

# **SWIFT**

**in the context of understanding**

# **GRB**

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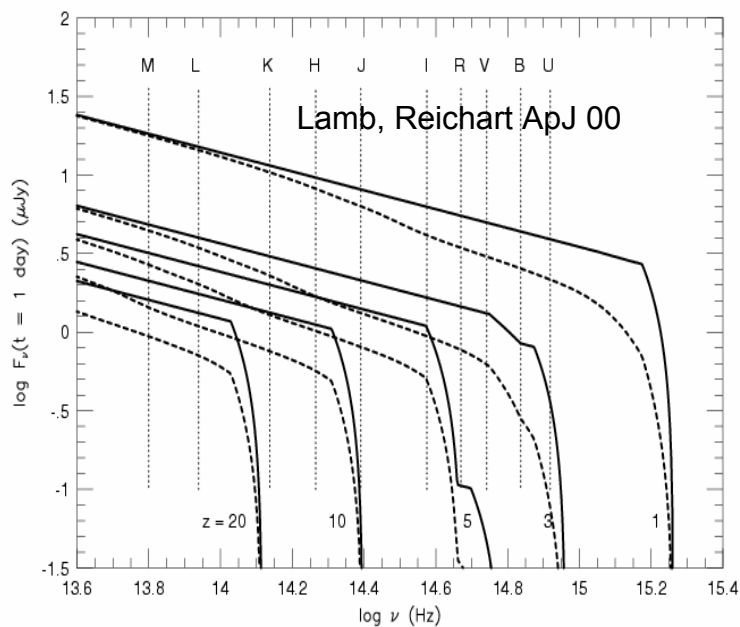
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# How far can we see GRBs?

## High-z GRB distance measures

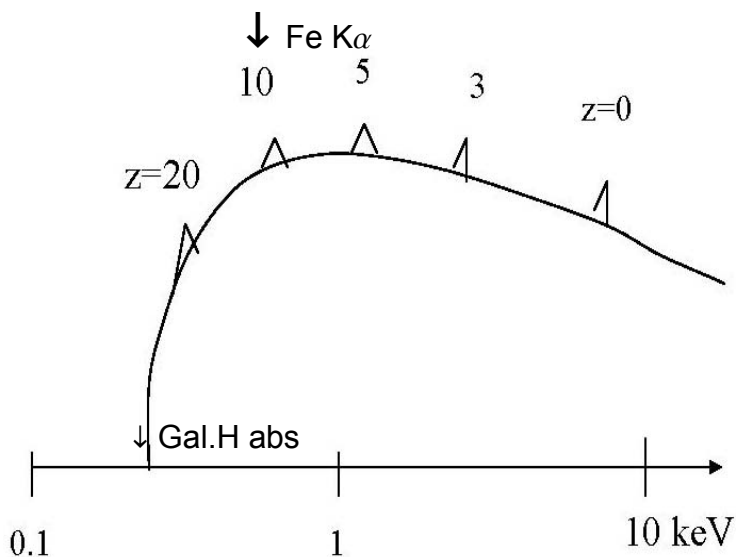
- Positive K-correction:  
→ flux  $\sim$  constant at  $z \gtrsim 5$
- Optical/UV: Ly  $\alpha$  cutoff → redshift out to  $z \lesssim 5$  for Swift
- Forward shock exp. fluxes ↓

- XR cont: detect with Swift for  $z \lesssim 20$  @  $t \lesssim 1$  dy
- Fe  $K\alpha$  XR line unabsorbed by gal. for  $z \lesssim 20$
- Swift det. Fe  $K\alpha$  to  $z \lesssim 3$  @  $t \lesssim 3$  hrs,  $3\sigma$  level
- XMM det. Fe  $K\alpha$  to  $z \lesssim 15$  @  $t \lesssim 1$  day,  $3\sigma$  level



O/IR

↕ Meszaros, Rees 03 ApJ 591, L91

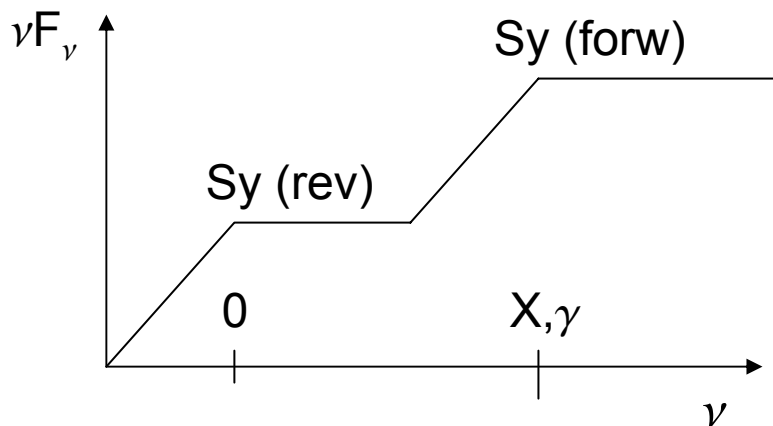
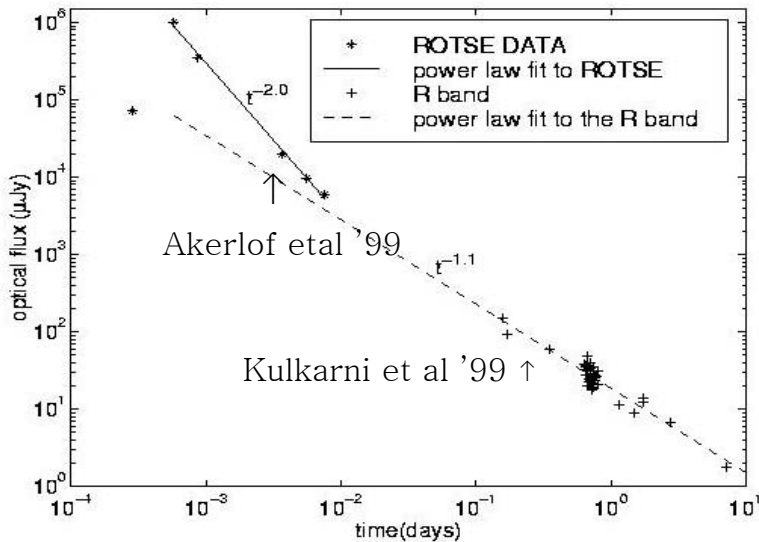


XR

# Other z-measures?

- Variability measure  $V$  vs.  $E_{\gamma\text{iso}}$   
(Fenimore, Ramirez-Ruiz, Lamb, Reichart..)
- Lag vs.  $E_{\gamma\text{iso}}$  (Norris, Bonnell,..)
- Spectral break (hardness ratio) vs  $E_{\gamma\text{iso}}$   
(Amati et al, Bagoly et al, Schmidt..)
- AND more recently:  $E_{\text{pk}}$  vs  $E_{\gamma\text{tot}}$  correl  
(Ghirlanda et al 04)

# Prompt Optical Flashes



- **GRB 990123** → bright (9<sup>th</sup> mag) **prompt opt. transient** (Akerlof et al 99)
  - 1st 10 min: decay steeper than forw. shock
- Interpreted as **reverse external shock**
  - (predicted : Mészáros&Rees '97)
- **99-02: Great Desert:** **Lack of flashes**, upper limits  $m_V \sim 12-15$
- **but: New** generation robotic tels: **ROTSE III, Super-LOTIS, RAPTOR, KAIT, TAROT, NEAT, Faulkes, REM;** etc
- → some prompt optical flashes: **GRB 021004, 021211:** similar to GRB 990123
- → some **“semi-prompt”** flashes, ( **ROTSE IIIa** (AU), **ROTSE IIIb** (TX) ): **GRB 030418, 30723** : ≠ from GRB 990123 !
  - $t > 211, 50$  s resp, see **forw.** shock only? steep rise (ascribed to dusty stell. wind)  $m_R \sim 17$  at  $t \sim 30$  min, then PL -1.35 decay

(Rykoff et al astro-ph/0310501)

# Reverse Shock light-curve

- Previously, rev O/IR neglected in estimates of detectability
- Reverse O/IR light curve is *brighter* (while it lasts) than forward I.c
- At high- $z$ , reverse I.c. *lasts longer* (in obs. frame)  $\Rightarrow$  *easier to detect at high  $z$ !*

