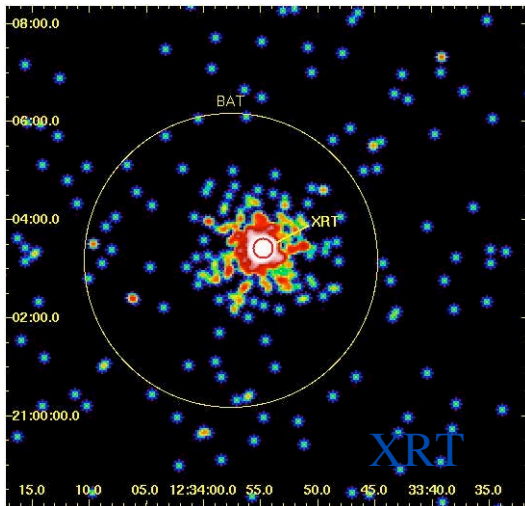


# Gamma Ray Bursts



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**NAM - Leicester**

**April 5, 2006**

# Outline

GRB current understanding

Swift observatory

Short GRBs

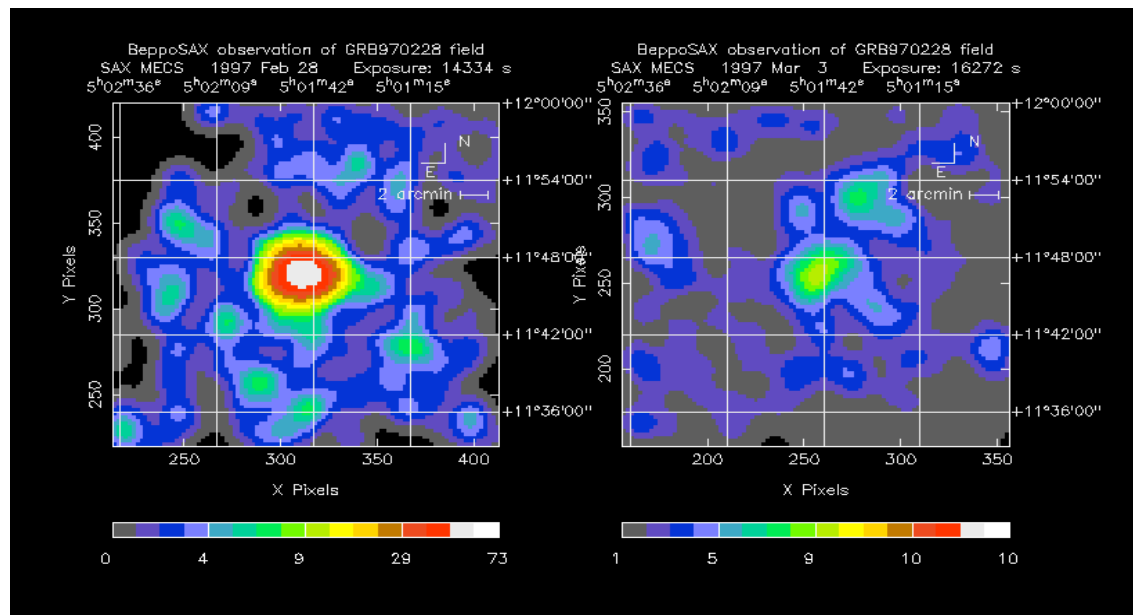
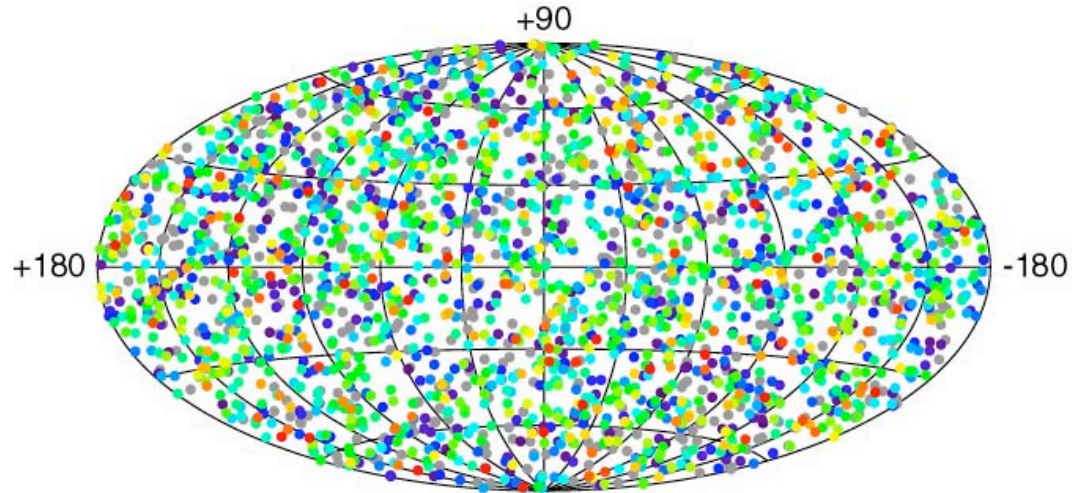
Afterglow

Redshifts



# GRB Background

CGRO BATSE  
Sky distribution  
1991-2000



BeppoSAX  
X-ray afterglow  
discovery  
1997

# *GRB Background cont.*

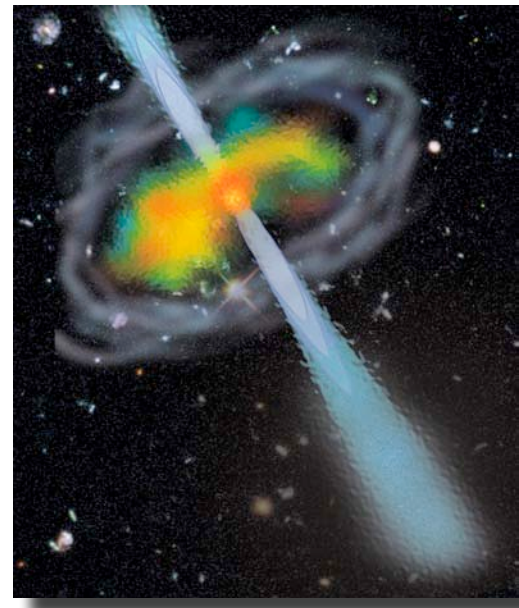
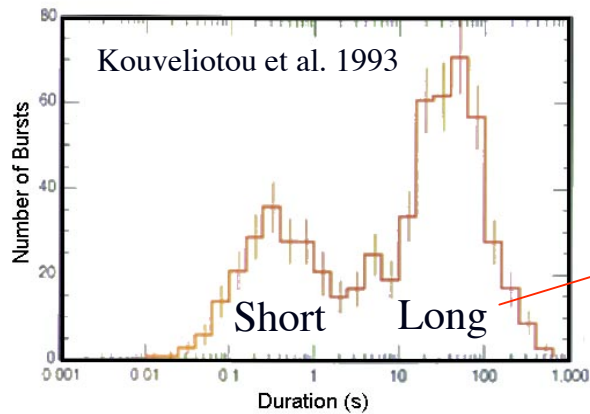
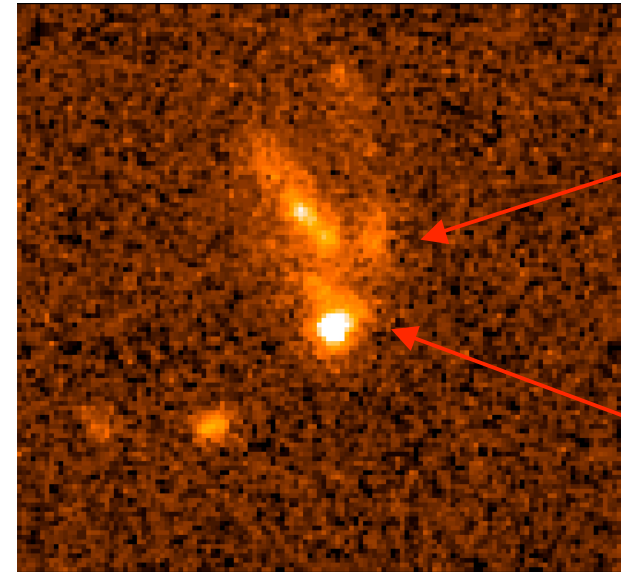
GRB 990123 - HST

**Typical distance (pre-Swift)  $z \sim 1$**

**Huge explosions  $E \sim 10^{51}$  ergs**

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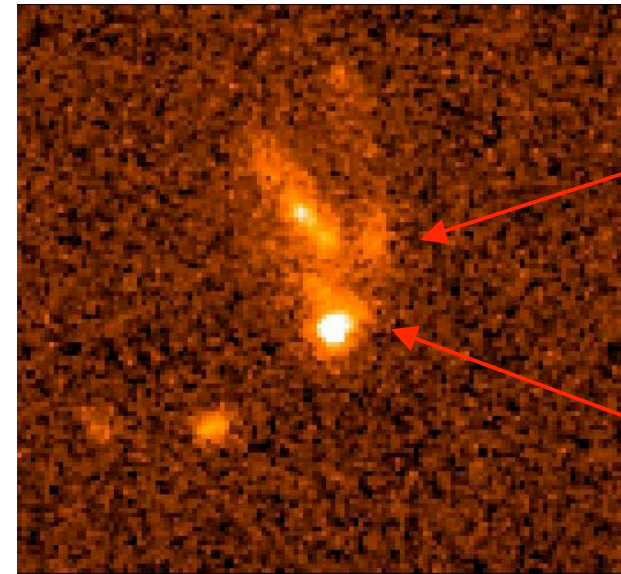
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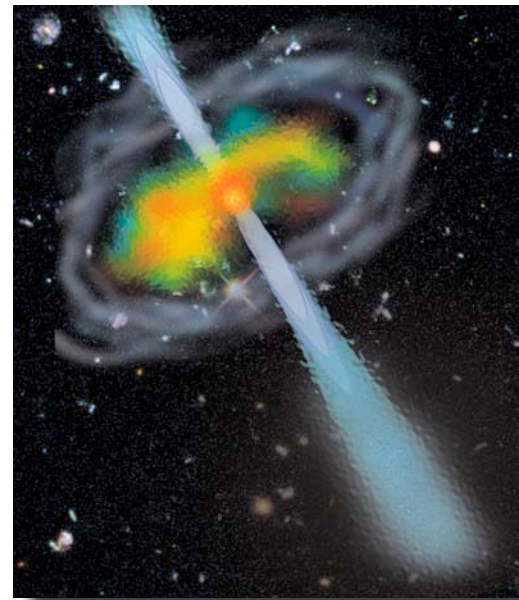
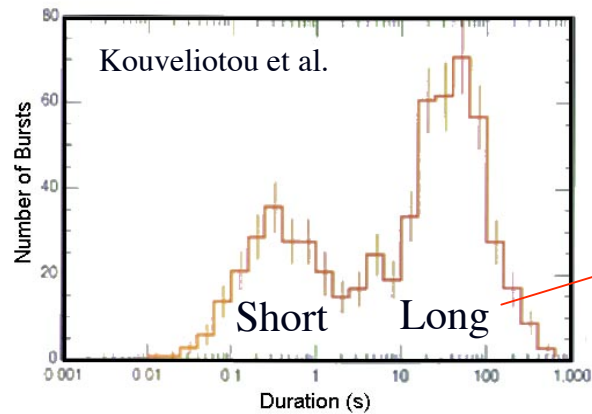
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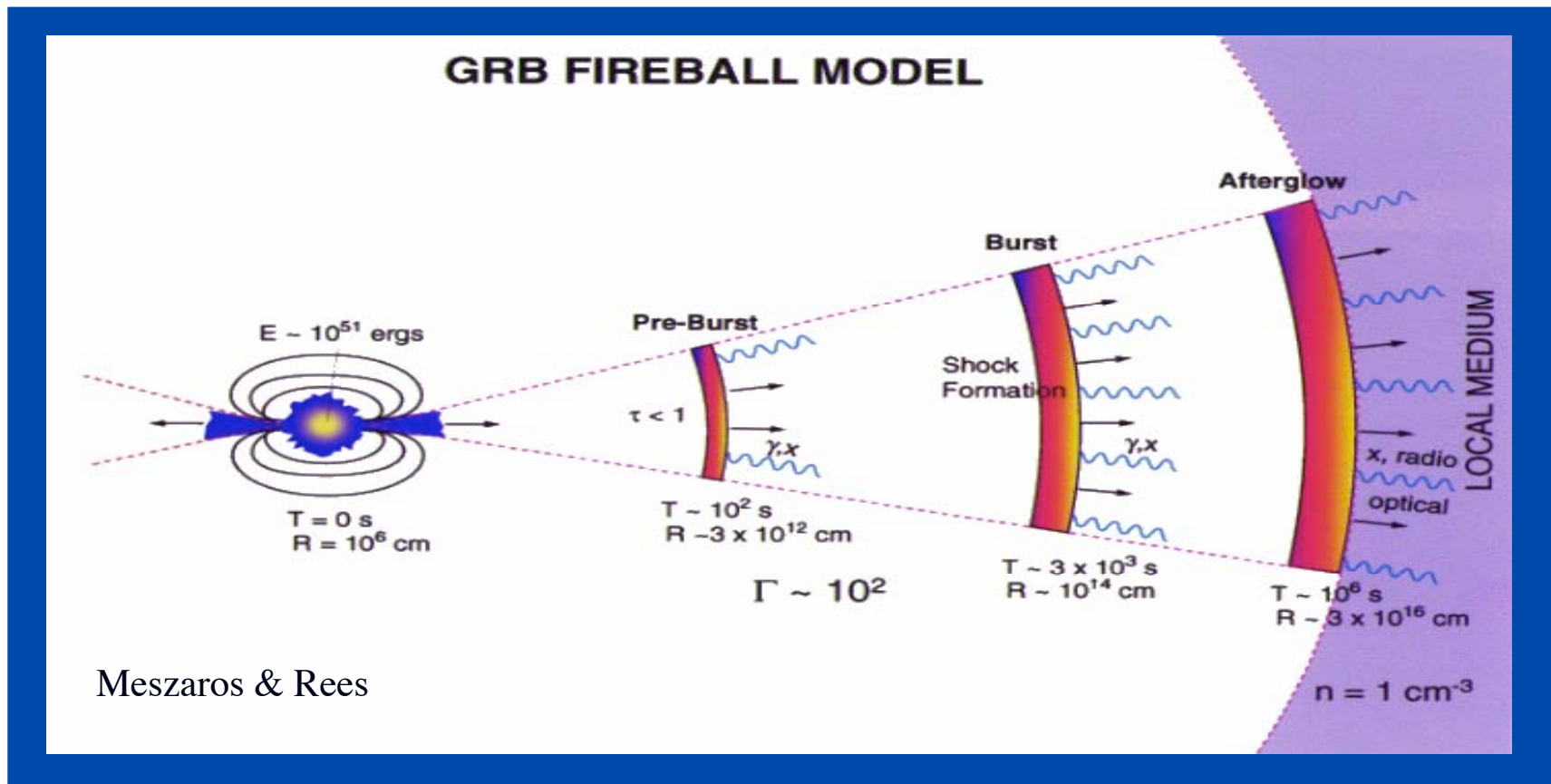


