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- What are GRBs?
- Recent advances:
  - GRBs at TeV
  - GW170817 / GRB170817A
- What did we learn?
- Perspectives for GRB studies in the MM era
- Application to stellar physics (binaries) & cosmology
- SVOM



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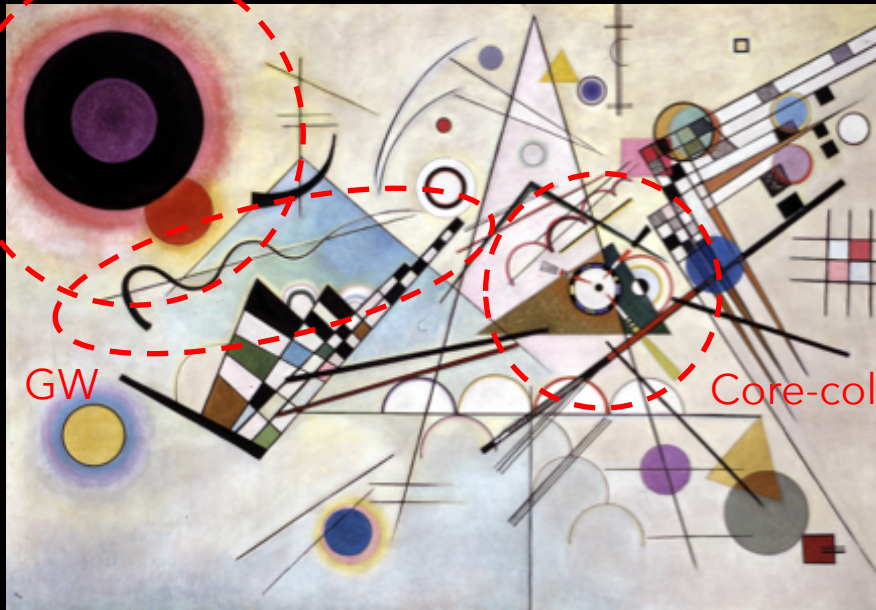
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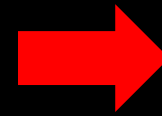
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Ejecta  
&  
Emission  
(em, v?)



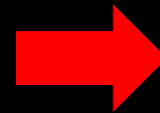
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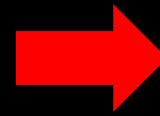
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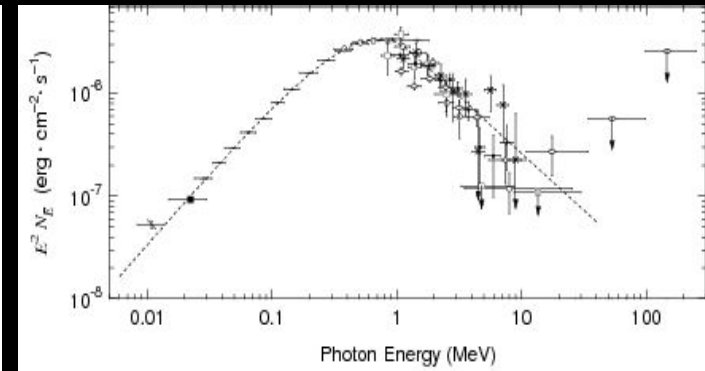
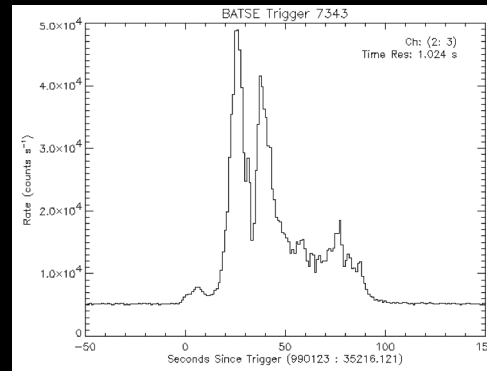
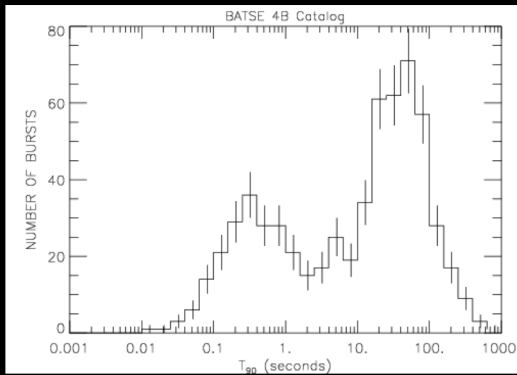


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# GRBS: PROMPT EMISSION

- **High variability** : ms  $\rightarrow$  100 ms
- **Short duration**: a few ms to a few min
- **Two classes: short & long GRBs**

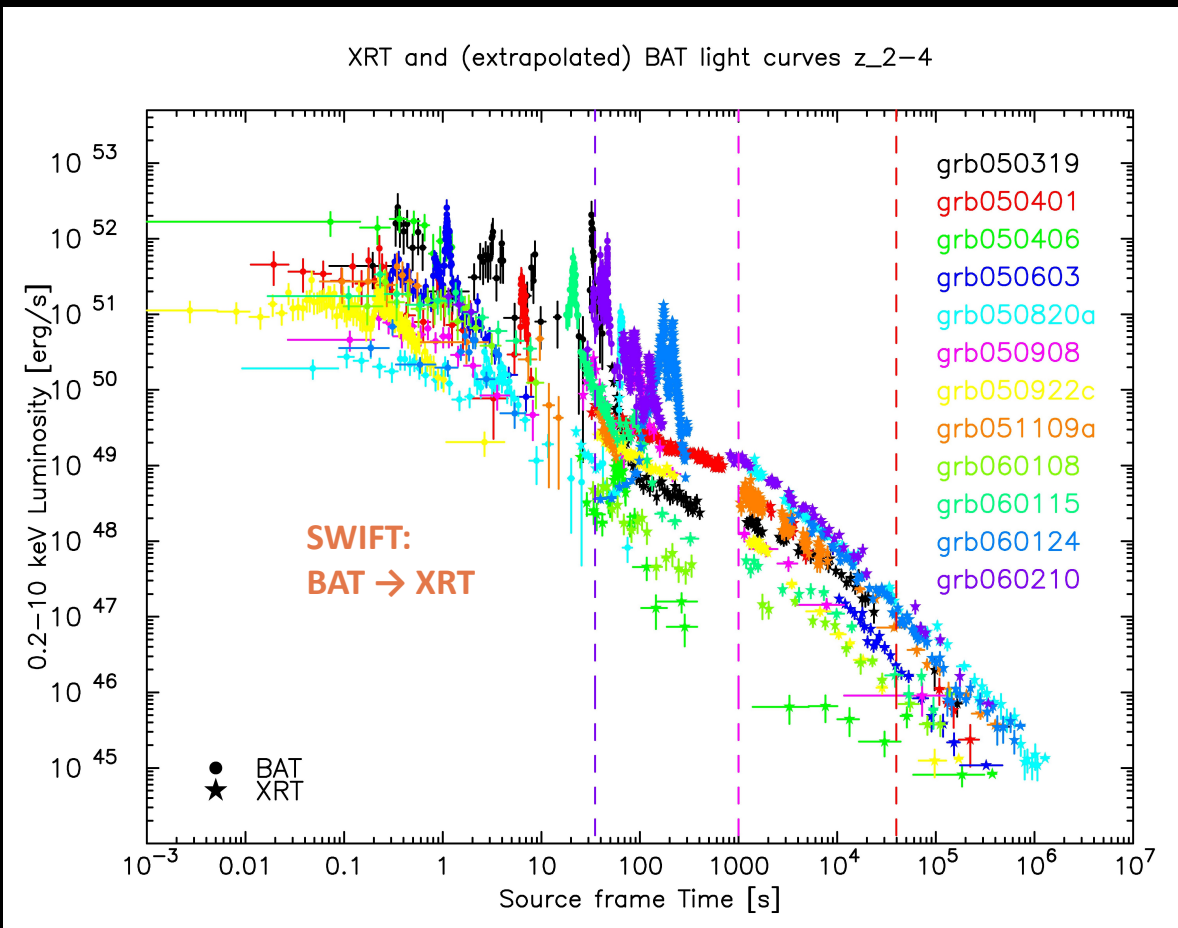
BATSE



- **Great diversity of lightcurves ; Pulses**: 100 ms  $\rightarrow$  10 s
- **Non-thermal spect. = cosmic accelerators**:  $E_{\text{peak}} \sim 100$  keV  $\rightarrow$  1 MeV
- **Spectral evolution**
- **Spectral diversity**: classical GRBs, low luminosity-GRBs, X-ray rich GRBs, X-ray Flashes, etc.

# GRBS: AFTERGLOW

- **Lightcurves:** power-law decay, breaks, variability (flares, plateaus)
- **Spectral evolution:** X-rays to radio



- **Redshift**

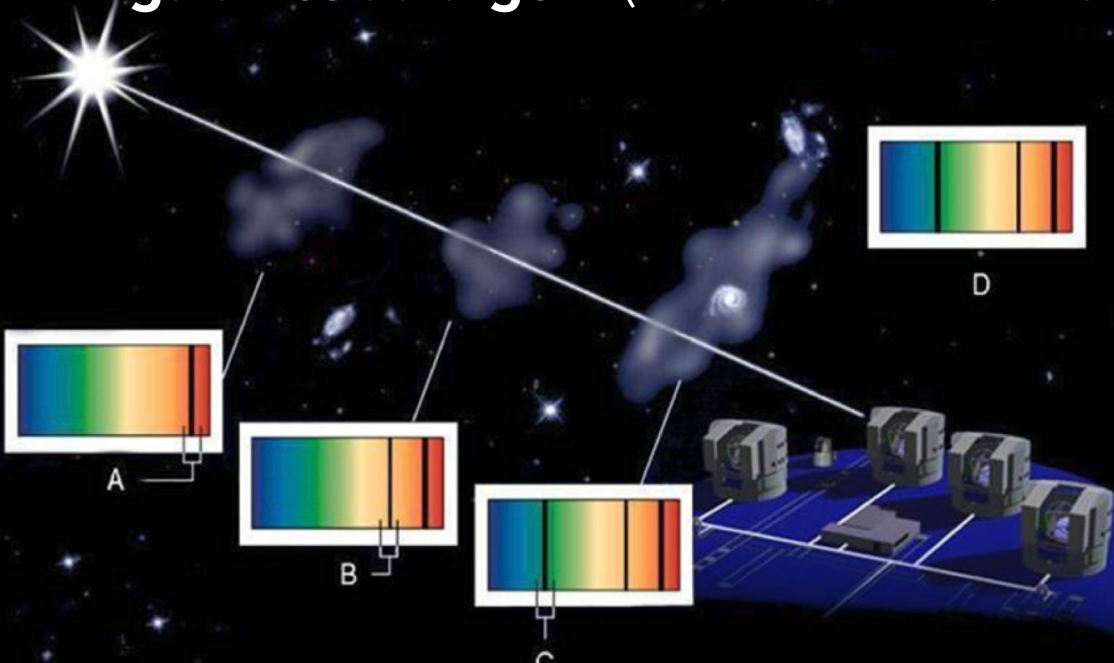
- Mean redshift above 2 for long GRBs
- Maximum : GRB 090423 at  $z = 8.2$   
GRB 090429B at  $z = 9.3$
- $E_{\text{iso}} \sim 10^{51}$  to  $10^{54}$  erg  
(some under-luminous ; some monsters...)



# GRBS: PROGENITORS

## Long GRBs: direct evidence for the collapsar scenario

- **Star forming host galaxies / association of nearby LGRBs with SNe**
- **Progenitors = a low fraction of massive stars**  
(conditions to produce a GRB? Mass? Metallicity? Rotation? Binarity?)
- **Using LGRBs to trace the cosmic star formation rate at large  $z$ ?**  
(see e.g. Palmerio, Vergani et al. 2019 ; Palmerio & Daigne, 2022)
- **Using the sample of LGRB host galaxies to study « normal » galaxies at large  $z$**  (« normal » = not necessarily very bright).



### Absorption spectro. (afterglow)

neutral medium, metallicity, kinematics, etc. : host galaxy + absorbers along the line-of-sight

### Emission spectro. (host)

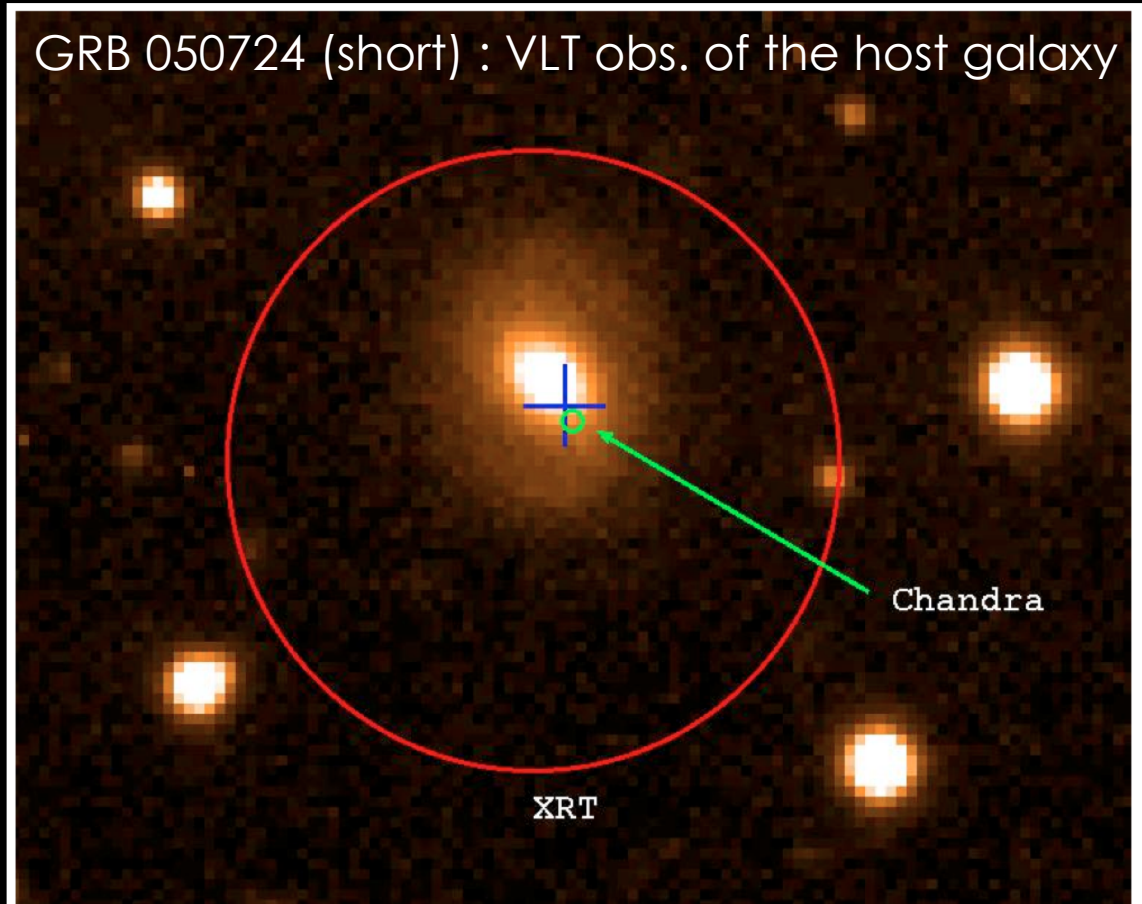
ionized medium

(see the recent example of GRB 210905A @  $z=6.3$  by Saccardi, Vergani et al. 2023)

# GRBS: PROGENITORS

## Short GRBs: indirect evidence for the merger scenario

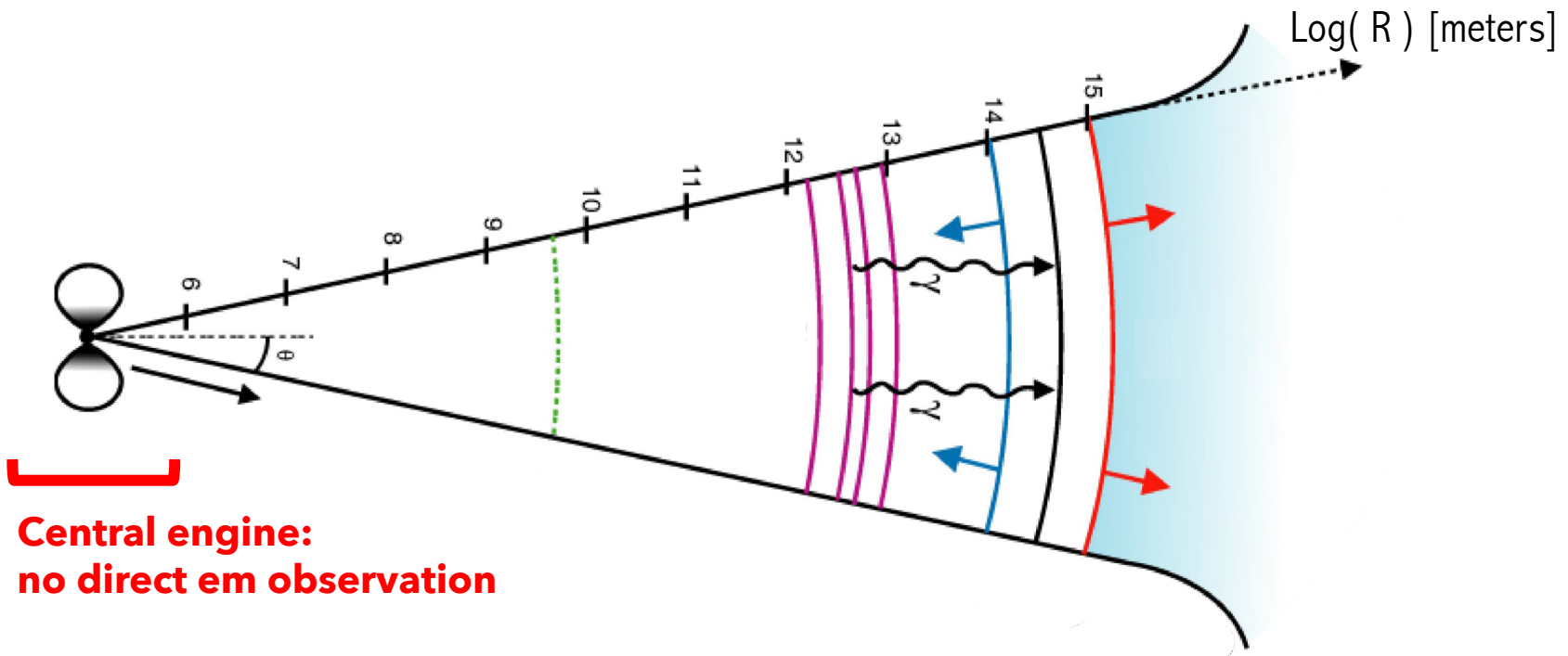
- **Host galaxies of any type**  
(not necessarily star-forming)
- **Possible large offsets**  
⇒ **delay/kicks merger scenario**  
(BNS ; some NSBH ?)



