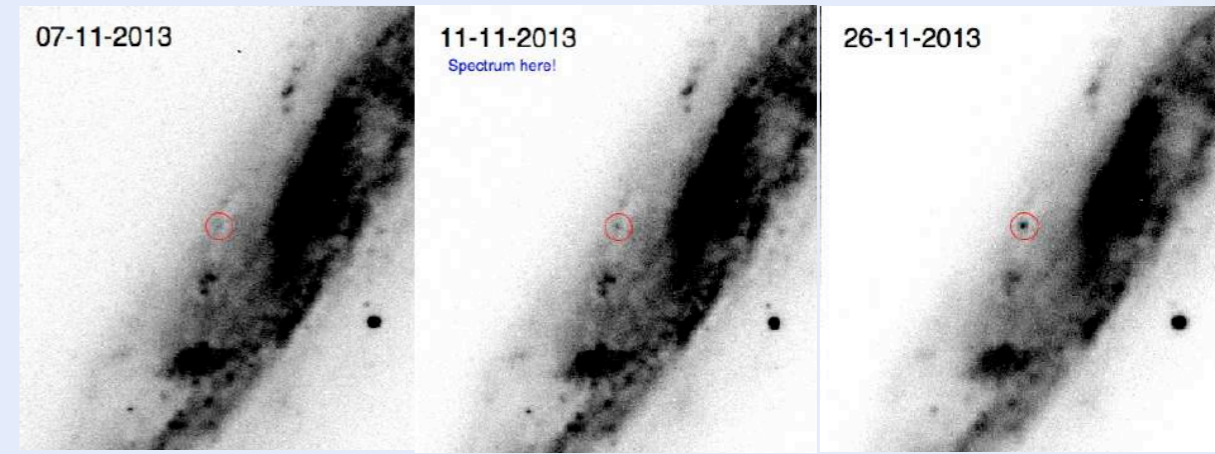


Strotjohann et al. 21

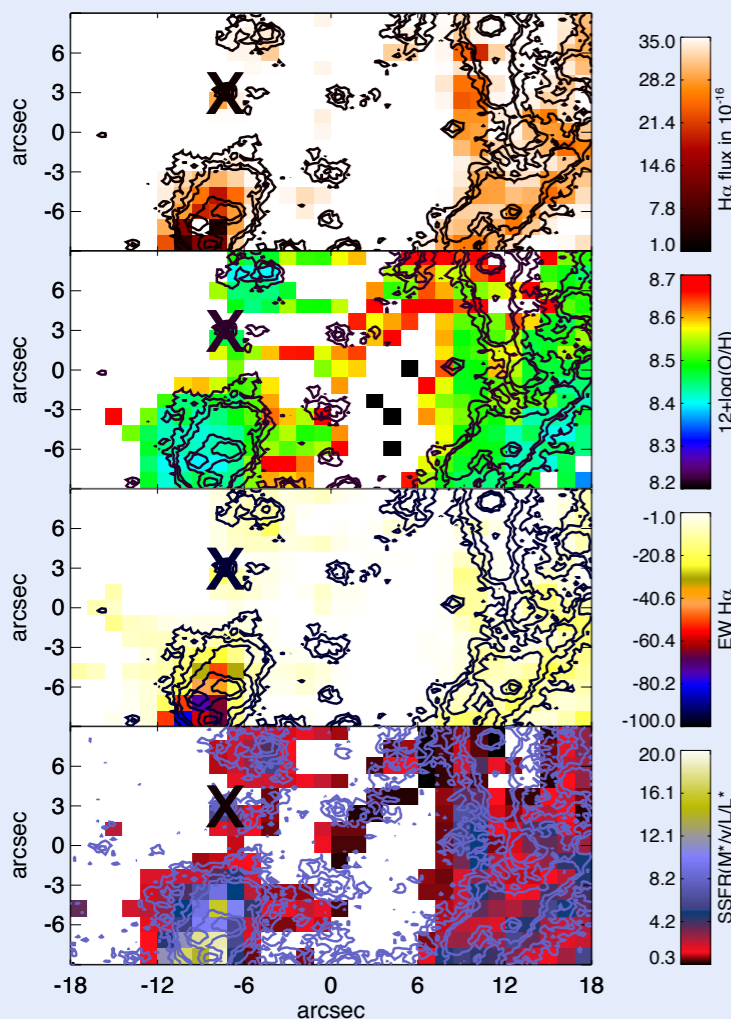
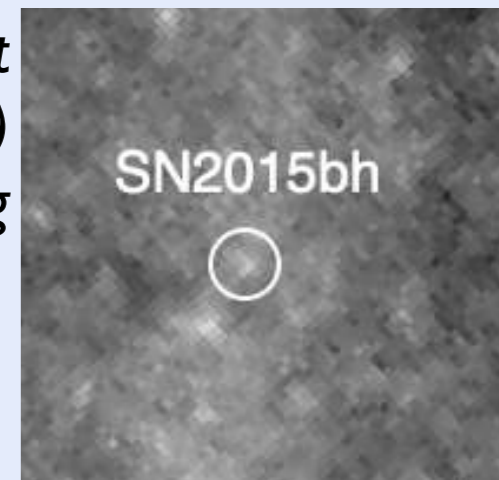


SN 2015bh: from progenitor to explosion (?)

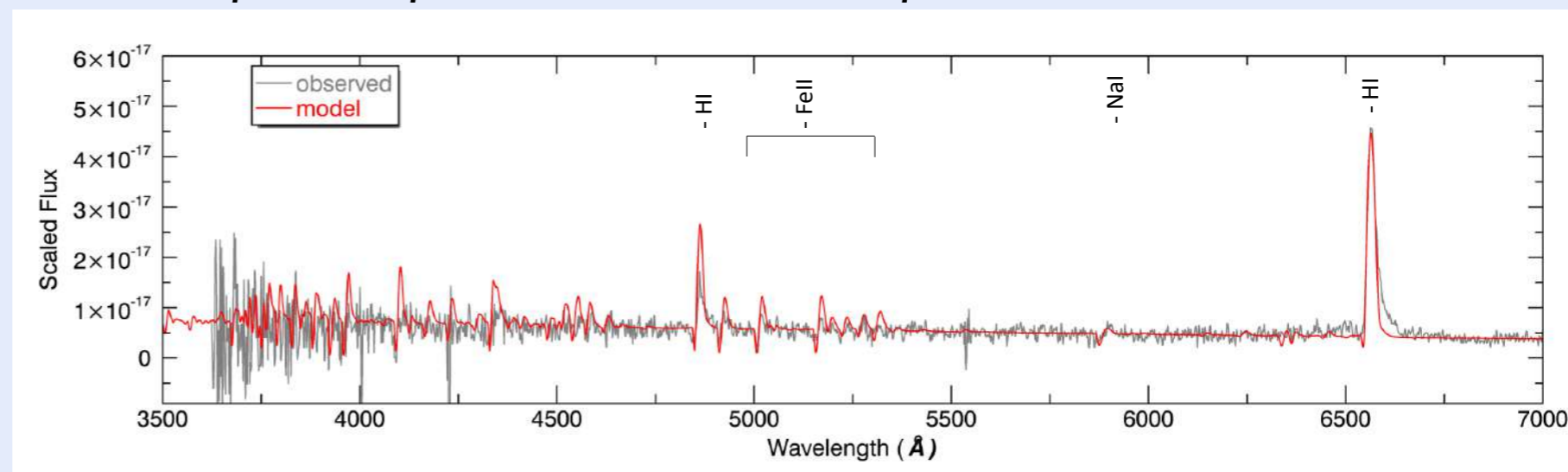
- Serendipitous spectra before 2013 outburst
- First pre-explosion spectrum since 1987A!
- $\log L/L^* = 6.3$, $T = 10,000\text{K}$, dense wind (Boian&Groh 18)



Surviving star/SN remnant in 2018 (HST)
 $M = -5.9$ mag



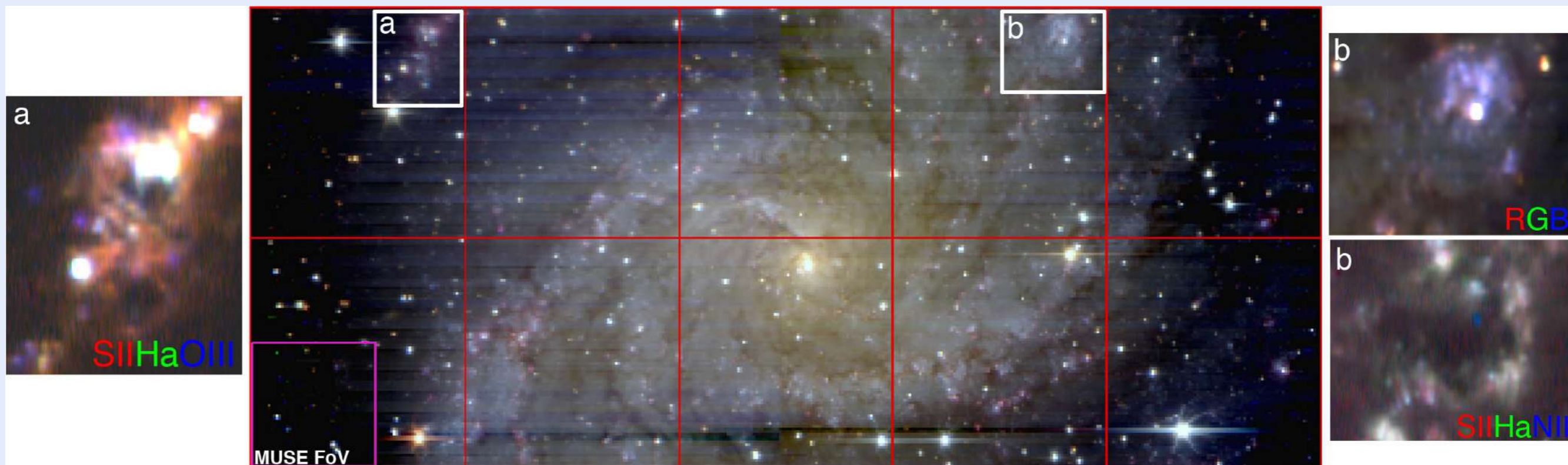
Pre-explosion spectrum + LBV model spectrum



