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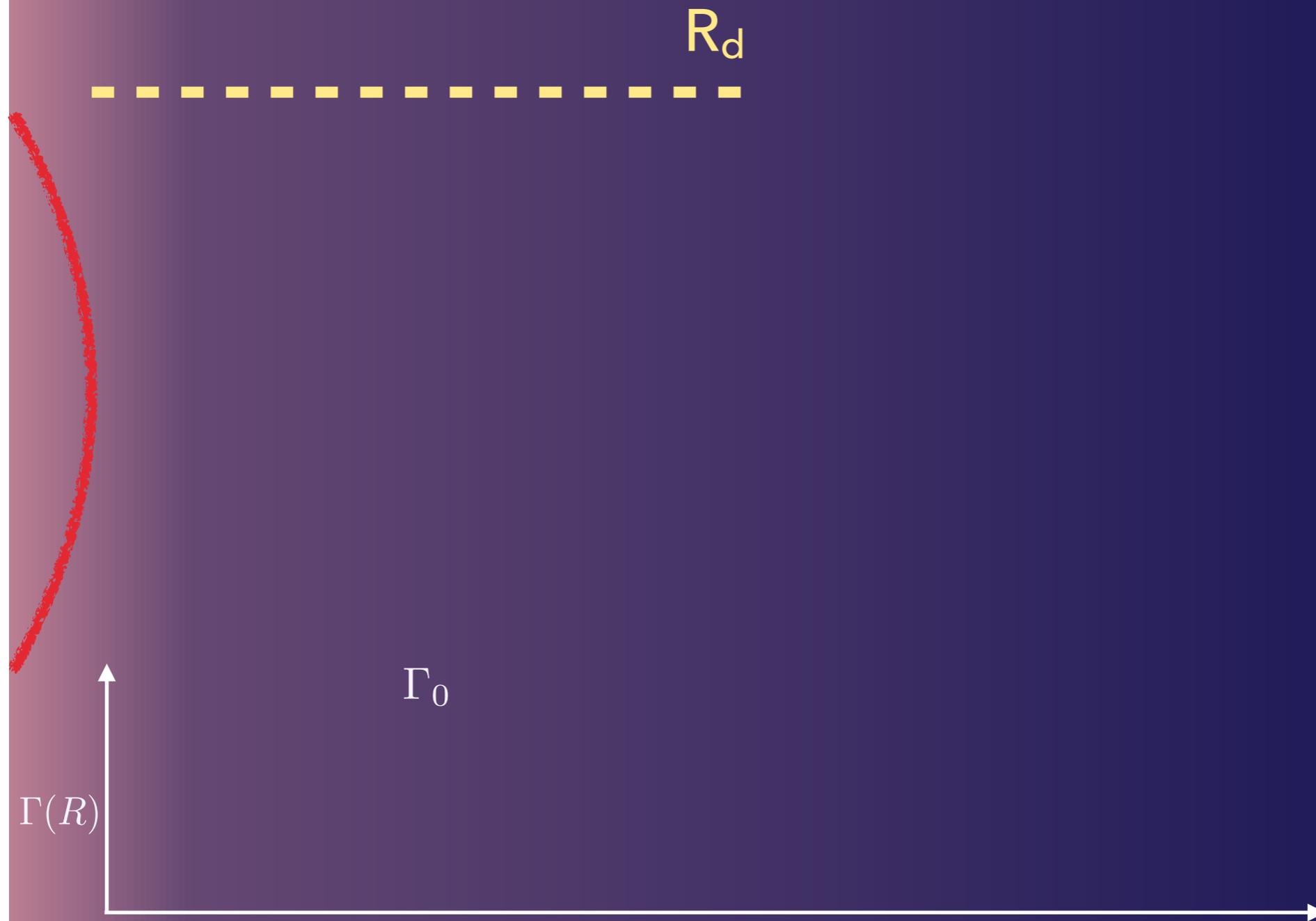
AN EXTERNAL SHOCK

ORIGIN OF GRB 141028A

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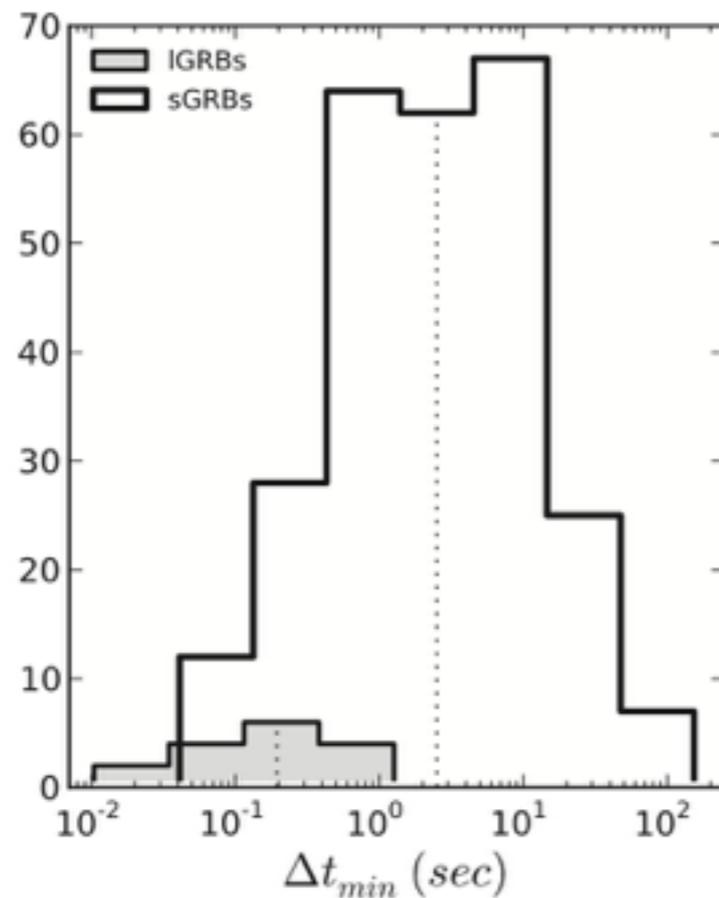
**EXTERNAL SHOCKS ARE DEAD!
SYNCHROTRON MUST BE
FAST-COOLED!**



