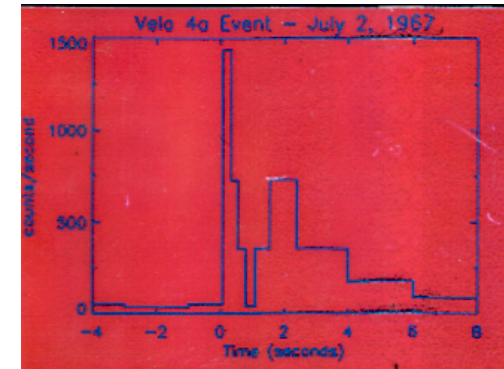




## Lecture 19

### Gamma-Ray Bursts

#### First Gamma-Ray Burst

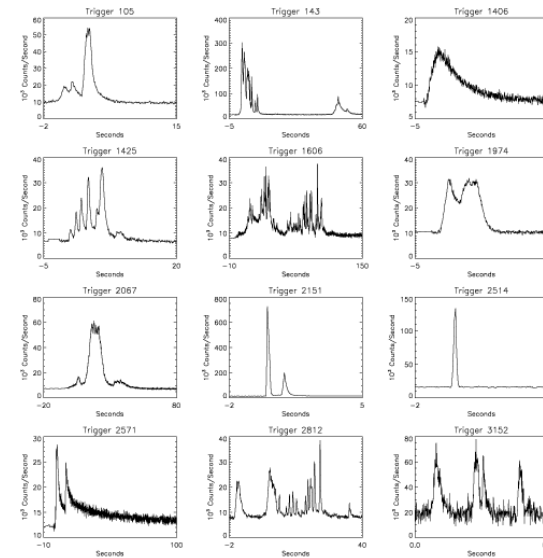


*The Vela 5 satellites functioned from July, 1969 to April, 1979 and detected a total of 73 gamma-ray bursts in the energy range 150 – 750 keV (n.b., Greater than 30 keV is gamma-rays). Discovery reported Klebesadel, Strong, and Olson (1973).*



Ian Strong – left Ray Klebesadel – right  
September 16, 2003

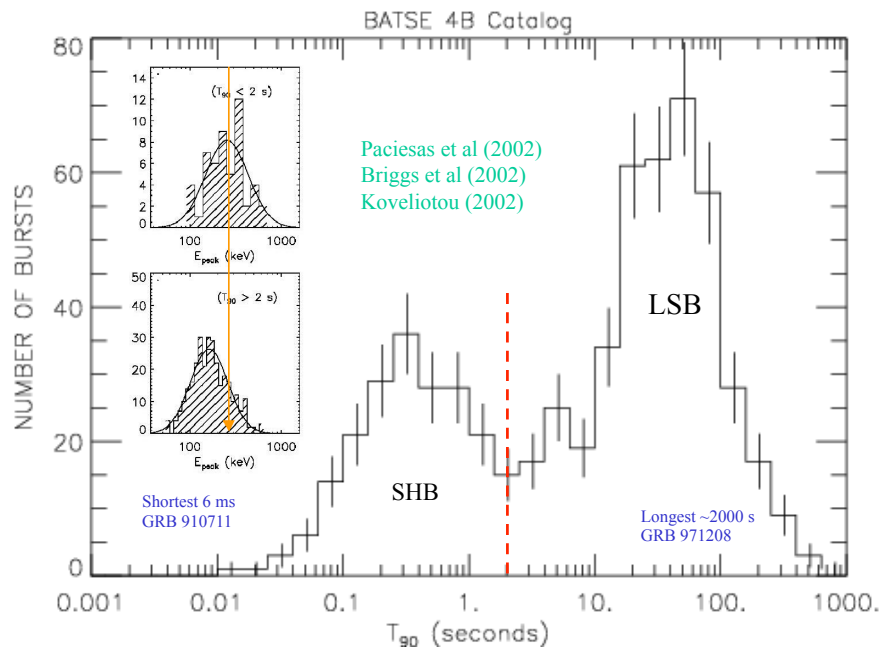
Gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) discovered 1969 - 72 by Vela satellites. Published by Klebesadel, Strong and Olson (1973)



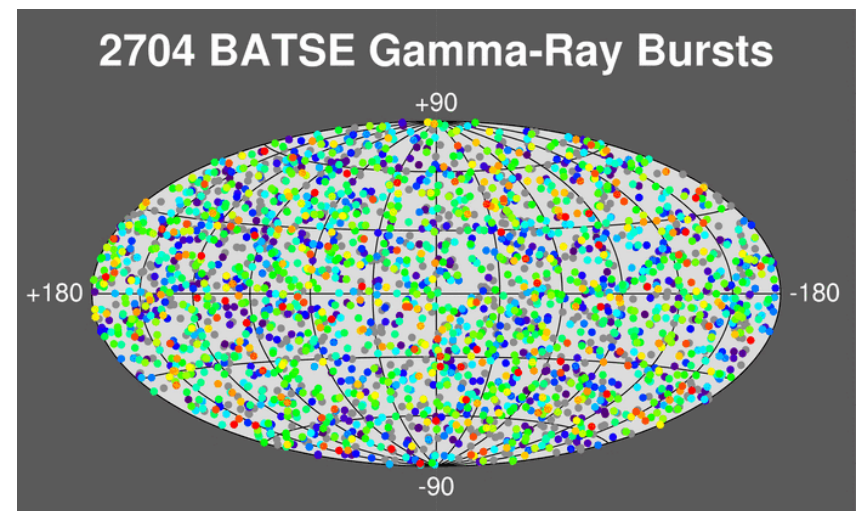
Typical durations are 20 seconds but there is wide variation both in time-structure and duration.

Some last only hundredths of a second. Others last thousands of seconds.

Typical power spectra peak at 200 keV and higher.



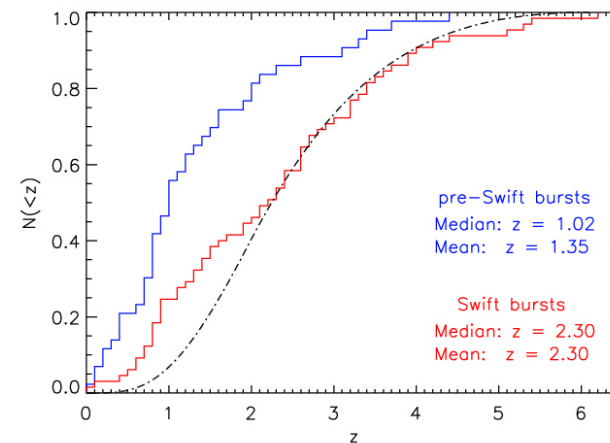
April 27, 2013 with Fermi and Swift lasted almost a day in GeV radiation



In total about 5000 gamma-ray bursts had been detected

- Most bursts discovered so far (though not necessarily per fixed volume) are LSB's at cosmological distances.

