

# Gamma Ray Bursts: Short vs Long



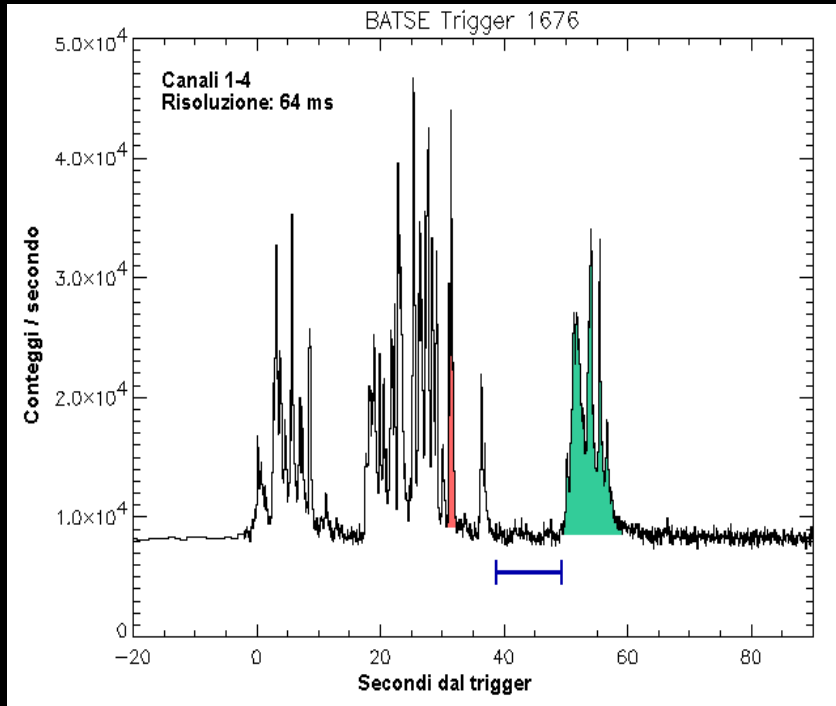
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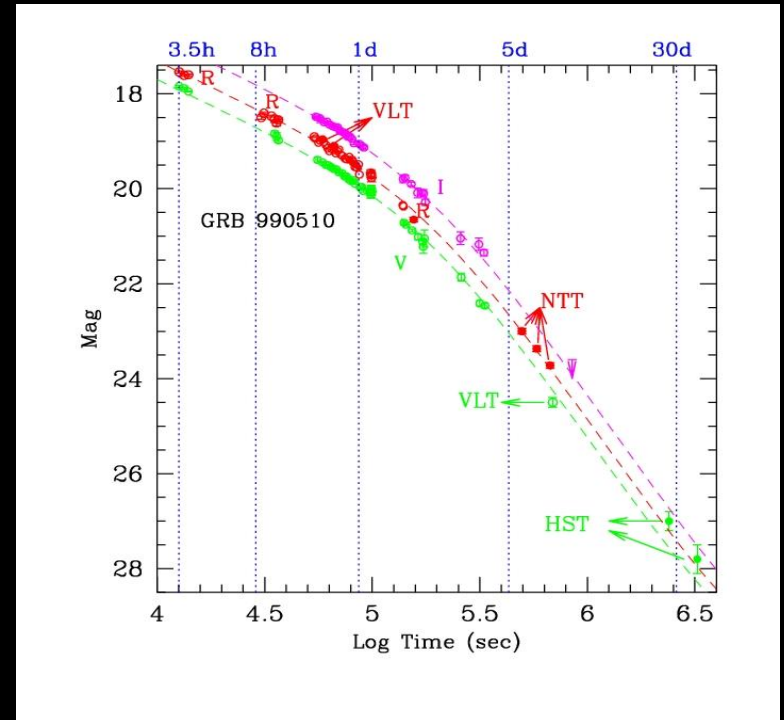
# What is a GRB

## Prompt emission (<1997)



- energies  $> 10$  keV
- 1 ms to 1 ks
- high variability

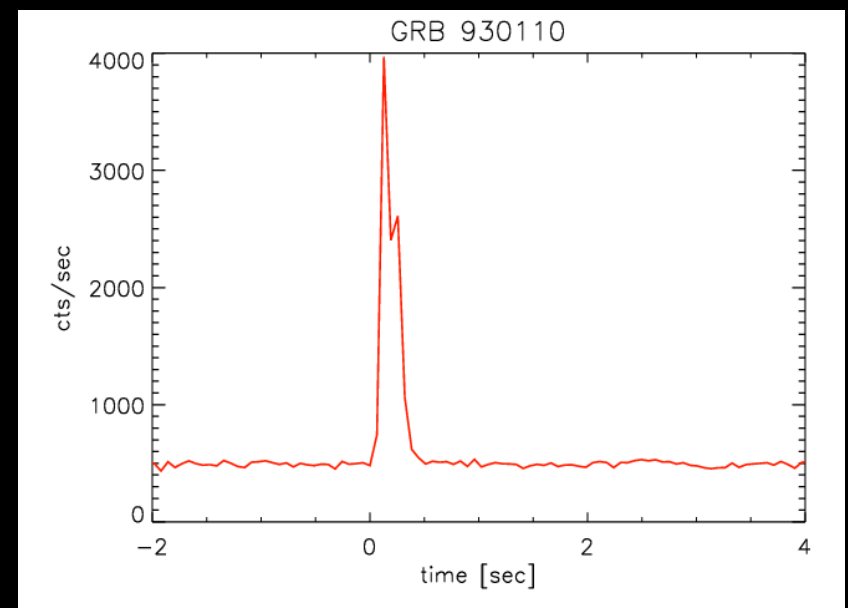
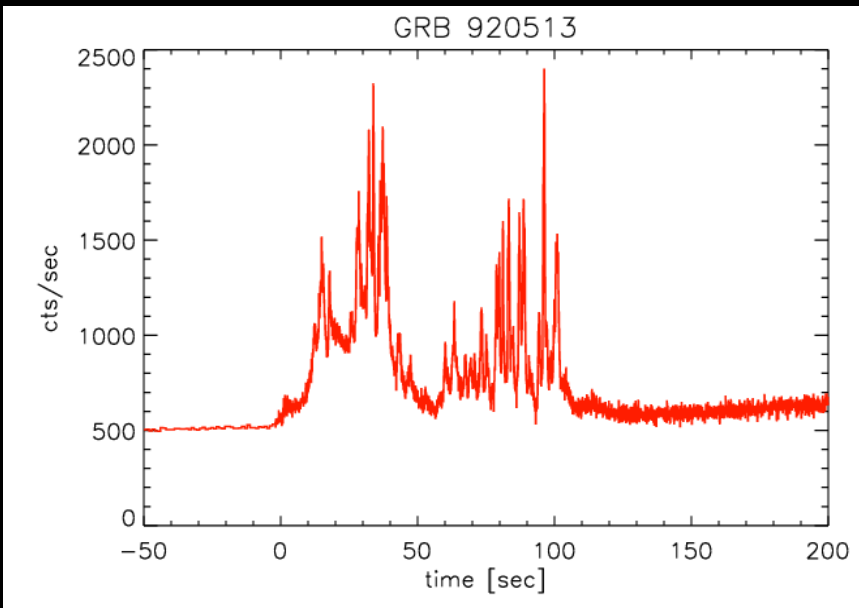
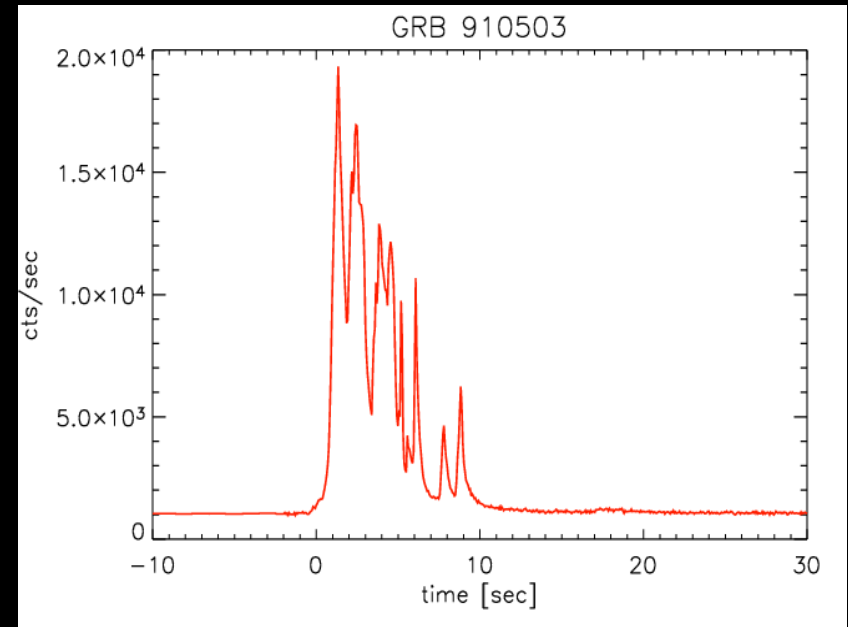
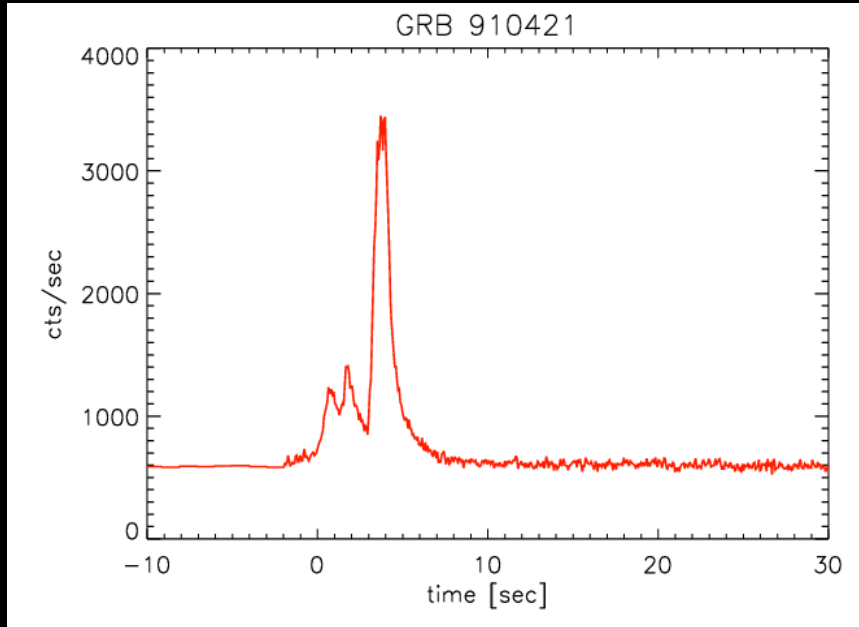
## Afterglow emission (>1997)



- energies Opt, IR, Radio
- hours, days, months
- smooth

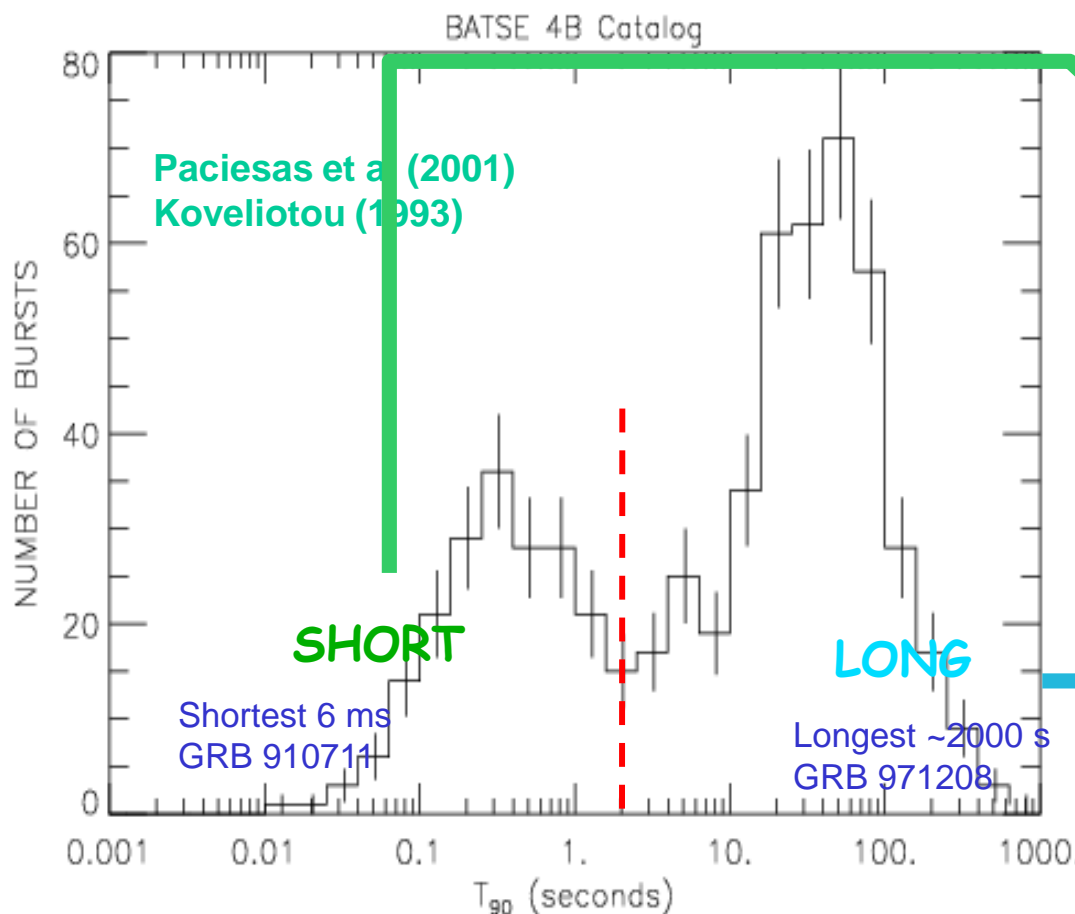
# GRB - Temporal Properties

Photons  $E > 30$  keV



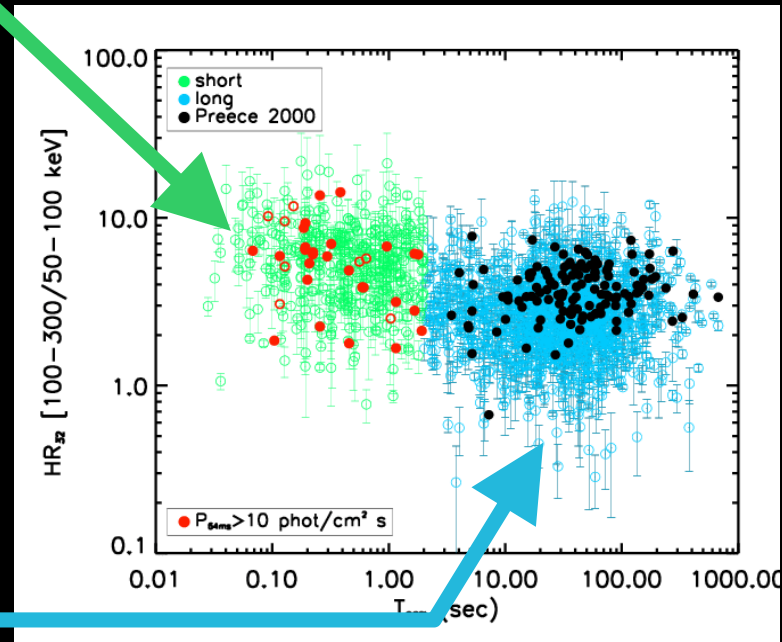
# GRB - Temporal Properties

*GRB duration distribution is bimodal*



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Hardness ratio vs duration  
(e.g. Tavani et al. 1996)



