

# Understanding the spectrum

## of Gamma-Ray Burst 190114C

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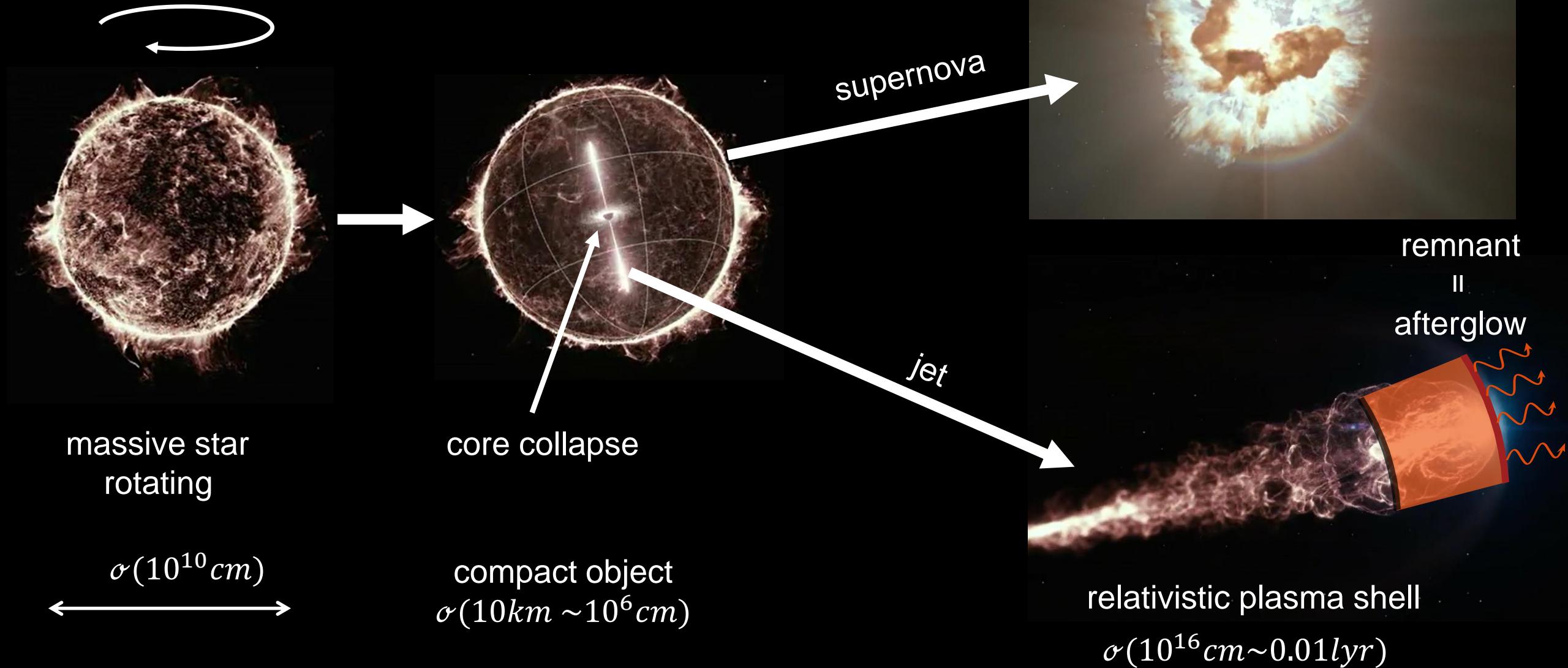
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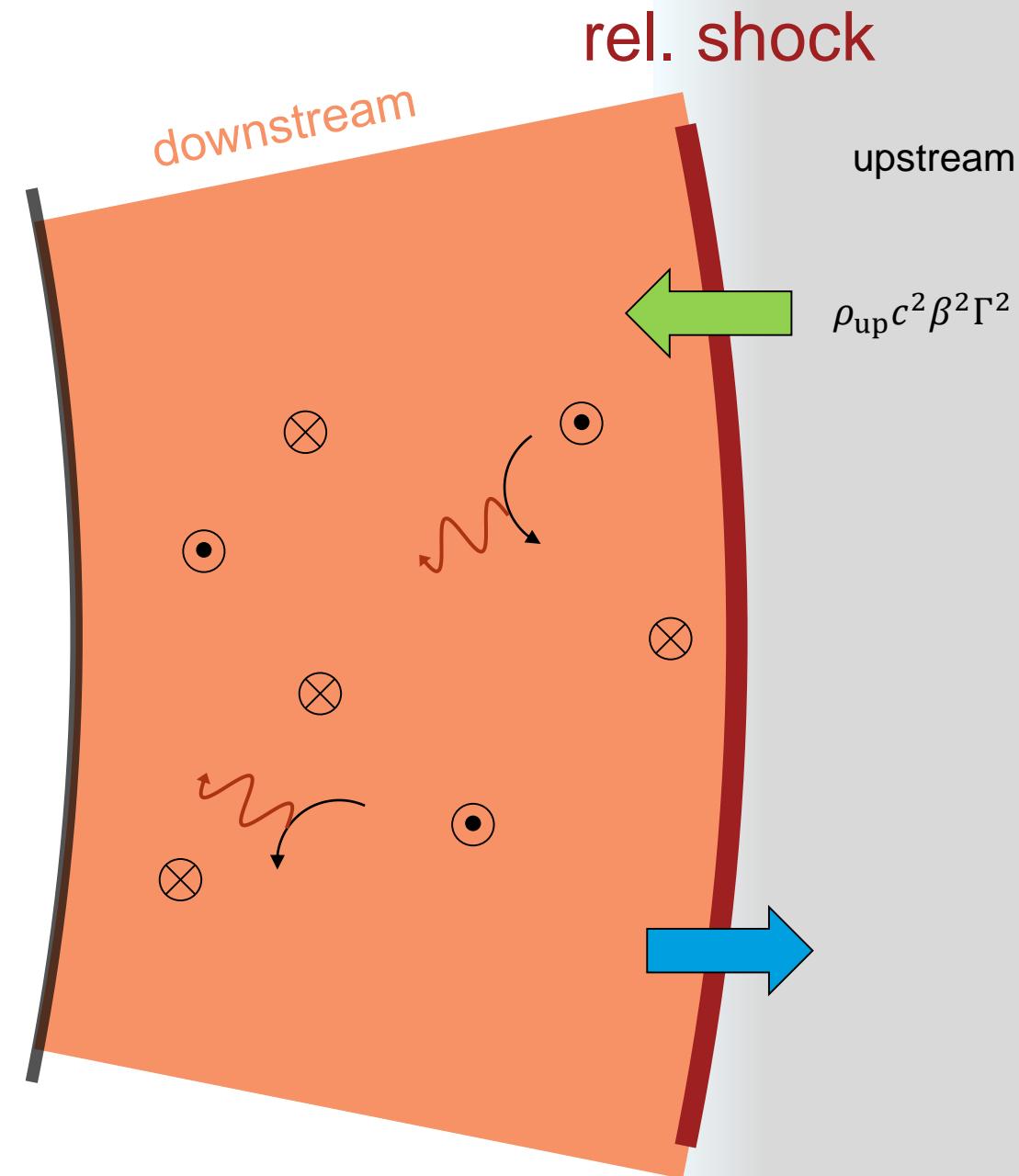
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# Standard model: Long GRB



