

The Fermi satellite is shown in space, with its large blue solar panel arrays extended. The Earth's blue and white horizon is visible on the right side of the image. The background is the blackness of space with some stars.

Fermi-GBM Observations of Recent Extraordinarily Bright Gamma-ray Bursts: GRB 221009A, GRB 230307A, and GRB 230812B

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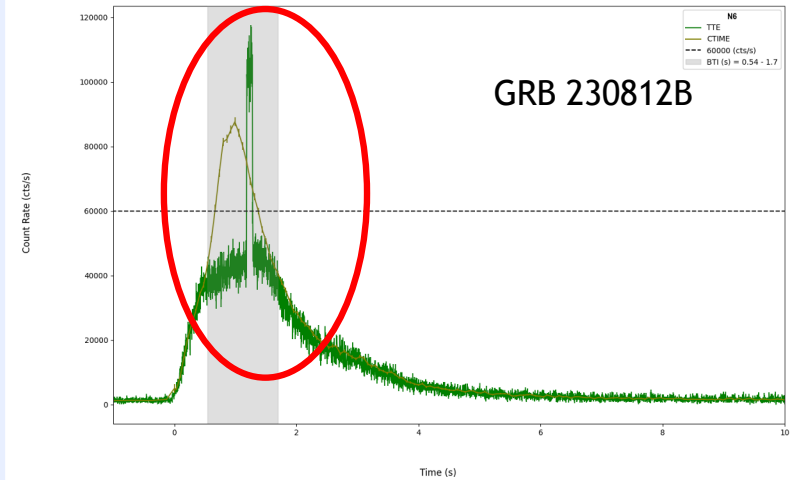
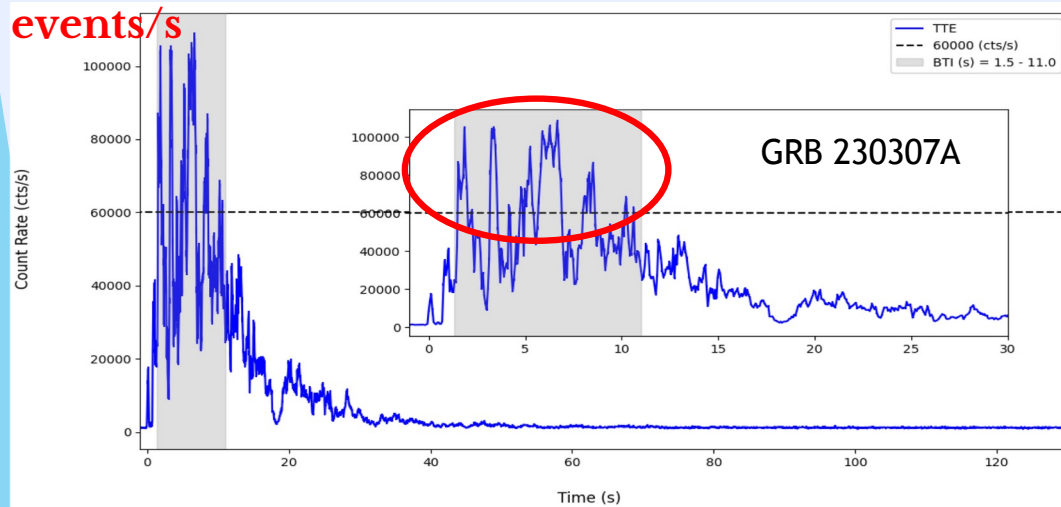
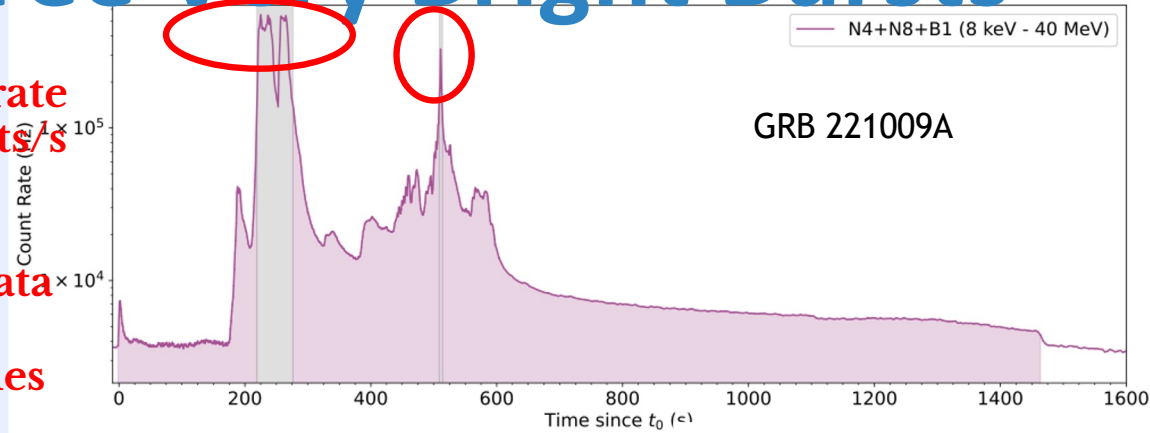


Three Very Bright Bursts

Pulse Pile-Up (PPU)
 occurs when count rate
 exceeds $\sim 60,000$ cts/s

Affects CSPEC,
 CTIME, and TTE Data

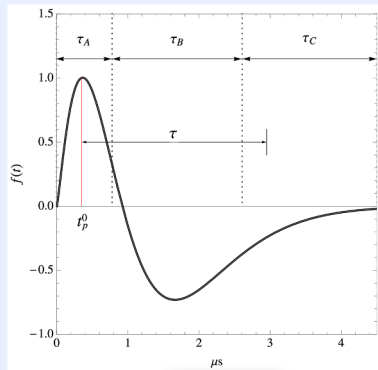
TTE bandwidth issues
 above $\sim 375,000$
 events/s



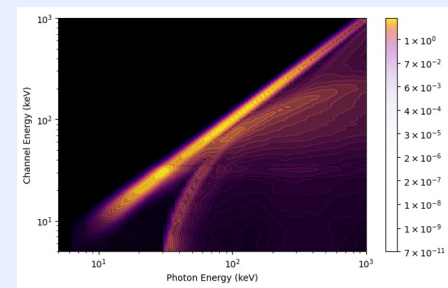
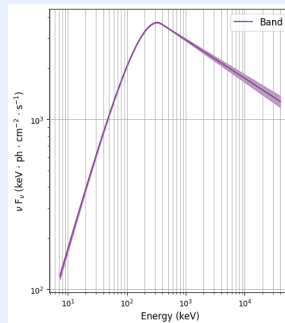
Pulse Pile-Up (PPU)

Detector Response

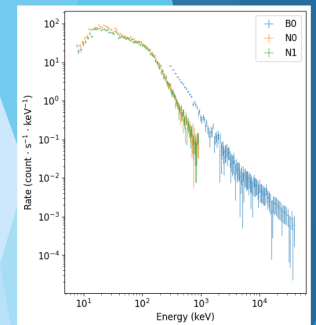
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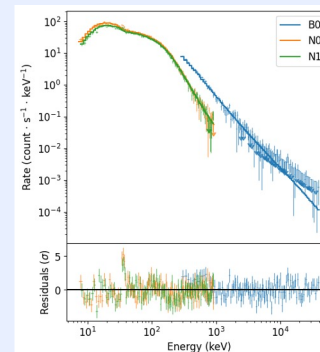
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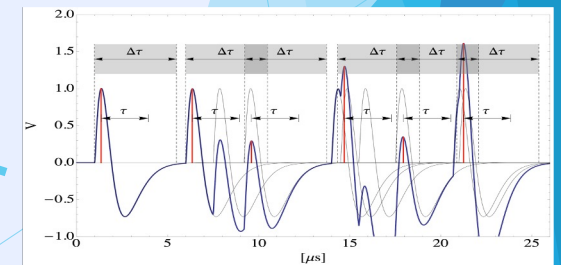
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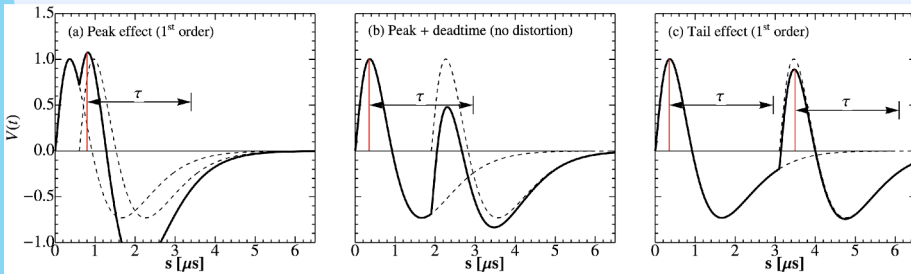
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PPU-Distortion



Types of Pulse Pile-up

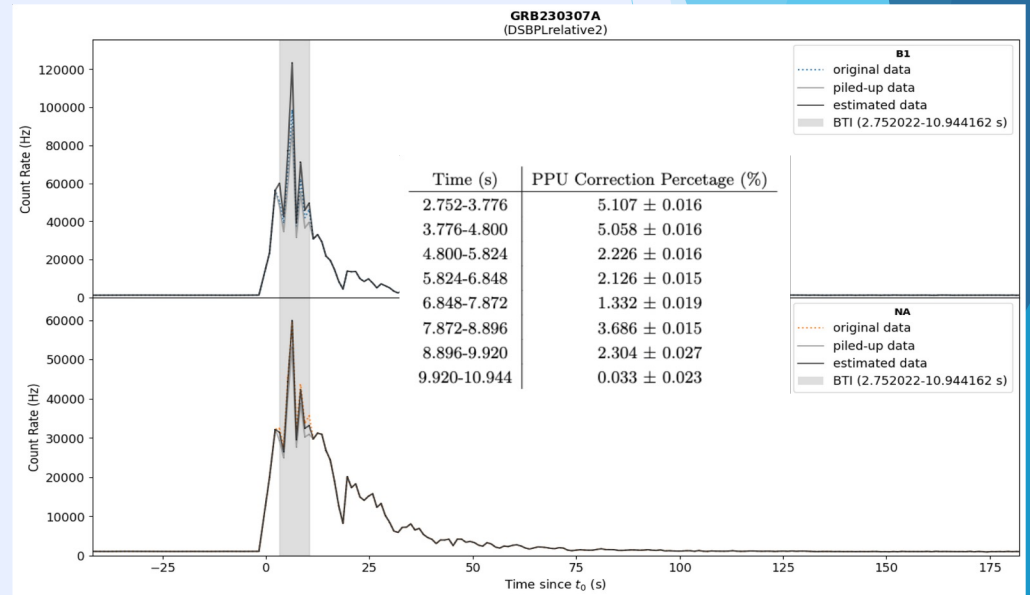
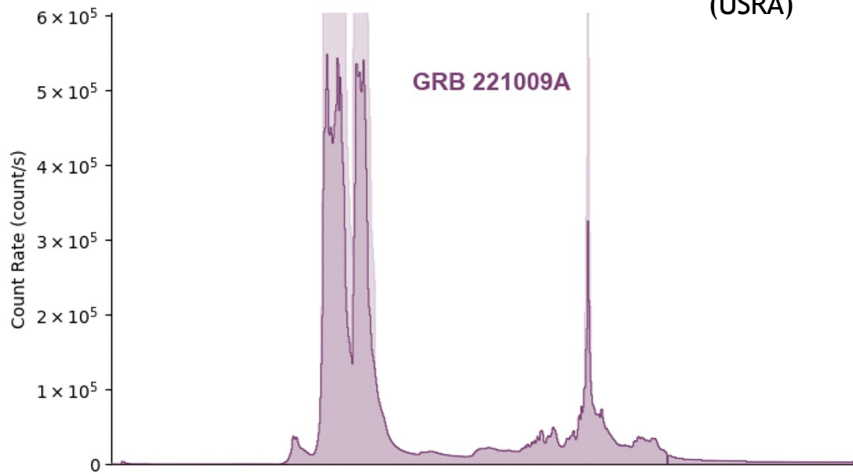


