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GRB prompt emission

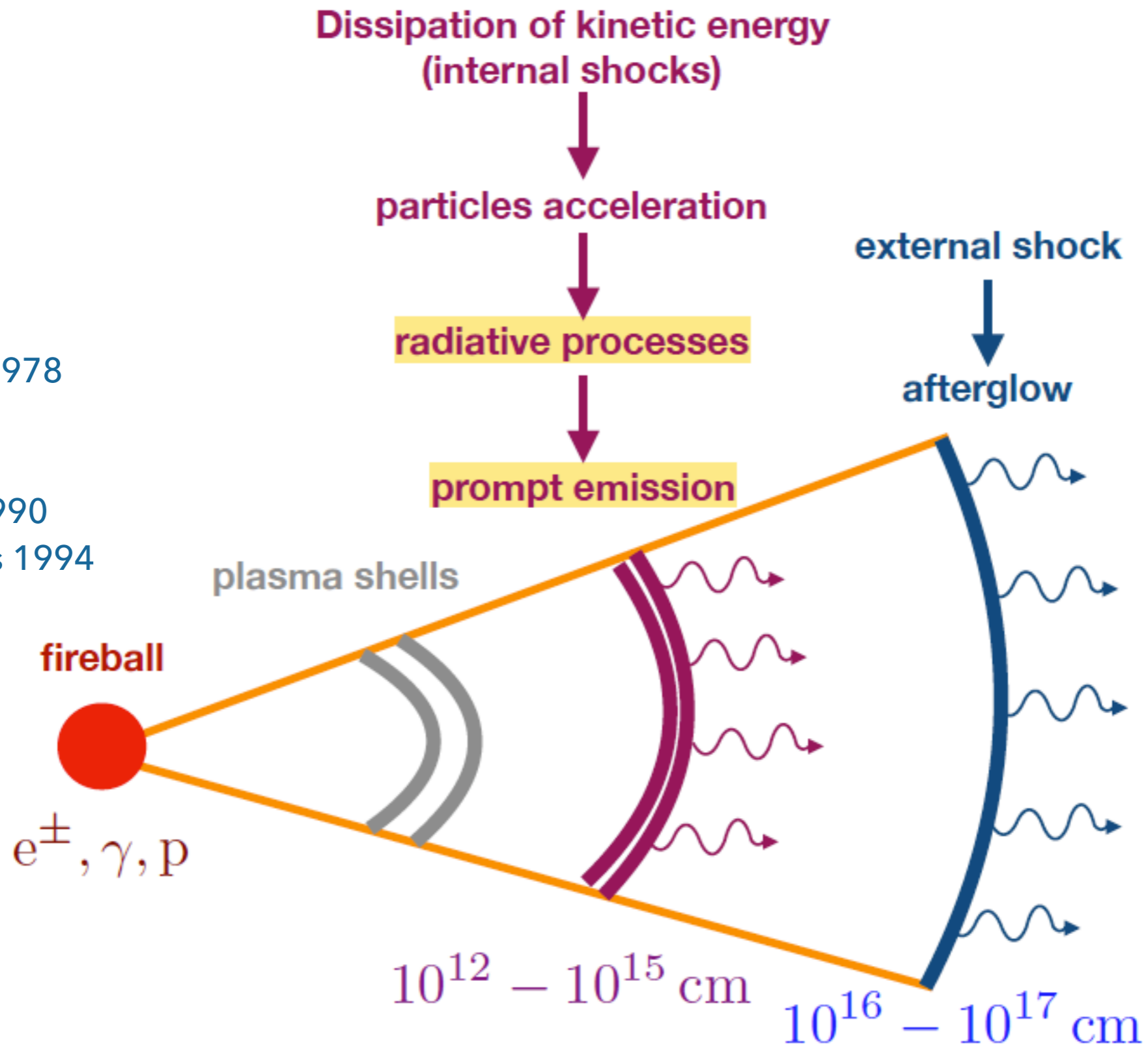
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The model

Cavallo & Rees 1978
Paczynski 1986
Goodman 1986
Shemi & Piran 1990
Rees & Meszaros 1994



The model

Dissipation of electromagnetic energy

(magnetic reconnection)