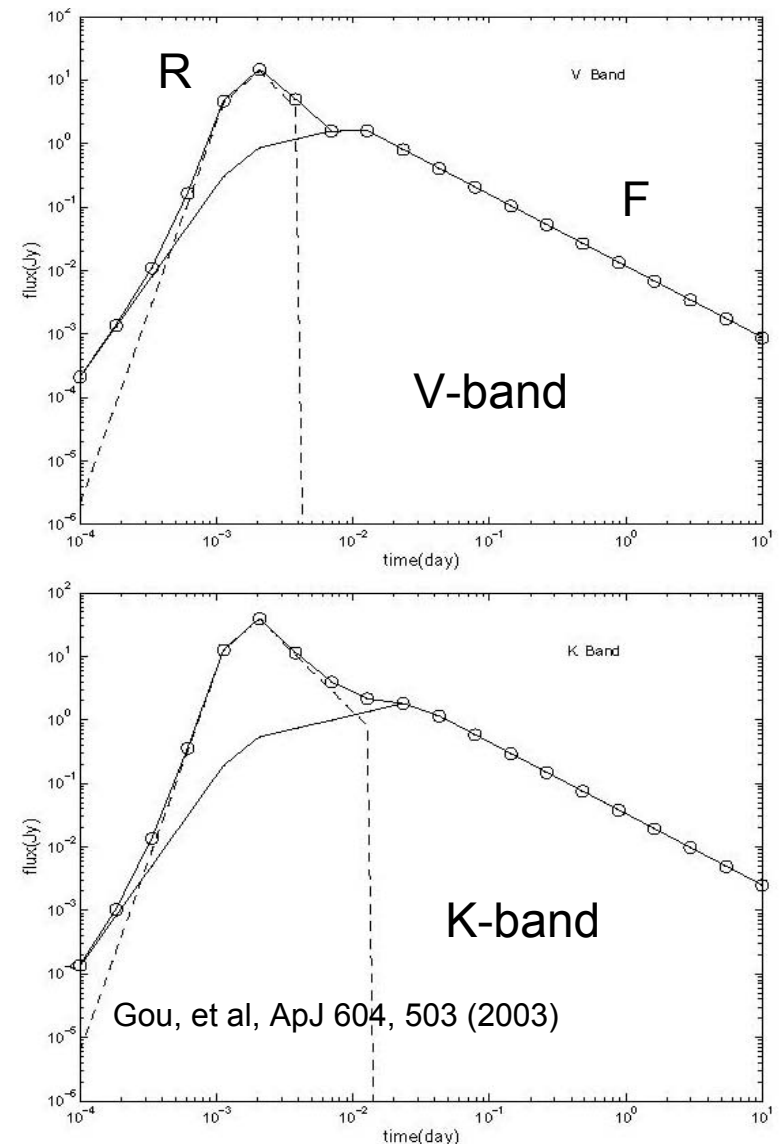
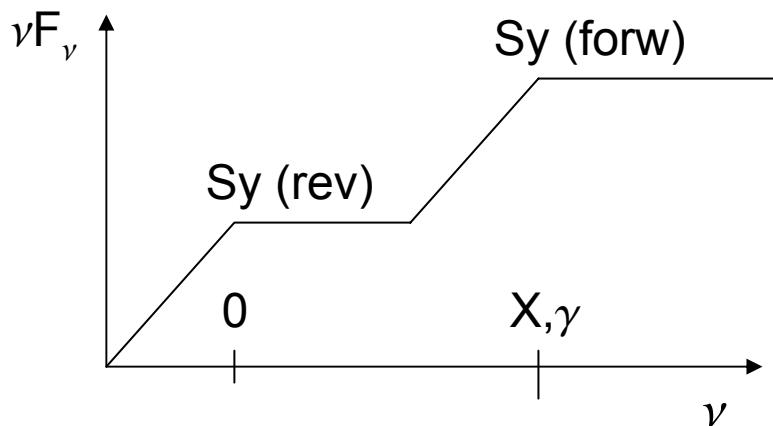


Fig. 1.— Typical light curves, for a redshift  $z = 1$ . Reverse shock emission (dashed), forward shock emission (solid), total flux (symbols). Parameters:  $\epsilon_{B,t} = 0.001$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_B = B_r/B_f = 5$ ,  $\epsilon_e = 0.1$ ,  $E_{82} = 10$ ,  $p = 2.5$ ,  $\eta = 120$ ,  $n_0 = 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . a): V band ( $\nu = 5.45 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$ ); b): K band ( $\nu = 1.36 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$ ).

# IR hi-z detectability

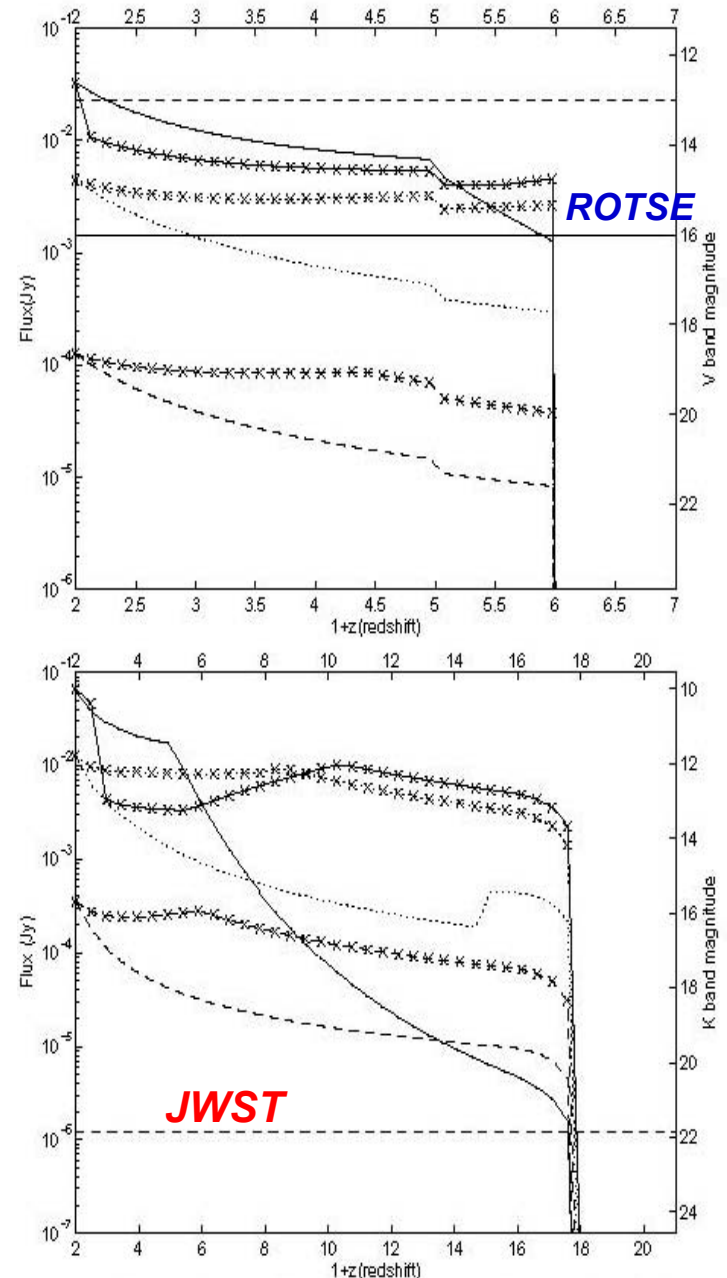
- Reverse shock dominates early I.C.
- Two density profiles:
  - w/o symbols:  $n_{\text{ext}} = \text{const}$ ;
  - w. symbols:  $n_{\text{ext}} \propto (1+z)^4$
- At different obs. times:
  - Solid: 10 min
  - Dashed: 2 hrs
  - Dotted : 1 dy
- Params:
  - $E_{52}=10$ ,  $\eta=120$ ,  $p=2.5$ ,
  - $\epsilon_{\text{Bf}}=10^{-3}$ ,  $B_r/B_f=5$ ,  $\epsilon_e=0.1$
- JWST K-sensit for  $R=1000$ ,  
S/N=10,  $t_{\text{int}}=1\text{hr}$

O/IR  $\rightarrow \downarrow$   
detectability

V-band

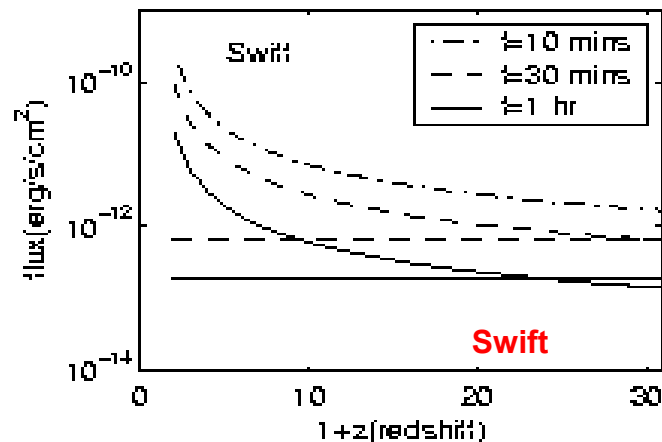
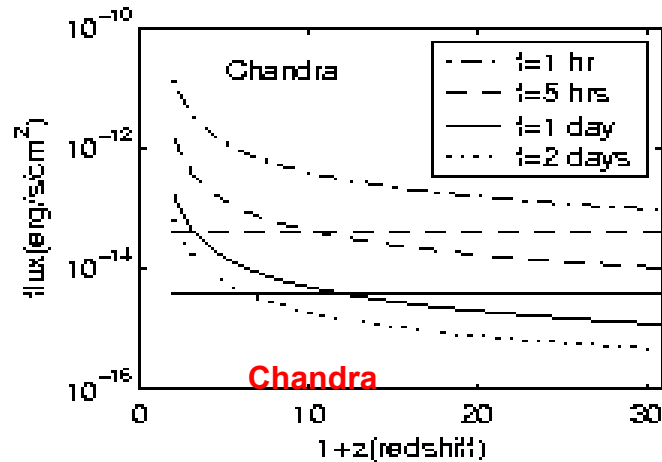
K-band

Gou et al 03, ApJ  
604, 503



# XR

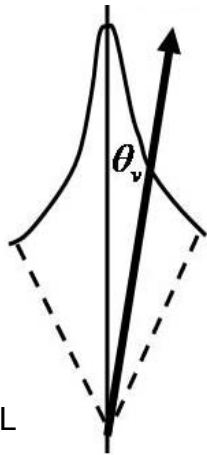
## hi-z detectability



- XR light curve: dominated by forward shock (simpler);
- Emission same for both density profiles because it is above cooling freq, hence density indep.

