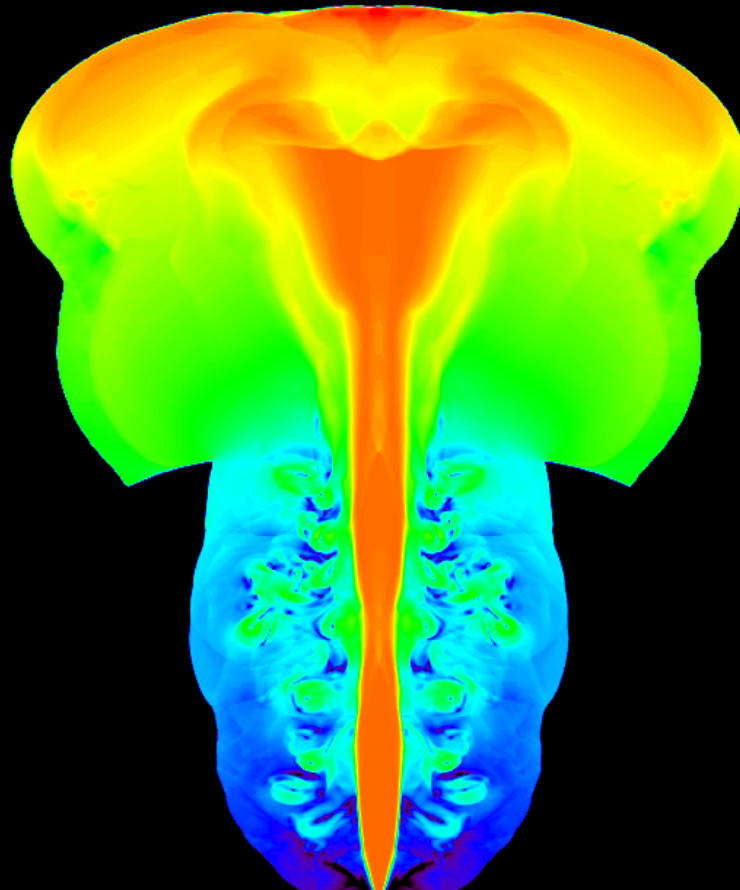


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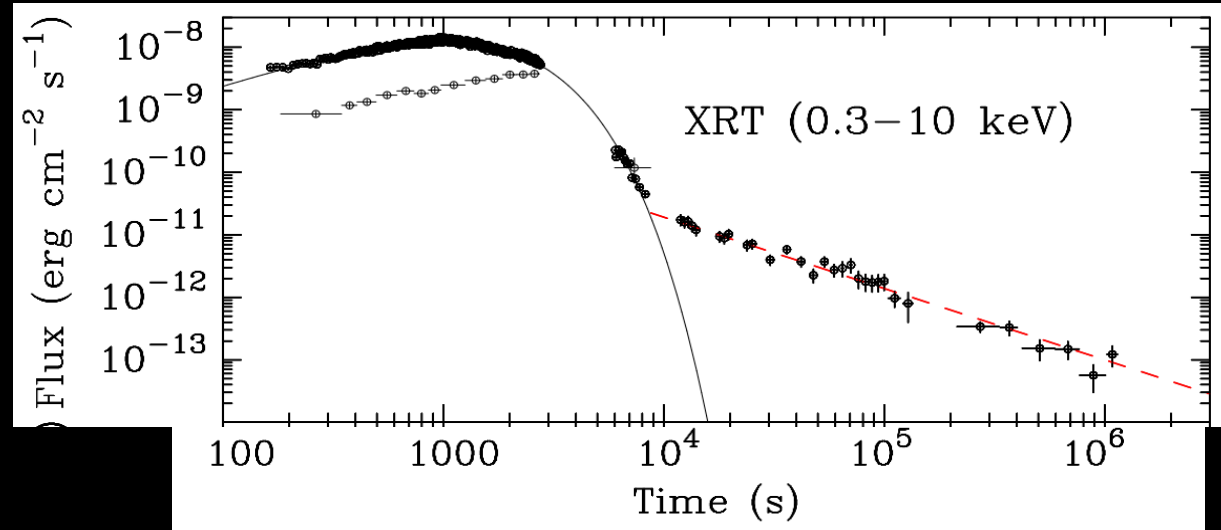
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