

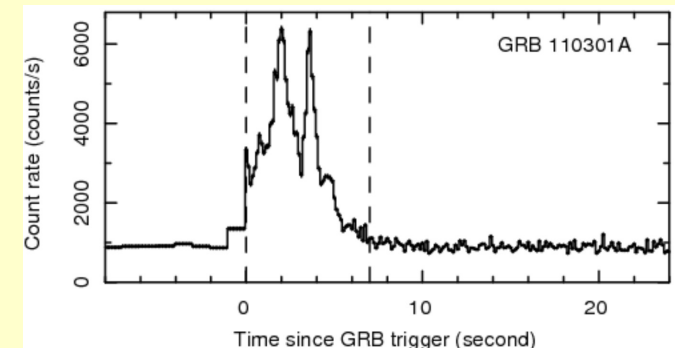
# Looking at the black hole that powers Long Gamma Ray Bursts

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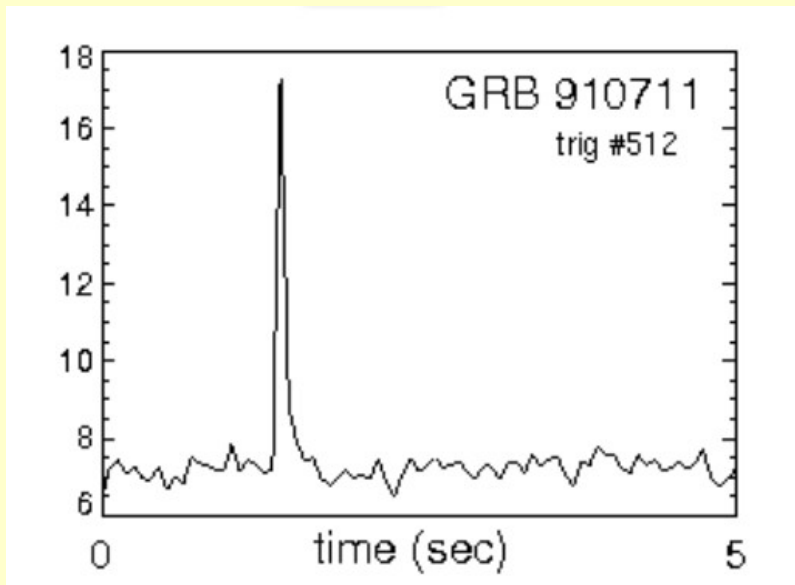
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# Gamma ray bursts Overview

