



Fermi
Gamma-ray Space Telescope

Analisi spettrale congiunta dei GRB un approccio sistematico risolto nel tempo

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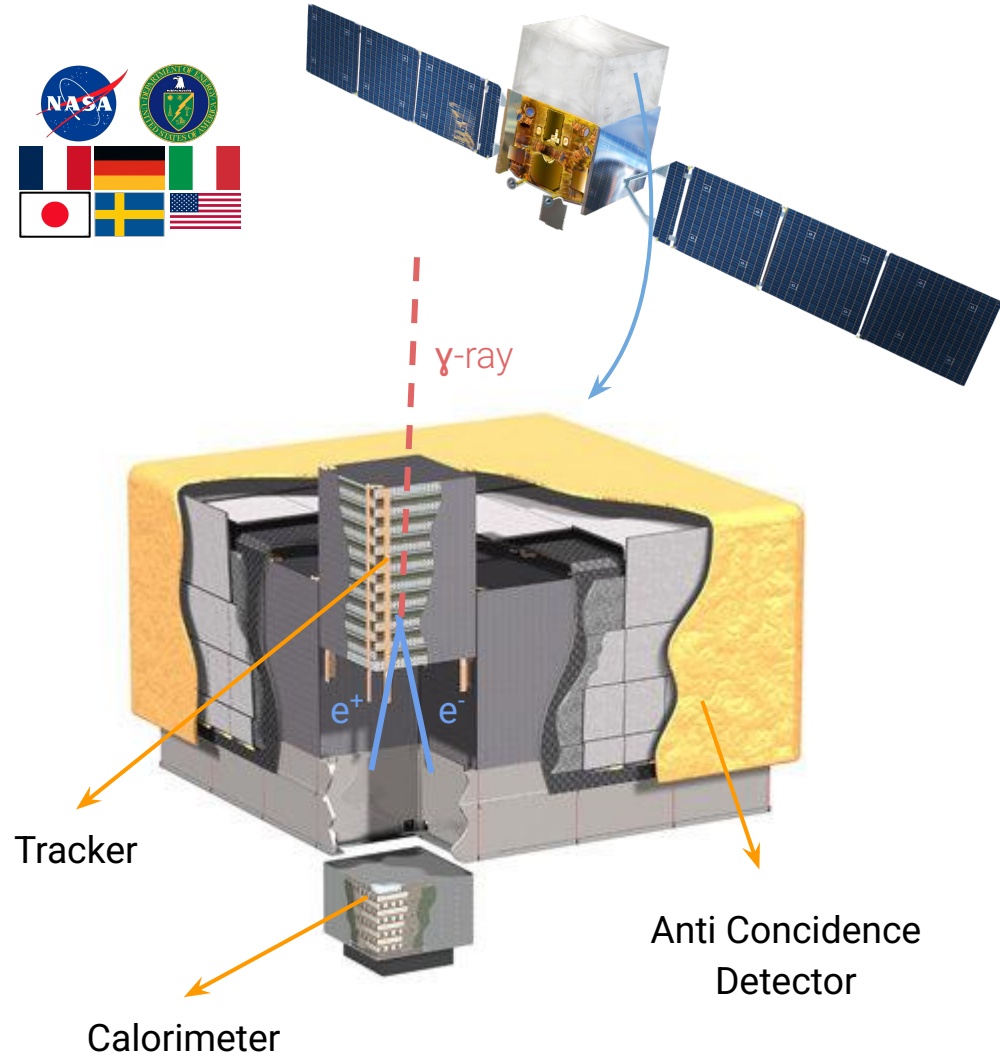
The Fermi mission: Large Area Telescope

The Fermi is an international space mission launched in June 2008. Orbits at ~ 500 km, with an incl. of 25.6° wrt Earth's equator

The Fermi-LAT is a pair conversion telescope devoted to the study of the gamma-ray sky.

It covers the energy range between
 ~ 20 MeV - > 300 GeV

- **LLE range** (Atwood et al. 2009):
30 MeV - 1 GeV
- **LAT standard range:**
100 MeV - > 300 GeV

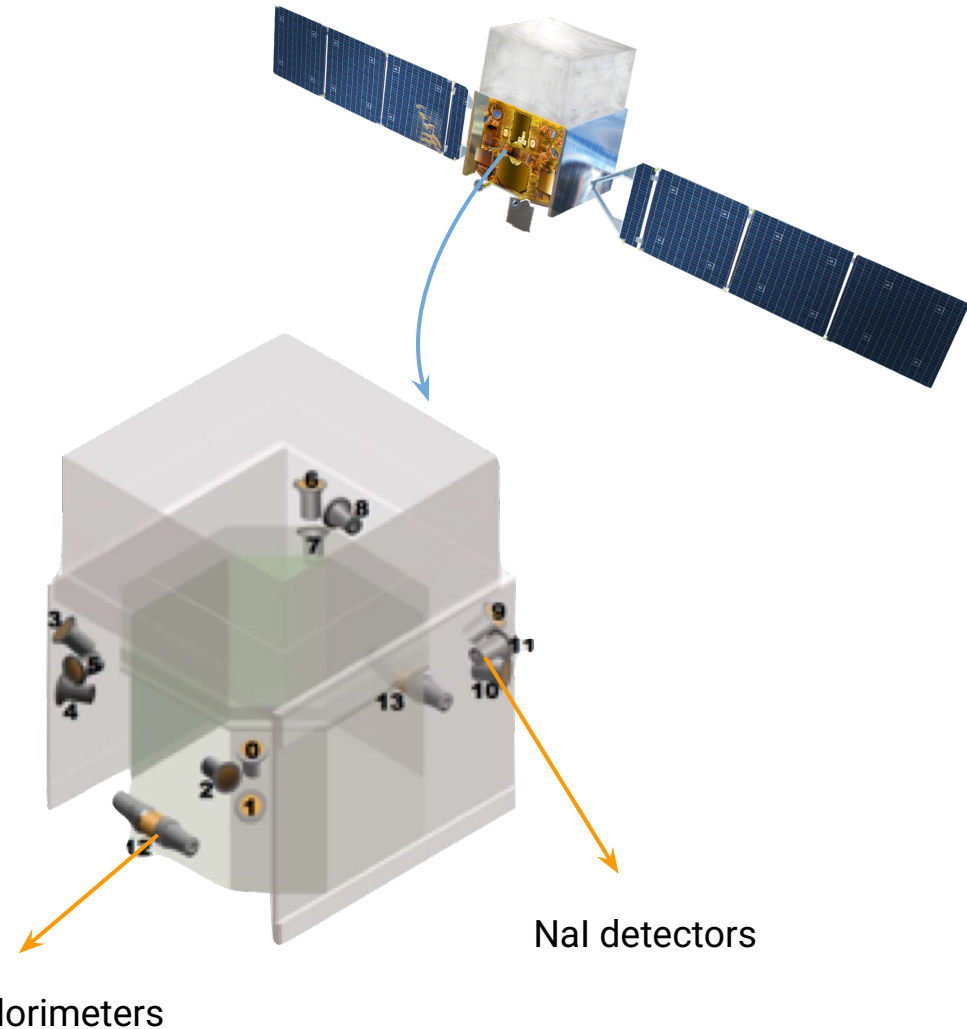
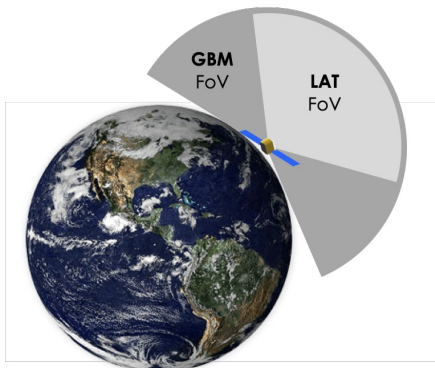


