



# GRB Afterglow observations

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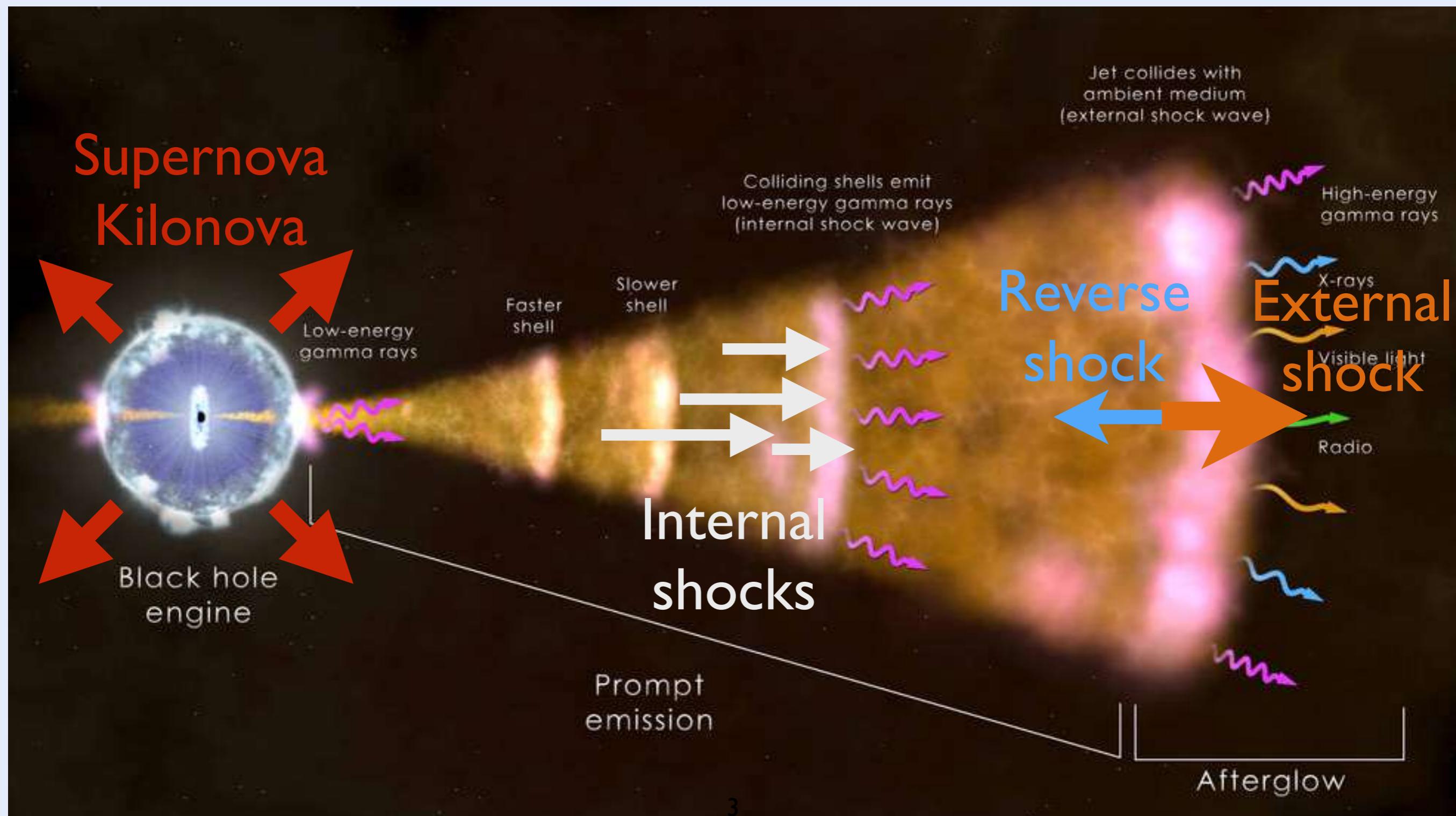
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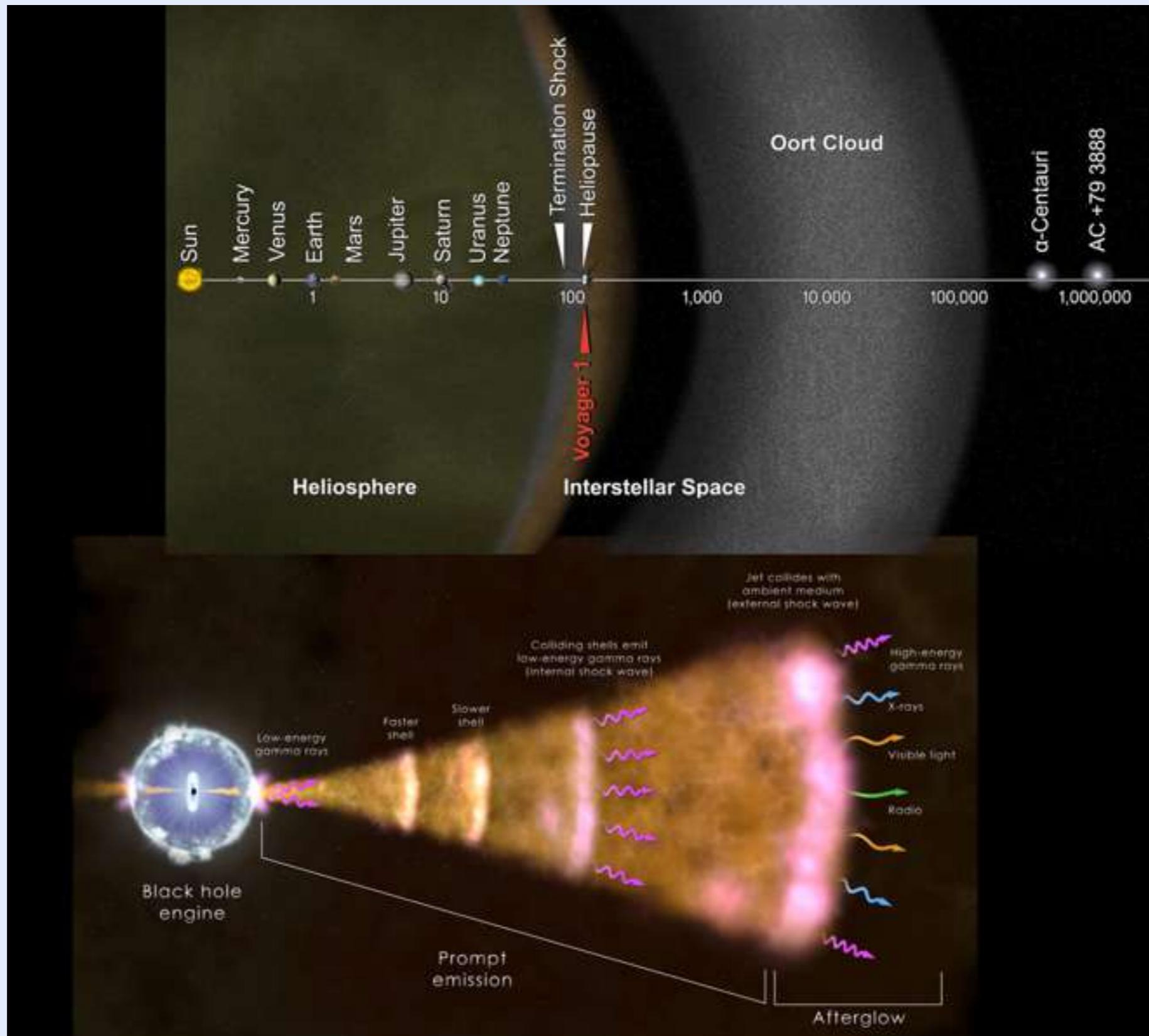
# Anatomy of a GRB