particles acceleration



radiative processes



prompt emission

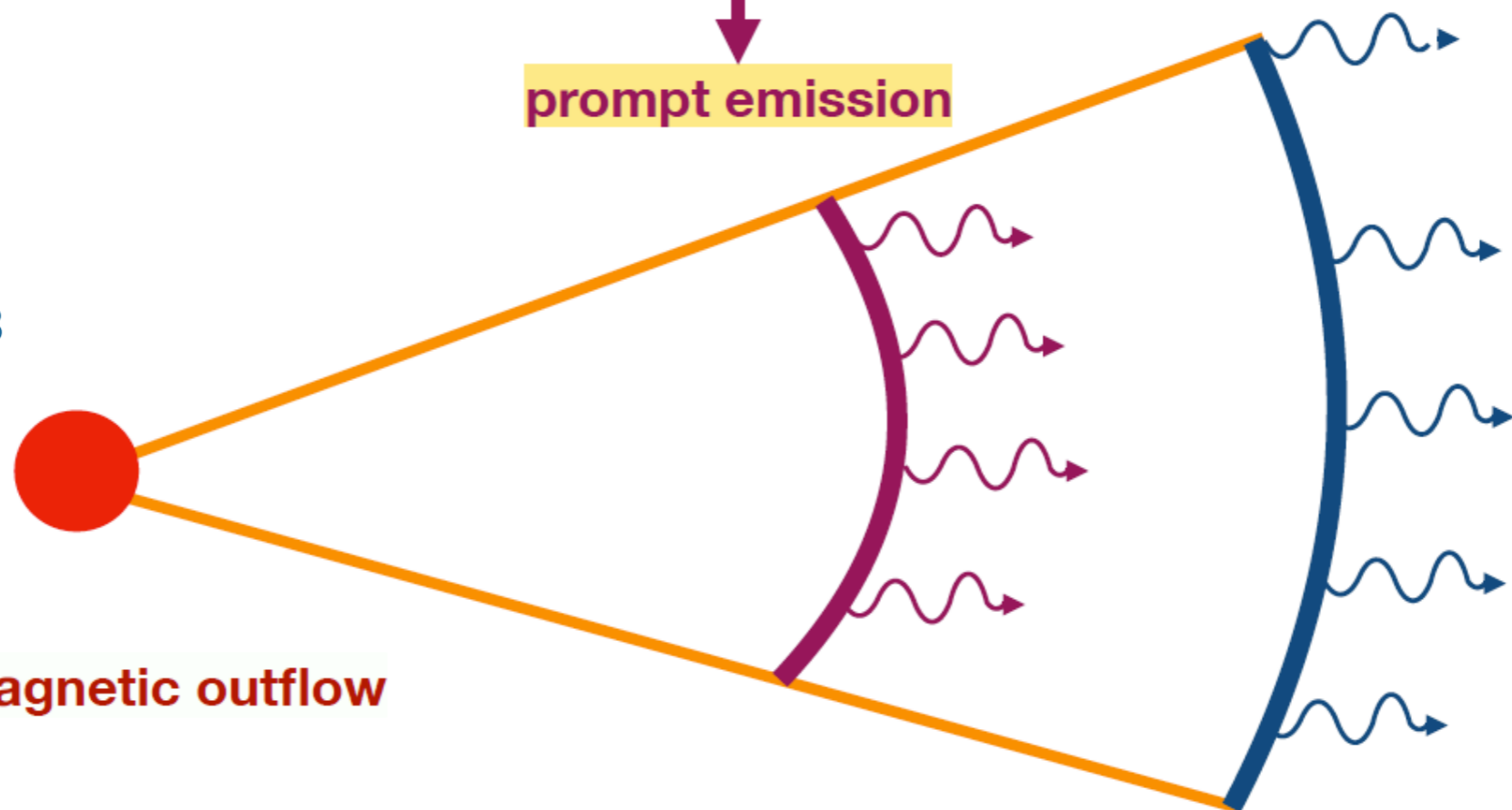
external shock



afterglow

Usov 1992
Thompson 1994
Meszaros & Rees 1997
Lyutikov & Blandford 2003

electromagnetic outflow



The unknowns

- radiative processes

unestablished

- location of the emitting region

somewhere between 10^{12} cm and 10^{15} cm

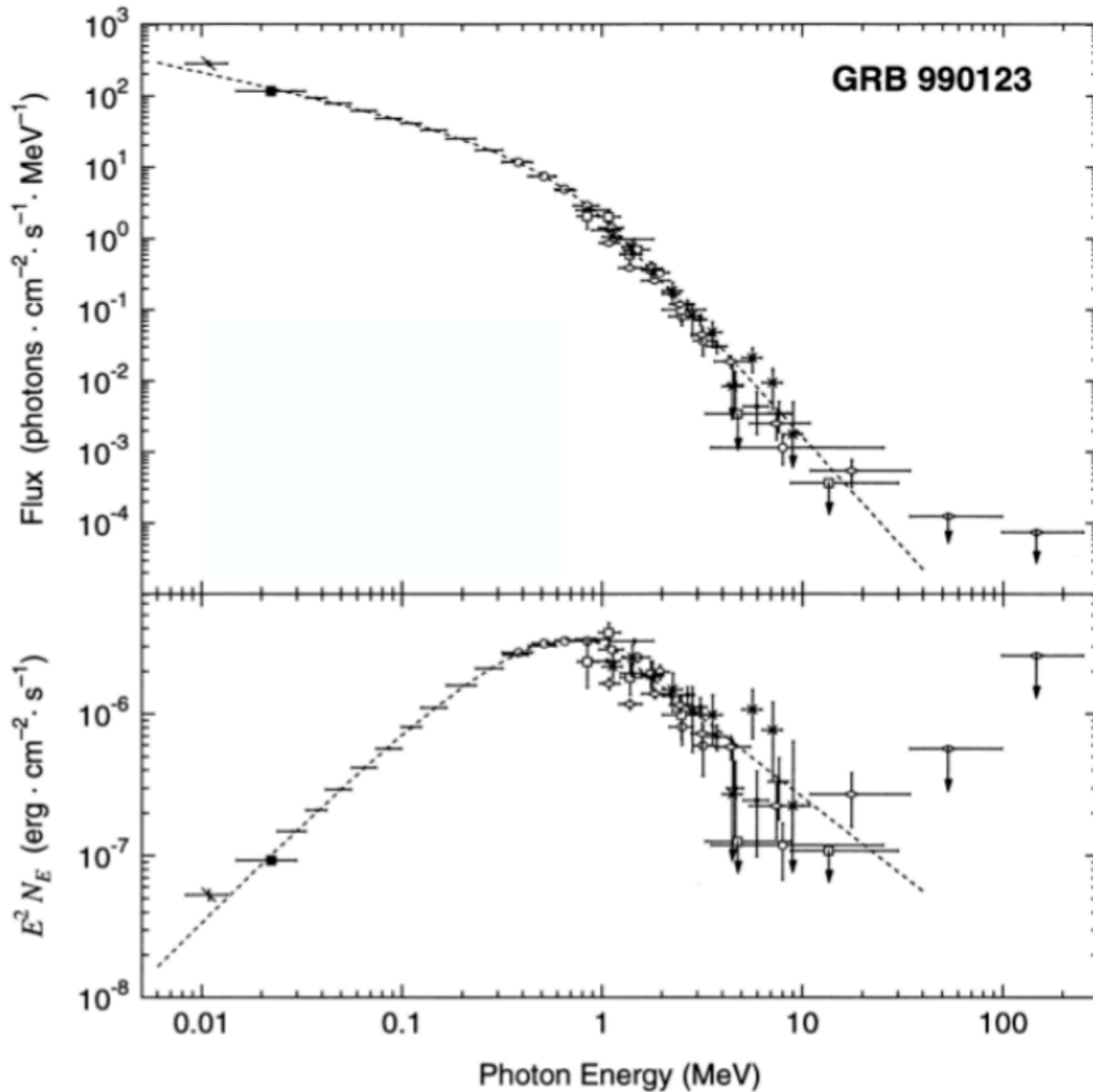
- acceleration mechanism

shocks vs magnetic reconnection

- jet composition

baryonic vs EM

The problem



Briggs et al. 1999

observed non-thermal spectra

what is it?

accelerated electrons
in
magnetic field



synchrotron?

Katz 1994

Rees & Meszaros 1994

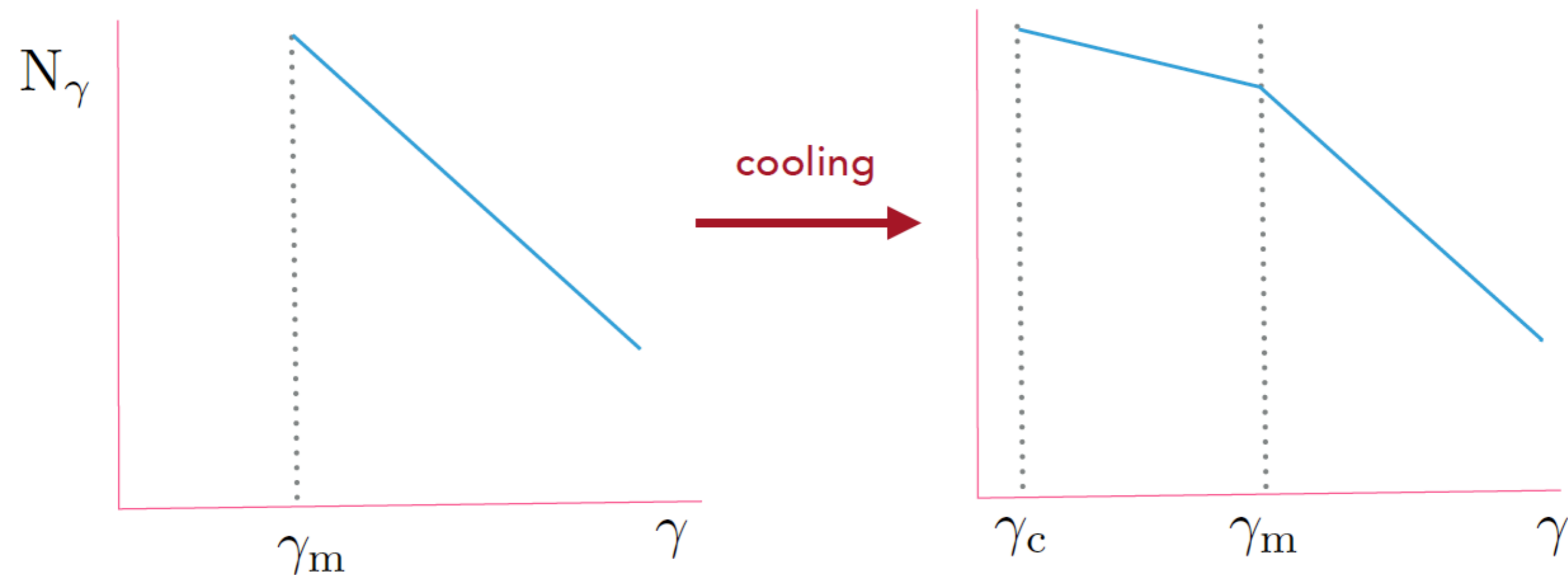
Sari et al. 1996, 1998

The expectations

accelerated electrons

$$N_\gamma \propto \gamma^{-p}, \gamma > \gamma_m$$

$$t_c = \frac{\gamma m_e c^2}{P_{\text{syn}}} = \frac{6\pi m_e c^2}{\sigma_T B^2 \gamma} \rightarrow \gamma_c = \frac{6\pi m_e c}{\sigma_T B^2 t_{\text{dyn}}}$$

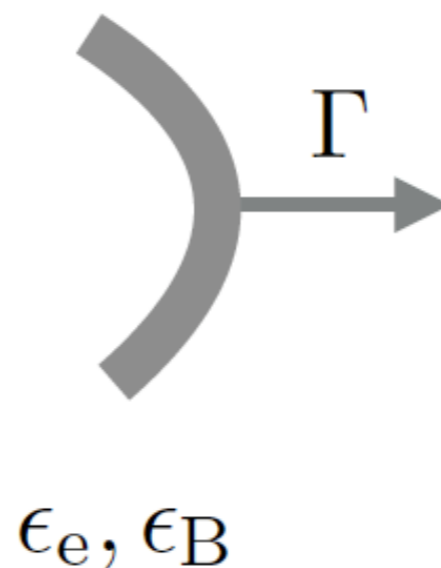
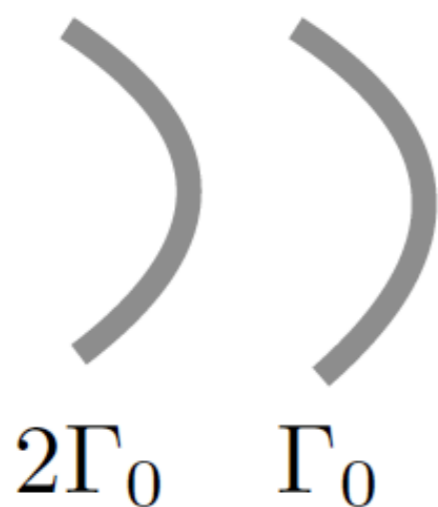


