



SEARCH FOR ORPHAN GAMMA-RAY BURST AFTERGLOWS IN RUBIN LSST DATA WITH FINK

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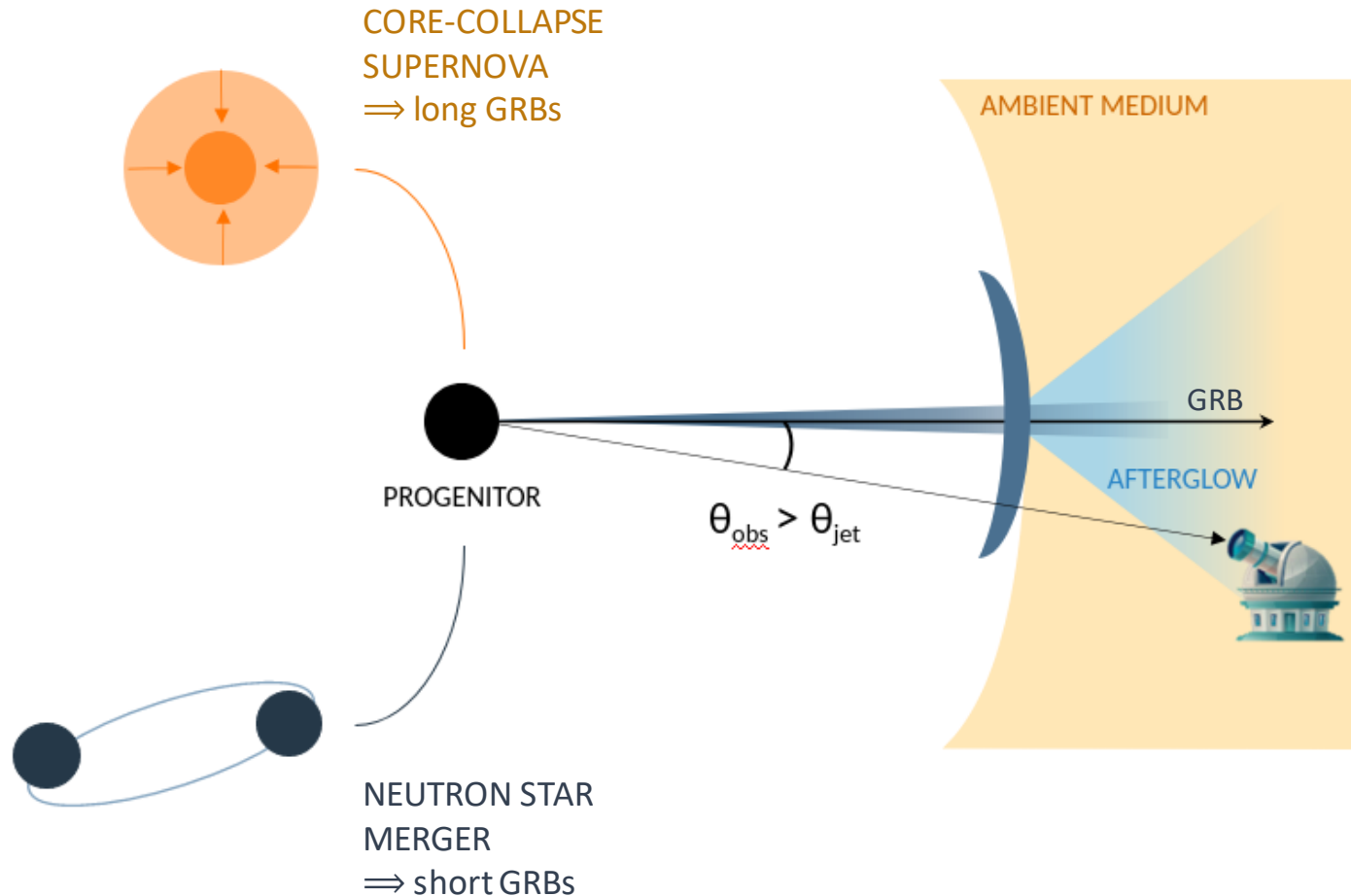
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BRIEF OVERVIEW

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THE ORPHAN AFTERGLOW: A GRB VIEWED OFF-AXIS



Afterglow = long-lasting and fading emission following the gamma prompt emission

Orphan afterglow = afterglow observed off-axis (without gamma-ray emission)
⇒ **No orphan afterglow detected so far!**
(Some candidates but none confirmed)

Why study orphan afterglows?

- More information on the GRB physics and their progenitors
- Multi-messenger analysis with gravitational waves

SIMULATION OF A POPULATION OF GRBS

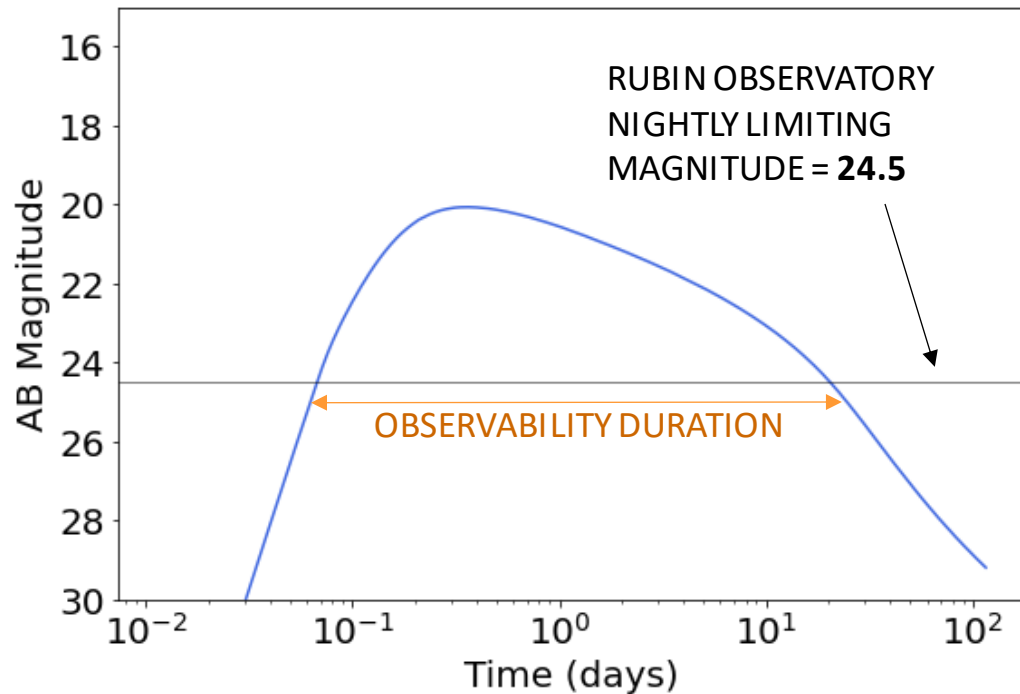
MODEL OF GRB AFTERGLOW EMISSION

afterglowpy package

<https://github.com/geoffryan/afterglowpy>

Identification of orphans based on their light curve

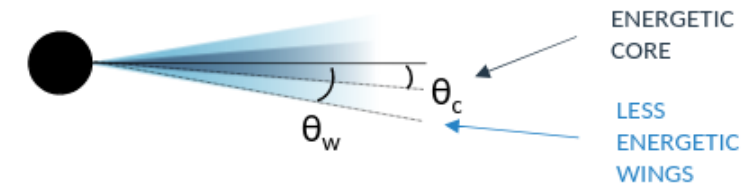
EXAMPLE OF AN ORPHAN LIGHT CURVE



**Forward shock model
+ electron synchrotron model**
(Van Eerten et al. 2010)

Studied parameters:

- Energy E_0
- Circumburst medium density n_0
- Redshift z
- Observer angle θ_{obs}
- Jet type (uniform or **structured**)
- Core angle θ_c
- Truncature angle θ_w



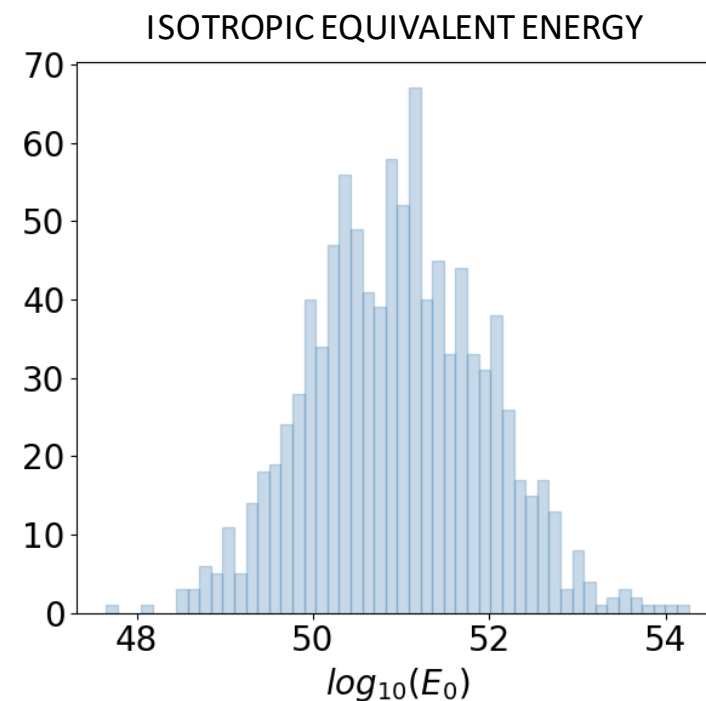
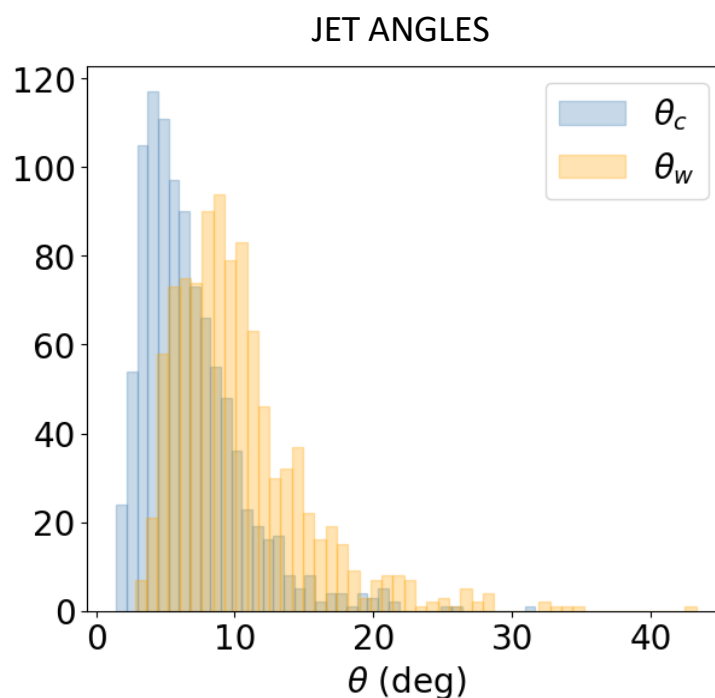
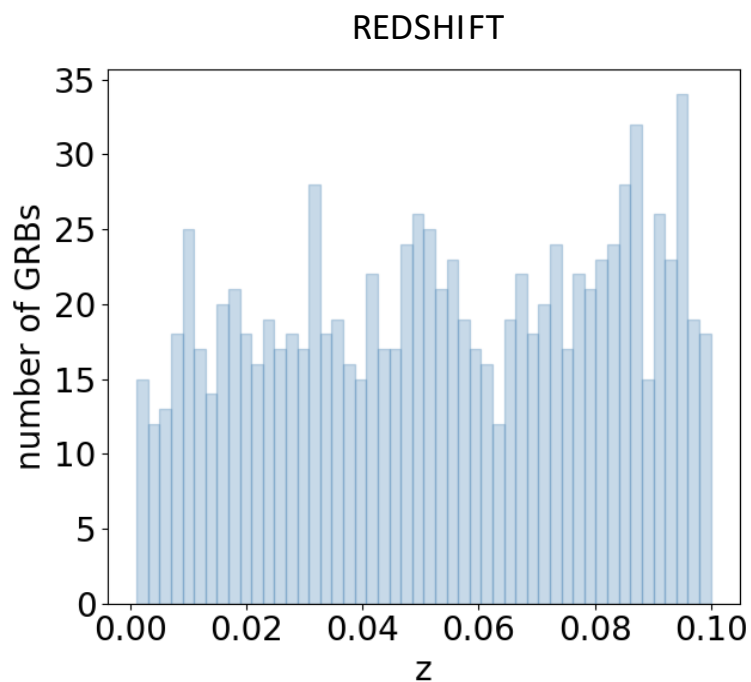
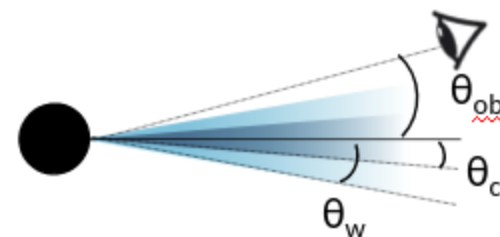
SIMULATION OF A POPULATION OF GRBS

POPULATION OF SHORT GRBS (TEMPORARY)

Goal: To simulate somewhat realistic distributions for short GRBs

Studied parameters distributions:

- **Circumburst density n_0 :** uniform distribution [1.0 ; 100] cm^{-3}
- **Observer angle $\cos(\theta_{\text{obs}})$:** uniform distribution [0 ; 1] (isotropic)



