

GRB Afterglows with eXTP

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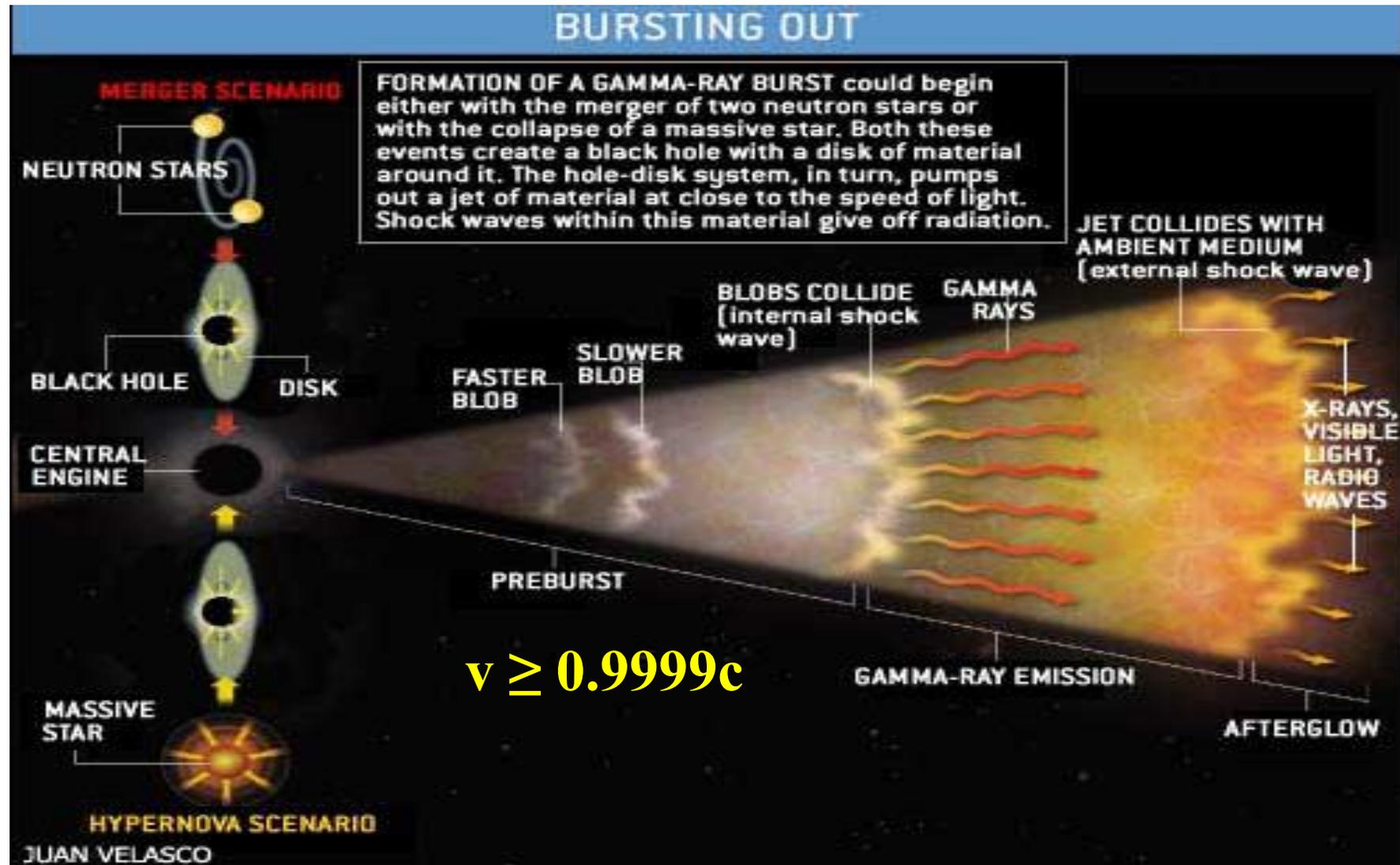
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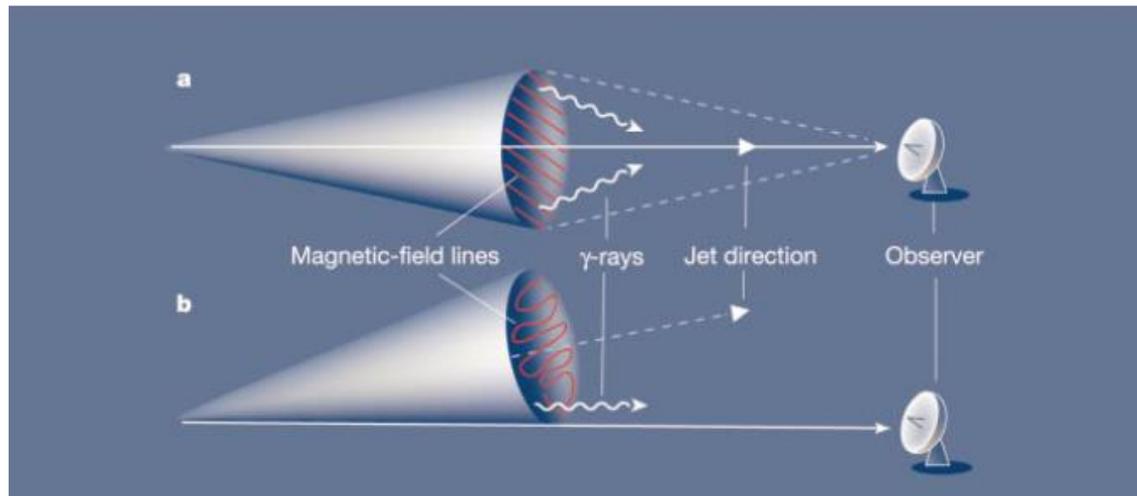
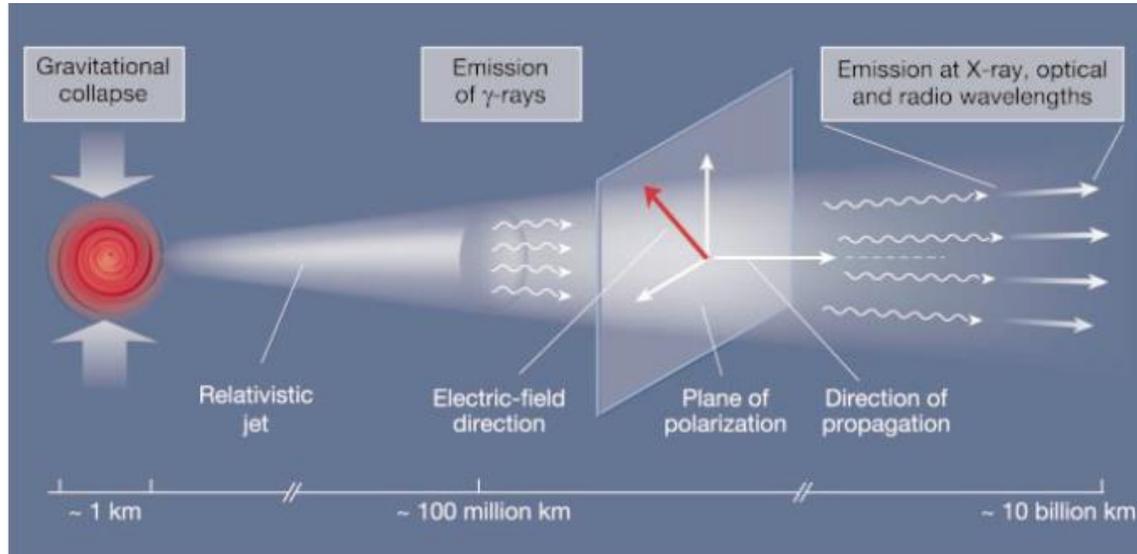
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Physical Picture of Gamma-Ray Bursts