The Fermi-GBM is an instrument on board of the Fermi satellite, composed of:

- 12 NaI scintillator detectors and
- 2 BGO calorimeters.

It is mainly devoted to the study of Gamma-ray bursts, covering an energy range between

8 keV - 30 MeV



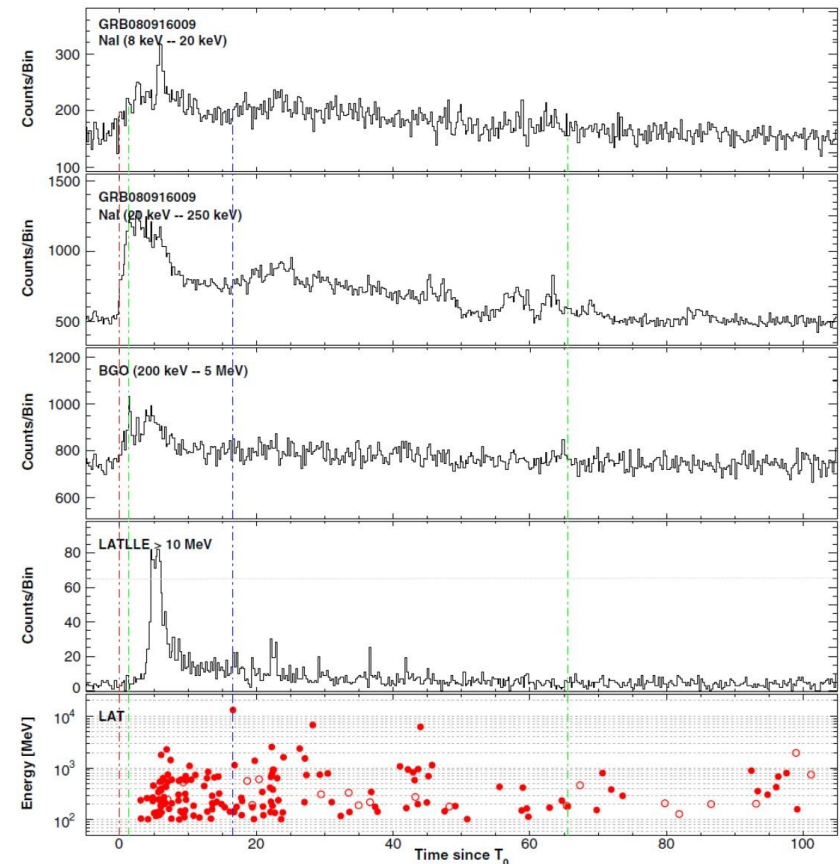
Gamma-ray Bursts (GRBs)

GRBs are extragalactic and extremely energetic transient emissions of electromagnetic radiation in the gamma-ray band.

They are considered to be the *brightest and most energetic* objects in the universe

There are two main types of GRBs:

- **Long GRBs** (duration > 2 s) related to the death of massive stars.
- **Short GRBs** (duration < 2 s) due to the merge of neutron stars.



Light curve of GRB 080916C (Ackermann et al. 2013)

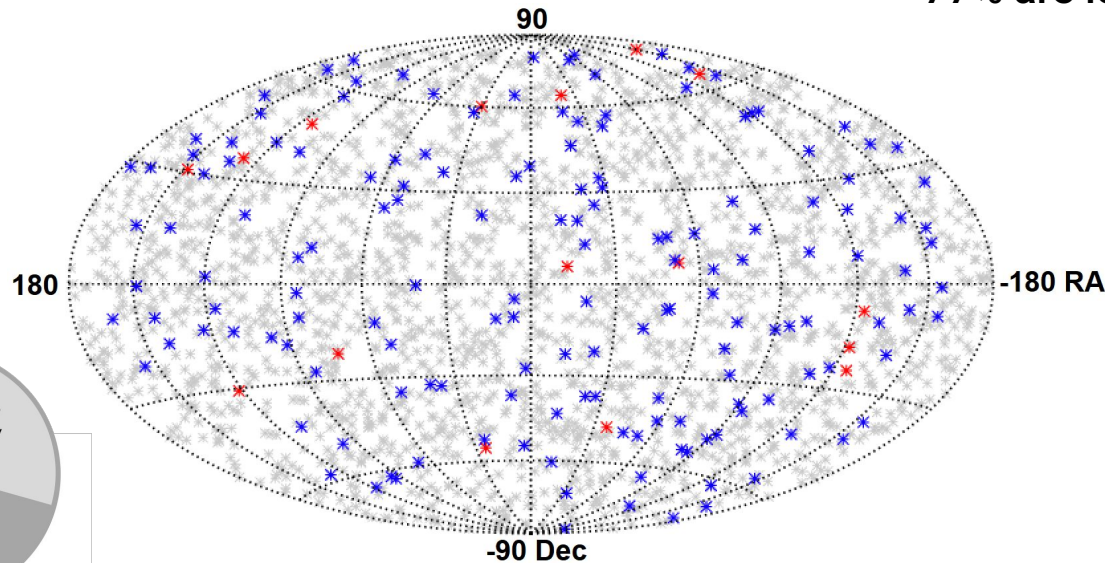
GRBs, some numbers

Yearly GBM observes ~ **250 GRBs** while LAT ~ **15 bursts**

To date:

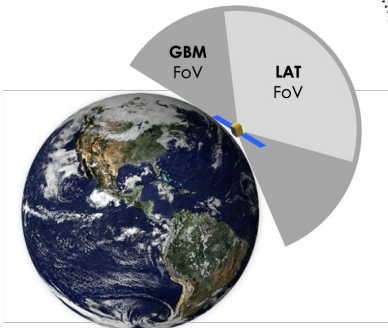
- GBM-triggered GRBs are 4000
- LAT-detected only 267 events

~ 23% of them are short and
~ 77% are long



LAT GRBs:

- Long
- Short



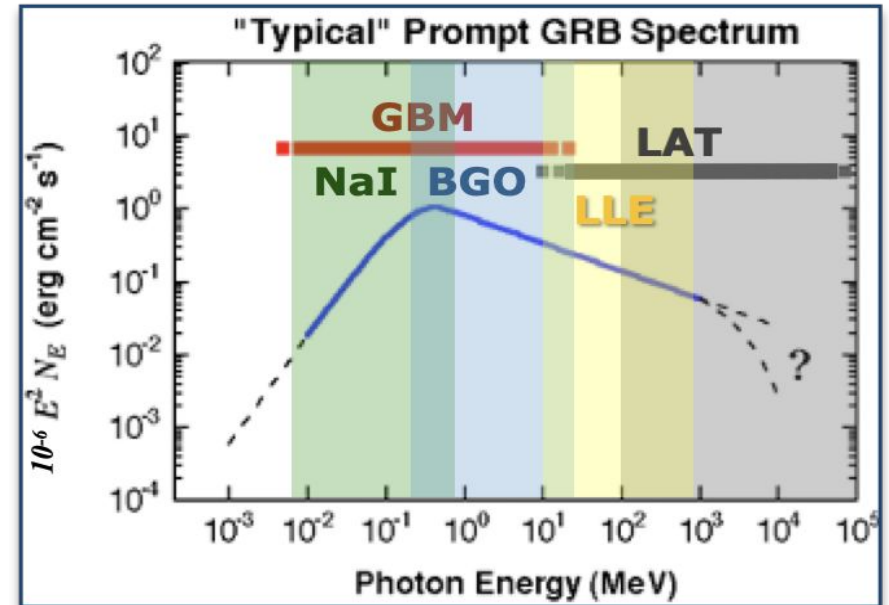
Sky distribution of GBM-triggered and LAT-triggered GRBs, from 07-2008 to 07-2018 (Ajello et al. 2019)

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with most of the luminosity emitted in the
energy range **~100 keV to ~1 MeV**

