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# **The prompt-afterglow connection in Gamma-Ray Bursts: a comprehensive statistical analysis of Swift X-ray light-curves**

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Link between the prompt and the X-ray afterglow

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Short GRBs vs long GRBs  
X-ray afterglow properties

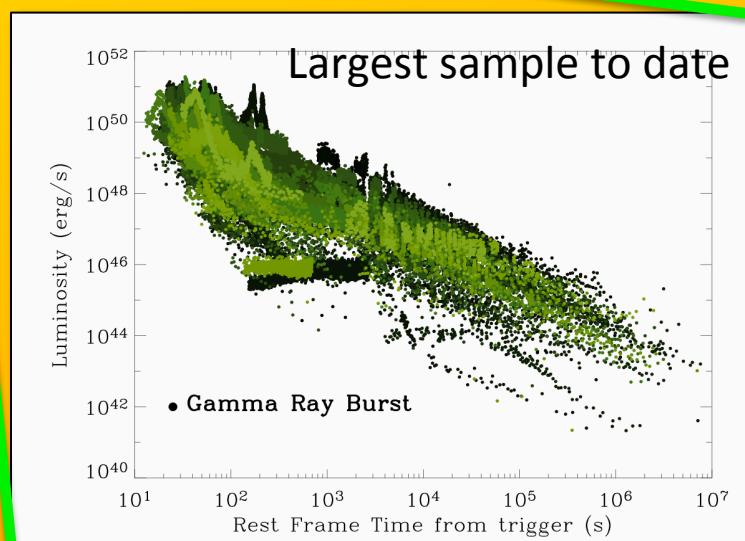
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More than **650** GRBs

**165** with redshift

Energetics  
Intrinsic Time Scales



Log(Lum)

X-rays

Prompt

1) FLARE project

2) "CONTINUUM"  
project

Log(t)

**Spectral and  
temporal study of  
the bright sample**  
(Margutti et al.,  
2010, MNRAS, 406,  
2149)

**Average flare  
luminosity  
evolution with time**  
Margutti et al.,  
2011, MNRAS, 410,  
1064

**Catalog of LONG GRB  
early time flares**  
(Chincarini, Mao,  
Margutti, 2010,  
MNRAS, 406, 2113)

**Catalog of LONG  
GRB LATE-time  
flares**  
Bernardini,  
Margutti 2011, A&A,  
526A, 27B

**Flare in SHORT  
GRBs**  
Margutti, 2011,  
MNRAS 417,  
2144

*GRB X-ray  
Flares*

... see Poster on flares in Short GRBs...

Log(Lum)

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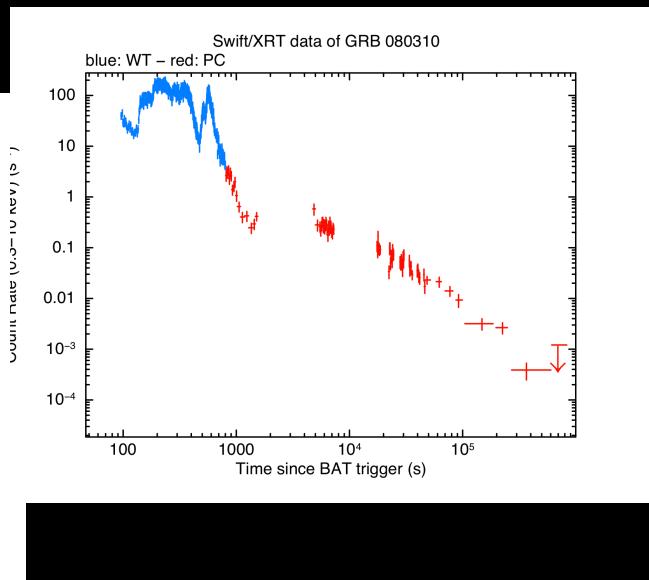
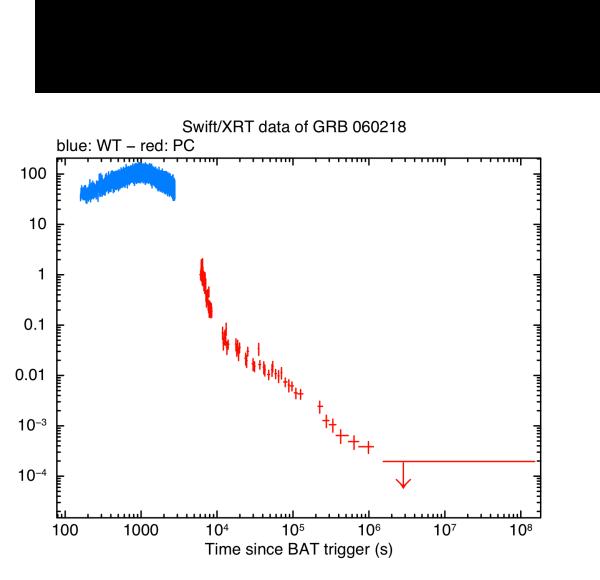
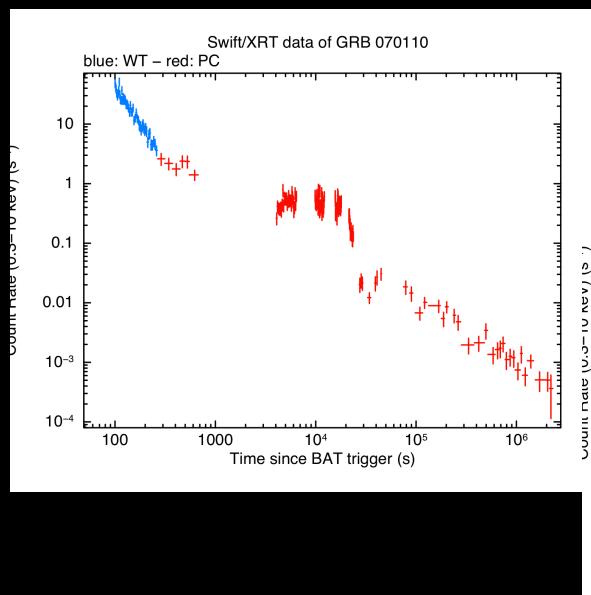
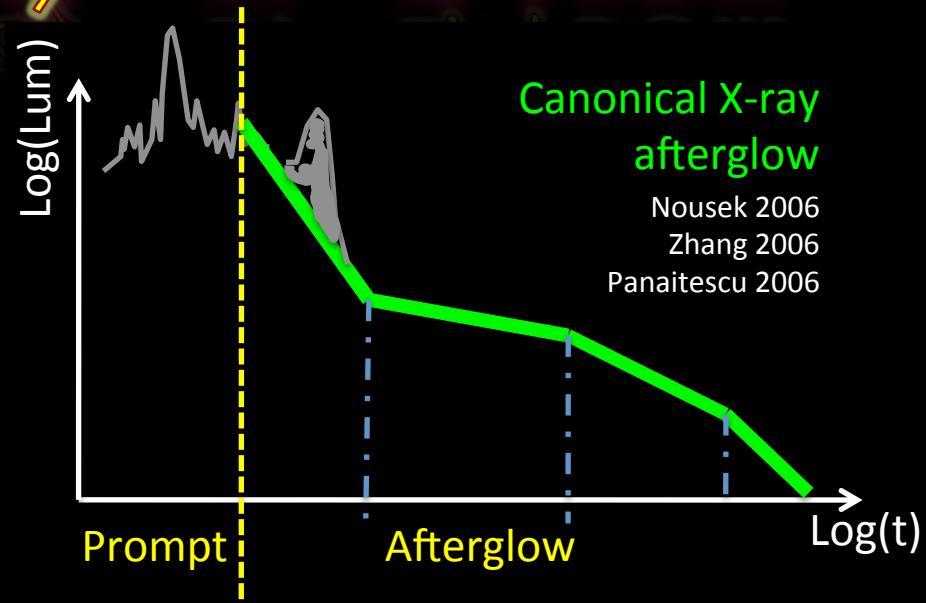
Log(t)

...but all the information about the superimposed variability is stored and **available online**

# The "complexity" of GRBs...

PROGENITOR  
ENVIRONMENT  
EMISSION MECHANISM  
OBSERVATIONAL EFFECTS

$$dx =$$



[http://www.grbtac.org/xrt\\_demo/](http://www.grbtac.org/xrt_demo/)

alpha1= 2.6 +\/- 0.3  
alpha1(T90)= 1.3 +\/- 0.2

alpha2=0.2+\/- 0.3

alpha3=1.

T\_begin= 418 s

T\_end= 10 ks

Flux Begin Plateau= (1.4 +\/- 0.2)

Flux End Plateau= (2.3 +\/- 0.3) e-12 (erg/cm<sup>2</sup>)

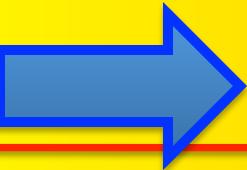
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(erg/cm<sup>2</sup>)

40-50 parameters

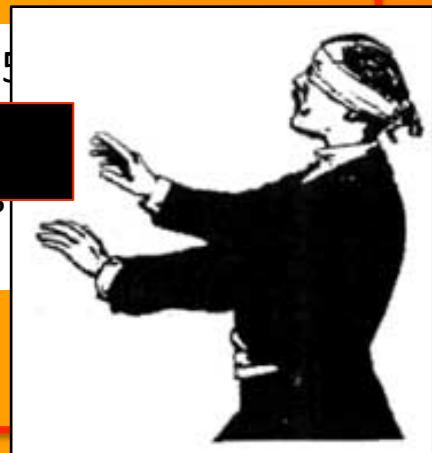
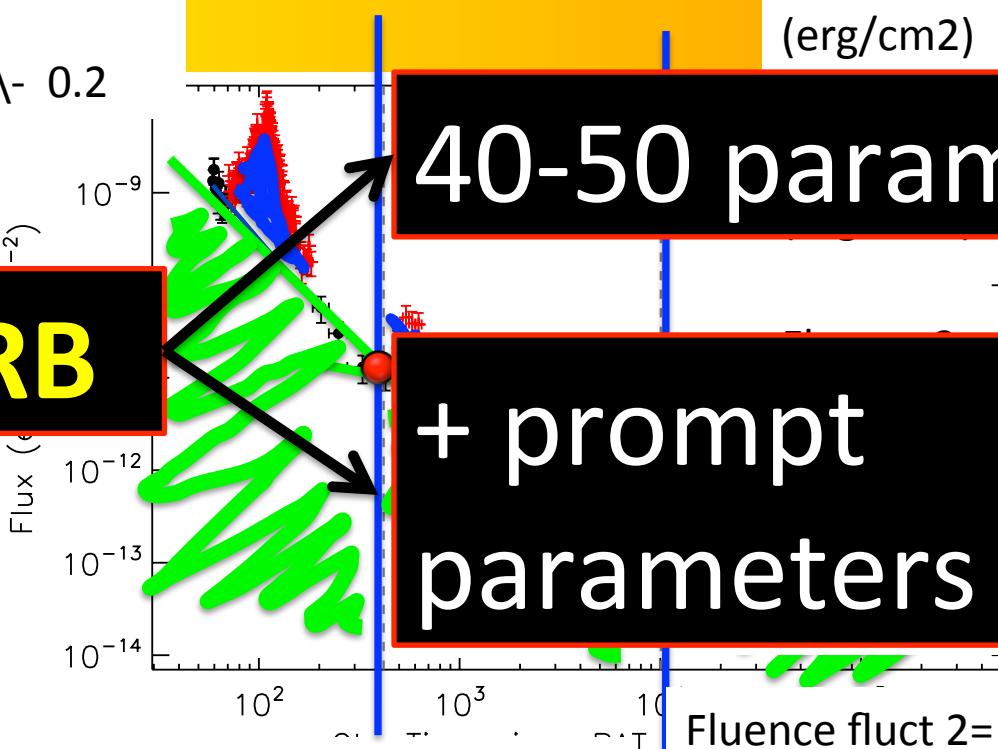
+ prompt  
parameters