# Ultrarelativistic jets

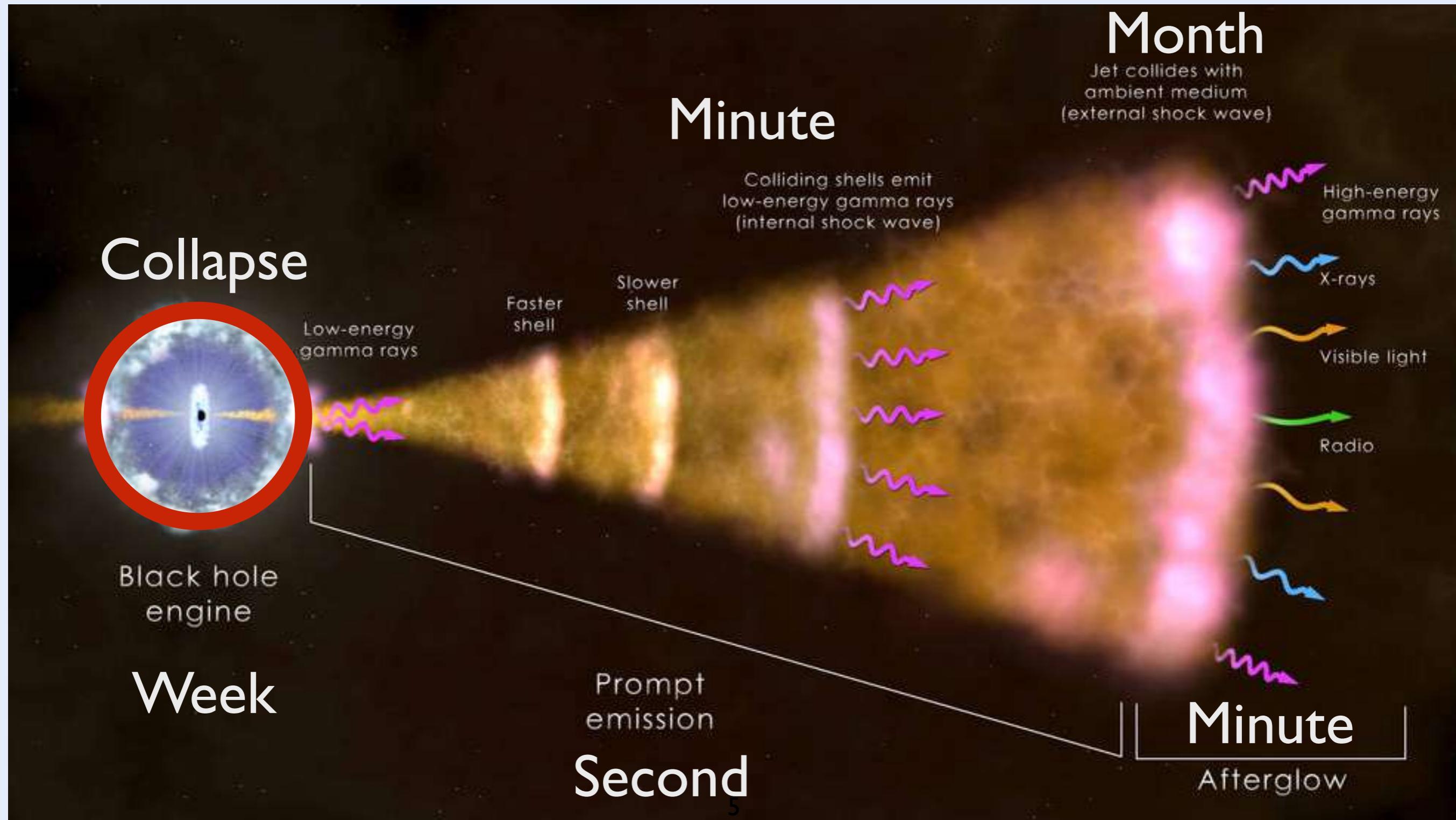


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# Physical scale of a GRB



# Temporal scale of GRBs



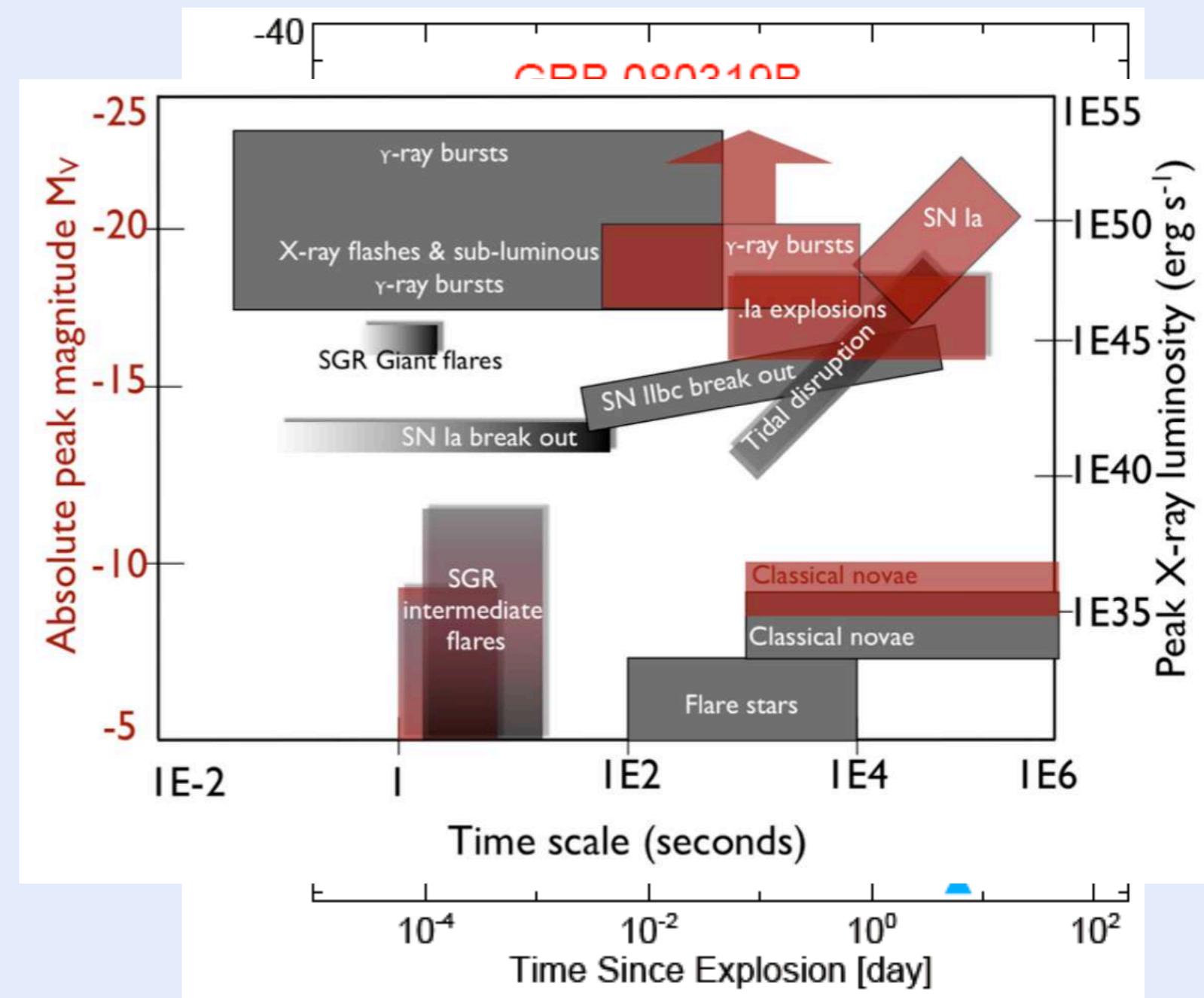


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# Afterglow observations

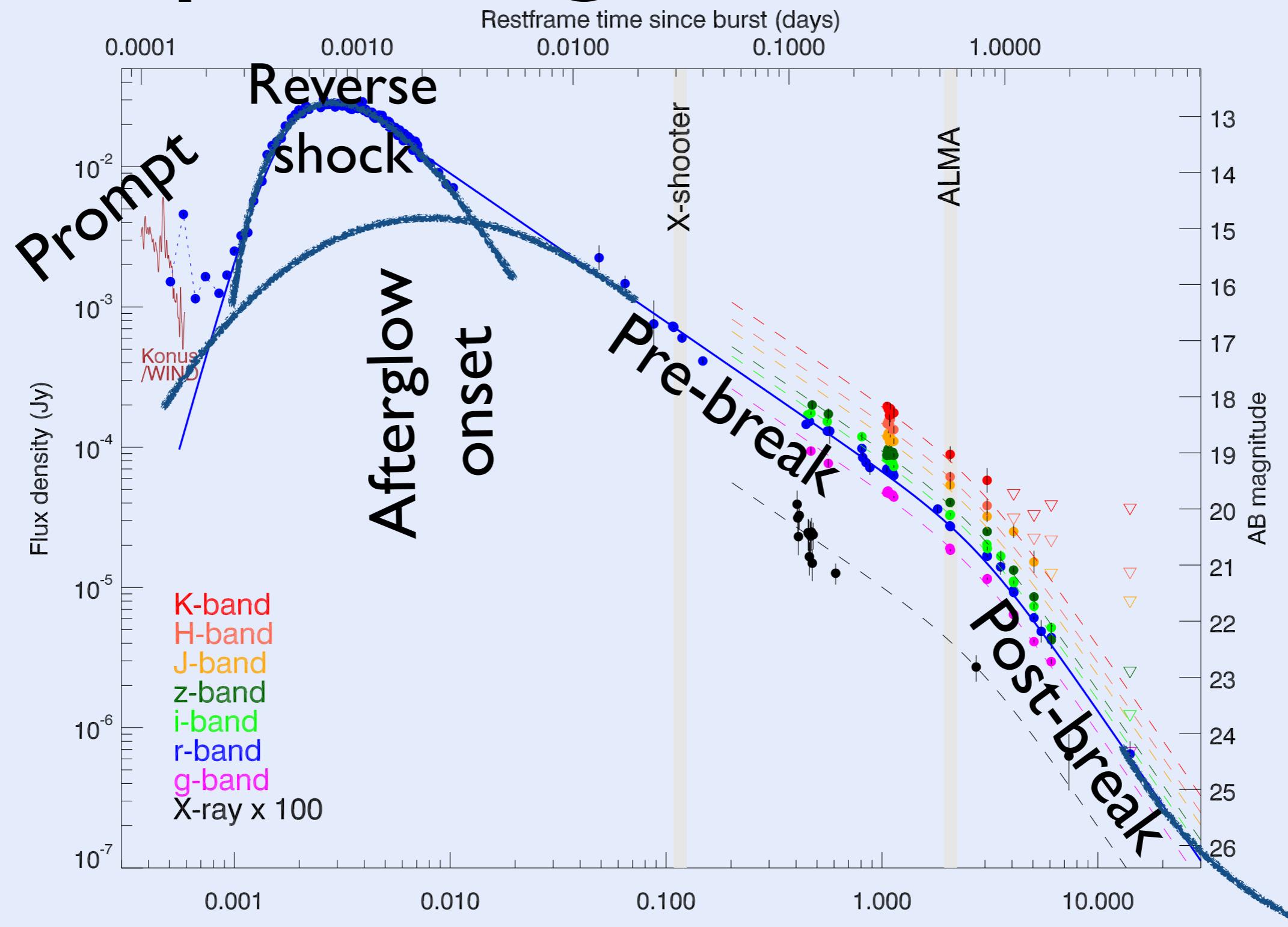
# Luminosity of a GRB

- Gamma-ray emission brighter than the rest of the sky
- Afterglow not as much but also extremely luminous
- GRB 080319B, at  $M_U = -38$  mag at 20 000 light years would shine as bright as the Sun