Gehrels et al., 2002, Scientific American

Models on GRB polarization



Waxman, 2003, Nature, **423**, 388

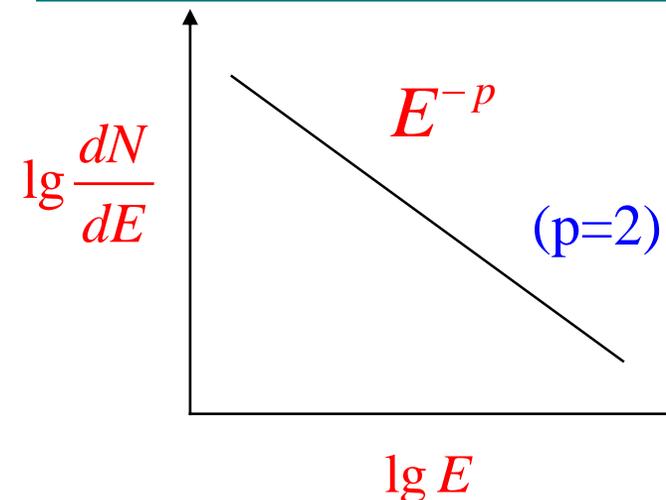
Nonthermal emission:

- synchrotron
- (inverse-) Compton

large-scale B and syn:

$$P_L = (p+1)/(p+7/3) \sim 70\%$$

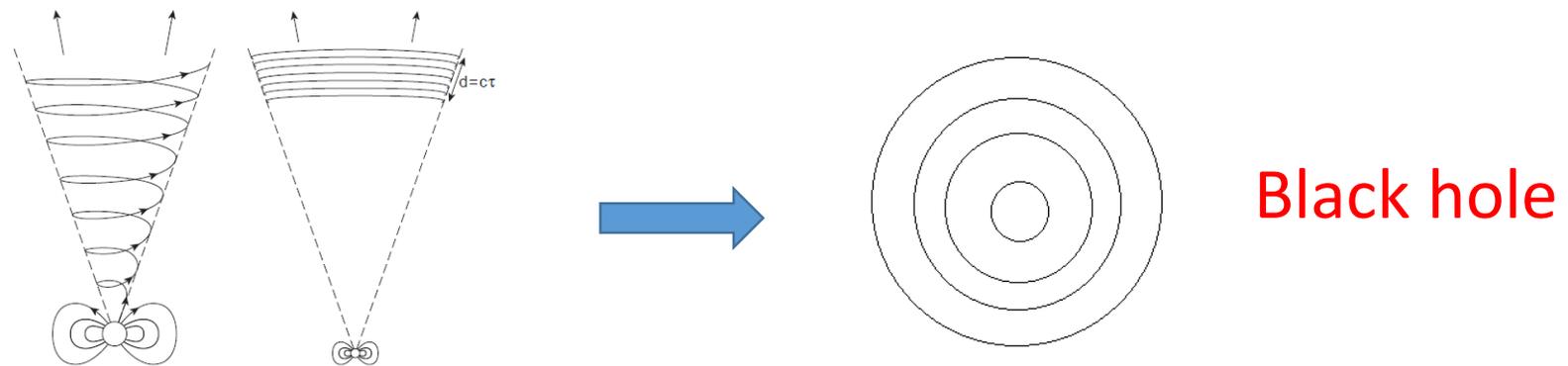
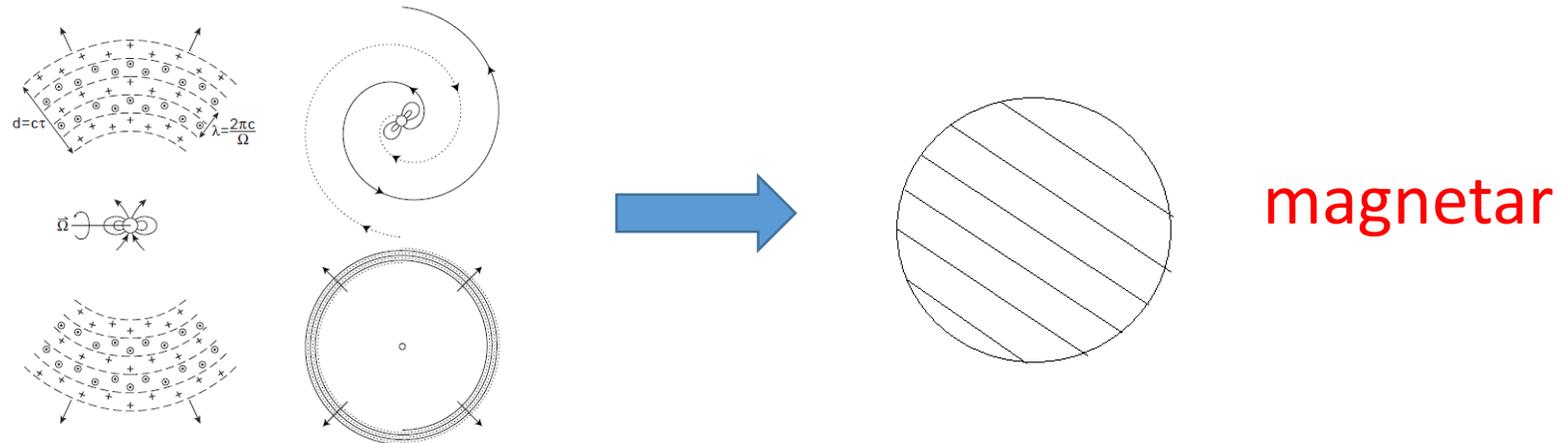
Shock accelerated electrons



Large-scale B-field may exist in

- (1) Prompt GRB emission;
- (2) Early afterglows (reverse shock)
- (3) X-ray flares
- (4) X-ray plateaus

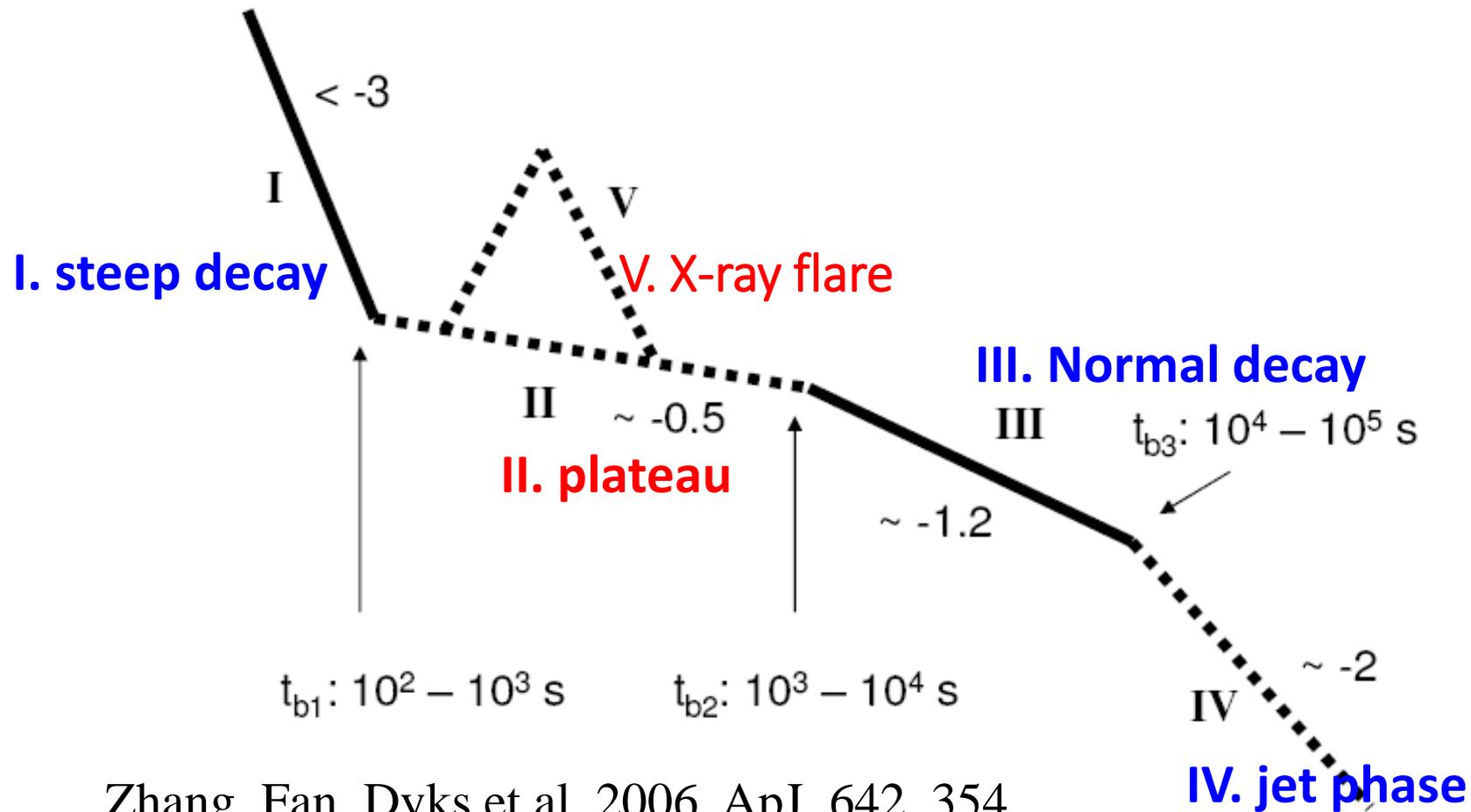
Magnetic field configurations and Corresponding central engines



