
GeV-TeV emission from inverse-Compton scattering processes in GRBs

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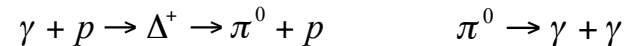
GRB-shock acceleration

■ Protons-

shock acceleration $\sim 10^{20}$ eV (e.g. Waxman 1995; Vietri 1995)

photo-meson process:

(e.g. Waxman & Bahcall 1997; Bottcher & Dermer 1998)



proton synchrotron radiation

(e.g. Vietri 1997; Totani 1998)

■ Electrons-

Shock acceleration: ~ 10 TeV

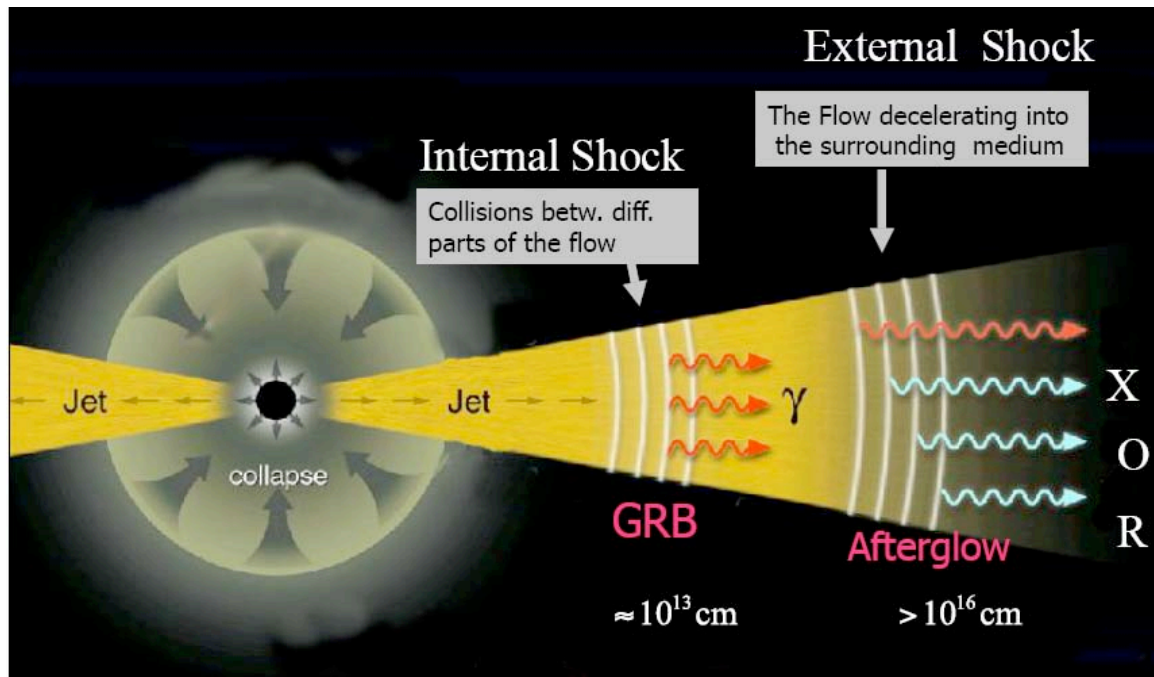
$$t_{cool} \sim t_{acc} \Rightarrow \gamma_{e,Max} \leq 10^7$$

$$\text{X-ray afterglows} \rightarrow \gamma_{e,Max} > 10^5$$

e.g. Li & Waxman 2006

Leptonic inverse Compton scattering

Inverse-Compton scattering in GRB shocks



Credit P. Meszaros

Internal shock IC: e.g. Pilla & Loeb 1998; Razzaque et al. 2004

External shock IC

reverse shock IC: e.g. Meszaros , et al. 94; Wang et al. 01; Granot & Guetta 03

forward shock IC: e.g. Meszaros & Rees 94; Dermer et al. 00; Zhang & Meszaros 01

I will include...