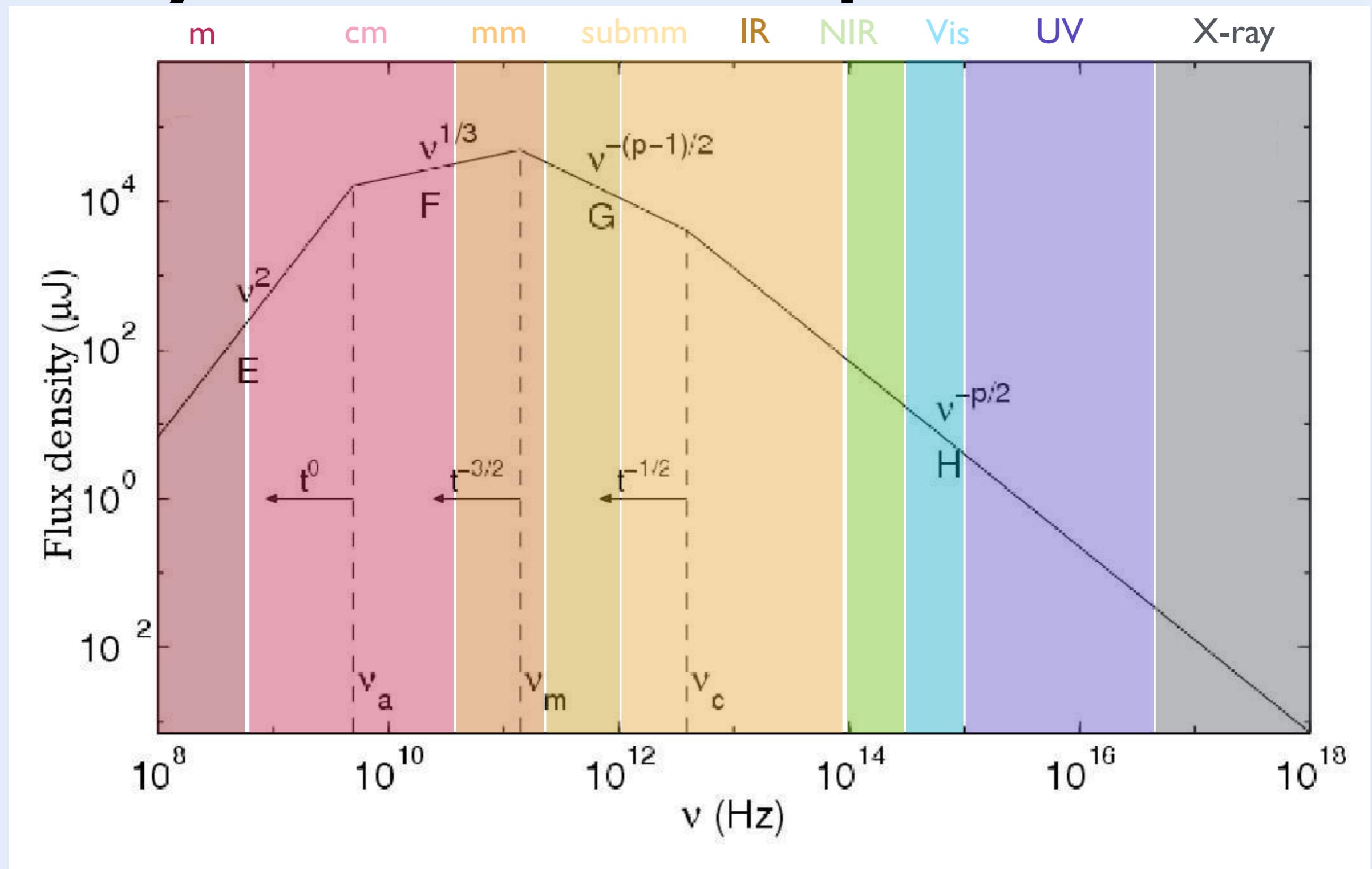


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# Optical light curve

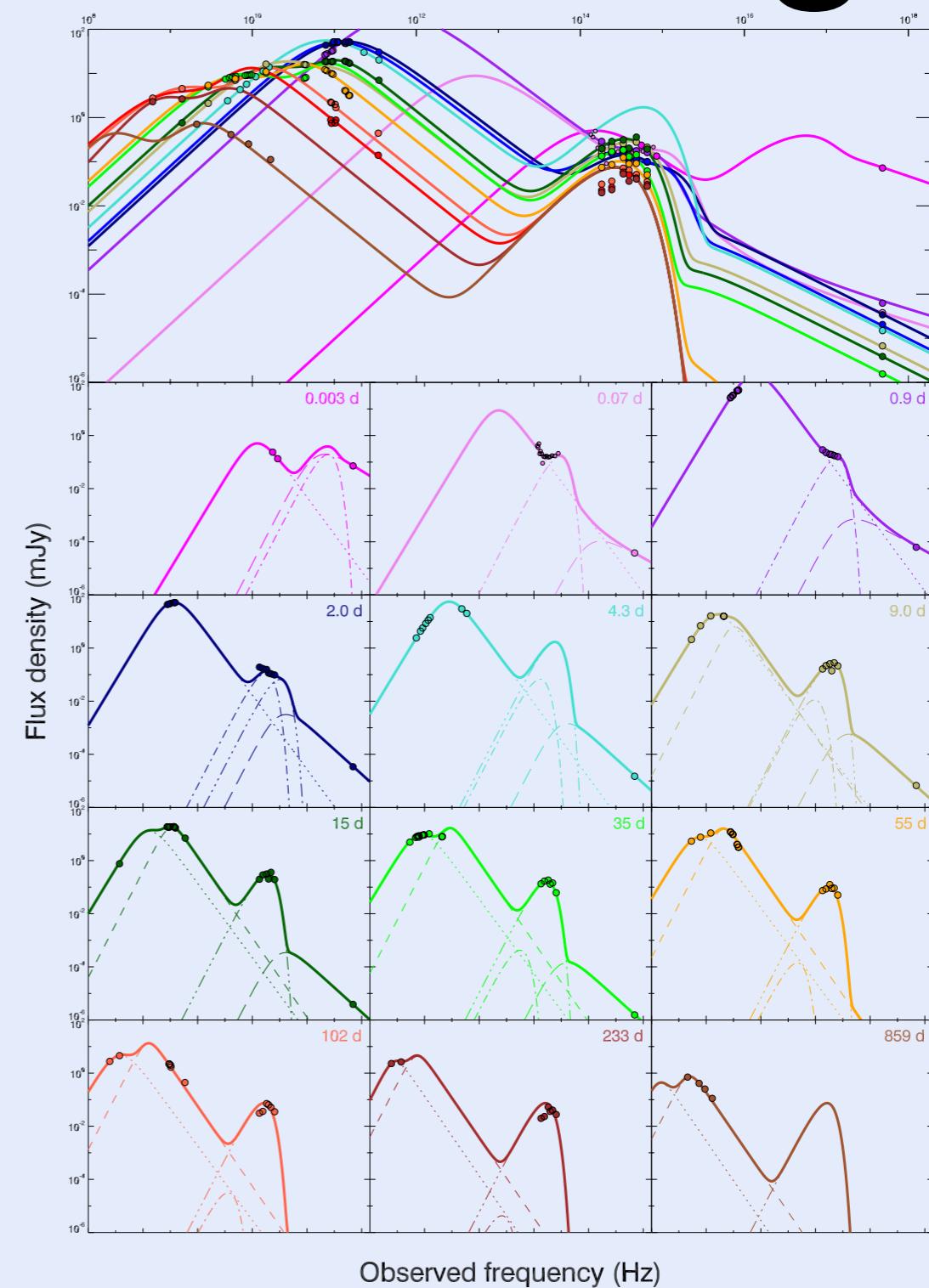


# Synchrotron spectrum



# Broadband modelling

- To understand micro- and macro-physical parameters
- Many parameters (often degenerated)
- Require many observations
- Many observations often imply discovering non-standard behaviour