*Skipping over a rich history here*

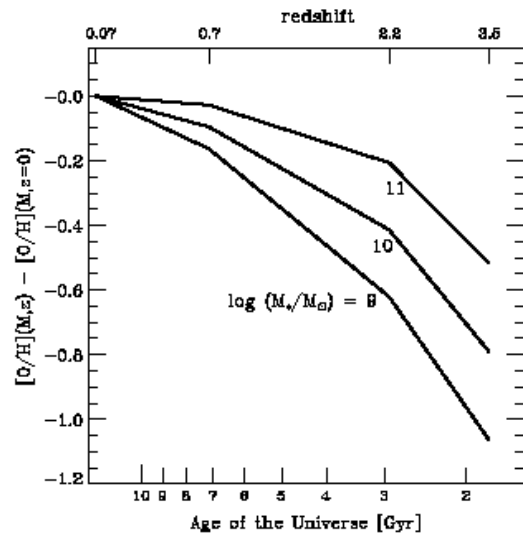
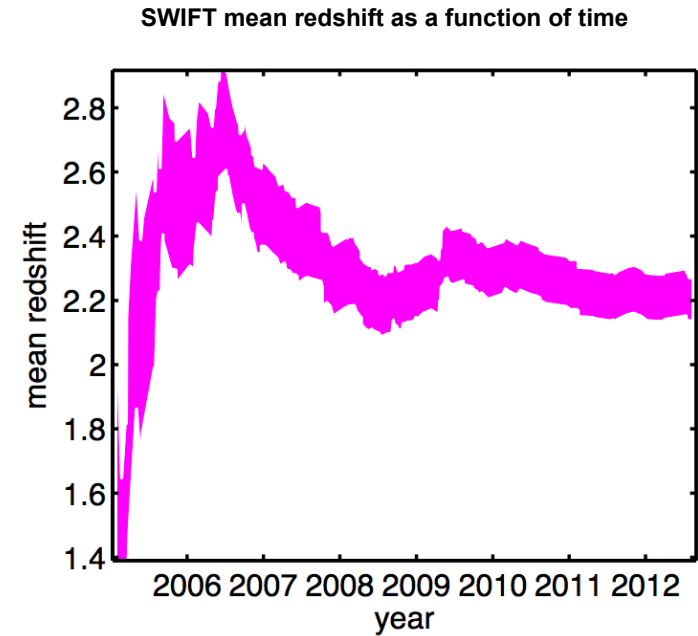
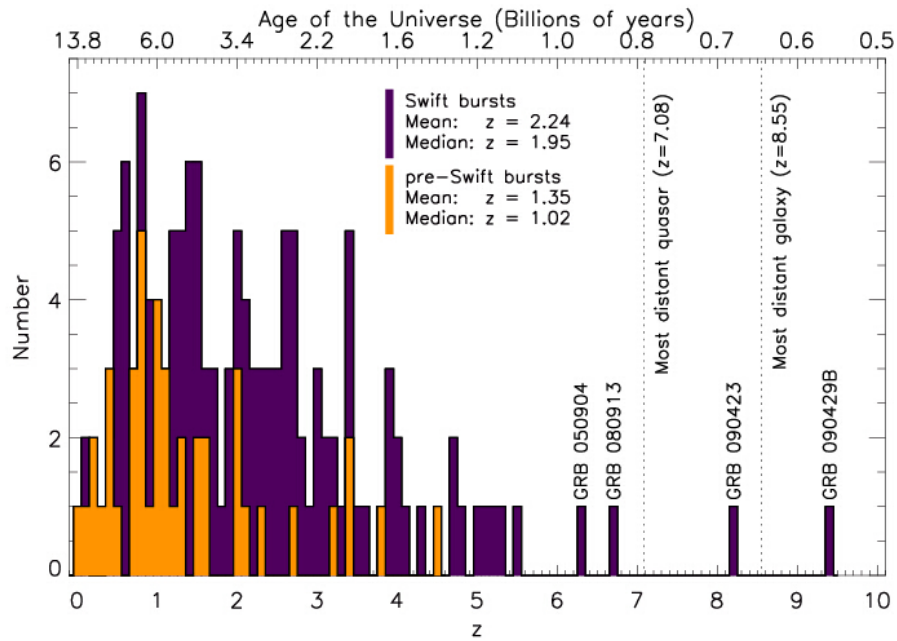


*SWIFT gives an average  $z$  about twice as great as prior missions*

As of April, 2008

131 bursts

[www.astro.ku.dk/~pallja/GRBsample.html](http://www.astro.ku.dk/~pallja/GRBsample.html)



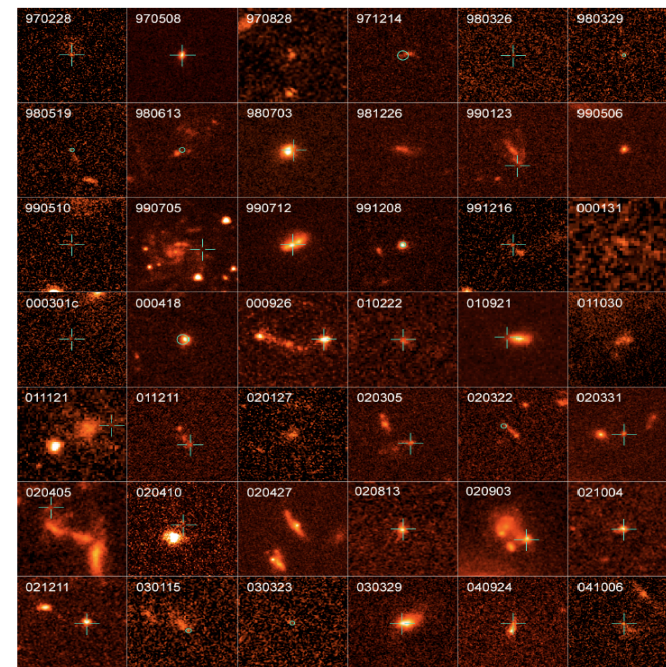
Maiolino et al (2008)

AMAZE Survey  
ESO-VLT

$Z \sim 2 - 3$  is an era of  
intense evolution for  
the SN rate and the  
metallicity

Metallicity in low M  
galaxies rises slower  
than in high M

nb. Z here is oxygen, not Fe; Fe/O declines with decreasing Z



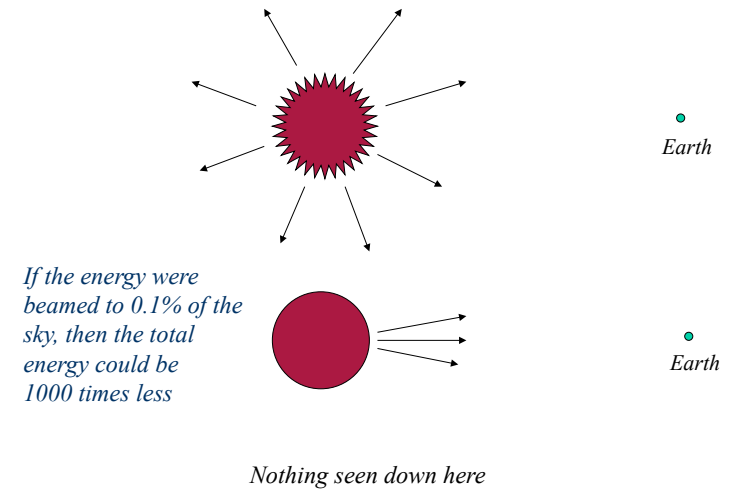
Fruchter et al. (2006)

*LGRBs are found in  
star-forming galaxies.  
Their location within  
those galaxies is associated  
with the light with a  
tighter correlation  
than even Type Ia  
supernovae (but maybe  
not Type Ic).*

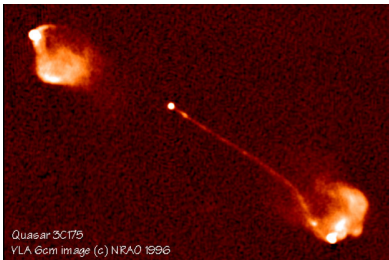


*At these distances gamma-ray bursts would have an energy of  $10^{52}$  erg to  $10^{54}$  erg if they emitted isotropically. That is up to the rest mass of the sun turned into gamma-rays in 10 seconds!*

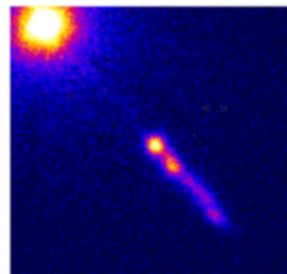
But the energies required are not really that great



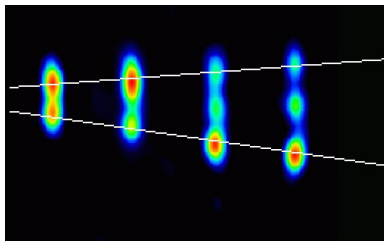
- GRBs are produced by highly relativistic flows that have been collimated into narrowly focused jets



