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Studying the viewing geometry of sGRBs and central engine using prompt emission

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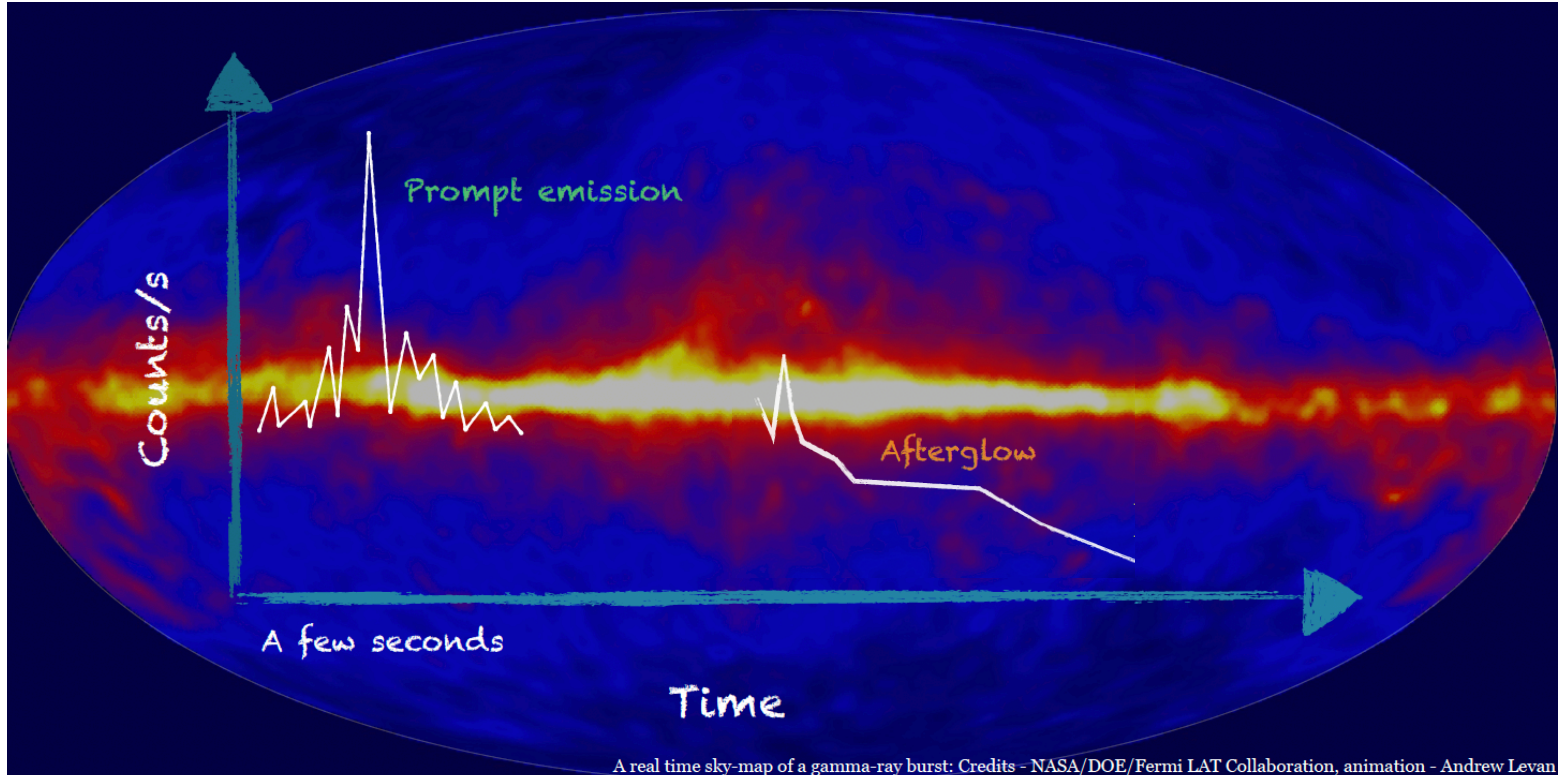
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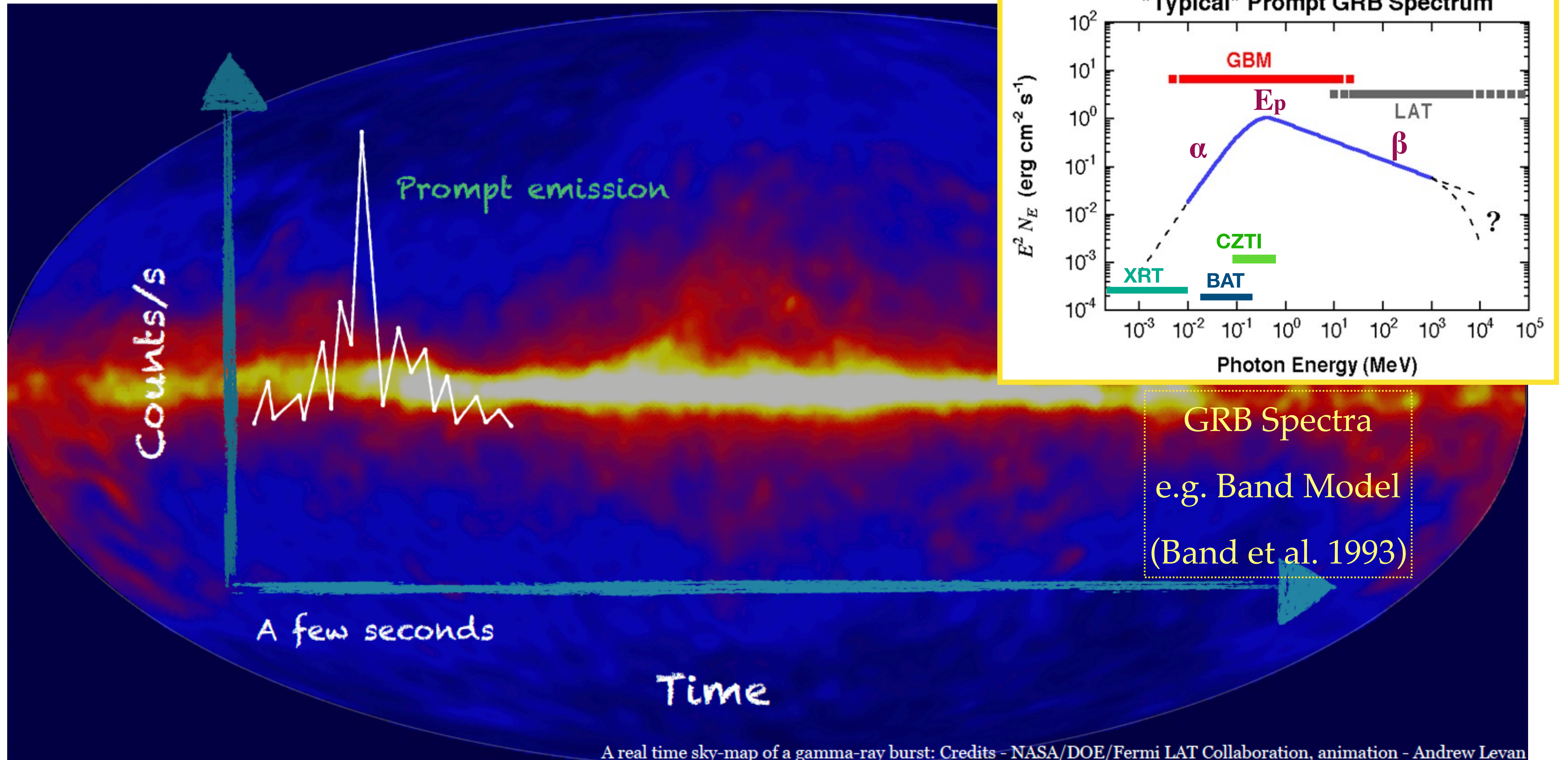
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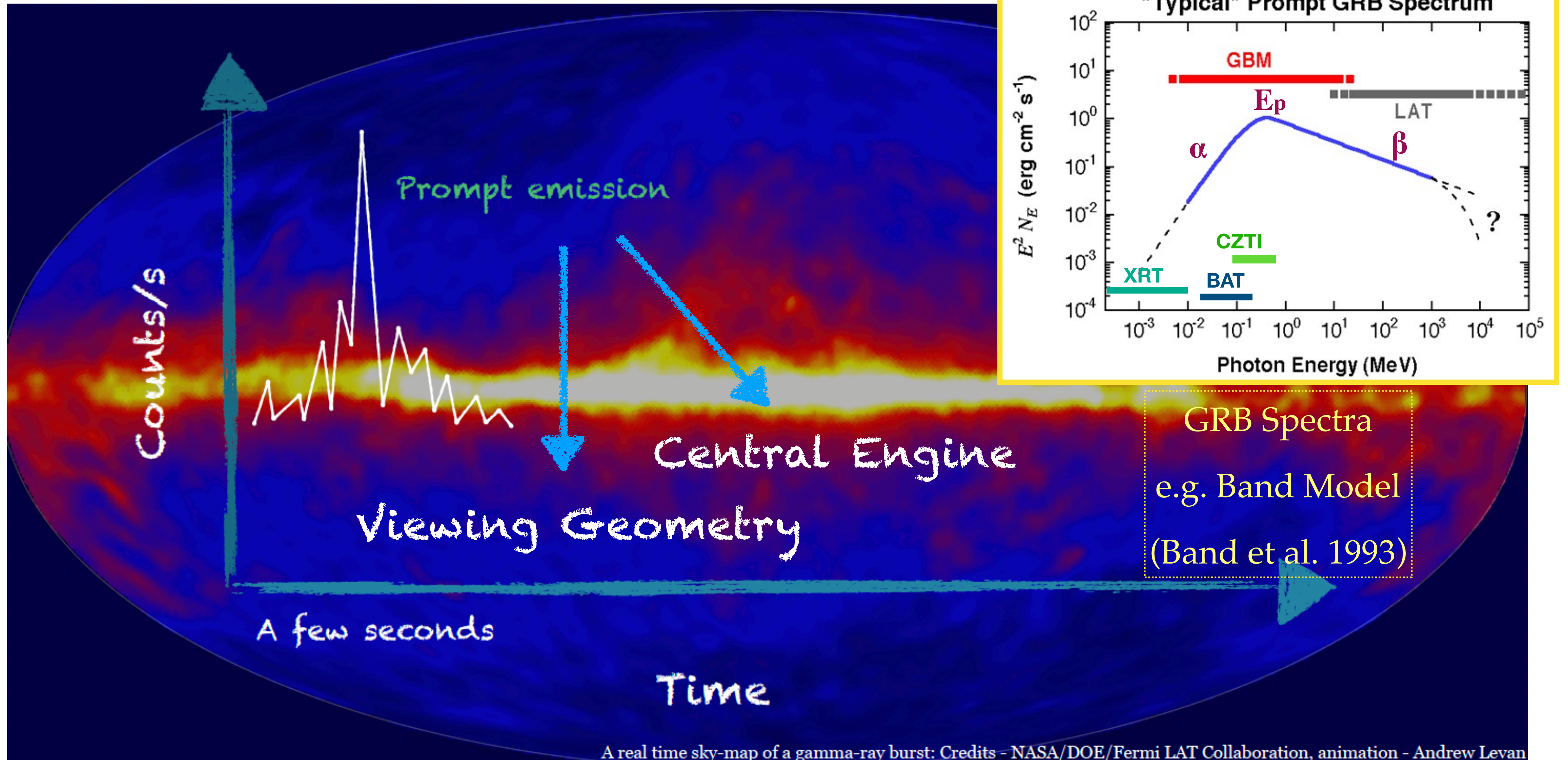


A real time sky-map of a gamma-ray burst: Credits - NASA/DOE/Fermi LAT Collaboration, animation - Andrew Levan