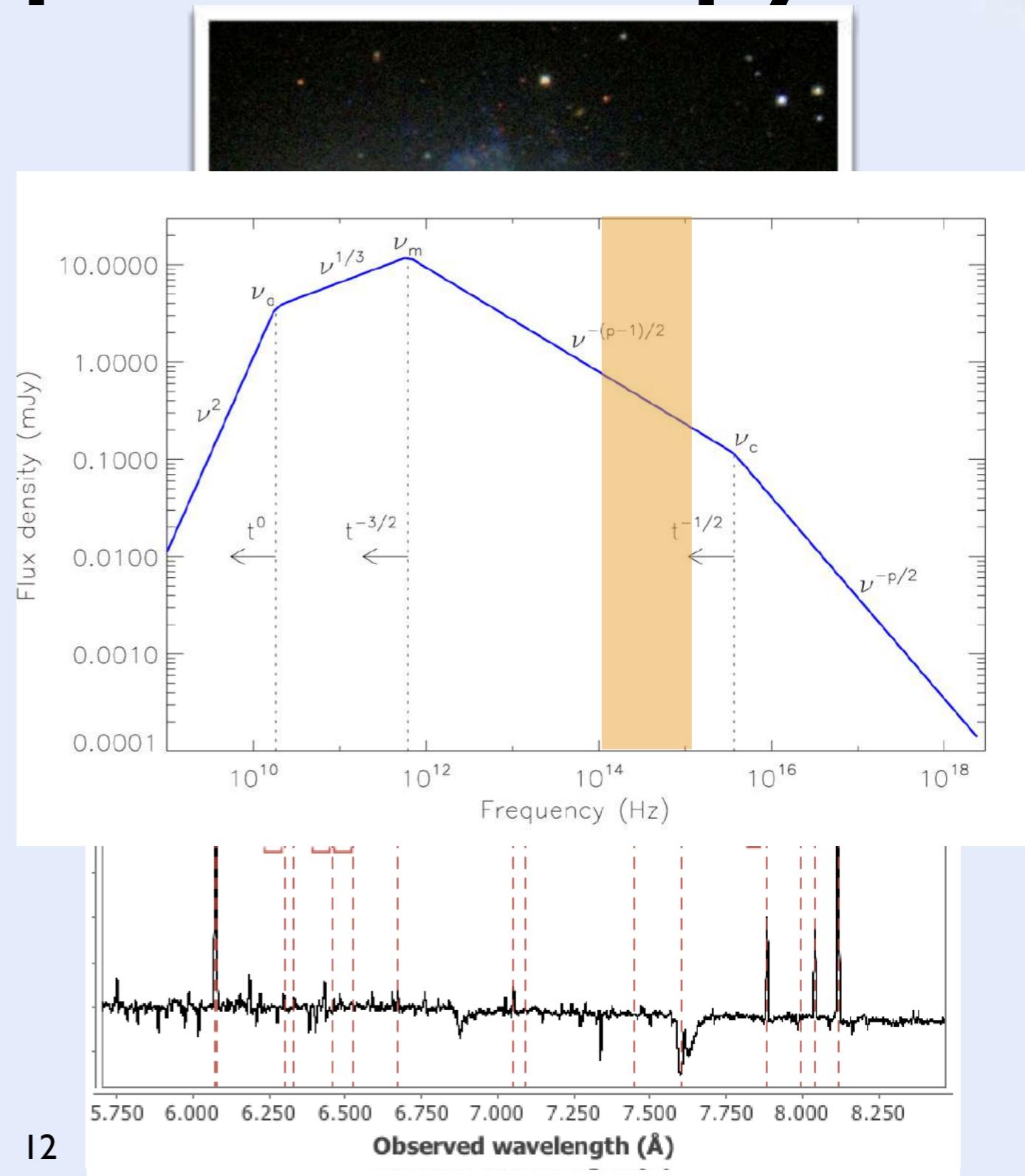


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# GRBs as beacons

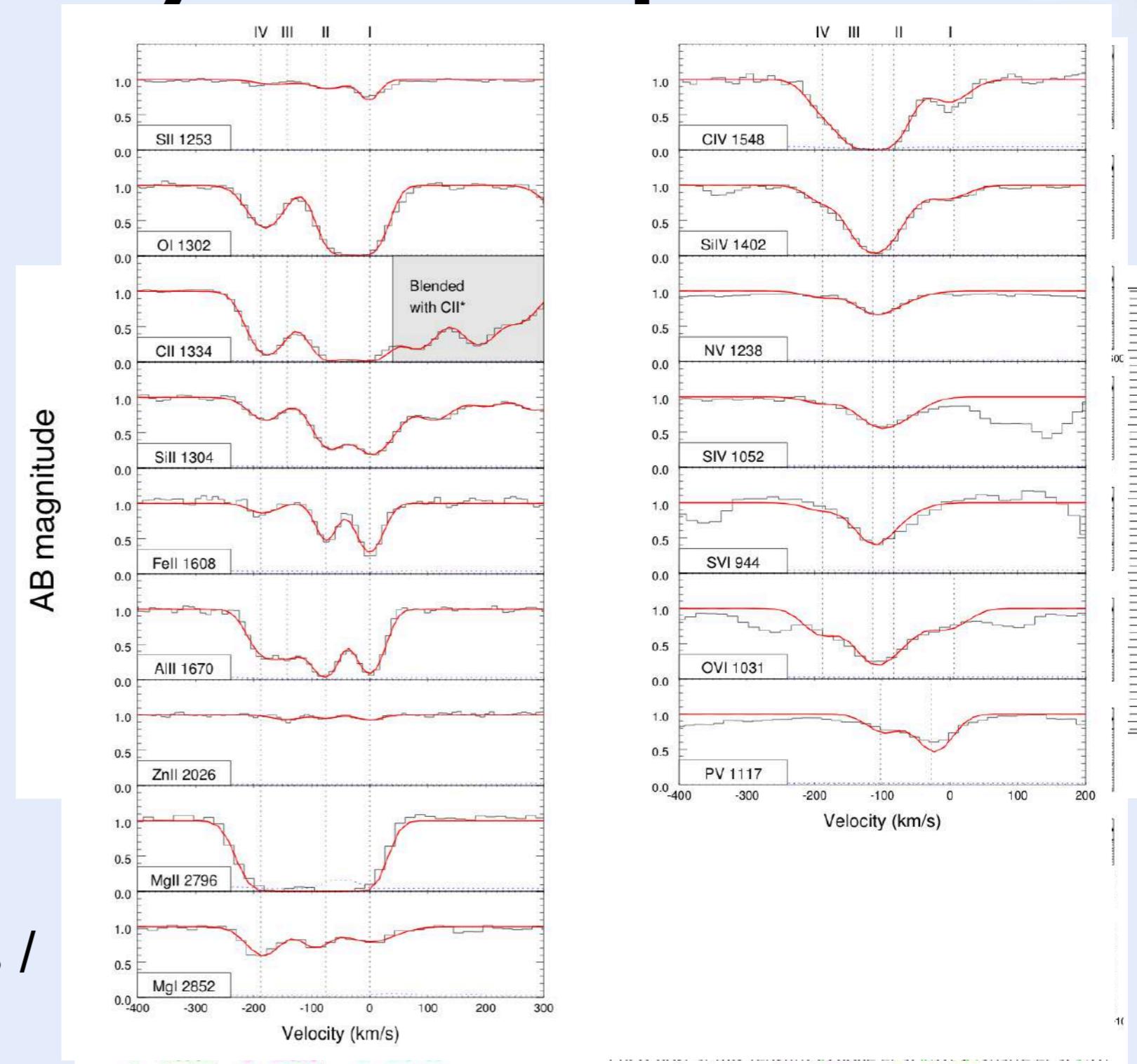
# Afterglow spectroscopy

- Clean synchrotron spectrum
- Redshift
- Chemistry and dynamics of the GRB environment and host galaxy
- Host galaxies inside and out
- Tracers of star formation
- Dust extinction
- Intervening systems

