

Cosmology with Gamma-Ray Bursts



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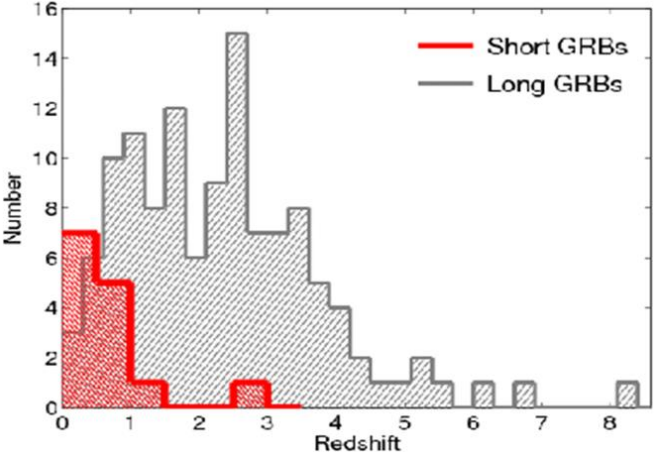
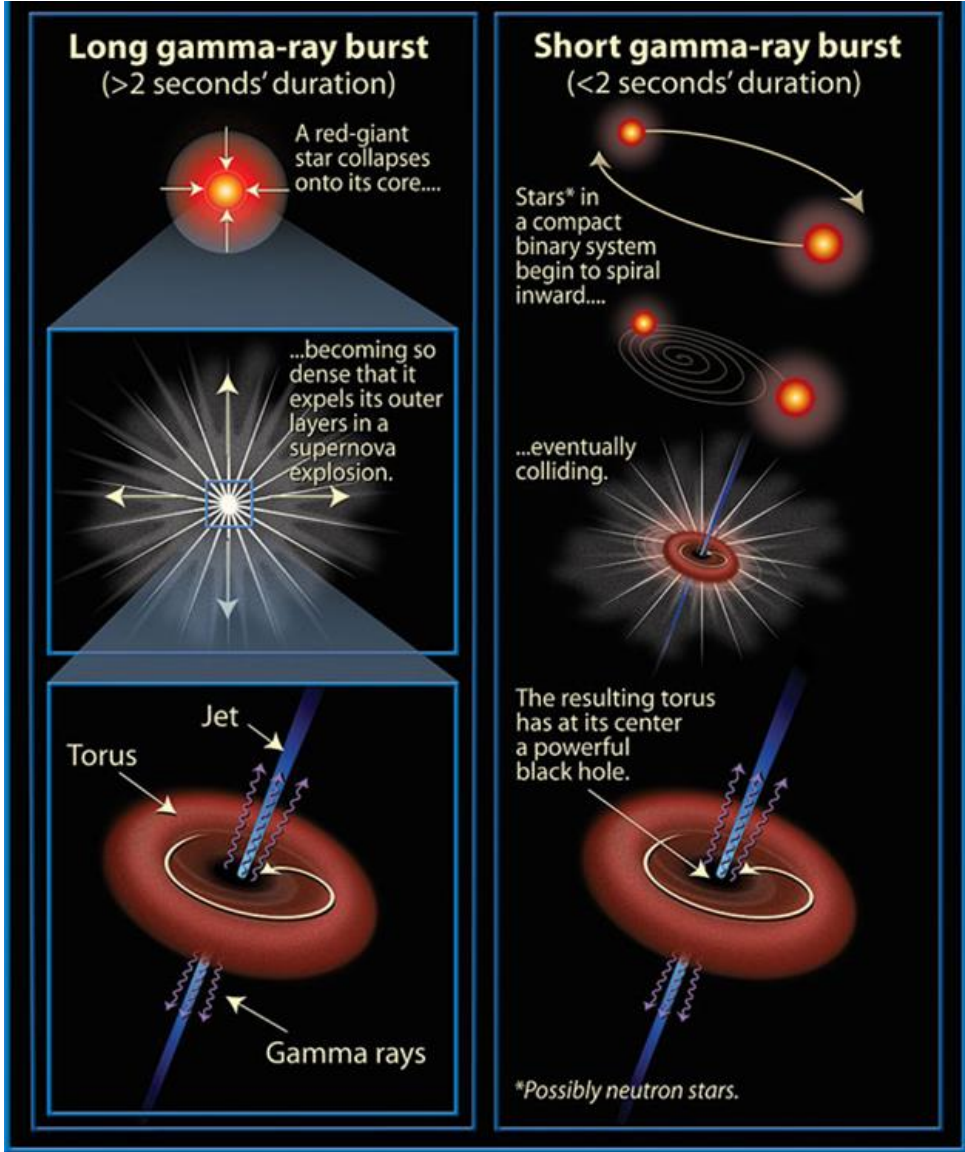
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Gamma-Ray Bursts: the most extreme phenomena in the Universe

Long GRBs: core collapse of peculiar massive stars, association with SN

Short GRBs: NS-NS or NS-BH mergers, association with GW sources



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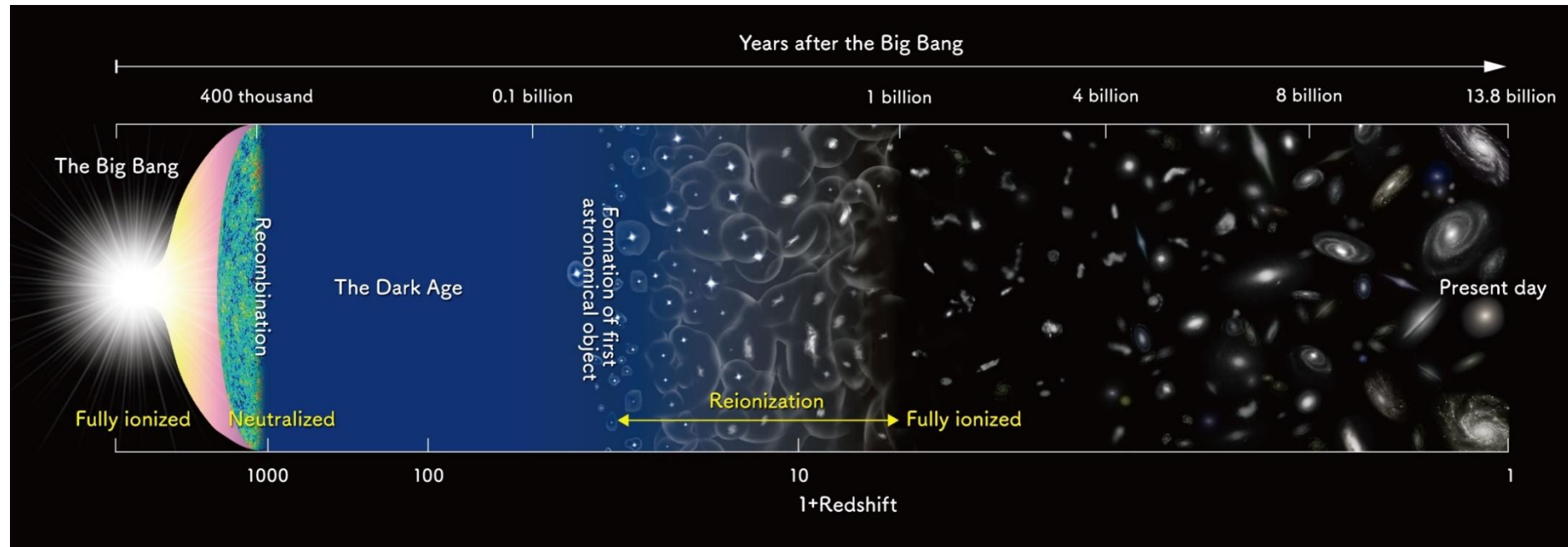
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Shedding light on the early Universe with GRBs

- A major goal of contemporary cosmology is to reveal the **emergence of primordial stars and galaxies**, and the contemporaneous **reionization of the intergalactic medium**, in the **first billion years of the Universe**



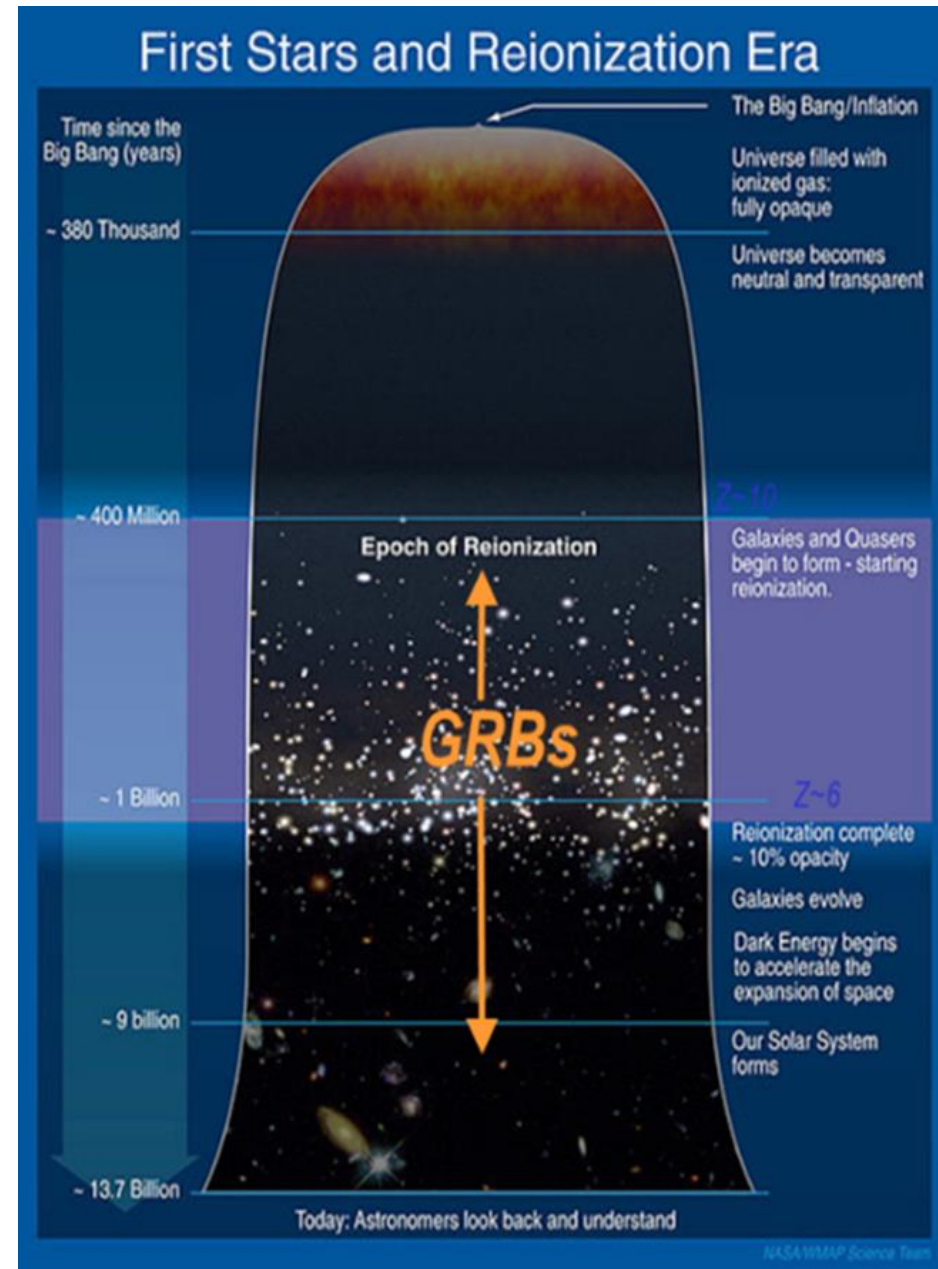
What was the timeline of reionization?

What sources were responsible?

How did the chemical elements build up?

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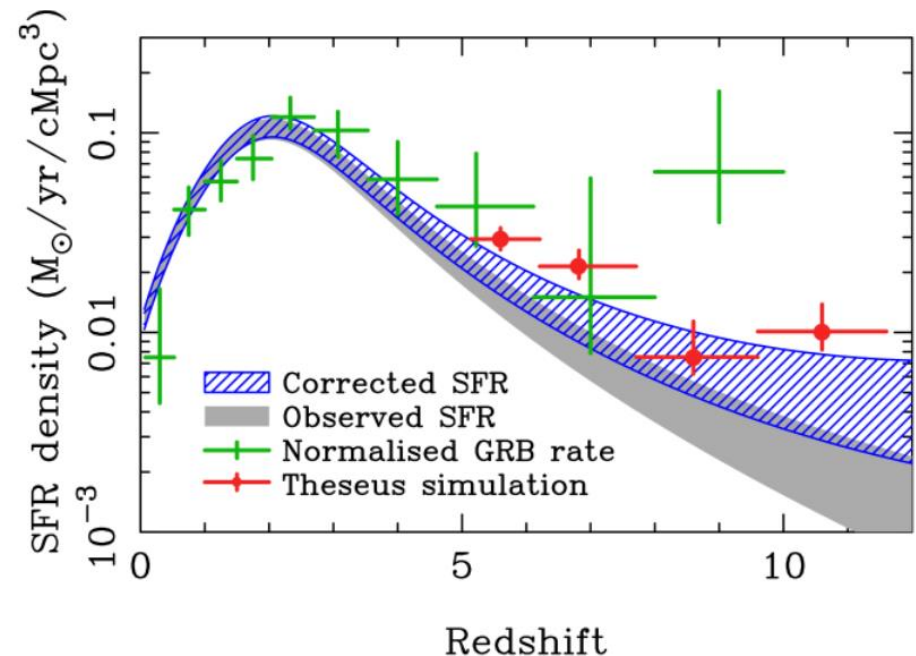
- ❑ **Long GRBs:** huge luminosities, mostly emitted in the X and gamma-rays
- ❑ **Redshift distribution** extending at least to $z \sim 9-10$
- ❑ **Association with exploding massive stars** in star forming regions of their host galaxies
- ❑ **Powerful tools for early Universe:** SFR evolution, physics of re-ionization, high- z low luminosity galaxies, pop III stars



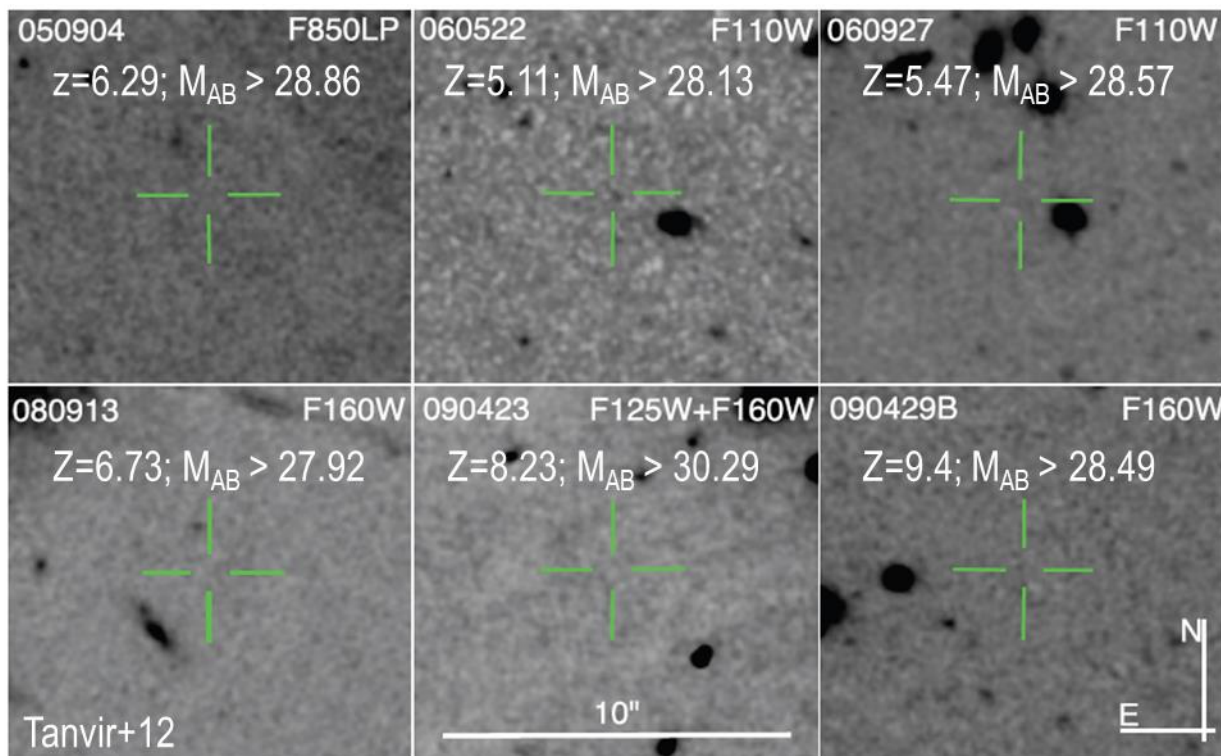
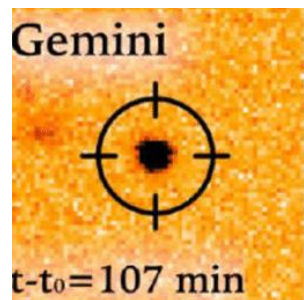
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A statistical sample of high- z GRBs can provide fundamental information:

- measure independently the **cosmic star-formation rate**, even beyond the limits of current and future galaxy surveys
- directly (or indirectly) detect the **first population of stars (pop III)**



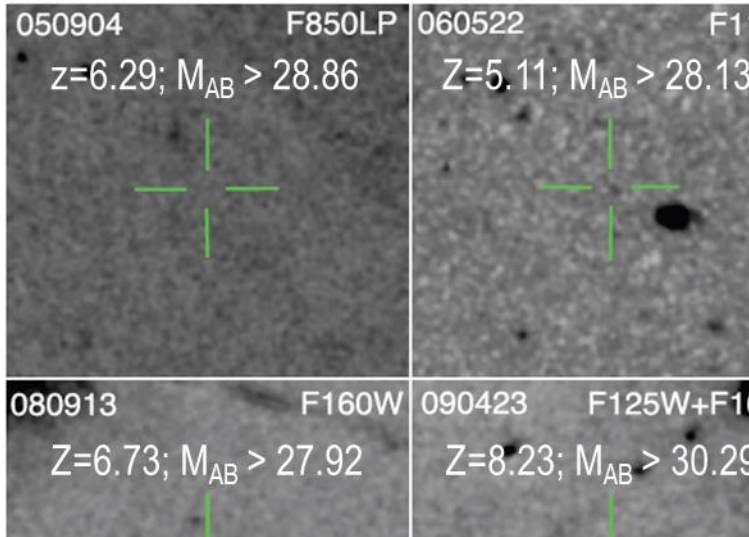
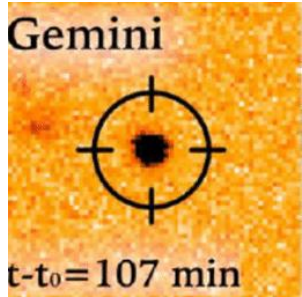
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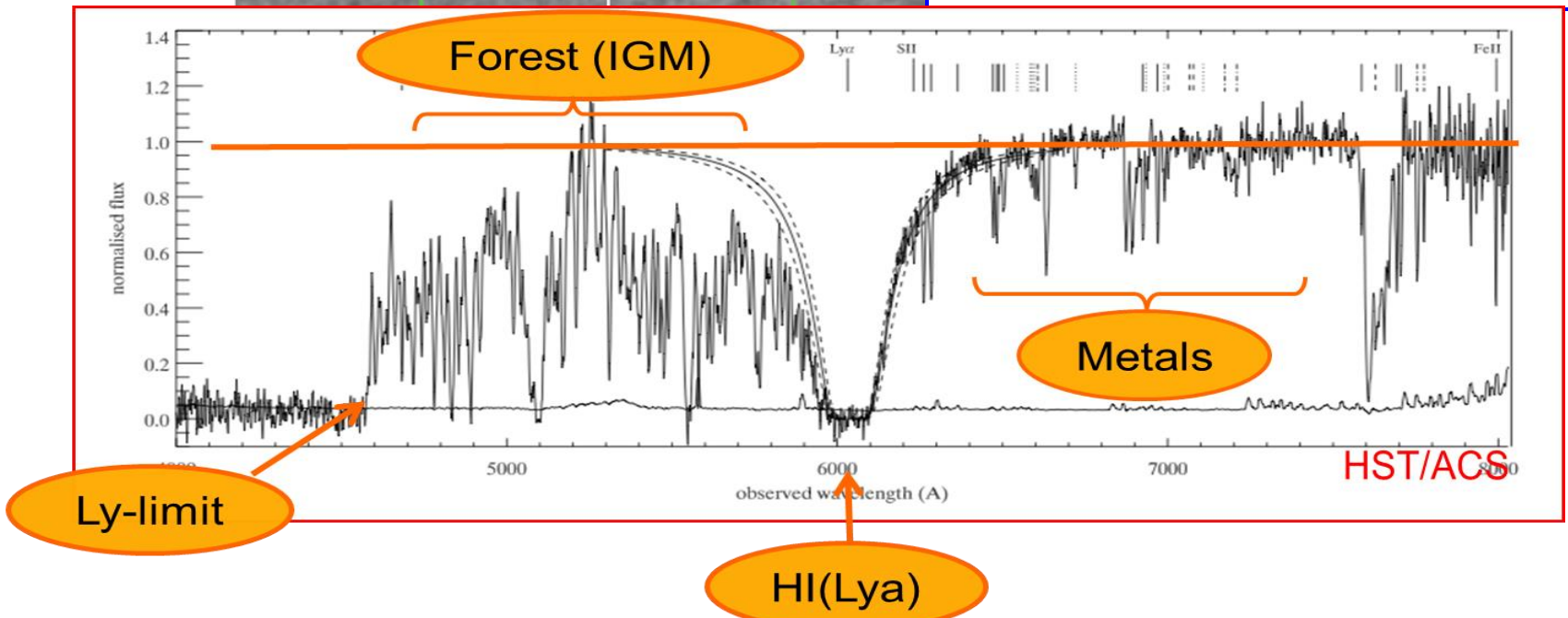
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Even **JWST** and **ELTs** surveys will be not able to probe the faint end of the galaxy Luminosity Function at high redshifts ($z > 6-8$)