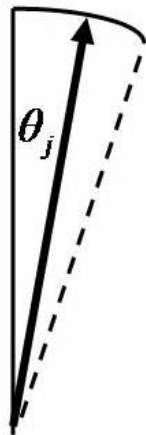
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# Jet breaks & shapes

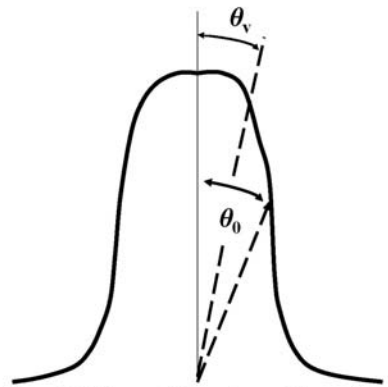


PL

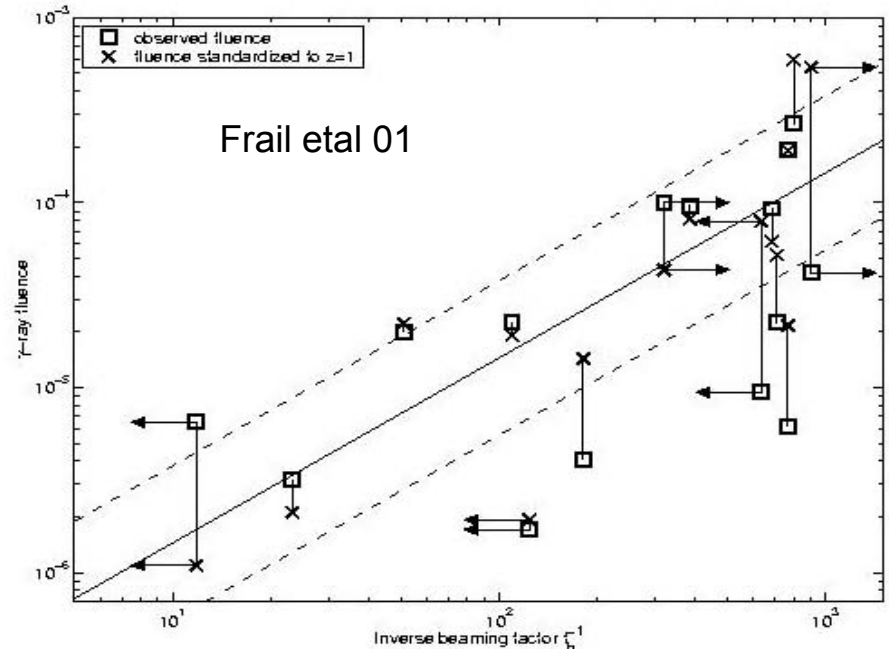
Quasi-universal structured jet



Uniform jet



Quasi-Universal Structured Gaussian



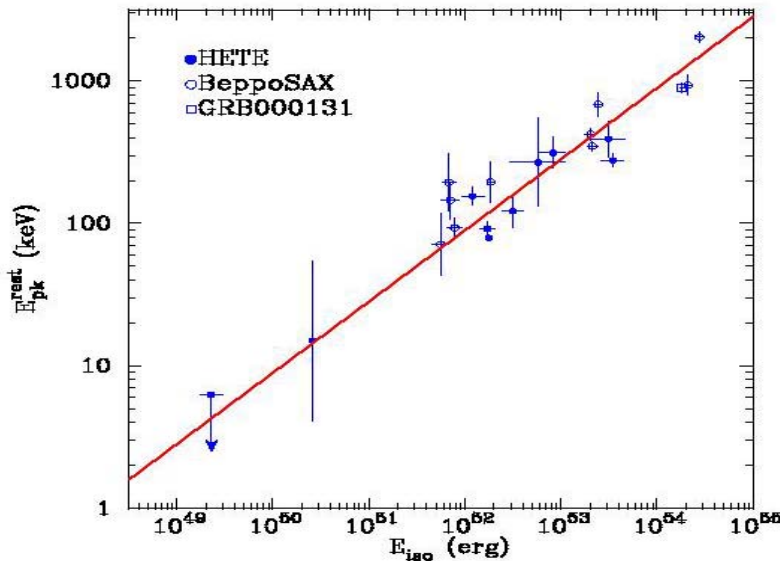
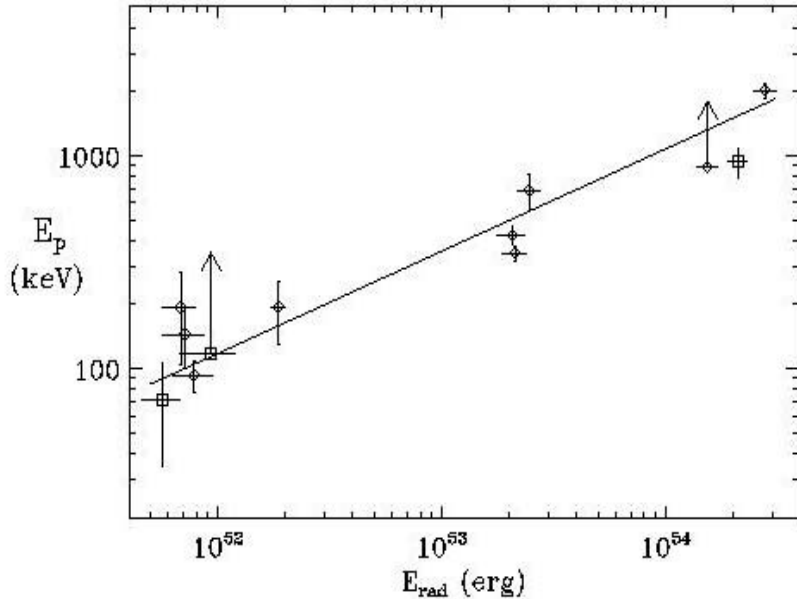
- Obs. inv. corr.  $L_{\gamma(\text{iso})} \propto \theta_j^{-2}$
- $\rightarrow L_{\gamma(\text{tot})} \sim \text{const.}$
- Can be understood as
  - a) **Uniform** jet on-beam  
with  $E(\theta_j) \sim \text{const}$ ,  $P(\theta_j) \propto \theta_j^2$
  - Or - b) **Structured (PL)** jet on/off axis,  
with  $E(\theta) \propto \theta^{-2}$ ,  $P(\theta) \sim \text{const}$
  - Or - c) **Structured (Gauss)** jet w.  
charact.  $\theta_0$  with dispersion  
 $\log(\theta_0 / \text{rad}) \sim -1.0 \pm 0.2$



# X-ray Flashes - XRF

- Similar in all properties to GRB, except that they are softer  
 $3 \text{ keV} \lesssim E_p \lesssim 40 \text{ keV}$  (Heise et al '02, Kippen et al '02)
- Several possibilities:
  - (a) Usual int. shock, but w. low  $\Gamma$  and/or high  $z$  (Heise et al '02; Kippen et al '02)
  - (b) Pair-thick internal shocks (Meszaros et al, a-ph/0205144; Kobayashi et al a-ph/0110080)
  - (c) Jet/bubble break-out therm.emiss. (Ramirez-Ruiz et al, a-ph/0111342, a-ph/0205108)
  - (d) Uniform jet seen on-beam but w. larger opening angle  
(Kobayashi et al a-ph/0110080, Lamb et al '03, a-ph/0312634)
  - (e) Uniform jet seen off-beam (Yamazaki, et al '03 & '04, a-ph/0401044)
  - (f) Universal power-law jet at large angles (Perna et al '03 ApJ594:379; Nakar et al a-ph/0311545)
  - (g) Quasi-Universal Gaussian jet at intermed. angle (Zhang et al a-ph/0311190)

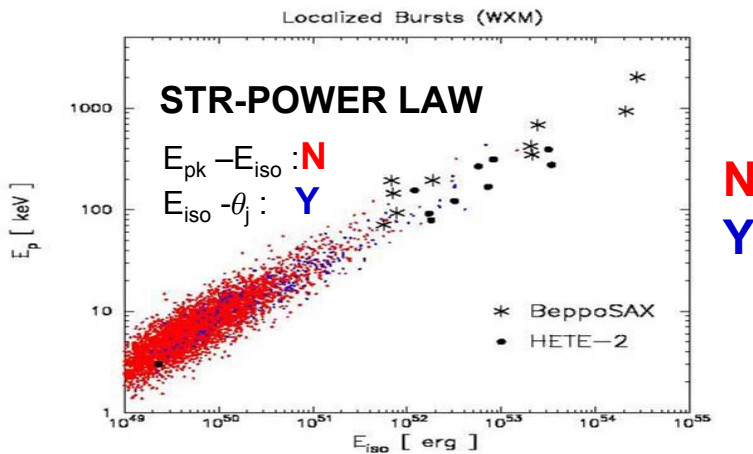
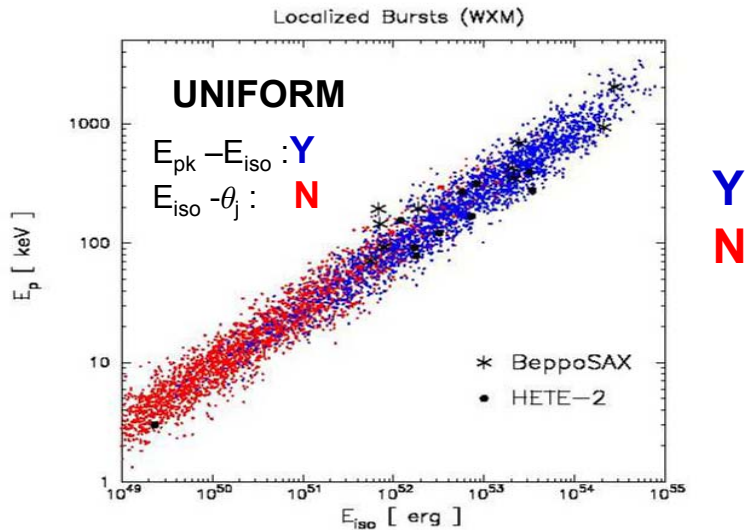
# $E_{pk} - E_{iso}$ : GRB .. & XRF?