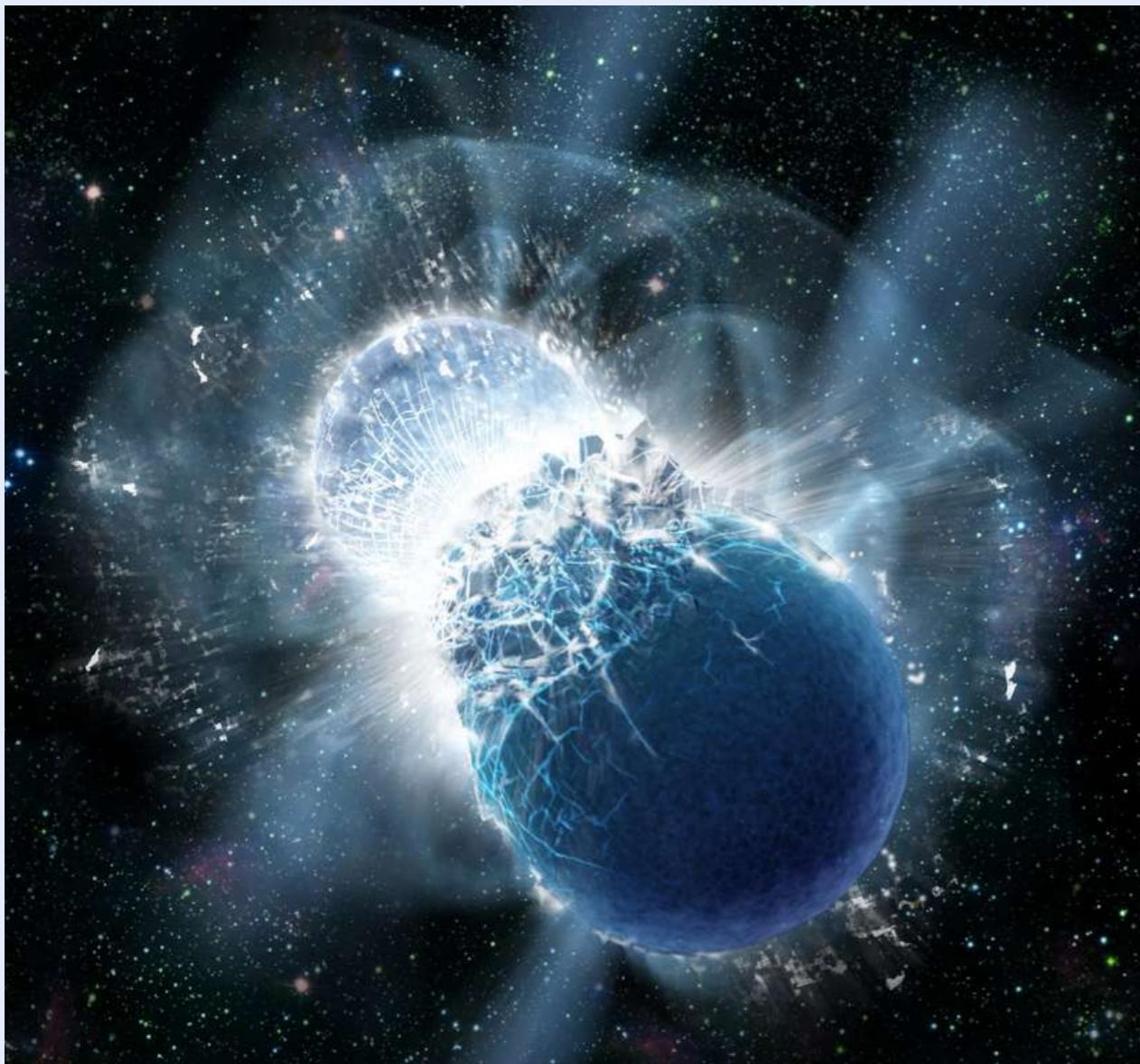


# Host galaxy absorption

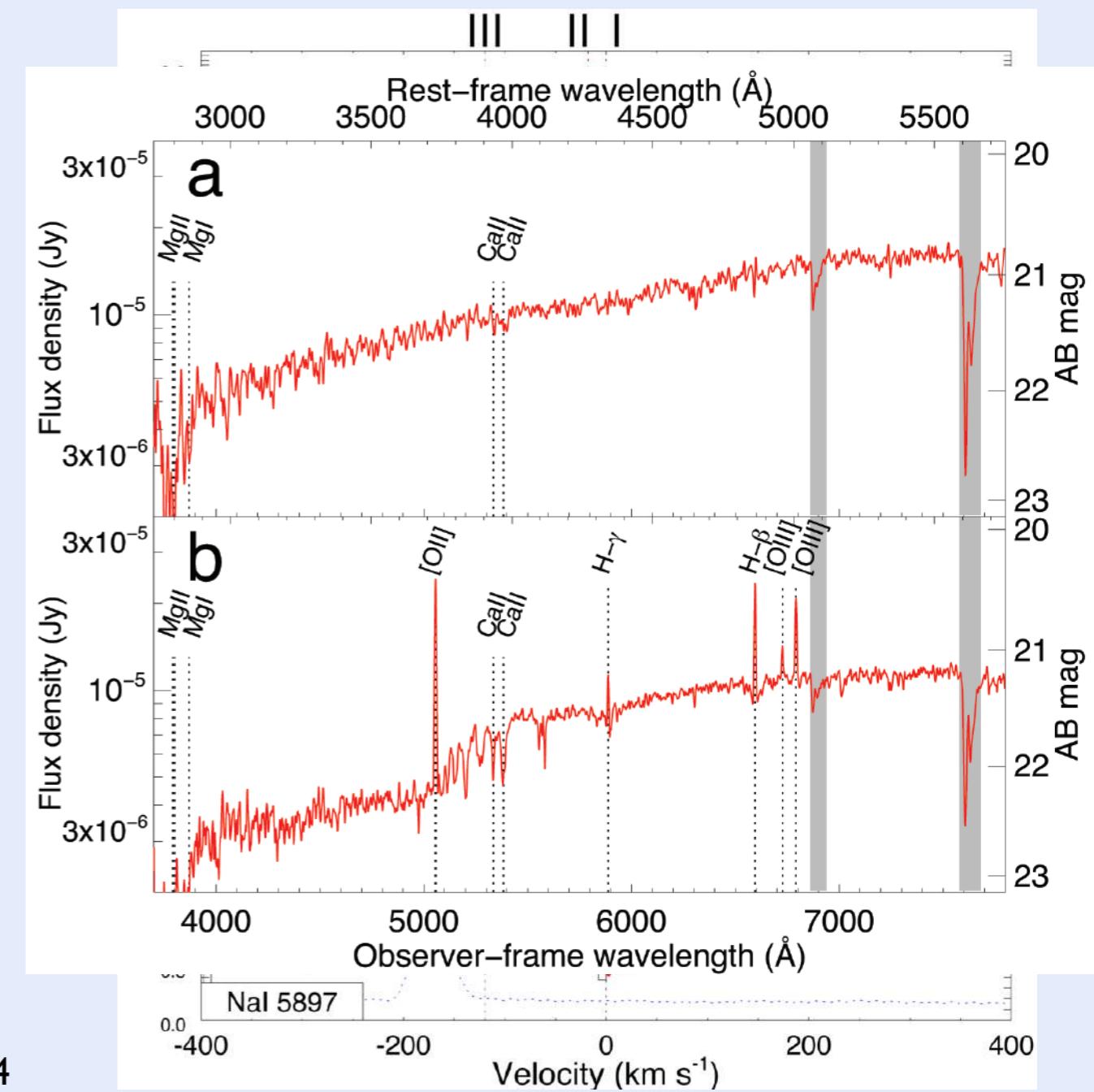
- Redshift
- Extinction
- Composition
- Dynamics
- Abundances
- Line variability => excitation mechanisms / distance



