

Afterglows of the intermediate group of gamma-ray bursts

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The third group

- 2 classes → 1993 : C. Kouveliotou et al. (T_{90})
- 3 classes → 1998 : I. Horváth, S. Mukherjee et al. (T_{90})

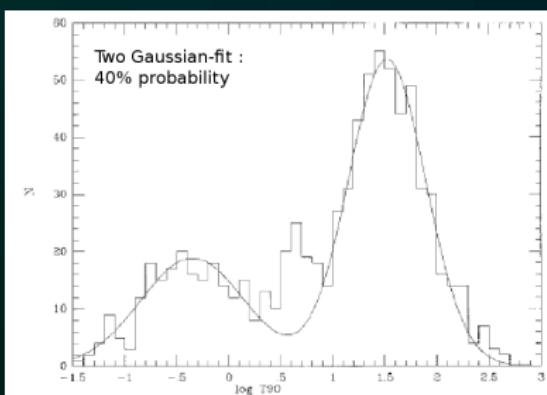


FIG. 1.—Distribution of $\log T_{90}$ for 797 bursts from the 3B catalog. The solid line represents a fit of two lognormal Gaussians using 6 parameters and 52 bins. The best fit $\chi^2 = 46.8$, which implies a 40% probability.

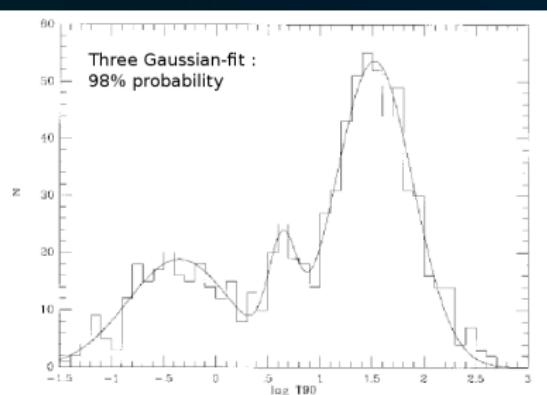
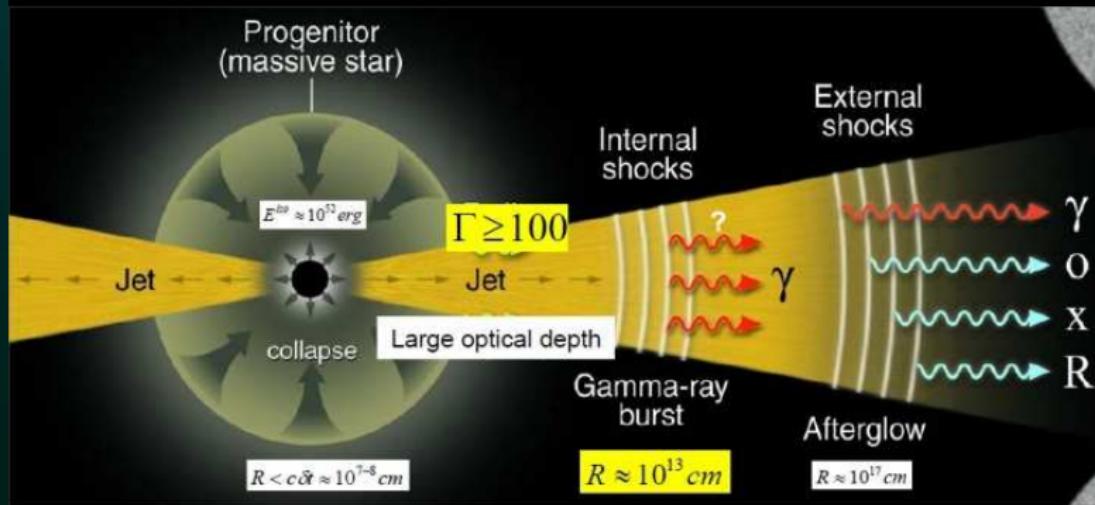


FIG. 3.— $\log T_{90}$ distribution. The solid line represents a fit of three lognormal Gaussians. The χ^2 value implies a probability of 98%.