VHE photons from GRB early external shocks--very early afterglow phase



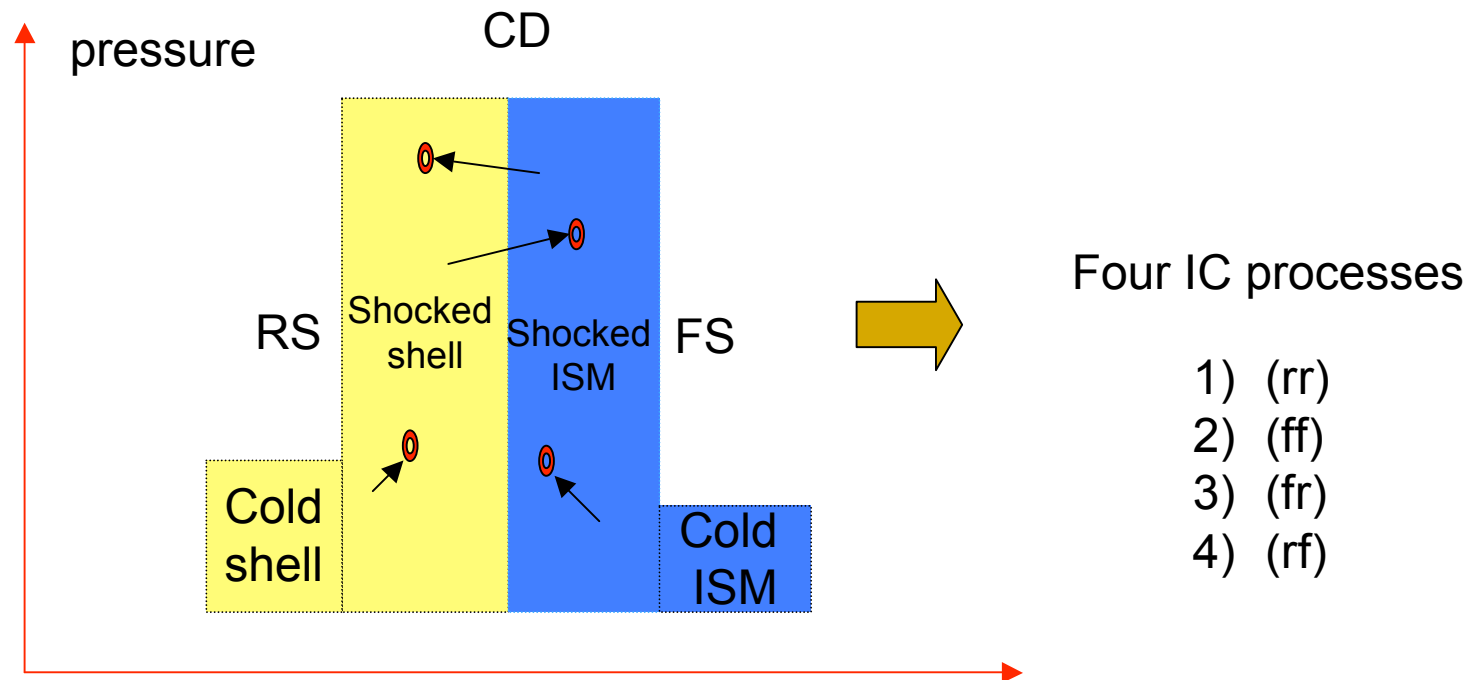
VHE photons related to X-ray flares: X-ray flares photons are IC scattered by electrons in afterglow shocks