Chaplin et al. (2013)

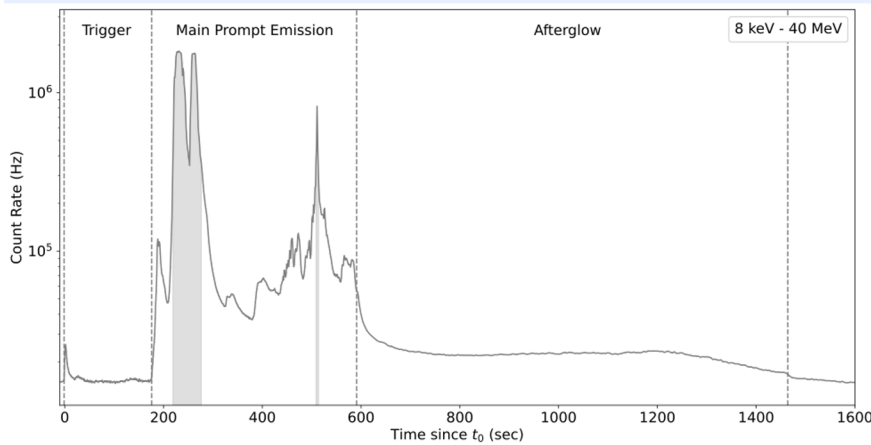
For more detailed PPU process see Lesage et al. (2023)

PPU Correction

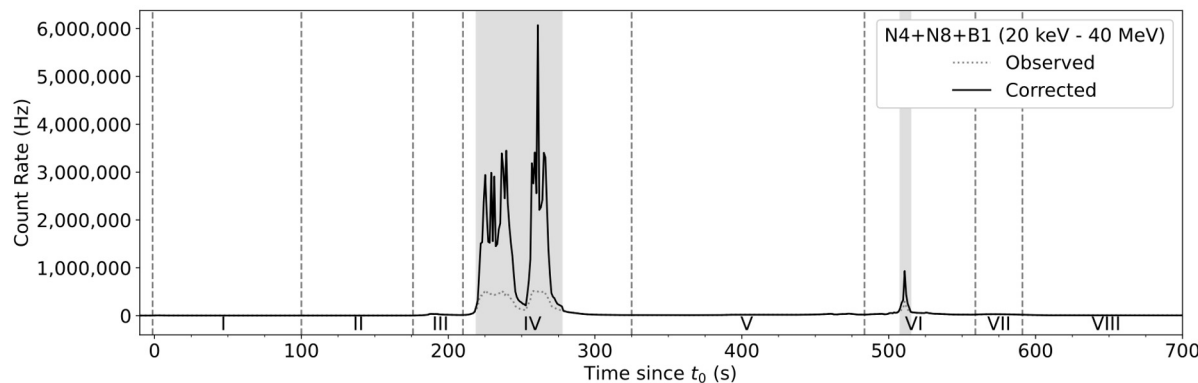
Credit: Adam Goldstein (USRA)



GRB 220109A: The “BOAT”



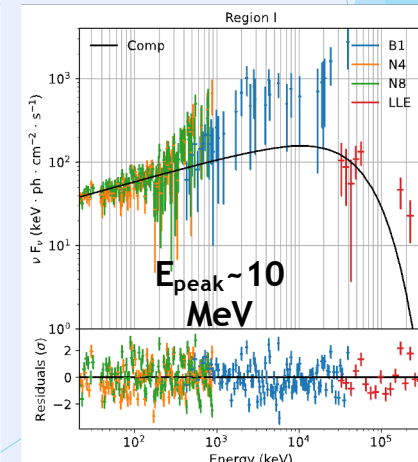
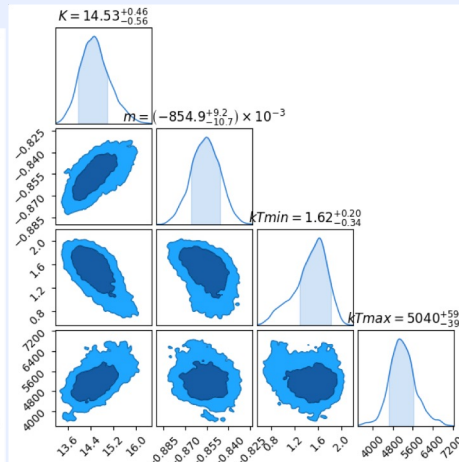
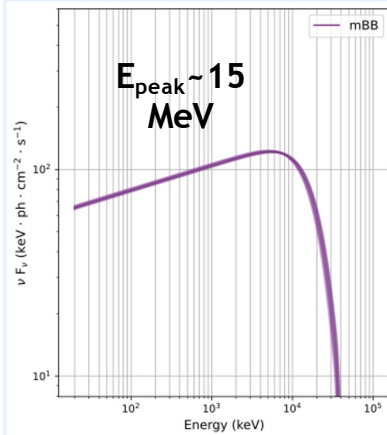
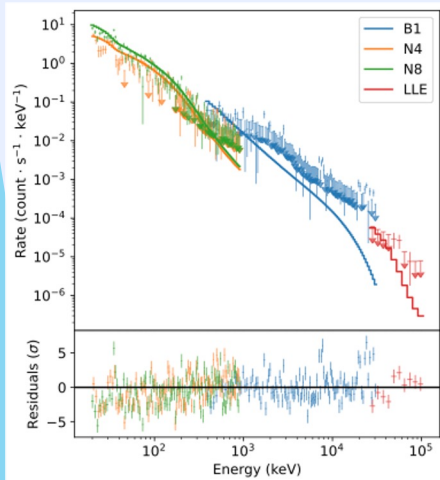
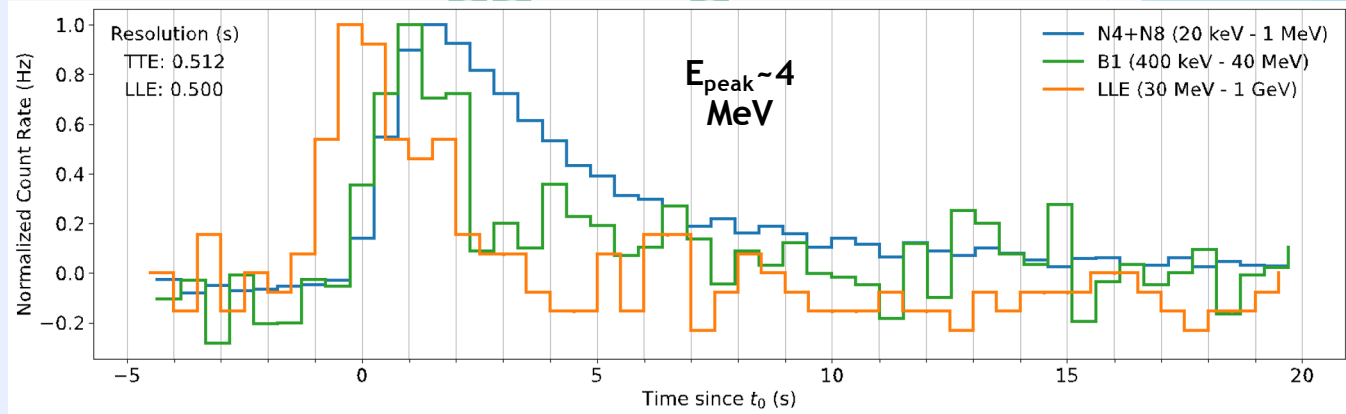
- Triggered at 13:16:59.99 UTC 9th of October, 2022
- T90: 289s
- One in 10,000 year event
- Over 100 follow-up notices including:
 - The first detection of TeV-energy photons during the prompt emission by LHAASO (up to 18TeV; Huang et al. 2022).
 - A redshift of $z=0.151$ reported by the Very Large Telescope (VLT; de Ugarte Postigo et al. 2022).
 - The identification of rings from dust echoes by Swift- XRT (Tiengo et al. 2022).
 - Polarization observations from IXPE (Negro et al. 2022).
 - Unsaturated observations from a Solar instrument (STIX; Xiao et al. 2022)
 - Measurable disturbances in Earth's ionosphere (Guha & Nicholson 2022; Schnoor et al. 2022).



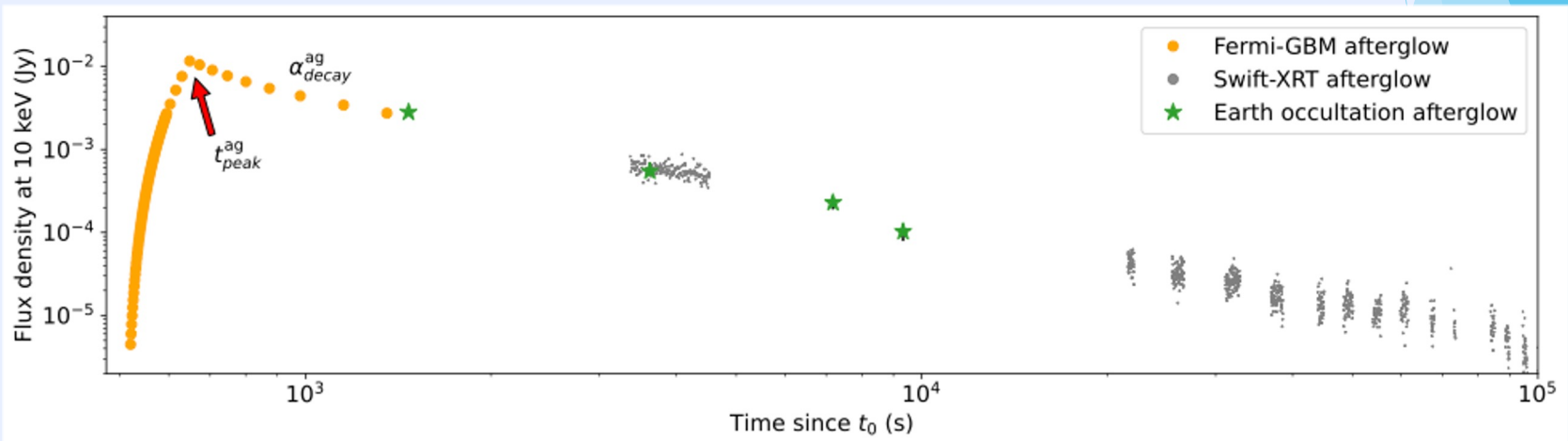
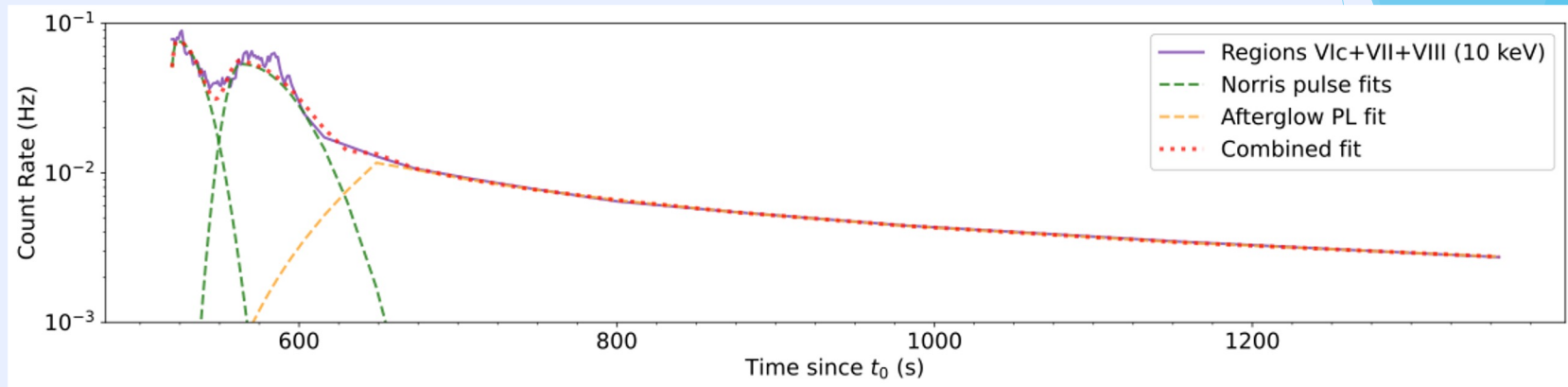
GRB 220109A: Triggering Pulse

