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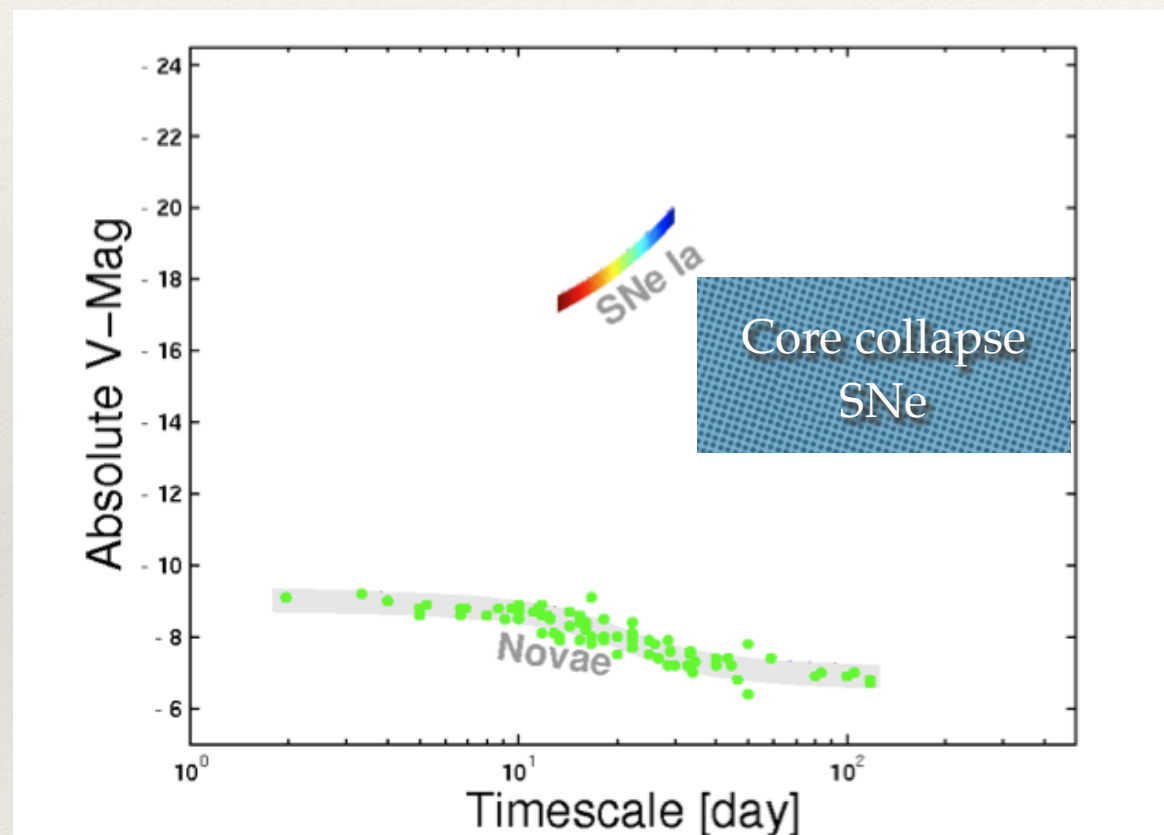
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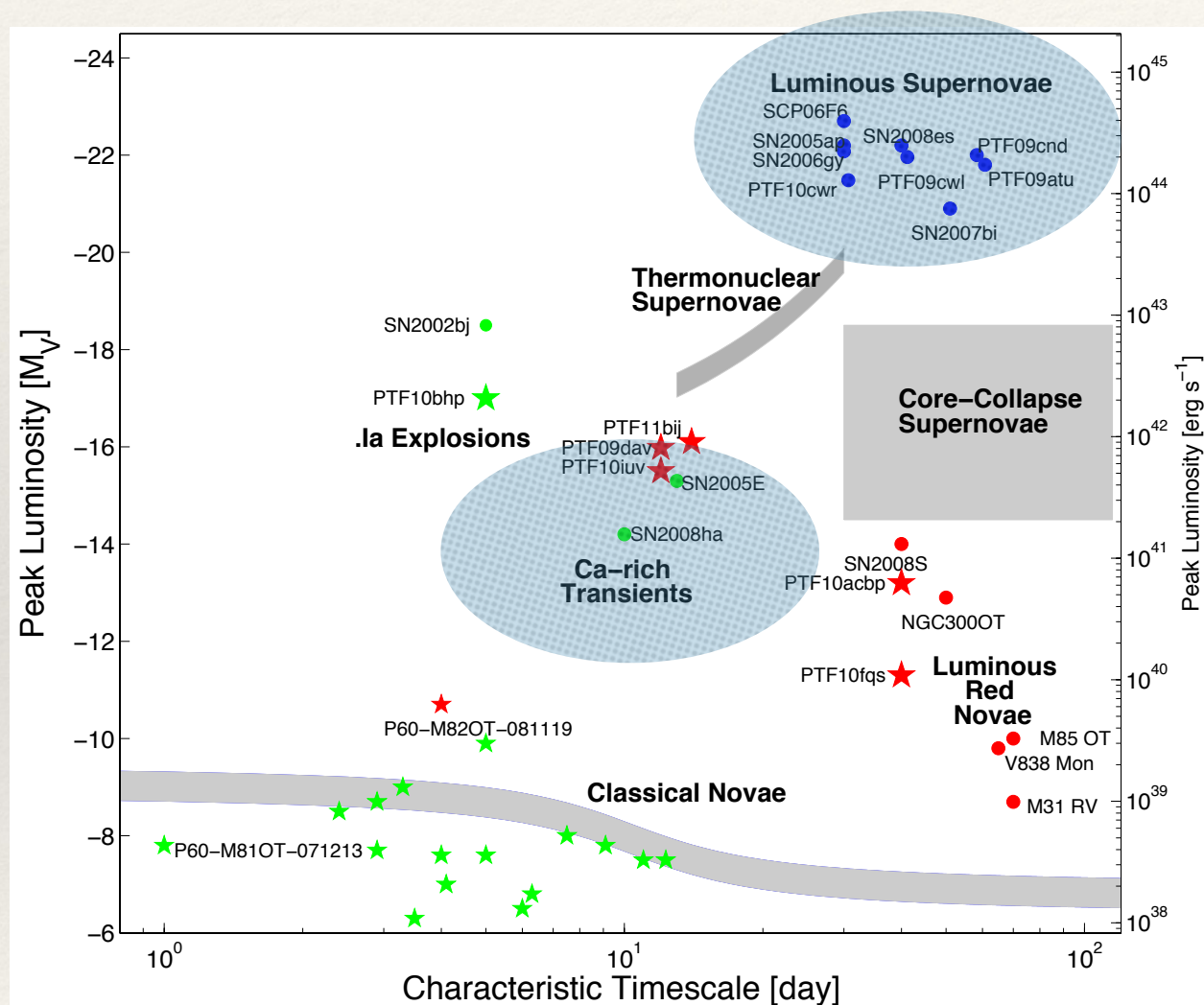


The beginning

Transient astronomy at the
Zwicky's time
(~1930)

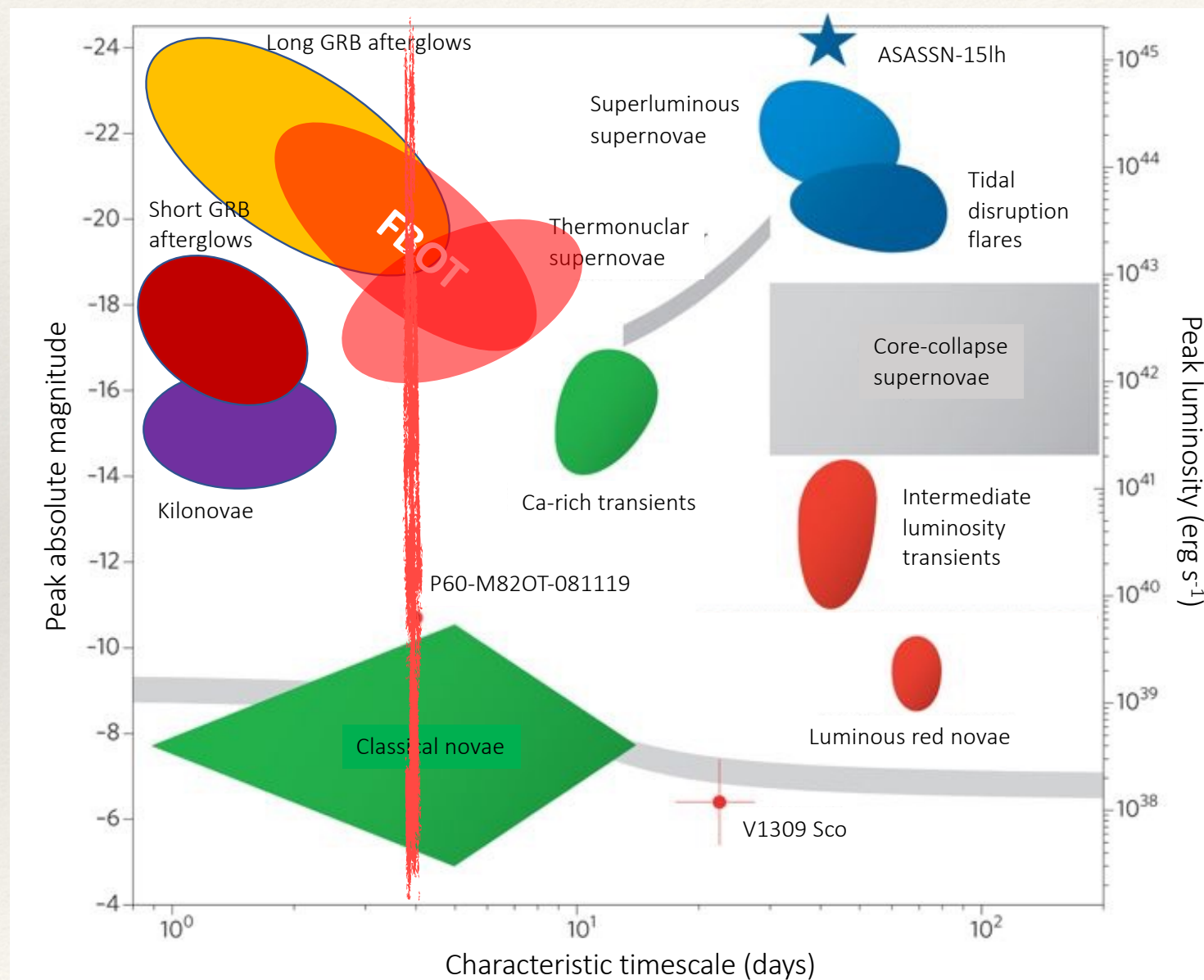


First time-domain optical surveys



Catalina
QUEST
PTF
Skymapper
Pan-STARRS

Nowadays



Wide-angle,
high-cadence surveys

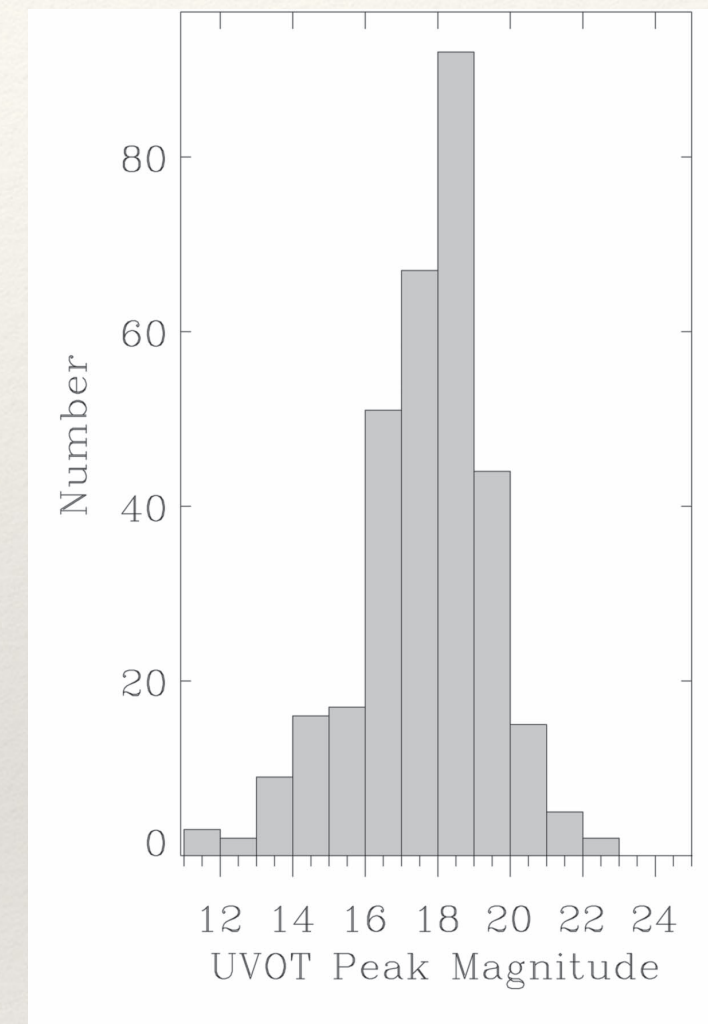
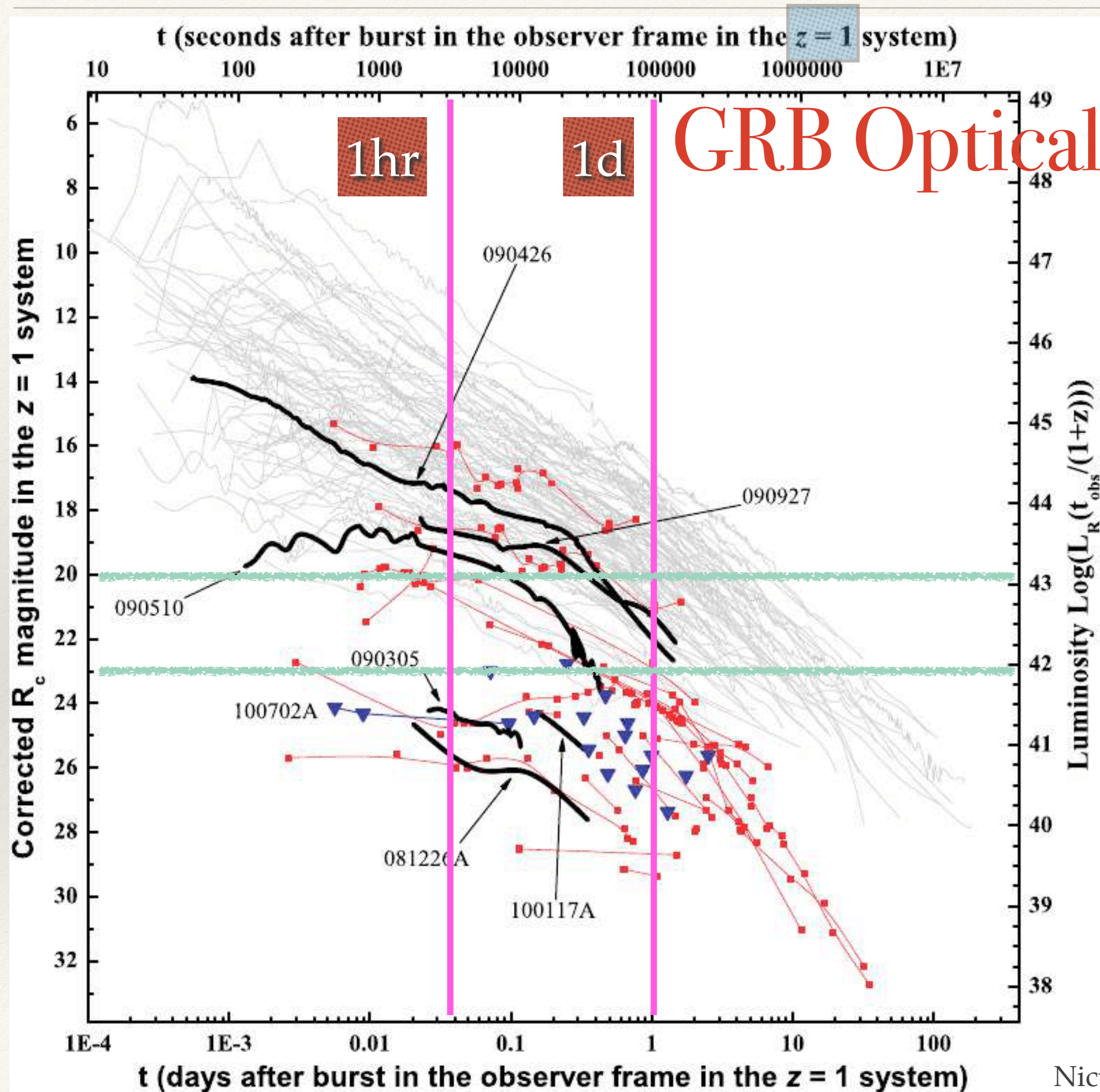
ZTF
ATLAS
ASASN-SN

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ULTRASAT
Rubin/LSST

The case for fast-evolving transients

- ❖ Long-duration GRBs (collapse of massive stars, with a jet pointing toward us) & Shock breakout
- ❖ Short-duration GRBs (merger of NS-NS binary systems - or NS-BH- with a jet pointing toward us)
- ❖ GW-kilonovae (merger of NS-NS binary systems -or NS-BH- signalled by GW emission)
- ❖ FBOT (fast blue optical transients)



