

# The electromagnetic afterglow of GW170817 a.k.a. GRB170817A

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light from/over the...

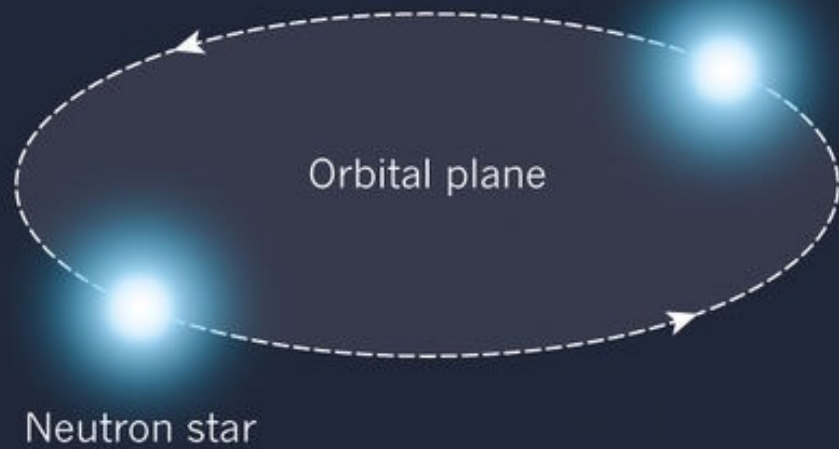
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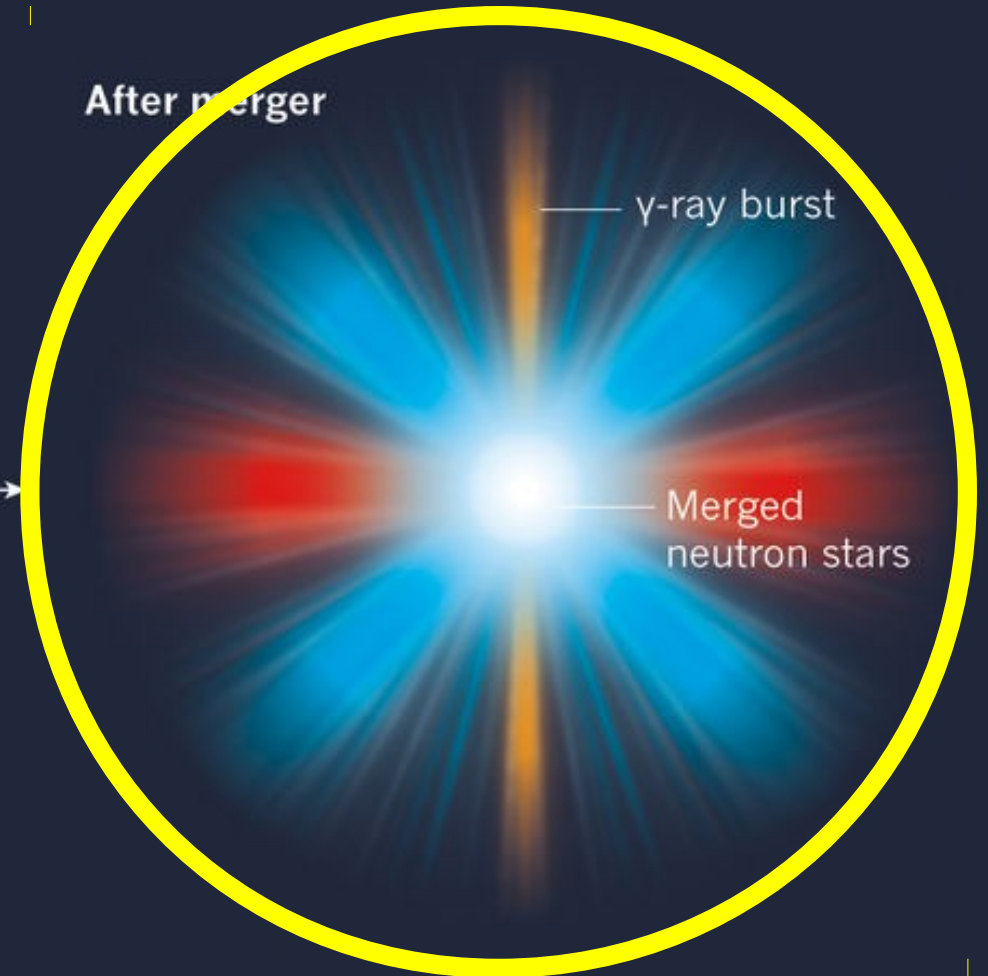
# Binary Neutron Star Merger GW170817



Before merger



After merger

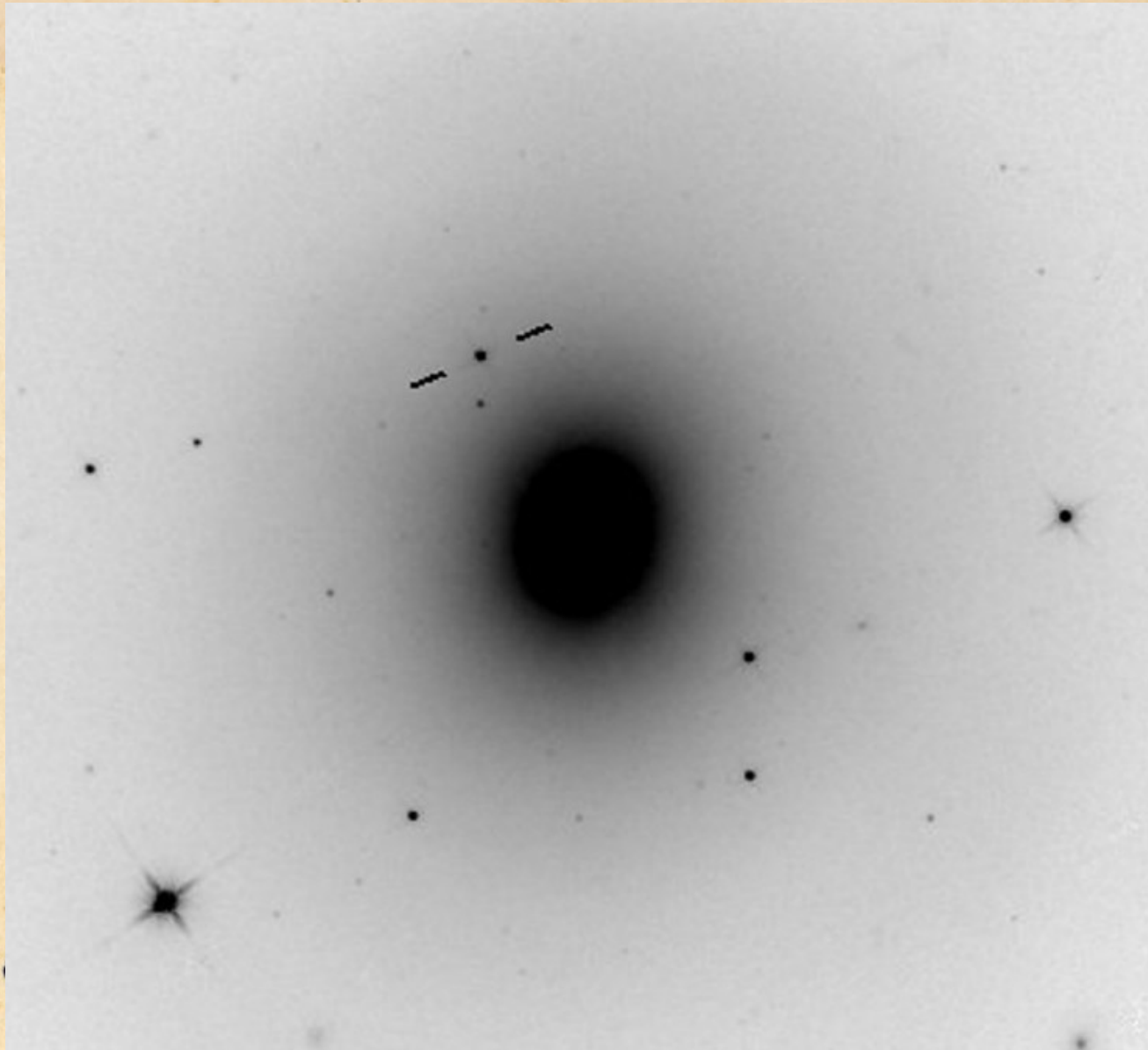


Who were they?

How did they form?



In NGC 4993, some 130 million light-years  
(~40 Mpc) away from us



Low SFR =  $0.01 M_{\text{sol}} \text{yr}^{-1}$

$M_{*} = 10^{10.65} M_{\text{sol}}$

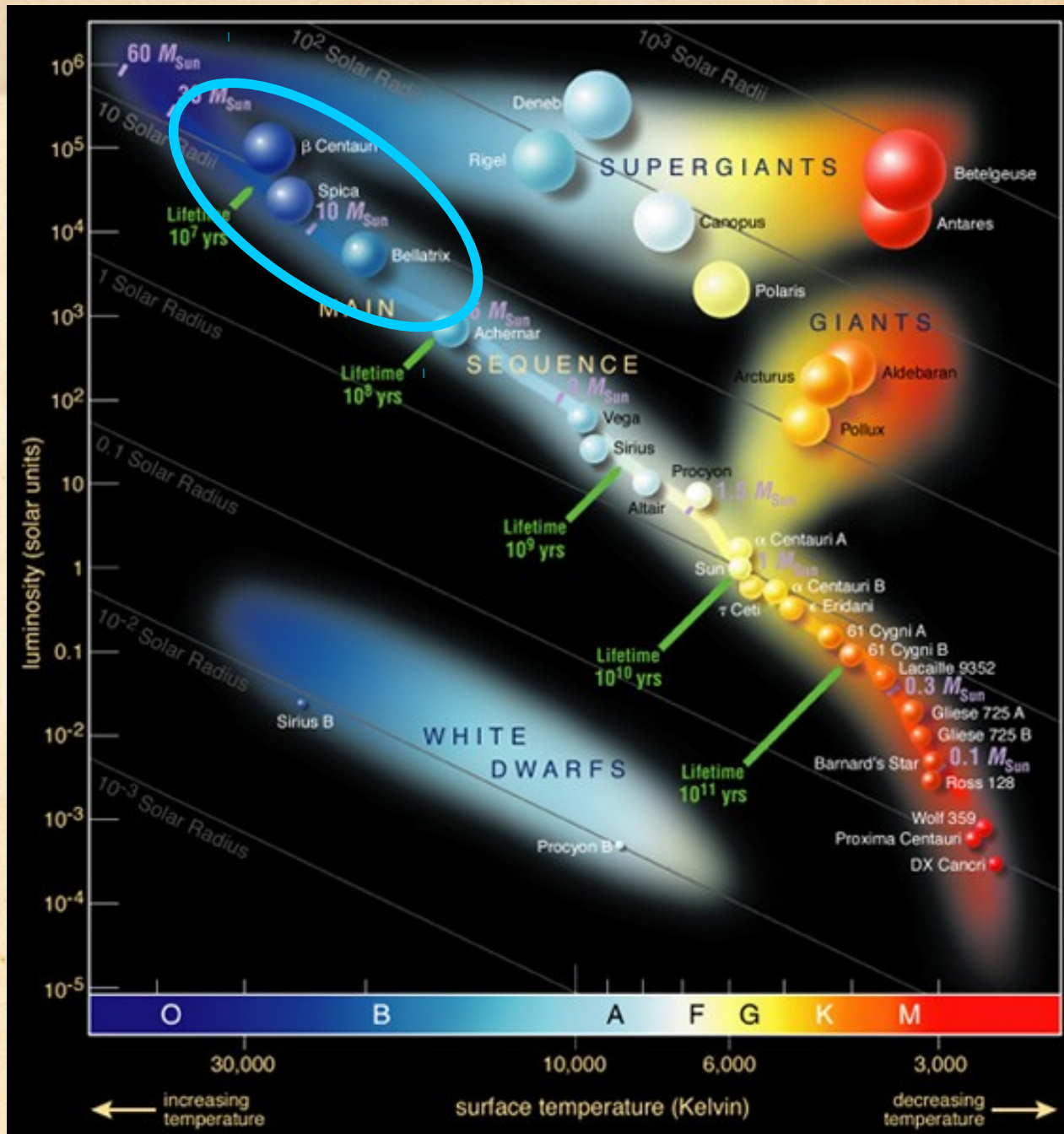
$r_e = 3.3 \text{ kpc}$

$d = 2.1 \text{ kpc}$



# Once Upon a Time

(~ $10^{10}$  y before...)

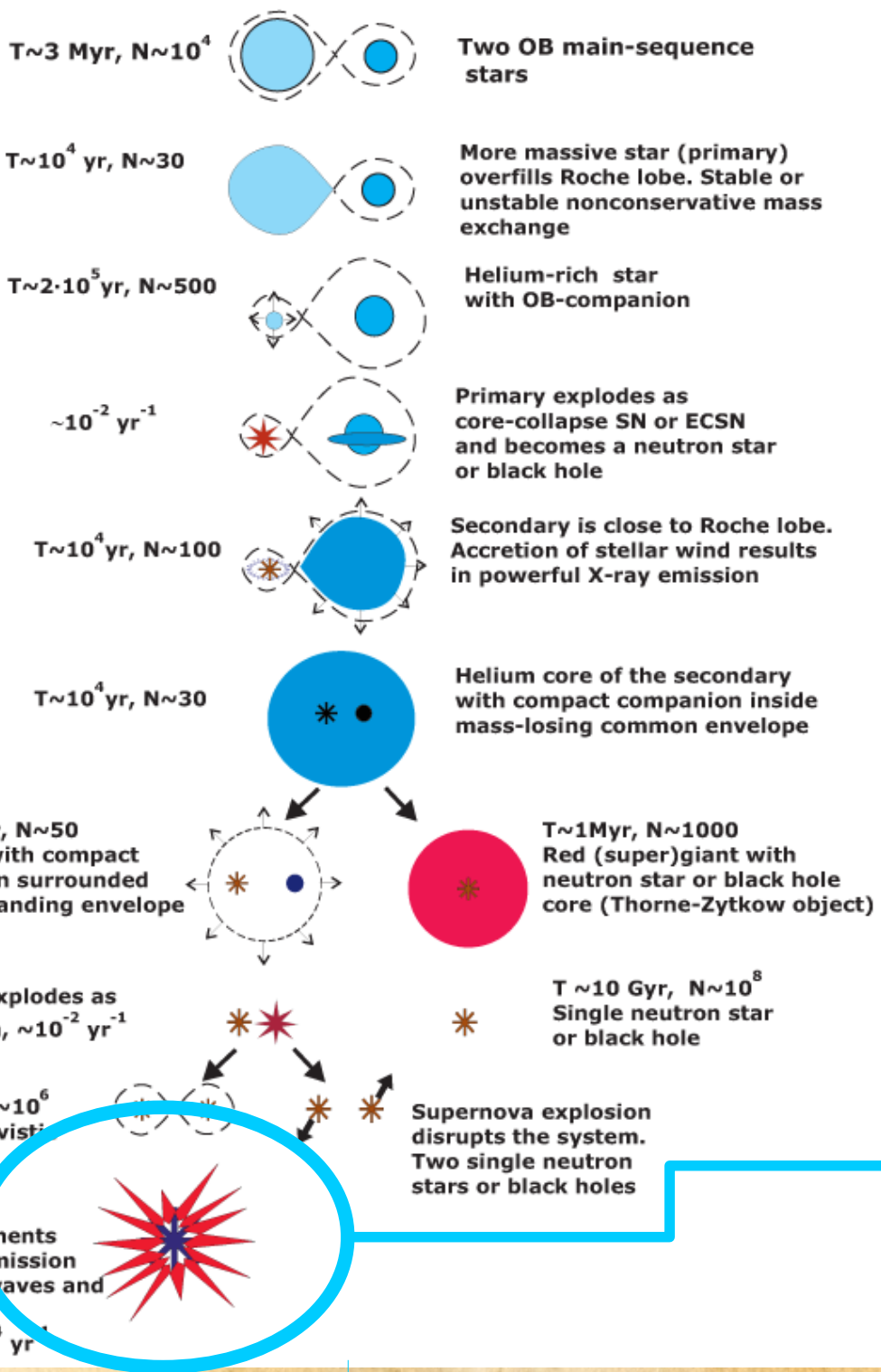


Born as  
massive  
stars  
(between 8  
and ~25 solar  
masses)



Fast!

slow!

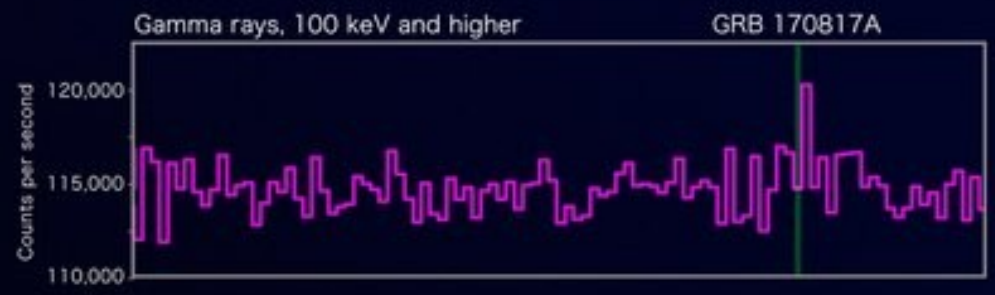
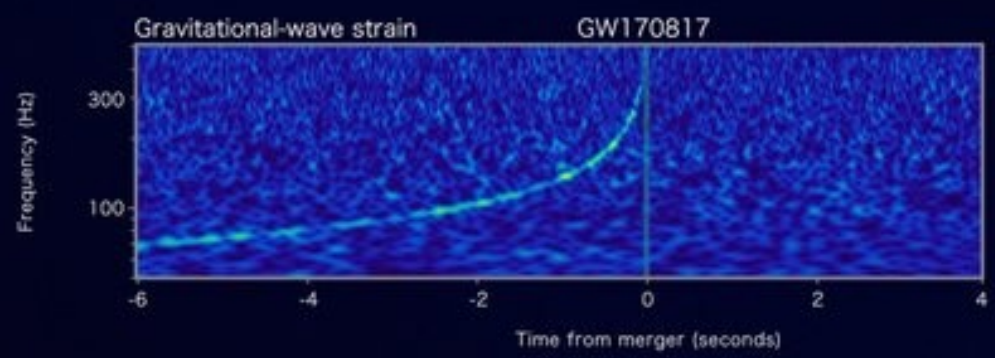
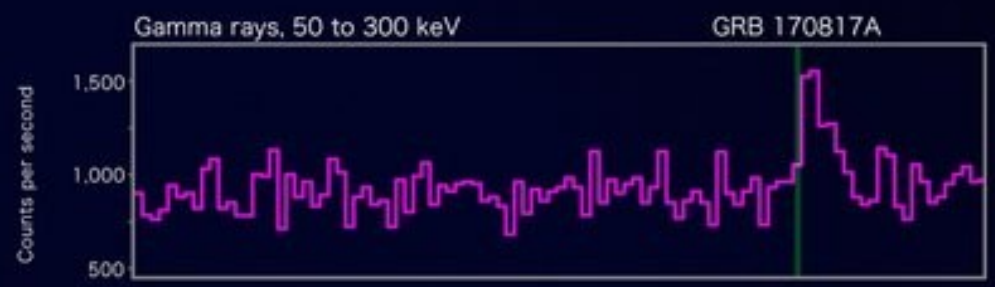


# Binary NS formation

(Postnov+14)