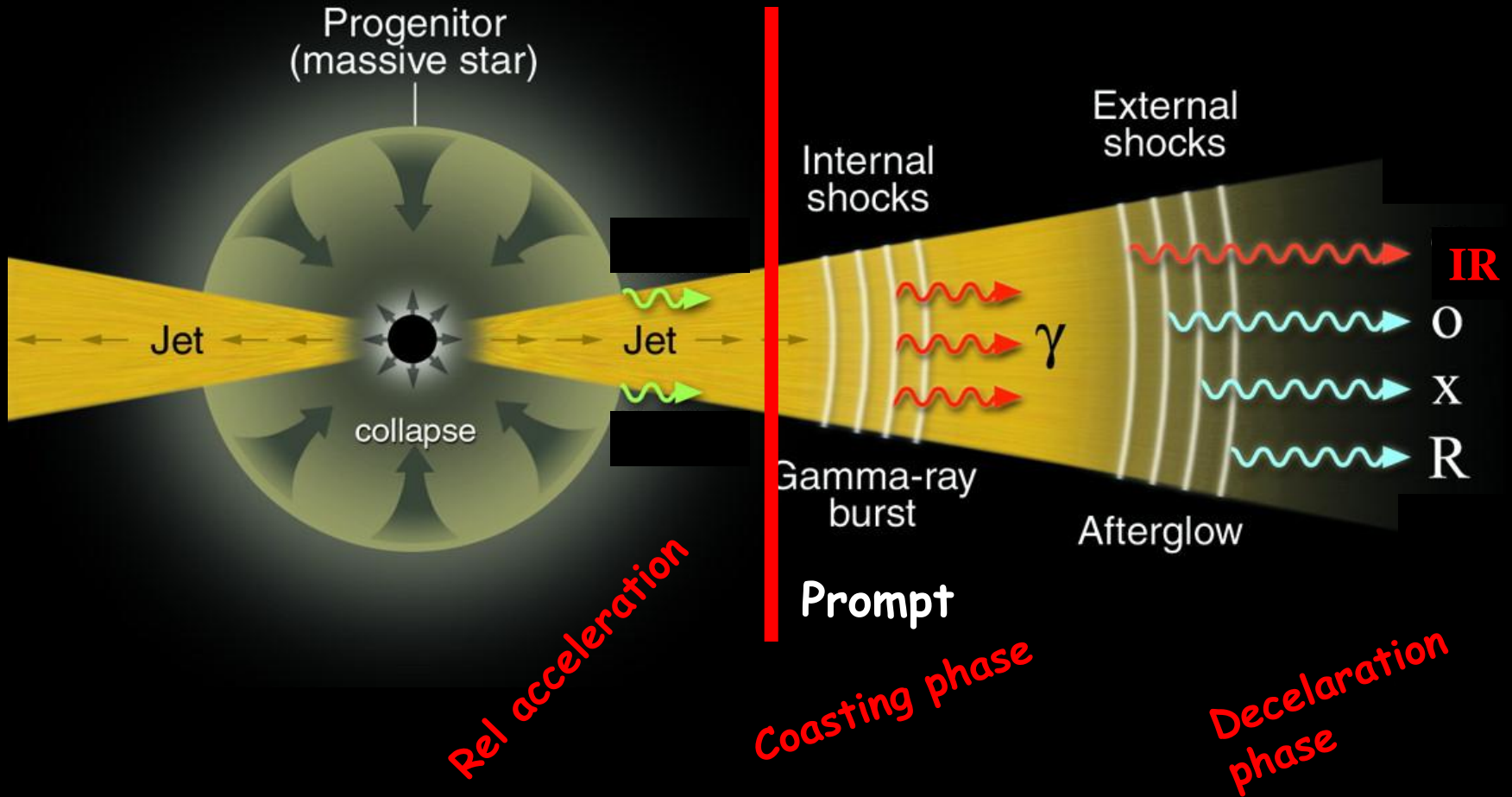
Short - Hard  
Long - Soft

Hardness-duration paradigm



# The Fireball model

Transparency





## some questions

Q1: how do short GRB spectra look like?

Q2: Are (some) short GRBs the extragal. counterpart of SGR giant flares?

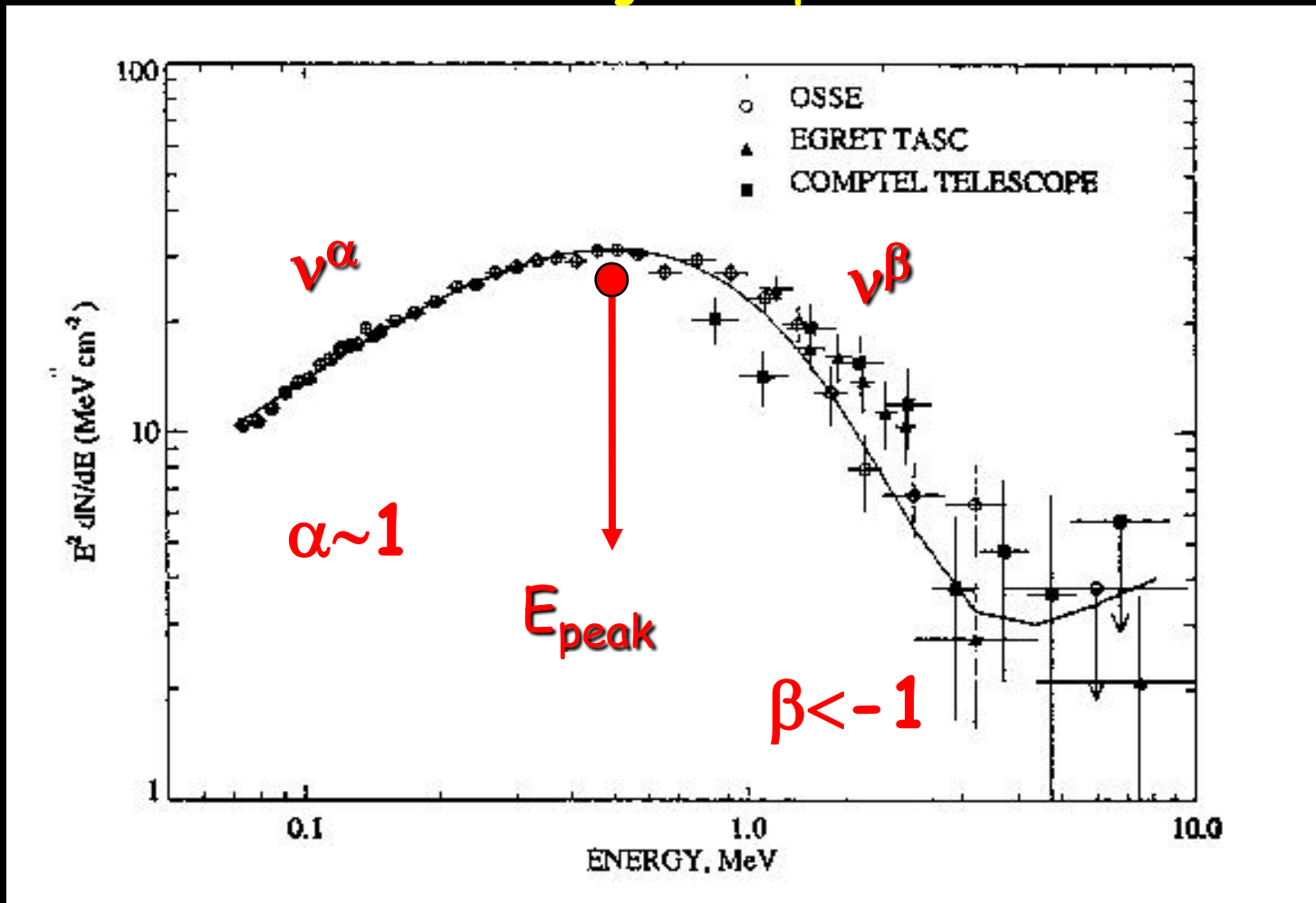
Q3: which is the distance scale to short GRBs?

Q4: what about the prompt and afterglow energetics?