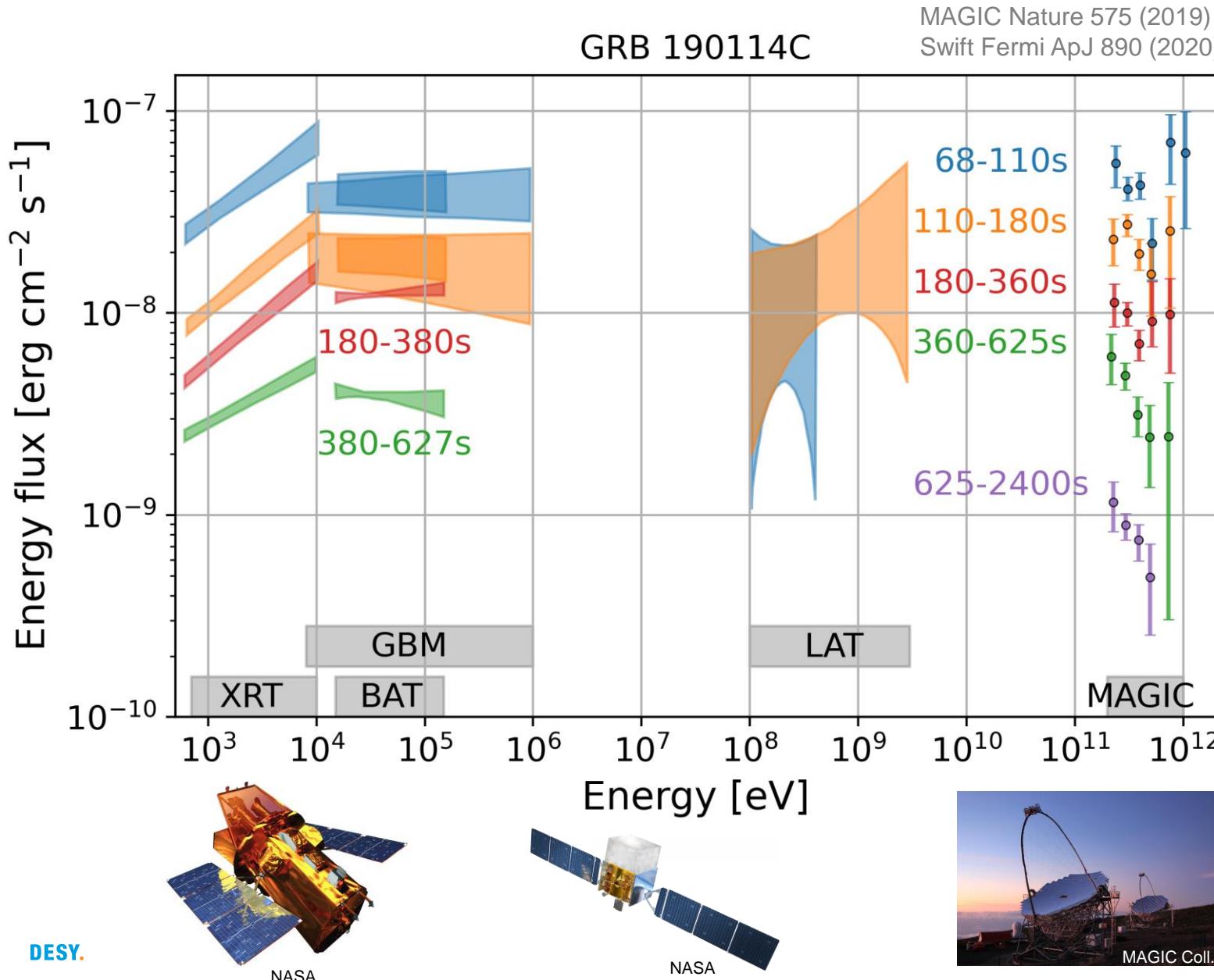
# Simple Box Assumption

- Homogeneous shell of electrons/positrons and photons
- relativistic shock
  - injection of non-thermal particles ( $\varepsilon_e, \zeta_e$ )
  - turbulent magnetic fields ( $\varepsilon_B$ )
- particles cool
- photons escape →



see e.g. Piran 2005 for a detailed review

# GRB 190114C - Afterglow



- triggered:
  - Swift satellite (**BAT**, **XRT**)
  - Fermi satellite (**GBM**, **LAT**)