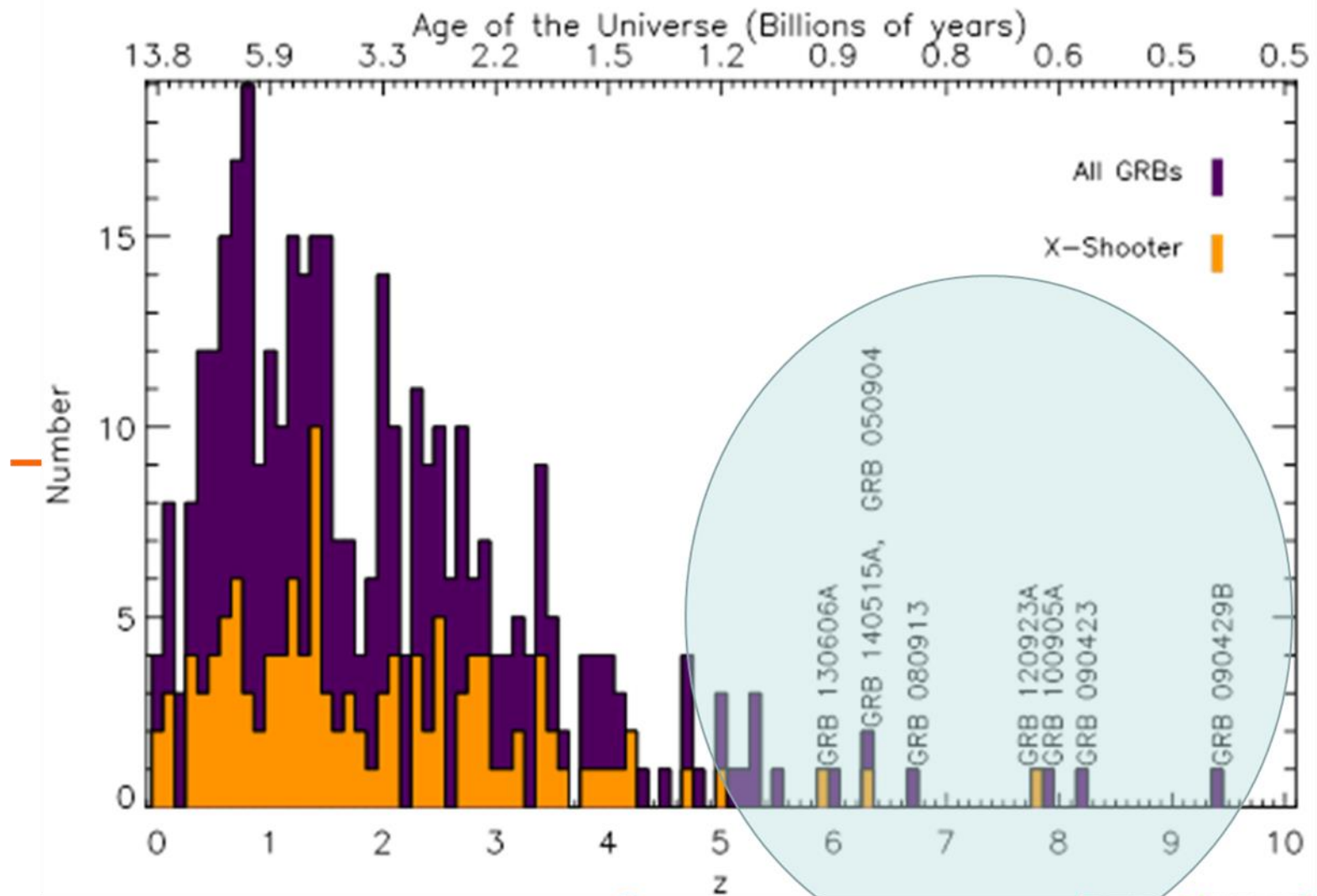
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- neutral hydrogen fraction
- escape fraction of UV photons from high- z galaxies
- early metallicity of the ISM and IGM and its evolution



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Future GRB missions (late '20s and '30s)

Probing the Early Universe with GRBs

Multi-messenger and time domain Astrophysics

The transient high energy sky

Synergy with next generation large facilities (E-ELT, SKA, CTA, ATHENA, GW and neutrino detectors)

- **THESEUS** (studied for ESA Cosmic Vision / M5), **HiZ-GUNDAM** (JAXA, under study), **TAP** (idea for NASA probe-class mission), **Gamow Explorer** (proposal for NASA MIDEX): **prompt emission down to soft X-rays, source location accuracy of few arcmin, prompt follow-up with NIR telescope, on-board REDSHIFT**

THESEUS

Transient High Energy Sky and Early Universe Surveyor

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Payload consortium: Italy, UK, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Poland, Denmark, Belgium, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Ireland, NL, ESA

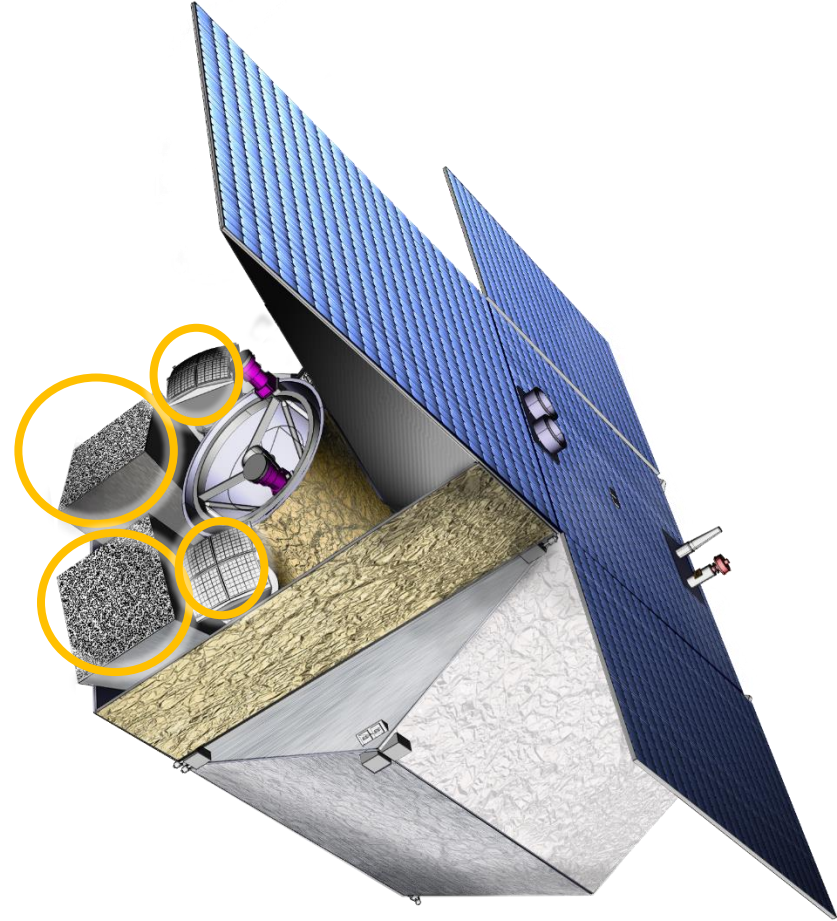


Future GRB missions: the case of THESEUS

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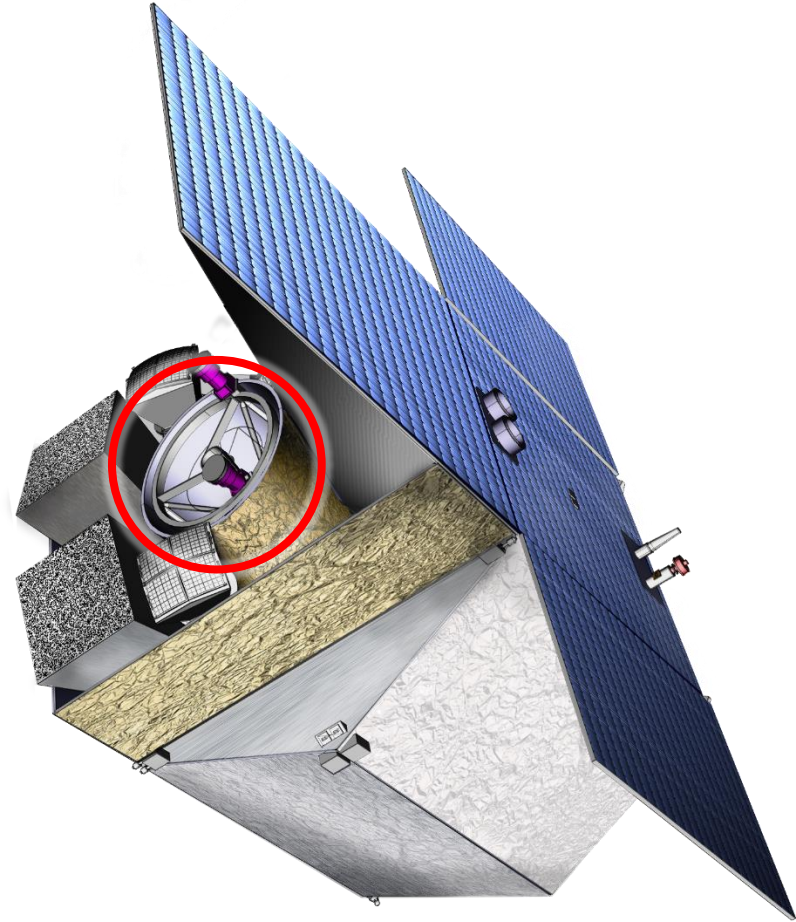
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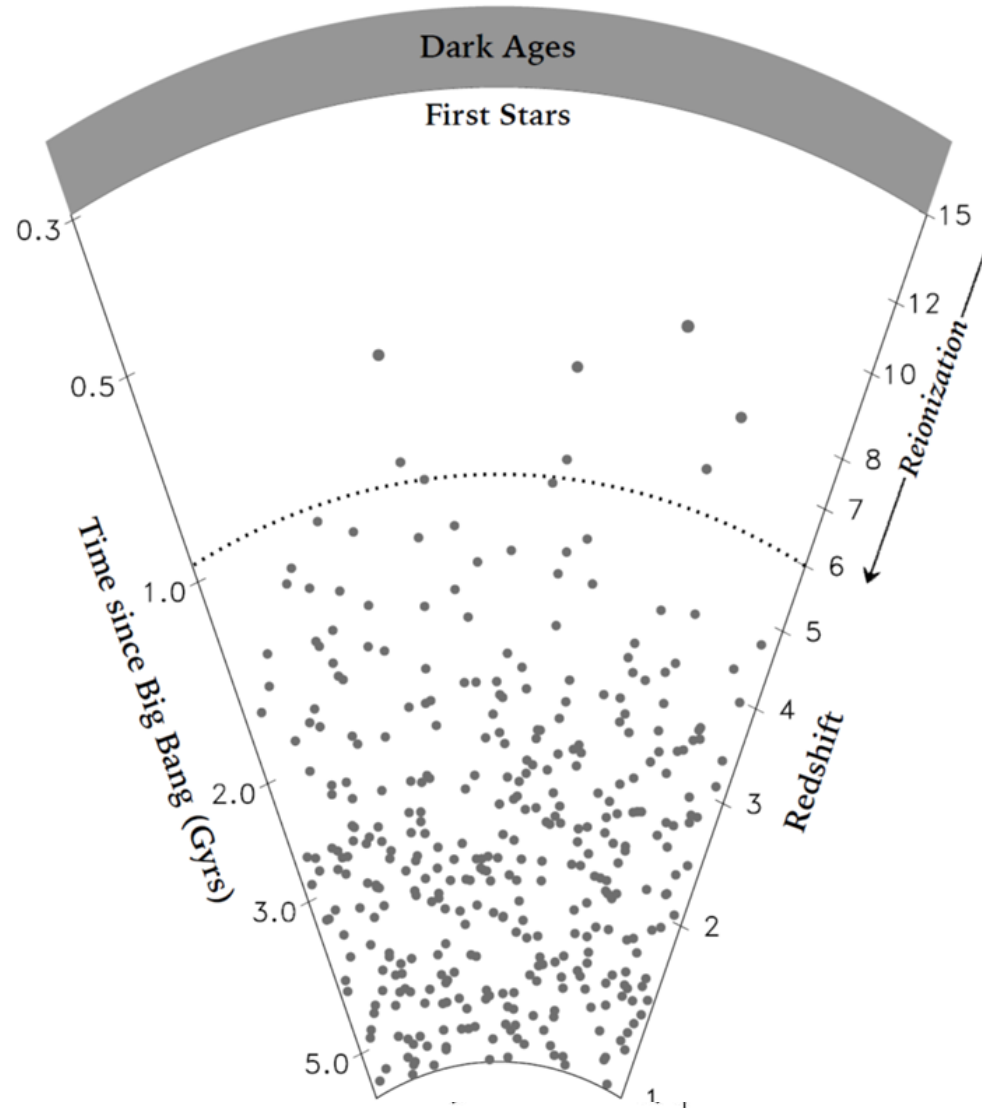
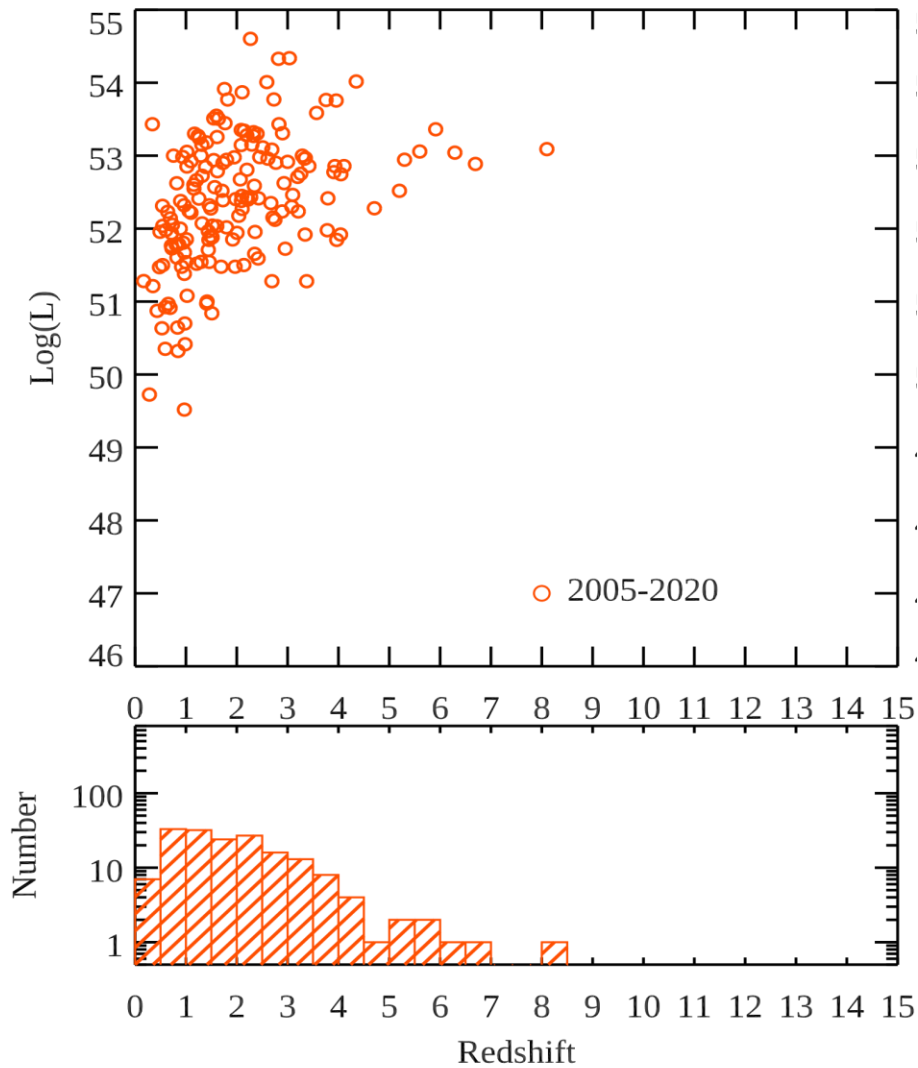
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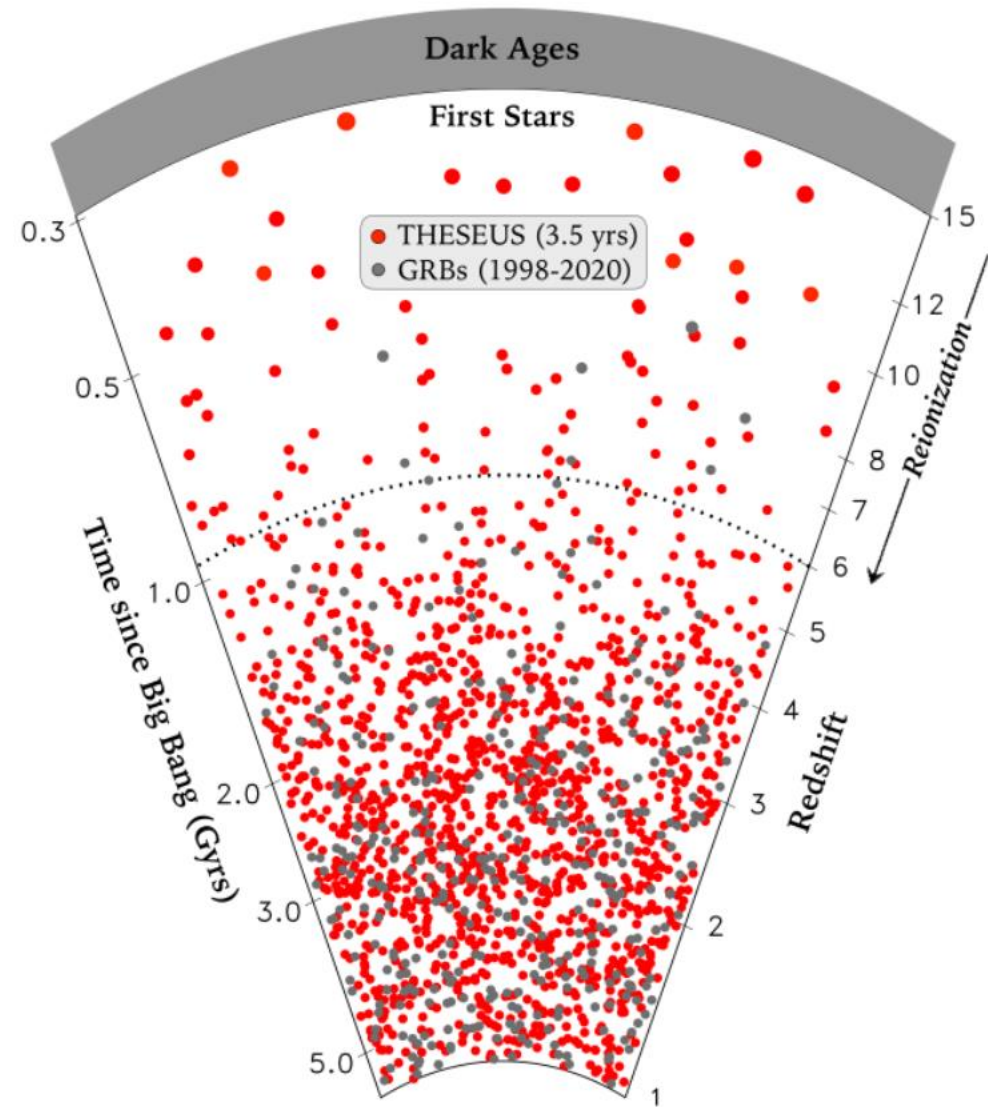
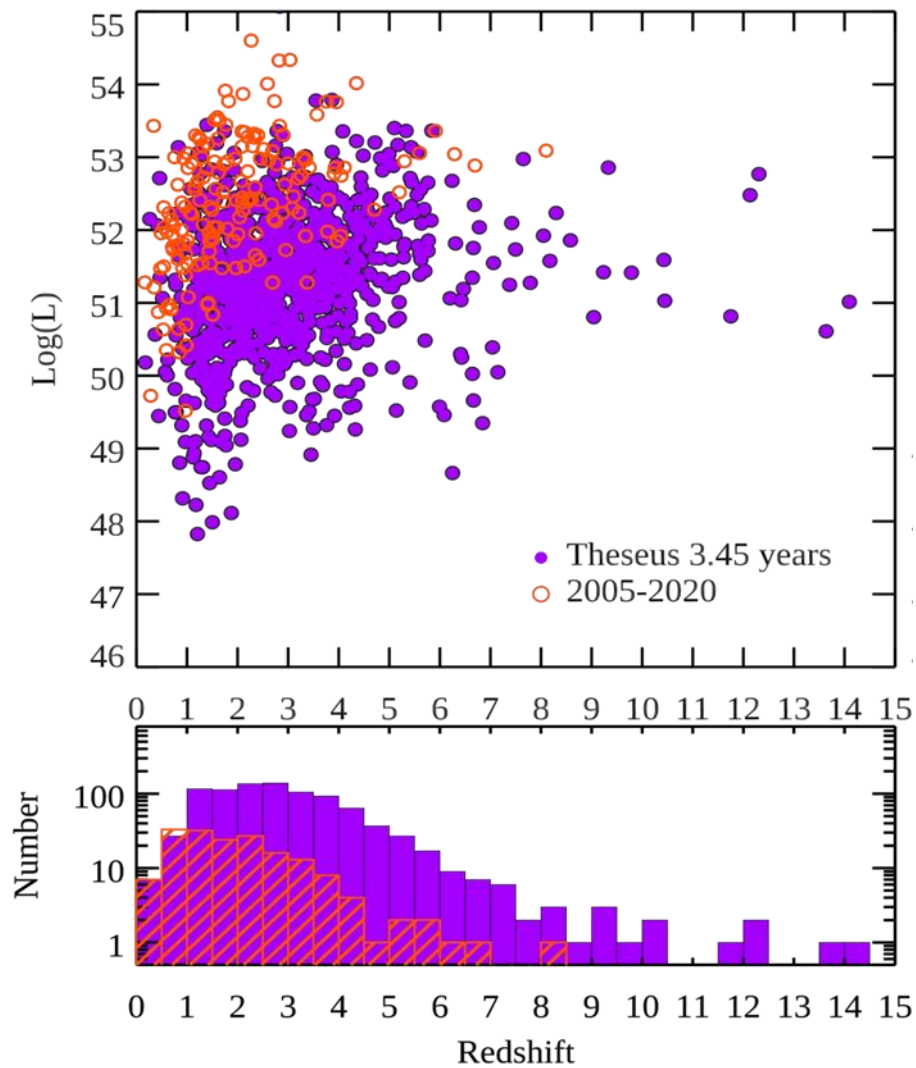
On-board **autonomous fast follow-up** in
optical/NIR, arcsec location and **redshift
measurement** of detected
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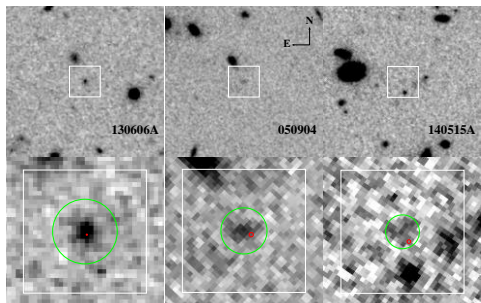
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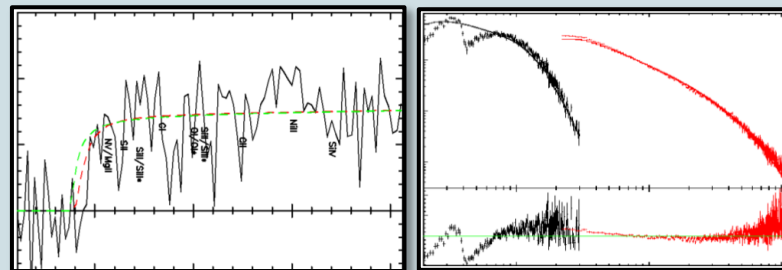
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Star formation history,
primordial galaxies