Quasar 3C 175 as seen in the radio



Quasar 3C 273 as seen by the Chandra x-ray Observatory



Microquasar GPS 1915 in our own Galaxy – time sequence



Artist's conception of SS433 based on observations

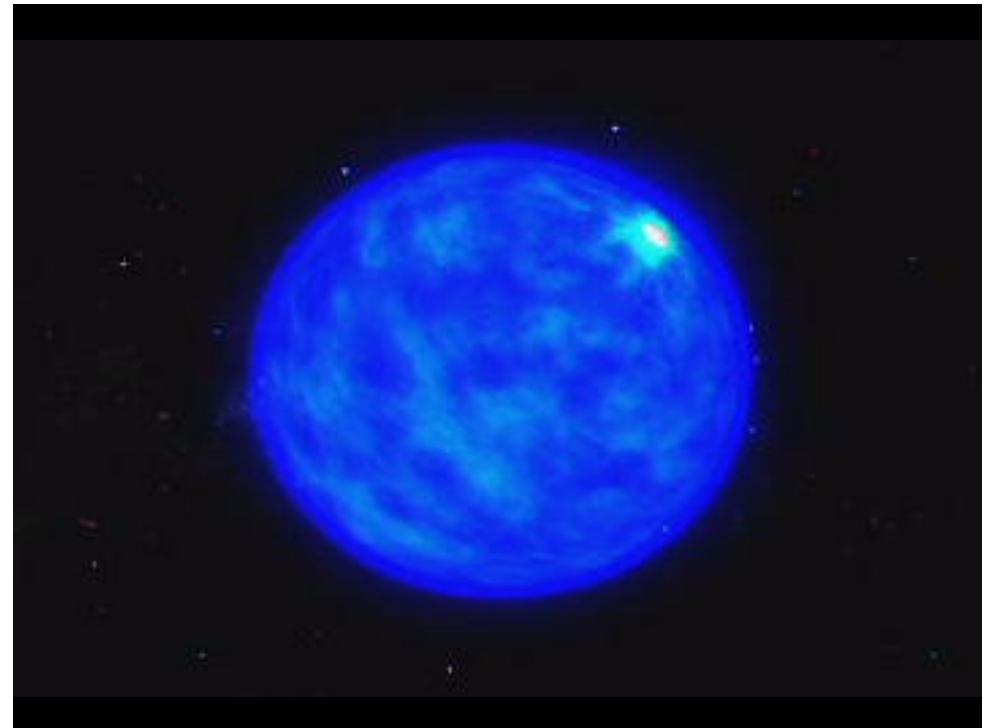




Table 3  
Limits on Selected Bursts

GRB	$f_1$	$z$	$E_{\text{max}}/m_e c^2$	$z$	$\Gamma$	Limit A	Limit B	Reference
Bursts with Very High Energy Photons								
910503...	8.71	2.2	333	1	$3.0 \times 10^{12}$	<b>340</b>	300	1
910601...	0.5	2.8	9.8	1	$1.8 \times 10^{11}$	72	<b>110</b>	2
910814...	13.5	2.8	117	1	$4.7 \times 10^{12}$	<b>200</b>	190	3
930131...	1.95	2.0	1957	1	$7.0 \times 10^{11}$	<b>420</b>	270	4
940217...	0.36	2.5	6614	1	$1.2 \times 10^{11}$	<b>340</b>	120	5
950425...	1.62	1.93	235	1	$6.0 \times 10^{11}$	<b>300</b>	280	6
990123...	1.1	2.71	37	1.6	$1.2 \times 10^{12}$	150	<b>180</b>	7
Bursts with Redshifts								
971214...	0.35	2	1	3.42	$2.6 \times 10^{12}$	192	<b>410</b>	8
	0.1	3	1	3.42	$7.5 \times 10^{11}$	64	<b>160</b>	8
980703...	0.08	2	1	0.966	$2.7 \times 10^{10}$	69	<b>140</b>	8
	0.02	3	1	0.966	$8.0 \times 10^9$	24	<b>56</b>	8
990510...	0.1	2	1	1.62	$1.2 \times 10^{11}$	98	<b>200</b>	8
	0.03	3	1	1.62	$3.7 \times 10^{10}$	34	<b>79</b>	8
Unusual Bursts								
980425...	0.04	2	1	0.0085	$1.0 \times 10^4$	4.6	<b>6.4</b>	8
	0.01	3	1	0.0085	$2.9 \times 10^3$	2.8	<b>3.8</b>	8

Minimum Lorentz factors for the burst to be optically thin to pair production and to avoid scattering by pairs.

Lithwick & Sari, ApJ, 555, 540, (2001)

$$\Gamma \geq 200$$

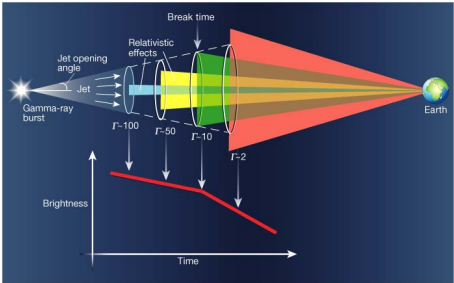
It is a property of matter moving close to the speed of light that it emits its radiation in a small angle along its direction of motion. The angle is inversely proportional to the

Lorentz factor

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}, \quad \theta = 1/\Gamma$$

E.g.,  $\Gamma=100 \quad v=0.99995c$   
 $\Gamma=10 \quad v=0.995c$

This offers a way of measuring the beaming angle. As the beam runs into interstellar matter it slows down.



Measurements give an opening angle of about 5 degrees.

- GRBs have total energies not too unlike supernovae

Frail et al. ApJL, (2001), astro/ph 0102282

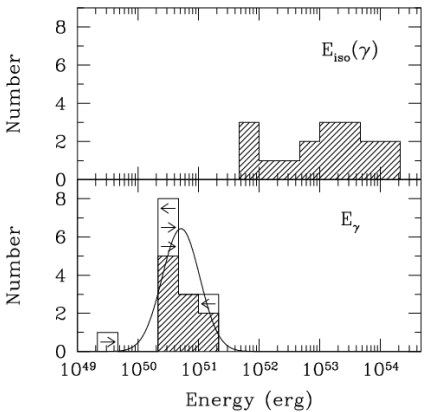


Figure 3. The distribution of the apparent isotropic  $\gamma$ -ray burst energy of GRBs with known redshifts (top) versus the geometry-corrected energy for those GRBs whose afterglows exhibit the signature of a non-isotropic outflow (bottom). The mean isotropic equivalent energy ( $E_{\text{iso}}(\gamma)$ ) for 17 GRBs is  $110 \times 10^{51}$  erg with a 1- $\sigma$  spreading of a multiplicative factor of 6.2. In estimating the mean geometry-corrected energy ( $E_\gamma$ ) we applied the Bayesian inference formalism<sup>49</sup> and modified to handle datasets containing upper and lower limits.<sup>50</sup> Arrows are plotted for five GRBs to indicate upper or lower limits to the geometry-corrected energy. The value of  $\langle \log E_\gamma \rangle$  is  $50.71 \pm 0.10$  (1- $\sigma$ ) or equivalently, the mean geometry-corrected energy ( $E_\gamma$ ) for 15 GRBs is  $0.5 \times 10^{51}$  erg. The standard deviation in  $\log E_\gamma$  is  $0.31^{+0.09}_{-0.08}$ , or a 1- $\sigma$  spread corresponding to a multiplicative factor of 2.0.

Despite their large inferred brightness, it is increasingly believed that GRBs are **not inherently much more powerful than supernovae**.

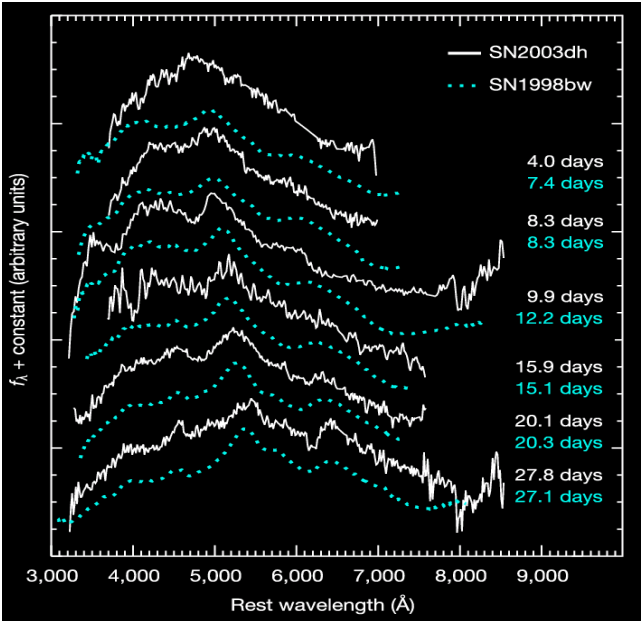
From afterglow analysis, there is increasing evidence for a small "beaming angle" and a common total jet energy near  $3 \times 10^{51}$  erg (for a conversion efficiency of 20%).