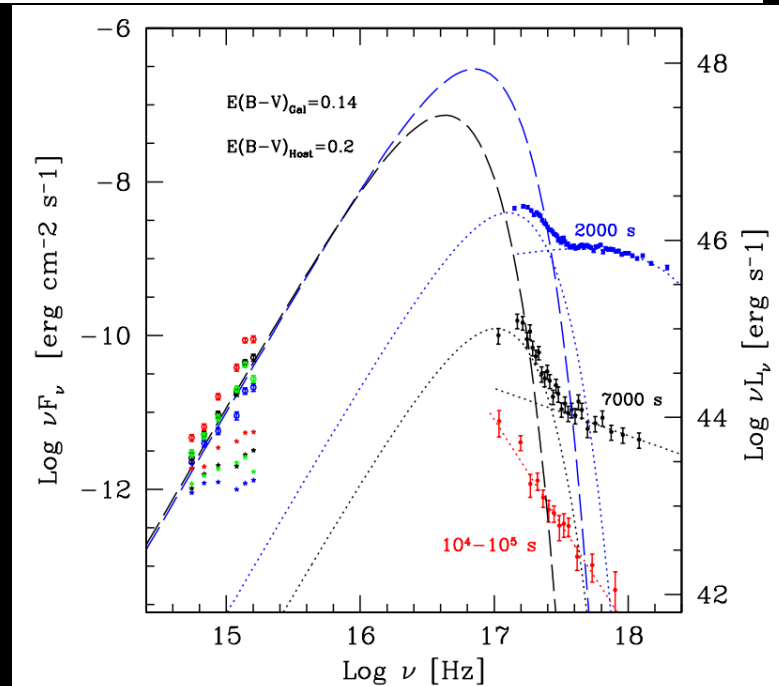
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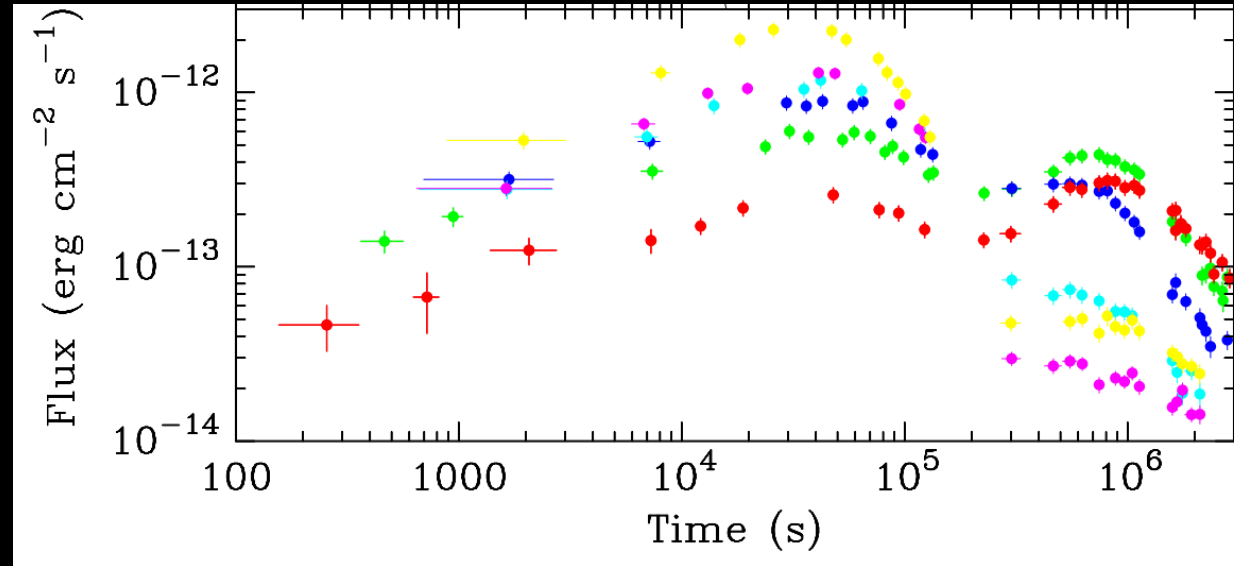


