



GAMMA-RAY BURSTS

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A brief history Observational Facts Basic Constraints on any GRB model: compact source + relativistic ejecta

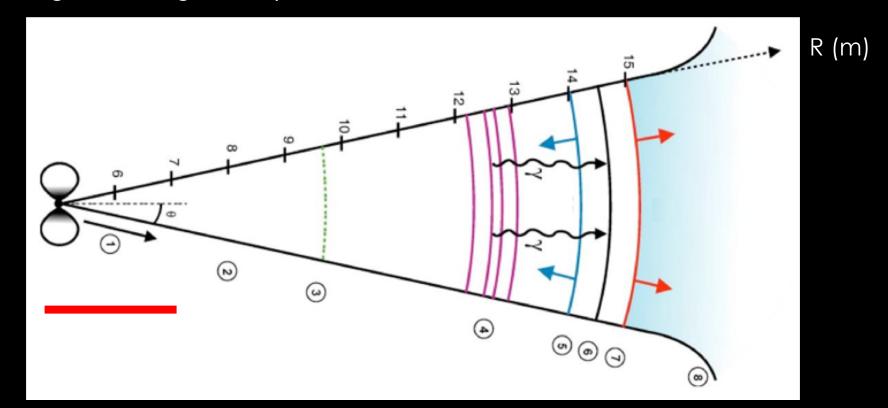
Theory: Basic ElementsProgenitor / Central Engine / Relativistic EjectionPrompt GRB Emission: internal dissipation in a relativistic ejectaAfterglow: interaction Ejecta / External Medium (deceleration)

+ a selection of Modern Topics

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Initial event & central engine

Huge radiated energy ($E_{iso,\gamma} \sim 10^{50} - 10^{55}$ erg) + short time scale variability (<100 ms): cataclysmic event leading to the formation of a stellar-mass compact object (accreting BH ?, magnetar ?)

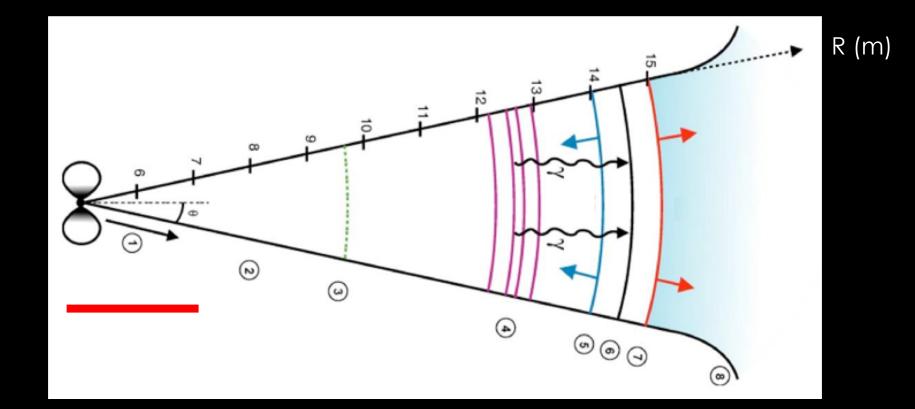


Progenitors:

- Long GRBs: core-collapse of massive star (collapsar model)
- Short GRBs: merger of binary neutron star system (or NSBH)

Relativistic ejection

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Relativistic ejection:

- Mechanism?
- Properties of the ejecta: Lorentz factor, geometry, magnetization, etc.

Relativistic ejection: again a long list of difficult questions

Questions:

How to limit the baryonic pollution? $\Gamma_{\infty} \leq \frac{\tilde{E}}{\dot{M}c^2}$ Initial: therm or magnetic

Detailed calculation complicated (heating term includes neutrino heating)

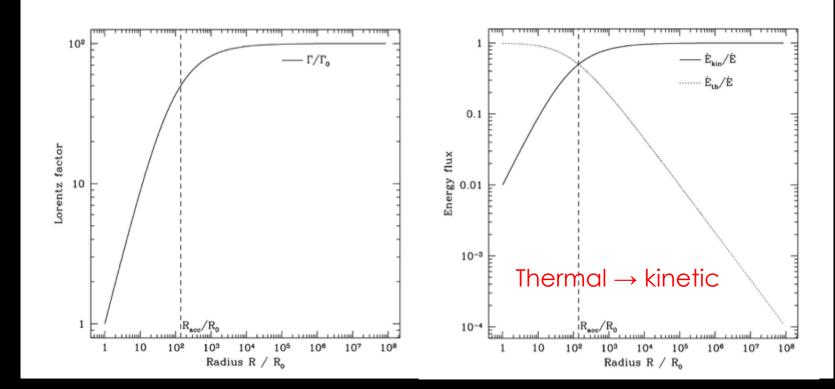
Initial: thermal

Preferred region: along the rotation axis.

- Origin of the collimation? (hydro: difficult, no natural nuzzle: stellar envelope?) MHD: more natural)
- Impact of the early propagation on the jet structure? (see the example of 170817 later) [recent developments: Bromberg et al.]
- Blandford-Znajek or another process?
- What happens if the central object is a neutron star/magnetar?
- Etc.

Relativistic ejection

Reference model: relativistic fireball (unrealistic)



Fireball equations: $4\pi r^2 \rho \Gamma c \simeq \dot{M} = \text{cst}$ $4\pi r^2 \rho h \Gamma^2 c \simeq \dot{E} = \text{cst}$ $\frac{P}{\rho^{\gamma}} = \text{cst}$

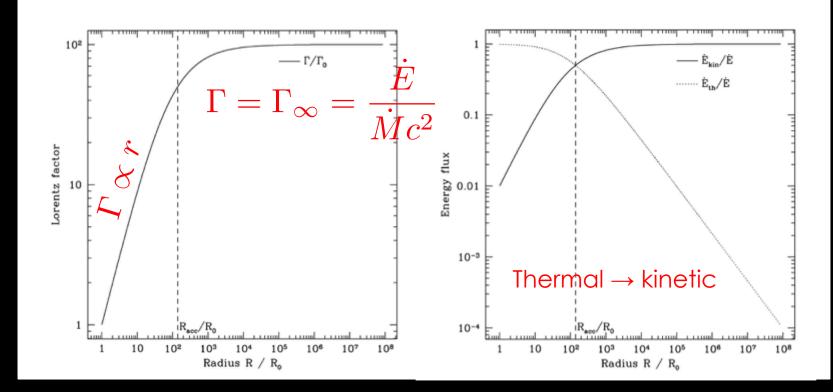
Valid as along as spreading is negligible:

$$R \ll R_{\rm spread} \simeq \Gamma^2 \Delta$$

shell width \sim c . ejection duration

Relativistic ejection

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Acceleration (saturation) radius:

$$R_{\rm acc} = \Gamma_{\infty} R_0 \simeq 10^9 \, {\rm cm} \, \left(\frac{R_0}{100 \, {\rm km}}\right) \left(\frac{\Gamma_{\infty}}{100}\right)$$
Initial size

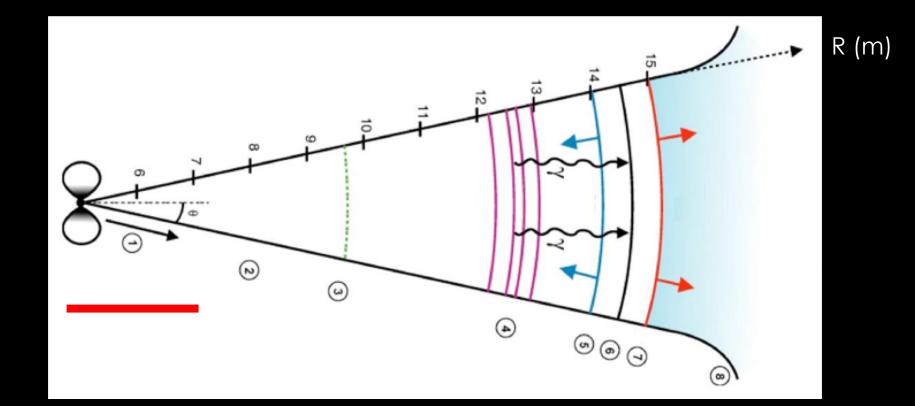
Relativistic ejection: other difficult questions

- Realistic ejection models: acceleration radius?
- Final Lorentz factor/Geometry/Magnetization?
 again an active topic of research

= Initial conditions for the emission phases (prompt, afterglow)

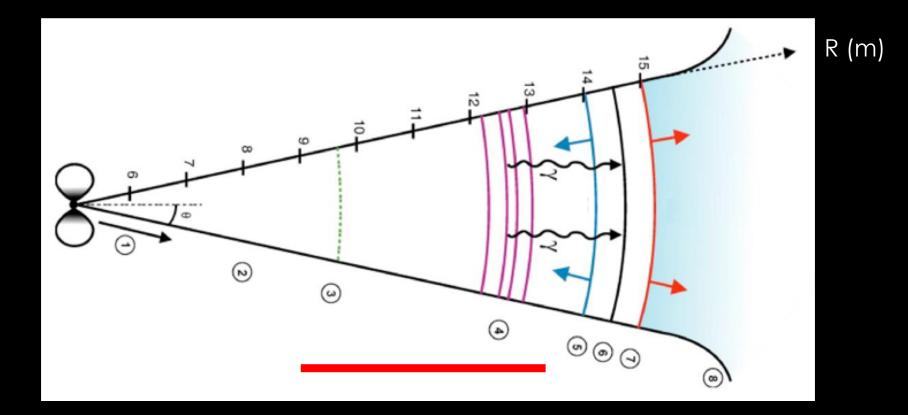
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Prompt emission

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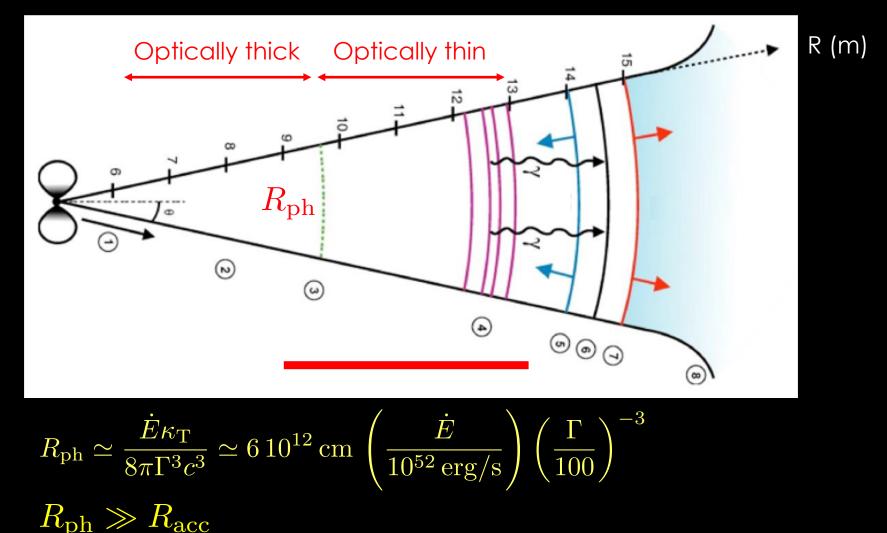
Internal dissipation / radiation processes:

- (Dissipative) Photosphere? (thermal + comptonization)
- Internal shocks? (synchrotron + IC)
- Reconnection? (synchrotron + IC)

Photosphere

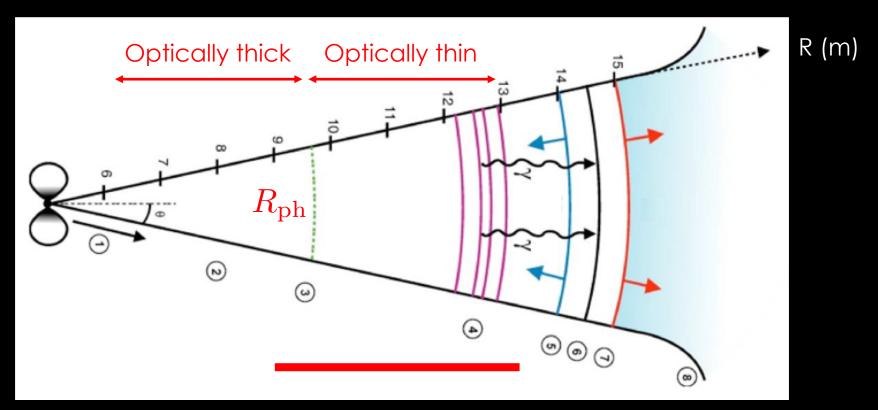
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Relativistic photosphere: angle dependent...



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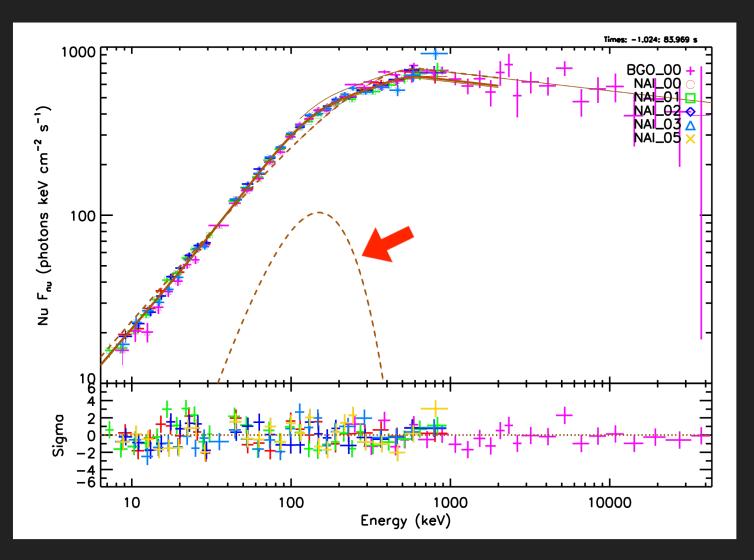


Photospheric emission:

- non-dissipative photosphere: thermal (Paczynski, Peer, Beloborodov, ...)
- dissipative photosphere: non-thermal (Rees & Meszaros, Beloborodov, ...) dissipation? shocks (radiation mediated shocks, see e.g. Samuelsson), reconnection (see e.g. Giannios), other?

Weak thermal components?

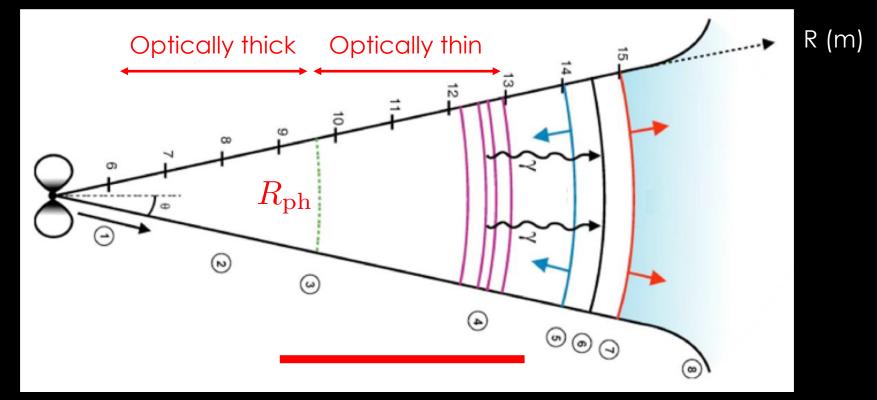
Example: GRB 100724B (Fermi/GBM observations)



Guiriec et al. [FD] 2011

Dissipation in the optically thin regime

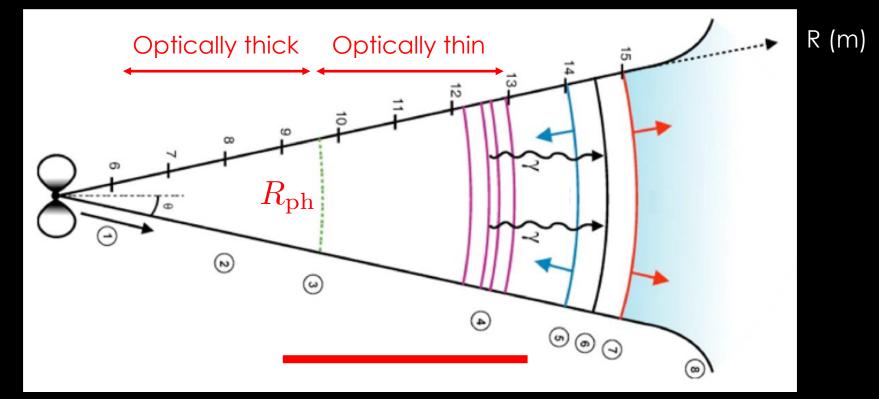
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Radiation: synchrotron + Inverse Compton Scatterings in both cases

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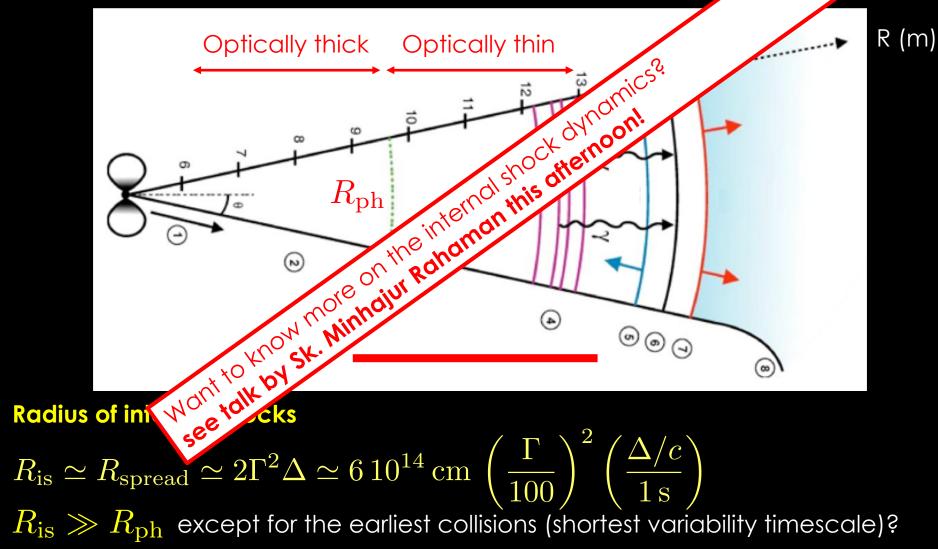


Radius of internal shocks

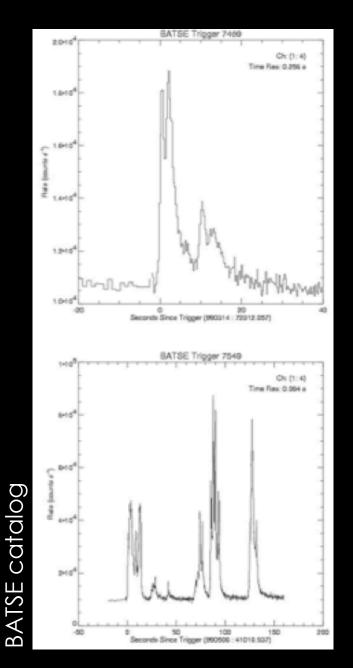
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m is} \gg R_{
m ph}$ except for the earliest collisions (shortest variability timescale)?

Dissipation in the optically thin regime

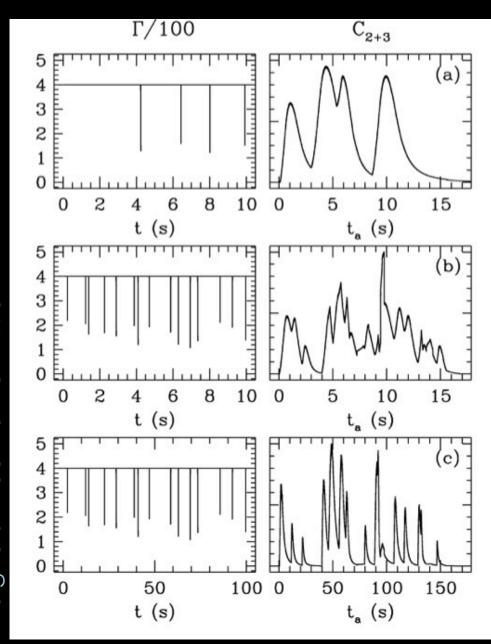
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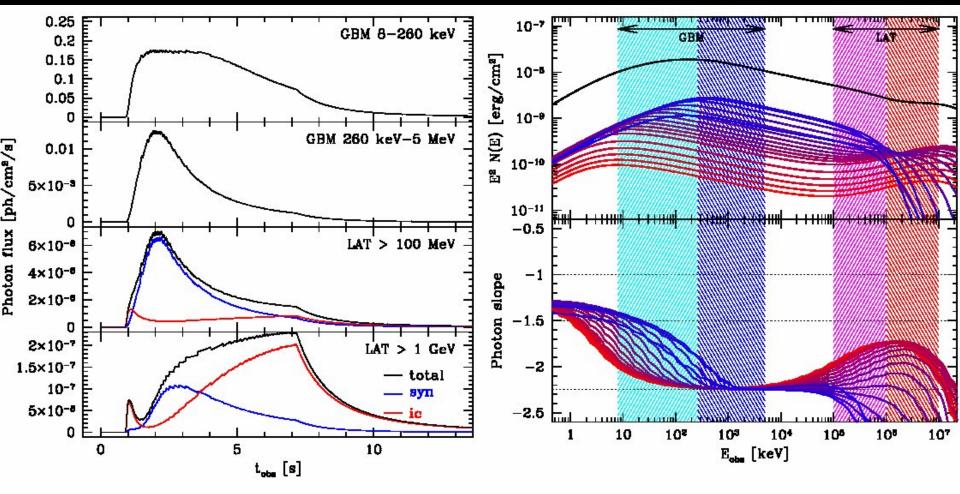
Rees & Meszaros 94, Kobayashi+ 97, Daigne & Mochkovitch 98, etc.