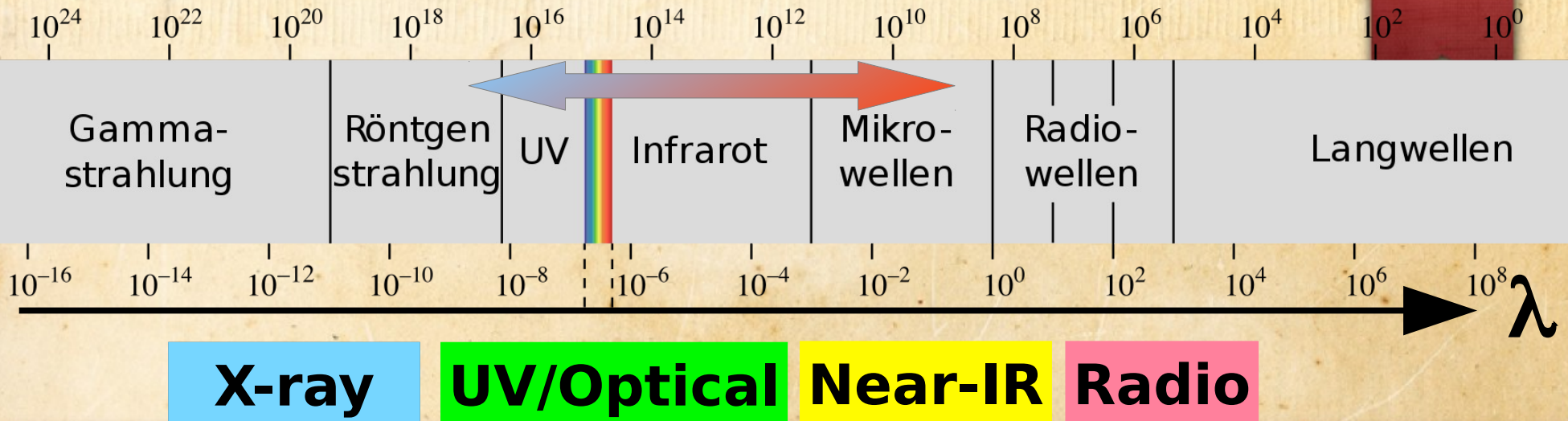
Our story begins here

# A short gamma-ray burst at +1.7 s



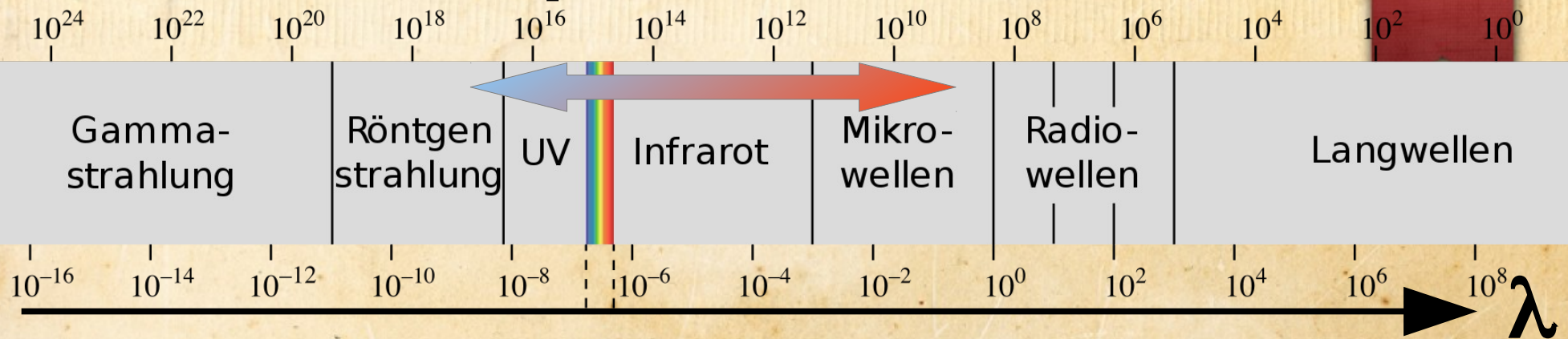


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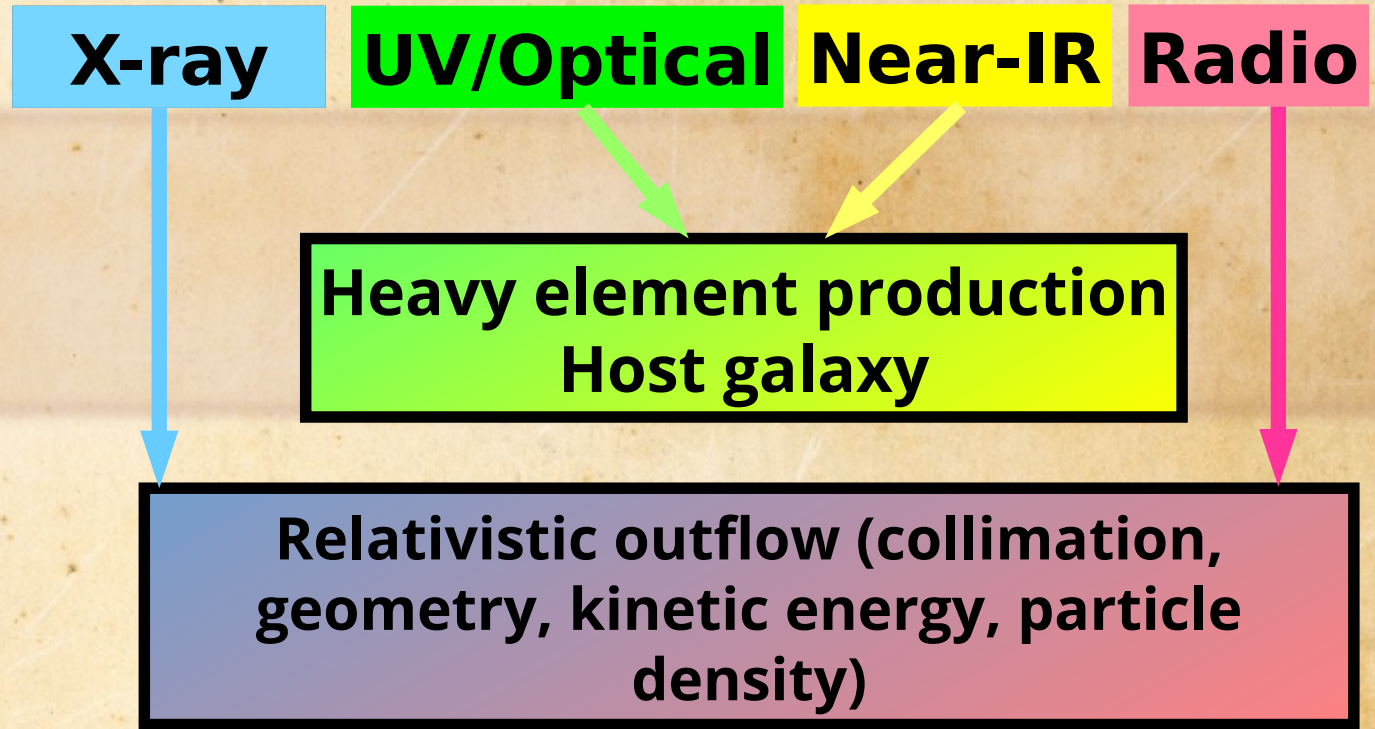
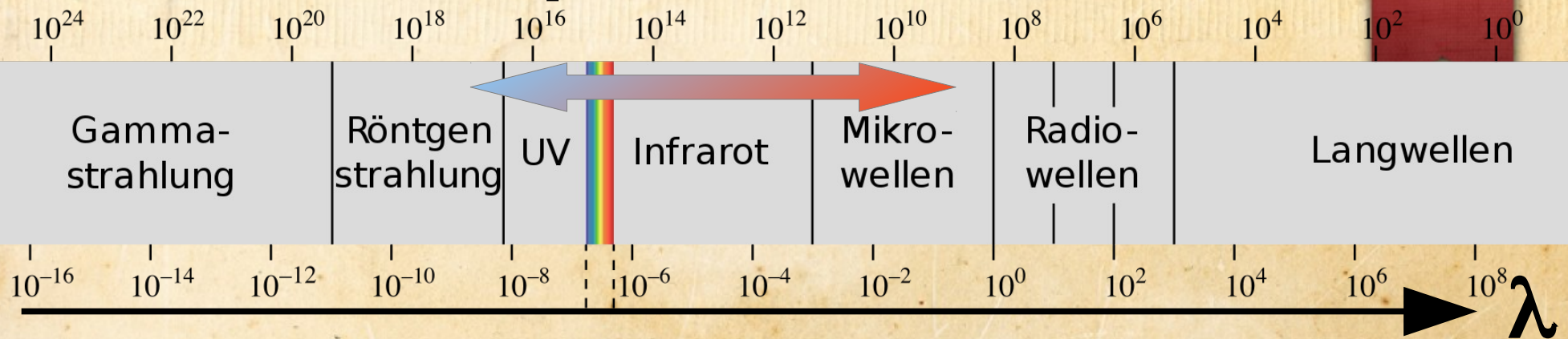


**X-ray**   **UV/Optical**   **Near-IR**   **Radio**

**Heavy element production  
Host galaxy**

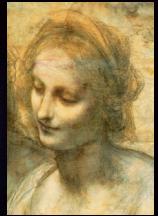
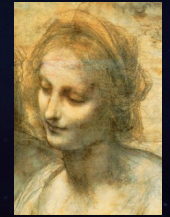


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# Picture to keep in mind



Relativistic jet  
(radio/X-ray)

Isotropic Component  
Heavy elements  
(UV/opt/NIR)



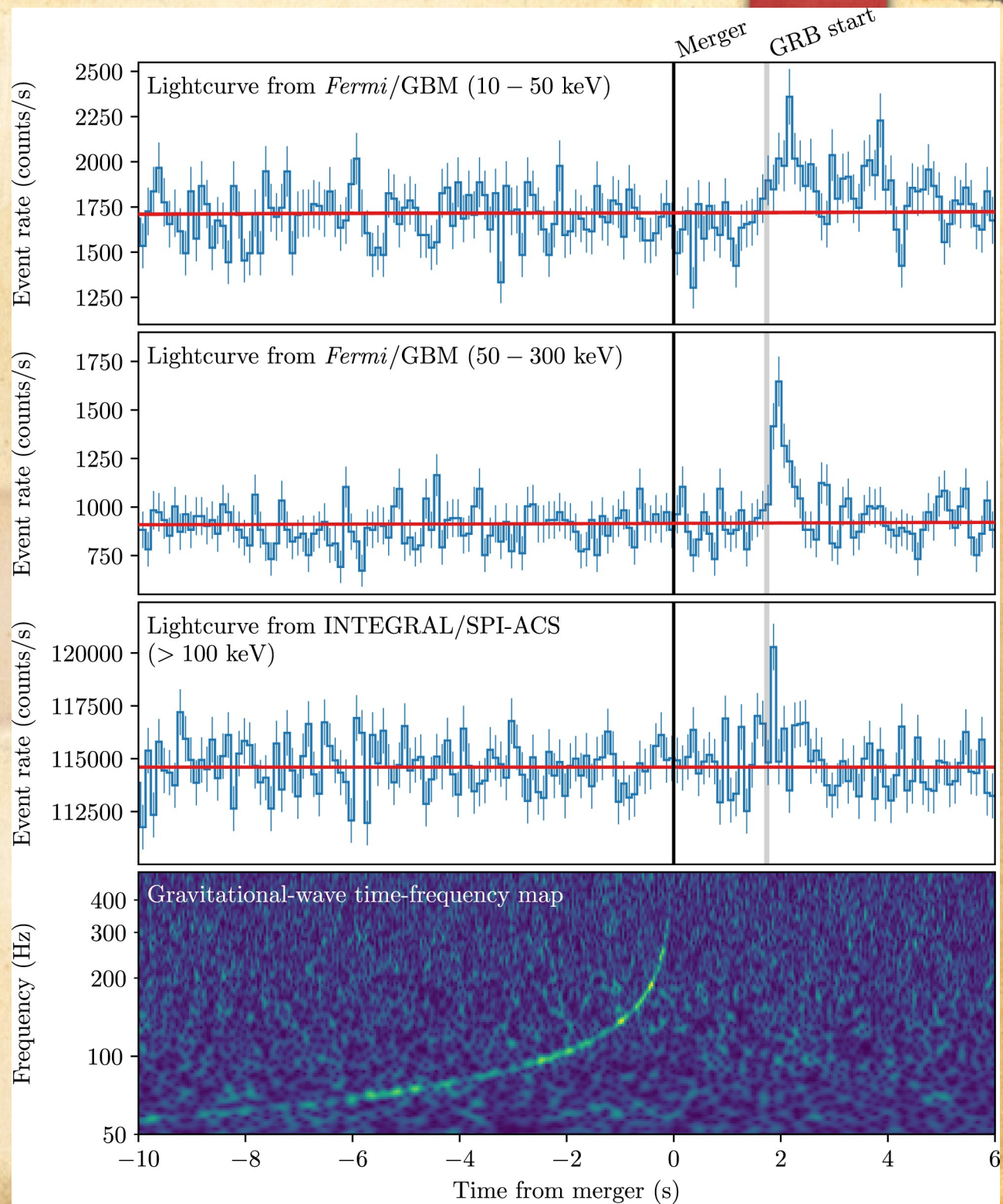


**Witnessing the birth of multi-  
messenger astrophysics:**

**time-lapse of the e.m.  
counterpart discovery**



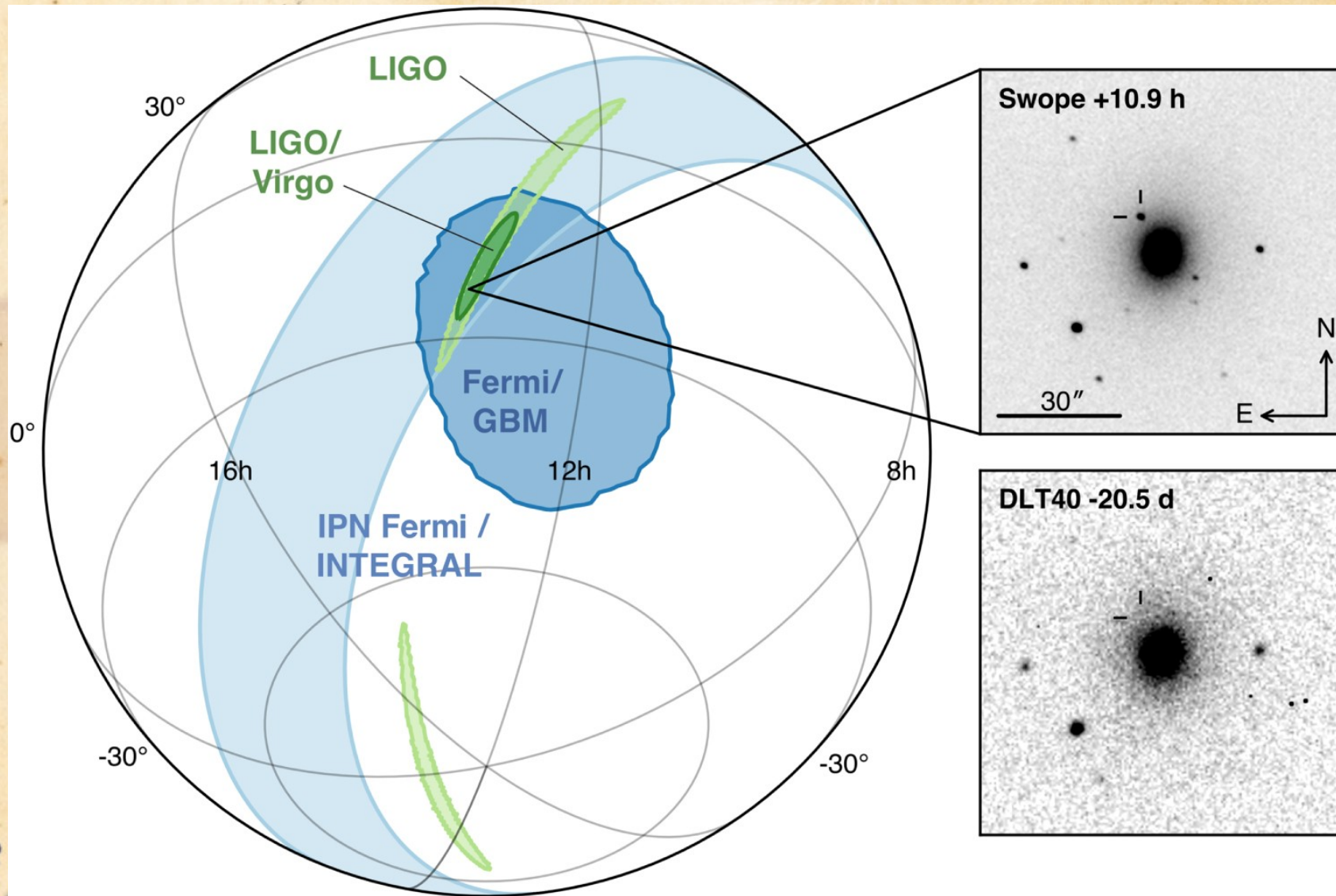
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Nov 23, 2017  
(LIGO+Virgo+gamma+17,ApJ)

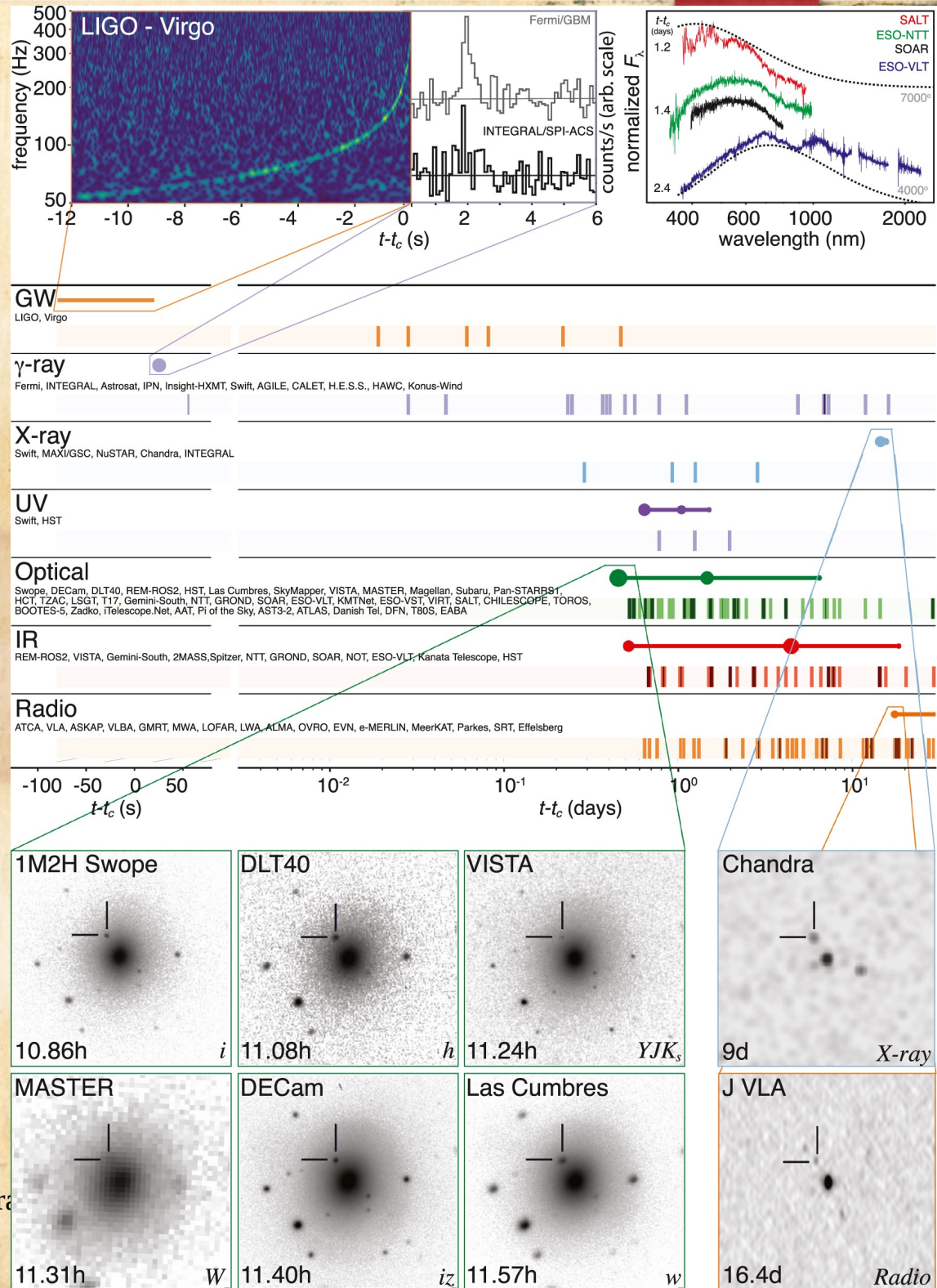


# e.m. counterpart discovery





# e.m. counterpart: a time-lapse of snowballing discoveries



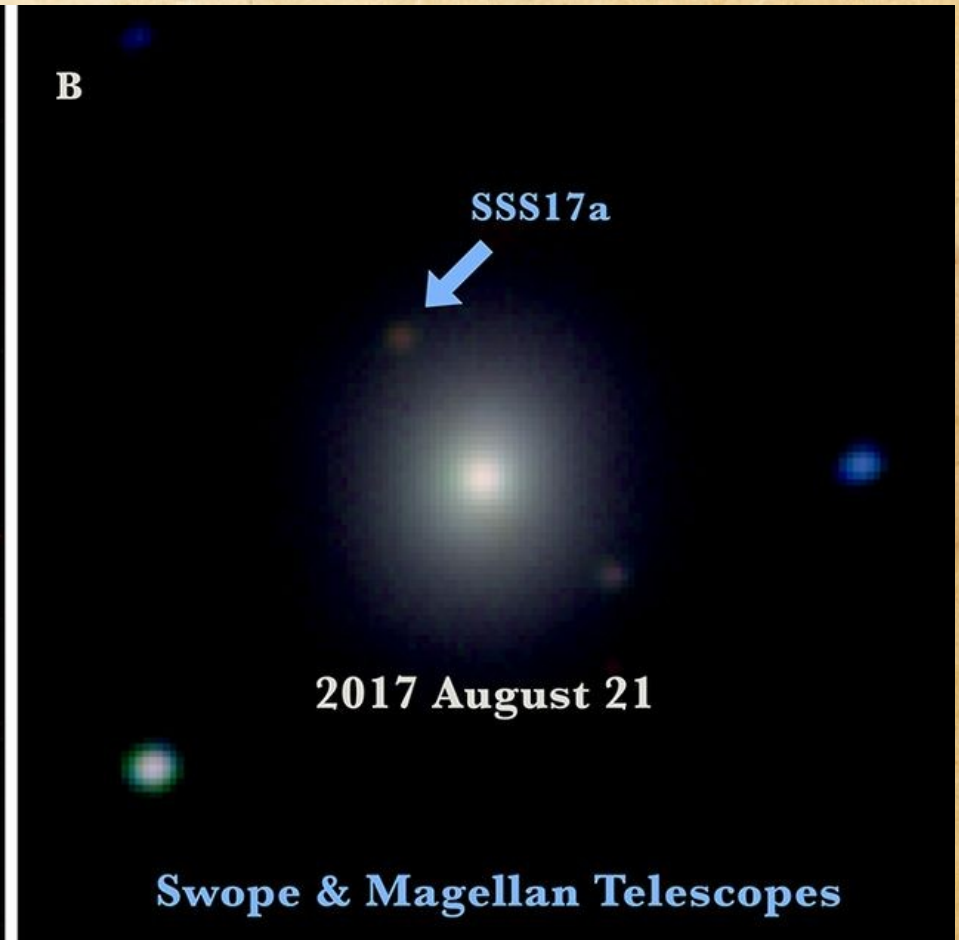
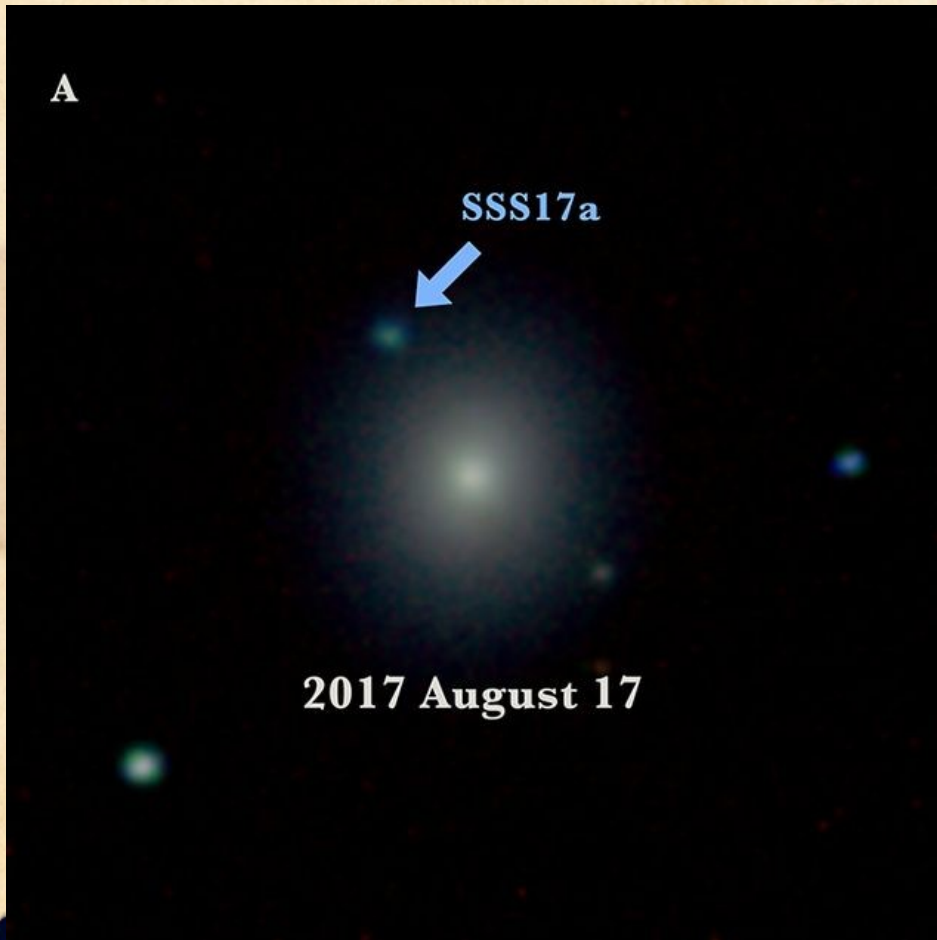
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Ferr...