See also: Freedman & Waxman, ApJ, 547, 922 (2001)

Bloom, Frail, & Sari AJ, 121, 2879 (2001)

Piran et al. astro/ph 0108033

Panaiteescu & Kumar, ApJL, 560, L49 (2000)

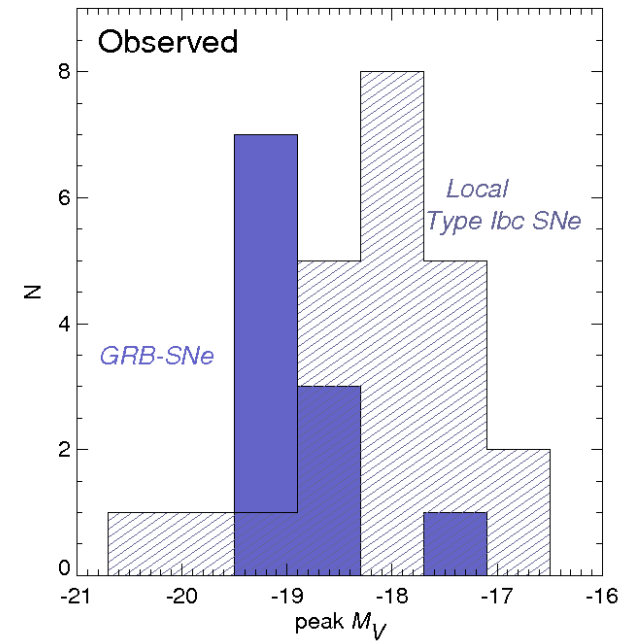
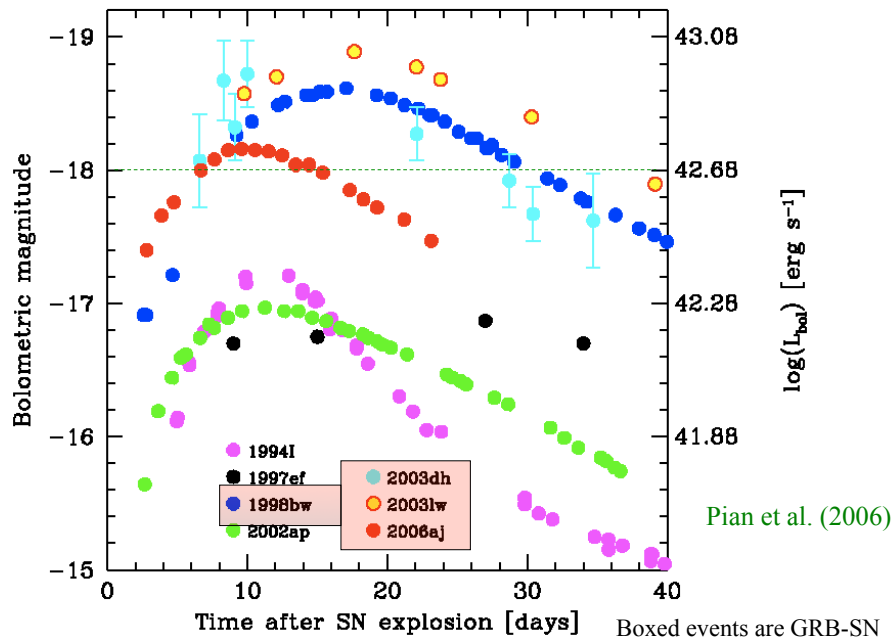


GRB980425/  
SN1998bw

GRB030329/  
SN2003dh

GRB031203/  
SN2003lw

Hjorth et al. (2003),  
Stanek et al. (2003)



Woosley and Bloom (2006)

#### How common are SN Ib/c? Local rate:

- ~15-20% of all SN
- ~30% of CC-SN
- Broad-lined SN Ic (SN Ic-BL): ~5-10% of all SN Ib/c

(Cappellaro et al 1999, Guetta & Della Valle 2007, Leaman et al. in prep)

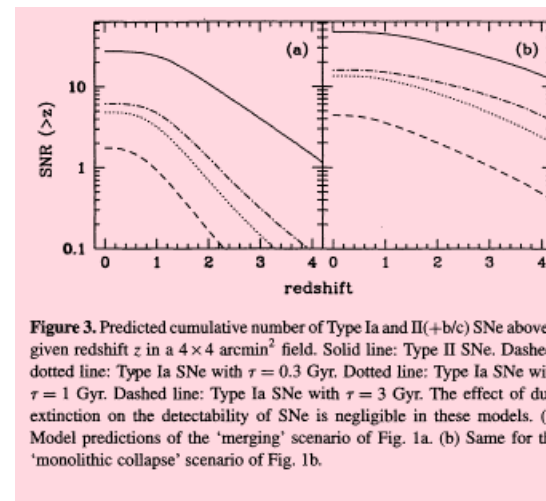
So SN Ic-BL are 1 - 2% of all supernovae.

GRBs are a much smaller fraction. The distinction may be the speed of core rotation at death (which is correlated with the metallicity)

Not all SN Ic - BL are GRBs

(though they may all be “active” at some level.

*The rate at which massive stars die in the universe is very high and GRBs are a small fraction of that death rate.*



**Figure 3.** Predicted cumulative number of Type Ia and II(+b/c) SNe above a given redshift  $z$  in a  $4 \times 4$  arcmin<sup>2</sup> field. Solid line: Type II SNe. Dashed-dotted line: Type Ia SNe with  $\tau = 0.3$  Gyr. Dotted line: Type Ia SNe with  $\tau = 1$  Gyr. Dashed line: Type Ia SNe with  $\tau = 3$  Gyr. The effect of dust extinction on the detectability of SNe is negligible in these models. (a) Model predictions of the ‘merging’ scenario of Fig. 1a. (b) Same for the ‘monolithic collapse’ scenario of Fig. 1b.

Madau, della Valle, & Panagia, MNRAS, 1998

Supernova rate per 16 arc min squared per year ~20

*This corresponds to an all sky supernova rate of*

**6 SN/sec**

*For comparison the universal GRB rate is about 3 /day \* 300 for beaming or*

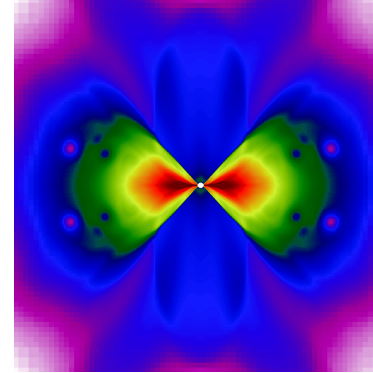
**~ 0.02 GRB/sec**

## Models

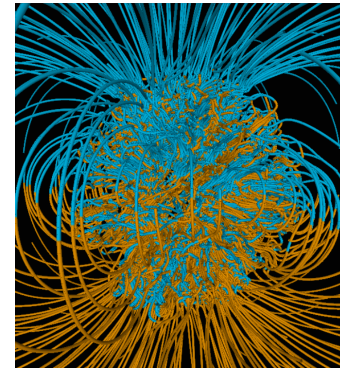
It is the consensus that the root cause of these energetic phenomena is star death that involves an unusually large amount of angular momentum ( $j \sim 10^{16} - 10^{17} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and quite possibly, one way or another, ultra-strong magnetic fields ( $\sim 10^{15}$  gauss). These are exceptional circumstances. A neutron star or a black hole is implicated.

Today, there are two principal models being discussed for GRBs of the “long-soft” variety:

- The collapsar model








- The millisecond magnetar



The ultimate source of energy in both is rotation.

### “Predictions” of both the collapsar and magnetar models

LSBs

- Relativistic jets 
- Occur in star forming regions 
- Occur in hydrogen-stripped stars and are often accompanied by SN Ibc 
- Are a small fraction of SN Ibc  ~0.3% of all SN
- Are favored by low metallicity (and rapid rotation) 
- Occur in CSM with density proportional to  $r^{-2}$  ?

## *Magnetar Model*



# Proto-magnetars

Magnetars have fields  $\sim 10^{14-15}$  G  
They might be born as fast rotators  
Efficient dynamo implies  $P \sim t_{\text{conv}} \sim \text{ms}$

Millisecond magnetar have the correct energy  
 $E_{\text{rot}} \approx 2 \times 10^{52} \left( \frac{P}{1 \text{ ms}} \right)^{-2} \text{ ergs}$

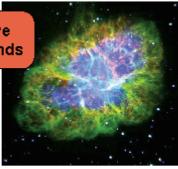
## Pro

NS are naturally associated to core collapse SN  
Less angular momentum required than BH-AD  
NS population can explain transition from asymmetric SNe to XRFs to GRBs

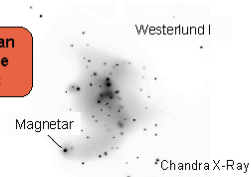
Typical spin-down times are  $\sim 100-1000 \text{ sec}$

$$E \approx 10^{49} \left( \frac{P}{1 \text{ ms}} \right)^{-4} \left( \frac{B_{\text{Dip}}}{10^{15} \text{ G}} \right)^2 \text{ ergs s}^{-1}$$

Pulsars have relativistic winds



Magnetars can have massive progenitors



Faintest Cluster Members are O7 (Muno 2006)

Slide from N. Bucciantini

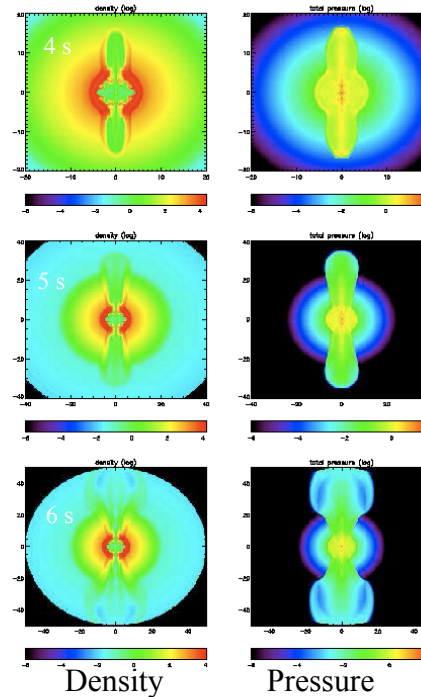
The maximum energy available for the supernova and the GRB producing jet in the magnetar model is  $\sim 2 \times 10^{52} \text{ erg}$ .