Blind search for correlations

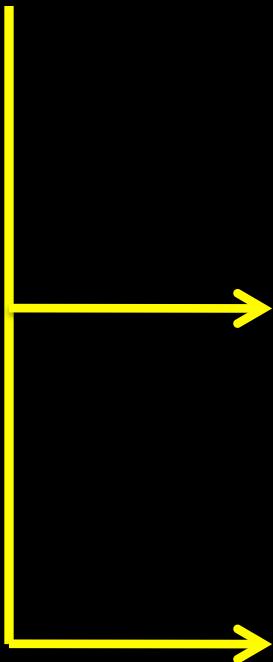
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Retrieve lc + Retri



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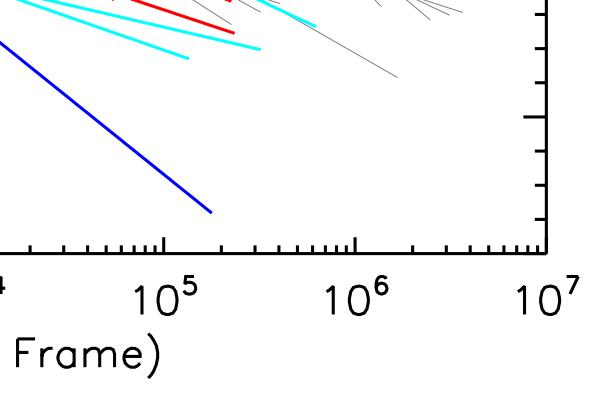
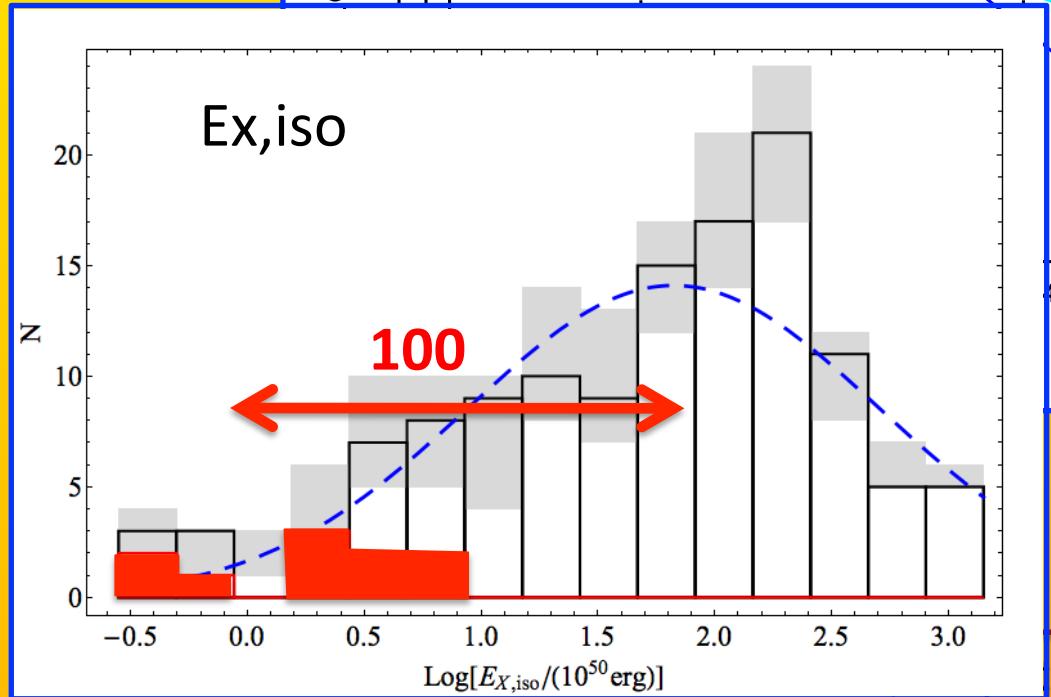
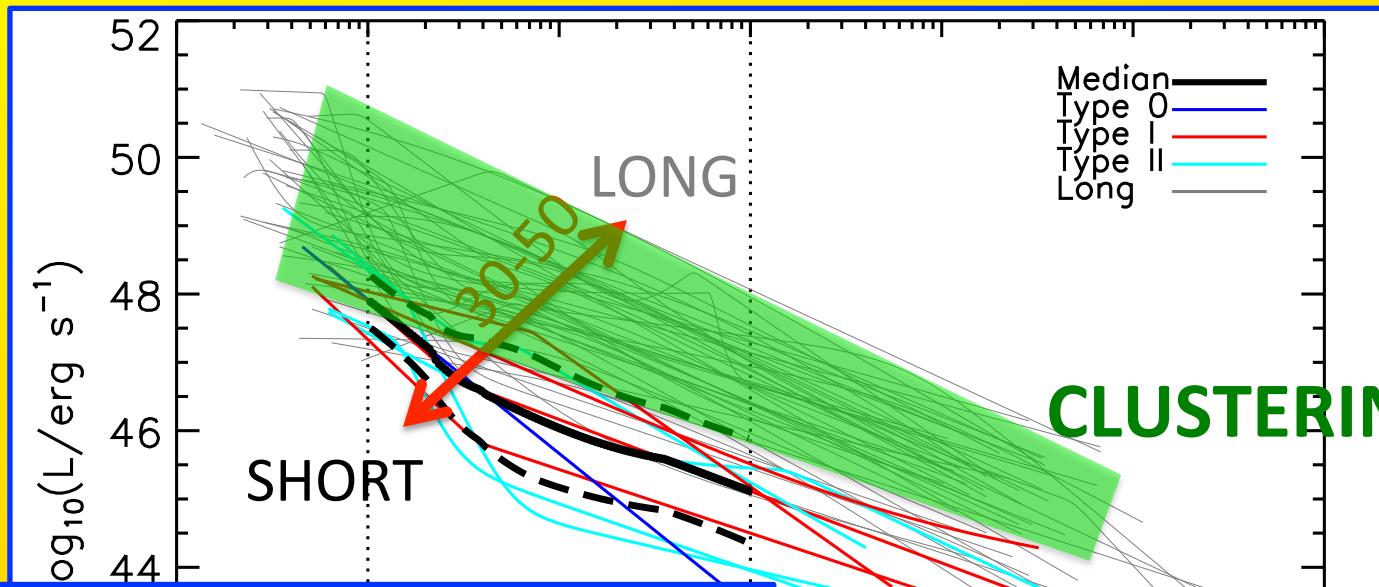


**short vs. long**

**3-par correlation**

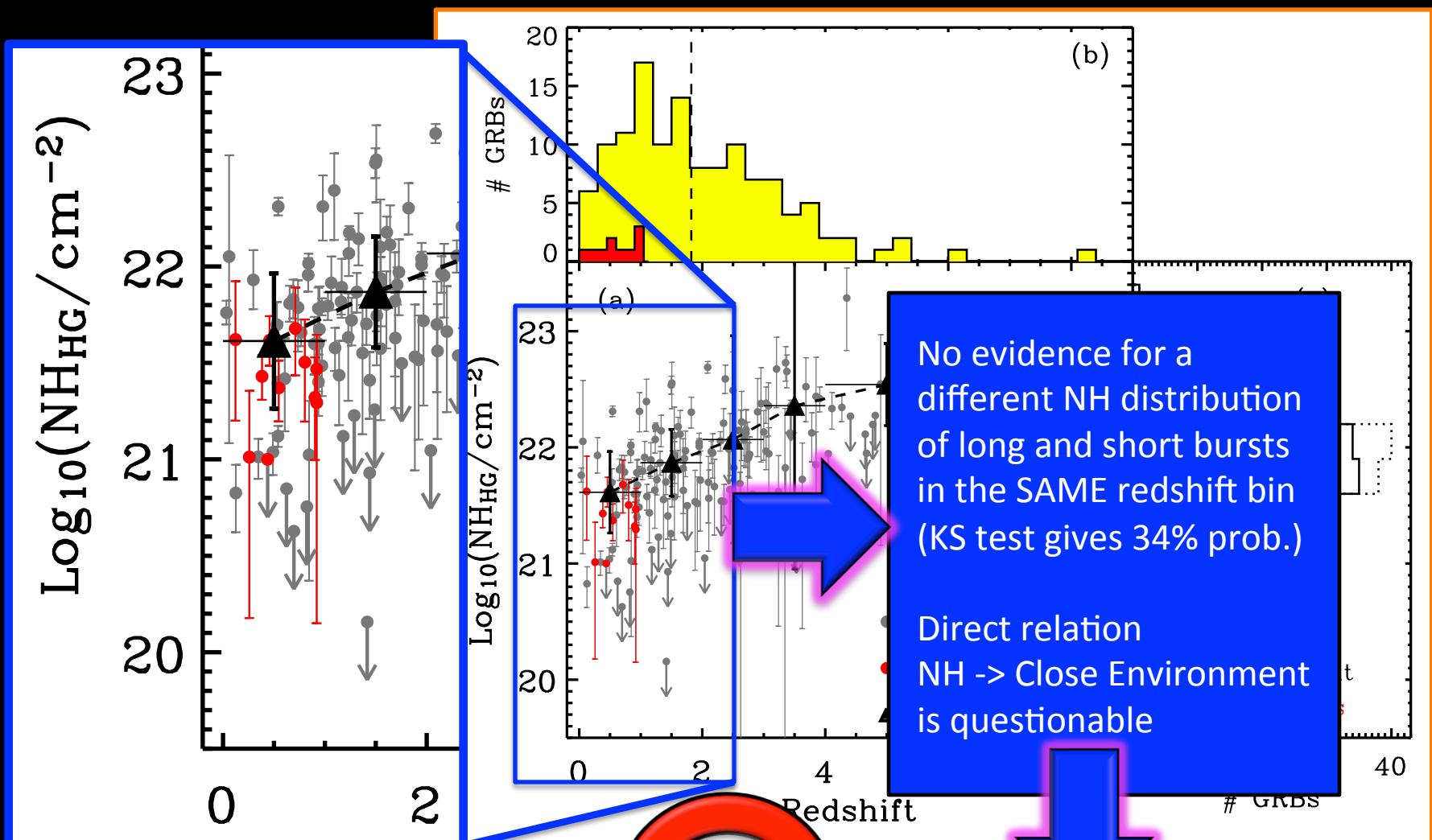


# 0.3-30 keV k-corrected REST FRAME



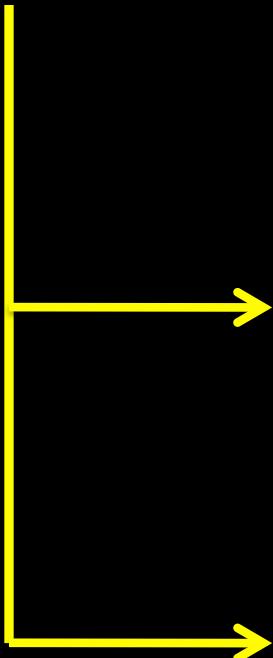
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# NH short vs. long