- **A quasi-direct evidence:**  
**association GW 170817 (BNS) / GRB 170817A (short)**  
(some caveats: nature of the GRB emission)

# GRBS: THEORY

- Cosmological distance: huge radiated energy ( $E_{\text{iso},\gamma} \sim 10^{50}\text{-}10^{55}$  erg)
- Variability + energetics: **violent formation of a stellar mass BH** (magnetar ?)



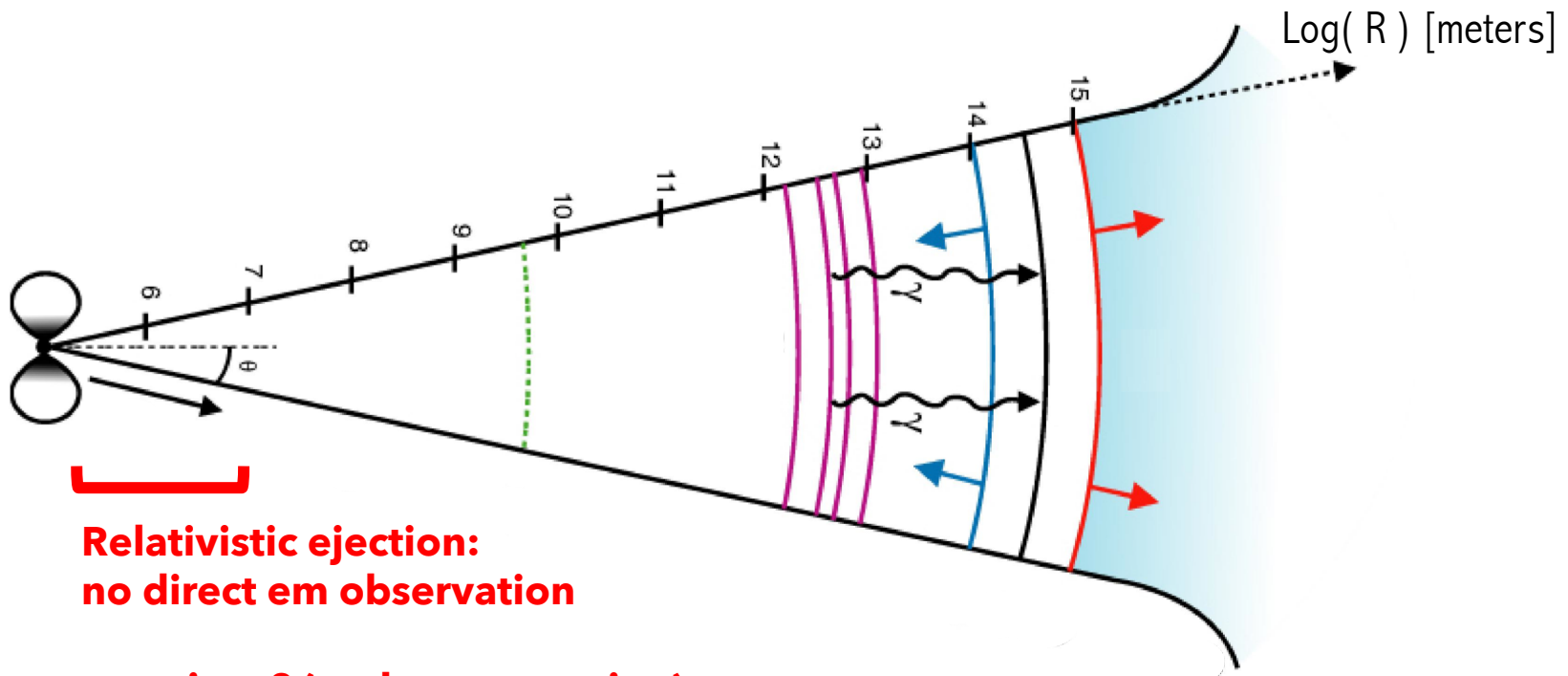
**Central engine:  
no direct em observation**

**GW?**

**Collapsar: currently out of reach / Merger: post-merger signal?**

# GRBS: THEORY

- Variability + energetics + gamma-ray spectrum: **relativistic ejection**  
(only way to avoid a strong pair production)

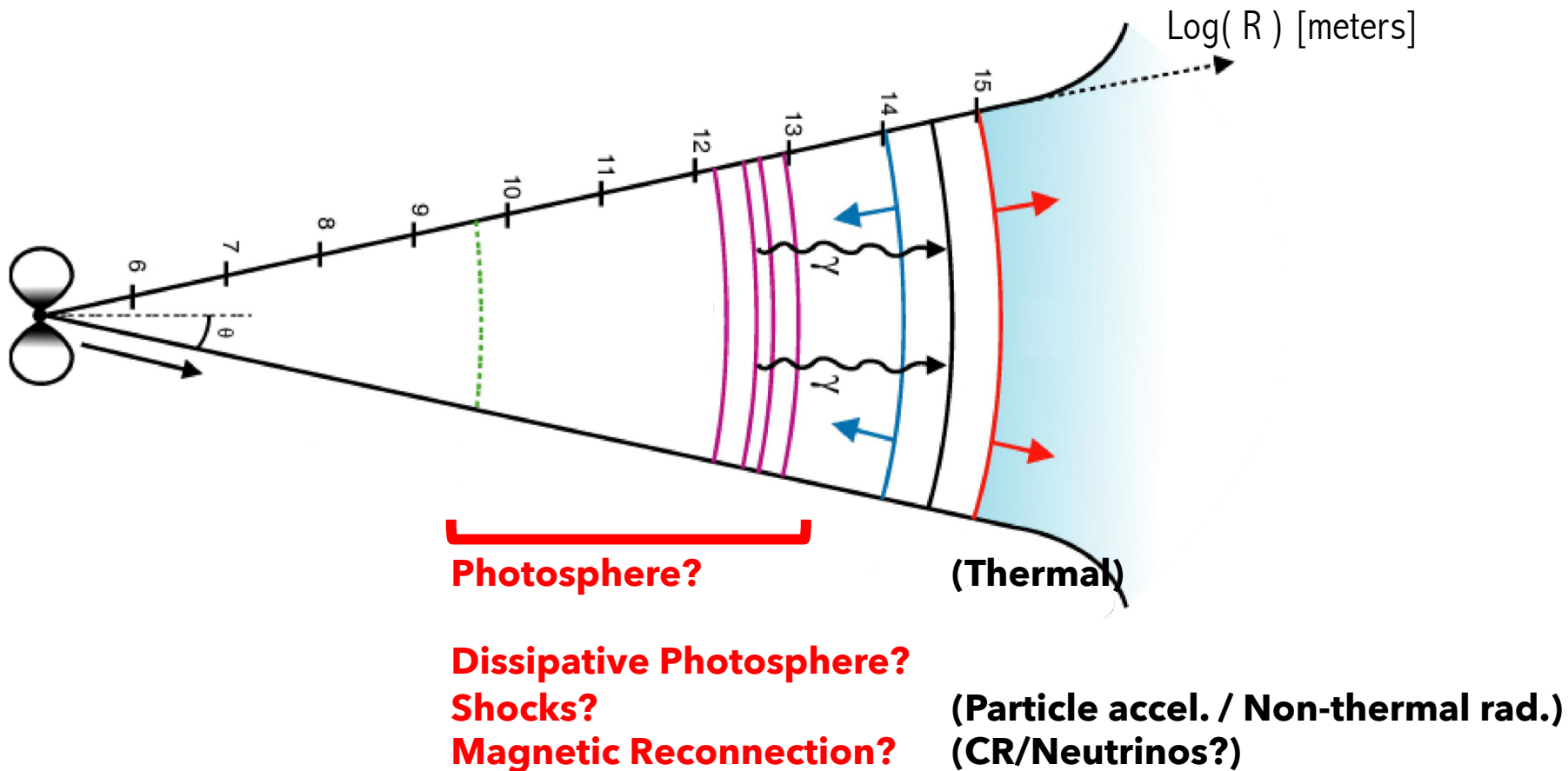


**Relativistic ejection:  
no direct em observation**

**neutrinos? (early propagation)**

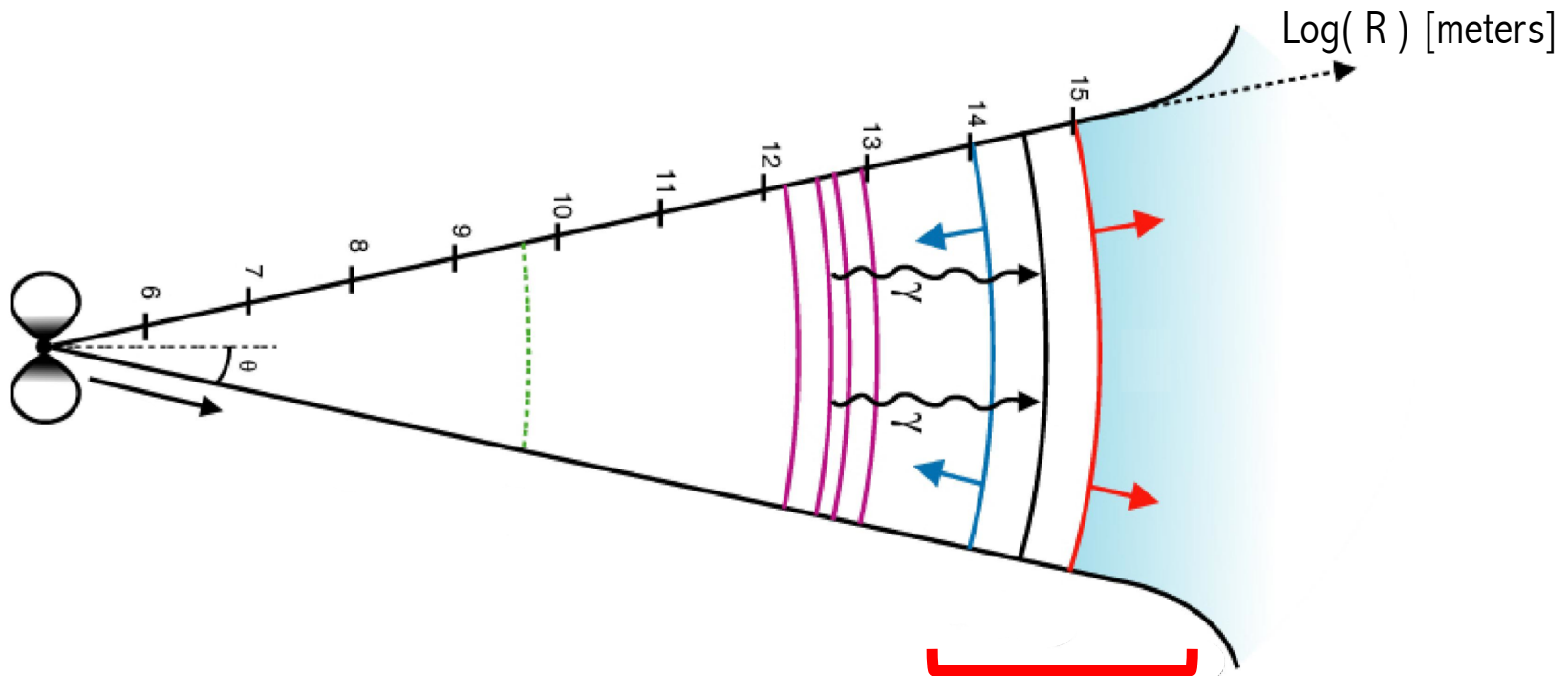
# GRBS: THEORY

- **Prompt keV-MeV emission: internal origin in the ejecta**  
(only way to explain the fast variability)



# GRBS: THEORY

- **Afterglow: deceleration by the ambient medium**



**Ultra-relativistic forward shock in the external medium**  
**Reverse shock in the ejecta?**

**$\Rightarrow$  particle acceleration / non-thermal radiation**  
**(CR/neutrinos?)**

# GAMMA-RAY BURSTS AT TEV ENERGIES

**Why is it interesting?**

**GRBs = cosmic accelerators**

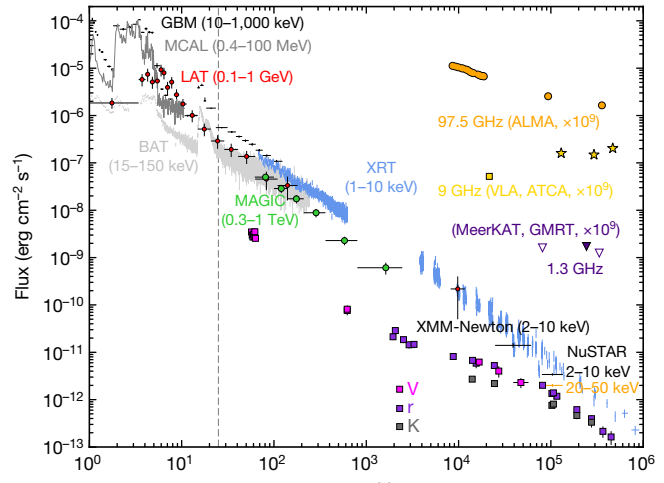
TeV to better understand:

- the distribution of accelerated particles
  - the magnetic field
- the radiative processes (syn, SSC, other?)
- the possible contribution to proton acceleration  
(U)HECRs? Neutrinos?

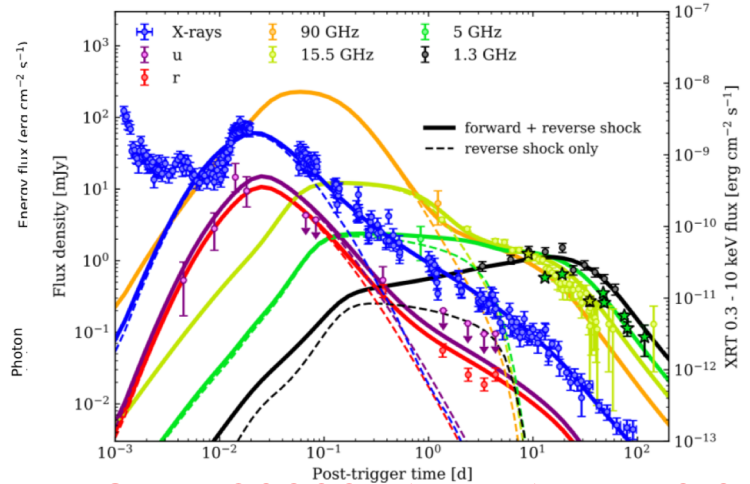
# GRBS AT TEV ENERGIES

Already at least four GRBs detected at VHE (afterglow):

180720B (HESS) ; 190114C (MAGIC) ; 190829A (HESS) ; 201216C (MAGIC)  
 + GRB 201009A (the BOAT) / LHAASO  
 + some other candidates

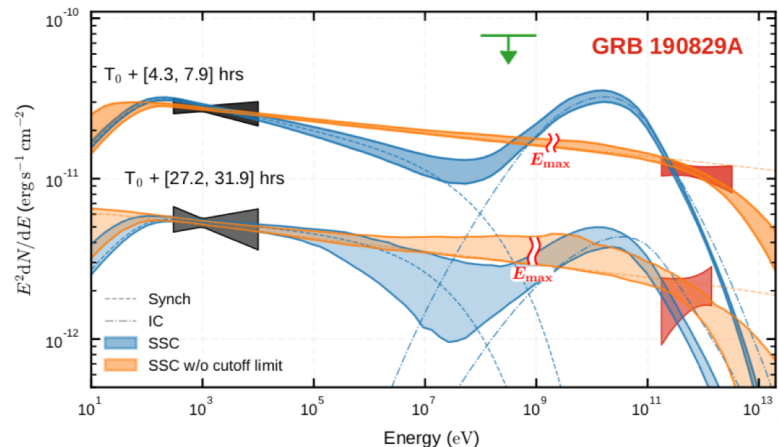
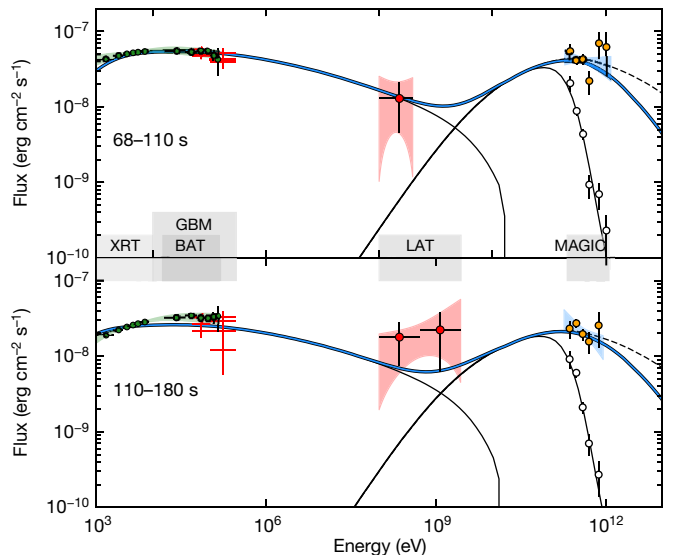