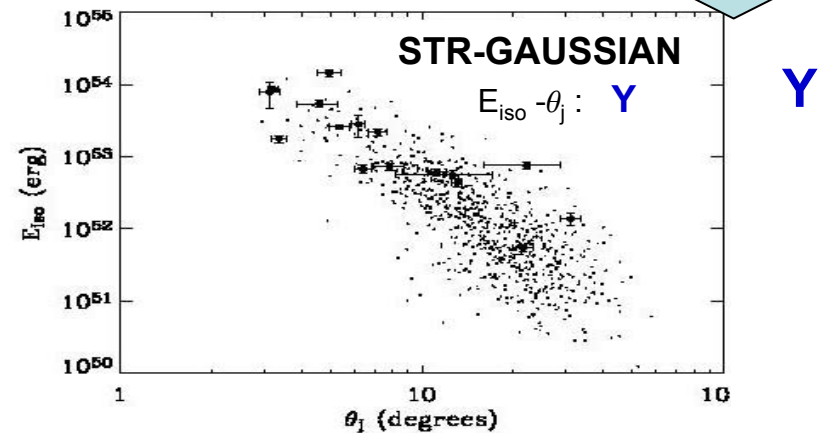
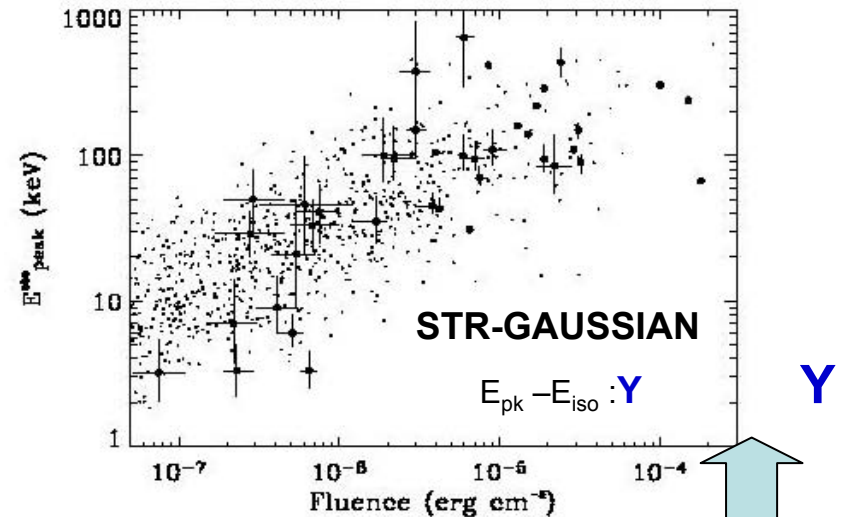
- ←  $E_{pk} \propto E_{\gamma iso}^{1/2}$  obs. in **GRB**  
(Amati et al, 02 AA390:81)
- **Reason?** E.g., internal shocks predict  $E_{pk} \propto \Gamma^{-2} t_v^{-1} L^{1/2}$   
(Zhang & PM '02 apj581:1236) ;  
but  $\Gamma^{-2} t_v^{-1} \sim \text{const?}$  (not obvious)
- ← **Question:** can one extrapolate this relation down to **XRF?**
- If add 2 XRF with known/constr.  $z$ ,  
→  $E_{pk} \propto E_{iso}^{1/2}$ , may extend down.
- $E_{pk}$ -Fluence plot of 40 HETE-2 GRB + XRF w. & w/o  $z$  also suggests so  
(Lamb et al aph/0312634)  
( more recently:also: Ghirlanda et al 04;  
Friedman, Bloom 04)

# Uniform vs. Structured:

## $E_{pk}-E_{iso}$ and $E_{iso}-\theta_j$ (both?)



Lamb et al aph/0312634



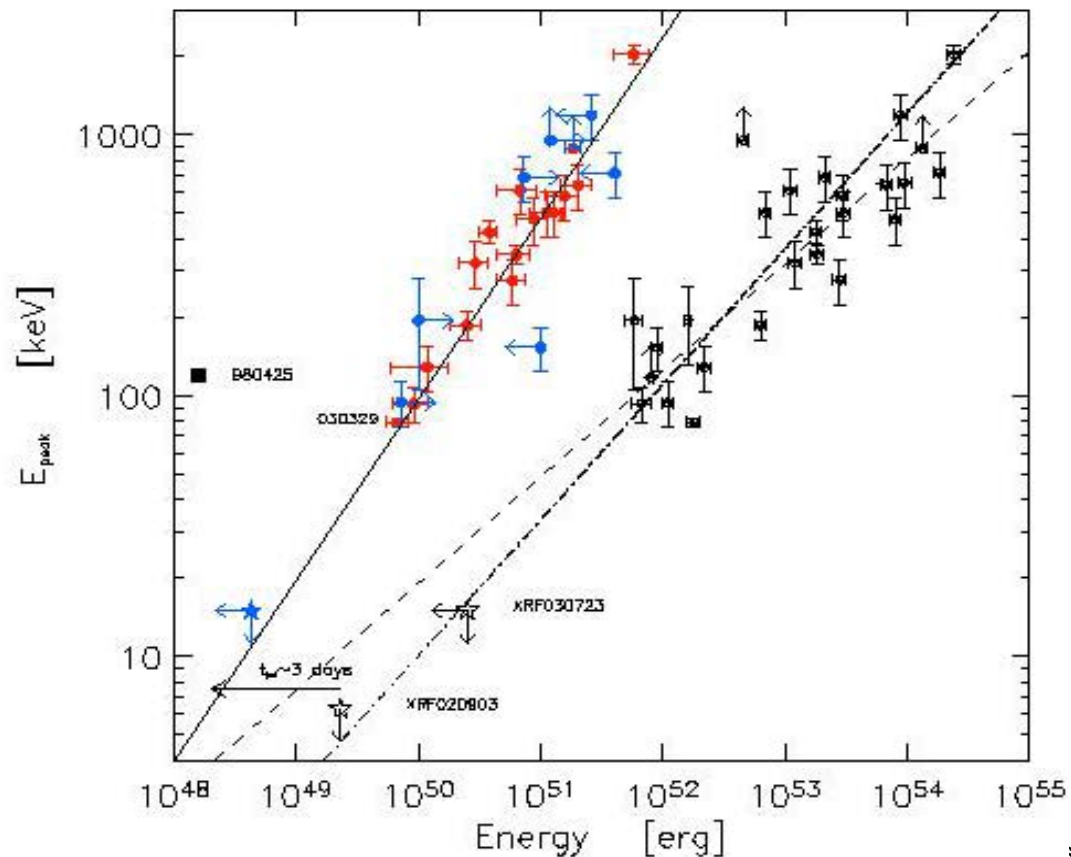
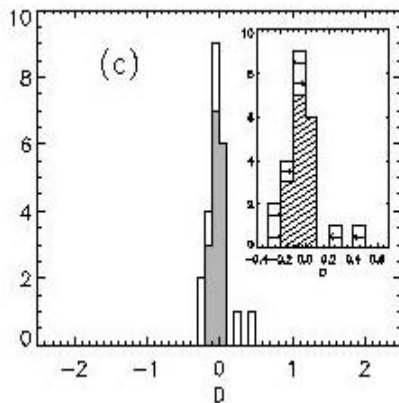
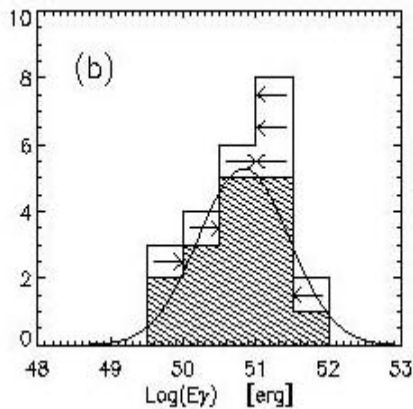
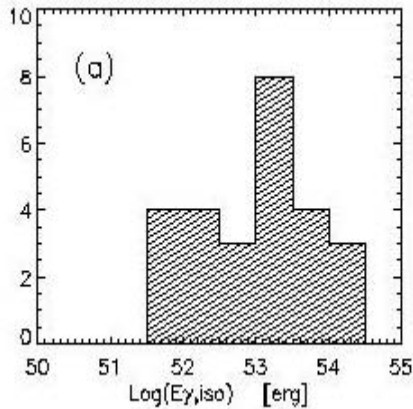
Zhang et al, 04, ApJ 601, L119

# $E_{pk}$ vs $E_{\gamma tot}$

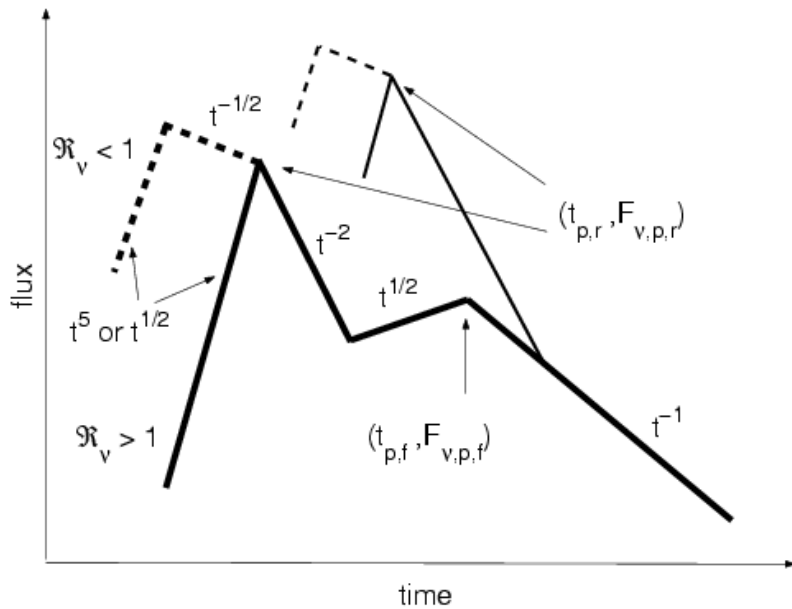
Better correl. than  $E_{pk}$  vs  $E_{\gamma iso}$  (?)