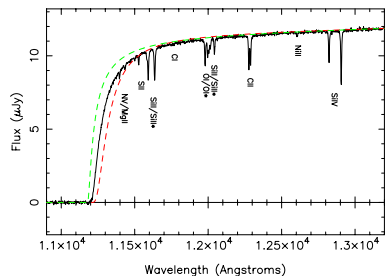


GRB accurate localization and NIR, X-ray, Gamma-ray characterization, redshift

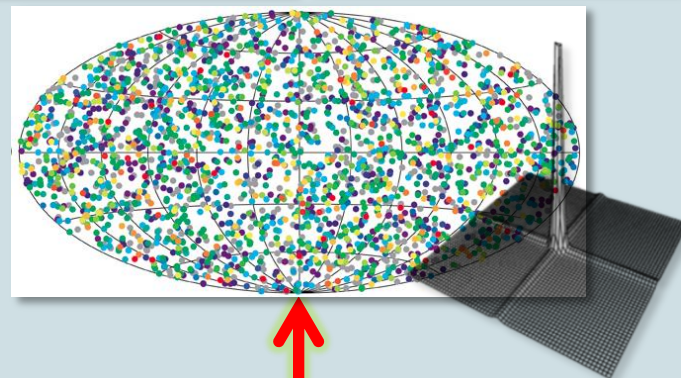
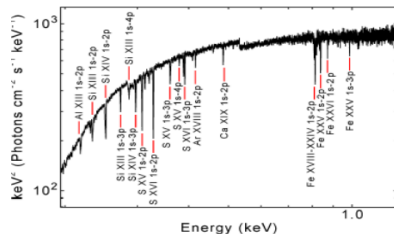


Neutral fraction of
IGM, ionizing
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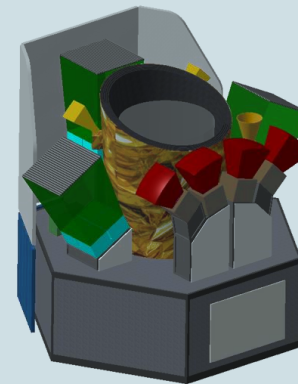
z=8.2 simulated ELT afterglow spectrum



Cosmic
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Pop III

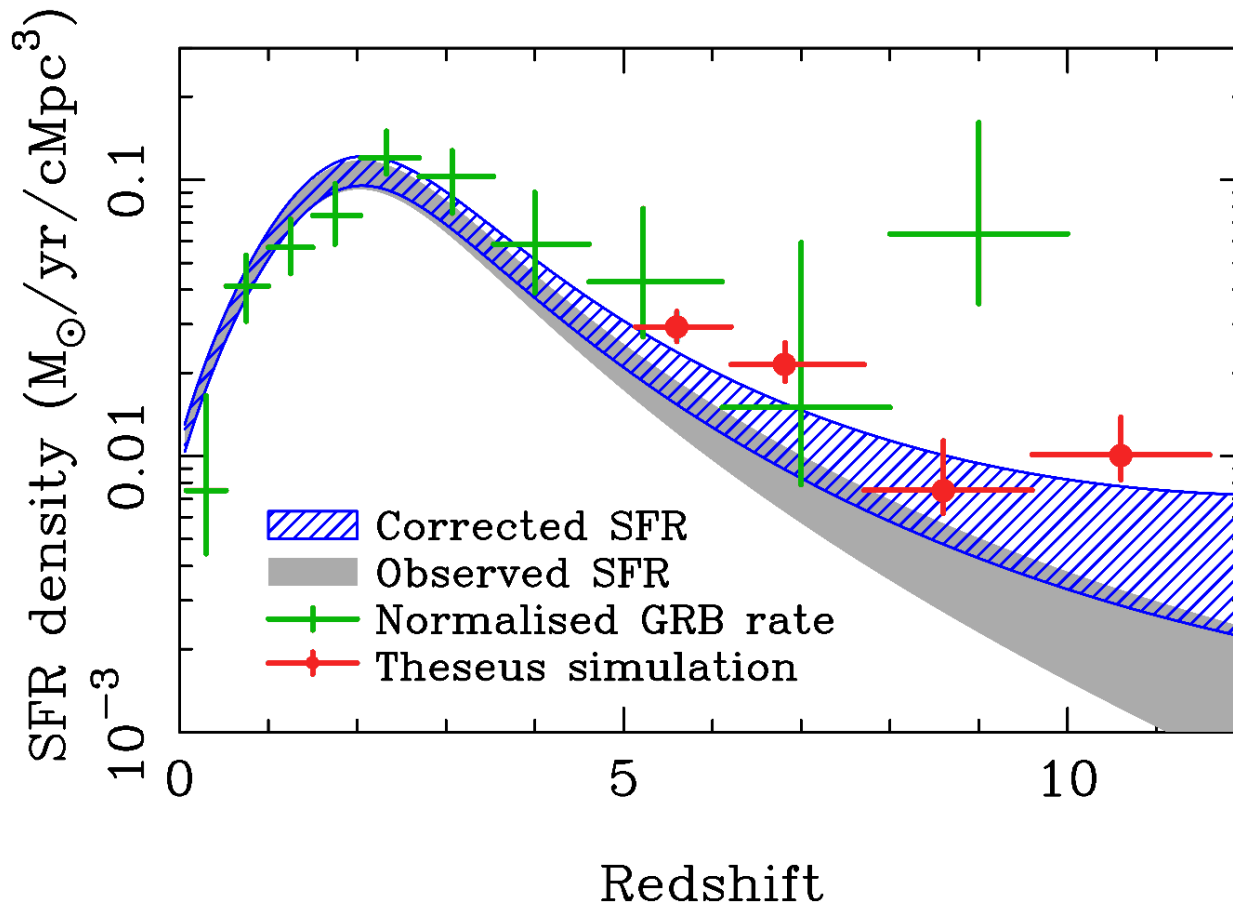


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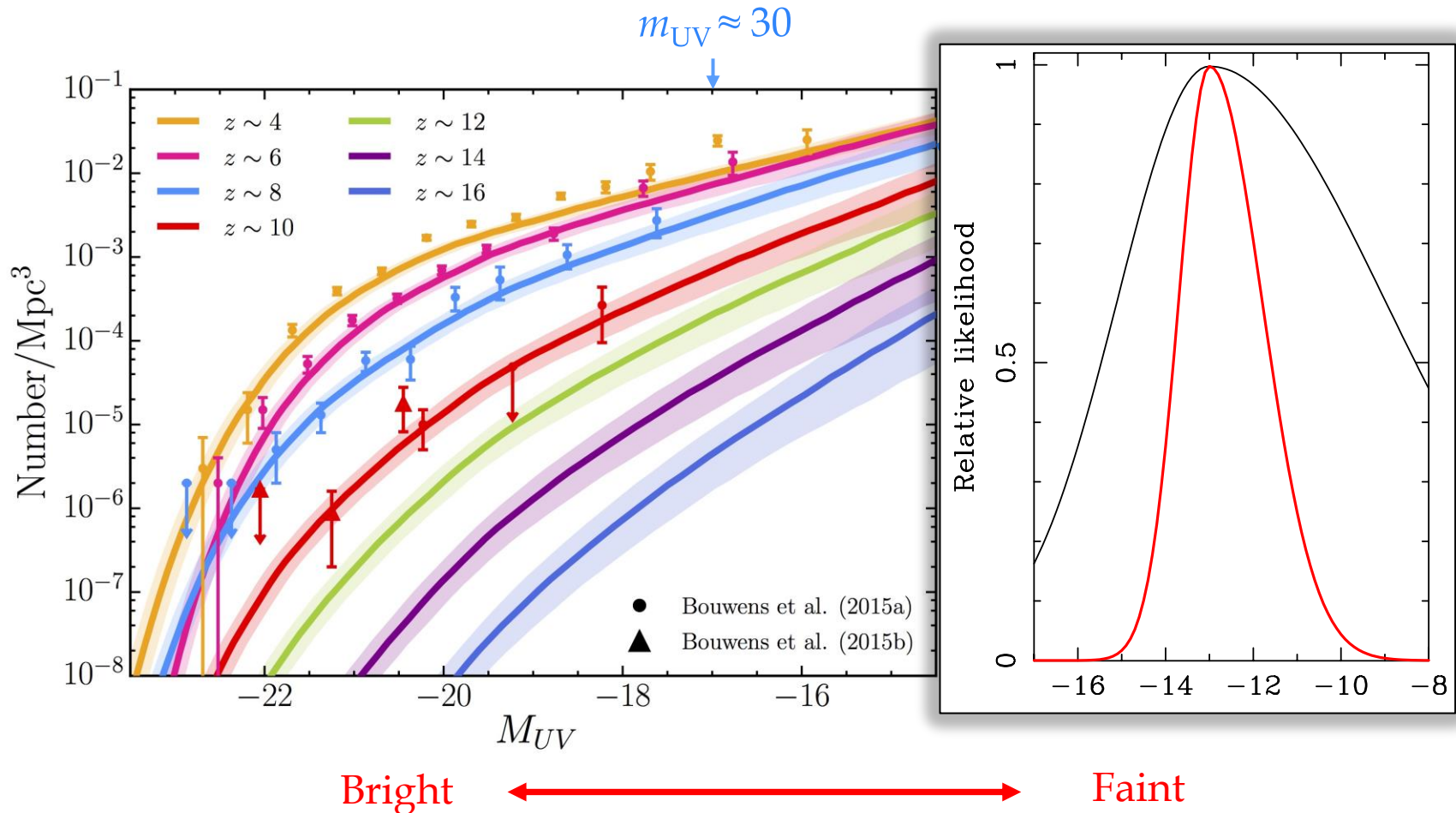
- Independent measure of cosmic SFR at high-z (possibly including pop-III stars)



A statistical sample of high-z GRBs will give access to star formation in the faintest galaxies, overcoming limits of current and future galaxy surveys

• Detecting and studying primordial invisible galaxies

The proportion of GRB hosts below a given detection limit provides an estimate of the fraction of star formation “hidden” in such faint galaxies

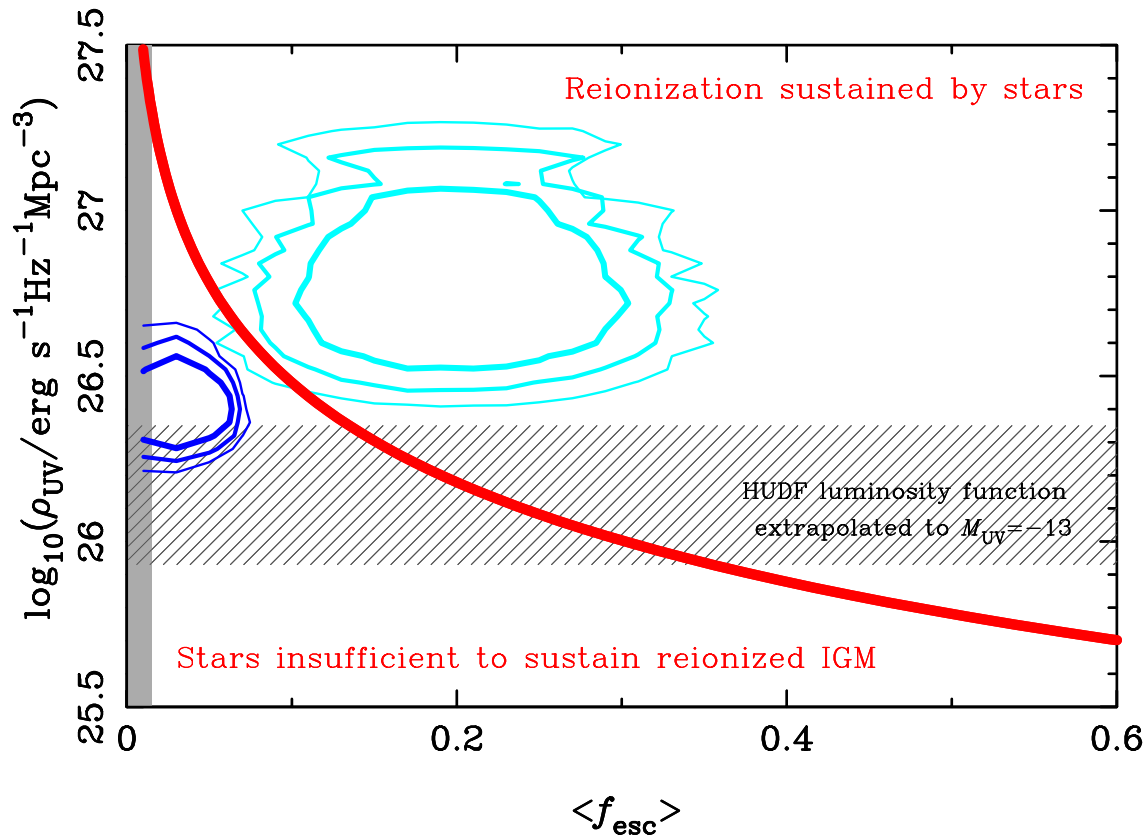


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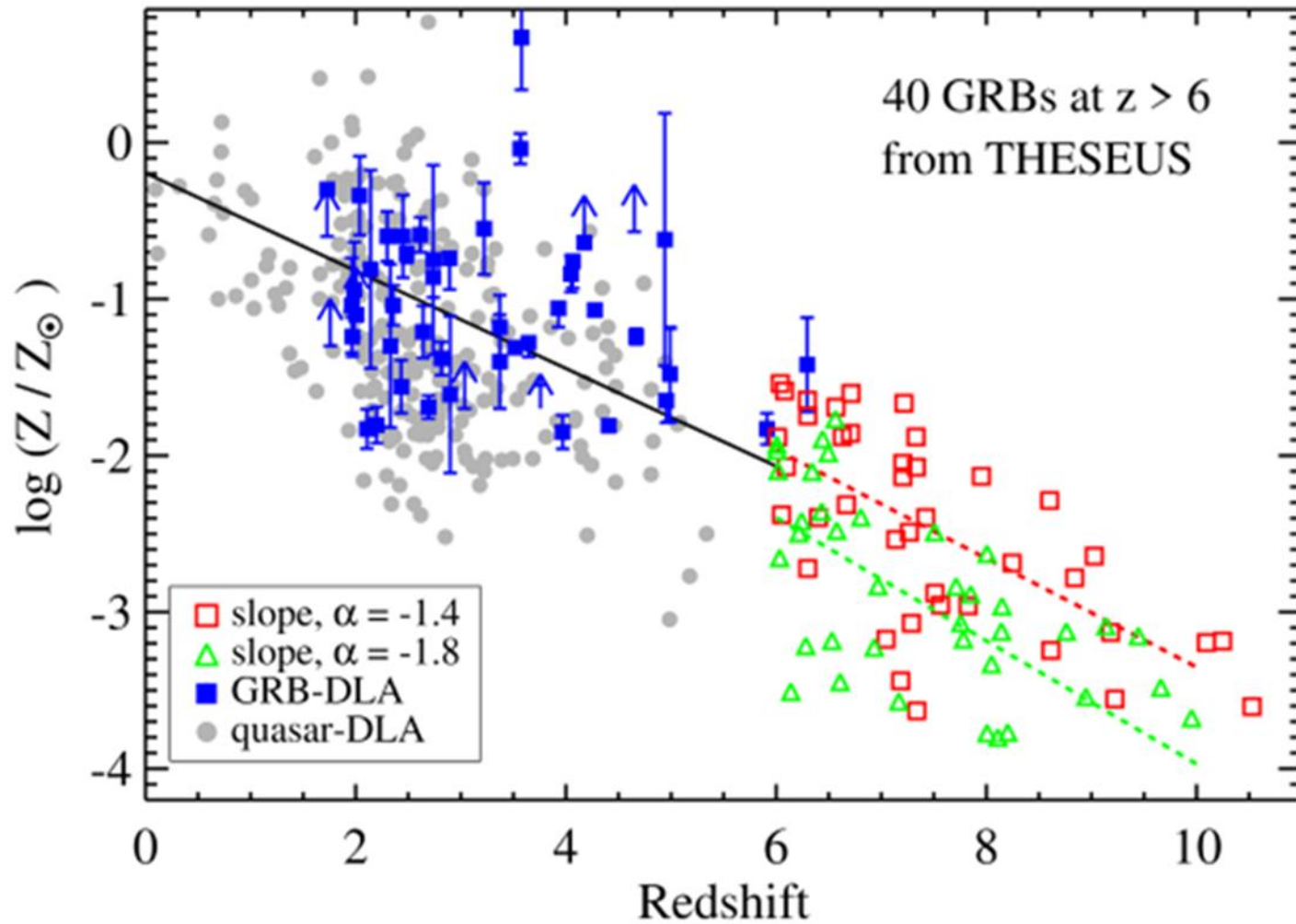
Faint

- Shedding light on cosmic reionization



Combination of massive star formation rate and ionizing escape fraction will establish whether stellar radiation was sufficient to reionize the universe, and indicate the galaxy populations responsible