**GRB 190114C (MAGIC) @ z=0.14**



**GRB 190829A (HESS) @ z = 0.0785**  
**A low-luminosity burst**

MAGIC collab. 2019a,b



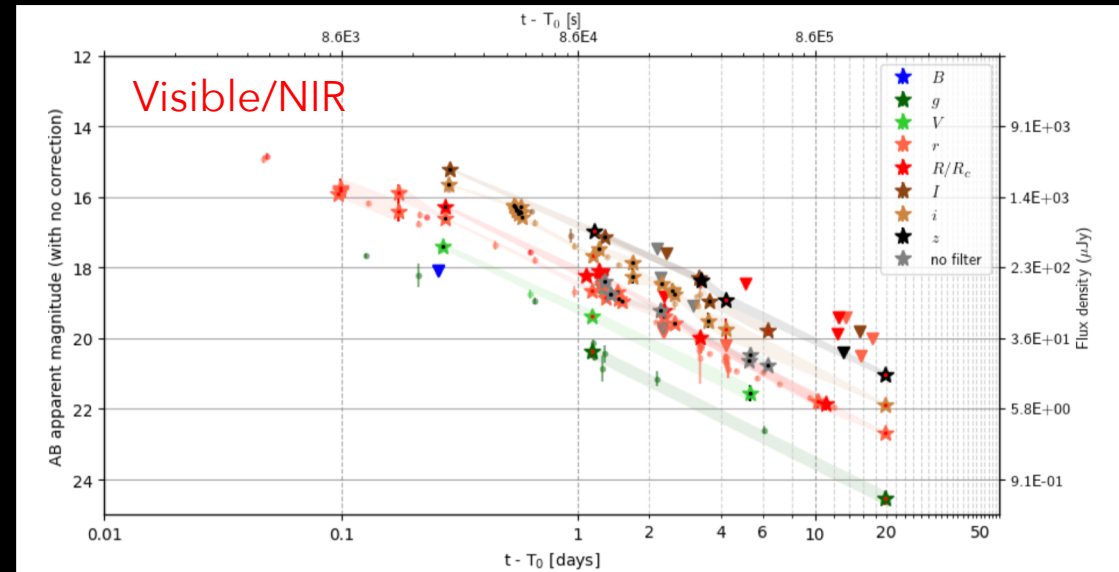
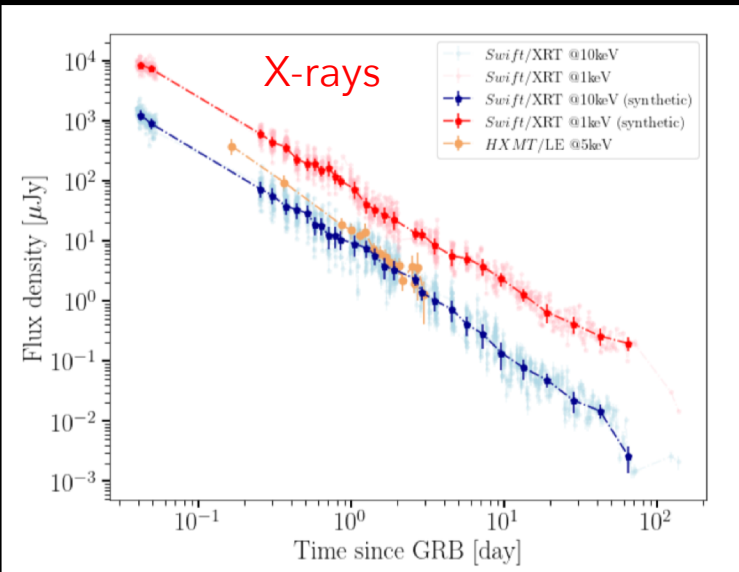
Salafia et al. 2021

HESS collab. 2021



# GRB 221009A

- **The BOAT (the Brightest Of All Times) –  $E_{\text{iso},\gamma} \sim 10^{55}$  erg**  
(Saturation of gamma-ray detectors: Swift, Fermi, INTEGRAL, ...)
- **Follow-up by many instruments and collaboration**  
 **$z = 0.151$**  (de Ugarte Postigo et al. 2022, Castro-Tirado et al. 2022, Izzo et al. 2022, Malesani et al. 2023)



Here: data obtained by HXMT + GRANDMA (Kann et al. [FD] 2023)  
GRANDMA = network of > 30 professional and amateur telescopes

- **Standard afterglow model does not work well: puzzling event**  
(Laskar et al. 2023, O' Connor et al. 2023, Kann et al. [FD] 2023, ...)

# GRB 221009A

- **Detection by Fermi-LAT up to ~400 GeV** (Xia et al. 2022a,b)
- **GCN #32677** (Huang et al. 2022):  
**detection by LHASSO, >5000 VHE photons (> 500 GeV)**
  - LHASSO detection during the first 2000 s:  
**Prompt or early afterglow (prompt in soft  $\gamma$ -rays ~600 s)**
  - LHASSO detects VHE photons up to  $E_{\text{max}} \sim 18$  TeV:  
**Strong tension with EBL**

We should wait for the LHASSO publication with the full analysis:  
energy calibration?

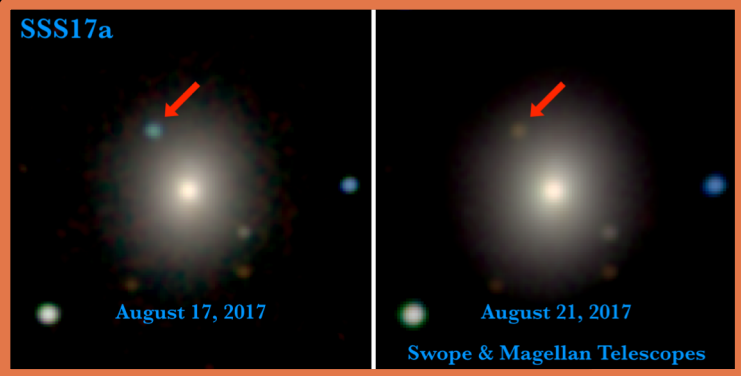
- **No detection by IceCube or KM3NET**

# GRBS AT TEV ENERGIES

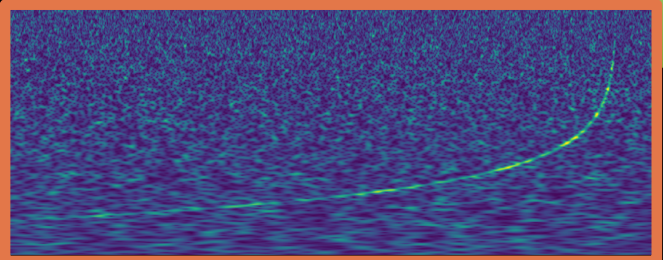
- **Confirmed detections : Afterglow** (including the very early afterglow for 190114C)  
= **probe the deceleration phase**
- **Standard afterglow model with emission of shock-accelerated electrons (syn + SSC) works**
- **New constraints on electron acceleration, magnetic field, etc.**  
(most afterglows: synchrotron only, many parameter degeneracies)
  
- **No need for an hadronic component at this stage?**
  
- **Prompt emission?**  
**Needs a large f.o.v (HAWK/LHASSO) or a fast response (CTA?)**

**GAMMA-RAY BURSTS**  
**ENTERING THE MULTI-MESSENGER ERA:**  
**GW170817/GRB170817A**

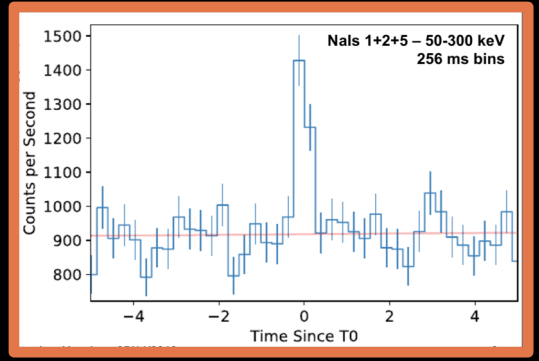
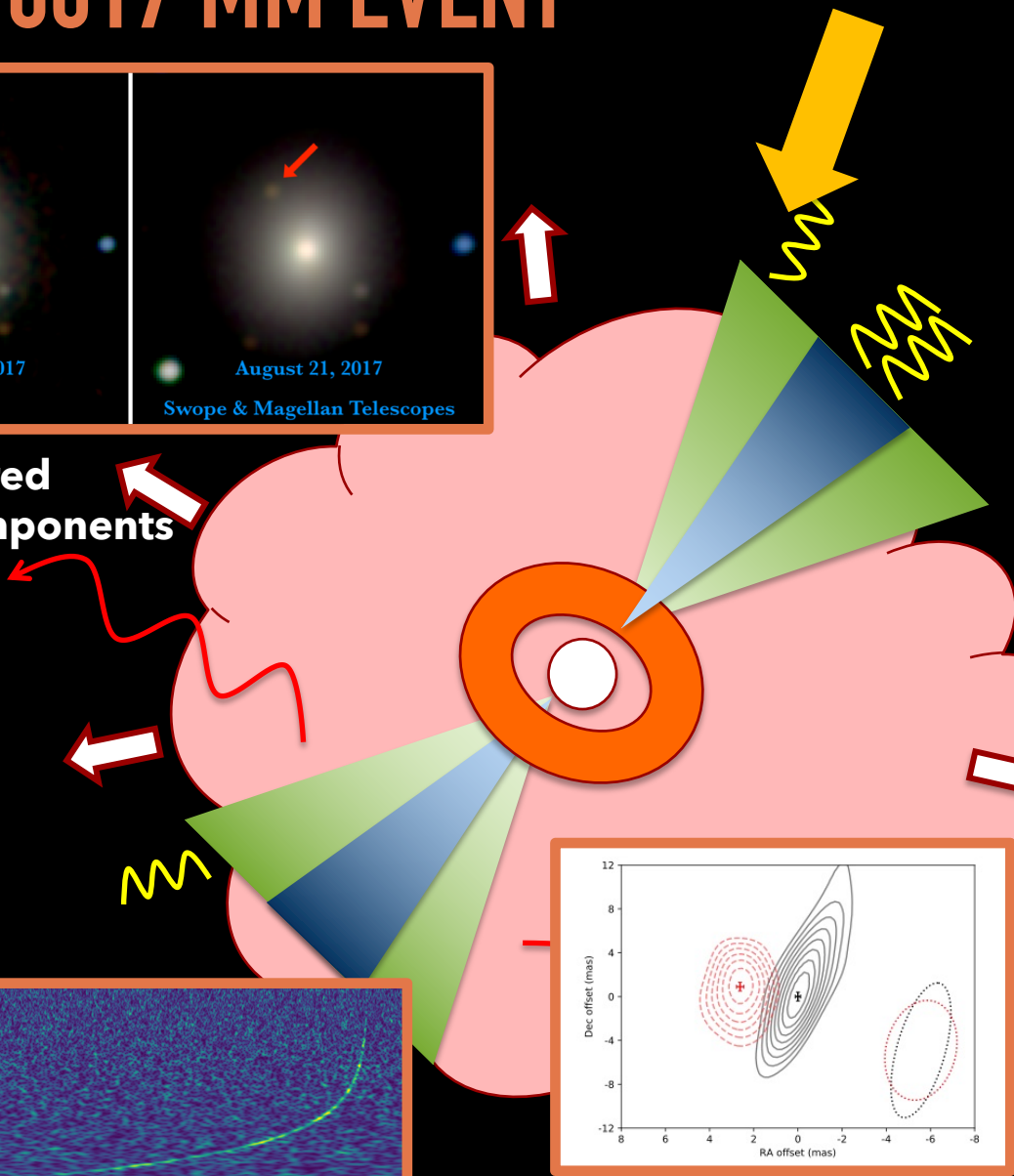
# THE 170817 MM EVENT



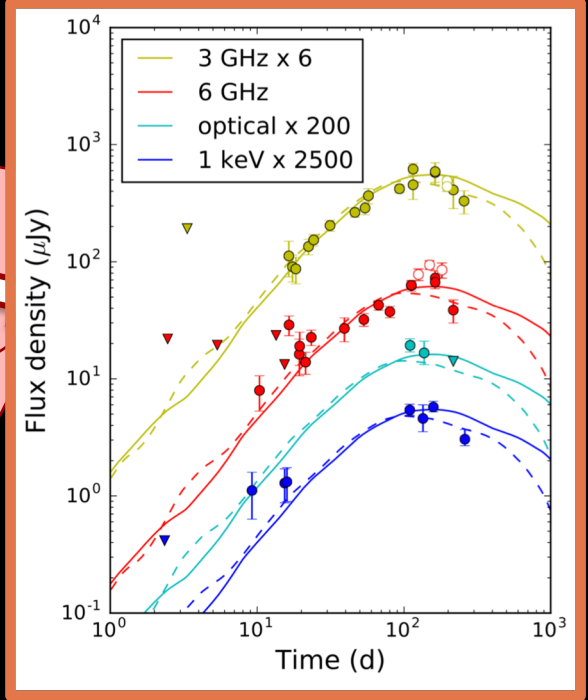
**Kilonova: red & blue components**



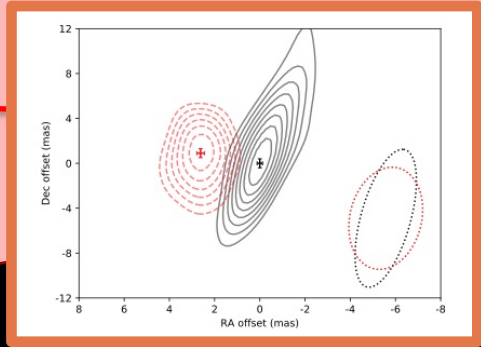
**Gravitational waves**



**Short gamma-ray burst: physical origin?**

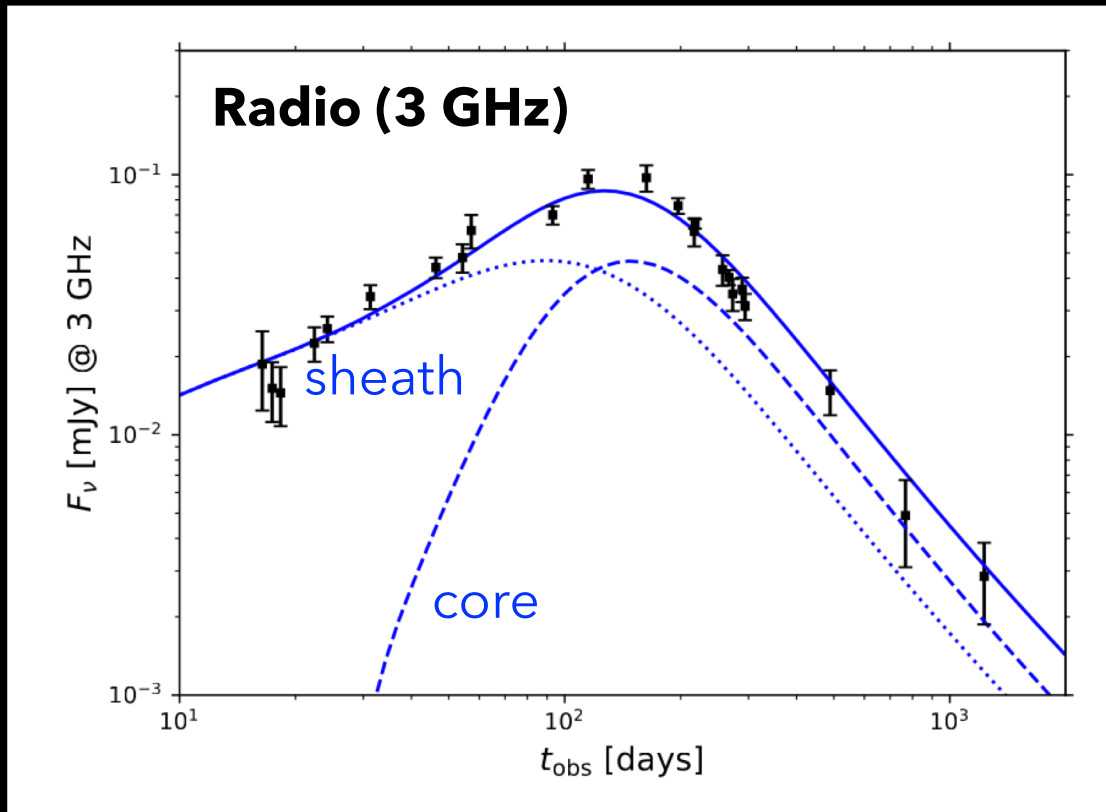


**Afterglow: radio to X-rays + VLBI**



# LATERAL STRUCTURE OF THE JET

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- Standard afterglow model (synchrotron from  $e^-$  accelerated at the FS)  
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# SIGNATURES OF THE LATERAL STRUCTURE IN GRBS?