1. IC emission from very early external shocks

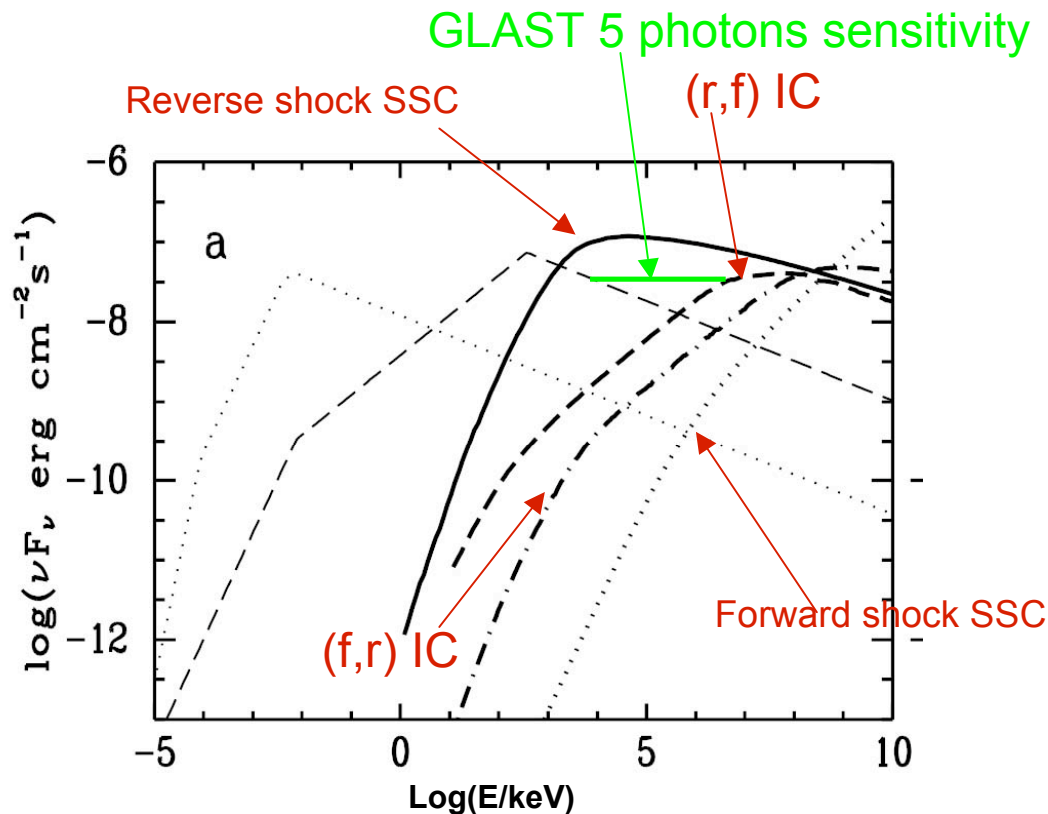
(Wang, Dai & Lu 2001 ApJ,556, 1010)

At deceleration radius, $T_{\text{obs}} \sim 10\text{-}100$ s

Forward shock---Reverse shock structure is developed



Energy spectra--- $\nu f_\nu - \nu$ (Wang, Dai & Lu 2001 ApJ,556, 1010)



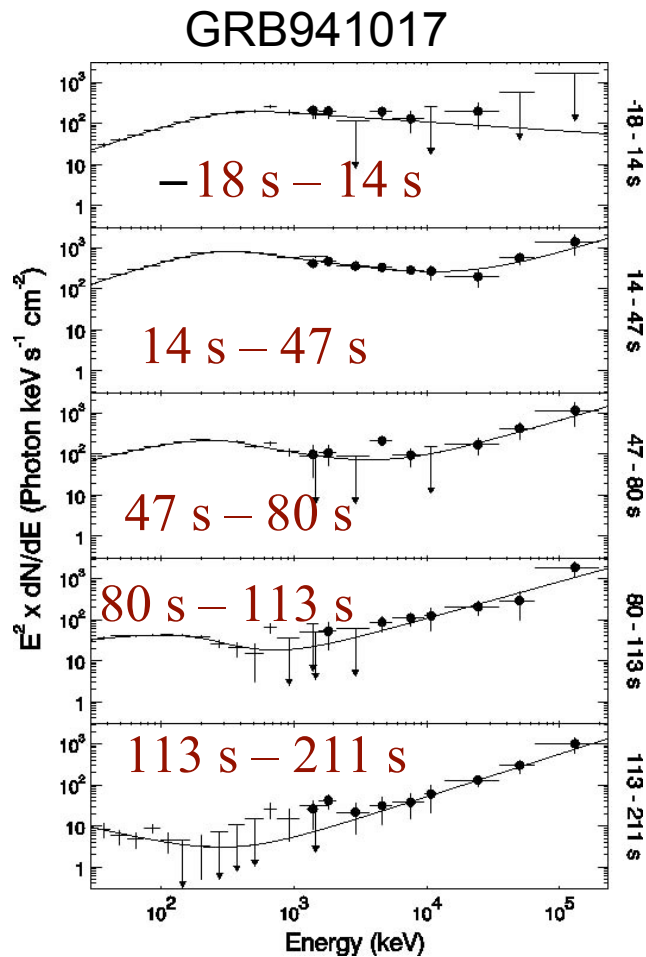
$$f_\nu^{IC} = 3\Delta r' \sigma_T \int_{\gamma_{\min}}^{\gamma_{\max}} d\gamma N(\gamma) \int_0^1 dx g(x) f_\nu(x)$$