(LIGO+Virgo+em+17, ApJ)

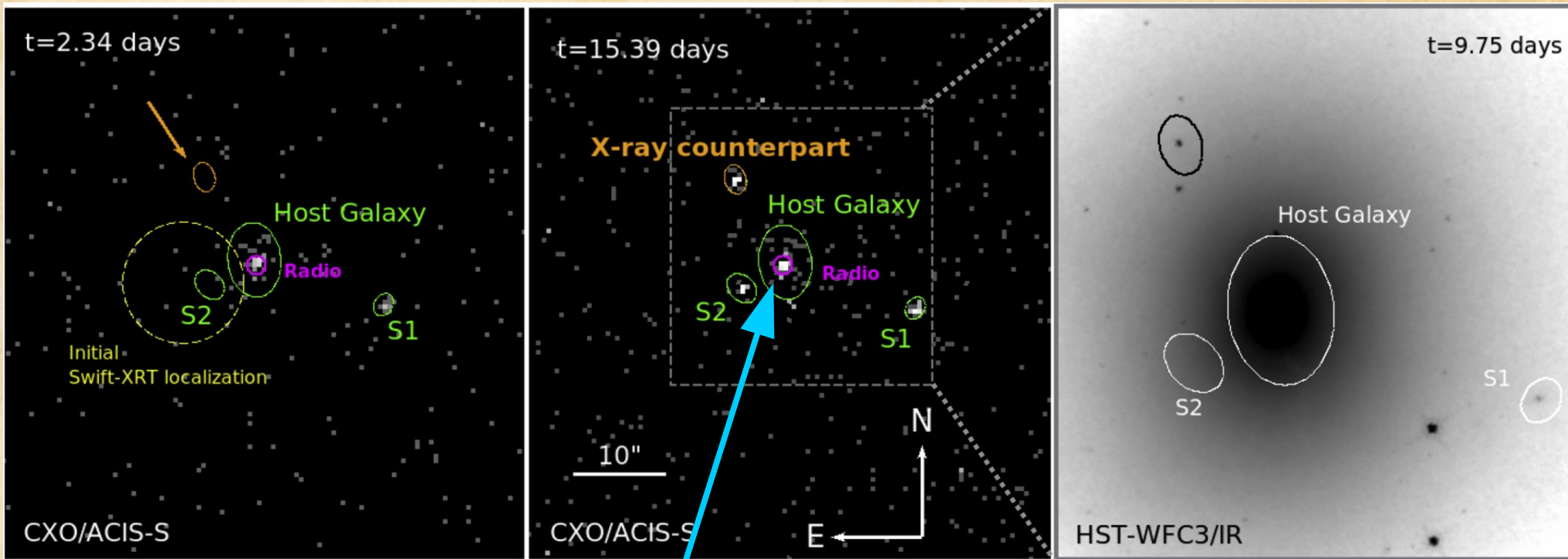


# Swope Telescope: the very first in the optical at 10 hours



(Coulter+17, Science)

# X-ray and radio join in days later



Host: weak AGN (Blanchard+17, ApJ)

(Margutti+17, ApJ)

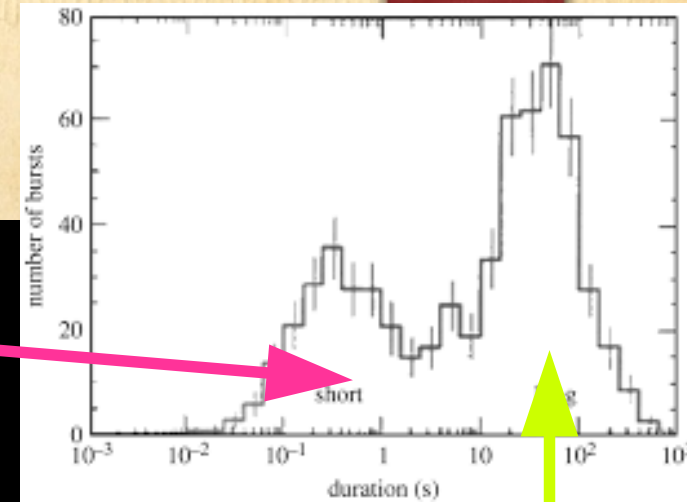




**The  $\gamma$ -ray burst itself**  
**compared with other SGRBs**



# Short and Long GRBs: two families (at least)



short GRB

compact merger

No associated SN

collapsar

long GRB

Energetic SN „hypernova“ associated

thermal pre-burst

GRB

internal shocks

reverse shock

forward shock

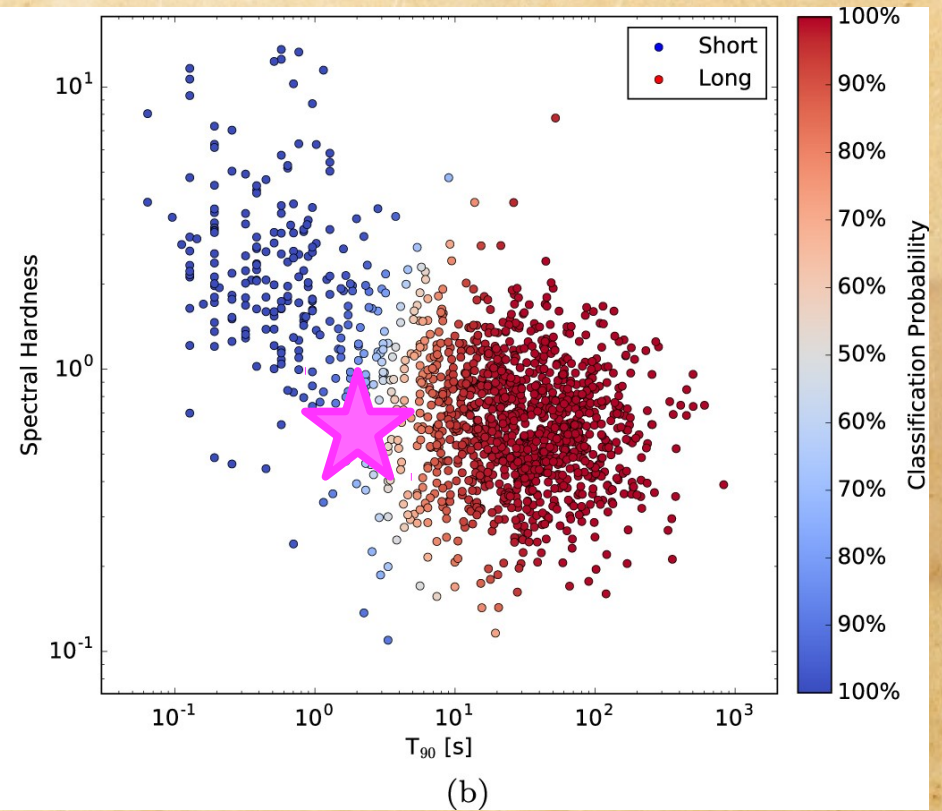
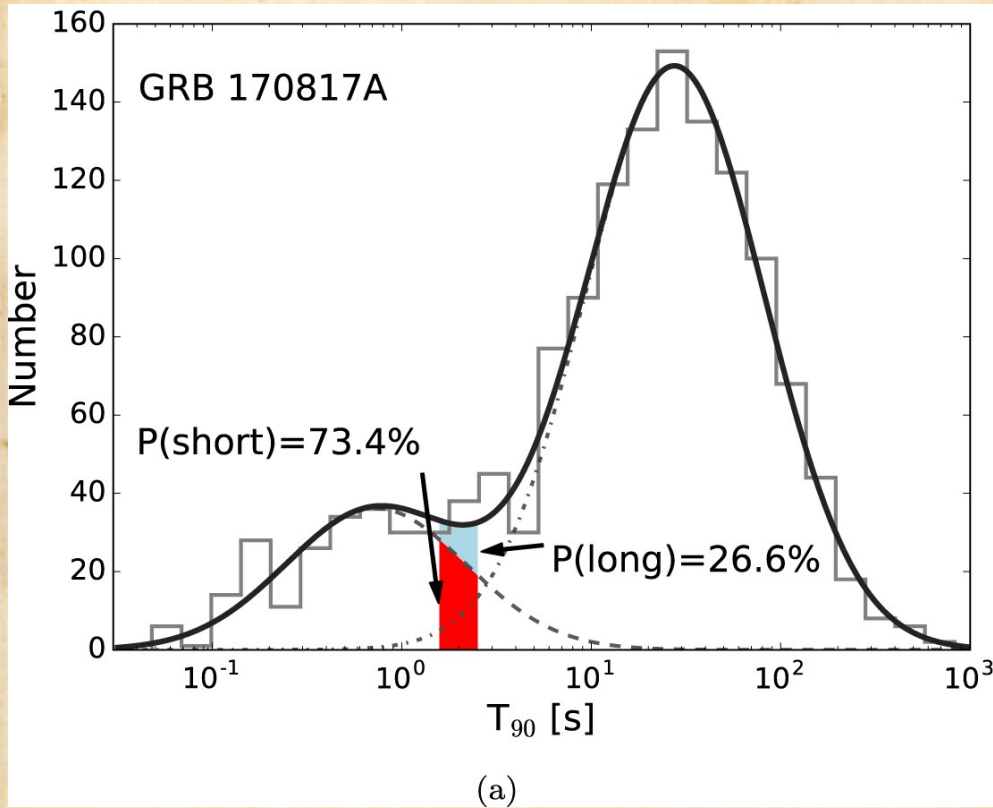
afterglow

X  
UV  
optical  
infrared  
radio



# GRB170817A: put in context

## a borderline short-ish soft-ish GRB

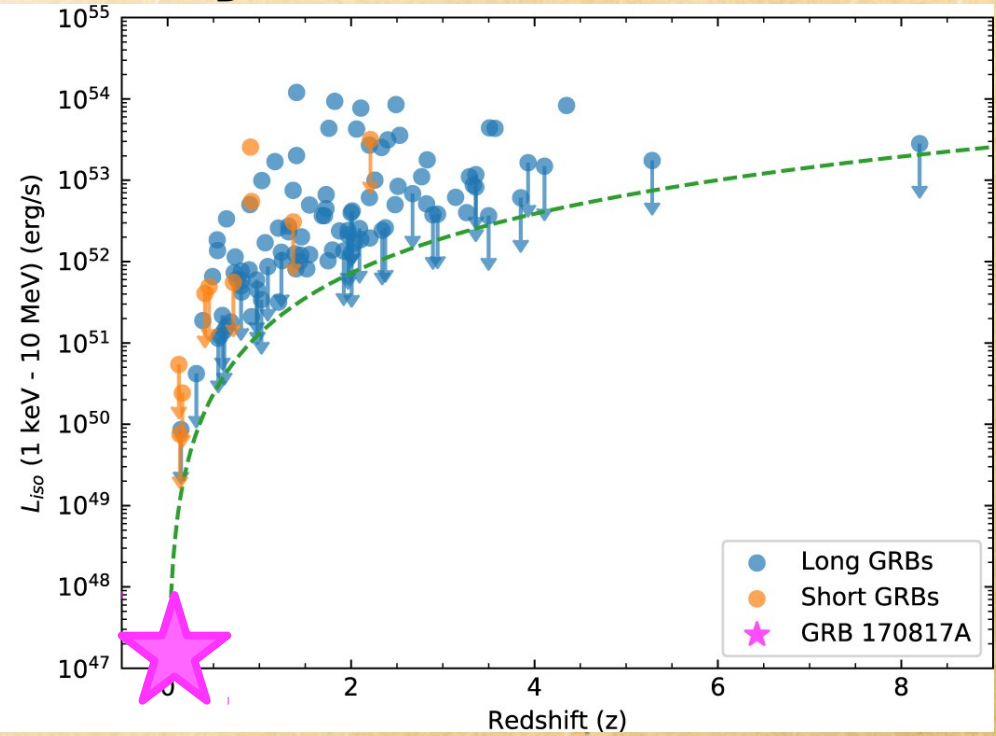
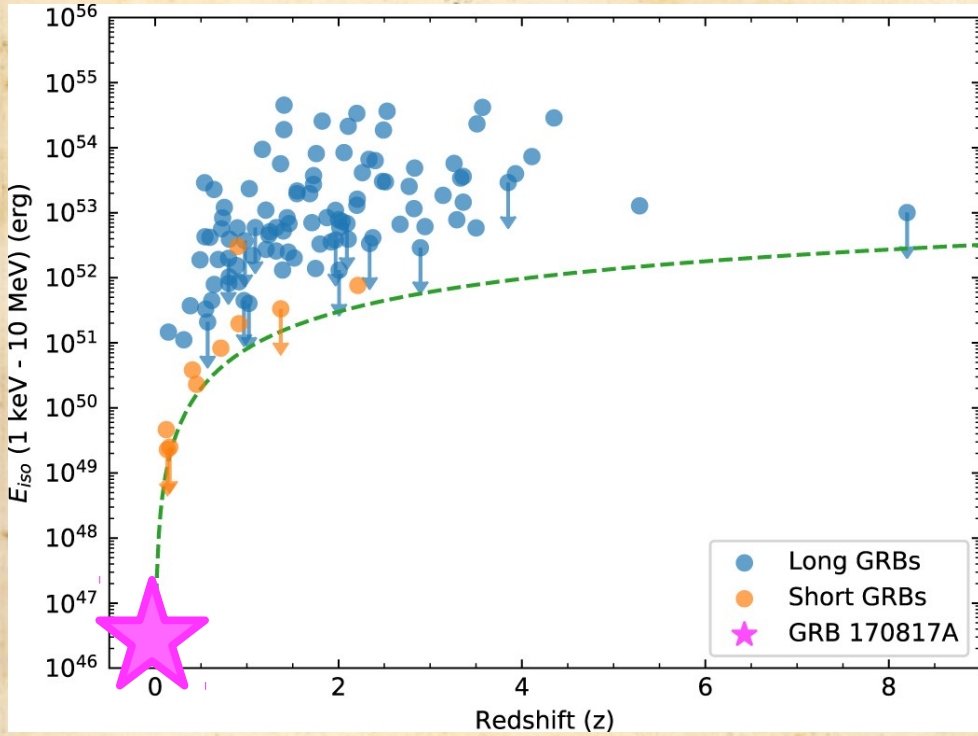


$$T_{90} = 2.0 \pm 0.5 \text{ s}$$





# GRB170817A: very low (isotropic-equivalent) luminosity GRB!



$$E_{iso} = (5.3 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{46} \text{ erg}$$

$$L_{iso} = (1.2 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{47} \text{ erg/s}$$

Detectable out to  $d < 80$  Mpc (=twice as far)  
(our cosmological courtyard)

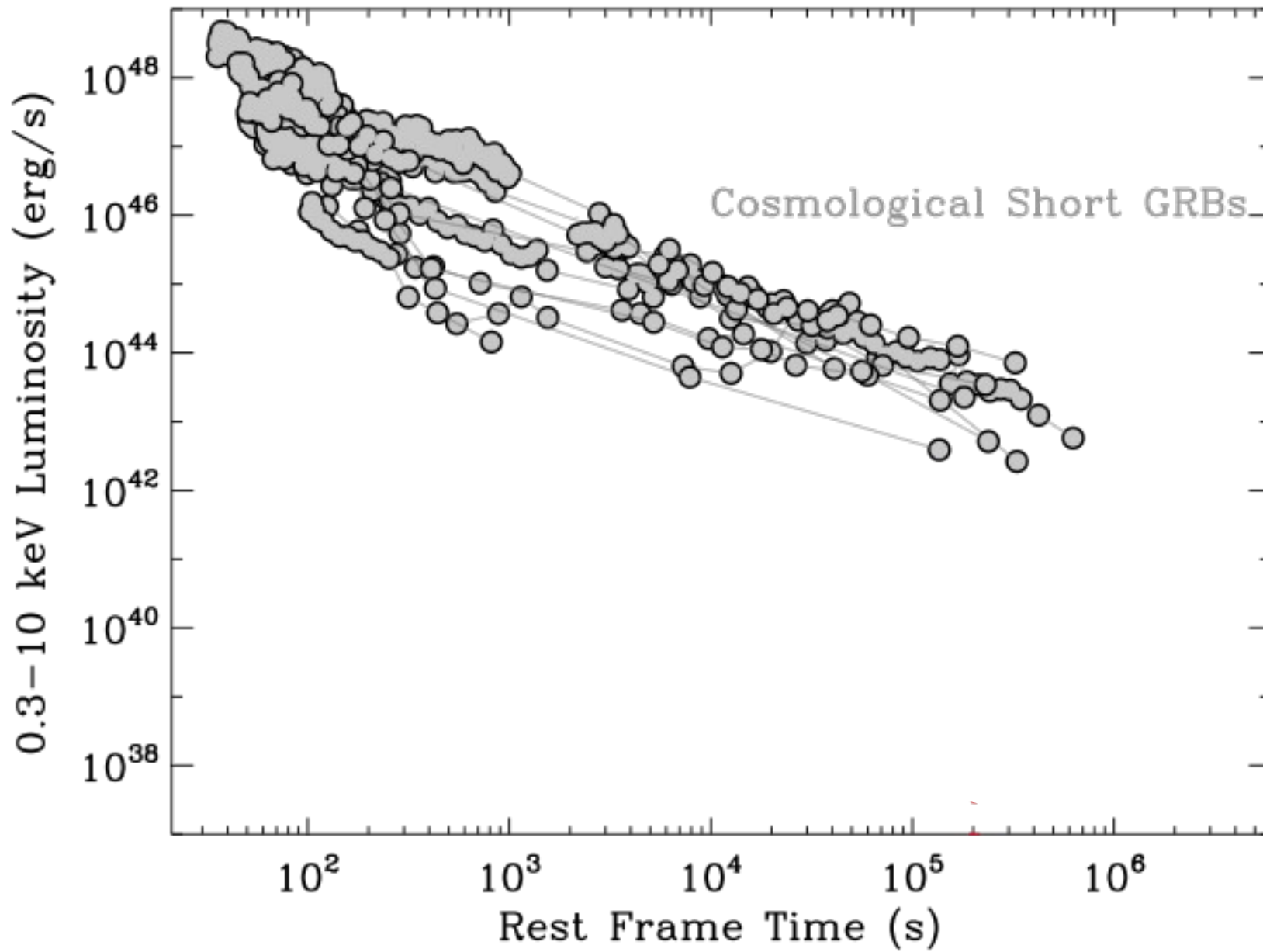




**X + radio afterglow**  
**an off axis jet sweeping up**  
**the interstellar medium**

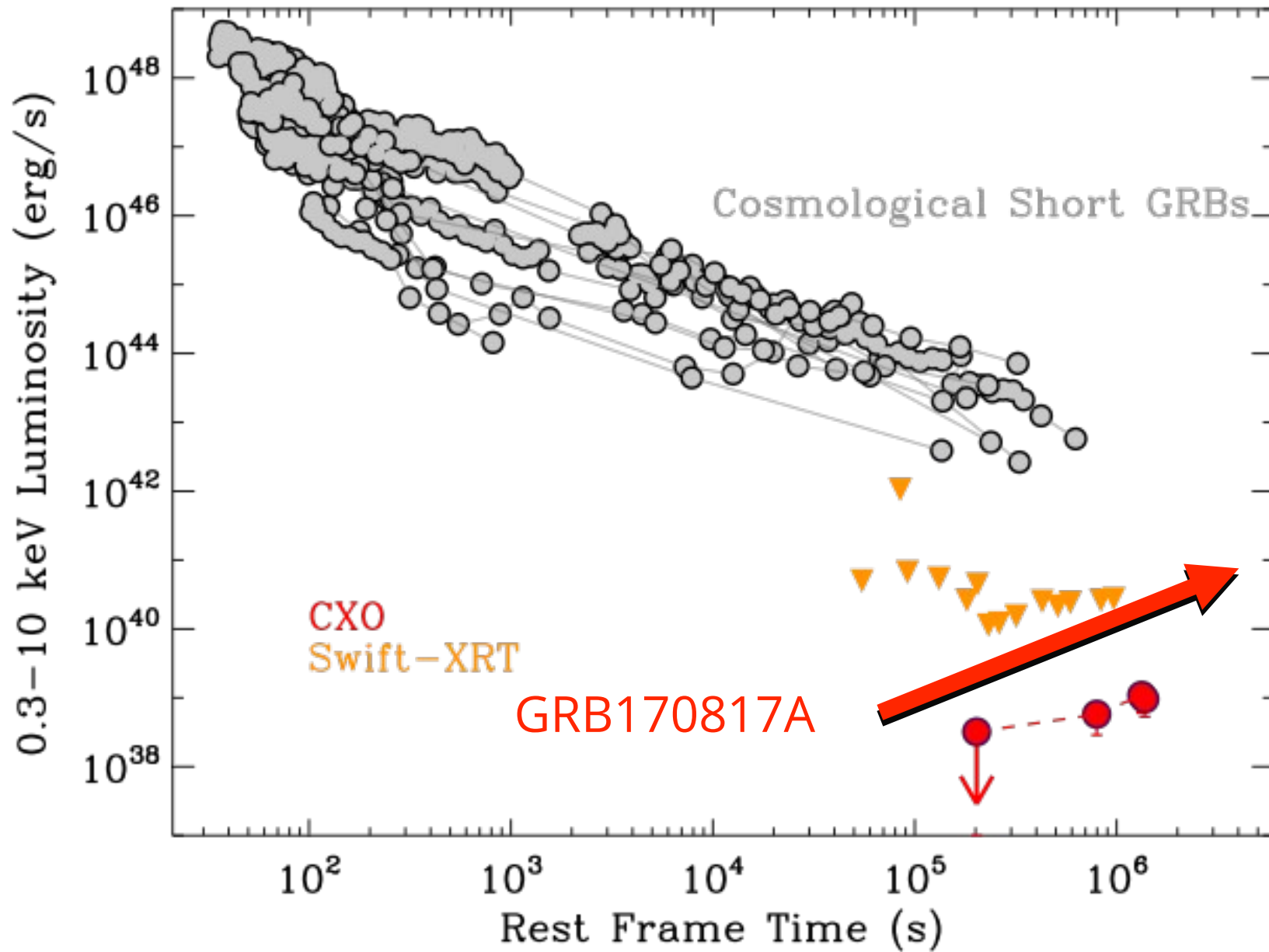


# X-ray





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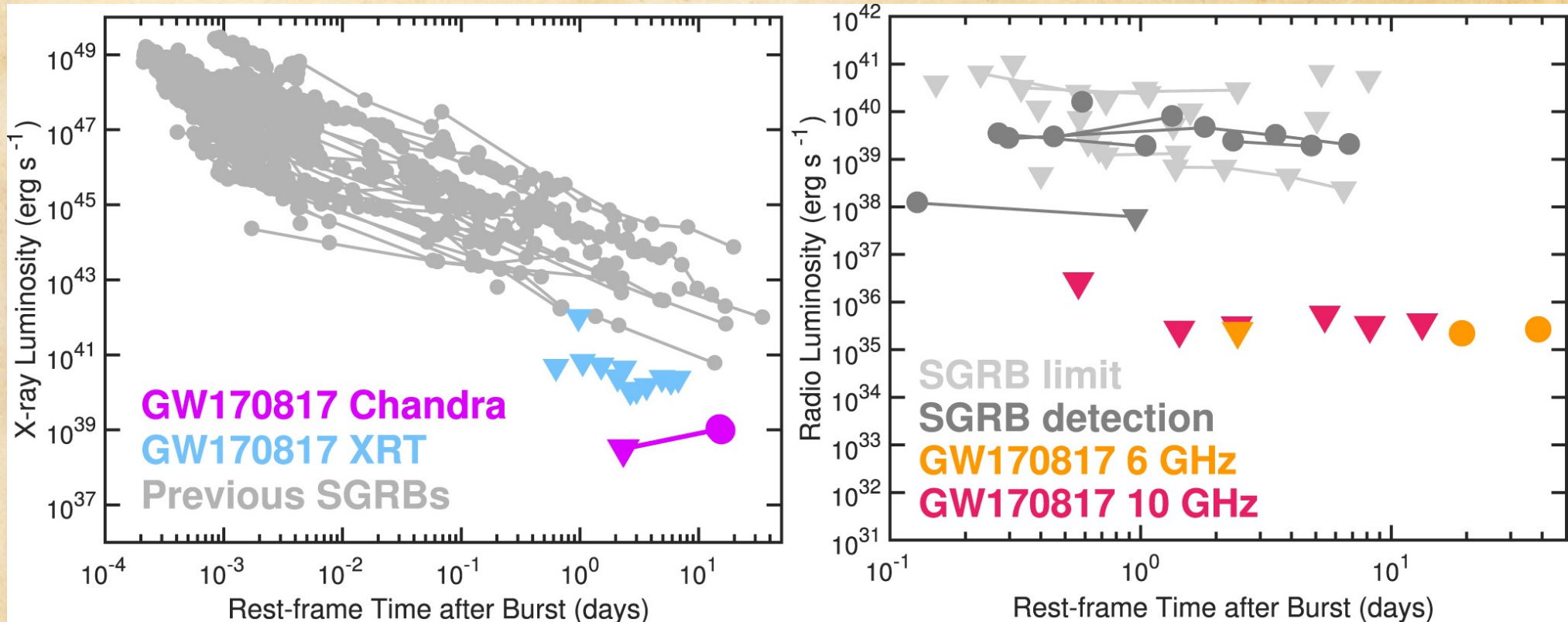