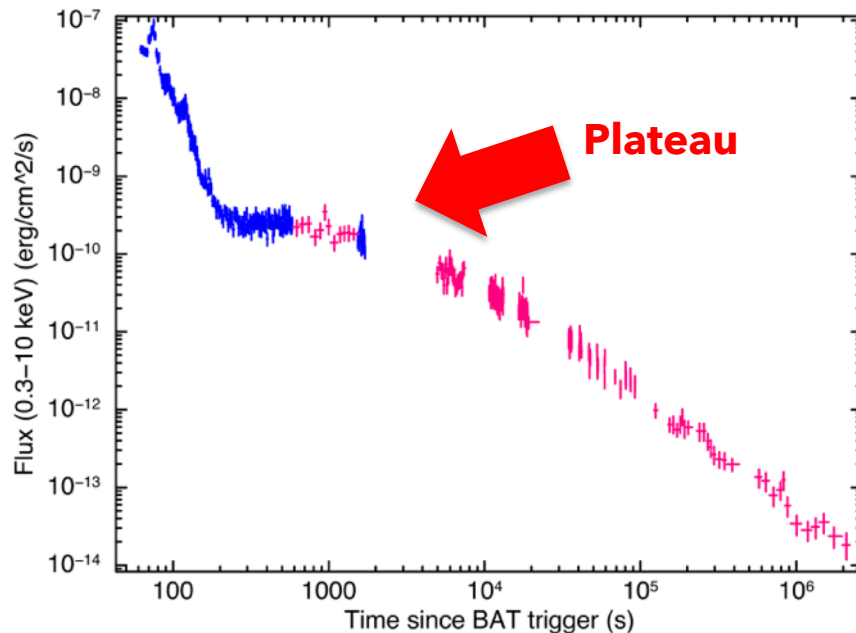
- **The lateral structure may be inherited from the early propagation of the ejecta and may be a common features in GRBs.**
  - SGRB: interaction with the kilonova ejecta
  - LGRB: interaction with the collapsing envelope
- **Can we find signatures of this lateral structure in cosmic GRBs?**  
Main difference: large distance/on-axis vs small distance/off-axis
- Note 1 : for SGRBs, this interaction can also explain the origin of GRB170817A (shock breakout) and the GW-GRB delay: see e.g. Bromberg et al. 2018).
- Note 2 : especially in LGRBs, this interaction is also discussed as a possible phase of neutrino emission.

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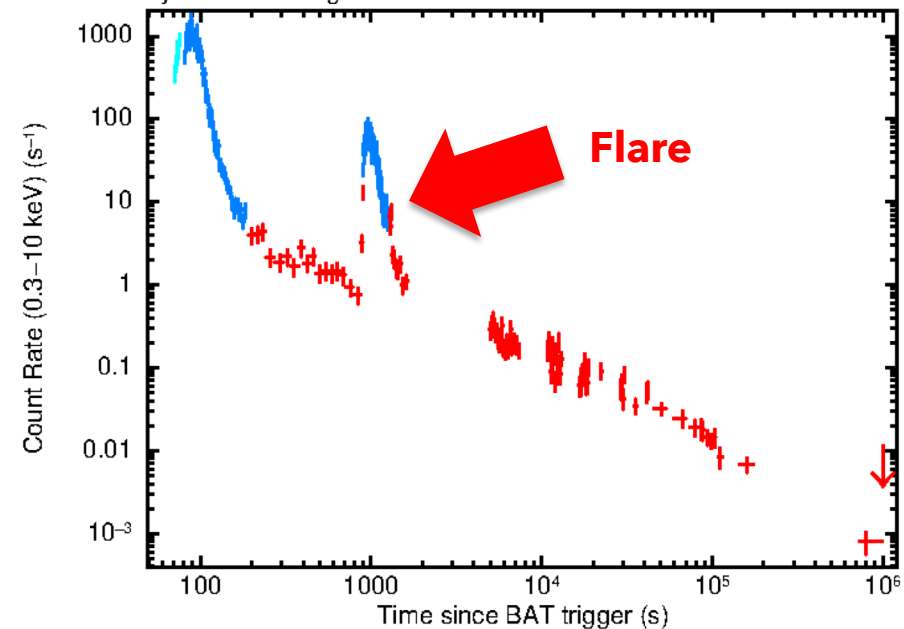
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Part of the PhD project of R. Duque @ IAP

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

Swift/XRT data of GRB 061121



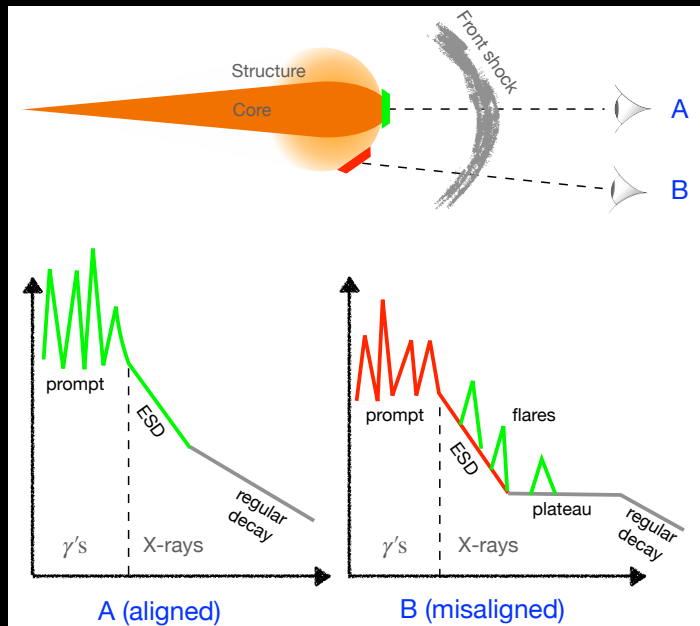
Swift/XRT data of GRB 100619A  
cyan: WT settling – blue: WT – red: PC



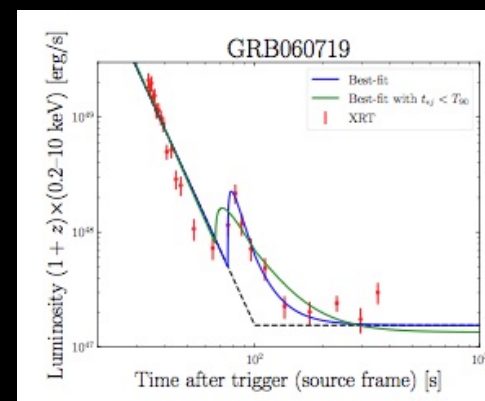
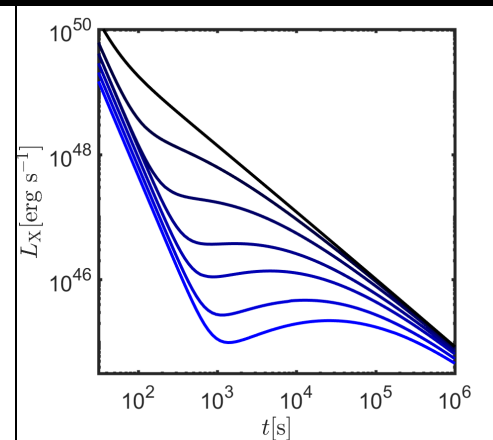
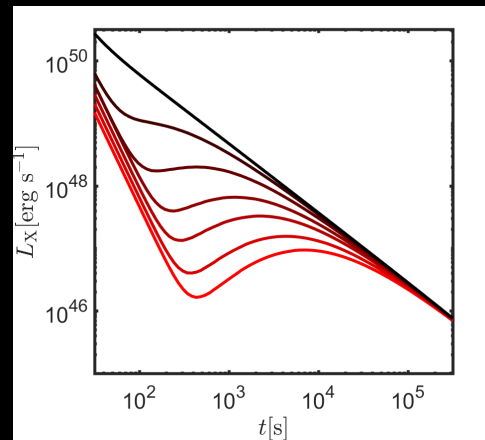


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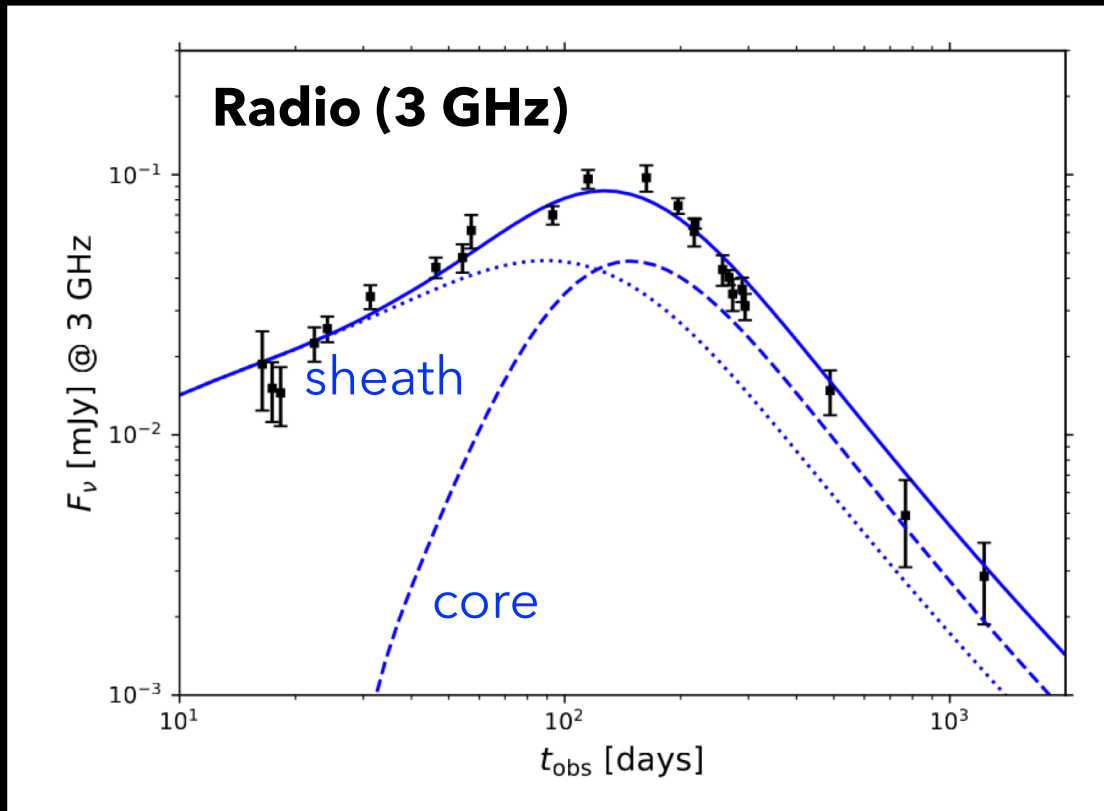
**Slightly off-axis jets:  
X-ray plateaus and flares?**



Duque et al. [FD] 2022

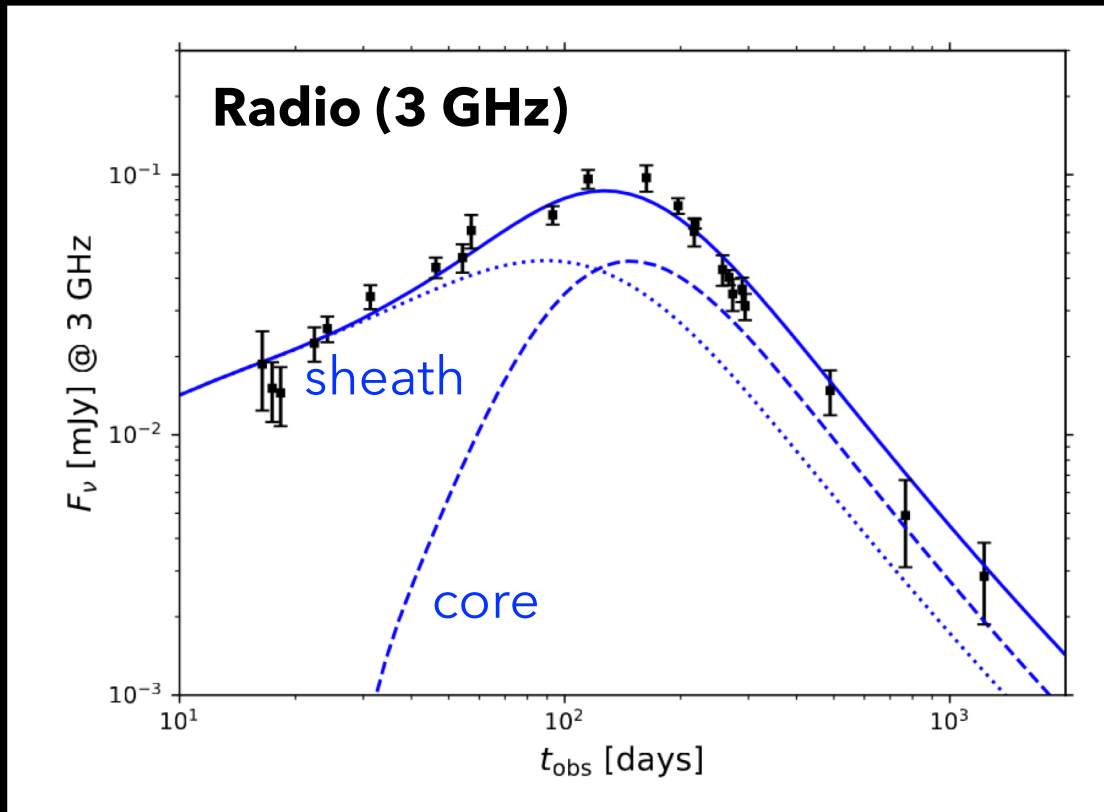
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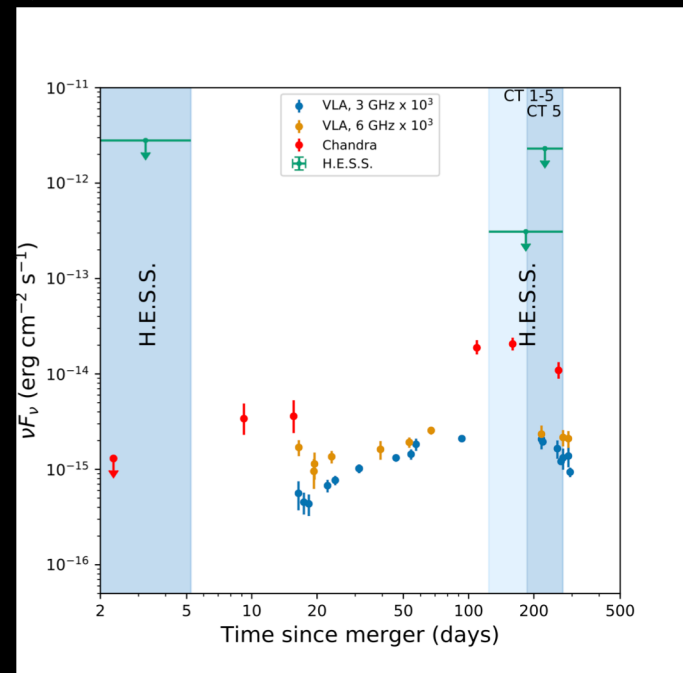


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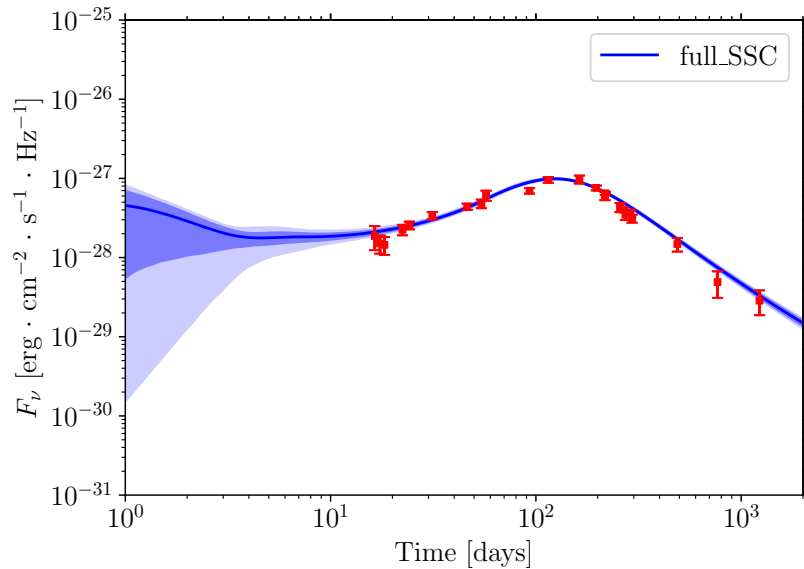
HESS limit at the peak  
(HESS Collab 2020)



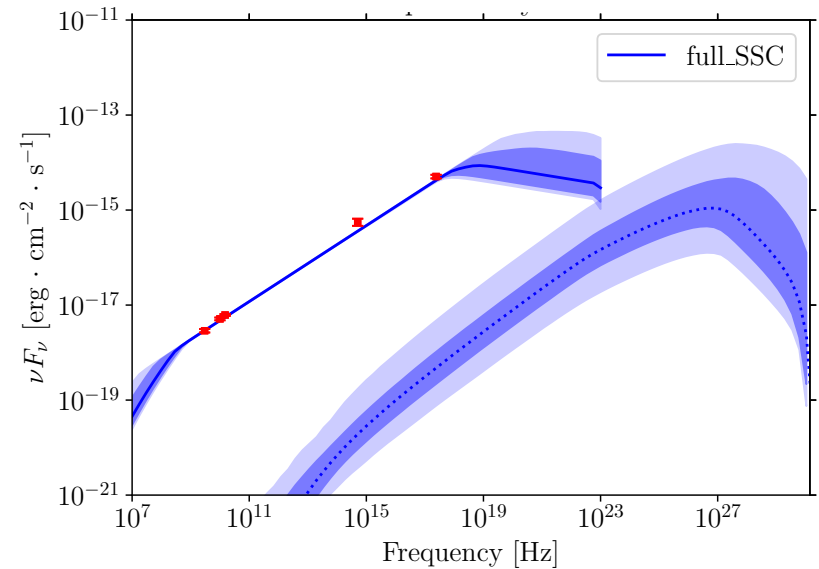
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- Full calculation of the afterglow of a structured jet including SSC in Klein-Nishina regime  
Part of the PhD work of Clément Pellouin @ IAP