$$t_{\text{dyn}} \sim R/c\Gamma^2 \longleftrightarrow t_c$$

The expectations

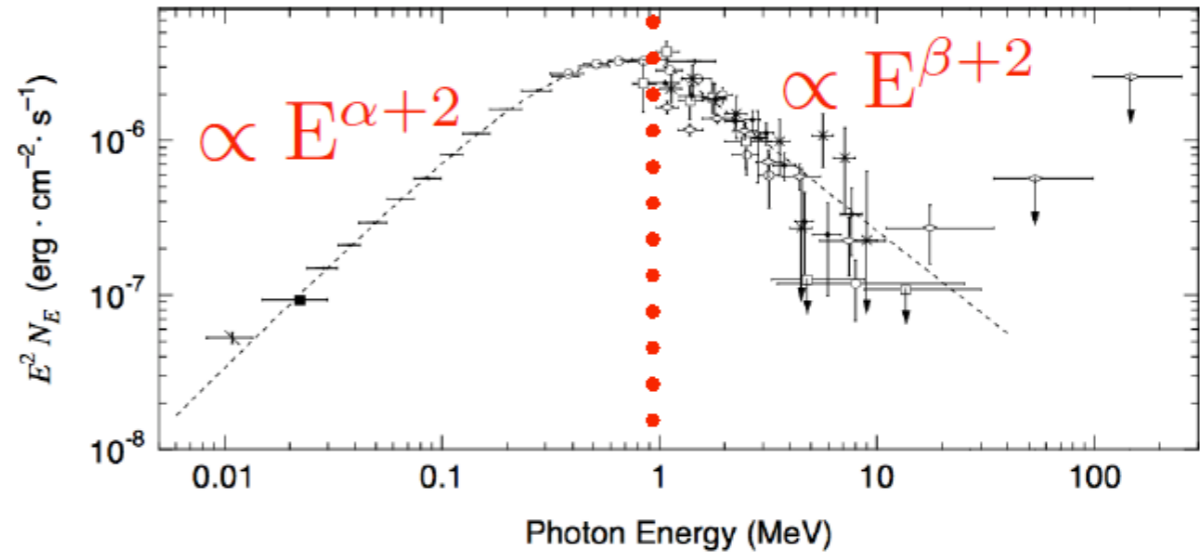
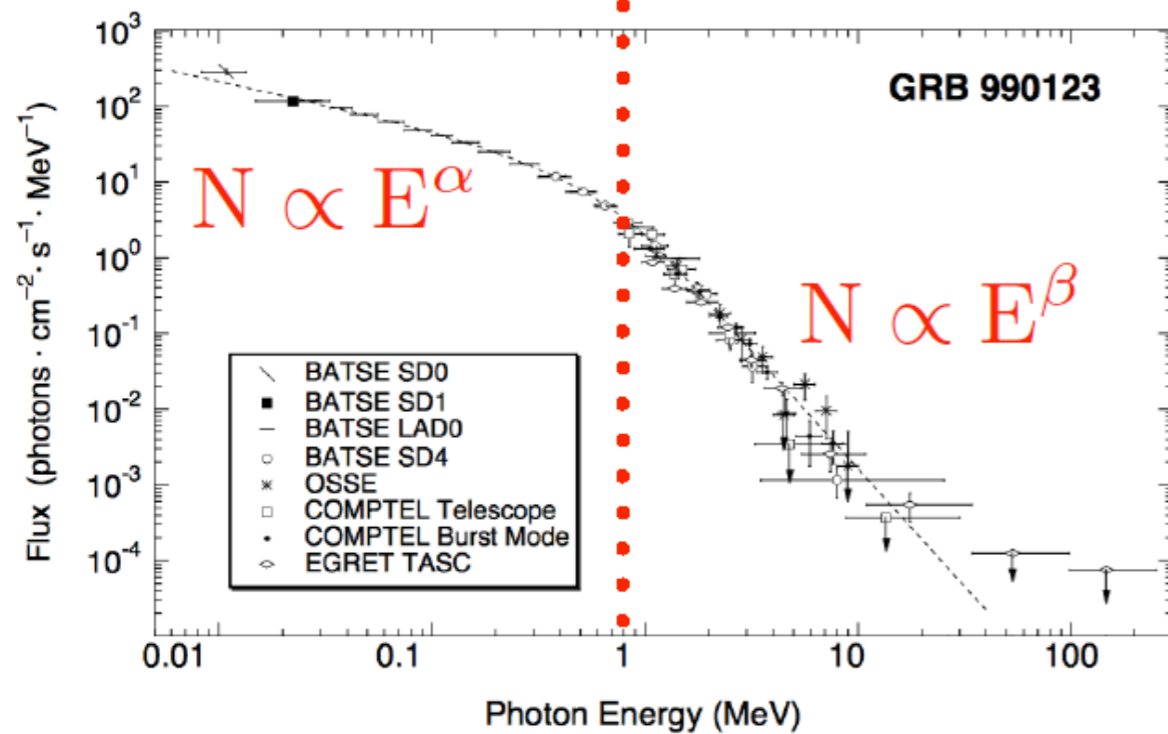
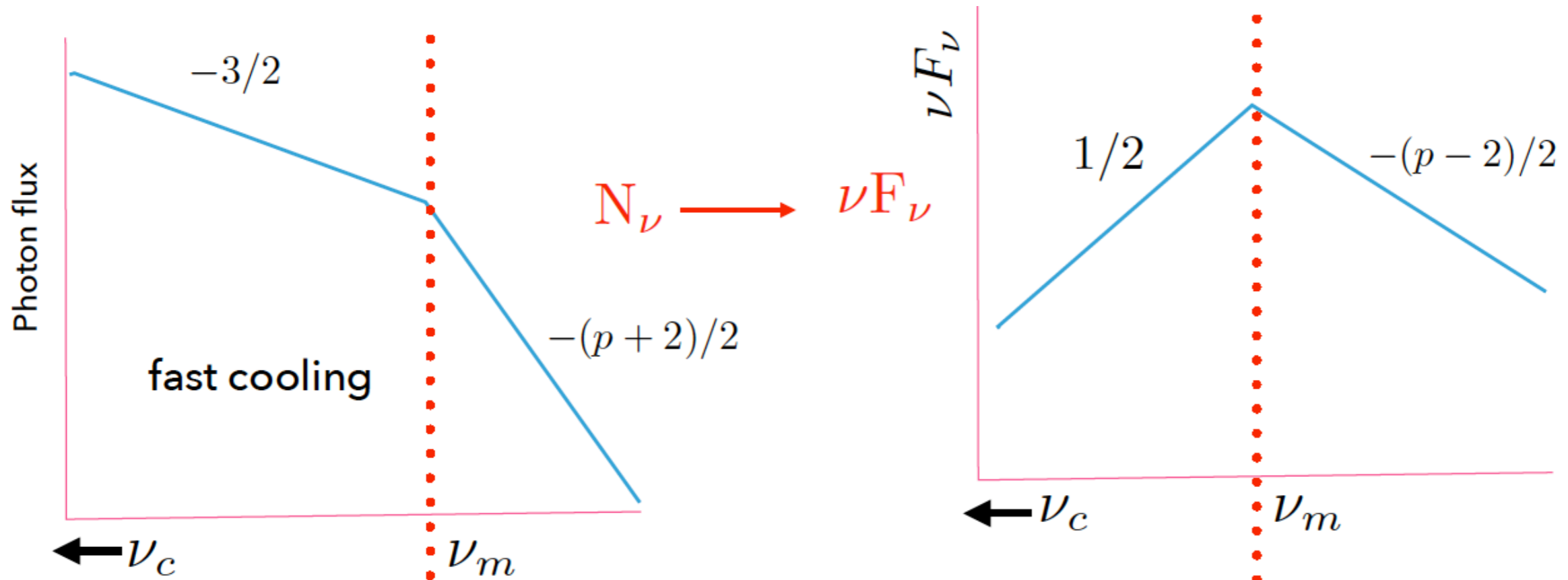
which regime?

Internal shocks



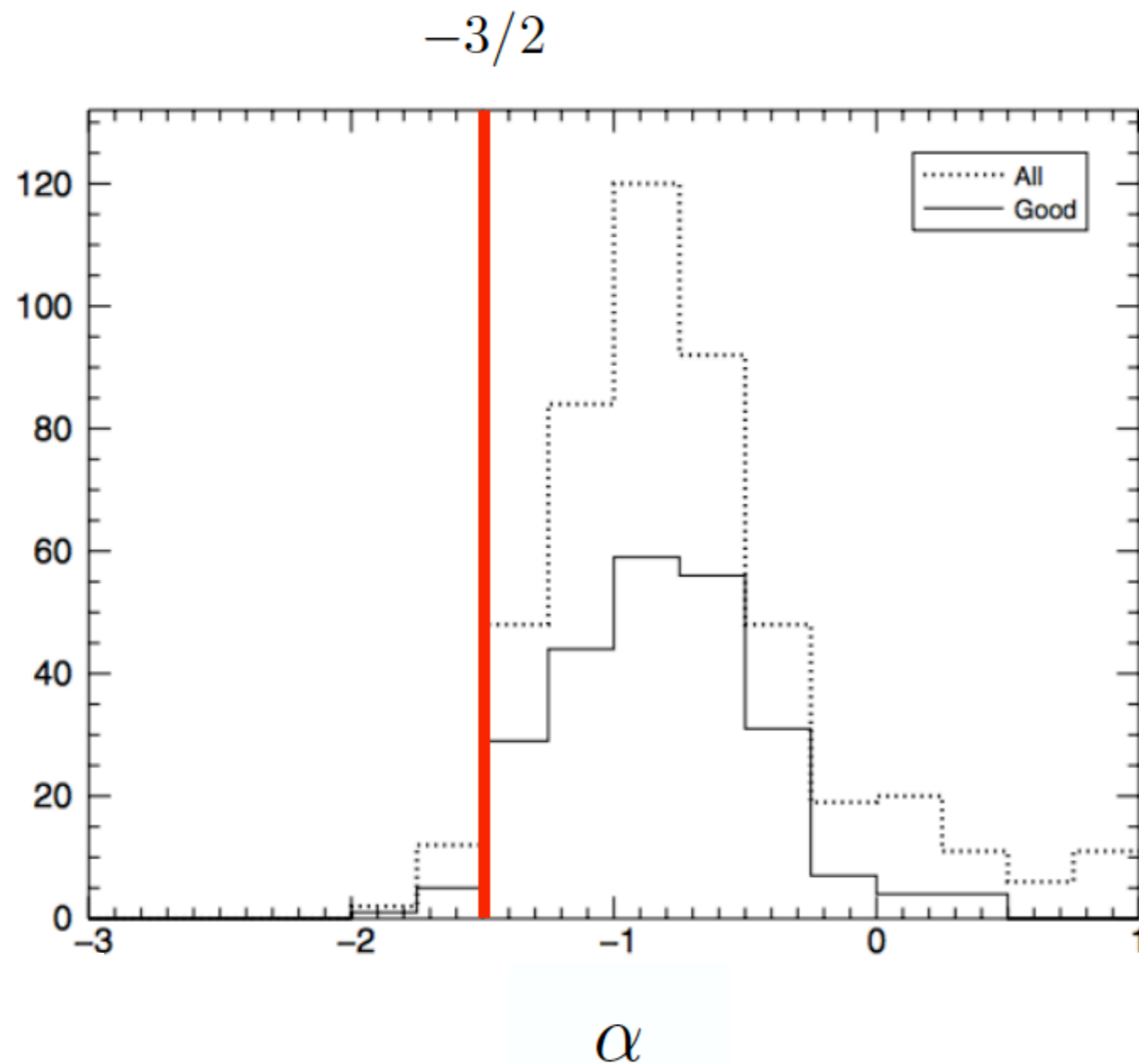
$$t_c = \frac{\gamma m_e c^2}{P_{\text{syn}}} \frac{1+z}{\Gamma} \sim 1.1 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\epsilon_B^3 \Gamma_2}{E_{2,\text{peak}}^2 [\text{keV}] (1+z)} \text{s} \ll t_{\text{obs}}$$

The expectations



The problem

most prompt spectra, in the literature, are not consistent with fast cooling synchrotron spectrum



$$\alpha \sim -1$$

Preece et al. 1998
Ghisellini et al. 2000
Frontera et al. 2000
Ghirlanda et al. 2002
Kaneko et al. 2006
Nava et al. 2011

2nd Fermi catalog

Solutions [synchrotron based]

prevent electrons from fast cooling via synchrotron [marginally fast cooling]

Kumar & McMahon 2008, Daigne 2011, Beniamini & Piran 2013

how?

- decay of the magnetic field within the emitting region

Pe'er & Zhang 2006, Derishev 2007, Zhao 2014 + more

- continuous acceleration/heating/re-acceleration

Asano & Terasawa 2009, Xu et al. 2018, Beniamini et al. 2018

electrons cool via IC in KN regime

Derishev et al. 2001, Nakar et al. 2009, Daigne et al. 2011

self-absorption/anisotropy of electrons' pitch angles

Lloyd & Petrosian 2000, Medvedev 2000

synchrotron self-Compton model

Piran et al. 2009 for the criticism

Solutions [alternatives]

photospheric models

Thompson 1994, Liang et al. 1997, Ghisellini & Celotti 1999, Meszaros & Rees 2000, +

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many claims of the BB components in the prompt emission spectra