Same as GRB 130427A

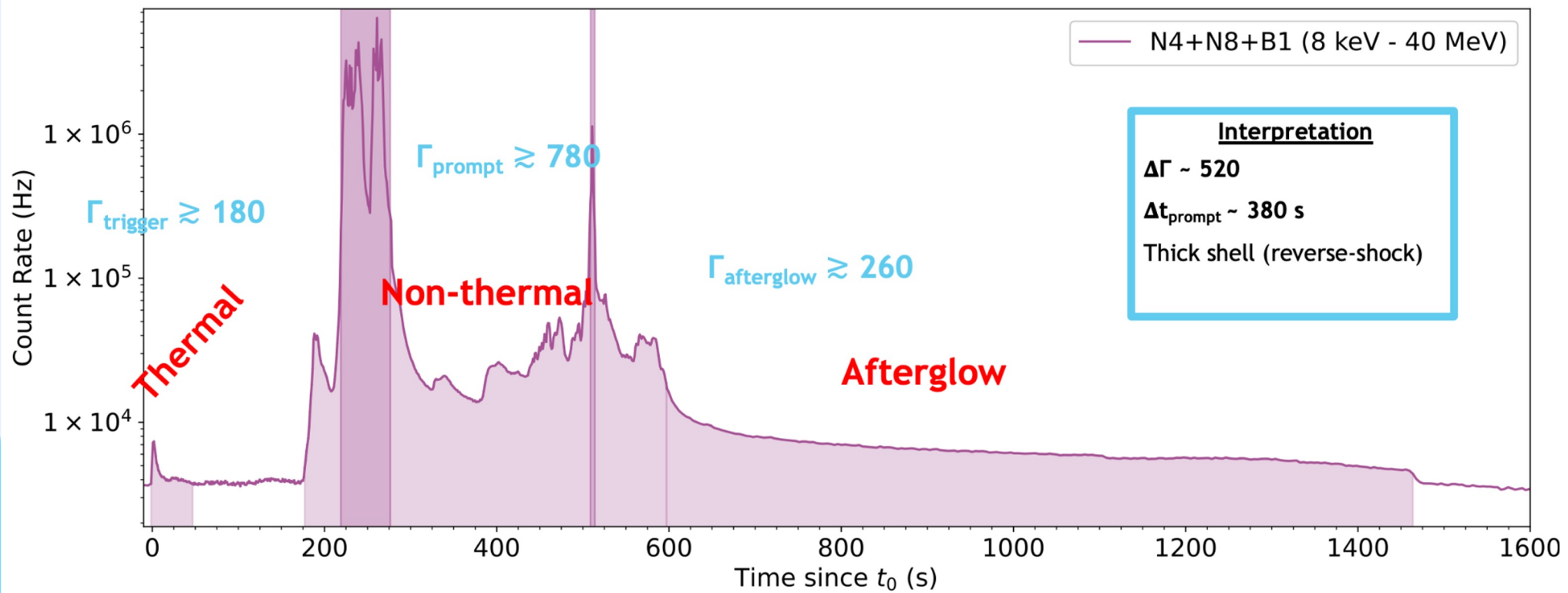
$\Gamma_{\text{trigger, SB}} = 300-1000$
 $\Gamma_{\text{trigger, OT}} \approx 188$



GRB 220109A: Afterglow



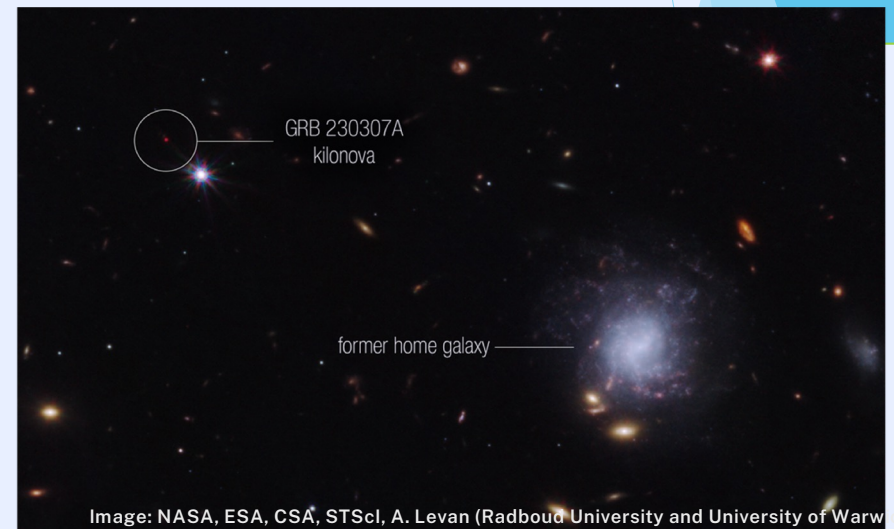
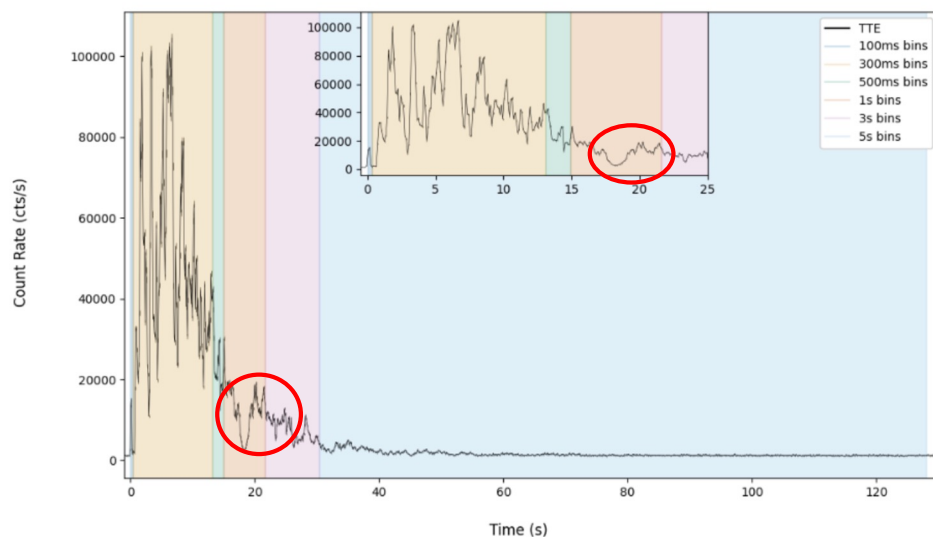
GRB 220109A: Complete Picture



GRB 230307A

- Triggered at 15:44:07 UTC on 7th of March 2023
- T90: 34.56s
- Occulted at 128s
- Only useable detectors N10 & B1
- Fine-time spectral analysis with variable binning

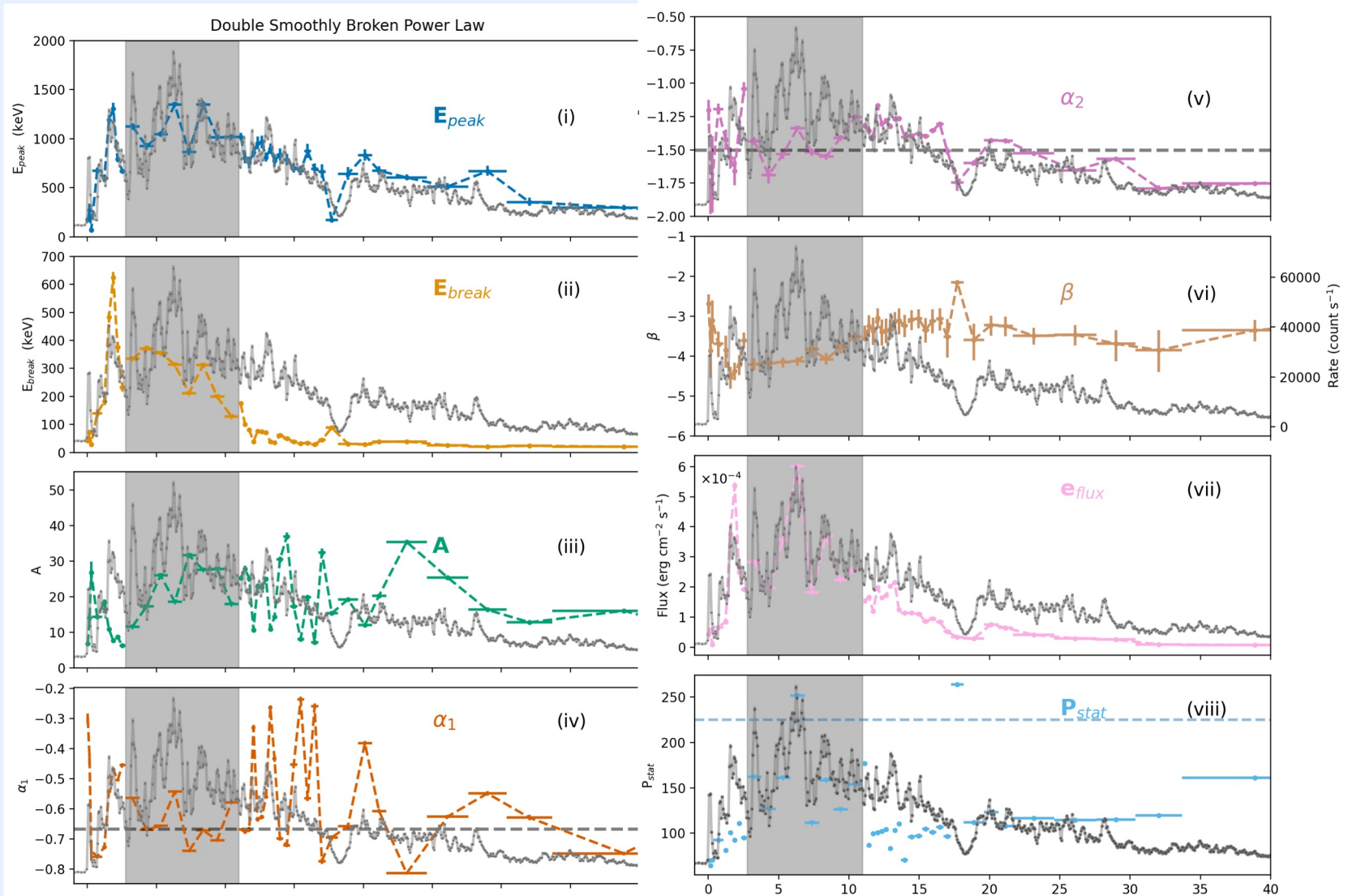
- Over 30 follow-up detections including:
 - Late time X-ray afterglow by Chandra (Rouco Escorial et al. 2023)
 - A redshift of 0.065 (Gillanders et al. 2023)
 - Two rounds of observations by the James Webb Space Telescope, confirming an associated kilonova and favoring the nearby distance of the event (Levan et al. 2023)