a) $E = 10^{53} \text{ erg}, \xi_e = 0.6, \xi_B = 0.01, p = 2.5, n = 1;$

At sub-GeV to GeV energies, the SSC of reverse shock is dominant; at higher energies, the Combined IC or SSC of forward shock becomes increasingly dominated

See also Wang, Dai & Lu 2001, ApJ,546, L33

One interesting GeV burst



Gonzalez et al. 03: **Hadronic model**

Leptonic IC model:

Granot & Guetta 03

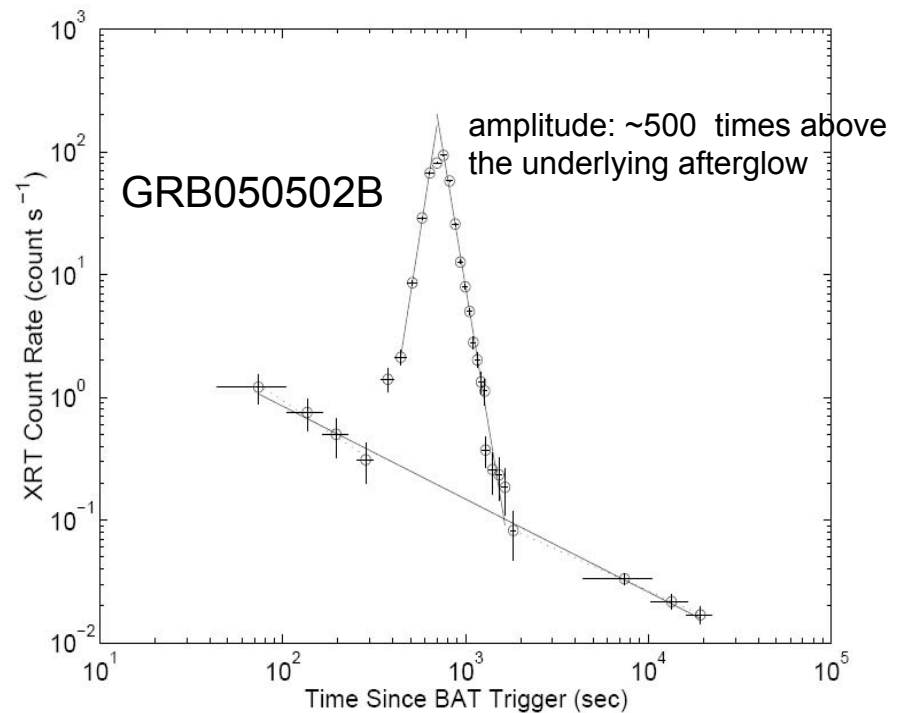
Pe'er & Waxman 04

Wang X Y et al. 05, A&A, 439,957

2. VHE photons from x-ray flare-blast wave interaction

X-ray flares: late-time central engine activity

- ~30%-50% early afterglow have x-ray flares, Swift discovery
- Most striking flare GRB050502B discovered by Swift
- Flare light curves: rapid rise and decay
$$\delta t/t \ll 1$$
- Afterglow decay consistent with a single power-law before and after the flare