POPULATION OF SHORT GRBS BASED ON THE SBAT4 CATALOGUE

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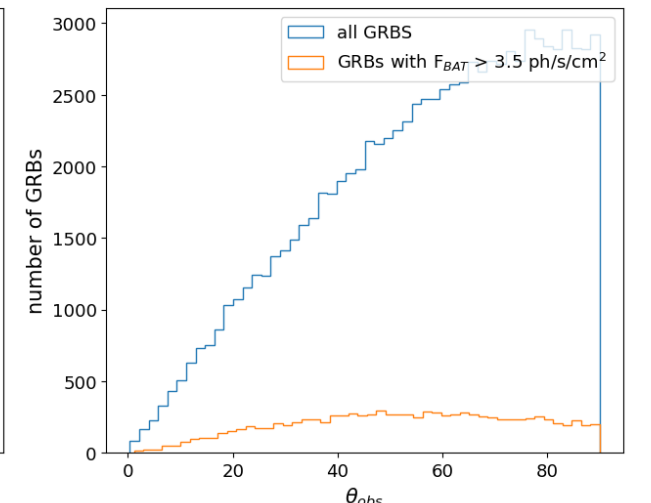
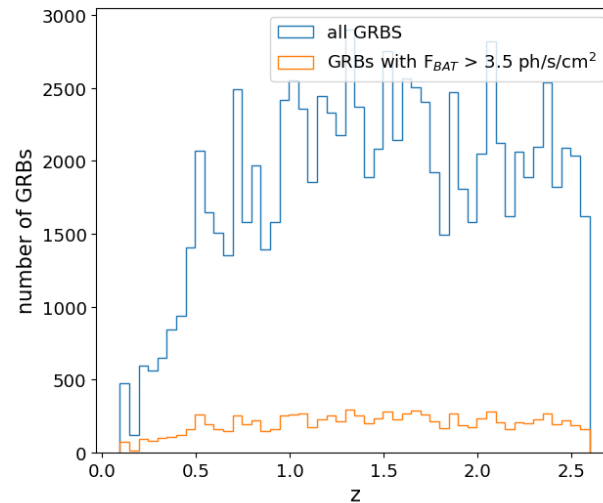
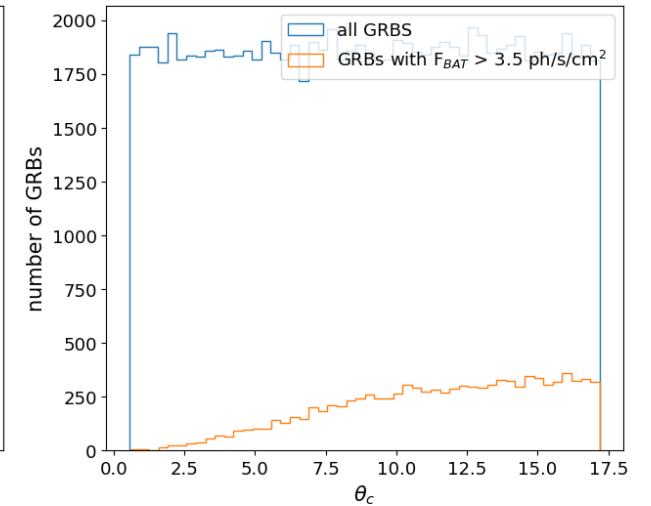
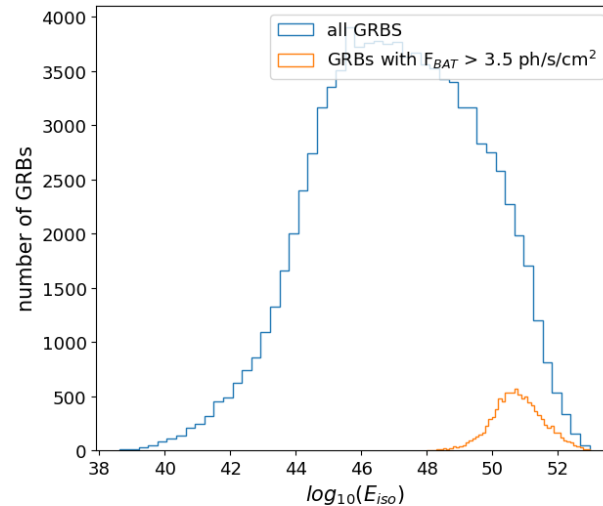
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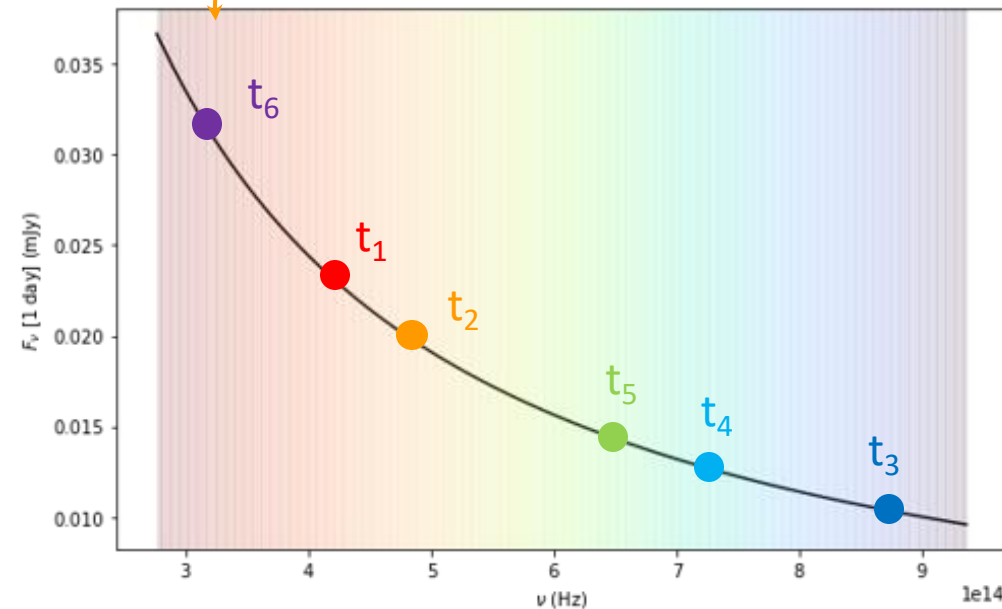
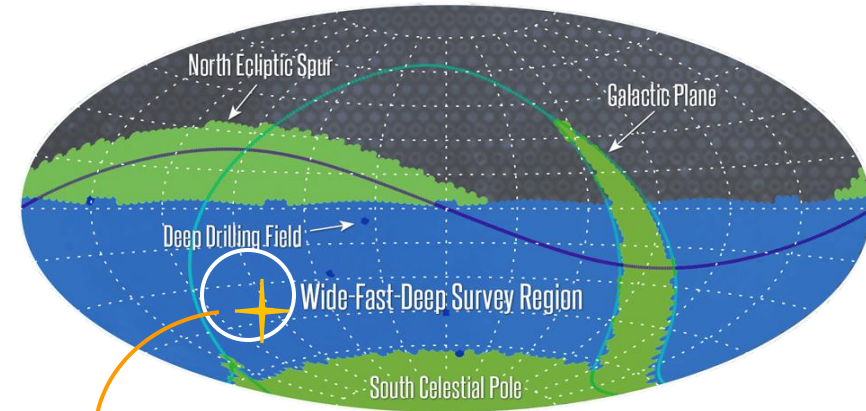
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SIMULATION OF AN OBSERVATION: METHOD

`rubin_sim` package \Rightarrow Realisation of the scheduler simulation for the 10 years of LSST (https://github.com/lsst/rubin_sim)

- 1- Take time and coordinates of a GRB
- 2- Keep only observations inside the Rubin/LSST field of view
- 3- Compute spectra at observation time bins in magnitude with `afterglowpy` (Ryan et al. 2020)
- 4- Keep only "real" observation for the right filter
- 5- Plot pseudo observed light curve



EXAMPLE OF A "PSEUDO-OBSERVATION"

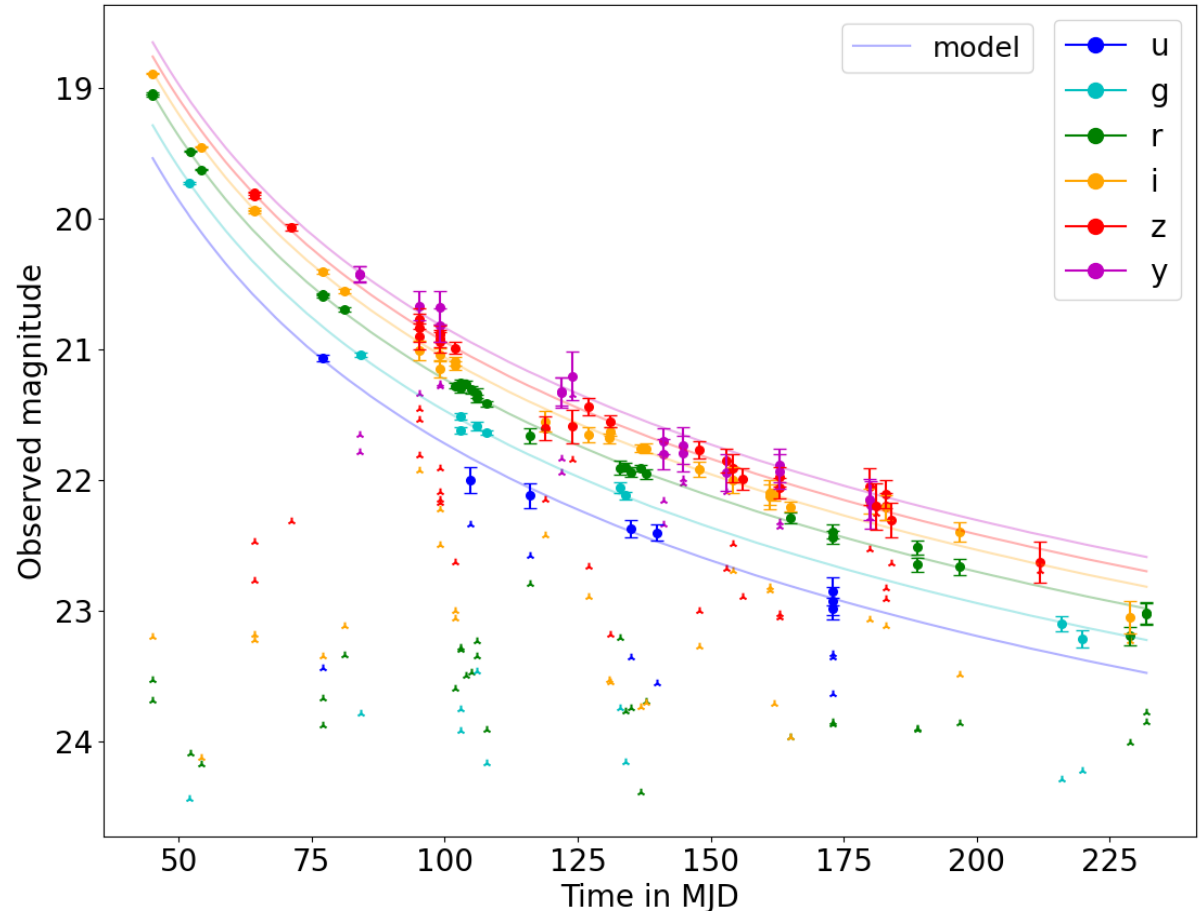
GRB date: 12 March, 2030

GRB (RA, Dec) coordinates:
(19h00m55.04s, -53d23m42.38s)

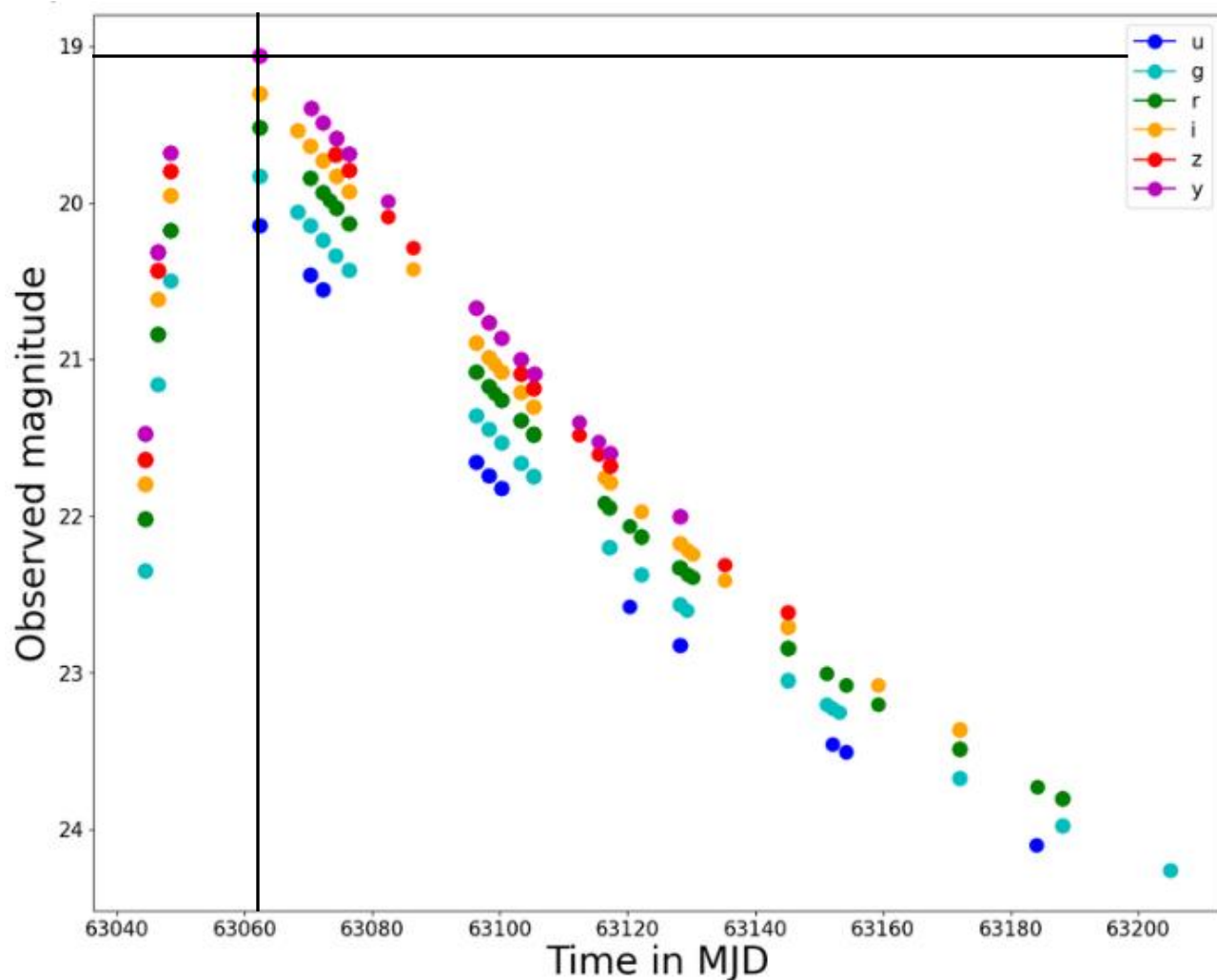
Parameters:

- Power-Law jet
- $E_0 = 1.3 \times 10^{52}$ erg
- $\theta_{\text{obs}} = 21.2^\circ$
- $\theta_c = 2.9^\circ$
- $\theta_w = 8.6^\circ$
- $n_0 = 0.45 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- $z = 0.001$

⇒ Fraction of "pseudo-observable" orphans
by the Rubin Observatory: a few %



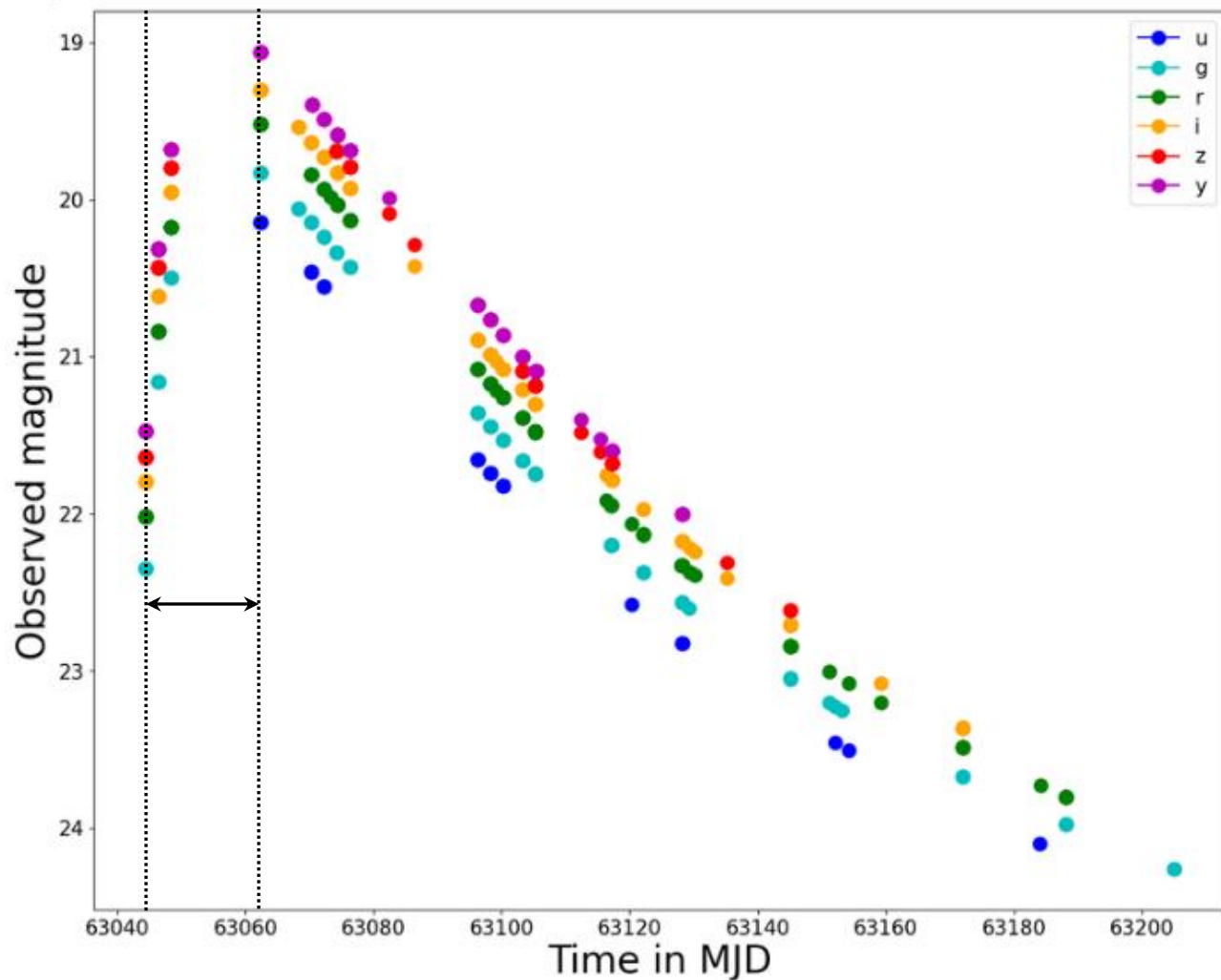
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Defined features:

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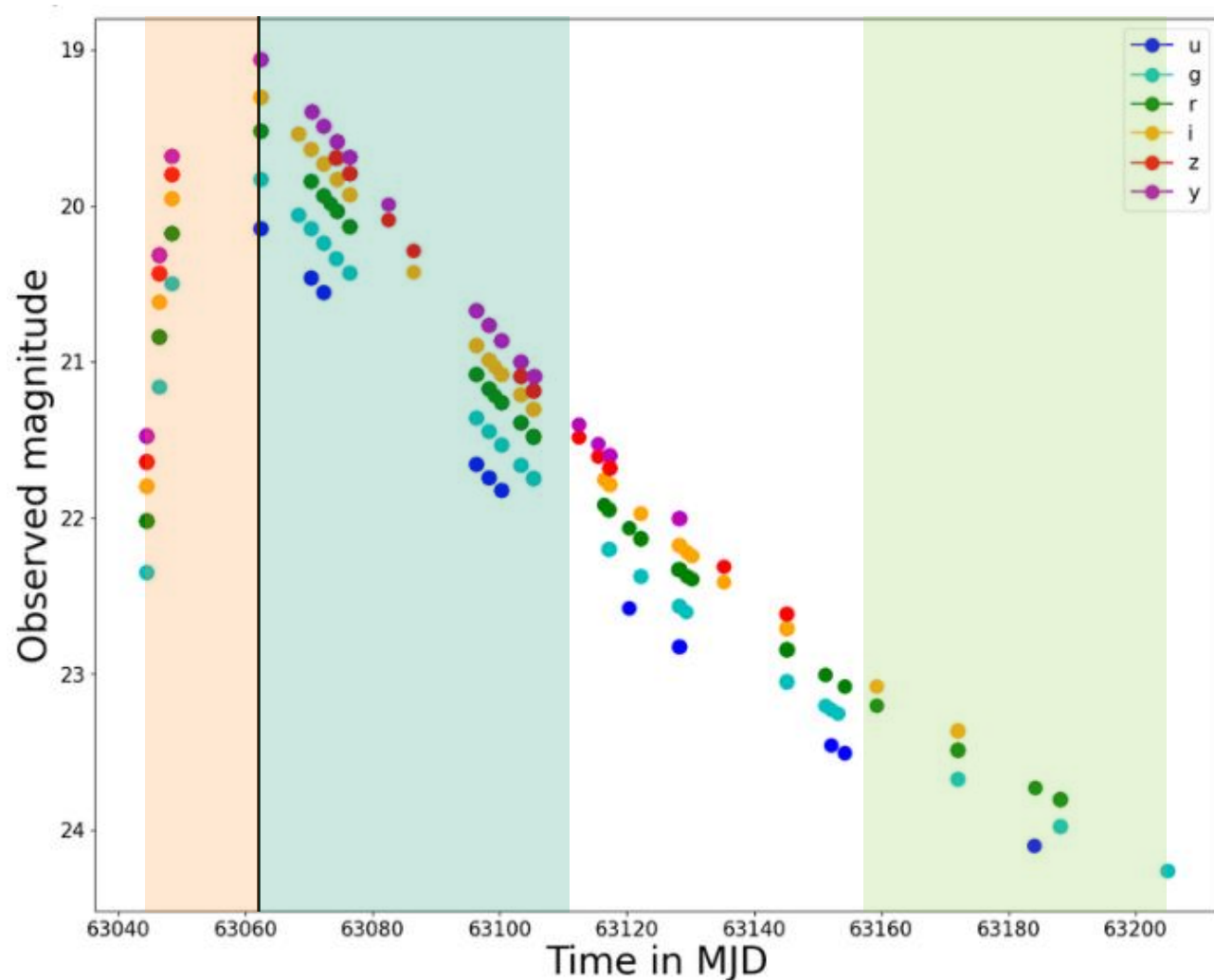
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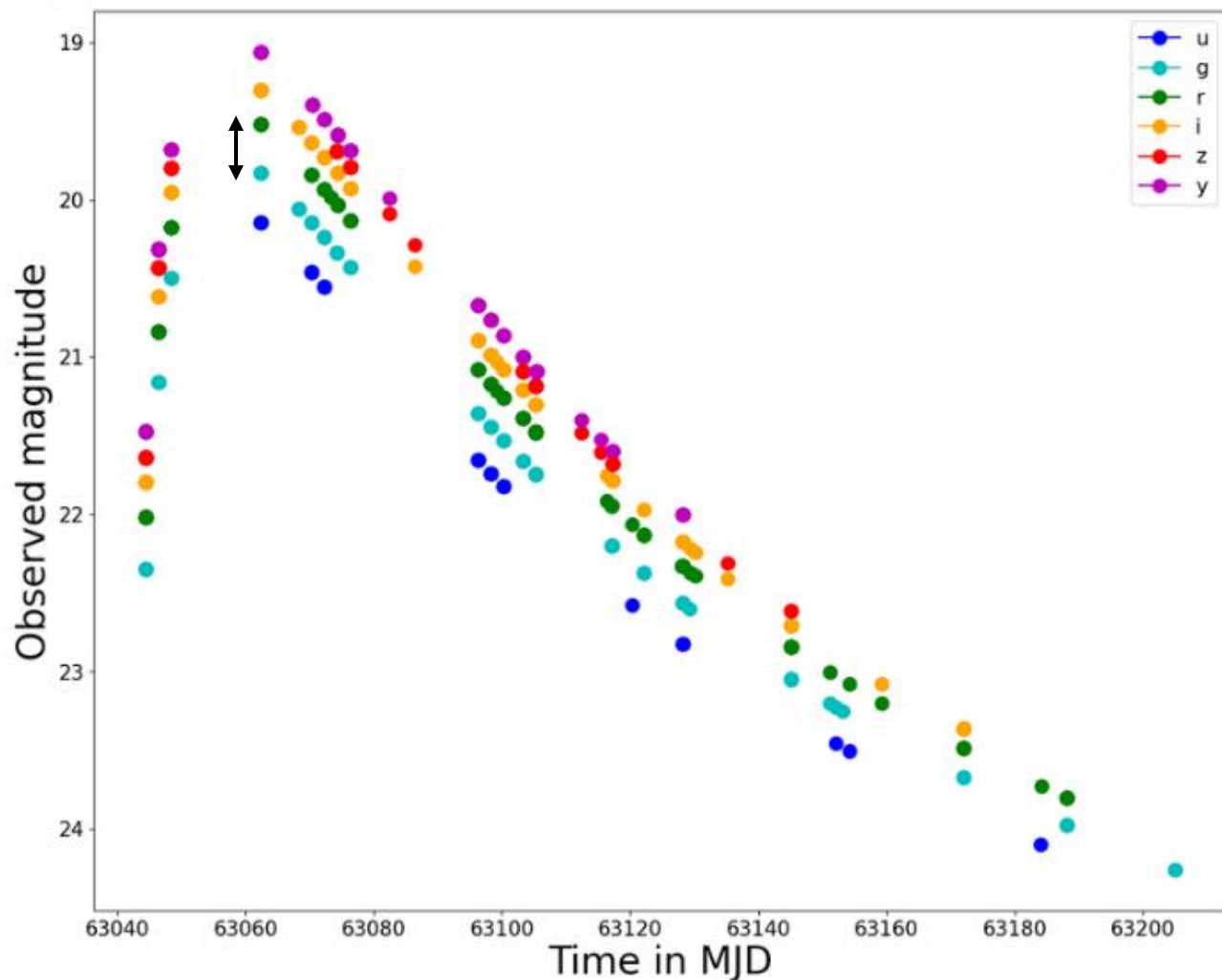
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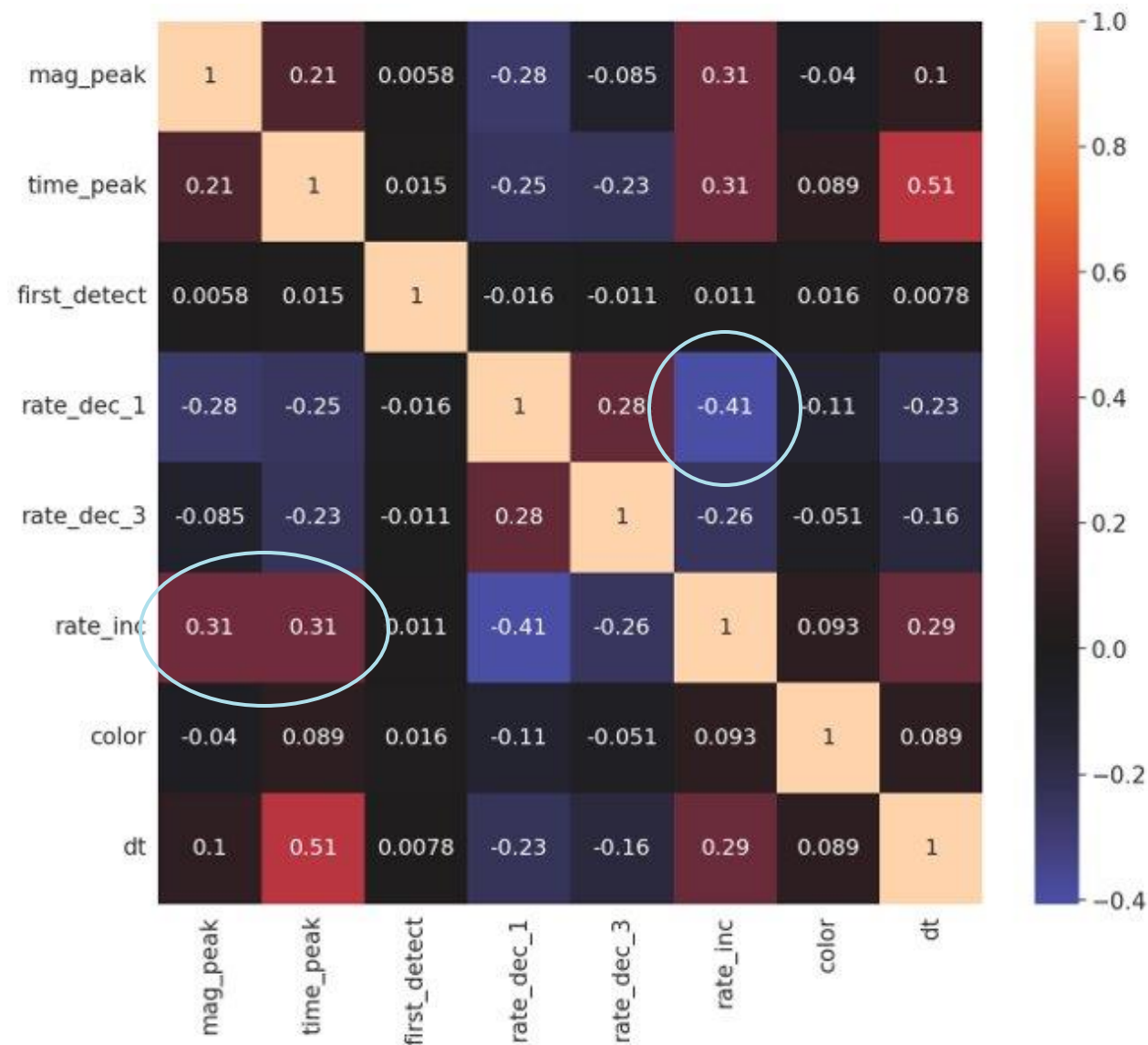
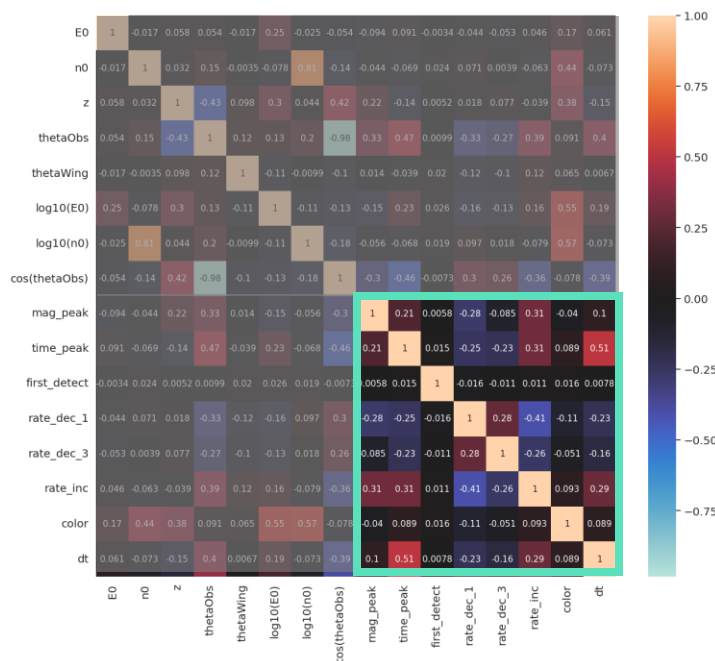