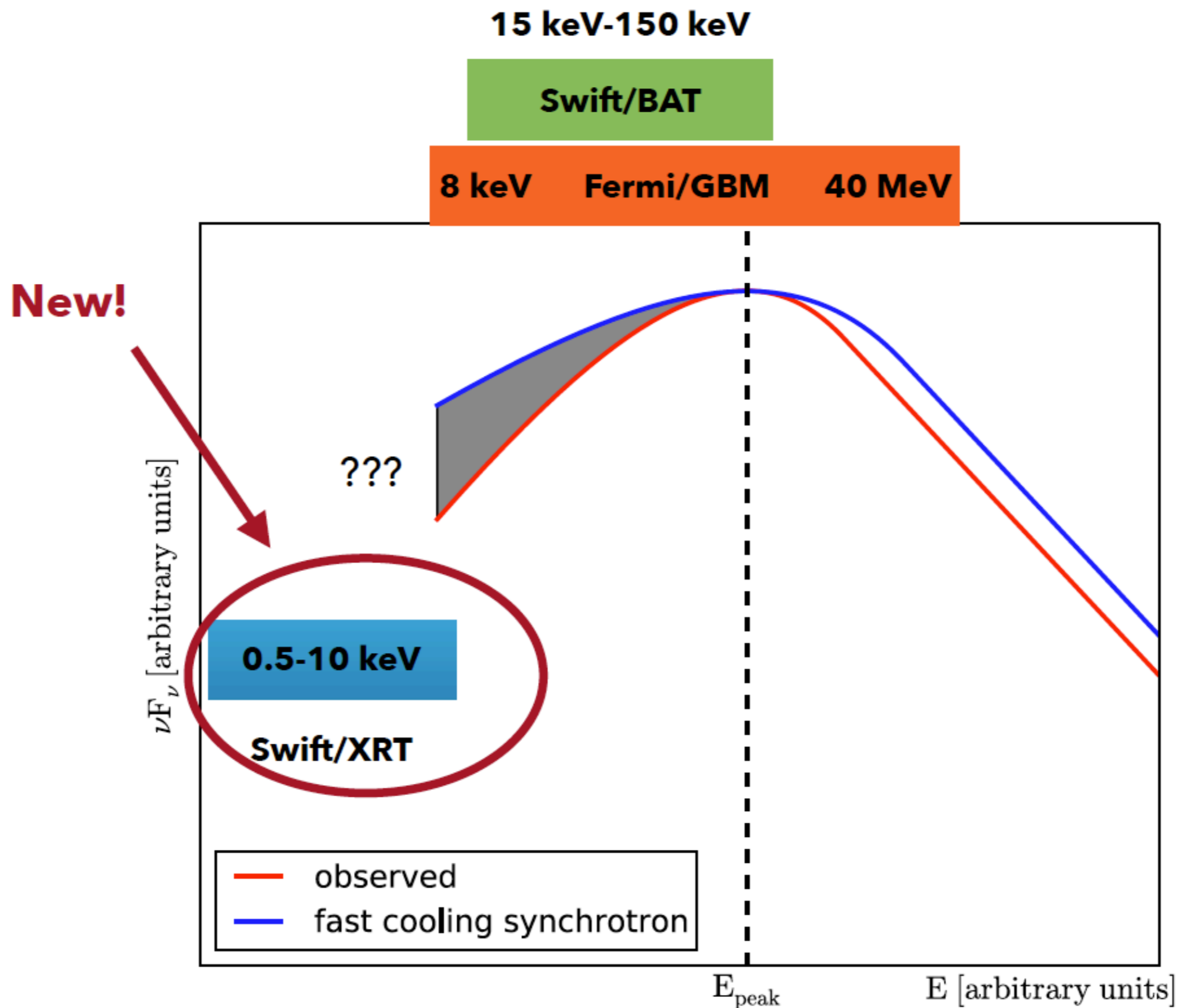
Ryde & Pe'er 2009, Guiriec 2011, Ghirlanda et al. 2013 +

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The photospheric origin of the Yonetoku relation in gamma-ray bursts

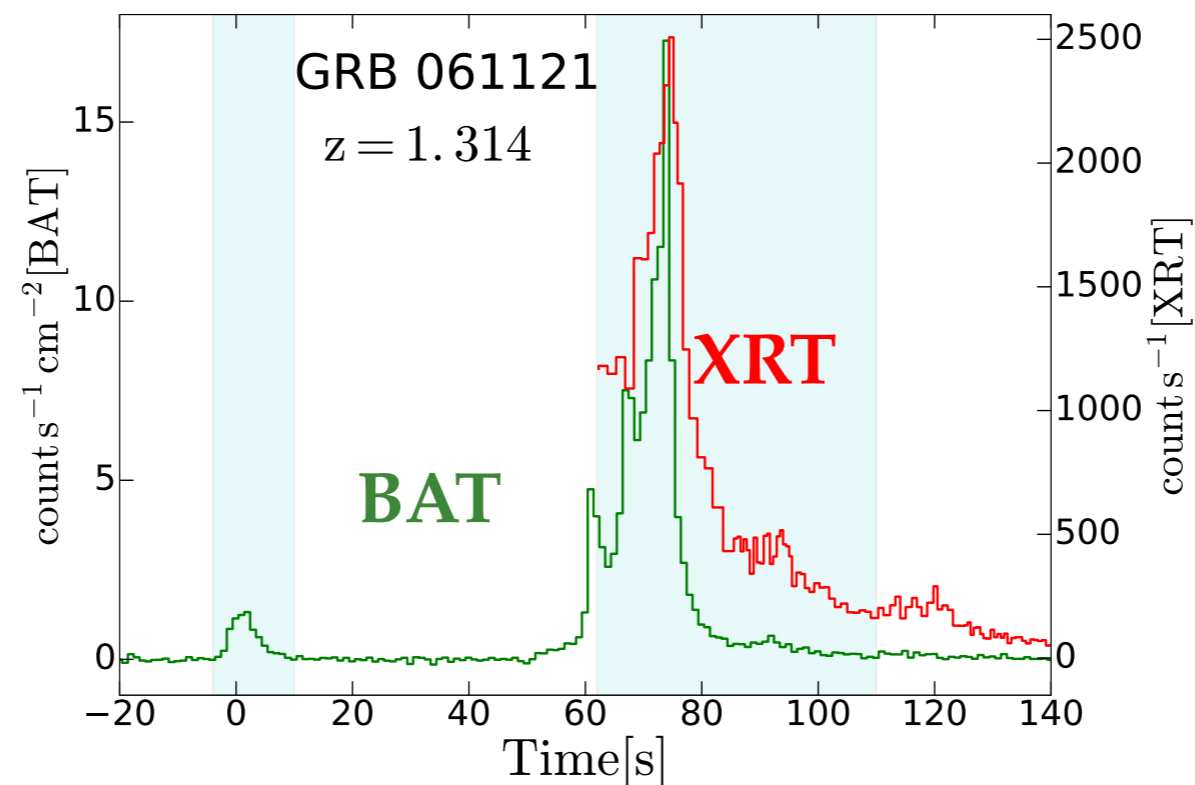
by Hirotaka Ito

Recent progresses [X-ray view on the problem]



Recent progresses [X-ray view on the problem]

34 GRBs with prompt **BAT+XRT** observations & **large S/N** to allow spectral analysis



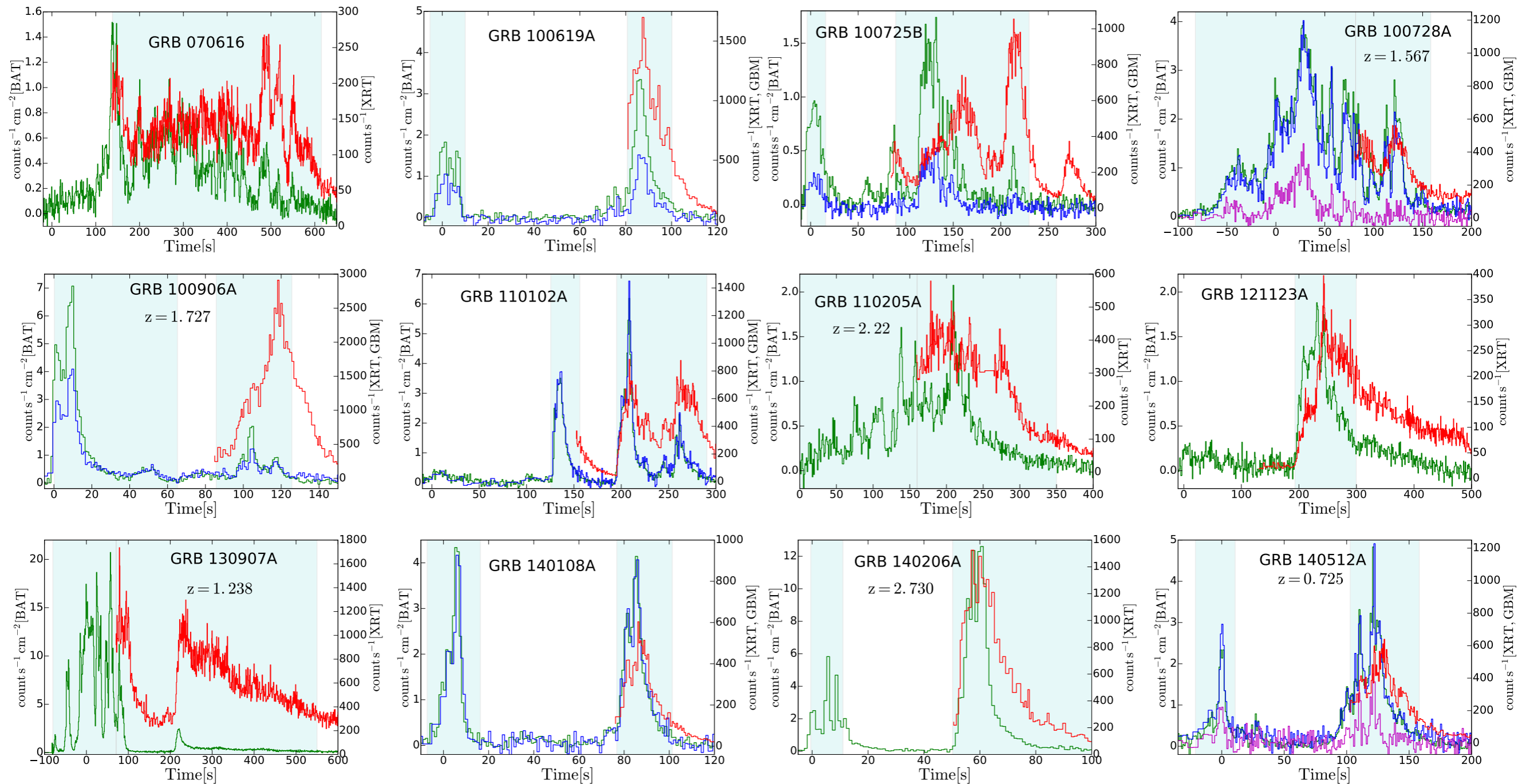
Results can be found in:

1. 14 are bright enough to allow time-resolved analysis
Oganesyan, Nava, Ghirlanda, Celotti, 2017, ApJ
2. additional 20: only time-integrated analysis
Oganesyan, Nava, Ghirlanda, Celotti, 2018, A&A