Daigne & Mochkovitch 1998

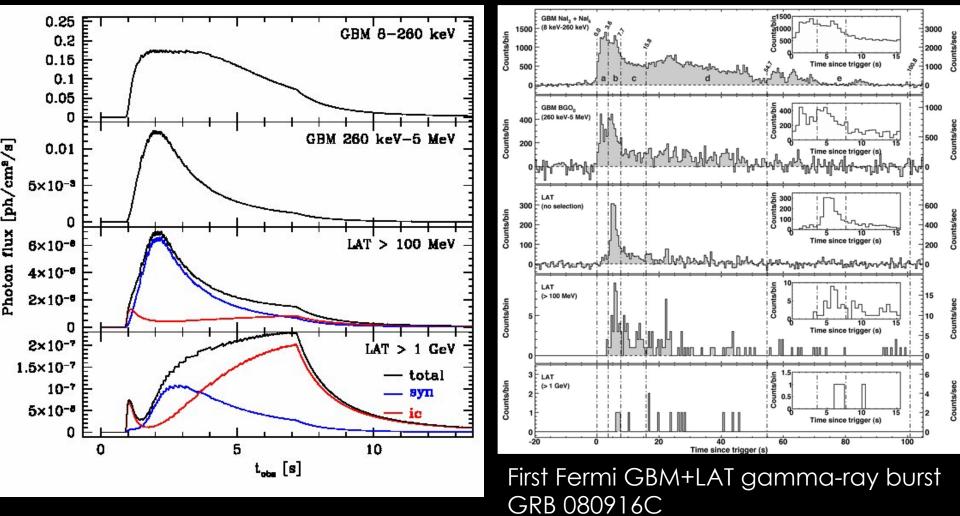


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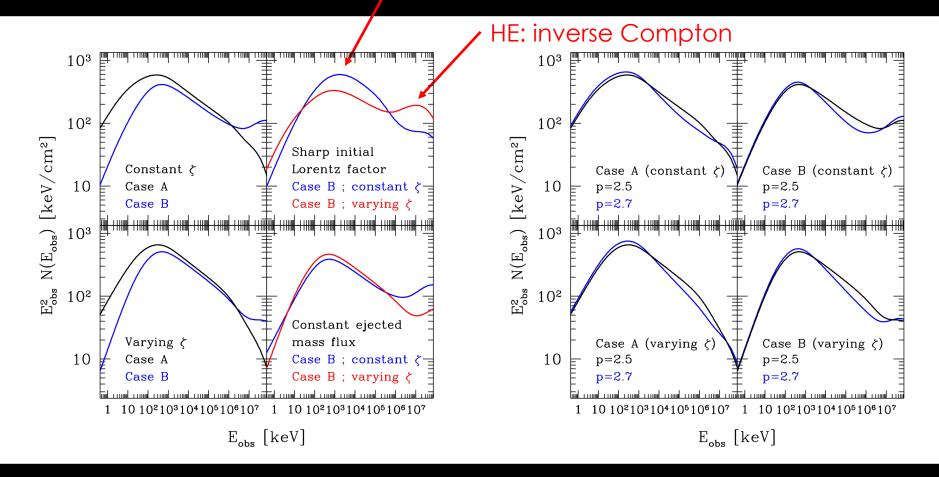
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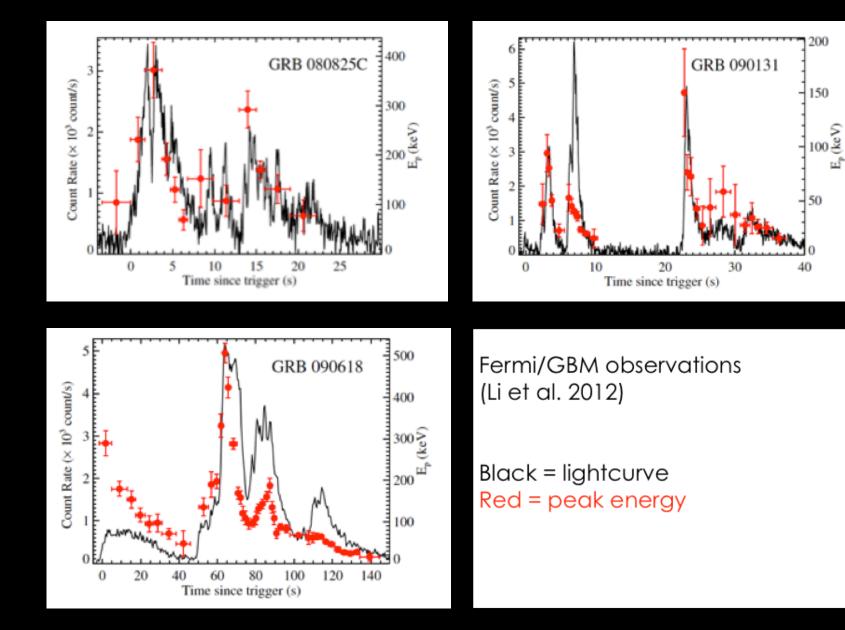
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Main component: synchrotron



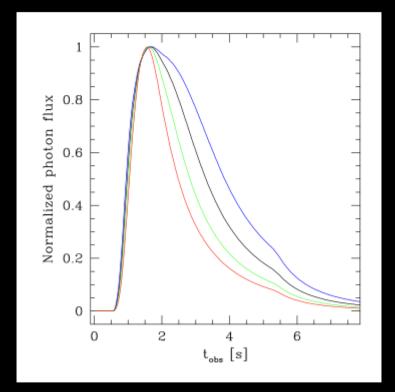
Bosnjak & Daigne 14; see also Asano & Meszaros

Spectral evolution



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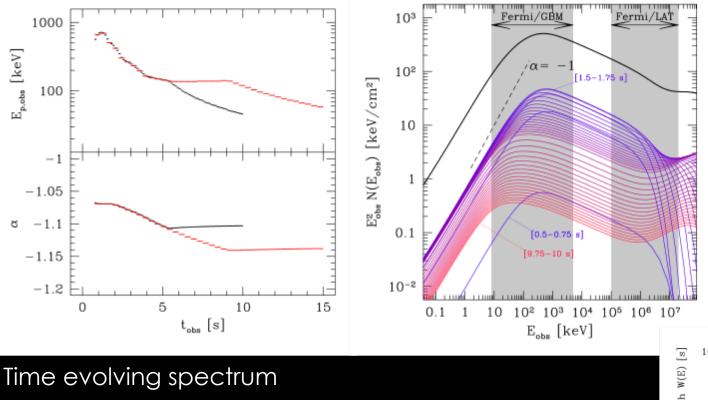


Light curve in BATSE range : channels 1 (blue) to 4 (red)

Bosnjak & Daigne 14

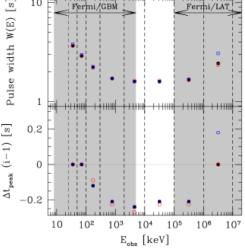
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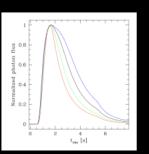
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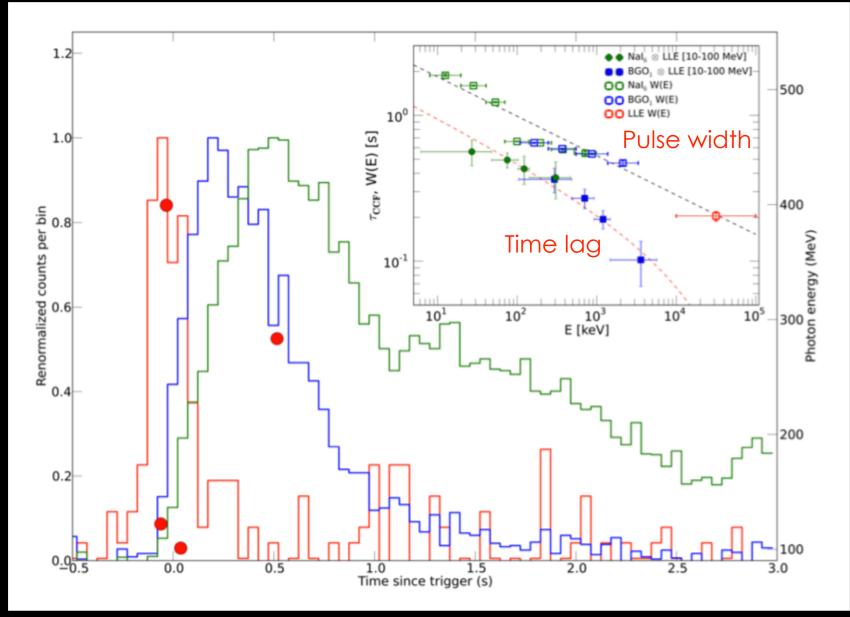