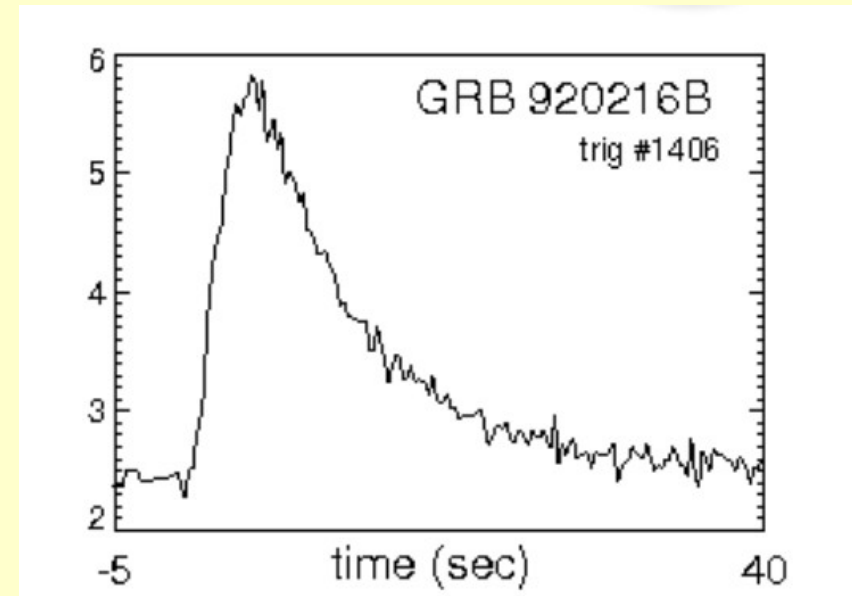
## GRBs

Gamma photons



With  
BATSE  
1990's

Gamma photons



Short GRBs

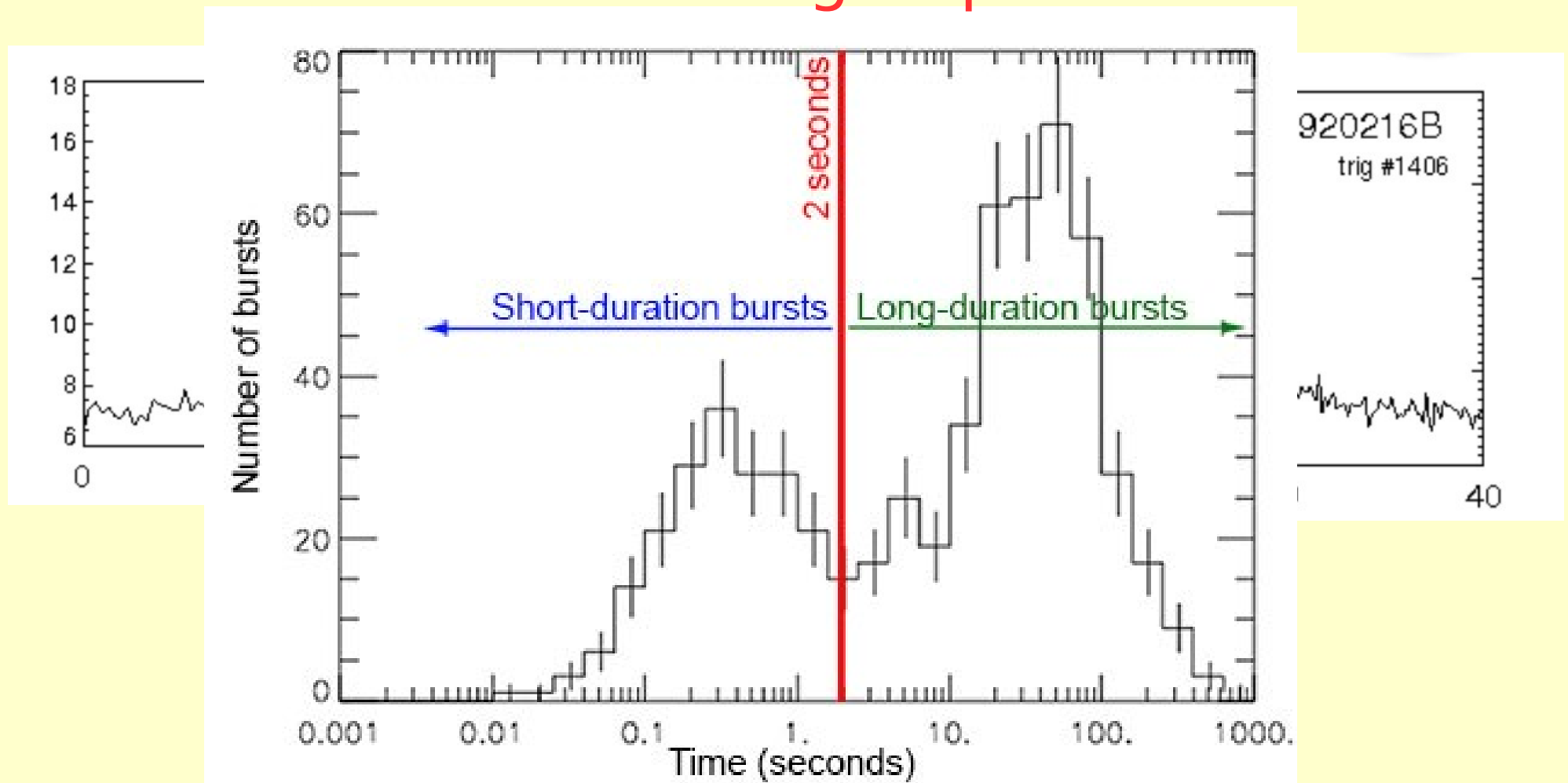


BATSE on Compton GRO

Long GRBs

# Gamma ray bursts Overview

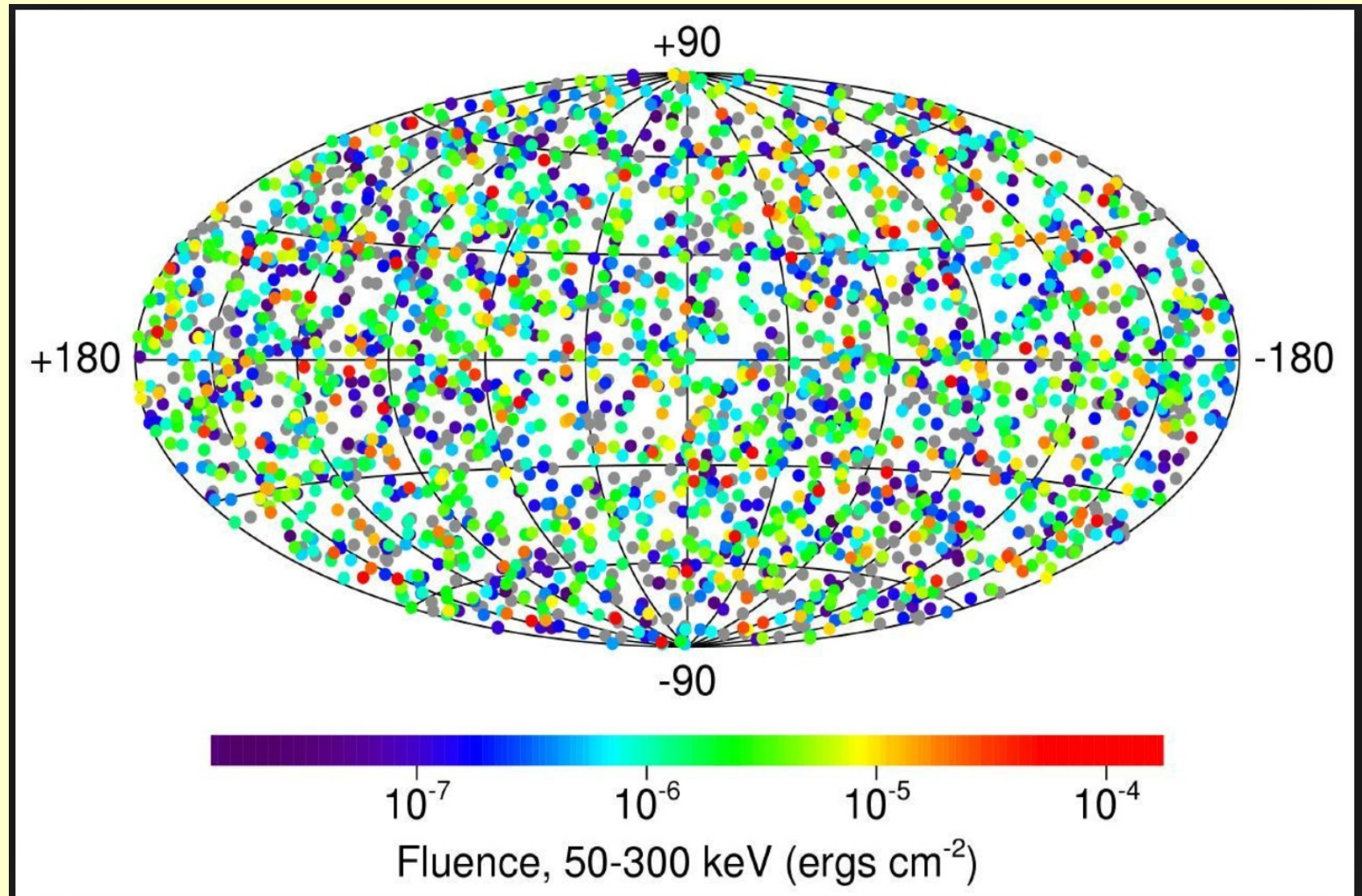
## Two subgroups



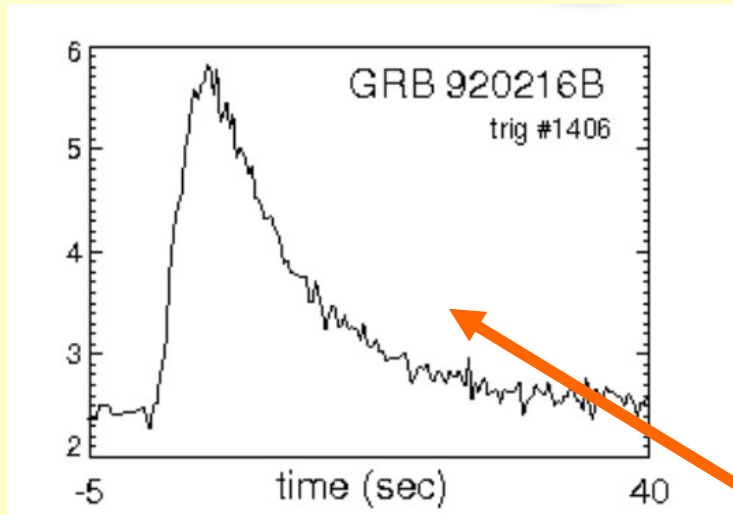
Kouveliotou et al. 1993

# Gamma ray bursts Overview

## BATSE Gamma ray bursts



# GRB Afterglow X-rays

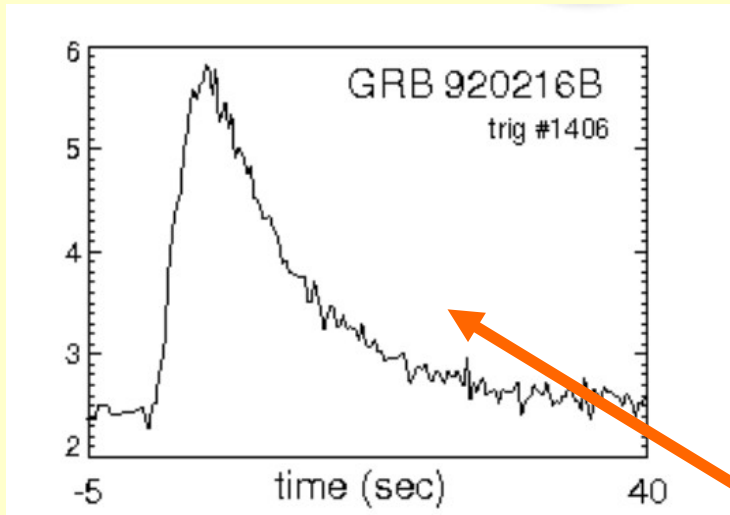


**Afterglow Predicted**

Paczynski & Rhoads '93  
Meszaros & Rees '97

**Gamma-rays**

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**Gamma-rays**

## BeppoSAX

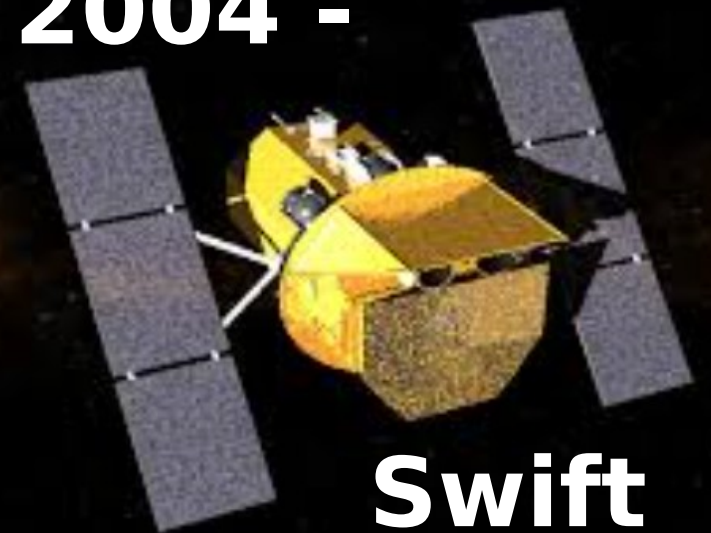
1997 fading X-ray emission  
accurate measurement of position  
determination of distance



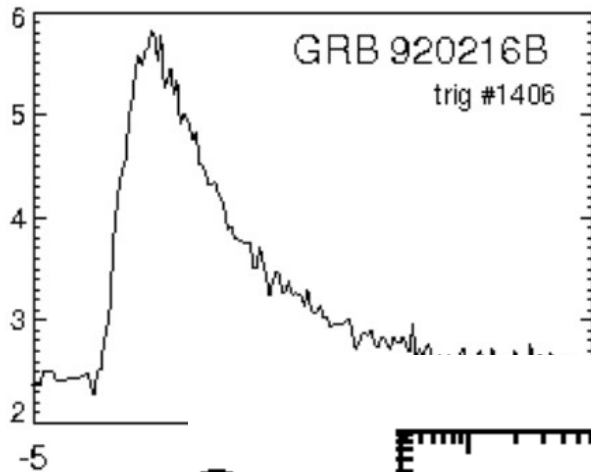


# GRB Afterglow X-rays

2004 -

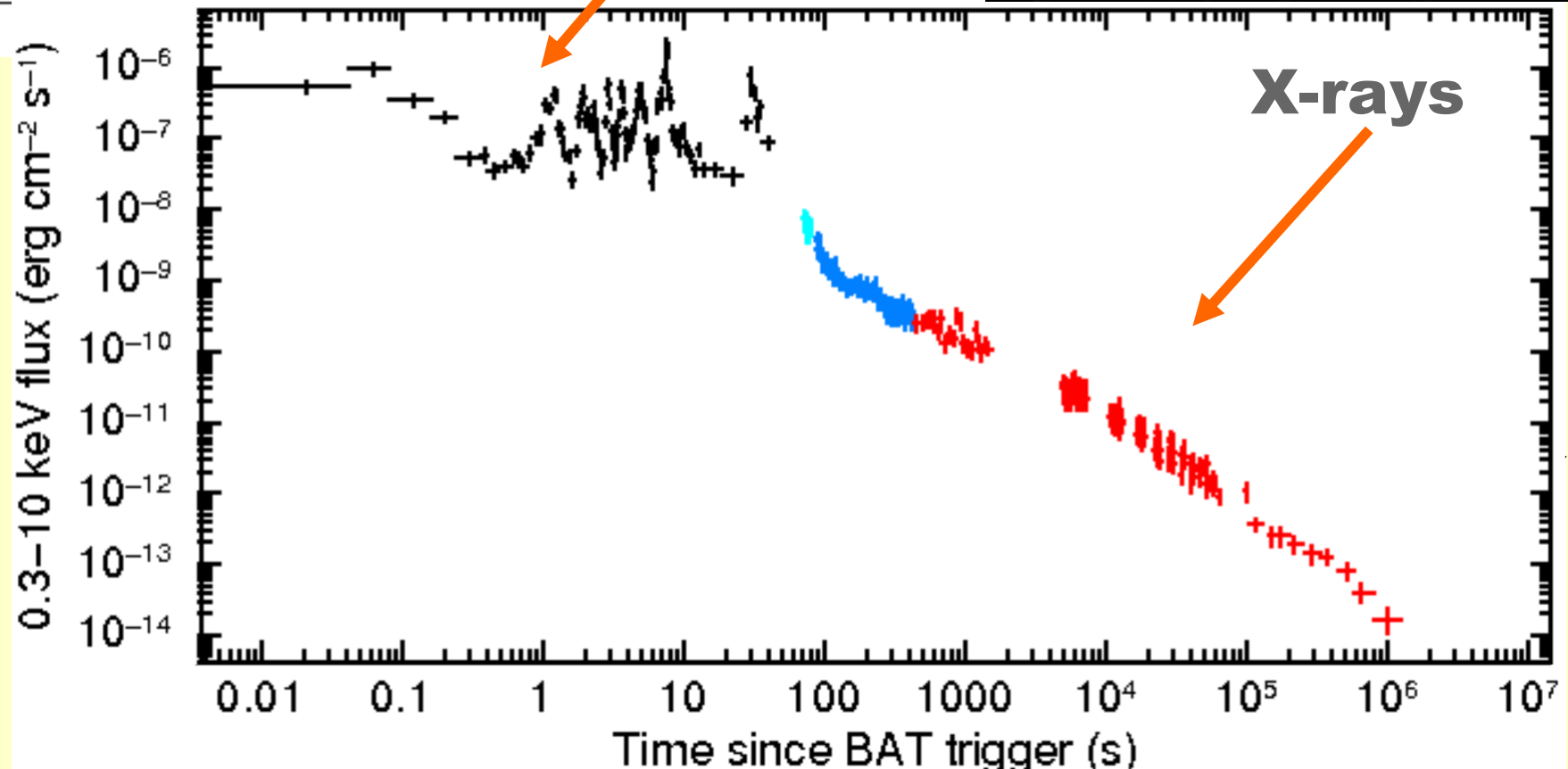


Swift

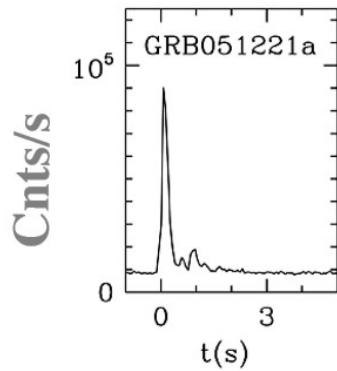


Gamma-rays

BAT-XRT data of GRB

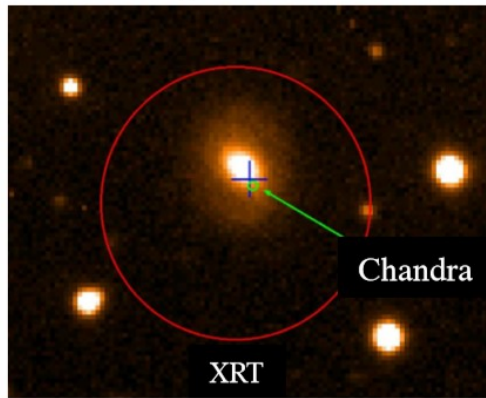


## Short GRB

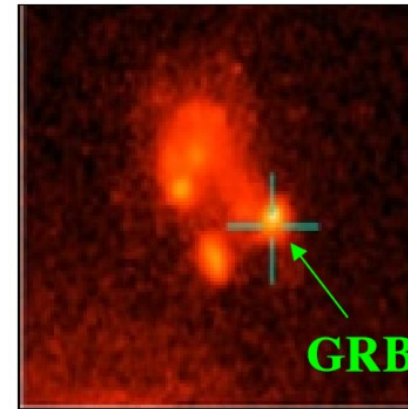


# Short vs Long GRBs

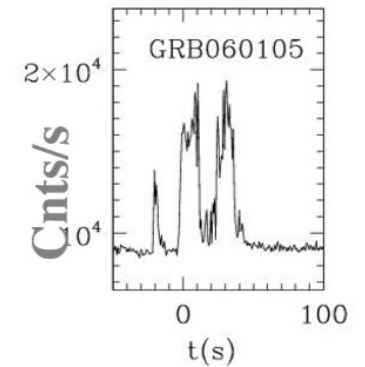
**GRB 050724 - *Swift***  
elliptical host



**GRB 020903 - *SAX***  
SF dwarf host



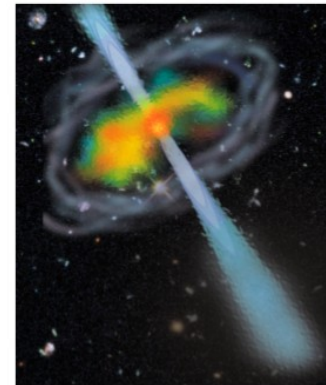
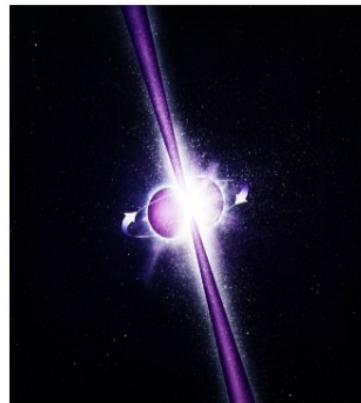
## Long GRB



In non-SF  
and SF galaxies

**No SNe detected**

Possible **merger**  
model



BH

In SF  
galaxies

**Accompanied by  
SNe**

**Collapsar model**  
well supported



# Short Gamma ray bursts

## Central Engine

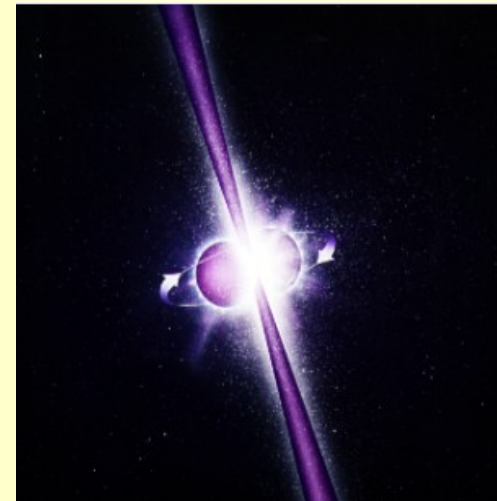
- Open Question ...