Ghirlanda, Ghisellini, Lazatti, *aph/0405602*  
(see also Friedman & Bloom, *aph/0408413*)

$$E_{pk} \propto E_{\gamma tot}^{0.7}$$

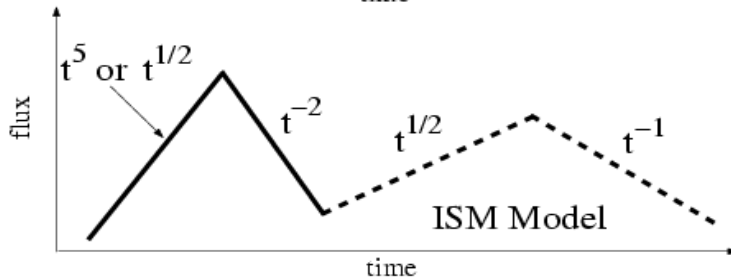
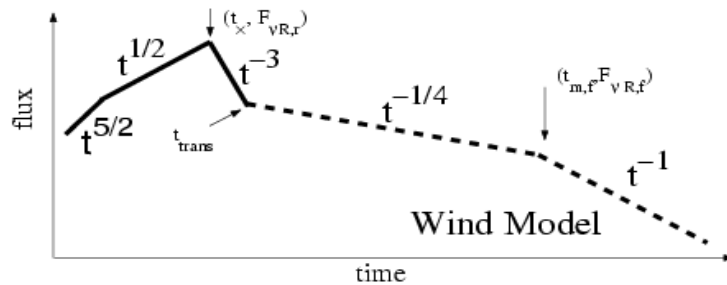


# Prompt optical flash



↑ Zhang, Kobayashi, PM, 03, ApJ 595, 950

- Rev+For shock peak  $\implies$  provide **Lorentz factor** & ejecta **magnetization** diagnostics
- “Re-brightening LC: usual case (thick line)
- “Flattening” LC (thin line) :  $\rightarrow$  either low  $\Gamma$  or high  $B_r/B_f$ ; ; e.g. GRB 990123
- $\leftarrow$  LC provides **wind** vs. quasi-**uniform** external medium diagnostic



$\leftarrow$  Kobayashi & Zhang, 03, ApJ 597, 455

# Prompt Optical Flash

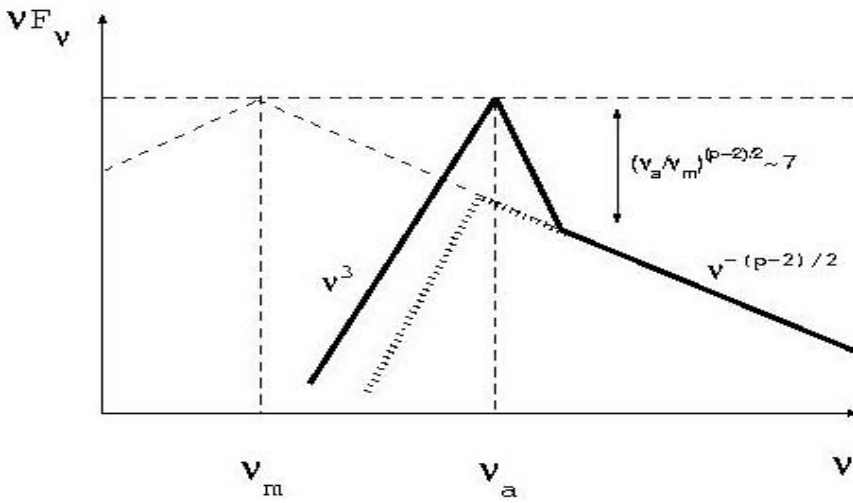


Fig. 1.— Reverse shock spectrum in a dense environment or wind when synchrotron IC dominate: with self-absorption (thick solid) and without self-absorption (thin dashed). schematic self-absorption maximum would appear as a rounded thermal peak. The prev self-absorbed flux estimate is shown by hashed lines. The correction factor  $2(\nu_a/\nu_m)^{(p-2)/2}$  is slightly larger at later times ( $t \sim t_x$ ), the value of  $\sim 7$  is evaluated at  $t_a$  for typical parameters.

- High density external medium and mag. field diagnostic
- $\nu_c \lesssim \nu_m \lesssim \nu_a$  : synchrotron absorpt. (if IC weak,  $\epsilon_e/\epsilon_B < 1$ ) causes absorption bump in spectrum
- Also in LC, when go through obs. band (while go from blue to red spectrum)
- Constrain  $dM/dt$  (wind) or  $n_{ext}$
- But If IC strong ( $\epsilon_e/\epsilon_B > 1$ ):  
 $\Rightarrow$  X-ray prompt flash

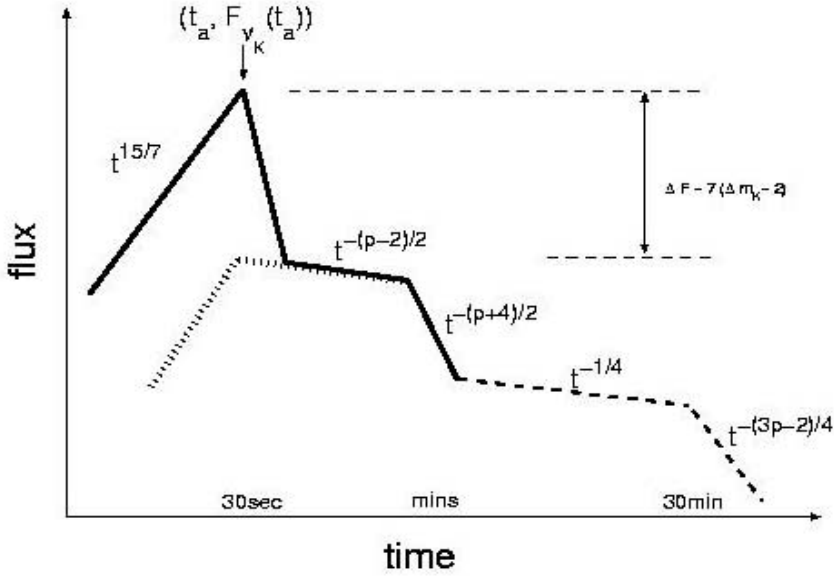
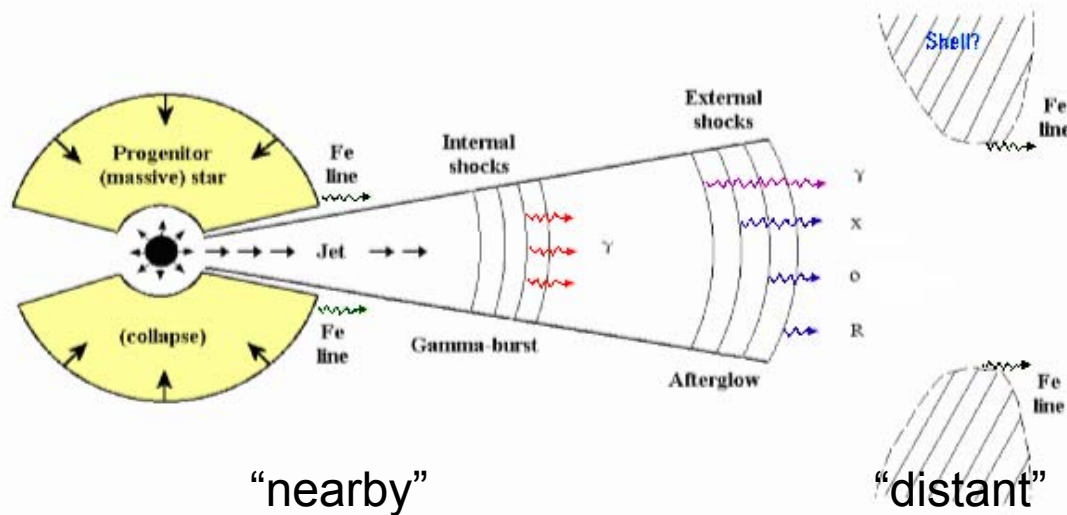


Fig. 1.— Schematic optical light curve for a synchrotron dominated fireball in a dense environment or wind: reverse shock emission (solid) and forward shock emission (dashed). The hashed line shows a previous estimate. Time scales are rough estimates for the typical parameters.

Kobayashi, Mészáros, Zhang 04, ApJ 601, L13

# Collapsar Jet & SN Shell XR Lines



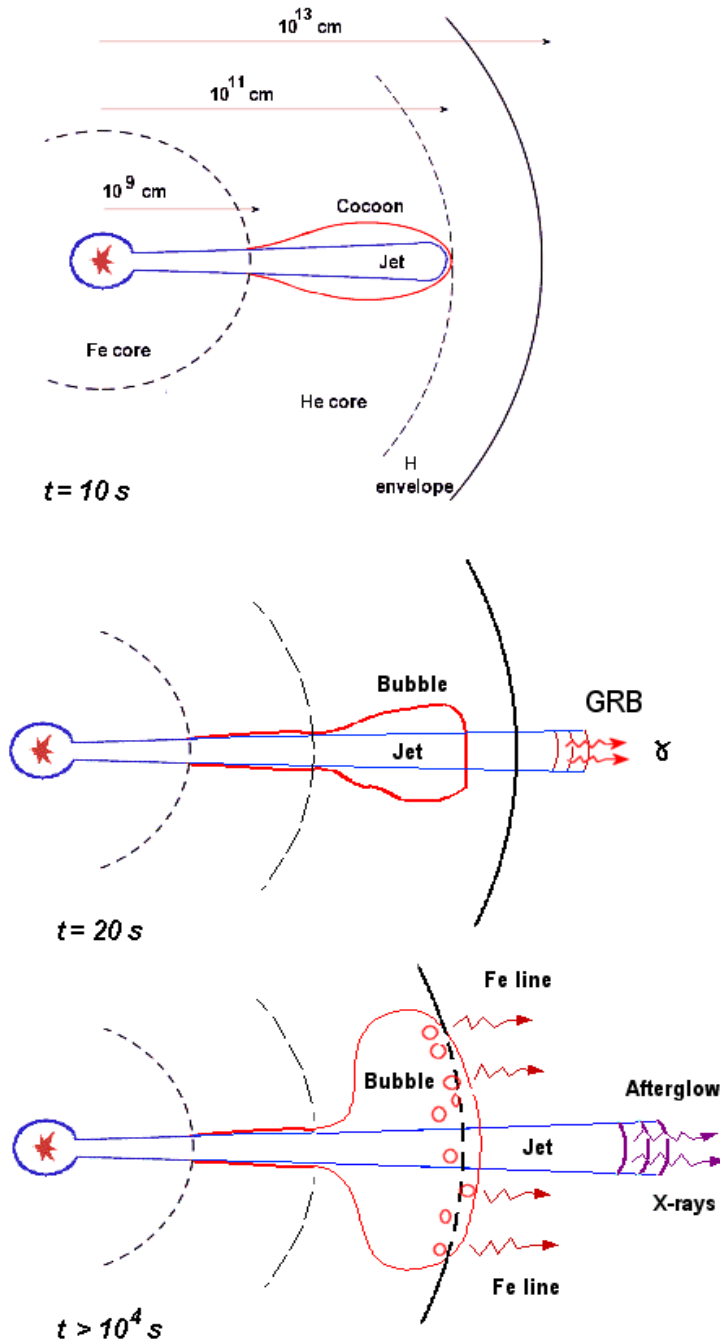
- “**Nearby**” model : Collapsar w., e.g. decaying jet ( $\gtrsim dy$ ), e.g. from fall-back BH accretion, or magnetar
- Timescale: intrinsic,  $R \sim 10^{13}$  cm
- $L_x \sim 10^{47}$  erg/s,  $\propto t^{1.3-1.5}$ ,  $n \sim 10^{18}/\text{cc}$ ,
- $\xi \sim 10^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{Fe\ K\alpha}$ ,  $L_{\text{Fe}} \sim 10^{45}$  erg/s
- Need  $M_{\text{Fe}} \sim 10^{-5} M_{\odot}$  -solar or enrich. OK