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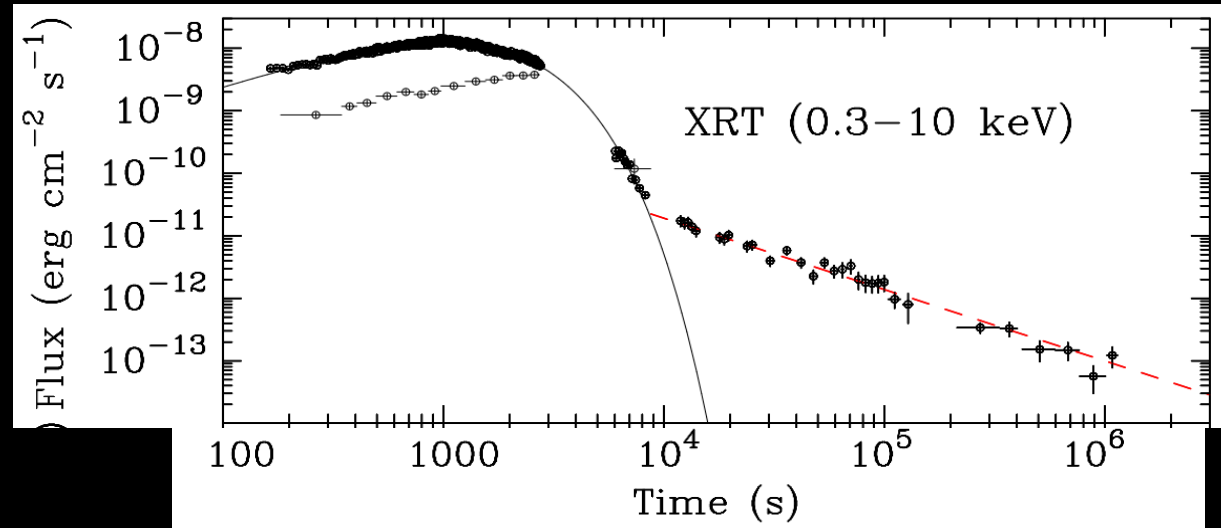
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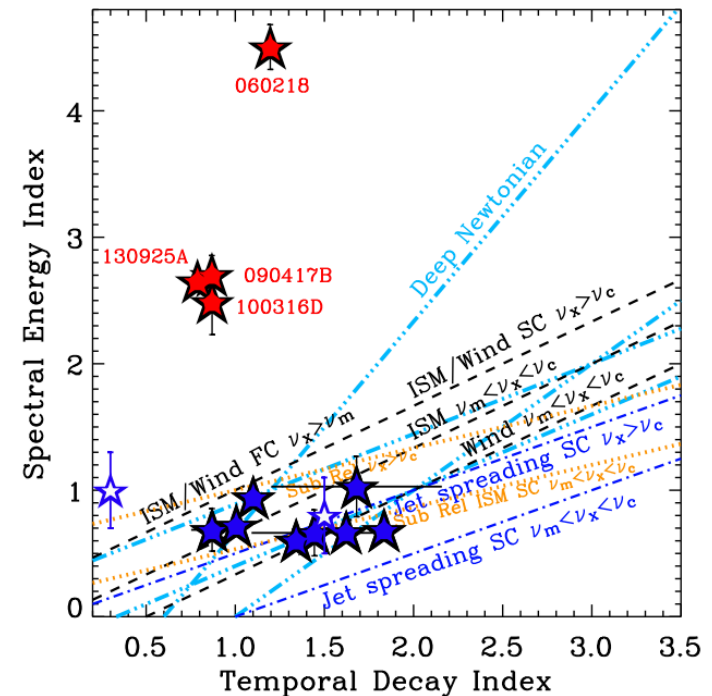
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