### Binary Neutron star merger

- Long Lasting Magnetar ...
- Quickly Collapses to Black Hole ....
- Afterglow lasting for  $10^5$  sec

Rezzolla & Kumar 2015

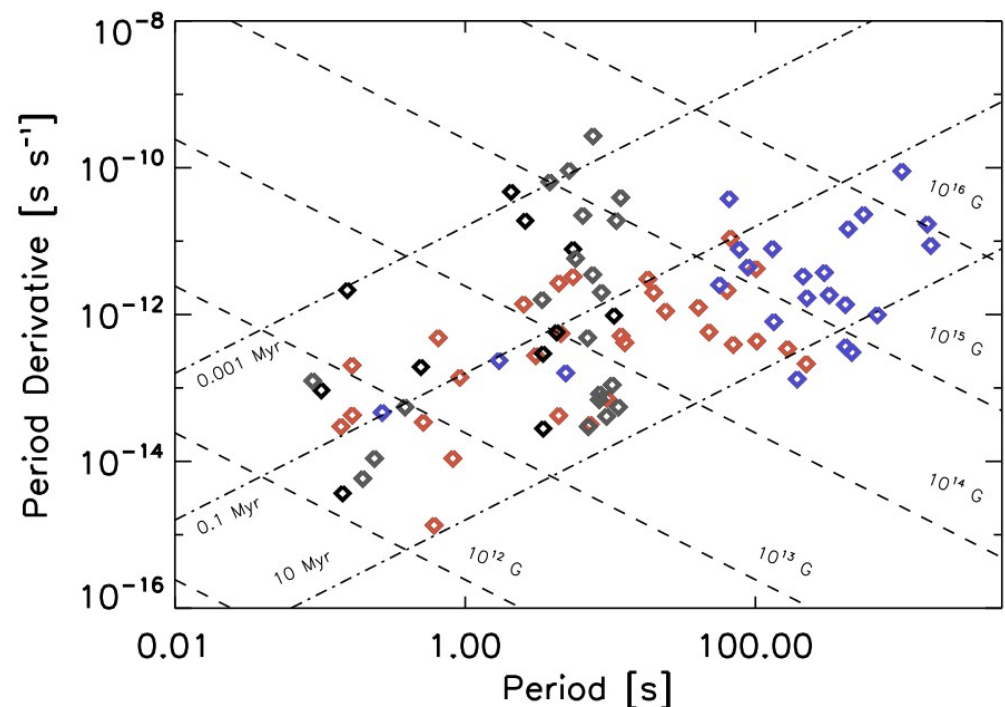
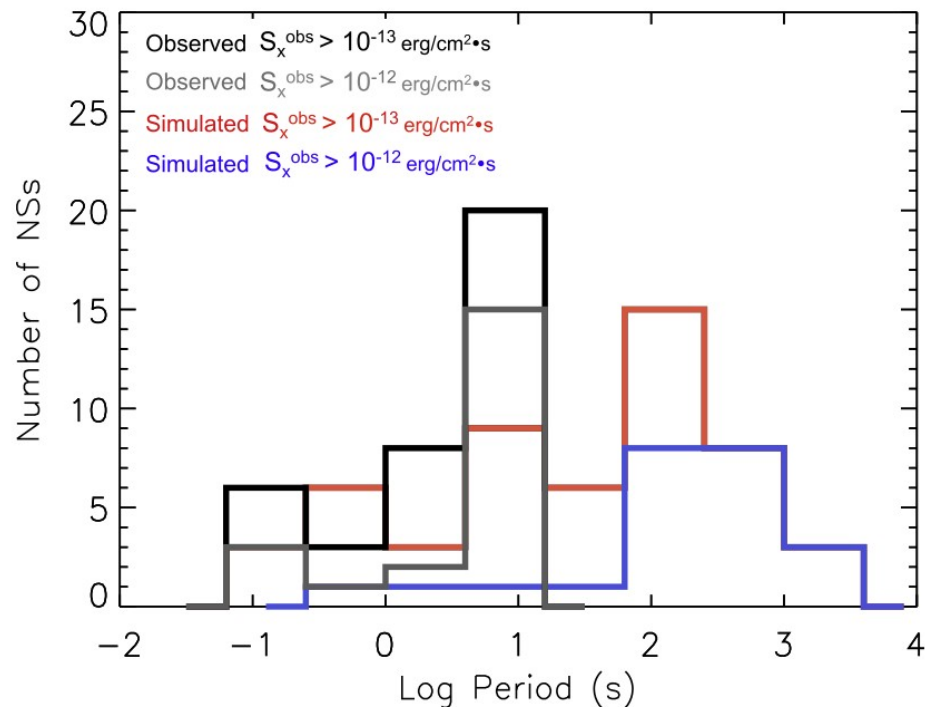
Cioffi & Siegel 2014



review Berger 2014

# Magnetars & Gamma-ray bursts

- Simulating 100 SN-Type-GRBs in 1 Myr in the Milky Way we would expect to have now ~25 “observable” magnetars.
- HOWEVER, the expected X-ray luminosities and spin period distribution of these GRB-magnetars CANNOT be reconciled with what observed in our magnetars.



# Long Gamma ray bursts

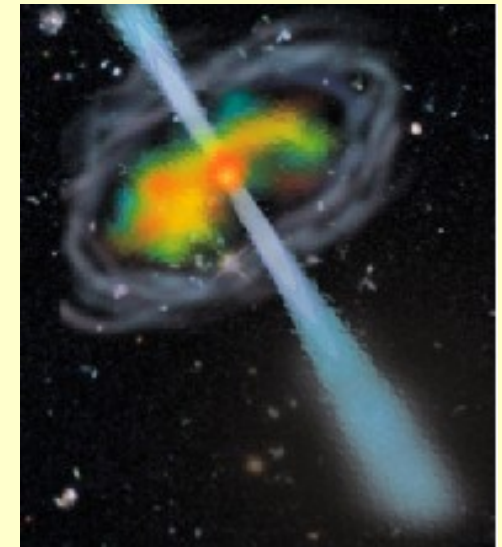
## Central Engine

- Core Collapse of a supermassive star (Wolf Rayet  $\sim 30 M_{\odot}$ )

- Stellar Mass Black Hole formed maximally rotating (??),  
Strong Magnetic fields

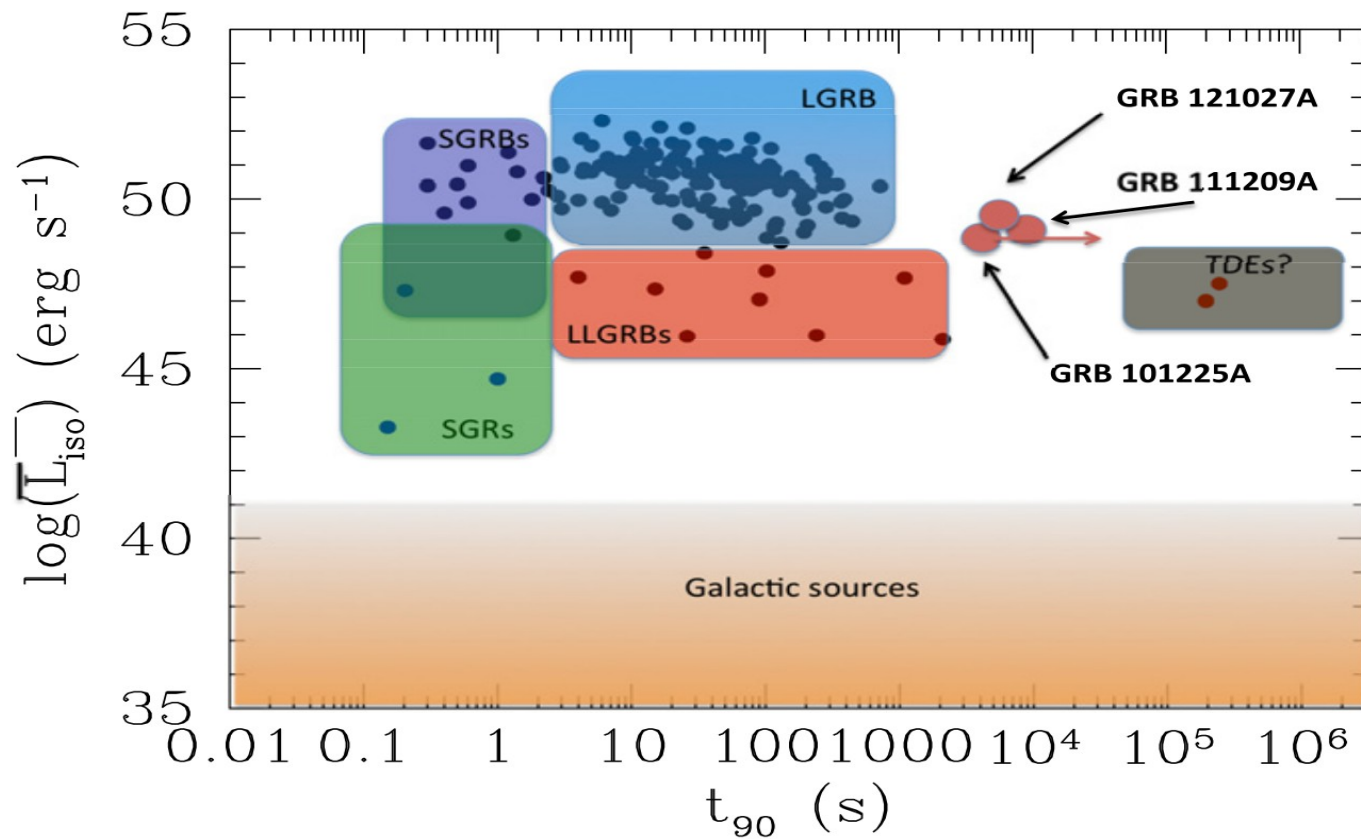
- Hyper-accretion drives the GRB & duration depends to surrounding mass (Ultra Long duration???)