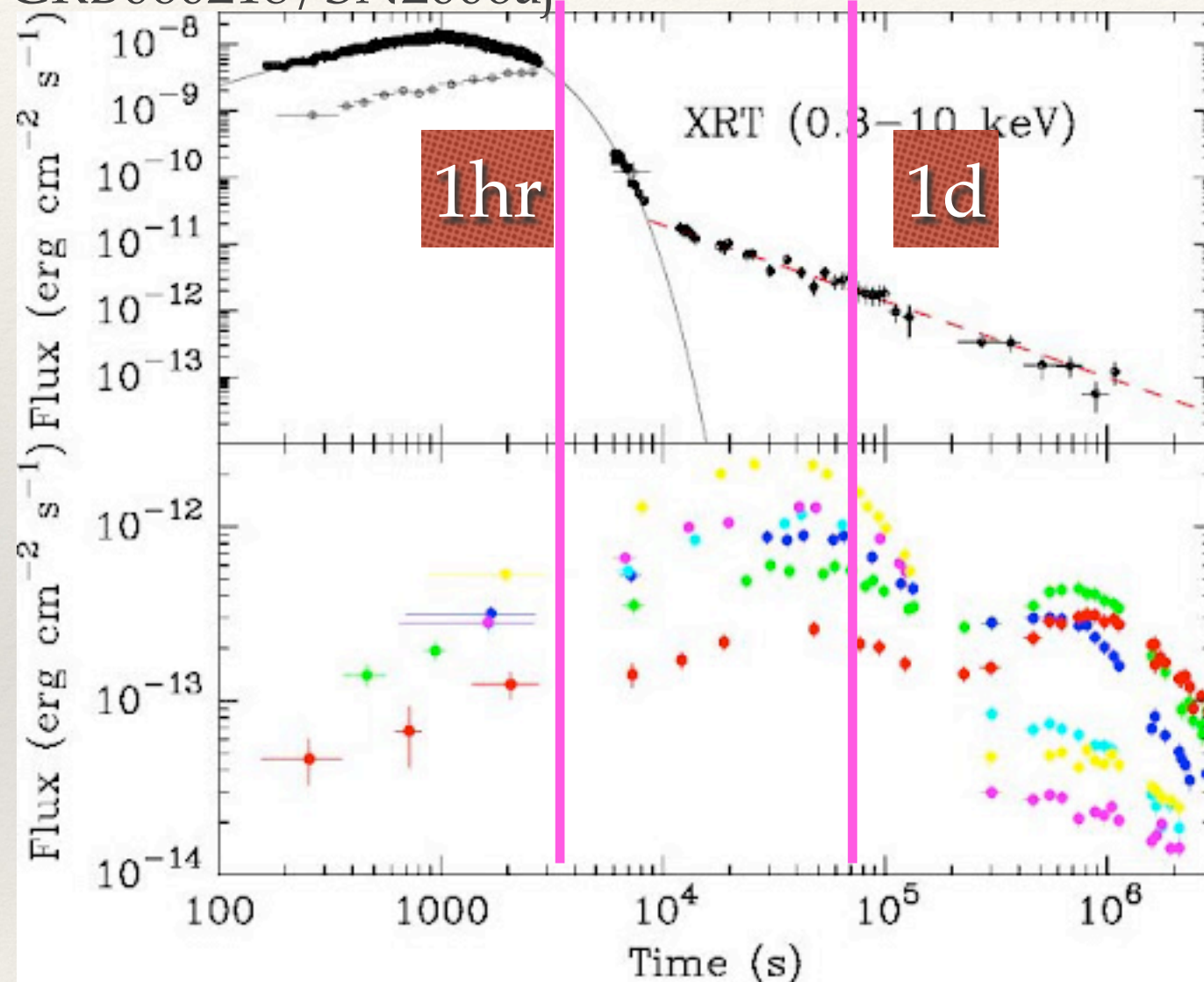
Roming et al. 2019

Kann et al. 2010

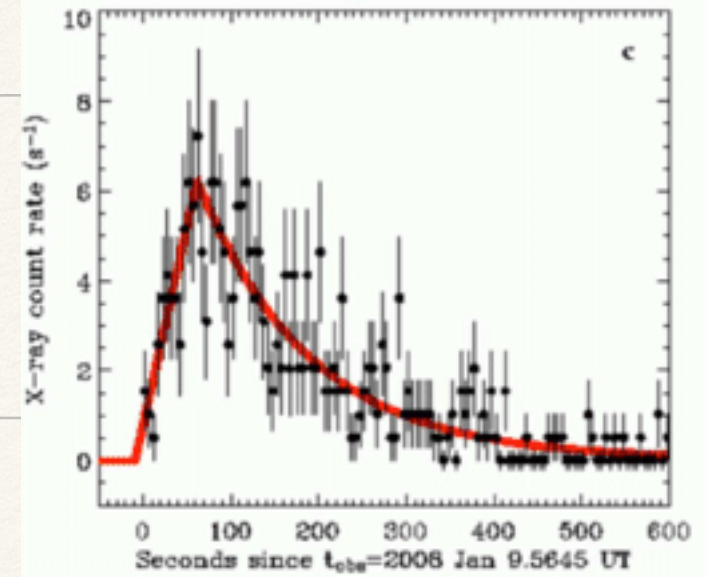
Nicuesa Guelbenzu et al. 2012

Shock BreakOut

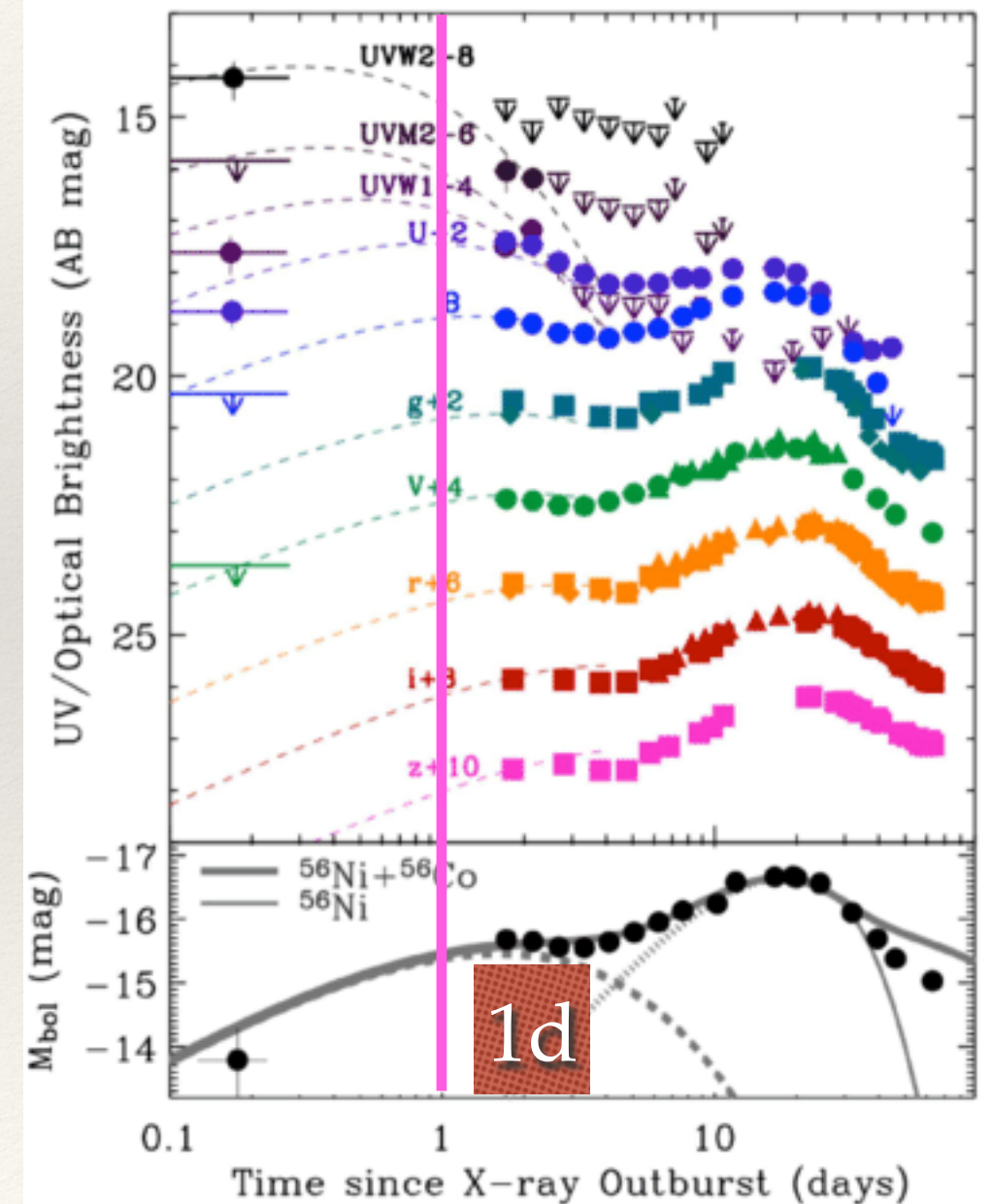
GRB060218 / SN2006aj



Campana et al. 2006

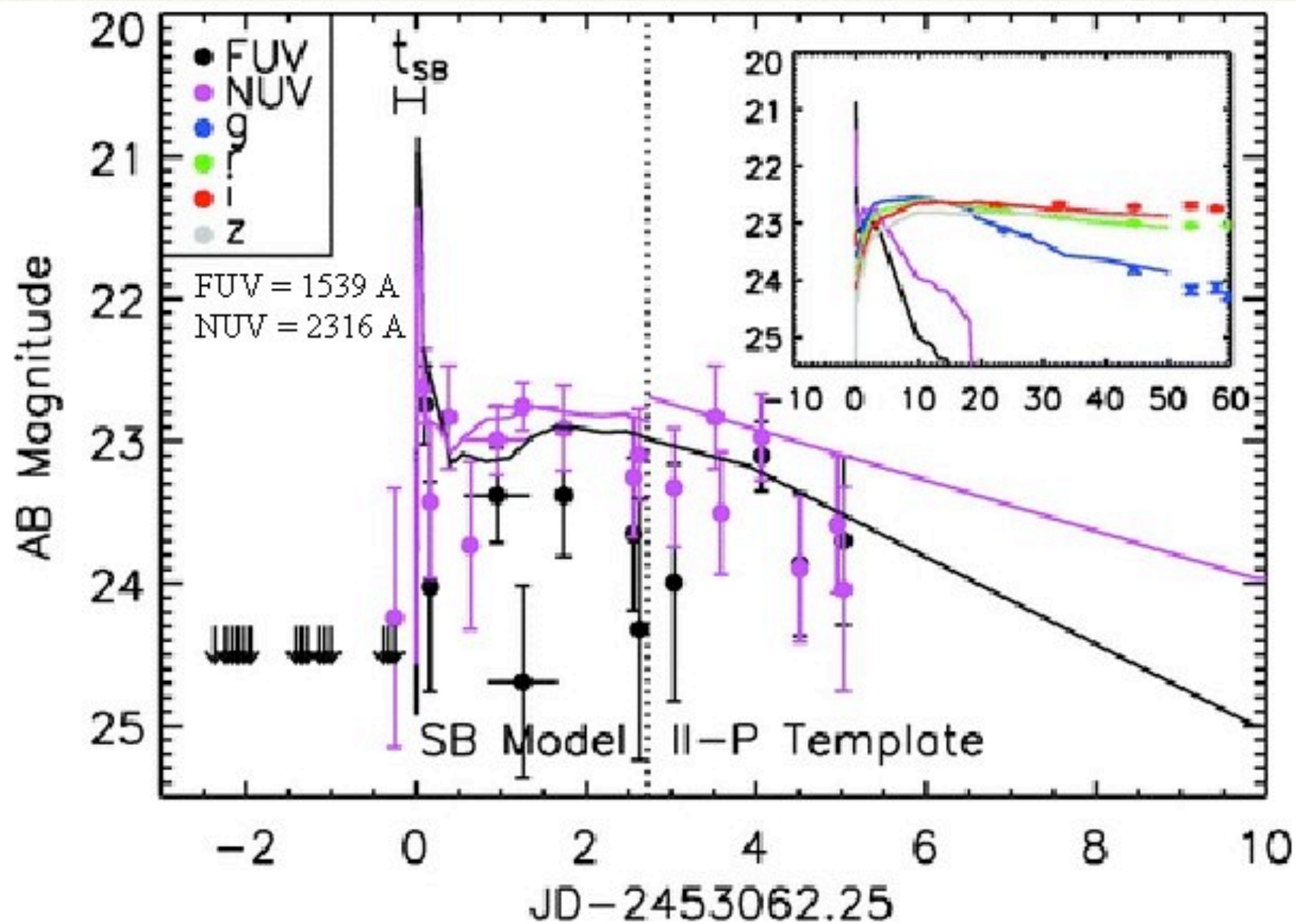


XRF080109 / SN2008D



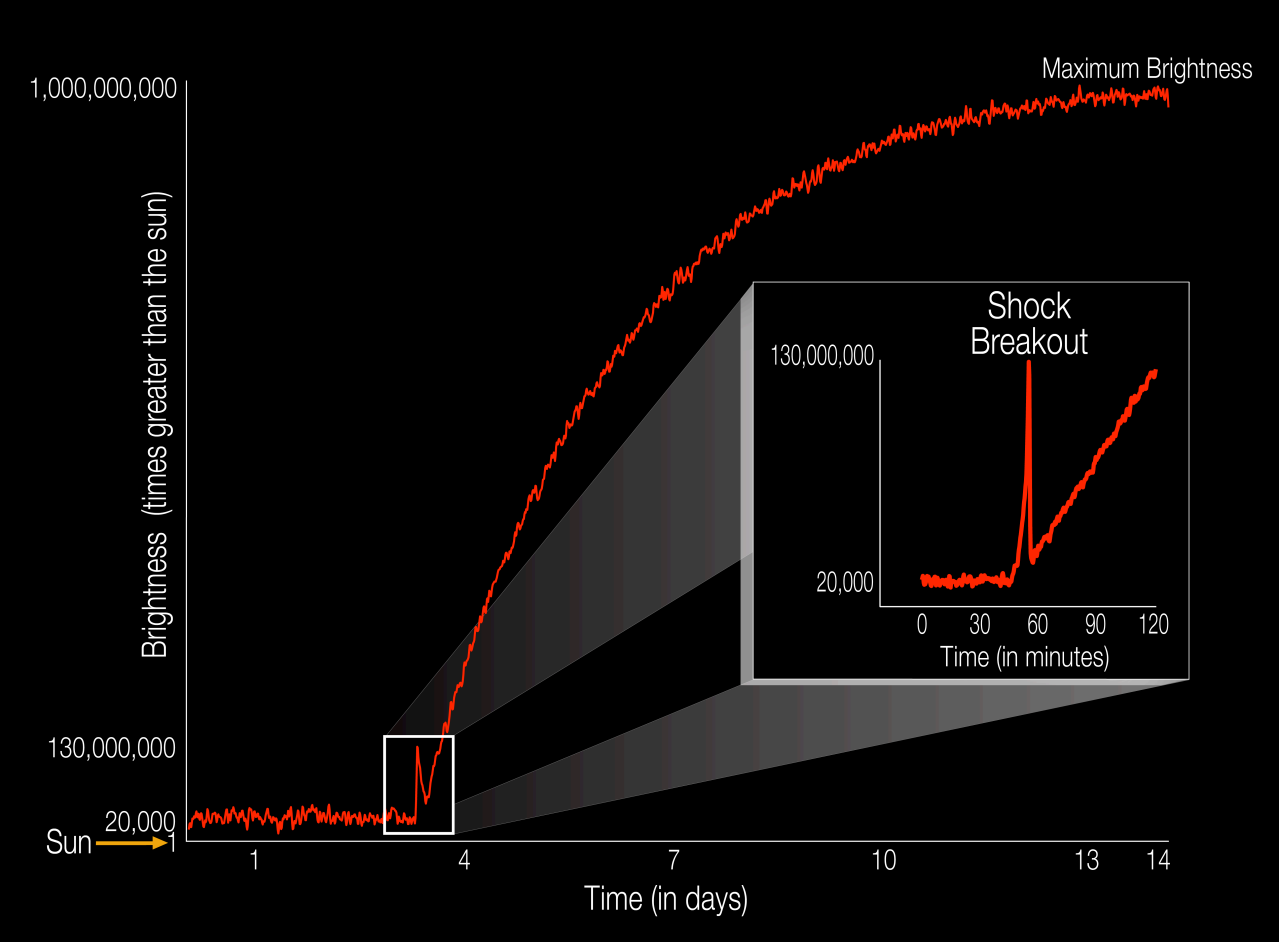
Soderberg et al. 2008

SBO cooling tails in UV



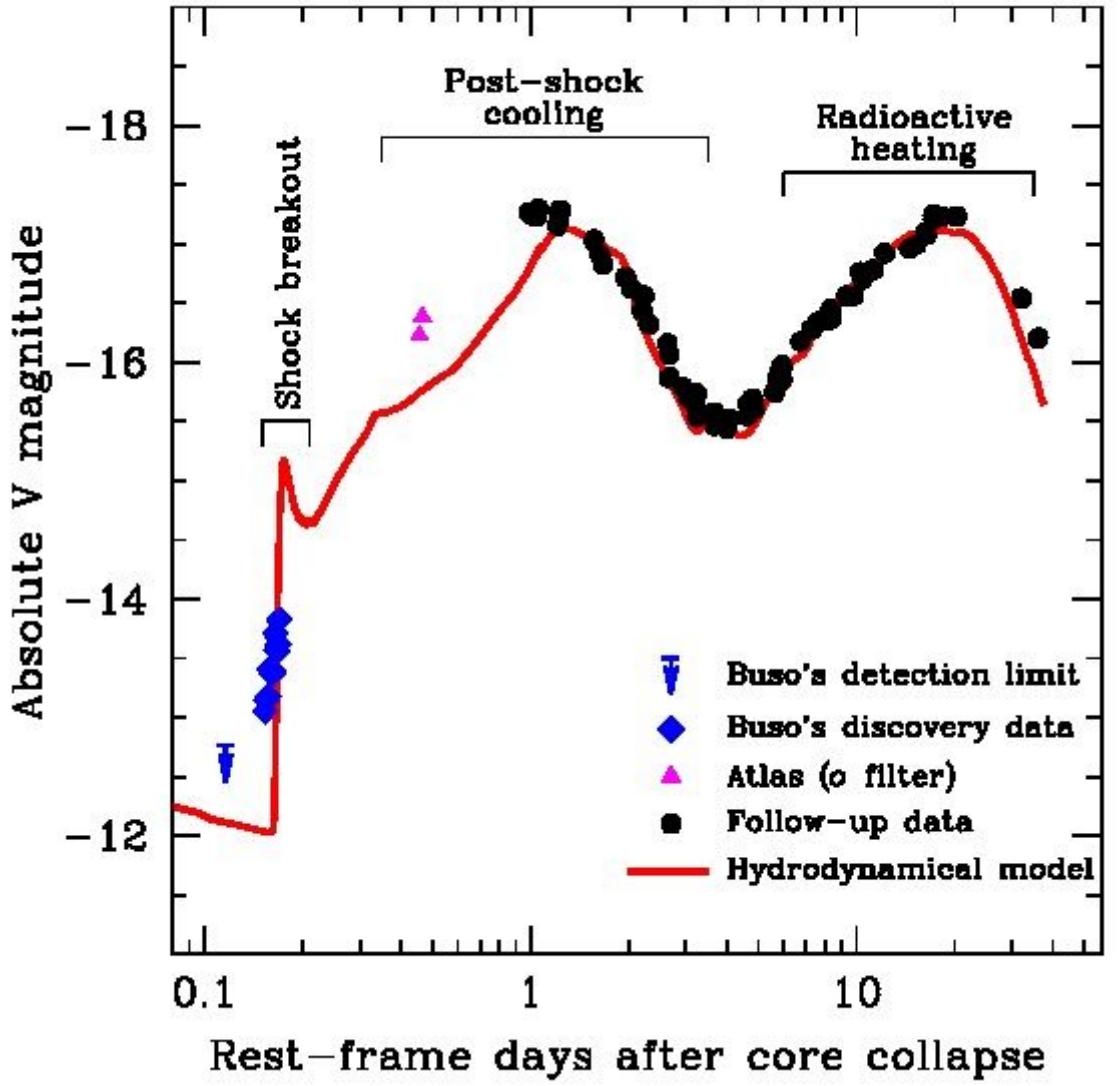
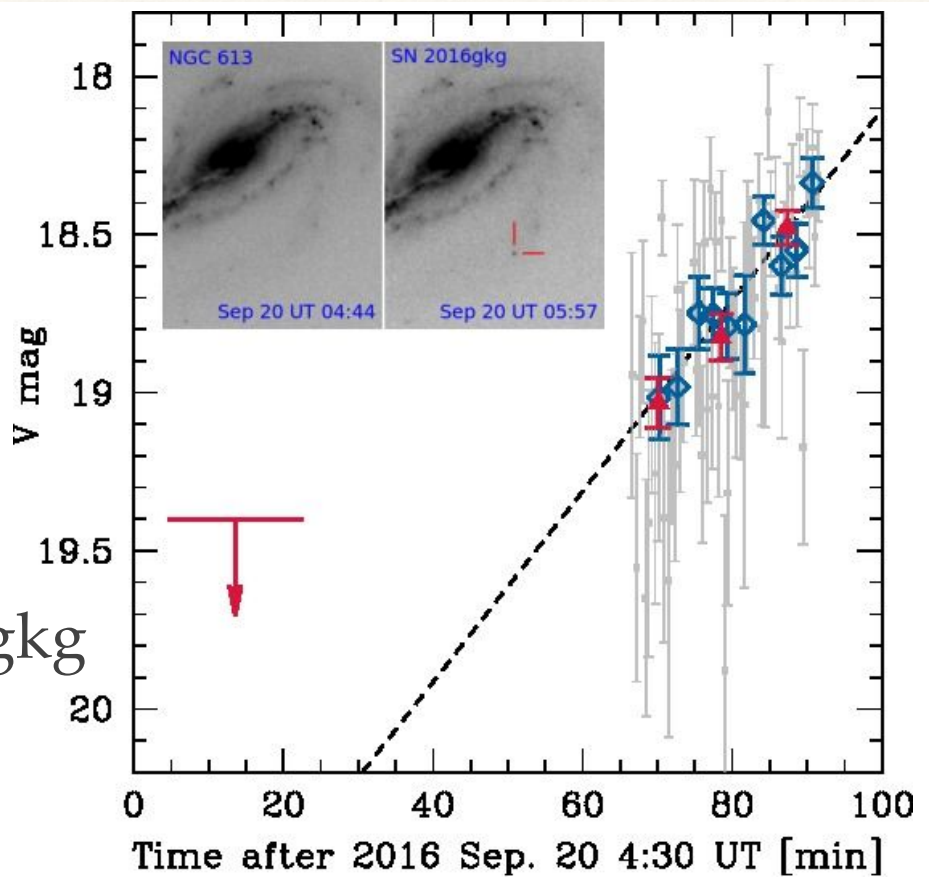
More recent SBOs

KSN2011d



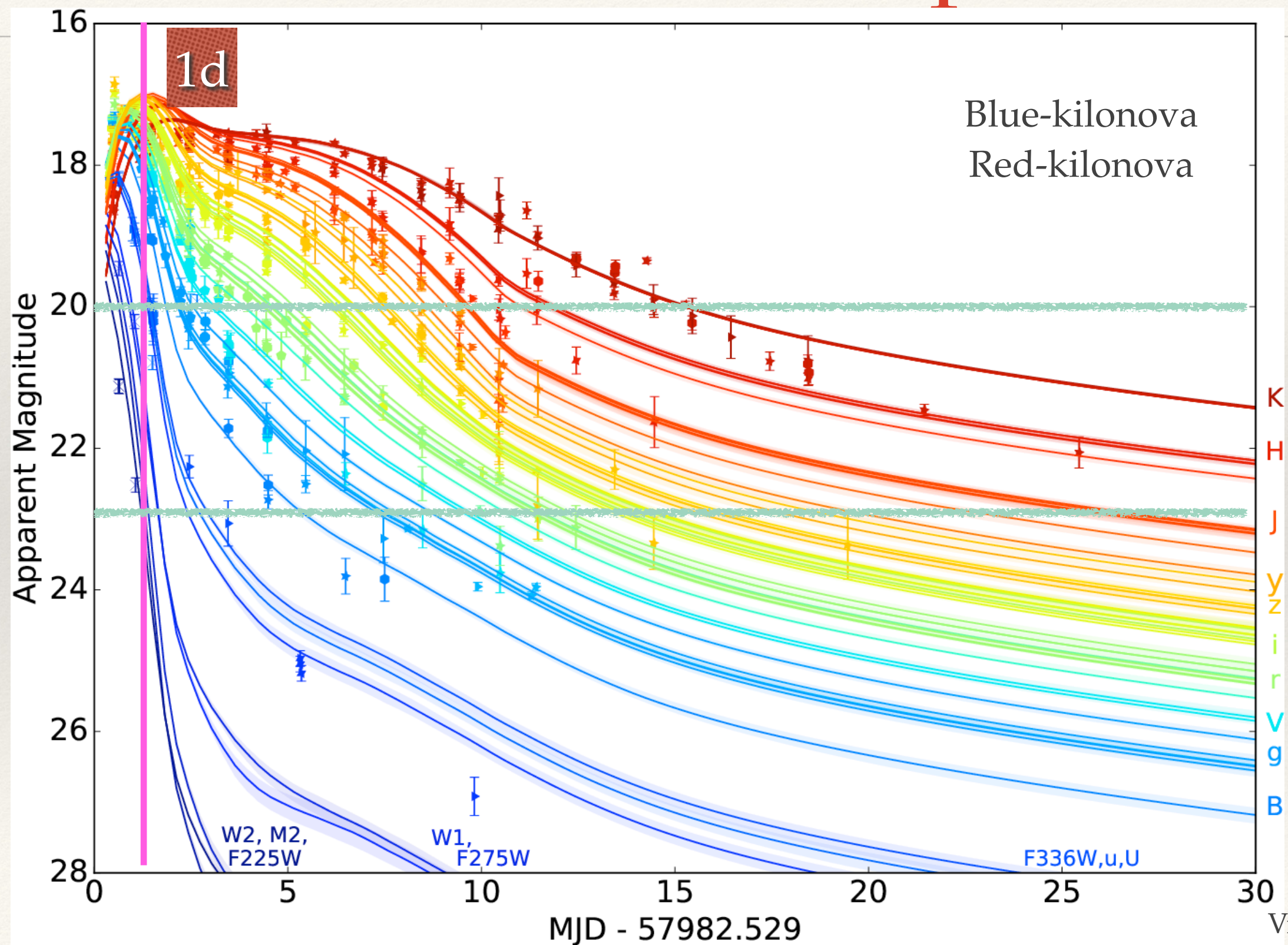
Garnavitch et al. 2011

SN2016gkg

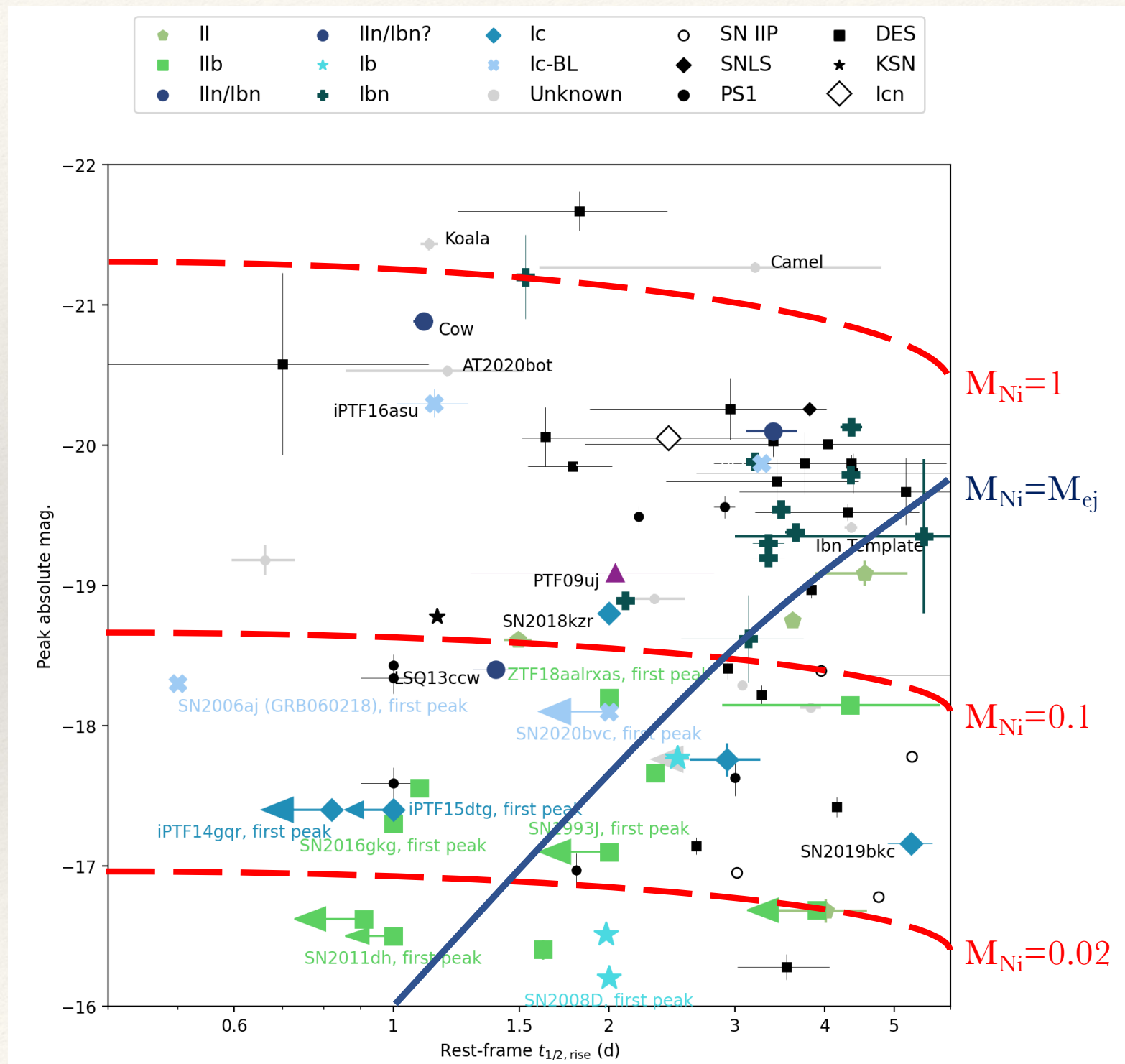


Bersten et al. 2018

GW170817: UV-optical-nIR



Fast Blue Optical Transients



Ho et al. 2021 (adapted)

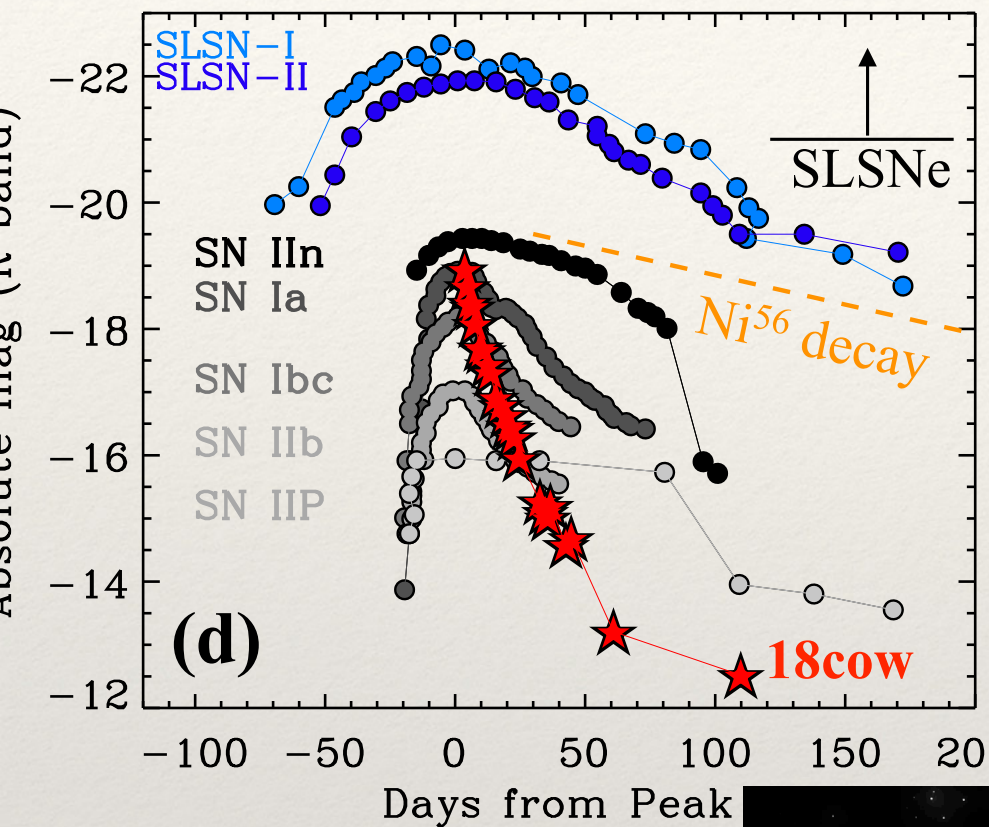
FBOT

What are they?

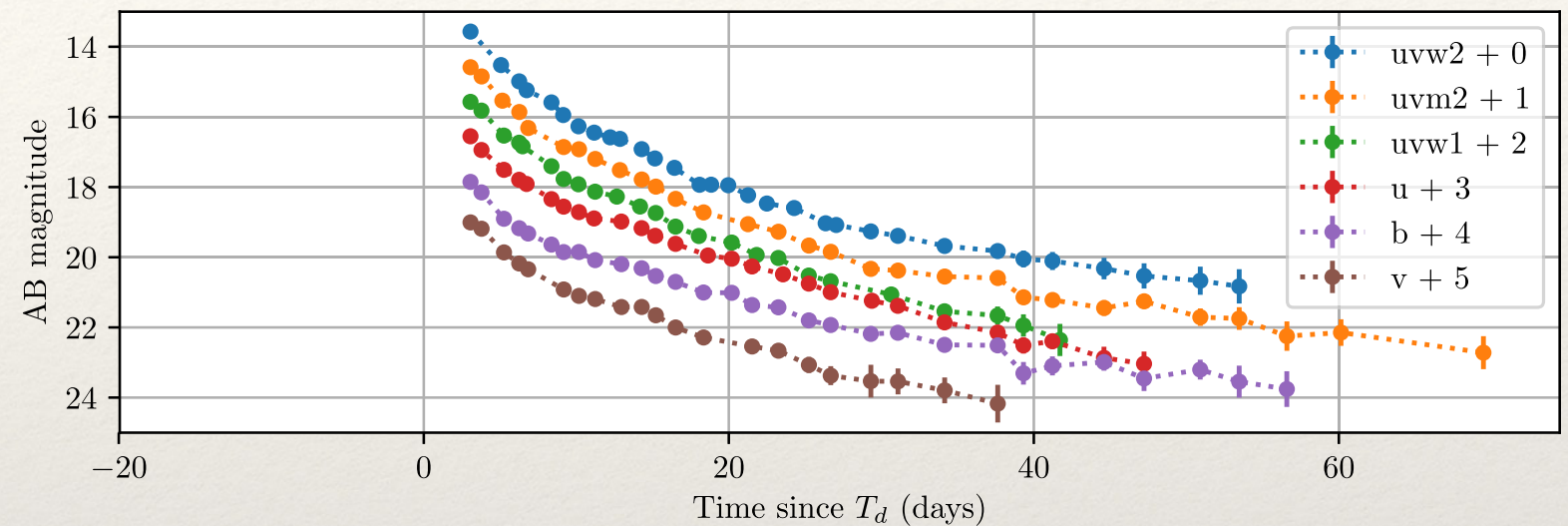
- SNe (or failed SNe) of massive stripped stars
(e.g. Drout+ 2013, Tauris+ 2013, 2015, Kleiser & Kasen 2014, Kazumi & Quataert 2015, Suwa+ 2015...)
- Breakout of a SN shock from a dense wind or extended progenitor
(e.g. Ofek+ 2010, Drout+ 2014, Pastorello+ 2015, Shivvers+ 2016, Arcavi+ 2017, Tanaka+ 2016, Rest+ 2018)
- Cooling envelope emission from radially extended red supergiants
(e.g. Drout+ 2014, Tanaka+ 2016)
- Prolonged energy injection from:
 - Millisecond magnetar (e.g. Gao+ 2013, Yu+ 2013, Metzger & Piro 2014, Hotokezaka+ 2017)
 - Accreting neutron star (e.g. Margalit & Metzger 2016)
 - Accreting black hole (e.g. Kashiyaama & Quataert 2015, Strubbe & Quataert 2009, Cenko+ 2012)
- Detonation of a helium shell on a white dwarf (e.g. Shen+ 2010, Perets+ 2010)
- Shockwave afterglows from GRBs (Cenko+ 2013, 2015, Stalder+ 2017; Bhalerao+ 2017)