Pulse width / time lags



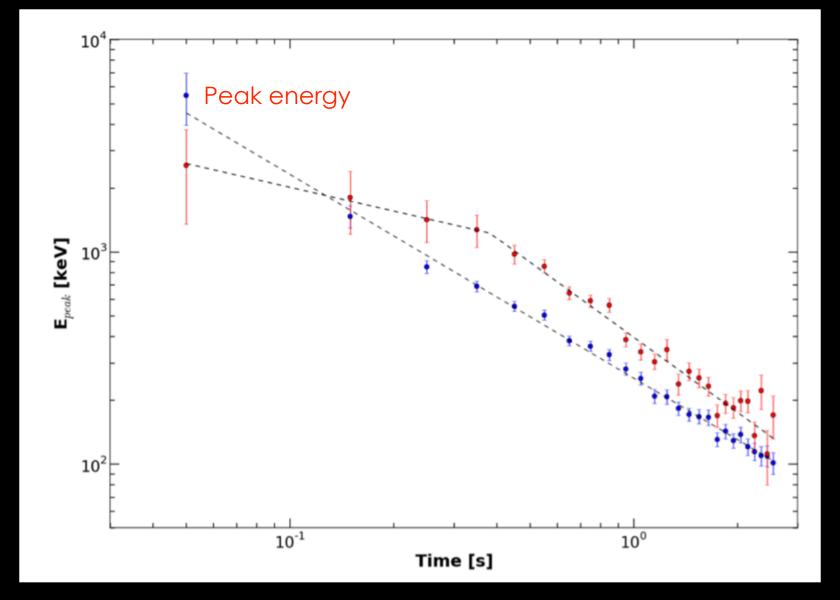


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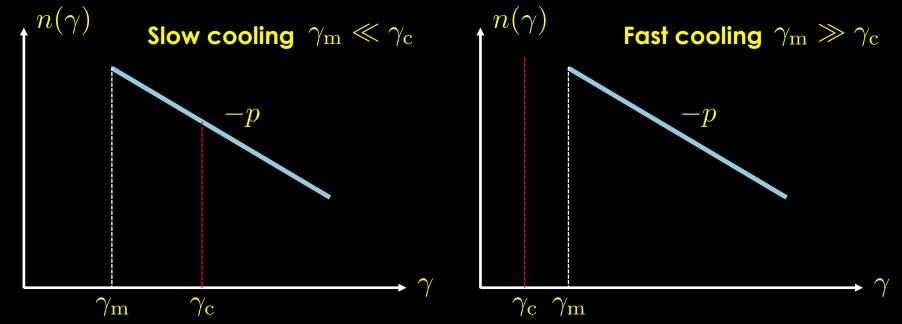
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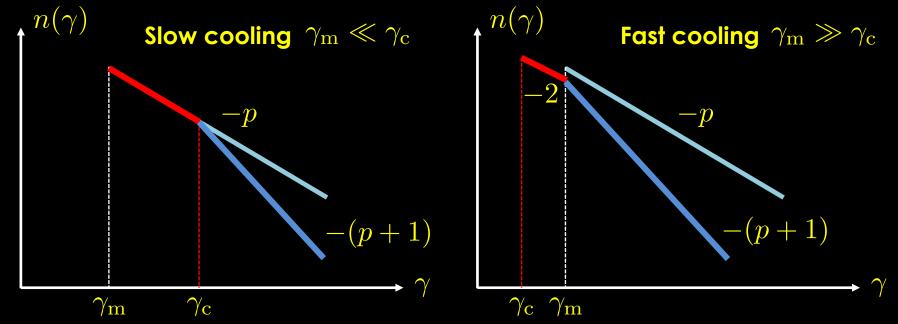
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Evolution an electron: $\frac{d(\gamma m_e c^2)}{dt} = -P_{syn}(\gamma) - P_{ad}(\gamma)$ Synchrotron power: $P_{syn}(\gamma) \propto B^2 \gamma^2$ Adiabatic cooling: $P_{ad}(\gamma) \simeq \frac{\gamma m_e c^2}{t_{dyn}}$ Critical Lorentz factor: $\gamma_c \propto \left(B^2 t_{dyn}\right)^{-1}$ $\gamma \gg \gamma_c$ Radiatively efficient e- $\gamma \ll \gamma_c$ Radiatively inefficient e-

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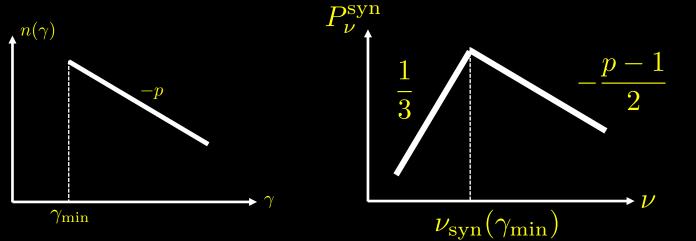


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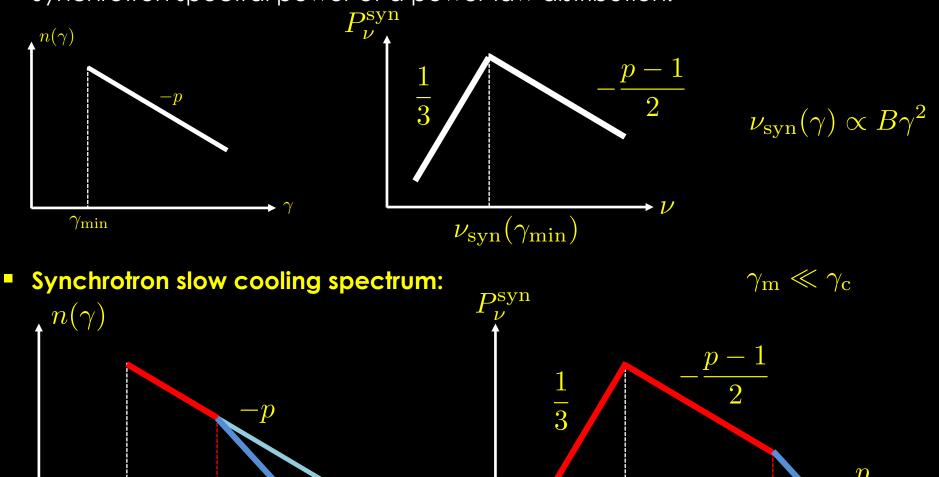
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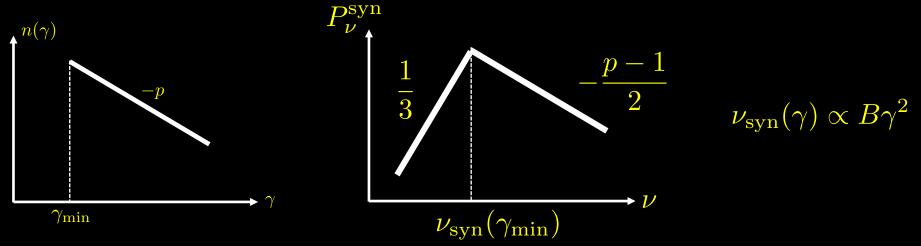


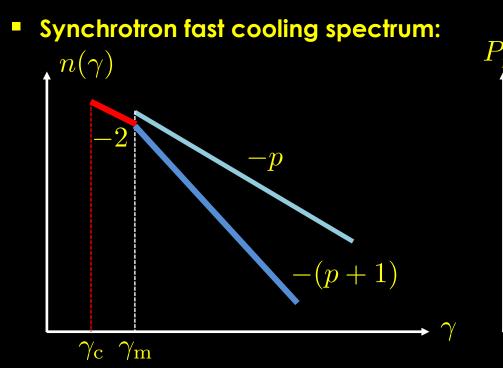
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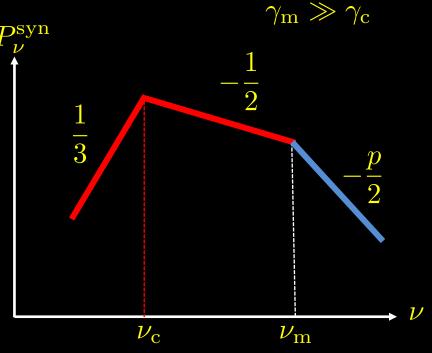
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Prompt emission: many difficult open questions...

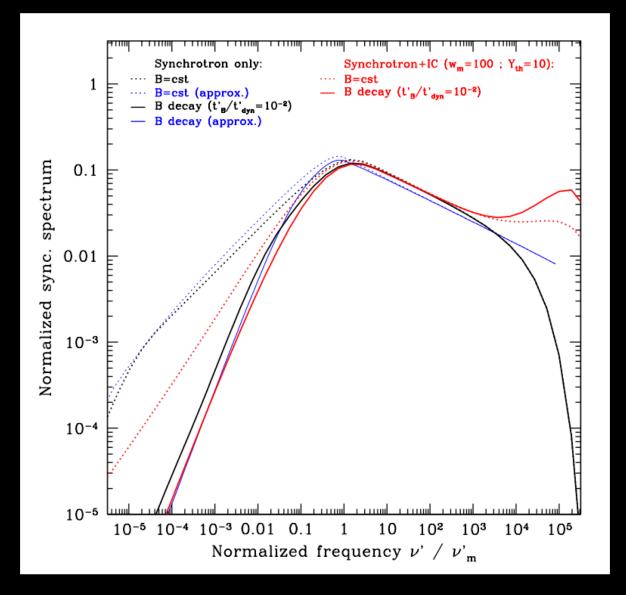
- Spectral shape: observational point of view: unclear
 - fit by phenomenological models: shape is forced: see recent work by Burgess, Yassine & Piron, Ravasio et al., Toffano et al., etc.)
 - How steep is the low-energy photon-index? (Synchrotron: $-\alpha < -2/3$)
- Theoretical point of view: optically thin regime (synchrotron)
 - Fast cooling: $\alpha = 3/2$ (Sari, Piran, Narayan 98)
 - Inverse Compton in KN regime: $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ (Derishev, Daigne & Bosnjak)
 - Marginally fast-cooling: $\alpha \rightarrow 2/3$ (Daigne +11 ; Beniamini & Piran 13)
 - (decaying magnetic field ? Daigne & Bosnjak in preparation)

$t_{\rm plasma} \ll t_{\rm rad}(\gamma_{\rm m}) \ll t_{\rm dyn}$

Structure of the magnetic field seen by cooling electrons?

- Theoretical point of view: optically thick regime (dissipative photosphere)
 - Nature of the dissipation process?
 - Too steep low-energy photon-index ?
 - Spectral evolution?
 - Lightcurves? Prompt-to-afterglow transition?
 - Etc.