- Jet launched, Blandford-Znajek or\and  
neutrino annihilation



Extensive Literature: review Kumar & Zhang 2014

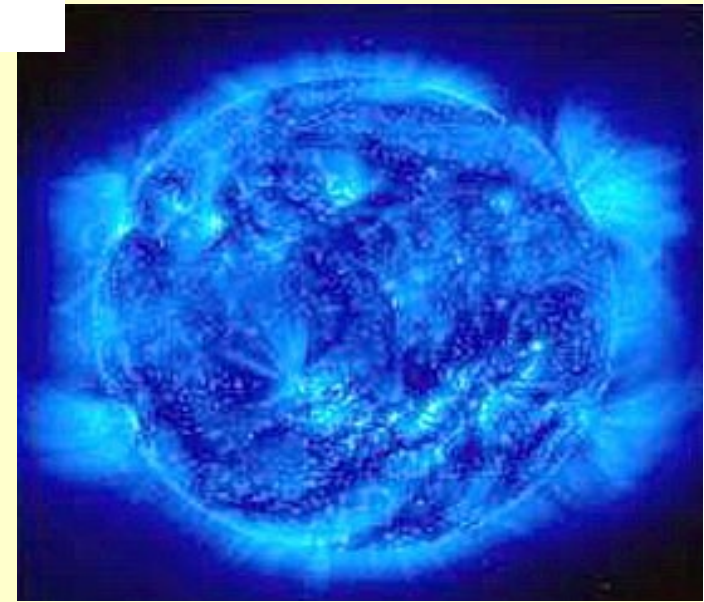
# Ultra Long Gamma ray bursts



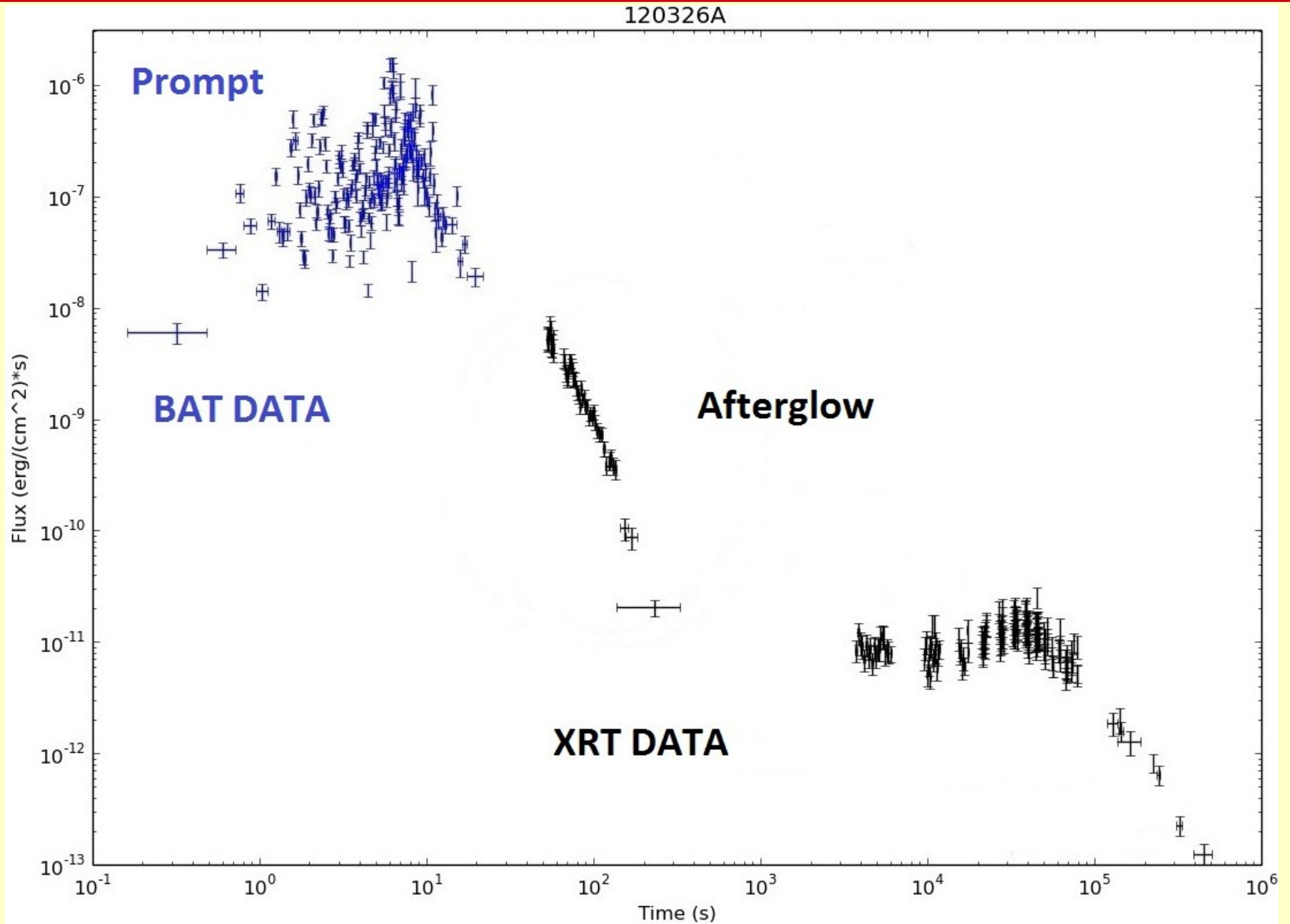
Levan et al. 2014

Gendre et al. 2013  
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Blue Super Giant

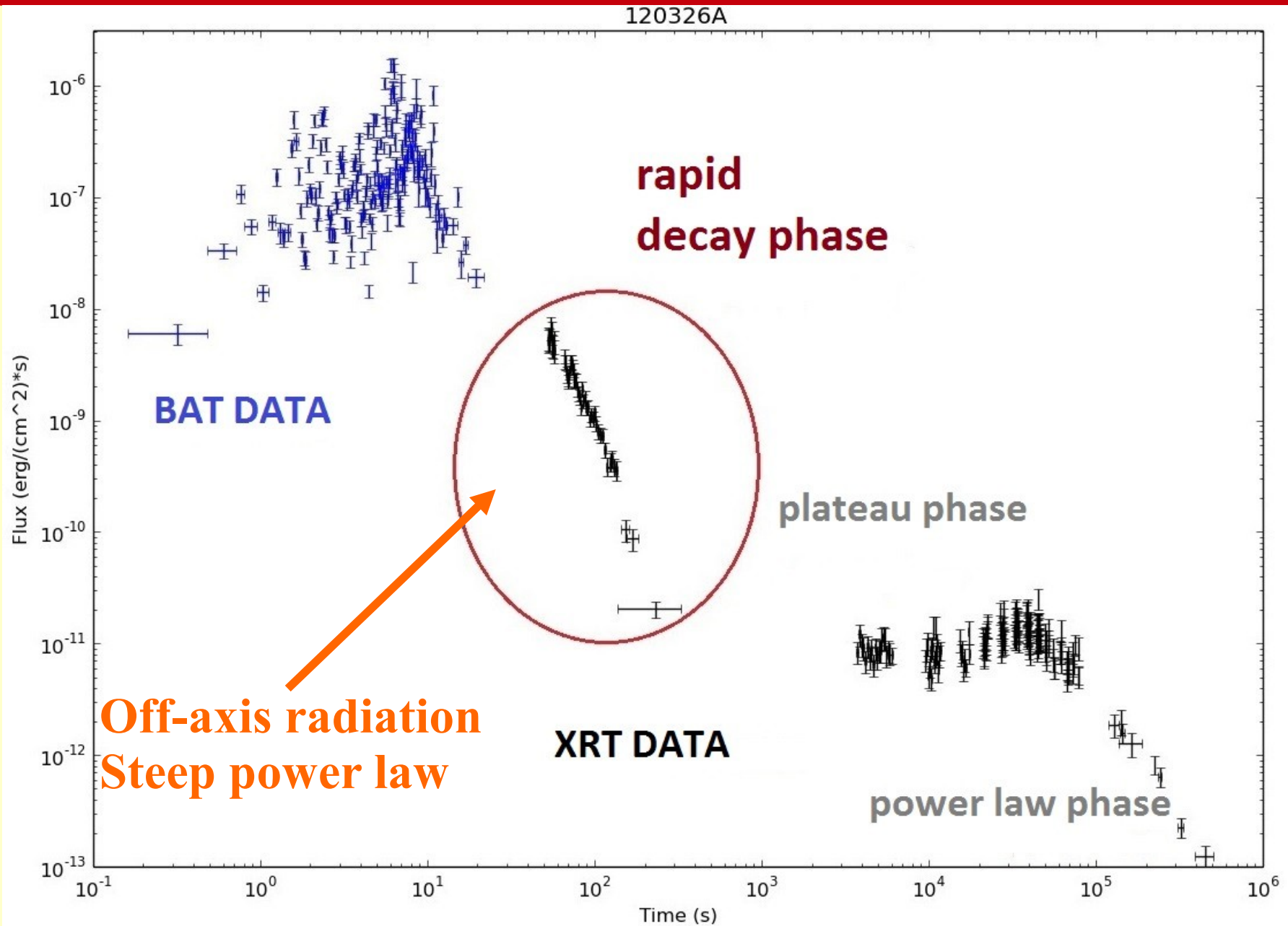


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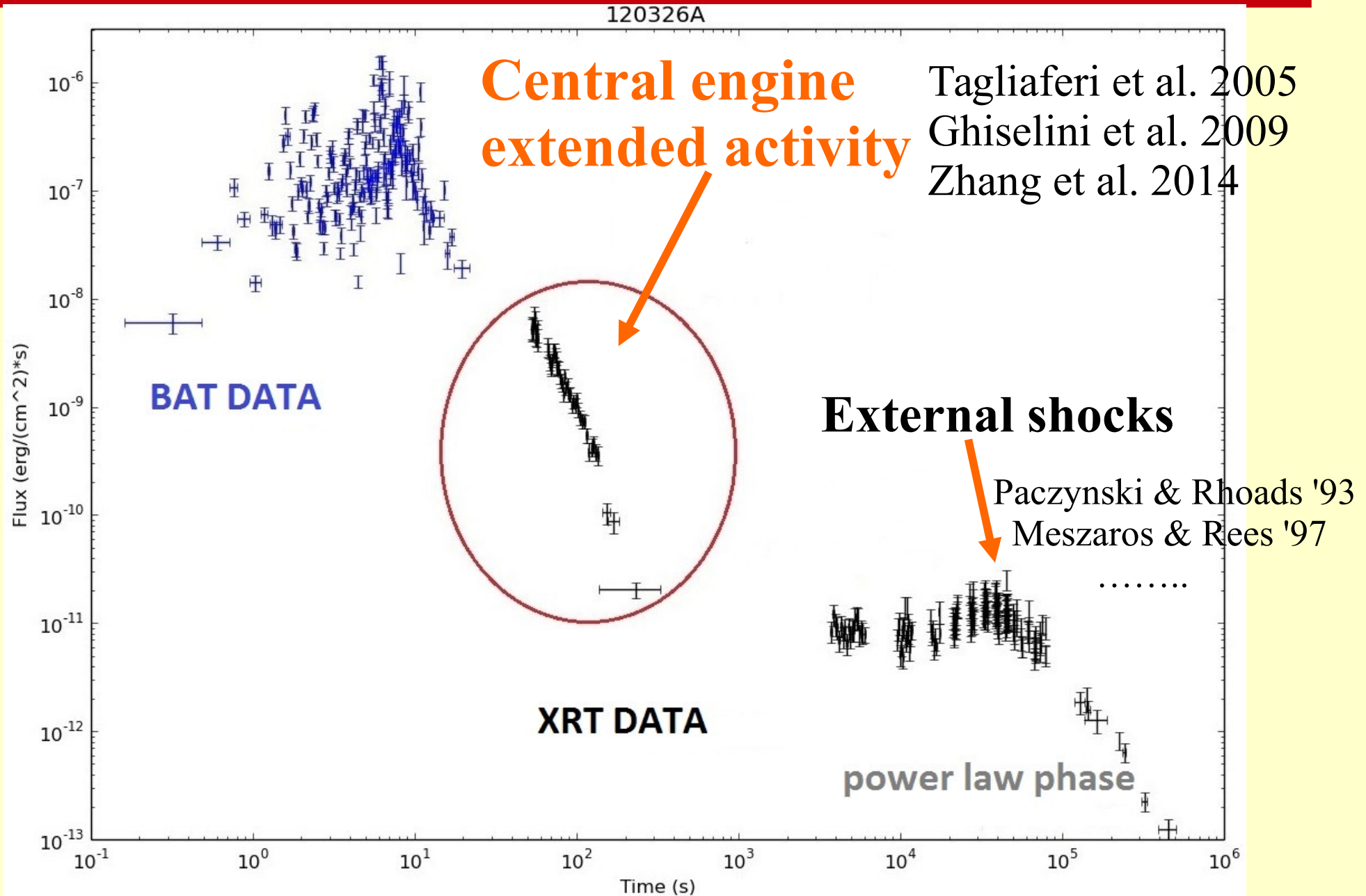


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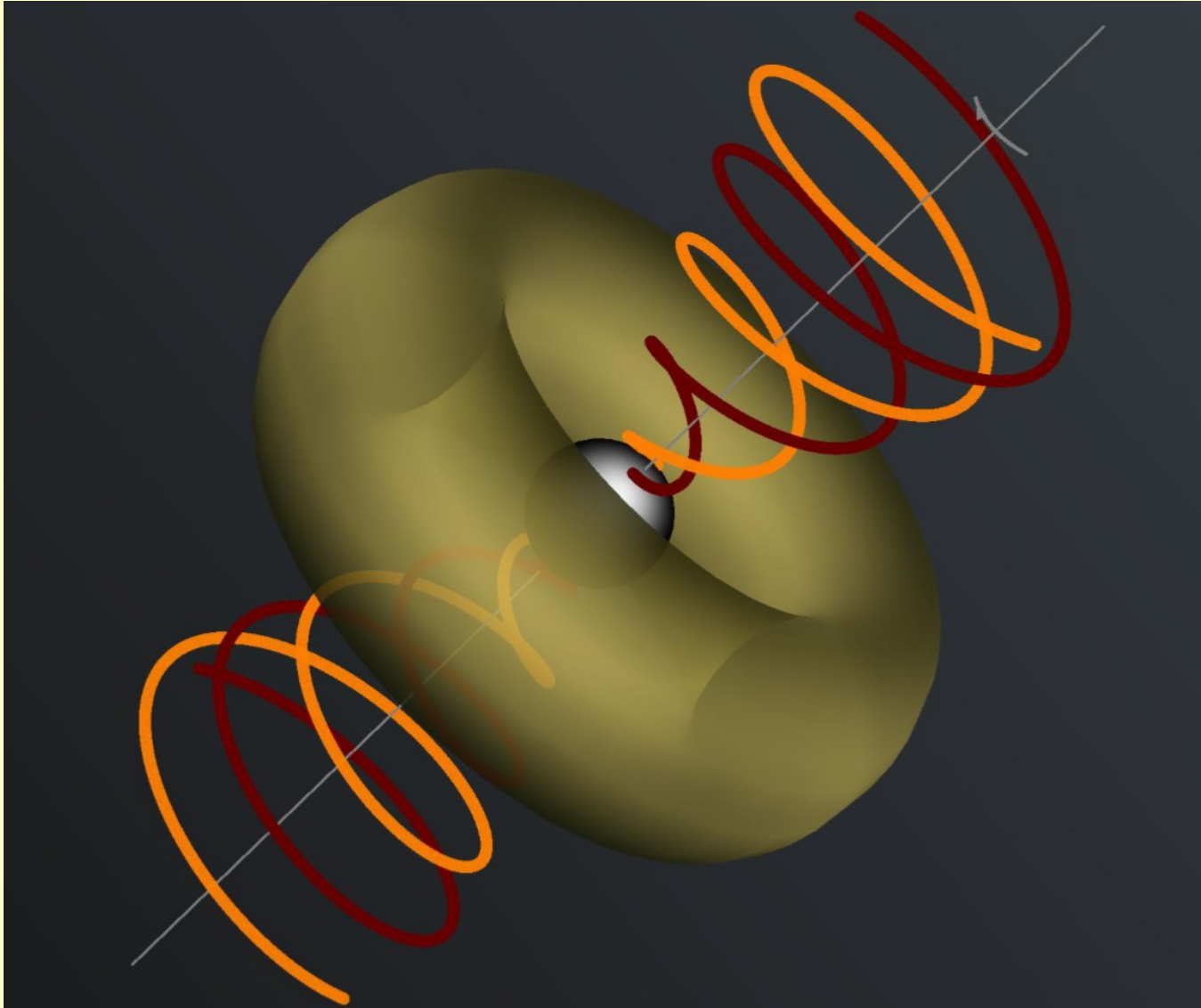




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# Small Break for theory



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Black hole placed in magnetic field  
is loosing Energy as .....