Project: Pre-explosion spectroscopy of SN progenitors

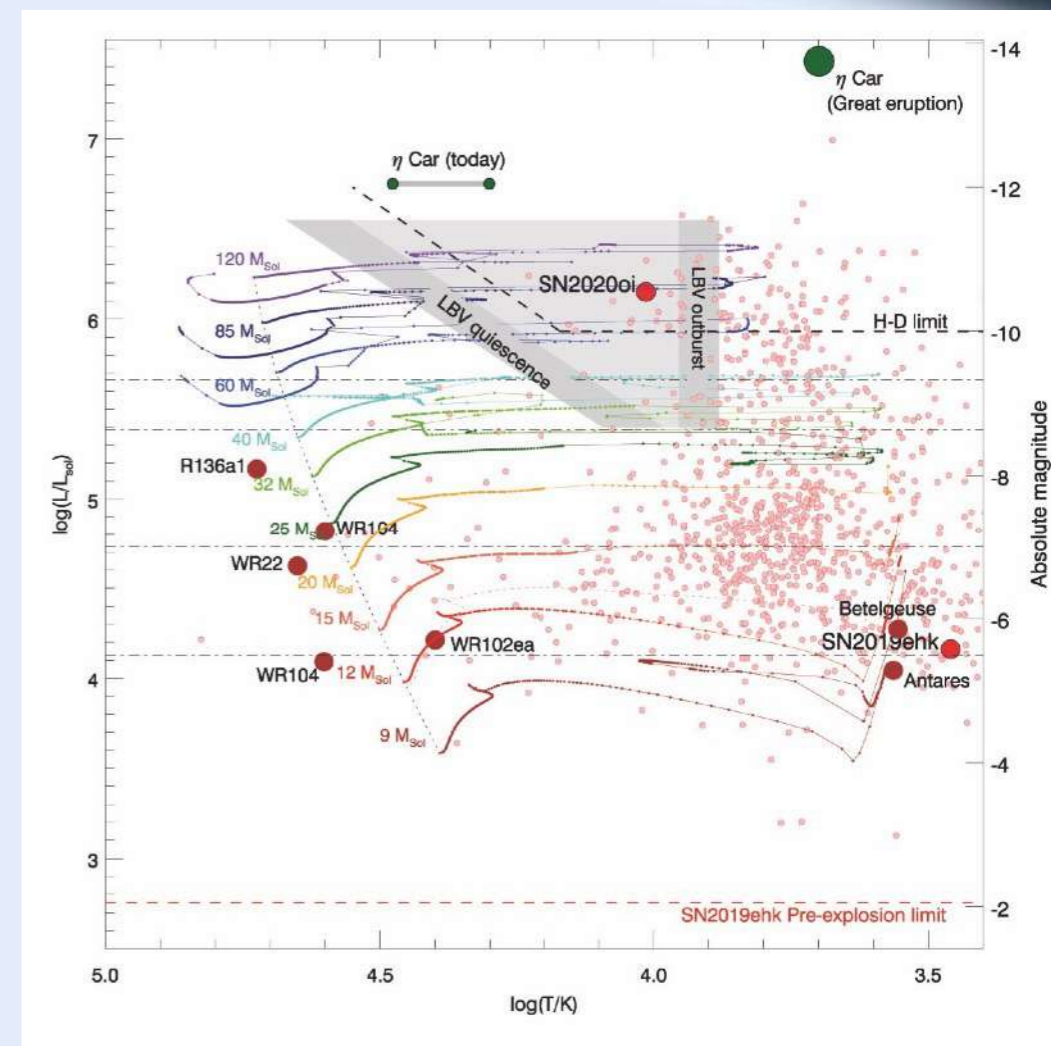
- SN hosts at $< 30\text{Mpc}$ with 3+ CC-SNe with IFUs (~ 48 galaxies)
- Determine massive stellar population
- Lots of legacy value

NGC 6946 („Fireworks galaxy“) Driftscan spectroscopy with OSIRIS/GTC



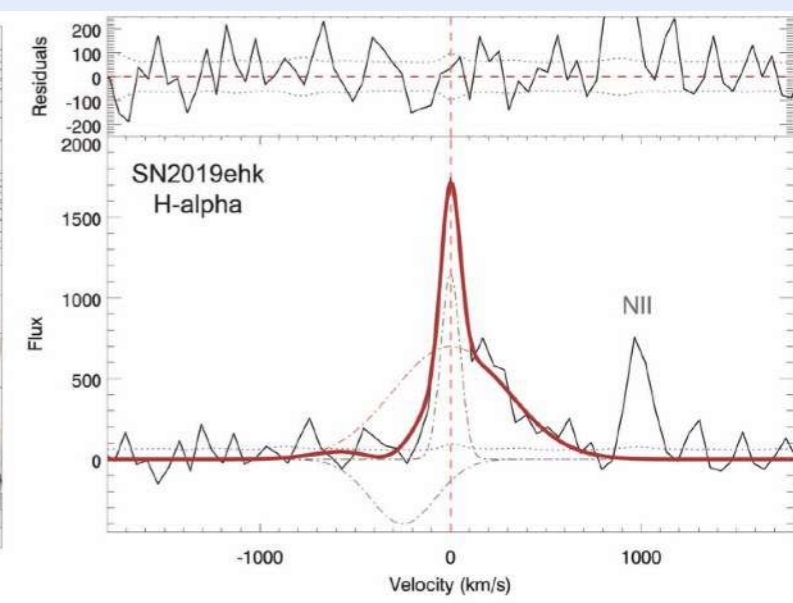
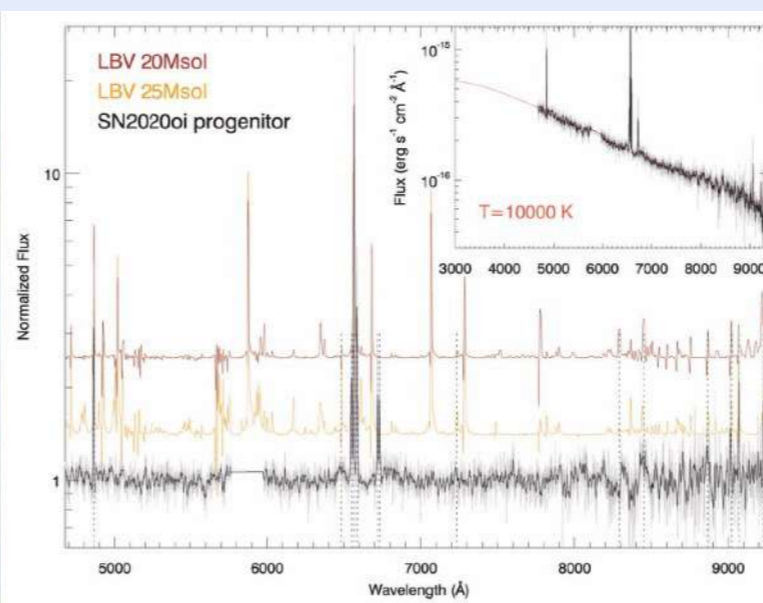
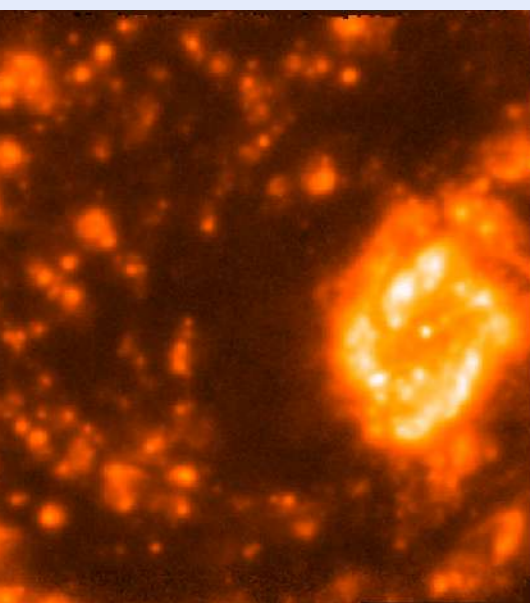
Project: Pre-explosion spectroscopy of SN progenitors

- Showcase: SN2019ehk & SN2020oi in M100
- SN 2019eh: MUSE data 44h before discovery!
H α P-Cygni: wind or SN?
- SN 2020oi: Ic, progenitor with broad lines
or small cluster?
 $M_{\text{abs}} = -11.5$ mag