**host  
galaxy**

**GRB**



# Fireball Model of GRBs



Shocks also accelerate protons

Interactions with photons  $\Rightarrow$  pions, muons, neutrinos

Neutrinos expected  $10^{14} - 10^{19}$  eV range

# Swift Observatory

## **Burst Alert Telescope (BAT)**

- 32,000 CdZnTe detectors
- 2 sr field of view

## **X-Ray Telescope (XRT)**

- CCD spectroscopy
- Arcsec GRB positions

## **UV-Optical Telescope (UVOT)**

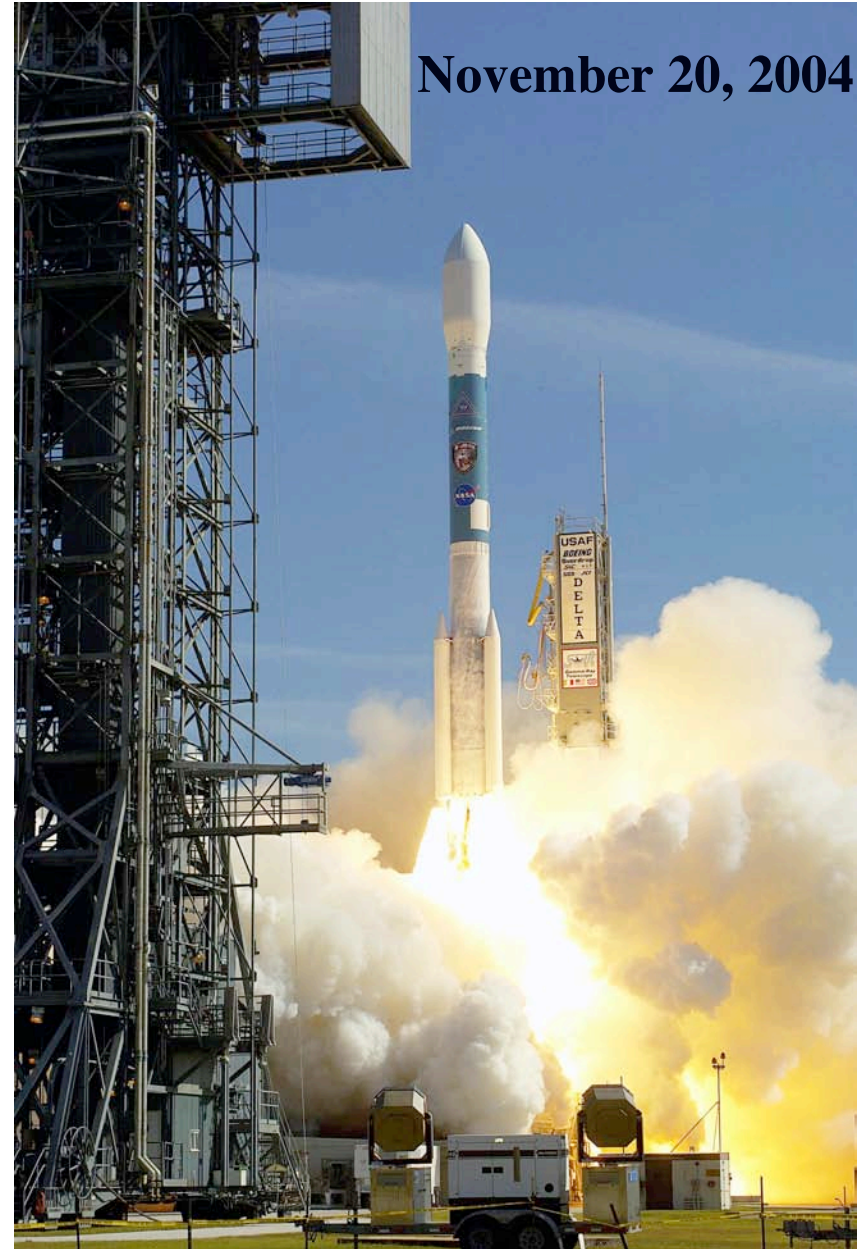
- Sub-arcsec position
- 22 mag sensitivity

**Spacecraft slews XRT &  
UVOT to GRB in <100 s**



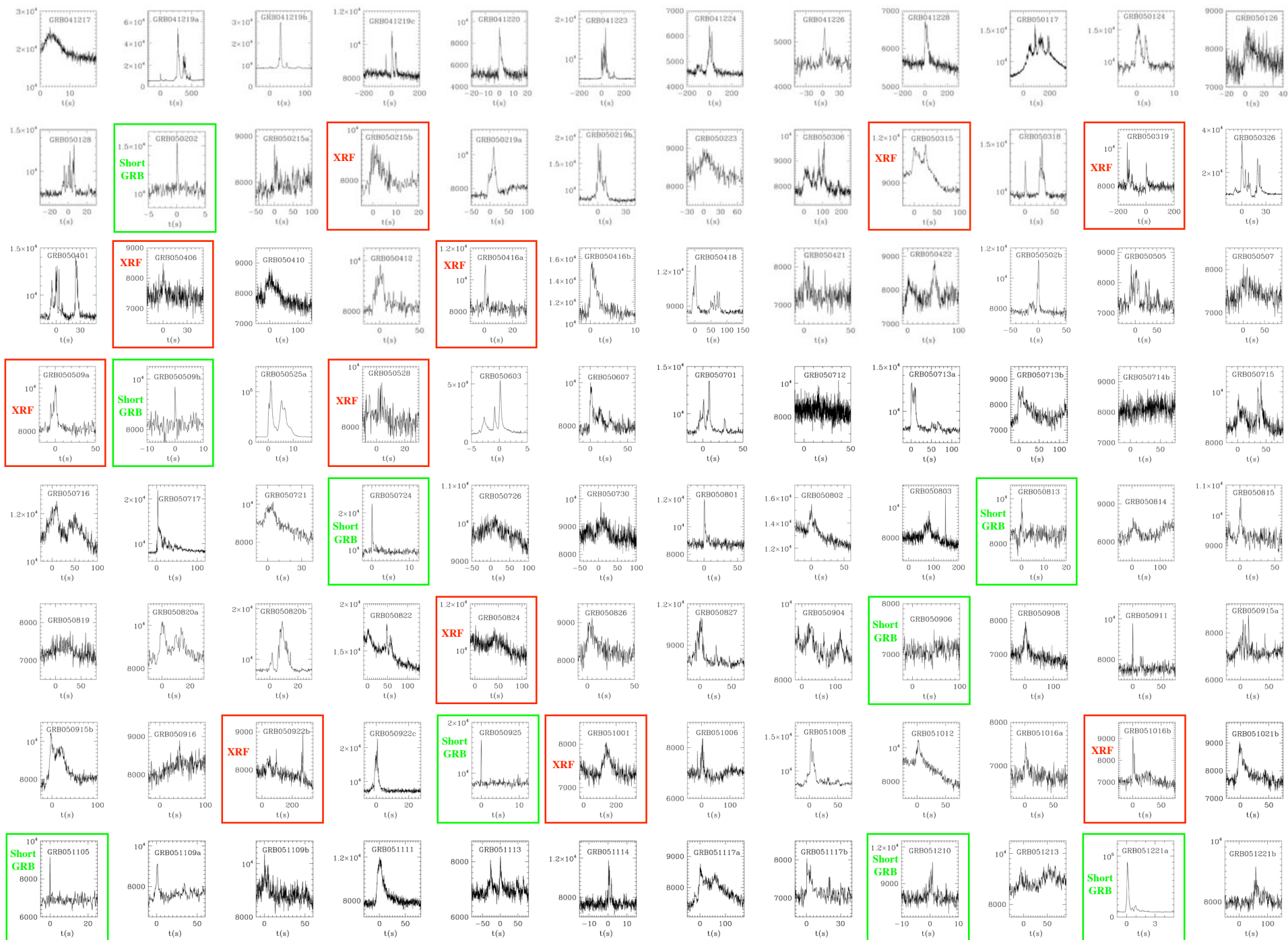


**Swift on  
rocket**



**November 20, 2004**





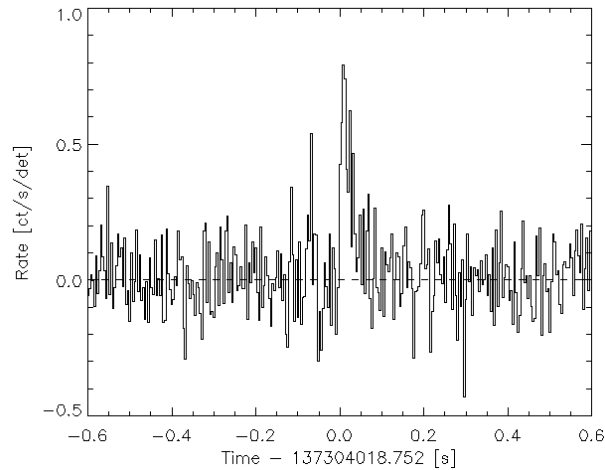


# *Short GRBs*

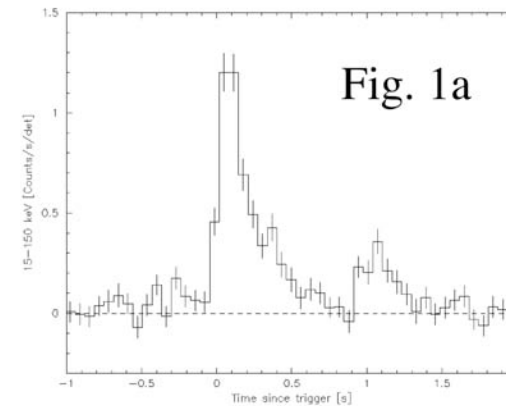
**8 short GRBs with rapid arcsec positions**