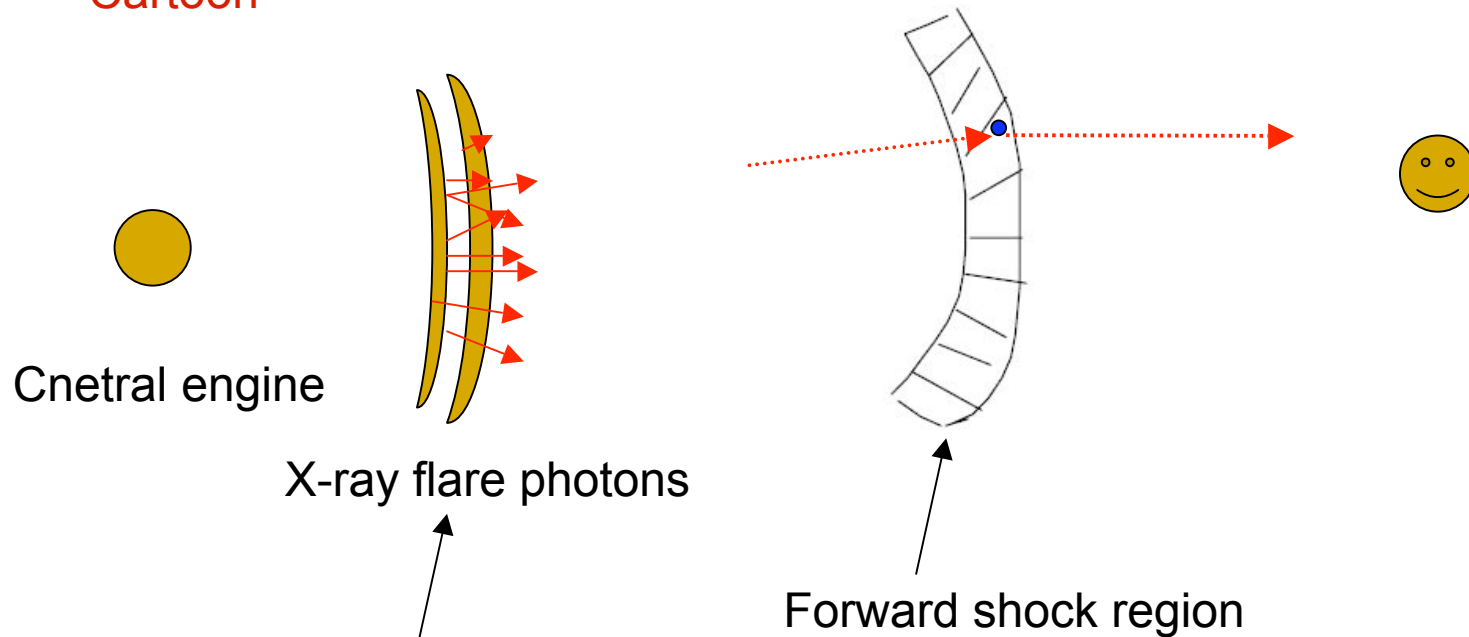
Burrows et al. 2005
Falcone et al. 2006

X-ray flares occur inside the
deceleration
radius of the afterglow shock

IC between X-ray flare photons and afterglow electrons (Wang, Li & Meszaros 2006)

X-ray flare photons illuminate the afterglow shock electrons from inside

Cartoon



also see Fan & Piran 2006: unseen UV photons

Flare photons is the dominant cooling source of afterglow electrons

- Flare photons is the dominant cooling source for electrons in the afterglow jet