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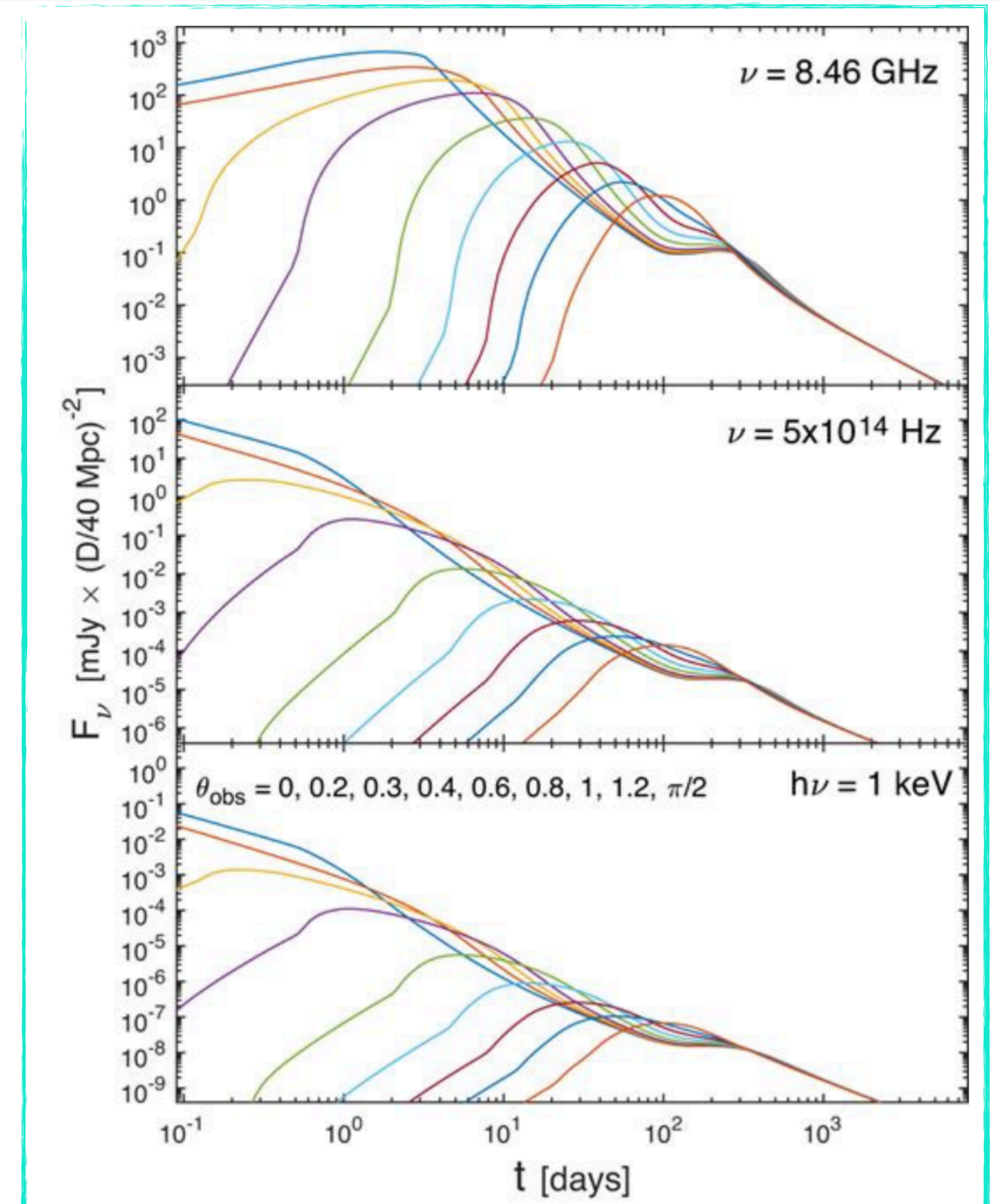
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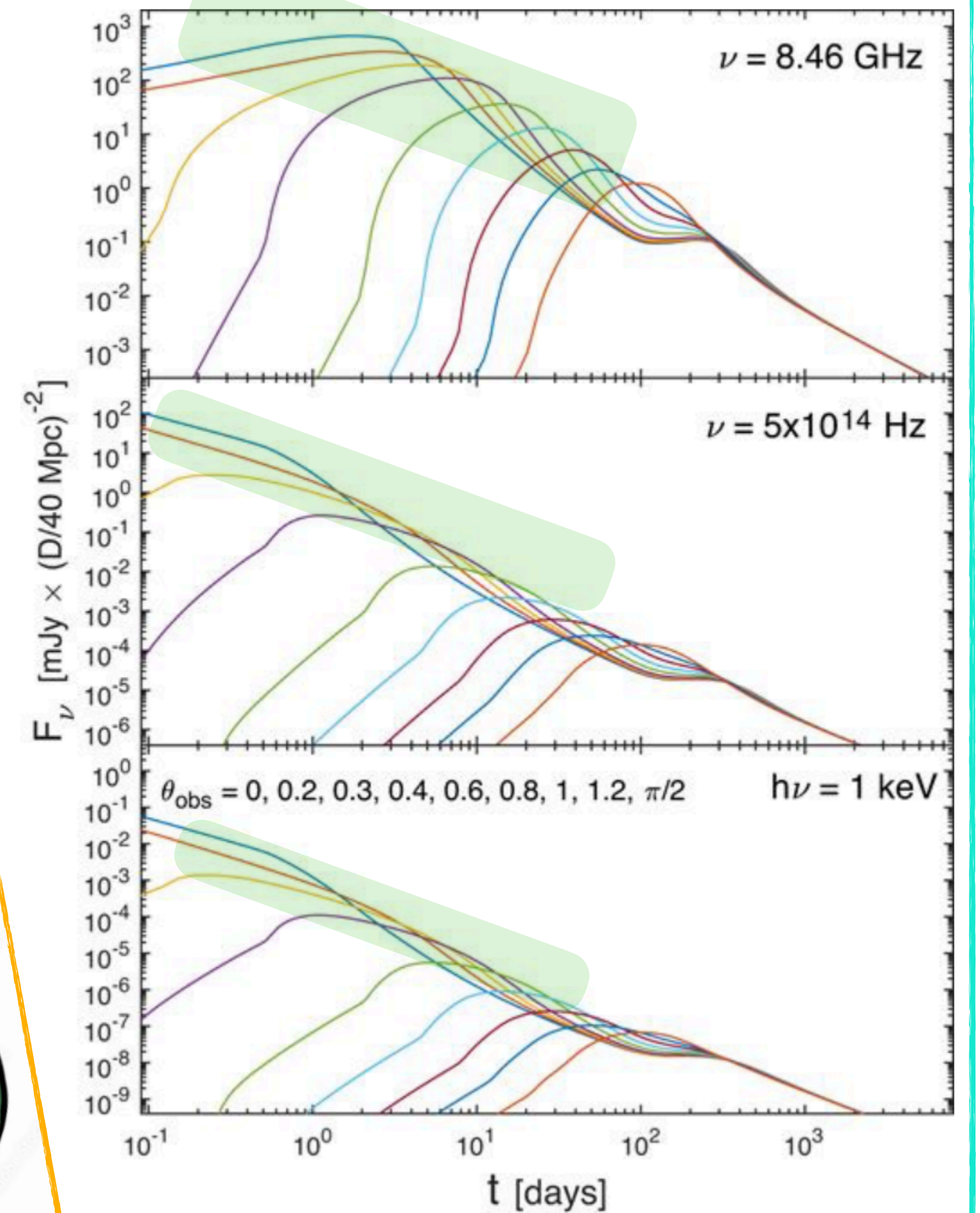
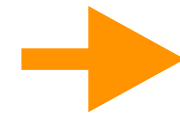
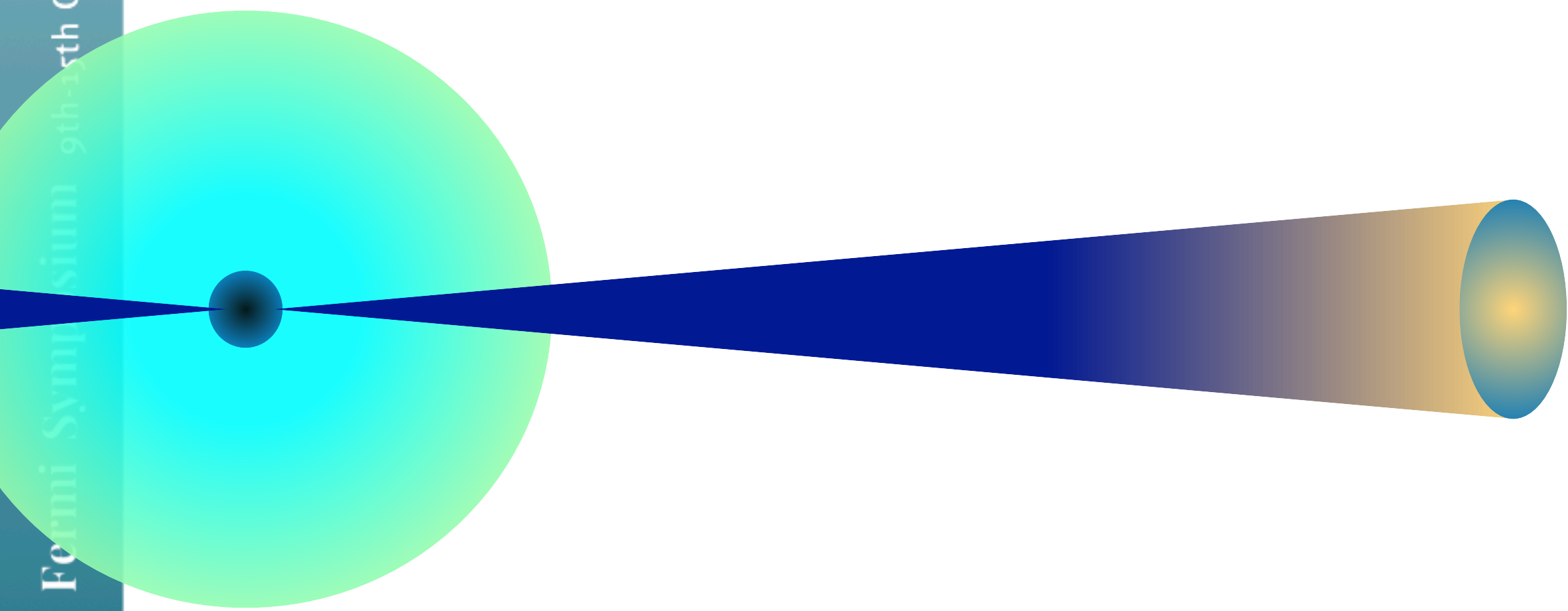
Viewing Geometry