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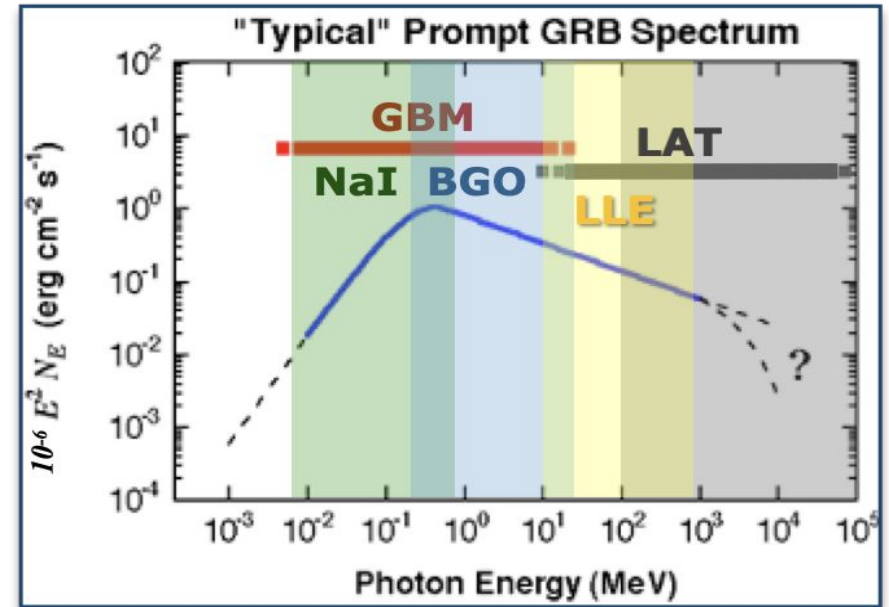
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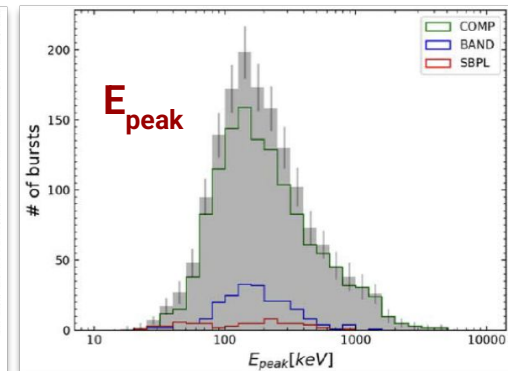
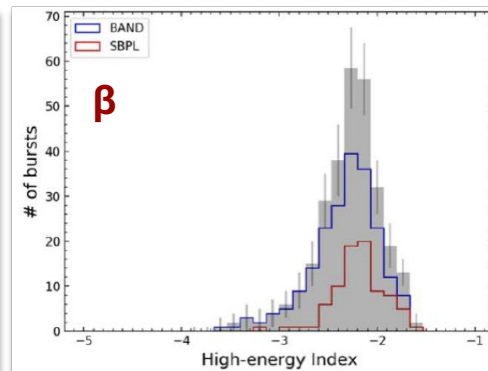
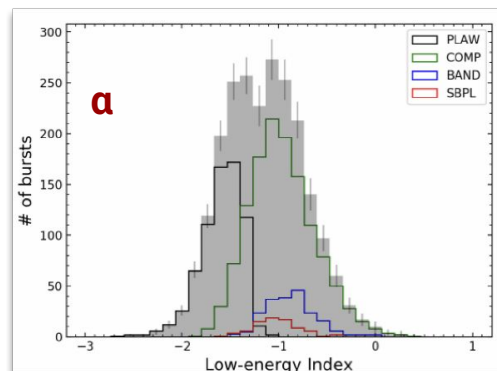
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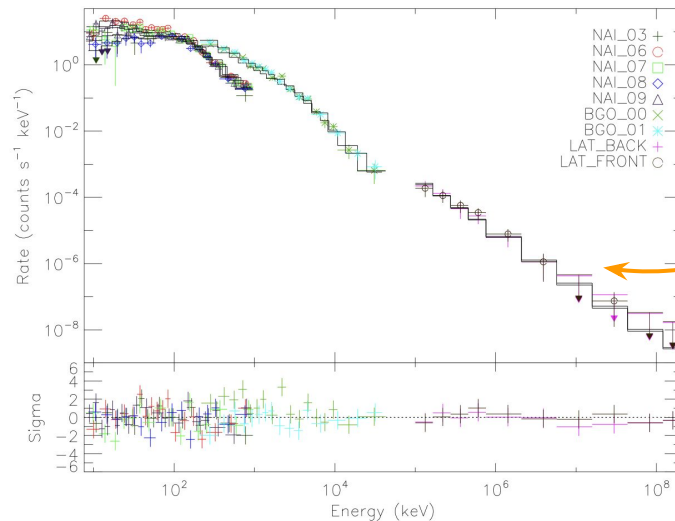
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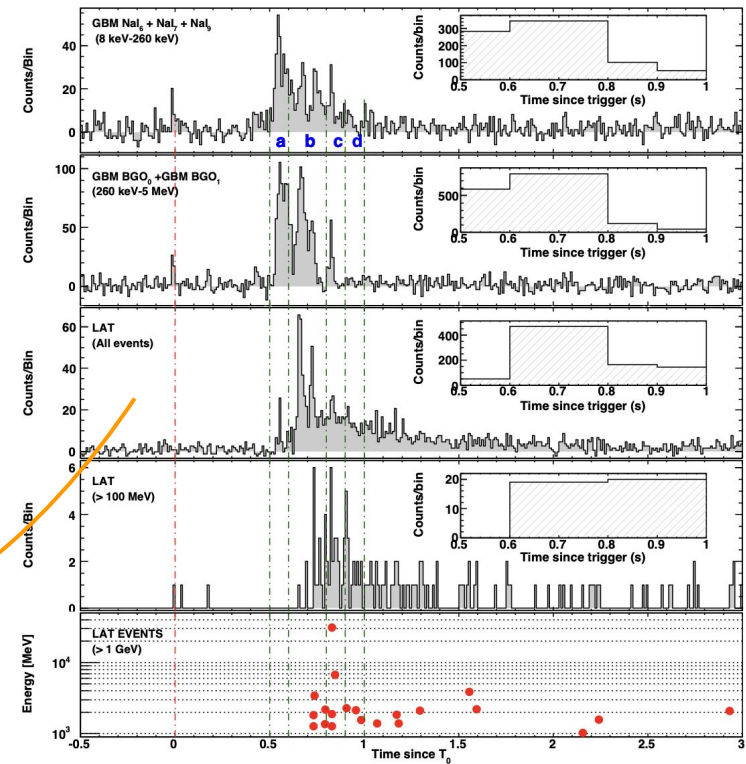
Distribution of spectral parameters (Poolakkil et al. 2021)

Joint spectral analysis of data from GBM detectors and LAT was performed.

The burst was divided into smaller bins, and each bin was fitted with Band function and Band + extra components