Consistent with observed limits of  $E_{\text{GRB}} + E_{\text{SN}}$  (Mazzali et al, 2014, *MNRAS*, **443**, 67)

Total rotational kinetic energy for a neutron star

$$E_{\text{rot}} \sim 2 \times 10^{52} (1 \text{ ms}/P)^2 (R/10 \text{ km})^2 \text{ erg}$$

This is the maximum value for a cold, rigidly rotating neutron star. A proto-neutron star at 10 - 100 ms is neither. Its large entropy makes the radius bigger and  $E_{\text{rot}}$  less, differential rotation increases  $E_{\text{rot}}$ . The trade off means that the above limit is not far off. Detailed calculations needed but consistent with Burrows et al.



Bucciantini, Quataert, Arons, Metzger and Thompson (*MNRAS*; 2007) and refs therein, see also Komissarov et al (2008)

Assume a pre-existing supernova explosion in the stripped down core of a 35 solar mass star.

Insert a spinning down 1 ms magnetar with  $B \sim \text{few} \times 10^{15}$  gauss.

Two phase wind:

Initial magnetar-like wind contributes to explosion energy. Analog to pulsar wind. Sub-relativistic

Later magnetically accelerated neutrino powered wind with wound up B field makes jet. Can achieve high field to baryon loading.

See especially Metzger et al (2011; *MNRAS* **413**, 2031)

## Major Uncertainties

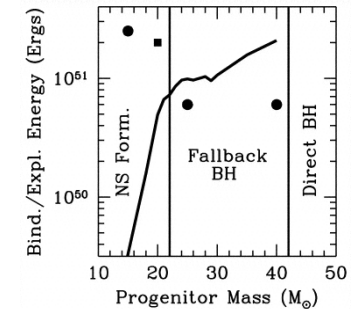
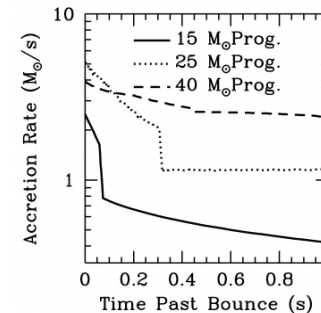
- What launches the supernova that clears the matter away from the vicinity of the neutron star and allows it to operate as in a vacuum?
- What distinguishes magnetar birth from GRBs? Is it a continuum based on rotation rate?
- How is several tenths of a solar mass of  $^{56}\text{Ni}$  made?

# Collapsar Progenitors

## Collapsar Model

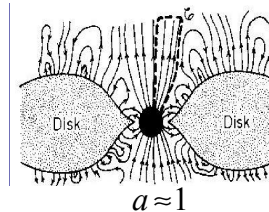
### Two requirements:

- Core collapse produces a black hole - either promptly or very shortly thereafter.
- Sufficient angular momentum exists to form a disk outside the black hole (this virtually guarantees that the hole is a Kerr hole)



Fryer, ApJ, 522, 413, (1999)

For the last stable orbit around a black hole in the collapsar model (i.e., the minimum  $j$  to make a disk)



### MHD Energy Extraction

Blandford & Znajek (1977)  
Koide et al. (2001)  
van Putten (2001)  
Lee et al (2001)  
etc.

From the rotational energy of the black hole:

$$j_{LSO} = 2\sqrt{3} \frac{GM}{c} = 4.6 \times 10^{16} \frac{M_{BH}}{3 M_{\odot}} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \text{non-rotating}$$

$$j_{LSO} = 2 / \sqrt{3} \frac{GM}{c} = 1.5 \times 10^{16} \frac{M_{BH}}{3 M_{\odot}} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \text{Kerr } a = 1$$

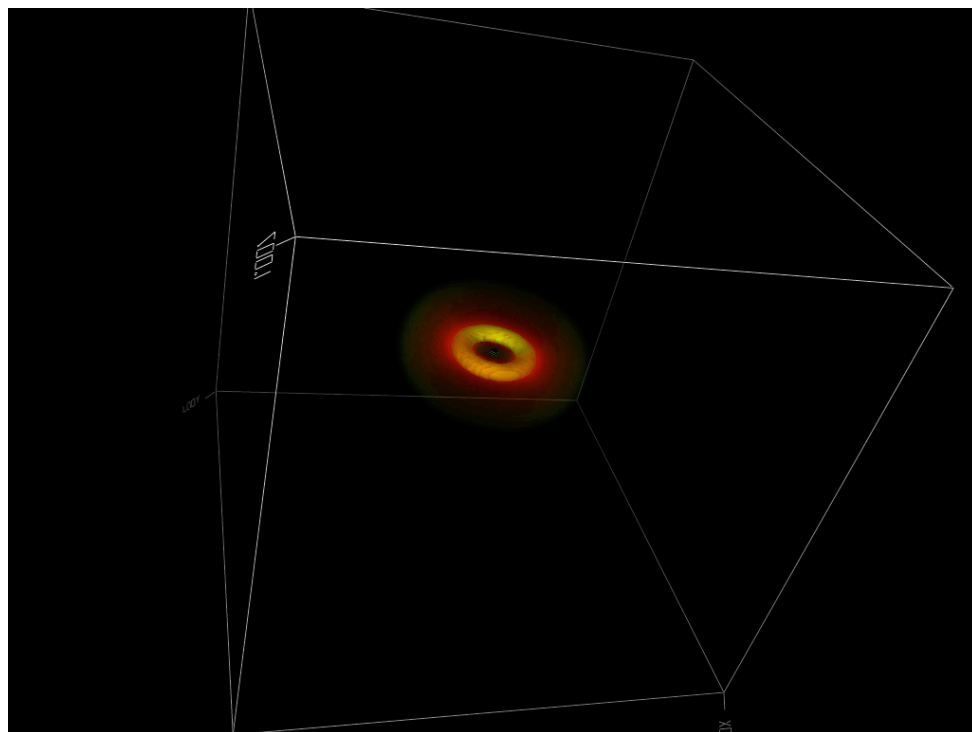
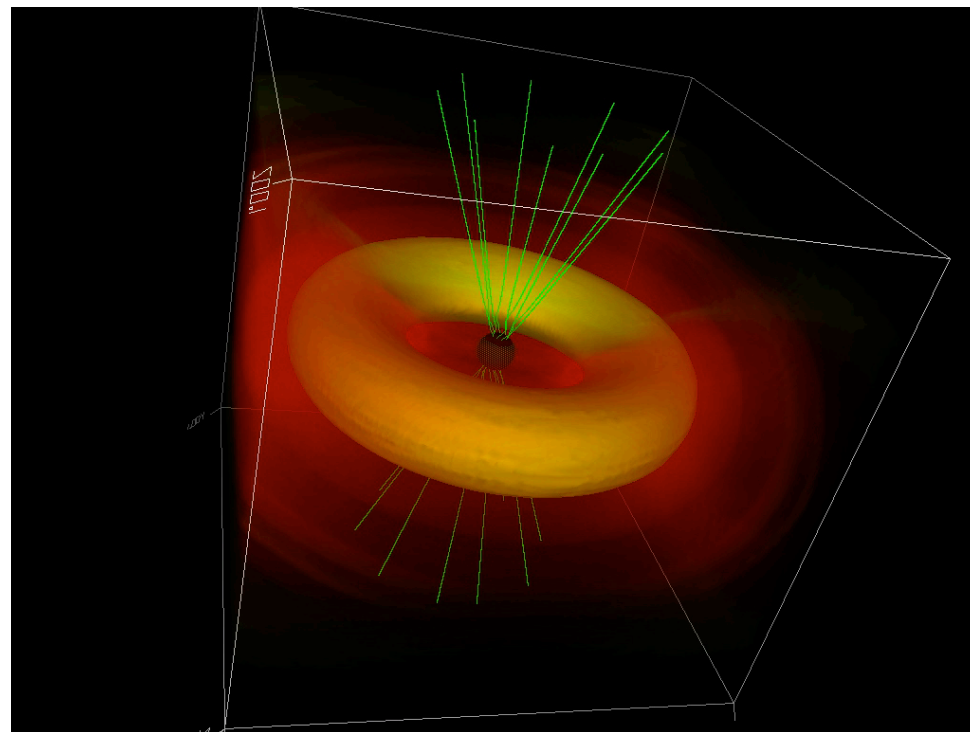
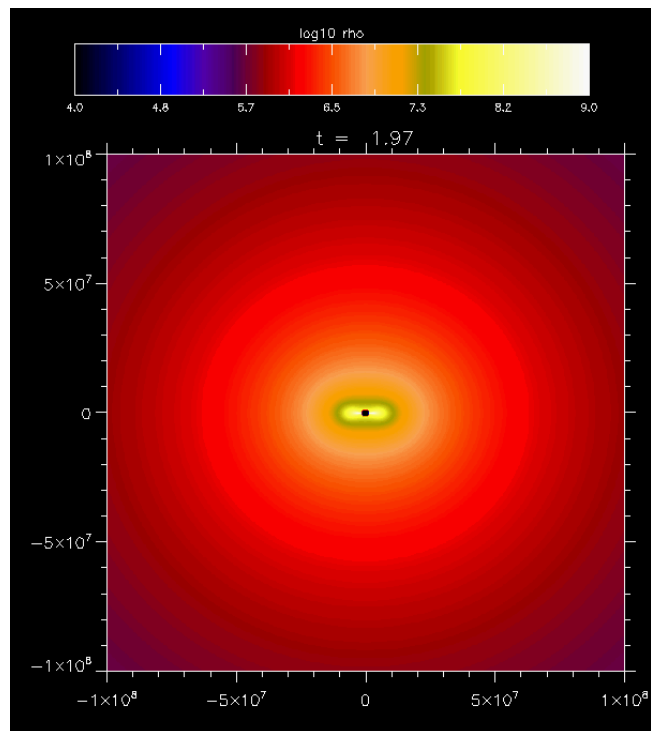
$$\dot{E} \sim 0.4 \frac{B^2}{\mu_0} r_s^2 c \sim 4 \times 10^{52} B_{15}^2 \left( \frac{M}{10 M_{\odot}} \right)^2 \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