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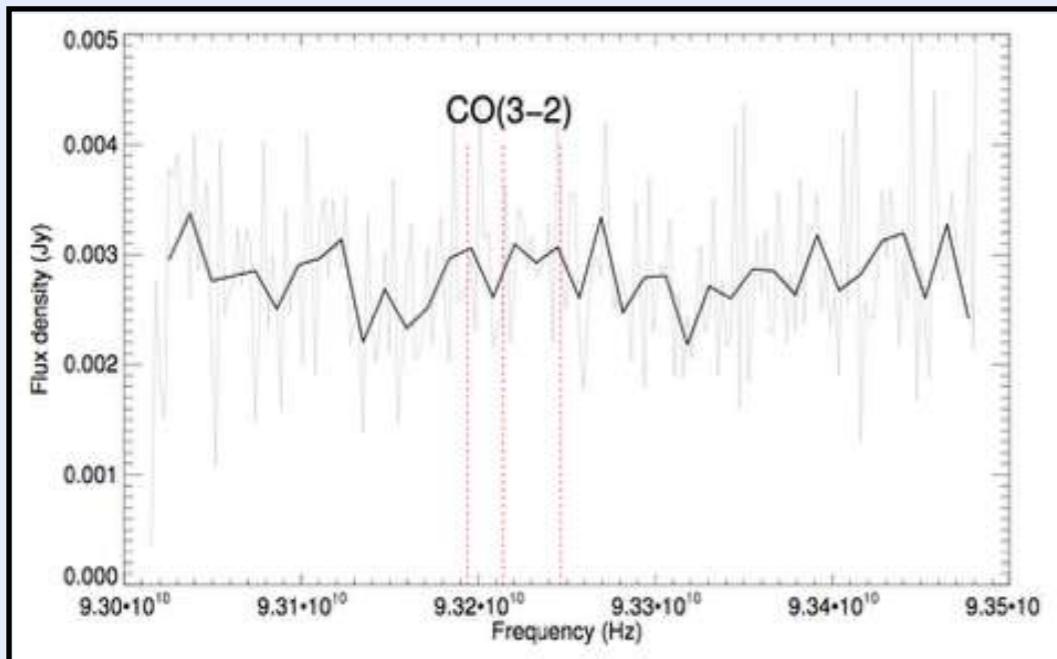


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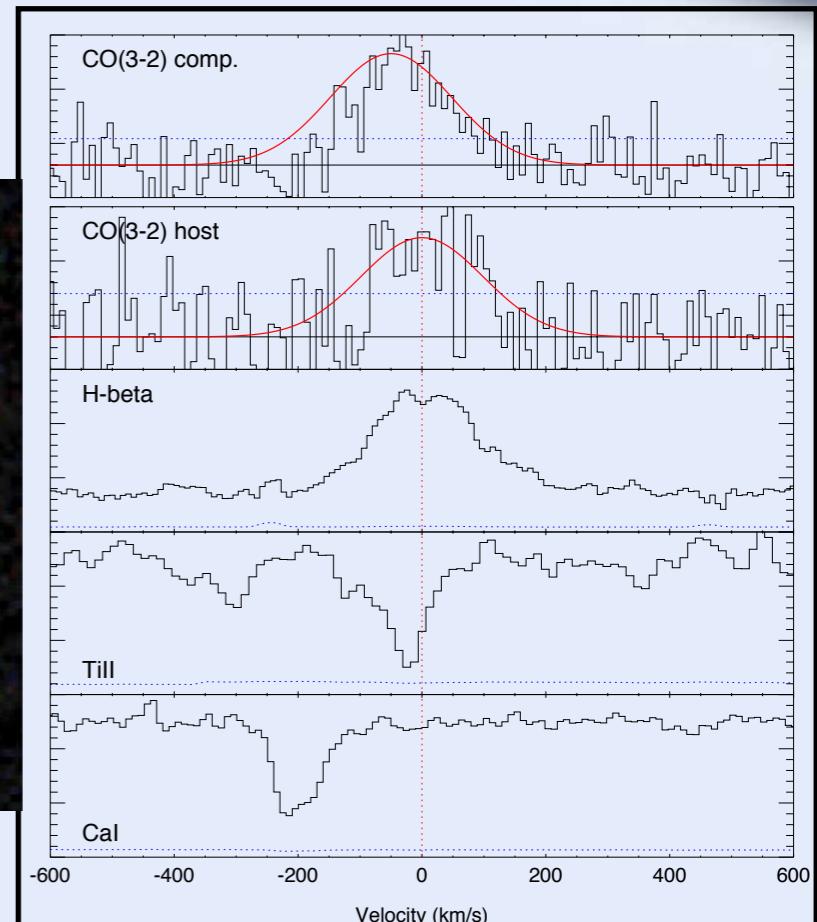
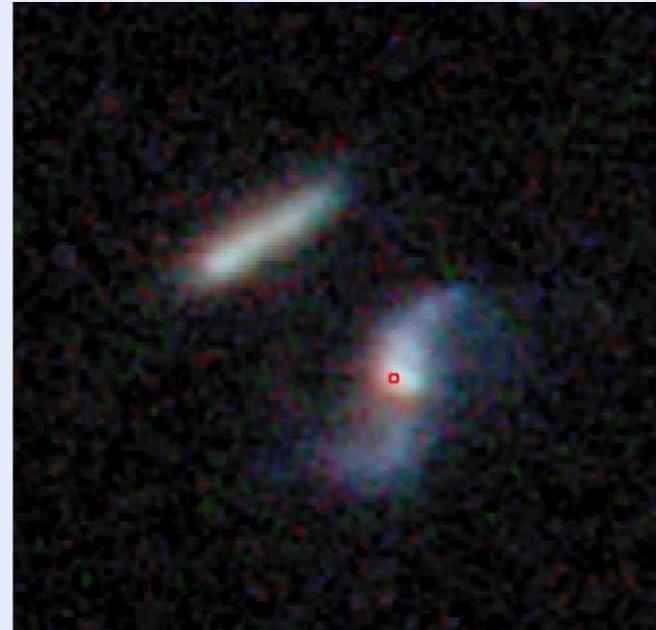
# mm spectroscopy