# X-ray+radio afterglow: how does it compare with other SGRBs?

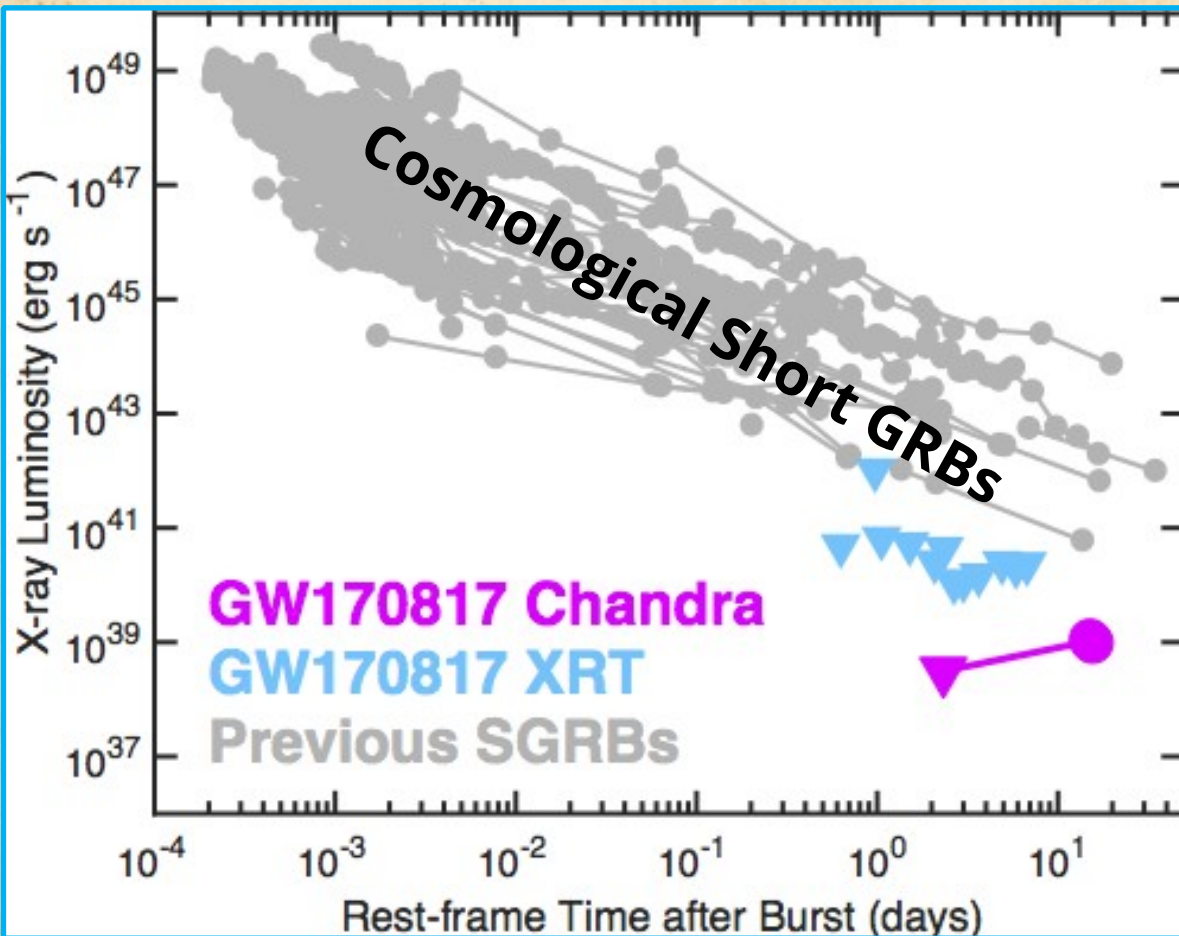


X-ray/radio afterglow comparably underluminous





# One must explain



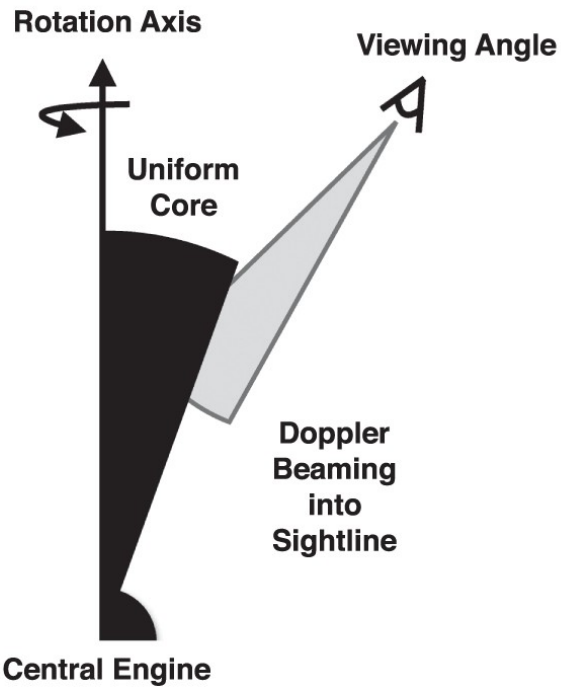
- ★ Rising X-ray emission
- ★ Mild rise, peak ~20 days
- ★  $L_x \sim 10^{39}$  erg/s
- ★ Hard spectrum with  $\Gamma \sim 1.5$  ( $\beta \sim 0.5$ )

★ Radio-to-Xray SED also demands  $\beta(\text{radio-X}) \sim 0.5$

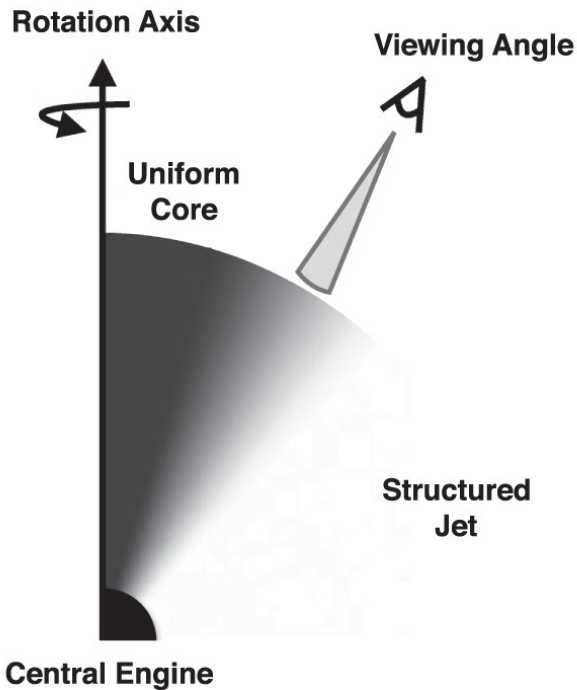


# Interpretations

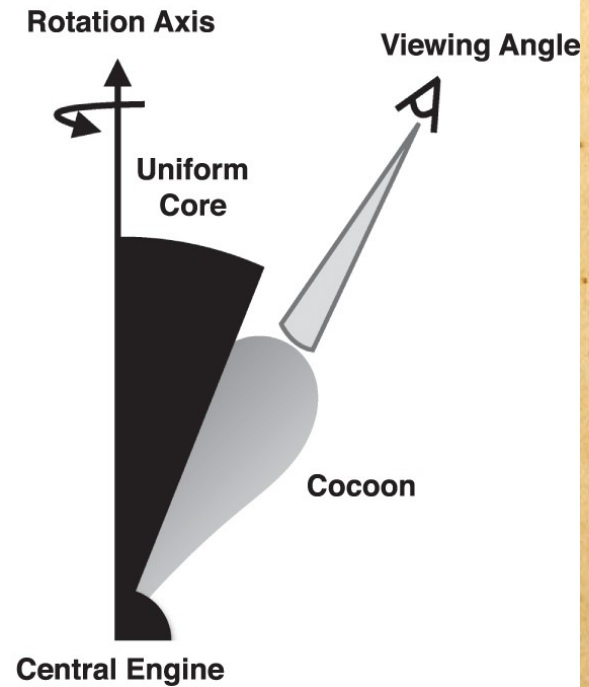
Scenario i: Uniform Top-hat Jet



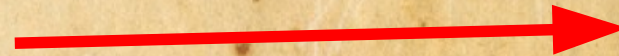
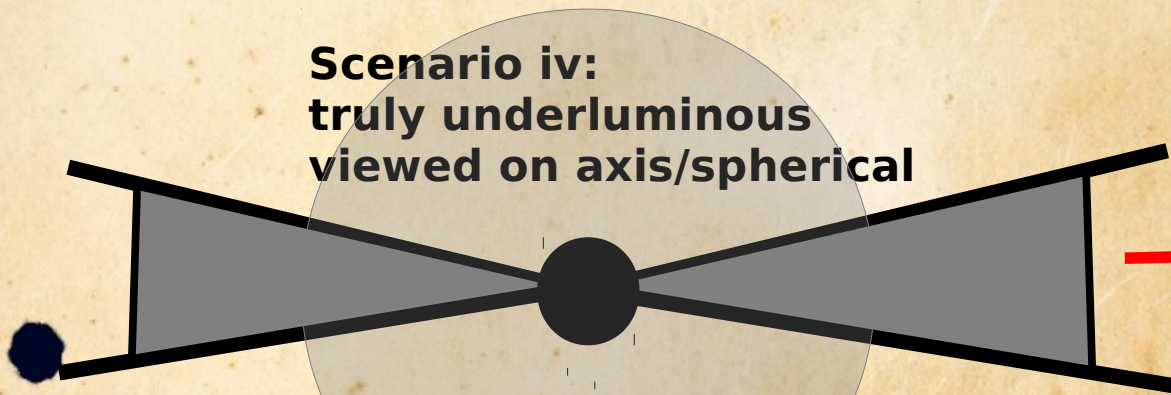
Scenario ii: Structured Jet



Scenario iii: Uniform Jet + Cocoon

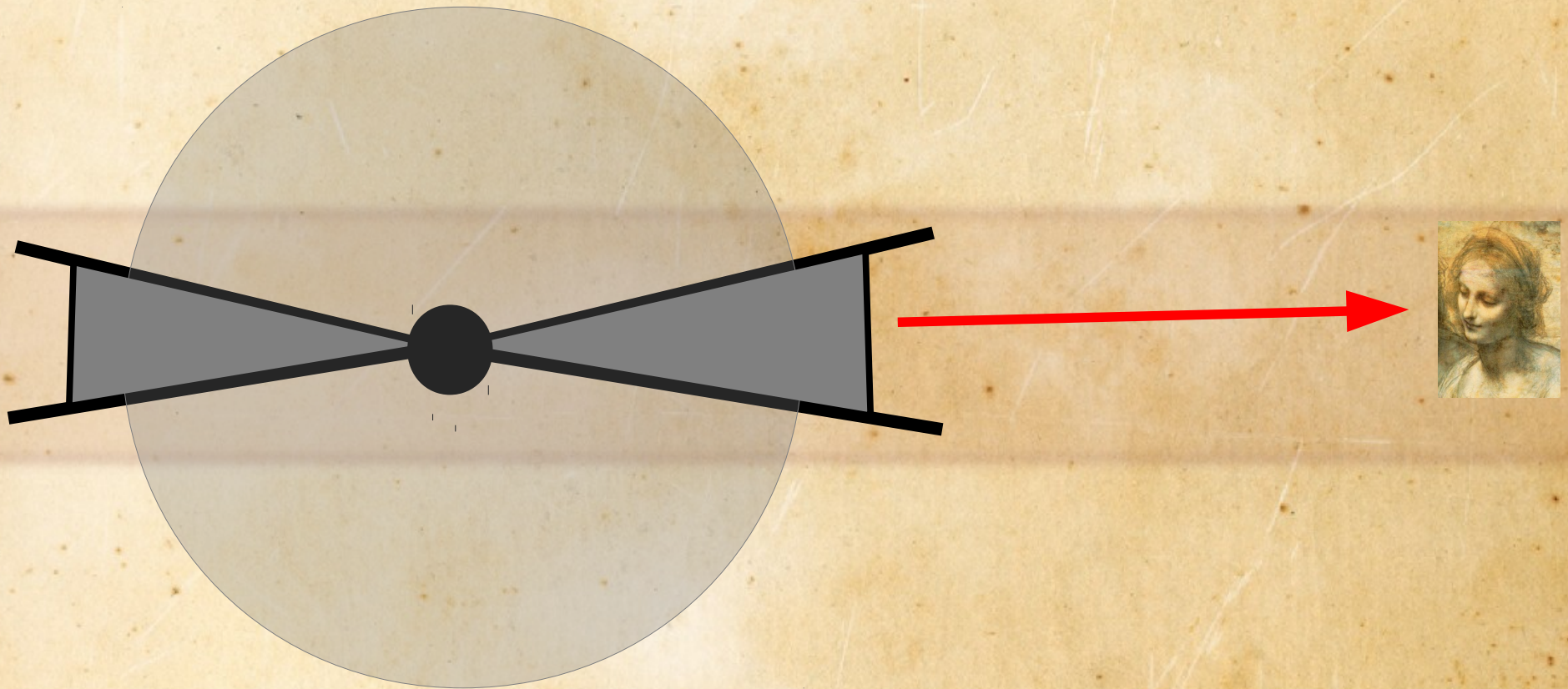


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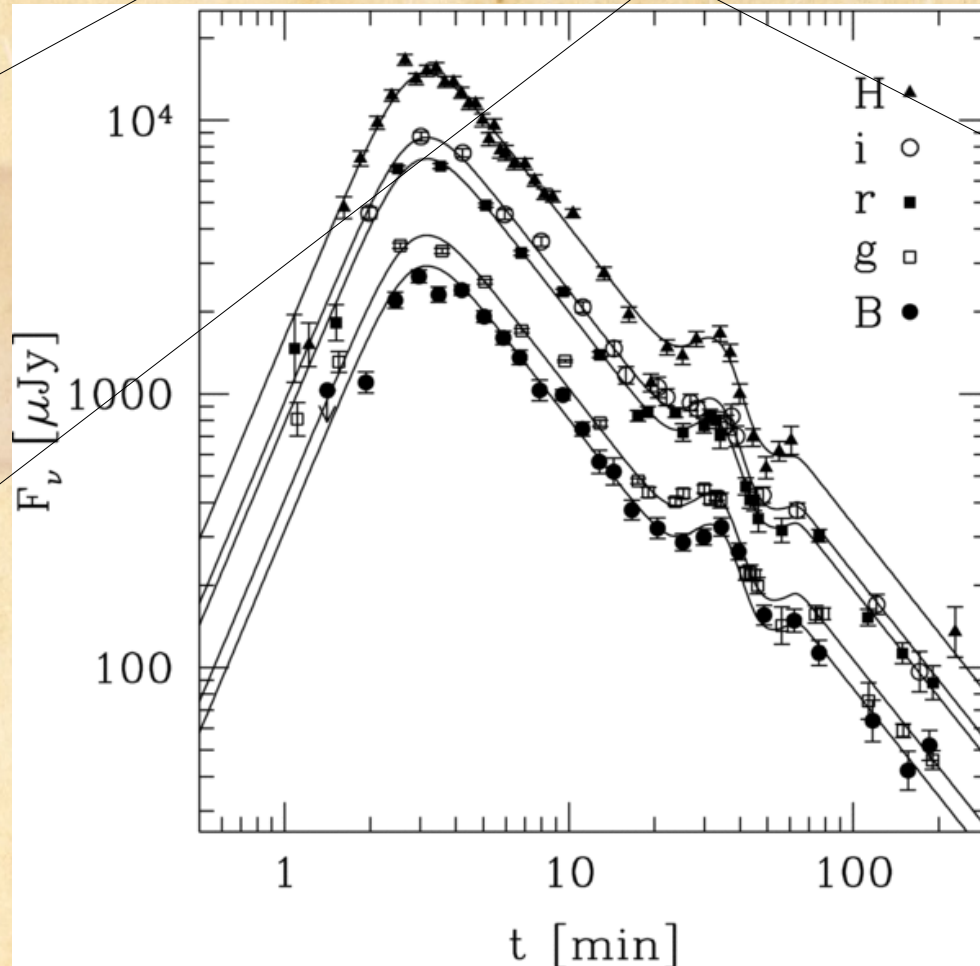




# Rise: fireball deceleration and afterglow onset ?

$$t_{pk} = \left( \frac{3 E_{k,iso}}{32 \pi c^5 n m_p \Gamma_0^8} \right)^{1/3}$$

(Sari&Piran99)



Environment density

(Nysewander+09)

GRB energy

Ejecta initial bulk Lorentz f.