- Cosmic chemical evolution at high- z



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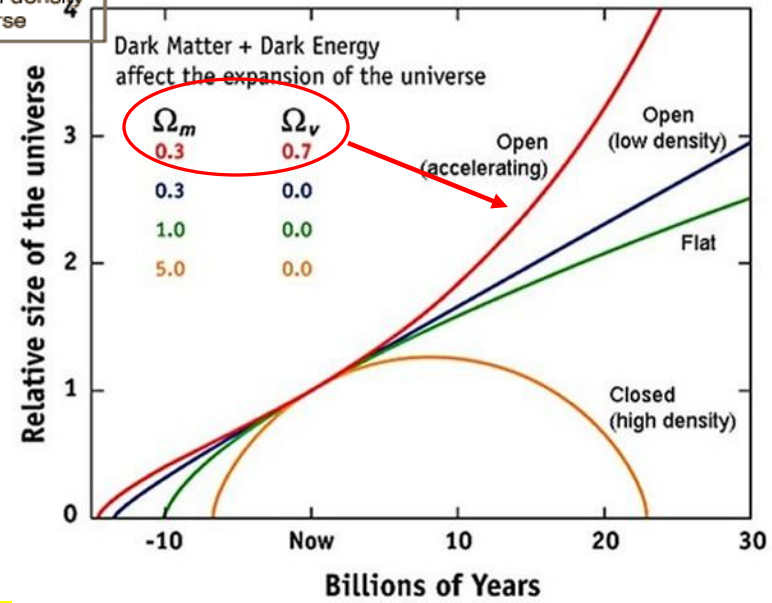
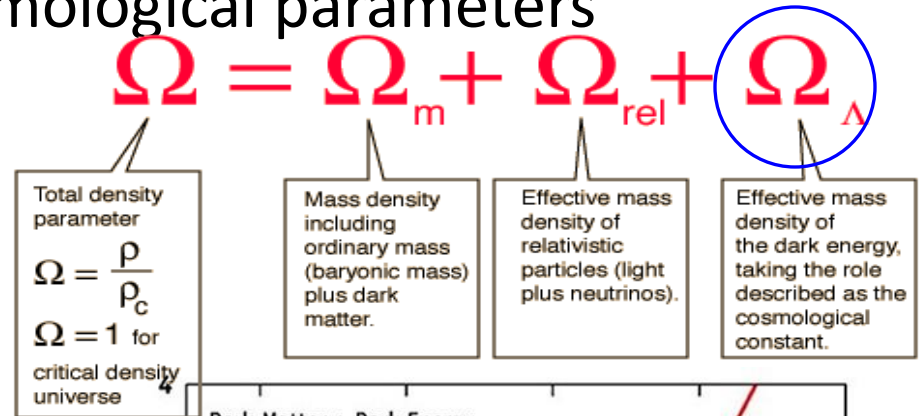
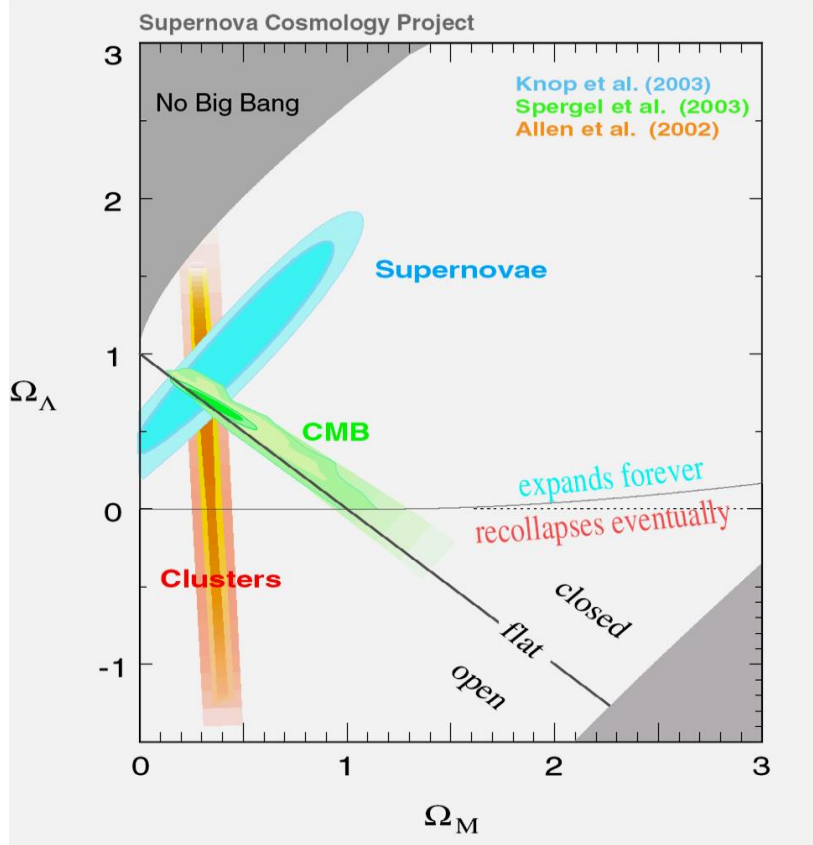
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Why looking for more cosmological probes ?

- different distribution in redshift and methods \rightarrow different sensitivity to different cosmological parameters

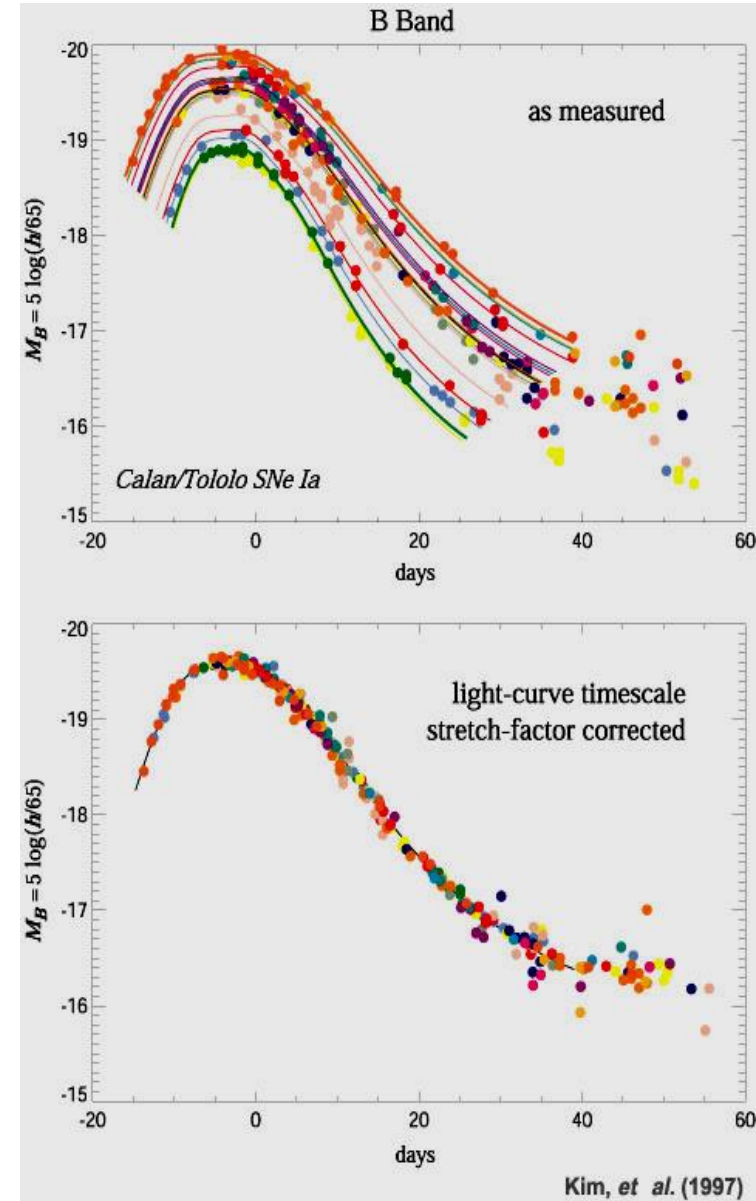


$$D_L = (1+z)c \div H_0 |k|^{0.5} \times S \left\{ |k|^{0.5} \int_0^z \left[k(1+z)^2 + \Omega_M (1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda \right]^{-0.5} dz' \right\}$$

❑ Each cosmological probe is characterized by possible systematics

❑ e.g SN Ia:

- different explosion mechanism and progenitor systems ? May depend on z ?
- light curve shape correction for the luminosity normalisation may depend on z
- signatures of evolution in the colours
- correction for dust extinction
- anomalous luminosity-color relation
- contaminations of the Hubble Diagram by no-standard SNe-Ia and/or bright SNe-Ibc (e.g. HNe)

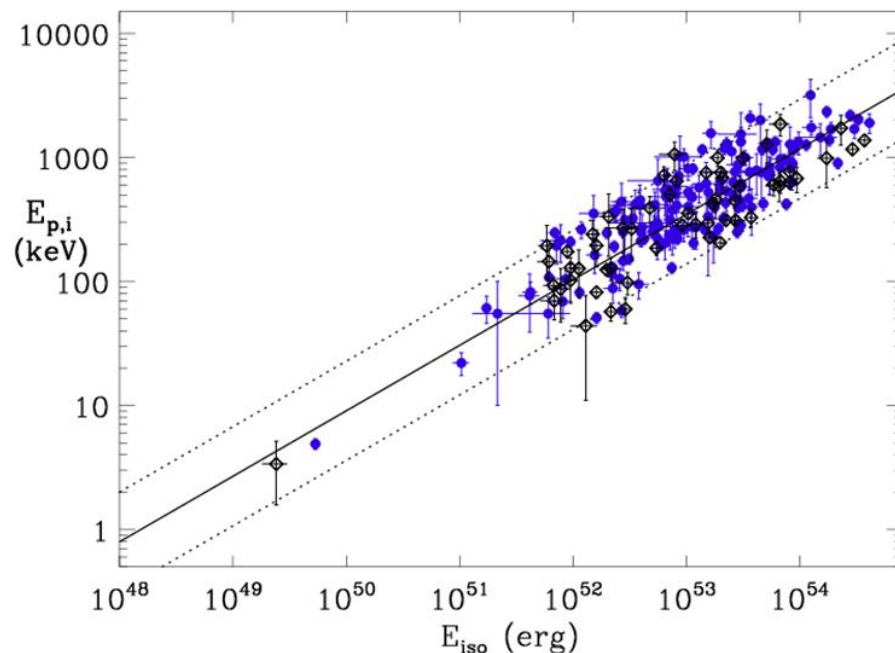
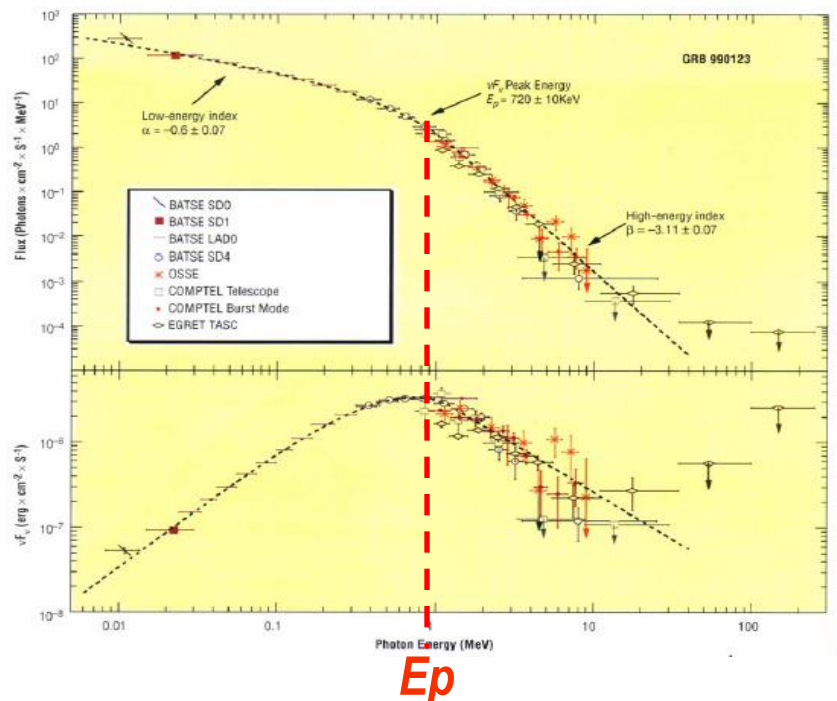


Measuring cosmological parameters with GRBs

- GRB νF_ν spectra typically show a peak at a characteristic photon energy E_p
- measured spectrum + measured redshift \rightarrow intrinsic peak energy and radiated energy

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$$E_{\gamma,iso} = \frac{4\pi D_l^2}{(1+z)} \int_{1/1+z}^{10^4/1+z} E N(E) dE \text{ erg}$$



Amati et al. (2002, 2006, 2008, 2013)

“Standardizing” GRBs through the Ep-Eiso correlation

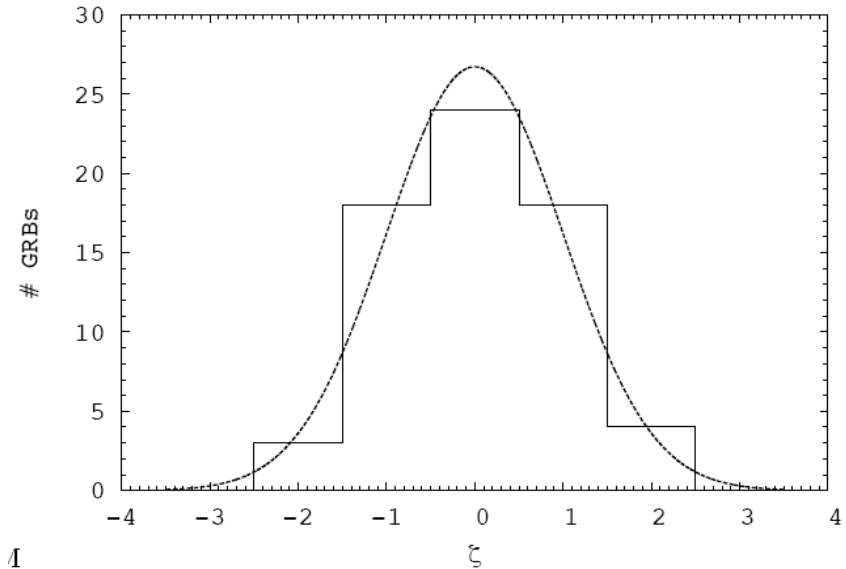
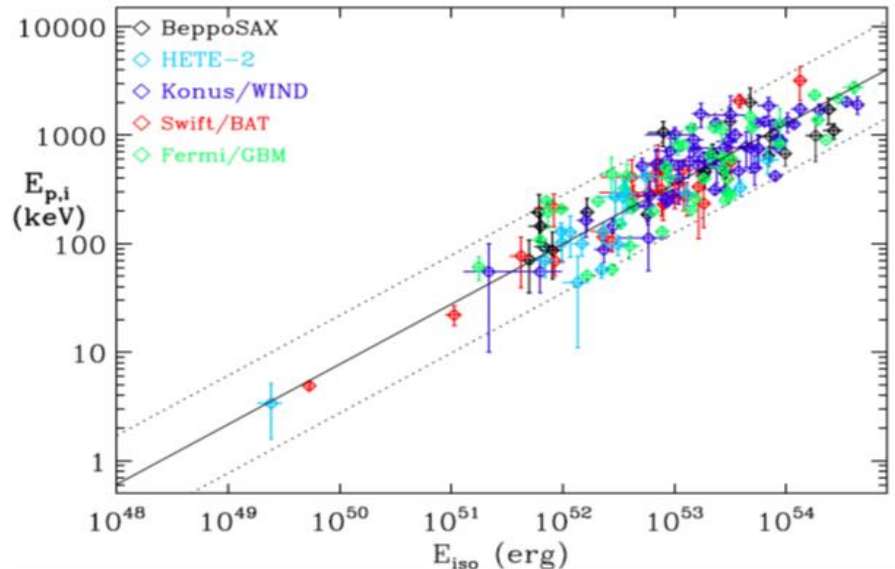
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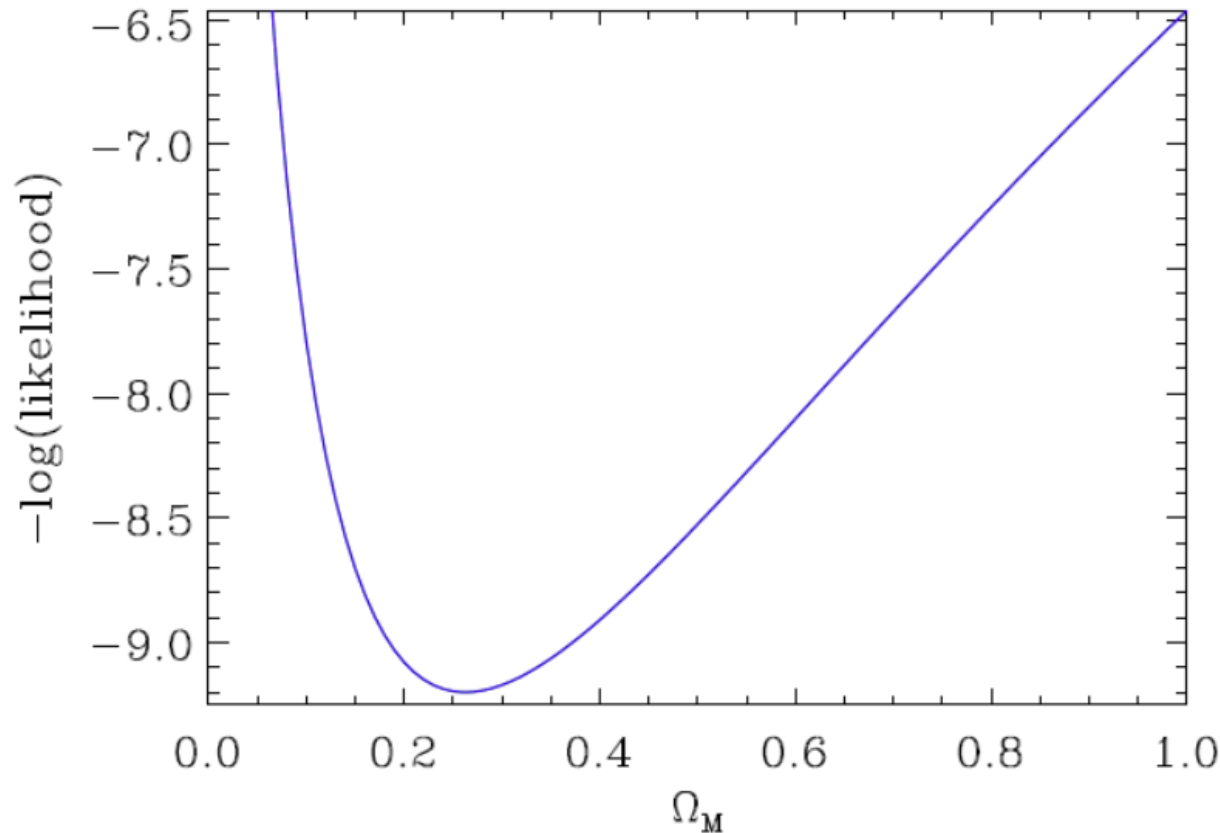
$D_l = D_l(z, H_0, \Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda, \dots)$

not enough low-z GRBs for cosmology-independent calibration -> **circularity is avoided** by fitting simultaneously the parameters of the correlation and cosmological parameters

does the extrinsic scatter and goodness of fit of the Ep,i-Eiso correlation vary with the cosmological parameters used to compute Eiso ?