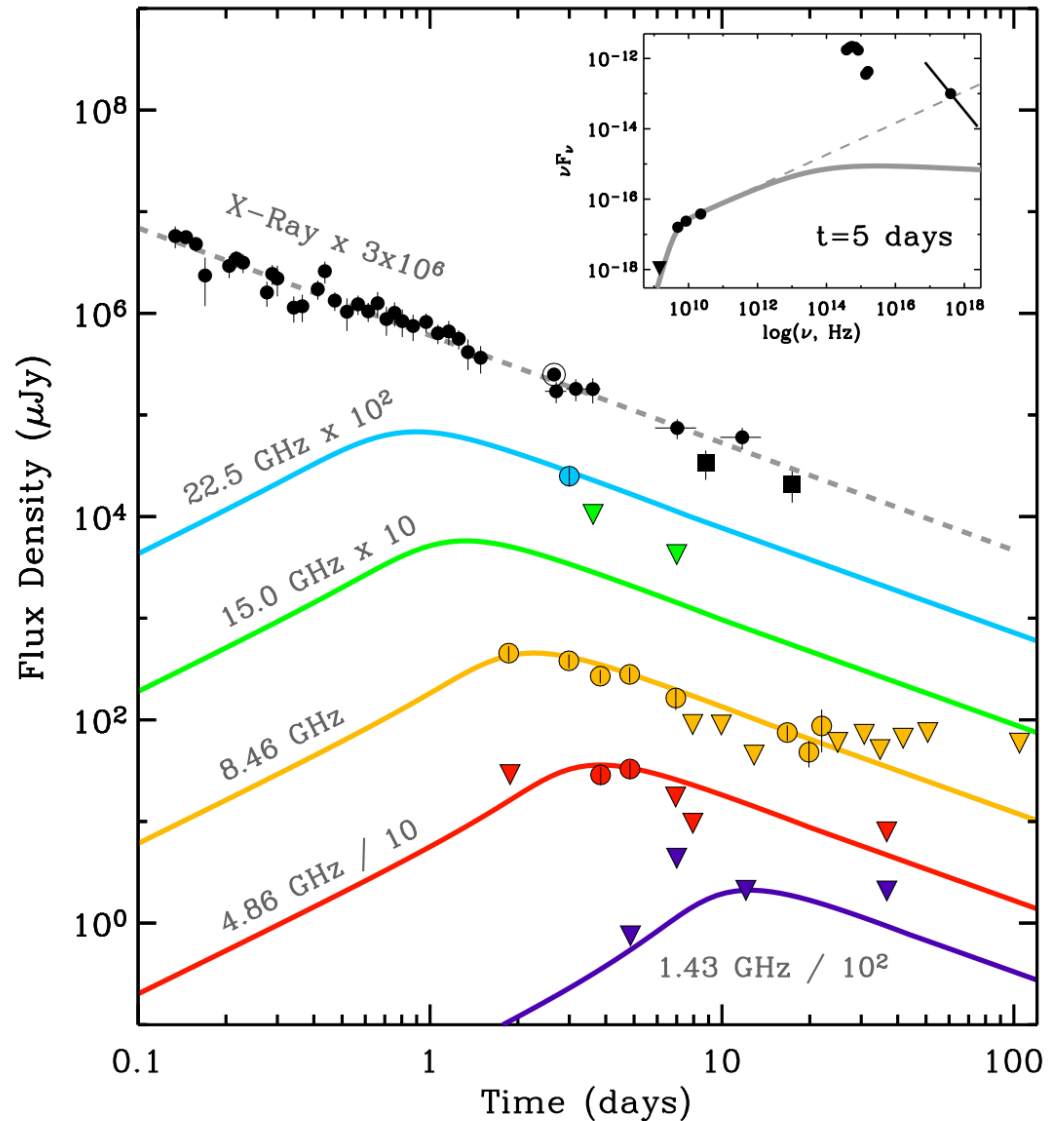
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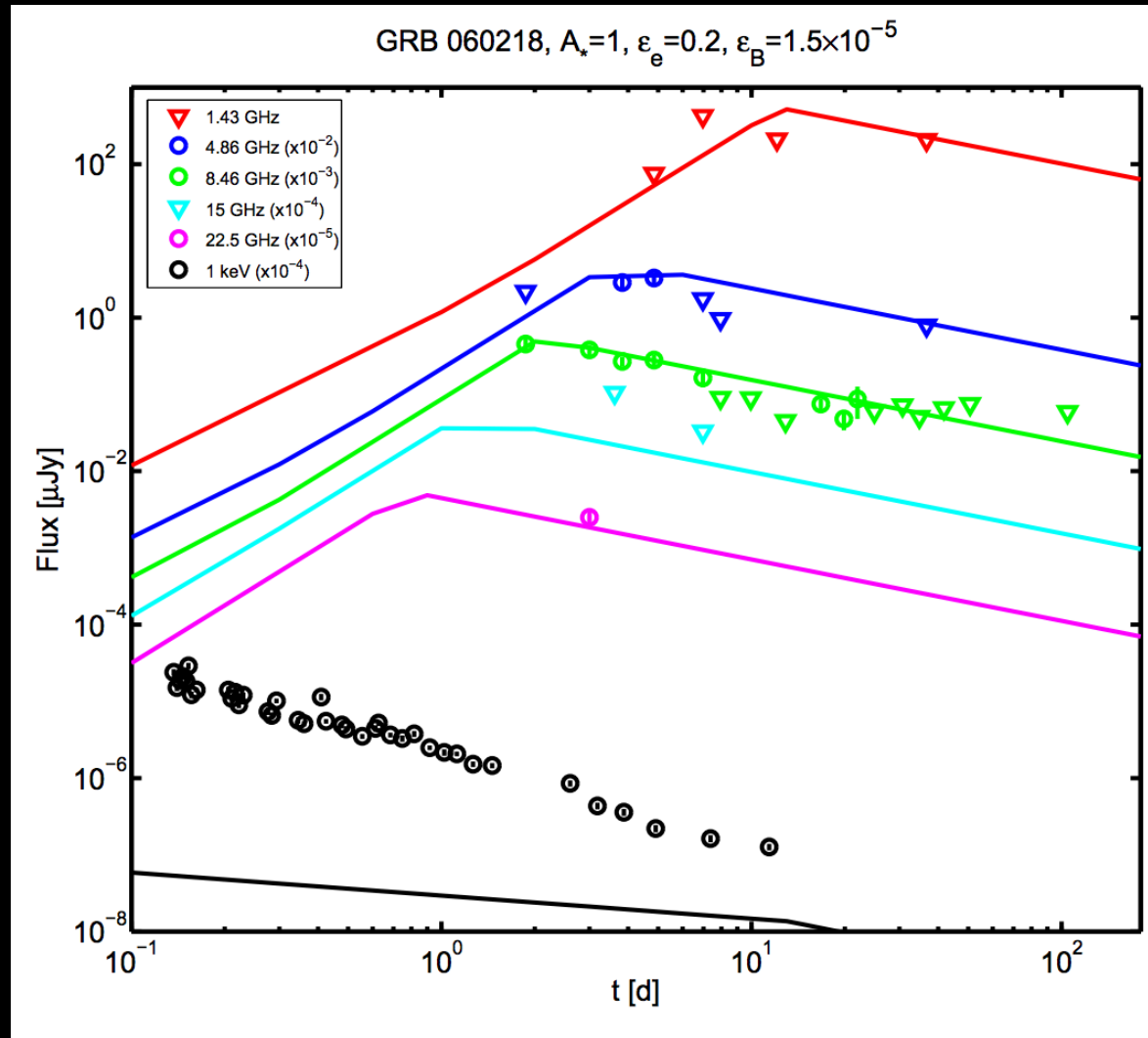
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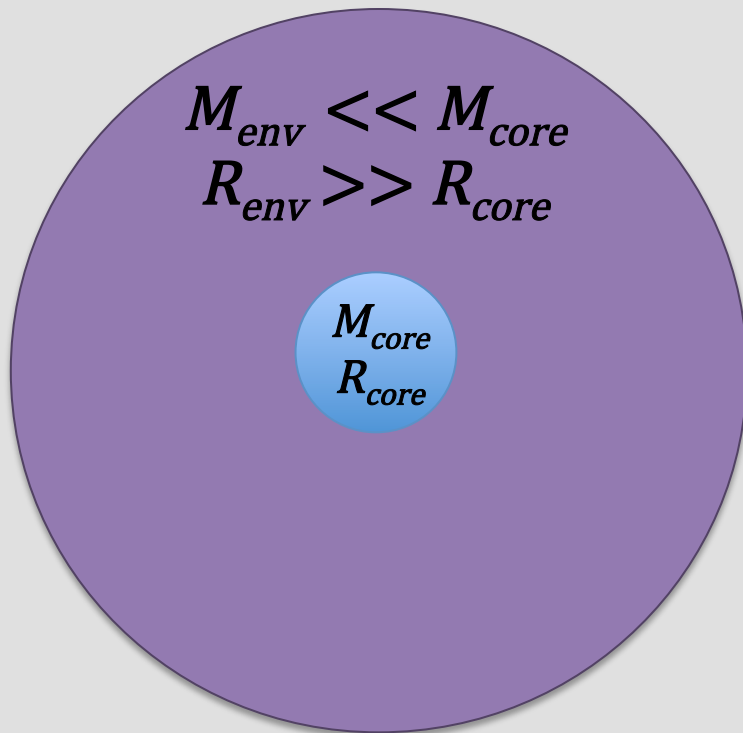
Model Walkthrough