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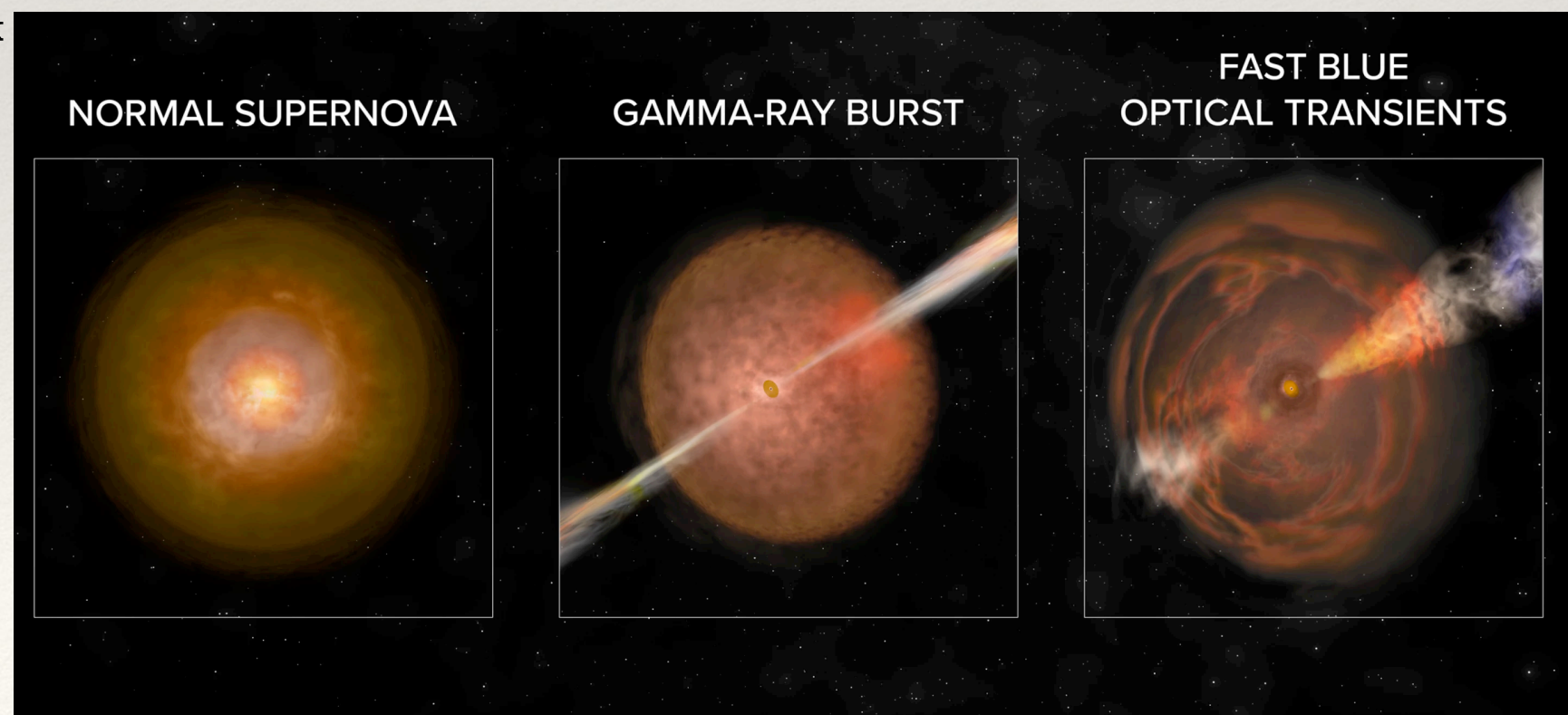
The Cow at optical wavelengths



Margutti et al. 2019



Kuin et al. 2019

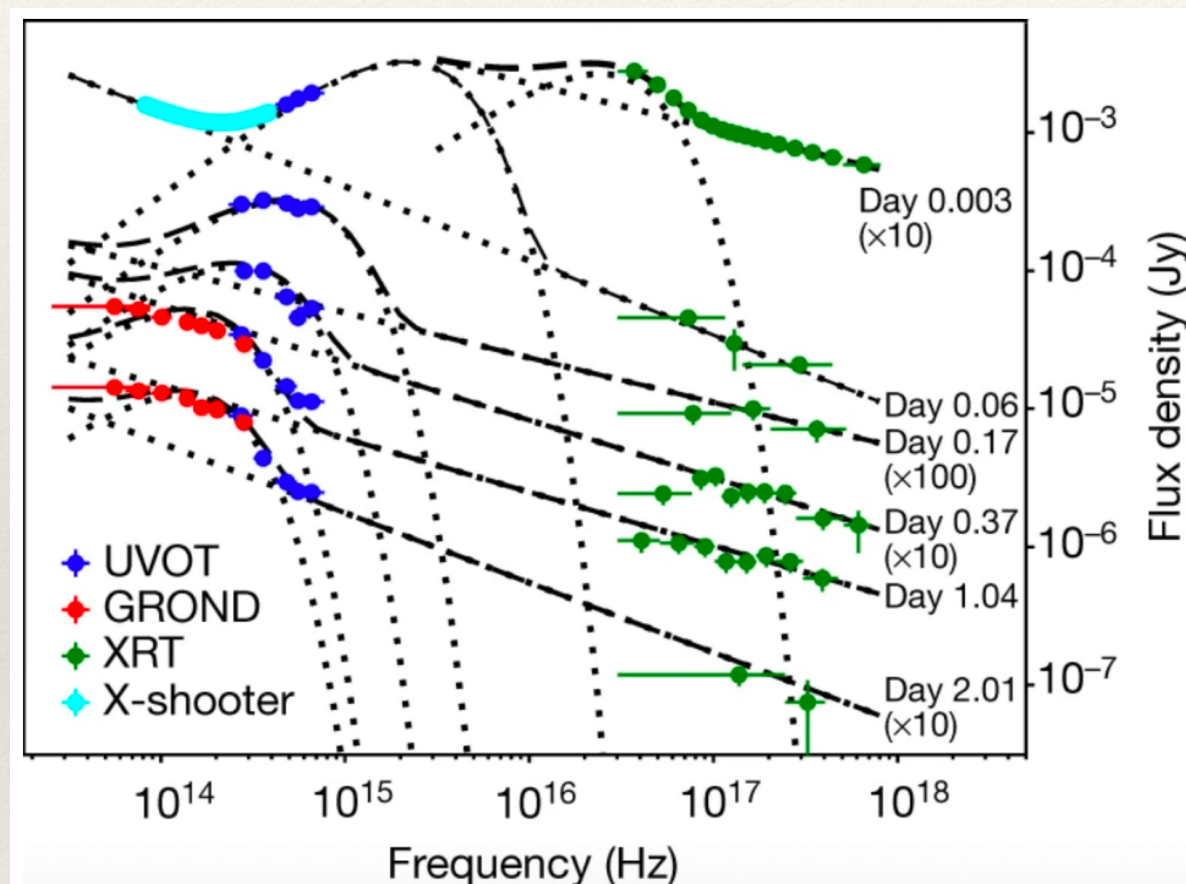


Coppejans et al. 2021

...and finally the spectra

Long GRBs

normally just a few absorption lines from the ISM and sometimes emission lines from the host

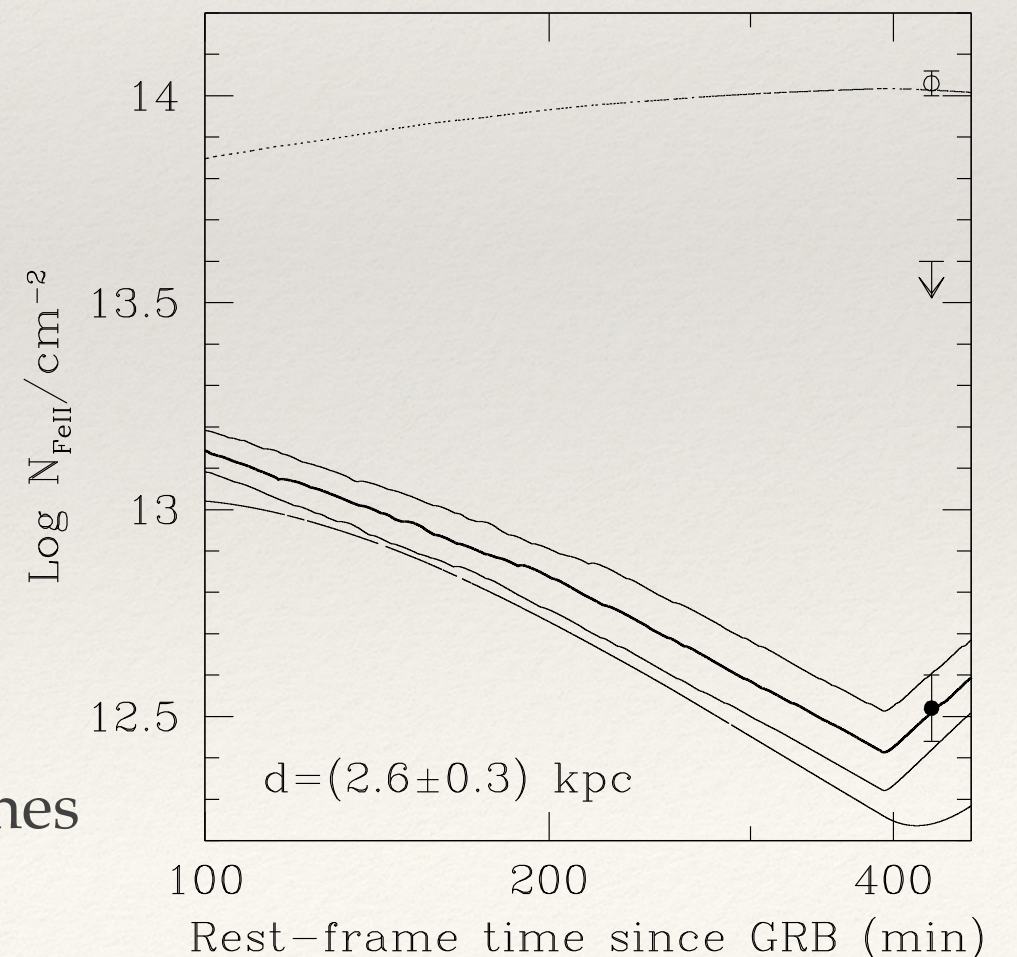
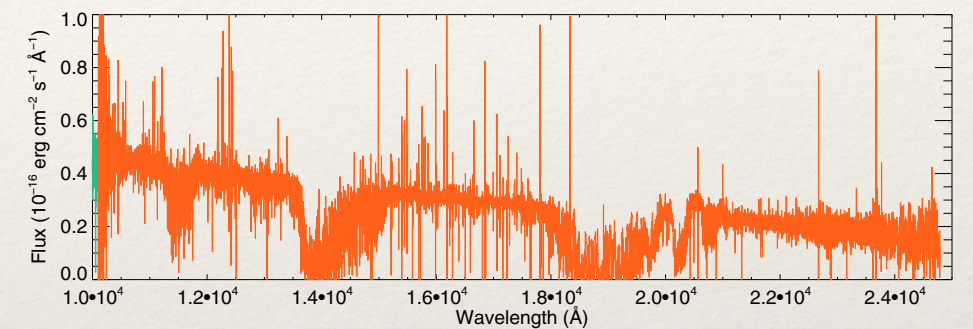
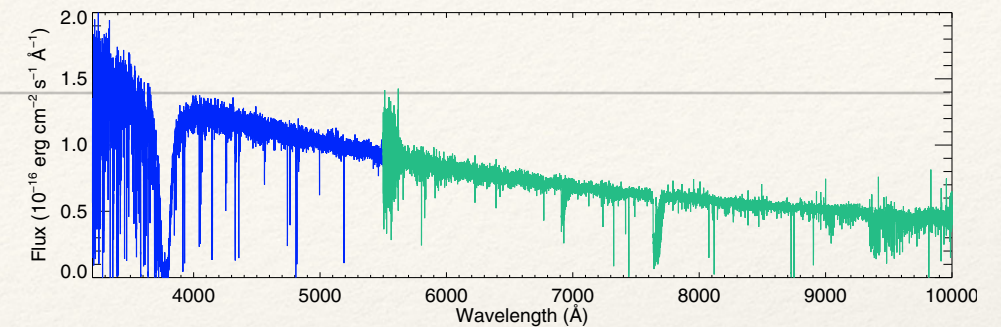