But only need  $\sim 4 \times 10^{50} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ !

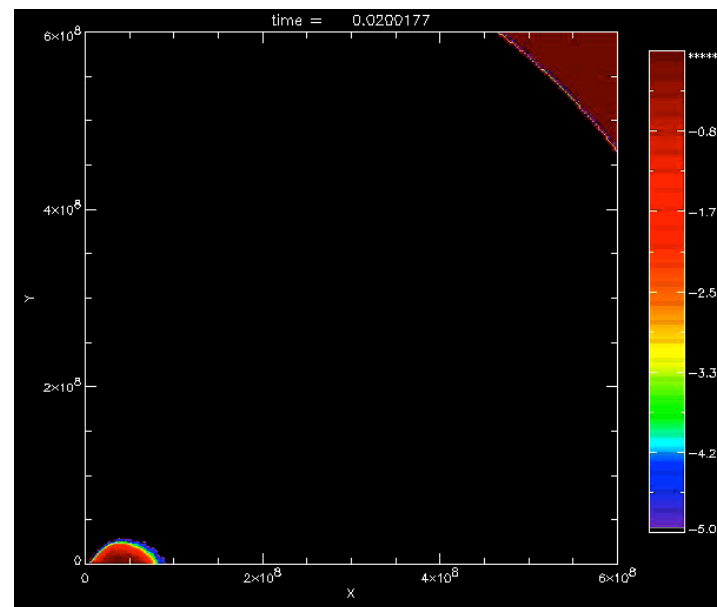
The efficiencies for converting accreted matter to energy need not be large.  $B \sim 10^{14} - 10^{15} \text{ gauss}$  for a 3 solar mass black hole. Well below equipartition in the disk.

Eventually shuts off when  $\dot{M}$  can no longer sustain such a large B-field.

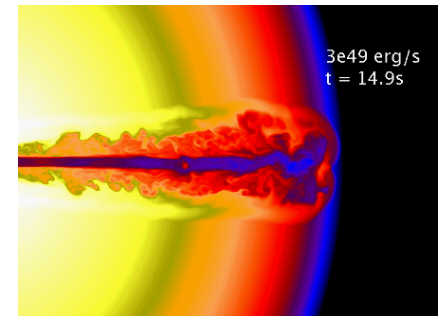
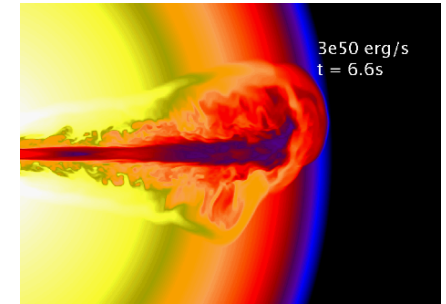
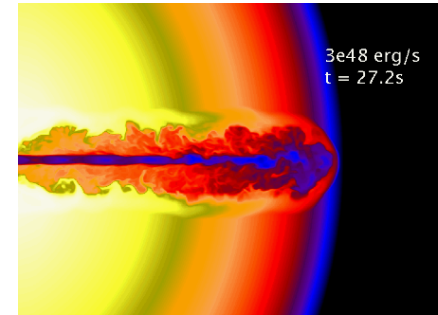
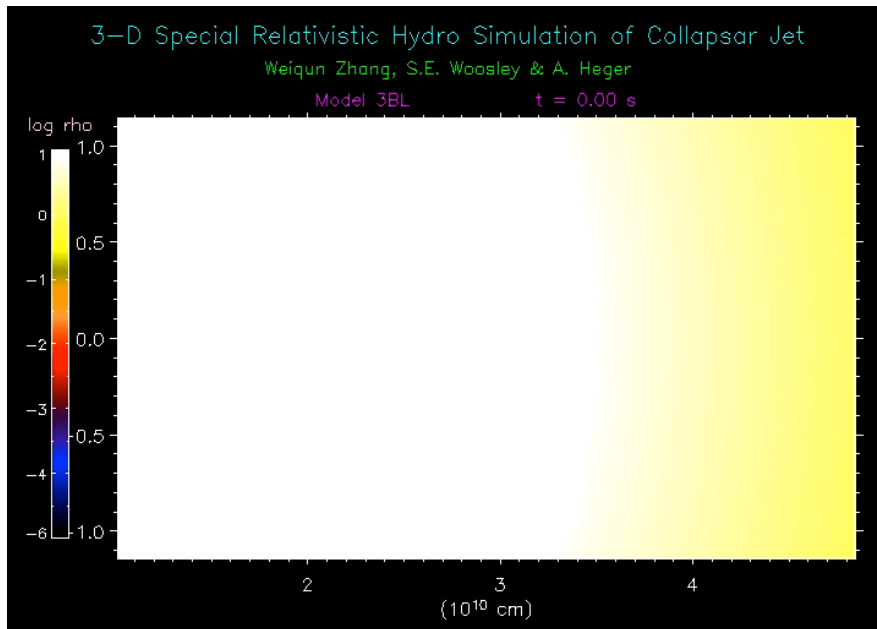
*It is somewhat easier to produce a magnetar model!*



The disk wind: MacFadyen & Woosley (2001)







3D studies of relativistic jets  
 by Woosley & Zhang (2007 and in prep.)

*As the energy of the jet is turned down at the origin, the jet takes an increasingly long time to break out. The cocoon also becomes smaller and the jet more prone to instability.*

Jets were inserted at  $10^{10}$  cm in a WR star with radius  $8 \times 10^{10}$  cm. Jets had initial Lorentz factor of 5 and total energy 40 times  $mc^2$ .

## How to Get the Necessary Rotation

*Need iron core rotation at death to correspond to a pulsar of  $< 5$  ms period if rotation and B-fields are to matter to the explosion. Need a period of  $\sim 1$  ms to make GRBs. This is much faster than observed in common pulsars.*

Total rotational kinetic energy for a neutron star

$$E_{\text{rot}} \sim 2 \times 10^{52} (1 \text{ ms}/P)^2 (R/10 \text{ km})^2 \text{ erg}$$

$$j = R^2 \Omega \sim 6.3 \times 10^{15} (1 \text{ ms}/P) (R/10 \text{ km})^2 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } M \approx 1.4 M_{\odot}$$

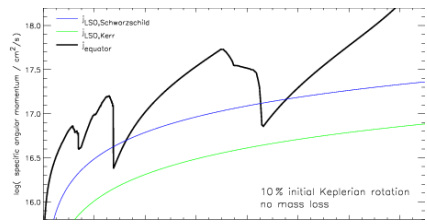
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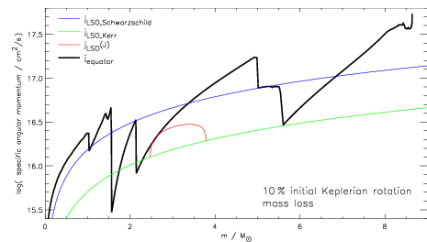
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*It is easier to produce a magnetar model!*

The more difficult problem is the angular momentum. This is a problem shared by all current GRB models that invoke massive stars...