$t = 0 \text{ s}$

$R_{\text{jet}} = 0 \text{ cm}$

$R_{\text{SN}} = 0 \text{ cm}$

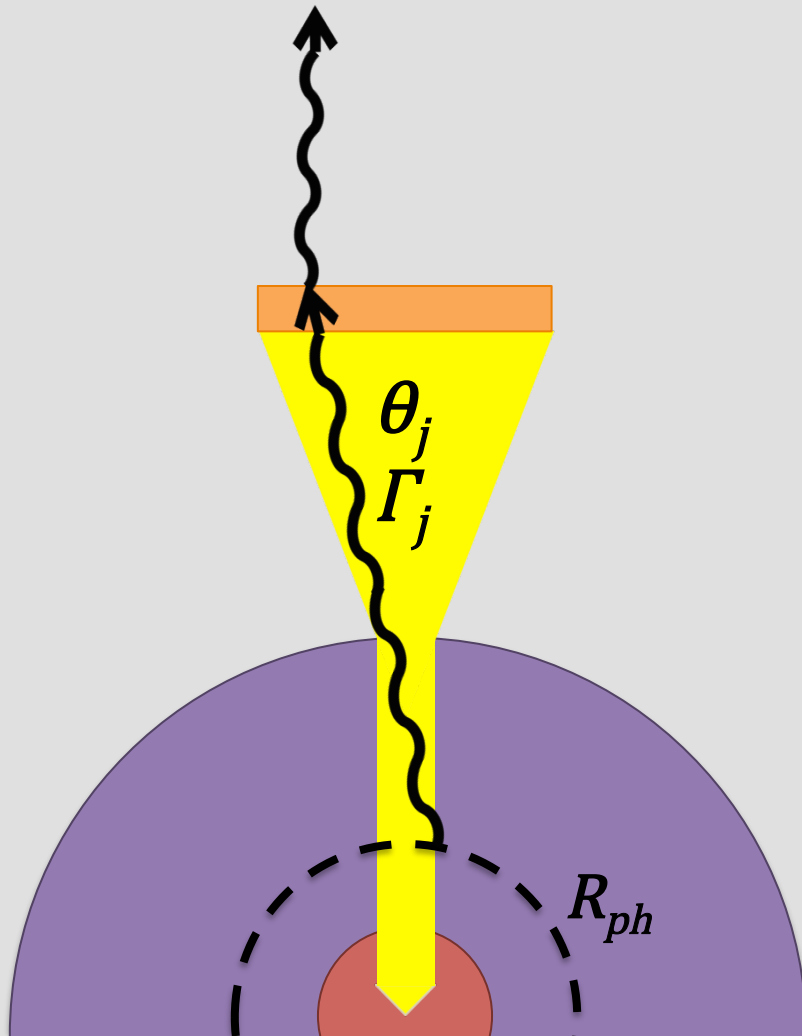
$$n \ll M_{\text{env}}/R_{\text{core}}^3$$



- The progenitor is a $\sim 2 M_{\text{sun}}$ star with a dense circumstellar wind
- Some process creates an optically thick, low-mass envelope around the star
 - Pre-explosion mass loss?
 - Stripped circumbinary envelope as in SN IIb?
- Collapse to a compact object launches the supernova ($E_{\text{SN}} = 2 \times 10^{51} \text{ ergs}$) and a low-luminosity jet ($L_{\text{j}} \sim 10^{45} \text{ ergs/s}$)