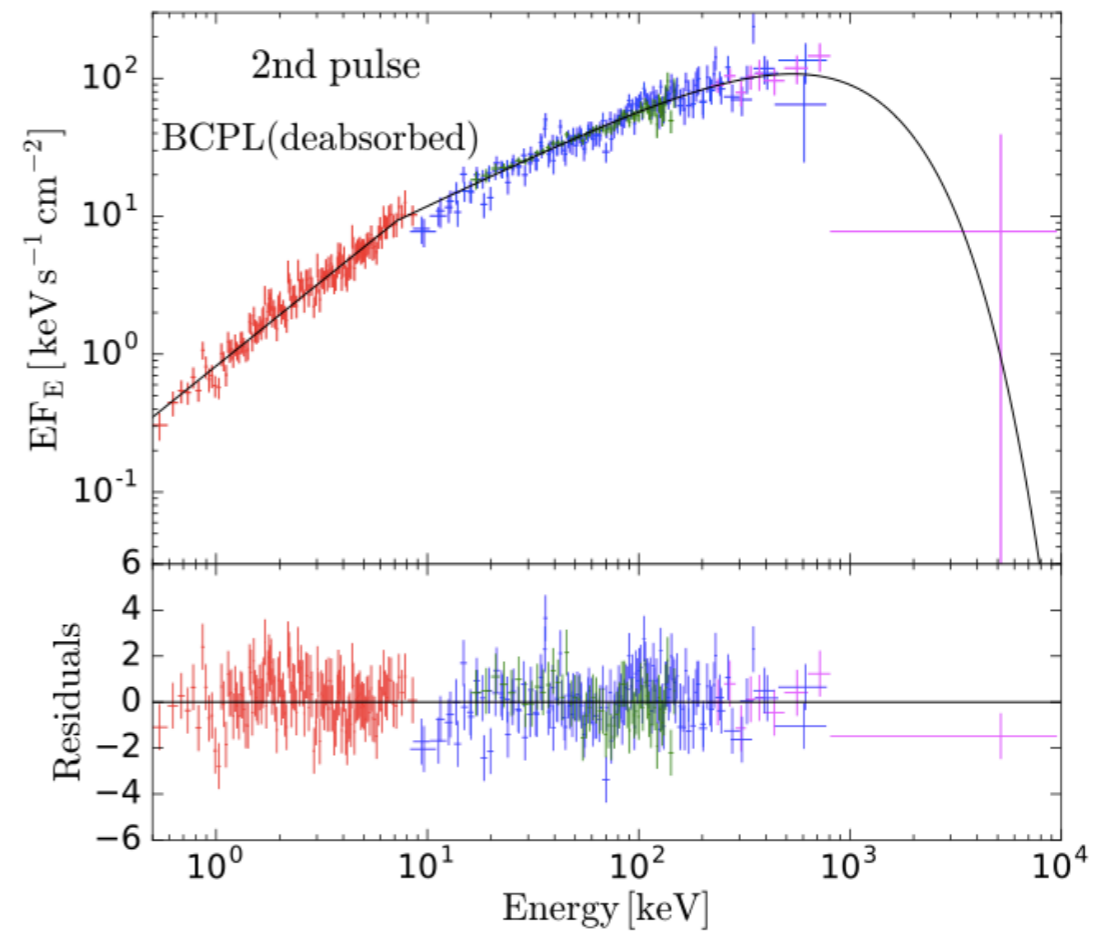
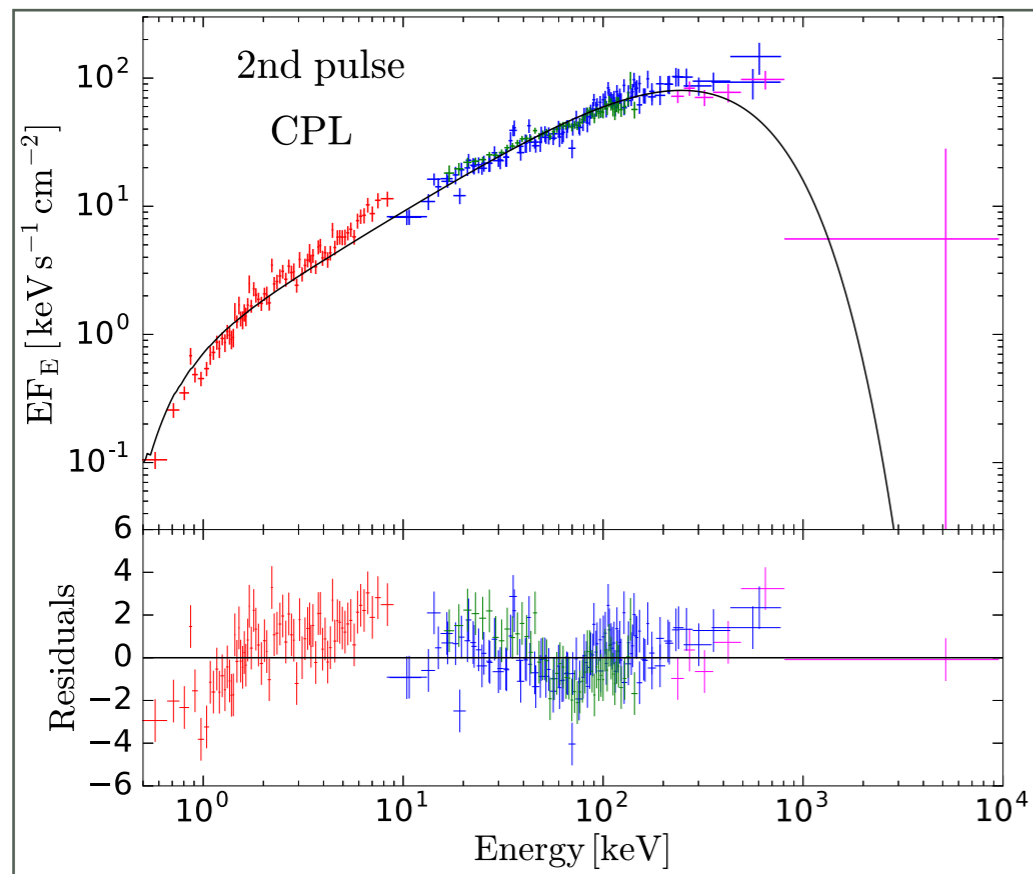
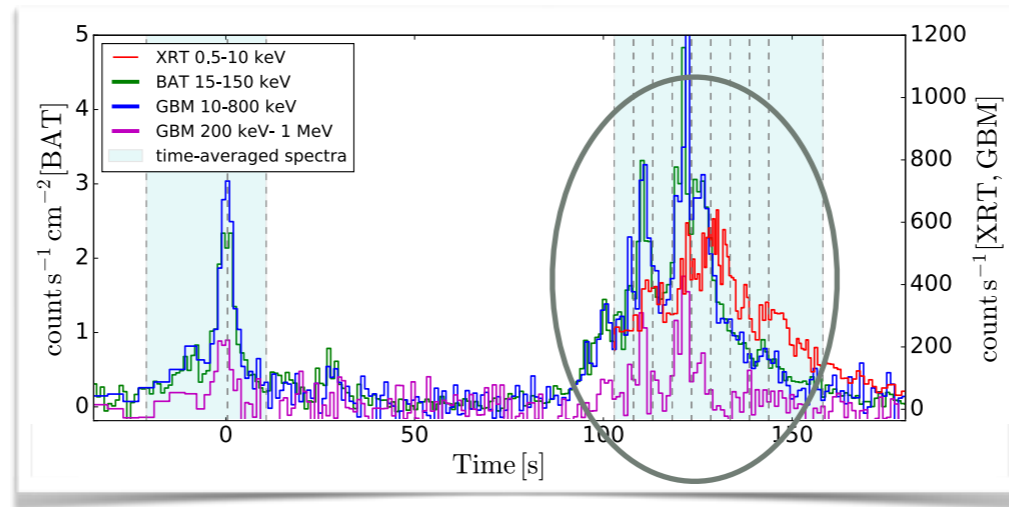
Recent progresses [X-ray view on the problem]

red = XRT (0.5-10 keV)
green = BAT (15-150 keV)

blue = GBM/NaI (8 keV - 1 MeV)
purple = GBM/BGO (200 keV - 40 MeV)

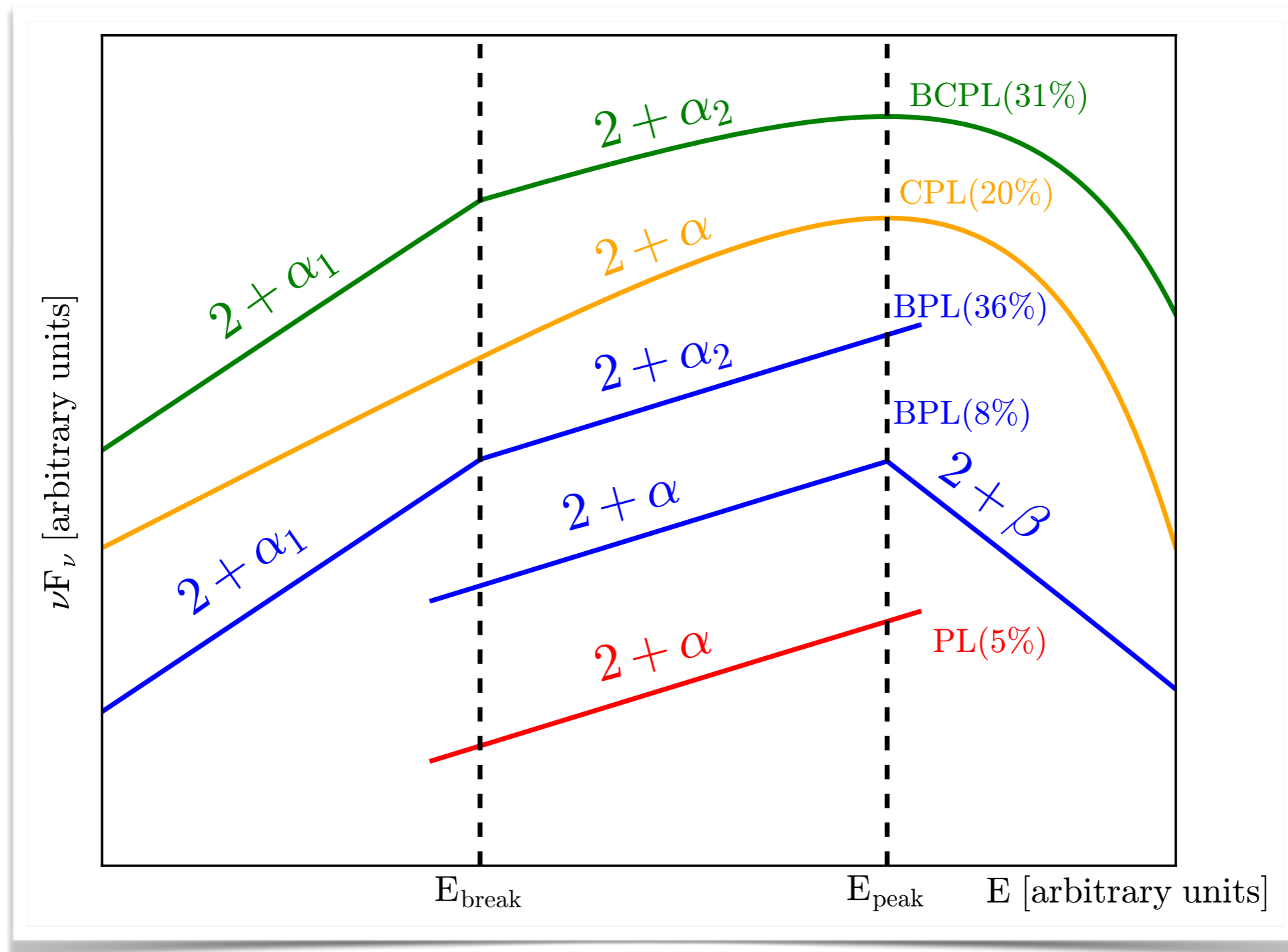


Recent progresses [X-ray view on the problem]