- rapid follow up by MAGIC
- **VHE afterglow** observed up to 40 minutes
- intermediate redshift  $z = 0.42$

# Characteristic values of blast wave parameters

- energy conservation:

$$\rightarrow E_{iso} = \Gamma^2(t_{obs}) M_{sw}(t_{obs}) c^2$$

$$\rightarrow \Gamma(t_{obs} = 86s, n_{ISM} = 1cm^{-3}) = 90$$

- ram pressure (SRF):

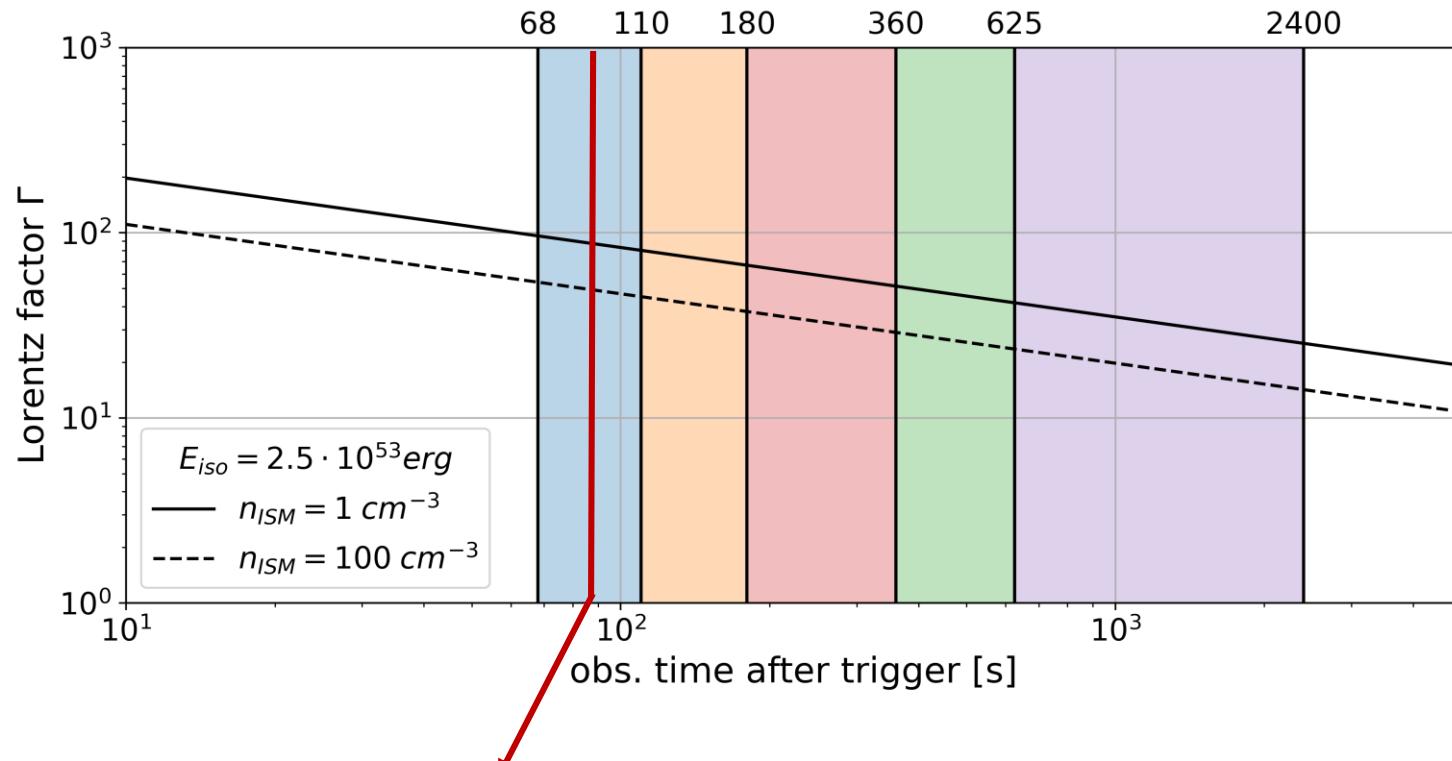
$$\rightarrow p_{ram} = m_p c^2 n_{up} \beta^2 \Gamma^2$$