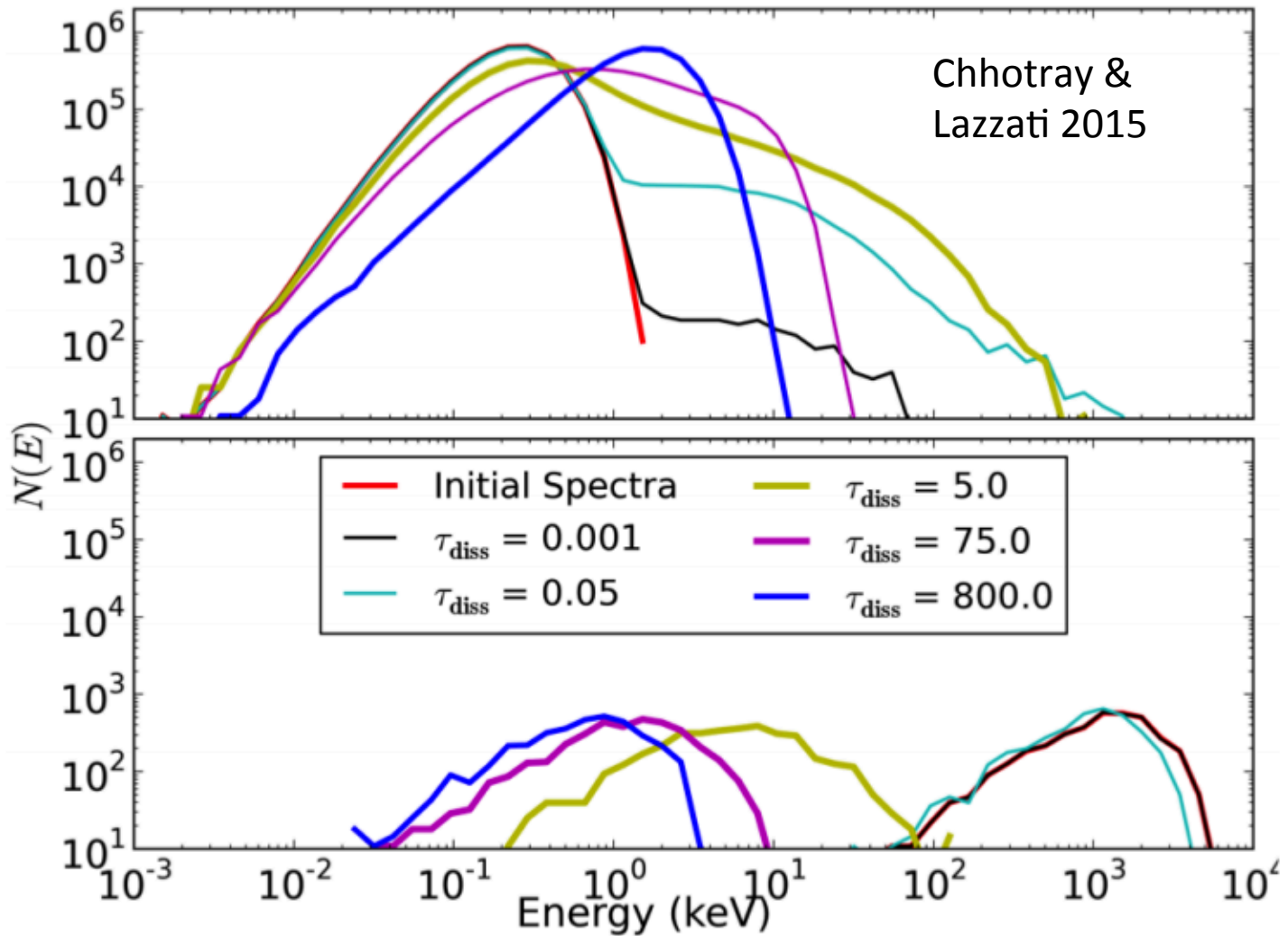
Model Walkthrough

$$t = 1600 \text{ s} \quad R_{\text{jet}} \sim 10^{13} \text{ cm} \quad R_{\text{SN}} \sim 10^{12} \text{ cm}$$



- After ~ 1600 s the jet breaks out of the envelope, and lasts an additional ~ 3000 s
- The jet remains collimated until breakout, leaving the envelope mostly intact
- Thermal X-rays are emitted from the jet photosphere at $\sim 10^{12}$ cm.
- Thermal photons scatter from electrons in external shocks or the jet itself to produce the nonthermal component

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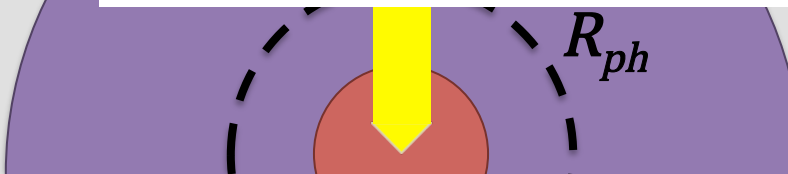


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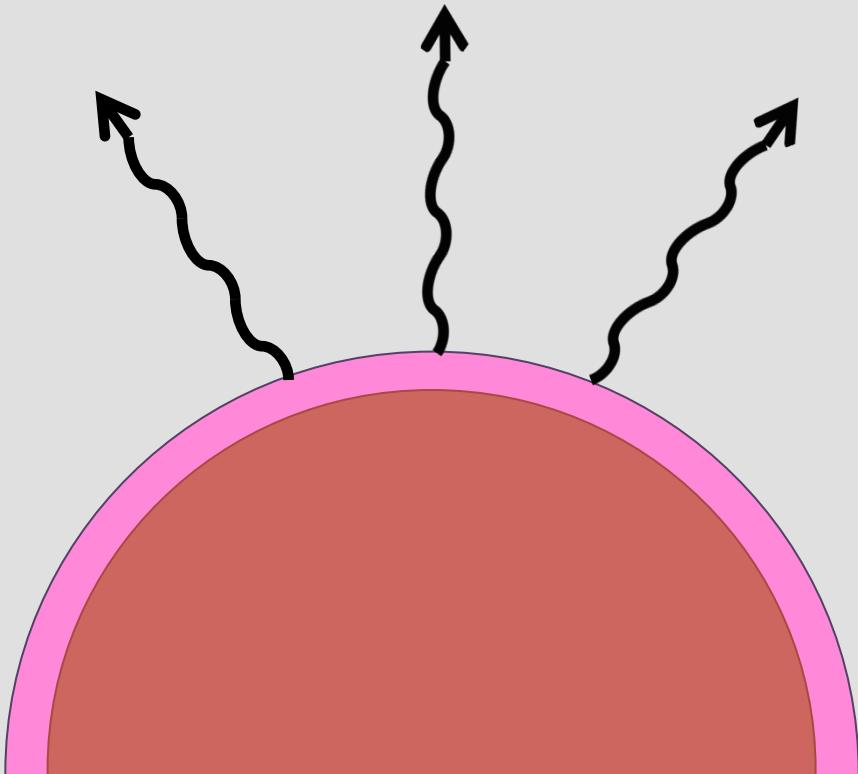