High (intrinsic) NH absorption= Link to STAR formation

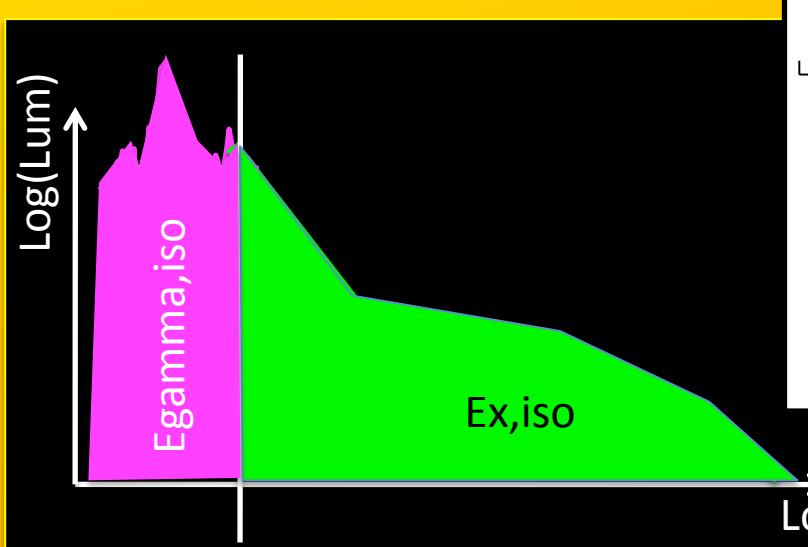
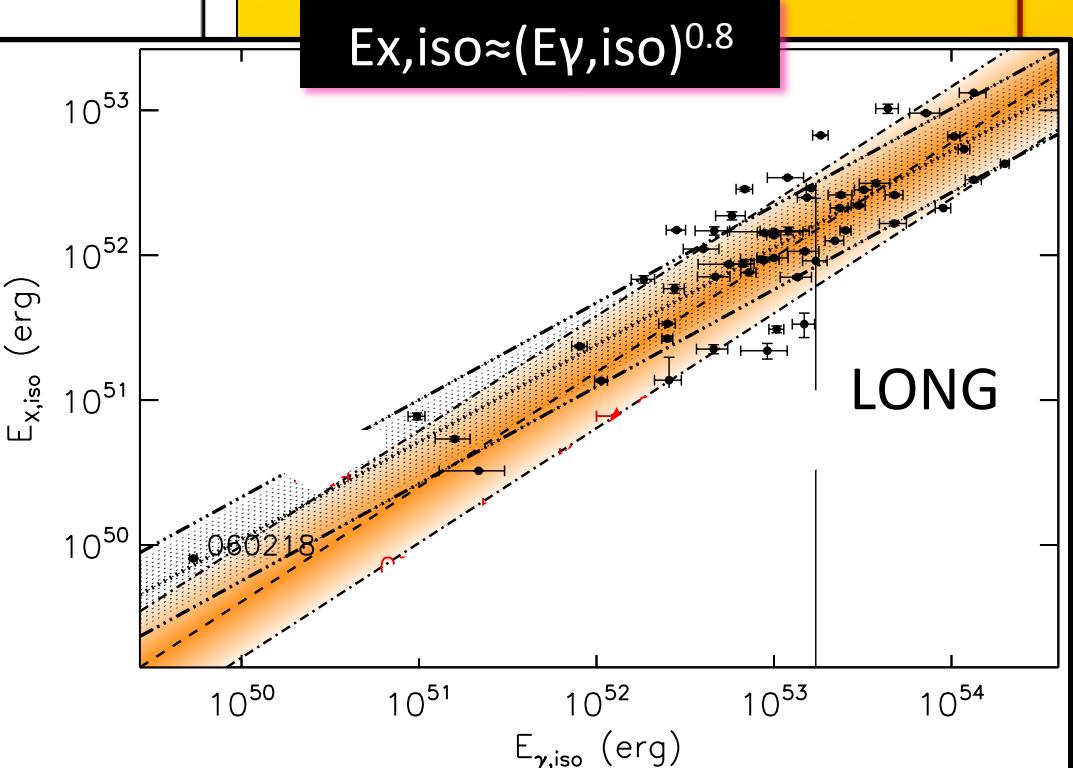
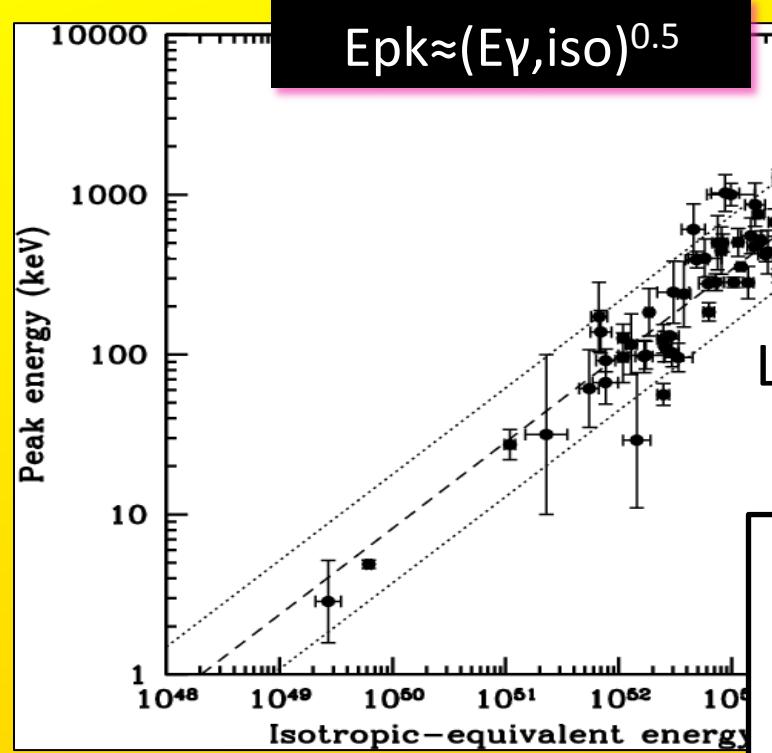
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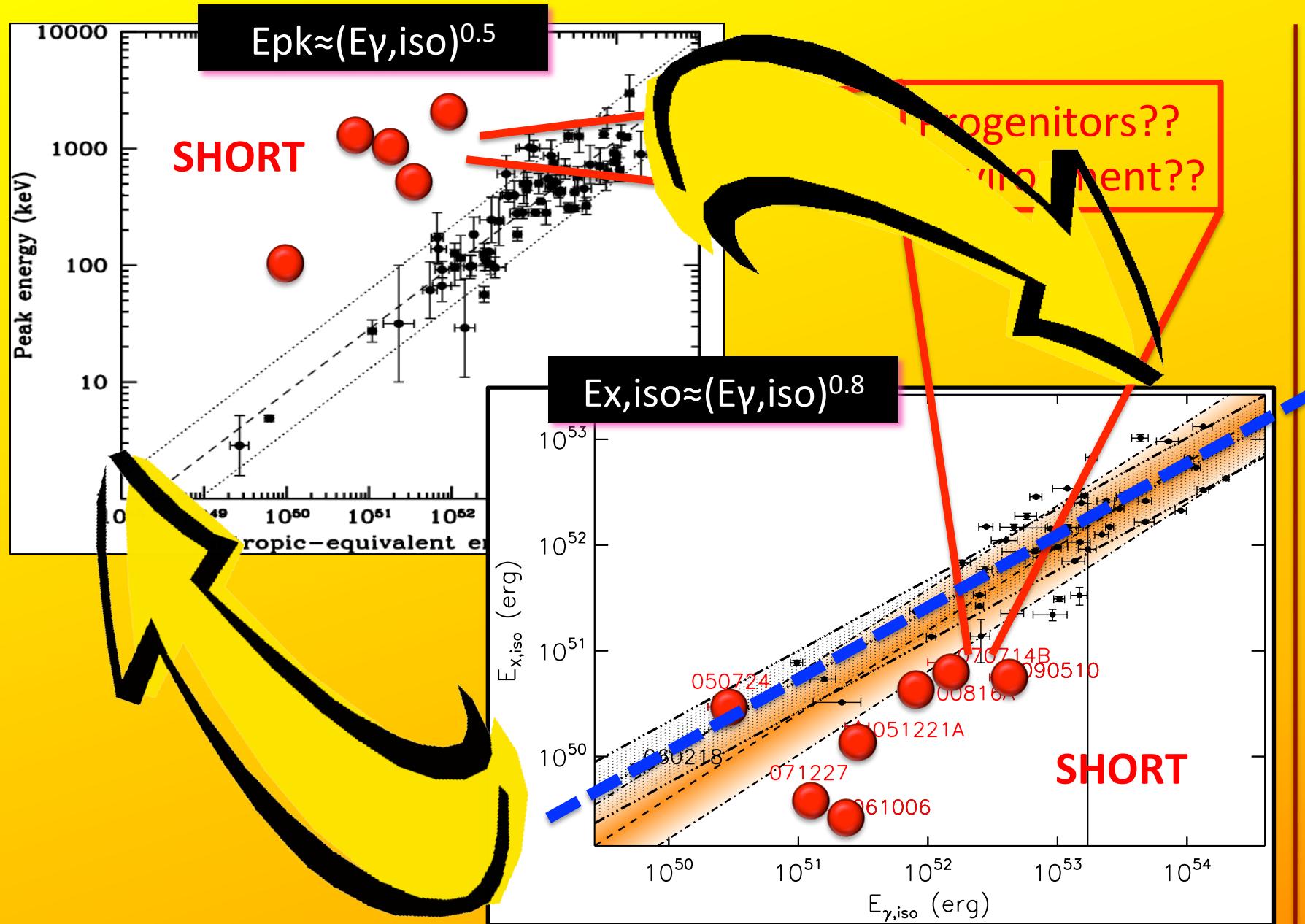