- magnetic field?

$$\rightarrow \frac{B^2}{8\pi} = \varepsilon_B p_{ram}$$

$$\rightarrow \varepsilon_B \sim 10^{-4} \rightarrow B(t_{obs} = 86s, n_{ISM} = 1cm^{-3}) \sim 0.1G$$

$$\rightarrow \varepsilon_B \sim 10^{-2} \rightarrow B(t_{obs} = 86s, n_{ISM} = 1cm^{-3}) \sim 1G$$



# Electron spectrum

- smoothly broken power law,  
slow cooling:

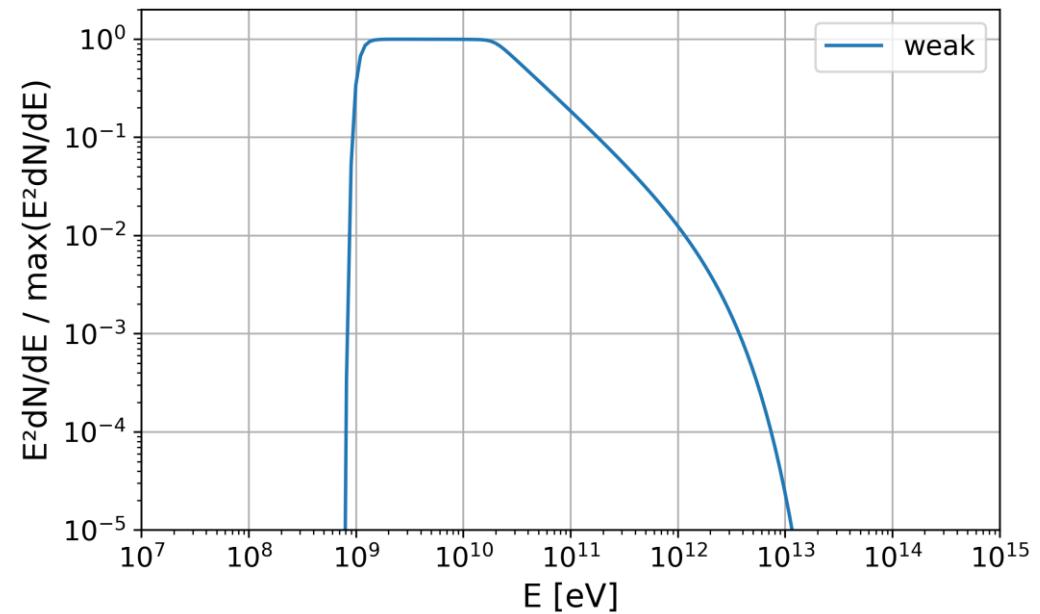
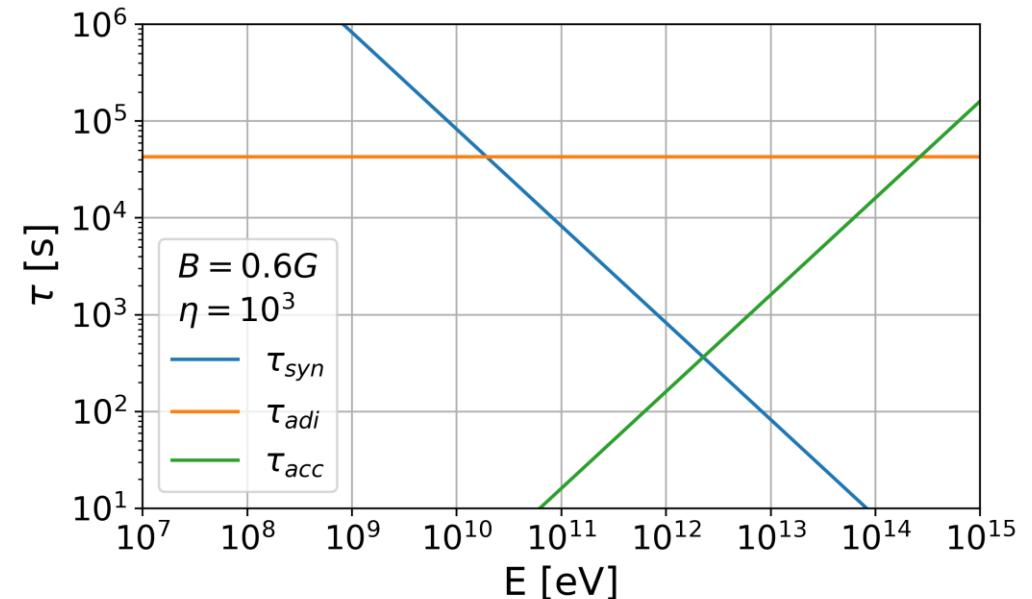
$$\rightarrow \frac{dN}{dE} \propto \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-p} \left[1 + \left(\frac{E}{E_b}\right)^s\right]^{-\frac{1}{s}} e^{-\frac{E}{E_{\max}} - \left(\frac{E_{\min}}{E}\right)^{\chi_{\text{on}}}}$$