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- **g-r color** (expected value for synchrotron emission ~ 0.3)

PSEUDO-OBSERVATION ANALYSIS

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEFINED FEATURES



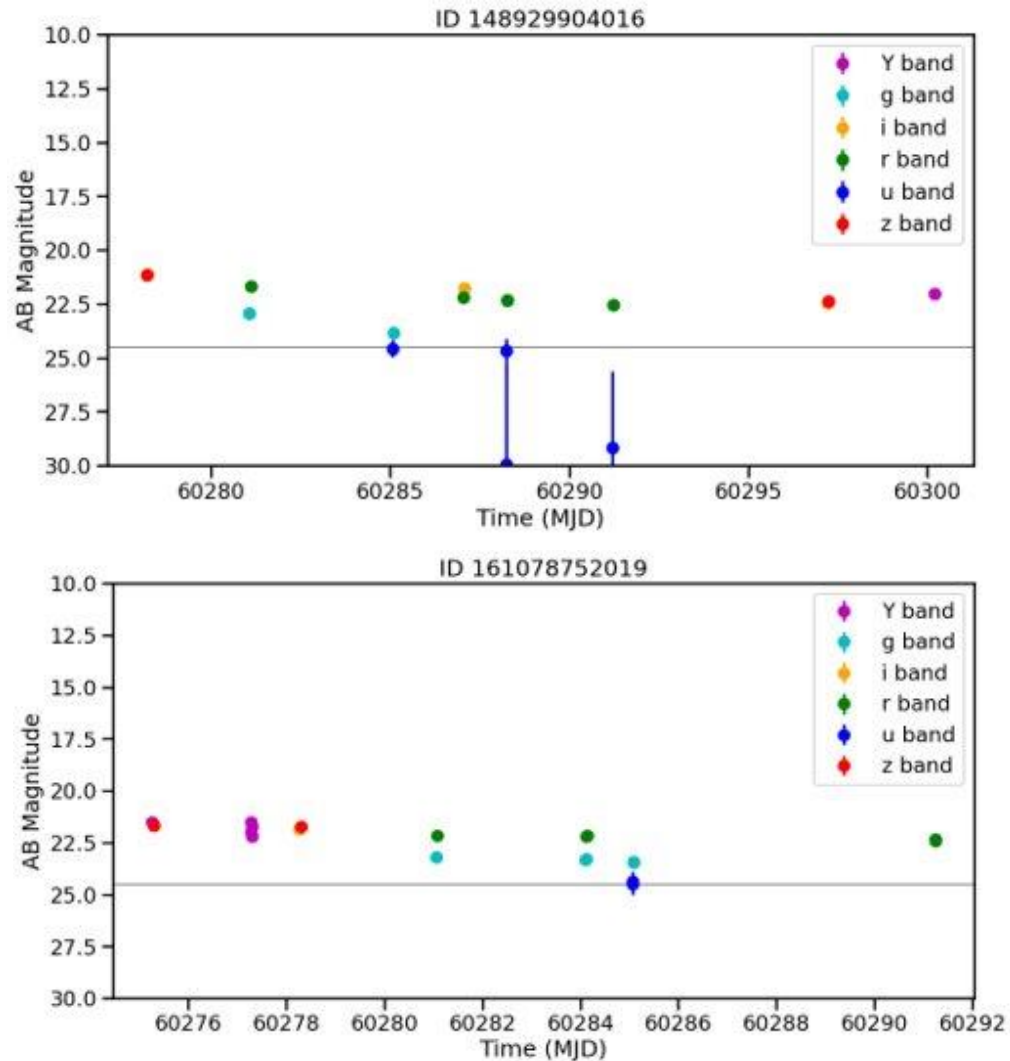
⇒ Correlations between rates and magnitude

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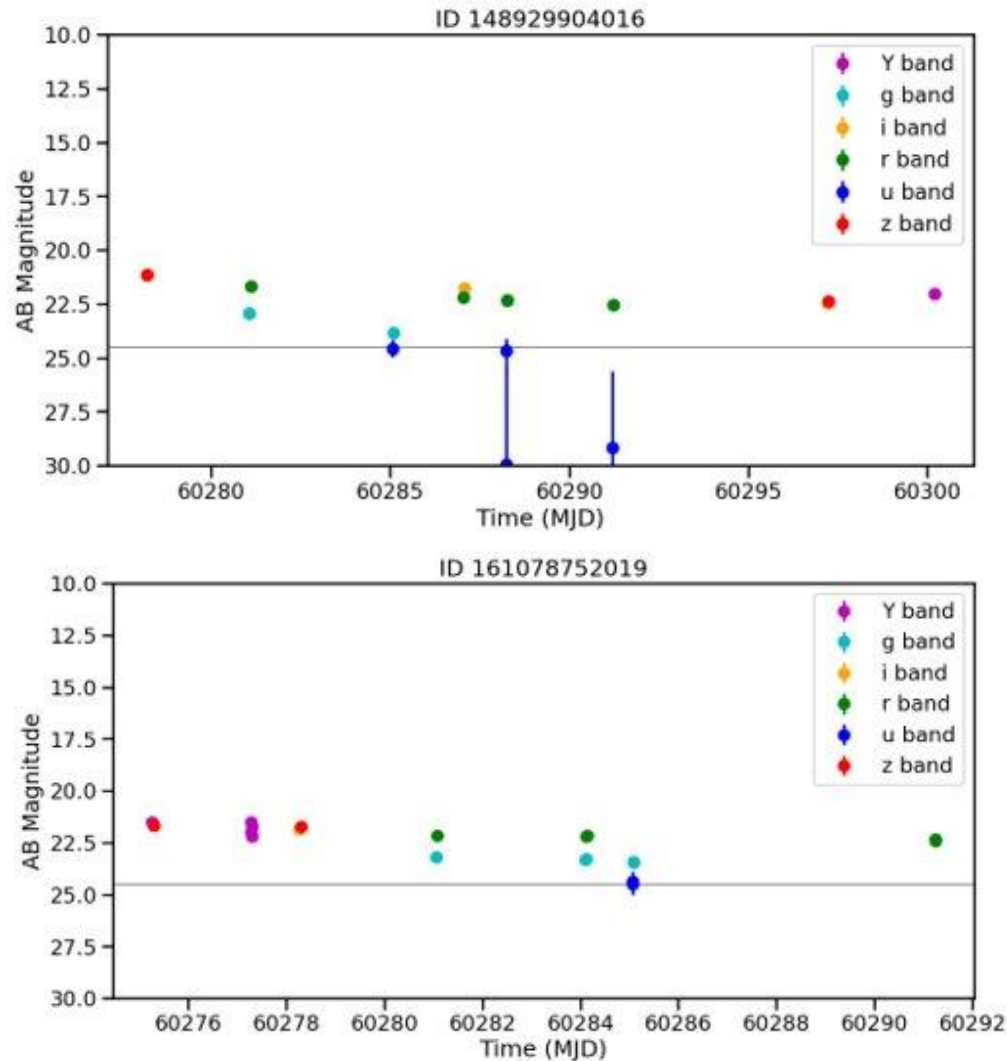
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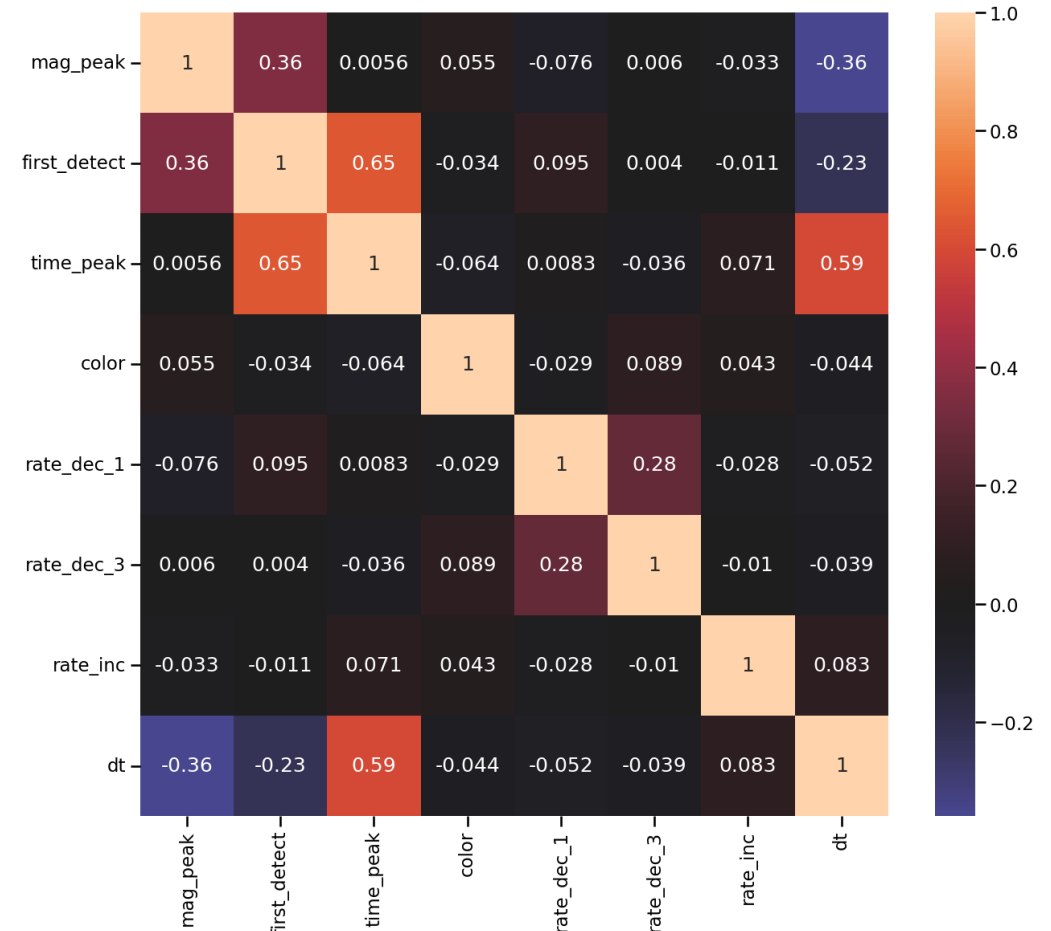