MUSE H α

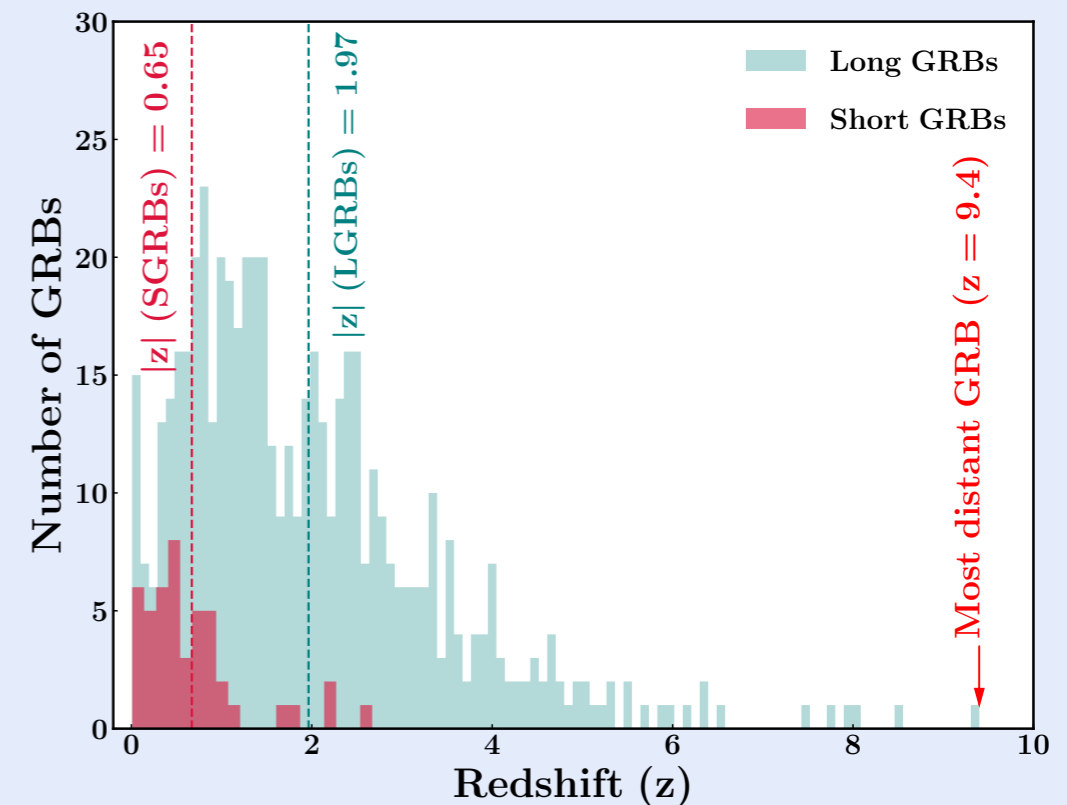
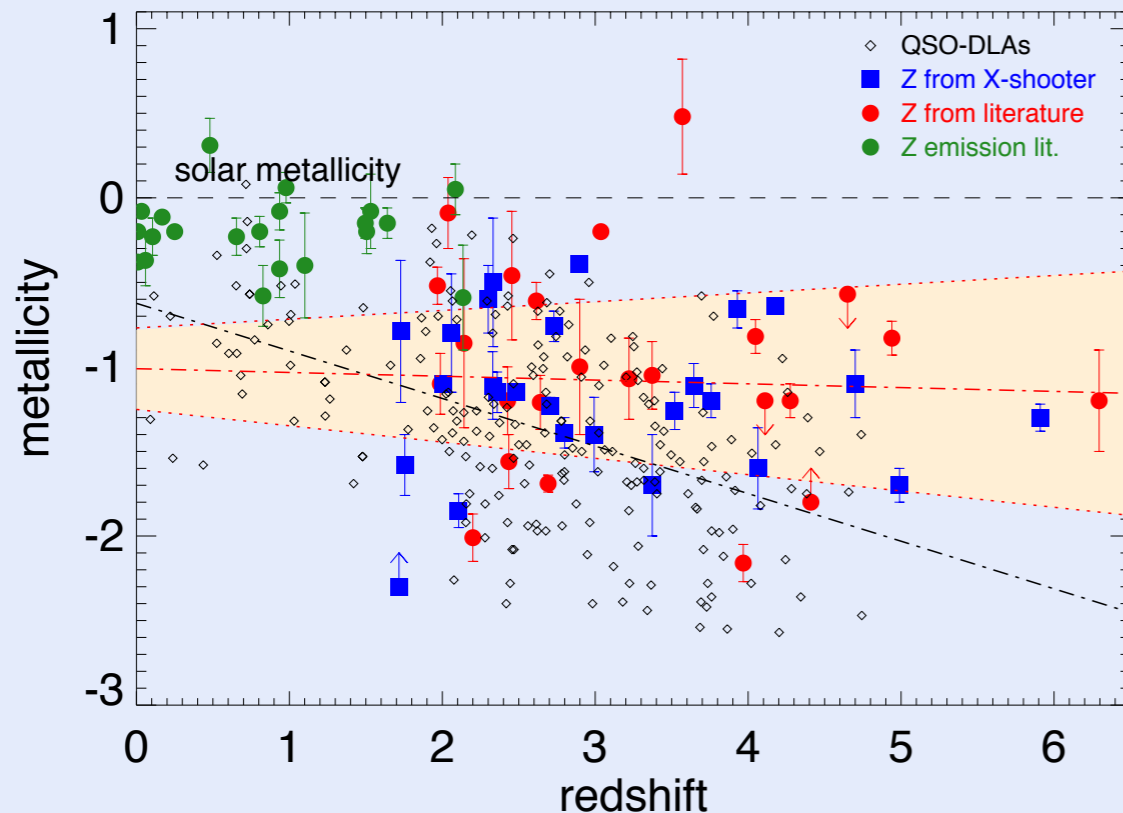
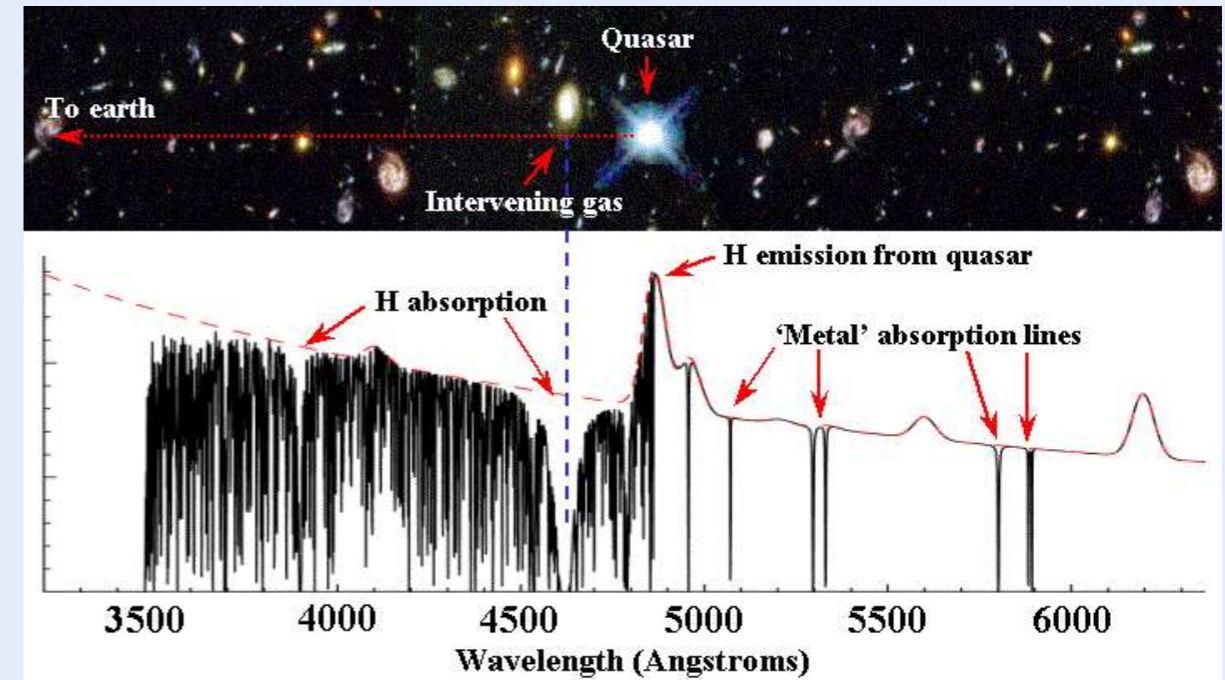
HST



GRBs as lighthouses

GRBs illuminating their high-z ISM

- $z = 0$ to 9
- Clean synchrotron spectrum, absorption lines from ISM (similar to QSOs)
- Chemical evolution over large range of redshift
- Sometimes rich velocity structure