- $E_b = \frac{9}{8\pi} \frac{h}{\alpha} \left(\frac{B_c}{B}\right)^2 \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{adi}}}$

→ weak accelerating magnetic field required to fit synchrotron break

- $E_{\max} = \left(\frac{9}{4} \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{1}{\eta} \frac{B_c}{B}\right)^{1/2} m_e c^2 \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$

acceleration efficiency



# Photon spectrum: 2 types of solutions

→ synchrotron self-Compton spectrum

## 1. double hump solution:

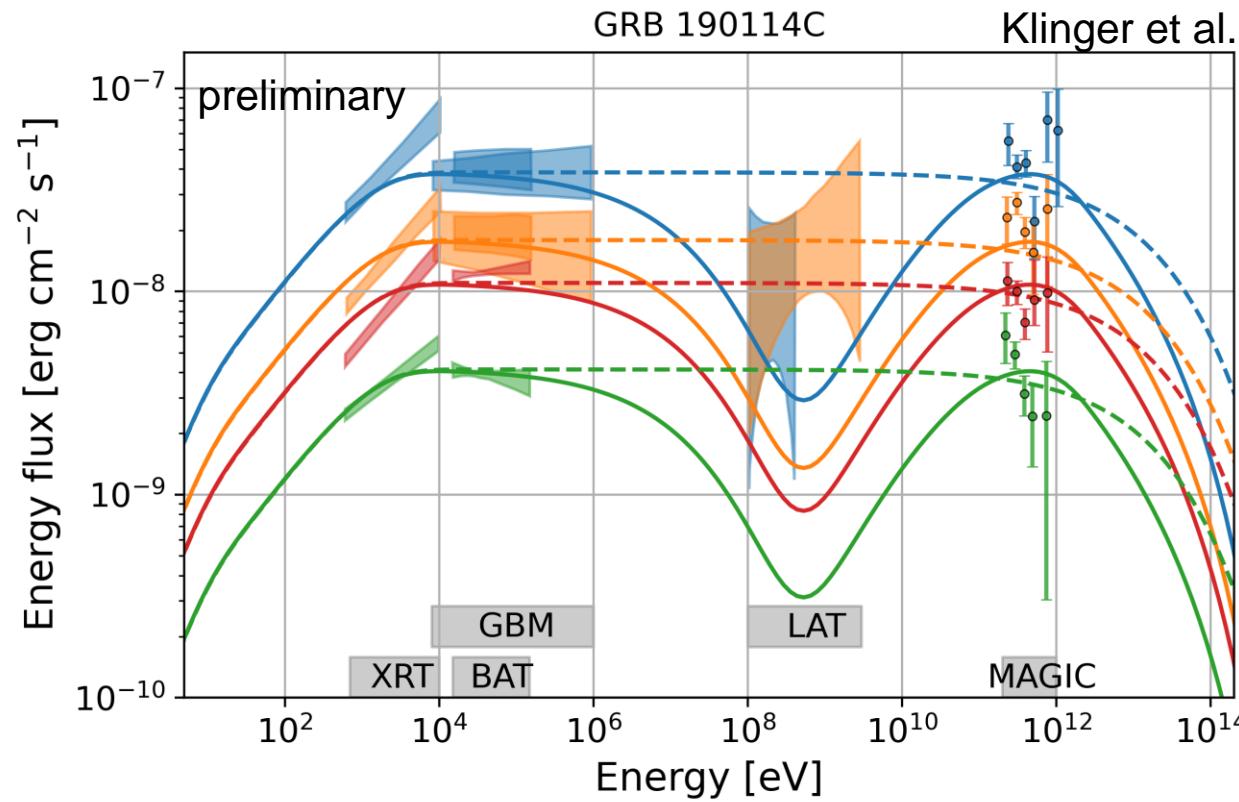
- predicts dip: does this dip exist?
- is  $\eta = 1000$  plausible?
- naturalness of similar heights?

