

Gamma ray bursts

1. Observations
2. Theories
3. Magnetic fields

History

- first found by gamma-detectors in bomb monitors
- astronomy: late '70s
- positions in sky by IPN-timing
- found to be isotropic on sky (Konus satellites)
distance still unknown

BATSE all sky monitor confirms isotropy (1994)

- 1997 optical identification w distant galaxies
- afterglows
- predicted supernova connection found (1997)

current instrumentation: Fermi (formerly GLAST), SWIFT, Agile, INTEGRAL

2 types of gamma-ray burst:

1. soft gamma repeaters (SGR)
2. classical GRB

SGR: local (in the galactic plane, 1 in MC)
outbursts from supermagnetic ($B \sim 10^{15}$ G)
neutron stars ('magnetars')

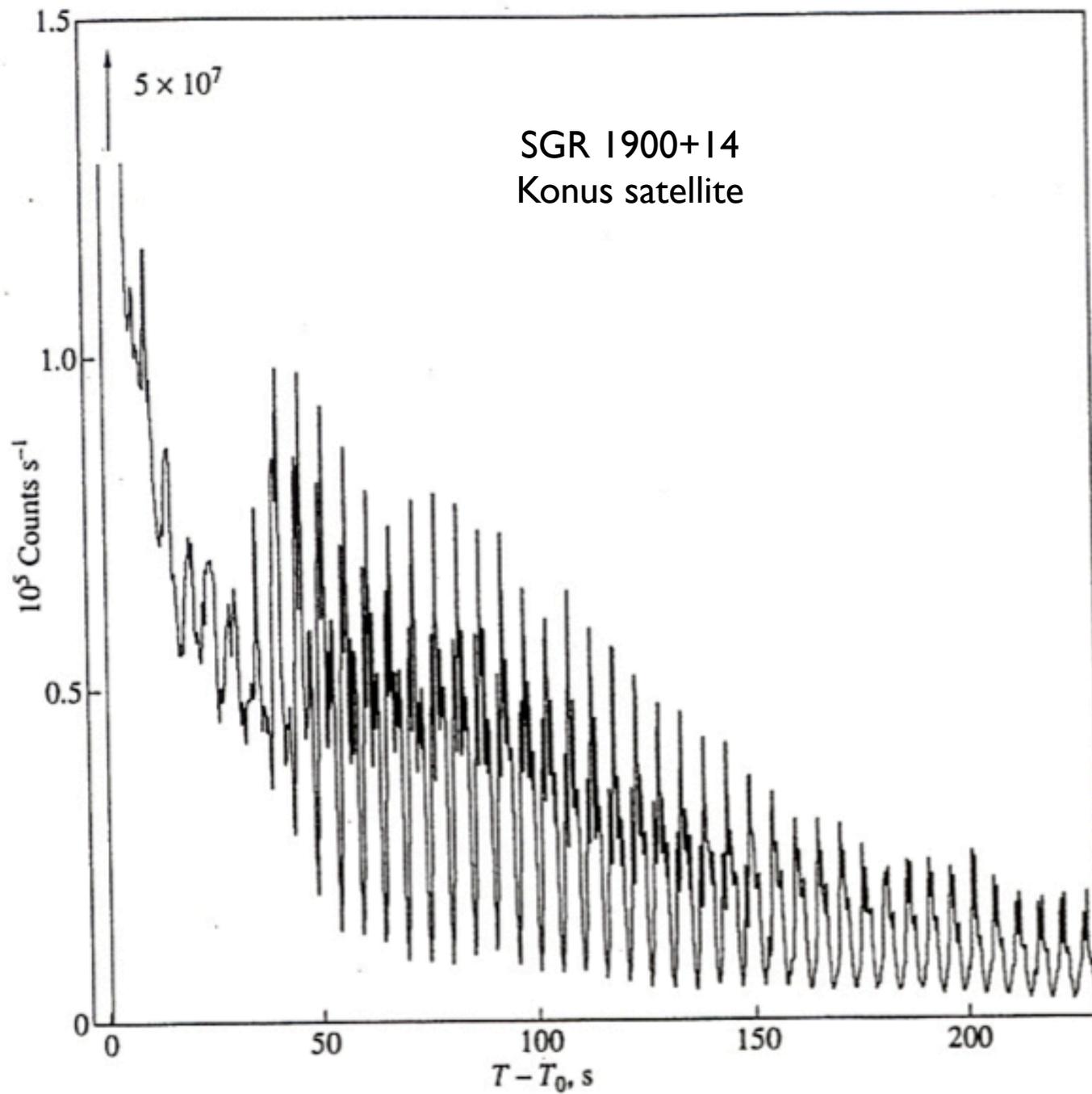


Fig. 1. Giant August 27, 1998 outburst. The intensity of the $E_\gamma > 15 \text{ keV}$ radiation.

end of the universe

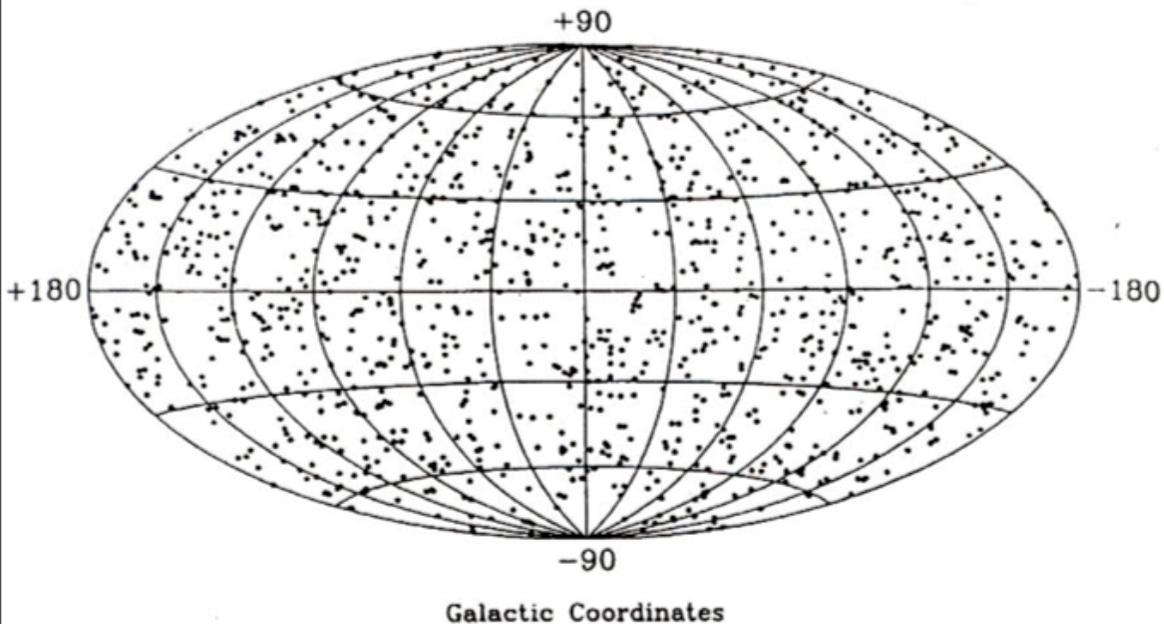


Figure 14 The celestial distribution of 1121 gamma-ray bursts as seen by BATSE over a three-year period, plotted in Galactic coordinates. No clustering or anisotropies are seen (Briggs et al 1995, Meegan et al 1995, Hartmann et al 1995).

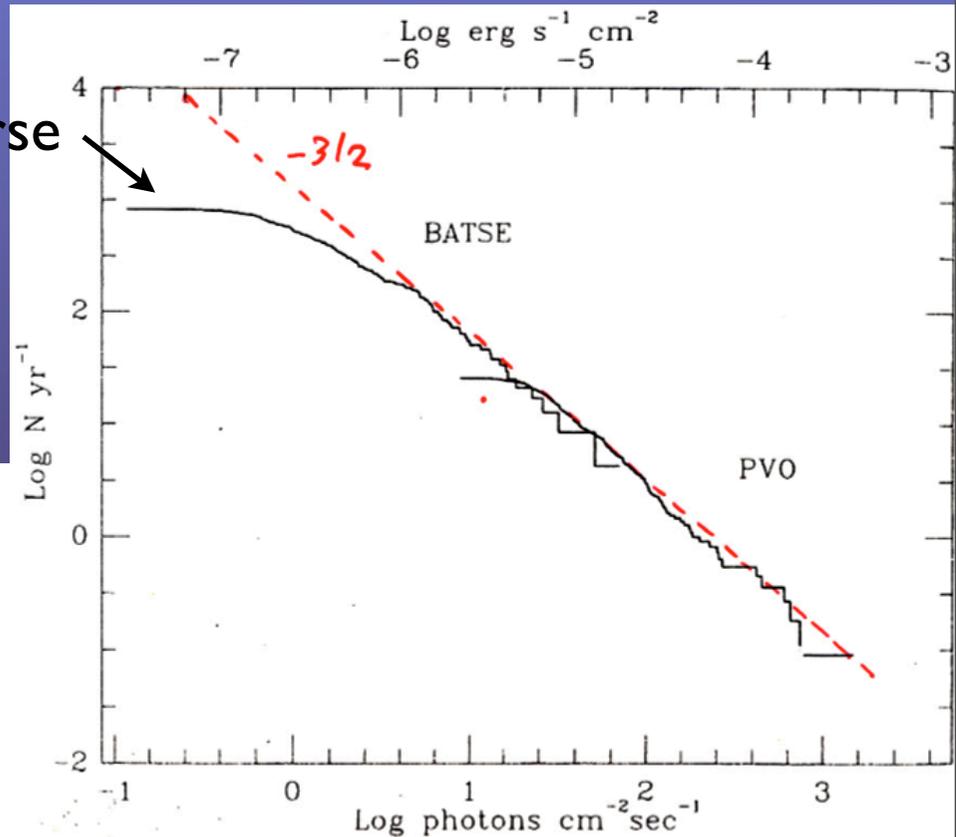


Figure 13 The log N -log P distribution from combined BATSE and PVO data (adapted from Fenimore et al 1993). The distributions match well in the overlap region. The PVO data, which has recorded more strong bursts than BATSE during its long lifetime, is seen to follow a $-3/2$ power law for strong bursts.