(Rees & Mészáros 00, ApJ 545:L73)

- “**Distant**” model: super(supra)nova shell (wind? or from comp. remnant?)
- Timescale: geom.,  $r \sim 10^{15}-10^{16}$  cm,  $t \sim (r/c)(1-\cos \theta) \sim dy$
- Need  $M_{\text{Fe}} \sim 0.1-1 M_{\odot}$ ,  $10-10^2 \times$  solar
- 70 day for Ni  $\rightarrow$  Fe?

(Piro et al 00, Sci.290:955;  
Vietri et al 01, ApJ 550:L43)

# Jet + Bubble XR Line Model



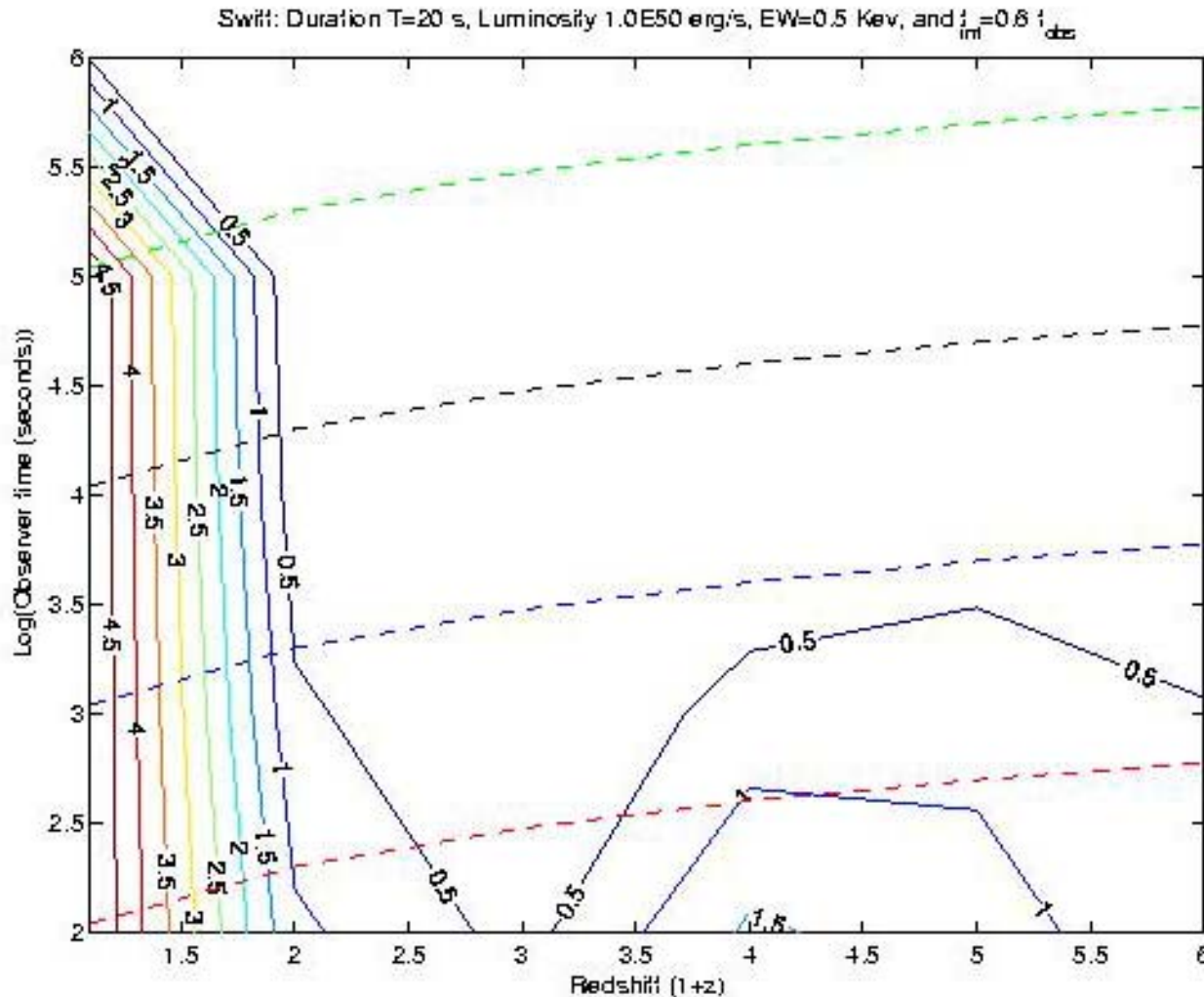
- “**Nearby**” model (b):  
jet produces cocoon  
→ relativistic “bubble” of magn.  
relativistic plasma,
- At breakout  $\sim 0.5$ -1 dy  
 $B \sim 10^5$  G, sy.cont. on  $n \sim 10^{18}/\text{cc}$   
envelope,  
→  $L_{\text{Fe}} \sim 10^{44.5} \times_{\text{Fe}\odot}$ ,  
need  $M_{\text{Fe}} \sim 10^{-4} M_{\odot}$
- Bubble scatt. depth: need very  
high clumpiness for  
XR line + PL
- EW/continuum ratio OK

(Mészáros, Rees 01 ApJ 556:L37

Kallman, Mészáros, Rees O2, ApJ 593, 946 )



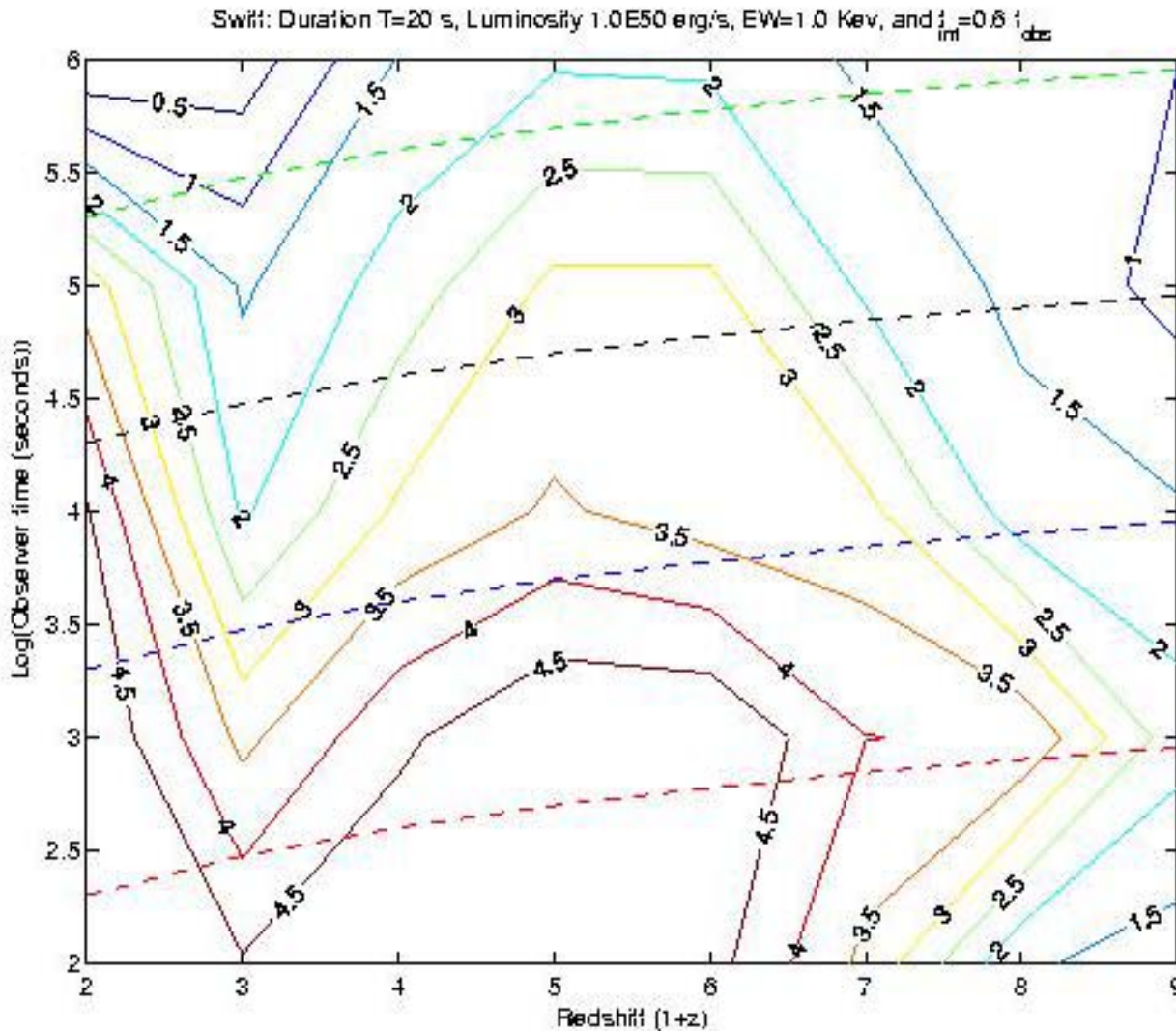
# Swift Fe $K\alpha$ line detection



- Use standard GRB afterglow LC decay with K-corrections, incl. jet break, placed at various  $z$
- Phenomenol. Fe  $K\alpha$  line assumed .
- ← This case:  
 $L_{x0}=10^{50}$  erg/s ,  
 $EW=0.5$  keV,  
 $T=20$ s