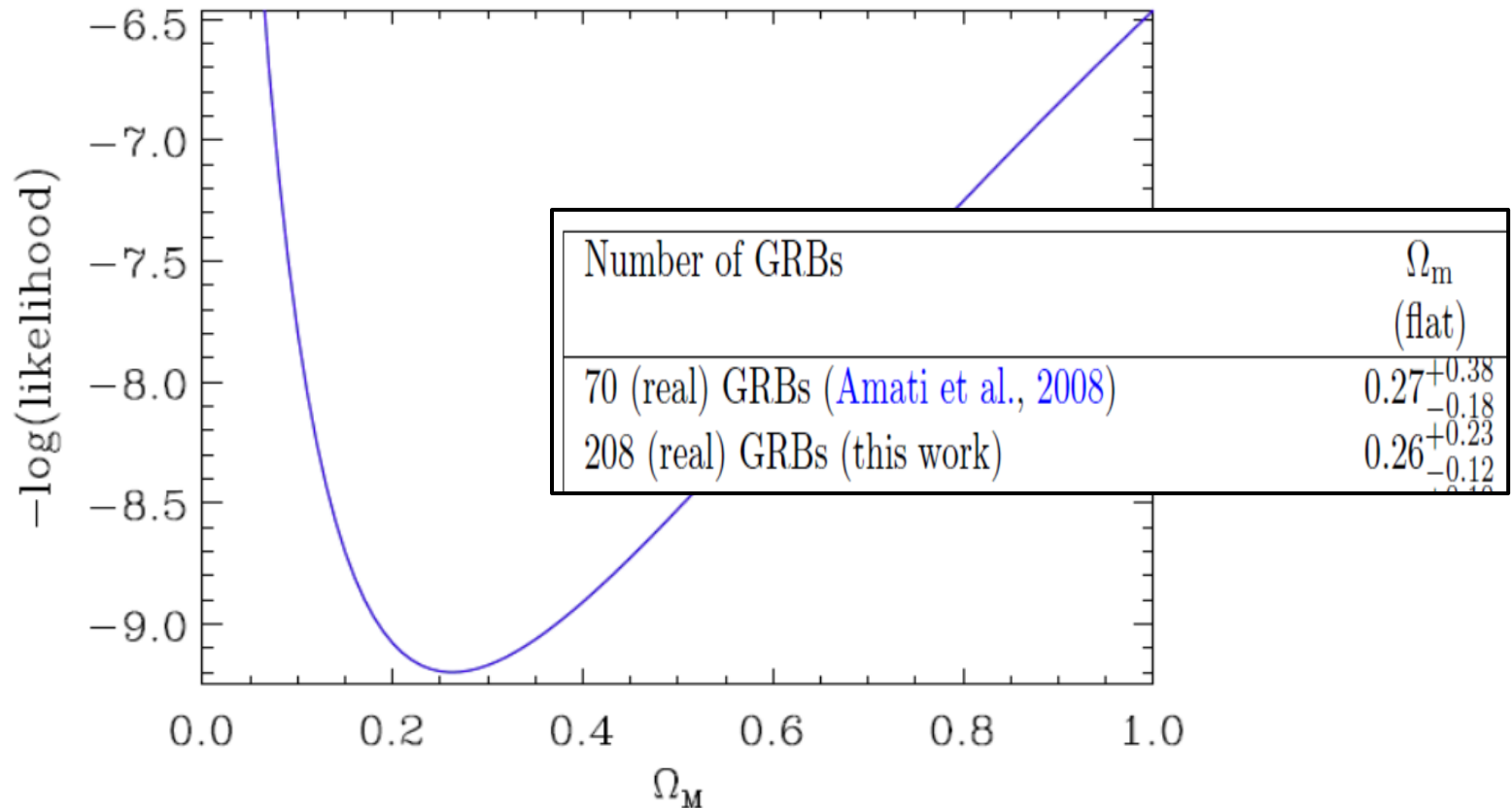


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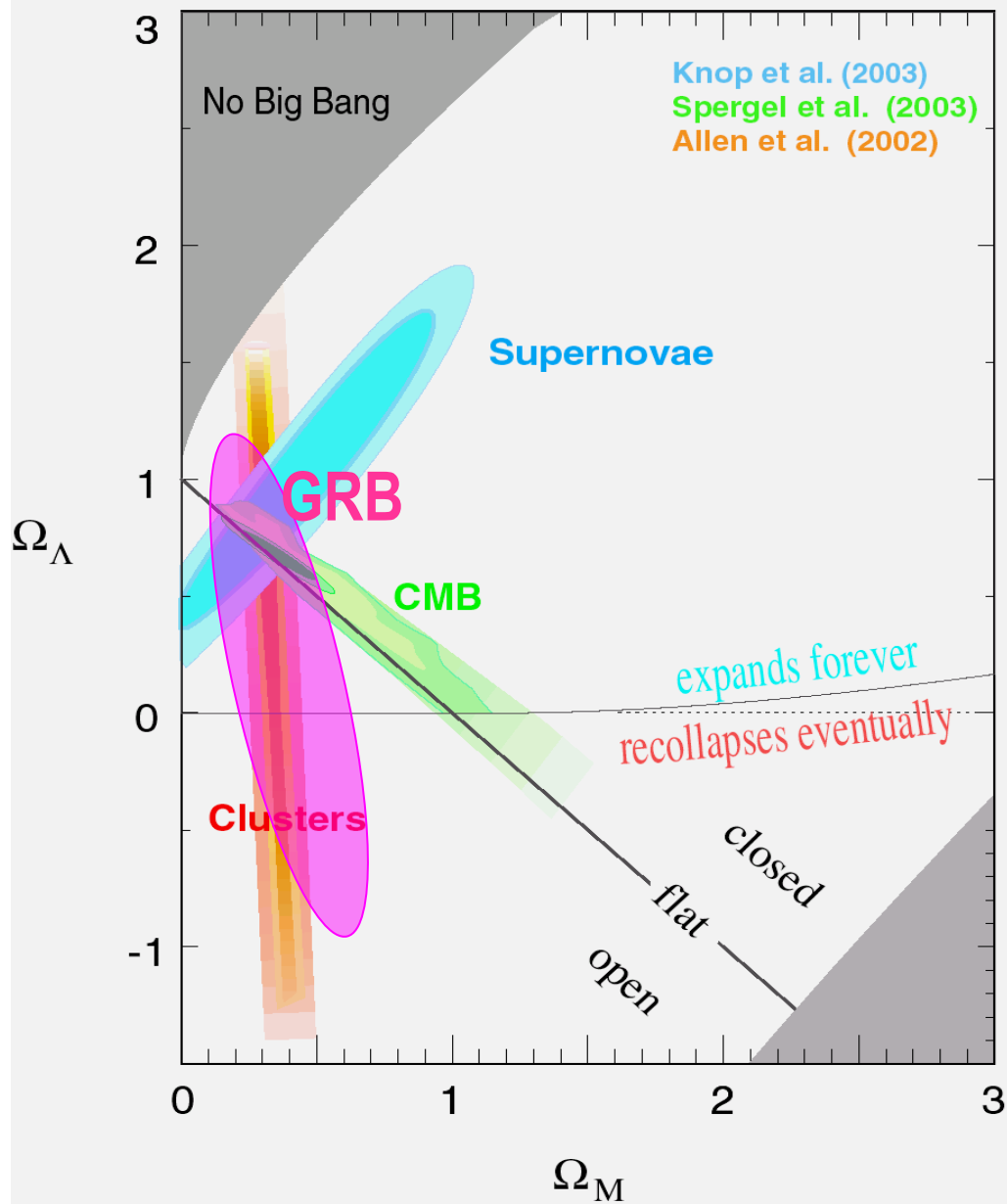
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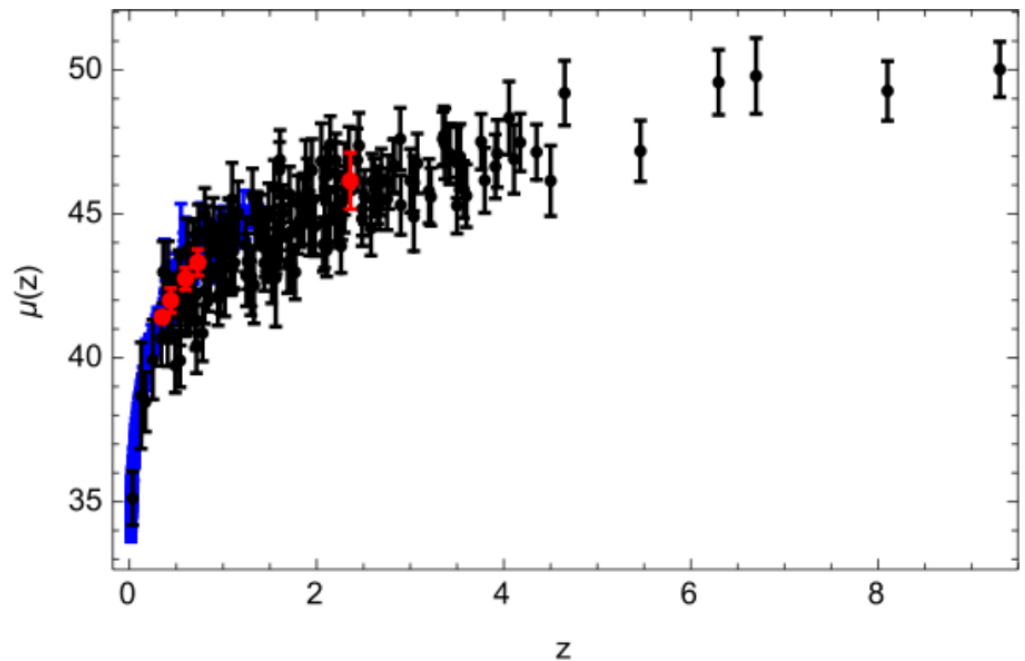
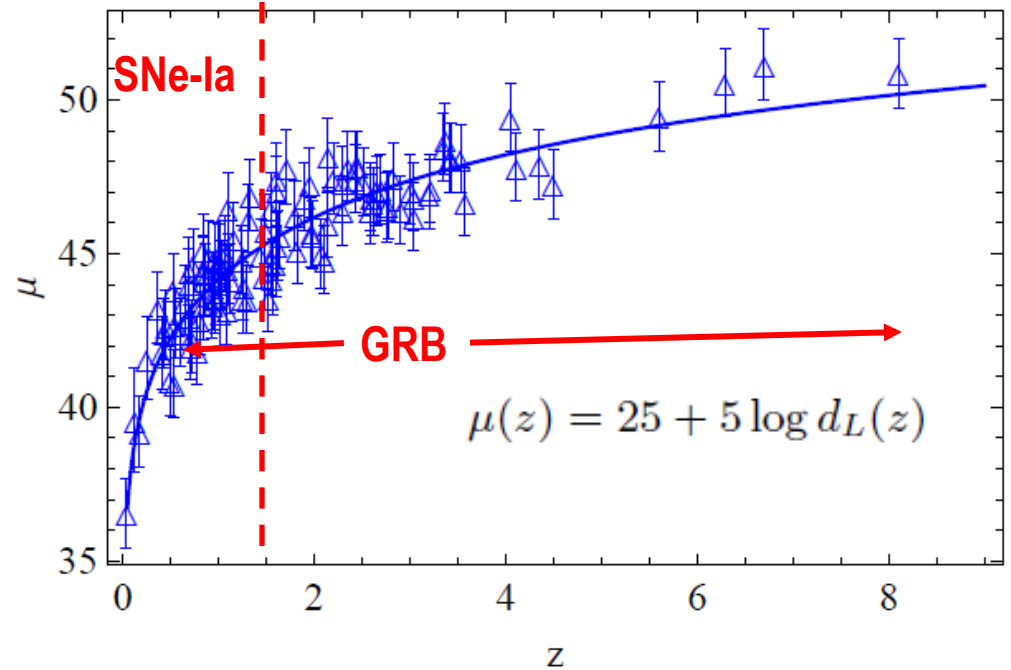
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Supernova Cosmology Project



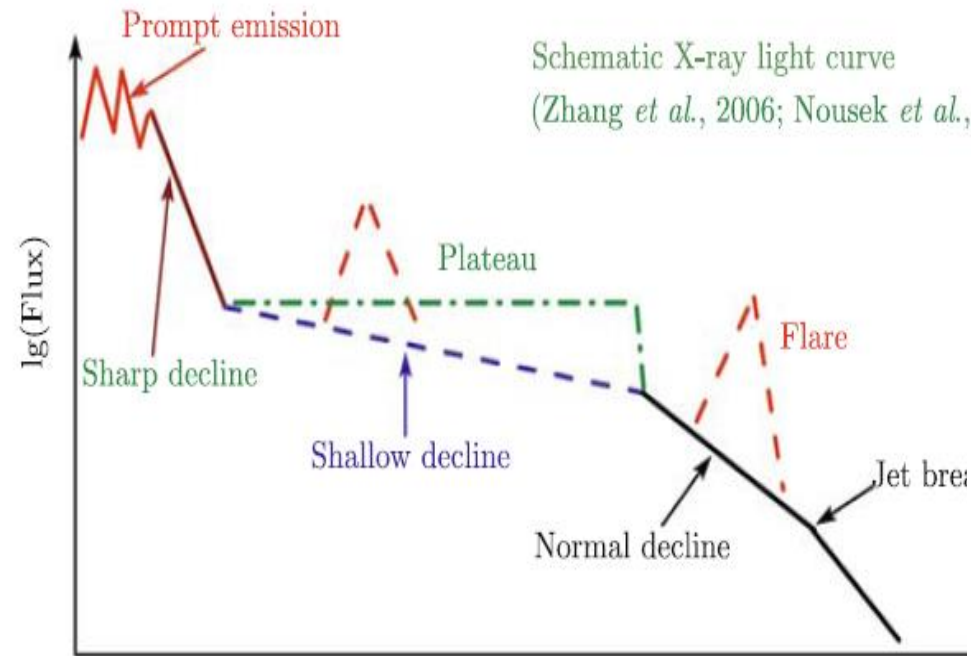
□ Calibration with SNe-Ia

- The GRB Hubble diagram extends to much higher z w/r to SNe Ia
- **The GRB Hubble diagram is consistent with SNe Ia Hubble diagram and BAO points at low redshifts: reliability**
- e.g., Capozziello et al., Kodama et al., Tsutsui et al., Demianski et al.):



□ Involving other GRB observables

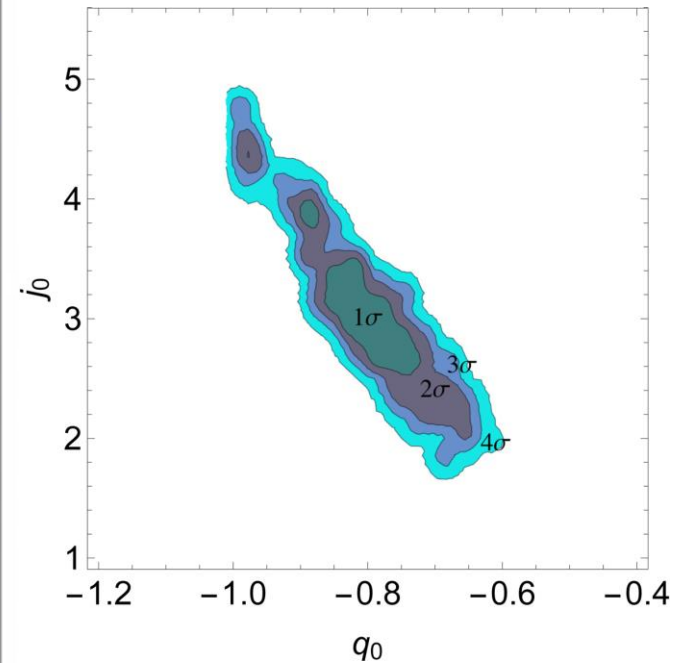
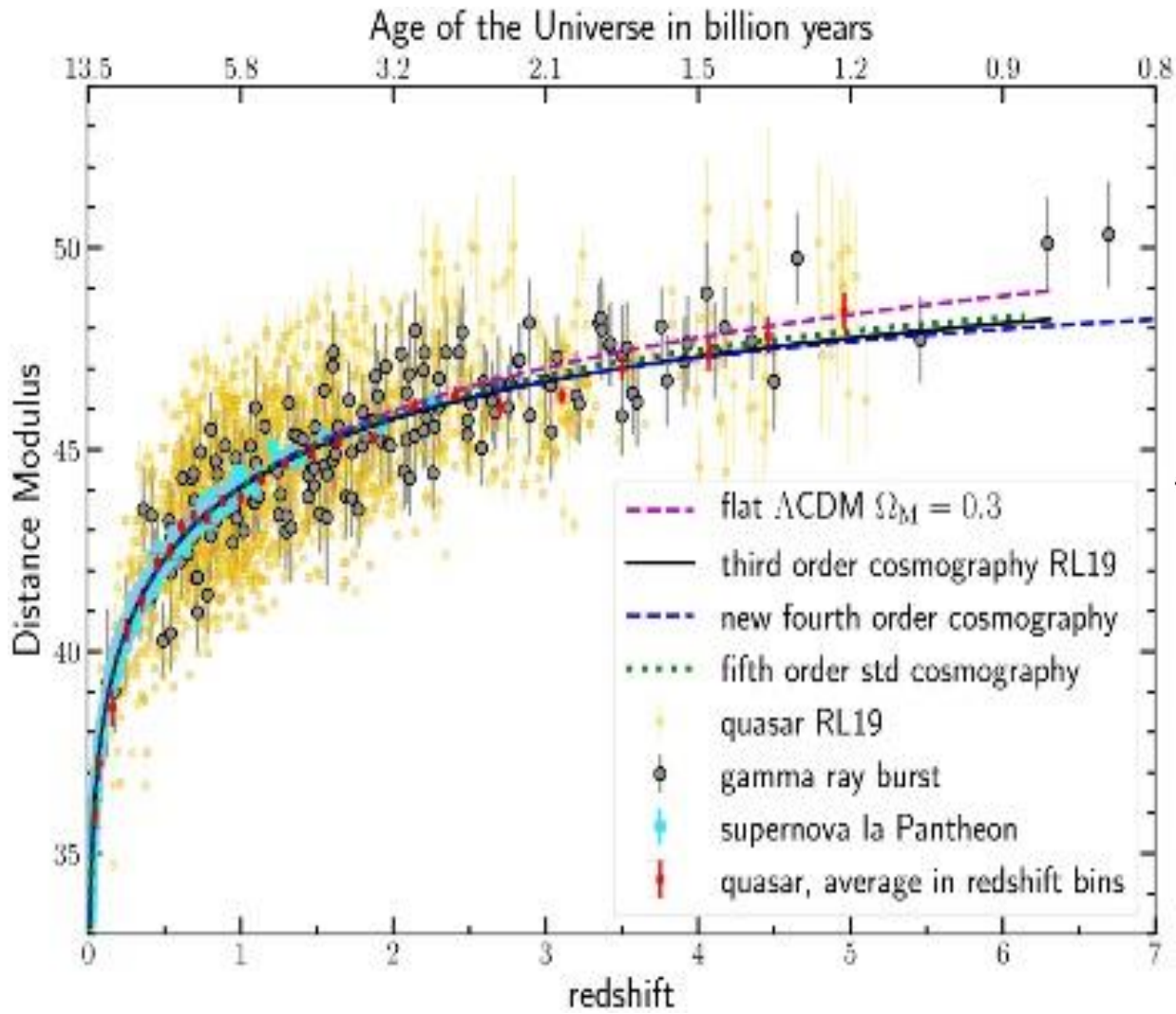
➤ Extending or replacing the E_p -Intensity correlation by involving other prompt or afterglow properties: e.g., “Combo relation” (Izzo et al., Muccino et al.), L_X - T_a and L_X - T_a - L_p relations (Dainotti et al.)



Correlation	Reference
$E_{p,i} - E_{iso}$	Amati et al. (2002)
$E_{p,i} - E_{\gamma}$	Ghirlanda et al. (2004)
$E_{p,i} - L_{iso}$	Yonetoku et al. (2004)
$L_{peak} - \tau_{lag}$	Azzam (2012)
$L_{iso} - V$	Fenimore and Ramirez-Ruiz (2000)
$L_{iso} - E_{p,i} - T_{0.45}$	Firmani et al. (2006)
$L_{iso} - E_{p,i} - t_{break}$	Liang and Zhang (2005)
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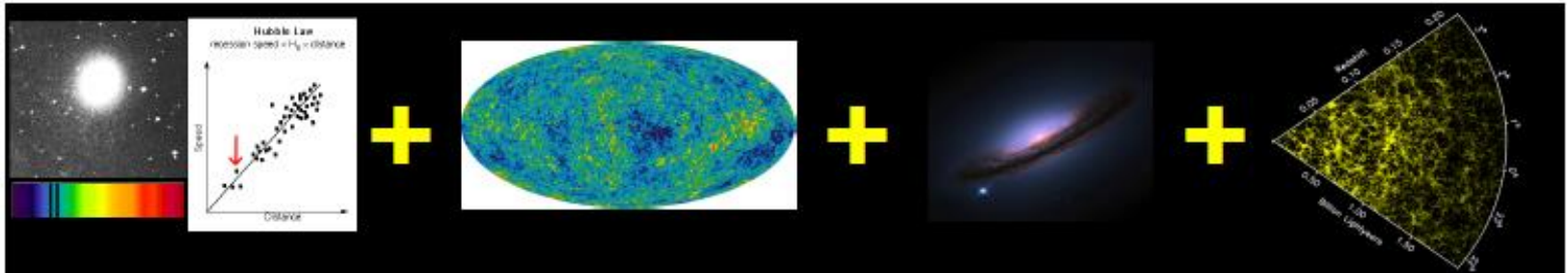
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□ Joining GRBs with other probes: e.g., high-z GNs