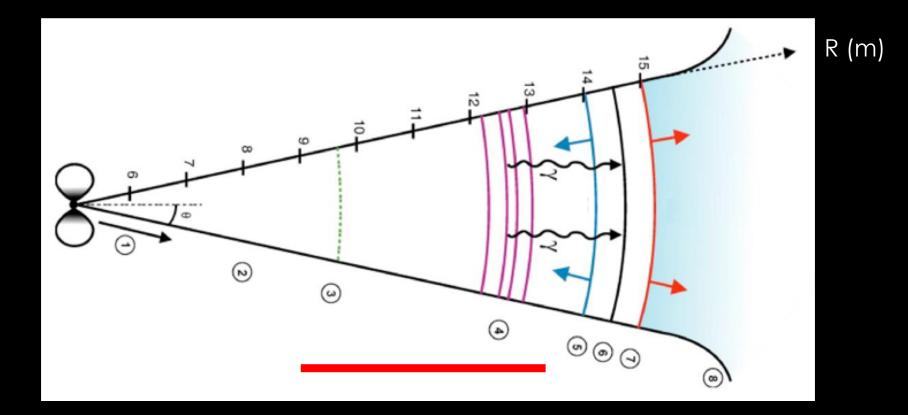
Synchrotron radiation



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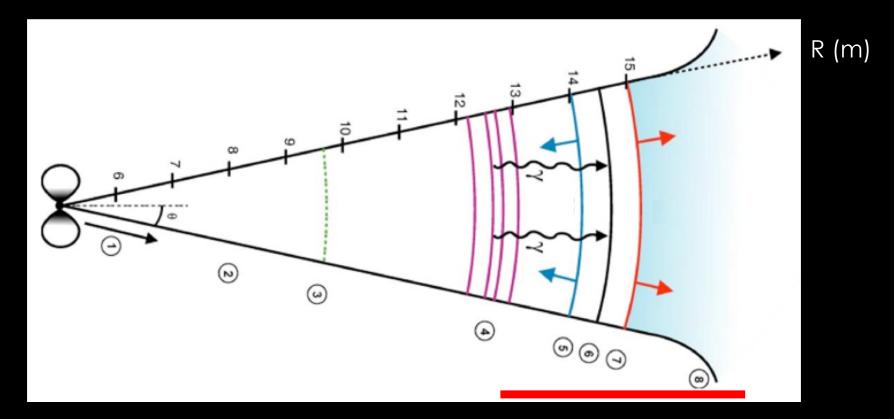


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Afterglow

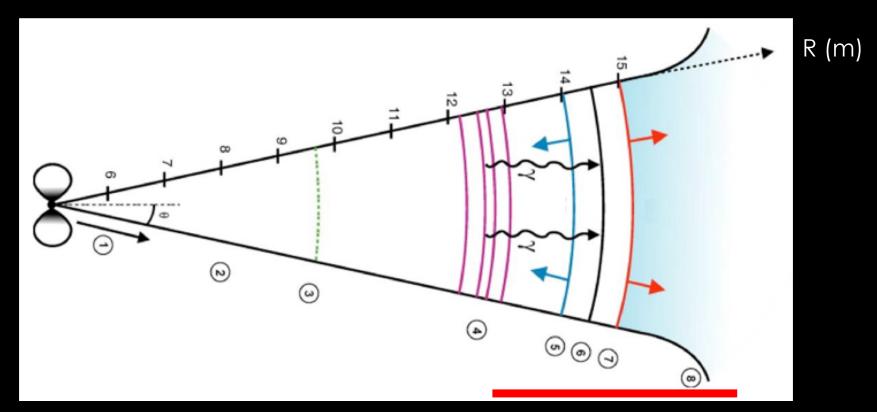
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- Ultra-relativistic forward shock in the external medium (electron acceleration in UR collisionless shocks?)
- Low magnetization: reverse shock in the ejecta (NR / UR)
- Synchrotron + Inverse Compton scatterings

Afterglow

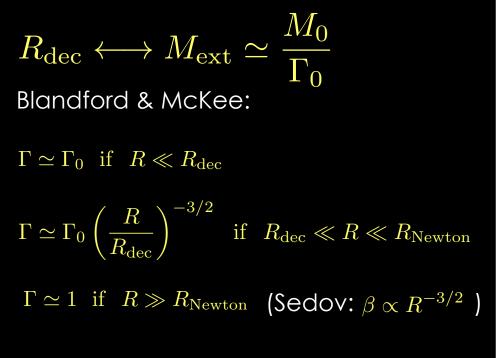
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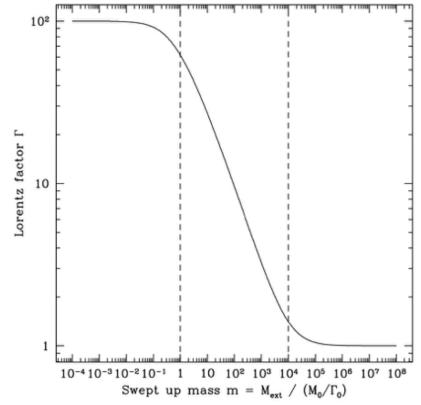


Deceleration radius and transition to the non-relativistic regime:

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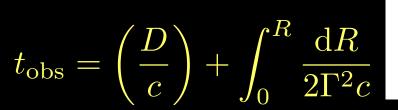


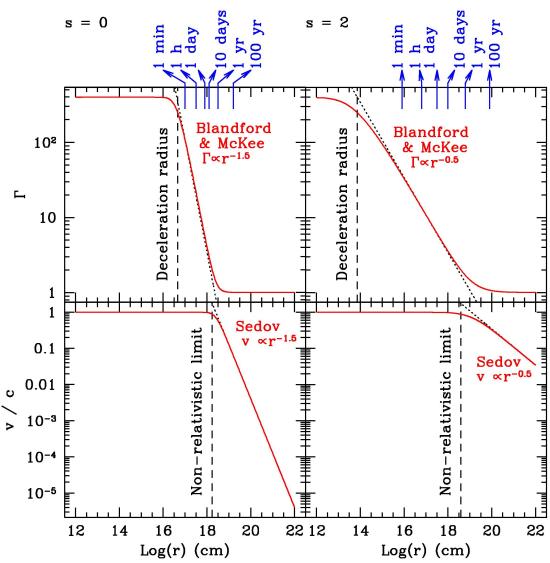


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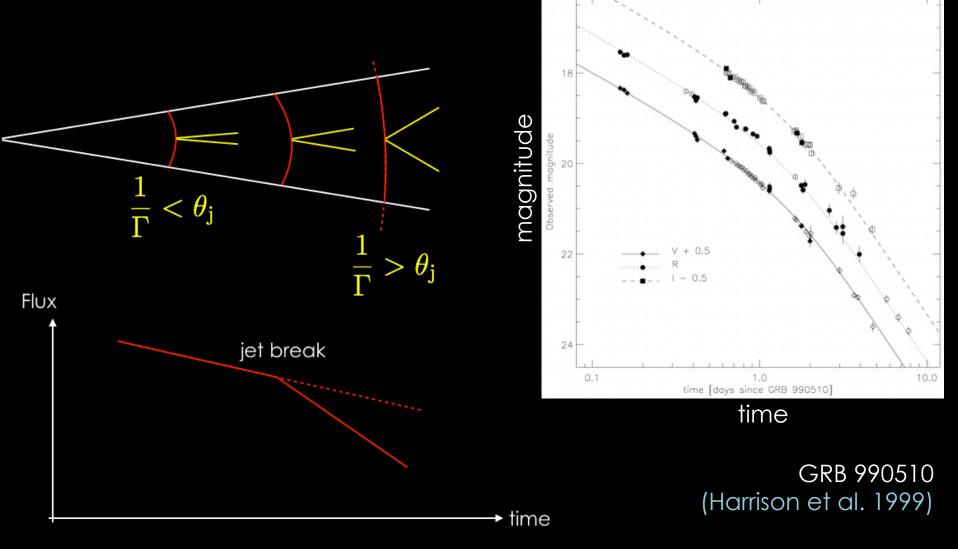
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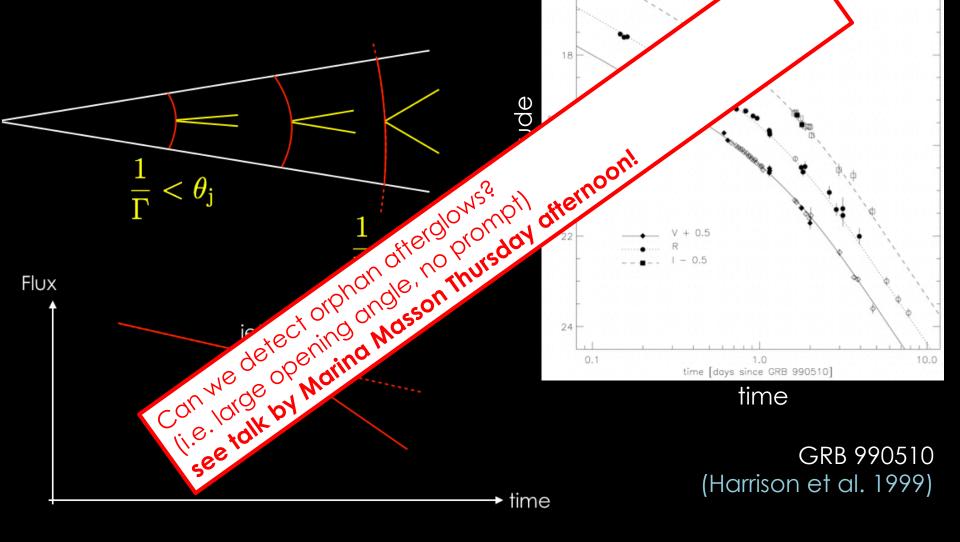
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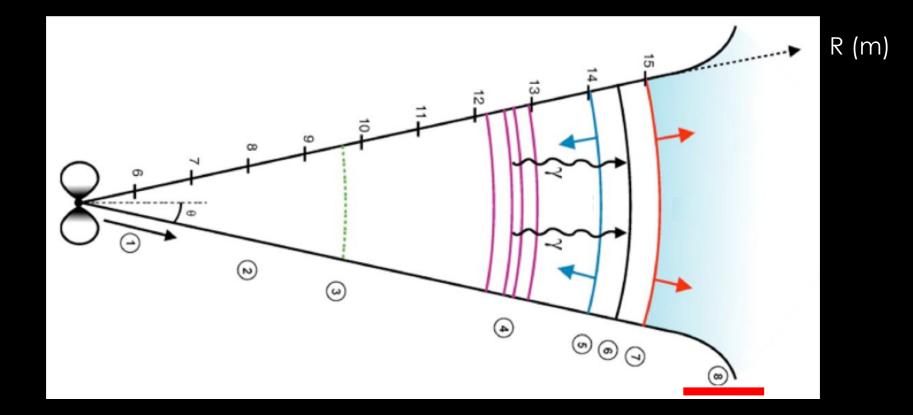
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Afterglow

Late evolution: lateral spreading?

($rac{c_{
m s}}{\Gamma}\ll c$ in the ultra-relativistic phase)



Afterglow emission

Synchrotron emission from shock-accelerated electrons Magnetic field?

$t_{ m plasma} \ll t_{ m dyn} \ll t_{ m rad}(\gamma_{ m m})$ (slow cooling)

Microphysics usually parametrized in a very simple way: constant fraction of accelerated electrons, constant fraction of energy injected in accelerated electrons, etc...