short vs. long

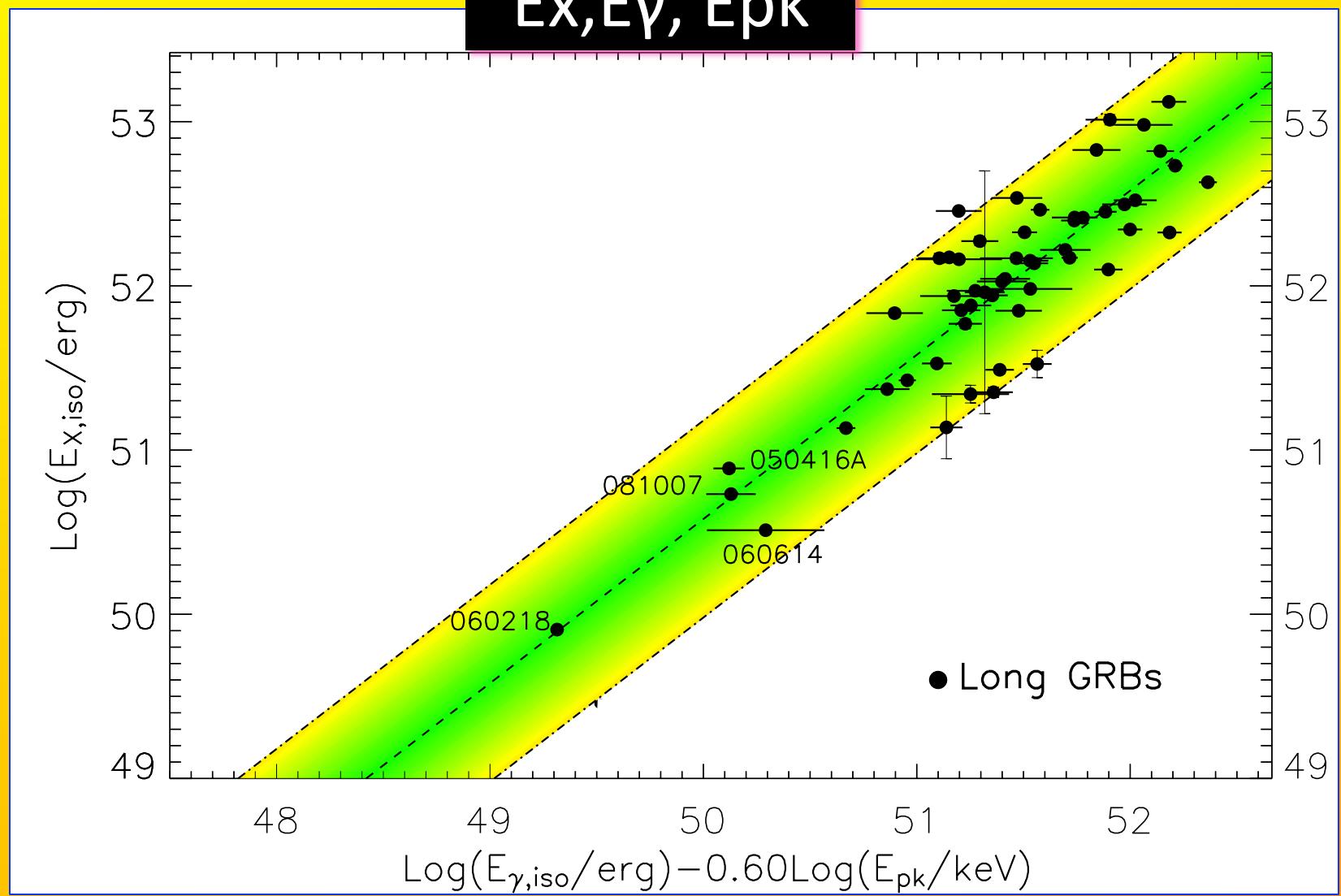
3-par correlation





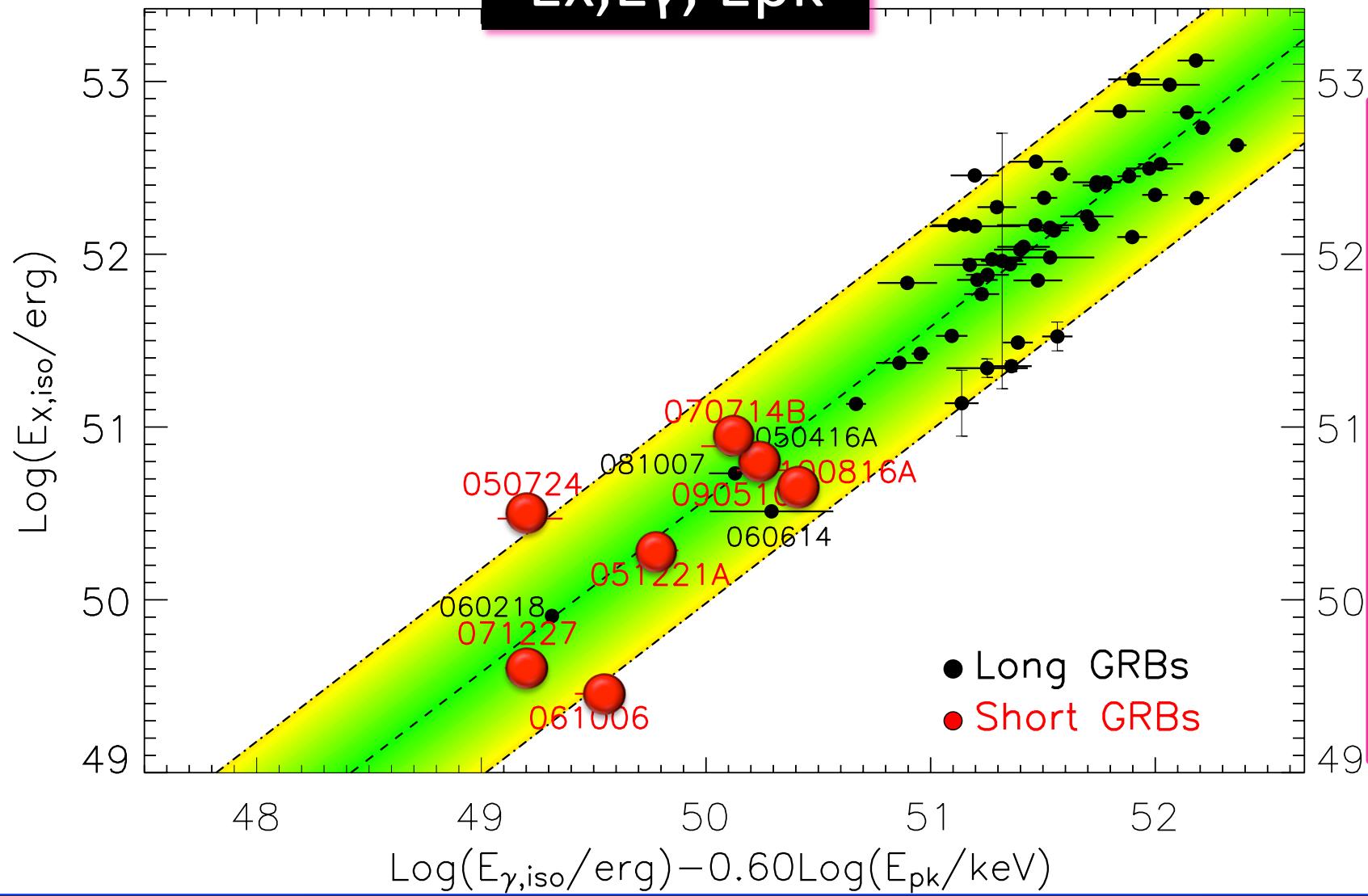


Ex,E $\gamma$ , Epk



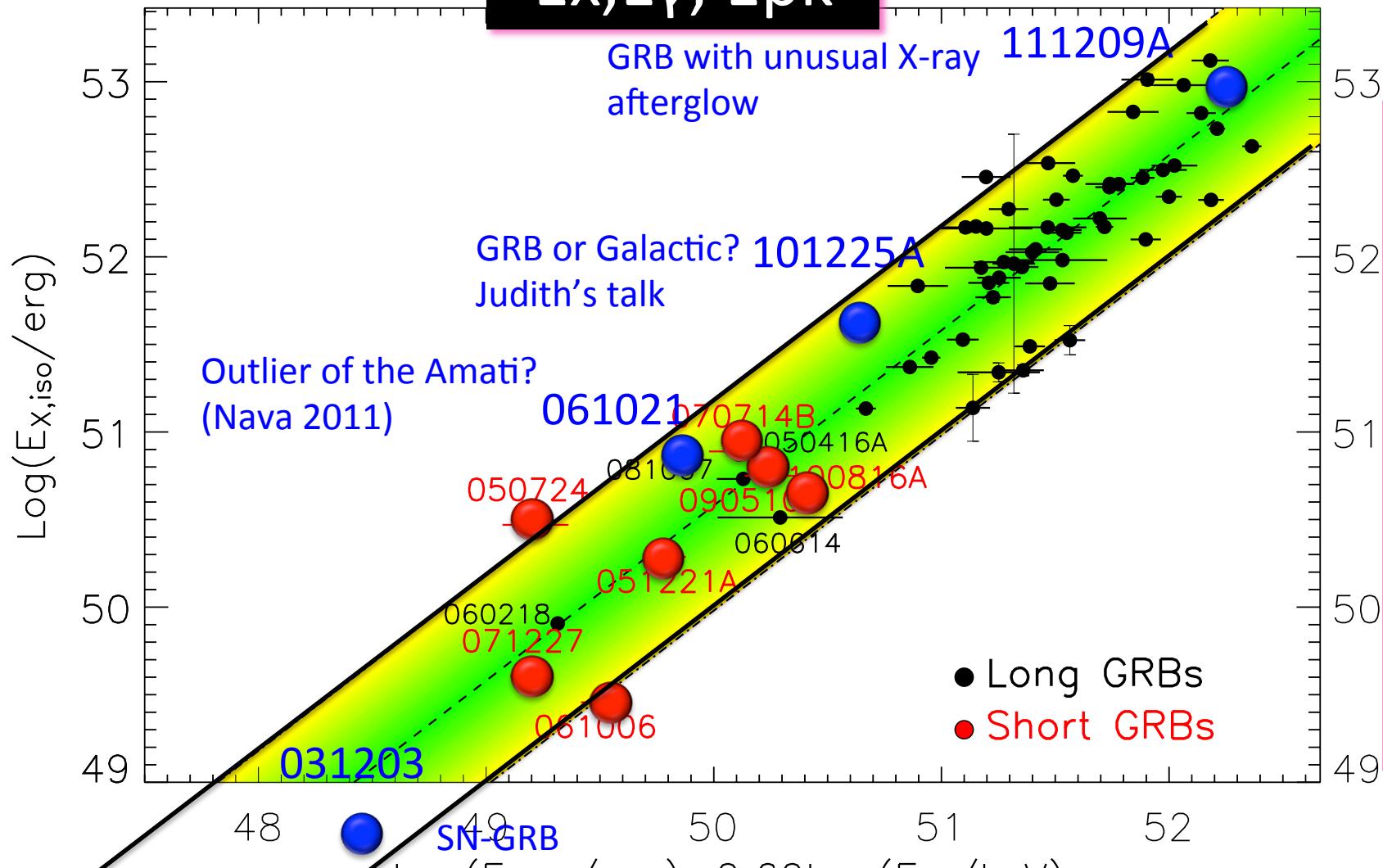
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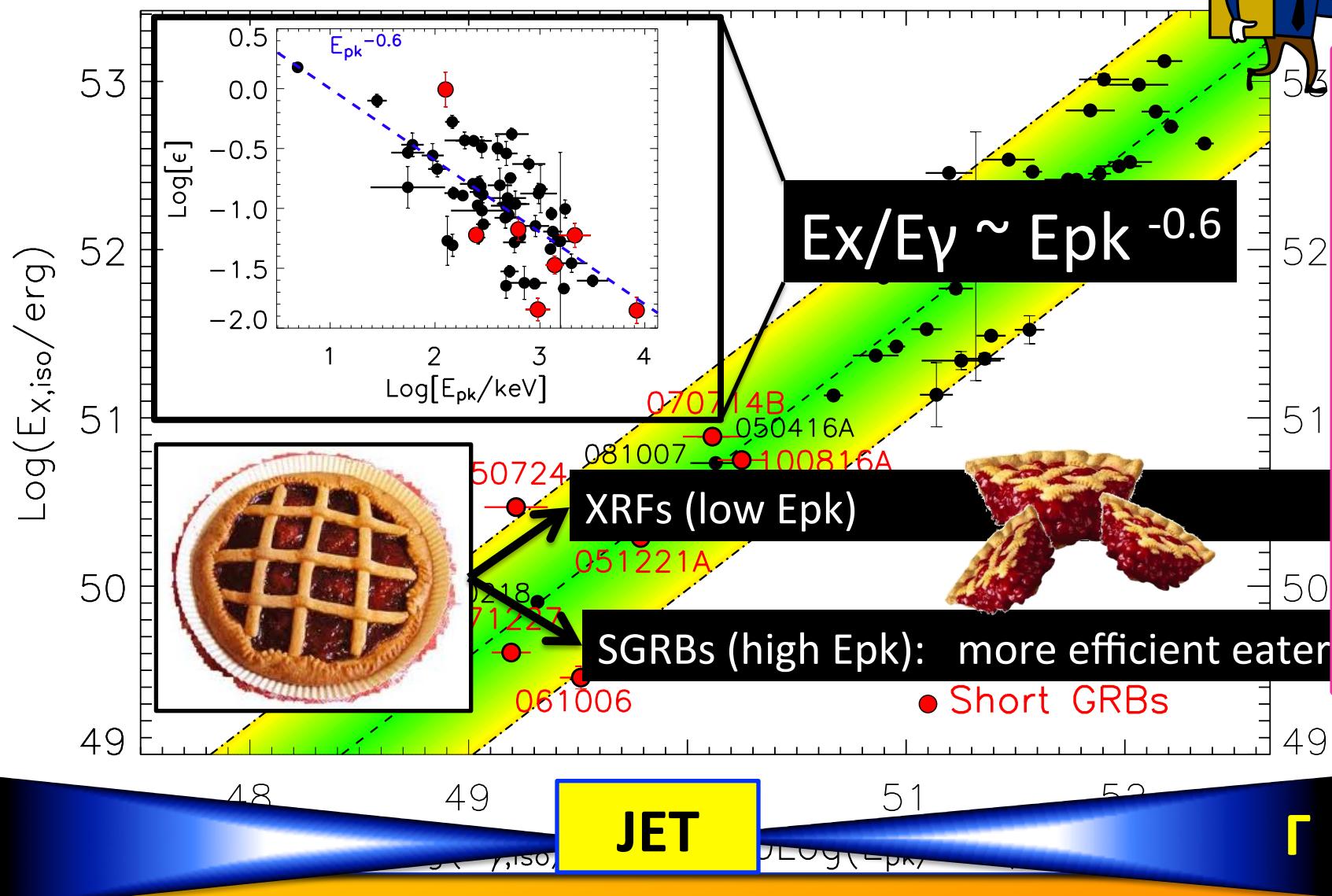
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## Take away message!!