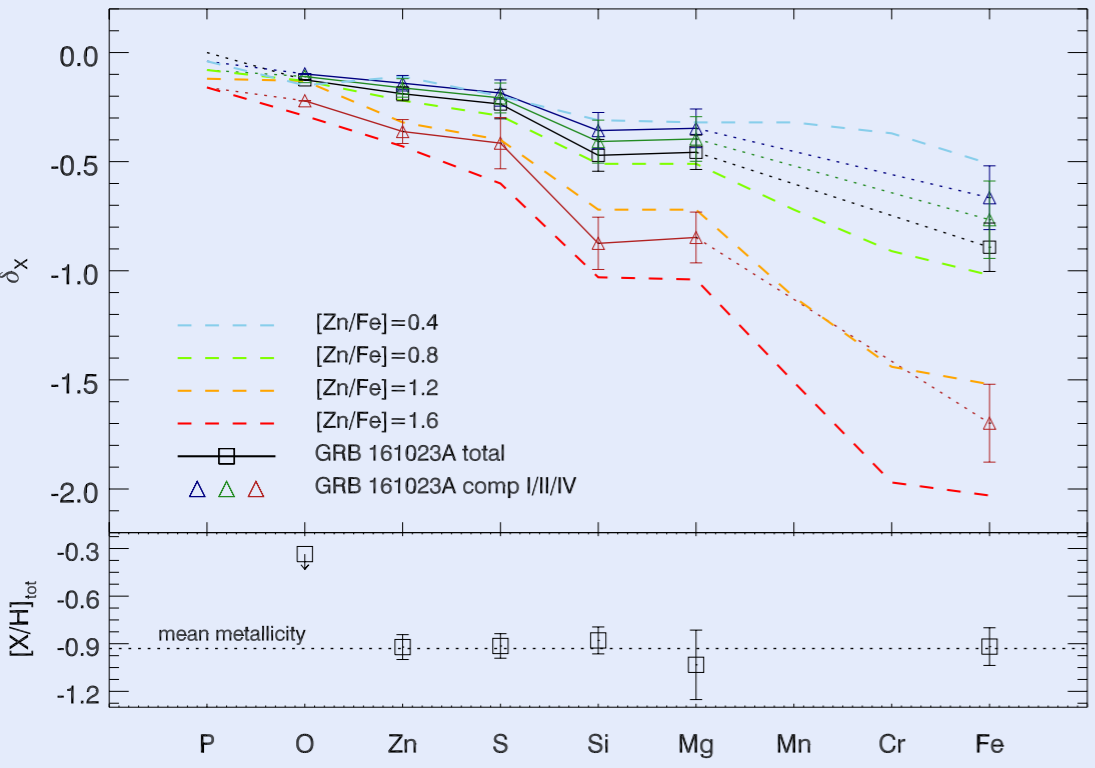
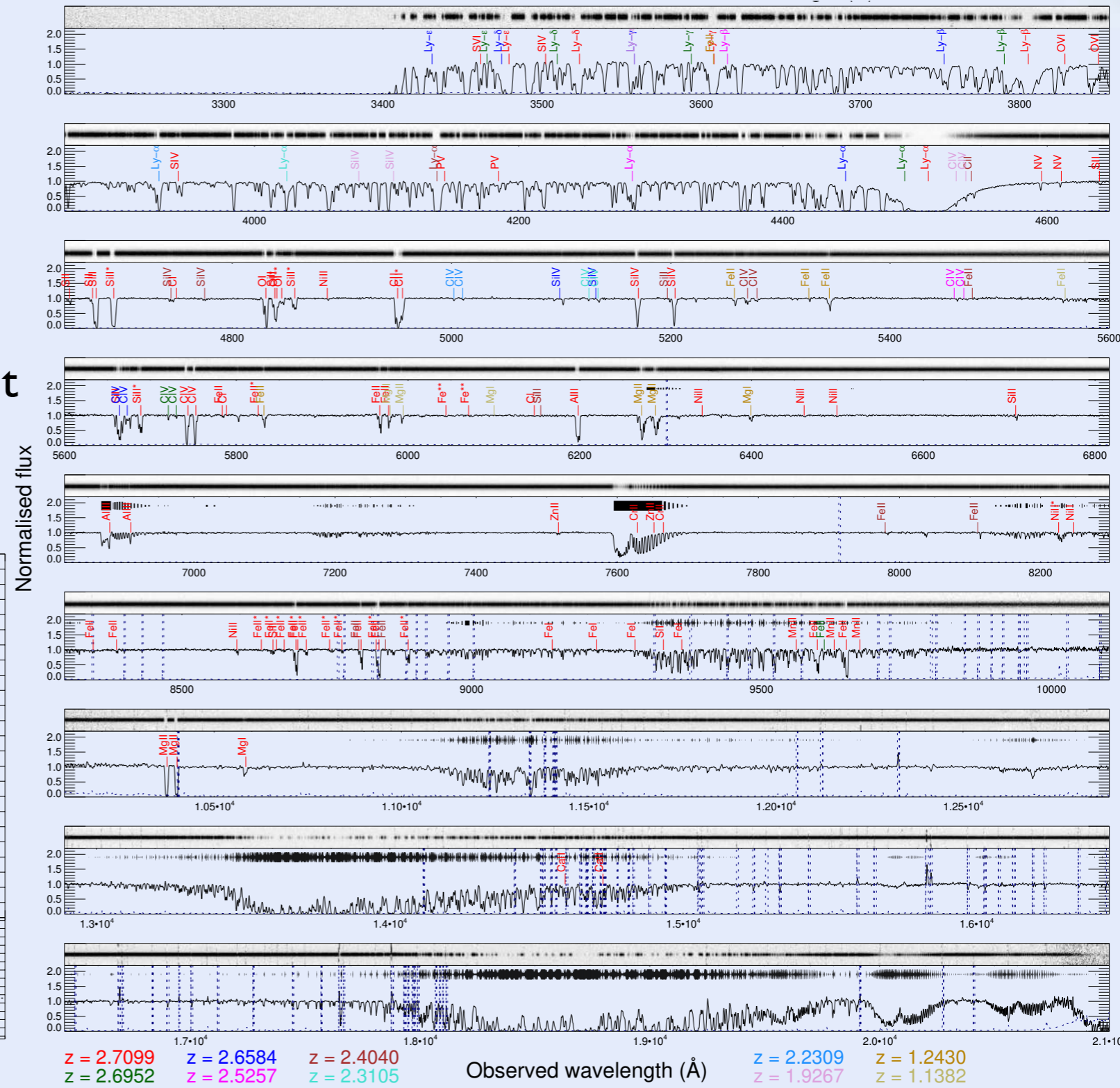


GRB hosts: abundances and distances

GRB 161023A

- Metallicity, dust in the host and (often) in intervening systems
- e.g. GRB 161023A, $z=2.7$

9 intervening systems!
strong dust depletion in component closest to the GRB

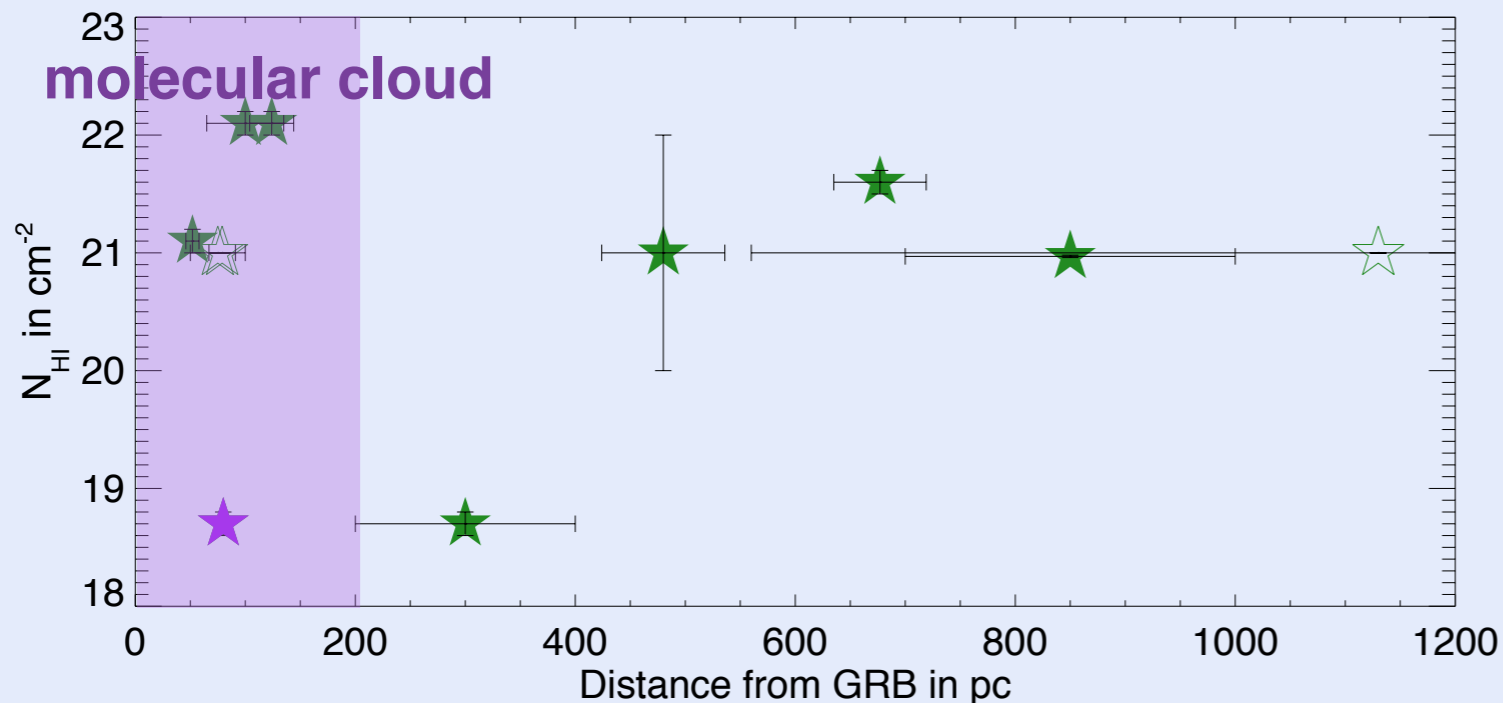
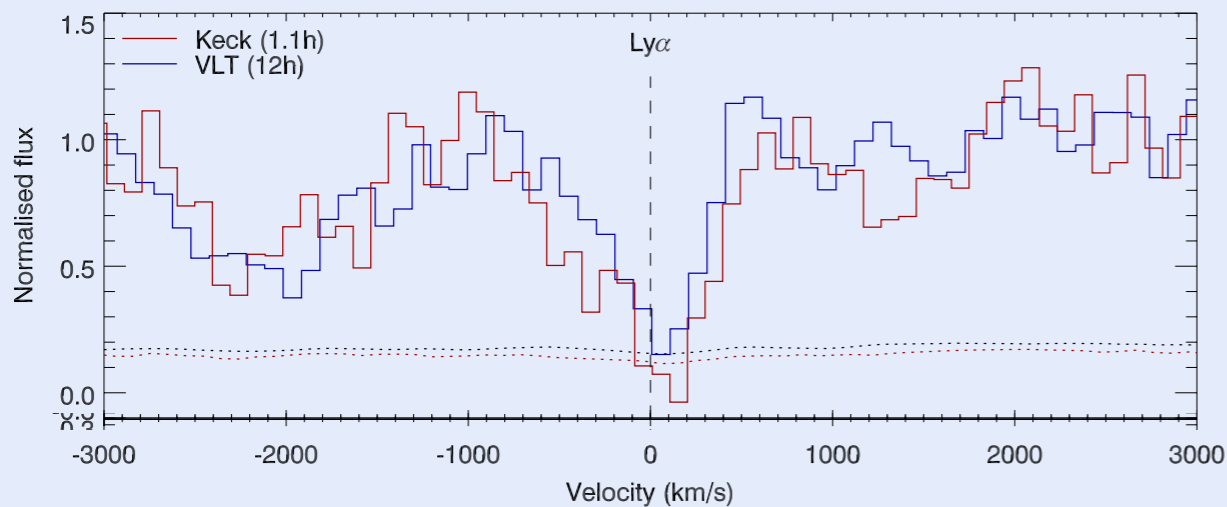