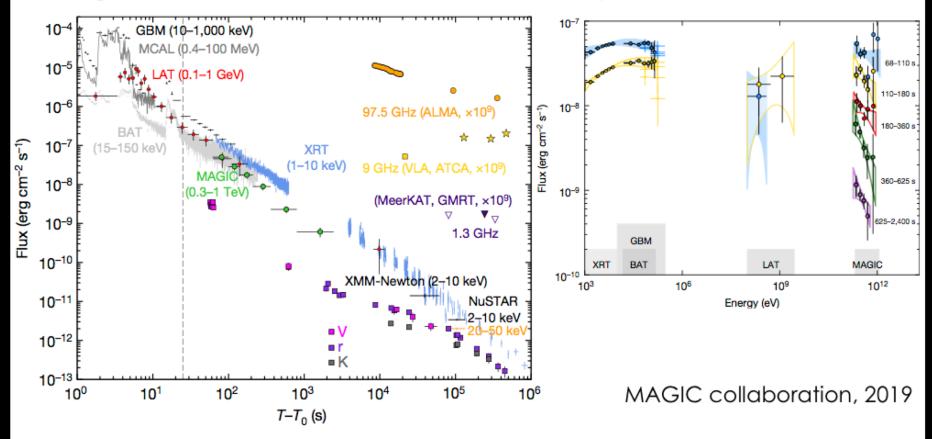
Radio to X-rays: good fits but high degeneracy among parameters

Recent TeV detections: reasonnable fits with synchrotron + IC, better determined parameters

GRB 190114C (MAGIC)

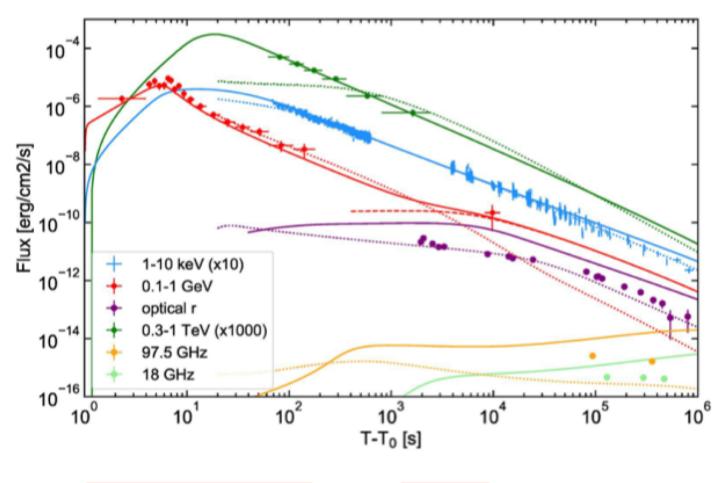
Lightcurve

Spectrum



Observations from 1 min to 12 days radio, NIR, X-rays, Soft γ -rays, HE γ -rays, VHE γ -rays)

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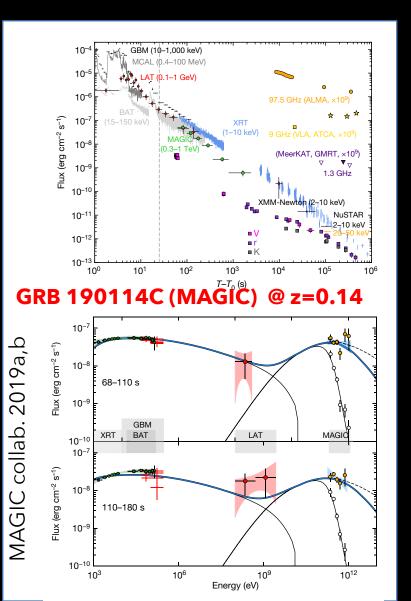


 $s=0, \varepsilon_{\rm e}=0.07, \varepsilon_{\rm B}=8\times 10^{-5}, p=2.6, n_0=0.5$ and $E_{\rm k}=8\times 10^{53}$ erg

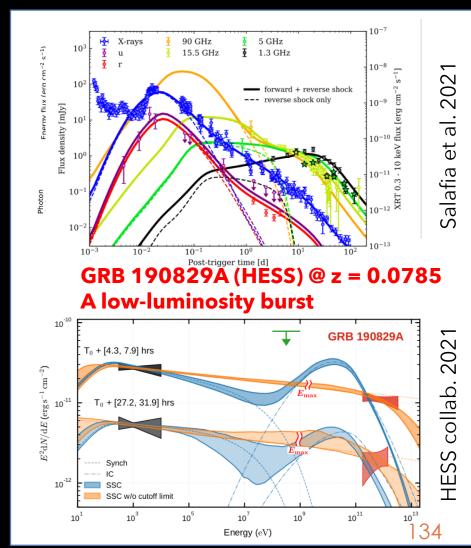
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GRB afterglows in the TeV range: several detections

Already at least four GRBs detected at VHE (afterglow): 180720B (HESS) ; 190114C (MAGIC) ; 190829A (HESS) ; 201216C (MAGIC)



+ GRB 201009A (the BOAT) / LHASSO + some other candidates

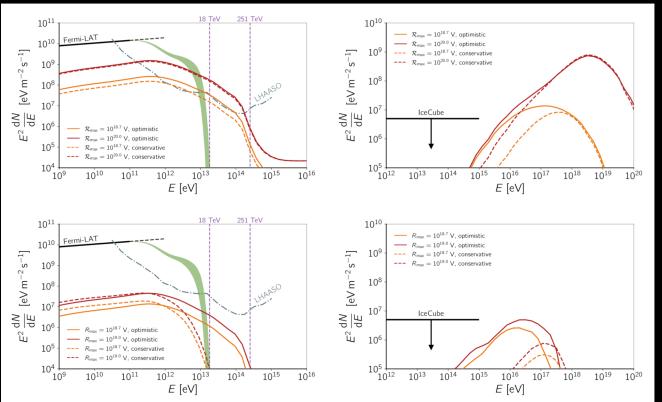


A 18 TeV photon associated with GRB221009A (the BOAT)?

Fermi LAT: up to 400 GeV (Xia et al. 2022a,b)
LHASSO, GCN #32677 (Huang et al. 2022): >5000 VHE photons (>500 GeV)

- LHASSO detection during the first 2000 s:
 Prompt or early afterglow (prompt in soft γ-rays ~600 s)
- LHASSO detects VHE photons up to E_{max} ~18 TeV:
 Strong tension with EBL

Production of UHCRs+interaction during propagation? (interaction with CMB/CRB) Photons Neutrinos



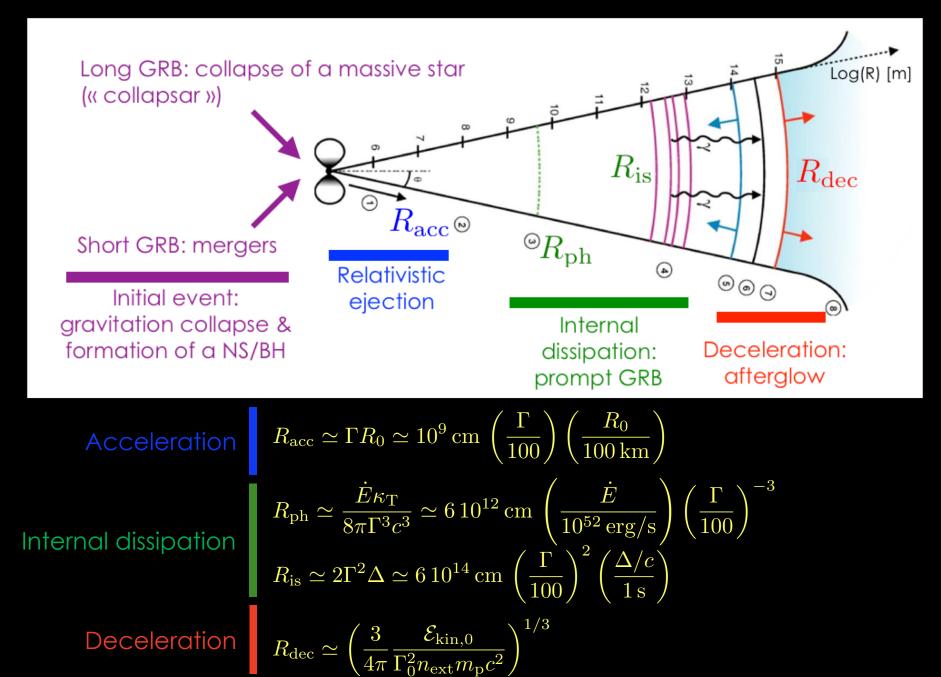
Light UHECRs (p)

Different models: intergalactic B (must be weak)

Heavier UHECRs

Alves Batista 2022

Summary



GRB Physics

Complements on Emission

GRB Emission

In addition of already mentioned open questions (spectral shape of the prompt emission, nature of the internal dissipative process, etc.), there are mainy other active topics of research.

- Early afterglow: origin of flares, plateaus, spectral breaks, etc.
- Prompt-to-afterglow transition?
- Contribution of the Reverse Shock?
- Polarization?
- Following the 170817 event: signatures of the lateral structure, role of shock breakout, etc.
- Etc.
- A very fundamental question: connecting the different scales (plasma, electron cooling, dynamics)
- An interesting question: CR acceleration? High-energy neutrino emission? (photo-hadron interactions)

Prompt-to-afterglow transition: high latitude emission

Early steep-decay (X-rays) = high-latitude emission?