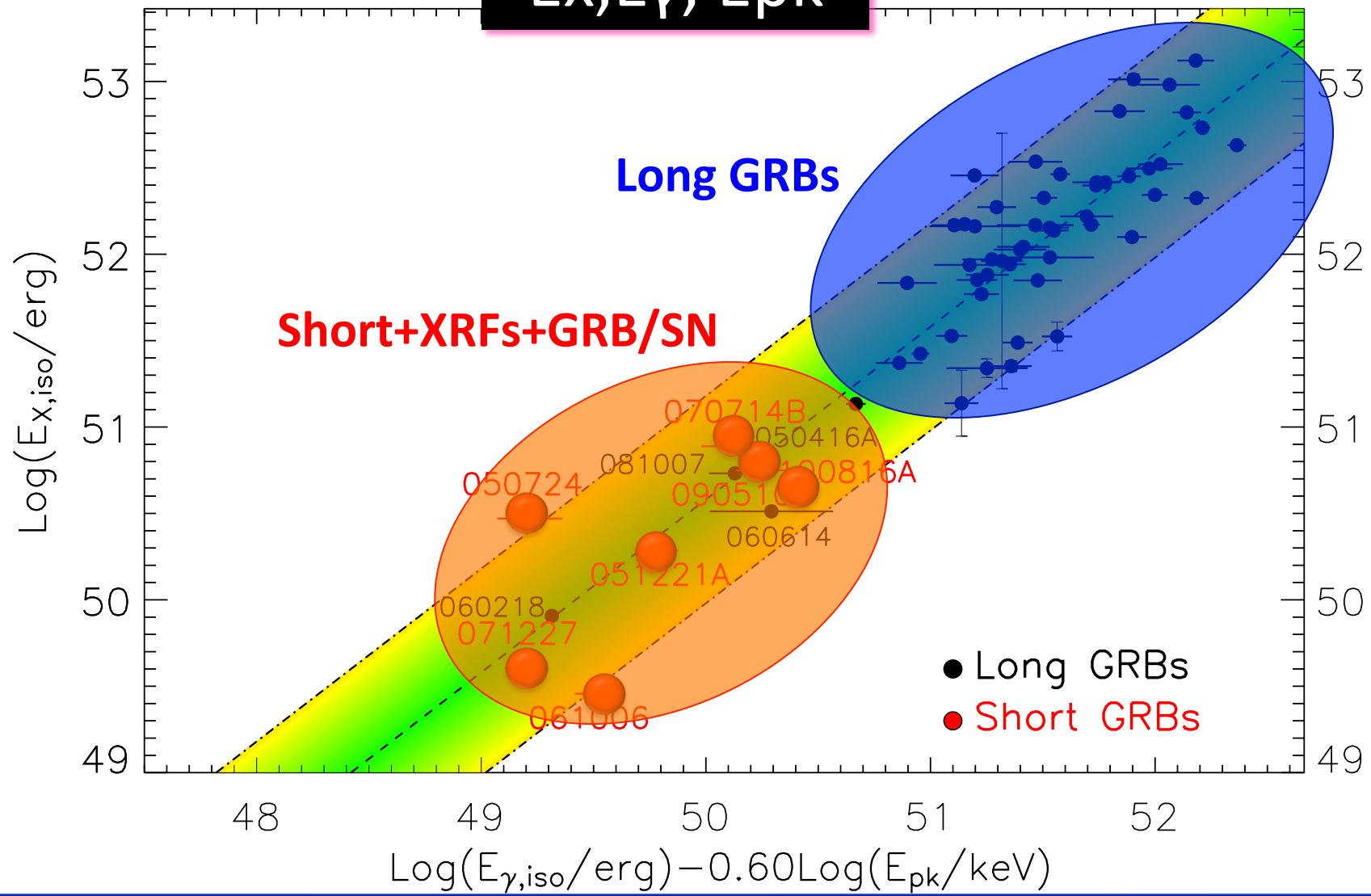
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Munich, May 8th

See Ghirlanda 2012, Lazzati talk

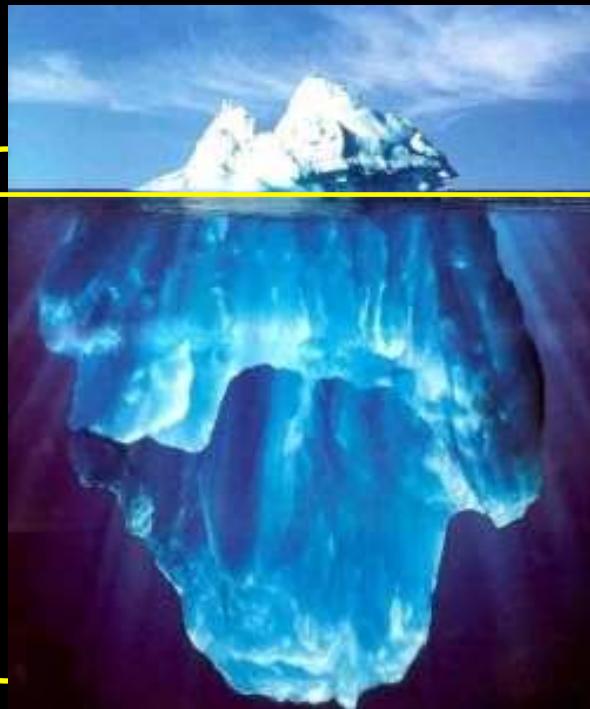
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We built a detailed OBSERVATIONAL picture of the X-ray emission after the prompt (flares + continuum)

# Summary

## Take away MESSAGE



Bernardini, Margutti, ArXiv: 1203.1060

Margutti et al., 2012 ArXiv: 1203.1059

Short are less luminous, less energetic,  
faster decay but similar intrinsic NH

We have a “Universal” GRB scaling relation

Statistical analysis of more than 650 GRBs:  
GRB= 40-50 parameters

The parameter table will be on-line  
Data and best-fitting profiles will be on-line