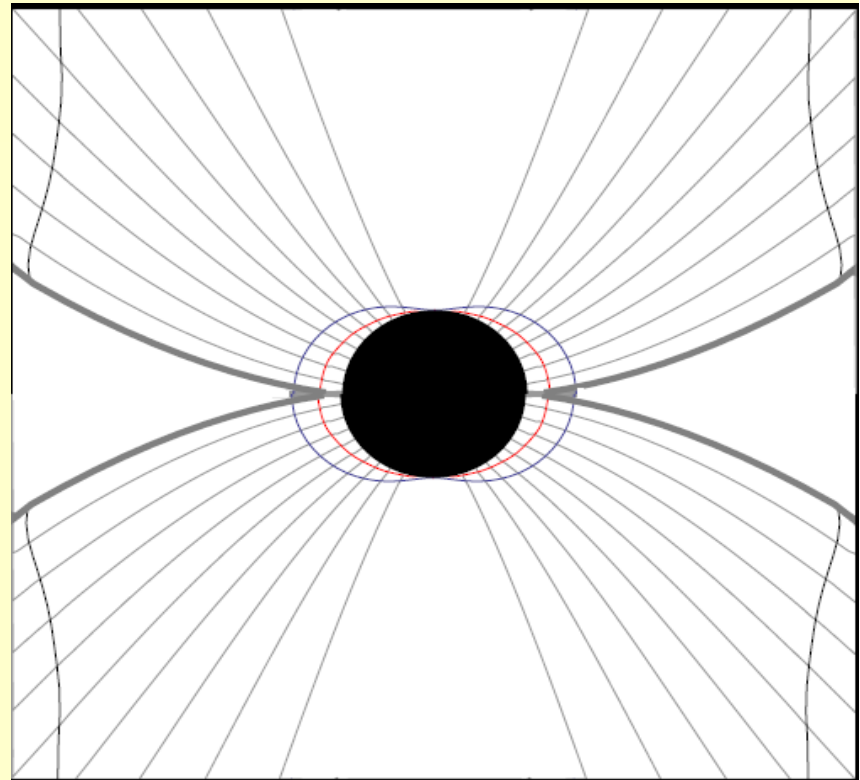
$$\dot{E} \approx -\frac{1}{6\pi^2 c} \Psi_m^2 \Omega^2$$

Blanford & Znajek 1977

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Nathanail & Contopoulos 2014

$\Psi_m$  magnetic flux

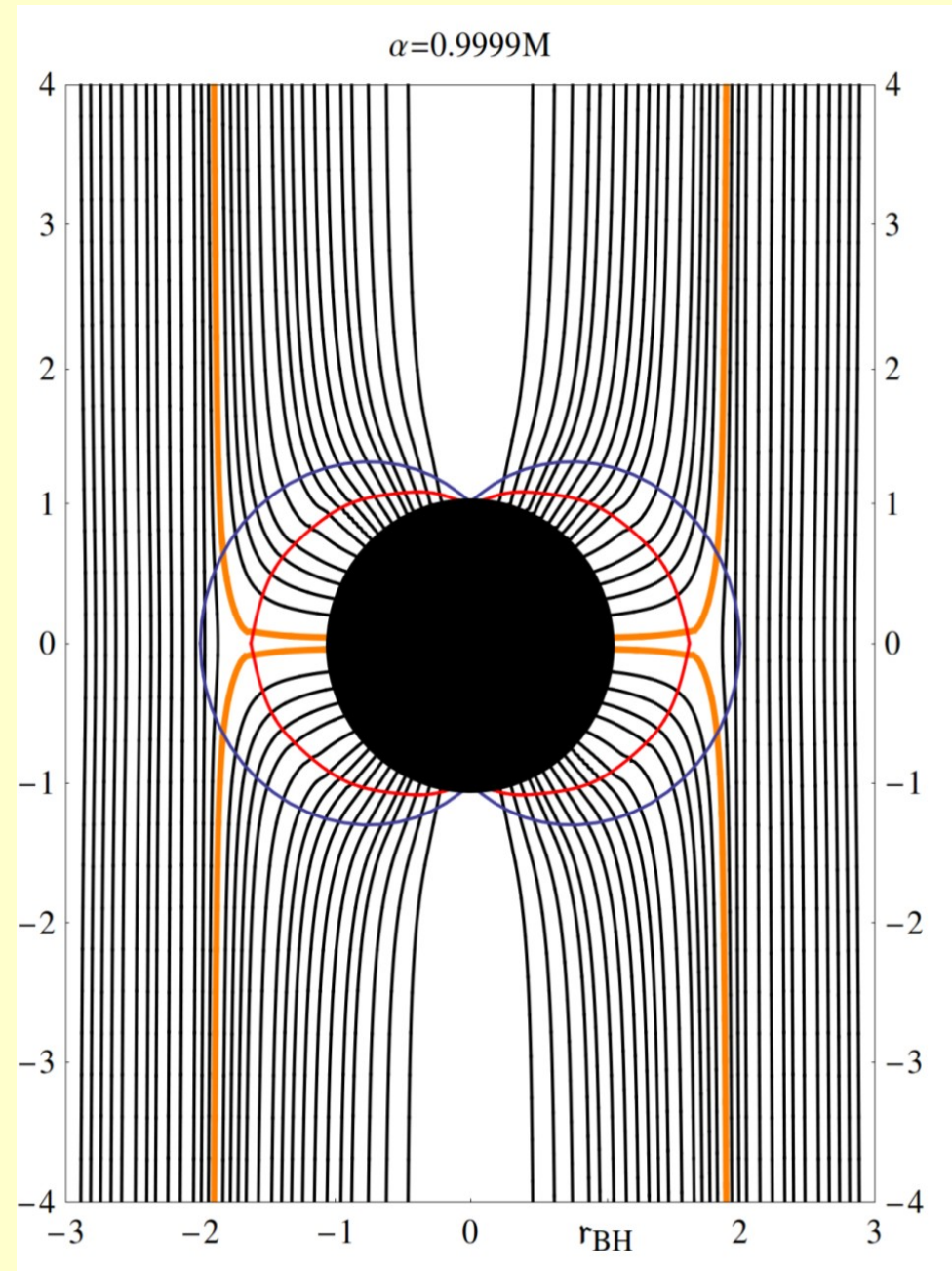


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The importance of the ergosphere  
and the production of  
poloidal currents

Nathanail & Contopoulos 2017



# Small Break for theory

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## THE PROGENITOR STARS OF GAMMA-RAY BURSTS

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*Received 2005 August 6; accepted 2005 October 3*

TABLE 2

PRESUPERNOVA MODELS FOR RAPIDLY ROTATING STARS

**Spin of  
BH**



Mass/Model	$J_{\text{init}}^{\text{a}}$ ( $10^{52}$ ergs s $^{-1}$ )	$v_{\text{rot}}^{\text{b}}$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	Pre-SN Type <sup>c</sup>	$\dot{M}$ WR <sup>d</sup>	Magnetic Field <sup>e</sup>	$M_{\text{final}}^{\text{f}}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	Fe core <sup>g</sup> ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$J_{\text{Fe core}}^{\text{h}}$ ( $10^{47}$ ergs s $^{-1}$ )	Period <sup>i</sup> (ms)	$a_{\text{BH}}^{\text{j}}$ ( $3 M_{\odot}$ )
16OE .....	2.5	255	RSG		no	15.57	1.84	523	0.20	(1.8)
16OF .....	3.3	325	WR	1.0	no	8.97	1.35	318	0.18	(1.1)
16OG .....	2.5	255	RSG		yes	15.66	1.50	9.6	7.0	0.05
16OH .....	3.3	325	WR	1.0	yes	9.18	1.45	9.8	7.9	0.03
16OI .....	3.3	325	WR	0.3	yes	12.21	1.65	55.3	1.5	0.26
16OJ .....	4.1	400	WR	0.1	no	14.20	1.56	1290	0.06	(5.0)
16OK .....	4.1	400	WR	1.0	no	8.58	1.52	399	0.21	(1.4)
16OL .....	4.1	400	WR	1.0	yes	8.68	1.52	14.9	5.6	0.05
16OM .....	4.1	400	WR	0.3	yes	11.94	1.55	53.3	1.4	0.25
16ON .....	4.1	400	WR	0.1	yes	14.17	1.78	121	0.85	0.43

...

**Why not a slowly rotating  
black hole**

# Small Break for theory

- Stellar mass black hole slowly rotating

$$E_{\text{rot}} = Mc^2 - M_{\text{irr}}c^2$$

$$E_{\text{rot}} = Mc^2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left[ (1 + \sqrt{1 - a^2})^2 + a^2 \right]^{1/2} \right)$$

$$E_{\text{rot}} \approx \frac{1}{8} Mc^2 \left( \frac{\Omega}{\Omega_{\text{max}}} \right)^2$$



# Small Break for theory

- Stellar mass black hole slowly rotating ( $\alpha = 0.1$ )  $E_{\text{rot}} > 10^{52}$  erg

$$E_{\text{rot}} \approx \frac{1}{8} M c^2 \left( \frac{\Omega}{\Omega_{\text{max}}} \right)^2$$

- Strong magnetic fields expected  $\Omega$  angular velocity

Loosing Energy as .....

# Small Break for theory

Loosing Energy as .....