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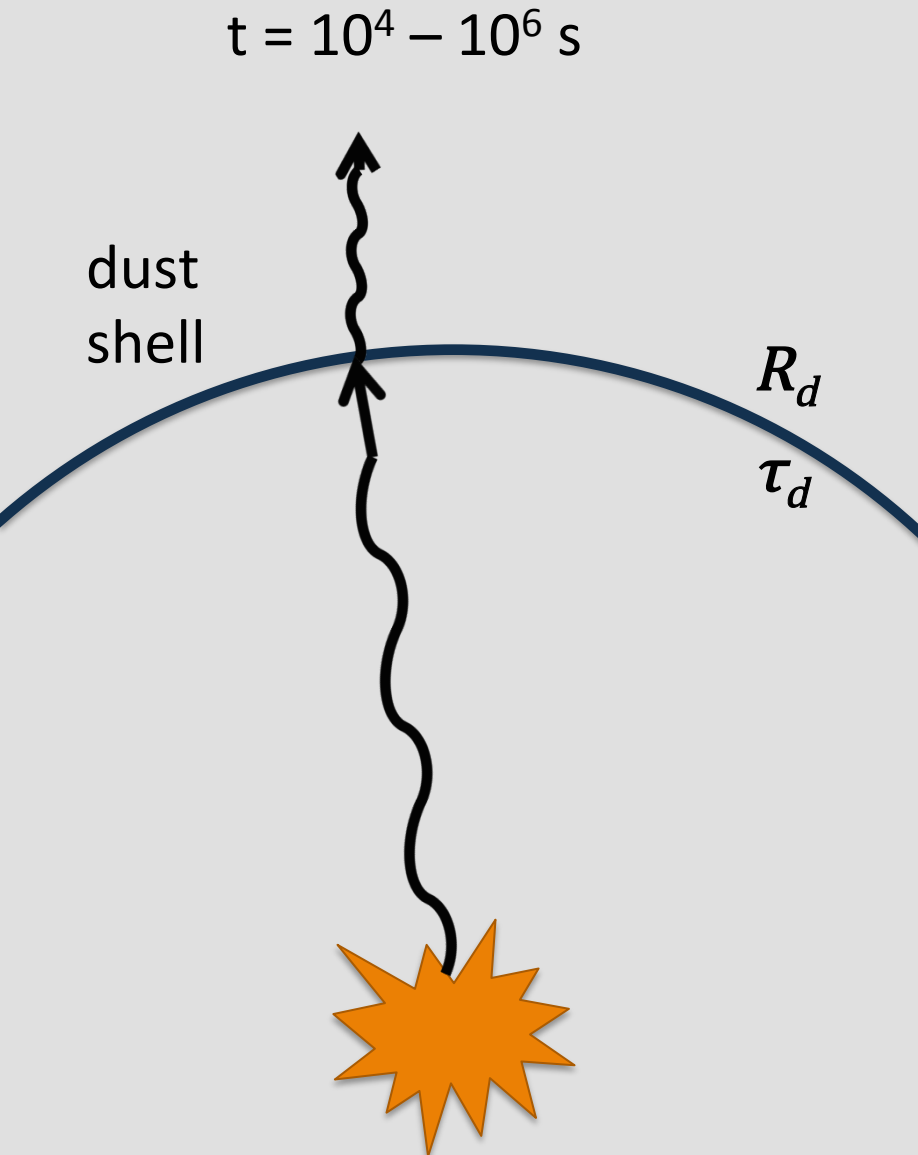
$t = 0.4$ days

$$R_{\text{jet}} \sim 4 \times 10^{16} (\Gamma/3)^2 \text{ cm} \quad R_{\text{SN}} \sim 10^{14} \text{ cm}$$

- The jet continues to expand into the CSM, gradually decelerating
- The SN ejecta shocks the low-mass envelope and pushes it out like a piston
- A burst of optical emission escapes when radiation can diffuse out of the cooling envelope (Nakar & Piro 2014)
- We derive $M_{\text{ext}} = 4 \times 10^{-3} M_{\text{sun}}$ and $R_{\text{ext}} = 9 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}$

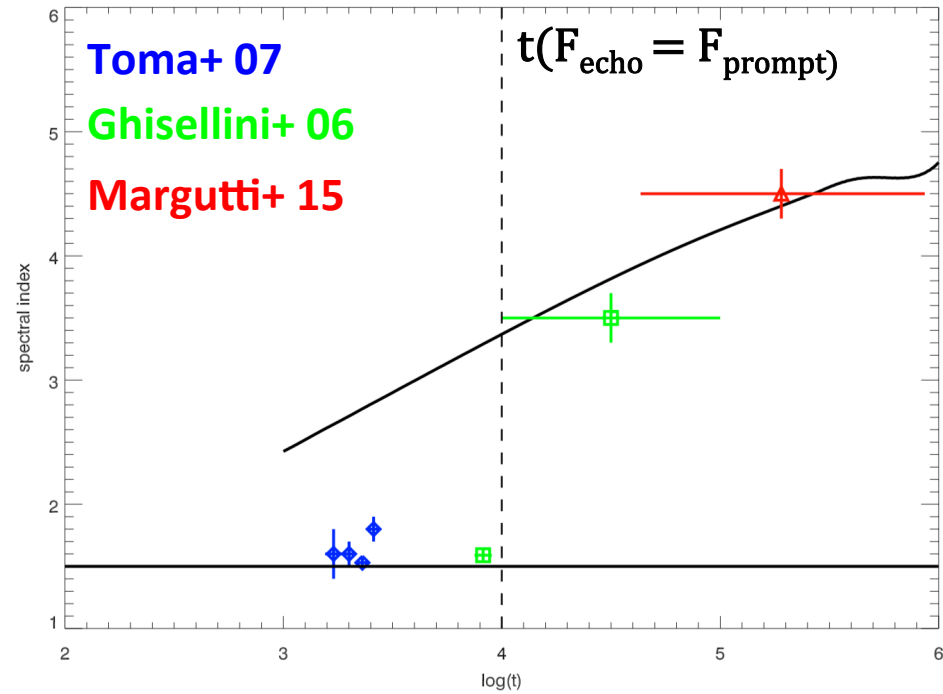
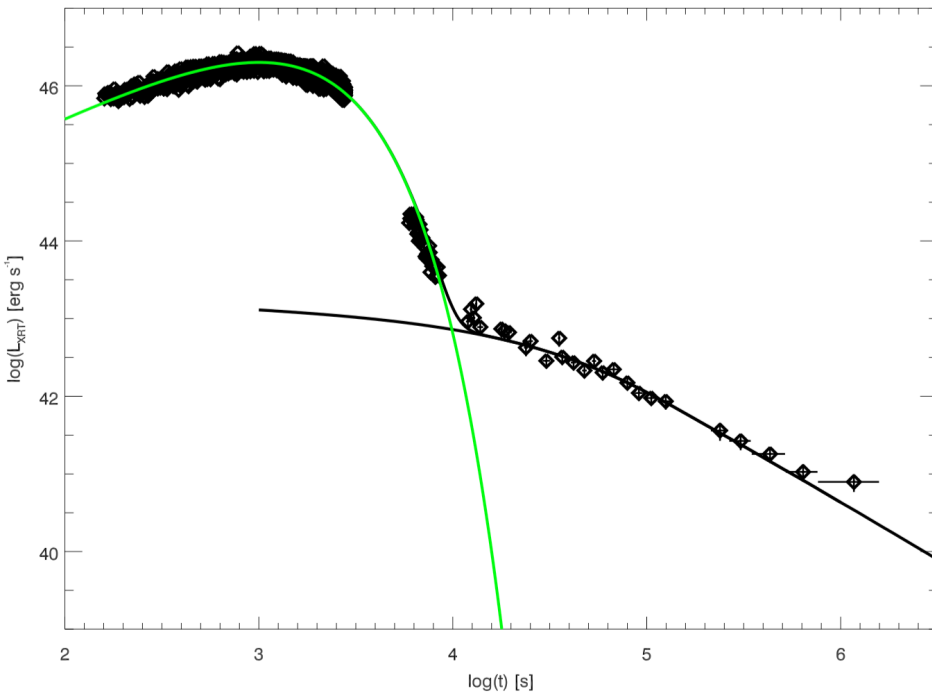