Figure from: I. Horváth, *ApJ*, **508**, 1998

Basic theory

Gamma-Ray Bursts as a Treasure Box of Physics & Mysteries



Nucleosynthesis
Central Engine

Photospheric
Emission?

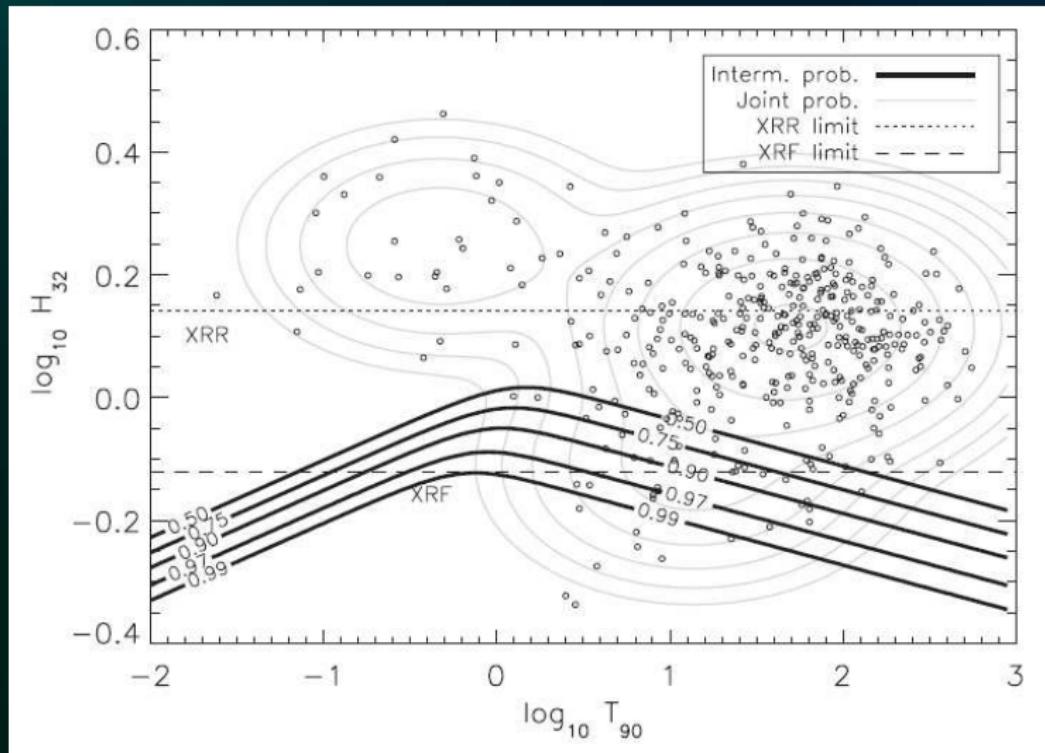
UHECRs?
Neutrinos?

GRB/SN
Remnants?

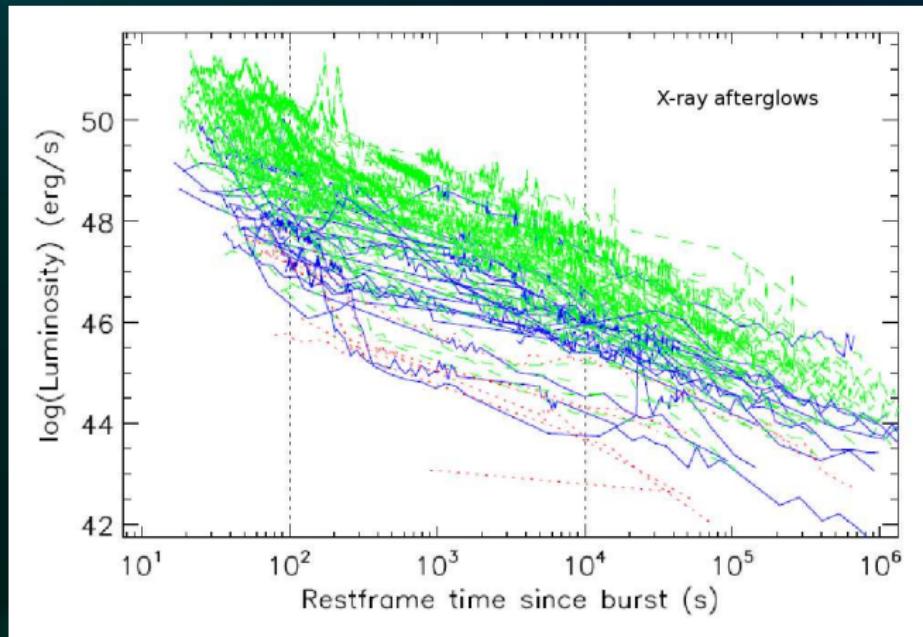
GRB Cosmology?