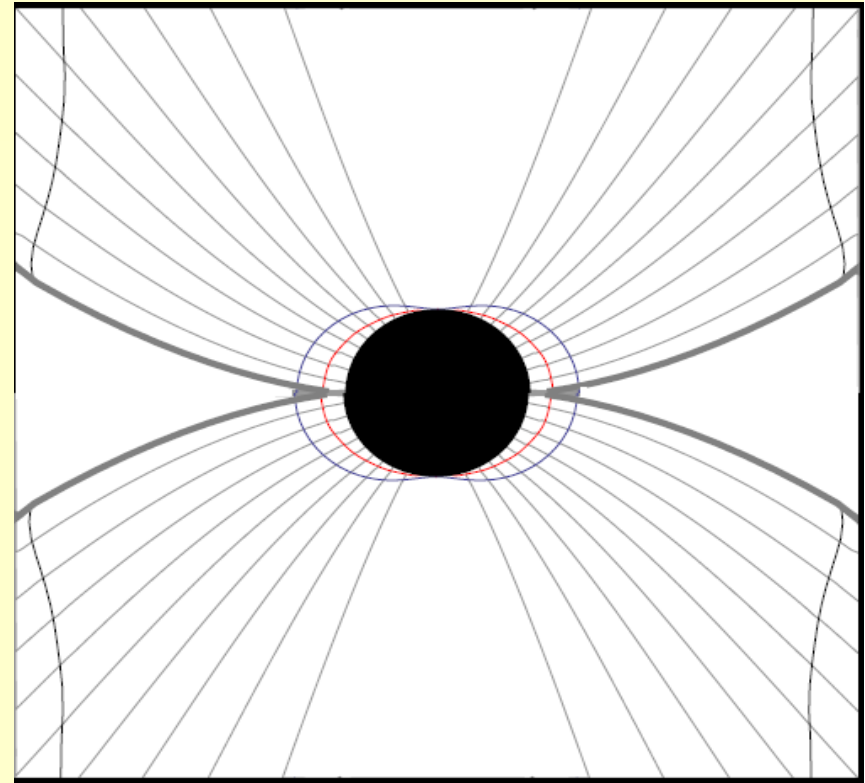
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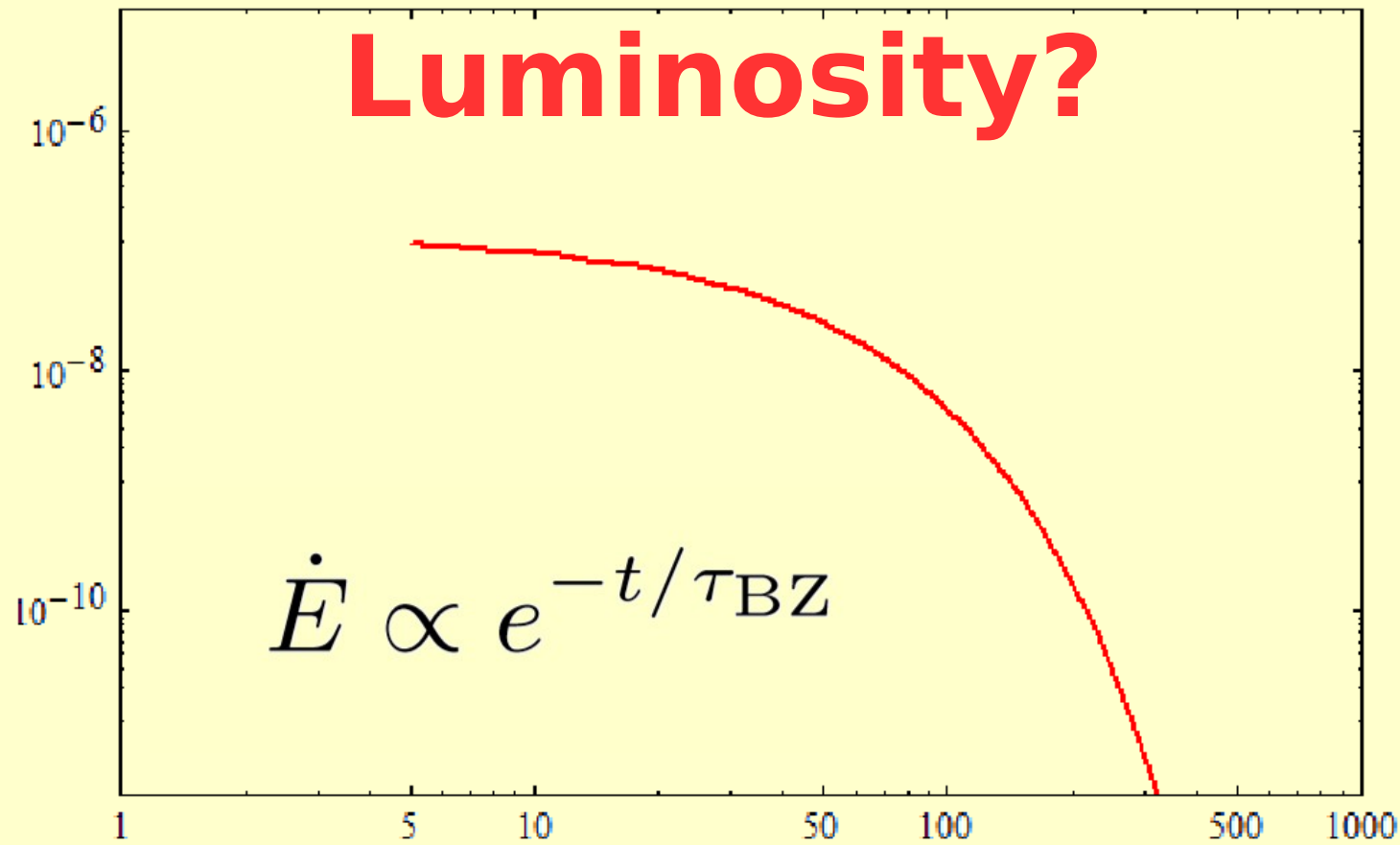
# Small Break for theory

## Loosing Energy as ...

$$\dot{E} \propto e^{-t/\tau_{\text{BZ}}}$$

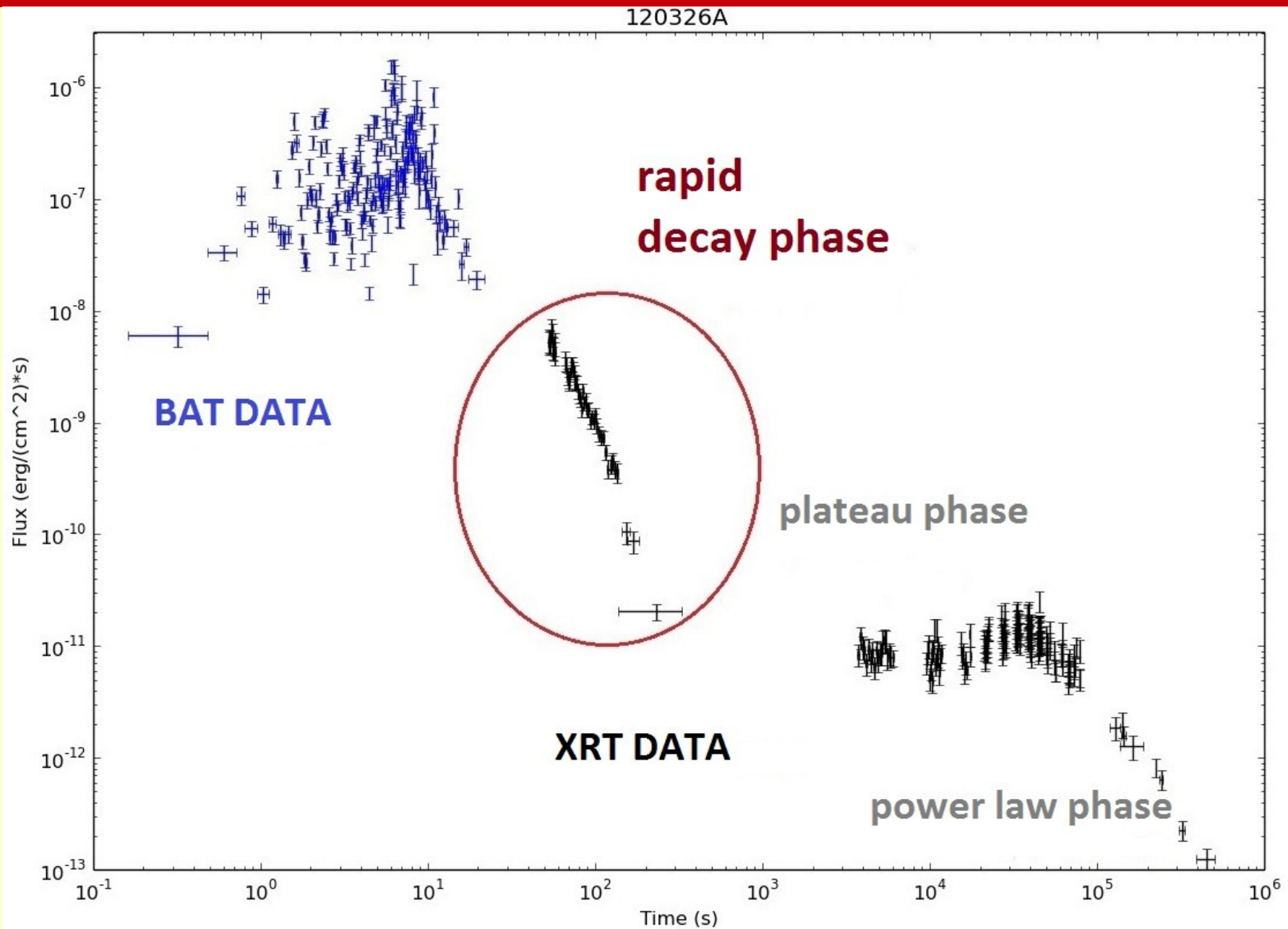
$$\tau_{\text{BZ}} \equiv 50 \left( \frac{B}{10^{15} \text{ G}} \right)^{-2} \left( \frac{M}{10 M_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} \text{sec}$$

# Can This Be observed Luminosity?

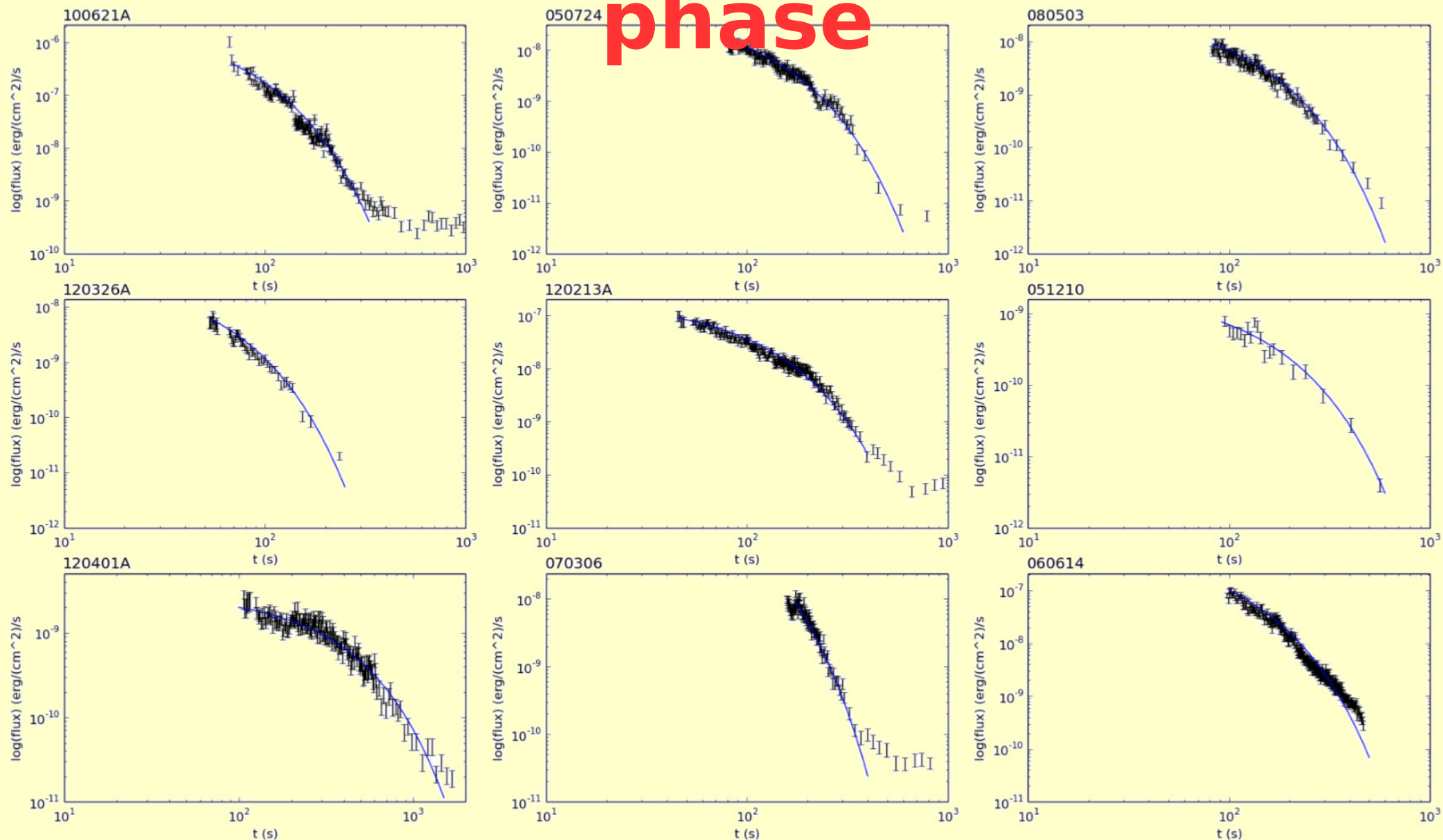


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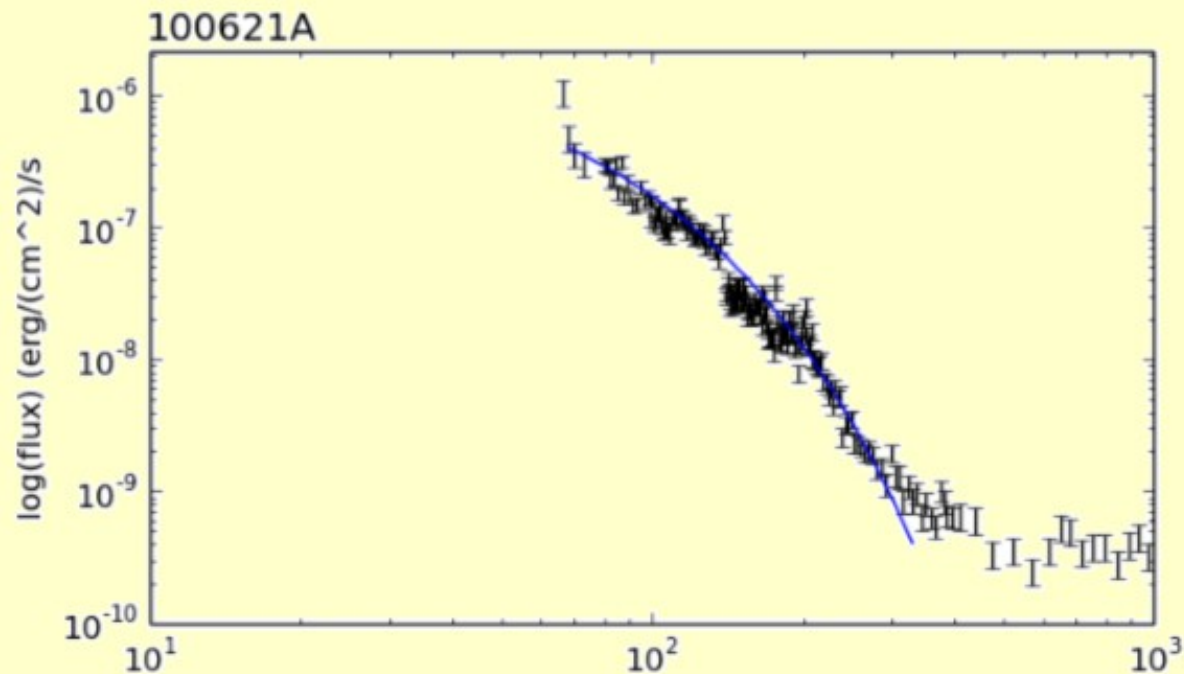
# Zoom in the rapid decay phase