$z = 2.7099$ $z = 2.6584$ $z = 2.4040$ $z = 2.2309$ $z = 1.2430$
 $z = 2.6952$ $z = 2.5257$ $z = 2.3105$ $z = 1.9267$ $z = 1.1382$

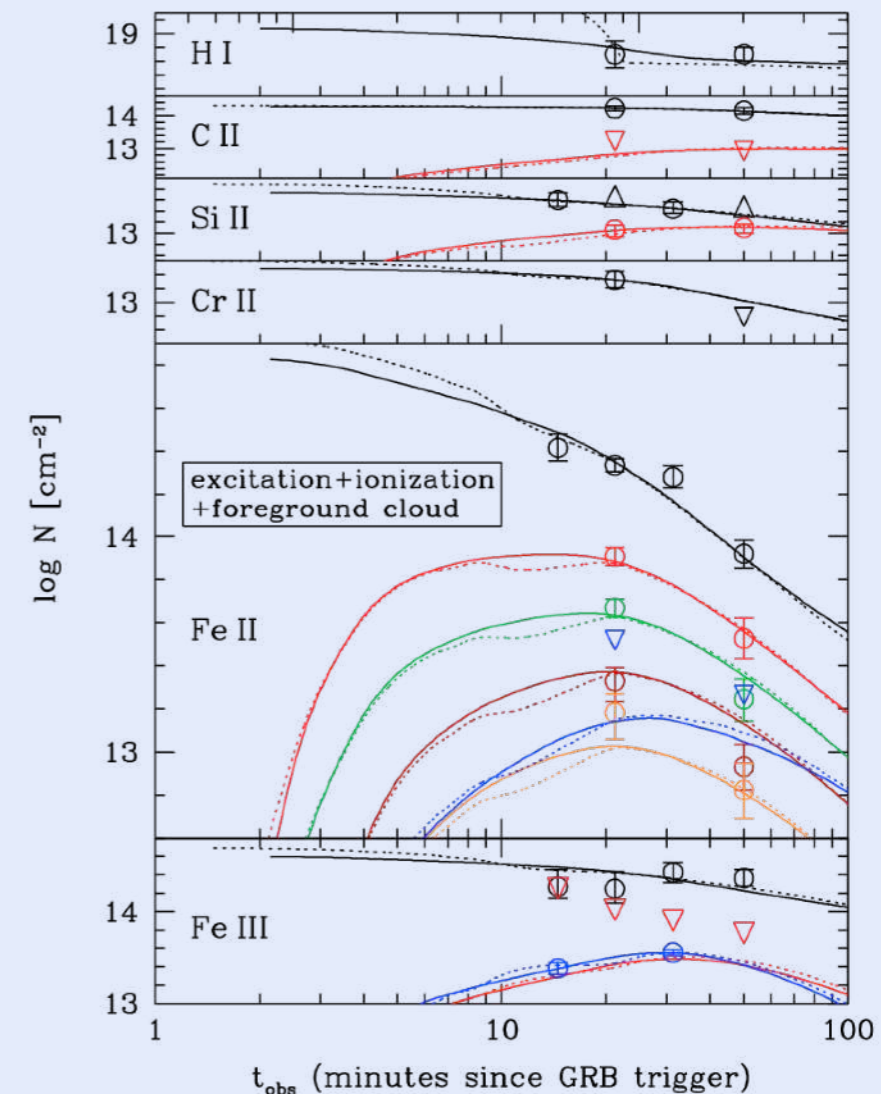
GRB hosts: abundances and distances

- Fine-structure lines and line variability give distances (excitation by the GRB itself)
- Sometimes rich velocity structure

GRB 090426

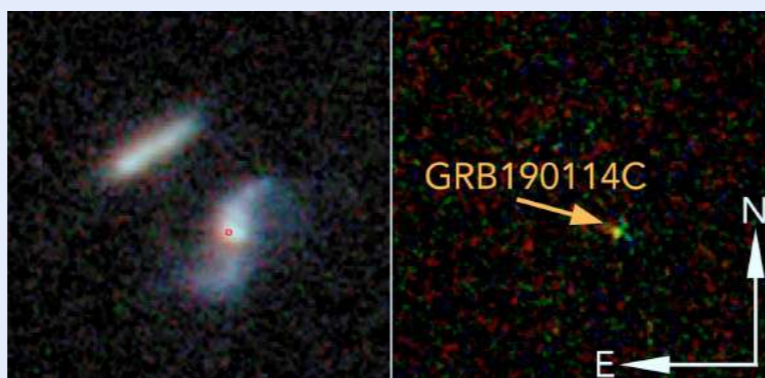


Vreeswijk et al. 12

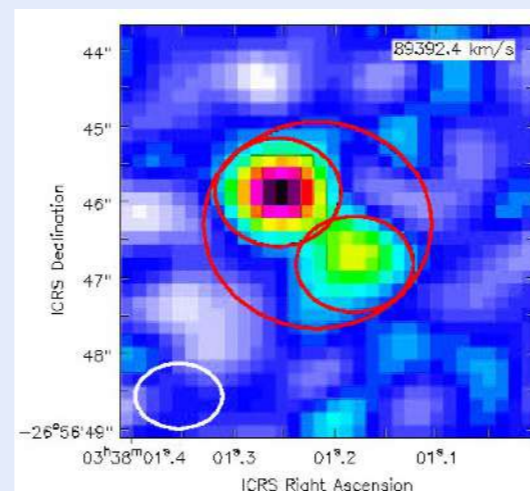
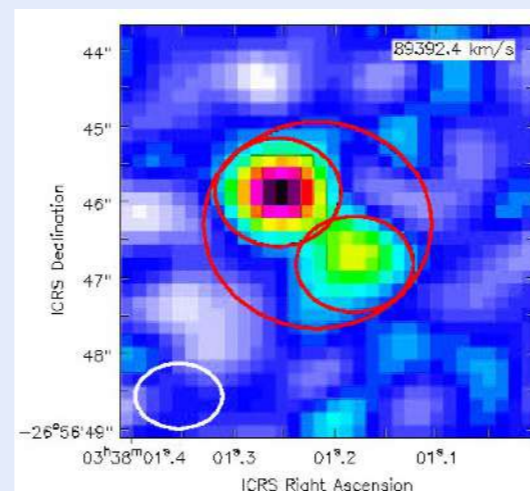
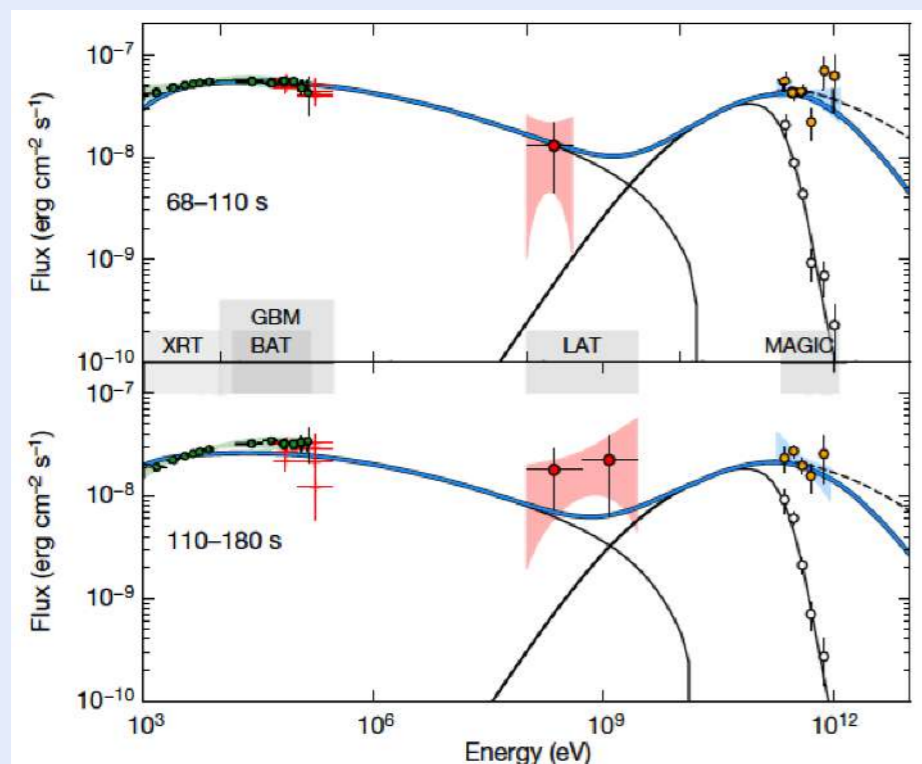