Figure from P. Meszaros

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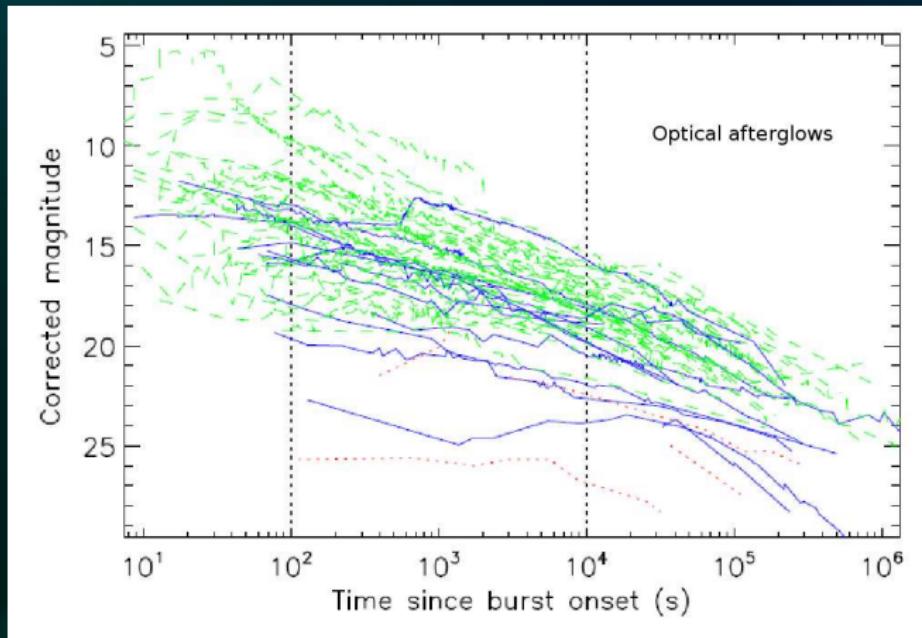


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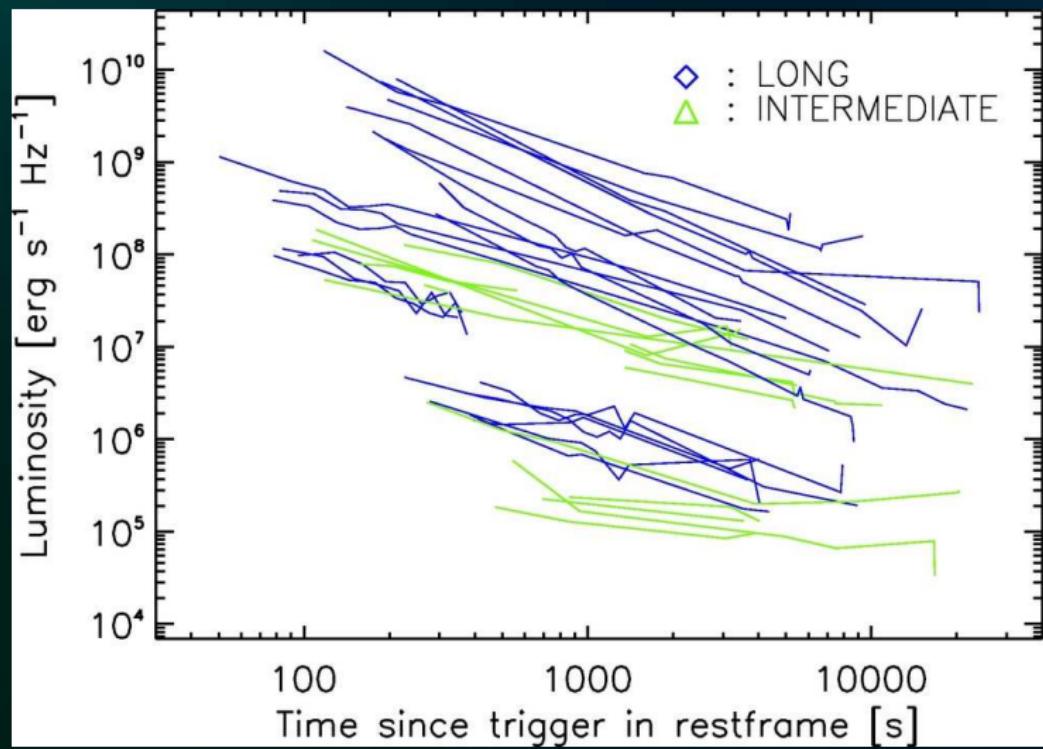