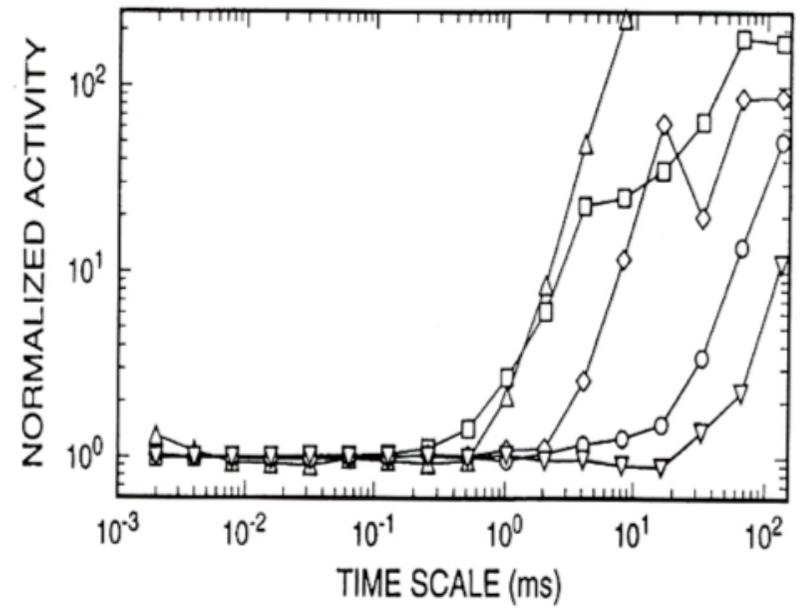
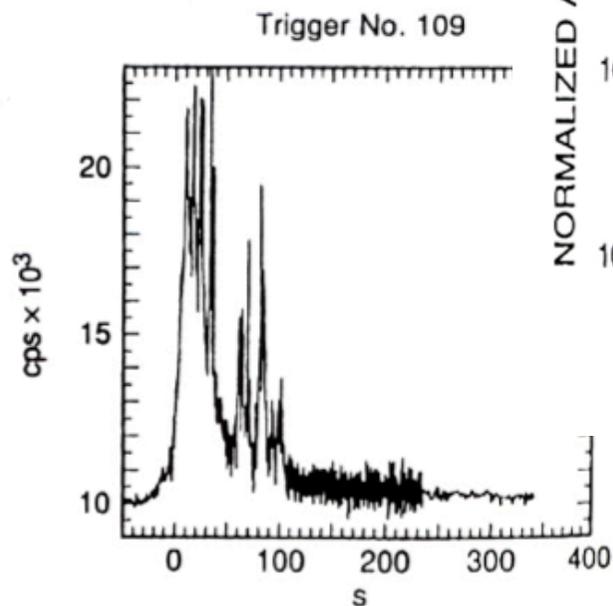
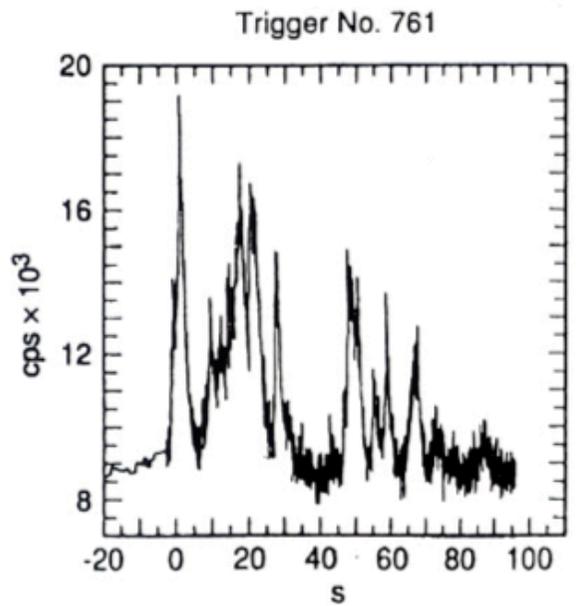
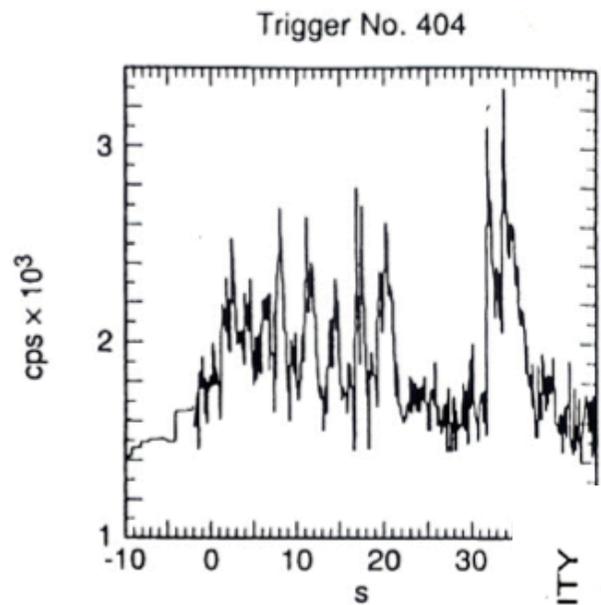
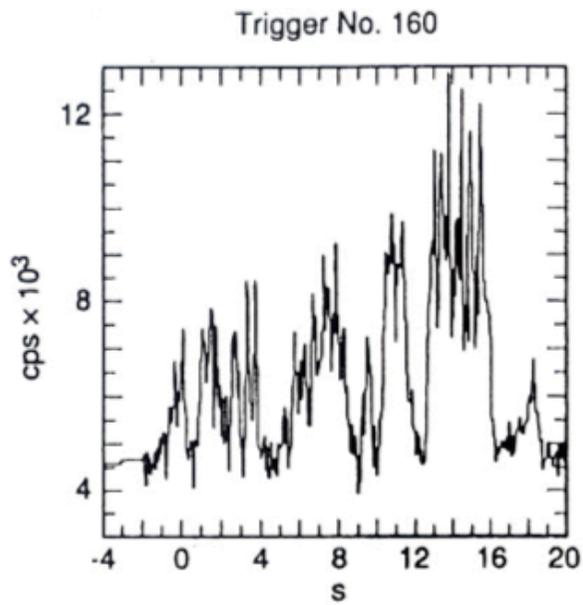
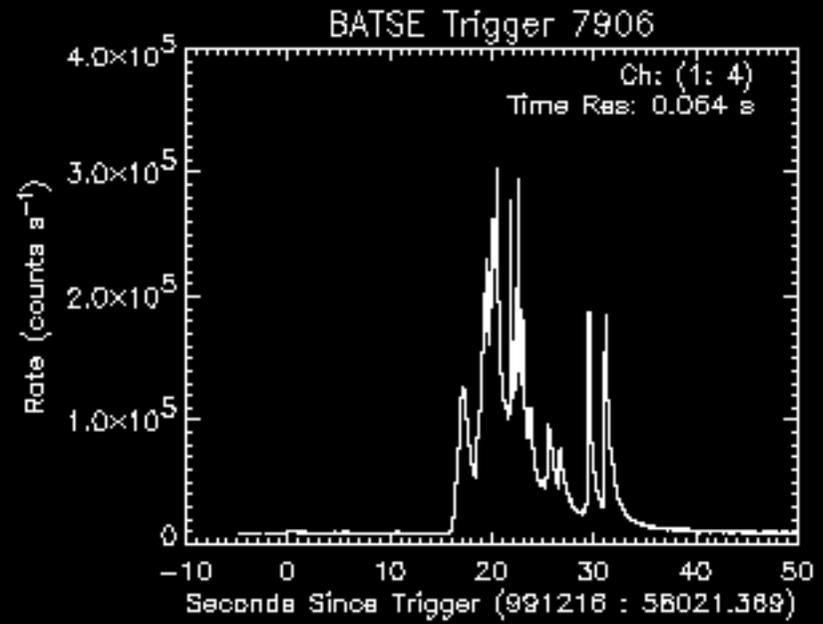
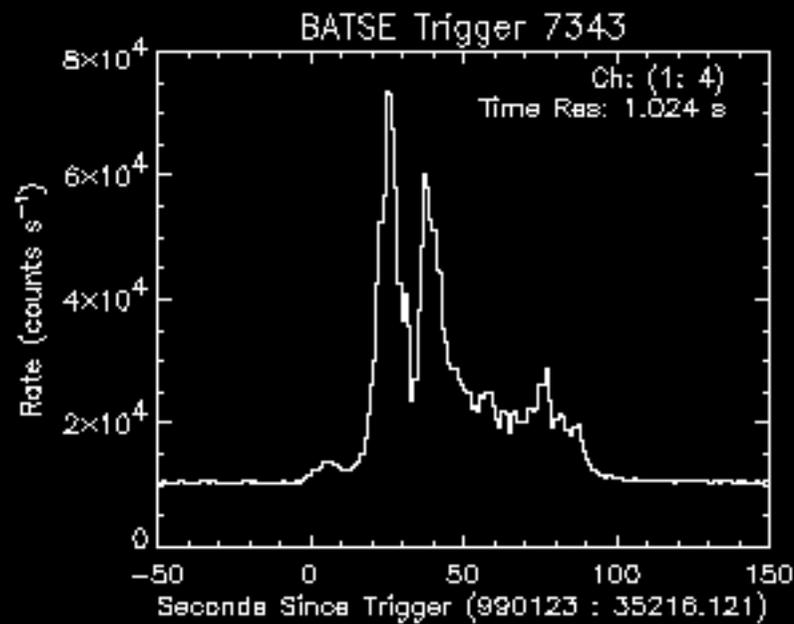
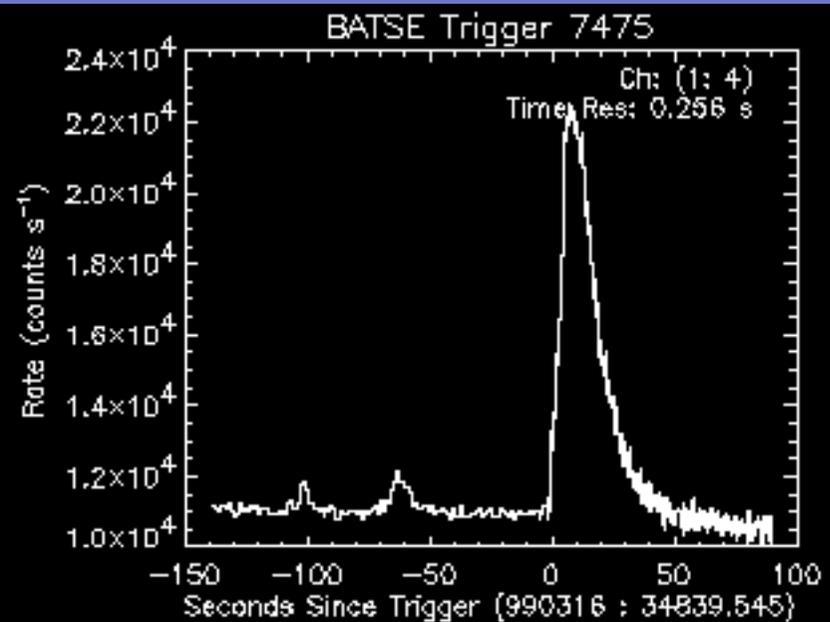
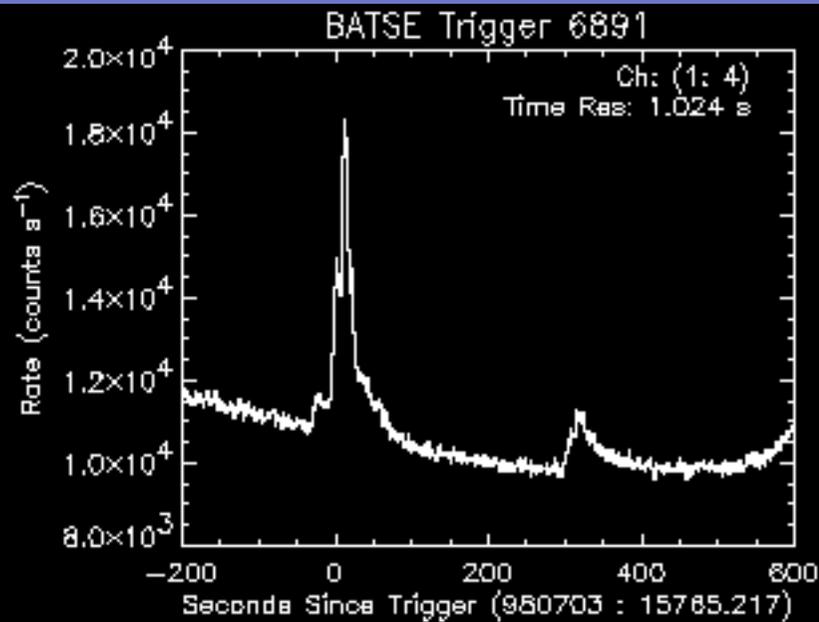
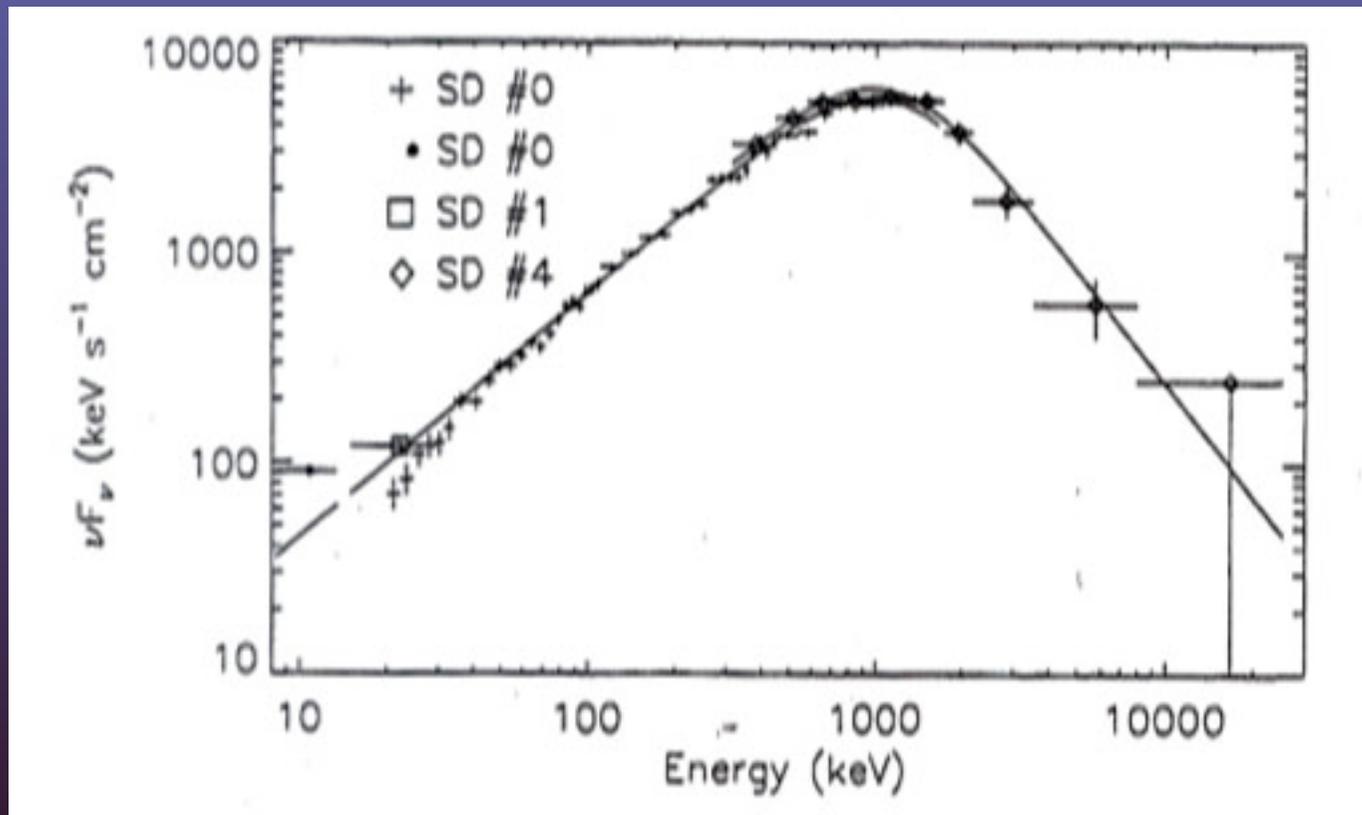