Early observations found evidence for a cocoon in a closely GRB-SN

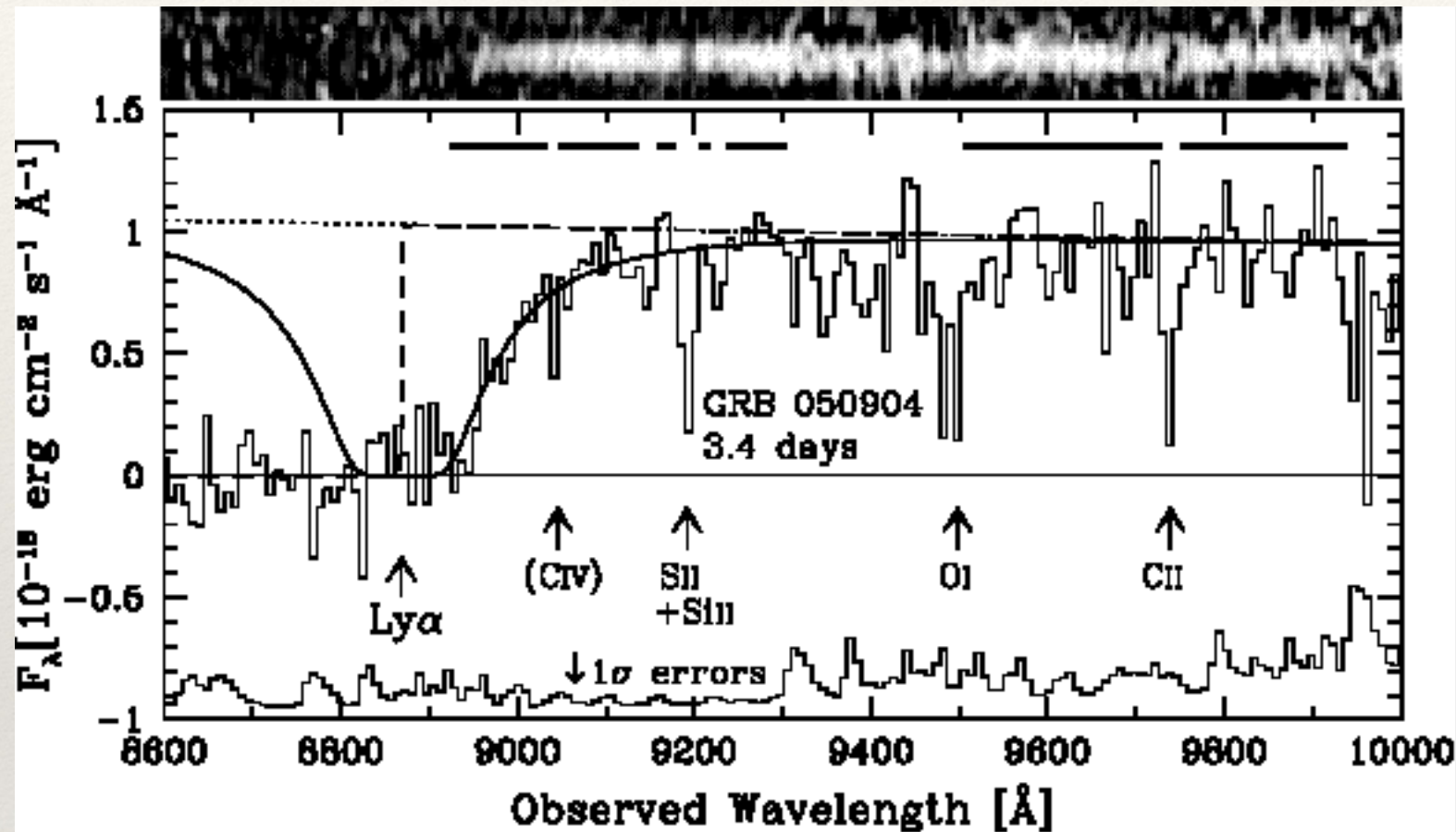
Izzo et al. 2019

Fine structures lines

D'Elia et al. 2010

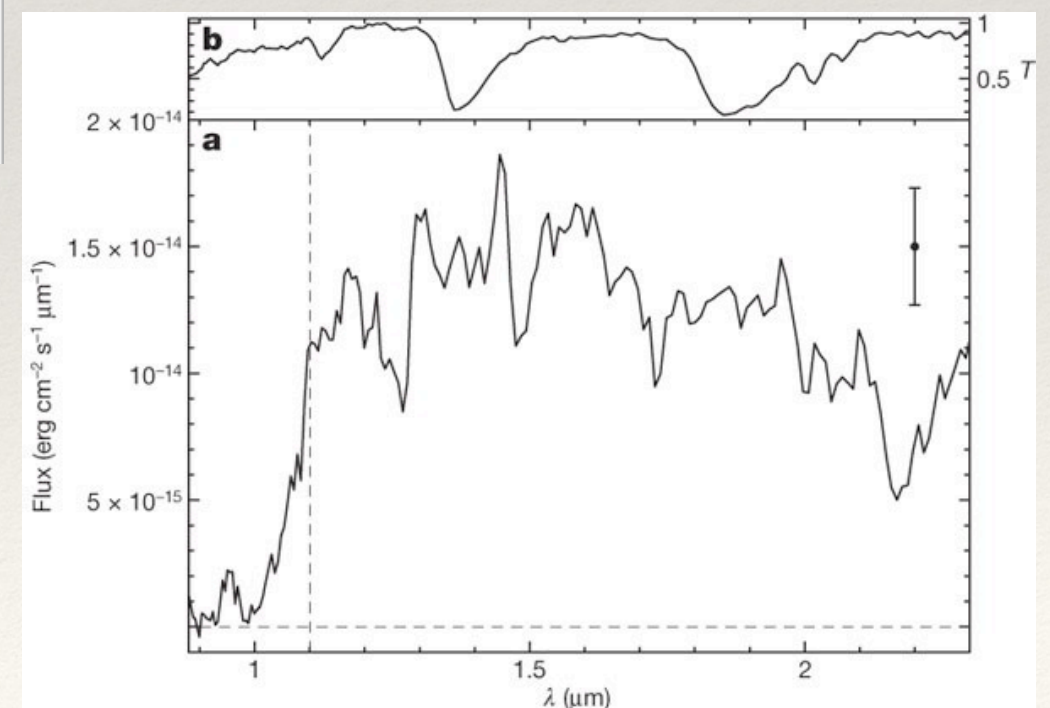


and if you are lucky .. high-z GRB



Totani et al. 2006 GRB050904 @ Subaru $z=6.3$

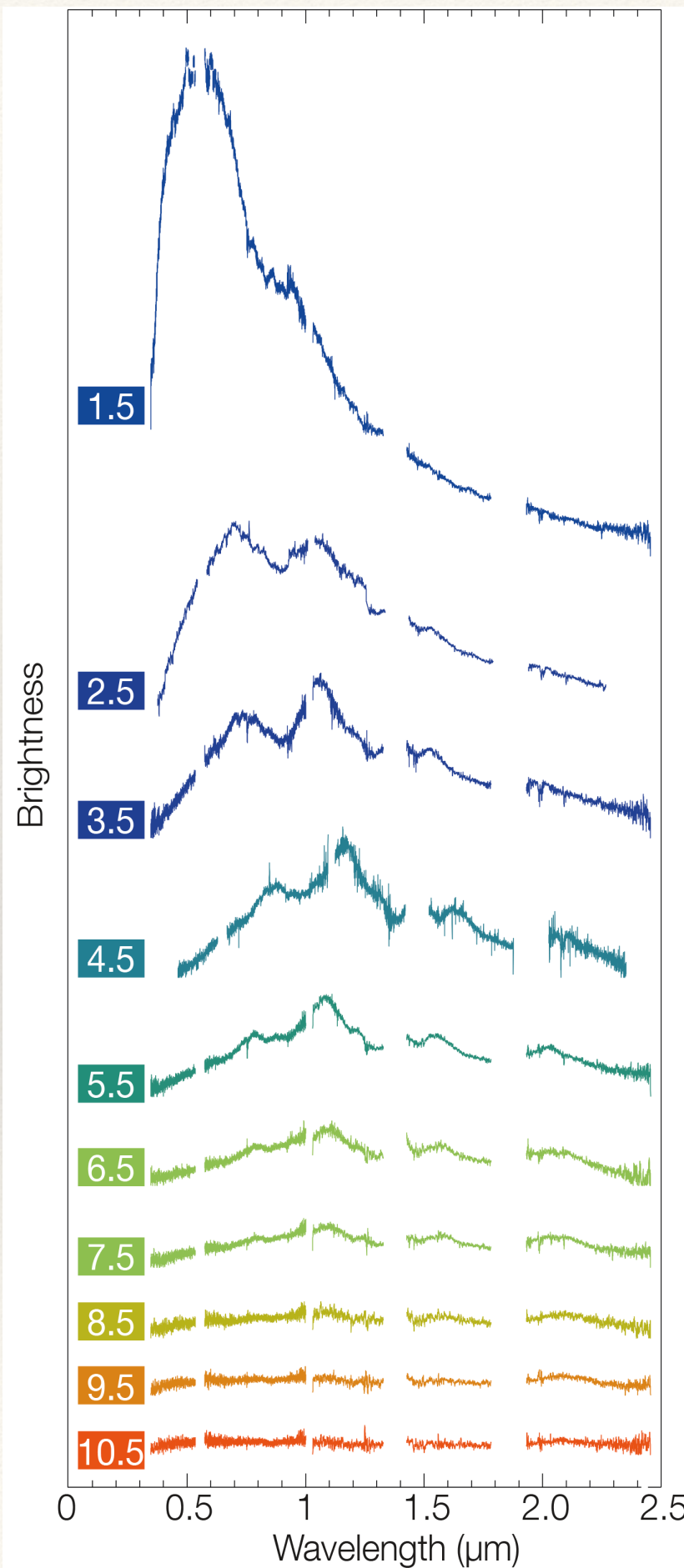
GRB090423 @ TNG $z=8.2$



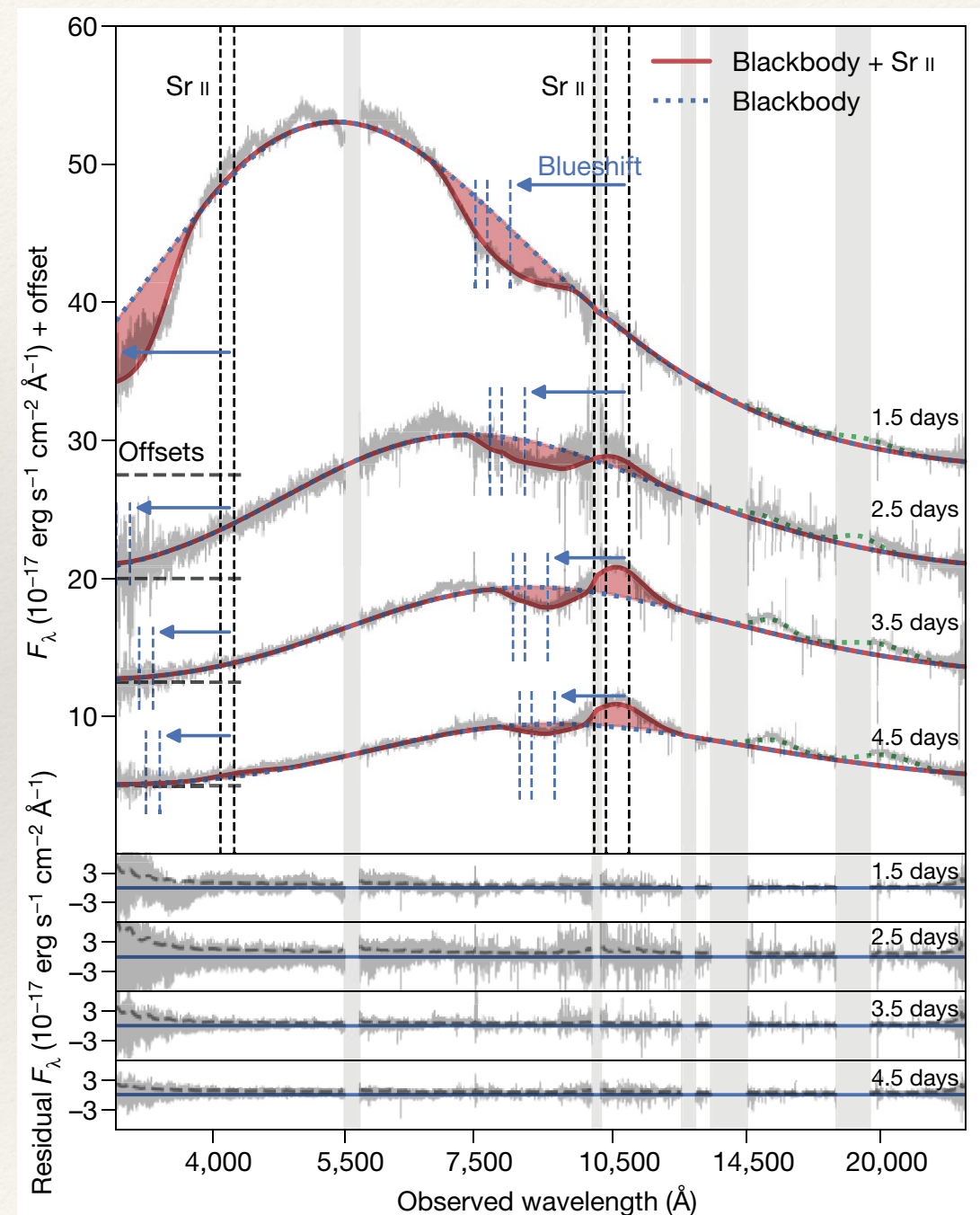
Salvaterra et al. 2009

Short GRB & SBO

GW spectra

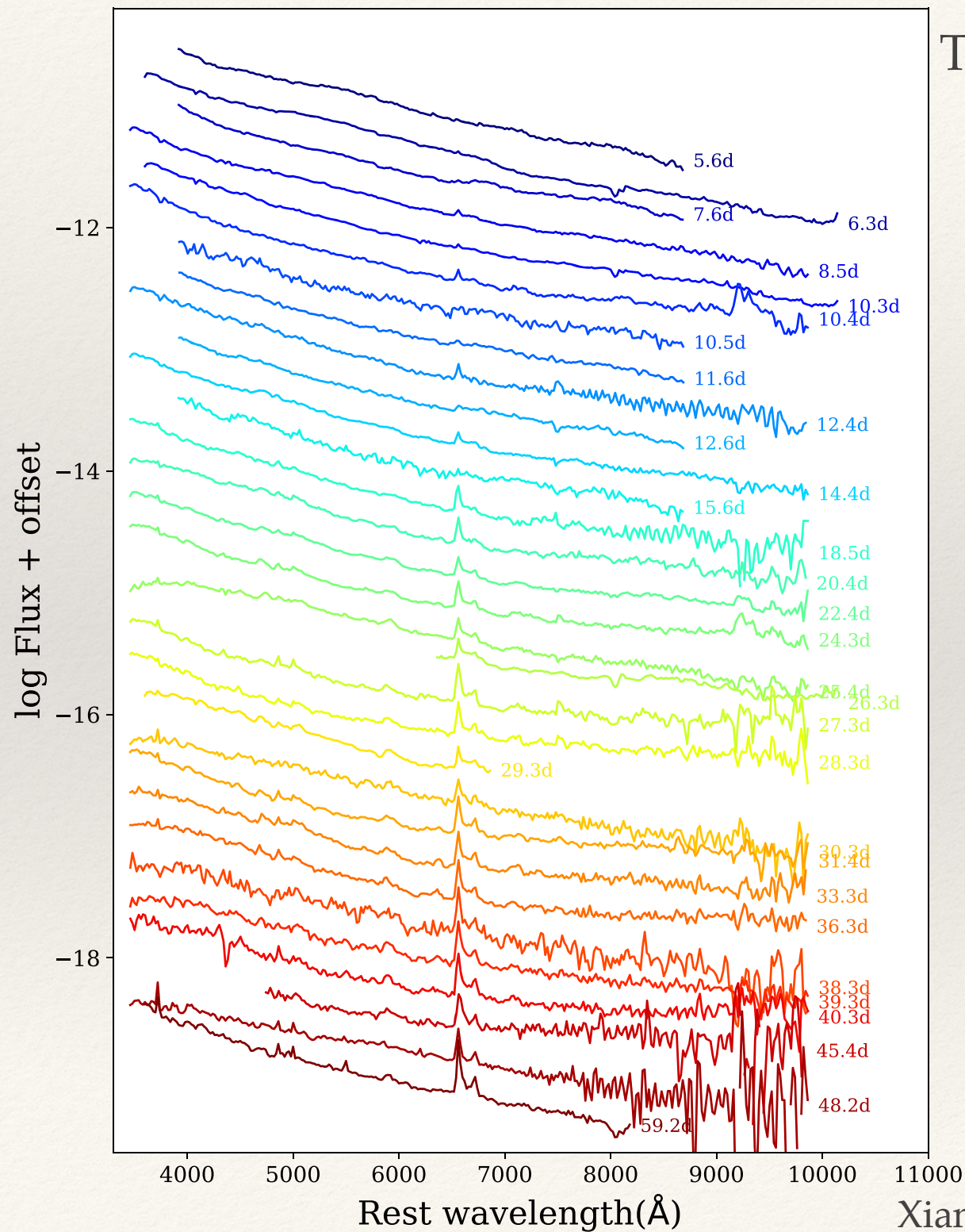


Pian, D'Avanzo et al. 2017
Smartt et al. 2017



Watson et al. 2019

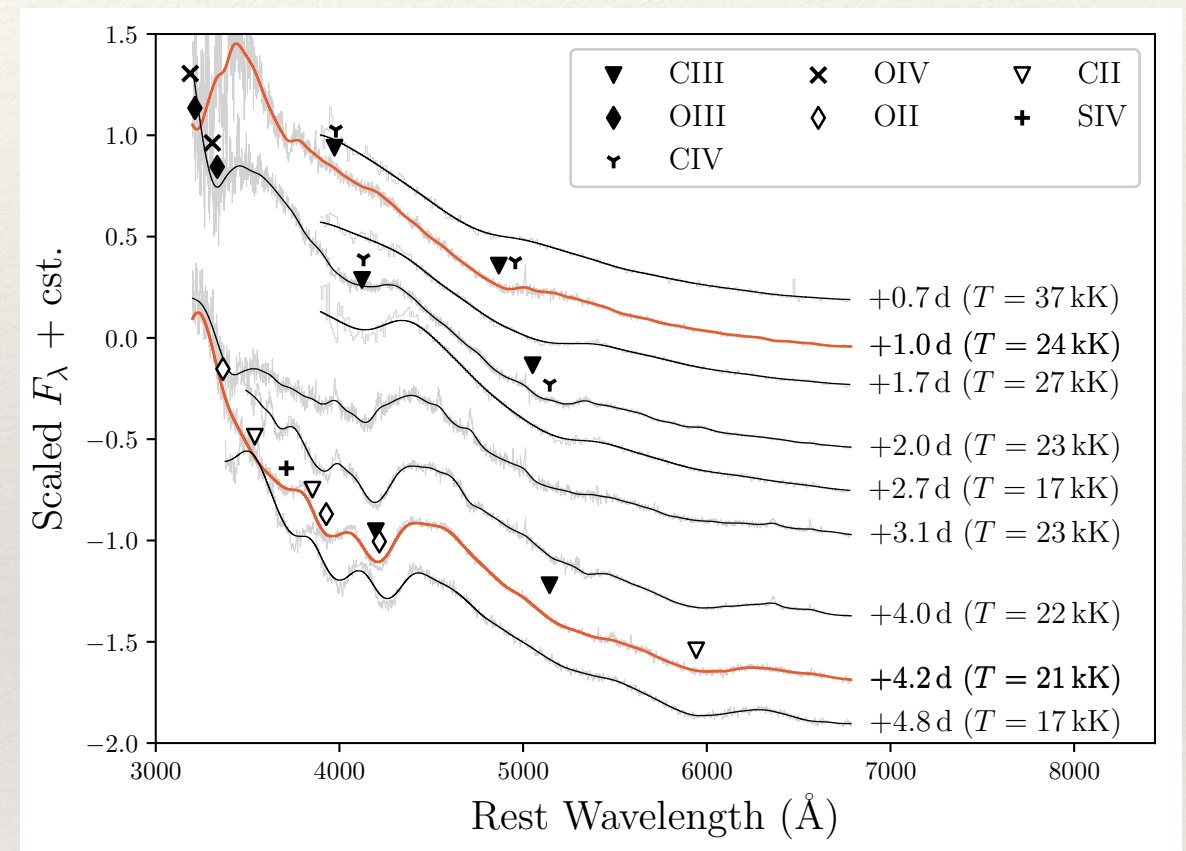
FBOT spectra



The cow

Xiang et al. 2021

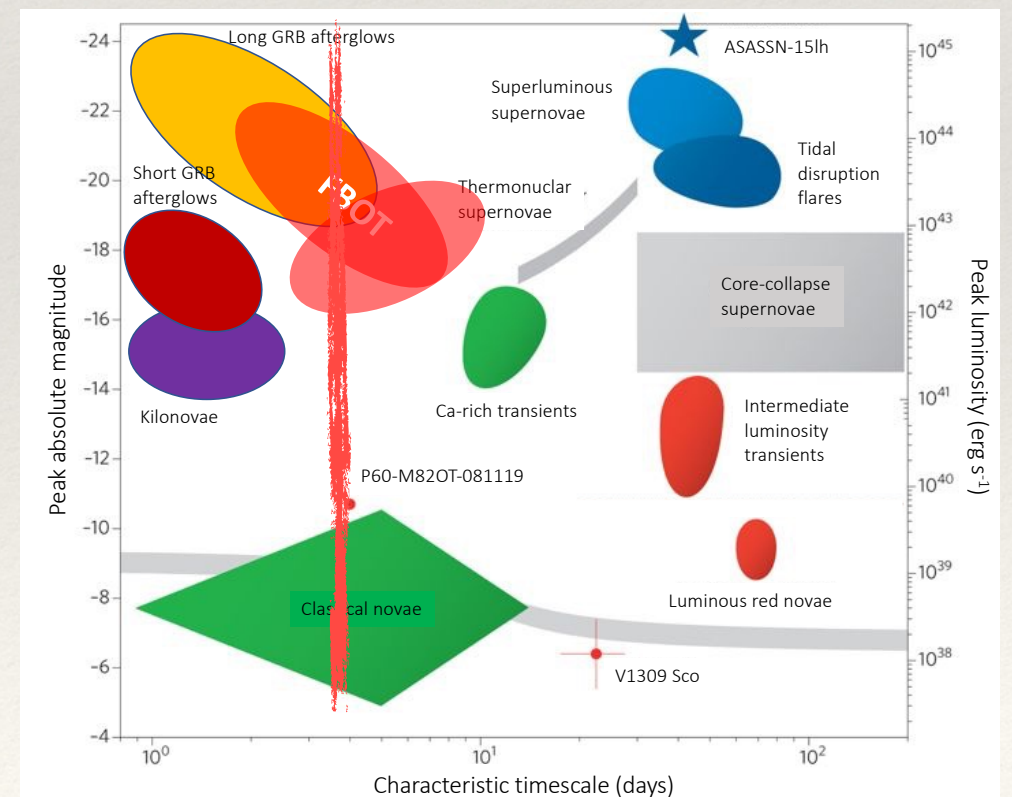
SN2018gep Type Ic-BL



Ho et al. 2019

How can we improve in the near future?

- ❖ On one side we will soon have ULTRASAT and Rubin/LSST
- ❖ How can we exploit their alerts in the best way?