- Kolmogorov-Smirnov test : same population hypothesis → 11%

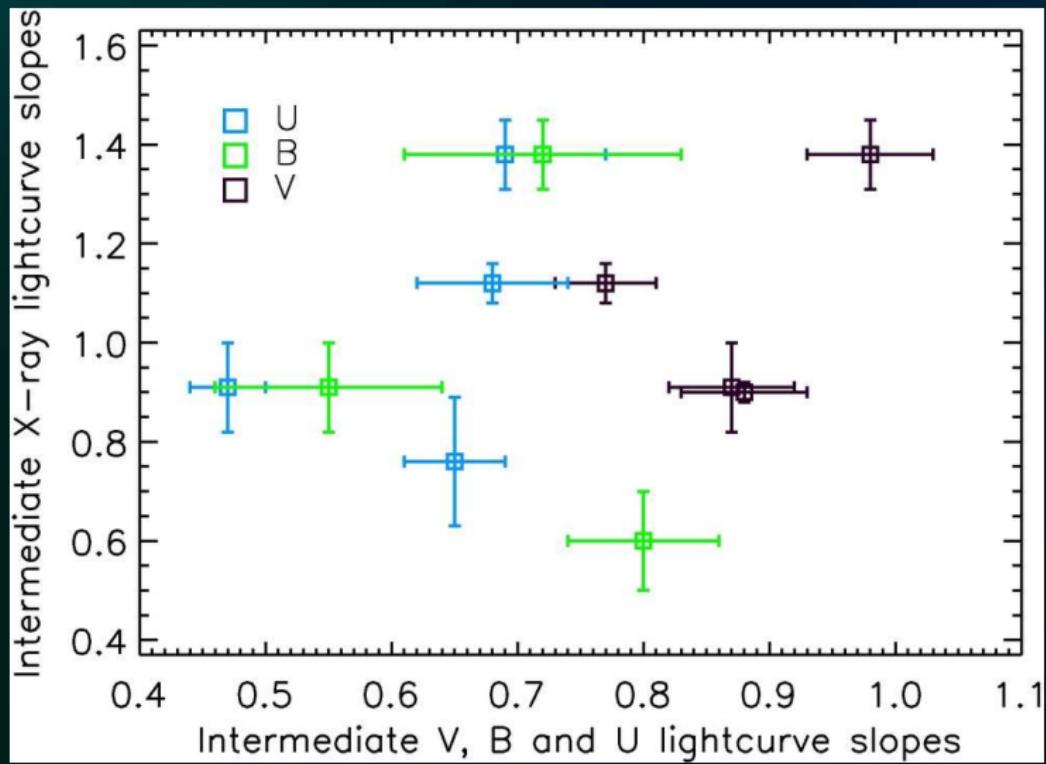
Sample and data reduction

- P. Veres et al., ApJ, Volume 725, Issue 2, pp. 1955-1964 (2010)
 - model based clustering (Bayesian Information Criterion method)
 - 46 intermediate, 15 have UVOT (SWIFT) observations, 9 bright enough
 - 331 long, many of them has UVOT observations...
- redshift distributions are the same