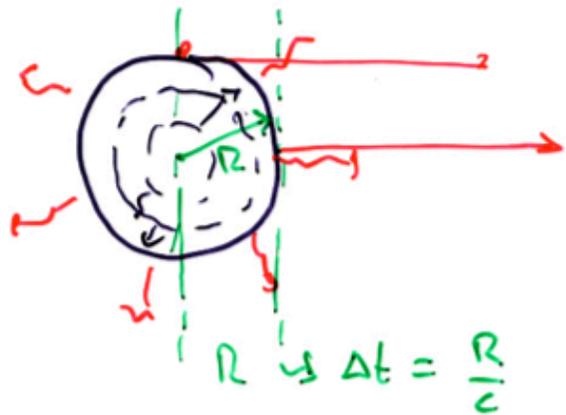
Figure 4 Examples of gamma-ray bursts with extremely complex temporal structures.



X-ray spectral energy distribution peaks at 0.1-1 MeV



Light-travel-time argument



→ Even if brightness of surface varies coherently on short time scales, obs time scale

$$\Delta t \gtrsim \frac{R}{c}$$

GRB: $E \sim 10^{52}$ erg

time scales $\Delta t \gtrsim 1$ msec

} →

compactness problem

Assuming incoherent radiation from a static object, observed time scale of variation sets a maximum to the size of the object

"compactness"

confusion: 2 different concepts:

1. M/R

here: \rightarrow 2. Measure of luminosity, $\frac{L}{r}$

Maximum luminosity from volume of size r .

For incoherent radiation, maximum

flux from a plasma @ temperature T is BB flux, \rightarrow max. luminosity

- High luminosity from small volume requires high rad energy density
- At high e -density, in T.E, pairs formed
- high pair density \rightarrow high optical depth \rightarrow low energy flux

$$F \sim \frac{\sigma T_e^4}{4} \quad \text{erg per cm}^2 \text{ per s}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{ac}{4} : F = \frac{c}{4\pi r^2 \tau} a T^4 \sim n_{\pm} m_e c^2$$

$$\rightarrow F = \frac{m_e c^3}{4\sigma_T r}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{L}{r} = \frac{4\pi r^2 F}{r} = \frac{\pi m_e c^3}{\sigma_T} \sim 10^{29} \text{ erg cm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$L = \frac{L}{r} / \frac{\pi m_e c^3}{\sigma_T} = \text{compactness}$$

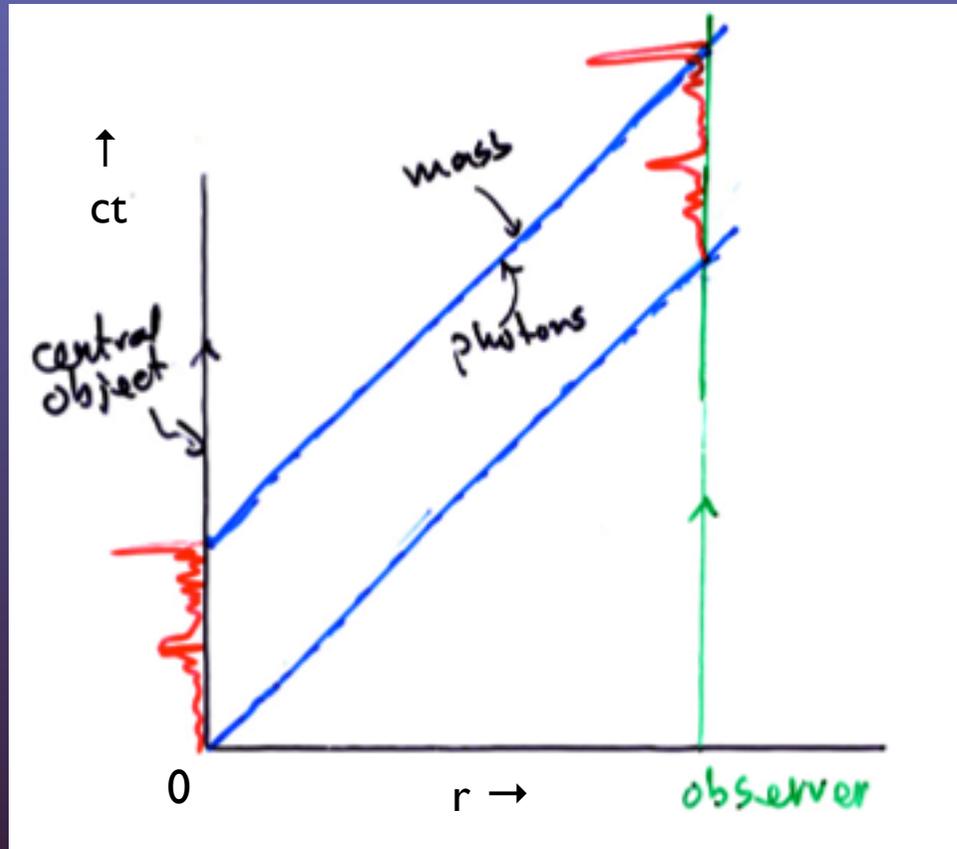
$$L = 10^{50} \text{ erg/s,}$$

$$R = c\delta t = 10^8 \text{ cm}$$

$$\rightarrow L/r \sim 10^{42}$$

$$\rightarrow l = 10^{13}$$

For $\Gamma \gg 1$: variability intrinsic variability of the central object translates directly to the observer:



In the following:

Γ : Lorentz factor of the relativistic flow

M : ejected mass (not central mass)

wide variation!

↙
Characteristic values for GBR parameters

total energy

$$E = 10^{51} \text{ erg}$$

ejected mass

$$M = 10^{-4} M_{\odot}$$

Lorentz factor of flow

$$\Gamma \sim 100$$

size (radius of photosphere)

$$r_{\text{phot}} = 10^{11} \text{ cm}$$

duration

$$t = 1 - 1000 \text{ s}$$

shortest time scale

$$1 - 100 \text{ ms}$$

assume these for the moment, justification
for M , Γ , r_{phot} to follow.

conditions in central engine, for assumed energy deposition near a stellar mass black hole

Assume : object size $R \approx 100 \text{ km}$
 (* BH, not ...)

Put in $E = 10^{52} \text{ erg}$ →

Energy density $\epsilon = \frac{E}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} \sim \frac{10^{52}}{3 \cdot 10^{21}} = 3 \cdot 10^{30}$

→ high temperatures → radiation dominated →

$\epsilon \propto T^4 \rightarrow T \sim \left(\frac{\epsilon}{a}\right)^{1/4} \sim \left(\frac{3 \cdot 10^{30}}{10^{16}}\right)^{1/4} \sim 10^{11} \text{ K}$
 $\leq \underline{10 \text{ MeV}}$
 $\gg m_e c^2 \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$

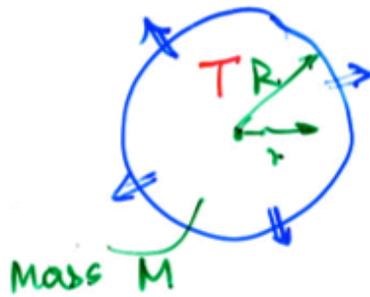
equiv rest mass?

→ pair dominated.

→ Expanding "fireball"

Paczynski 1986
 Goodman 1986

Nonrelativistic fireball



Adiabatic expansion into vacuum.
 Q: Velocity of expansion?
 v_{∞}

$P = K \rho^{\gamma}$ ionized hydrogen:

$\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v} = 5/3$

Initial state ; $\rho(r) = \text{const}$
 Homologous expansion (assume)

$\vec{v} : v_r \hat{u}_r$; $\text{div } \vec{v} = \text{const}(r)$

$\rightarrow \rho = \rho_0 (R_0/R(t))^3$

Energy conservation : $\int (u + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2) dV = \text{const} = E$

$t=0 : v=0 \rightarrow E = \int u_0 dV$

$t \rightarrow \infty : u \rightarrow 0 \quad E = \int (\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2)_{t \rightarrow \infty}$

$v = q \cdot r$

$\int \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 = \frac{1}{2} q^2 4\pi \rho \frac{1}{5} R^5 = \frac{3}{10} M v_{\infty}^2(R) = E$

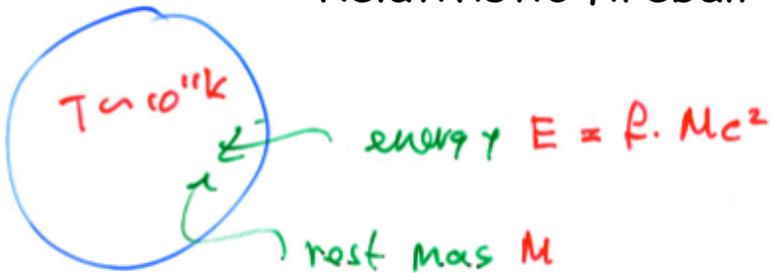
$\int u_0 dV = \int \frac{P}{\gamma-1} dV = V \frac{P_0}{\gamma-1} = \rho V \left(\frac{P}{\rho} \right) \frac{1}{\gamma-1}$

$= M c_{s0}^2 \frac{1}{(\gamma-1)r} \Big|_{r=5/3} = M c_{s0}^2 \frac{q}{10} = E$

$c_s^2 = \frac{\partial P}{\rho}$

$v_{\infty} = 3 c_{s0}$

Relativistic fireball



Energy conservation: kinetic energy at $t \rightarrow \infty$ equals initial energy E

$$E_k = \Gamma M c^2 \quad (\Gamma \gg 1)$$

$$\rightarrow \Gamma = \Gamma_0 \quad (\text{GRB: aim for } \Gamma_0 \sim 100)$$

Flow emits photons, observed phenomena to be treated with SR.

sequence of events:

- energy released (somehow) in small volume
- high $T \rightarrow$ pair dominated plasma + some baryons
- expansion \rightarrow cooling + conversion into K.E.
- pairs annihilate, helps accelerate flow
- end result: cold matter expanding relativistically

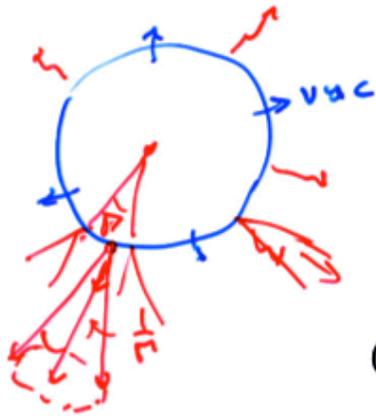
Relativistic beaming:

- doppler boosting +
- aberration



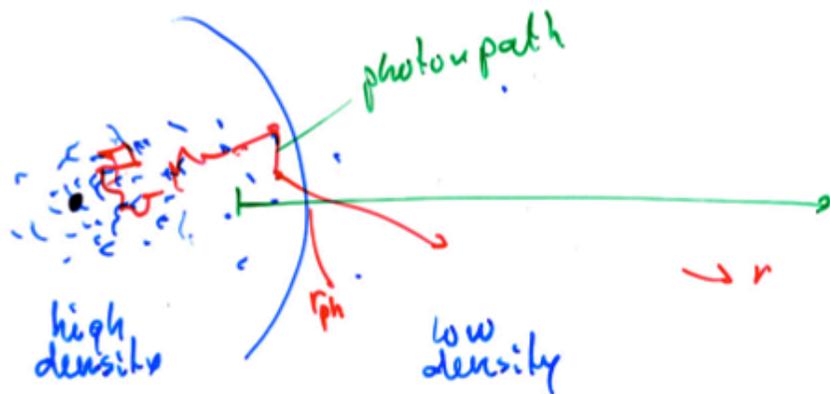
light travel time limit
on size does not
apply to a relativistic
fireball

If $\Gamma \gg 1$, radiation beamed
into narrow forward cone
opening angle $\approx \frac{1}{\Gamma}$



- ① observed energy flux
Doppler-boosted by
factor Γ
 - ② Only a small part of
the radiating surface
visible
- (\leftrightarrow time scale problem)

Intermedio : the photosphere



def : $\tau = \int_{r_{ph}}^{\infty} \kappa \rho dr = 1$

optical depth $\tau(r)$

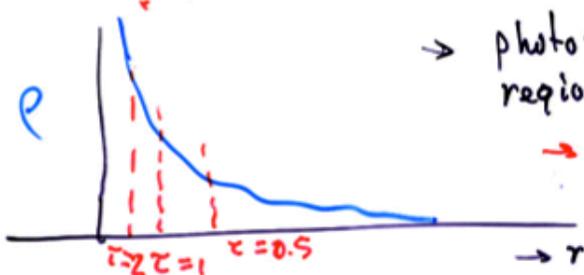
Steady outflow @ constant speed v :

$$\dot{M} = \rho v r^2 = \text{const} \rightarrow \rho \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

κ : electron scattering (for example) :

$$\kappa_{es} \approx 0.3 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

$$\tau = \int_{r_{ph}}^{\infty} \rho \kappa dr \propto \frac{1}{r}$$



→ photons escape from region $\Delta \tau \approx 1$
 → $\Delta r \approx r \tau$

Where/when is radiation emitted?