# 2 Short GRBs - 2 Elliptical Hosts

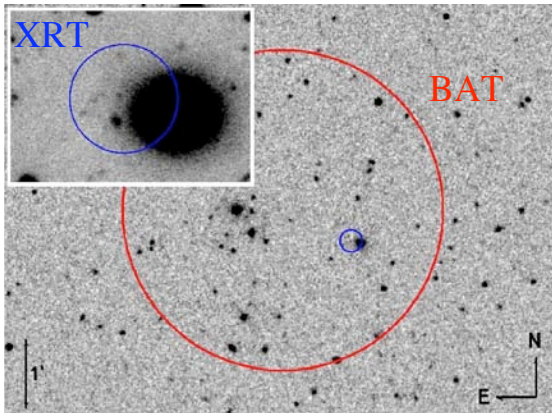
**GRB 050509B**



**GRB 050724**



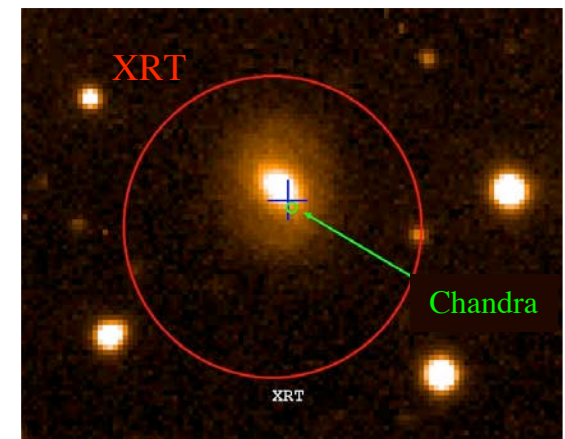
35 kpc offset



Gehrels et al. 2005

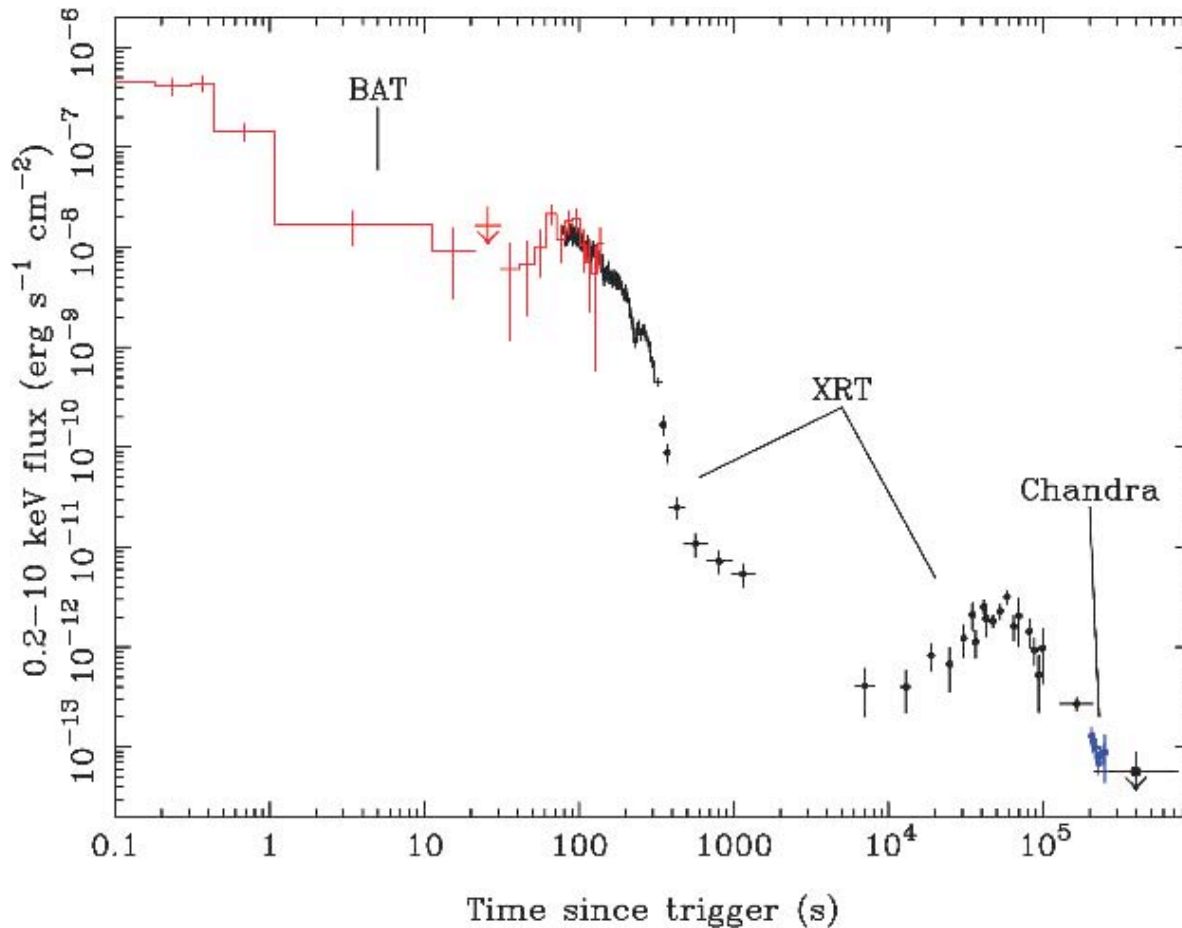
- elliptical hosts
  - low SF rates
  - offset positions
  - redshifts  $z \sim 0.2$
- >> inconsistent with  
collapsar model
- >> supportive of  
NS-NS model

4 kpc offset



Barthelmy et al. 2005

# GRB 050724



## BAT

- 250 ms hard spike
- $6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ erg/cm}^2$  fluence

## Afterglow

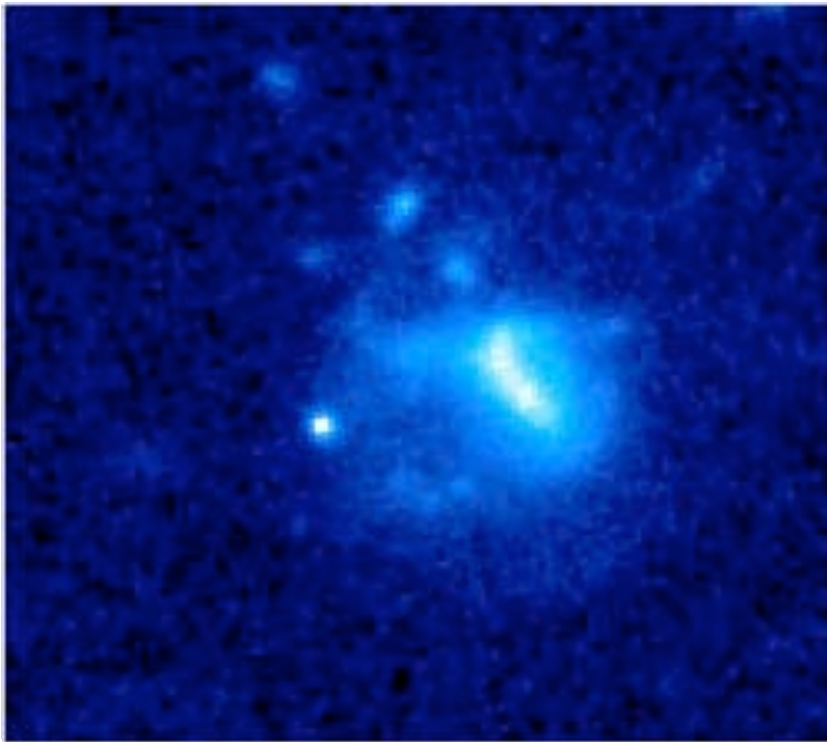
- bright afterglow with flares
- detected by Chandra
- optical & radio

## Host:

- Elliptical
- $L = 1.7 L^*$
- $z = 0.258$
- $\text{SFR} < 0.02 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

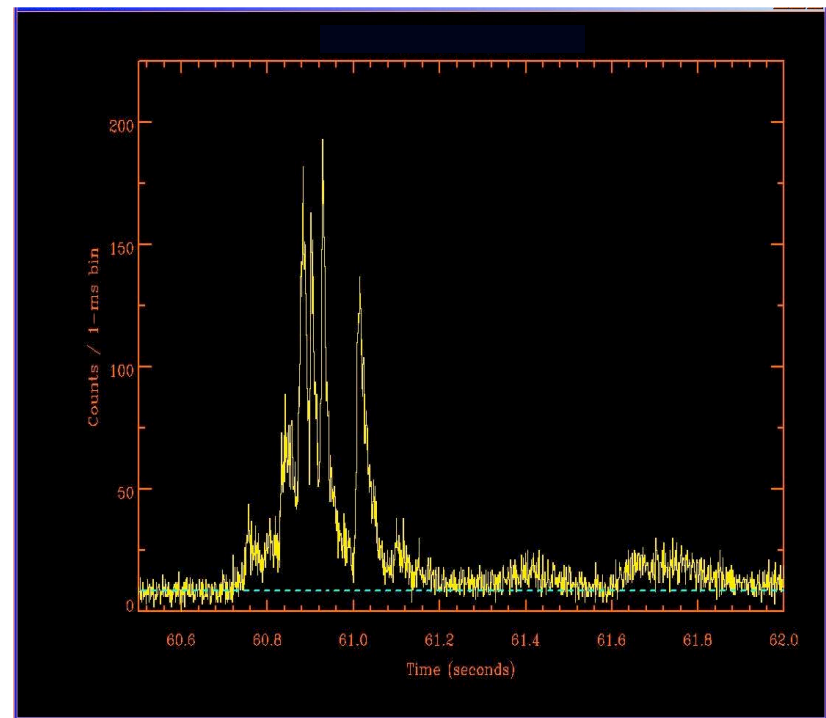
Barthelmy et al. 2005

# HETE-2 GRB 050709 HST Image



Fox et al. 2005

# Swift GRB 051221 BAT Lightcurve

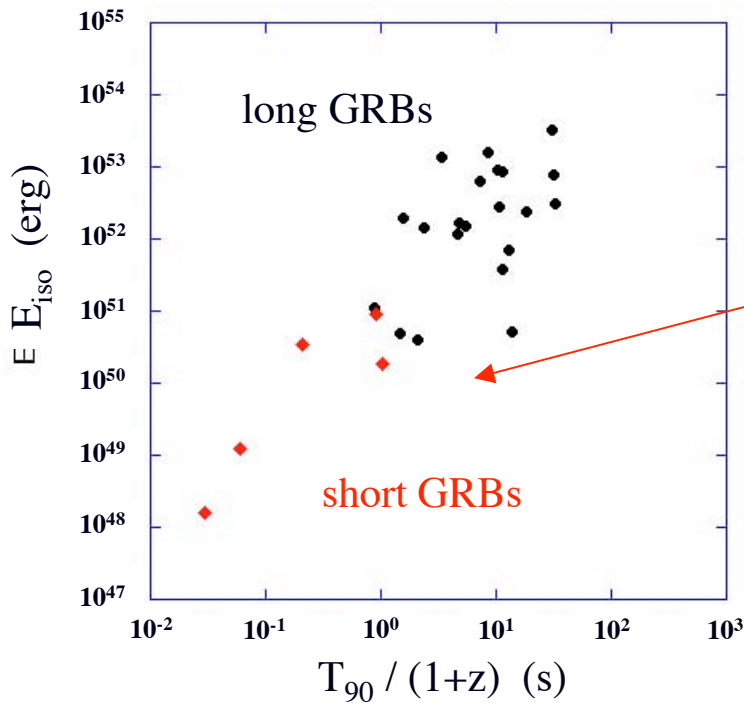


Parsons et al. 2005

# Short GRB Observations

Name	Redshift	Afterglow	Host	$E_{iso}(15-150\text{keV})$ (erg)	What might it be?
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## Swift GRBs