$$U'_X = D^2 F_X / (\Gamma^2 R^2 c) > B^2 / 8\pi$$

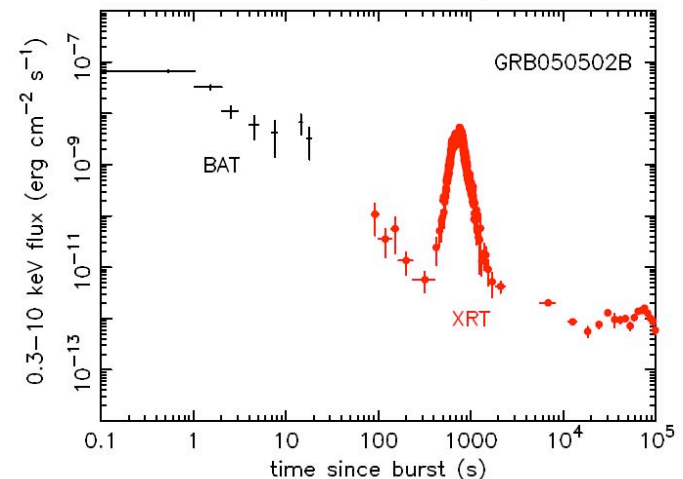
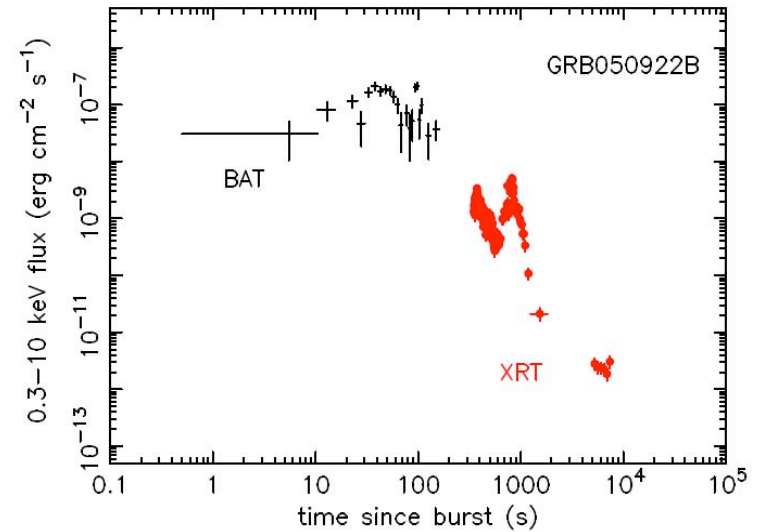
$$F_X > 10^{-10} \epsilon_{B,-2} E_{52} t_3^{-1} D_{28}^{-2} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- Flare photons make the afterglow electrons fast-cooling

$$F_X > 10^{-10} \epsilon_{B,-2} E_{52} t_3^{-1} D_{28}^{-2} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\gamma_m \gtrsim \gamma_e$$

$$F_X > 3 \times 10^{-10} E_{52}^{1/2} \epsilon_{e,-1}^{-1} n_0^{-1/2} t_3^{-1/2} D_{28}^{-2} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



O'Brien et al. 2006

IC GeV flare fluence-An estimate

- So most energy of the newly shock electrons will be lost into IC emission

$$0.1 < \delta t/t < 1 \quad \Psi = 10^{-7} - 10^{-6} \epsilon_{e,-1} E_{52} D_{28}^{-2} \text{erg cm}^{-2}$$

$$\epsilon_{IC,p} \simeq 2\gamma_m^2 \epsilon_X \simeq 3\epsilon_{e,-1}^2 E_{52}^{1/4} n_0^{-1/4} t_3^{-3/4} \left(\frac{\epsilon_X}{1\text{keV}} \right) \text{GeV}$$

↑
X-ray flare peak energy

Klein-Nishina suppression is unimportant below TeV

$\nu F_\nu \propto \nu^{1/2}$ and $\propto \nu^{-(p-2)/2}$ before and after the break at $\varepsilon_{IC,p}$

Klein-Nishina cutoff $\gamma_e < \gamma_{e,M} = \Gamma m_e c^2 / \varepsilon_X$

$$\varepsilon_{IC,M} = 2\gamma_{e,M}^2 (\varepsilon_X / \Gamma) \Gamma = 0.4 E_{52}^{1/4} n_0^{-1/4} t_3^{-3/4} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_X}{1\text{keV}} \right)^{-1} \text{TeV}$$

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma} \simeq 0.1 \sigma_T \frac{U'_X}{\varepsilon_X / \Gamma} (\Gamma c \delta t) = 0.3 F_{X,-9} n_0^{1/2} t_3^{1/2} E_{52}^{-1/2} D_{28}^2 \left(\frac{\delta t}{t} \right) \left(\frac{\varepsilon_X}{1\text{keV}} \right)^{-1}$$

MAGIC, MILAGRO, HESS, etc.