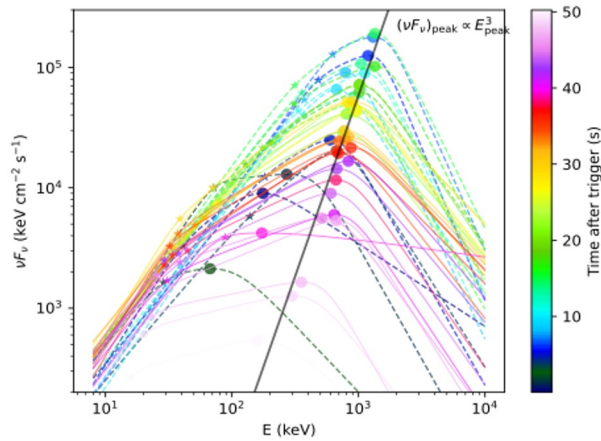
- 47 time bins ranging from 100ms - 5s
- Fit using DSBPL (Ravassio et al. 2018)

- $E_{peak} \sim 1350$ keV
- $E_{break} \sim 625$ keV

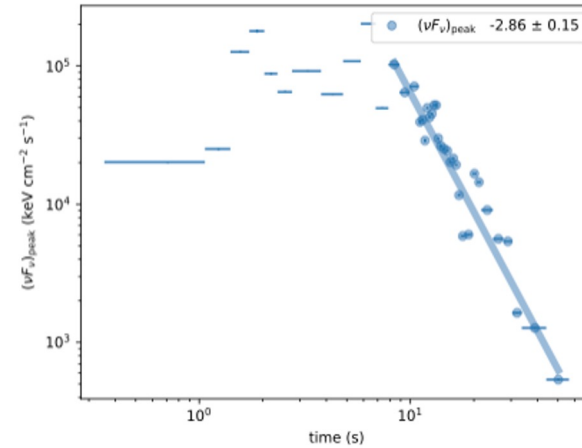
- $\alpha_1 \sim -0.57$
- $\alpha_2 \sim -1.46$
- $\beta \sim 3.51$



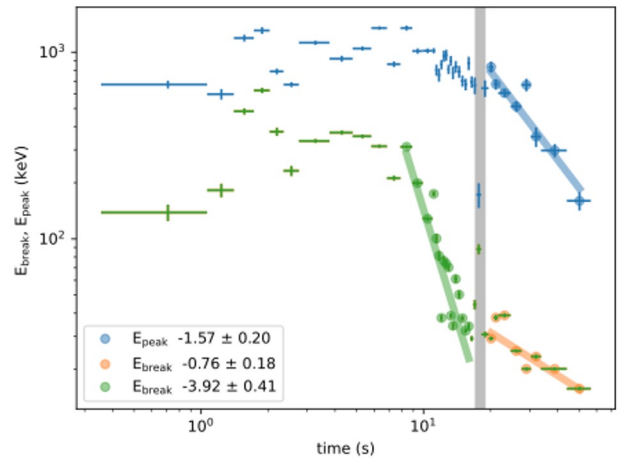
GRB 230307A: Parameter Evolution



- Combined νF_ν spectra for each time bins
- Deviation at early time bins



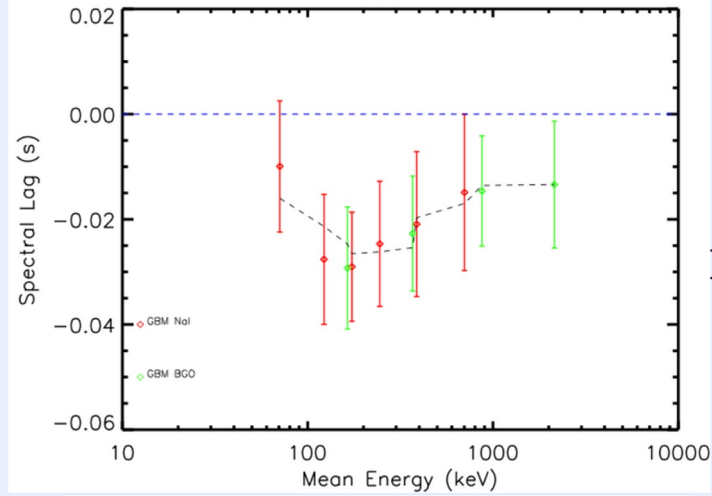
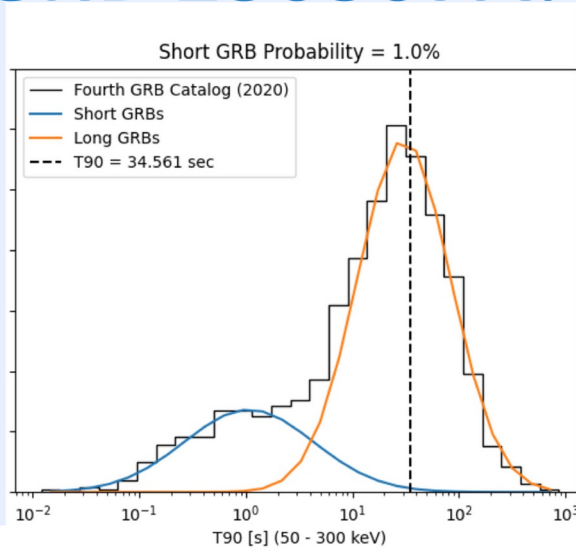
- Late time steep decrease in flux reminiscent of High Latitude Emission (HLE) seen in X-ray observation of GRBs.



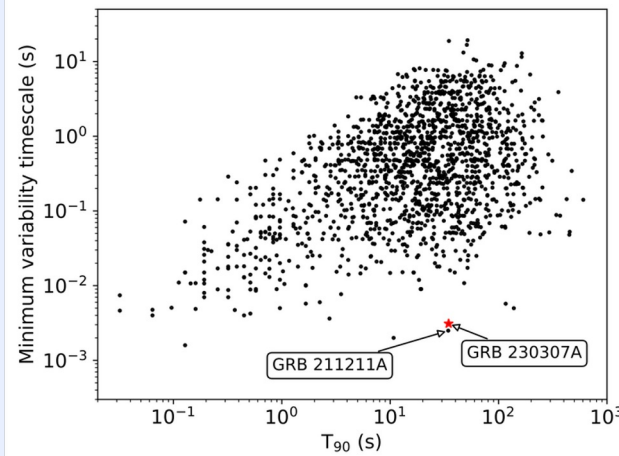
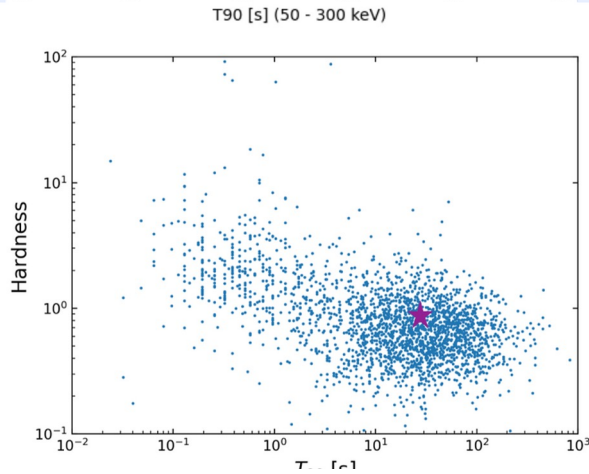
- E_{break} is cooling frequency ν_c
- E_{peak} is typical frequency ν_m
- Post dip phase corresponds to afterglow
- Average Lorentz Factor $\Gamma \approx 1500$ for brightest bins

GRB 230307A: Long GRB From Merger

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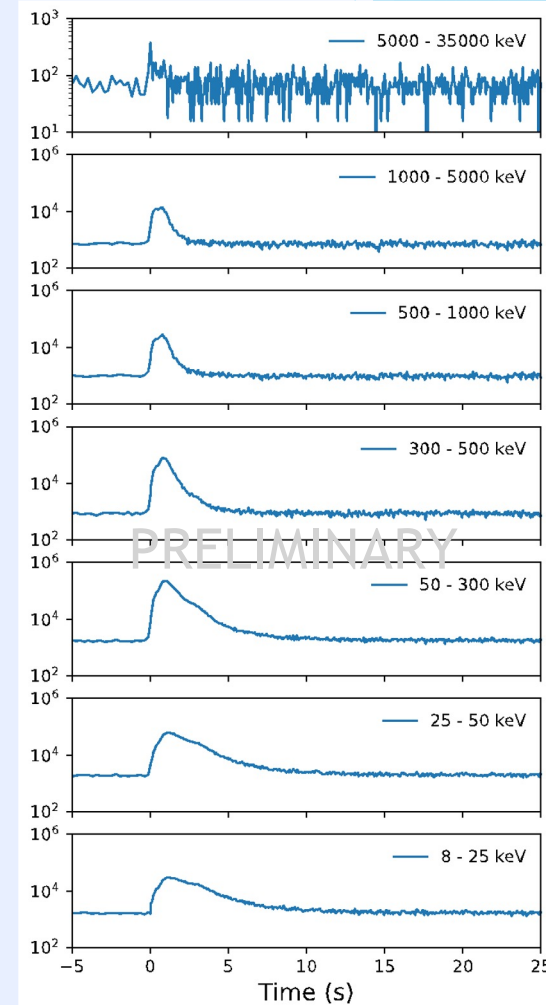
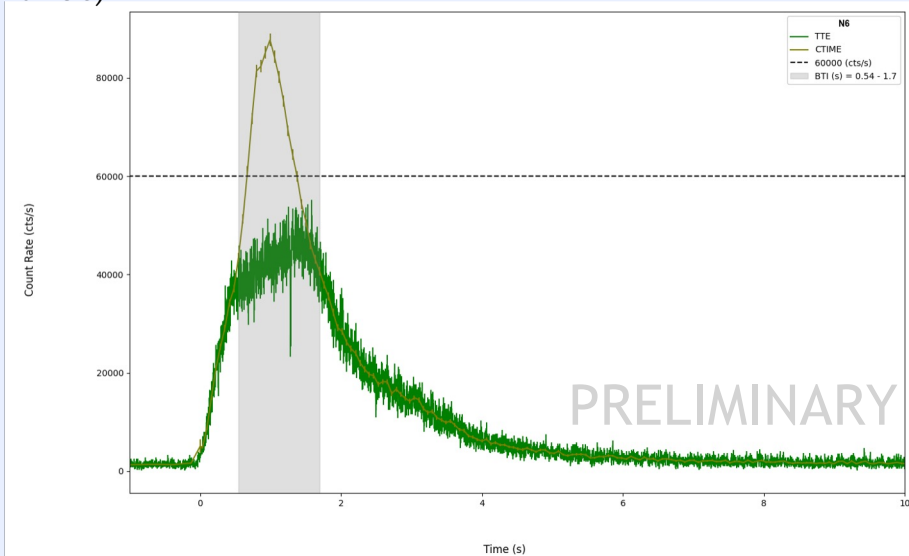
$$\text{lag} = -0.0164 \pm 0.0196 \text{ s}$$



$$\text{MVT} = 3.17 \pm 0.07 \text{ ms}$$

GRB 230812B

- Triggered 12th of August, 2023 at 18:58:12.05 UTC
- RA, δ = 249.1°, 47.8°, Elliptical host galaxy
- T90: 3.26s
- Follow-up observations include:
 - Redshift of 0.36 from GTC (de Ugarte Postigo et al. 2023a,b)
 - Type Ic Supernova confirmation (Srinivasaragavan et al. 2024)
 - Late Chandra detection confirms afterglow decay
 - Detection in the mm-band by NOEMA (de Ugarte Postigo et al. 2023c)