The post 90's GRB community

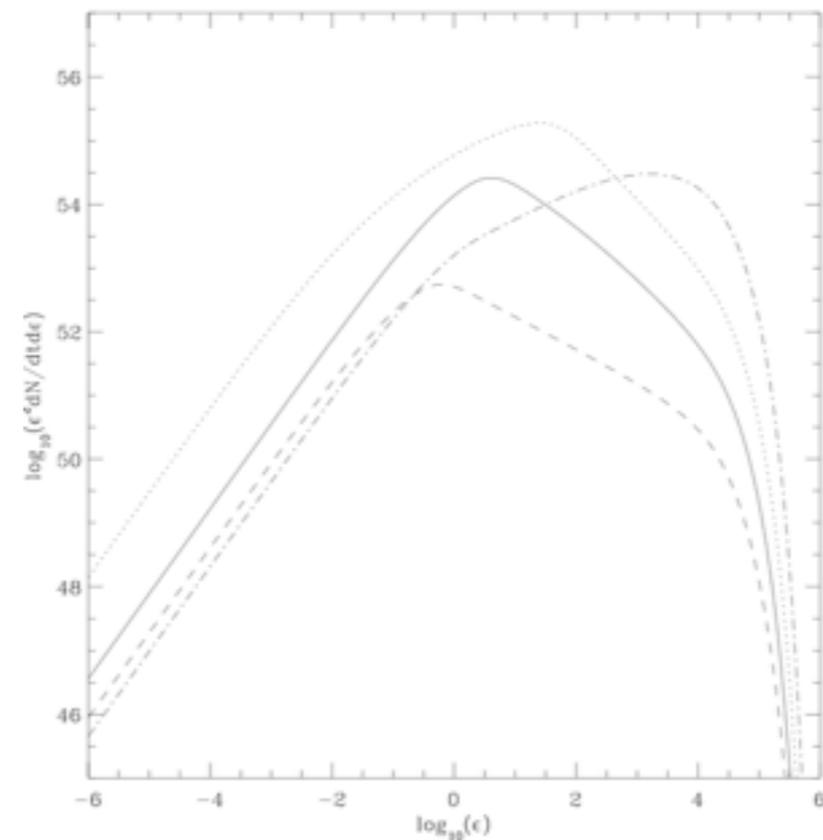
VARIABILITY AND SLOW-COOLED SYNCHROTRON

Golkhou & Butler (2014)



Very few GRBs have millisecond variability

Chiang & Dermer (1999)

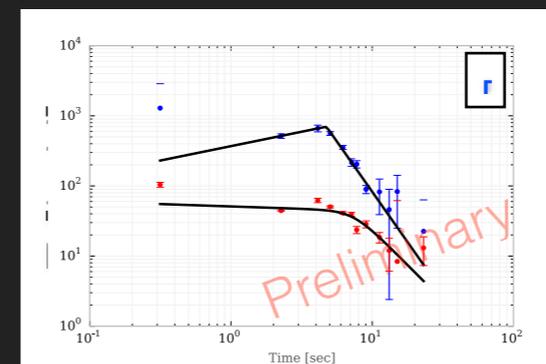
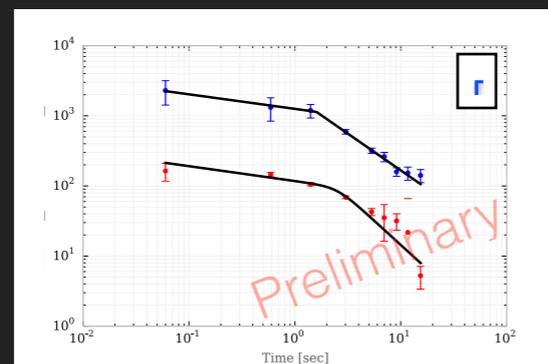
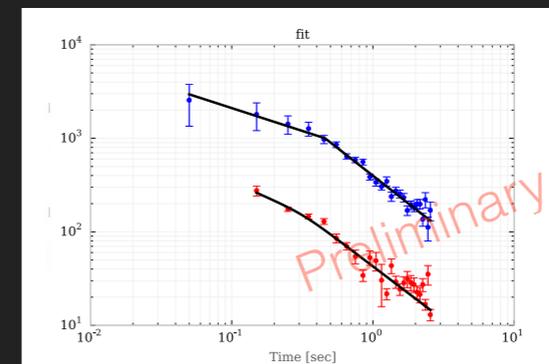
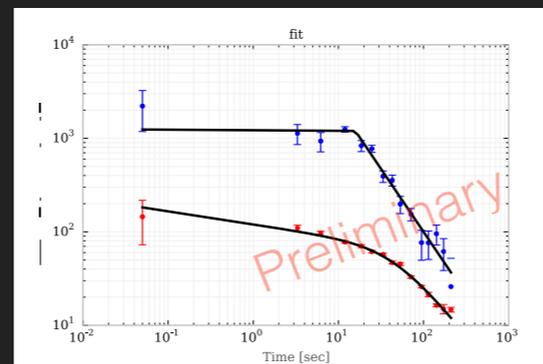
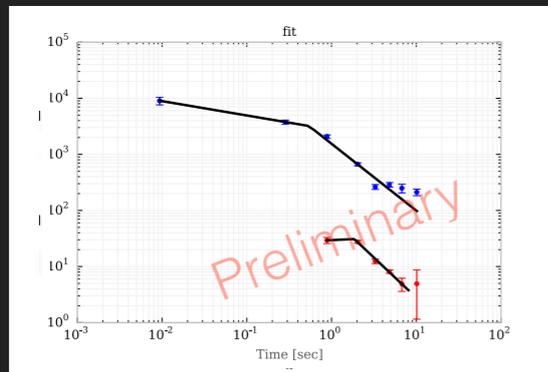