But at high redshift, the infrared background absorption will be important

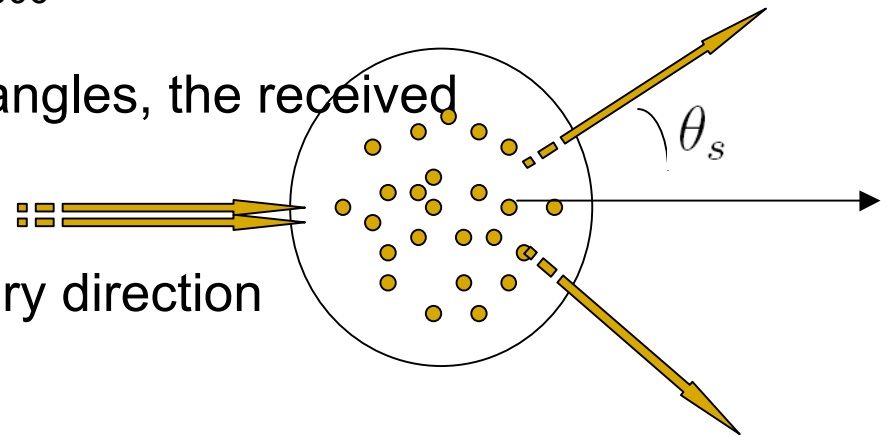
Anisotropic IC scattering effect

- Effect: decrease the power along the seed photon beam direction, but increase larger angle emission, about a half within $2/\Gamma$ (Wang, Li & Meszaros 2006)

e.g. Ghisellini 1978; Brunetti 2000; Fan & Piran 2006

- If $\theta_j \gg 1/\Gamma$, when integrated over angles, the received IC fluence will not be reduced.

- Suppose the sphere geometry: every direction has the same fluence.

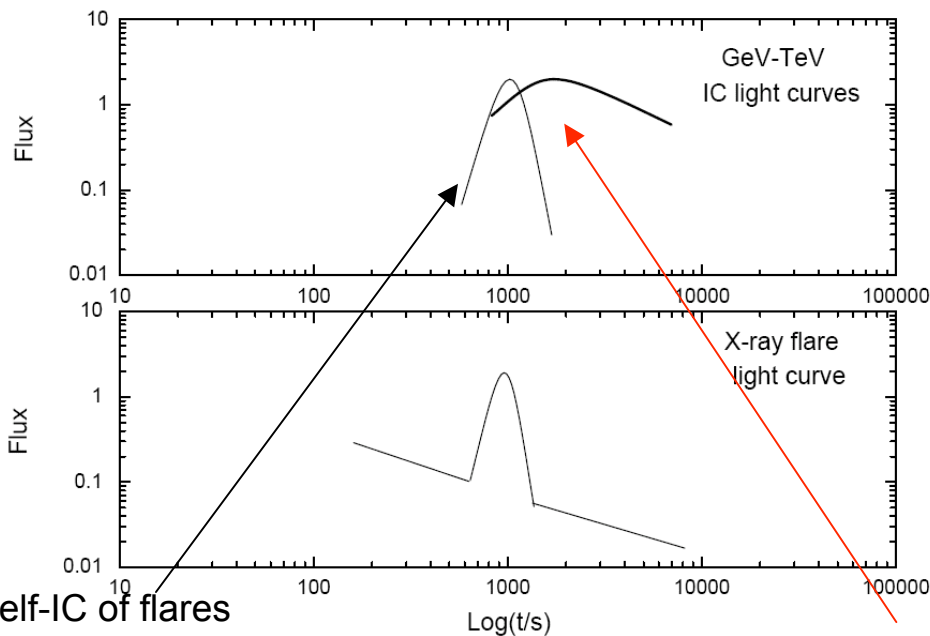


The IC fluence will not change

Temporal behavior of the IC emission

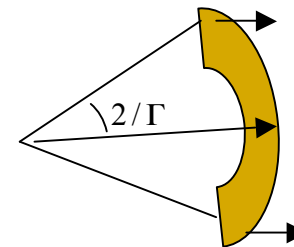
- Not correlated with the X-ray flare light curves. IC emission will be lengthened by the afterglow shock angular spreading time and the anisotropic IC effect