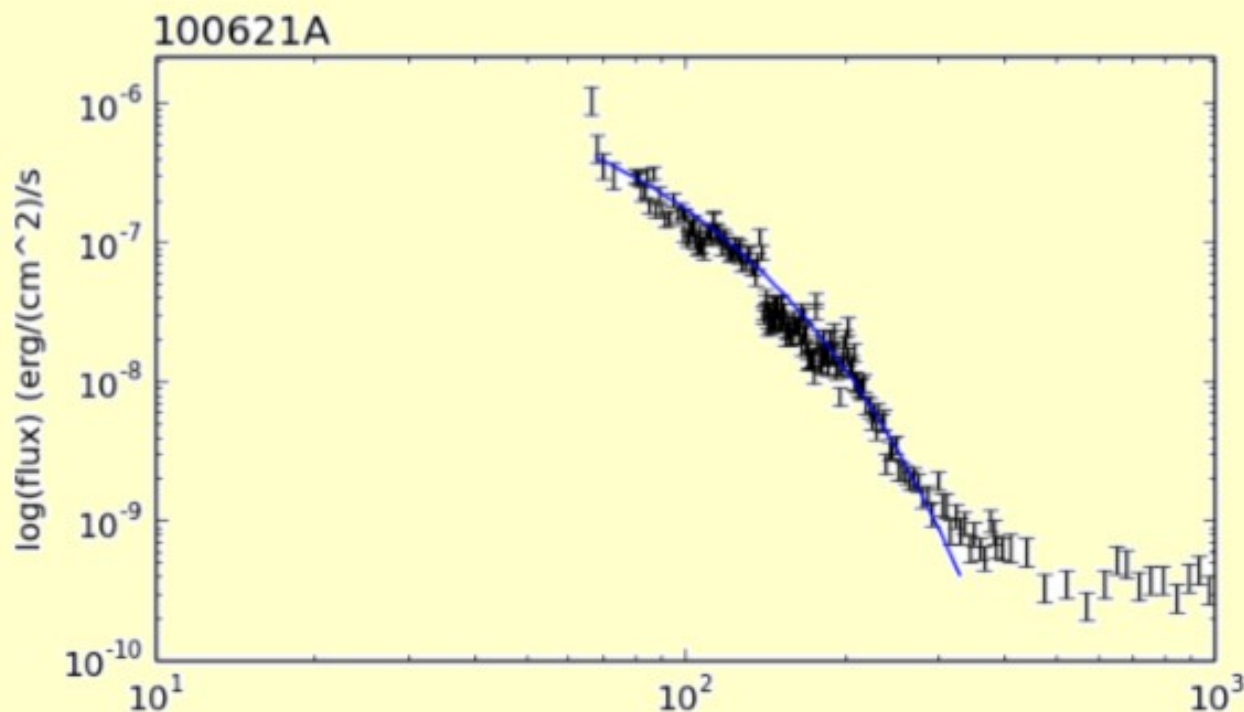
# From 343 Long GRBs

## 30% had this sign



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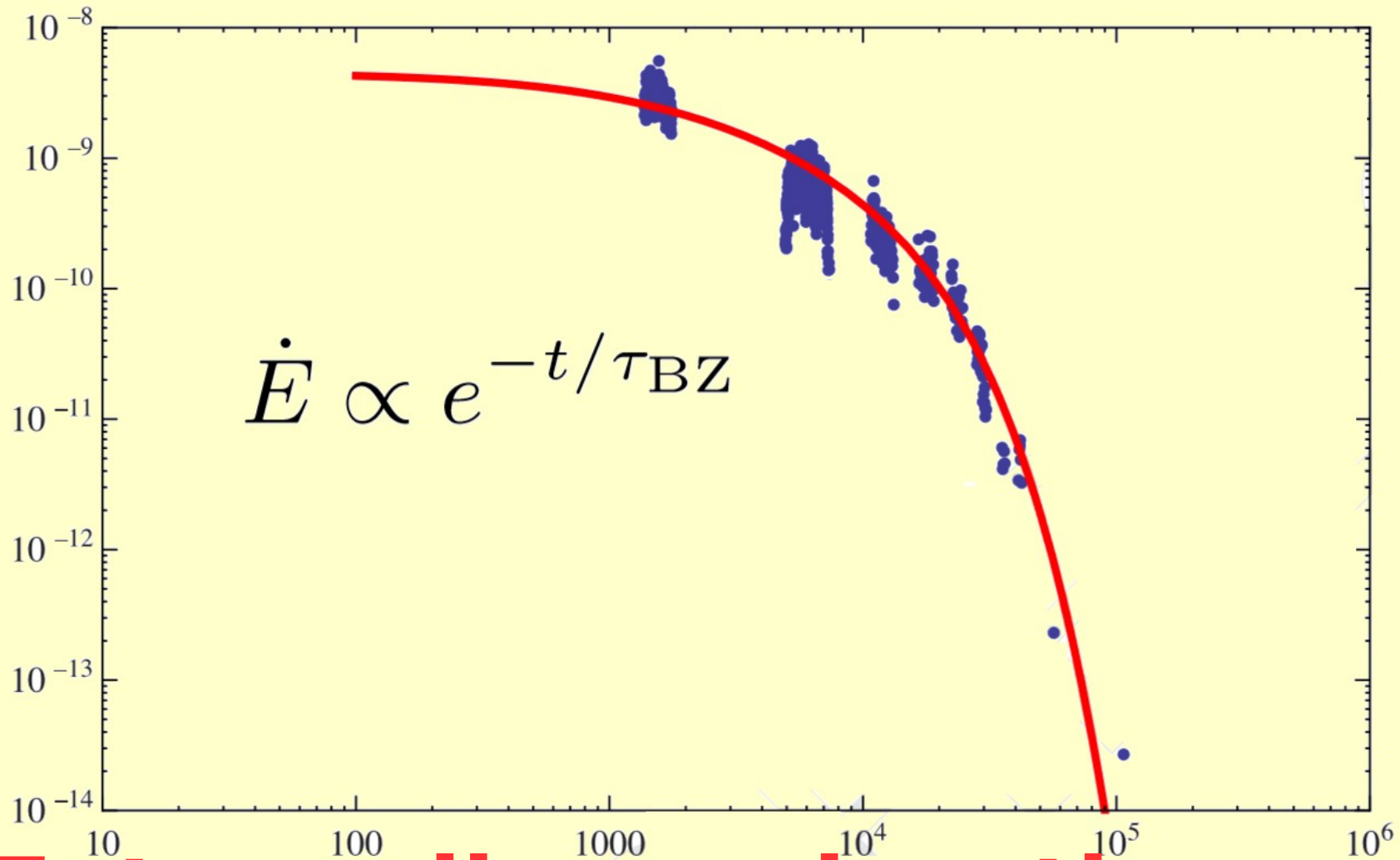
# Duration of a GRB depends on the magnetic field strength



Nathanail, Strantzalis & Contopoulos 2015

# Easy to explain Ultra Long GRBs

GRB 101225A



## Extraordinary duration ...

**From the timescale  
we can estimate the  
magnetic field strength  
at the black hole**

$$\dot{E} \propto e^{-t/\tau_{\text{BZ}}}$$

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Nathanail & Contopoulos 2015

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# Comparing with Wolf Rayet observations