Radio lightcurve (3 GHz)



Spectrum at the peak

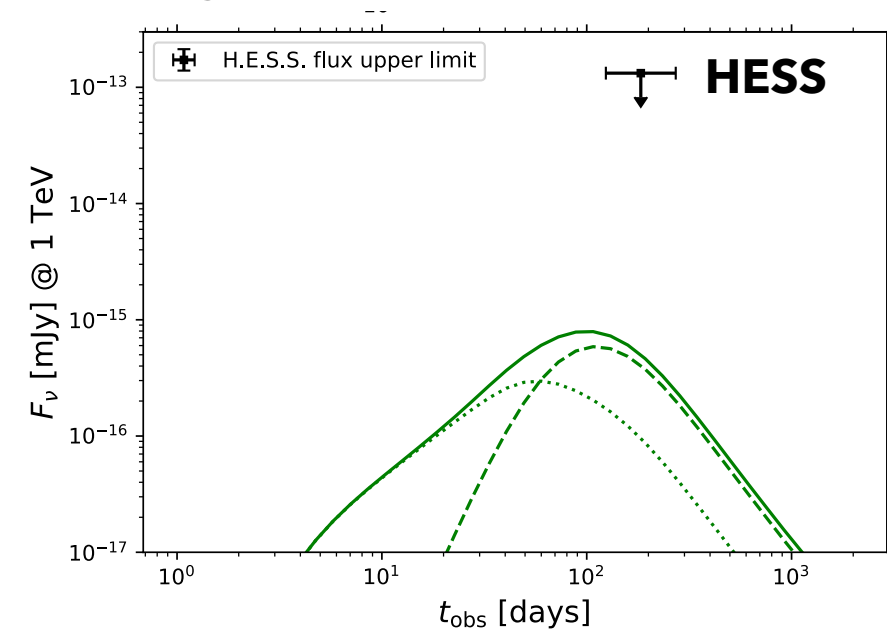


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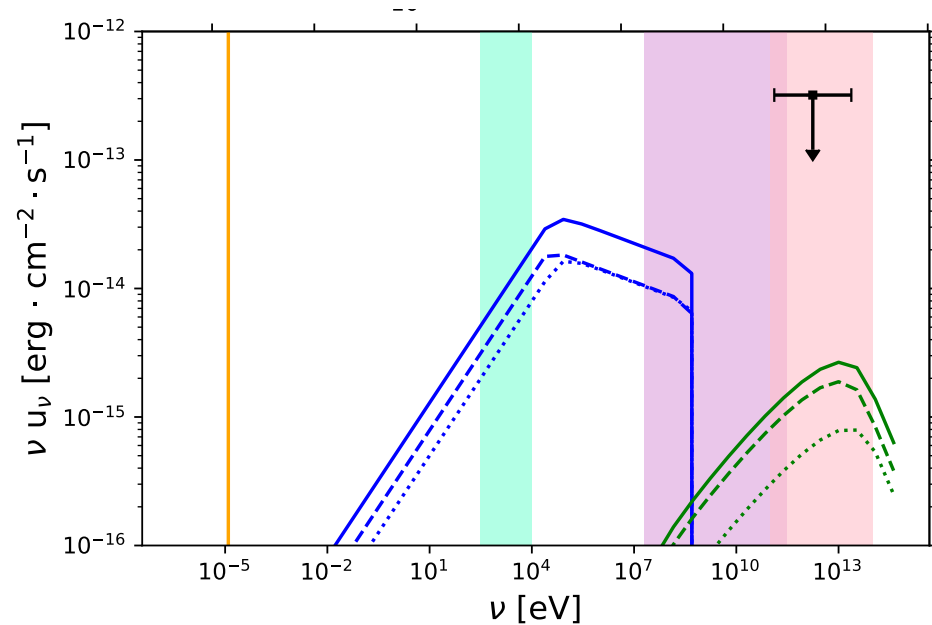
# TeV AFTERGLOW OF A BNS MERGER?

- Full calculation including SSC in Klein-Nishina regime
- TeV lightcurve peaks  $\sim 2$  orders of magnitude below the HESS limit

## Lightcurve @ 1TeV



## Spectrum@VHE peak (99 days)

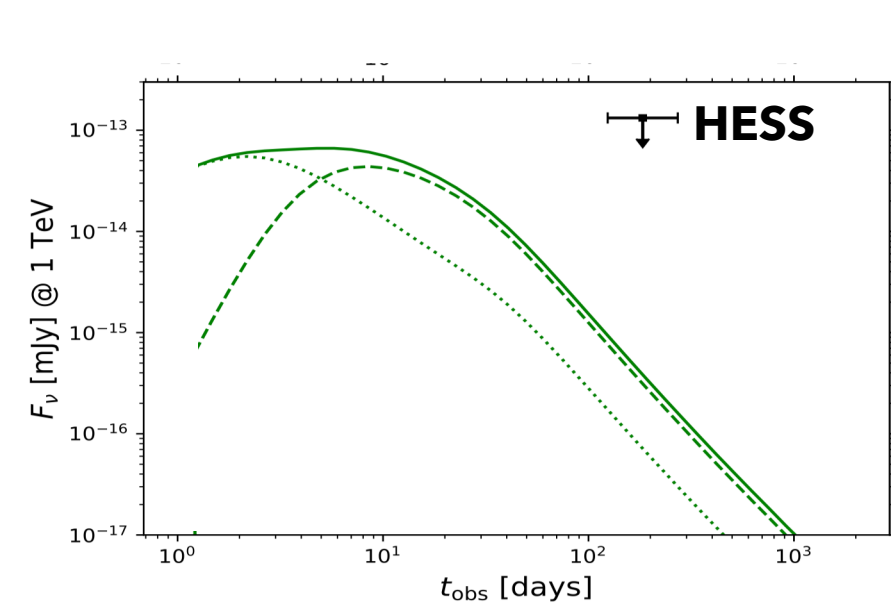


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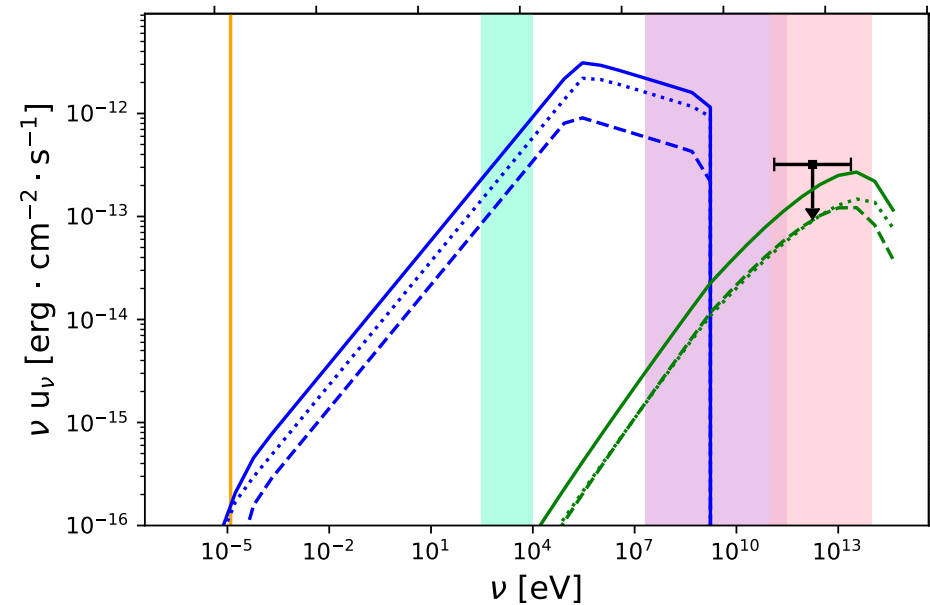
# TEV AFTERGLOW OF A BNS MERGER?

- Same afterglow seen less off-axis ( $\sim 10^\circ$ ) becomes detectable by HESS
- and could be detectable by CTAO at  $> 100$  Mpc

## Lightcurve @ 1TeV



## Spectrum@VHE peak (5 days)

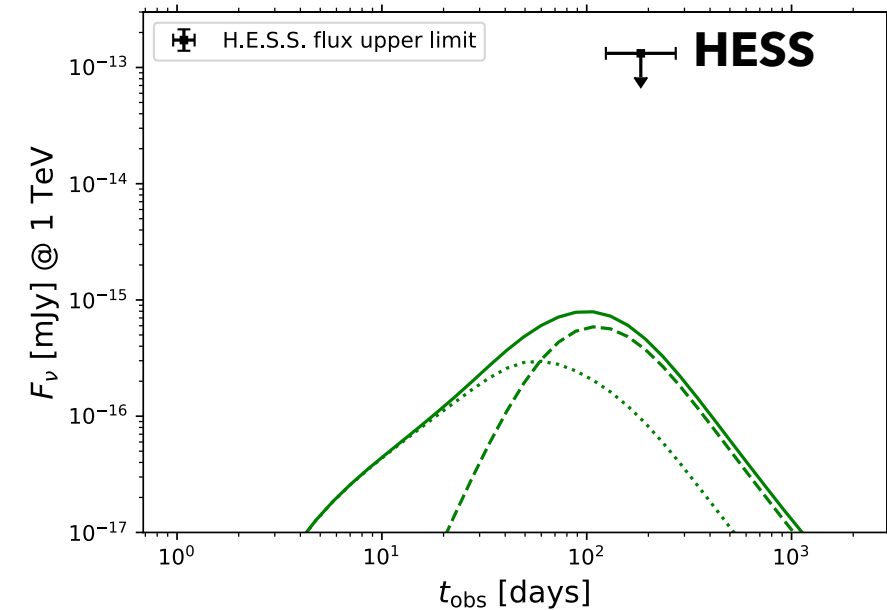


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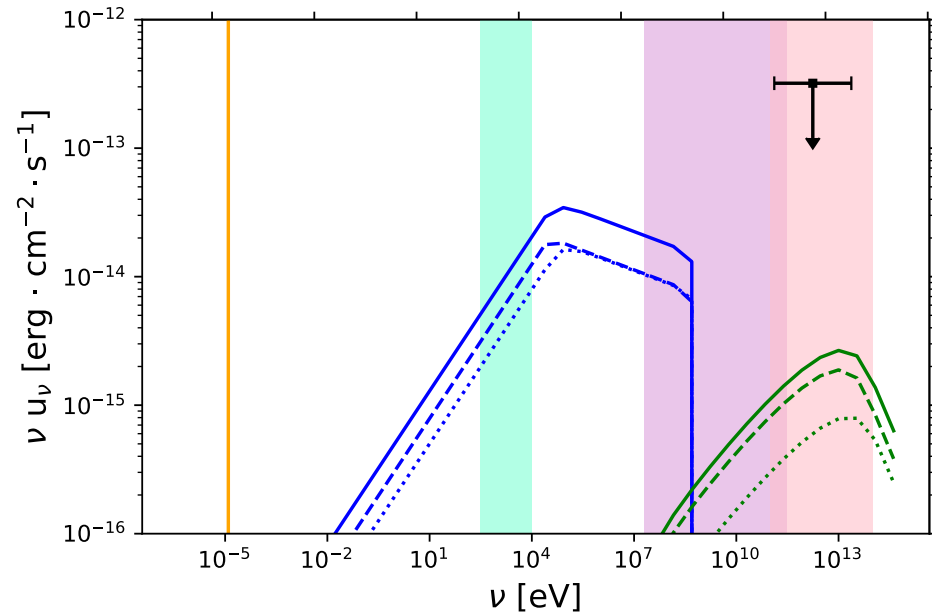
# TeV AFTERGLOW OF A BNS MERGER?

- Same afterglow (same viewing angle) with a higher external density can become detectable

## Lightcurve @ 1TeV - $3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



## Spectrum@VHE peak (99 days)

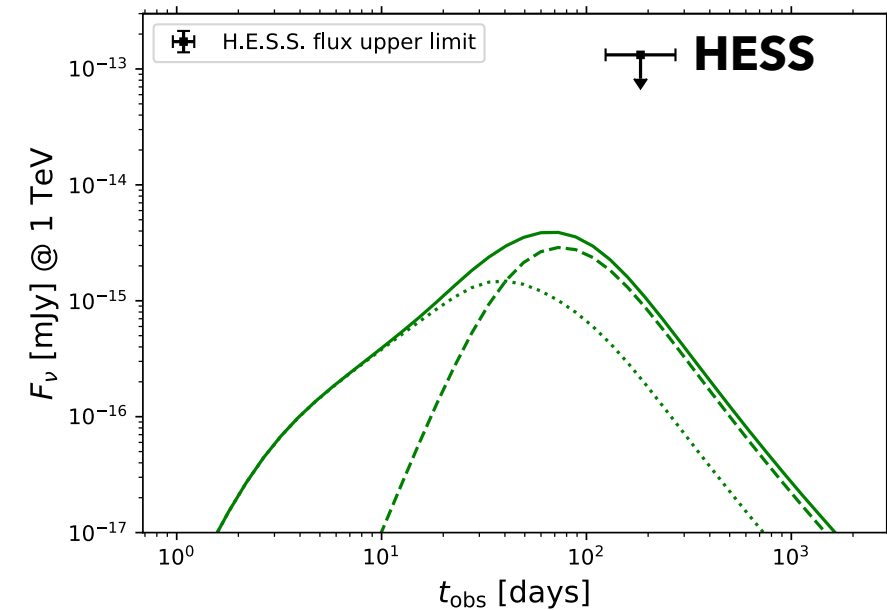


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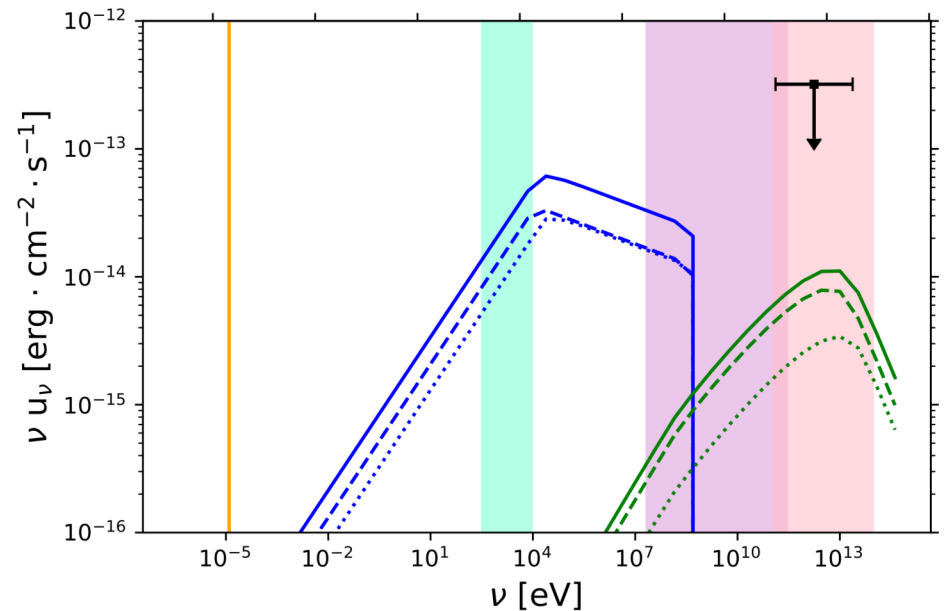
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## Lightcurve @ 1 TeV - $10^{-2} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



## Spectrum@VHE peak (67 days)



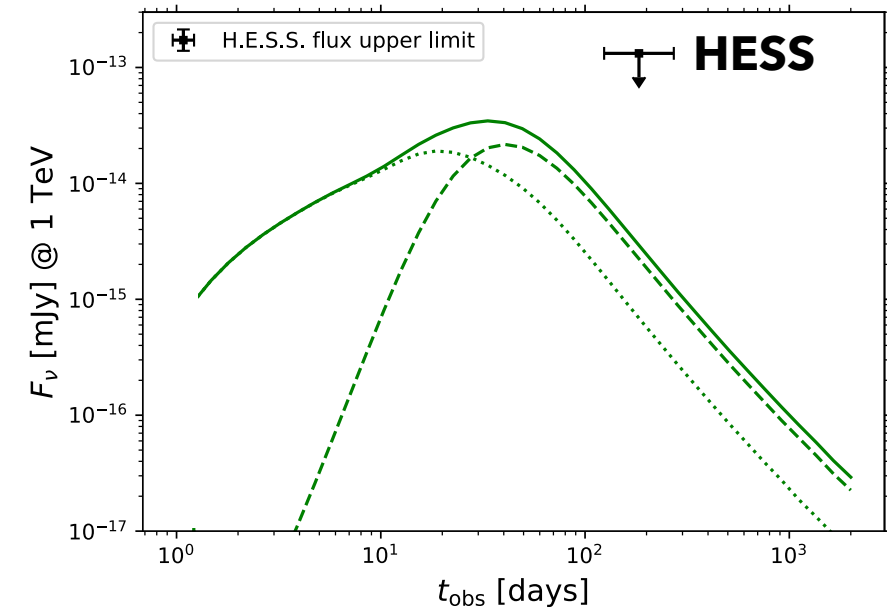
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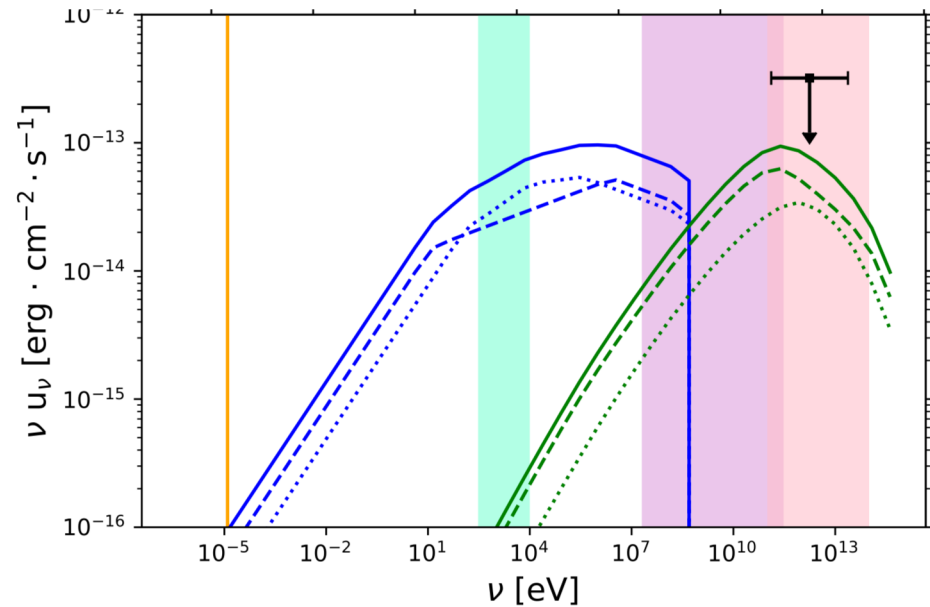
# TEV AFTERGLOW OF A BNS MERGER?