Elliptical@	# galaxy	Elliptical	galaxy@	galaxy	in gal. plane	cluster@	# galaxy	cluster@
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-	$1 \times 10^{48}$	-	NS-NS merger
-	$6 \times 10^{49}$	-	NS-NS merger
-	$3 \times 10^{50}$	-	NS-NS / NS-BH merger
-	? $2 \times 10^{51}$	-	? NS-NS merger
-	-	-	? minimal afterglow
-	-	-	? possible new SGR
-	-	-	? minimal afterglow
-	? $2 \times 10^{48}$	-	? NS-NS merger
-	$9 \times 10^{50}$	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	? NS-NS merger

\* HETE GRB

# soft spectrum

@ galaxy in cluster

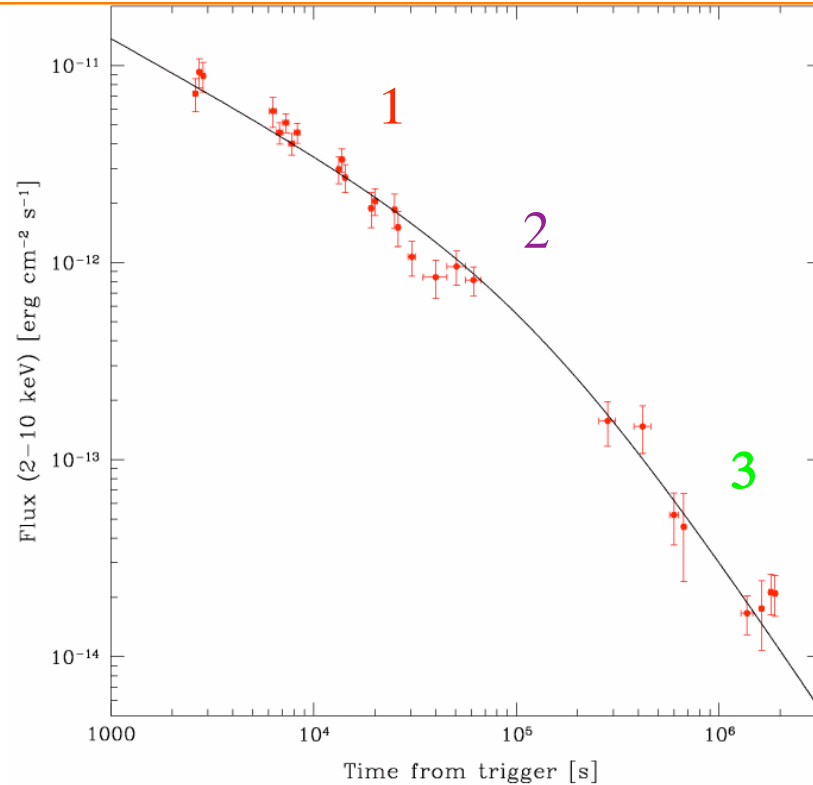
Sari et al. 1999; Frail et al 2001

$$\theta = 3.3 (t_{\text{break}}/1\text{day})^{3/8} ((1+z)/2)^{-3/8} (E_{\text{iso-}\gamma}/10^{53} \text{ ergs})^{-1/8} (\eta_{\gamma}/0.2) (n/0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3})^{1/8}$$

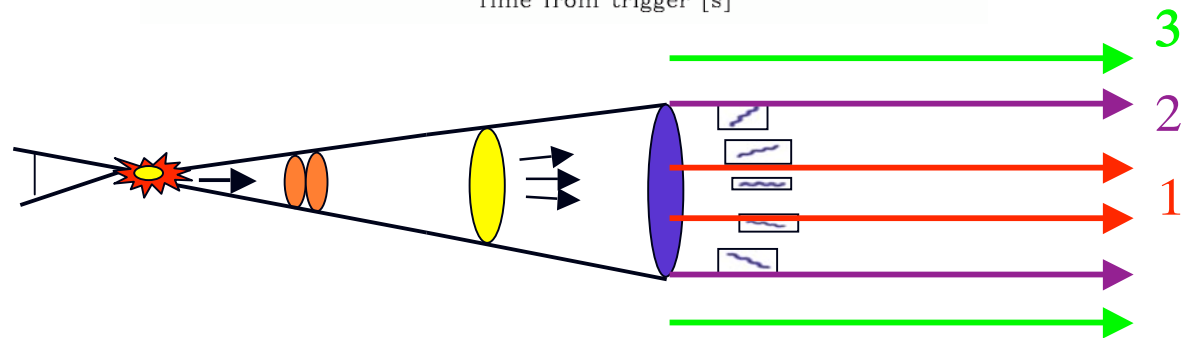
$$z = 1.24 \quad E_{\text{iso}} = 1.3 \times 10^{52} \text{ erg} \quad t_{\text{break}} = 8 \times 10^4 \text{ sec} = 0.9 \text{ day}$$

$$\theta = 3.9 \text{ degrees}$$

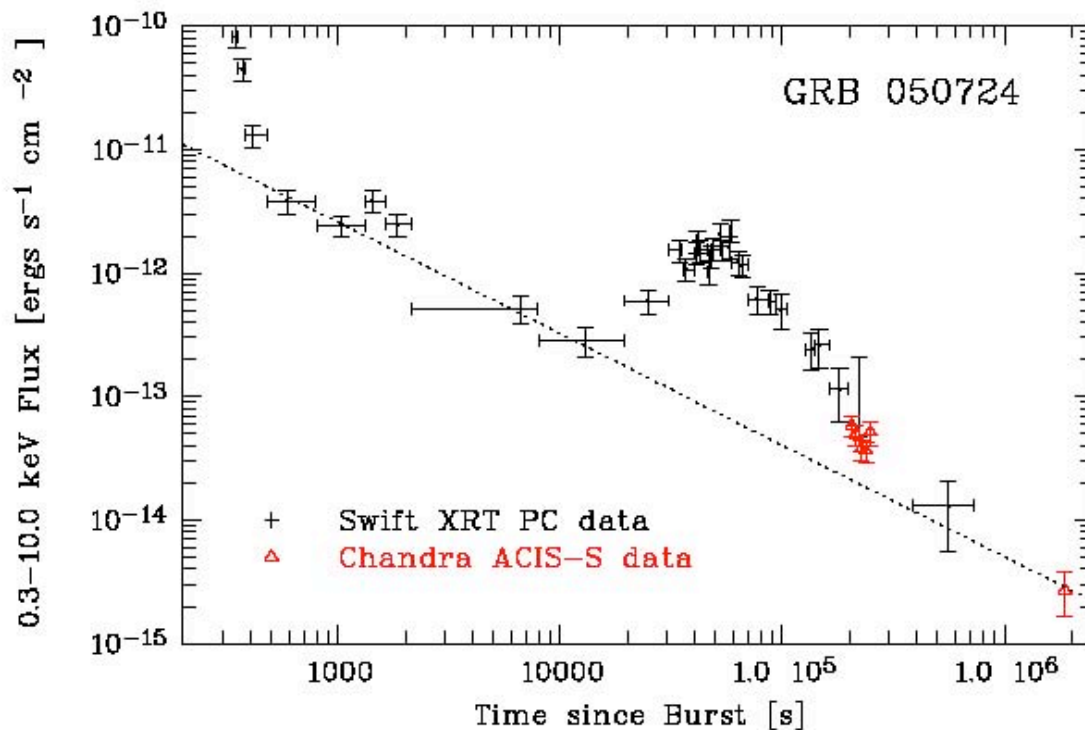
## GRB 050408 HETE-2



$$\theta \sim \Gamma^{-1}$$



# Beaming for Short GRBs



Lack of jet break implies  
 $\theta > 25^\circ$

Other hints of jet breaks  
give  $\theta \sim 10^\circ - 20^\circ$

Long bursts have  $\theta \sim 5^\circ$

Conclusion:

$$\theta_{\text{short}} > \theta_{\text{long}}$$

Grupe, Burrows, et al.



# Short GRB Summary

Strong evidence that short GRBs associated with old stellar populations

Rapid fluctuations imply compact source origin.

Energetics suggest collapse to BH

Could be NS-NS mergers. Could be accretion-induced collapse of NS.

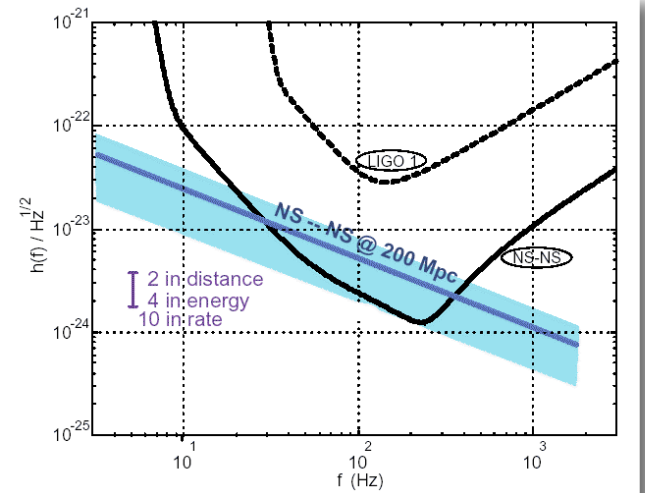
If NS-NS, some systems may be exchange captures in globular clusters

Gravitational Waves:

Assuming short GRBs are NS-NS mergers

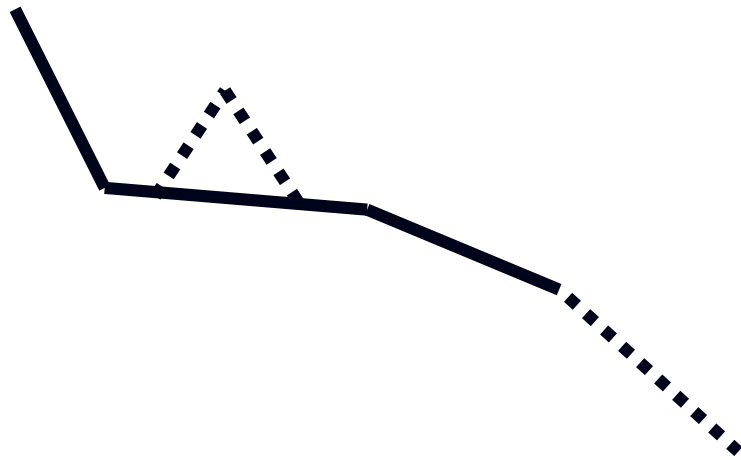
Assuming  $30^\circ$  beaming

$\Rightarrow$  A-LIGO detection rate of  $\sim 100 \text{ yr}^{-1}$

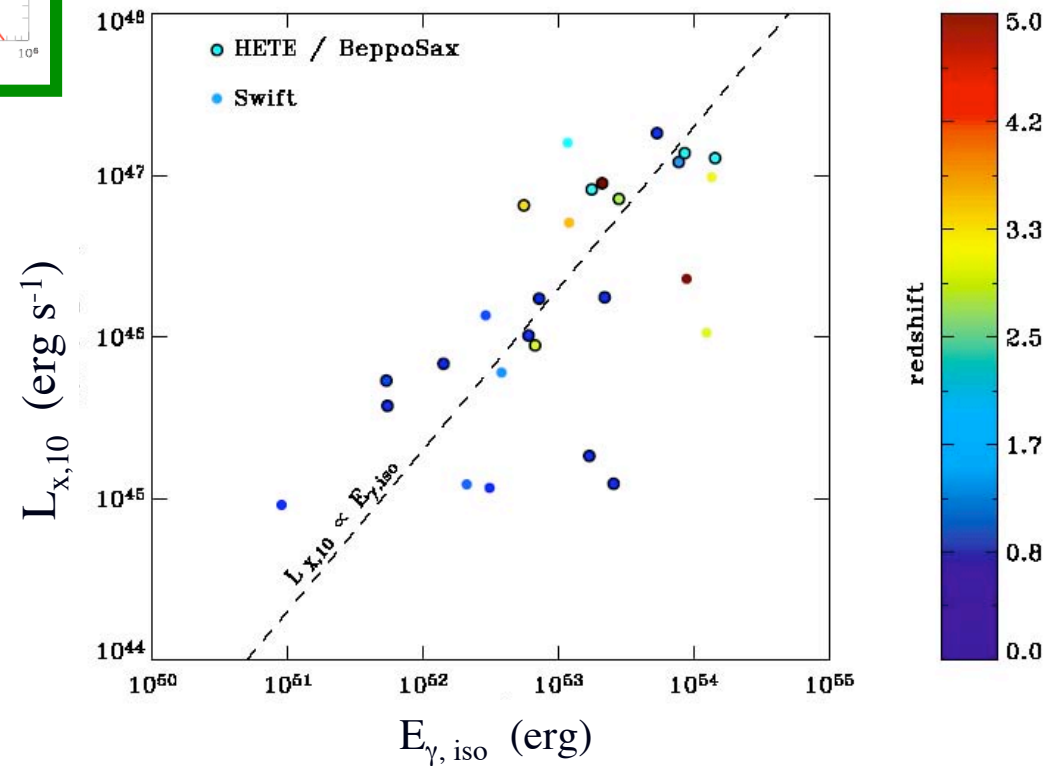
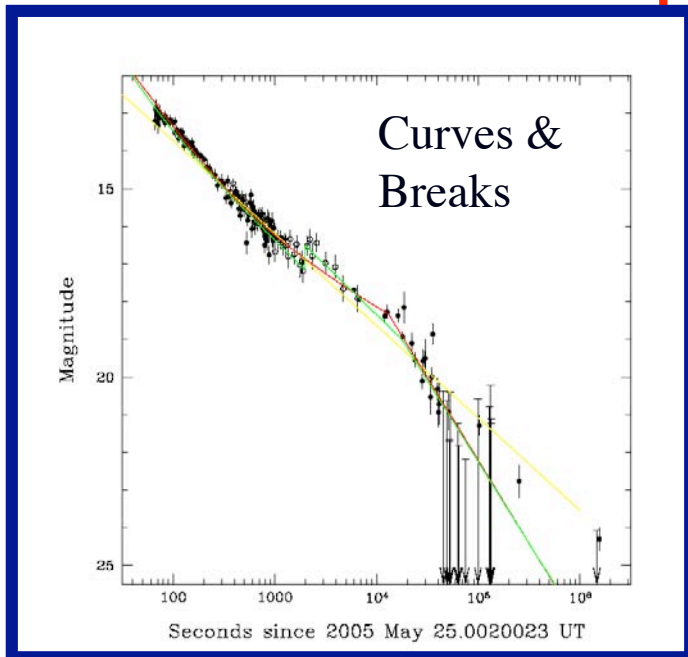
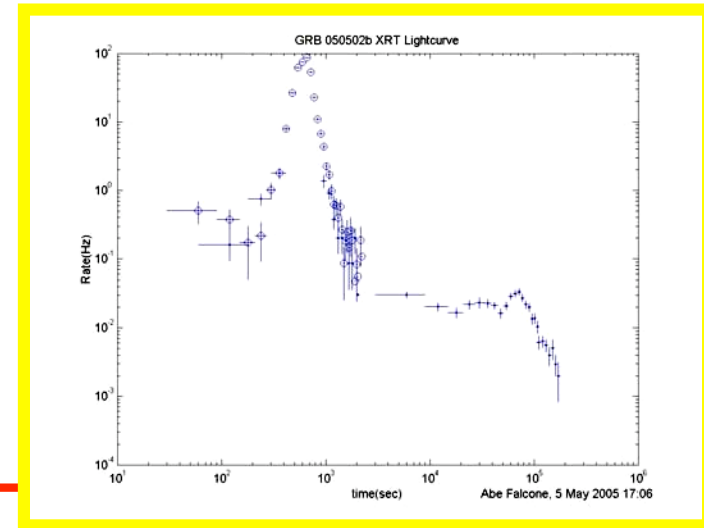
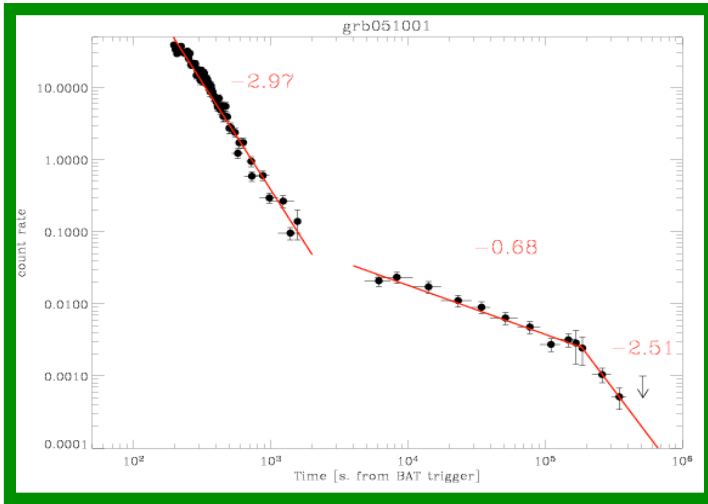


Thorne et al.