VHE emission in GRBs

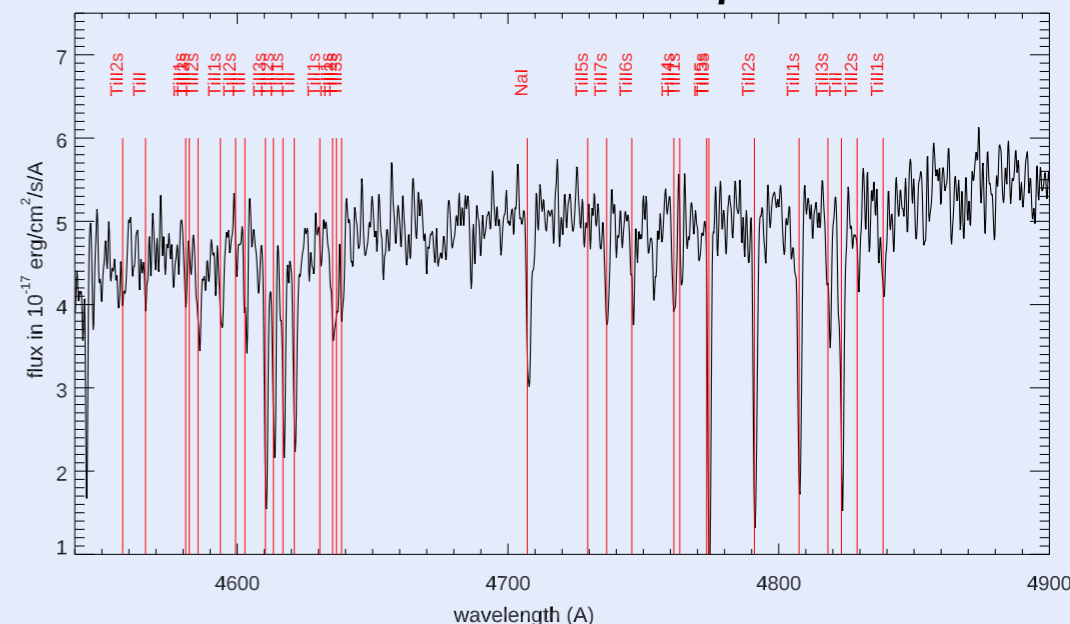
- 5(6?) detections at VHE (TeV) with MAGIC/H.E.S.S inverse Compton?
- peculiar environments: excited lines of Ti, Fe, HeI
- dense/dusty environment needed to produce UHEs?



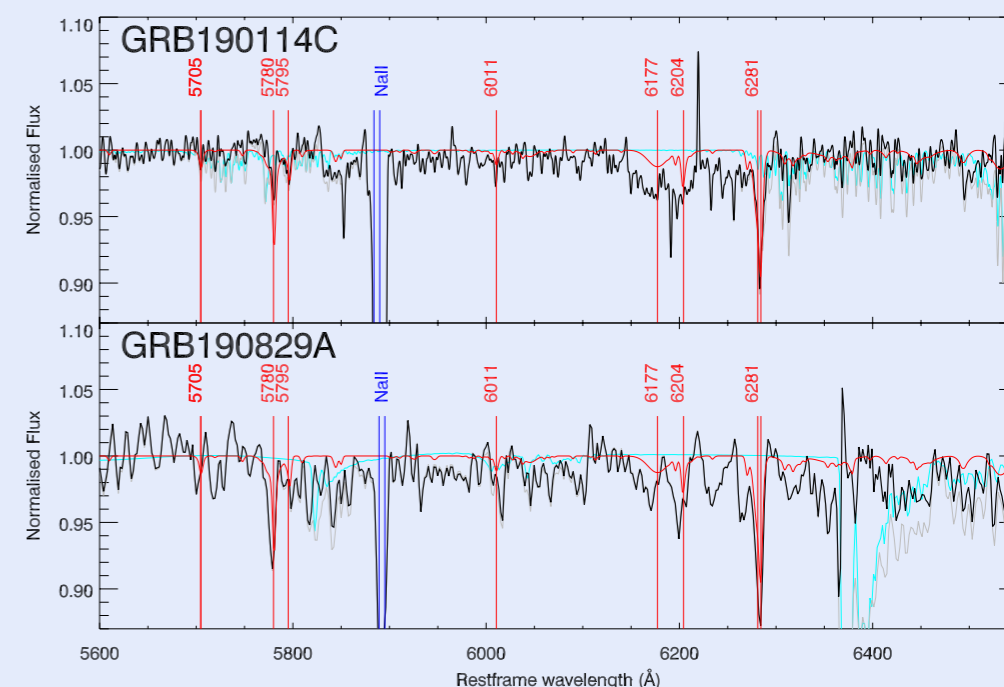
SED



Ti fine structure

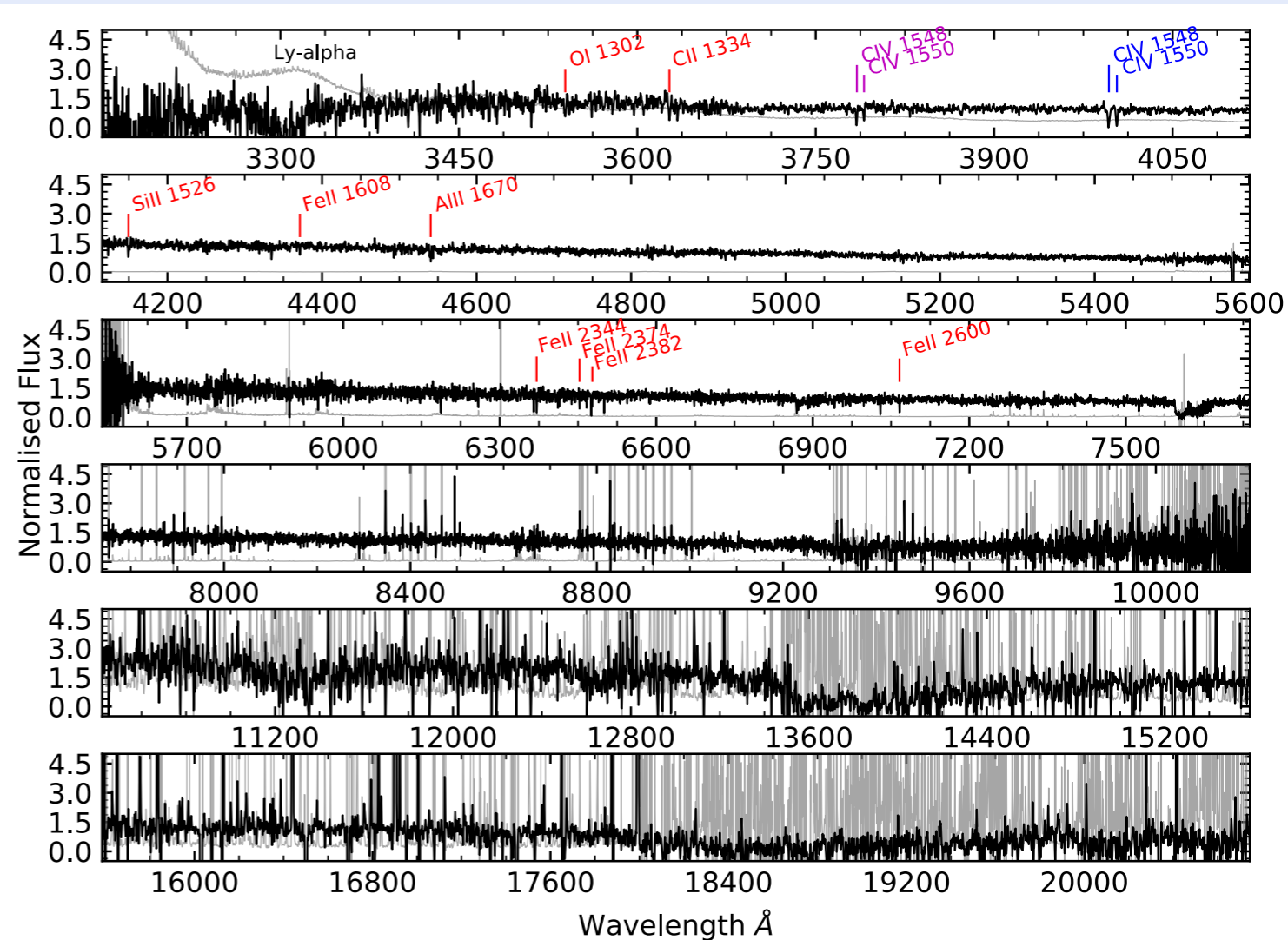
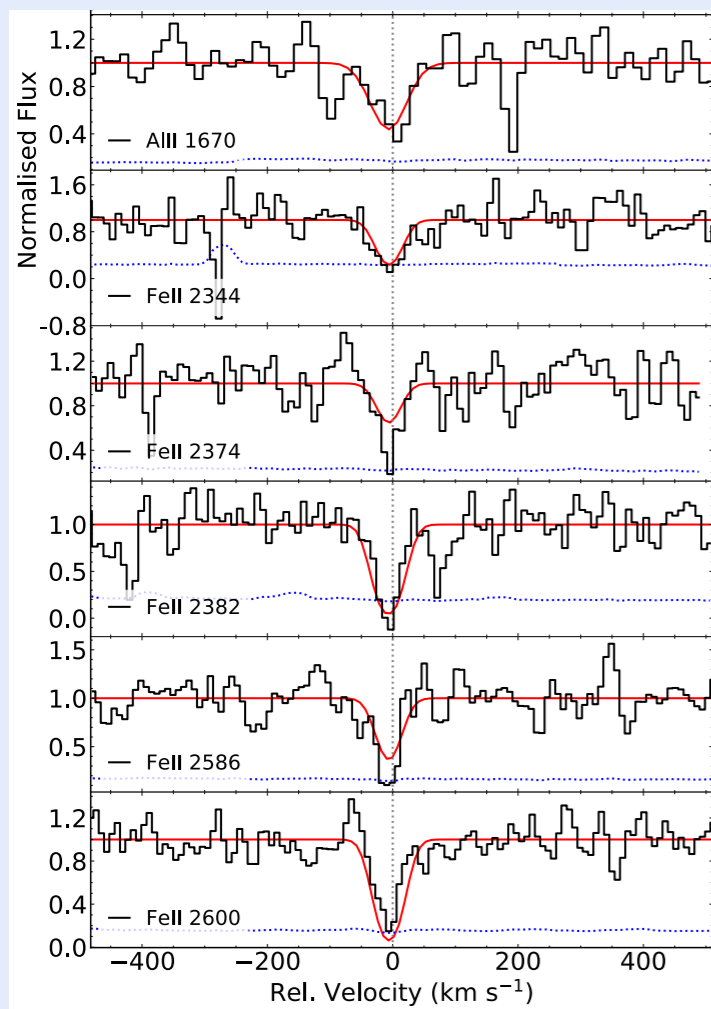
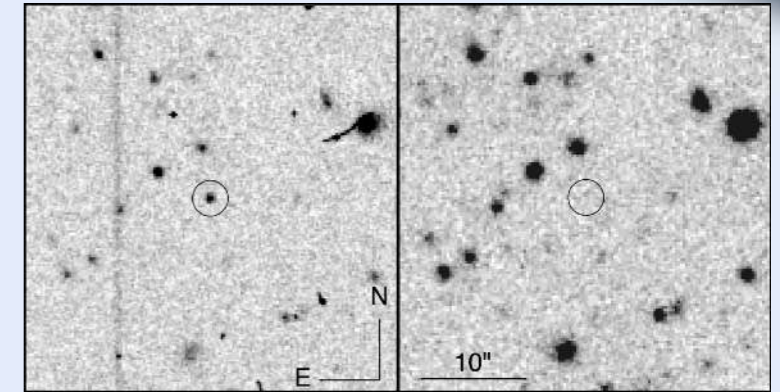