Spectral analysis of bin a. the data is fitted with Band function

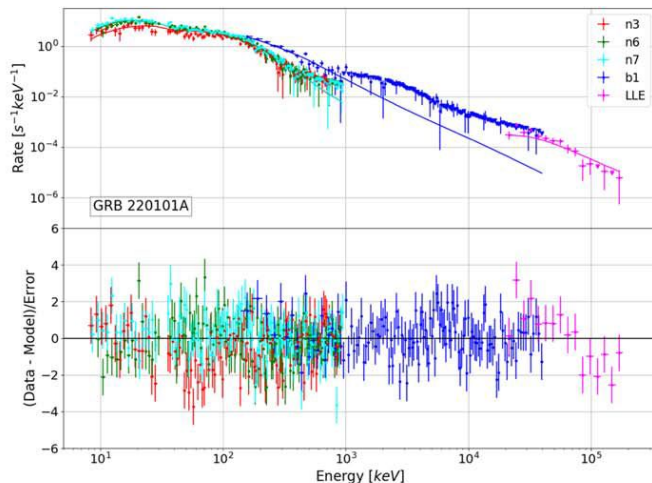


Light-curves at different energies from GRB 090510

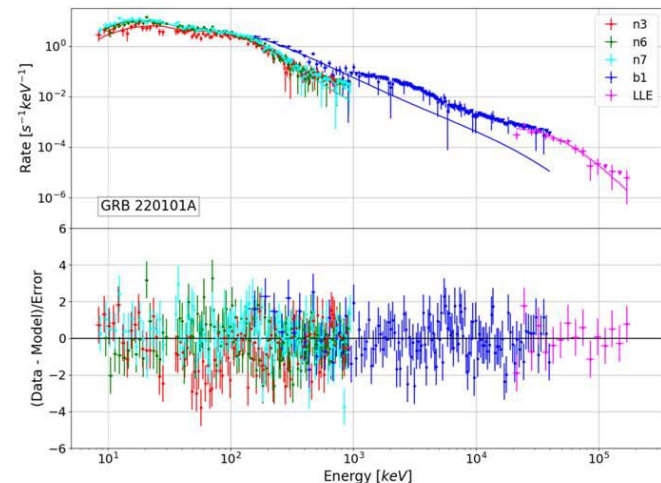
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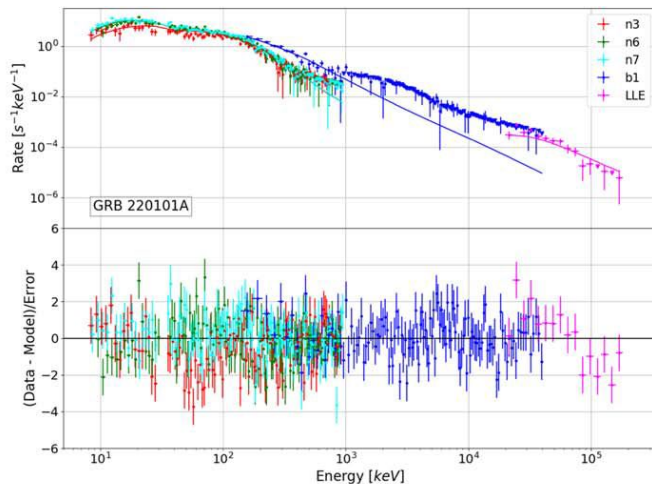


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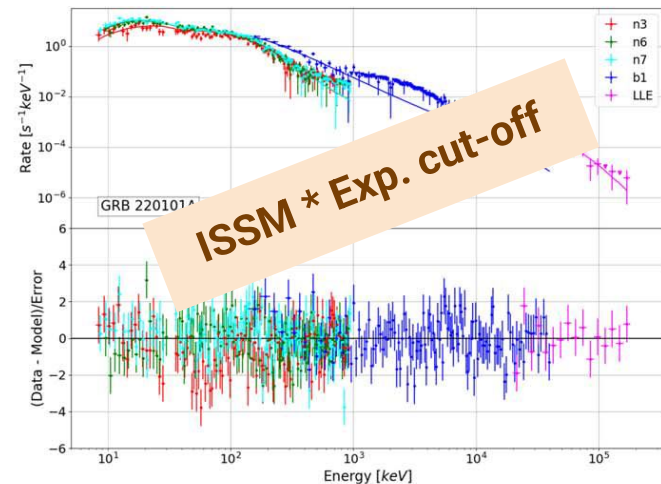
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A refined list of events is used for the systematic analysis:

- The selection was considering that the arrival of the first LAT photon should fall inside the main emission measured by GBM.

194 bursts meet the criteria

The analysis was performed entirely using the [3ML package](#) (Vianello et al. 2015), with a pipeline built based on the tutorials [available online](#).

Common high-level interface which allows maximum likelihood and Bayesian analysis using data from **multiple missions in an unified way**.



3ML
Multi-Mission
Maximum Likelihood
Framework

Systematic analysis

For each one of the 194 events, we chose the time intervals for the analysis as:

- $T_{90} \pm 20\%$ (for long GRBs)
- $T_{90} \pm 1 \text{ s}$ (for short GRBs)

Time-integrated pipeline

12 spectral models are tested
on each GRB

Time-resolved pipeline

The bins are created with the **Bayesian Block**
method using the brightest NaI detector
Only bins with $\sigma > 5$ are considered

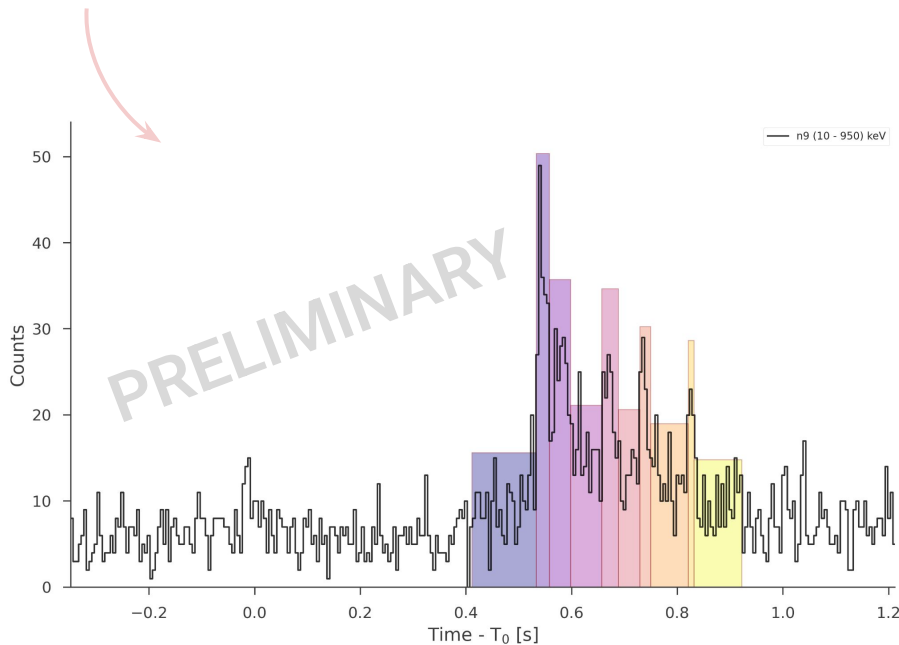
7 spectral models are tested on each bin

“Best fitting models” are defined using
Bayesian information criteria (BIC) statistical
parameters (needs refinement)

Example time-resolved analysis: GRB 090510

Total time interval used: $T_0 - 1.05 \text{ s} - T_0 + 1.91 \text{ s}$

Divided into 10 bins



Light-curve of detector Nal 9 of GRB 090510. Obtained bins are shown in colors.