Photospheric radius for GRB
 parameters (semi classical! to be corrected!)

$$E \sim 10^{52}$$

$$\Gamma_{\infty} \sim 100 \quad) \text{ why? (see below)}$$

→ Mass involved: "Baryonic" mass

$$\Gamma_{\infty} m_0 c^2 = E \rightarrow m_0 \approx 10^{-4} M_{\odot} \frac{E_{52}}{\Gamma_2}$$

$$\approx 10^{29} \text{ g} \frac{E_{52}}{\Gamma_2}$$

time $t \sim 10^2 \text{ s}$:

$$\dot{m} \sim 10^{27} \text{ g s}^{-1} \frac{E_{52}}{\Gamma_2} t_2^{-1}$$

$$\dot{m} \approx \frac{4\pi}{3} \rho c r^2 \rightarrow \rho \approx \frac{\dot{m}}{c r^2 4\pi}$$

$$\rightarrow \tau = \int_{r_{ph}}^{\infty} \rho u dr = \frac{\dot{m} u}{4\pi c} \frac{1}{r_{ph}} \approx 1$$

Baryonic
 pairs
 have gone

$$\rightarrow r_{ph} = \frac{\dot{m} u}{4\pi c} \approx 10^{15} \text{ cm} \frac{E_{52}}{\Gamma_2 + 2} (!)$$

($\sim 100 \text{ AU}$)

$$\frac{r_{ph}}{c} = \rightarrow \Delta t \text{ (static) would be } \approx 10^4 \text{ sec!}$$

too large,
 does not fit
 observations

relativistic
 corrections

Relativistic correction of photospheric radius:

Photons escape easier if they propagate with the flow than against.

$$v \ll c : r_{ph0} = \frac{\dot{M} \kappa}{4\pi c}$$

$$\Gamma \gg 1 : r_{ph} = r_{ph0} / 2\Gamma^2 = \frac{\dot{M} \kappa}{8\pi \Gamma^2 c}$$

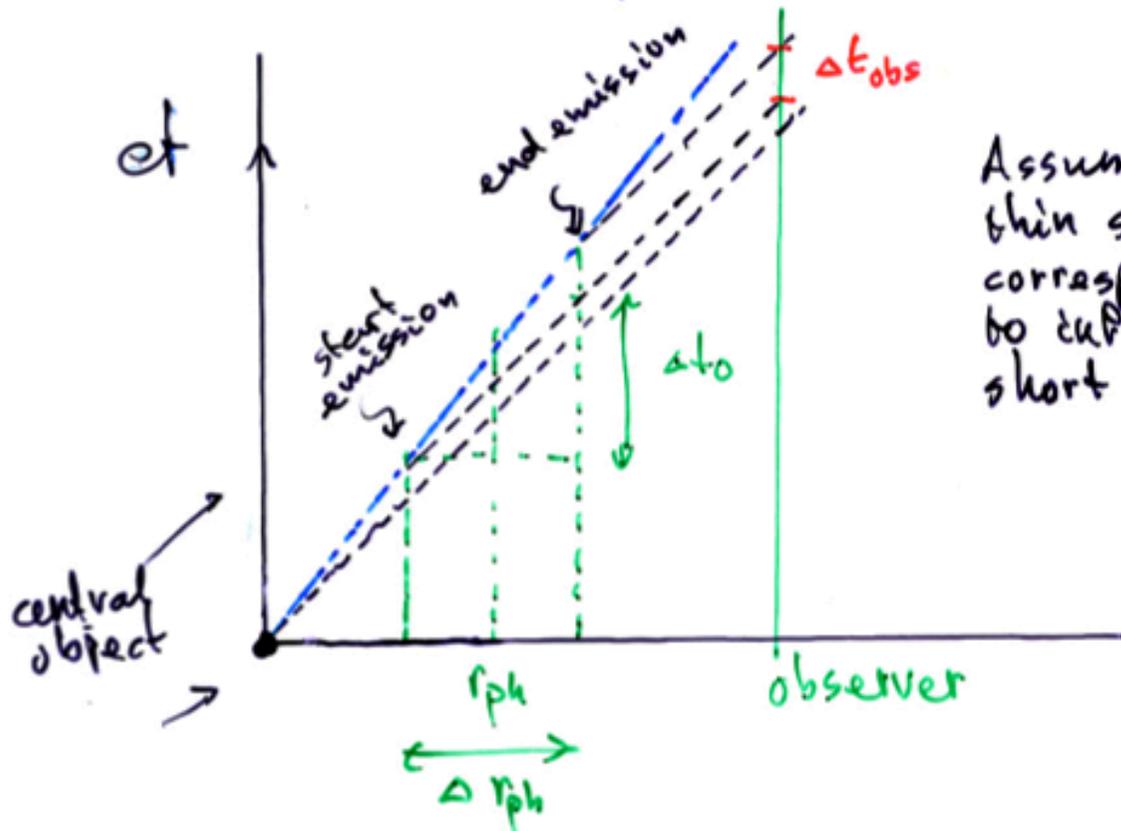
(Derivation: Abramowicz et al 1991
ApJ 369, 175
Spruit, Doughe & Breukhagen
2000, A&A)

$$r_{ph0} = 10^{15}, \Gamma = 100 \rightarrow$$

$$\underline{r_{ph}} = 10^{11} \text{ cm} \quad (\approx 1 R_{\odot})$$

Reduction of observed variability
time scale by SR.

Minkowski diagram :



Assume :
thin shell,
corresponding
to infinitesimally
short burst @ $t=0$

$$\Delta t_{obs} = \frac{\Delta r_{ph}}{v} - \frac{\Delta r_{ph}}{c} = \frac{\Delta r_{ph}}{c} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta}\right)$$

$$\beta = \frac{v}{c} = \frac{r}{r_s} >> 1$$

$$\beta = (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$\beta \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2\beta^2}$$

$$\Delta t_{obs} \approx \frac{\Delta r_{ph}}{c} \frac{1}{2\beta^2}$$

Time variability constraint on GRB parameters.

Energy : from afterglow interpretations
→ 1 constraint

Timescale : $\Delta t_{obs} \leq 1 \text{ msec}$
 $t_{obs} \sim 10 \text{ s}$
 $E \sim 10^{52}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta t_{obs} &\leq \frac{r_{ph}}{c} \frac{1}{2\Gamma^2} = \frac{r_{ph0}}{c} \frac{1}{4\Gamma^4} \\ &= \frac{M_{\odot}}{4\pi c^2 t_{obs}} \frac{1}{4\Gamma^4} = \frac{E_{\odot}}{16\pi c^4 t_{obs}} \frac{1}{\Gamma^5} \\ \Rightarrow \Gamma^5 &> \frac{E_{\odot}}{16\pi c^4 t_{obs} \Delta t_{obs}} = \frac{10^{52} \cdot 0.3}{50 \cdot 10^4 \cdot 10 \cdot 10^{-3}} \cdot \frac{E_{52}}{t_1 \Delta t_{-3}} \\ \Rightarrow \Gamma &\gtrsim 100 \left(\frac{E_{52}}{t_1 \Delta t_{-3}} \right)^{1/5}\end{aligned}$$

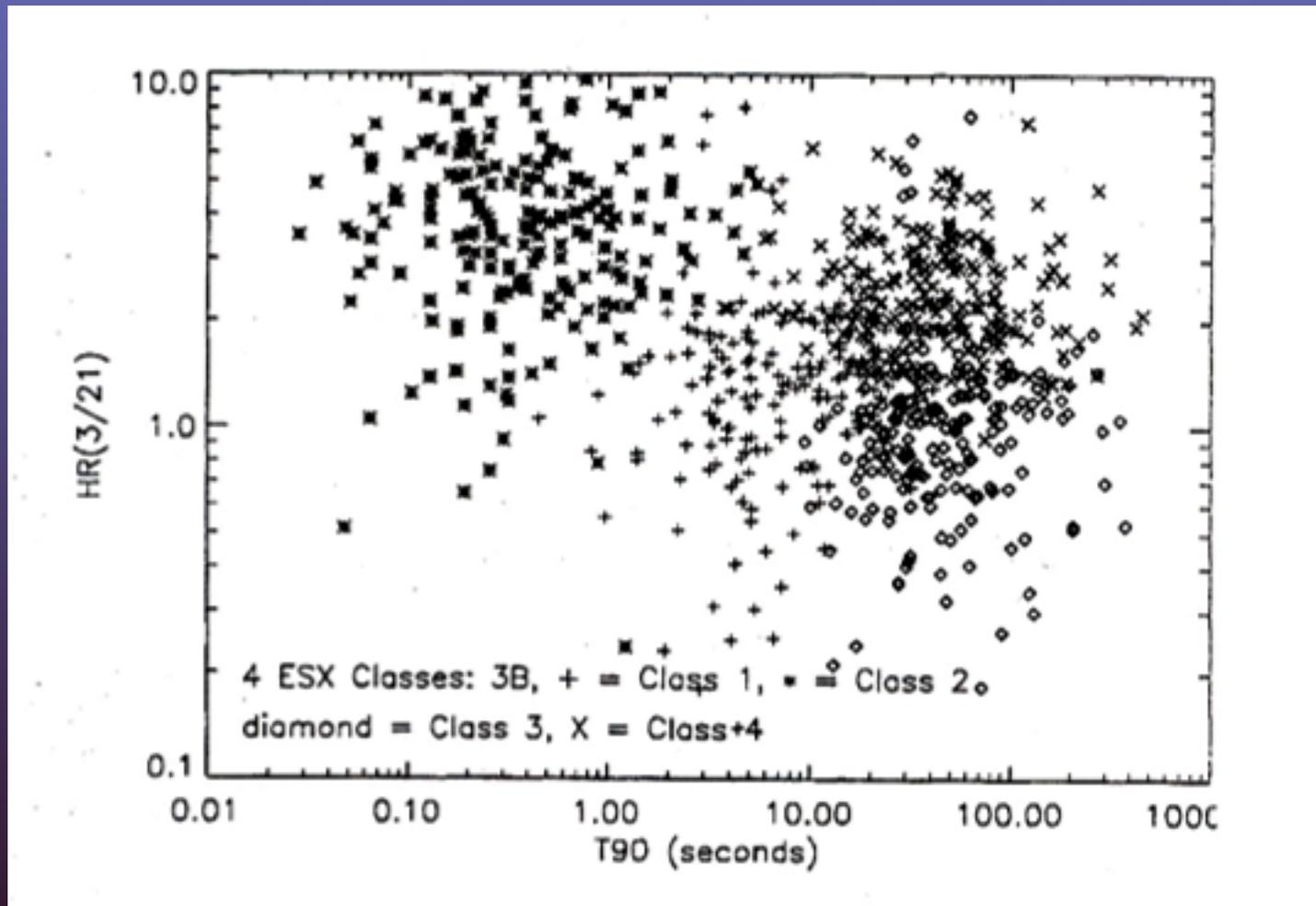
Baryonic mass :

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma M_{\odot} c^2 = E &\rightarrow M_b = \frac{10^{52}}{100 \cdot 10^{31}} \cdot \frac{E_{52}}{\Gamma_2} \\ &\lesssim 10^{-6} M_{\odot}\end{aligned}$$