Slow-cooled is ok for long time scales and low magnetic field

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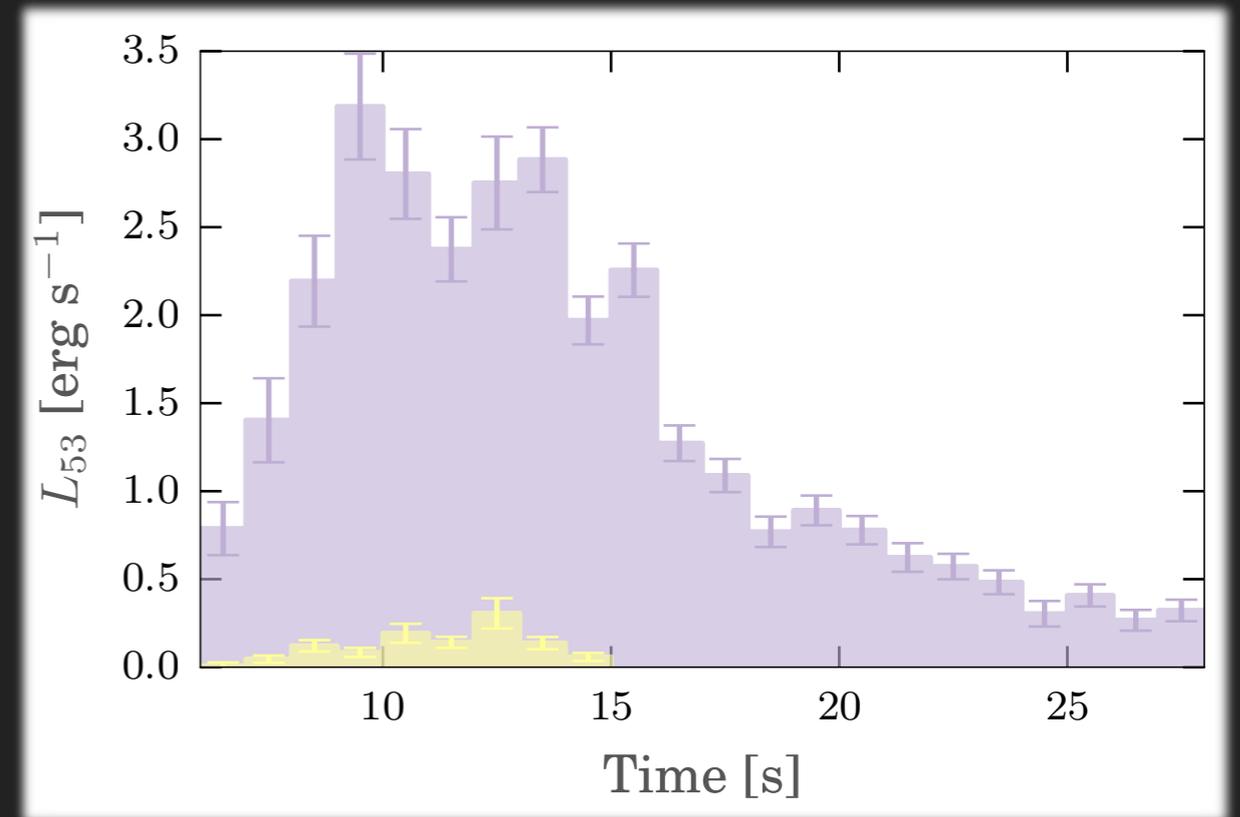
MOTIVATION

- ▶ Spectra fit by synchrotron from a power-law distribution of electrons
- ▶ Common, broken power-law evolution of E_p in single pulsed GRBs