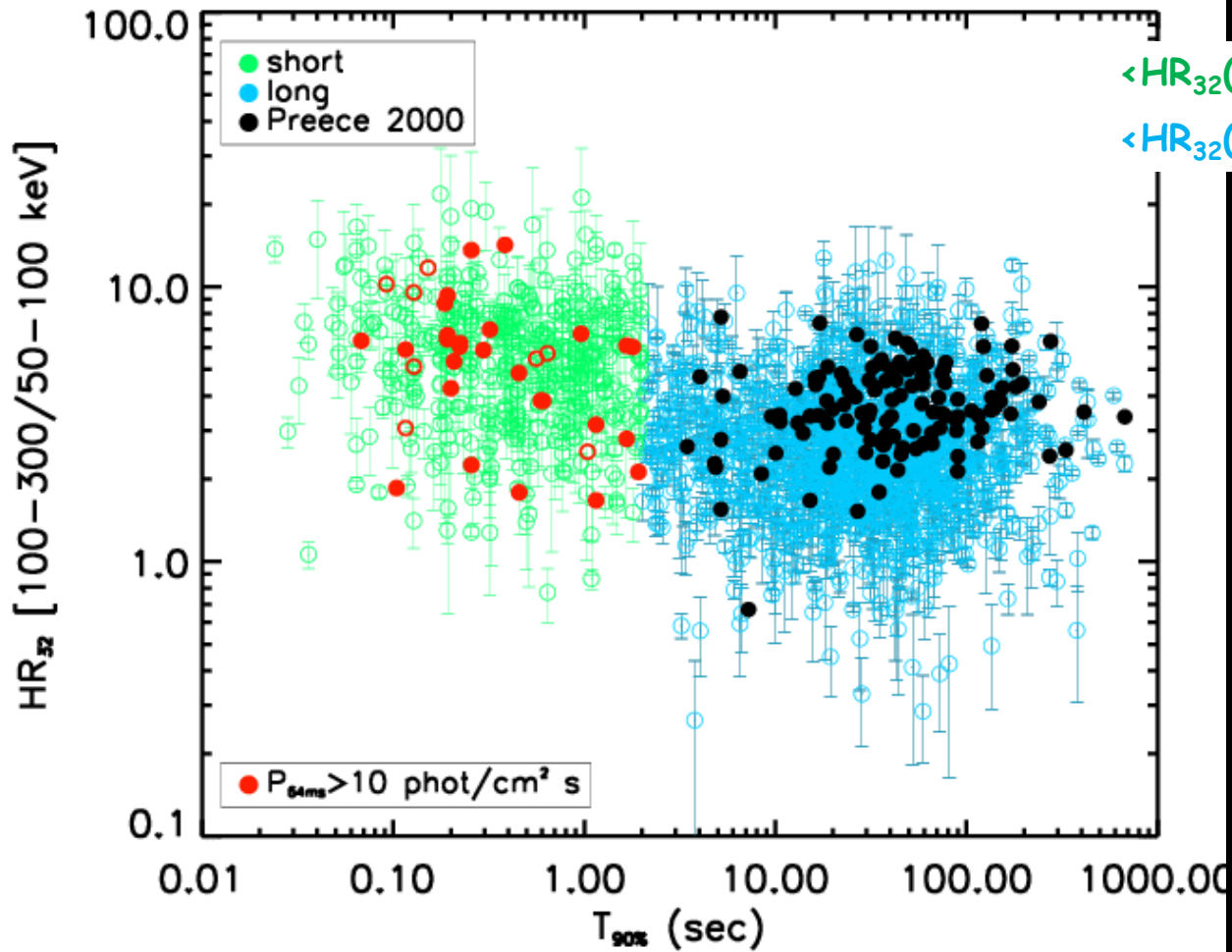
# Long GRB (prompt) spectrum

## Time integrated spectrum

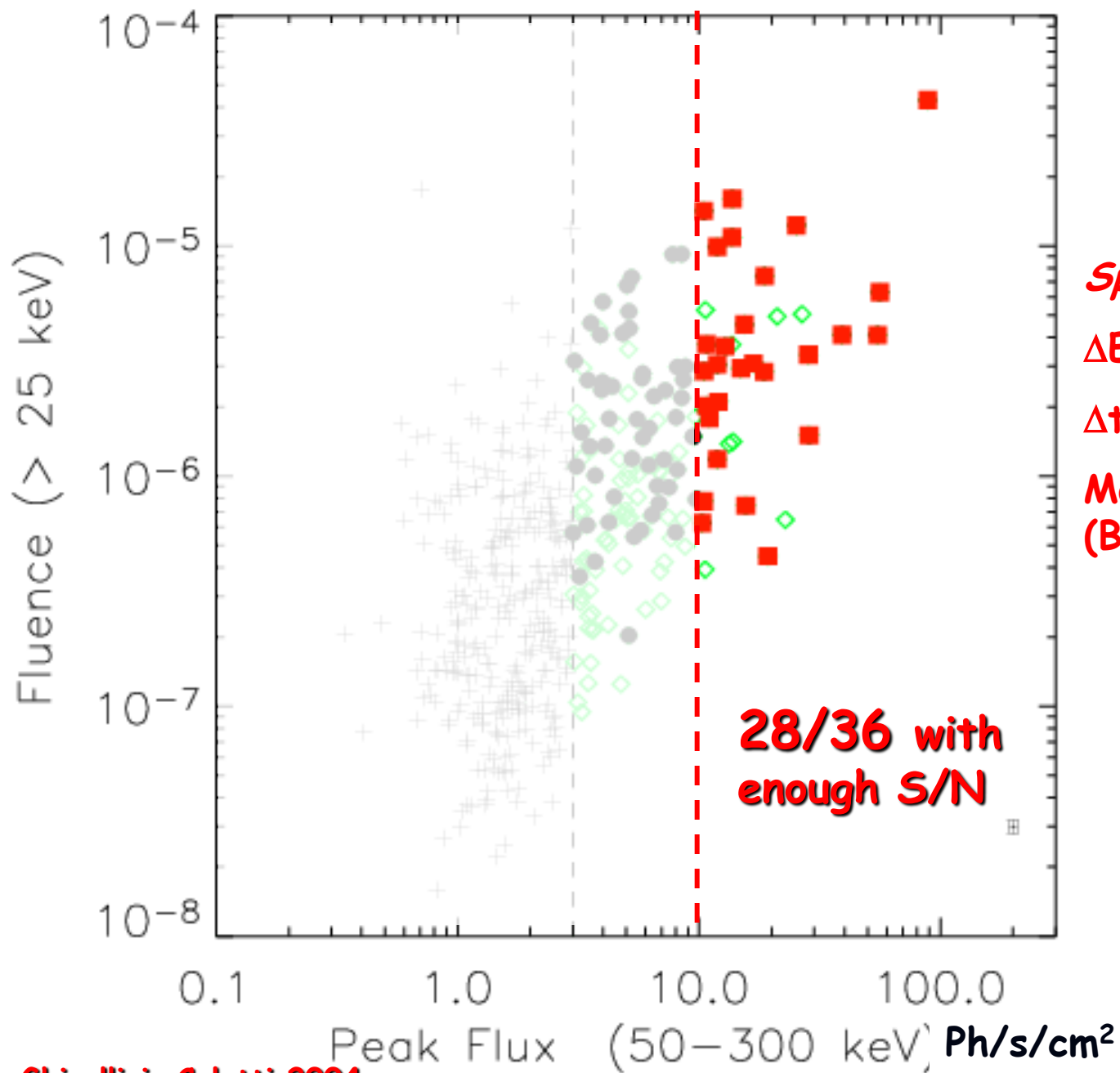


Fishman & Meegan 1995, Band et al. 1993,  
Preece et al. 2000, GG et al. 2002

# What about Short GRBs?



# 500 Short GRBs from BATSE



*Spectral analysis:*

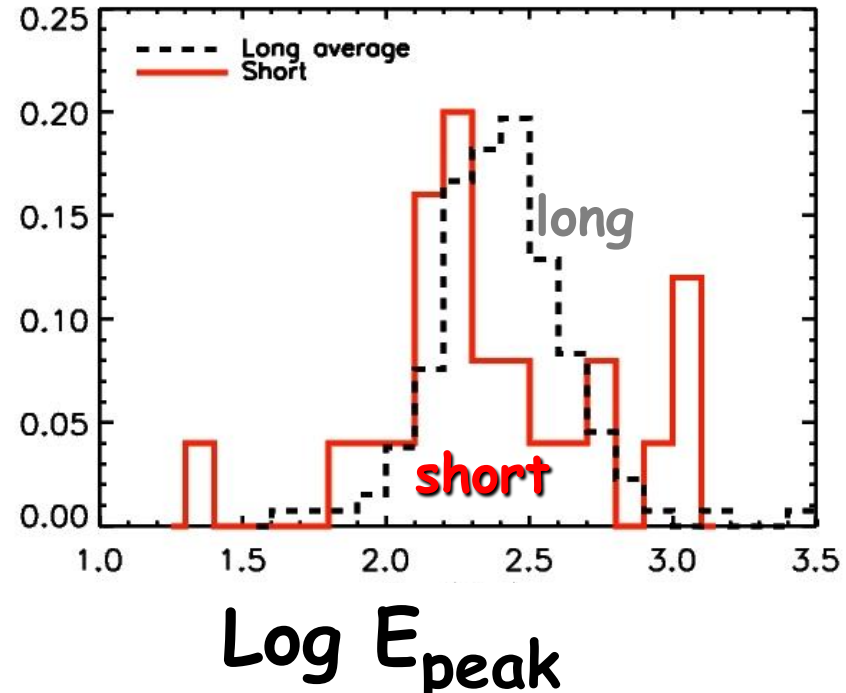
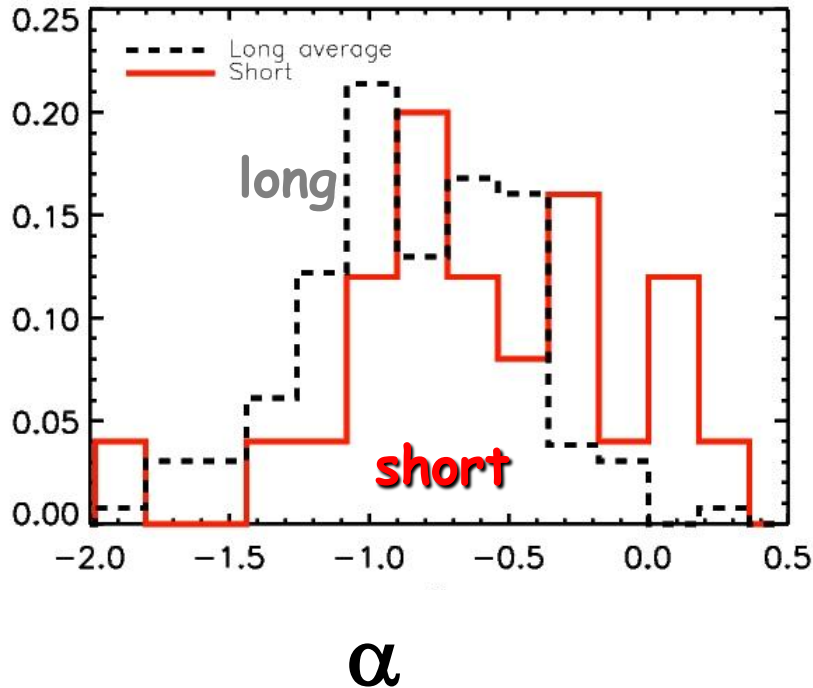
$\Delta E \sim 0.03 - 1.8 \text{ MeV}$

$\Delta t \sim 0.2 \text{ sec}$

Model: CPL  
(Band, BKNPL)

# Short vs Long: average spectra

GG, Ghisellini, Celotti 2004



Short  $\langle \alpha \rangle \sim -0.58 \pm 0.10$

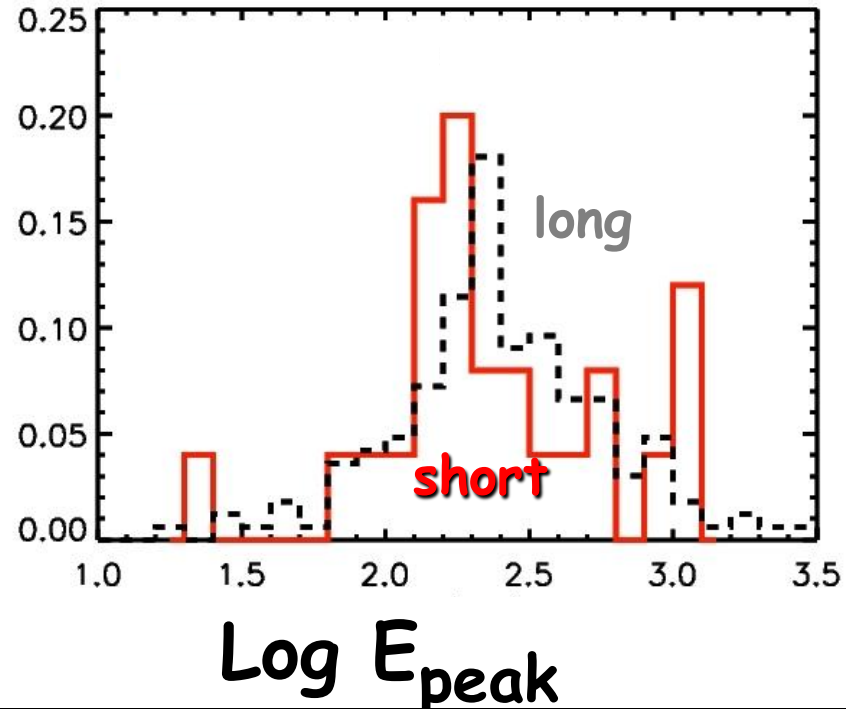
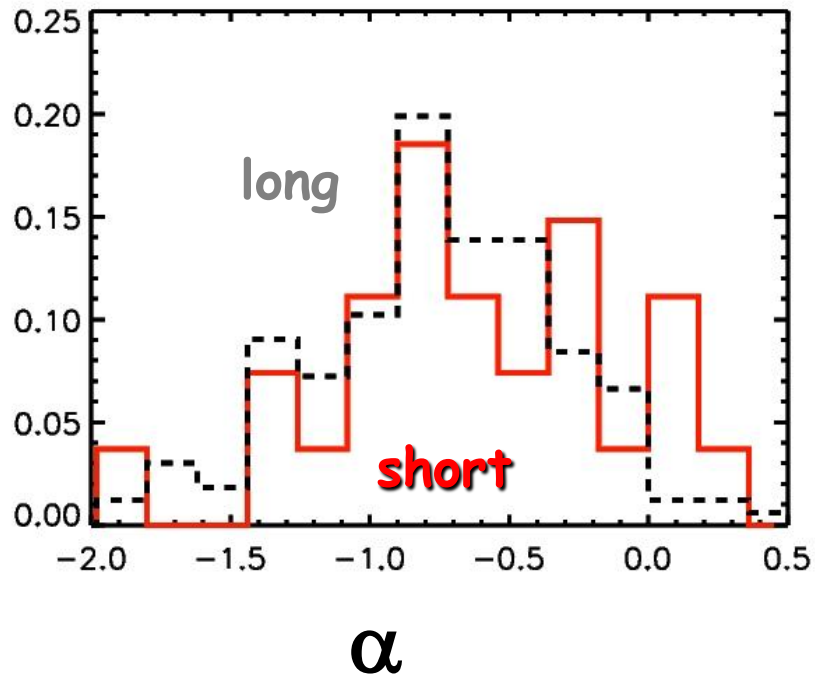
Long  $\langle \alpha \rangle \sim -1.05 \pm 0.14$