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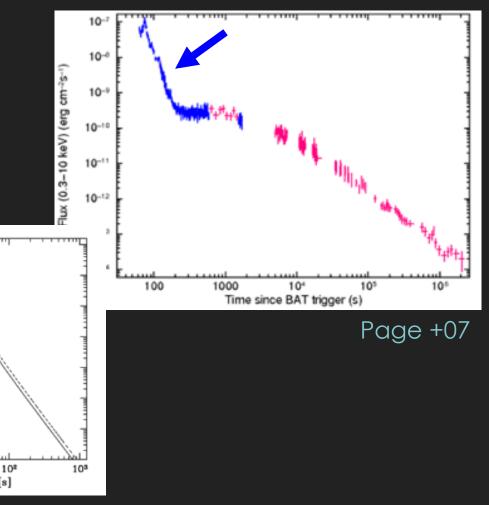
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 $t_{obs}/(1+z)$ [s]

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works if $R_{
m prompt,end}\simeq \Gamma^2\,c\,t_{
m burst}$

Photosphere: universal behaviour of the end of the relativistic ejection by the central engine? See e.g. Genet & Granot 2009 (OK for internal shocks/reconnection)



Hascoët, Daigne & Mochkovitch 2012

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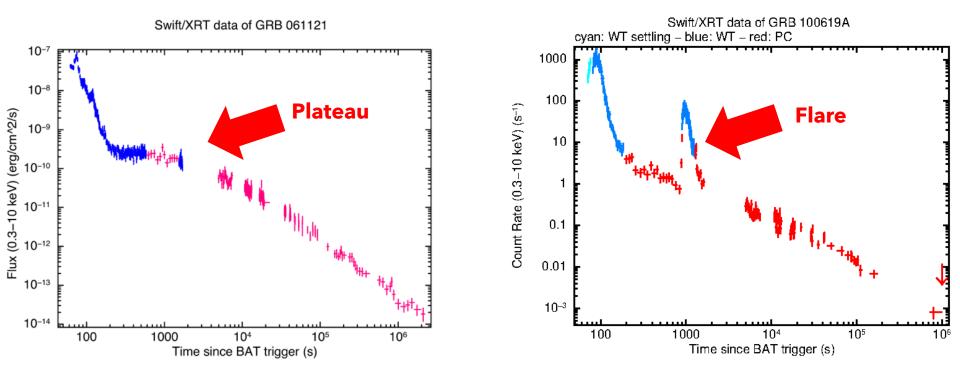
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See however Ronchini et al. 2021

Early afterglow: some issues with the standard model

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Puzzling features in the early X-ray afterglow (Swift/XRT)



Swift/XRT Catalog

Early afterglow: some issues with the standard model

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- Most discussed interpretation: late activity of the central engine
 - Plateaus: late energy injection?

= deceleration is delayed
Problems: lifetime of the central engine? Energy crisis for the prompt?

X-ray flares: late internal dissipation?
 = same mechanism than for the prompt GRB + late ejection

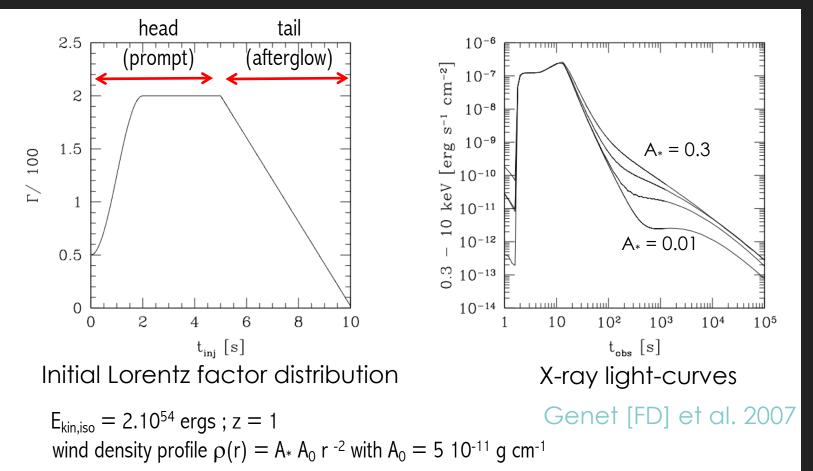
Problems: (a) some flares at very late times (10^3 s, 10^4 s); (b) flares show $\Delta t/t \sim cst = evolving variability?$

Alternatives: many ideas

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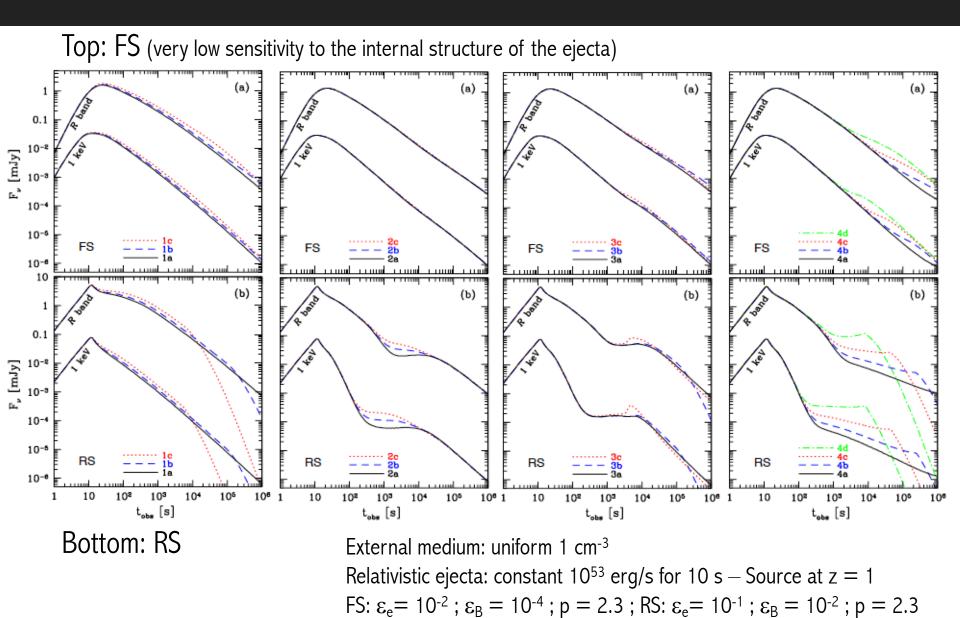
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- Hydrodynamical simulations: Lambert & Daigne 2017, Ayache, van Eerten & Daigne 2020)

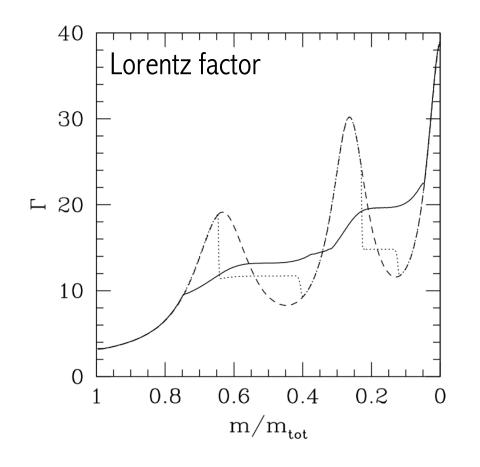
Long-lived Reverse Shocks: diversity of lightcurves



Uhm [FD] et al. 2011

Each case corresponds to a different initial distribution of the Lorentz factor

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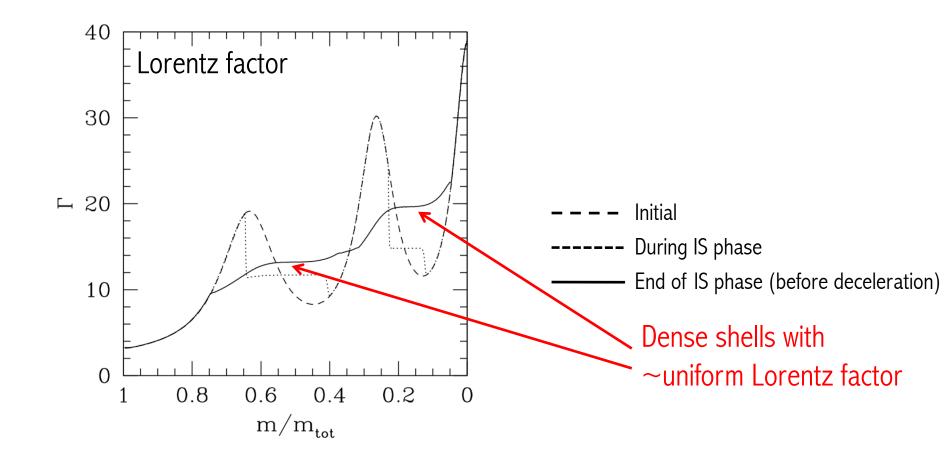


An exemple of the distribution of Lorentz factor in the ejecta: (relativistic hydro simulation)

- ---- During IS phase
 - End of IS phase (before deceleration)