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## Lightcurve @ 1 TeV - $10^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



## Spectrum@VHE peak (34 days)

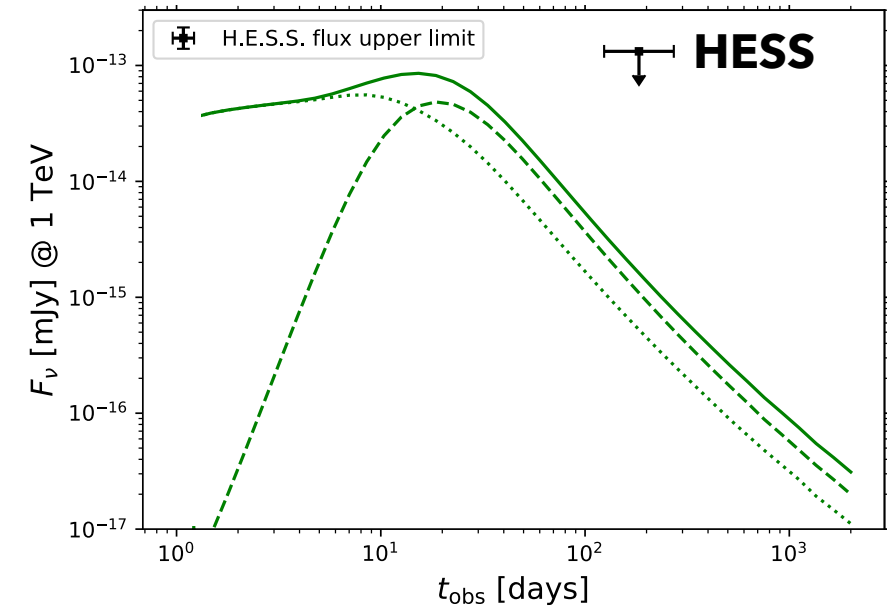


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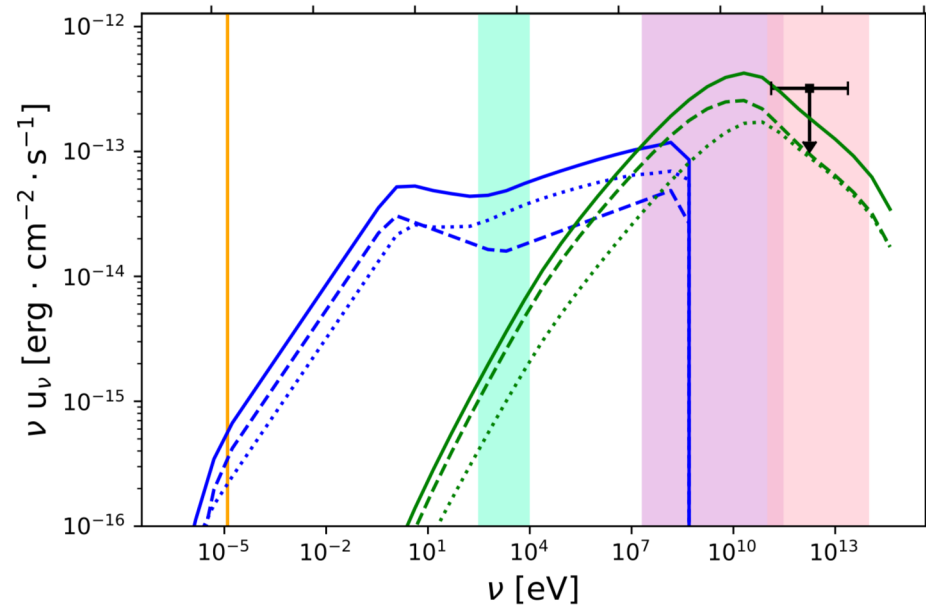
# TEV AFTERGLOW OF A BNS MERGER?

- Same afterglow (same viewing angle) with a higher external density can become detectable

## Lightcurve @ 1 TeV - 1 cm<sup>-3</sup>



## Spectrum@VHE peak (15 days)

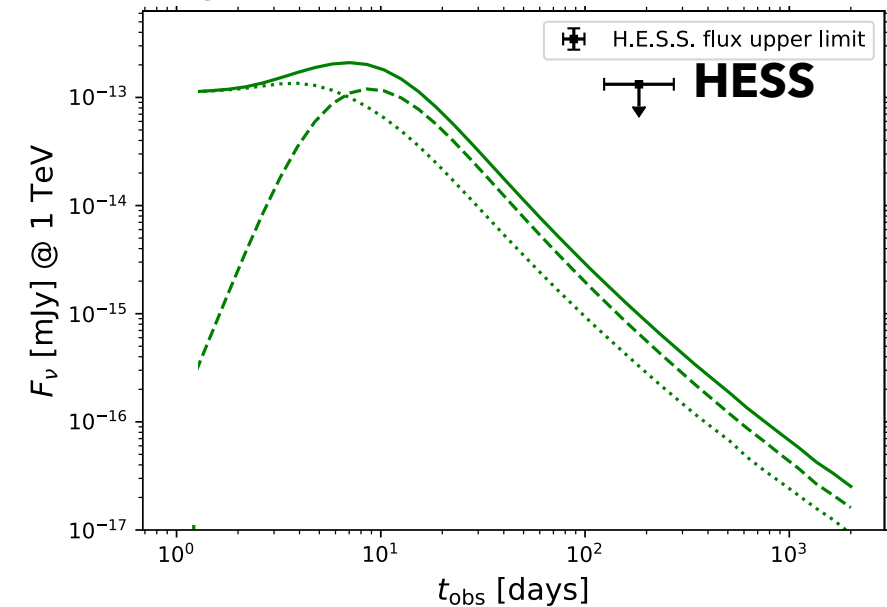


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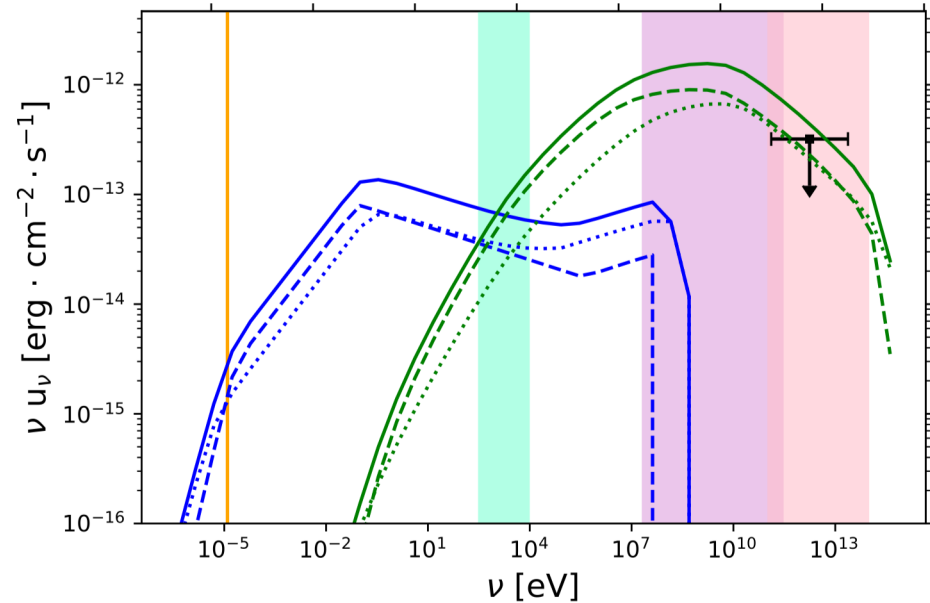
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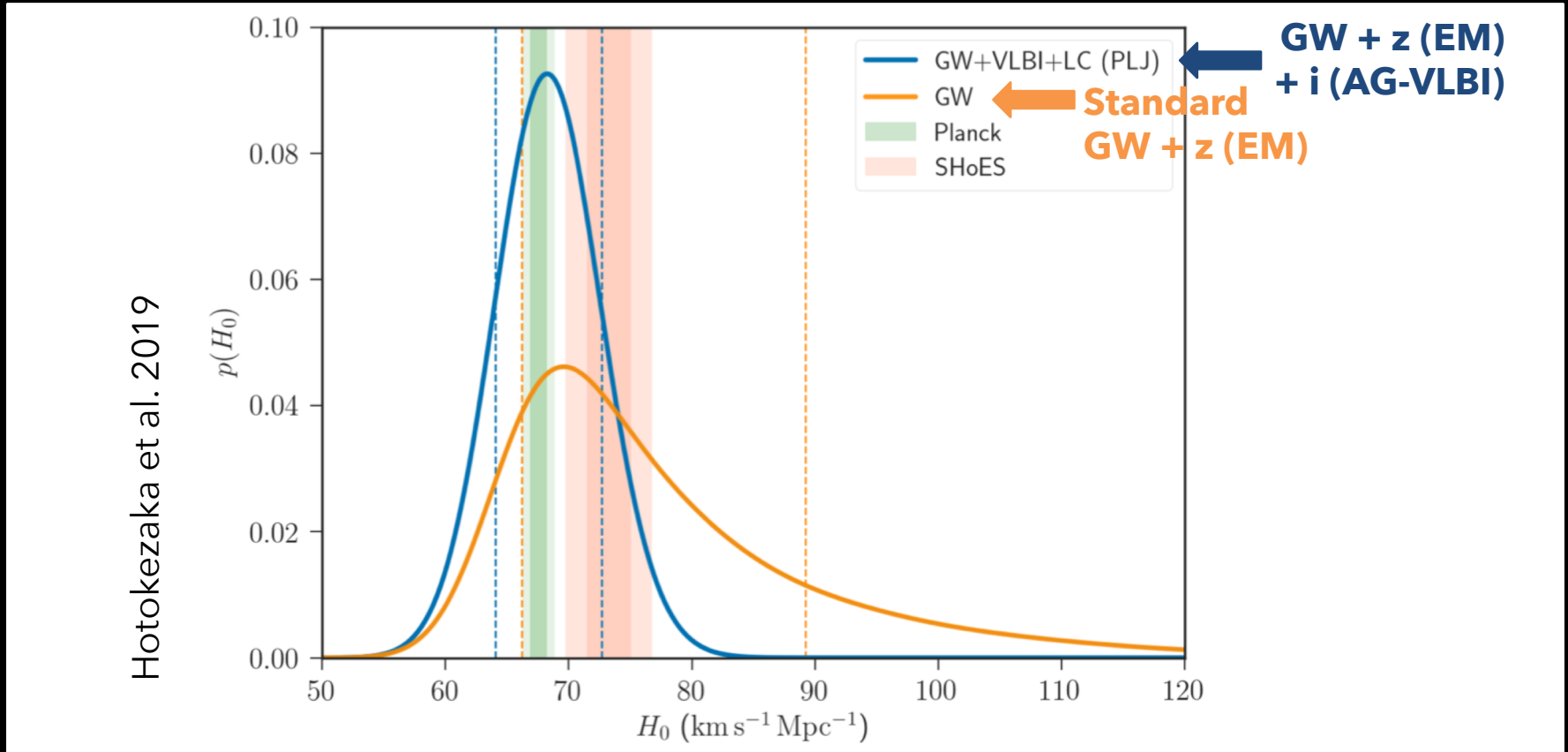
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- **If a formation channel leading to fast mergers exists, these systems should be over-represented in the GW-AG sample, due to brighter afterglows** (Duque et al. [FD] 2020)
- **These systems may be the only ones detected at VHE: direct signature of high density environment**
- **Many arguments in favor of such systems: some SGRB afterglow fits, some SGRB low offset in host galaxy, early r-process enrichment, etc.**
- **A possible new constraint on the stellar physics in binaries**

# NEW MULTI-MESSENGER DETECTIONS?

# 170817 & COSMOLOGY: $H_0$

- GW: degeneracy distance-inclination
- AG VLBI: constraint on inclination – improves the measurement of  $H_0$



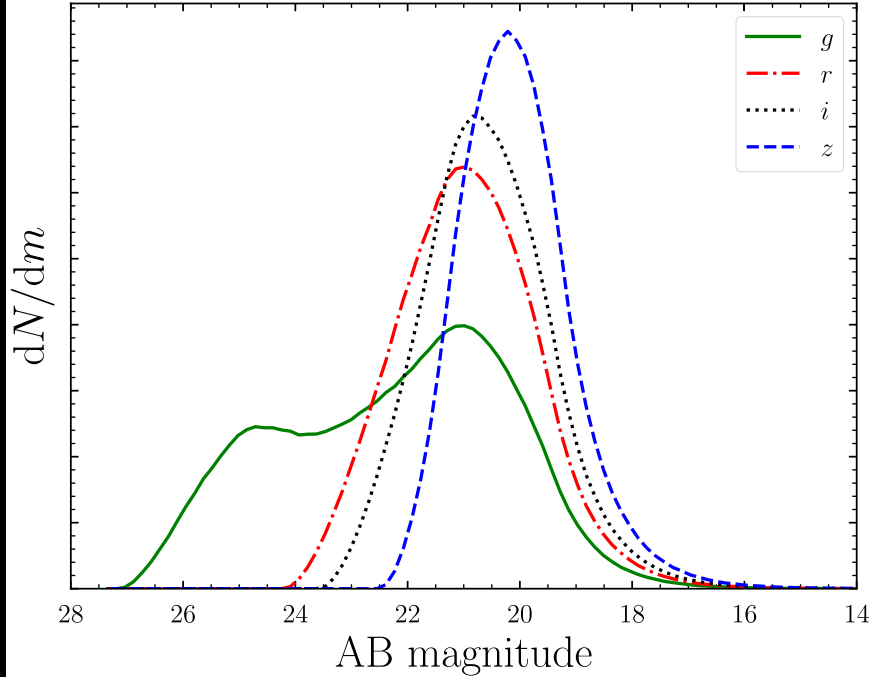
- See discussion in Mastrogiovanni et al. [FD] 2021: building a sample with such multiple observations will be slow, but each new event has an impact.

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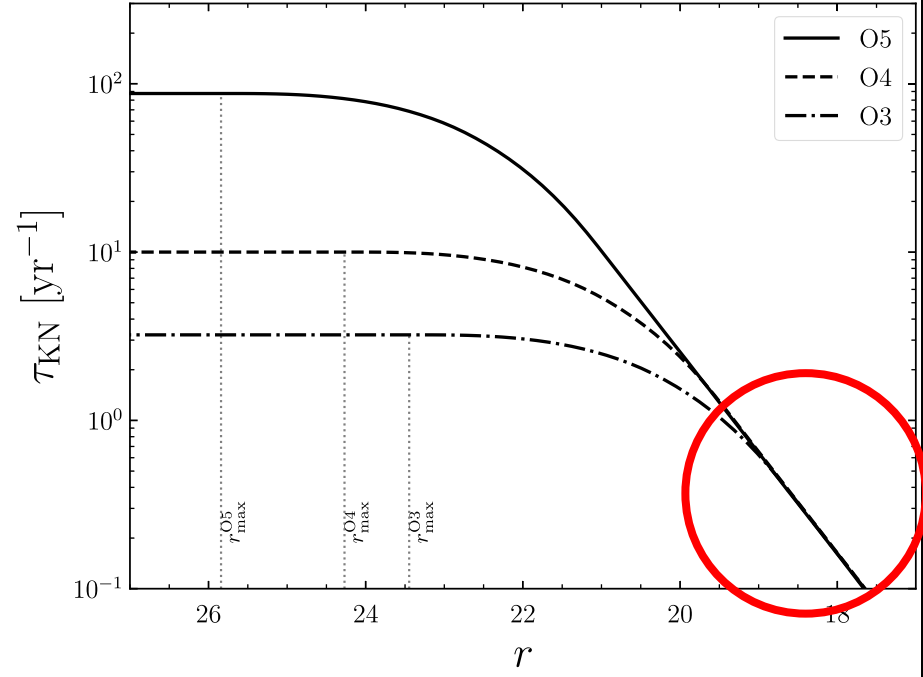
- LVK: run O4 is starting
- What do population models including EM counterparts say?
- Best candidate: KN (quasi-isotropic emission in V-IR)
- If KN is detected: accurate position, multi-wavelength search