Short GRB 170817A

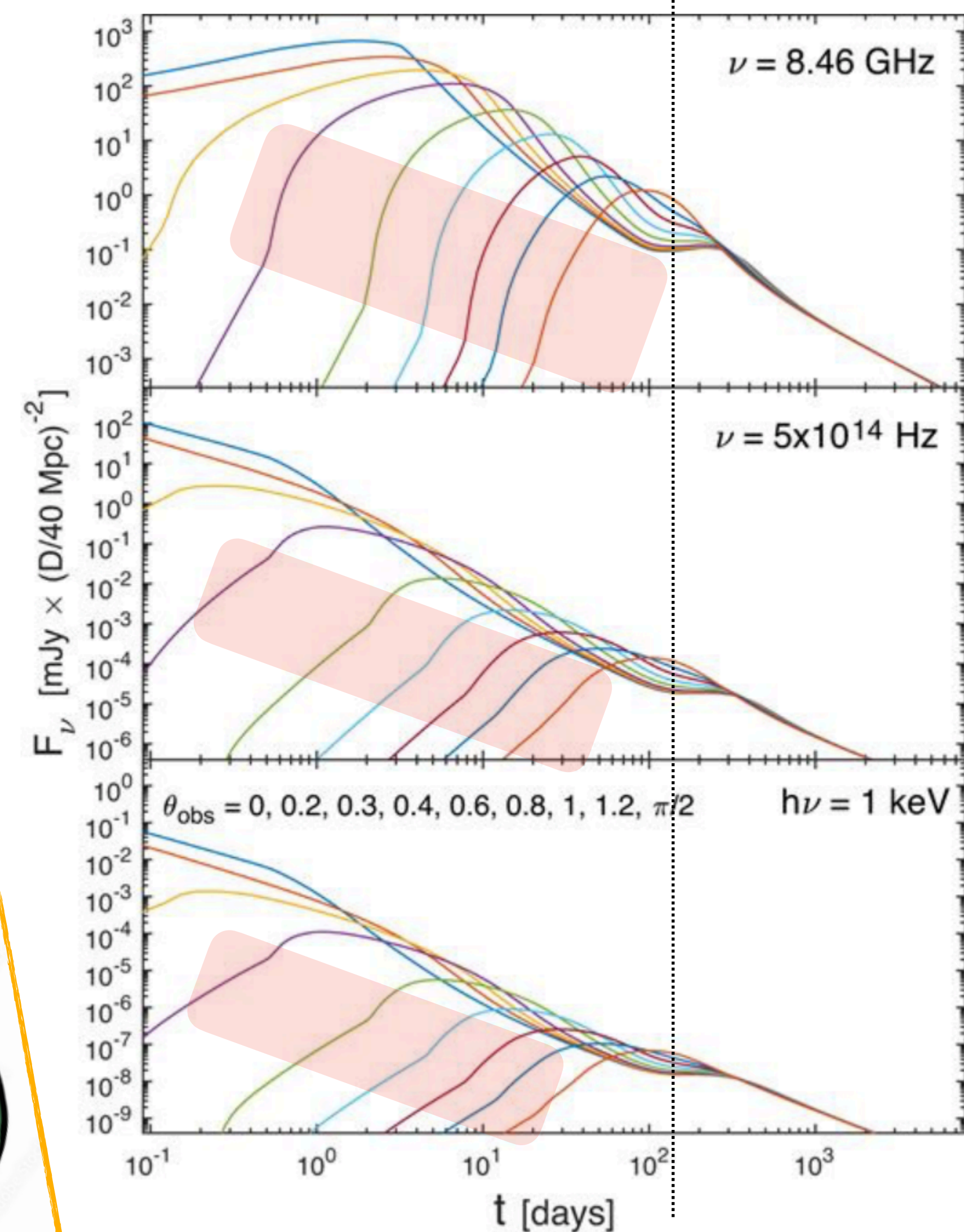
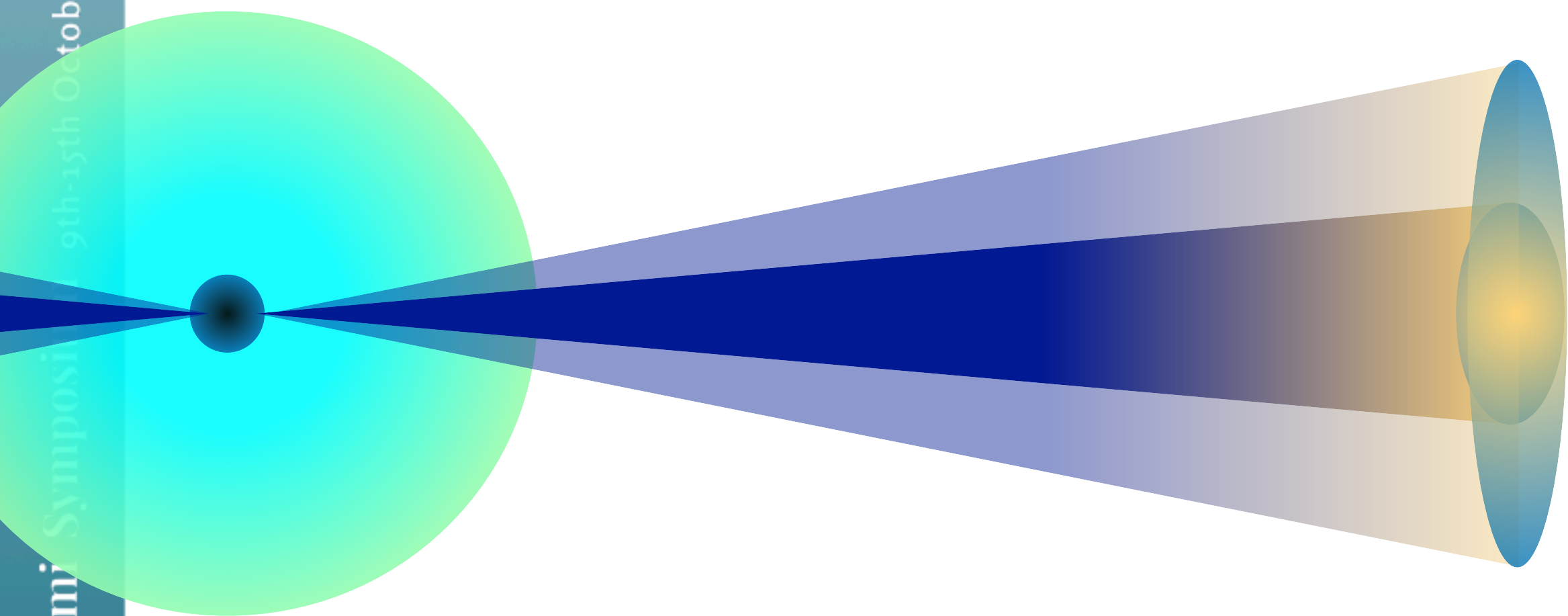
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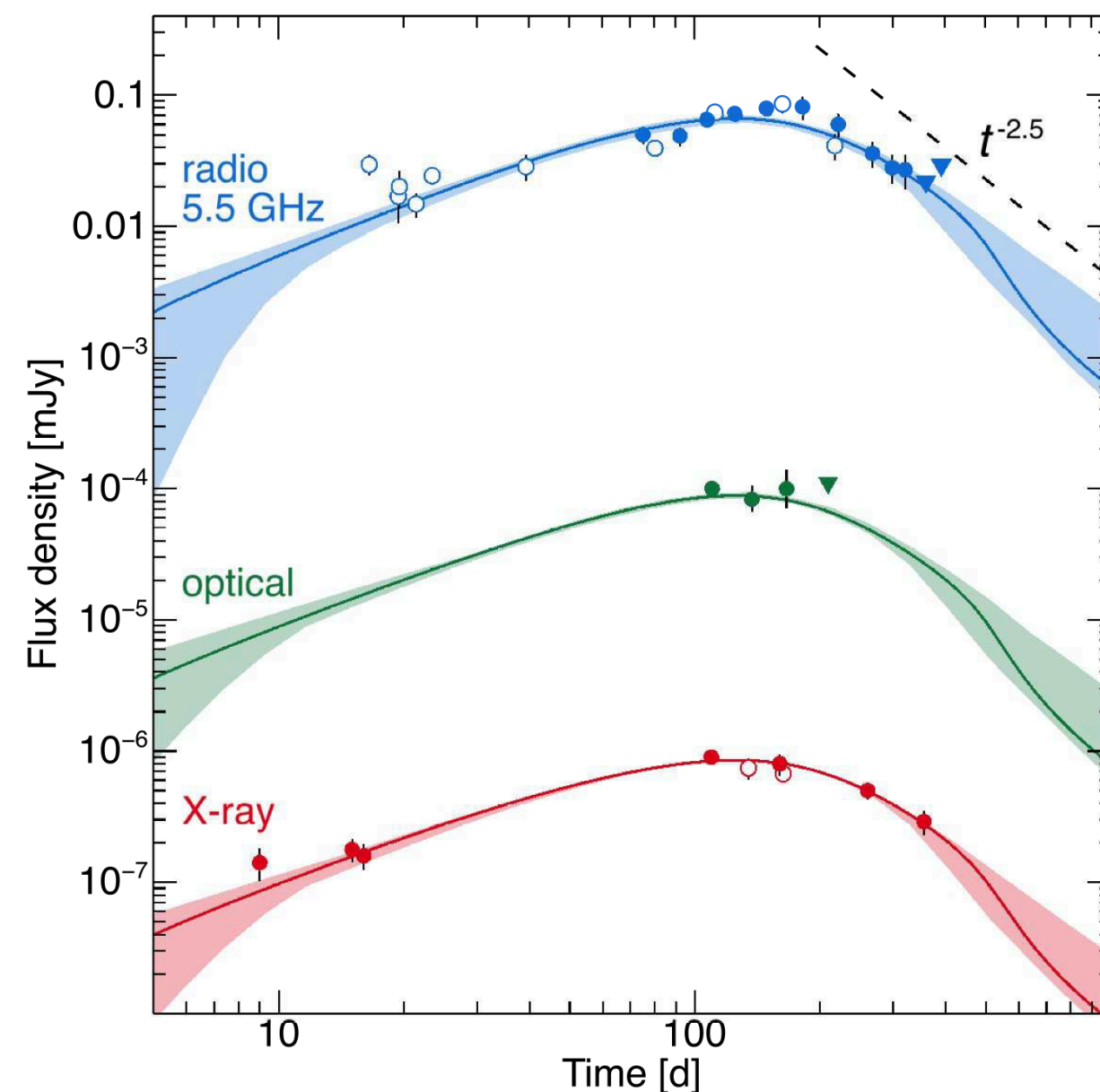