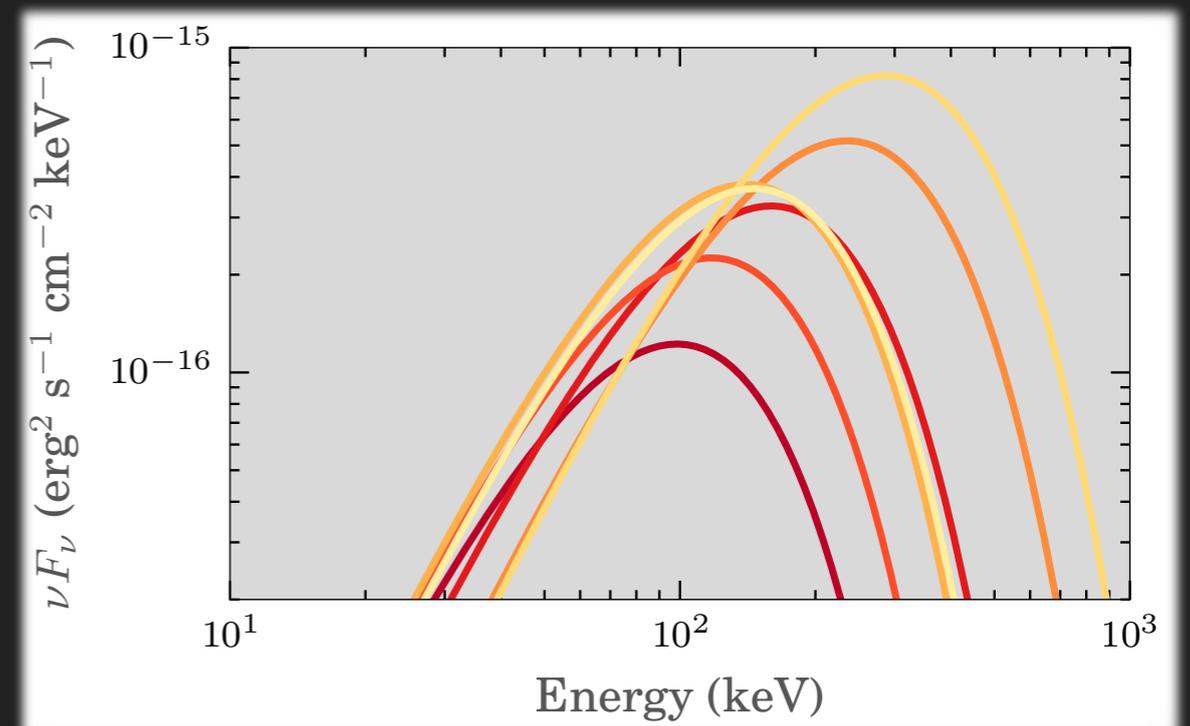
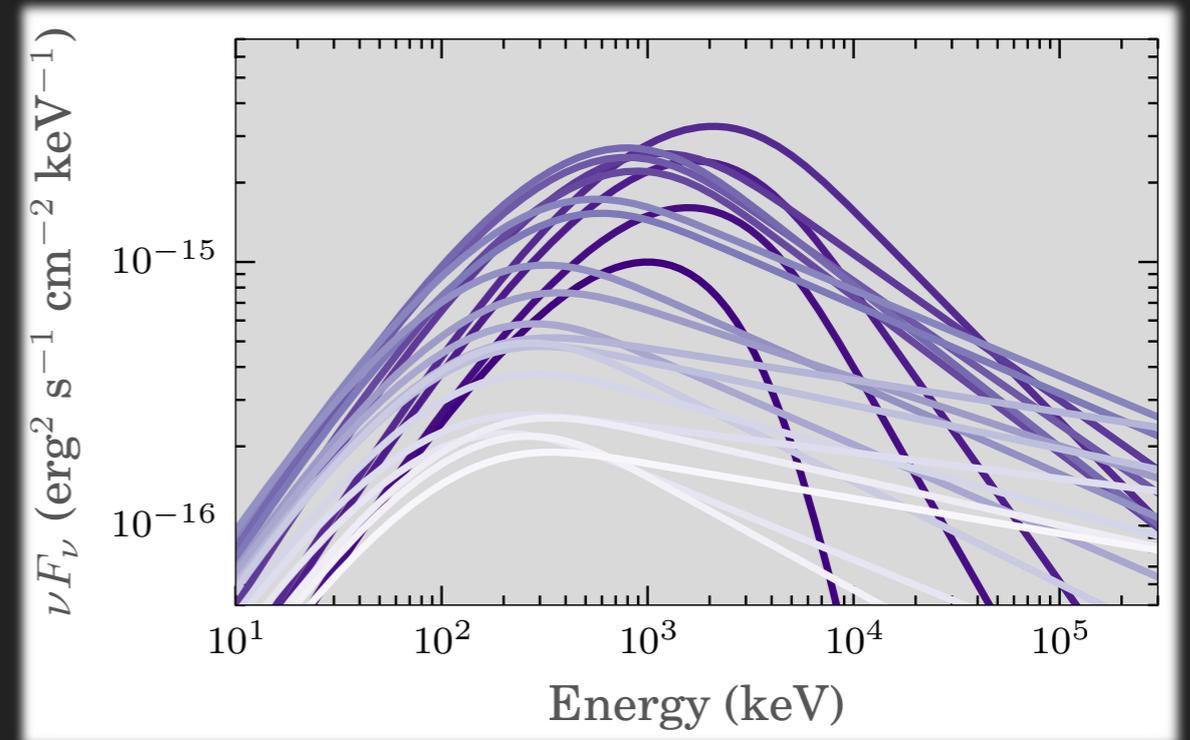
GRB 141028A

- ▶ A single-pulsed GRB
- ▶ Variability tested via low-pass filter method. Reveals a significant component on the order of the pulse duration and an insignificant component of about 3 sec
- ▶ Detected in both optical, x-rays, gamma-rays, and GeV
- ▶ Early time emission analyzed with GBM+LLE from 10 keV to 300 MeV
- ▶ LAT emission analyzed in the post prompt phase from 100 MeV - 10 GeV
- ▶ Late-time emission analyzed in optical and x-rays