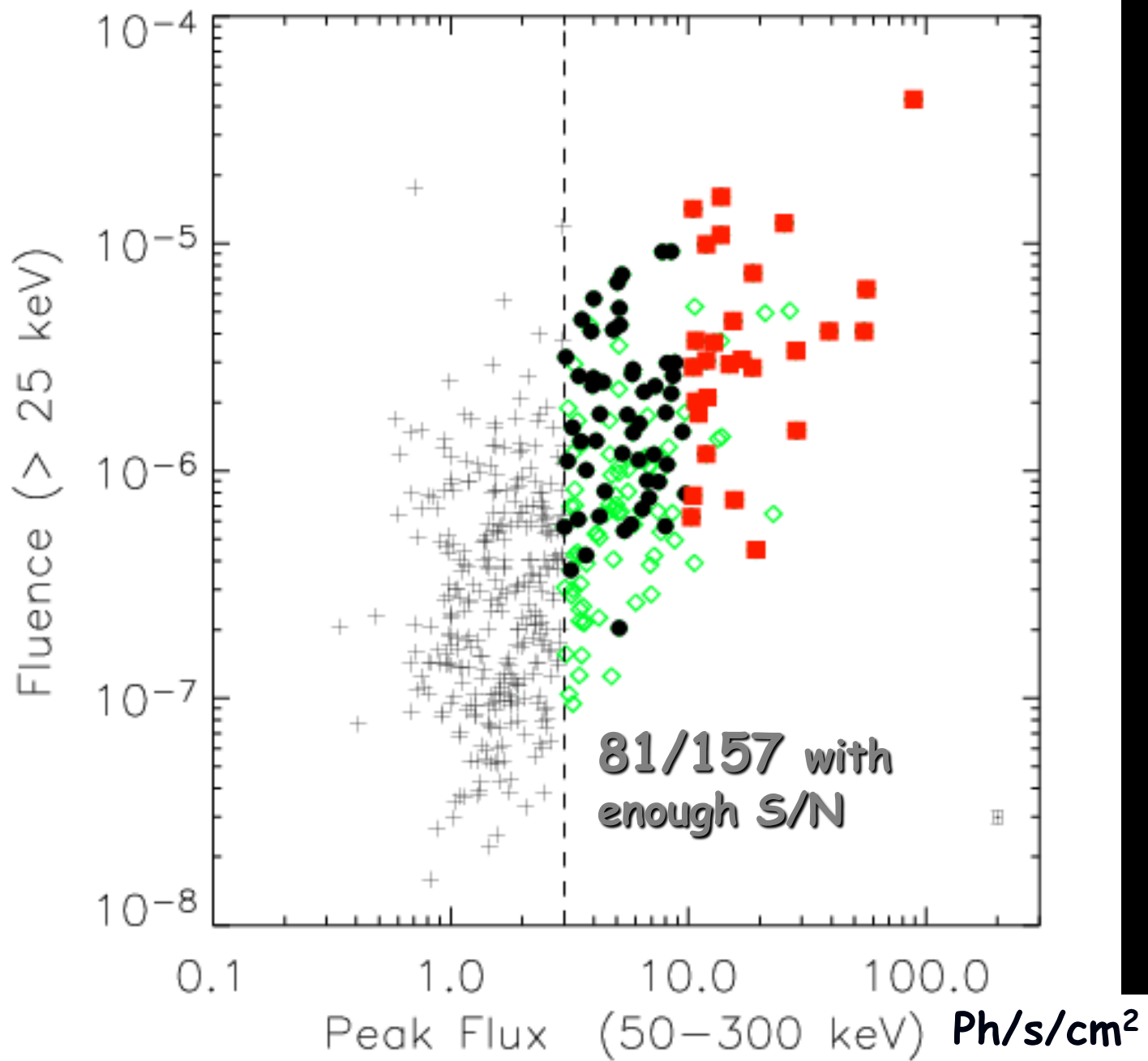
K-S  $\rightarrow P = 0.04\%$

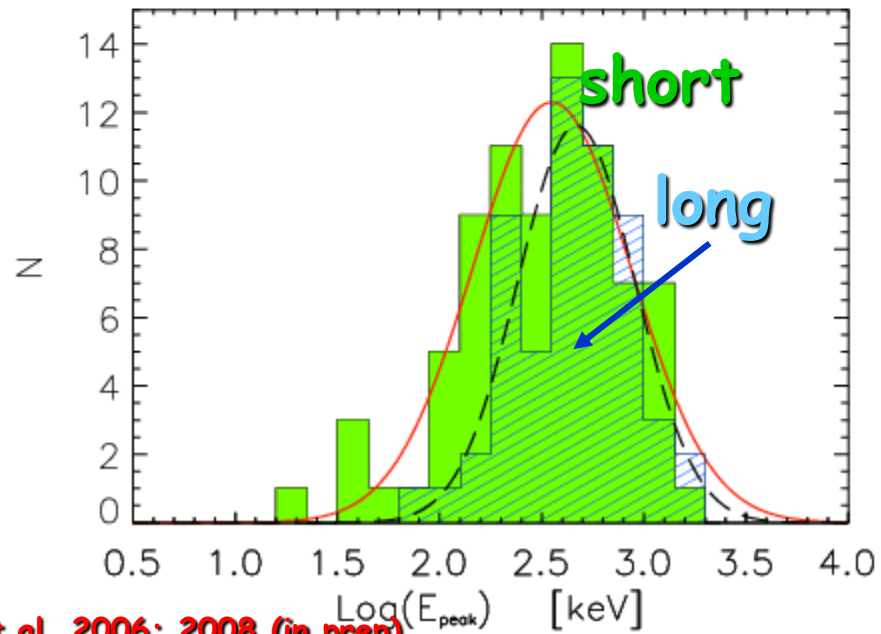
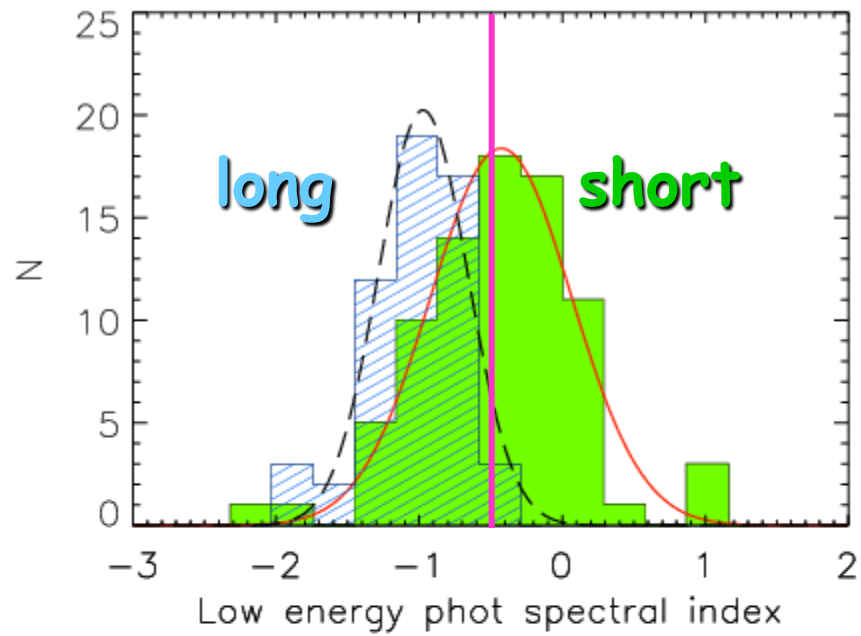
Long bursts comparison sample from Preece et al. 2000 and GG, Celotti, Ghisellini 2002

# Short vs First 2 s of Long

GG, Ghisellini, Celotti 2004



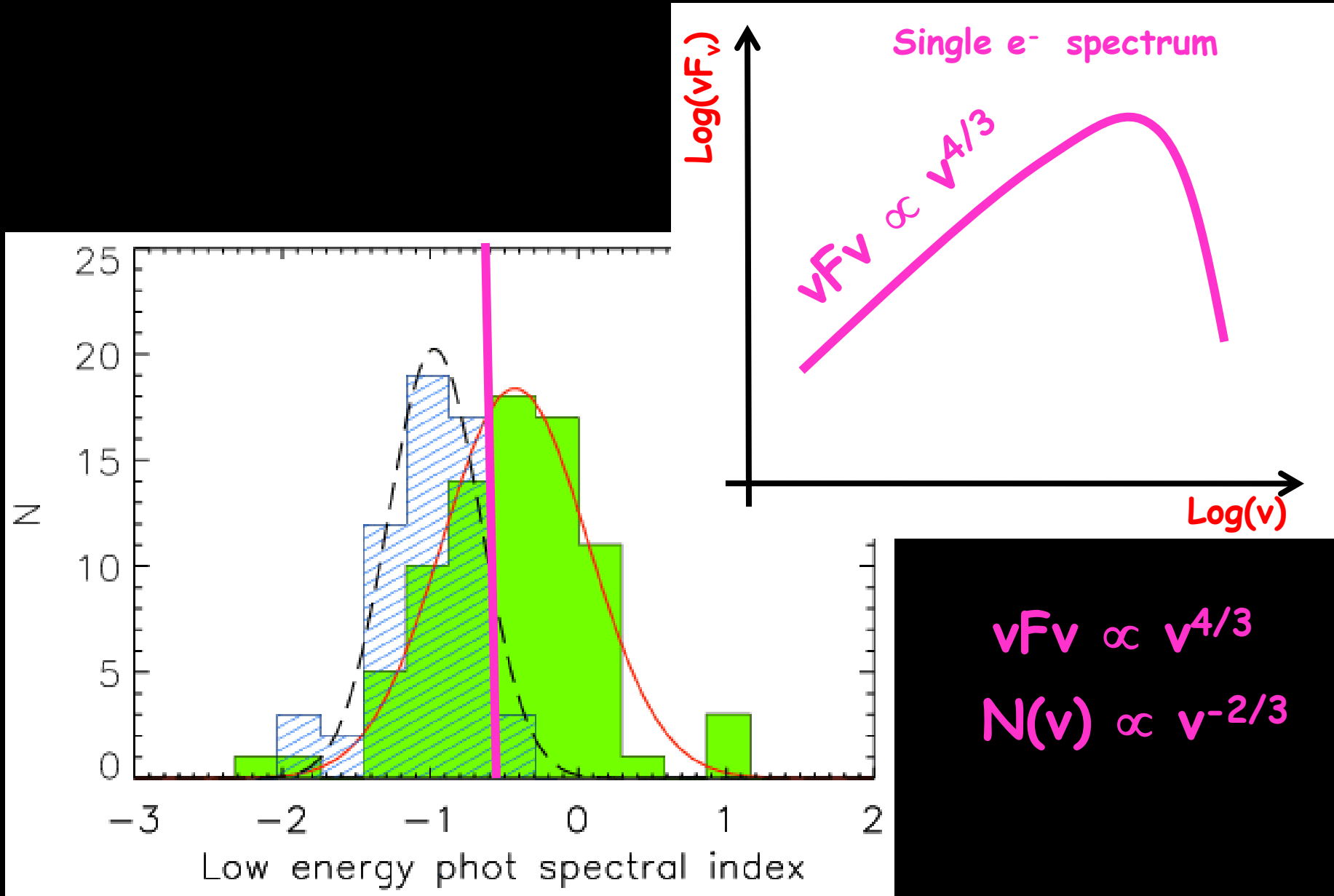




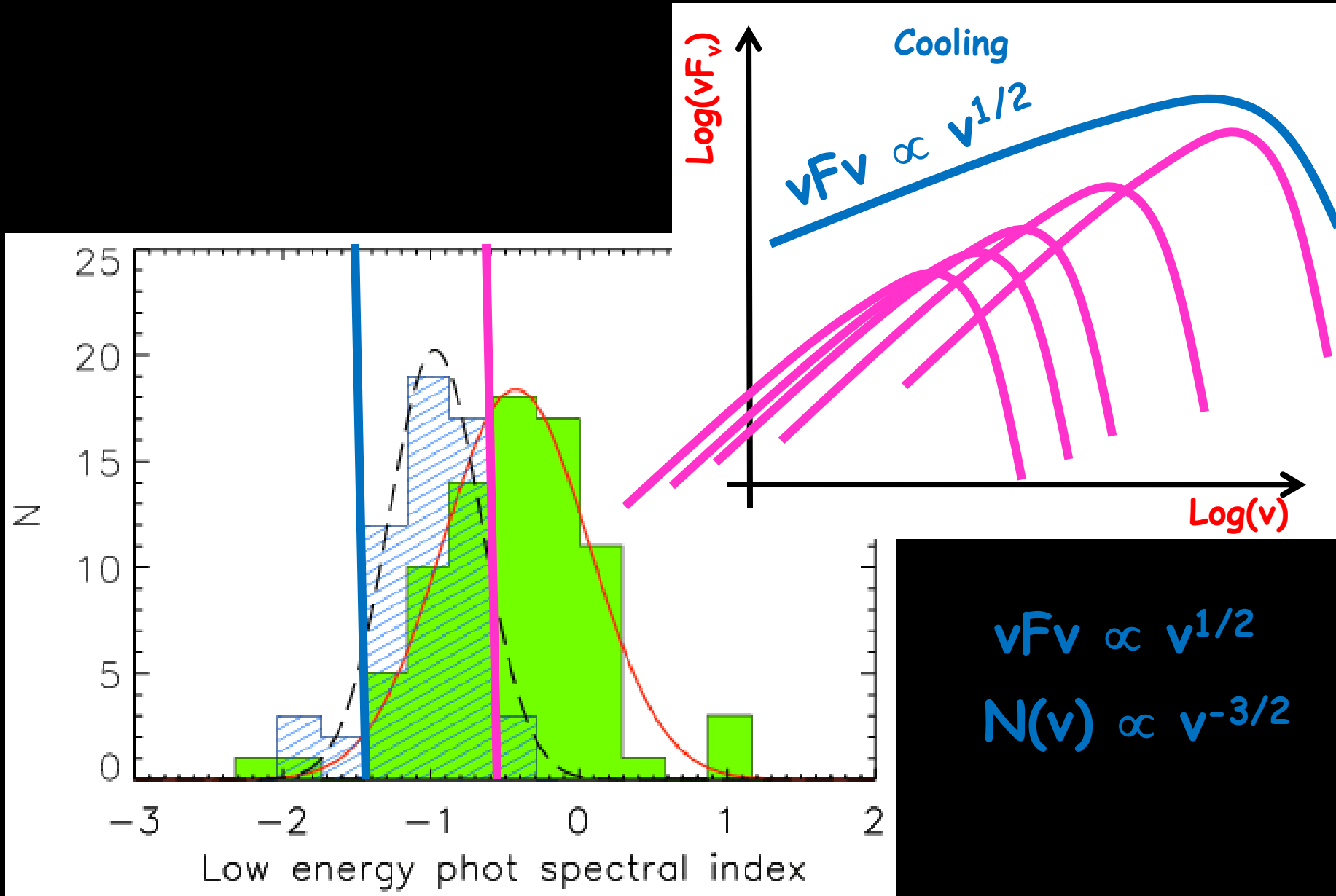




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# Short GRBs: spectra

Q1: how do short GRB spectra look like?

Short/Hard - Long/Soft paradigm (based on the HR) revisited:

Short GRBs are harder because their low energy spectral component ( $\alpha$ ) is harder while their peak energy  $E_{\text{peak}}$  is similar wrt Long GRBs

A larger fraction (wrt to long) of short GRBs violate the OTSSM limit and a larger fraction of short bursts are consistent with Th-BB (or modified BBPL).

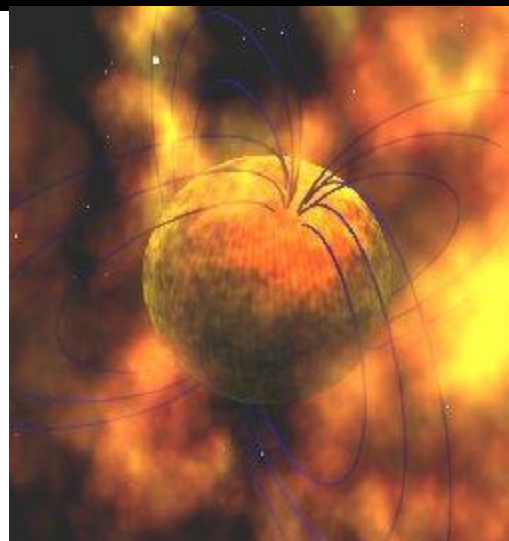
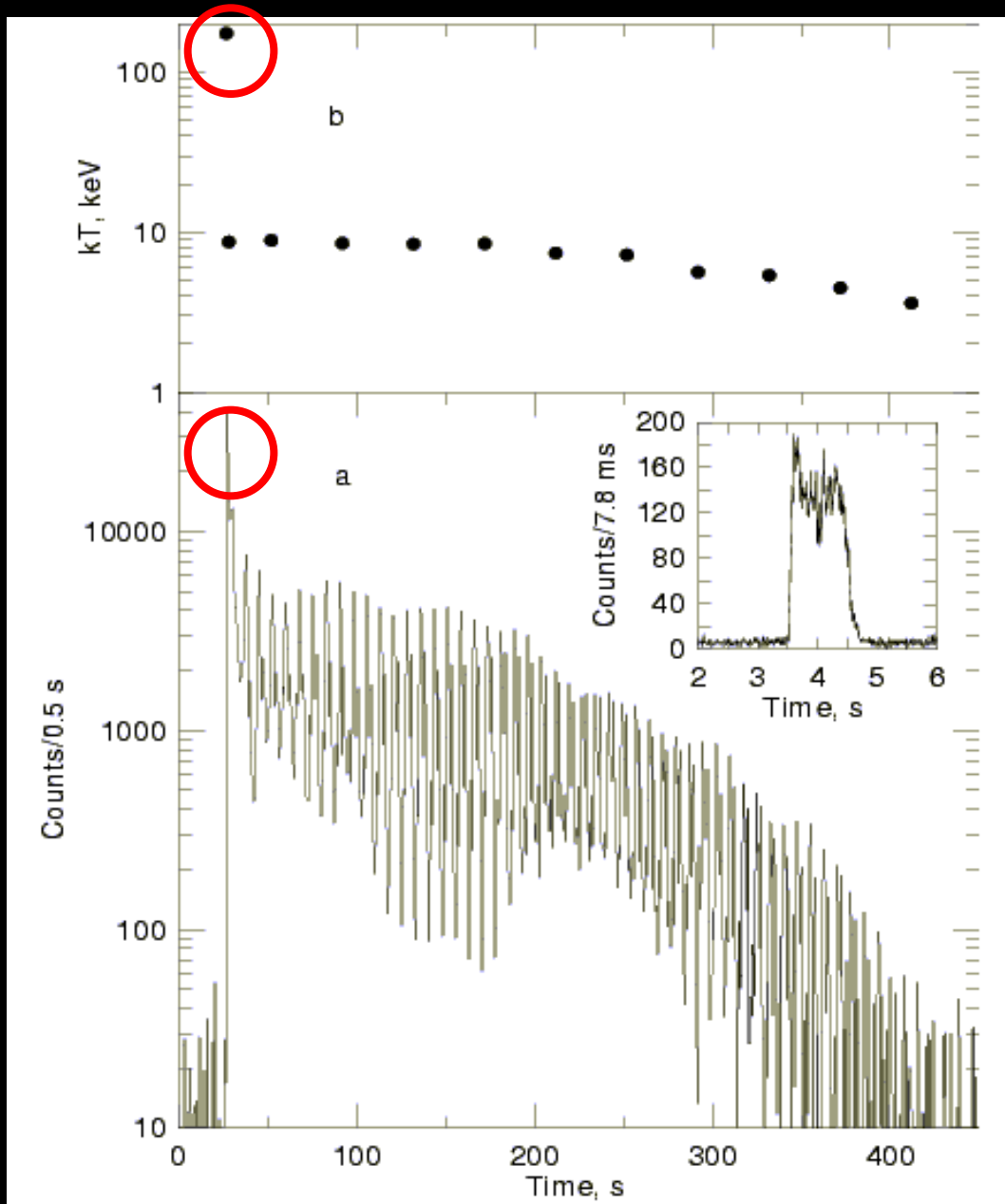
Short GRB spectra  $\rightarrow$  no high energy tail ?