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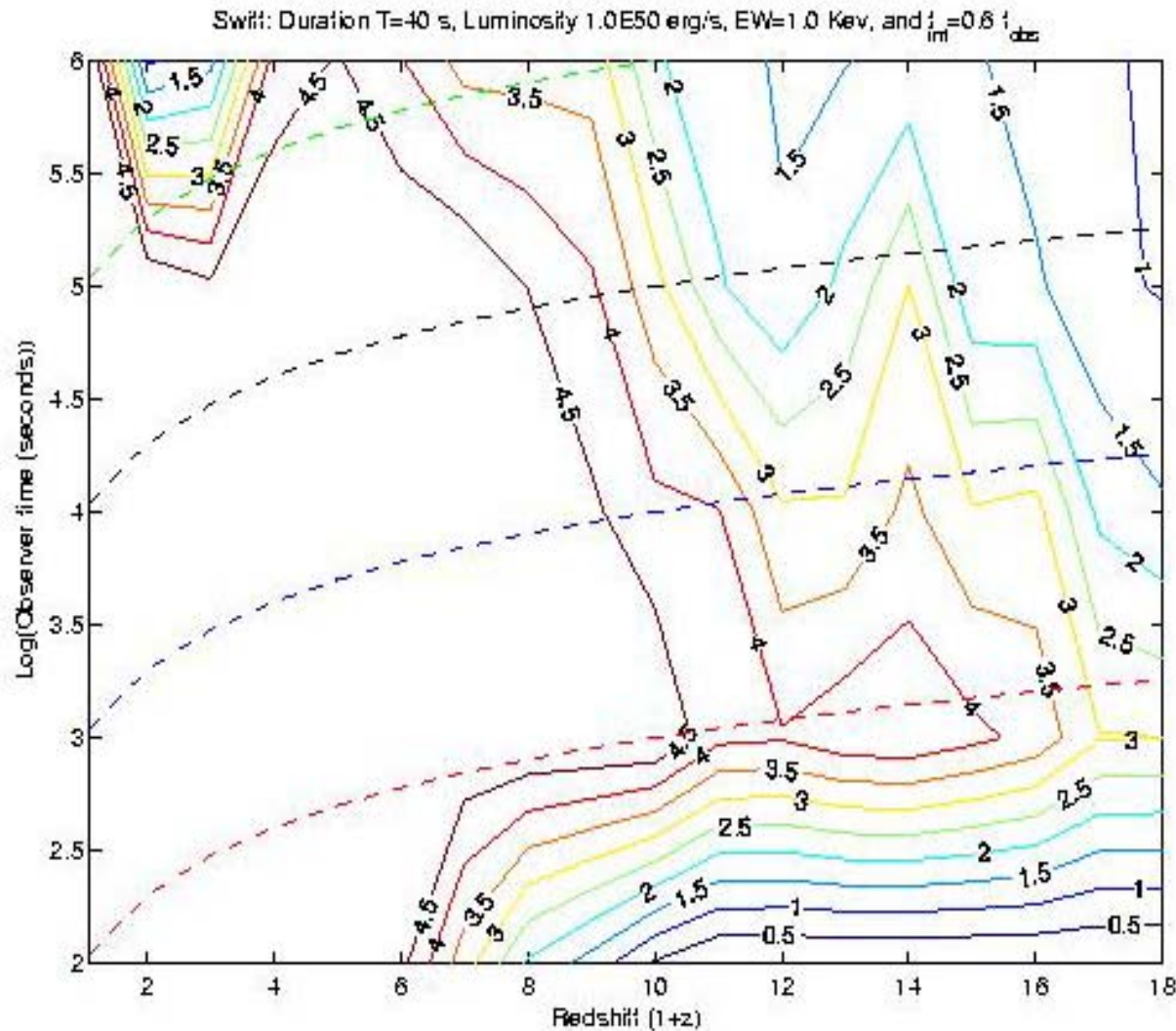
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 $T=20$ s

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# Swift Fe $K\alpha$ line detection

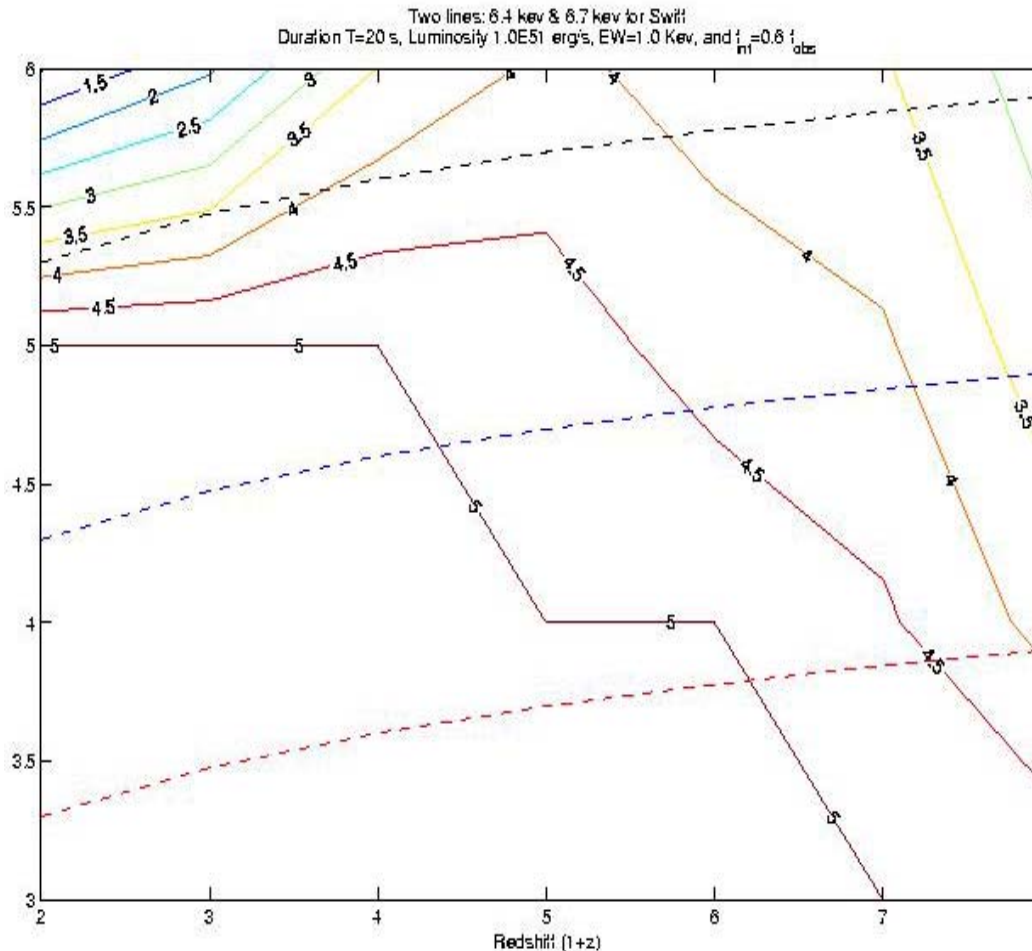


$L_{x0}=10^{50}$  erg/s,  
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# Swift