Prompt Emission Study

Short GRB 170817A

- ➔ Structure beyond jet core
- ➔ Jet is viewed Off-axis

Observed prompt spectra carries imprints of structure jet effects

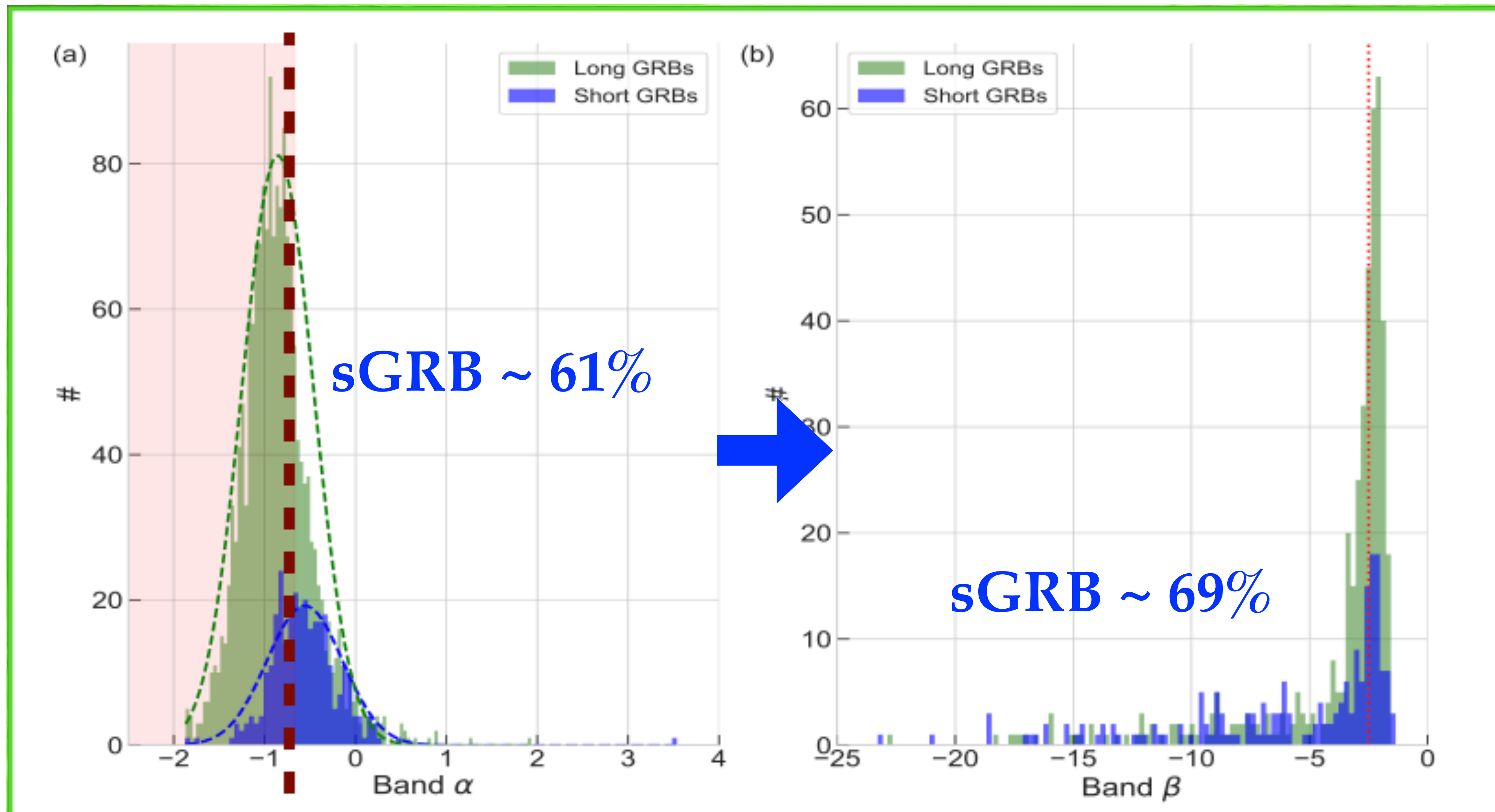


Troja et al 2019

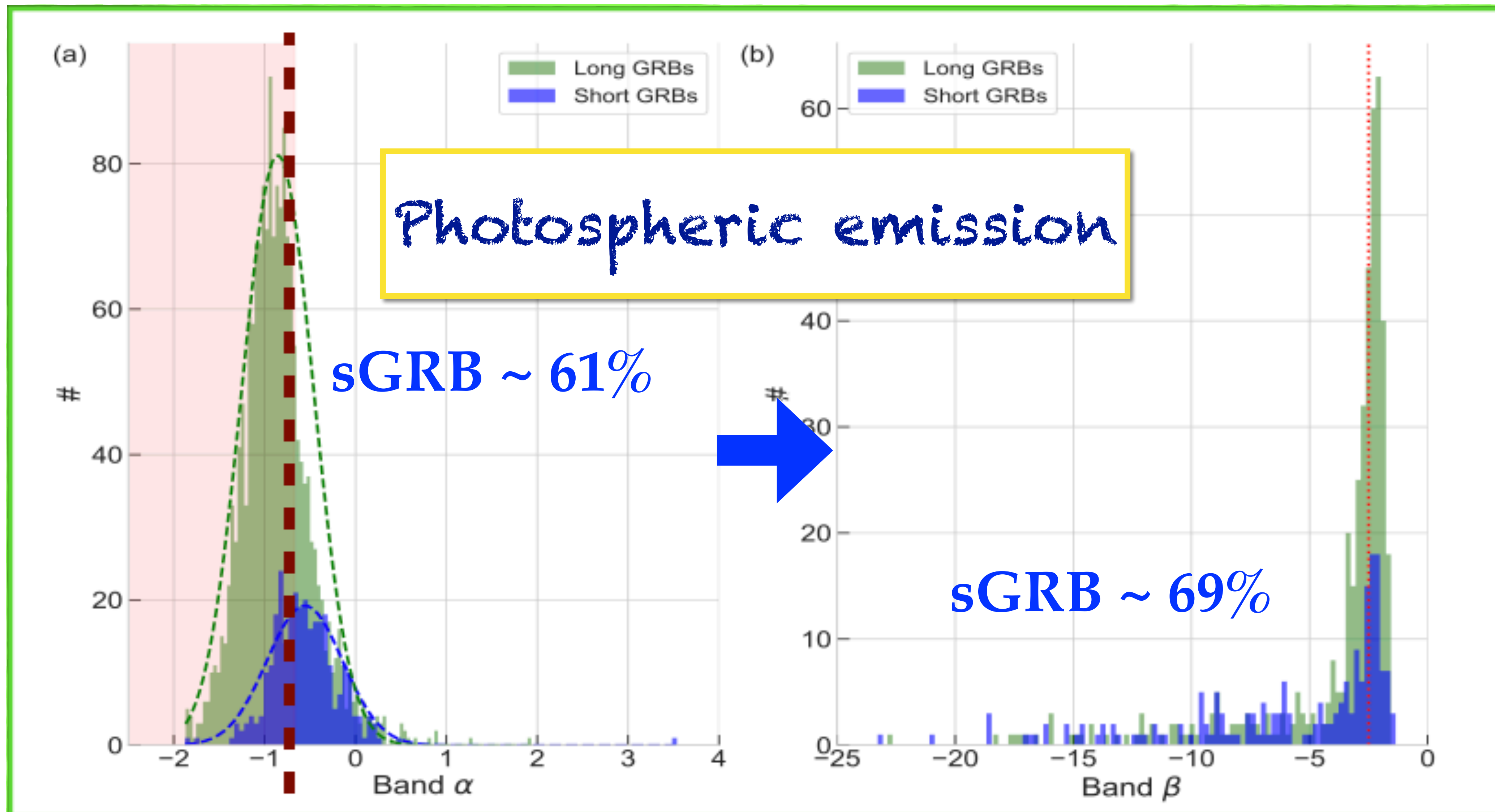
Jet Off-axis or On-axis; is studied by 'AFTERGLOW' light curve !!!

Can 'PROMPT SPECTRA' provide a clue about viewing geometry ??

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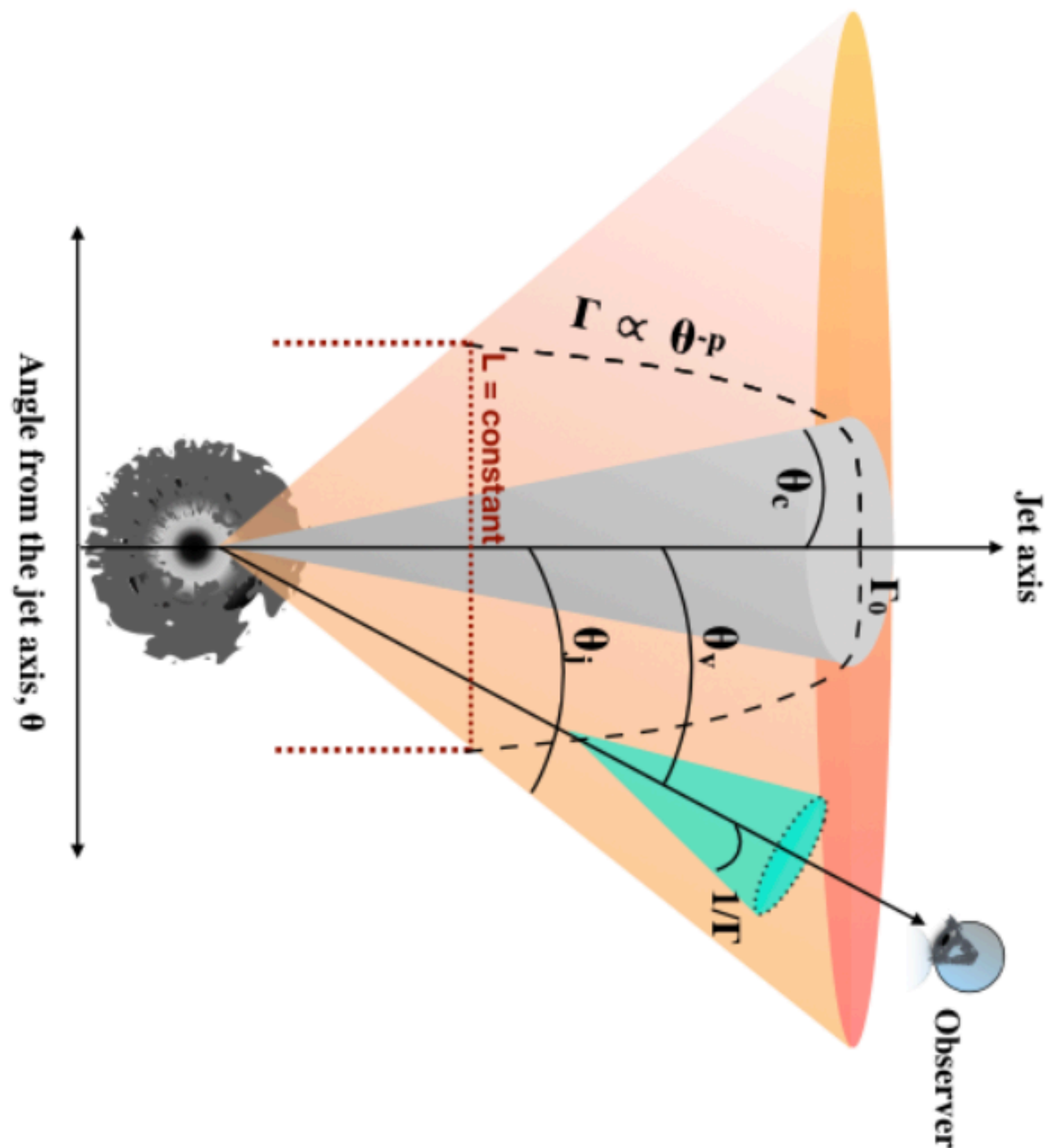