→ phot radius : $r_{ph} = r_{ph0} \frac{1}{2\Gamma^2} \sim 10^{16} \text{ cm}$

Text

2 classes of GRB: 'short' and 'long'

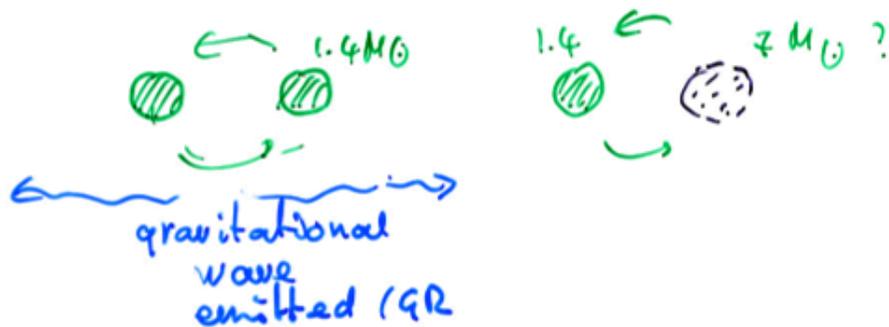


Central engine ideas

{ None of them worked out very well }

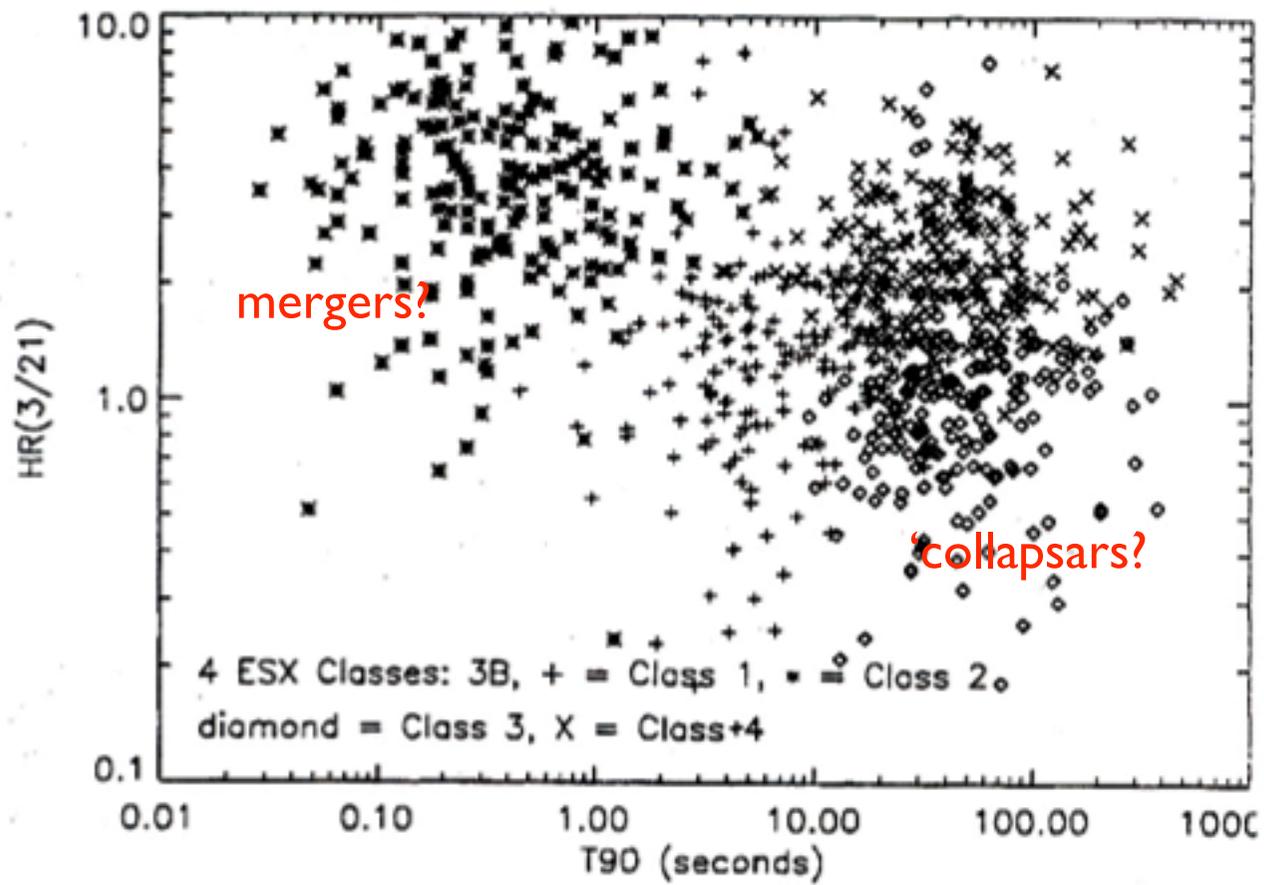
- 1 Merging neutron stars or neutron star + BH
- 2 Rapidly rotating neutron star with very strong B-field
- 3 Supernova ("collapsar")

1 Mergers



Final stages:

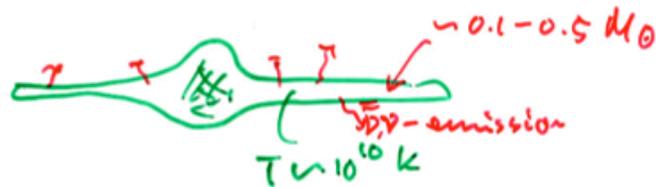




Mergers (ct'd)

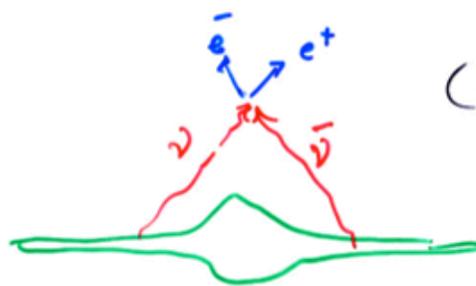
Energy release: $\sim 0.1 M_{\odot} c^2 \sim 10^{53} - 10^{54}$

- Efficiency?
- Baryon loading



- optically thick for all e.m. radiation
 $\tau \sim O(1)$ for neutrino emission
→ rapid cooling (seconds)

Idea: neutrino → pair conversion

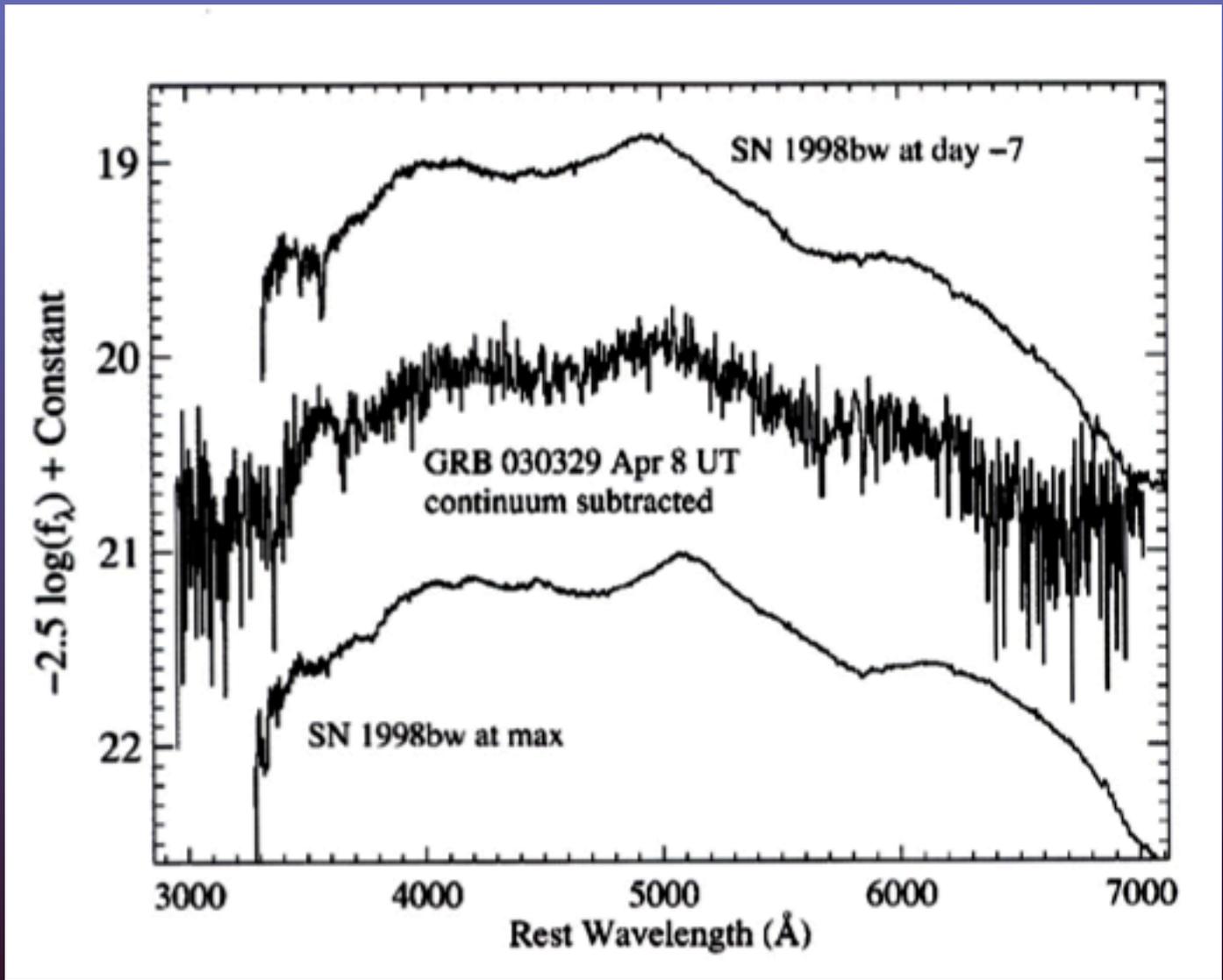


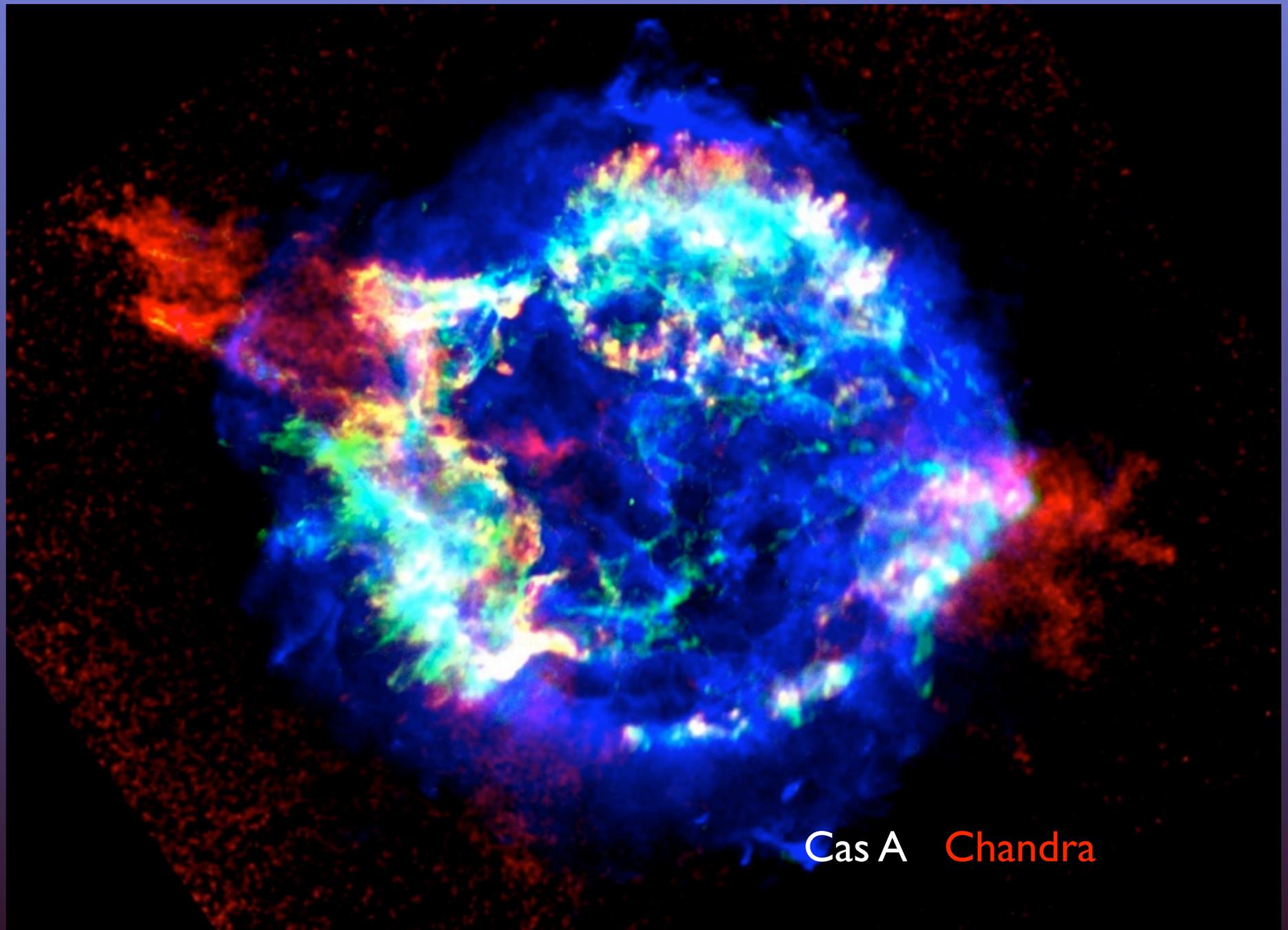
$\nu\bar{\nu} \rightarrow e^+e^-$
(also: $\nu\bar{\nu} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)