IC photons emitted in the cone from $1/\Gamma$ to $2/\Gamma$



$$t_{obs} \sim \frac{R}{2\Gamma^2} + \frac{R\theta^2}{2} = \frac{R}{\Gamma^2} = 2t_{XRF}$$

Time delay relative to the flare time



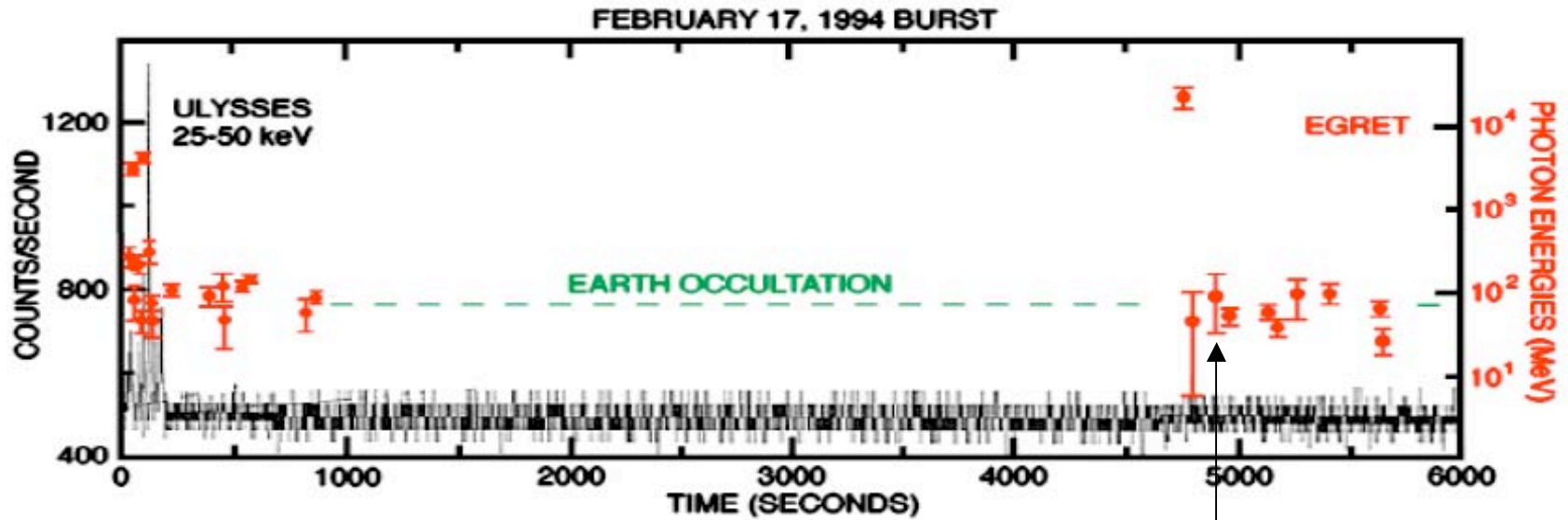
Self-IC of flares

Wang, Li & Meszaros 2006
also see Galli et al. poster

GLAST might be able to distinguish them

Delayed GeV emission ---GRB940217

EGRET on board Compton



Hurley et al.1994

Was there a delayed X-ray flare ?

See also Zhang & Meszaros 2001

Wei & Fan 2007

Summary

- IC in early external shocks
- IC of x-ray flares

Both are promising VHE photon sources for GLAST

■ What could GLAST tell us?

- Origin of GeV photons (both prompt and delayed): Spectral and temporal properties
- Maximum energy of the shock accelerated electrons : $\epsilon_{e,Max} > ?$
- Magnetic field in the shocks: $L_{IC} / L_{syn} = U_{ph} / U_B$
- ...