Consistent with Acuner & Ryde 2018 and Dereli-Bégué et al 2020

Physical model with structural jet profile

Lundman et al. 2013

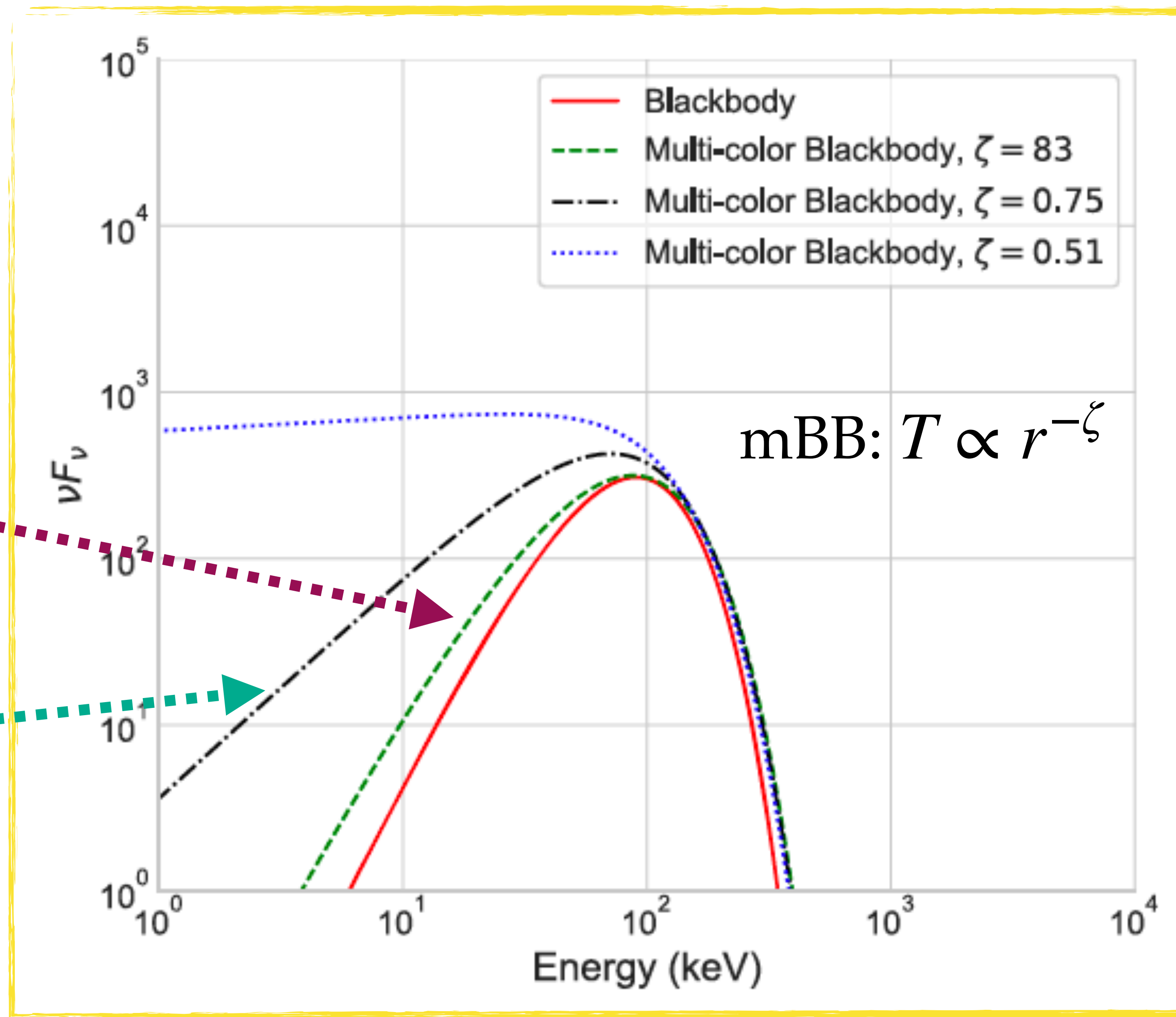
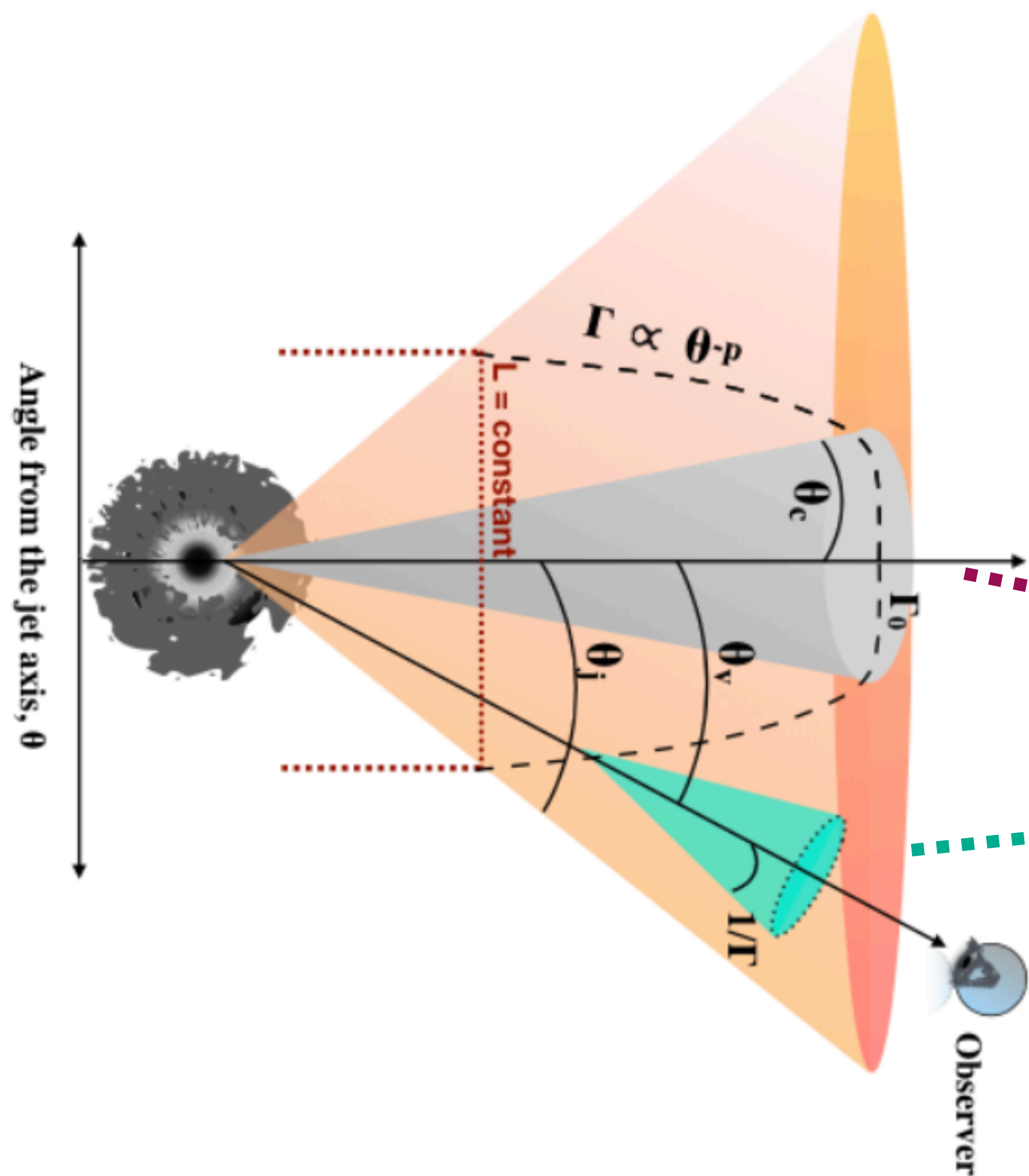
- ▶ Monte Carlo Simulation for 3D jet structure
- ▶ Non-dissipative photosphere
- ▶ Angle-dependent Lorentz Factor Profile,
 $\Gamma \propto \theta^{-p}$



✓ Depending upon viewing angle:
Hard to Soft alpha

✓ Obtained spectrum:
Superposition of many black-bodies

Multi-color blackbody spectra



Probing Geometry from prompt spectra

- ➔ 39 sGRBs: Fermi & Swift detected + known redshift (2004-2018)
- ➔ Spectral model: Blackbody (BB) or diskpBB (mBB)
- ✓ 37 GRBs: ~ 69% mBB, ~ 26% BB —> Studying Structured Jet Model

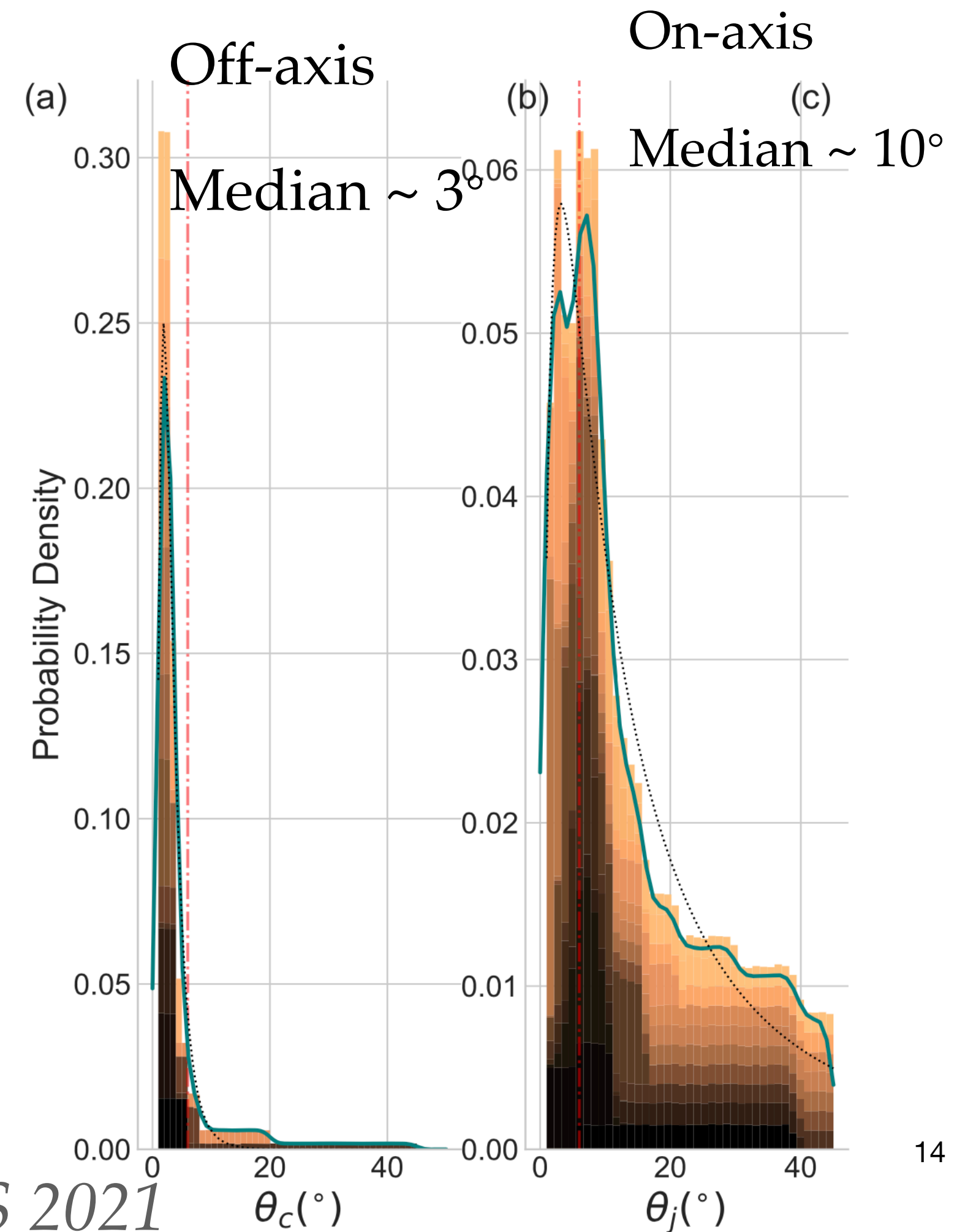
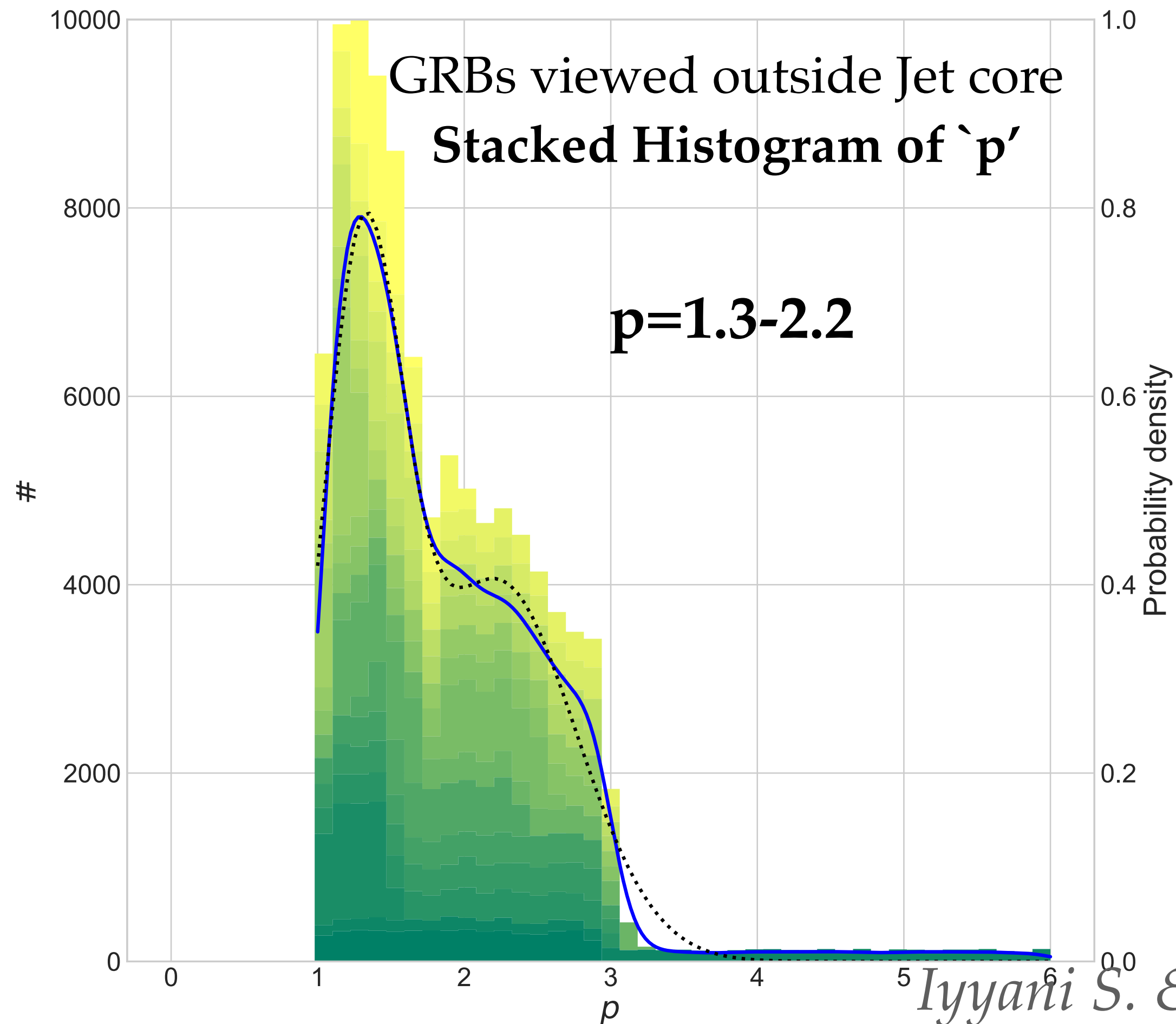
Lundman et al. 2013: predicted ' α ' & ' p ' ($\Gamma \propto \theta^{-p}$) relation