ESO/VLT

At ESO/Paranal the Rapid Response Mode (RRM) is active to be on source in ~10min

	Imaging	Spectroscopy
La Silla	EFOSC2 SUSI WFI SOFI	EFOSC2 HARPS FEROS SOFI
Paranal UT1	FORS2	<u>FORS2</u> KMOS
Paranal UT2	VISIR	<u>UVES</u> UVES-FLAMES GIRAFFE VISIR
Paranal UT3	SPHERE-IRDIS SPHERE-ZIMPOL	<u>X-SHOOTER</u> SPHERE-IES CRIRES
Paranal UT4	HAWK-I	<u>MUSE</u>
Paranal ICCF		ESPRESSO
Paranal VISTA	VIRCAM	4MOST
Paranal VST	OmegaCAM	
ELT	ELT	ELT
VLTi	GRAVITY MATISSE VisCalc CalVin	

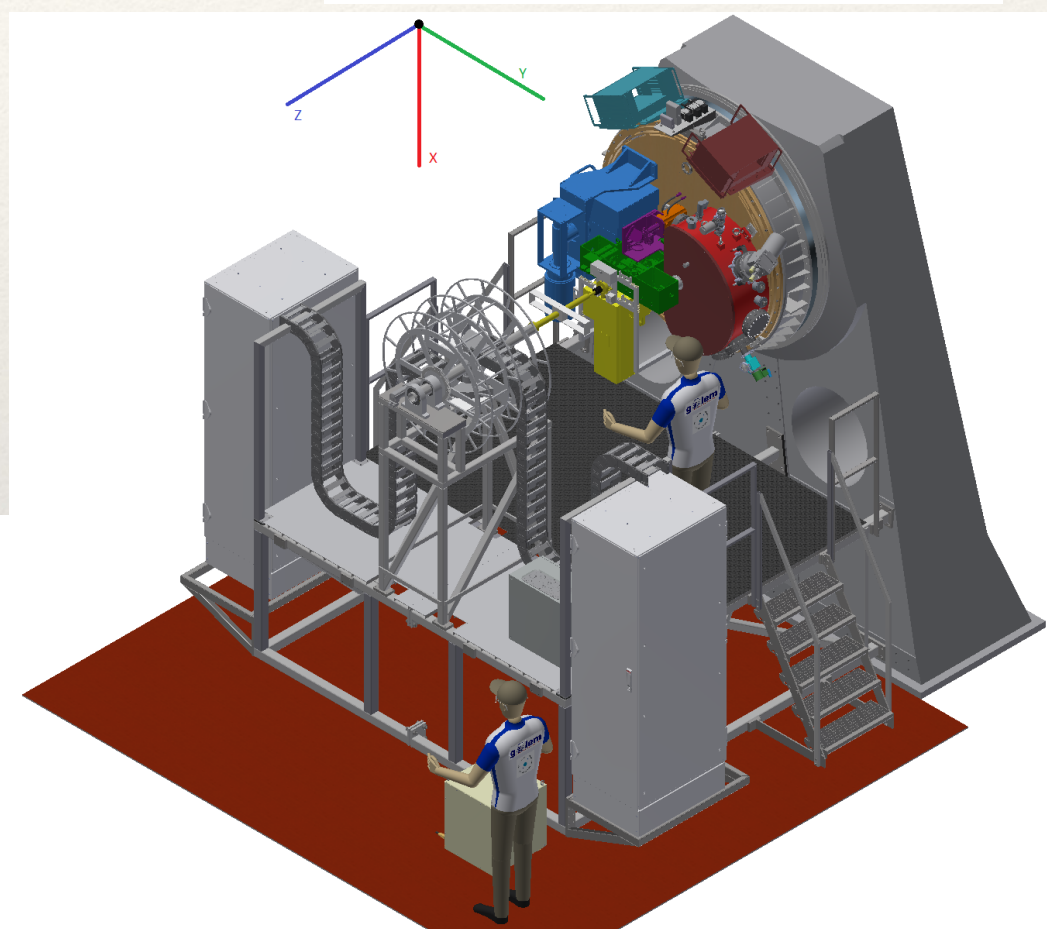
- Approved time
- Instrument mounted
- Have not finished the observing time

SOXS

ESO call for new instruments at NTT (06/2014)

Proposal submission (02/2015)

SOXS selected by ESO (05/2015) out of 19



Main characteristics

- Broad band spectrograph 350-2000 nm
- $R \sim 4,500$ (4,000-6,000)
- Two arms (UV-VIS + NIR) 350-850 nm + 800-2000 nm
- Acquisition camera to perform photometry ugrizY (3.5'x3.5', 0.2" pixel)
- S/N~10 spectrum - 1 hr exposure $R_{AB} \sim 20.5$

SoXS Consortium

Institutes from 6 Countries

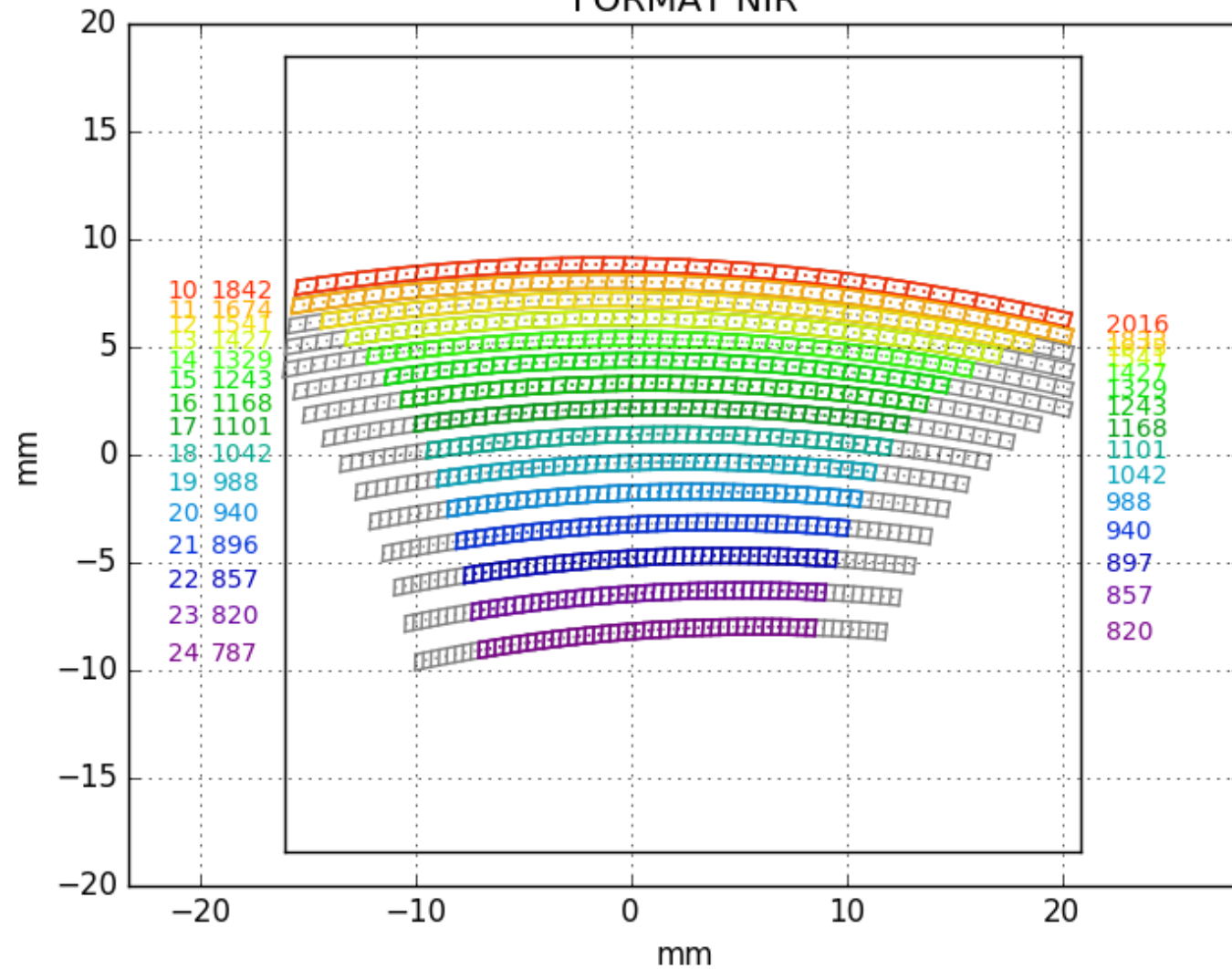
- ❑ Common Path, NIR Spectrograph, Control Software & Electronics, Vacuum and Cryogenics, Detectors control (INAF)
- ❑ UV/VIS Spectrograph (Weizmann)
- ❑ Acquisition Camera (Millennium Institute of Astrophysics - MAS)
- ❑ Calibration Unit (Turku University)
- ❑ Data Reduction (Queen's Un. Belfast)
- ❑ Tel Aviv University
- ❑ Neils Bohr Institute & Aarhus Univ.