## 2. single hump solution (syn. only)

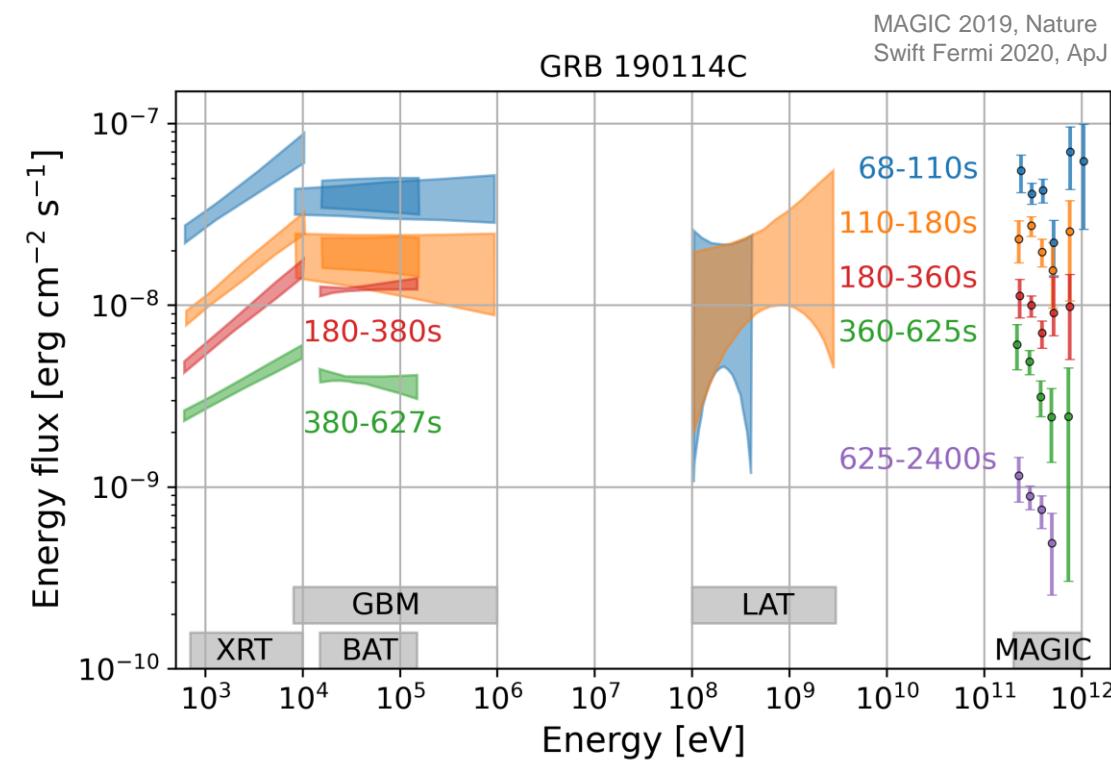
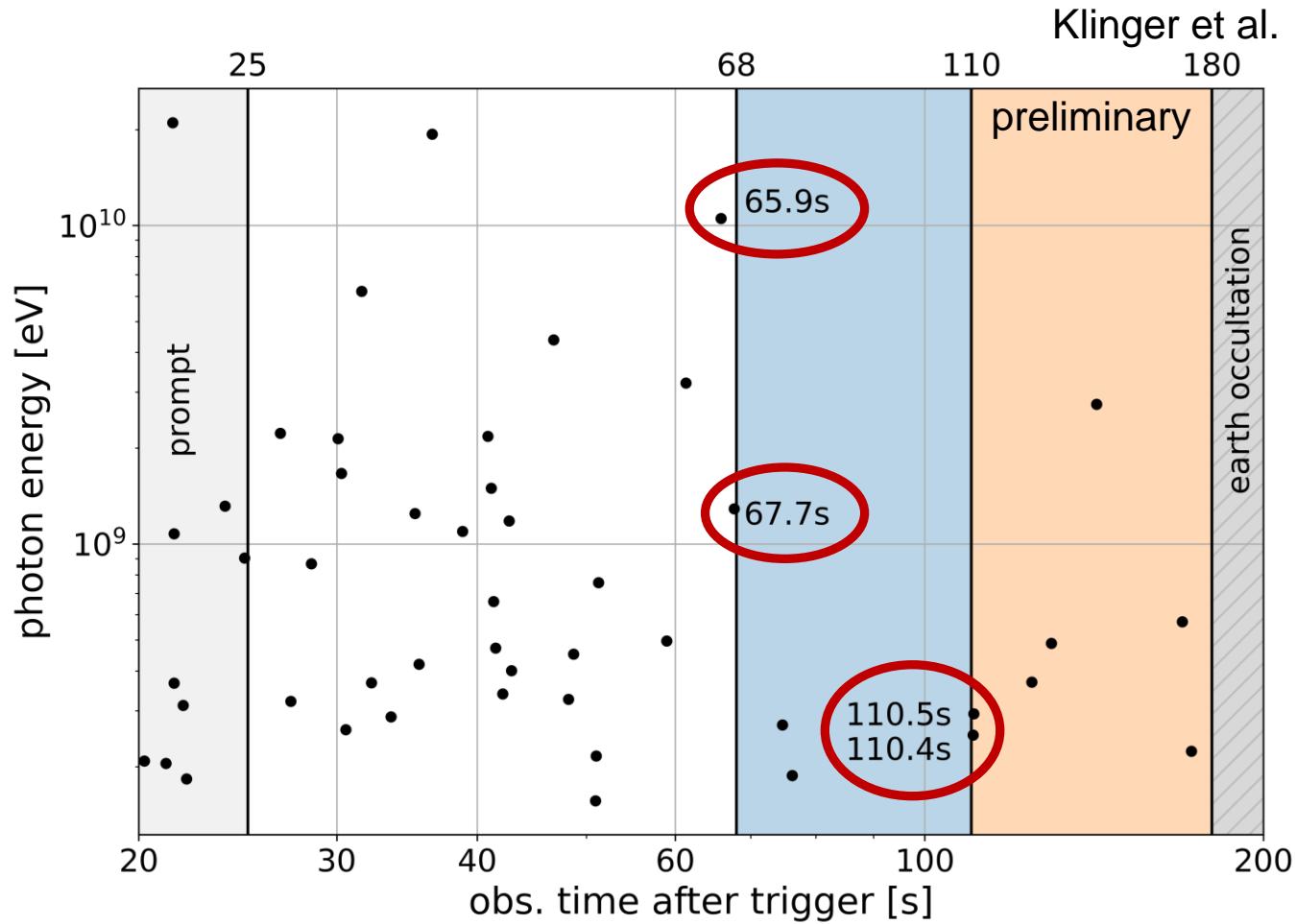
- predicts no dip
- syn. burn off limit requires 2 field strengths, is this plausible?