# On-axis: afterglow onset?

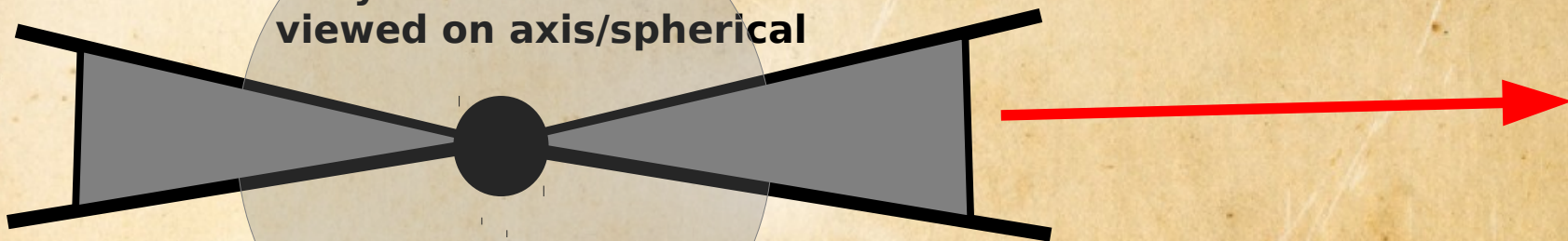
$$\Gamma_0 \sim 8.0 \left( \frac{E_{k, iso, 52}}{n_0} \right)^{1/8} \quad t_{pk, day}^{-3/8} \sim 2$$

$$E_{k, iso} \sim 10 E_{y, iso} = (5.3 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{47} \text{ erg}$$

$$t_{pk} \sim 15\text{-}30 \text{ days}$$

$$n = (3 - 15) \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

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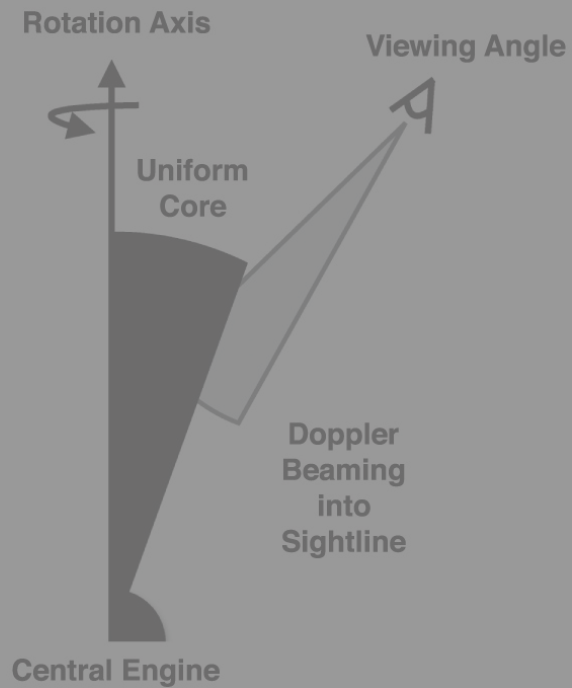
**Mildly Relativistic shock**  $\rightarrow$  **Cocoon emission?**



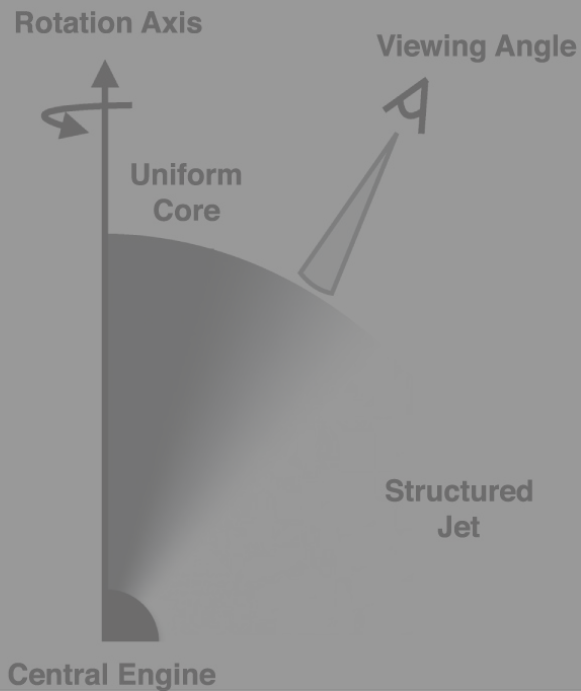
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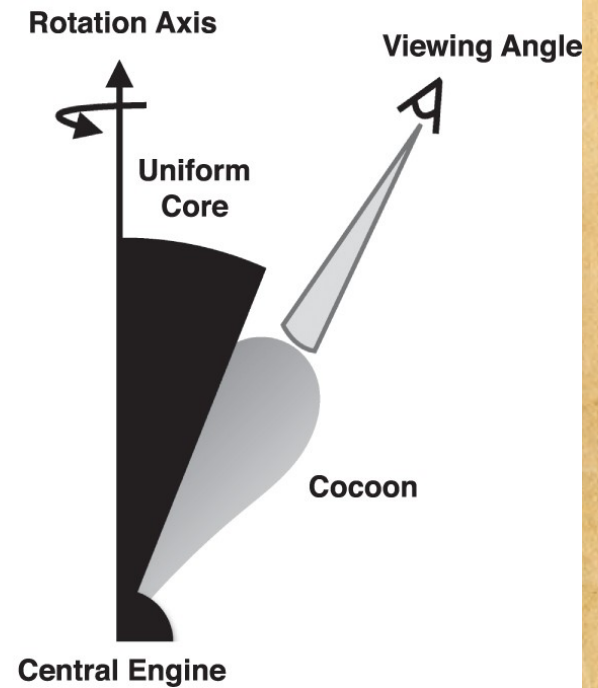
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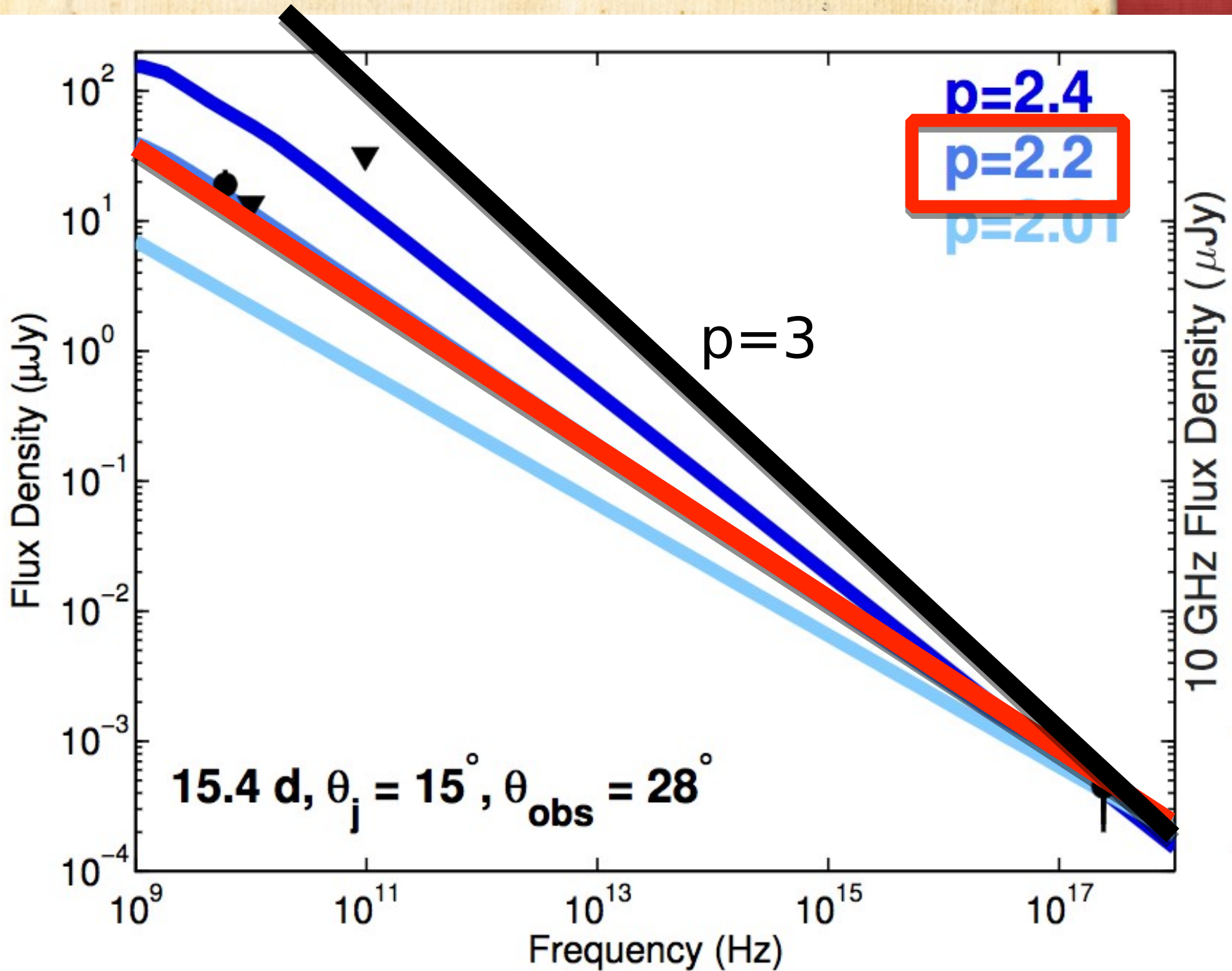
Scenario ii: Structured Jet



Scenario iii: Uniform Jet + Cocoon









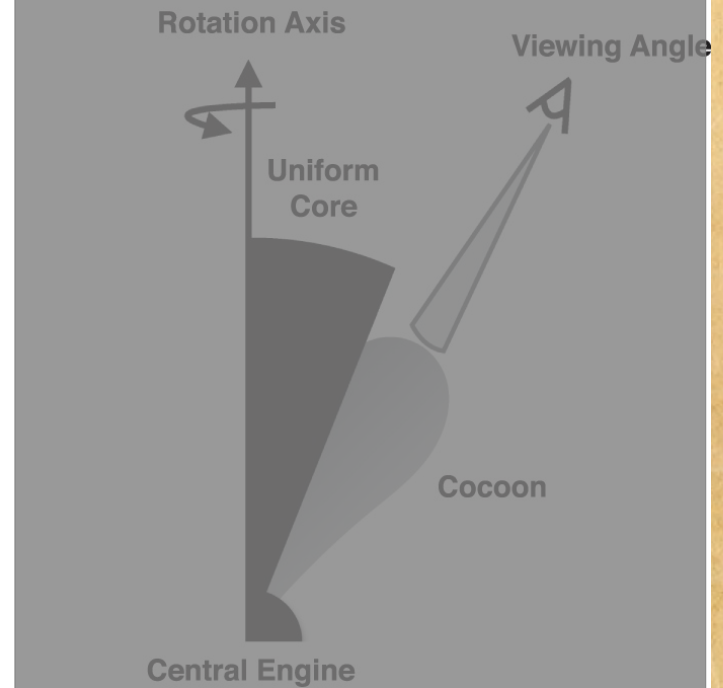
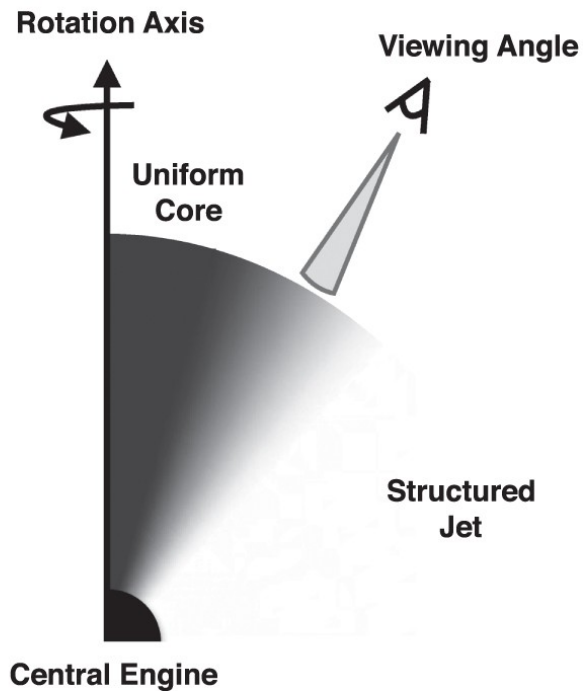
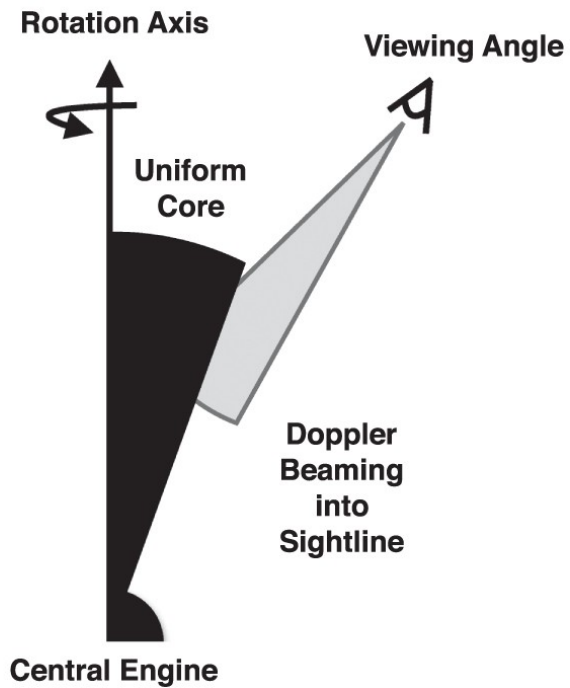
# Scenari i-ii: off axis jet



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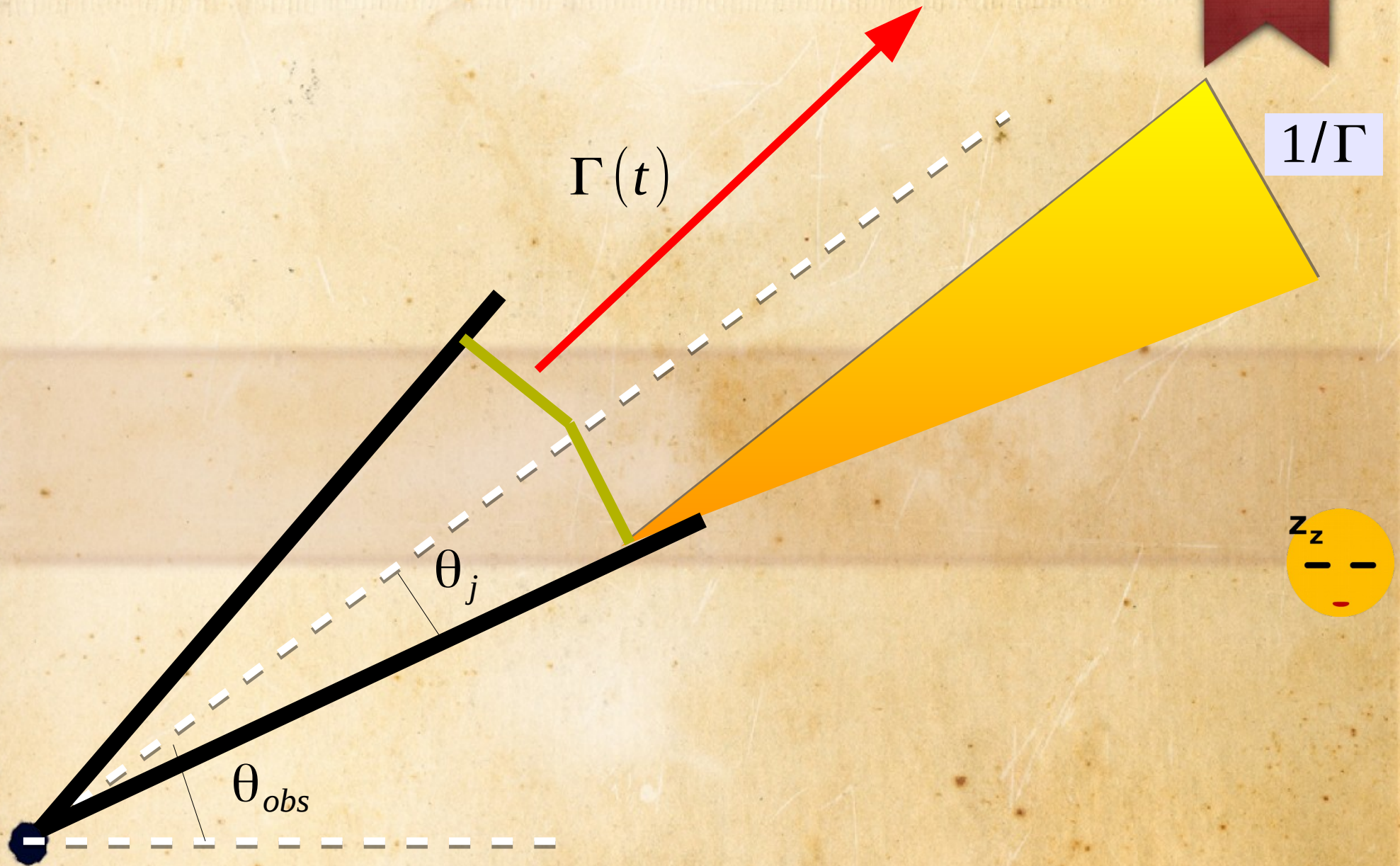
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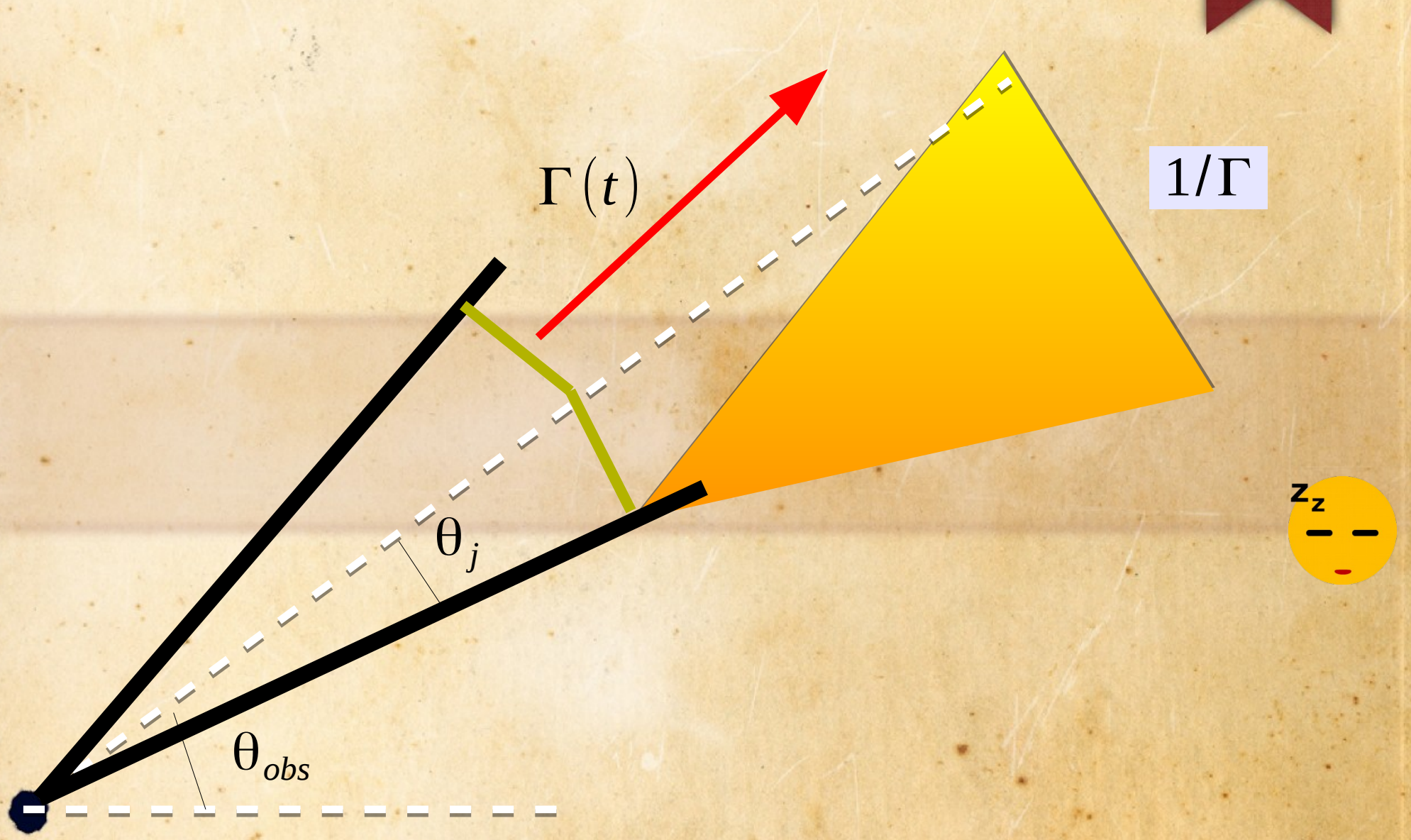


# Relativistic beaming and deceleration



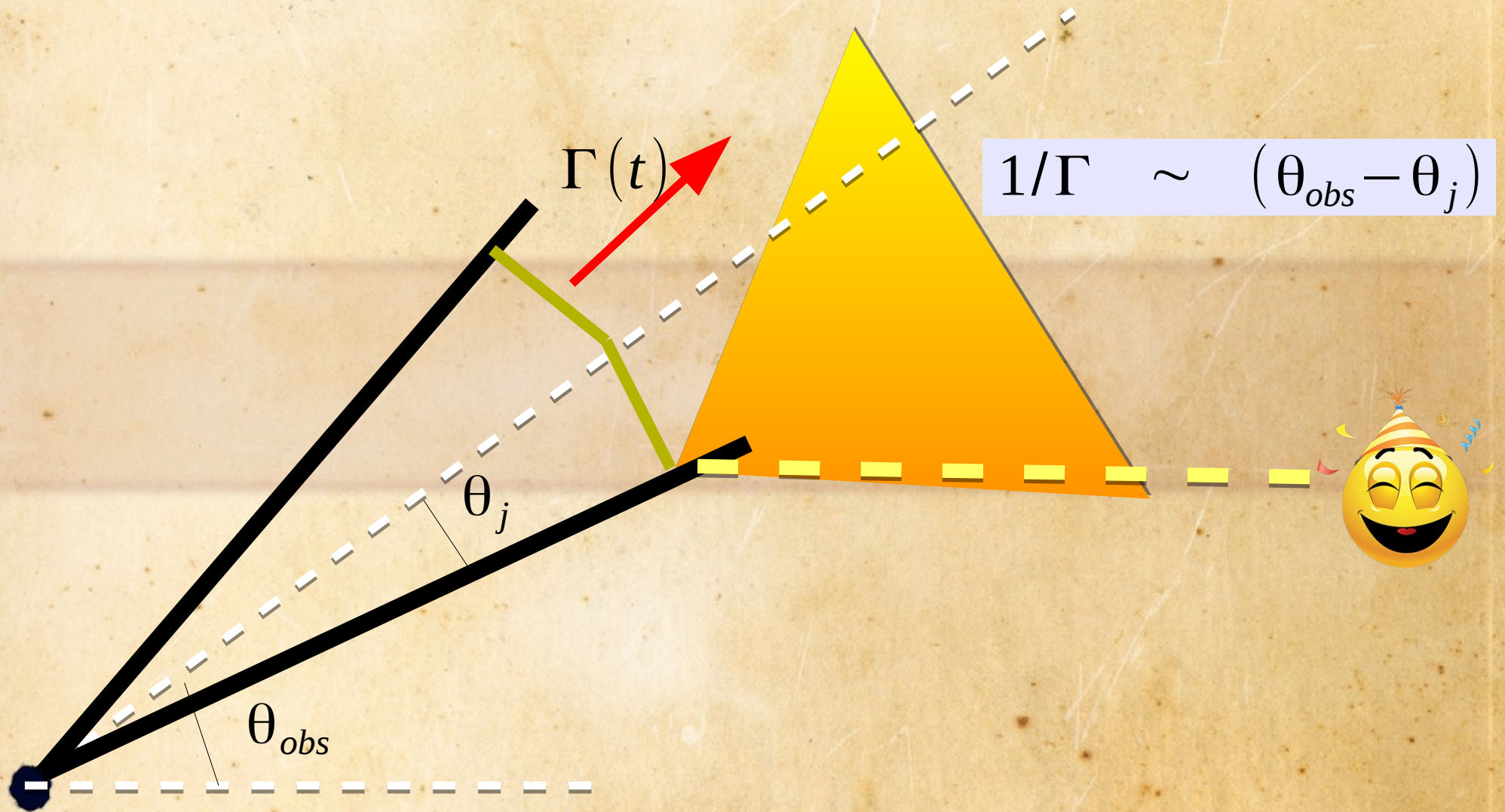


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# off axis jet: clues

$$t_{pk} \approx 2.1 \left( \frac{E_{k,iso,52}}{n} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{\theta_{obs} - \theta_j}{10^\circ} \right)^{8/3} d$$