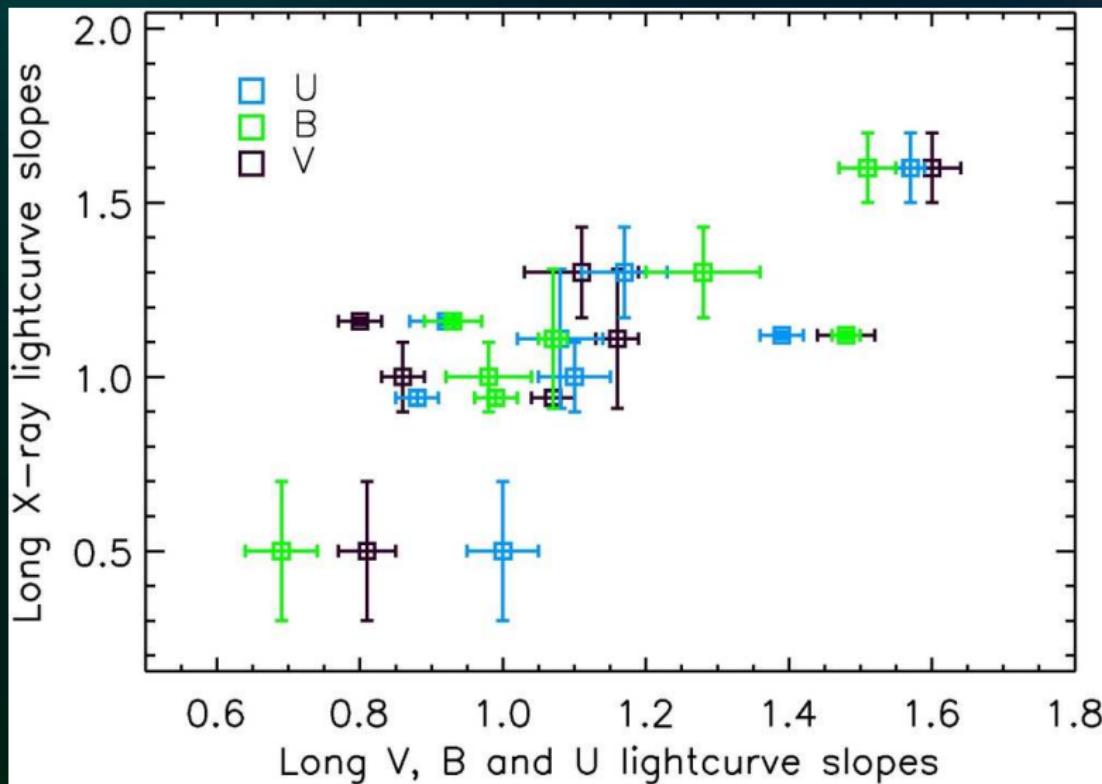
Results - luminosity lightcurves



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Temporal and spectral properties ($F \propto t^{-\alpha}$, $F \propto \nu^{-\beta}$)

Long	β	β	Int.
060512	1.78	0.72	050801
070518	1.8	1.28	050922C
070810A	1.69	2.16	061007
080330	0.54	3.19	080721
080520	3.95	2.13	080916A
081007A	1.53	2.26	081203A
090426	1.9	1.89	090426

$\bar{\alpha}_{filter}$	Long	Int.
$\bar{\alpha}_V$	1.10 ± 0.02	0.87 ± 0.02
$\bar{\alpha}_B$	1.11 ± 0.02	0.69 ± 0.05
$\bar{\alpha}_U$	1.12 ± 0.02	0.62 ± 0.16
$\bar{\alpha}_{W1}$	1.13 ± 0.02	1.48 ± 0.2
$\bar{\alpha}_{M2}$	1.50 ± 0.07	2.21 ± 0.18
$\bar{\alpha}_{W2}$	1.27 ± 0.07	-

Future plans

- Afterglow database from Gamma Ray Burst Coordinates Network circulars
- Distribution of the afterglow parameters
- Third group - are they distinct or are they just a subgroup?

Thank you for Your attention!

Optical slopes vs. redshifts