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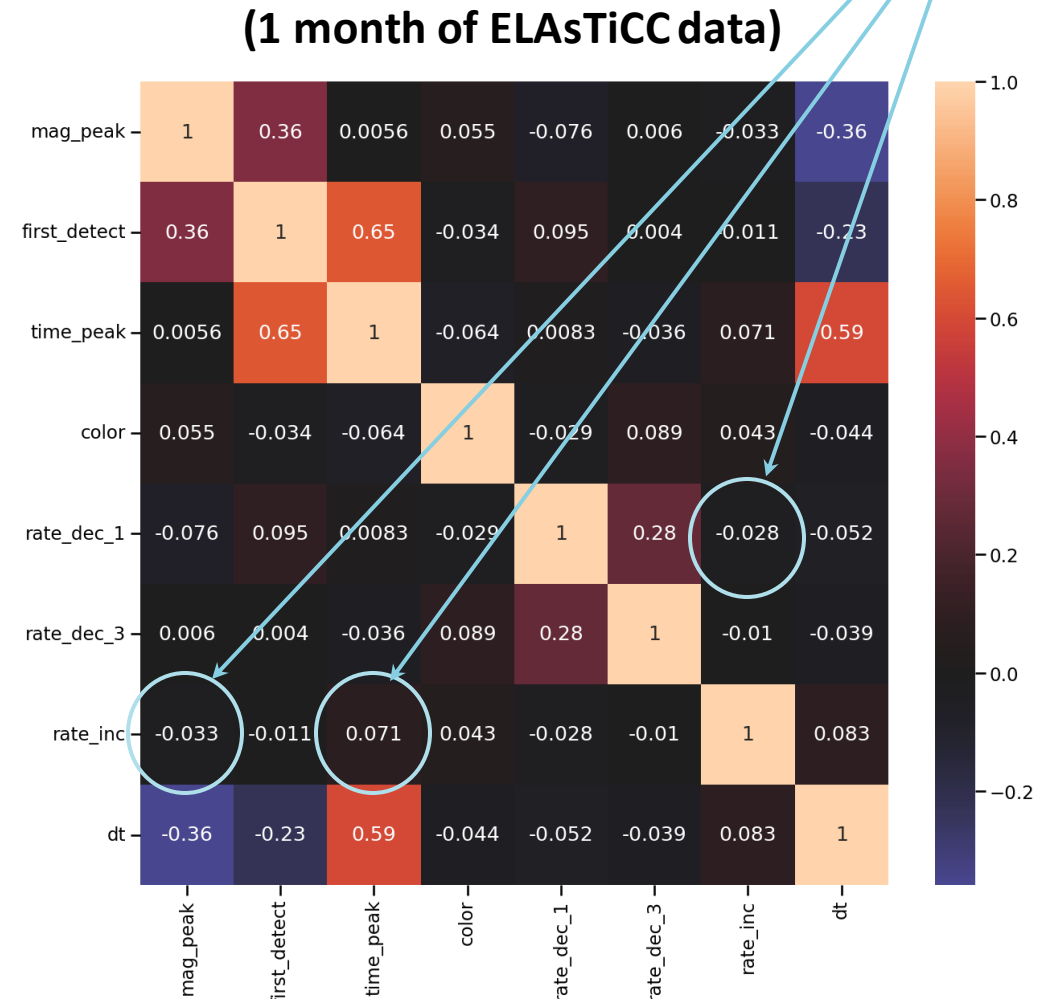
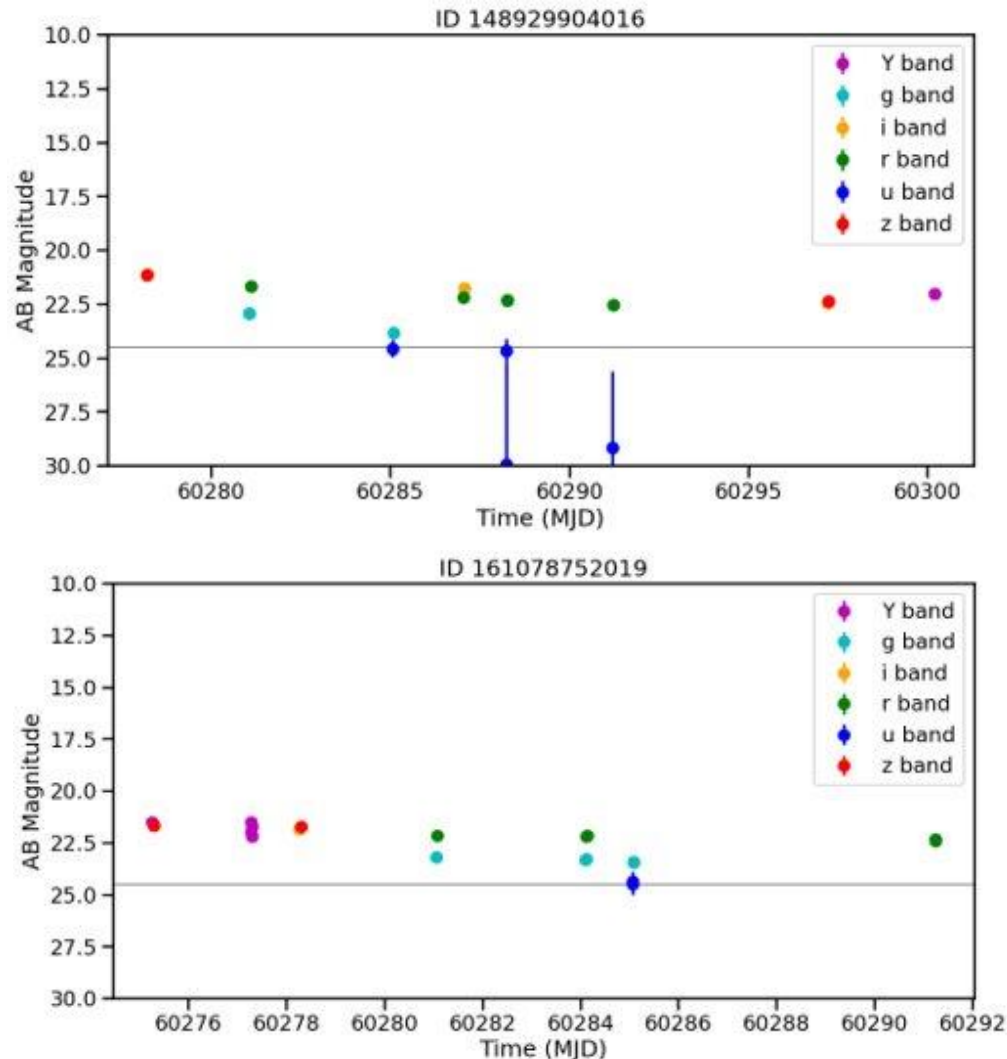
(1 month of ELAsTiCC data)



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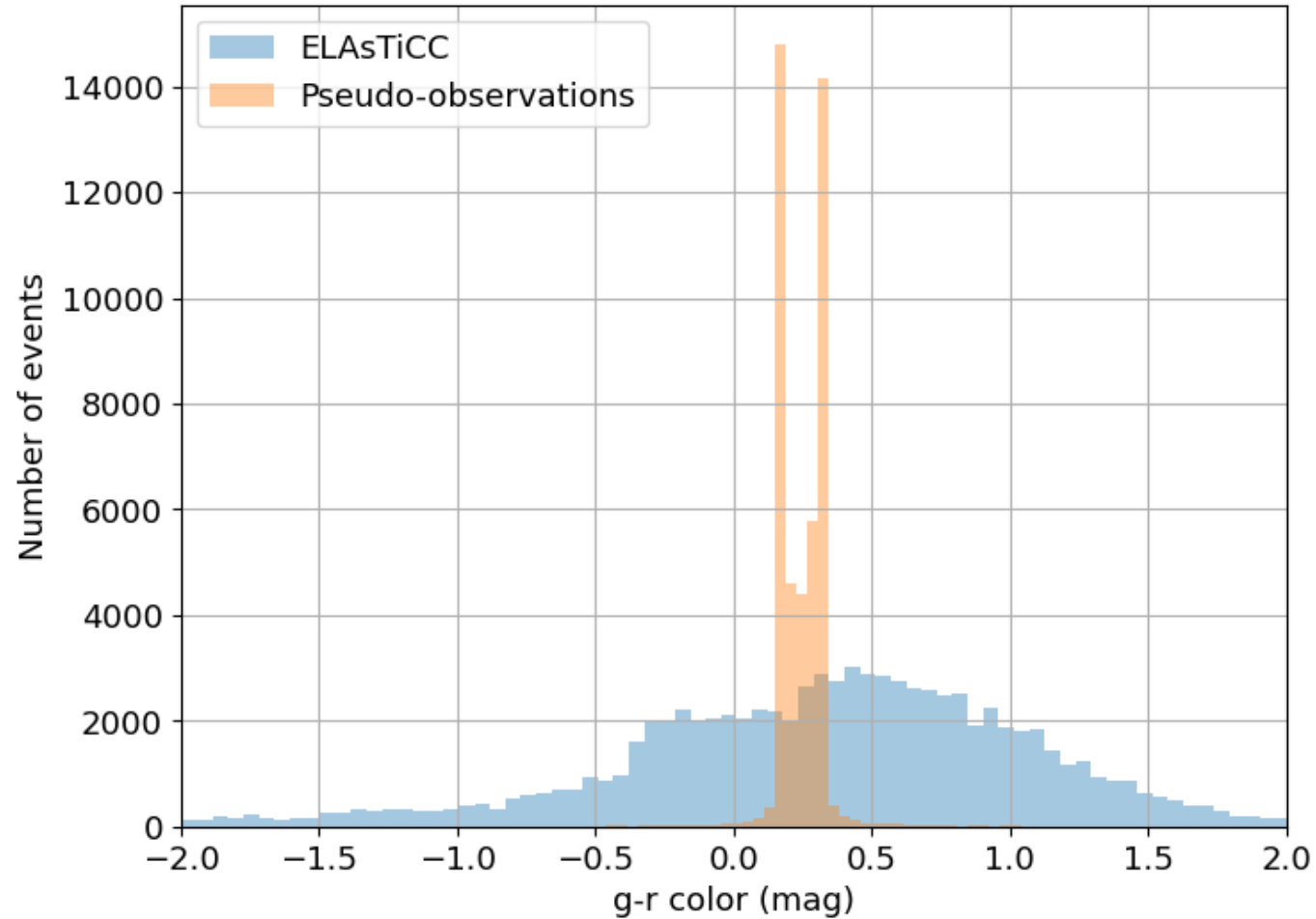
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Different correlations than for orphans