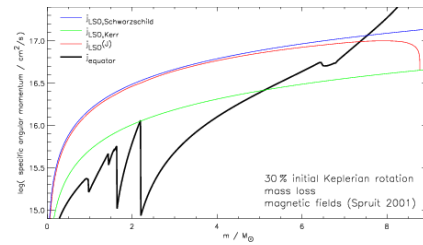


15 solar mass helium core born rotating rigidly at f times break up



In the absence of mass loss and magnetic fields, there would be abundant progenitors.

Unfortunately nature has both.



Stellar evolution including approximate magnetic torques gives slow rotation for common supernova progenitors, i.e., those that make pulsars (solar metallicity)

Table 4: Pulsar Rotation Rate With Variable Remnant Mass<sup>a</sup>

Mass	Baryon <sup>b</sup> (M <sub>⊙</sub> )	Gravitational <sup>c</sup> (M <sub>⊙</sub> )	J(M <sub>bary</sub> ) (10 <sup>47</sup> erg s)	BE (10 <sup>53</sup> erg)	Period <sup>d</sup> (ms)
12 M <sub>⊙</sub>	1.38	1.26	5.2	2.3	15
15 M <sub>⊙</sub>	1.47	1.33	7.5	2.5	11
20 M <sub>⊙</sub>	1.71	1.52	14	3.4	7.0
25 M <sub>⊙</sub>	1.88	1.66	17	4.1	6.3
35 M <sub>⊙</sub> <sup>e</sup>	2.30	1.97	41	6.0	3.0

magnetar progenitor?

<sup>a</sup> Assuming a constant radius of 12 km and a moment of inertia 0.35 M R<sup>2</sup> (Lattimer & Prakash 2001)

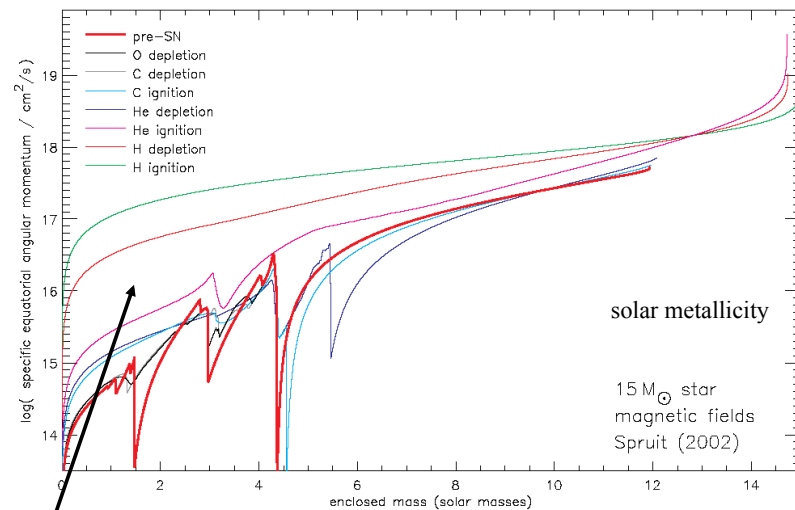
<sup>b</sup> Mass before collapse where specific entropy is 4 k<sub>B</sub>/baryon

<sup>c</sup> Mass corrected for neutrino losses

<sup>d</sup> Not corrected for angular momentum carried away by neutrinos

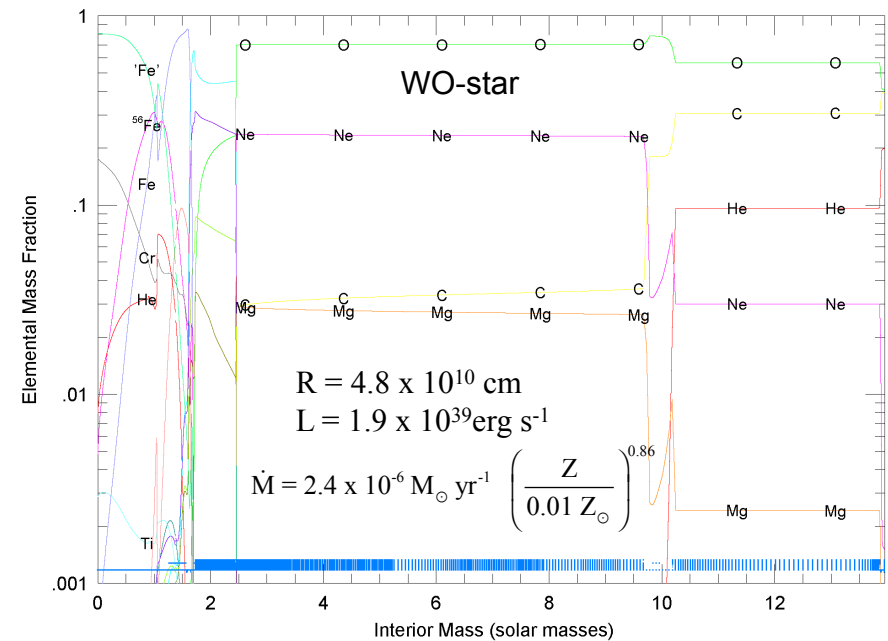
<sup>e</sup> Became a Wolf-Rayet star during helium burning

Heger, Woosley, & Spruit (2004)  
using magnetic torques as derived in  
Spruit (2002)

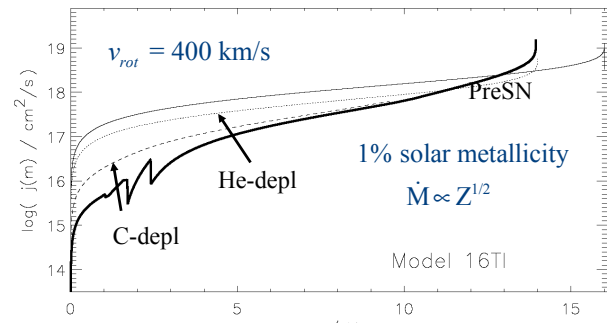


Much of the spin down occurs as the star evolves from H depletion to He ignition, i.e. forming a red supergiant.

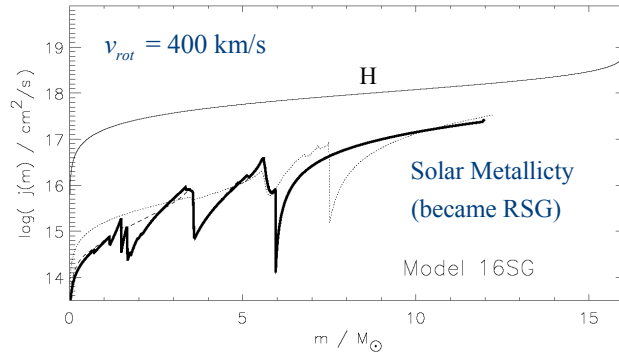
Heger, Woosley, & Spruit (2004)



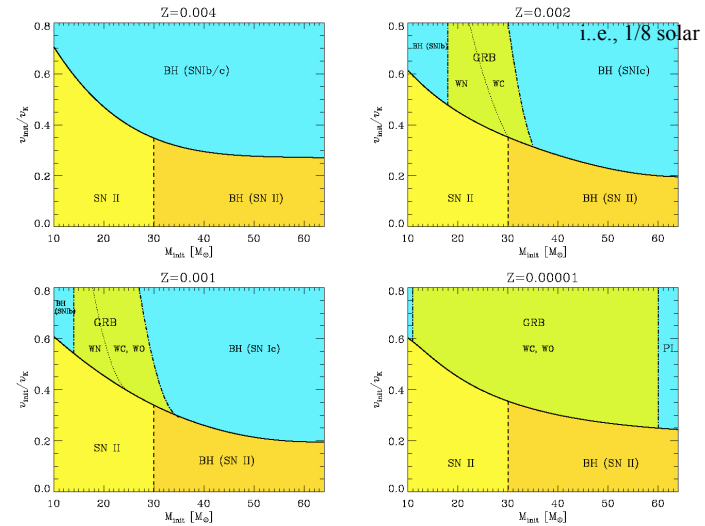
Derived from 16 M<sub>⊙</sub> star with very rapid rotation