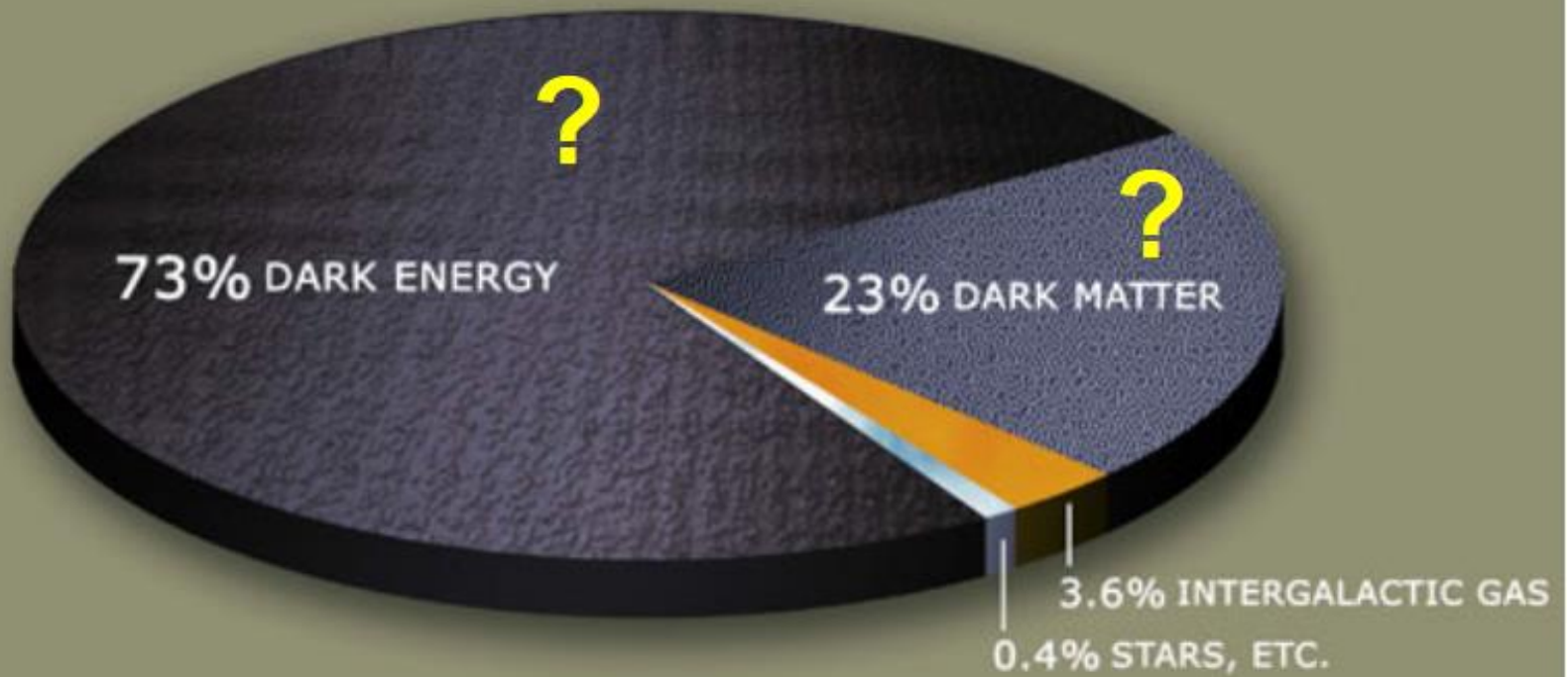


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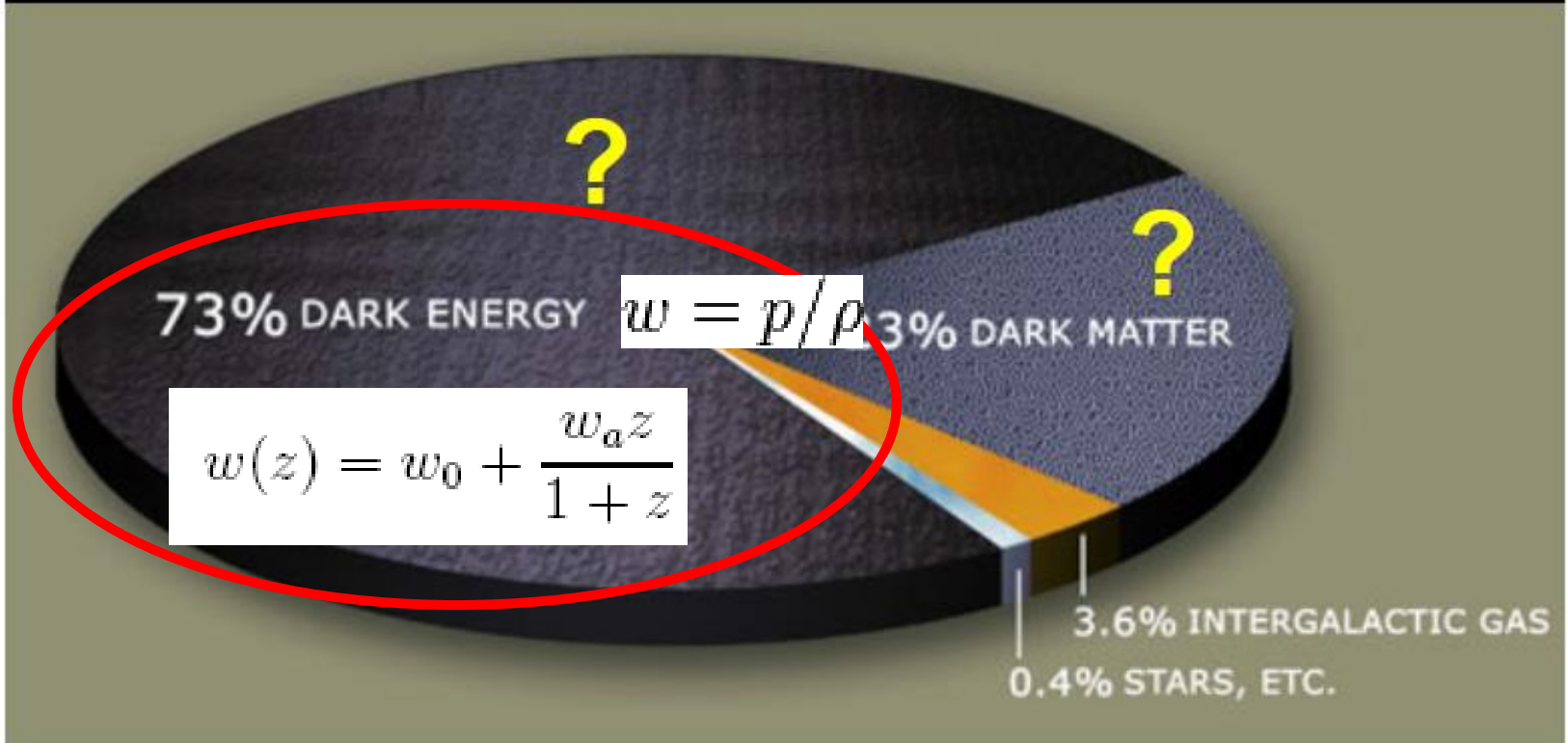
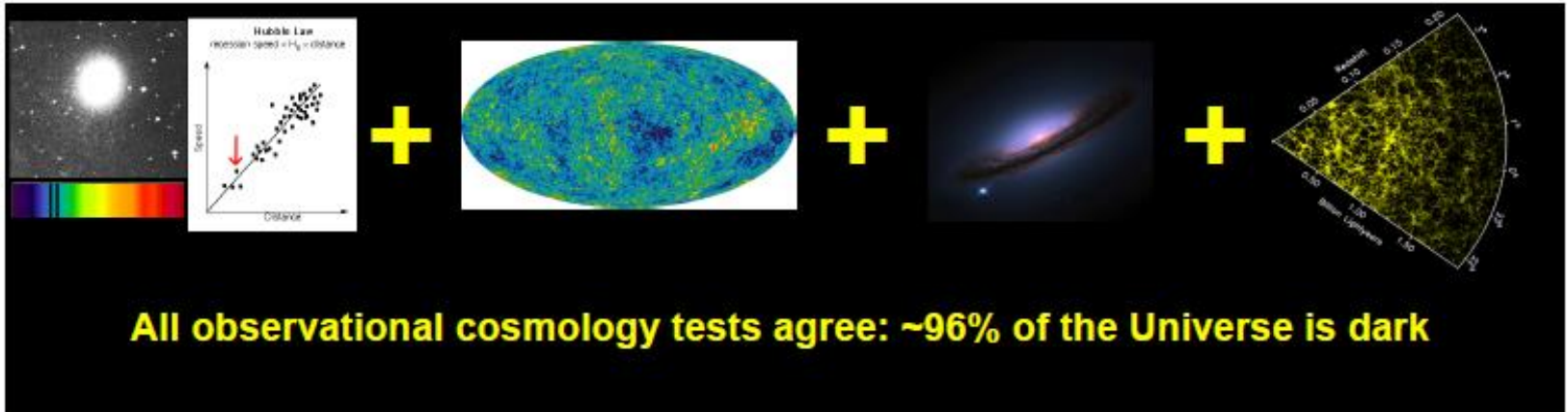
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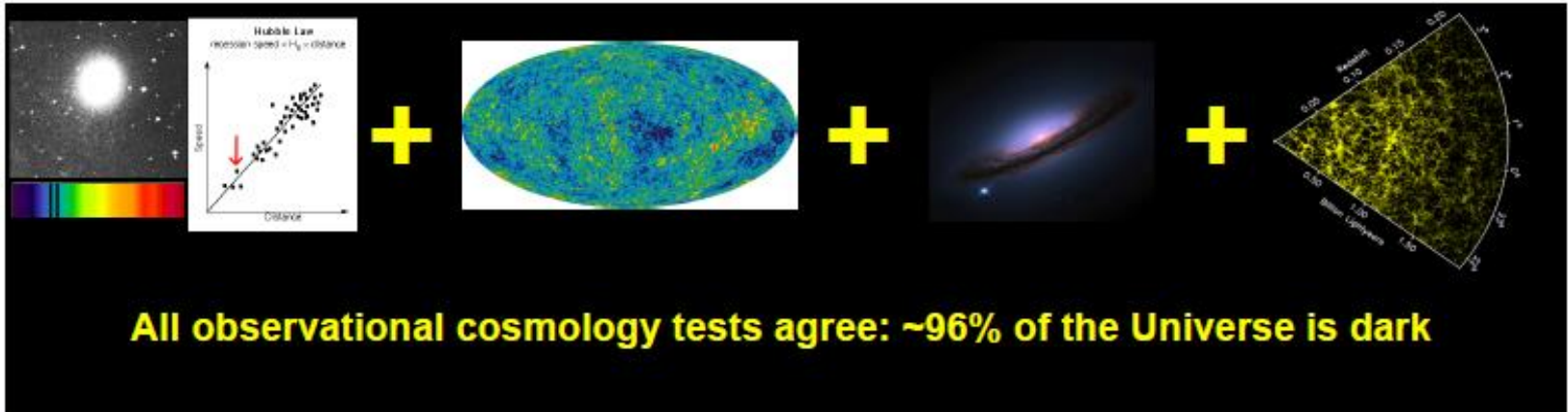
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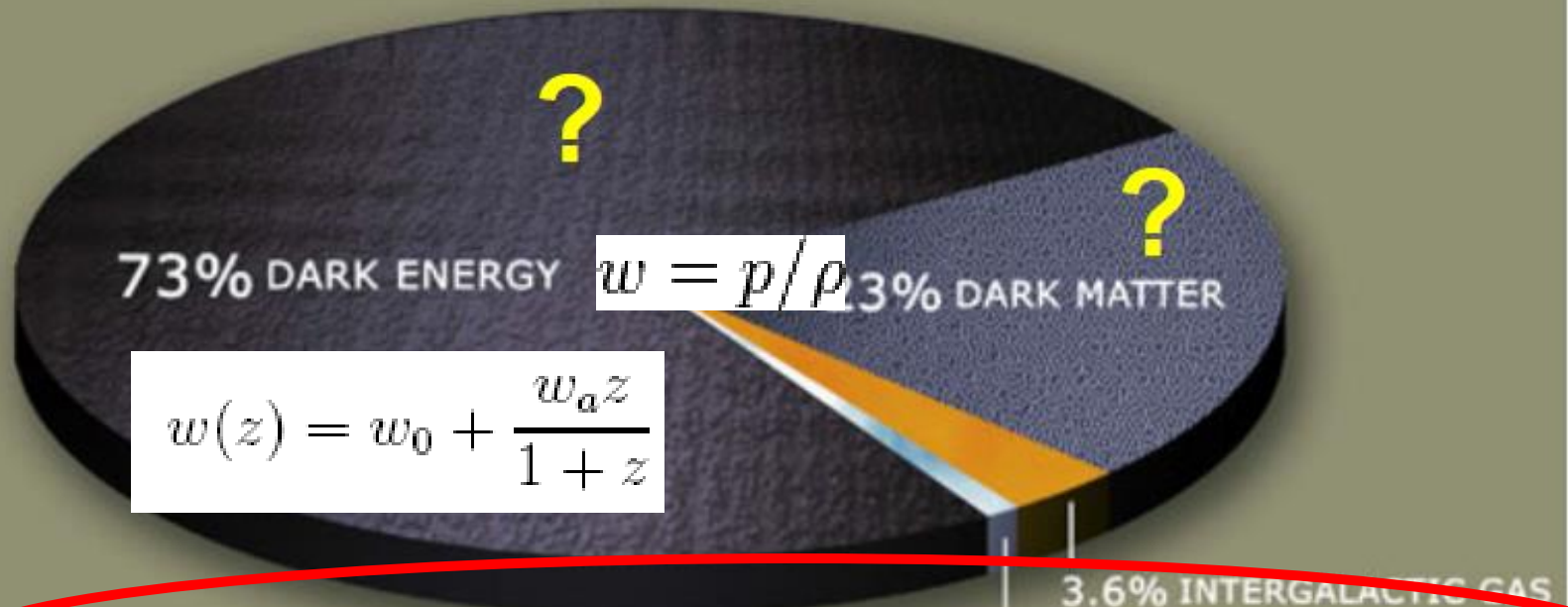
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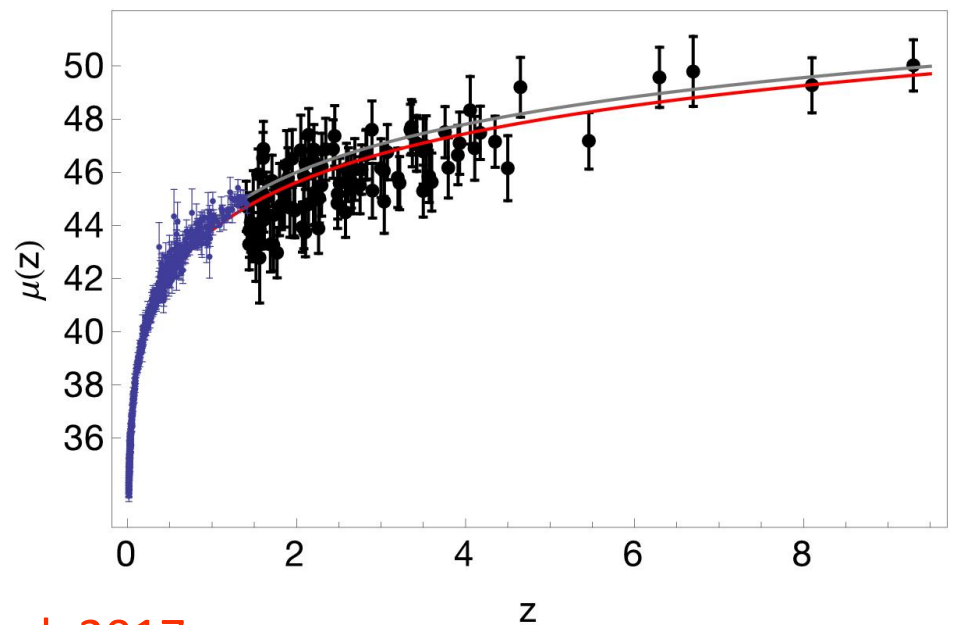
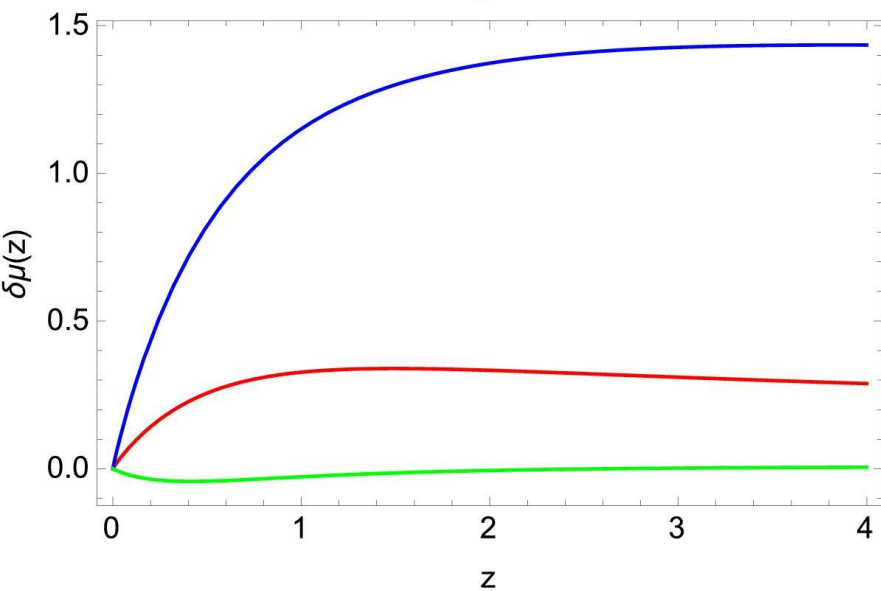
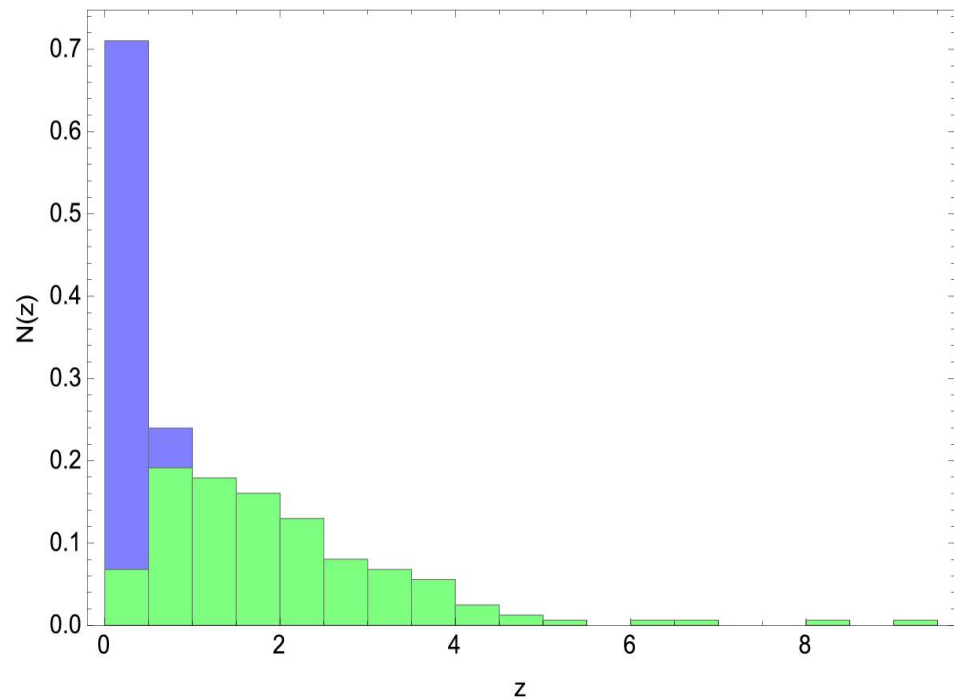
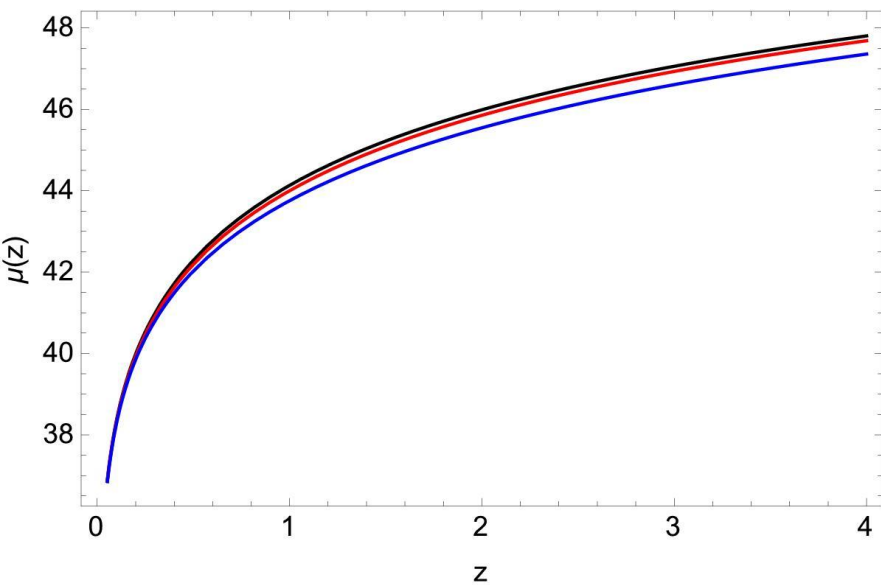