## Fe line energy discrimination

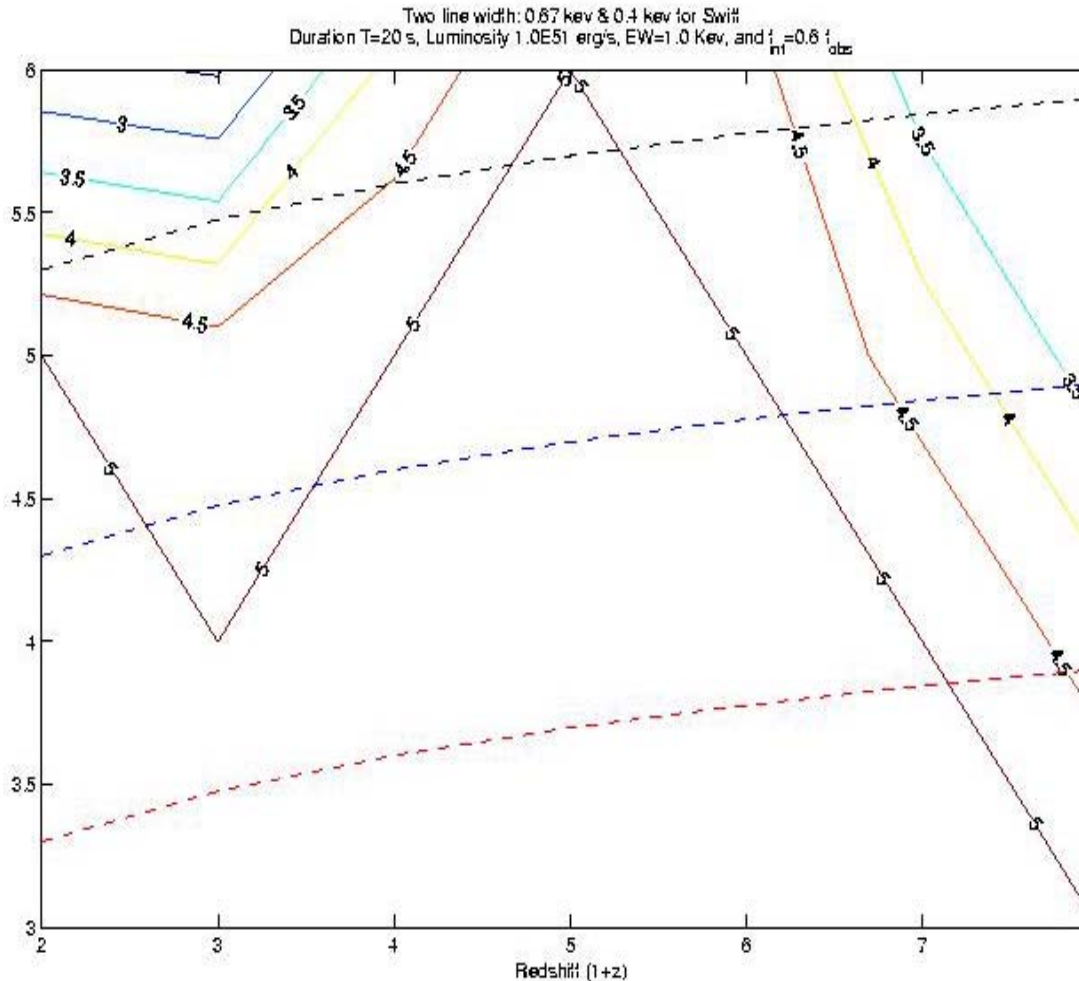


- Distinguish line energies of 6.7 vs 6.4 keV,  $EW=1$  keV,  $L_{x0}=10^{51}$  erg/s,  $T=20$ s

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# Swift

## Fe line width discrimination

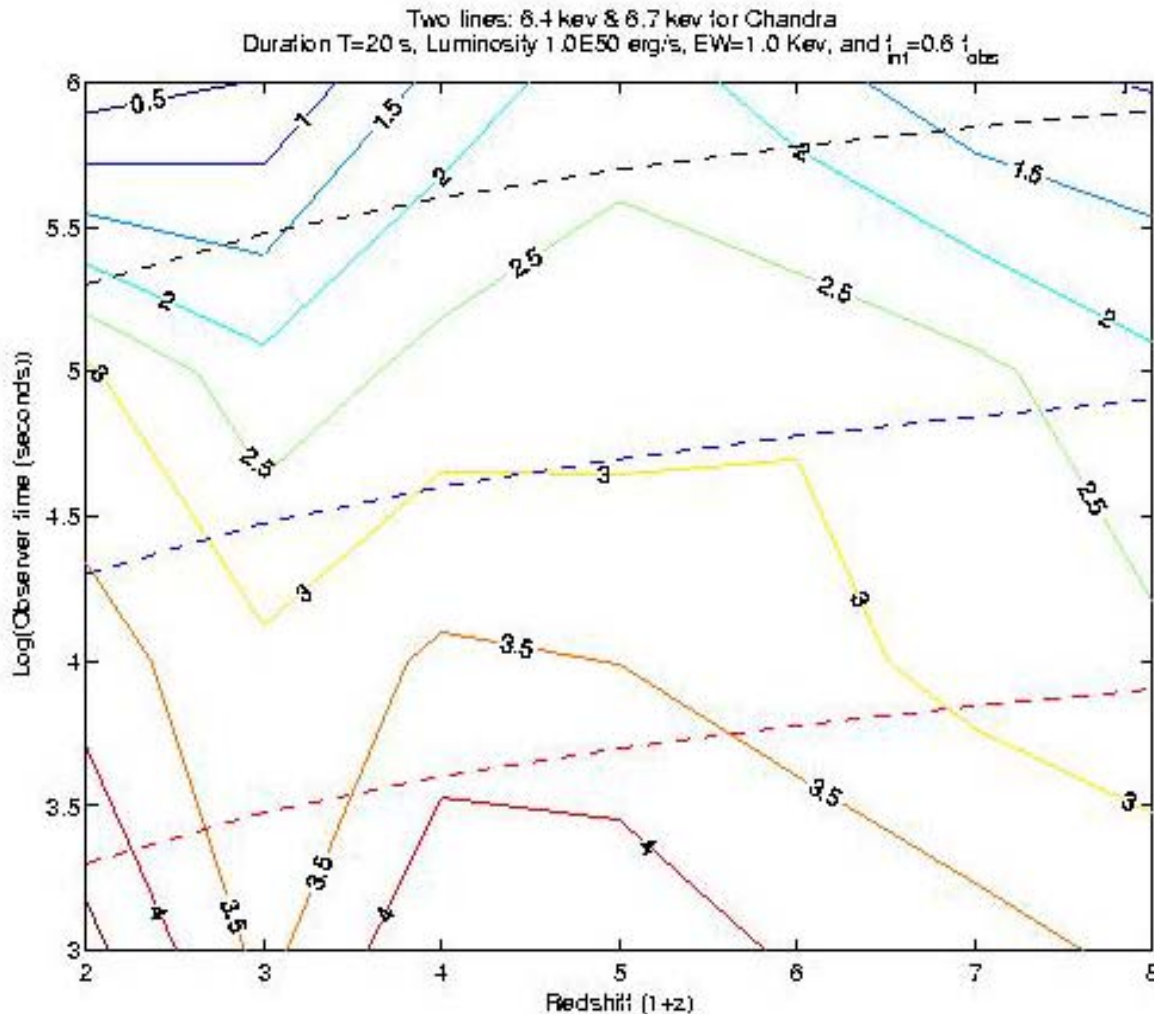


- Distinguish line widths  $\Delta E=0.67$  vs  $0.4$  keV,  $EW=1$  keV,  $L_{x0}=10^{51}$  erg/s,  $T=20$ s

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# Chandra

## Fe line energy discrimination

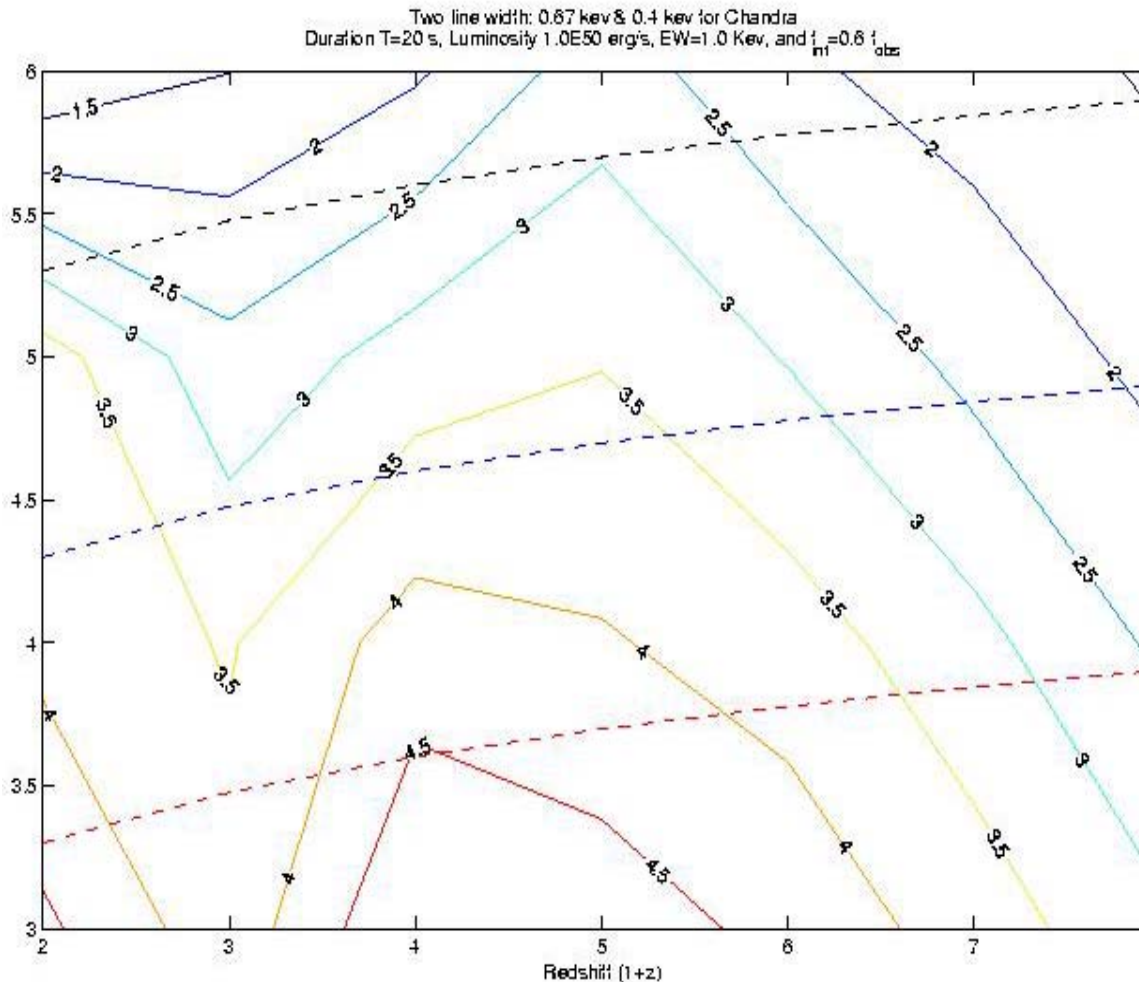


- 6.7 vs 6.4 keV,  
EW=1 keV,  
 $L_{x0}=10^{50}$  erg/s,  
 $T=20$ s

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# Chandra

## Fe line width discrimination



- $\Delta E=0.67$  vs  
0.4 keV,  
 $EW=1.0$  keV,  
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 $T=20$ s

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# The Swift Explorer in Orbit