- ▶ $-1 < \alpha < -0.5$: Photospheric spectra for off-axis observer
- ▶ $\alpha > -0.5$: Viewed on-axis

Structured Jets

Outside Jet Core $\rightarrow 16/37 \sim 43\%$: $\alpha < -0.5$ and jet opening angle not observed

Within Jet Core $\rightarrow 57\%$: $\alpha > -0.5$ Or, Jet break



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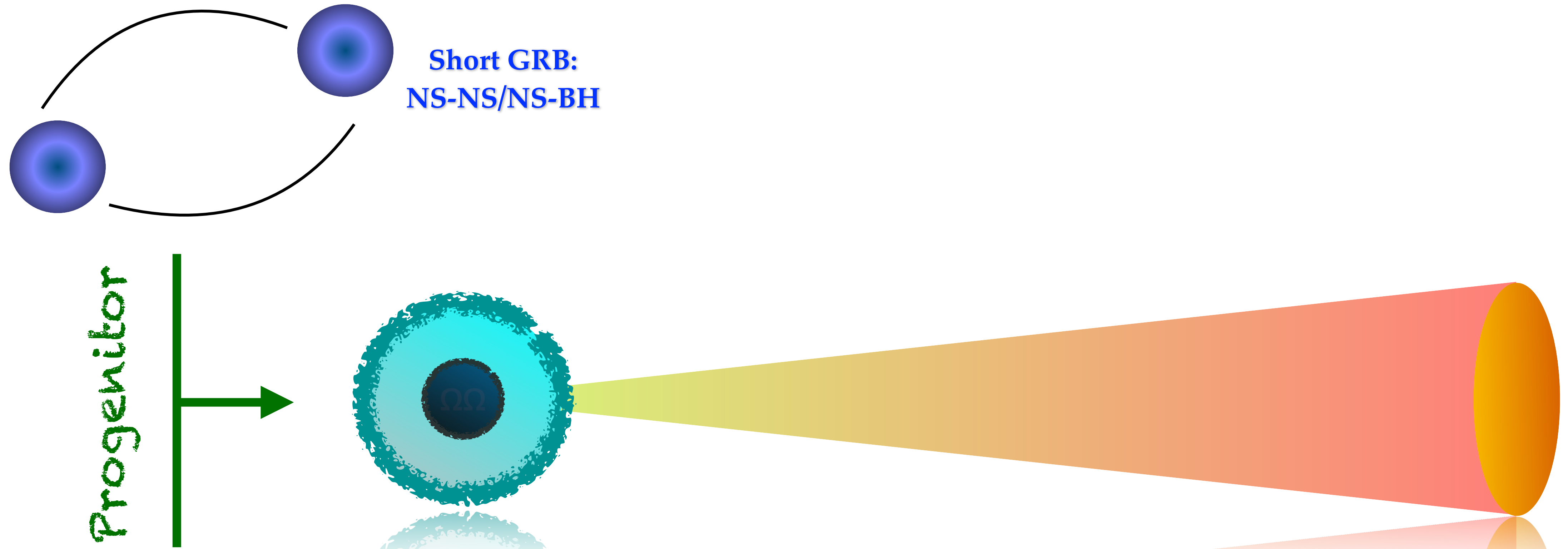
Results

- (1) **39 short GRBs:** Fermi & Swift detected + known redshift (2004-2018)
- (2) We observe 37 / 39 ~ 95% are consistent with Photospheric emission model; 69% are consistent with multicolor blackbody & rest 26% with blackbody model.
- (3) For the First time, **Prompt Emission** is used for **probing the Viewing Angle**.
 - ✓ 57%: On-axis ones Intrinsic jet luminosity is found to be, $10^{48} - 10^{53}$ erg/s.
- (4) For the GRBs viewed by off-axis are found to possess narrow jet core, $\theta_c \sim 3^\circ$.

The detection of bright sGRBs with LIGO is inferred as 0.19–2.87 events per year.

Conclusion: Simple non-dissipative photospheric emission model; allows us to access viewing geometry & Lorentz Factor profile of jet!

Nature of central engine



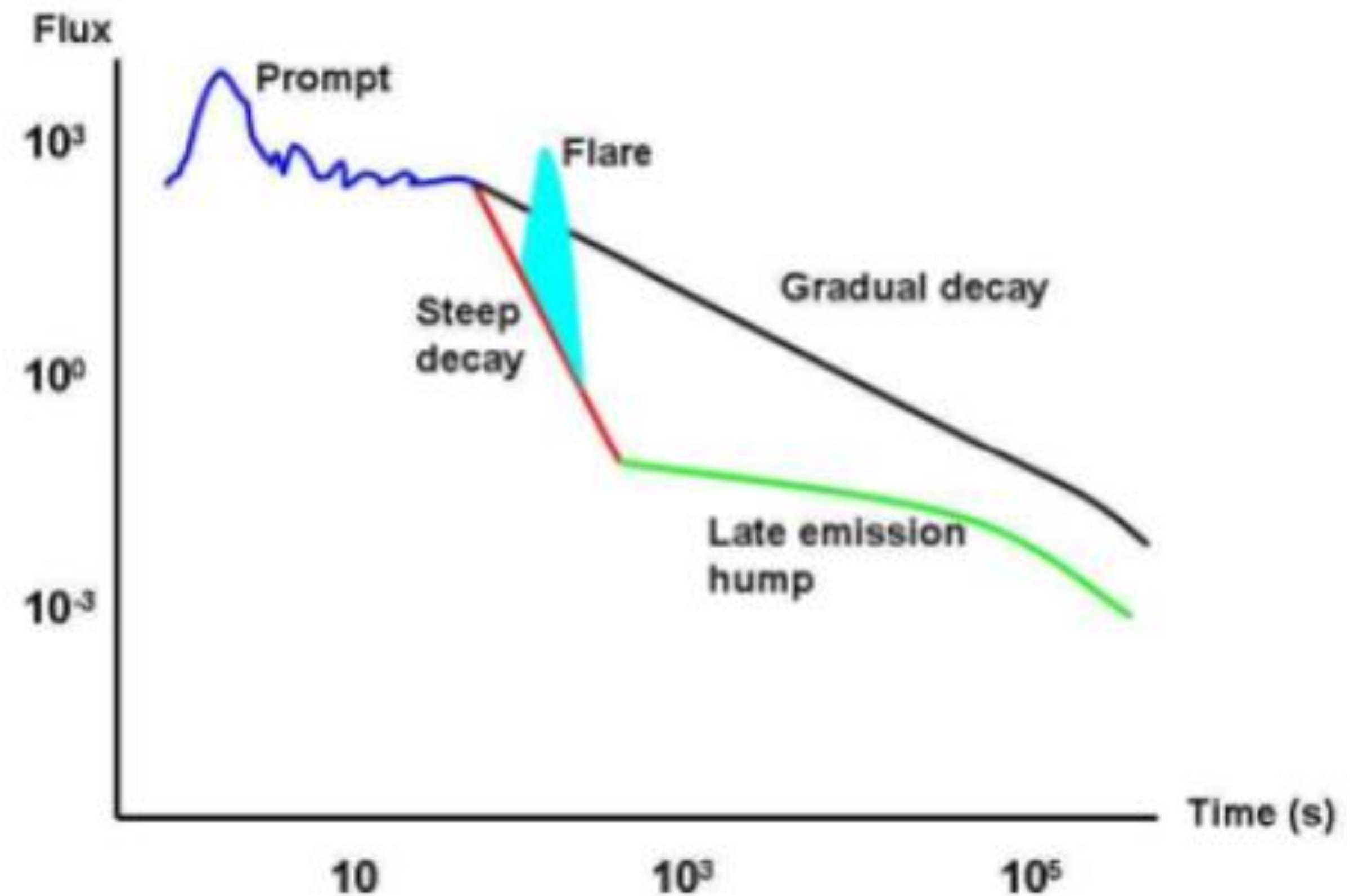
Observational Constraints on Central Engine:

- Extremely Energetic: $10^{46} - 10^{55}$ erg (Isotropic equivalent)
- Milliseconds Time Variability (~ 100 km): Compact objects

Sources powering the GRBs

Hyper-accreting stellar-mass Black hole or
Rapidly spinning, highly magnetised NS, Magnetar

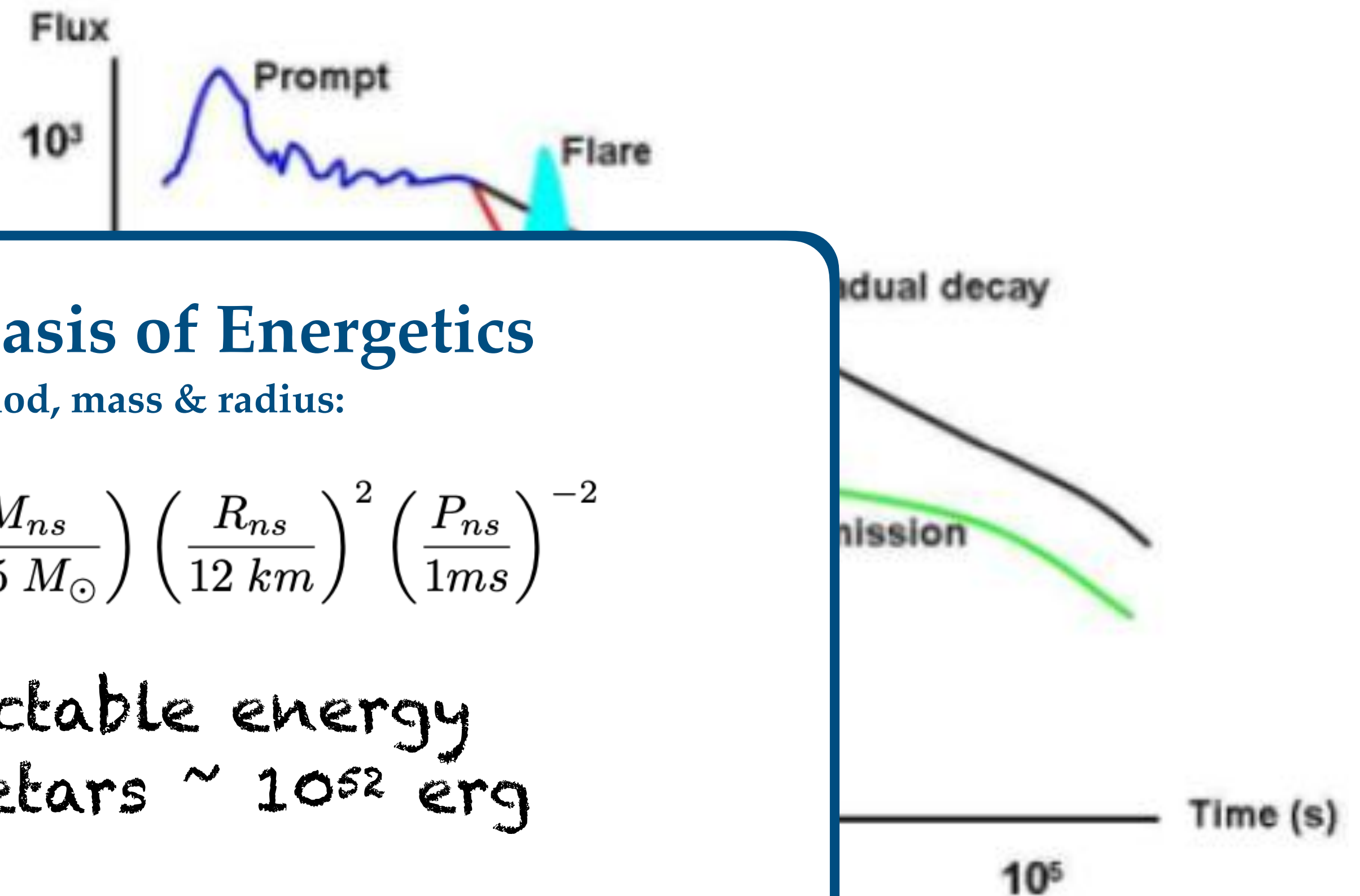
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(b) Probing on the basis of Energetics