Short GRB spectra are similar to the first 2 sec of long GRB

Soft Gamma ray  
Repeaters (SGR)  
and short bursts

# Dec. 26 2004 a giant flare from SGR 1806-20

$L \sim 10^{47}$   
erg/s



Hurley et al. 2005

# Shorts as giant flares of SGR?

SGR giant flares (SGRgf):

1.  $T \leq 2$  sec (single peaked low variability)
2.  $L = 10^{47}$  erg/s
3. Hard spectrum  $\rightarrow$  Black Body  $kT=150$  keV

## TEST:

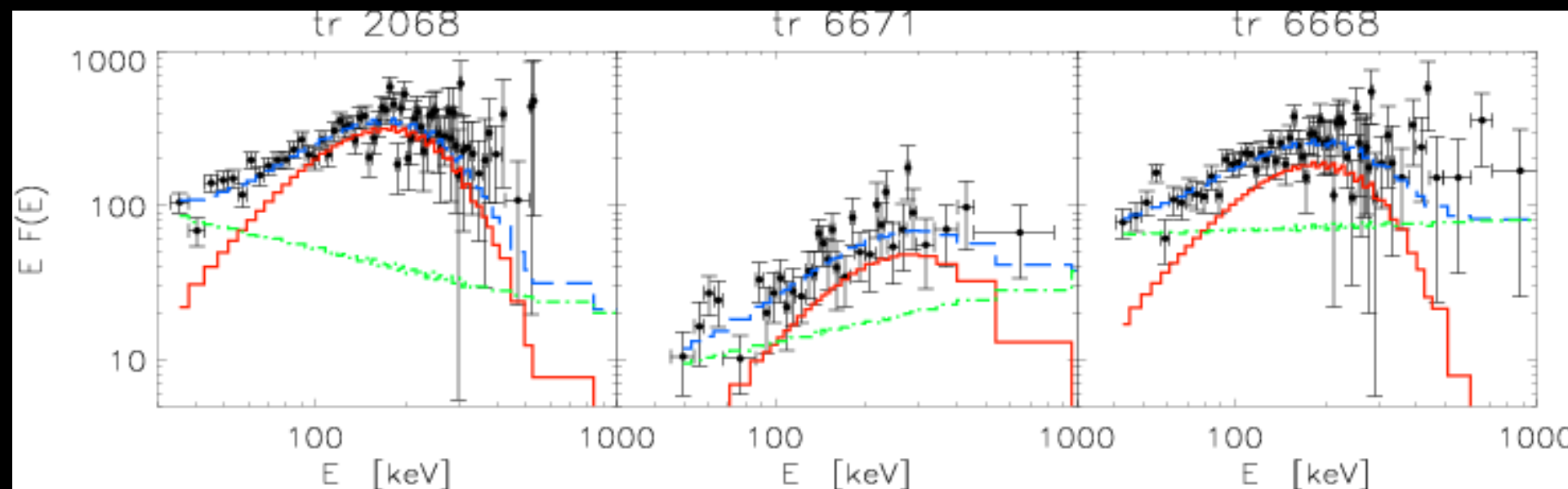
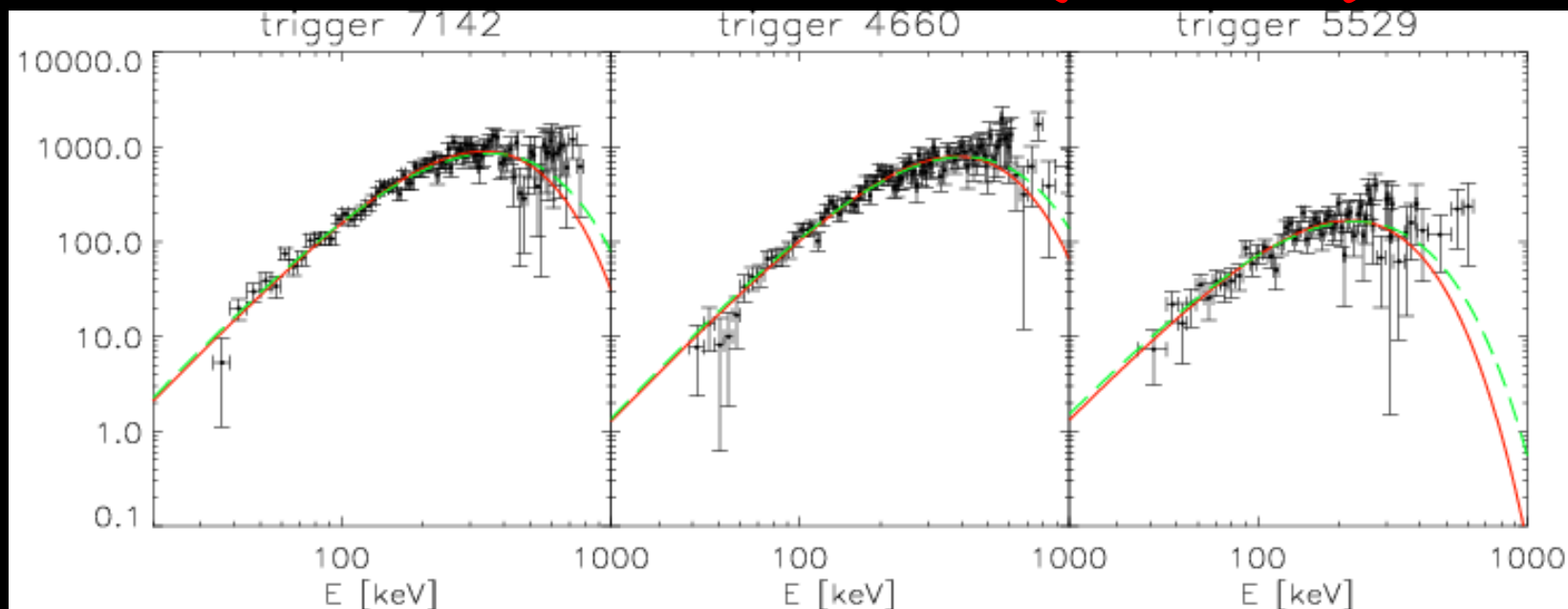
1. Association with nearby galaxies ( $< 30-50$  Mpc)  
(Nakar 2005  $\rightarrow$  50%; Popov 2005  $\rightarrow N < 10^{-3}$  yr $^{-1}$ )
2. spectra + light curves of Short GRBs

**If** short GRBs are the extragal counterpart of SGRgf

SGRgf should be detected by BATSE

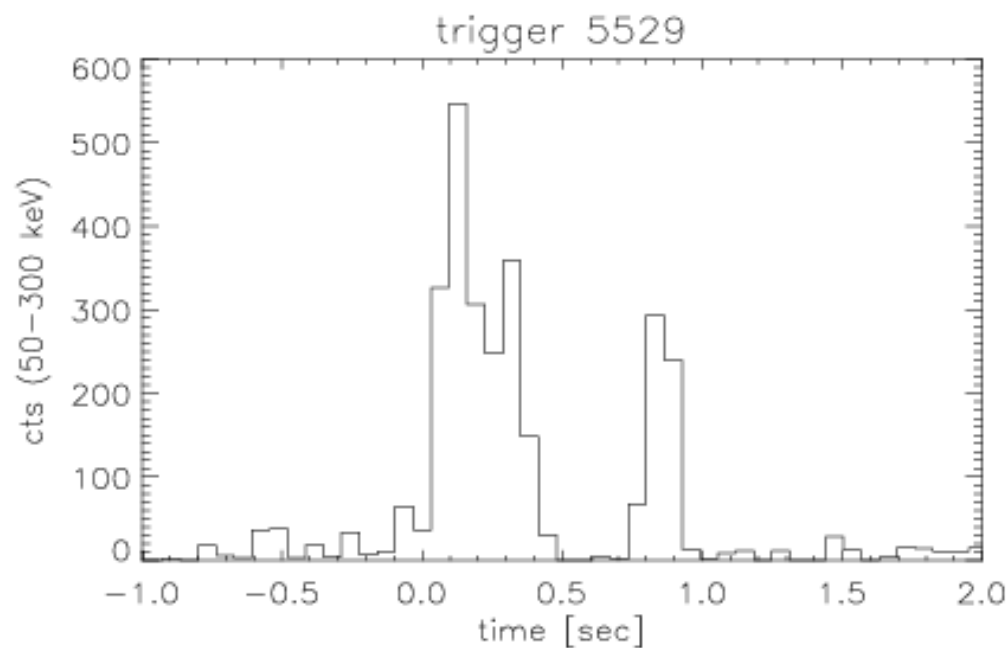
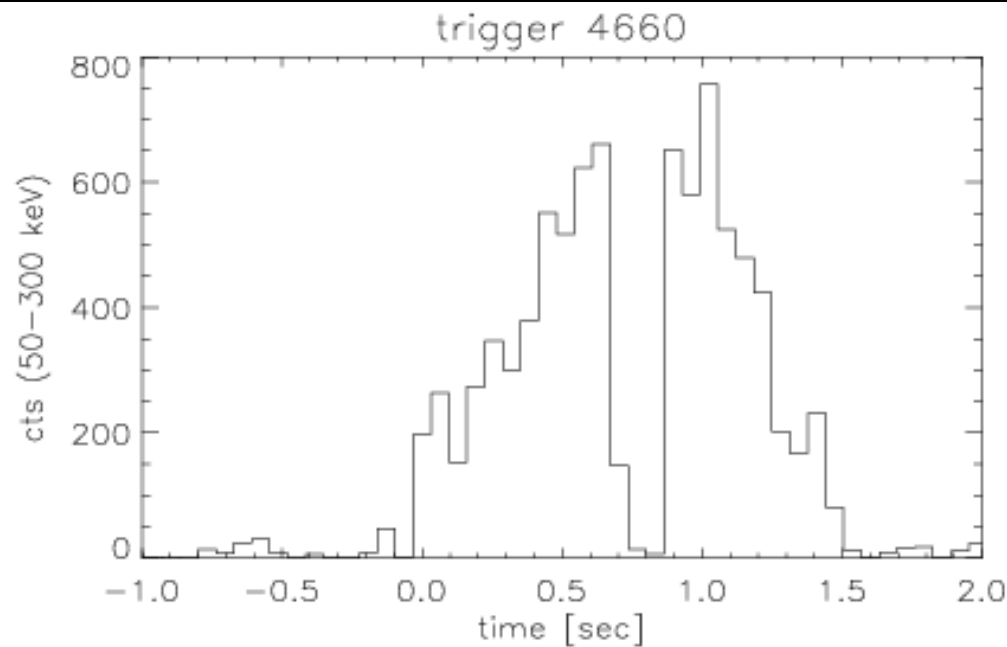
1. up to 35 Mpc ( $z < 0.008$ )
2.  $N=30$  yr $^{-1}$  (60%)