DIBs



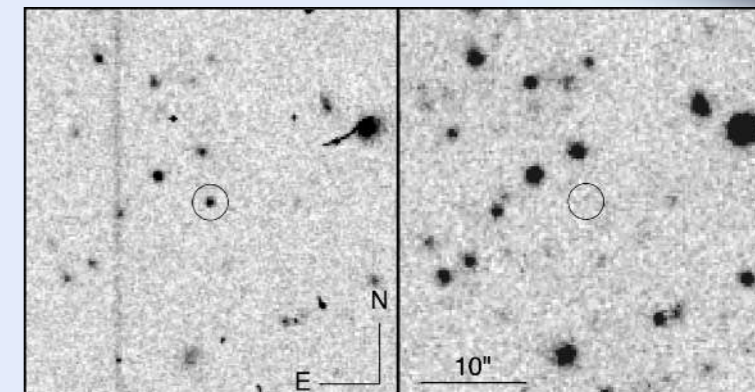
First metallicity: 160410A

- X-shooter spectrum 8min post GRB, $z=1.7$
- Weak absorption lines, no CIV/SiIV, single component
- very low metallicity: $[Fe/H] = -2.7$
- no dust depletion
- no host galaxy ($M_{abs} > -18.17$ mag)



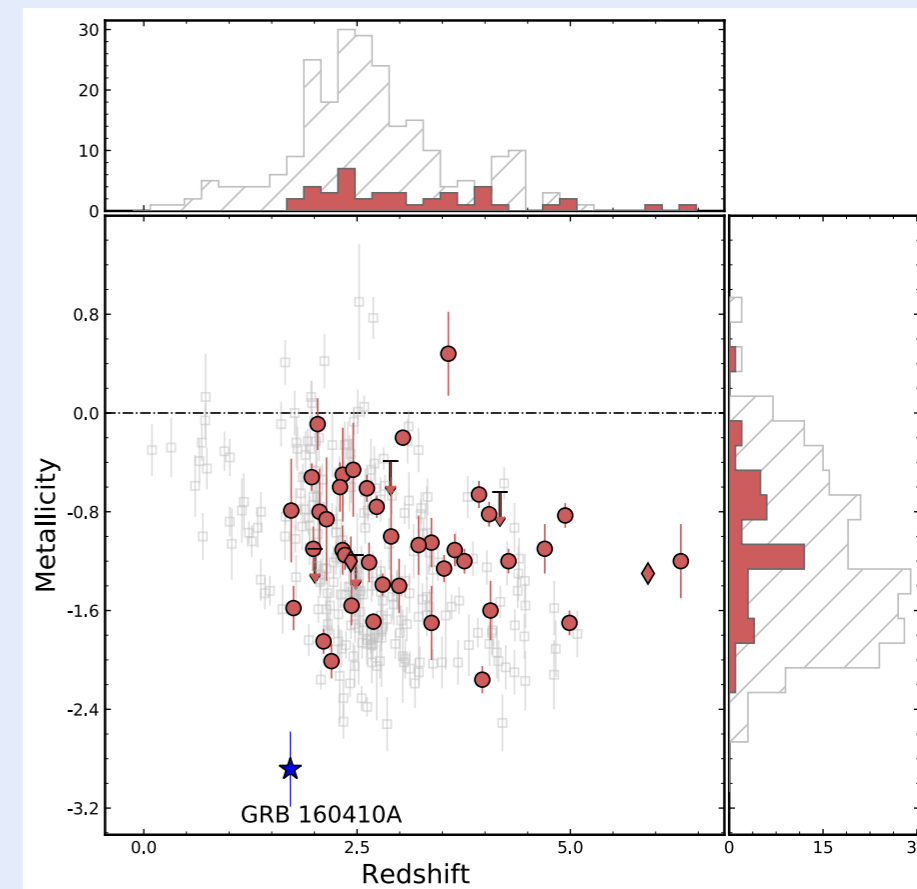
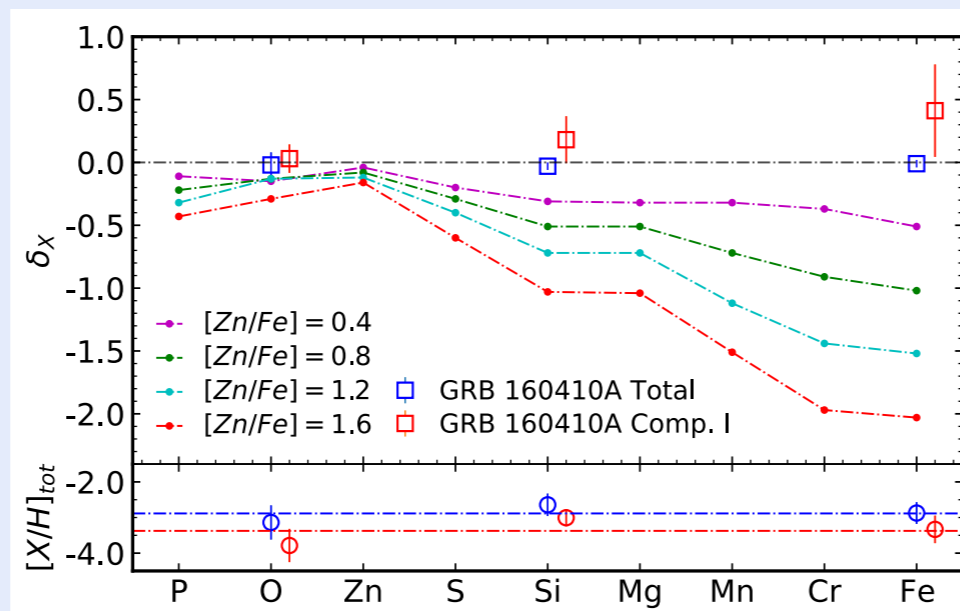
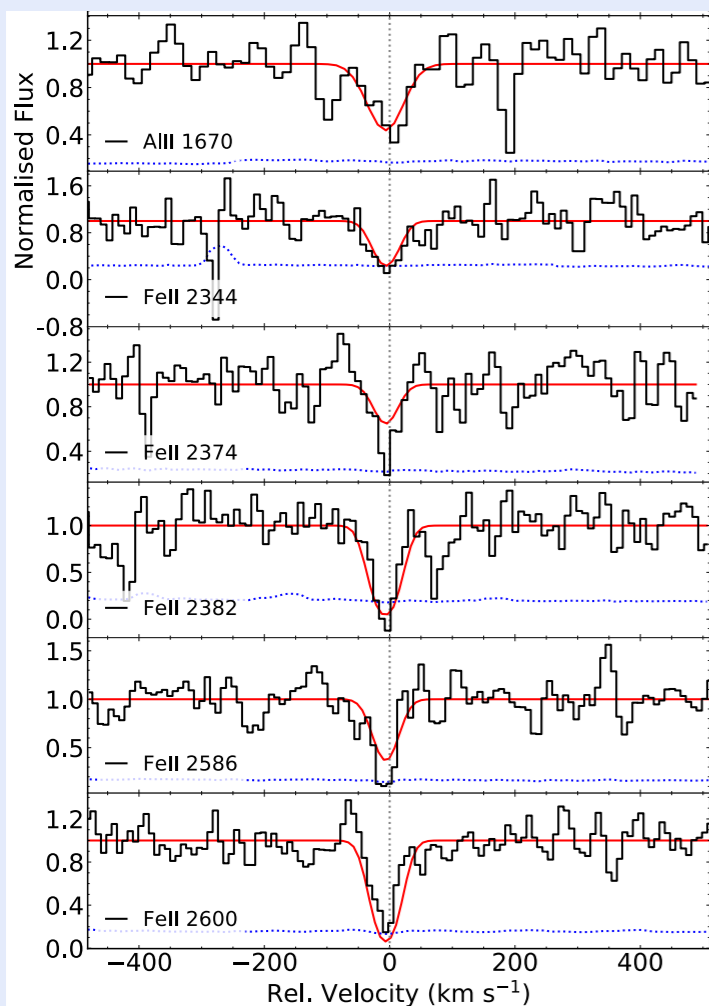
First metallicity: 160410A