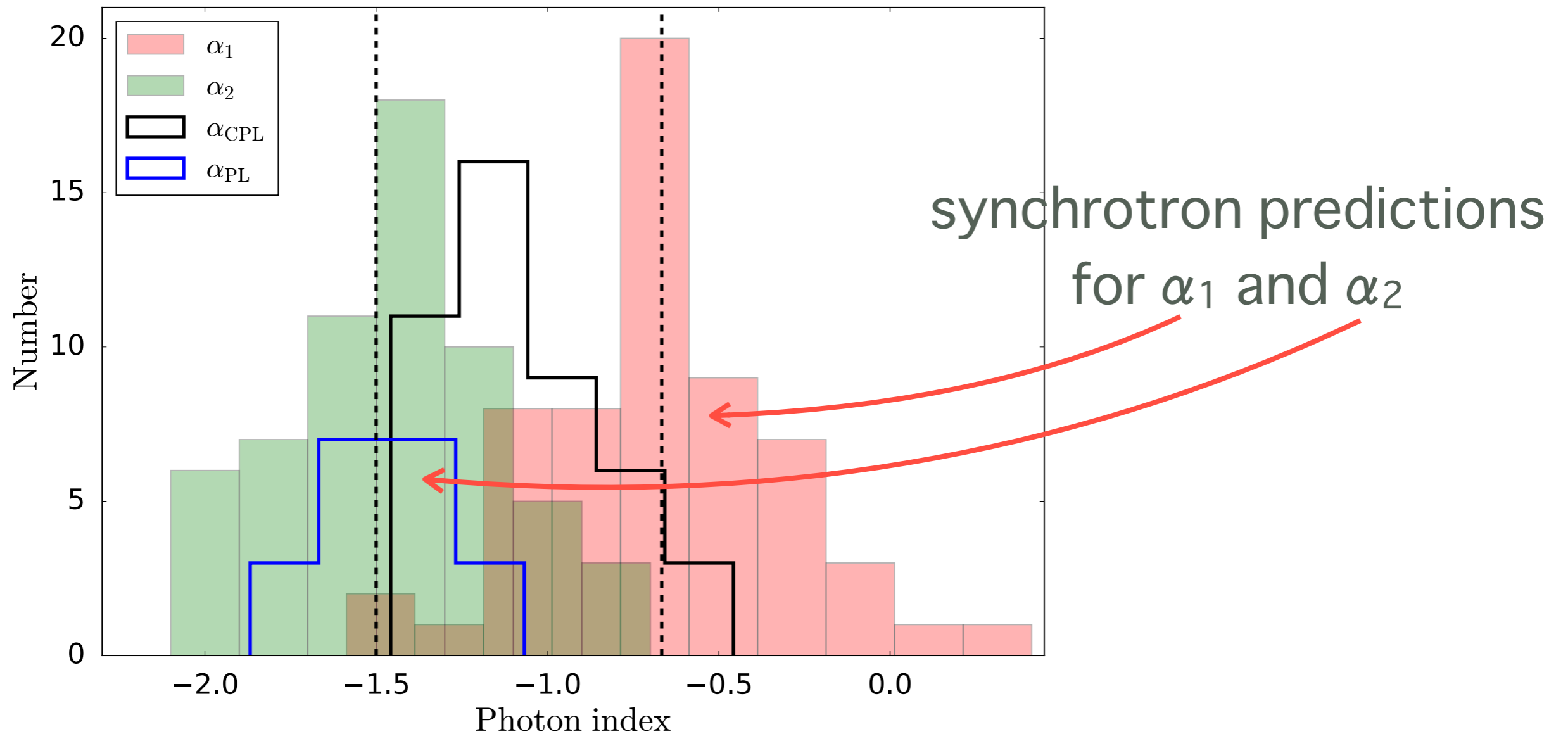
Recent progresses [X-ray view on the problem]

most of the spectra require a break



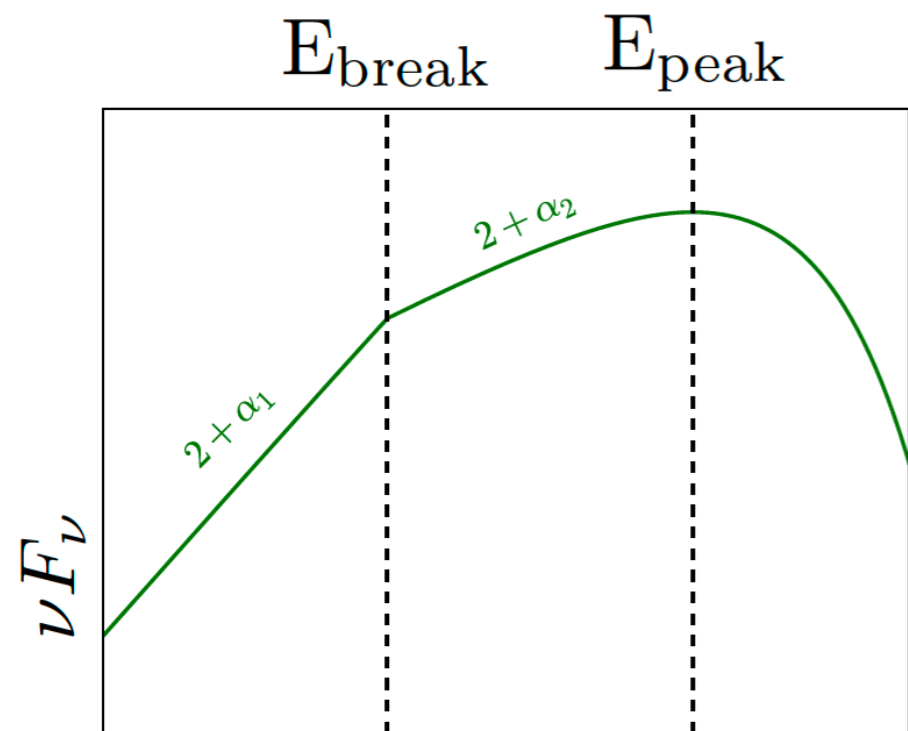
Recent progresses [X-ray view on the problem]

synchrotron origin is suggested from the empirical fits



Oganesyan et al. 2017,2018

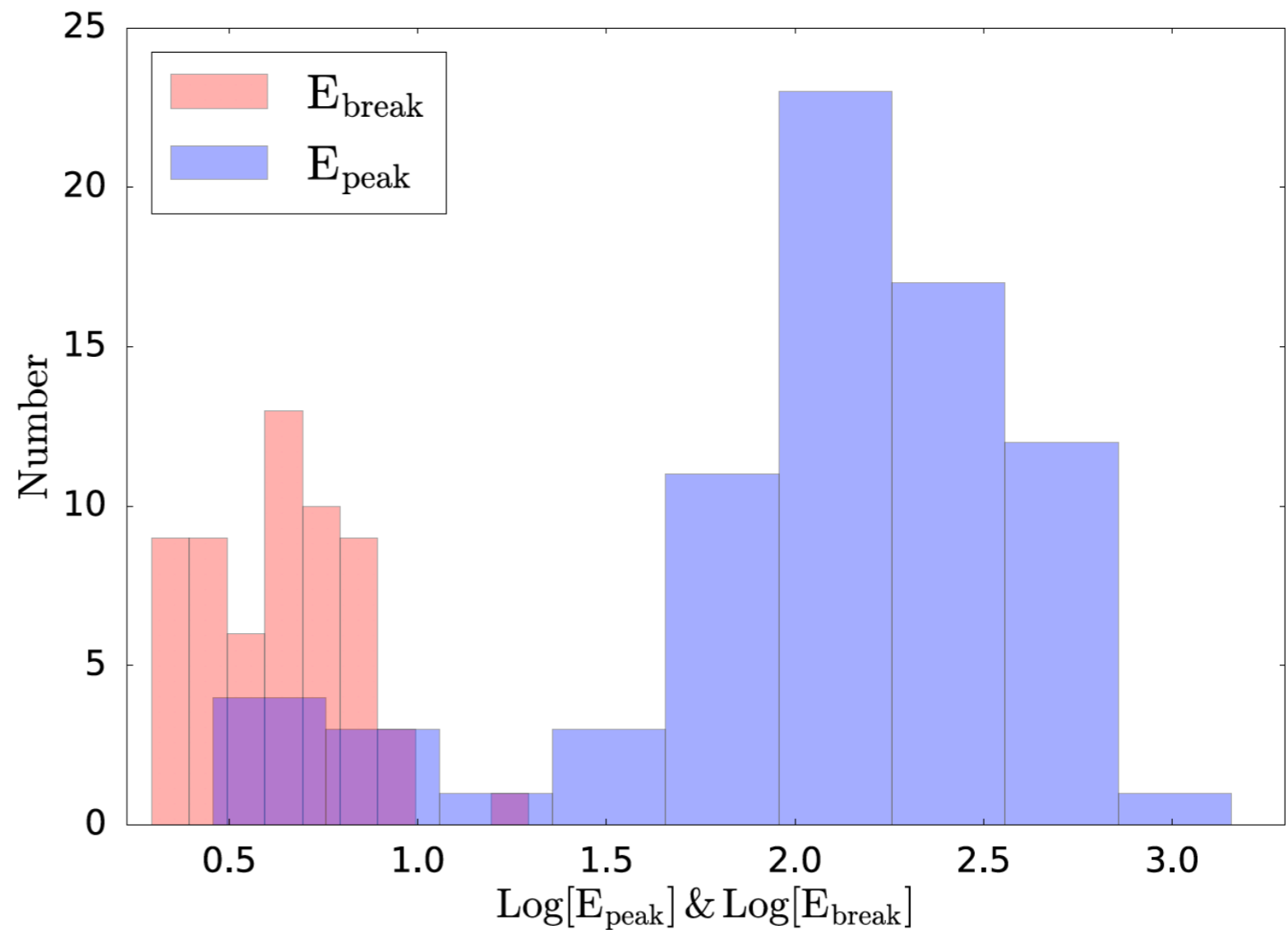
Recent progresses [X-ray view on the problem]