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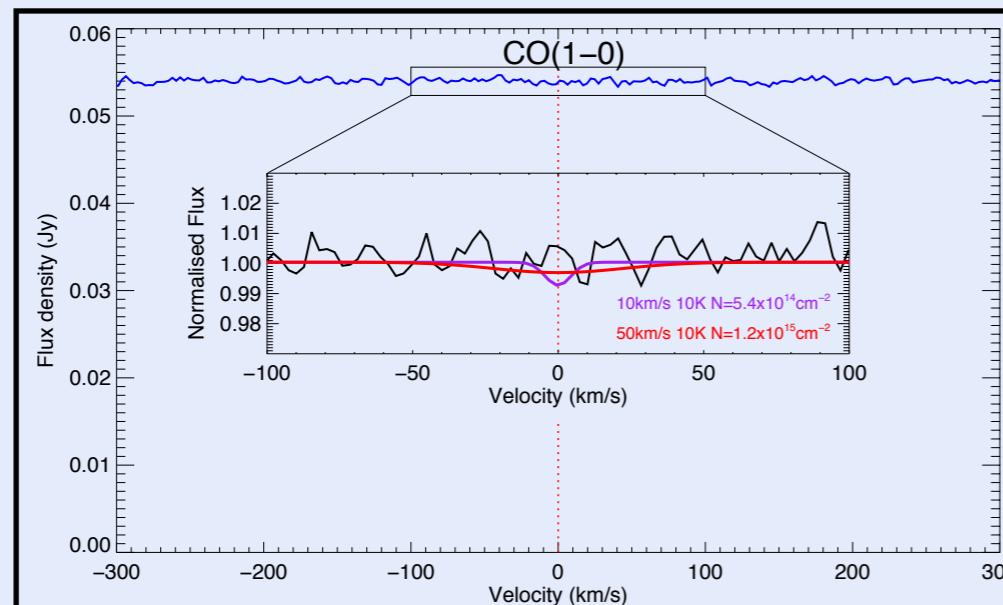
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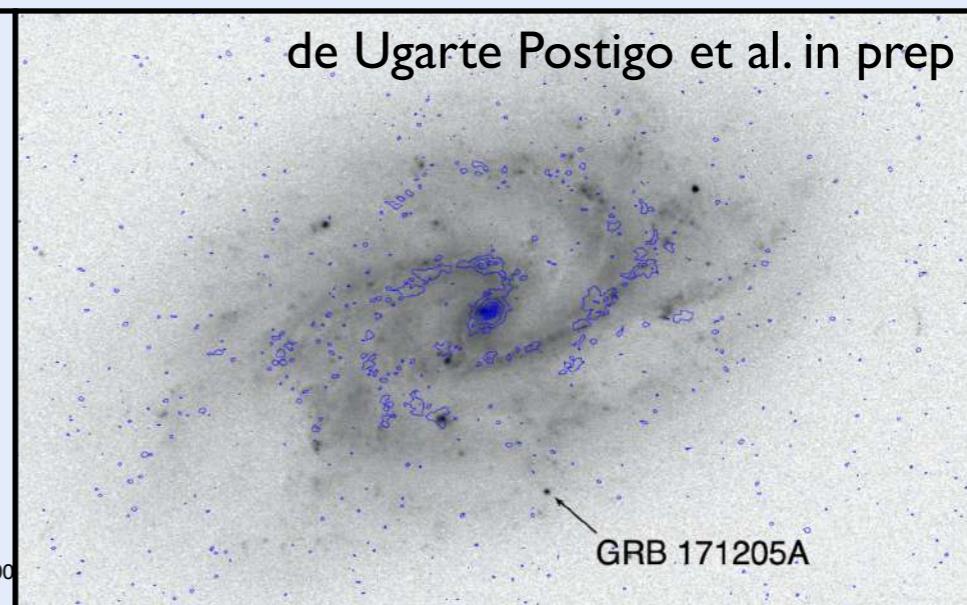