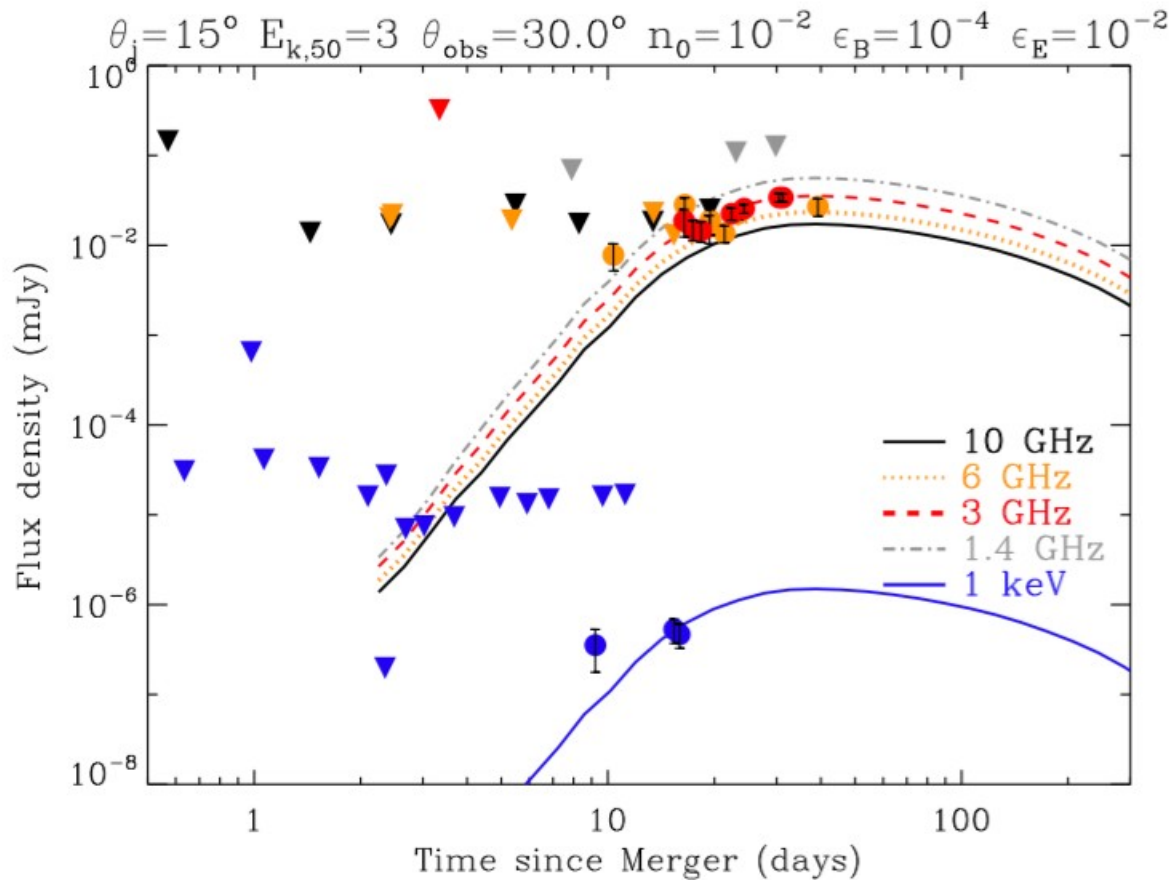
For  $t_{pk} \sim 15-70$  d

For typical parameters inferred from  
SGRBs ( $\theta_j \sim 5-15$  deg):

**$\theta_{obs} \sim 20-40$  deg**



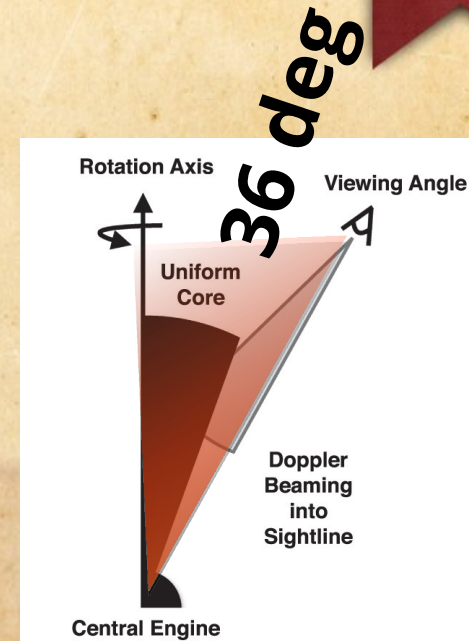
# X-ray+radio: entire data set at $t < 40$ d



Margutti+17; Guidorzi+17; Alexander+17

$n \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-3}$   
 $E_k = 10^{48} - 3 \times 10^{50} \text{ erg}$   
 $\theta_{\text{obs}} = 25 - 50 \text{ deg}$

ara, GW-astro day



## Simulations on 4 clusters

Many thanks to:

- Fermi cluster (**UNIFE**, PI Zanghirati)
- Piero Rosati's team (**UNIFE**)
- Northwestern U.
- COKA GPU cluster (**UNIFE & INFN-FE**)

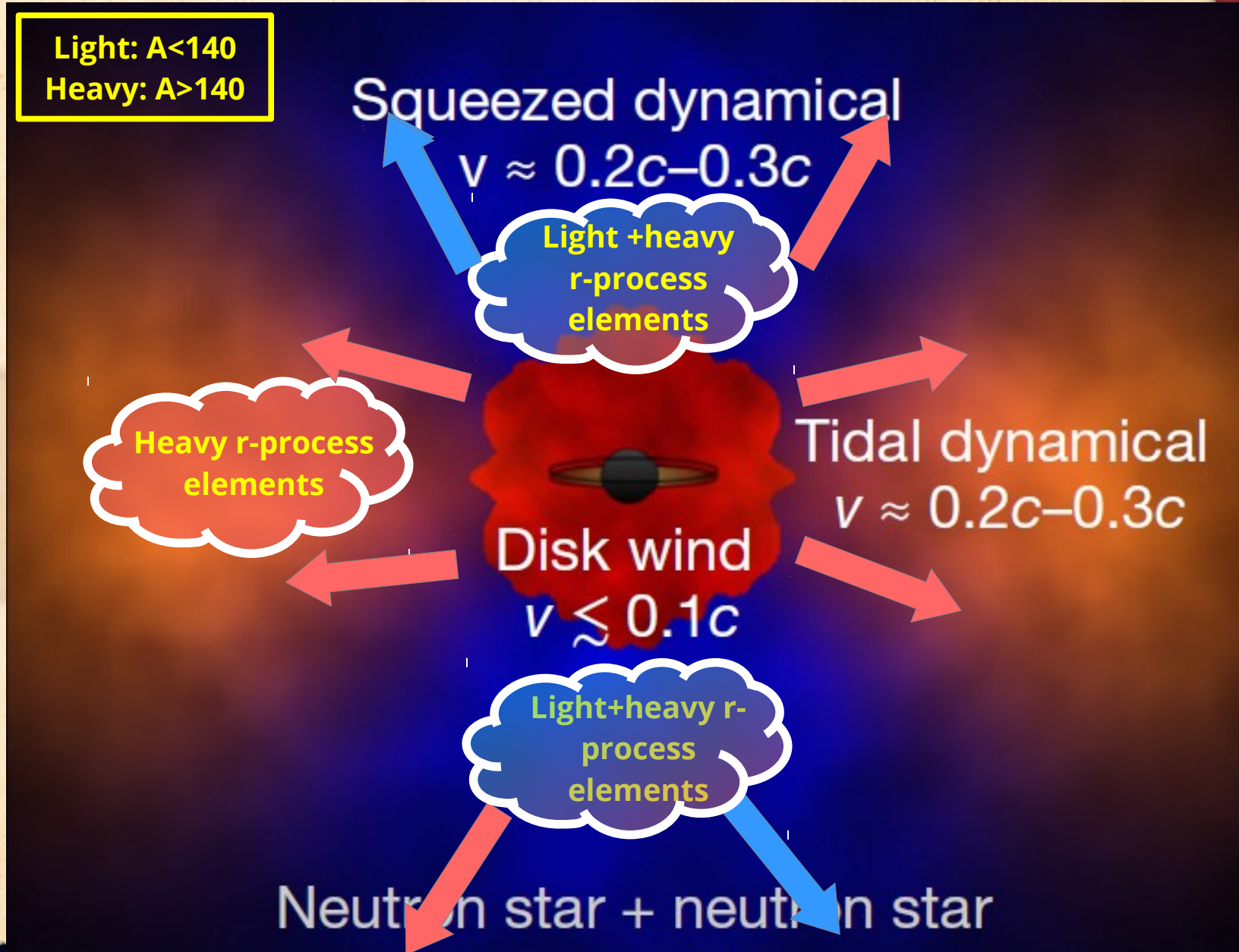




**UV/Optical/NIR emission**  
**kilonova and heavy elements**  
**nucleosynthesis**

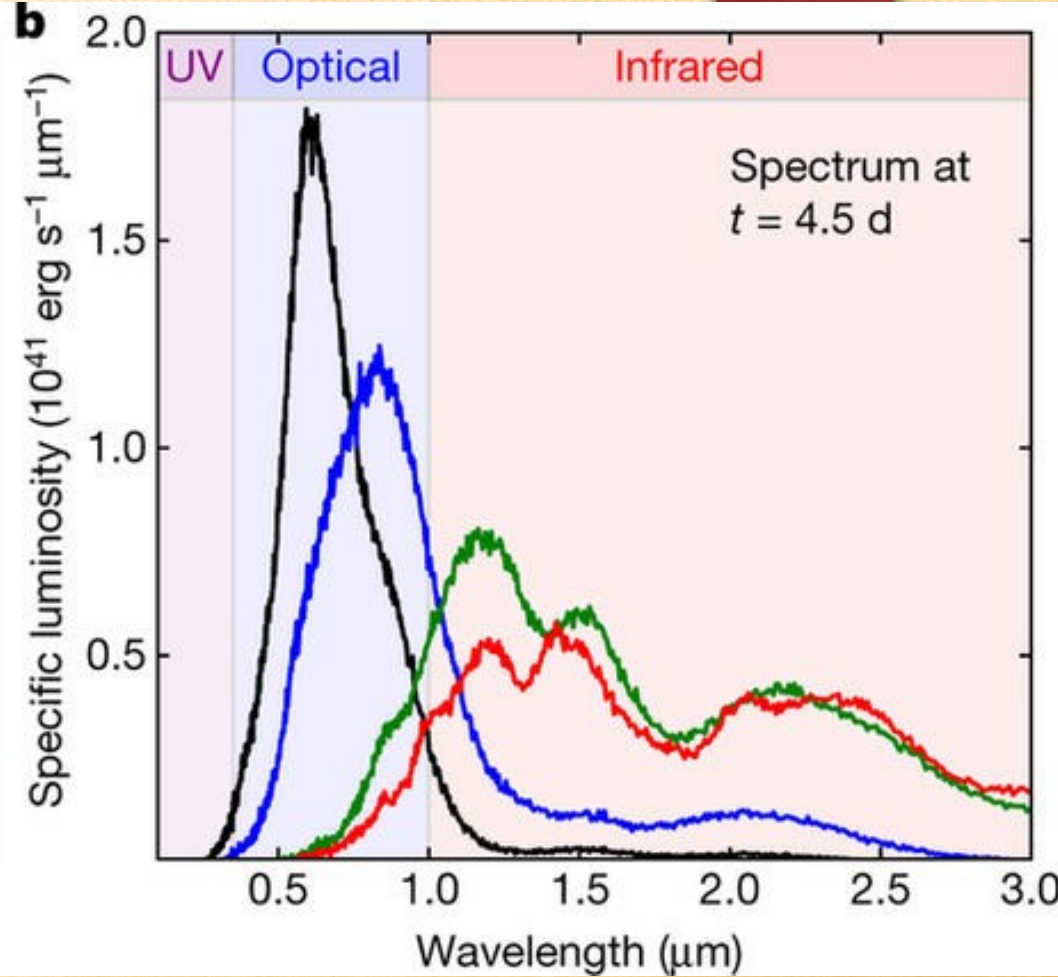
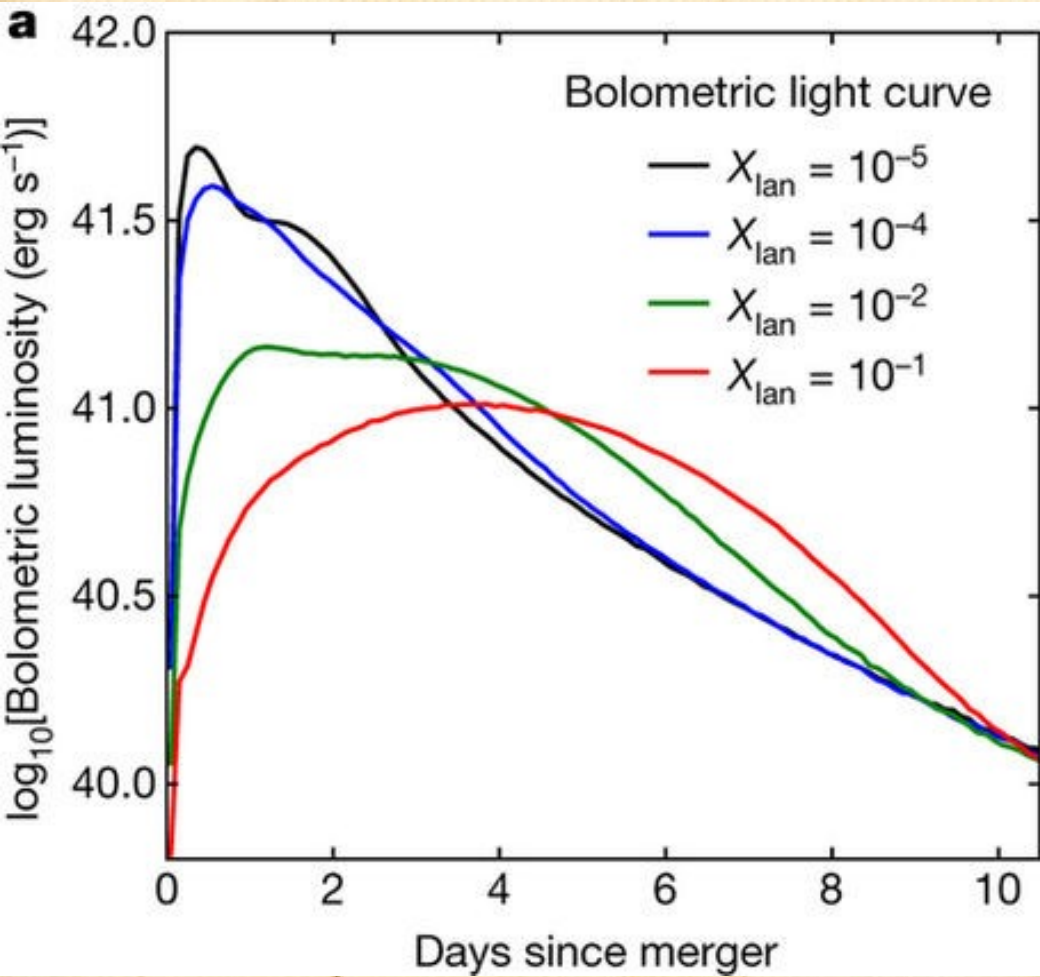


# Macronova/Kilonova





# Kilonova: theoretical evolution



$$t_{\text{lc}} \approx \left( \frac{3\kappa M}{4\pi c v} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 2.7 \text{ days} \times \left( \frac{M}{0.01 M_{\odot}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{v}{0.1c} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{\kappa}{1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

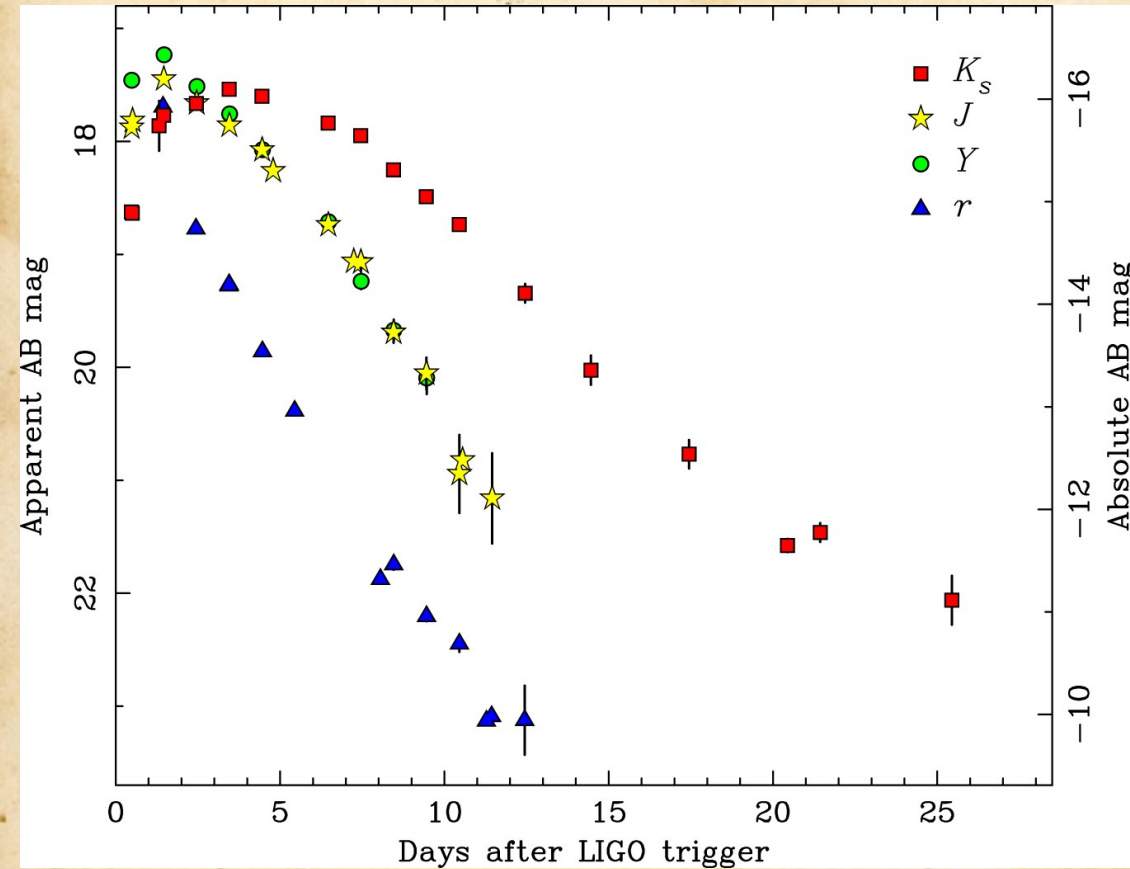
$$L_{\text{lc}} \approx M \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{nuc}}(t_{\text{lc}})$$

$$\approx 5 \times 10^{40} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \times \left( \frac{M}{0.01 M_{\odot}} \right)^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \left( \frac{v}{0.1c} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \left( \frac{\kappa}{1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}} \right)^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}$$

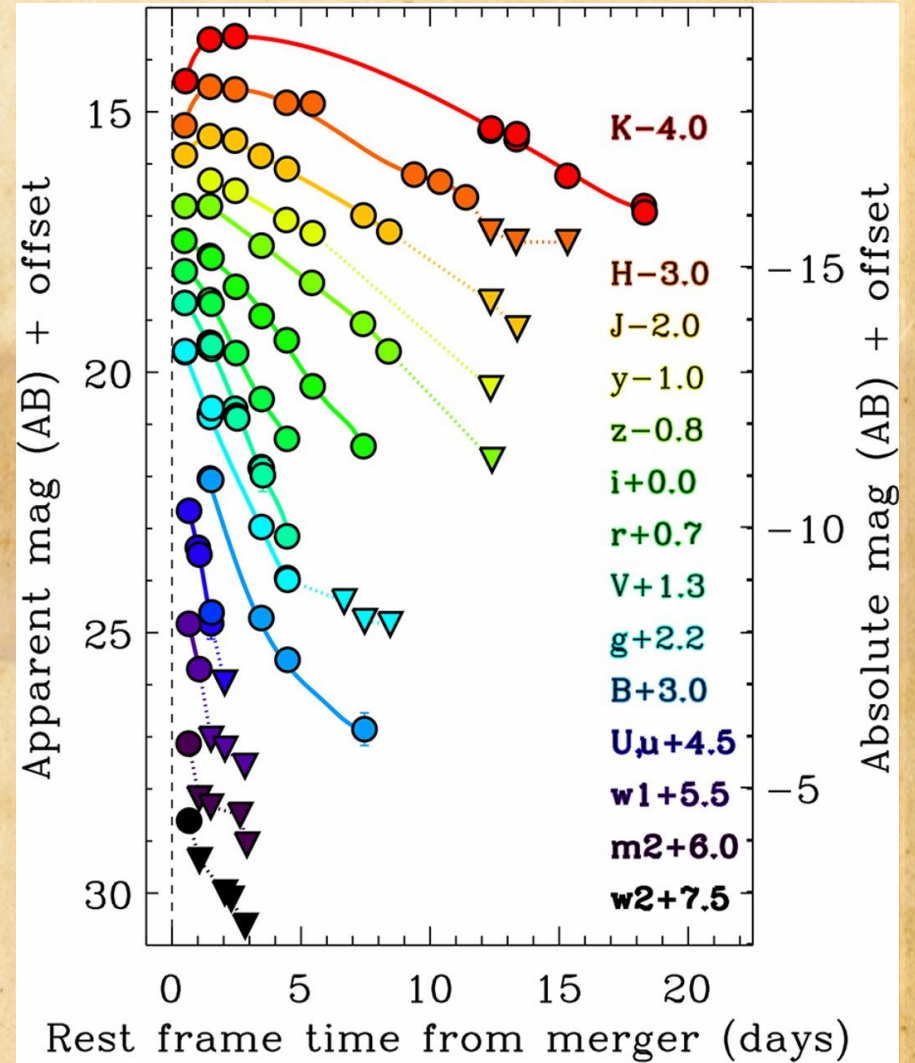
$\alpha \sim 1.3$   
(Kasen+17)



# 170817: KN decays faster in blue than in red



(Tanvir+17,ApJ)