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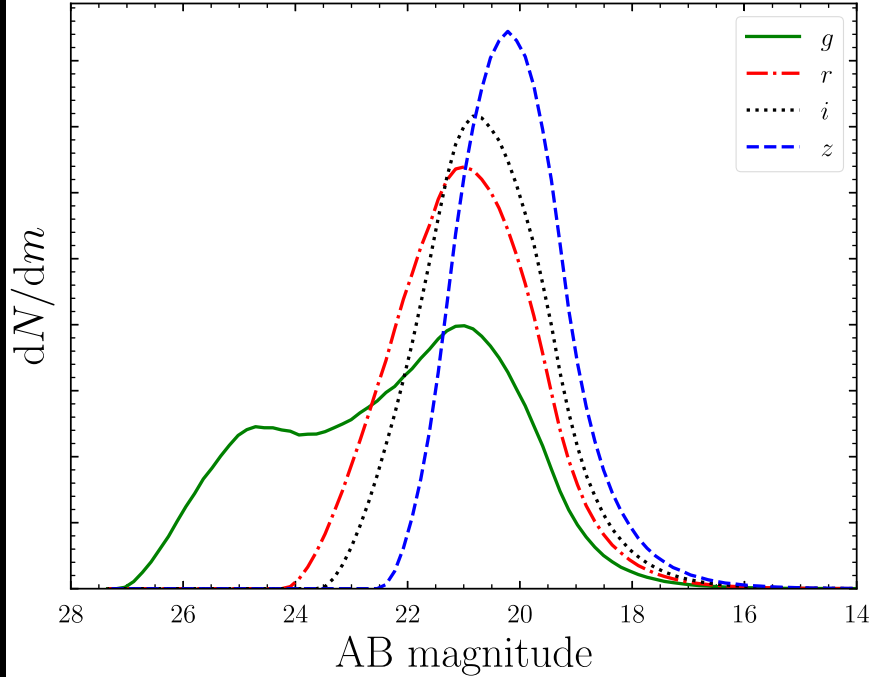
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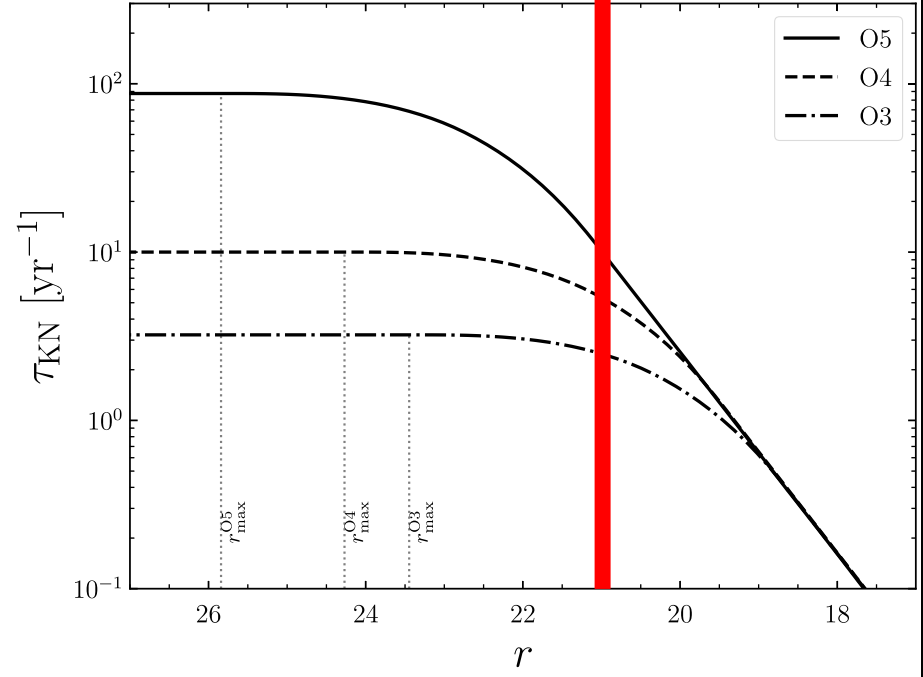


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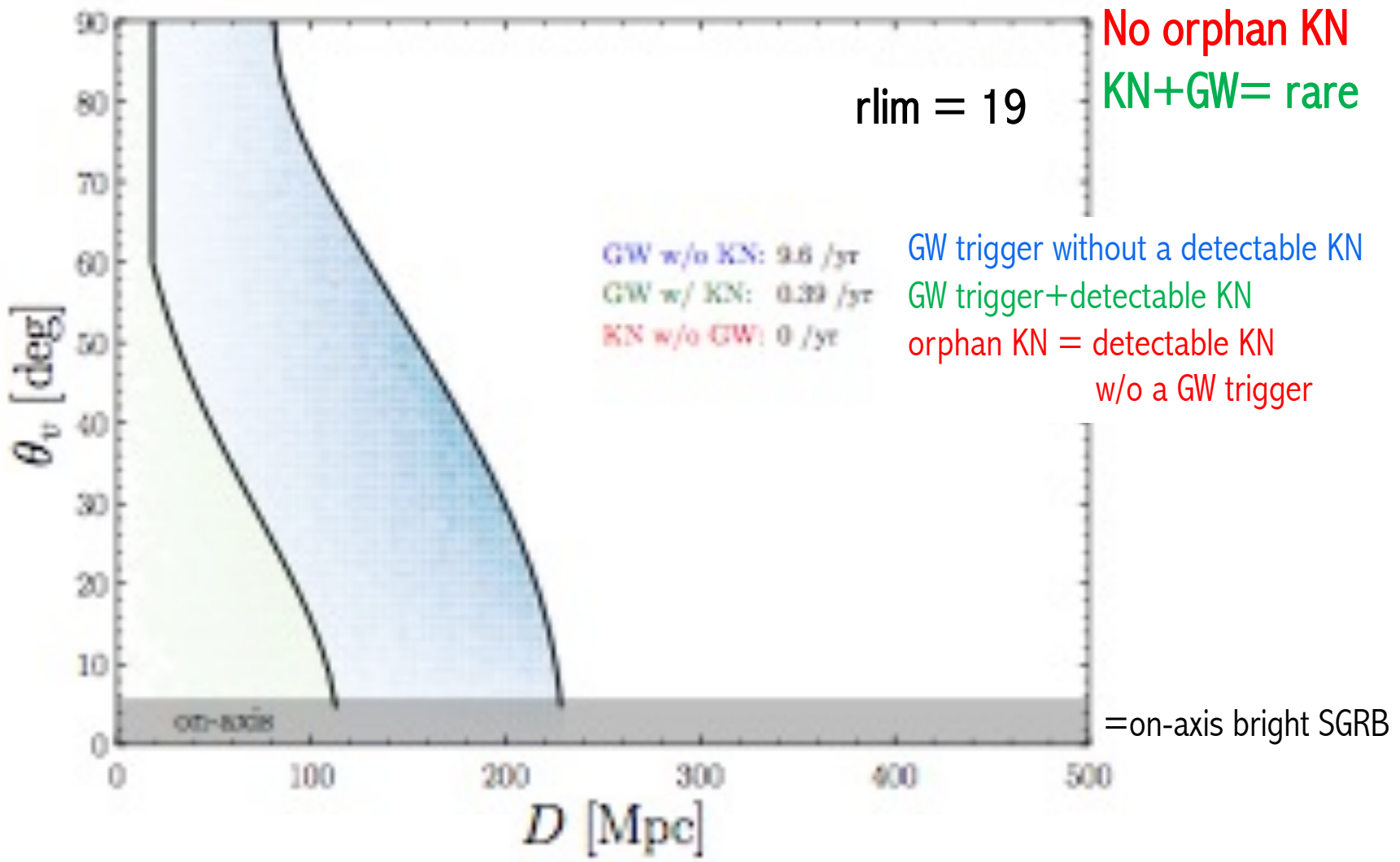
Deeper search:  $r_{lim}=20-21$   
 Significant increase of the rate with improved GW sensitivity  
 O4: several detectable KN per year  
 O5: > 10 detectable KN per year

**Detectable → Detected: strategy? (ZTF+LSST/Vera Rubin+follow-up telescopes...)**

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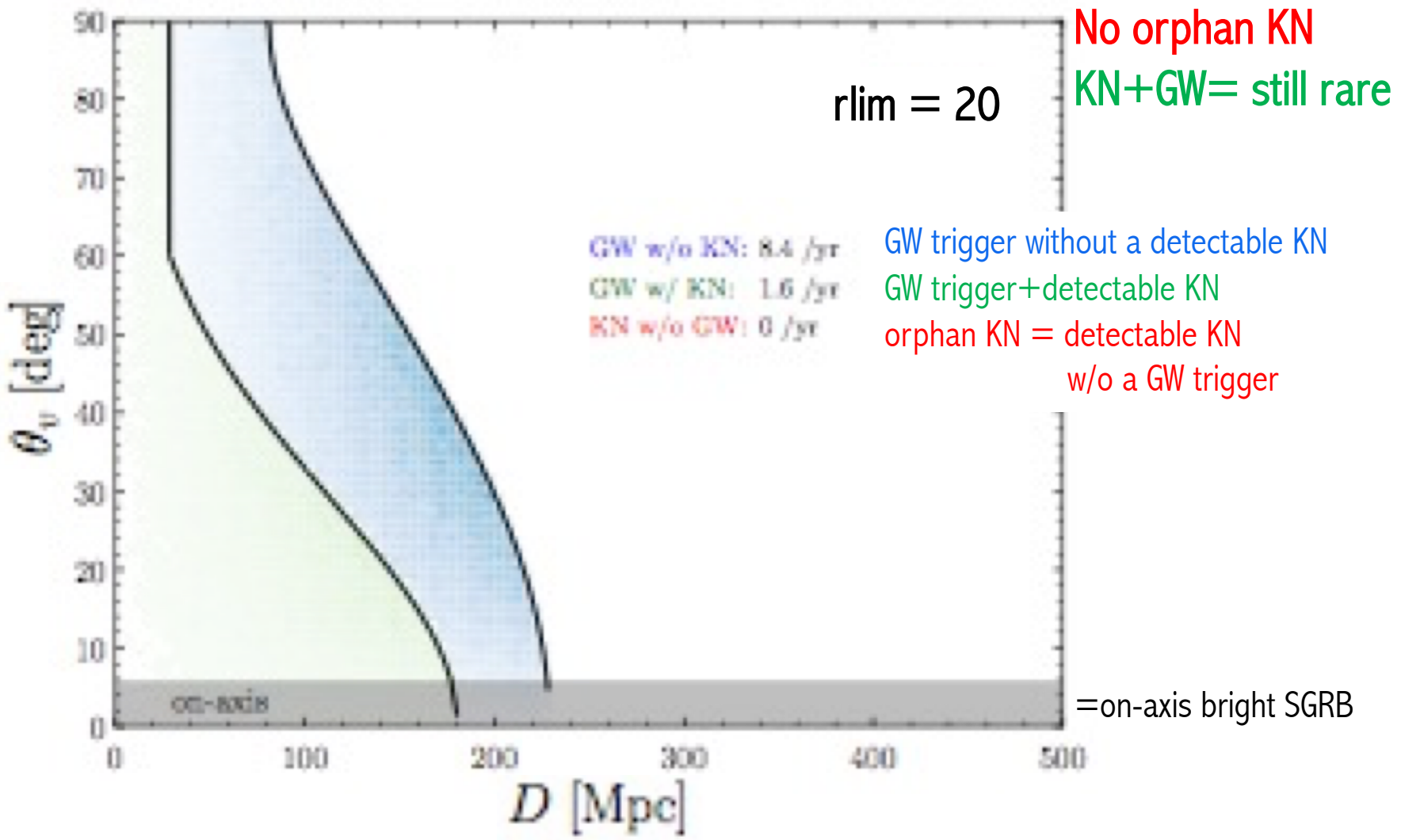
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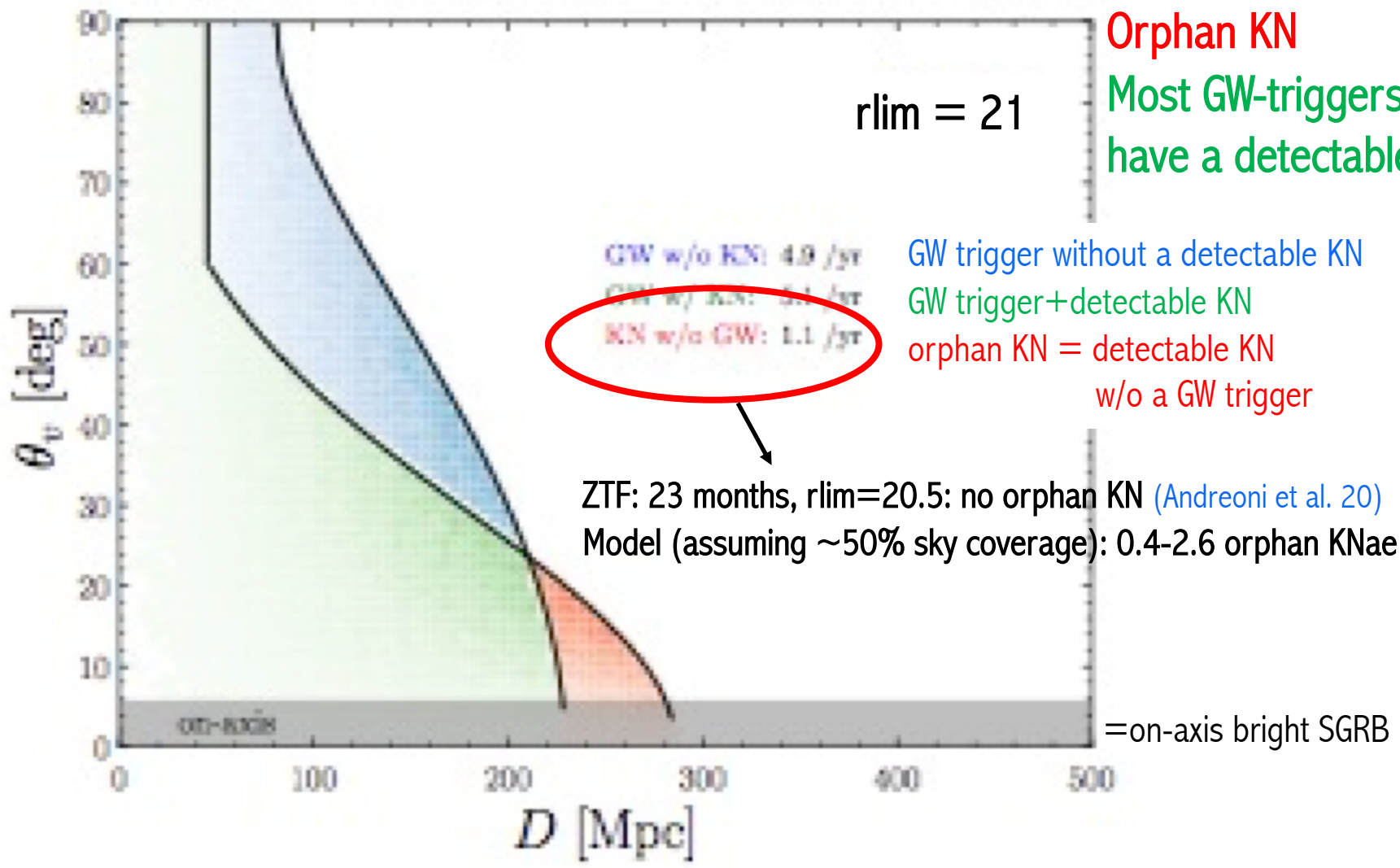
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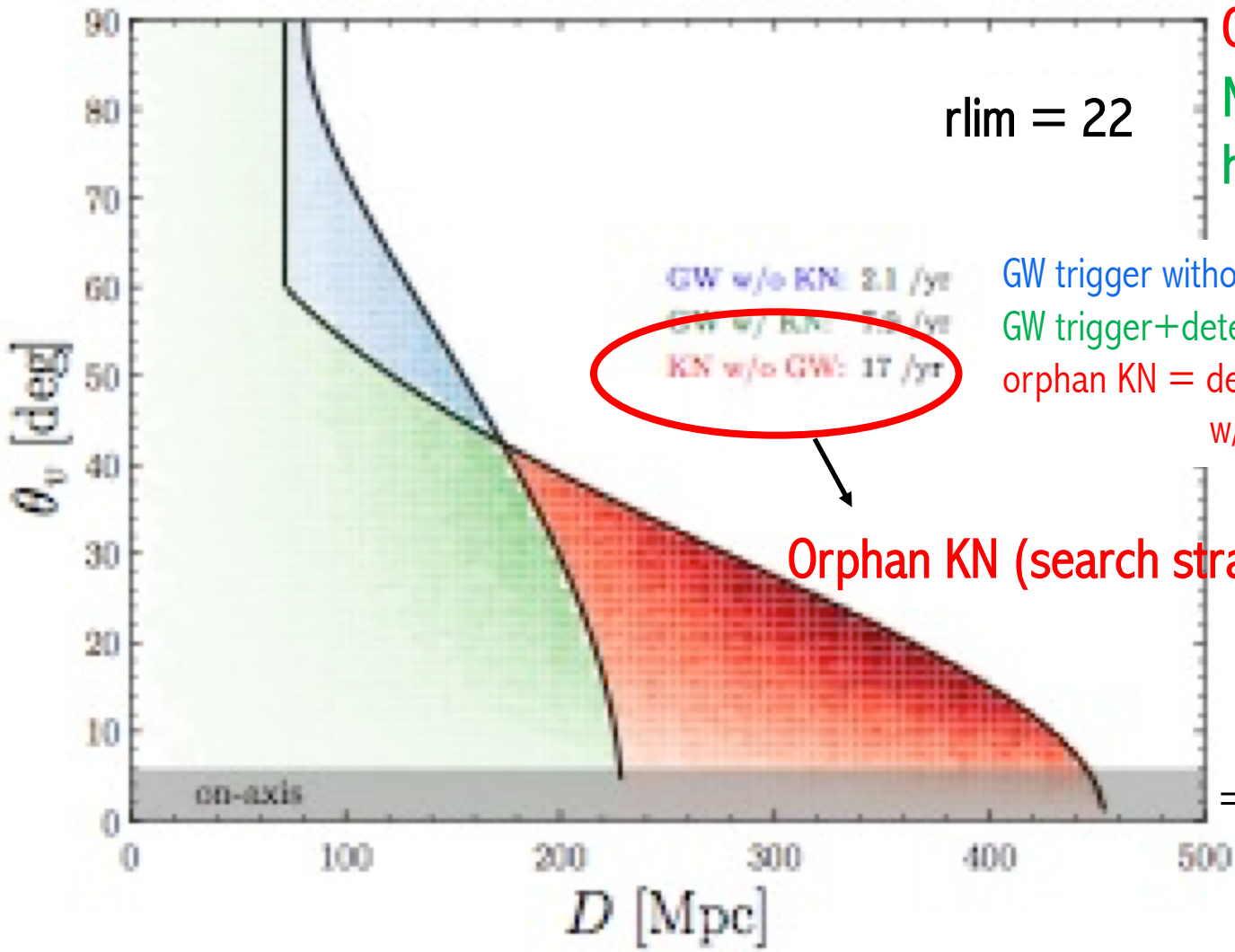
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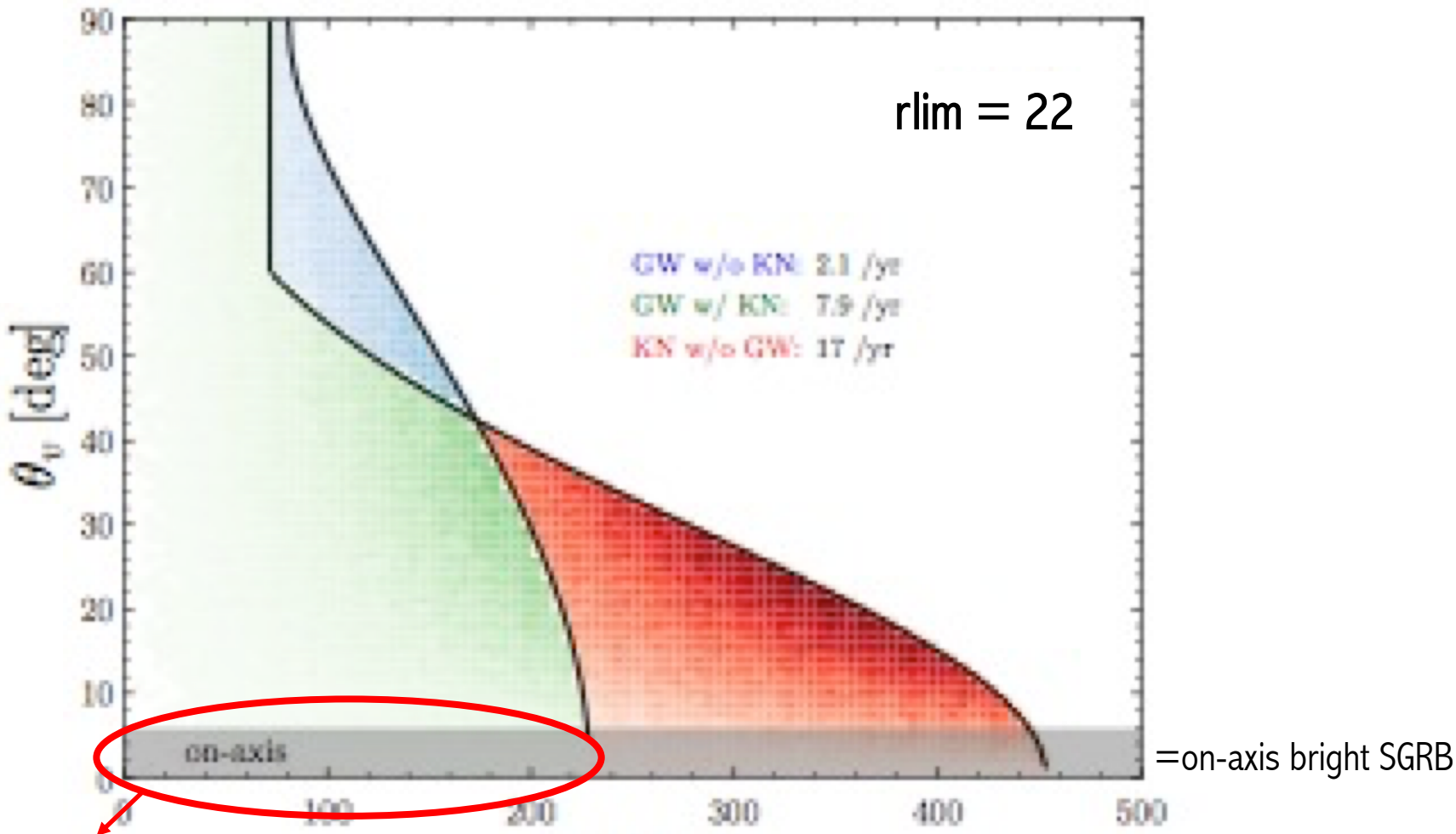
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GW trigger without a detectable KN  
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**O4: GW+bright SGRB are very rare! (1 every 5-20 years in whole sky) - O5? ET?**