Time interval	Best fitting functions
0.41 - 0.53 s	Compt.
0.53 - 0.56 s	Compt., Band, SBPL
0.56 - 0.60 s	Compt., SBPL
0.60 - 0.66 s	Compt., Band+BB, SBPL+BB, ISSM
0.66 - 0.69 s	Band, SBPL, ISSM
0.69 - 0.73 s	Band, SBPL, ISSM
0.73 - 0.75 s	Band, SBPL, SBPL+BB
0.75 - 0.82 s	Band+BB, SBPL+BB, ISSM+BB
0.82 - 0.83 s	SBPL
0.83 - 0.92 s	Pwl, Band, SBPL

Preliminary results on time-resolved analysis

The analysed sample (so far) contains
30 GRBs chosen among the refined list
of events

With a **total amount of 546 bins**

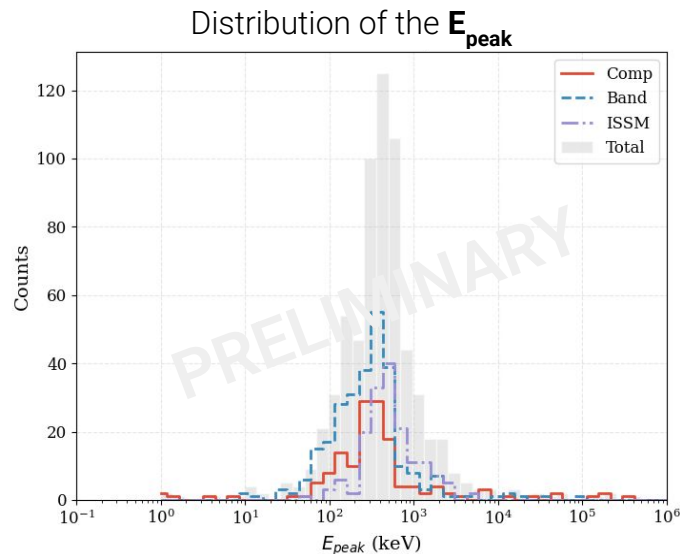
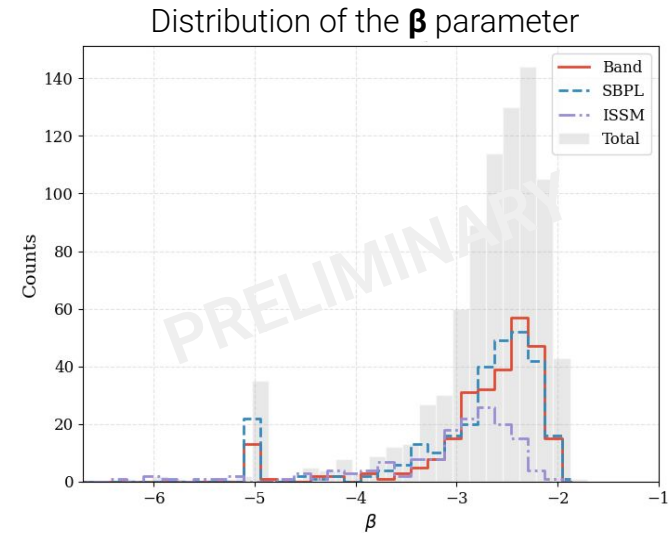
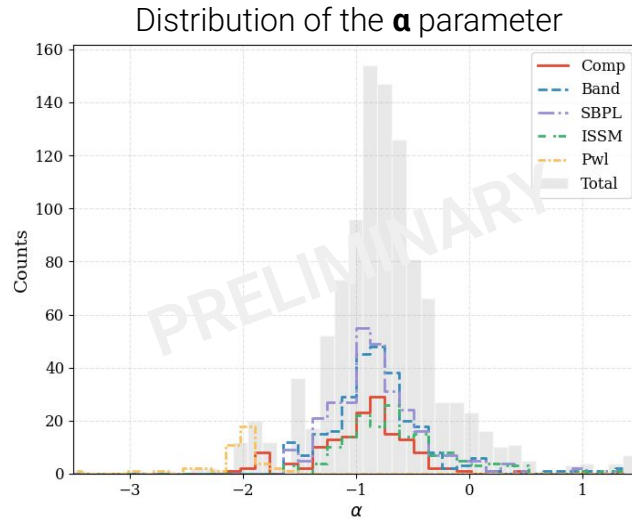
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	Count	Percentage
SBPL	298	28 %
Band	274	26 %
ISSM	162	15 %
Comp	149	14 %
Band+BB	74	7 %
Pwl	50	4 %
SBPL+BB	41	3 %

Percentage of times each model fitted the
bin data *reasonably*

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Test results on the pipeline of time-resolved analysis



Preliminary results agree with literature values (Poolakkil et al. 2021)

Data Set	Low-energy Index	High-energy Index	E_{peak} (keV)
This Catalog BEST	$-1.08^{+0.45}_{-0.44}$	$-2.20^{+0.26}_{-0.29}$	180^{+307}_{-88}
Gruber et al. (2014)	$-1.08^{+0.43}_{-0.44}$	$-2.14^{+0.27}_{-0.37}$	196^{+336}_{-100}
Goldstein et al. (2012)	$-1.05^{+0.44}_{-0.45}$	$-2.25^{+0.34}_{-0.73}$	205^{+359}_{-121}
Kaneko et al. (2006)	$-1.14^{+0.20}_{-0.22}$	$-2.33^{+0.24}_{-0.26}$	251^{+122}_{-68}