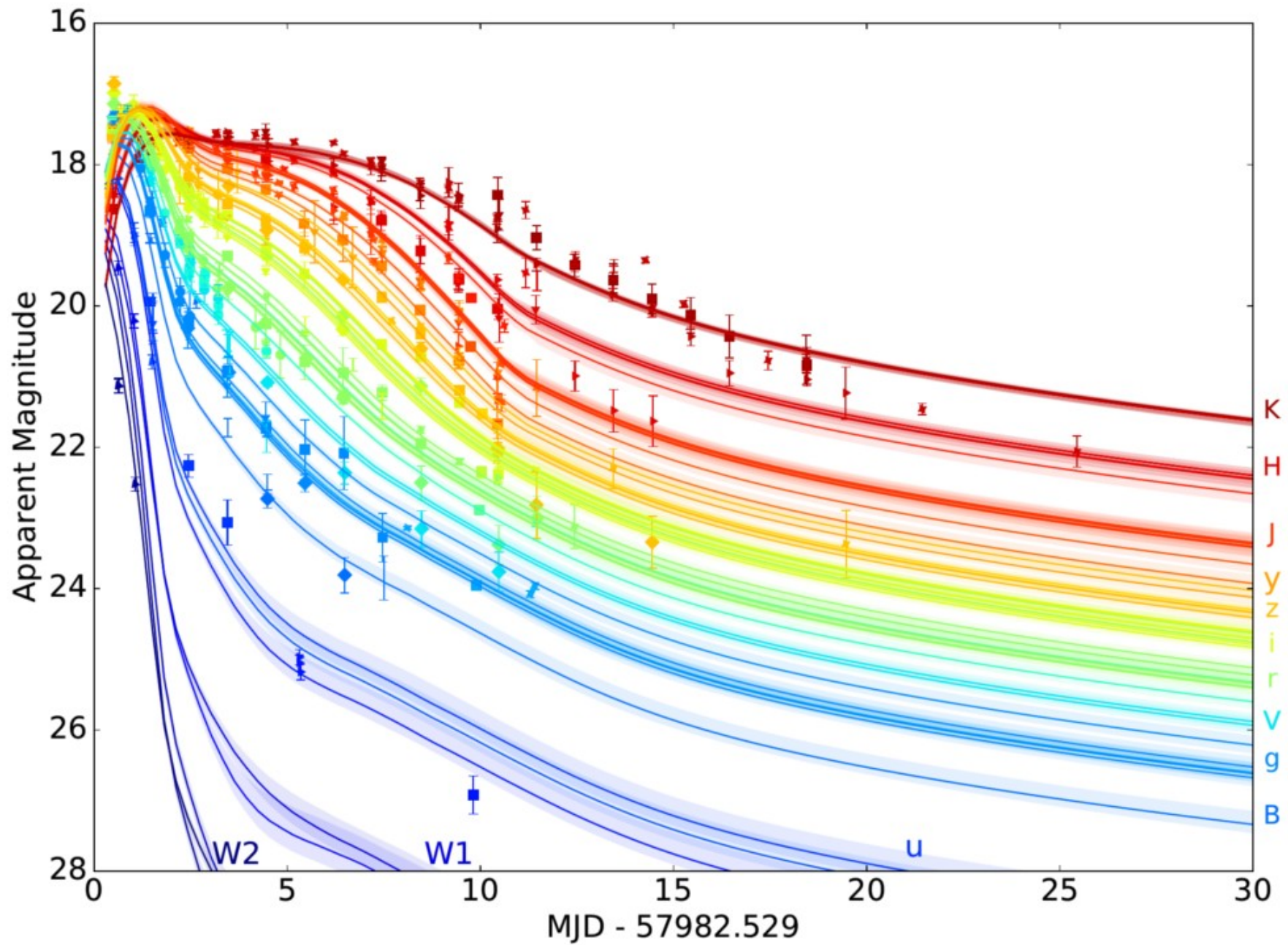


(Drout+17,Science)



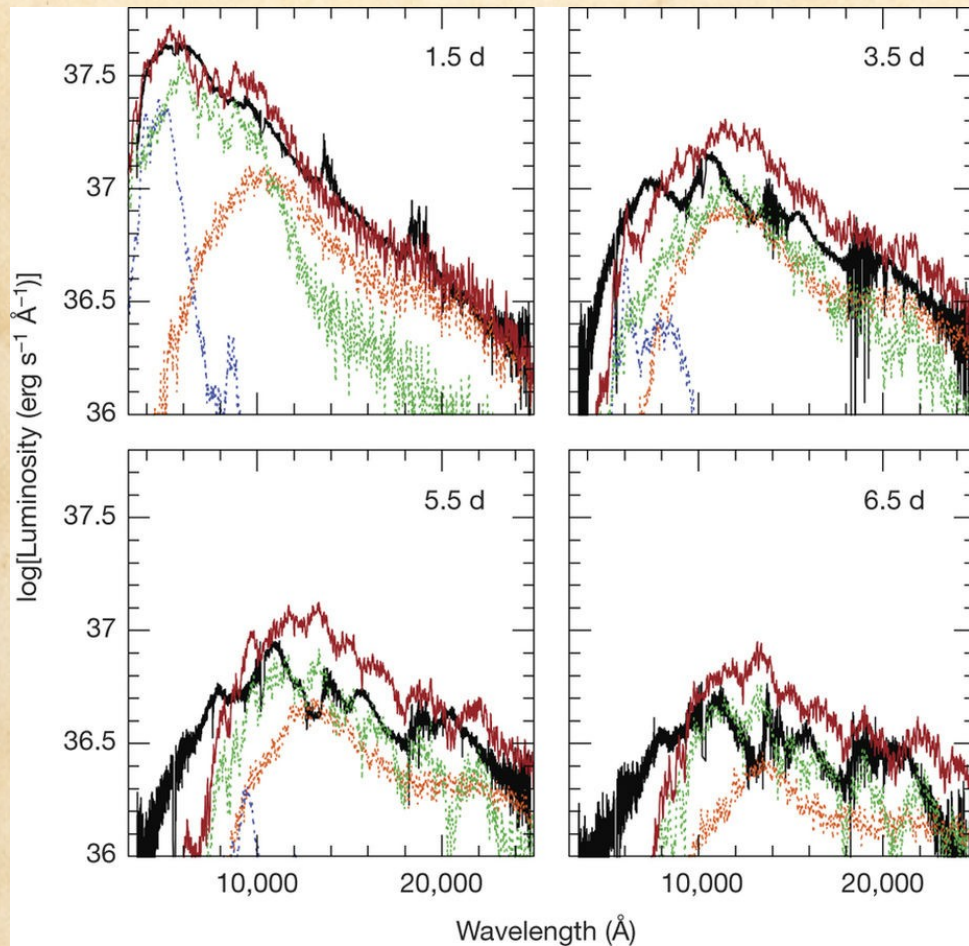




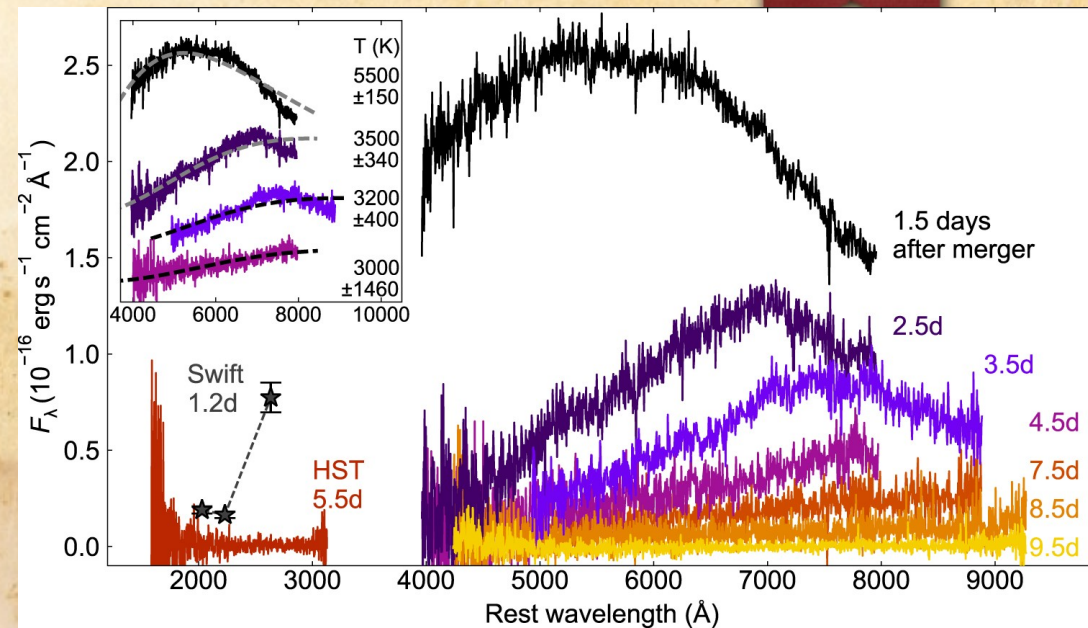




# NIR/opt spectrum: unprecedented



(Pian+17)

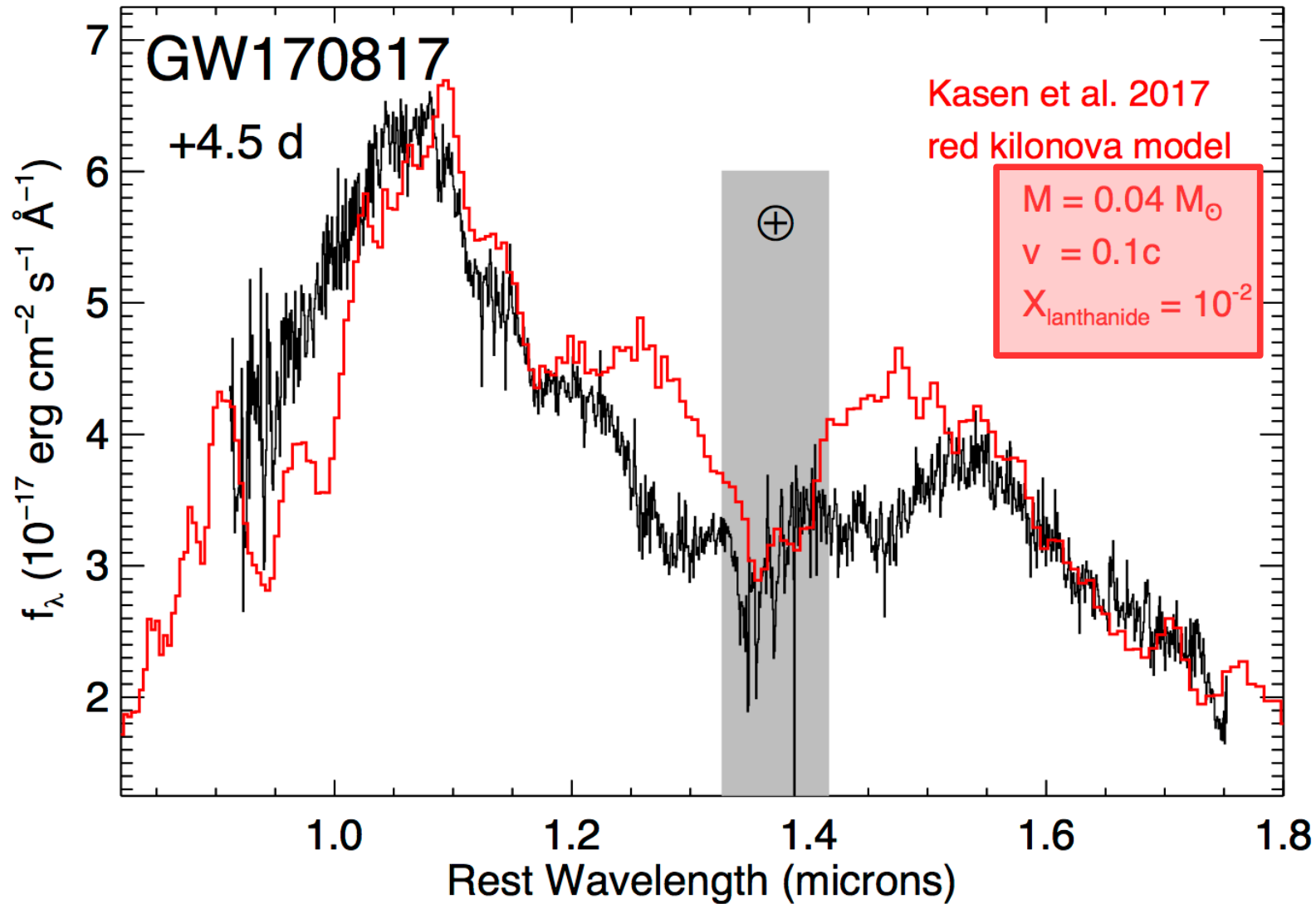


(Nicholl+17)

First clear support for heavy element production in a neutron star merger



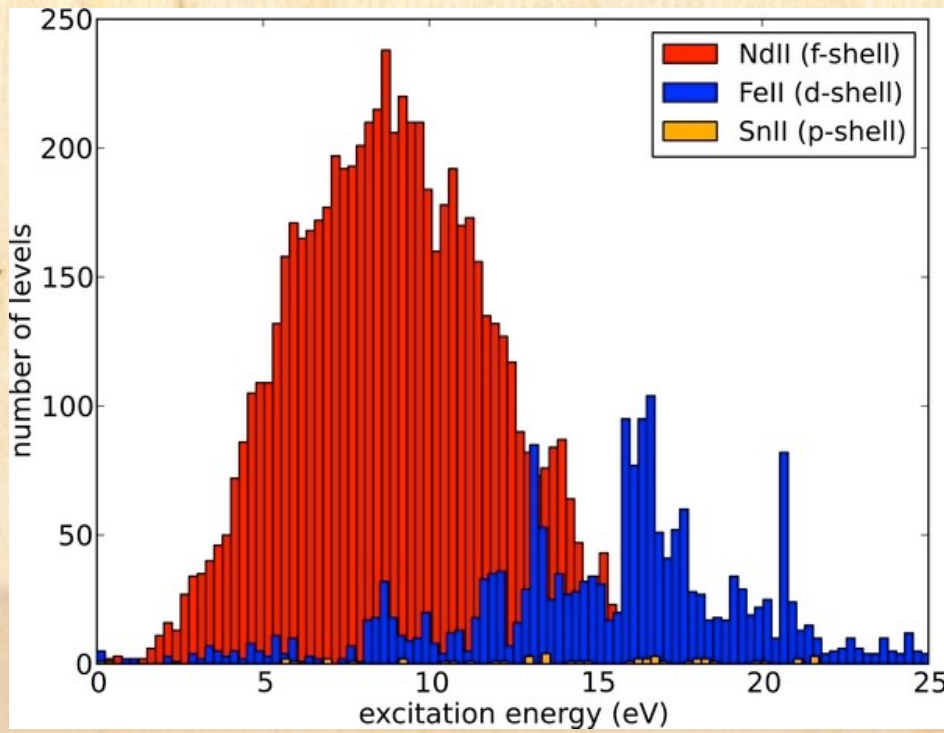
# NIR: Impressive agreement with theory!











(Kasen+13)

□ Atoms/ions with open *f*-shells have many more available states compared to iron-peak elements

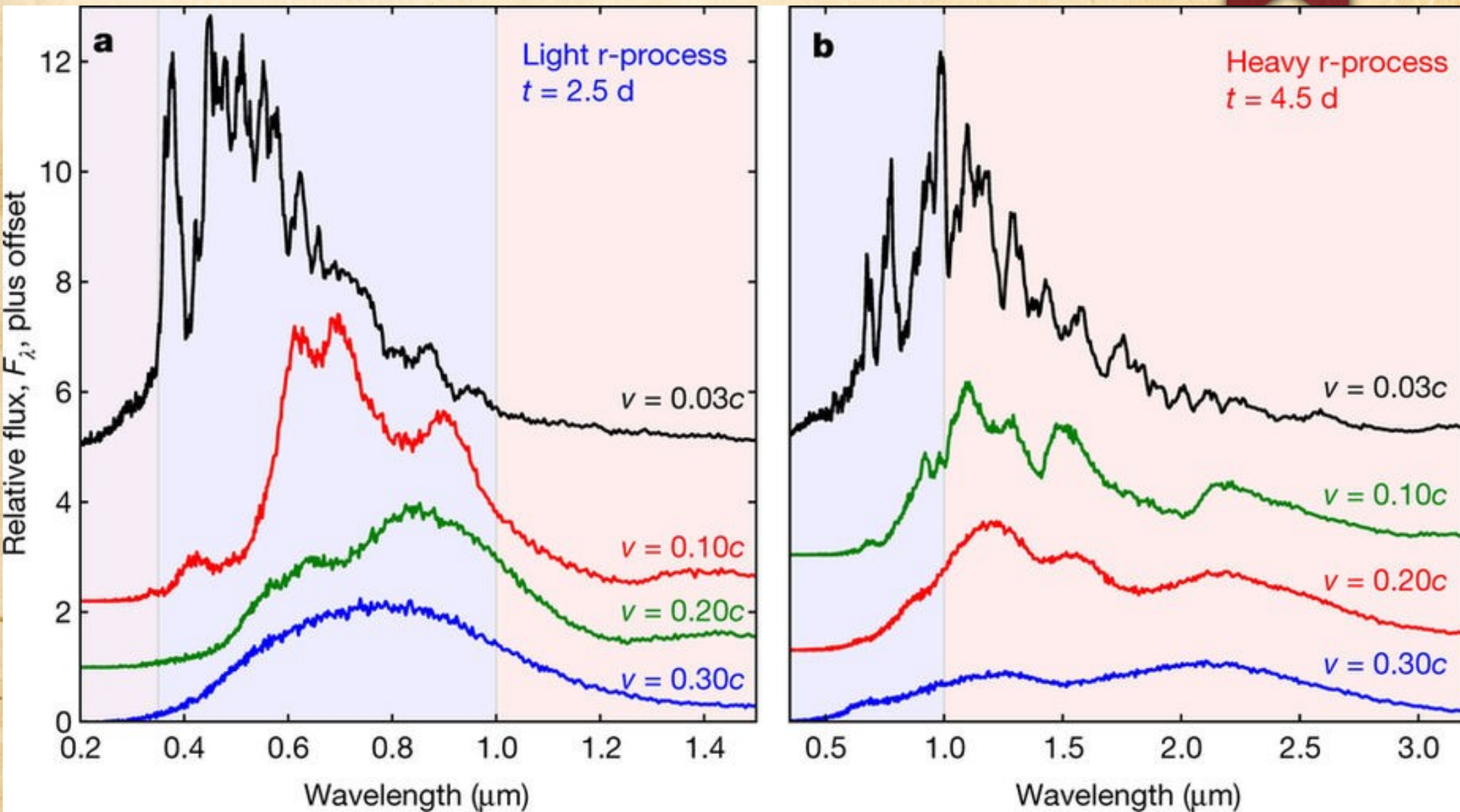
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(Tanaka+07)

**Huge opacity! Flux shifts towards NIR**

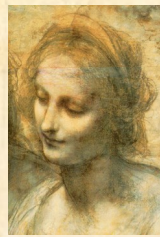


# Broadened and blended lines: high ejecta vel!

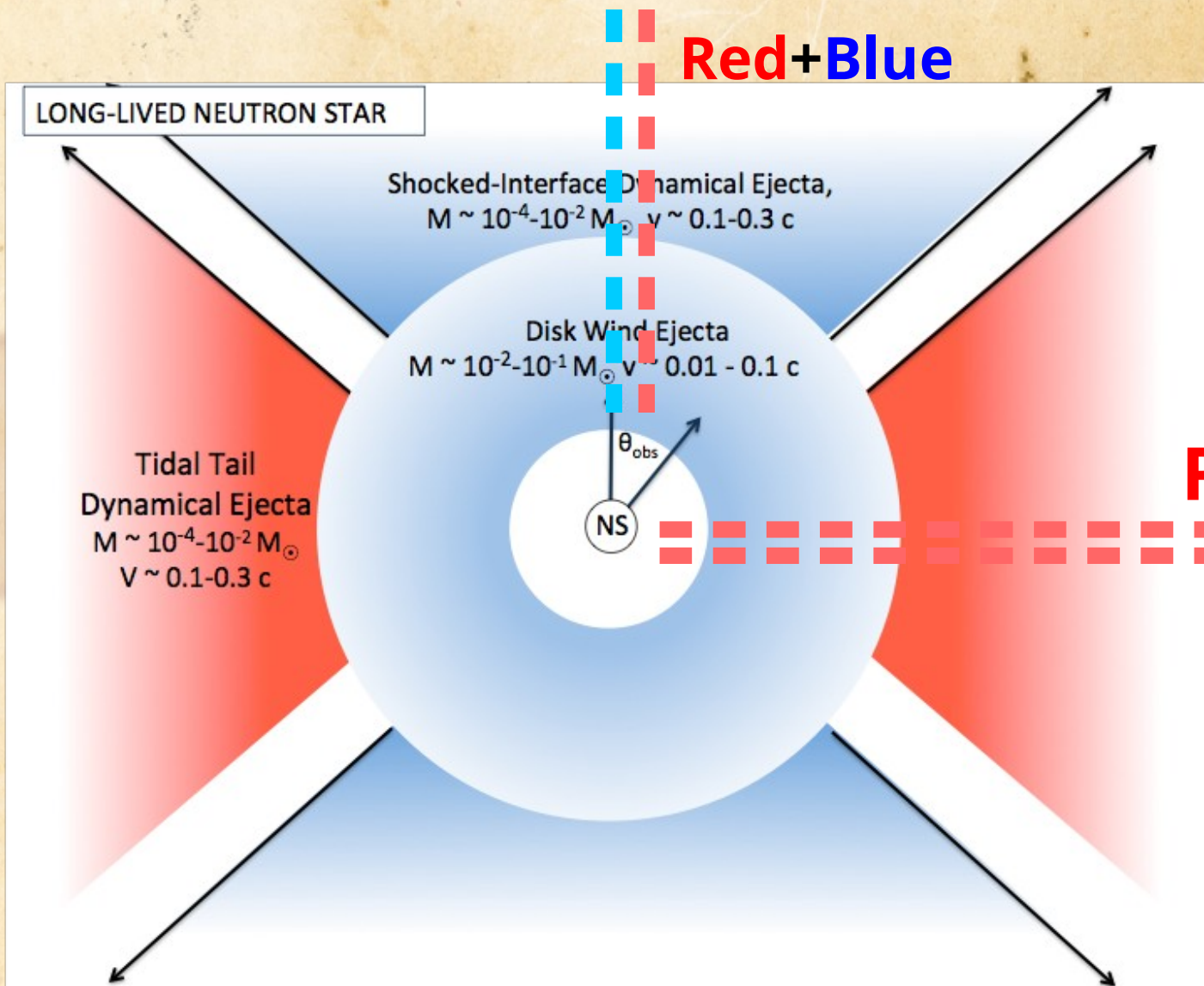





$M_{ej} \sim 0.01-0.02 M_{sol}$   
 $v_{ej} \sim 0.3c$   
 $X_{lan} \sim < 10^{-4}$



$M_{ej} \sim 0.04 M_{sol}$   
 $v_{ej} \sim 0.1c$   
 $X_{lan} \sim 10^{-2}$





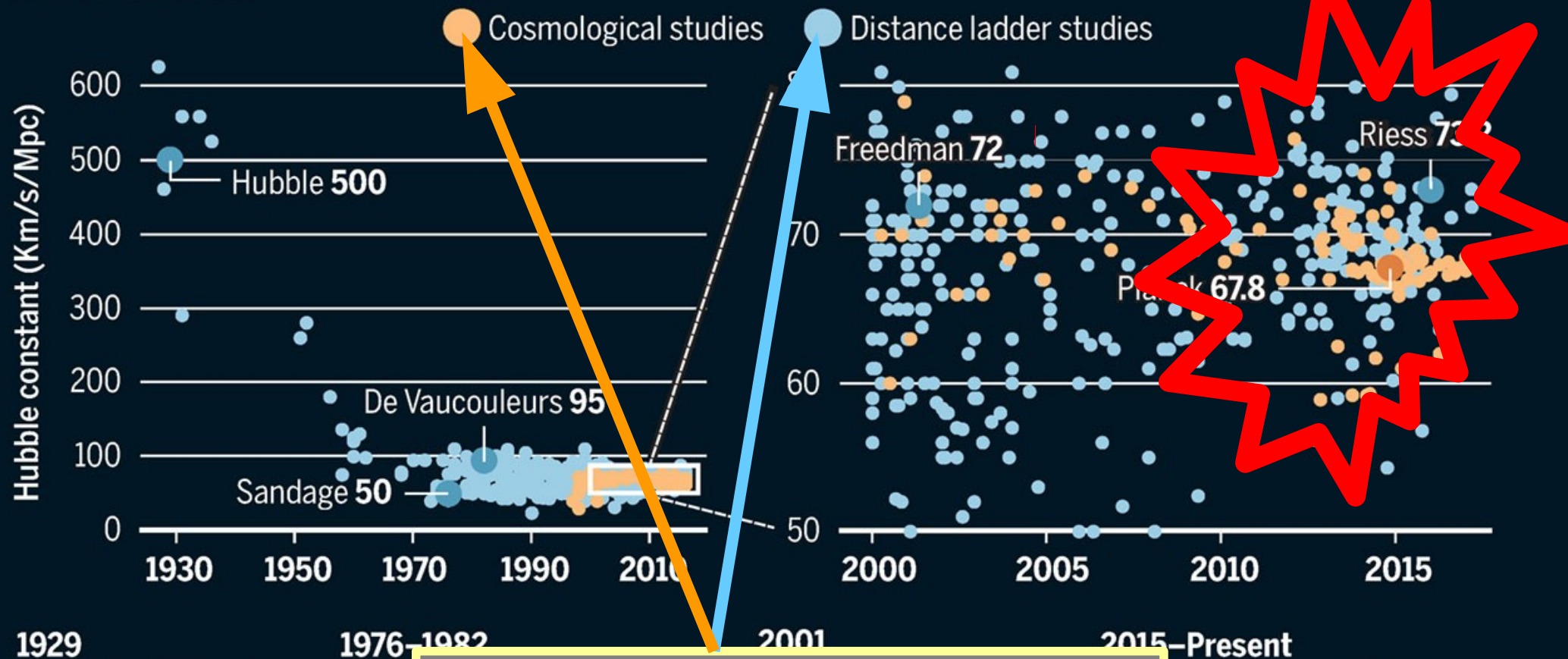


**Combining GW+e.m.  
information to constrain the  
Hubble Constant  $H_0$**



# The Hubble (not so) Constant H0

## Not so constant



**1929**  
Edwin Hubble's first value was much too fast. It implied a universe that was only 2 billion years old.

**1976-1982**  
With the help of Allan Sandage, Hubble's value was found to be slower than Hubble's. Hubble and Sandage, was finding a constant of 72.