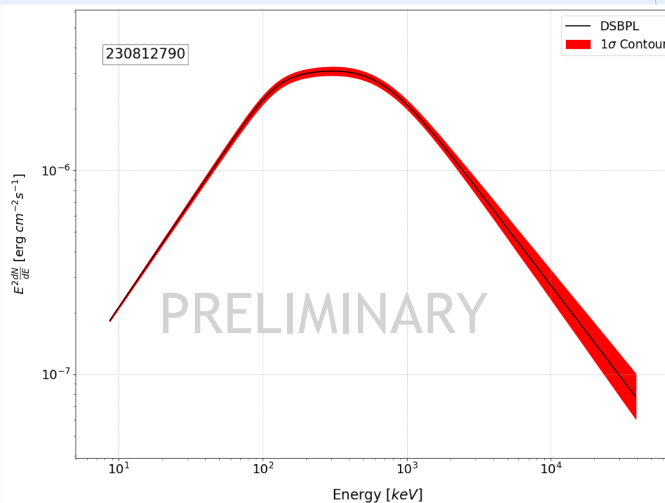
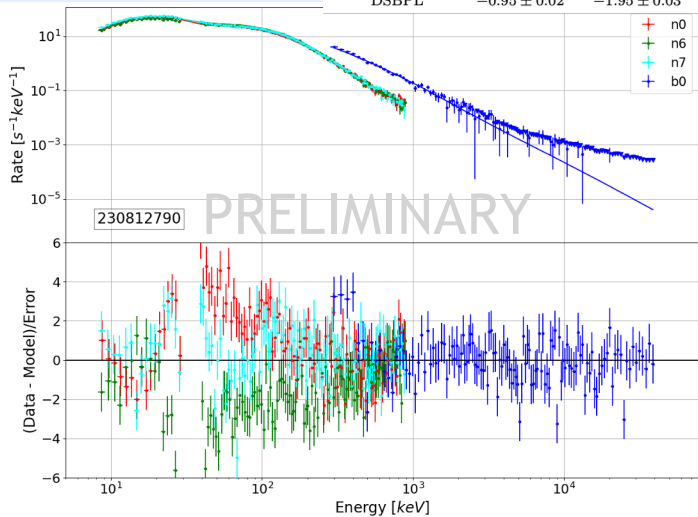


GRB 230812B: Spectral Analysis

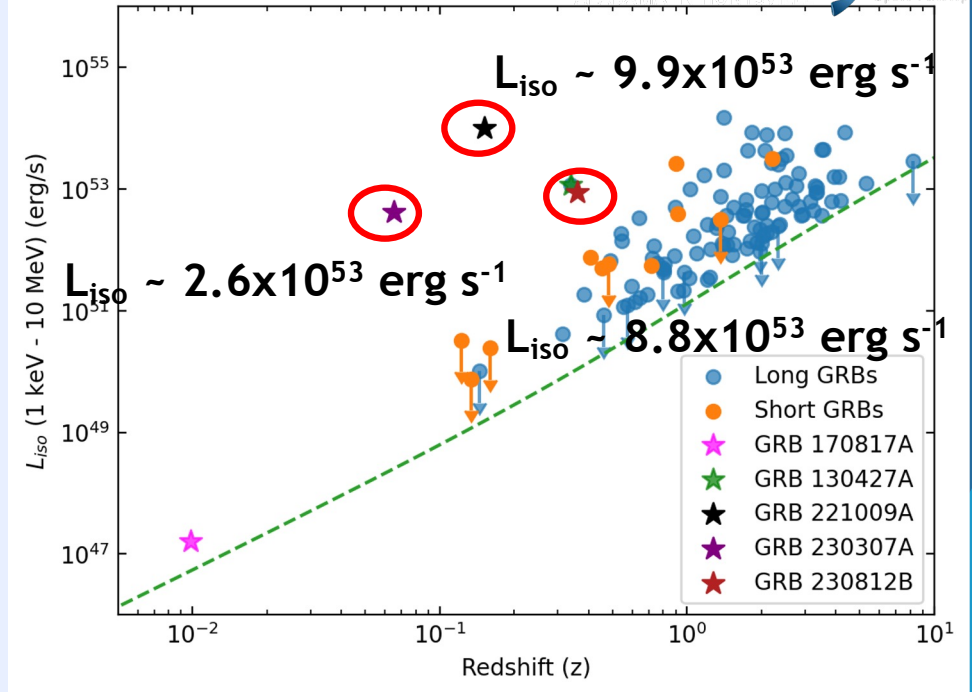
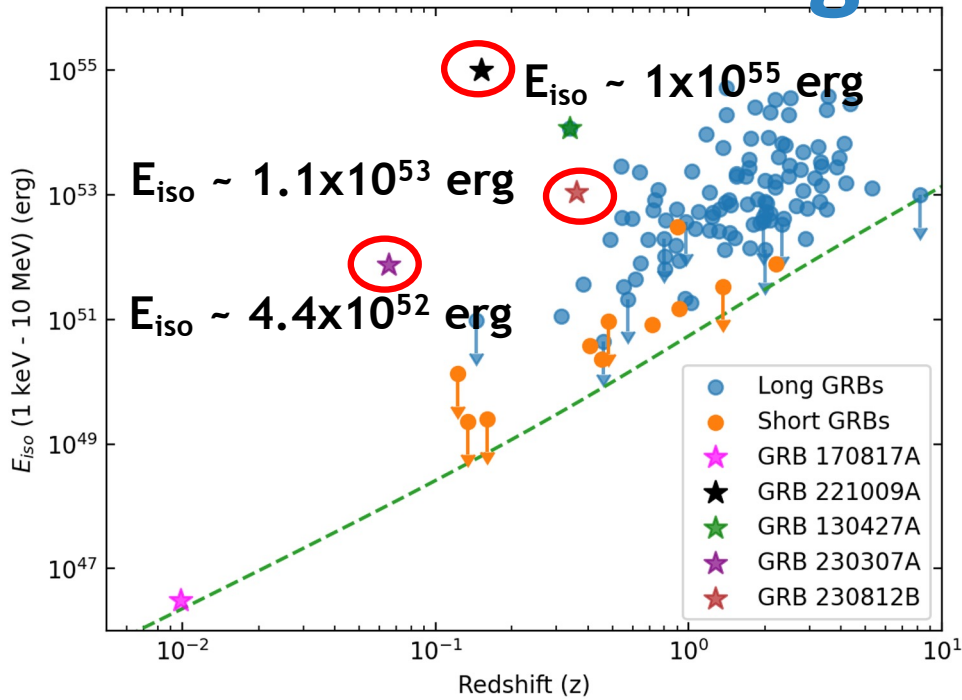
Table 1. *Fermi*-GBM Time-Integrated Spectral Fitting

Model	α	α_2	β	E_p (keV)	E_{break} (keV)	kT (keV)	index	PG-Stat/DoF	Energy Flux ($\times 10^{-5} \text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$)	Fluence ($\times 10^{-4} \text{erg cm}^{-2}$)
GBM (CSPEC, 4096 ms)										
PL	$-1.52^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	14117/466	0.692 ± 0.001	1.991 ± 0.004
COMP	$-0.95^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	-	-	$306.6^{+2.8}_{-2.8}$	-	-	-	1102/465	0.685 ± 0.002	2.029 ± 0.007
Band	$-0.84^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$	-	$-2.32^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$234.5^{+2.0}_{-2.0}$	-	-	-	1135/464	0.675 ± 0.002	2.009 ± 0.008
SBPL	$-0.94^{+0.009}_{-0.009}$	-	$-2.45^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	-	$162.7^{+2.7}_{-2.7}$	-	-	732/463	0.668 ± 0.003	1.995 ± 0.008
DSBPL	-0.99 ± 0.002	-1.92 ± 0.001	-3.17 ± 0.08	299.6 ± 0.8	119.24 ± 3.3	-	-	814/462	0.685 ± 0.003	2.040 ± 0.010
Band+BB	-1.04 ± 0.01	-	-2.73 ± 0.2	417.4 ± 6.6	-	34.5 ± 0.3	-	1059/462	0.671 ± 0.001	1.996 ± 0.004
GBM (CSPEC) + LLE										
PL	-1.793 ± 0.001	-	-	-	-	-	-	114058/498	-	-
COMP	-0.87 ± 0.01	-	-	317.4 ± 2.5	-	-	-	2940/497	-	-
Band	-0.80 ± 0.01	-	-2.66 ± 0.01	275.5 ± 2.7	-	-	-	1801/496	-	-
SBPL	-0.96 ± 0.01	-	-2.63 ± 0.01	-	196.6 ± 2.3	-	-	1763/496	-	-
DSBPL	-0.95 ± 0.02	-1.95 ± 0.03	-2.84 ± 0.02	215.6 ± 39.3	125.4 ± 2.4	-	-	1482/494	-	-

PRELIMINARY



Energetics



1st

GRB 221009A Fluence = 0.20 erg cm^{-2}

2nd

GRB 230307A Fluence = $5.70 \times 10^{-3} \text{ erg cm}^{-2}$

Outside of top 20

GRB 230812B Fluence = $2.69 \times 10^{-4} \text{ erg cm}^{-2}$

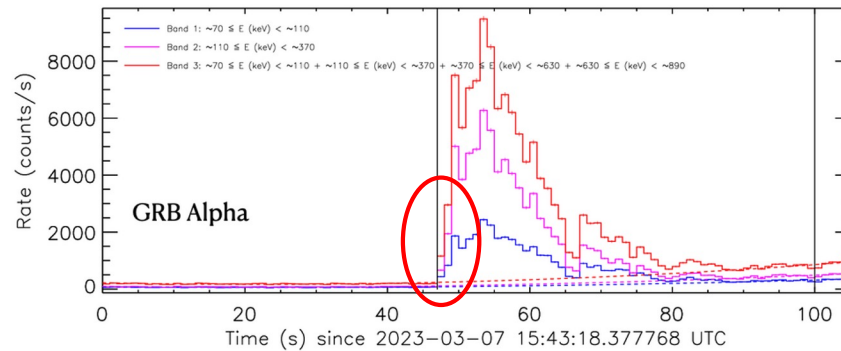
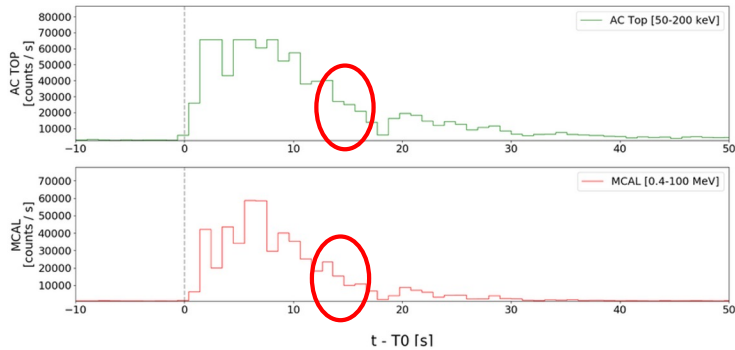
Summary

- We are in an unprecedented time of extraordinarily bright GRBs
- PPU correction process tested and validated for cases of extreme and mild pulse pile-up.
- GRB 221009A: The BOAT
 - Brightest GRB in 3 out of 4 common metrics (E_{iso} , Fluence, Peak Flux) and 3rd in fourth (L_{iso}), unrivaled probe into the continuously active central engine, tracks the evolution of the bulk Lorentz factor through to the afterglow phase
 - Lesage et al. 2023 *ApJL* 952, L42
- GRB 230307A: Long burst with associated kilonova
 - Fine time DSBPL spectral fitting consistent with synchrotron radiation, afterglow flux seen after the dip, MVT and spectral lag consistent with merger origin bursts
 - Dalessi et al. (to be submitted)
- GRB 230812B: Bright, relatively nearby burst
 - Bright single pulse GRB, preliminary spectral fits of GBM and LAT data using DSBPL, associated type Ic supernova
 - Roberts and Scotton et al. (to be submitted)