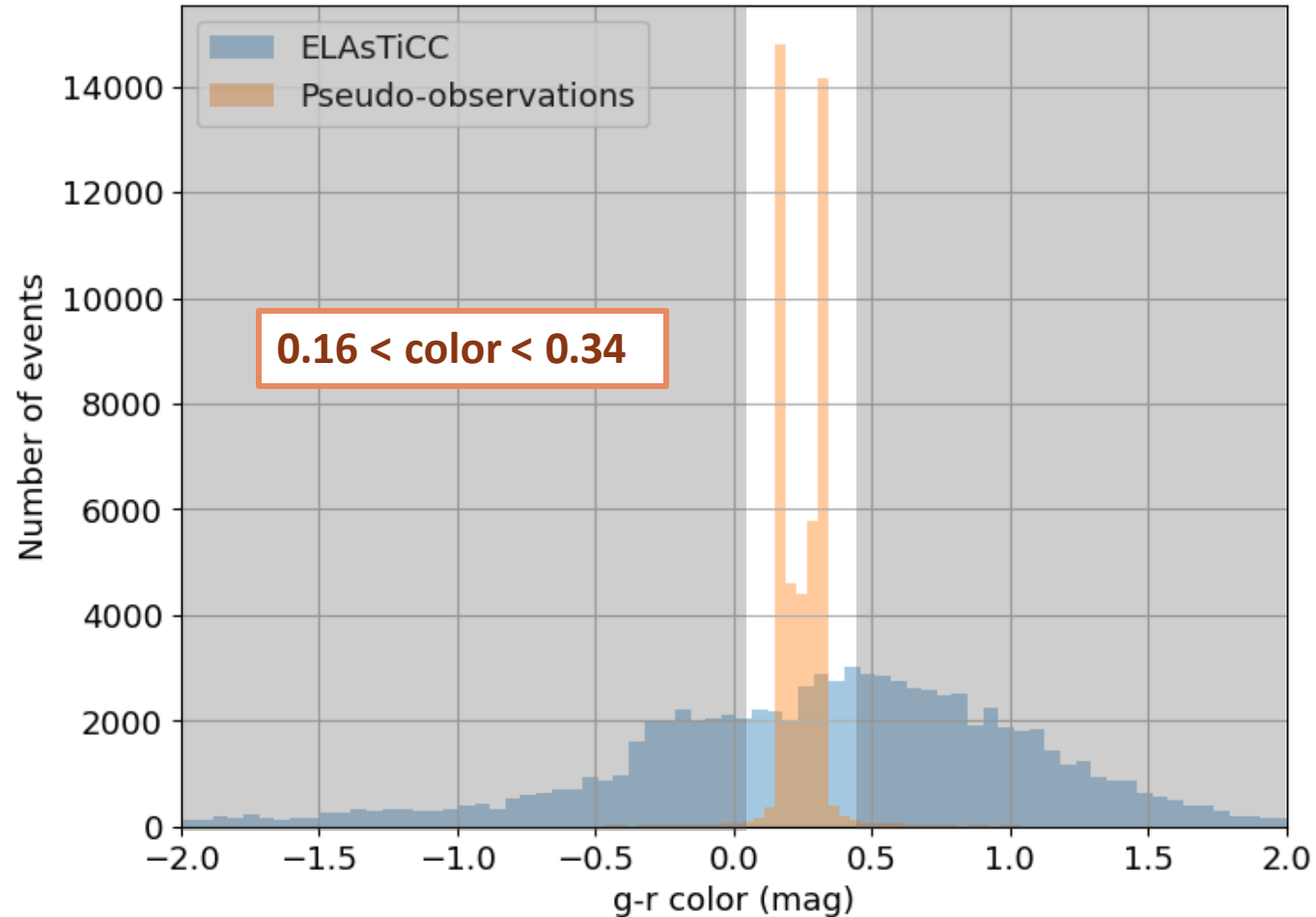
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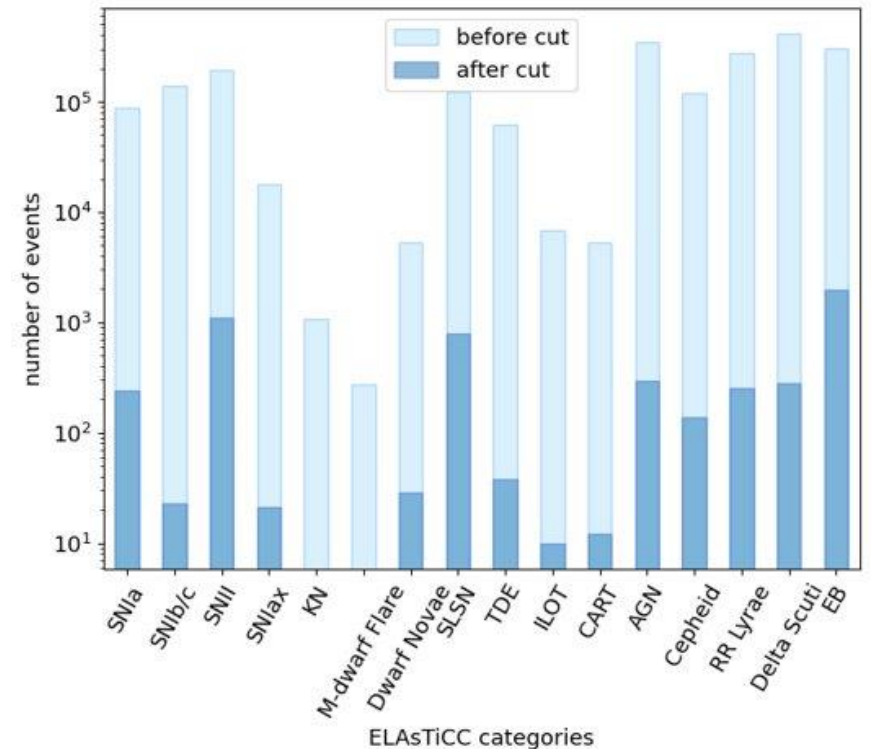
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Removes

~ 98% of ELAsTiCC data

~ 28% of orphans



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FIRST STAB AT BASIC CUTS

CUTS

Color:

$$0.16 < \text{color} < 0.34 \text{ mag}$$

Decrease rate:

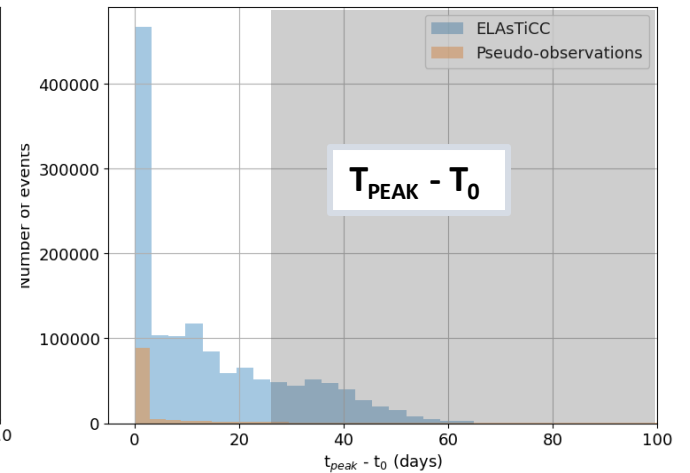
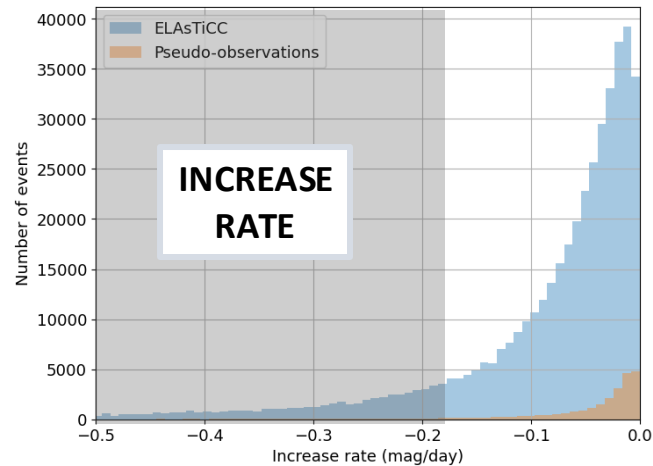
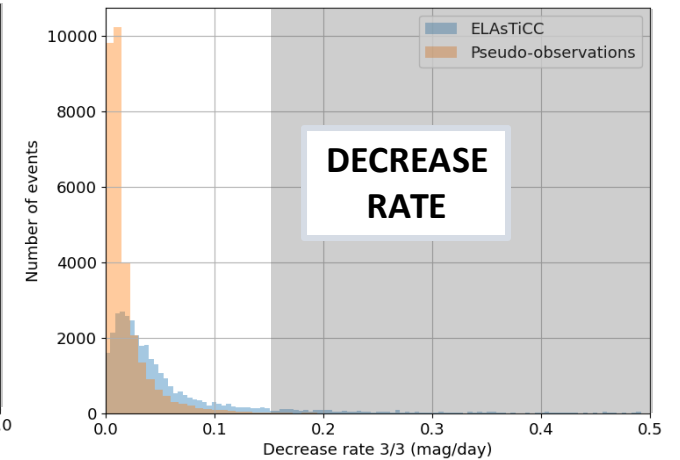
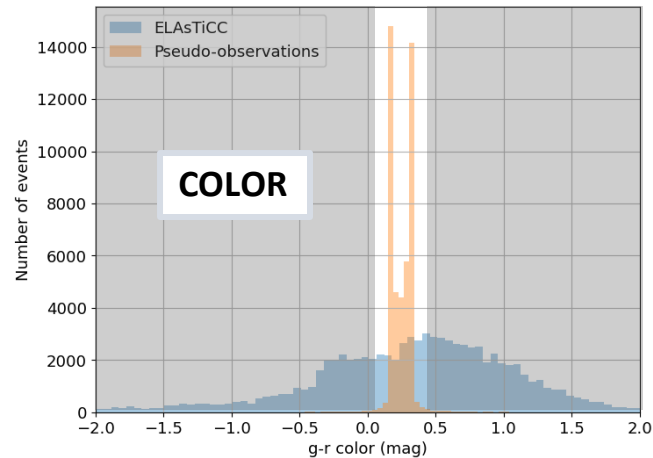
$$\text{rate} < 0.15 \text{ mag/day}$$

Increase rate:

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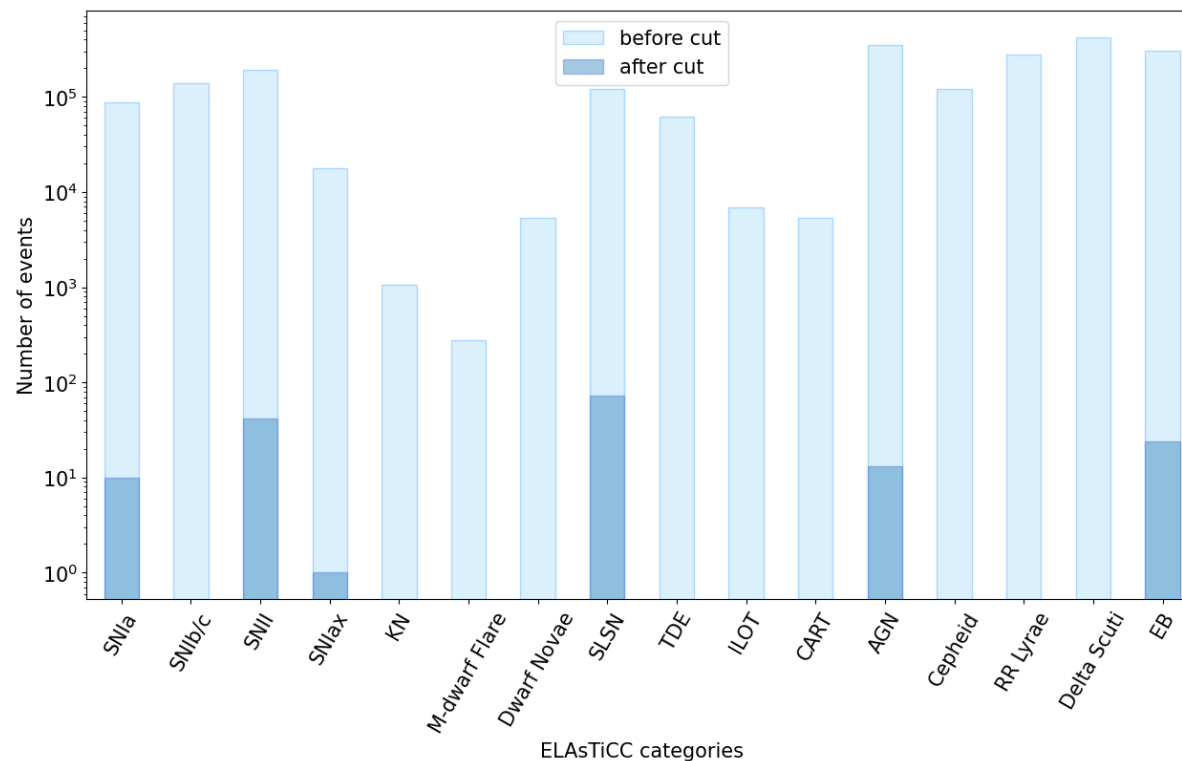
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What remains

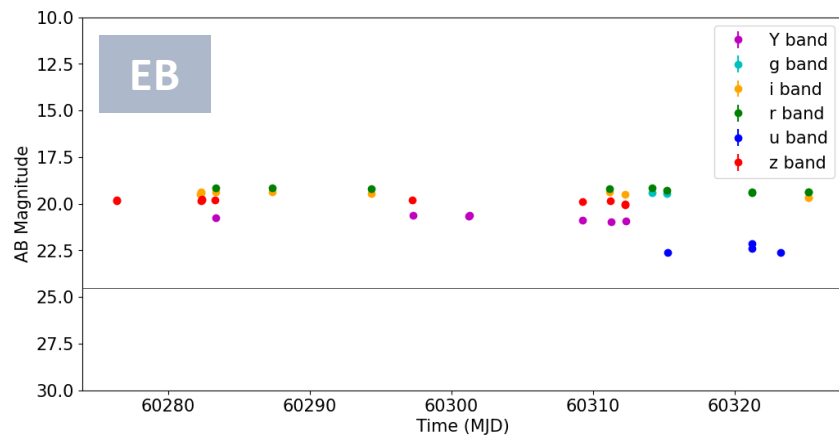
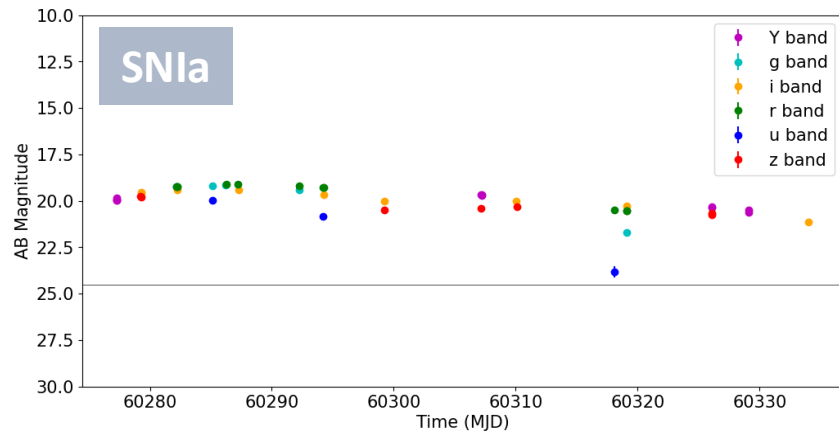
- ELAsTiCC data: 163 / ~2 millions events (but for 1 month...)
- Orphans: 1884 / ~200,000 events (~ 30 years...)