- Can take place in low density regions above disk

* But :- Efficiency low ($\leq 10^{49}$ erg)
of conversion into pair plasma
- Baryon loading problem (neutrino-driven wind from disk)

Collapsars: GBR from supernovae Woosley 1993
confirmation: GRB030329



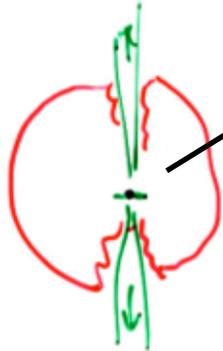


Cas A Chandra

collapsar (ct'd)

Scenario :

- pre-SN core with "just right" amount of rotation.
- collapse → black hole + spinning torus
- rotational energy "somehow" converted to directed outflow along axis
- Hole drilled through star

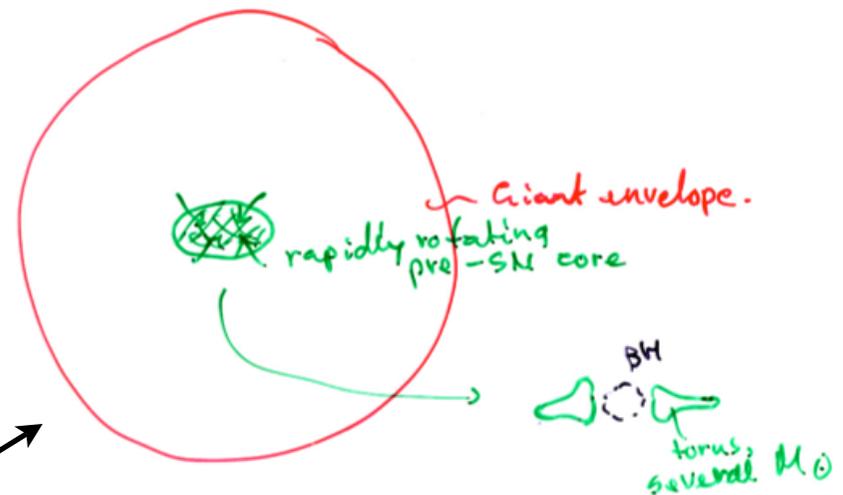


- Seen as GRB if "on axis"

Questions:

- How is hole "drilled" ?
- Why only some SN Ic ?
- What determines the "right" amount of rotation.

binary?



GRB are rare:

$$10^{-7} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ per galaxy}$$
$$\text{beaming factor } 10^{-3}$$
$$\rightarrow \sim 10^{-4} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

supernova rate:

$$\geq 10^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

GRB-SN are some special subclass.

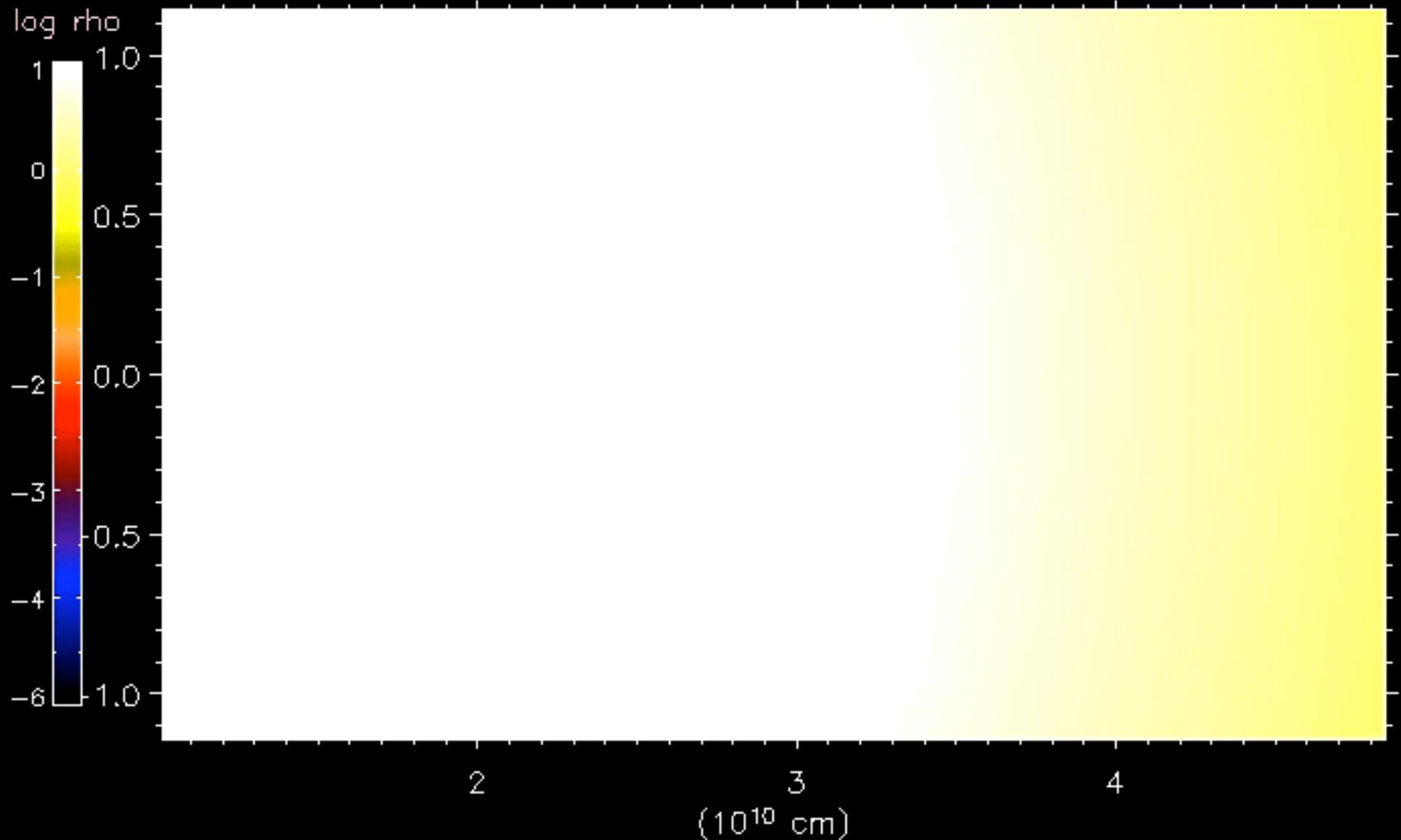
1998bw: SN 1c (exploding WR star)

3-D Special Relativistic Hydro Simulation of Collapsar Jet

Wei-qun Zhang, S.E. Woosley & A. Heger

Model 3BS

$t = 0.00$ s



Radiative efficiency of expanding fire ball

Which fraction of initial energy goes into rad @ photosphere?

In lab frame: radiation @ photosphere:
(spherical shell radiating black-body)

$$W_{\text{rad}} = 4\pi r_{\text{ph}}^2 \sigma T_{\text{ph}}^4 \cdot \Gamma$$

\uparrow Doppler factor on photon energy
in comoving frame

If simple, expanding fireball, duration
(non-Doppler-boosted):

$$t \approx r_{\text{ph}}/c$$

$$\rightarrow E_{\text{rad}} = t W_{\text{rad}} = 4\pi r_{\text{ph}}^3 \frac{1}{c} \sigma T_{\text{ph}}^4 \Gamma$$
$$(c = \frac{a c}{4}) = \pi r_{\text{ph}}^3 a T_{\text{ph}}^4 \Gamma$$

Initial energy of ball:

$$E_0 = n a T_0^4 \frac{4}{3} \pi r_0^3$$

\uparrow
 ≈ 3 (pairs)

$$\frac{E_{\text{rad}}}{E_0} = \frac{3}{4n} \left(\frac{T_{\text{ph}}}{T_0}\right)^4 \left(\frac{r_{\text{ph}}}{r_0}\right)^3 \Gamma \quad \Gamma \sim v^{-1}$$

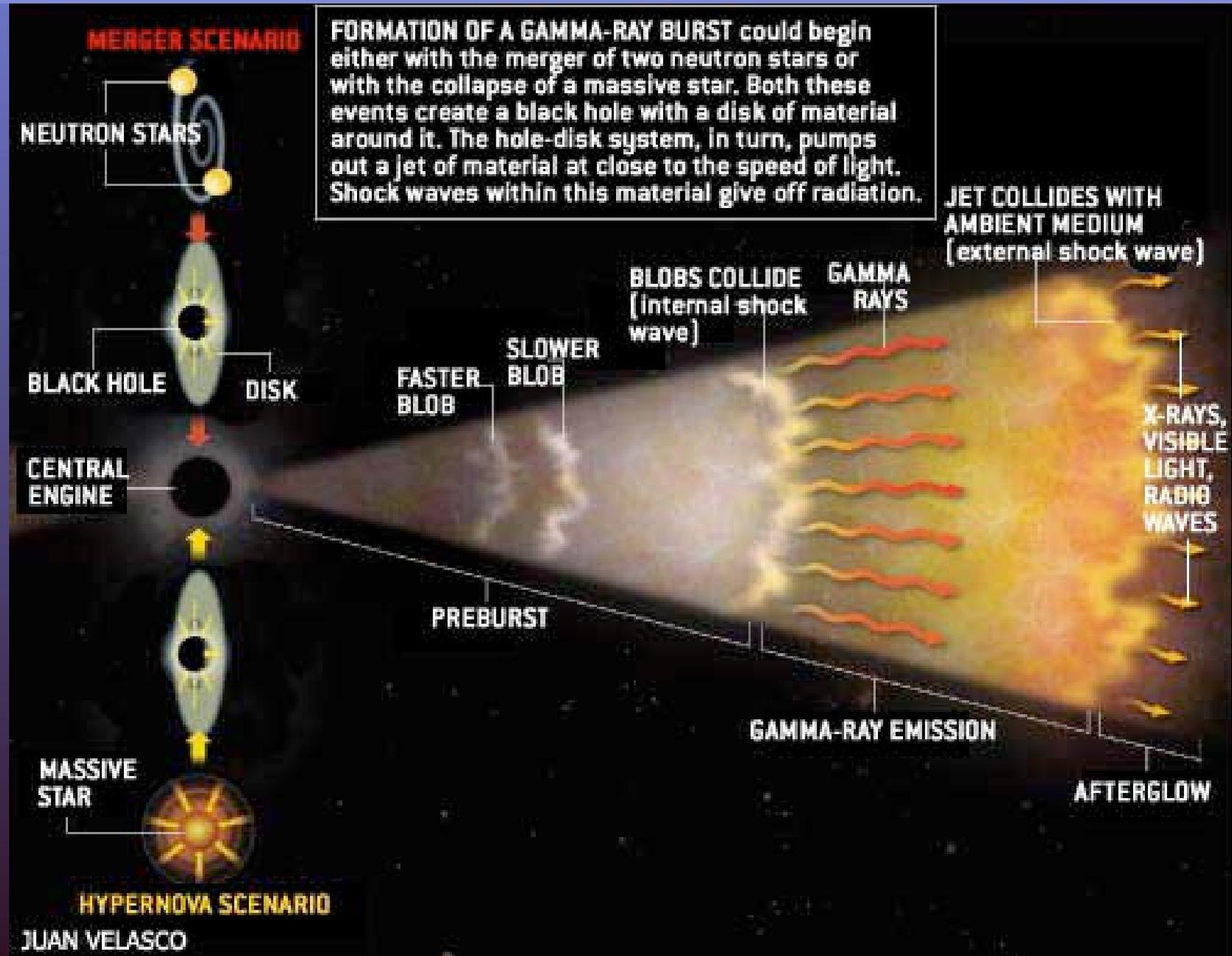
$$\frac{E_{\text{rad}}}{E_0} = \frac{3}{4n} \frac{r_0}{r_{\text{ph}}} \Gamma \sim \frac{1}{4} \frac{10^7}{10^{11}} 100 \lesssim 10^{-2}$$

⇒ Most energy goes into kinetic energy.

solution:
internal shock model

Meszáros & Rees 1992

Internal shock model of GRB radiation



where does remaining KE go?