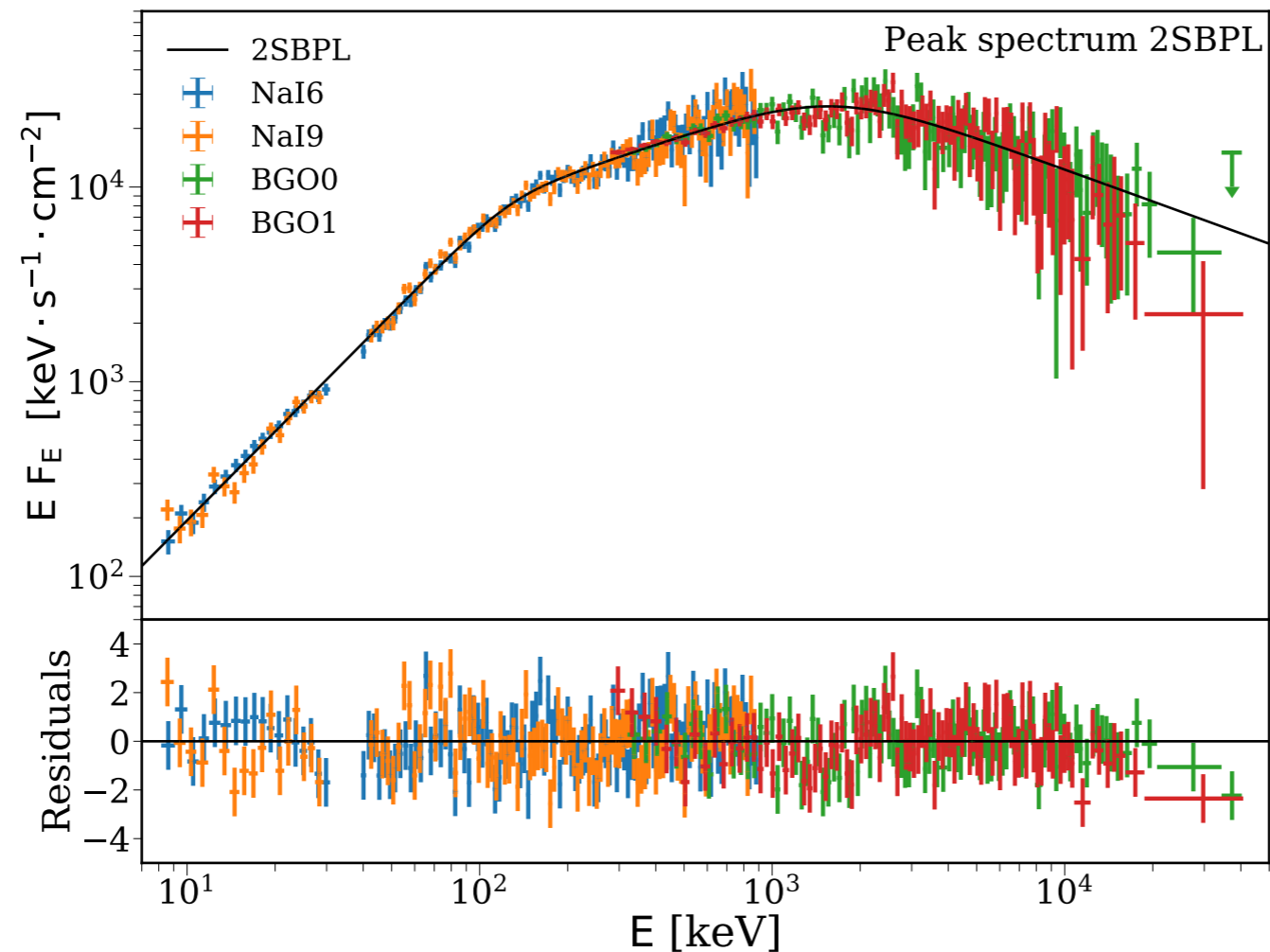
$$\langle E_{\text{break}} \rangle = 4.3 \text{ keV}$$

$$\langle E_{\text{peak}} \rangle = 126 \text{ keV}$$

$$E_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{break}} \sim 7 - 175$$



Recent progresses [bright Fermi GRBs]



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GRB prompt emission spectra: the synchrotron revenge

by Maria E. Ravasio

Recent progresses [direct test of the synchrotron model]

!!!Strong motivation to test the synchrotron data vs keV-MeV data!!!

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early optical data as a critical test for the 1/3 tail of the synchrotron model

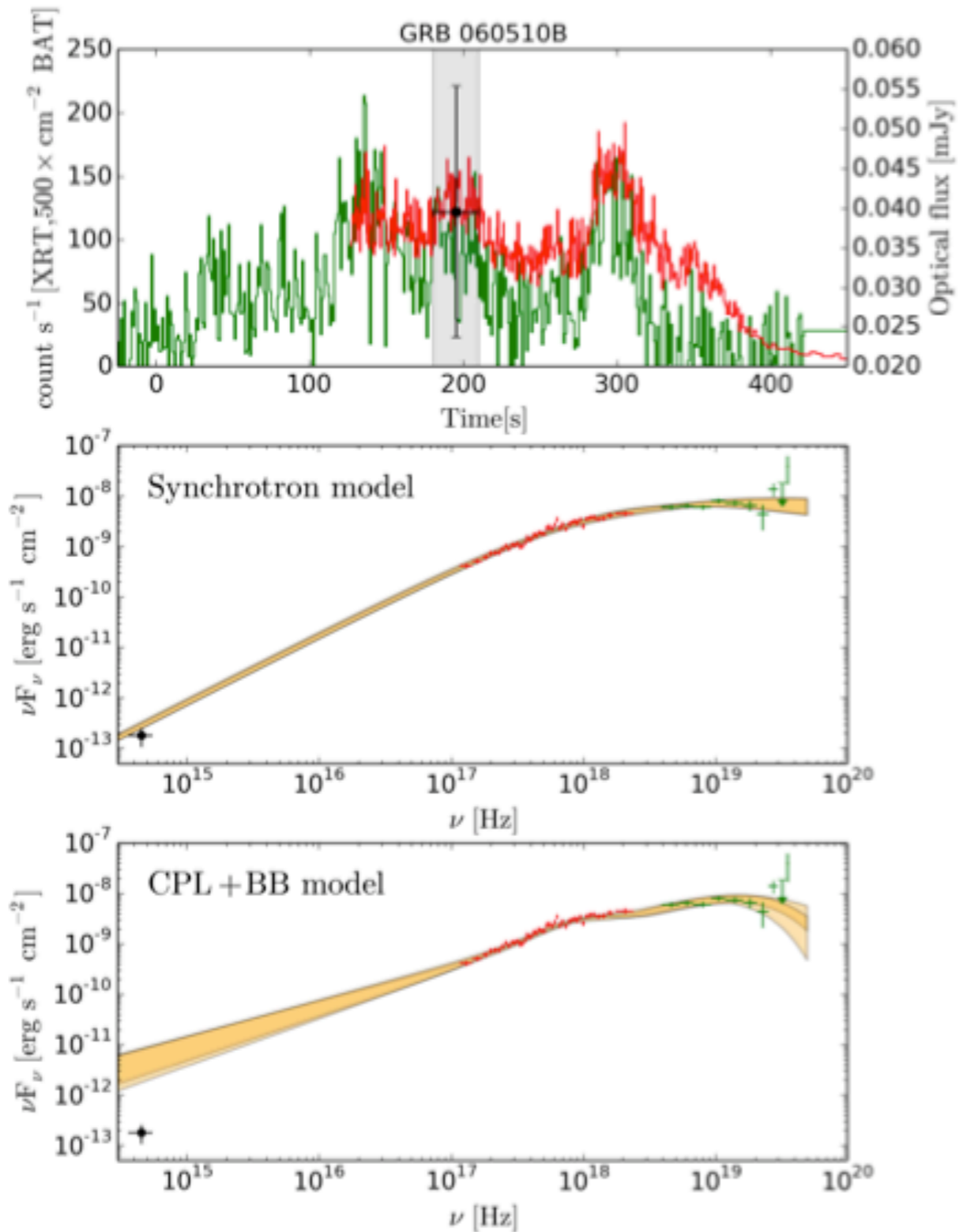
rarely applied to the data

Tavani 1996, Lloyd & Petrosian 2000, Burgess et al. 2011,2013; Zhang et al. 2016, 2018

more recently for single-pulsed Fermi GRBs (today in prompt emission 2 session)

Burgess et al. 2018

Recent progresses [early optical emission]