Back Up Slides

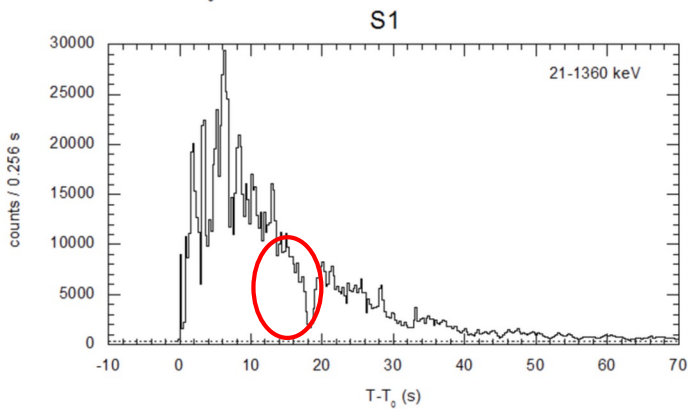
The "Dip" Across Missions

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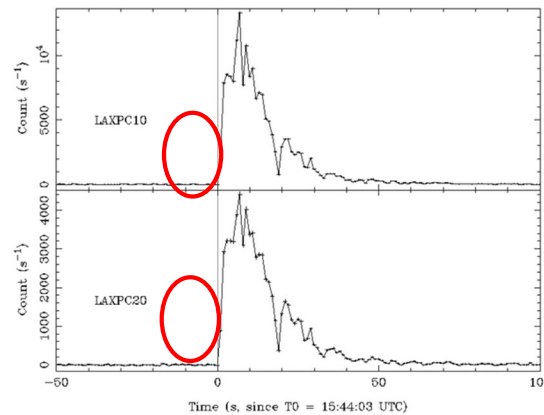


• Also NuSTAR which has sensitivity from 3-79 keV

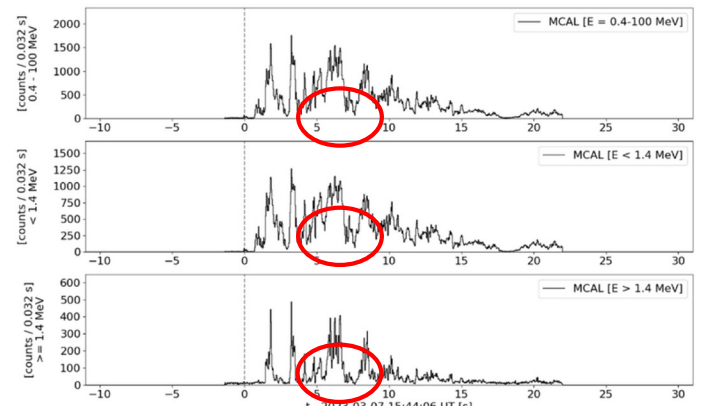
KONUS-WIND GRB 230307
T₀ = 56645.615 s UT (15:44:05.615)



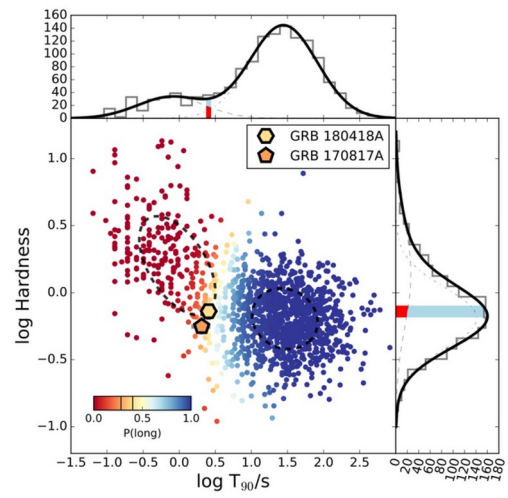
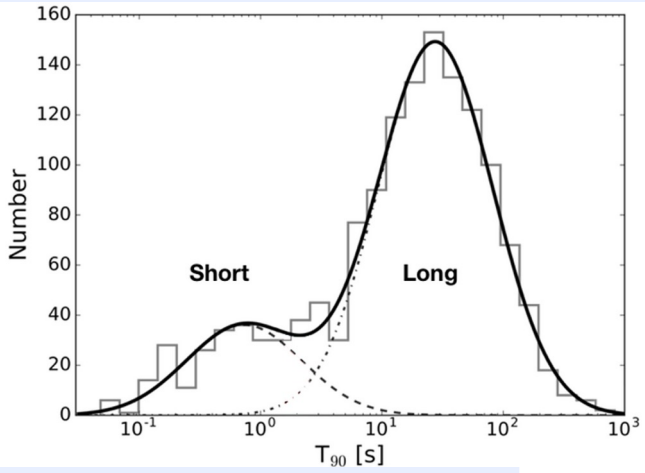
Possible GRB on 07 Mar 2023 at 15:44:03 UTC



2023-03-07 15:44:06
 Contact 082567 Trigger 61
 Bin 0.032 s - T0 605288646.670000 - Init. Time 0.16 - IN 2000
 Logic time scales: [*, *, *, *256ms*, *]

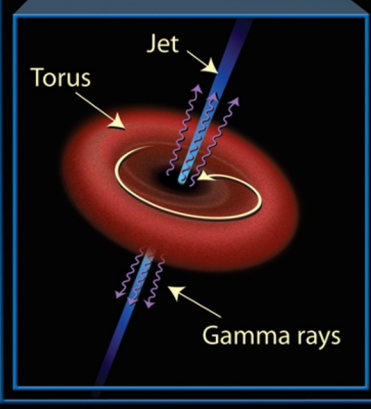
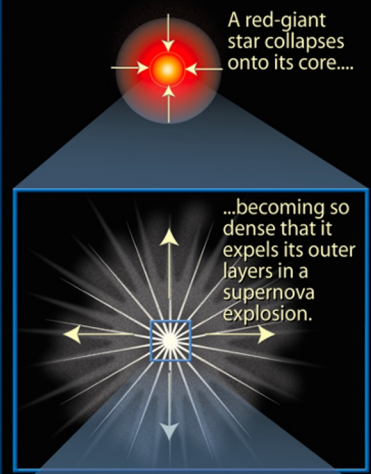


SHORT VS LONG

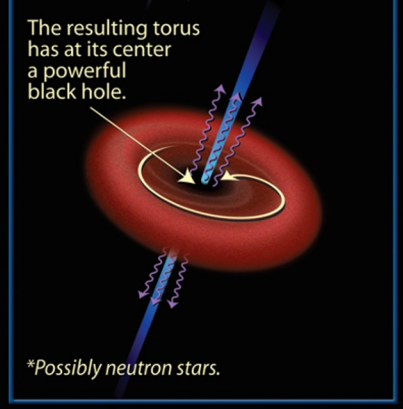
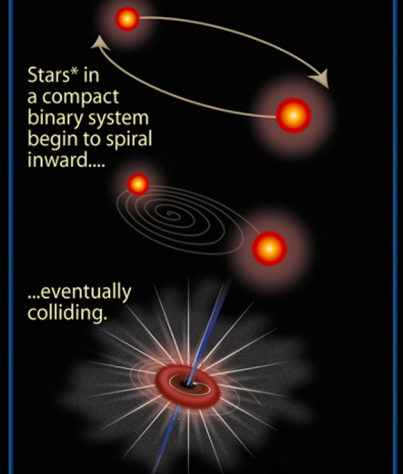


Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRBs): The Long and Short of It

Long gamma-ray burst (>2 seconds' duration)



Short gamma-ray burst (<2 seconds' duration)



*Possibly neutron stars.

IPN

LOCALIZATION

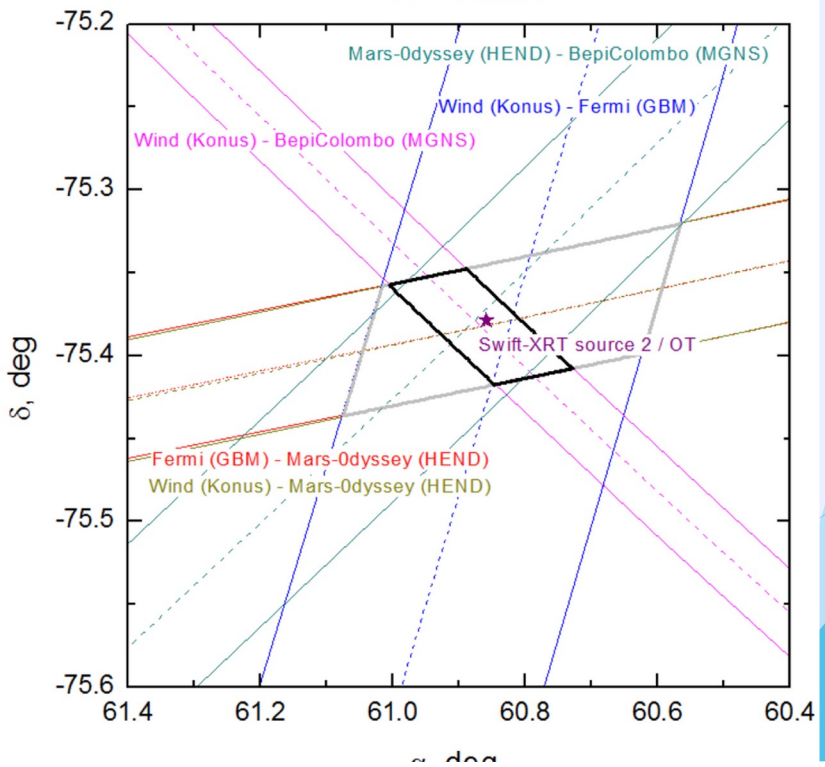
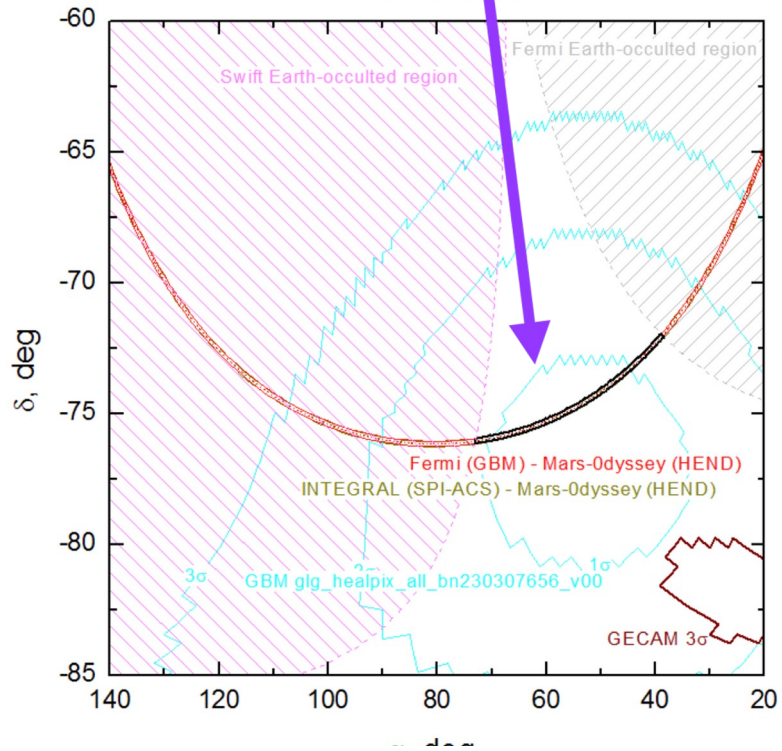
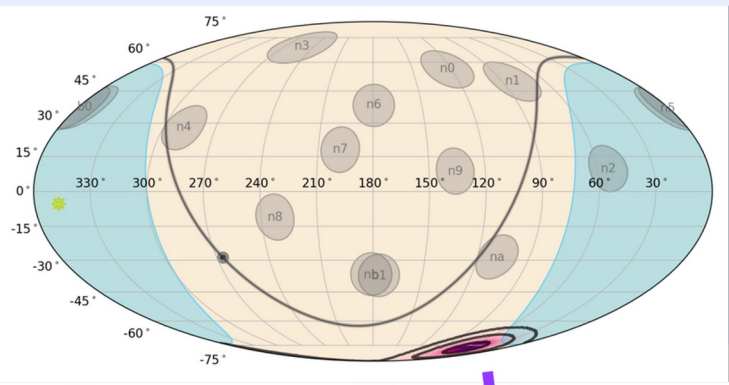
GRB 230307A