Based on observed period, mass & radius:

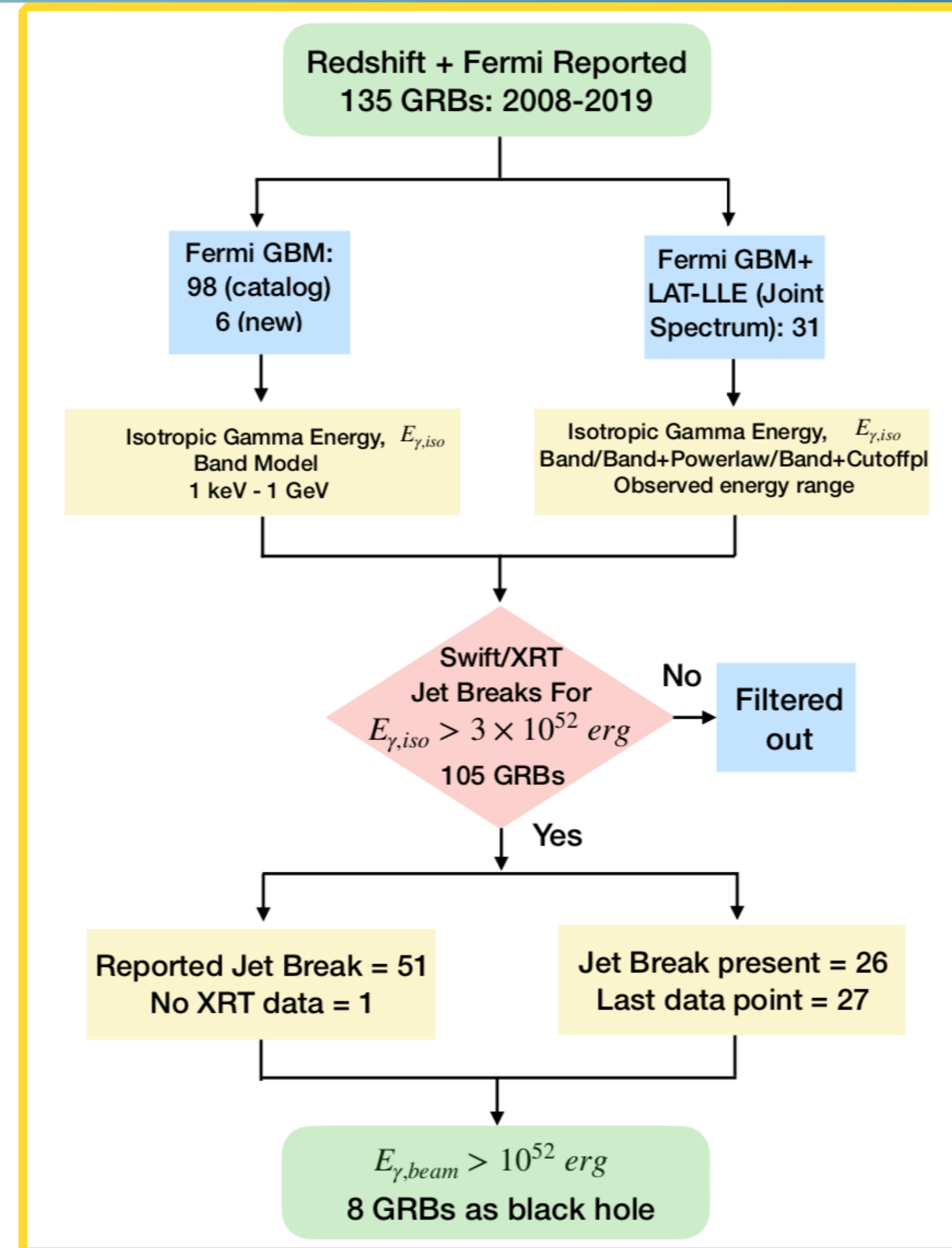
$$E_{\text{rot}} \simeq \frac{1}{2} I \Omega^2 \approx 3 \times 10^{52} \text{erg} \left(\frac{M_{\text{ns}}}{1.5 M_{\odot}} \right) \left(\frac{R_{\text{ns}}}{12 \text{ km}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{P_{\text{ns}}}{1 \text{ ms}} \right)^{-2}$$

Maximum extractable energy
in case of magnetars $\sim 10^{52}$ erg

Rotational Energy \rightarrow Jet Energy

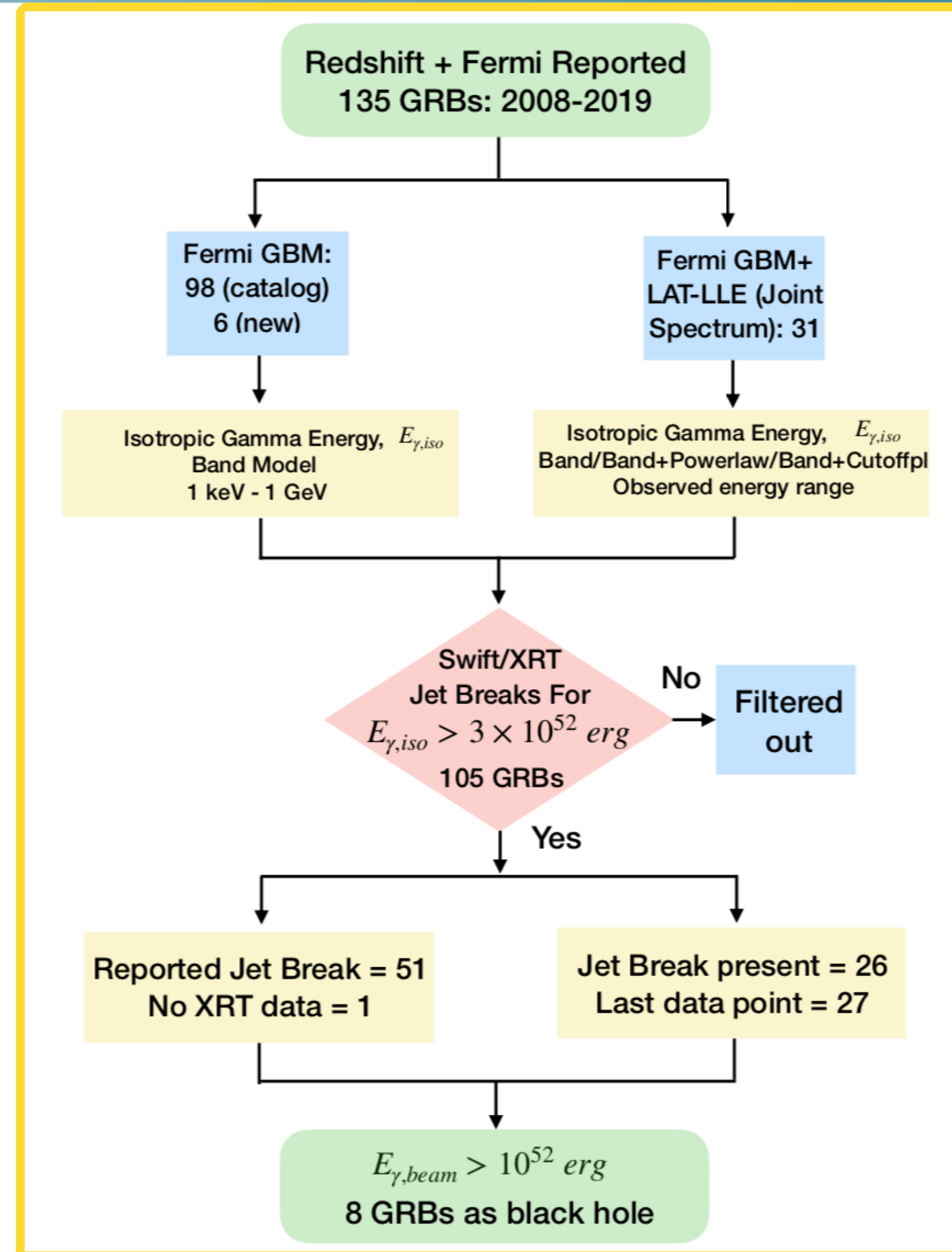
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- Redshift
- Prompt emission spectrum