# BB in Short (15/81)



Lazzati, GG, Ghisellini, 2005, GG et al. 2008

... but light curves are not single peaked





# Short GRBs: spectra

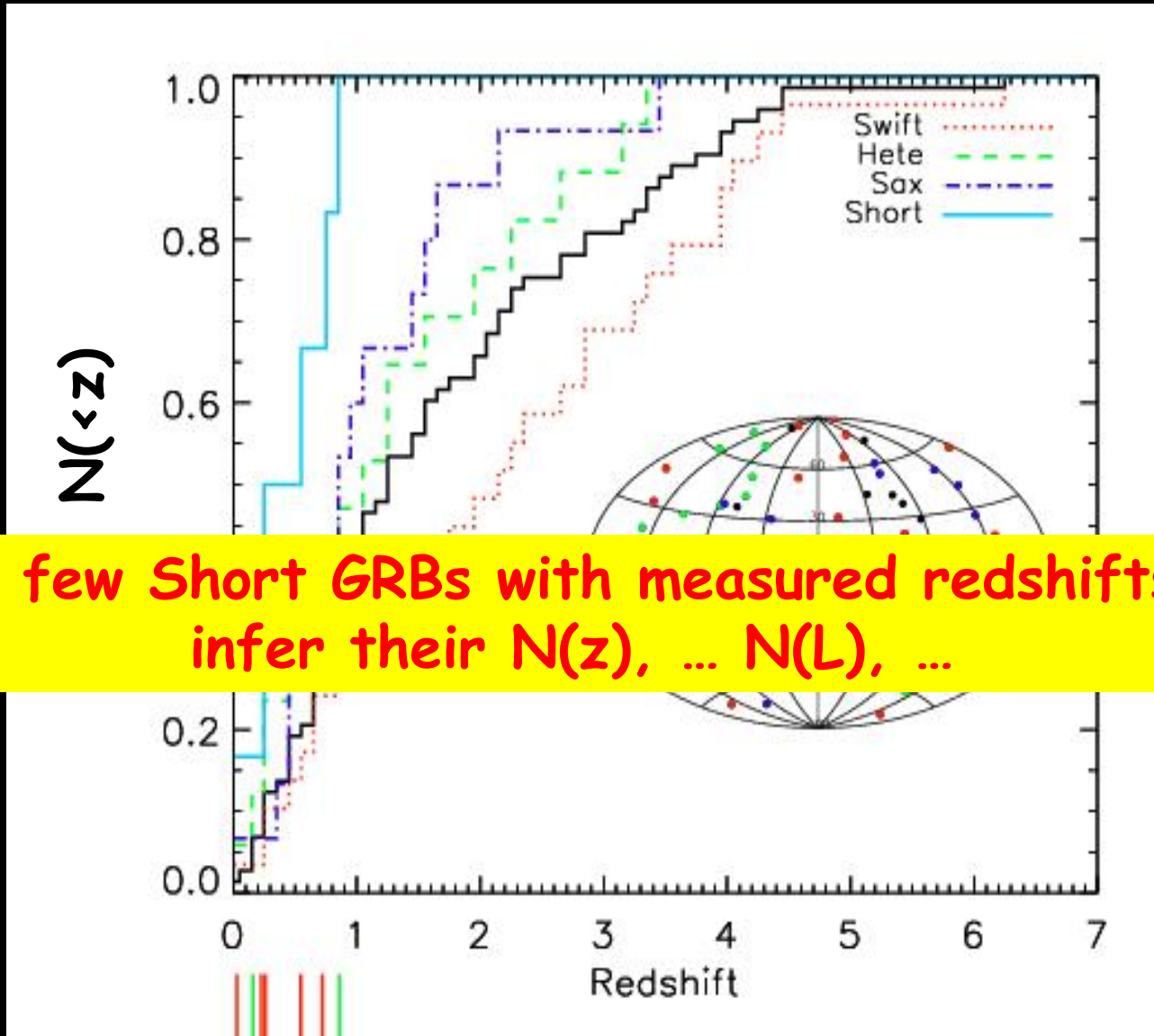
Q2: Are (some) short GRBs the extragal. counterpart of SGR giant flares?

3 short GRB candidates in the BATSE bright sample of 81 short bursts (GG et al. 2006)  $\rightarrow$  BB spectrum with  $KT < 100$  keV but light curve is multipeaked.

If  $L \propto (KT)^4$  (and similar to 1806-20) then  $D \sim 2-5$  Mpc but no host candidate within the error box at the same distance.

We can exclude at  $4\sigma$  Q2 (but there are some caveats).

# Redshift



73 Long

29 Swift

15 Sax

17 Hete

... 12  
other

Short GRB

050925

050709

050509B

050724

051221

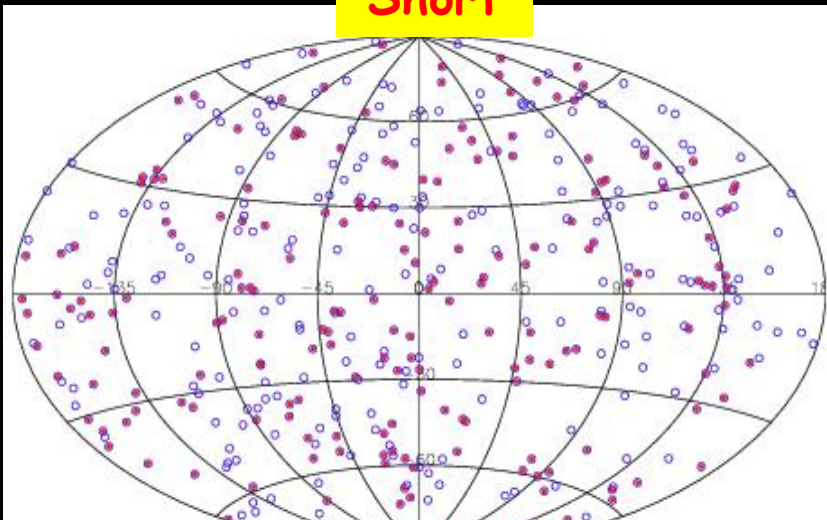
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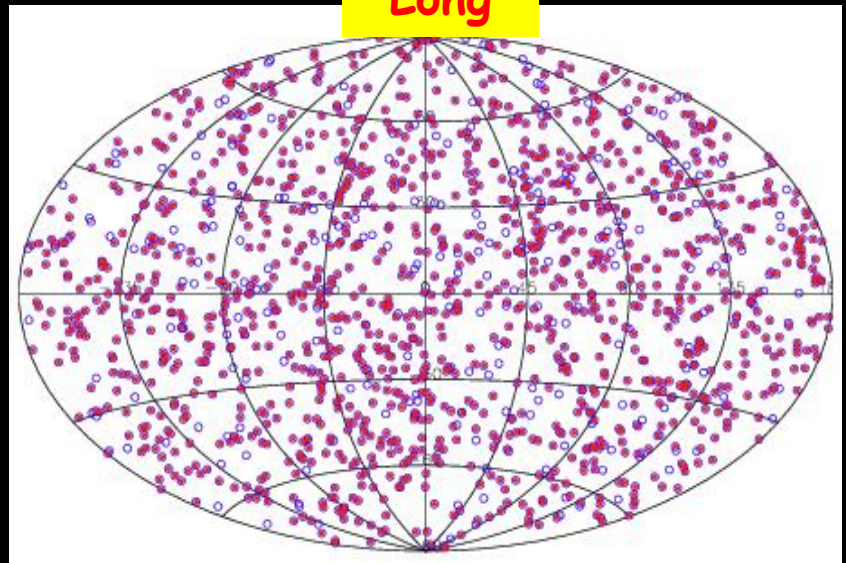
Swift 5/7 with redshift

GG 2006

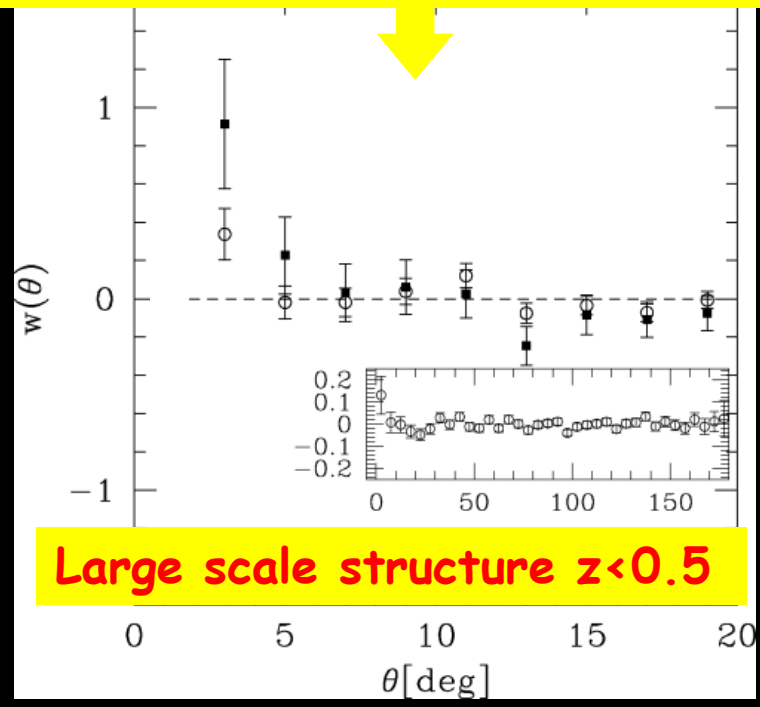
**Short**



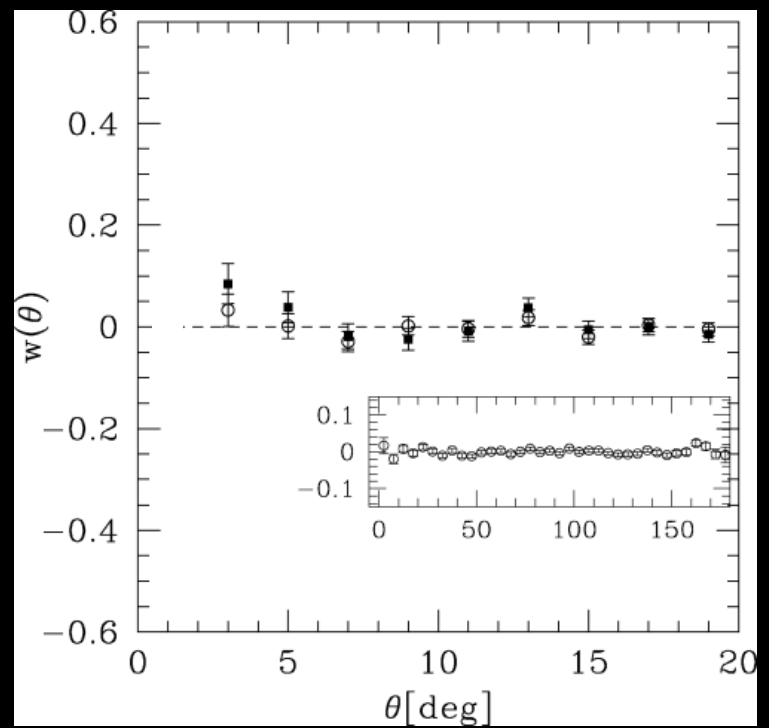
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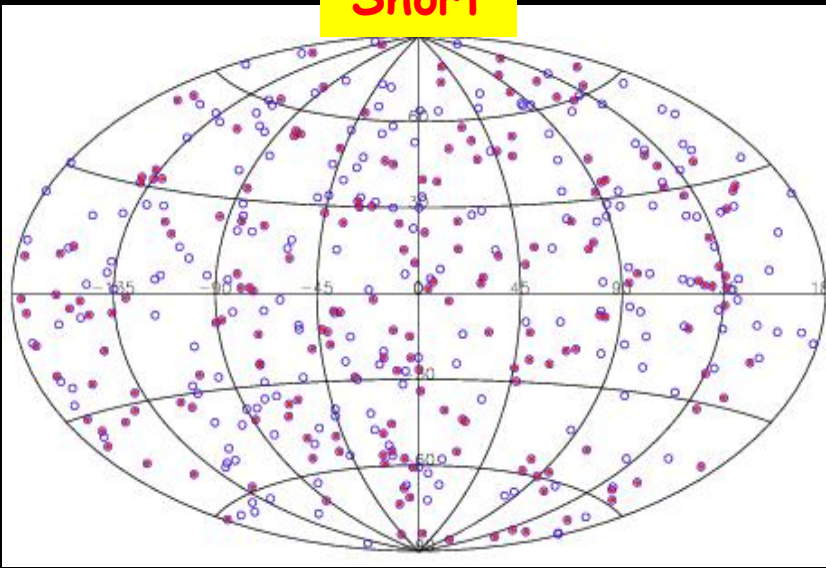
**Anisotropic distribution of short GRBs**