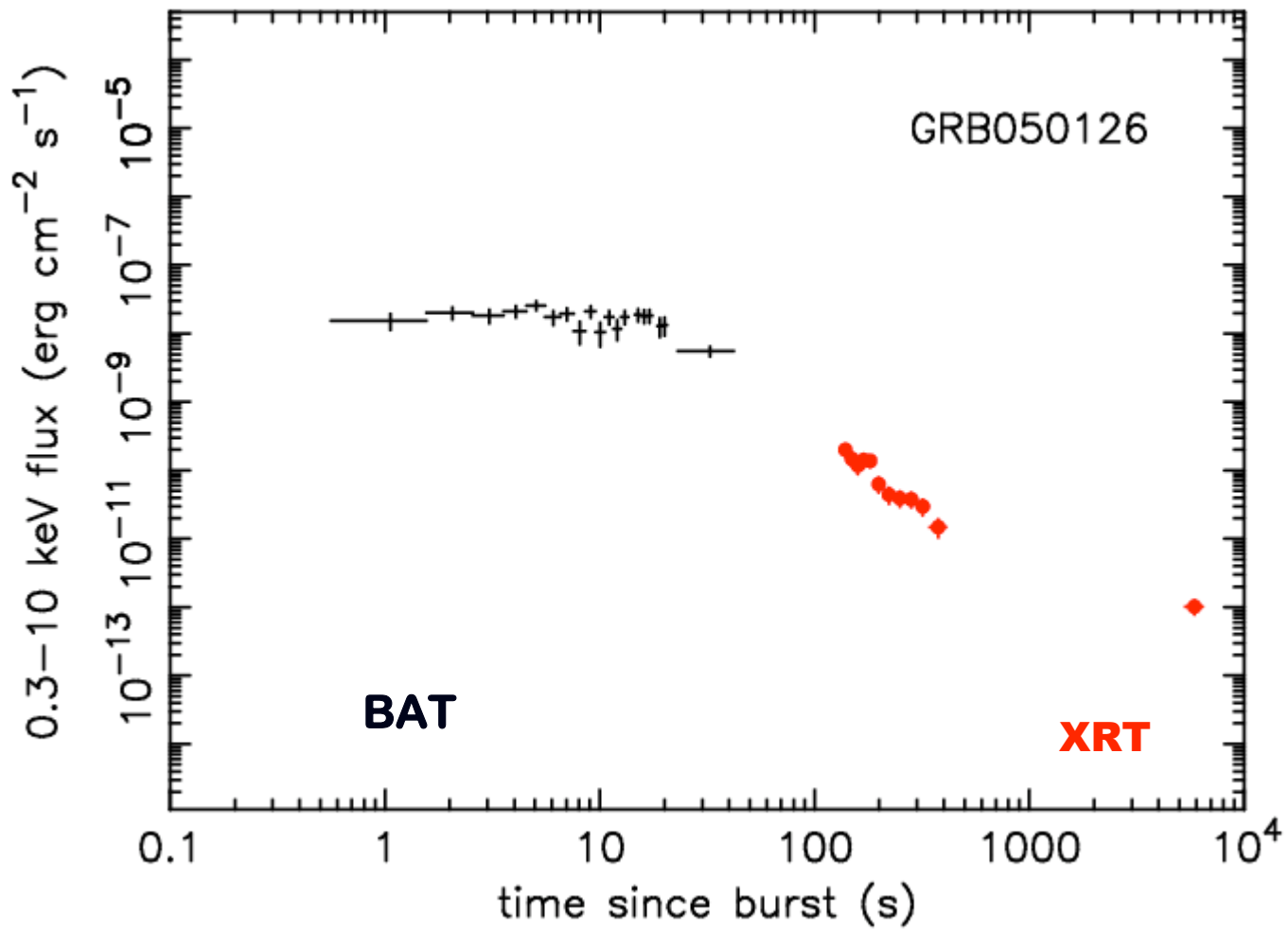
# *GRB Afterglow*



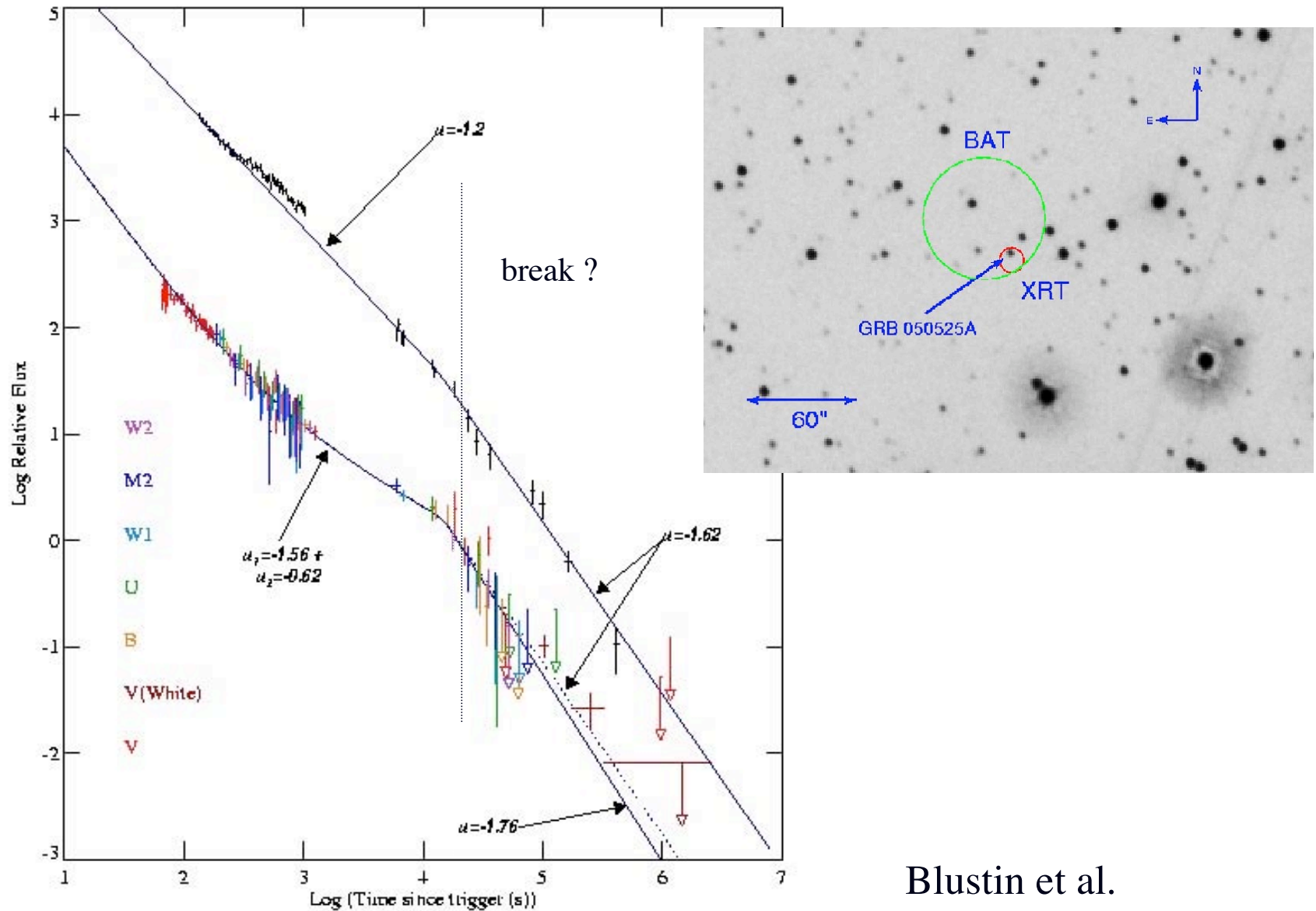
# Afterglow Discoveries



# Swift Lightcurves - The Movie



# GRB 050525a Afterglow



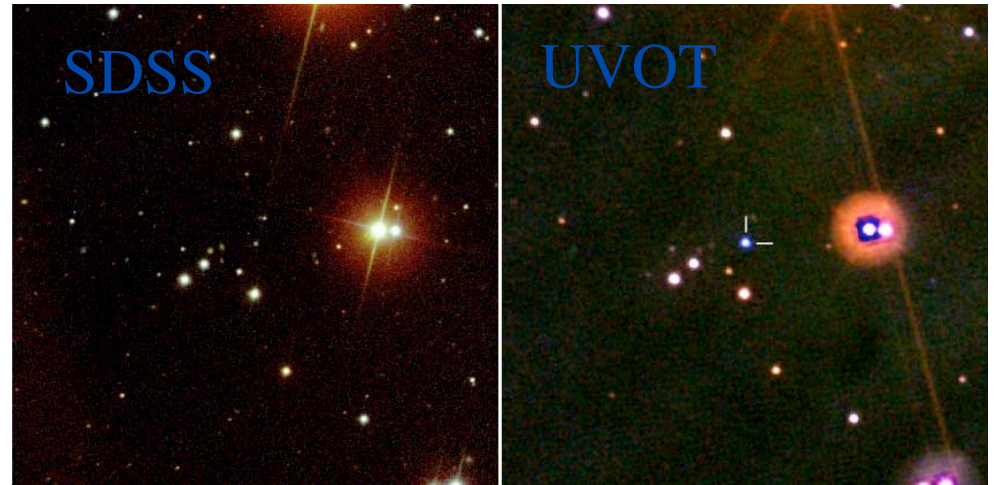
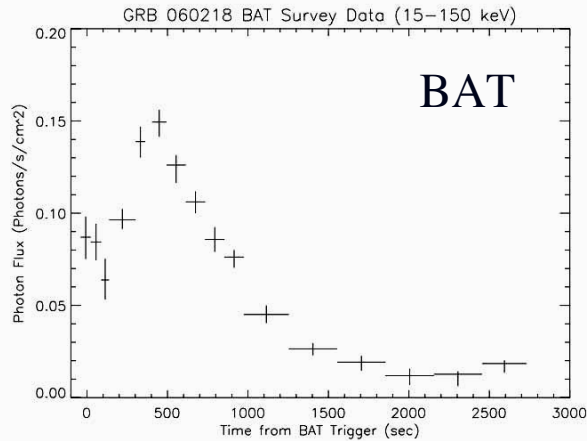
Blustin et al.

# *GRBs Without XRT Detection*

<b>Name</b>	<b>BAT Fluence (erg cm<sup>-2</sup>)</b>	<b>GRB Type</b>	<b>Time to Observation</b>	<b>Comments</b>
060102	2.4	long	2 days	No prompt slew (moon constraint)
051114	1.32	long	1.5 days	Did not trigger BAT (found in ground processing)
051105A	0.2	short	68 sec	
050925	0.75	short	100 sec	
050911	3.01	long	3.6 hours	No prompt slew (Earth limb constraint)
050906	0.0721	short	79 s	
050528	4.40	long	14 hours	XRT in engineering mode at trigger time
050416B	11.3	long	3.6 days	No prompt slew (tmoon constraint)

GRB 060218  
Really Nearby GRB  
( $z = 0.0339$ )

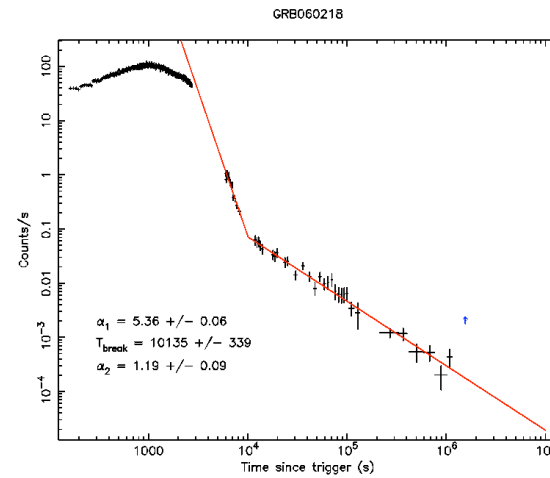
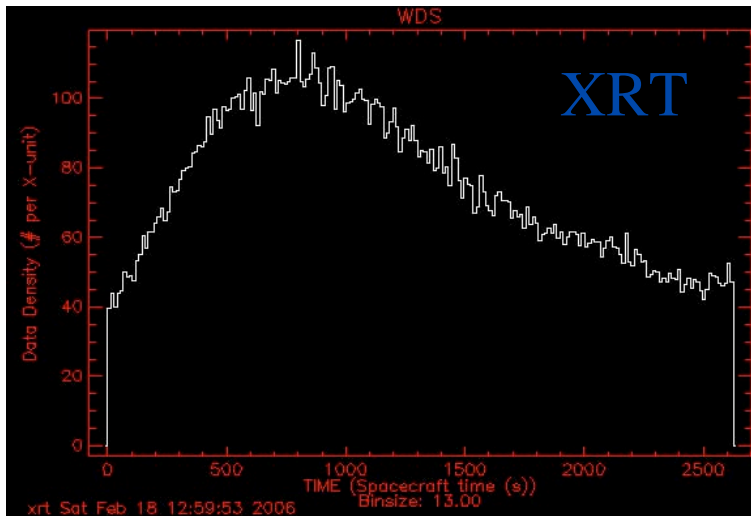
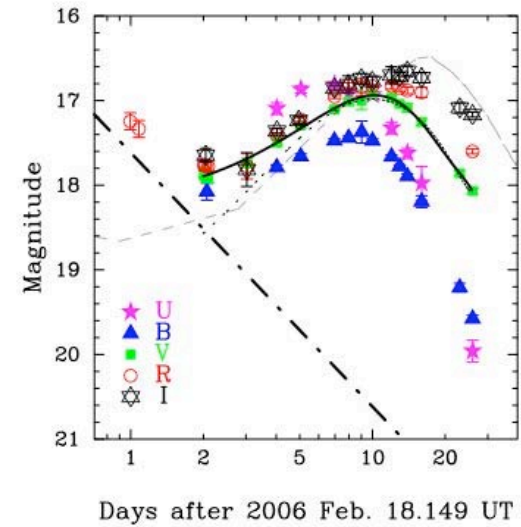
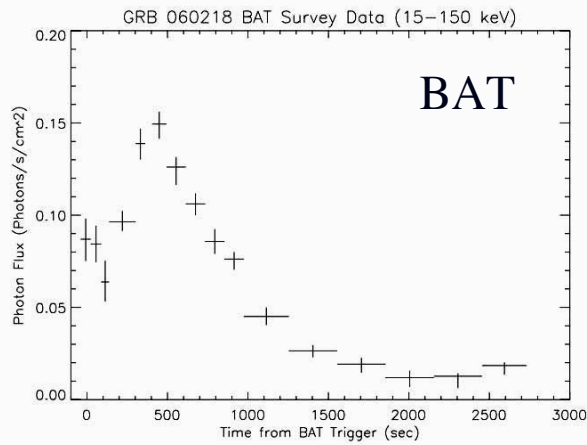
# GRB 060218



Super-long GRB - ~35 minutes  
BAT, XRT, UVOT during GRB  
VLA detection at 0.5 mJy  
 $z = 0.033$   
 $E_{\text{iso}} = \text{few} \times 10^{49} \text{ erg cm}^{-2}$   
Supernova currently at peak  
SN Ib/c



# GRB 060218 cont.



# GRB 060218 Summary

Wolf-Rayet star progenitor

Low metallicity dwarf host

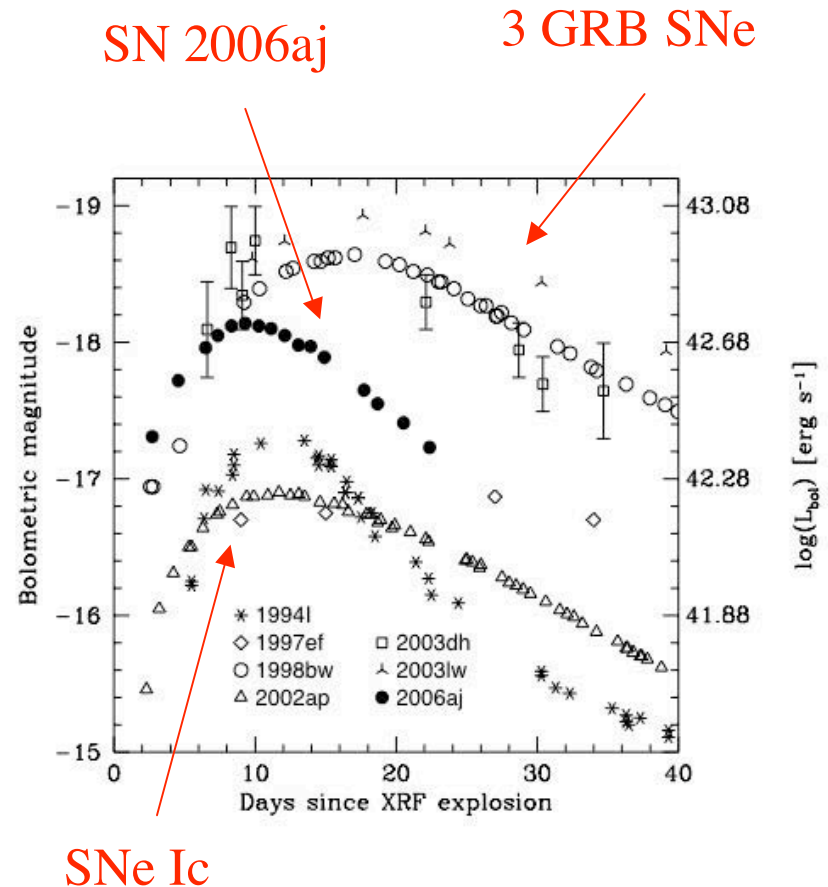
Soft spectrum ( $E_{\text{peak}} \sim 5$  keV) with thermal component

Shock break-out from dense W-R wind region may explain thermal emission

2 components

- broad outflow disrupts star (SN)
- narrow jet produces GRB

Do all GRBs have SNe or just nearby underluminous ones?