Spruit et al. 2001

Swift Canonical X-ray lightcurve

X-ray polarimeter – a new era for GRBs!



Zhang, Fan, Dyks et al. 2006, ApJ, 642, 354

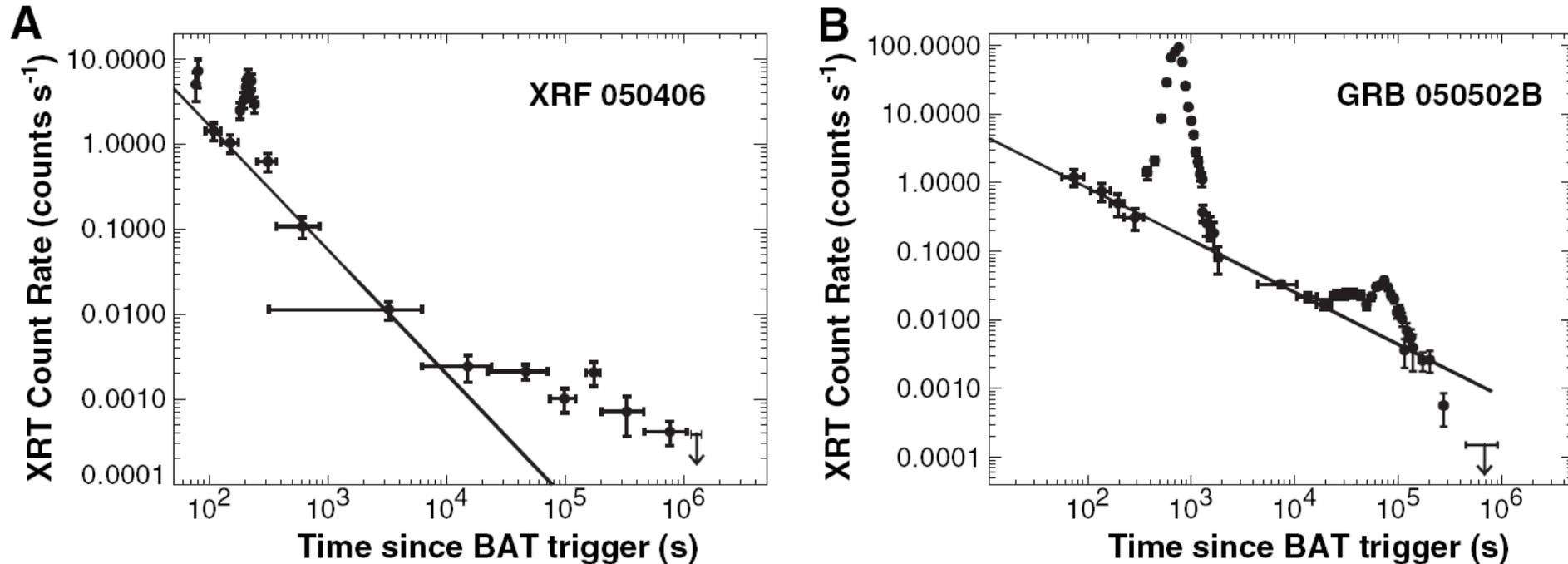
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X-ray flares

fast rise + steep decay

Burrows et al. 2005, Science, 309, 1833

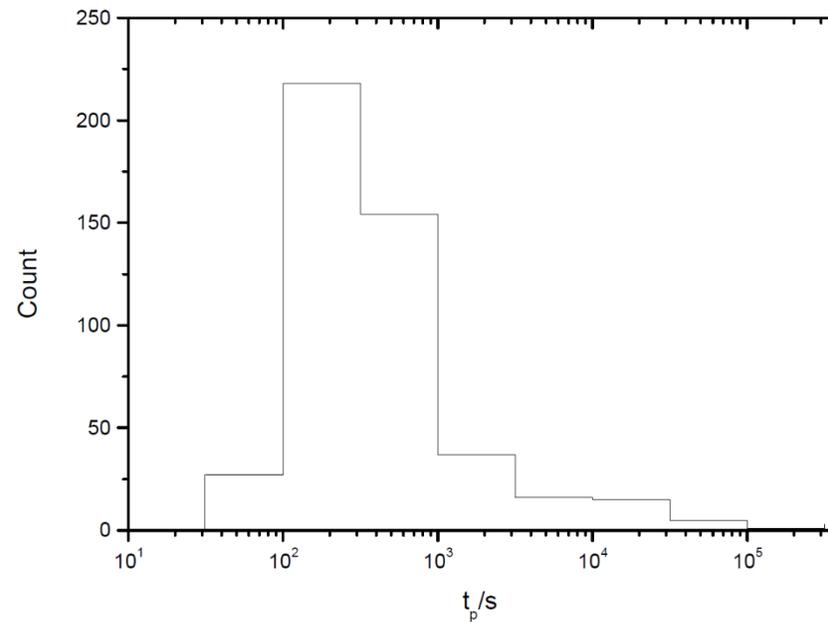


Explanation: late internal shocks (Burrows et al. 2005; Fan & Wei 2005; Zhang et al. 2006; Wu, Dai, Wang et al. 2005),

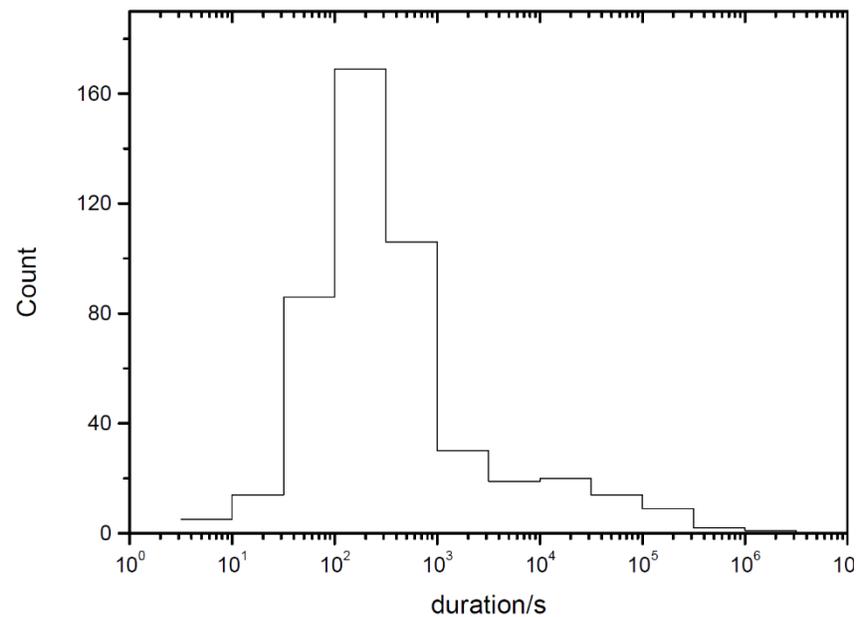
implying a long-lasting central engine.