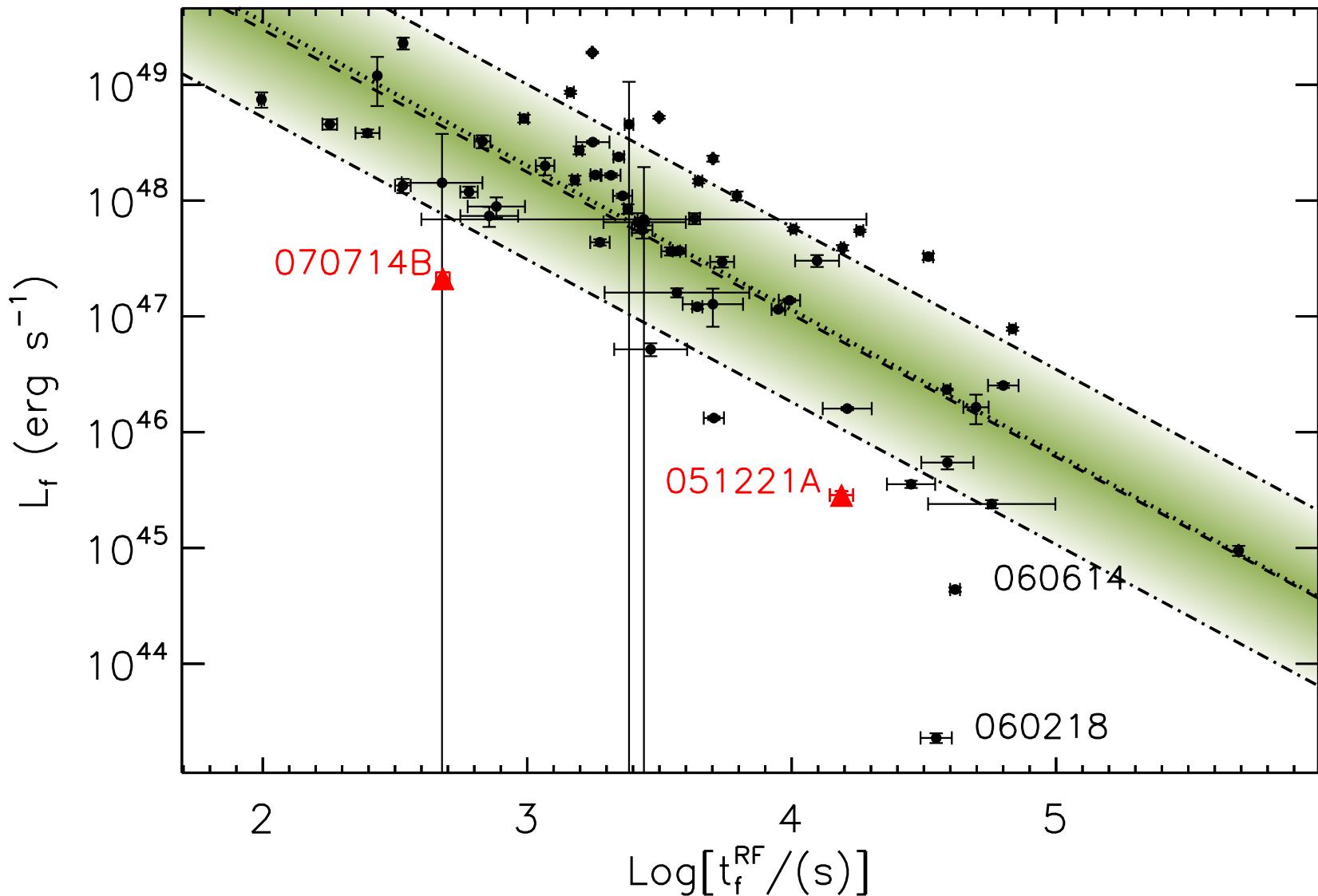


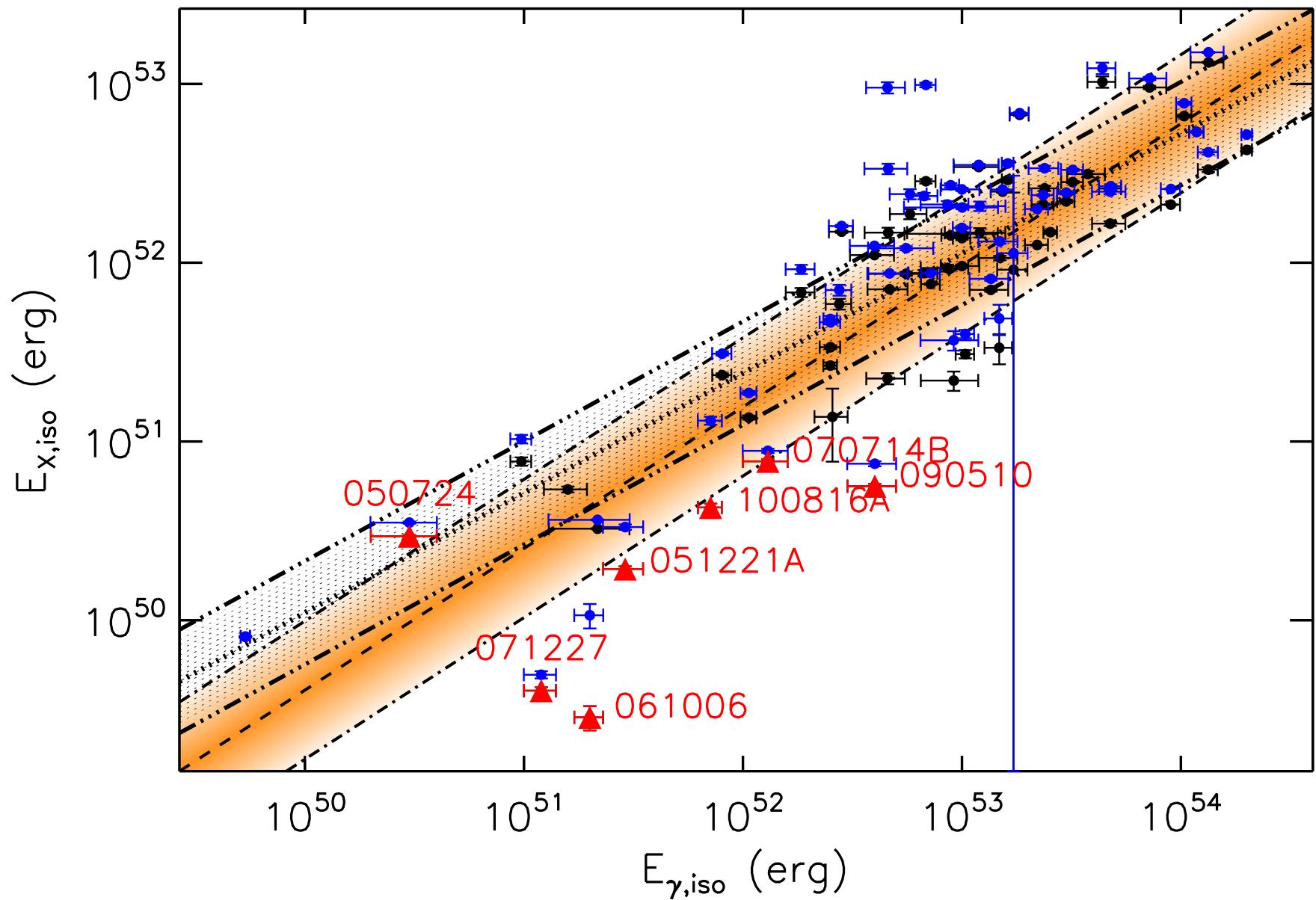
Complement these  
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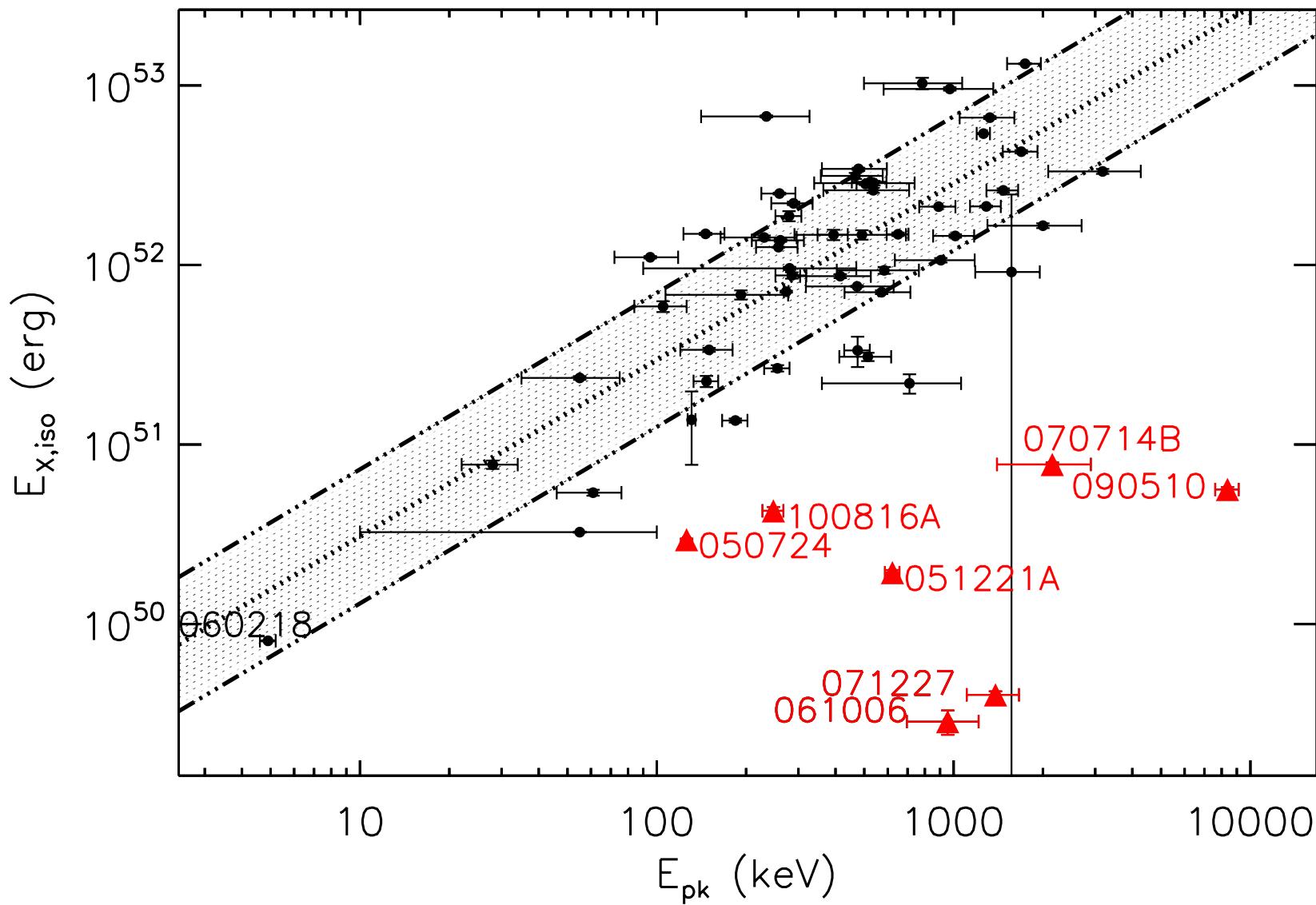
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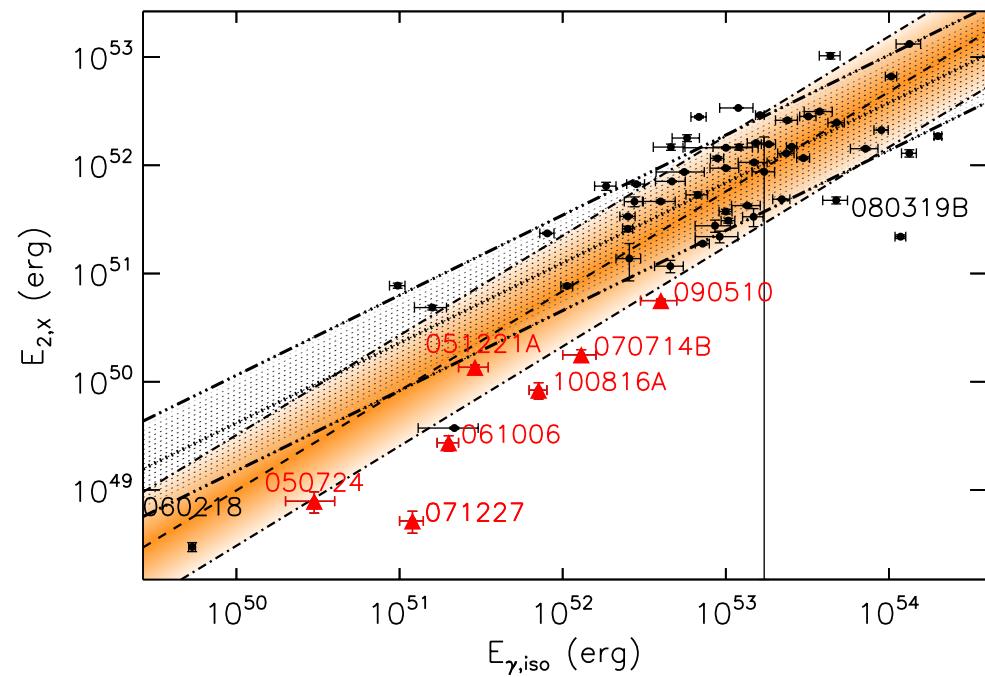
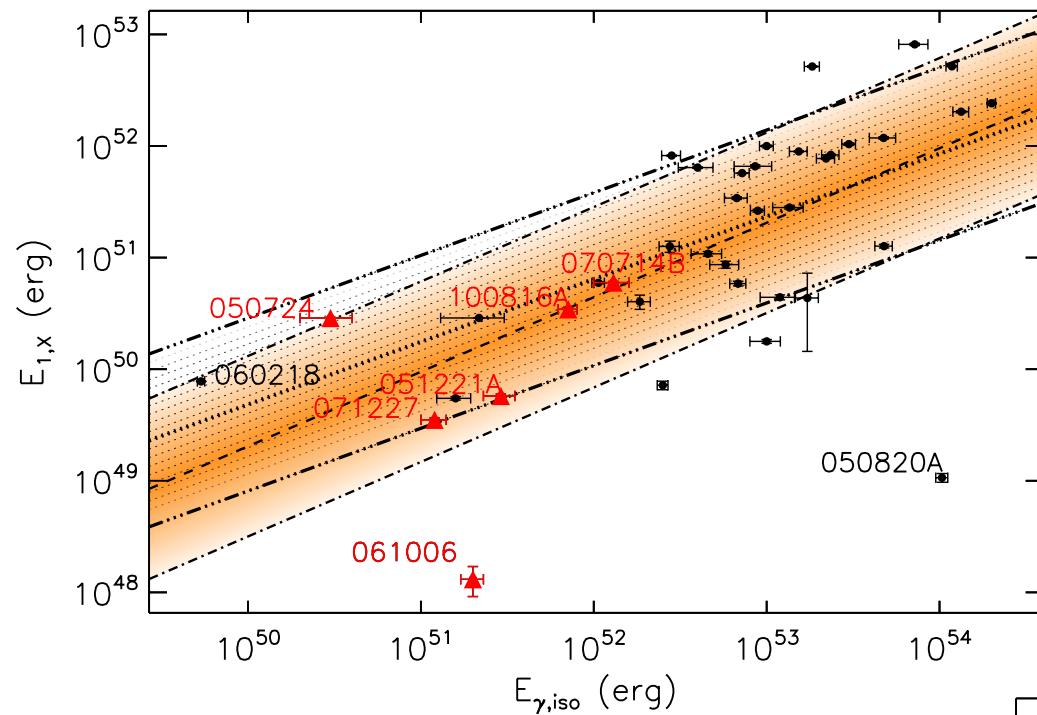
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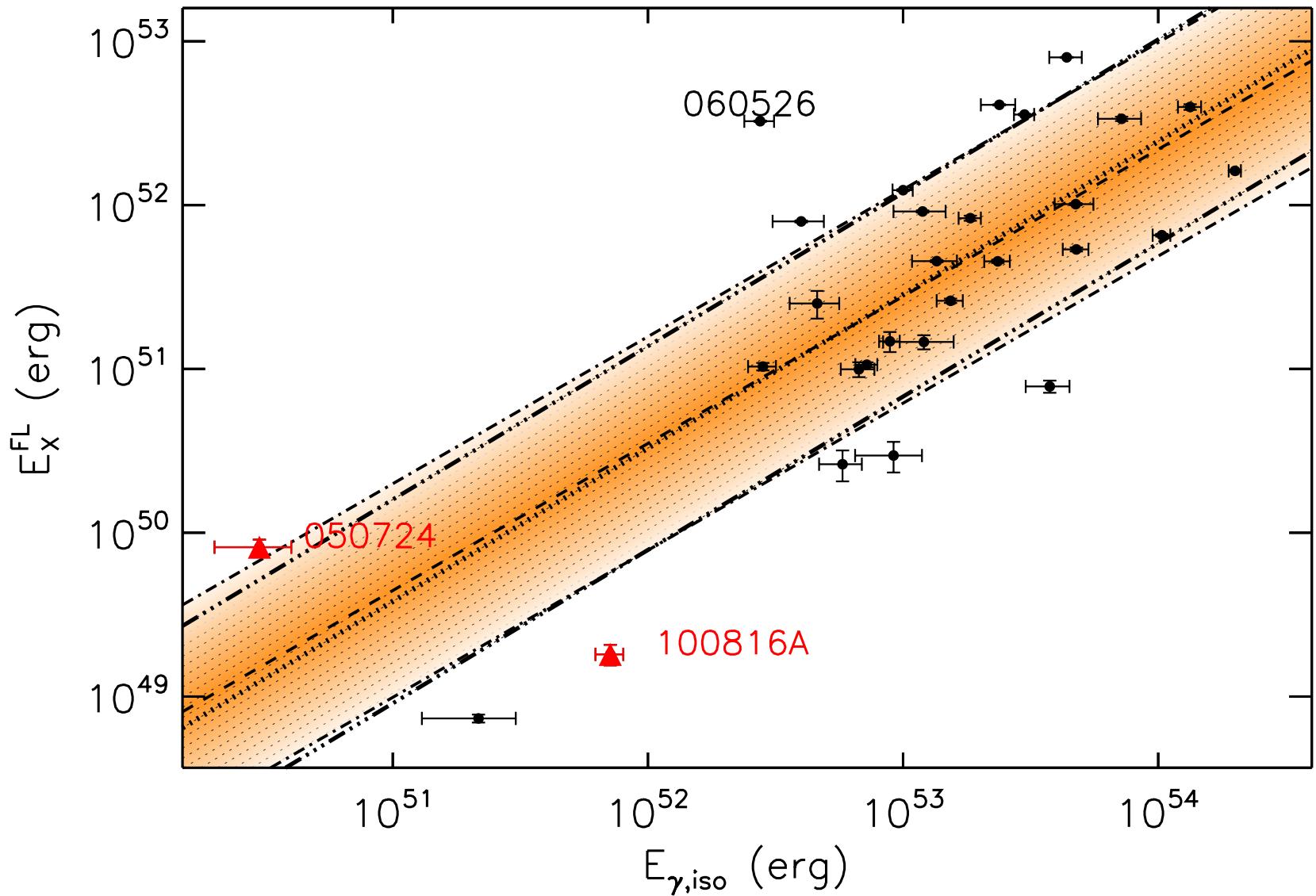
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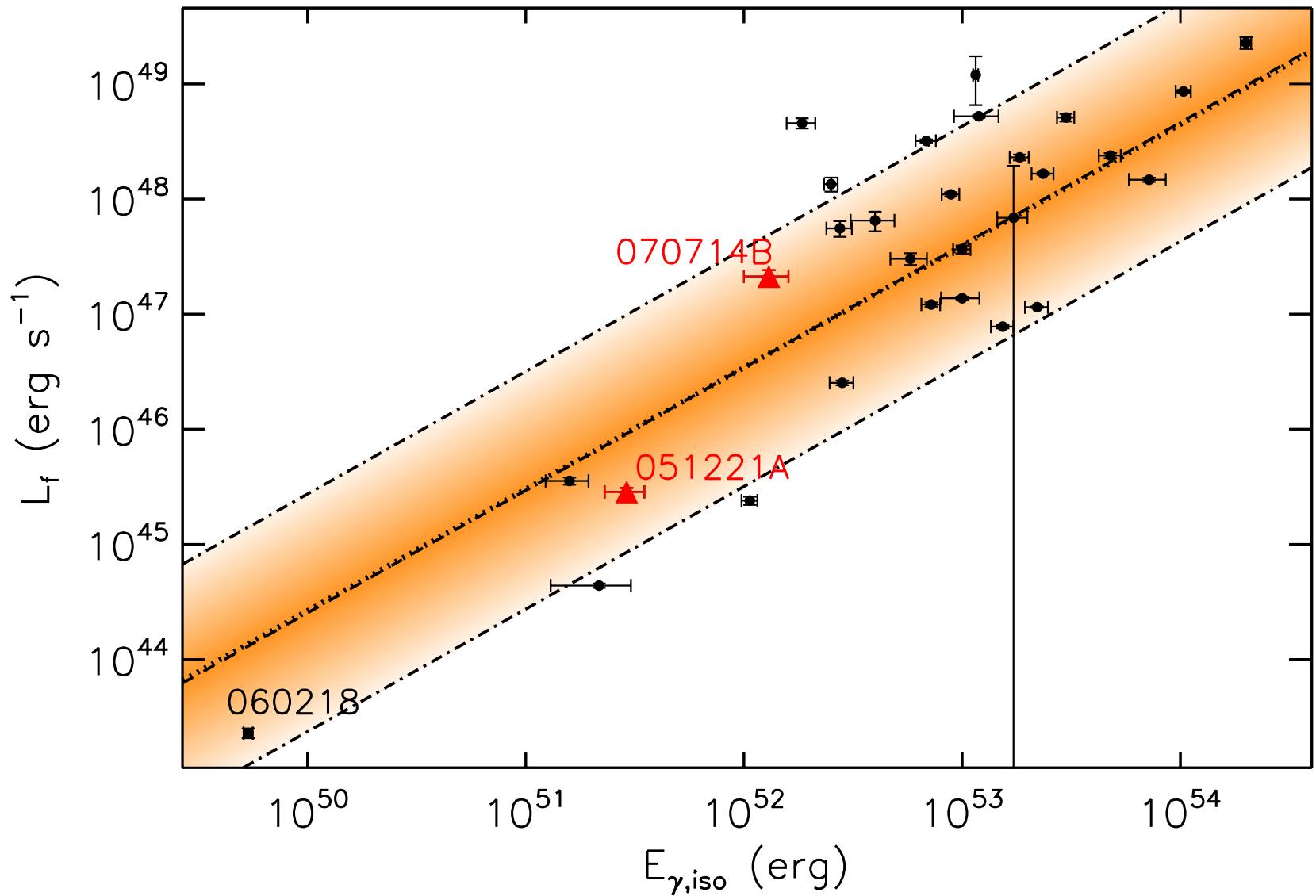