Pian et al. 2006

*High Redshift GRBs*

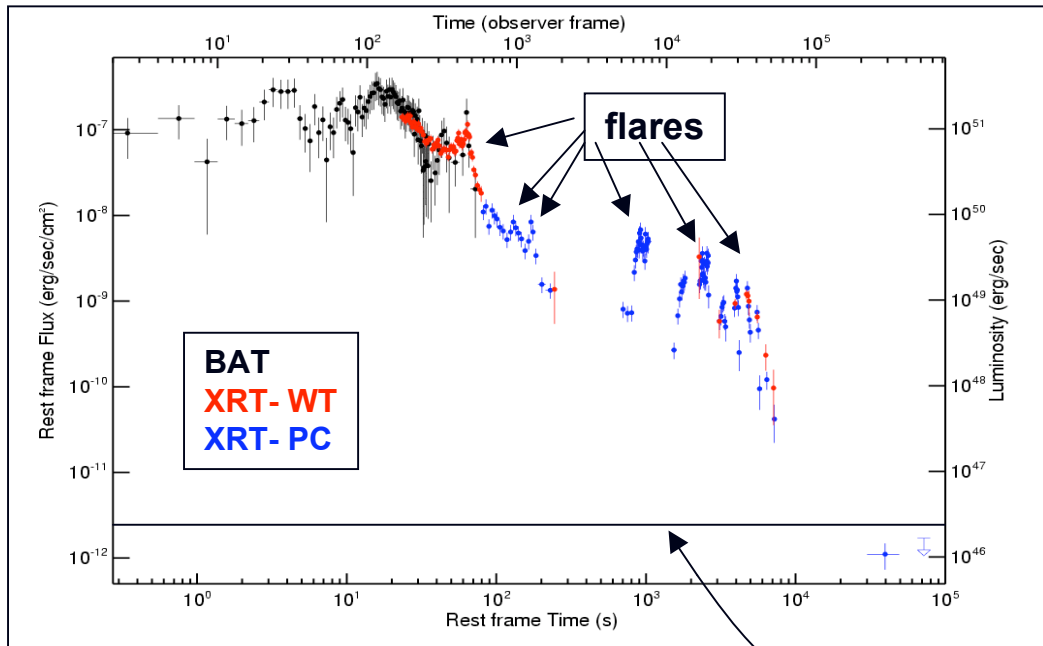
# GRB 050904

Redshift  $z = 6.29$

$T_{90} = 225$  sec

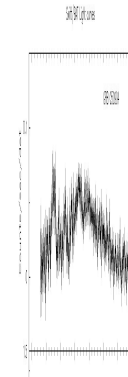
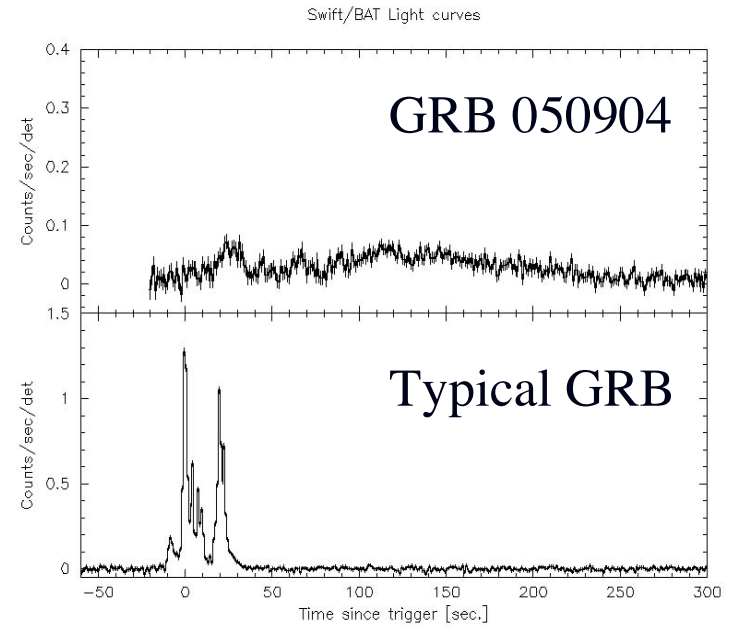
$S(15-150 \text{ keV}) = 5.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ erg cm}^{-2}$

$E_{\text{iso}} = 3.8 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg}$



Cusumano et

Prompt



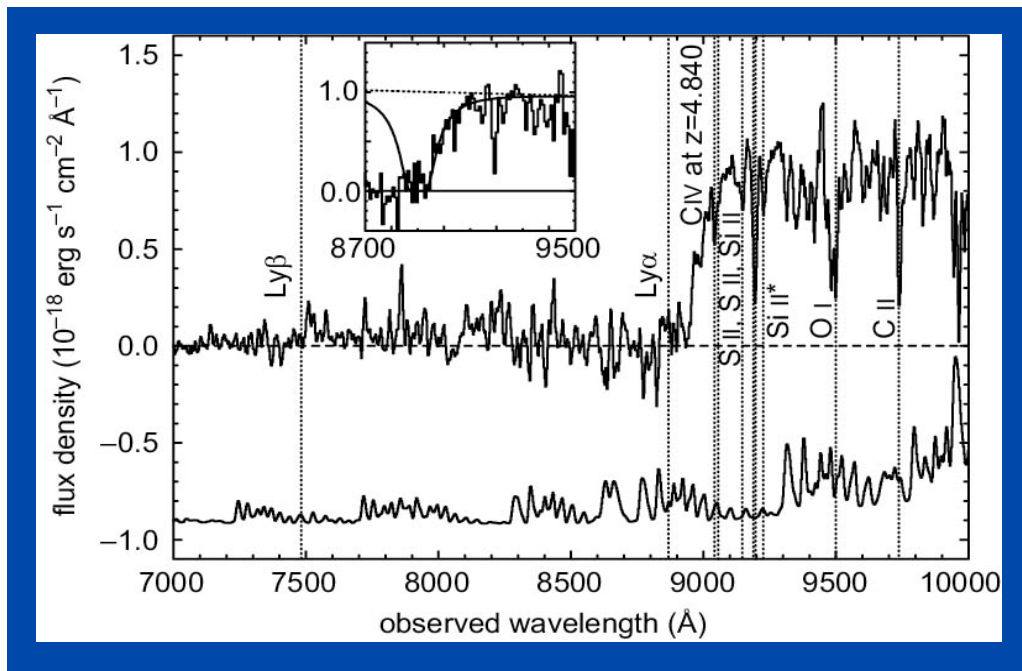
undilated by

Flux x100 of high-z  
luminous X-ray AGN

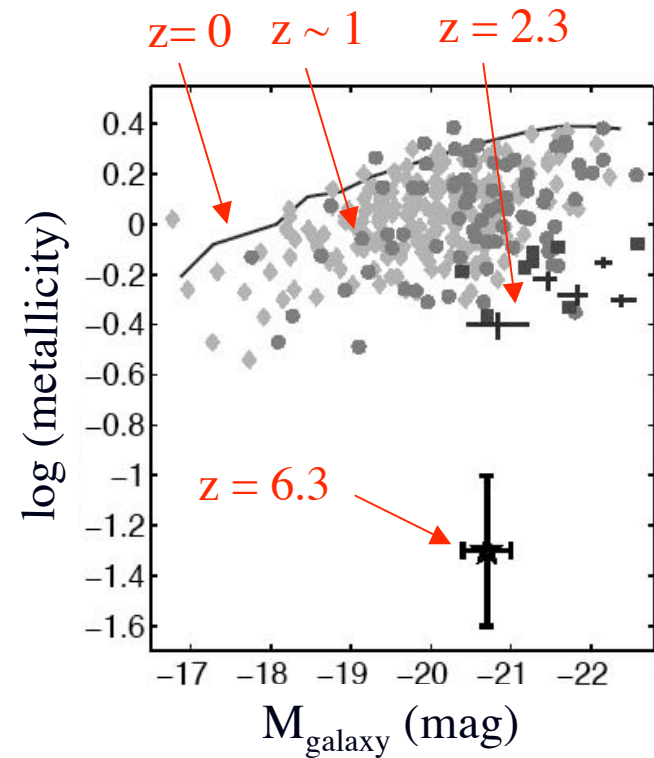
# GRB 050904 Optical Spectroscopy

Ly break in the IR  
J=17.6 at 3.5 hours

Subaru Spectroscopy



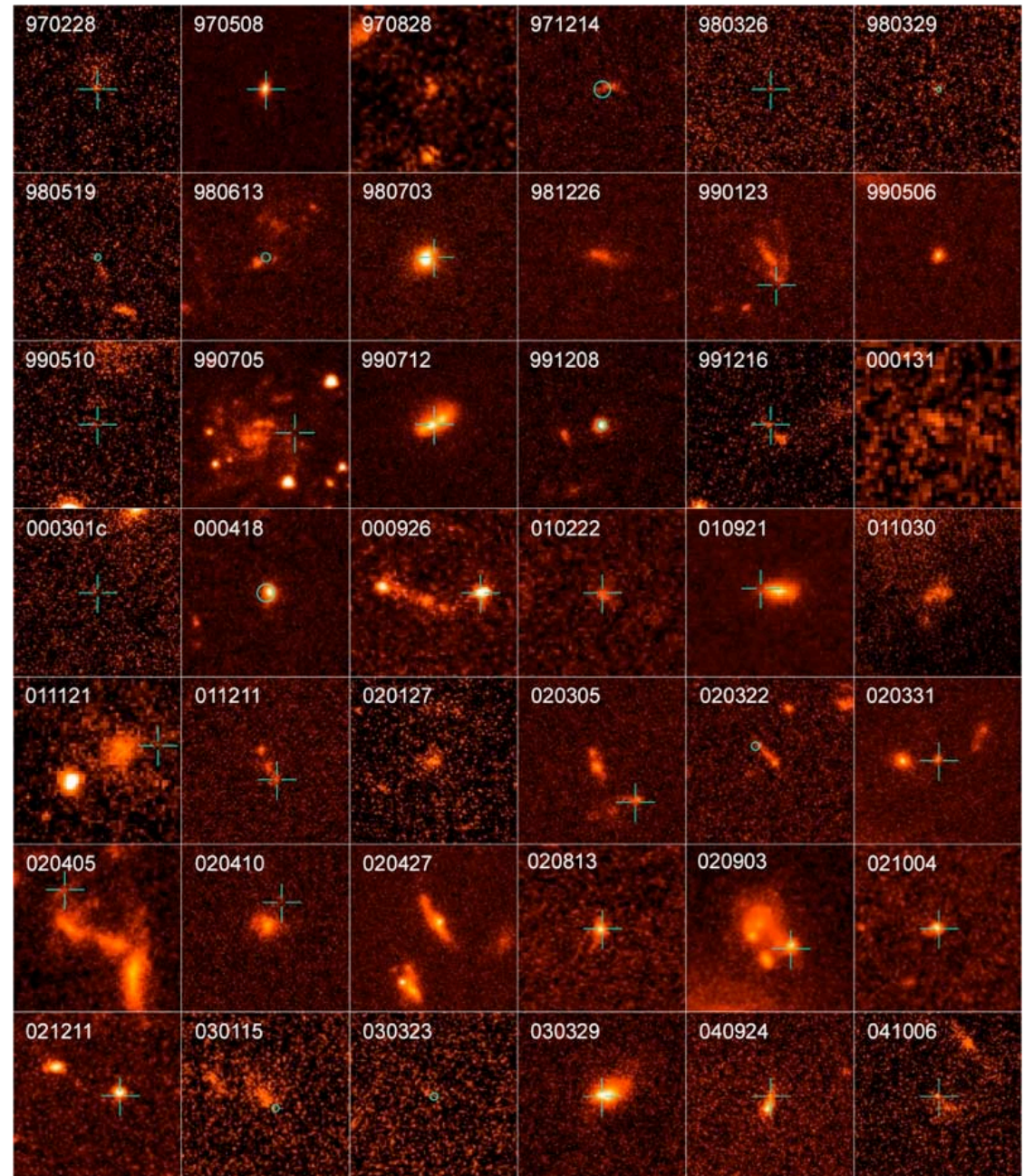
Kawai et al. 2006



Berger et al. 2006  
HST & SIRTF

# GRB Hosts

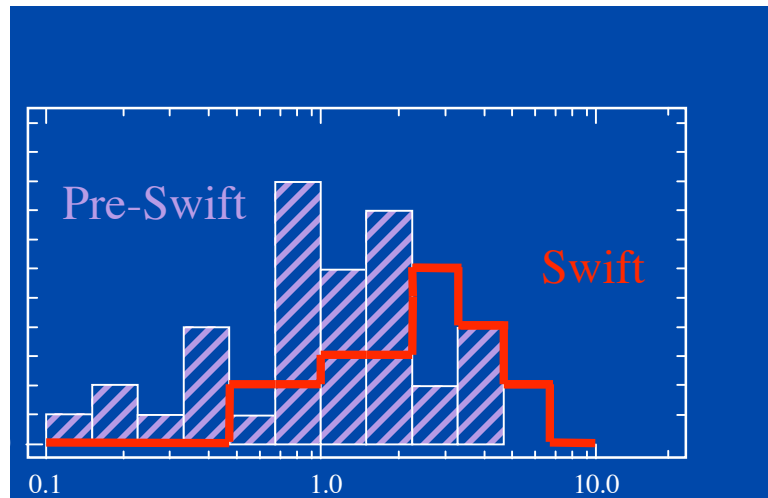
- GRBs trace brightest regions in hosts
  - Hosts are sub-luminous irregular galaxies
- ⇒ Concentrated in regions of most massive stars
- ⇒ Restricted to low metallicity galaxies