$$w = p/\rho$$

$$w(z) = w_0 + \frac{w_a z}{1+z}$$

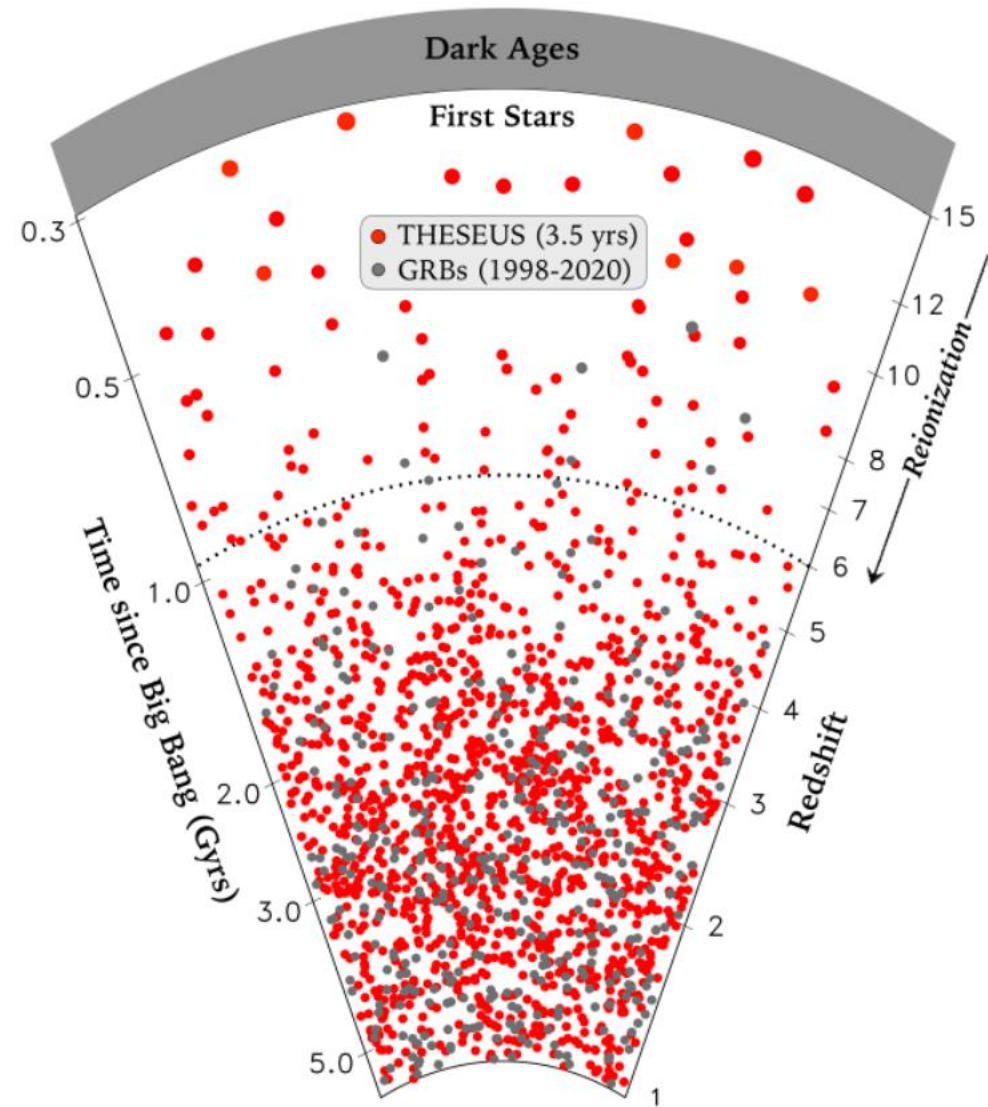
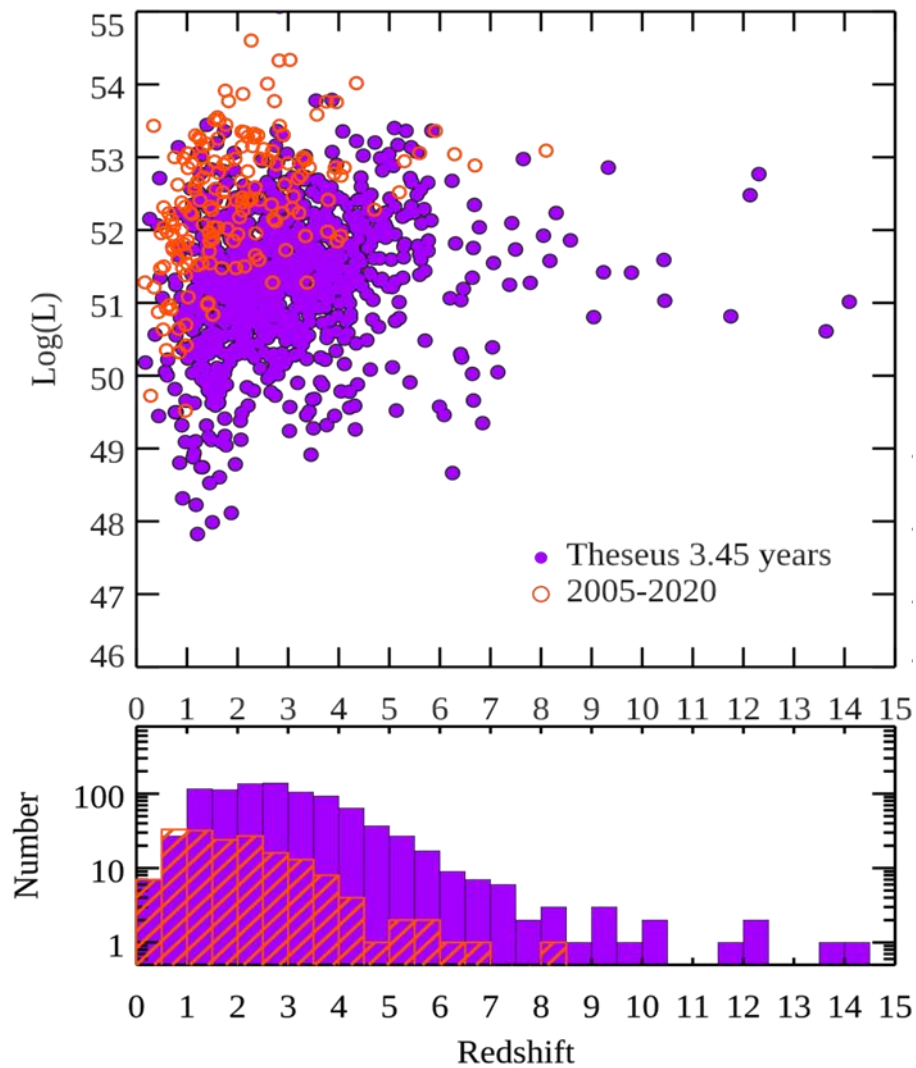
$$F(R)R_{\mu\nu}(g) - \frac{1}{2}f(R)g_{\mu\nu} - \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu F(R) + g_{\mu\nu} \square F(R) = \kappa^2 T_{\mu\nu}^{(M)}$$

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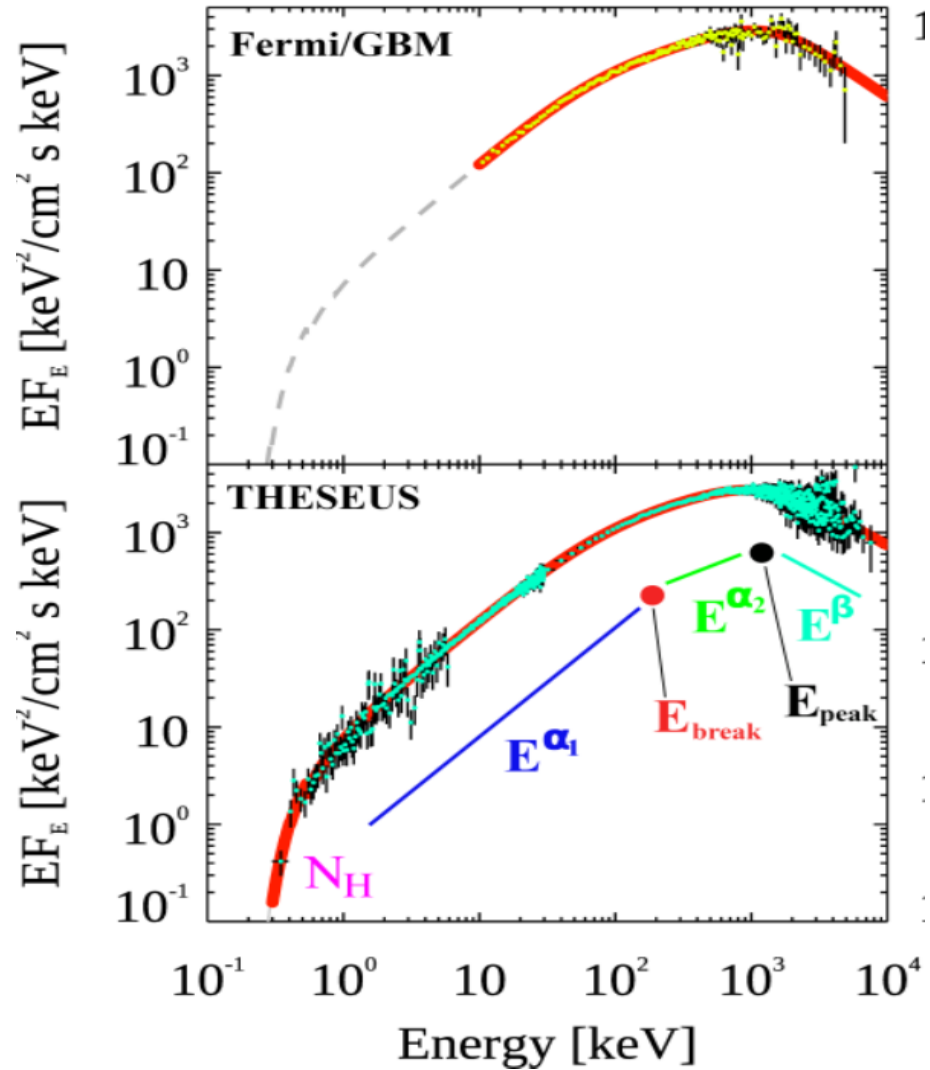
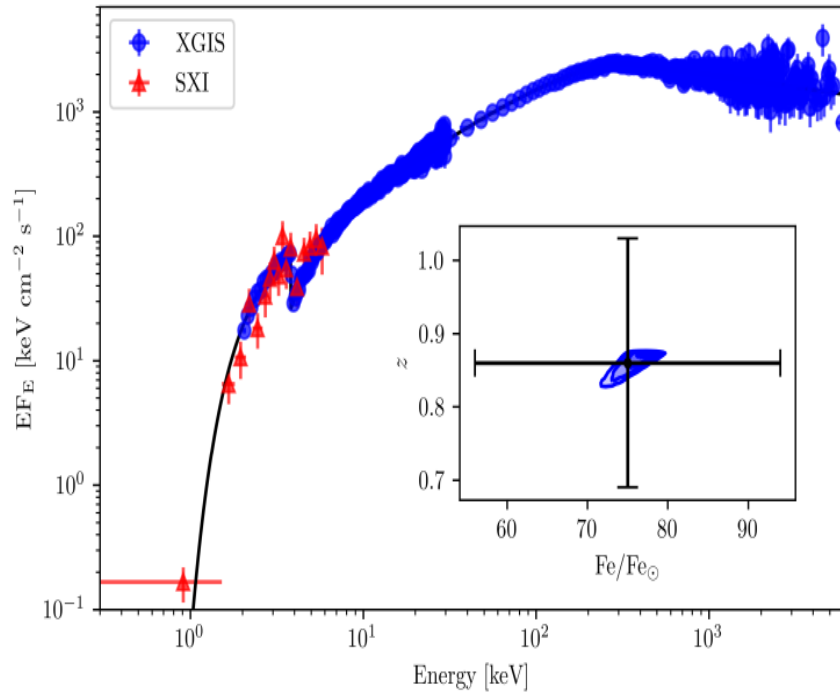
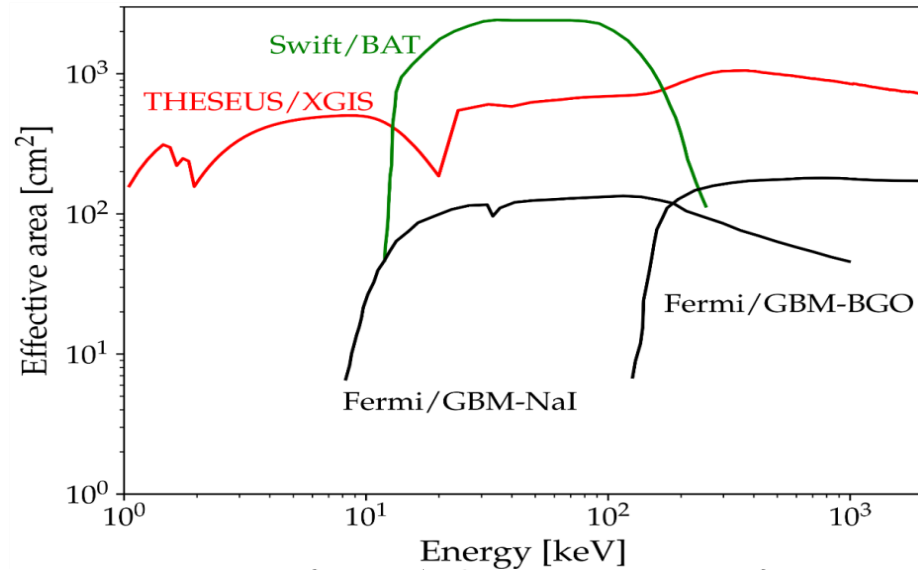


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THESEUS: substantial leap in GRB with redshift

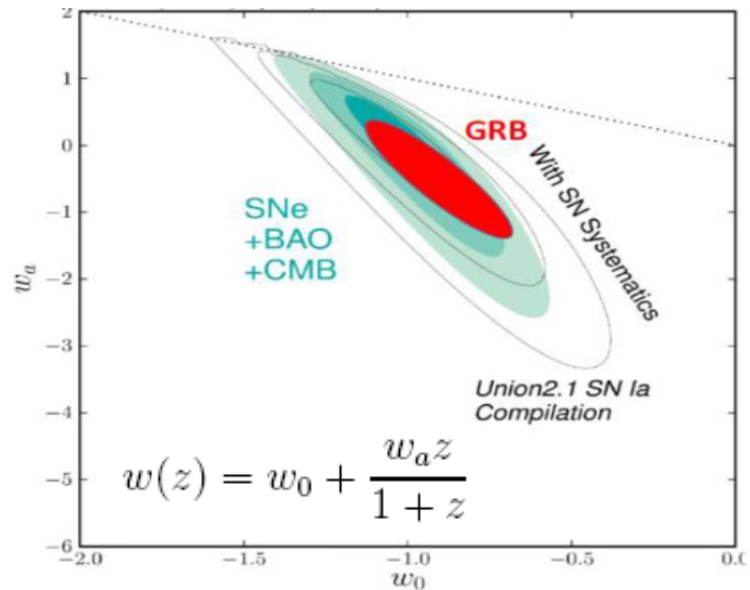
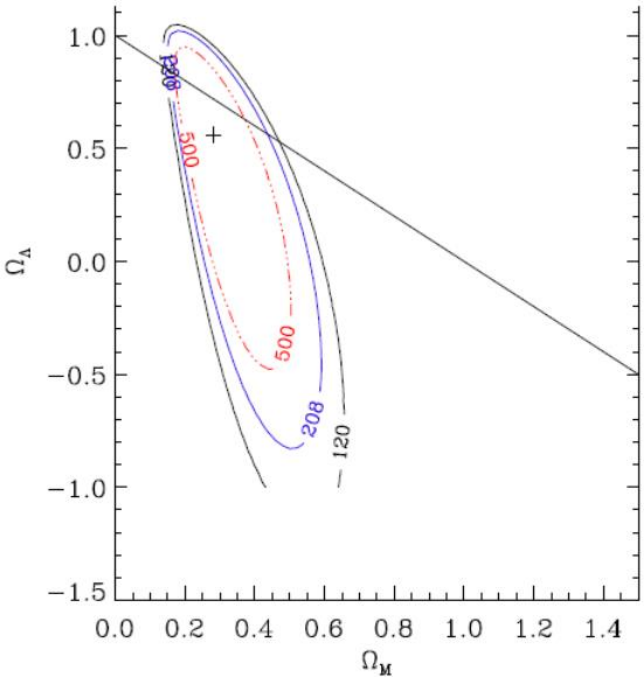


THESEUS: unprecedented spectroscopy of GRB



➤ Future GRB experiments (e.g., **SVOM, HERMES, THESEUS, ...**) and more investigations (in particular: reliable estimates of jet angles and self-calibration) will improve the significance and reliability of the results and allow to go beyond SN Ia cosmology (e.g. investigation of dark energy)

Number of GRBs	Ω_m (flat)	w_0 (flat, $\Omega_m=0.3, w_a=0.5$)
70 (real) GRBs (Amati et al., 2008)	$0.27^{+0.38}_{-0.18}$	< -0.3 (90%)
208 (real) GRBs (this work)	$0.26^{+0.23}_{-0.12}$	$-1.2^{+0.4}_{-1.1}$
500 (208 real + 292 simulated) GRBs	$0.29^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$	$-0.9^{+0.2}_{-0.8}$
208 (real) GRBs, calibration	$0.30^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$-1.1^{+0.25}_{-0.30}$
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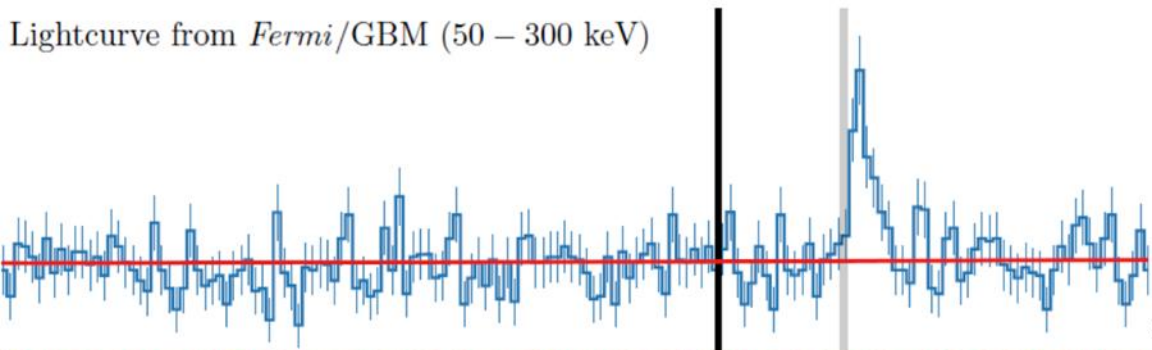