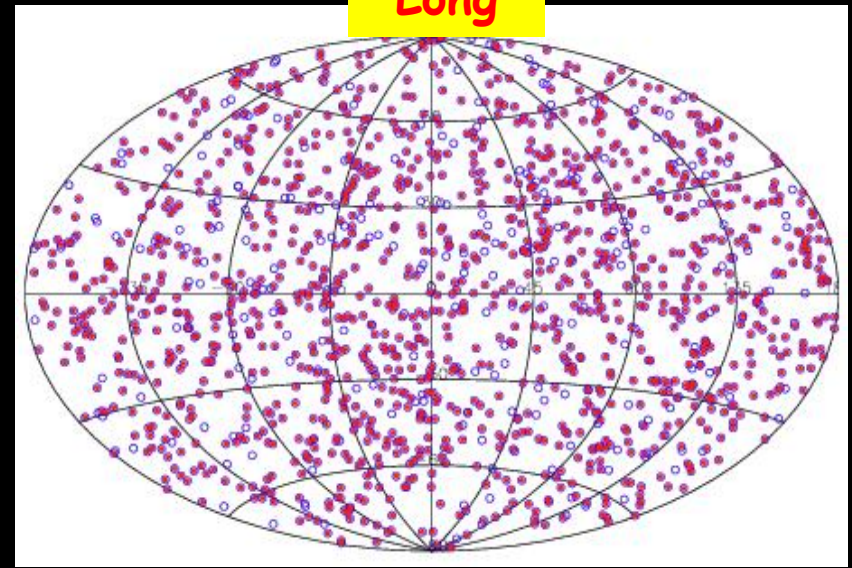
**Large scale structure  $z < 0.5$**



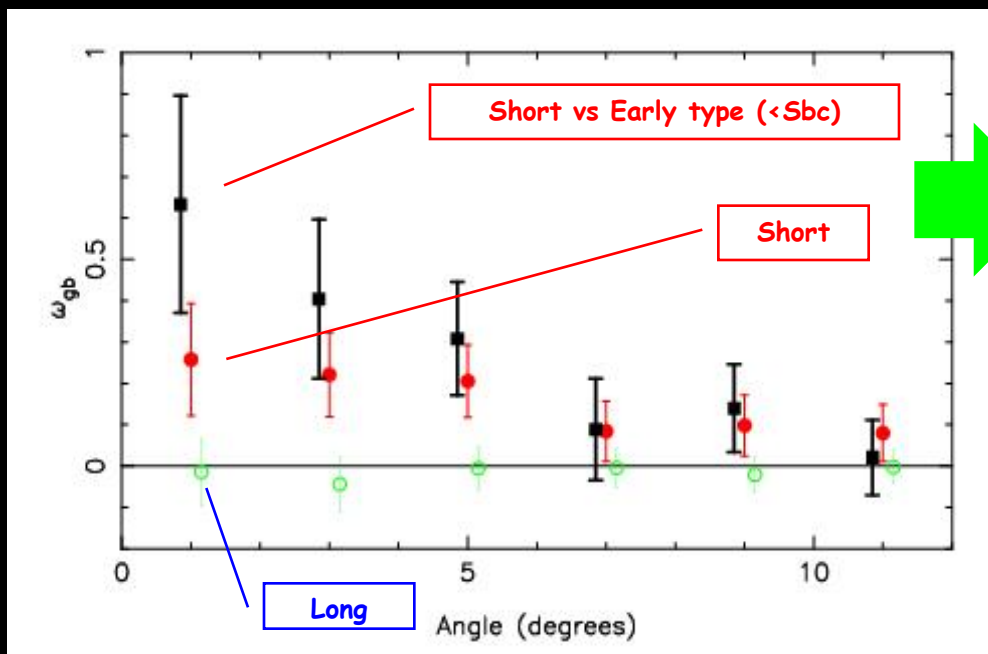
Short



Long



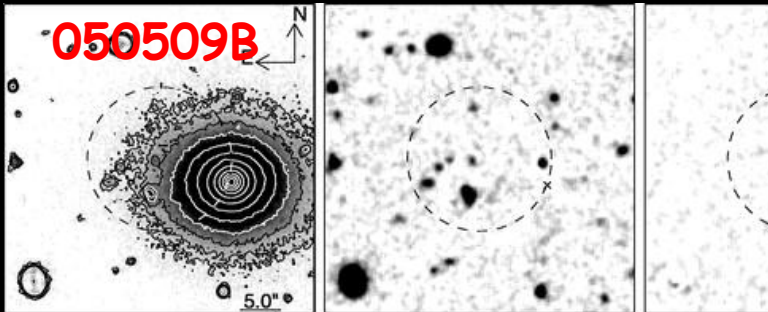
RC3 galaxy (2300)  $z < 0.007$



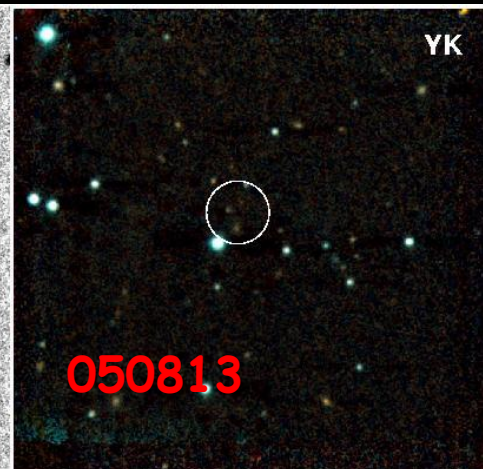
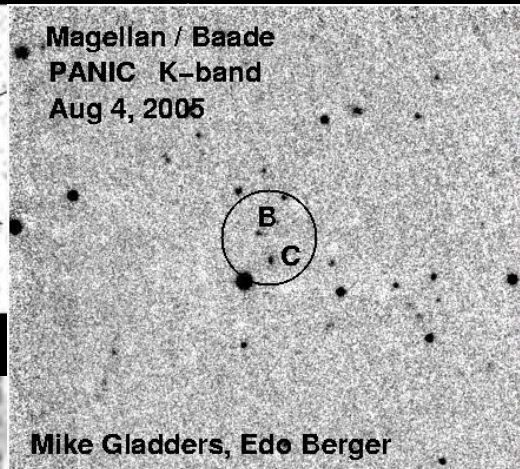
Short correlate with local galaxies and + with local early type gal.

~10-20% of Batse Short GRBs originate within 100 Mpc

# Short GRB hosts

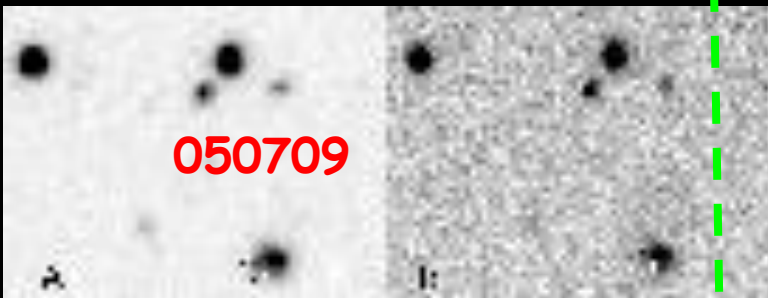


Bloom et al. 2006



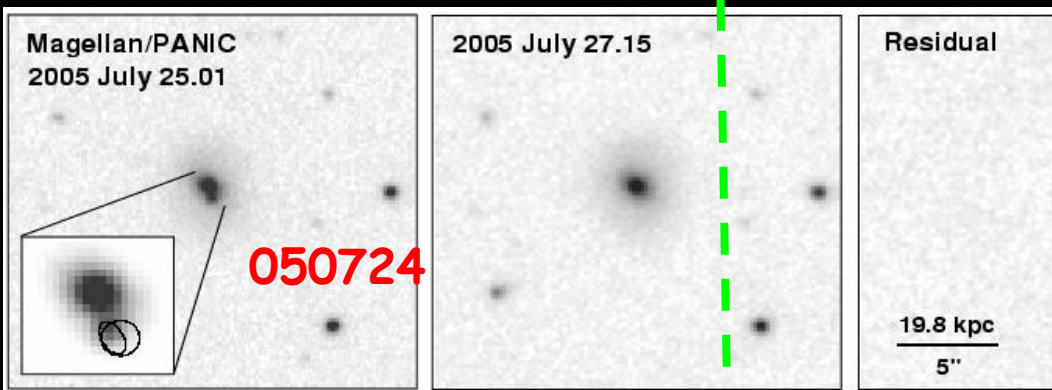
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Gladders et al.



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Covino et al. 2005



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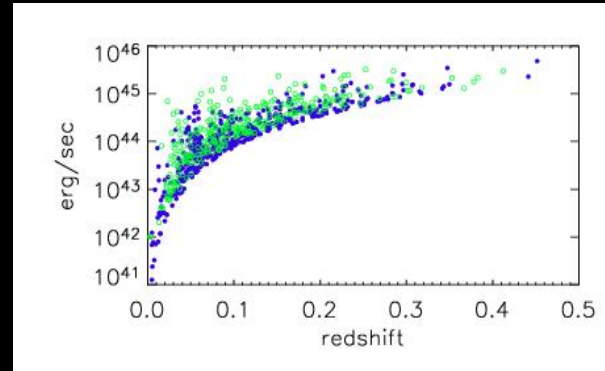
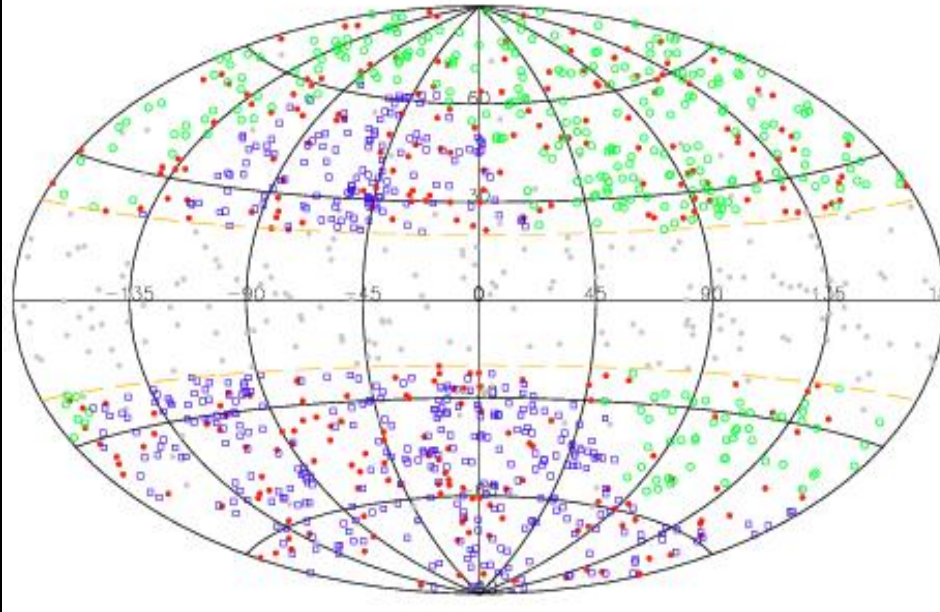
Berger et al. 2005



Gal-Yam et al. 2005

## ... let's try with clusters ...

(previous evidences of cluster-GRB correlation e.g. Kolatt & Piran 1996, Struble & Rood 1997 and discussion by Hurley et al. 1999; Gorosabel et al 1997)



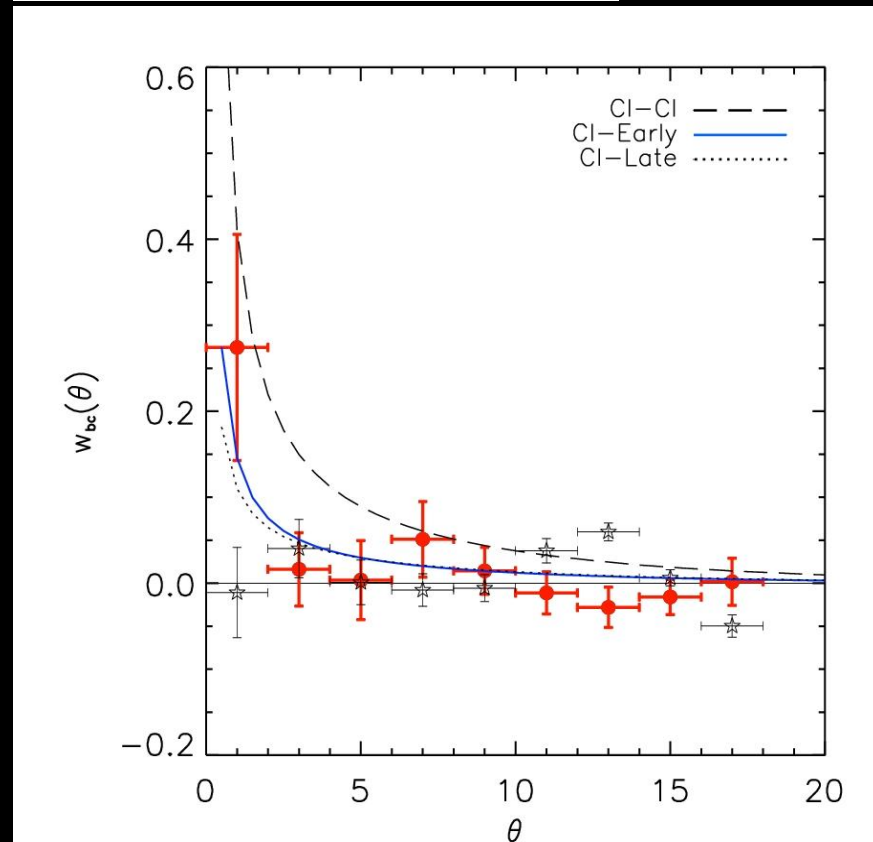
497 short  
GRBs

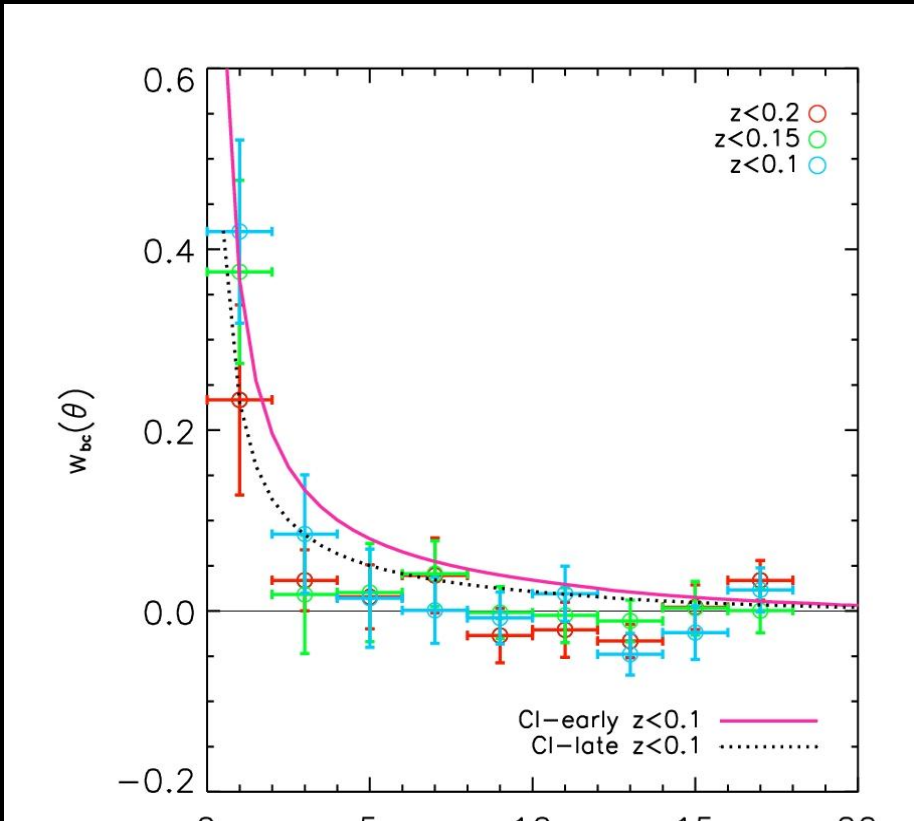
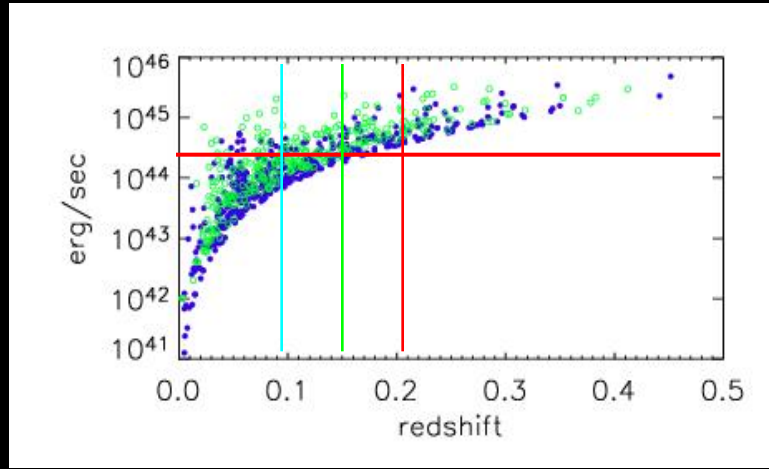
448 REFLEX (Boeringer et al. 2004)