see also GRB 190829A

→ LAT data crucial to distinguish! Are statistics good enough?

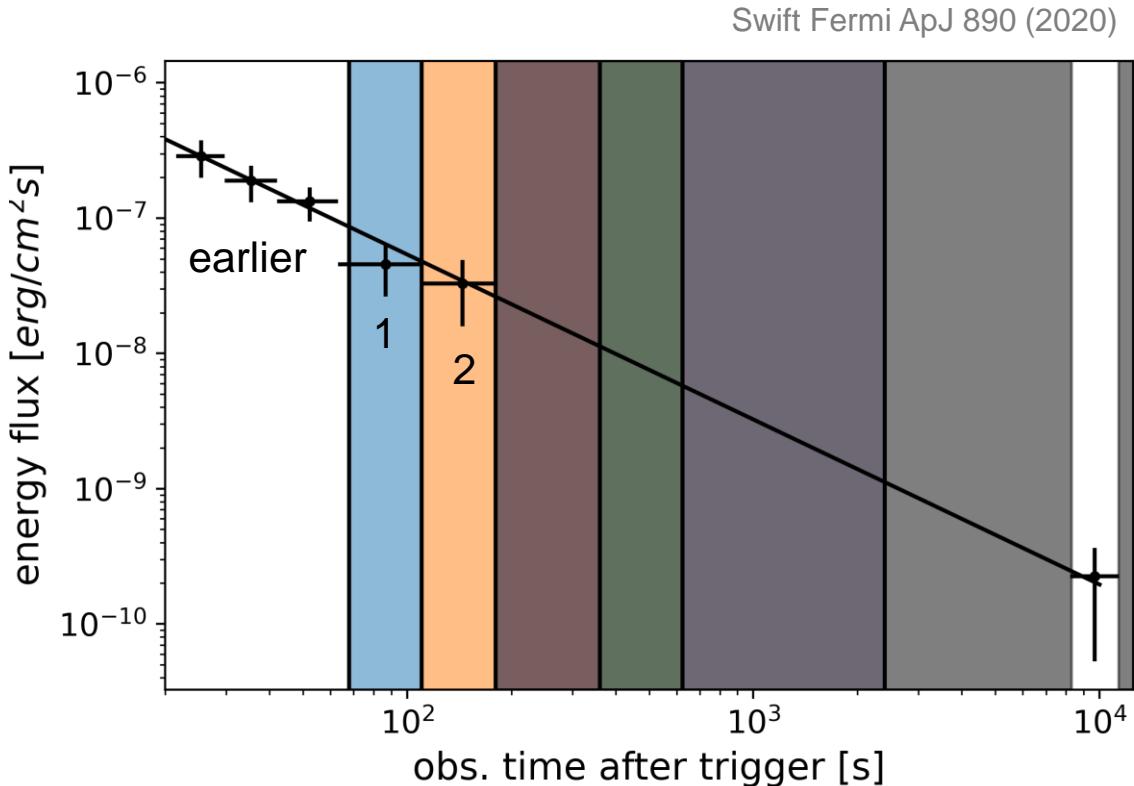


# LAT photons – peculiar binning?



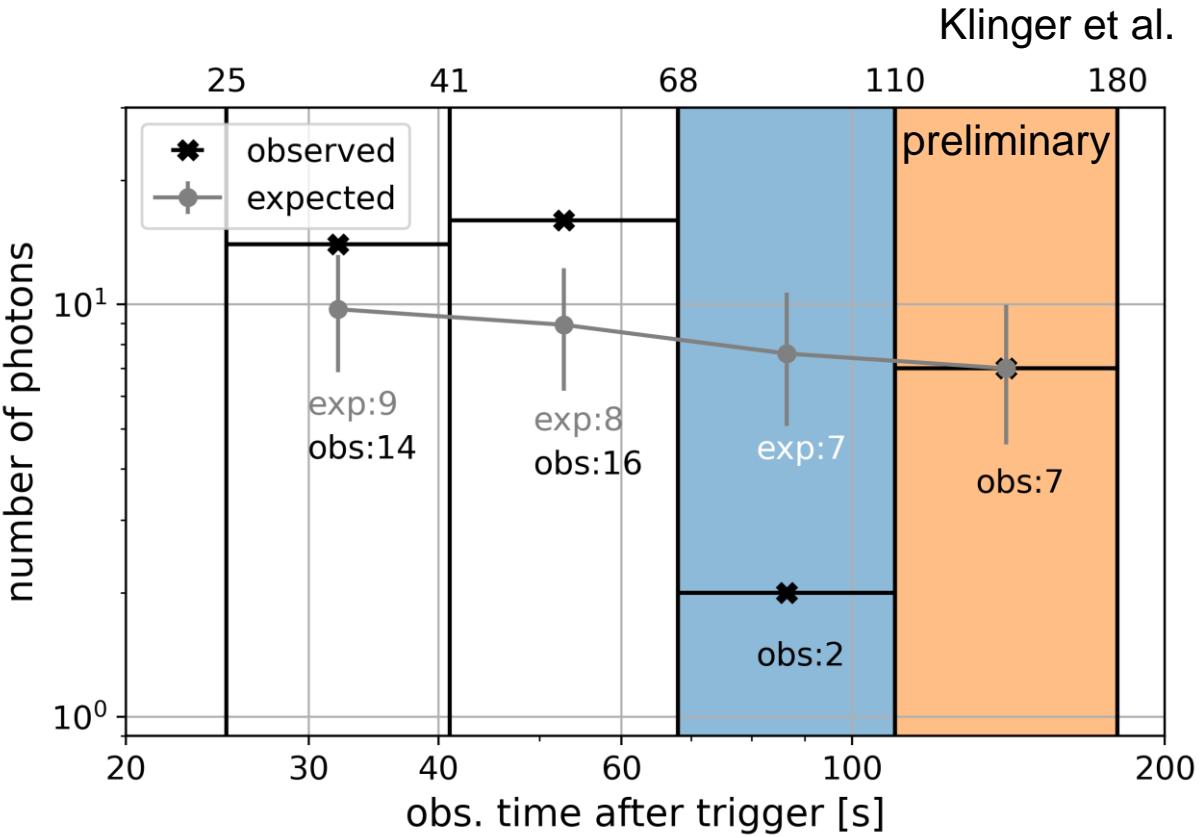
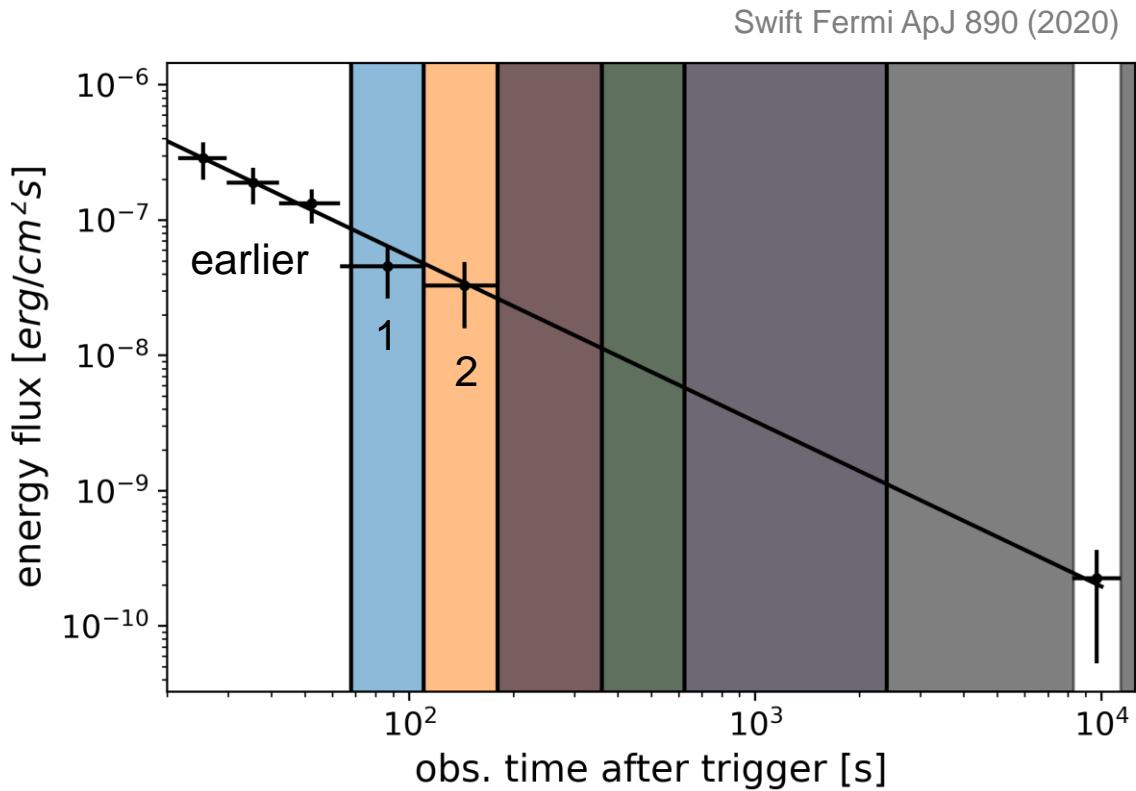
→ unlucky temporal binning?

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→ underfluctuation !

# Conclusions

- 2 types of solutions
  - LAT data crucial to distinguish
  - statistics will decide
- large underfluctuation of LAT data in first time bin of MAGIC analysis

Thank you for your attention!