A: Afterglow.



shell slows down when "swept-up" ISM mass noticeable. Then E_k dissipated.

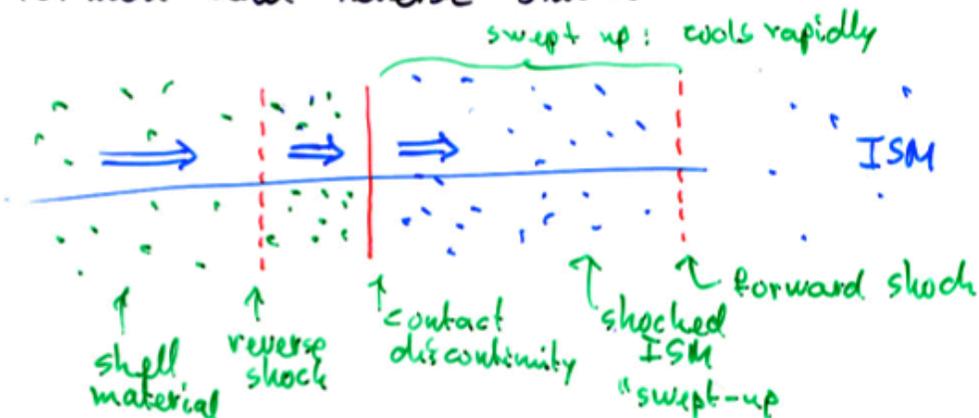
Nonrelativistic
momentum
conservation

$$M_{\text{shell}} v_s = (M_s + M_{\text{ISM}}) v_e$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{v_e}{v_s} = \frac{M_s}{M_s + M_{\text{ISM}}} \quad \text{swept-up}$$

Sweeping-up: shocks

Forward and reverse shocks



Only part of the kinetic energy dissipated in internal shocks

problems with the internal shock scenario

- radiative efficiency: only differential energy between shells dissipated
- does not explain smooth light curves

Alternative: gradual internal dissipation of magnetic fields

Roles of magnetic fields in GRB

- 1 extraction of energy from rotating central engine
- 2 radiation from internal dissipation of magnetic energy in the flow
- 3 acceleration of the flow

Outflow dominated by a magnetic field

rotating engine ejects mass M with a magnetic field B such that $B^2 / 8\pi \sim 100 \rho c^2$

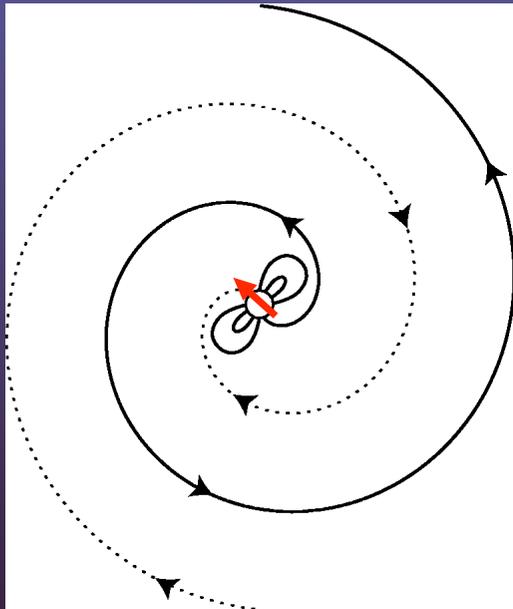
if all converted to KE: $\Gamma \sim 100$

relativistic field strength

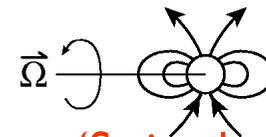
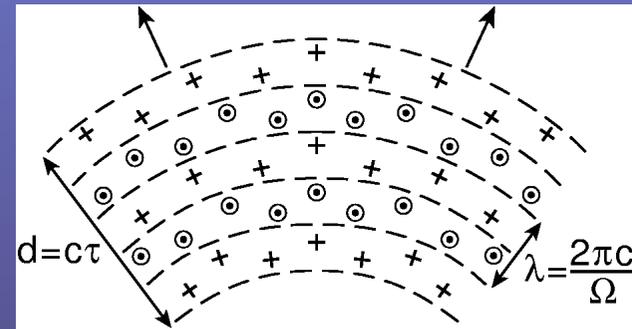
- internal dissipation \rightarrow GRB radiation
- 'Poynting flux conversion' \rightarrow acceleration

'AC' outflow

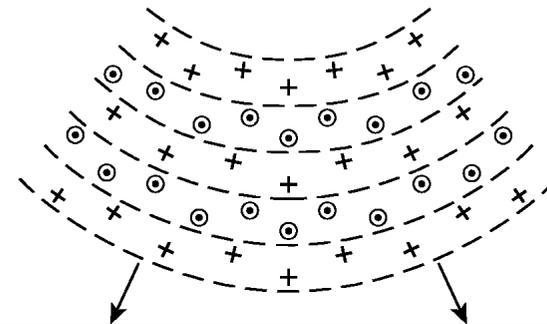
Nonaxisymmetric rotator



(top view)



'Striped wind'
(Kennel & Coroniti)



(side view)

Reconnection in an AC flow

prime: for quantities
in comoving frame

- Wavelength of striped wind (in lab frame)

$$\lambda \sim 2\pi v / \Omega \sim 2\pi r_L$$

$$\lambda' = \Gamma \lambda$$

Lyubarski 2005

- Reconnection speed (comoving frame) $v'_{\text{rec}} \sim \epsilon v'_A \sim \epsilon c$ ($\epsilon = 0.1?$)

- Reconnection time (comoving frame) $\tau' = \lambda' / v' \sim \frac{\Gamma}{\epsilon \Omega}$

- Reconnection time (in lab frame) $\tau = \Gamma \tau'$ (time dilatation)

$$\tau_{\text{rec}} \sim \frac{\Gamma^2}{\epsilon \Omega}$$

- \rightarrow dissipation at 'interesting' distances (photosphere, 10^{11} cm)
(near photosphere for $\Gamma = 100$)

Flow acceleration by dissipation

plane flow: $v(x), B^2(x)$

dissipation: $\partial_x B^2(x) < 0$

→ pressure gradient accelerates in flow direction

faster dissipation → steeper gradient

hydro: Bernoulli: $\frac{1}{2}v^2 + w = E, w = p + e$

Poynting flux

$$S = \frac{c}{4\pi} E \times B$$

$$|S| = c \left(\frac{E^2}{8\pi} + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right)$$

in MHD: $E = v \times B/c$, $S = v_{\perp} \frac{B^2}{4\pi}$

magnetic energy flux: $F_m = v_{\perp} \frac{B^2}{8\pi}$

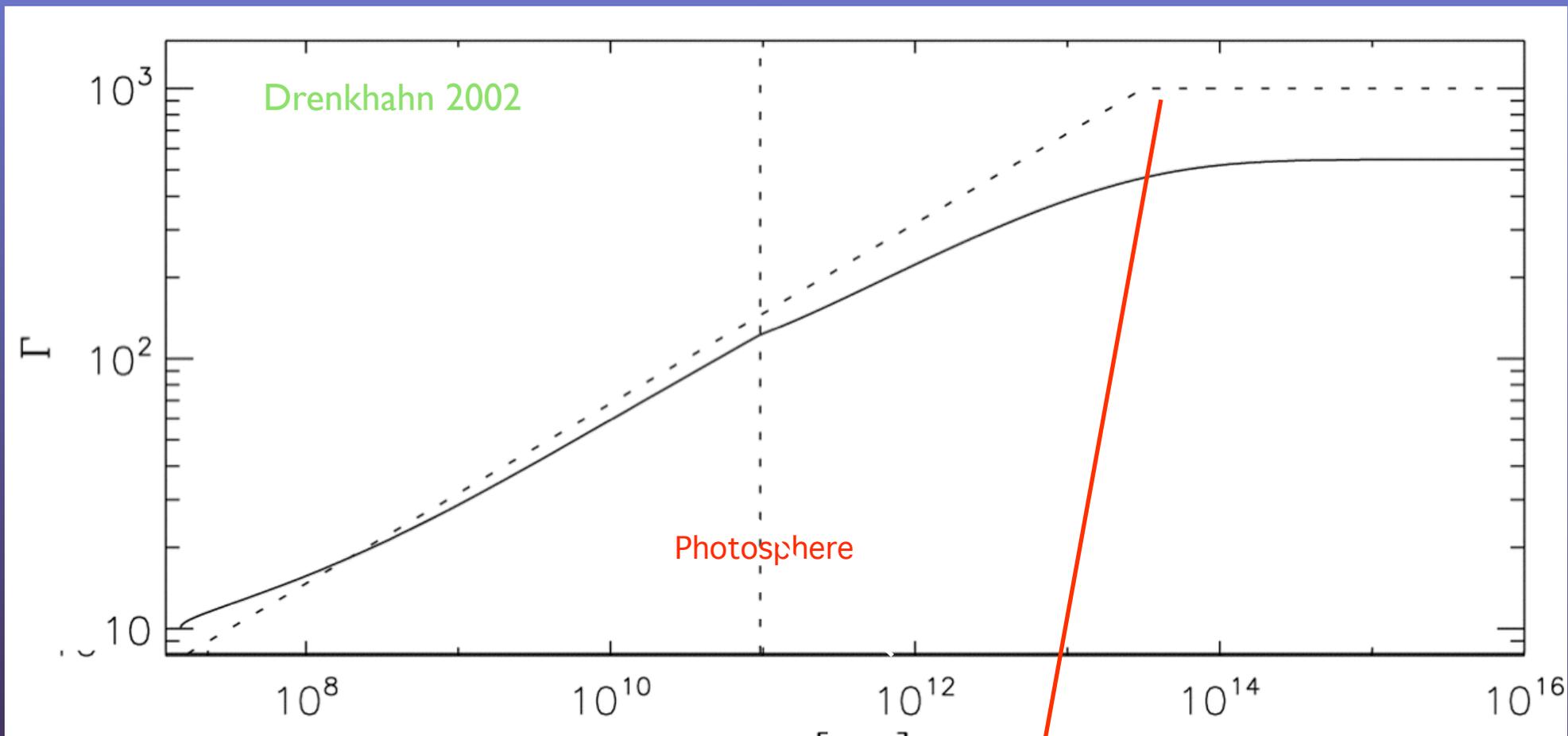
$$S = 2F_m = v_{\perp} w_m, \quad w_m = P_m + e_m$$

Calculations

- radially expanding flow
- relativistic
- dissipation of B^2 ($\epsilon \sim 0.1$) into radiation
- radiation loss in optically thin region

acceleration: $\Gamma \sim r^{1/3}$ Drenkhahn 2002

dependence on baryon loading, ϵ , Ω



$$\left. \begin{array}{ll} \Gamma \sim r^{1/3} & r < r_s \\ \Gamma_\infty & r > r_s \end{array} \right\}$$