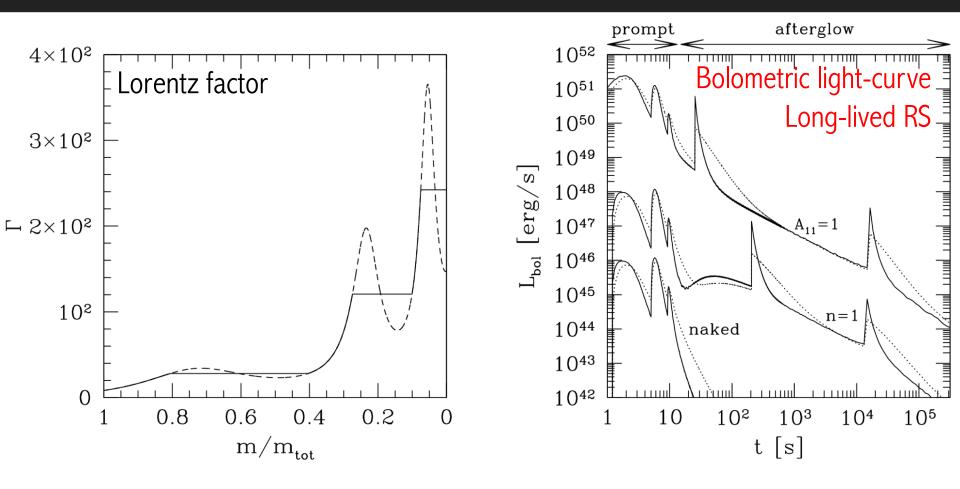
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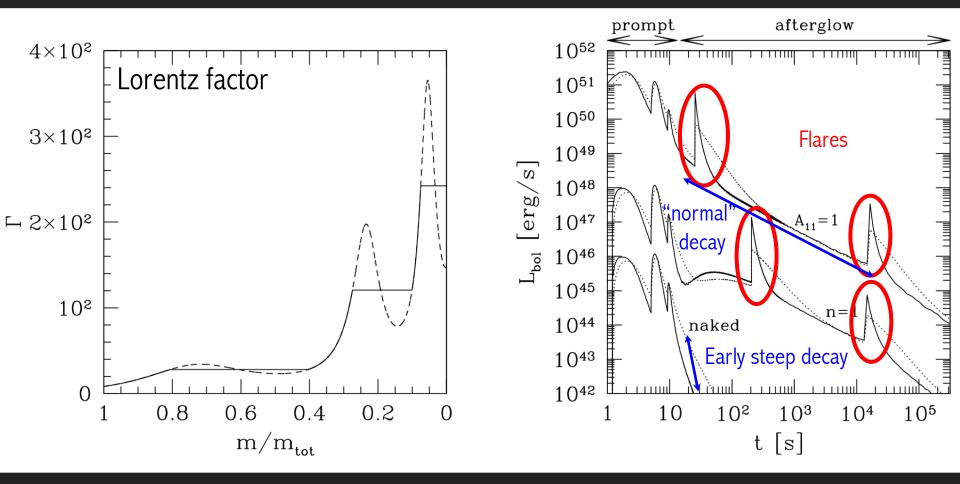
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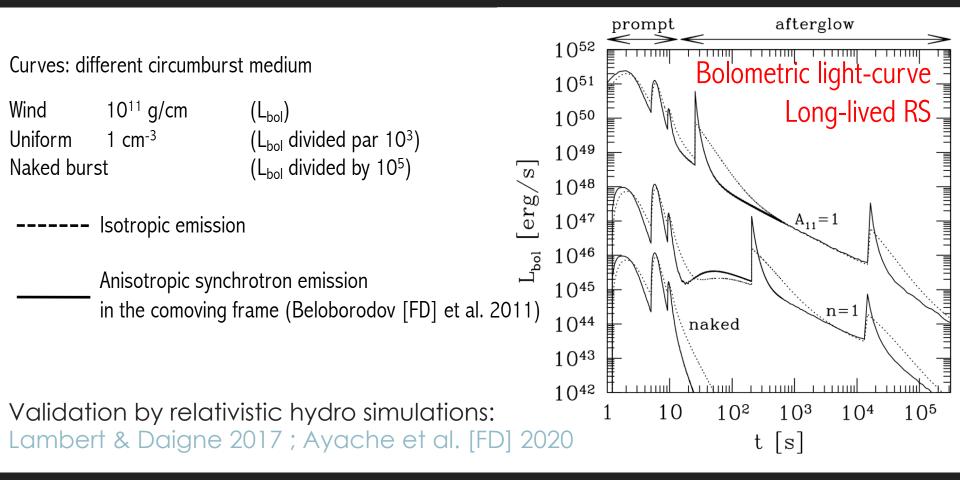
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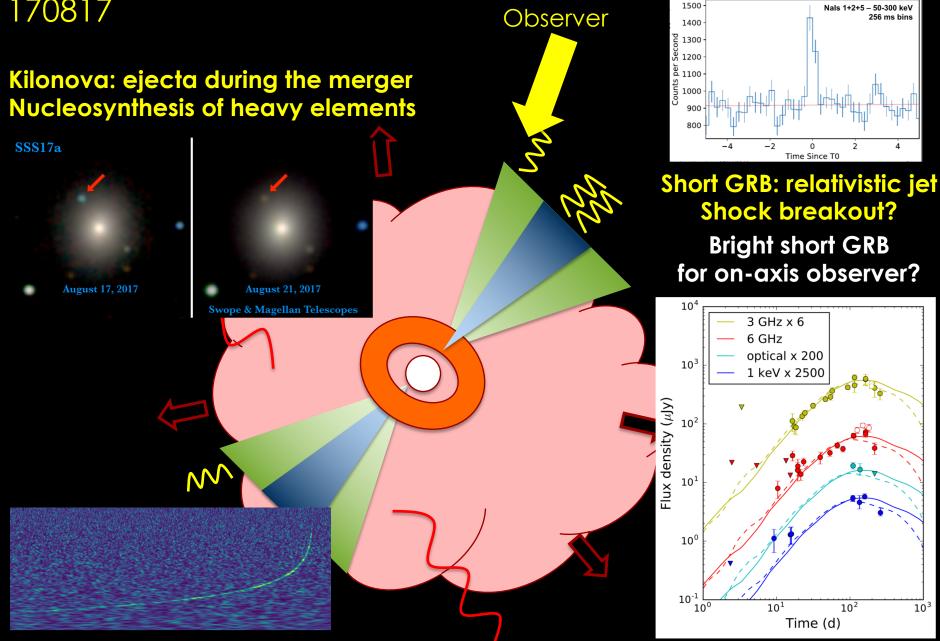
Flares are produced when the RS crosses a dense shell formed in the IS phase Hascoët, Beloborodov, Daigne & Mochkovitch, 2017

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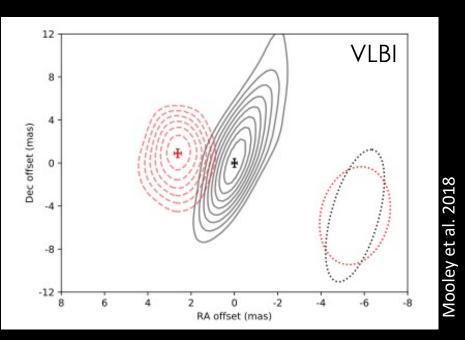


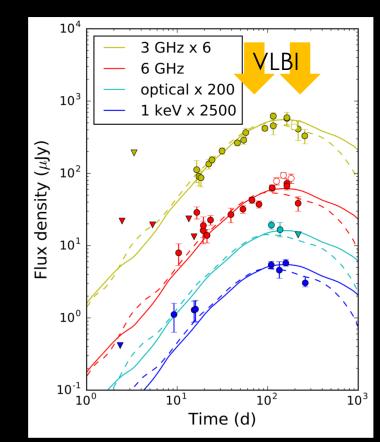
Gravitational Waves Inspiral phase of a BNS

Afterglow: deceleration of a structred relativistic jet

170817: the afterglow

- Photometry: slow rise for more than 100 days, then decay
- VLBI measurements at peak:
 - superluminal apparent motion
 - compact size
- LC: lateral structure (due to jet-KN ejecta interaction?)

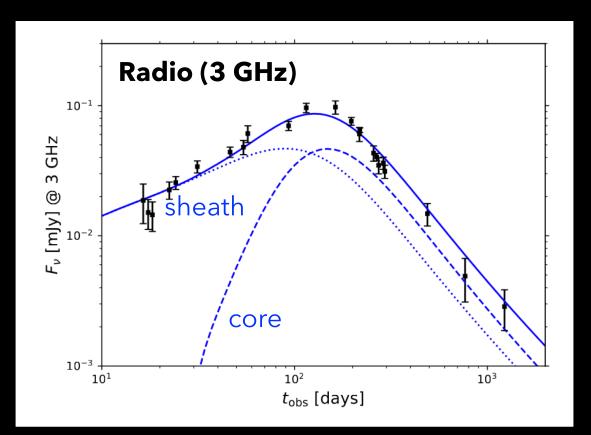




Relativistic jet confirmed !

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- Best fit:
 - High kinetic energy of the core jet (bright SGRB for an on-axis observer)
 - Good constraint on viewing angle

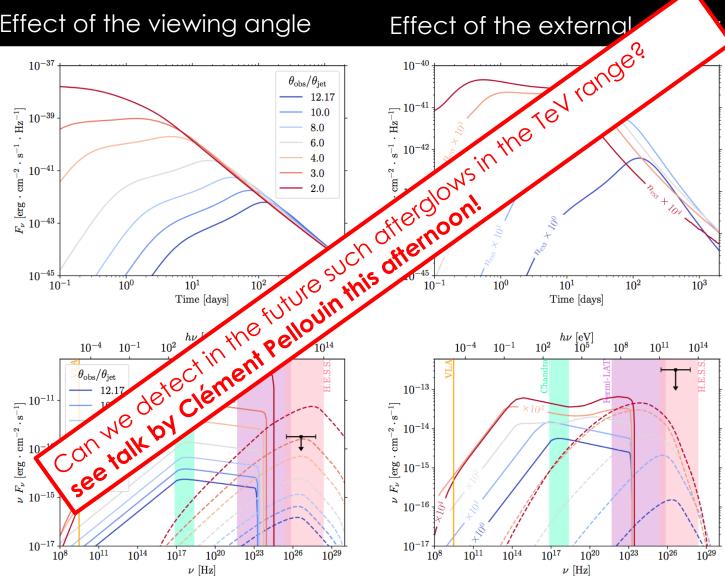


Pellouin & Daigne in preparation

170817: the afterglow

TeV emission?

Effect of the viewing angle



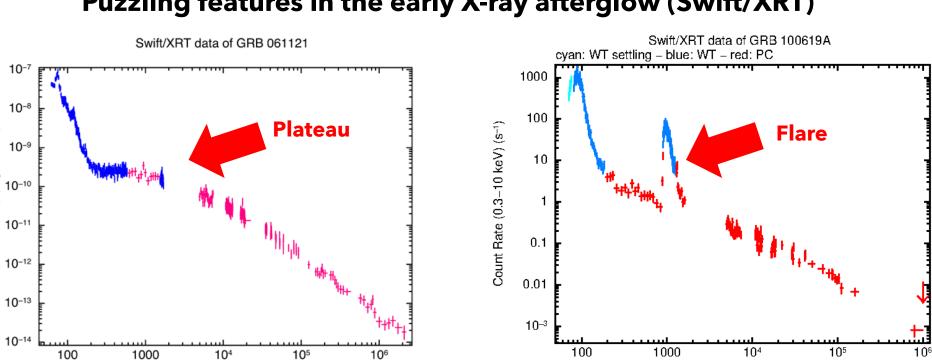
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 General discussion of the possible lightcurves with a structured jet: Beniamini, Granot & Gill 20202

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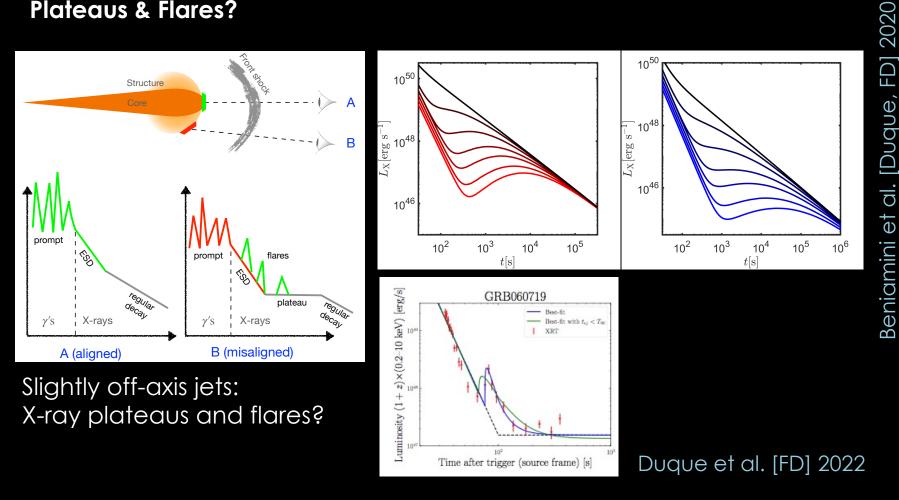
Swift/XRT Catalog

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See also Organesian et al. 2020

GRB Physics: Summary

Kandinksy - Composition 8- 1923 Guggenheim Museum, New-York





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Questions?