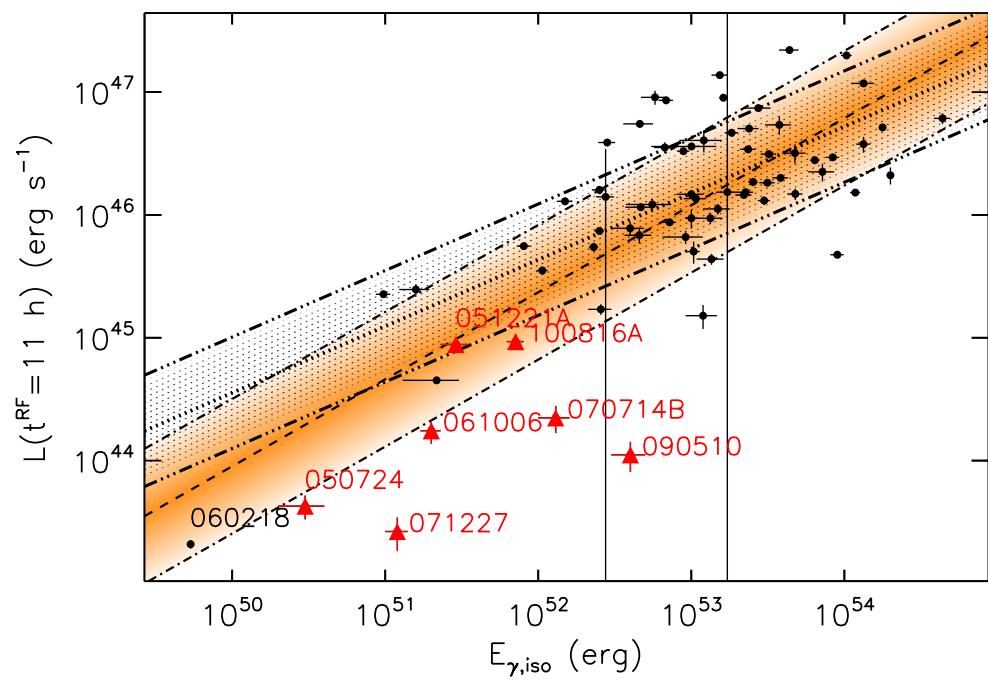
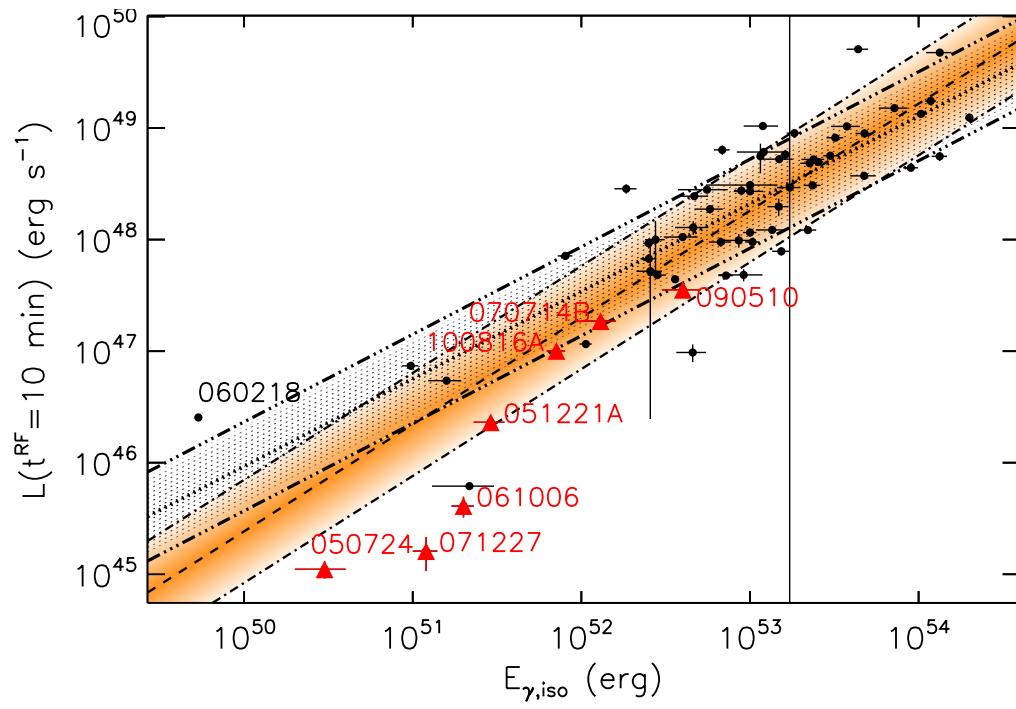