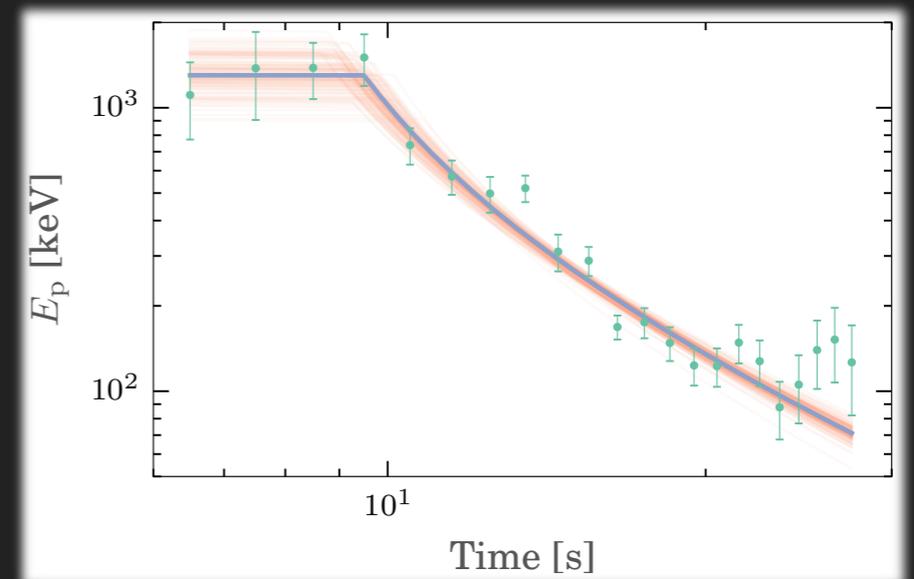
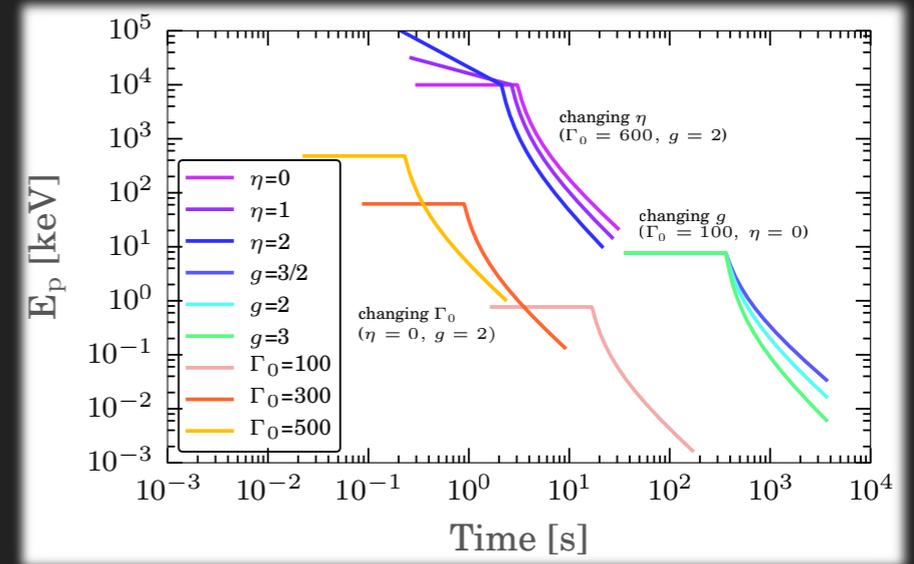
SPECTRAL ANALYSIS

- ▶ Spectra fit with slow-cooled synchrotron + blackbody photon model
- ▶ Blackbody is only significant for the first 10 sec of the emission.
- ▶ We calculate the isotropic energy from the spectral fits to be $\sim 10^{54}$ erg.