Energy conversion in AC outflow

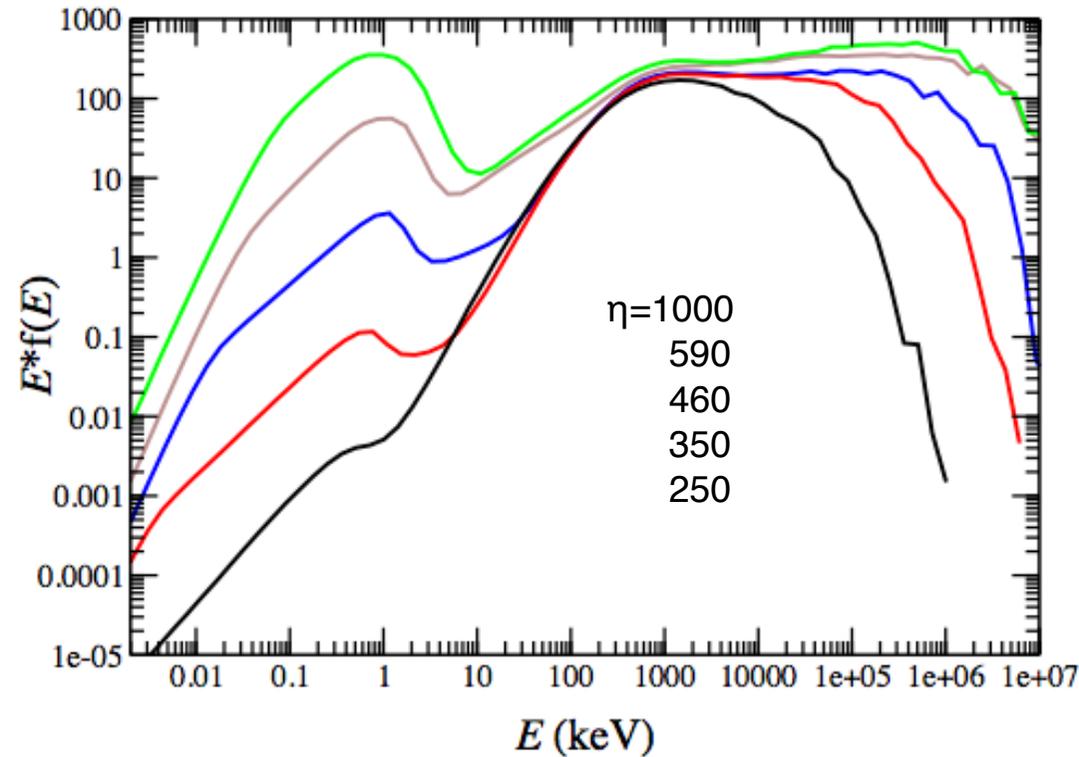
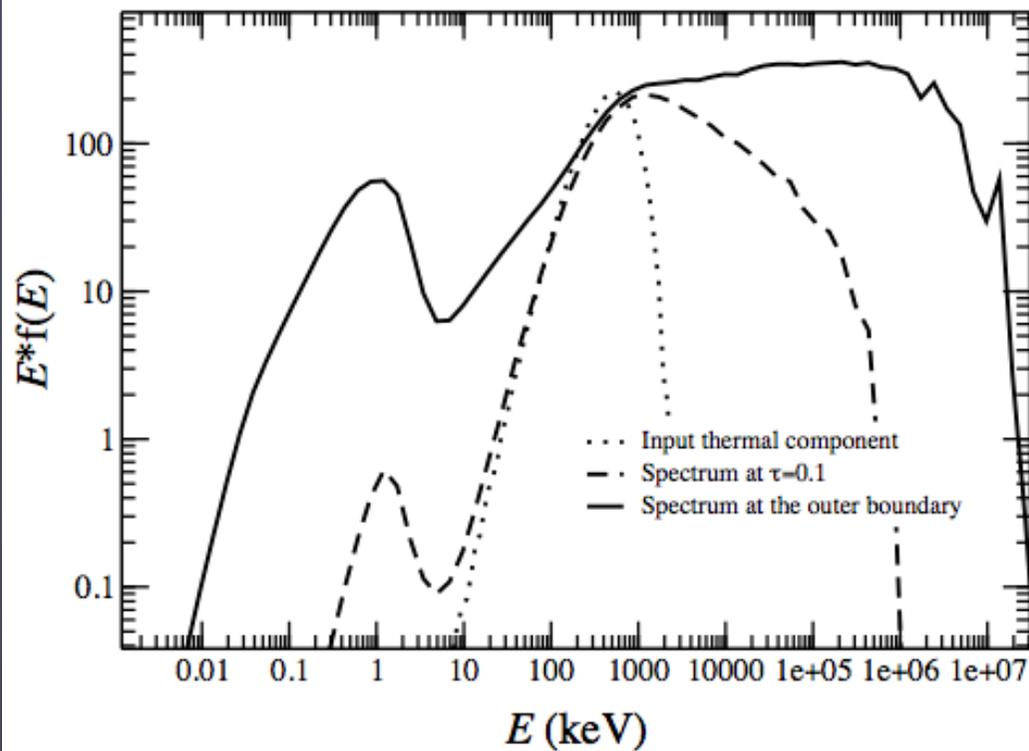
Optically thick (dissipation inside photosphere):

$S \rightarrow$ radiation \rightarrow 100% KE
(as classical fireball)

Optically thin (dissipation outside photosphere):

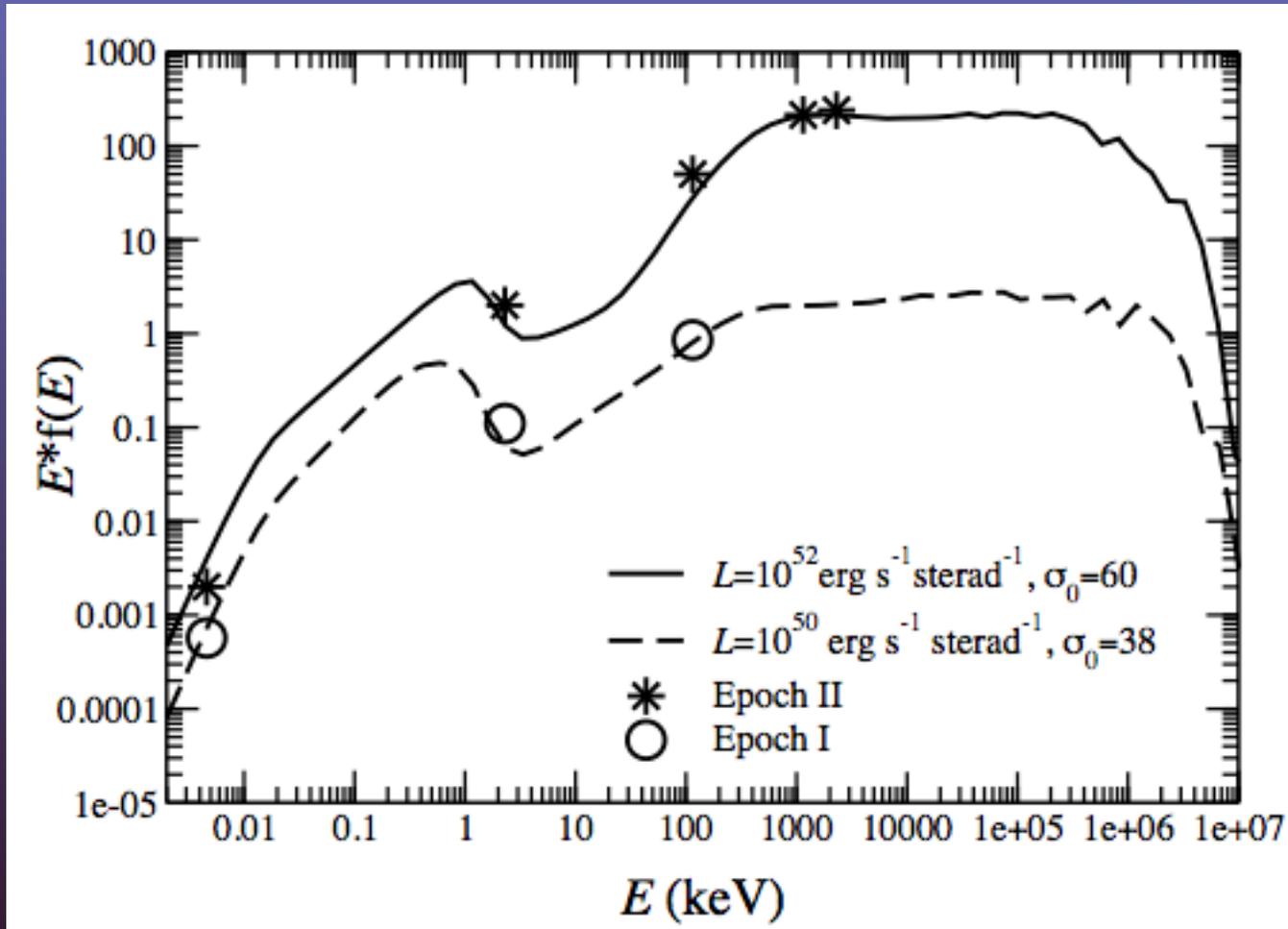
radiation escapes, $S \rightarrow$ 50% KE, 50% radiation.

the gamma spectrum from (magnetically) dissipative flow



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prediction: lots of emission
up to ~ 1 GeV



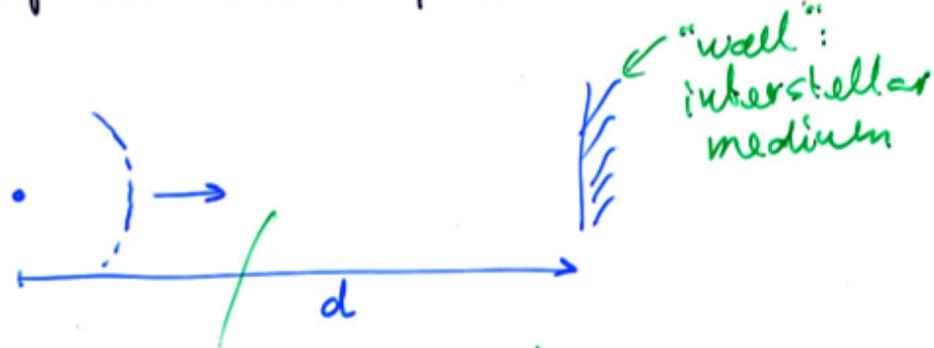
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Spares

Special relativity of GRB outflow



Lorentz contraction & time dilatation

$\Gamma \gg 1$: (Bulk Lorentz factor)

$$v \approx c \rightarrow t \approx \frac{d}{c}$$

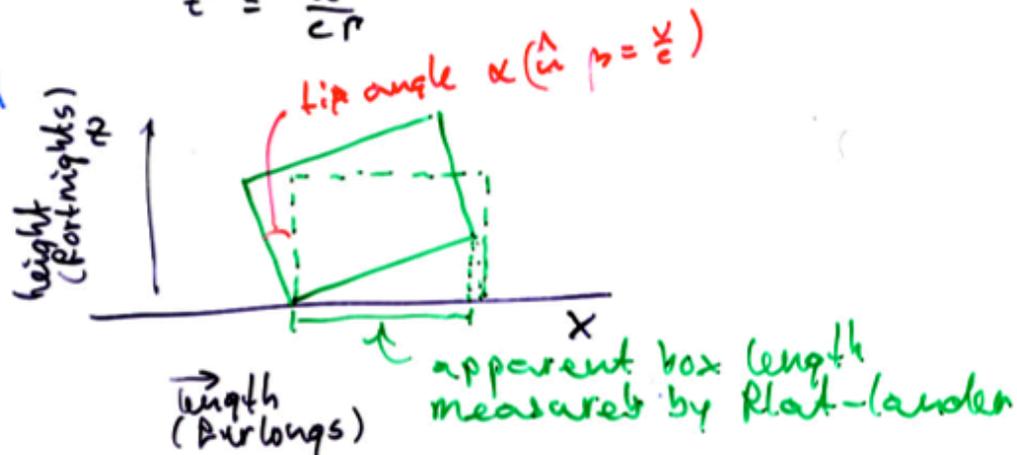
comoving : flow itself sees d contracted:

$$d' = \frac{d}{\Gamma} = \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{1/2} d \approx d$$

Equivalent : time dilatation :
Clock moving w. flow is seen by a
Laboratory observer as slow:

$$t' = \frac{d}{c\Gamma}$$

Analogy



2. Supernova - based scenarios

"collapsars" = "hypernovae"
(Woosley) (Paczynski)

Ordinary supernova :

Endpoint of evolution of a massive \star
($\geq 10 M_{\odot}$)

Star radiates \rightarrow shrinks

$$\propto \frac{GM^2}{R} \rightarrow \text{radiation}$$

Central Temperature $T_c \propto \frac{M}{R}$ increases

\rightarrow nuclear burning :

H	\rightarrow	He
He	\rightarrow	C, O
C, O	\rightarrow	... Si
Si	\rightarrow	Fe, Ni, Co

photodesintegration
of Fe \rightarrow energy sink

\rightarrow loss of pressure \rightarrow collapse of core

\rightarrow bounce @ neutron density

\rightarrow neutron star forms

\rightarrow 10^{53} erg $\hat{=} 0.3 M_{\odot} c^2$ in neutrinos

ν 's \rightarrow explosion $\propto 10^{51}$

Will pair-annihilation be observed?
(no).

Look at photospheric temperature

Adiabatic expansion of radiation dominated ball:

$$\gamma = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\rightarrow \rho_{\text{rad}} \propto \left(\frac{1}{V}\right)^{4/3} \propto B^{4/3}$$

$$\rightarrow n \cdot a T^4 \propto \rho^{3/4} \propto r^{-1}$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{O(1) pairs!}}$

$$\rightarrow \underline{T \propto r^{-1}}$$

Initial temp $T_0 = 10^4$ (10 MeV)
 initial radius $r = 10^7$ cm (BH)
 photosphere $r = 10^{11}$

$$\rightarrow T_{\text{phot}} \approx T_0 \frac{r_0}{r_{\text{phot}}} = 10^4 \cdot 10^{11} = 10^7$$

$$\approx 1 \text{ keV} \ll m_e c^2$$

Observed thermal radiation:

$$\epsilon_{\text{phot}} = \tau' \epsilon'_{\text{phot}} \approx 100 \text{ keV}$$