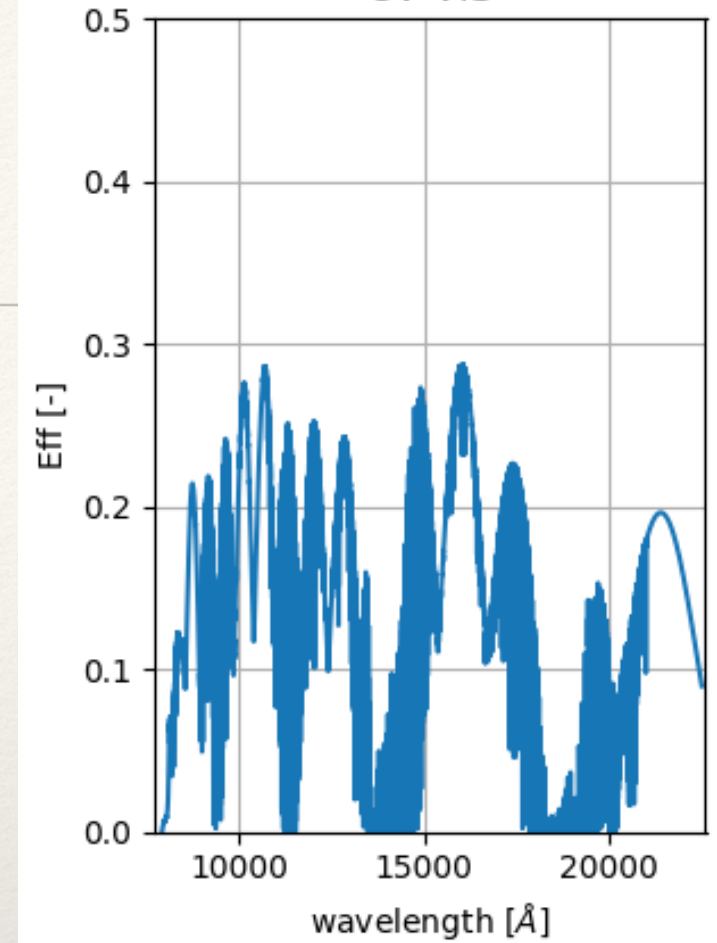
SoXS NIR arm



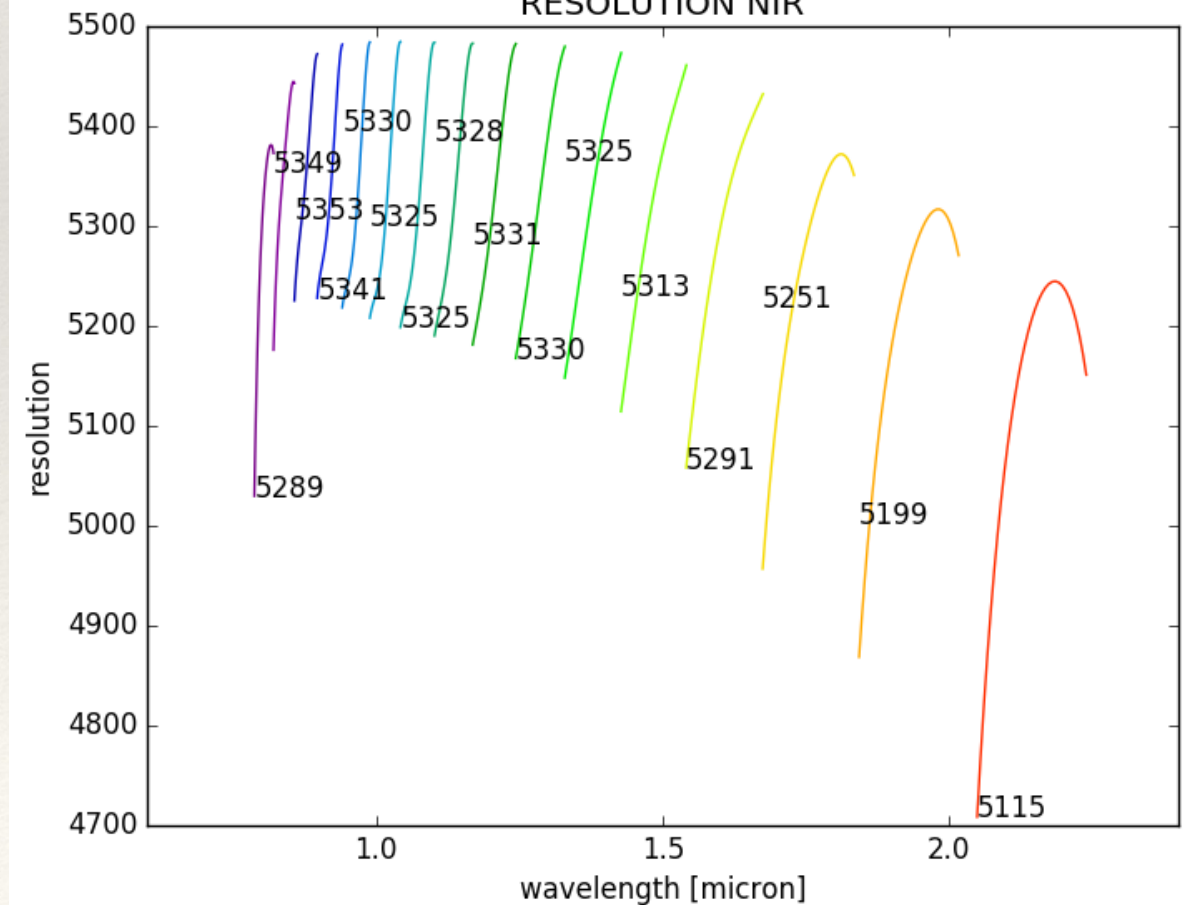
FORMAT NIR



Efficiency vs lambda
UV-VIS



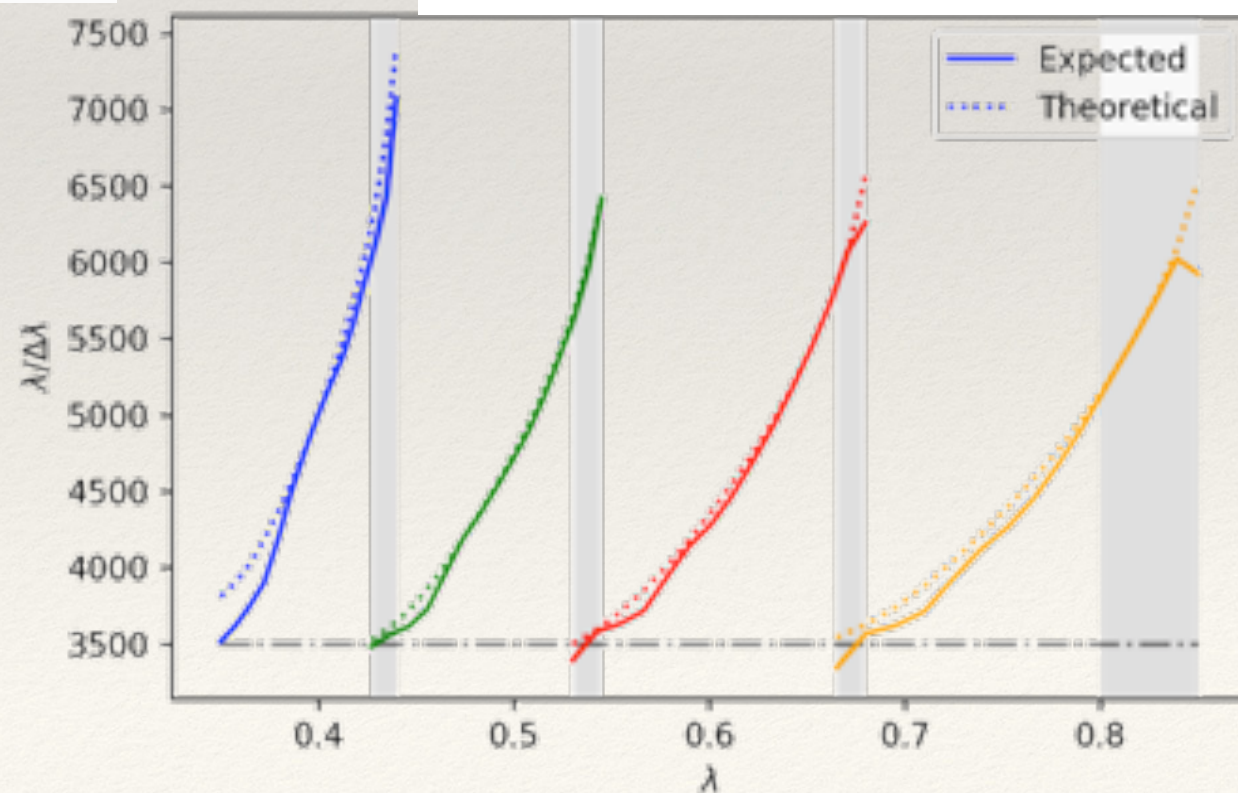
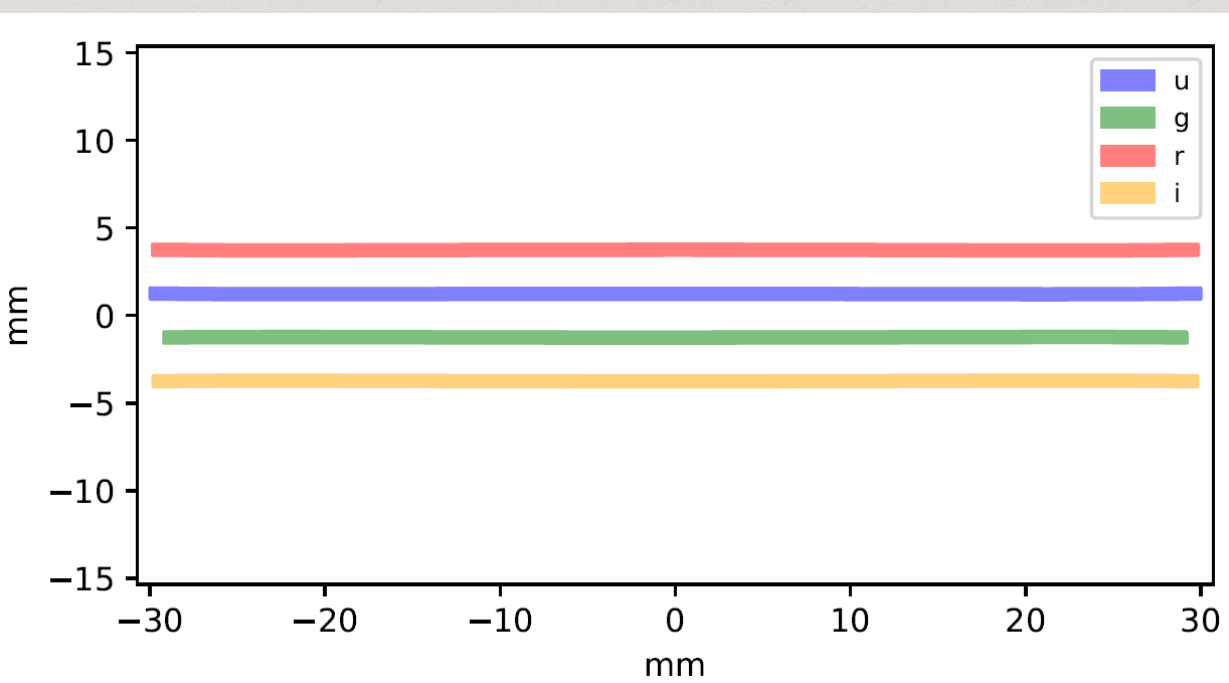
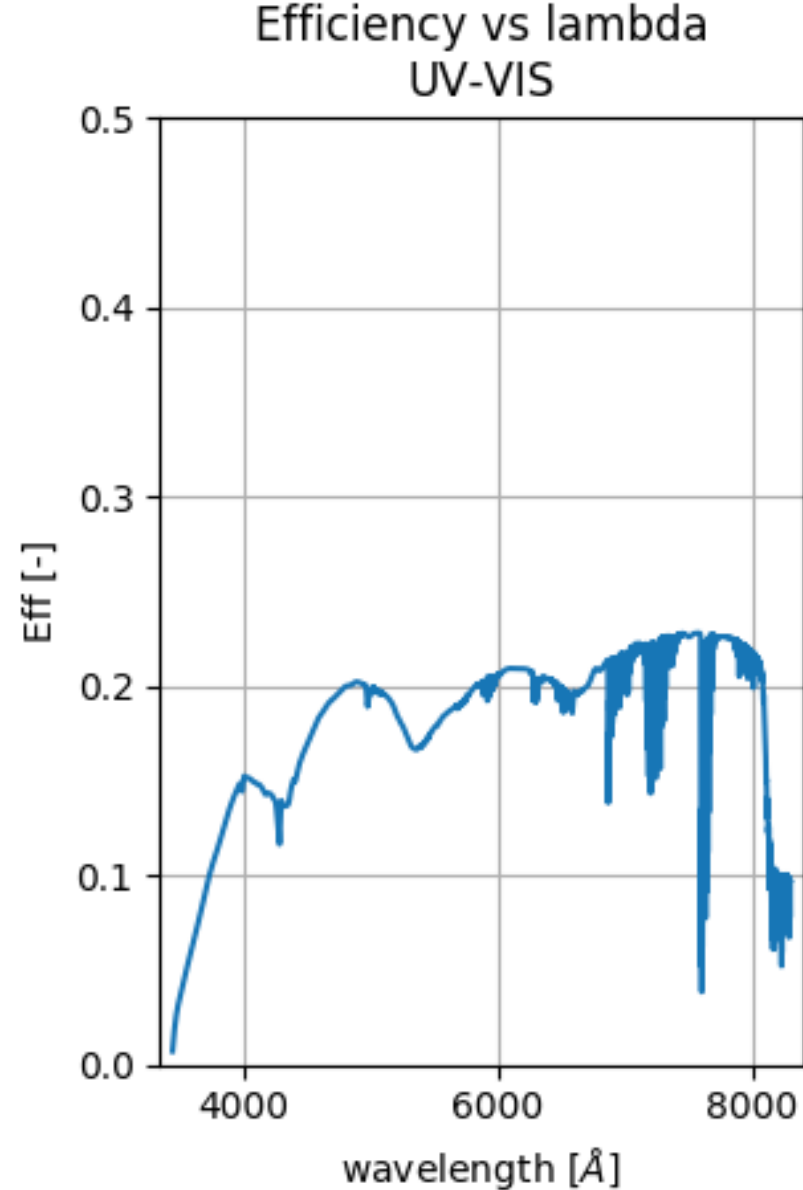
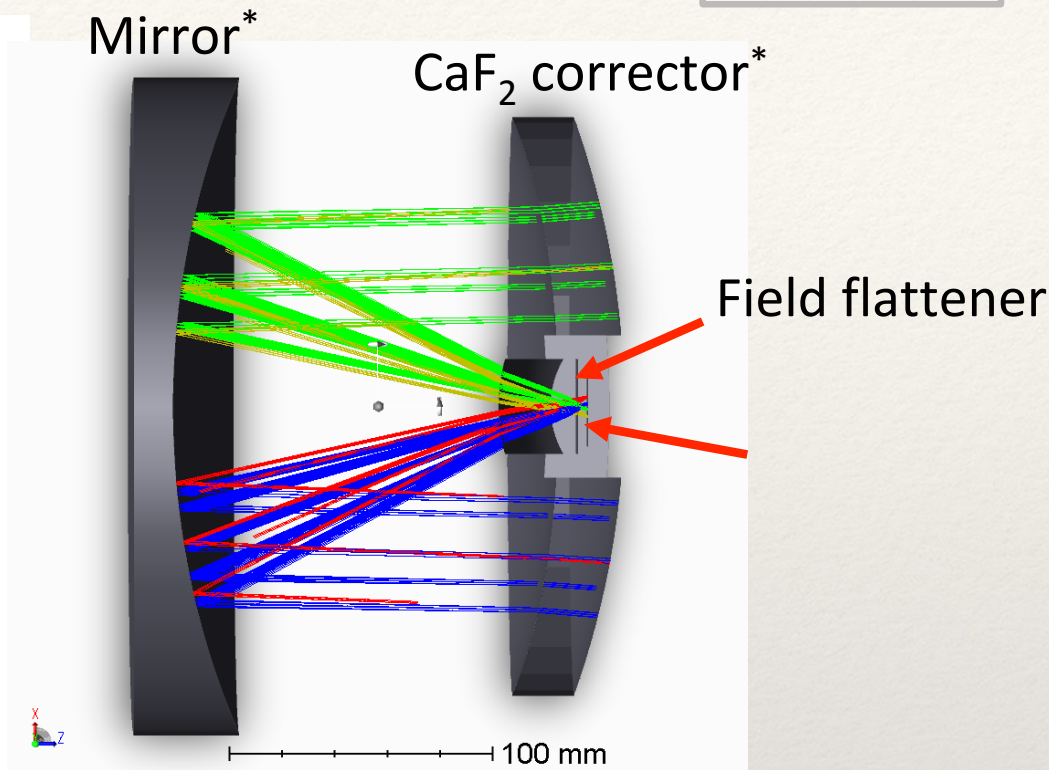
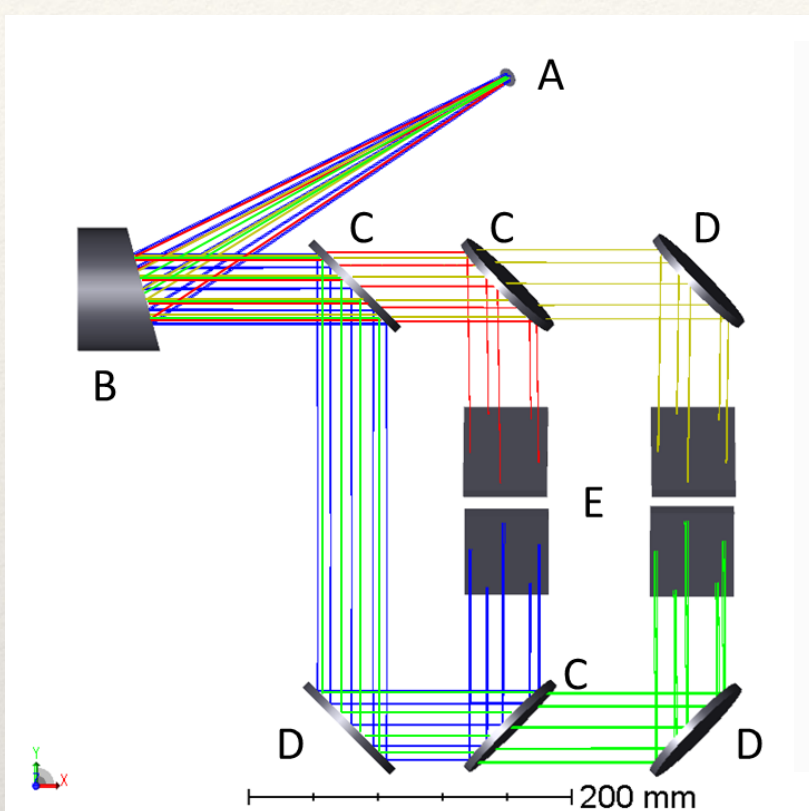
RESOLUTION NIR



SoXS UV-VIS arm



*Aspheric



Kulkarni's comparison

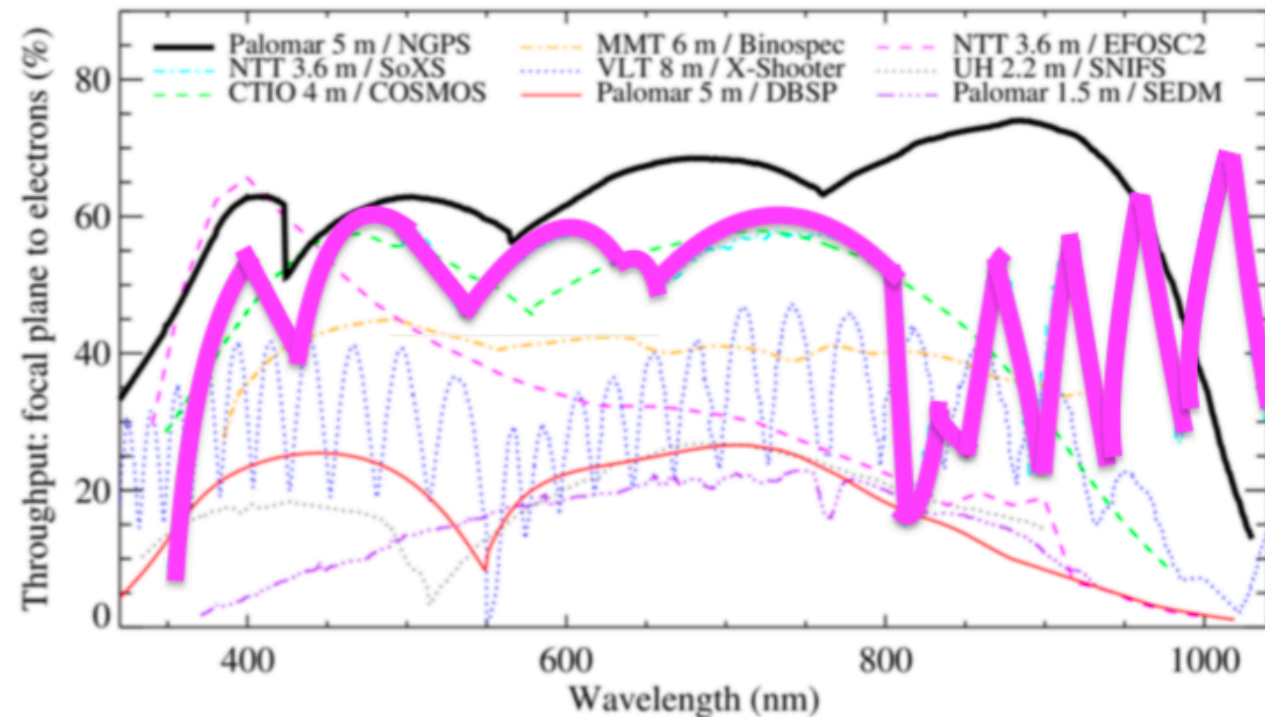
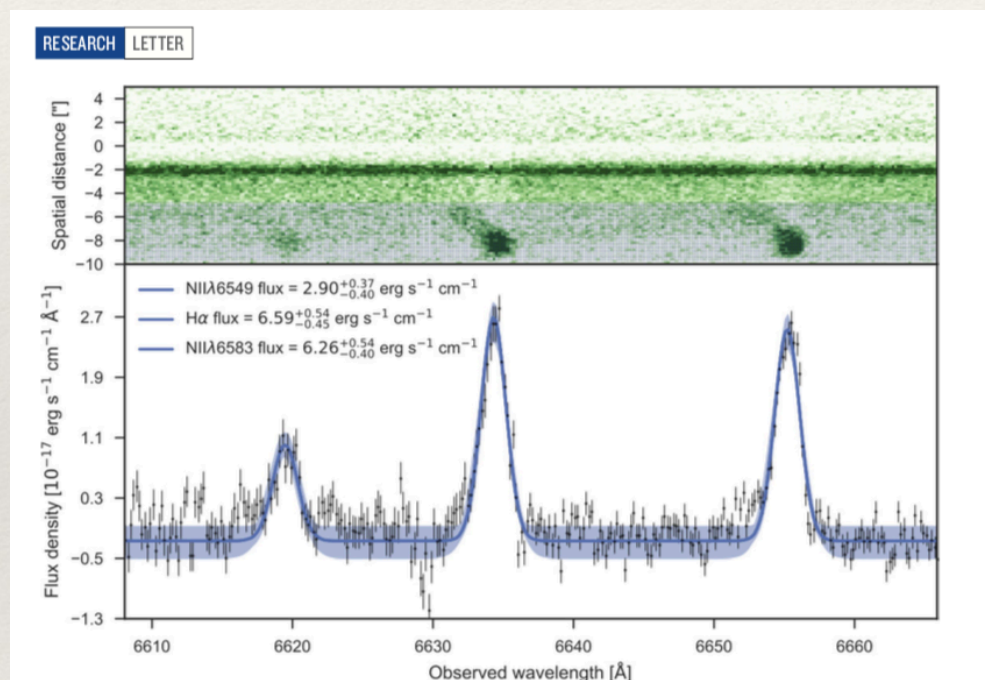


Figure 5. The throughput from the focal plan to photoelectrons of the Next Generation Palomar Spectrograph (NGPS; solid line). The throughput for other spectrographs varies between this measure to “from sky to photoelectrons”. References: Son of X-Shooter (SoXS, [Claudi et al. 2018](#), M. Genoni, pers. comm.), COSMOS ([Martini et al. 2014](#)), Binospec ([Fabricant et al. 2019](#)), X-Shooter ([Vernet et al. 2011](#)), DBSP ([Oke & Gunn 1982](#)), EFOSC2, which is part of PESSTO ([Smartt et al. 2015](#)), SNIFS ([Lantz et al. 2004](#); [Lombardo et al. 2017](#)), and SEDM ([Blagorodnova et al. 2018](#)). Figure supplied by E. Kirby.

SoXS pipeline

- Pixel detrending – bias, flat, dark, linearity corrections (dark only for NIR)
- Produce 2D distortion corrected, orders merged pre-extraction spectrum for each arm (rectification)



- X-shooter like reduction recipes and data products
- But faster production of science ready products

Pipeline also for the acquisition camera data; astrometric and photometric corrections with Pan-STARSS

Very quick. Data reduction in near-real time. No need for a quicklook.

SoXS pipeline will be public

SoXS timeline & operations

Project Phase	Start	End	Duration
Preliminary Design	08/2016	07/2017	12 months
Final Design	08/2017	10/2018	14 months
MAIT & PAE	11/2018	05/2022	
Commissioning & PAC (Chile)	09/2022	03/2023	
Operations	2023	2027	



SOXS Consortium time 180 night/yr for 5 years at the NTT

All SOXS Consortium observing time is dedicated to observation of transient and variable sources



SOXS



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Dark Cosmology Centre



Integrated approach

SOXS Consortium will manage the entire schedule including 'SOXS' time and 'ESO' time.

Schedule day-by-day, optimising for into account the Moon, airmass, seeing, water vapour, sky brightness, wind direction constraints. One SoXS scientist always on duty.

Possibility to change the observing schedule on the fly.

Overall balance among ESO and SOXS time in terms of dark-grey-bright time, water vapour, seeing, etc.

Data policy

SOXS-GTO sources selected with clear triggering criteria, criteria will be made public before the start of the operations (and updated every 6 months).

Consortium GTO data will remain private for 12 months (or when data are published).

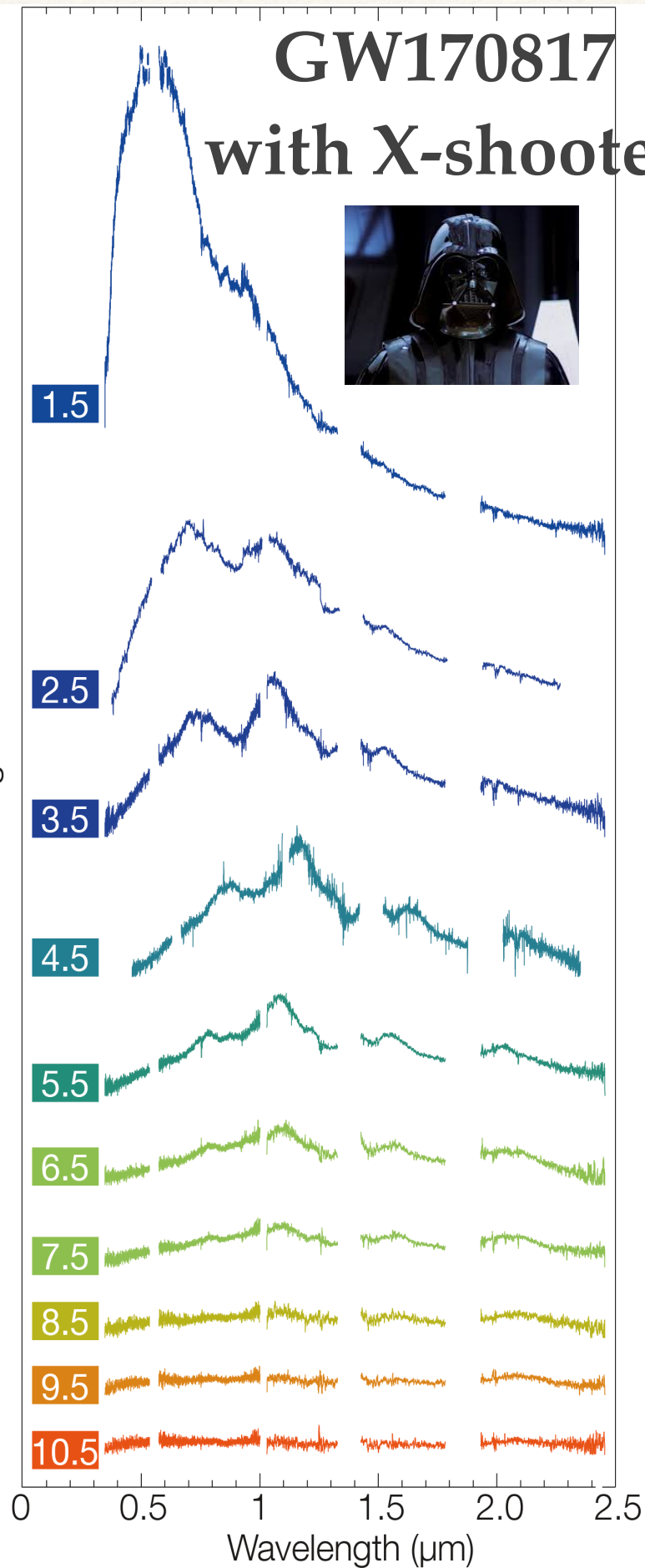
SOXS will also take classification spectra of sources from optical surveys (up to 25% of SoXS GTO observing time).

These data can be claimed by the SOXS Consortium within 3 days, if they fall under a GTO proposal (and will then remain private for 12 months). Otherwise classification data are public.