X-ray flare sample

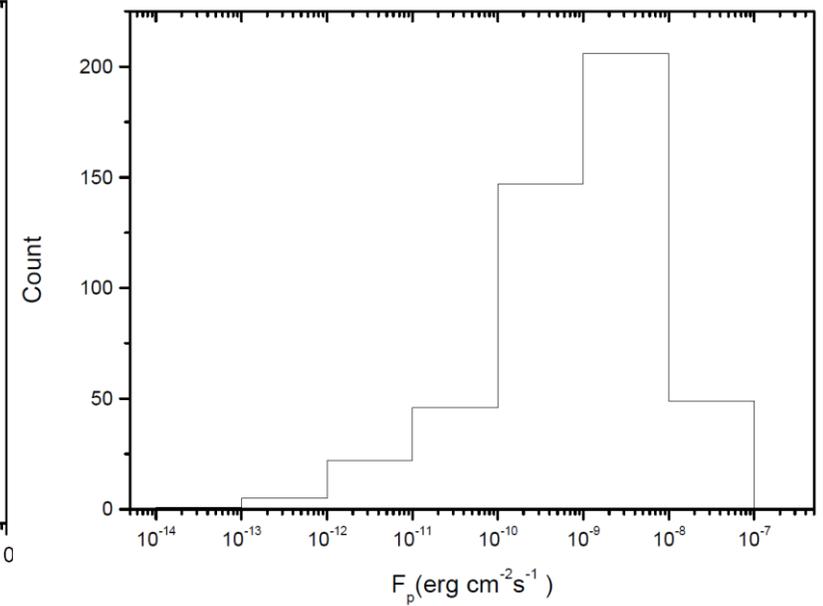
Swift XRT observations (May 1 2005 – April 30 2015)
476 flares in 201 GRBs (1/5 Swift triggered GRBs in 10 years)



Peak time centered at ~ 300 s

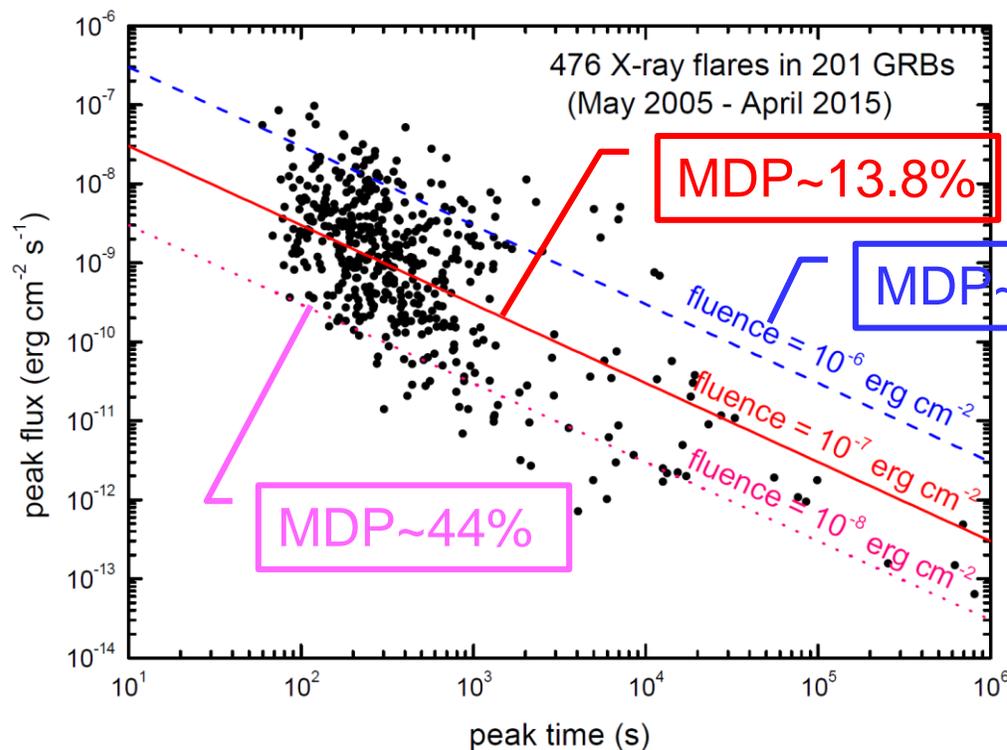


duration time centered at ~ 300 s



Peak flux centered at
 $\sim 3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ erg/cm}^2/\text{s}$

fluence distribution of X-ray flares



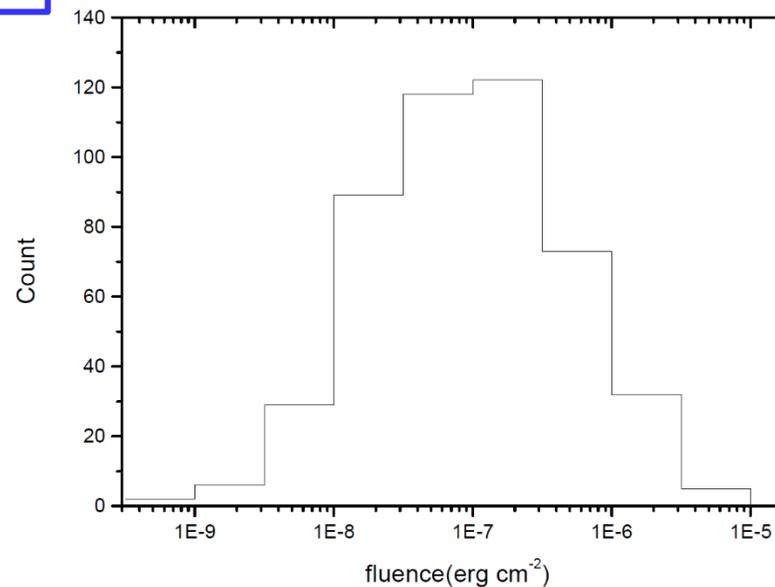
XTP can do polarization detection for bright X-ray flares if it slews to the GRB within ~ 1 ks after the trigger!

Minimum Detectable Polarization:

$$\text{MDP} = \frac{4.29}{\mu R_s} \sqrt{\frac{R_s + R_b}{t}}$$

$$\sim (\text{fluence} * S)^{-0.5}$$

$$S = 200 \text{ cm}^2$$



fluence $\sim F_p * T_p / 3$
peaked at $1 \text{e-}7 \text{ erg/cm}^2$

X-ray flare sample: expected eXTP detection possibility

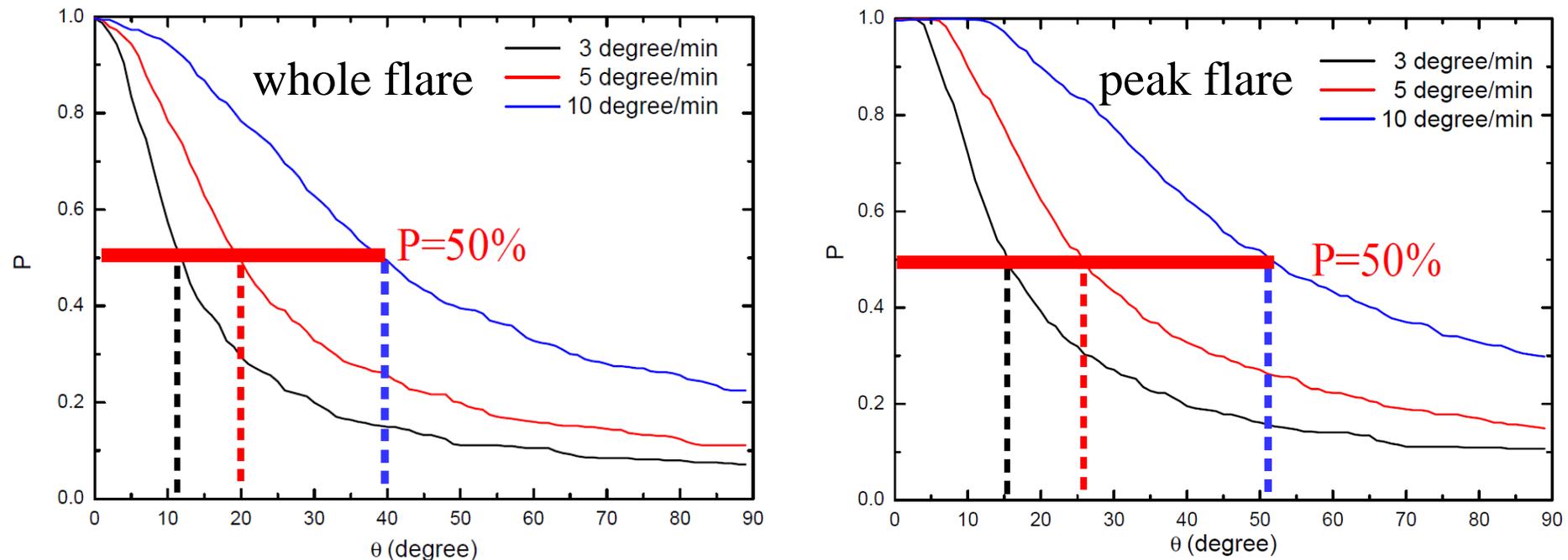
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Assume

(1) XTP flux sensitivity = $4.4e-15 (t/10^4 \text{ s})^{(-1/2)} \text{ erg/cm}^2/\text{s}$

(2) XTP slewing speed = (3 – 10) degrees per minute

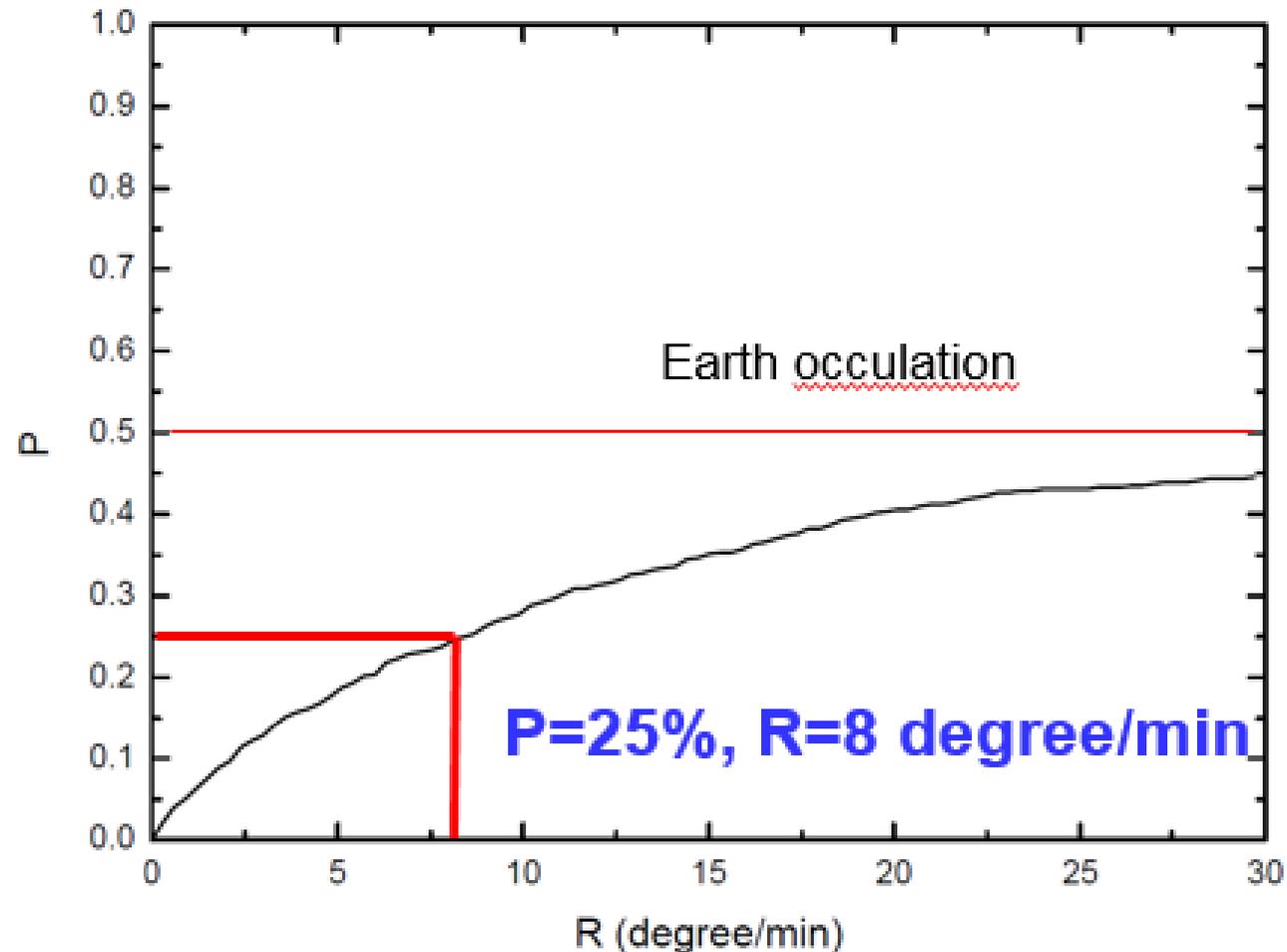


(angle between the GRB and XTP boresight)

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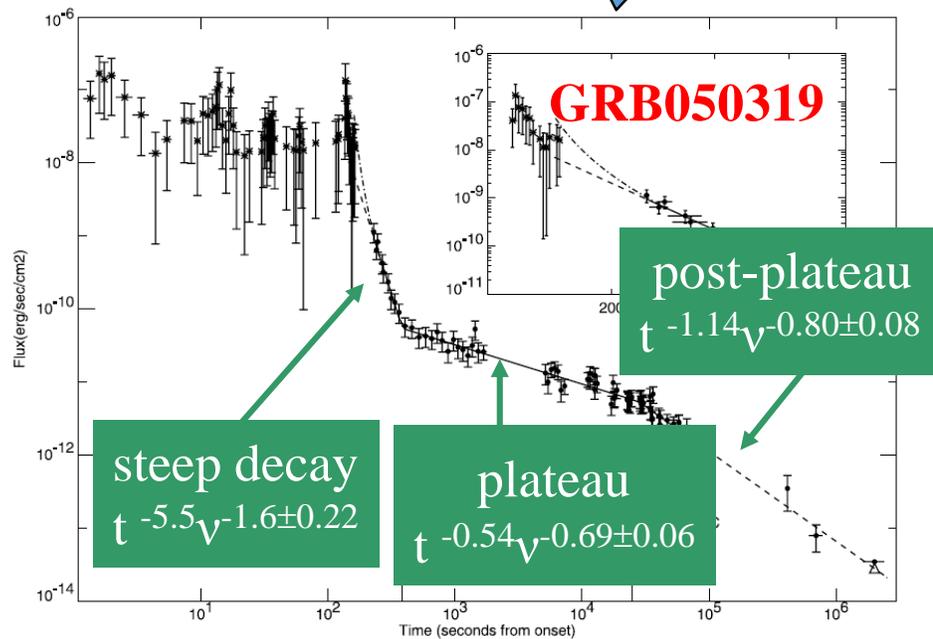
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X-ray Plateaus