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- A major challenge: from « detectable » to « detected » events.
- A key quantity: localization accuracy
- Associations during O4 should remain rare, best candidate = kilonova
- Other channels can be explored to study the post-merger physics:
  - GRB+KN
  - Orphan KN
  - Orphan AG
- In the future: large field-of-view/deep limit magnitude instruments should play a major role in this quest (observation cadence for LSST-Rubin?)
- Association GW – bright short GRB (i.e. on-axis): small probability in O4, better in O5 and much better with Einstein Telescope

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- **Sino-French mission, to be launched at the end of 2023 (P.I. J. Wei (China) & B. Cordier (France))**
- **A satellite with four instruments (gamma-rays, X-rays, visible)**  
(Large fov /Narrow fov / Slew / Anti-Solar pointing)
- **Complementary ground-based instruments (visible, near-infrared)**
- **Core program: gamma-ray bursts**
- **MM program multi-wavelength follow-up of GW,  $\nu$  alerts**



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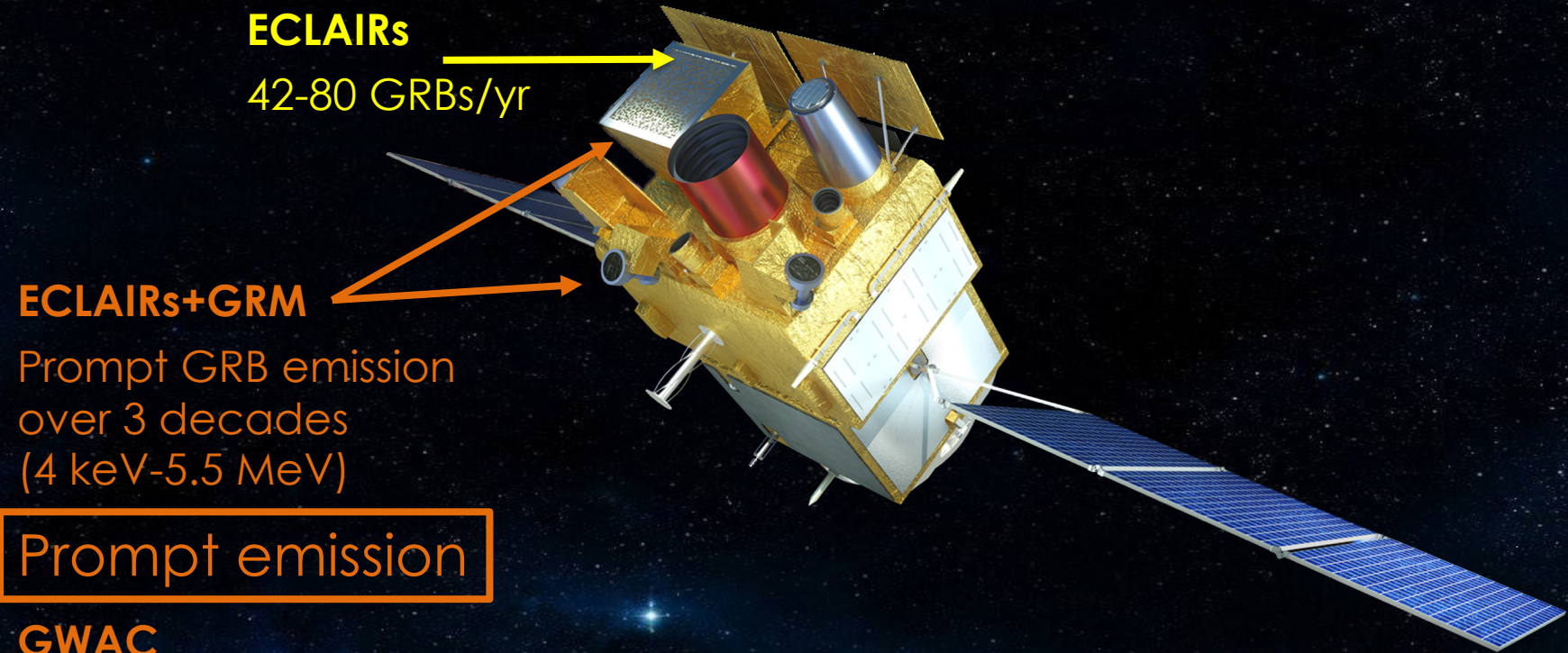
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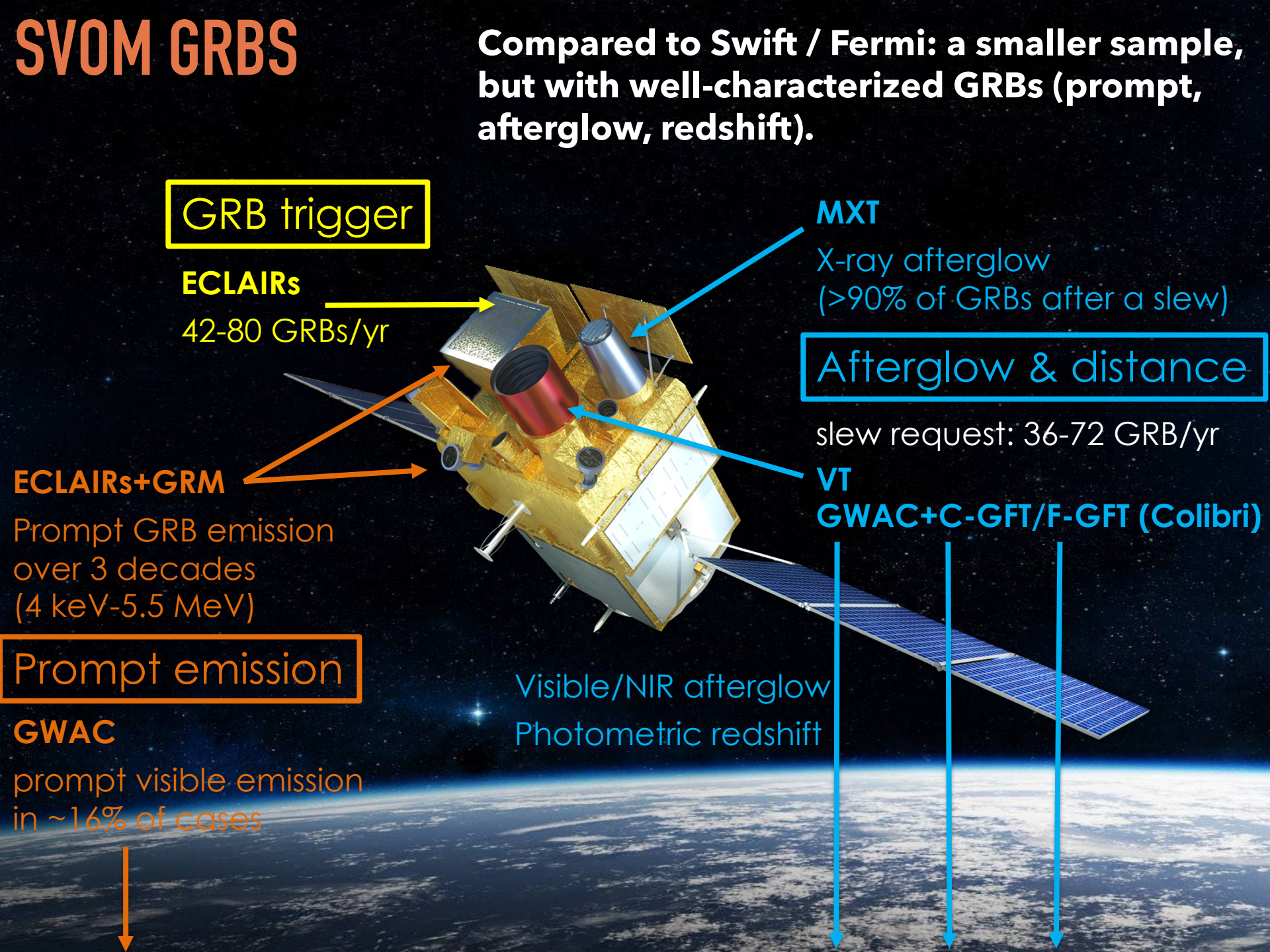
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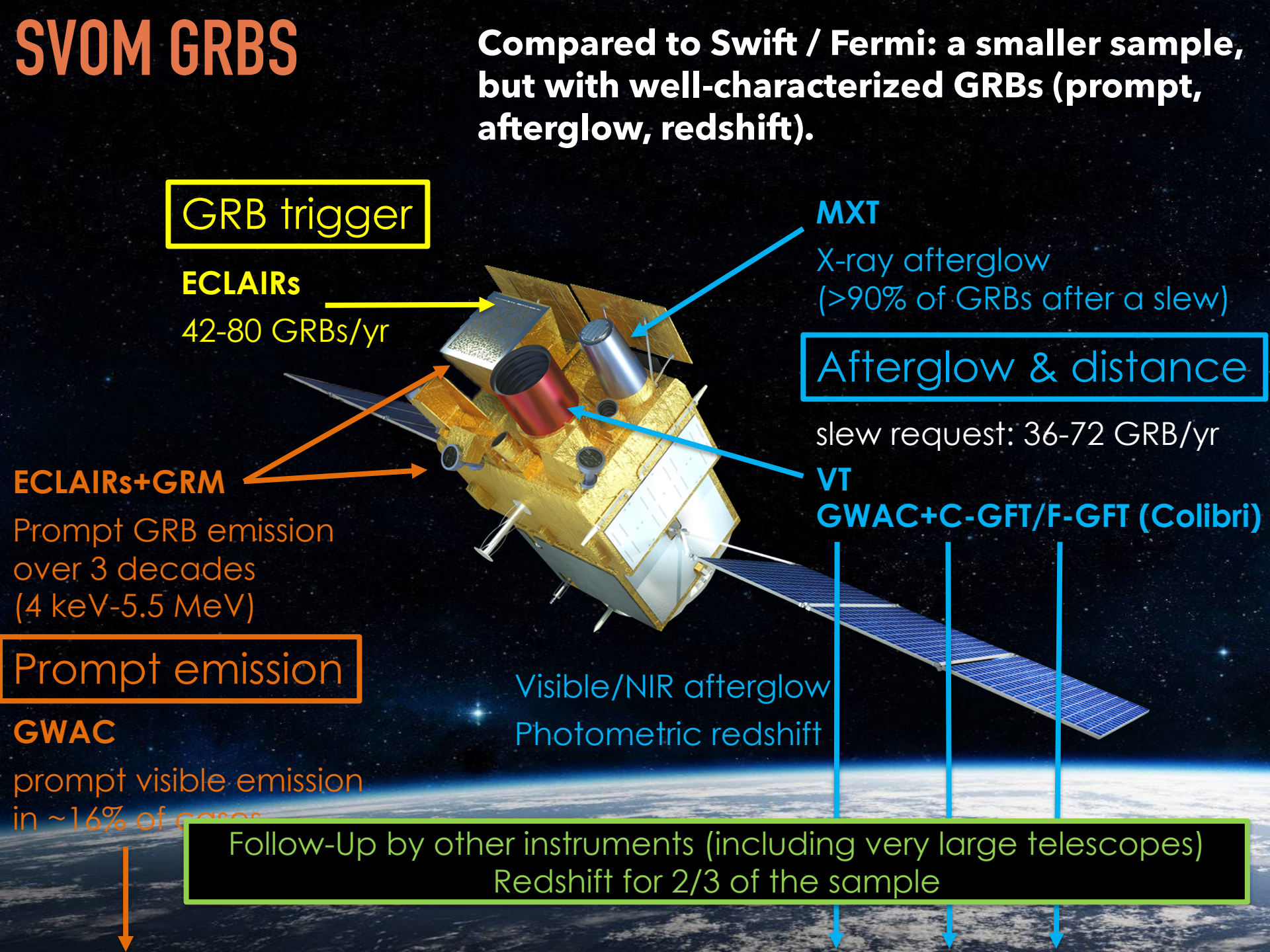
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Redshift for 2/3 of the sample



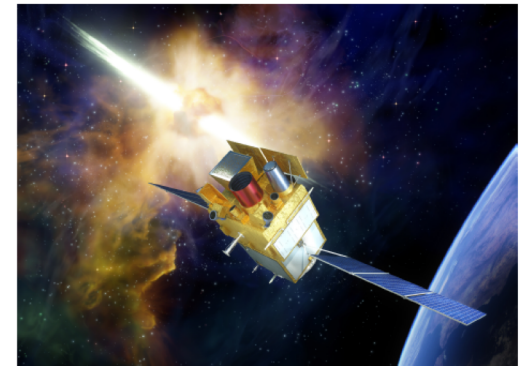
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Scientific prospects of the *SVOM* mission

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Frontispiece : Artist view of the *SVOM* satellite

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# SUMMARY

- GRBs are extreme phenomena emblematic of high-energy/multi-messenger astrophysics, with potential applications in cosmology.
- 25 years after the discovery of the first afterglow (GRB 970228, BeppoSAX), new windows have open recently: TeV, GW
- A new generation of instruments is coming: more detections expected.

Among them: SVOM to be launched at the end of 2023.

**THANKS!**