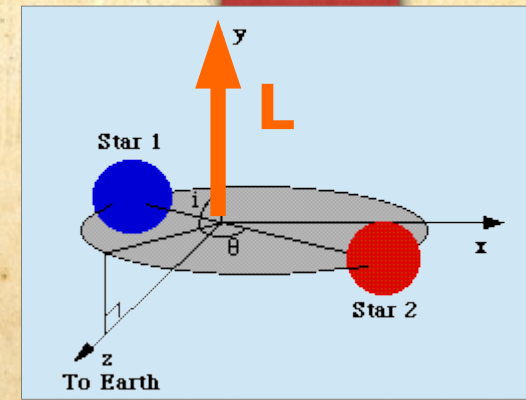
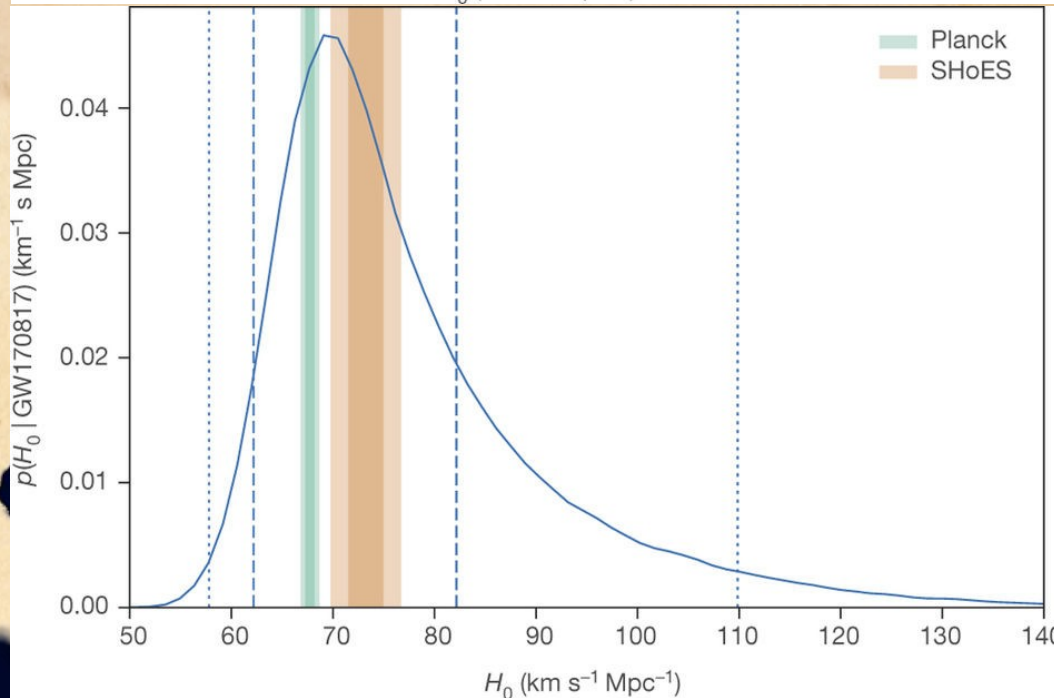
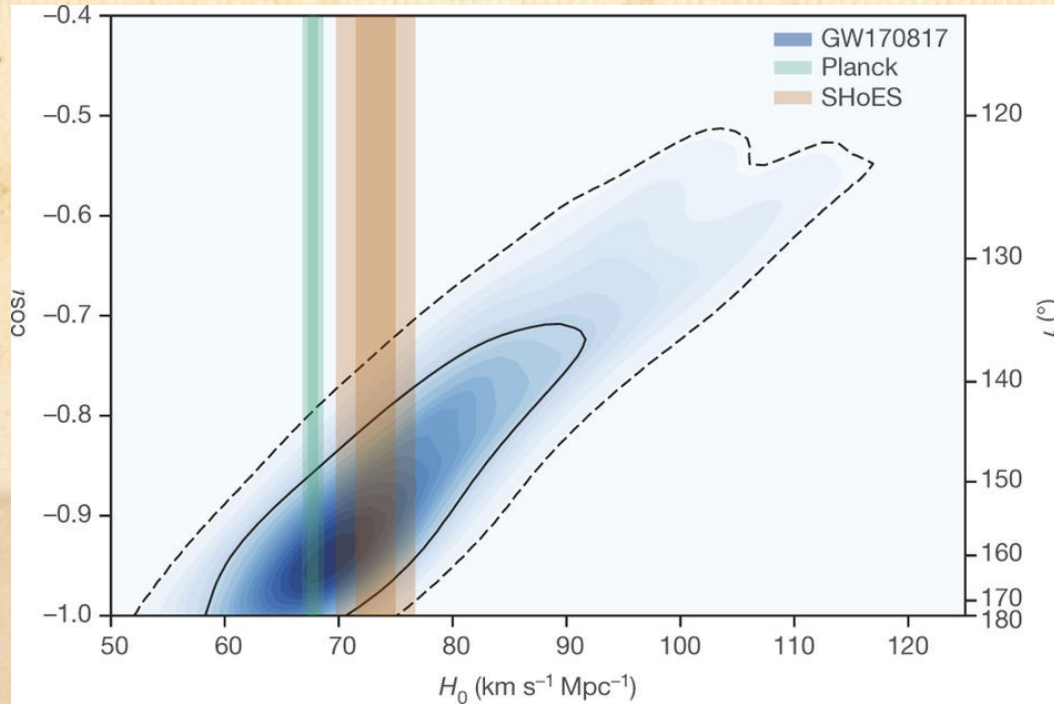
**3.4  $\sigma$  tension!**

**2001**  
Freedman's distance ladder value is significantly higher than one derived from Planck's map of the cosmic microwave background.

**2015-Present**  
The tension has resumed. Adam Riess's distance ladder value is significantly higher than one derived from Planck's map of the cosmic microwave background.



# GW170817: measuring H0!



GW signal:

amplitude =  $f(\cos(i), d)$

$$v_H = H_0 d \quad (\text{Hubble, small } z)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_H = \mathbf{v}_r - \mathbf{v}_p$$

Recessional velocity (z)      Peculiar motions

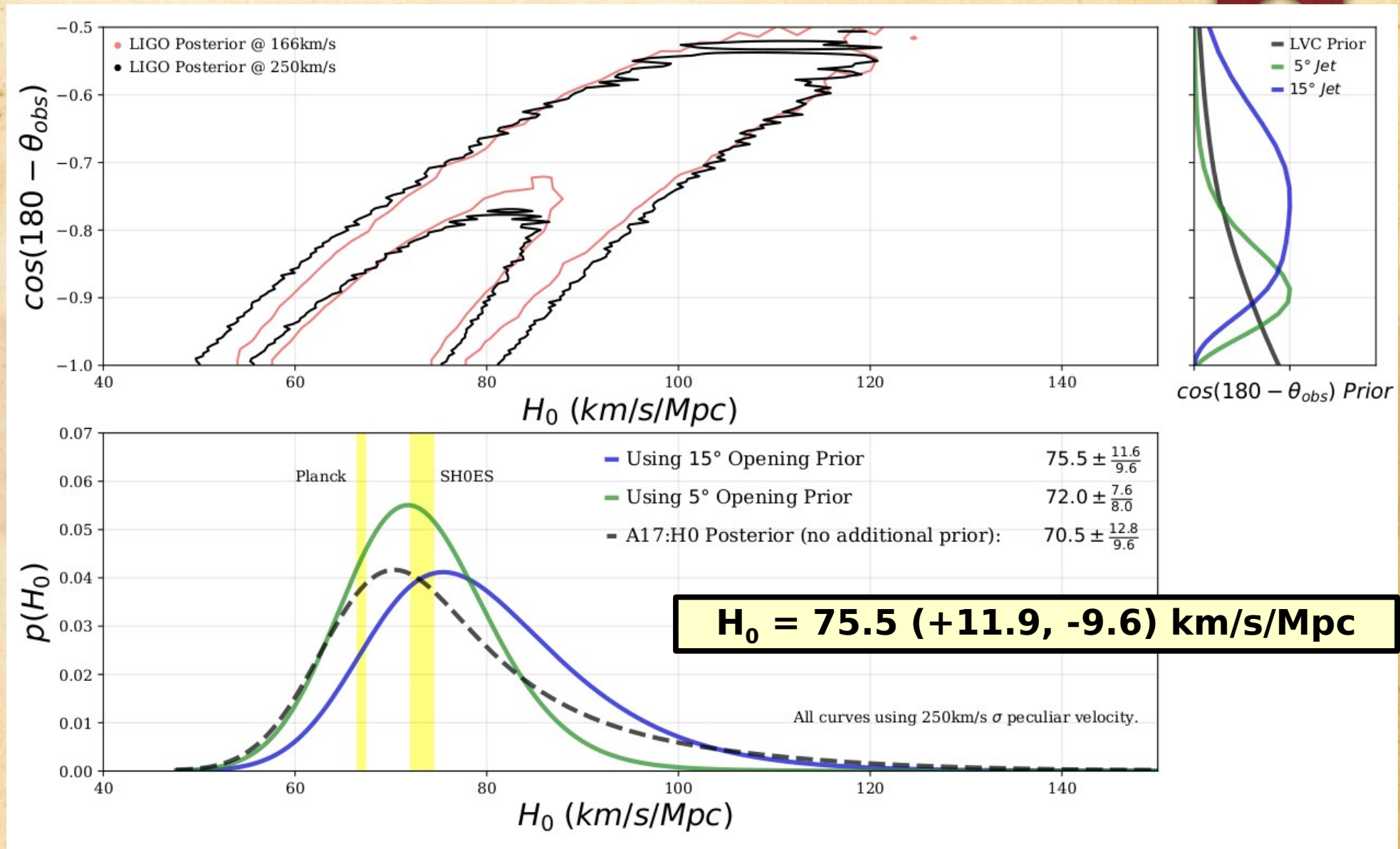
At  $d \sim 40$  Mpc:  $|\mathbf{v}_p| \sim |\mathbf{v}_H|/10$

$$\mathbf{H}_0 = 70 (+12, -8) \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

(LV+em 17, Nature)



# GW170817: combining afterglow info on inclination $\rightarrow$ measuring $H_0$ !



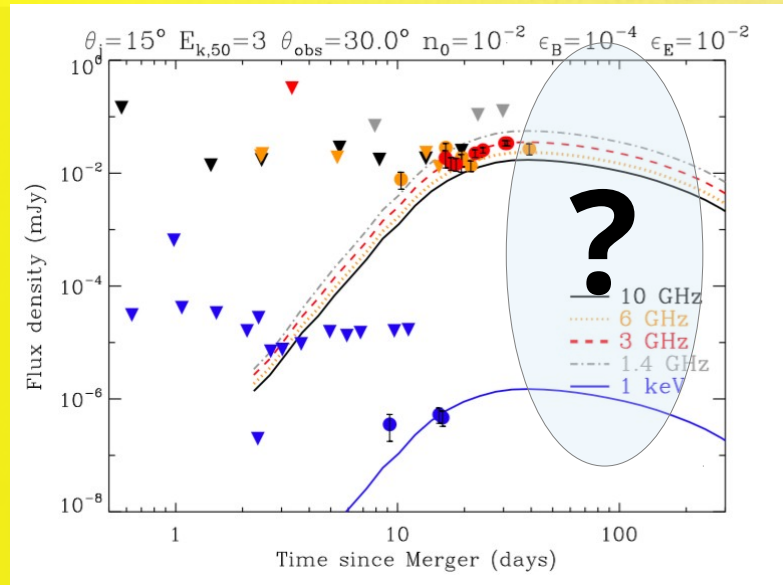




**What's coming up next?  
Are we already done with  
GW170817?**



# The FUTURE of our EM follow-up:



GW

trigger

9 days 15 days

**SUN block!**

100days

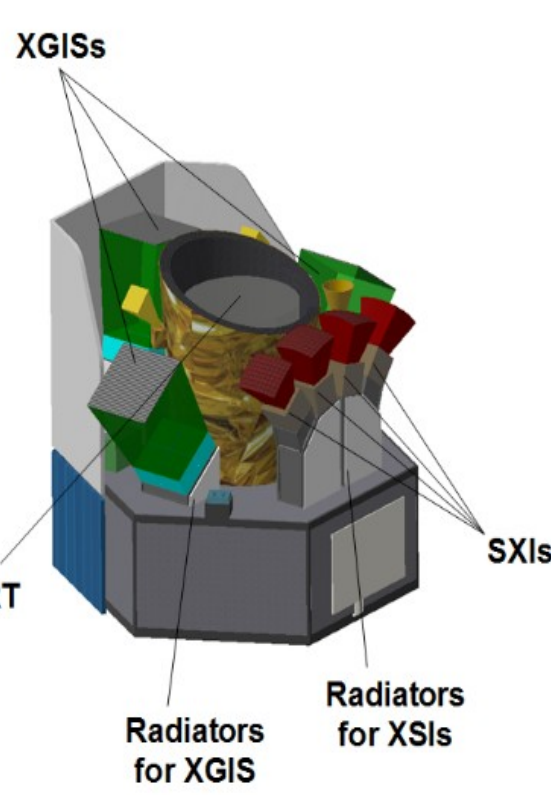


GW170817 is still ON in X-rays and radio!



# theseus

TRANSIENT HIGH ENERGY SKY AND EARLY UNIVERSE SURVEYOR



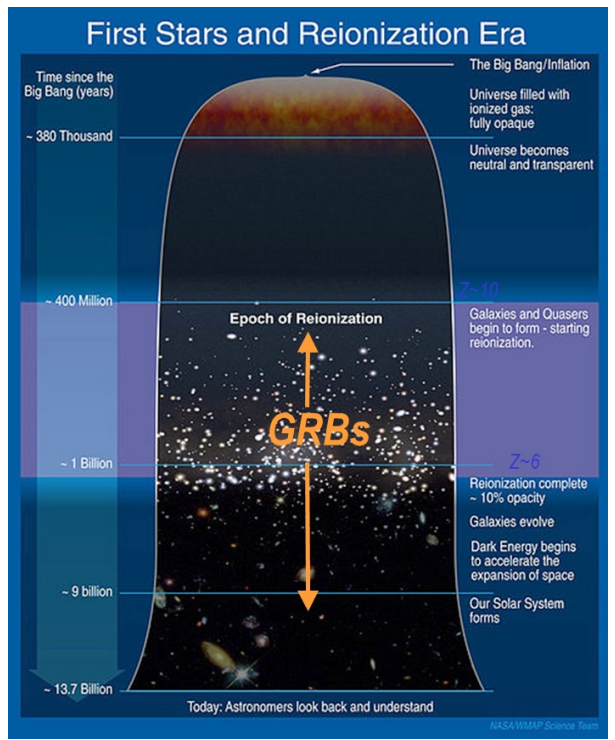
THESEUS mission design and science objectives

Probing the Early Universe with GRBs

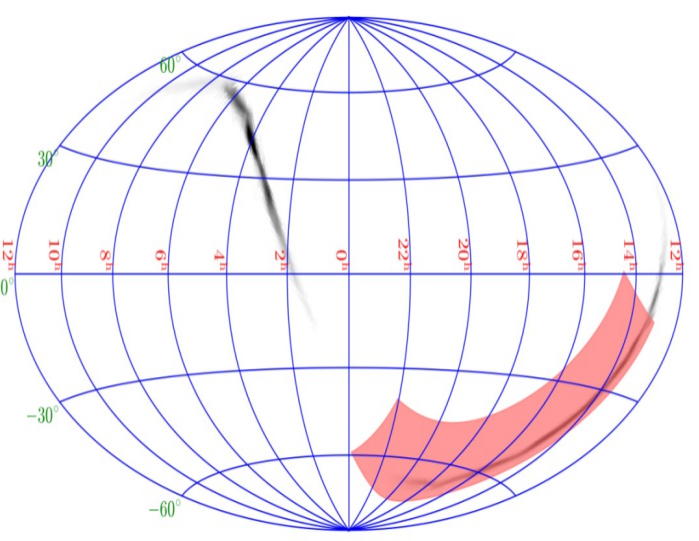
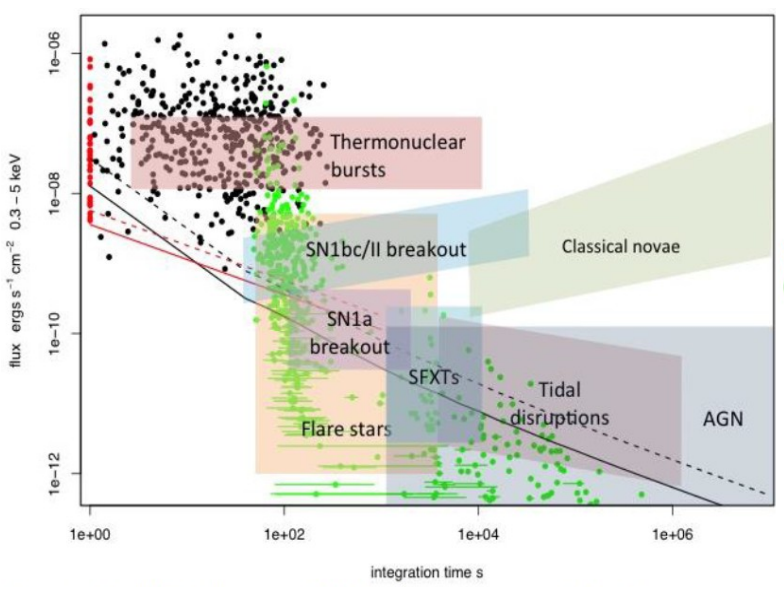
Multi-messenger and time domain Astrophysics

The transient high energy sky

Synergy with next generation large facilities (E-ELT, SKA, CTA, ATHENA, GW and neutrino detectors)



## Time-domain multi-messenger astrophysics





Localization of GW/neutrino  
gamma-ray or X-ray transient  
sources  
NIR, X-ray, Gamma-ray  
characterization

NS-BH/NS-NS  
merger  
physics/host galaxy  
identification/forma  
tion  
history/kilonova  
identification

Transient  
sources multi-  
wavelength  
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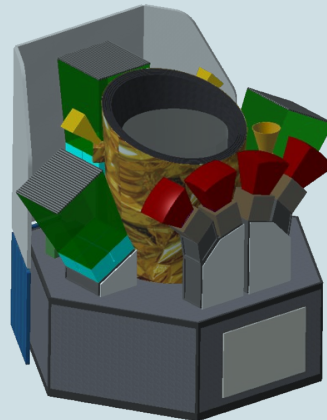
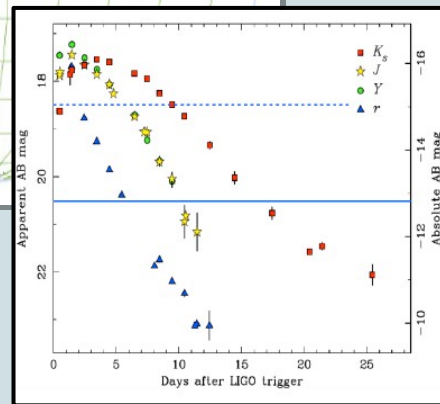
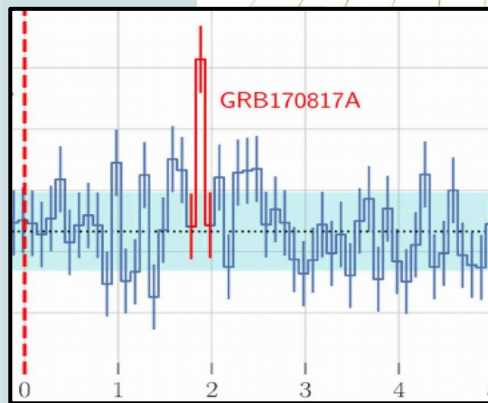
Accretion  
physics

Jet physics

Star formation

Hubble  
constant

r-process  
element  
chemical  
abundances



THESEUS SYNERGIES

Einstein Telescope

ELT TMT GMT

SKA

LSST

ATHENA



# The End



688 Sitzung der physikalisch-mathematischen Klasse vom 22. Juni 1916

## Näherungsweise Integration der Feldgleichungen der Gravitation.

VON A. EINSTEIN.

„...gravitational field invariably propagates with the speed of light“

### § 2. Ebene Gravitationswellen.

Aus den Gleichungen (6) und (9) folgt, daß sich Gravitationsfelder stets mit der Geschwindigkeit 1, d. h. mit Lichtgeschwindigkeit, fortpflanzen. Ebene, nach der positiven  $x$ -Achse fortschreitende Gra-