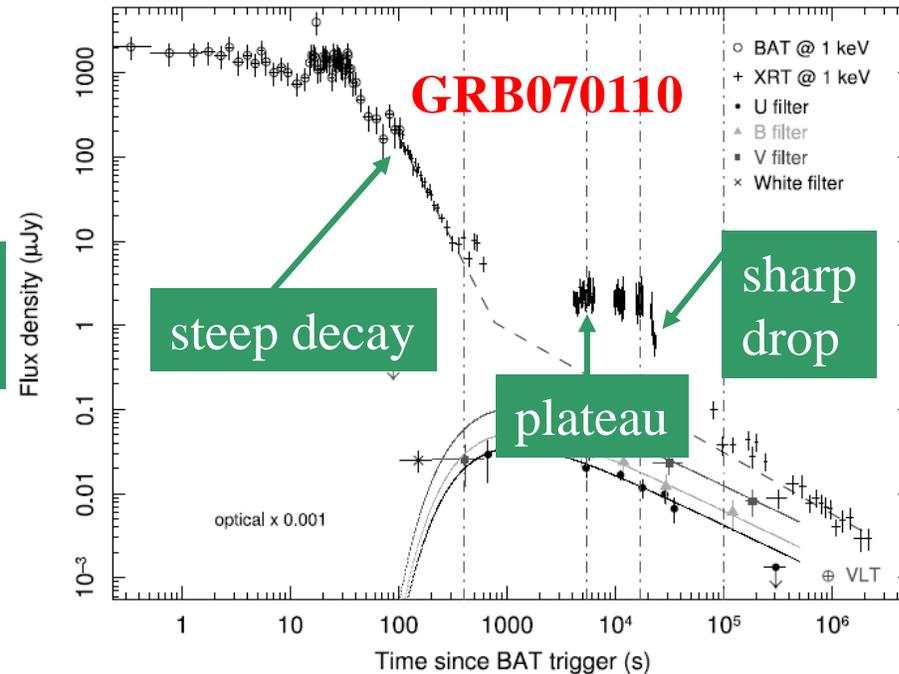
- Swift discovery and hydrodynamic origin

external plateau by energy injection:
matter-dominated? -> low poln
Poynting flux – dominated ? -> high poln

Internal plateau
magnetic dissipative process? -> high poln



Cusumano et al., 2006, ApJ, 639, 316

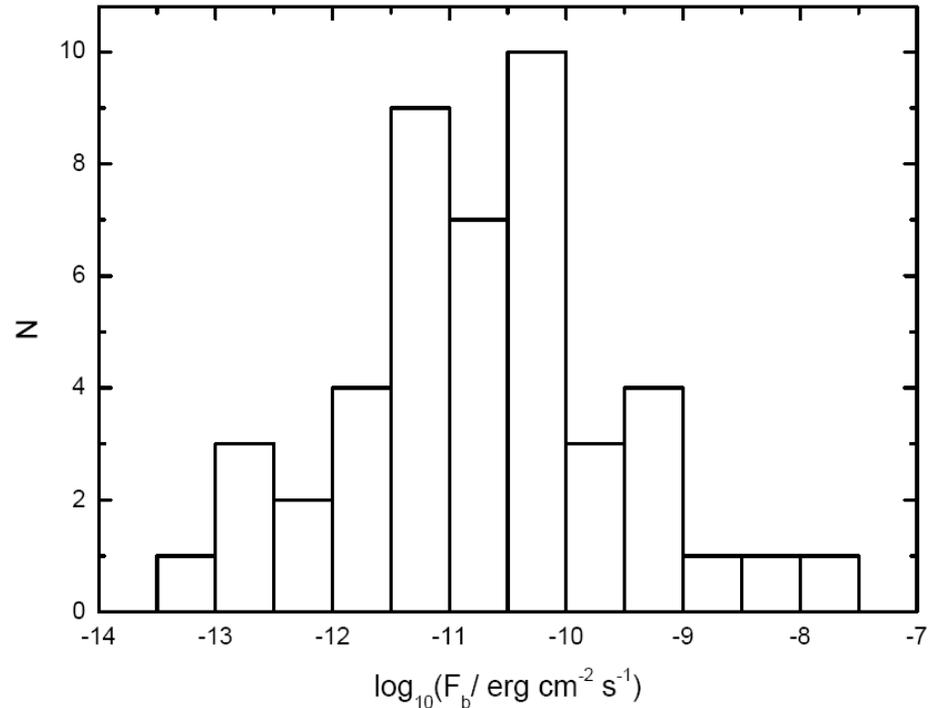


Troja et al., 2007, ApJ, 665, 599

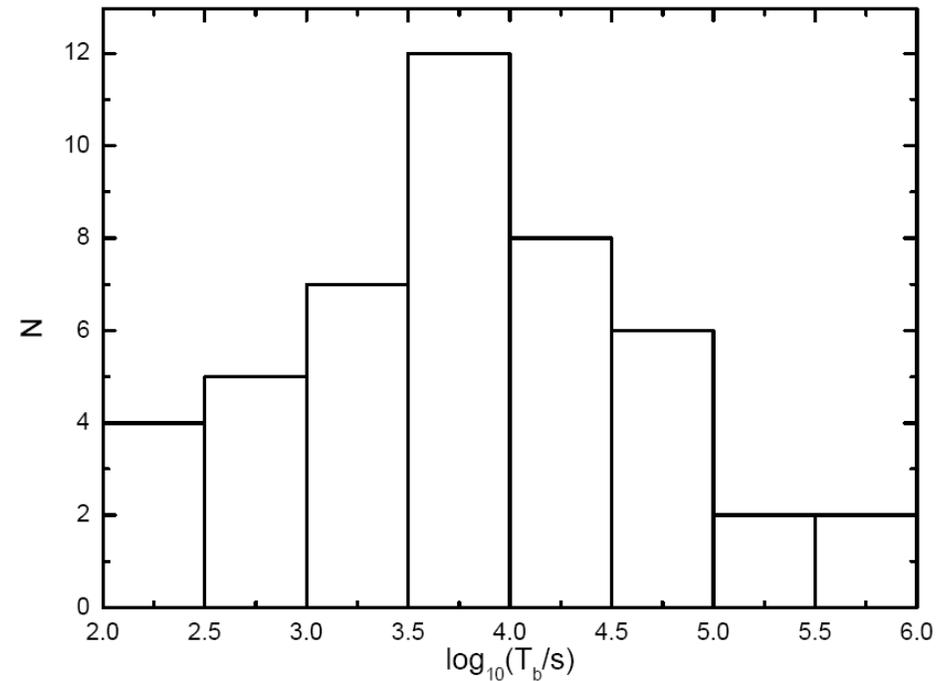
X-ray plateau sample

Swift XRT observations (March 2005 - October 2010)