- X-shooter spectrum 8min post GRB, $z=1.7$
- Weak absorption lines, no CIV/SiIV, single component
- very low metallicity: $[Fe/H] = -2.7$
- no dust depletion
- no host galaxy ($M_{abs} > -18.17$ mag)



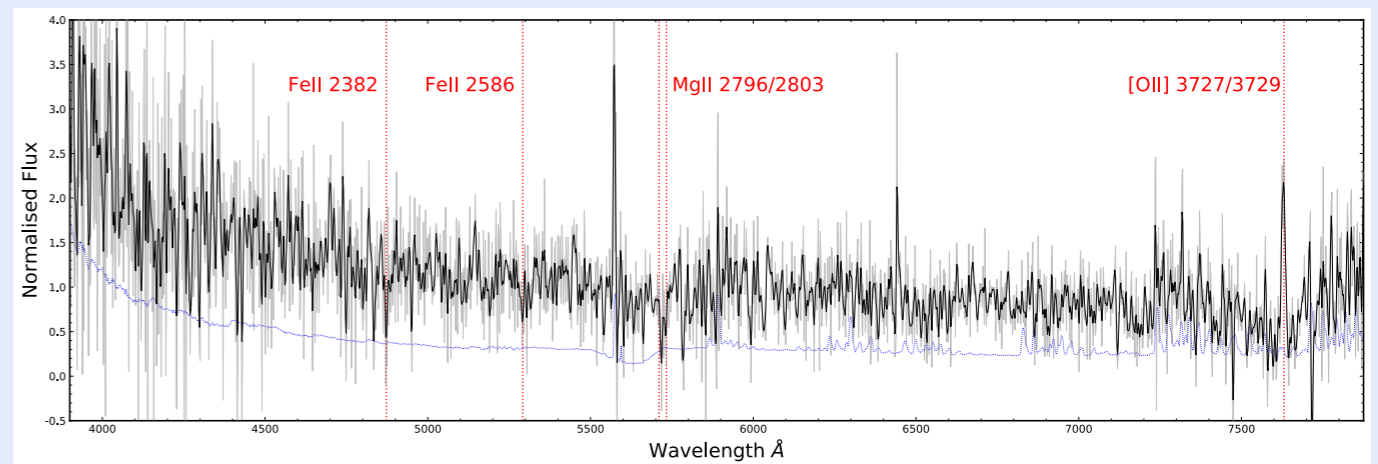
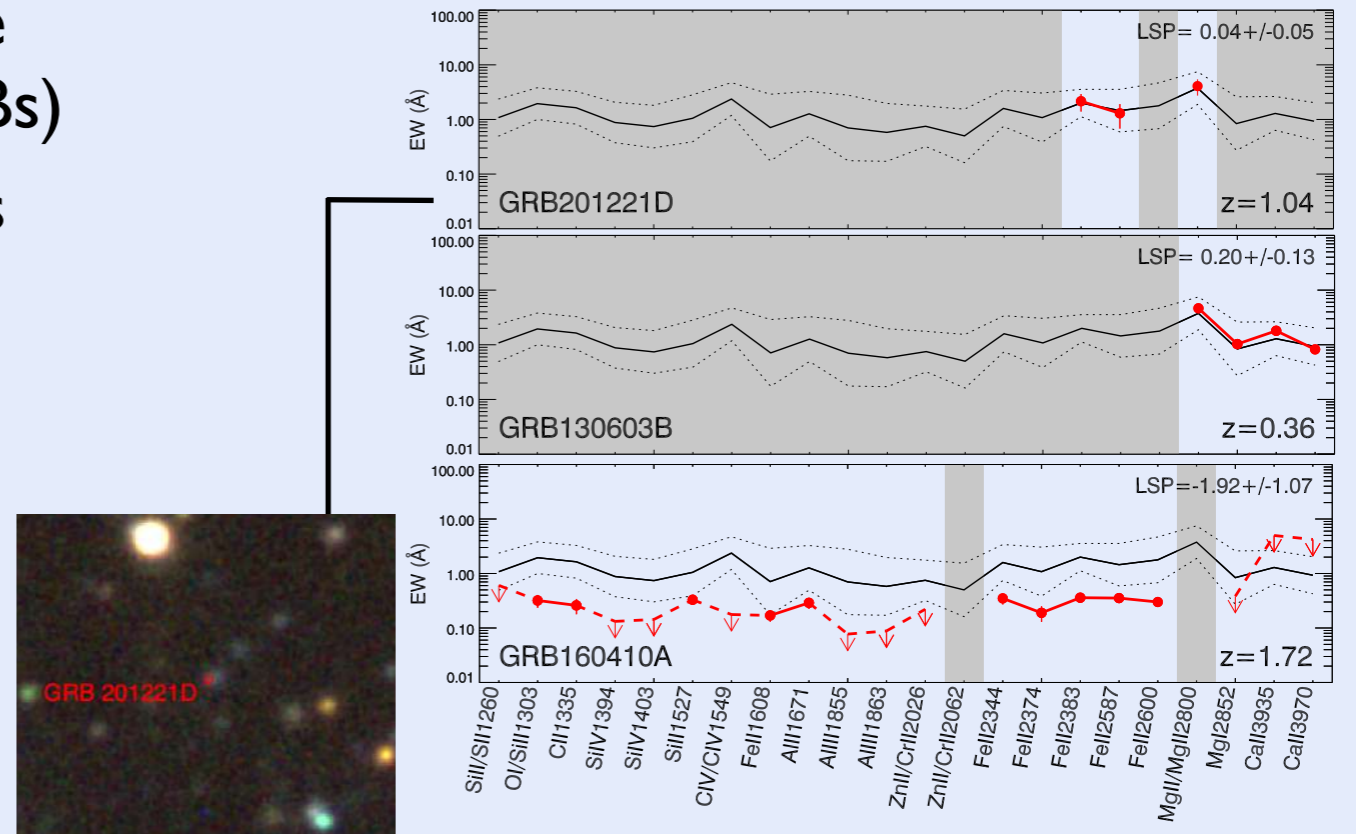
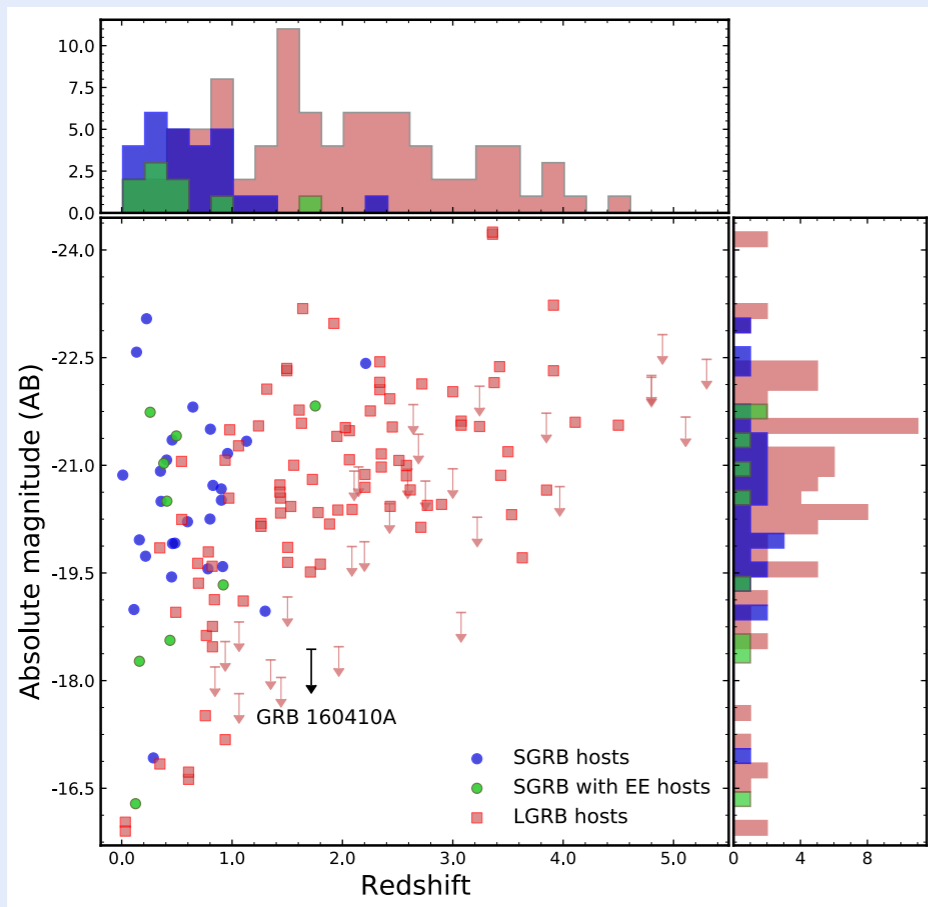
afterglow

(host)



Are short GRB environments special? or not?

- 161004A: Low density environment
I30603B+201221D have average environment (compared to LGRBs)
- Are EE-GRB hosts/environments different?



Conclusions

- Hosts of different stellar explosions are indeed different
- Depending on the host the immediate environment is most crucial
- Star-formation triggers still largely unknown and might be different for different hosts/samples
- Need to get better correlations environment - progenitor in the very nearby Universe
- GRBs very interesting as probes of the high-z galaxy ISM, but large samples at high-z missing
- Is the ISM in short GRB hosts significantly different? or not?