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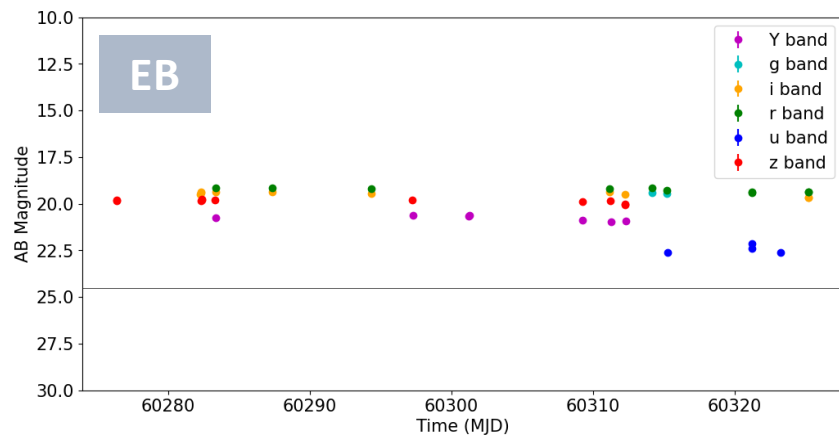
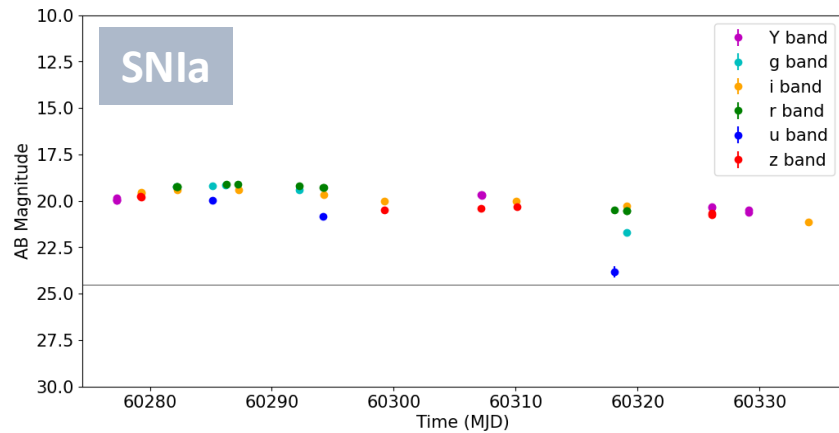
EVENTS THAT PASS AND DON'T PASS THE CUTS

ELAsTiCC data that pass the cuts

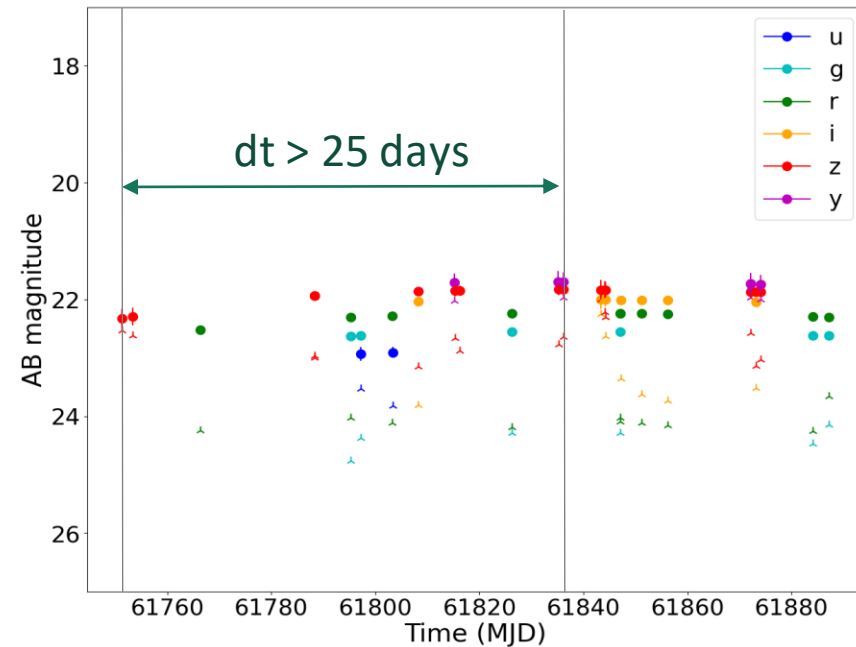


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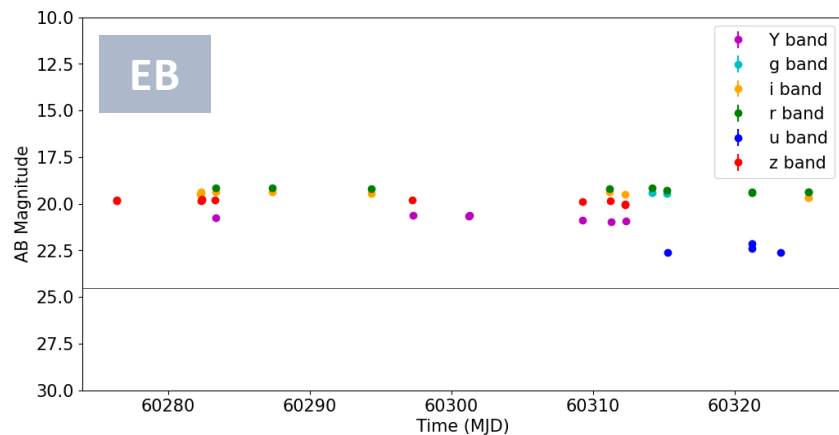
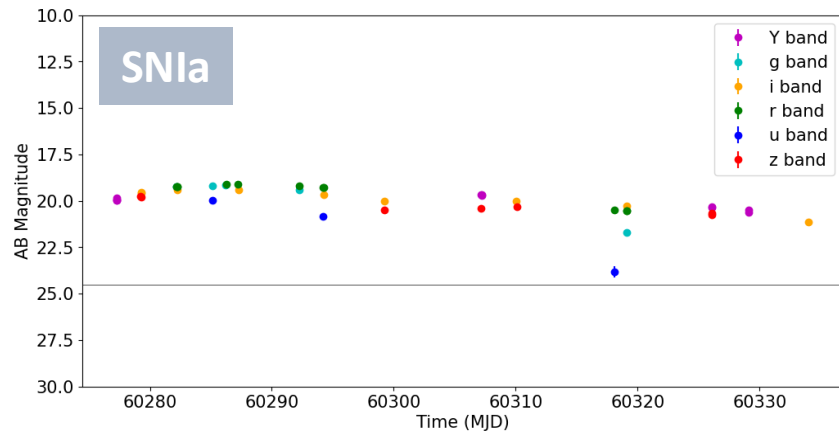
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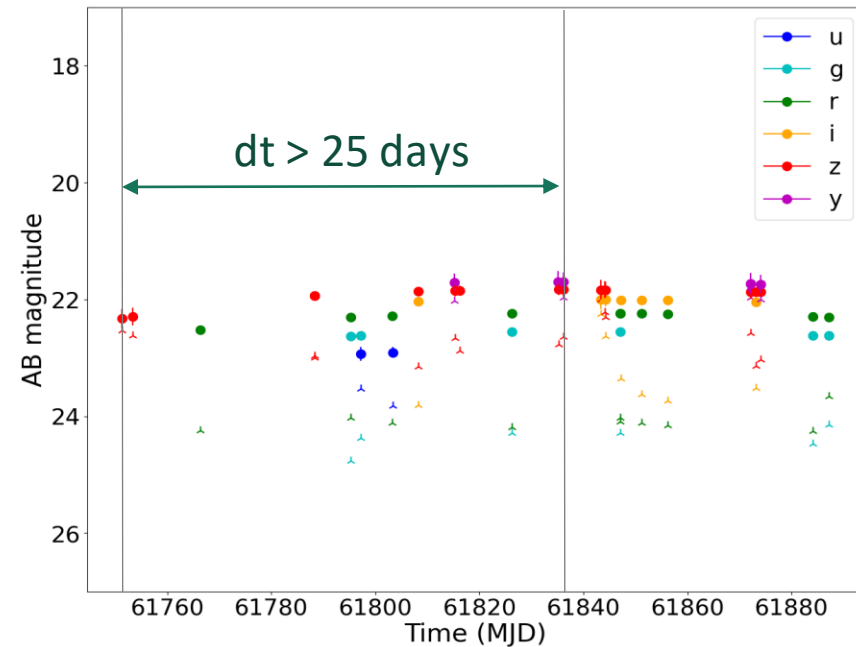
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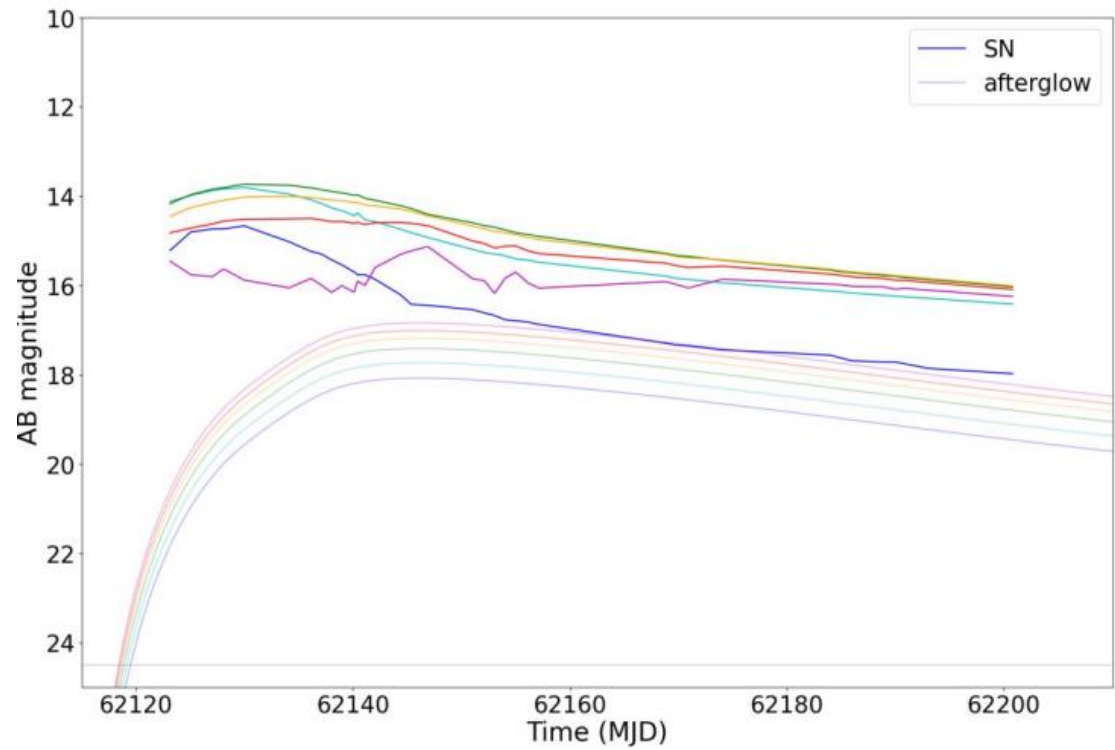


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- ⇒ Orphan light curve "hidden" by the SN light curve
- ⇒ Impact of the orphan on the SN light curve seen at later times

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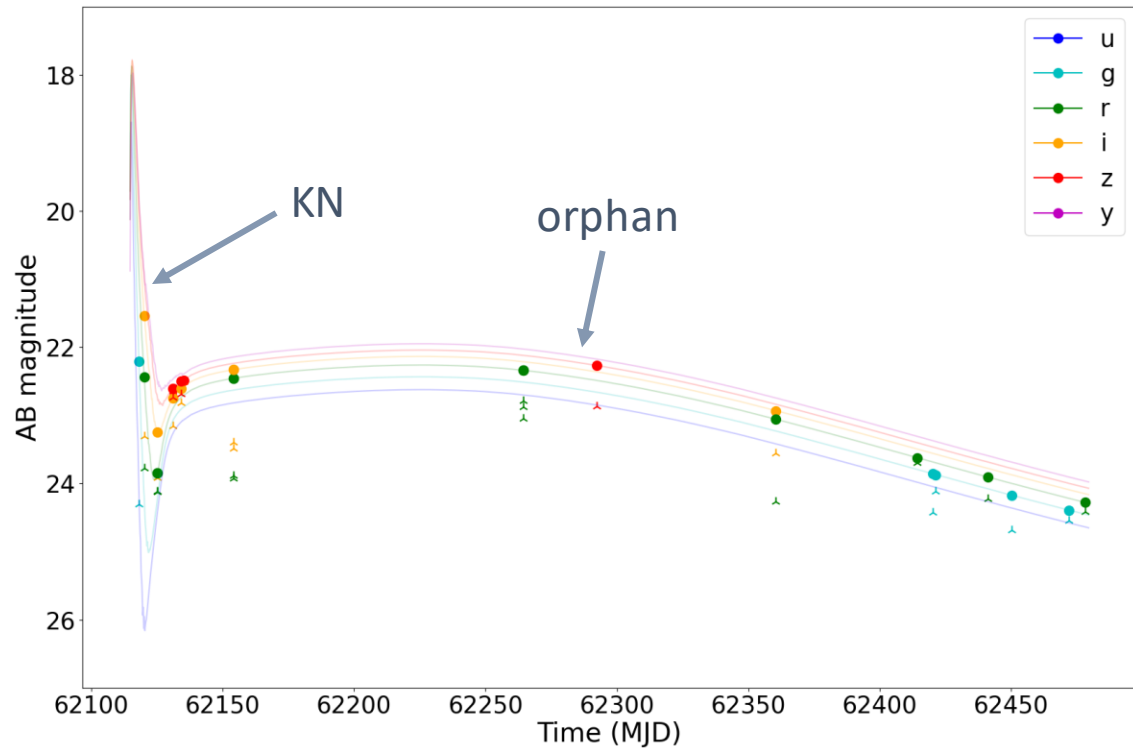