GRB



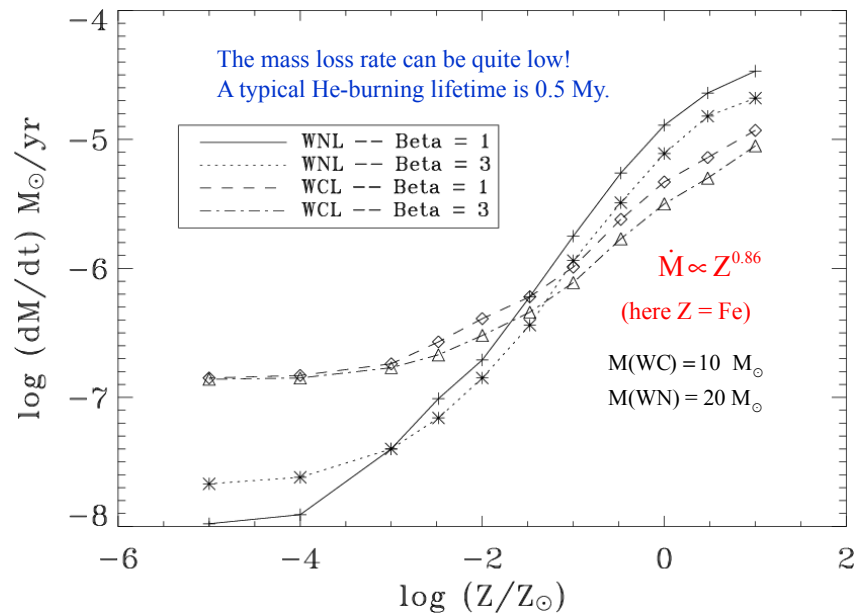
8 ms pulsar



Yoon, Langer, and Norman (2006)

$N_{GRB} / N_{SN} \ll 1\%$   
out to redshift 4  
saturates at 2% at  
redshift 10

Woosley and Heger (2006) find similar results but estimate a higher metallicity threshold (30% solar) and a higher mass cut off for making GRBs.



Theory

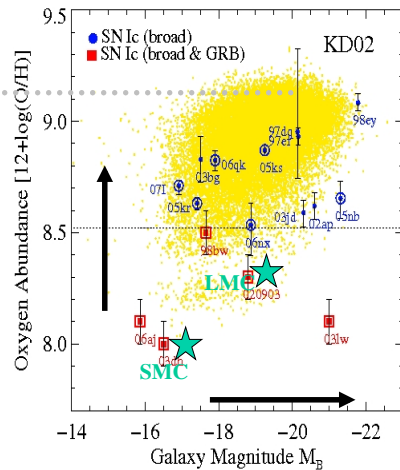
Vink & de Koter (A&A, 442, 587, (2005))

Savalio et al. (2009, ApJ, 691, 182) surveyed 46 GRB host galaxies. Found median mass to be  $10^{9.3}$  solar masses (like the LMC) and the metallicity, 1/6 solar. LSBs seem (small statistics) to be in larger galaxies.



## Local abundances of GRB-SN and broad-lined SN Ic

Local SDSS galaxies  
(Tremonti et al 2004)



Modjaz et al (2008)

## Short Hard Bursts

In 2005 - 2006, several short hard bursts were localized by SWIFT and HETE-2 and coordinated searches for counterparts were carried out. The bursts were GRB 050509b ( $z = 0.2248$ , elliptical galaxy), 050709 ( $z = 0.161$ ) and 050724 ( $z = 0.258$ )

The bursts were either on the outskirts of galaxies or in old galaxies with low star formation rate

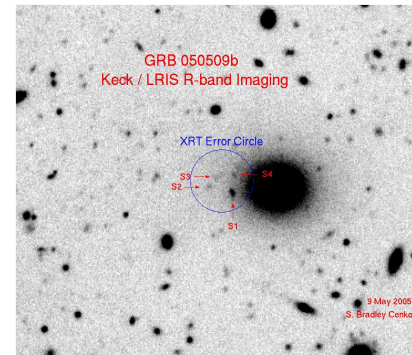
There was no accompanying supernova

The redshifts were much lower than for the long soft bursts and thus the total energy was about two orders of magnitude less (because they are shorter as well as closer).

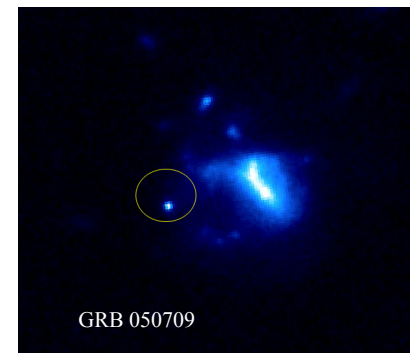
All this is consistent with the merging neutron star (or merging black hole neutron star) paradigm.

## Additional Predictions Collapsar Model

- Have a time scale governed by the dynamics of the star and accretion, i.e., not a pulsar spin down time
- Separate mechanism for SN and GRB
- At higher redshift (lower metallicity) LSBs should, in general have more total energy and last longer
- Total explosion energies can considerably exceed  $2 \times 10^{52}$  erg (difficult in magnetar model)
- Substantial late time activity due to fallback (Type II collapsar)
- New kinds of phenomena at very high mass (Type III collapsar)



near an elliptical

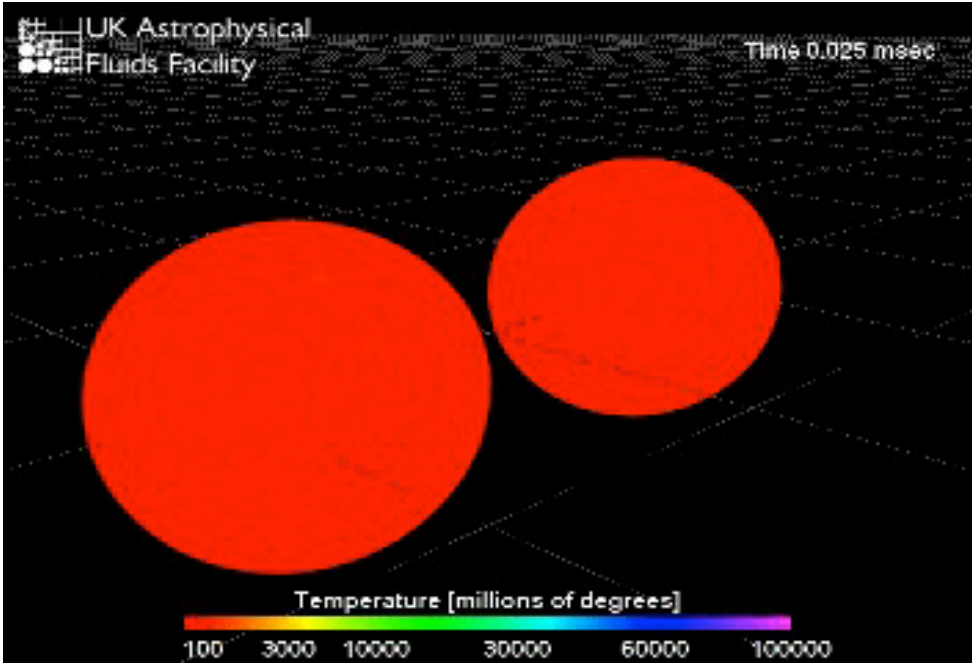


outskirts of an Ir galaxy

Spectrum of 050724 host galaxy shows it to be an elliptical

Table 2  
Prompt emission and afterglow properties

SHB	$T_{90}^a$ [s]	$z$	$S_j^b \times 10^{-7}$	$E_{j,\text{iso}}^c \times 10^{49}$	$L_{j,\text{peak}}^d \times 10^{50}$	$f_b^{-1e}$	$E_j^f \times 10^{49}$
050509B	0.04	0.225	$0.23 \pm 0.09$	0.25	0.7[35 ms]		
050709 <sup>i</sup>	0.07	0.16	$3 \pm 0.38$	1.6	3[60 ms]		
050724 <sup>j</sup>	3 [1.3]	0.258	$6.3 \pm 1$	9.1	1[0.8 s]	< 13 [< 500]	> 0.7 [> 0.02]
050813	0.6	0.7 or 1.8	$1.24 \pm 0.46$	11 48	3[0.3 s] 20[0.2 s]		
050906	0.13		$0.84 \pm 0.46$				
050925 <sup>k</sup>	0.07		$0.92 \pm 0.18$				
051105A	0.28		$0.4 \pm 0.09$				
051210	1.4		$1.9 \pm 0.3$				
051221	1.3	0.546	$22.2 \pm 0.8$ ( $32.2^{+1}_{-17}$ )	130 250	(550[3 ms])	80	1.5 3
060313	0.7	< 1.7	$32.1 \pm 1.4$ ( $110 \pm 20$ )				
060502B	0.09	0.287(?)	$1 \pm 0.13$	0.8(?)		SHBs tend to be closer (probably selection) and have lower energy	
060801	0.04		$0.8 \pm 0.1$				
061201 <sup>l</sup>	0.8		$3.3 \pm 0.3$				
061217 <sup>l</sup>	0.3		$0.46 \pm 0.08$				



Rosswog (2003)