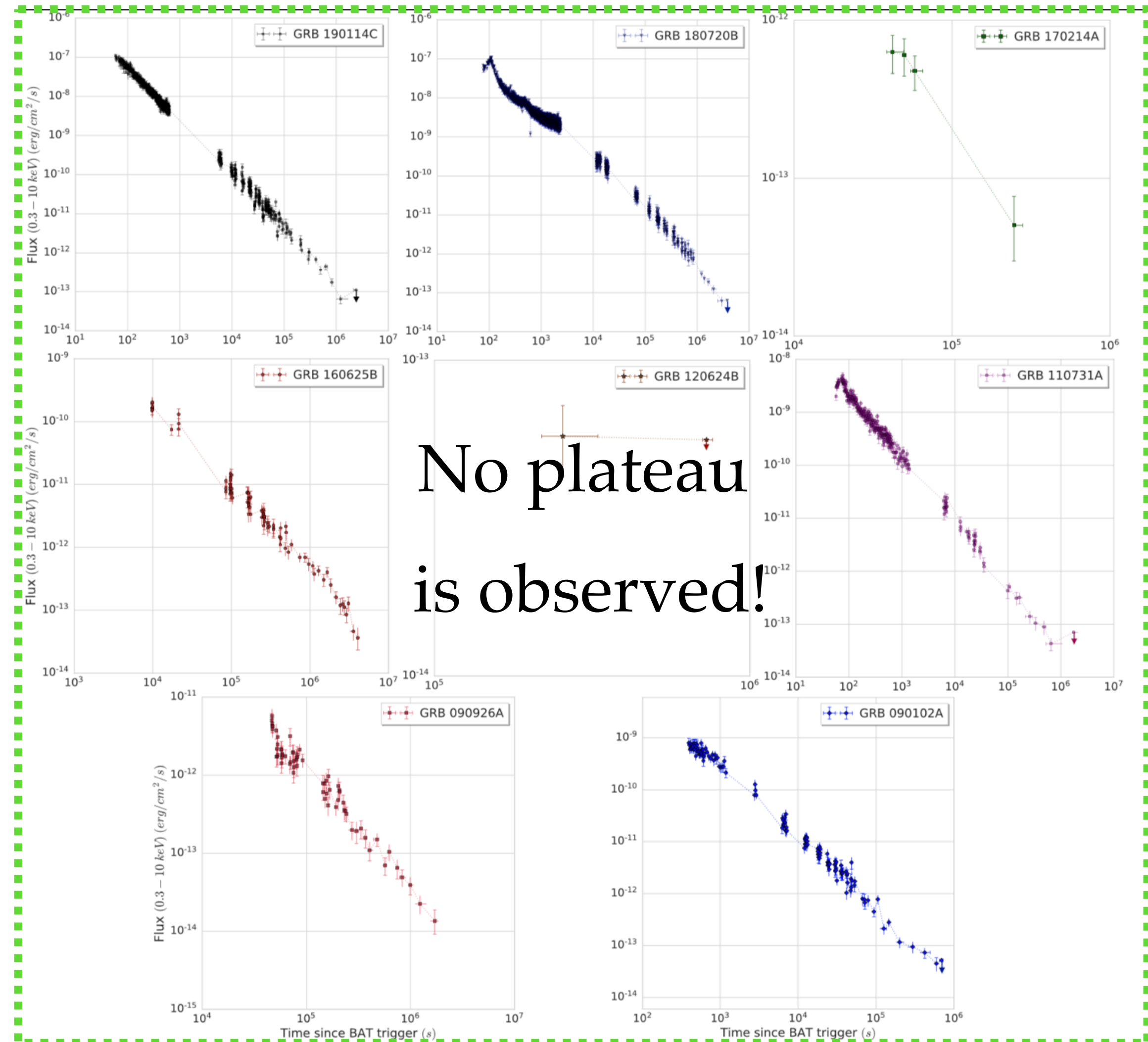
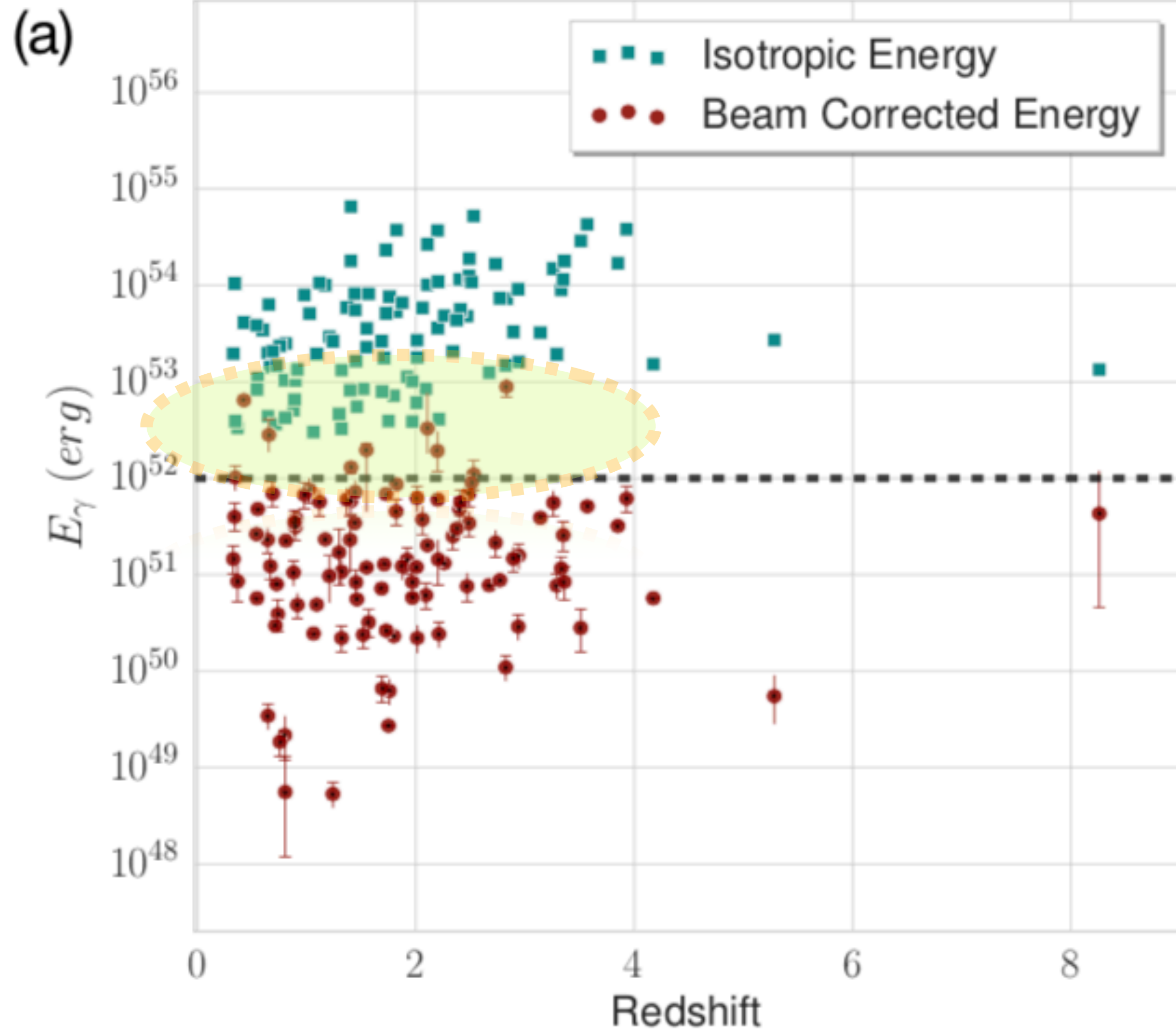
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- Jet opening angle

Jet properties of hyper-energetic GRBs



Masses of Black holes

Assuming, Blandford Znajek mechanism,
powering the BH driven jets:

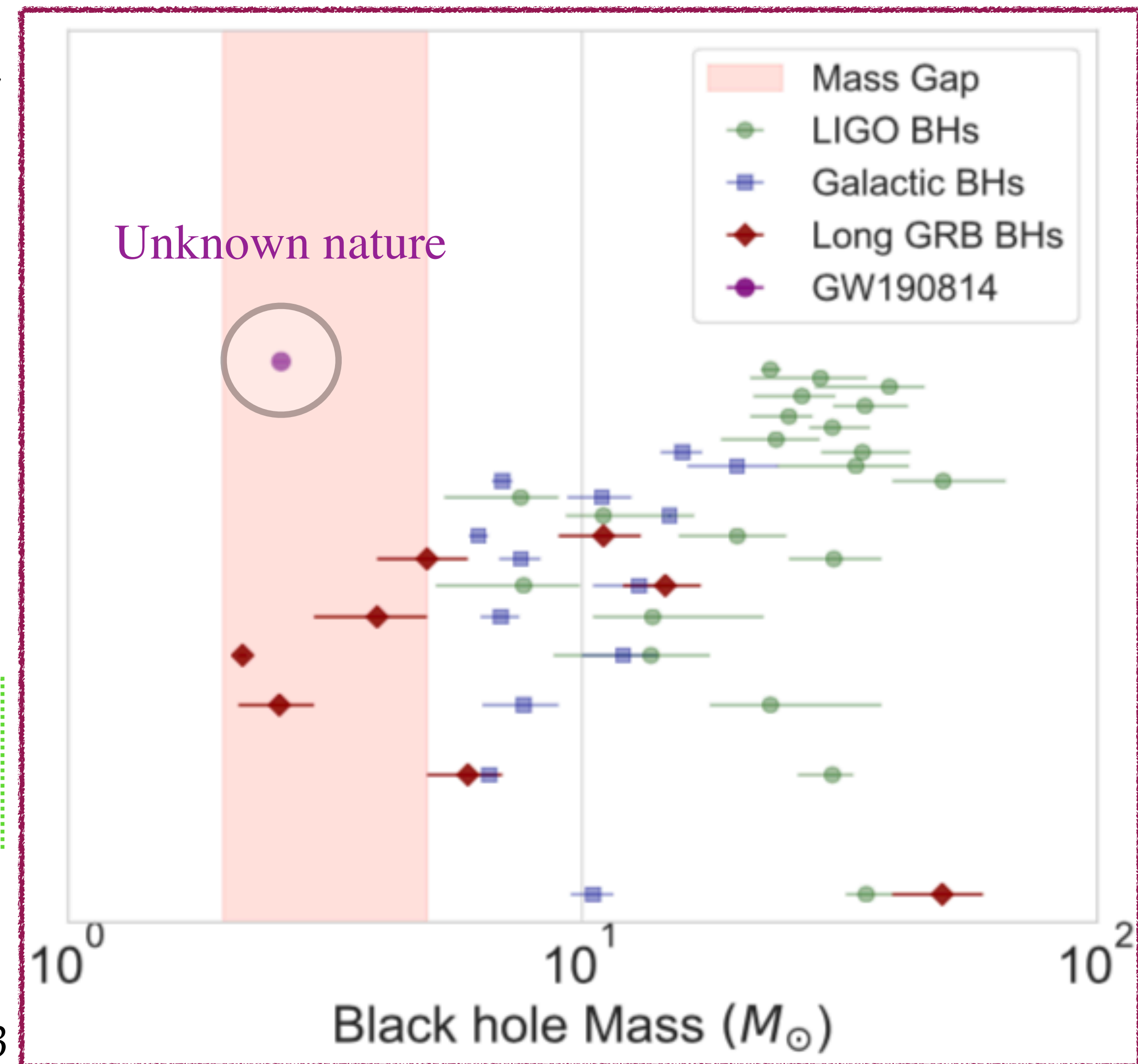
$$\eta E_{\text{rot}} \approx E_{\gamma, \text{beam}}$$

Mass ranges between
~ 2-60 solar masses

BHs formed in these catastrophic events
May lie in mass gap region

LIGO: *Abhott et al. 2019*

Galactic BH: *Wiktorowicz et al. 2013*



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Conclusion

Using limits on energetics,
we identify 8 black hole candidates.

- ❖ We note, all except one are LAT detected \rightarrow subGeV loud.
- ❖ In case of core-collapse of massive stars, mass of BH ranges from a few to tens of solar mass.
- ❖ In XRT light curve, we observe flares and multiple breaks.
- ❖ No plateau is observed for hyper-energetic black holes candidates.

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Thank you for your attention!

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Magnetic Energy

A decade of Gamma-Ray Bursts observed by Fermi-LAT; Ajello et al 2019

neutron star is one of the two leading hypotheses (the other is a newly-born black hole). The vacuum/force-free electromagnetic spin-down power of a neutron star with surface (equatorial) dipole magnetic field B_{dip} and spin period P is given by (Spitkovsky 2006):

$$\dot{E}_{\text{FF}} \approx \frac{4\pi^4 B_{\text{dip}}^2 R^6}{P^4 c^3} \sim 10^{49} \left(\frac{B_{\text{dip}}}{10^{15} \text{ G}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{P}{1 \text{ ms}} \right)^{-4} \left(\frac{R}{10 \text{ km}} \right)^6 \text{ erg/s}, \quad (11)$$

GRB name	T_{90} (Fermi) (s)	z	Fluence 10^{-4} erg/cm^2	$E_{\gamma, iso}$ 10^{52} erg	θ_j^a °	ϵ^a	$E_{\gamma, beam}$ 10^{52} erg	Confidence ^b level	M_*/M_{\odot}	Swift/ XRT Feature
190114C	116.354	0.425	$8.5_{-0.3}^{+0.3}$	$41.2_{-1.3}^{+1.4}$	> 32.5	0.18	$> 6.5_{-0.2}^{+0.2}$	$> 99.99\%$	40 – 60	3 Breaks
180720B	48.897	0.654	$5.4_{-0.4}^{+0.5}$	$63.3_{-5.2}^{+5.7}$	$> 17.2_{-2.6}^{+2.6}$	–	$> 2.8_{-0.9}^{+1.2}$	99.6%	5 – 7	Flare, 3 Breaks
170214A ^c	122.882	2.53	$3.5_{-0.1}^{+0.2}$	$525.7_{-21.0}^{+23.0}$	$> 3.7_{-0.6}^{+0.6}$	–	$> 1.1_{-0.3}^{+0.4}$	61.5%	2.14 – 3	Straight line
160625B ^{c, d}	453.385	1.406	$12.4_{-0.4}^{+0.4}$	$657.8_{-20.6}^{+22.2}$	$3.6_{-0.2}^{+0.2}$	0.98	$1.3_{-0.2}^{+0.2}$	98.3%	2.14 – 2.22	1 Break
120624B	271.364	2.197	$3.1_{-0.5}^{+0.6}$	$371.1_{-57.4}^{+74.6}$	$> 5.8_{-0.9}^{+0.9}$	–	$> 1.9_{-0.7}^{+1.1}$	94.6%	3 – 5	A few points
110731A	7.485	2.83	$0.4_{-0.1}^{+0.1}$	$72.9_{-13.2}^{+14.5}$	$28.9_{-0.7}^{+0.0}$	0.86	$8.9_{-2.0}^{+1.8}$	99.9%	12 – 17	Flare, 3 Breaks
090926A ^e	13.76	2.106	$2.4_{-0.03}^{+0.03}$	$267.4_{-26.2}^{+33.8}$	9_{-2}^{+4}	0.98	$3.3_{-1.5}^{+4.4}$	90.8%	4 – 6	Straight line
090102	26.624	1.547	$0.4_{-0.1}^{+0.1}$	$22.8_{-1.7}^{+1.6}$	$23.9_{-12.1}^{+1.1}$	0.25	$2.0_{-1.5}^{+0.3}$	85%	9 – 13	1 Break

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Title of this slide

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