GBM Localization

- RA: 54.06
- Dec: -76.61

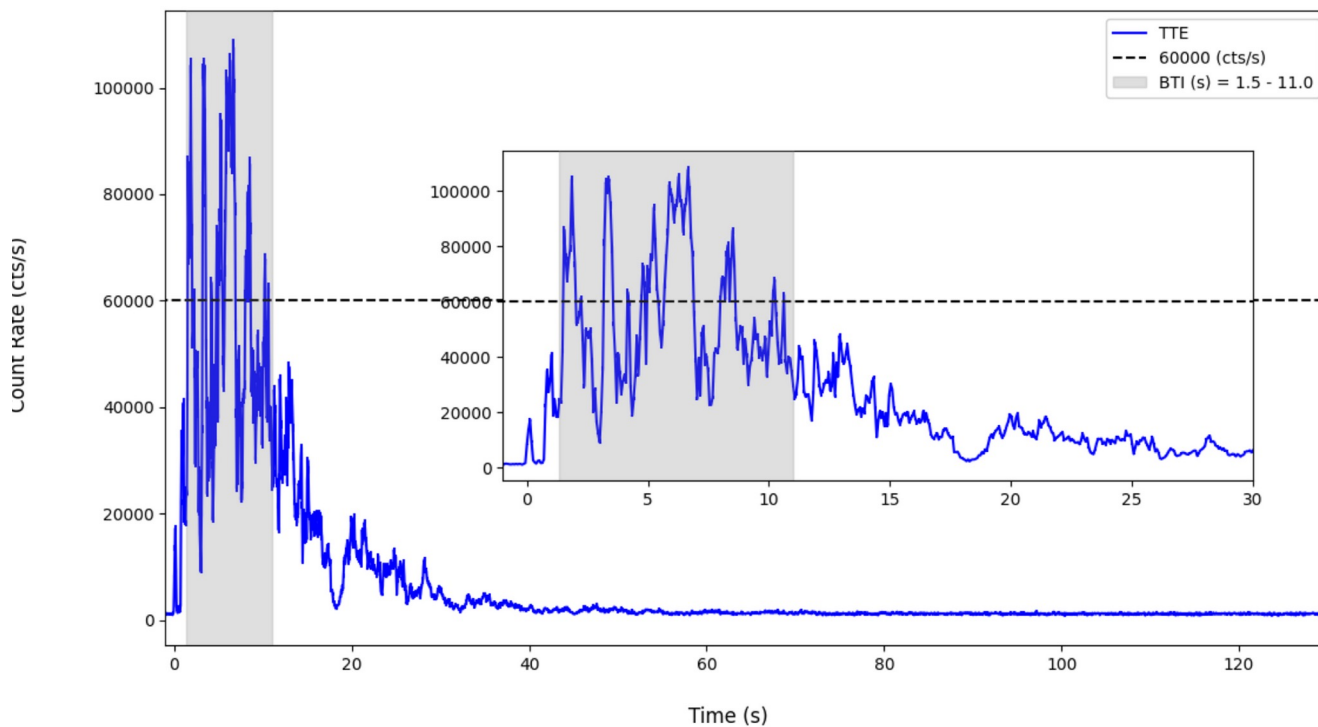
IPN Localization

- RA: 60.867
- Dec: -75.382

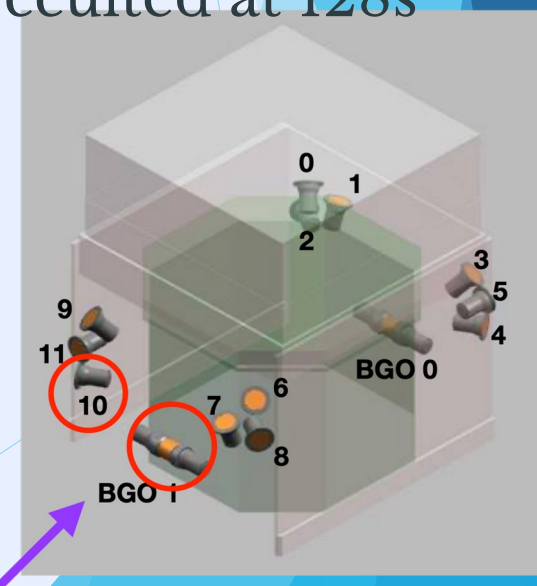


FERMI GBM Analysis

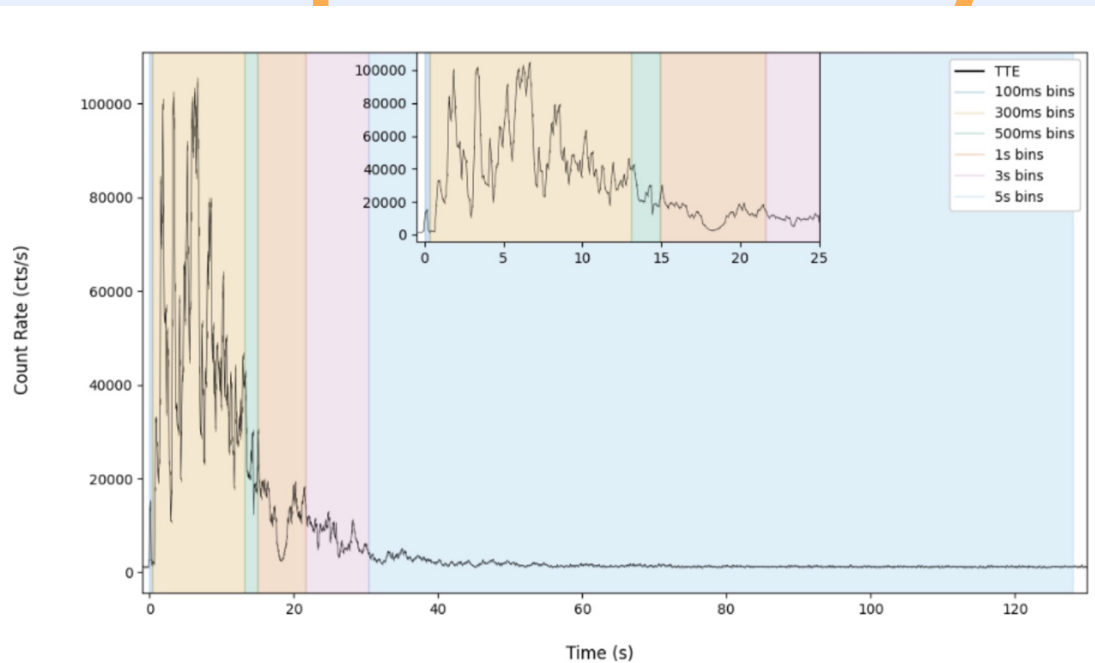
GRB 230307656



- Triggered at 15:44:07 UTC on March 7, 2023
- T90: 34.56s
- MVT: 3.1ms
- Occulted at 128s



Spectral Analysis



	Minimum bin duration	Time range (t_0 +s)
Triggering Pulse	100ms	0.0-0.355
Main Emission	300ms	0.355-1.5
	BTI	1.5-11.0
	300ms	11.0-13.712
	500ms	13.712-17.264
	1 s	17.264- 21.652
Secondary Emission	3s	21.652- 36.965
Tail	5s	36.965-128.0

$$N_E^{2SBPL} = A E_{\text{break}}^{\alpha_1} \left[\left[\left(\frac{E}{E_{\text{break}}} \right)^{-\alpha_1 n_1} + \left(\frac{E}{E_{\text{break}}} \right)^{-\alpha_2 n_1} \right]^{\frac{n_2}{n_1}} + \left(\frac{E}{E_j} \right)^{-\beta n_2} \right. \\
 \left. \cdot \left[\left(\frac{E_j}{E_{\text{break}}} \right)^{-\alpha_1 n_1} + \left(\frac{E_j}{E_{\text{break}}} \right)^{-\alpha_2 n_1} \right]^{\frac{n_2}{n_1} - \frac{1}{n_2}} \right]$$

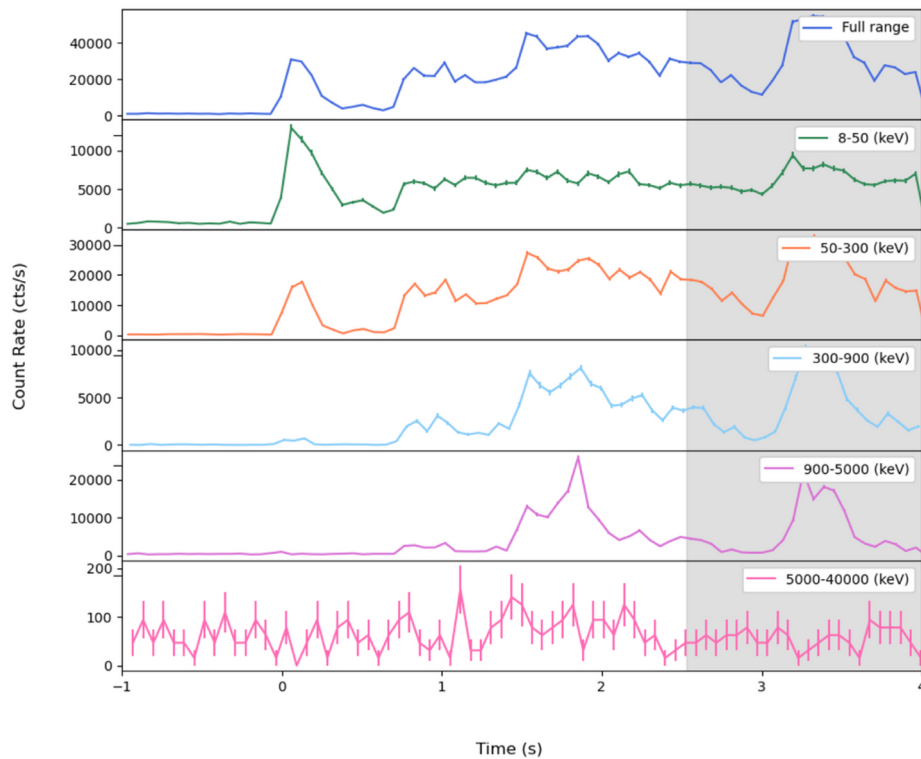
where

$$E_j = E_{\text{peak}} \cdot \left(-\frac{\alpha_2 + 2}{\beta + 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{(\beta - \alpha_2) n_2}}$$

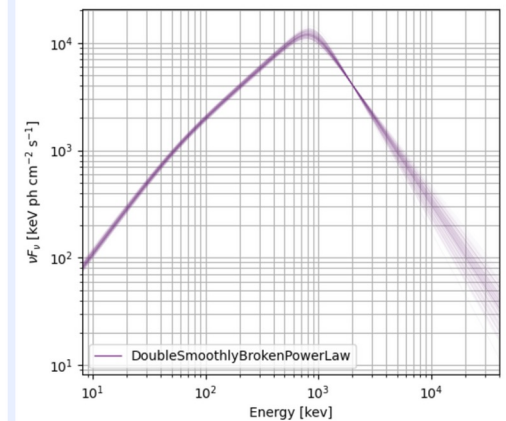
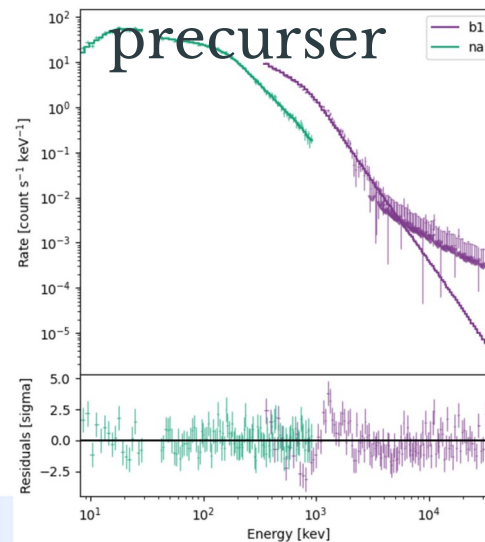
Ravasio et al. 2018