Fruchter 2005

# High Redshift GRBs

## GRB Redshift Distributions

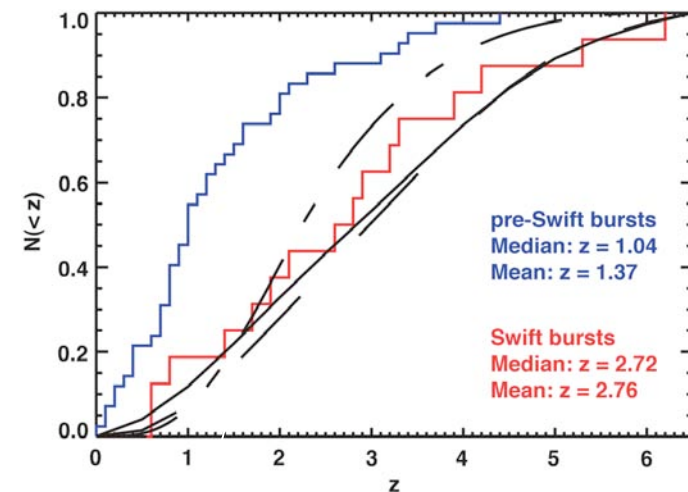


Redshift ( $z$ )

### Average Redshift

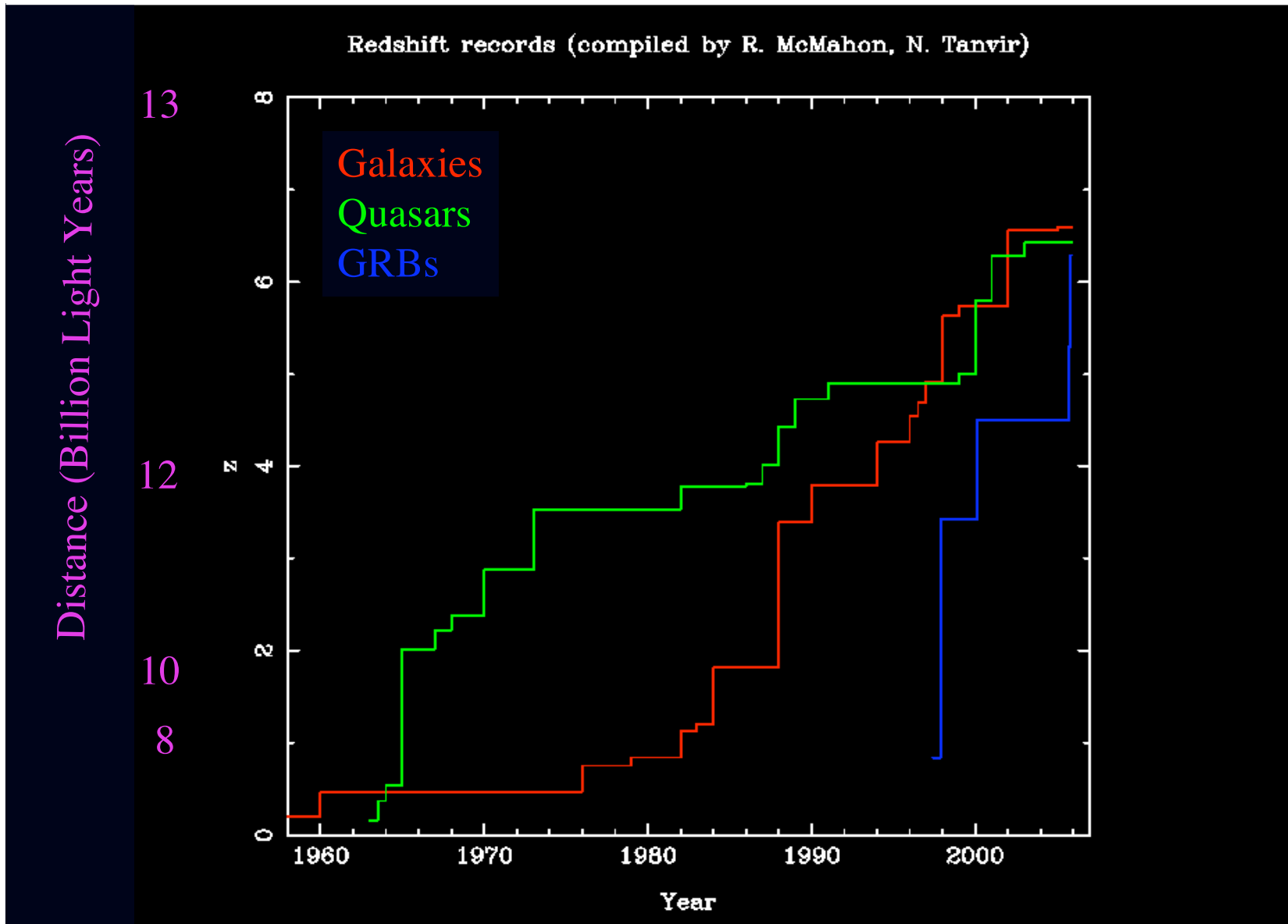
- Pre-Swift:  $z = 1.2$
- Swift:  $z = 2.7$

## Swift GRBs Tracing SFR



Jacobsson et al. 2005

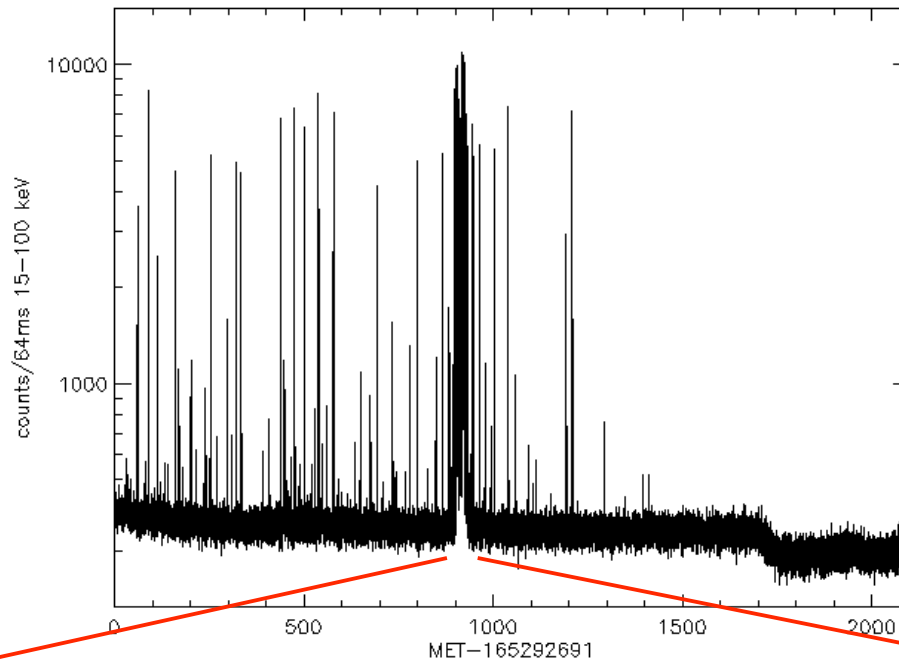
Lines are models with GRBs proportional to SFR



Tanvir (2005)

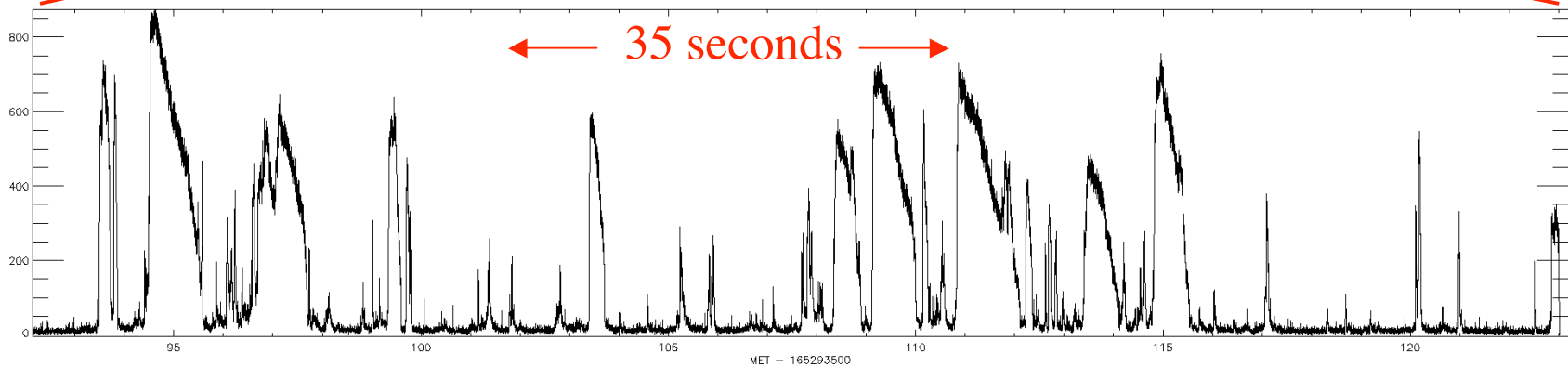


# *SGR 1900+14 Outburst*



March 29  
"storm"

Palmer et al.



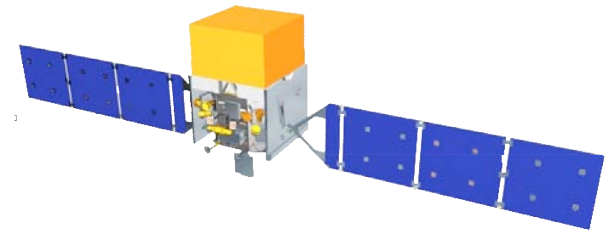
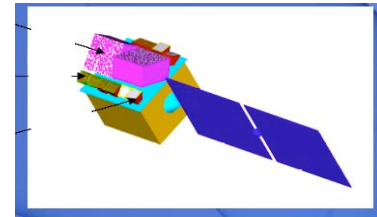
# *The Future*

Swift will be in orbit until >2012

ECLAIRS - Small French-Chinese GRB mission (~2010?)

GLAST & AGILE - High energy (>100 MeV) gamma-ray missions

Gravitational wave, neutrino & TeV gamma-ray observatories all searching for GRB signals



# Swift Team



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