Conclusions and future perspectives

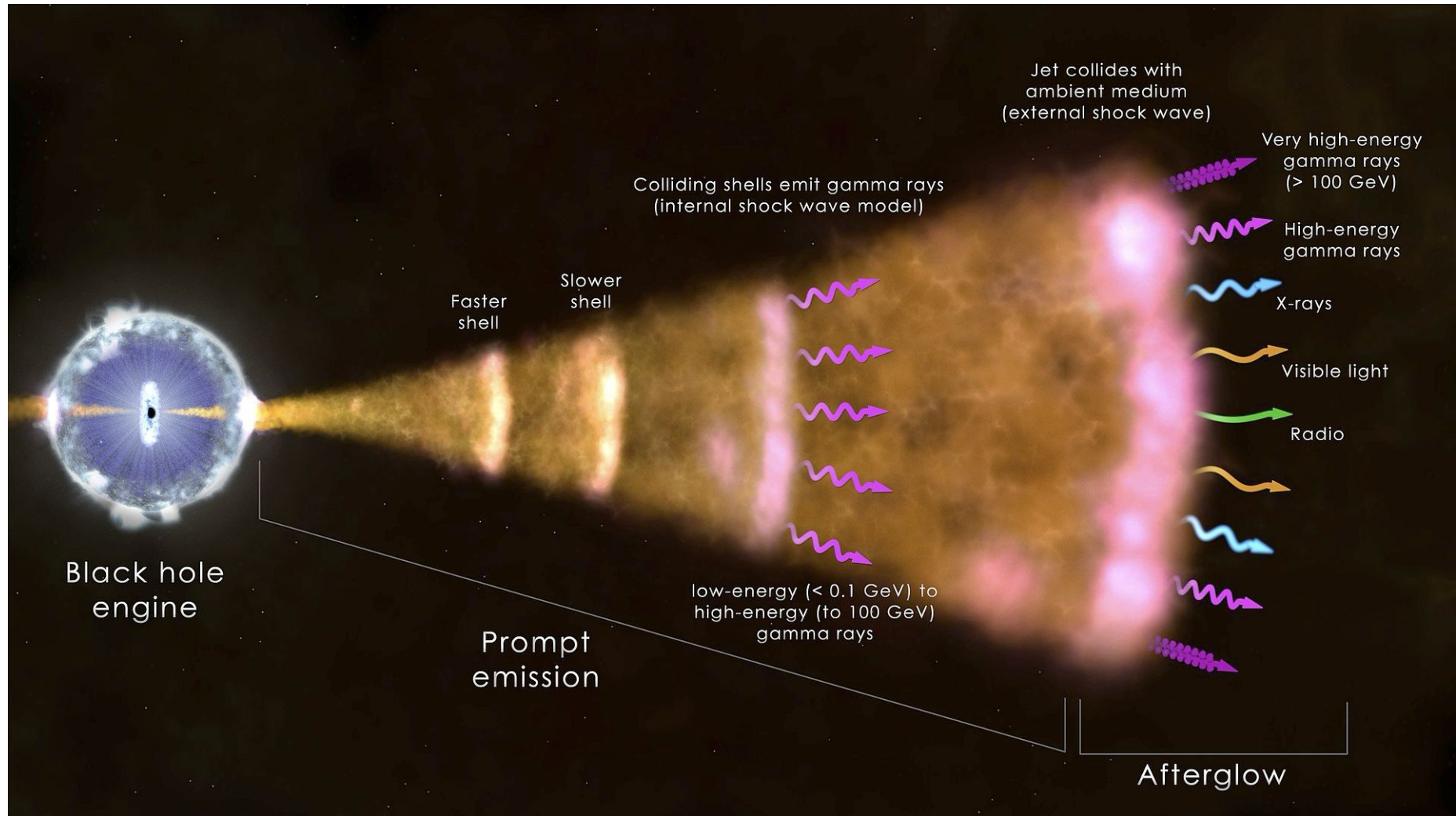
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Thank you!

Backup slides

Fireball model



Sample selection more details

The sample selection was performed considering the **first 16 years of data** (from August 2008 to September 2024).

The total sample size is **257 bursts**:

- 14 don't have a GBM file and/or where not seen by BGO detectors
- ~ 78 have more than 5σ significance in LLE

A refined list of events is used for the systematic analysis:

- The selection was considering that the arrival of the first LAT photon should fall inside the T_{90} as measured by GBM.
- The surviving events were sorted into decreasing order of the TS value in the GBM time-window (T_{90}).

194 bursts meet the criteria

- The analysis was performed entirely using the [3ML package](#), with a pipeline built based on the tutorials [available online](#).
- **GBM** and **LLE** data (*TTE*, *CSPEC* and *.rsp files*) is downloaded from the online database, using basic information regarding the T_{90} and background from the online catalog.
- **LAT** data is downloaded from the HEARSAC archive and the *CSPEC*, *.rsp*, *eventfile* and *ft2file* are created using the *FermiTools*.
- After performing the interval selection for the analysis, *DispersionSpectrumLike* (for GBM and LLE) and *FermiLATLike* (for LAT) plugins are created.
 - For GBM the energy selection goes from 10-30 keV - 35-1000 keV for NaI detectors and 0.25-10 MeV for BGO,
 - For LLE goes from 30-100 MeV,
 - And for LAT > 100 MeV
- The spectral fit is performed using different models

Models used for spectral fitting

Band model

$$K \times \begin{cases} \left(\frac{E}{E_{\text{piv}}}\right)^{\alpha} \exp\left[-\frac{E(2+\alpha)}{E_{\text{peak}}}\right] & \text{if } E \leq E_{\text{break}} \\ \left(\frac{E}{E_{\text{piv}}}\right)^{\beta} \exp(\beta - \alpha) \left[\frac{E_{\text{peak}}(\alpha+\beta)}{E_{\text{piv}}(2+\alpha)}\right]^{\alpha-\beta} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

SBPL model

$$K \left(\frac{E}{E_{\text{break}}}\right)^{\alpha} \left[1 + \frac{E}{E_{\text{break}}}\right]^{\frac{1}{\Delta}(\beta-\alpha)\Delta}$$

ISSM model

$$K \left[1 - \frac{E_{\text{peak}}}{E_{\text{ref}}} \left(\frac{2+\beta}{2+\alpha}\right)\right]^{\alpha-\beta} \left(\frac{E}{E_{\text{ref}}}\right)^{\alpha} \left[\frac{E}{E_{\text{ref}}} - \frac{E_{\text{peak}}}{E_{\text{ref}}} \left(\frac{2+\beta}{2+\alpha}\right)\right]^{\beta-\alpha}$$

Comptonized model

$$K \left(\frac{E}{E_{\text{ref}}}\right)^{\alpha} \exp\left[-\frac{(\alpha+2)E}{E_{\text{peak}}}\right]$$

Power-law model

$$K \frac{E^{\alpha}}{E_{\text{piv}}}$$

Exp. cut

$$K \exp\left[-\frac{E}{E_{\text{cut}}}\right]$$

Black body

$$K \frac{E^2}{\exp\left(\frac{E}{kT}\right) - 1}$$

Band

Band + BB

SBPL

SBPL + BB

ISSM

Pwl

Comp

Band + Pwl

Band * Exp.