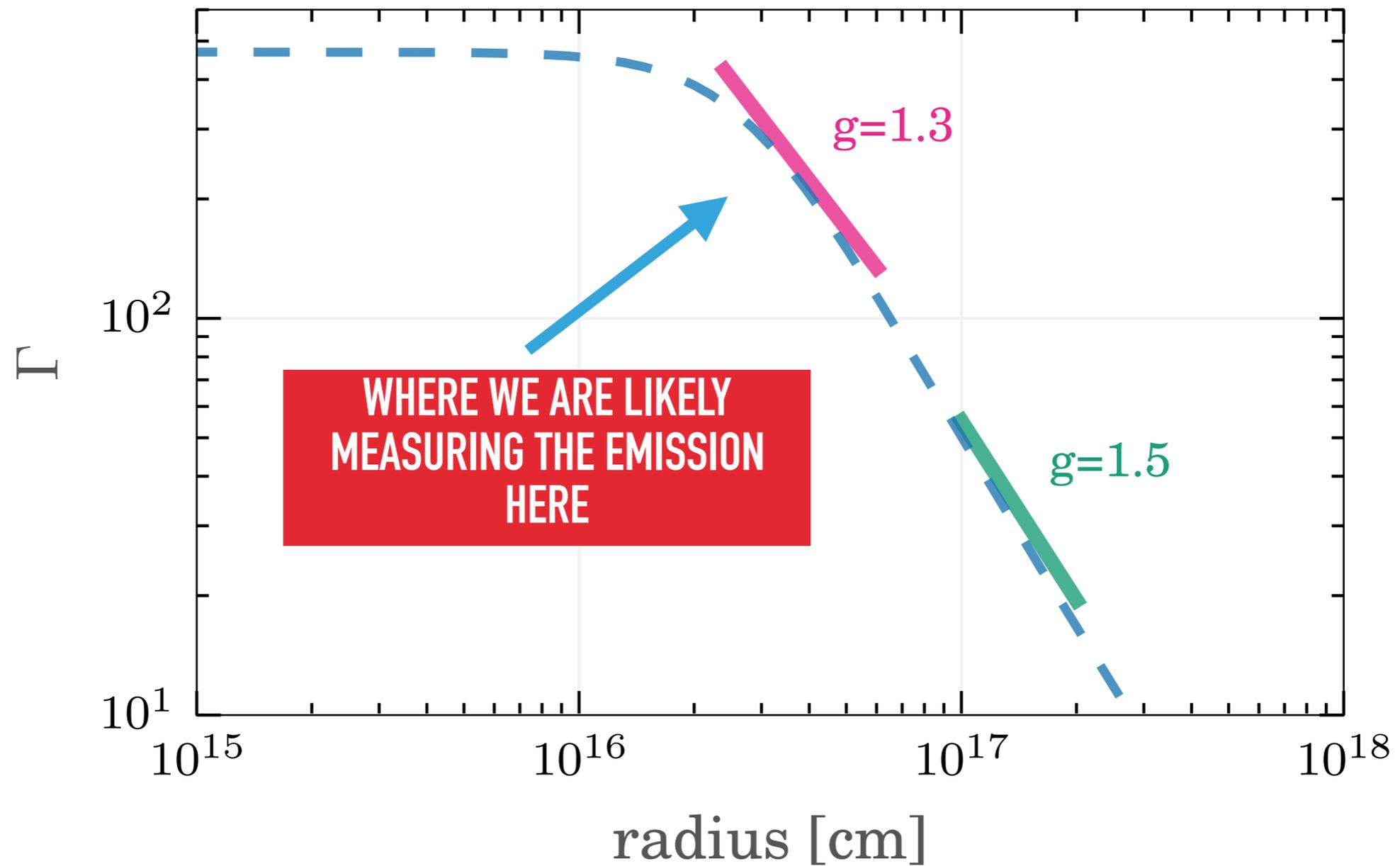
E_p EVOLUTION

- ▶ The evolution of E_p is well fit by the prediction of the external shock model.
- ▶ We recover the value of the initial bulk Lorentz factor, the circumburst medium radial profile, and the radiative regime of the blast-wave.
- ▶ The density of Lorentz factor are degenerate so we fix the density at several values and repeat the fit to obtain a range of parameters.
- ▶ We find the blast-wave is still transitioning to asymptotic limits of the evolution but conclude that it is evolving adiabatically.



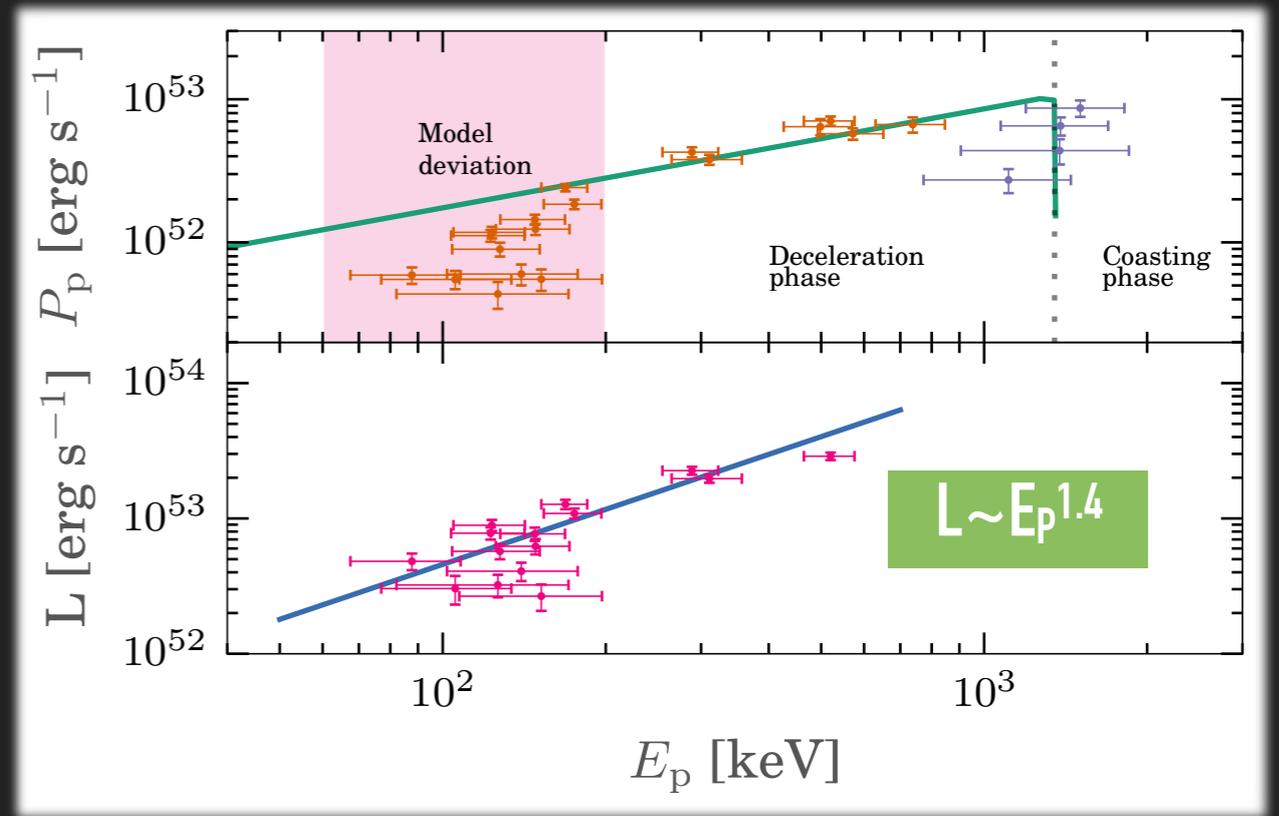
n_0 [cm ⁻³]	Γ_0	η	$q-3$	g	r_d [cm]
1	$1125.9^{+16.6}_{-14.3}$	$0.00^{+0.08}_{-0.00}$	$0.17^{+0.01}_{-0.13}$	$1.25^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{17}$
10	$844.0^{+12.3}_{-10.9}$	$0.00^{+0.08}_{-0.00}$	$0.17^{+0.02}_{-0.14}$	$1.26^{+0.1}_{-0.11}$	$6.0 \cdot 10^{16}$
100	$632.16^{+7.7}_{-4.5}$	$0.03^{+0.05}_{-0.02}$	$0.17^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$	$1.26^{+0.09}_{-0.11}$	$3.4 \cdot 10^{16}$

TRANSITION PHASE



MODEL PREDICTIONS

- ▶ Using the recovered fit parameters, we predict the flux of the νF_ν peak flux and compare it to the data. Good agreement is found.
- ▶ We compute the luminosity- E_p plane and fit the power law and find it is consistent with predictions from an external shock emitting slow-cooled synchrotron radiation.