46 X-ray plateaus (1/10 Swift triggered GRBs in 5 years)

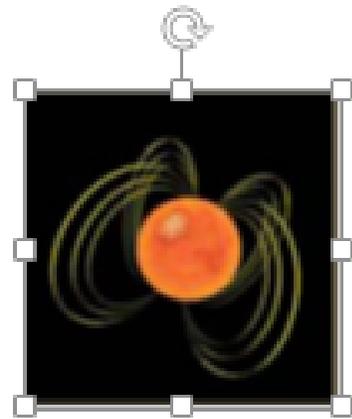


flux centered at $1e-11 \text{ erg/cm}^2/\text{s}$

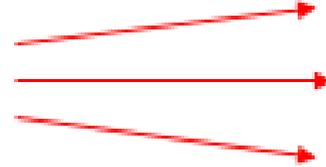


duration $\sim 1 - 100 \text{ ks}$, typically $\sim 10 \text{ ks}$

RWB model with the Poynting flux injection

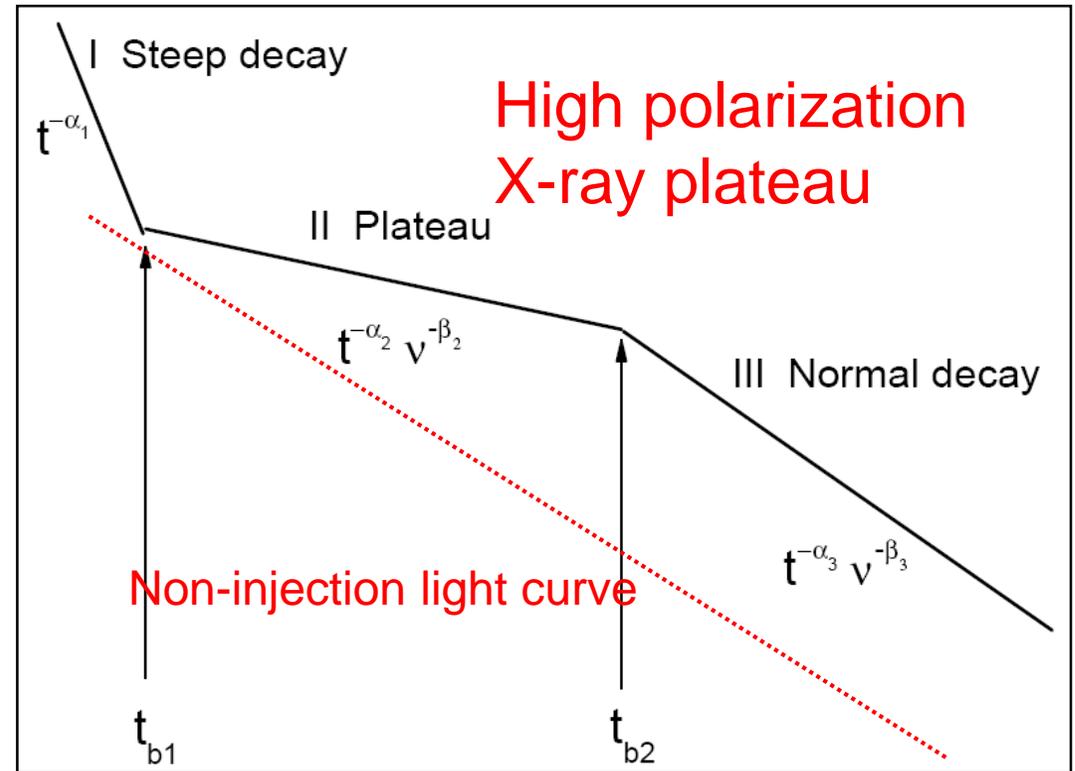


Poynting flux

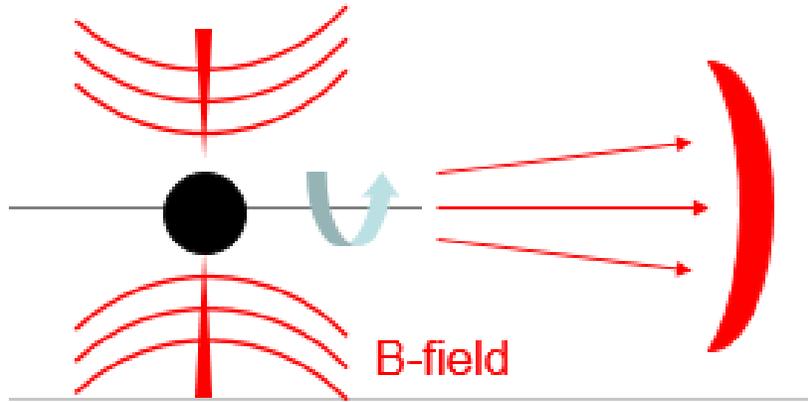


Forward and reverse shock

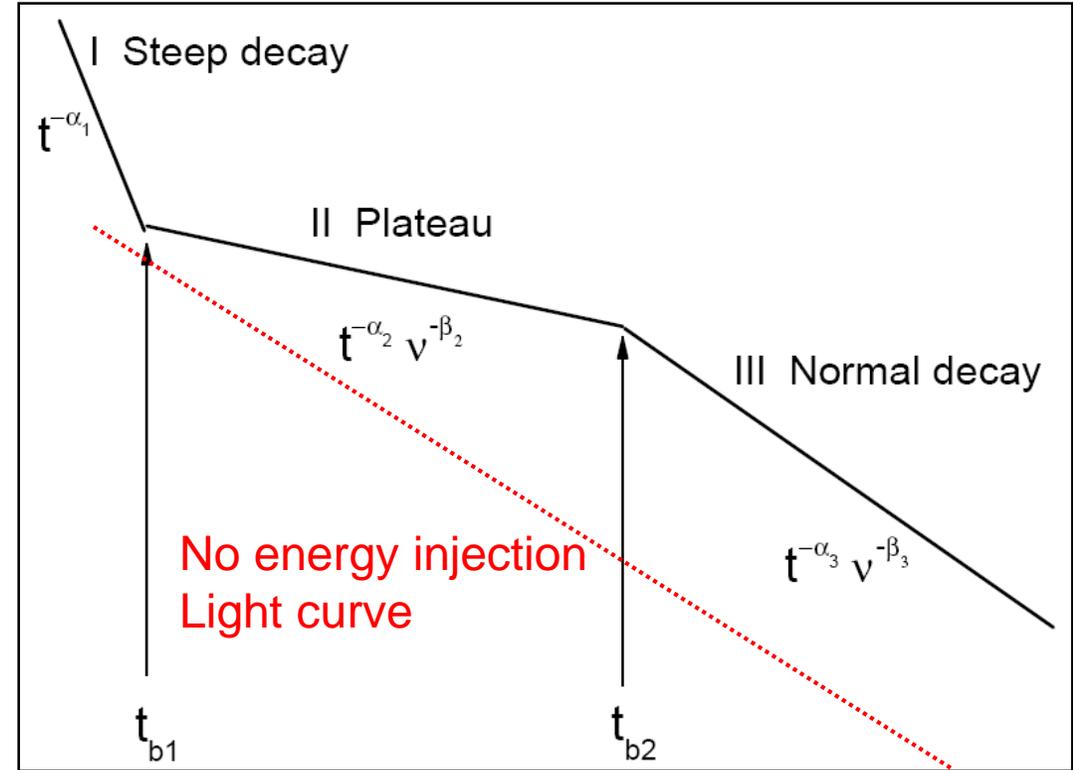
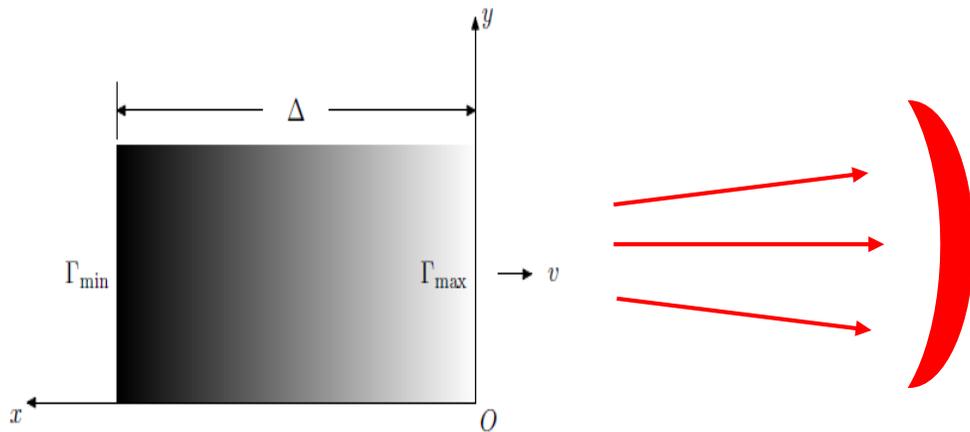
Magnetar