21 GRBs, 56 time-resolved spectra

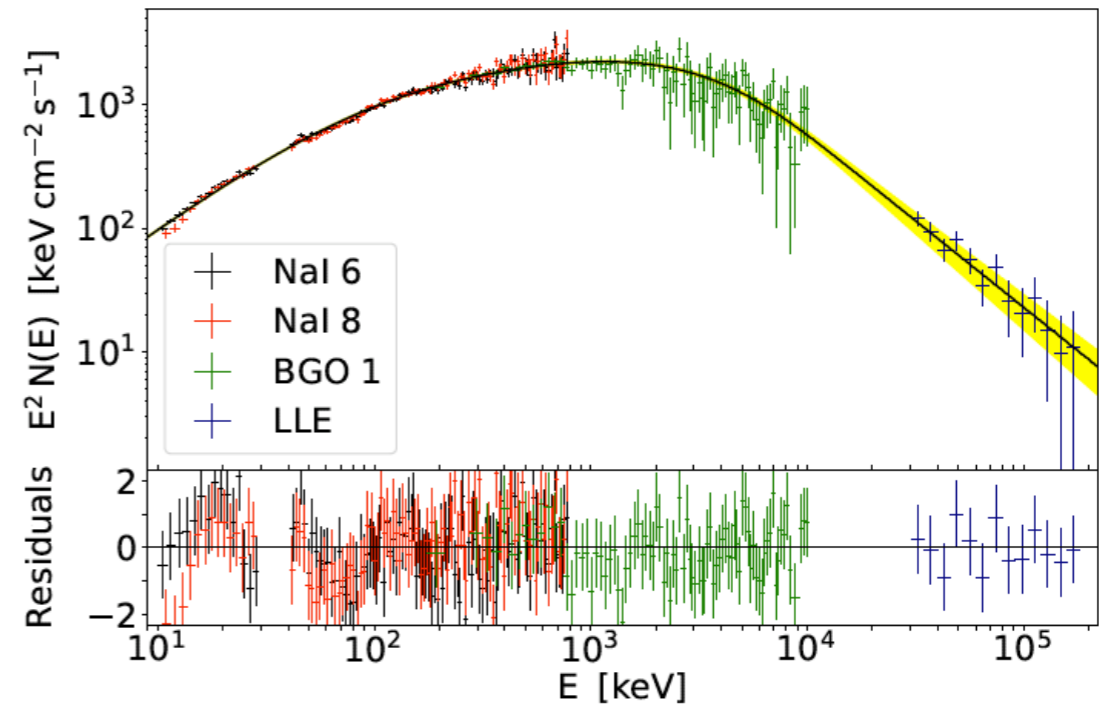
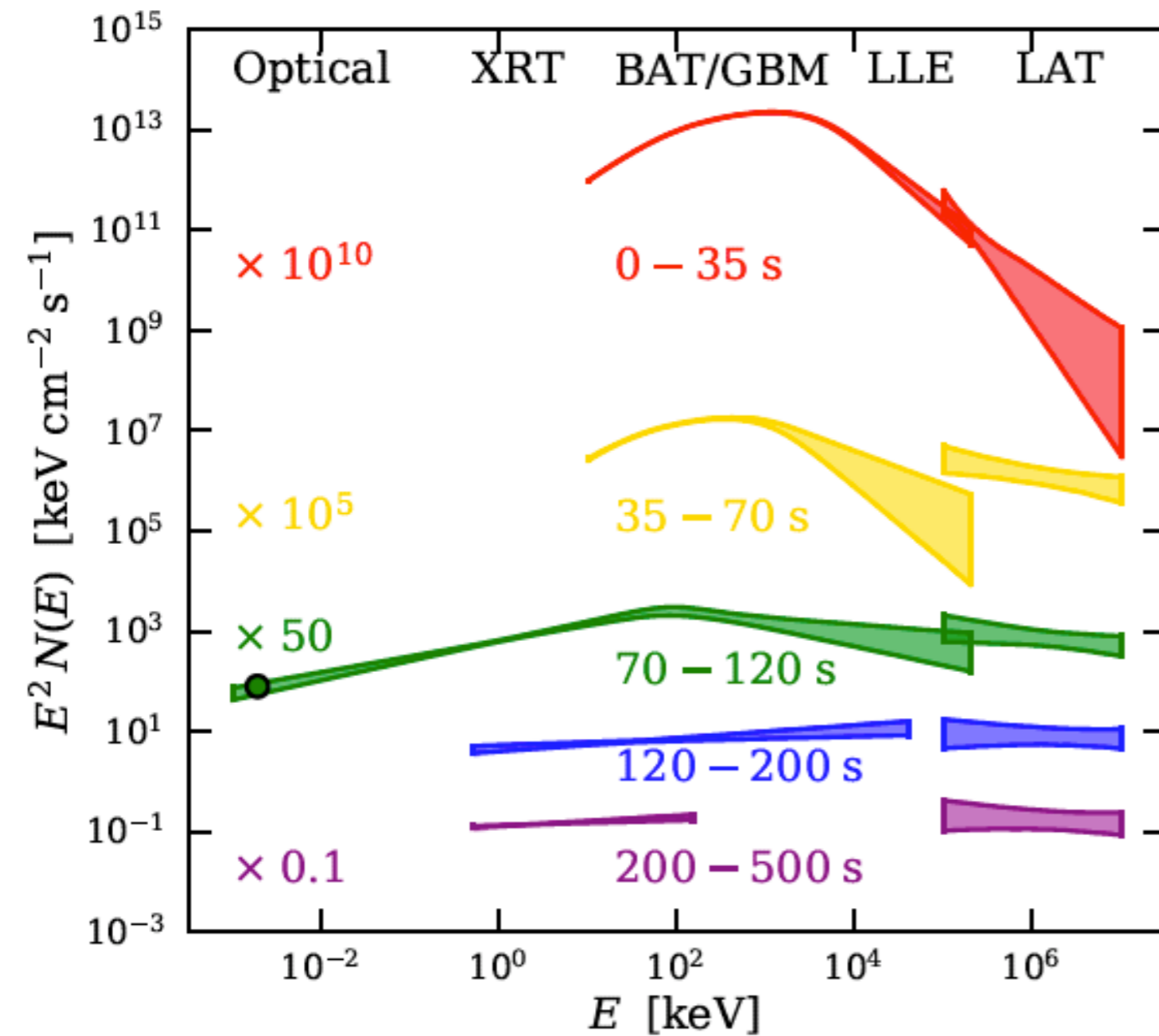
synchrotron fits the data 0.5-150 keV (1 MeV)
marginally fast cooling regime is confirmed

optical data is consistent with synchrotron
and inconsistent with non-thermal+BB
in absence/presence of early afterglow

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Oganesyan et al. 2019

Recent progresses [from optical to LAT and beyond]



$$N(\gamma) \propto \gamma^{-5} \quad \gamma_e \sim 10^6$$

challenge for the acceleration mechanism!

Recent progresses [summary]

**presence of spectral breaks at 4-100 keV
associated with the synchrotron
spectral shapes suggest synchrotron origin**

**Oganesyan et al. 2017, 2018
Ravasio et al. 2018, 2019**

**synchrotron model CAN fit the prompt emission spectra
in the marginally fast cooling regime
from optical to ~sub-MeV range**

Oganesyan et al. 2019

**2 component thermal + non-thermal empirical model
is excluded from the optical data**

very soft spectra of accelerated electrons are required

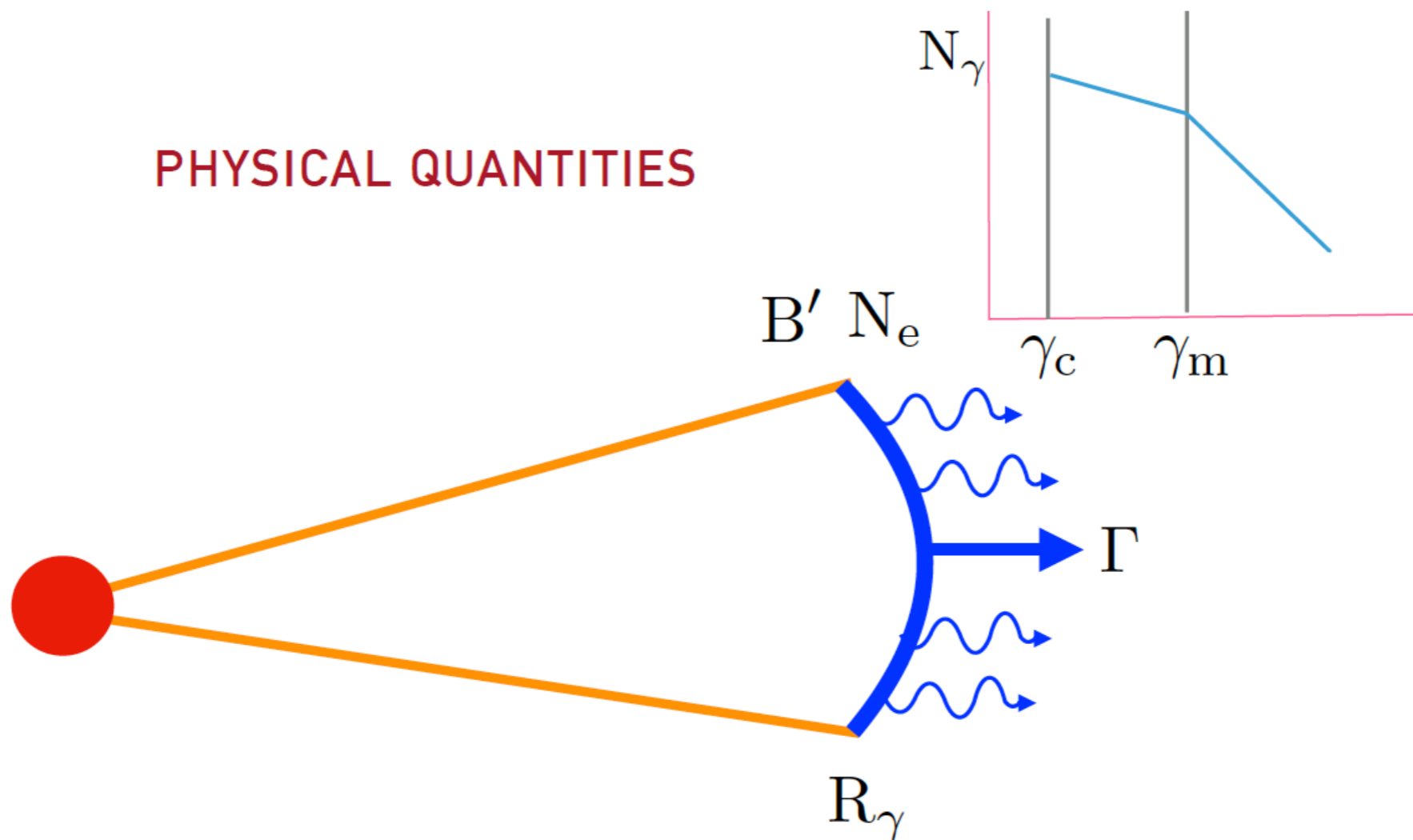
$$N(\gamma) \propto \gamma^{-5}$$

Physical parameters for the synchrotron model

MEASURED PARAMETERS

$$\nu_c \quad F_\nu(\nu_c) = F_c \quad \gamma_m/\gamma_c$$

PHYSICAL QUANTITIES



Physical parameters for the synchrotron model

Kumar & McMahon (2008)

F. Daigne et al (2011)

Beniamini & Piran (2013)

$\Gamma \geq 300$ large bulk Lorentz factors

$B' \sim 10 \text{ G}$ weak magnetic fields

$\nu_c \sim \nu_m$

$R \geq 3 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}$ large radii

$\gamma_m \sim 10^5$ only small fraction of electrons should be accelerated

what can naturally produce it?

re-acceleration?

in-homogenous magnetic field?

More...

- **polarisation measurements**

- **temporal resolution**

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- **low-energy spectral information**

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- **VHE detections**

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Thank you!