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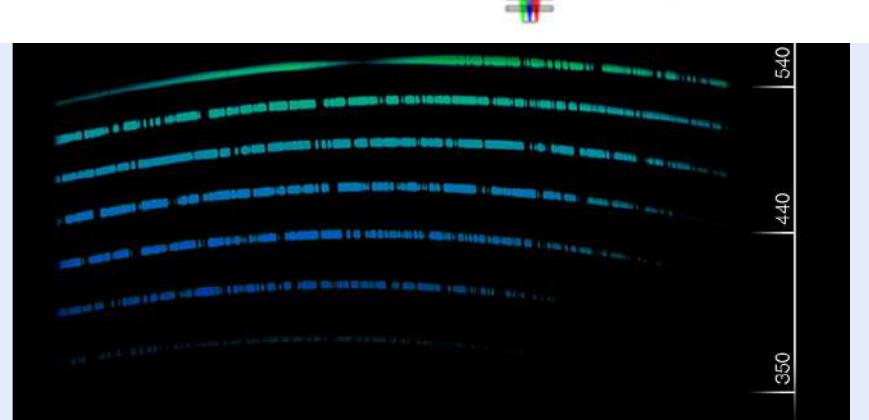
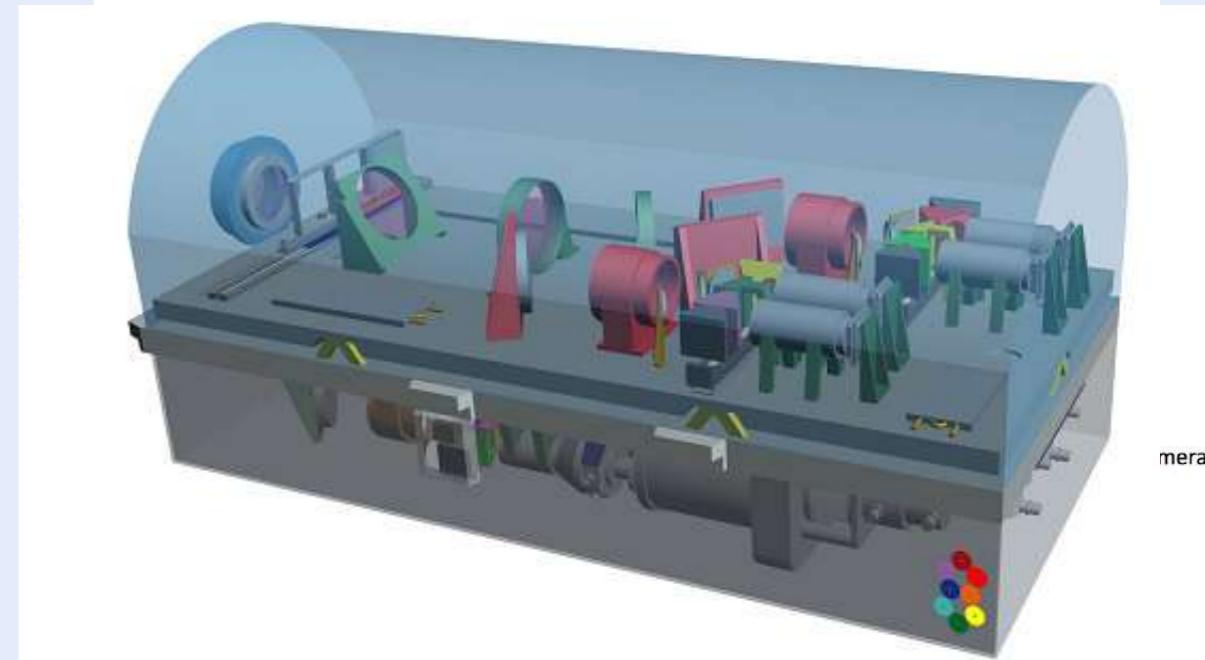
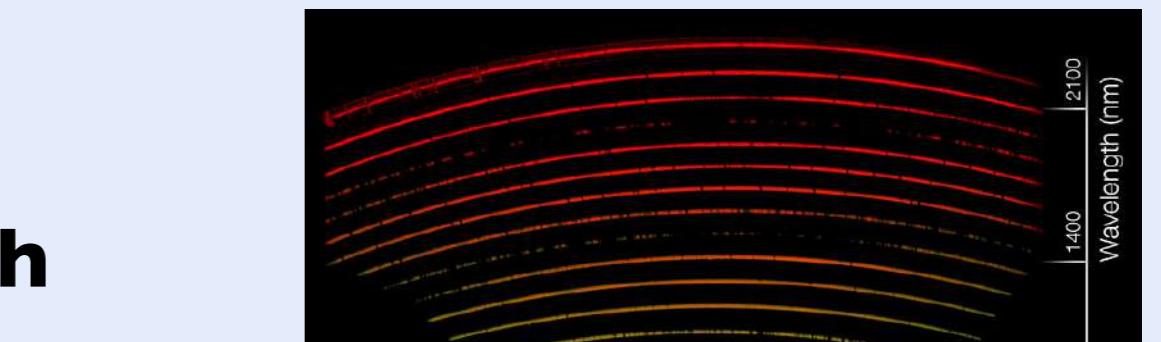


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# Tools for afterglow study

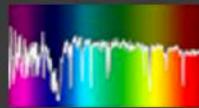
# Instrumentation for transients

- **Simultaneous broad wavelength**
- GROND (Greiner et al.)
- X-shooter (Vernet et al.)
- HiPERCAM (Dhillon et al.)
- OCTOCAM (de Ugarte Postigo et al.)
  - SCORPIO (Gemini)
  - GATOS (GTC)





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## Welcome to the GRBSpec database!

GRBspec is a database of GRB spectra that compiles spectra of gamma-ray burst (GRB) afterglows and their host galaxies. It is a collaborative effort in which users are invited to upload their data. Please register to be able to upload and download data.

### Database statistics

673 spectra  
1502 GRB's, 251 with associated spectra  
1872 uploaded files

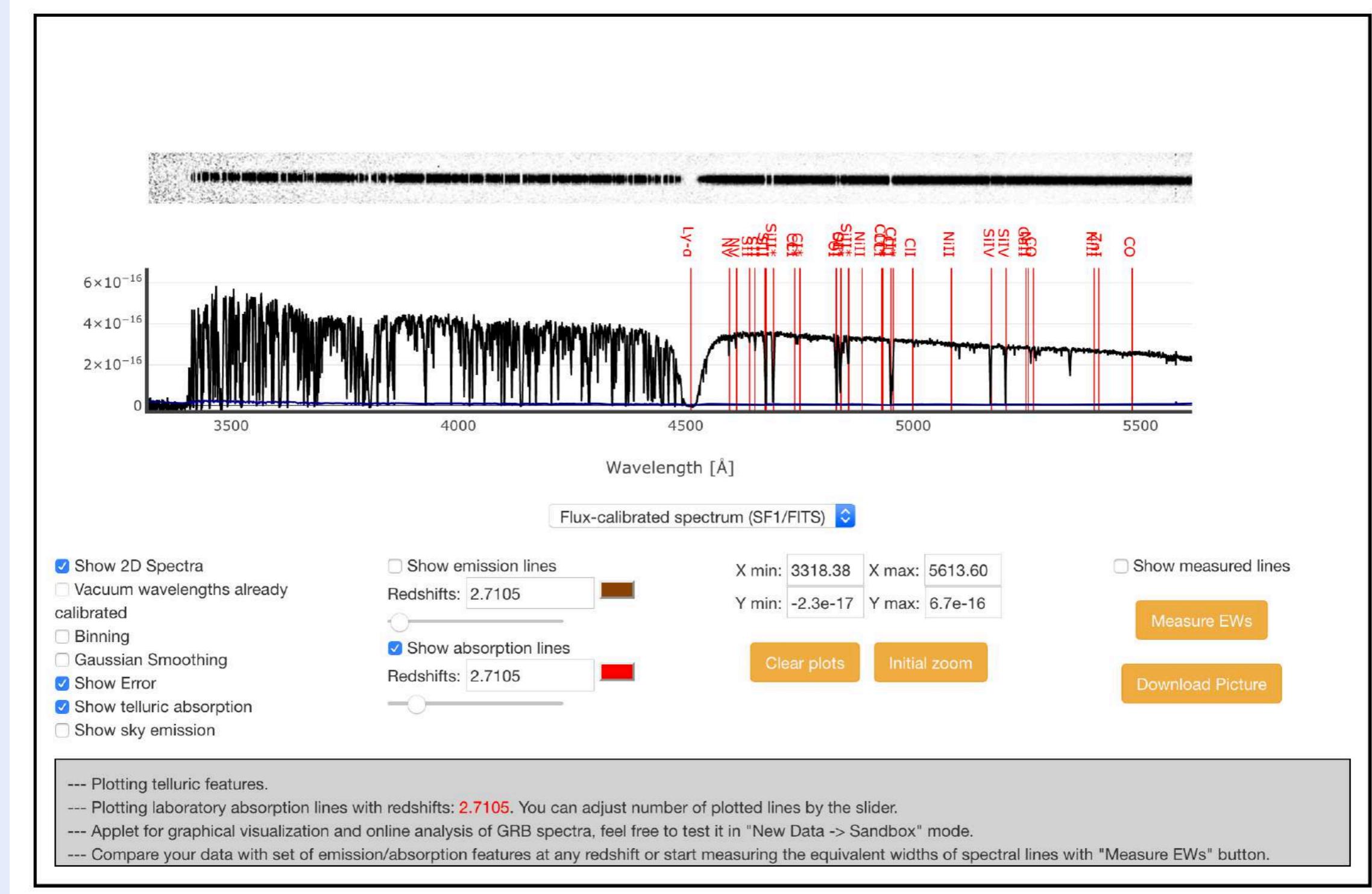
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Is being expanded with photometry: GRBPhot (D.A. Kann)



# GRBSpec: Plot and measure



# Summary

- GRBs are the most luminous transients and imply ultrarelativistic physics
- Broad band afterglow observations to derive micro- and macro-physical parameters
- GRBs as probes: Redshift, interstellar and intergalactic medium, extinction, abundances, dynamics
- Instrumentation for transient study: Simultaneous broadband observations with high time-resolution
- GRBSpec database for GRB spectroscopy



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Merci!