$$\gamma_{\min} \propto \begin{cases} \Gamma^4 \propto t^{-4g/(2g+1)} & \text{slow cooling} \\ (x\Gamma)^{-1} \propto t^{-2g/(2g+1)} & \text{fast cooling} \end{cases}$$

$$L \propto \begin{cases} E_p^{\frac{3}{2}} & \text{slow cooling} \\ E_p^{1+g} & \text{fast cooling} \end{cases}$$

See Dermer (2004)

MAGNETIC FIELD STRENGTH

- ▶ Using the recovered parameters we, can estimate the magnetic field strength via E_p .
- ▶ The low value justifies the use of slow-cooled synchrotron.
- ▶ This can now be compared to the independent measurements of the late time optical and x-ray data.

$$E_p \simeq \frac{\sqrt{32\pi\epsilon_B m_p c^2 n \Gamma^2}}{B_{\text{crit}}} \Gamma \gamma_{\text{min}}^2$$

$$\gamma_{\text{min}} = \kappa \Gamma \frac{m_p}{m_e}$$

$$E_p \sim 1.3 \text{MeV}$$

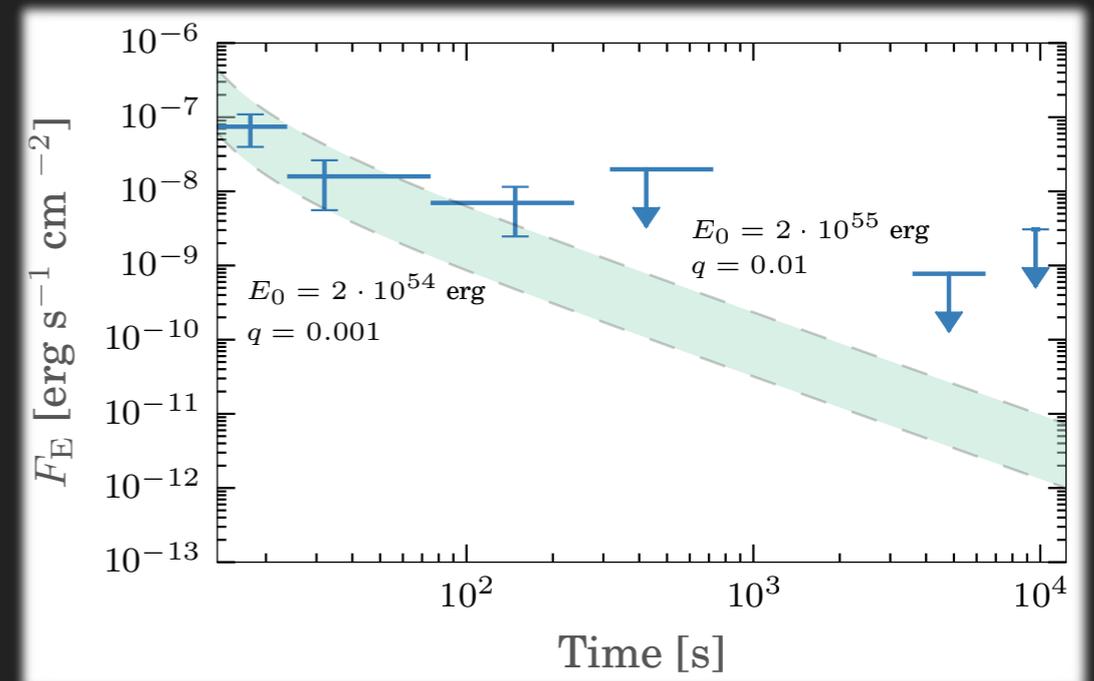
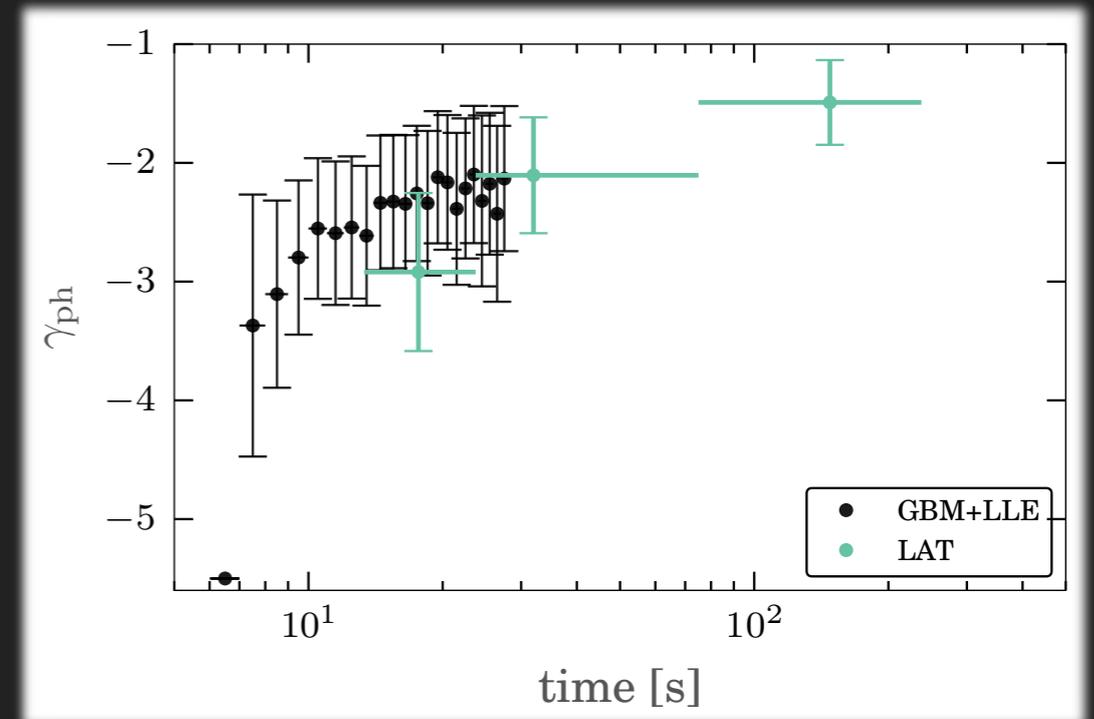
$$\epsilon_B \sim 10^{-9}$$