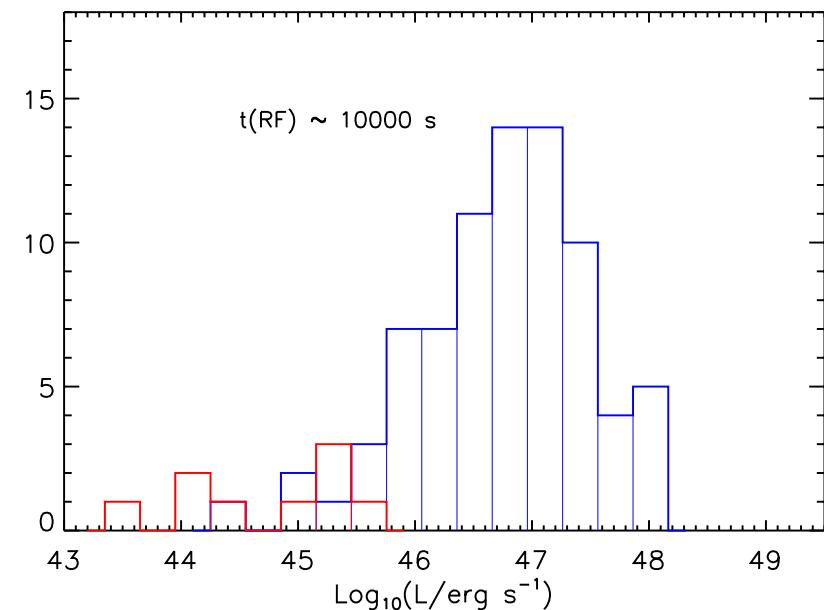
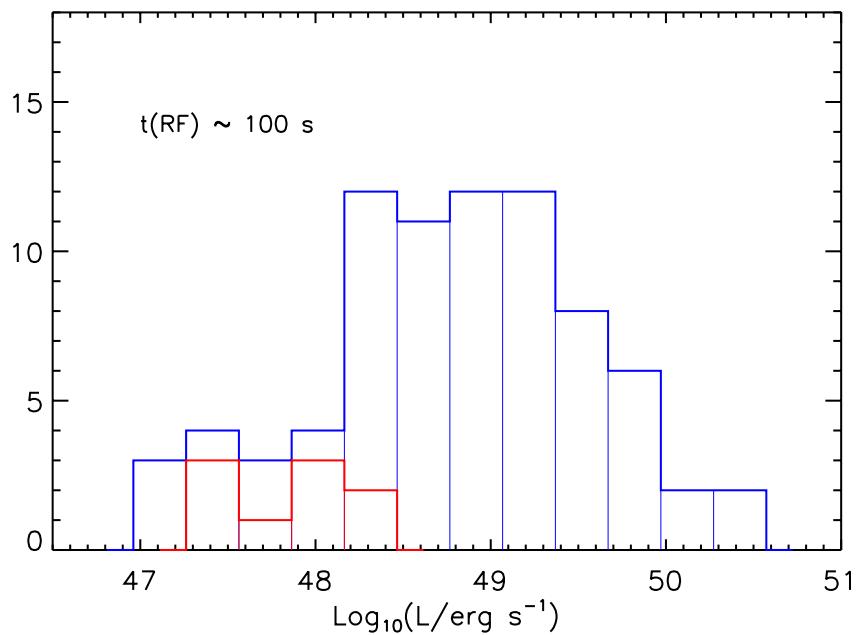
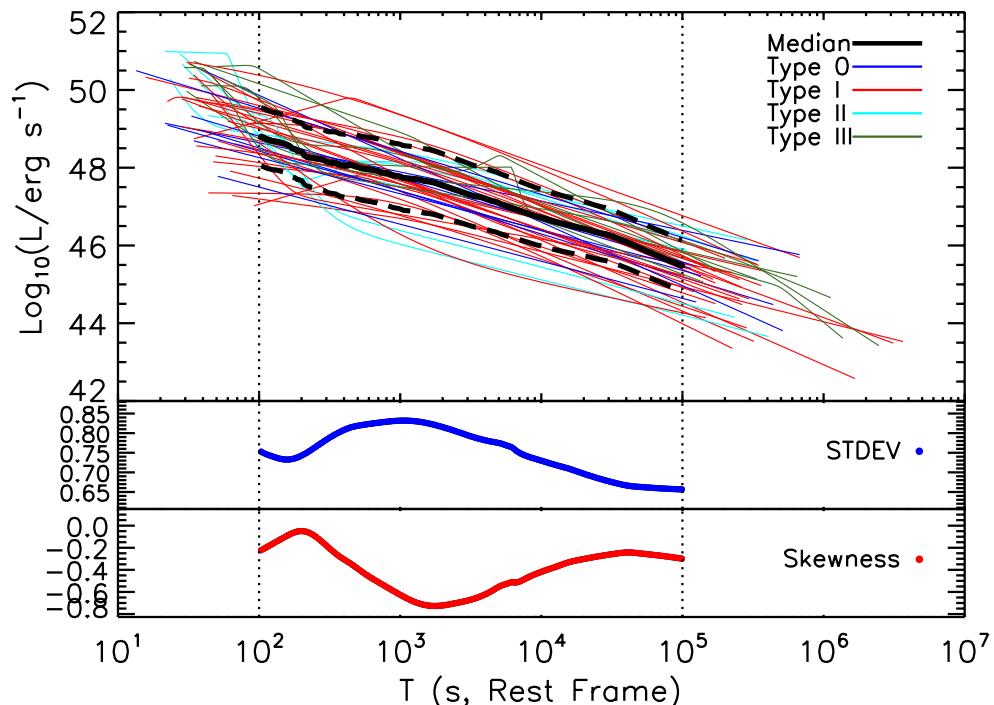




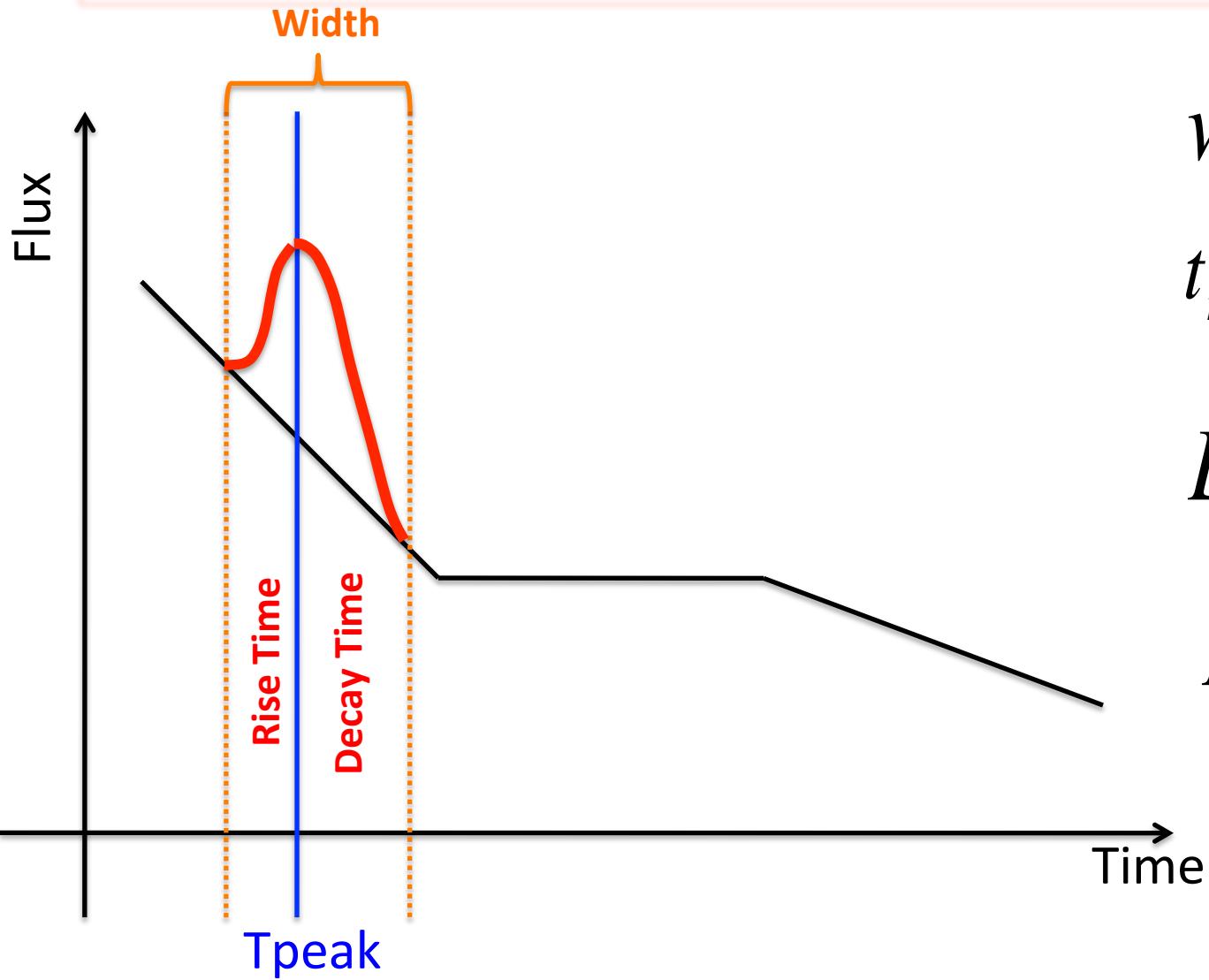








# The FLARE observational picture:



$$w \propto 0.2 t_{peak}$$

$$t_{rise} \approx 0.5 t_{decay}$$

$$L_{peak} \propto t_{peak}^{-2.7}$$

$$Lag \propto w$$

...very different from the “prompt”

## Biasses: temporal extrapolation