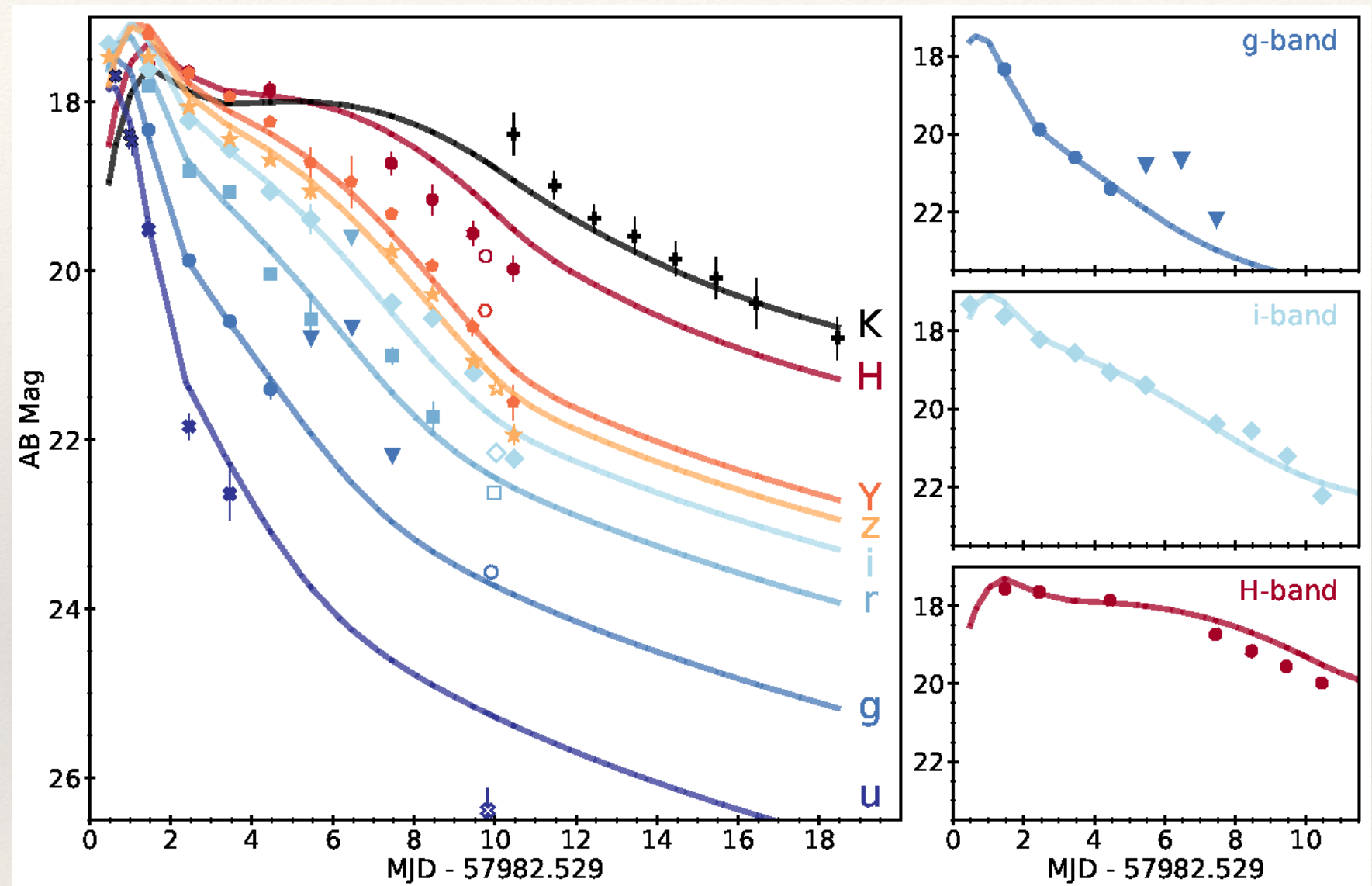
GW170817 with X-shooter



Brightness



SoXS for GW sources



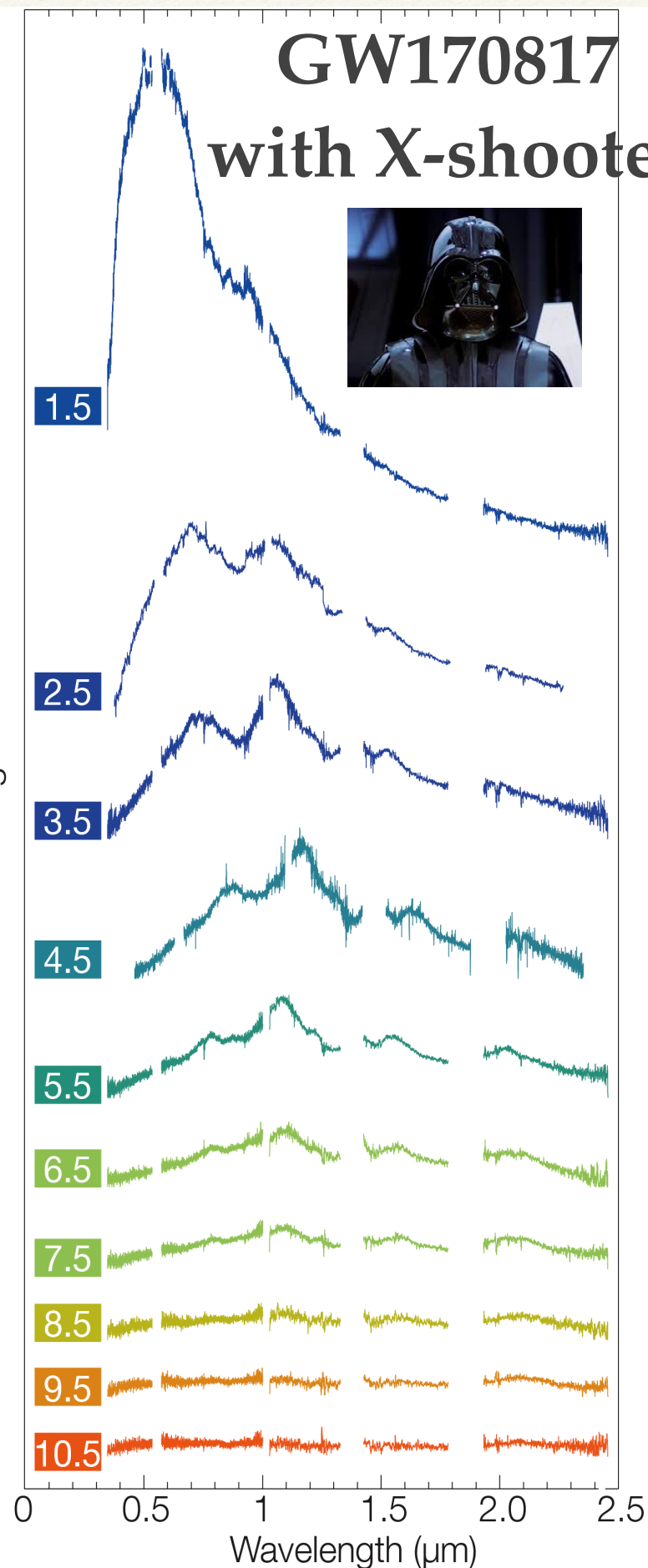
Preliminary SoXS ETC

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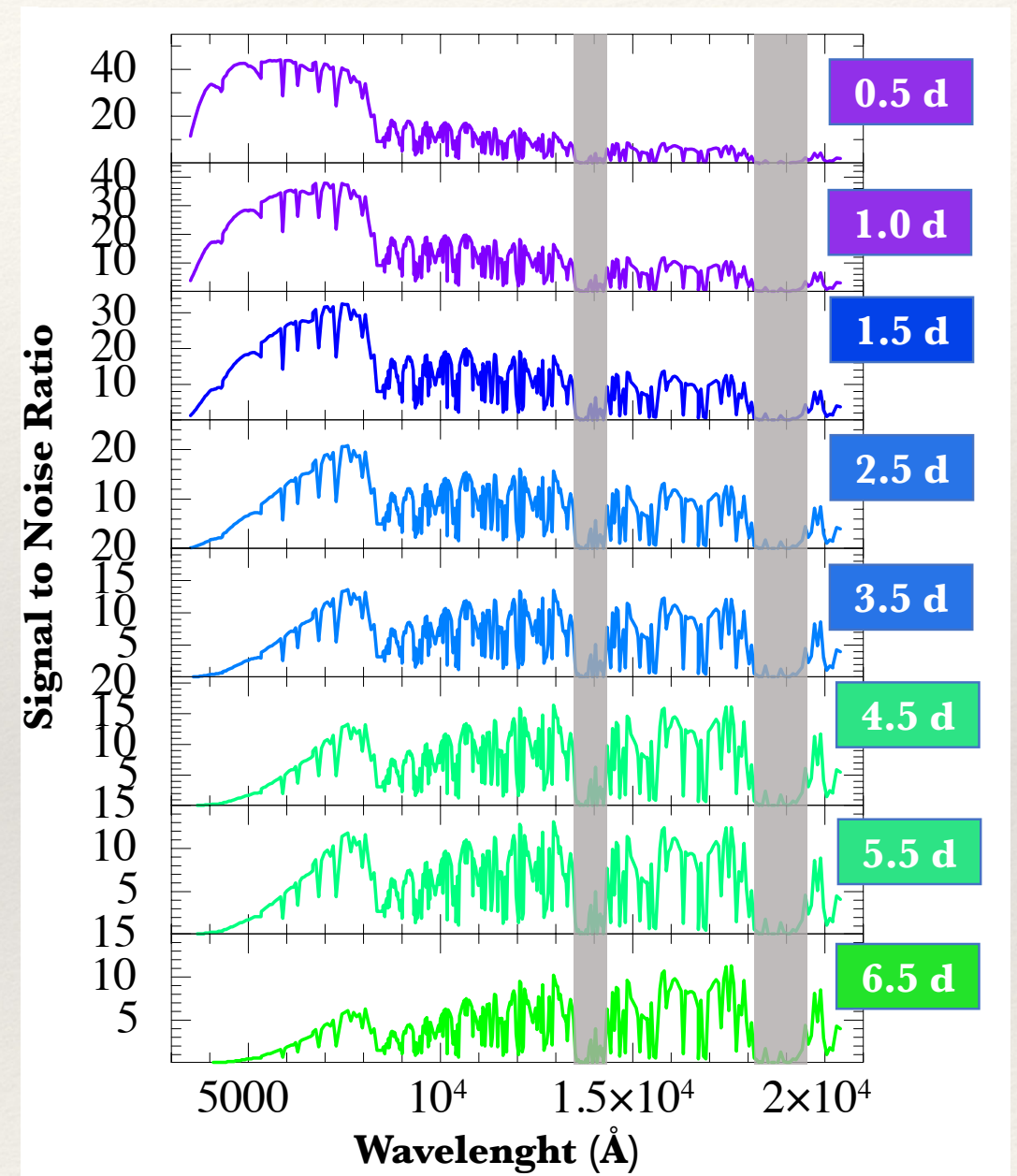
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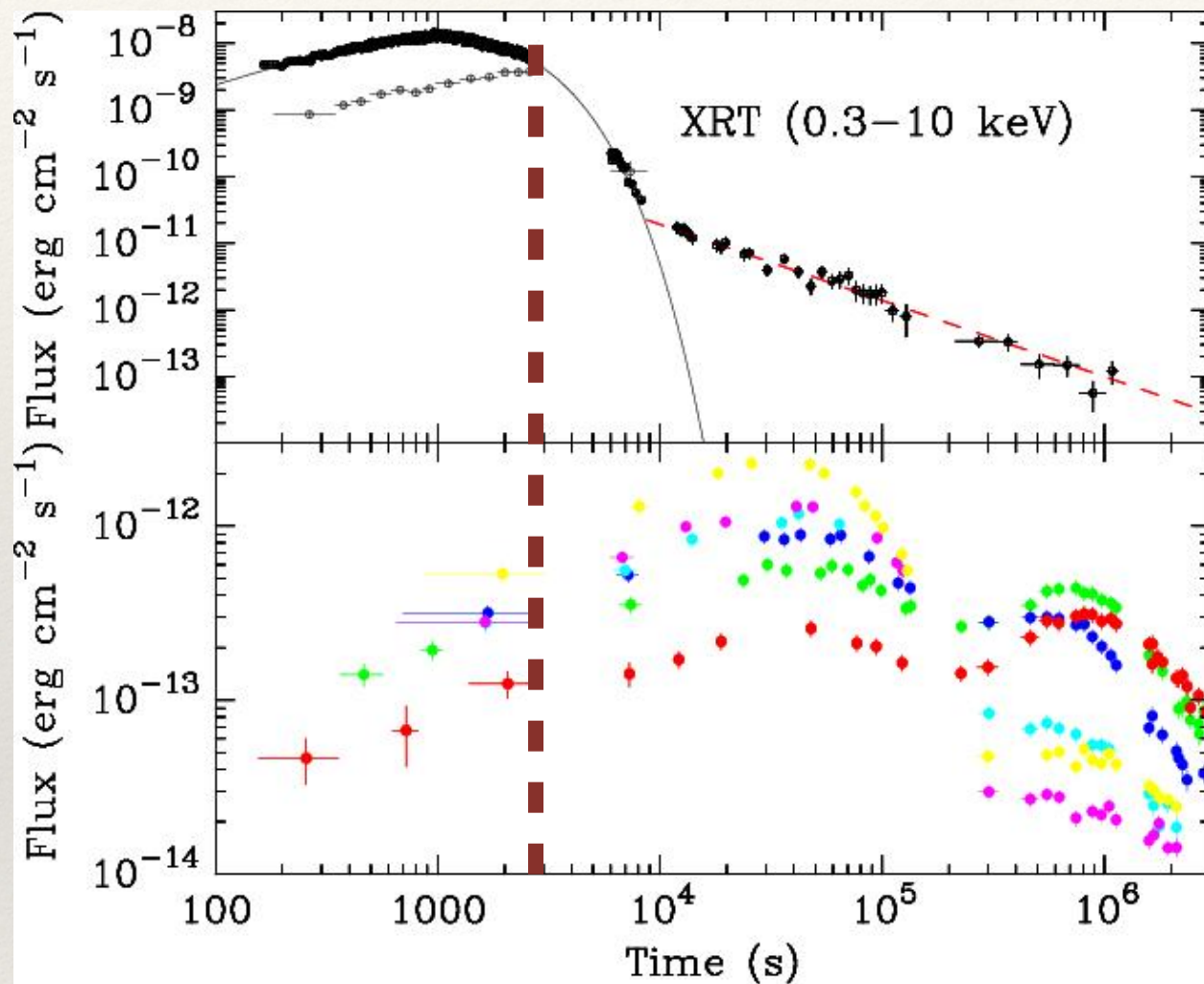
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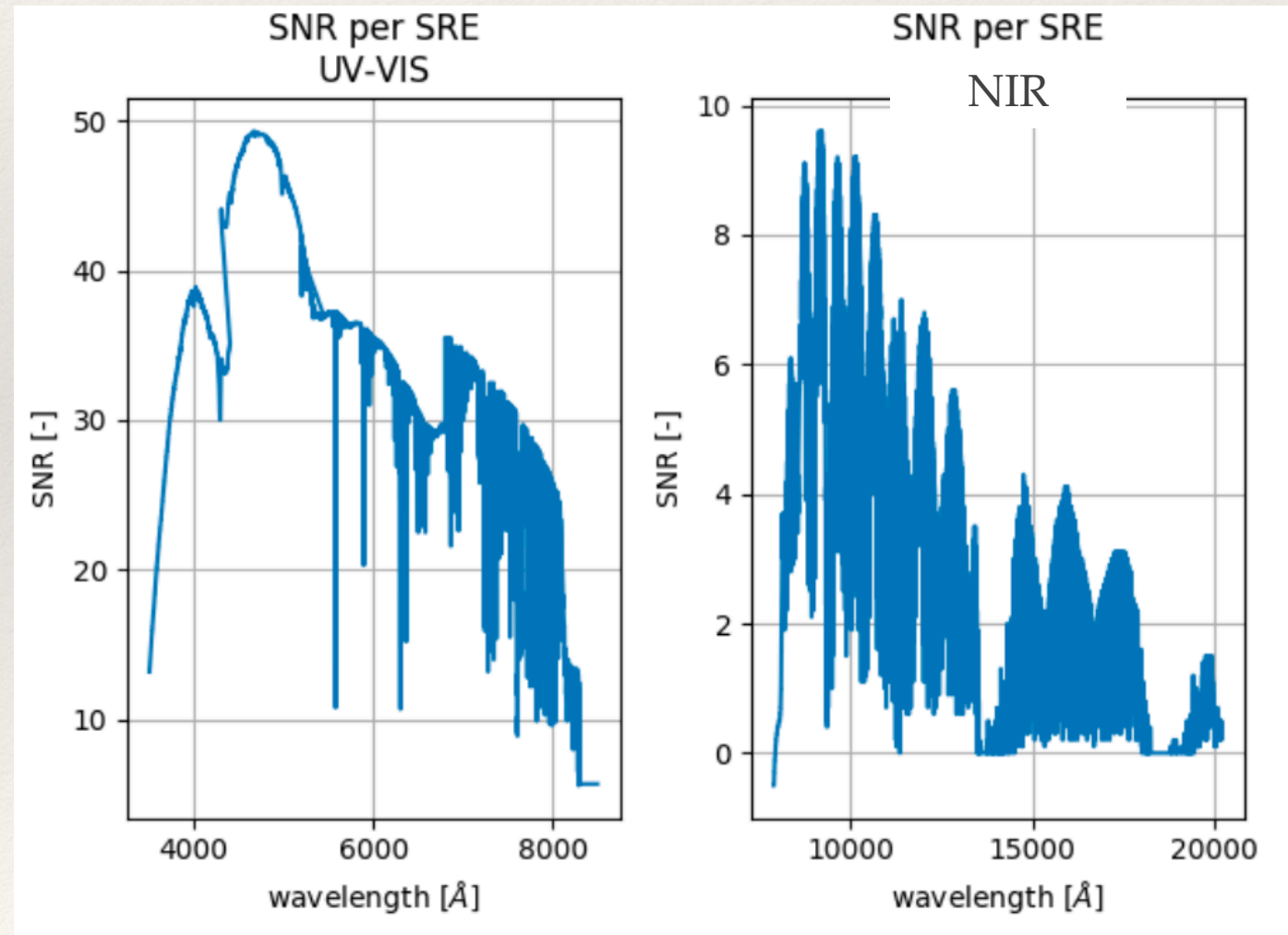
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Shock break out



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Summary

Fast Evolving Extra-galactic Transients (FEET)

- LGRB
- SGRB
- GW
- SBO
- FBOT

A new era is starting with Rubin/LSST and ULTRASAT

- Complement photometry from ground
- Fast repointing of Swift for X-rays
- Fast optical spectroscopy (SOXS & VLT/RRM)
- Synergies between ULTRASAT and SOXS

Thanks