484 NORAS (391) (Boeringer et al. 2000)

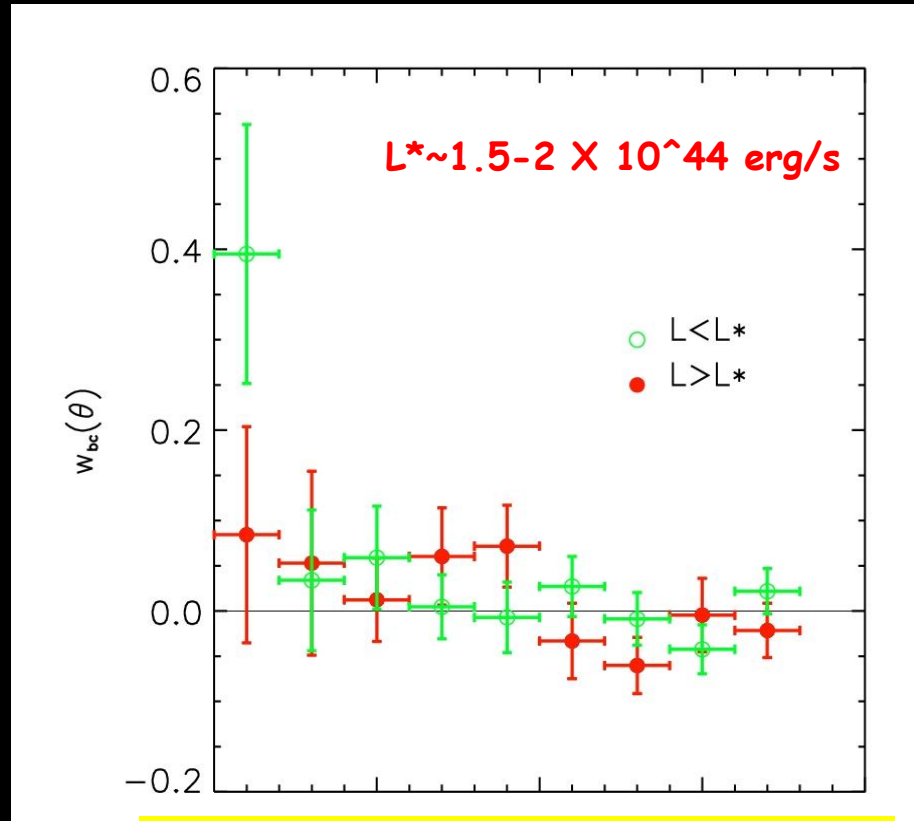
$Z < 0.459$

- Short GRB-Cluster positive correlation signal
- No corr signal with long
- Short do not trace exactly clusters
- No preference for early types





**Stronger correlation signal with lower redshift cuts**



**Stronger correlation signal with sub-luminous cl.**

# Short GRBs: distance scale

Q3: which is the distance scale to short GRBs?

Direct (spectroscopic) redshift measures of ~ 5(swift)+2(HETE) short bursts



$Z \sim 0.1 - 1.0$

Statistical analysis of BATSE GRB sample with local galaxies or clusters



$Z < 0.1$

if Short GRBs are at  $z < 0.1$



$E_{\text{iso}} \sim 10^{48}$  erg

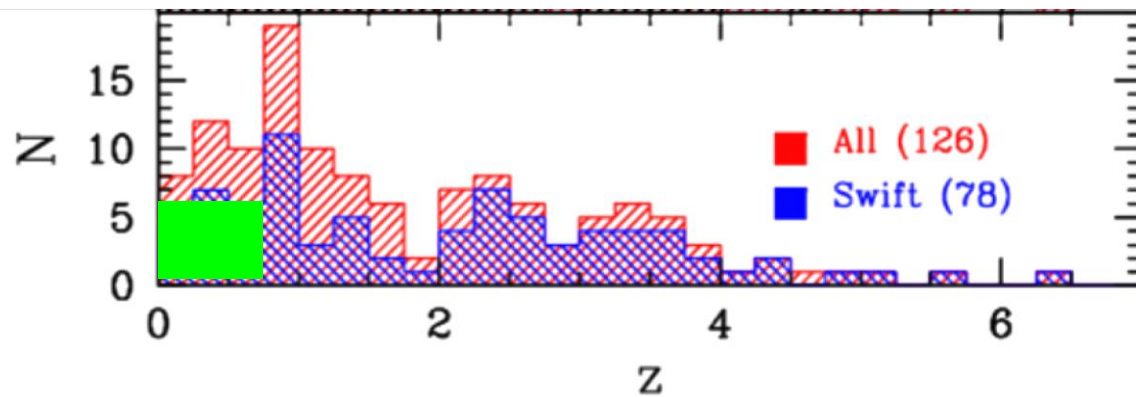
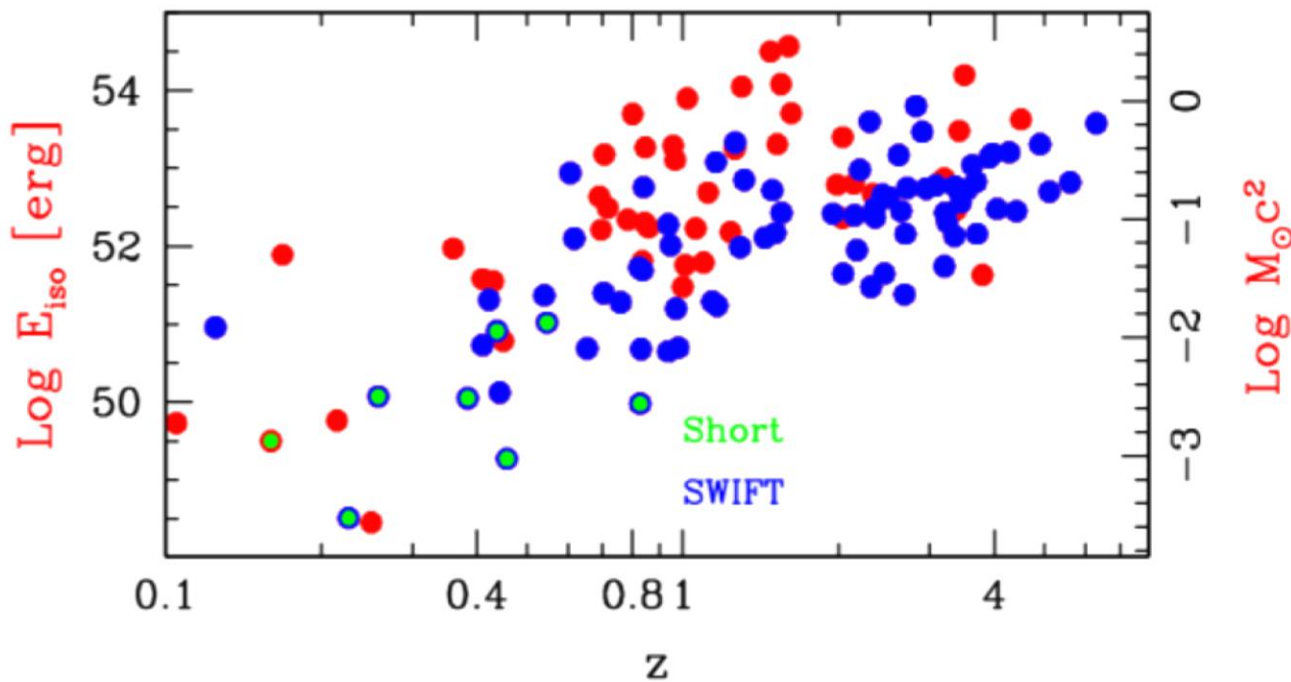
Possible solutions to be searched in any (or a combination of)

- (i) **swift preference to detect larger  $z$  bursts** (as also seen for the long GRB population, e.g. Berger et al. 2005)
- (ii) **Possible contamination of the S-grb pop by extra-gal SGR** (Hurley et al. 2005, but Nakar et al. 2005, Lazzati et al. 2005) (??)
- (iii) **complex  $N(L)$**  (e.g. Guetta & Piran 2005, Nakar et al. 2005, Gal-Yam et al. 2005)



PROMPT ENERGETICS  
and  
LUMINOSITIES

# ENERGETICS: Short vs Long



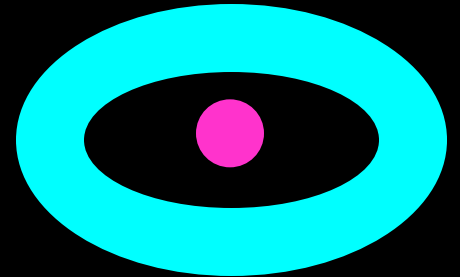
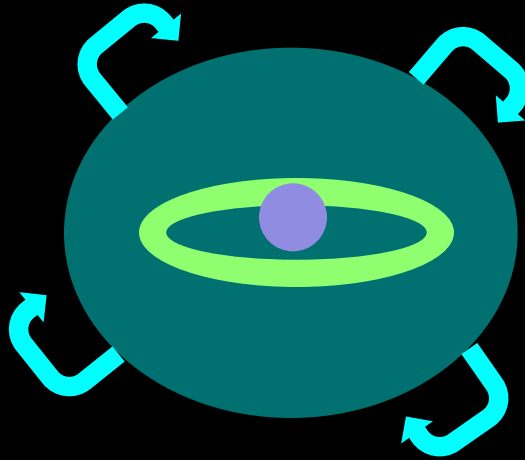
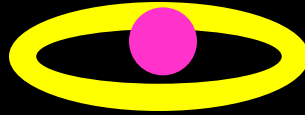
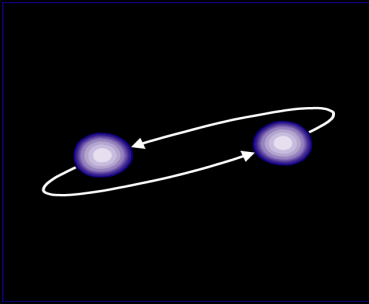
## ... in brief ...

1) Short GRBs are spectrally similar to the first 2 sec of long GRBs

2) Long GRBs energetics are  $100 \times$  energetics of short GRBs, i.e.

Long  $\rightarrow 0.1 - 1 M_{\text{eq, sun}}$

Short  $\rightarrow 0.001 - 0.01 M_{\text{eq, sun}}$



A long tale ... since short

Vela "et al."

1967 ...

1973 "The Discovery"

Batse

1992 ..... 2000

1997 Afterglow and z  
(long GRBs)

Beppo/SAX

1996 ..... 2002

Hete-II

2000 ..... 2004

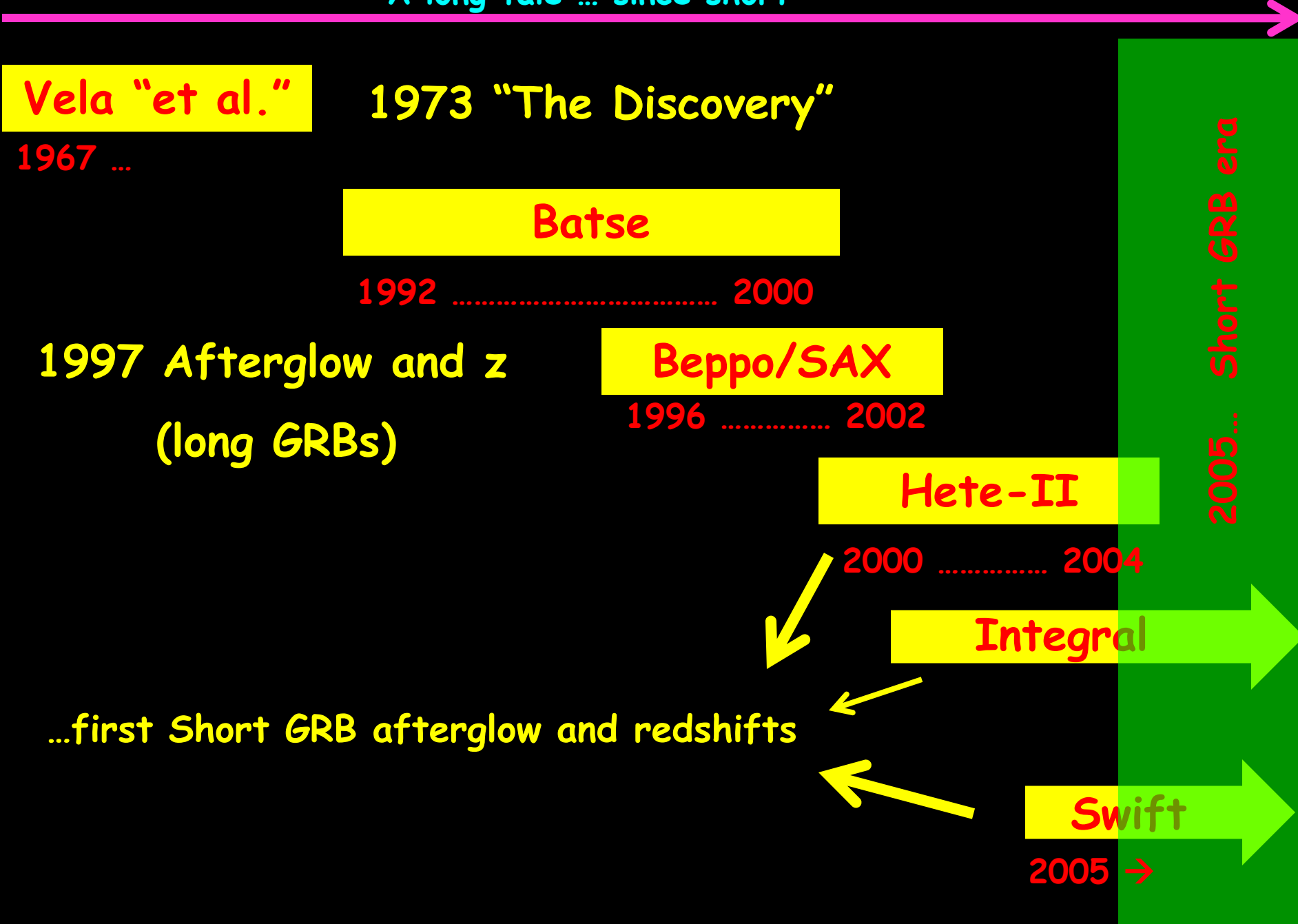
Integral

...first Short GRB afterglow and redshifts

Swift

2005 →

2005... Short GRB era



**Thanks**