Structured ejecta model



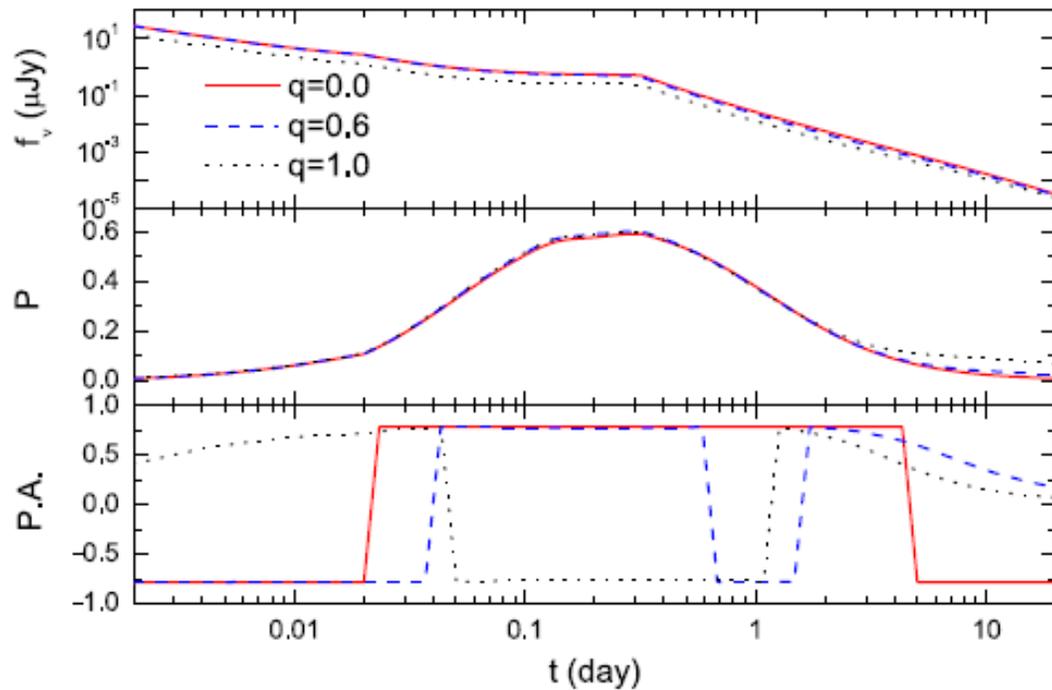
Black hole



Lorentz factor distribution
(Rees & Meszaros 1992):

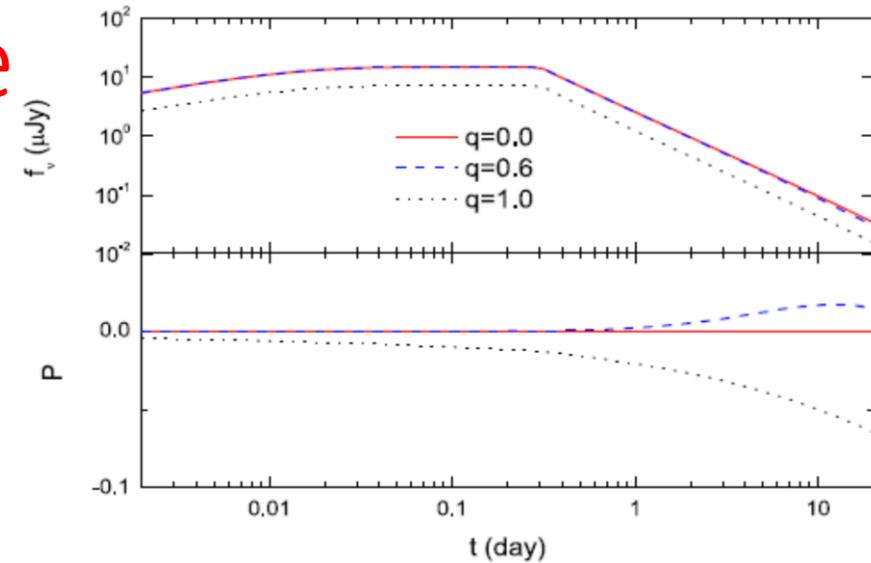
$$M \propto \Gamma^{-s}$$

Testing models using polarization in the X-ray plateau phase

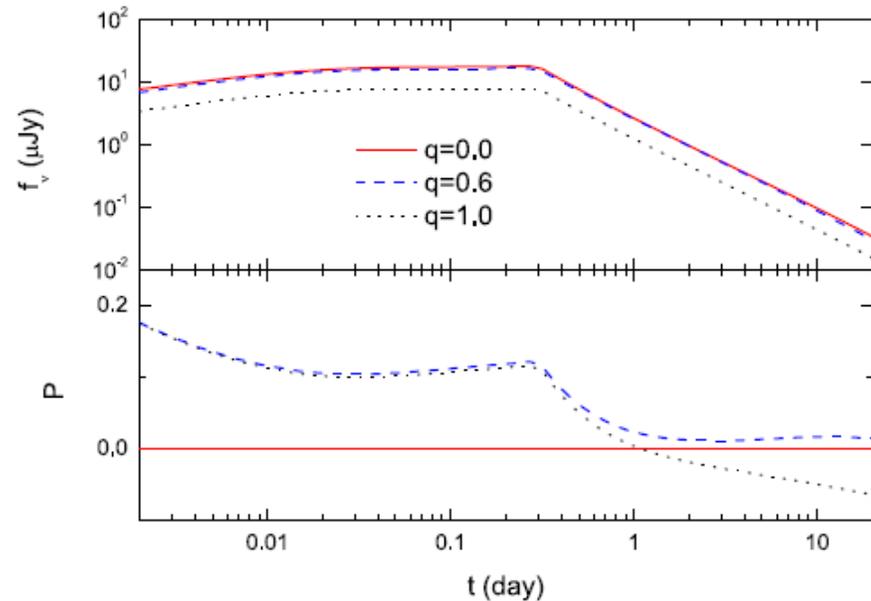


RWB model in 2 keV

Lan, Wu & Dai 2016 ApJ



random



toroidal

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- **Polarization of GRB X-ray emission**
 - most GRBs have X-ray flares or plateaus
 - large-scale B-field & physical origins
 - magnetic field configuration & central engine

Input of X-ray flare simulation

(reference to Toma et al. 2009, ApJ)

1. GRB rate (redshift distribution)

$$\dot{\rho}_{\text{GRB}}(z) = k_{\text{GRB}} R_{\text{SF}}(z) f(z)$$

2. GRB jet half-opening angle distribution

$$f(\theta_j) d\theta_j \propto \begin{cases} \theta_j^{q_1} d\theta_j, & \text{for } 0.001 \leq \theta_j \leq 0.02, \\ \theta_j^{q_2} d\theta_j, & \text{for } 0.02 \leq \theta_j \leq 0.2, \end{cases}$$

3. X-ray flare energies (analogue to Frail relation)

$$E_{\text{iso}} \theta_j^2 / 2 = 10^{50} \xi_1 \text{ erg}$$

4. Viewing angle distribution

$$p(\theta_v) d\theta_v = \sin \theta_v d\theta_v$$

$$\Pi_0 = \Pi_0^{\text{syn}} \equiv \begin{cases} (\alpha + 1) / (\alpha + \frac{5}{3}), & \text{for } x \leq \beta - \alpha \\ (\beta + 1) / (\beta + \frac{5}{3}), & \text{for } x \geq \beta - \alpha \end{cases}$$

5. Amati relation and Band Function

$$E_p = 80 \xi_2 (E_{\text{iso}} / 10^{52} \text{ erg})^{1/2} \text{ keV}$$