Model Walkthrough



- Meanwhile, the prompt X-rays are scattered by dust grains at R_d
- The resulting dust echo can reproduce the afterglow light curve and steep spectrum
- We find $R_d = 35$ pc, $\tau_d(1 \text{ keV}) = 0.006$ based on modeling the echo
- Optical extinction is $A_V \sim 0.1$, consistent with host galaxy extinction measured from Na I D observations

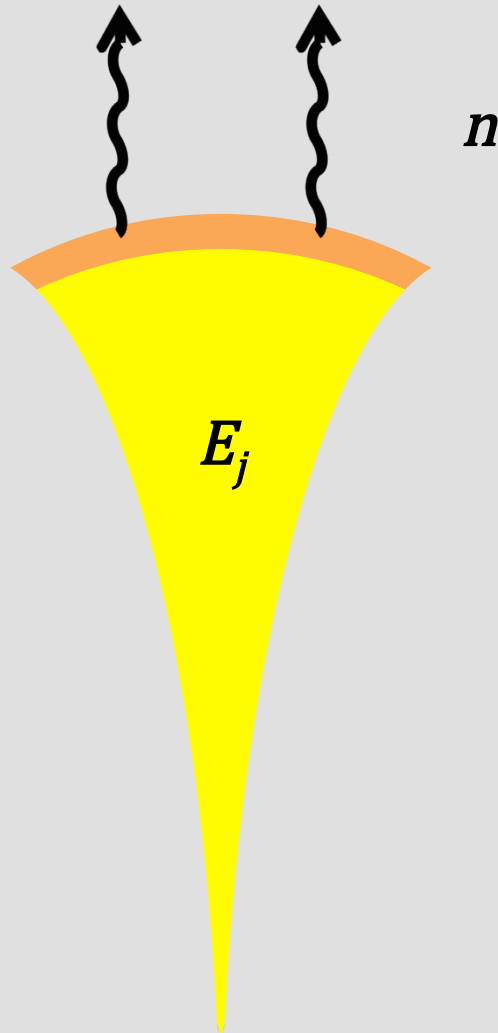
Dust Echo Emission



- Modified version of Shao et al. (2008) model specific to GRB 060218
- Optical depth per unit grain size $\tau_a \propto \tau_d E^{-s} a^{4-q}$
- Prompt spectrum is fit with an empirical blackbody + Band function model
- Best-fit parameters: $R_d = 35$ pc, $\tau_d(1 \text{ keV}) = 0.006$, $a_+ = 0.25 \mu\text{m}$, $s = 2$, $q = 4$
- τ_d is well determined because the total flux is well constrained;
 R_d is somewhat uncertain because the time when the light curve turns over is not well constrained

Model Walkthrough

$t = 2 - 20$ days



- The radio can be explained as external shock synchrotron from the nonrelativistic phase of the jet outflow
- The flow may or may not be spherical during this time
- Parameters: $n \sim 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $\Gamma_j \sim 2.4$, $\theta_j \sim 0.4$, and $E_j \sim 2 \times 10^{48}$ ergs for $\epsilon_e = 0.1$, $\epsilon_B = 0.1$
- The same jet parameters can explain BOTH the prompt thermal X-rays and the radio

Takeaway Points

- **Decoupling** of the optical emission, prompt X-rays + radio, and X-ray afterglow is needed to fit the data
- The X-ray afterglow's unusually steep spectrum and high flux (compared to the radio) can be attributed to a dust echo of the prompt emission. Only a moderate amount of dust ($A_V \sim 0.1$) is necessary.
- The double-peaked optical emission is compelling evidence for an extended low-mass envelope surrounding the progenitor—perhaps the best case yet of this mechanism in action.
- A low-luminosity, intrinsically long-lived jet can explain both the prompt X-rays and the radio at later epochs.
- Comptonization of thermal seed photons by mildly relativistic electrons in the jet or reverse shock is the best explanation for the prompt nonthermal X-rays.