See also Beniamini+ (2015)

HIGH ENERGY EMISSION

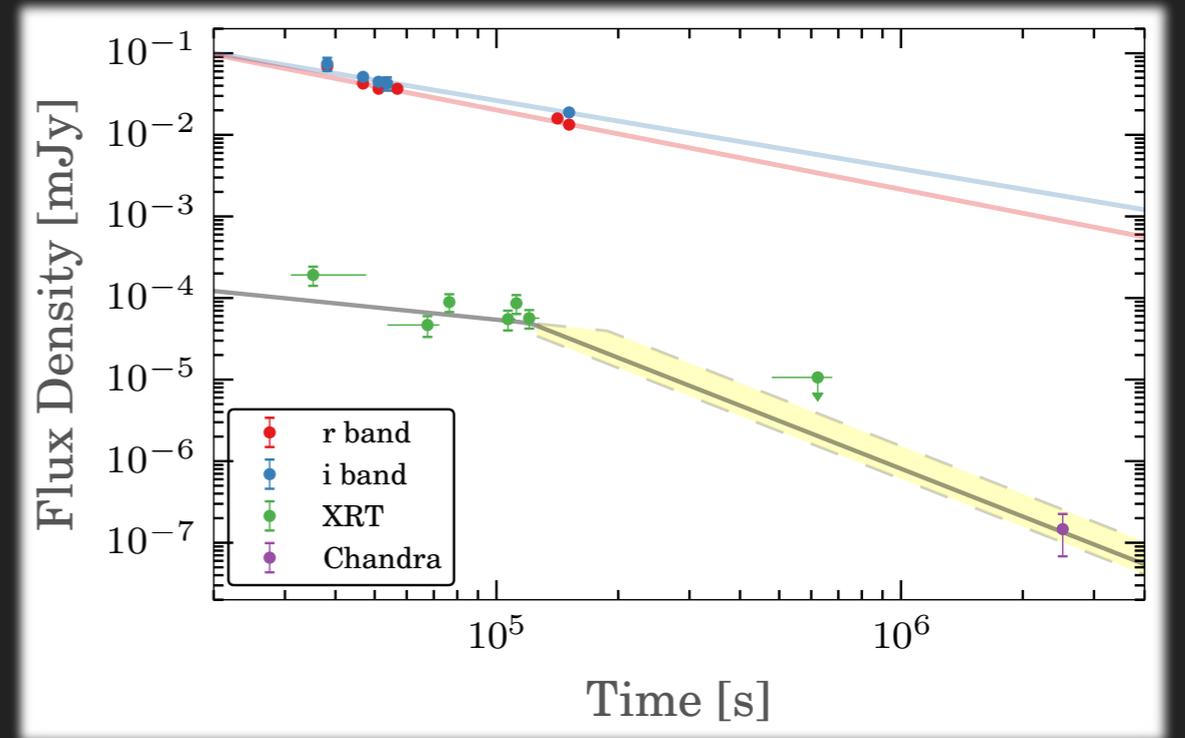
- ▶ The “late time” LAT emission overlaps with the GBM observations.
- ▶ Fractional SSC emission content in the LAT ($\sim 10^{-4}$)
- ▶ Estimates from low-energy analysis match with high energy

THE LAT EMISSION IS A CONTINUATION OF THE SYNCHROTRON EMISSION



OPTICAL AND X-RAY

- ▶ Using Swift XRT and GROND data, we fit a joint SED and find a single power law across the wavelengths consisted with the cooling index being above the XRT bandpass.
- ▶ From there, we can estimate the magnetic field strength upper-limit from the late time emission and find it is consistent with the estimates from the prompt.
- ▶ A jet break is also estimated lowering the observed isotropic energy.



$$\nu_c = 3.7 \cdot 10^{14} E_{53}^{-1/2} n^{-1} (Y + 1)^{-2} \epsilon_{B,-2}^{-3/2} T_d^{-1/2}$$

n_0	Γ_0	ϵ_B via ν_c	ϵ_B via E_p	ξ
1	1125.9	$< 1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\sim 2.9 \cdot 10^{-9}$	0.8
10	884.0	$< 2.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\sim 2.9 \cdot 10^{-9}$	0.8
100	632.2	$< 5.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$\sim 2.9 \cdot 10^{-9}$	0.8

WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW?

- ▶ At least two emission mechanisms:
 - ▶ **Thermal** (GRB 090902B Ryde+ (2009); Larsson+ (2015) ; Bjorn's talk)
 - ▶ **Synchrotron** (Zhang+ (2015), Burgess+ (2012-2014))
- ▶ Dynamic evolution predicted uniquely for one model: external shock; weakly predicted by internal shocks (**Daigne+ (1998-2015)**)
- ▶ Slow-cooling is possible under the right conditions (**Chiang+ (1999)**)
- ▶ Variability not a problem (**Golkhou & Butler (2014)**)

WHERE DO WE GO?

- ▶ GRB 141028A **is not inconsistent** with having dynamics that originate from external shocks and emission from shock accelerated electrons slowly cooling via synchrotron radiation.
- ▶ We posit this as evidence for the external shock model still being viable and raise the question of why it seems that **at least two emission/dynamic mechanisms observationally appear to be responsible for GRB emission.**

**THEORIST:
PREDICT EVOLUTION + SPECTRA**

**OBSERVERS:
USE PHYSICAL MODELS ON DATA**

THANK YOU!