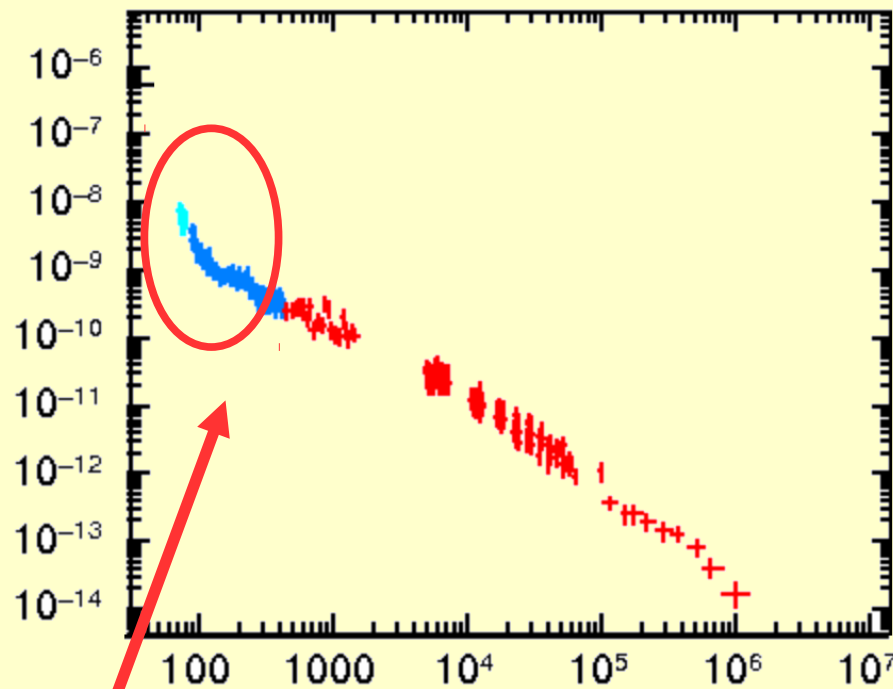
**Magnetic flux conservation**

**Calculate “surface” magnetic field**                      10 – 100 G

**Inside the observable range**                                      22 – 128 G

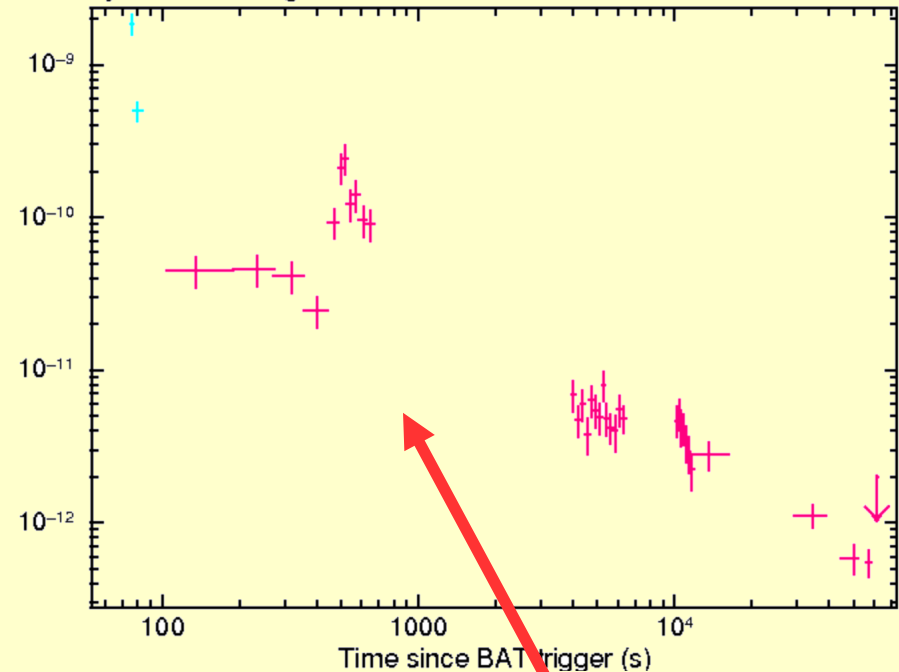
# The Rest 70%

XRT data of GRB 091020



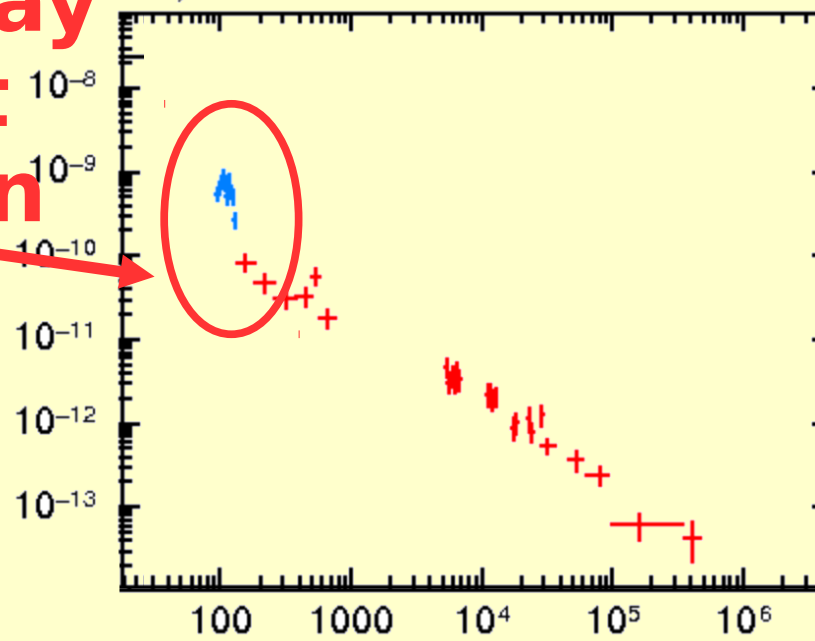
Swift/XRT data of GRB 130803A

cyan: WT settling – red: PC



The rapid decay phase is not entirely seen

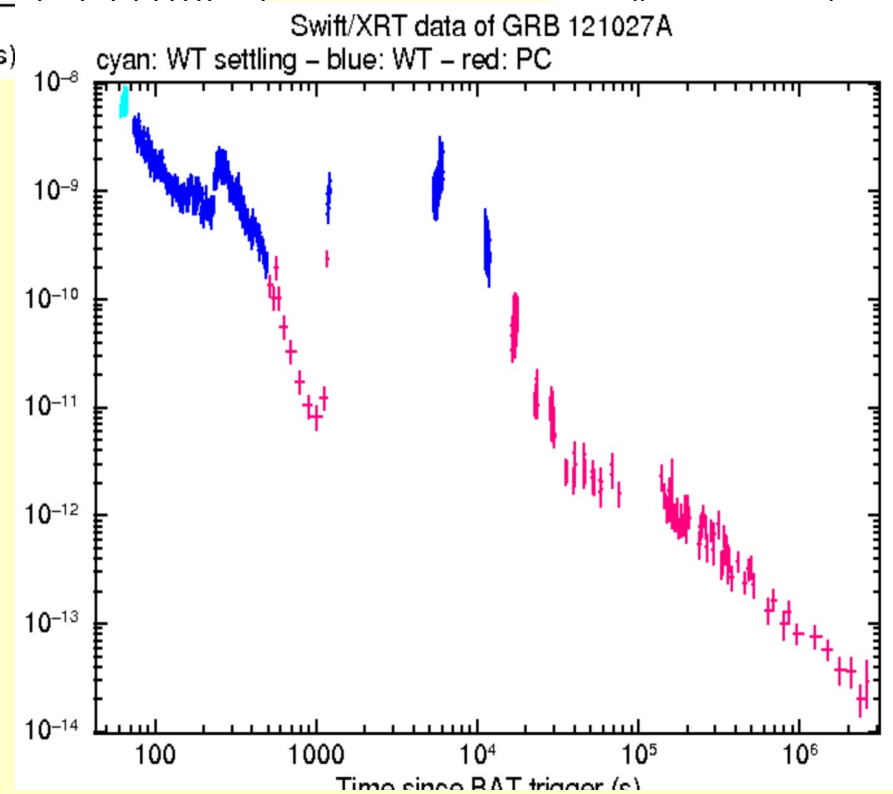
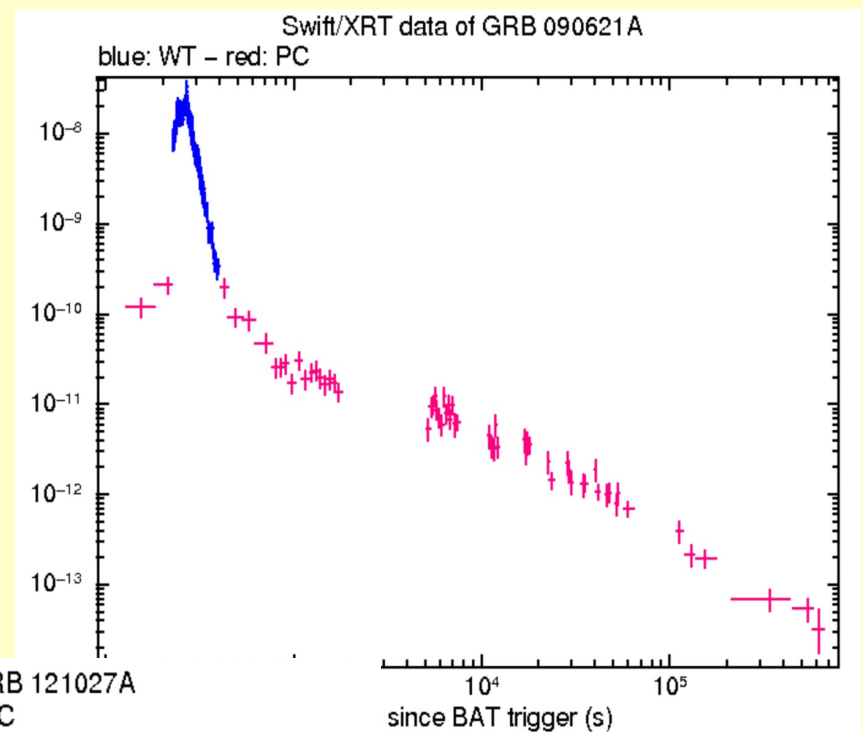
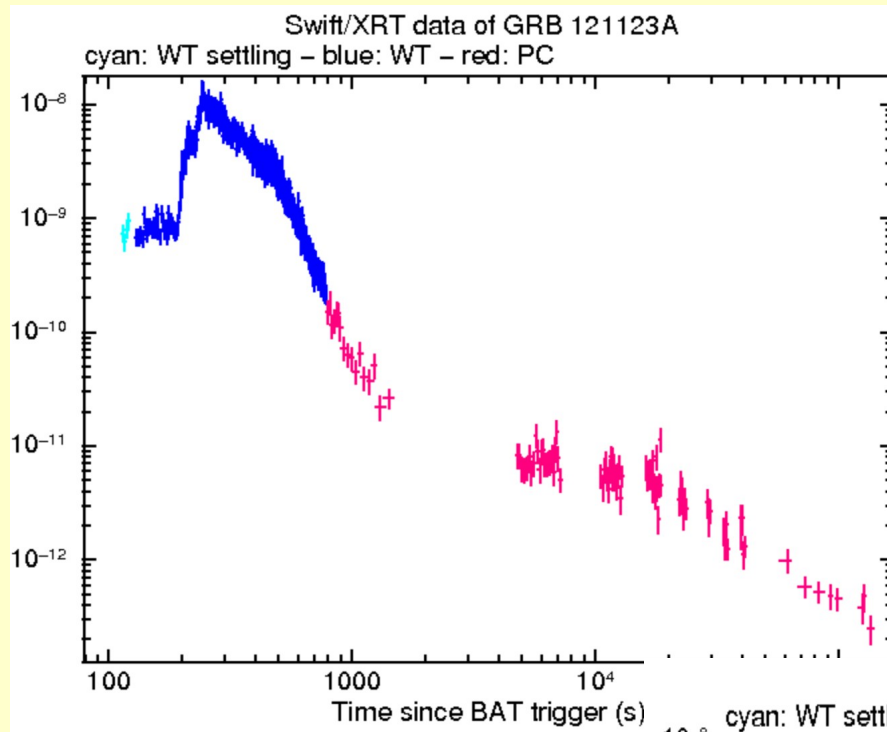
XRT data of GRB 050915A



sparse data



# A lot of X-ray Flares



# Mass infall - Flaring Activity

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Proga & Zhang 2006

**magnetic barrier**

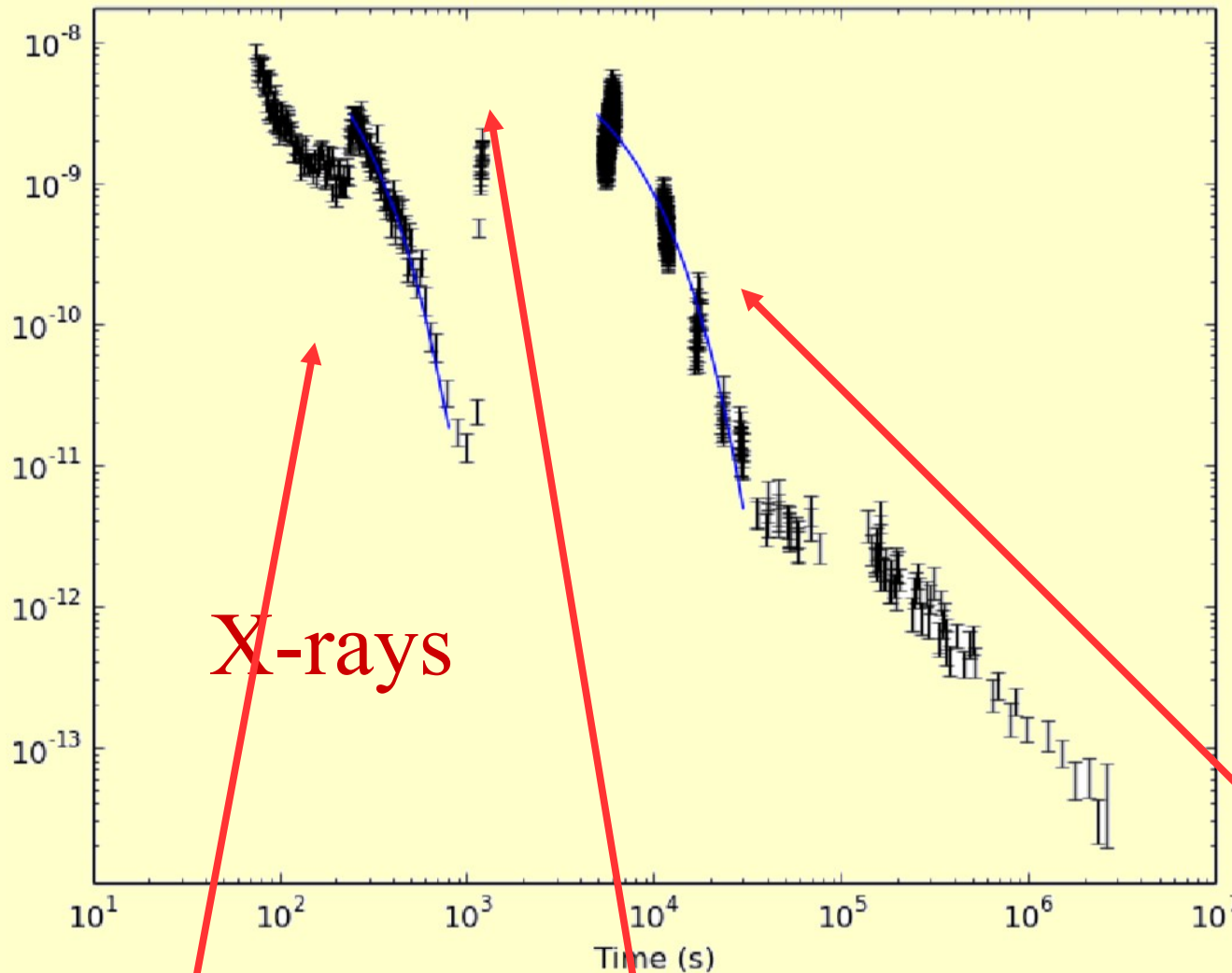
**X-rays**

**spin down**

**mass infall  
(spin up)**

**again spin down**  
in preparation . . .

(haven't done anything from last September)



# Key points

- **30% of Long GRBs show signs of Black Hole Spin Down**
- **Duration of a GRB depends on the magnetic field strength**