Moresco et al. 2022, Amati & Della Valle 2013

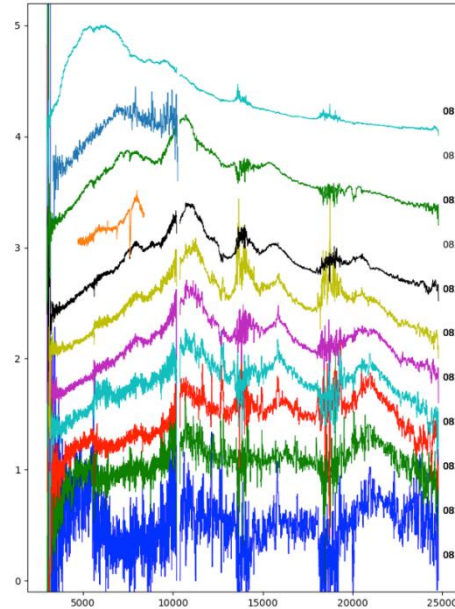
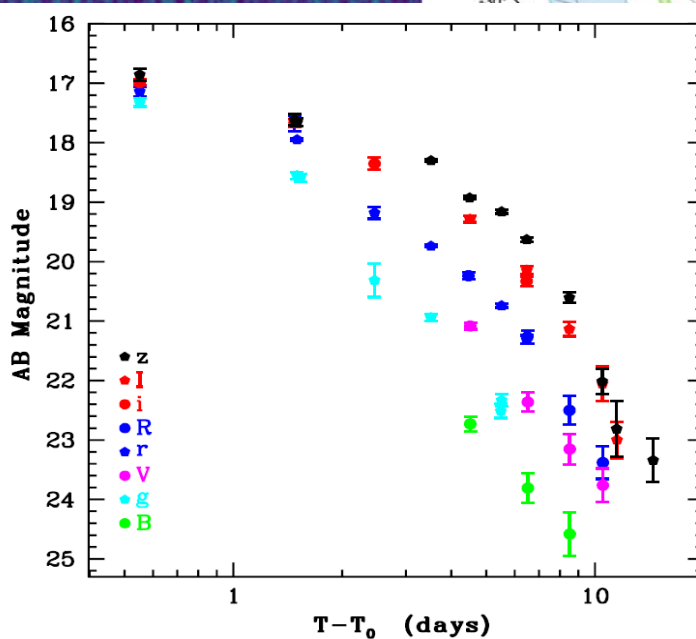
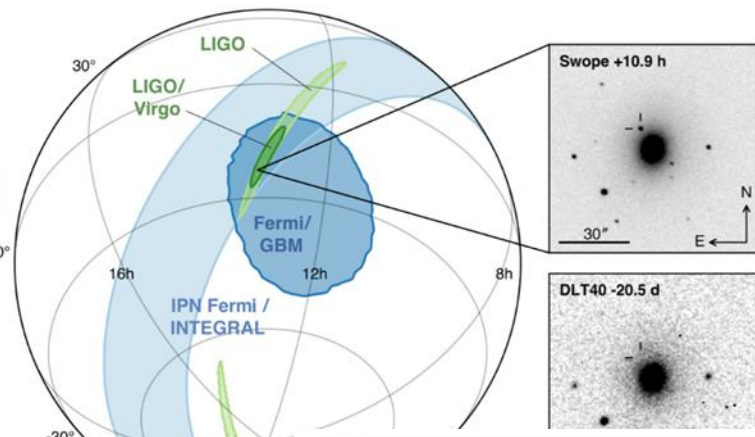
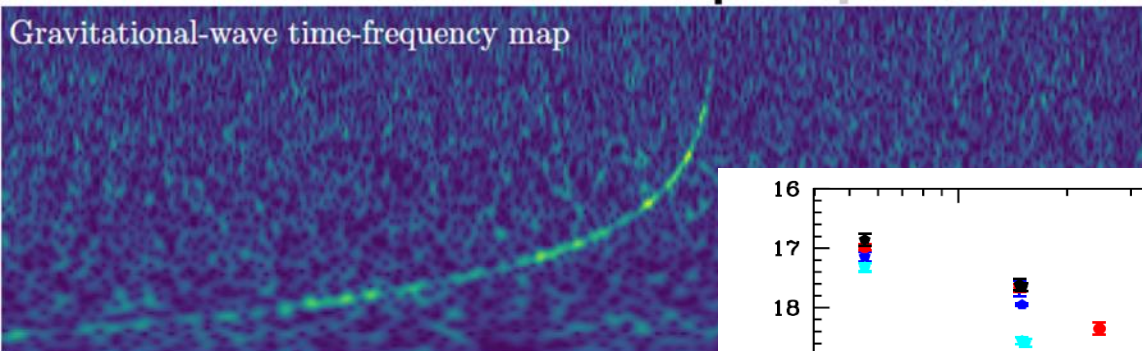
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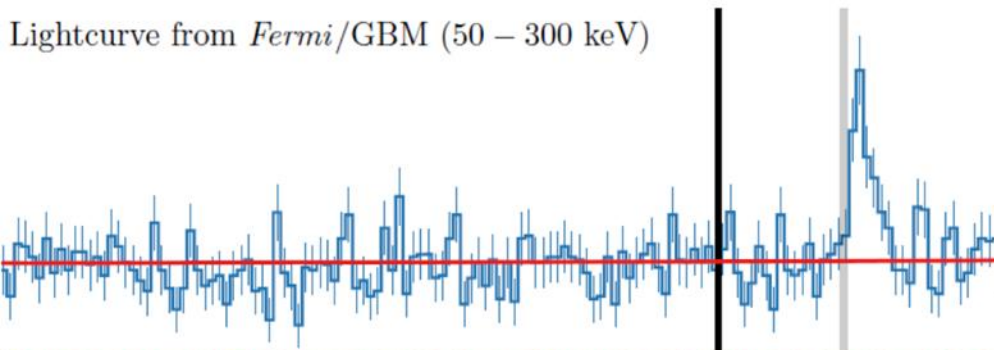
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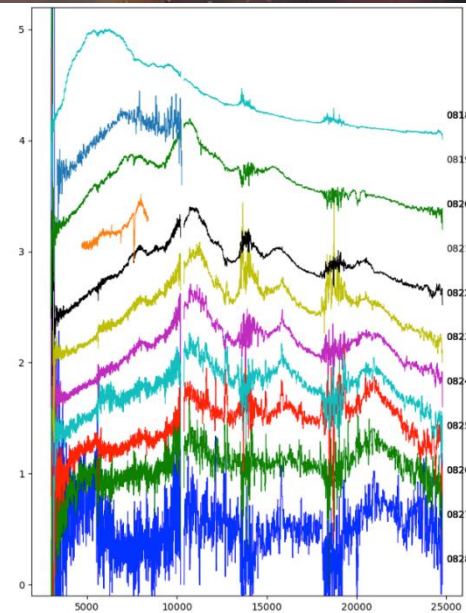
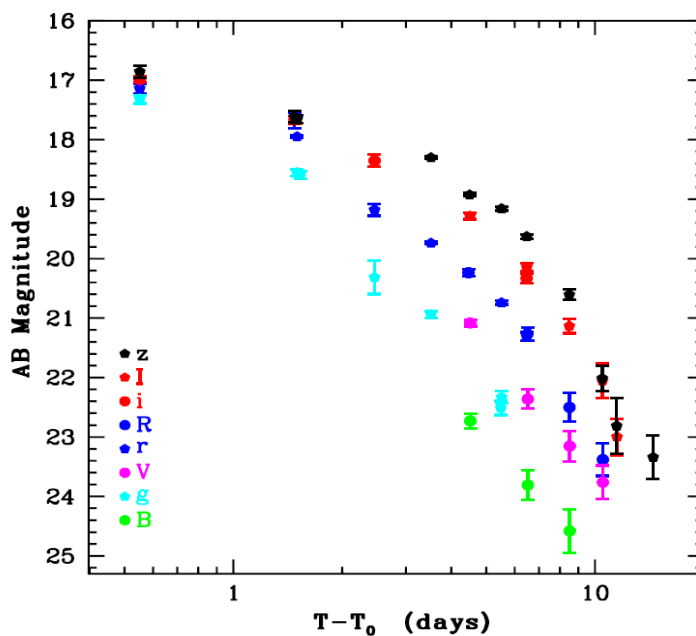
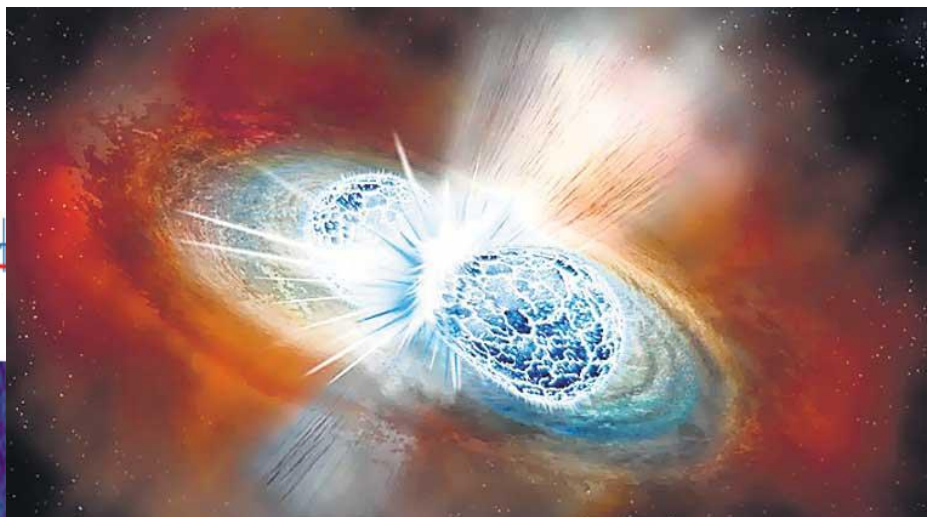
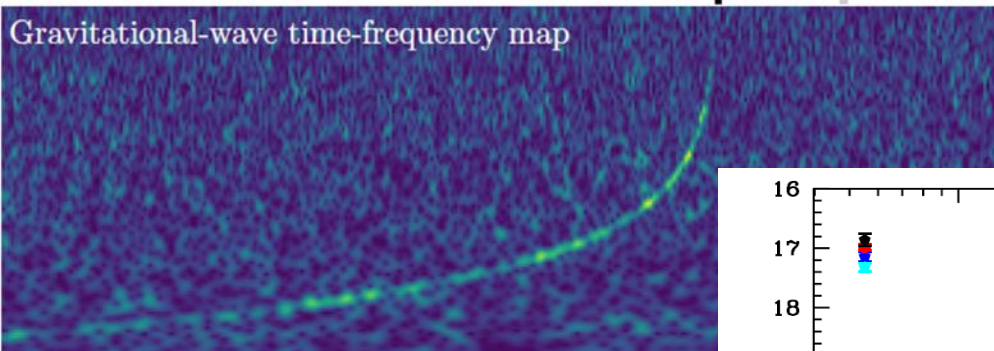
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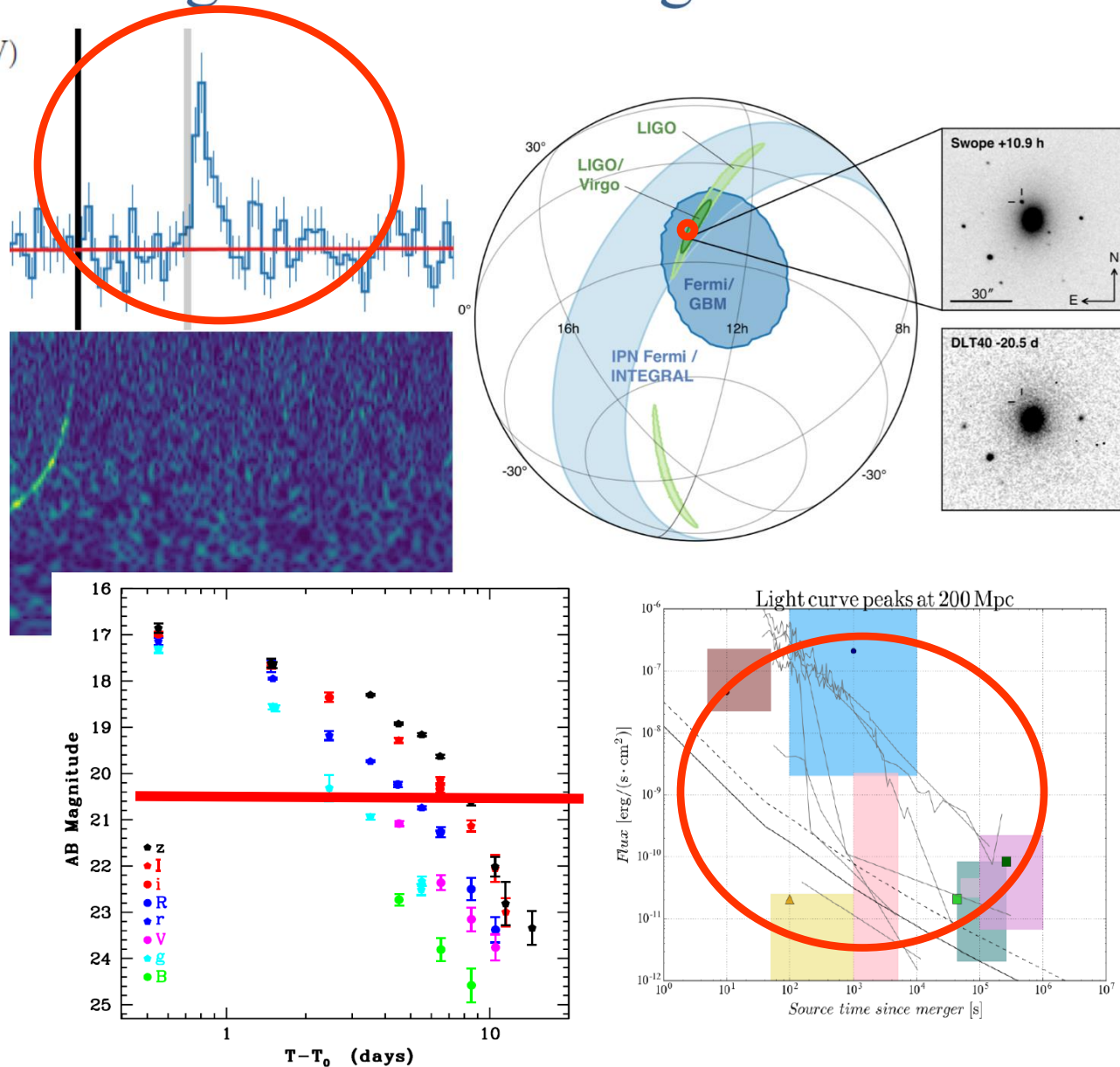


LIGO, Virgo, and partners make first detection of gravitational waves and light from colliding neutron stars

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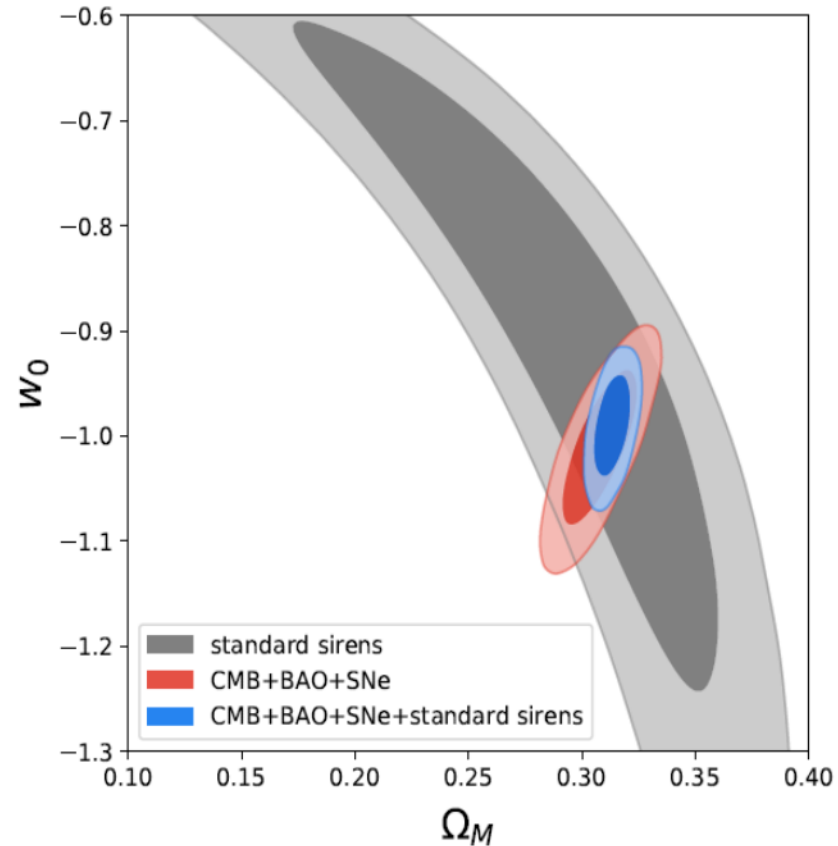
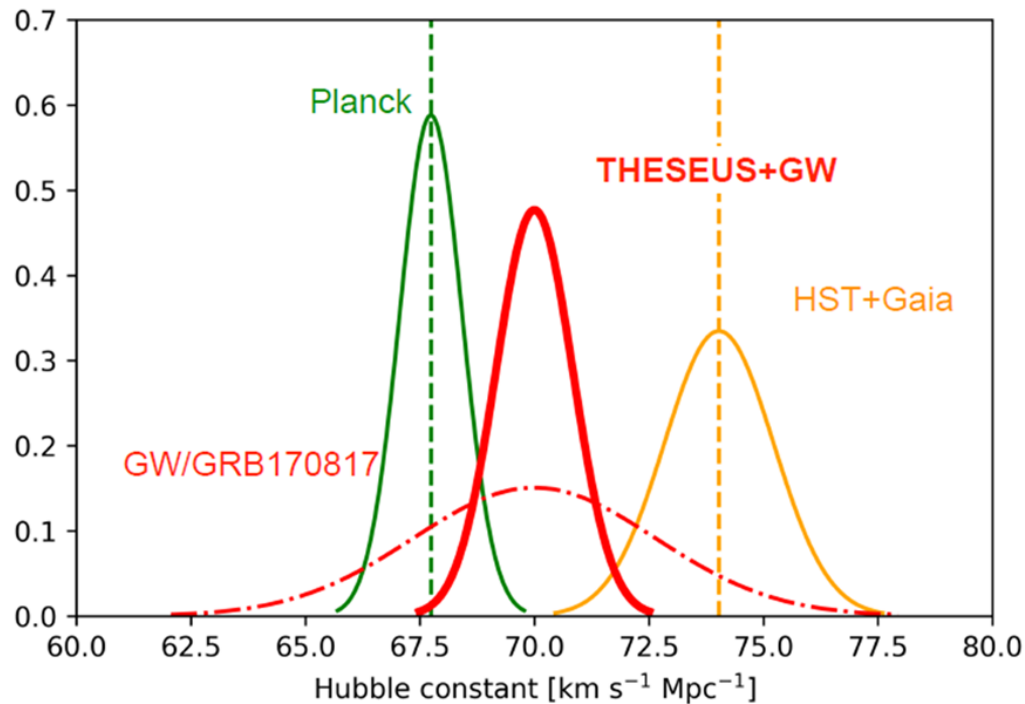
THESEUS:

- ✓ short GRB detection over large FOV with arcmin localization
- ✓ Kilonova detection, arcsec localization and characterization
- ✓ Possible detection of weaker isotropic X-ray emission



Multi-messenger cosmology through GRBs

MEASURING THE EXPANSION RATE AND GEOMETRY OF SPACE-TIME



~20 joint GRB+GW events

Fundamental physics with GRBs: testing LI / QG

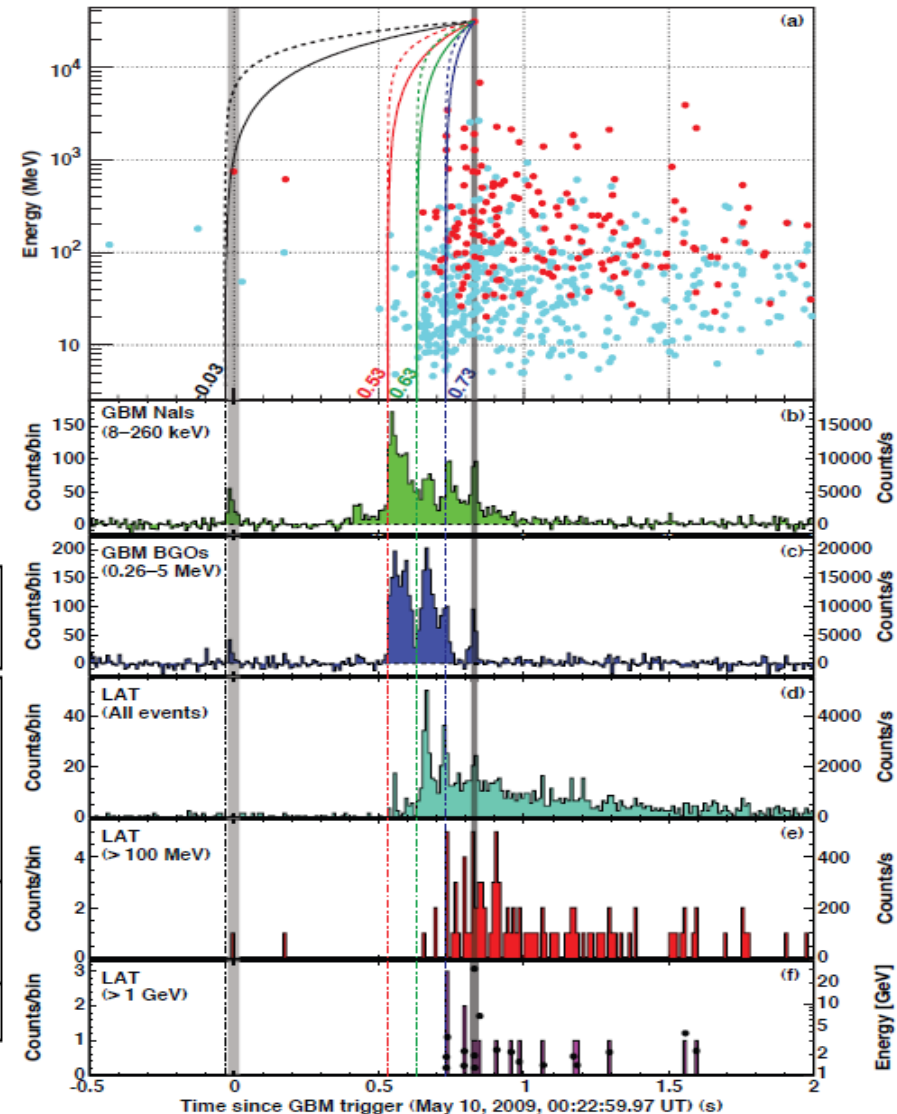
Using time delay between low and high energy photons to put Limits on Lorentz Invariance Violation (allowed by unprecedented Fermi GBM + LAT broad energy band)

$$v_{\text{ph}} = \frac{\partial E_{\text{ph}}}{\partial p_{\text{ph}}} \approx c \left[1 - s_n \frac{n+1}{2} \left(\frac{E_{\text{ph}}}{M_{\text{QG},n} c^2} \right)^n \right]$$

$$\Delta t = s_n \frac{(1+n)}{2H_0} \frac{(E_h^n - E_l^n)}{(M_{\text{QG},n} c^2)^n} \int_0^z \frac{(1+z')^n}{\sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}} dz'$$

GRB 990510 $E_h = 30.53^{+5.79}_{-2.56}$ GeV

t_{start} (ms)	limit on $ \Delta t $ (ms)	Reason for choice of t_{start} or limit on Δt	E_l (MeV)	valid for s_n	lower limit on $M_{\text{QG},1}/M_{\text{Planck}}$
-30	< 859	start of any observed emission	0.1	1	> 1.19
530	< 299	start of main < 1 MeV emission	0.1	1	> 3.42
630	< 199	start of > 100 MeV emission	100	1	> 5.12
730	< 99	start of > 1 GeV emission	1000	1	> 10.0
—	< 10	association with < 1 MeV spike	0.1	± 1	> 102
—	< 19	if 0.75 GeV γ is from 1 st spike	0.1	± 1	> 1.33
$ \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta E} $	< 30 $\frac{\text{ms}}{\text{GeV}}$	lag analysis of all LAT events	—	± 1	> 1.22



In summary

- ❖ GRBs are a key phenomenon for cosmology (early Universe, cosmological parameters) and fundamental physics
- ❖ Next generation GRB missions, like THESEUS, developed by a large European collaboration and already studied by ESA (M5 Phase A) **will fully exploit these potentialities** and will provide us with **unprecedented clues to GRB physics and sub-classes.**
- ❖ THESEUS is a **unique occasion for fully exploiting the European leadership** in time-domain and multi-messenger astrophysics and in related **key-enabling technologies**
- ❖ THESEUS observations will impact on **several fields of astrophysics, cosmology and fundamental physics** and will enhance importantly the **scientific return of next generation multi messenger** (aLIGO/aVirgo, LISA, ET, or Km3NET;) **and e.m. facilities** (e.g., LSST, E-ELT, SKA, CTA, ATHENA)

- ❖ **THESEUS Phase A study by ESA very successful and base for further dev. SPIE articles on instruments and Exp.Astr. Articles on science on arXiv**

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