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⇒ KN light curve may appear at early times
⇒ Quantify impact of KN on light curve features

CONCLUSION & PERSPECTIVES

All the codes can be accessible on [GitLab](#)

CONCLUSION

Simulation of a population of GRBs

- Choose parameter distributions
- Work on a short GRB population based on SBAT4 catalogue **STILL IN PROGRESS**

Simulation of "pseudo-observations"

- Just a few % of "pseudo-observations" will be observable by the Rubin Observatory
- Expected number of observed orphans by the Rubin LSST ~ **10 orphan/yr** (compatible with Ghirlanda et al. 2015)

Characterize "pseudo-observed" light curve of orphan GRBs

- Compute some features to describe the shape of the light curve and their correlations
- Compare to ELASTiCC data and define some cuts to discriminate orphans
- Study of the impact of a SN or KN light curve **STILL IN PROGRESS**

PERSPECTIVES

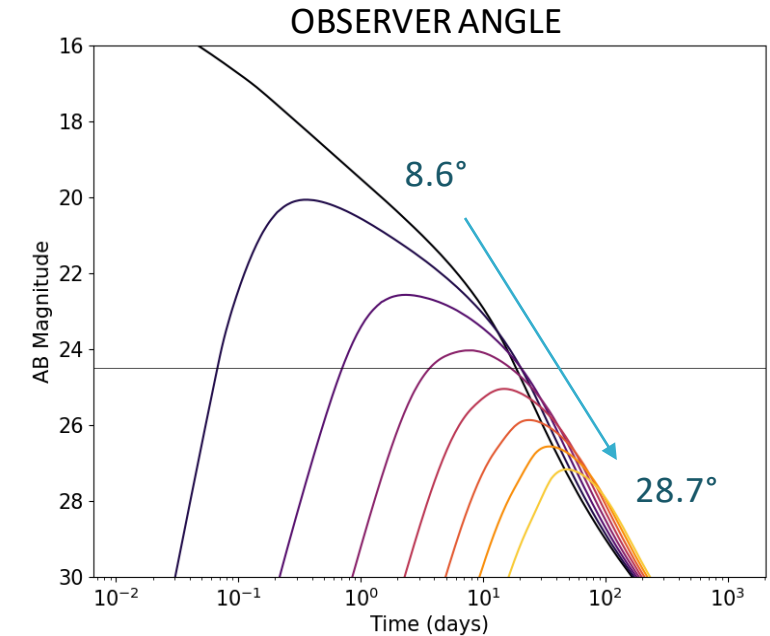
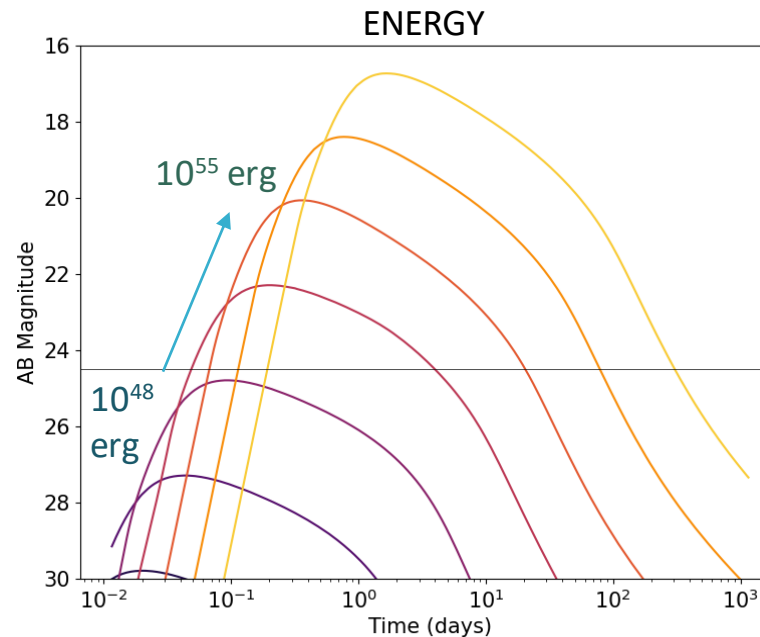
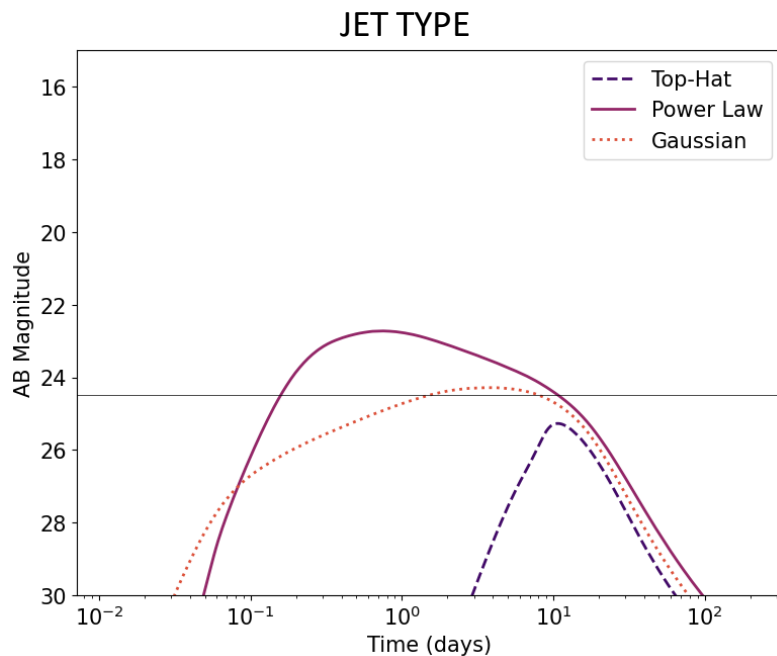
- **Develop a first version of a filter for FINK to identify OAs**

A dark, atmospheric space scene. In the upper right, a bright light source creates a lens flare and illuminates a comet-like streak of light and dust. Below this, a ringed planet is visible, partially obscured by a dark, textured nebula or cloud. The overall color palette is dark with teal and blue highlights.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

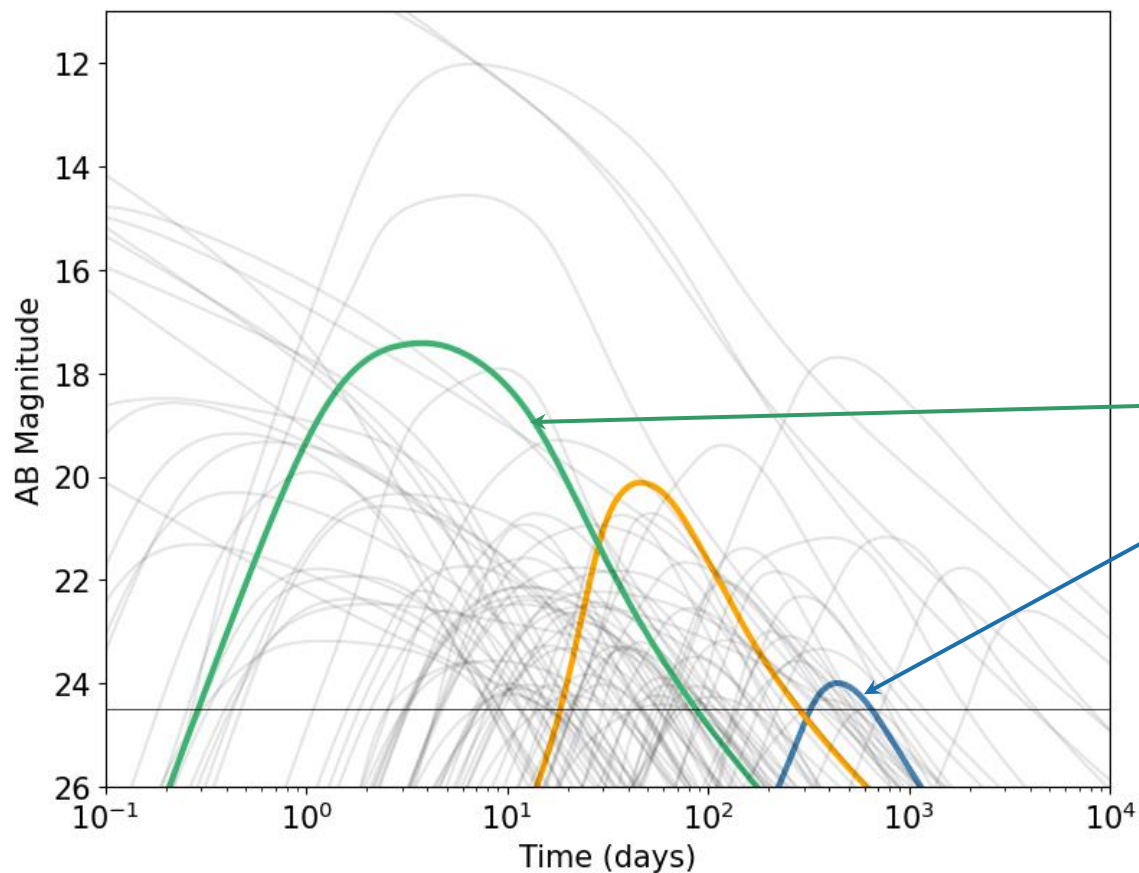
STUDY OF THE MODEL: PARAMETERS IMPACT

Scan of the model parameters \Rightarrow study their impact on the observability of the afterglow



\Rightarrow Some parameters may balance out each other
 \Rightarrow The parameters space is very large

THEORETICAL ORPHAN LIGHT CURVES



Orphans from structured (power-law) jets observable for at least 7 days

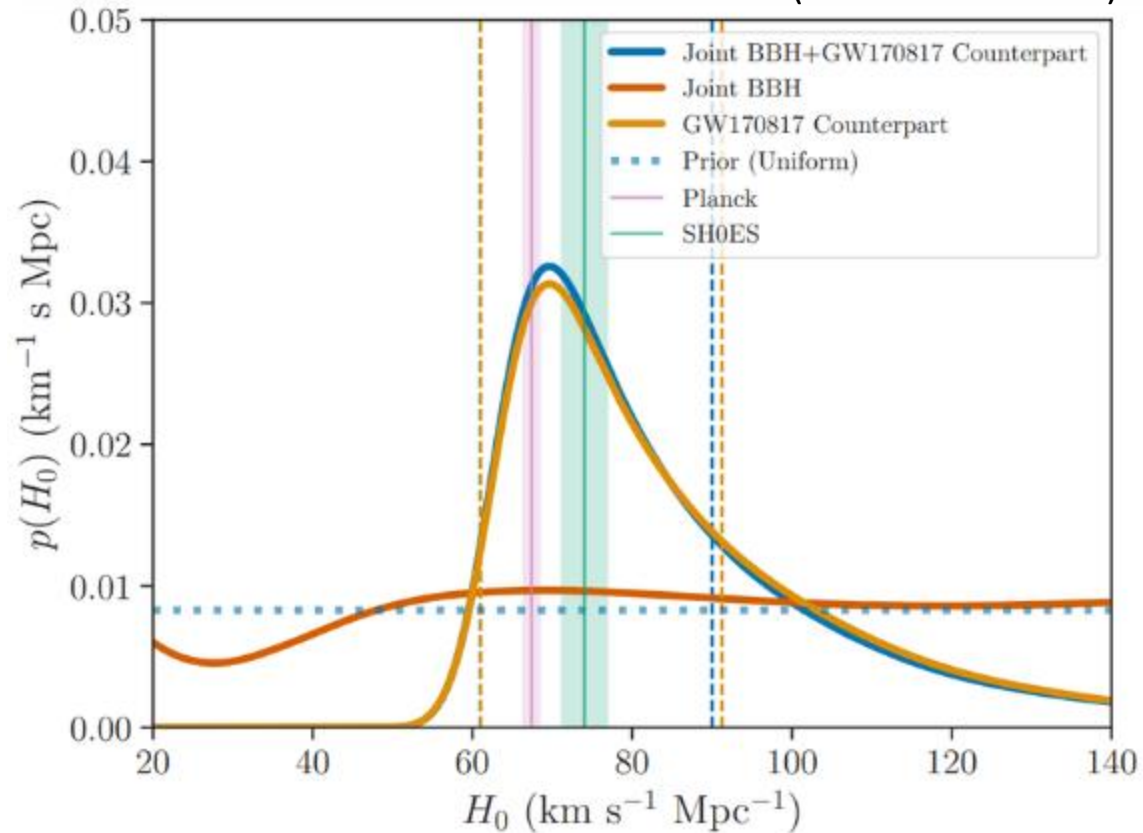
Large diversity of light curves:

- Bright and short orphans
- Faint and long orphans
- ...

⇒ Characterizing orphan light curves will be complex

H0 MEASUREMENT

Abbott et al. 2021 (arXiv:1908.06060)



$$d_L(z) = \frac{c(1+z)}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{\sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda(1+z')^{3(1+w(z'))}}}$$

When $z \ll 1$:

$$d_L(z) = \frac{cz}{H_0}$$