Triggering Pulse

GRB 230307656



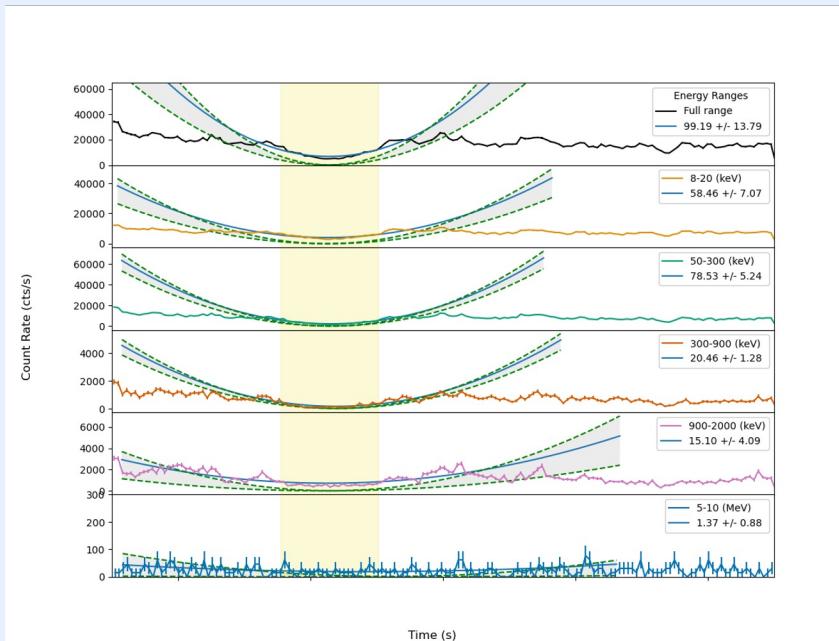
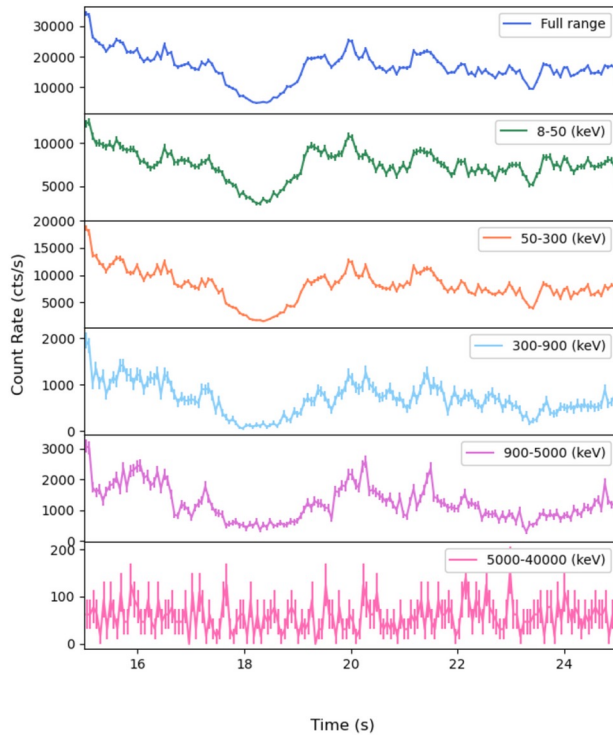
- $-0.072 - 0.387$ s
- Prominent in the softer energy channels
- Dichara et al. 2023 found evidence of a non thermal



The “Dip”

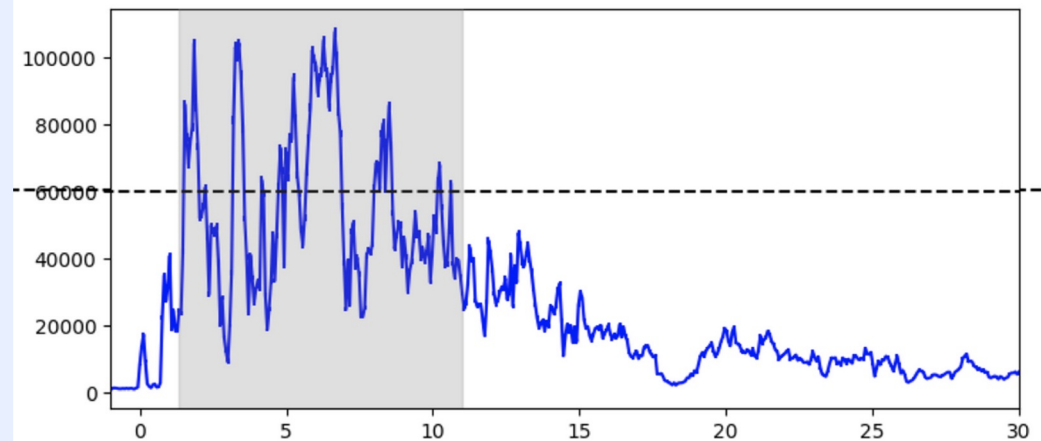
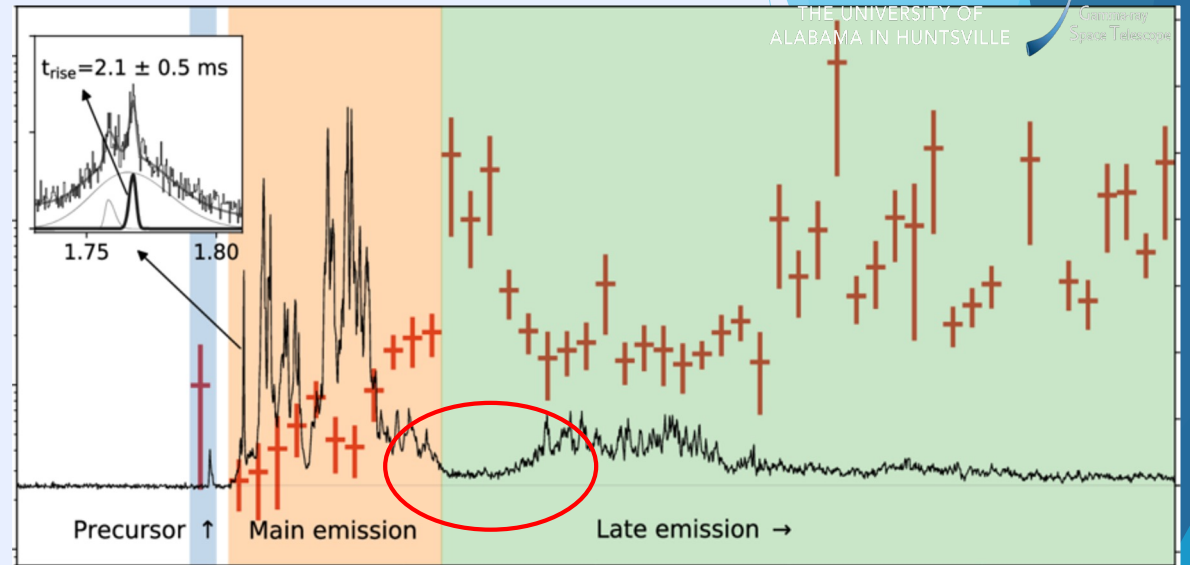
- 17.55 — 19.02s
- Independent of energy
- No temporal dependence

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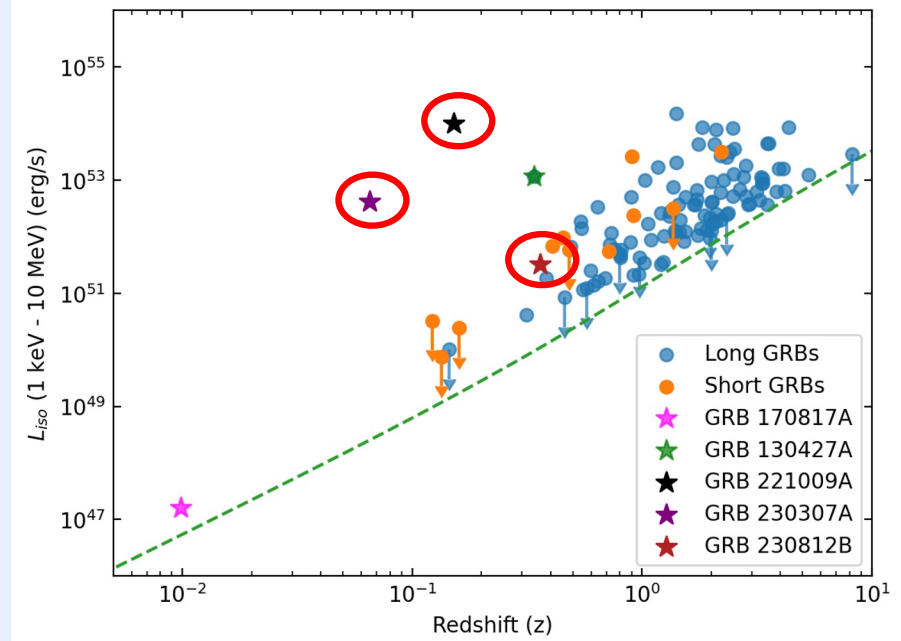
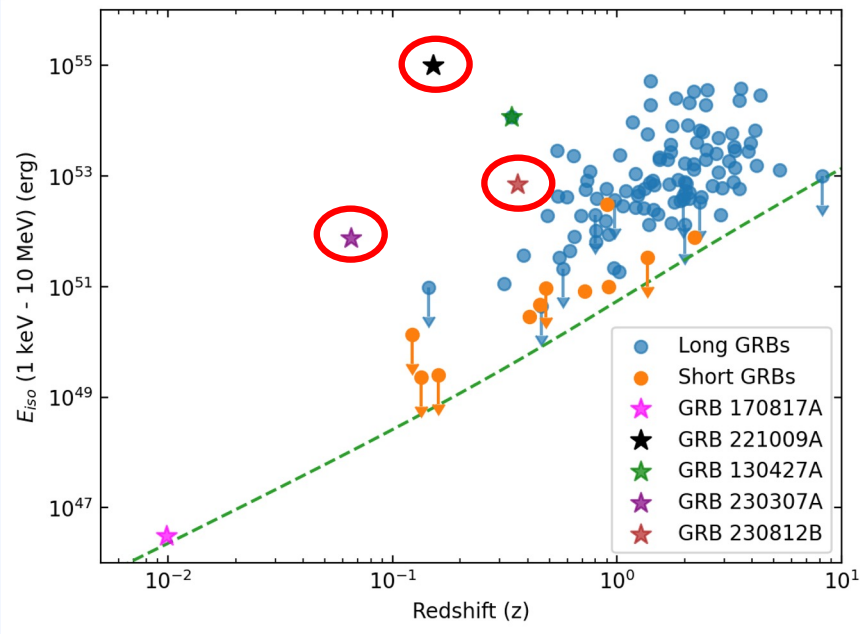


GRB 211211A

- Long GRB with associated kilonova
- Similar T90 value
- Suggested that some long GRBs be treated as possible counterparts for GW



Energetics



GRB 221009A $z = 0.151$ $E_{iso} = 1.0 \times 10^{55} \text{ erg}$ $L_{iso} = 9.9 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

GRB 230307A $z = 0.065$ $E_{iso} = 4.4 \times 10^{52} \text{ erg}$ $L_{iso} = 2.6 \times 10^{51} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

GRB 230812B $z = 0.360$ $E_{iso} = 7.0 \times 10^{52} \text{ erg}$ $L_{iso} = 3.2 \times 10^{51} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$