ISSM * Exp.

Comp. + Comp.

Comp. + Pwl

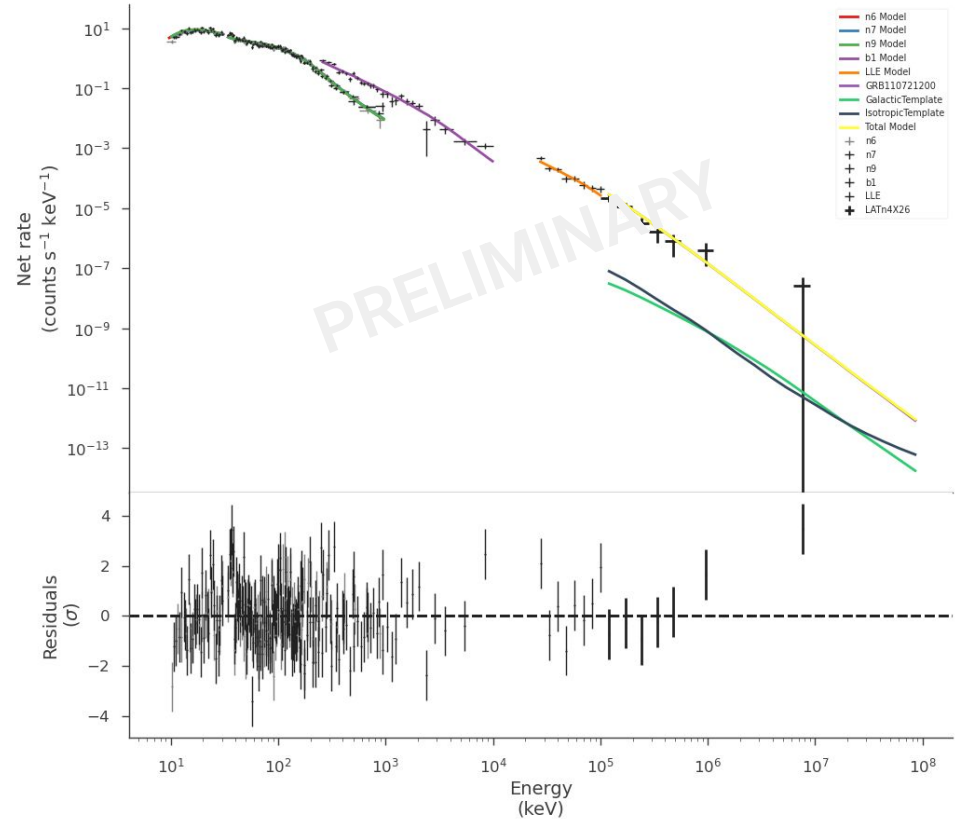
Time interval used:

$$T_0 - 4.36 \text{ s} - T_0 + 26.19 \text{ s}$$

Best models: **Band + BB** and **SBPL + BB**



Parameter	Value	
α	-1.236	± 0.017
β	-2.717	± 0.061
E_{peak} [keV]	2300	± 290
kT [keV]	32.3	± 2.3
Norm (10^{-3})	11.29	± 0.65



Time-integrated spectral analysis results of GRB 110721A fitted with Band+BB function

Preliminary results on time-integrated analysis

The analysed sample (*so far*) contains
52 GRBs chosen among the refined list
of events

	Count	Percentage
Band	33	30.84
SBPL	27	25.23
Band+BB	11	10.28
Band+Pwl	9	8.41
ISSM	9	8.41
SBPL+BB	8	7.48
Band+E	5	4.67
Comp+Comp	2	1.87
Pwl	2	1.87
Comp+Pwl	1	0.93

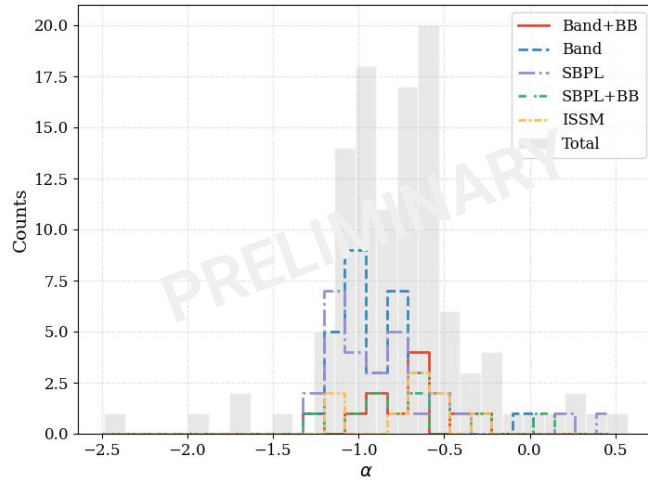
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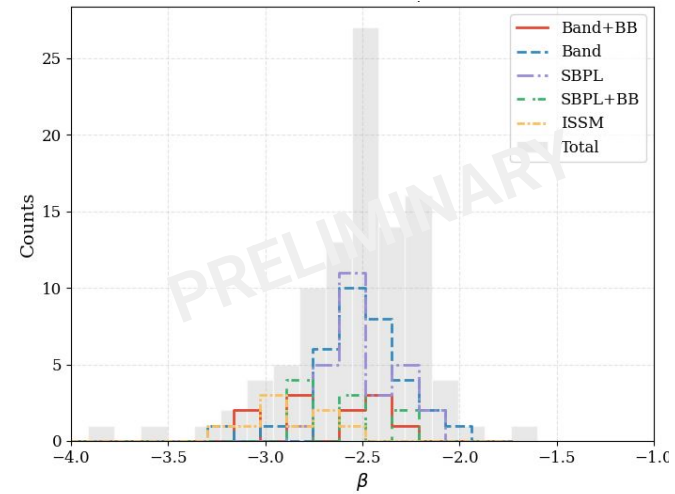
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Distribution of the α parameter



Distribution of the β parameter



Distribution of the E_{peak} parameter

